



# Towards secure digital farming :

SECURITY MODEL AND RISKS ASSOCIATED TO MACHINE LEARNING

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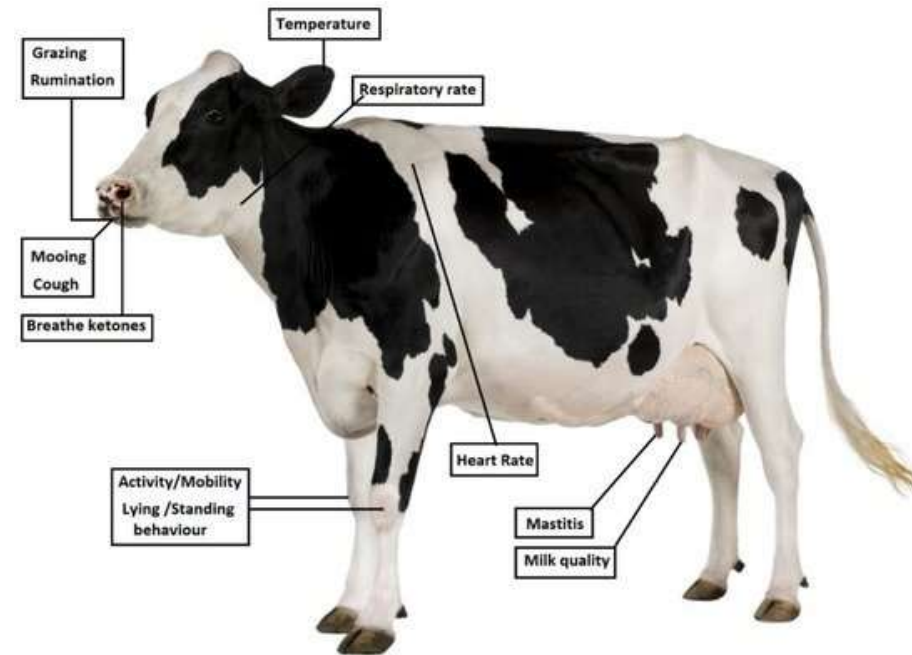
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# Introduction

Digital farming relies on data

- Environment
- Production
- Health
- Welfare
- Genomics
- Management



A. Awashti, A. Awashti, D. Riordan, J. Walsh. Non-Invasive Sensor Technology for the Development of a Dairy Cattle Health Monitoring Sys, 2016.

This paves the way for the use of Artificial Intelligence for precision and efficacy

# Introduction

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Use of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning introduces risks to :



**Security**



**Privacy**

Farming sector needs to improve cyber security

- U.S. Government Accountability Office (2019)
- Survey conducted by Geil et al. (2018)

# Outline

## I - Security model for digital farming

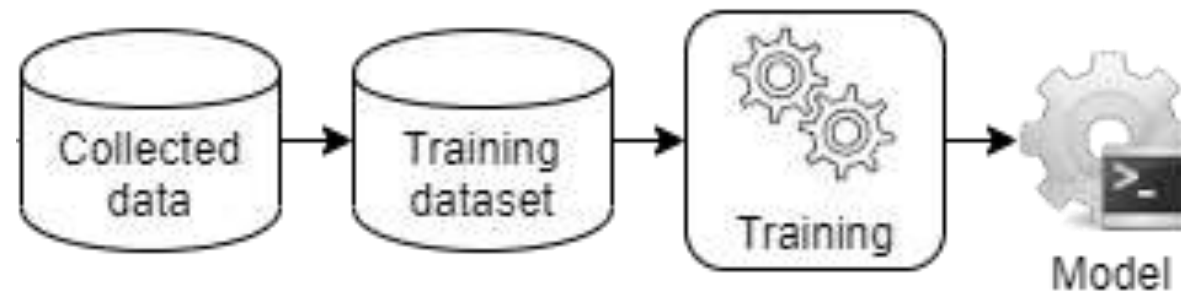
- 1.Data chain
- 2.Risk vectors
- 3.Adversary model

## II - Risks to machine learning

- 1.Privacy of data and model
- 2.Integrity of model and predictions
- 3.Means of mitigation

# Machine learning flow

1. Data collected : raw data
2. Training dataset: pre-processed data
3. Training: design predictive model
4. Model: query and make predictions



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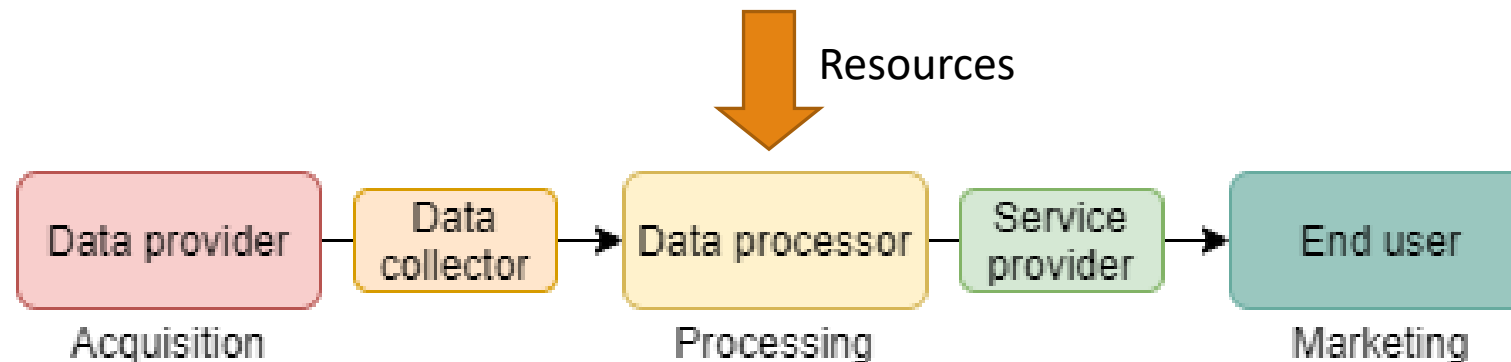
## 1. Data chain

