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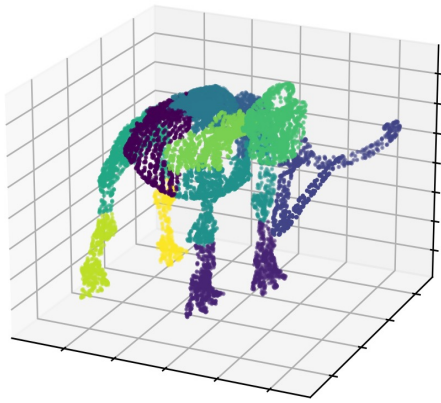
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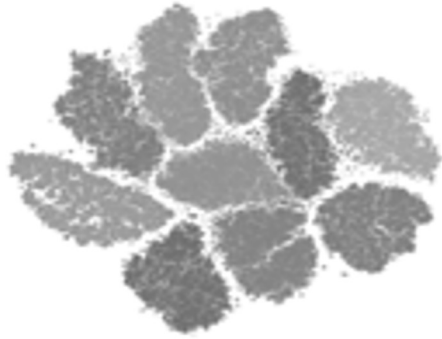
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t-SNE



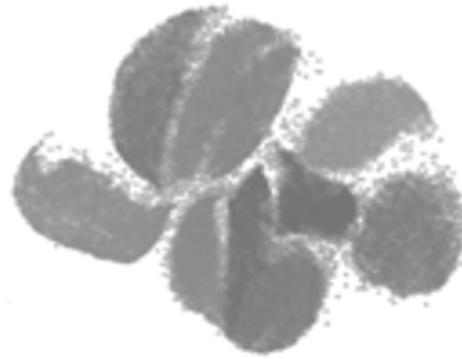
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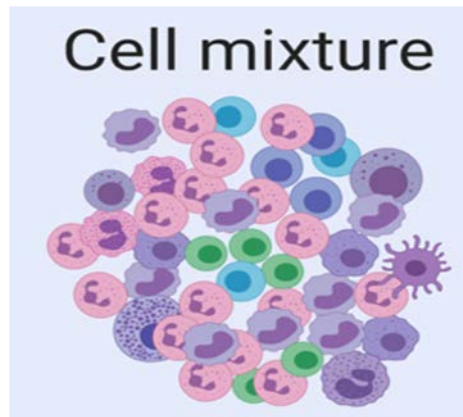


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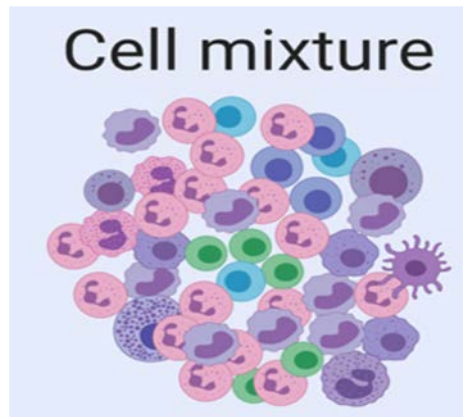


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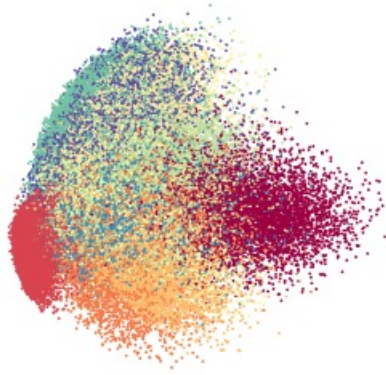


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Local vs Global

- Local structure: local neighborhood graph, nearest neighbors
- Global structure: relationships between clusters, respect relative distances.

PCA



(mainly global)

t-SNE



(mainly local)

UMAP



(mainly local)

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(both, actually)

Global Methods

- PCA (Pearson, 1901)
- MDS (Torgerson, 1952)

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Local Methods

- LLE (Roweis and Saul, 2000),
- Isomap (Tenenbaum et al., 2000)
- Hessian Local Linear Embedding (Donoho and Grimes, 2003)
- Laplacian Eigenmaps (Belkin and Niyogi, 2001)
- Stochastic Neighborhood Embedding (SNE) (Hinton and Roweis, 2003)
- t-SNE (van der Maaten and Hinton, 2008)
- LargeVis (Tang et al., 2016)
- UMAP (McInnes et al., 2018)

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Preserve distances,
not neighborhoods



Crowding problem



Preserve neighborhoods



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Automatic Selection of t-SNE Perplexity

Yanshuai Cao, Luyu Wang

t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (t-SNE) is one of the most popular dimensionality reduction methods for data visualization, but it has a hyperparameter that requires manual selection. In practice, proper tuning

- UMAP (McInnes et al., 2018)

(MacQueen, 1967; MacQueen, 1967; MacQueen, 1967)

Automated optimal parameters for T-distributed stochastic neighbor embedding improve visualization and allow analysis of large datasets

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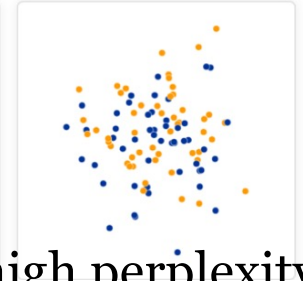
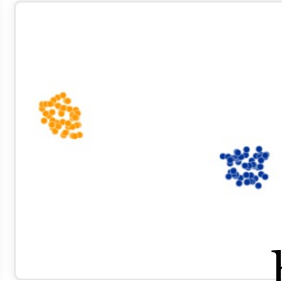
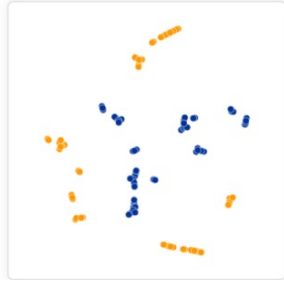
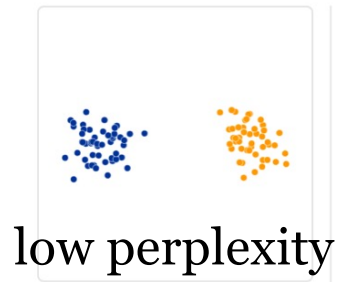
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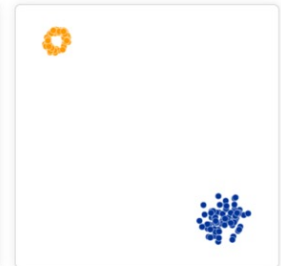
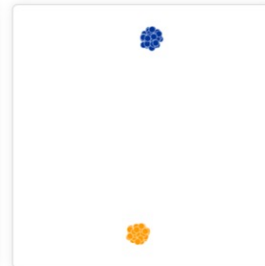
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1. Those hyperparameters really matter



high perplexity

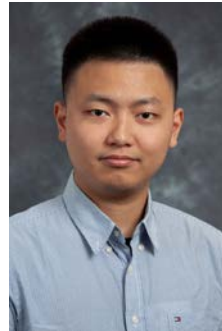
2. Cluster sizes in a t-SNE plot mean nothing



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Understanding How Dimension Reduction Tools Work: An Empirical Approach to Deciphering t-SNE, UMAP, TriMap, and PaCMAP for Data Visualization

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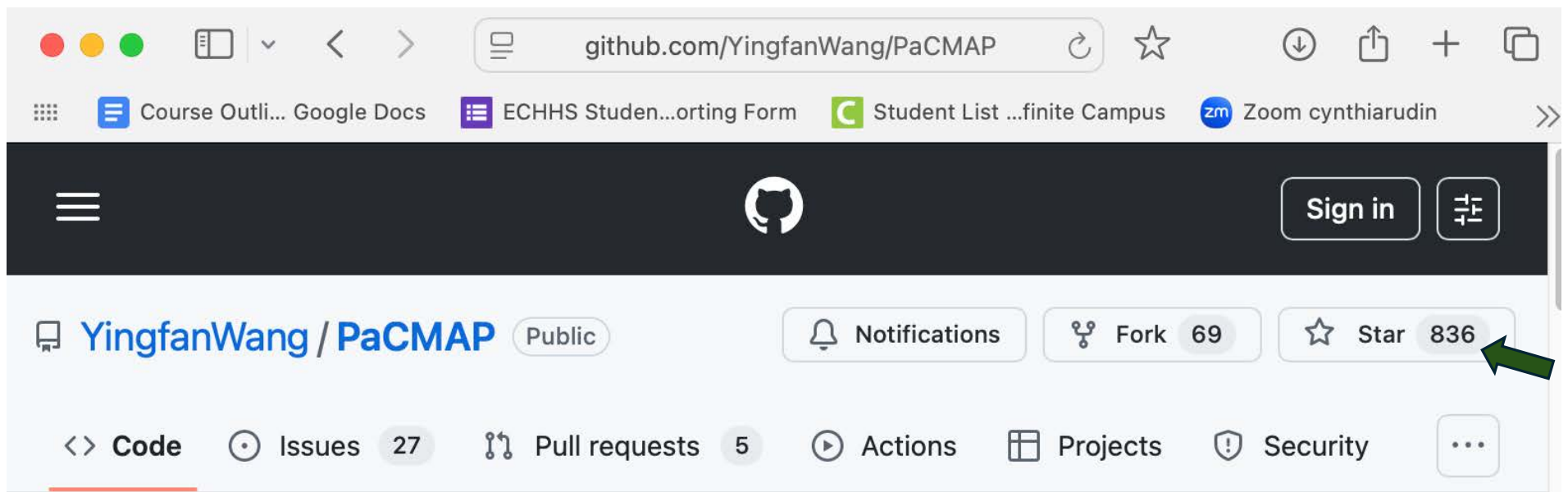
Abstract

Dimension reduction (DR) techniques such as t-SNE, UMAP, and TriMap have demonstrated impressive visualization performance on many real-world datasets. One tension that has always faced these methods is the trade-off between preservation of global structure and preservation of local structure: these methods can either handle one or the other, but not both. In this work, our main goal is to understand what aspects of DR methods are important for preserving both local and global structure: it is difficult to design

PaCMAP: <https://github.com/YingfanWang/PaCMAP>

Via pip: `pip install pacmap` / via conda: `conda install pacmap -c conda-forge`

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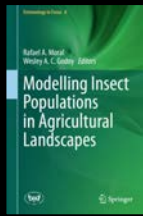
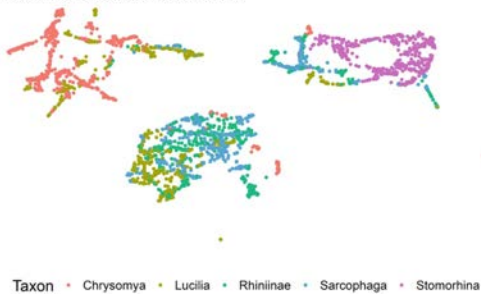


Fig. 9.4



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Application of t-SNE to the medically and forensically important flies dataset based on colour features of the flies specimens using computer vision techniques. The colour represents each taxonomic group of flies presented in the dataset

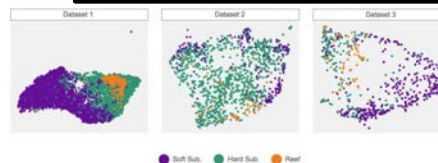
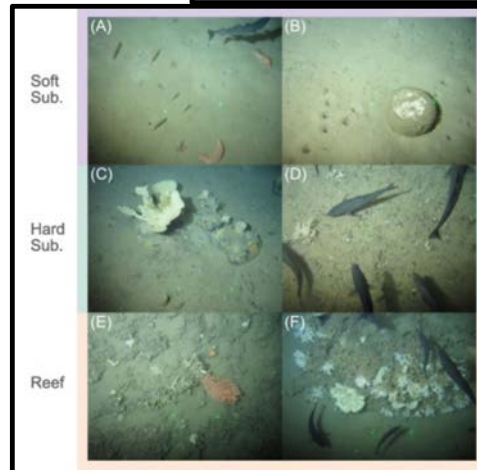


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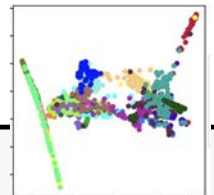
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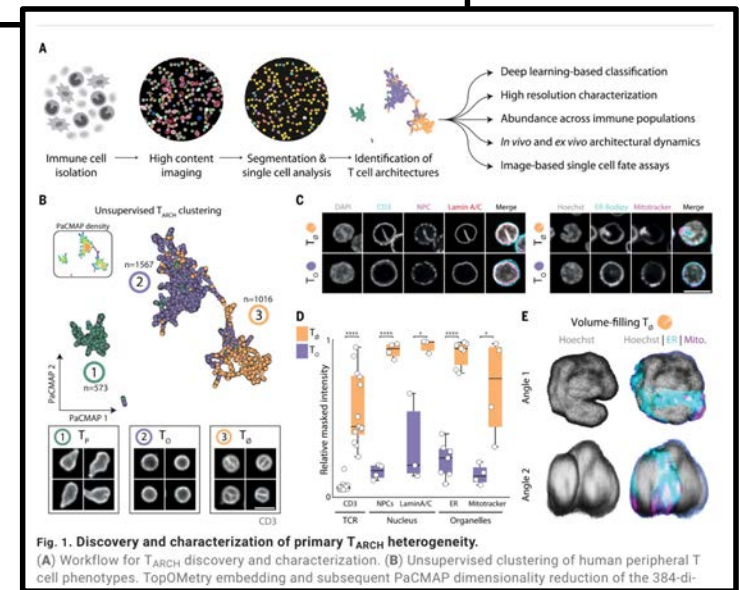
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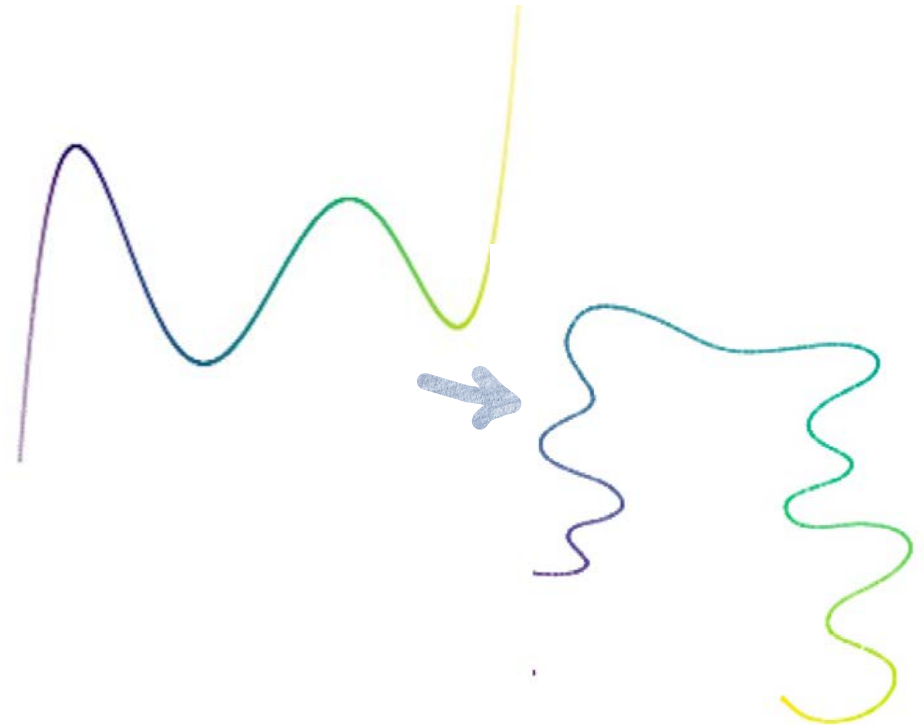
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Start from the obvious:

- **Attraction:** high-dimensional neighbors should be attracted.
- **Repulsion:** points far in original space should be far in low-dim space.

But that's not enough...

$$\underbrace{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{T}_{\text{neighbors}}} l^{\text{attract}}(i,j)}_{\text{Attract neighbors}} + \underbrace{\sum_{(i,k) \in \mathcal{T}_{\text{further}}} l^{\text{repulse}}(i,k)}_{\text{Repulse far points}}$$



$$\sum_{\text{graph components } \{i\}} \text{Weight}(\text{component } i \text{ in high dim space}) \cdot \text{Loss}(\text{component } i \text{ in low dim space})$$

PaCMAP's ideas :

- Properties of the loss function determine local structure.
- The choice of graph components determines global structure.



