

Tell Me Why: Interpretable Machine Learning for Space Exploration and Beyond

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# Discovery in Large Data Sets Scientific discoveries often come from

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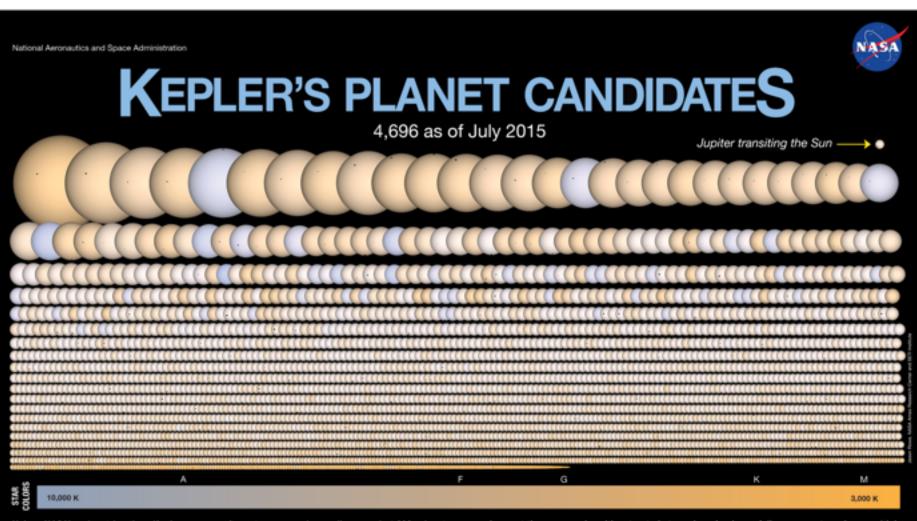
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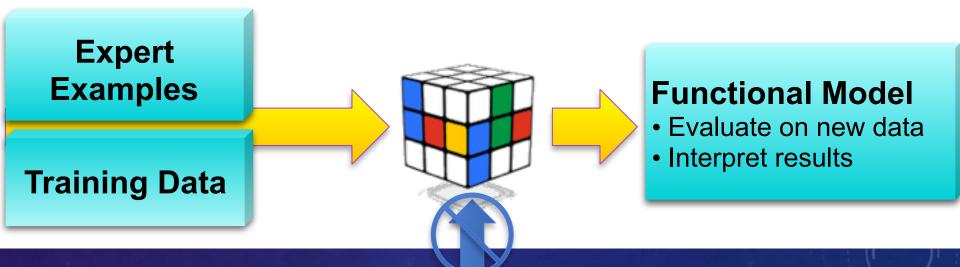


Using NASA's planet-hunting Kepler spacecraft, astronomers have discovered 4,696 planet candidates orbiting 3,664 other suns in a search for Earth-size worlds. Launched in 2009, the Kepler space telescope monitored a rich star field for planetary transits, which cause a slight dimming of starlight when a planet crosses the face of its star. In "Kepler's Planet Candidates," the systems are ordered by star diameter. The star's color represents its temperature as shown in the lower scale, and the letters (A, F, G, K, M) designate star types. The simulated stellar disks and the planet silhouettes are shown at the same scale, with saturated star colors. Look carefully: somesystems have multiple planets. For reference, Jupiter is shown transiting the Sun. Differences can be seen when comparing to the November 2013 "Kepler's Planet Candidates," in particular in the top row. As more data are analyzed and results better understood the Kepler catalog is updated. Many new candidates are added and some are removed in the process. Higher resolutions of this graphic are available at: http://www.masa.gov/mission\_pages/kepler/multimedia.

