

# Workshop in Systems Immunology



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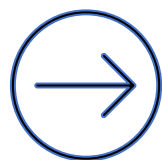
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# Today's Plan

8:00-8:10 am	Course Overview and Objectives – Emanuele de Rinaldis, PhD
8:10-9:00 am	Introduction to Systems Immunology – Emanuele de Rinaldis, PhD
9:00-9:45 am	Systems Immunology & Immune Oncology: A Data-Centric View – Magnus Fontes, PhD
9:45-10:00 am	Break
10:00-11:30 am	Deep Dive Into Selected Scientific Case Studies: From Systems Immunology to Novel Therapeutic Insights – Emanuele de Rinaldis, PhD
11:30 am-12:00 pm	Q/A and Panel Discussion
12:00-1:00 pm	Break for Lunch
1:00-2:00 pm	Spatial Biology Methods and Analytics for Immunology & Oncology – Giorgio Gaglia, PhD
2:00-2:15 pm	Break
2:15-3:30 pm	Artificial Intelligence – A Primer for Immunologists – Shameer Khader, PhD, MPH
3:30-3:45 pm	Break
3:45-4:45 pm	Interactive Data Analysis Session – Magnus Fontes, PhD
4:45-5:00 pm	Wrap Up Notes & Final Remarks



# **AI for Immunologists – An Introduction**



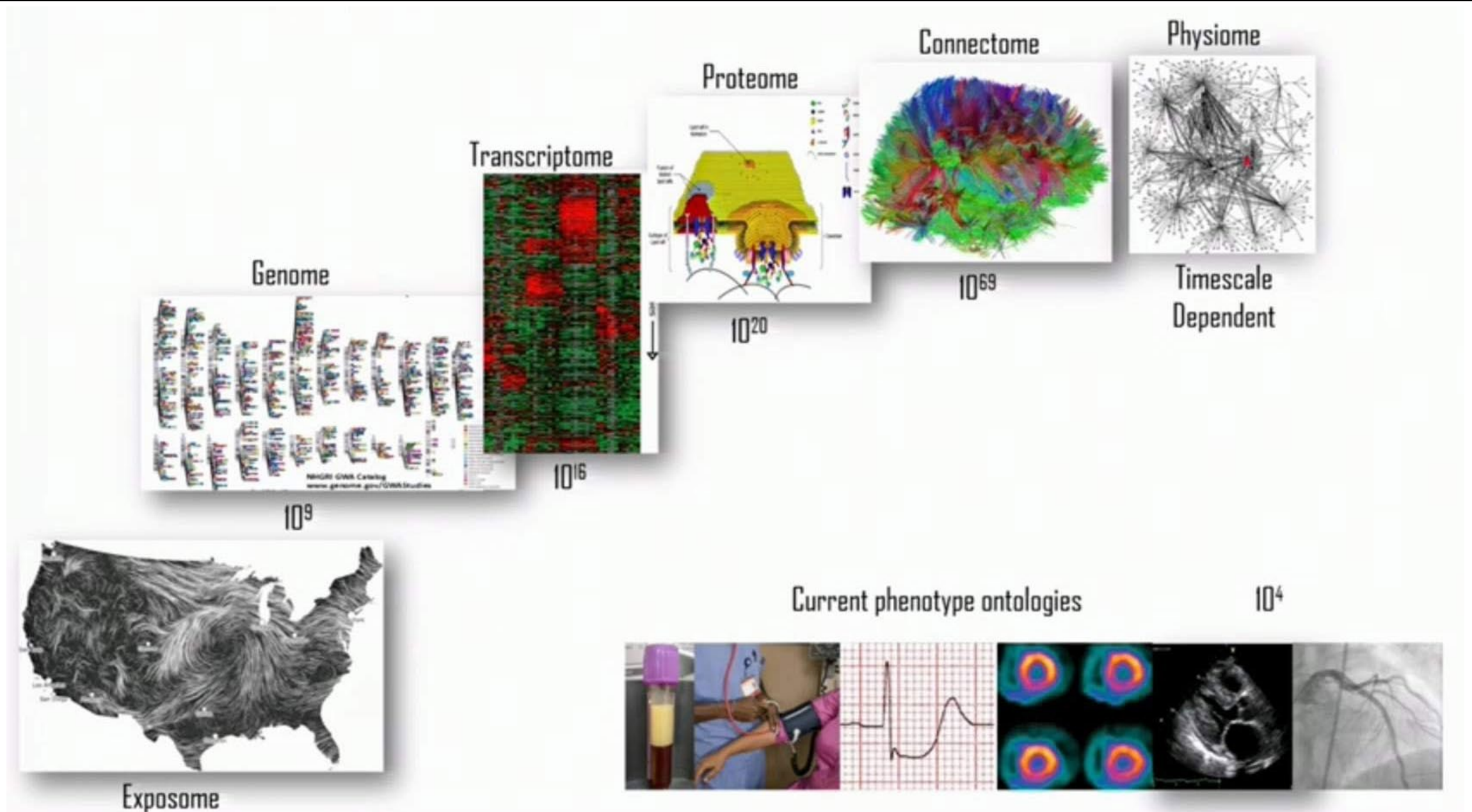
# Outline of today's session

- Background
- Data boom in biology and need for AI
- Examples of AI in Immunology
  - **Classical ML and Predictive models – Open Targets / Target Immune Engine**
  - **Graph ML – AsthmaGraph (Poster at FOCIS!)**
  - **Emerging themes in AI: Encoders, Embedding, Transformers, GANs, and LLMs**
- Future outlook





# On a mission to close the data and inference gap in biomedicine



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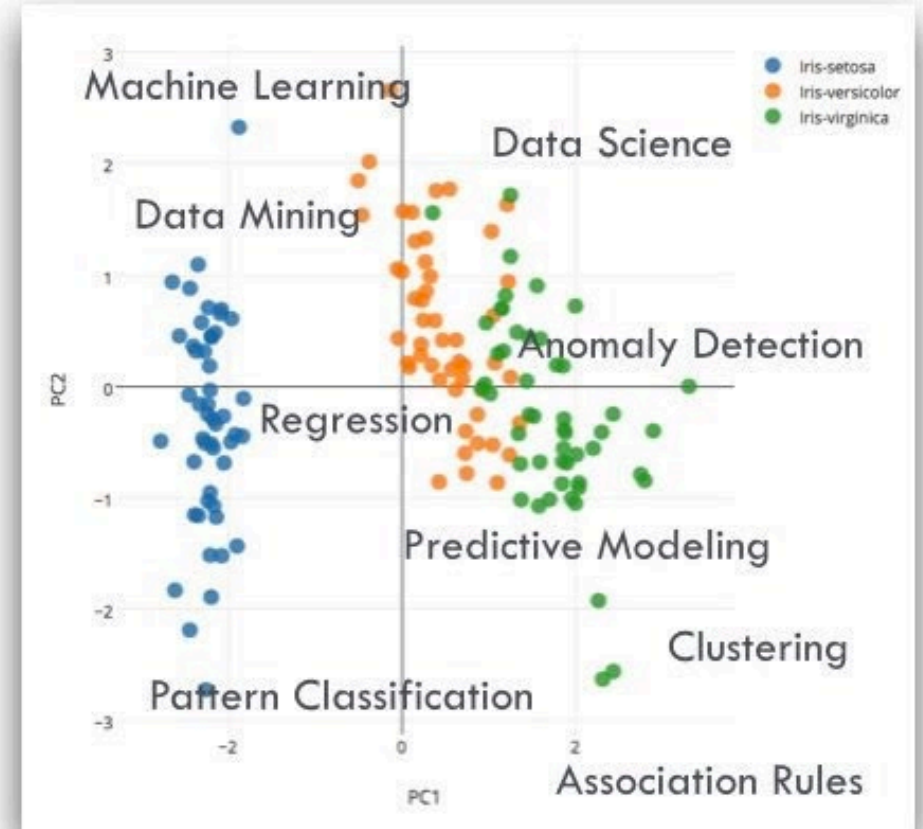
# Preamble