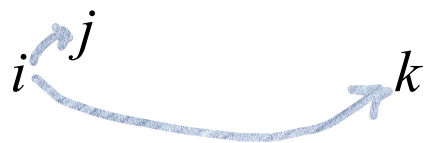
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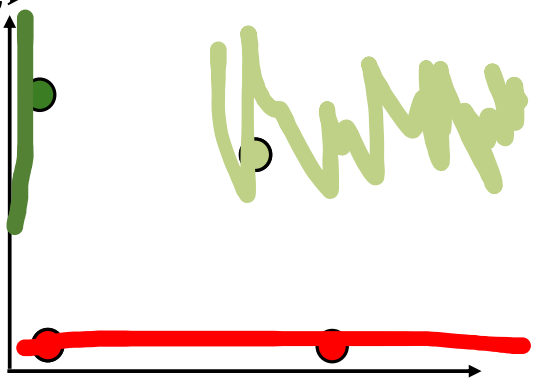


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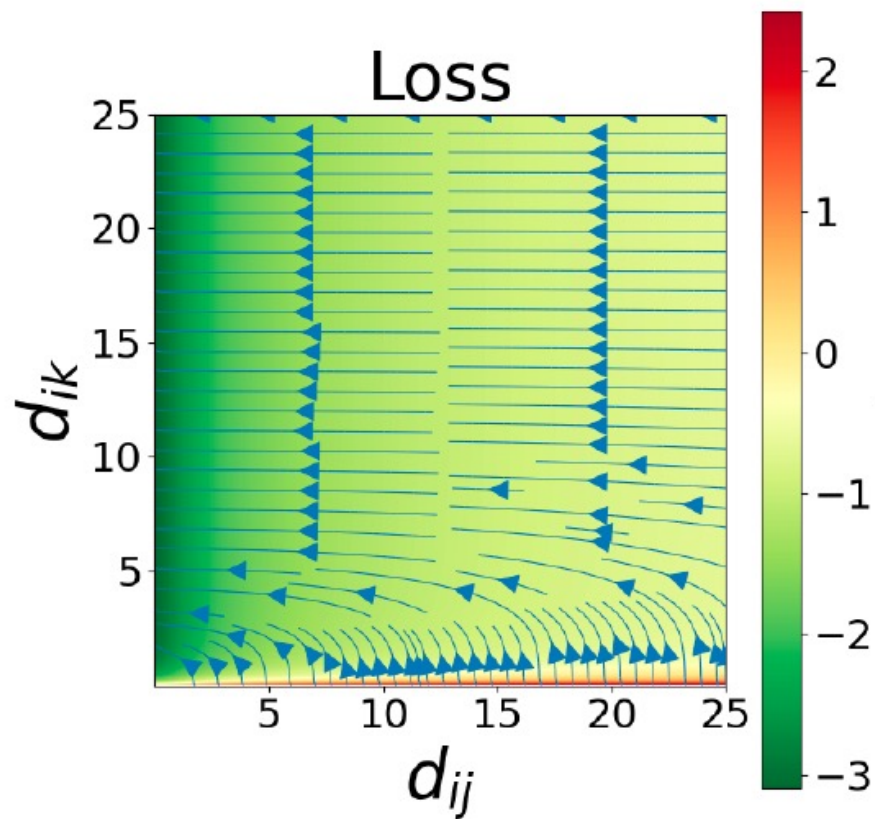
Triple i, j (neighbor), k (further)



Distance from i
to further point k



Distance from i to neighbor j



t-SNE



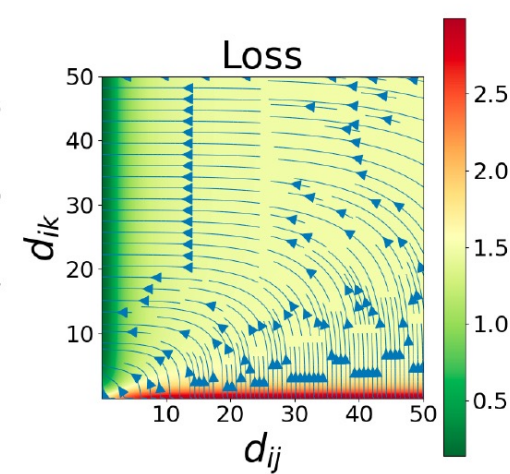
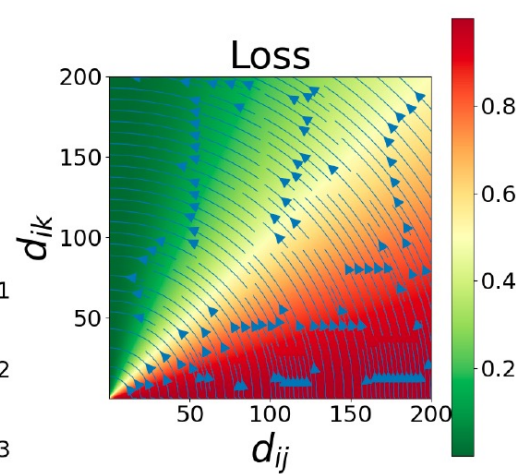
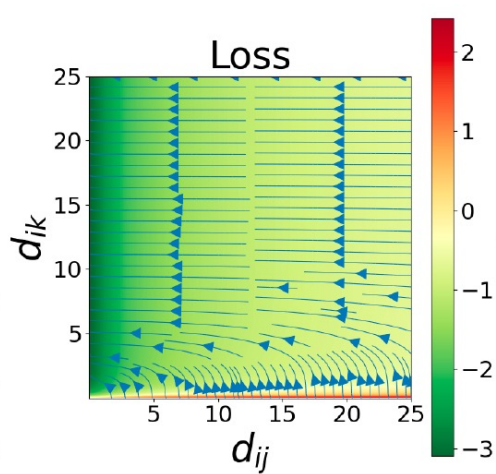
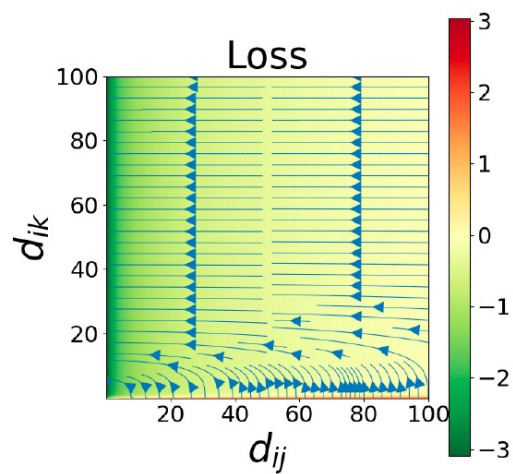
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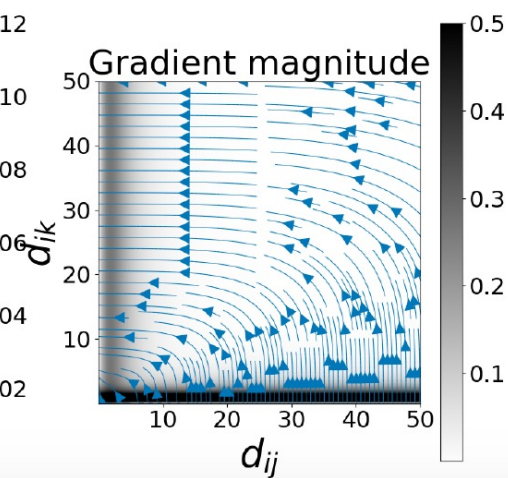
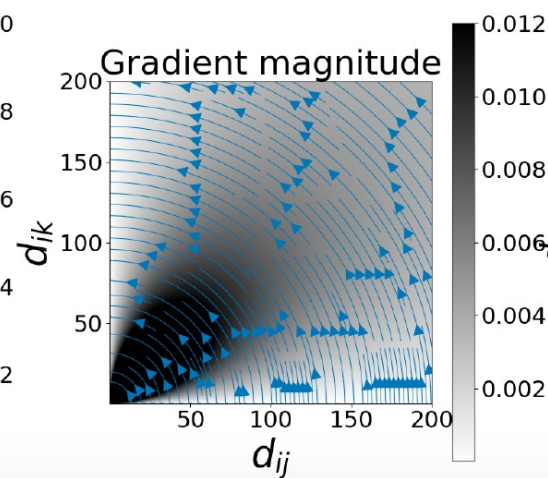
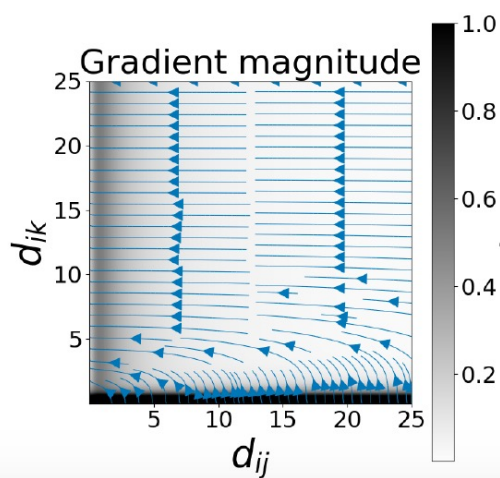
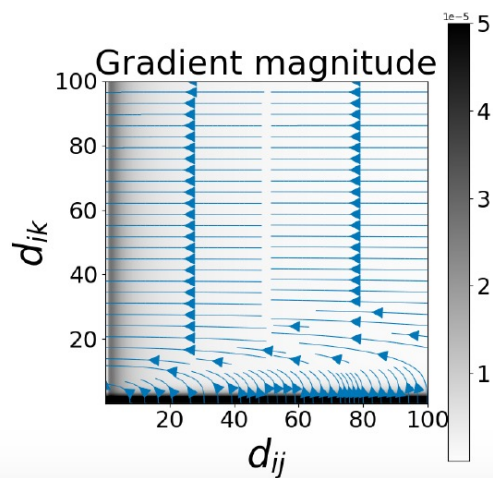
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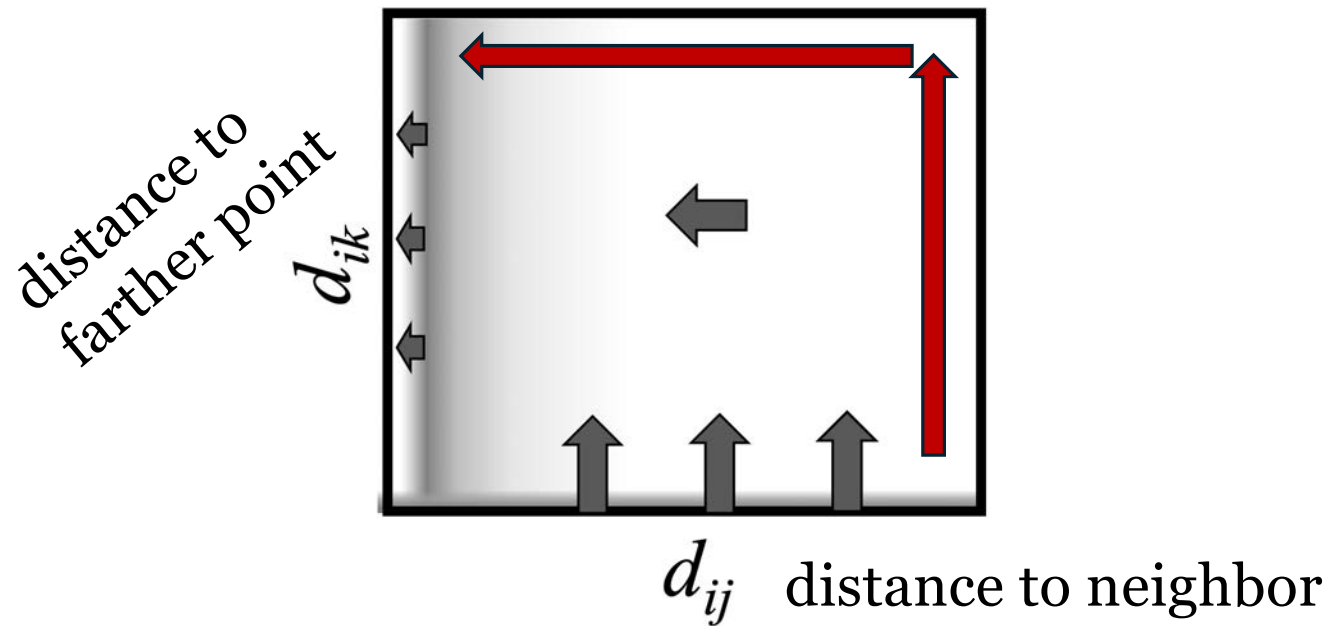
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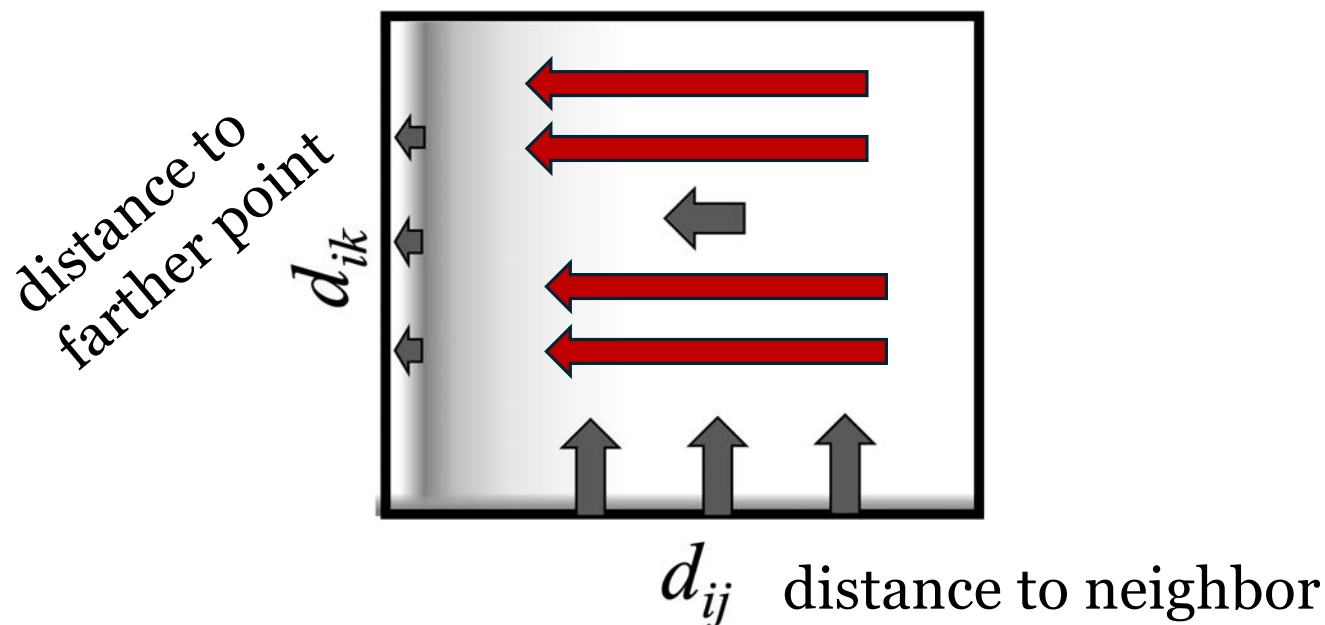
Our principles for a good loss function



1. Monotonicity

$$\forall d_{ij} : \frac{\partial Loss}{\partial d_{ik}} \overset{\text{Up}}{\leq} 0 \text{ and } \forall d_{ik} : \frac{\partial Loss}{\partial d_{ij}} \overset{\text{Left}}{\geq} 0.$$

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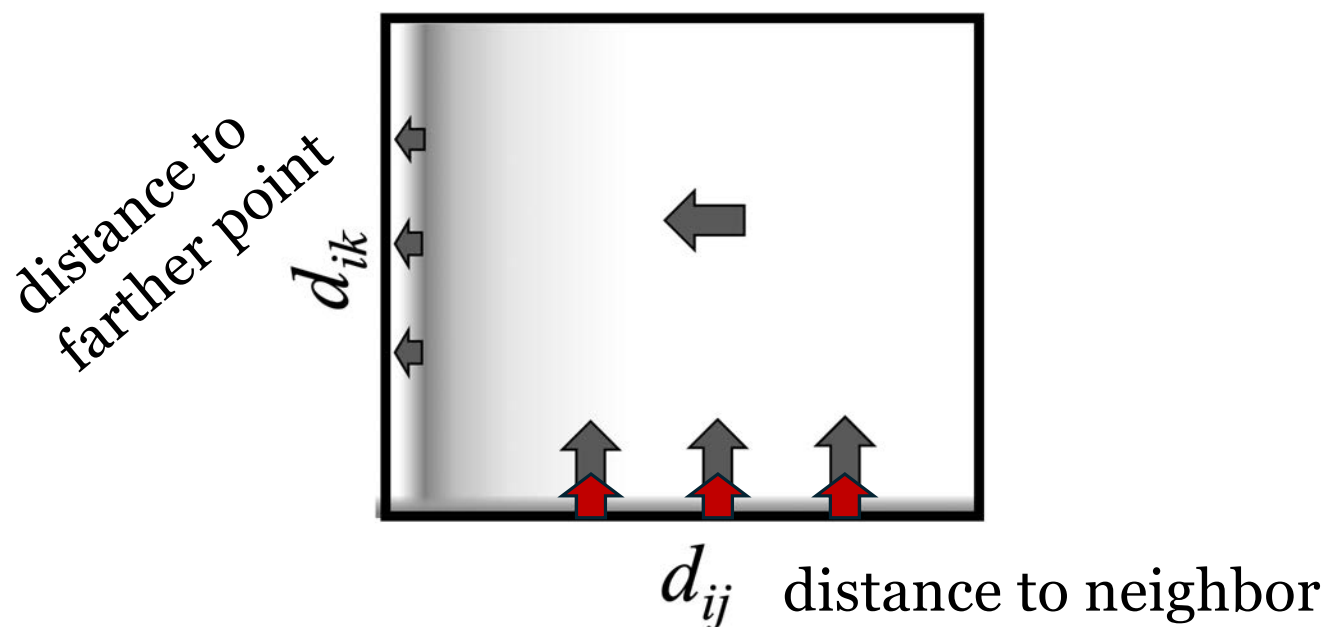


