## ML4Seismic Partners Meeting 2023 A Counterfactual Analysis of Interpretations in High Dimensional DHI Data

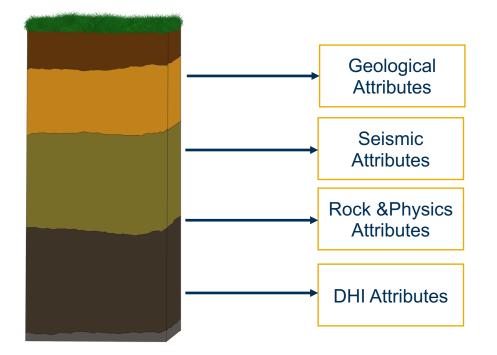
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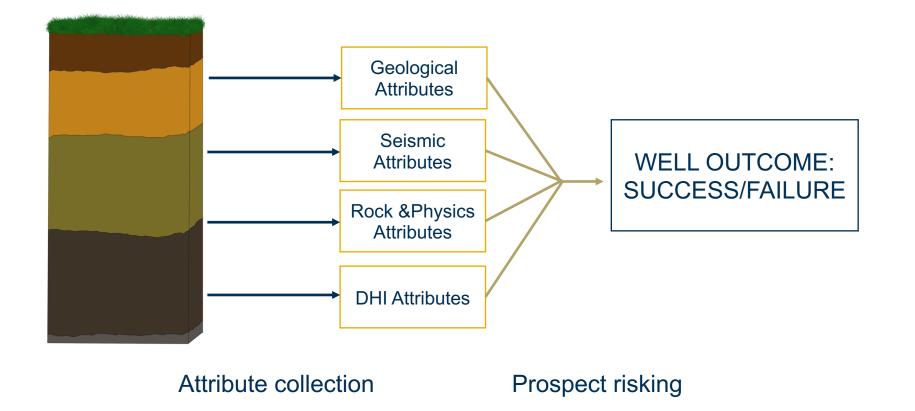
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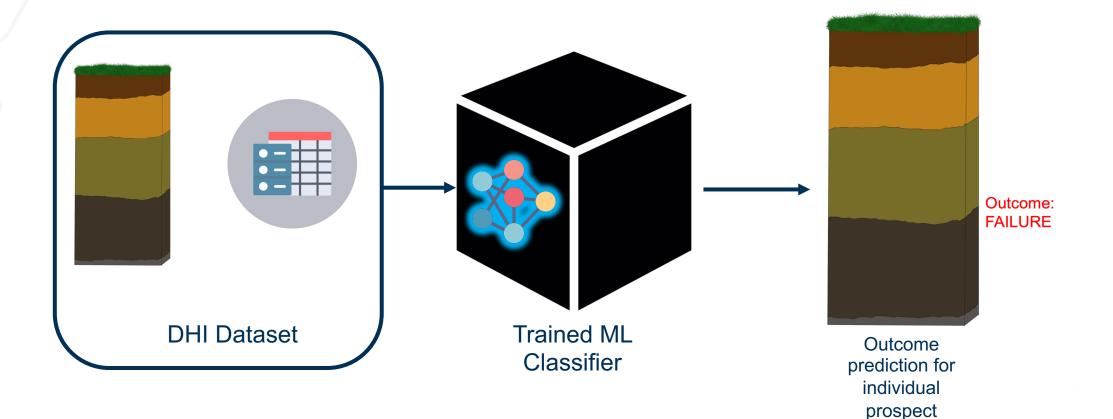
All the collected attributes and the final decisions made by experts are gathered into a classification dataset





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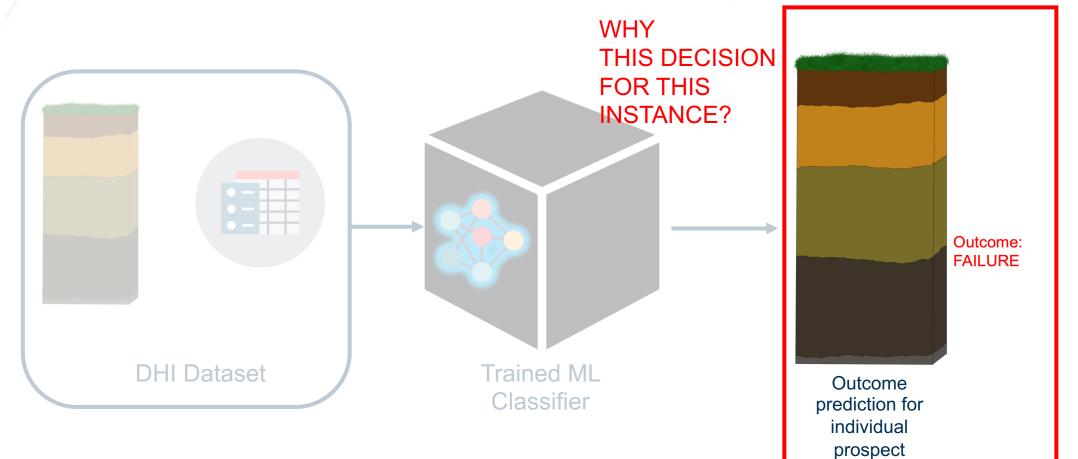






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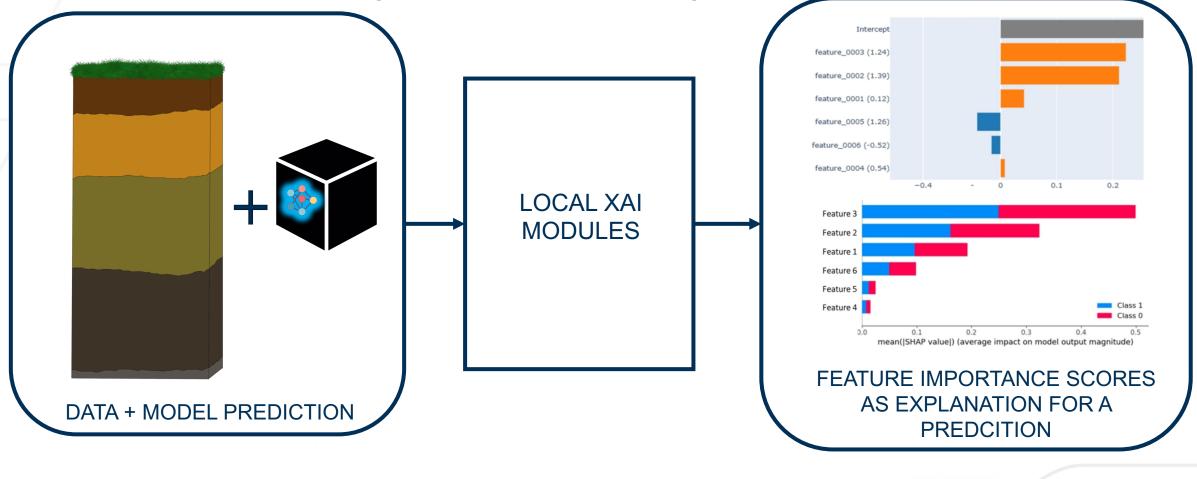
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#### Attribute based local explainable AI (XAI) methods: LIME & SHAP Individual decisions by the model can be further studies by observing the local explanations





