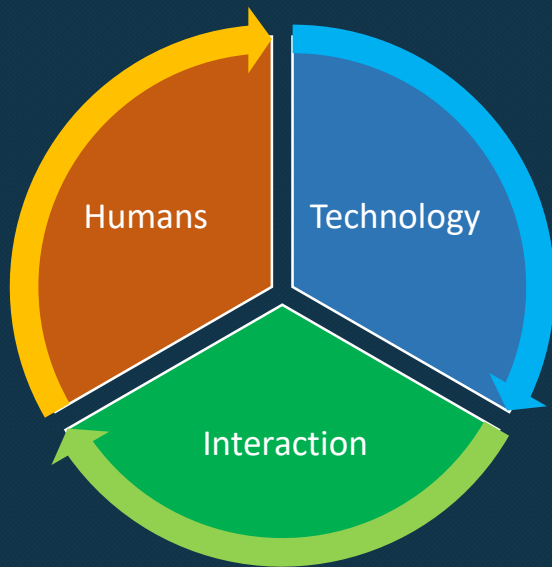


# Cognitive Computing – (The new AI)



Symbiotic fusion of the intelligent system, the user, and the expert.

Dialog between machine and human  
(natural language, intuitive graphics,  
and gestures)

The machine is the super assistant  
that enables the human to make truly  
intelligent decisions in complex  
scenarios.

At the core of  
Cognitive Computing  
since 15 years

11 full professors

~ 600 BSc

~ 200 MSc

~ 45 PhD students

# Cognitive Computing to predict and manage infectious outbreaks

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„For the **Robert Koch Institute** the machine learning and cognitive computing are very important topics for the future. The project **flu-prediction** of university Osnabrück demonstrates and highlights the huge potential of these technologies for public health“

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Assessment by  
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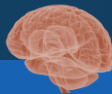
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Delayed and  
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Data science  
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Watson as  
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Cognitive Computing



flu prediction

A one year project  
by a core team of  
three master's  
students





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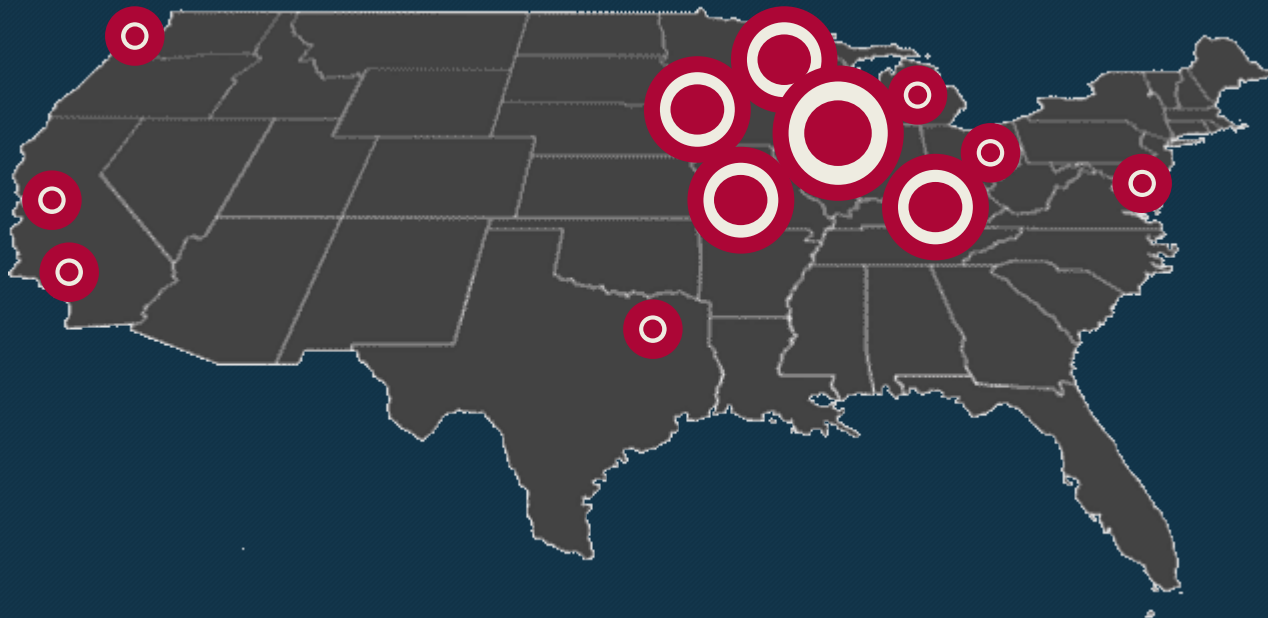


