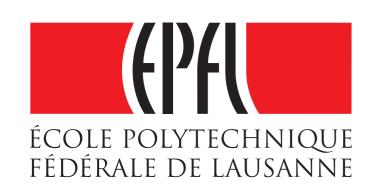
# BIAS DETECTION IN POLICE ACTIVITIES

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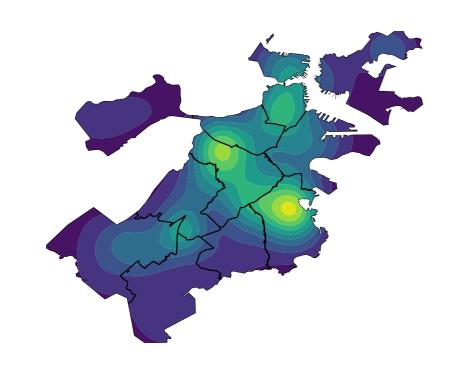
### **Available Datasets**



#### Police Data

- **152,230 stops** made by the Boston Police from January 2011 to June 2015
- Officer data: ID, actions taken, deployment area
- Citizen data: Behavior and race
- Stop data: Timestamp, street id

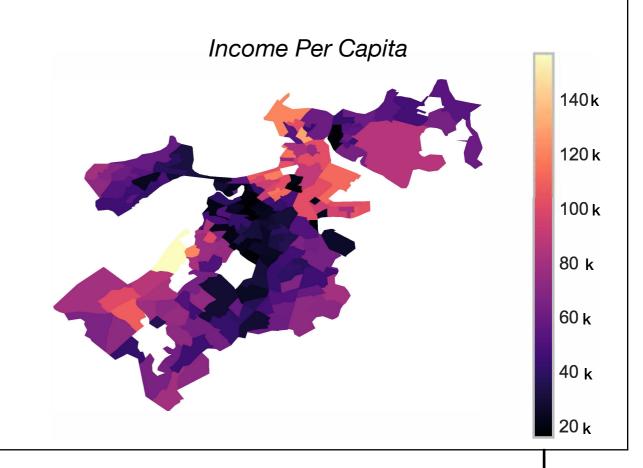
#### **Boston Stops**



# Census Bureau

### Demographic Data

- Set of sociodemographic indicators per track
- Boston: 204 tracks (area ≈ 1.5 km²)
- **SE Proxies**: Income, unemployment rate per race and track

