# Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI)

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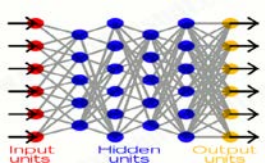
# Explainable AI – What Are We Trying To Do?

AI System




- We are entering a new age of AI applications
- Machine learning is the core technology
- Machine learning models are opaque, non-intuitive, and difficult for people to understand

Watson


AlphaGo


Sensemaking


Operations

User

- Why did you do that?
- Why not something else?
- When do you succeed?
- When do you fail?
- When can I trust you?
- How do I correct an error?

Dramatic success in machine learning has led to an explosion of AI applications. Researchers have developed new AI capabilities for a wide variety of tasks. Continued advances promise to produce autonomous systems that will perceive, learn, decide, and act on their own. However, the effectiveness of these systems will be limited by the machine's inability to explain its thoughts and actions to human users. Explainable AI will be essential, if users are to understand, trust, and effectively manage this emerging generation of artificially intelligent partners.

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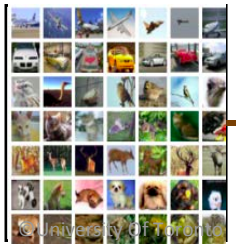
## Today



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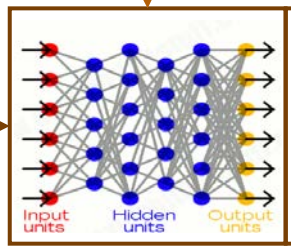
Learning Process




Learned Function

**This is a cat**
(p = .93)

Output

User with a Task

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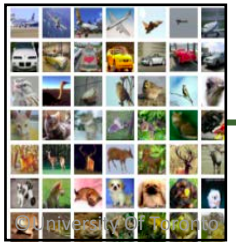
## Tomorrow



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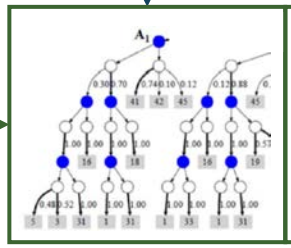

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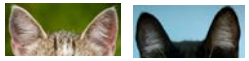

Explanation Interface

User with a Task

- I understand why
- I understand why not
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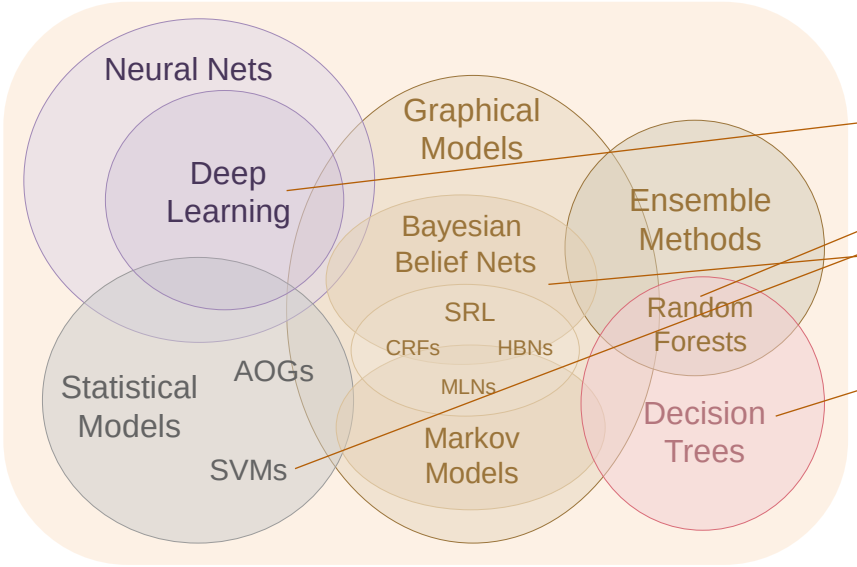


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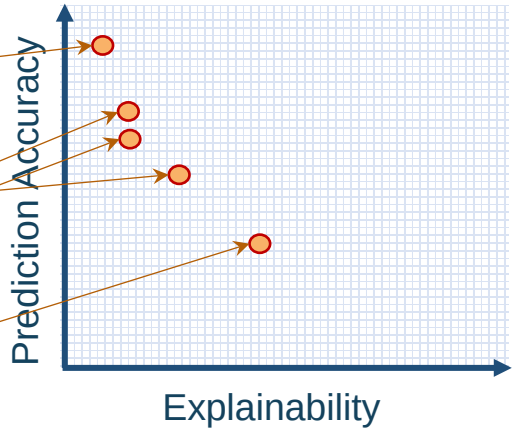

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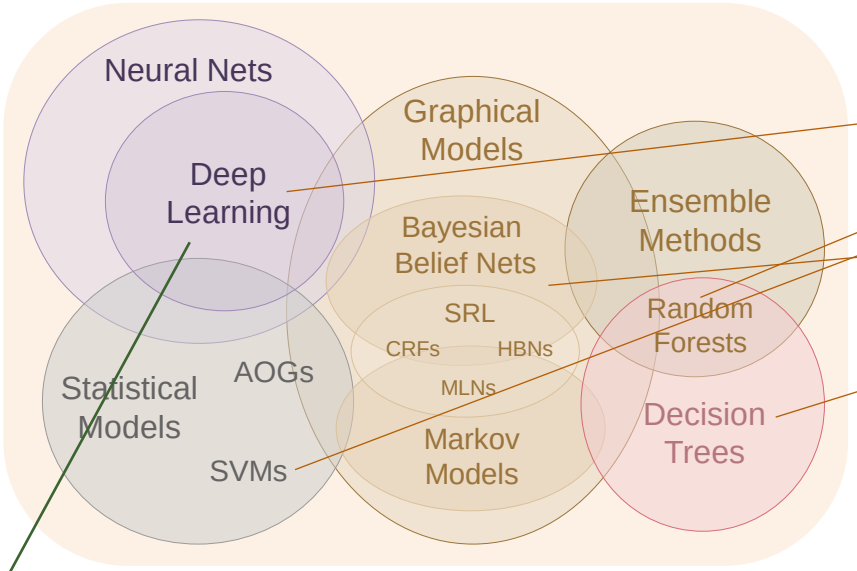


