

From Explainable AI to Human-Centered AI

Abstract: In the medical domain the expectations to automatic AI systems are high, particularly in disciplines requiring prognostic models (oncology) and/or decision support (radiology, pathology). Due to the raising ethical, social, and legal issues governed by the European Union, the field of explainable AI is becoming extremely important. The problem of explainability is as old as AI itself, and classic rule-based approaches have been comprehensible "glass-box" approaches. Nevertheless, their weakness was in dealing with non-linearities and the intrinsic uncertainties of medical data. The progress of probabilistic machine learning, the availability of big data and computational power has made AI successful today, and in certain medical tasks deep learning even exceed human performance. However, such approaches are considered as "black box" - models, and even if we understand the underlying mathematical principles of such models, they still lack explicit declarative knowledge. Consequently, in the future we need context-adaptive procedures, i.e. systems that construct contextual explanatory models for classes of real-world phenomena. One possible step is in linking probabilistic learning methods with large knowledge representations (ontologies), thus allowing to understand how a machine decision has been reached. Our aim is to make machine decisions re-traceable, interpretable and comprehensible. The aim is to explain why a certain machine decision has been reached because the "why" is often more important than the mere classification result. The re-traceability and interpretability on demand shall foster reliability and trust ensuring that the human remains in control, so to augment human intelligence with artificial intelligence and vice versa.

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