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Why we should all care about data bias

WHY WE SHOULD ALL CARE ABOUT DATA BIAS

1. Who am I?
2. What's a data gap and data bias?
3. What's going wrong?
4. Why should you care?
5. What can we all do about it?

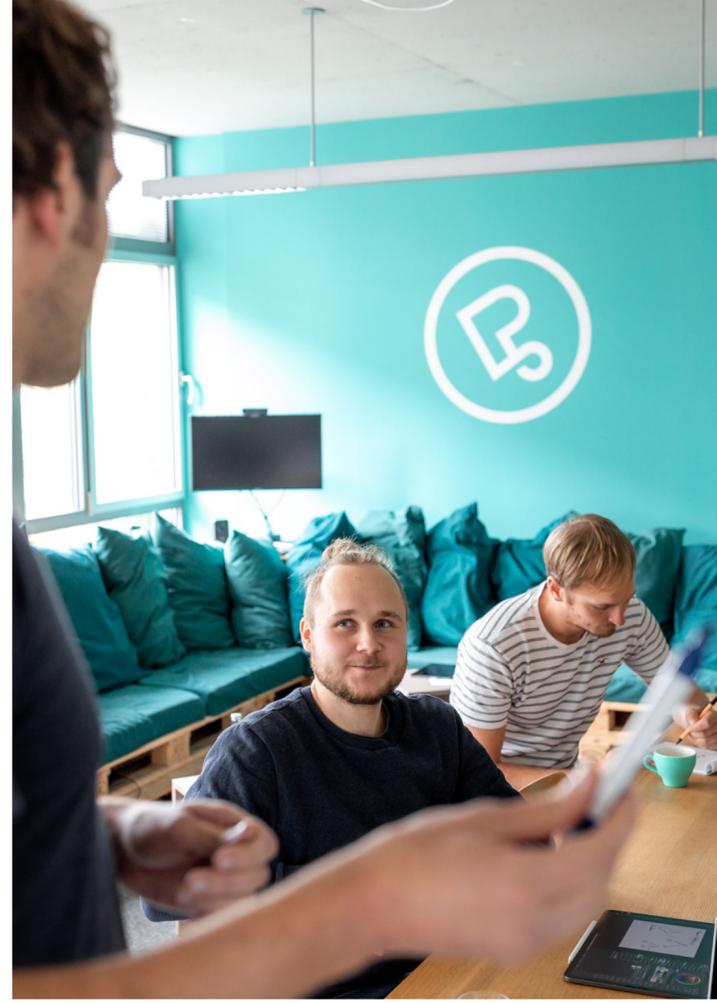
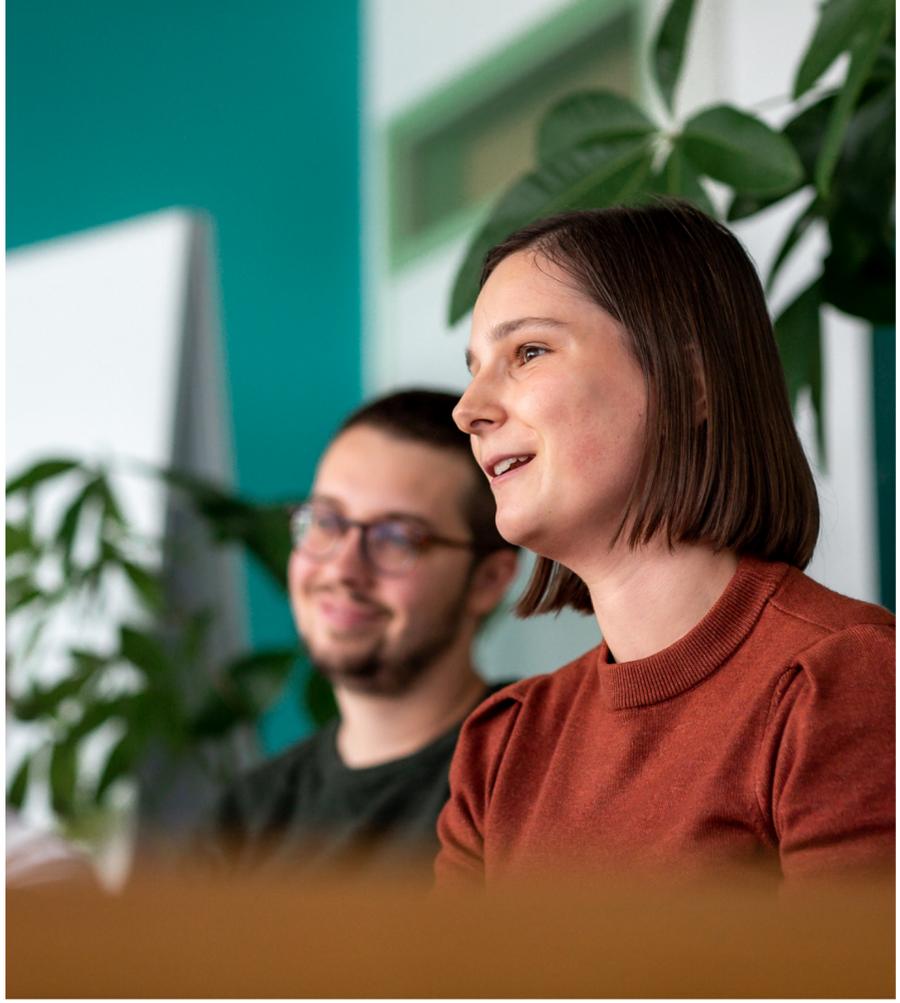
Who am I?

