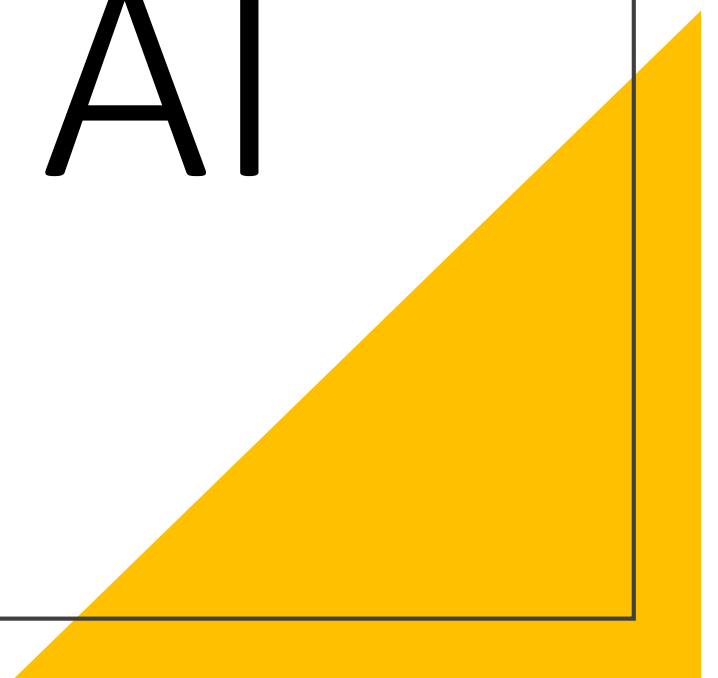


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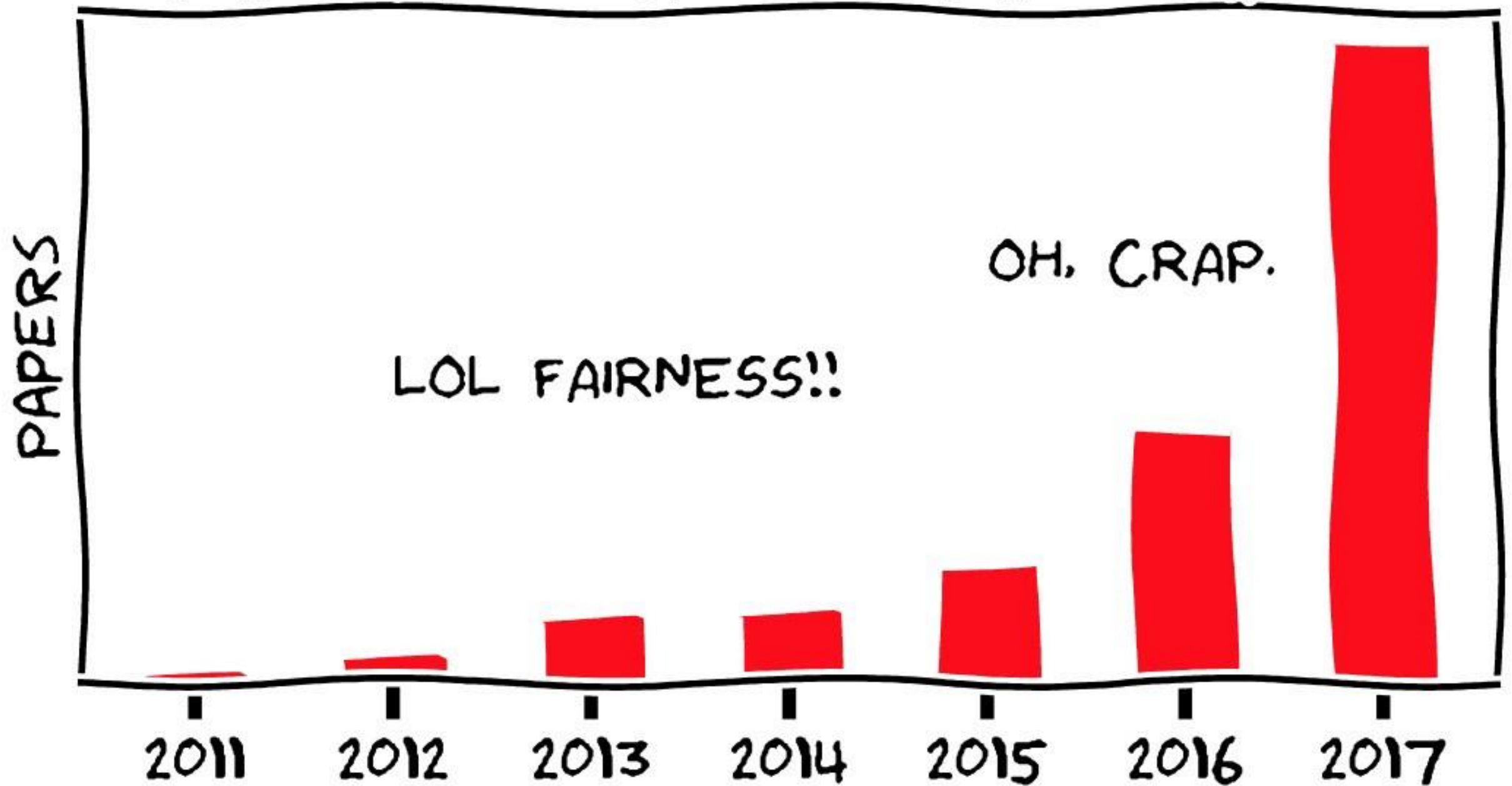


