



Nature versus Nurture: Confronting the Complexity of Obesity with Big Data

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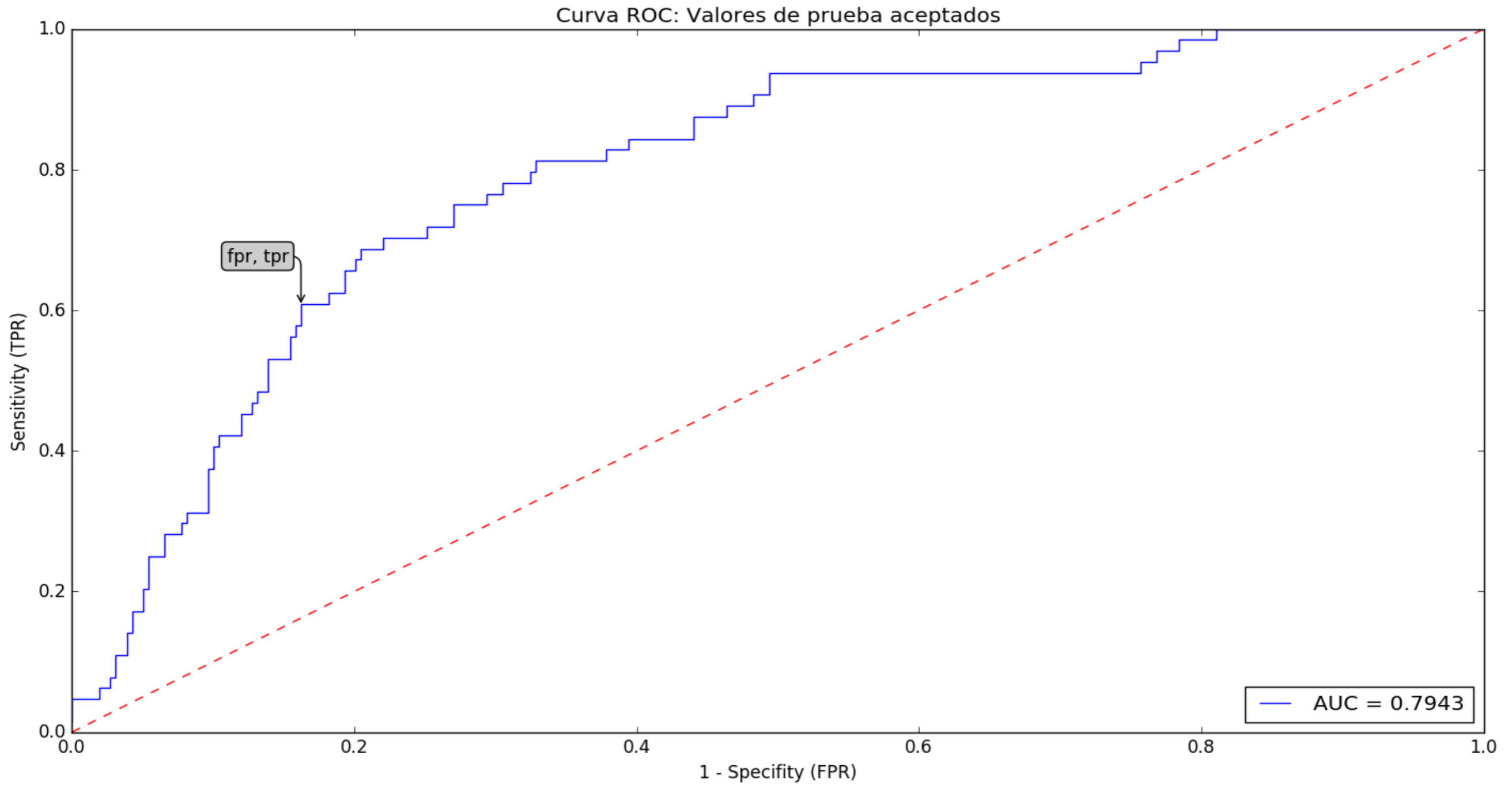
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FIVE NOVELS IN ONE OUTRAGEOUS VOLUME

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Predictive model
for obesity...



Results from predictive models * based on data from a study of 1,076 non-academics and academics from the UNAM:

2,524 variables - Genetic, epidemiological, physiological,...

Epidemiological: Personal (81), **Personal history** (130), **Family History** (548), Self-health evaluation (226), **Nutrition** (220), **Lifestyle** (390), Health knowledge (293)

Genetic (772)

Anthropometric and physiological (49)

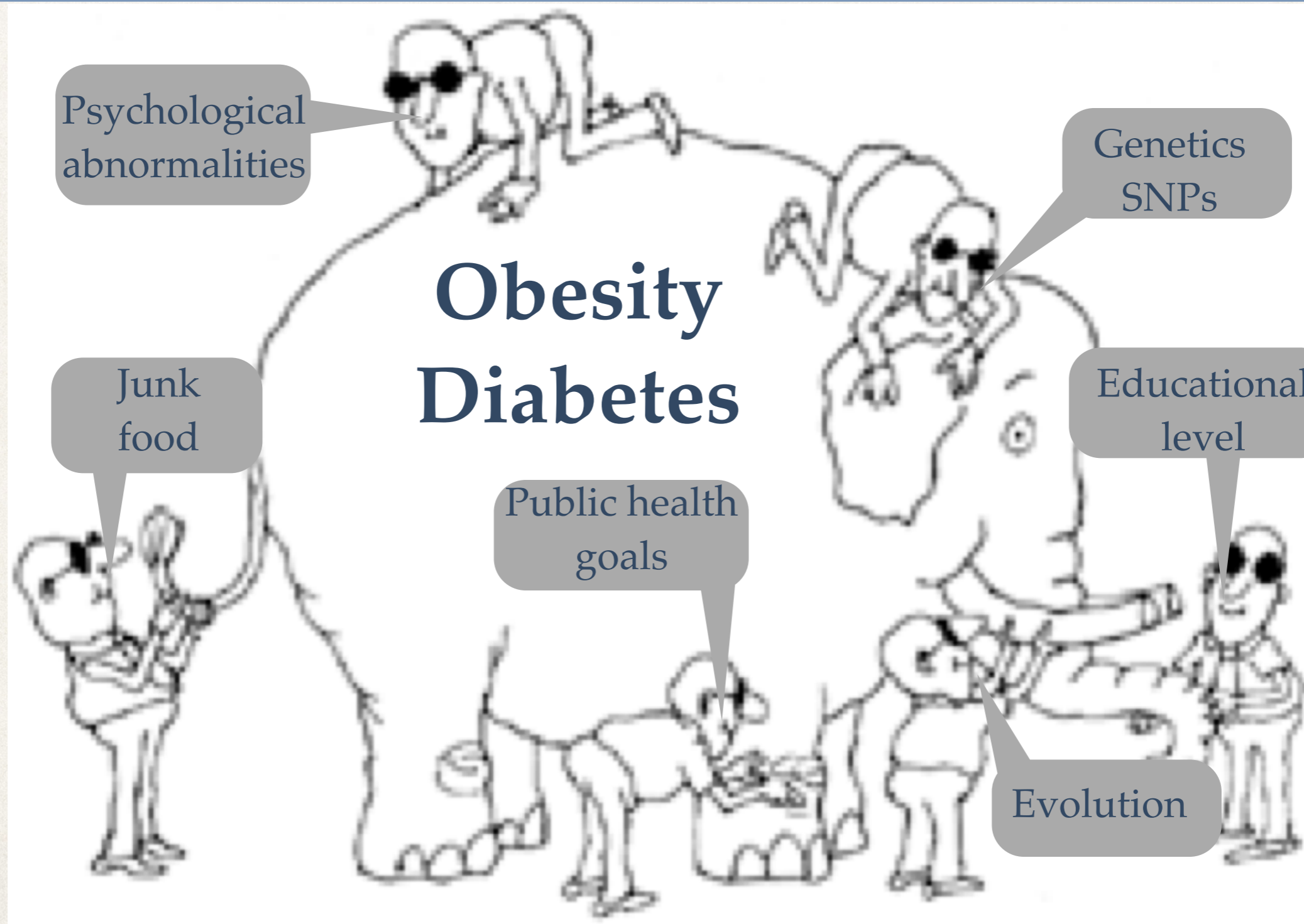
* Models are classification models of Naive Bayes type. Model performance is based on a 70/30 training/test split

Nutrition	
Specificity (TNR)	83.40%
1 – Specificity (SPC)	16.60%
Sensitivity (FPR)	29.69%
Accuracy (ACC)	72.76%
AUC ROC	0.63
Lifestyle	
Specificity (TNR)	84.17%
1 – Specificity (SPC)	15.83%
Sensitivity (FPR)	31.25%
Accuracy (ACC)	73.68%
AUC ROC	0.70
Lifestyle and Nutrition	
Specificity (TNR)	78.38%
1 – Specificity (SPC)	21.62%
Sensitivity (FPR)	46.88%
Accuracy (ACC)	72.14%
AUC ROC	0.71
Lifestyle and Nutrition and Personal and Family History	
Specificity (TNR)	81.08%
1 – Specificity (SPC)	18.92%
Sensitivity (FPR)	51.56%
Accuracy (ACC)	75.23%
AUC ROC	0.76

