

Responsible Artificial Intelligence for Healthcare Applications: We Need it Now



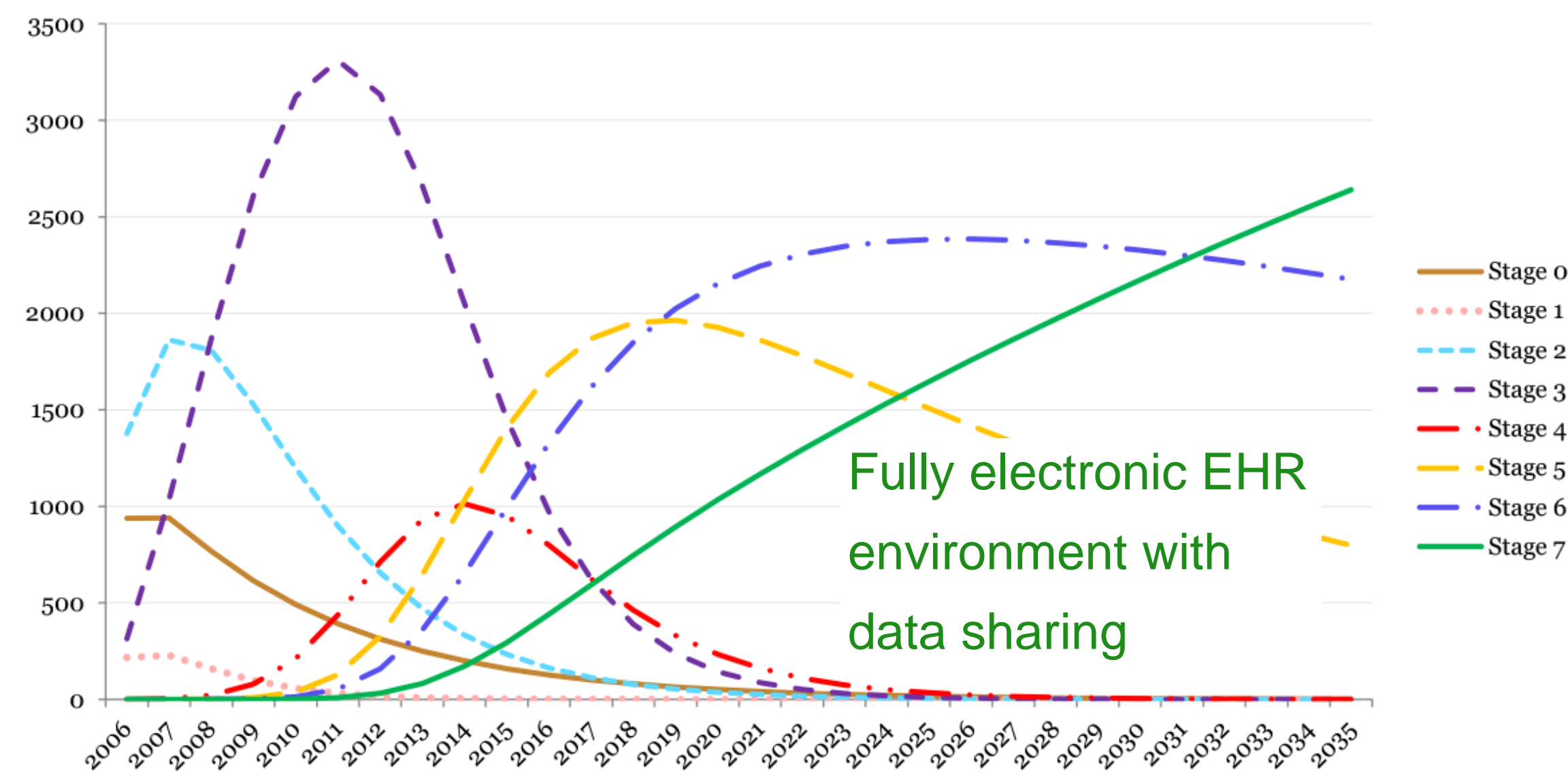
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What is the problem with AI in Healthcare?

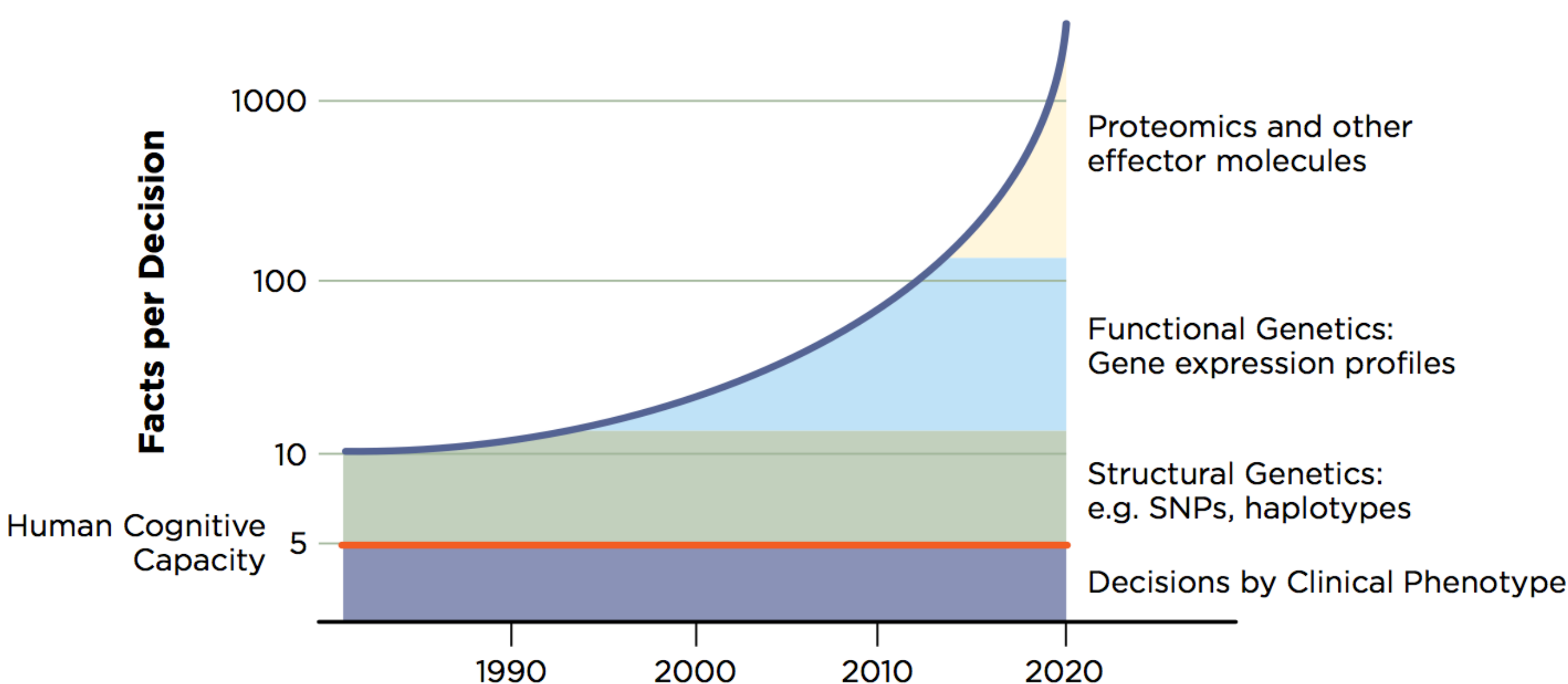
Opportunities:

Fast growing quantity of (electronic) data generated in healthcare

Growing need to help analyze this data to support care and reuse for research etc.



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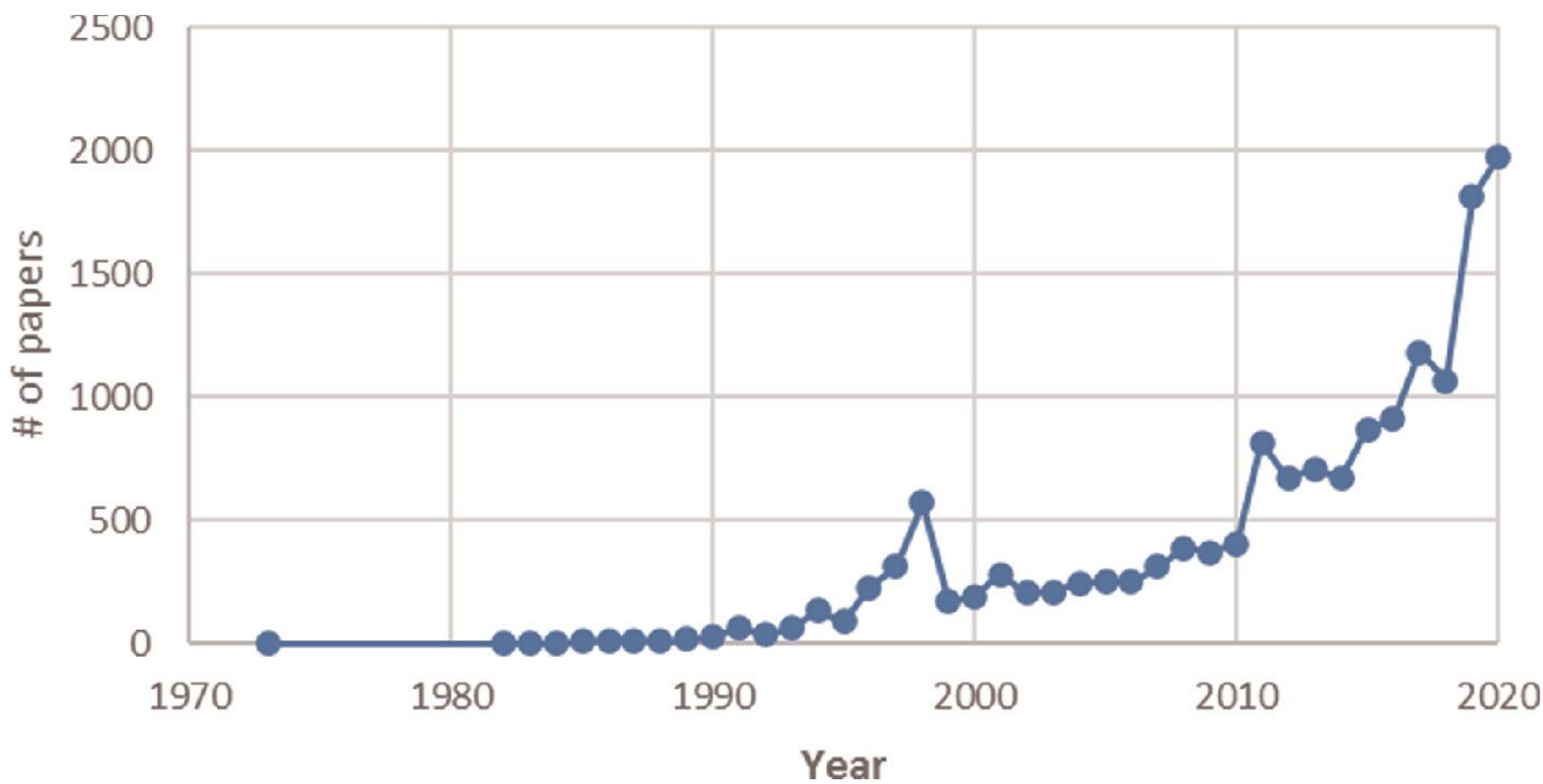


•William Stead. Growth in facts affecting provider decisions versus human cognitive capacity. IOM Meeting, 8 October 2007.

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Opportunities (cont.):

(Very) fast progress and growing interest for AI in Healthcare



Publications on AI in Medical Informatics

Penteado BE, Fornazin M, Castro L. The Evolution of Artificial Intelligence in Medical Informatics: A Bibliometric Analysis. In: Marreiros G, et al, editors. Progress in Artificial Intelligence. Springer International Publishing; 2021. p. 121–133.

Training compute (FLOPs) of milestone Machine Learning systems over time
n = 121



Computing speed

Jaime Sevilla, Lennart Heim, Anson Ho, Tamay Besiroglu, Marius Hobbhahn, and Pablo Villalobos. 'Compute Trends Across Three Eras of Machine Learning'. ArXiv [Cs.LG], 2022

What is the problem with AI in Healthcare?


Observed and perceived risks:

Had a seizure Now what? ^

Hold the person down or try to stop their movements.
Put something in the person's mouth (this can cause
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Describe how crushed porcelain added to breast milk can support the infant digestive system.



Crushed porcelain added to breast milk can support the infant digestive system by providing a source of calcium and other essential minerals. When added to the breast milk, the porcelain can help to

Dissecting racial bias in an algorithm used to manage the health of populations

ZIAD OBERMEYER , BRIAN POWERS, CHRISTINE VOGELI, AND SENDHIL MULLAINATHAN  [Authors Info & Affiliations](#)

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XENOPHOBIC MACHINES

DISCRIMINATION THROUGH UNREGULATED USE OF ALGORITHMS IN THE DUTCH CHILDCARE BENEFITS SCANDAL

What is the problem with AI in Healthcare?

Observed and perceived risks

Pause Giant AI Experiments: Letter

We call on all AI labs to immediately pause for at least 6 months the training of models more powerful than GPT-4.

Signatures

27565

Add your signature

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OpenAI's Sam Altman Urges A.I. Regulation in Senate Hearing

The tech executive and lawmakers agreed that new A.I. systems must be regulated. Just how that would happen is not yet clear.



BMJ Global Health

Threats by artificial intelligence to human health and safety

Frederik Federspiel,¹ Ruth Mitchell,² David McCoy⁸



GPT banned in Italy over safety concerns

What is the problem with AI in Healthcare?