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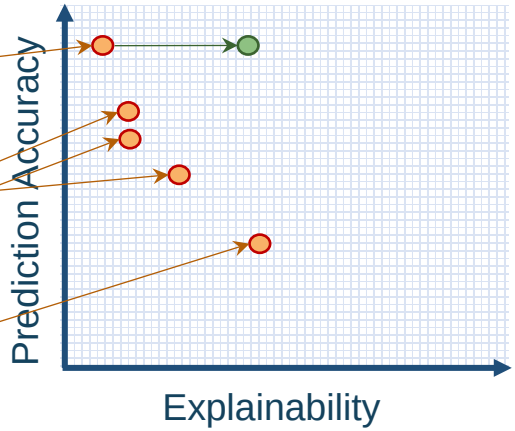


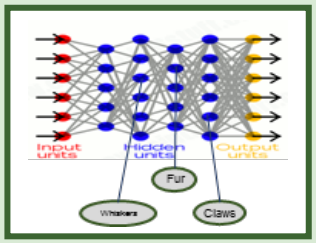


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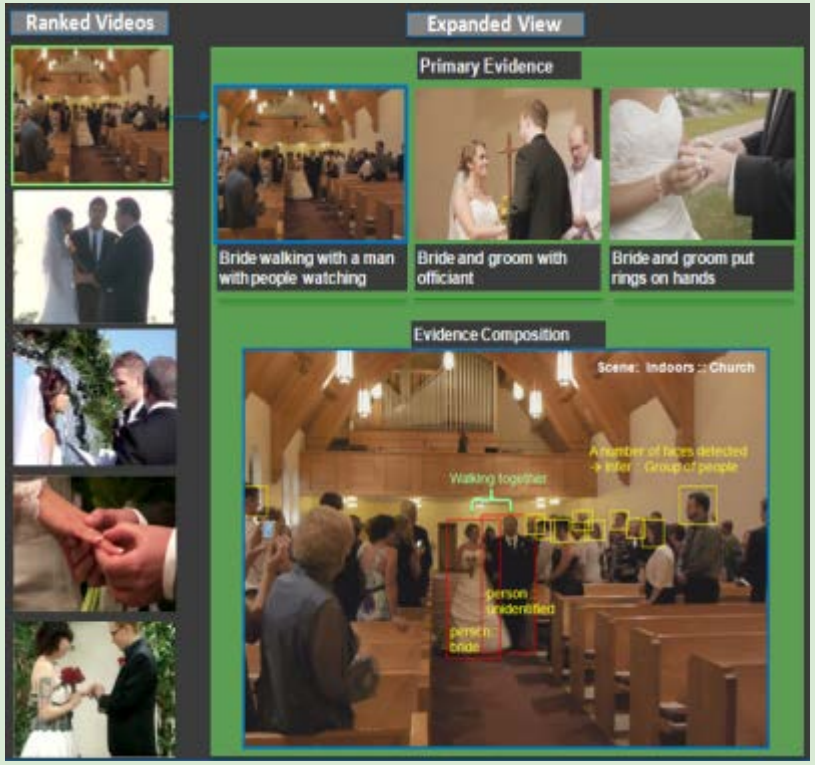
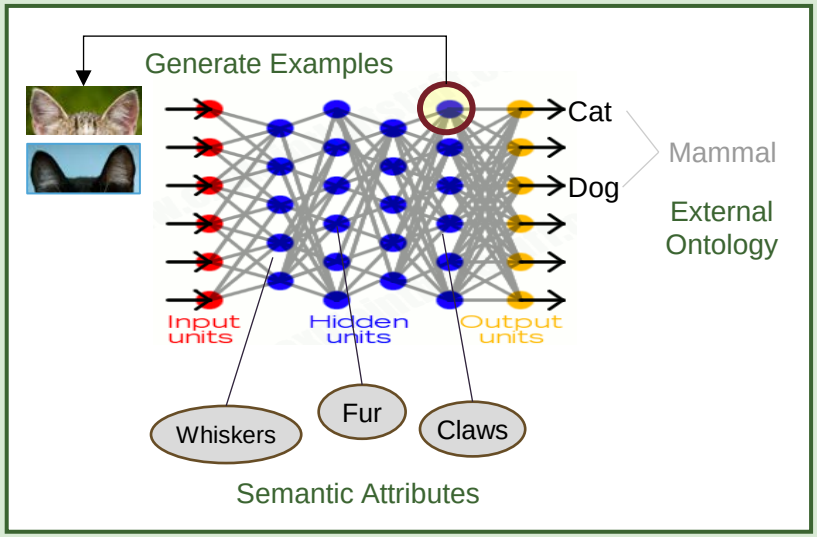
# Learning Deep Explanations