Variable	Valor	Epsilon	Nx	Nxc	N	Nc	Pc	Pxc	Descripción
Aestatura	1	4.801461	91	38	1076	228	0.2119	0.4176	Estatura que estima tener el encuestado < 1.5 : 1
Aestatura	2	-0.92449	399	77	1076	228	0.2119	0.193	Estatura que estima tener el encuestado [1.5, 1.6) : 2
Aestatura	3	-1.09413	366	69	1076	228	0.2119	0.1885	Estatura que estima tener el encuestado [1.6, 1.7) : 3
Aestatura	4	0.143796	185	40	1076	228	0.2119	0.2162	Estatura que estima tener el encuestado [1.7, 1.8) : 4
Aestatura	5	-1.63546	32	3	1076	228	0.2119	0.0938	Estatura que estima tener el encuestado [1.8, 1.9) : 5
Aestatura	6	-0.7333	2	0	1076	228	0.2119	0	Estatura que estima tener el encuestado [1.9, 2.0) : 6
Aestatura	7	1.928548	1	1	1076	228	0.2119	1	Estatura que estima tener el encuestado > 2.0) : 7
Apeso	1	-3.77209	62	1	1076	228	0.2119	0.0161	Peso que estima tener el encuestado <= 50 : 1
Apeso	2	-4.05811	79	2	1076	228	0.2119	0.0253	Peso que estima tener el encuestado (50, 55) : 2
Apeso	3	-5.74441	132	1	1076	228	0.2119	0.0076	Peso que estima tener el encuestado [55, 60) : 3
Apeso	4	-5.1211	172	9	1076	228	0.2119	0.0523	Peso que estima tener el encuestado [60, 65) : 4
Apeso	5	-1.86651	142	21	1076	228	0.2119	0.1479	Peso que estima tener el encuestado [65, 70) : 5
Apeso	6	-2.34173	138	18	1076	228	0.2119	0.1304	Peso que estima tener el encuestado [70, 75) : 6
Apeso	7	0.84116	106	26	1076	228	0.2119	0.2453	Peso que estima tener el encuestado [75, 80) : 7
Apeso	8	8.123762	143	70	1076	228	0.2119	0.4895	Peso que estima tener el encuestado [80, 90) : 8
Apeso	9	14.14686	102	80	1076	228	0.2119	0.7843	Peso que estima tener el encuestado >= 90 : 9
condi_act	1	5.045429	44	23	1076	228	0.2119	0.5227	¿Cómo consideras tu condición física actual? 1 : Muy mala
condi_act	2	5.865344	189	73	1076	228	0.2119	0.3862	¿Cómo consideras tu condición física actual? 2 : Mala
condi_act	3	-0.57931	429	86	1076	228	0.2119	0.2005	¿Cómo consideras tu condición física actual? 3 : Regular
condi_act	4	-4.18504	355	43	1076	228	0.2119	0.1211	¿Cómo consideras tu condición física actual? 4 : Buena
condi_act	5	-2.94241	57	3	1076	228	0.2119	0.0526	¿Cómo consideras tu condición física actual? 5 : Muy buena
condi_act	8	-0.7333	2	0	1076	228	0.2119	0	¿Cómo consideras tu condición física actual? 8 : No quiero re
condi1	1	3.176688	41	17	1076	228	0.2119	0.4146	¿Cómo consideras tu condición física hace un año? 1 : Muy n
condi1	2	4.71648	180	64	1076	228	0.2119	0.3556	¿Cómo consideras tu condición física hace un año? 2 : Mala
condi1	3	0.133941	396	85	1076	228	0.2119	0.2146	¿Cómo consideras tu condición física hace un año? 3 : Regula
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ADuestu	1	-2.5817	52	4	1076	228	0.2119	0.0705	Puesto: Estudiante

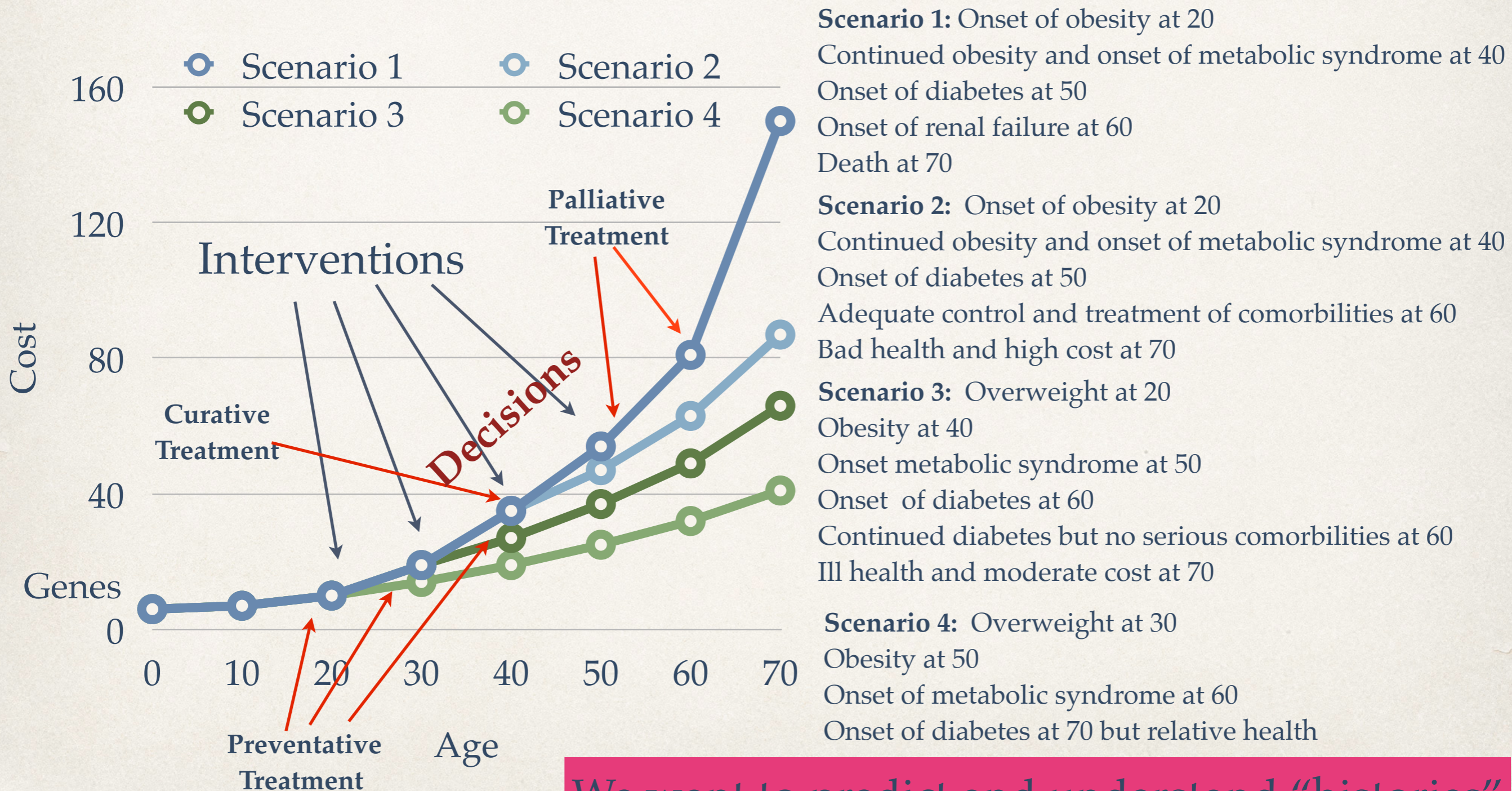


Disease and the need to work in interdisciplinary groups





Disease is dynamical and adaptive



We want to predict and understand "histories"

Adaptation, health and decision making



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How plastic are those decisions?



Your Prediction/Decision Heuristic/Algorithm depends on...

What and how
"who you are,
you think",
e.g. your genes
e.g. your education
e.g. your personality



Your prediction/decision heuristic/algorithm
then determines your behaviour - what you do



What is a decision?

A "decision"

$$P(C | X(t))$$

Probability of C given X

Prediction

In the exact sciences, predictions



In medicine and public health, predictions

tend to be **algorithmic**

tend to be **heuristic**

Curative
Medicine
Less complex,
less adaptative

Preventative
Medicine
More complex,
more adaptative

$X(t)$ = the information used
to make the decision (predict)

How much information do you need or use to make a "good decision"?

What degree of multi-factoriality is there?

Preventative medicine requires a lot more data.

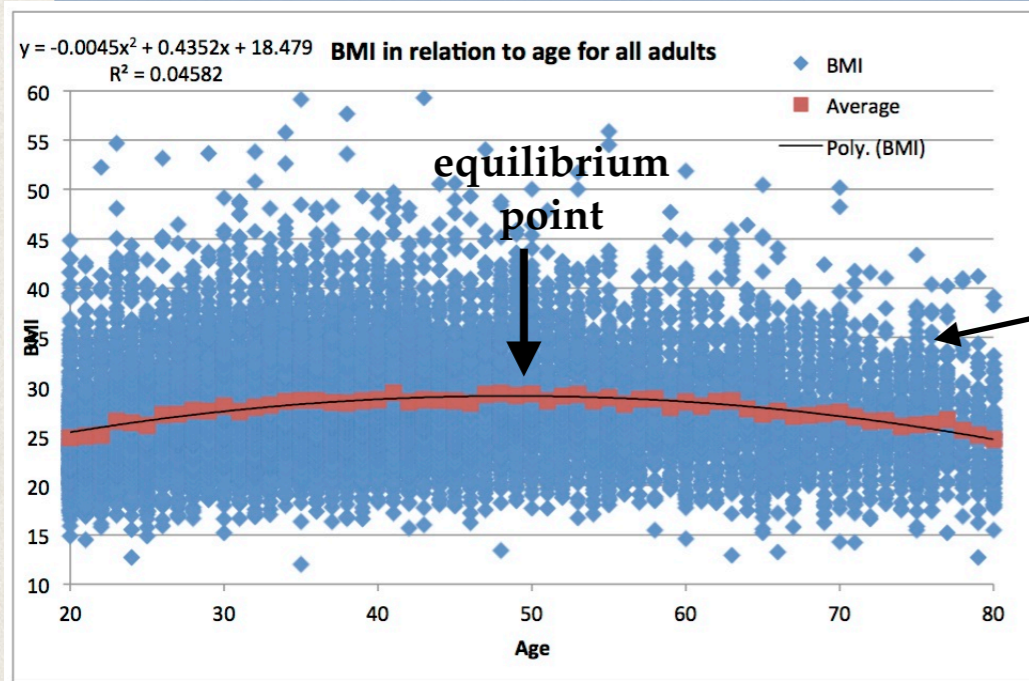
Where do we get that data...? from the data revolution