# Today

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1. Composite feature
2. Additive Counterfactual Fairness (ACF)
3. High level steps for implementing ACF model
4. ACF for classification problems

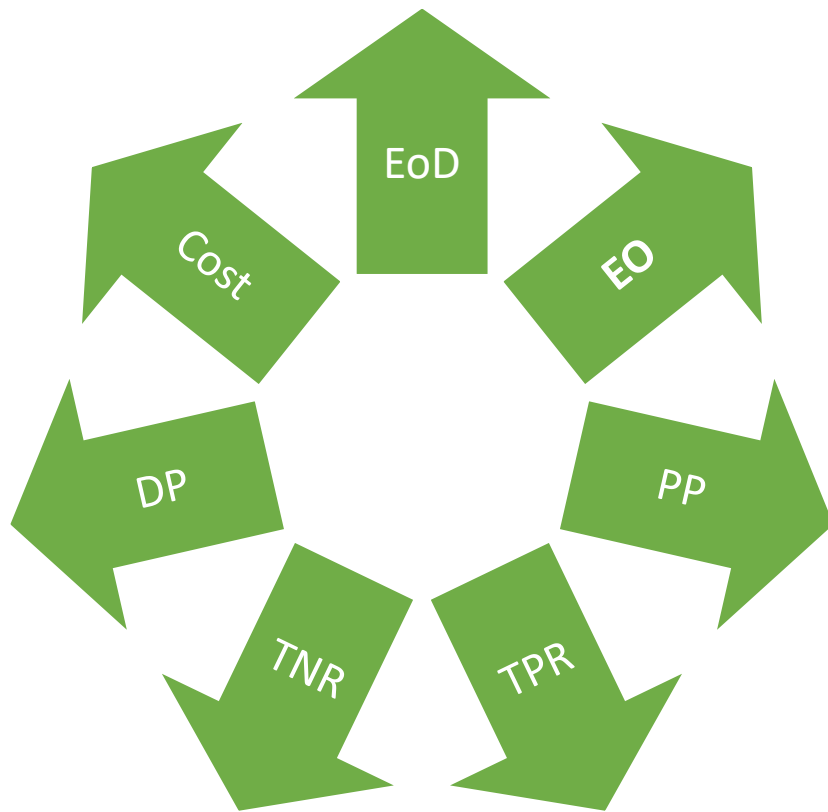
# BRIEF HISTORY OF FAIRNESS IN ML





Why is fairness  
needed during  
Model  
development?