## Multimedia Event Recounting




- This illustrates and example of event recounting.
- The system classified this video as a wedding.
- The frames above show its evidence for the wedding classification

## Learning Semantic Associations

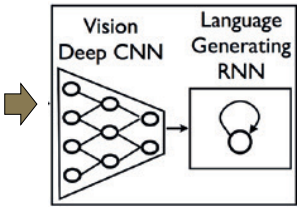



- Train the net to associate semantic attributes with hidden layer nodes
- Train the net to associate labelled nodes with known ontologies
- Generate examples of prominent but unlabeled nodes to discover semantic labels
- Generate clusters of examples from prominent nodes
- Identify the best architectures, parameters, and training sequences to learn the most interpretable models


Cheng, H., et al. (2014) SRI-Sarnoff AURORA at TRECVID 2014: Multimedia Event Detection and Recounting. http://www-nlpir.nist.gov/projects/tvpubs/tv14.papers/sri_aurora.pdf

# Learning To Generate Explanations

## Generating Image Captions

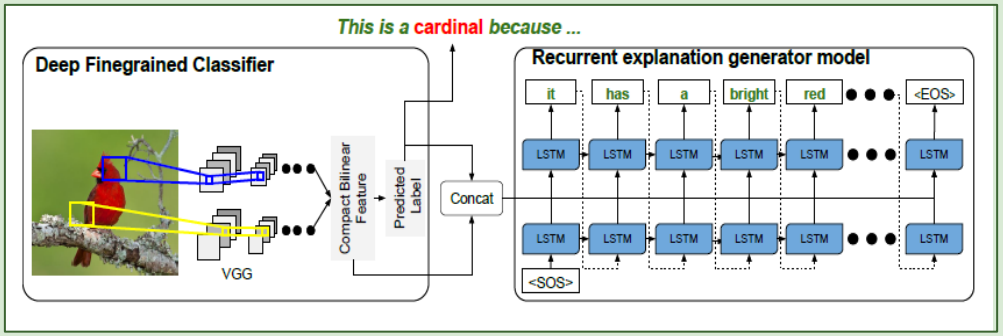



A group of people shopping at an outdoor market

There are many vegetables at the fruit stand

- A CNN is trained to recognize objects in images
- A language generating RNN is trained to translate features of the CNN into words and captions.

## Generating Visual Explanations




Researchers at UC Berkeley have recently extended this idea to generate explanations of bird classifications. The system learns to:

- Classify bird species with 85% accuracy
- Associate *image descriptions* (discriminative features of the image) with *class definitions* (image-independent discriminative features of the class)

## Example Explanations

This is a Kentucky warbler because this is a yellow bird with a black cheek patch and a black crown.

This is a pied billed grebe because this is a brown bird with a long neck and a large beak.

## Limitations

- Limited (indirect at best) explanation of internal logic
- Limited utility for understanding classification errors

Hendricks, L.A, Akata, Z., Rohrbach, M., Donahue, J., Schiele, B., and Darrell, T. (2016). Generating Visual Explanations, arXiv:1603.08507v1 [cs.CV] 28 Mar 2016

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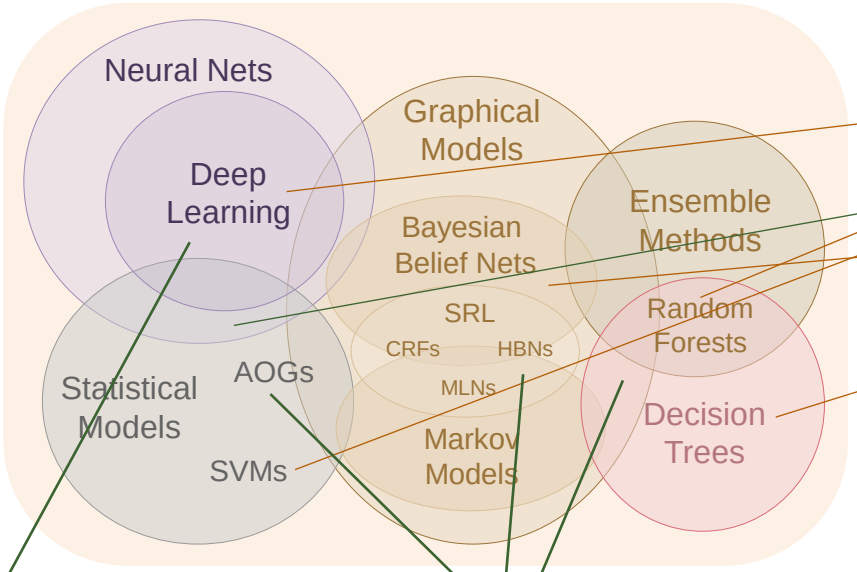


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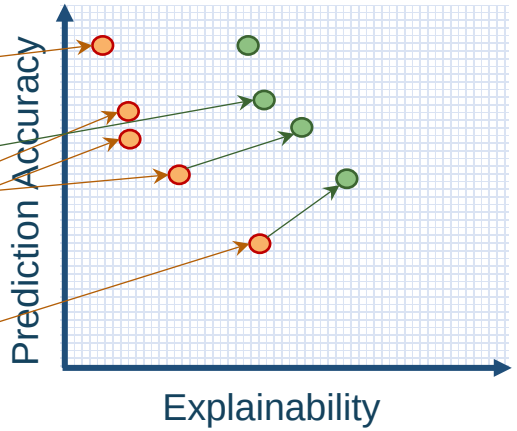