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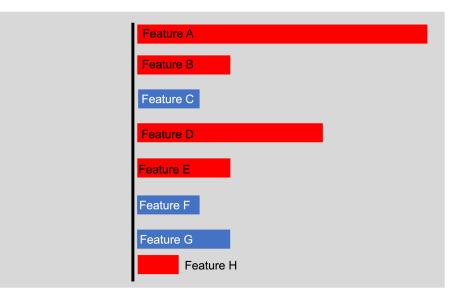


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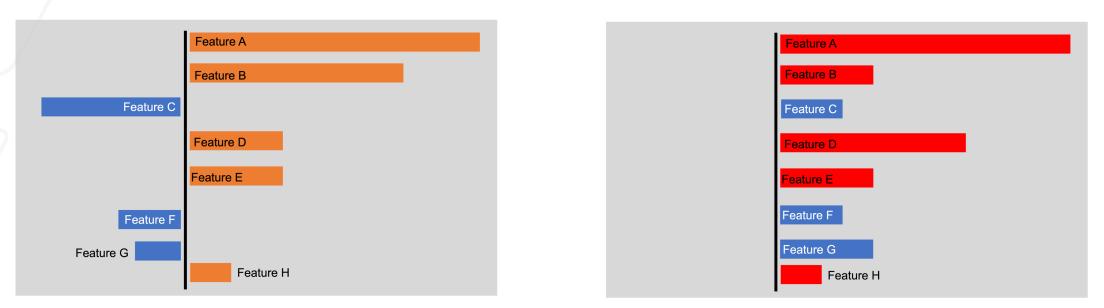
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### **Our contribution**

Grounding the definition of importance using notions of cause and effect

- 1. Formulate a **robust metric** (using necessity and sufficiency) which is defined by the ideas of cause and effect. (causality) **to quantify importance**.
- 2. Unify and evaluate the robustness of different feature importance ranking algorithms using the concept of necessity and sufficiency.



**Necessity and Sufficiency** Philosophical and casual concepts for cause and effect

#### Necessity and sufficiency are concepts that have been extensively explored in philosophy, and causal interpretations.

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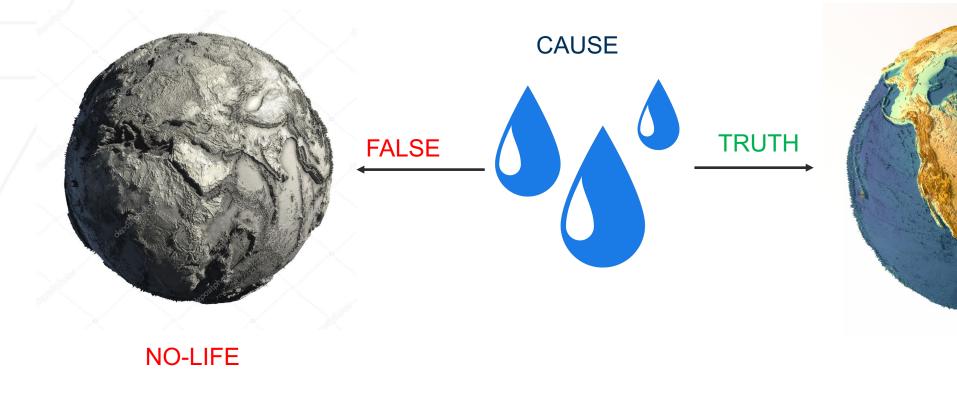
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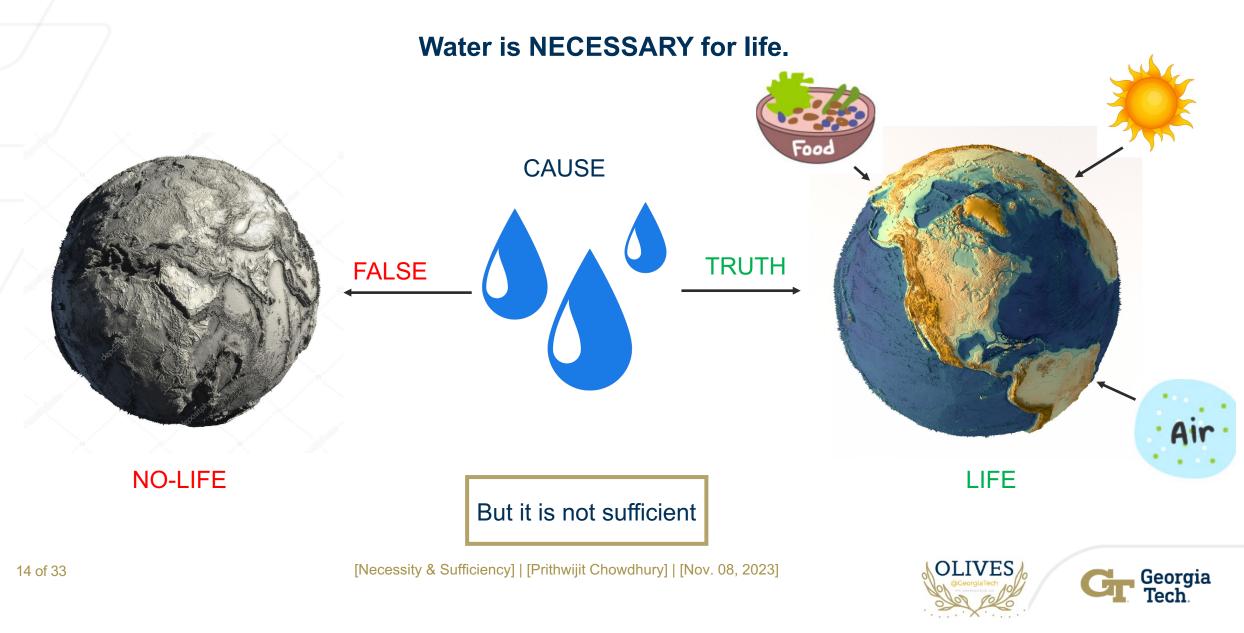




