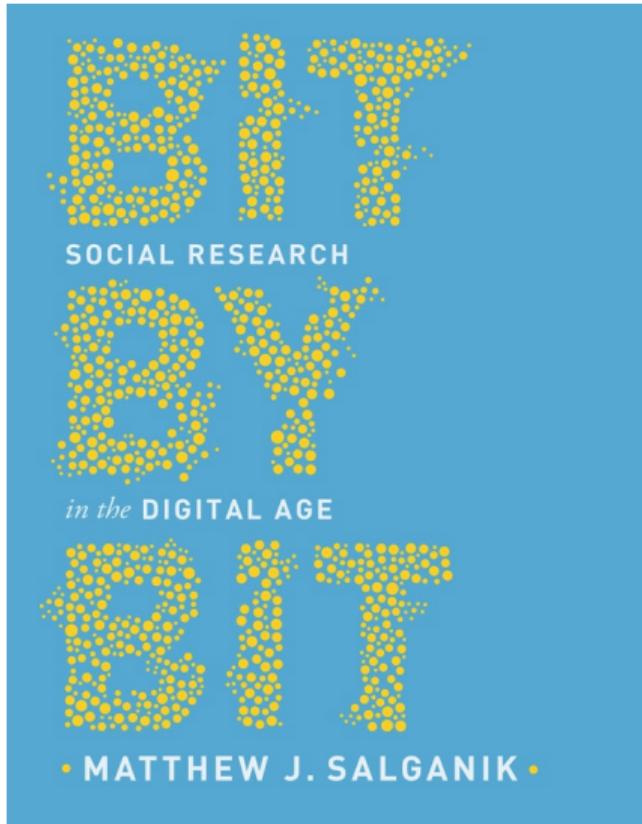


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Addition and extension 1 of 2: Wiki surveys

	Sampling	Interviews	Data environment
1st era	Area probability	Face-to-face	Stand-alone
2nd era	Random digital dial probability	Telephone	Stand-alone
3rd era	Non-probability	Computer-administered	Linked

Human-administered → Computer-administered

- ▶ enables change
- ▶ requires change

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Henry



Betty

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53% of people
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51% of people
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Maria



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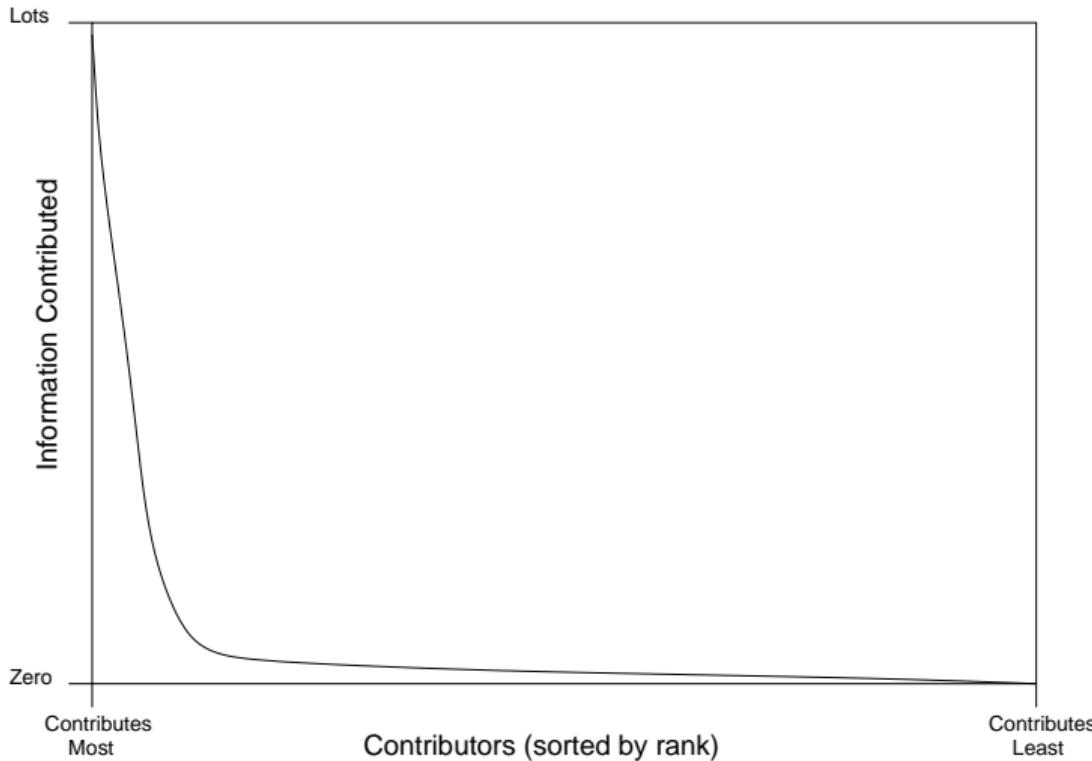
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quantification + openness =
wiki surveys