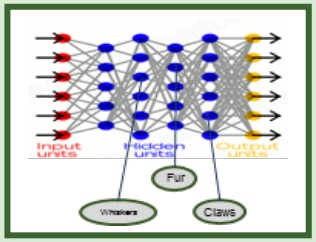


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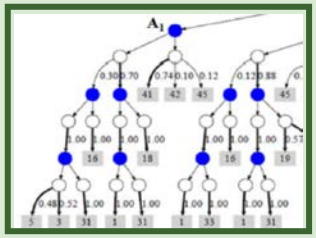

**Interpretable Models**

Techniques to learn more structured, interpretable, causal models

# Learning More Interpretable Models

## Concept Learning Through Probabilistic Program Induction

**Training Data**
1623 Characters

Bayesian Program Learning

```
num_strokes = Poisson(2)
for i = 1 to num_strokes:
    num_substrokes_prior[i] = Discrete([0,1,1,1,1])
    num_substrokes[i] = Poisson(num_substrokes_prior[i])
    for j = 1 to num_substrokes[i]:
        substrokes[i][j] = substroke_transition_prob[i][j-1
    relation[i] = relation_prob(substrokes)

for i = 1 to num_strokes:
    noised_substrokes[i][:] = stroke_noise(substrokes[i][:])
    stroke_start_position[i] = start_distribution(relation,
    trajectory[i] = draw_trajectory(stroke_start_position[i],
AffineTransform = transform_distribution
image = render(AffineTransform(trajectory))
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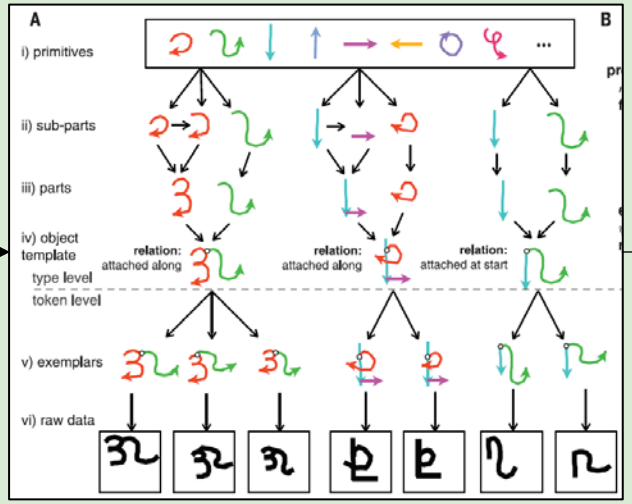
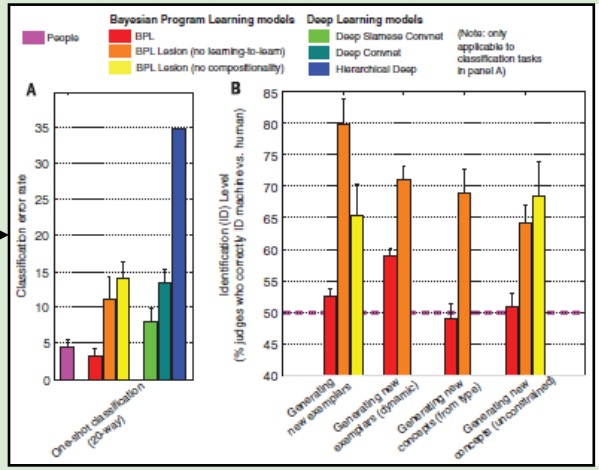
**Seed Model**
A simple Probabilistic Program that describes the parameters of character generation




**Generative Model**
Recognizes characters by generating an explanation of how a new test character might be created (i.e., the most probable sequence of strokes that would create that character)




**Performance**
This model matches human performance and out performs deep learning

Lake, B.H., Salakhutdinov, R., & Tenenbaum, J.B. (2015). Human-level concept learning through probabilistic program induction. *Science.* VOL 350, 1332-1338.

