



Towards Interpretable Neural Networks for Differential Dementia Diagnosis

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- 2. Explainability and Related Work
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- Two major suspected proteins:
 - Plages: between nerve cells (beta-amyloid)
 - Tangles: twisted fibers within cells (tau)





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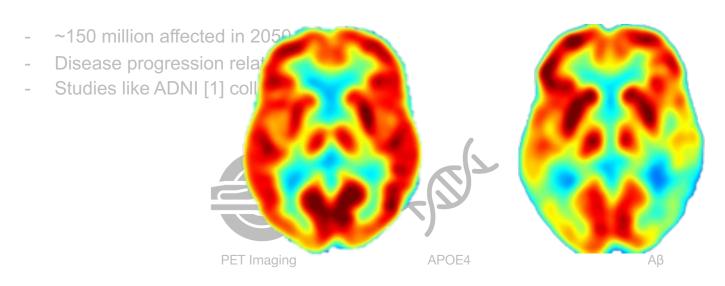
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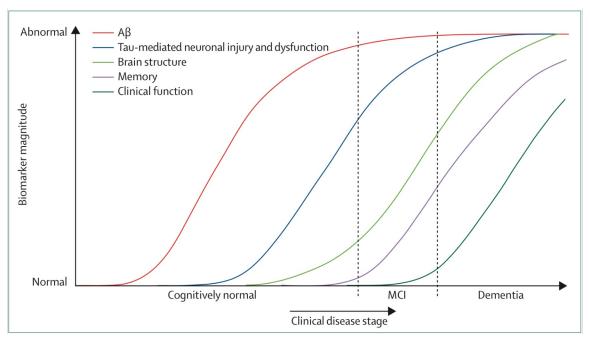




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Gradients



Perturbations

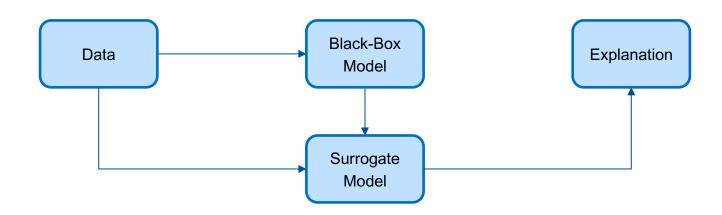








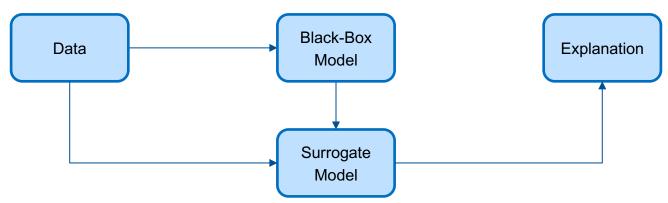








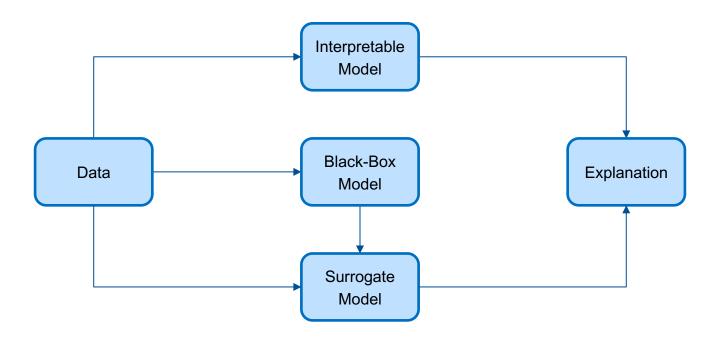
"[Post-Hoc] Explanations must be wrong" [2]



