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Localized Explainability for Machine Learning Valuation Models





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Overview

Ontario's Property Assessment System



Government of Ontario

Establishes the province's assessment and taxation laws and determines the education tax rates.



MPAC

Determines property classifications and assessments for all properties in Ontario, in accordance with legislation set by the Ontario Government.



Municipalities

Determine revenue requirements, set municipal tax rates and collect property taxes to pay for municipal services.*



Property owners

Pay property taxes that fund community services and education taxes that fund public schools.



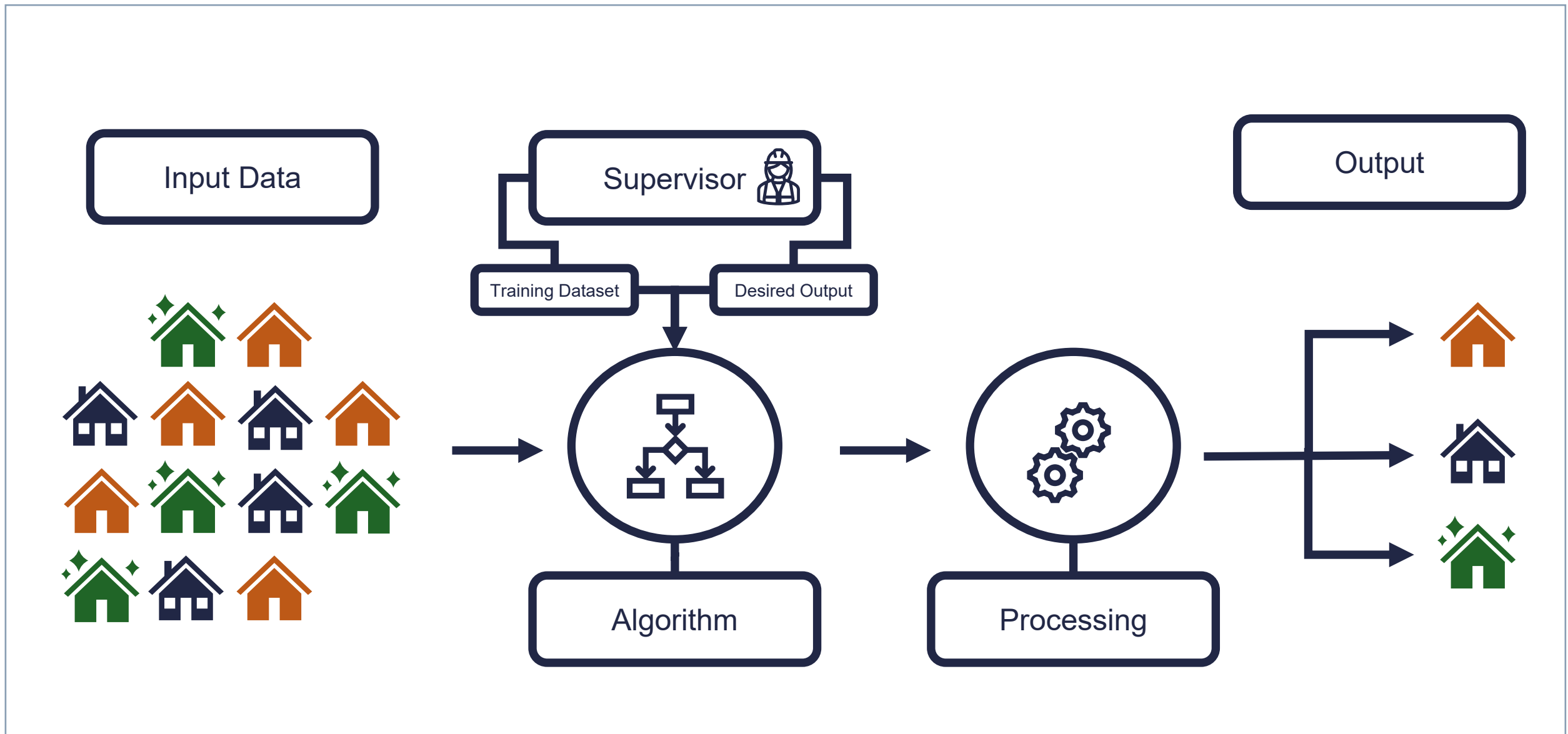
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

We are
1,800+ employees
across Ontario

Responsible for
assessing more than
5.6 million properties in
Ontario

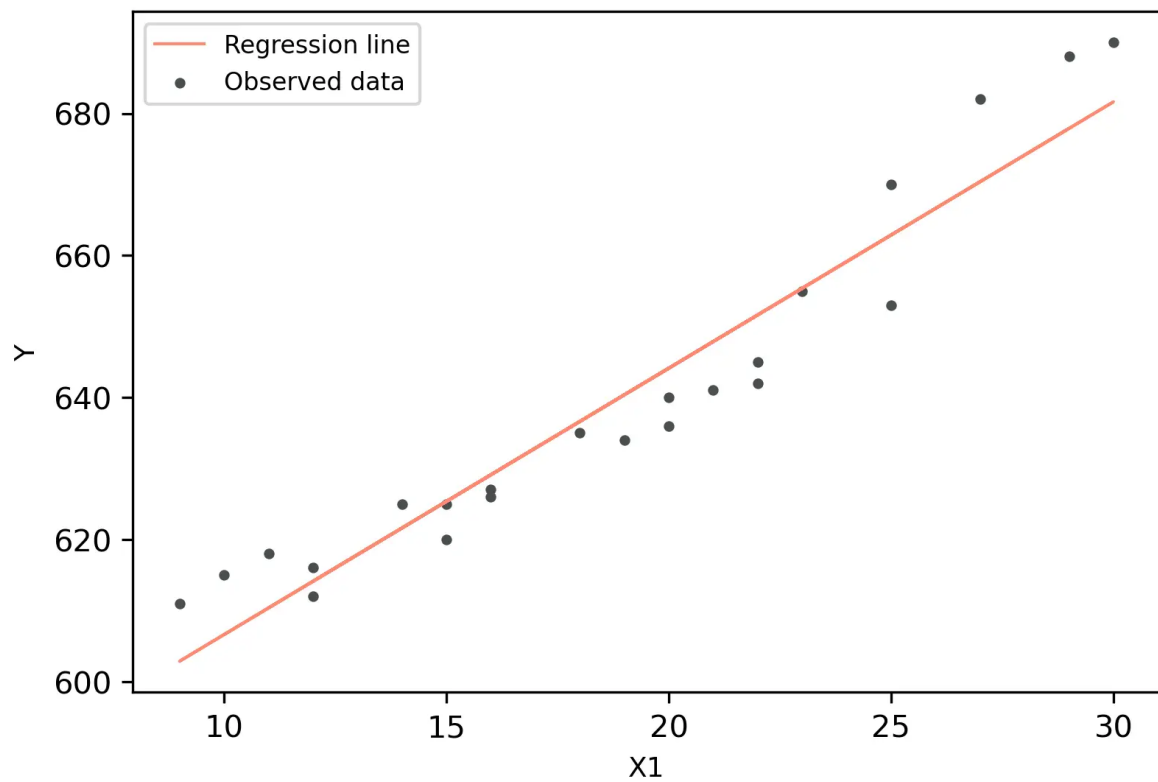
Representing more
than **\$3 trillion** in
property value