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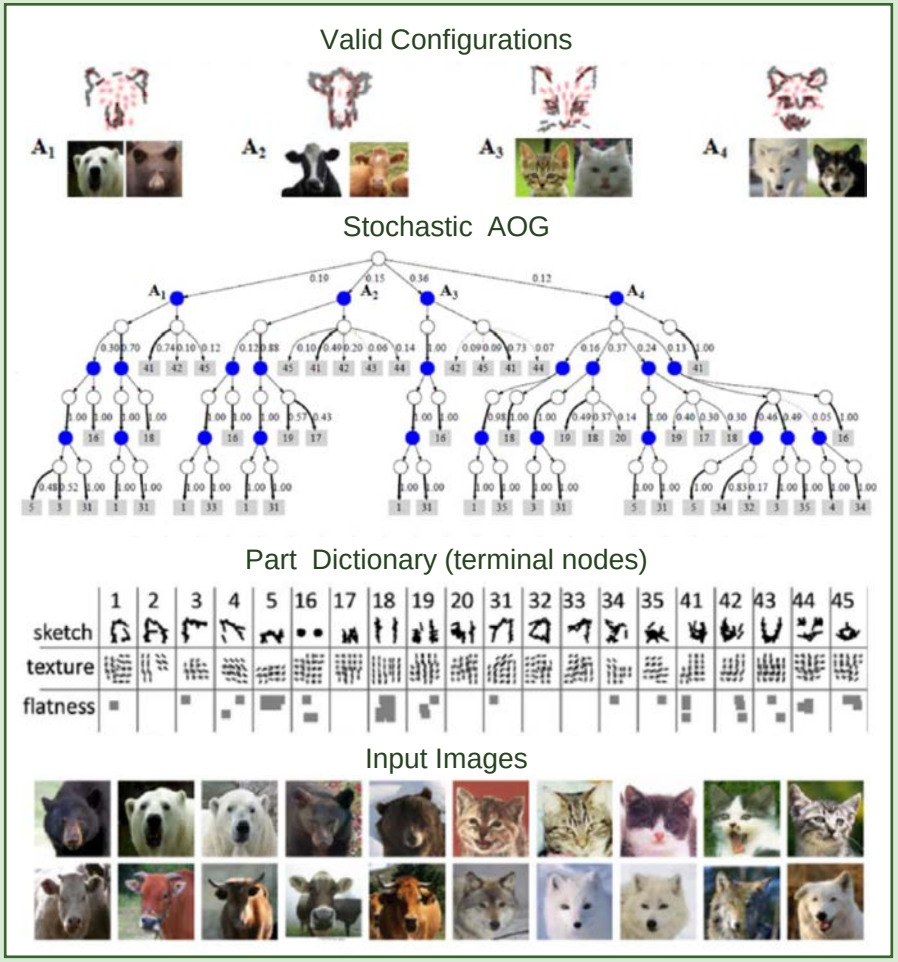
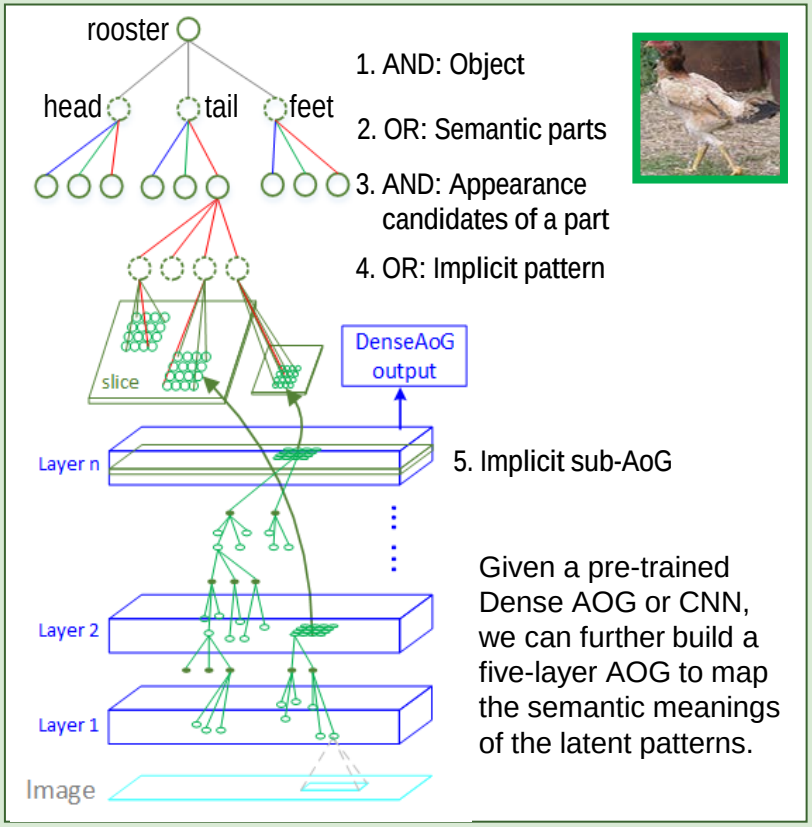
## Stochastic And-Or-Graphs (AOG)




$$L(\theta) = \frac{1}{M}\sum_{m=1}^{M} \underbrace{\log P(I_m, \theta)}_{\text{generative}} + \underbrace{L(pg_m^*, \hat{pg}_m)}_{\text{discriminative}}$$

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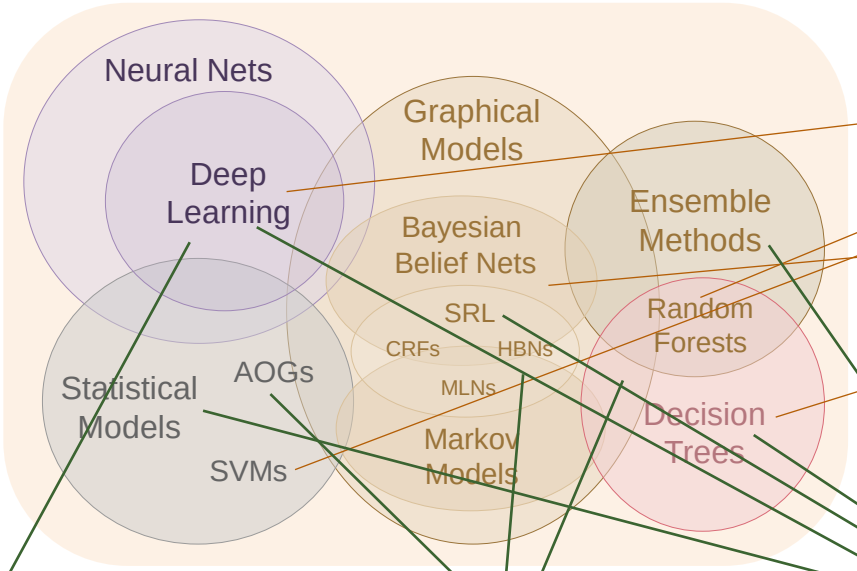


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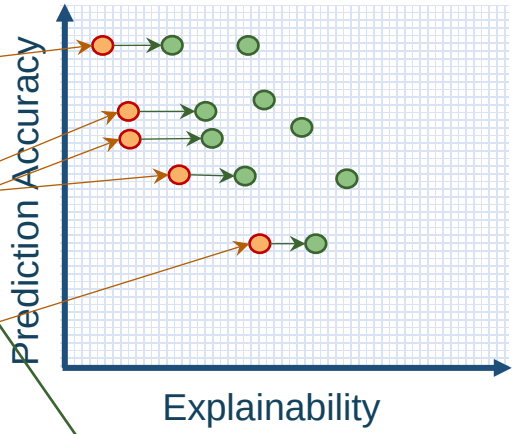


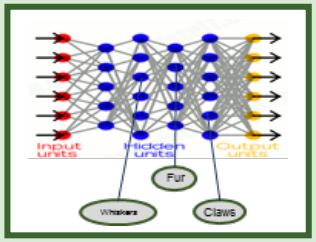

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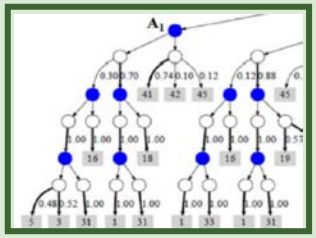

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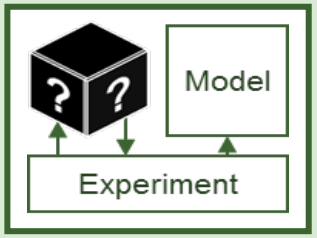


### Model Induction

Techniques to infer an explainable model from any model as a black box

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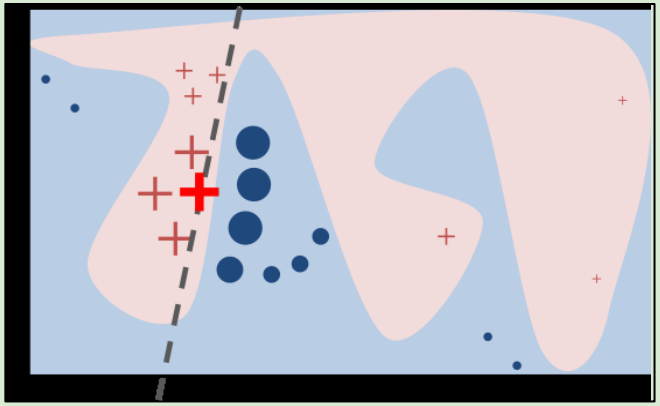
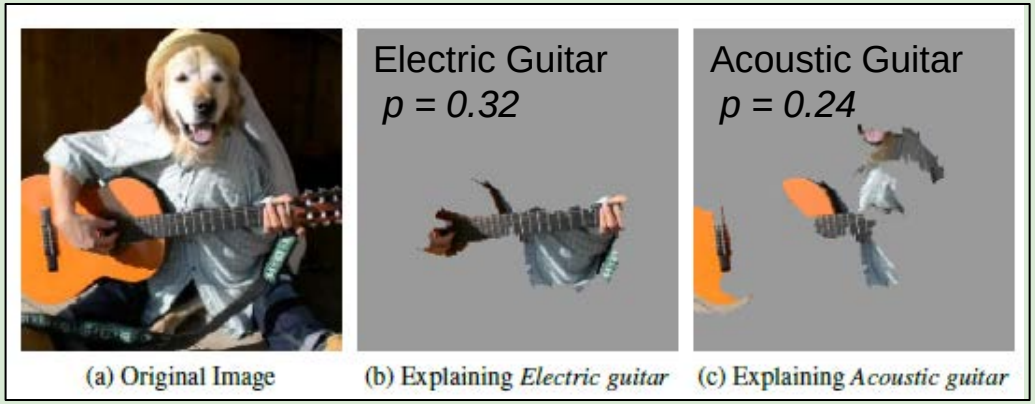
## Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations (LIME)

### Black-box Induction



The black-box model's complex decision function f (unknown to LIME) is represented by the blue/pink background. The bright bold red cross is the instance being explained. LIME samples instances, gets predictions using f, and weighs them by the proximity to the instance being explained (represented here by size). The dashed line is the learned explanation that is locally (but not globally) faithful. .

