Beyond ‘Human Subject’

The challenges of ethics oversight in digital science

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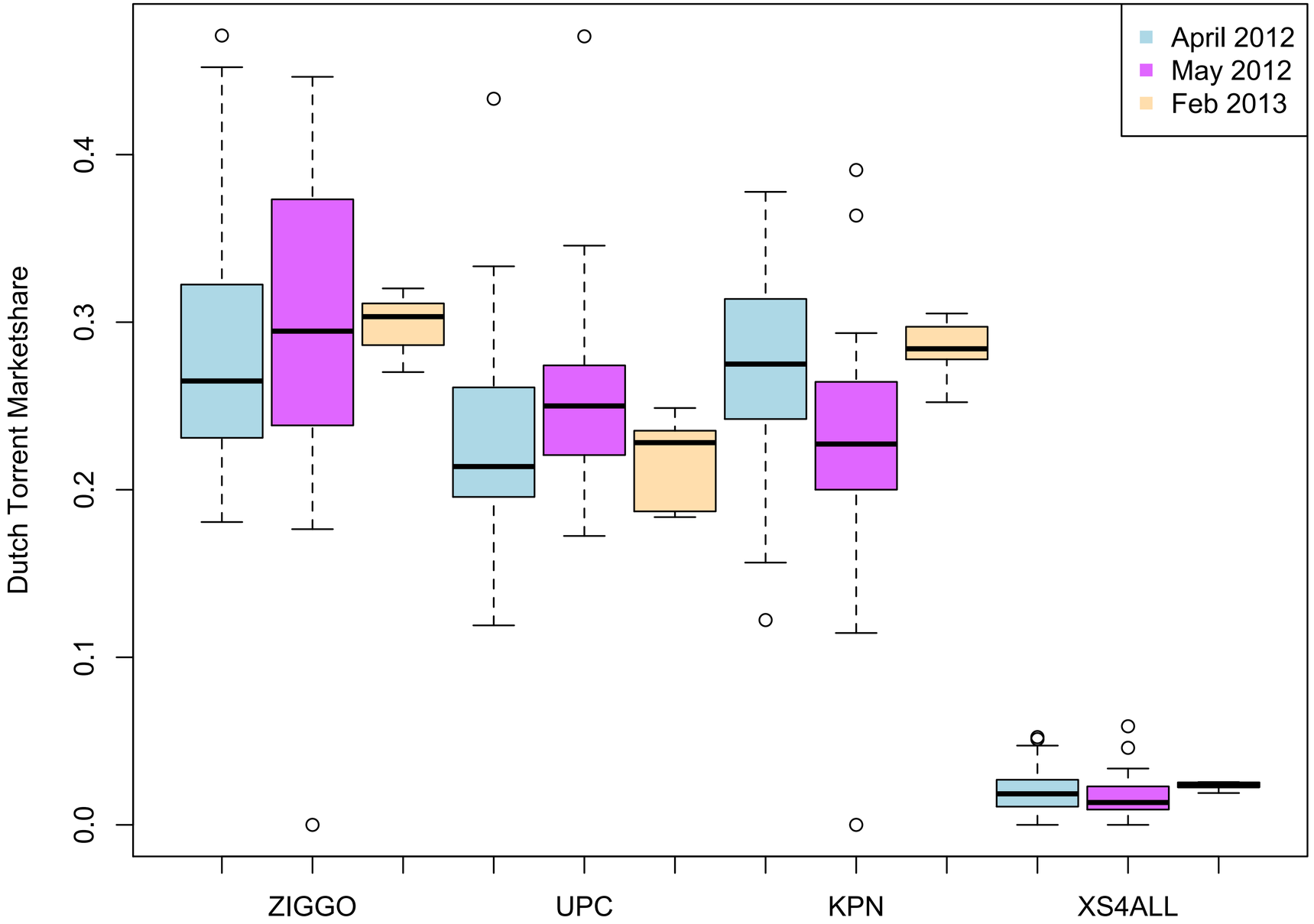
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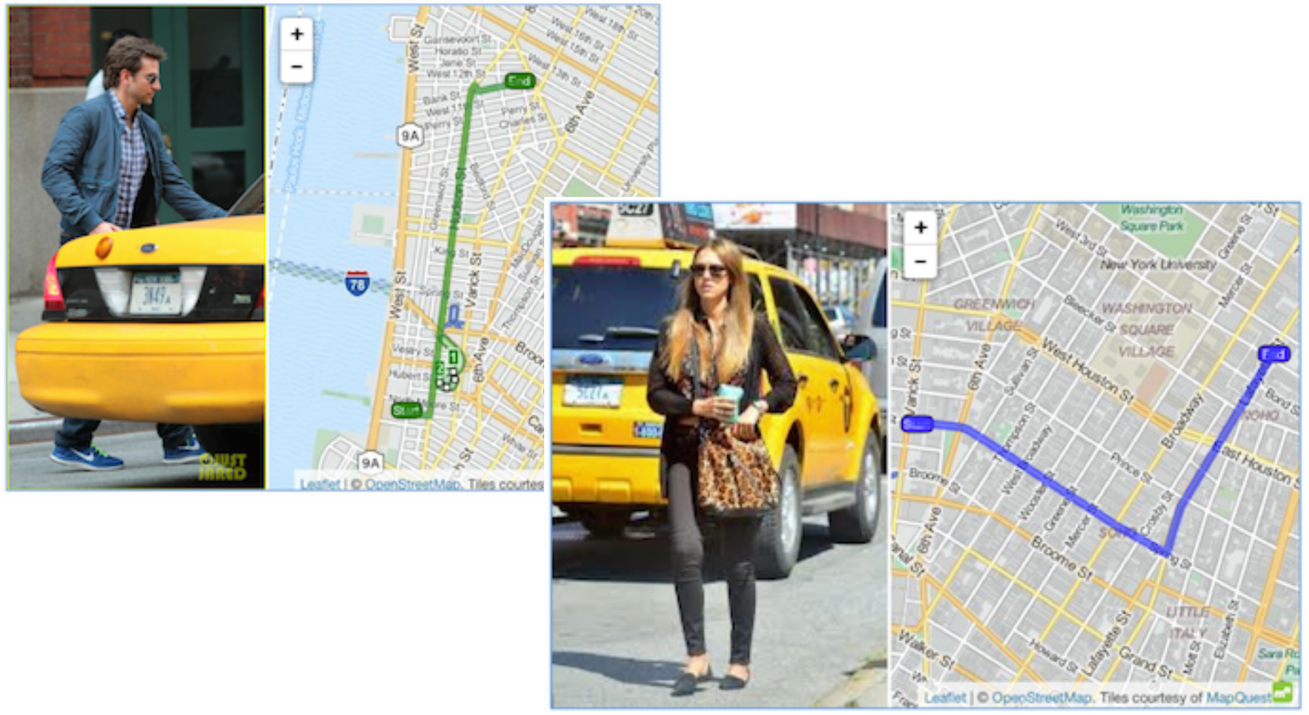

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