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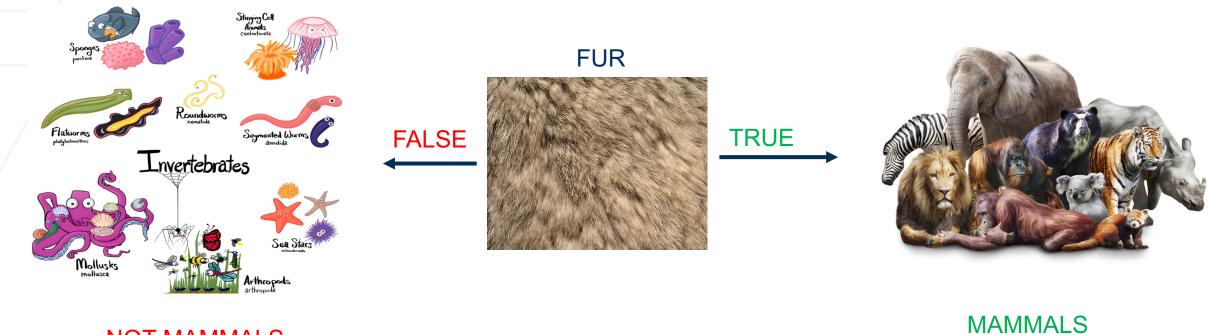
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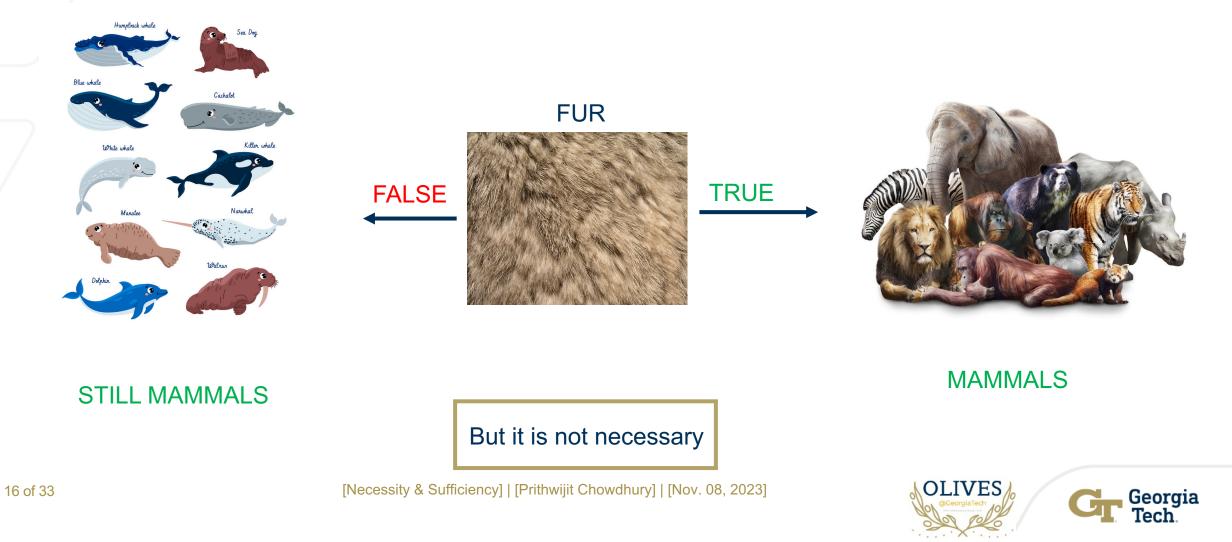
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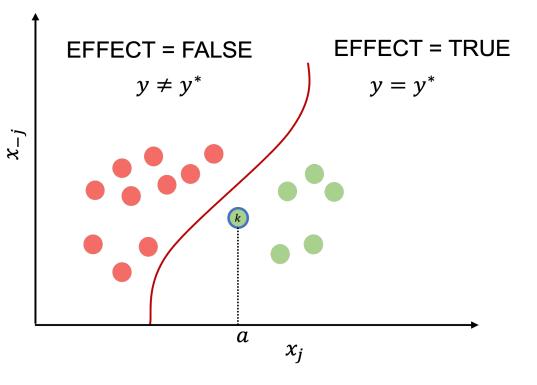
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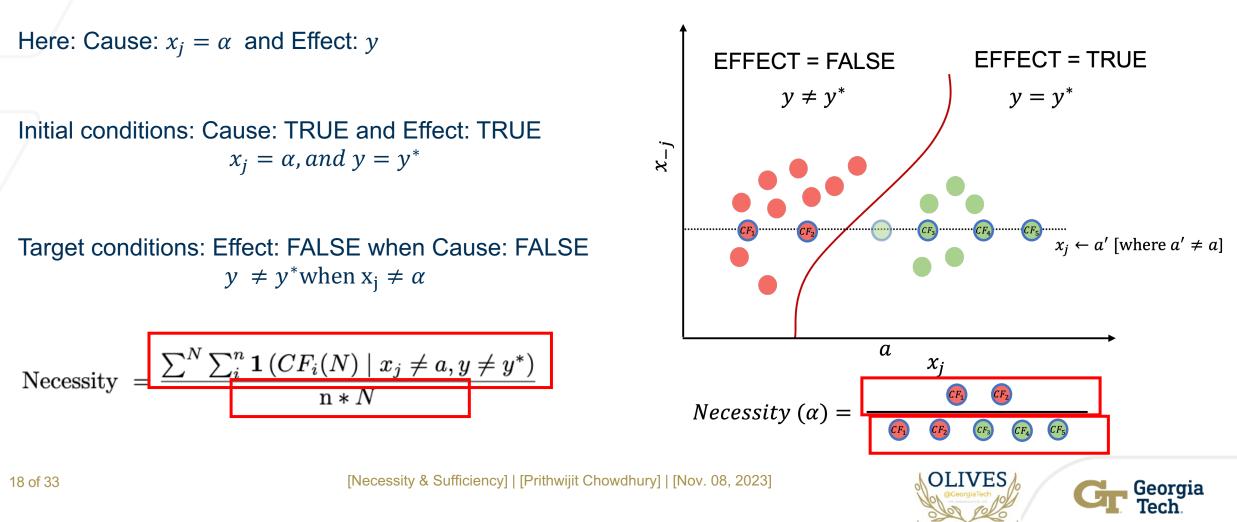
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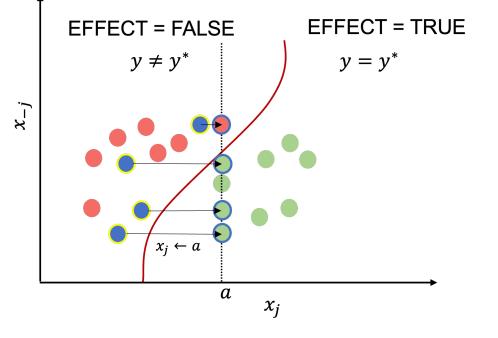
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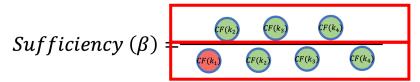
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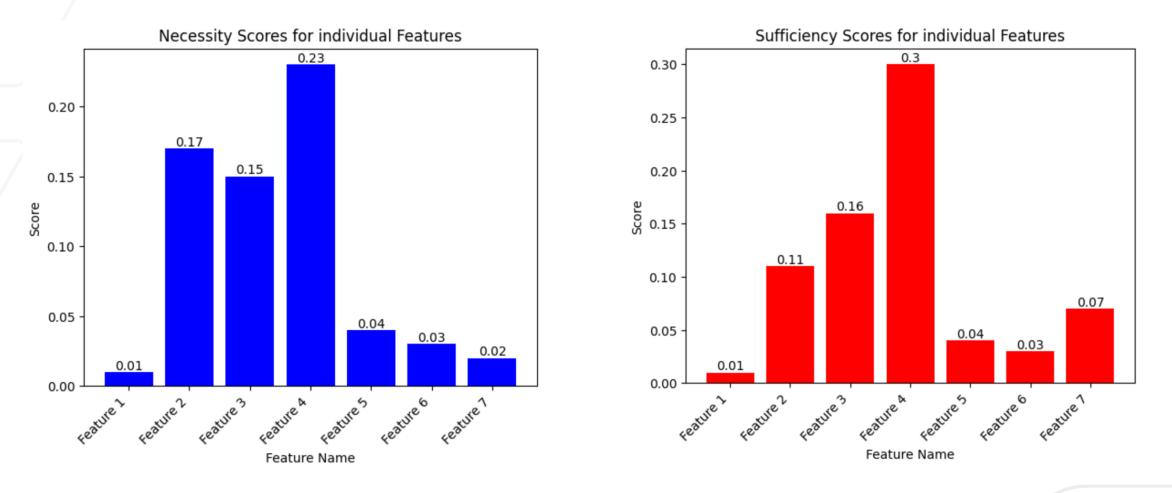
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Sufficiency

