

## On the Role of Domain Knowledge in Explainable Machine Learning

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# Critical Applications





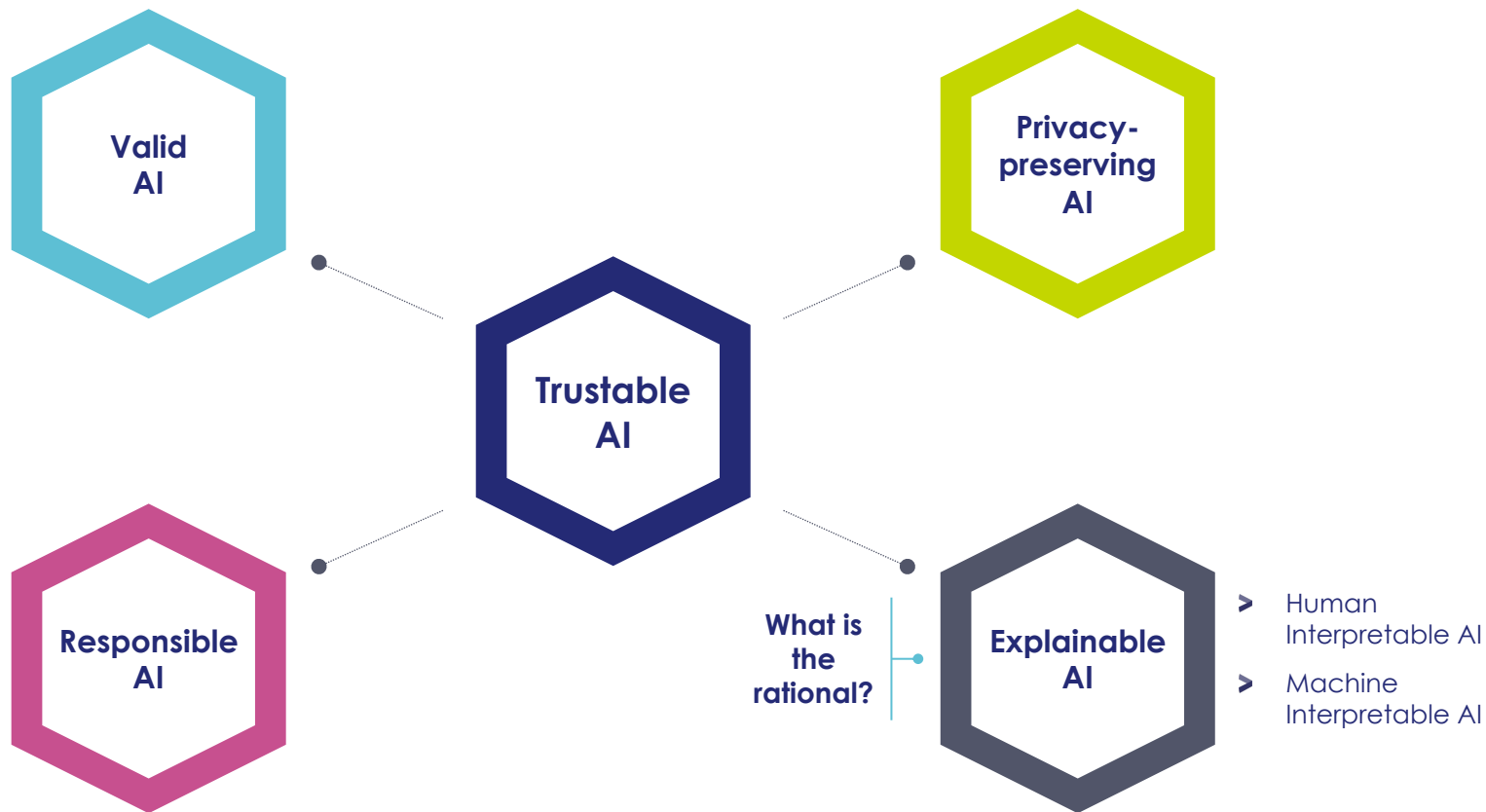






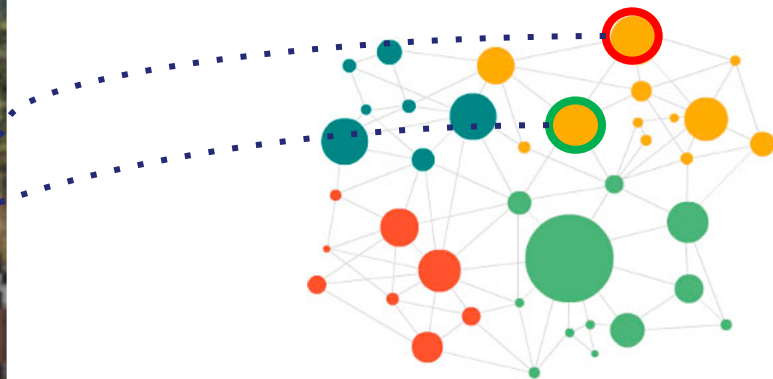
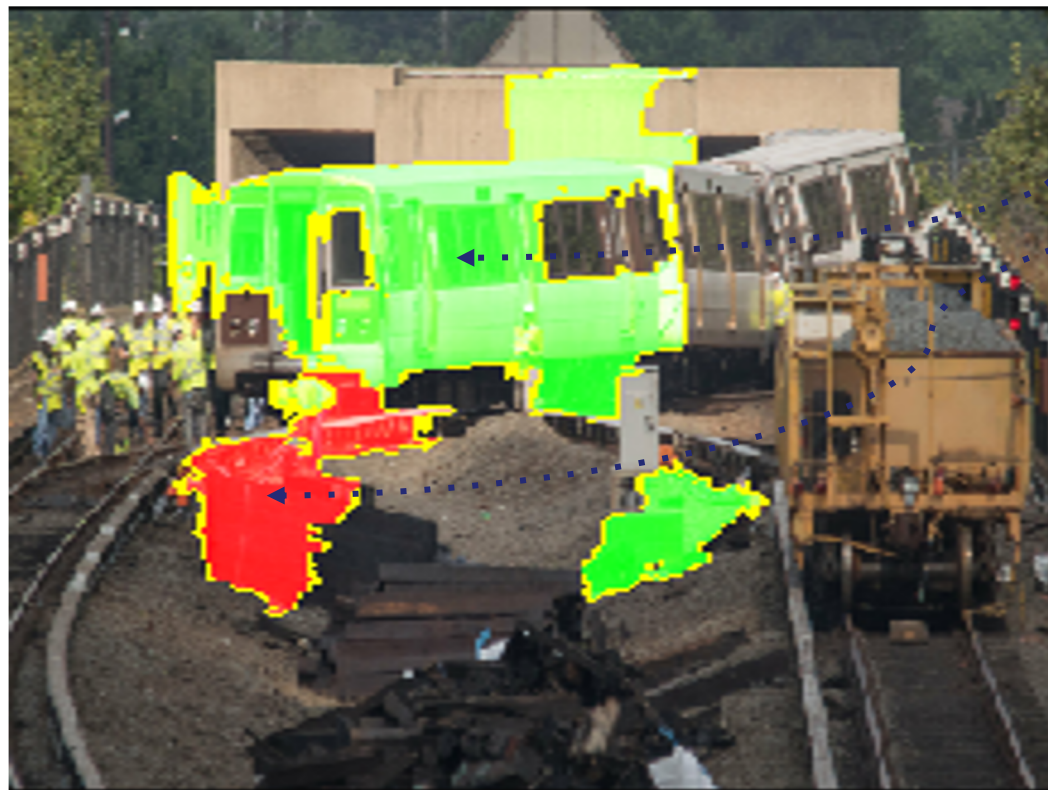


# AI Adoption: Requirements



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# Knowledge Graph in Machine Learning (1)



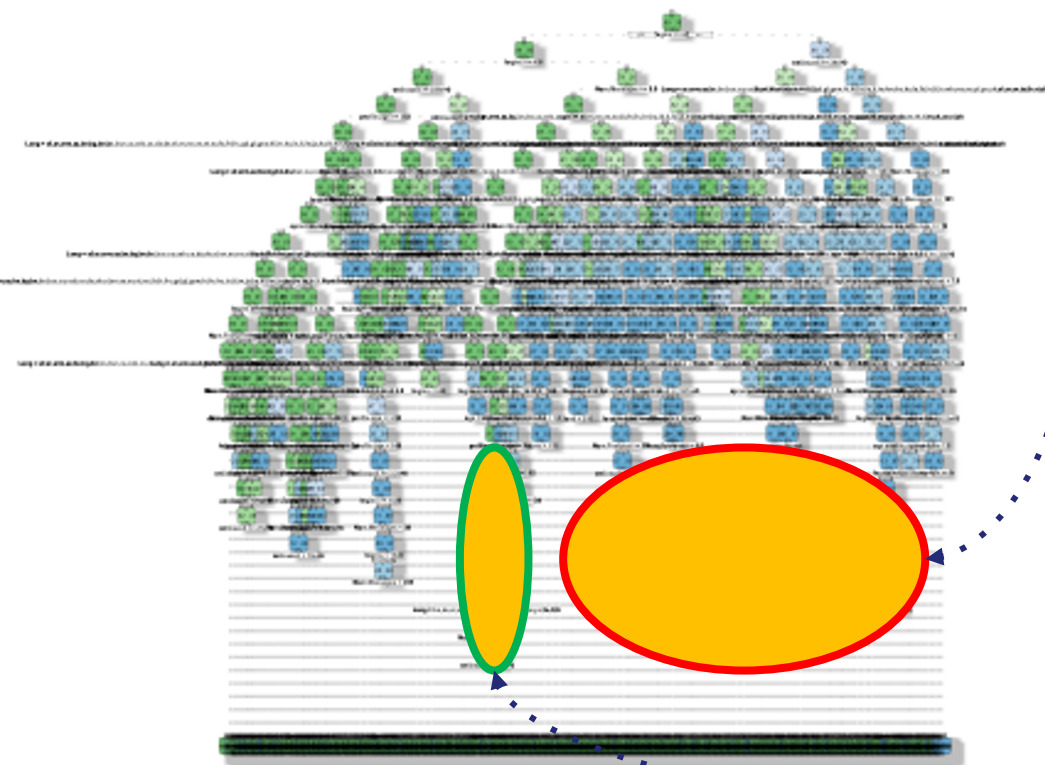
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with more semantics such as  
knowledge graph embeddings /  
entities

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# Knowledge Graph in Machine Learning (2)



Augmenting machine learning  
models with more semantics  
such as knowledge graphs  
entities

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# Knowledge Graph in Machine Learning (3)

● Input Layer

Training Data



● Hidden Layer

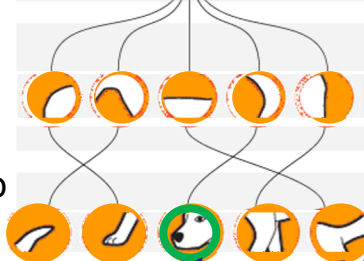
Neurons respond to simple shapes



Input  
(unlabeled  
image)