**Big data** (noun) extremely large data sets that may be analyzed computationally to reveal patterns, trends, and associations, especially relating to human behavior and interactions.

**Predictive analytics** is the area of data mining concerned with forecasting probabilities and trends.

**Data science** is an interdisciplinary field about processes and systems to extract knowledge or insights from data.

**Artificial intelligence (AI)** is wide-ranging branch of computer science concerned with building smart machines capable of performing tasks that typically require human intelligence.

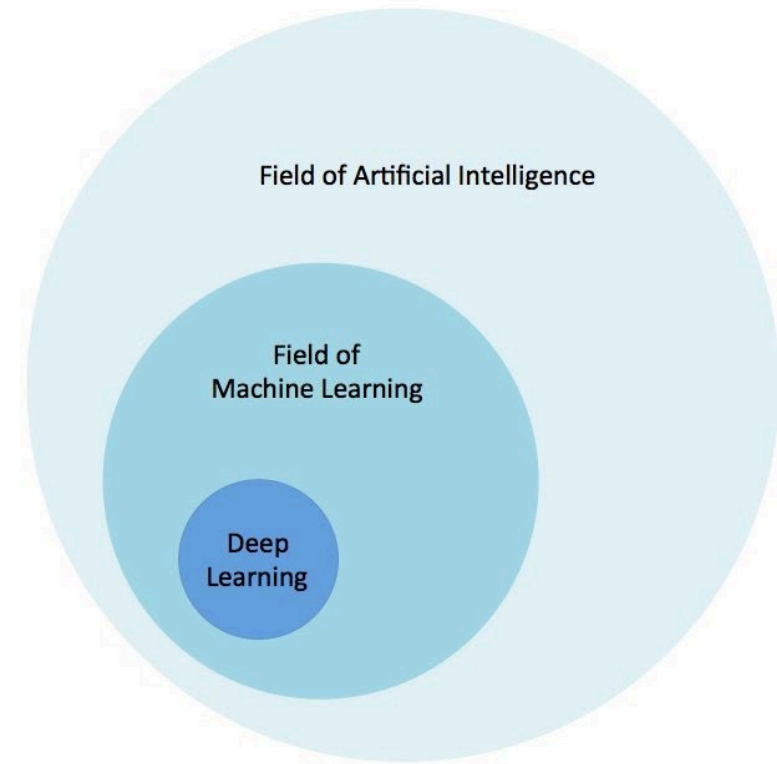
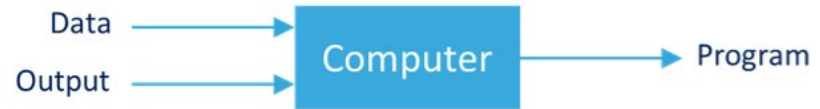


# What is Artificial Intelligence?

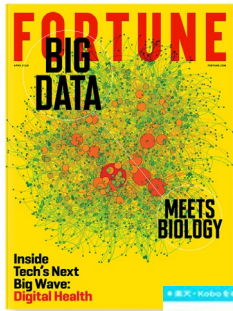
## Traditional Programming



## Machine Learning



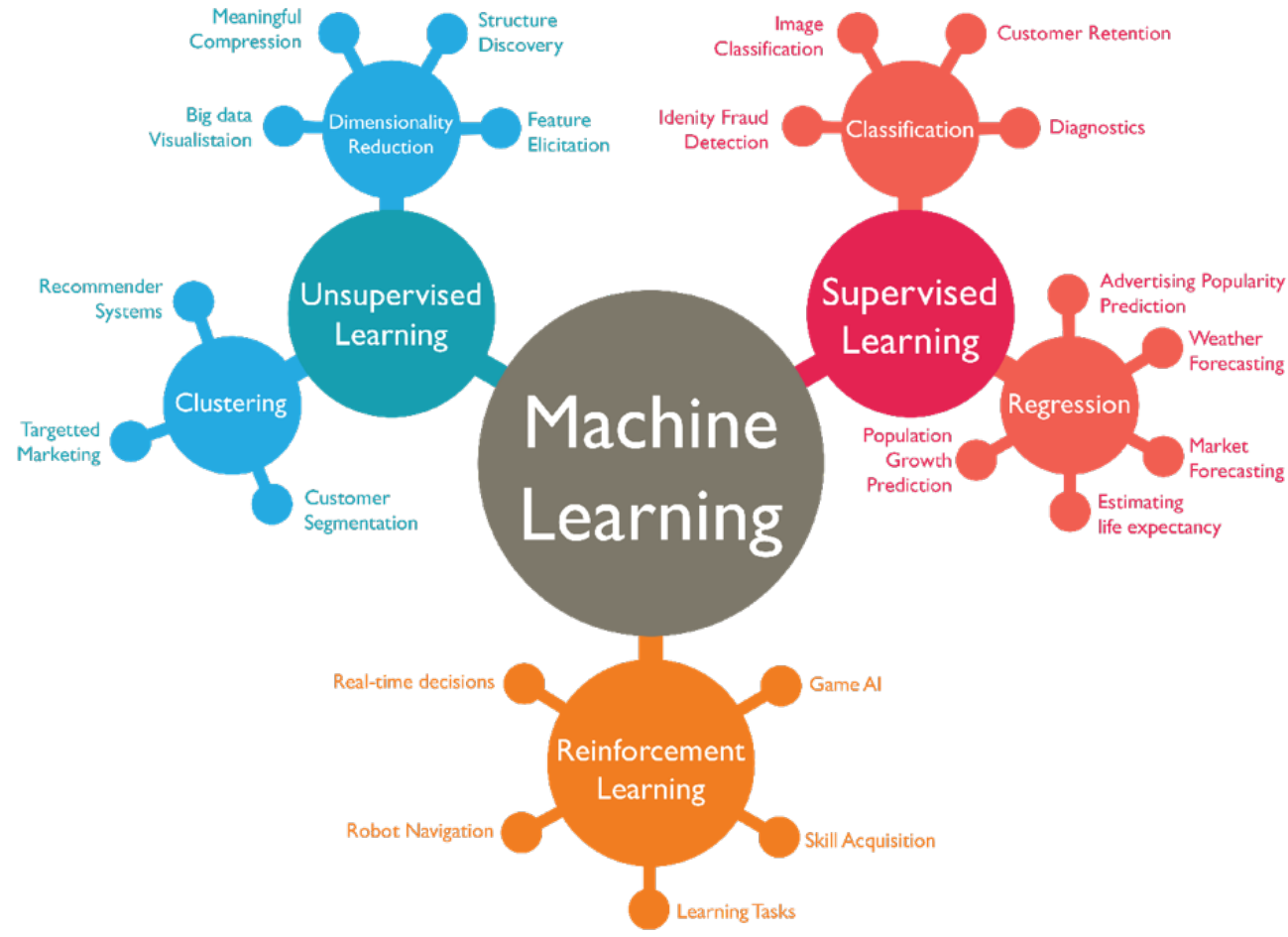
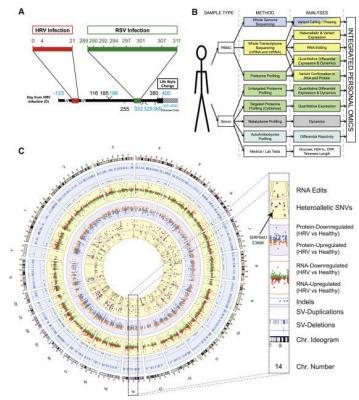
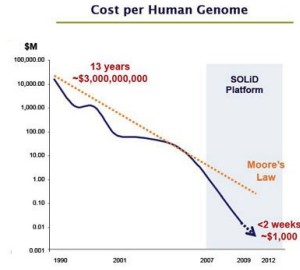
# Big Data Big Bang in Biomedicine







