

Gaining Free or Low-Cost  
Transparency with Interpretable  
Partial Substitute

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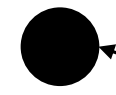
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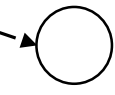
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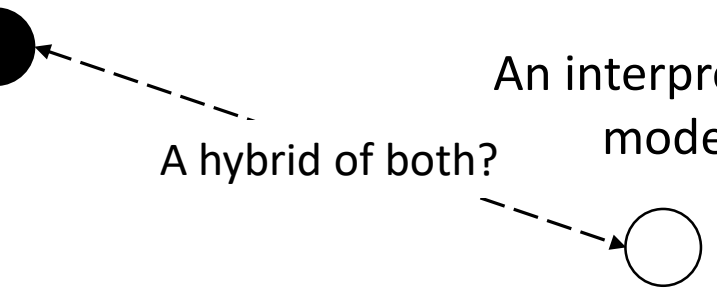
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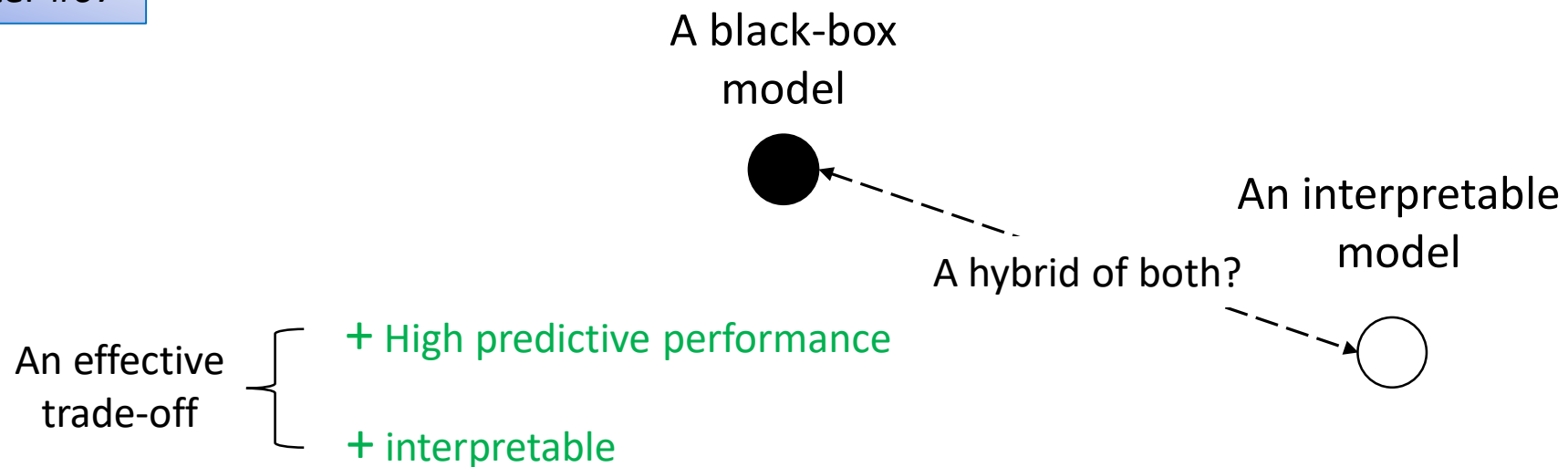


