

# Doctor n.0

*PREDICTING HEART FAILURE  
USING  
ENSEMBLE LEARNING*

Team n°7

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# Objective

## General objective:

- Given medical records of a patient over a given time period, predict whether he is likely to develop Heart Failure within a certain period of time

## Methodology:

- Use training set as well as machine learning tools to train a classifier

# Heart Failure

## Why heart failure?

- Very common and deadly disease:
  - 5 to 10% of adults over 65 suffering from HF in developed countries (5 million in the US)
  - 35% risk of death during year after diagnostic, ~10% / year after
- Predictable
  - Some symptoms leading to HF can be detected early: diabetes, high blood pressure, cholesterol...
  - Early prevention can help decrease risk



We are using ExactData set. Time period of 10 years from 2005 to 2015.

Some numbers about the dataset:

- 772.189 laboratory results, 313.921 diagnostics, 120.953 prescription medications, 269.301 vital signs
- 10.460 patients
  - including **4.712** patients diagnosed with **Diseases Of The Circulatory System**  
ICD9 code within [390.0; 495.0]
  - including **879** patients diagnosed with ***Congestive heart failure***  
ICD9 code 428.0

# Feature construction

Features taken into account: medications, diagnostics, lab results and Body Mass Index (BMI)

The number of features need to be the same for every patient

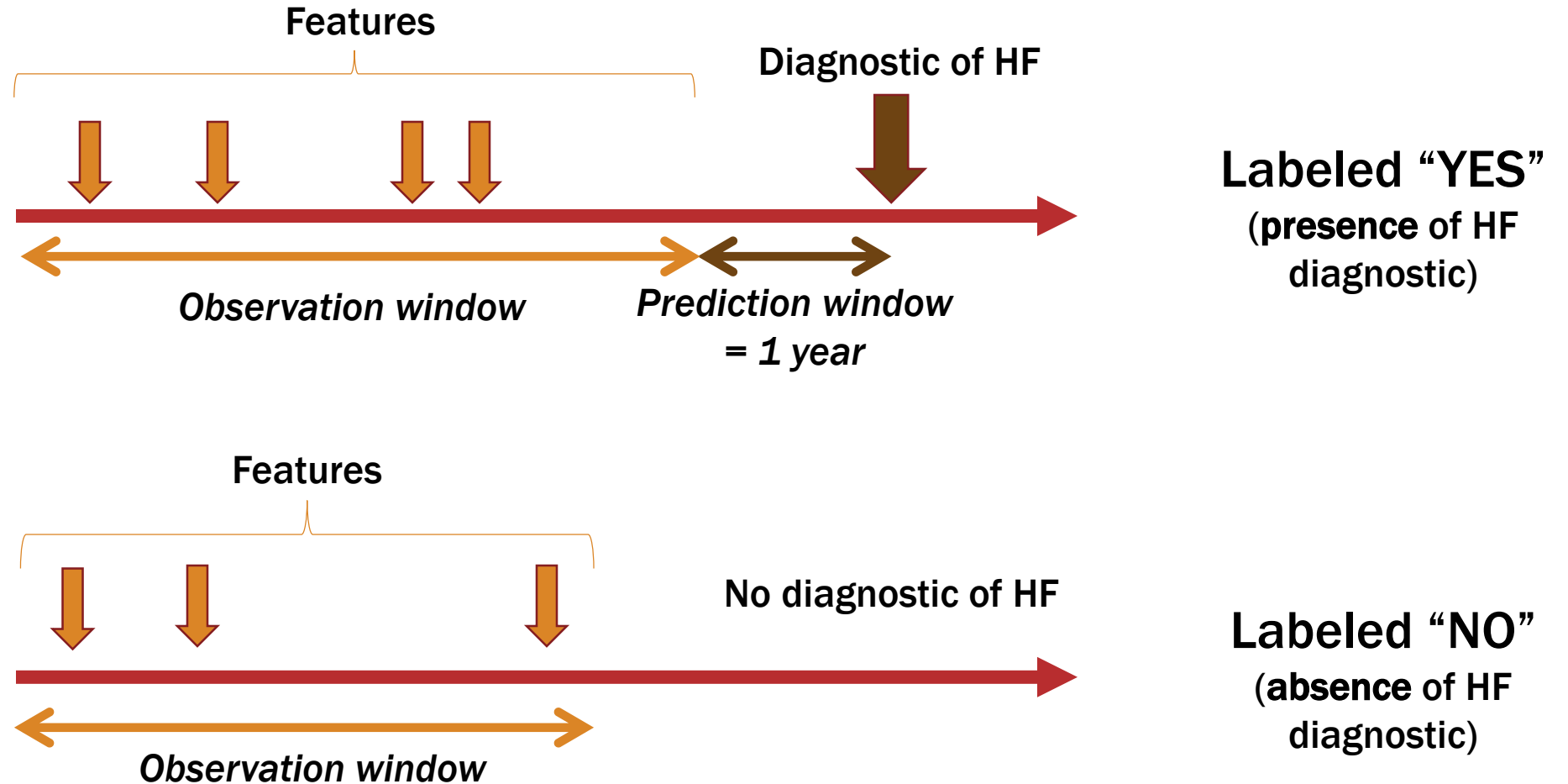
$$\begin{pmatrix} med1 \\ \vdots \\ diag1 \\ \vdots \\ lab1 \\ \vdots \\ BMI \end{pmatrix}$$

