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Prediction: Week 9

"Models:" Mental, STATISTICAL, SIMULATION, and Physical

How are models used to make Modern Predictions?

(Flavors of) Algorithmic Prediction

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Weather/Climate simulating spatial processes

Systems Biology simulating non-spatial processes Genomics

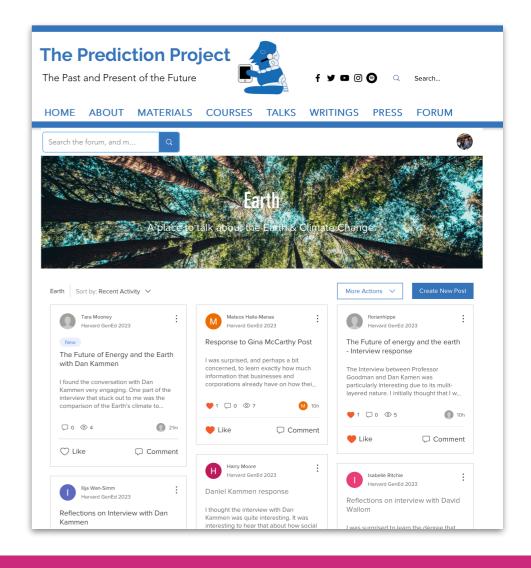
statistical predictions
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Mobile Health statistical predictions of behavior

Discussions (Preview)



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Week 9	The Future of Energy and the Earth (Dan Kammen)	Climate	Energy	1. Renee Ferguson, 2. Florian Hippe, 3. Wesley Wang, 4. Ilija Wan-Simm, 5. Harry Moore 6. Pierre Lesperance, 7. Tara Mooney 8. Gary Zhan, 9. Kushal Chattopadhyay
Week 9	David Wallom	Climate	Energy	1. Jack Cenovic, 2. Devangana Rana, 3. Anh-Thu Le, 4. Andre Ramsey, 5. Isabelle Ritchie, 6. Hudson Yang, 7. Riley Malone 8. Jordan DiGirolamo 9. Loic Tagne
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Prof. Alyssa Goodman 📦 . 😁 PredictionX Team

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Thanks--the PredictionX team.

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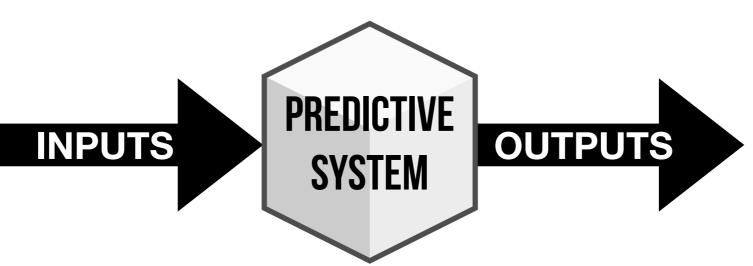
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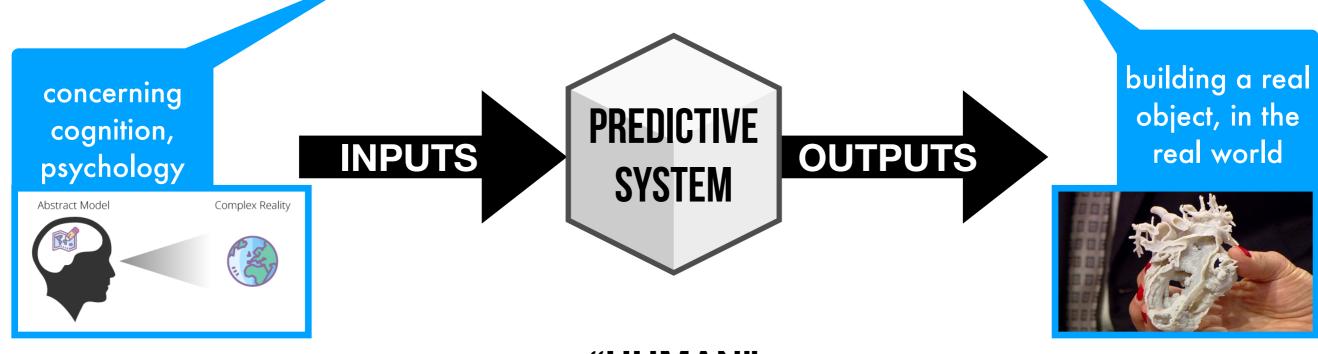
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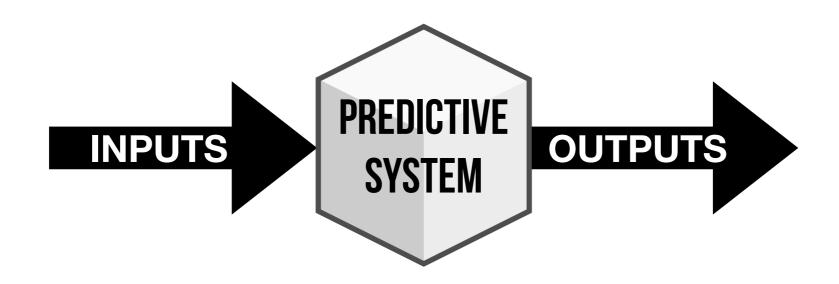
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Only "SIMULATIONS" can have truly deterministic rules (but not all do)

Remember to always ask...

"Simulation" or "Numerical Experiment"?

- Simulation: goal is reality
- Numerical Experiment: A "what if" question, about one parameter or idea.

What to do about critical inputs you can't have?

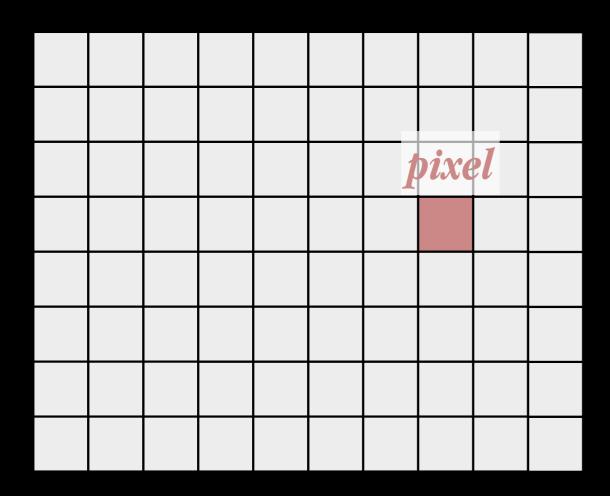
• e.g. underground activity in earthquake forecasting, true # of COVID-19 infections, aspects of human behavior?

Is a more complicated system always better?

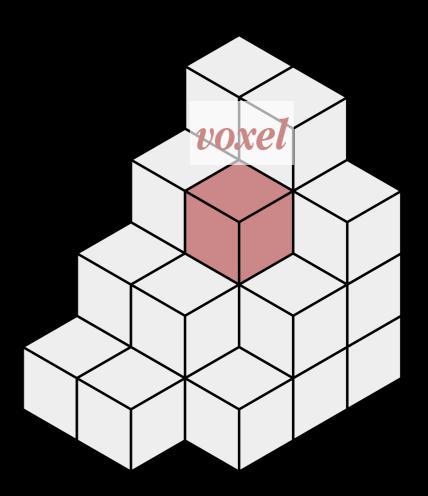
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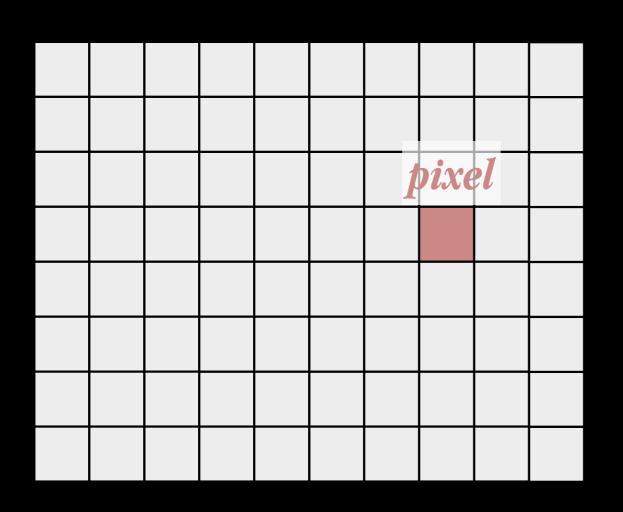
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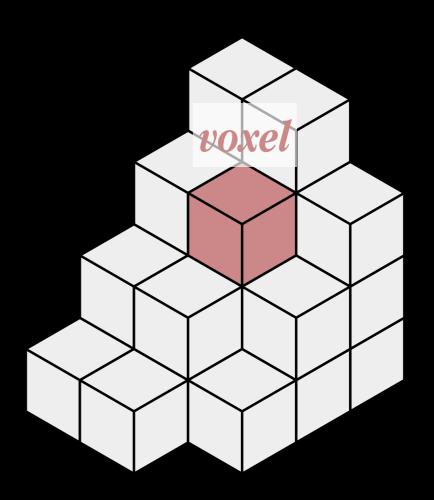


3D computational zones are called "voxels" or "grid cells"

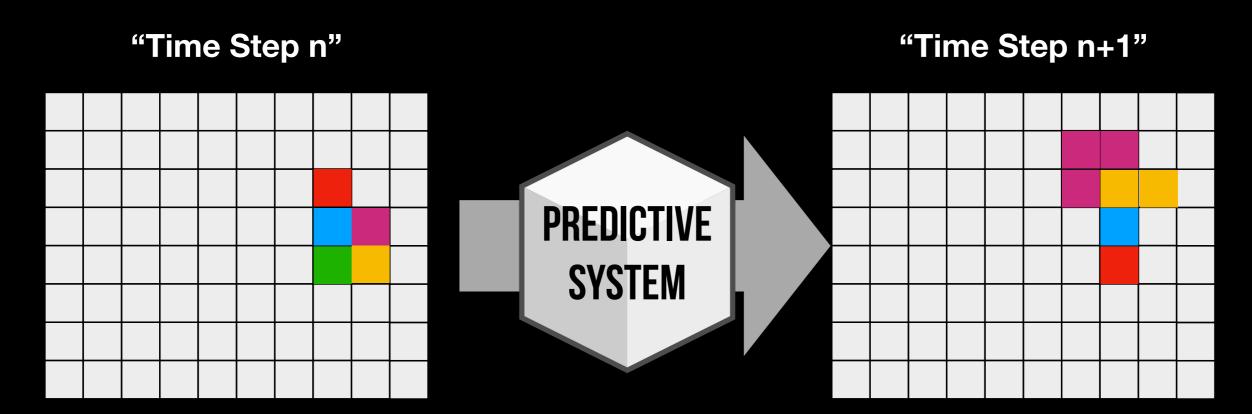


The rules applied in a simulation give an "update" for what happens in each "pixel" or "voxel" depending on what happens in neighboring cells.