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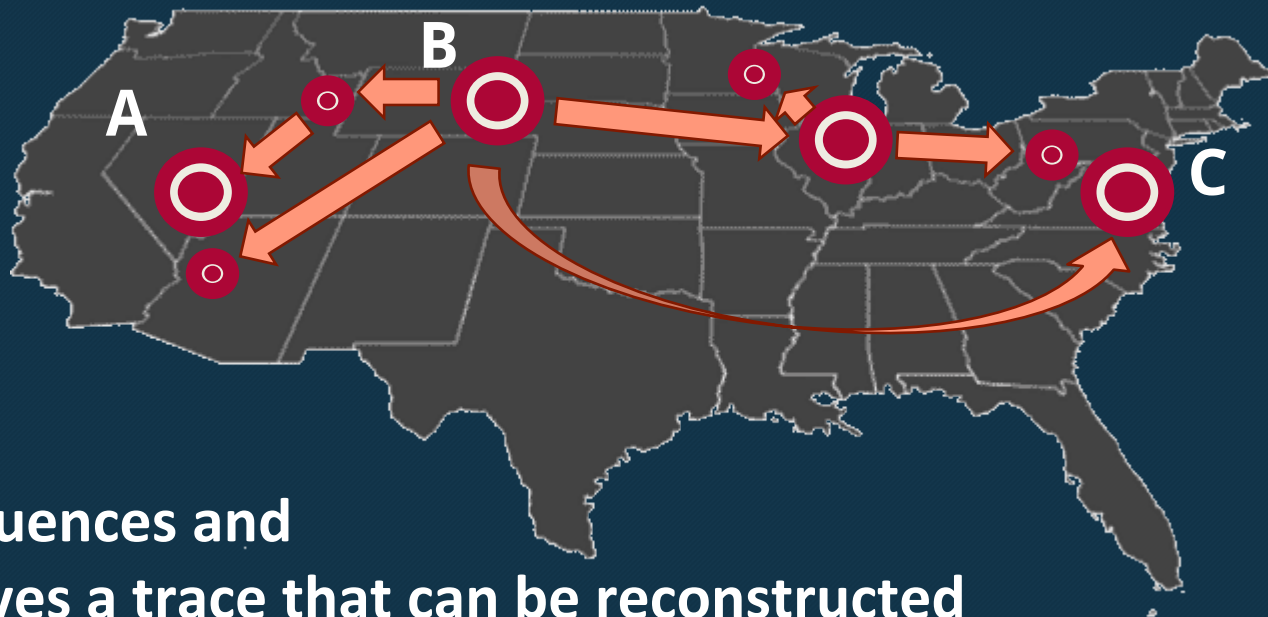


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**Direction and speed of spread NEEDS to be identified from data**

U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet)



**A driver influences and  
thereby leaves a trace that can be reconstructed**

- Schumacher et al. (2015) - A Statistical Framework to Infer Delay and Direction of Information ...
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Twitter activity  
(geo tag + Tweet)

**Unstructured Data from 500 Mil tweets a day !**

# Sample Tweets from 29/09/16



**chaos tK**  @WhosChaos ·

Really hope I'm not getting the **flu** 🤒

himself  
worried



**Kim** @nanosounds

Anyone had any experience of getting better from **flu**, then getting worse? I was up and about yesterday, but today I'm exhausted and **sick** again

herself  
sick



**Rob Sinclair** @RSinclairAuthor

It's that time of the year again...the school/nursery **flu** merry-go-round - both boys **sick** tonight! 🤒 See you on the other side in April...

