

# Improving Fetal Health Outcomes by combining Cardiotocography and Data Science Predictions

How can we use machine learning to enhance clinical decisions and increase viability

## Rationale

- **Reduction of child mortality is a key indicator of human progress**
- **Global goal to end preventable deaths of newborns and children under 5 years. At least as low as 25 per 1000 births by 2030 (UN)**
- **Decreasing maternal mortality rate, which is currently highest in OECD 26.4 per 100,000 births in the US. The vast majority of these deaths (94%) occurred in low-resource settings, and most could have been prevented.**
- **“Cardiotocograms (CTGs) are a simple and cost accessible option to assess fetal health, allowing healthcare professionals to take action in order to prevent child and maternal mortality. The equipment itself works by sending ultrasound pulses and reading its response, thus shedding light on fetal heart rate (FHR), fetal movements, uterine contractions and more.”**

## External Fetal Monitor

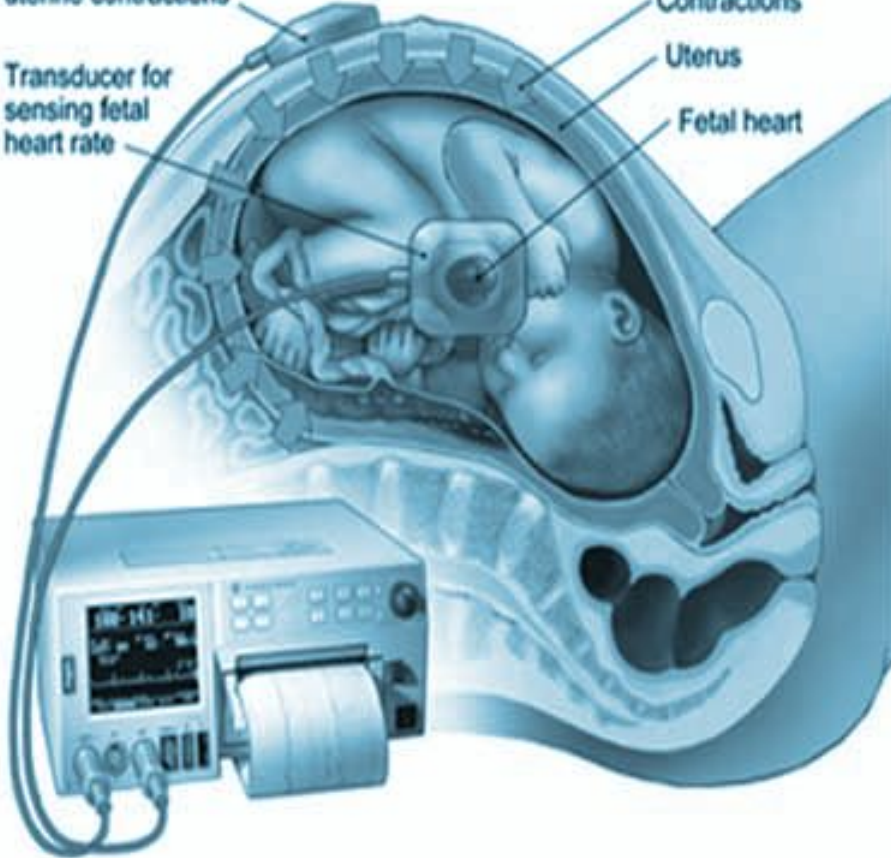
Transducer for sensing  
uterine contractions