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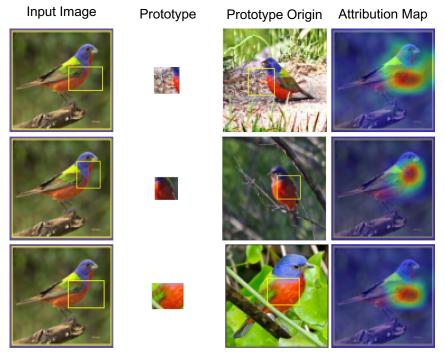






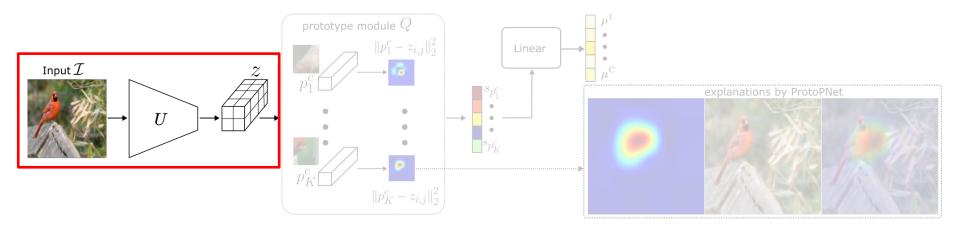


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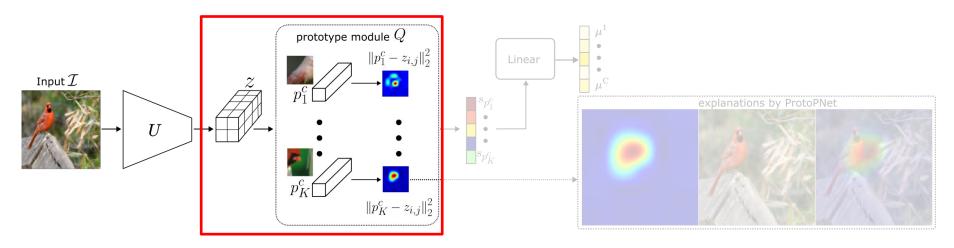








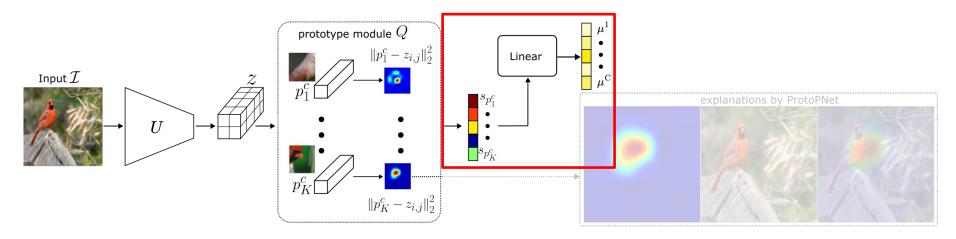




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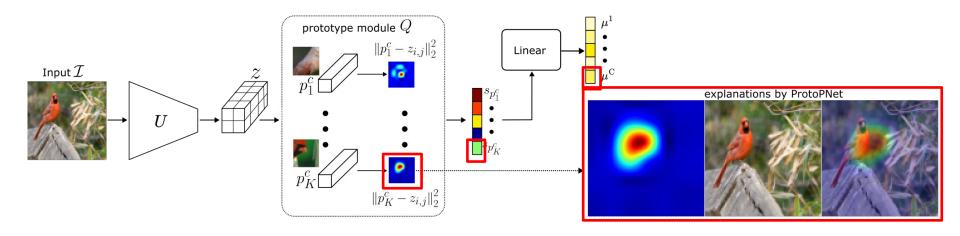