1<sup>st</sup> Layer

Neurons respond to more complex structures



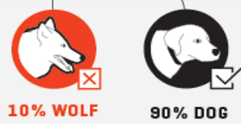
2<sup>nd</sup> Layer

Neurons respond to highly complex, abstract concepts



n<sup>th</sup> Layer

● Output Layer

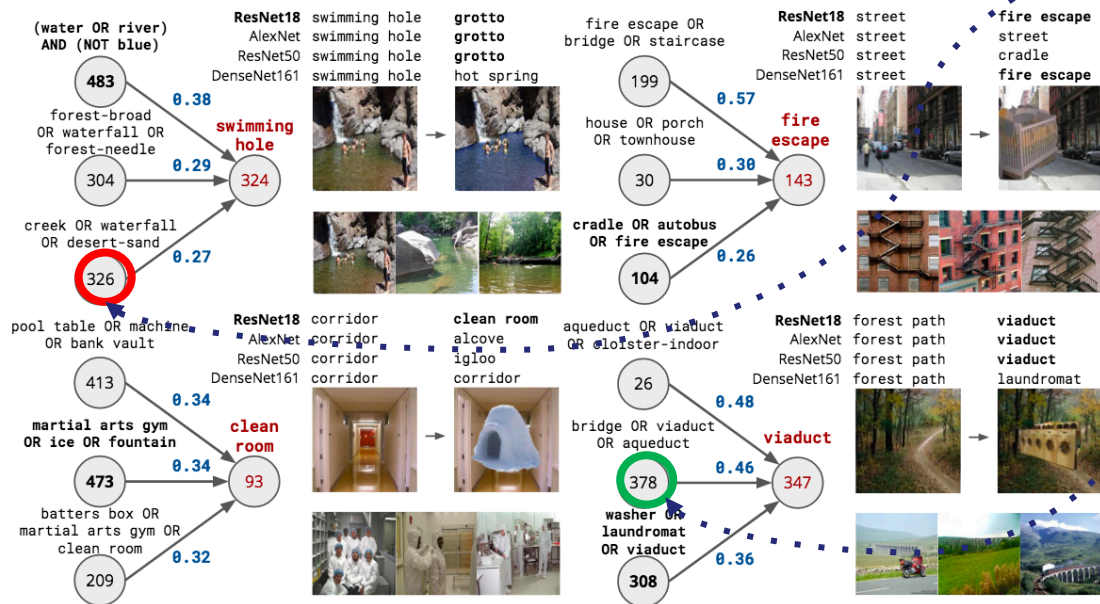


Low-level  
features to  
high-level  
features

Augmenting (intermediate)  
features with more semantics  
such as knowledge graph  
embeddings / entities



# Knowledge Graph in Machine Learning (4)



Jesse Mu, Jacob Andreas: Compositional Explanations of Neurons. NeurIPS 2020

Low-level  
features to  
high-level  
features

Open question: What is the  
impact of semantic  
representation on units in  
Neural Networks?

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# Knowledge Graph in Machine Learning (5)

● Input Layer

Training Data



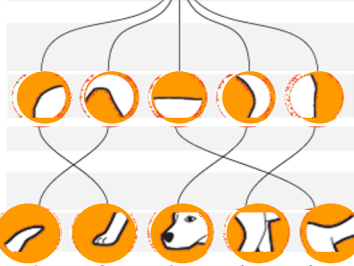
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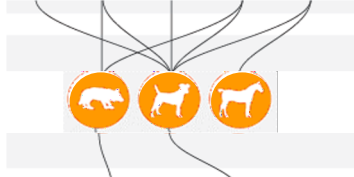


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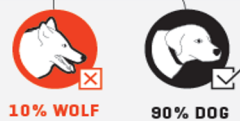
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Neurons respond to highly complex, abstract concepts



● Output Layer



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Low-level features to high-level features

Augmenting (input, intermediate) features – output relationship with more semantics to capture causal relationship

# Knowledge Graph in Machine Learning (6)



Description 1: This is an orange train accident

Description 2: This is a train accident between two speed merchant trains of characteristics X43-B and Y33-C in a dry environment

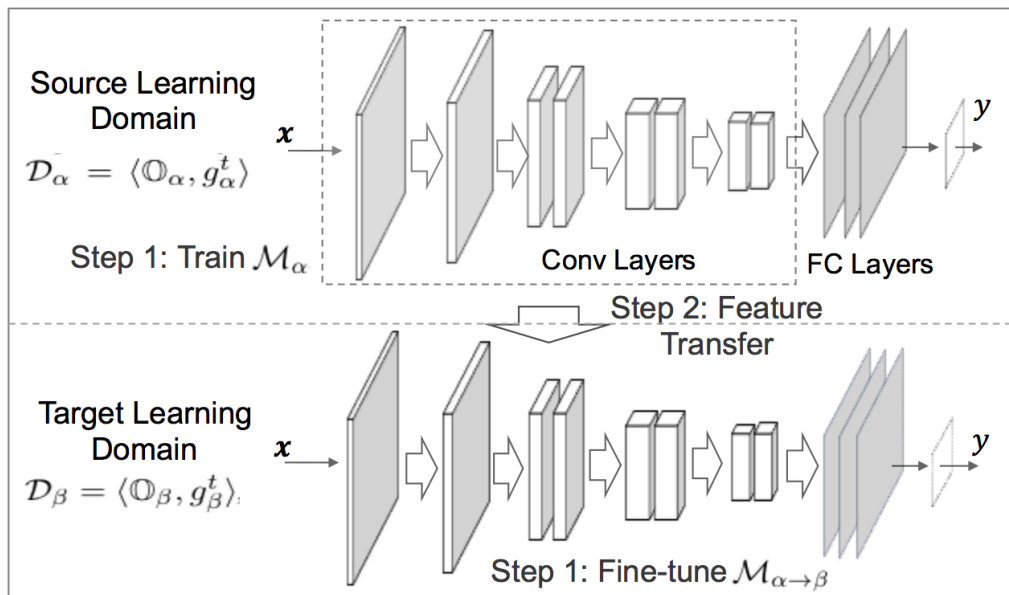
Description 3: This is a public transportation accident



Augmenting models with semantics to support personalized explanation

# Knowledge Graph in Machine Learning (7)

## *“How to explain transfer learning with appropriate knowledge representation?”*



Augmenting input features and domains with semantics to support interpretable transfer learning