### Example Explanation




- **LIME** is an algorithm that can explain the predictions of any classifier in a faithful way, by approximating it locally with an interpretable model.

- **SP-LIME is** a method that selects a set of representative instances with explanations as a way to characterize the entire model.

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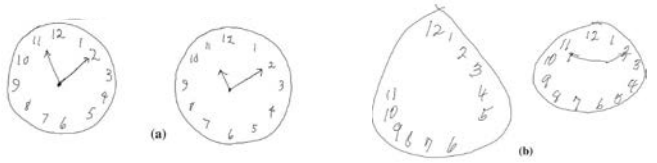
## Bayesian Rule Lists (BRL)

- **if** hemiplegia and age > 60
  - **then** stroke risk 58.9% (53.8%–63.8%)
- **else if** cerebrovascular disorder
  - **then** stroke risk 47.8% (44.8%–50.7%)
- **else if** transient ischaemic attack
  - **then** stroke risk 23.8% (19.5%–28.4%)
- **else if** occlusion and stenosis of carotid artery without infarction
  - **then** stroke risk 15.8% (12.2%–19.6%)
- **else if** altered state of consciousness and age > 60
  - **then** stroke risk 16.0% (12.2%–20.2%)
- **else if** age ≤ 70
  - **then** stroke risk 4.6% (3.9%–5.4%)
- **else** stroke risk 8.7% (7.9%–9.6%)

Clock Drawing Test



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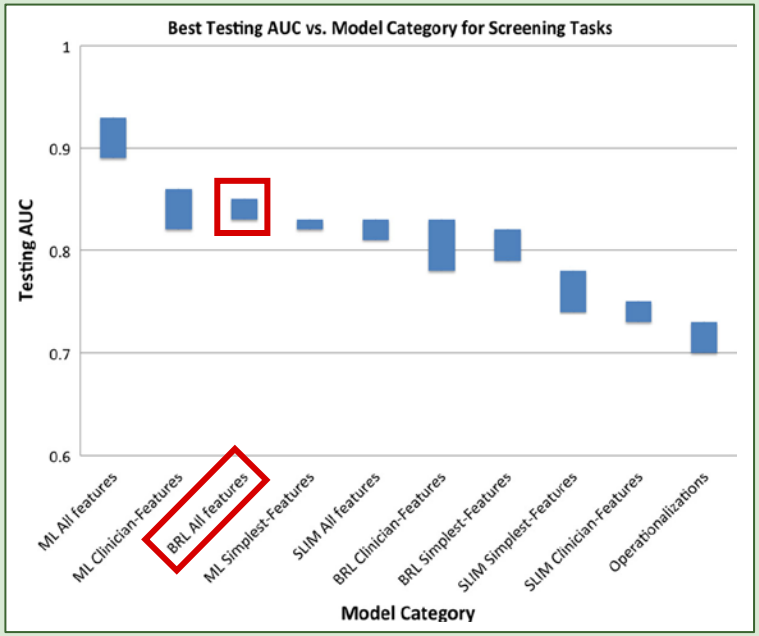


- BRLs are decision lists--a series of if-then statements
- BRLs discretize a high-dimensional, multivariate feature space into a series of simple, readily interpretable decision statements.
- Experiments show that BRLs have predictive accuracy on par with the current top ML algorithms (approx. 85-90% as effective) but with models that are much more interpretable


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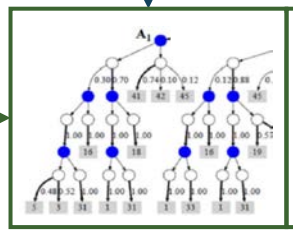

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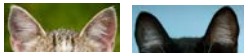