Transducer for sensing fetal  
heart rate

Contractions

Uterus

Fetal heart



# Cardiotocograph (CTGs)

# Variables

Fetal Heart Rate

Baseline

Accelerations

Per second

Fetal Movement

Per second

Uterine  
Contractions

Per second

Decelerations

Light,  
Severe,  
Prolonged

Fetal Health

Normal,  
Suspect,  
Pathological

# Data Science Process

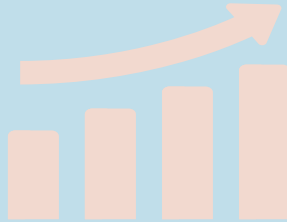
## PHASE 1

Data Cleaning



## PHASE 2

Exploratory  
Data Analysis



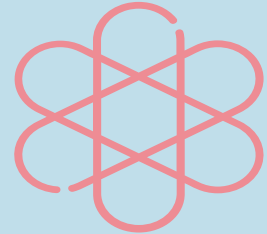
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Preprocessing

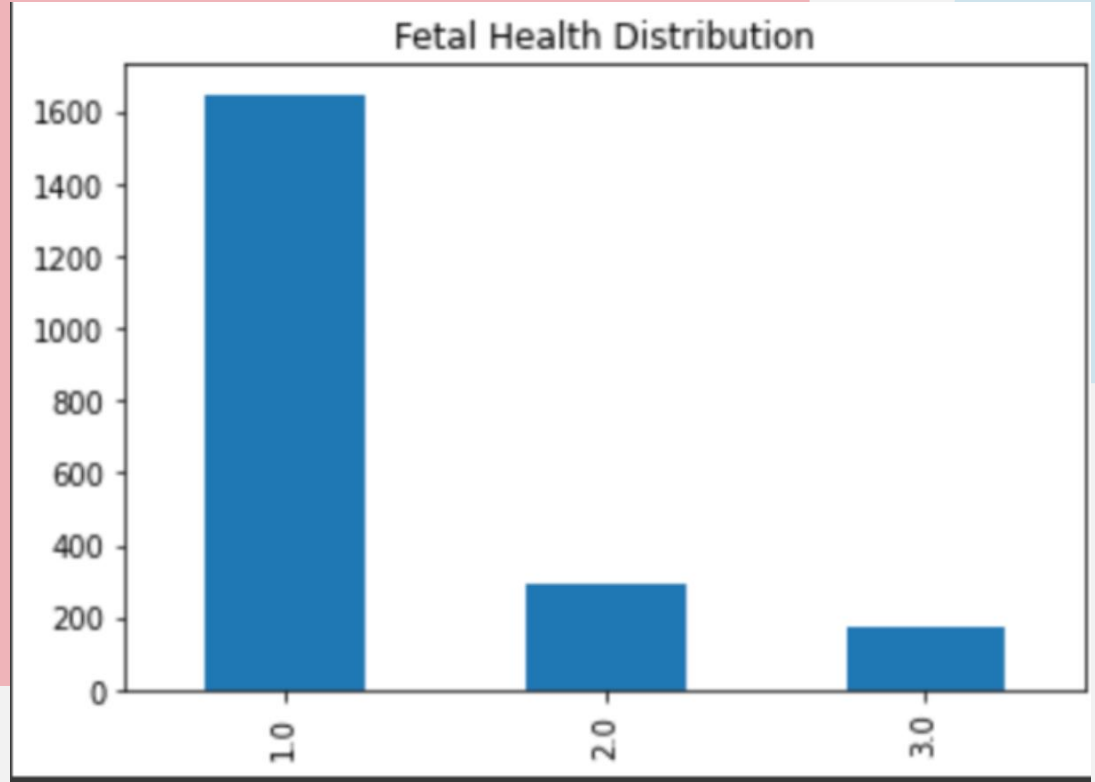