# Fairness Metrics



# Composite Features

- Create Boolean combination of features if multiple PII data needs to be handled
- Use statistical and business knowledge – cant be just random

*data['Combined\_protected\_group'] = np.where((data['WrExLess10'] == 0) & (data['MaritalStatus\_4.0'] == 0), 0, 1)*

PS: This allows not only to overcome the issues of reweighing (of handling multipole protected features) but also would allow to combine protected features where the

# Problems with other Fairness Algorithms

CANT HANDLE ALL ALGORITHMS

TOUGH TO UNDERSTAND

FAILS WITH MULTIPLE FEATURES

EITHER REGRESSION OR CLASSIFICATION

FAILS IF YOU HAVE MIXED PII DATA



**BUT WE HAVE A**



**SOLUTION!!!**



**What if I change my gender and marital status, will the output change**

# Additive Counterfactual Fairness

- ACF (additive counterfactually fair) models can be implemented using any machine learning algorithm and are apt for most of regression and classification problems.
- No need for composite features as it can tackle multiple protected features.
- Can handle continuous and categorical protected features.
- ACF may cause a small dip in the accuracy.

# ACF: Fundamental

The primary concept of ACF is based on causality. A causal graph is counterfactually fair if the predicted outcome  $\hat{Y}$  in the graph does not depend on a descendant of the protected attribute  $S$ . For example, a predictive outcome  $\hat{Y}$  of defaulter vs non-defaulter for a loan application is typically dependent on credit score, credit amount, disposable income and years of work experience

# ACF: under the hood

The ACF attempts to remove these causal dependencies through explicitly modelling all input variables as a linear combination of the protected class variables. By taking the residuals as a difference between actual ( $X$ ) and predicted input variables ( $\hat{X}$ ), we can effectively remove the correlation between the protected classes to the input variables.

# ACF: How to

ACF, within the scaffold of counterfactual fairness, is the concept of modelling the relationship between  $S$  and features in  $X$  by training additive models to predict each feature  $X_j$  (as the outcome feature) with  $S$  as the predictors

Then, we can compute the residuals  $\varepsilon_{ij}$  between predicted values ( $X - \hat{X}$ ) and true feature values ( $X$ ) for each observation  $i$  and non-protected feature  $X_j$ . The final model is then trained on the residuals ( $\varepsilon_{ij}$ ) as features to predict the outcome feature  $Y$ .

# ACF: Methodology

1. Develop a separate model to predict each of the independent features (non- protected) using protected features as the predictor features.
2. Compute the residuals for each independent feature.
3. Develop a model with Y as response and residuals as predictors.

$$\widehat{X}_1 = f_1(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\widehat{X}_n = f_n(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n)$$

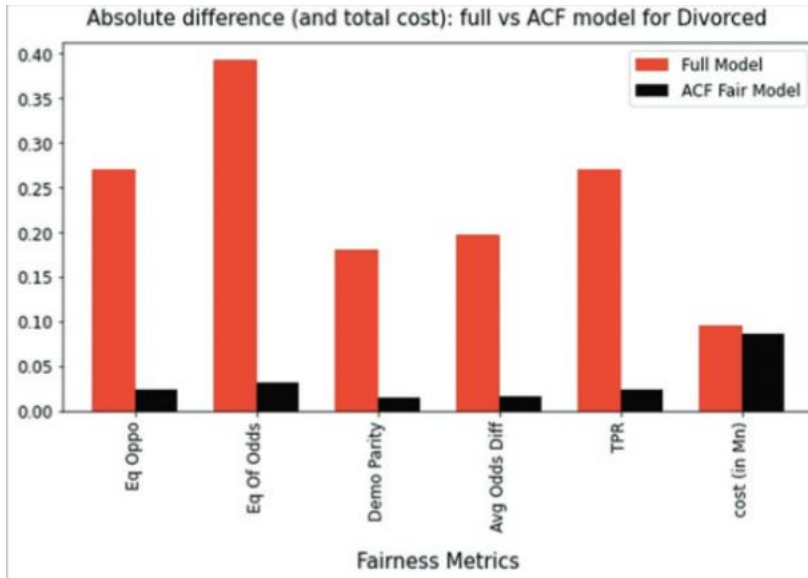
$$\epsilon_{X1} = X_1 - \widehat{X}_1$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\epsilon_{Xn} = X_n - \widehat{X}_n$$