Serving all of Ontario's
444 municipalities

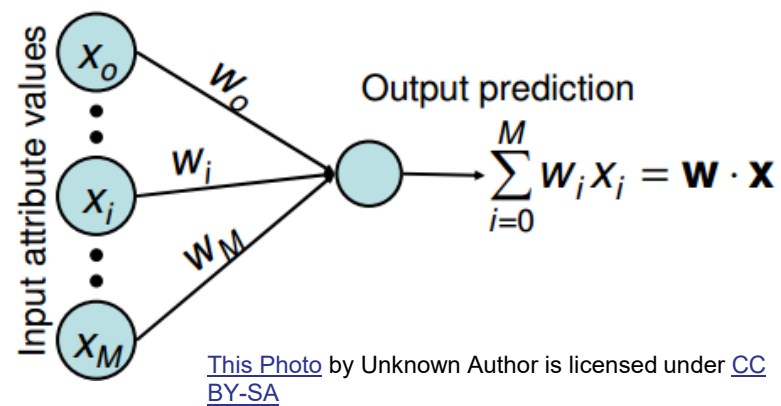




Ordinary Least Squares



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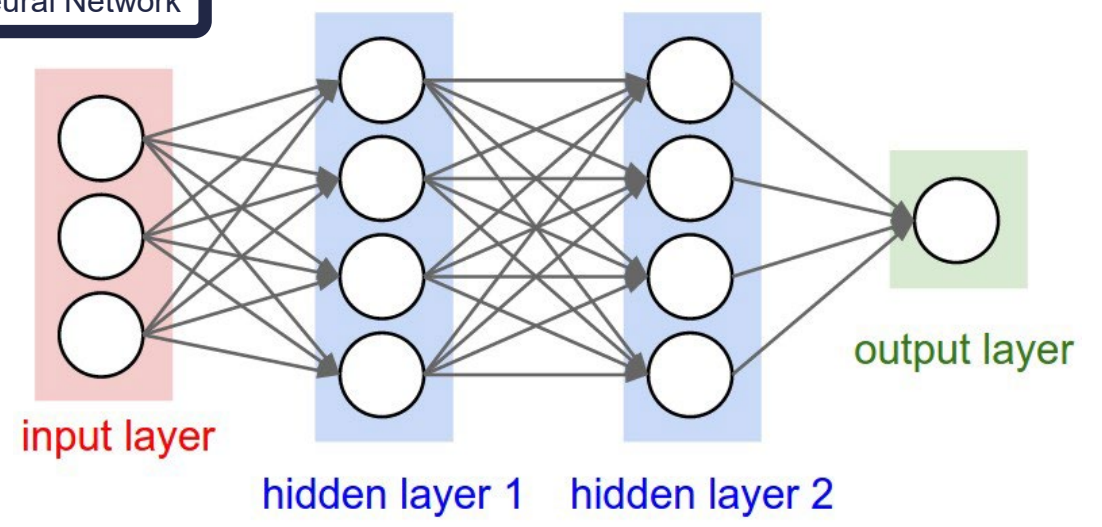


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Formula:

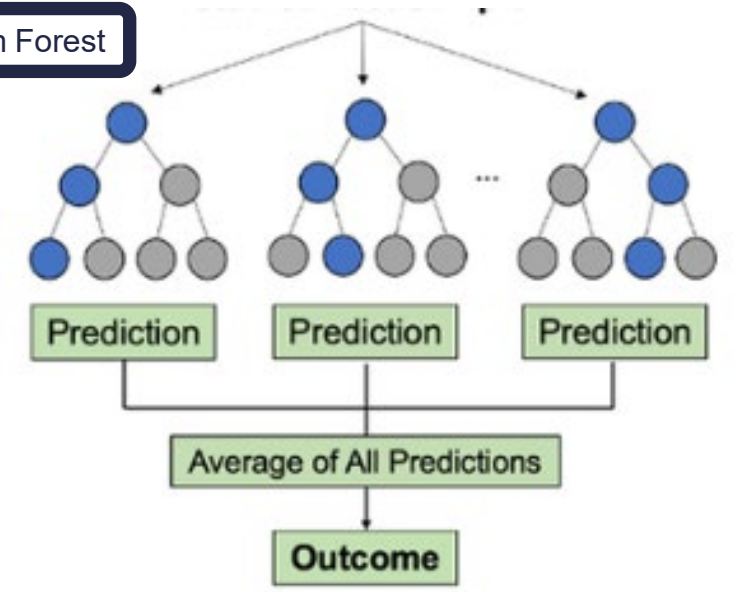
$$\text{value} = \text{total_area} * 625 + \text{age} * -1600$$

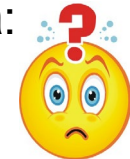
Neural Network



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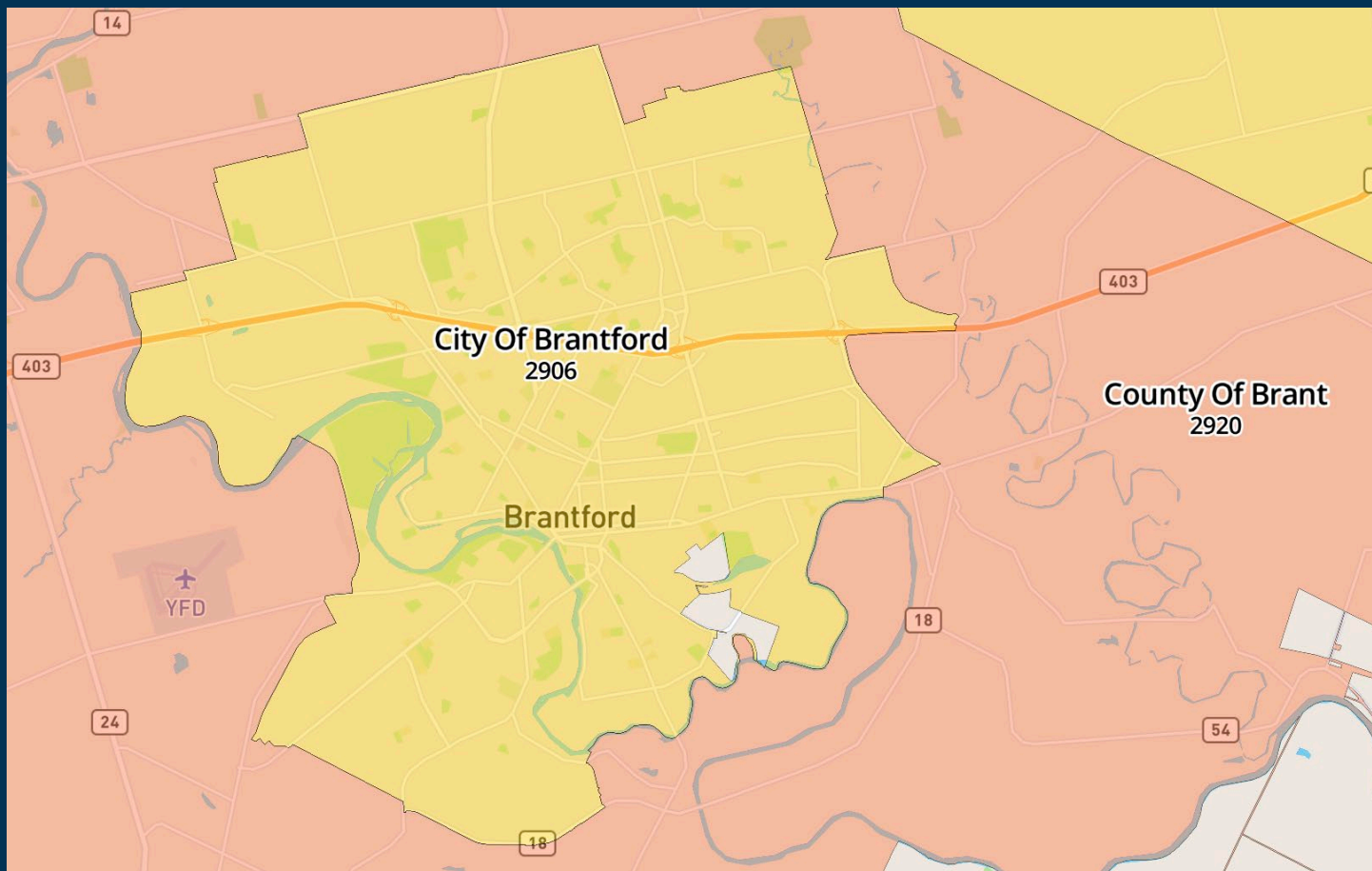
Random Forest

