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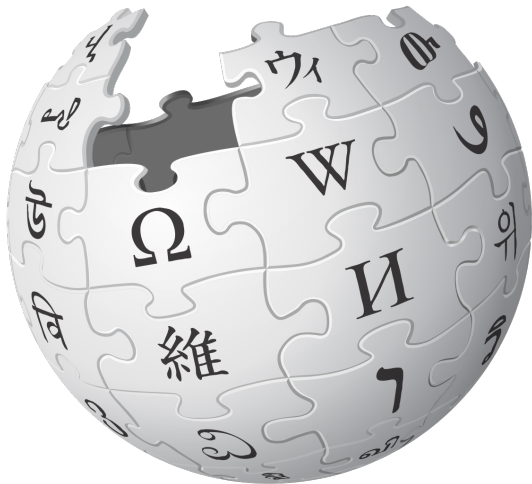
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Physics paper sets record with more than 5,000 authors

Detector teams at the Large Hadron Collider collaborated for a more precise estimate of the size of the Higgs boson.

<http://www.nature.com/news/physics-paper-sets-record-with-more-than-5-000-authors-1.17567>





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mass collaboration

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graph TD; A[mass collaboration] --> B[human computation]; A --> C[open call]; A --> D[distributed data collection];
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human computation

Examples:

- Galaxy Zoo
- Crowd-coding
- political manifestos

open call

Examples:

- Netflix Prize
- FoldIt
- Peer-to-Patent

distributed data collection

Examples:

- eBird
- PhotoCity
- Malawi journals project

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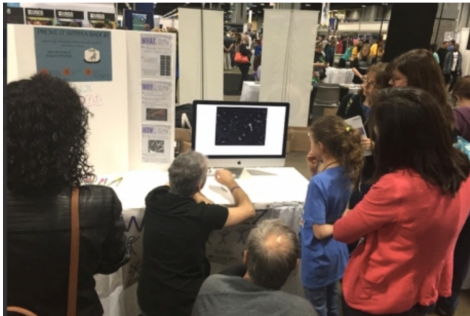
Online game invites public to fight Alzheimer's

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A new online game is inviting members of the public to look under a virtual microscope and contribute directly to Alzheimer's disease research at Cornell.

Stall Catchers, a game launched this week by the Human Computation Institute (HCI), challenges users to scroll through short, black-and-white videos and search for clogged blood vessels within a highlighted area. Points are earned as more vessels are identified. "It's open to people of all ages. We have even seen some 8-year-olds beat their parents at this game," said Pietro Michelucci, director of HCI.



Human Computations Institute/Provided

Participants at the USA Science & Engineering Festival in Washington, D.C., trying an early version of an EyesOnALZ game.

<http://stallcatchers.com/>

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Ornithology and astronomy are examples

- ▶ Is this really research?

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- ▶ Does this enable new research?

- ▶ Is this perfect?

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- ▶ Is this better than we can do without mass collaboration?

- ▶ Is this impossible?

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Is this relevant to graduate students?

Questions? Comments? Ideas? Suggestions?