family is  
sick



**Halen Sumner** @haysum10

The Centenary **flu** has started making its way around campus. For those who don't wish to die: cover yo mouth, wash yo hands, & shun the **sick**

friends are  
sick

# Close the Gap by Fusing Data



Realtime fuzzy  
social media



Slow but reliable  
CDC data



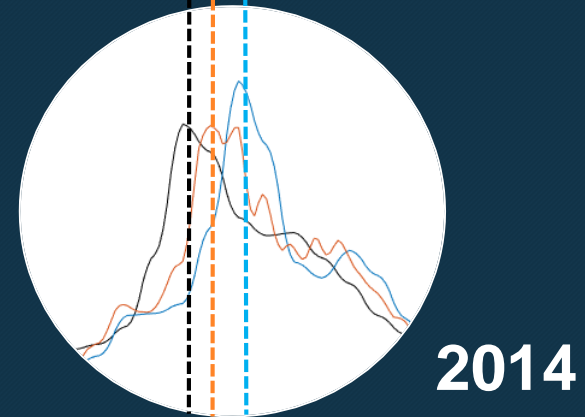
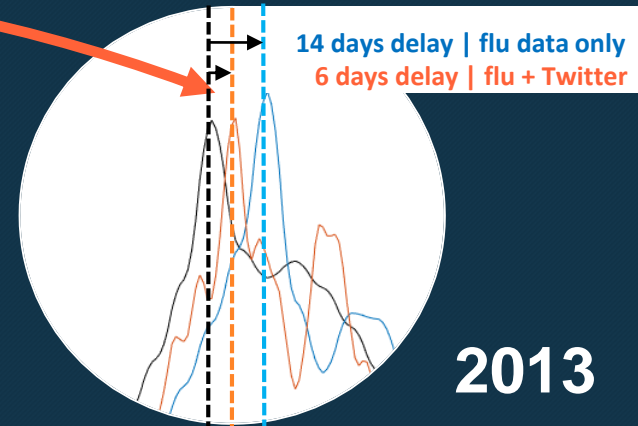
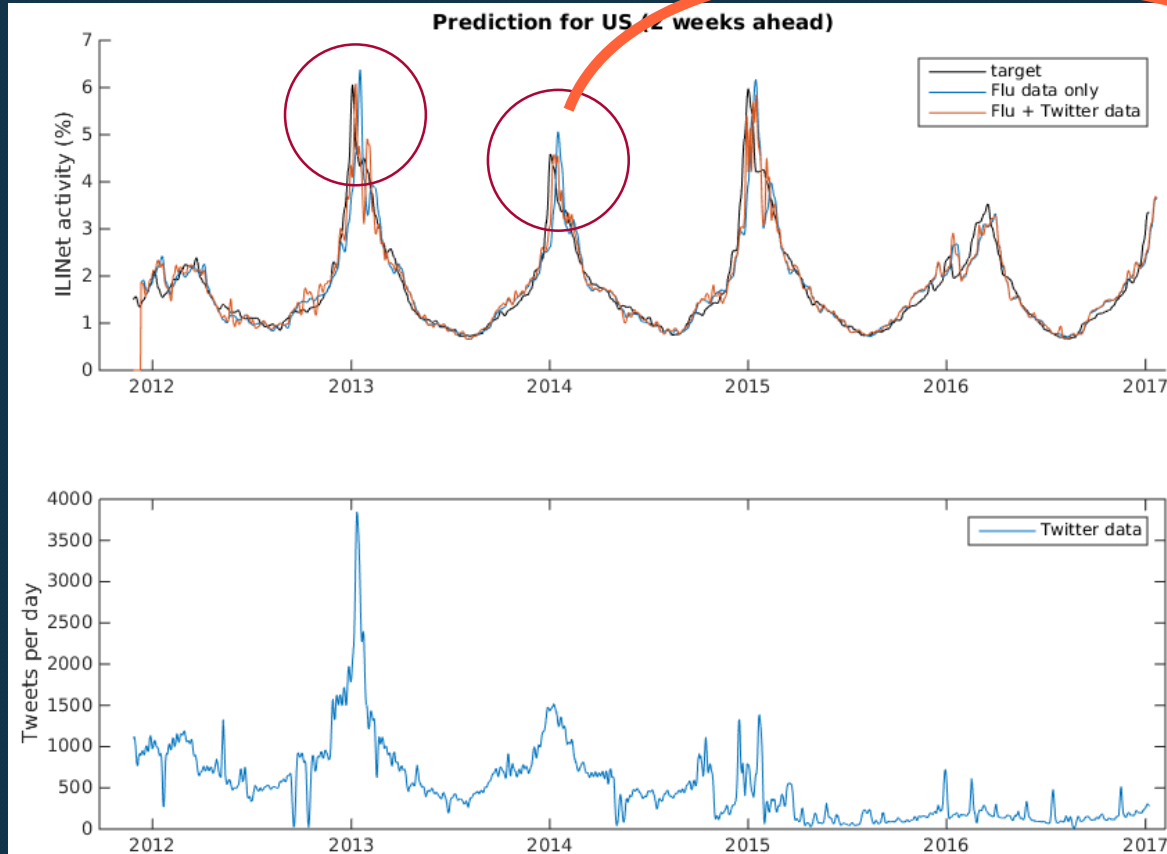
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## Use the best from both worlds to improve prediction