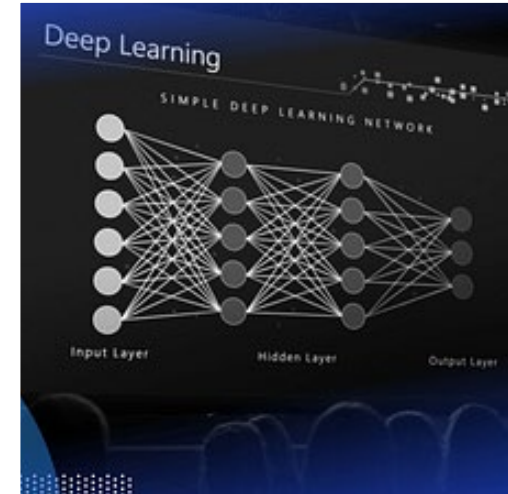
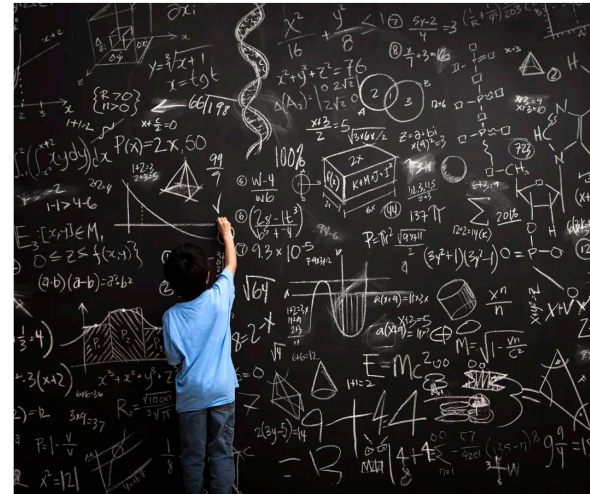
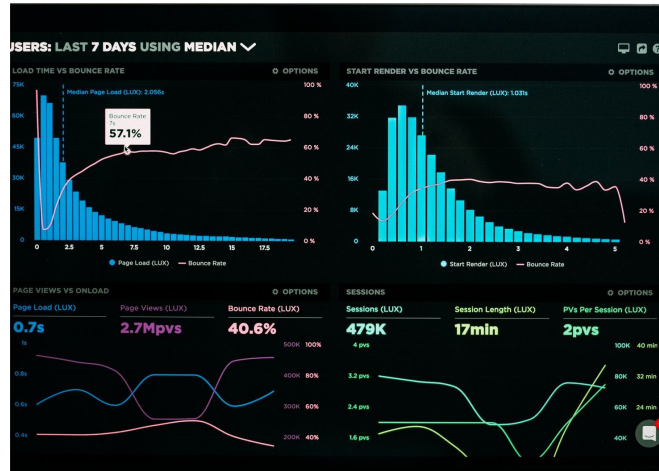


Formula:
value = 

Model Explainability

Market Area







Global Explanations



Providing an overall explanation of the model's behavior

Local Explanations



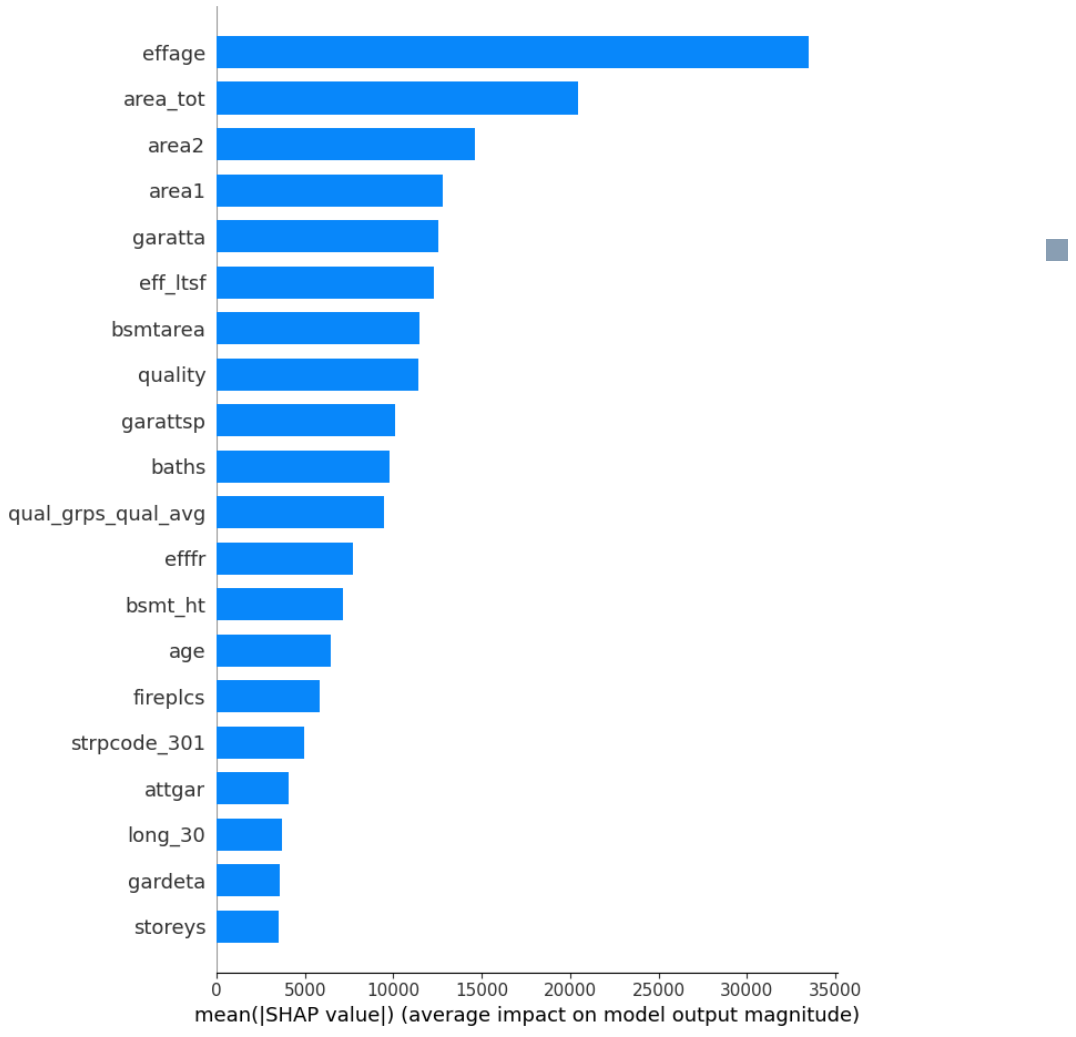
Understanding individual, property - level predictions