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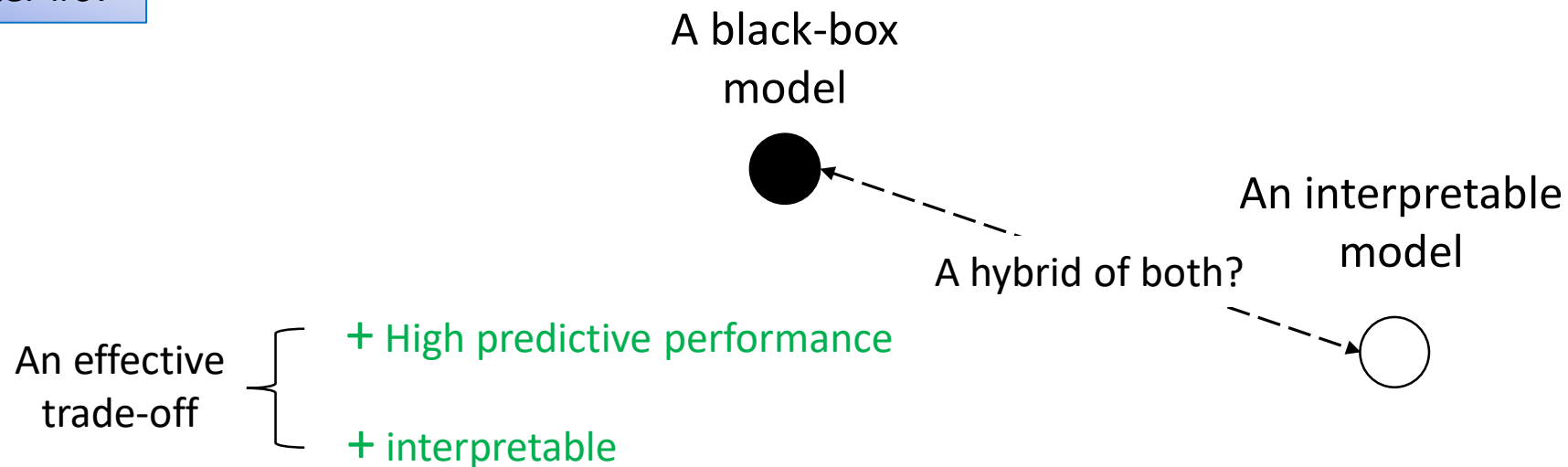
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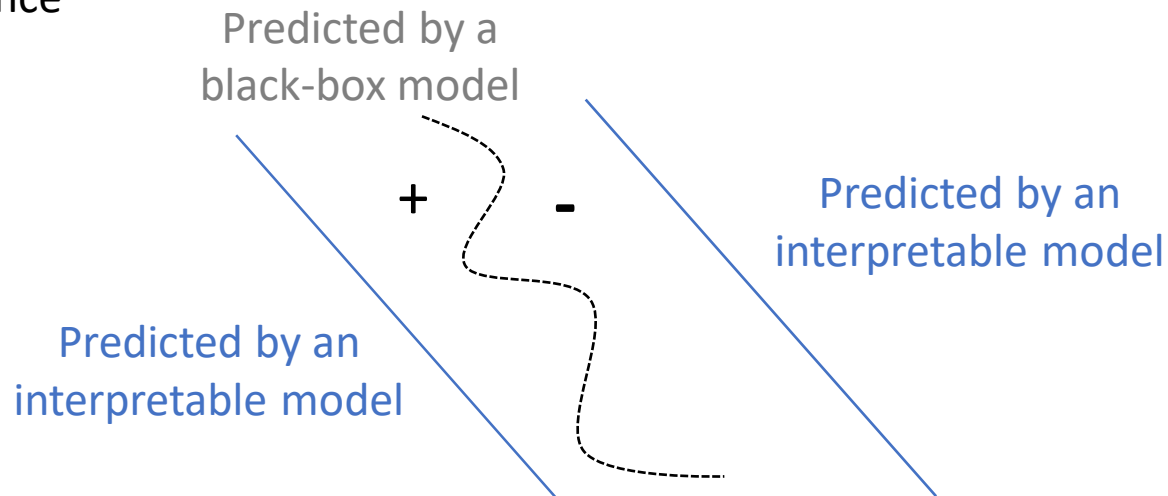
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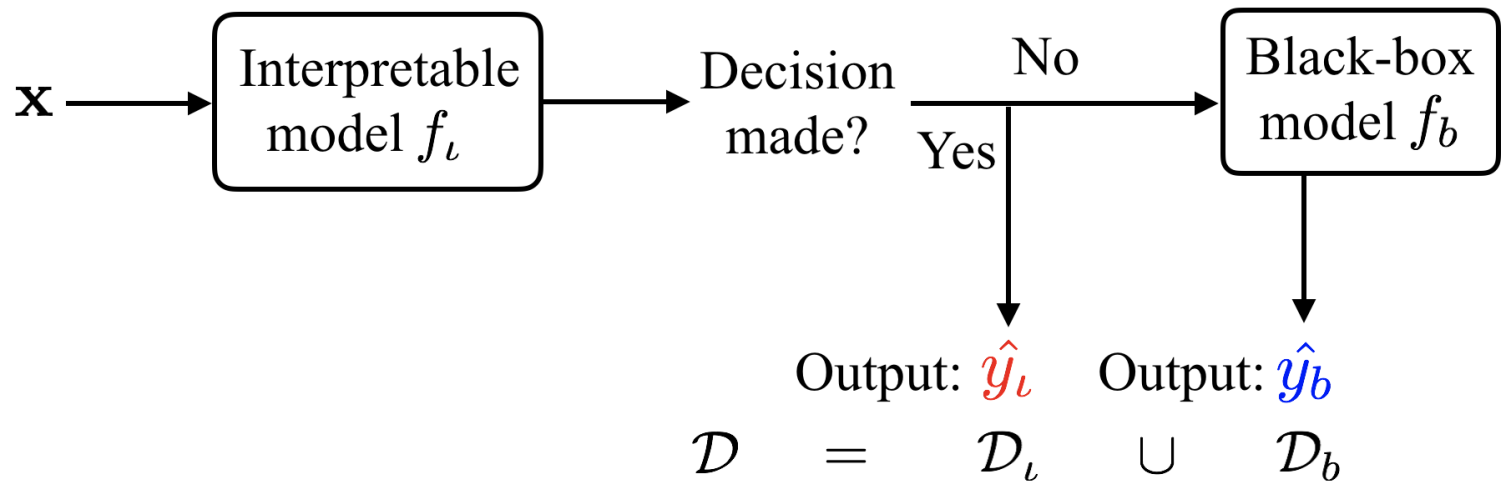