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## Machine Learning

Algorithms that learn a concept model from examples



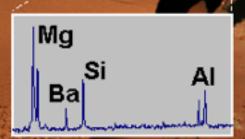
**Strengths:** No need to specify rules No need to explain "how"

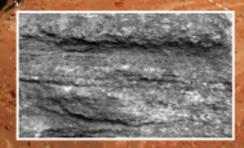
Machine Learning for Novelty Detection DEMUD: Discovery via Eigenbasis Modeling of Uninteresting Data

- Prioritizes interesting observations within large data sets
- Minimizes redundancy in selections (models what you already know)
- Provides explanations for why items are chosen

## ChemCam on Mars

- Laser + spectrometer = remote composition
- 5,860 wavelengths
- 4,238 targets in 707 sols
  - Excludes calibration targets and poor-quality data



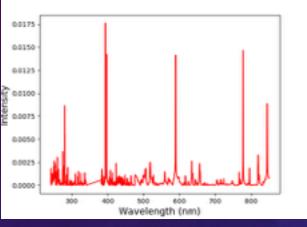


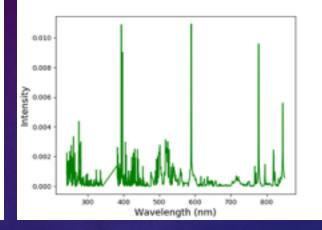
## ChemCam Observations

#### Epworth2

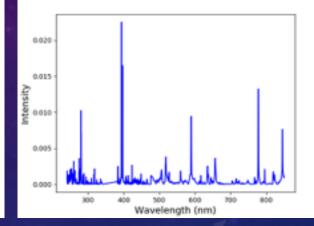
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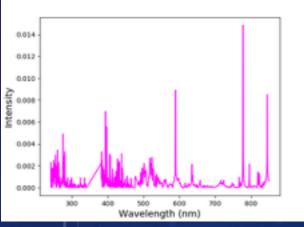


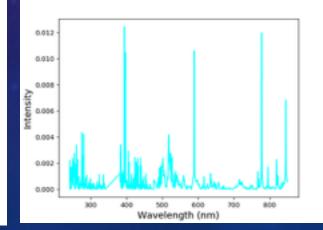
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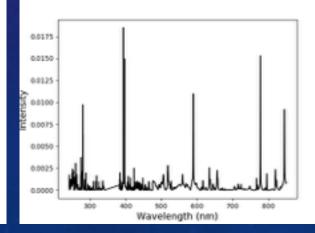


Rocknest7

#### Preble







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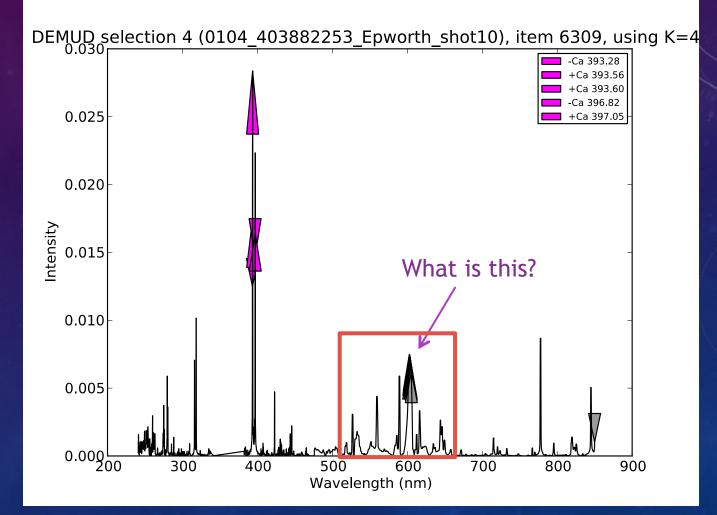
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# Target: Epworth

4.5 mm

## DEMUD's view of Epworth

[Wagstaff et al., 2014]



### "First fluorine detection on Mars with ChemCam on-board MSL"

[Forni et al., 2014]