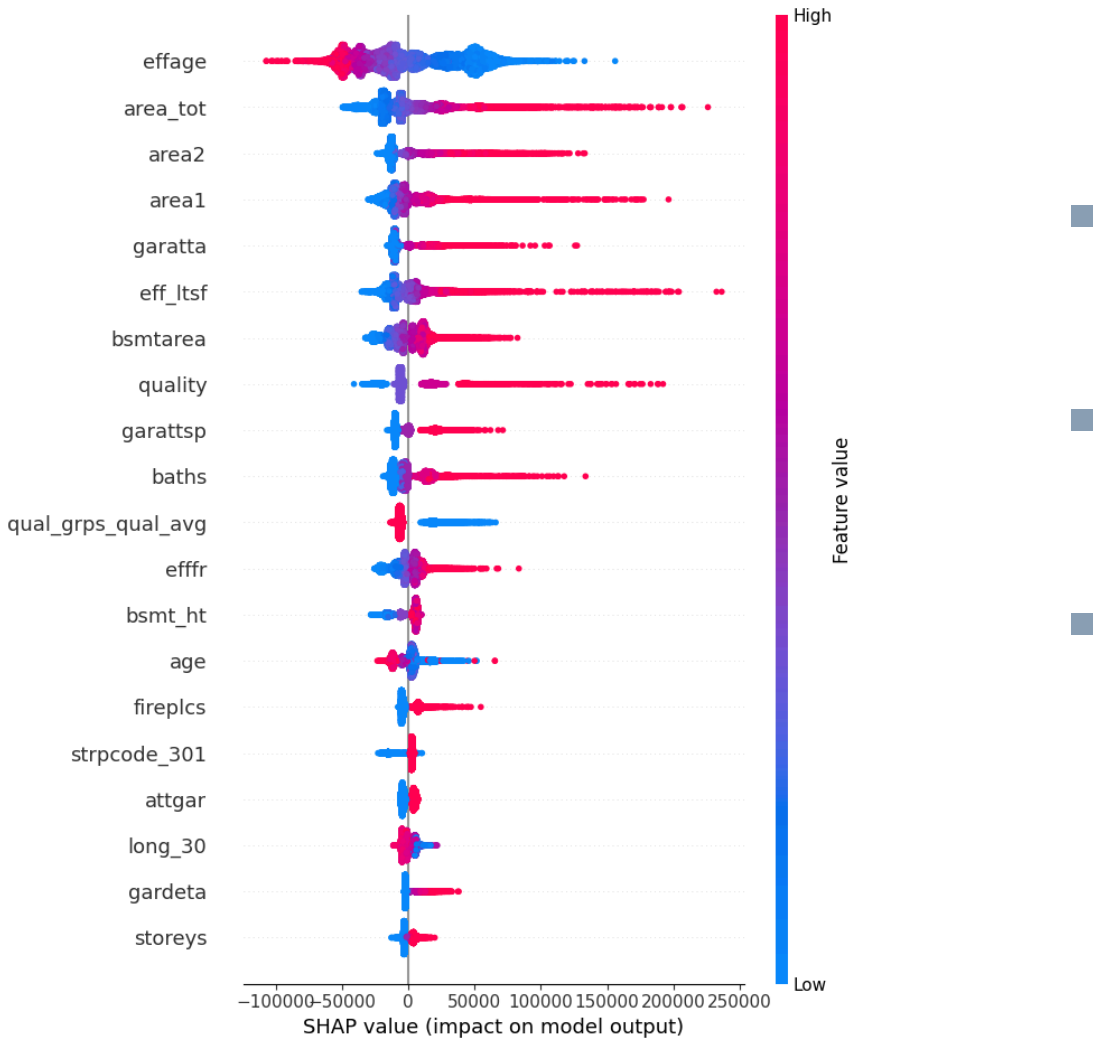


SHapley Additive exPlanations

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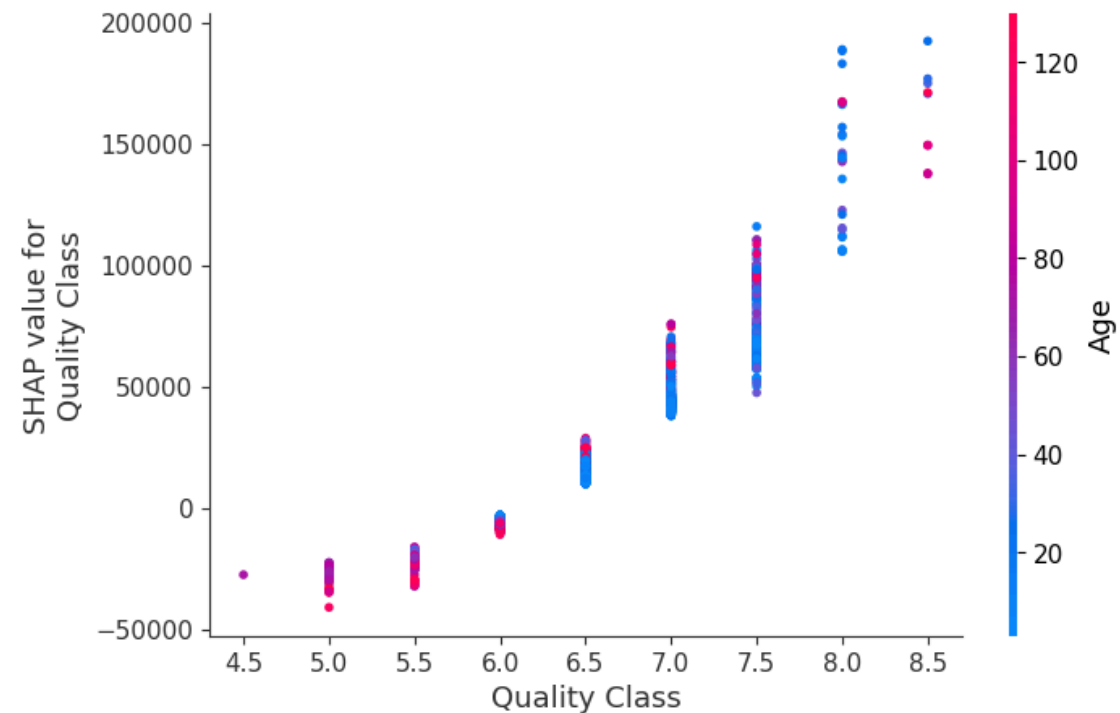
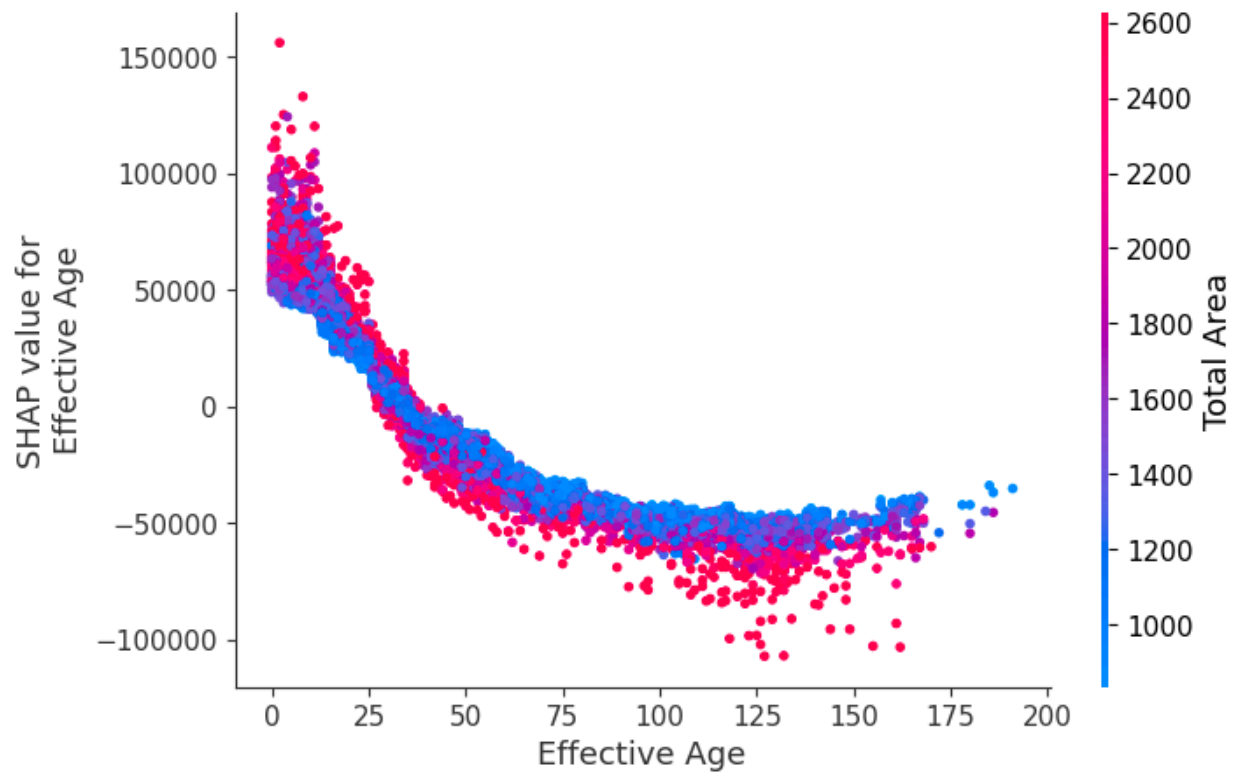
