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Aesthetic calculation and analysis of road environment on rural roads

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ABOUT MYSELF



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Research interests

Driver Visual Perception

Driving Risk Analysis

Traffic data analysis

Skills

Computer proficiency: Python, Matlab

Software: AutoCAD, Vissim, Photoshop

Data processing: Naturalistic driving data, Driving simulator data, Eye-tracking data, EMG, ECG, EEG data



METHODOLOGY AND RESULT

Naturalistic Driving Experiment

More than 50000 kilometers

Two-way two-lane rural roads in five Chinese provinces:
Tibet, Anhui, Shandong, Jiangxi, and Zhejiang



Diverse
surrounding
landscapes

Data Collection

GARMIN GDR35
driving recorder



Road environment
perceived by driver

Questionnaire survey

How would you rate the aesthetic score of this road environment?

Dataset

A total of 2,000 road environment images with aesthetic scores were obtained

Driver	Min	Max	Mean	SD
Age	23	50	32.9	7.1
Gender	9 females (21%)		33 males (79%)	
Driving years	3	22	16	5.4



METHODOLOGY AND RESULT

Road environment features

Semantic feature
reflects the composition of road environments

Color feature
reflects the color distribution of road environments

Texture feature
reflects the texture composition of road environments

Aesthetic features

Diversity feature
reflects the richness of road environment features

Unity feature
reflects the coherence of road environment features

Symmetry feature
reflects the presence of vertical, horizontal, or other symmetrical relationships

Evaluation indicators of road environment aesthetics

Semantic diversity

Color diversity

Texture diversity

Semantic unity

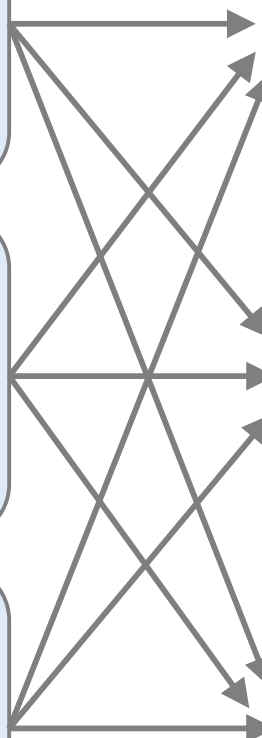
Color unity

Texture unity

Semantic symmetry

Color symmetry

Texture symmetry



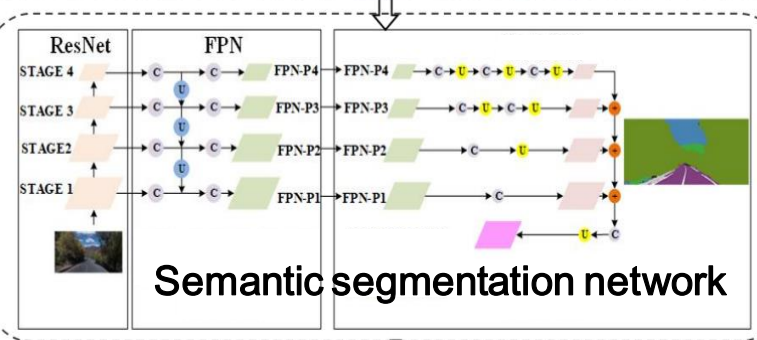


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Road environment features

Semantic feature

Road environment



Semantic segmentation network

Semantic feature

Semantic image

Road 8%
landscape 75%
Protection 3%
Sky 10%

Color feature

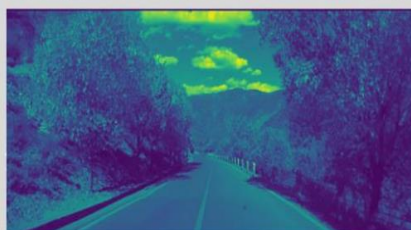
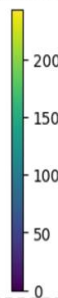
Road environment