2. Except at bottom, gradient should go mainly to the left.
 (if further point is sufficiently far, should focus on pulling neighbor closer.)

$$\forall d_{ij}, \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \theta_{ik}^\epsilon : \forall d_{ik} > \theta_{ik}^\epsilon \text{ we have } \left| \frac{\partial \text{Loss}}{\partial d_{ik}} / \frac{\partial \text{Loss}}{\partial d_{ij}} \right| < \epsilon.$$

(if sufficiently far) (left gradient is bigger)

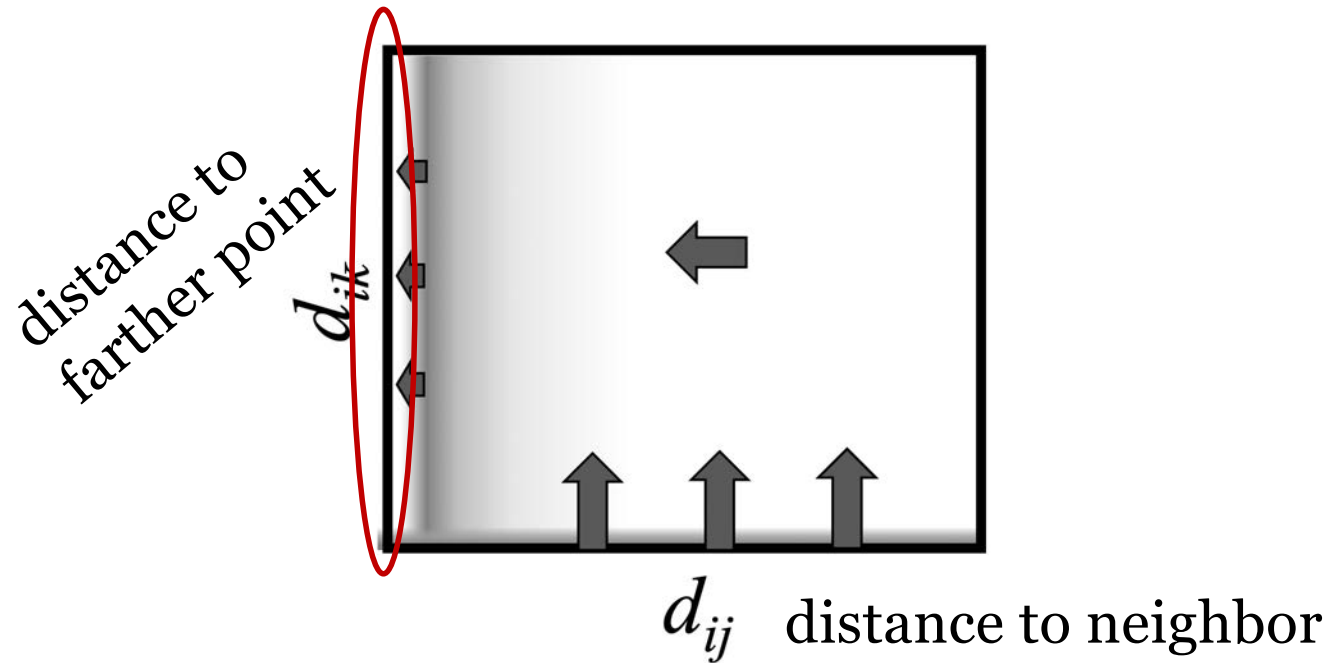
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3. At bottom, gradient goes up, not to the left (push further points away more than attracting neighbors.)

$$\forall d_{ik} > 0, \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \theta_{ij}^\epsilon : \forall d_{ij} > \theta_{ij}^\epsilon \text{ we have } \left| \frac{\partial \text{Loss}}{\partial d_{ij}} / \frac{\partial \text{Loss}}{\partial d_{ik}} \right| < \epsilon.$$

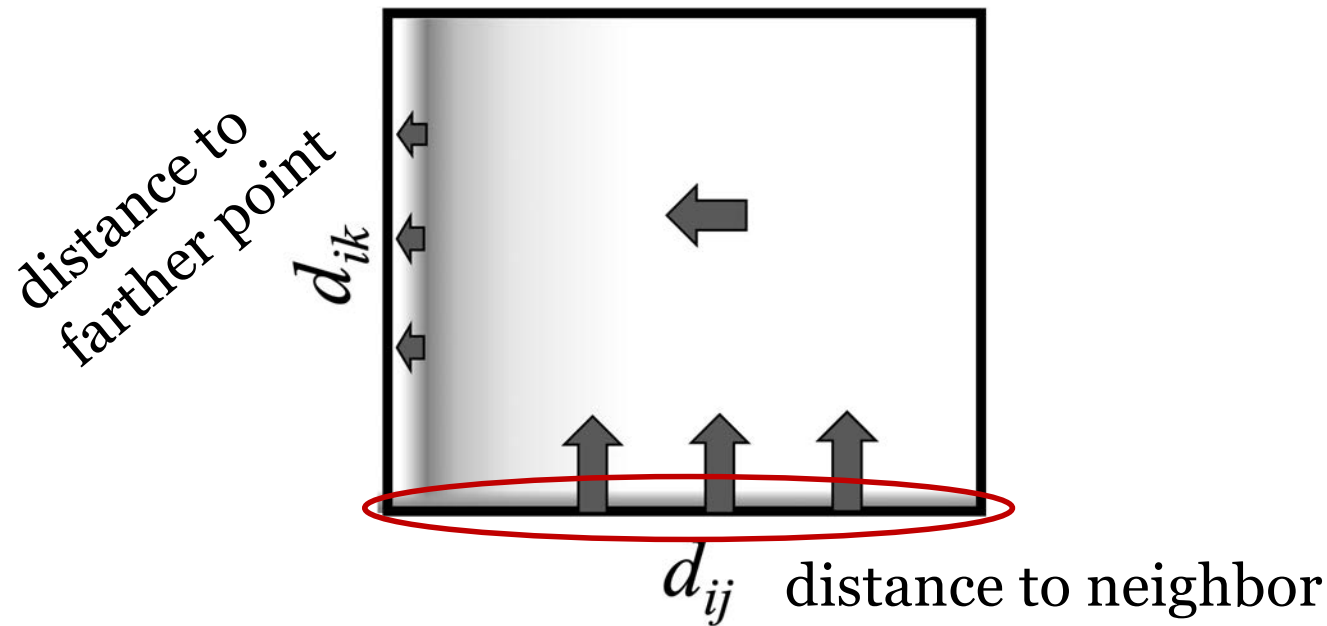
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4. At left, gradient has small magnitude (don't crowd).

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \theta_{ik}^\epsilon : \forall d_{ik} \geq \theta_{ik}^\epsilon, \lim_{d_{ij} \rightarrow 0} \left| \frac{\partial Loss}{\partial d_{ik}} \right| < \epsilon, \text{ and } \lim_{d_{ij} \rightarrow 0} \left| \frac{\partial Loss}{\partial d_{ij}} \right| < \epsilon.$$

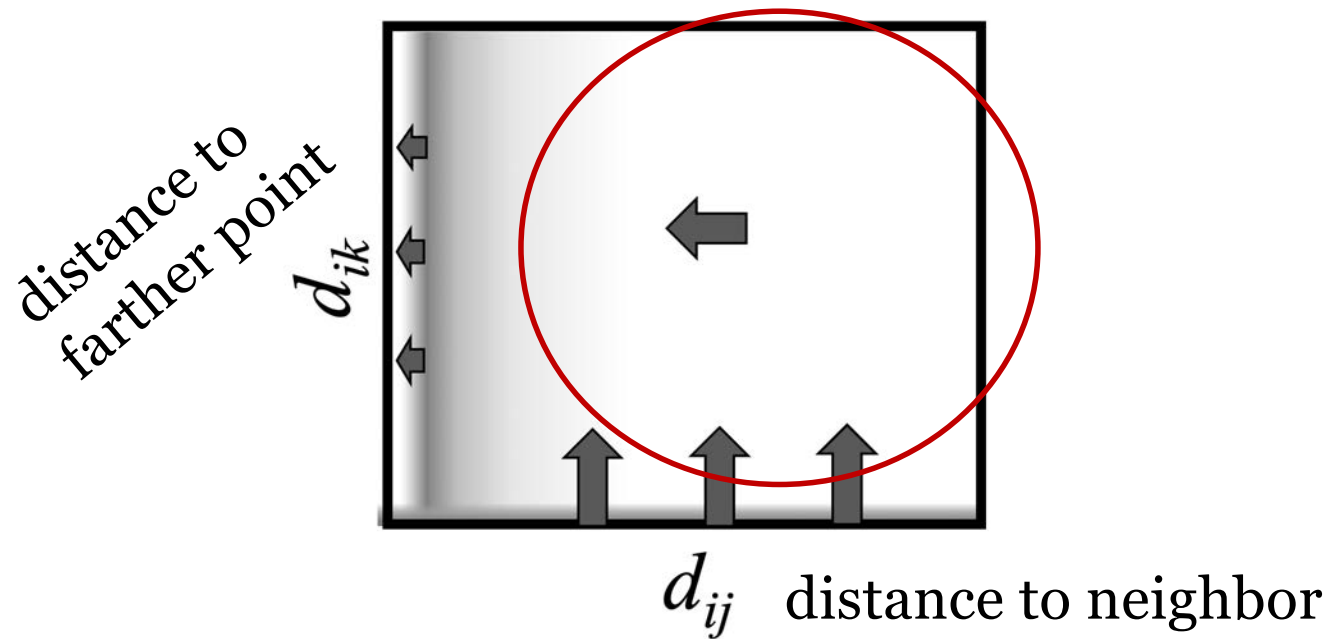
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5. At bottom, gradient has large magnitude (push farther point away)

$$\forall d_{ij}, \exists \theta_{ik} \forall d_{ik} > \theta_{ik} : \left| \frac{\partial \text{Loss}}{\partial d_{ik}} \right|^2 + \left| \frac{\partial \text{Loss}}{\partial d_{ij}} \right|^2 \text{ is non-increasing in } d_{ik}.$$

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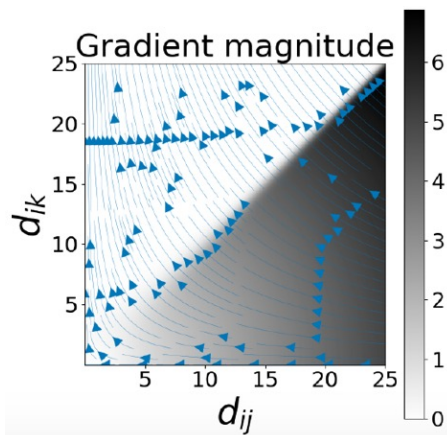
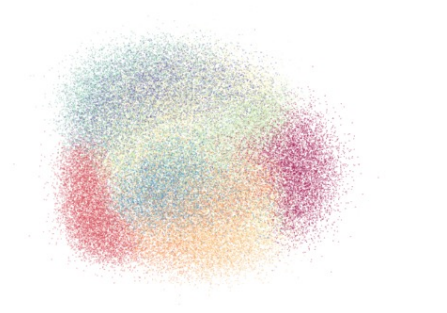


6. Gradient fades as neighbor gets farther away.
(give up on neighbors when they are too far)

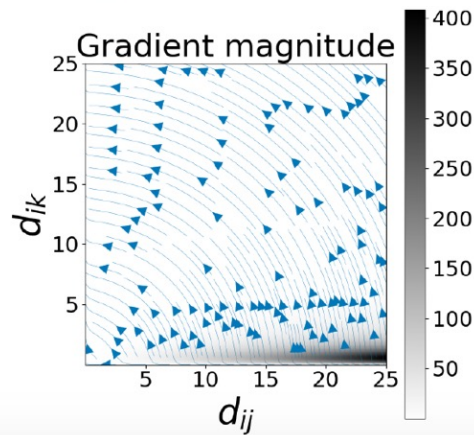
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Bad loss functions

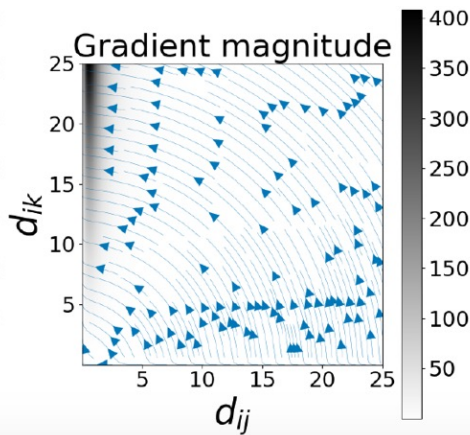
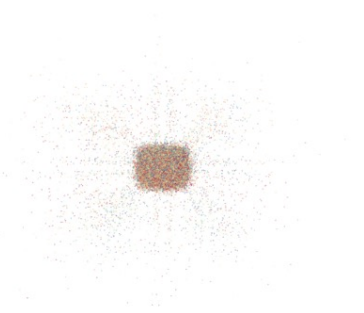
$$Loss = \log\left(1 + \exp\left(\frac{d_{ij}^2 - d_{ik}^2}{10}\right)\right)$$



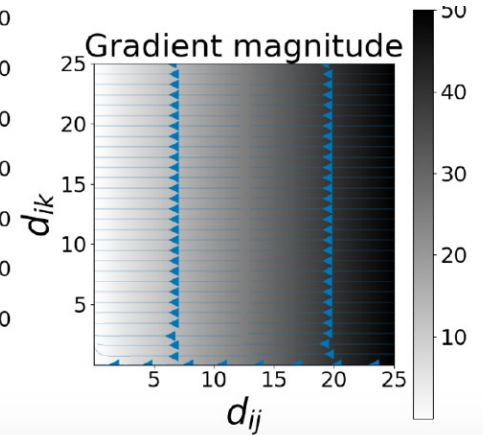
$$Loss = \frac{d_{ij}^2 + 1}{d_{ik}^2 + 1}$$



$$Loss = -\frac{d_{ik}^2 + 1}{d_{ij}^2 + 1}$$



$$Loss = \log(1 + \exp(d_{ij}^2) + \exp(-d_{ik}^2))$$



Algorithm	Graph components and Loss function
t-SNE (van der Maaten & Hinton, 2008)	Graph components: Edges (i, j) $\text{Loss}_{i,j}^{\text{t-SNE}} = p_{ij} \log \frac{p_{ij}}{q_{ij}}$, where $q_{ij} = \frac{(1 + \ \mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_j\ ^2)^{-1}}{\sum_{k \neq l} (1 + \ \mathbf{y}_k - \mathbf{y}_l\ ^2)^{-1}}$ where p_{ij} is a function of $\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j$ and other \mathbf{x}_ℓ 's.
UMAP (McInnes et al., 2018)	Graph components: Edges (i, j) $\text{Loss}_{i,j}^{\text{UMAP}} = \begin{cases} \bar{w}_{i,j} \log \left(1 + a (\ \mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_j\ _2^2)^b \right)^{-1} & i, j \text{ neighbors} \\ (1 - \bar{w}_{i,j}) \log \left(1 - \left(1 + a (\ \mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_j\ _2^2)^b \right)^{-1} \right) & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$ where $\bar{w}_{i,j}$ is a function of $\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j$ and nearby \mathbf{x}_ℓ 's.
TriMAP (Amid & Warmuth, 2019)	Graph components: Triplets (i, j, k) where $\text{Distance}_{i,j} \leq \text{Distance}_{i,k}$ $\text{Loss}_{i,j,k}^{\text{TM}} = \omega_{i,j,k} \frac{s(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y}_k)}{s(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y}_j) + s(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y}_k)}$, where $s(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y}_j) = (1 + \ \mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_j\ ^2)^{-1}$ and $\omega_{i,j,k}$ is a function of $\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{x}_k$ and nearby points.

