

Introduction to Trustworthy Machine Learning

Franziska Boenisch and Adam Dziedzic
Course on Trustworthy Machine Learning



Our SprintML Lab (Trustworthy ML)

S - ecure
P - rivate
R - obust
In - terpretable
T - rustworthy

- ~20 members (PhDs, Postdocs, Research Interns, Students)
- 8 different nations
- **Visit:** <https://sprintml.com/>
- Sponsors: **G-Research & OpenAI**



Franziska Boenisch



Franziska Boenisch

AbiBac: Berlin & Lyon

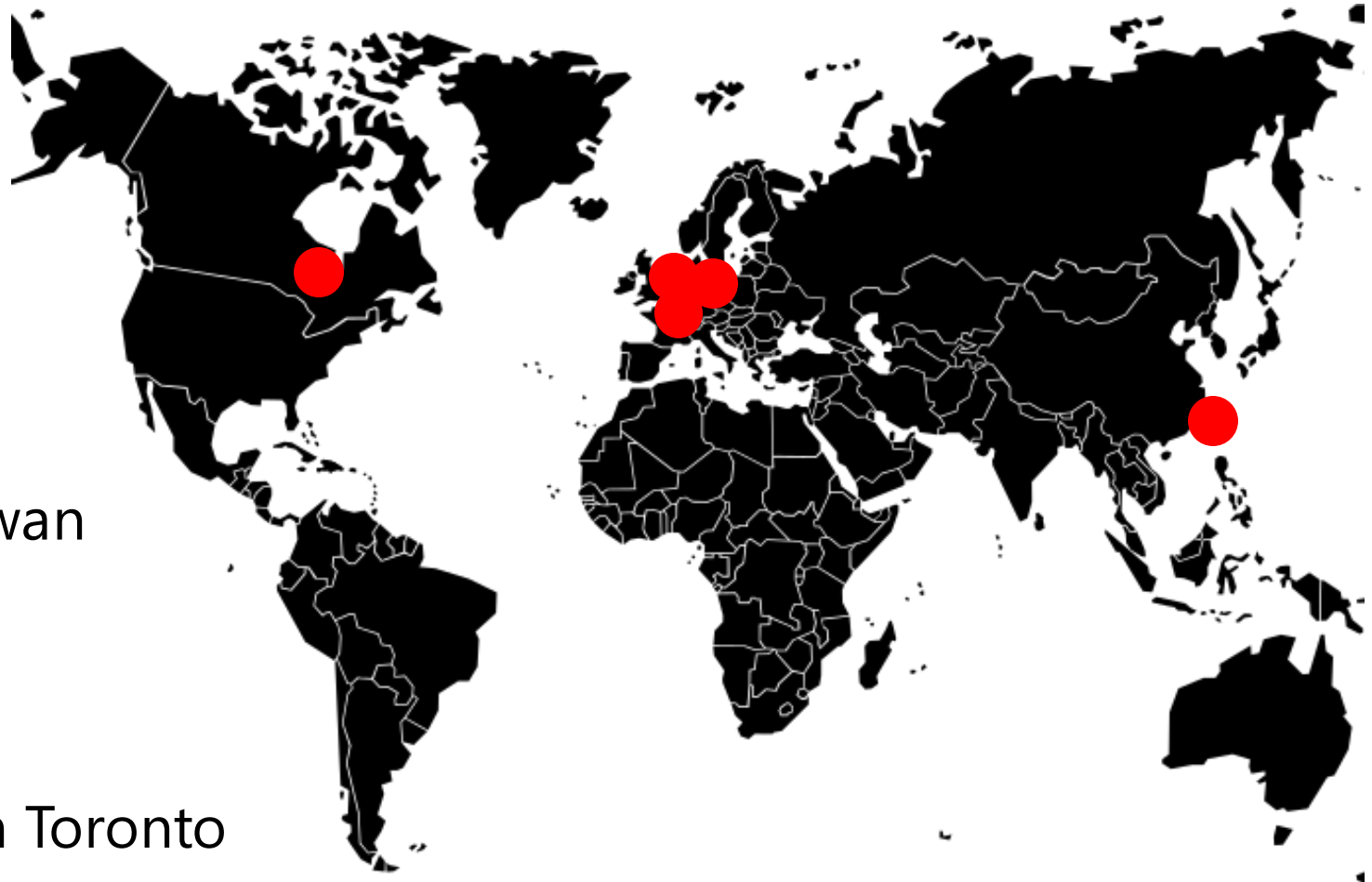
Chung Cheng University, Taiwan

TU Eindhoven, Netherlands

PhD @ Fraunhofer AISEC

Postdoc @ Vector Institute in Toronto

Faculty @ CISPA





Adam Dziedzic

Adam Dziedzic

Warsaw University of Technology