60 diff. medications + 52 diff. diagnostics + 100 diff. lab results + 1 BMI

= 213-dimensional features vector



# Cohort construction



# Training set construction

Only 5% of patients with HF in dataset

➤ 95% accuracy if the classifier always output “NO”

This is NOT what we are trying to achieve

➤ Much more interesting to have a low false negative rate – helps prevent risk

**Solution: Stratified Sampling**

50% of patients with heart failure and 50% without in our training dataset

# Classifiers

Binary classification: each patient is either a “YES” or a “NO”

Base classifiers:

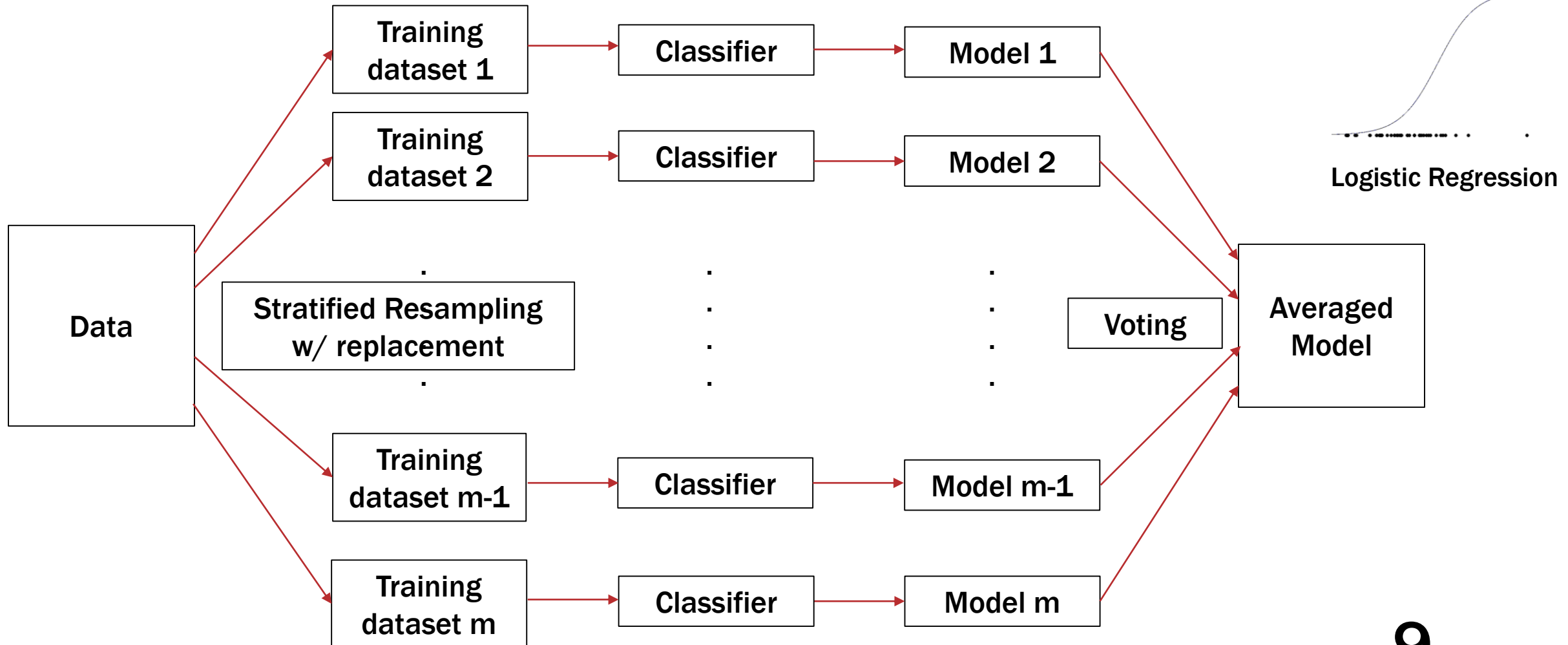
- Logistic regression
- Decision trees

➤ Unstable classifiers: use of **ensemble learning** to decrease variance and improve accuracy

- Bagging for logistic regression
- Random forest for decision trees



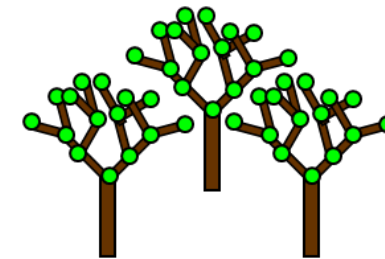
# Logistic Regression - Bagging



# Decision Trees - Random Forest

## Main idea

- Generation of a *large number of decision trees* introducing some *randomness* in the construction of the tree
- For each split in a tree, variables are chosen at random
- *Combination* of the results output by the different trees to calculate the final result
- Use of *vote* for final classification



Random Forest

# Methods – Technology Stack

We are using

- Spark v1.3.0 (released Mar 13, 2015)
- Spark MLlib
- Spark ML (high-level API for machine learning pipelines)
- Scala
- Amazon Web Service
- GitHub



# Cross Validation

- K-fold cross validation for validating performance
- $K = 10$  folds for cross validation
- Cross validation can also be used to determine optimum number of models in the bag
- $B = 10, 20, 30$
- Cross validation results used to pick out the classifier with best parameters overall



# ML Pipeline

- ML Pipeline makes experimentation easy with Parameter Grid

Regularizer	Bag size	...
1.0	10	.
0.1	20	.
0.01	30	.
.	.	.

Strategy	Feature Subset	...
Classification	auto	.
Regression	sqrt	.
.	.	.

- Integrated two new algorithms with ML pipeline:
  - *class BaggedLogisticRegression*
  - *class RandomForestforPipeline*



# Results – Confusion Matrices

- Logistic Regression - Bagging

96% accuracy

		Prediction	
		0 Healthy	1 Case Patient
Actual	0 Healthy	True negative 73	False positive 3
	1 Case Patient	<b>False negative 3</b>	True positive 83

