



Online | Mobile | Global

Digital Health & Epidemiology

Prof. Marcel Salathé, Digital Epidemiology Lab, EPFL

@marcelsalathe

EPFL

Swiss Federal Institute of Technology



epflcampus

Ecole polytechnique f...

Follow

epflcampus By the way, did you know that EPFL ranked 12th in the latest QS World University Rankings?

Of course, some criteria in these ranking are subjective, but it's still nice to be placed so high in one of the world's most consulted ranking!

And congratulations to our friends at [@ethzurich](#) for their 10th place! ☺

#epfl #epflcampus #epflfromabove #topunis
#lacleeman #replaylearningcenter #topIMED



812 likes

JUNE 14

[Log in](#) to like or comment.

...

The future is
already here

it's just not very
evenly distributed.

William F. Gibson

The past 10 years:

Internet + Big Data

2007

2017



2007

2017



~0.5 Million



2007



~0.5 Million

2017

~328 Million



2007



~0.5 Million

2017

~328 Million



~20 Million



2007

2017



~0.5 Million

~328 Million



~20 Million

~2,000 Million



2007

2017



~0.5 Million

~328 Million



~20 Million

~2,000 Million



cloud?



2007



~0.5 Million

2017

~328 Million



~20 Million

~2,000 Million



cloud?

CLOUD!



2007

2017



~0.5 Million

~328 Million



~20 Million

~2,000 Million



cloud?

CLOUD!



2007

2017



~0.5 Million

~328 Million



~20 Million

~2,000 Million



cloud?

CLOUD!



~3 B smartphones
~ 1 B tablets

Digital Economy

March 2006

ExxonMobil



Microsoft

citi



362.5B

348.5B

279.0B

230.9B

225.9B

July 2017



Alphabet



Microsoft

amazon



756.3B

668.2B

561.9B

471.8B

463.6B

Digital Economy

March 2006

+1200%

+500%

+100%

+3000%

N/A (+450% since 2012)

July 2017



Alphabet



amazon



756.3B

668.2B

561.9B

471.8B

463.6B

Traditional Epidemiology

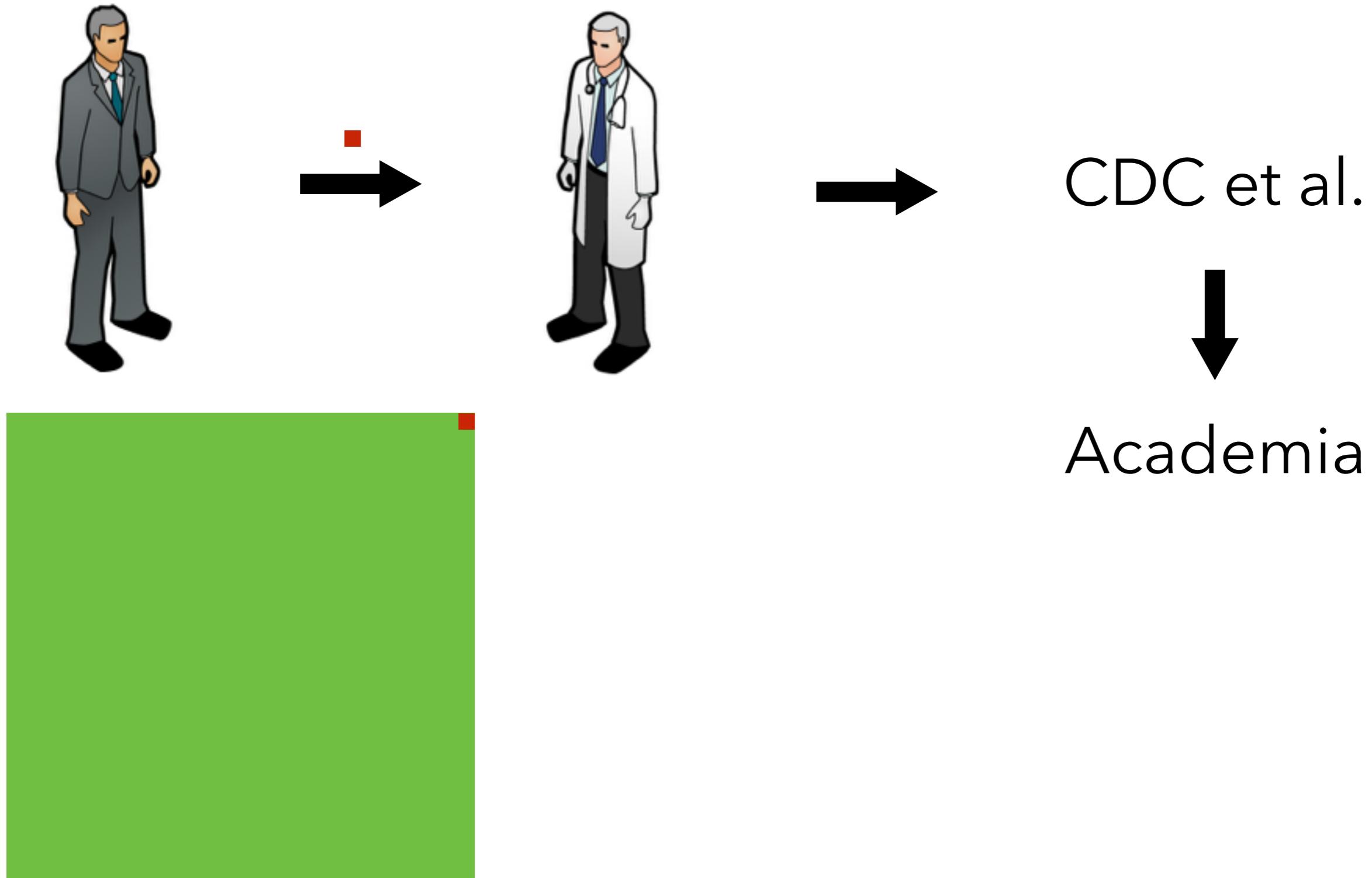


CDC et al.

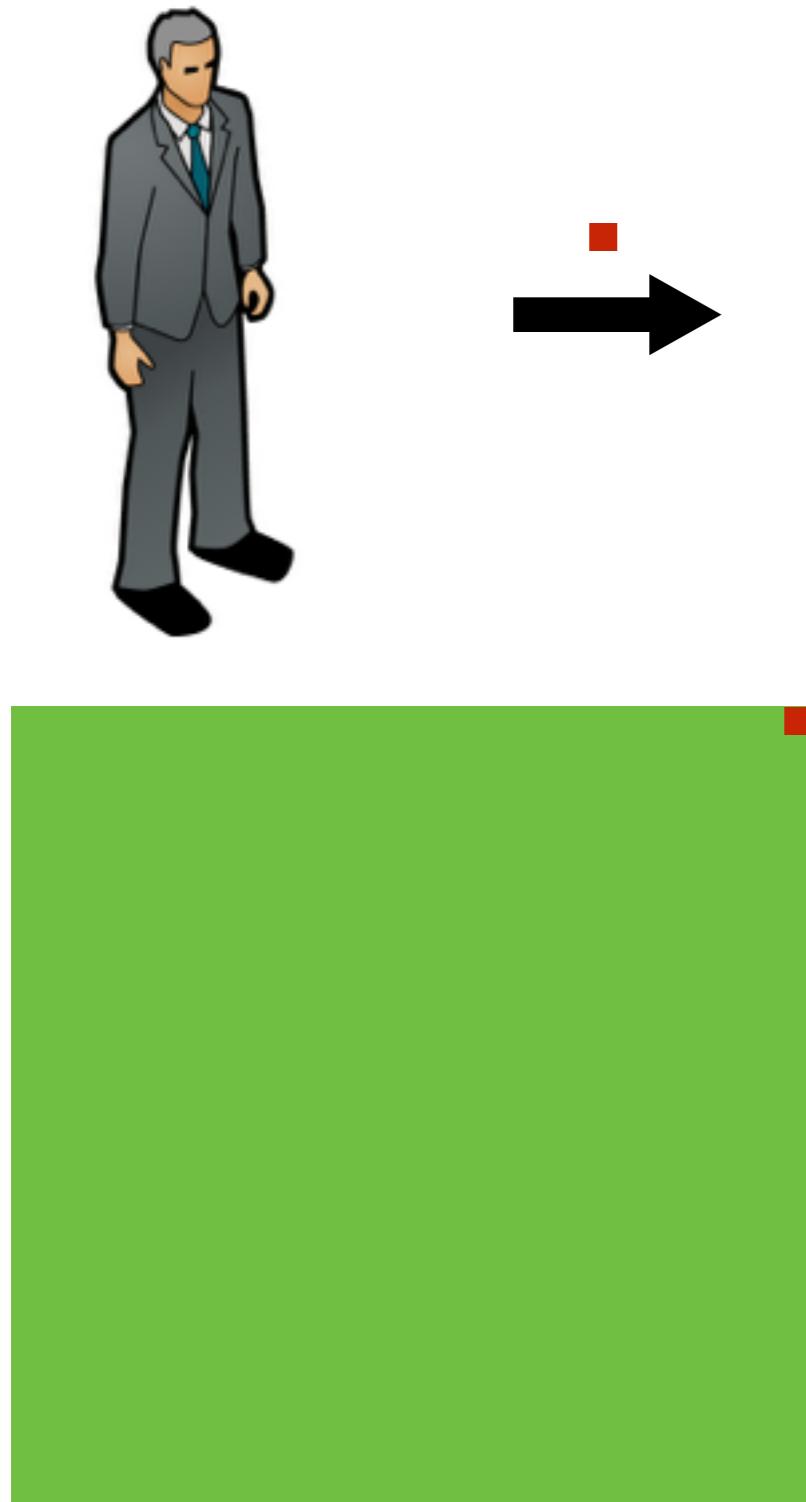


Academia

Traditional Epidemiology



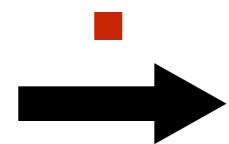
Traditional Epidemiology



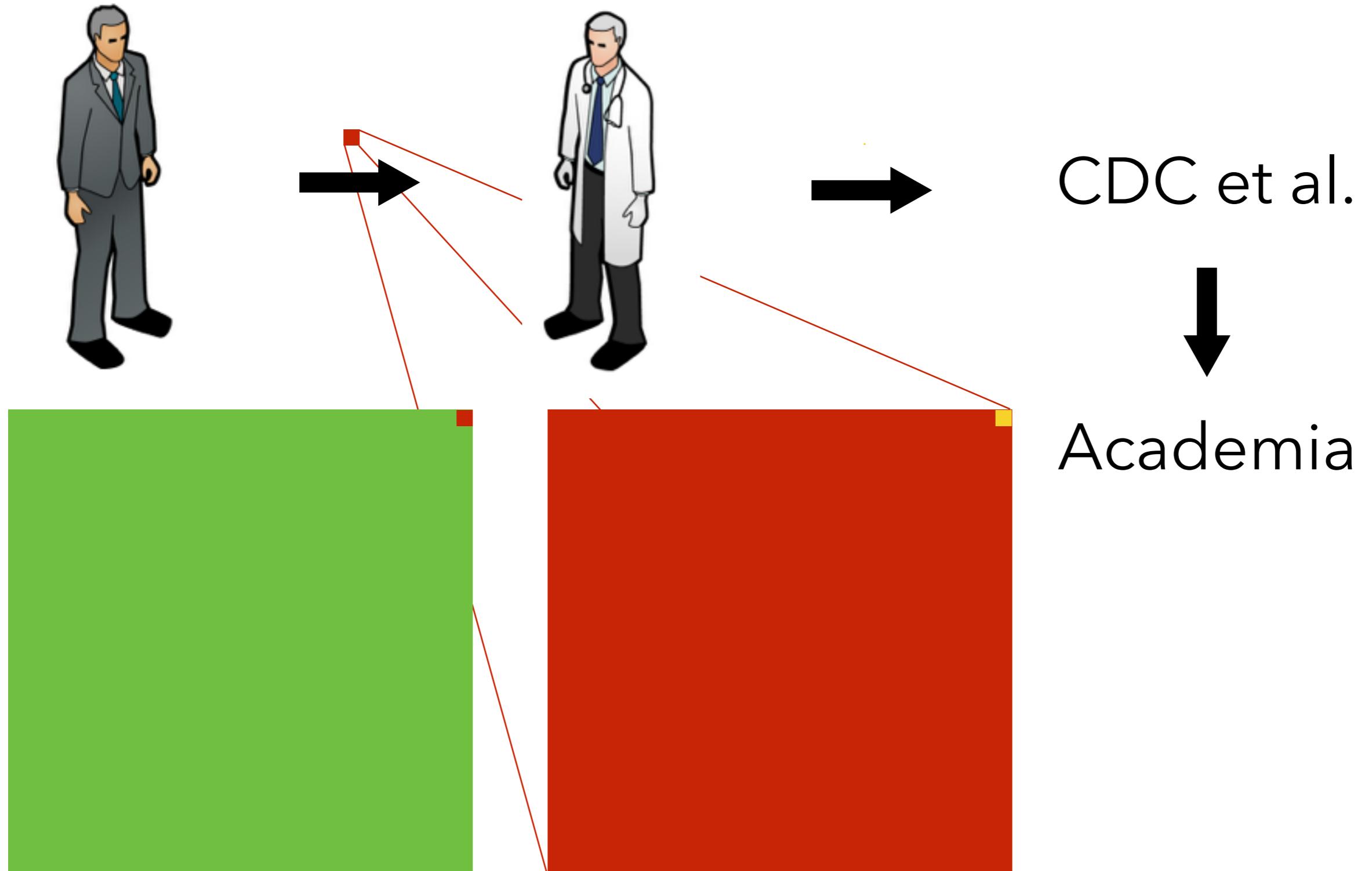
CDC et al.