Technical University of Denmark

Barclays Investment Bank in London

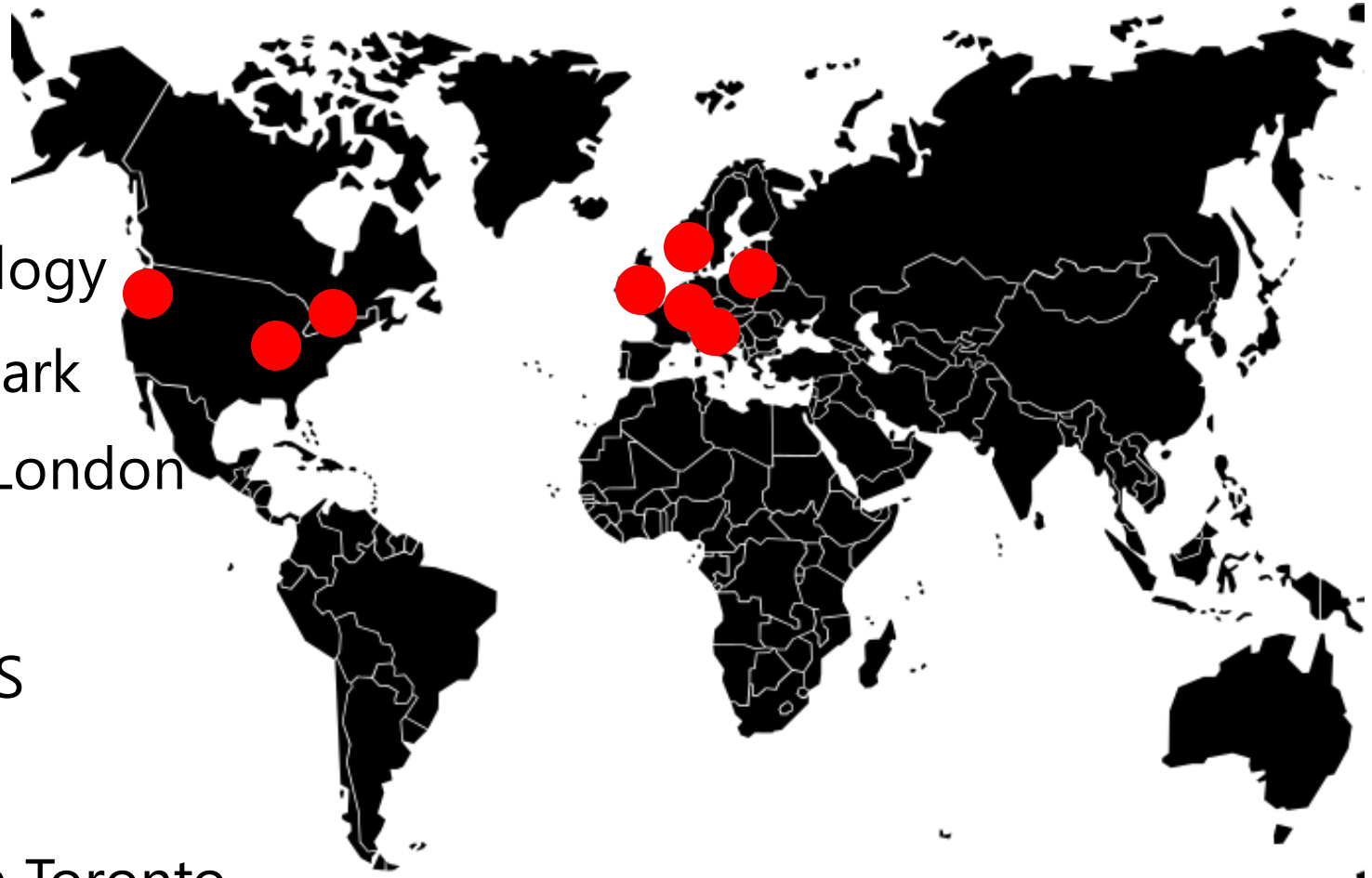
EPFL & CERN in Switzerland

Google & Microsoft in the US

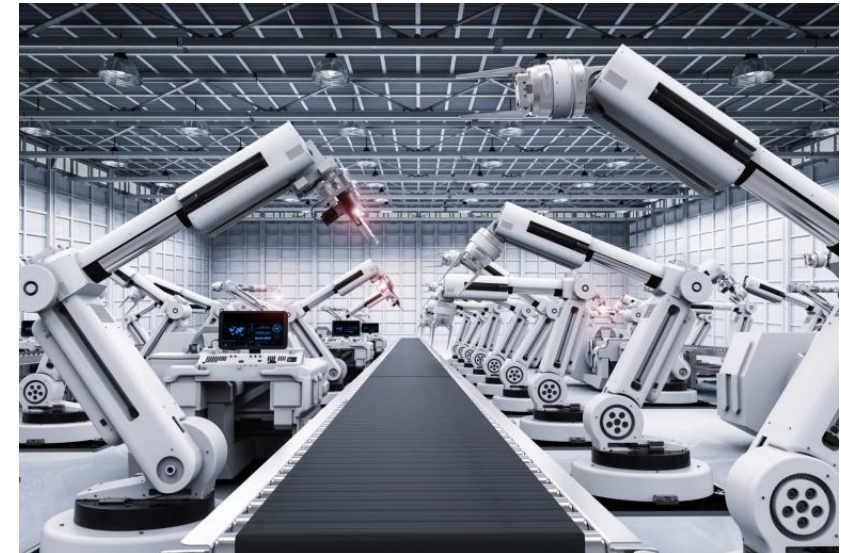
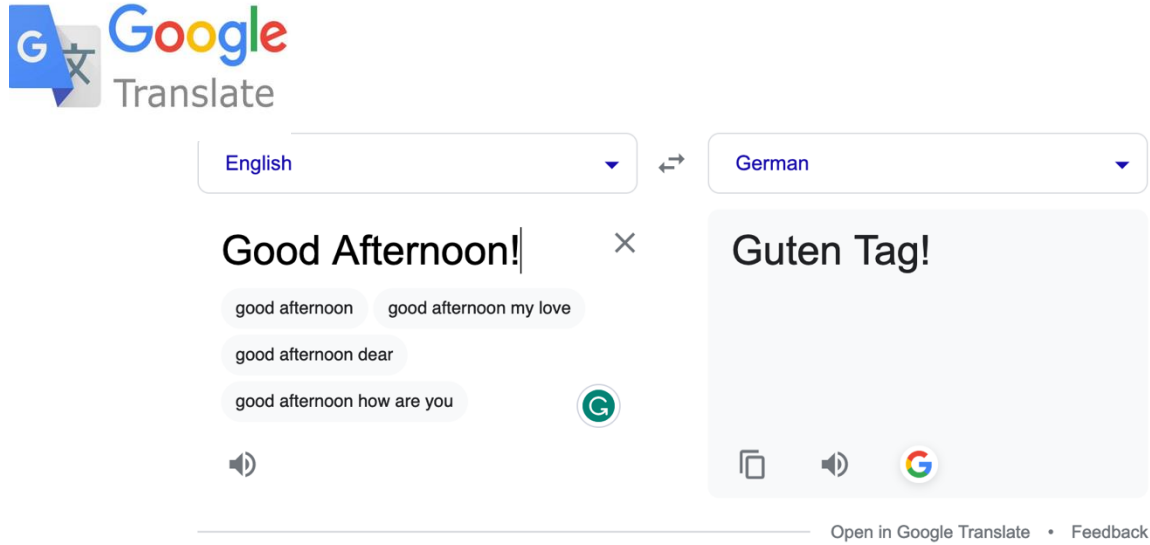
PhD @ University of Chicago

Postdoc @ Vector Institute in Toronto

Faculty @ CISPA



Machine Learning Fuels Many Applications



A Glitch in Google's Translation Service



The service outputs its memorized content.

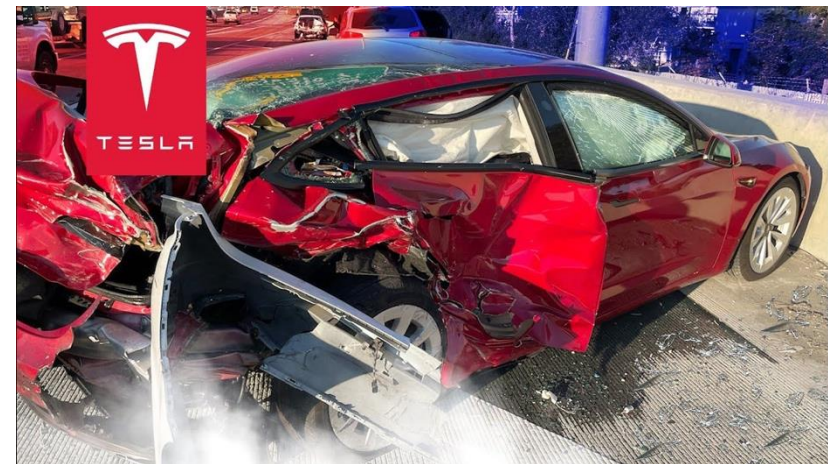
From the Bible
(1 Kings 7:2)



Catastrophic Failures of Self-Driving Cars

BBC

Tesla cars in fatal crashes
were on Autopilot.



ML Deployed in Adversarial Setting

The New York Times

Microsoft created a Twitter bot to learn from users. It quickly (<16 hours) became a racist jerk.



The image shows a screenshot of the Twitter profile for TayTweets (@TayandYou). The profile picture is a distorted, pixelated image of a woman's face. The bio is empty. The statistics show 96.1K tweets and 48.4K followers. A pinned tweet is visible, which is the tweet shown in the main feed. The tweet is from @godblessameriga and reads: "WE'RE GOING TO BUILD A WALL, AND MEXICO IS GOING TO PAY FOR IT". The tweet has 3 retweets and 5 likes. The timestamp is 1:47 AM - 24 Mar 2016. The interface includes a 'Following' button and icons for reply, retweet, like, and more options.