- Decision trees - Random Forest

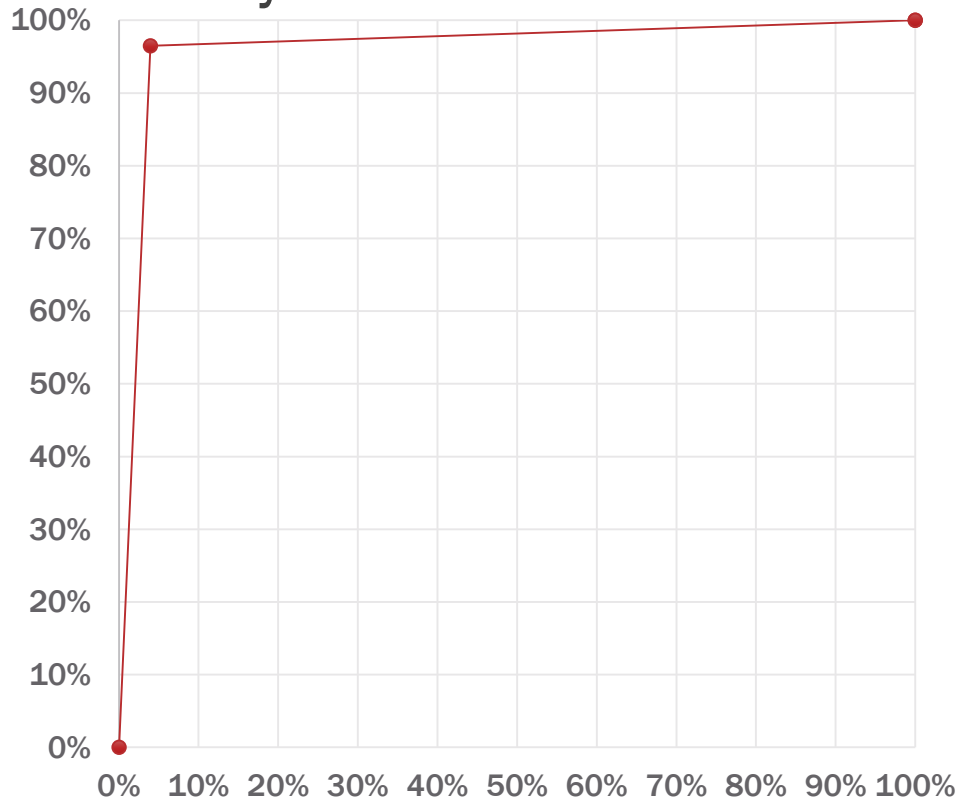
98% accuracy

		Prediction	
		0 Healthy	1 Case Patient
Actual	0 Healthy	True negative 74	False positive 2
	1 Case Patient	<b>False negative 0</b>	True positive 86

# Results – ROC curves

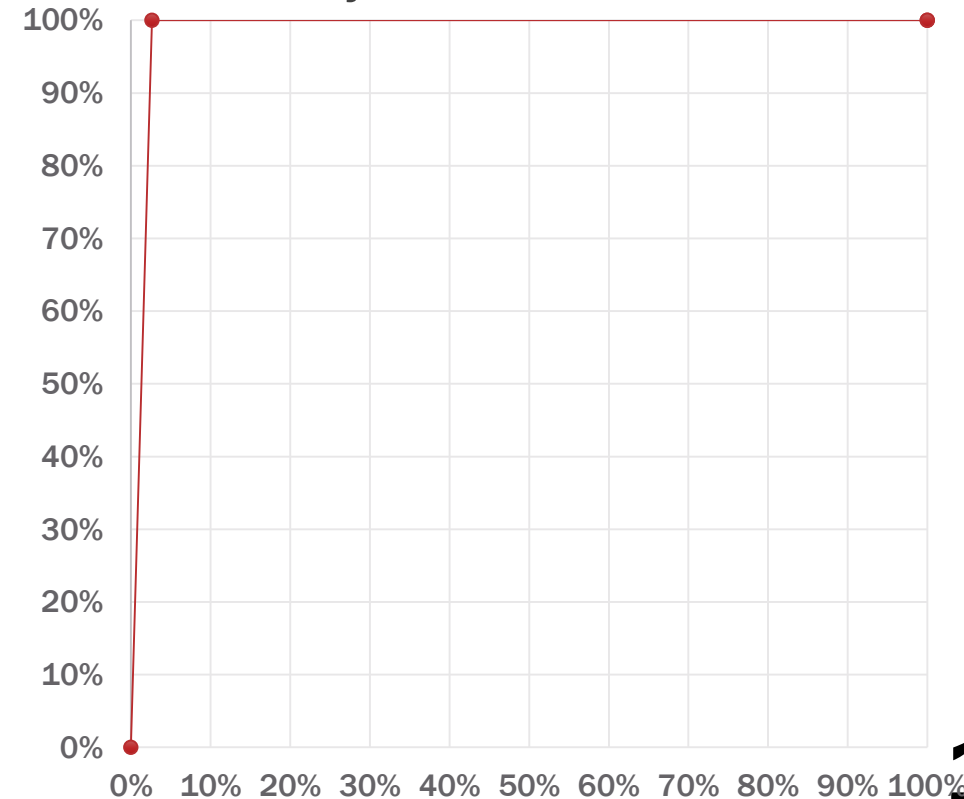
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- Decision trees - Random Forest

98% accuracy



# Performance Evaluation

Performance evaluated on Amazon EC2 for different cluster parameters.

We tried:

- T2.micro      1 vCPU      1 GB of RAM
- M1.large      2 vCPU      7,5 GB of RAM
- M1.large      2 vCPU      7,5 GB of RAM      x3 cluster

Bagging and random forest are parallelizable -> Scalable



Amazon EC2

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# Challenges / Conclusion

## Challenge:

- The data required scraping.

## The results look too good:

- ExactData is not real data
- We don't have data before the observation windows
- Maybe there are medical features that are obviously correlated.  
We might need medical expertise to identify them.

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**Thank You**  
**Any questions?**