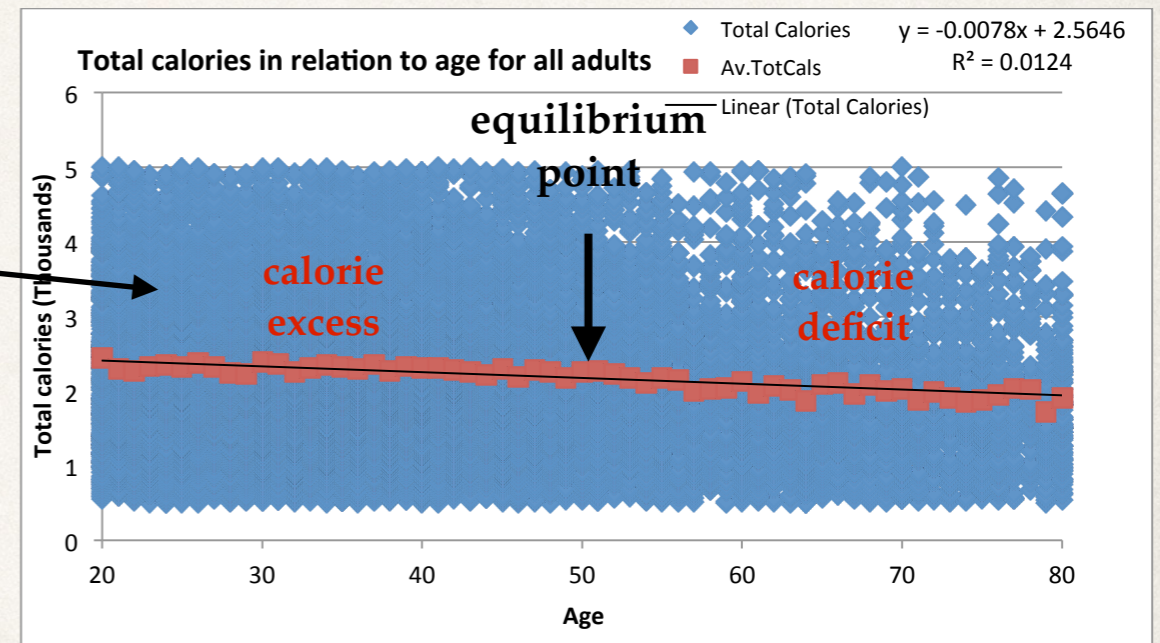
Obesity - risk factors

What you do

You aren't what you eat you become what you eat Epidemiological data from ENSANUT 2006

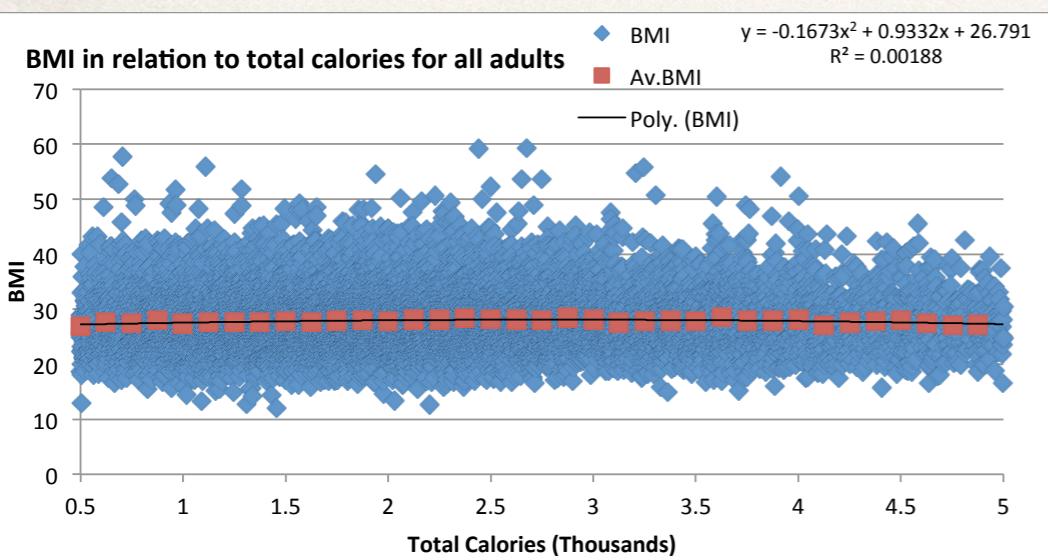


Its not "noise" its multifactoriality



We get fatter then we get thinner

We eat less the older we get



	Variable(s)	Unstd. B	Std. Error	t	f	R ²	Sig	Lower	Upper
Moving Av.					29.236	0.343	0		
BMI Change	Constant	-1.954	0.362	-5.392			0	-2.68	-1.228
ALL	Total_Cals	0.904	0.167	5.407			0	0.569	1.239
	Variable(s)	Unstd. B	Std. Error	t	f	R ²	Sig	Lower	Upper
Moving Av.					13.397	0.193	0.001		
BMI Change	Constant	-1.625	0.444	-3.656			0.001	-2.515	-0.734
Men	Total_Cals	0.724	0.198	3.66			0.001	0.328	1.121
	Variable(s)	Unstd. B	Std. Error	t	f	R ²	Sig	Lower	Upper
Moving Av.					22.429	0.286	0		
BMI Change	Constant	-1.754	0.372	-4.711			0	-2.5	-1.008
Women	Total_Cals	0.833	0.176	4.736			0	0.481	1.185

The obese eat as much as the thin

Its the excess of calories that is the motor for obesity. The motor is more active at 20 and stops at 50 and then goes in reverse.

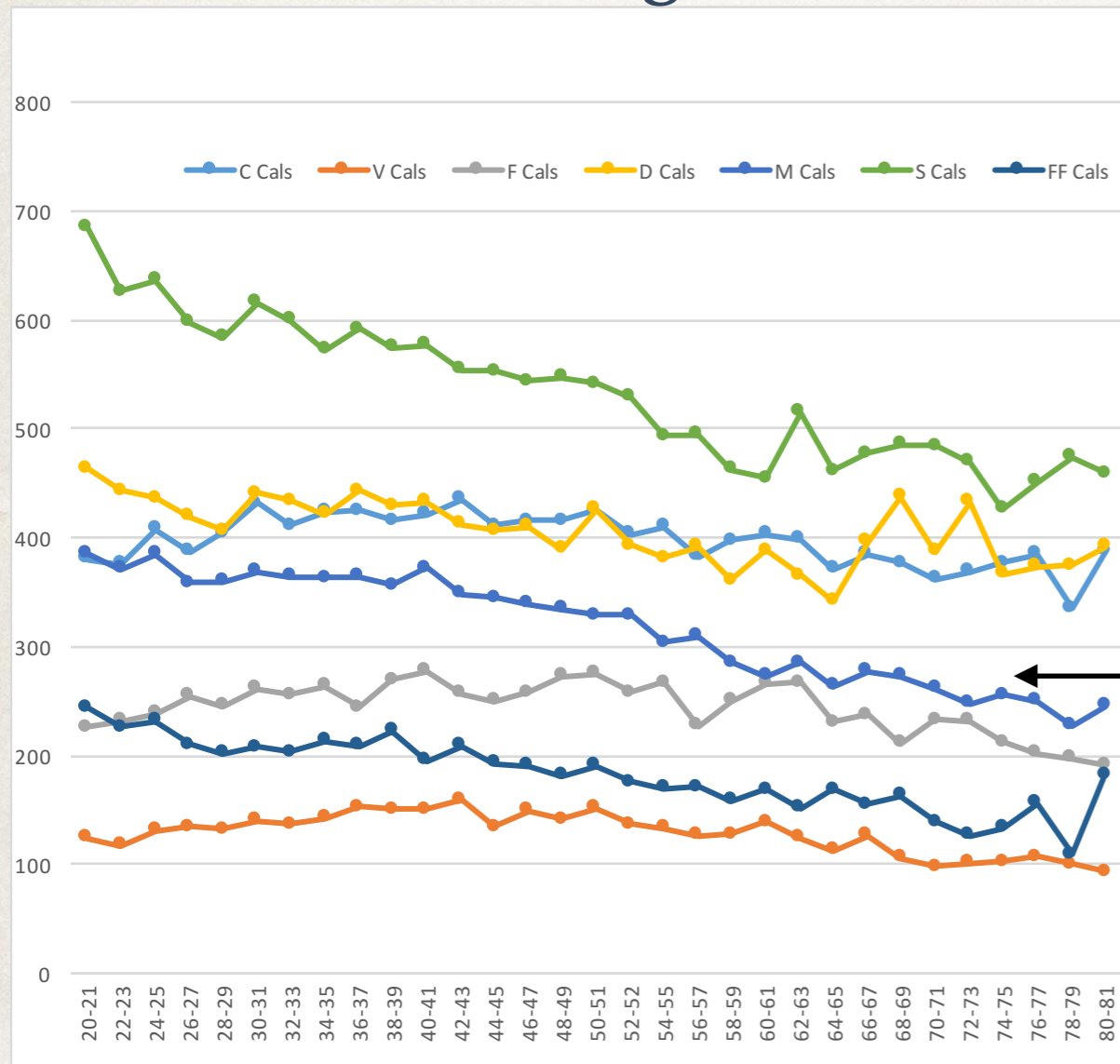
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What you do



Epidemiological data from ENSANUT 2006

The motor changes its fuel...



