

# ES & Machine Learning



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### Machine learning for ecosystem services

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## Biodiversity in Sicily

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/*ML model */
model value of ecology:Biodiversity, uncertainty of value of ecology:Biodiversity
observing

@archetype ecology:Vegetation earth:Site with im:High value of ecology:Biodiversity,
@archetype ecology:Vegetation earth:Site with im:Low value of ecology:Biodiversity,

@predictor ecology:NormalizedDifferenceVegetationIndex,
@predictor ecology:NormalizedDifferenceWaterIndex,
@predictor distance from landcover:UrbanFabric earth:Region in m,
@predictor distance from earth:Coast in m,
@predictor distance from infrastructure:Highway in m,
@predictor percentage of soil:Silt in soil:TopSoil im:Volume,
@predictor im:Annual earth:AtmosphericTemperature in Celsius,
@predictor im:Annual earth:PrecipitationVolume in mm,
@predictor geography:Aspect in degree_angle,
@predictor geography:Slope in degree_angle

using im.weka.bayesnet();
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# Methods: help can come from AI

Category	Task	Common algorithms
<b>Unsupervised learning (learning without feedback from a trainer)</b>	Clustering	k-means
	Associations	Apriori
	Dimensionality reduction	PCA
<b>Supervised learning (learning past actions/decisions with trainer)</b>	Classification (learning a categorical variable)	Bayesian Networks, Decision Trees, Neural Networks
	Regression (learning a continuous variable)	Linear Regression, Perceptron

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# Human dependence on natural resources in rapidly urbanising South African regions

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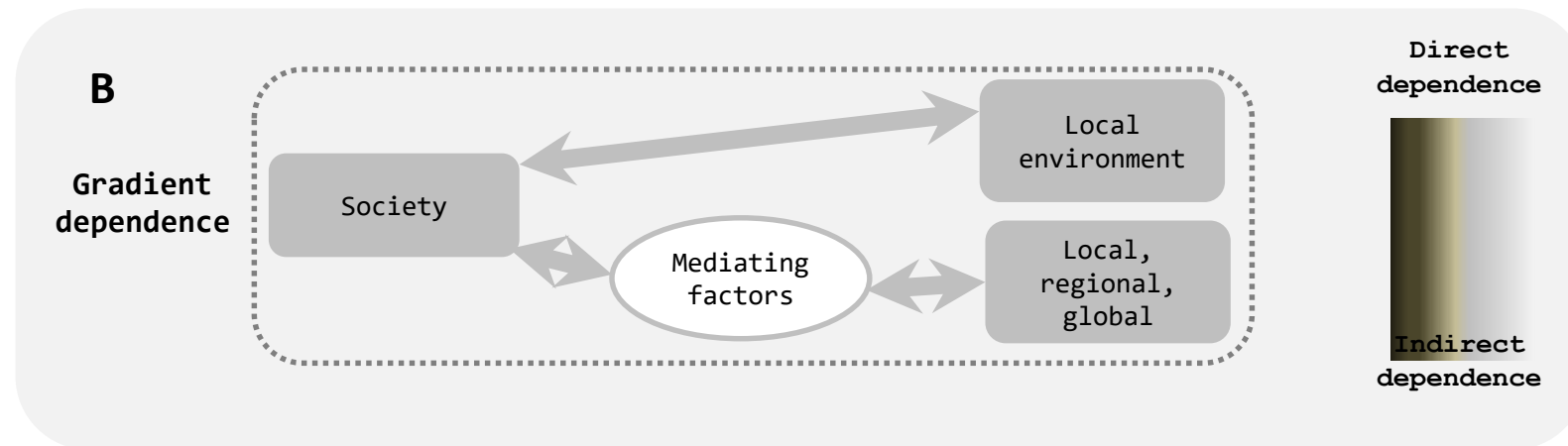
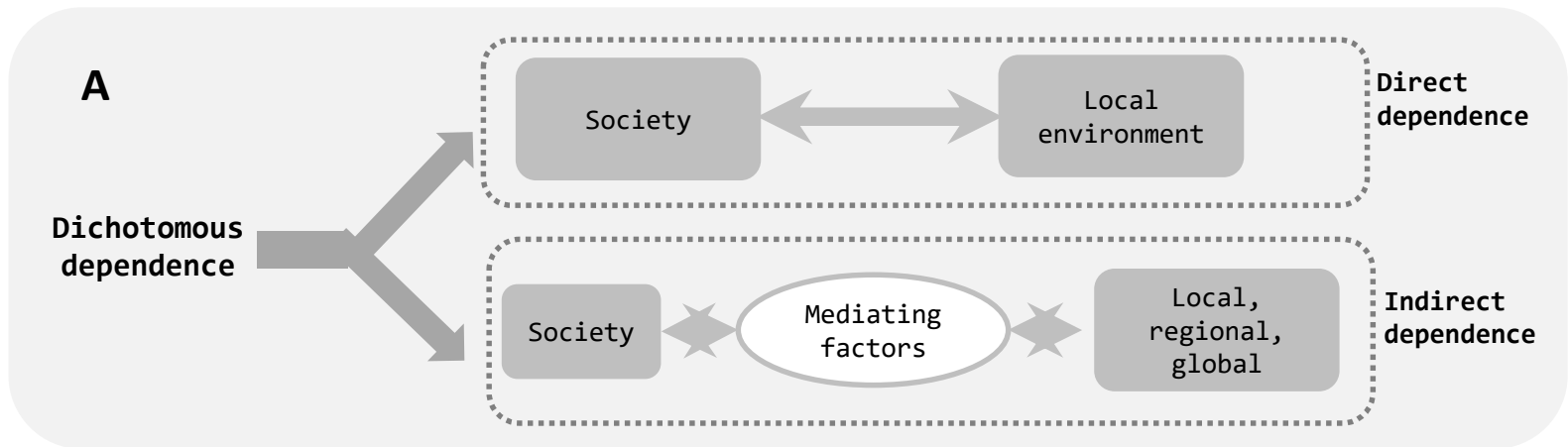
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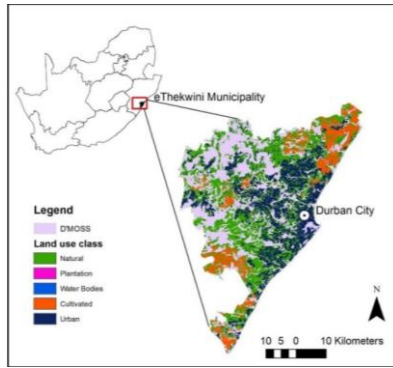
## What we say in the paper