DATA BIAS





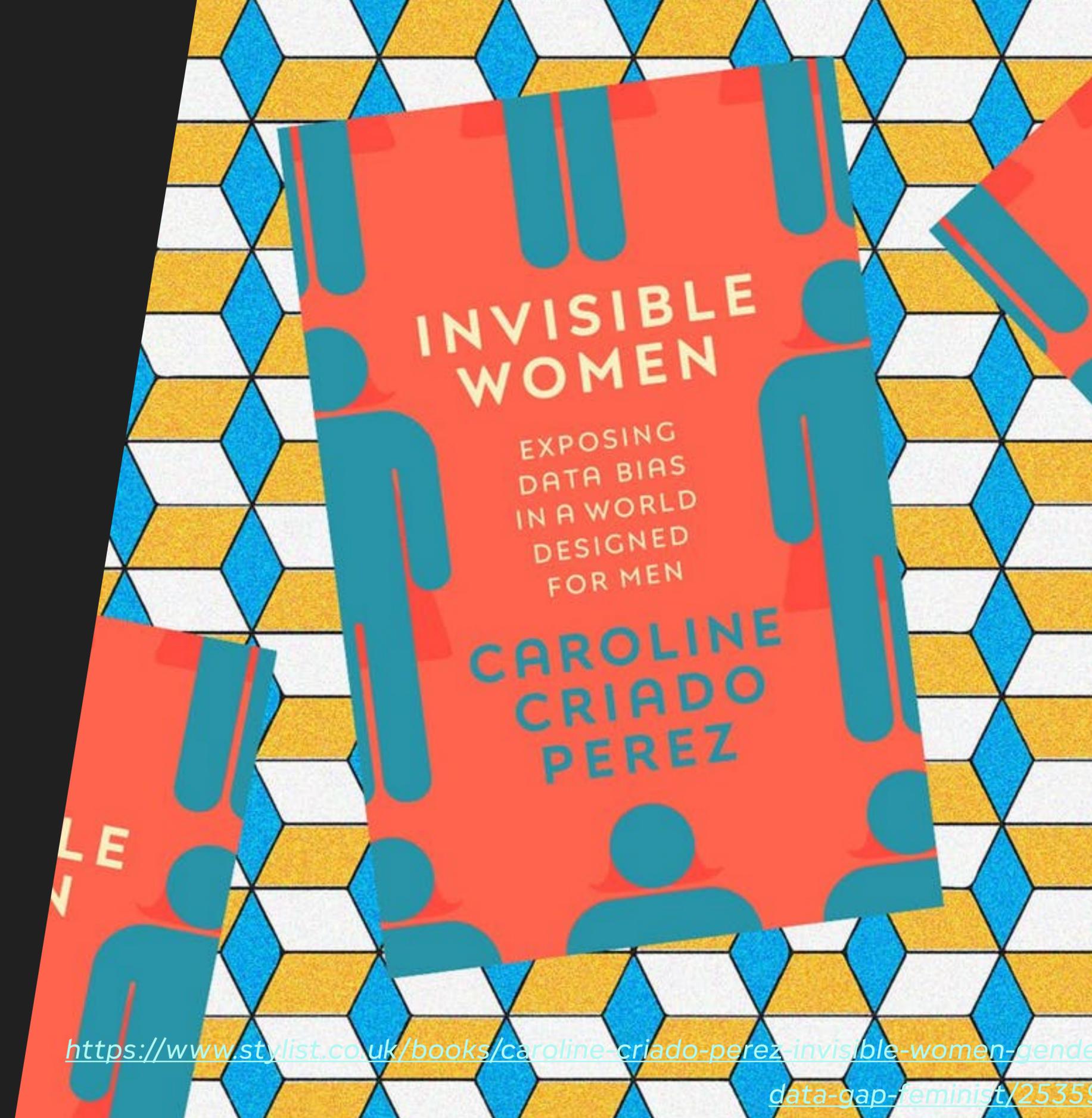
Let's
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together.



Discovering the data gap

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INVISIBLE WOMEN



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**If they have a heart attack,
women are 50% more likely to be
misdiagnosed and more likely to
die than a man**



Since Crashtest-Dummies, designed in the 1950s, orient to male proportions, women are 17% more likely to die in a car crash. 2011 a female Dummy was introduced. In two out of three frontal impact tests, it sits in the passenger seat.