Accelerated reduction in meat consumption in the aged

	Edad 20	Edad 50	Edad 80	Diff 50 20	Diff 80 20	Diff 80 50	Edad 20	Edad 50	Edad 80
S	650	540	460	16.92%	29.23%	14.81%	26.75%	23.38%	24.73%
FF	230	185	140	19.57%	39.13%	24.32%	9.47%	8.01%	7.53%
M	370	330	240	10.81%	35.14%	27.27%	15.23%	14.29%	12.90%
D	450	415	370	7.78%	17.78%	10.84%	18.52%	17.97%	19.89%
F	230	270	200	-17.39%	13.04%	25.93%	9.47%	11.69%	10.75%
V	120	150	90	-25.00%	25.00%	40.00%	4.94%	6.49%	4.84%
C	380	420	360	-10.53%	5.26%	14.29%	15.64%	18.18%	19.35%
	2430	2310	1860	4.94%	23.46%	19.48%			

The fuel mix at age 20 consists of 51.5% sugars, junk food and meat and 30% fruit, vegetables and cereals. At age 50 its 45.5% and 36.5%.



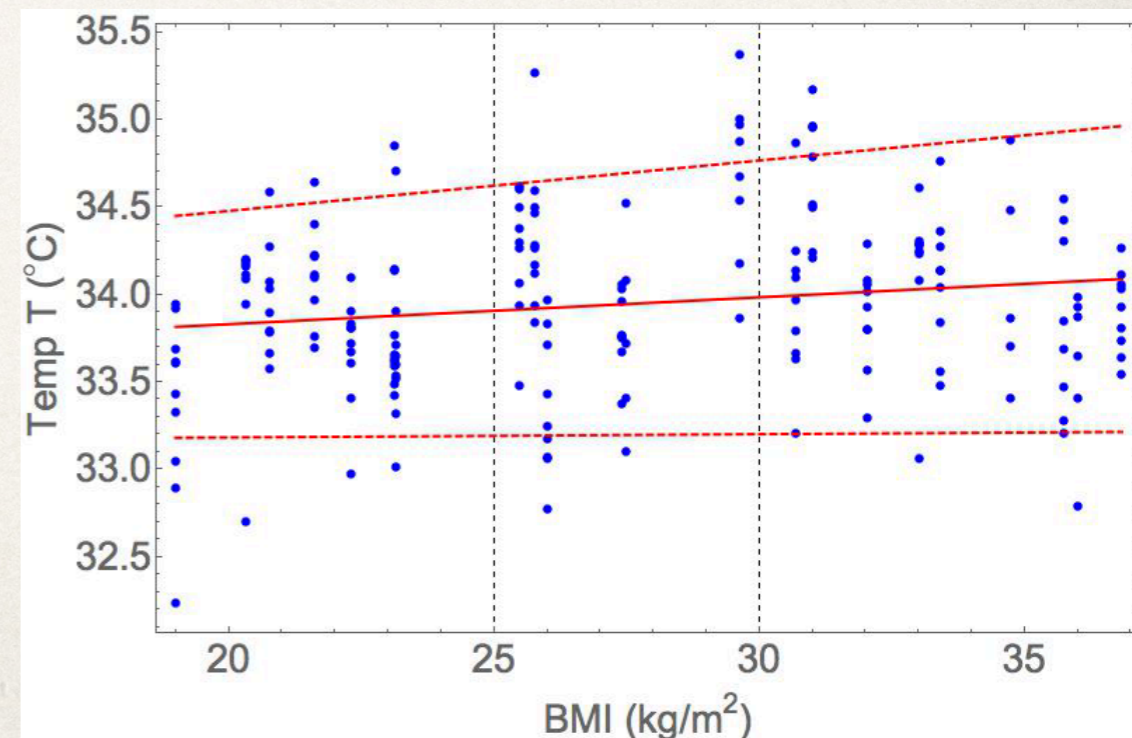
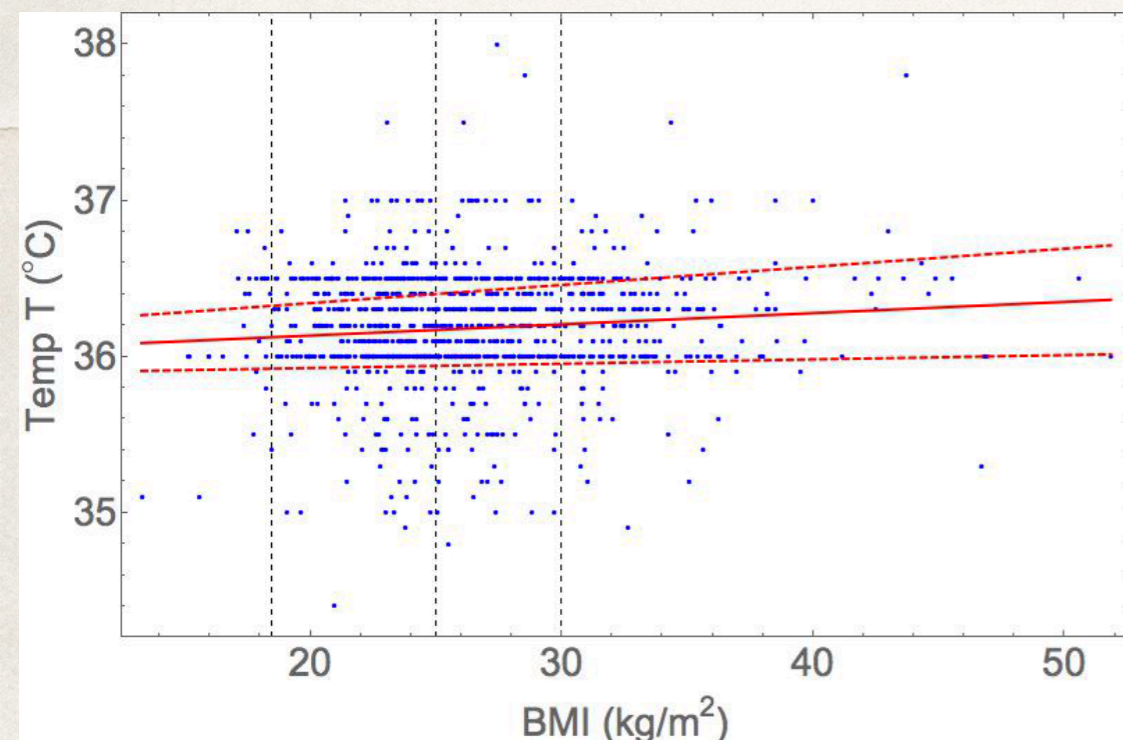
Do you become what you eat?

The data shows an overconsumption of 200-300 Cals/day at age 20-30. 8 Cal/day is enough (naively through the famous/infamous 3500 cal rule) to generate the observed increase in BMI. Where do the other calories go?

Why aren't we even fatter?

	Study 1		Study 2	
	points	deciles	7-day mean	1-day mean
slope	0.0072	0.0067	0.0093	0.015
intercept	35.99	36.00	33.69	33.524
Clslope	0.0028	0.0024	-0.019	0.0019
	0.012	0.011	0.038	0.029
Clintercept	35.88	35.89	32.88	33.15
	36.11	36.12	34.51	33.90
tslope	3.18	3.56	0.68	2.25
tintercept	590.34	708.93	86.9	174.92
F	10.15	12.64	0.46	5.06
p	0.0015 (*)	0.0074 (*)	0.50	0.026 (*)
R2	0.0094	0.61	0.022	0.027

Relation between temperature and BMI



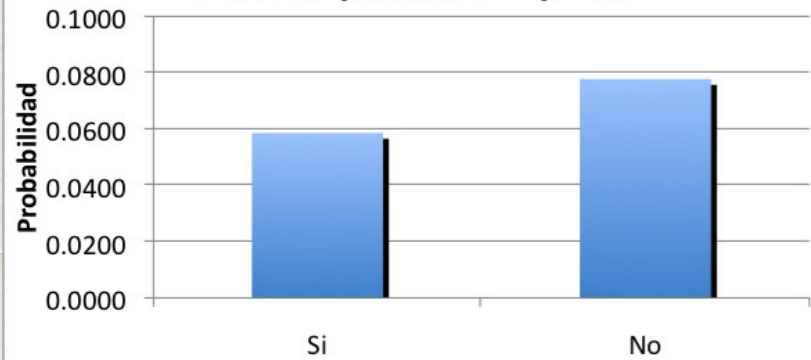
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Chronic disease - Risk factors

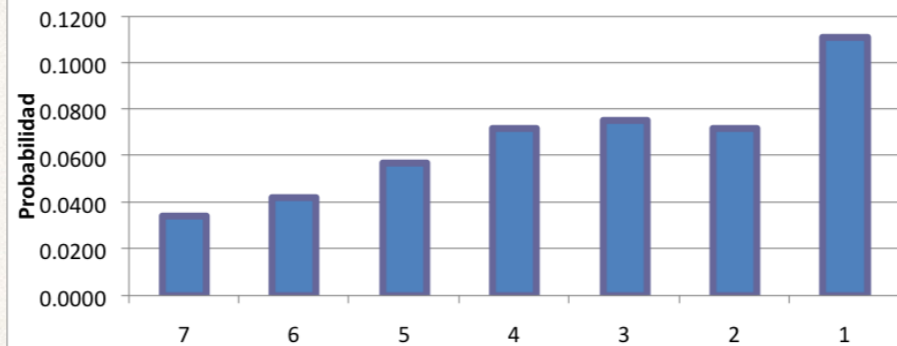


What you do Exercise

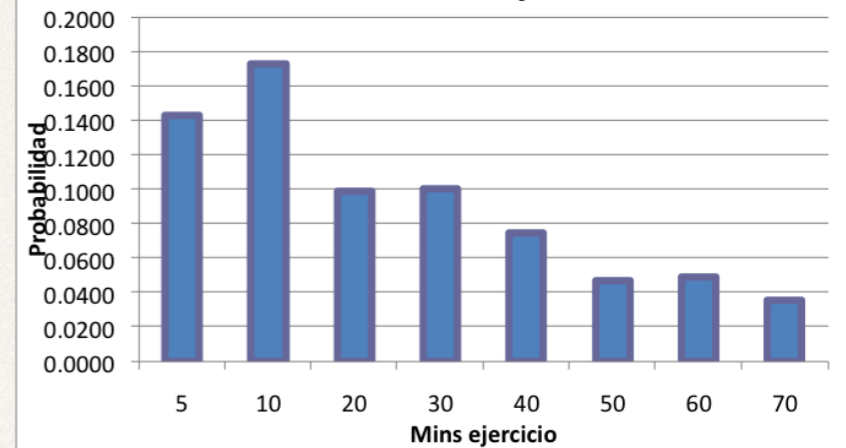
Gráfica de Probabilidad de Diabetes versus si practicas deportes