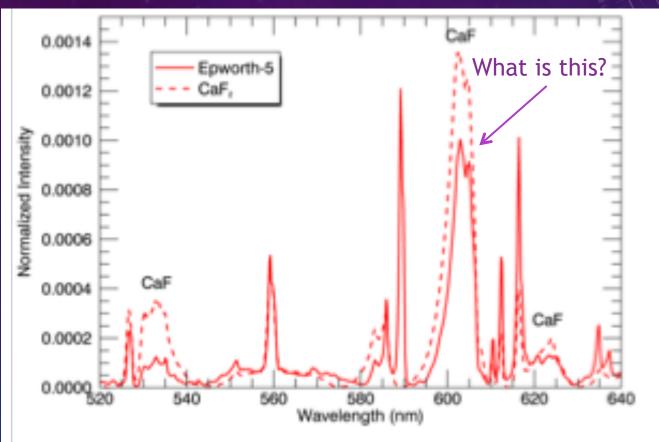
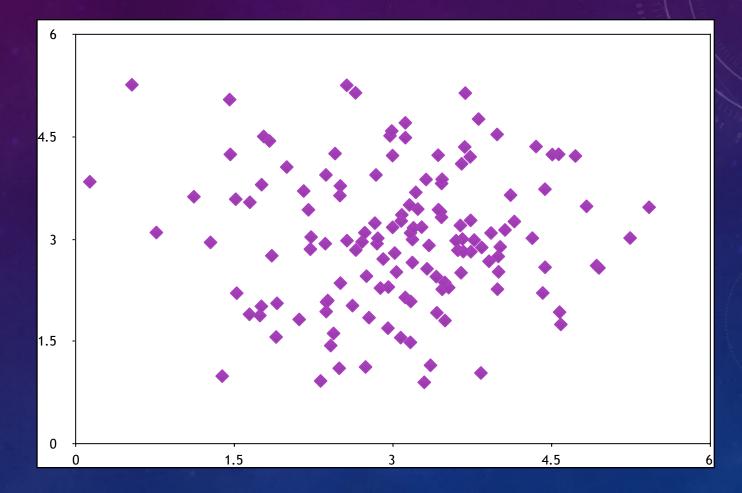


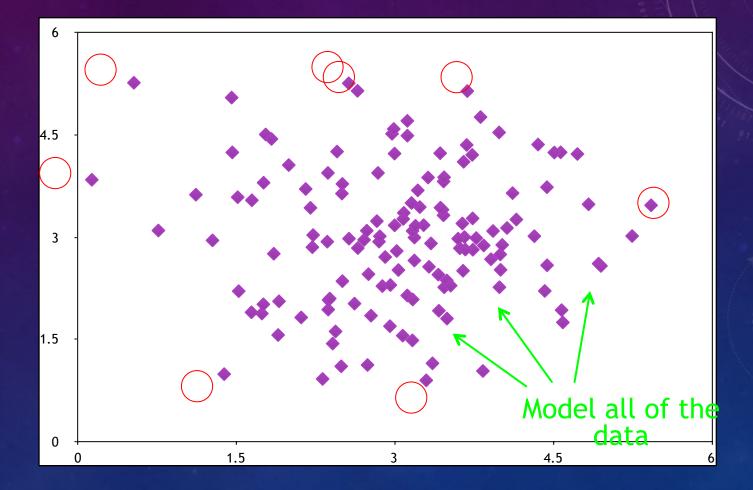
Figure 1. Comparison of Epworth-5 spectrum with a pure CaF<sub>2</sub> laboratory spectrum obtained under Martian conditions

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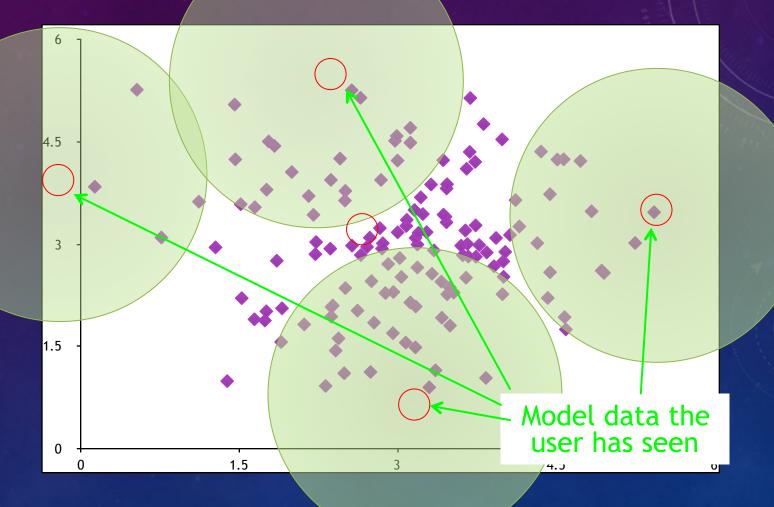
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## **DEMUD** Novelty Detection