Hard to understand what's important here...

PaCMAP's Loss

$$\text{LOSS}^{\text{PaCMAP}} = w_{\text{neighbors}} \text{LOSS}_{\text{neighbors}} + w_{MN} \text{LOSS}_{MN} + w_{FP} \text{LOSS}_{FP}$$

$$\text{distance}(i, j) := \|\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_j\|^2 + 1$$

$$\text{LOSS}_{\text{neighbors}} = \frac{\text{distance}(i, j)}{\text{distance}(i, j) + 10} \quad \text{LOSS}_{MN} = \frac{\text{distance}(i, l)}{\text{distance}(i, l) + 10000} \quad \text{LOSS}_{FP} = \frac{1}{\text{distance}(i, l) + 1}$$

Neighbors:
attractive

Mid-near pairs:
mild attractive

Further points:
repulsive

Mid near pair for i : sample 6 points, choose the second closest, pair it with i .

t-SNE



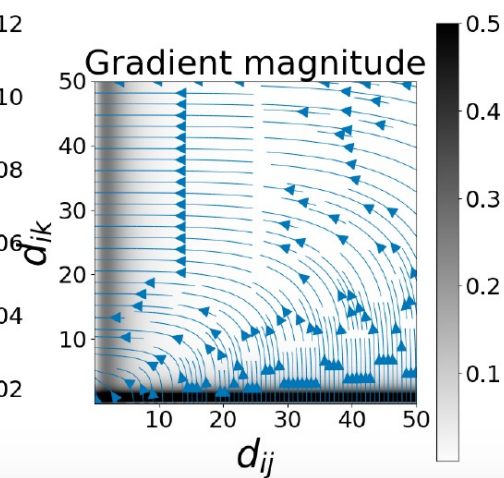
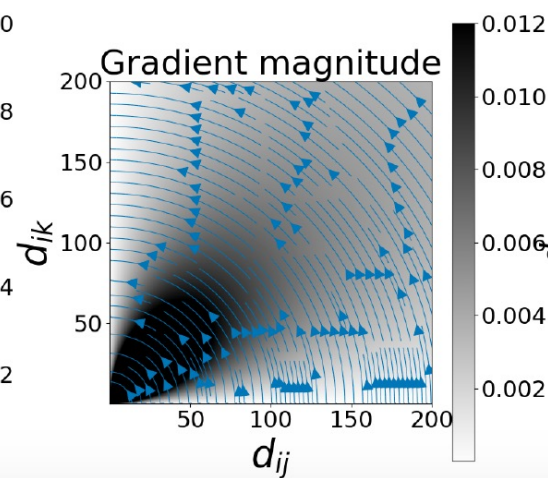
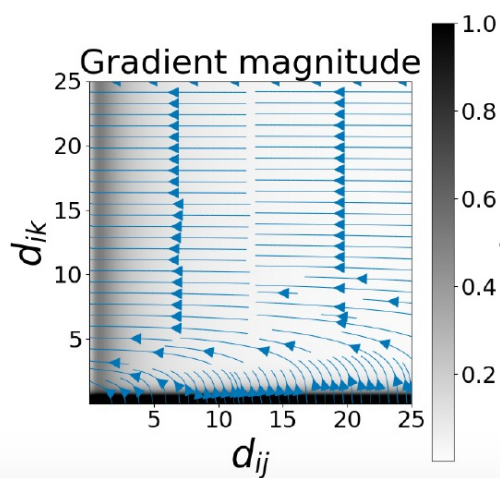
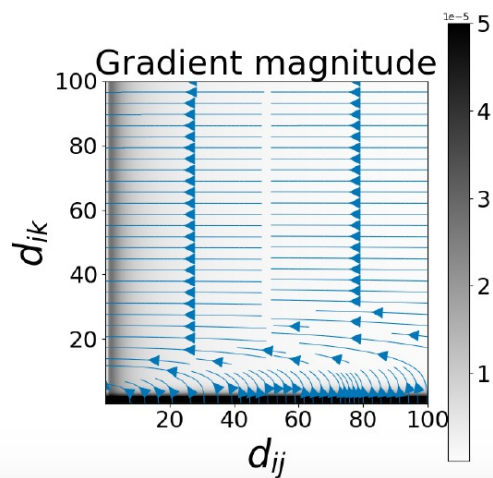
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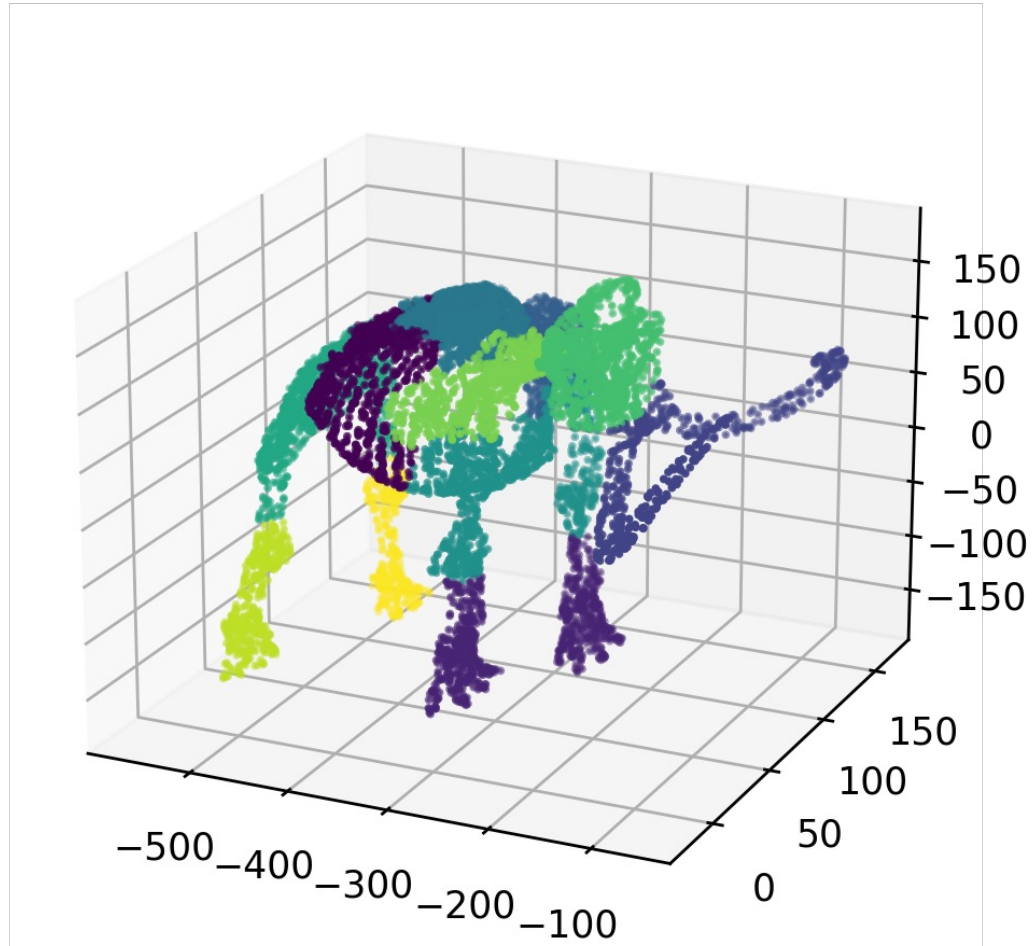
TriMap



PaCMAP

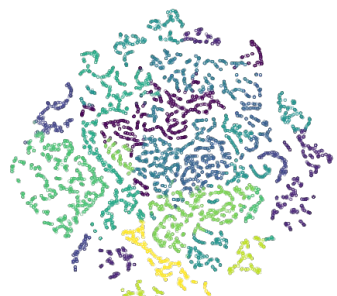


Original Mammoth



Task: 3d to 2d.

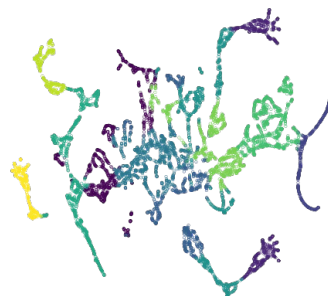
t-SNE(perplexity=10)



t-SNE(perplexity=125)



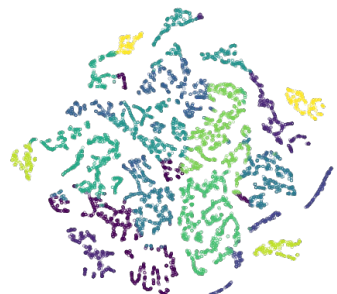
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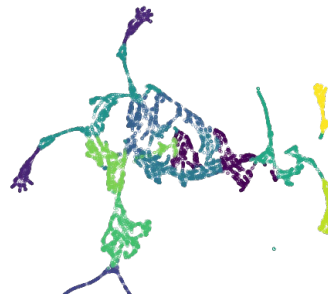
t-SNE(perplexity=20)



t-SNE(perplexity=250)



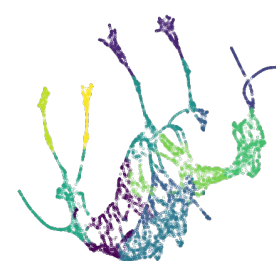
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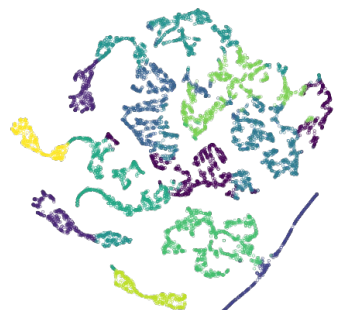
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PaCMAP



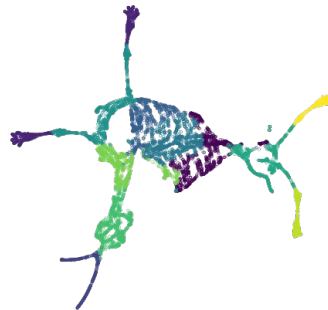
t-SNE(perplexity=40)



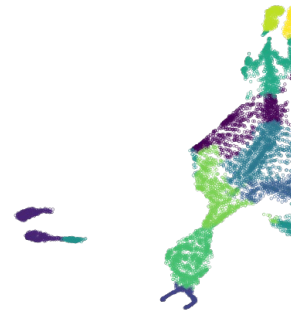
t-SNE(perplexity=500)



UMAP(n_neighbors=40)



LargeVis(perplexity=500)



Studying Clusters of People with HIV



Yingfan Wang
AWS



Prof. Lesia Semenova
Rutgers

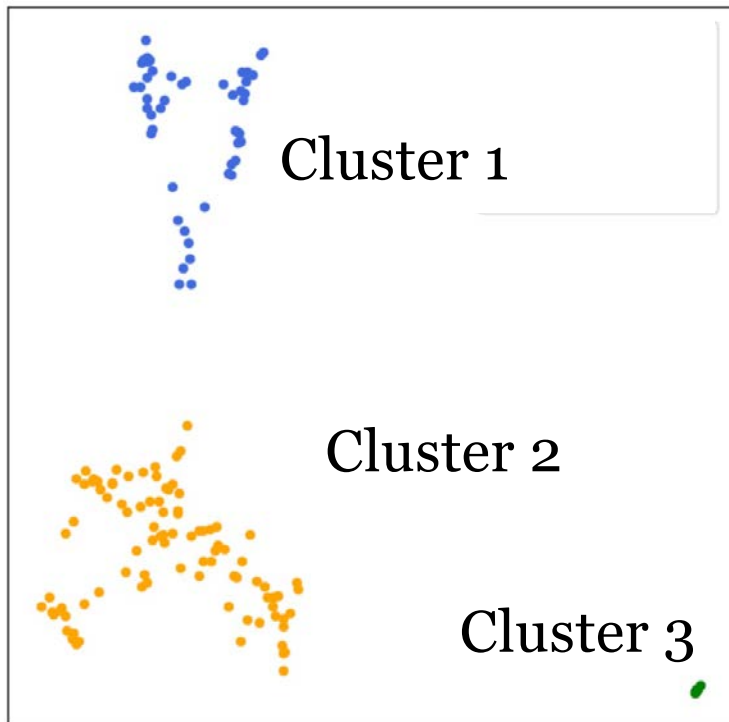


Prof. Edward Browne
University of North Carolina,
Chapel Hill
Division of Infectious Diseases

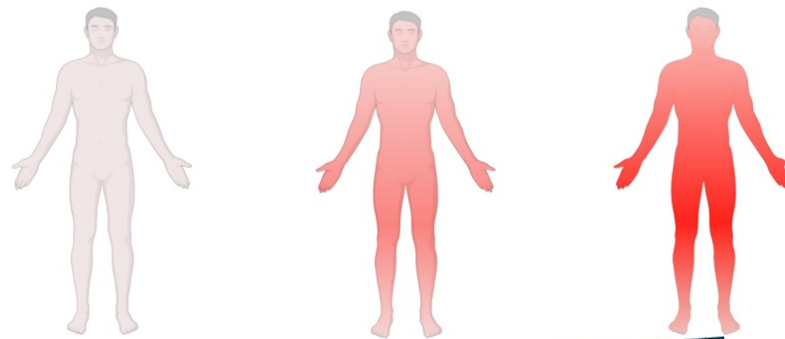


Prof. David Murdoch
Pulmonary, Allergy, and
Critical Care Medicine
Duke University

Clustering of people with HIV associated with differential expression of genes regulated by the transcription factor NF- κ B



Cluster 2 (n=94) Cluster 1 (n=51) Cluster 3 (n=9)



-
-
+

+
+/-
-

+
++
-

NF- κ B activity

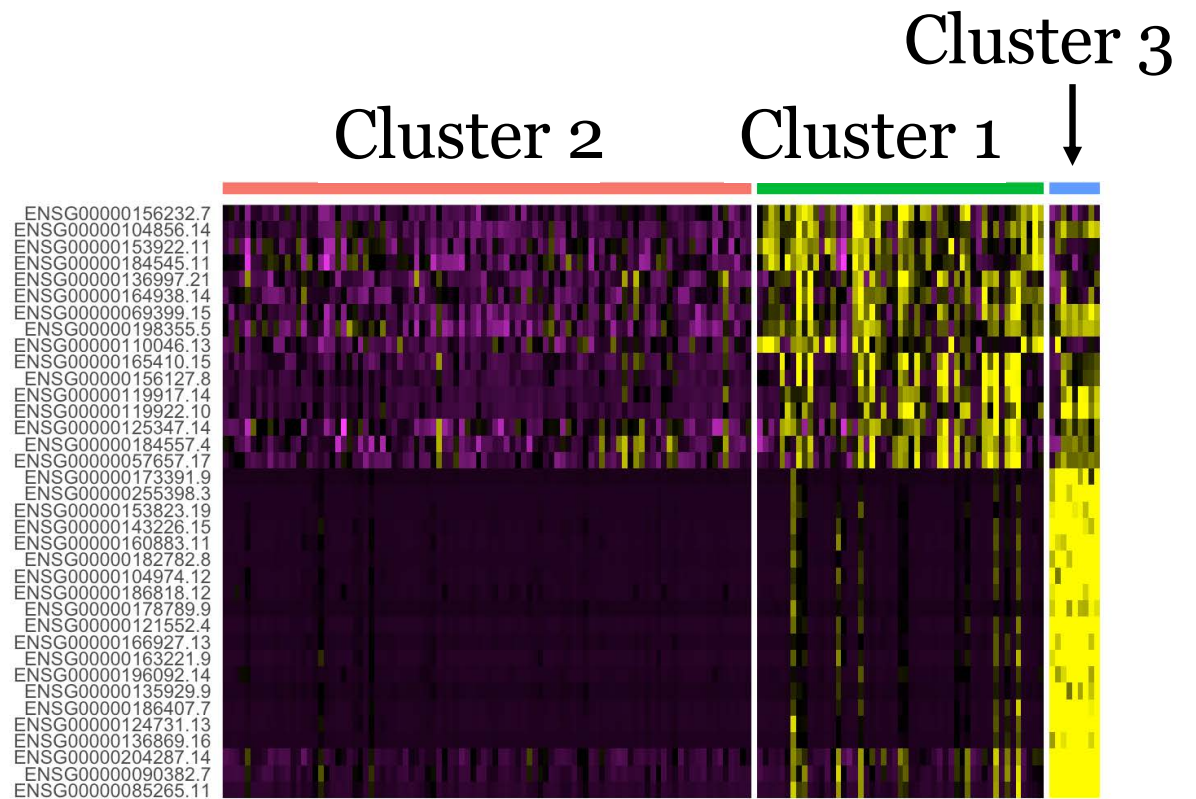
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TNF α