#### **Necessity and Sufficiency Scores**

Each feature of a dataset can be assigned its individual necessity and sufficiency scores

#### The below bar graphs displays the corresponding scores for the top 7 features in the DHI dataset

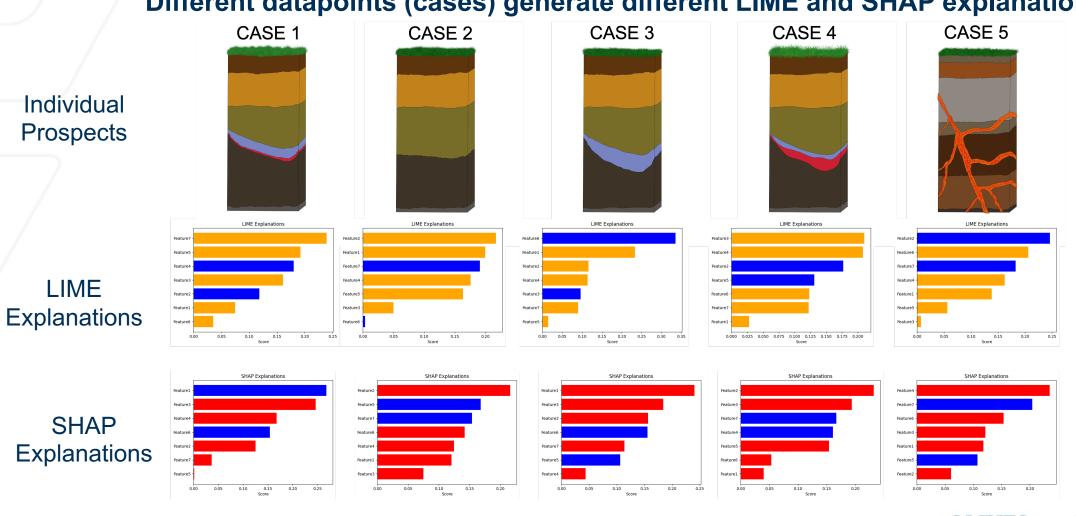


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Different datapoints (cases) generate different LIME and SHAP explanation

