

Sharing Data: Why, How, When?



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Revisiting Unreasonable Effectiveness of Data in Deep Learning Era

By exploiting the JFT-300M dataset which has more than 375M noisy labels for 300M images, we investigate how the performance of current vision tasks would change if this data was used for representation learning. Our paper delivers some surprising (and some expected) findings. First, we find that the performance on vision tasks increases logarithmically based on volume of training data size.

It's not only vision tasks...

Article | [Published: 23 July 2018](#)

Gene discovery and polygenic prediction from a genome-wide association study of educational attainment in 1.1 million individuals

[James J. Lee](#), [Robbee Wedow](#), [...] [David Cesarini](#)

Nature Genetics **50**, 1112–1121 (2018) | [Download Citation](#) ↓

tl;dr: data is pretty cool




**So, data is pretty powerful, but how
does it relate to reproducibility?**

Which of these do we ultimately want?

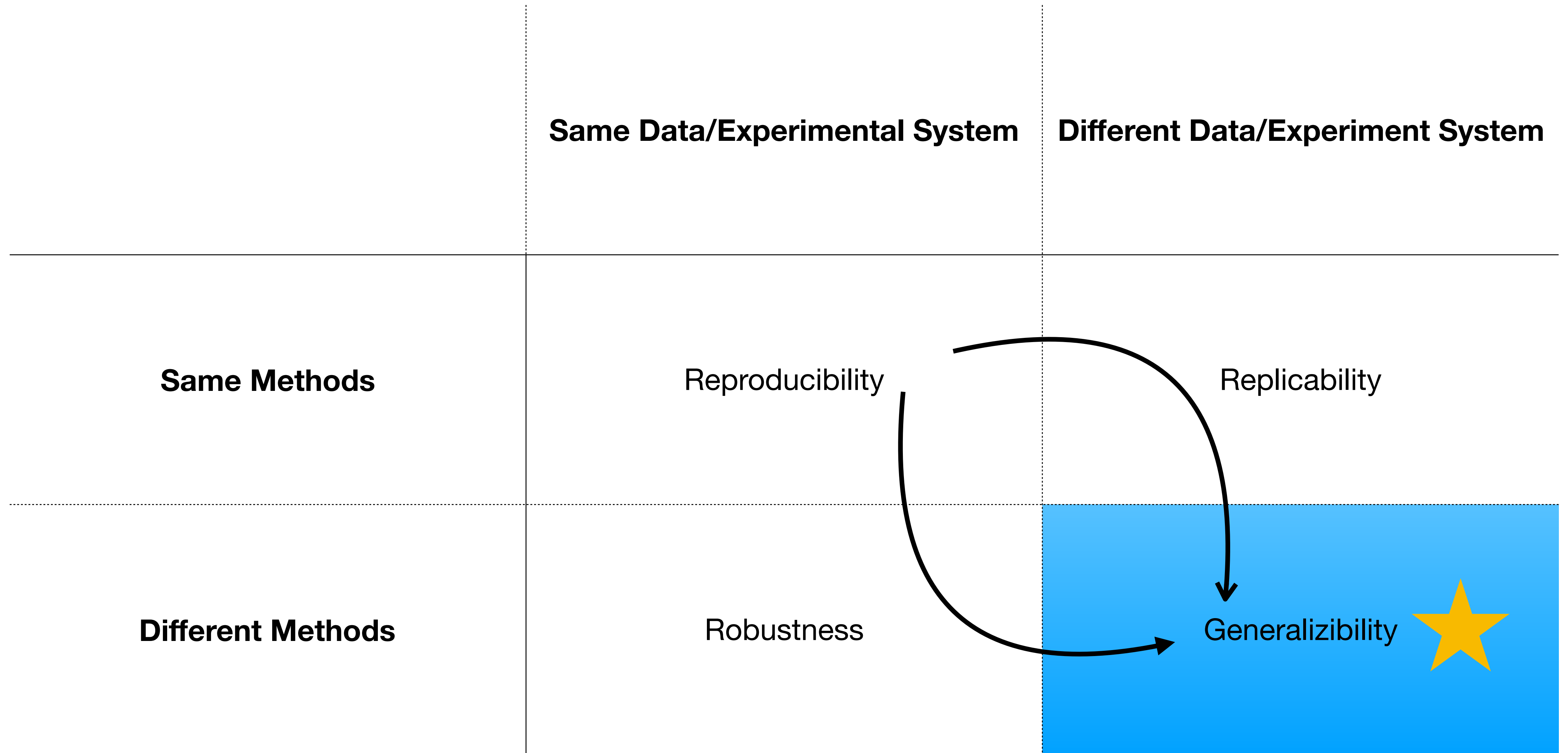
	Same Data/Experimental System	Different Data/Experiment System
Same Methods	<p>Reproducibility</p> <p>Does this data/method combination do what someone said it does?</p>	<p>Replicability</p> <p>Was previous data just quirky or do we consistently find X?</p>
Different Methods	<p>Robustness</p> <p>Does the data actually say X if looking at it differently?</p>	<p>Generalizability</p> <p>Multiple methods & data sets agree on X 🎉</p>

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How do we get there?

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**Checking both methods & data are
needed to generate generalizable
knowledge***

***Or at least it speeds up building this knowledge**

Without the original data

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Same Methods	Reproducibility	Replicability
Different Methods	Robustness	Generalizability


- Secondary effect: Replication gets harder too, as no certainty whether original method even worked as expected 🥲
- in the end: you need to collect twice as many data in order to get to replicability



**The solution:
make your data available**

The reality

Data sharing in PLOS ONE: An analysis of Data Availability Statements

Lisa M. Federer , Christopher W. Belter, Douglas J. Joubert, Alicia Livinski, Ya-Ling Lu, Lissa N. Snyders, Holly Thompson

Published: May 2, 2018 • <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0194768>

In this study, we evaluate the extent to which authors have complied with this policy by analyzing Data Availability Statements from 47,593 papers published in PLOS ONE between March 2014 (when the policy went into effect) and May 2016. Our analysis shows that compliance with the policy has increased, with a significant decline over time in papers that did not include a Data Availability Statement.

However, only about 20% of statements indicate that data are deposited in a repository, which the PLOS policy states is the preferred method.



make data available upon request?

The reality

An empirical analysis of journal policy effectiveness for computational reproducibility

Victoria Stodden, Jennifer Seiler, and Zhaokun Ma

PNAS March 13, 2018 115 (11) 2584-2589; published ahead of print March 12, 2018 <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1708290115>



This work evaluates the effectiveness of journal policy that requires the data and code necessary for reproducibility be made available post publication by the authors upon request. [...] We chose a random sample of 204 scientific papers published in the journal Science after the implementation of their policy in February 2011. We found that we were able to obtain artifacts from 44% of our sample and were able to reproduce the findings for 26%.

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Responses when data/code was requested:

“ When you approach a PI for the source codes and raw data, you better explain who you are, whom you work for, why you need the data and what you are going to do with it.

“ I have to say that this is a very unusual request without any explanation! Please ask your supervisor to send me an email with a detailed, and I mean detailed, explanation.

“ The data files remains our property and are not deposited for free access. Please, let me know the purpose you want to get the file and we will see how we can help you.



data available upon request

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data not available

Data should be FAIR

- **F**indable
- **A**ccessible
- **I**nteroperable
- **R**e-usable



**tl;dr: please make use of data
repositories**



How to choose a repository?

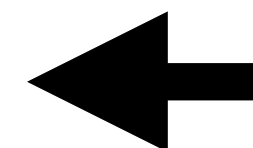
- it depends...
 - on data types,
 - data size,
 - and your academic field
- F1000Research has guidelines that are pretty comprehensive (for biosciences at large at least): <https://f1000research.com/for-authors/data-guidelines>

What if there's no fitting repository?

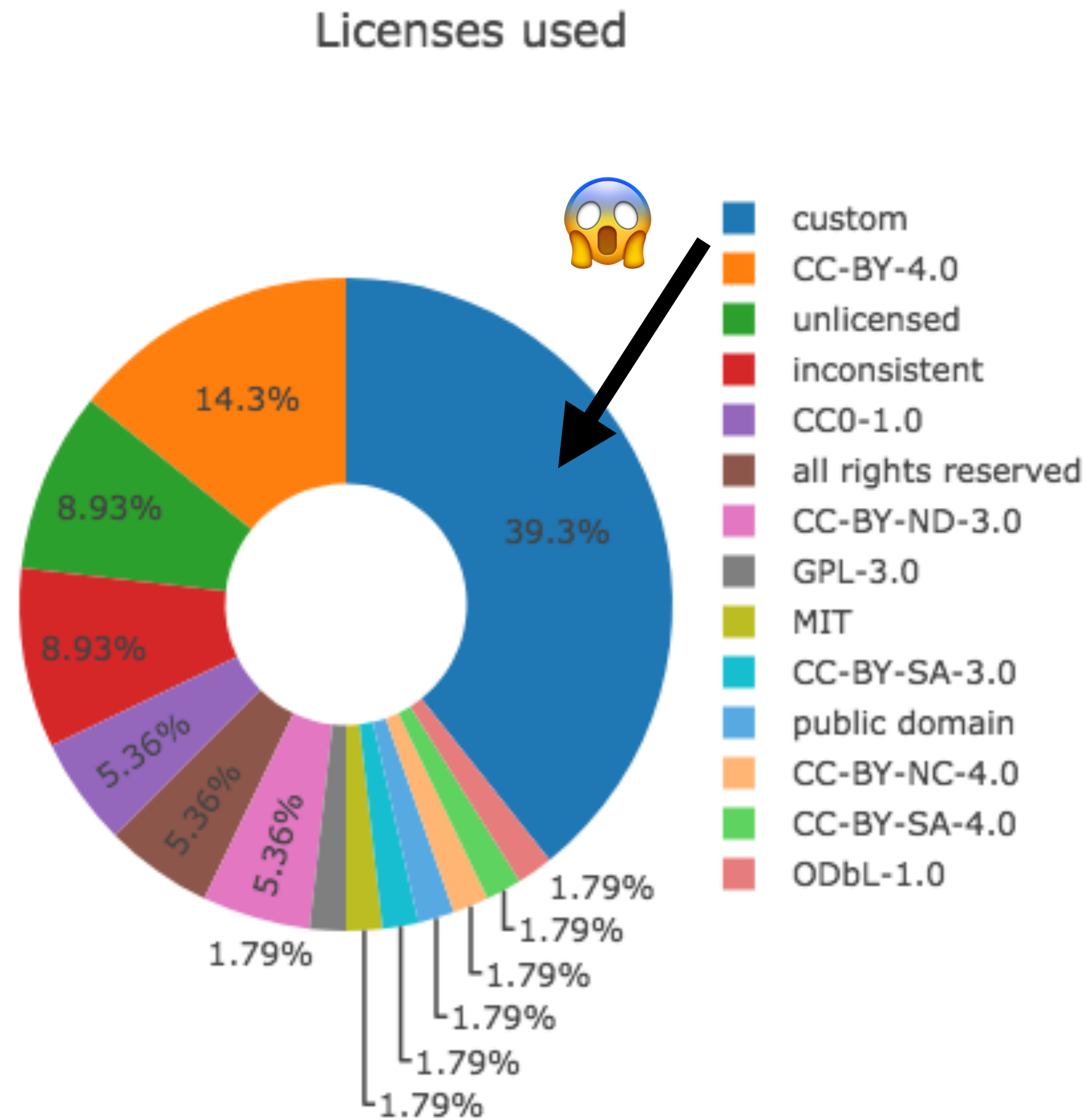
- your chance to learn how to make your own! 😊