Gráfica de Probabilidad de diabetes versus Número de días de ejercicio por semana

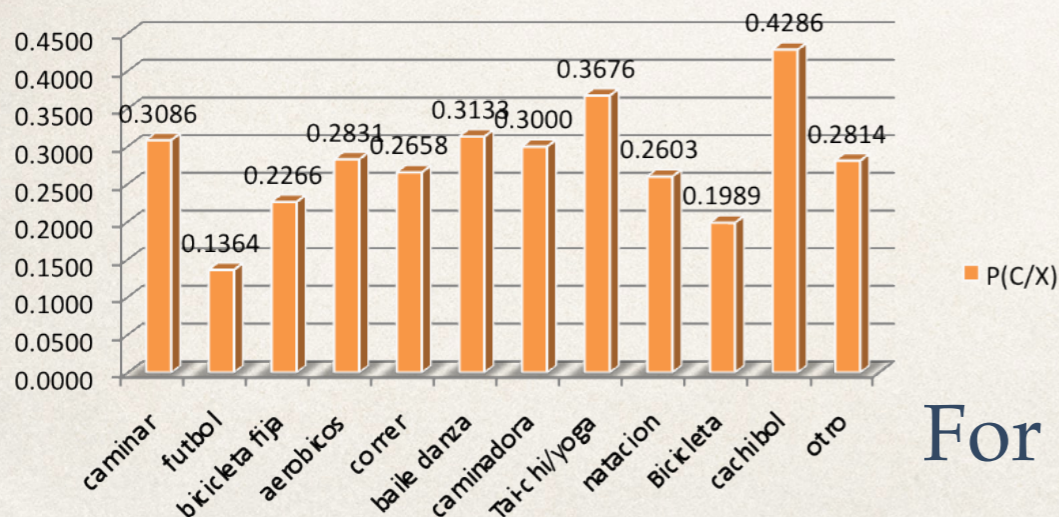


Gráfica de Probabilidad de diabetes versus mins de ejercicio

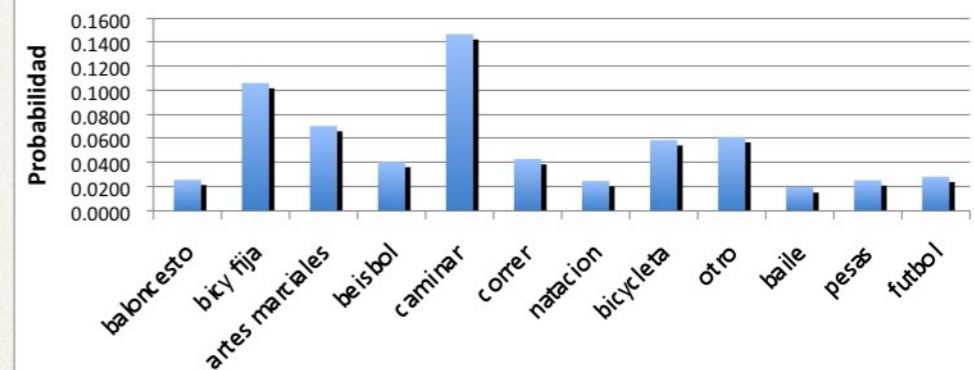


For men 20-59 de PREVENIMSS 2006

Tipo de ejercicio practicado vs probabilidad de tener diabetes P(C/X)



Gráfica de Probabilidad de Diabetes versus tipo de ejercicio



For seniors > 59

Is it riskier to walk than do nothing?

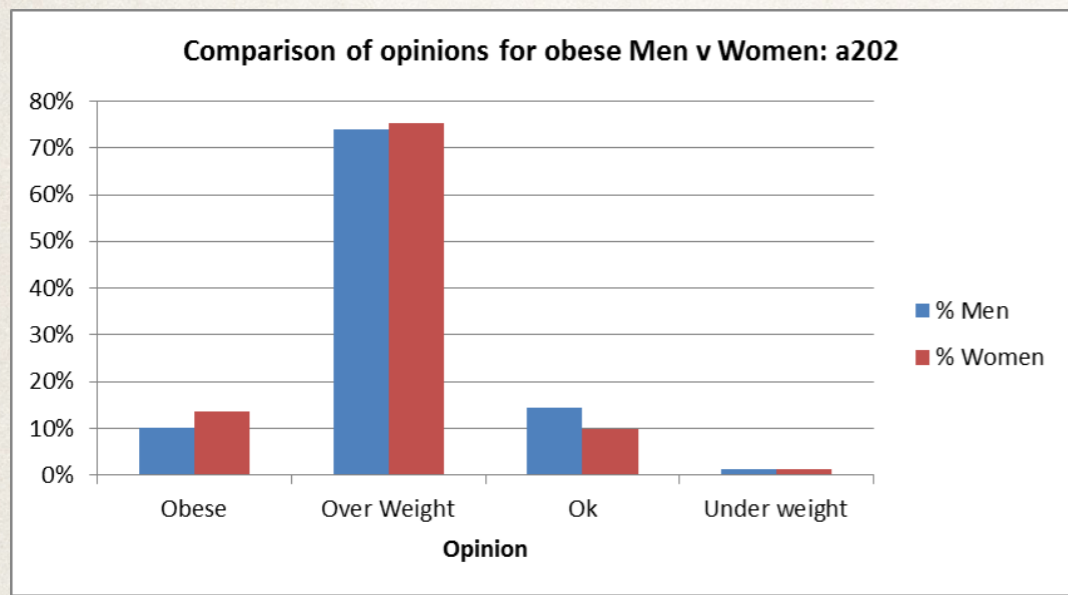
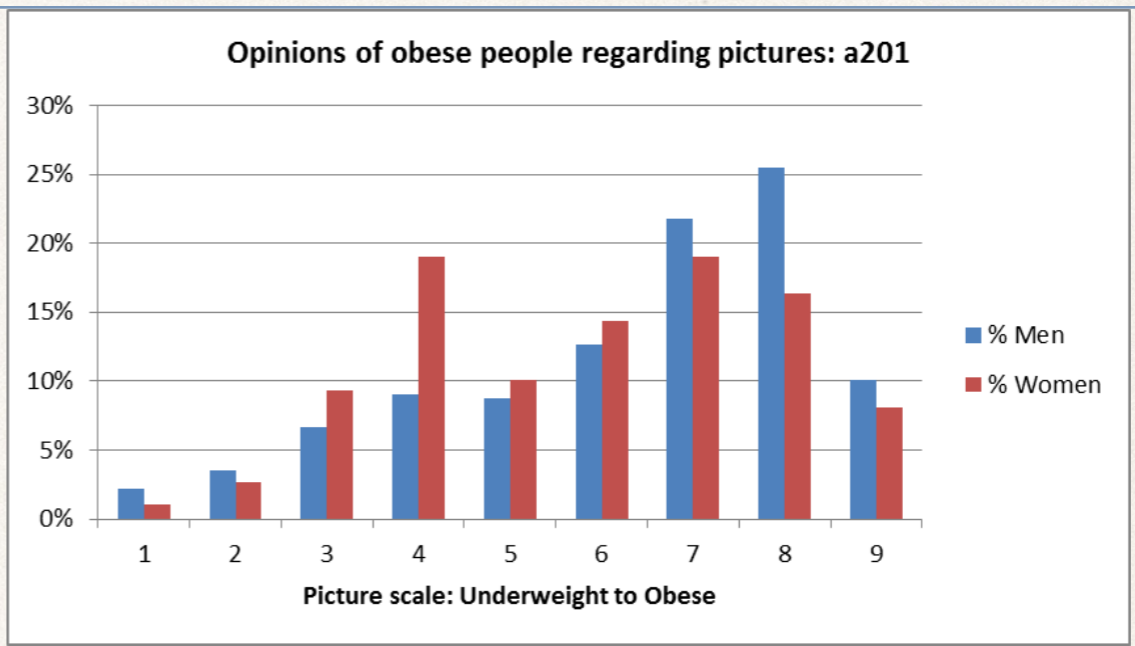
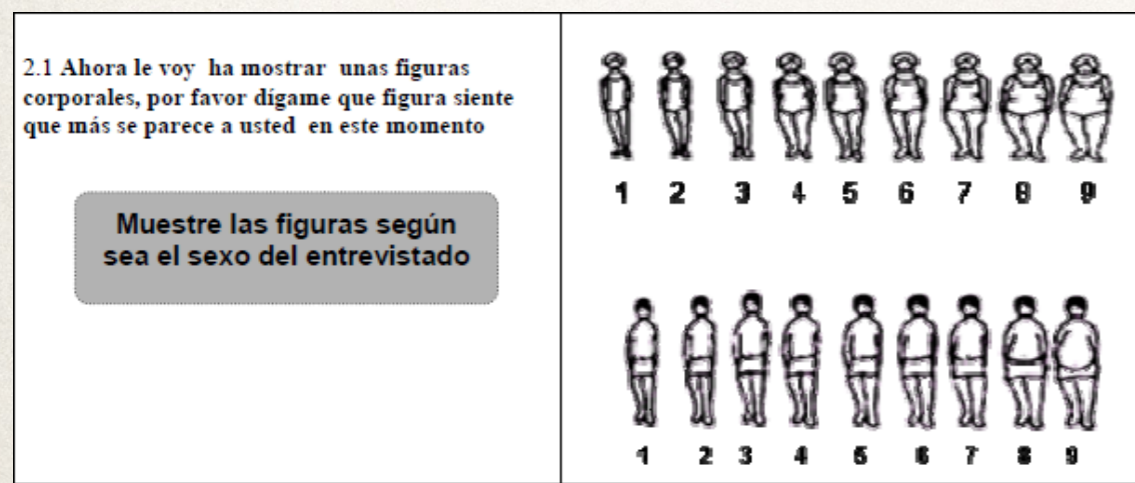


Obesity- risk factors

What you think/feel

Obesity is unrecognised by the sufferer in spite of the symptoms

Epidemiological data from ENSANUT 2006



People think they're less overweight/obese than they are. Symptom severity is underestimated.