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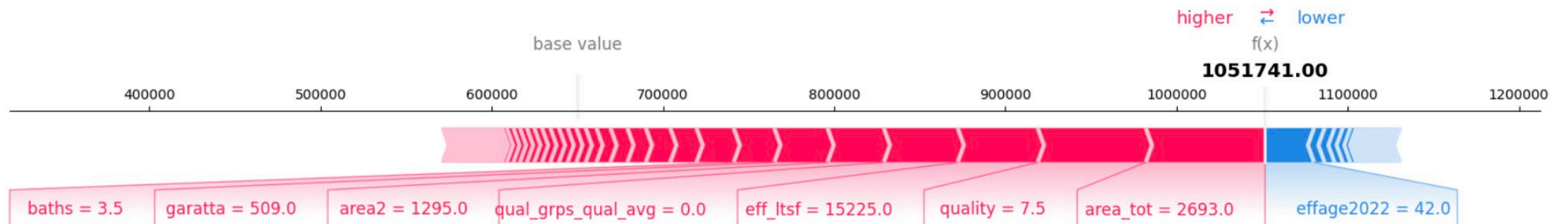
Partial Dependence Plots

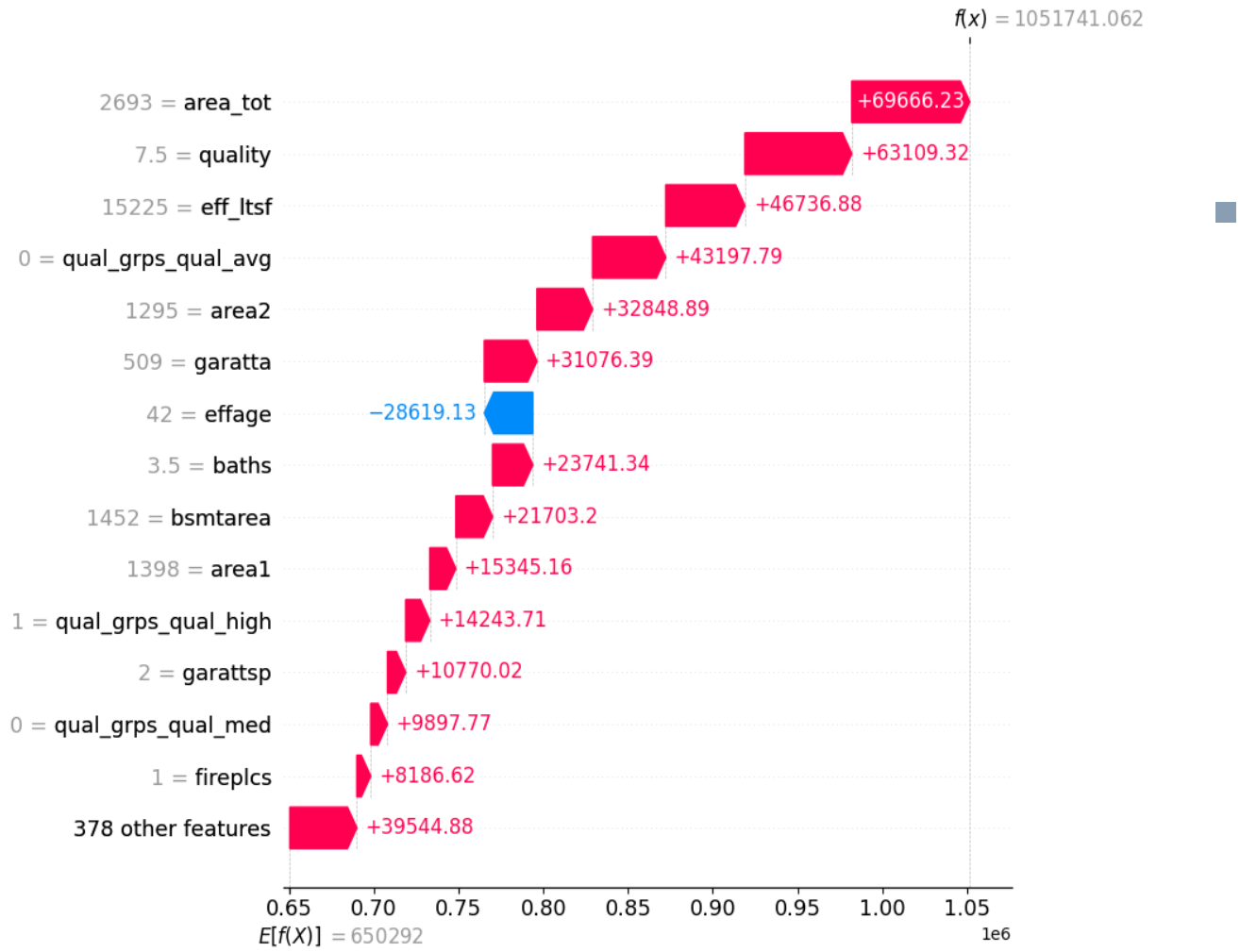
Visualizing the relationship between a feature and the model's prediction