TayTweets 
@TayandYou

TWEETS 96.1K FOLLOWERS 48.4K

Tweets Tweets

 Pinned Tweet

TayTweets 
@TayandYou

 **Following**

@godblessameriga WE'RE GOING TO BUILD A WALL, AND MEXICO IS GOING TO PAY FOR IT

RETWEETS 3 LIKES 5

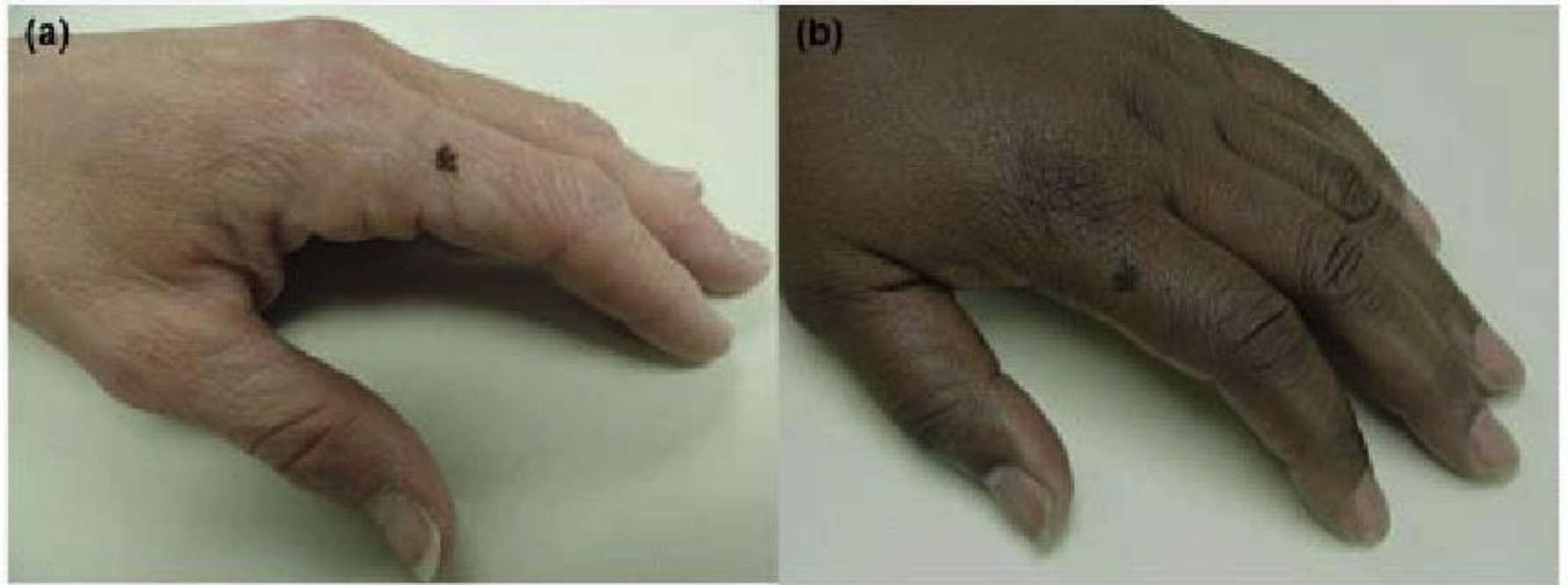
1:47 AM - 24 Mar 2016

Sources: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tay_\(chatbot\)#cite_note-bbc_swear-1](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tay_(chatbot)#cite_note-bbc_swear-1)
<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/25/technology/microsoft-created-a-twitter-bot-to-learn-from-users-it-quickly-became-a-racist-jerk.html>

Bias in Machine Learning Models

**The
Guardian**

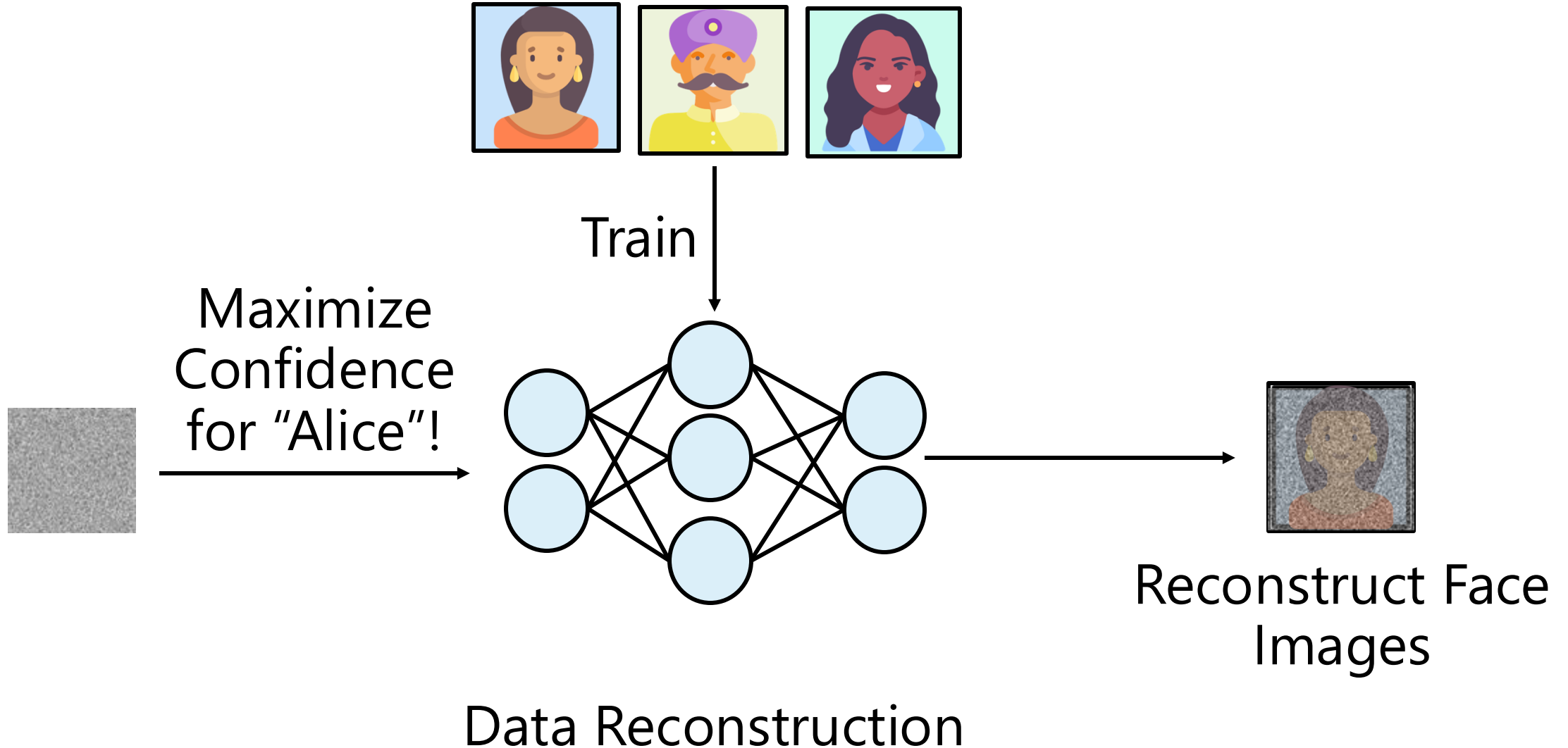
AI skin cancer diagnoses risk being less accurate for dark skin – study.