how to (not) pick a license

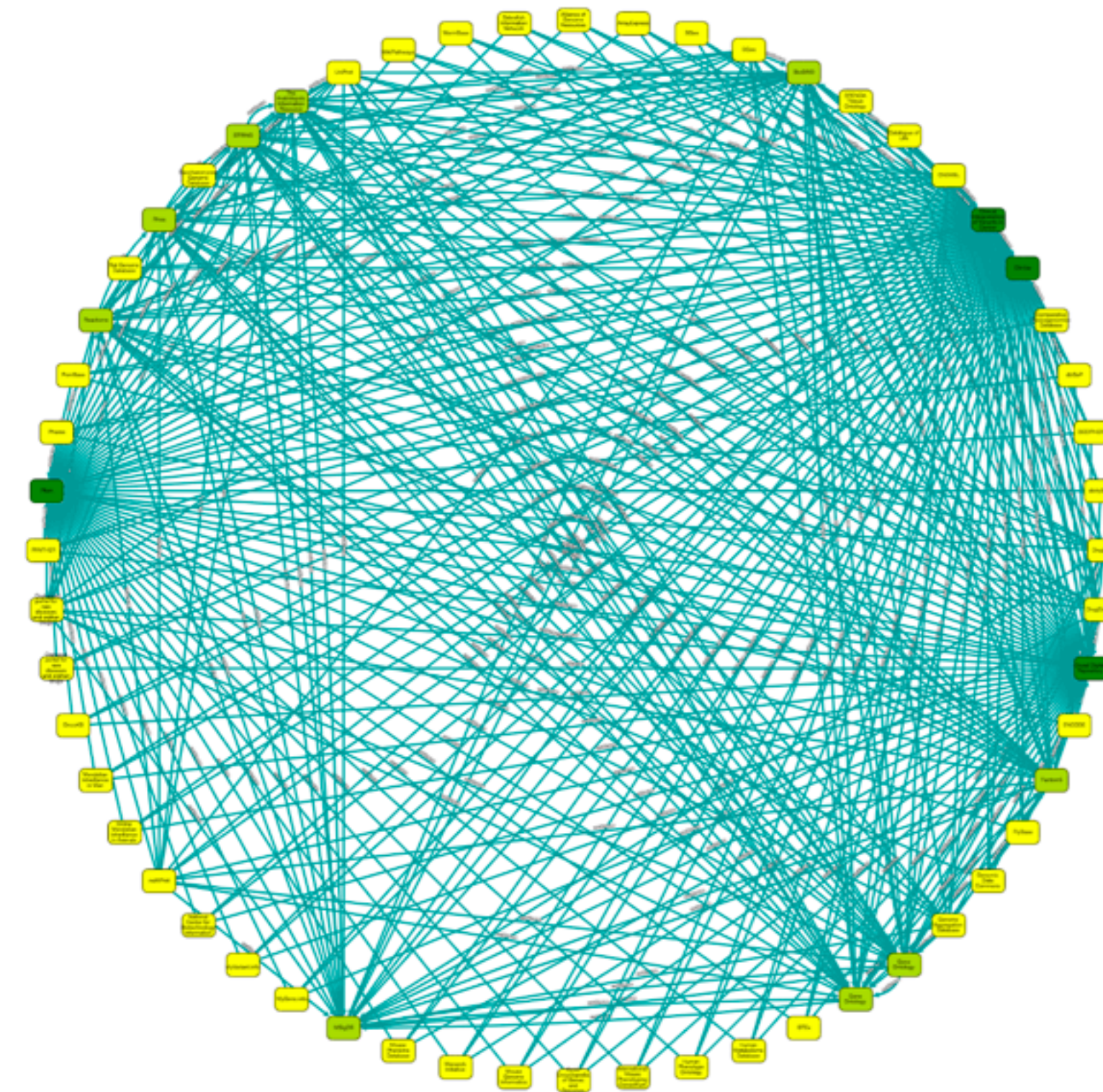
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data licensing

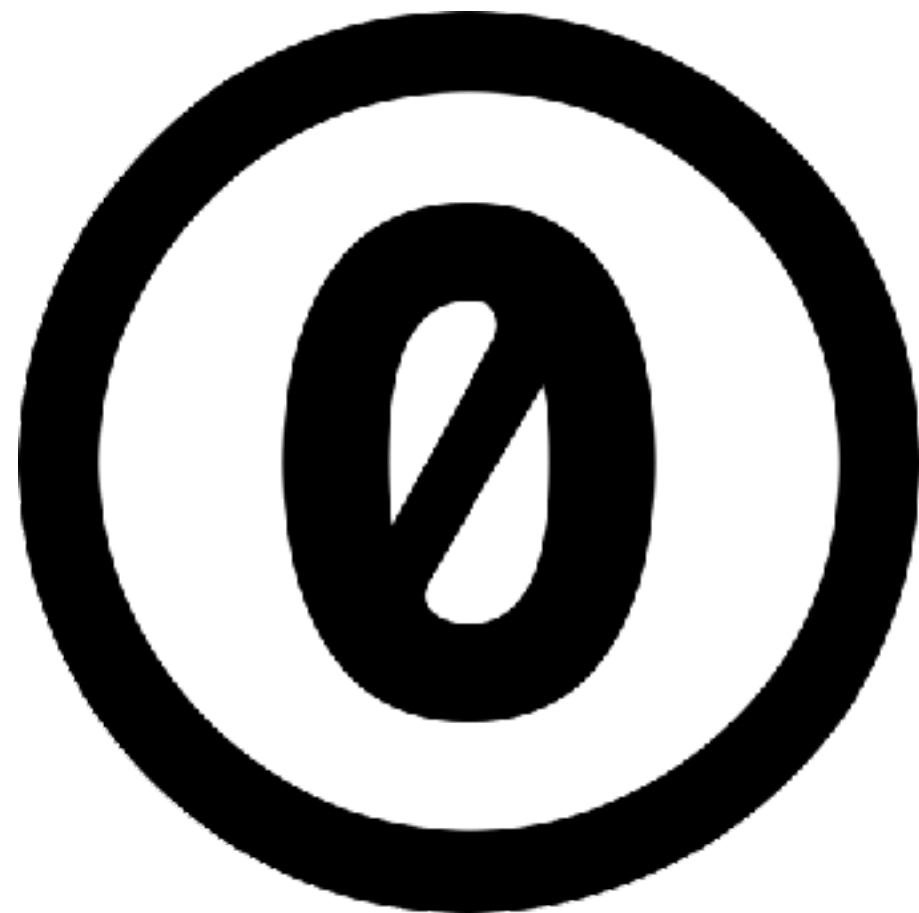


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what to do?

- as open as possible
- as closed as necessary



how to not publish data

DENMARK | By Joseph Cox | May 12 2016, 10:44am

70,000 OkCupid Users Just Had Their Data Published

Just because data is sort-of public, doesn't mean that it's ethical to collect en masse.

[...] publicly released a dataset on nearly 70,000 users of the dating site OkCupid, including their sexual turn-ons, orientation, usernames and more. [...] These include things like whether they ever do drugs, whether they'd like to be tied up during sex, or what's their favourite out of a series of romantic situations.



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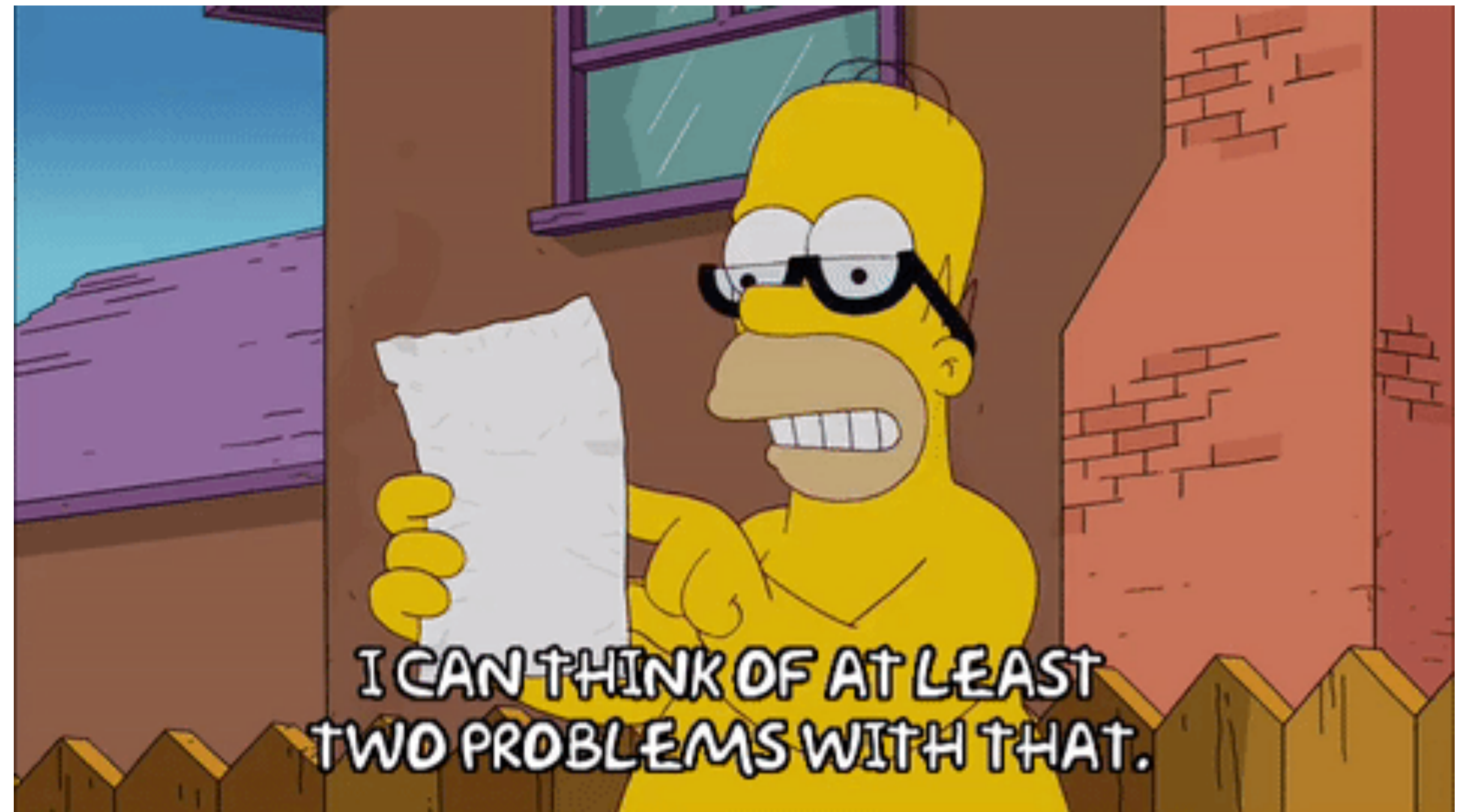
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- Large data set full of sensitive, personal data
- No ethics approval for the data & paper
- No consent from the 70k participants
- Data not anonymized/de-identified

two problems here


- how data was shared
- how data was acquired



unpublishable data

what to do?