Force Plot

Plotting the features contributing to the model prediction for a specific instance/property





Customized Explainability



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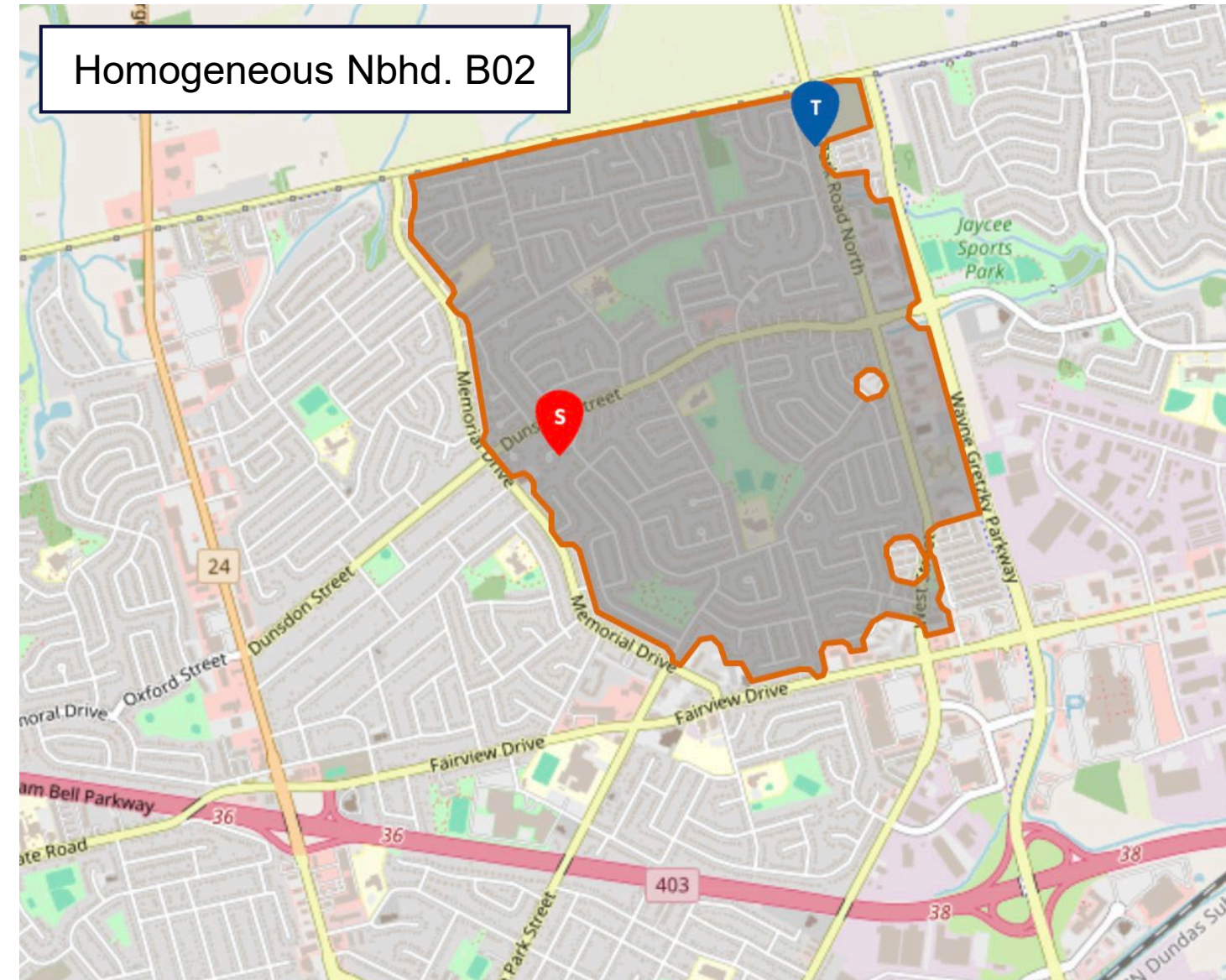
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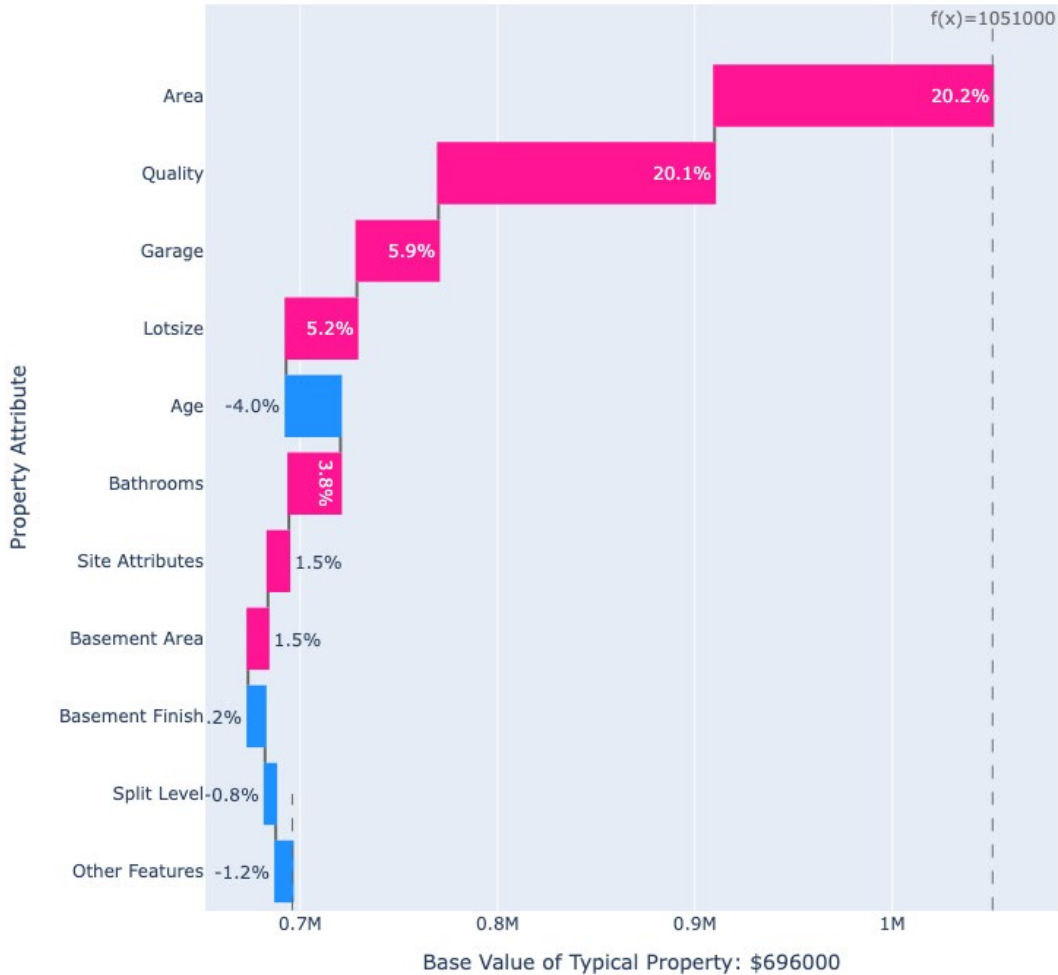
Homogeneous Nbhd. B02