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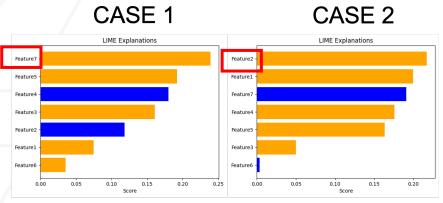
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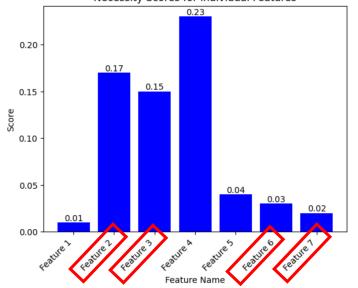
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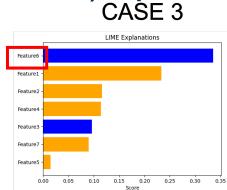
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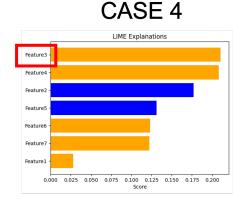
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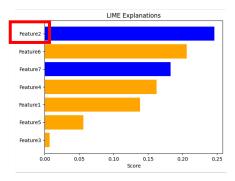


#### Necessity Scores for individual Features









CASE 5

Rank#1 Necessity score (NS) =  $NS_{Feature7} + NS_{Feature2} + NS_{Feature6} + NS_{Feature3} + NS_{Feature2}$ 5 (For LIME explanations for DHI Data)

\*for experiments it is averaged over all test data points

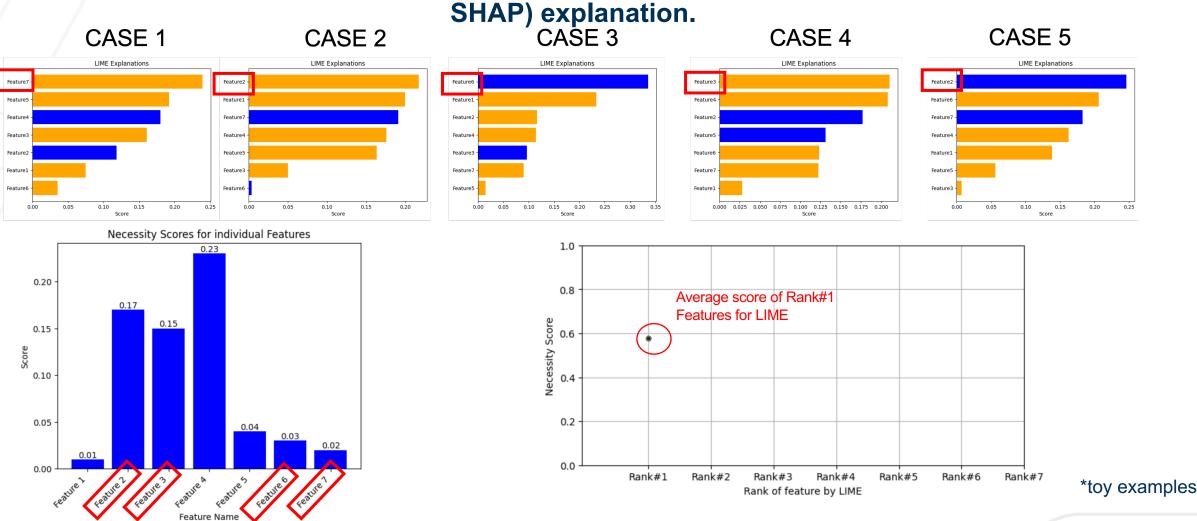




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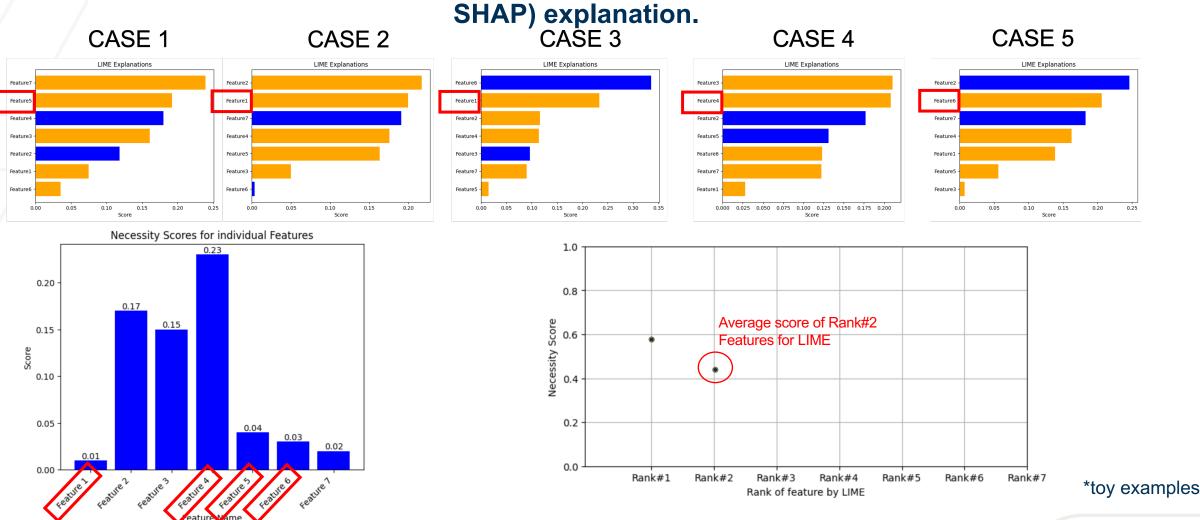


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Average the necessity (or sufficiency) score for each feature Ranked #2 for each LIME (or



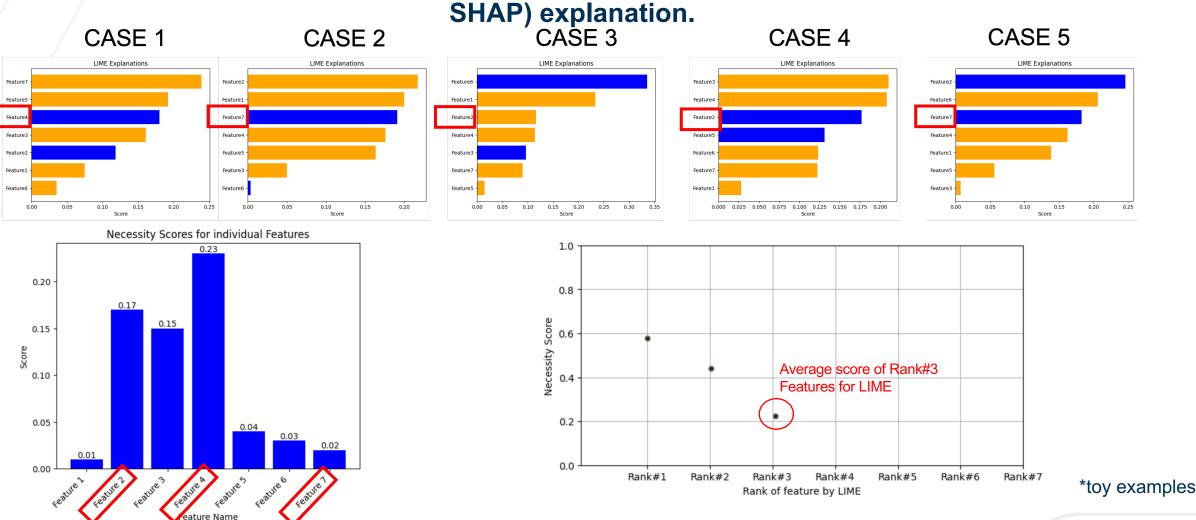
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Average the necessity (or sufficiency) score for each feature Ranked #3 for each LIME (or