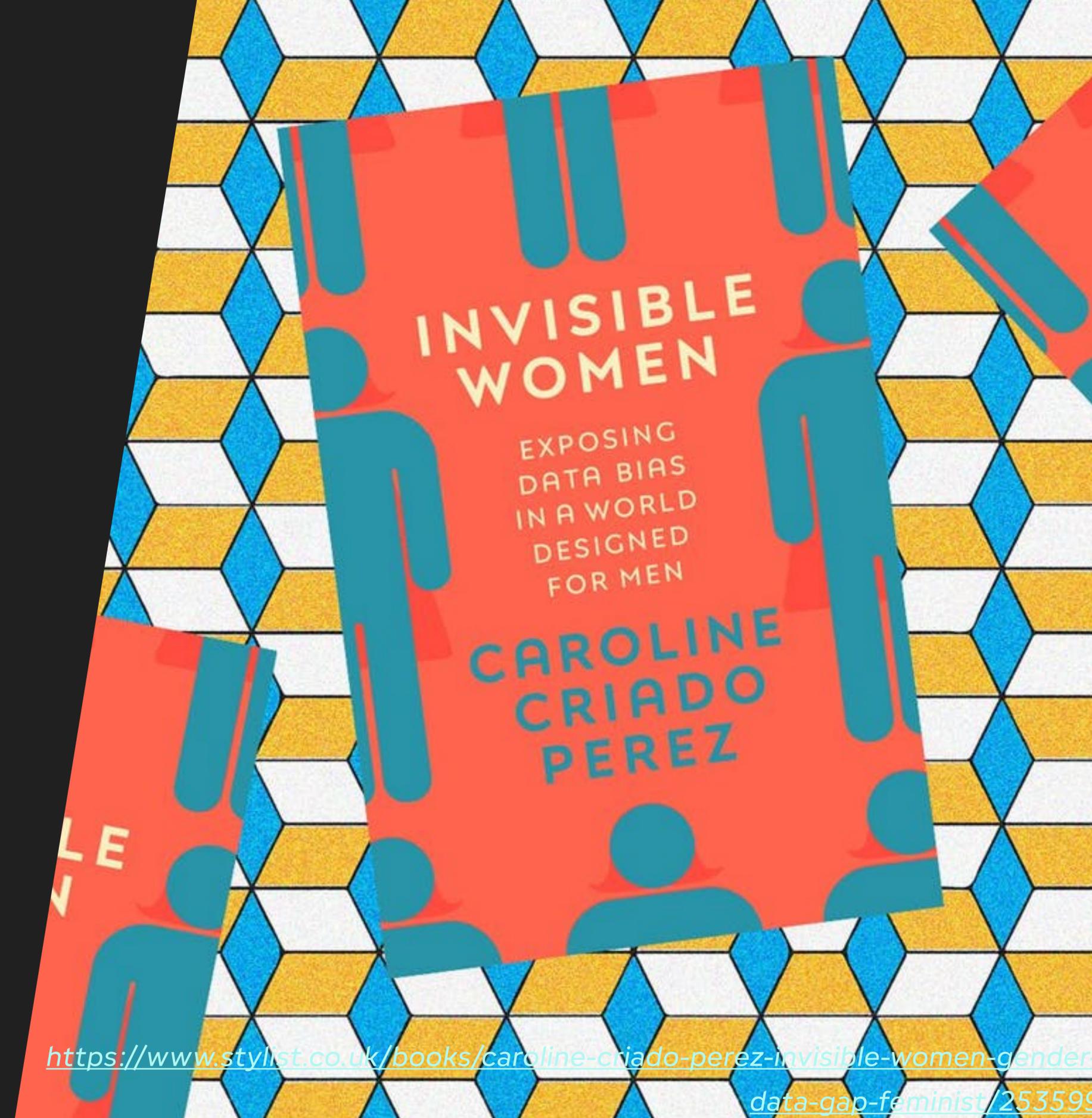


Speech recognition, which is often used in cars and in medicine, is likely to be at least 13% more accurate for men than it is for women.