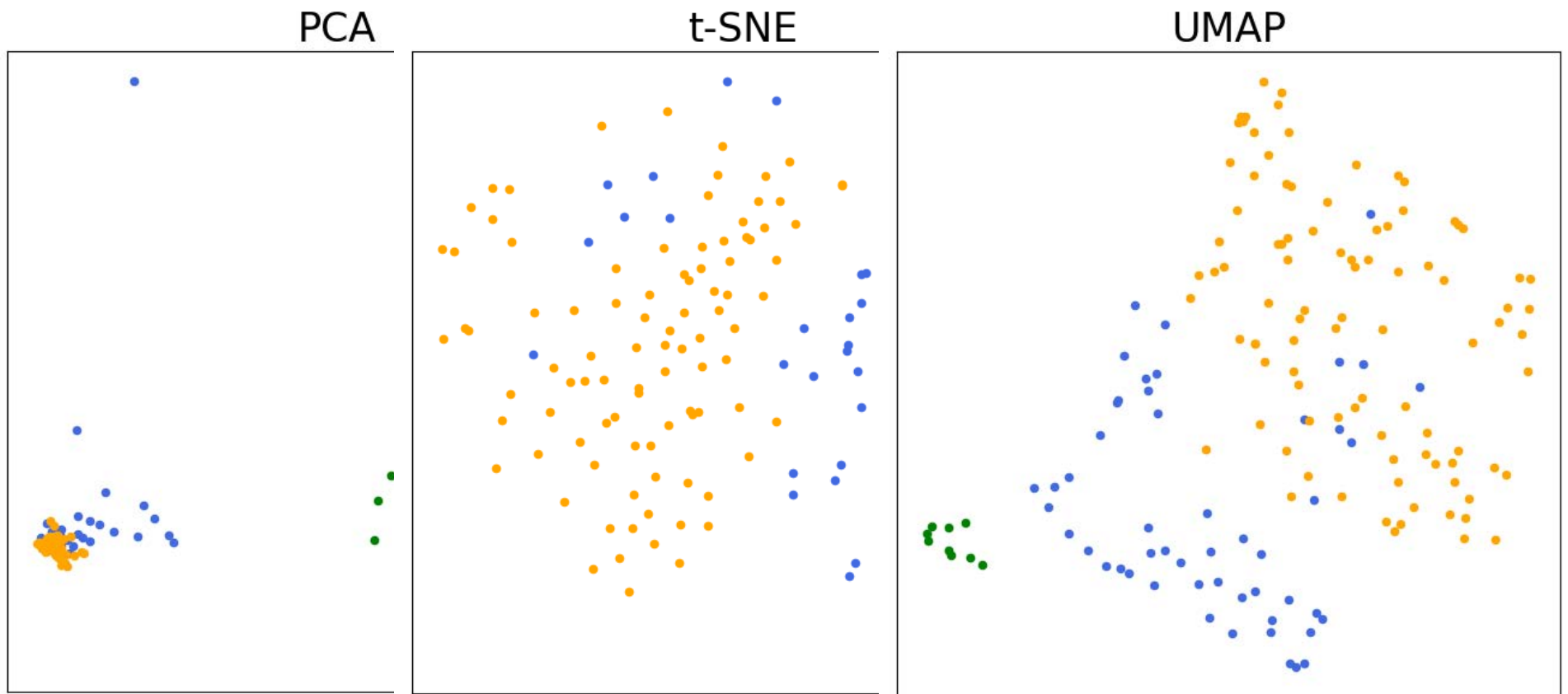
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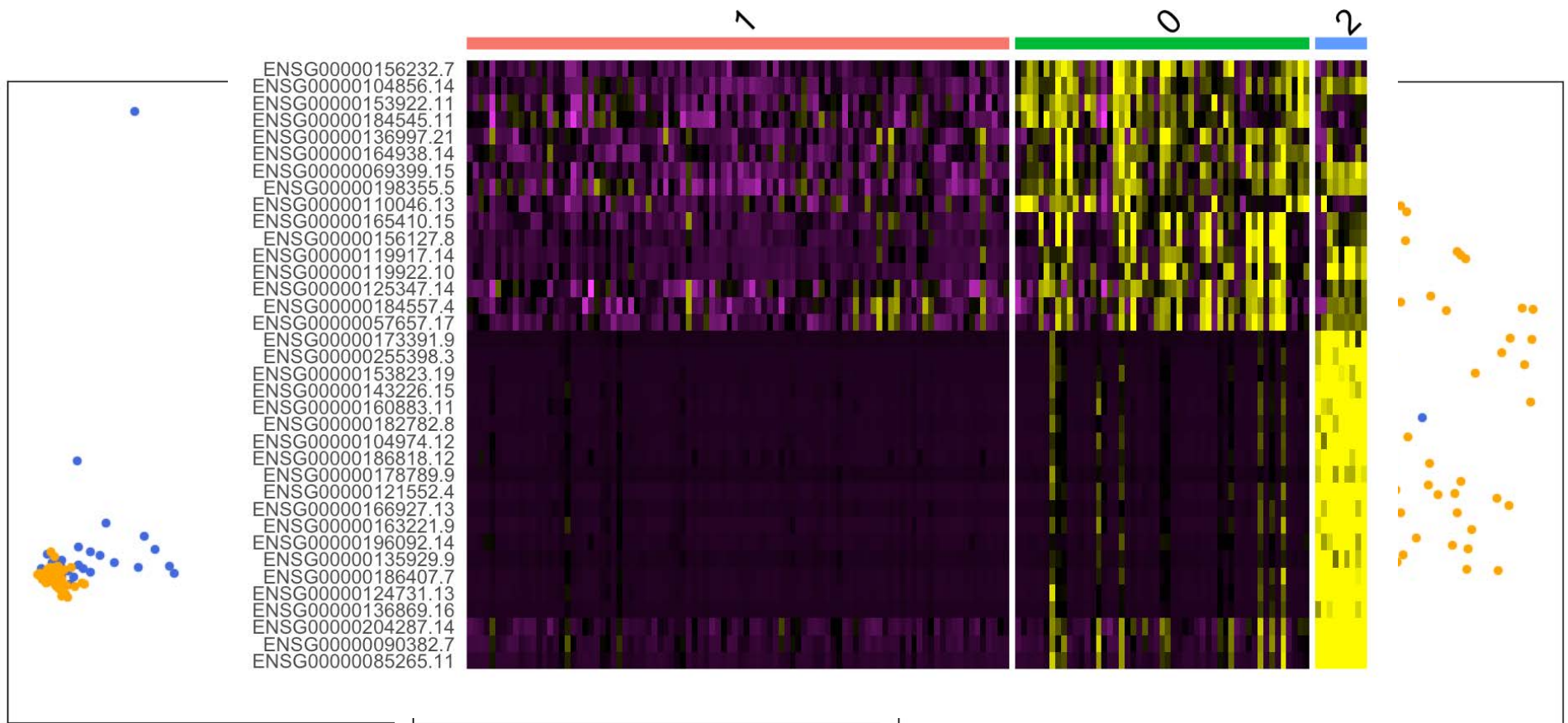
Differential Expression of Genes Between Clusters



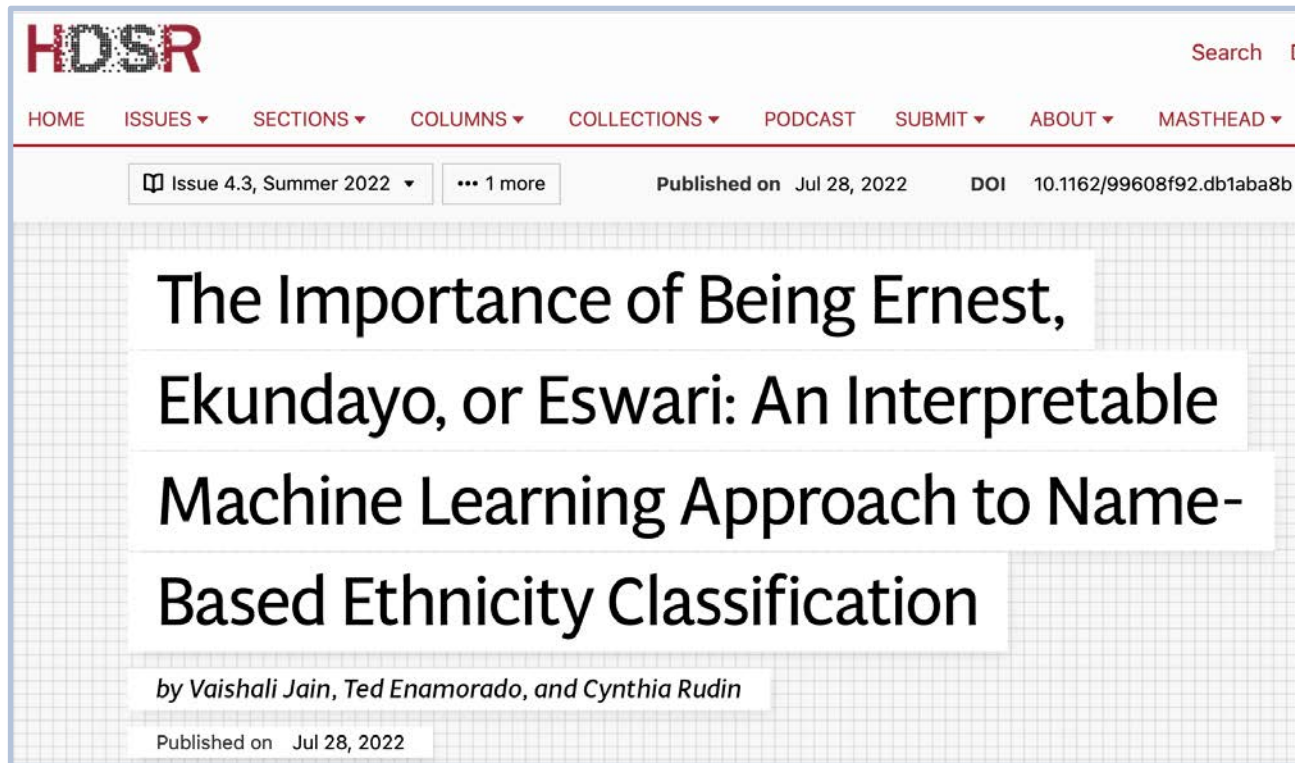
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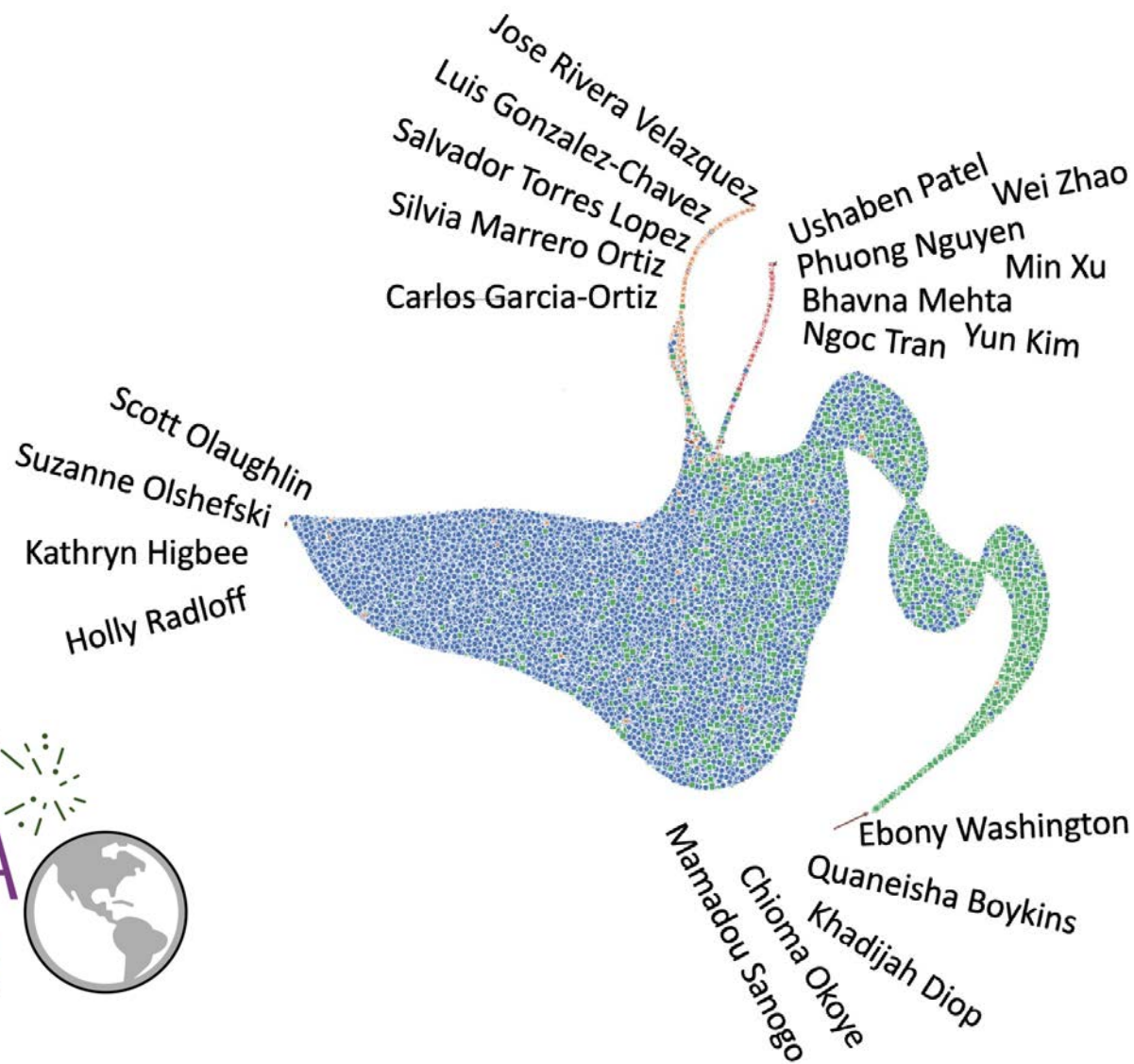
Other DR methods fail to identify the clusters



Name-Ethnicity Classification (helpful for assessing fairness)



