



# Session 7: Big Data

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# Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest reported.

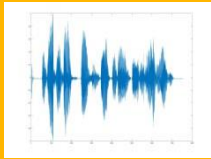
# What is Big Data?

Volume



Data at Rest

Velocity



Data in Motion

Variety



Data in Many Forms

Veracity

Diabetes  
Family history  
Smoker  
Completeness



Data in Doubt

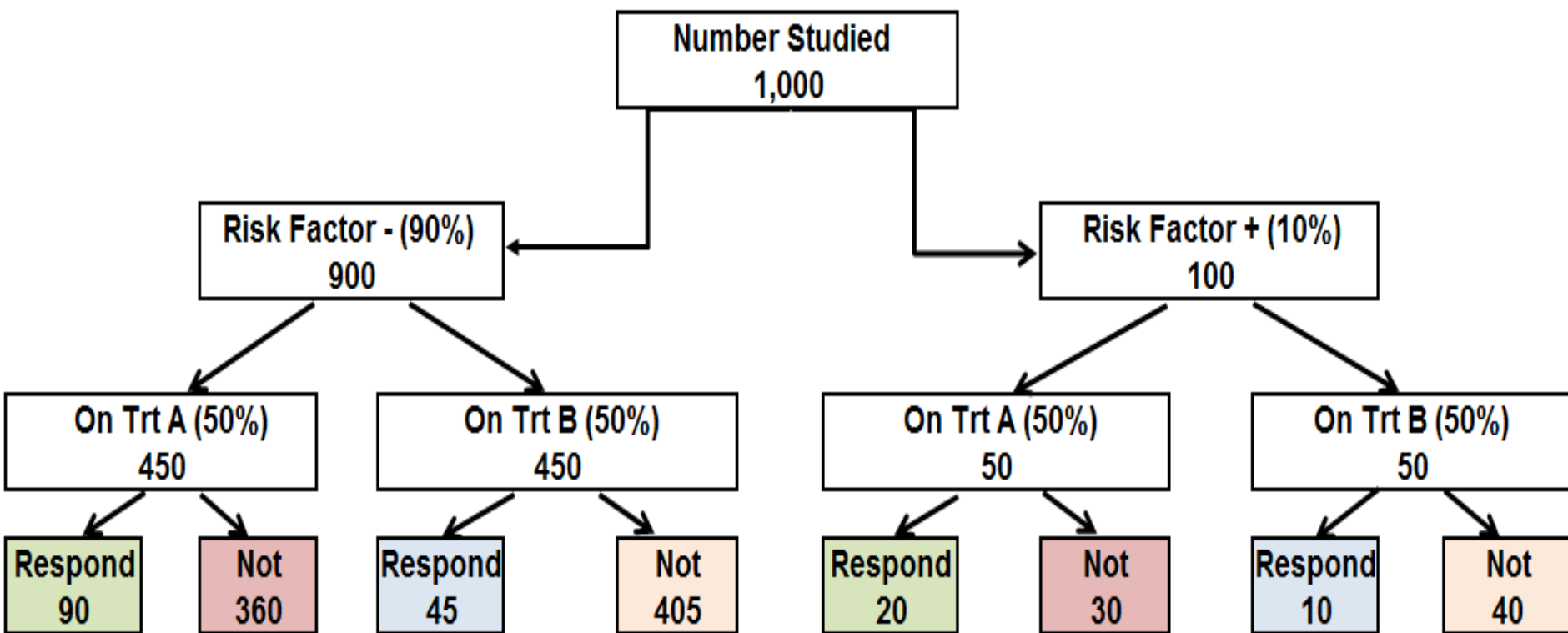
## Focus -- Veracity

- Clinical Trials & Experimental Studies
  - “Rigor and Reproducibility”
- Is EHR data sound?