Grayscale Conversion



Heatmap



Color image

Color feature

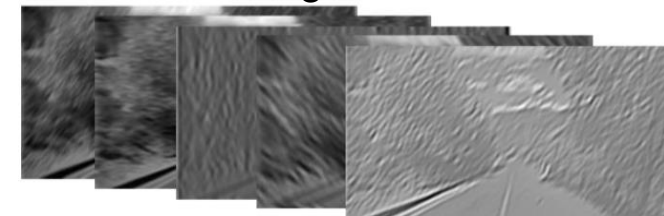
Hue 0.34
Saturation 0.28
Brightness 0.3

Texture feature

Road environment



Gabor Filtering



Texture image

Texture feature

Mea 197
Variance 1643
Entropy 7



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Diversity feature

Semantic diversity

$$Div_{sem} = \sum_{i=1}^C p(c_i) \log_2(p(c_i))$$

Color diversity

$$rg = R - G$$

$$yb = (R + G)/2 - B$$

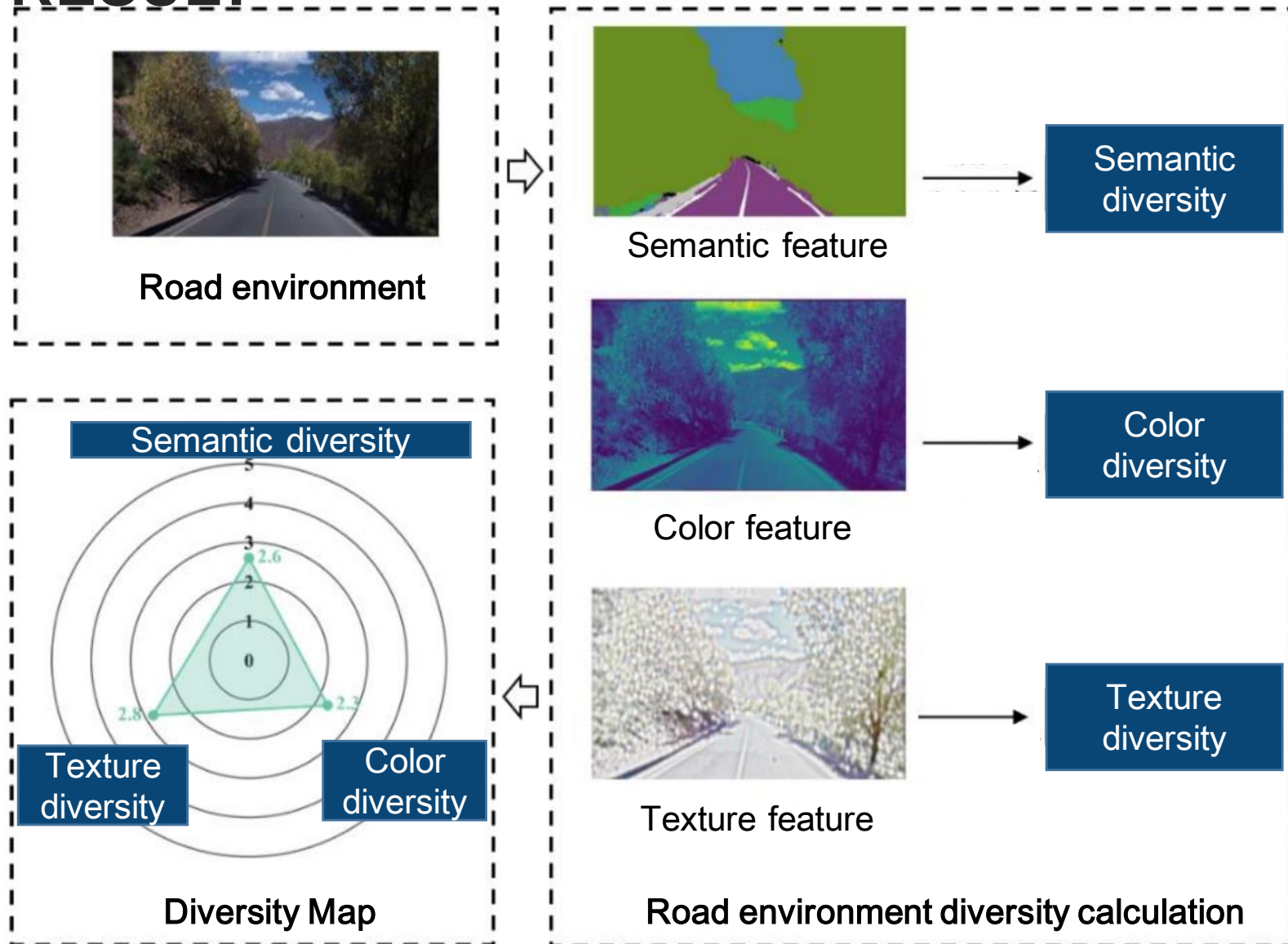
$$\sigma_{rgyb} = \sqrt{\sigma_{rg}^2 + \sigma_{yb}^2}$$

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$$Div_{col} = \sigma_{rgyb} + 0.3\mu_{rgyb}$$