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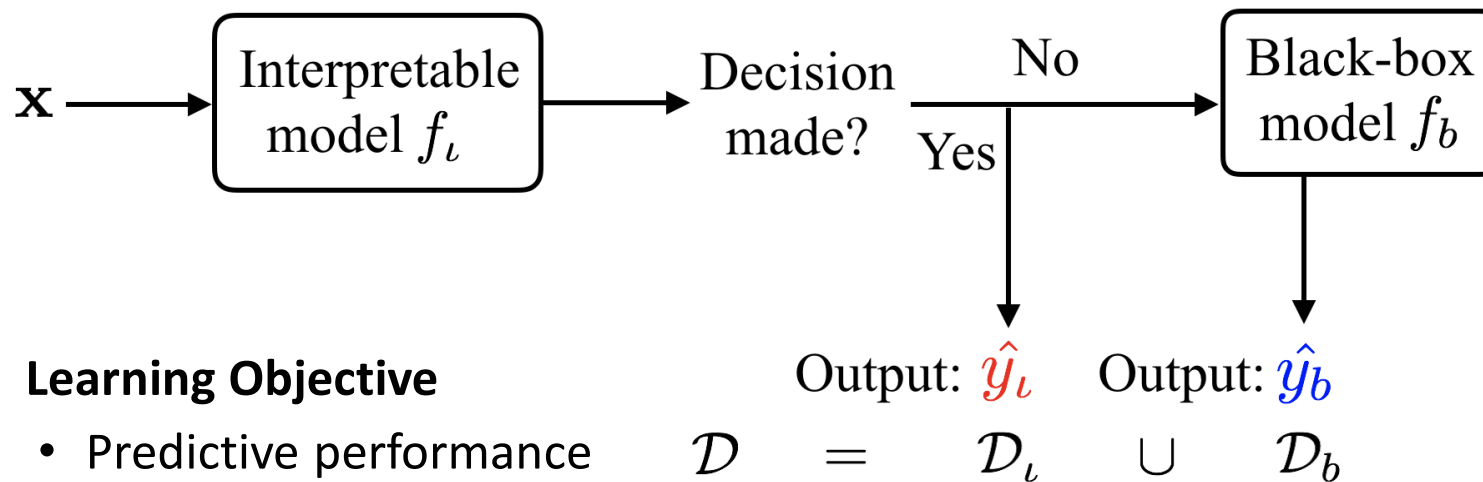