- Dependence on ecosystem services is not dichotomous but a gradient
- Surveys done by national statistics offices are a good source of data to estimate dependence on ES
- Sociodemographic data can equally estimate use of ES (higher frequency and finer resolution)

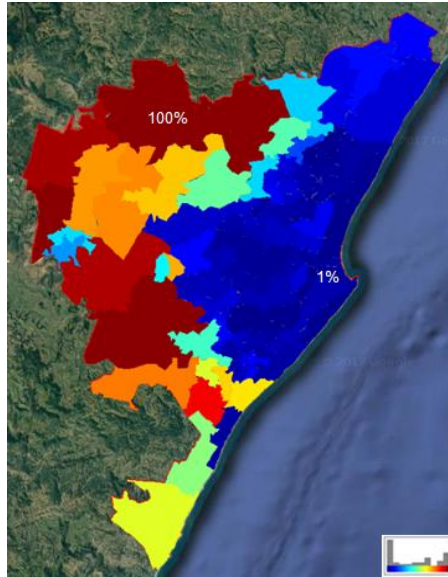
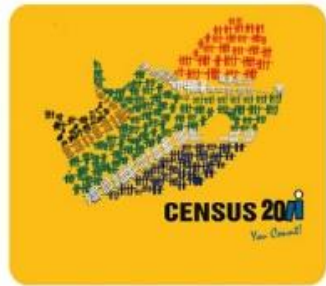
# Dependence is not dichotomous



# Metric of dependence on ES



Provisioning ES	Natural Resource	Key (Eq.1)
Freshwater use	Water from rivers and springs	pW
Crop production	Crop production in communal areas	pCR
Solid fuels for heating	Firewood and charcoal	pH
Solid fuels for cooking	Firewood and charcoal	pCF
Natural materials for constructing houses	Wood, grass, soil	pB