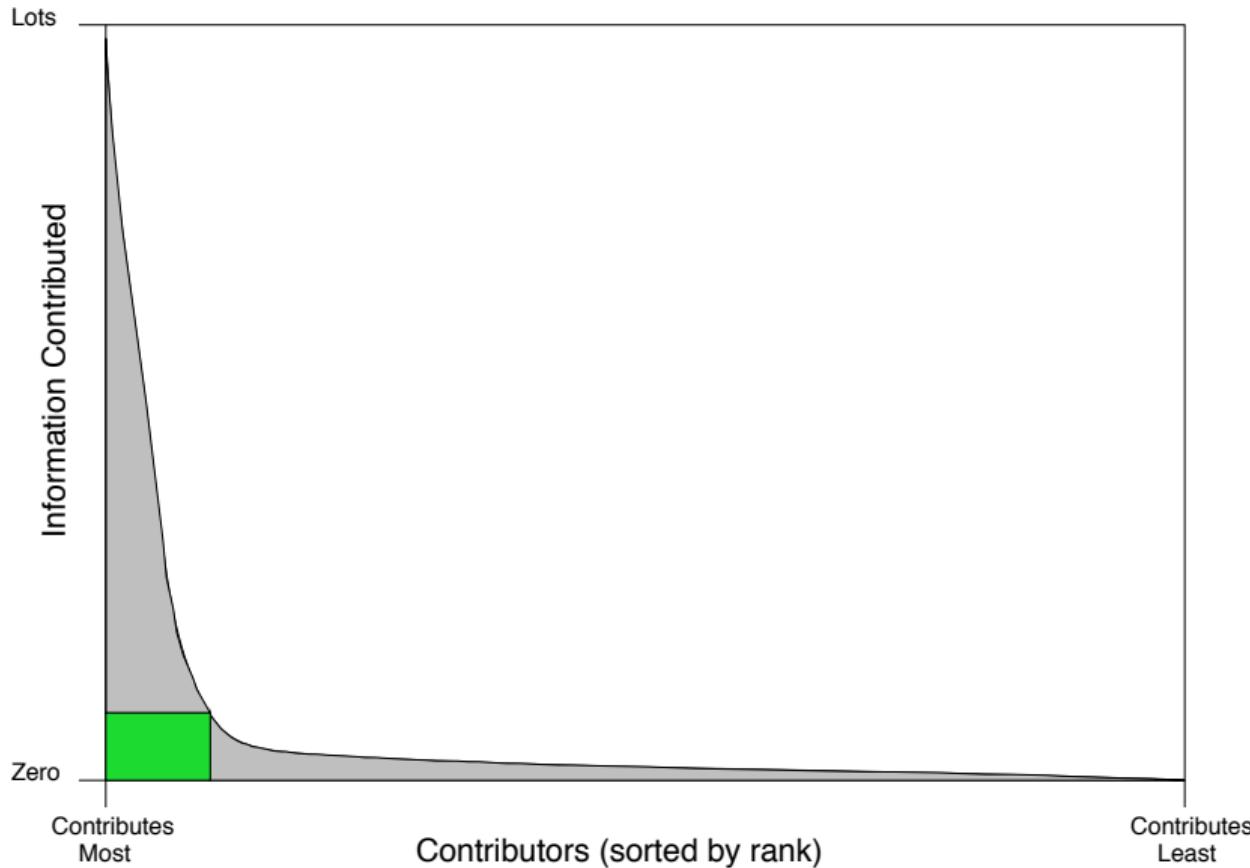
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Good web-based systems use
the **fat-head** and the **long-tail**



Surveys don't use the fat-head or the long-tail



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a question



collaborate
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Which do you think is a better idea for creating a greener, greater New York City?

Seeded the wiki survey with 25 ideas:

- ▶ Require all big buildings to make certain energy efficiency upgrades
- ▶ Increase targeted tree plantings in neighborhoods with high asthma rates
- ▶ Establish a New York City Energy Planning Board

Which do you think is a better idea for creating a greener, greater New York City?

Focus on planting street trees before putting them in existing green space

Enforce low density zoning laws and do Not grant variances that are contrary to these protective laws.

I can't decide

10 votes on 269 ideas

Add your own idea

Which do you think is a better idea for creating a greener, greater New York City?

Plant more trees

Get Bus Lanes on Broadway

I can't decide

11 votes on 269 ideas

Add your own idea

You chose Enforce low density zoning laws and do Not grant variances that are contrary to these protective laws. over Focus on planting street trees before putting them in existing green space

Now you have cast 1 vote (average is 10)

[View all the results](#)

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Provide funding to increase energy efficiency of buildings (PACE bonds/loans) creating green jobs, reducing emissions and utility bills.

Make sure that there are bike racks installed at or near all public schools and libraries.

I can't decide

12 votes on 269 ideas

Add your own idea

You chose [Get Bus Lanes on Broadway](#) over [Plant more trees](#)

Now you have cast 2 votes (average is 10)

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Which do you think is a better idea for creating a greener,
greater New York City?

Score

Keep NYC's drinking water clean by banning fracking in NYC's watershed.

84 [?]



Invest in multiple modes of transportation and provide both improved infrastructure and improved safety

81 [?]



Plug ships into electricity grid so they don't idle in port - reducing emissions equivalent to 12000 cars per ship.

78 [?]



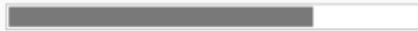
Implement congestion pricing in lower Manhattan

74 [?]