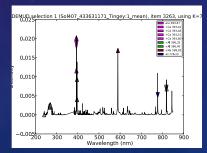


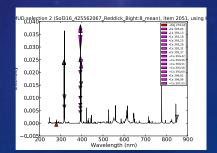
## Novelty Detection: DEMUD

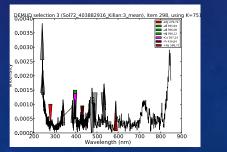
- Incremental discovery using SVD model of selections
  - Build a model of selected items X not the entire data set D
  - Select new items that are difficult to represent with the model



- Explanation = information that is new
- Update model with each selection







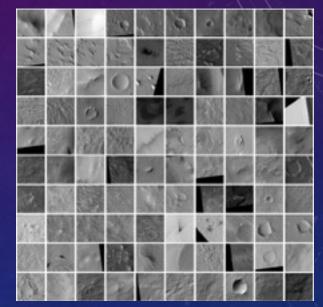
## Discovery in Large Image Data Sets

### Surveillance



Human faces Credit: Pixabay user Geralt

**Planetary Science** 



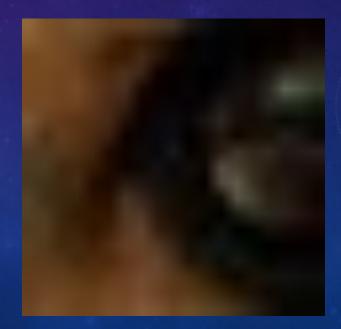
HiRISE - Mars surface features from orbit Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech/Univ. of Arizona

PDS Imaging Node: > 1 PB of image data

## **DEMUD** for Images

- Representation
  - Raw pixels





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  - SIFT [Lowe, 2004]

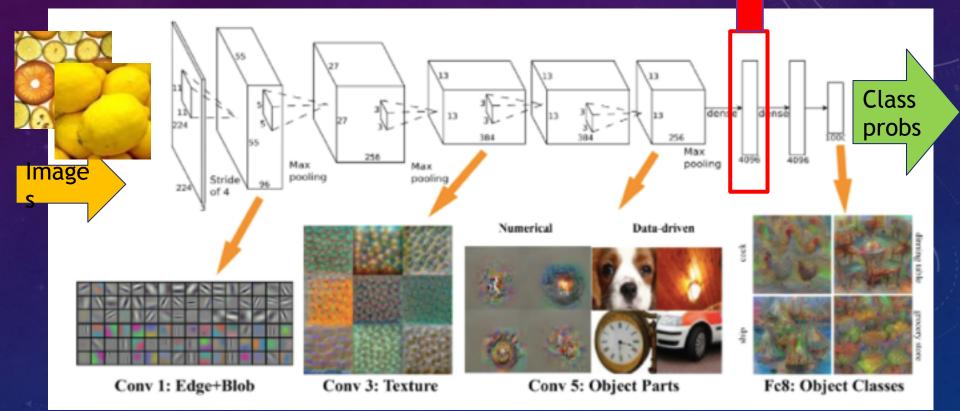




# **DEMUD** for Images

- Representation
  - Raw pixels
  - SIFT [Lowe, 2004]
  - Neural network features [Razavian et al., 2014]

### DEMUD + Neural Network Representations



[Wei et al.]