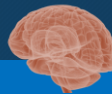


# Delay Reduction with Twitter Data





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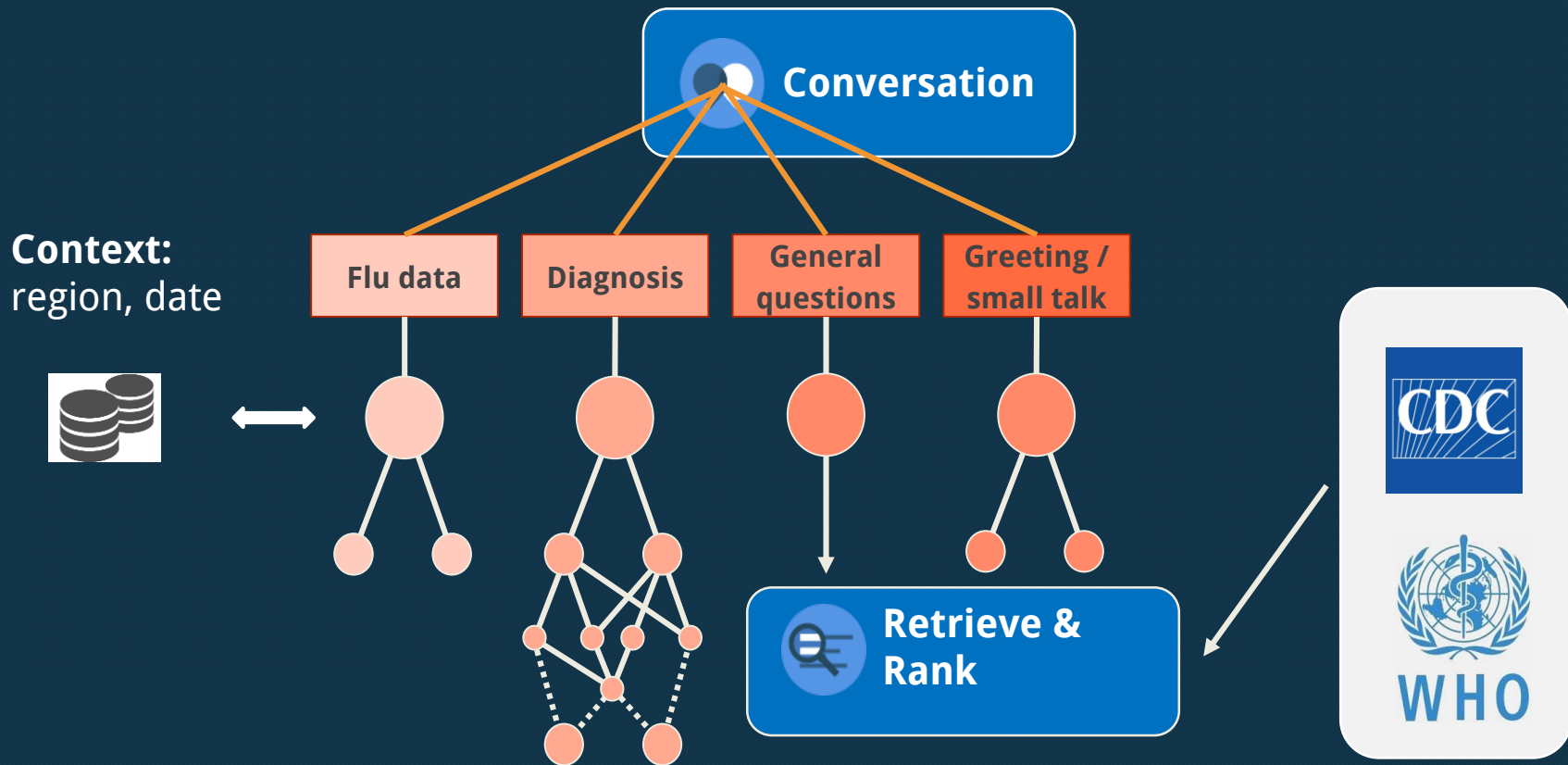
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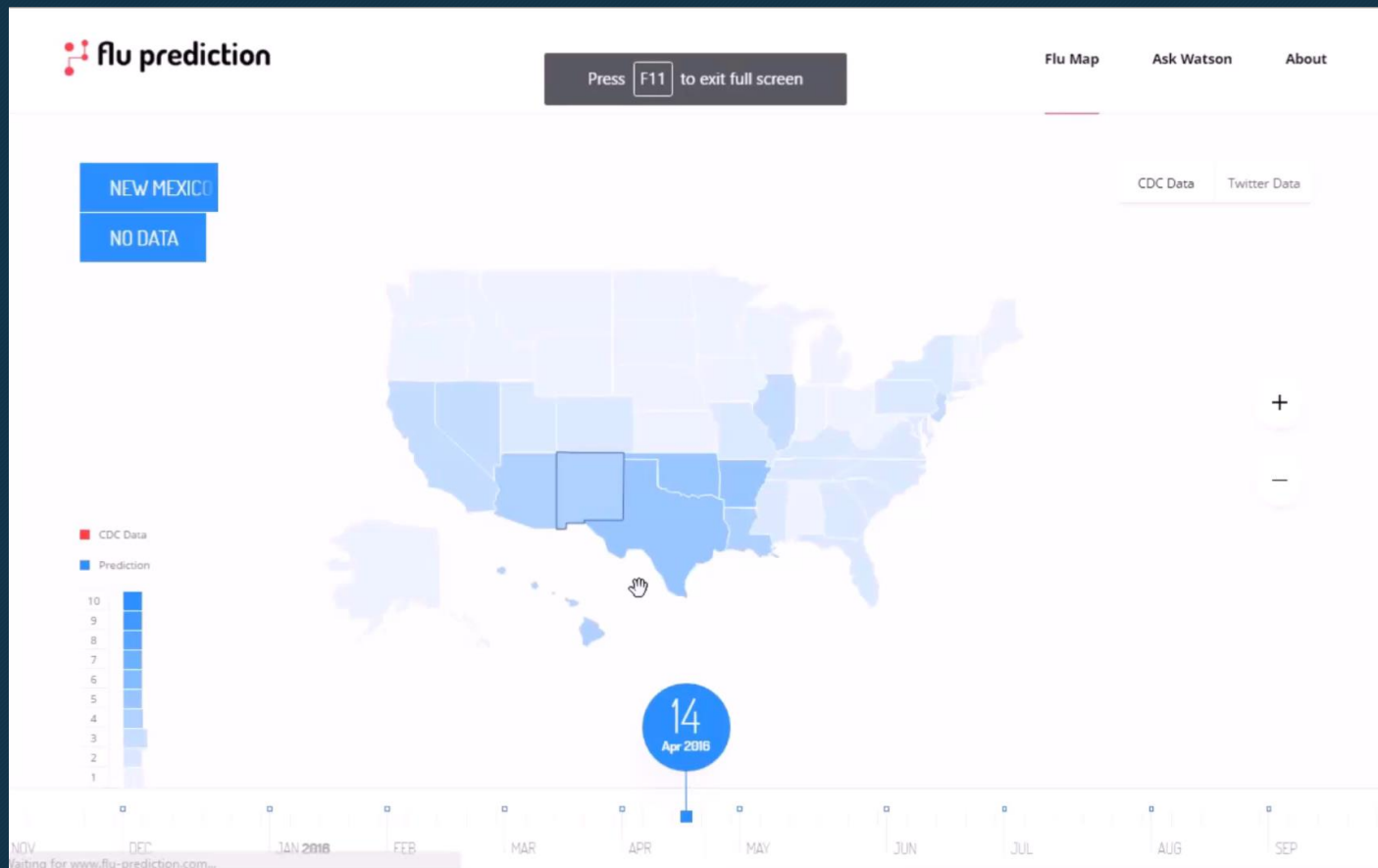