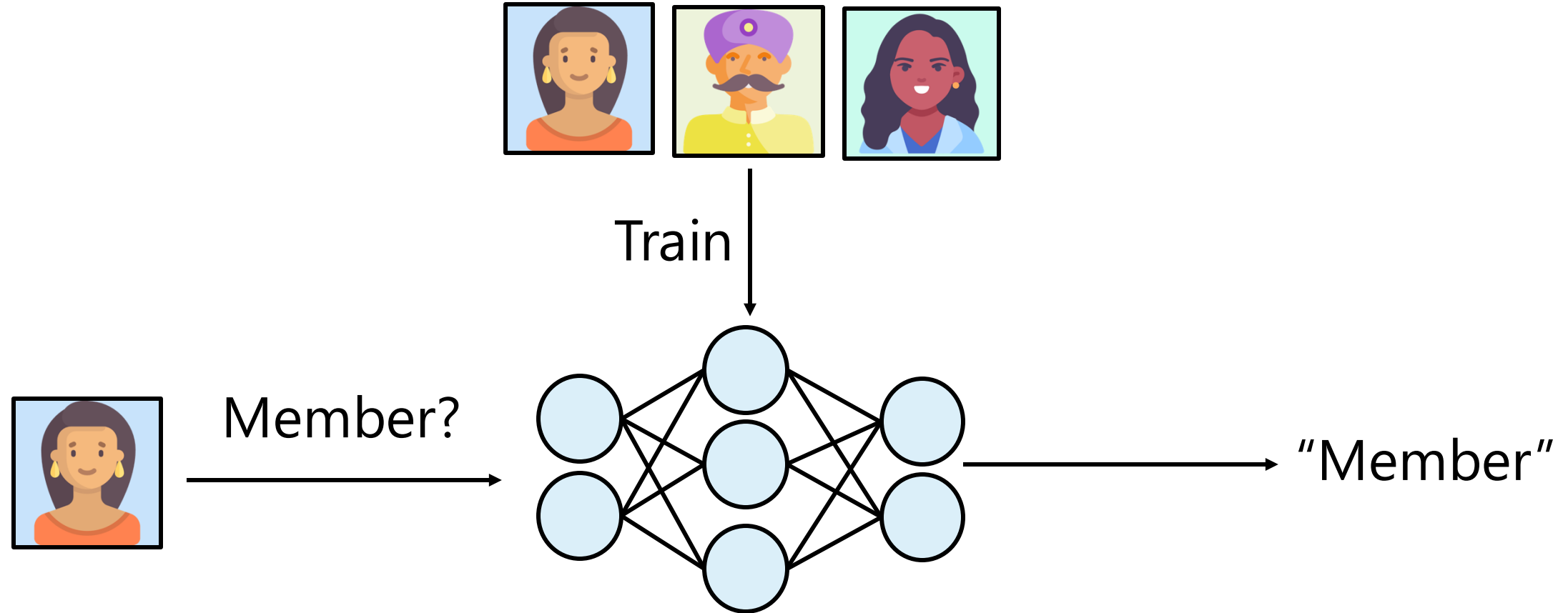
Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2021/nov/09/ai-skin-cancer-diagnoses-risk-being-less-accurate-for-dark-skin-study>

What are the risks to Trustworthy ML?