Fundamental question: Why do we "lie" to ourselves?



Perception of weight and Cognitive Biases - What you think/feel

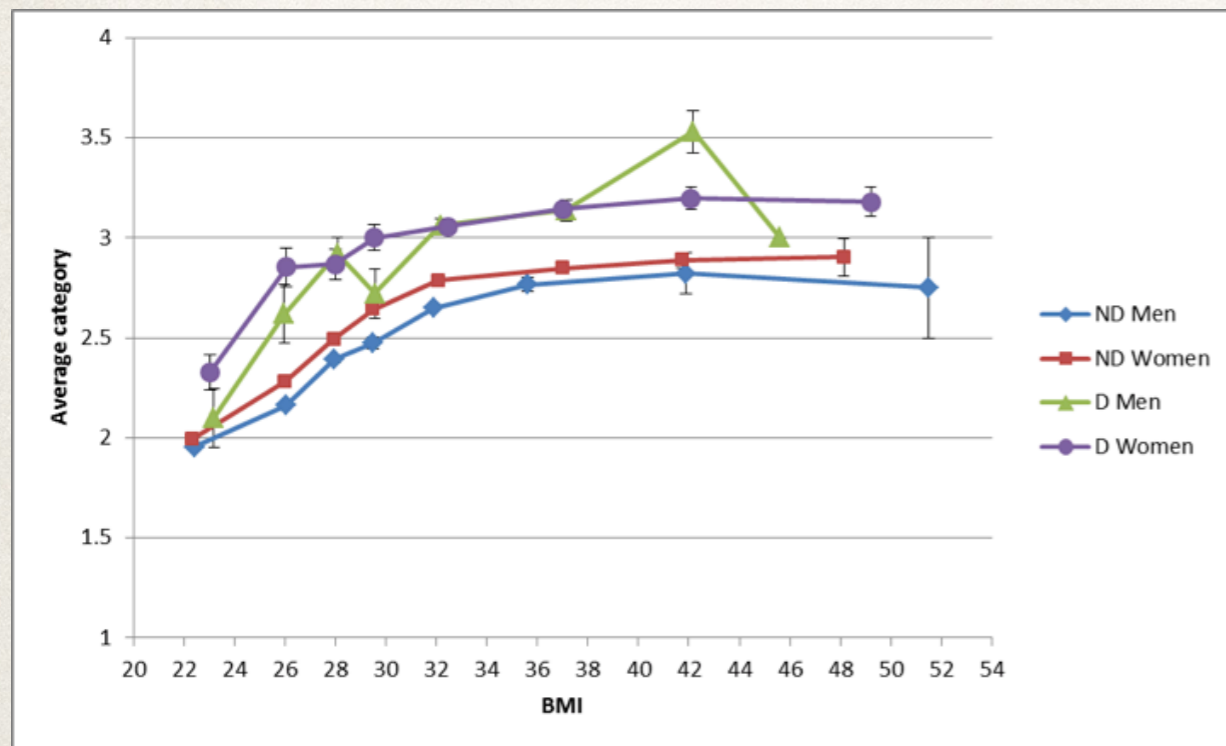


Figure 2. Comparison of non-diagnosed (ND) versus diagnosed (D) obese mean responses for the category self-perception question by gender.

Slopes in the linear range are 35-50% less than one would expect if people could gauge their weight accurately! The lobster in the pot syndrome



Self-serving bias Anchoring bias

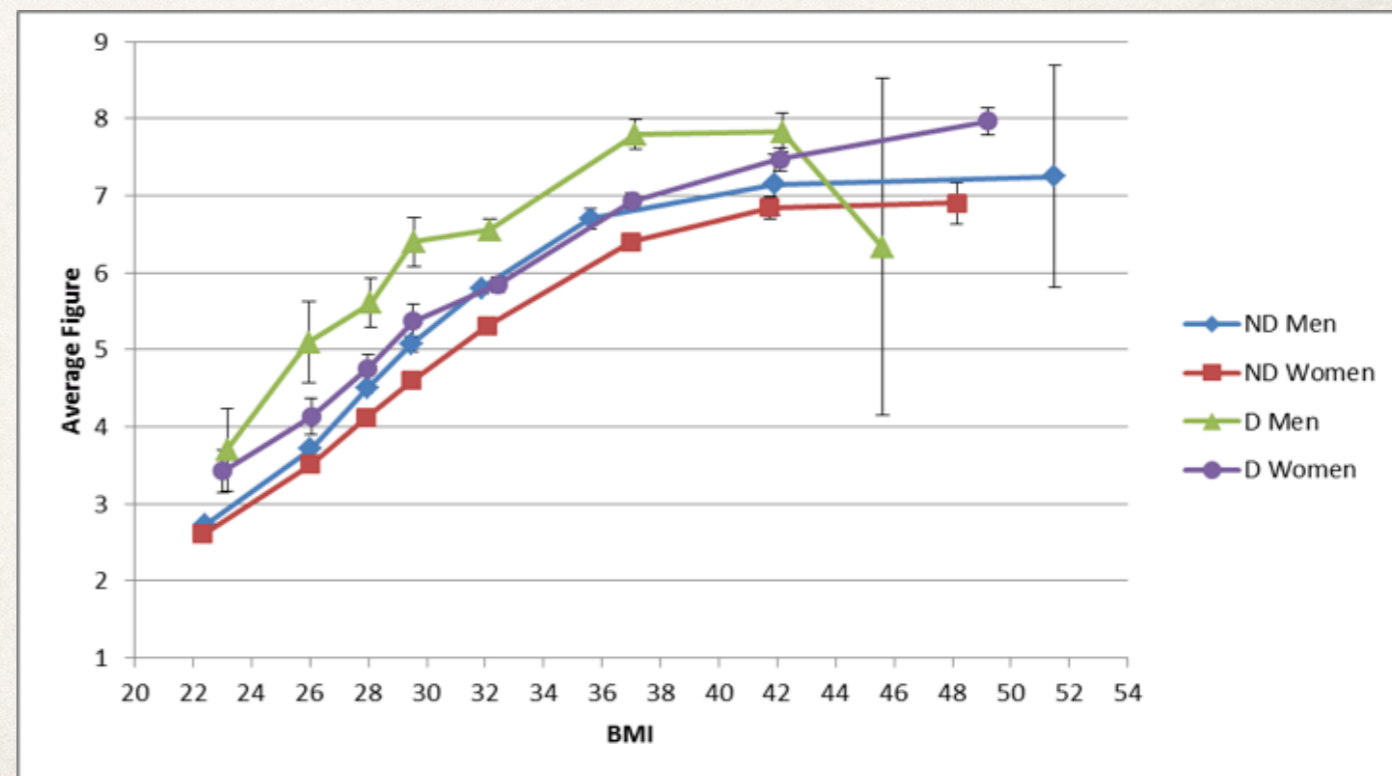


Figure 3. Comparison of non-diagnosed (ND) versus diagnosed (D) obese mean responses for the Stunkard figure rating scale question by gender.