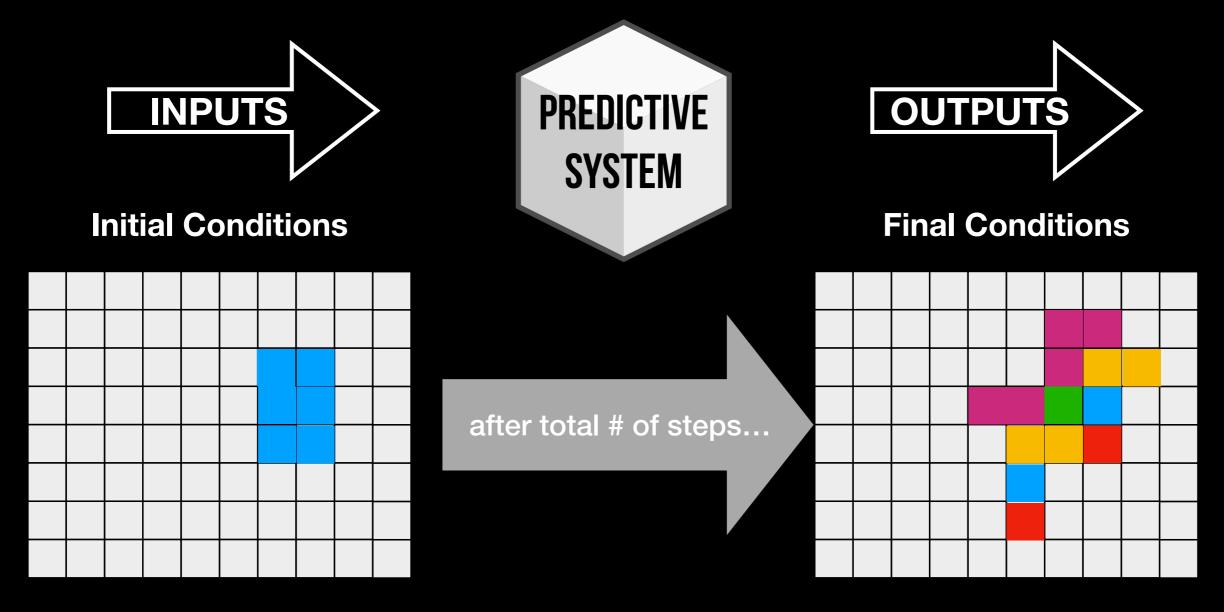
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System is in some "state" shown by the arrangement of colors in the pixels

System is in new "state" shown by the new arrangement of colors in the pixels

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This starting state is determined by **INPUTS** to the predictive system.

At the last time step, the state of the simulation is the **OUTPUT**.

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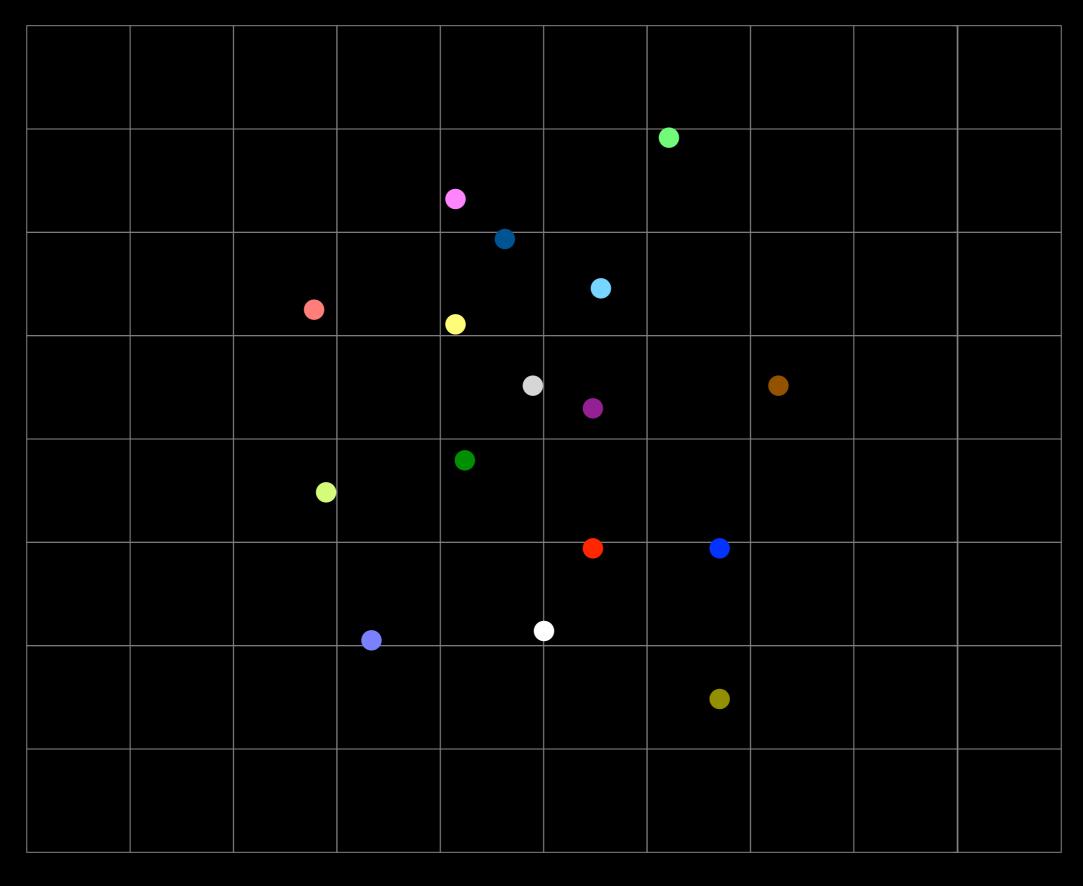
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Let's start with a **SIMULATION** where a "deterministic" rule leads to **STATISTICAL** (probabilistic) outcomes; later, we can talk AI

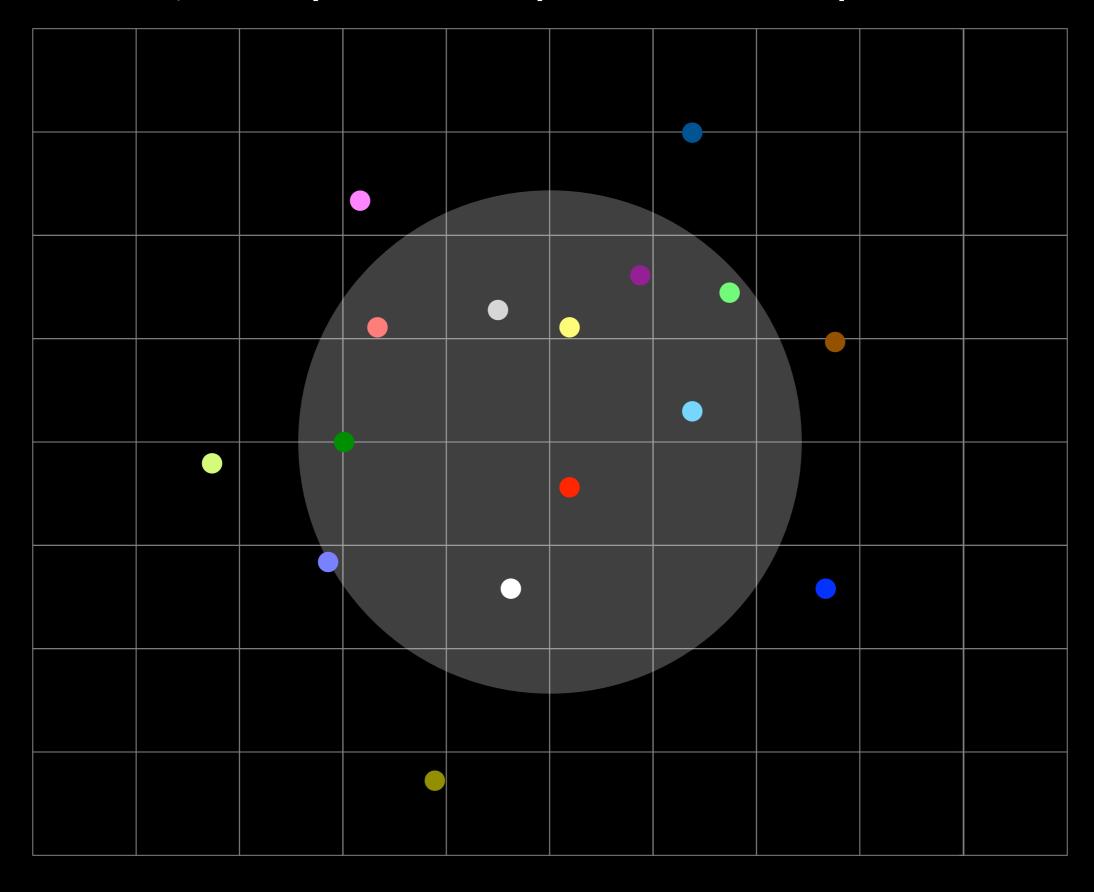
SIMULATION of "Random" Particle Motions

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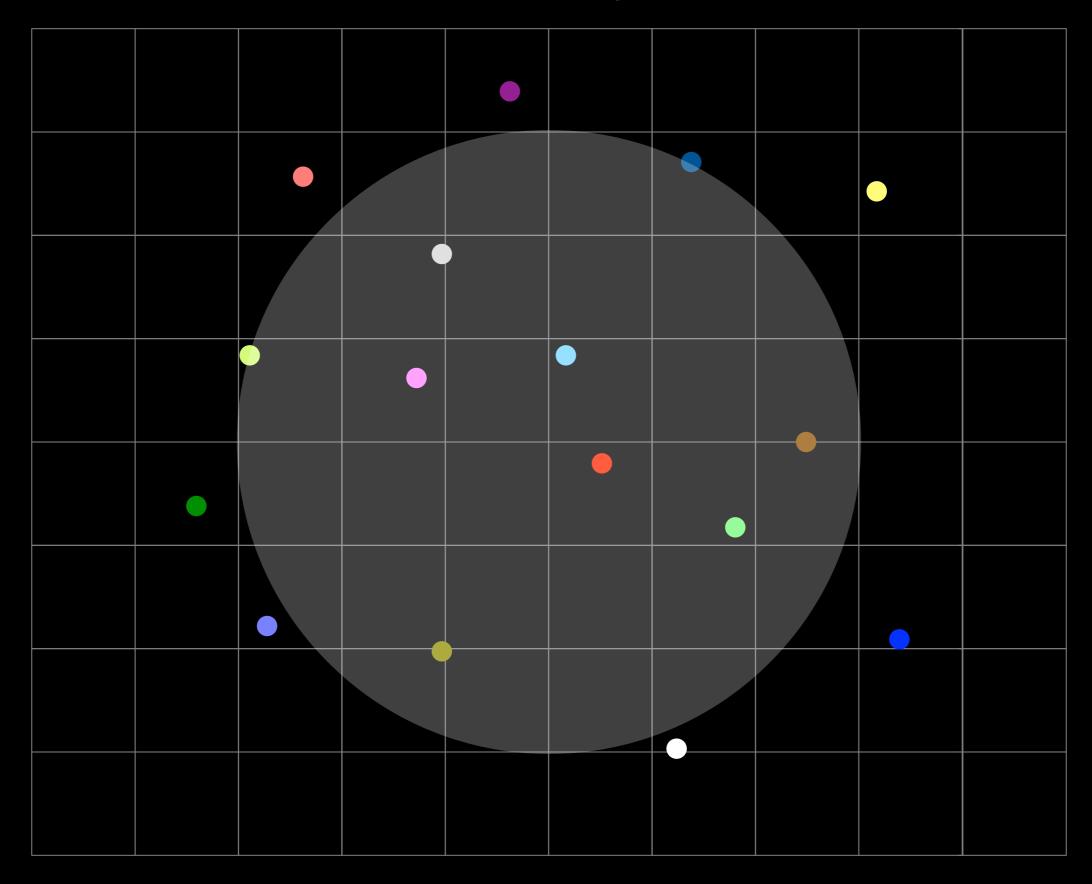
Each particle moves within a range of speeds, in a random direction, at each time step.