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# Speak with Watson Flu

ASK QUESTIONS & GET ANSWERS

Type your question to Watson about the flu

ask

AND LAS VEGAS NEXT WEEK?

I predict a minimal flu risk (1.57 out of 10) for Las Vegas.

WHAT'S THE FLU LEVEL IN NEW YORK RIGHT NOW?

Alright, here is the data for New York from now: a minimal flu risk (1 out of 10). What else can I do for you?

HI WATSON!

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## Data science methods

- Data science allows identification of very complex causal relations



## Social media analysis

- Combine social media with other conventional data to get the best of both worlds → realtime and reliable



## Watson as expert

- Use unstructured data to learn relationships



# Neuromorphic computing

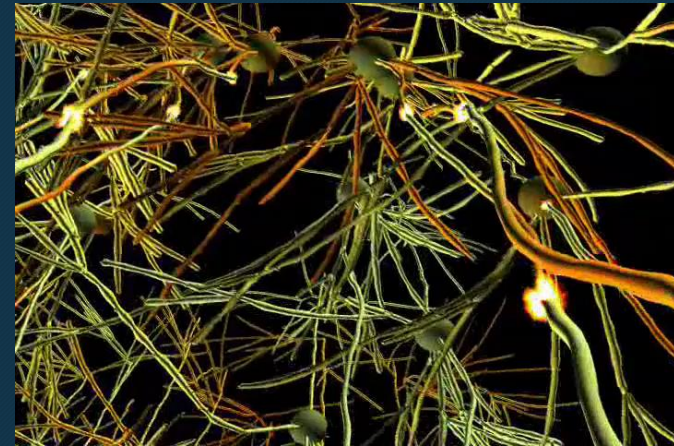
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- The cortex is structured canonically
- Cortex learns to process information based on self-organisation and reward based learning
- Cortical computing is robust

## Neuronal Network

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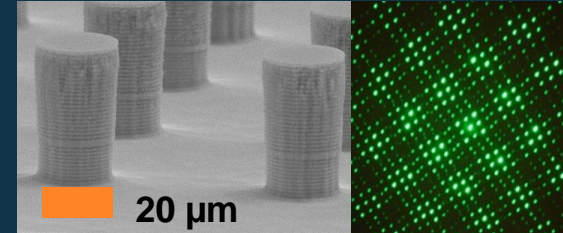


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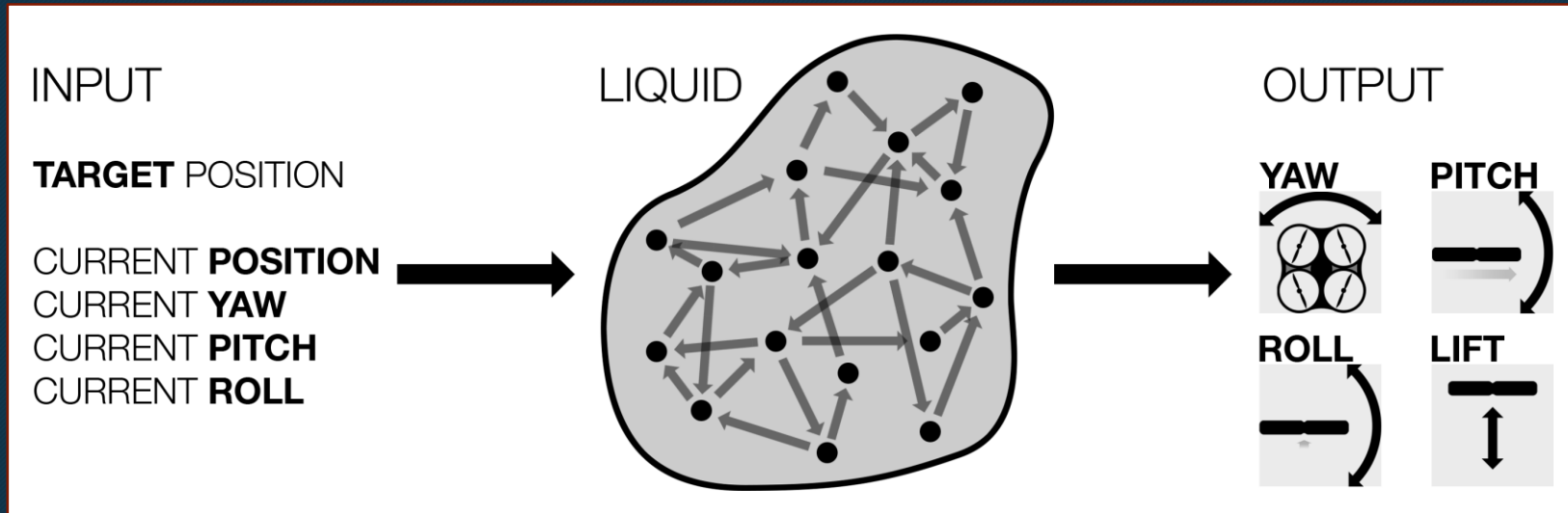
IBM Synapse system