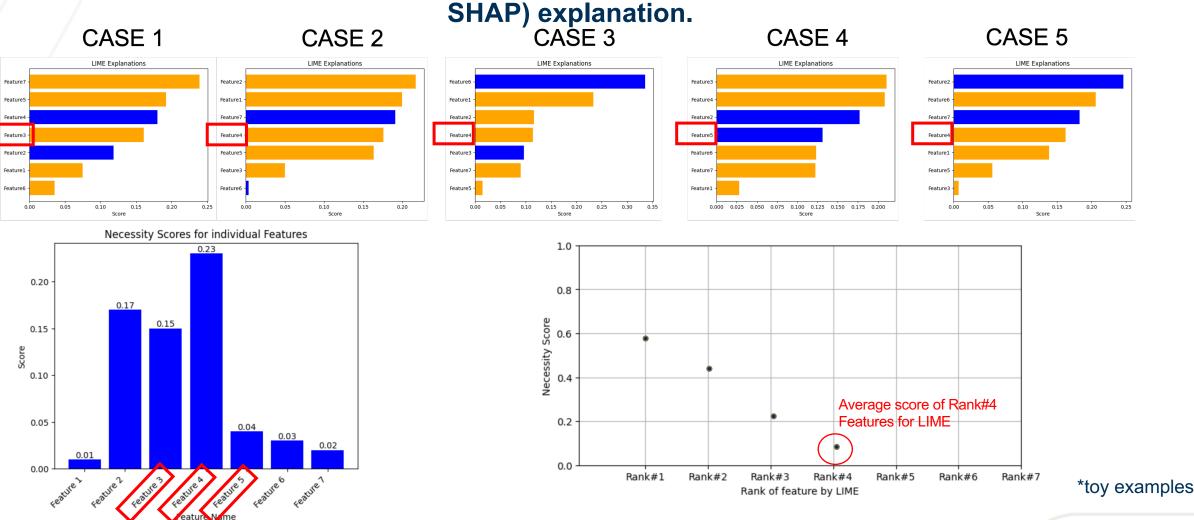
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Average the necessity (or sufficiency) score for each feature Ranked #4 for each LIME (or



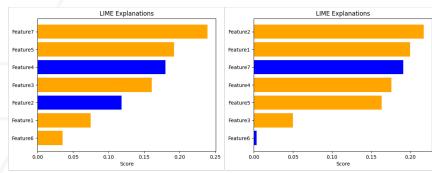
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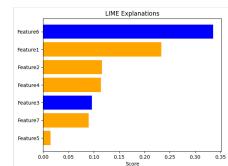


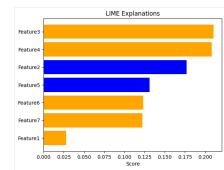


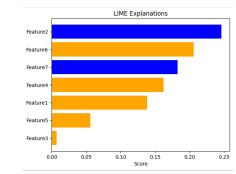
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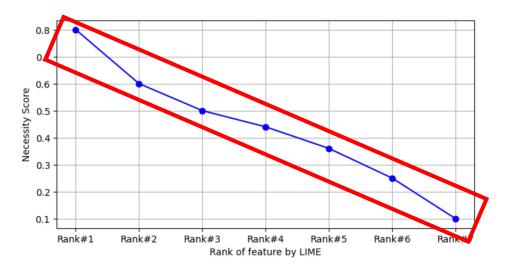
## Ideal SCENRIO: The scores should be monotonously decreasing with rank<br/>CASE 1CASE 1CASE 2CASE 2CASE 3CASE 3CASE 4











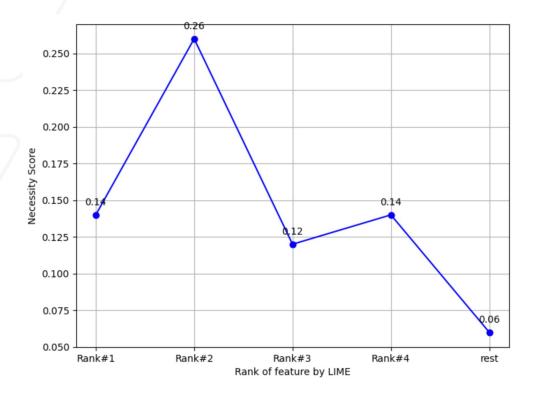
For an **explanation** to be **robust**:

An **important feature** should be **proportionately necessary and sufficient**.