With these rules, we can predict the "expected" area of the particles' distribution.

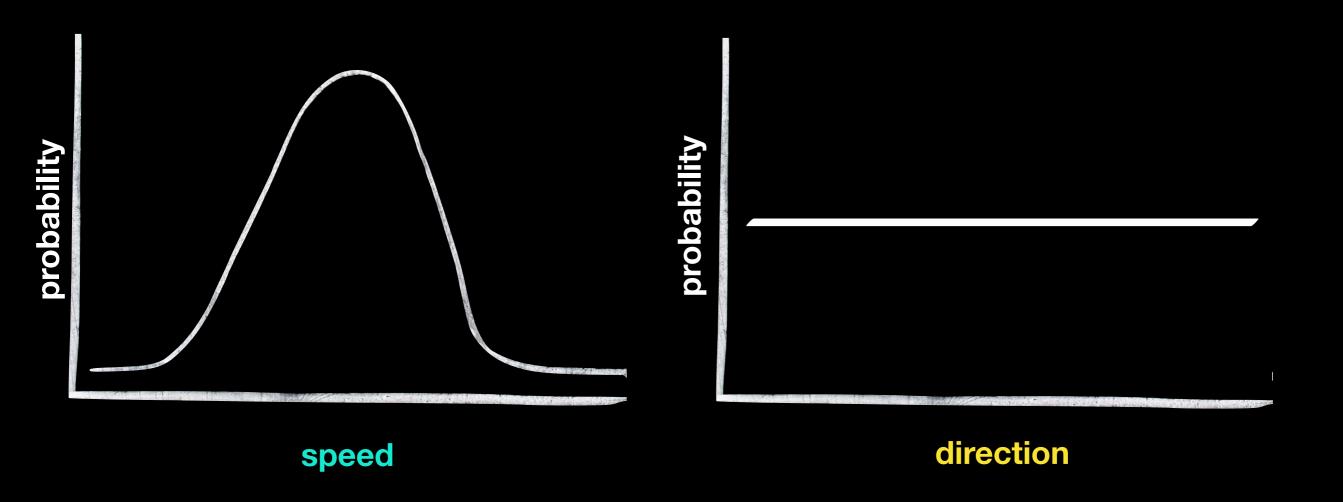


...and how it should grow with time

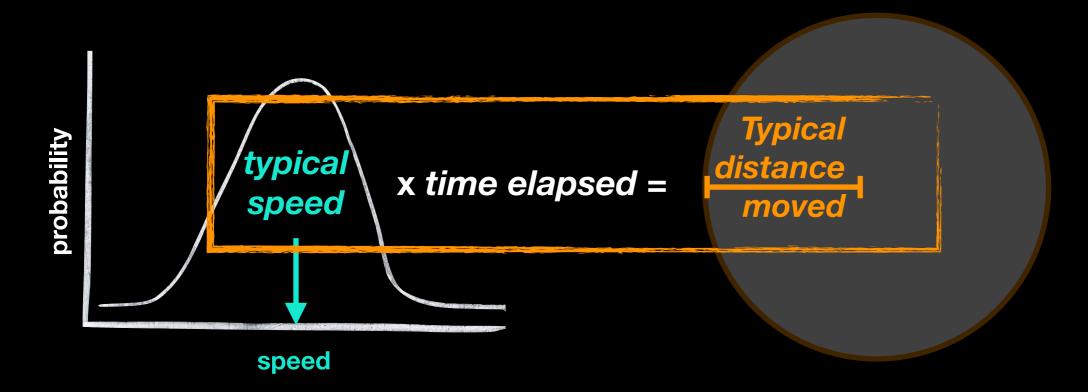




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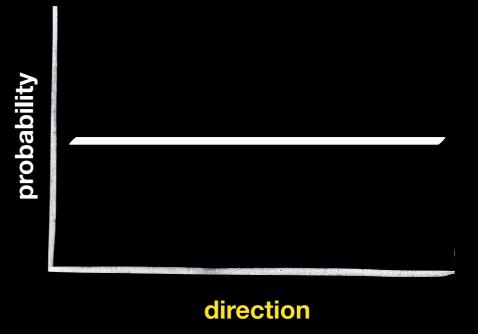


With these RULES, we can predict the "expected" area of the particles' distribution.

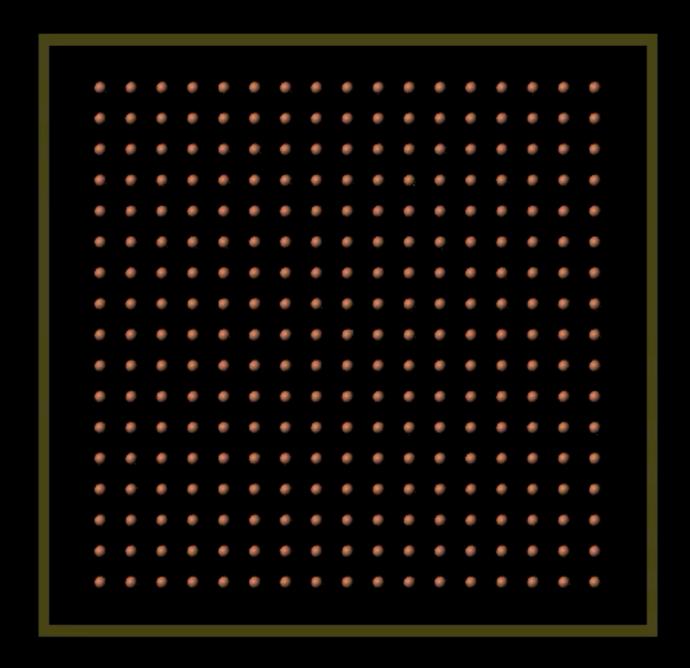


so expected distribution shape is a circle, with radius given by the orange line

directions moved are random

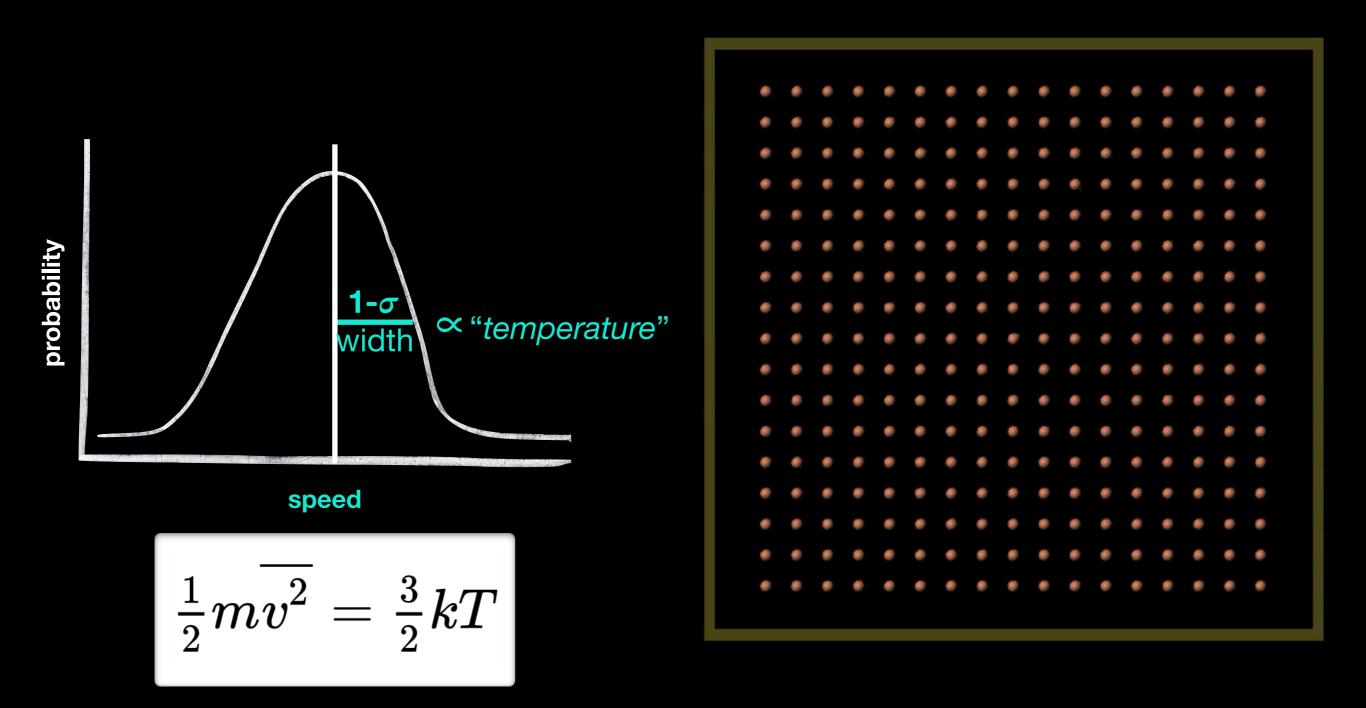


And, if we had many more particles, and allowed for the effects of collisions, here's what would happen.



The evolving yellow path shows the path of one particle, "diffusing" from the center.

If there were **many, many, many more particles**, and the system reached "thermal **equilibrium**," then the **spread in velocities** of particles in a similar 3D box would measure "**temperature**" of an ideal gas...



T=temperature m=particle mass k=Boltmann's constant v=velocity (speed)

(now imagine you also had gravity... we'll leave that "3-body" problem discussion—of very non-deterministic physics, for "Space Week"!)

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A variety of such examples are presented in *The Signal and the Noise*, by Nate Silver