Adolescent Tuning of Association Cortex in Human Structural Brain Networks

František Váša , Jakob Seidlitz, Rafael Romero-Garcia, Kirstie J Whitaker, Gideon Rosenthal, Petra E Vértes, Maxwell Shinn, Aaron Alexander-Bloch, Peter Fonagy, Raymond J Dolan, Peter B Jones, Ian M Goodyer, the NSPN consortium, Olaf Sporns, Edward T Bullmore

[Author Notes](#)

Cerebral Cortex, Volume 28, Issue 1, 1 January 2018, Pages 281–294, <https://doi.org/10.1093/cercor/bhx249>

- as open as possible
- **as closed as necessary**

Data for this specific article has been uploaded to the Cambridge Data Repository (<https://doi.org/10.17863/CAM.8856>) and password protected.

Our participants did not give informed consent for their questionnaire measures to be made publicly available, and it is possible that they could be identified from this data set.

Access to the data supporting the analyses presented in this article will be made available to researchers with a reasonable request to NSPNdata@medschl.cam.ac.uk.

**more formalized access
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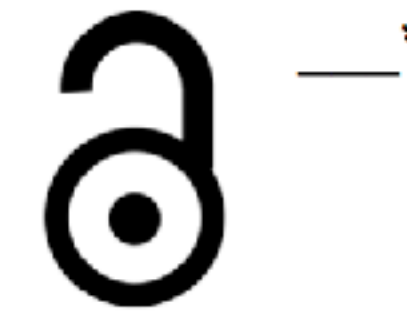
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acquiring data in the first place

data acquisition

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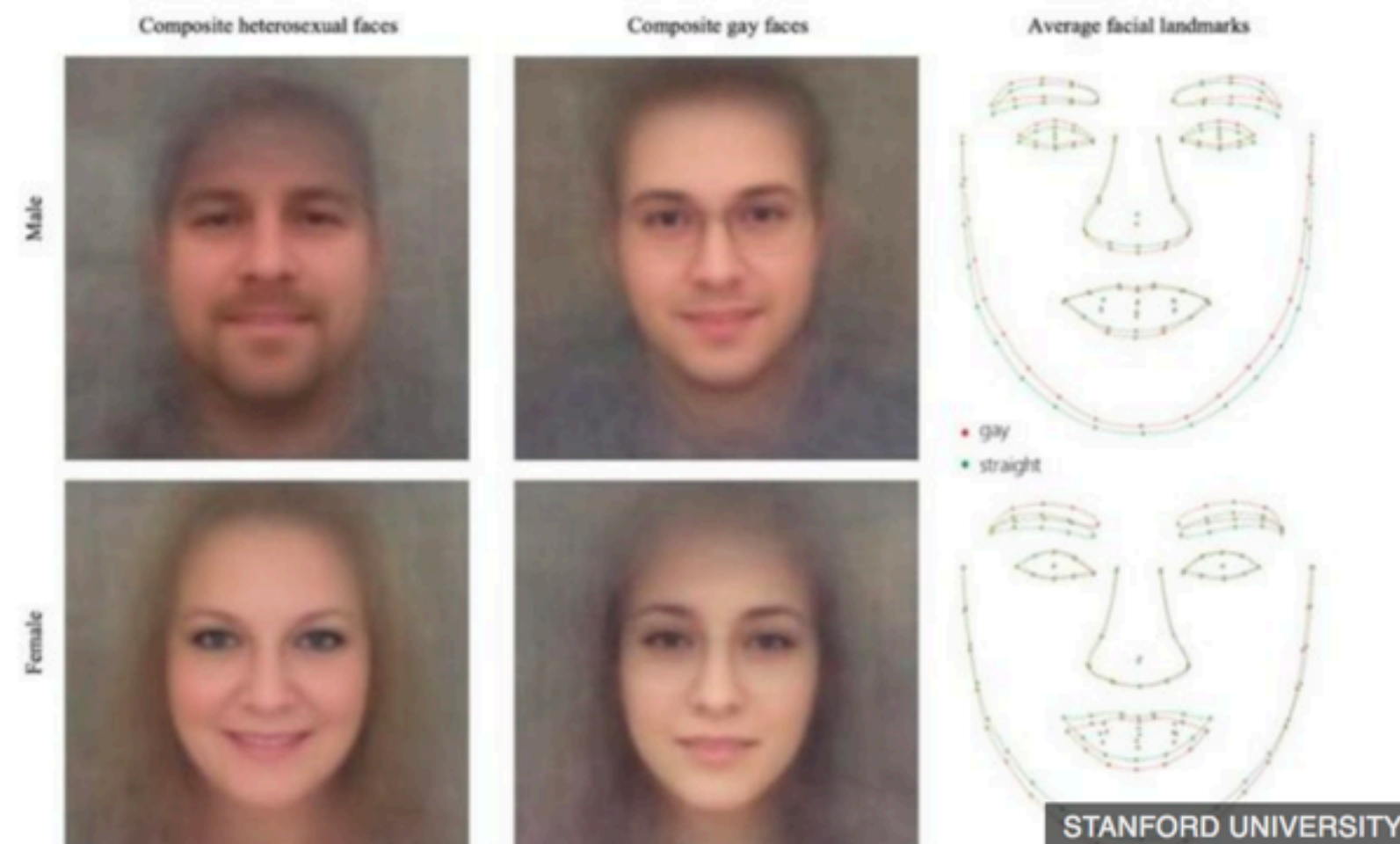
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5 days

Row over AI that 'identifies gay faces'

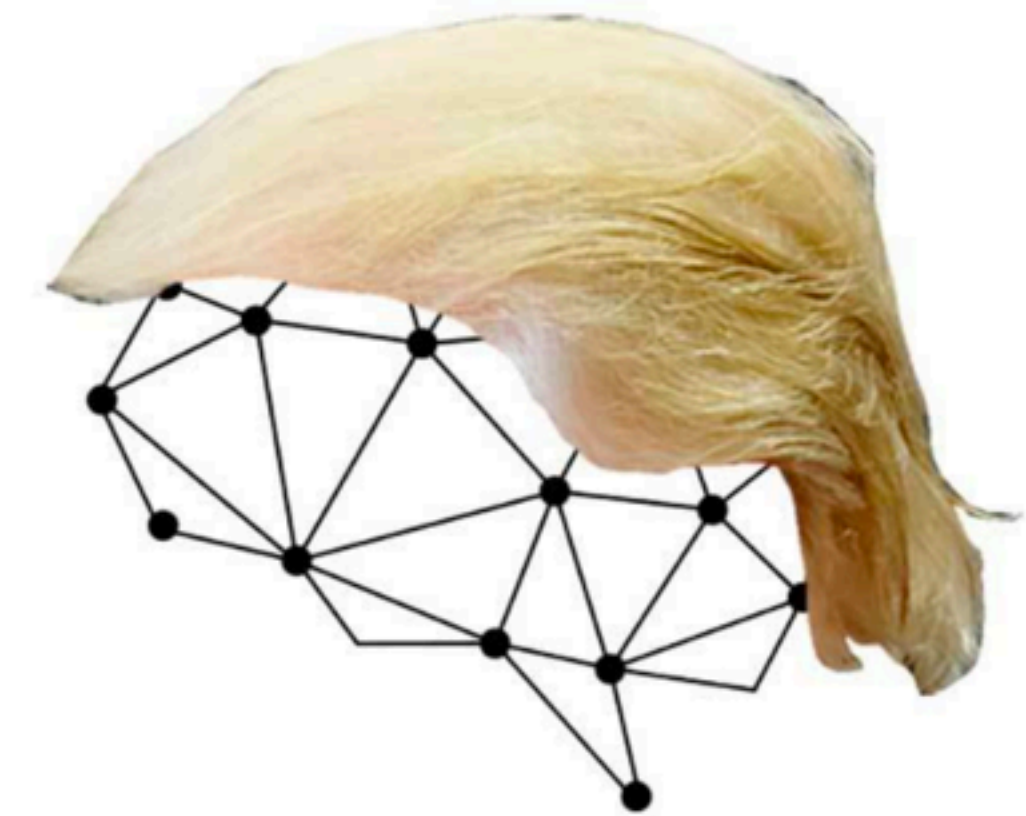
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The study created composite faces judged most and least likely to belong to homosexuals