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INVISIBLE WOMEN

- *Gender Data Gap*



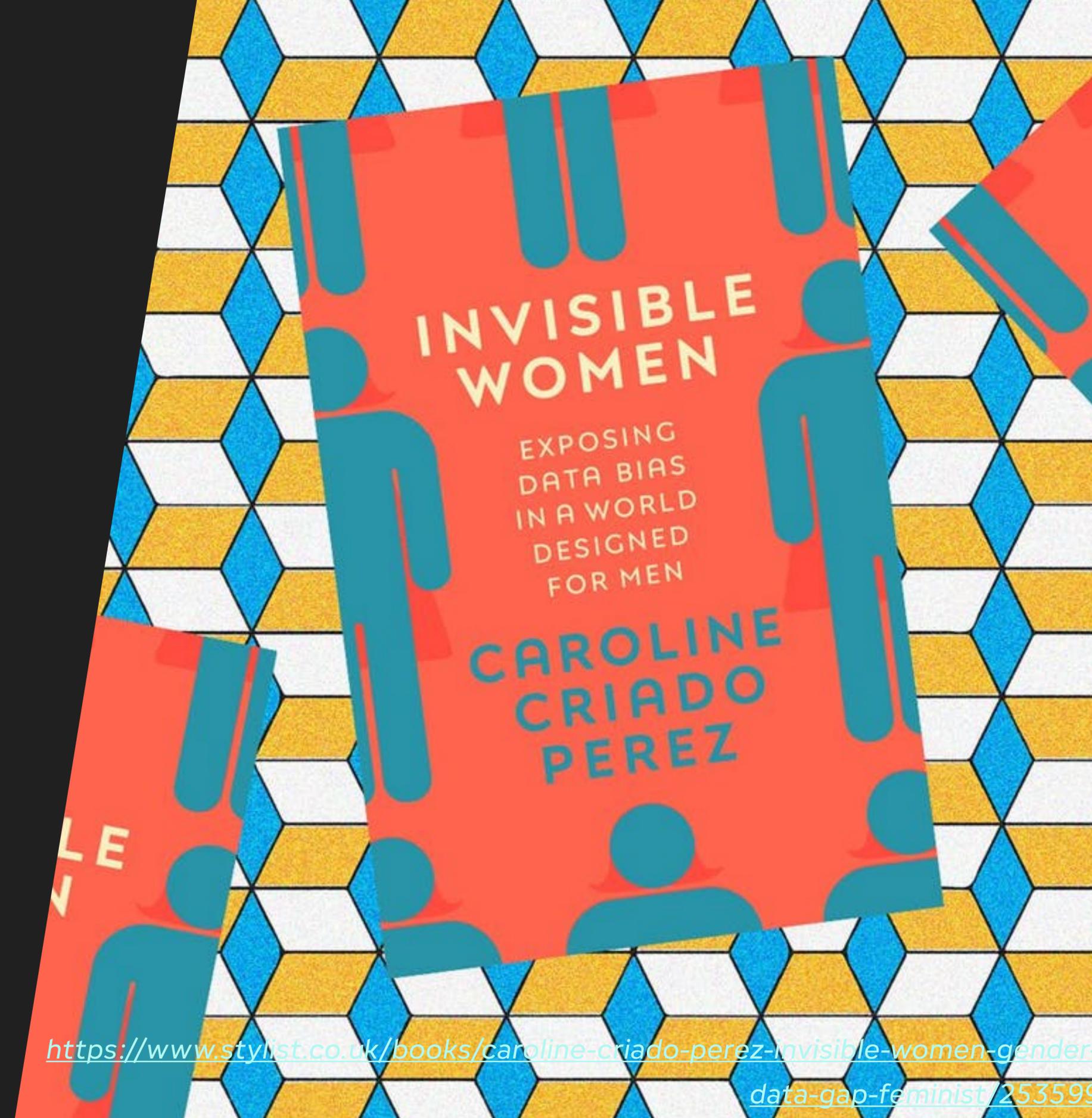
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- *Gender Data Gap*
- „Default Male Thinking“



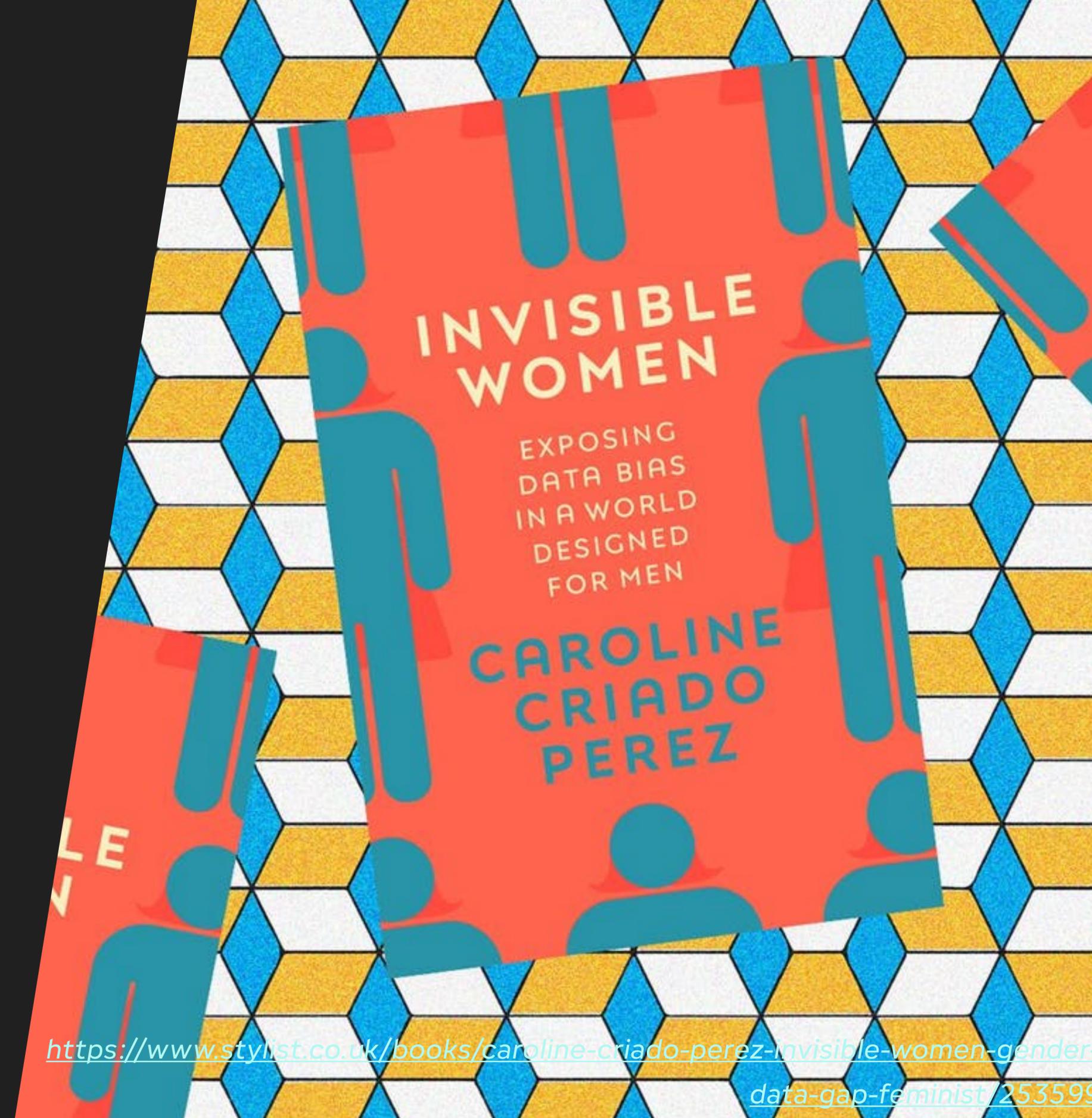
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INVISIBLE WOMEN