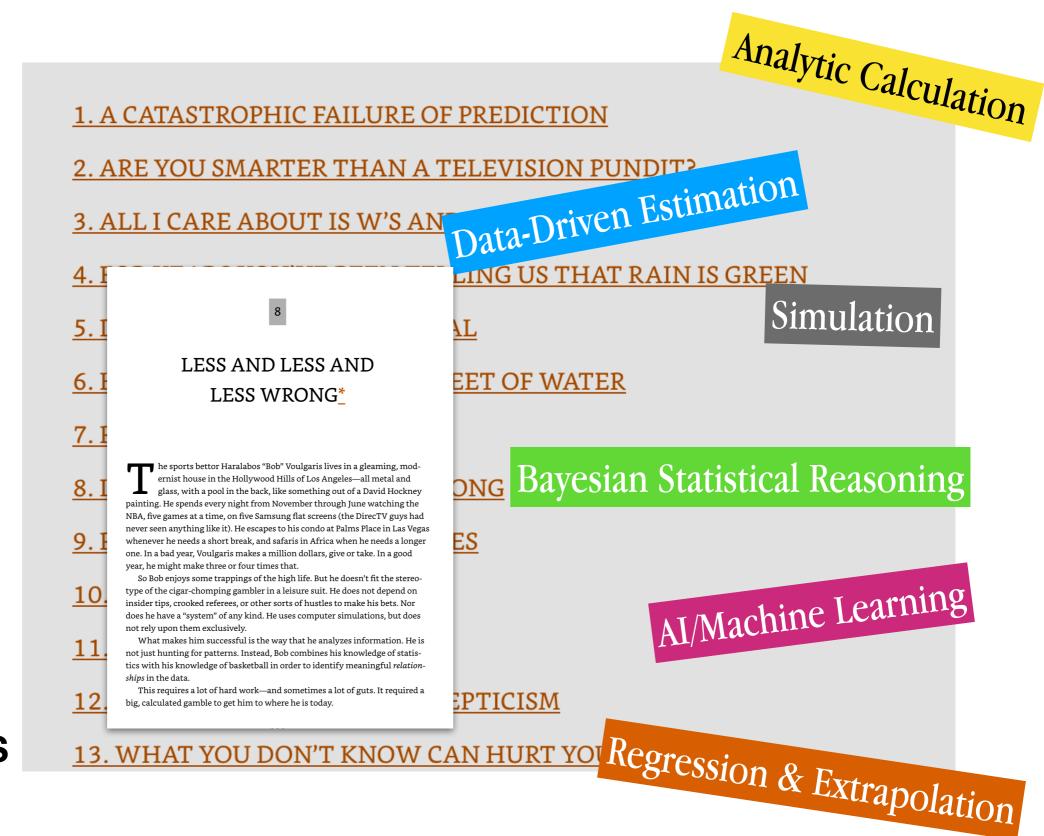
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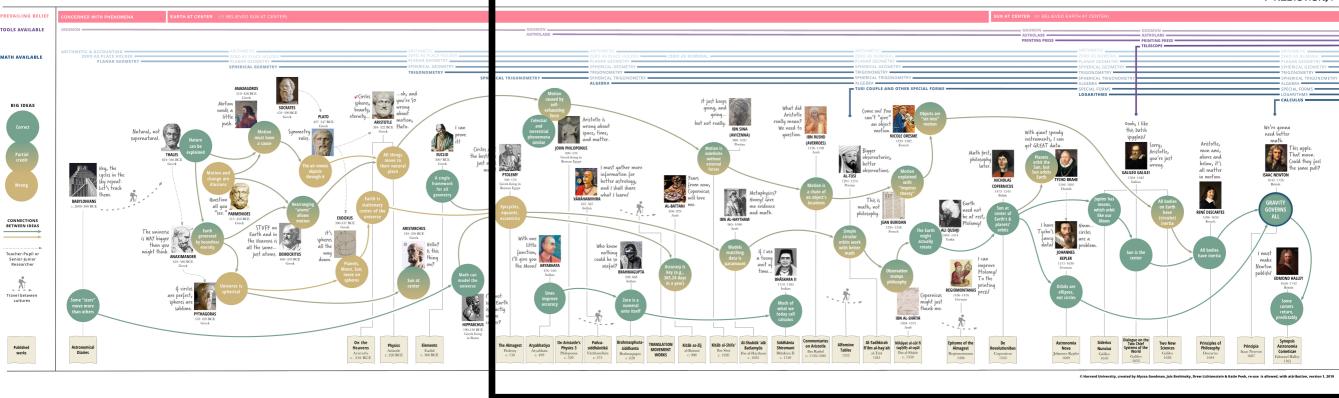
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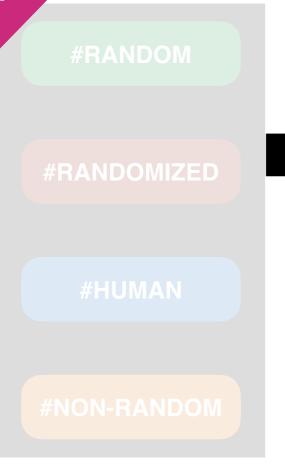
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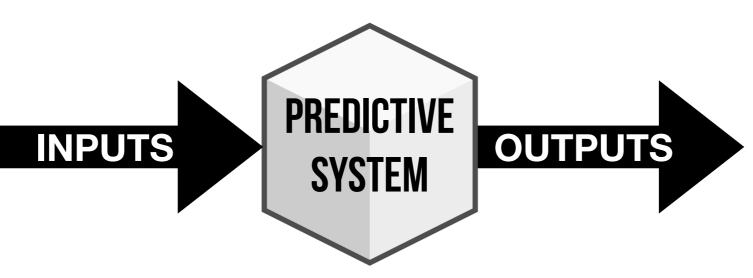
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This "how" video is too detailed for today—let's look at "why," for now.

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Bayesian Updating in Decision-Making/Prediction



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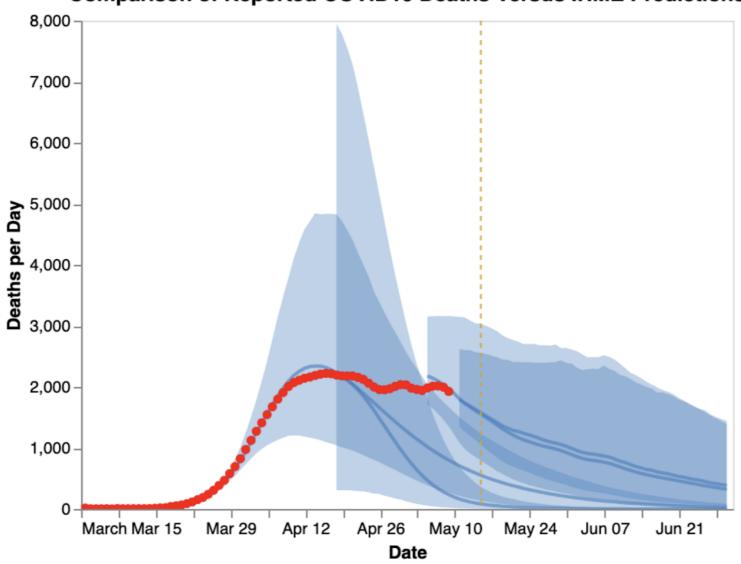
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e.g. IHME early COVID-19 forecasting

Comparison of Reported COVID19 Deaths Versus IHME Predictions



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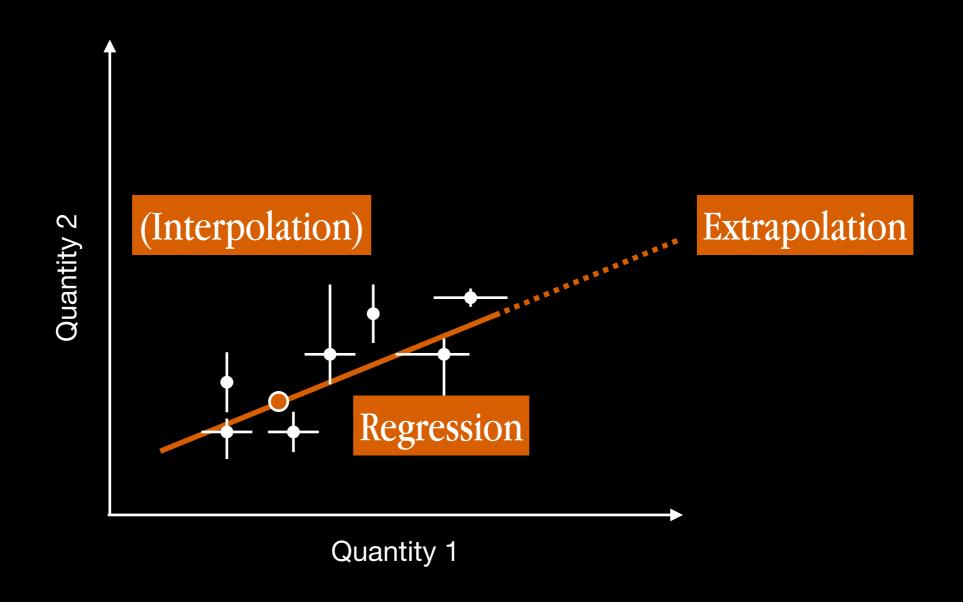
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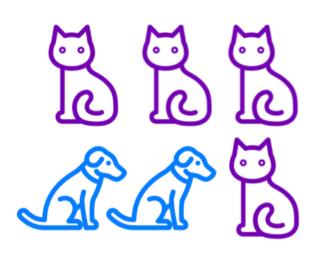
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"training" data learning algorithm

"predicted" answer



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sufficient? unbiased?

supervised? unsupervised?

uncertainty? bias?

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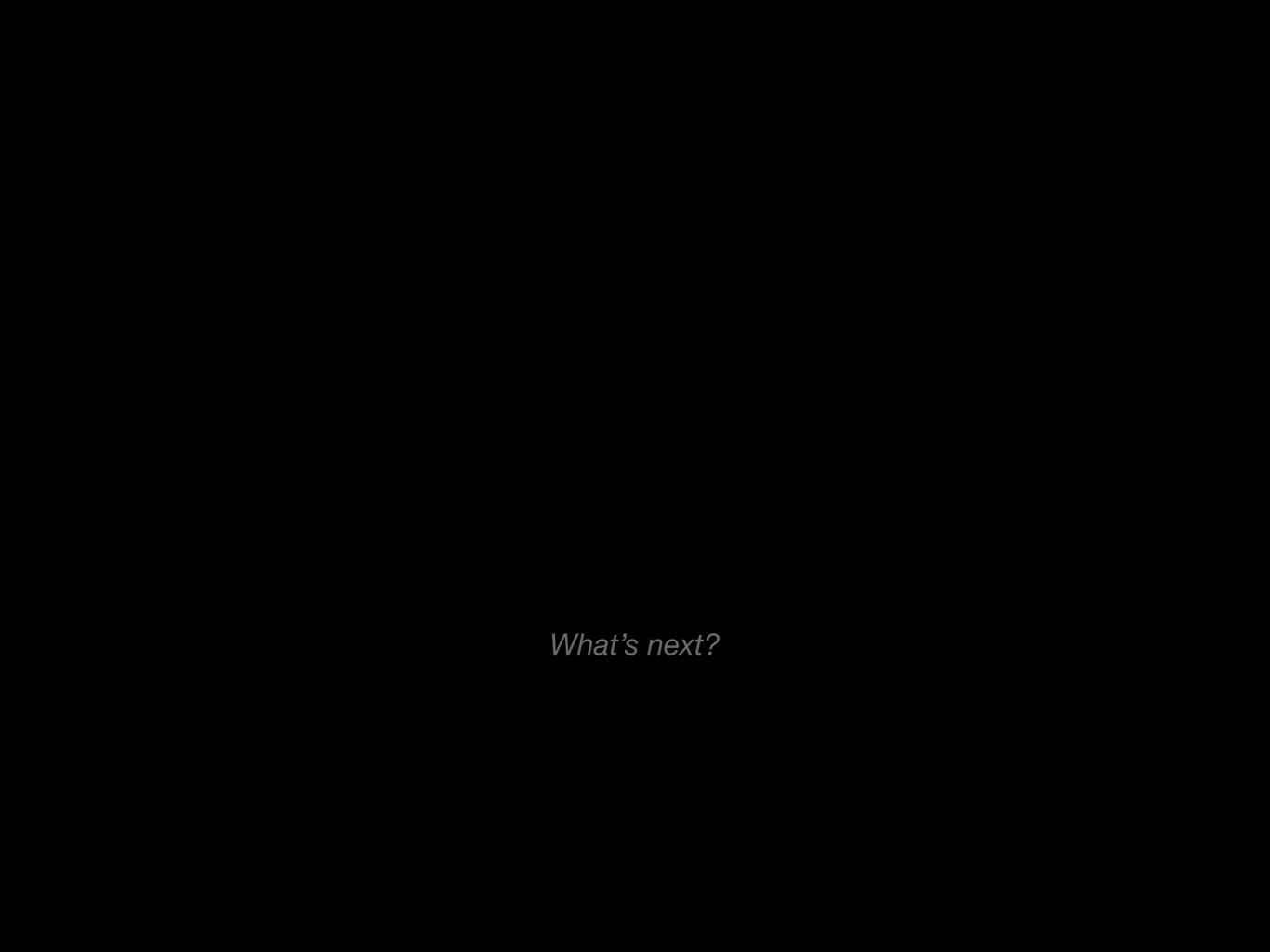
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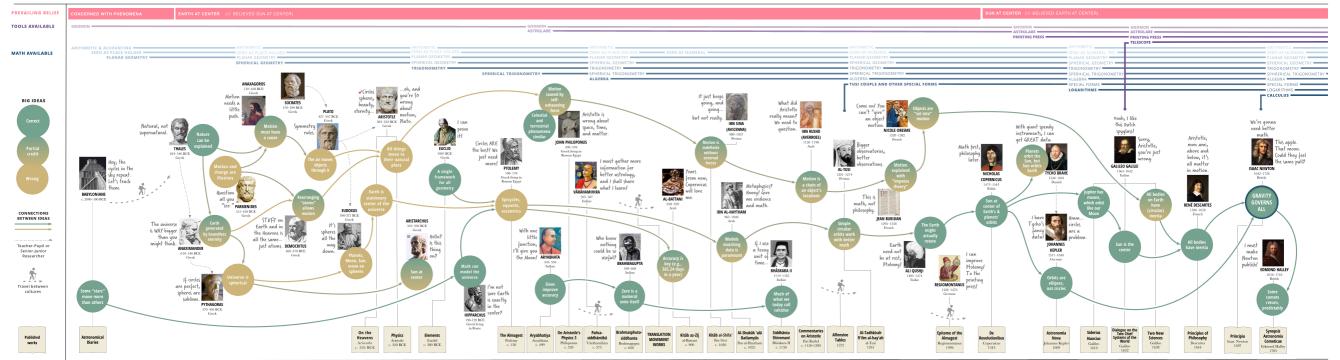