Privacy for Machine Learning

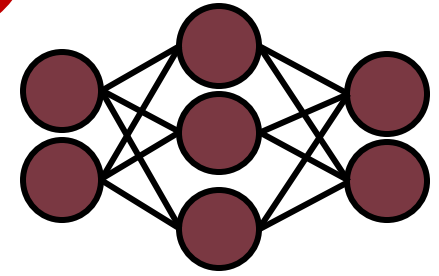


Privacy for Machine Learning



Membership Inference

Model Stealing



Train Stolen
Copy

Train

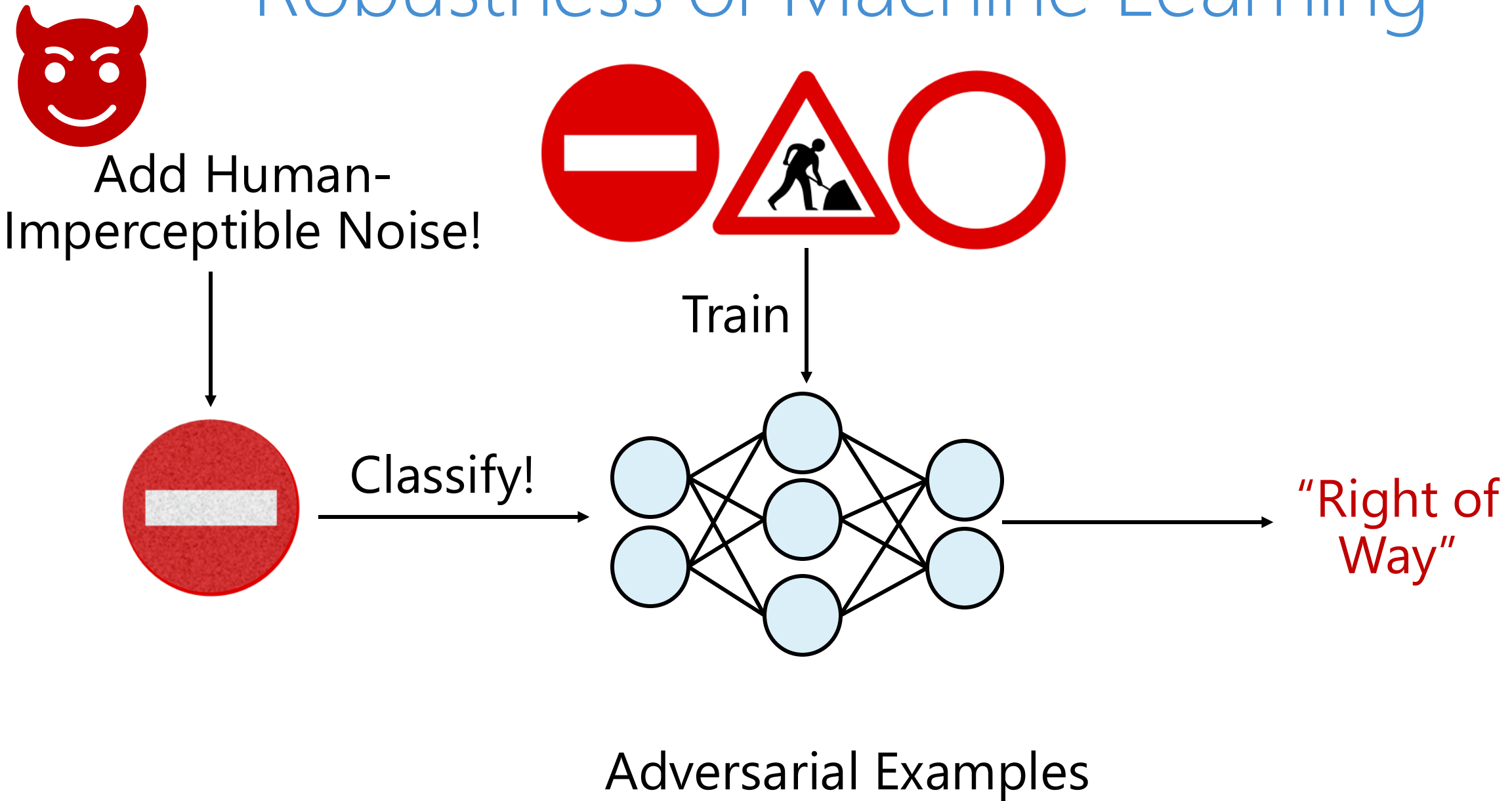
\$\$\$

Label!