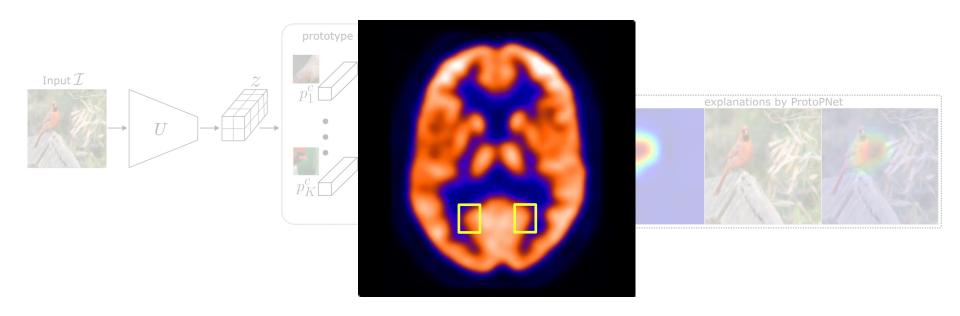








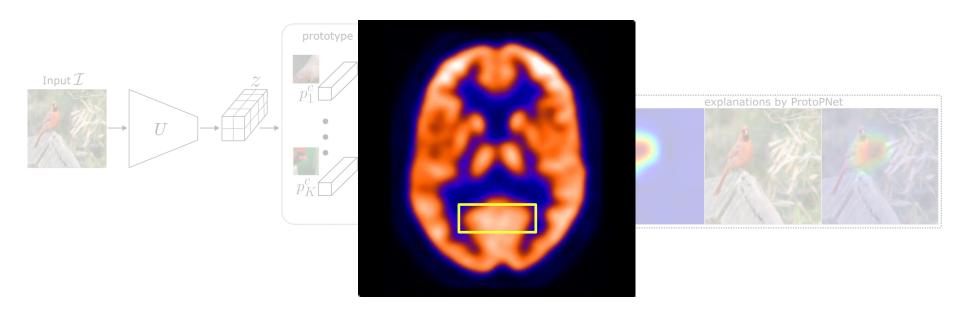




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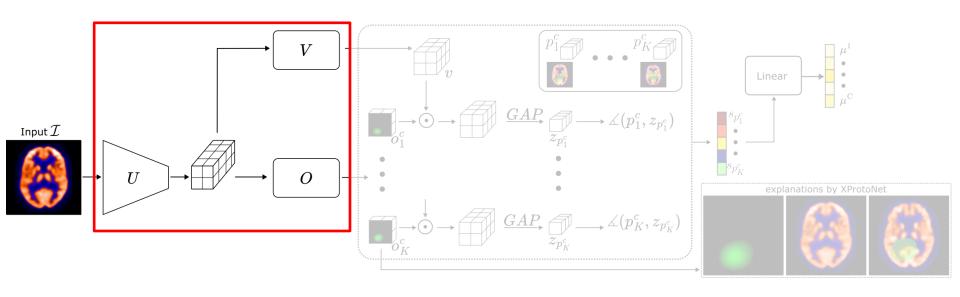




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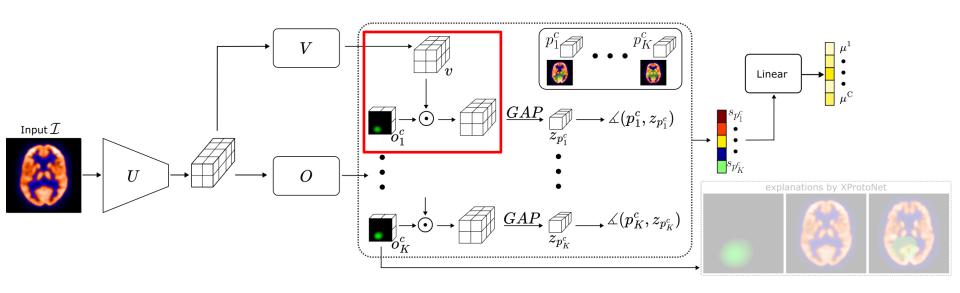