Academia

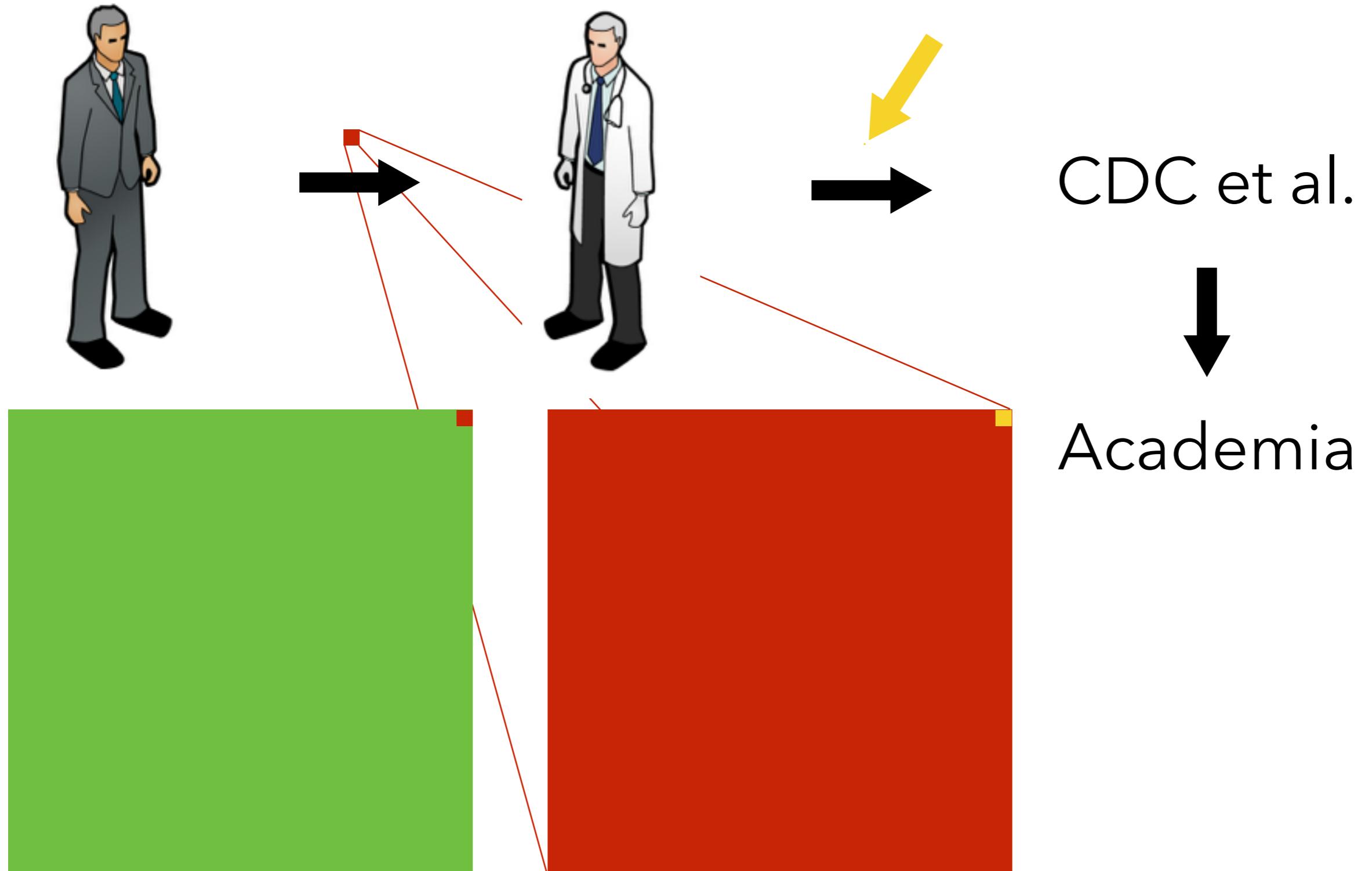
Traditional Epidemiology



Traditional Epidemiology



Traditional Epidemiology



Digital Epidemiology: new data streams

"Got my flu shot this morning and now my throat is sore."



"Stomach flu & normal flu in the same month. I'm officially a germaphobe."

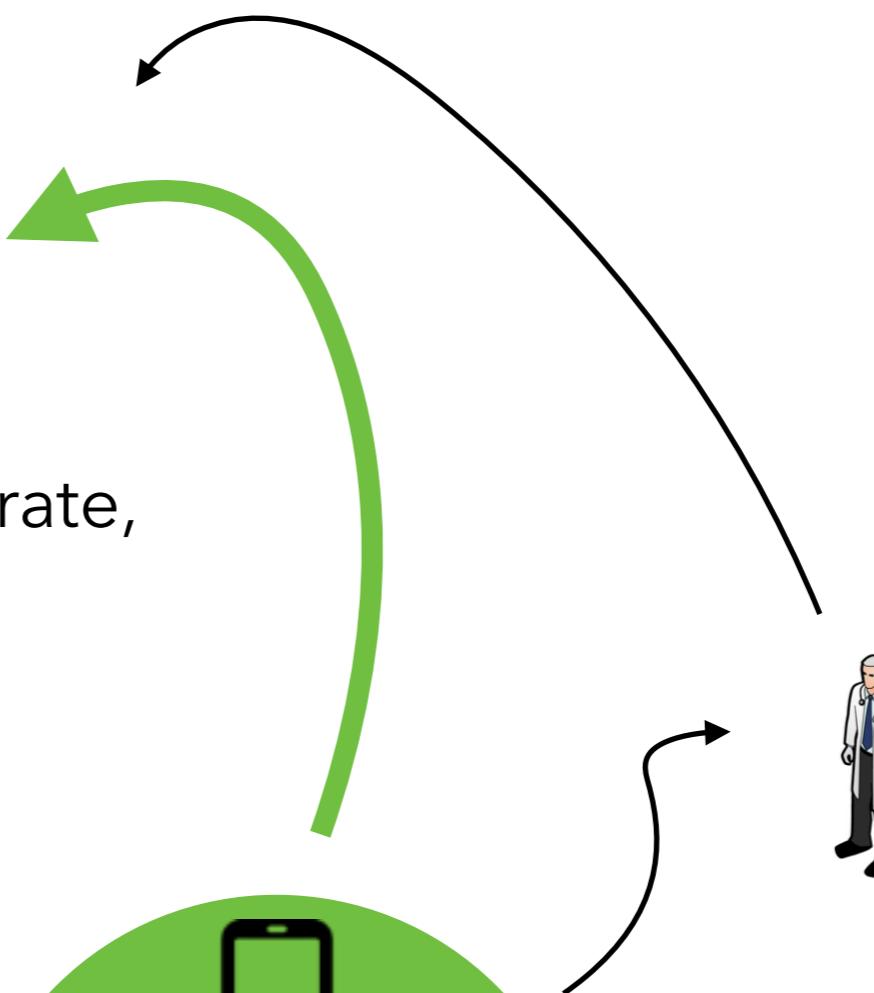
**Text
Images
Videos
Sounds
Location
Biological data
etc.**

"Such an upset stomach today. I hope it's just a bug and not the Truvada."

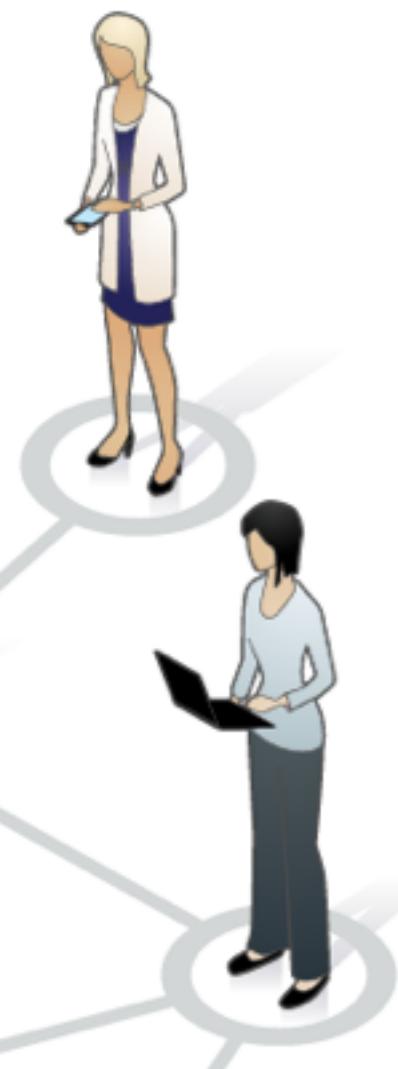
"My weight: 170.1 lb. 10.1 lb to go. #raceweight @Withings scale auto-tweets my weight once a week <http://withings.com>"

From Personalized Health...

- my DNA
- my *omics data
- my location data
- my activity data (heart rate, etc.)
- my lab tests
- what I ate
- how I slept
- how I feel
- my health history
- etc.



**"The
patient
will
see
you
now"**



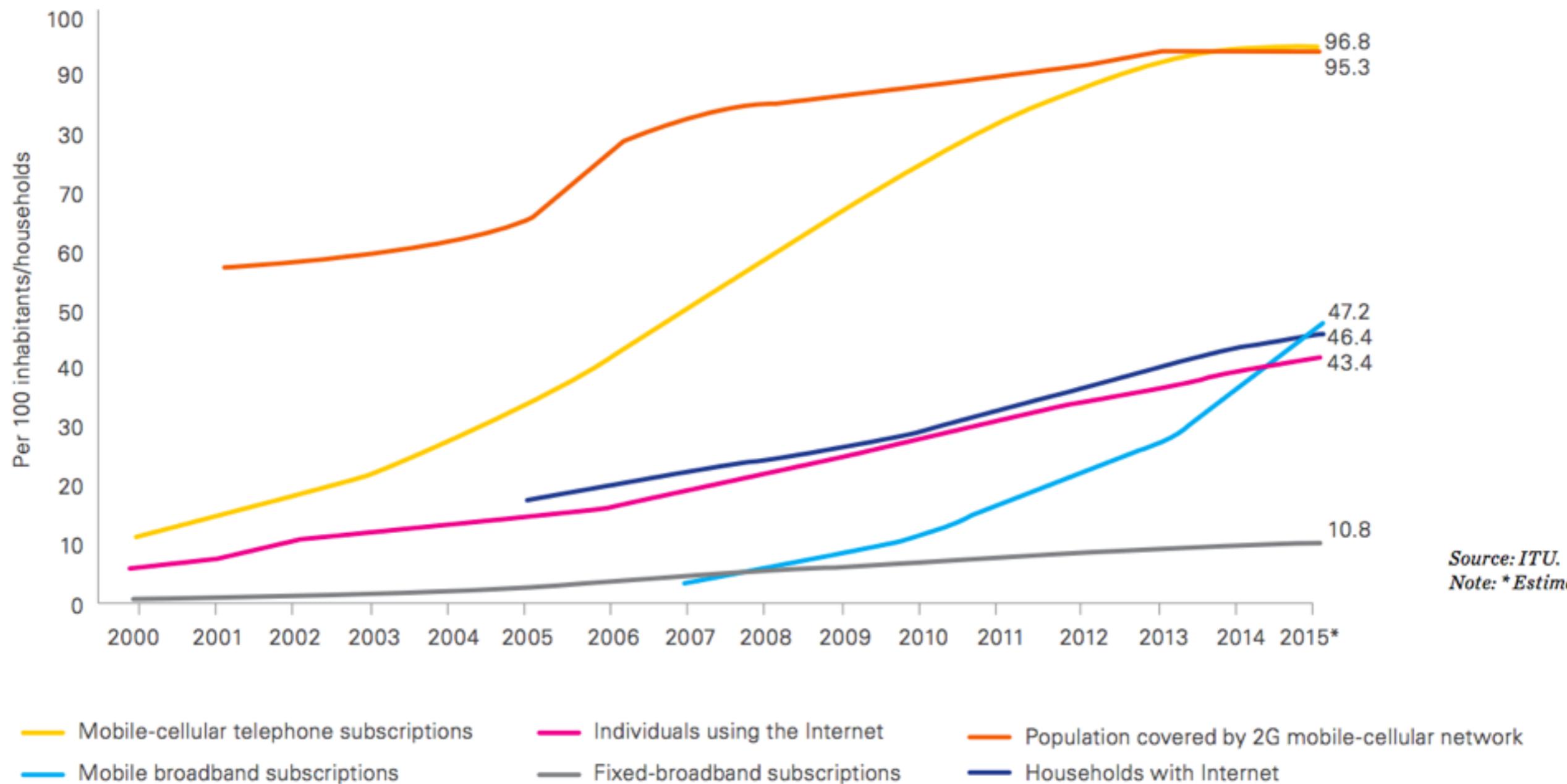
...To Truly Global Health



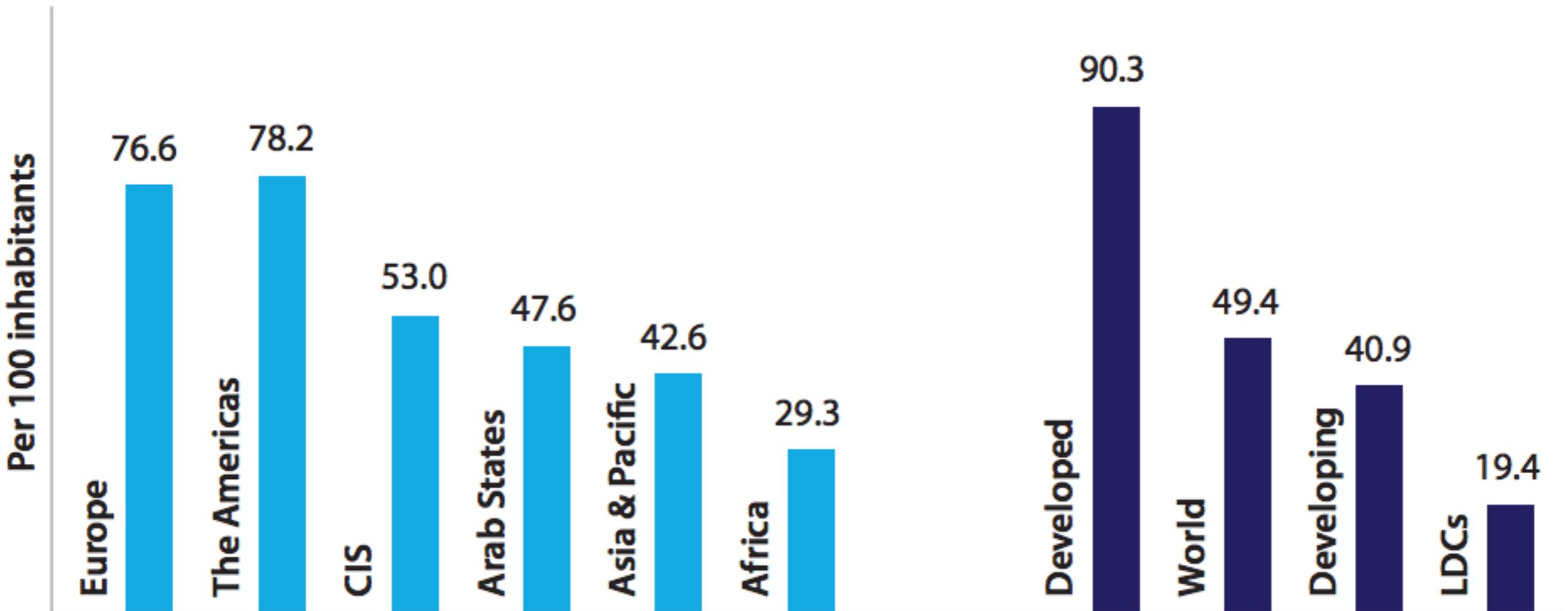
2021:
6+ Billion
Smartphones

A large, uniform grid of gray smartphone icons covers the entire background of the slide, creating a sense of scale and global reach.