Texture diversity

$$Div_{tex} = \frac{1}{3} [Var(\mu_i) + Var(\sigma_i^2) + Var(H_i)]$$





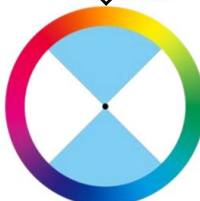
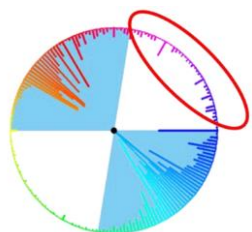
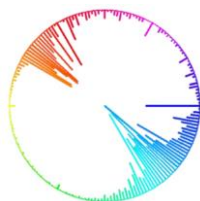
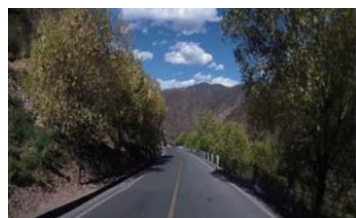
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Unity feature

Semantic unity

$$Uni_{sem} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^N Canny(i, j)}{M \times N}$$

Color unity



Texture unity

$$Uni_{tex} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^M std(Tex_i)}{M}$$



Road environment



Semantic feature

Semantic unity



Color feature

Color unity

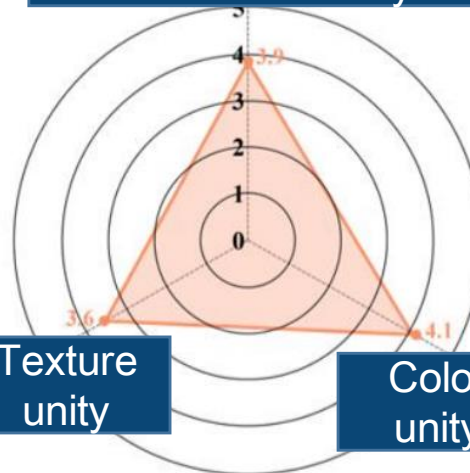


Texture feature

Texture unity

Road environment unity calculation

Semantic unity



Texture unity

Color unity

Unity Map



METHODOLOGY AND RESULT

Symmetry feature

Semantic symmetry

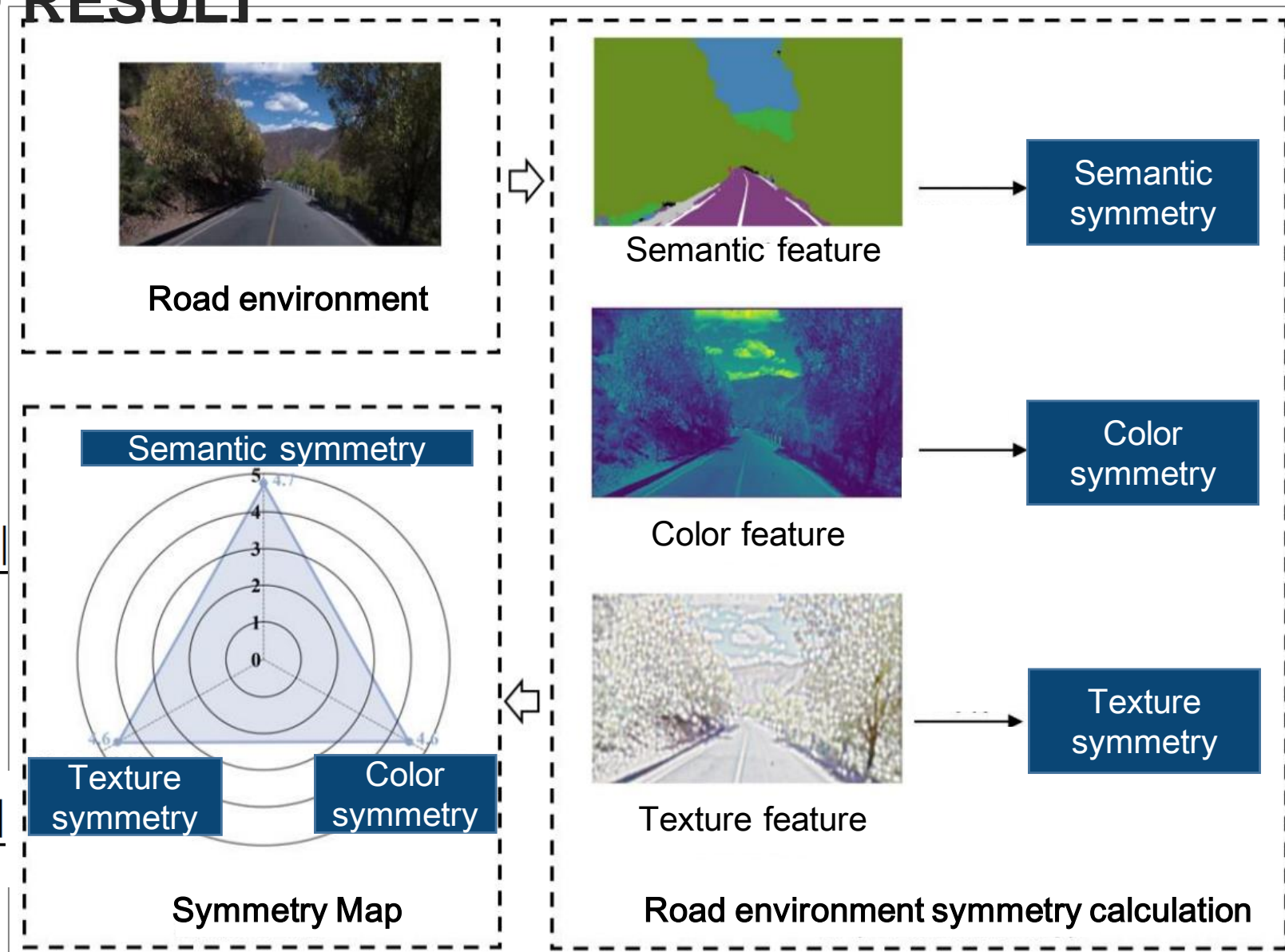
$$Sym_{sem} = \sum_{i=1}^N |p_i^l - p_i^r|$$