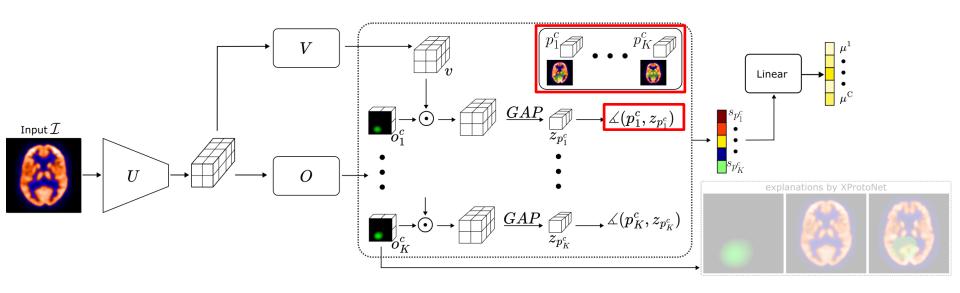






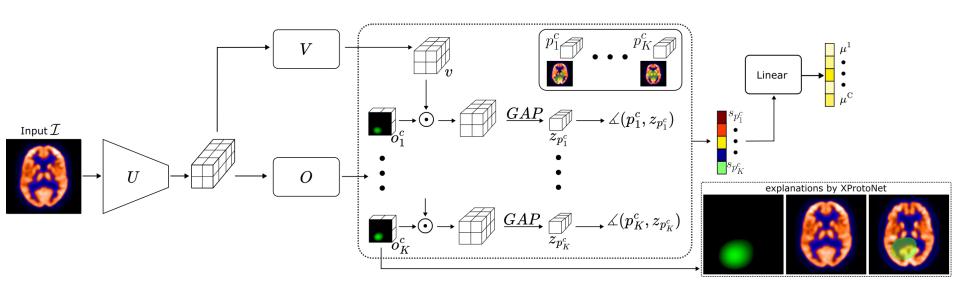
















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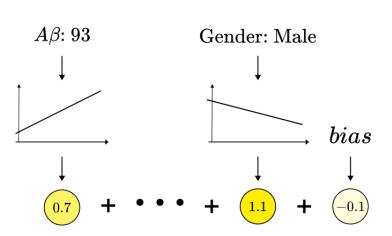
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Does not exist!





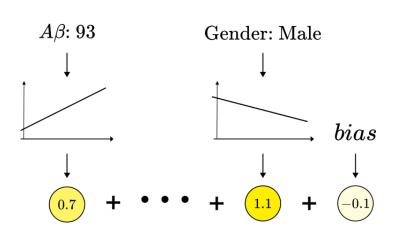
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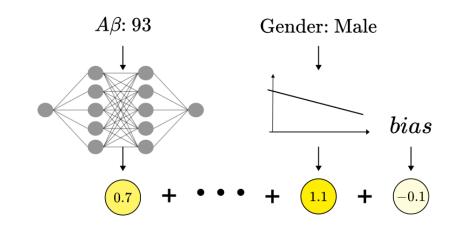




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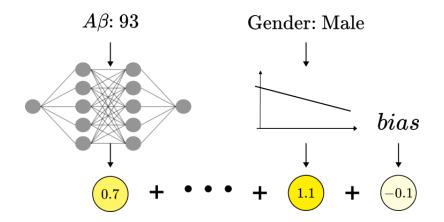
Neural Additive Model (NAM) [5]:



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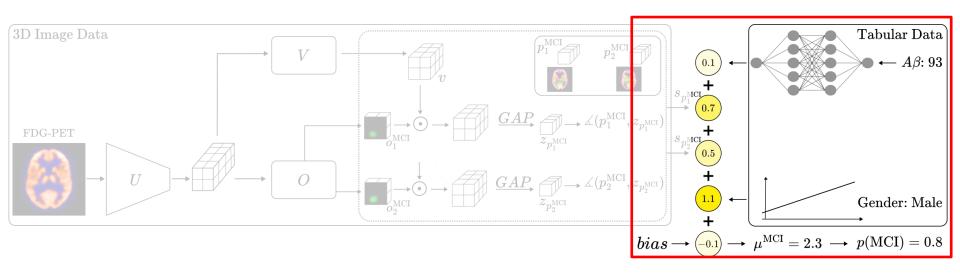




$$f_n^c(x_n) = \begin{cases} s_n^c, & \text{if } x_n \text{ is missing,} \\ \beta_n^c x_n, & \text{with } \beta_n^c \in \mathbb{R}, & \text{if } x_n \text{ is categorical} \\ \text{MLP}_n^c(x_n), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