$$\hat{Y} = f_y(\epsilon_{X1}, \epsilon_{X2}, \dots, \epsilon_{Xn})$$

# ACF: for Classification



**Use one algorithm and test the impact on various PII data**

**Note the change in accuracy (ACF/F1/..) pre and post ACF**



# What innovation you can bring in

- Use different algorithm to model each independent features with sensitive features
- Use different methods of finding residuals (actual independent features vs predicted independent features )
- Note that there will be different methods for residual calculation if your independent features is continuous vs when its is binary
- Hyper tune the above two methods
- Optimizing decision boundary

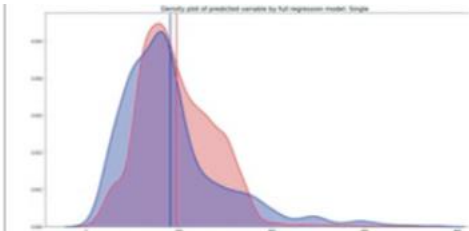


In group of three replicate  
the ACF method for  
regression problem

# ACF Regression

- Accuracy metrics (MAPE, RMSE, MSE) Regression vs ACF
- Delta in accuracy metrics for each protected features - Regression vs ACF

Single



Mean	1.0744
Skewness	0.4424
Kurtosis	0.4371

**Table 5.16** Model accuracy parameters for linear regression vs ACF

	Mean squared error	Root mean squared error	Mean absolute Percentage Error
Linear regression	1991.3528	44.6245	22.8620
ACF	2442.6078	49.4227	28.2511

## Linear Regression Model

**Table 5.17** Model accuracy differences for various protected groups when using linear regression model

Linear regression model	Mean squared error difference	Root mean squared error difference	Mean absolute percentage error difference
Single	517.3058	6.1346	1.0619
Married	873.3461	10.8661	2.0646
Divorced	917.6351	10.7927	0.6545
No of Dependants less than 3	296.3293	3.4520	4.3778

## ACF Model

**Table 5.18** Model accuracy differences for various protected groups when using ACF model

ACF model	Mean squared error difference	Root mean squared error difference	Mean absolute percentage error difference
Single	840.4945	9.1932	3.6977
Married	1279.3378	11.8464	12.0020
Divorced	130.5891	1.3272	3.1517
No. of Dependants less than three	773.6410	7.2958	7.7870

