



# ECE1784H: Trustworthy Machine Learning

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## Logistics

- Course syllabus: papernot.fr/teaching/f19-trustworthy-ml
  - Schedule (will be updated)
  - Assigned reading (will be updated)
  - Assignment description
  - Grading information
  - Ethics statement
- Class: Mondays 1-3pm
- Office hours: Wednesdays 1.30-3.30pm
- Office location: Pratt 484E



#### What is this class?

#### This is not a ML course



#### What do I mean by trustworthy ML?



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x "panda" 57.7% confidence

sign $(\nabla_x J(\theta, x, y))$ "nematode" 8.2% confidence

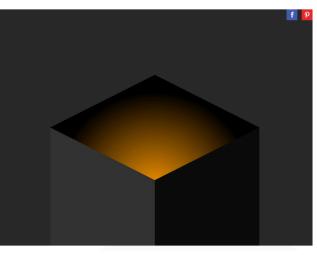
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#### Security



Privacy

HOW TO STEAL AN AI



**Ehe New York Times** 

Facial Recognition Is Accurate, if You're a White Guy

By Steve Lohr

#### Fairness & Ethics



#### Confidentiality





## Again, this is not a ML course.

#### • Exam

- Questions will test ML background
- No studying is necessary if you have taken a ML course
- Friday September 13 from 4PM to 5PM
- BA1170
- Let me know by email before tomorrow (Tuesday) noon if you have a conflict for this time so I can arrange a time for you to take the exam in my office
- 30% of grade
- If you are unable to answer questions, I strongly recommend dropping the course and taking a ML class first (e.g., ECE1513 in the Winter)



#### Format for weeks 2-10

- 1h30mn presentation of reading materials
  - Research papers
  - One team will present and lead the discussion
  - Interactive discussion (everyone should do the reading ahead of class)
  - One team will take notes and synthetize the discussion
- 30mn work on research projects
- Deadlines:
  - Thursday before class: presenting team shares slides by 6.00pm
  - Wednesday following class: notes team should turn in notes by 6.00pm



# Before class: 1-page reading summary

- Read all papers posted on website
- Summarize your reading through 1 page summary:
  - what did the papers do well?
  - where did the papers fall short?
  - what did you learn from these papers?
  - what questions do you have about the papers?
- Typeset report in LaTeX (<u>https://www.latex-project.org/</u>)
  - First report not in LaTeX issued a warning
  - All following reports assigned 0



# During class: notes + discussion

- All: ask questions from your 1-page summary
- Presenting team:
  - May choose an appropriate format
    - Slides
    - interactive demos
    - code tutorials
  - Should involve class
  - · Should cover (at least) the papers assigned for reading
  - Time the presentation to last 1h30
- Notes team:
  - Takes notes to prepare report



### **Presentation rubric**

- papernot.fr/teaching/rubric.pdf
- Technical:
  - Depth of content
  - Accuracy of content
  - Paper criticism
  - Discussion lead
- Soft presentation skills:
  - Time management
  - Responsiveness to audience
  - Organization
  - Presentation aids



#### After class: notes

- Notes team:
  - Synthesize both the presentation and questions / discussions
  - Report written collectively as a team
  - Typeset notes in LaTeX
    - recommended min 4 pages in default LaTeX article style
    - Include references



## Lateness policy

- Paper presentations:
  - Deadline: slides must be turned in by 6pm on Thursday before the class
  - 10% per-day late penalty
  - up to a max of 2 days
- Paper summaries:
  - Deadline: beginning of each class
  - late assignments not accepted
  - 0 for the week if physical copy not turned in at the beginning of class
- Class notes:
  - Deadline: 6pm on Wednesday following the class
  - 10% per-day late penalty
  - up to a max of 4 days



### Grading scheme

- 30% exam
- 20% paper presentation
- 10% paper summaries
- 10% class notes
- 30% research project



# Integrity

Any instance of sharing or plagiarism, copying, cheating, or other disallowed behavior will constitute a breach of ethics. Students are responsible for reporting any violation of these rules by other students, and failure to constitutes an ethical violation that carries with it similar penalties.