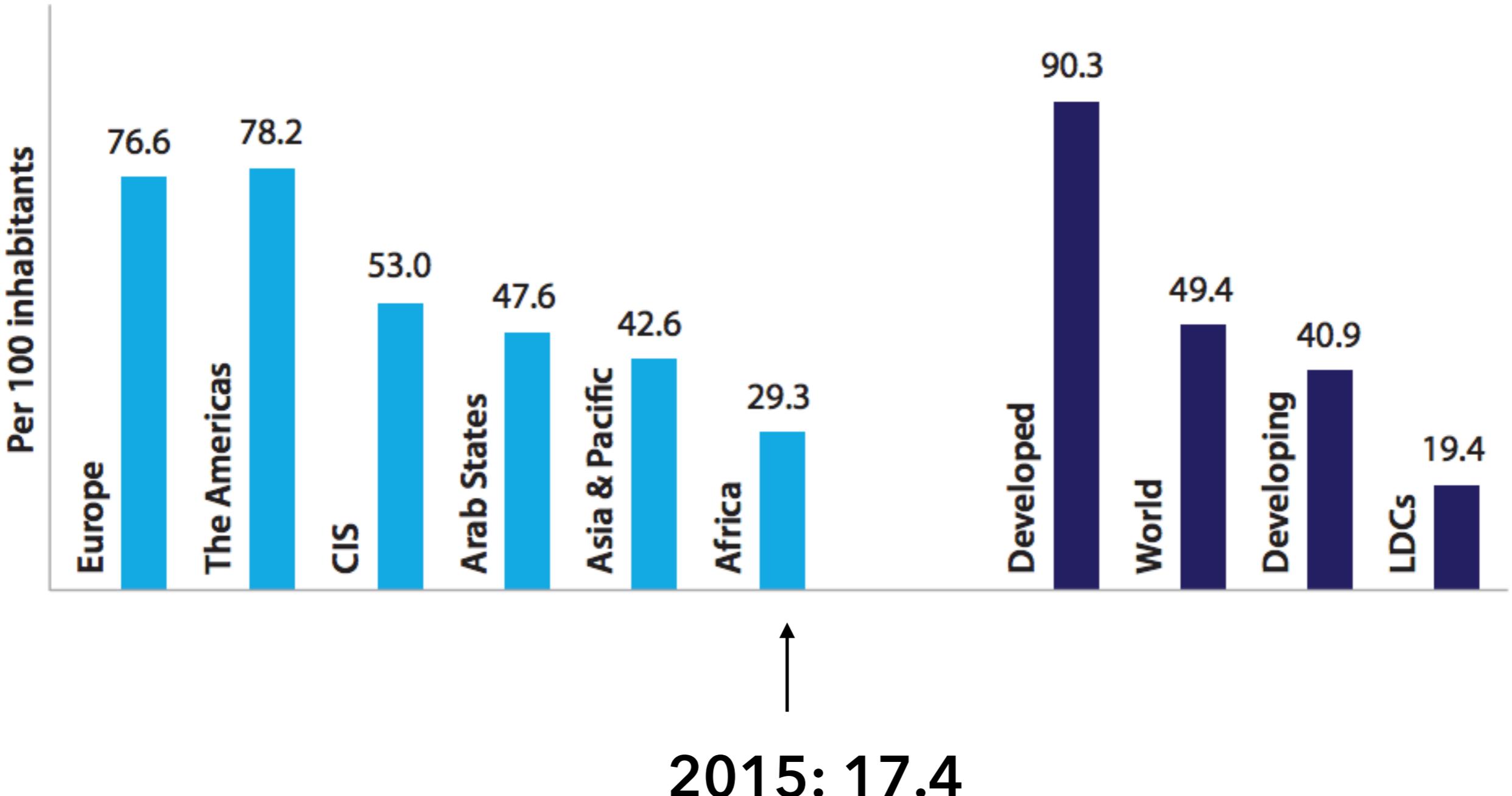
Mobile broadband



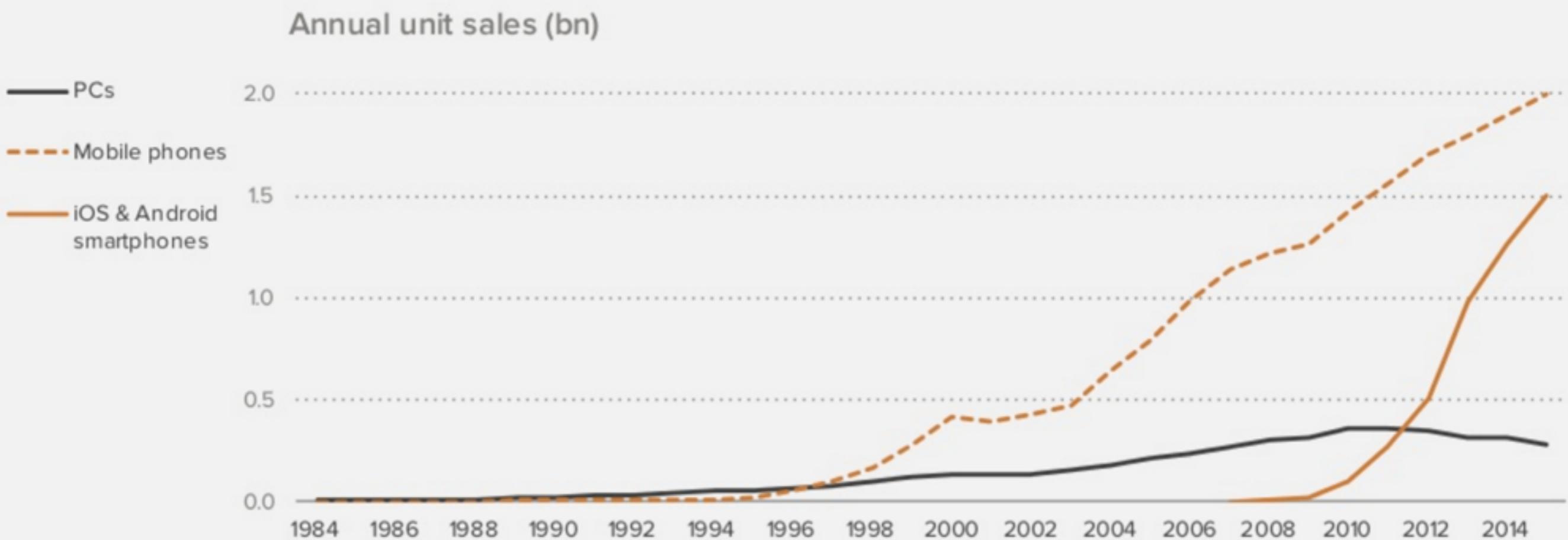
Mobile broadband (2016)



Mobile broadband (2016)