Harvard Data Science Review, 2022



Our latest DR papers

Dimension Reduction with Locally Adjusted Graphs

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AAAI, 2025

MNIST again

UMAP



t-SNE

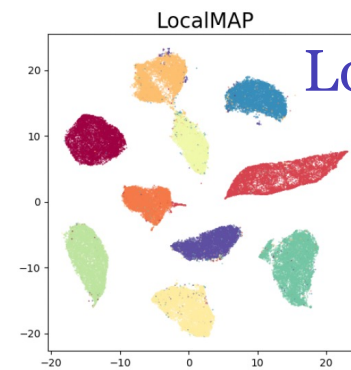
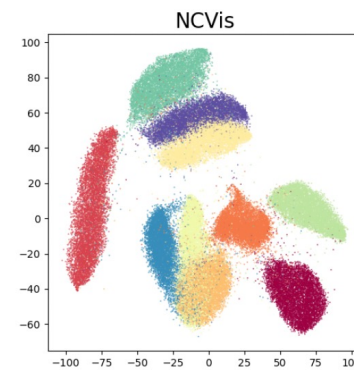
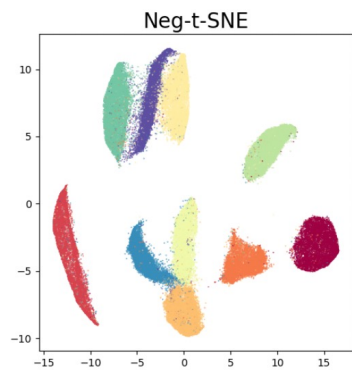
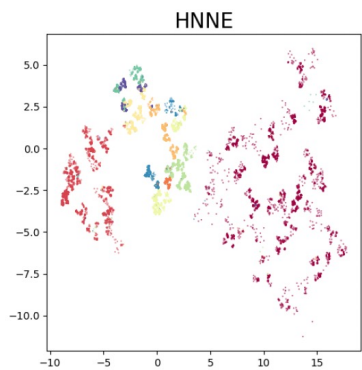
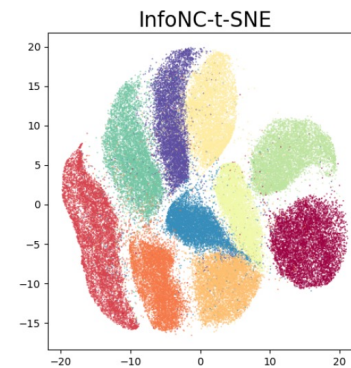
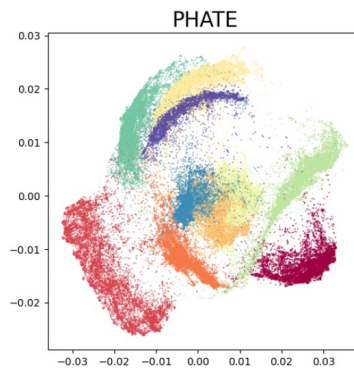
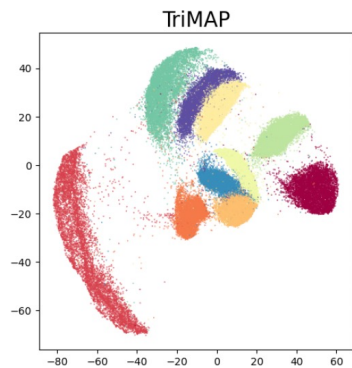
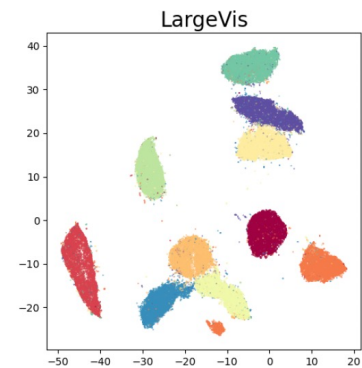
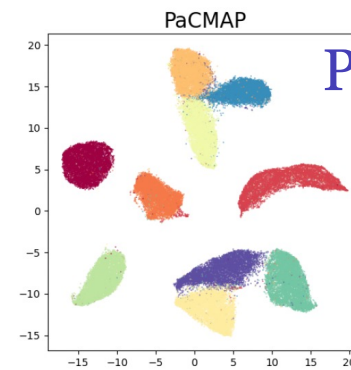
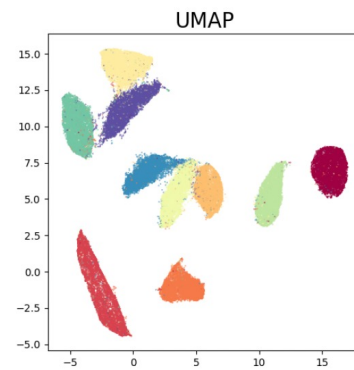
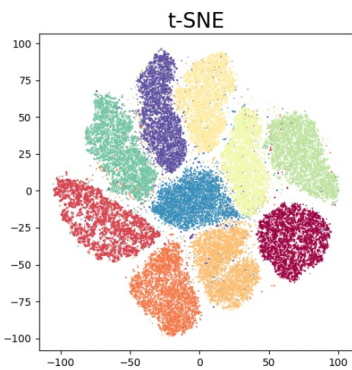
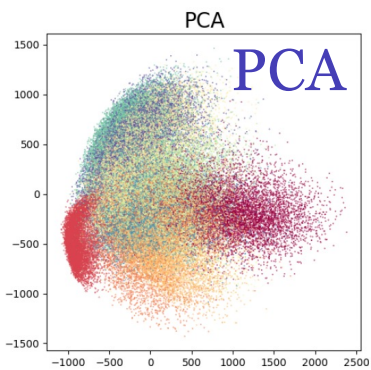


PaCMAP



LocalMAP





PaCMAP

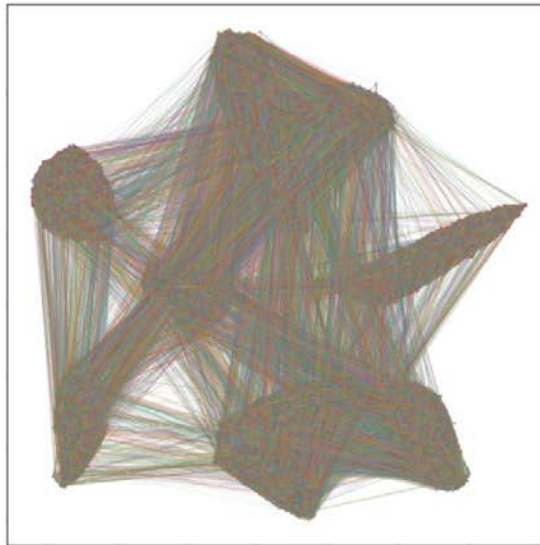
LocalMAP

Standard DR methods (including PaCMAP) include data incorrectly!

PaCMAP



High dim
nearest neighbors



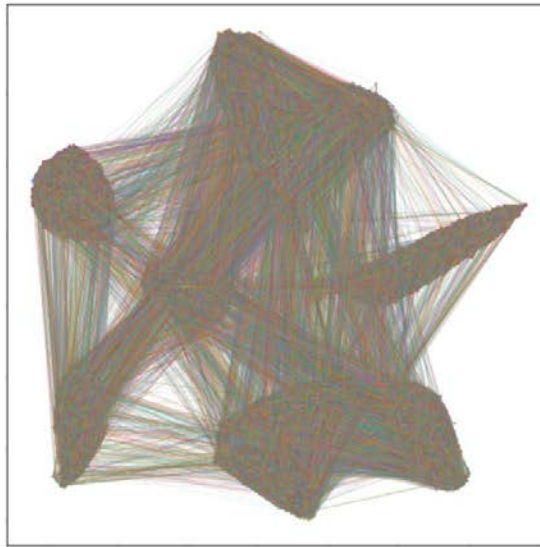
LocalMAP dynamically resamples/reweights data to
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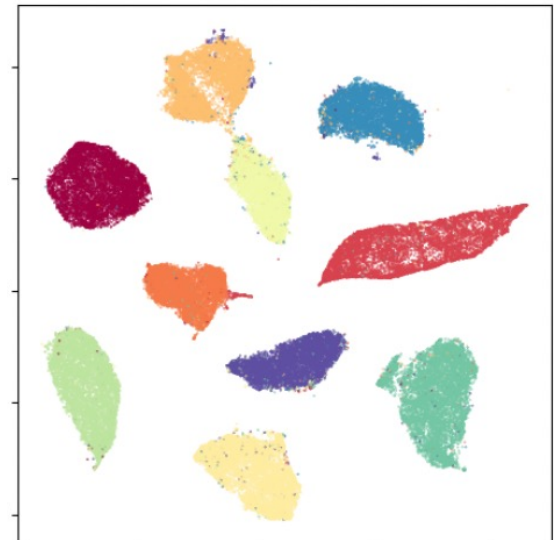
PaCMAP



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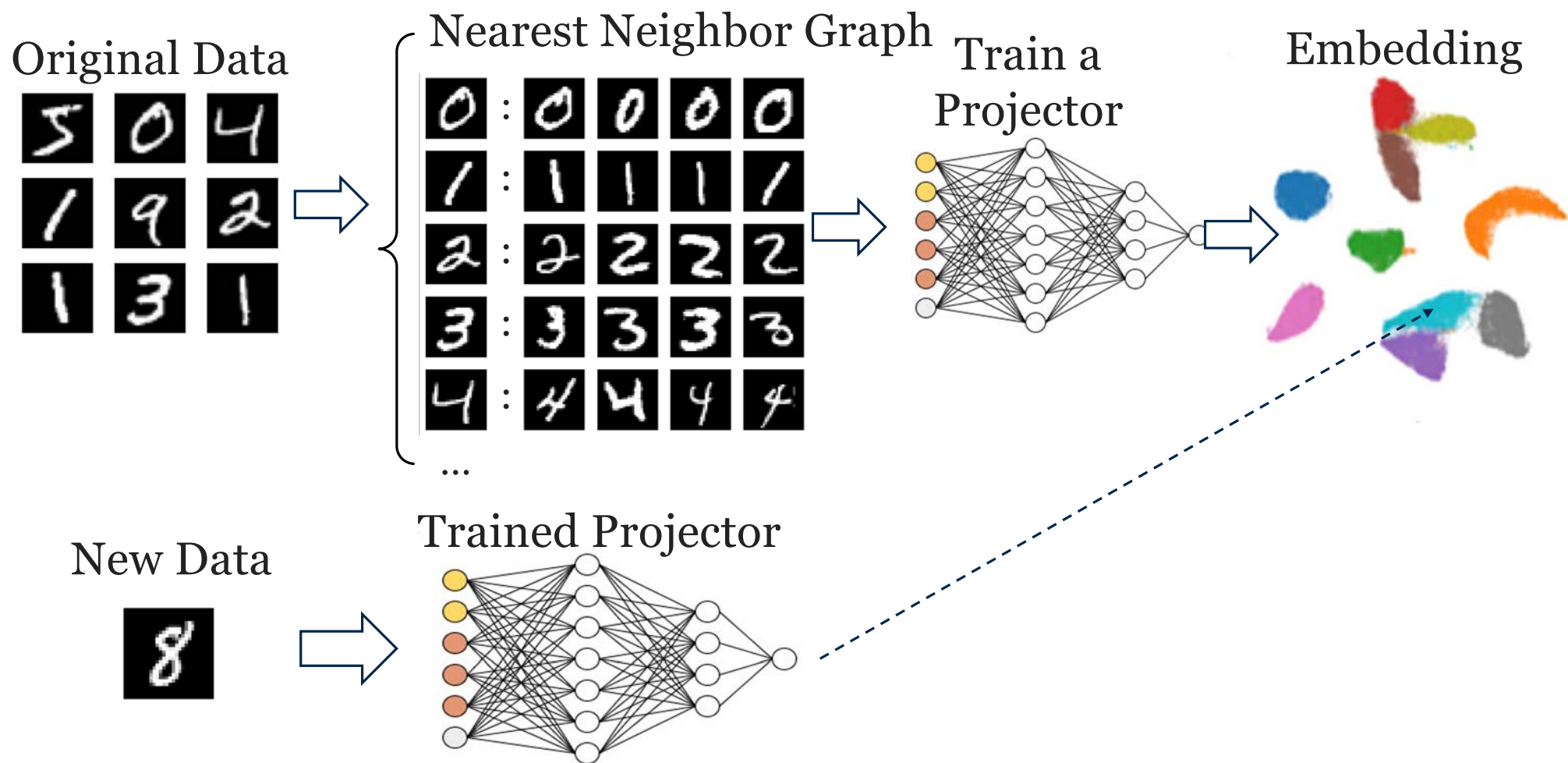


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Navigating the Effect of Parametrization for Dimensionality Reduction

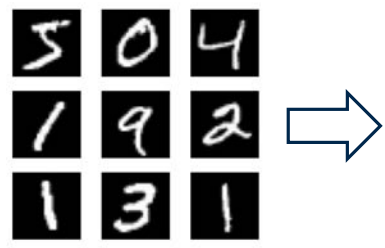
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Use a **parametrized** projector to map original data into embedding



Use a **parametrized** projector to map original data into embedding

Parametric DR



EEG Monitoring



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Improving Clinician Performance in Classifying EEG Patterns on the Ictal–Interictal Injury Continuum Using Interpretable Machine Learning

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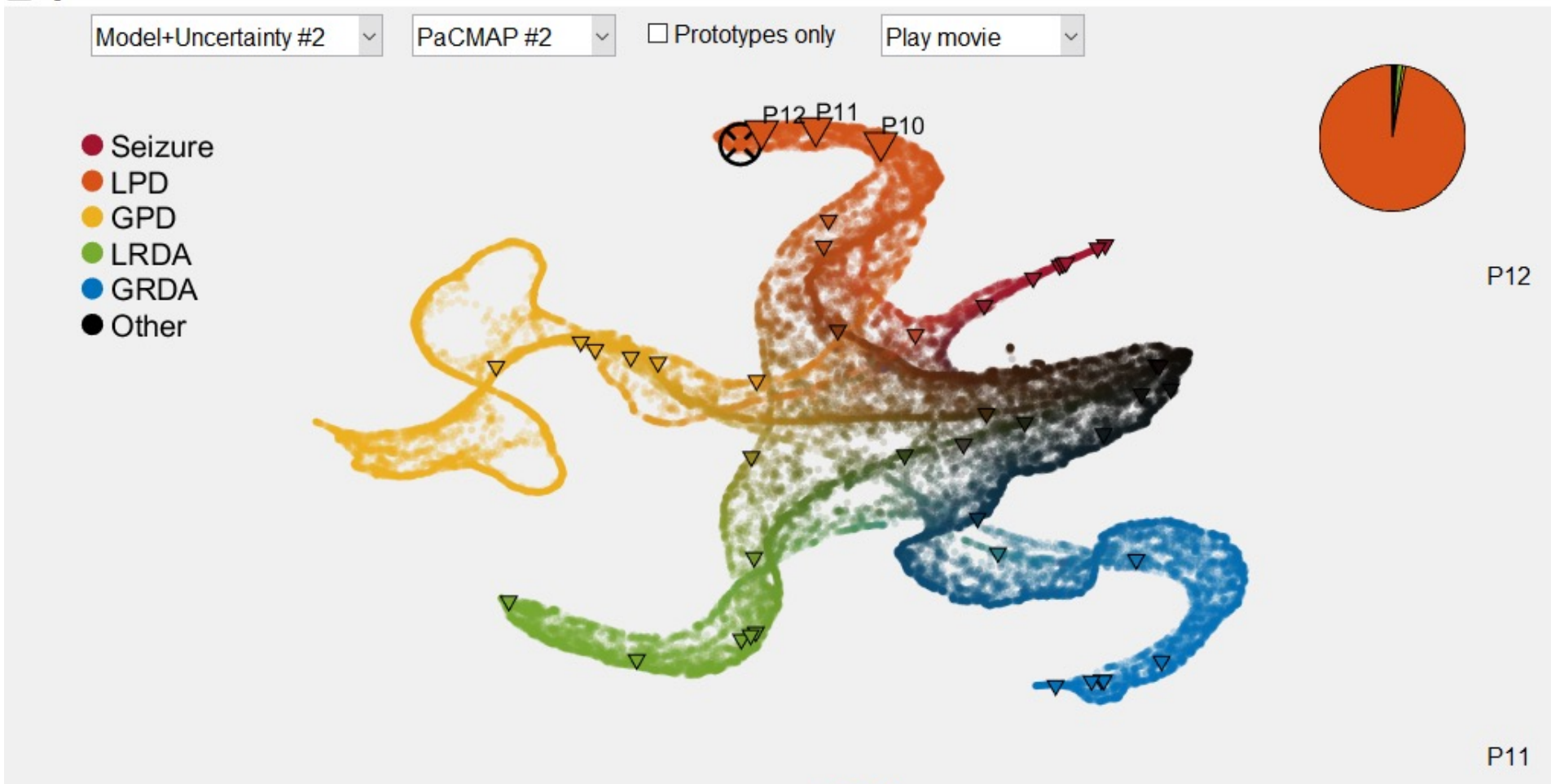
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EEG Monitoring



Figure 1

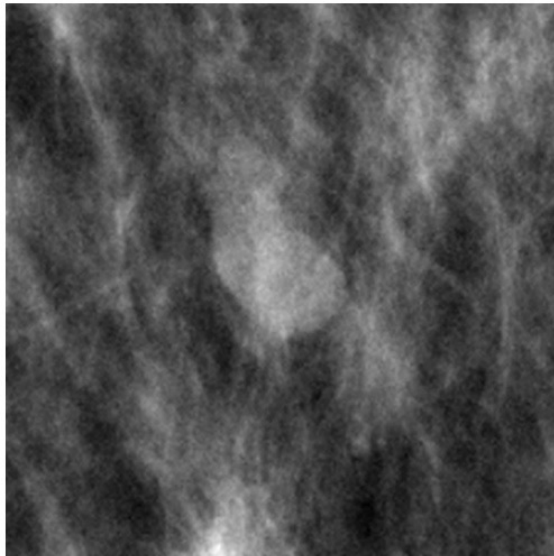
Figure 1



Interpretable neural networks

- ProtoPNet uses case-based reasoning

Should I biopsy this breast lesion?



Black box approach:

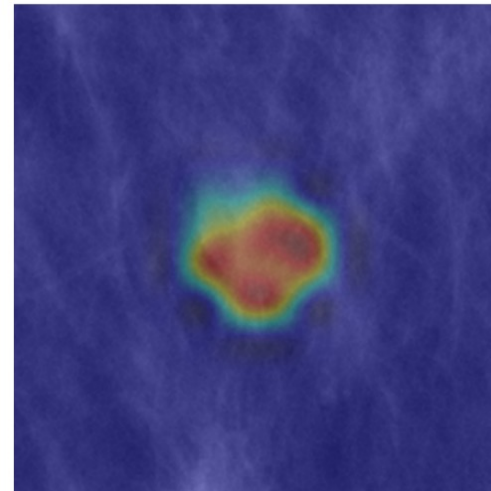
Probability of malignancy is low. Predict benign.