	Base	Subject
Homo Nbhd	B02	B02
Str. Type	Detached	Detached
Lotsize	0.18 acres	0.35 acres
Age	37 years	42 years
Quality	6.0	7.5
Total Area	1210 sq ft	2693 sq ft
Basement Area	1071 sq ft	1452 sq ft
Basement Finish	503 sq ft	0 sq ft
Garage	252 sq ft	509 sq ft
Bathrooms	1.5	3.5

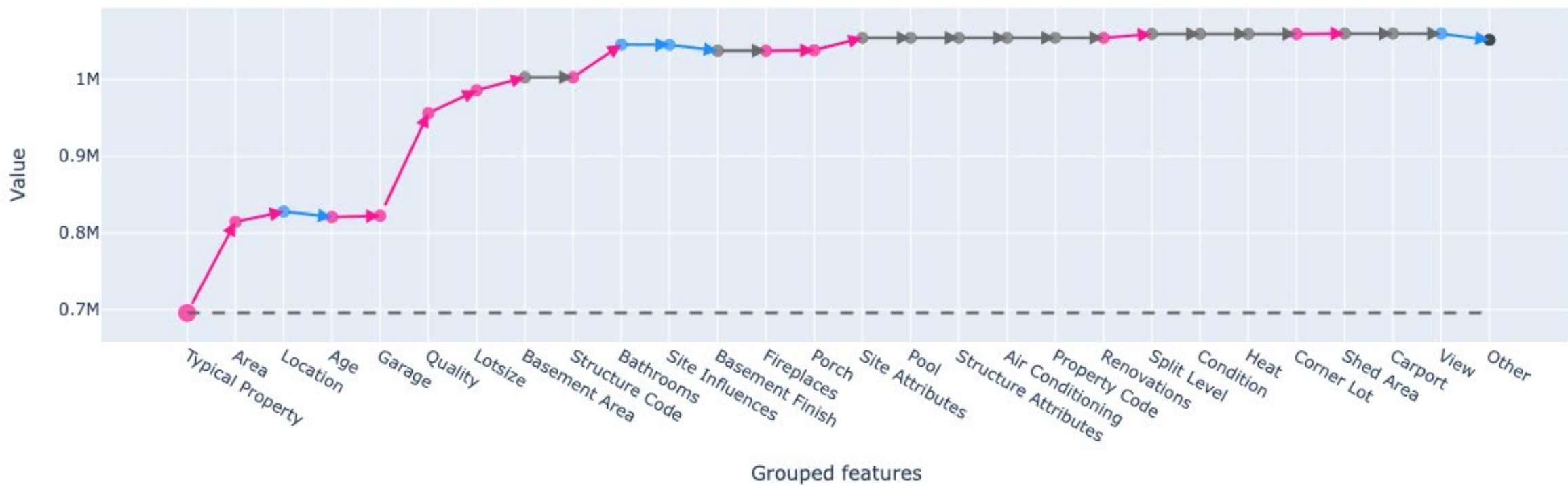
Customized Waterfall Plot

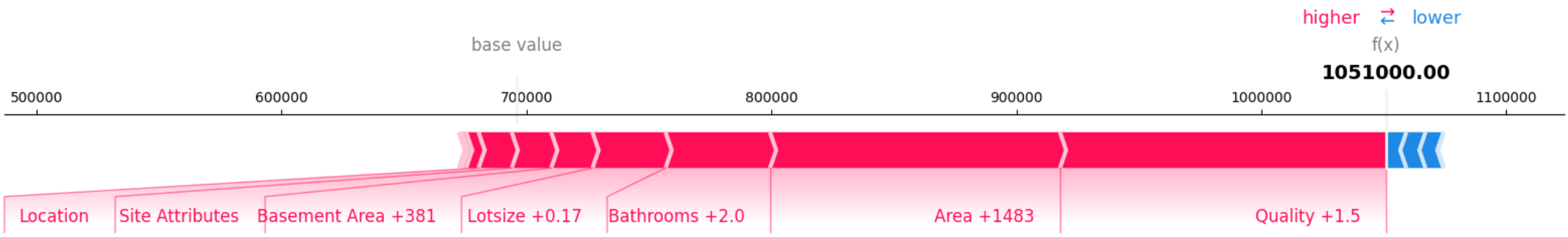
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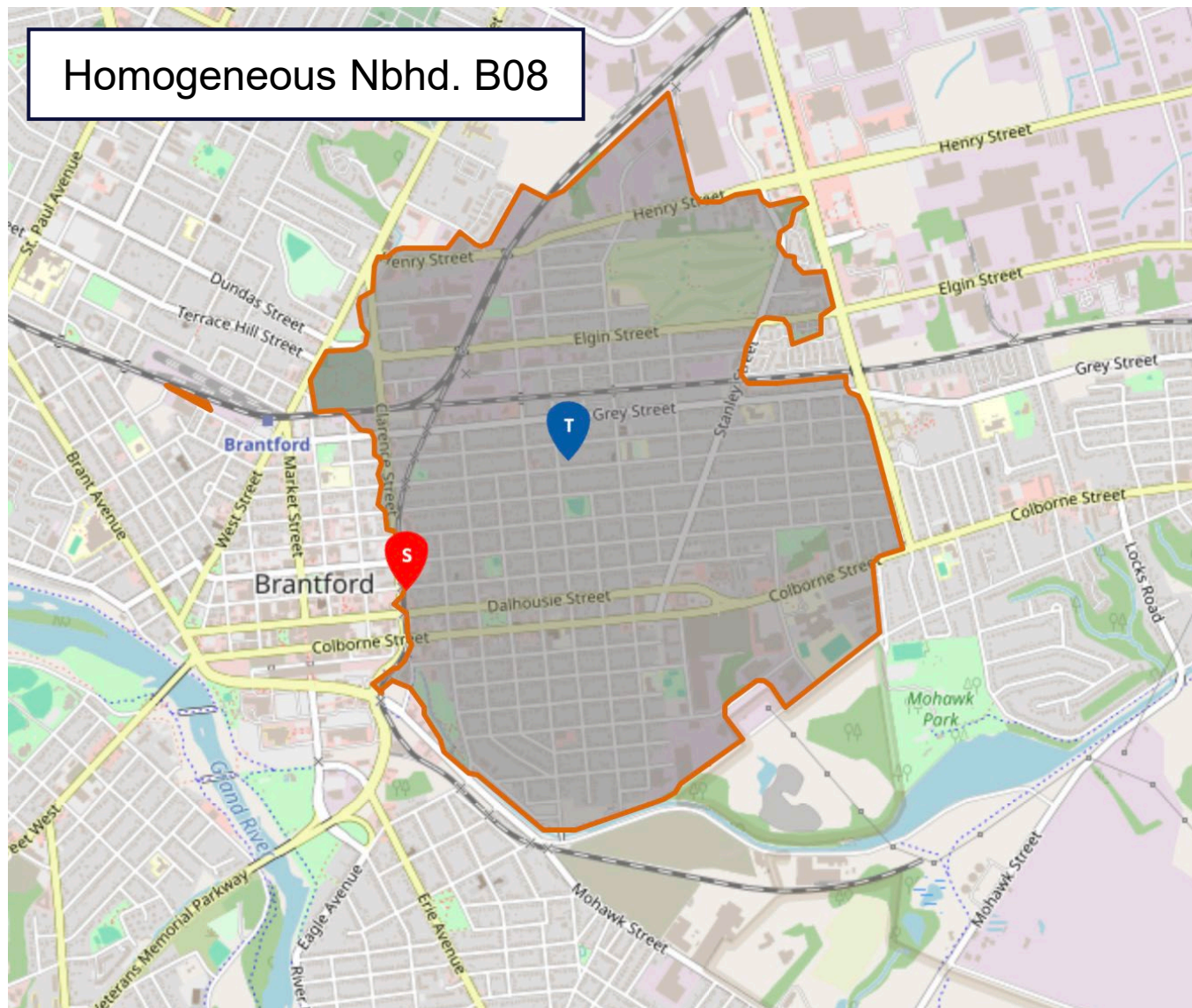