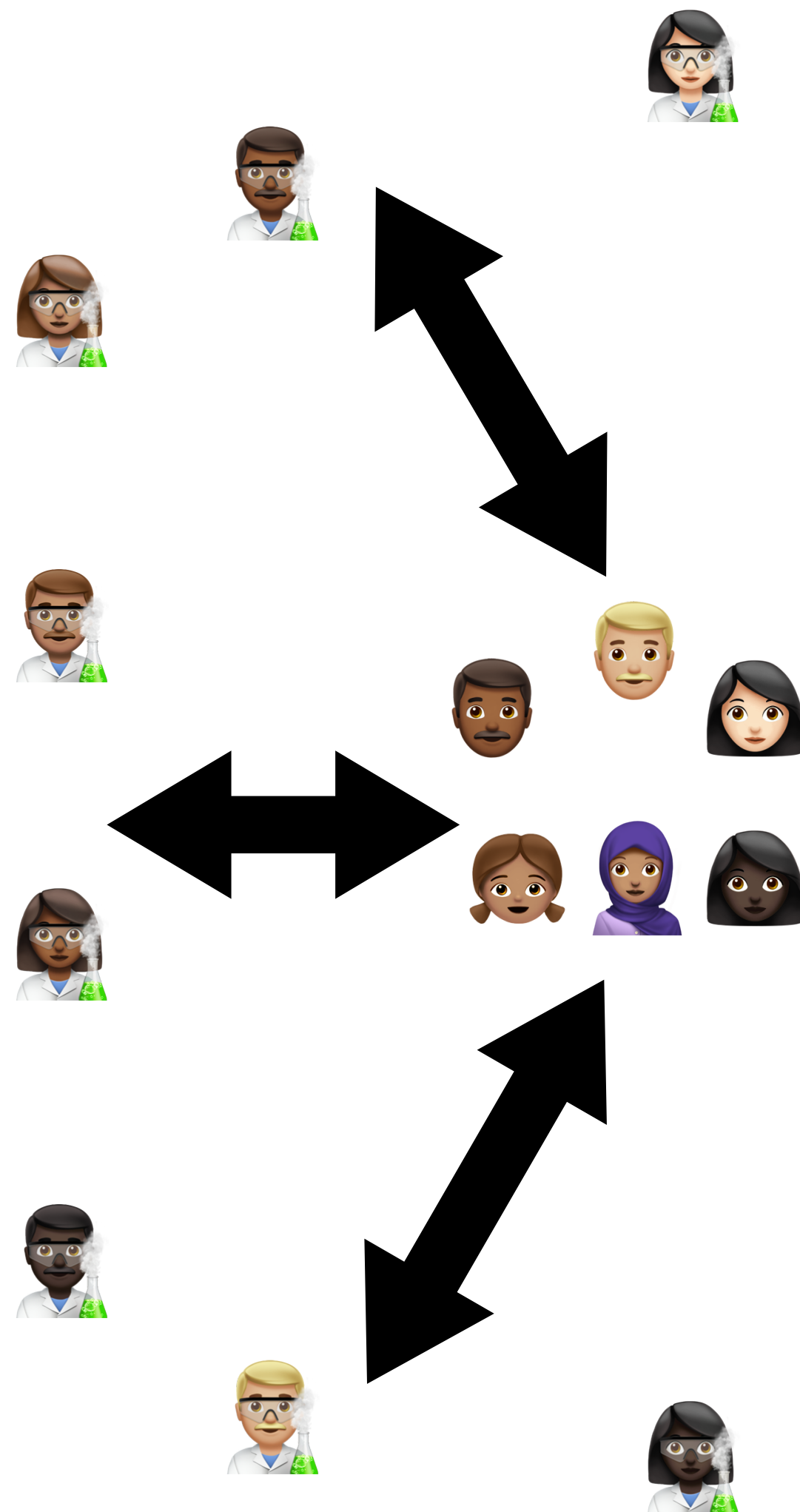
A facial recognition experiment that claims to be able to distinguish between gay and heterosexual people has sparked a row between its creators and two leading LGBT rights groups.



Cambridge
Analytica



participant-centered/lead research



Viewpoint

Research led by participants: a new social contract for a new kind of research 

Effy Vayena¹, Roger Brownsword², Sarah Jane Edwards³, Bastian Greshake⁴, Jeffrey P Kahn⁵, Navjoyt Ladher⁶, Jonathan Montgomery⁷, Daniel O'Connor⁸, Onora O'Neill⁹, Martin P Richards¹⁰, Annette Rid¹¹, Mark Sheehan¹², Paul Wicks¹³, John Tasioulas¹⁴

- participants can be involved in designing a project / study
- participants can give much better informed consent as a consequence

openness & participant-centered research



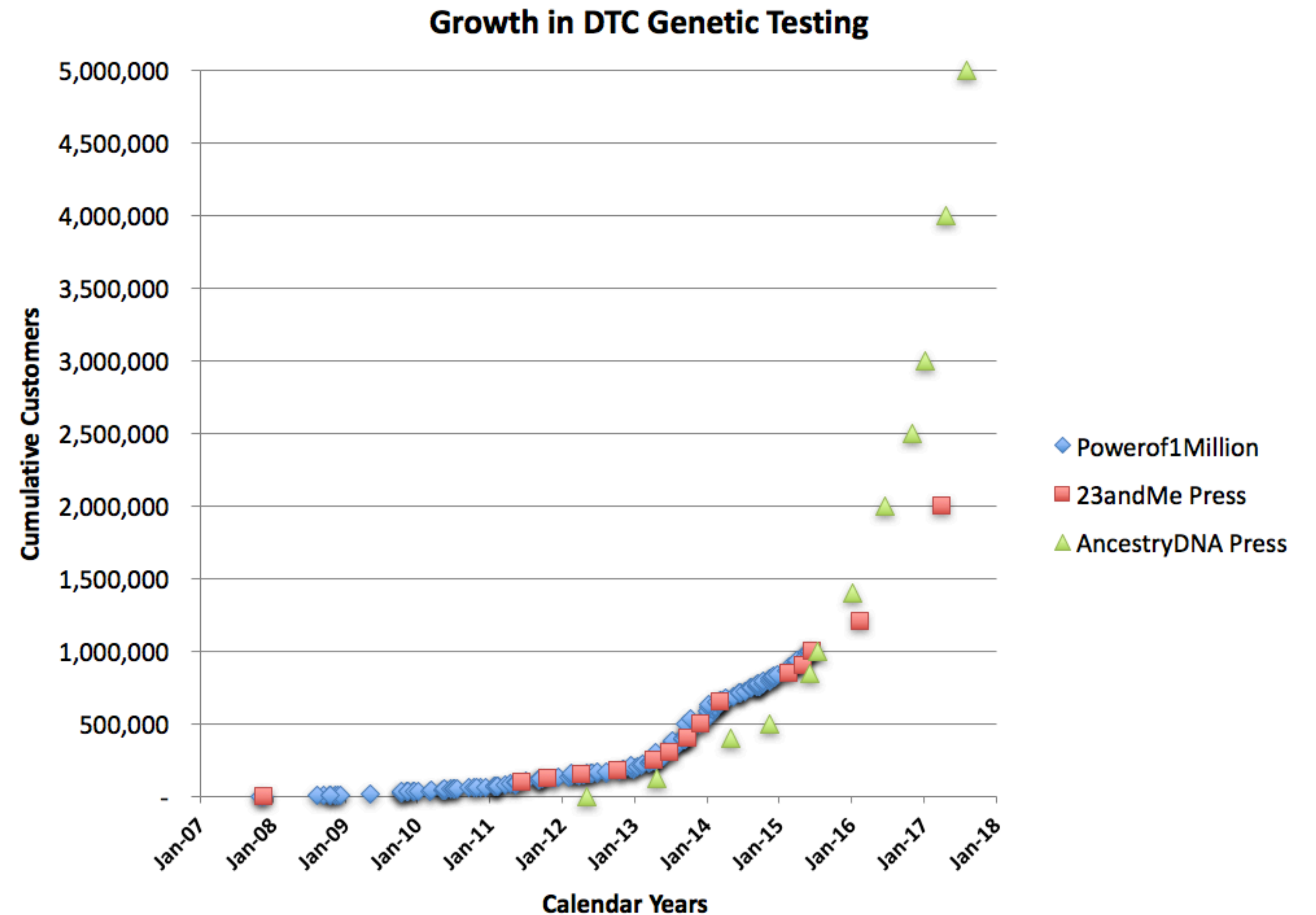
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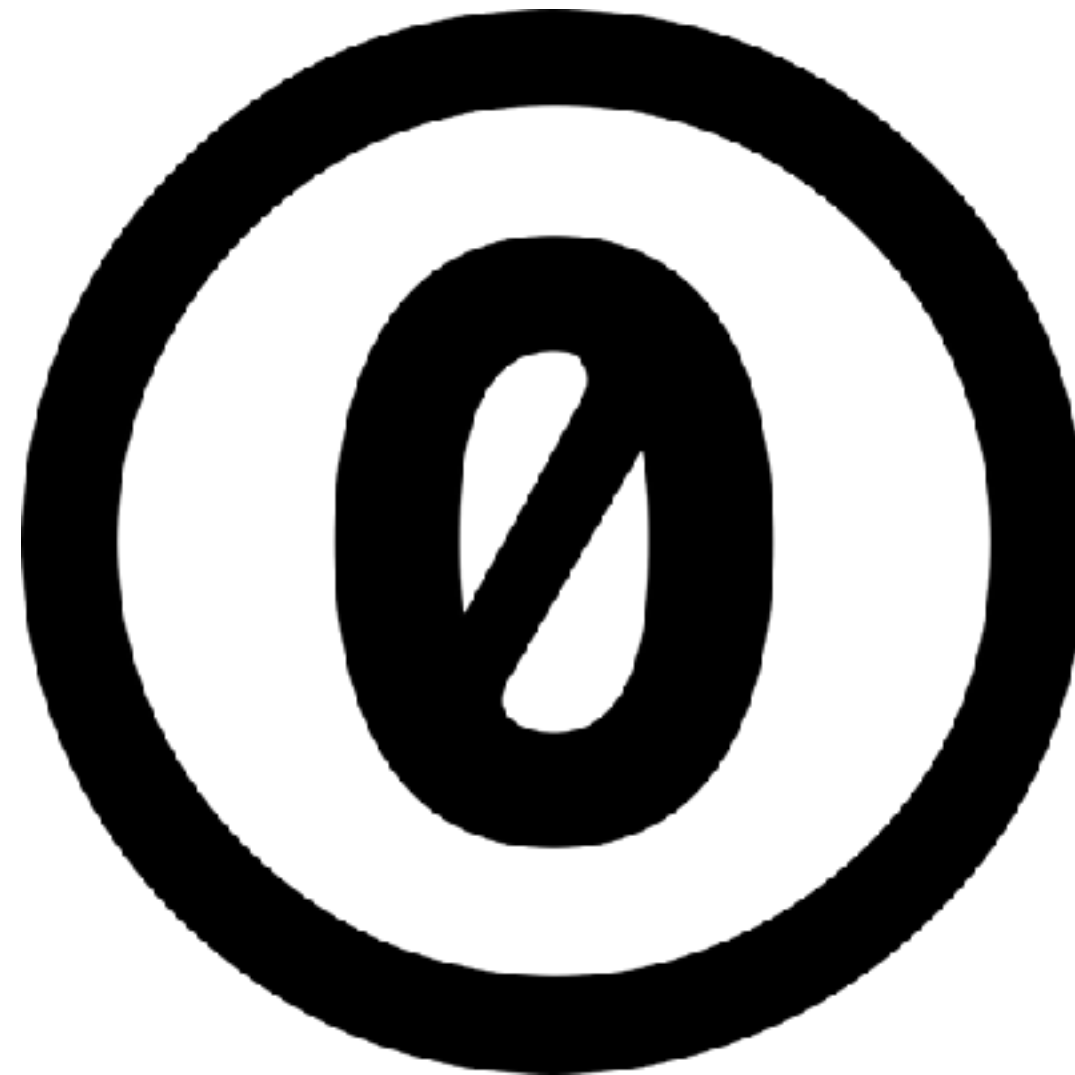
~10 - 17 **Mio** people
already got their own
genome analyzed through
commercial entities!

But there was no data
repository for it!