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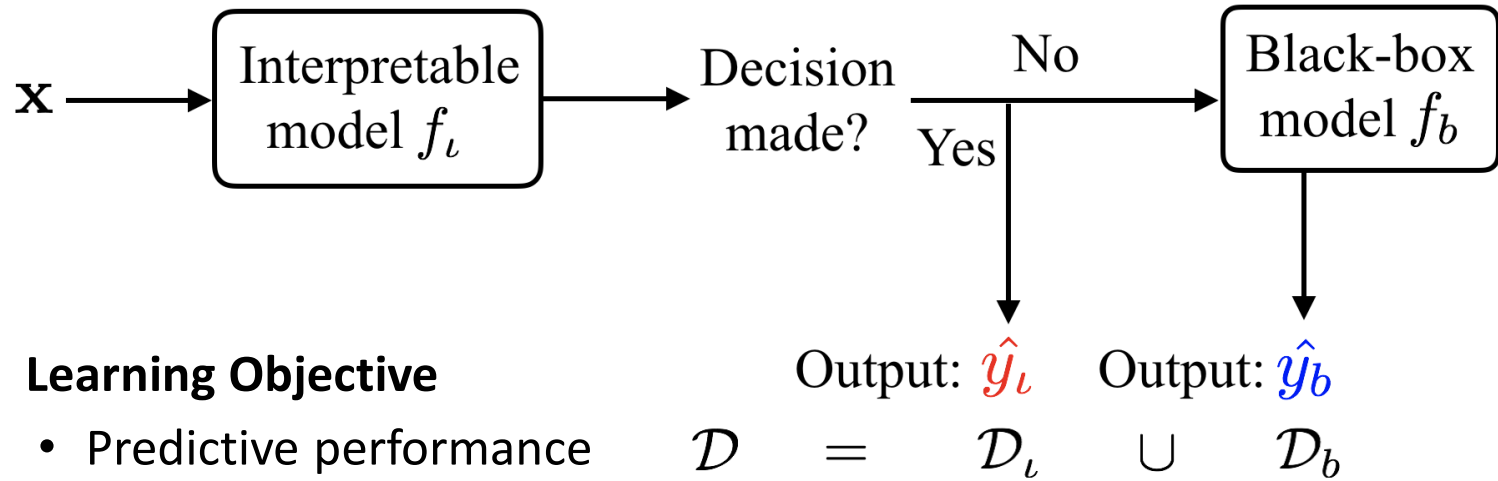


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- Predictive performance
- Interpretability of  $f_i$
- Transparency

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A Hybrid Rule Set

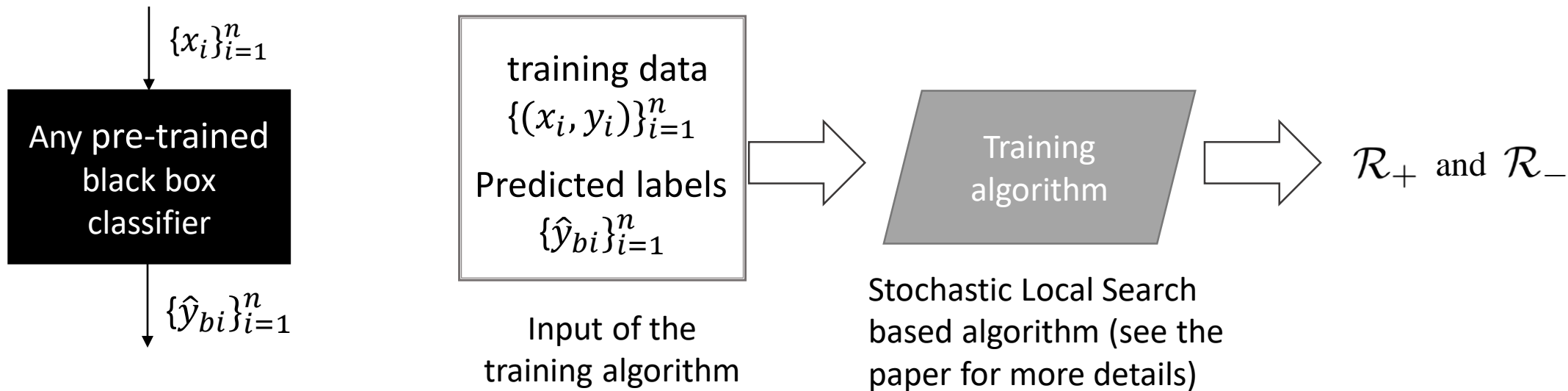
if  $\mathbf{x}_i$  obeys  $\mathcal{R}_+$ ,  $Y = 1$   
 else if  $\mathbf{x}_i$  obeys  $\mathcal{R}_-$ ,  $Y = 0$   
 else  $Y = f_b(\mathbf{x}_i)$