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DEMUD

Features

### Selection



Features

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### Selection



CNN Feature Inversion: Predict original image with second NN

(Dos



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Features

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### Selection



Explanation

**?** 4096 CNN Feature Inversion: Predict original image with second NN

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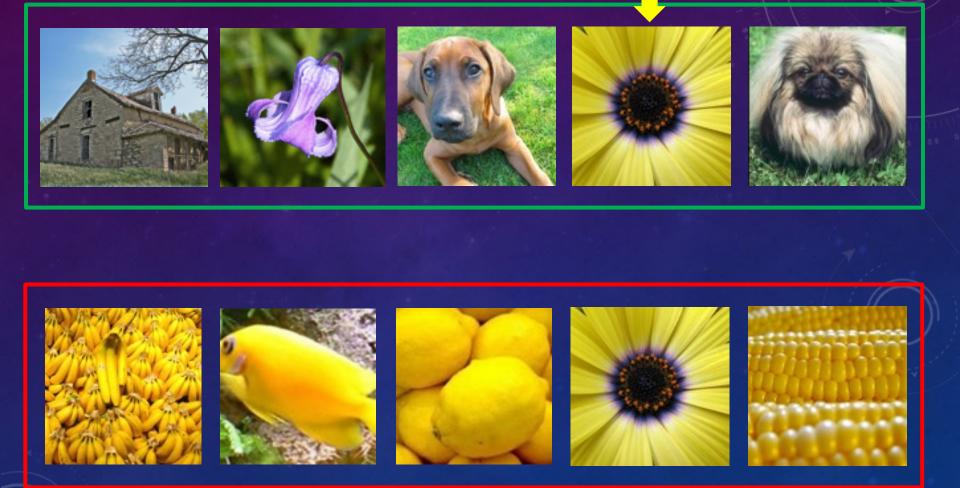
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**Features** 

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## **Explanations are Context-Dependent**



### Selection



Explanation

**?** 4096 CNN Feature Inversion: Predict original image with second NN

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Already

**Features** 

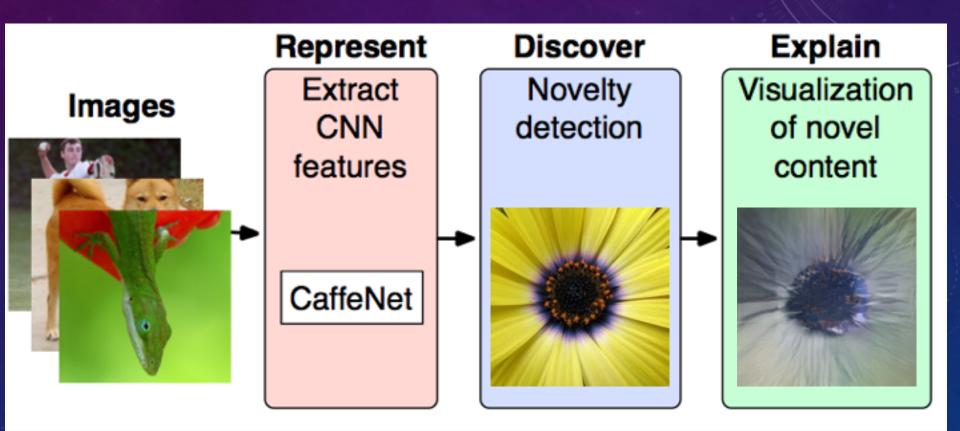
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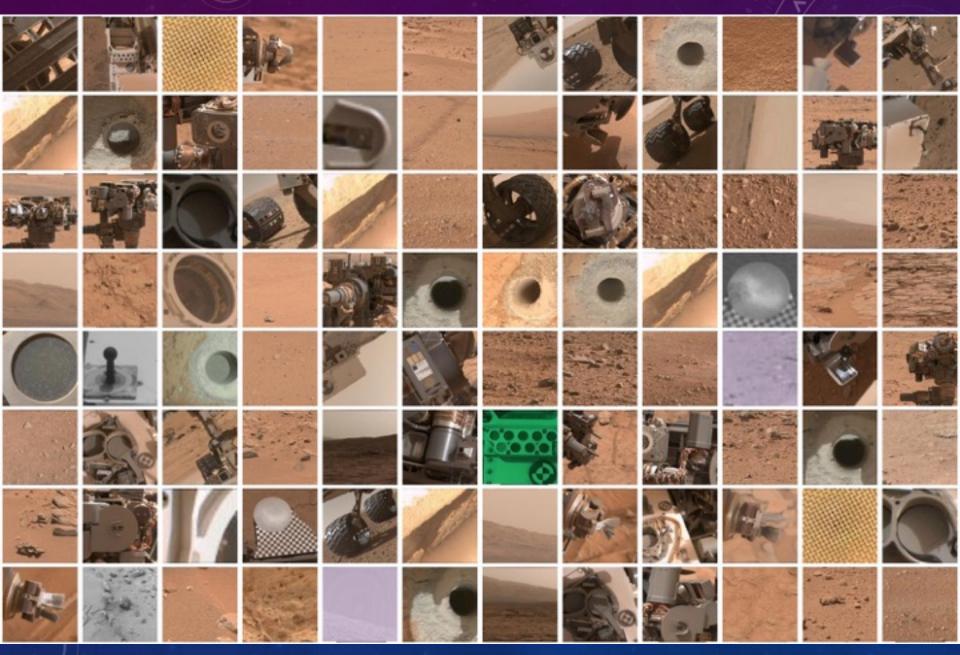
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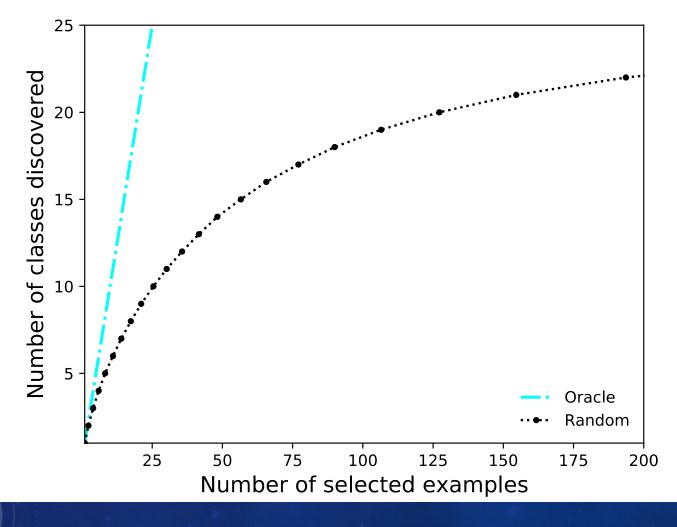
### Explanations with Neural Network Features **CNN** Feature Selection Inversion: Predict original image with second NN (Dos 016) **Features** DEMUD 4096 Explanation Known 4096 ? Already 4096 What's new?