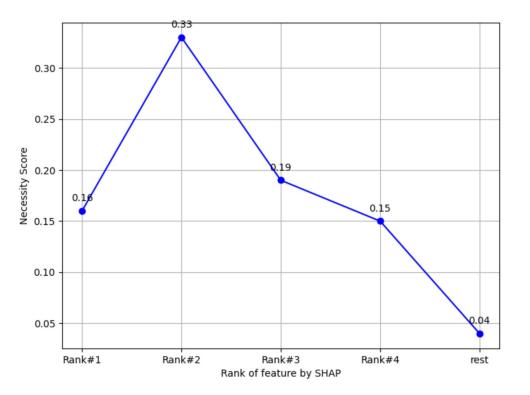


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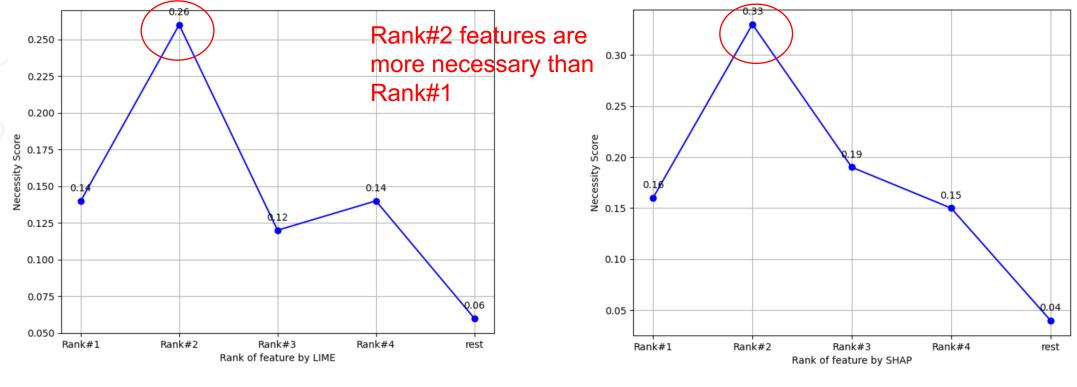


SHAP – Necessity Evaluation



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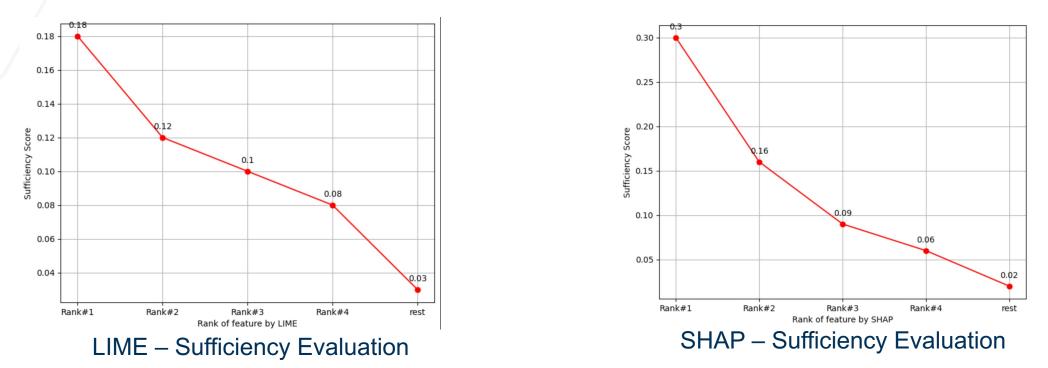
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#### The LIME and SHAP explanations for DHI data is more robust to sufficiency evaluation



For DHI DATA: The importance score assigned by LIME and SHAP explanations to a feature correspond to how sufficient it is for the outcome prediction.



### Conclusions

# To properly analyze the behavior of an ML model the employment of several explanation methods backed by theoretical concepts are useful.

- We provide a causally defined metric to calculate the impact of each individual features in a dataset for a model's decision.
- We provide a proper evaluation process for the robustness of different local explanation techniques
- Our study grounds the definition of importance as indicated by the local XAI modules for each different scenarios.





P. Chowdhury, M. Prabhushankar, and G. AlRegib, "Explaining Explainers: Necessity and Sufficiency in Tabular Data", *NeurIPS 2023 Workshop: Table Representation Learning,* submitted on Oct. 4, 2023.

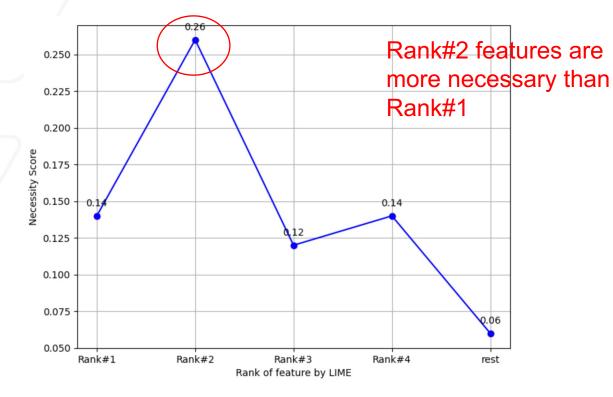
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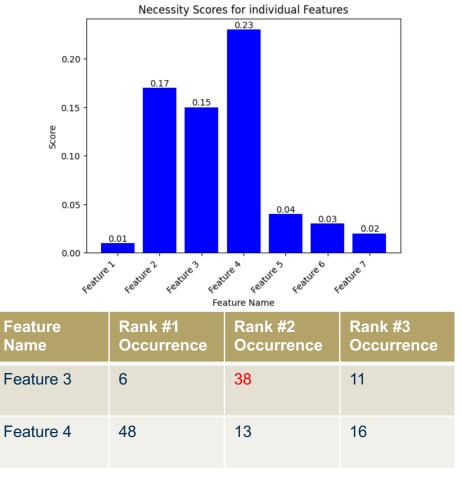




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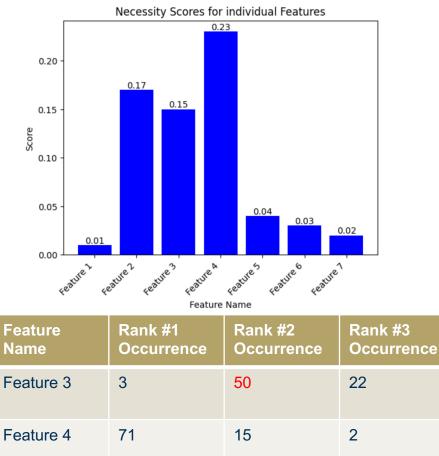