# Why AI in Biomedicine?

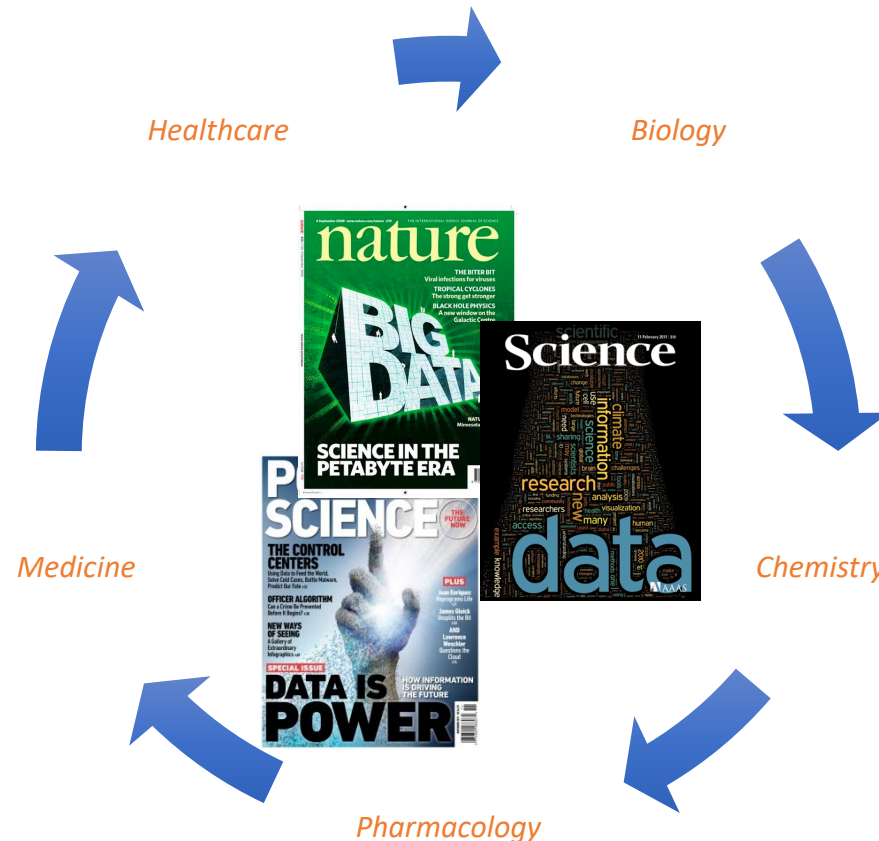


**AI in Biomedicine: Convergence of Big Data, Predictive Modeling, Data science and AI to design, develop and deliver Precision Medicine solutions**