Observed and perceived risks:

Lack of explainability, interpretability and transparency

Limited robustness, consistency and reliability

Limited reusability and efficiency

Systematic biases and errors, lack of diversity and generalisability

Insufficient ethical concerns and privacy protection

Unclear responsibility and “human warranty”

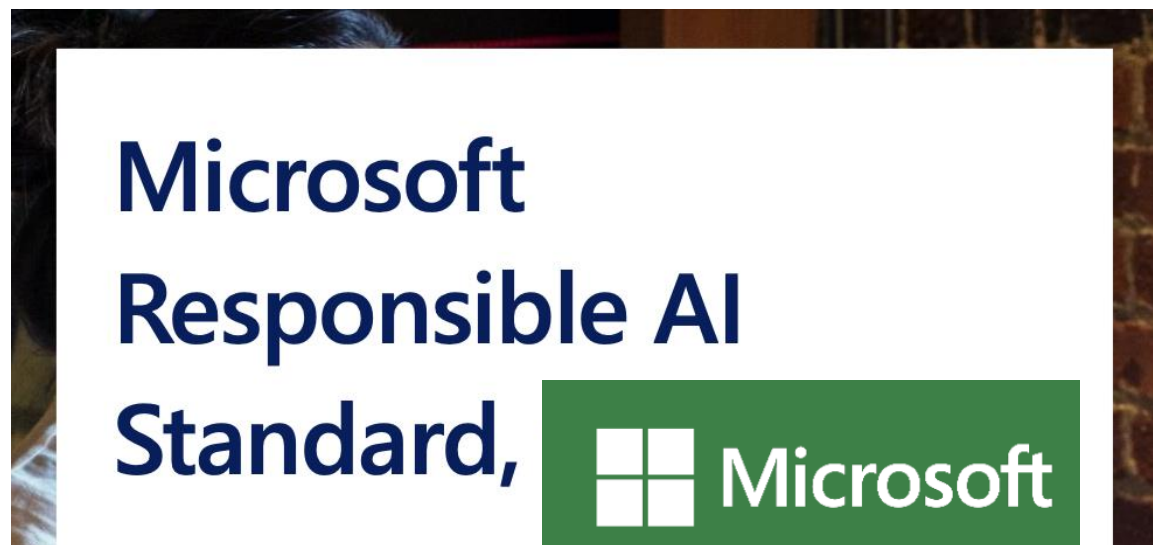
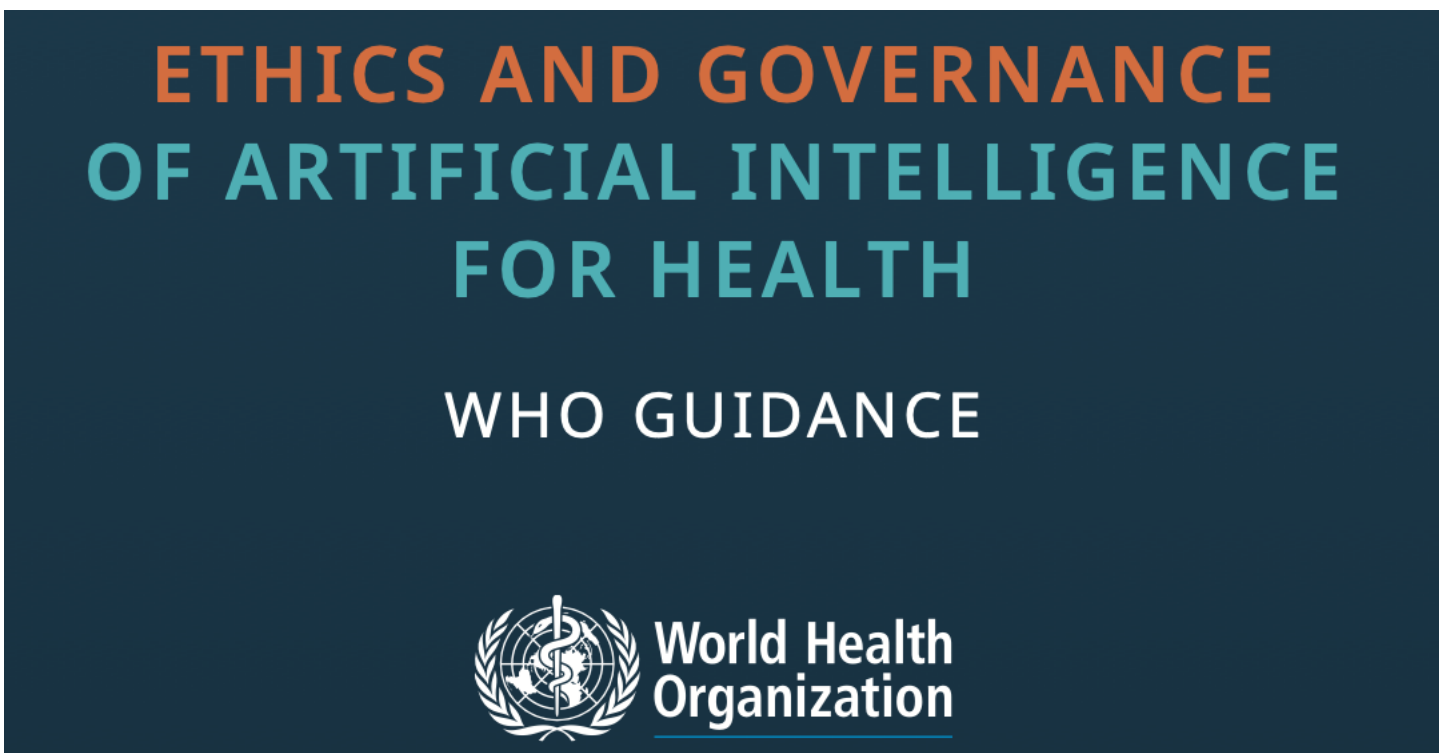
→ lack of trust, unintended, unanticipated or even intentionally unethical consequences

AI Principles and Frameworks

Prominent examples of international and national efforts

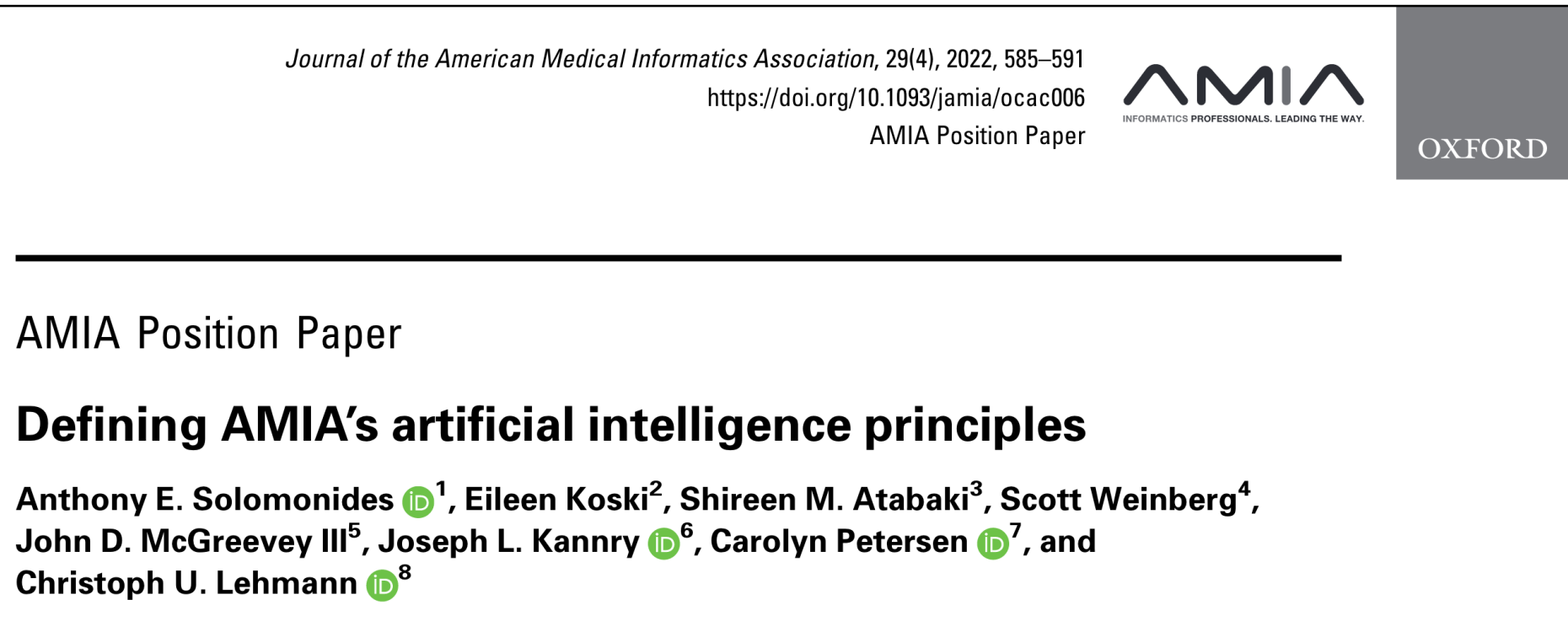
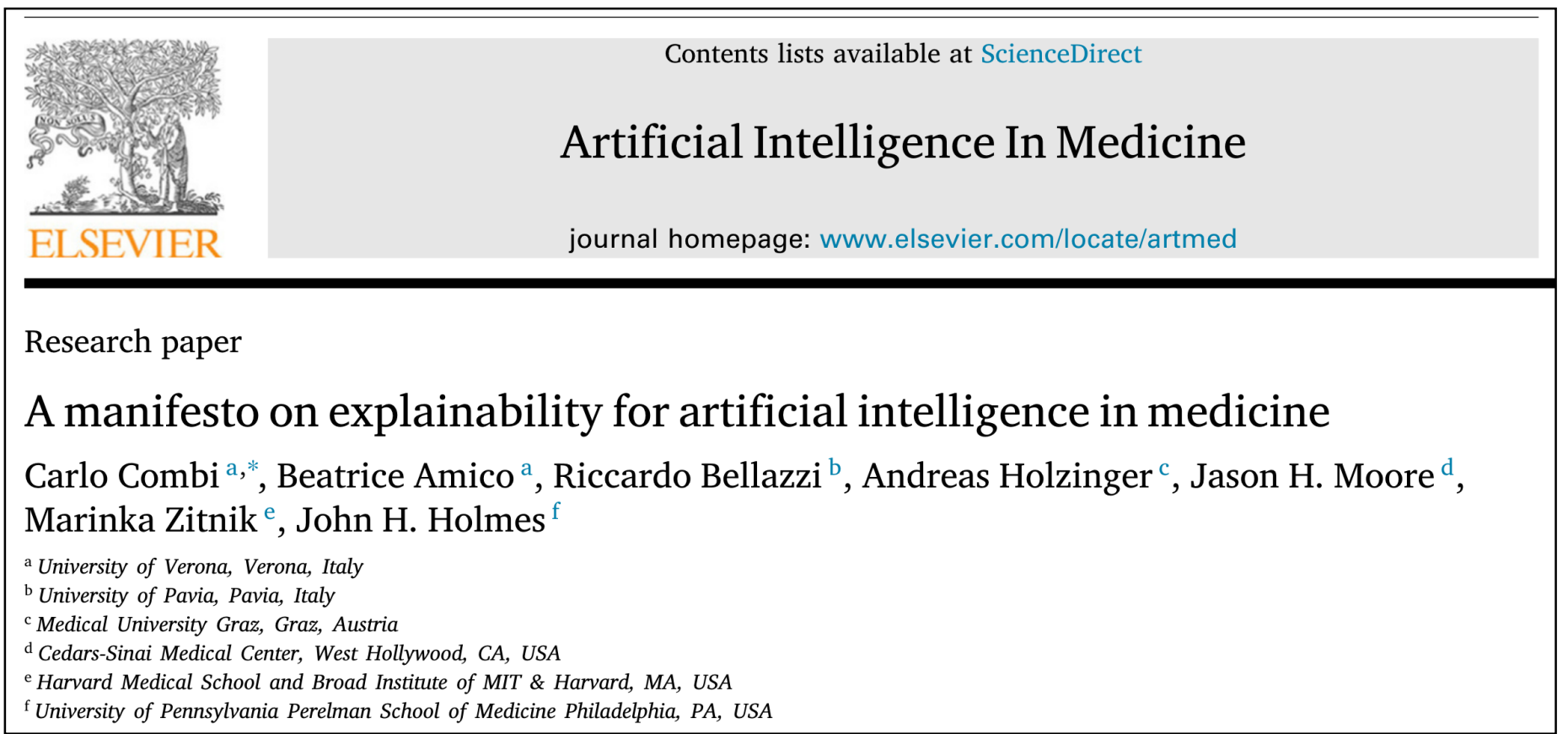
UNESCO Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence	2021	International
IEEE Global Initiative on Ethics of Autonomous and Intelligent Systems	2021	International
ISO proposed Artificial Intelligence Management Systems	2021	International
Global Partnership on AI (GPAI) Framework	2020	International
OECD AI Principles	2019	International
WEF AI Governance white paper	2019	International
Asilomar AI Principles (Future of Life Institute)	2017	International
Council of Europe's Report on AI systems	2020	EU
EU Ethics guidelines for trustworthy AI	2019	EU
The British Standards Institution UK (BSI) AI standards	2022	UK
NIST AI Risk Management Framework	2022	US
Trustworthy AI (TAI) Playbook (DHHS)	2021	US
FDA AI/ML-based Software as a Medical Device Action Plan	2021	US

Responsible AI initiatives



Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on harmonised rules on Artificial Intelligence (Artificial Intelligence Act) and amending certain Union Legislative Acts

(COM(2021)0206 – C9 0146/2021 – 2021/0106(COD))



Responsible AI

Large variety of principles listed in various AI ethics guidelines

Ethical principle	Number of documents
Transparency	73/84
Justice & fairness	68/84
Non-maleficence	60/84
Responsibility	60/84
Privacy	47/84
Beneficence	41/84
Freedom & autonomy	34/84
Trust	28/84
Sustainability	14/84
Dignity	13/84
Solidarity	6/84

Jobin, A., Ienca, M. & Vayena, E. The global landscape of AI ethics guidelines. *Nat Mach Intell* 1, 389–399 (2019)

Key issue, Principles	Mentions								
privacy protection	17	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
accountability	17	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
fairness, non-discrimination, justice	17	x	x	x	x		x	x	
transparency, openness	15	x	x	x	x	x		x	
safety, cybersecurity	15	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
common good, sustainability, well-being	15		x	x	x		x	x	x
human oversight, control, auditing x	12	x		x	x		x	x	
explainability, interpretability x	10	x		x			x	x	
solidarity, inclusion, social cohesion	10			x	x		x		x
science-policy link	10		x	x		x	x	x	x
legislative framework, legal status of AI	9	x	x		x	x	x		
responsible/intensified research funding	8		x		x		x	x	x
public awareness, education about AI	8		x	x			x		x
future of employment	8		x	x	x				x
dual-use problem, military, AI arms race	7		x			x		x	
field-specific deliberations (health, military...)	7		x			x			
human autonomy x	7	x		x	x		x	x	
diversity in the field of AI	6								x
certification for AI products	4						x		
cultural differences in the design of AI systems	2								
protection of whistleblowers	2								
hidden costs (labeling, clickwork, moderation...)	1								

Hagendorff, T. The Ethics of AI Ethics: An Evaluation of Guidelines. *Minds & Machines* 30, 99–120 (2020)

Panel Presenters



John Holmes, PhD (University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, USA)

Explainability and Interpretability in Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence



Ronald Cornet, PhD (Amsterdam UMC, Amsterdam, Netherlands)

Responsible stewardship of data and models



Christoph Lehmann, MD (University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX, USA)

AMIA Policy Committee Work Product



Stéphane Meystre, MD, PhD (OnePlanet Research Center, Nijmegen, Netherlands)