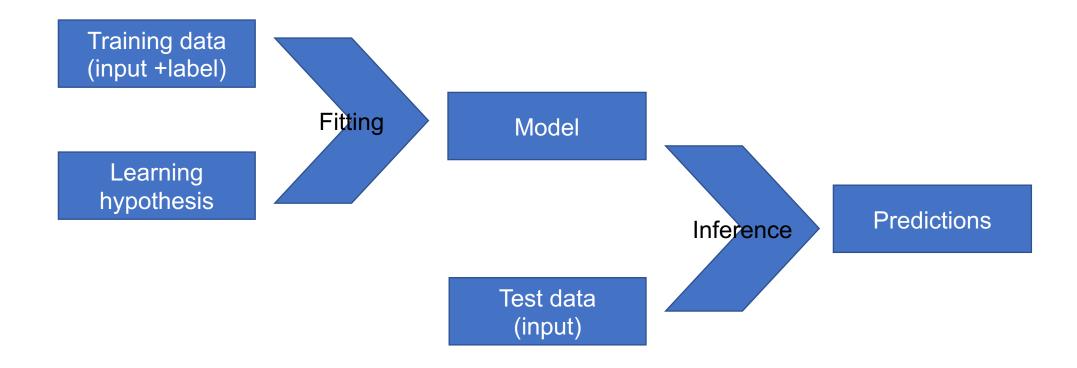


#### **Ethics**

This course covers topics in personal and public privacy and security. As part of this investigation we will explore technologies whose abuse may infringe on the rights of others. As an instructor, I rely on the ethical use of these technologies. Unethical use may include circumvention of existing security or privacy measurements for any purpose, or the dissemination, promotion, or exploitation of vulnerabilities of these services. Exceptions to these guidelines may occur in the process of reporting vulnerabilities through public and authoritative channels. Any activity outside the letter or spirit of these guidelines will be reported to the proper authorities and may result in dismissal from the class. When in doubt, please contact the course professor for advice. Do not undertake any action which could be perceived as technology misuse anywhere and/or under any circumstances unless you have received explicit permission from the instructor. instructor.