Laser based neurons (*S. Reitzenstein & D. Brunner*)



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M-TS RESERVOIR COMPUTING: **THE DRONE**





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## EXAMPLE 1: **FOLLOWING THE TRUCK**



# Modelling Complex Human Behaviour for autonomous systems

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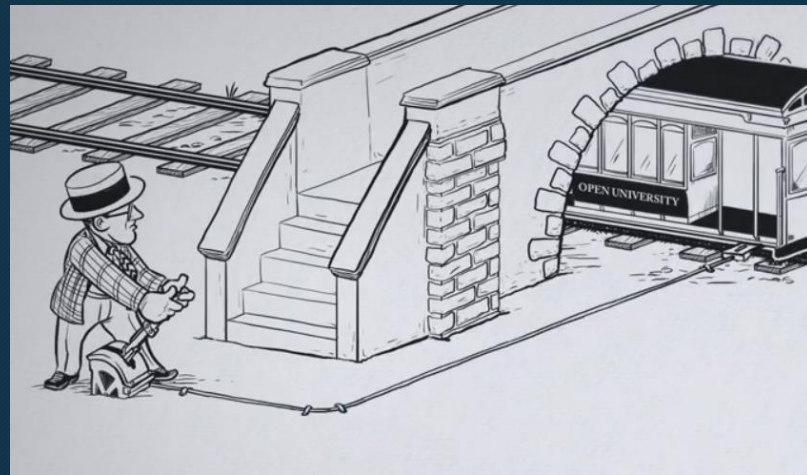
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# The Trolley Dilemma



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# The Moral/Ethical Turing Test





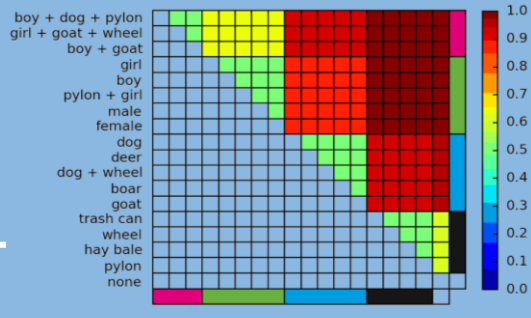
## Value-of-life models approximate moral decisions