Continue enhancing bike lane network, to finally connect separated bike lane systems to each other across all five boroughs.

73 [?]



Composting! Provide municipal support for composting!!

73 [?]



Support and protect community gardens and create mechanisms to create new gardens and open space

72 [?]



Provide long-term leases for organic farms in unused public spaces, a garden at every public school and public housing development

72 [?]



Provide better transit service outside of Manhattan

72 [?]



Create a network of protected bike paths throughout the entire city

71 [?]



What are we trying to estimate?

Data

Vote	Session	Prompt	
1	1	item 4	item 1
2	1	item 3	item 1
3	1	item 4	item 3
4	2	item 3	item 4
5	2	item 4	item 2
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Opinion matrix

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$\theta_{j,k}$: how much respondent j likes item k

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Recruited participants through Twitter, Facebook, blogs, etc.



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NYC Mayor's Office

Do you have ideas about how to make NYC
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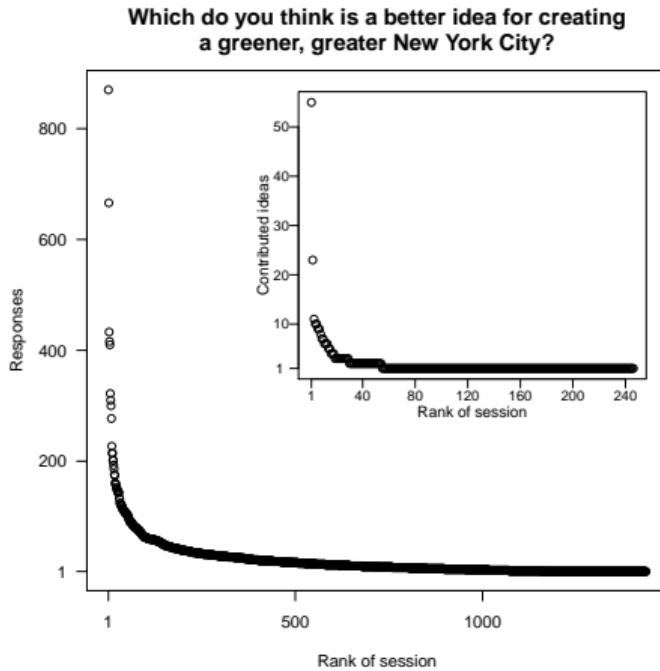
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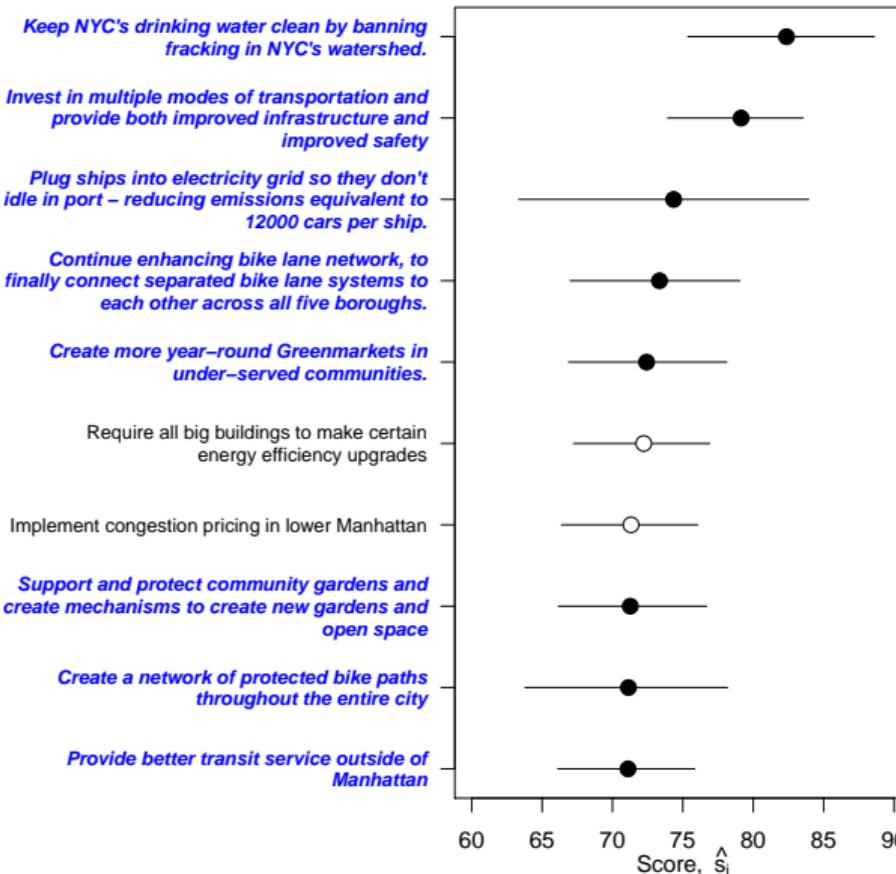
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- ▶ 31,893 responses
- ▶ 464 ideas uploaded