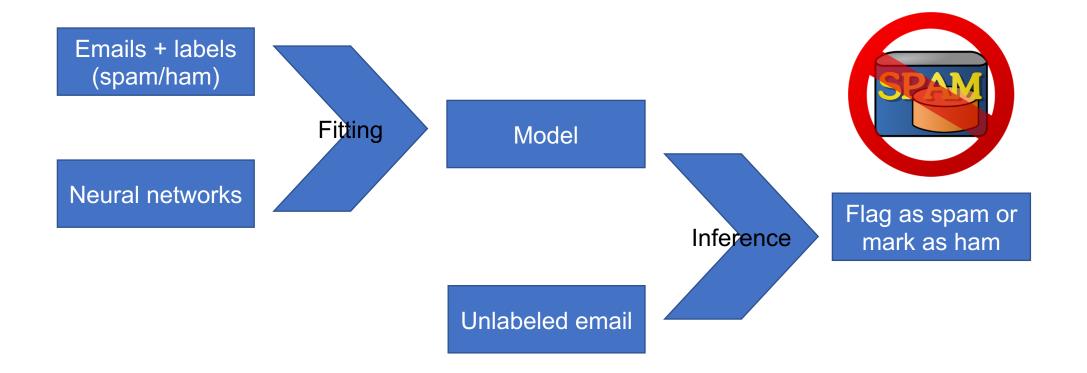


### Machine learning paradigm

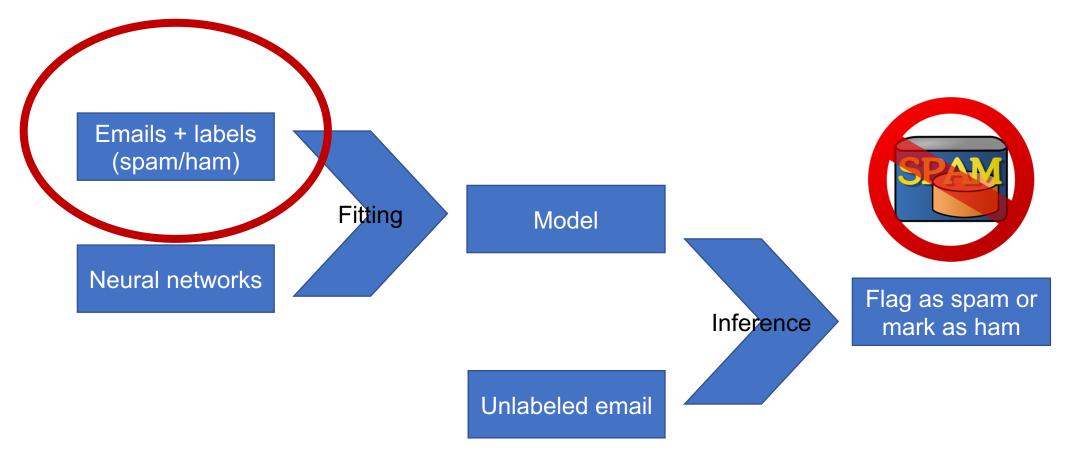




### ML for spam detection

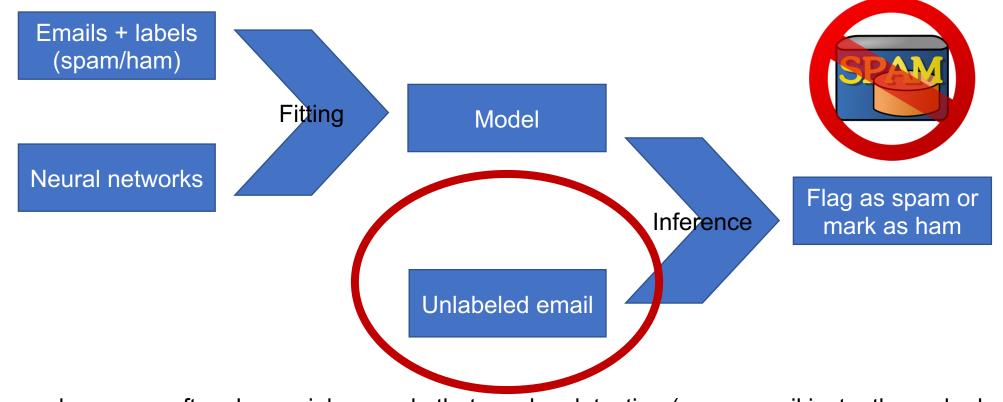






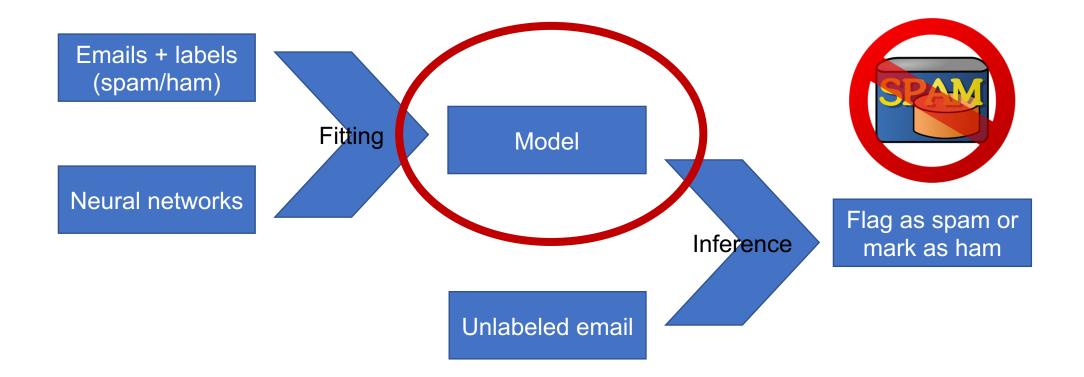
Poisoning: adversary inserts emails that contain spam but removes them from the spam folder back to inbox





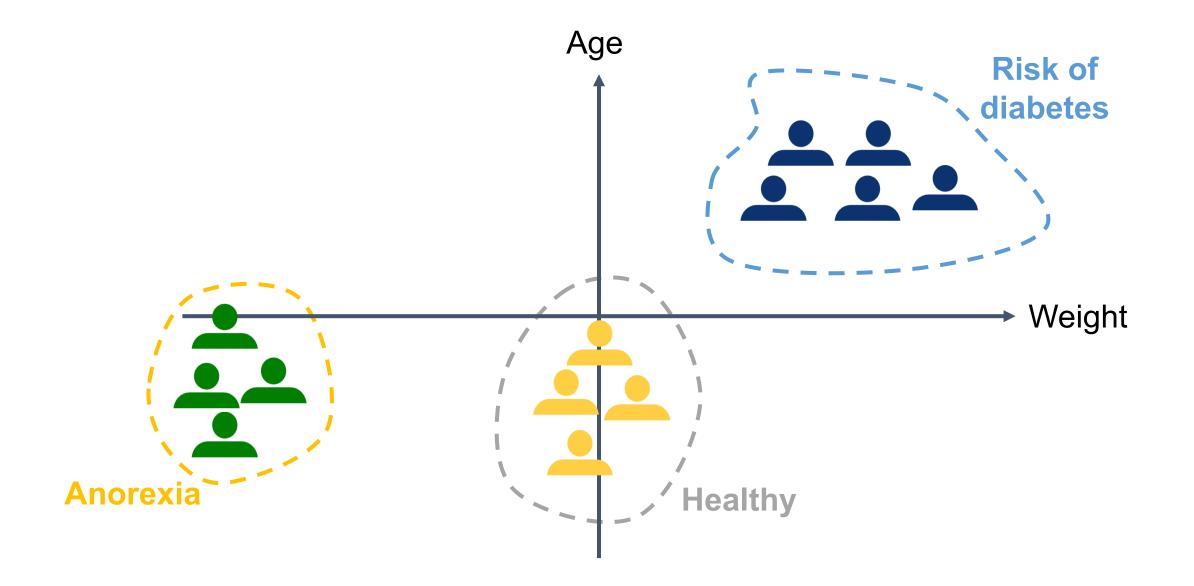
Evasion: adversary crafts adversarial example that evades detection (spam email instantly marked as ham)