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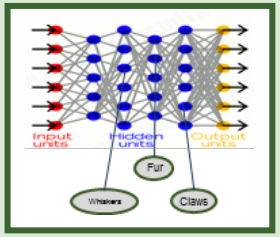


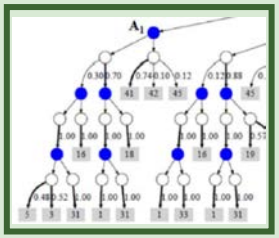

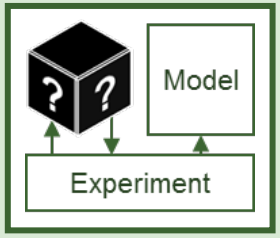


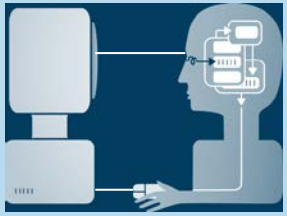

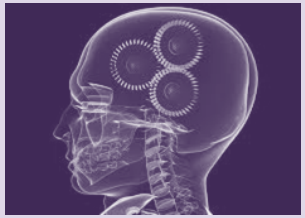

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| **Learning to Generate Explanations**<br>T. Darrell, P. Abeel (UCB) | **Bayesian Program Learning**<br>J. Tenenbaum (MIT) | **Bayesian Rule Lists**<br>C. Rudin (MIT) | **UX Design, Language Dialog, Visualization**<br>ENGINEERING PRACTICE | **Psychological Theories of Explanation**<br>T. Lombrozo (UCB) |

# Explanation Interface – A Simple Example

## Principles

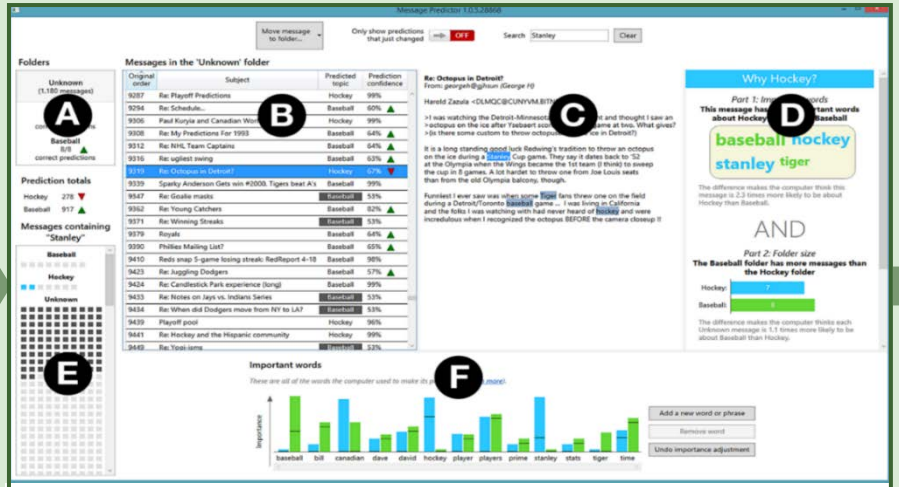
### Explainability

- Be Iterative
- Be Sound
- Be Complete
- Don't Overwhelm

### Correctability

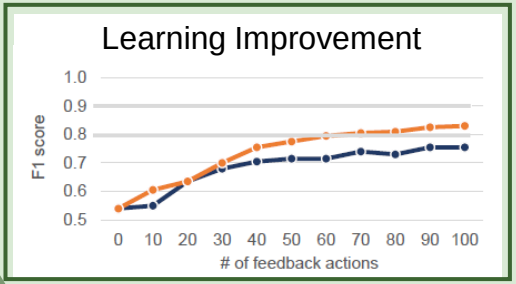
- Be Actionable
- Always Honor User Feedback
- Incremental Changes Matter

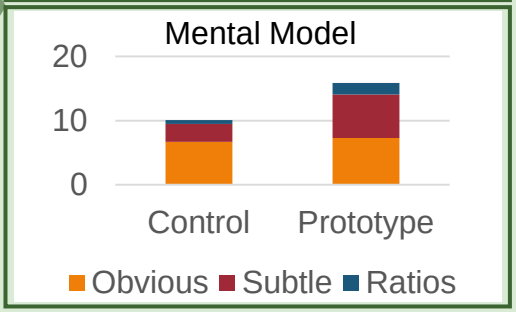
## Prototype




(A) List of folders; (B) List of messages in the folder; (C) The selected message; (D) Explanation of the message's predicted folder; (E) Overview of messages; (F) Complete list of words the system used to make predictions

## Results

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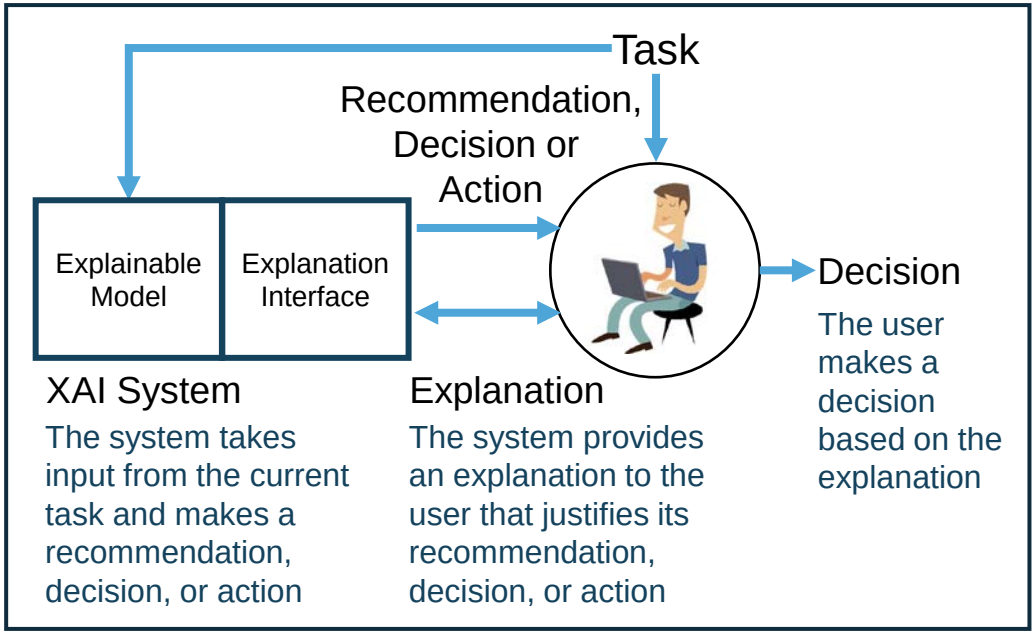
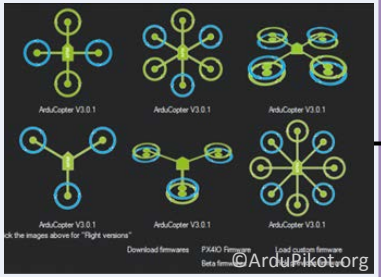
# Explainable AI – Measuring Evaluation Effectiveness

## Explanation Framework




| Measure of Explanation Effectiveness |
|---|
| User Satisfaction |
| • Clarity of the explanation (user rating)<br>• Utility of the explanation (user rating) |