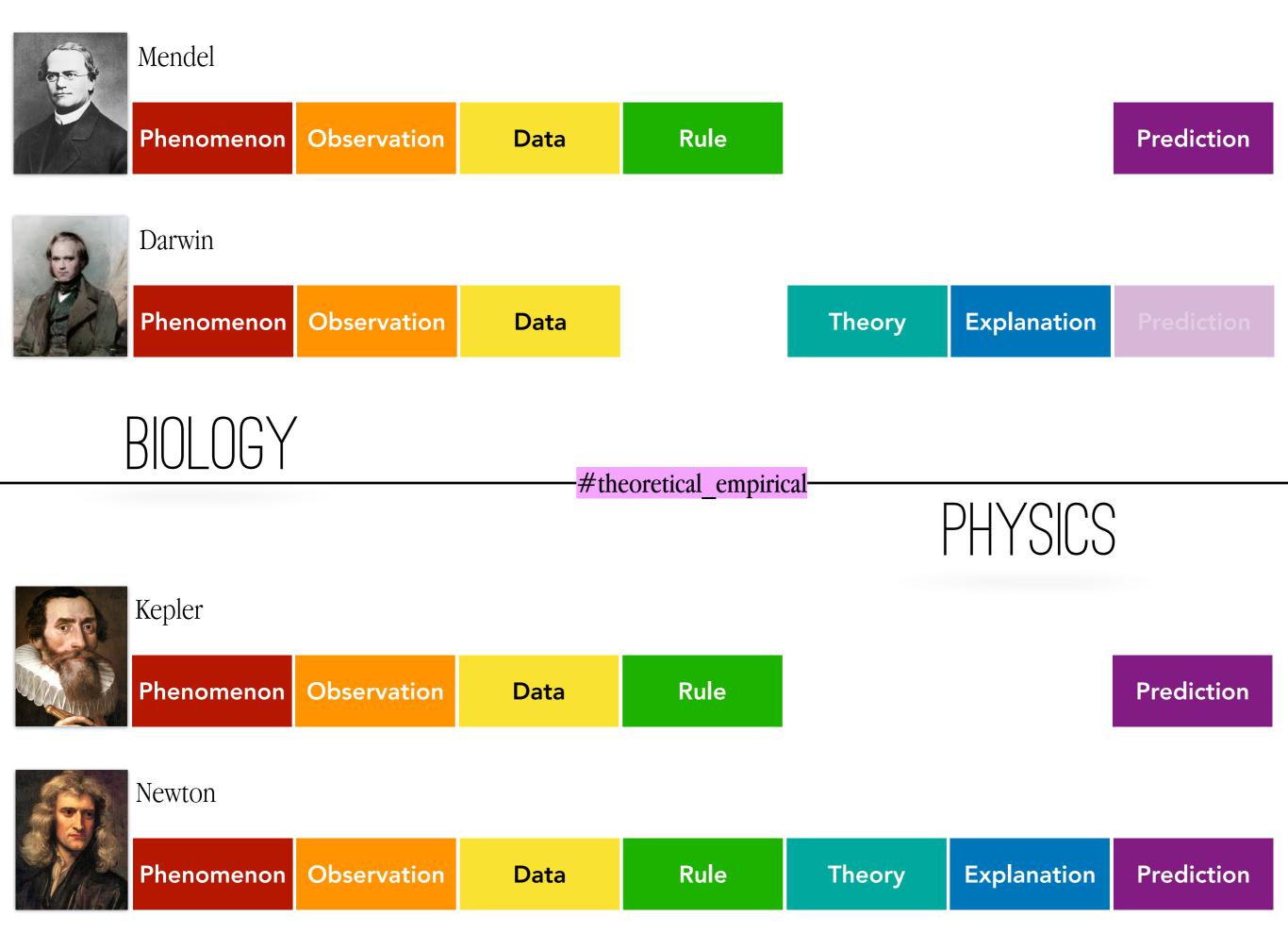
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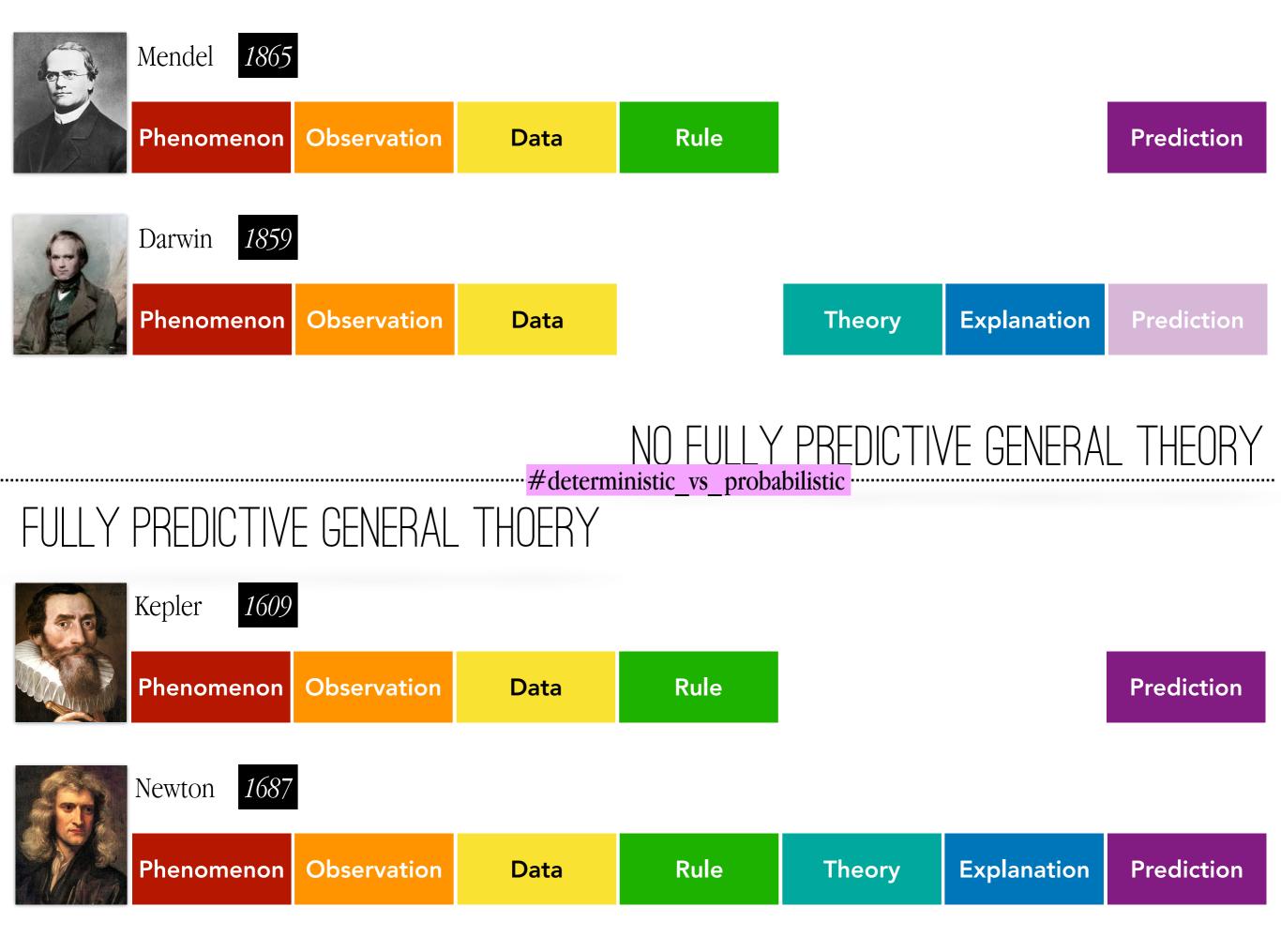
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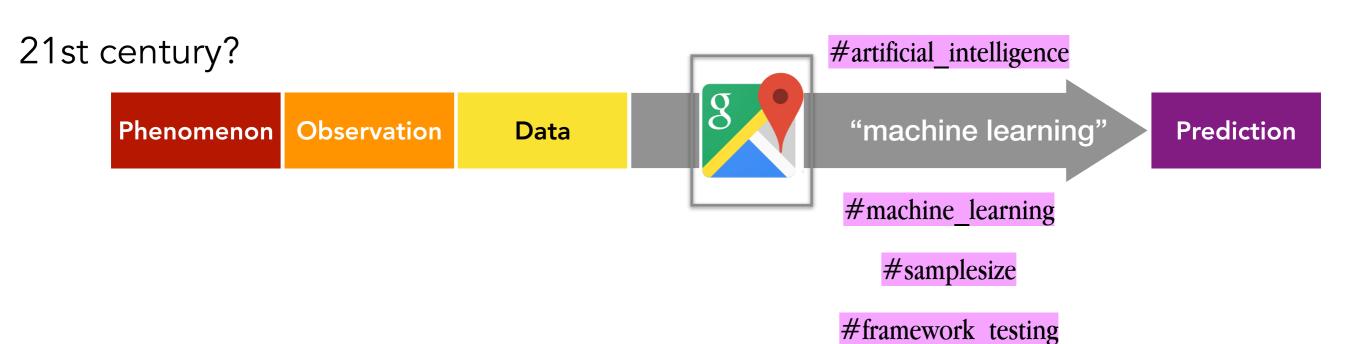




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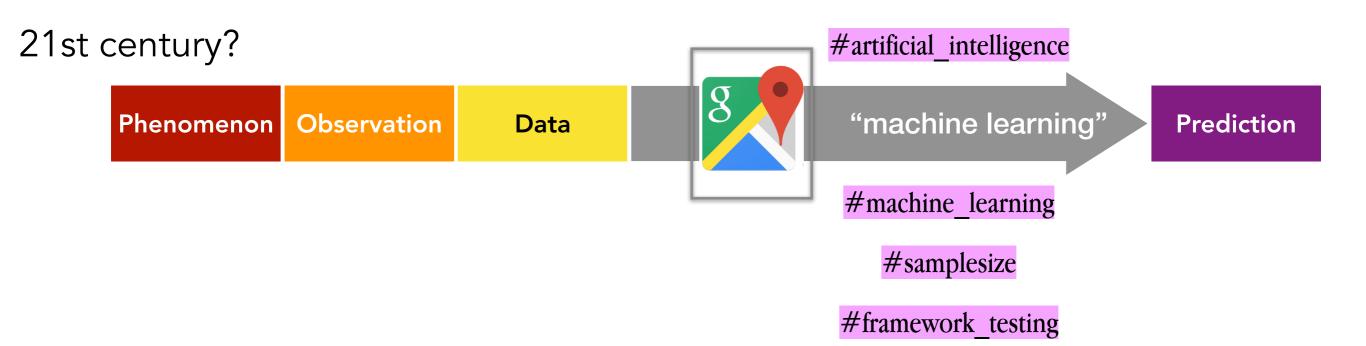
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Data-Driven Dilemmas posed by COVID-19

This commentary was submitted on April 21, 2020 as a proposed Op-Ed for the NYT, by Prof. Alyssa A. Goodman, Harvard University. It represents the personal views of the author, not an official position of Harvard University.