## Interpretable Image Discovery

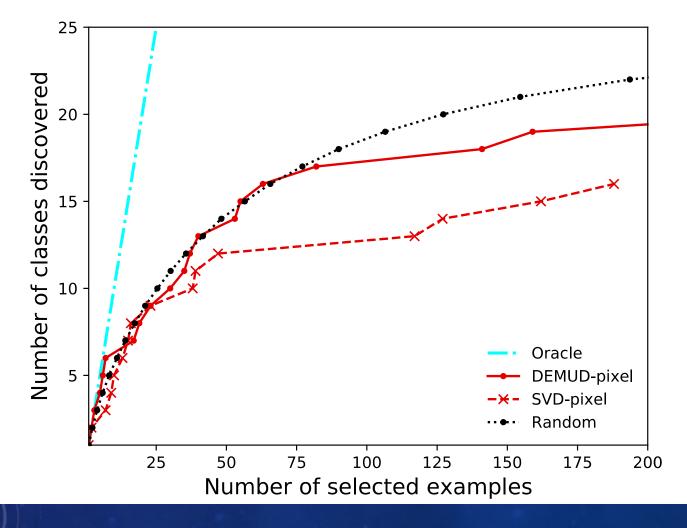


- 6737 images: Mastcam, Navcam, MAHLI
- 25 classes: rover parts, ground, f sun
- Uneven distribution
- CNN was trained Earth images; can it help here?