# From Biology to Therapy to Healthcare via Data & AI

## Medicine

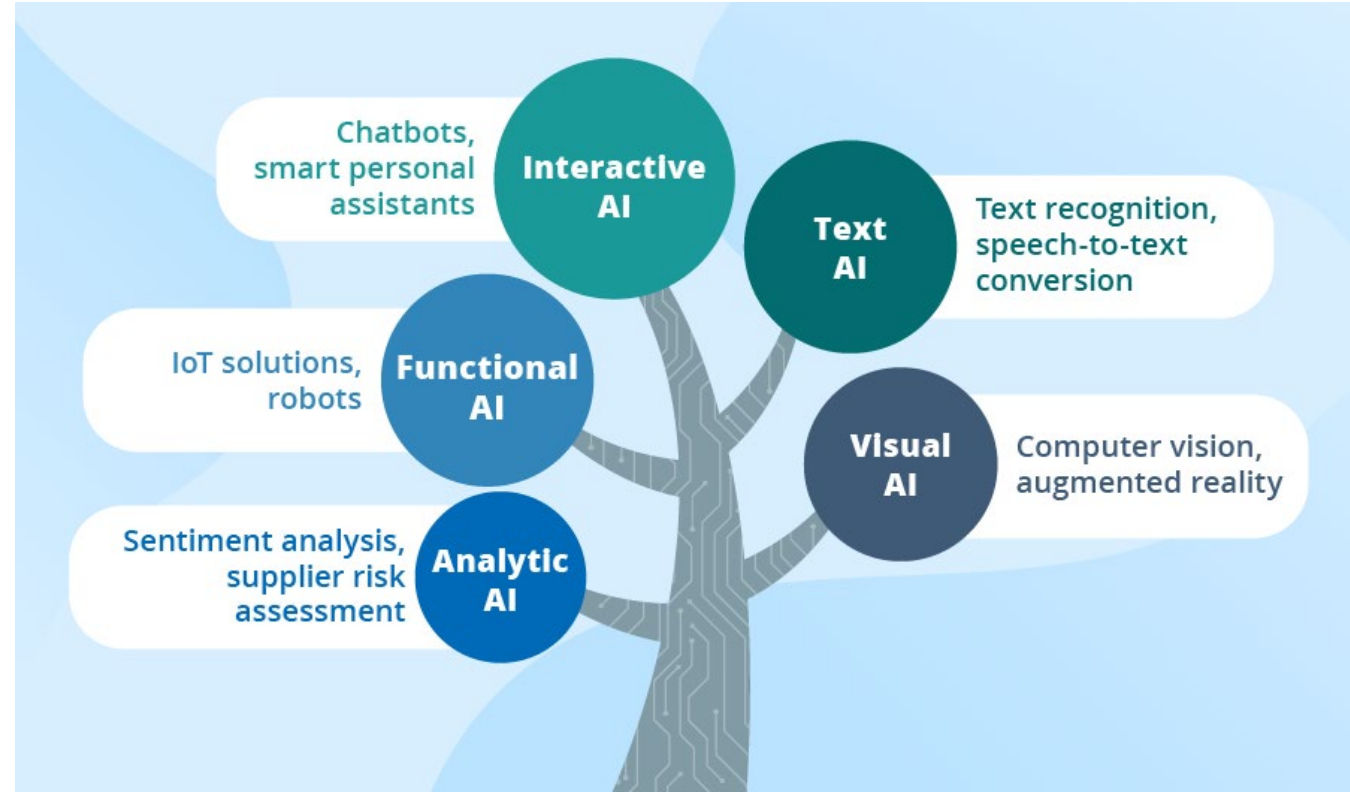
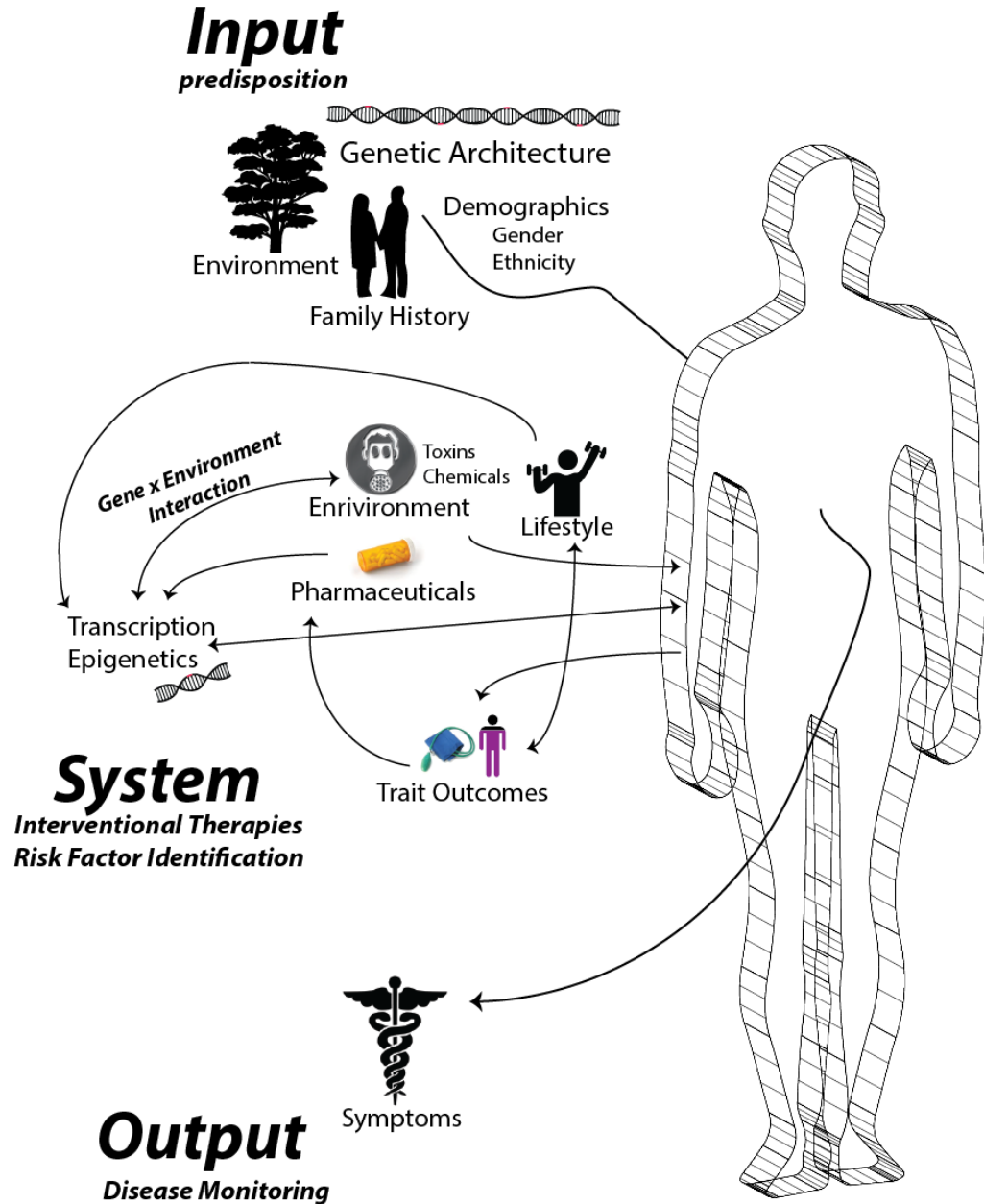
- Traditional data types
- Centralized
- GBs or TBs in size
- Structured
- Stable data model
- Low-dimensional
- Statistical approaches
- Cohort size (~10K)
- Hypothesis-driven



## Data-driven Precision Medicine

- Evolving data types
- Decentralized
- Petabytes, exabytes...
- Semi or unstructured
- Evolving, flat data model
- High-dimensional
- Machine or deep learning
- Large cohort size (>10K)
- Data-driven