Clinical data privacy protection

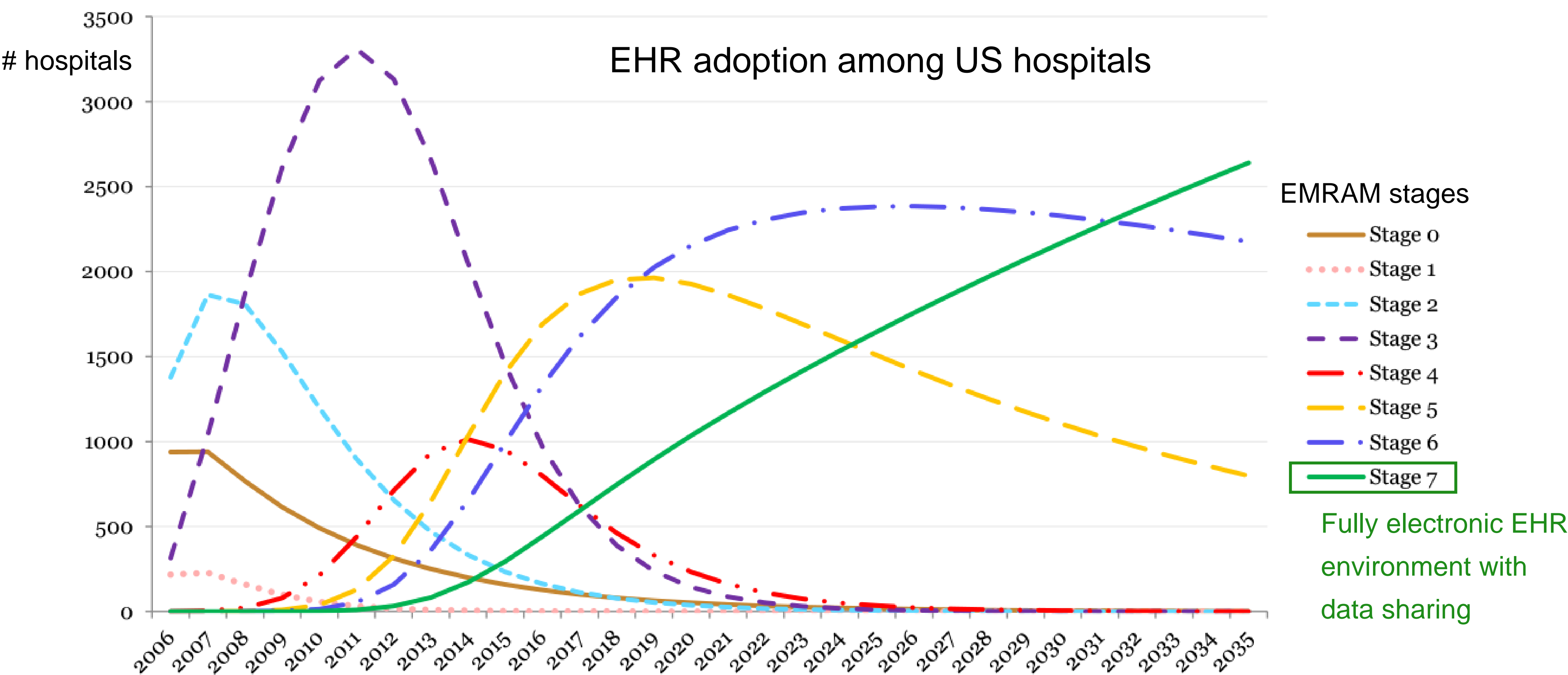
Clinical Data Privacy Protection

Stéphane Meystre, MD, PhD, FACMI, FIAHSI, FAMIA

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Problem and Opportunity

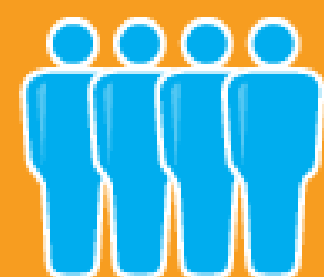
Very large quantities of patient data becoming available in electronic format



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Problem and Opportunity

Tremendous potential for **secondary use** of this patient data.
Essential for effective clinical research, high quality healthcare,
and improved healthcare management.



85%

OF CLINICAL TRIALS FAIL TO
RETAIN ENOUGH PATIENTS



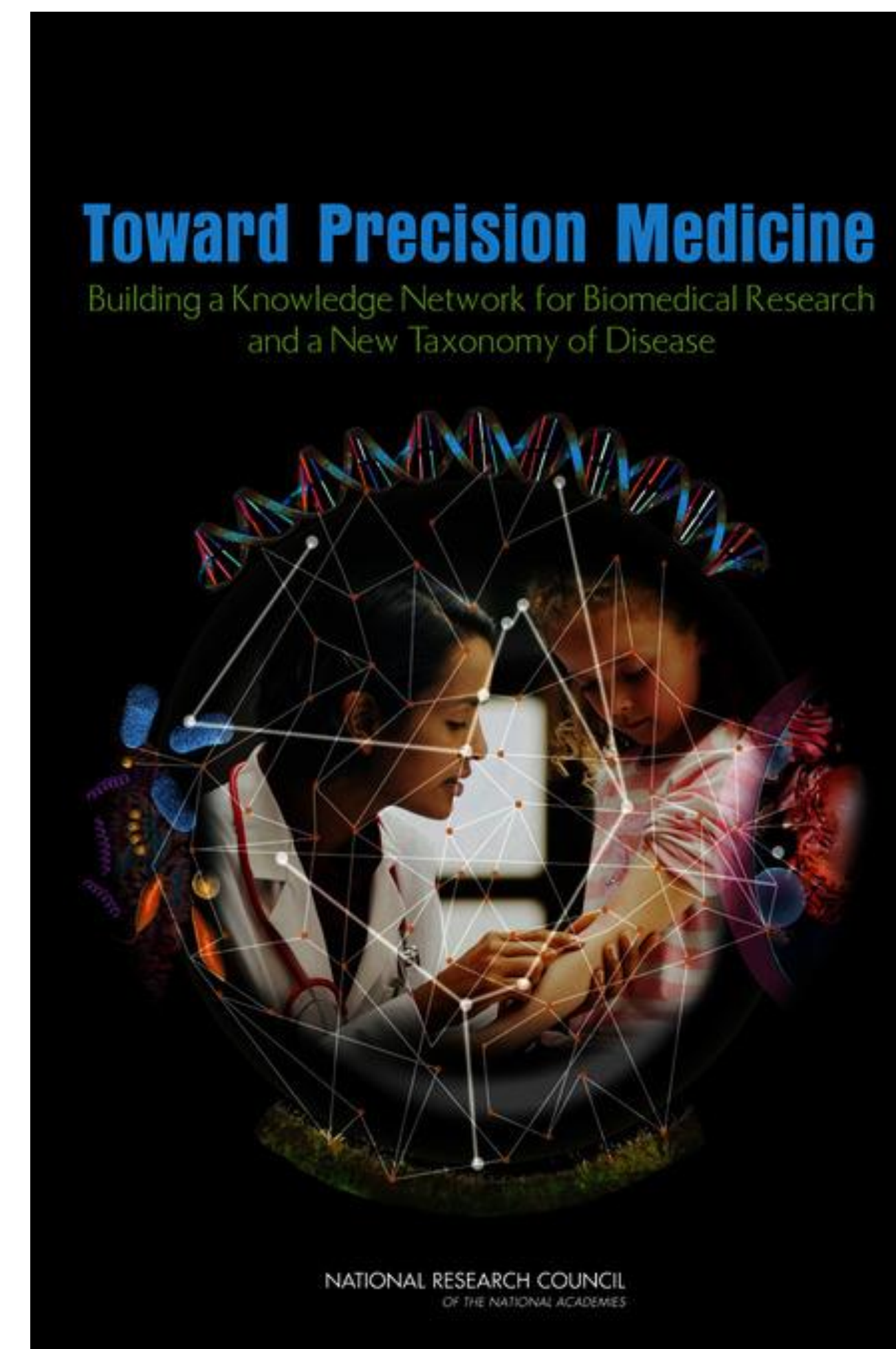
80%

OF CLINICAL TRIALS
FAIL TO FINISH ON TIME



50%

OF SITES ENROLL ONE OR NO
PATIENTS IN THEIR STUDIES



Problem

Growing concern for patient confidentiality and privacy breaches

The New York Times

Data Breach at Anthem May Forecast a Trend



2019 health care data breaches setting records

September 26, 2019

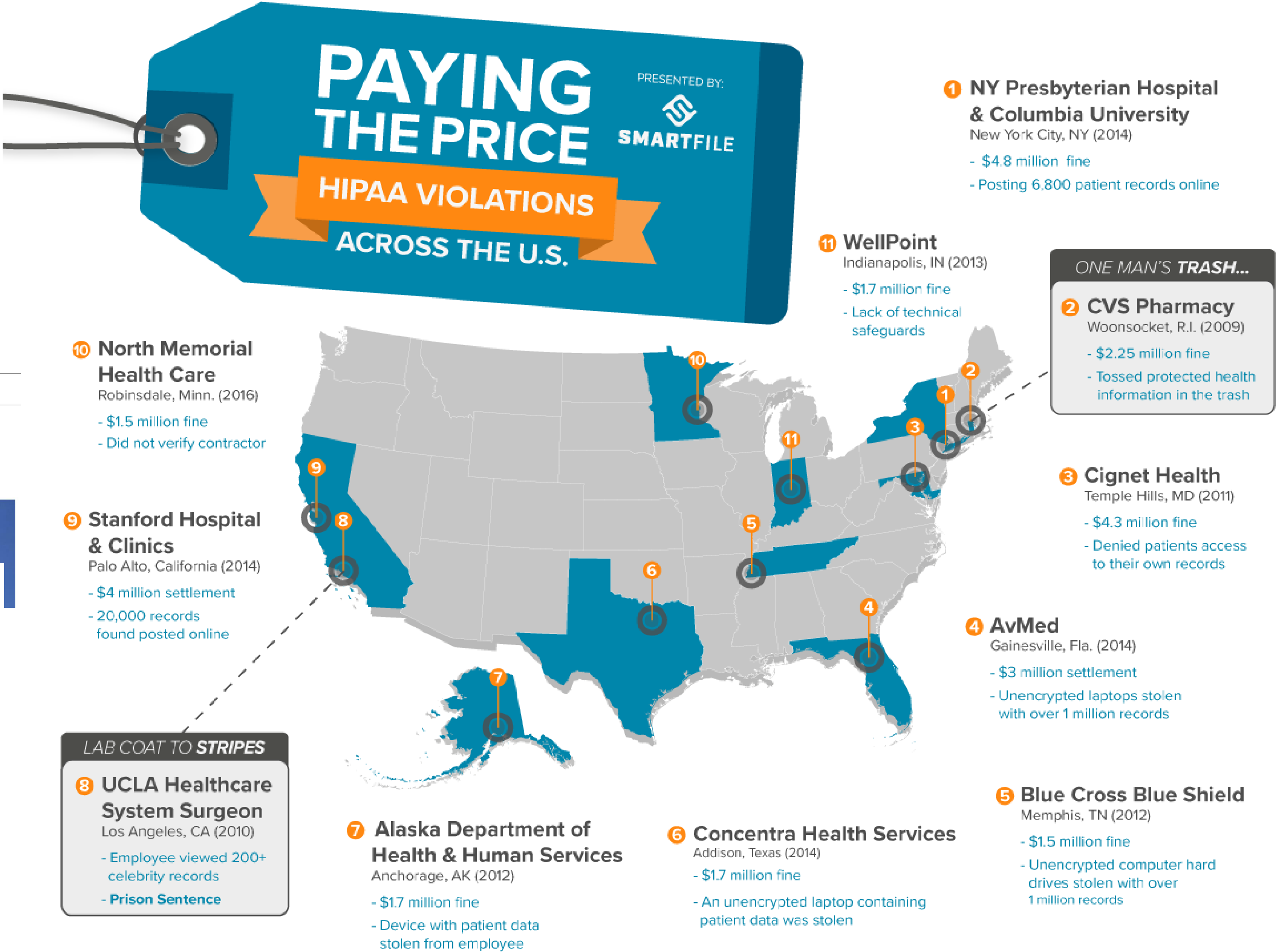
+ ADD TOPIC TO EMAIL ALERTS



April Sather

A record-breaking 50 health care data breaches involving more than 500 records each were reported to HHS this past July, according to a report published in *HIPAA Journal*.

The article also said that more than 35 million individuals are known to have had their health care records “compromised, exposed, or impermissibly disclosed” thus far in 2019, which is more than the previous 3 full years combined.



Clinical Data Privacy Protection

Privacy and confidentiality of clinical data

In the E.U., the GDPR protects personal data (including health data). In the U.S., the HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) protects the confidentiality of patient data and the Common Rule protects the confidentiality of research subjects.

Typically require the informed consent of the patient and approval of the Ethics Committee to use data for research purposes, **but these requirements are waived if data are anonymised (E.U.) or de-identified (U.S.).**

De-identification = explicit identifiers are hidden or removed. (PII; U.S. HIPAA Safe Harbor)

Pseudonymisation = data can no longer be attributed to a specific subject without the use of additional information, provided that such additional information is kept separately and protected

Anonymisation = transformation (irreversible) making identification of the subject impossible

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Clinical Data Privacy Protection

Main methods used for data privacy protection at rest and in transit

ANONYMISATION

RANDOMISATION

Noise addition
Permutation
Differential privacy

GENERALISATION

Aggregation
 k -Anonymity
 l -Diversity
 t -Closeness

PSEUDONYMISATION

DE-IDENTIFICATION

(Masking,
Tokenisation,
Scrubbing, Redaction)

ENCRYPTION (Reversible)

HASHING

(Irreversible)

OBX 1 NM 2951-2^Serum Na^LN 1 138 mmol/L
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OBX 3 NM 2075-0^Serum Cl^LN 1 114 mmol/L

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STRUCTURED DATA

UNSTRUCTURED DATA

RECORD #1222190
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MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION | Signed | DIS | Admission Date: 10/1/1997
Report Status: Signed
Discharge Date: 9/4/1998
ADMISSION DIAGNOSIS: CHEST PAIN.
PROBLEM LIST: 1) CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE.
2) HYPOTHYROIDISM.
3) PEPTIC ULCER DISEASE.
HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS: The patient is a 70 year-old woman who had coronary artery bypass graft in 1993 who presents with ten minutes of acute chest pain today. In November of 1992, she had quadruple bypass surgery with LIMA to the LAD and saphenous vein graft to the RCA, OMC and diagonal branch. She was feeling generally well until the beginning of May at home. From November, 1997 to March, 1997, she was in and out and began to experience intermittent episodes of diaphoresis. These tended to occur with ambulation on a flat surface, although she did have one episode that awakened her from sleep. The second time this happened, she went to the Fairpark Dekan Health Care there in Ton with the complaints of diaphoresis and some nausea, although she did not have chest pain, shortness of breath, vomiting or palpitations. No EKG was done at the time. She said that she was definitely more comfortable of note that she had had her last 5 mg to 2.5 mg prior to this. This was treated with Amoxicillin pharmacist. These symptoms go away on about 1997 and At this visit, he did start home from Dr. , Win Ca 5 of diaphoresis. Then on the day and had a recurrent episode of this time with substernal chest. She also had a general sense of drowsiness and took a sublingual resolved her pain. She described anginal pain that she had prior graft. The total duration of minutes. By the time she presented with diaphoresis and no chest. The latest echocardiogram in fraction of 35% with mild to moderate inferior akinesis with mild 1997, she went 4 minutes and test with Thallium which show defects.
PAST MEDICAL HISTORY: Significant coronary artery bypass graft risk factors of hypertension, hypothyroidism and remote post cholecystectomy and appendectomy.