# Recap

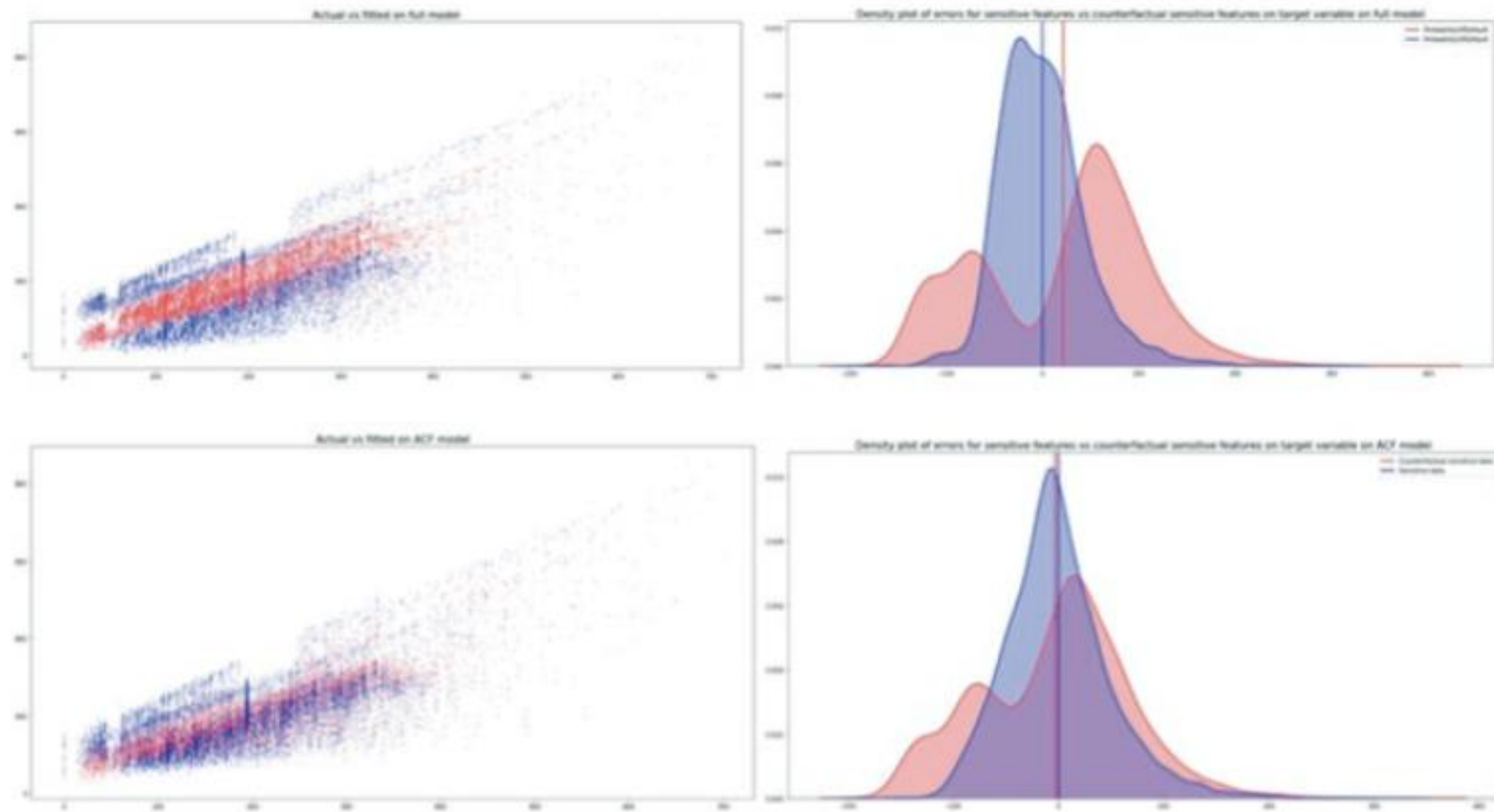
- We begin by separating our dataset into protected features ( $S_j$ ) and independent features ( $X_j$ )
- We create a separate model to predict each independent feature using the protected features as the predictor, or inputs. We represent these predictions as  $\hat{X}_j$
- We calculate the residuals as the difference between the actual and predicted values for the independent features. This is represented by  $\varepsilon_j$ .

# Residual: Next level

- Absolute value
- Residual squared
- What if residual value is very small after squaring (0.5 square is ??)
  - Over come this by adding M
- When the Y is binary
  - Pearson Residual
  - Deviance Residual

# Test ACF via Unfairness

- Create ACF model
- Generate the predictions using the ACF model
- Calculate the error in prediction
- Invert the protected features – change privileged to unprivileged and vice versa
- Predict independent features using inverted protected features ( $S'$ ) as the input (predictors) to the model from above
- Calculate the residuals
- The residuals ( $\epsilon'$ ) act as the input to the ACF model to generate the predictions
- Calculate the error in prediction
- Calculate the counterfactual unfairness (CUF)
- Compare CUF of ACF model vs Baseline model



**Fig. 5.11** Error vs actual for two models and the impact of counterfactual treatment (red denotes counterfactual sensitive features and blue denotes original)



# ACF Model flow FOR REGRESSION AND CLASSIFICATION

Train Data

- List down independent ,protected and target feature

Train individual Model for each independent feature using all protected feature

Calculate the residuals for each individual models

Train the final model to predict output with residuals of individual models as predictors