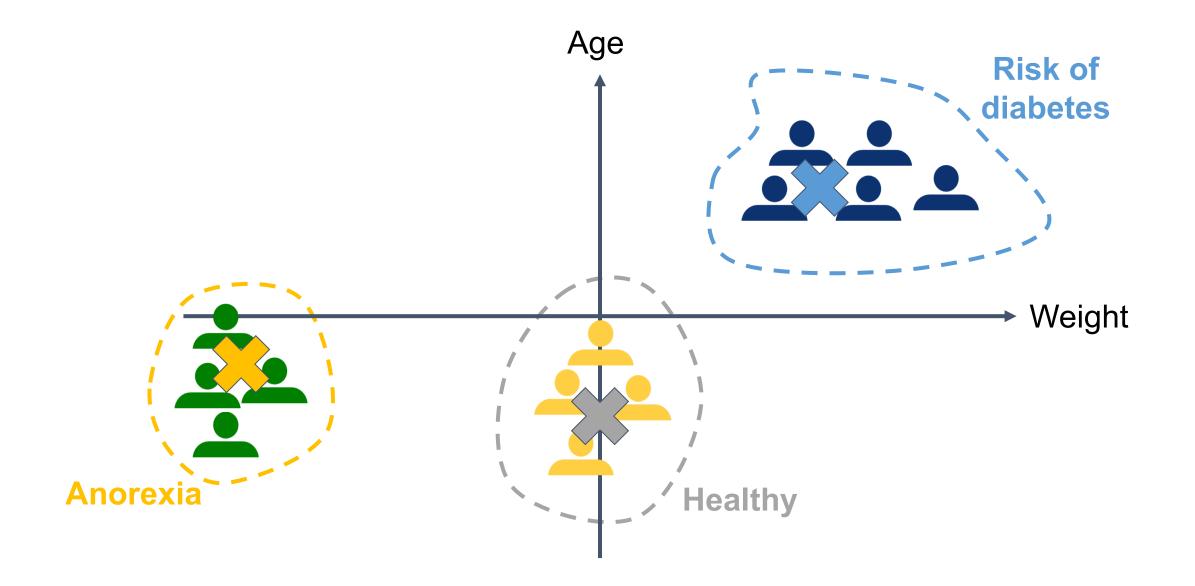


<u>Membership inference</u>: adversary inspects model to test whether an email was used to train it (privacy violation)

