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Research statement

My research is focused on interpretable, trustworthy, and responsible deep learning. In particular, over the course of my PhD, I investigated how to design *inherently interpretable* deep neural networks such as the CoDA and the B-cos Networks, which are optimised to inherently provide explanations that highlight important input features.

Education

Max Planck Institute for Informatics — *Saarbrücken*

PhD in Interpretability in Deep Learning, expected graduation: 03/2024 — *03/2019 - present*

Advisors: Prof. Dr. Bernt Schiele, Prof. Dr. Mario Fritz

Bernstein Center for Computational Neuroscience — *Berlin*

MSc Computational Neuroscience, GPA 1.0 (Best possible: 1.0) — *10/2016 - 01/2019*

Machine Learning · Models of Higher Brain Functions · Models of Neural Systems

Thesis: Noise Suppression and Speech Enhancement using Deep Learning. Grade: 1.0 (Best possible: 1.0)

University of California, Santa Cruz — *Santa Cruz, CA, USA*

UC Education Abroad Program, GPA 4.0 (Best possible: 4.0) — *10/2014 - 06/2015*

Programming in Java, C, C++ · Biophysics

Freie Universität Berlin — *Berlin*

BSc Physics, GPA 1.0 (Best possible: 1.0) — *01/2012 - 08/2016*

Linear Algebra · Analysis · Analytical Mechanics · Statistical Physics

Thesis: Evaluating different barrier-crossing theories using Langevin simulations. Grade: 1.0 (Best possible: 1.0)

Research and Publications

(* equal contribution)

2023 A. Parchami-Araghi*, **M. Böhle***, S. Rao*, B. Schiele. *Good Teachers Explain: Explanation-Enhanced Knowledge Distillation.* arxiv:2402.03119. **Under submission.**

2023 **M. Böhle**, N. Singh, M. Fritz, B. Schiele. *B-cos Alignment for Inherently Interpretable CNNs and Vision Transformers.* Accepted for publication at IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence **(TPAMI)**, 2024.

2023 S. Rao, **M. Böhle**, B. Schiele. *Better Understanding Differences in Attribution Methods via Systematic Evaluations.* Accepted for publication at IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence **(TPAMI)**, 2024.

2023 S. Rao*, **M. Böhle***, A. Parchami-Araghi, B. Schiele. *Studying How to Efficiently and Effectively Guide Models with Explanations.* International Conference on Computer Vision **(ICCV)**, 2023.

2023 A. Kukleva*, **M. Böhle***, B. Schiele, H. Kuehne, C. Rupprecht. *Temperature Schedules for self-supervised contrastive methods on long-tail data.* International Conference on Learning Representations **(ICLR)**, 2023.

2022 **M. Böhle**, M. Fritz, B. Schiele. *B-cos Networks: Alignment is All We Need for Interpretability.* Conference on Computer Vision and Patter Recognition **(CVPR)**, 2022.

2022 S. Rao, **M. Böhle**, B. Schiele. *Towards Better Understanding Attribution Methods.* Conference on Computer Vision and Patter Recognition **(CVPR)**, 2022.

2022 **M. Böhle**, M. Fritz, B. Schiele. *Optimising for Interpretability: Convolutional Dynamic Alignment Networks.* IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence **(TPAMI)**, 2022.

2021 **M. Böhle**, M. Fritz, B. Schiele. *Convolutional Dynamic Alignment Networks for Interpretable Classifications.* Conference on Computer Vision and Patter Recognition **(CVPR)**, **oral**, 2021.

2019 **M. Böhle***, F. Eitel*, M. Weygandt, K. Ritter. *Layerwise Relevance Propagation for Explaining DNN Decisions in MRI-based Alzheimer's Disease Classification.* **Frontiers in Aging Neuroscience** 11 (2019): 194.

2018 J. Kappler, J. O. Daldrop, F. Brüning, **M. Böhle**, R. Netz. *Memory-induced acceleration and slowdown of barrier crossing.* **The Journal of Chemical Physics** 148.1 (2018).

Professional Experience

05/2018 - 12/2018 **Deep Learning Research, Master's student** Audatic GmbH, Berlin
10/2017 - 05/2018 **Software Development** Digital Unit Volkswagen Financial Services AG, Berlin
01/2012 - 10/2012 **Software Development and Quality Management** Tembit Software GmbH

Academic Activities

06/2023 - present **Co-supervision MSc thesis** Collaboration with S. Arya, S. Rao, B. Schiele.
Increasing the interpretability of conventional Deep Neural Networks
05/2021 - 10/2021 **Co-supervision BSc thesis** Collaboration with N. Singh, D. Stutz, B. Schiele.
Exploring the relationship between robustness and interpretability
04/2020 - 03/2021 **Teaching Assistant** Elements of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, B. Schiele.
03/2019 - present **Reviewing activities** IEEE PAMI, CVPR, ECCV, ICLR, NeurIPS, IEEE Trans. Inf. Forensics Secur. , ICML
10/2015 - 09/2016 **Teaching Assistant** Linear Algebra and Analysis, R. Klein

Invited Talks

03/2023 **Spotlight @ Explainability in Machine Learning Workshop, Tübingen.**
Towards B-cos Deep Neural Networks as the new default
06/2022 **Spotlight @ XAI for Computer Vision (XAI4CV) workshop, CVPR.**
B-cos Networks: Alignment is All We Need for Interpretability
12/2021 **Invited talk @ Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).**
B-cos Networks: Alignment is All We Need for Interpretability

Scholarships, Awards, Grants

10/2022 **Outstanding Reviewer** ECCV 2022
01/2015 - 03/2019 **Full scholarship** German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes)
10/2014 - 12/2014 **Sudy abroad scholarship** DAAD PROMOS program
10/2014 **Travel grant** Fulbright program

Extra-curricular activities

05/2021 - 01/2024 **PhD student representative** Computer Vision and Machine Learning department, MPI for Informatics
04/2017 - 01/2019 **MSc student representative** Bernstein Center for Computational Neuroscience