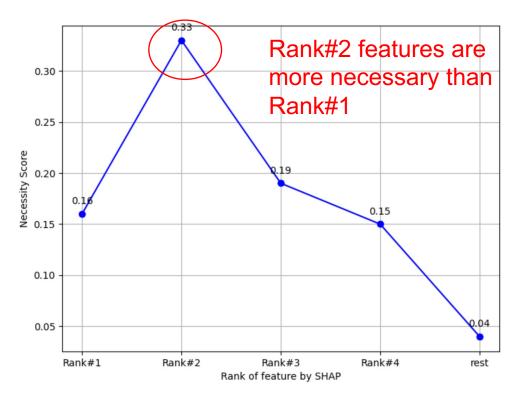




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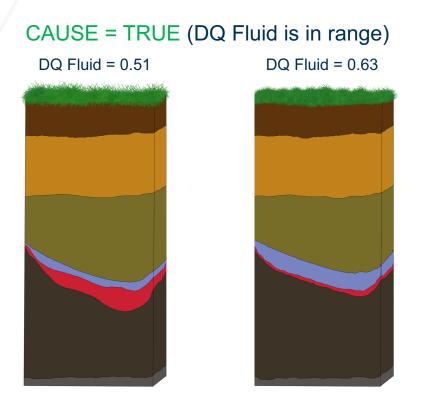


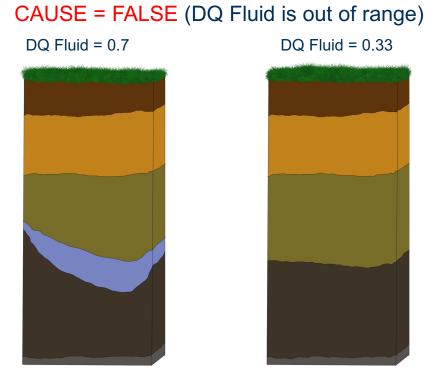


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#### Outcome: FAILURE

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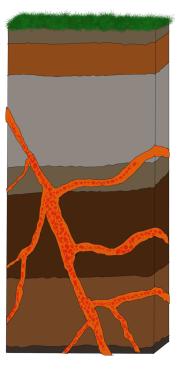
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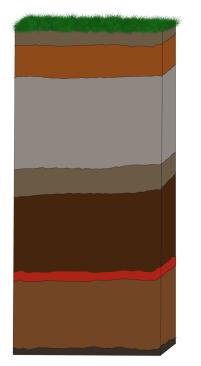
#### Sufficient Cause If the cause is TRUE; the effect must always be TRUE.

#### IGN\_abs (absence of igneous rock) is a sufficient cause for positive prospect outcome

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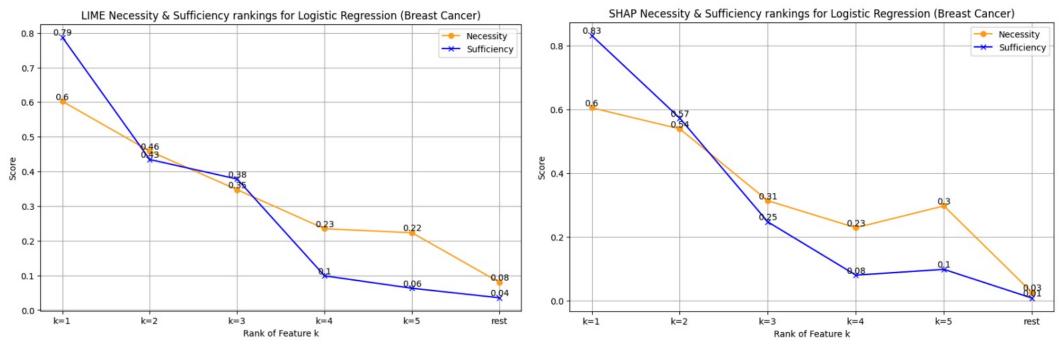
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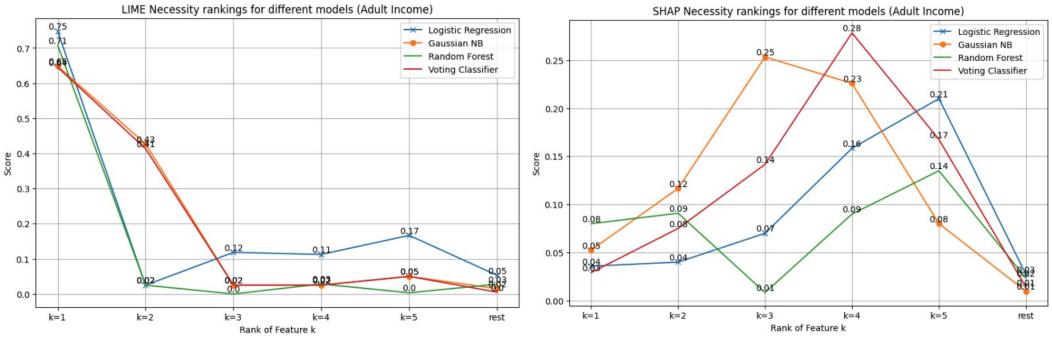


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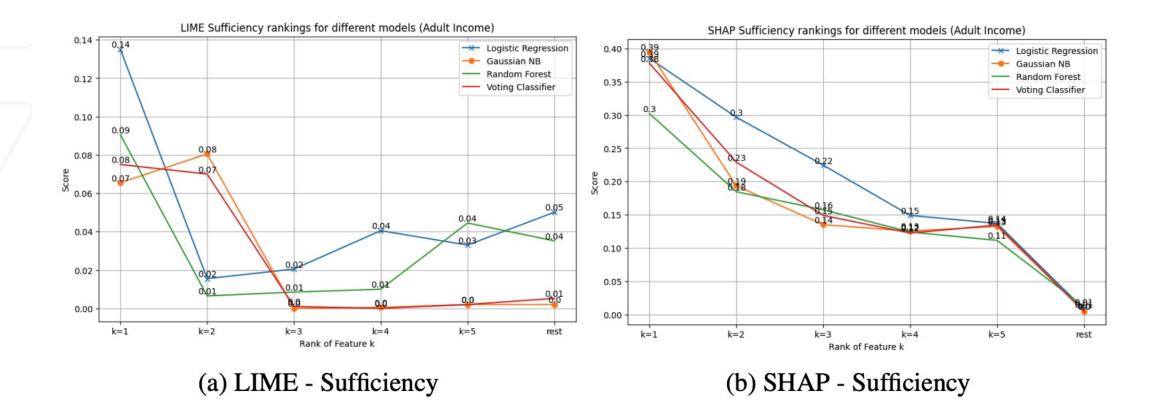


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### Analysis of LIME and SHAP on German Credit Dataset