- *Gender Data Gap*
- *„Default Male Thinking“*
- *Projection error*



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Human bias translates to Data Bias

What's data bias?

DEFINITION OF DATA BIAS

**\ 'DĀ-TƏ 'BĪ-ƏS **

AVAILABLE DATA

**...IS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE POPULATION OR
PHENOMENON OF STUDY**

**...DOES NOT INCLUDE VARIABLES THAT PROPERLY
CAPTURE THE PHENOMENON WE WANT TO PREDICT**

**...INCLUDES CONTENT PRODUCED BY HUMANS
WHICH MAY CONTAIN BIAS AGAINST GROUPS OF
PEOPLE**

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DESIGNING FOR DEFAULTS

Shirley Cards



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PRODUCT DESIGN & BIAS



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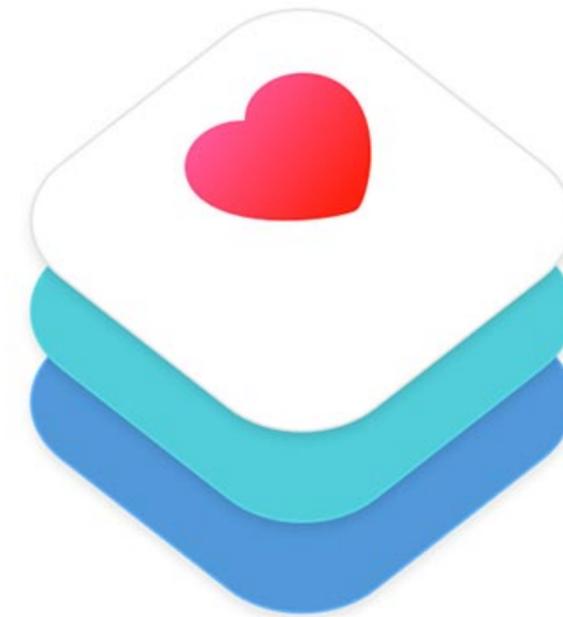
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HARDWARE & DIVERSE TEAMS



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SOFTWARE & DIVERSE TEAMS



HealthKit

<https://www.theverge.com/2014/9/25/6844021/apple-promised-an-expansive-health-app-so-why-cant-i-track>

bias = dead angle

Machines are dumb.