# Knowledge Graph in Machine Learning (8)

## “How to explain concept drift in Machine Learning?”

Augmenting input features and domains with semantics to interpret concept drift in Machine Learning

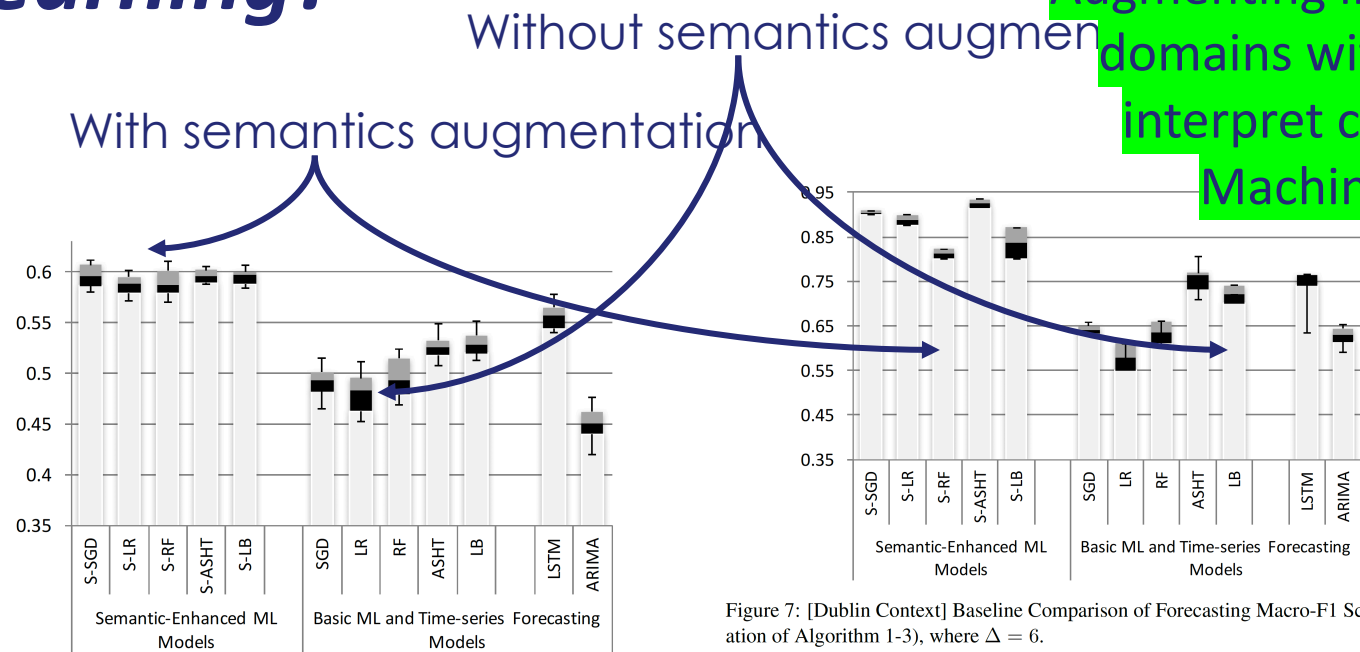


Figure 7: [Dublin Context] Baseline Comparison of Forecasting Macro-F1 Score (Evaluation of Algorithm 1-3), where  $\Delta = 6$ .

Figure 6: [Beijing Context] Baseline Comparison of Forecasting Macro-F1 Score (Evaluation of Algorithm 1-3), where  $\Delta = 6$ .

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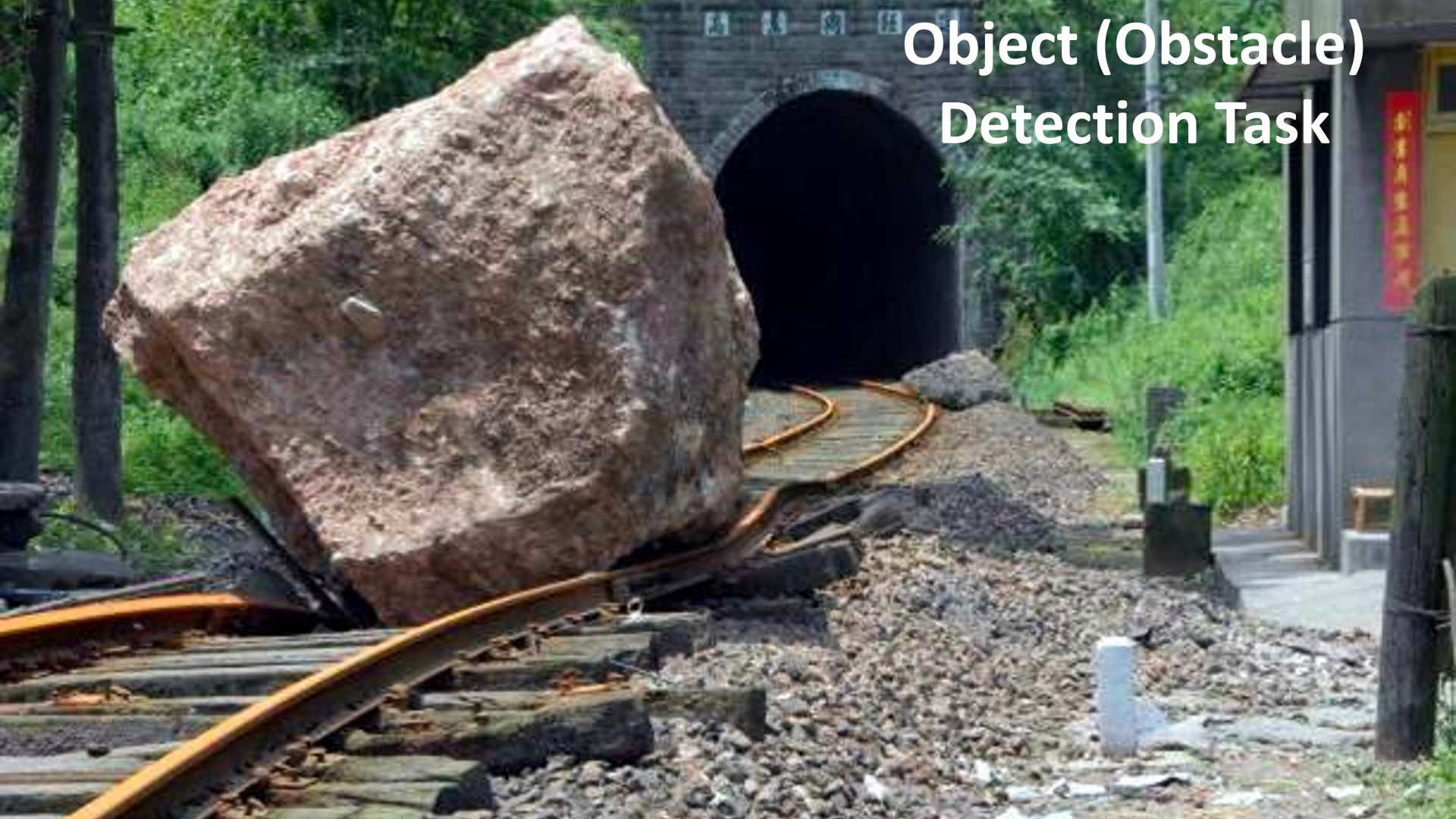
Jiaoyan Chen and Freddy Lécué and Jeff Z. Pan and Shumin Deng and Huajun Chen. Knowledge graph embeddings for dealing with concept drift in machine learning. Journal of Web Semantics. (2021)  
<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1570826820300585>