- open data ✓
- open source ✓
- crowdsourced ✓
- crowdfunded ✓



- ~7,000 users
- >4,500 genetic data sets
- 543 phenotypes w/ total of 60,000 answers

Uses Cases

DE GRUYTER OPEN

Proceedings on Privacy Enhancing Technologies

Mathias Humbert*, Kévin Huguenin, Joachim Hugonot, Erman Ayday, and

De-anonymizing Genomic Databases: Inferring Phenotypic Traits



Matthias Shapiro

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The Beginner's Guide to Genetics Hacking

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confirms twisted bones

car park confirmed as that of Richard III, as

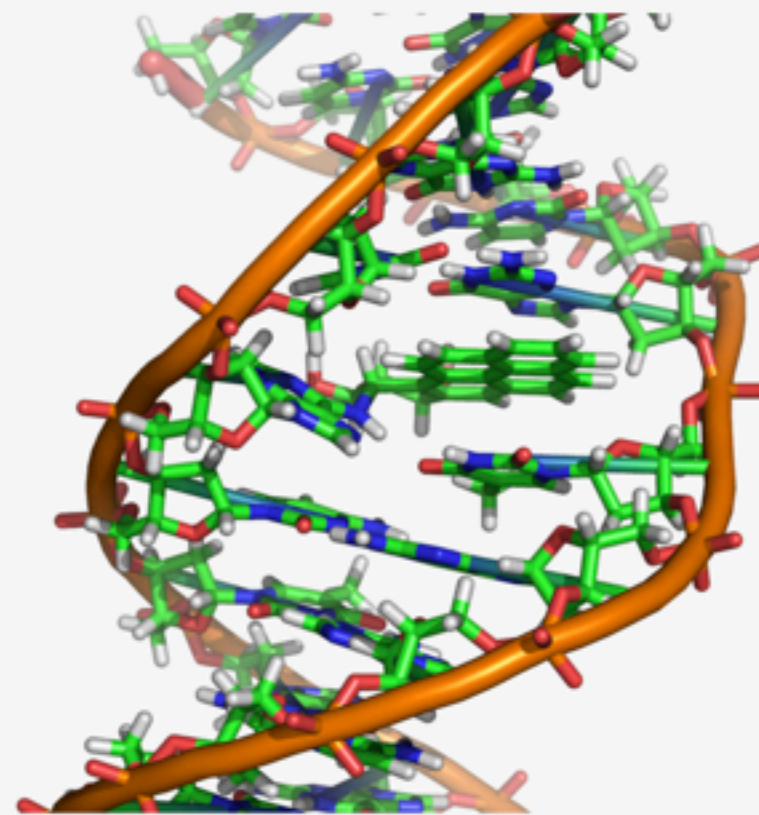
DNA database obtained
by the adversary



Most compatible genotype
these phenotypic traits

Infer non-visible phenotypic
traits from the genotype

Fig. 1. Illustration of the identification process. The adversary identifies the genotypes of a target in the database using visible phenotypic traits and uses the information to infer her susceptibility to Alzheimer's disease.



OpenSNP Height Prediction

OpenSNP

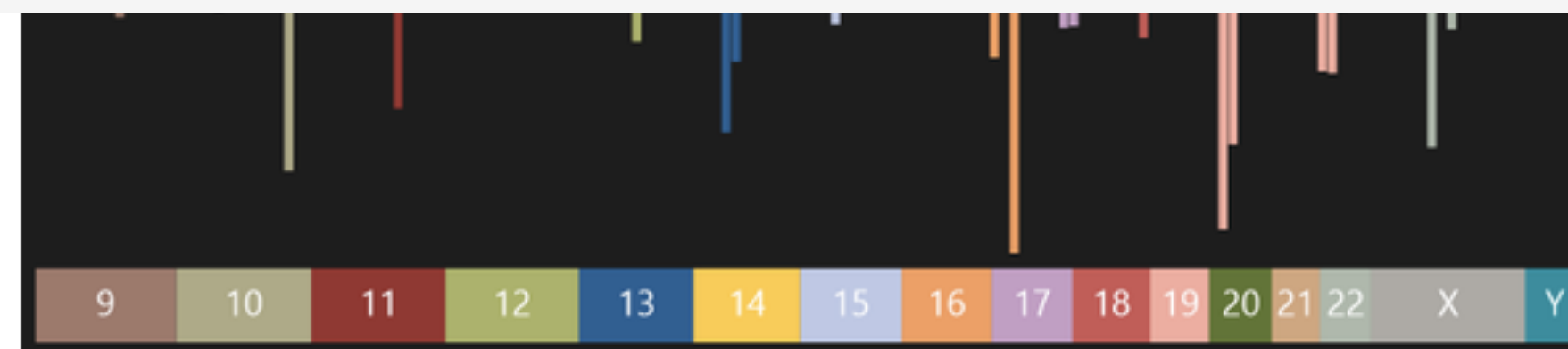
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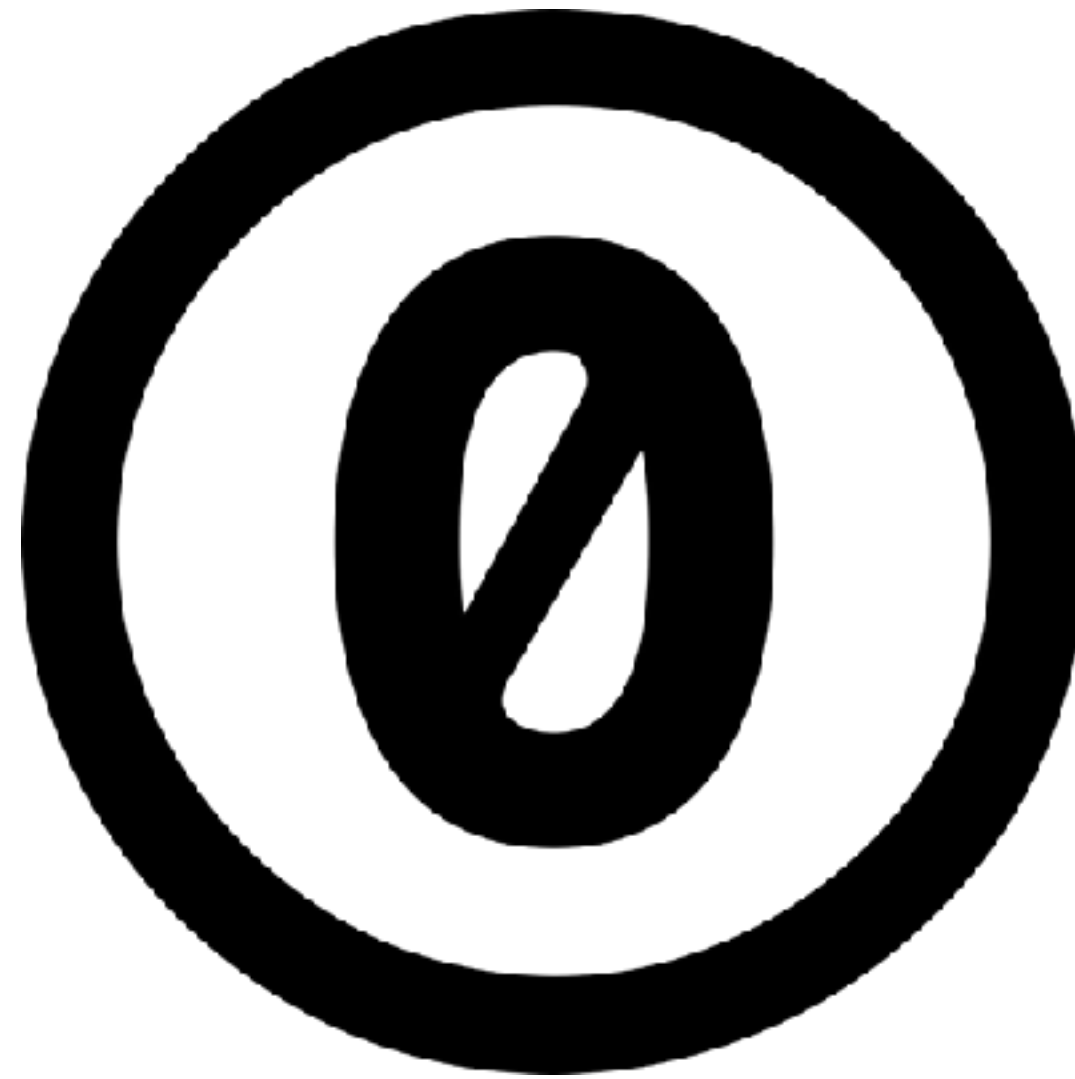




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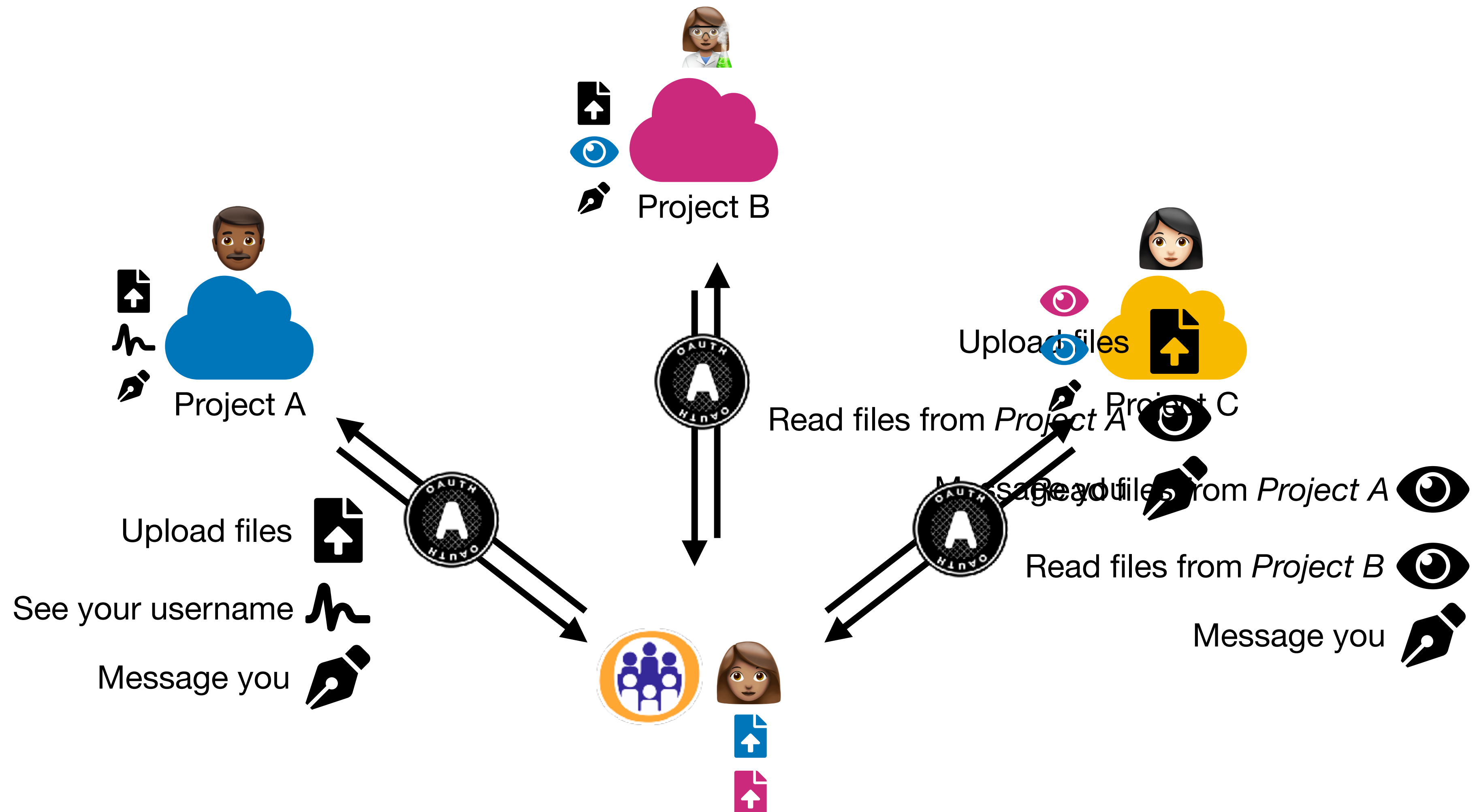
- people give consent to data sharing
- people are willing to donate personal data
- data is already being used