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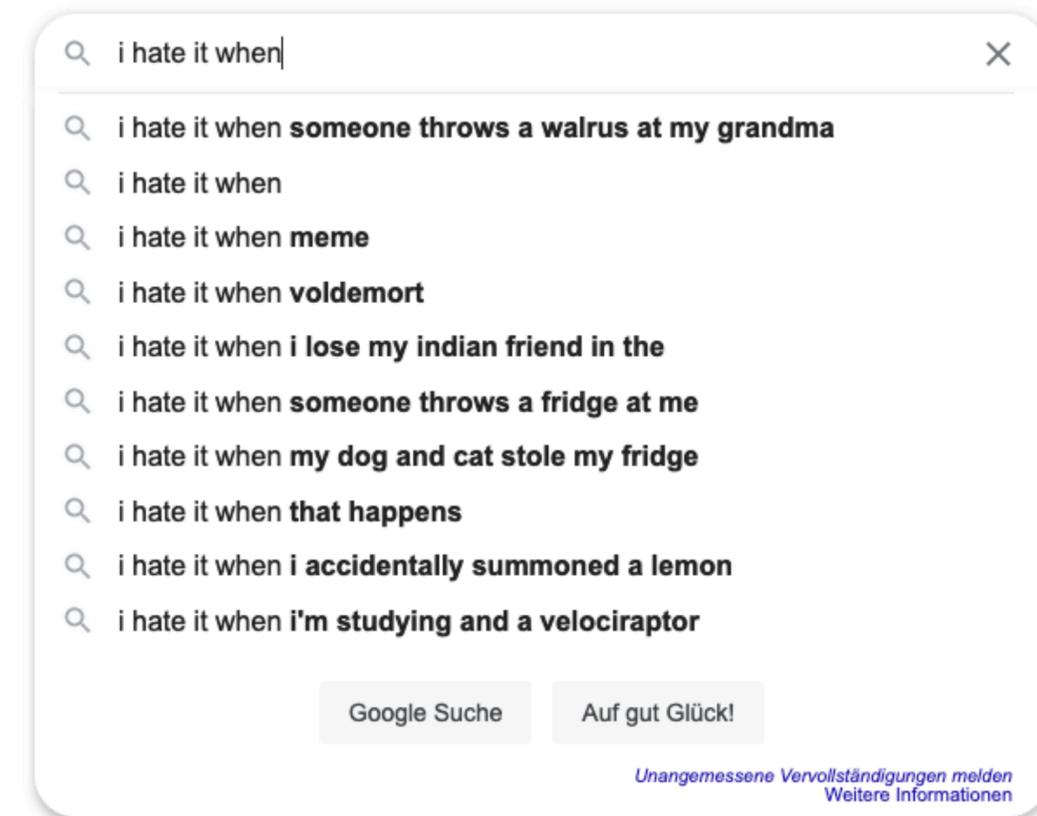


IMAGE RECOGNITION



COOKING	
ROLE	VALUE
AGENT	WOMAN
FOOD	FRUIT
HEAT	∅
TOOL	KNIFE
PLACE	KITCHEN



COOKING	
ROLE	VALUE
AGENT	WOMAN
FOOD	MEAT
HEAT	STOVE
TOOL	SPATULA
PLACE	OUTSIDE



COOKING	
ROLE	VALUE
AGENT	WOMAN
FOOD	∅
HEAT	STOVE
TOOL	SPATULA
PLACE	KITCHEN



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SKEWED DATA

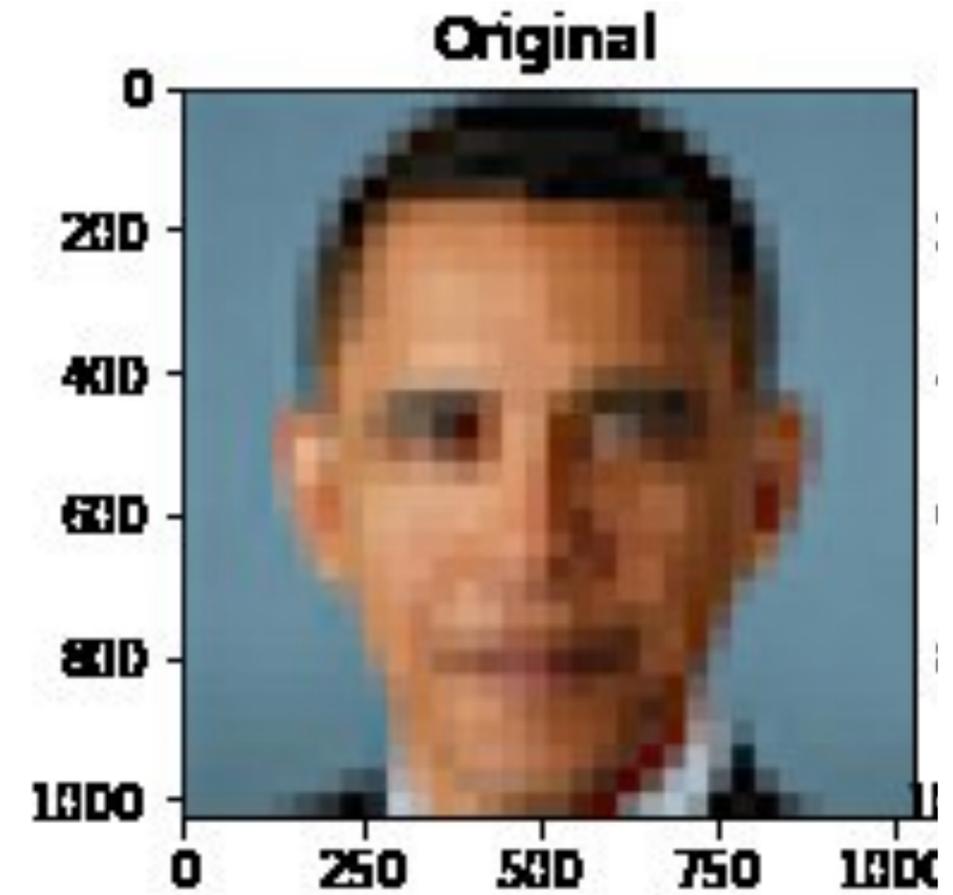
- *uneven data*
- *unintended correlations*
- *biased collection*