Human decisions  
in virtual reality

**91.20%**  
Prediction  
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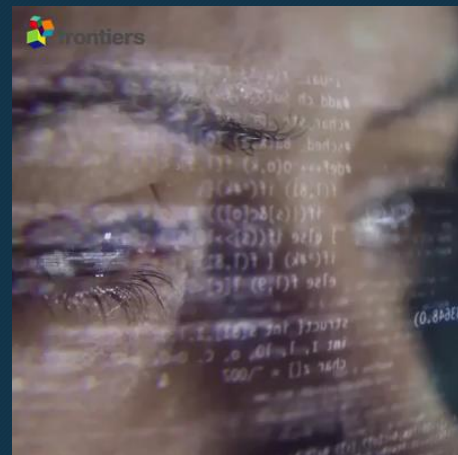
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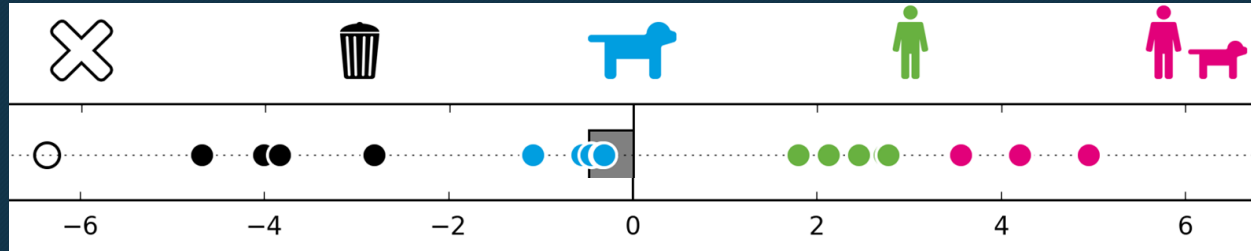


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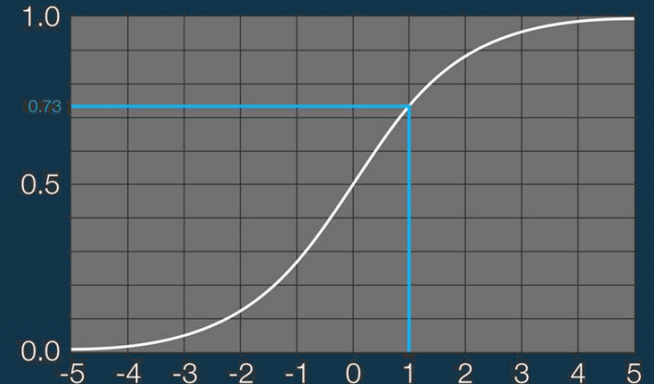
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# Probabilistic statistical model (logistic regression)

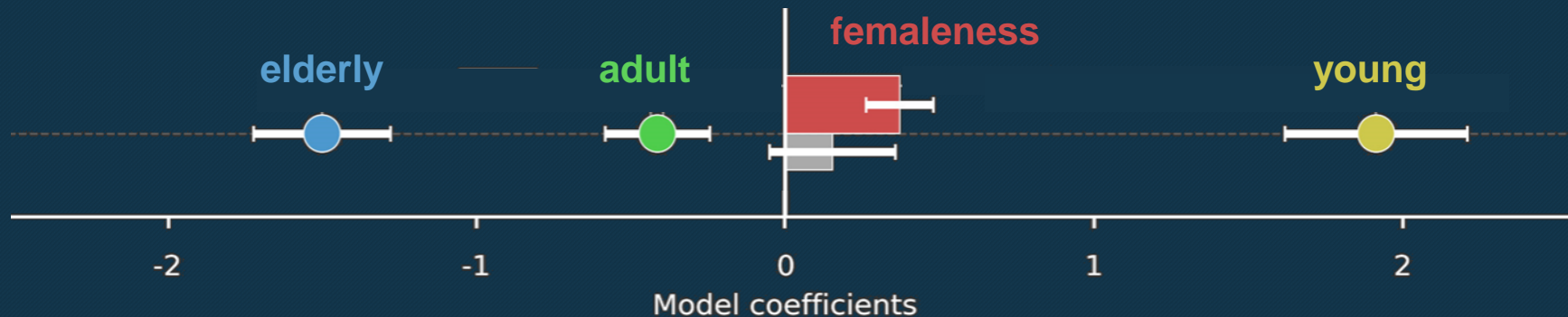


$$p(\text{left lane}) = f(\text{VOL}(\text{Dog}) - \text{VOL}(\text{Girl})) = 0.73$$

If Model works it should apply for  
any combination of pairs



# Latent Variable Model – Underlying Explanations



- The data can be explained by 5 latent variables only!
- One variable for age (young/adult/elderly)
- And for femaleness
- One for hands off bias. (Tendency to stay passive)

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