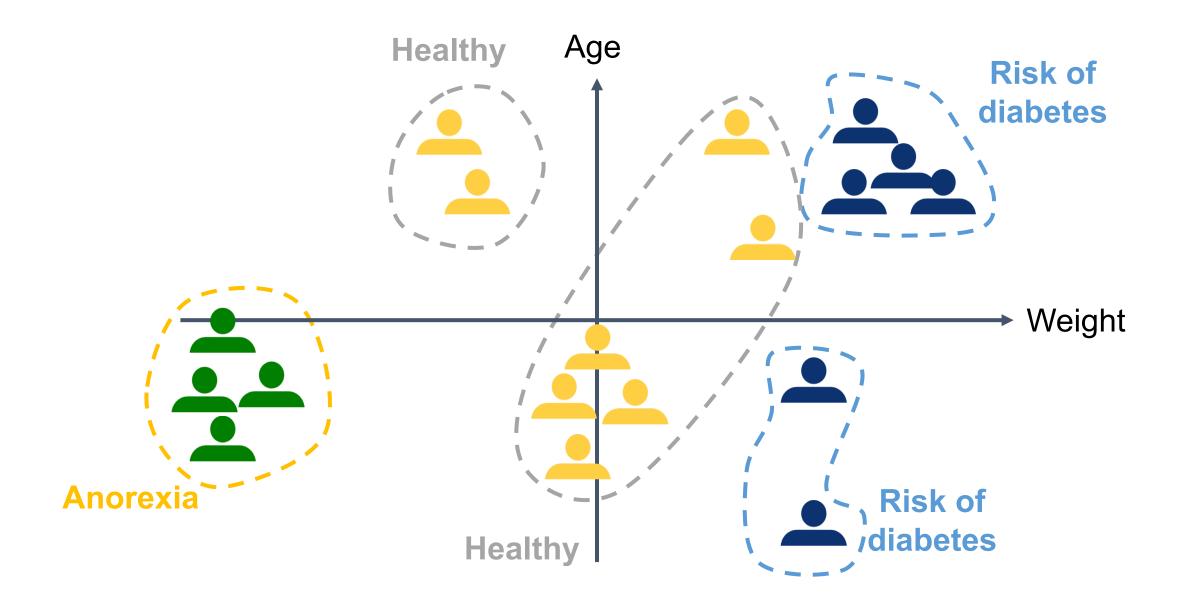




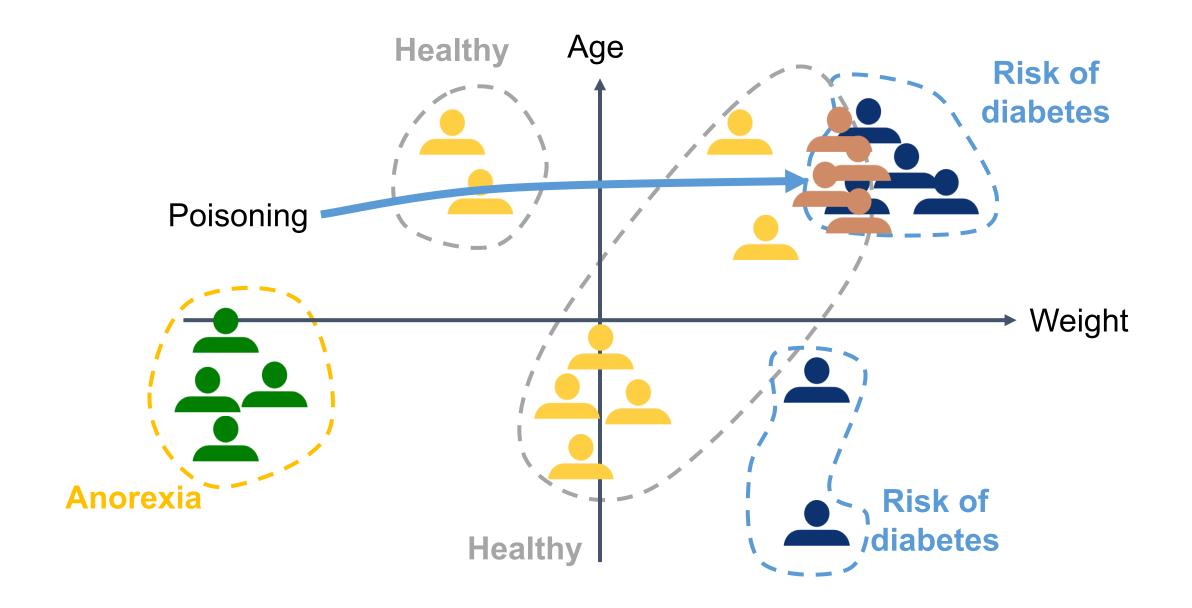




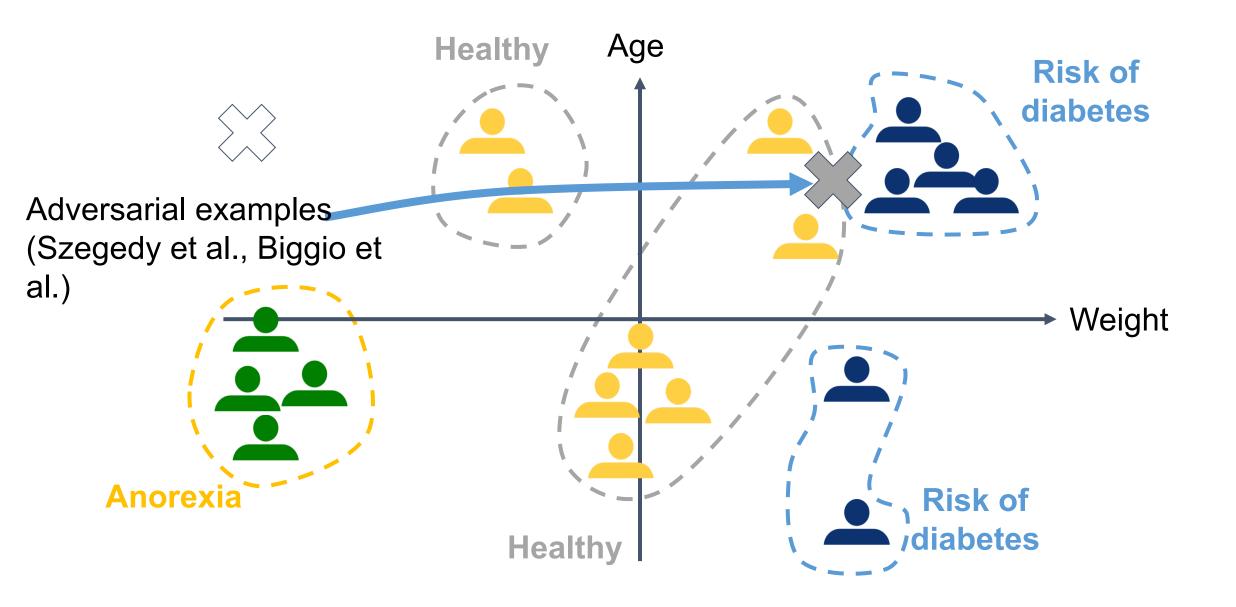




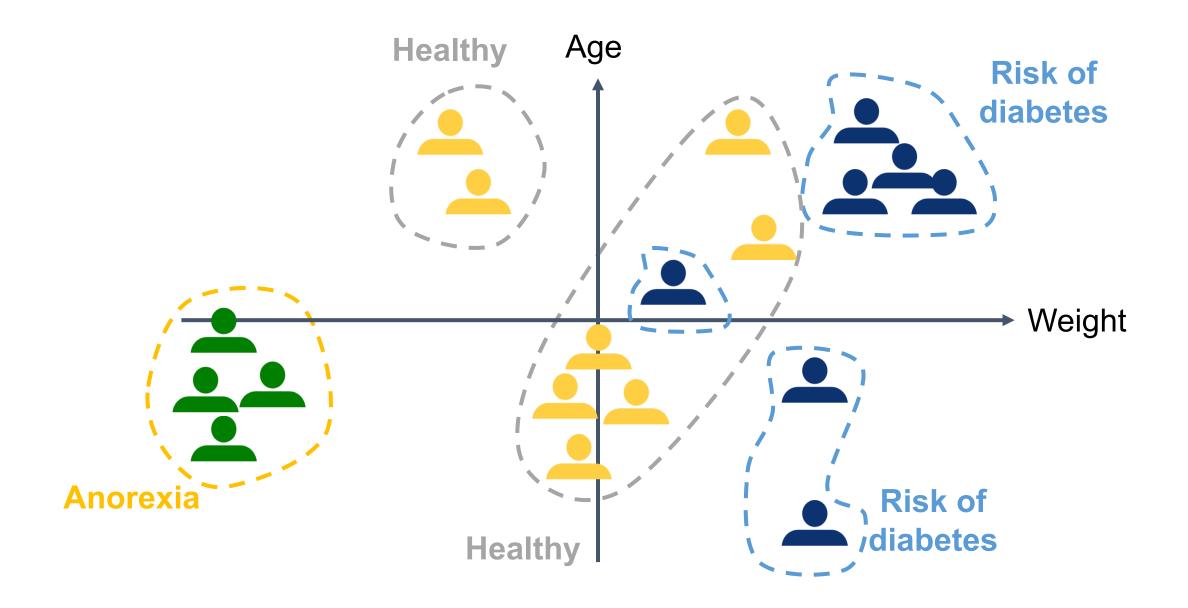




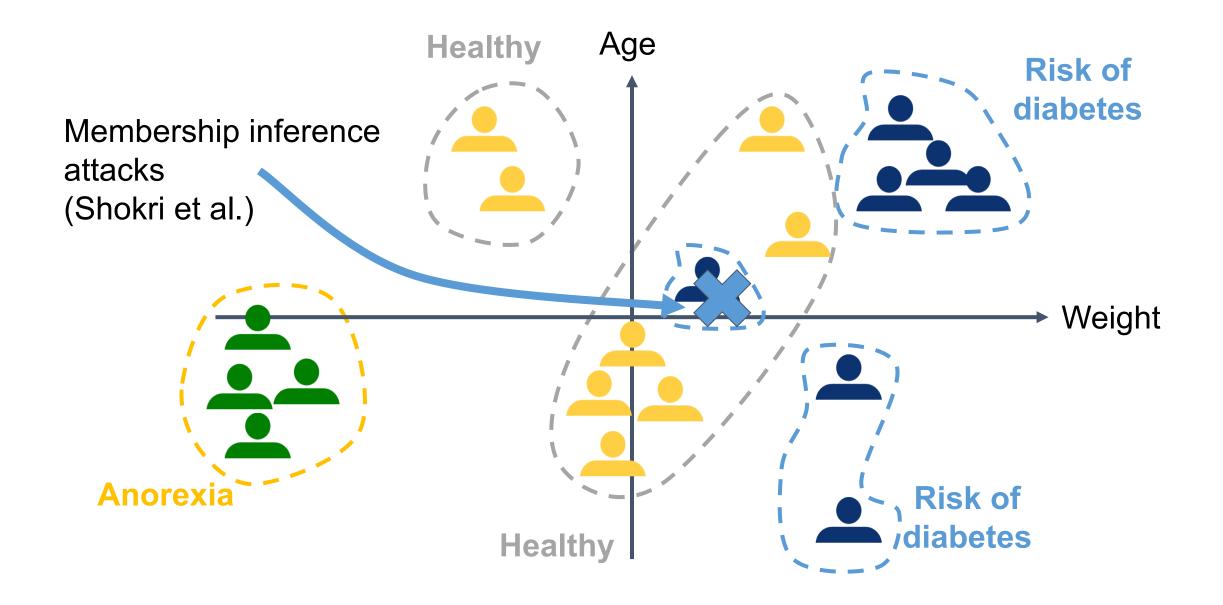




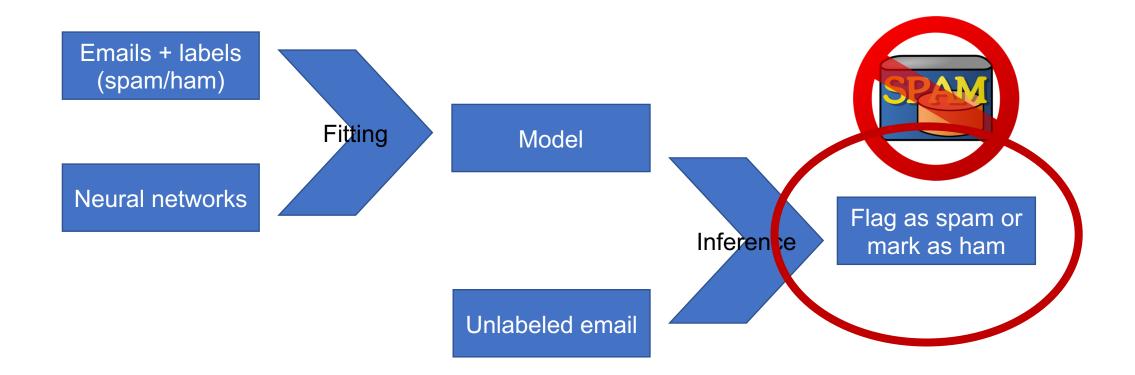








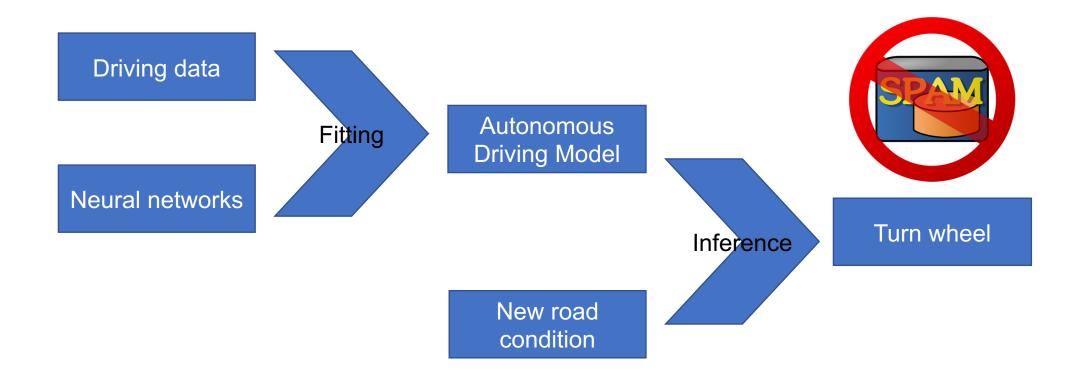




Model extraction: adversary observes predictions and reconstructs model locally



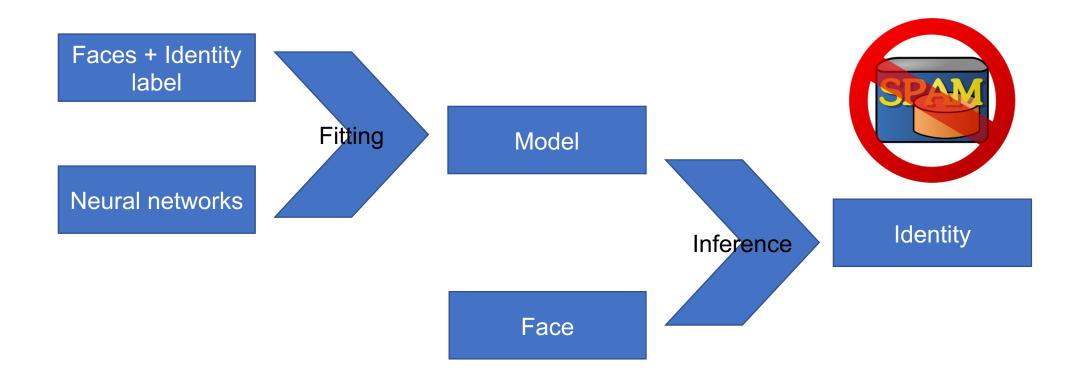
### Societal aspects of the ML paradigm



Safety: if training data is not comprehensive, driveless car may not take appropriate action



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<u>Fairness</u>: if training data does not contain enough faces from a minority, accuracy at inference suffers (model does not build relevant features)