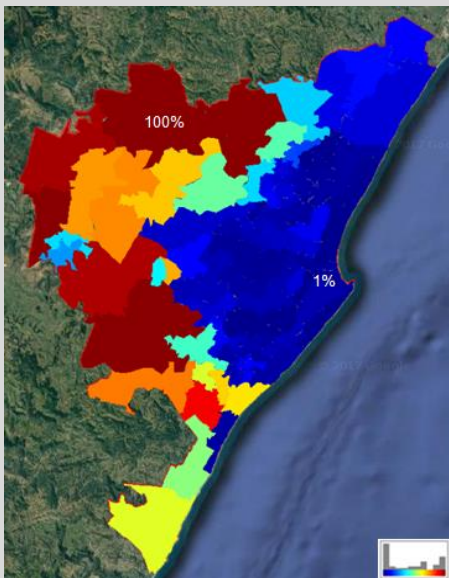
$$ES\ Dep. = 100 * (1 - ((1 - pW) \cdot (1 - pCR) \cdot (1 - pH) \cdot (1 - pCF) \cdot (1 - pB)))$$



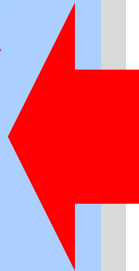
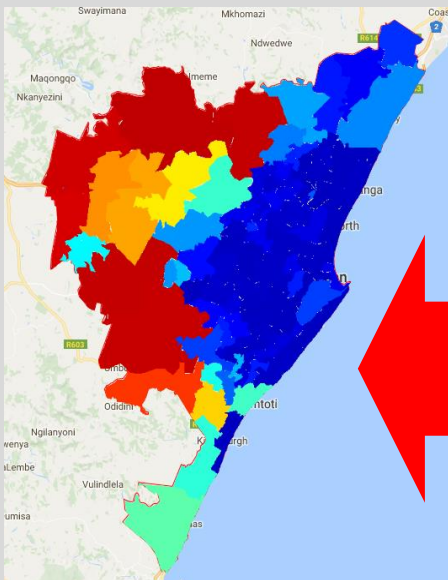


# Sociodemographic data can estimate dependence on ES

Based on reported use

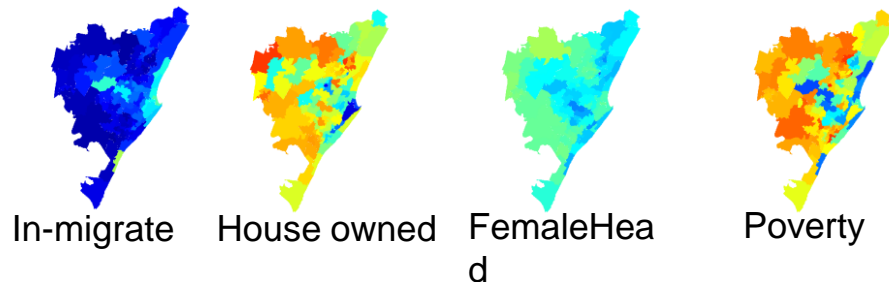
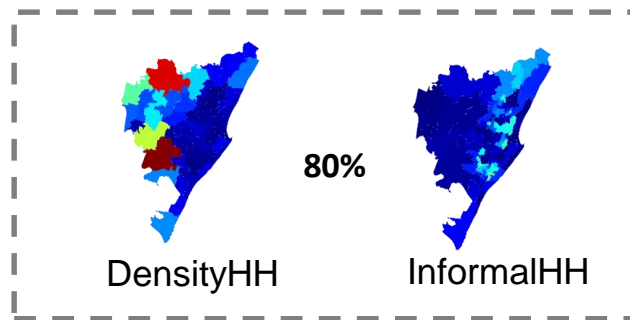