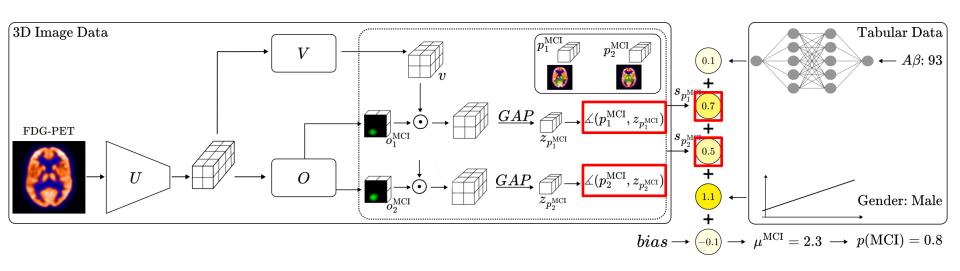






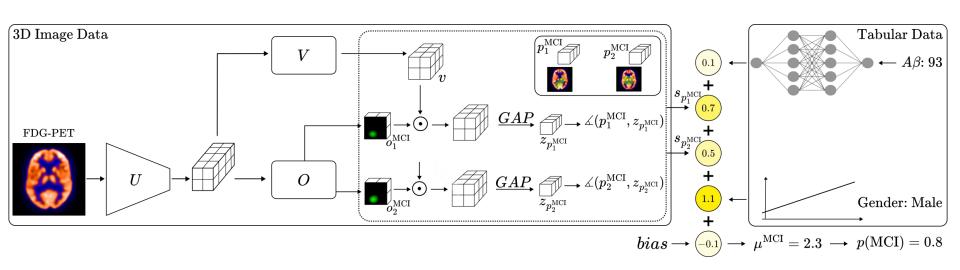












$$\mathcal{L}(y, x_1, \dots, x_n, \mathcal{I}) = \mathcal{L}_{ ext{CE}}(y, \hat{y}) + \lambda_1 \mathcal{L}_{ ext{Tab}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) + \lambda_2 \mathcal{L}_{ ext{clst}}(\mathcal{I}) + \lambda_3 \mathcal{L}_{ ext{sep}}(\mathcal{I}) + \lambda_4 \mathcal{L}_{ ext{occ}}(\mathcal{I}) + \lambda_5 \mathcal{L}_{ ext{affine}}(\mathcal{I})$$





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Dataset			Performance		
Labels	CN	379 (30.4%)	PANIC	BAcc (SD)	60.7% (4.4%)
	MCI	610 (49.0%)	DAFT [6]	BAcc (SD)	56.2% (4.5%)
	AD	256 (20.6%)			

[6] Wolf, T.N. et al.: DAFT: A Universal Module to Interweave Tabular und 3D Images in CNNs. NeuroImage, p. 119505 (2022)

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3. PANIC: Tabular Data

Continuous features:

- Age
- Education
- cerobrospinal fluid markers Aβ, Tau, p- Tau
- MRI-derived volumes of left/right hippocampus and thickness of left/right entorhinal cortex