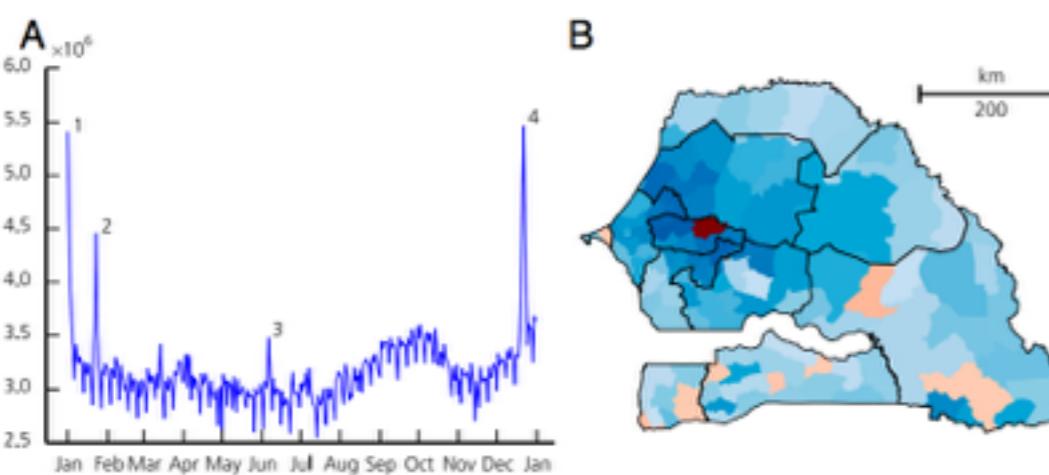


Mobile phone & smart phone revolutions dwarf the PC revolution



Mobile phones - Track disease outbreaks

Finger et al 2016



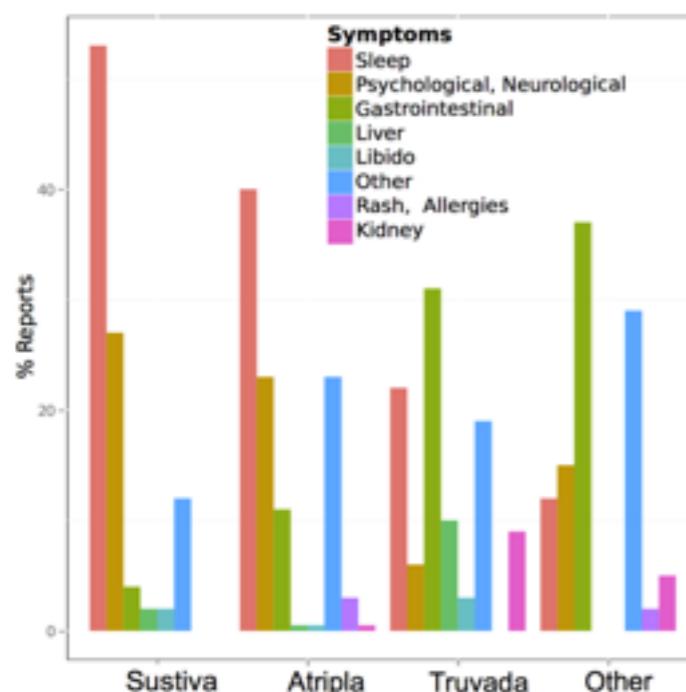
Wikipedia - Influenza forecasting

McIver & Brownstein 2014



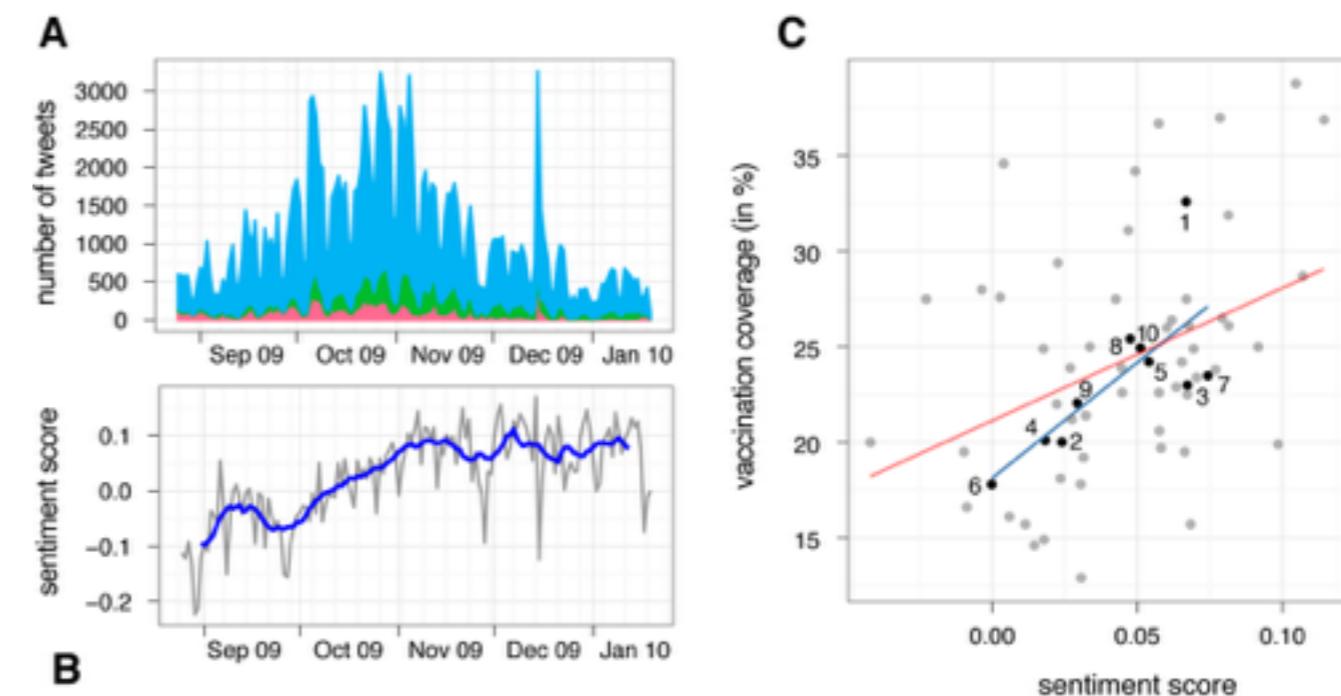
Twitter - Pharmacovigilance

Adrover et al 2015

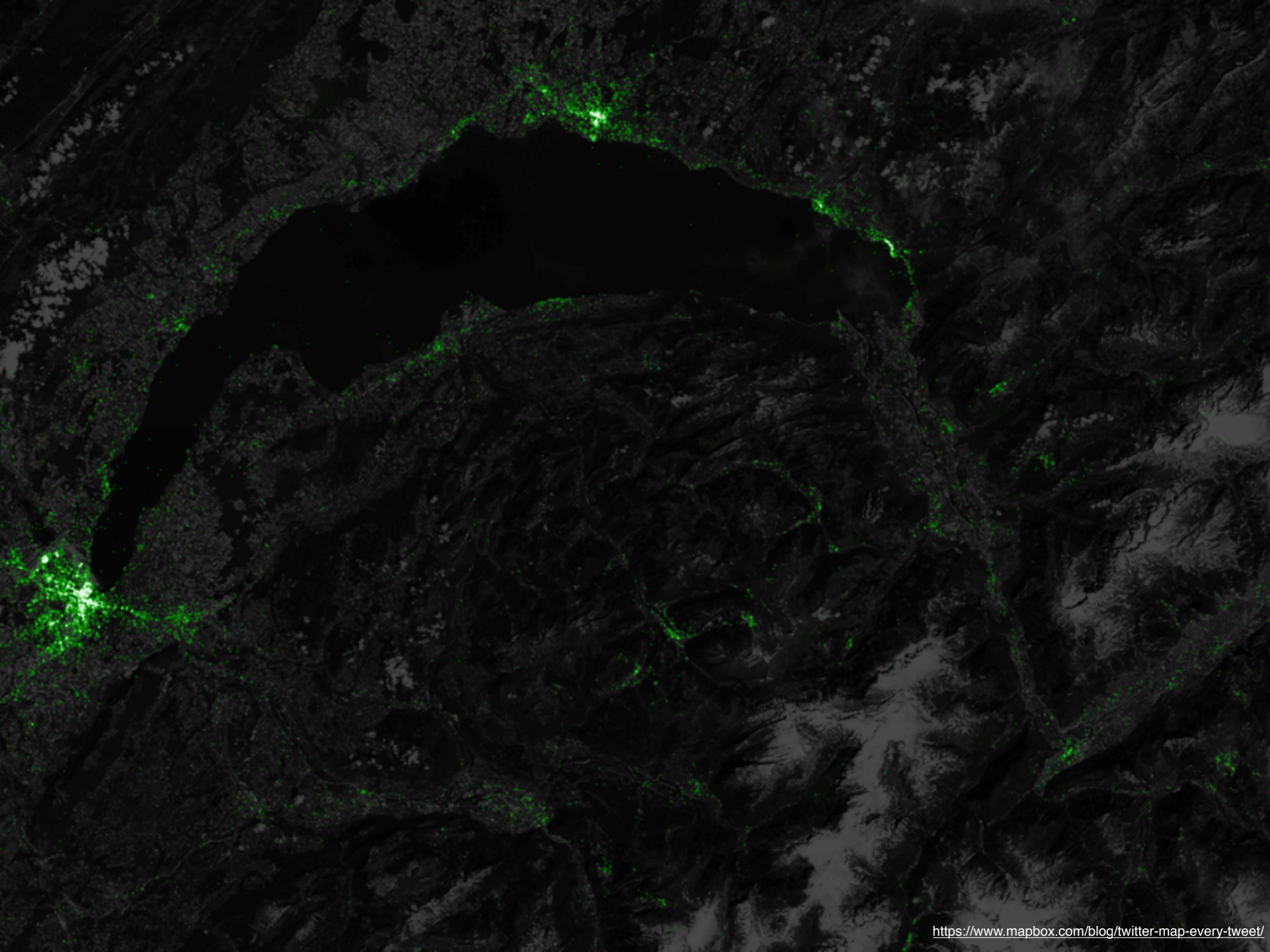


Twitter - Vaccine uptake

Salathé & Khandelwal, 2011









The next 10 years:

Machine Learning

(and IoT, blockchain, wearables, etc.)

PlantVillage: Machine Learning for Disease Recognition

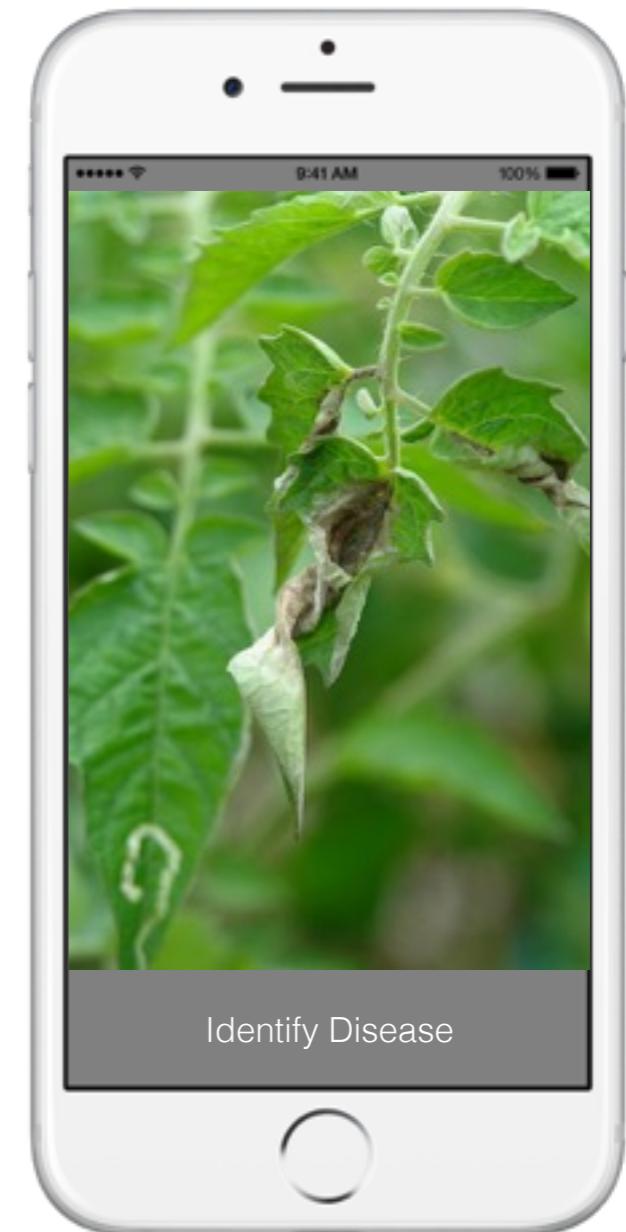
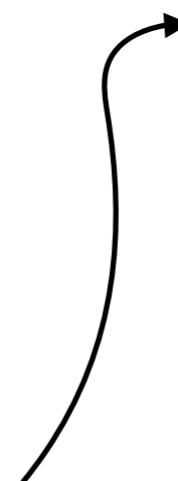


Image Data

Collecting 1M+ labelled images as training set for machine learning algorithm development

Machine Learning

Crowdsourced, open machine learning competitions based on open access images



[Collaboration with Penn State, Prof. David Hughes]

Using Deep Learning for Image-Based Plant Disease Detection

 **Sharada P. Mohanty¹,**  **David P. Hughes² and**  **Marcel Salathé^{1*}**

¹EPFL, Switzerland

²Penn State University, USA

Crop diseases are a major threat to food security, but their rapid identification remains difficult in many parts of the world due to the lack of the necessary infrastructure. The combination of increasing global smartphone penetration and recent advances in computer vision made possible by deep learning has paved the way for smartphone-assisted disease diagnosis. Using a public dataset of 54,306 images of diseased and healthy plant leaves collected under controlled conditions, we train a deep convolutional neural network to identify 14 crop species and 26 diseases (or absence thereof). The trained model achieves an accuracy of 99.35% on a held-out test set, demonstrating the feasibility of this approach. Overall, the approach of training deep learning models on increasingly large and publicly available image datasets presents a clear path towards smartphone-assisted crop disease diagnosis on a massive global scale.

Crowdsourced, open
machine learning
competitions based on
open access images
(www.crowdAI.org)

matched published
results —————→



PlantVillage Disease Classification Challenge

PlantVillage is built on the premise that all knowledge that helps people grow food should be openly accessible to anyone on the planet.

0 Days left 15755 Views 227 Participants 36 Submissions



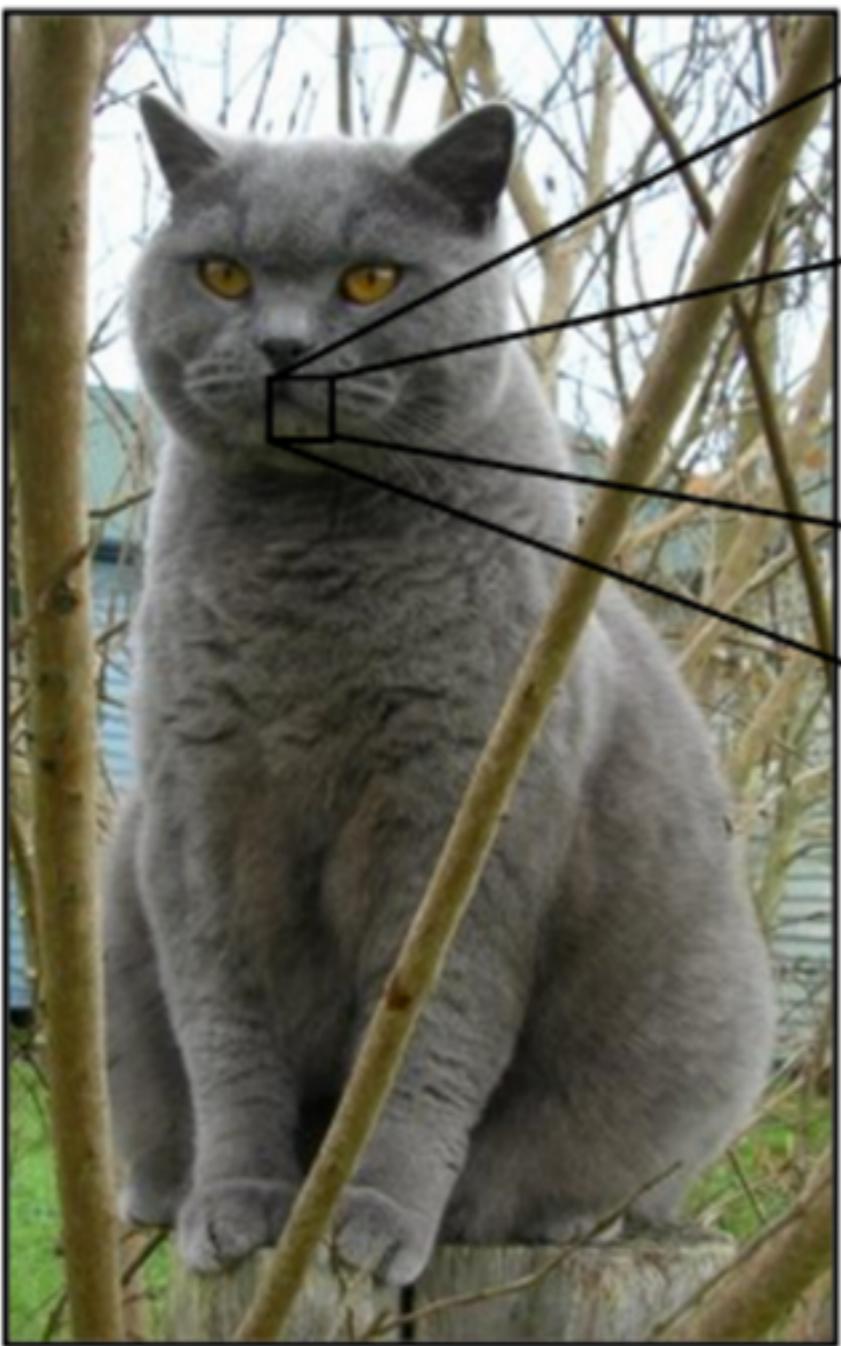
Overview

Leaderboard

Discussion

Dataset

#	Participant	Mean F1	Mean Log Loss
01.	chsasank	0.992346613341743	0.0374547260149533
02.	panisson	0.971345162612	0.113077292942
03.	Phung	0.951544691605725	0.208180067255107



08	02	22	97	38	15	00	40	00	75	04	05	07	78	52	12	50	77	91	55
49	49	99	40	17	81	18	57	60	87	17	40	98	43	69	48	04	56	62	00
81	49	31	73	55	79	14	29	93	71	40	67	58	88	30	03	49	13	36	65
52	70	95	23	04	60	11	42	69	21	68	56	01	32	56	71	37	02	36	91
22	31	16	71	51	62	03	89	41	92	36	54	22	40	40	28	66	33	13	80
24	47	38	03	99	03	45	02	44	75	33	53	78	36	84	20	35	17	12	50
32	98	81	28	64	23	67	10	26	38	40	67	59	54	70	66	18	38	64	70
67	26	20	68	02	62	12	20	95	63	94	39	63	08	40	91	66	49	94	21
24	55	58	05	66	73	99	26	97	17	78	78	96	83	14	88	34	89	63	72
21	36	23	09	75	00	76	44	20	45	35	14	00	61	33	97	34	31	33	95
78	17	53	28	22	75	31	67	15	94	03	80	04	62	16	14	09	53	56	92
16	39	05	42	96	35	31	47	55	58	88	24	00	17	54	24	36	29	85	57
86	56	00	48	35	71	89	07	05	44	44	37	44	60	21	58	51	54	17	58
19	80	81	68	05	94	47	69	28	73	92	13	86	52	17	77	04	89	55	40
04	52	08	83	97	35	99	16	07	97	57	32	16	26	26	79	33	27	98	66
00	34	68	67	57	62	20	72	03	46	33	67	46	55	12	32	63	93	53	69
04	42	16	73	35	35	39	11	24	94	72	18	08	46	29	32	40	62	76	36
20	69	36	41	72	30	23	88	34	40	99	69	82	67	59	85	74	04	36	16
20	73	35	29	78	31	90	01	74	31	49	71	48	36	81	16	23	57	05	54
01	70	54	71	83	51	54	69	16	92	33	48	61	43	52	01	89	29	47	48

