

# Explainable and Transparent AI

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# Explainable AI circa 1990

**"WHY"**

Question:

IS IT TESTS\_WERE\_RUN?

YES NO CV: -1  
-0.9

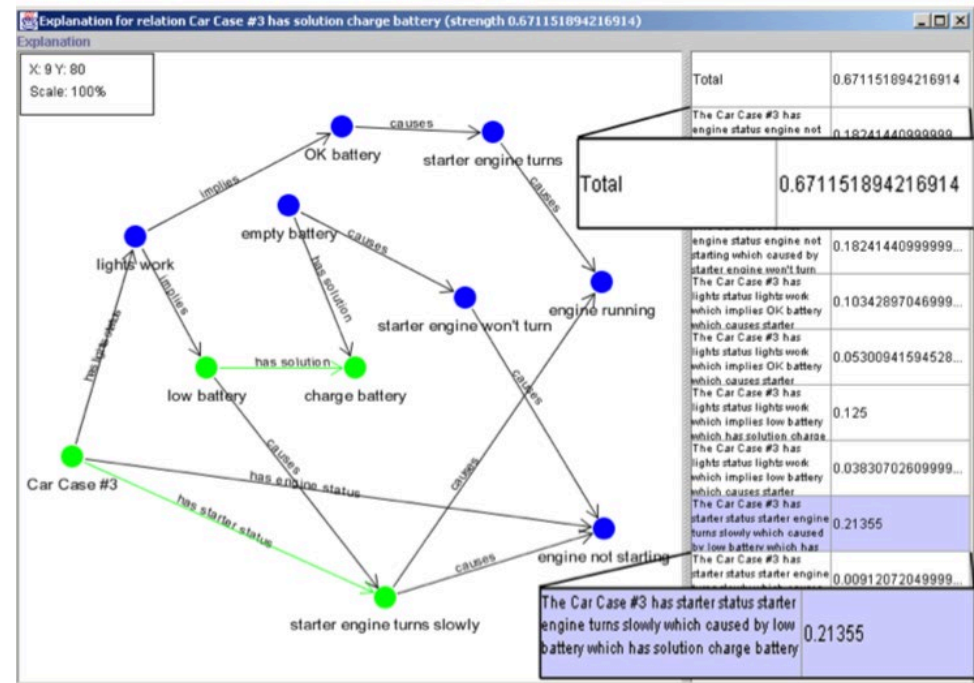
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WHY

CANCEL

Explanation:

This will aid in determining if  
suspect\_meningitis\_from\_test\_results  
if  
tests\_were\_run and cultures\_were\_seen and  
cultures\_look\_like\_meningitis



hard-driving *always-leads-to* extreme-engine-load *may-lead-to* abnormally-high-carburettor-pressure  
*causes* broken-carburettor-membrane

- **Learning algorithms**
  - **No “rules” to provide**
    - Can be extracted (Huang & Endsley, 1997)
  - **Frequent changes in how the system works**
    - May be updated on a daily, weekly or monthly basis
  - **May be applied to real-time control systems where time to assess is important**
    - automobiles, aviation, power systems,...
  - **Need more support for creating understanding of system**
    - Can't just train once and be done

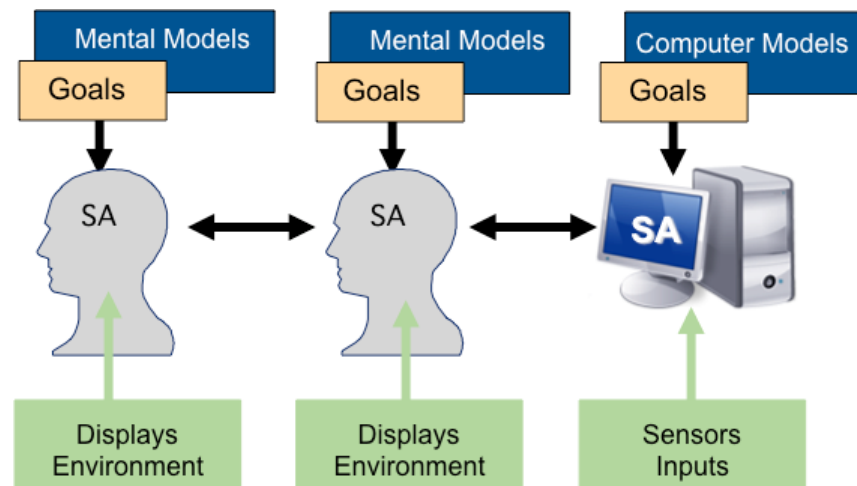
# Explainability vs Transparency



- **Explainability**
  - Often backward looking
  - Focused on why
  - Separate from system actions/outputs
- **Transparency**
  - Real-time
  - Focused much more broadly on shared SA needs
  - Integrated into the operator interface

## Shared SA between the system and the operators

- Understanding of its status
- How well is it functioning
- When interventions are needed and what kind
- How the system's status effects operator tasking and vice-versa



# What do we need to understand?

- What does it know/not know about the situation?
- What is it doing?
  - In real time
- And why is it doing that?
  - Current goal and tasking
  - Logic that led to that behavior
- What will it (or can it) do in the near future?
- What are the limits of its performance?
  - Can it handle present and upcoming conditions or do I need to intervene?



# Goals for Transparent Interfaces



- **Understandability**
- **Predictability**
- **Understanding of system states and mode transitions**
- **Understanding of system reliability**
  - How well it is functioning
  - Level of confidence in fused data
  - Level of confidence in system assessments
- **Robustness**
  - Ability to handle current and upcoming situations
- **Persistence**
  - Ongoing reinforcement and presentation of information

# Example of Transparency

## 737-Max8

AOA Disagree