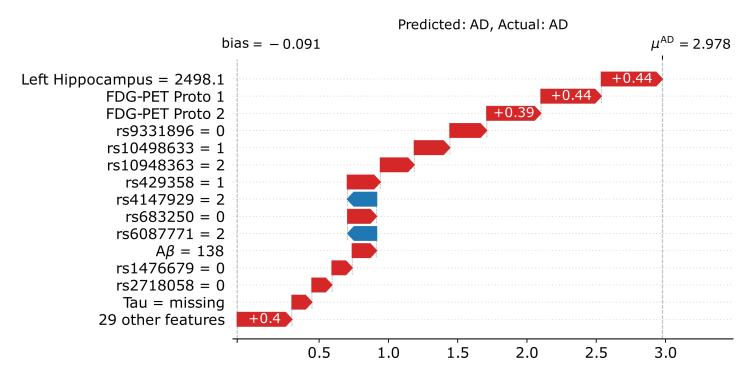
Categorical features:

- Gender
- 31 AD-related genetic variants





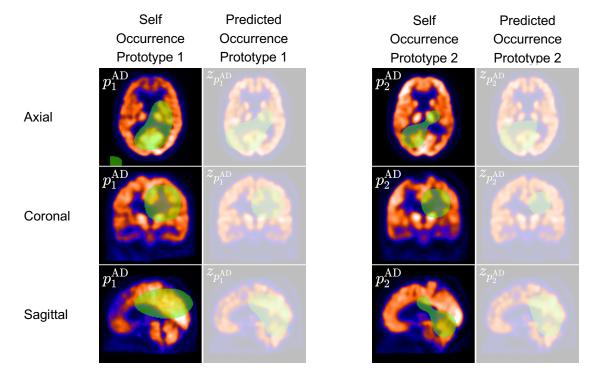
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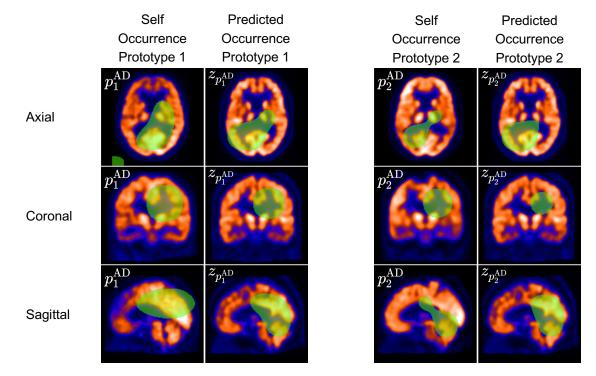
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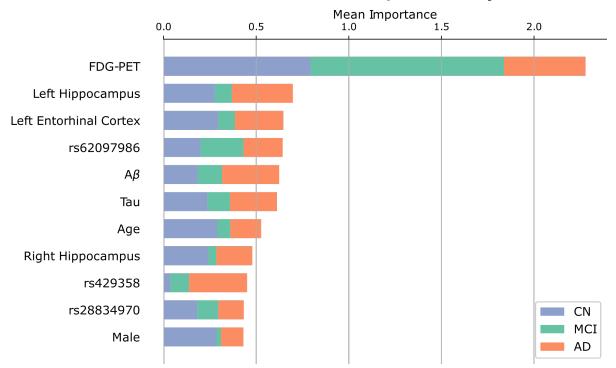
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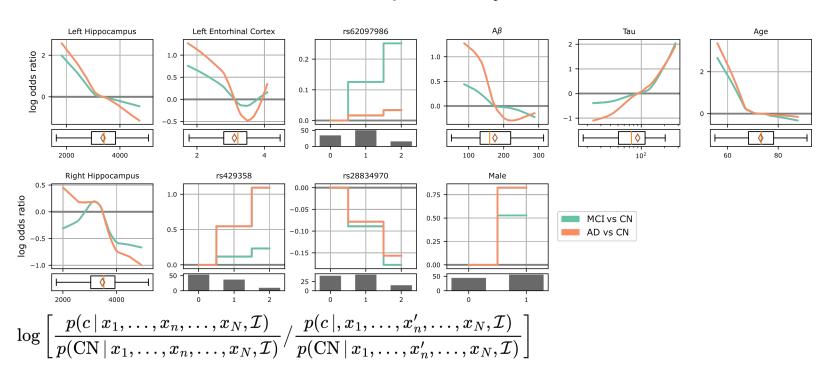
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3. PANIC: Discussion - Limitiations