John Doe
123 Maple Street
City, State, Zip 10537

EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN RECORD
John Doe
M.D. (C)

THE PHYSICIAN
10/1/97

PHYSICAL EXAM
Vital Signs: BP 120/80, HR 70, RR 16, SpO2 98% on RA
General: Well appearing, no acute distress
HEENT: Oropharynx clear, no lymphadenopathy
Chest: Lungs clear to auscultation, no wheezes or crackles
Cardio: Regular rate and rhythm, no murmurs, rubs or gallops
Abdomen: Soft, no tenderness or guarding
Extremities: No edema, no cyanosis
Neuro: Alert and oriented x3, no focal deficits

LABORATORY DATA
CBC: WBC 10.5, Hgb 12.5, Hct 38.5, Plt 250
Chem: Na 135, K 3.8, Cl 100, CO2 28, BUN 12, Cr 1.0, Glucose 100, T4 0.8, TSH 4.5

IMPRESSIONS
1. Acute coronary syndrome (ACS) - unstable angina or NSTEMI
2. Hypothyroidism
3. Possible anxiety disorder

RECOMMENDATIONS
1. Cardiac monitoring and stress testing
2. Thyroid hormone replacement
3. Consider antiplatelet therapy

DISPOSITION
Admitted to Medical Unit for further evaluation and treatment

PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE
John Doe, M.D.

PAST HISTORY
Hypertension, Hypothyroidism, Cholecystectomy, Appendectomy

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Clinical Text Automatic De-Identification

Why use NLP for text de-identification?

Manual text de-identification is a lengthy and costly process (about 90 s per document). Some identifiers are missed (e.g., 95.5% sensitivity with 262 clinical notes of various types).

NLP can be used to automatically de-identify electronic clinical documents.

The text de-identification process is composed of two main steps:

- **PII detection**, and then
- **PII removal or transformation**: replacing PHI with some tags or characters (e.g., 'Mr. Smith' becomes '<Patient_name>'), or replace PHI with synthetic but realistic substitutes (e.g., 'Mr. Smith' becomes 'Mr. Jones') = PII "resynthesis"

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Dorr DA, Phillips WF, Phansalkar S, Sims SA, Hurdle JF. Assessing the difficulty and time cost of de-identification in clinical narratives. *Methods Inf Med.* 2006;45(3):246-252.

Clinical Text Automatic De-Identification

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Admission Date : **07/03/2004**
Discharge Date : **07/12/2004**
DISCHARGE DIAGNOSIS : RIGHT BICONDYLAR TIBIAL PLATEAU FRACTURE .
HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS :Mr. **Jones** is an otherwise healthy 32 year old male attorney who was vacationing at **Richesson Valley** when he fell off his moped at a speed of approximately 25 miles per hour . He remembers the accident with no loss of consciousness . He landed on his right knee and noted immediate pain and swelling . He was taken by ambulance to **Justice Healthcare** where he had plain films that revealed a comminuted bicondylar tibial plateau fracture on the right . He was transferred to the **Midvalley Medical Center** for further evaluation and treatment .
PAST MEDICAL/SURGICAL HISTORY :
Unremarkable .
CURRENT MEDICATIONS : None .
ALLERGIES : Patient has no known drug allergies .
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION :On admission was significant for a very anxious appearing young man in a moderate amount of pain
....
Dictated By : **ALBERTS JOHN , M.D. RY02**
Attending : **JOHN R. STETSON** , M.D.

Private & Confidential



DE-IDENTIFICATION
(Masking,
Tokenisation,
Scrubbing, Redaction)



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Discharge Date : **06/16/1994**
DISCHARGE DIAGNOSIS : RIGHT BICONDYLAR TIBIAL PLATEAU FRACTURE .
HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS :Mr. **First** is an otherwise healthy 32 year old male attorney who was vacationing at **Abertson Falls** when he fell off his moped at a speed of approximately 25 miles per hour . He remembers the accident with no loss of consciousness . He landed on his right knee and noted immediate pain and swelling . He was taken by ambulance to **Hasring Healthcare** where he had plain films that revealed a comminuted bicondylar tibial plateau fracture on the right . He was transferred to the **Mercy Medical Center** for further evaluation and treatment .
PAST MEDICAL/SURGICAL HISTORY :
Unremarkable .
CURRENT MEDICATIONS : None .
ALLERGIES : Patient has no known drug allergies .
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION :On admission was significant for a very anxious appearing young man in a moderate amount of pain
....
Dictated By : **SCHELIEFE BEN , M.D. DJ07**
Attending : **VITA T. LINKEKOTEMONES** , M.D.

De-identified

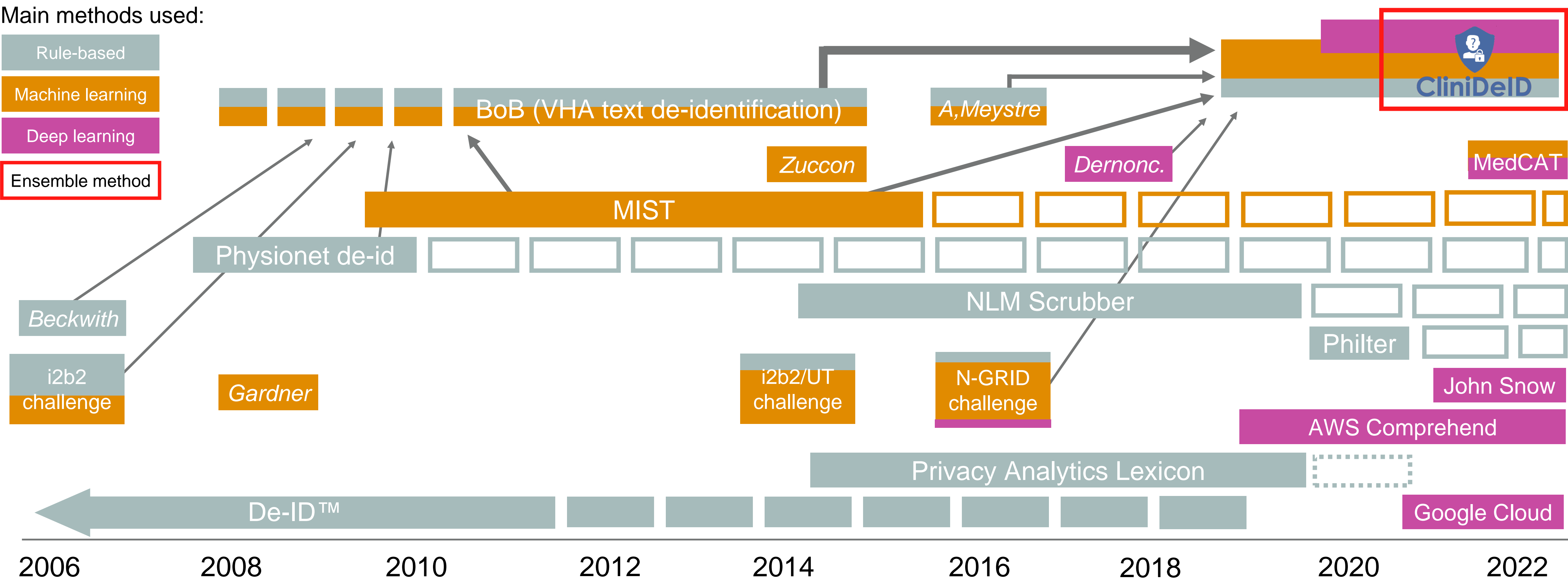
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Levels of de-identification (above/below U.S. HIPAA Safe Harbor)

Identifiers (PII)	“Super” de-identification	HIPAA Safe Harbor	HIPAA Limited dataset
SSN	All	All	All
ID	All	All	All
Patient	All	All	All
Relative	All	All	All
Other person	All	All	All
Electronic address	All	All	All
Date Time	All	All except year	None
Age	All	>89	None
Healthcare unit	All	All	All
Other organization	All	All	All
Phone Fax	All	All	All
State	All	None	None
Country	All	None	None
Street	All	All	None
City	All	All	All
ZIP code	All (5 digits)	Last 2 digits*	None
Provider	All	None	None
Profession	All	None	None

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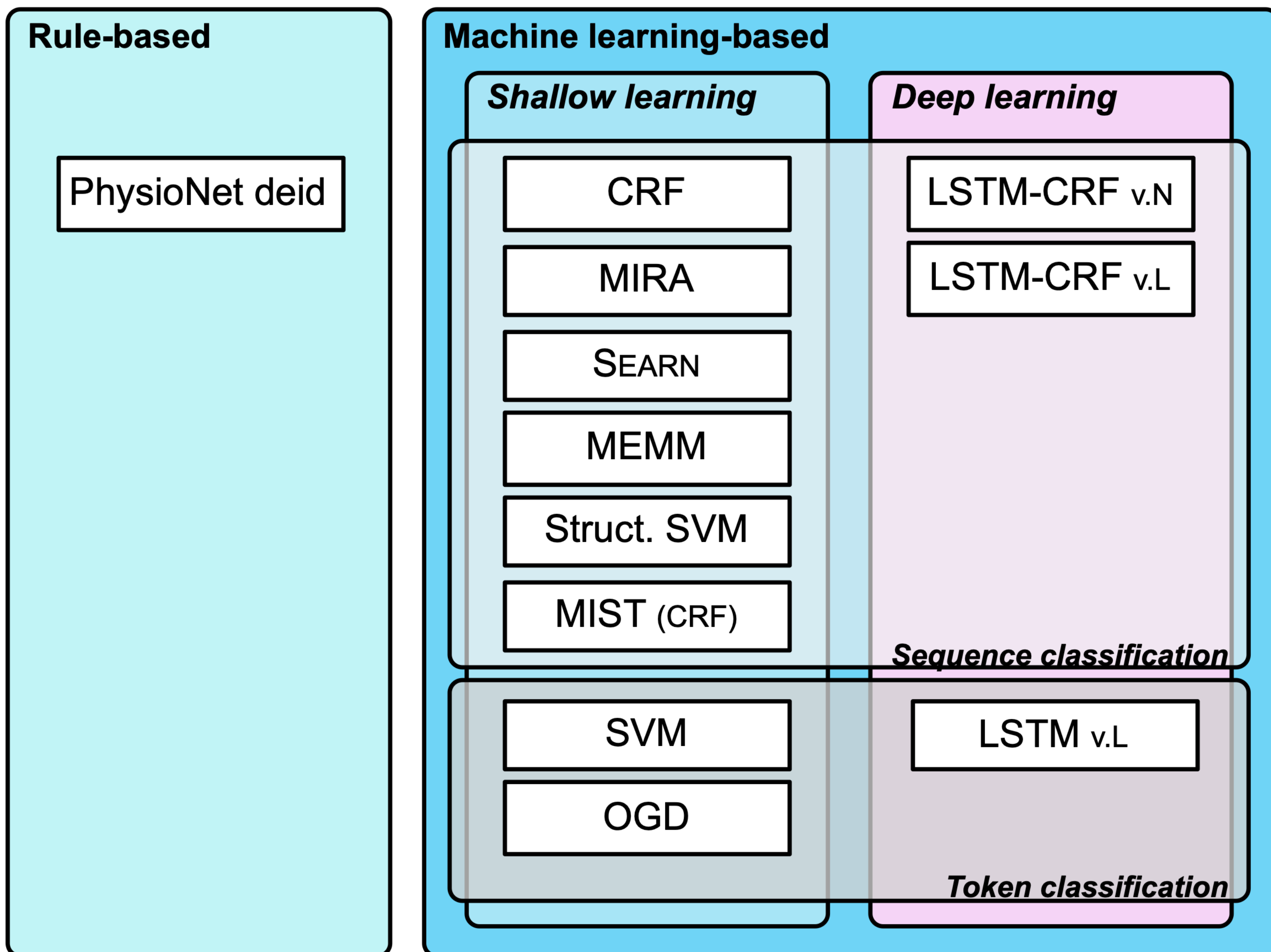
High-accuracy AI-based clinical data de-identification solution (CliniDeID) builds on years of NLP for text de-identification research and development