# How Does it Work in Practice?

# State of the Art Machine Learning Applied to Critical Systems



# Object (Obstacle) Detection Task





# Object (Obstacle) Detection Task State- of-the-art ML Result

Lumbermill - .59



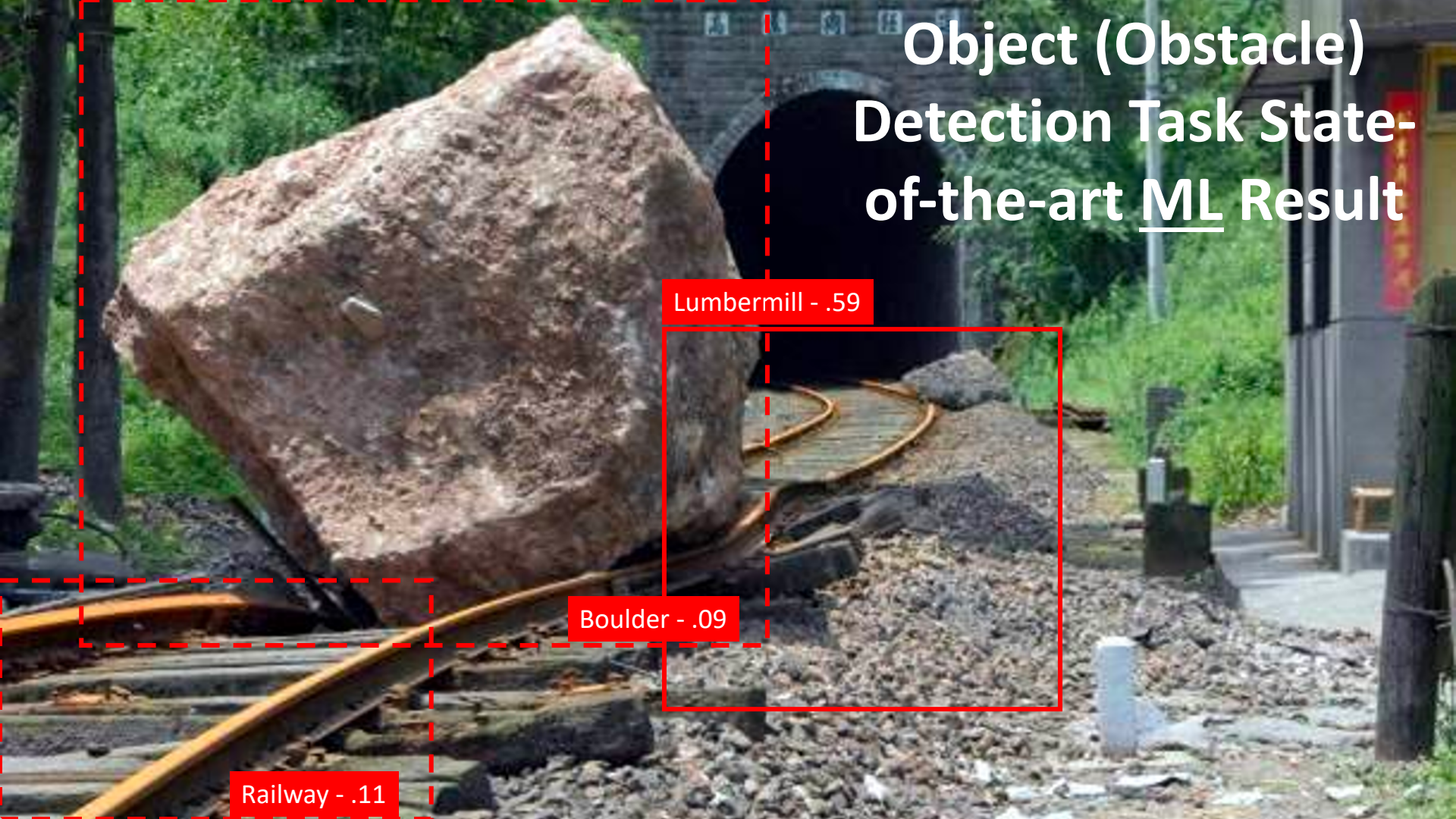


# Object (Obstacle) Detection Task State- of-the-art ML Result

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Boulder - .09

Railway - .11



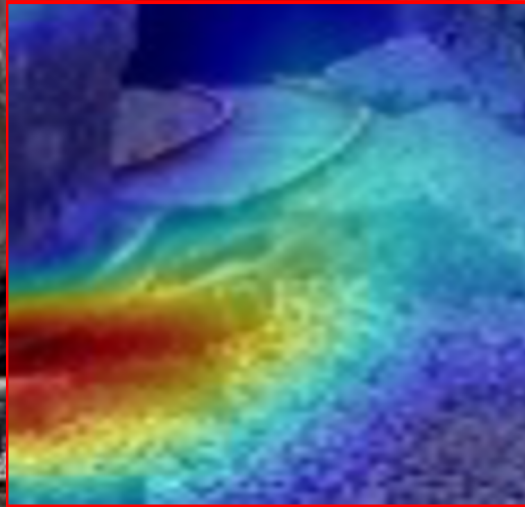
# State of the Art XAI Applied to Critical Systems

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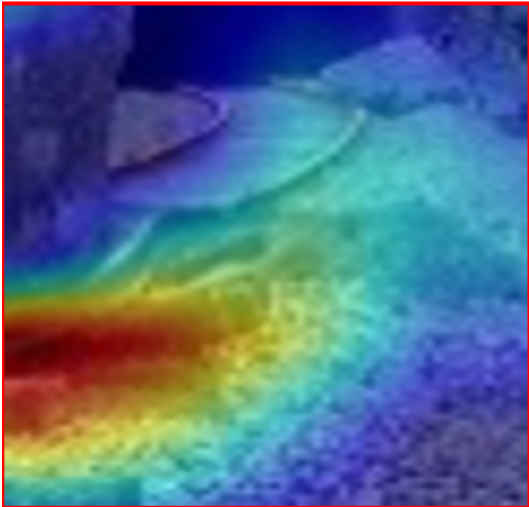
# Unfortunately, this is of NO use for a human behind the system






# Let's stay back

## Why this Explanation? (meta explanation)

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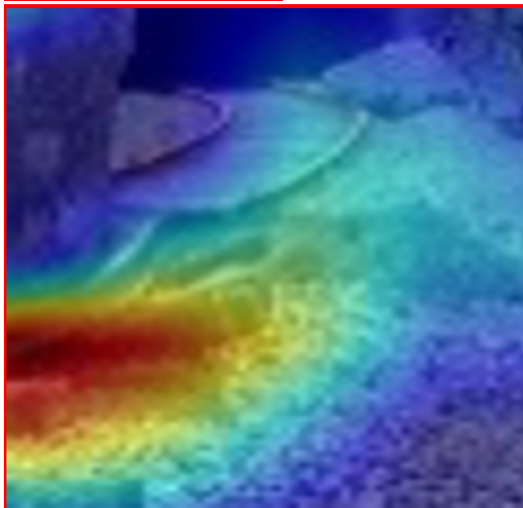


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# What is missing?

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# Context matters

Boulder - .09

Railway - .11

## About: Boulder

An Entity of Type : place, from Named Graph : <http://dbpedia.org>, within Data Space : [dbpedia.org](http://dbpedia.org)

In geology, a boulder is a rock fragment with size greater than 25.6 centimetres (10.1 in) in diameter. Smaller pieces are called cobbles and pebbles, depending on their "grain size". While a boulder may be small enough to move or roll manually, others are extremely massive. In common usage, a boulder is too large for a person to move. Smaller boulders are usually just called rocks or stones. The word boulder is short for boulder stone, from Middle English bulderston or Swedish bullersten. Boulder sized clasts are found in some sedimentary rocks, such as coarse conglomerate and boulder clay.