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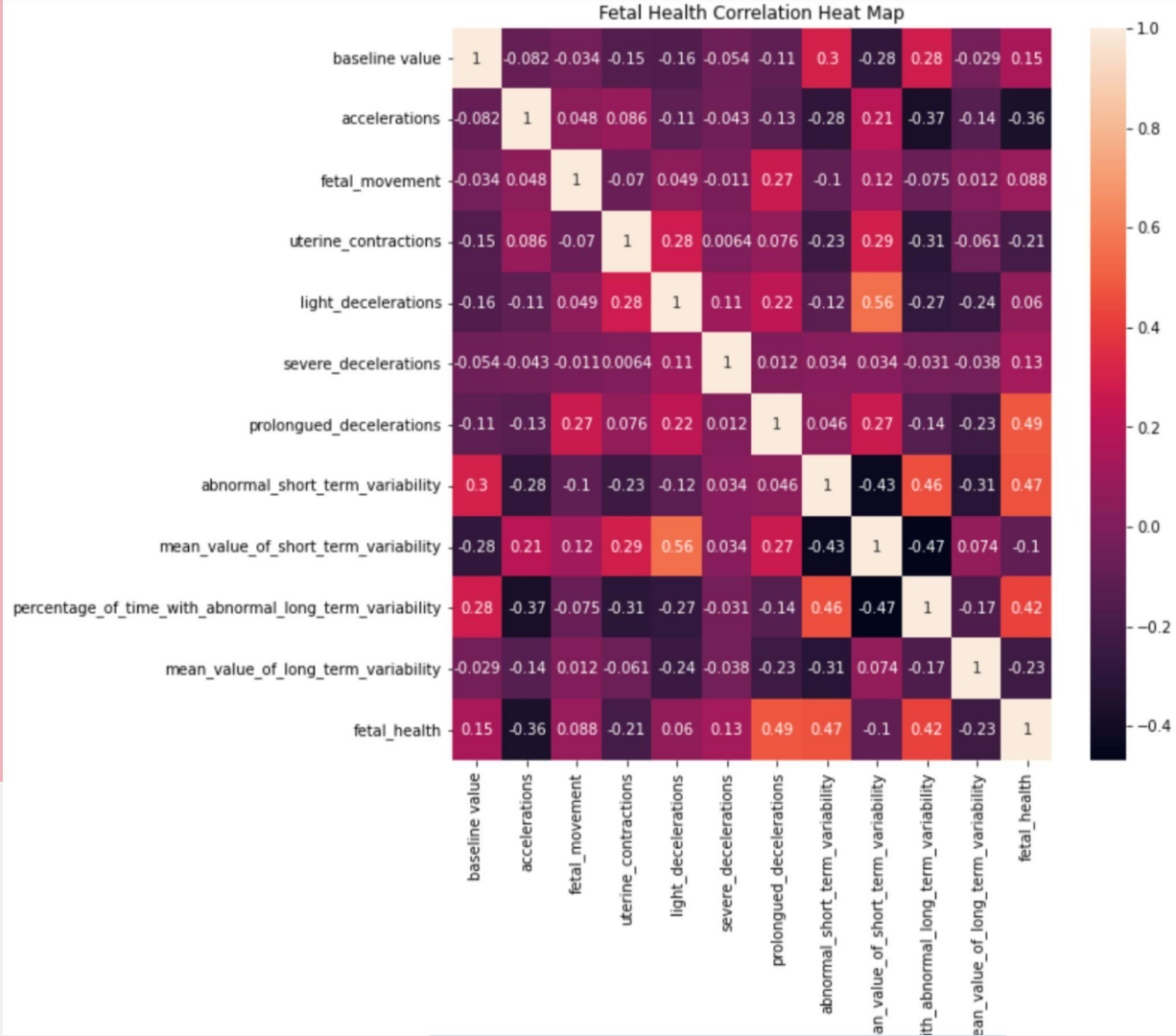
Machine  
Learning



Visualizing  
Fetal Health  
Distribution  
in this dataset:



# Visualizing correlations of Fetal Health Data and emerging Fetal Health Predictors



# Machine Learning Trials

01

Random Forest Classifier Model  
94% Accuracy

02

Light Gradient Boost Model  
94% Accuracy

03

XGBoost Model  
95% Accuracy



# Recommendations

01

Improved  
Machine  
Learning  
Algorithm

02

Develop  
Automated  
Analysis  
Program

03

Implement in  
Health Care  
Network



Thank you!

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