What the computer sees

image classification

82% cat
15% dog
2% hat
1% mug









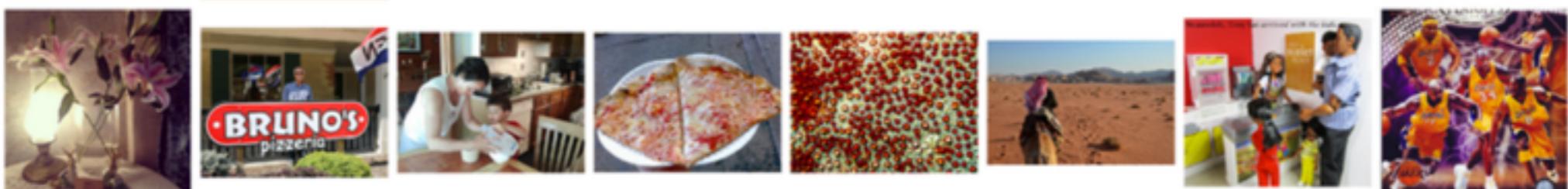
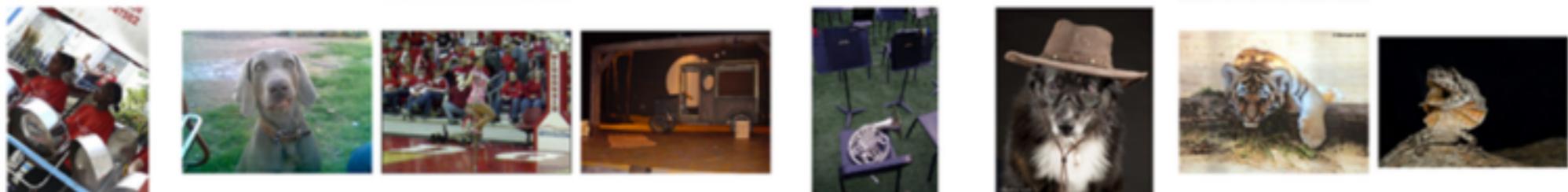
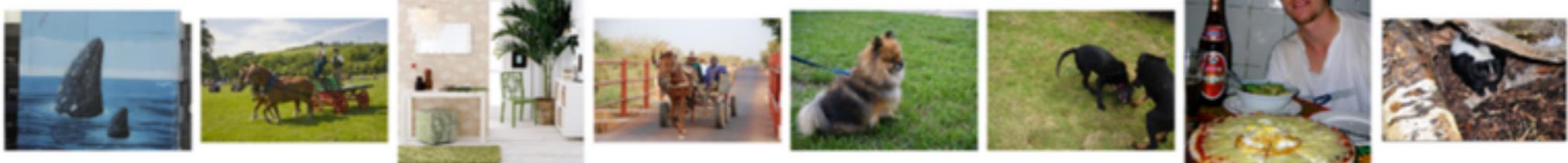


Image classification

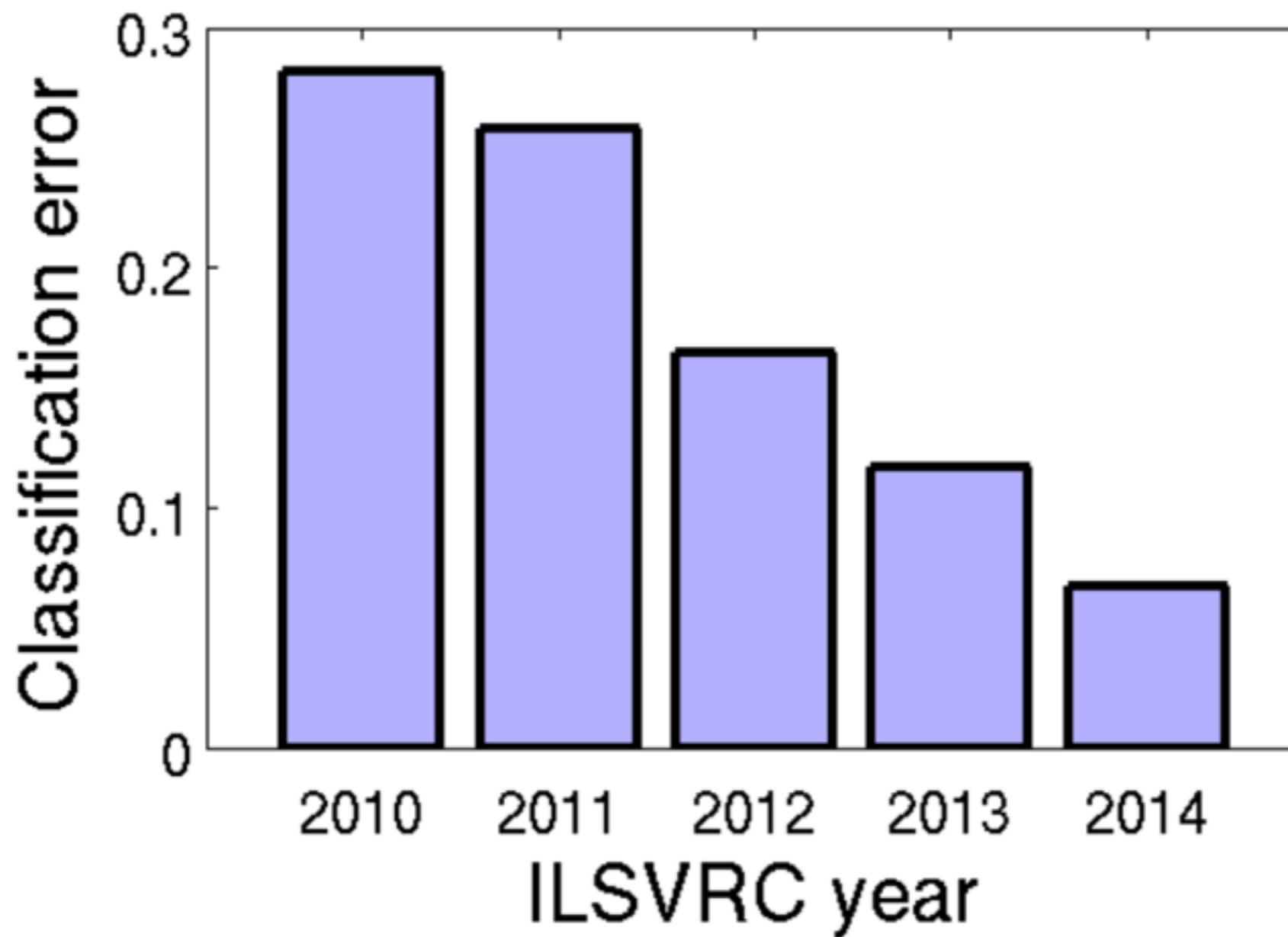
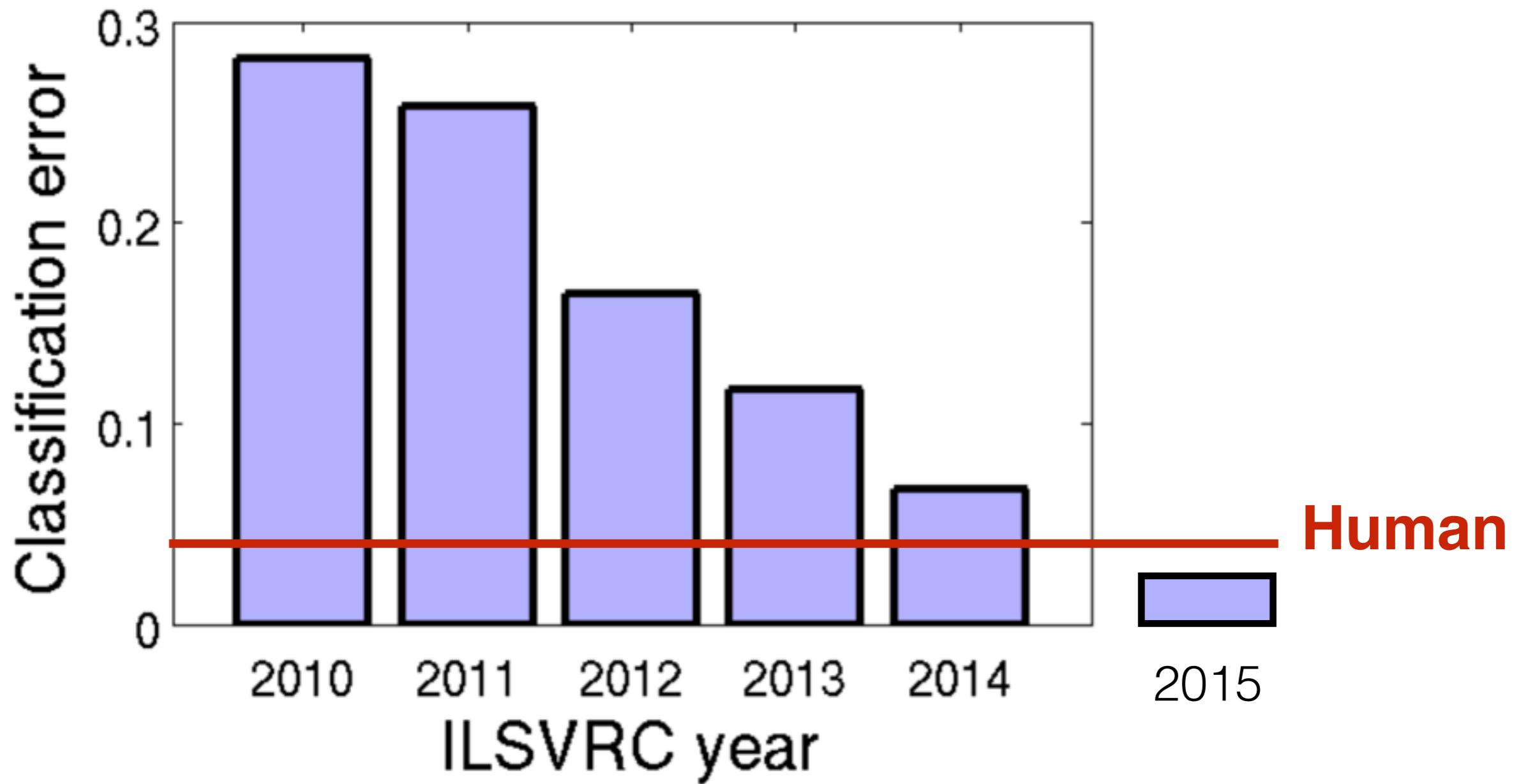
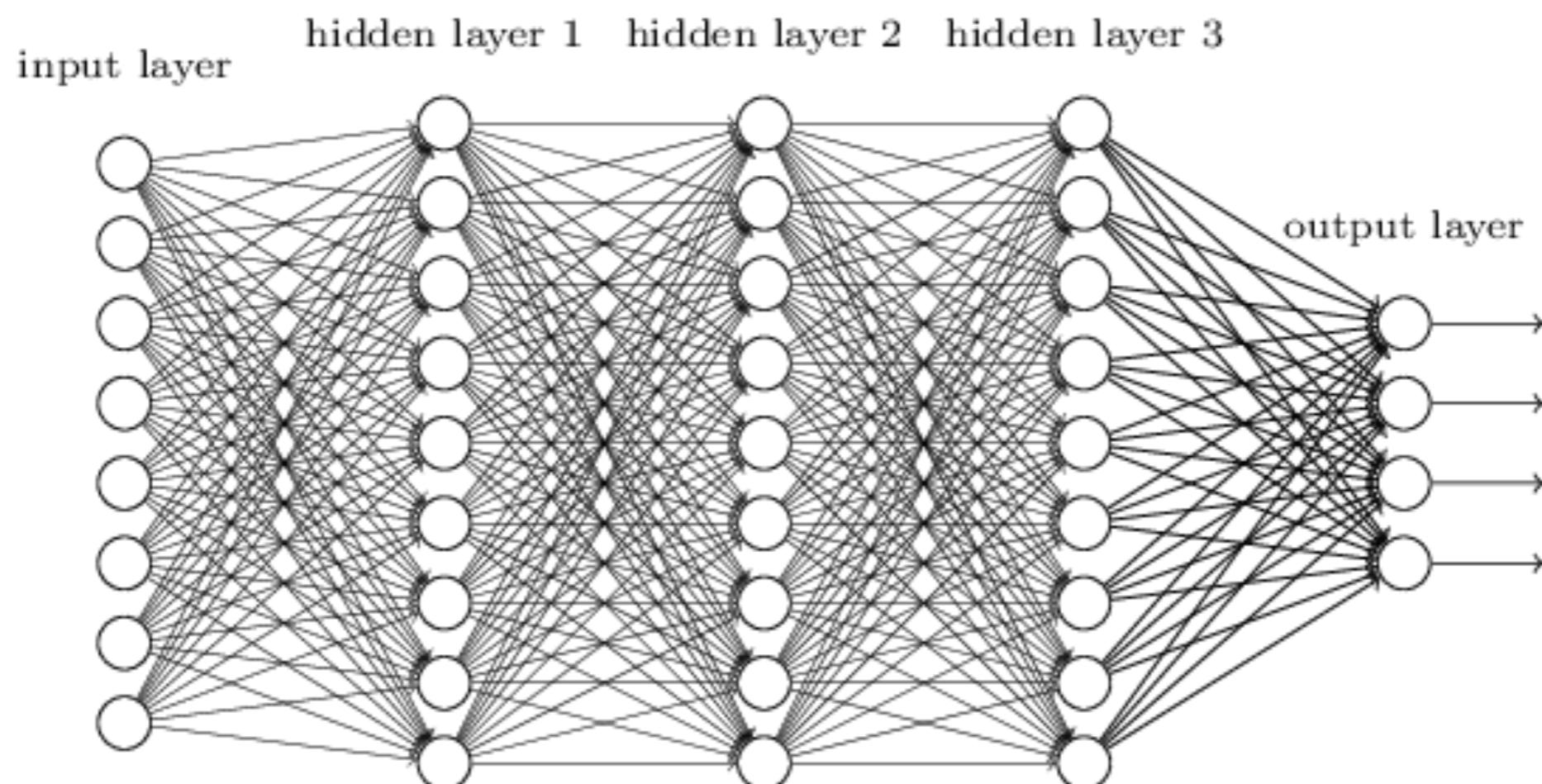