- no grades of sharing
- makes consent a one-time decision
- complete loss of control over data

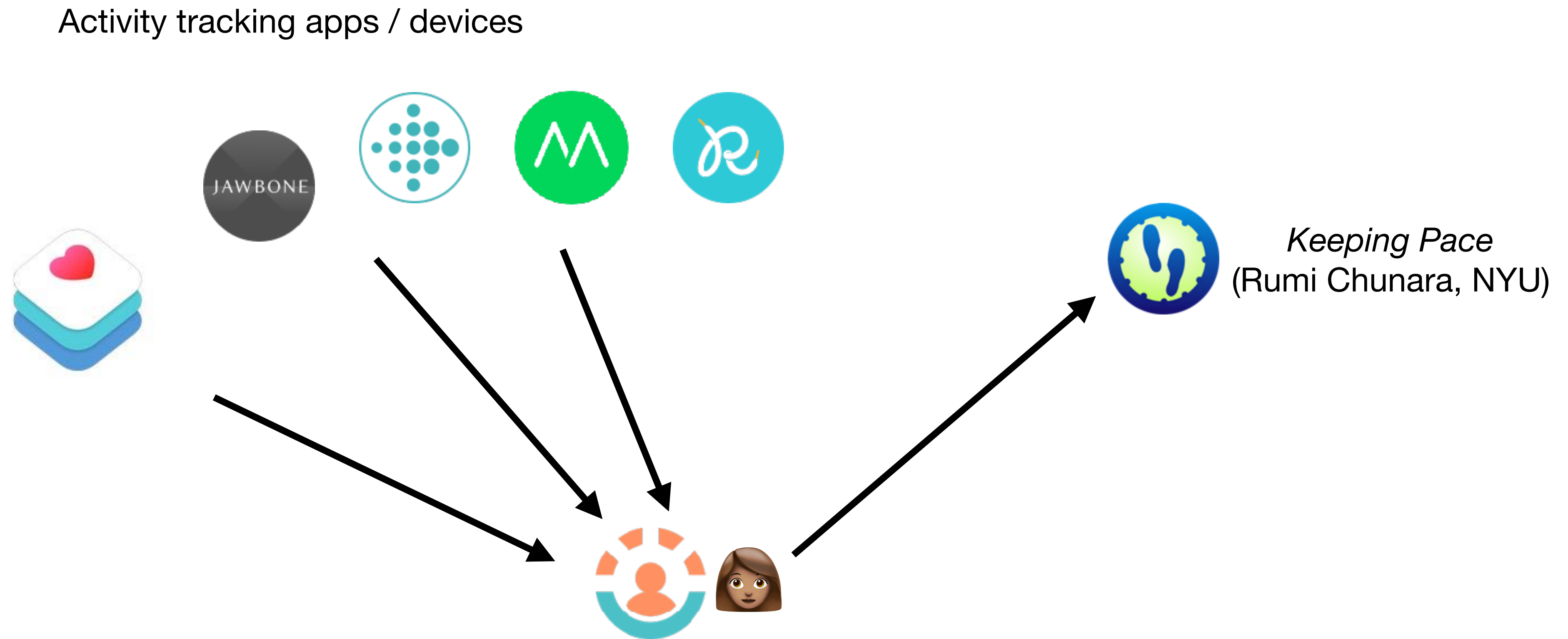
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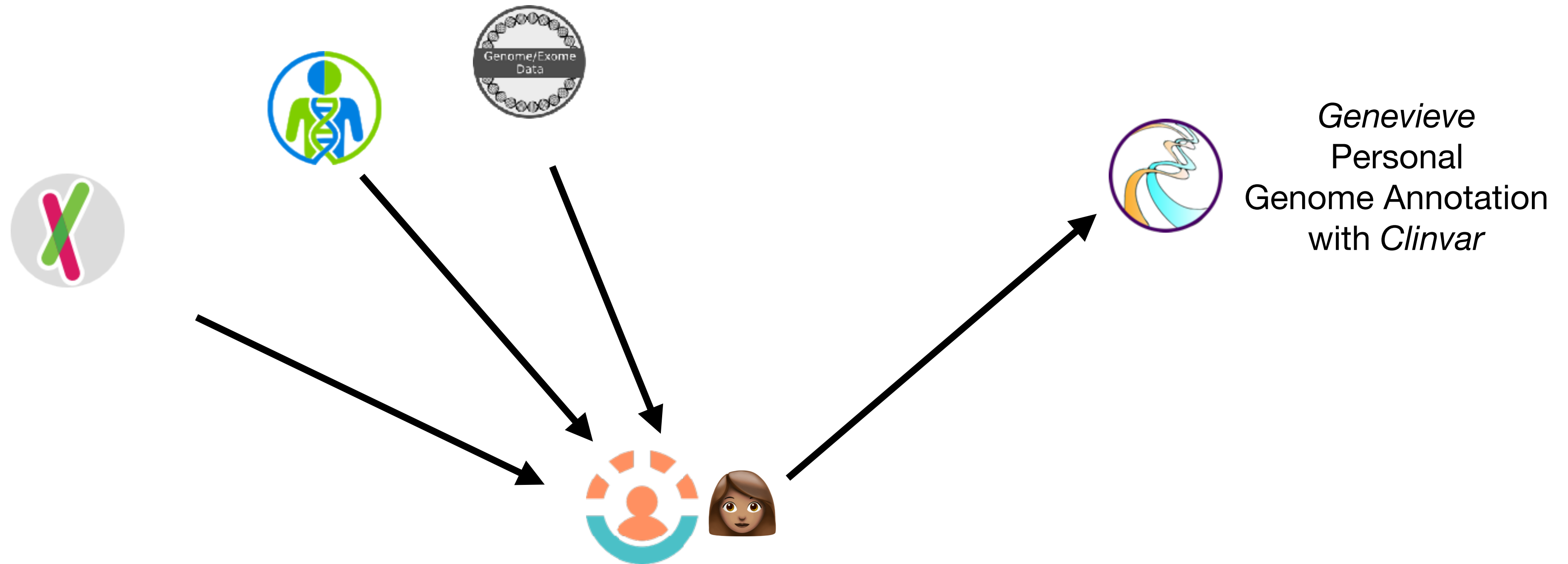


**how does that work in
practice?**

Academic research using activity trackers



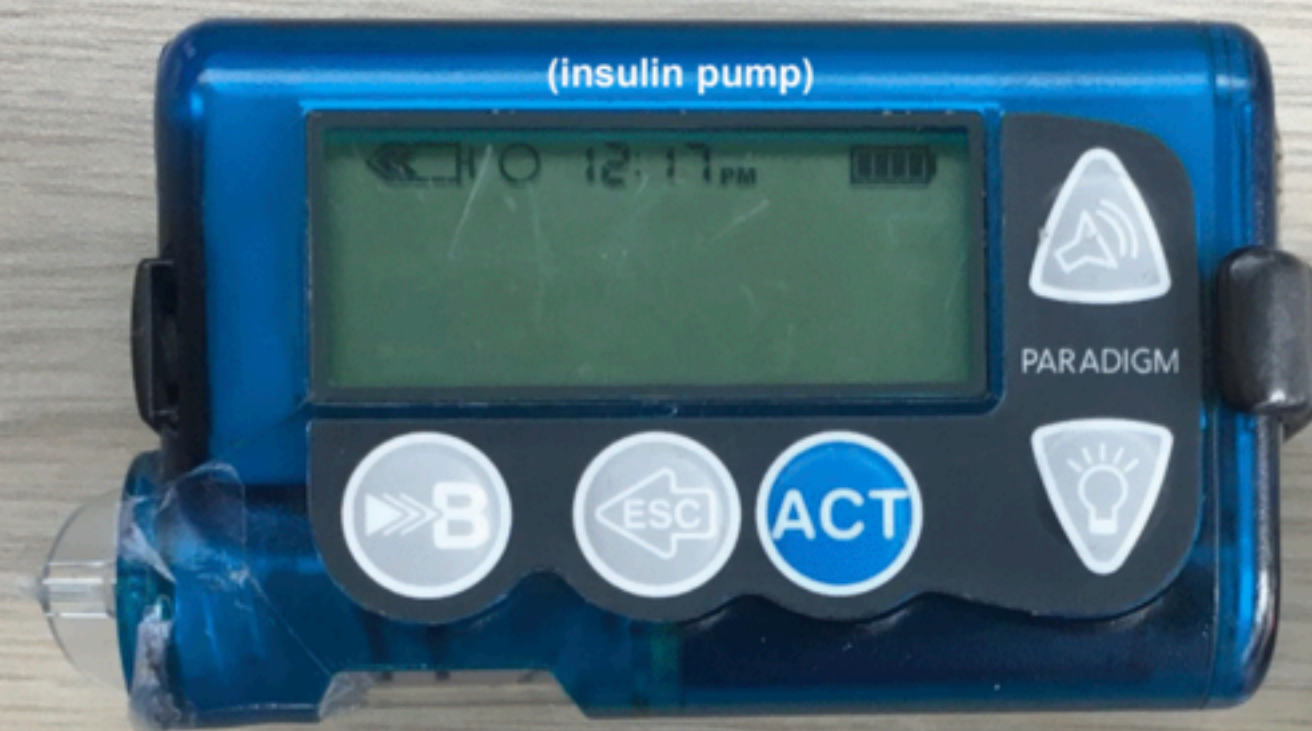
Genome Exploration



Community research in Diabetes

About the Nightscout Data Commons on Open Humans

Members of the Nightscout community share diabetes data for scientific research. Various diabetes treatment approaches are being tested, and a simple way to share data sets is needed to create traditional research studies. We want to review data as part of our research, and we use the Open Humans platform.