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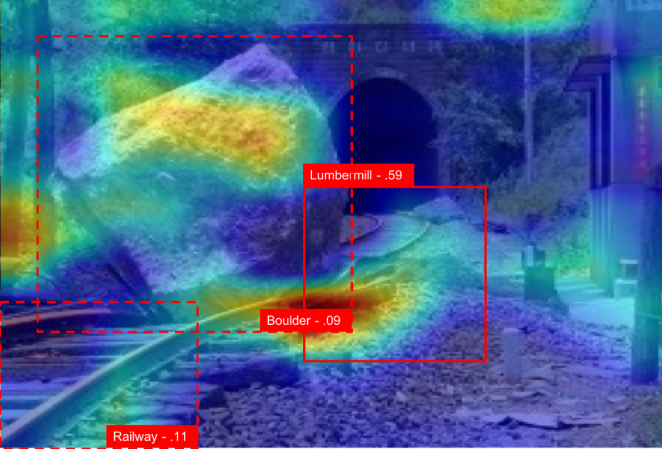
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Rail transport is a means of conveyance of passengers and goods on wheeled vehicles running on rails, also known as tracks. It is also commonly referred to as train transport. In contrast to road transport, where vehicles run on a prepared flat surface, rail vehicles (rolling stock) are directionally guided by the tracks on which they run. Tracks usually consist of steel rails, installed on ties (sleepers) and ballast, on which the rolling stock, usually fitted with metal wheels, moves. Other variations are also possible, such as slab track, where the rails are fastened to a concrete foundation resting on a prepared subsurface. Rolling stock in a rail transport system generally encounters lower frictional resistance than road vehicles, so passenger and freight cars (carriages and wagons) can be coupled into longer trains. The operation is carried out by a railway company, providing transport between train stations or freight customer facilities. Power is provided by locomotives which either draw electric power from a railway electrification system or produce their own power, usually by diesel engines. Most tracks are accompanied by a signalling system. Railways are a safe land transport system when compared to other forms of transport. Railway transport is capable of high levels of passenger and cargo utilization and energy efficiency, but is often less flexible and more capital-intensive than road transport, when lower traffic levels are considered. The oldest, man-hauled railways date back to the 6th century BC, with Perander, one of the Seven Sages of Greece,

