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#### MCPNet: An Interpretable Classifier via Multi-Level Concept Prototypes

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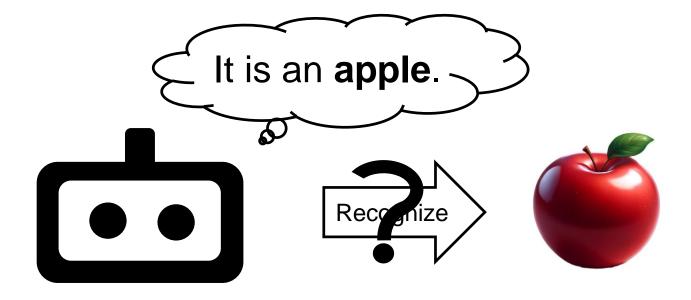




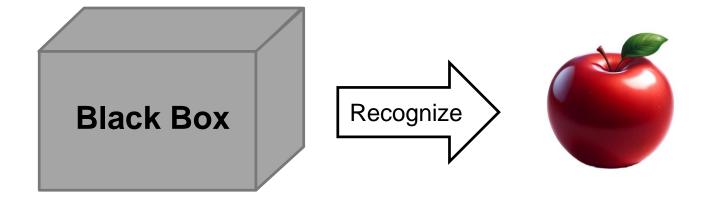




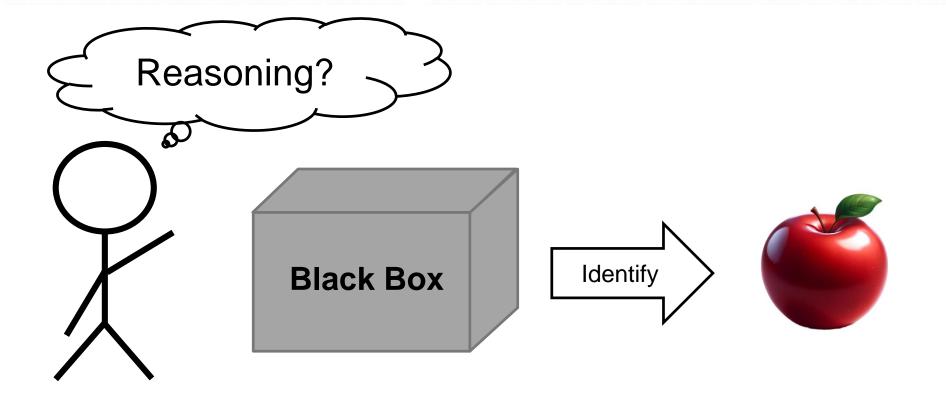




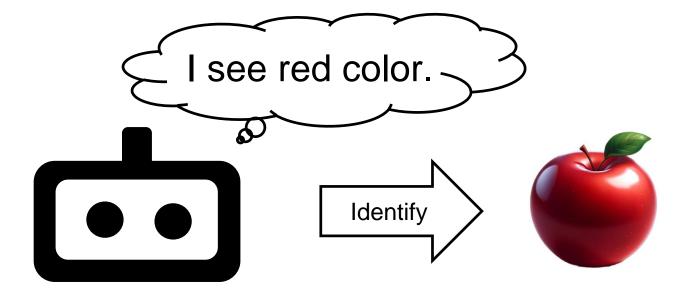




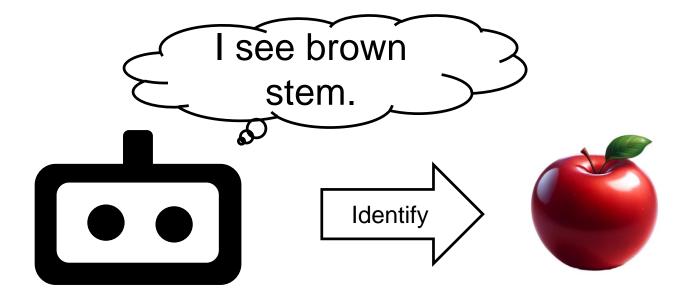




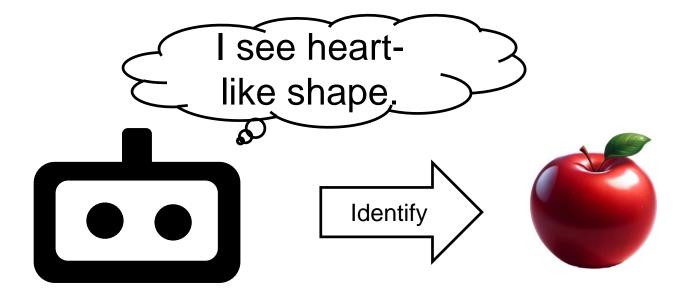




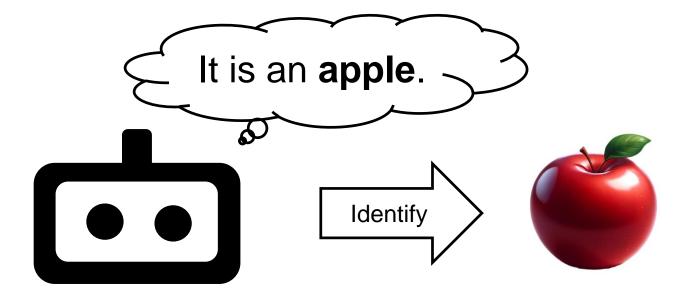












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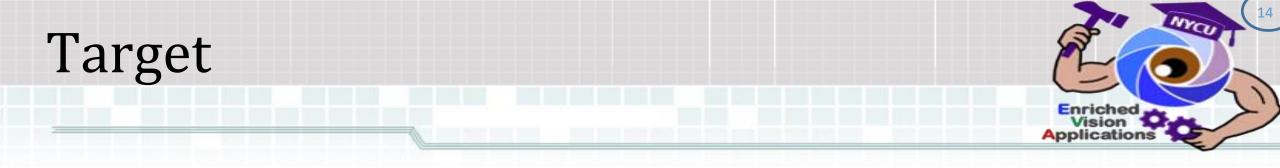
#### Motivation



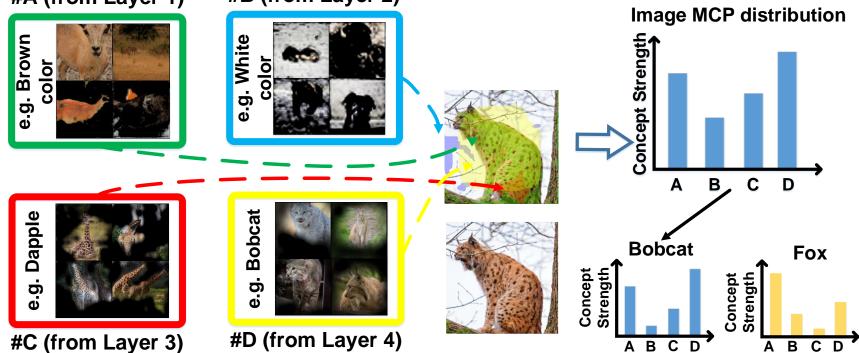
- Providing low and mid-level explanations:
  - A more comprehensive aspect to unveil the model
  - Seamlessly integrated into various model (CNN-based)

	MCPNet(Ours)	ProtoPNet [1,2,3]	Concept Bottleneck [4]	TCAV [5]	CRAFT [6]
Explanation Type	Inherent	Inherent	Inherent	Post-hoc	Post-hoc
Explanation Scale	Multi-Level	Single-Level	Single-Level	Single-Level	Single-Level
w/o Concept Labels	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	×	×	$\checkmark$
w/o Modifying Models	$\checkmark$	×	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$

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- An <u>inherently hierarchical explanation method</u> to unveil the model
  - Providing multi-scale explanations
  - Without compromising the performance
  - Seamlessly integrate with various backbone (CNN-based) #A (from Layer 1) #B (from Layer 2)