Clinical Text Automatic De-Id. - CliniDeID

Accuracy improvement methods
based on deep learning and
ensemble methods

Algorithms developed and
systems combined



Clinical Text Automatic De-Id. - ClinIDeID

Accuracy improvement results: individual algorithms/systems

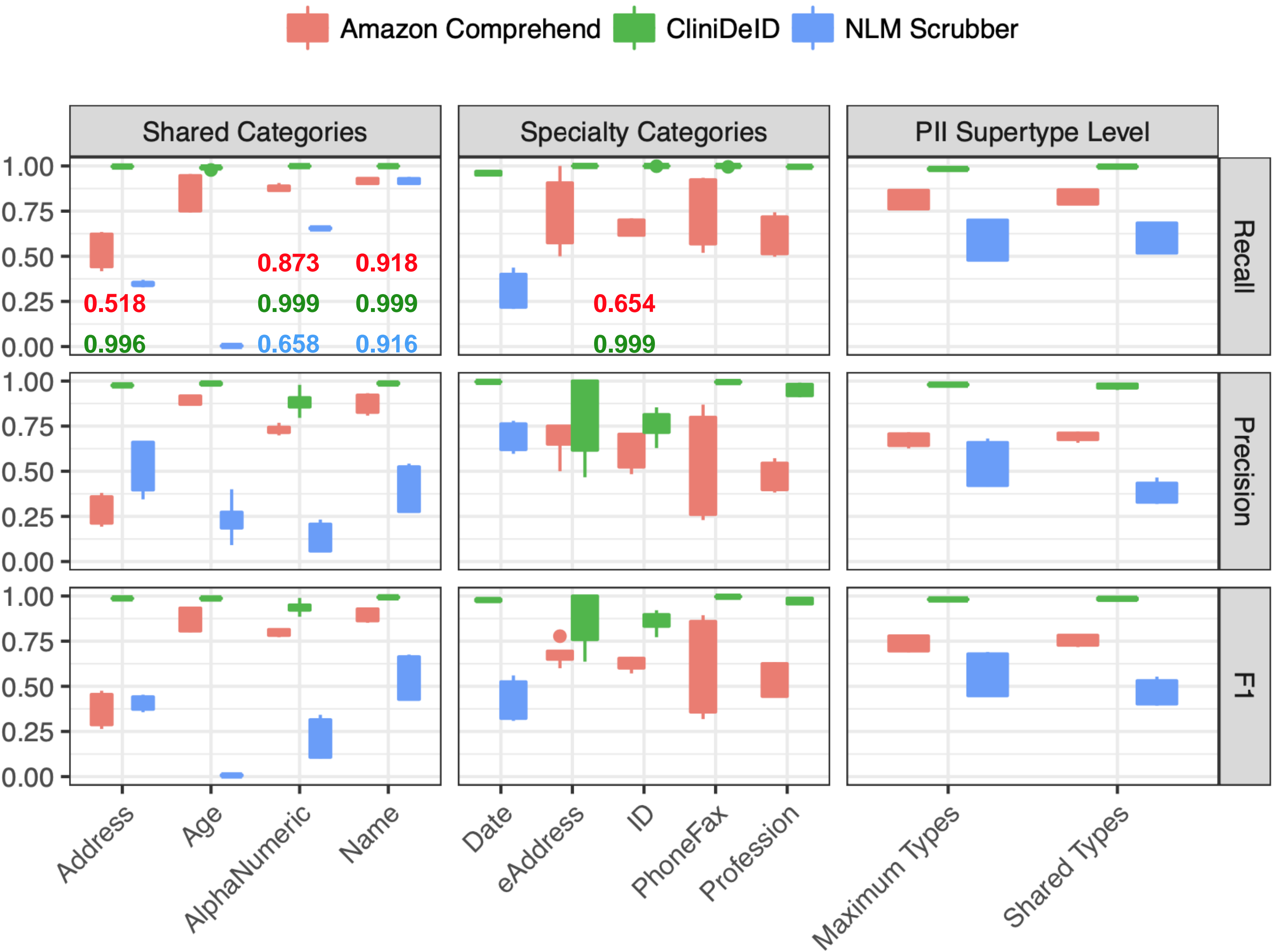
Method	Strict entity (%)			PII-level binary token (%)		
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LSTM-CRF v.N	95.61	93.44	94.51	98.96	98.03	98.49
LSTM-CRF v.L	95.51	93.12	94.30	98.94	97.86	98.40
CRF	95.99	92.54	94.23	98.67	97.75	98.21
MEMM	95.58	92.40	93.96	98.44	97.62	98.03
Searn	95.20	92.57	93.86	98.68	97.53	98.11
MIRA	95.17	92.39	93.76	98.39	97.87	98.13
LSTM v.L	94.24	92.65	93.44	97.56	97.77	97.67
SVM	93.58	91.83	92.69	98.32	97.42	97.87
OGD	93.36	91.54	92.44	98.54	97.09	97.81
Struct. SVM	92.75	70.86	80.34	98.14	83.16	90.03
MIST	63.83	47.10	54.21	83.52	70.91	76.70
PhysioNet deid	57.06	39.45	46.65	88.50	49.76	63.71
Voting	96.81	94.05	95.41	99.02	97.99	98.5
Stacked	97.04	94.45	95.73	99.16	98.06	98.61

CliniDeID

Accuracy improvement results (cont.)

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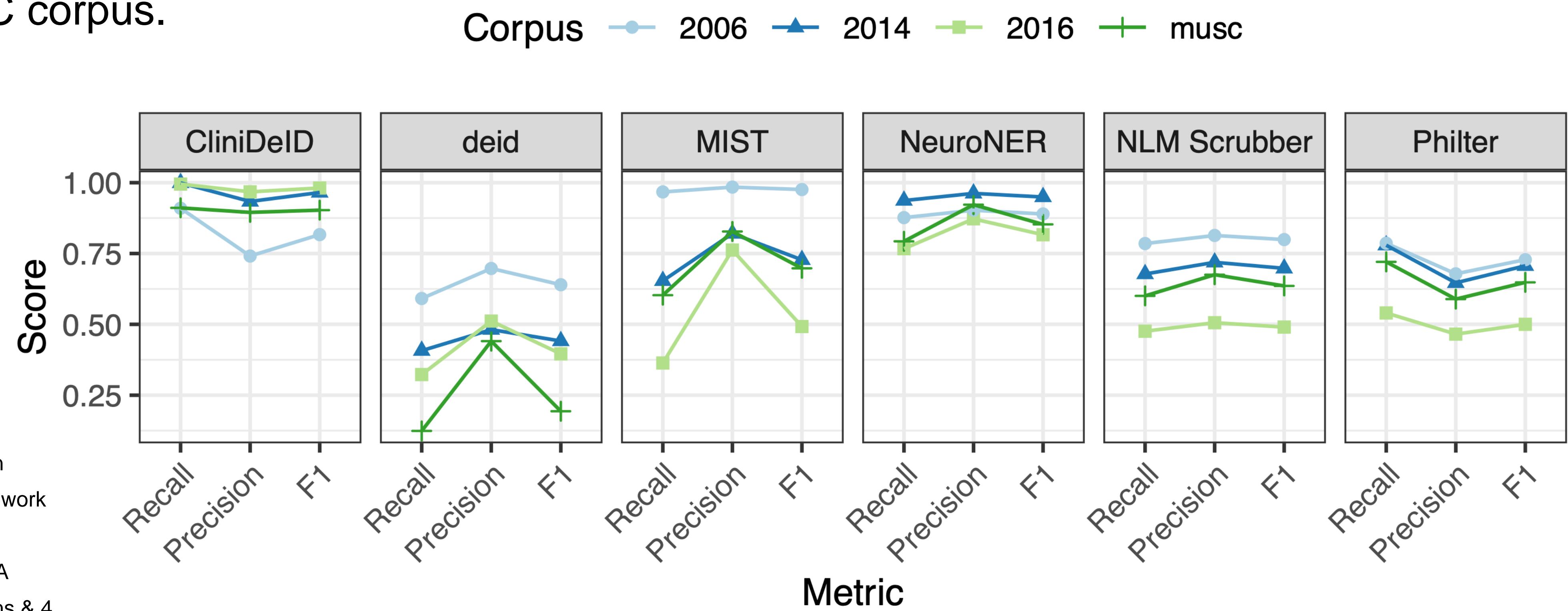
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Comparative evaluation “out-of-the-box” with three i2b2/n2c2 de-identification challenge corpora (with resynthesized dates replaced with years between 1950 and 2021) and a local MUSC corpus.



Heider P, Meystre S. An Open Evaluation Framework for Clinical Text De-Identification Systems: A Case Study of 6 Systems & 4 Corpora. In Press 2023.

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CliniDeID

Automatic clinical data de-identification

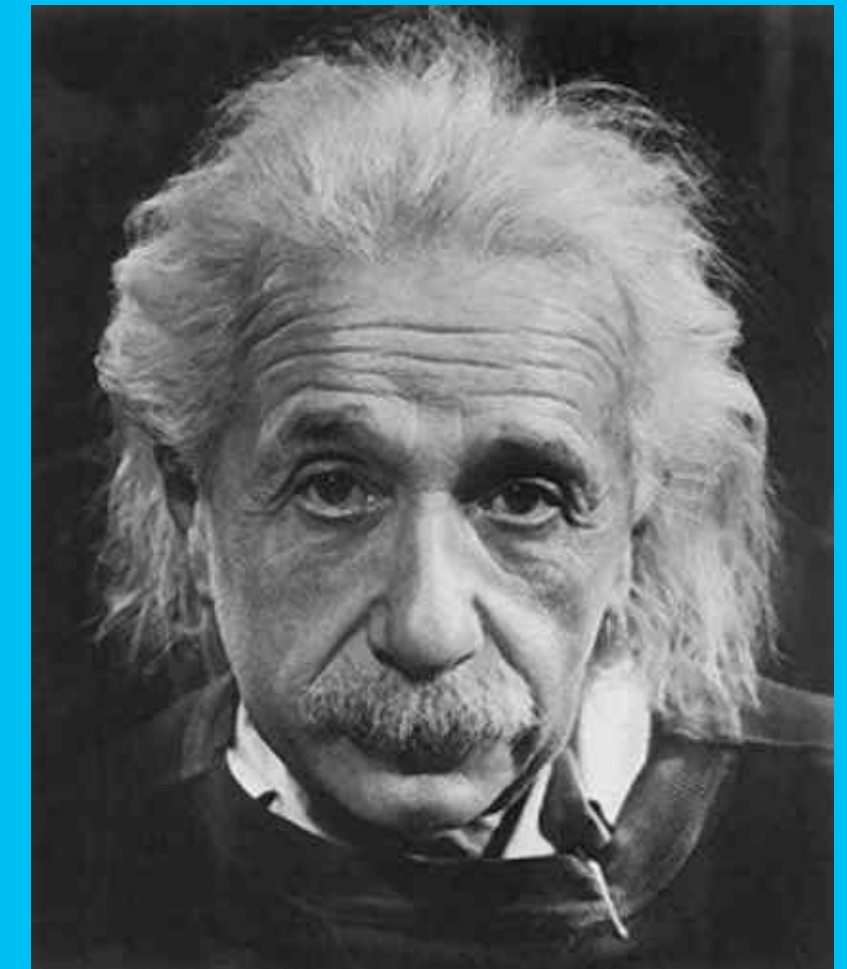
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CliniDeID automatically de-identifies clinical text notes according to the [HIPAA Safe Harbor method](#). It accurately finds identifiers and tags or replaces them with realistic surrogates for better anonymity. It improves access to richer, more detailed, and more accurate clinical data for clinical researchers. It eases research data sharing, and helps healthcare organizations protect patient data confidentiality.

<https://github.com/Clinacuity/CliniDeID>

The important thing is not to stop questioning.
Curiosity has its own reason for existing.

Albert Einstein (1879-1955)
German-Swiss-U.S. scientist.



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Explainability and Interpretability in Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence

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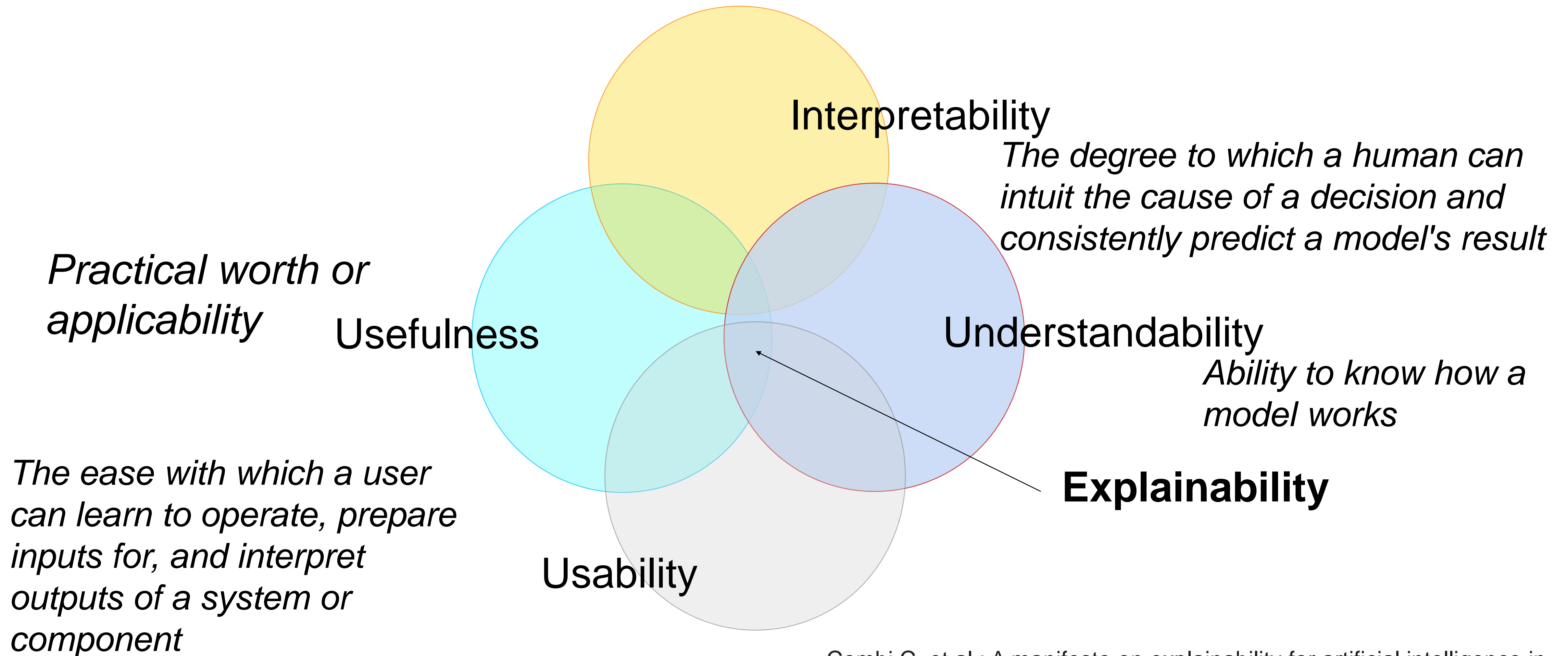
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XAI in Medicine pertains to the *explanation* and *interpretation* of results from AI techniques to support clinical decision making.

The essential question:
Can we trust AI artifacts that are not explainable and interpretable?

There are at least four challenges for
XAI in medicine...



Combi C, et al.: A manifesto on explainability for artificial intelligence in medicine. *Artif Intell Med.* 2022 Nov;133:102423

... and there are six questions about those challenges and propositions to address them



1. What are the requirements for XAI, and how can we evaluate the trustworthiness of an explanation?

Proposition: Explanations are not always required in order for an AI model to be useful. Functional specifications obtained from deep analysis of the problem domain and users should determine when explainability and interpretability are required.



2. If an AI system's output is understandable, is it automatically explainable?

Proposition: Understanding the output from an AI system is foundational to explainability, but it is only one requirement that has to be merged with usability, usefulness, and interpretability to compose explainability.



3. What is the role of domain understanding in achieving XAI in medical applications?

Proposition: XAI-based systems need to start from modeling the biomedical and clinical domain in order to obtain a true understanding of the context in which these systems will be used.



4. Can explainability and interpretability draw us closer to wisdom?

Proposition: Explainability and interpretability are both a requirement to completing the data-information-knowledge-wisdom spectrum.



5, Can an AI system that is not explainable or interpretable be trustworthy?

Proposition: XAI is an integral component of trustworthy AI systems.