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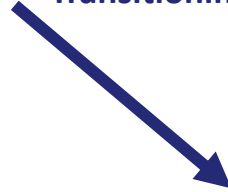




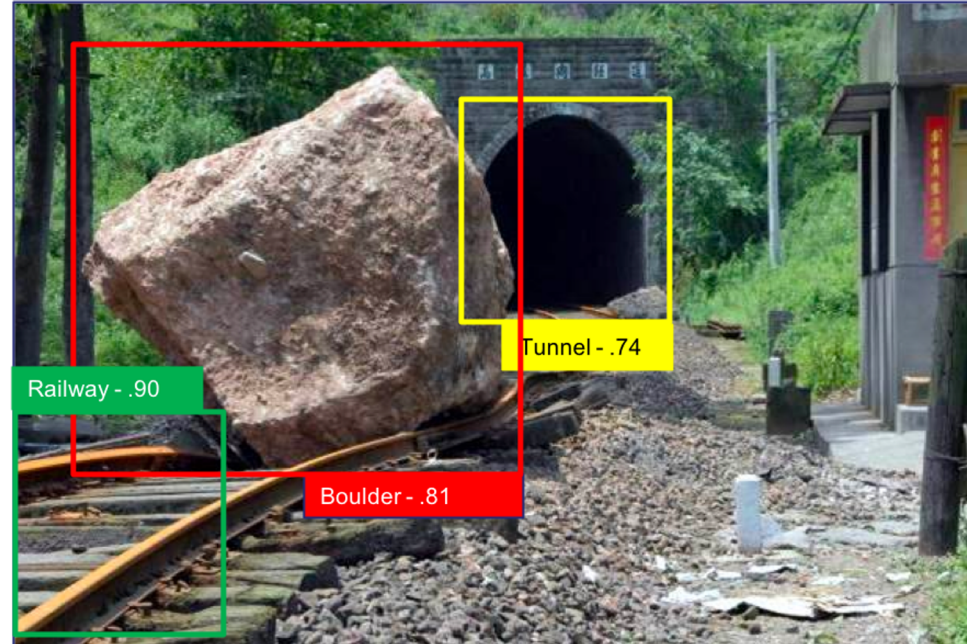
- **Hardware:** High performance, scalable, generic (to different FPGA family) & portable CNN dedicated **programmable** processor implemented on an FPGA for **real-time embedded inference**
- **Software:** Knowledge graph extension of object detection



Transitioning



This is an **Obstacle: Boulder** obstructing the train:  
XG142-R on **Rail\_Track** from City: Cannes to City:  
Marseille at **Location: Tunnel VIX** due to **Landslide**



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# XAI Thales Platform

**Higher accuracy with no intensive fine-tuning**  
**Human interpretable explanation**  
**Running on the edge at inference time**

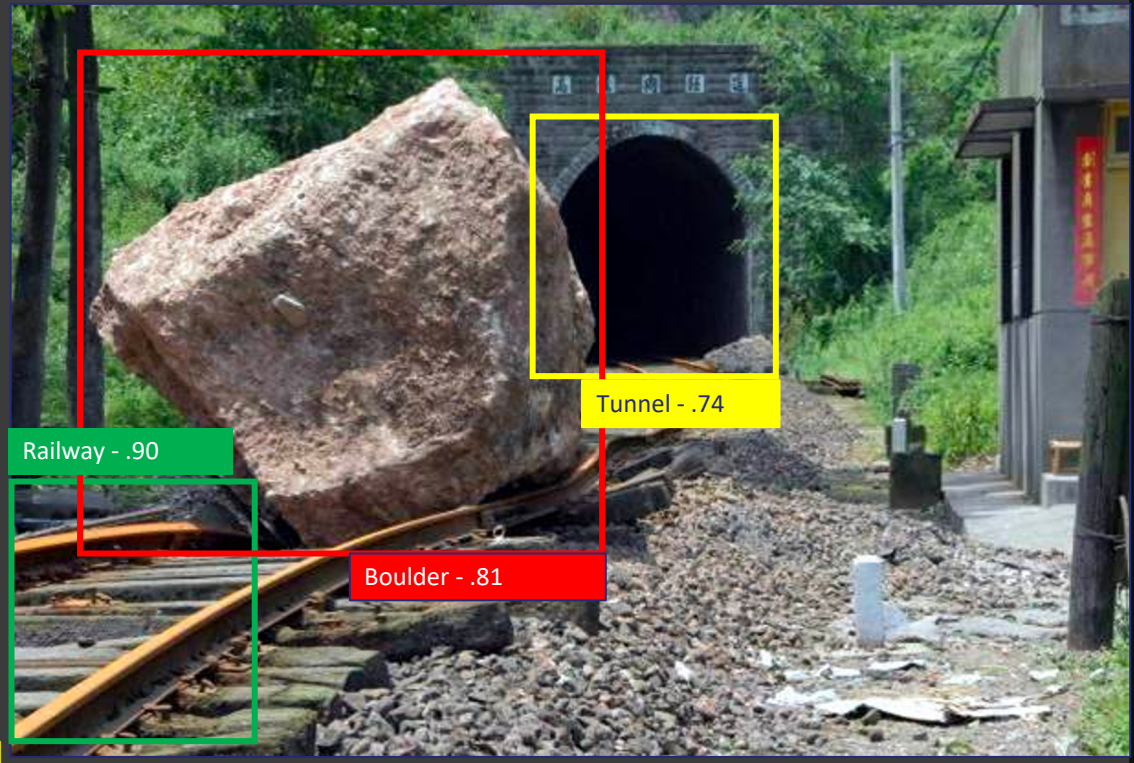
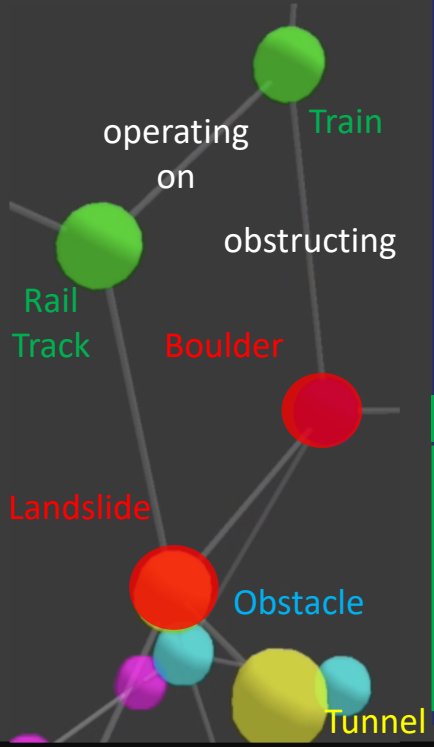