Reason: N/A

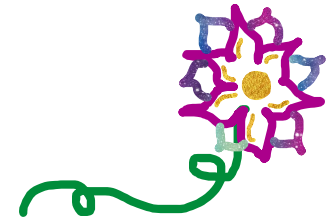
Saliency map approach:

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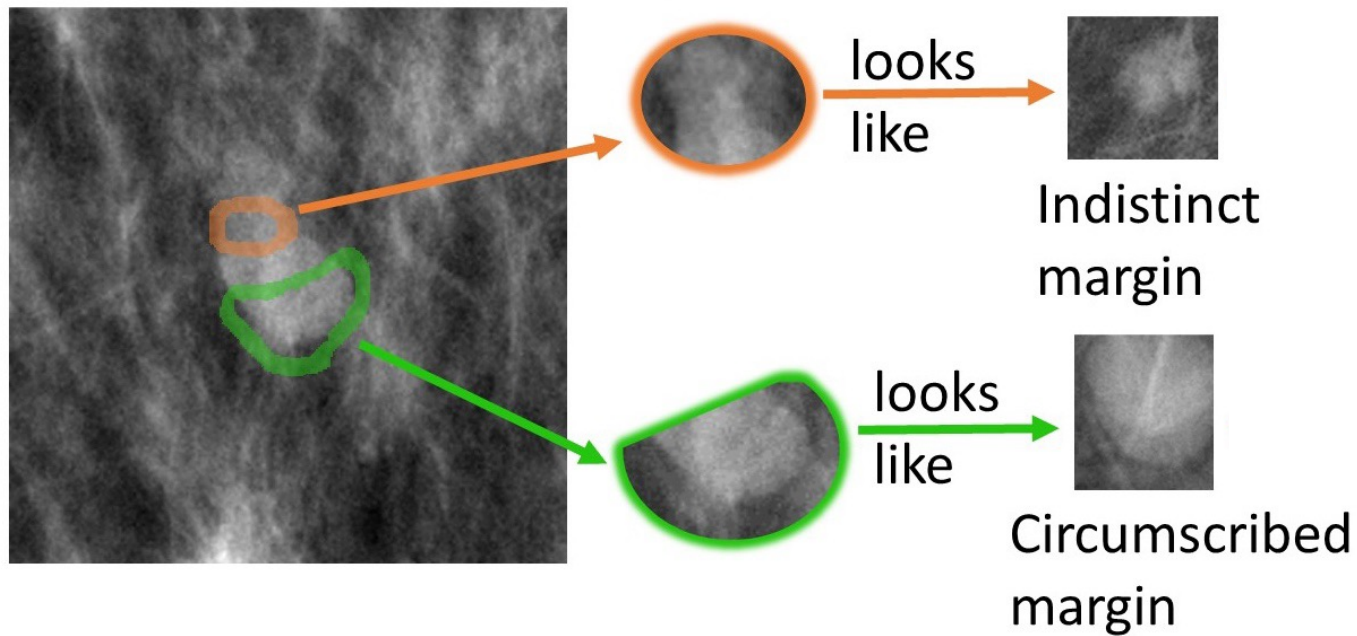
Reason: Here is where I am looking.



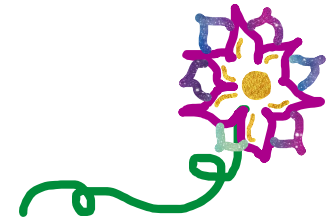
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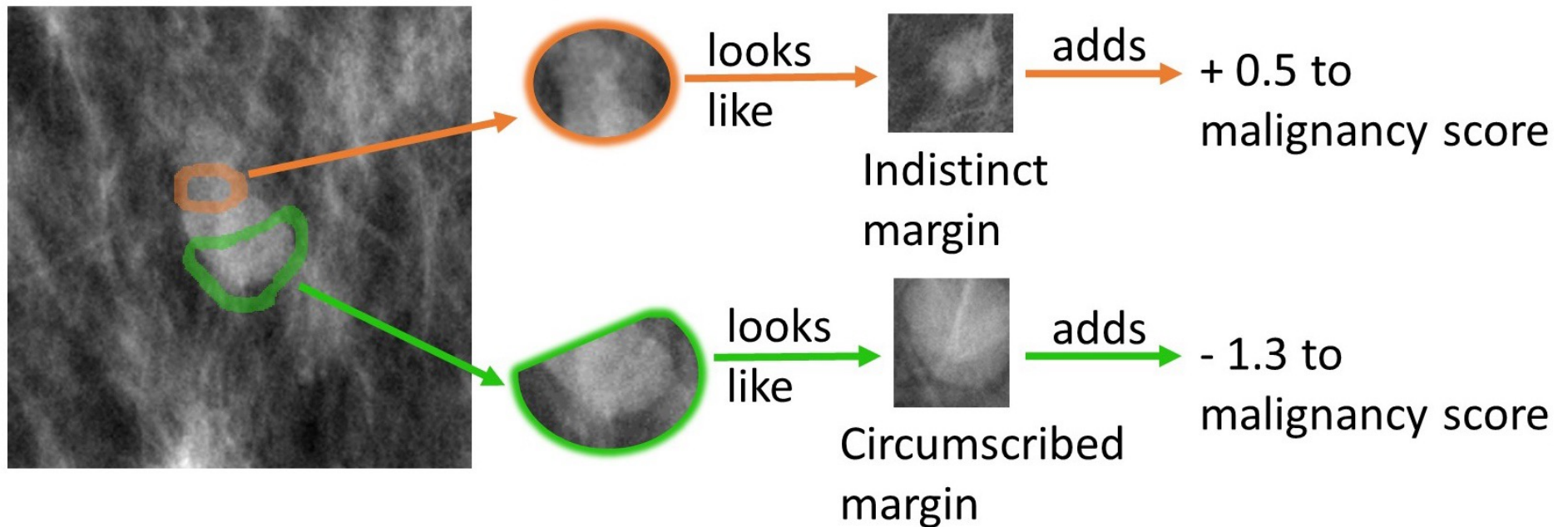
Our approach (IAIA-BL)



Should I biopsy this breast lesion?



Our approach (IAIA-BL)



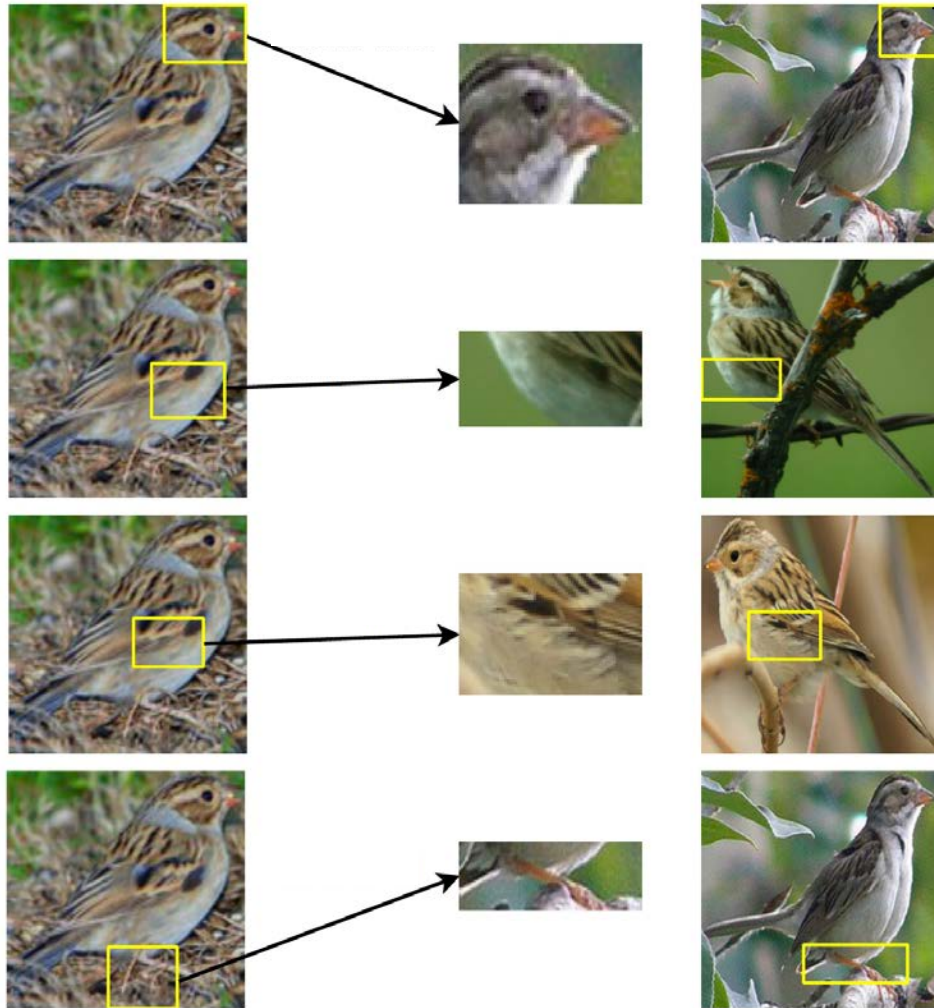
Probability of malignancy is low. Predict benign.

Reason: Mass primarily has circumscribed margin.

Why is this bird
classified as a clay-
colored sparrow?



Because this looks like that part of a prototypical clay-
colored sparrow



This Looks Like That: Deep Learning for Interpretable Image Recognition

NeurIPS 2019 (spotlight)

1.6K+ citations

ProtoPNet

- Adds a “prototype” layer to a black box, forces the network to do case-based reasoning.



Oscar Li



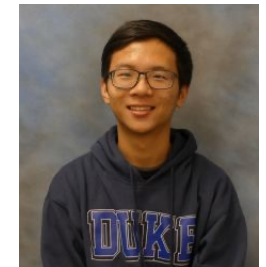
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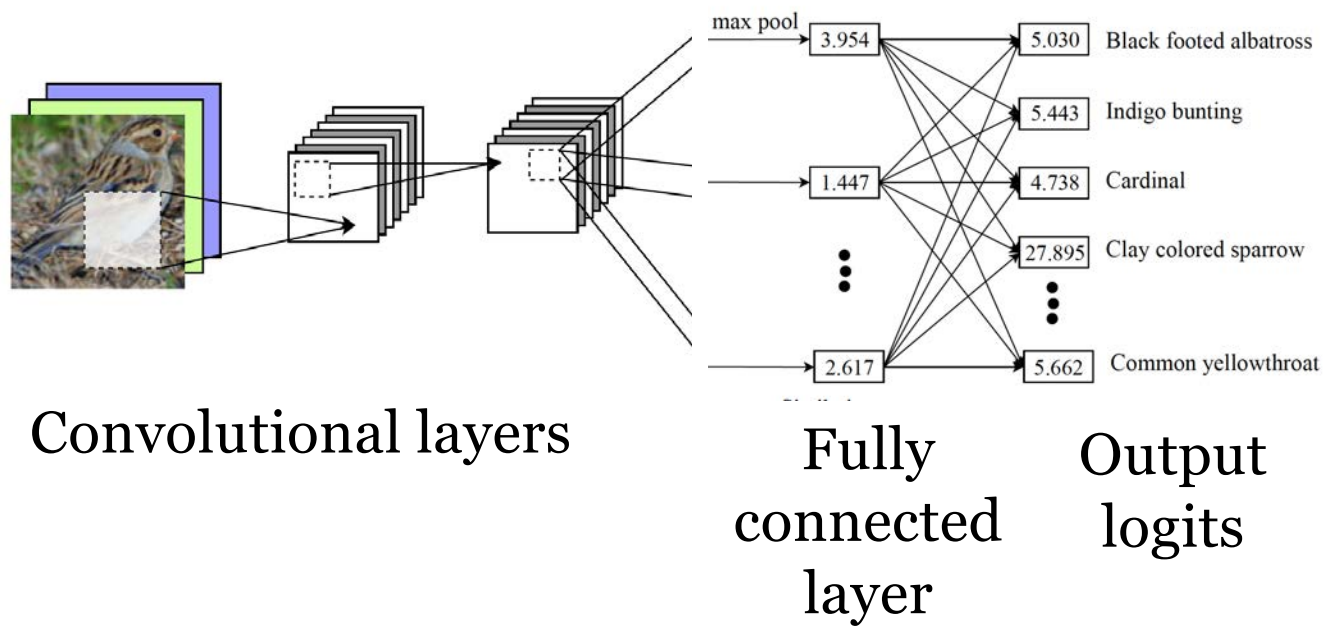


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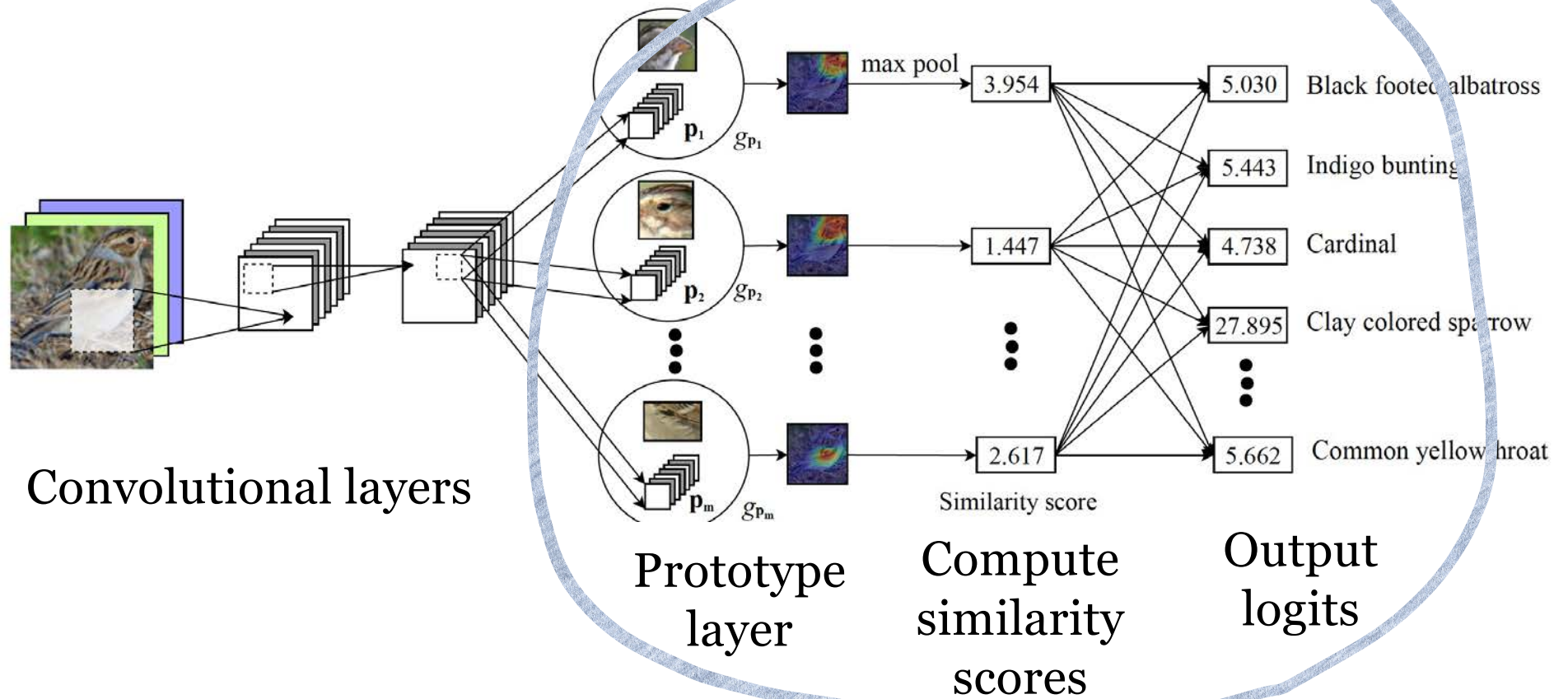


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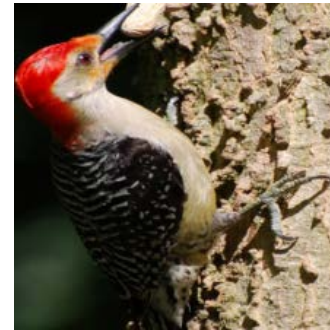
Take any “standard” black box CNN...