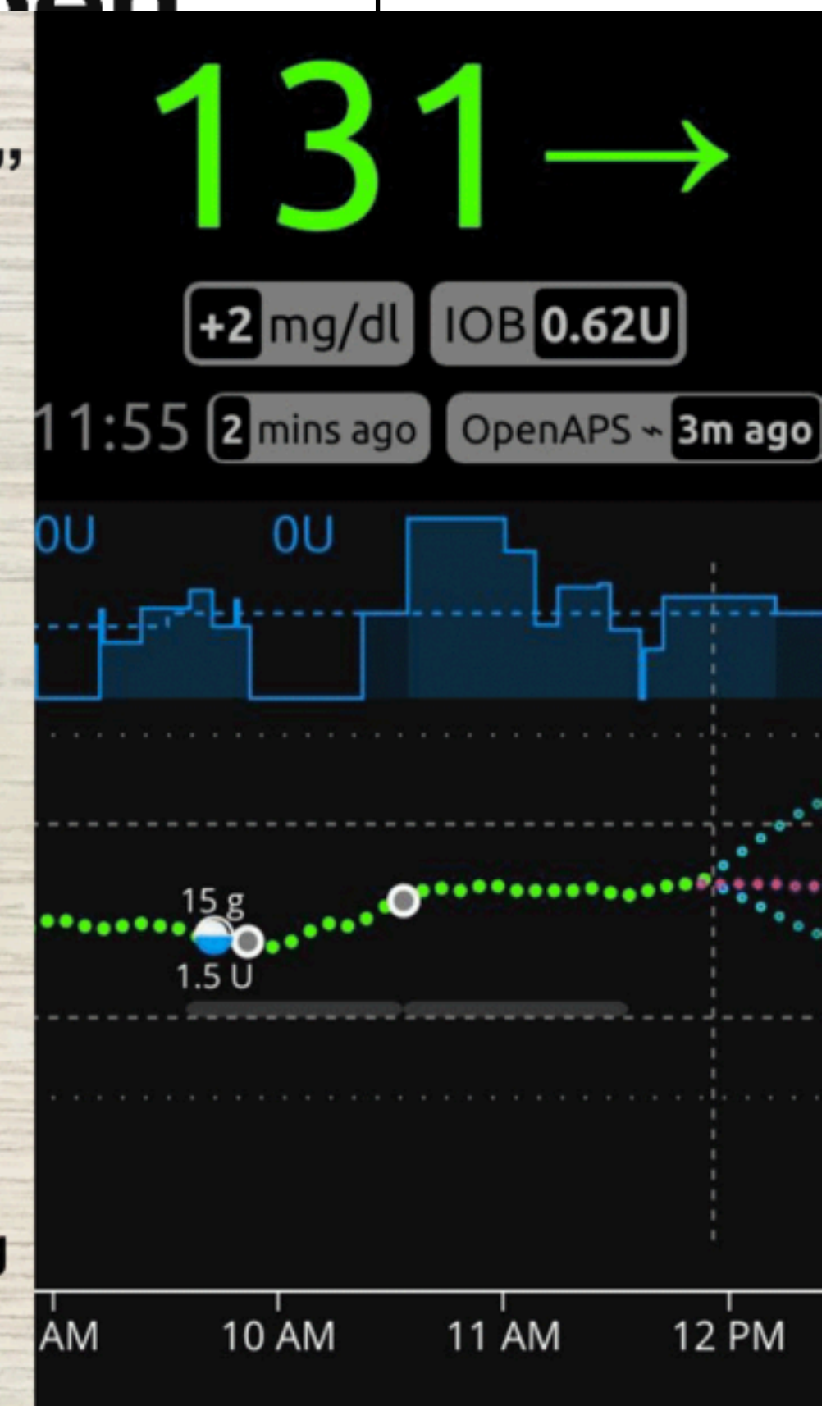
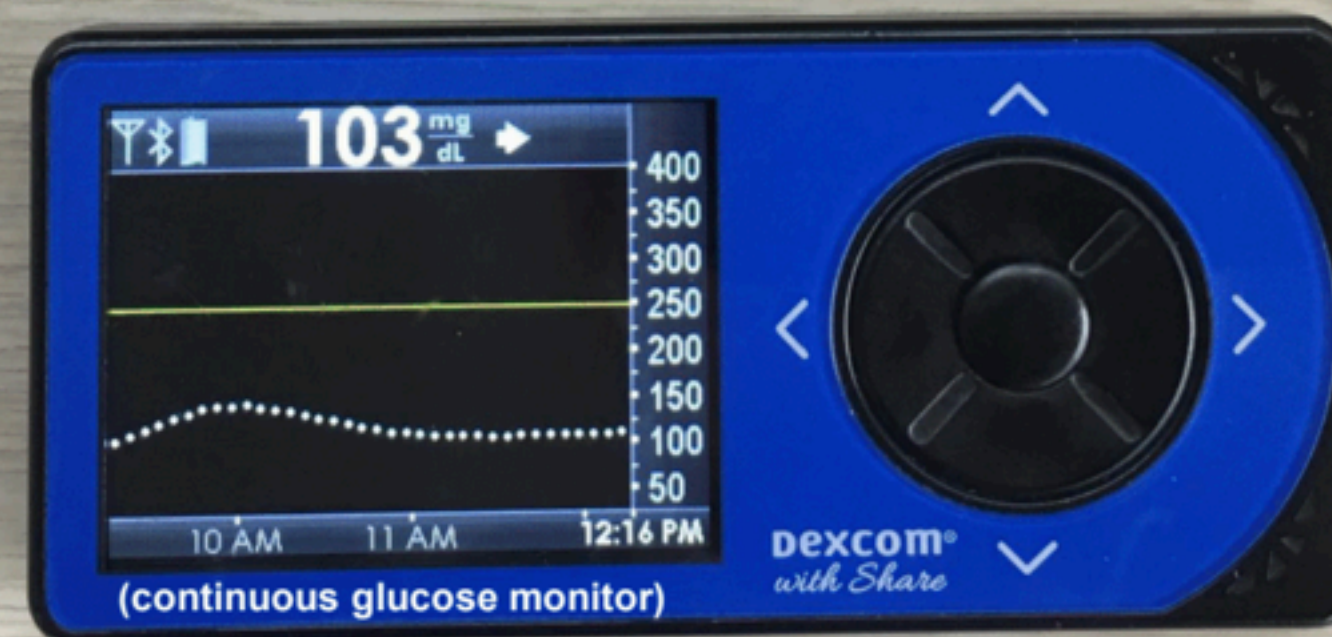


OpenAPS "rig"



@DanaMLewis

www.OpenAPS.org



some numbers

- 5,691 registered users (2,251 w/ at least 1 data set)
- 15,119 data files available in total
- 26 projects currently running

current data sources



23andMe Upload

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Open Humans Foundation

Connected by **1023** members

23andMe is a direct-to-consumer genetic testing company that tests about one million genetic locations.

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AncestryDNA Upload

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Connected by **361** members

Ancestry.com's AncestryDNA is a direct-to-consumer genetic testing product that tests about 700,000 genetic locations.

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Fitbit Connection

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Connect your Fitbit account to add data from your Fitbit activity trackers and other Fitbit devices.

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Open Humans Healthkit Integration

James Turner
self

Connected by **176** members

Install this third-party app on your iPhone or iPad to upload HealthKit data to Open Humans.

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Data sharing and ethical oversight

Prof. Dr. Effy Vayena
ETH Zurich

Joined by **133** members

Through a quick survey we aim at understanding what the Open Humans community thinks about ethical oversight.

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Genome/Exome Upload

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Do you have genome or exome data? You can upload genome, exome, and genotyping data in VCF format.

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Personal Data Notebooks

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Joseph K. Pickrell
Gencove, Inc.

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Your genome app - get your ancestry, microbiome, and more! Contribute your data to OpenHumans.

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Twitter Archive Analyzer

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OpenAPS Data Commons

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The OpenAPS Data Commons collects data from DIY closed loopers and facilitates research in partnership with the DIY closed loop community.

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Add your Nokia Health (Withings) data to Open Humans

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Data Selfies

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Upload Data Selfies

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Nightscout Data Transfer

James Wedding, P.E.
The Nightscout Foundation

Connected by **216** members

A tool to easily enable upload of data from individual Nightscout databases to the Open Humans platform



Runkeeper connection

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RunKeeper is a free smartphone app for GPS fitness-tracking. You can use it to record GPS timepoint data for runs, walks, bicycling, and oth



openSNP

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openSNP

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openSNP allows you to put your genetic and phenotypic data into the public domain. Connect your openSNP account to Open Humans.



uBiome Upload

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uBiome is a company based in San Francisco that performs microbiome sequencing

[Learn more](#)



FamilyTreeDNA integration

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Upload your FamilyTreeDNA data to Open Humans

[Learn more](#)



Nightscout Data Commons

The Nightscout Data Commons Committee
The Nightscout Foundation

Joined by **75** members

The Nightscout Data Commons collects data from Nightscout users and facilitates research in partnership with the DIY diabetes community.