Data chain describes the data life cycle between resources and actors. Wolfert et al. (2017)

### Resources

- Training dataset: confidentiality
- Trained model: confidentiality, integrity
- Predictions: integrity

### Actors

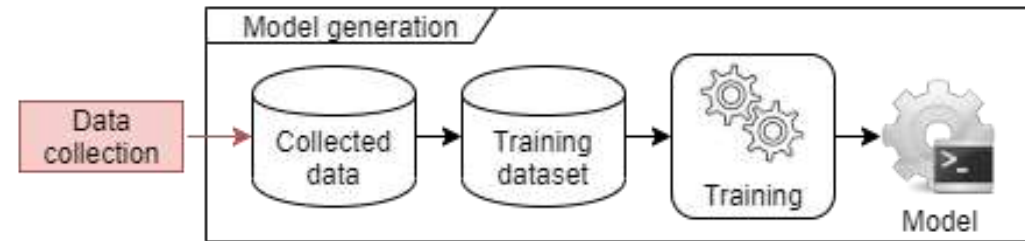


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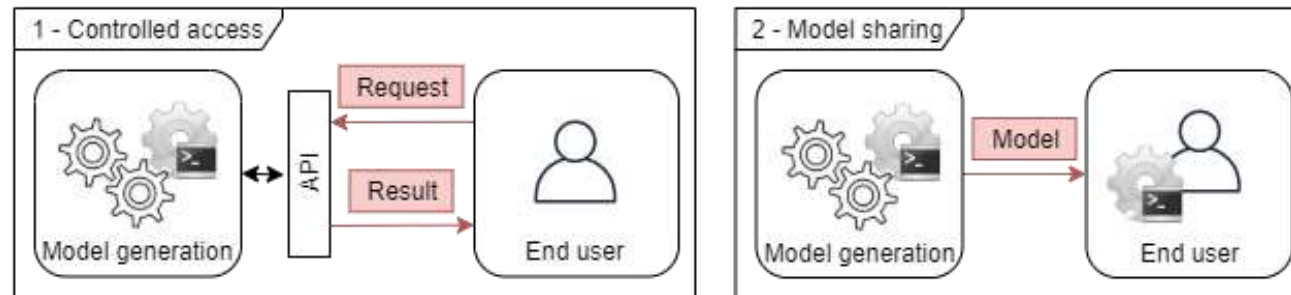
## 2. Risk vectors

Data processors have two interfaces that are the data collection (upstream) and model predictions (downstream)

### Upstream



### Downstream



# 1 - Security model of digital farming

## 3. Adversary model

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### Goals



- Financial gain: model privacy



- Information leak: training dataset privacy



- Disruption: model and prediction integrity

### Capabilities



- Insider: specific knowledge



- Outsider: large cyber resources and advanced skills



# II - Risks to ML in digital farming

## 1. Confidentiality of data and model

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### Membership inference

- Determine if a data point is part of the training set
- Ex: On hospital discharge dataset, Shokri et al. (2017)

### Model inversion

- Gain knowledge about the training dataset
- Ex: Reconstruct unknown features of patient with warfarin dosing system, Fredrikson et al. (2014)

### Model theft

- Steal the model parameters or extract model behavior
- Ex: Steal model for vendor (Machine Learning as a Service), Tramèr et al. (2016)

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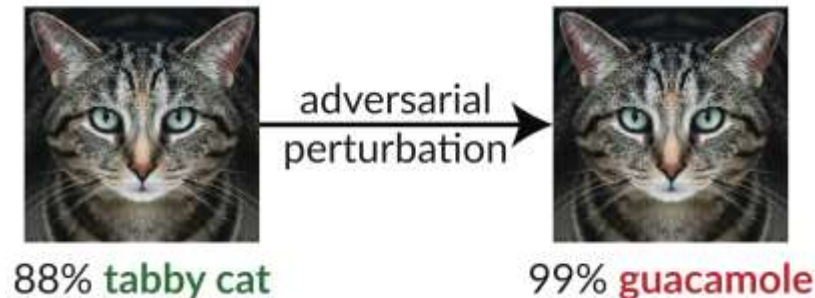
## 2. Integrity of model and predictions

### Data poisoning

- Inject malicious data point in training set to compromise the model
- Ex: Backdoor on authentication system, Chen et al. (2017)

### Adversarial example

- Craft malicious request to compromise the prediction
- Ex: Evade malware detection system, Al-Dujaili et al. (2018)



Adversarial example on InceptionV3 classifier  
Retrieved from <https://github.com/anishathalye/obfuscated-gradients/blob/master/example.png>

# II - Risks to ML in digital farming

## 3. Means of mitigation

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### Differential privacy

- Increase privacy of each element in dataset by adding small noise to without affecting utility
- Membership inference, model inversion

### Query auditing

- Analyse queries or filter results to prevent attacks
- Membership inference, model inversion

### Robust model

- Use training techniques that increase model resilience
- Data poisoning, adversarial example

# Conclusion

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Digital farming must improve cyber security

ML research exposes new practical risks to security and privacy

- I. We developed a security model for digital farming
- II. We investigated risk to machine learning and practical means of mitigation

Opportunity to increase resilience of digital farming

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