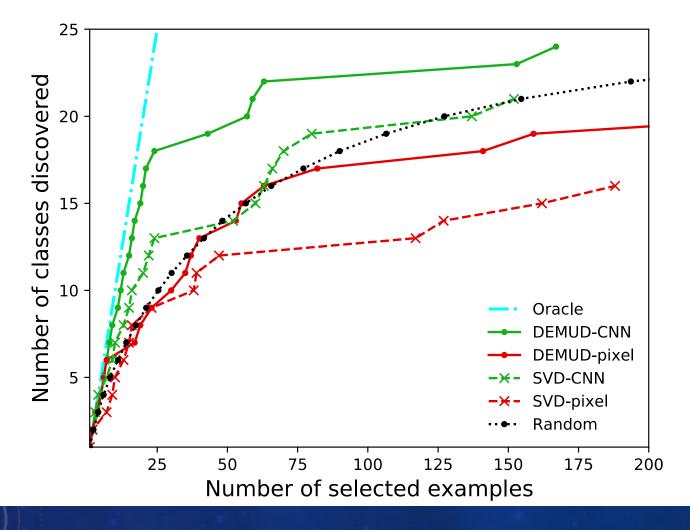




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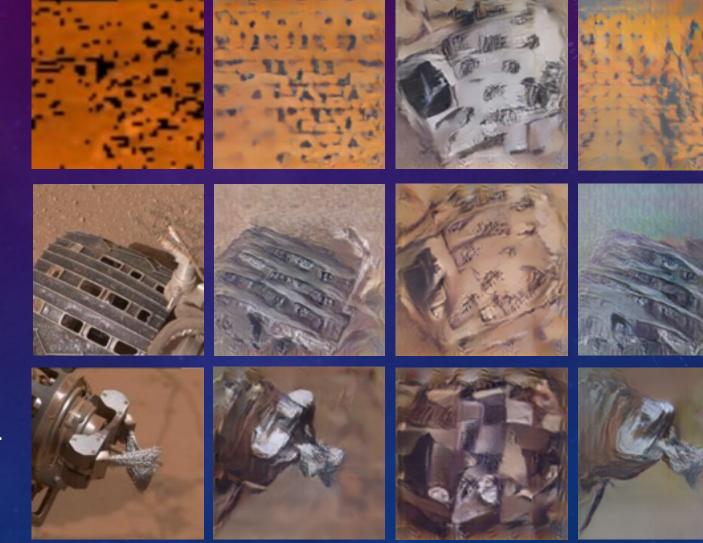
## Explanations – MSL Rover images

Selection Simplified image DEMUD knows What's new

### Ground

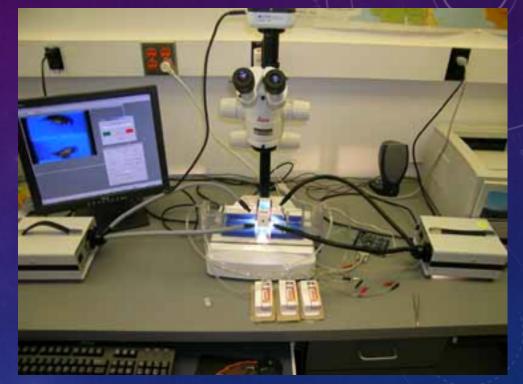


Dust Removal Tool (brush)



## Experiments – Insect images

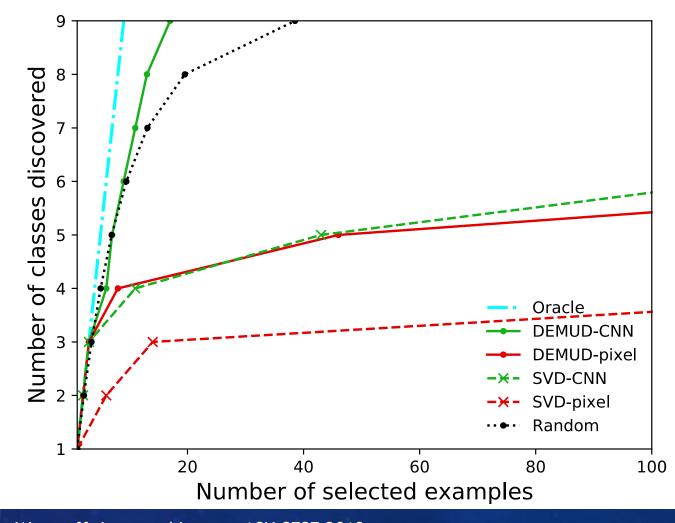
- 1362 images: stoneflies from the Pacific Northwest
- 9 classes
- Uneven distribution



Dietterich et al., Oregon State Univ.



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## Explanations – Insect images

#### Image

#### Simplified imageDEMUD knows





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# Summary

- Machine learning can aid scientific investigations
  - Fast discovery in large or complex data sets
- Interpretable machine learning is vital
  - DEMUD algorithm
    - Quickly discovers new classes
    - Provides explanations





- Examples: ChemCam spectra, Mars rover images, stonefly insect images
- Next: Re-train neural network to specialize on images of interest

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