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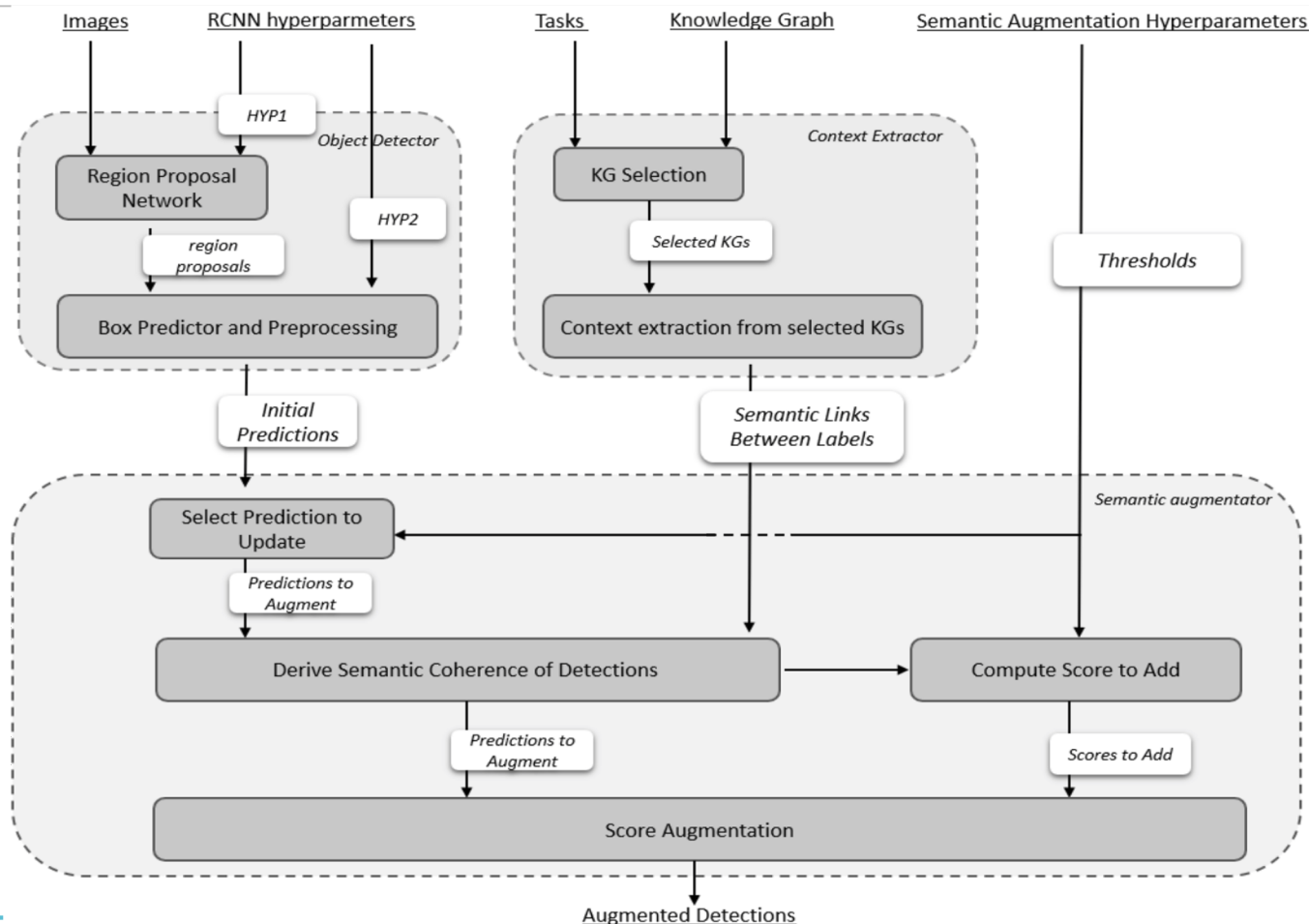
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# Knowledge Graph in Machine Learning - An Implementation



Freddy Lécué, Jiaoyan Chen, Jeff Z. Pan, Huajun Chen: Augmenting Transfer Learning with Semantic Reasoning. IJCAI 2019: 1779-1785

Freddy Lécué, Tanguy Pommellet: Feeding Machine Learning with Knowledge Graphs for Explainable Object Detection. ISWC Satellites 2019: 277-280

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# Ecosystem

# XAI in Canada: An instance of a Scientific eXplainable AI project

## DEEL (Dependable Explainable Learning) Project 2019-2024

With support of



Industrial partners

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### Certificability

- Structural warranties
- Risk auto evaluation
- External audit







# Human -in-the- Loop



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