| Mental Model |
| • Understanding individual decisions<br>• Understanding the overall model<br>• Strength/weakness assessment<br>• 'What will it do' prediction<br>• 'How do I intervene' prediction |
| Task Performance |
| • Does the explanation improve the user's decision, task performance?<br>• Artificial decision tasks introduced to diagnose the user's understanding |
| Trust Assessment |
| • Appropriate future use and trust |
| Correctablity |
| • Identifying errors<br>• Correcting errors<br>• Continuous training |

# Explainable AI – Challenge Problem Areas

| | Learn a model to perform the task | Explain decisions, actions to the user | Use the explanation to perform a task | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Data Analytics**<br>Classification Learning Task |  <br>Multimedia Data | Explainable Model → Explanation Interface | Recommend<br>Explanation<br>  | An analyst is looking for items of interest in massive multimedia data sets |
| | Classifies items of interest in large data set | Explains why/why not for recommended items | Analyst decides which items to report, pursue | |
| **Autonomy**<br>Reinforcement Learning Task |  <br>ArduPilot & SITL Simulation | Explainable Model → Explanation Interface | Actions<br>Explanation<br>  | An operator is directing autonomous systems to accomplish a series of missions |
| | Learns decision policies for simulated missions | Explains behavior in an after-action review | Operator decides which future tasks to delegate | |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