Image classification



What is deep learning

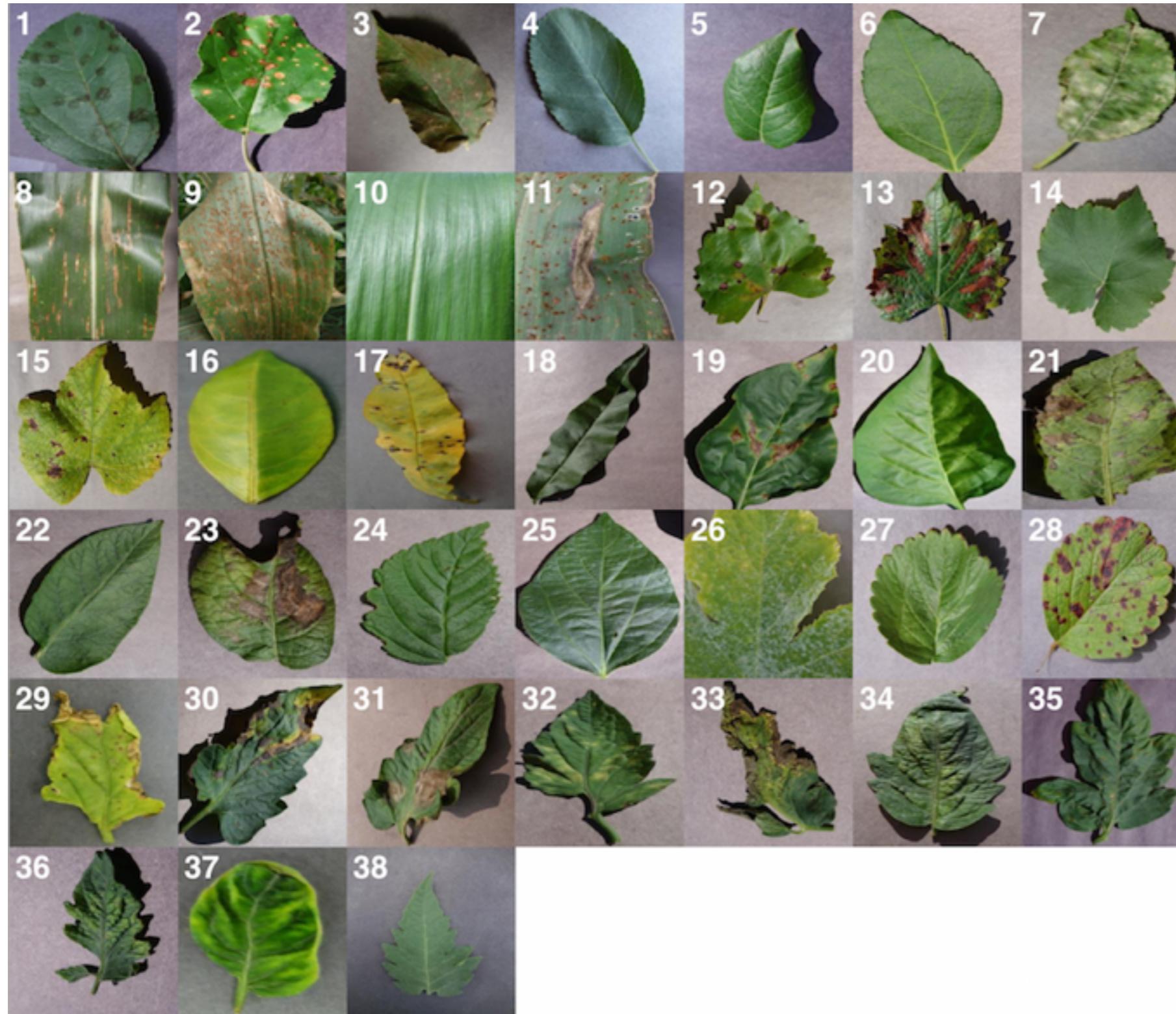


What is deep learning

- The more data, the better
- Training is computationally very expensive - multiple hours or days on GPU clusters
- Once model is trained, it runs in ~1-2 seconds on CPU, no internet connection required.

Table 1. Examples of ML Approaches in Plant Species for Stress Phenotyping

ML Algorithm Application in HTSP	ML Algorithm Type	Sensor	Plant Species	Trait(s) Phenotyped	Stress Type	Refs
Identification	SVM with a linear kernel	Thermal and stereo visible light	Tomato (<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L.)	Powdery mildew	Disease	[31]
Identification	SAM	Remote sensing	Sugar beet (<i>Beta vulgaris</i> L.)	<i>Heterodera schachtii</i> and <i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	Pest and disease	[44]
Identification	None Preprocessing via segmentation	Kinect RGB depth images	Apple (<i>Malus domestica</i> Borkh.)	Apple scab	Disease	[70]
Identification	SVM and Gaussian processes classifier (GPC)	Visible and thermal images	Spinach (<i>Spinacia oleracea</i> L.)	Drought/water stress	Abiotic stress	[71]
Identification	Bayes factor and DAR	Hyperspectral images	Barley (<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> L.)	Rust, net blotch, and powdery mildew	Disease	[11]
Identification	SVM	Fluorescence imaging spectroscopy	Citrus [<i>Citrus sinensis</i> (L.) Osbeck]	Huanglongbing (HLB)	Disease	[36]
Identification	OBIA-based classification	UAV-based RGB images and multispectral image	Sunflower (<i>Helianthus annuus</i> L.)	Weed	Biotic stress	[21]
Identification	None Preprocessing via segmentation	RGB images	Cotton (<i>Gossypium hirsutum</i> L.)	Southern green stink bug, bacterial angular and <i>Ascochyta</i> blight	Disease and insect	[39]
Identification	SVM, linear kernel, quadratic kernel (QP), radial basis function (RBF), multilayer perceptron (MLP), and polynomial kernel	RGB images	Tomato	Tomato yellow leaf curl virus and tomato yellow leaf curl disease	Disease	[40]
Identification	ANN variant	RGB images	Orchid (<i>Phalaenopsis</i>)	Bacterial soft rot, <i>Phytophthora</i> black rot, bacterial brown spot	Disease	[42]
Identification	SVM	UAV- and aircraft-based sensors	Citrus	Huanglongbing (HLB)	Disease	[37]



54,306 images
14 crops
26 diseases
38 classes

Now:
70,000+ images
17 crops
33 diseases
47 classes

PlantVillage: Machine Learning for Disease Recognition



crowdsourcing



Image Recognition
(Machine Learning)



Diagnosis
Treatment Suggestions



Dermatologist-level classification of skin cancer with deep neural networks

Andre Esteva^{1*}, Brett Kuprel^{1*}, Roberto A. Novoa^{2,3}, Justin Ko², Susan M. Swetter^{2,4}, Helen M. Blau⁵ & Sebastian Thrun⁶

Skin cancer, the most common human malignancy^{1–3}, is primarily diagnosed visually, beginning with an initial clinical screening and followed potentially by dermoscopic analysis, a biopsy and histopathological examination. Automated classification of skin lesions using images is a challenging task owing to the fine-grained variability in the appearance of skin lesions. Deep convolutional neural networks (CNNs)^{4,5} show potential for general and highly variable tasks across many fine-grained object categories^{6–11}. Here we demonstrate classification of skin lesions using a single CNN, trained end-to-end from images directly, using only pixels and disease labels as inputs. We train a CNN using a dataset of 129,450 clinical images—two orders of magnitude larger than previous datasets¹²—consisting of 2,032 different diseases. We test its performance against 21 board-certified dermatologists on biopsy-proven clinical images with two critical binary classification use cases: keratinocyte carcinomas versus benign seborrheic keratoses; and malignant melanomas versus benign nevi. The first case represents the identification of the most common cancers, the second represents the identification of the deadliest skin cancer. The CNN achieves performance on par with all tested experts across both tasks, demonstrating an artificial intelligence capable of classifying skin cancer with a level of competence comparable to dermatologists. Outfitted with deep neural networks, mobile devices can potentially extend the reach of dermatologists outside of the clinic. It is projected that 6.3 billion smartphone subscriptions will exist by the year 2021 (ref. 13) and can therefore potentially provide low-cost universal access to vital diagnostic care.

There are 5.4 million new cases of skin cancer in the United States² every year. One in five Americans will be diagnosed with a cutaneous

images (for example, smartphone images) exhibit variability in factors such as zoom, angle and lighting, making classification substantially more challenging^{23,24}. We overcome this challenge by using a data-driven approach—1.41 million pre-training and training images make classification robust to photographic variability. Many previous techniques require extensive preprocessing, lesion segmentation and extraction of domain-specific visual features before classification. By contrast, our system requires no hand-crafted features; it is trained end-to-end directly from image labels and raw pixels, with a single network for both photographic and dermoscopic images. The existing body of work uses small datasets of typically less than a thousand images of skin lesions^{16,18,19}, which, as a result, do not generalize well to new images. We demonstrate generalizable classification with a new dermatologist-labelled dataset of 129,450 clinical images, including 3,374 dermoscopy images.

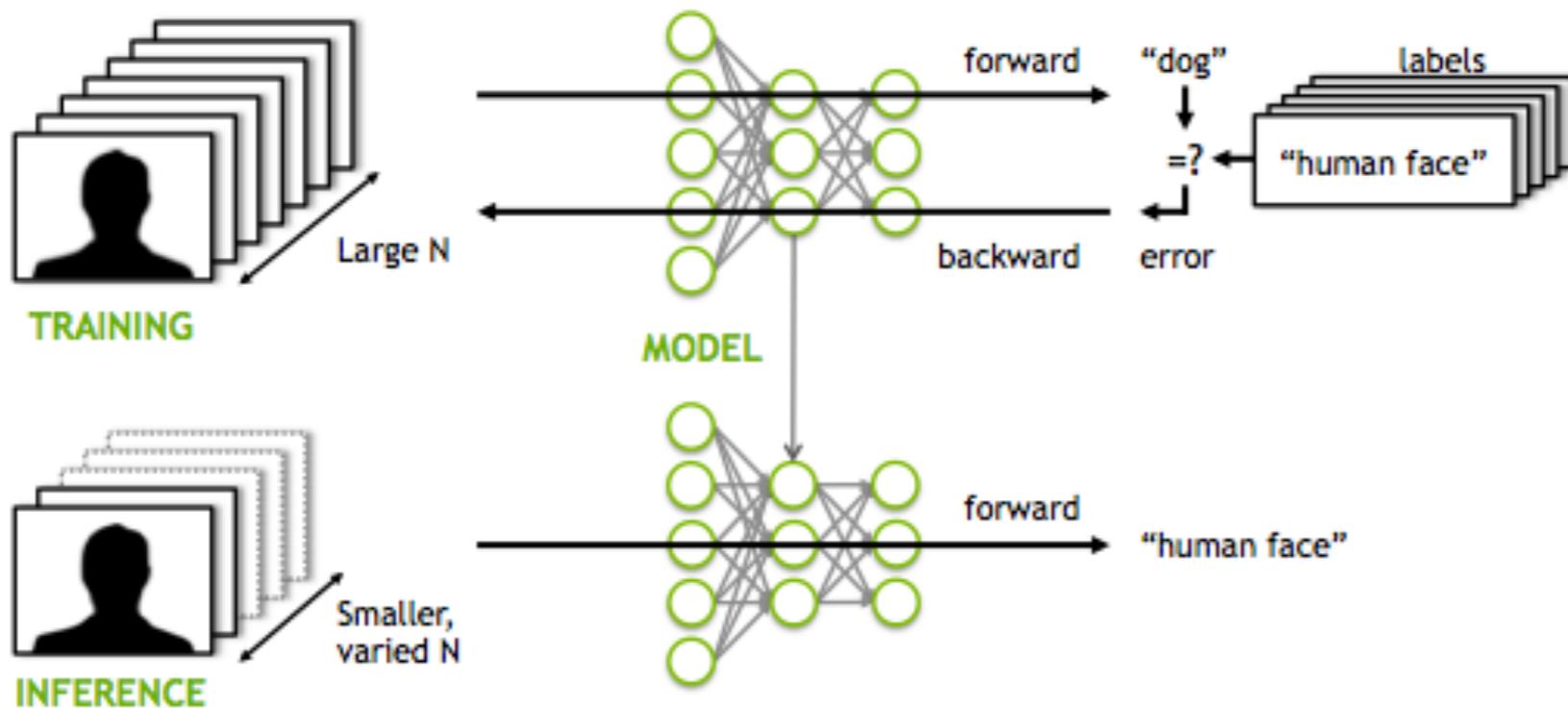
Deep learning algorithms, powered by advances in computation and very large datasets²⁵, have recently been shown to exceed human performance in visual tasks such as playing Atari games²⁶, strategic board games like Go²⁷ and object recognition⁶. In this paper we outline the development of a CNN that matches the performance of dermatologists at three key diagnostic tasks: melanoma classification, melanoma classification using dermoscopy and carcinoma classification. We restrict the comparisons to image-based classification.

We utilize a GoogleNet Inception v3 CNN architecture⁹ that was pre-trained on approximately 1.28 million images (1,000 object categories) from the 2014 ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge⁶, and train it on our dataset using transfer learning²⁸. Figure 1 shows the working system. The CNN is trained using 757 disease classes. Our dataset is composed of dermatologist-labelled images organized in a

And beyond...