I teach "<u>Prediction</u>." At Harvard. But I cannot predict the outcome of the current pandemic. I am equipped, as a scientist, to understand, evaluate, and potentially act upon, the infection and death statistics we all now read every day. But as a person, I can also act out of fear. The constant dialogue in my mind between my rational self and my emotional self helps me appreciate the dilemma facing our leaders now, as they try quite literally, to save the world.

I am trained as a physicist and astronomer. I specialize in data science, and data visualization, and I teach some epidemiology in my Prediction class. While this background does not qualify me to expertly advise leaders on COVID-19 strategy, it does put me at 1 or 2 degrees of separation from many experts quoted in the press every day. And, it's very clear to me from this privileged vantage point that even true experts' predictions do not agree. Traditional <u>mathematical models of epidemics</u> use the now-infamous "R_O" reproduction number, lethality rates, understanding of infection mechanisms, analysis of co-morbidities, and other medical measures to estimate outcomes. <u>Bold data-science approaches</u> eschew understanding of infectious disease, and base predictions purely on "training data" that amounts to information about what has actually happened in countries farther along in their epidemic curves than others.

Both groups—epidemiologists using infectious disease expertise to model a pandemic's course and data scientists making predictions using algorithms trained only on real-world actions and outcomes, suffer at this point from a <u>severe lack of reliable data</u> to input to their forecasts. In the understand-to-predict disease spread approach, uncertainty is reduced as more is known about mechanisms of infection and recovery, about true numbers of people susceptible and immune to the disease, and about the properties of the virus and of the people upon whom it has a range of effects. In the least medically-oriented of the data-science approaches, what's needed is a wide variety of circumstances (e.g. ranges of policies on social distancing, travel restrictions, population density, population demographics), measured over long-enough time spans, to let algorithms base forecasts on what happened elsewhere in the past. We simply do not have enough data at this point for either of these approaches to work with high precision, but either is good enough to forecast extremes.

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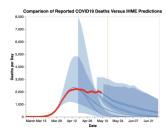
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4 representative dates, made with the interactive tools offered below.

IHME Model Uncertainty, Visualized over Time

The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) creates, maintains, updates, and publishes an opensource statistical model of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, based on open-data resources. As a public service, glue solutions, inc. here offers an online tool for visualizing the evolution of the IHME models

The general public has seen many versions of the IHME "Daily Deaths" plots, including in several White House briefings. Our goal here is to offer a look at how the models change—appropriately, in response to new data and information—over time, and how that affects model updates. In a companion essay online at the Prediction Project site, we offer more context on why this evolution is so interesting

(Banner above shows sample IHME "Daily Deaths" graphic, from 14 May 2020.

What's this tool for? Using the interactive graphics below, you can re-create the display of deaths/day akin to what would have been visible at IHME's. site on a range of modeling dates, for any region you select. In addition, you can show more than one model (date) at a time, to make comparisons.

How should I interpret what I see? In each of the panels below: red dots show reported actual deaths per day; solid blue lines show forecasts, and ligh regions show uncertainty bands. Those uncertainty bands indicate ranges of possible outcomes, as forecast on the date when the model was made. The should account for 95% of possible outcomes. As one can see by moving the time slider below each graph, the model and its associated uncertainty bar time. As more and more models are added, regions where shading appears darkest are regions where models have been most consistent

There are four versions of the IHME evolution visualization offered below. They are as follows (with source links in [brackets])

- 1. For the United States, showing only 4 representative model dates. [source, GitHub] [mobile site]
- 2. For the United States, offering a wide range of model dates [source, GitHub]
- 3. For the World, showing only 4 representative model dates [source, GitHub] [mobile site]
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How can I share interesting graphs I create? Join the discussion at the 10QViz.org IHME COVID-19 Model Uncertainty Visualization page to upload your graphic and tell the world what it shows you. (You can download your graphic using the three dots at the top right of each panel below.)

At present, this site's visualization interactions work best on larger screens. We provide links to standalone views of the visualization showing 4 representative model

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Uncertainty about Uncertainty

by Alyssa A. Goodman, May 18, 2020

This essay accompanies the release of an online tool for visualization of IHME COVID-19 forecasts' evolution over time and a community discussion of visualizations created with the tool.

Uncertainty about the future has motivated predictions for millennia. Sometimes, we're just curious but other times, we really need to know. As the present pandemic evolves, our urgent societal need to plan has motivated many scientists to predict the spread and effects of the novel coronavirus.

BACKGROUND: TWO BROAD CLASSES





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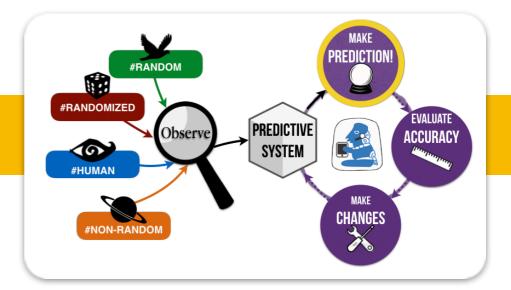
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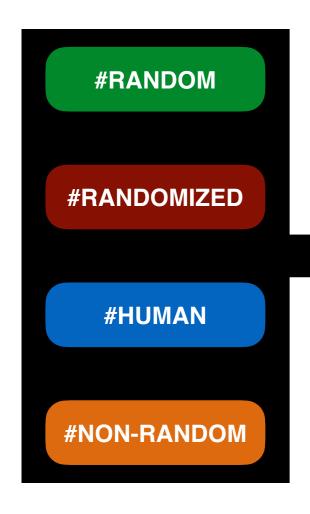


Click here open the interactive site and explore the visualizations on your own

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Which (also) use "AI," and how?

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Short example "learning to speak AI" video

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based on AI/ML glossary here ₽

Best resource: Crash Course series on PBS ₽

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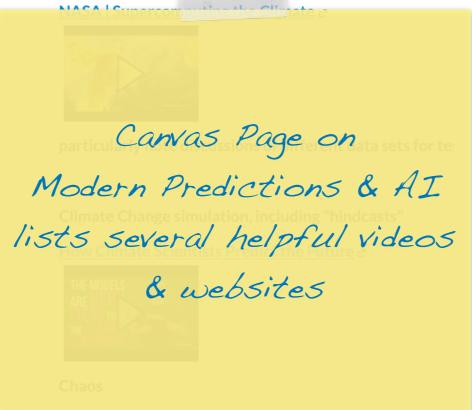


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Weather Sandbox (Simulation Game output)

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Ultimate Terminology You Need to Know





I don't know whether you know it or not... but there are a lot of misconceptions surrounding artificial intelligence. While some assume it means robots coming to life to interact with humans, other ones believe it is a superintelligence that soon will take over the world. Well, I consider this to be very discouraging. Not for me to explain the importance of knowing what AI is and what it can really do (especially if you are thinking about establishing your own AI expertise, or you are already using it).

Today, I offer to take care of terminology and don't be so naive anymore. In this article, I'll aim to highlight some of the most necessary concepts in a clear, straightforward way.

So, feel free to grab your coffee and a comfortable chair, and just dive in. Or use it as a reference anytime you want to brush up your knowledge.

Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Terms A to Z:

knowledge.

Limited memory

systems with short-term memory limited to a given timeframe

Hmm... how about just "classification"?

All those algorithms build a mathematical model, known as "training data", in order to make predictions or decisions.

While AI is a technique that enables machines to mimic human behavior, Machine Learning is a technique used to implement Artificial Intelligence. It is a certain process during which machines (computers) are learning by feeding them data and letting them learn a few tricks on their own, without being explicitly programmed to do so. So all-in-all, Machine Learning is the meat and potatoes of AI.

• Machine Perception

Machine perception is the capability of a computer system to interpret data in a manner that is similar to the way humans use their senses to relate to the world around them. The basic method that the computers take in and respond to their environment is through the attached hardware.

· Machine translation

Machine translation (MT) is an automated translation. It is the process by which computer software is used to translate a text from one natural language (such as English) to another (such as Spanish).

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• Narrow Intelligence

Narrow AI is AI that is programmed to perform a single task — whether it's checking the weather, being able to play chess, or analyzing raw data to write journalistic reports.

• Natural language processing (NLP)

Natural Language Process, or NLP for short, is a field of study focused on the interactions between human language and computers. NLP helps machines "read" text by simulating the human ability to understand language. It sits at the intersection of computer science, artificial intelligence, and computational linguistics.

· Neural networks

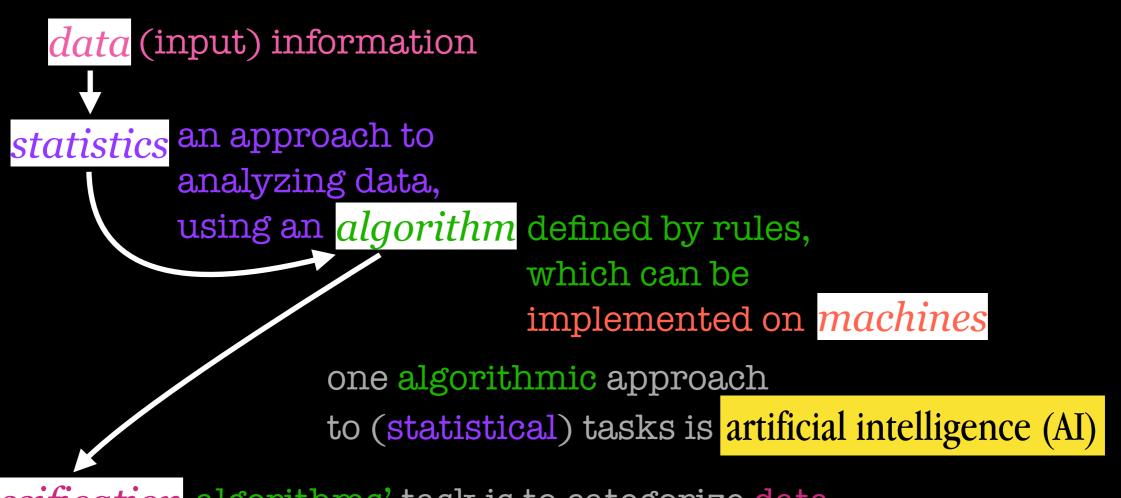
Learning to speak "artificial intelligence"...