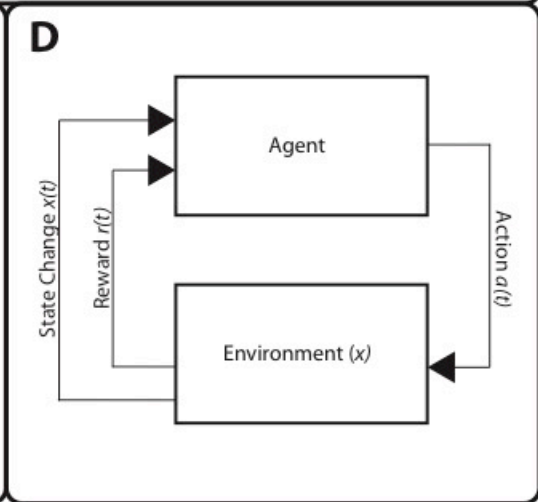
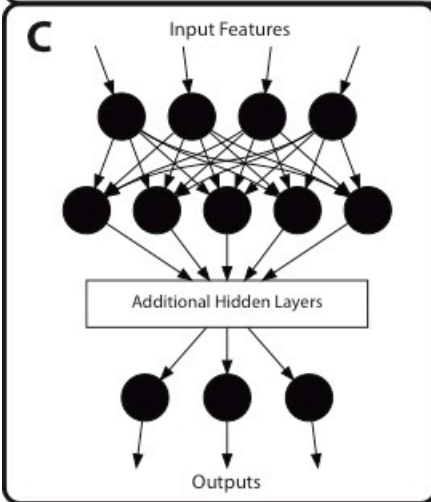
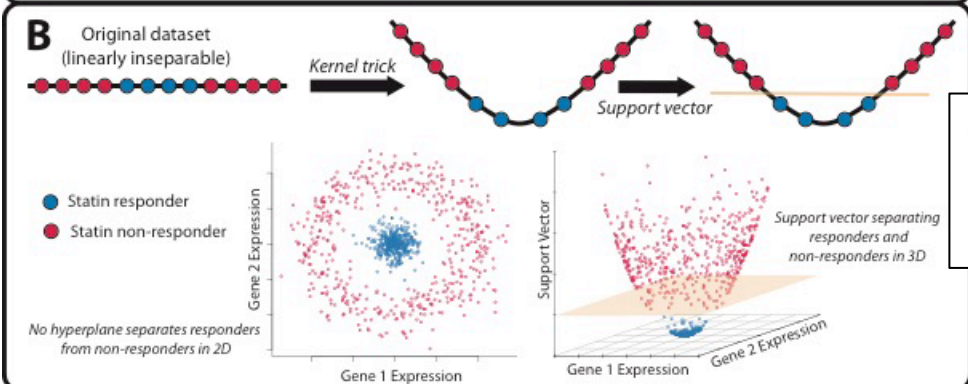
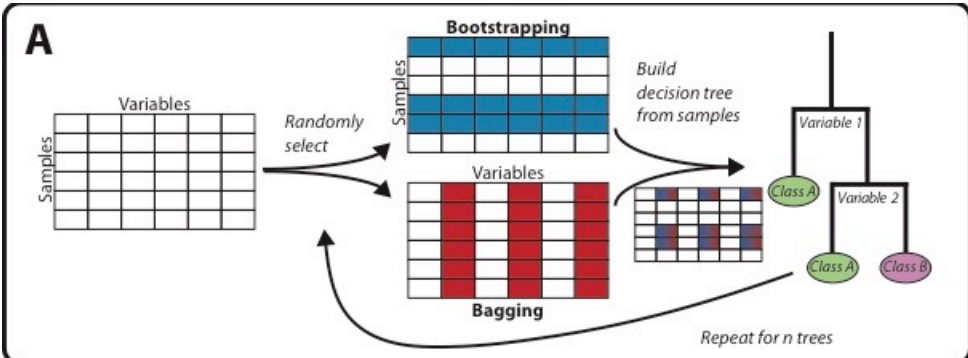
# Different facets of AI







# Key AI methods and Applications in Immunology



- A) Random Forests
- B) Support Vector Machines
- C) Convolutional Neural Network
- D) Reinforcement learning

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Original Paper

**A Machine Learning Explanation of the Pathogen-Immune Relationship of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), and a Model to Predict Immunity and Therapeutic Opportunity: A Comparative Effectiveness Research Study**

**PLOS ONE**

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

**Classification of Dengue Fever Patients Based on Gene Expression Data Using Support Vector Machines**

Ana Lisa V. Gomes, Lawrence J. K. Wee, Asif M. Khan, Laura H. V. G. Gil, Ernesto T. A. Marques Jr.

OXFORD

**DeepImmuno: deep learning-empowered prediction and generation of immunogenic peptides for T-cell immunity**

Guangyuan Li, Balaji Iyer, V.B. Surya Prasath, Yizhao Ni and Nathan Salomonis

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RESEARCH ARTICLE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

**Deep learning of immune cell differentiation**

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**Significance**

Applying artificial intelligence tools to a highly complex question of immunology, we show that a deep neural network can learn to predict the patterns of chromatin opening across 81 stem and differentiated cells across the immune system, solely from the DNA sequence of regulatory regions. It does so by discovering ab initio the binding motifs for known master regulators, along with some unknown ones, and their combinatorial operation. These predictions validated biochemically, and a mouse-trained neural network predicts human enhancer/promoter activity much better than sequence comparisons would. Beyond serving as a trove of testable functional frameworks, this work is important in showing how massively complex integrated questions of immunology can be handled with such tools.