- Granularity of explanations dependent on encoder

Small Encoder Big Encoder $p_1^{
m AD}$

Axial

Coronal

Sagittal

Self Occurrence Self Occurrence

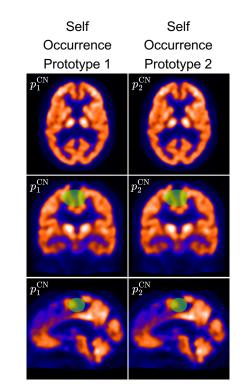
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- Convergence

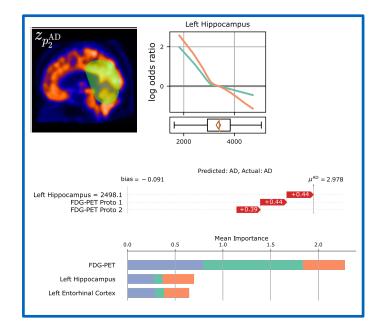
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3. PANIC: Summary

- Classifying AD still challenging
- First interpretable model for heterogeneous data
- PANIC allows easy toubleshooting of model
- PANIC interpretable both locally and globally
- PANIC closes gap for clinical application [7]



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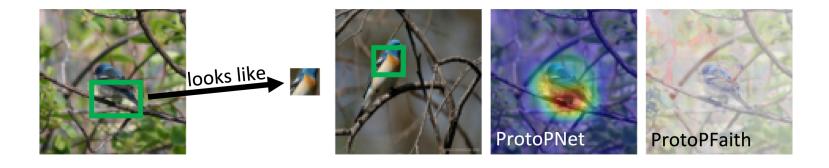
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- Sensitivity
- 2. Implementation Invariance
- 3. Completeness
- 4. Dummy
- 5. Linearity
- 6. Symmetry-Preserving





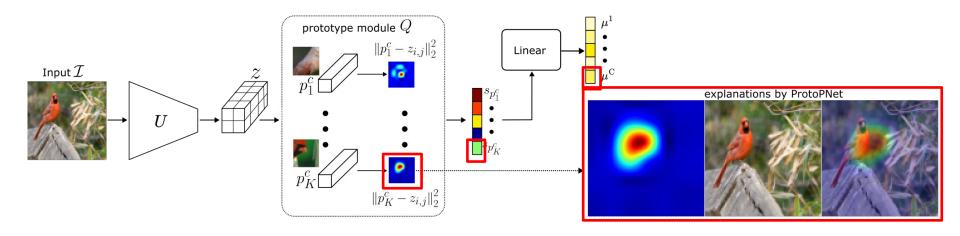
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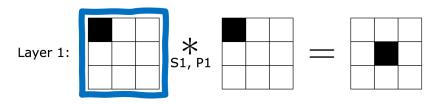
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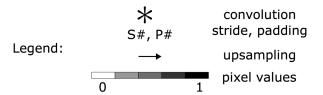




