

MLOS²

Lecture 1

Primer on Research



(Today) Primer on Research

1 Fundamental Principles

2 ML Research Workflow

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- ① Quality above all else.
- ② Two drops to zero much faster than it drops to one.

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- ③ Develop methods to answer.
- ④ Test methods, get results.
- ⑤ Write paper.

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- ① NLP Methods. Unstructured to structured data for disease. (PAHO, WHO, UN Portal, ...)
- ② Disease Modeling: NASA EO-data+Disease dynamics for prediction (e.g. lag times).
- ③ Agriculture and food dependence on weather dynamics and extreme events.
- ④ Critical infrastructure vulnerability to weather (e.g. hospital, power, transportation).
- ⑤ Wild fire impact on society and environment (eg. pollution driven health effects).

Action Items

- ① Identify and become familiar with data. Checkin Friday.
- ② Preliminary exploration and idetification of research questions.