AI & Society

Deep Learning



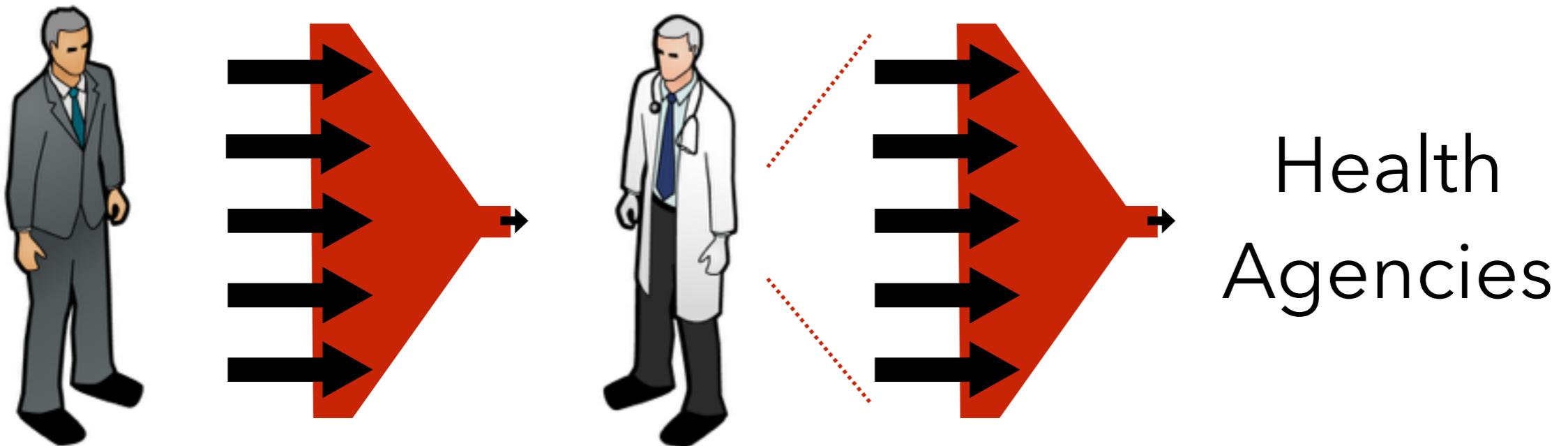
<https://developer.nvidia.com/deep-learning>

- The more data, the better
- “Anything humans can do in 0.1 sec, the right big 10-layer network can do too” (Jeff Dean, Google)
- Software is widely available, many opensource libraries
- Bottleneck is data. Machine Intelligence / AI requires lots of data.

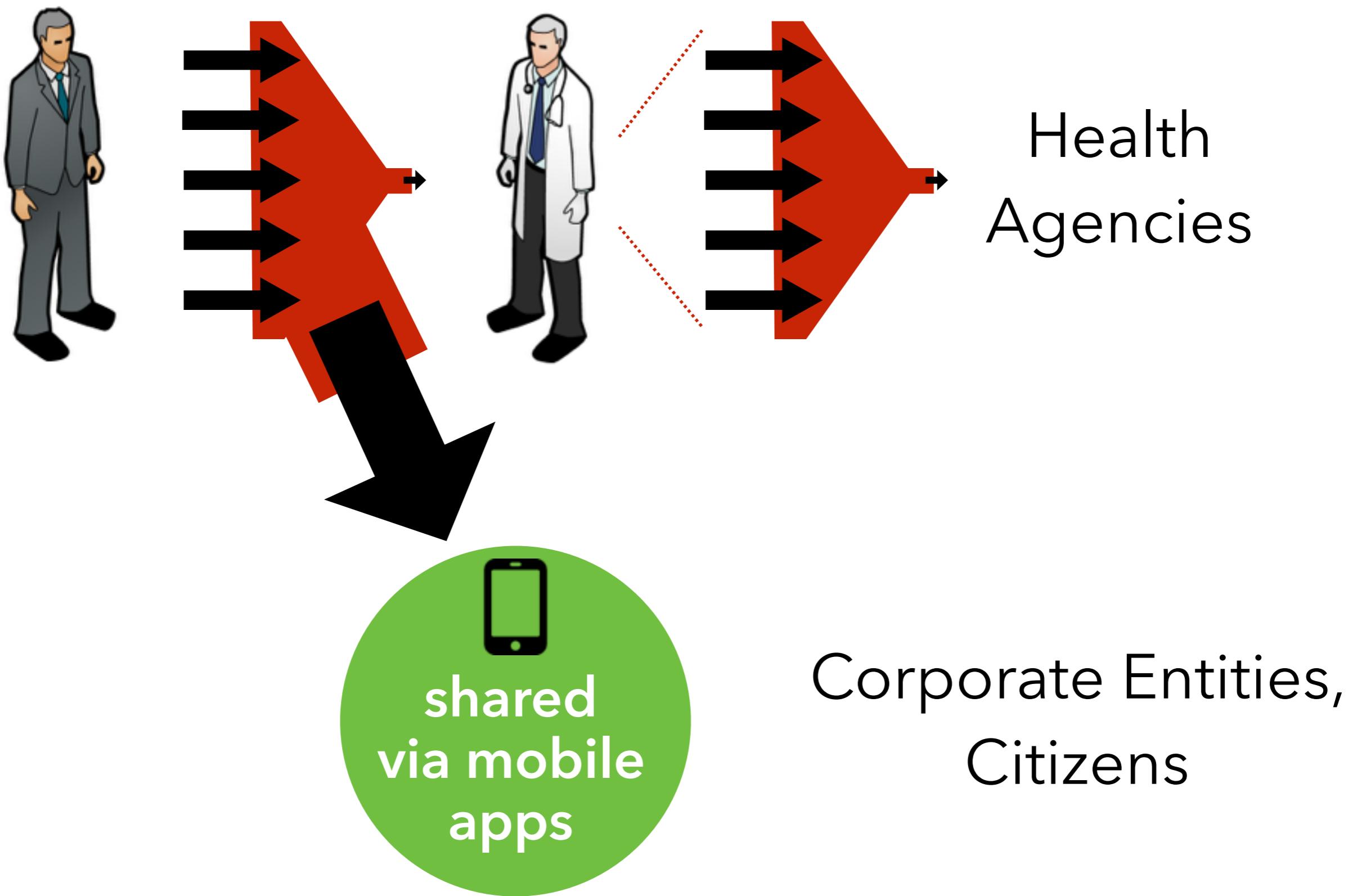
The challenge

- Massive streams of data from traditional and non-traditional sources
- Can be used for predictive modeling / AI-enhanced diagnosis using deep learning
- **Artificial intelligence (AI): can be developed by those who have the data; algorithms are no longer limiting factor!**

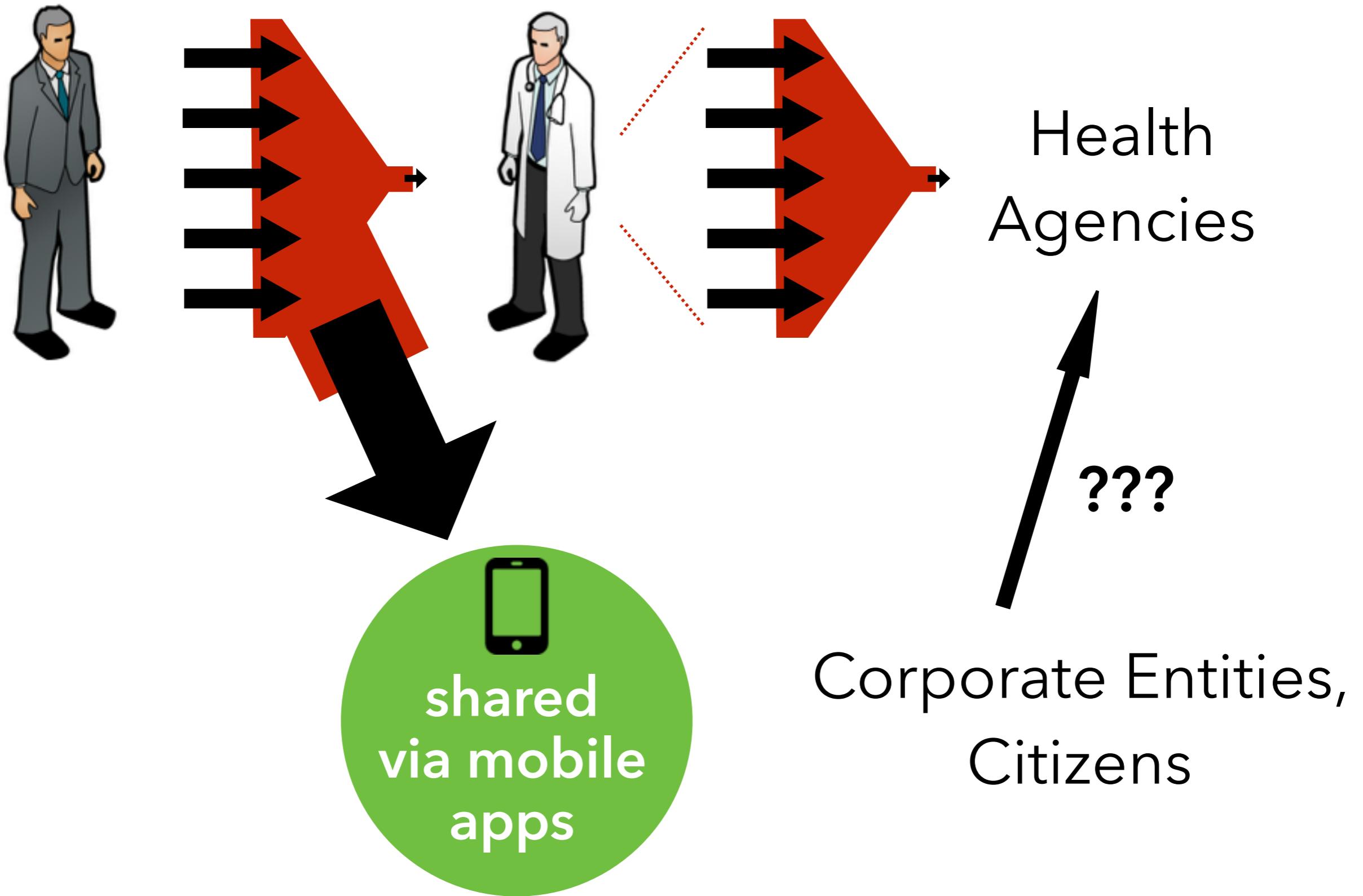
Follow the data...



Follow the data...



Follow the data...



On AI vs MD

≡ SECTIONS



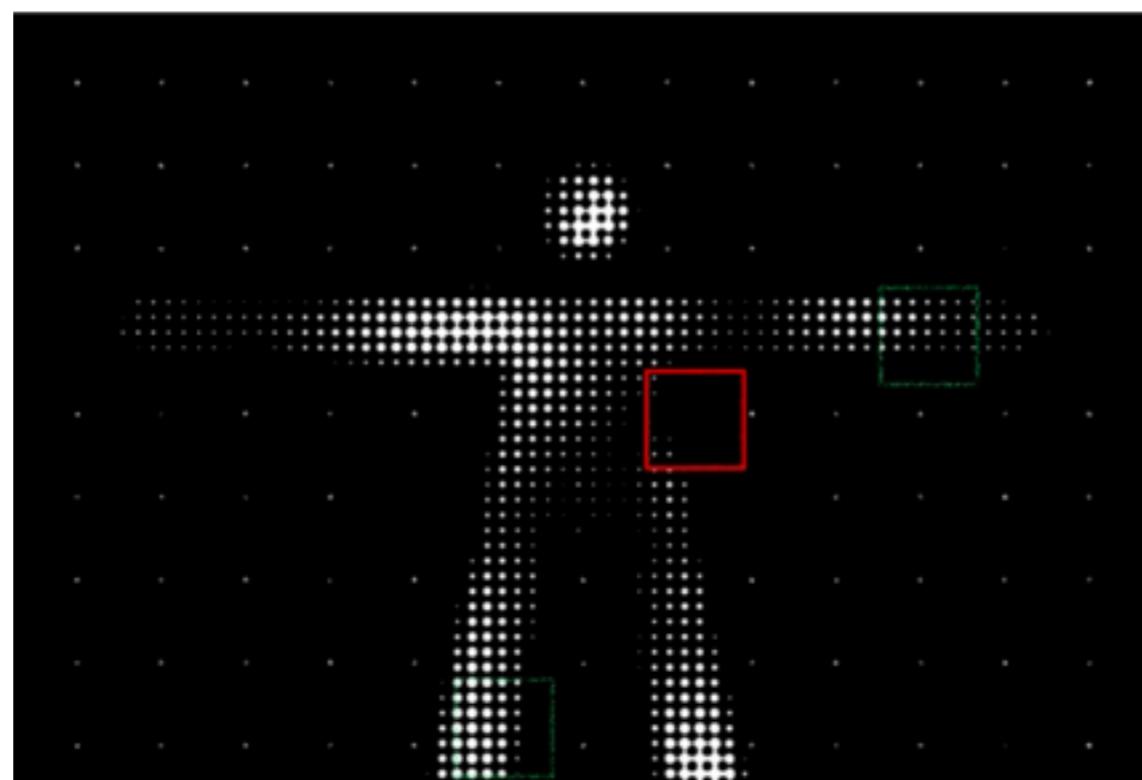
THE NEW YORKER

ANNALS OF MEDICINE APRIL 3, 2017 ISSUE

A.I. VERSUS M.D.

What happens when diagnosis is automated?

By Siddhartha Mukherjee



On AI vs MD

- **AI vs X is false premise. AI + X = enhanced X.**
- Enormous potential for AI in medical field. Much of it will come from industry. But current crop of AI is black box.
- Therefore, we must make sure that we keep the knowledge in the public domain. Collaborations between medical field and research has important role to play.