Machine Learning !== Neutral

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FAIR ALGORITHMS

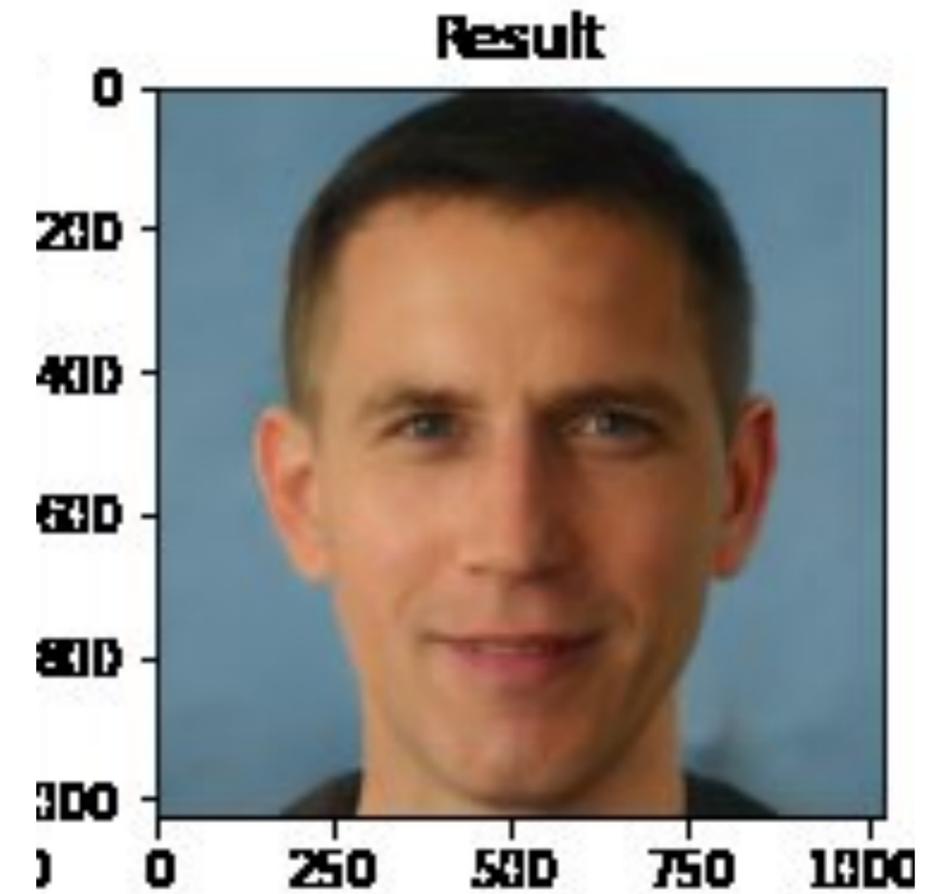
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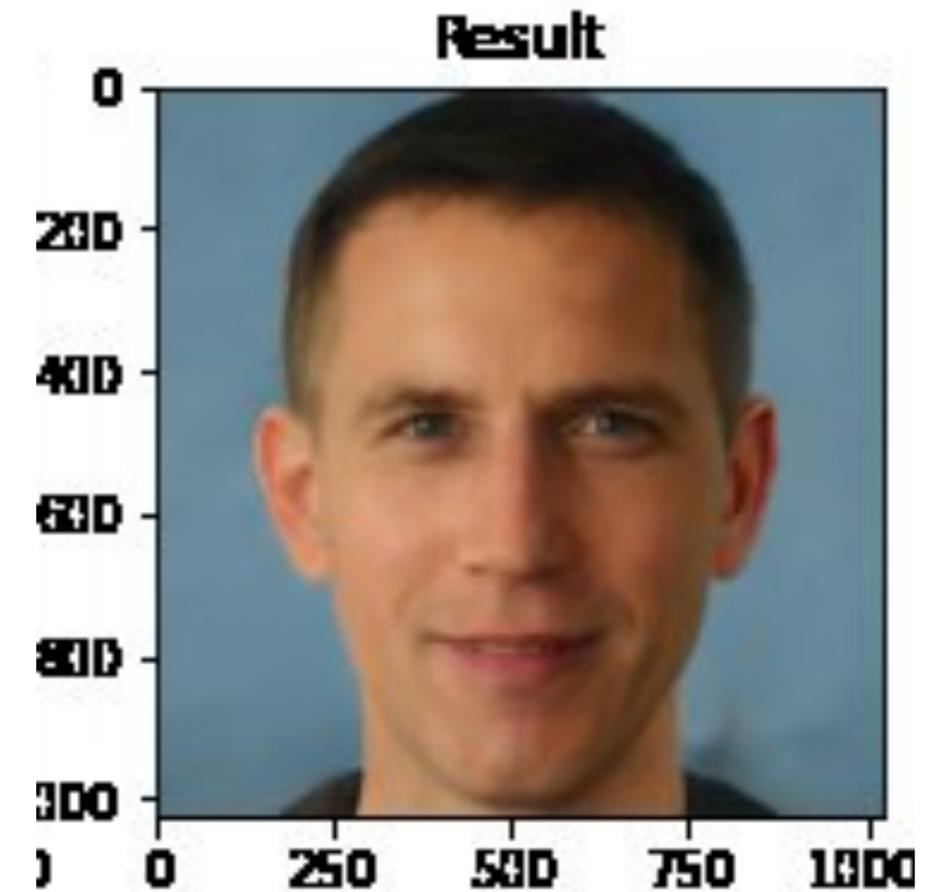