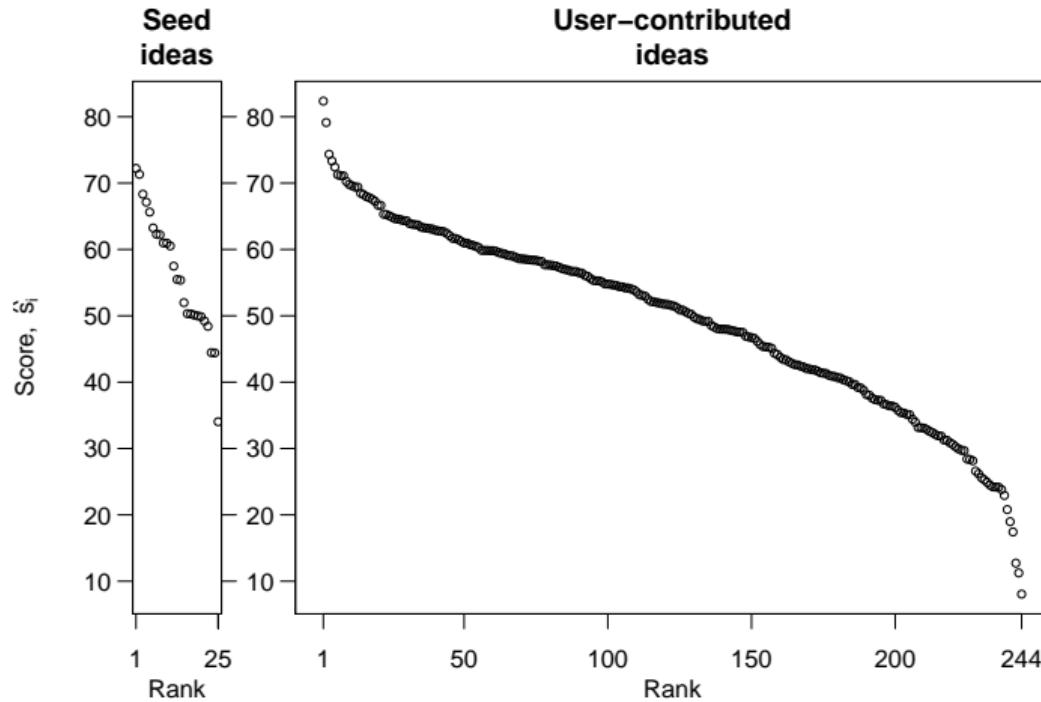


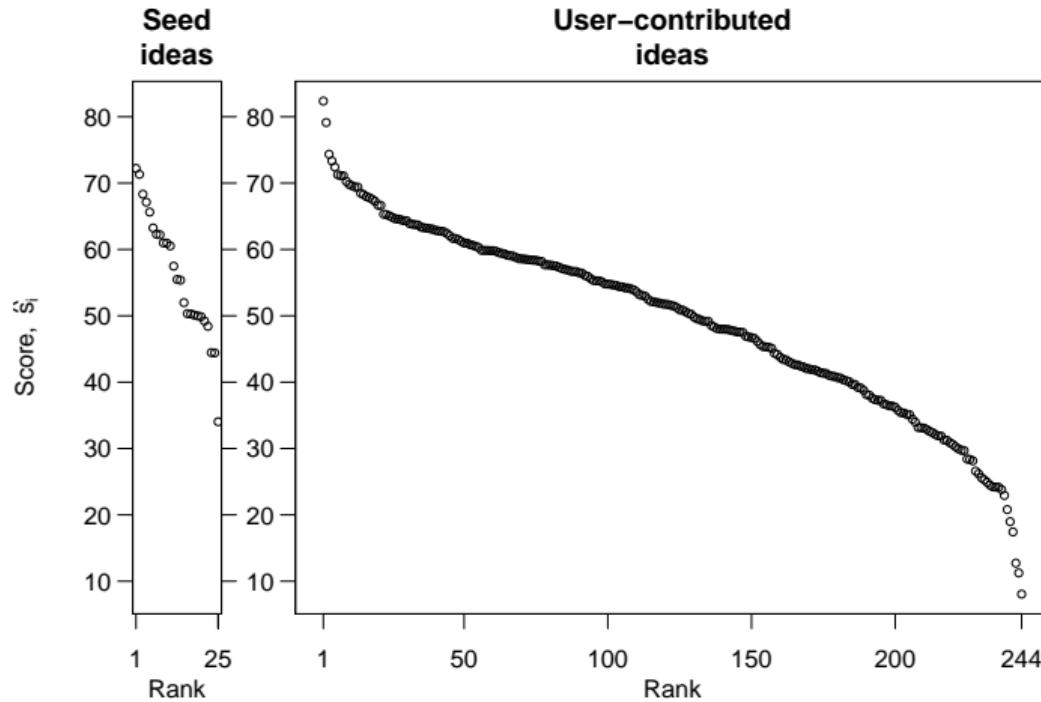
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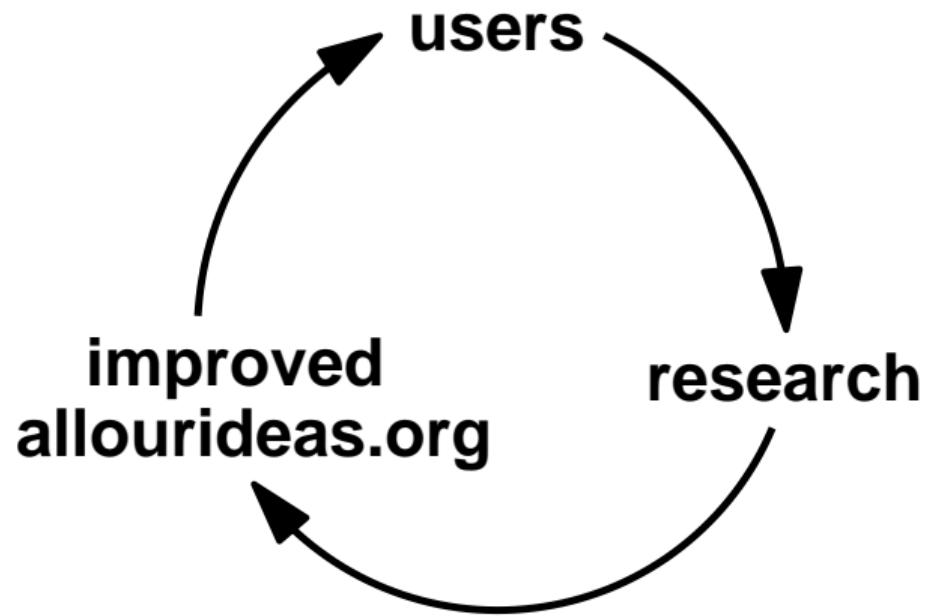
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variance + volume → extreme cases