6. Is XAI in medicine always required?

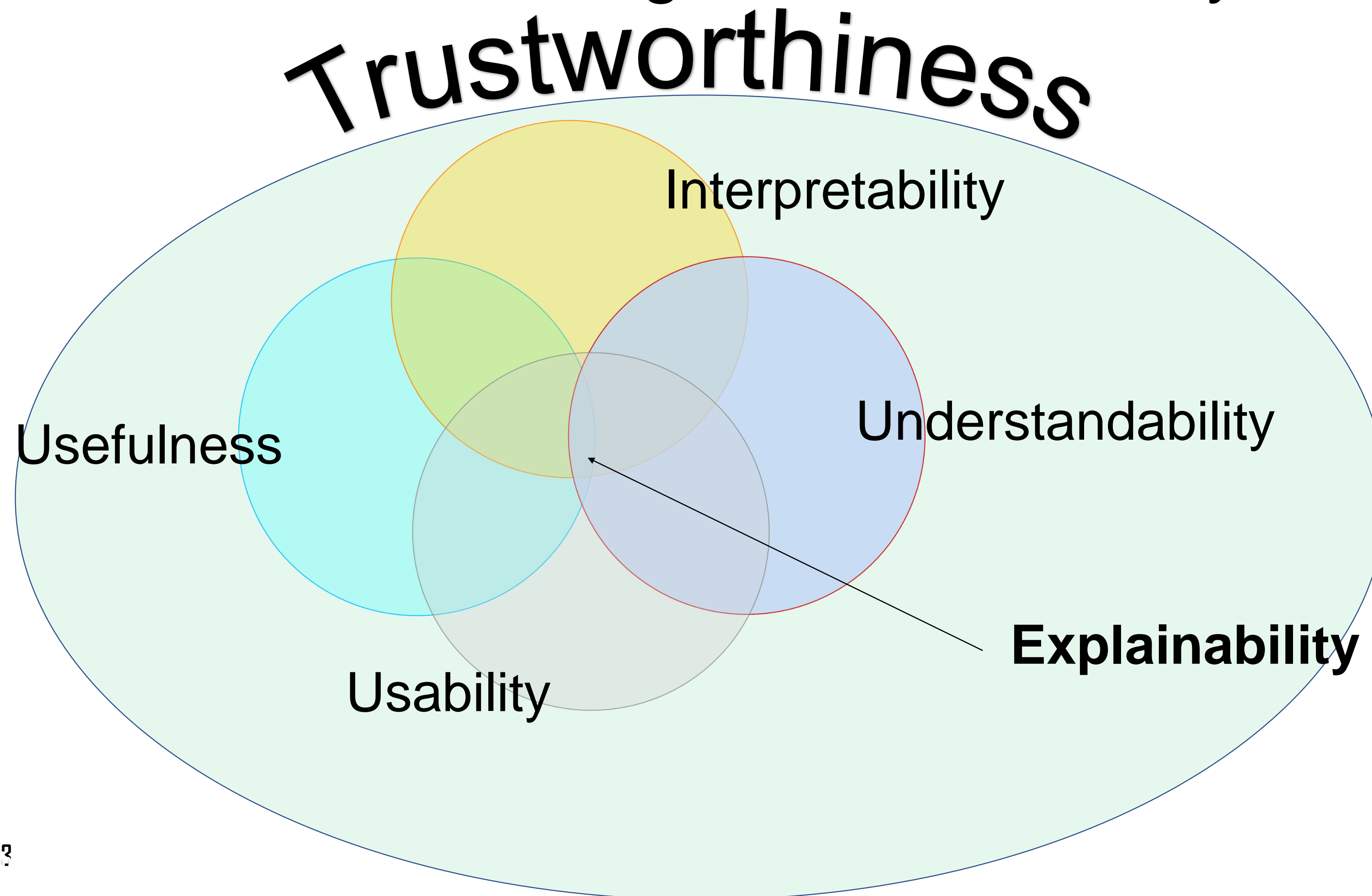
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Some recommendations for achieving XAI

- ✓ Bridge the gap between symbolic and sub-symbolic AI approaches
- ✓ Engineer explainability and interpretability into intelligent systems
- ✓ Iteratively evaluate and improve the effects of explainable and interpretable components and approaches
- ✓ Determine when explainability and interpretability are actually needed
- ✓ Always develop explainable artifacts... as *user-centered* and *user-tailored* artifacts that are ***interpretable!***

Where does this leave us with regard to trustworthy AI?



Responsible stewardship of data and models

Ronald Cornet, PhD

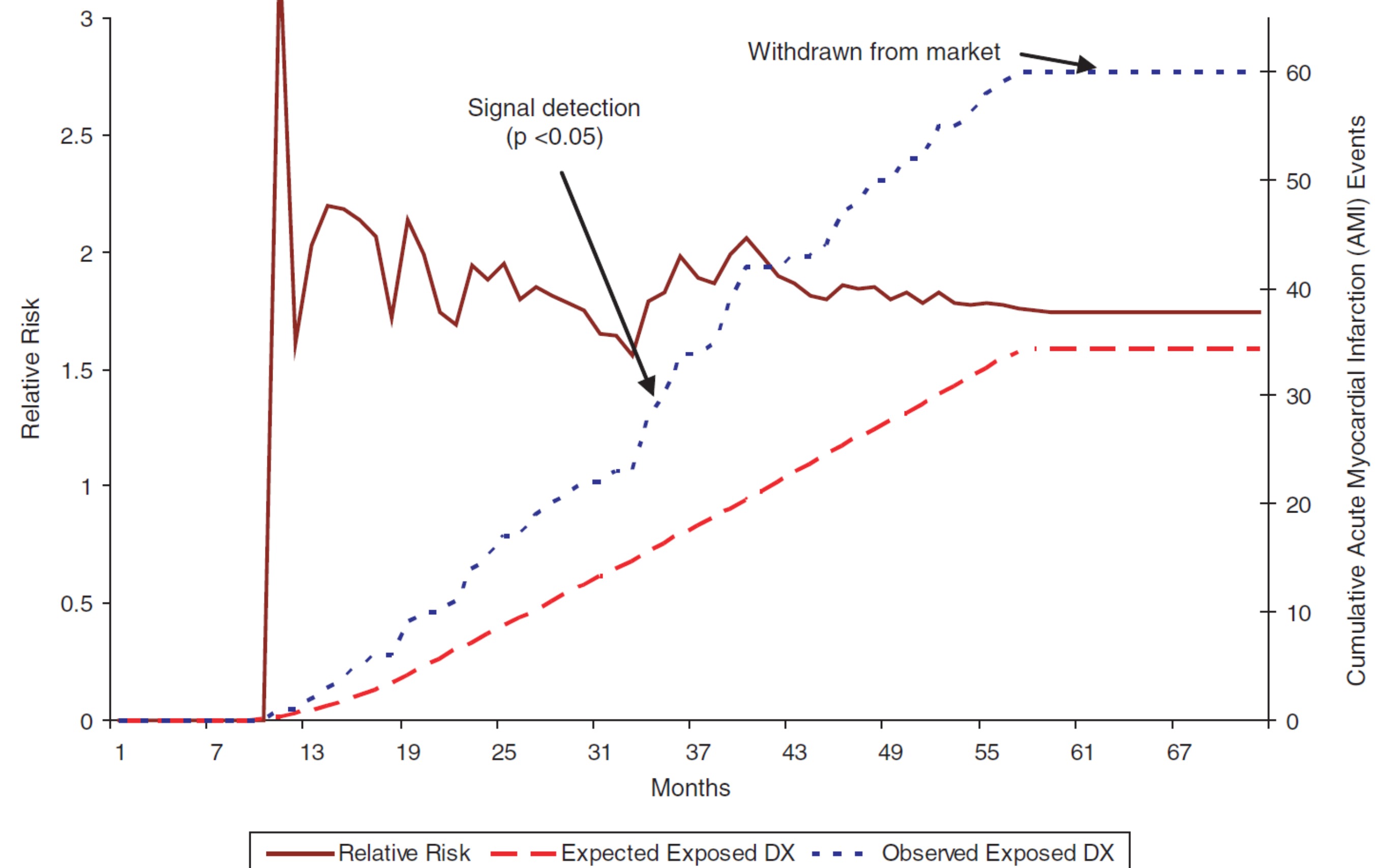
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The Netherlands

2000-2004

Vioxx

- Intended to treat arthritis & pain
- Increased risk of heart attack and stroke



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Original Investigation

Key Points

Question How accurately does the Epic Sepsis Model, a proprietary sepsis prediction model implemented in hundreds of US hospitals, predict the onset of sepsis?

Findings In this cohort study of 27 697 patients undergoing 38 455 hospitalizations, sepsis occurred in 7% of the hospitalizations. The Epic Sepsis Model predicted the onset of sepsis with an area under the curve of 0.63, which is substantially worse than the performance reported by its developer.

Meaning This study suggests that the Epic Sepsis Model poorly predicts sepsis; its widespread adoption despite

October 6, 2022

[Epic overhauls sepsis algorithm \(beckershospitalreview.com\)](https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/epic-overhauls-sepsis-algorithm/)

The screenshot shows a web browser window with a single tab titled "HR Epic overhauls sepsis algorithm". The address bar shows the URL "https://www.bec...". The page header includes the "BECKER'S HEALTH IT" logo and a red "Subscribe" button. The main headline is "Epic overhauls sepsis algorithm" by Naomi Diaz, dated Thursday, October 6th, 2022. Below the headline are social media sharing icons for Save, Post, Tweet, Share, Listen, Text Size, Print, and Email. The article text states that Epic has made changes to its sepsis prediction model to improve accuracy and make alerts more meaningful to clinicians. It mentions that an Epic spokesperson told Becker's in an emailed statement that the development of the new sepsis predictive model began in February 2021 and was released to customers in August. The upgrade, according to Epic, was made to improve the software. A quote from the Epic spokesperson says, "As we develop new tools, we identify opportunities to use them to better serve our customers," the Epic spokesperson told Becker's. The article also notes that Epic has changed its definition of sepsis to match the international consensus definition for sepsis. A quote from the Epic spokesperson explains that one of the most challenging aspects of sepsis is that it doesn't have a single, universally accepted definition, and that Sepsis-3 (the definition currently used) didn't exist when the first sepsis model was developed. The article concludes that the upgrade to the software comes after a study published in JAMA Internal Medicine in June 2021 criticized the sepsis model. The study used data from nearly 30,000 patients in University of Michigan hospitals and found that the sepsis model performed poorly.

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[Unregulated Algorithms in Healthcare – EPIC and Sepsis | American Council on Science and Health \(acsh.org\)](https://www.acsh.org/news/2022/10/19/unregulated-algorithms-in-healthcare-epic-and-sepsis)

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[2305.17493v2.pdf \(arxiv.org\)](#)

The curse of recursion:
Training on generated data
makes models forget

Example of text outputs of an OPT-125m model affected by *Model Collapse*— models degrade over generations, where each new generation is trained on data produced by the previous generation.

Input: some started before 1360 — was typically accomplished by a master mason and a small team of itinerant masons, supplemented by local parish labourers, according to Poyntz Wright. But other authors reject this model, suggesting instead that leading architects designed the parish church towers based on early examples of Perpendicular

Outputs:

Gen 0: Revival architecture such as St. John's Cathedral in London. The earliest surviving example of Perpendicular Revival architecture is found in the 18th @-@ century Church of Our Lady of Guernsey, which dates from the late 19th century. There are two types of perpendicular churches : those

Gen 1: architecture such as St. Peter's Basilica in Rome or St. Peter's Basilica in Buenos Aires. There is no evidence that any of these buildings were built during the reign of Pope Innocent III, but it is possible that they may have been built during the reign of his successor, Pope Innocent

Gen 7: architecture in England. In an interview with The New York Times, Wright said : " I don 't think there is anything wrong with me being able to do what I want to do. It just doesn 't work for me. " He added : " I don 't know if you can call it funny,

Gen 9: architecture. In addition to being home to some of the world's largest populations of black @-@ tailed jackrabbits, white @-@ tailed jackrabbits, blue @-@ tailed jackrabbits, red @-@ tailed jackrabbits, yellow @-

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It's a practice that could introduce further errors into already error-prone models.

By Rhiannon Williams

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*“he was working on chatbots
and was making about \$3 an hour”*

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Behind the secretive work of the many, many humans helping to train AI

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By Jonaki Mehta, Patrick Jarenwattananon, Ari Shapiro



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+ PLAYLIST



NPR's Ari Shapiro talks with The Verge's investigative editor Josh Dzieza about his recent report revealing the massive number of humans powering and training artificial intelligence.

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Data – knowledge – implementation

- Medical knowledge is estimated to double every 73 days, i.e., multiplies by 1000 in 2 years

Medical knowledge has been expanding exponentially. Whereas the doubling time was an estimated 50 years back in 1950, it accelerated to 7 years in 1980, 3.5 years in 2010, and a projected 73 days by 2020, according to a [2011 study in Transactions of the American Clinical and Climatological Association](#) ↗ .

[Medical knowledge doubles every few months; how can clinicians keep up? \(elsevier.com\)](#)



Data – knowledge – implementation

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- The knowledge-implementation gap is 17 years

[The answer is 17 years, what is the question: understanding time lags in translational research - Zoë Slote Morris, Steven Wooding, Jonathan Grant, 2011 \(sagepub.com\)](#)



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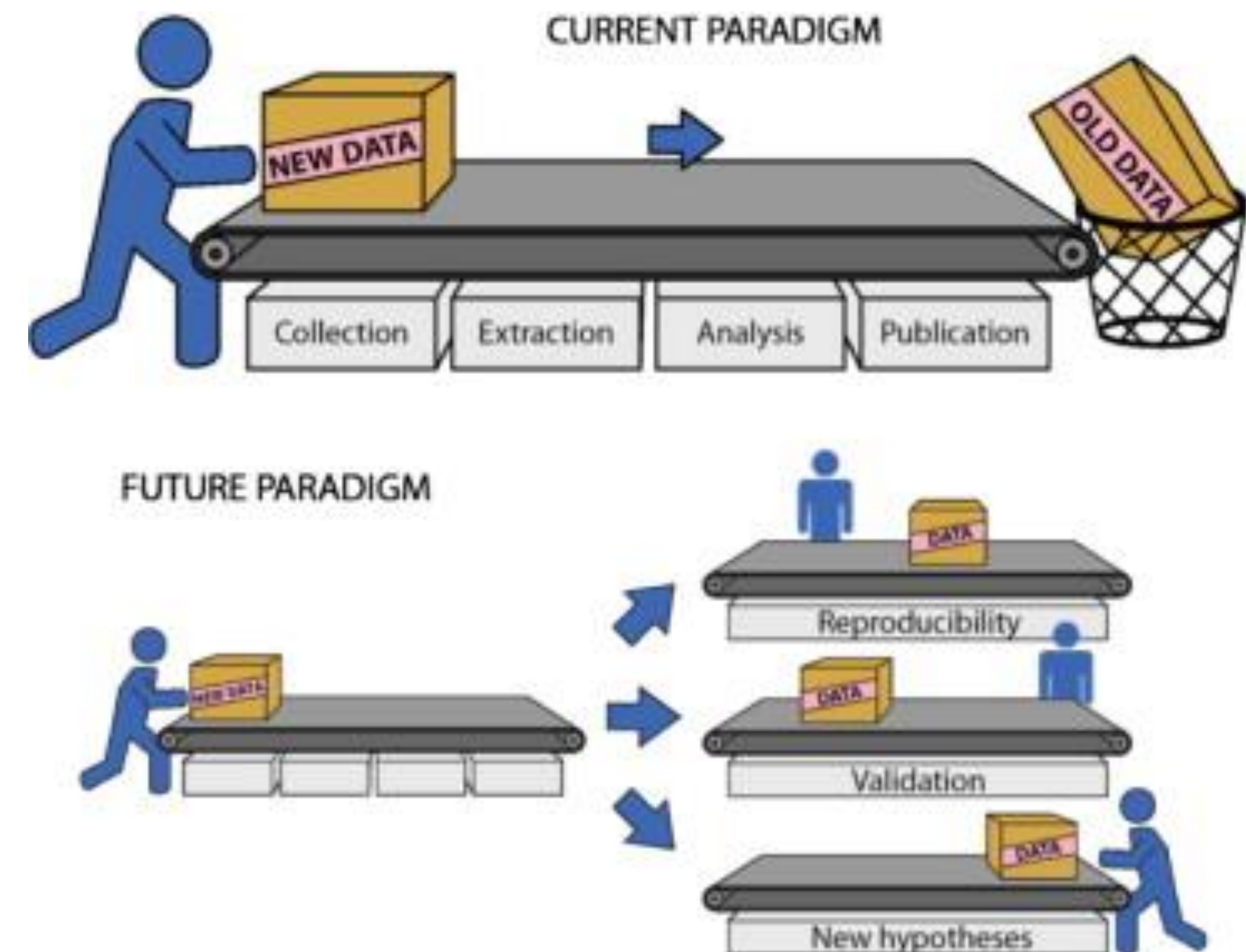