Table 1. An example of a HyRS model

	Rules	Model
if	age < 35 and maximum heart rate $\geq 178$ OR serum cholesterol $\geq 234$ and that $\neq 3$ and the number of vessels $\geq 1$ $\rightarrow Y = 1$ (heart disease)	$\mathcal{R}_+$
else if	chest pain type $\neq 4$ and age > 40 $\rightarrow Y = 0$ (no heart disease)	$\mathcal{R}_-$
else	$\rightarrow Y = f_b(\mathbf{x})$	$f_b$

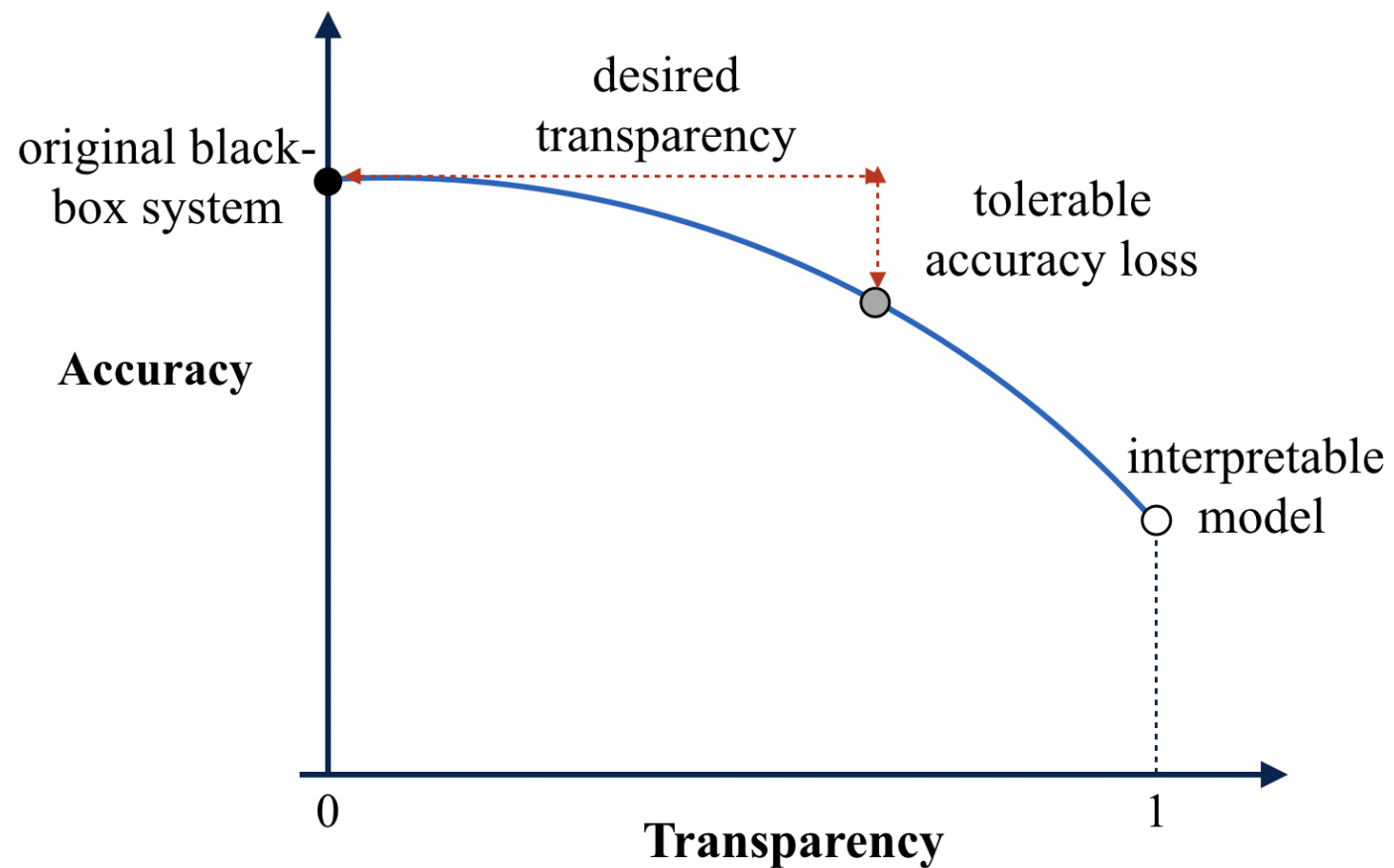


# Model Training

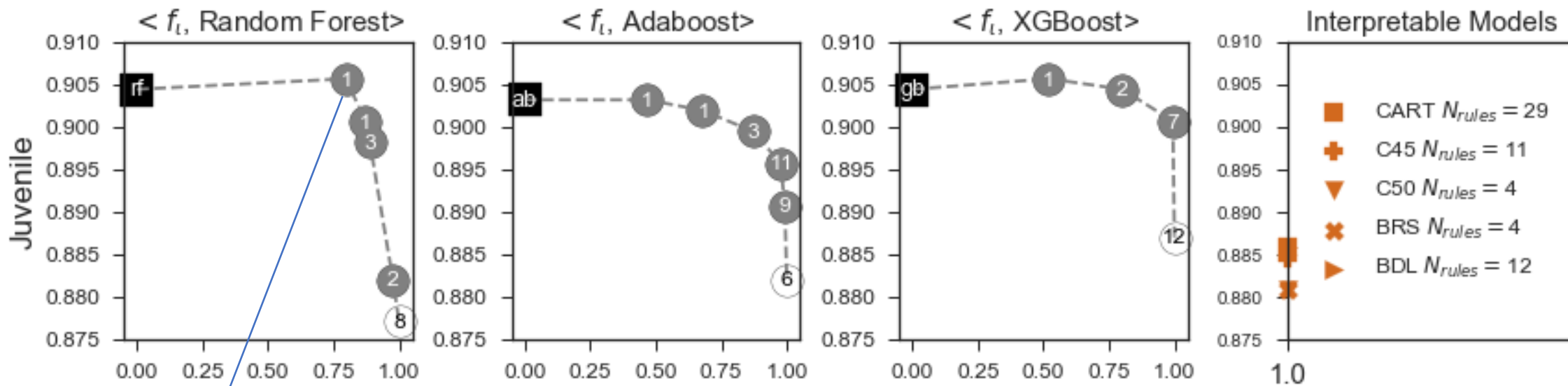


Evaluation:  
An efficient frontier  
that characterizes the  
trade-off between  
transparency and  
accuracy

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## Performance on Juvenile dataset

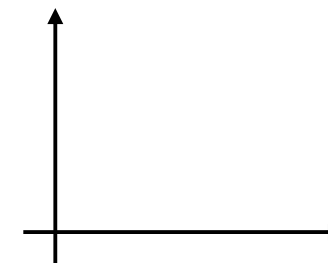


**if** Has any of your family members or friends ever attacked you with a weapon  $\neq$  Yes *and* Have your friends ever hit or threatened to hit someone without any reason?  $\neq$  Yes *and* Have your friends ever broken into a vehicle or building to steal something  $\neq$  Yes

**then**  $Y = 0$

**else**  $Y = f_b(\mathbf{x})$

accuracy



transparency

Thank you!

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