Currently hosting:

18,000 wiki surveys with 975,000 ideas and 33 million votes



Addition and extension 2 of 2: Amplified asking, a next step

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Joshua Blumenstock,^{1*} Gabriel Cadamuro,² Robert On³

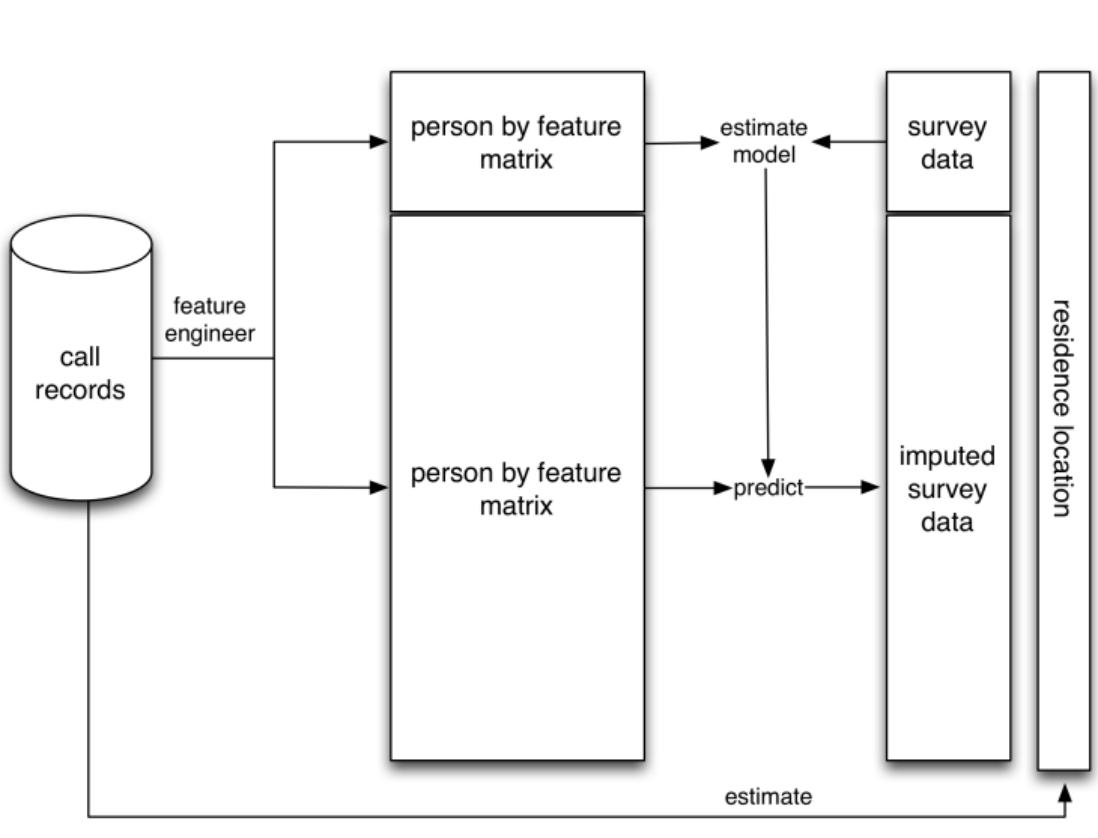
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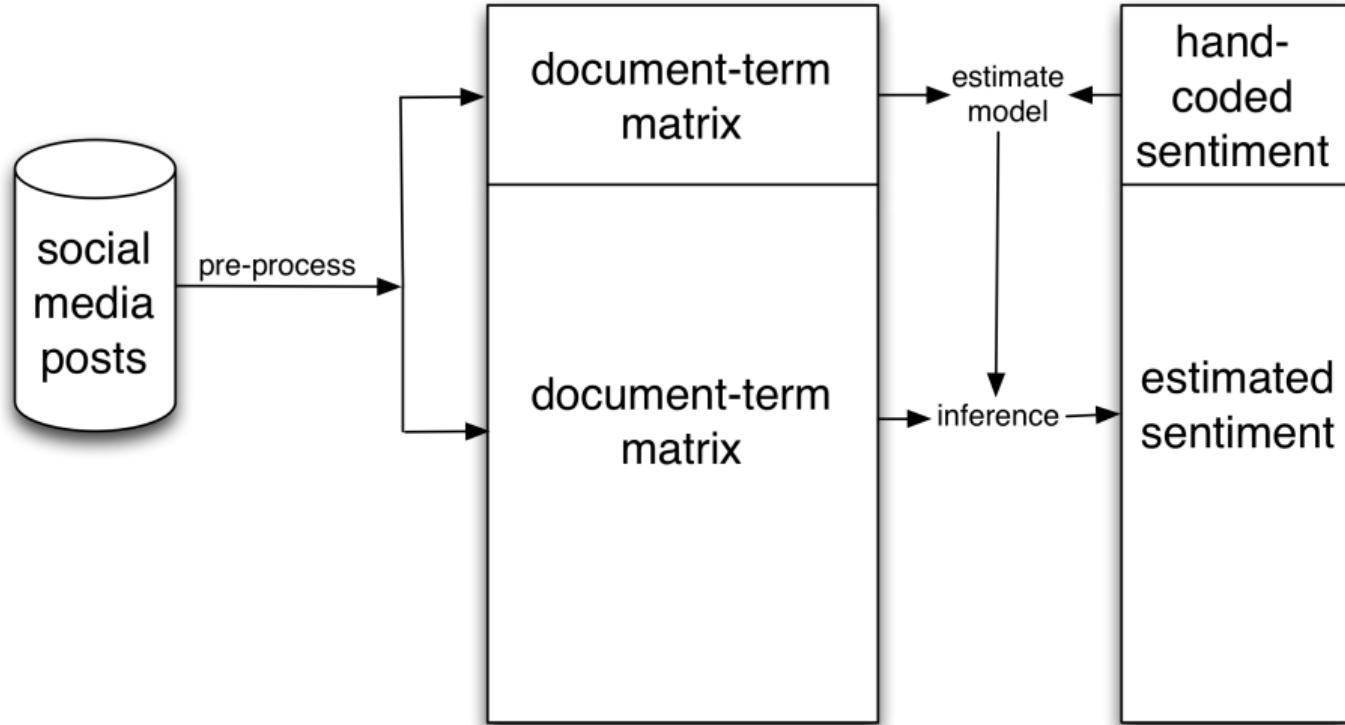
This paper is amazing and surprising (to me). First a digression