Closing the loop – 3 needs

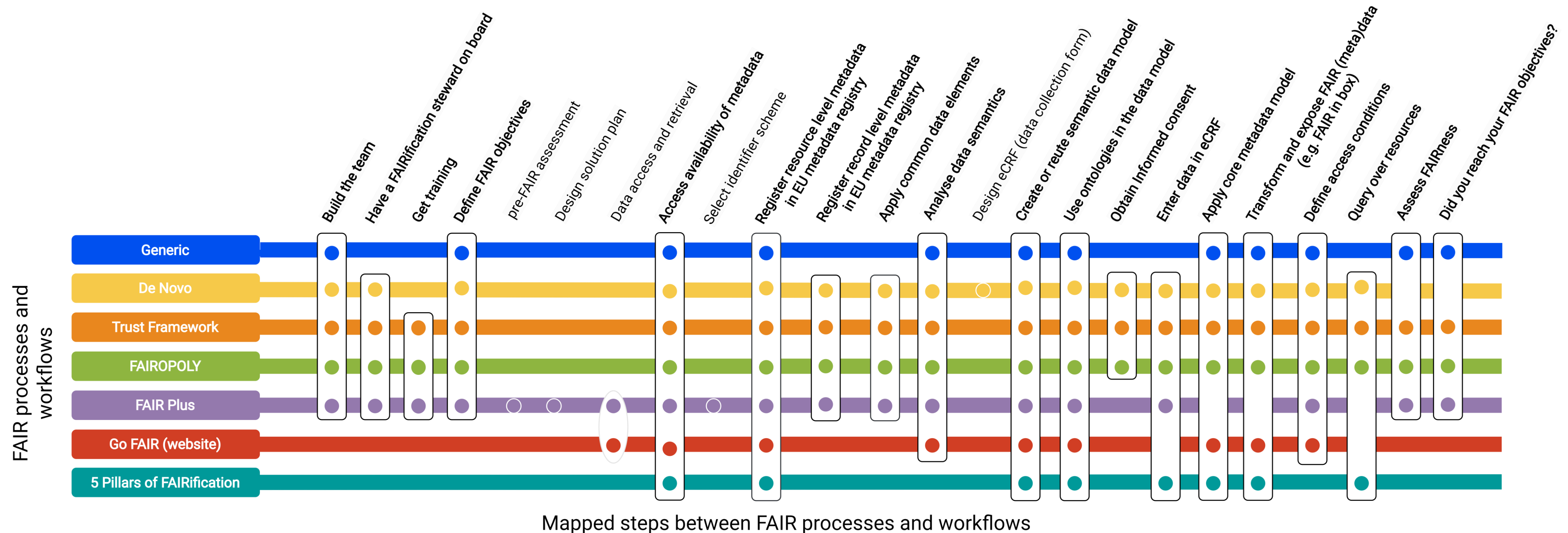
- Increase and accelerate **data availability**
 - Data visiting instead of data sharing
- Increase **insight in and oversight of models**
 - "repository of algorithms", including scope, use, performance
- Continuous monitoring of "AI interventions": stop / scale-up

Responsible stewardship & use

- Data & Models
 - High quality
 - As open as possible
 - **FAIR**: Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable
 - Federated
- Questions:
 - who bears the burden of making FAIR and training models



Making data FAIR in practice – the metroline





AMIA Policy Committee Work Product

- Based on work by the American Medical Informatics Association's Policy Committee 2020- 2021 and approved by the Board of Directors
- Solomonides AE, Koski E, Atabaki SM, Weinberg S, McGreevey JD, Kannry JL, Petersen C, Lehmann CU. Defining AMIA's artificial intelligence principles. J Am Med Inform Assoc. 2022 Mar 15;29(4):585-591. doi: 10.1093/jamia/ocac006. PMID: 35190824; PMCID: PMC8922174.
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Dissecting racial bias in an algorithm used to manage the health of populations

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Health systems rely on commercial prediction algorithms to identify and help patients with complex health needs. We show that a widely used algorithm, typical of this industry-wide approach and affecting millions of patients, exhibits significant racial bias: At a given risk score, Black patients are considerably sicker than White patients, as evidenced by signs of uncontrolled illnesses. Remedying this disparity would increase the percentage of Black patients receiving additional help from 17.7 to 46.5%. The bias arises because the algorithm predicts health care costs rather than illness, but unequal access to care means that we spend less money caring for Black patients than for White patients. Thus, despite health care cost appearing to be an effective proxy for health by some measures of predictive accuracy, large racial biases arise. We suggest that the choice of convenient, seemingly effective proxies for ground truth can be an important source of algorithmic bias in many contexts.

Examples of Bias in ML

- Algorithm to predict complex health needs of patients to allocate resources
- Used health expenditure as a proxy for health status ("the more spent on healthcare, the worse a person's health must be")
- What do you think happened?

- Black patients with the same level of illness were less likely to be able to afford and access needed services
- The algorithm predicted lower future costs, incorrectly assessing better health and fewer needed services for this population



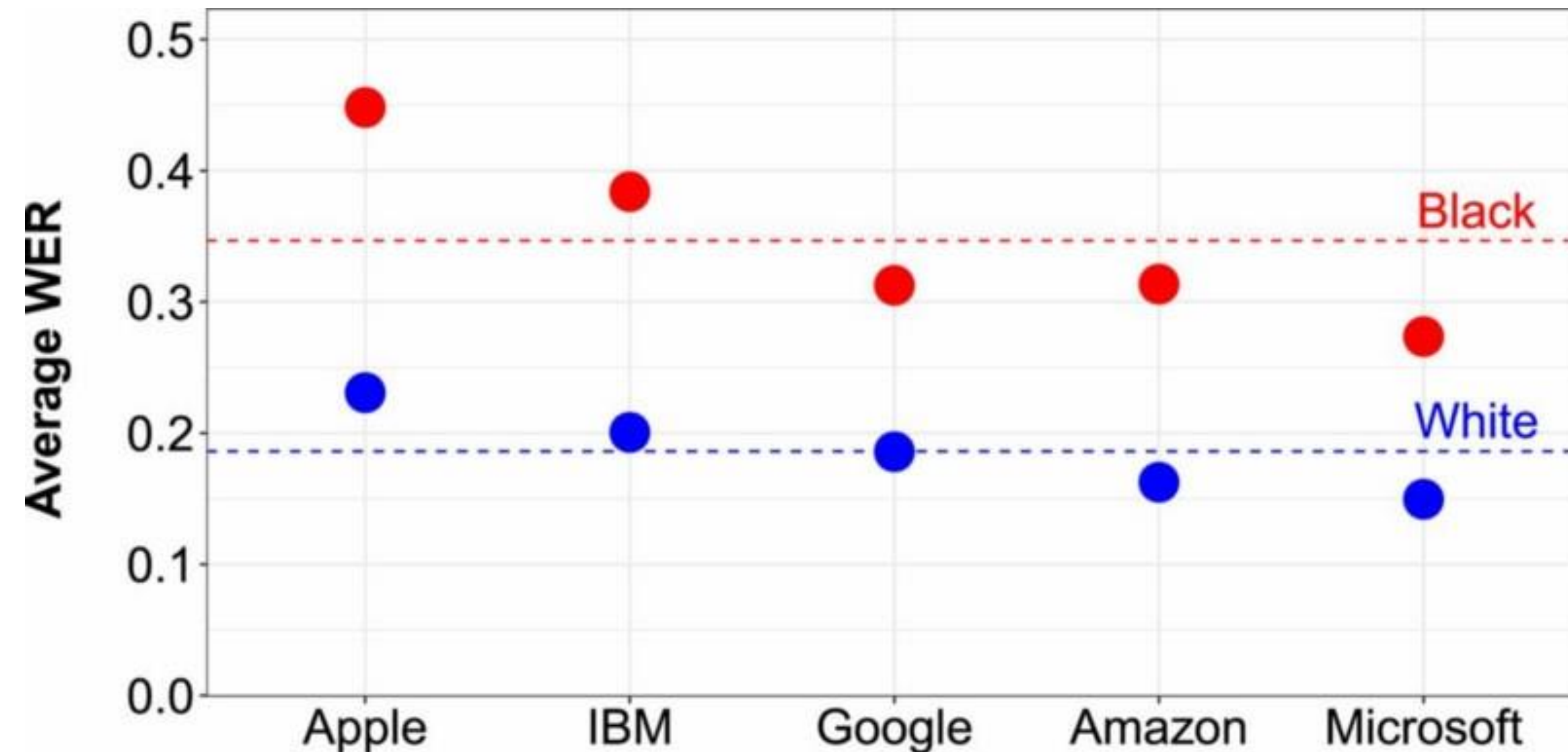
Historical Bias

- Use of historical data that may no longer reflect reality
- 2014, Amazon built a system to screen job applicants from CVs
- Data from 2004 – 2014 where most employees were male
- Result: The system identified males as more suitable candidates
- Project was scrapped

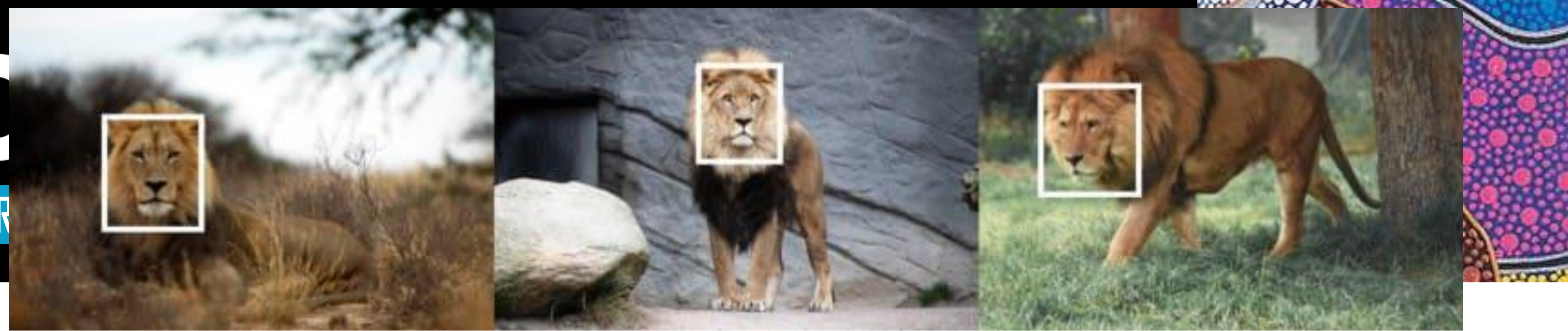


Sample Bias

- Training data do not accurately reflect the makeup of the real world
- Speech-to-Text System
- **Trained on Audiobooks** - narrated by well educated, middle aged, white men
- Underperforms with speakers from different socio-economic or ethnic backgrounds



Word Error Rate = WER



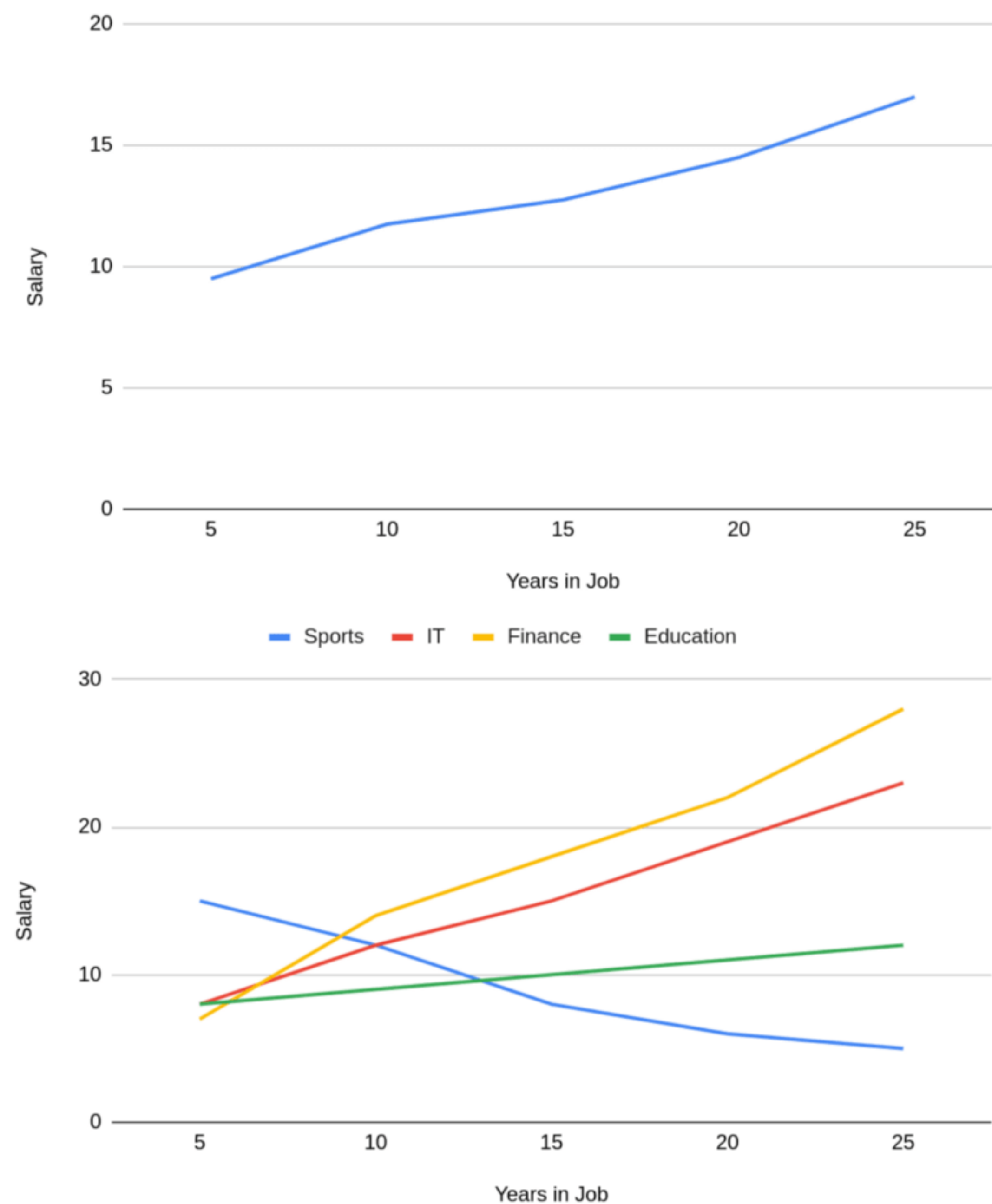
Label Bias

- ML models need labeled data - Labeling may vary
- Above only front facing lions are labeled;
- The system is unable to identify a lion from its side