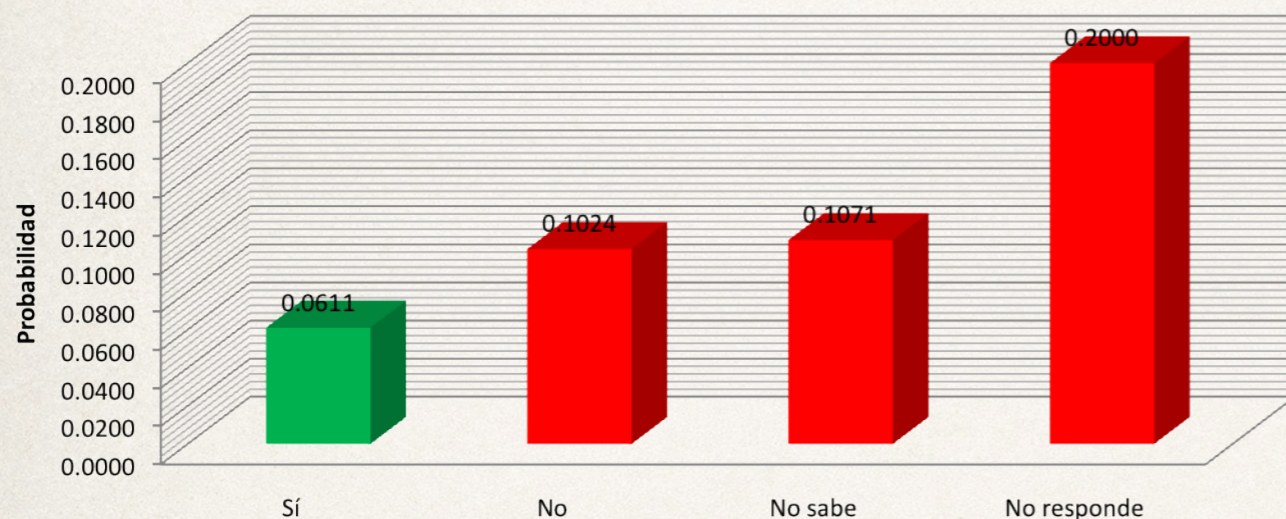


Chronic disease - risk factors

What you think (know): Ignorance can kill

Epidemiological data from ENCOPREVENIMSS 2006

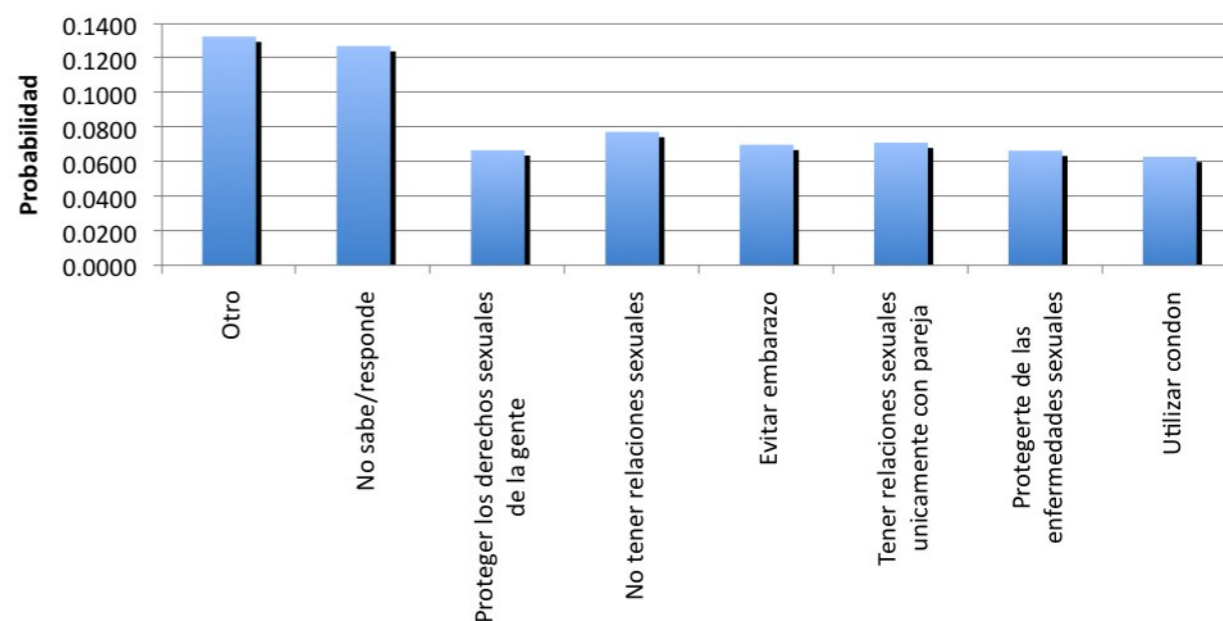
¿Sabe leer o escribir un recado?



For men 20-59 from
PREVENIMSS 2006

- Sí
- No
- No sabe
- No responde

Gráfica de probabilidad de diabetes versus qué piensas que significa el sexo protegido



Ignorance and especially about health issues is as important a risk factor as obesity



Obesity -risk factors

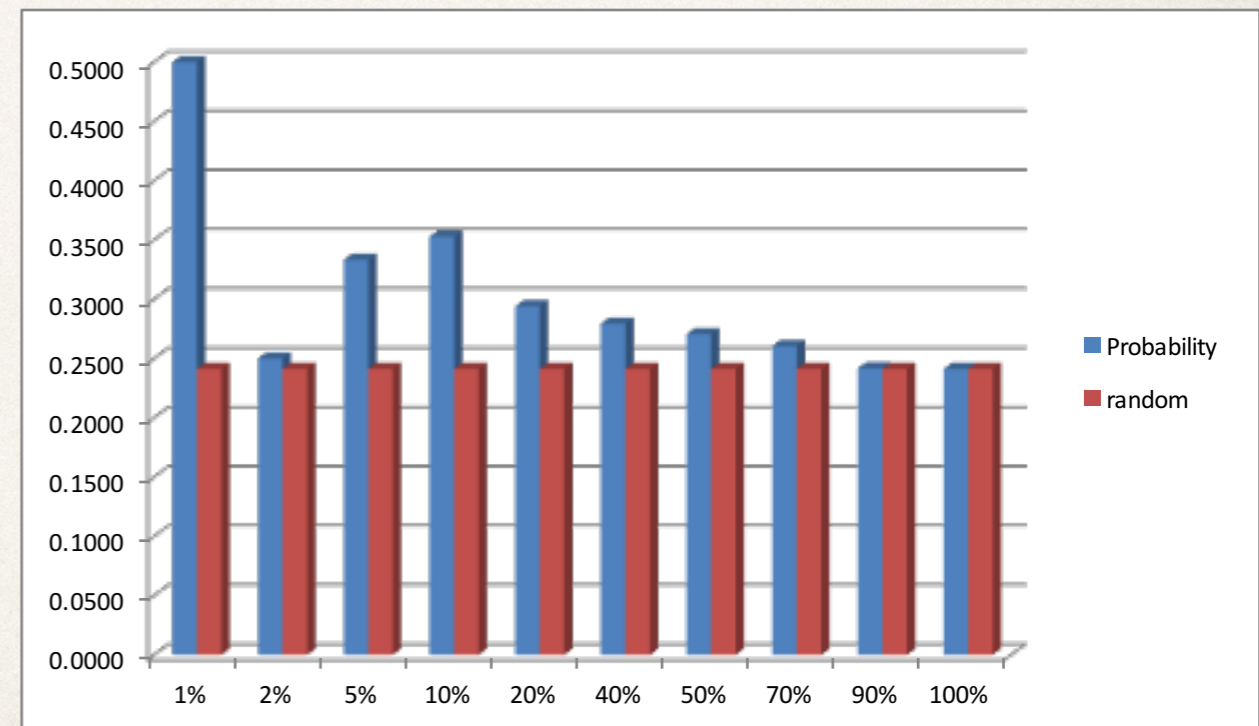
Who you are - genes

772 SNPs considered
Subsets with obesity,
DM2, lipids, hepatic

Driver	Value	Epsilon	P(C/X)	P(C)	N(X/C)	N(X)	N(C)	NTotal
rs2943641_A	2	2.9391	0.6000	0.2169	6	10	123	567
rs2972146_C	2	2.9391	0.6000	0.2169	6	10	123	567
rs2943650_G	2	2.9391	0.6000	0.2169	6	10	123	567
rs12629908_A	2	2.6981	0.3116	0.2169	43	138	123	567
rs870347_C	2	2.2200	0.2914	0.2169	44	151	123	567
rs1407434_G	0	2.1617	0.2841	0.2169	50	176	123	567
rs972283_A	2	2.1543	0.3085	0.2169	29	94	123	567
rs10496971_C	2	1.9688	0.3011	0.2169	28	93	123	567
rs2241766_C	1	1.9472	0.2741	0.2169	54	197	123	567
rs10885122_A	2	1.9426	0.5000	0.2169	4	8	123	567
rs2986742_G	2	1.9121	0.4545	0.2169	5	11	123	567
rs1799884_A	2	-2.0385	0.0000	0.2169	0	15	123	567
rs3943253_A	2	-2.0502	0.1364	0.2169	15	110	123	567
rs4607517_A	2	-2.1053	0.0000	0.2169	0	16	123	567
rs4880436_A	2	-2.1388	0.0870	0.2169	4	46	123	567
rs174537_C	2	-2.1927	0.0851	0.2169	4	47	123	567
rs174546_G	2	-2.1927	0.0851	0.2169	4	47	123	567
rs174550_A	2	-2.1927	0.0851	0.2169	4	47	123	567
rs972283_A	0	-2.3181	0.1521	0.2169	33	217	123	567
rs2073821_A	2	-2.3502	0.1170	0.2169	11	94	123	567
rs1513181_G	2	-2.3605	0.1250	0.2169	14	112	123	567
rs2237895_A	2	-2.3836	0.1308	0.2169	17	130	123	567
rs7803075_G	2	-2.4635	0.0847	0.2169	5	59	123	567
rs896854_A	0	-2.5528	0.1398	0.2169	26	186	123	567
rs7809589_C	2	-2.5964	0.1231	0.2169	16	130	123	567
rs1111875_A	0	-3.2065	0.1211	0.2169	23	190	123	567

obesity (score = 0.904, predictive but scarce)

obesity (score = 0.105, not so predictive but common)