Trained Models 1

1

Trained Models 2

2

Test Data

Trained Models 1

1

Trained Models 2

2

Test Data

Trained Models 1

1

Trained Models 2

2

Calculate the errors in prediction of ACF model with test data

Invert the protected features of test data

Trained Models 1

1

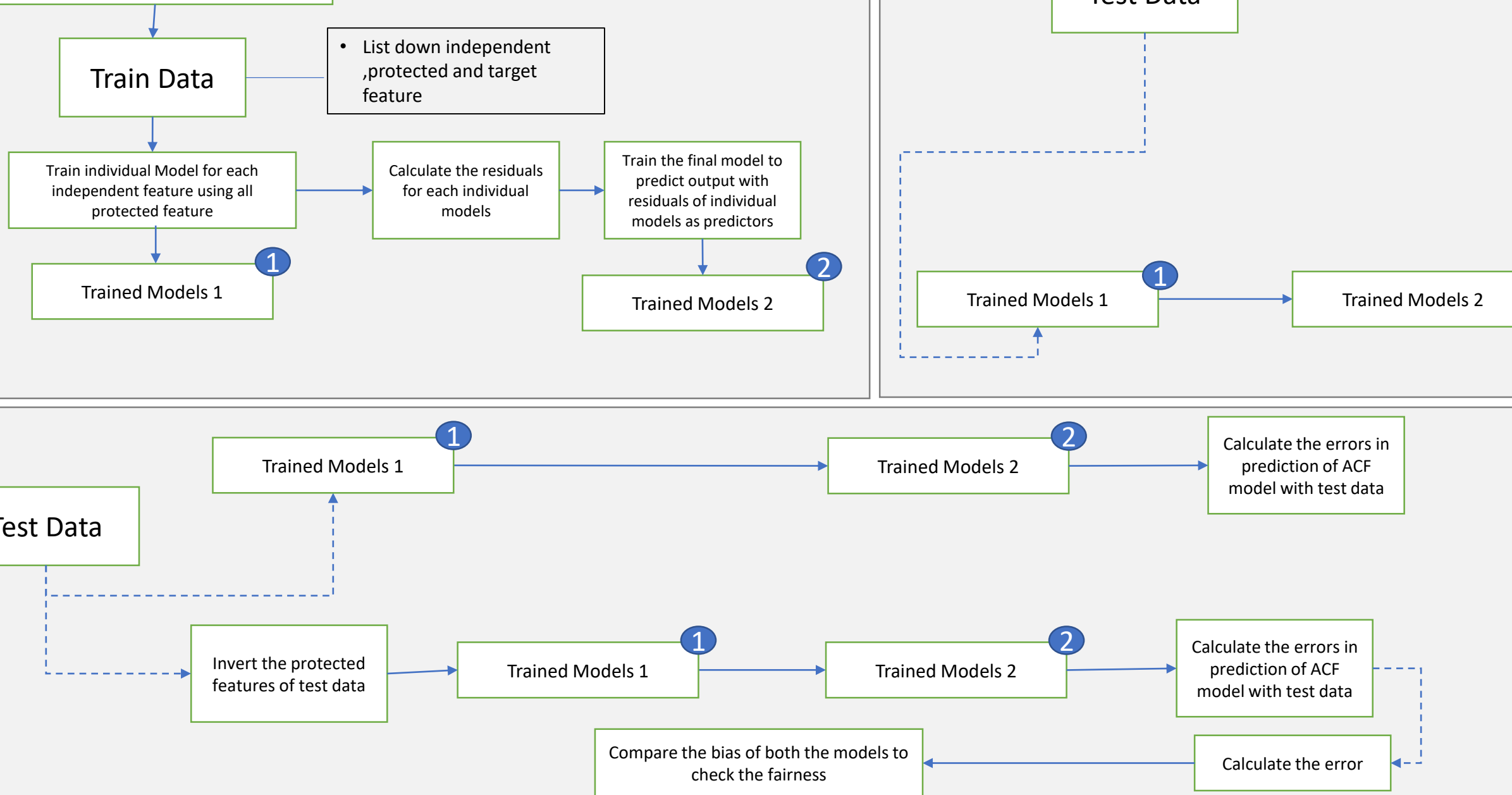
Trained Models 2

2

Calculate the errors in prediction of ACF model with test data

Compare the bias of both the models to check the fairness

Calculate the error





**IT'S**

**PROJECT TIME!**

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 parts of final project

Implement ACF in your selected data

1. All protected features (max 4)
2. All Independent features (max 6)
3. Compare with relevant metrics
4. Calculate CUF
5. Repeat with different residual formula
6. Do step 1 to 5 on DP data
7. Do step 1 to 6 on models with weights (add weights to final model of ACF)