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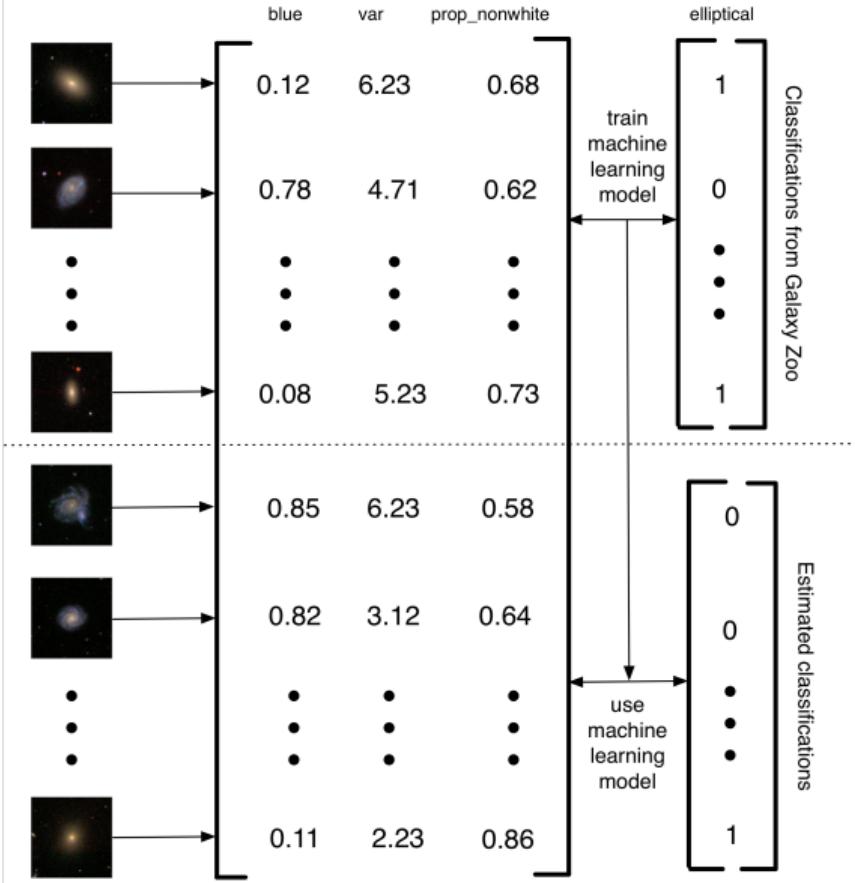
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What if rather than engineering the features you could “learn” them automatically?