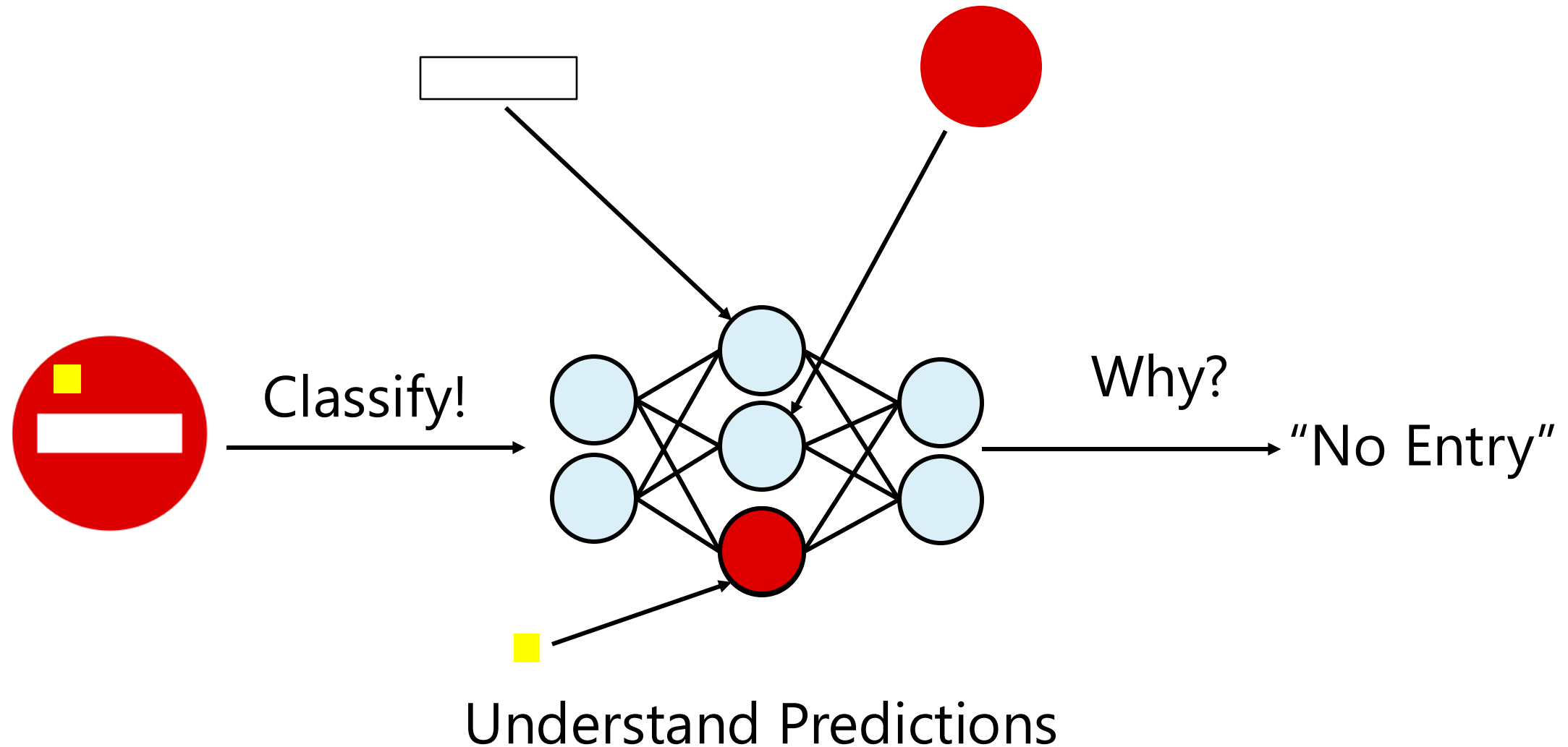
"No Entry"