Based on soc-dem data

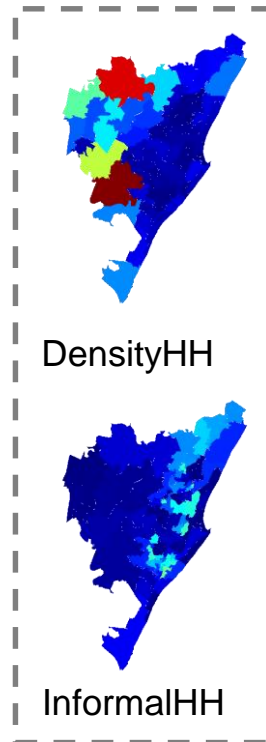
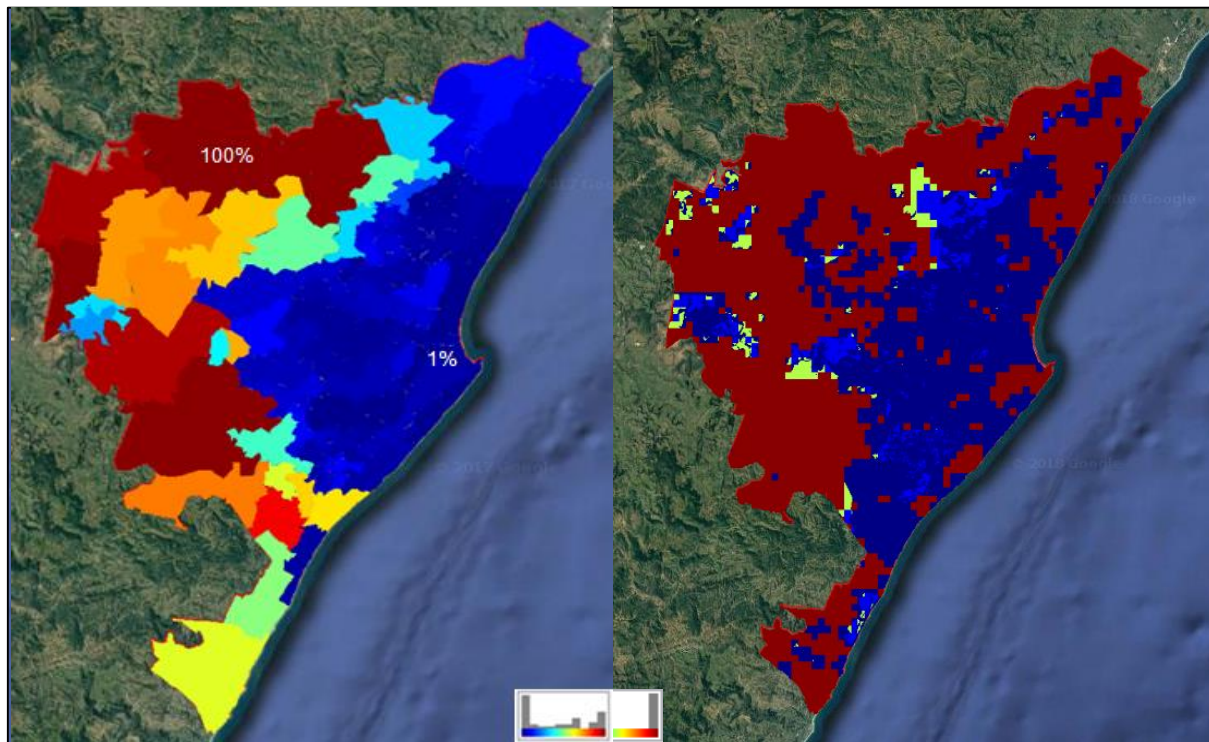


## Machine learning cross validation results on training set

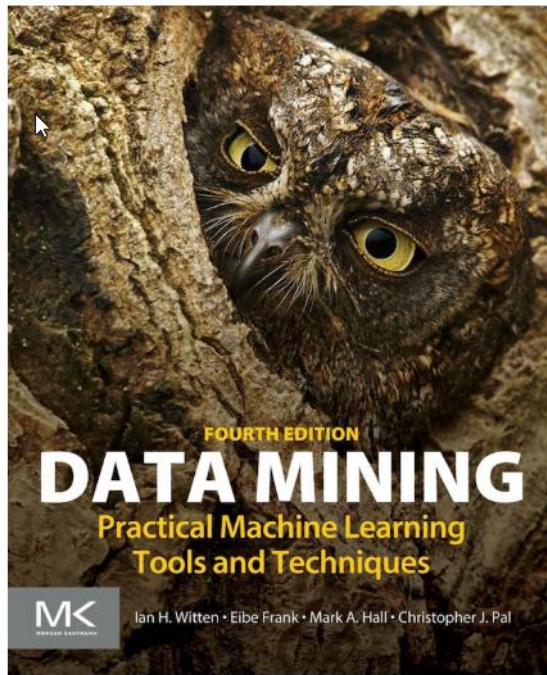
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Root mean squared error	0.1132	
Relative absolute error	30.049 %	
Root relative squared error	49.3575 %	
Total Number of Instances	103	



# Open access socio-dem data: High freq. & finer scale



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# Workflow



Model → Resource → Model