Deep learning

Yann LeCun^{1,2}, Yoshua Bengio³ & Geoffrey Hinton^{4,5}

LeCun, Bengio, Hinton (2015)

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But, most people had been using night lights



https://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/imagegallery/image_feature_2480.html

Prior research:

Nightlights + survey data to estimate wealth in places without surveys

Jean et al. (2016):
Day pictures + Nightlights + survey data to estimate wealth in places without surveys

Predicting poverty

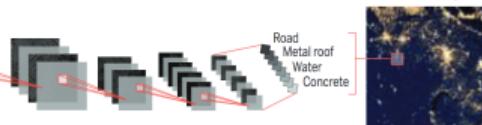
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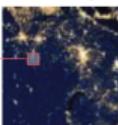
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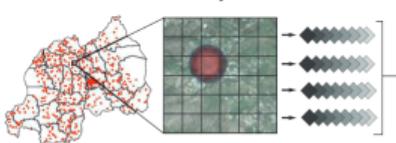
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Household survey locations

CNN processes satellite photos of each survey site



Features from multiple photos are averaged

Ridge regression model reconstructs ground truth estimates of poverty

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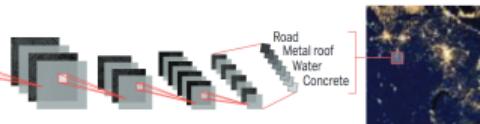
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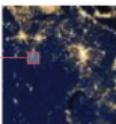
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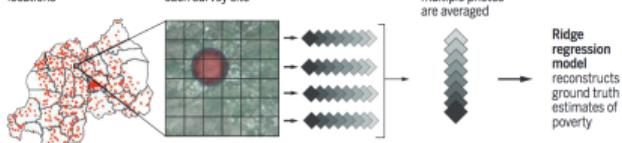
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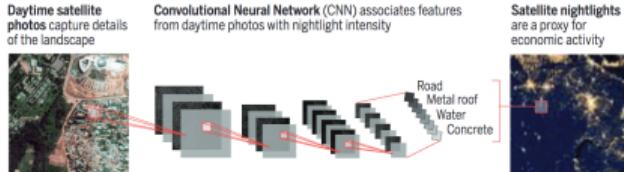


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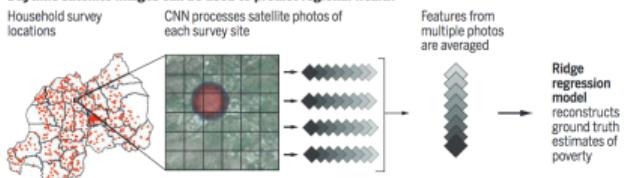
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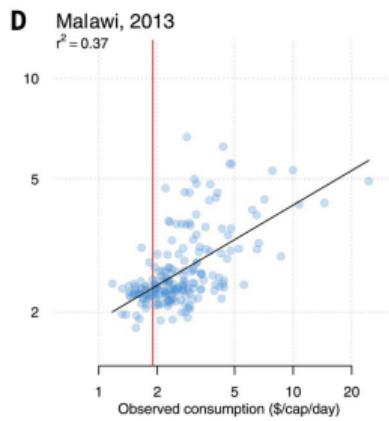
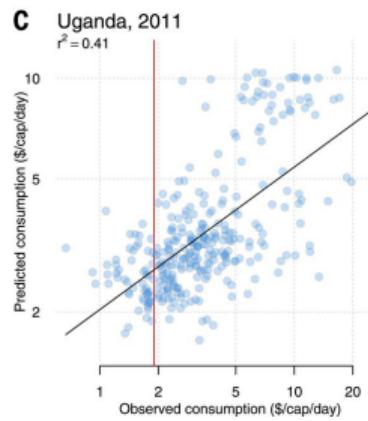
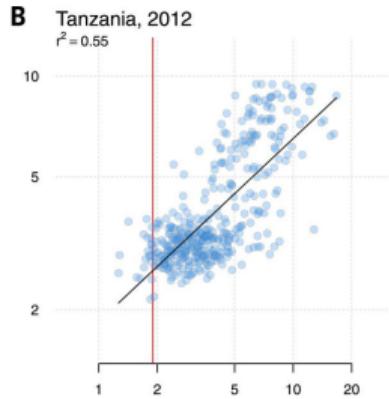
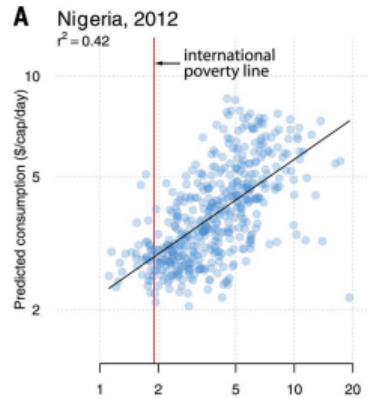