Classification

In machine learning and statistics, classification is a supervised learning algorithm technique that allows machines to assign categories to data points (categorize data into a given number of classes). Classification (decision trees and neural network classifiers) can be used for text classification in marketing.

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algorithm machines data classes decision trees neural network



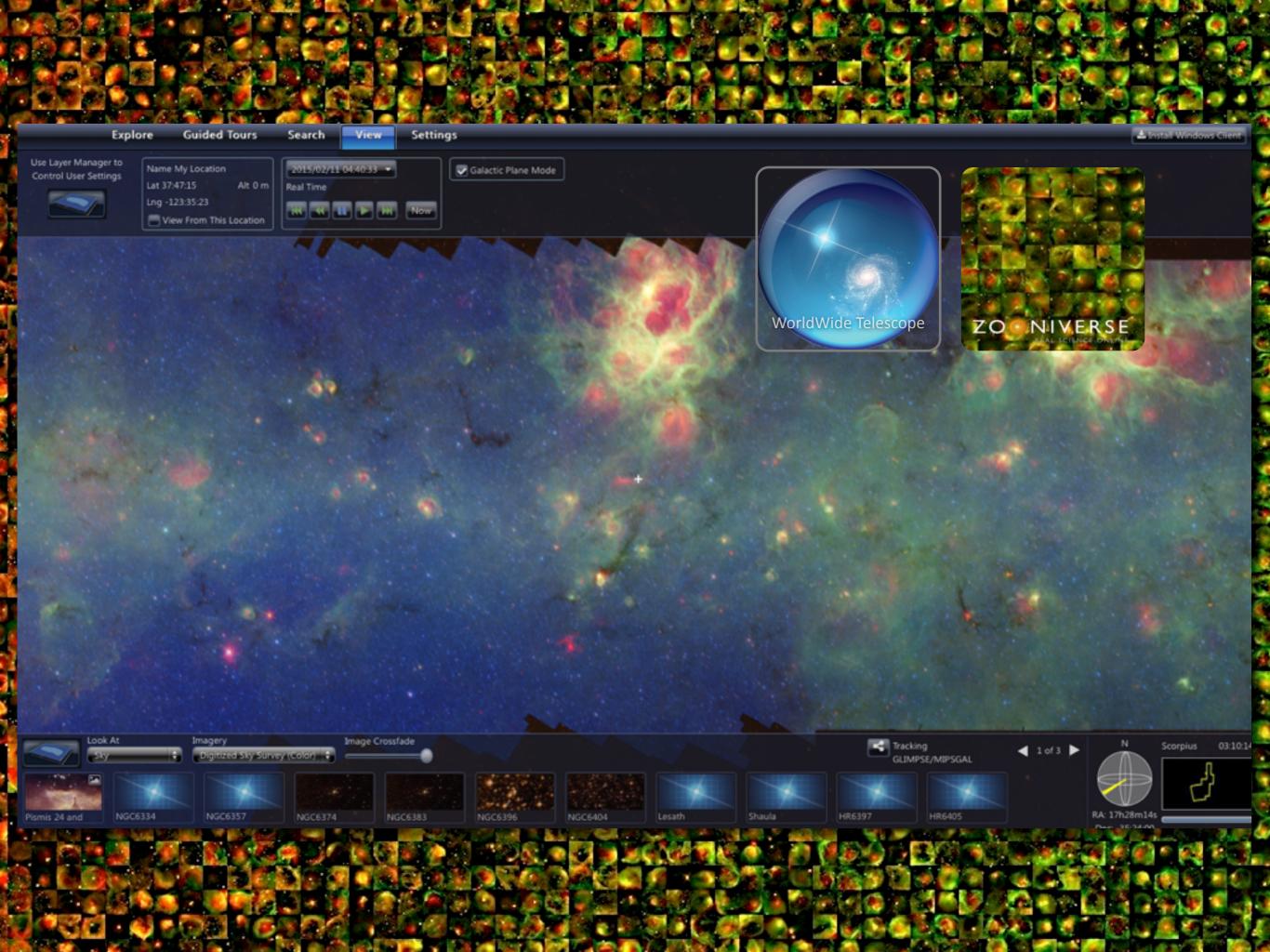
classification algorithms' task is to categorize data

using examples of categories desired, one can "train" or "supervise" an algorithm to learn to classify data. Such an algorithm is just one kind of AI, called supervised learning which itself is one type of the more general class of algorithms known as machine learning (ML)

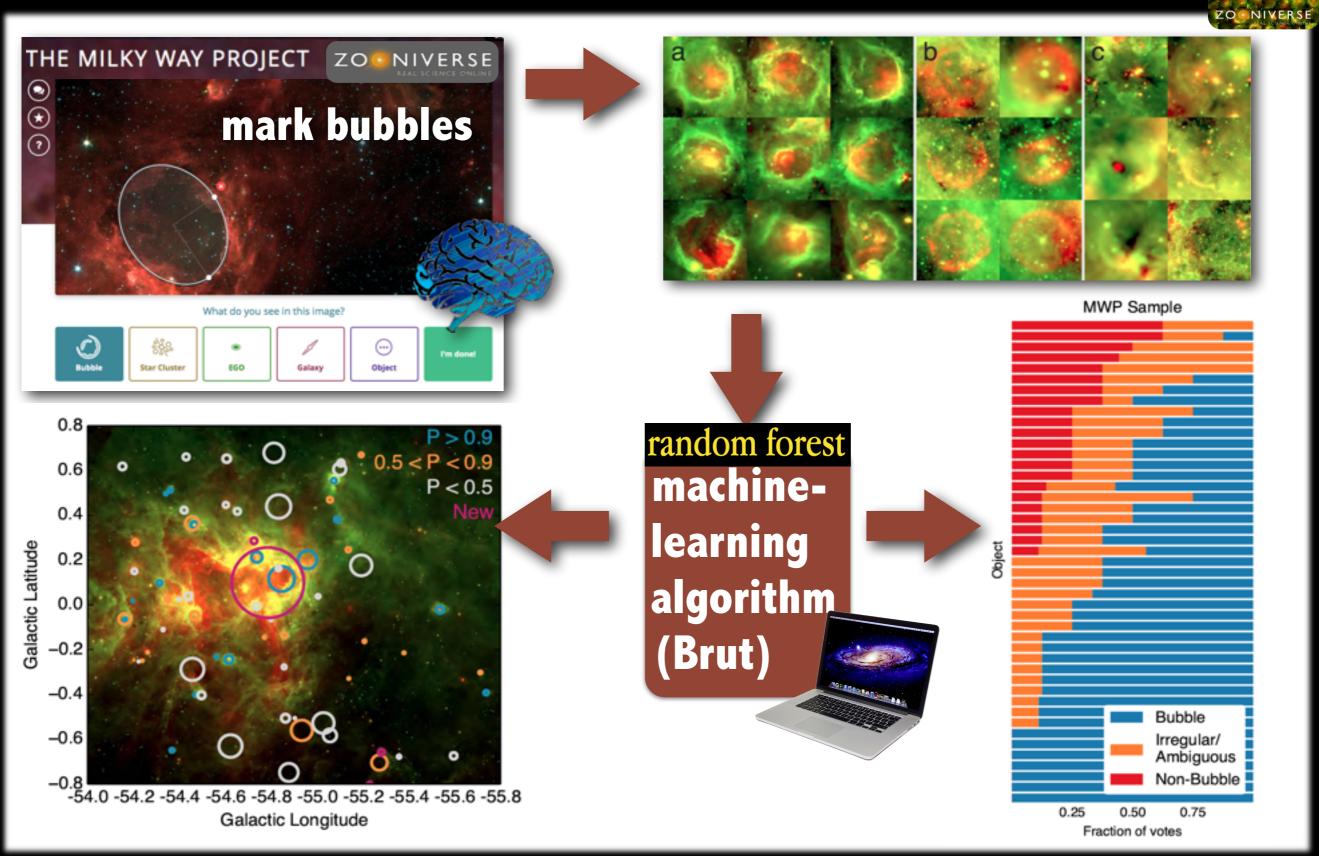
types of supervised ML classifiers are decision trees and neural network

which ultimately sort data into classes

A random forest is simply a collection of decision trees whose results are aggregated into one final result. Their ability to limit overfitting without substantially increasing error due to bias is why they are such powerful models.

