

Ensemble methods: bagging

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Examined ensemble methods

- Averaging (or blending)
- Weighted averaging
- Conditional averaging
- Bagging
- Boosting
- Stacking
- StackNet

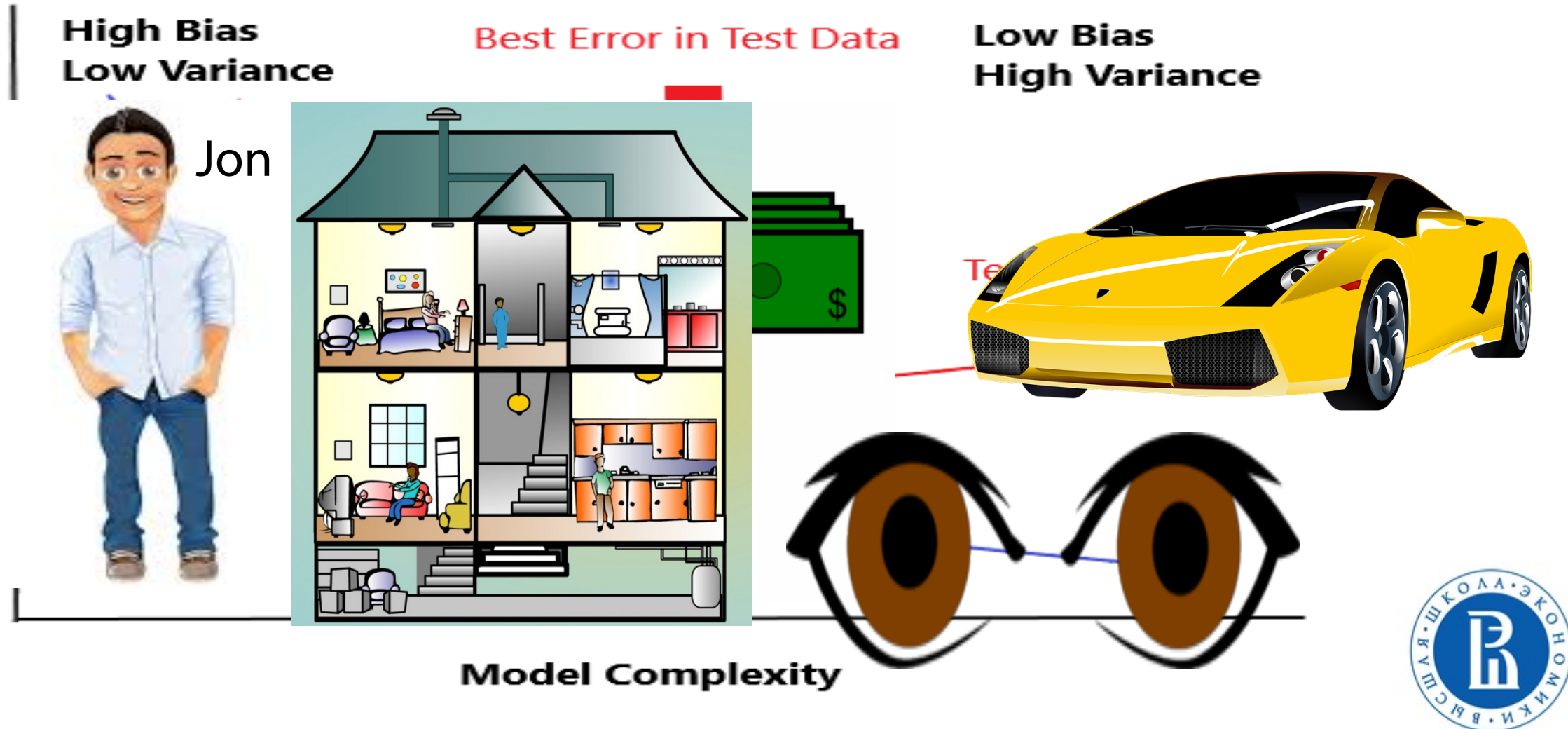


What is Bagging

Means **averaging** slightly different versions of the same model to improve accuracy



Why Bagging



Parameters that control bagging?

- Changing the seed
- Row (Sub) sampling or Bootstrapping
- Shuffling
- Column (Sub) sampling
- Model-specific parameters
- Number of models (or bags)
- (Optionally) parallelism



Examples of bagging

BaggingClassifier and BaggingRegressor from Sklearn

```
# train is the training data  
# test is the test data  
# y is the target variable  
model=RandomForestRegressor()  
bags=10  
seed=1  
# create array object to hold bagged predictions  
bagged_prediction=np.zeros(test.shape[0])  
#loop for as many times as we want bags  
for n in range (0, bags):  
    model.set_params(random_state=seed + n)# update seed  
    model.fit(train,y) # fit model  
    preds=model.predict(test) # predict on test data  
    bagged_prediction+=preds # add predictions to bagged predictions  
#take average of predictions  
bagged_prediction/= bags
```