	Base	Subject	Adjustment
Area	1210 sq ft	2693 sq ft	20.2%
Quality	6.0	7.5	20.1%
Garage	252 sq ft	509 sq ft	5.9%
Lotsize	0.18 acres	0.35 acres	5.2%
Age	37 years	42 years	-4.0%
Bathrooms	1.5	3.5	3.8%
Site Attributes		Cul-de-sac	1.5%
Basement Area	1071 sq ft	1452 sq ft	1.5%
Basement Finish	503 sq ft	0 sq ft	-1.2%
Split Level	0.0	1.0	-0.8%
Other			-1.2%
Value	\$696,000	\$1,051,000	

Iterative Predictions



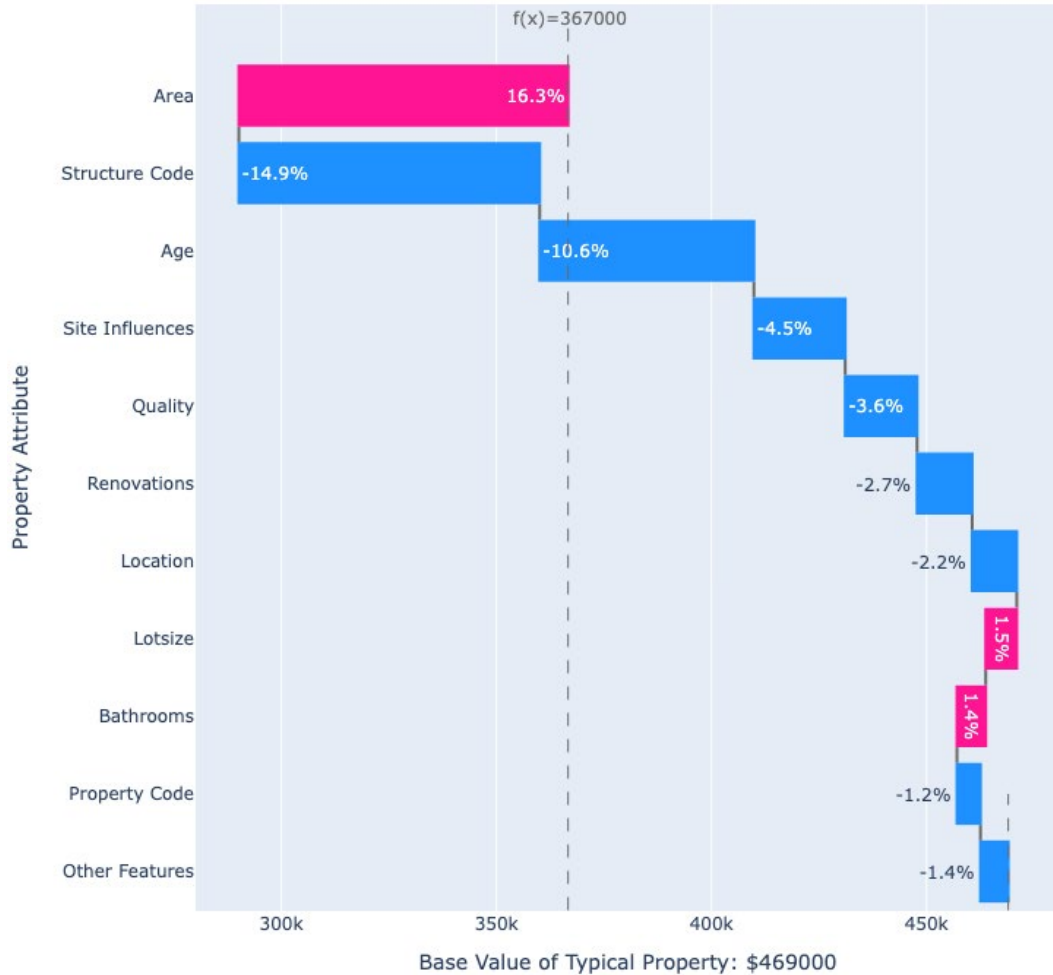




	Base	Subject
Homo Nbhd	B08	B08
Str. Type	Detached	Semi-Detached
Lotsize	0.04 acres	0.06 acres
Age	105 years	166 years
Quality	6.0	5.5
Total Area	1334 sq ft	2191 sq ft
Basement Area	667 sq ft	449 sq ft
Bathrooms	1	1.5

Customized Waterfall Plot

Roll Number: 290604000400200, Homo. Nbhd: B08, Predicted Value: \$367000"



	Base	Subject	Adjustment
Area	1334 sq ft	2191 sq ft	16.3%
Structure Code	Detached	Semi-Det.	-14.9%
Age	105 years	166 years	-10.6%
Site Influences		Abuts Com. & Traffic	-4.5%
Quality	6.0	5.5	-3.6%
Renovations	Yes	No	-2.7%
Location			-2.2%
Lotsize	0.04 acres	0.06 acres	1.5%
Bathrooms	1.0	1.5	1.4%
Property Code	Detached	Semi-Det.	-1.2%
Other			-1.2%
Value	\$469,000	\$367,000	

Iterative Predictions