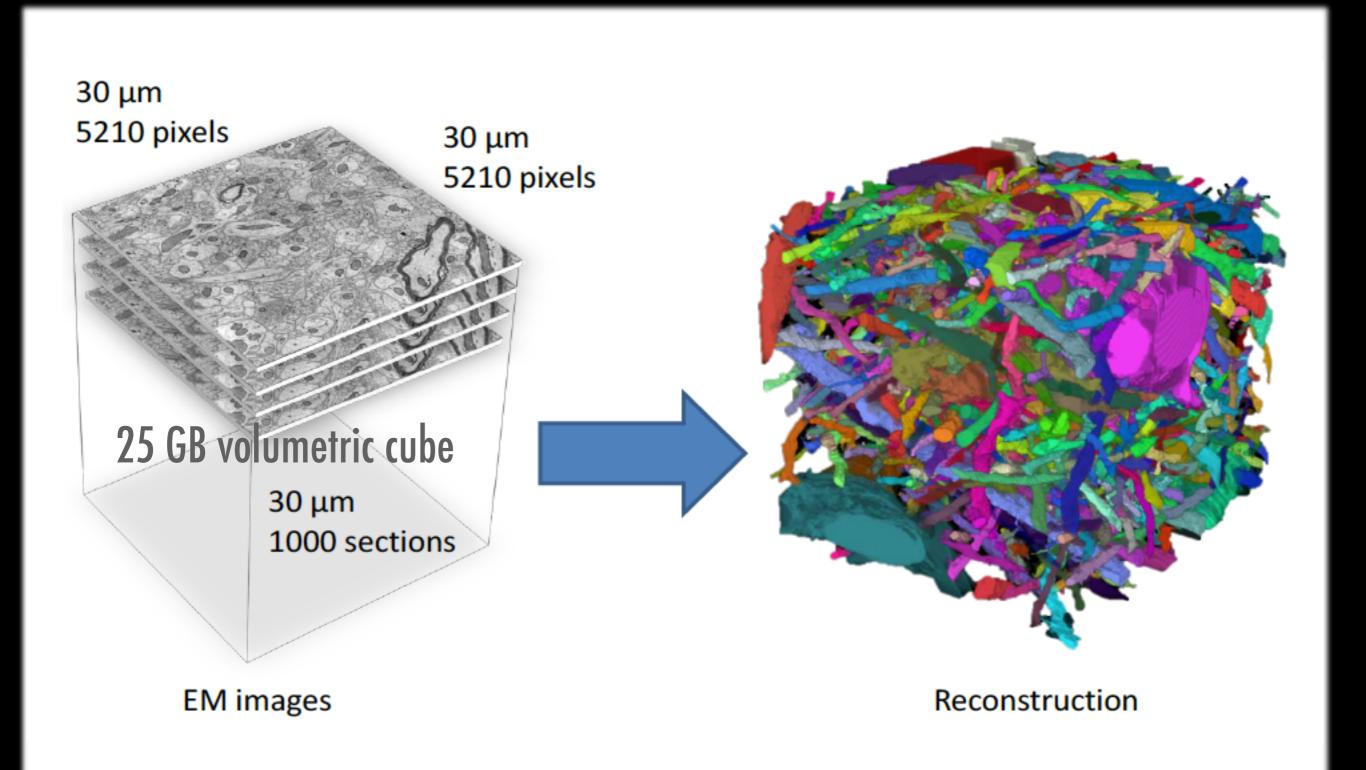


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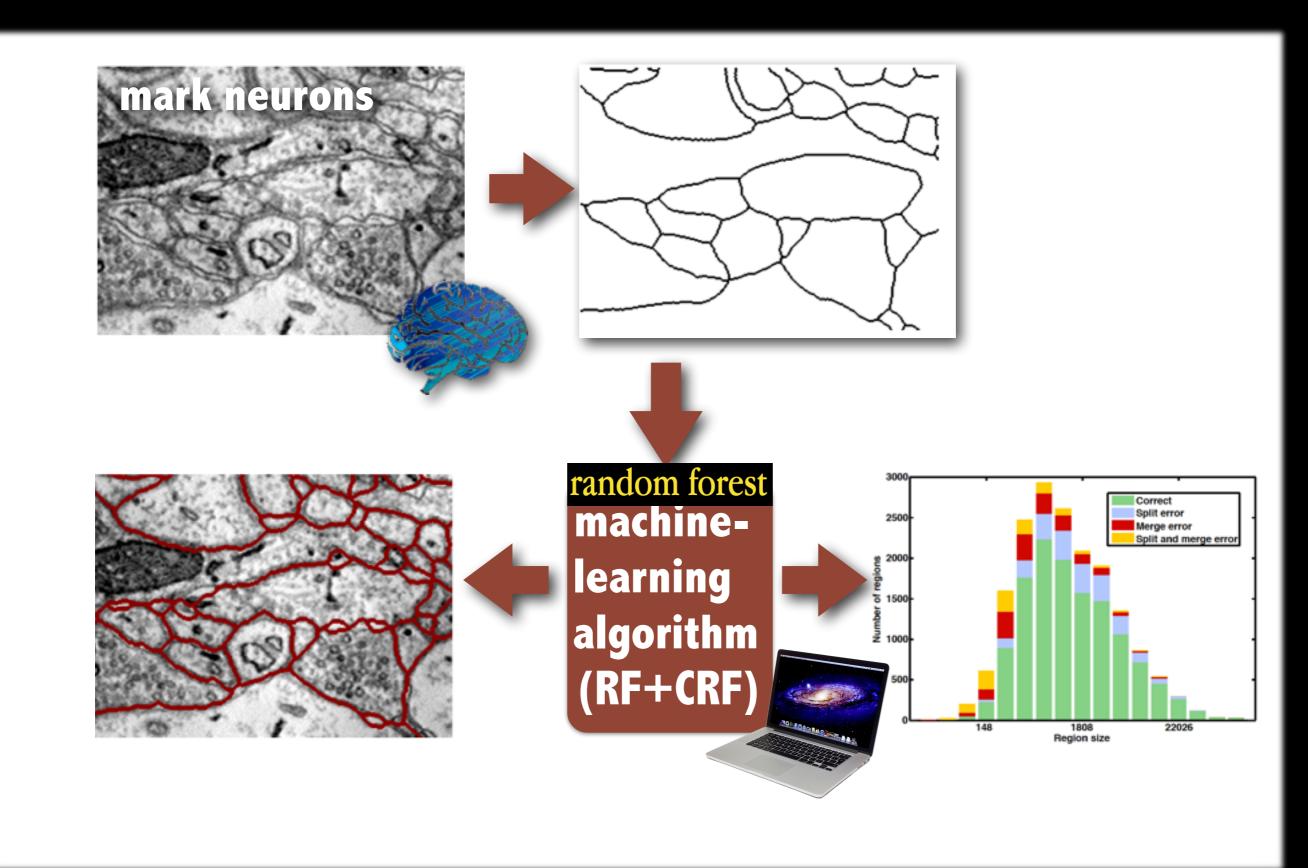


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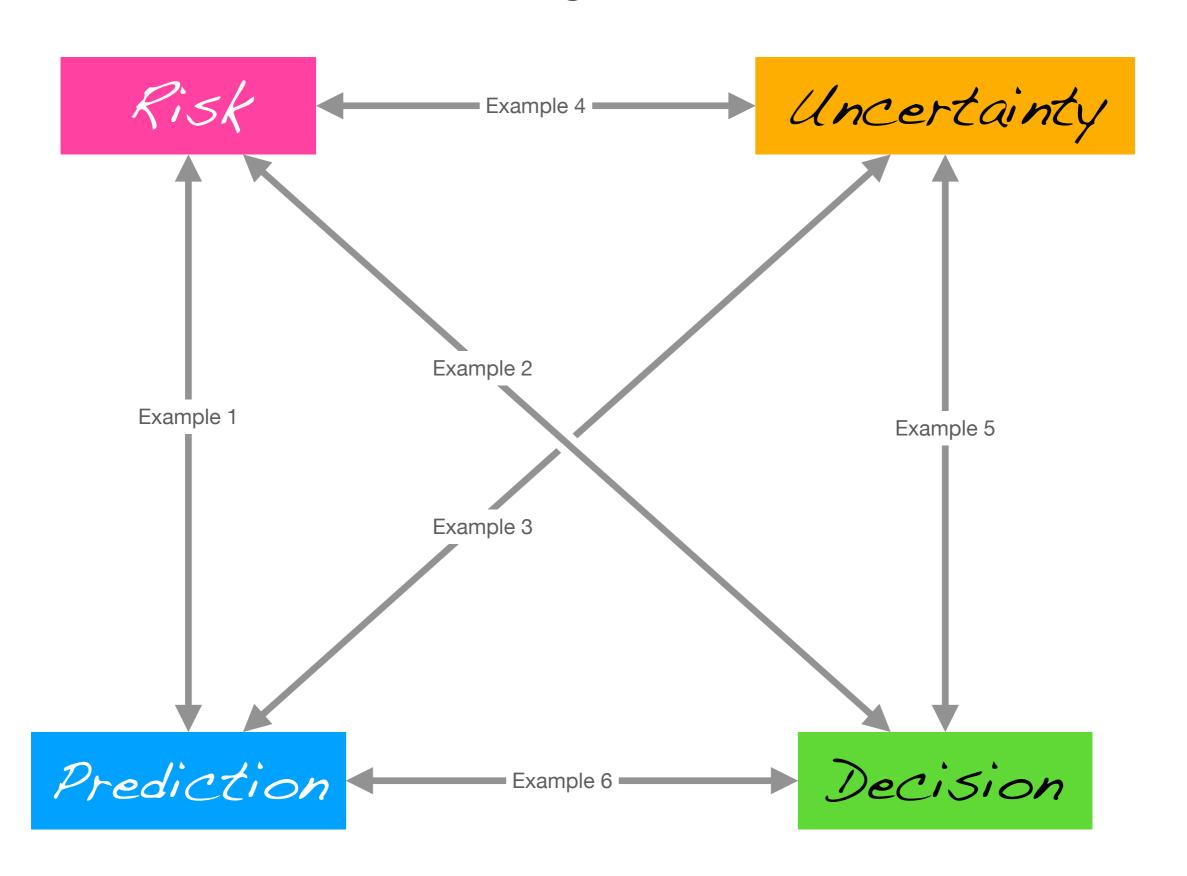


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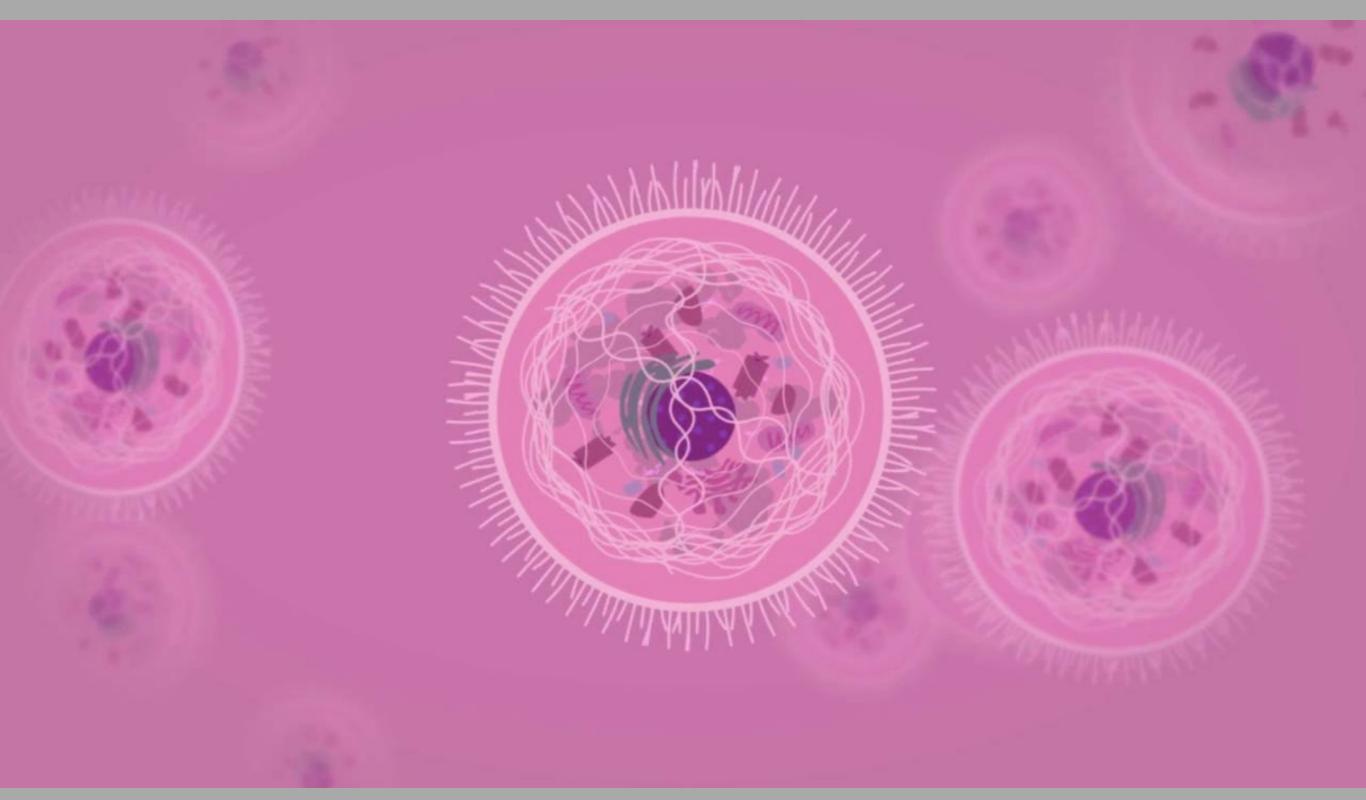


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Systems Biology simulating non-spatial processes



#artificial_intelligence(c.f. Derek's Day)

Discussions: Derek's Day

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What processes, phenomena would you add to "Derek's Day," and are they "AI" or just "Data Science"?

(And, yes, all AI is also Data Science.)
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