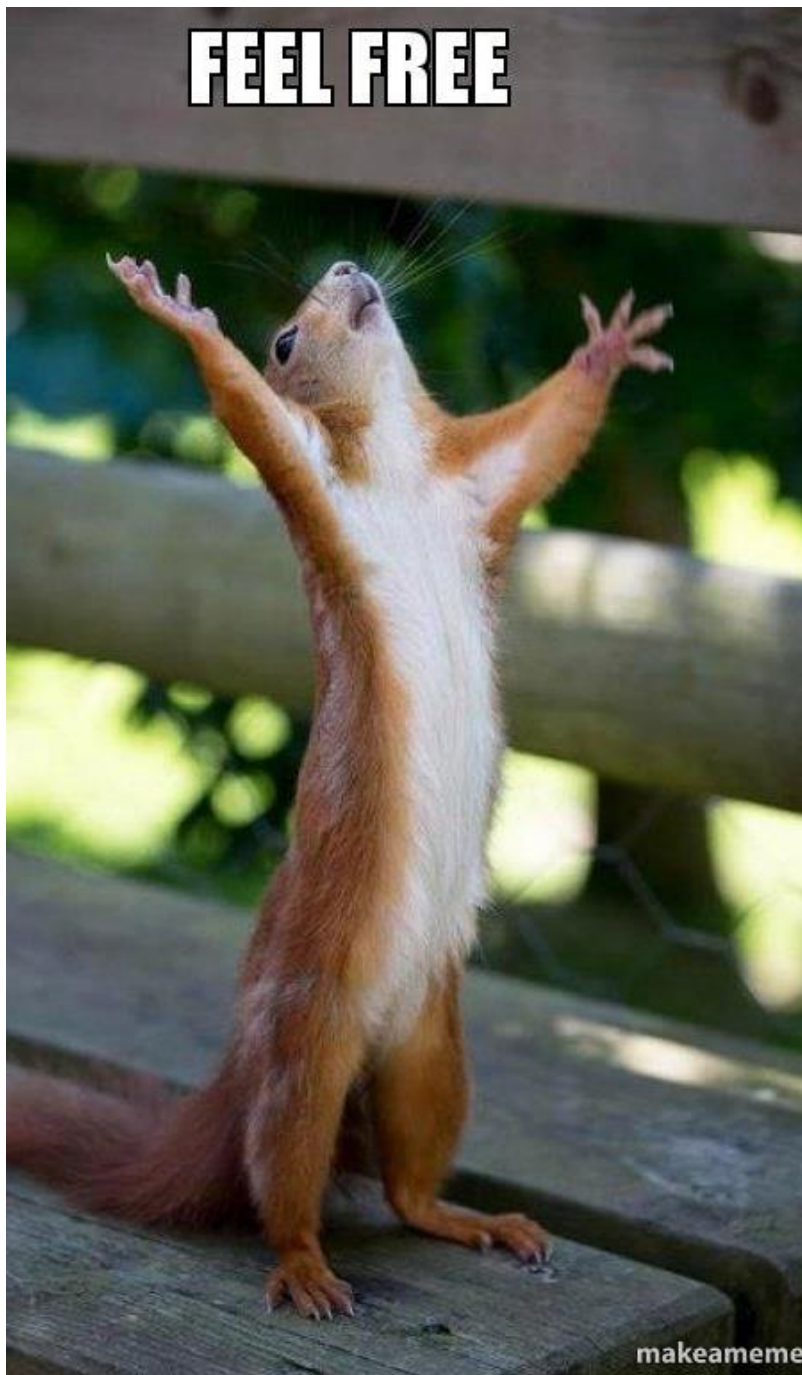
# Next

1. Reject option classifier
2. Optimising the ROC
3. Handling multiple features in ROC

## **Revise:**

- **Chapters from book**
- **Fairness Metrics**
- **Classification Algorithms**
- **Decision boundary**

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