### Saltzer and Schroeder's principles

#### Economy of mechanism.

Keep the design of security mechanisms simple.

#### Fail-safe defaults.

Base access decisions on permission rather than exclusion.

**Complete mediation.** Every access to an object is checked for authority.

**Open design.** The design of security mechanisms should not be secret.

Separation of privilege.

A protection mechanism that requires two keys to unlock is more robust and flexible.

#### Least privilege.

Every user operates with least privileges necessary.

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#### Least common mechanism.

Minimize mechanisms depended on by all users.

#### Psychological acceptability.

Human interface designed for ease of use.

#### Work factor.

Balance cost of circumventing the mechanism with known attacker resources.

#### Compromise recording.

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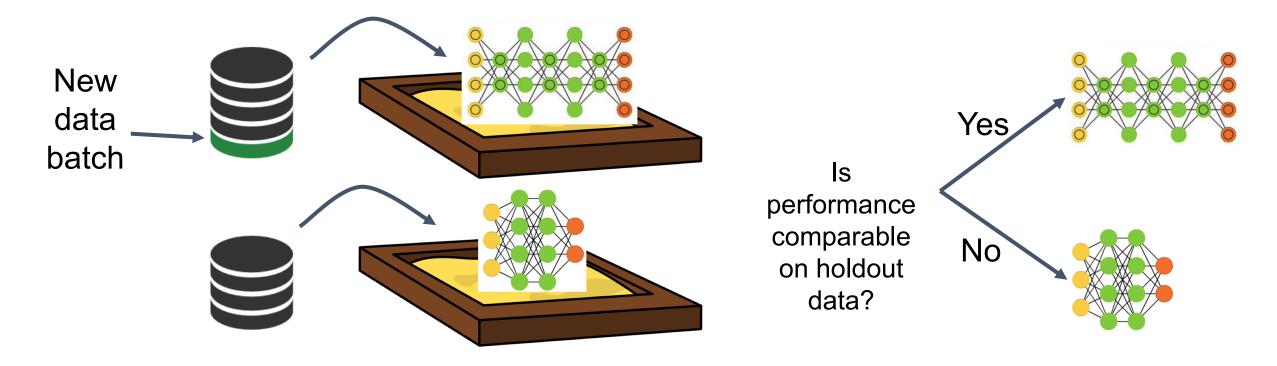


#### Fail-safe defaults

Example 1: do not output low-confidence predictions at test time

**Example 2:** mitigate data poisoning resulting in a distribution drift

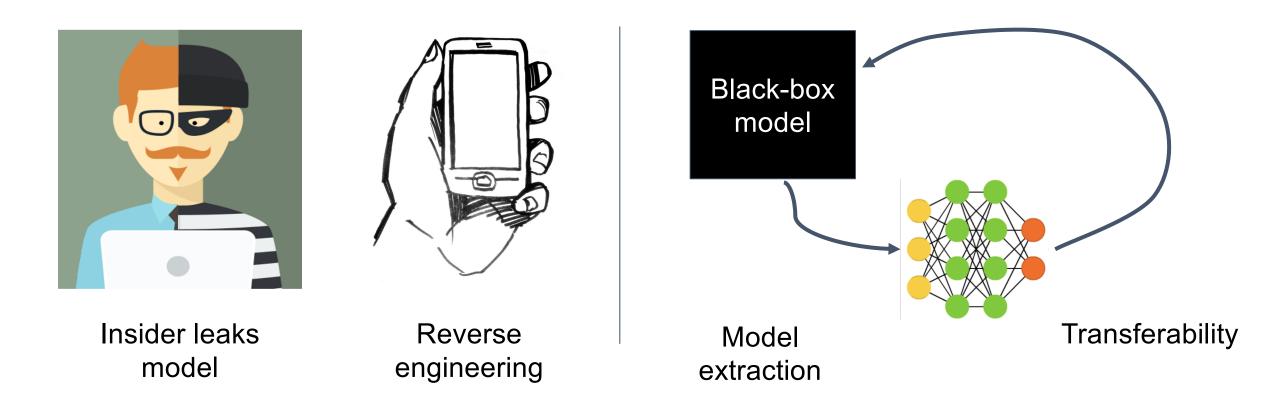
**Attacker:** submits poisoned points to gradually change a model's decision boundary **Defender:** compares accuracy on holdout validation set **before** applying gradients