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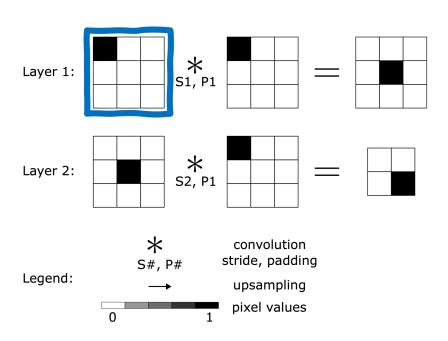
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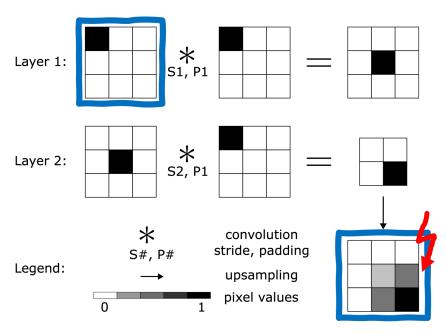
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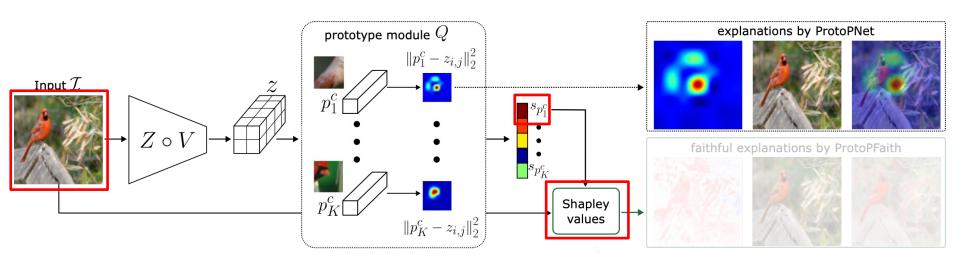


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4. ProtoPFaith: Implementation of Case-Based Reasoning

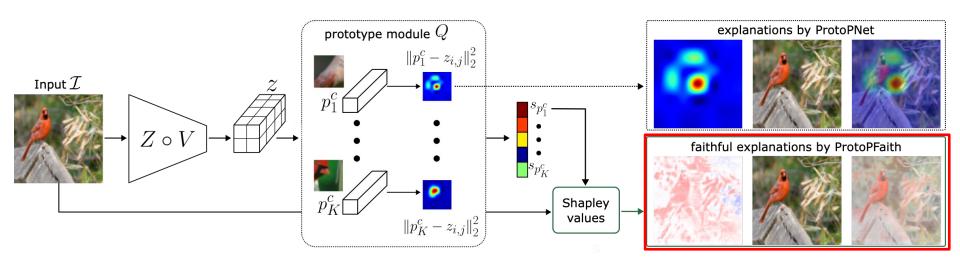


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4. ProtoPFaith: Method

- Convert trained ProtoPNet into Lightweight Probabilistic Neural Network [9]
- Extract explanations following DASP [10] over similarity scores s
- Explanations are based on Shapley values,
 which satisfy all axioms that we define to be required for faithfulness
- Extraction of vanilla explanations still possible for the same model

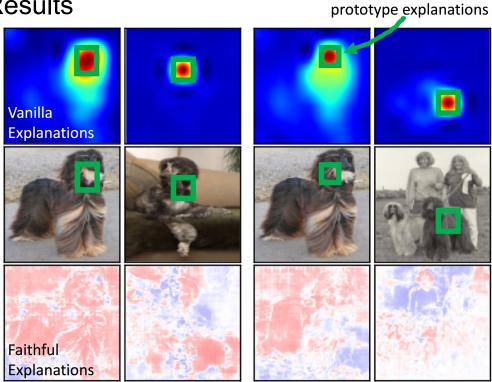
Requirements

Closed-Form solution for propagation of normal distributions through all layers





4. ProtoPFaith: Results

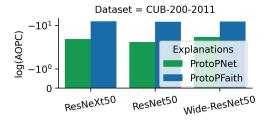


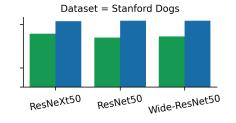
Bounding box of vanilla





4. ProtoPFaith: Results











4. ProtoPFaith: Discussion

- Theoretical violations manifest in experimental results
- Findings generalize to other implementations of case-based reasoning,
 e.g. ProtoTrees [11] and XProtoNet [12]
- Faithful explanations difficult to interpret





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- Proposed one inherently interpretable neural network for image and tabular data
- Found that implementations of case-based reasoning are not as faithful as anticipated
- Restoring faithful explanations in case-based reasoning ongoing work (reach out for collaboration ©)



Thank You!













Group:



Don't PANIC:



Keep the Faith:



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