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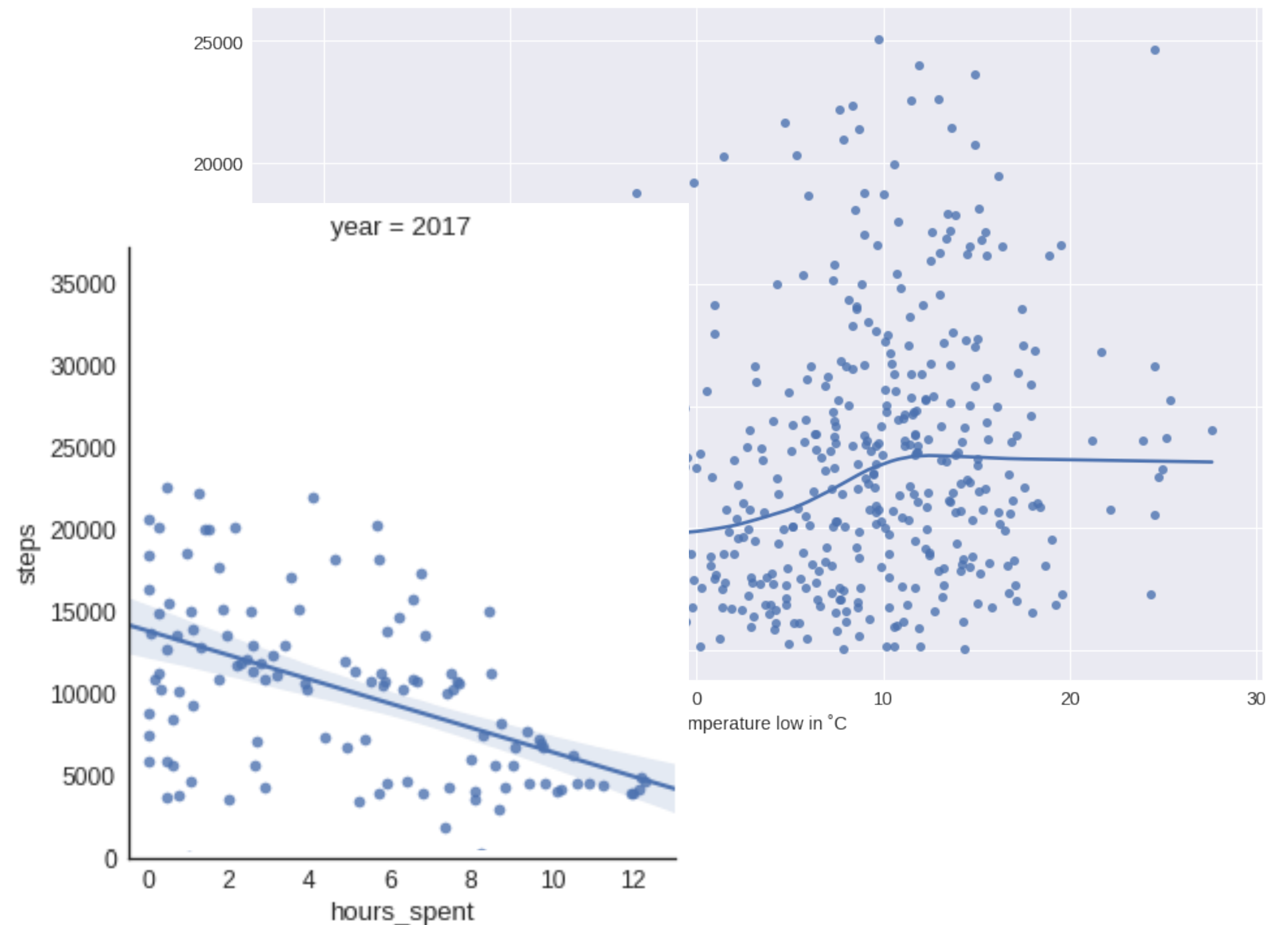


Sign in with OpenHumans

we can now correlate data sources!

Do my step counts drop
when it's cold/rainy outside?

Does my daily workload influence
how much I walk?



**benefits of data aggregation:
reproducible $n=1$ experiments**



Personal Data Notebooks

Notebook	Data Sources				Last updated ▾
Daylio Analysis.ipynb by danlessa	daylio	preview 	3	0	5 days ago
23andme-preeclampsia.ipynb by M_LP	23andMe Upload	preview 	7	0	1 week ago
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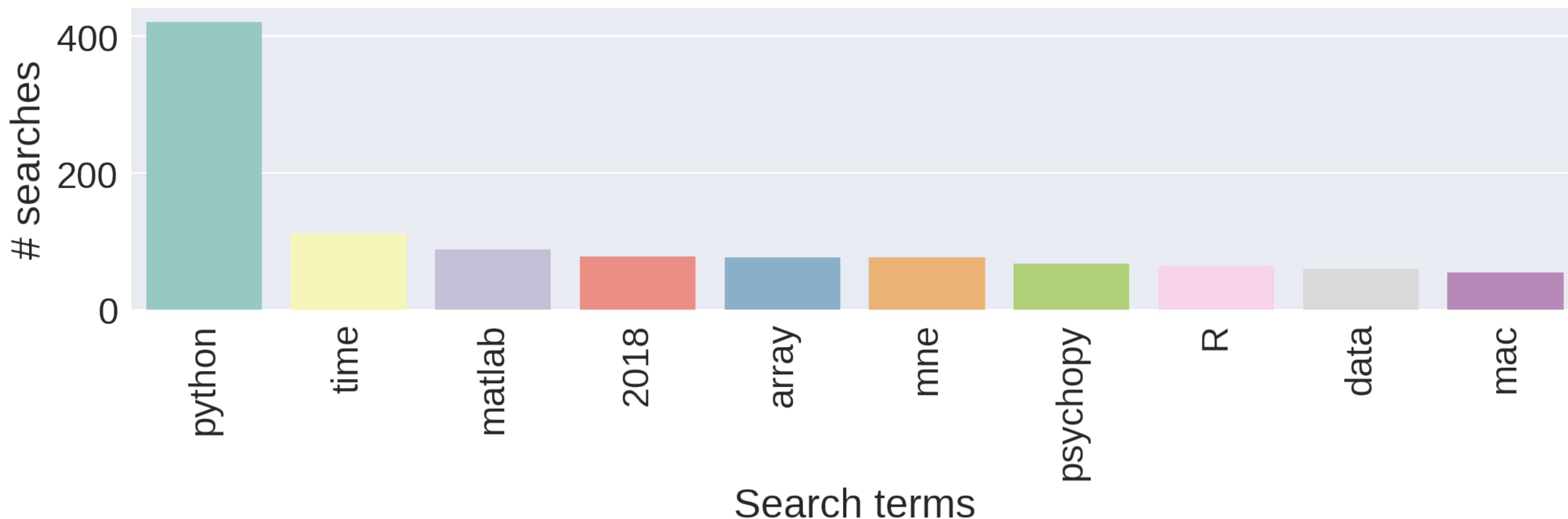
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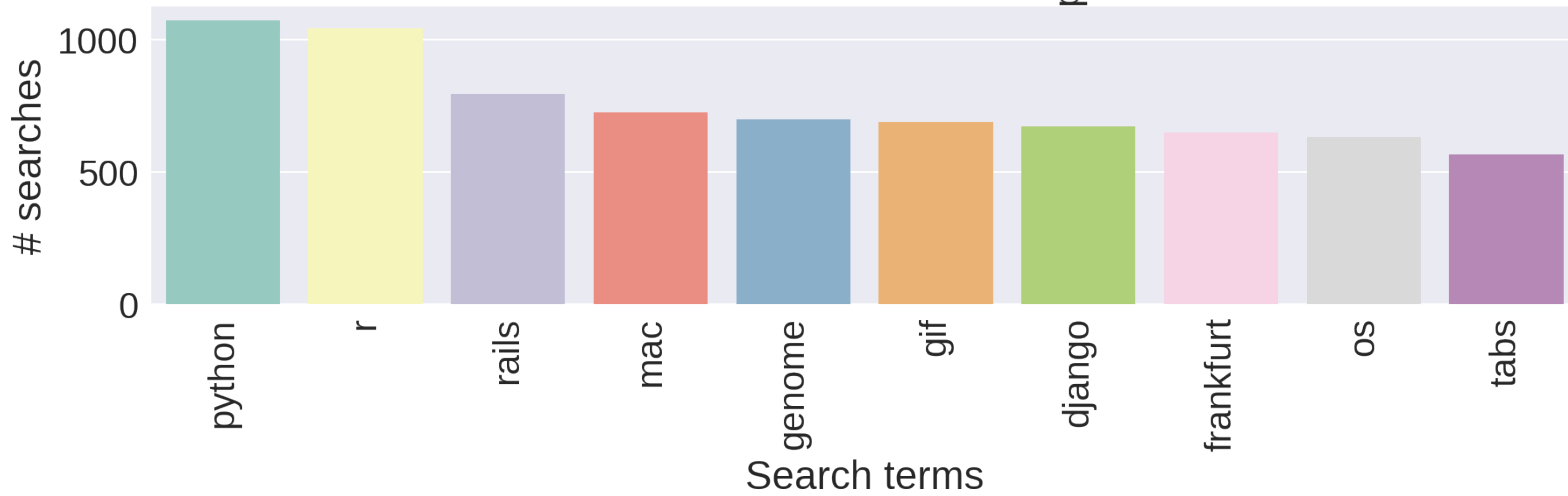
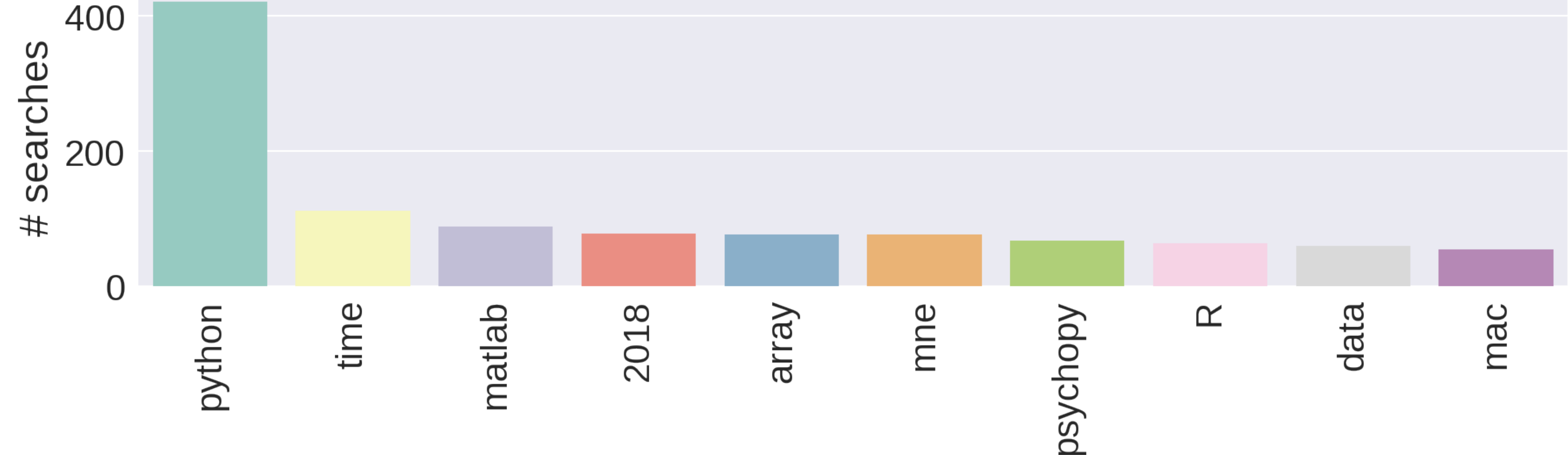
Importing & analyzing google search history data!

In this notebook you can analyze your google search history data. First, you have to request your data from google, with instructions that you can find [here](#).

The goal is to get your data in a more usable format than what google provides when you're requesting it and be able to do some quantitative analyses yourself. And of course to get some nice plots!

All of the plots that are generated from this notebook will be saved in your Open Humans home folder, so check that out once you're done.





summary

- generalizable findings rely on sharing data
- there's plenty of databases for sharing your data (your discipline is missing amongst these? maybe start your own 😊)
- share data with a license that allows re-use and remixing, but...
- data sharing can be tricky when dealing with humans
- be as open as possible, as closed as necessary
- think about how you collect and distribute data (consent-less scraping is out)

thanks!



Tim Head



John Wilbanks



Philipp Bayer



Kirstie Whitaker



Mad Ball

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