# Big Data Alone Does Not Fix Confounding

- Example: 2 existing treatments (CER)
  - Suppose Risk Factor +/-
  - Different treatment response rates but same relative benefit
    - RF+
      - Treatment A 40%, Treatment B 20%  
(Relative Risk = 2)
    - RF-
      - Treatment A 20%, Treatment B 10%  
(Relative Risk = 2)

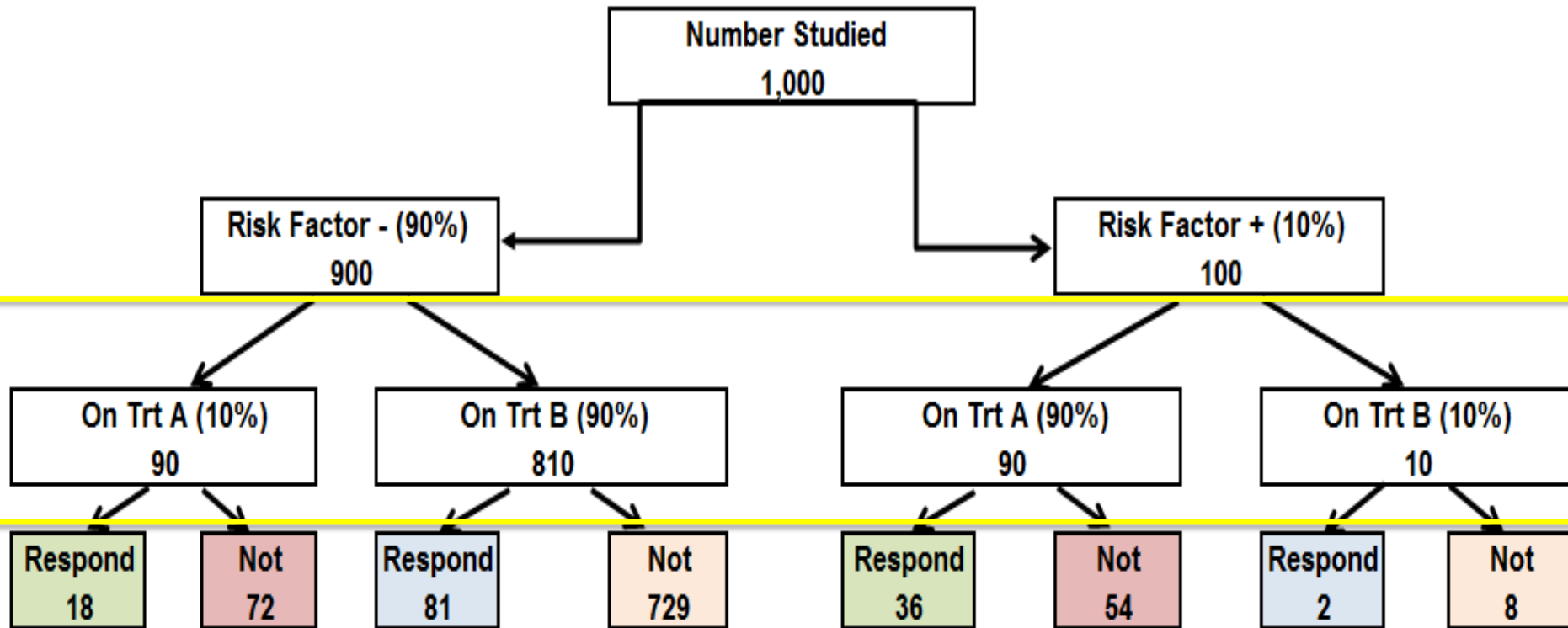
# Example 1 – No Confounding (True RR = 2.0)



## Unadjusted Results

	Respond	Not	
Treatment A	110	390	Relative Risk: 2 (95% CI: 1.48 to 2.7) % Error 0%
Treatment B	55	445	