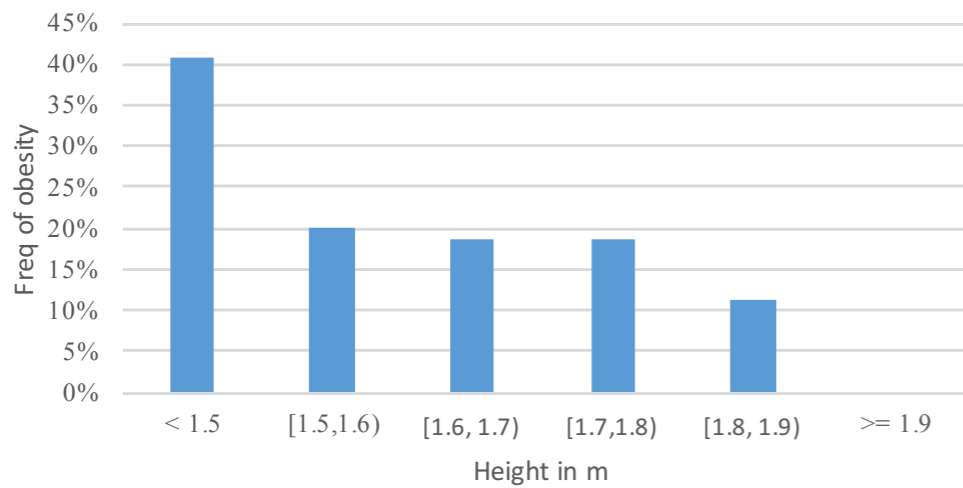
Doesn't give a good model on its own



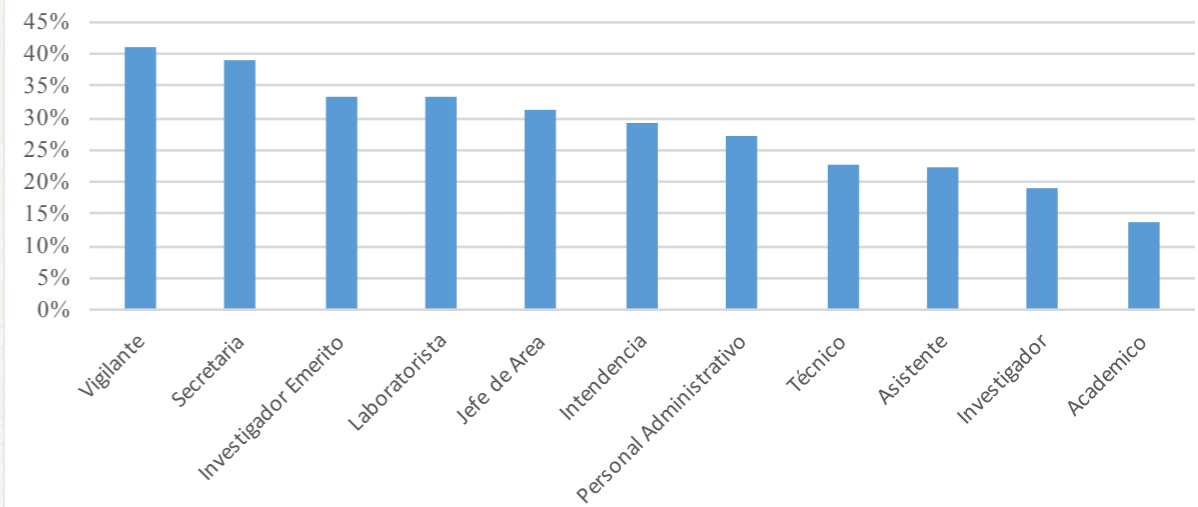
Obesity -risk factors

Who you are, what you think, what you do

Frequency of obesity versus height

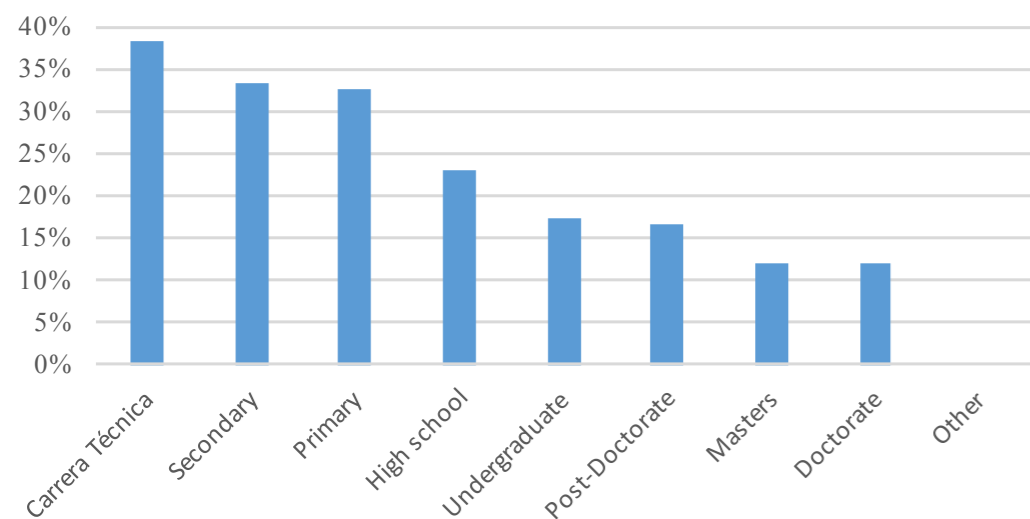


Frequency of obesity



Why are short people so prone to obesity?
Unit bias?*

Frequency of obesity vs education



The crucial role played by “education”
But what does it really mean?

* Katherine Stephens



Chronic diseases

To understand the physiology and genetics of such diseases is important. However, these diseases are predominantly “behavioural” diseases, associated with “bad” decisions.

Why do we make “bad” decisions? What behaviour is plastic?

Establishing and untangling causal chains is very difficult. Causality must be respected...e.g.,

overeating \longrightarrow overweight \longrightarrow inflammation...

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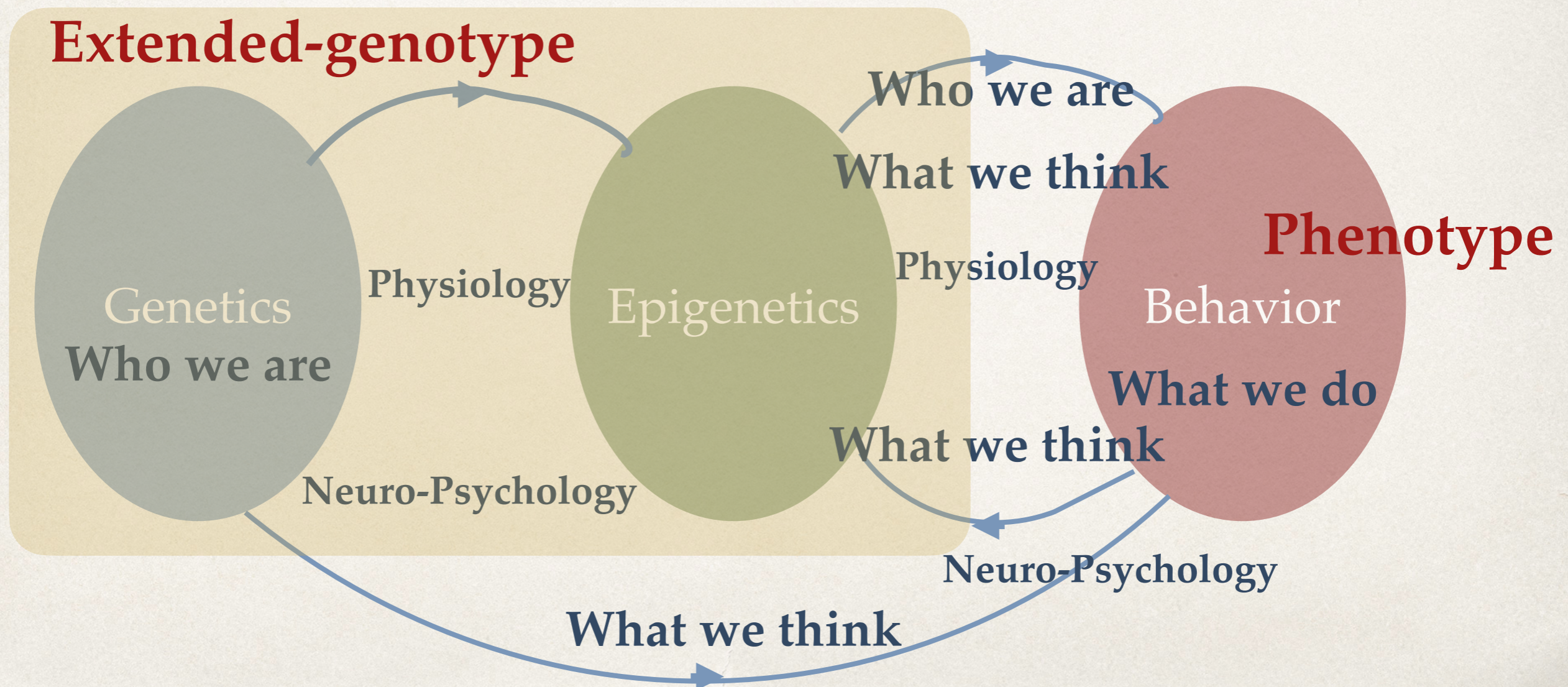
inflammation \longrightarrow overeating...



Observations

Obesity is **COMMON** and maybe not as extreme as it should be

The complex (behavioral) phenotype is a window into the extended genotype but the physiological genotype-phenotype map is much simpler than the behavior-genotype map



Questions



1. What is the appropriate taxonomy of those “universal” tendencies in human physiology /behaviour that are associated with the obesity pandemic?
2. What are the genetic /epigenetic underpinnings of these “universal” tendencies?
3. What are the phenotypic variables that will most help to identify these tendencies? (Stop looking for only high signal to noise relations)
4. How have the consequences of those tendencies changed due to environmental changes (and how has the environment objectively changed?)
5. How do we quantify the effect of a given variable / class of variables?
6. What is the impact of time horizon on a given variable (e.g., the difference between being obese for one year versus 20)
7. How do we disentangle the cause-effect relationships?
8. What is actionable? What factors are plastic and what is their degree of plasticity?

Oportunidad para el INMEGEN y el C3



- * Crear la base de datos más profunda en el mundo para la investigación de obesidad y sus consecuencias
 - * Múltiples poblaciones con gran heterogeneidad entre sí (UNAM - educación/ edad/ ...)
 - * Múltiples instrumentos y mediciones
 - * Conducta - nutrición, estilo de vida, historia de vida
 - * Socio-económico y socio-demográfico, historia de vida
 - * Psicología y neuropsicología
 - * Secuenciación y expresión
 - * Estudio transversal y longitudinal - estudios fisiológicos anuales
- * Analizar esa base en forma distinta a la actual - Sistemas Complejos Adaptativos
- * Retos: Recursos financieros, recursos humanos, capital político,...
- * Recursos actuales: C3 - proyecto de Fronteras (aprox \$4 millones); surtido de colaboraciones con otras instituciones - INGer, INNSZ, INMEGEN etc.



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