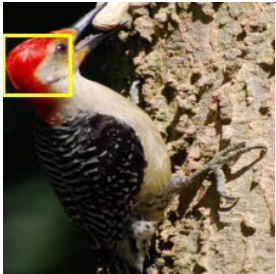

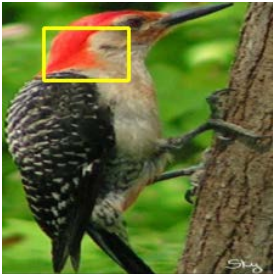



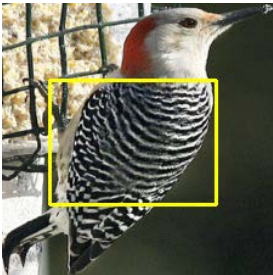
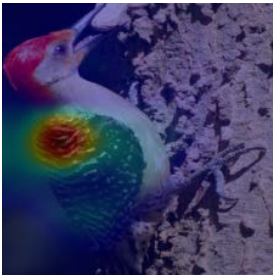





And transform it to be interpretable



Why is this bird classified as a red-bellied woodpecker?



Original image	Prototype	Training image	Activation map	Similarity score	Class connection	Points contributed
				6.499	\times 1.180	7.669
				4.392	\times 1.127	4.950
						

Why is this bird classified as a red-bellied woodpecker?



Evidence for this bird being a red-bellied woodpecker:

Original image (box showing part that looks like prototype)	Prototype	Training image where prototype comes from	Activation map	Similarity score	Class connection	Points contributed
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				4.392	1.127	4.950
				3.890	1.108	4.310
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮

Total points to red-bellied woodpecker: 32.736

32.736 points

Evidence for this bird being a red-cockaded woodpecker:

Original image (box showing part that looks like prototype)	Prototype	Training image where prototype comes from	Activation map	Similarity score	Class connection	Points contributed
				2.452	1.046	2.565
				2.125	1.091	2.318
				1.945	1.069	2.079
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮

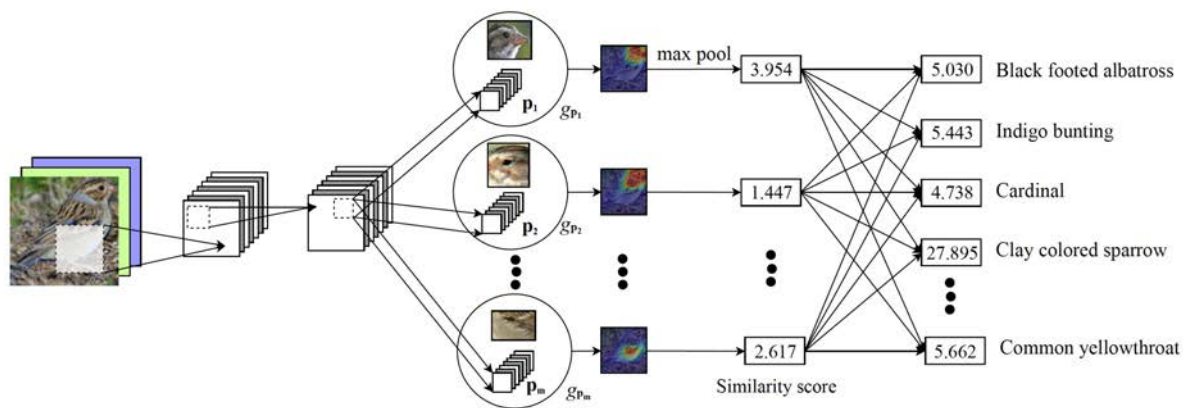
Total points to red-cockaded woodpecker: 16.886

16.886 points

Training ProtoPNet:

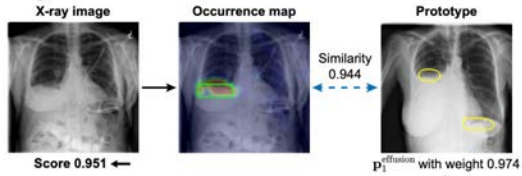
Minimize
Weights, Prototypes

Cross-Entropy Loss between labels and predictions
+ Distance from prototype to nearest patch of correct class
- Distance from prototype to nearest patch of incorrect class

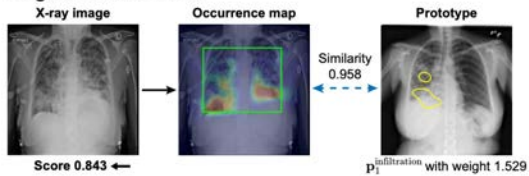


ProtoPNet Use Cases

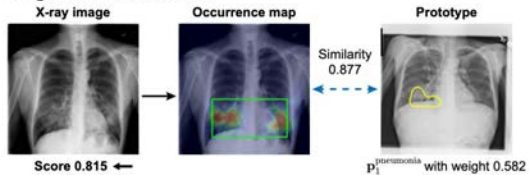
Diagnosis of Effusion



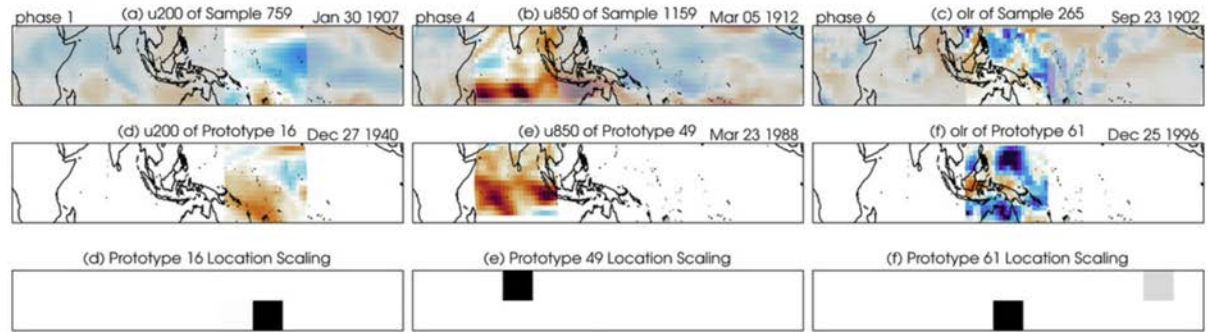
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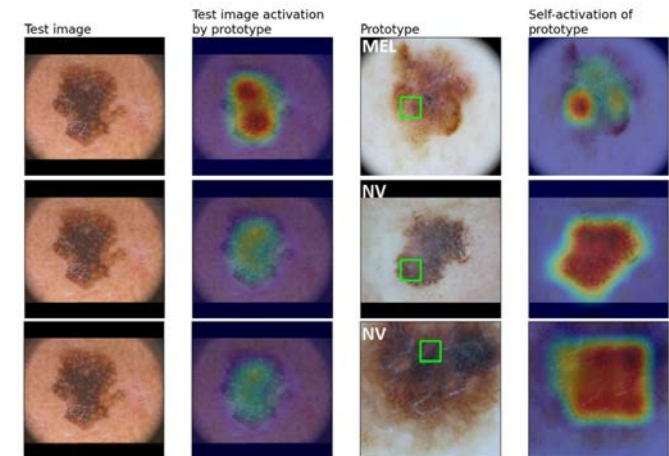
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Our latest ProtoPNet-ish papers

This Looks Like Those: Illuminating Prototypical Concepts Using Multiple Visualizations

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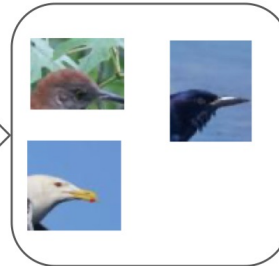
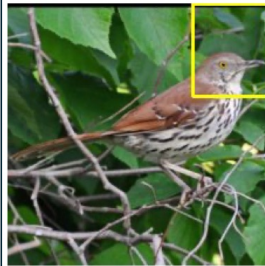
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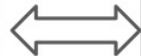
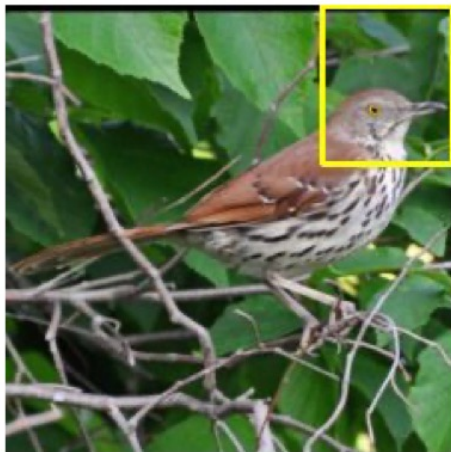


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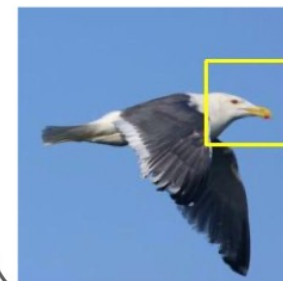
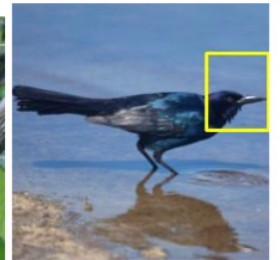
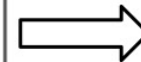
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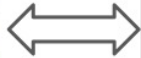
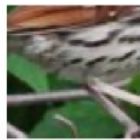


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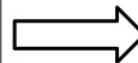
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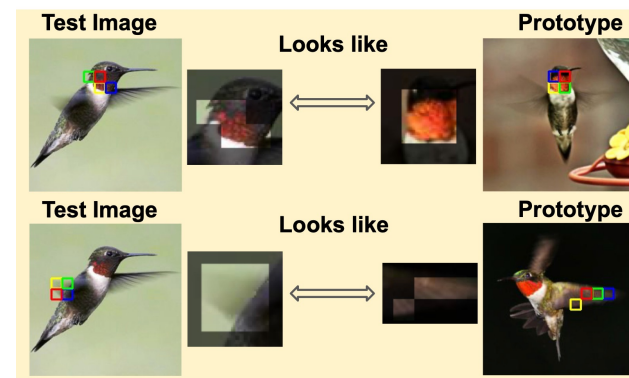
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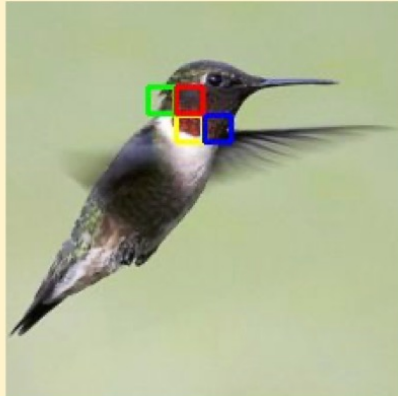
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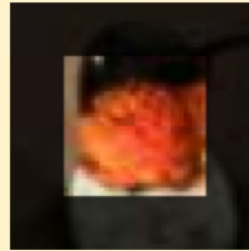
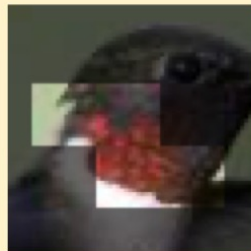
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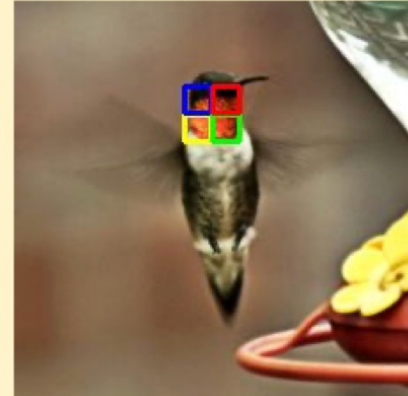
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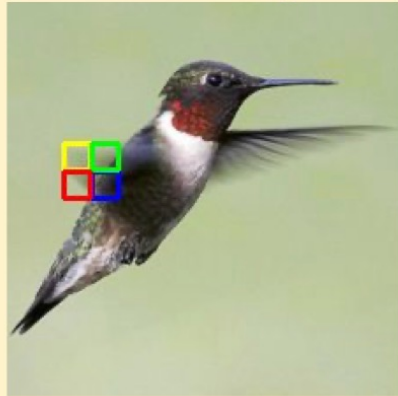
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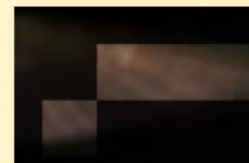
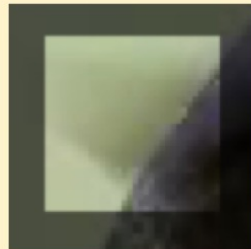
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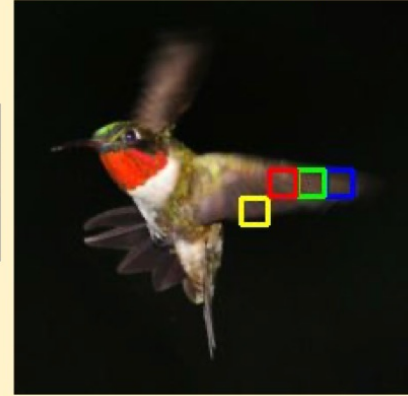
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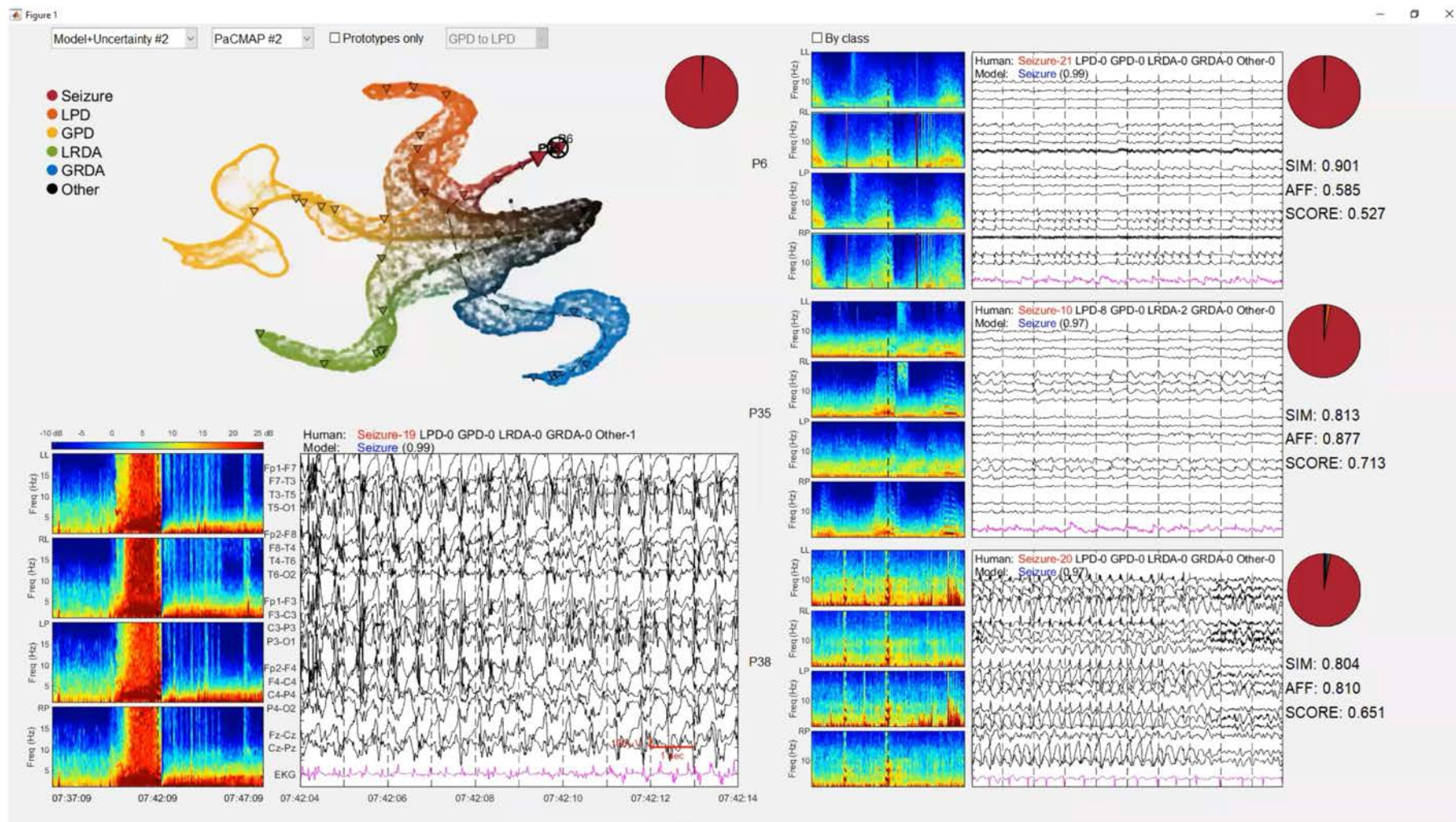


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