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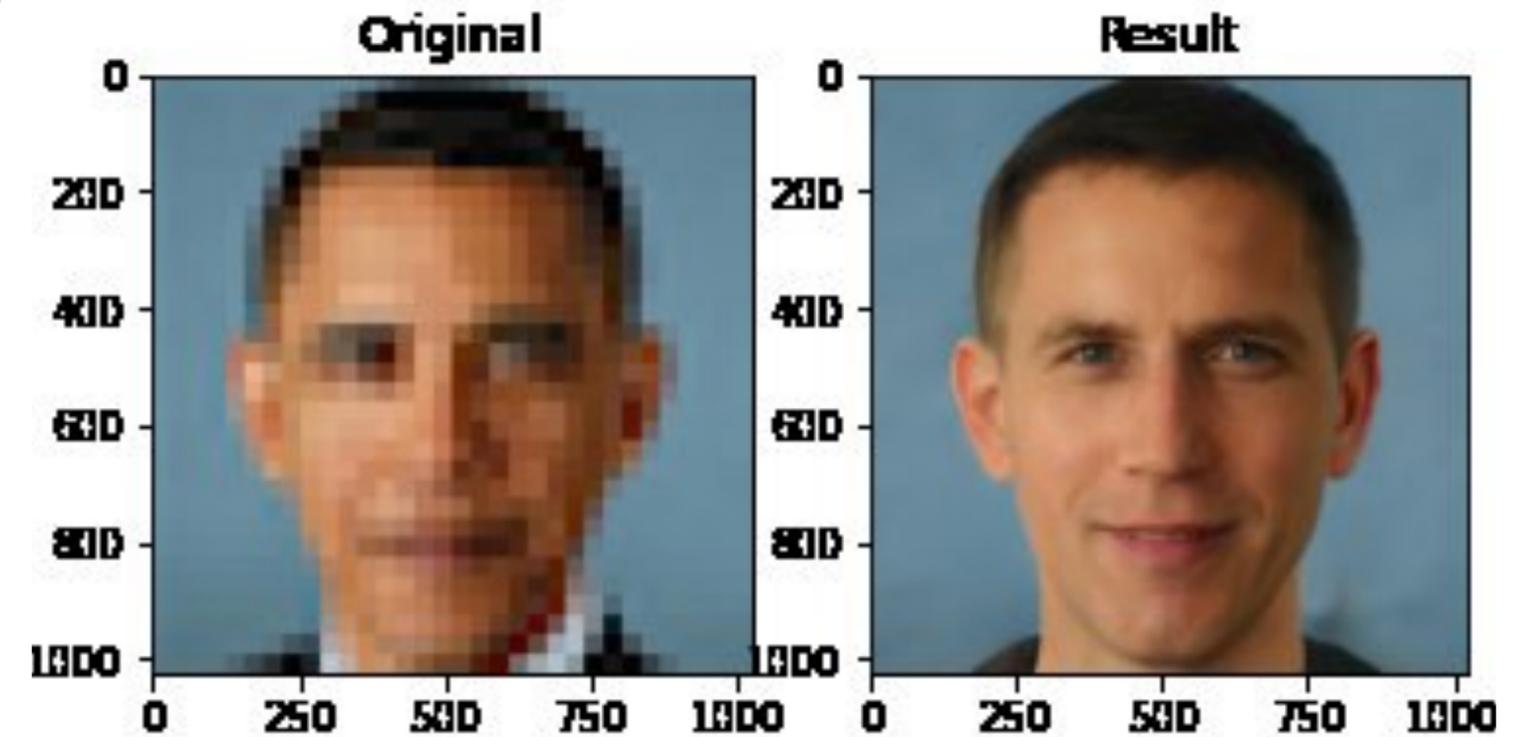
Multi-level bias



FAIR ALGORITHMS

Can unbiased data produce biased results?

Fair AI needs fair systems.



Why is data bias a problem?

aka

Why should you care?

**We should design machines based on
the reality we would like to have.**

What can we all do about it?

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RECOGNIZE (YOUR) BIAS

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WORK WITH A DIVERSE TEAM

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CONTRIBUTE

How to detect a Women's Heart Attack

How to detect a Women's Heart Attack

- ***CHEST PAIN (PRESSURE, SQUEEZING, FULLNESS)***
- ***PAIN IN ONE OR BOTH ARMS, THE BACK, NECK, JAW OR STOMACH***
- ***SHORTNESS OF BREATH***
- ***COLD SWEAT, NAUSEA, VOMITING OR LIGHTHEADEDNESS***

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MORE ON THE TOPIC

 *Caroline Criado-Perez – Invisible Women*

 *Janelle Shane – You Look Like a Thing and I love you*

 *Coded Bias (Netflix)*

 *...and a lot of podcasts*