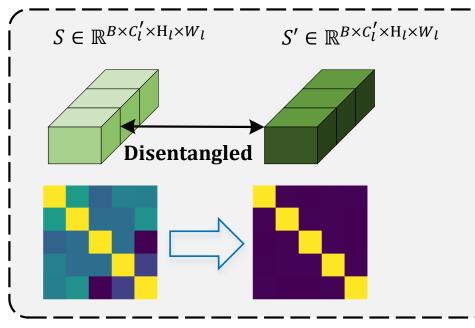


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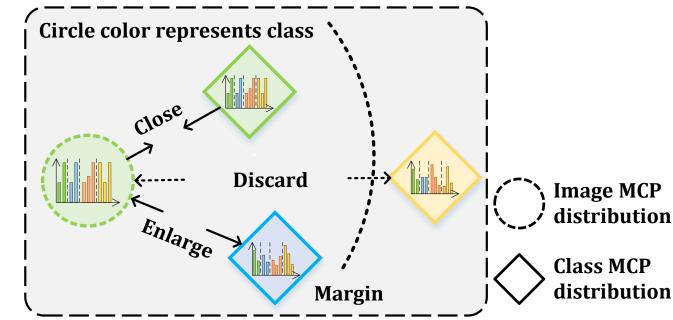


- Proposed constraints
  - Centered Kernel Alignment (CKA) loss
  - Class-aware Concept Distribution (CCD) loss