### Open design

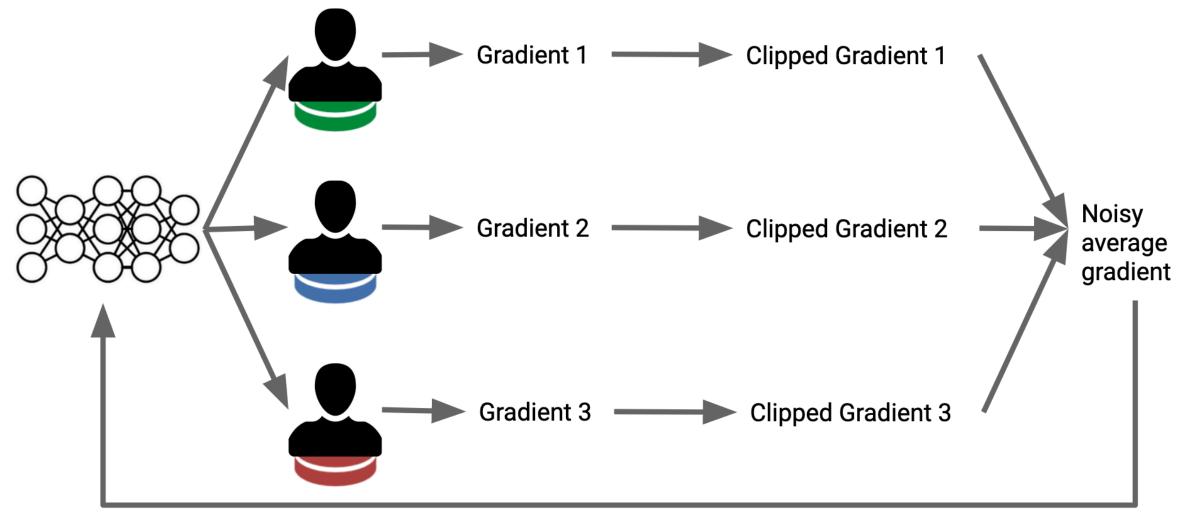
**Example 1:** black-box attacks are not particularly more difficult than white-box attacks



ACM:2650798 (Šrndic and Laskov); arXiv:1602.02697 (Papernot et al.)



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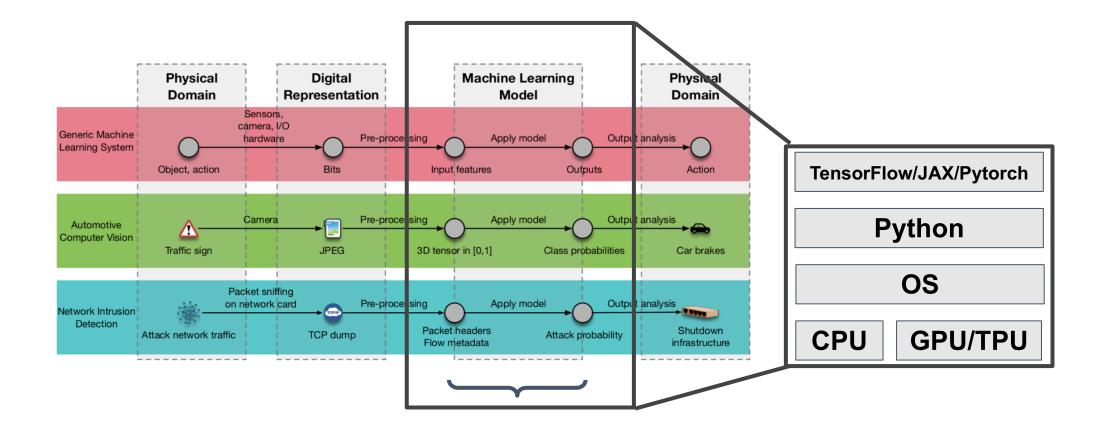
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#### https://www.cs.virginia.edu/~evans/cs551/saltzer/



## **Trusted Computing Base?**





### Research project

- 30mn in class each week, plus work outside class
- Take a look at topics and papers covered in the syllabus
- Identify two areas of interest
- Formulate a project proposal (1/2 page, due by next week)
  - Proposed title
  - Proposed team (optional)
  - Proposed problem
  - Proposed methodology (optional)
  - Alternative topic you would be interested in
- I will help form teams after September 23<sup>rd</sup> if you do not already have teammates by then

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- EXIT FORM
  - Write down name + 2 things you hope to learn this semester