Dermatologist-level classification of skin cancer with deep neural networks

Andre Esteva^{1*}, Brett Kuprel^{1*}, Roberto A. Novoa^{2,3}, Justin Ko², Susan M. Swetter^{2,4}, Helen M. Blau⁵ & Sebastian Thrun⁶

Skin cancer, the most common human malignancy^{1–3}, is primarily diagnosed visually, beginning with an initial clinical screening and followed potentially by dermoscopic analysis, a biopsy and histopathological examination. Automated classification of skin lesions using images is a challenging task owing to the fine-grained variability in the appearance of skin lesions. Deep convolutional neural networks (CNNs)^{4,5} show potential for general and highly variable tasks across many fine-grained object categories^{6–11}. Here we demonstrate classification of skin lesions using a single CNN, trained end-to-end from images directly, using only pixels and disease labels as inputs. We train a CNN using a dataset of 129,450 clinical images—two orders of magnitude larger than previous datasets¹²—consisting of 2,032 different diseases. We test its performance against 21 board-certified dermatologists on biopsy-proven clinical images with two critical binary classification use cases: keratinocyte carcinomas versus benign seborrheic keratoses; and malignant melanomas versus benign nevi. The first case represents the identification of the most common cancers, the second represents the identification of the deadliest skin cancer. The CNN achieves performance on par with all tested experts across both tasks, demonstrating an artificial intelligence capable of classifying skin cancer with a level of competence comparable to dermatologists. Outfitted with deep neural networks, mobile devices can potentially extend the reach of dermatologists outside of the clinic. It is projected that 6.3 billion smartphone subscriptions will exist by the year 2021 (ref. 13) and can therefore potentially provide low-cost universal access to vital diagnostic care.

There are 5.4 million new cases of skin cancer in the United States² every year. One in five Americans will be diagnosed with a cutaneous

images (for example, smartphone images) exhibit variability in factors such as zoom, angle and lighting, making classification substantially more challenging^{23,24}. We overcome this challenge by using a data-driven approach—1.41 million pre-training and training images make classification robust to photographic variability. Many previous techniques require extensive preprocessing, lesion segmentation and extraction of domain-specific visual features before classification. By contrast, our system requires no hand-crafted features; it is trained end-to-end directly from image labels and raw pixels, with a single network for both photographic and dermoscopic images. The existing body of work uses small datasets of typically less than a thousand images of skin lesions^{16,18,19}, which, as a result, do not generalize well to new images. We demonstrate generalizable classification with a new dermatologist-labelled dataset of 129,450 clinical images, including 3,374 dermoscopy images.

Deep learning algorithms, powered by advances in computation and very large datasets²⁵, have recently been shown to exceed human performance in visual tasks such as playing Atari games²⁶, strategic board games like Go²⁷ and object recognition⁶. In this paper we outline the development of a CNN that matches the performance of dermatologists at three key diagnostic tasks: melanoma classification, melanoma classification using dermoscopy and carcinoma classification. We restrict the comparisons to image-based classification.

We utilize a GoogleNet Inception v3 CNN architecture⁹ that was pre-trained on approximately 1.28 million images (1,000 object categories) from the 2014 ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge⁶, and train it on our dataset using transfer learning²⁸. Figure 1 shows the working system. The CNN is trained using 757 disease classes. Our dataset is composed of dermatologist-labelled images organized in a

[Technology](#)[Team](#)[Blog](#)[Log in](#)[Sign up](#)[Check My Symptoms](#)

Hello, I'm Buoy.
I can help you decide what
to do when you're sick.

What brings you in?

[Check My Symptoms](#)[Log in or Sign up](#)

emerged with a solution. As opposed to Web 1.0 symptom checkers that use simple, pre-determined question logic, Eddie explained that our algorithm would crunch countless statistics simultaneously, ranking diagnoses and questions in real-time, and choosing the next question based on statistical reasoning. If we could feed the program with the right statistics about symptoms, risk factors, and diseases, the program would be able to reason its way to a set of diagnoses, just like a real doctor. Eddie started building the algorithm, and I began pulling the necessary data from clinical papers.

Today, Buoy covers over 1,600 diagnoses, knows 30,000 interview questions, and relies on data from over 18,000 clinical papers covering 5,000,000 patients. In our first quality control trial, where patients used the program in the waiting room before seeing their doctor, we agreed with the doctors' diagnoses 90.9% of the time.

What we learned from our users' feedback.

The Buoy journey only starts with the algorithm. My two other cofounders, Adam Lathram and Nate Ren, took the lead on designing Buoy's look and feel, which raised even more questions. What could Buoy do to make people feel listened to? How could a computer program convey empathy and compassion? What

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWFR

POWER

POWFR

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

POWER

AI

AI

=

ALGORITHM



+

DATA



www.crowdAI.org

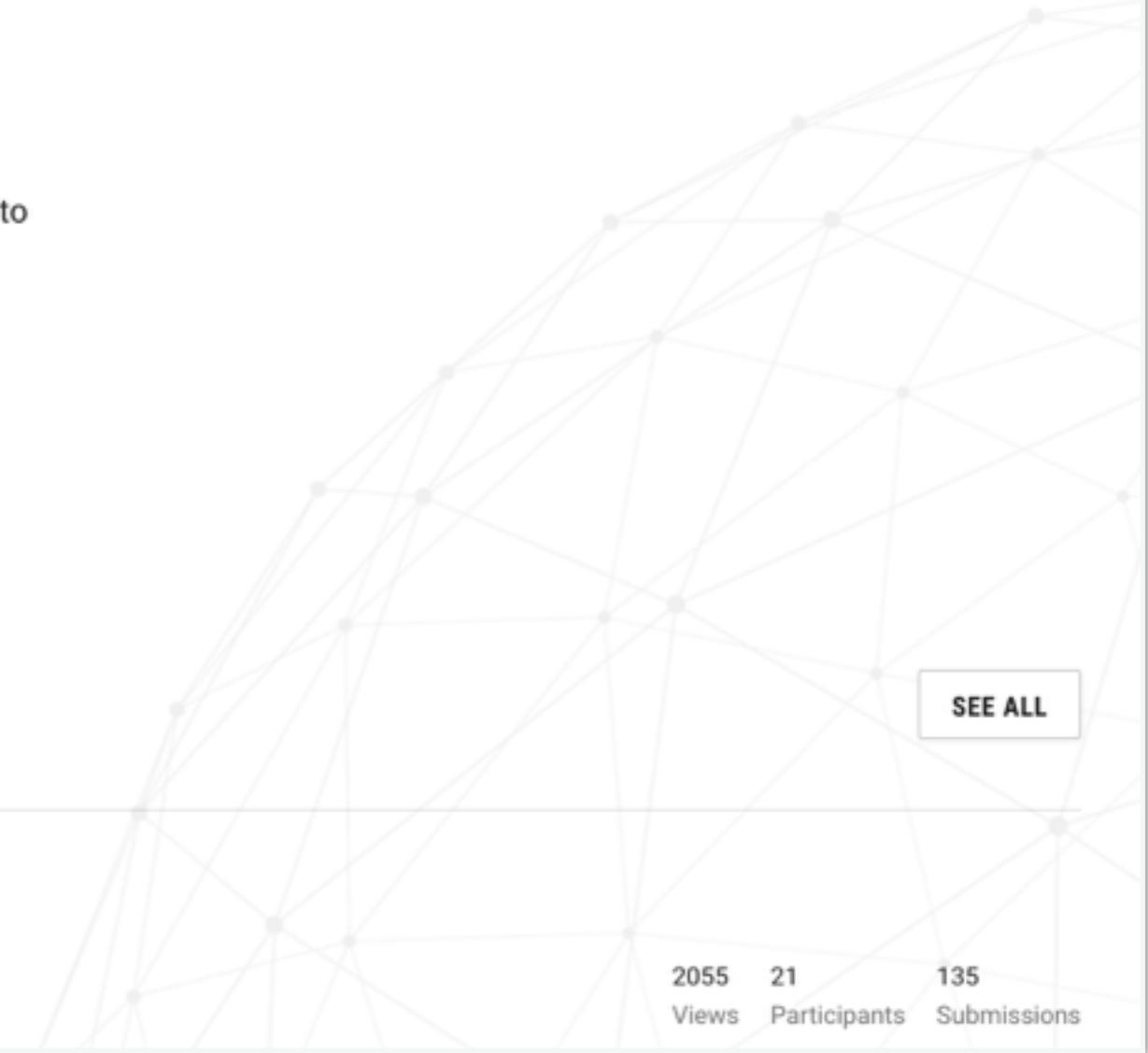
crowdAI 

Challenges Knowledge Base Sign up Log in

Solve real-world problems using open data

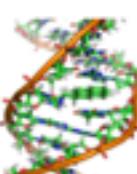
crowdAI connects data science experts and enthusiasts with open data to solve specific problems, through challenges.

[SIGN UP](#) [HOST A CHALLENGE](#)



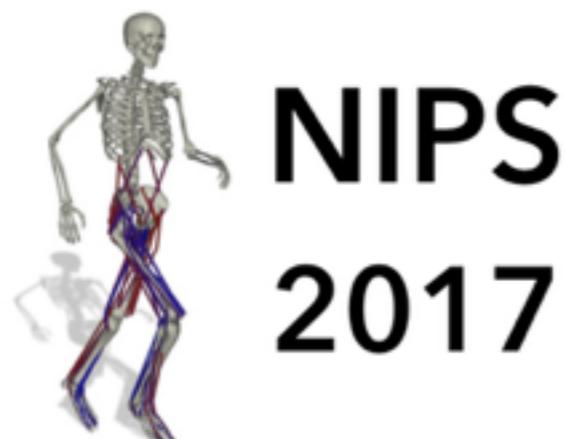
SEE ALL

Featured Challenges



OpenSNP Height Prediction
OpenSNP
74 days left

2055 Views 21 Participants 135 Submissions



NIPS 2017: Learning to Run

Reinforcement learning environments with musculoskeletal models



By Stanford Neuromuscular Biomechanics Laboratory

68
Days left

8278 Views 36 Participants 69 Submissions

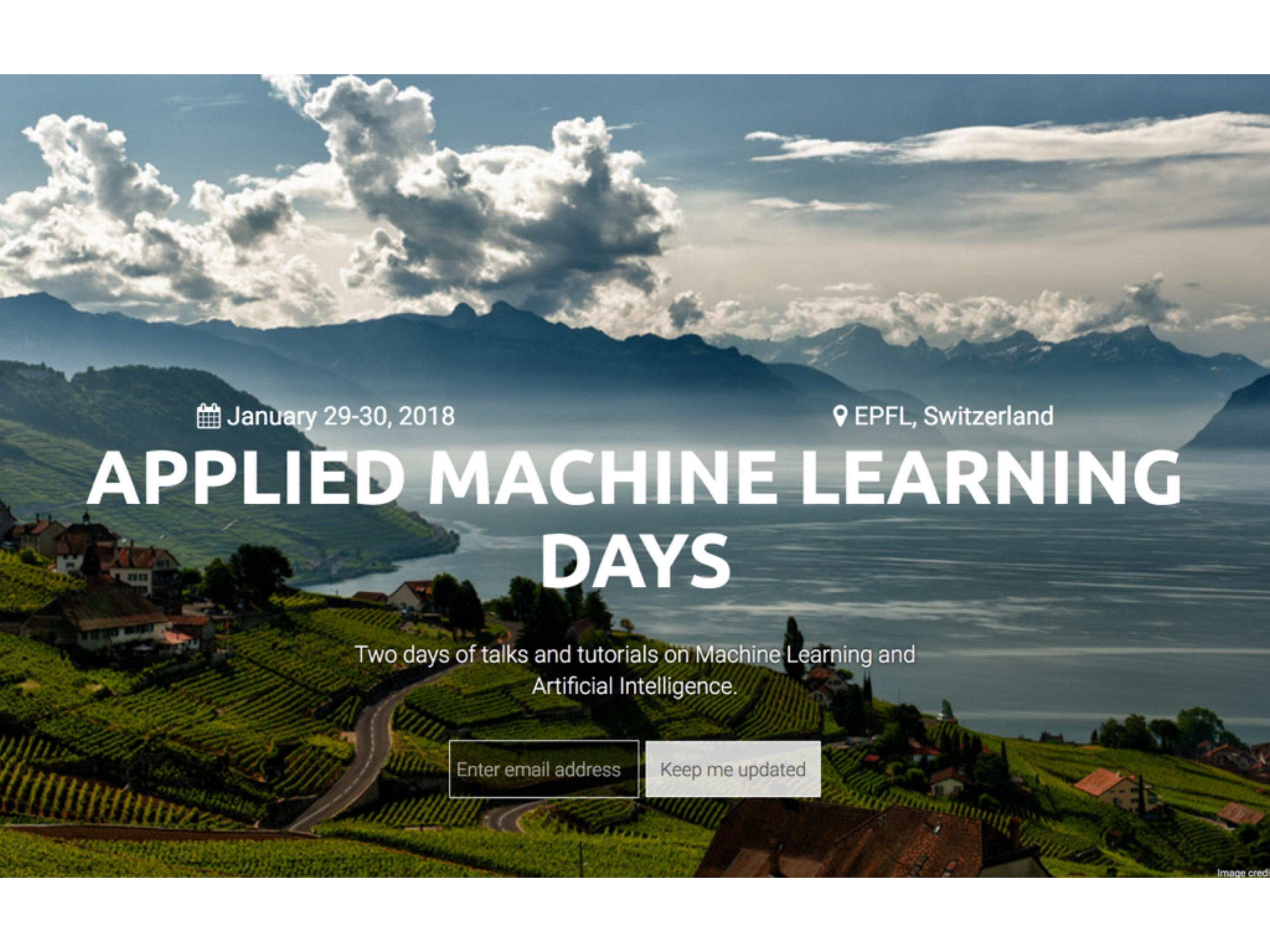
 53

[Overview](#) [Leaderboard](#) [Discussion](#) [Dataset](#)

Overview

Welcome to Learning to Run, one of the 5 official challenges in the [NIPS 2017 Competition](#)

Track In this competition, you are tasked with developing a controller to enable a physiologically-based human model to navigate a complex obstacle course as quickly as possible. You are provided with a human musculoskeletal model and a physics-based simulation environment where you can synthesize physically and physiologically accurate

The background image is a wide-angle photograph of a Swiss landscape. In the foreground, there are green vineyard terraces on hillsides. A winding road cuts through the vines. To the left, a small town with traditional houses is nestled among the hills. In the middle ground, a large, calm lake stretches towards the horizon. The background features a range of mountains with snow-capped peaks under a sky filled with dramatic, white and grey clouds.

 January 29-30, 2018

 EPFL, Switzerland

APPLIED MACHINE LEARNING DAYS

Two days of talks and tutorials on Machine Learning and
Artificial Intelligence.

Enter email address

Keep me updated



Online | Mobile | Global

Digital Health & Epidemiology

Prof. Marcel Salathé, Digital Epidemiology Lab, EPFL

@marcelsalathe