#### **Centered Kernel Alignment loss**



#### **Class-aware Concept Distribution loss**

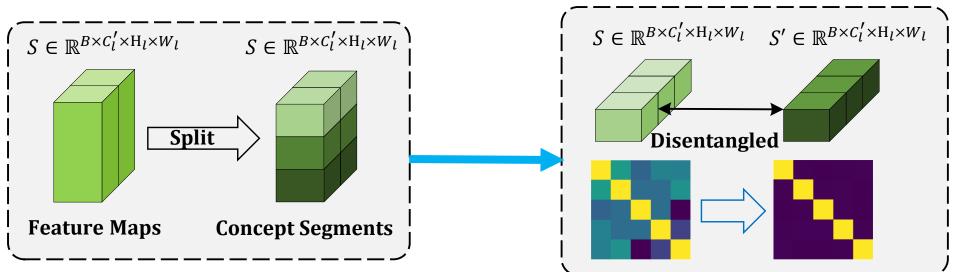


# **Proposed Method**



- Centered Kernel Alignment (CKA) loss
  - Disentangling segment semantics

#### **Split Concept Segments**

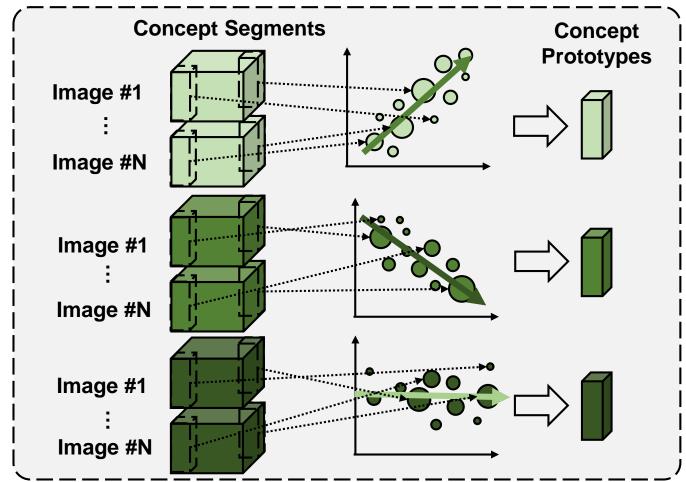


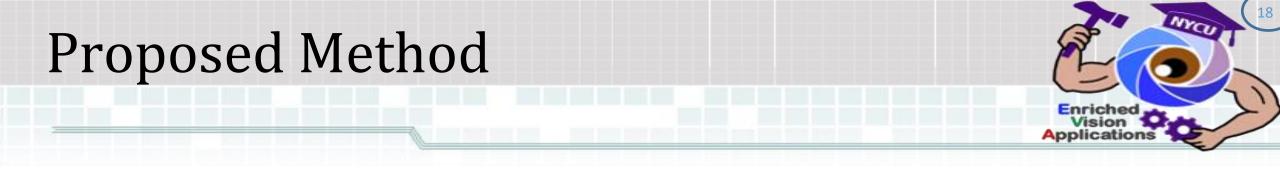
**Centered Kernel Alignment loss** 



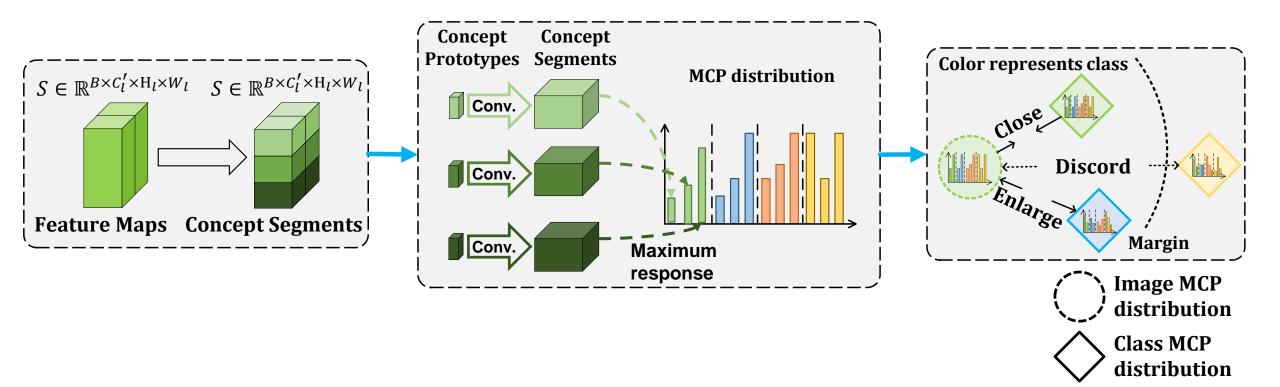


• Concept prototypes extraction





- Class-aware Concept Distribution (CCD) loss
  - Classifying via Multi-level Concept Prototypes distributions (MCP distribution)

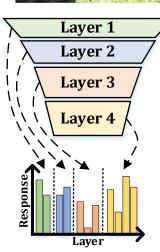




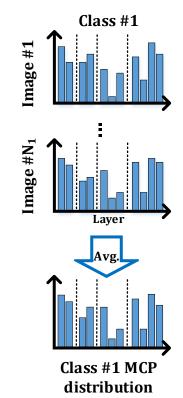
• Our new classify paradigm

For each image:





For each class:



Classify images:

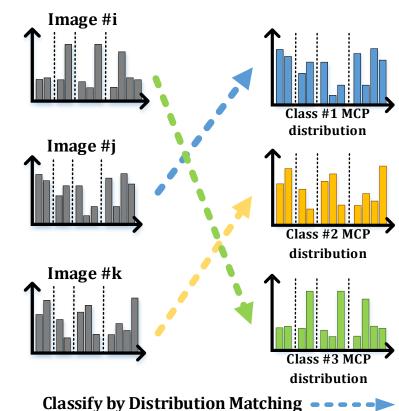


Image MCP distribution

#### Experiments – Quantitative Results



• Main quantitative results:

Backbone	Methods	Exploration	Accuracy		
	Methous	Explanation	AWA2	Caltech101	CUB_200_2011
ResNet50	Baseline	N/A	94.92%	94.21%	77.94%
	ProtoTree [14]	Single-Scale	90.60%	72.19%	$18.00\%^\dagger$
	Deformable ProtoPNet [2]	Single-Scale	85.51%	93.88%	73.42% <sup>†</sup>
	ST-ProtoPNet [28]	Single-Scale	93.76%	95.95%	$76.34\%^{\dagger}$
	PIP-Net [15]	Single-Scale	85.99%	87.86%	$70.99\%^{\dagger}$
	MCPNet (Ours)	Multi-Scale	93.92%	93.88%	80.15%
Inception V3	Baseline	N/A	95.47%	96.42%	79.43%
	ProtoTree [14]	Single-Scale	92.29%	86.02%	13.03%
	Deformable ProtoPNet [2]	Single-Scale	92.68%	97.22%	72.99%
	ST-ProtoPNet [28]	Single-Scale	93.60%	96.99%	75.25%
	PIP-Net [15]	Single-Scale	43.82%	45.04%	6.76%
	MCPNet (Ours)	Multi-Scale	94.62%	95.76%	78.94%
ConvNeXt-tiny	Baseline	N/A	96.55%	96.56%	84.55%
	ProtoTree [14]	Single-Scale	94.00%	78.82%	21.57%
	Deformable ProtoPNet [2]	Single-Scale	91.94%	93.65%	35.05%
	ST-ProtoPNet [28]	Single-Scale	94.22%	97.17%	81.84%
	PIP-Net [15]	Single-Scale	93.80%	96.61%	82.74%
	MCPNet (Ours)	Multi-Scale	95.61%	95.95%	83.45%

#### Experiments – 5-shot Classification



• 5-shot for unseen class images classification:

Dataset	Method	Accuracy
AWA2	Baseline	60.55%
	ProtoTree [14]	33.68%
	Deformable ProtoPNet [2]	19.71%
	ST-ProtoPNet [28]	30.15%
	PIP-Net [15]	26.17%
	<b>MCPNet (Ours)</b>	<b>73.79</b> %

# Experiments – Ablation Study



• The effect of different number of channel per segment:

Dataset	Channel	Accuracy
	32	93.92%
AWA2	16	93.95%
	8	93.58%
	32	93.88%
Caltech101	16	93.79%
	8	93.51%
	32	80.15%
CUB_200_2011	16	80.19%
	8	81.22%

# Experiments – Concept Visualizations

- MCPNet (Ours) provides different scales concepts.
- Previous methods (e.g. PIP-Net) only provides single scale concepts.

**MCPNet PIP-Net** Layer 1 Layer 2 Layer 3 Layer 4 #1 #1 #1 #1 #2 #2 #1 #2 #3 **#4** #5 #7 **#8** #6

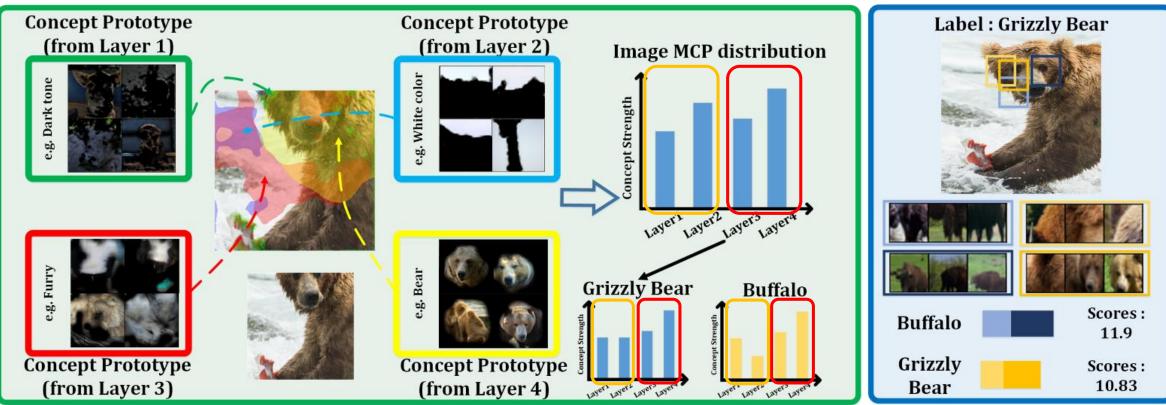
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#### **Experiments - Explanations**



#### MCPNet

#### **PIP-Net**







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