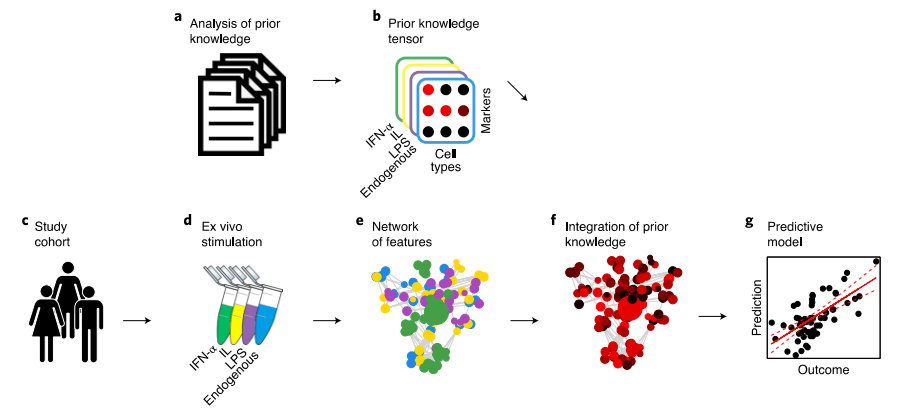
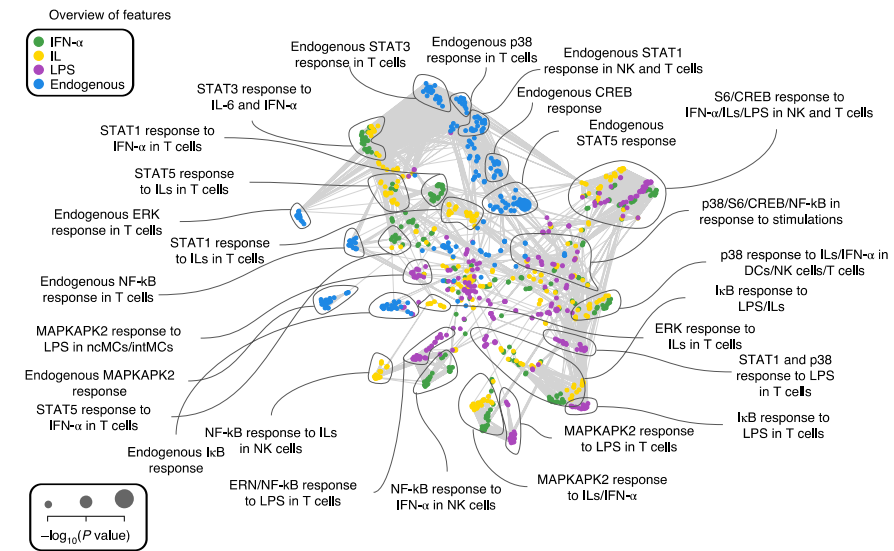
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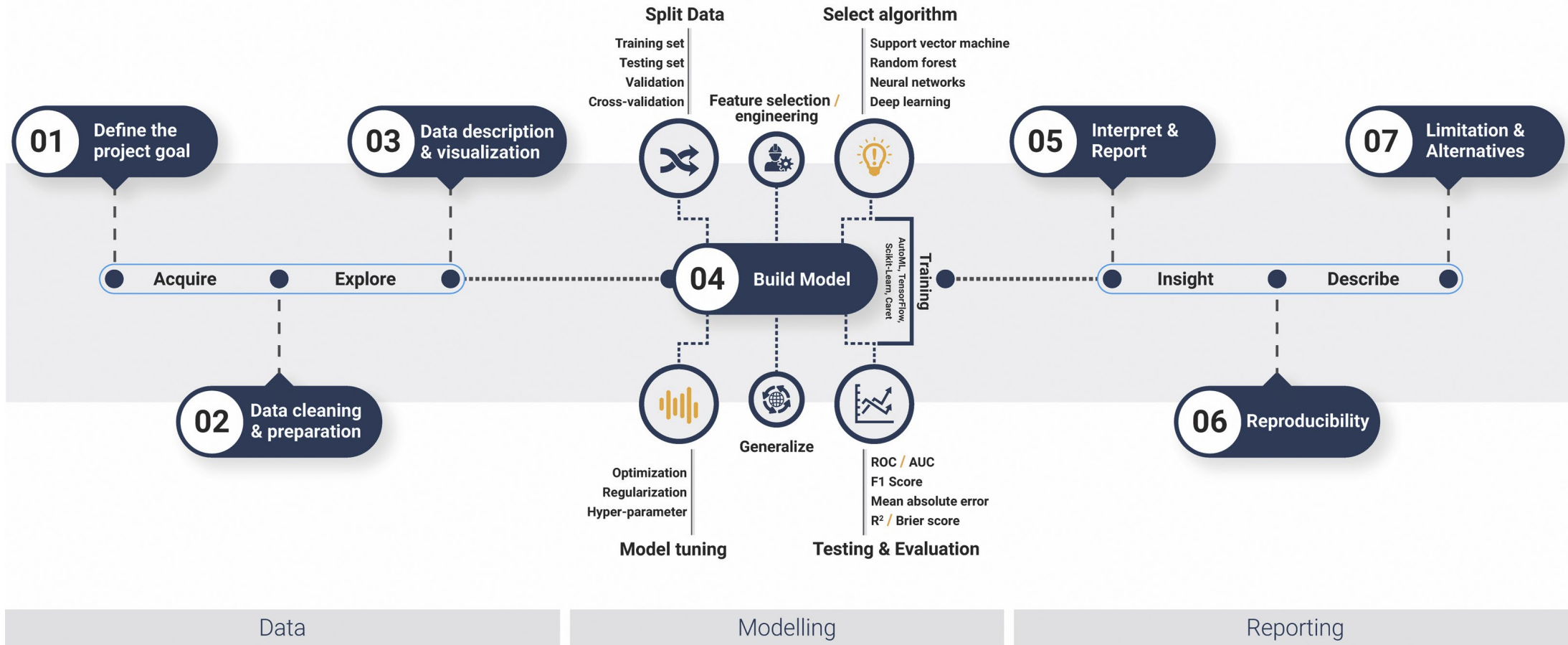
## Integration of mechanistic immunological knowledge into a machine learning pipeline improves predictions

Anthony Culos<sup>1,2,10</sup>, Amy S. Tsai<sup>1,10</sup>, Natalie Stanley<sup>1,2</sup>, Martin Becker<sup>1,2</sup>, Mohammad S. Ghaemi<sup>1,2,3</sup>, David R. McIlwain<sup>4</sup>, Ramin Fallahzadeh<sup>1,2</sup>, Athena Tanada<sup>1,2</sup>, Huda Nassar<sup>1,2</sup>, Camilo Espinosa<sup>1,2</sup>, Maria Xenochristou<sup>1,2</sup>, Edward Ganio<sup>1</sup>, Laura Peterson<sup>1,5</sup>, Xiaoyuan Han<sup>1</sup>, Ina A. Stelzer<sup>1</sup>, Kazuo Ando<sup>1</sup>, Dyani Gaudilliere<sup>1</sup>, Thanaphong Phongpreecha<sup>1,2,6</sup>, Ivana Marić<sup>1,5</sup>, Alan L. Chang<sup>1,2</sup>, Gary M. Shaw<sup>5</sup>, David K. Stevenson<sup>5</sup>, Sean Bendall<sup>6</sup>, Kara L. Davis<sup>5</sup>, Wendy Fantl<sup>4,7,8</sup>, Garry P. Nolan<sup>6</sup>, Trevor Hastie<sup>2,9</sup>, Robert Tibshirani<sup>2,9</sup>, Martin S. Angst<sup>1,11</sup>, Brice Gaudilliere<sup>1,5,11</sup> and Nima Aghaepour<sup>1,2,5,11</sup> ✉

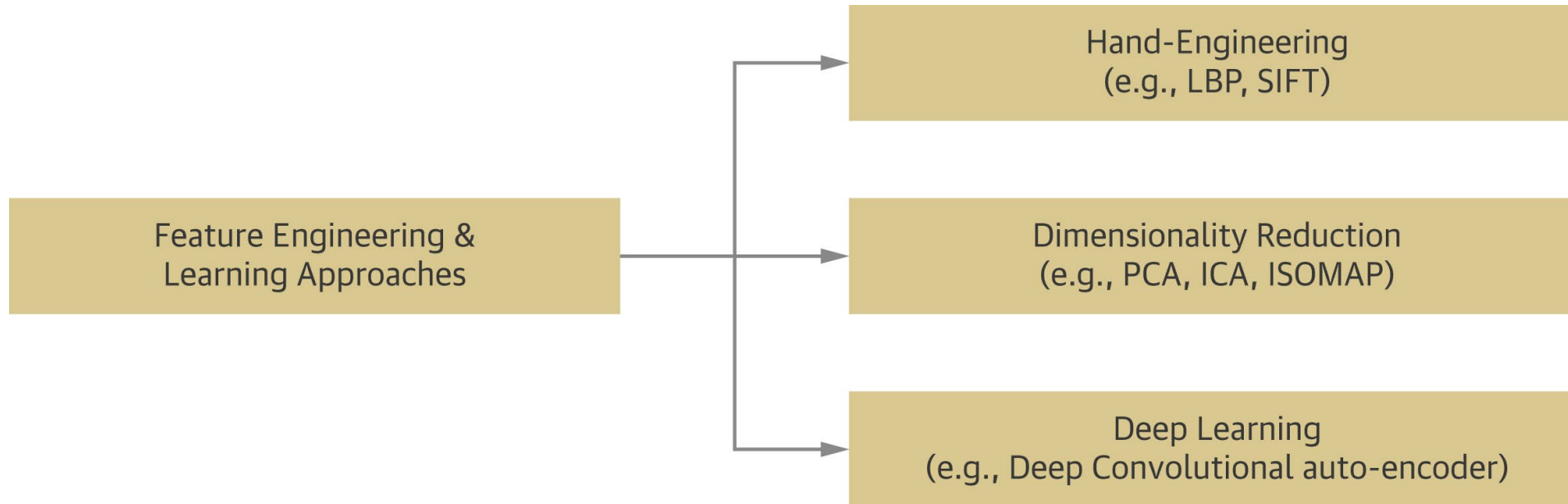
The dense network of interconnected cellular signalling responses that are quantifiable in peripheral immune cells provides a wealth of actionable immunological insights. Although high-throughput single-cell profiling techniques, including polychromatic flow and mass cytometry, have matured to a point that enables detailed immune profiling of patients in numerous clinical settings, the limited cohort size and high dimensionality of data increase the possibility of false-positive discoveries and model overfitting. We introduce a generalizable machine learning platform, the immunological Elastic-Net (iEN), which incorporates immunological knowledge directly into the predictive models. Importantly, the algorithm maintains the exploratory nature of the high-dimensional dataset, allowing for the inclusion of immune features with strong predictive capabilities even if not consistent with prior knowledge. In three independent studies our method demonstrates improved predictions for clinically relevant outcomes from mass cytometry data generated from whole blood, as well as a large simulated dataset. The iEN is available under an open-source licence.