Color symmetry

$$Sym_{col} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^M \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{N}{2}} |Col(P(i,j)) - Col(P(M-i,j))|}{M * N}$$

Texture symmetry

$$Sym_{tex} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^M \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{N}{2}} |Tex(P(i,j)) - Tex(P(M-i,j))|}{M * N}$$

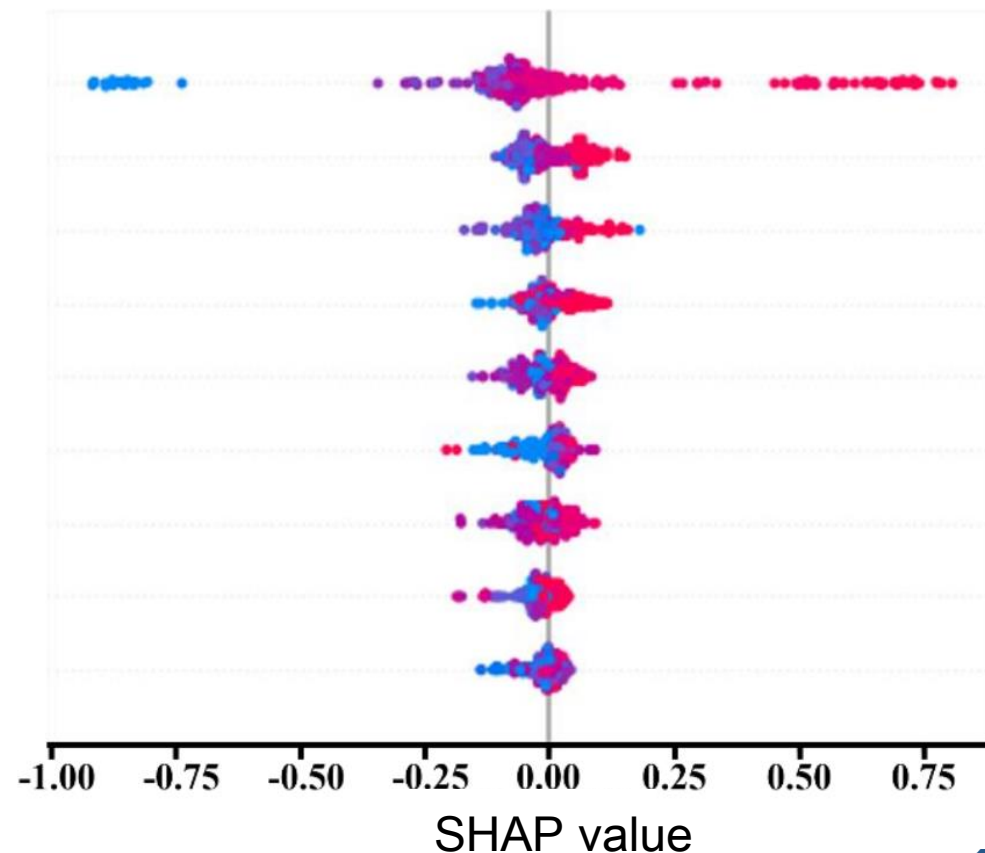
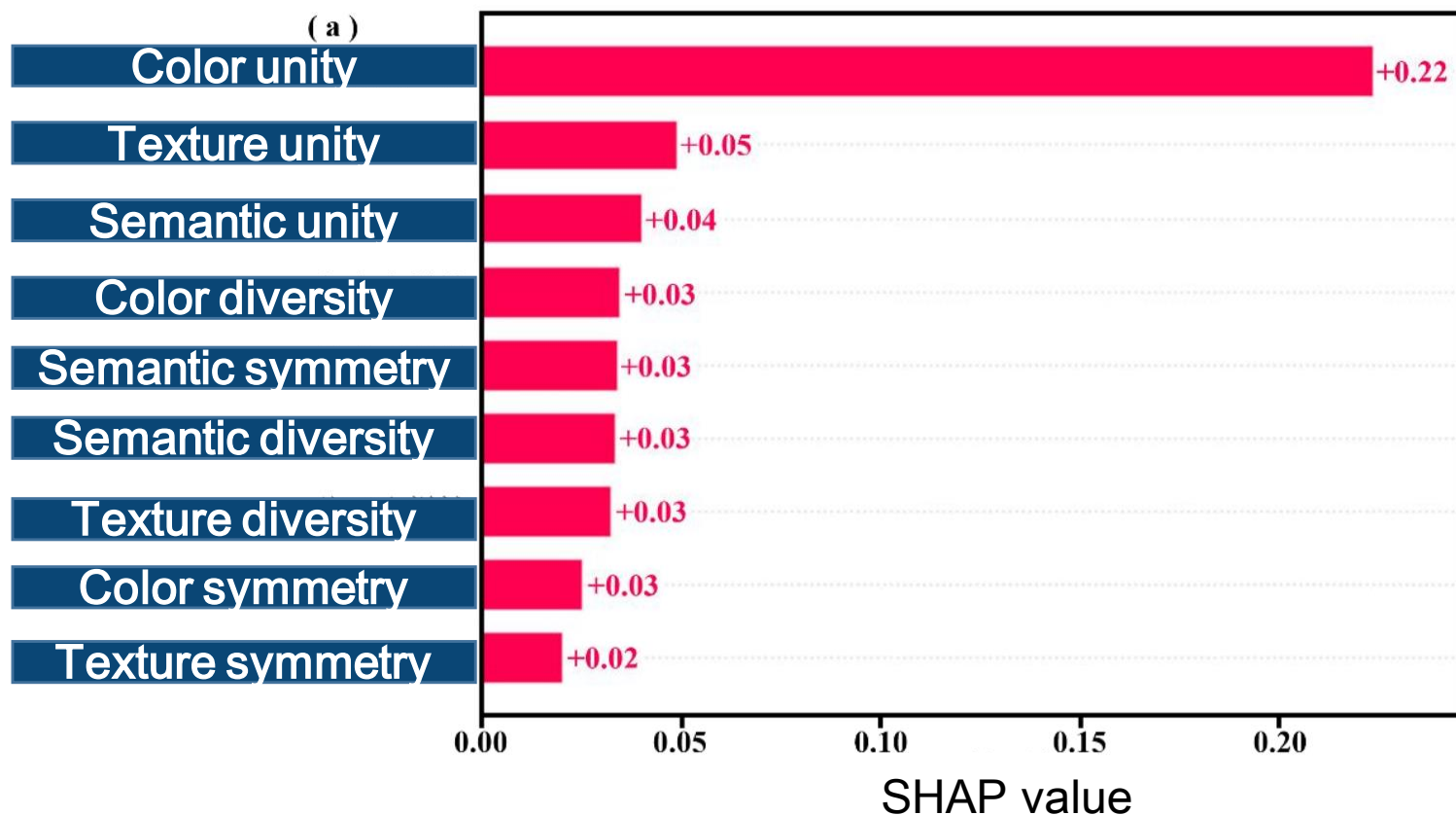




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XGBoost Algorithm. XGBoost (Extreme Gradient Boosting) is an ensemble learning algorithm based on gradient-boosted decision trees, which can effectively perform data regression.

SHAP. SHAP is a method from game theory that explains how much each feature contributes to the final prediction, making the model's decision-making process clearer.





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THANKS!