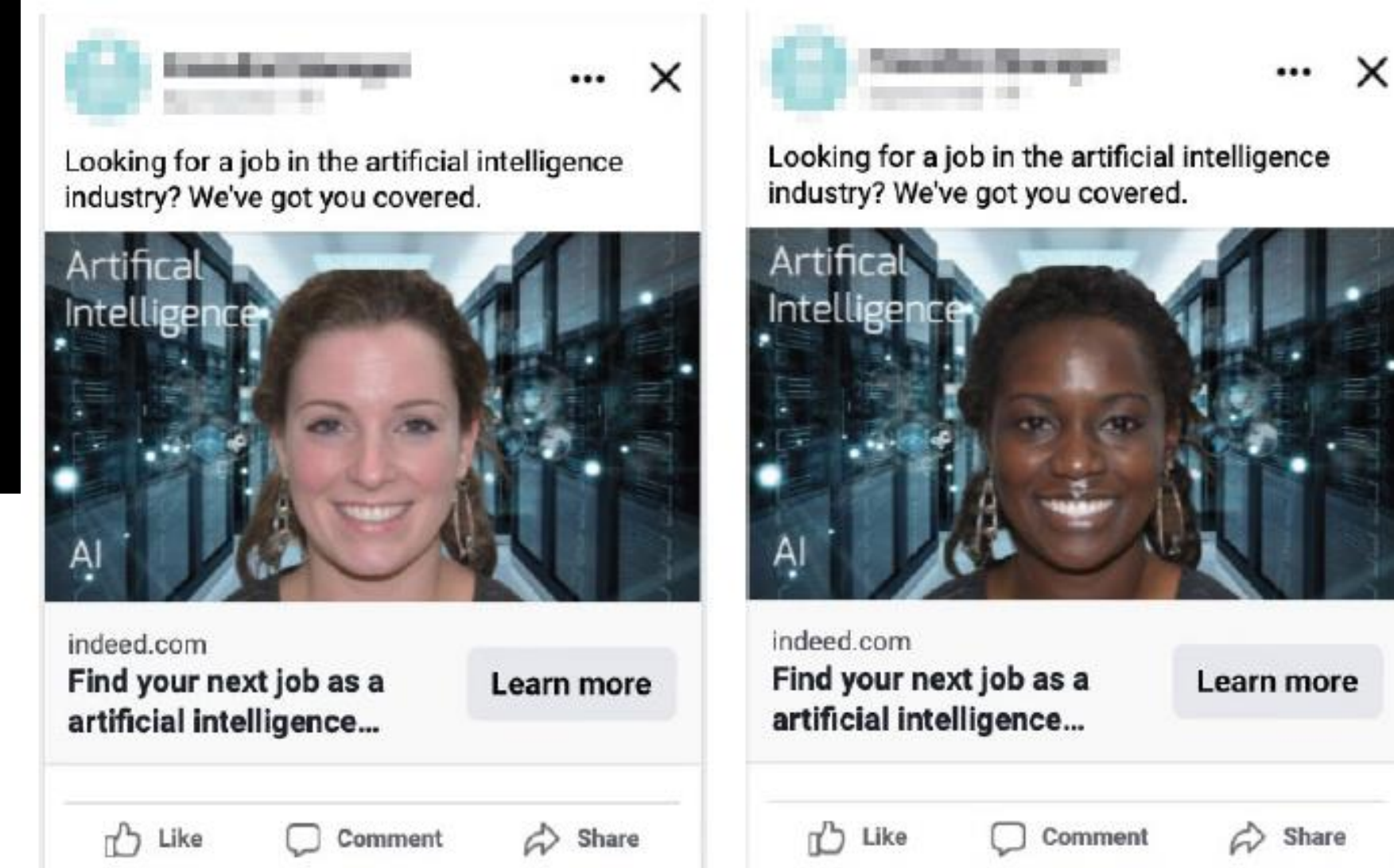
Aggregation Bias

- Aggregating data may introduce bias
- Graph shows salary and years on the job – linear correlations.
- Now look at the data used to create this graph
- For athletes the opposite is true.



Bias Example in Social Media

- Researchers ran the same ad but alternated pictures
- Images of women were delivered to an actual audience of 50% women
- Pictures of older women and female children are delivered primarily to women (58% and 55% women, respectively)
- Pictures of teenage women are delivered primarily to men (43% women)
- Synthetic images of adult Black people were delivered to 81% Black users
- Synthetic images of adult white people were delivered to only 50% Black users on average.



<https://facebook-targeting.ccs.neu.edu/measurement/papers/kaplan2022measurement.pdf>

Examples of AI Bias

- Apple's credit algorithm extended lower credit to wives than their husbands
- Hispanics are more likely to have their prepaid, legal transactions reported to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (less likely to have a bank account)
- Facebook's AI application discriminated by race and gender in housing advertisements
- AI to predict patients ready for hospital discharge demonstrated a bias against people from poorer neighborhoods with more African-Americans



Belmont Principles - 1974

- National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research
 - Autonomy
 - Beneficence
 - Nonmaleficence
 - Justice
- Re-interpreted for AI
- +11 additional principles

The Belmont Report

Ethical Principles
and Guidelines for
the Protection of
Human Subjects
of Research

The National Commission
for the Protection of Human Subjects
of Biomedical and Behavioral
Research



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Responsible Principles for AI

- Beneficence
 - AI is designed explicitly to be helpful to people, who use it or on whom it is used, and to reflect the ideals of compassionate, kind, and considerate human behavior
- Autonomy
 - Context AI: operates without human oversight
 - Context Ethics: **"protecting the autonomy of all people** and treating them with courtesy and respect and facilitating informed consent"



Responsible Principles for AI

- Nonmaleficence
 - “Do No Harm”
 - Every reasonable effort shall be made to avoid, prevent, and minimize harm or damage to any stakeholder
- Justice
 - Equity in representation in and access to AI, data, and the benefits of AI
 - Fair access to redress and remedy be available in the event of harm resulting from the use of AI
 - Affirmative use of AI to support social justice





Principles for the Organization

- Benevolence
 - Organizations developing AI systems must intend positive purposes (e.g., improved health outcomes) rather than negative purposes (e.g., to further bias, exploit individuals, advance financial interests)
- Transparency
 - AI systems do not incorporate or conceal any special interests
 - AI systems deal evenhandedly and fairly with all good faith actors
 - Stakeholders understand that they are dealing with AI in the first place

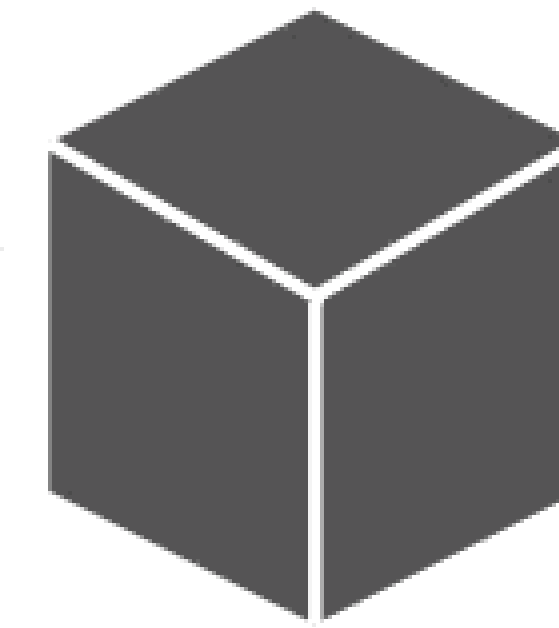
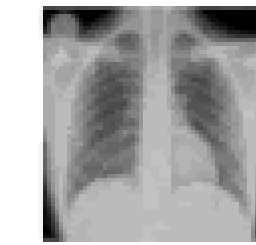




Principles for the Organization

- Accountability
 - AI requires active oversight and a clear "reporting line"
 - Any risk deemed attributable to AI must be reported, assessed, monitored, measured, and mitigated
 - Required ongoing oversight of AI systems
 - Lodging a complaint and receiving proper redress, and escalation of a complaint should be possible





"this patient has a
97.6% likelihood of
pneumonia"



AI Technical Principles

- Explainability
 - AI may not function as a "black box" to users or patients
 - Developers must
 - declare the scope, proper application, and limitations of their work
 - provide sufficient information about the general derivation of their output
 - Upon request provide a role-appropriate (e.g., lay language for patients) explanation
- Interpretability
 - AI must present plausible reasoning for decisions or advice, which must be presented in appropriately accessible language based on the stakeholder



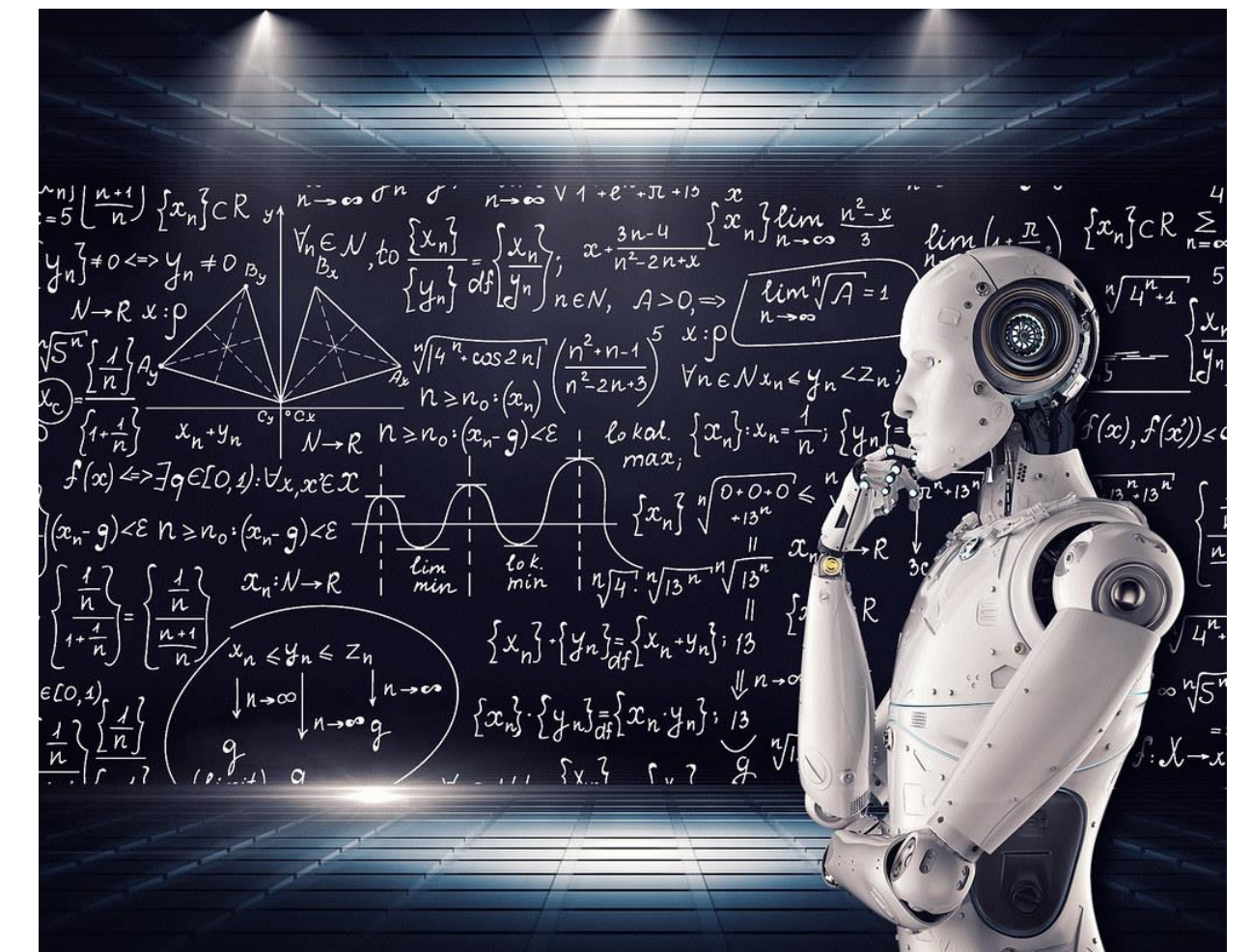
AI Technical Principles

- Fairness
 - AI must be free of bias and must be nondiscriminatory
- Dependability
 - AI must be robust, safe, secure, and resilient
 - At worst it “fails gracefully” (leaves system in a safe or secure state)
- Auditability
 - AI must provide an “audit trail” of its performance including internal changes
 - Audit log contains model state, the input variables, and the resulting output for any system decision or recommendation



AI Technical Principles

- Knowledge Management
 - Developers must maintain AI systems including retraining of algorithms on new data or new populations
 - The models powering AI need to have clearly listed creation, revalidation, and expiration dates (transparent to users)
 - **Algorithmovigilance**





AI Research

- Needed to
 - Understand the technology better as it evolves
 - Ensure its humane and ethical application in society and the economy





Conclusion

- AI will play an important role in the gains in medical knowledge, diagnosis, and treatment in the 21st century
- AI has the potential to make healthcare safer, more effective, less costly, and even more equitable
- AI must be introduced judiciously, in the appropriate environments, and in accordance with the ethical principles outlined
- *Algorithmovigilance* is paramount