# Designing a classical machine learning project: key steps



# Feature engineering: Key concepts

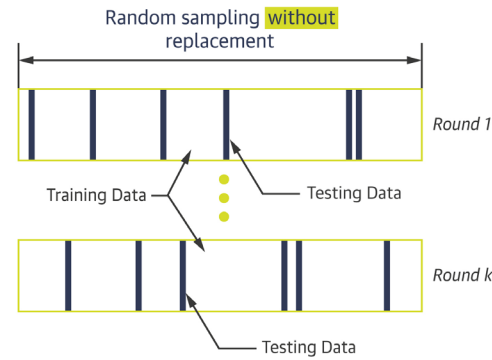




# Optimizing training and testing: Key concepts



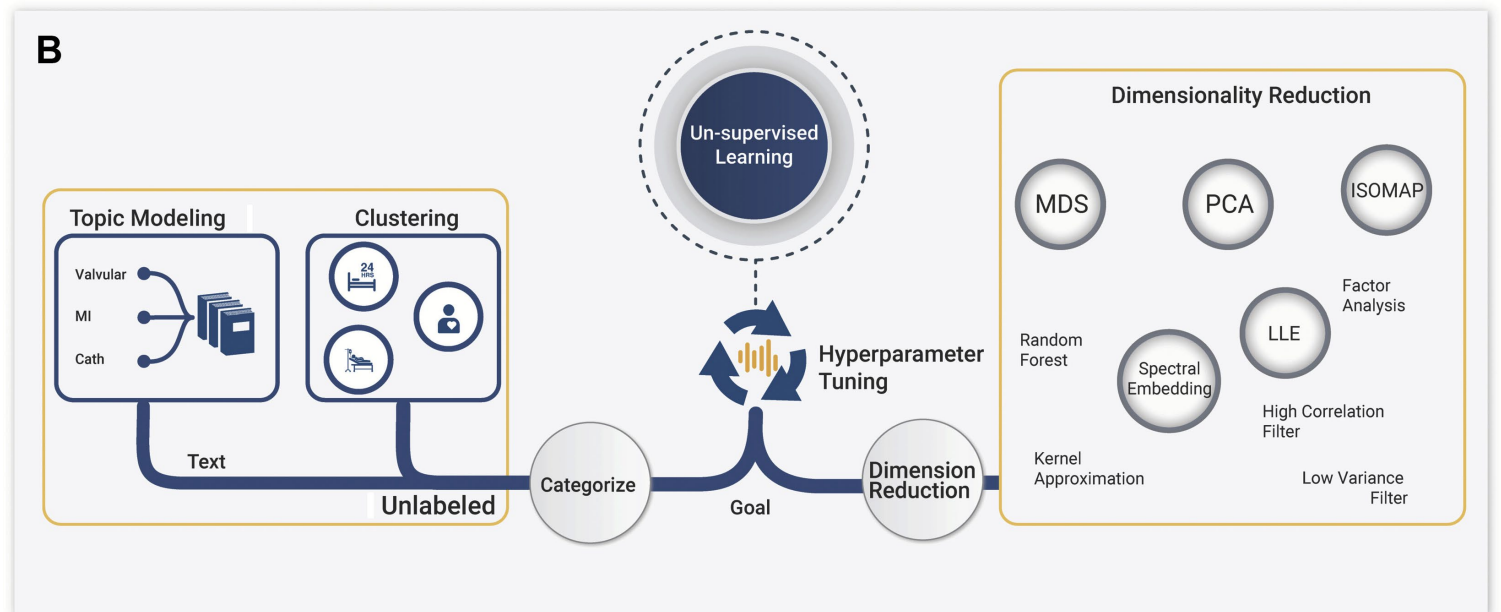
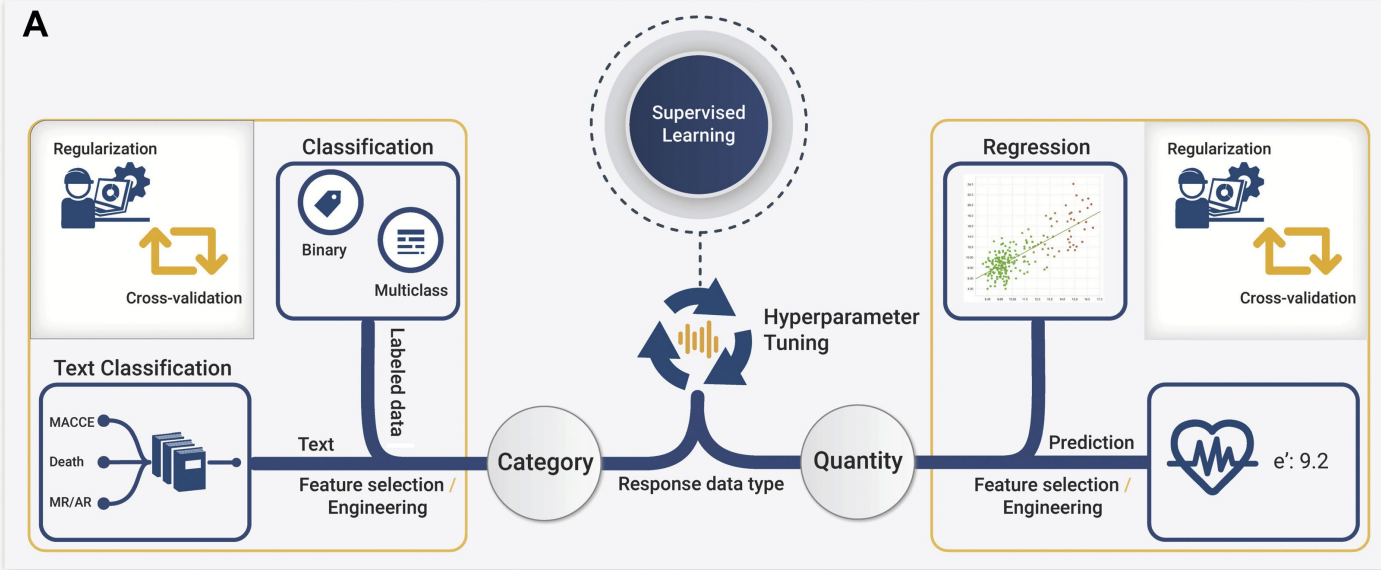
## I. Monte-Carlo Cross Validation