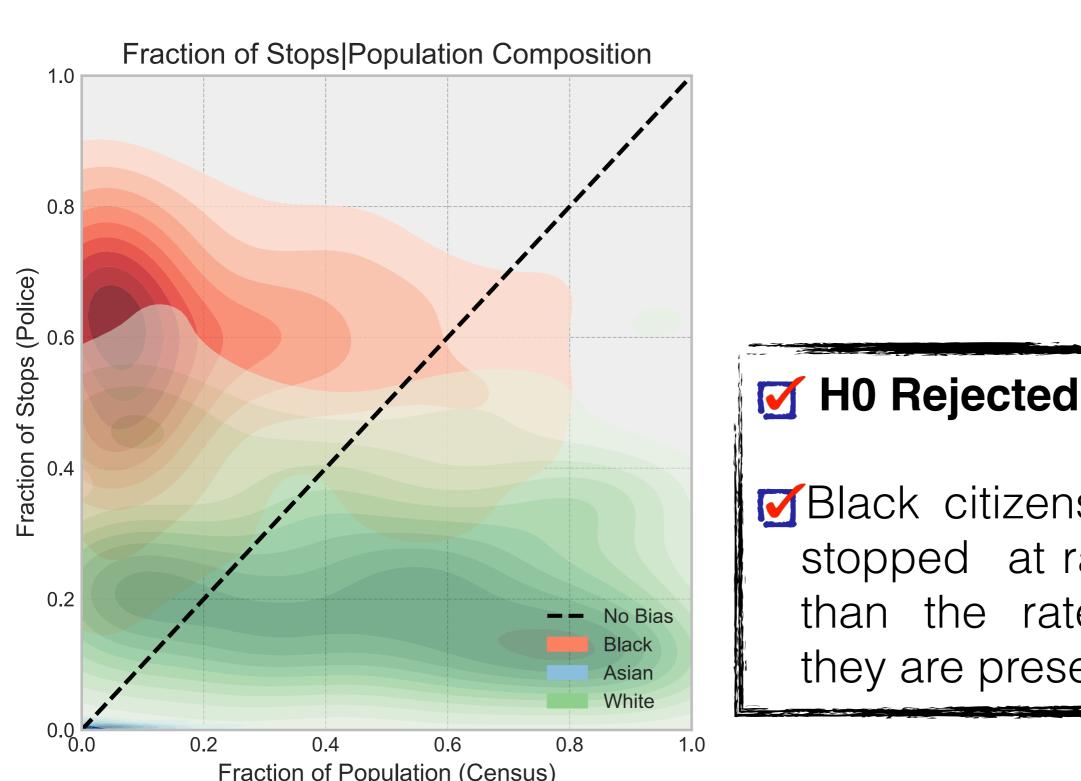


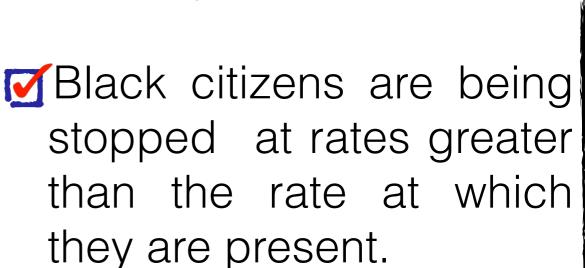


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### **Bias Detection**

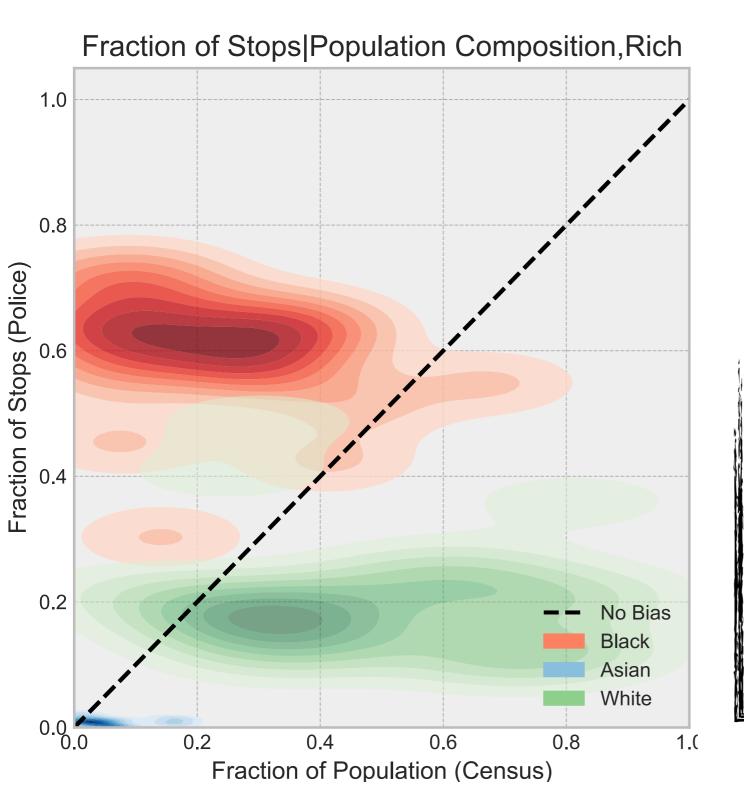
**H0 (no-bias)**: % of stops per race~ % race in population

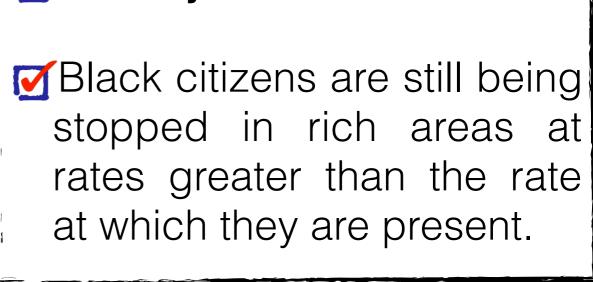




## **SES Aware Bias Detection**

H0: Ok bias but because of SES inequalities

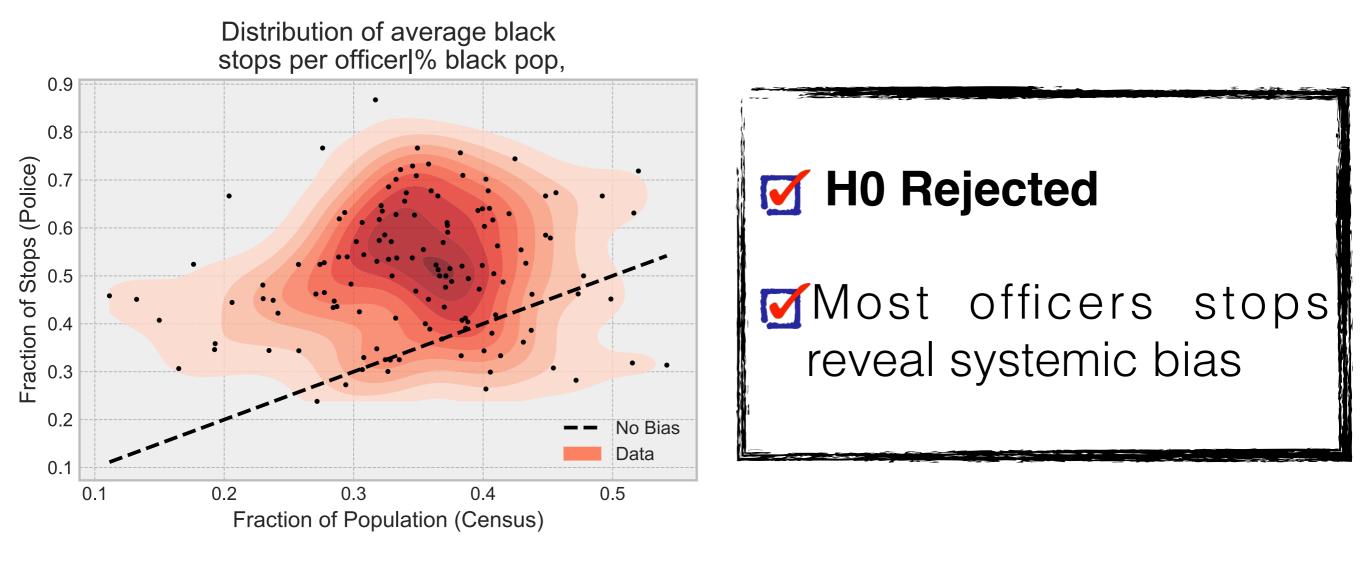




H0 Rejected

# Structural Analysis of Bias

H0: Ok real bias but only by a few bad officers



Yes, there is bias but other effects are also at play

Thank You!