Neural Networks for Feature Analysis

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#### **Motivation**

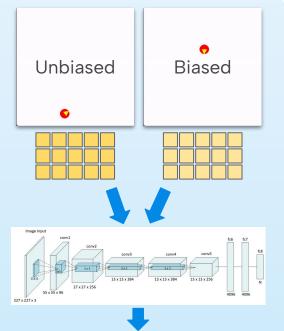
- Animal behavioral studies: Hypothesize some response to a stimulus and use statistical methods to test the hypothesis
- Issue: Someone needs to guess what the behavior will look like in the first place
- **Solution**: we can use machine learning (ML) to analyze features of behavior we wouldn't expect

#### What's our objective:

How well can neural networks analyze behavioral response to stimuli?

# Our approach

- Dataset: Generate samples of unbiased or biased behavior (bias indicates stimulus)
- ML model: Neural network predicts if a sample was biased or unbiased
- Report accuracy: Accuracy indicates the ability of model to learn features

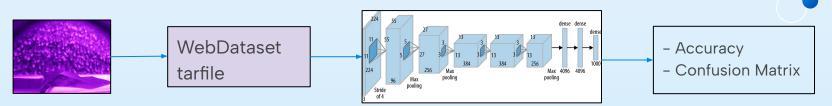


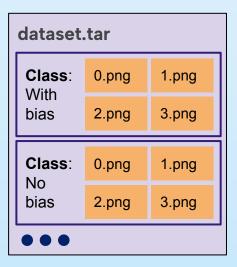
Prediction: Was sample biased?



How does the accuracy depend on amount of bias?

### **Software Stack**





- ML stack: <a href="https://github.com/bfirner/bee\_analysis">https://github.com/bfirner/bee\_analysis</a>
- Dataset format: Each dataset is tarfile of samples
  - Each sample contains frames and class information
- Model: Modified version of AlexNet
  - Input is series of depth-stacked frames
  - O Ist layer Conv2D kernels must fit number of frames (e.g. 4 frames → 12 layered kernel)
  - Output: Either class 1 or class 2

## **Testing the Stack**

- We trained the model using simple test cases
- This was to validate that the software stack works as expected
- Main test cases:
  - Black/White Frames



Left/Right Chequered Pattern





Clockwise vs Anticlockwise Test

### **CW vs CCW Test**

Testing the model with Patterns - Time varying features

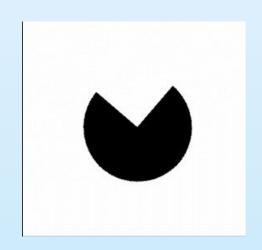


4 frames - 100%

1 frame ~ 50%

# Simulation for Feature Recognition



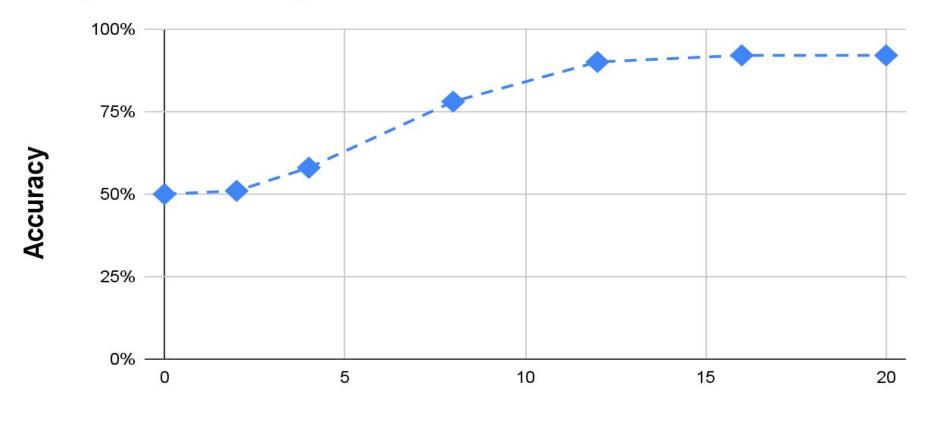


Bias(30° shown)



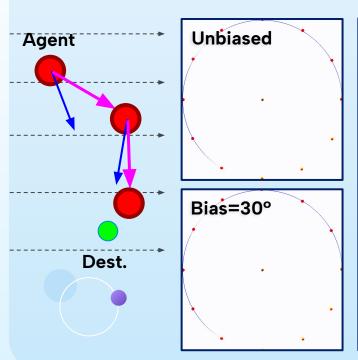
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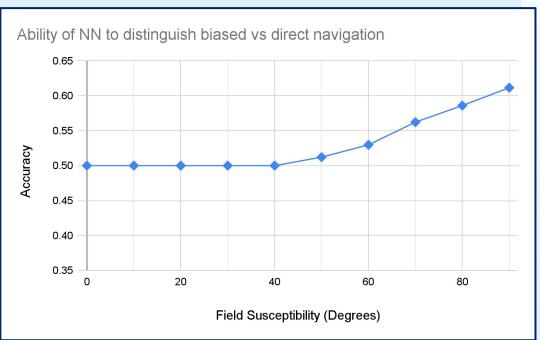
#### Ability of NN to distinguish 3 transition Pacman



**Bias** 

# **Next Steps—More Complex Behaviors**





## **Next Steps—Under the Hood**

#### Saliency graphs

- Right now, we have no idea what the model learns
- Black box
- Next step is to see what the model is actually picking up