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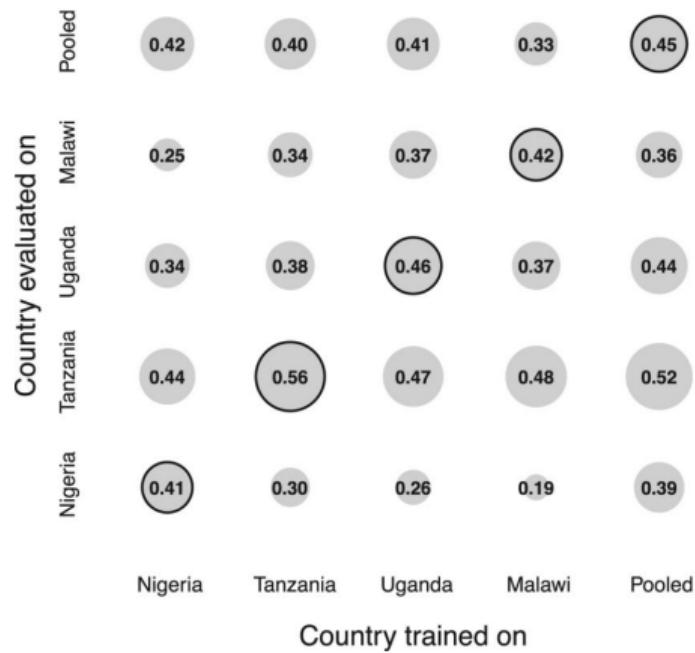


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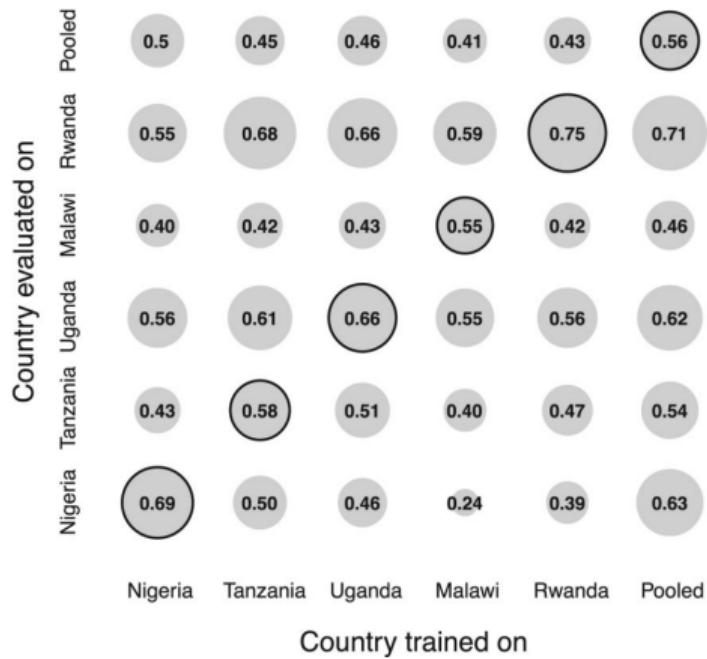
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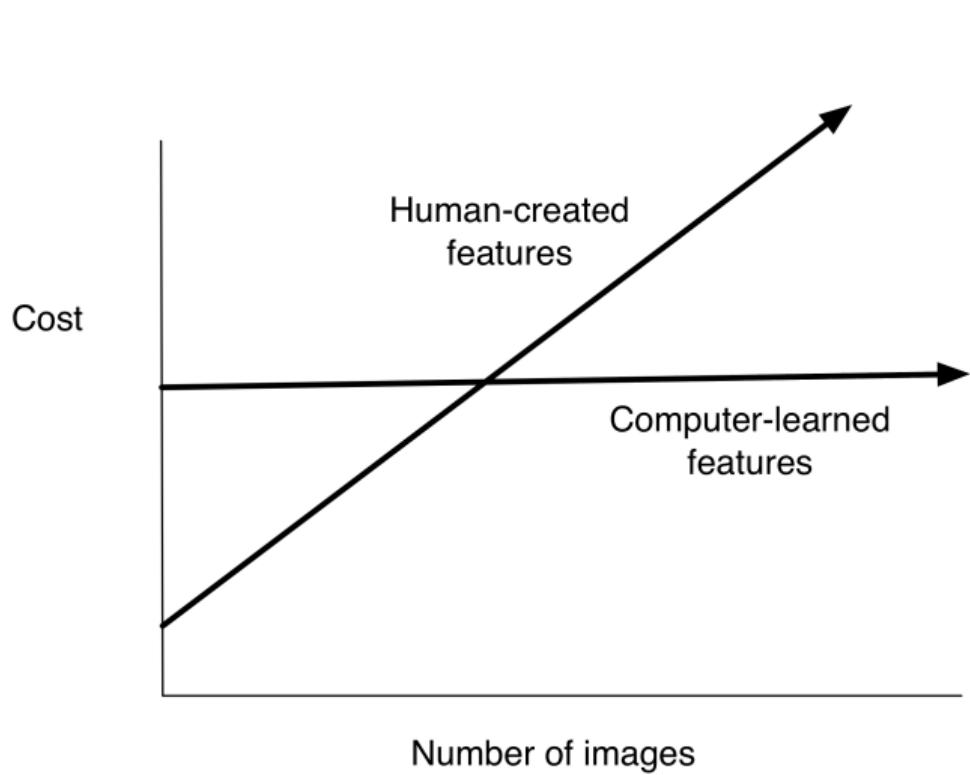


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