# Example 2: Confounded Data

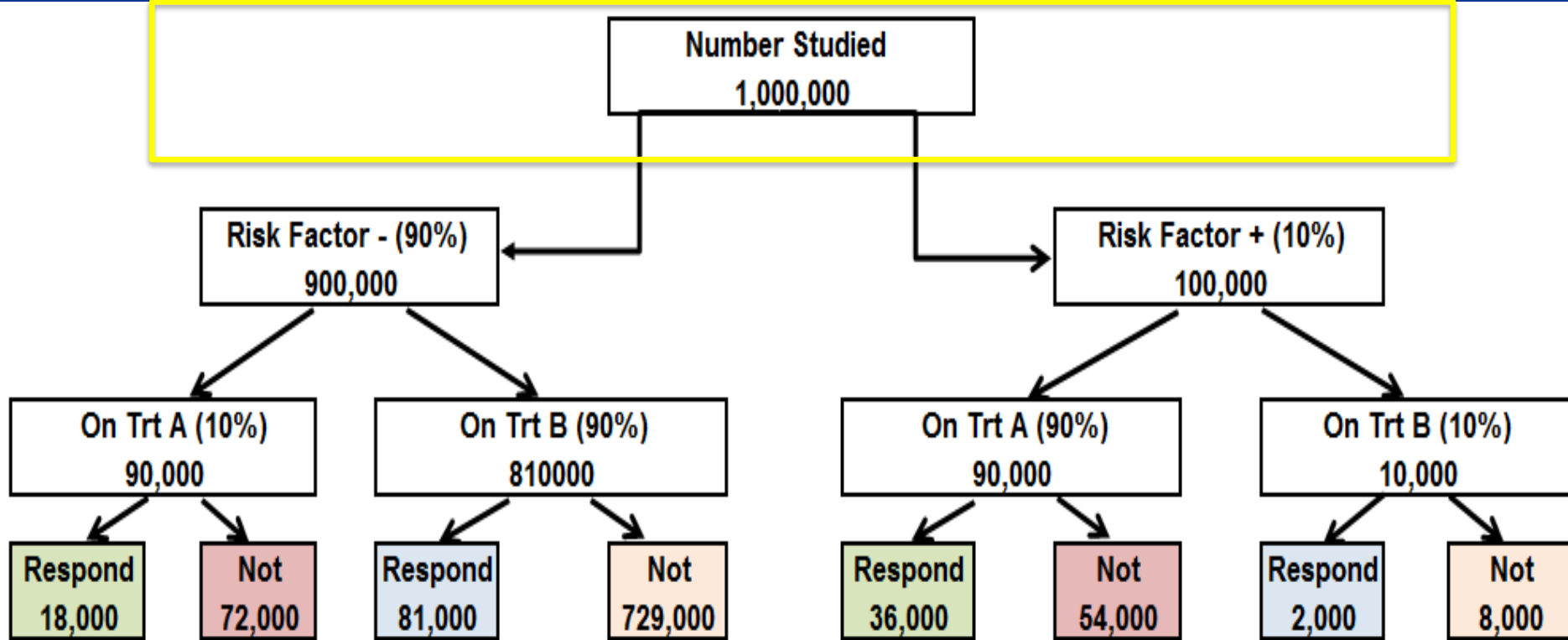


## Unadjusted Results

	Respond	Not	
Treatment A	54	126	Relative Risk: 2.96 (95% CI: 2.19 to 4.01) % Error: 48%
Treatment B	83	737	



# Big Data is Still Wrong



## Unadjusted Results

	Respond	Not	
Treatment A	54,000	126,000	Relative Risk: 2.96 (95% CI: 2.94 to 2.99) % Error: 48%
Treatment B	83,000	737,000	

# Algorithms – AI! Deep Learning!

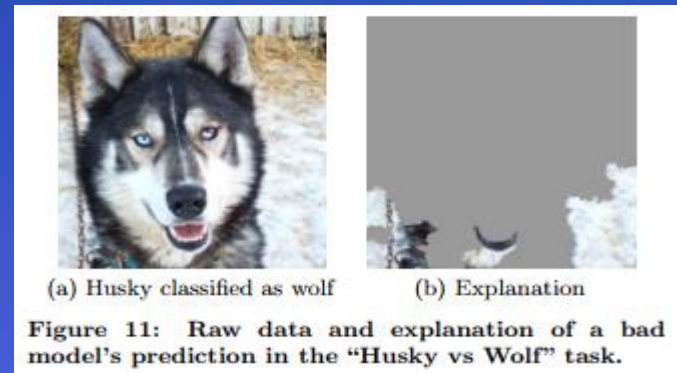
Must challenge to look closer



- Evaluate drivers of predications and associations
- Overall model performance is inadequate

Local interpretable model-agnostic explanations (LIME)

Wolf  
or  
Dog?



<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1602.04938.pdf>