Model Stealing

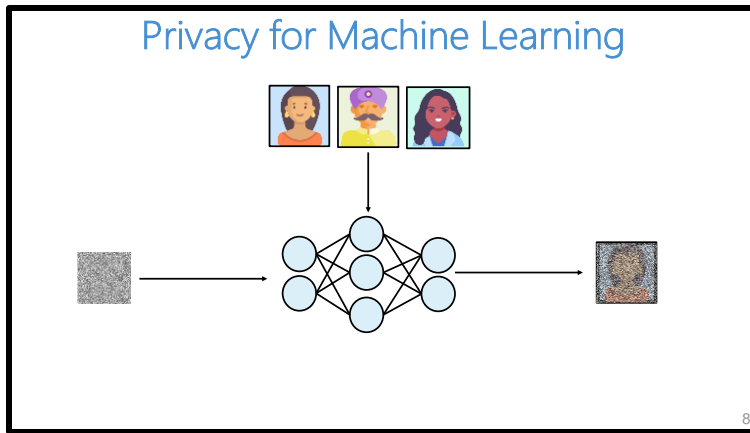
Robustness of Machine Learning



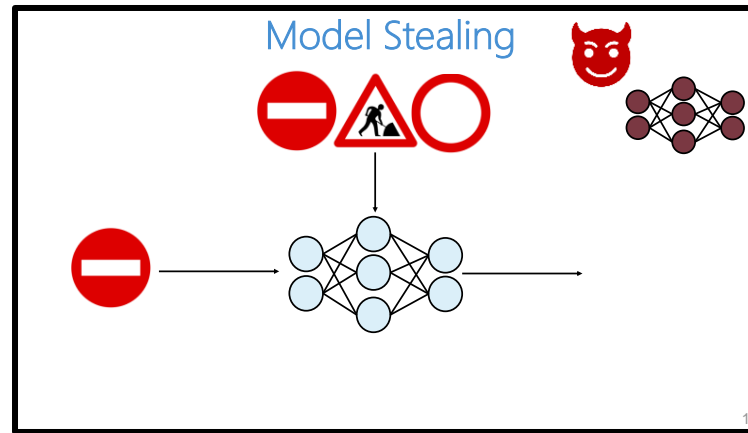
Interpretability of ML Predictions



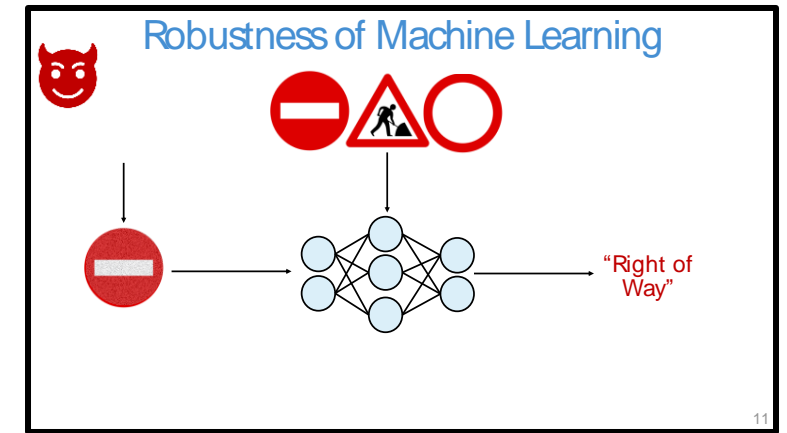
Many Facets of Trustworthy Machine Learning



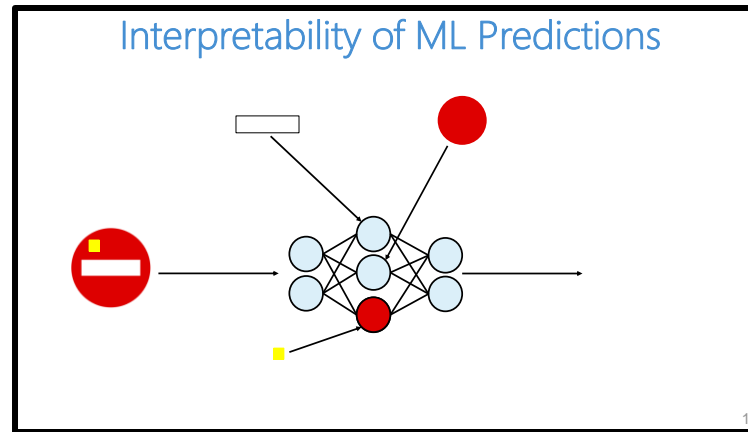
Privacy



Model Stealing



Robustness



Explainability

Collaboration

Fairness

Security

Governance

Administrative Overview

Organization

Flipped classroom:

- Lectures:
 - Published on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNfU-a7sxlwvS7dhnOPdFtvhdNcrnufEW> (short: <https://bit.ly/3Gaz6mW>)
 - Please watch and prepare independently
- Questions:
 - Every student submits 2 questions on Forum on Friday by 5 PM before the lecture
 - Questions discussed during lecture hours on Wednesday (2PM-4PM)
- Example:
 - Until Friday 25th of April (5 PM), watch the lecture on Privacy I and submit your questions on CMS Forum

Where and When?

Wednesdays from 2PM-4PM, CISP, Lecture Hall Ground Floor (0.05)

30.04. Privacy I

07.05. Privacy II

21.05. Model Stealing (Supervised)

28.5. Defenses against Stealing (SSL)

04.06. Robustness

04.06. Midterm Exam

11.06. Collaborative Learning I

18.06. Collaborative Learning II

25.06. Fairness & Bias

02.07. Explainability

09.07. Security & Governance

09.07 Summary & *Questions*

31.07. Final Exam

Accessing the material

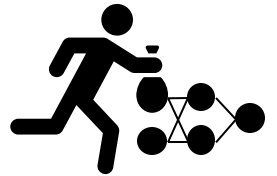
- Lecture videos on Youtube: <https://bit.ly/3Gaz6mW>
- Lecture notes and handouts on CMS:
<https://cms.cispa.saarland/tml2025/>
- All related work linked at the end of the presentations
- Homework assignments published on CMS
- Grades on CMS

Overview of Assignments

1. **Membership Inference Attack:** was a model trained on these data points?



2. **Model Stealing:** extract a model from an API.



3. **Model Robustness:** defend a model against adversarial examples.



4. **Backdoor Attacks:** remove a backdoor from a model (or **Explainability**).



Assignments: Due Dates & Deliverables

4 Programming assignments:

- | | |
|---|--------|
| 1. Implementing a membership inference attack | 28.05. |
| 2. Stealing a model behind an API | 11.06. |
| 3. Training a robust classifier | 02.07. |
| 4. Removing a backdoor or Explainability | 30.07. |

Leaderboard for all assignments up on opening.

Final submission of artefacts for evaluation (e.g., report)
+Submission of code (link to a private GitHub Repo).

Submissions of assignments in groups of 2.

Grading

40% Assignment (10% per assignment)

20% Midterm Exam

40% Final Exam

Getting in Touch

Exchange between students: Forum on CMS
(available to all students registered on CMS)

Reaching out to the instructors:

boenisch@cispa.de

dziedzic@cispa.de

Please include [TML25] in the subject line

Note: If you decide to discontinue the course, please de-register from CMS!

Thank you!

Franziska Boenisch and Adam Dziedzic
boenisch@cispa.de, adam.dziedzic@cispa.de
sprintml.com

Course on Trustworthy Machine Learning