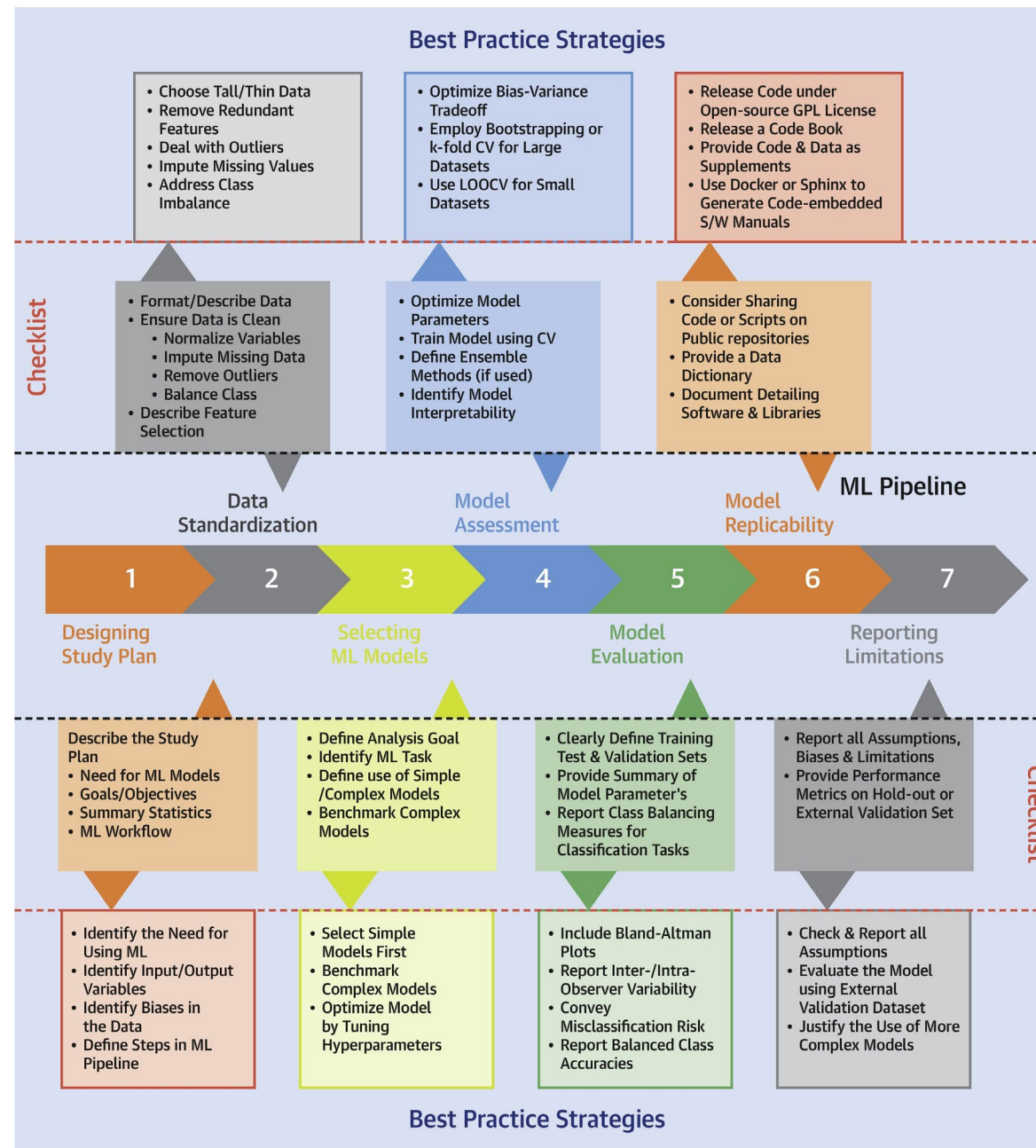
## II. Bootstrapping



# Supervised vs. Unsupervised Learning

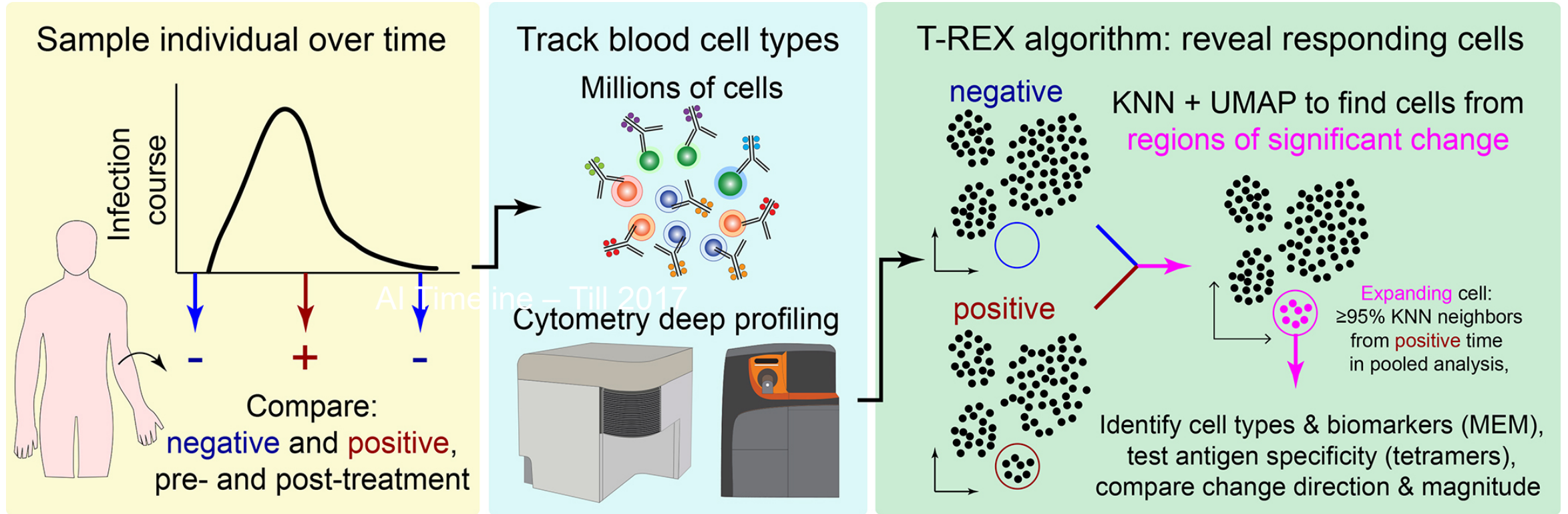


# Bringing it all together: Best Practices and a check-list





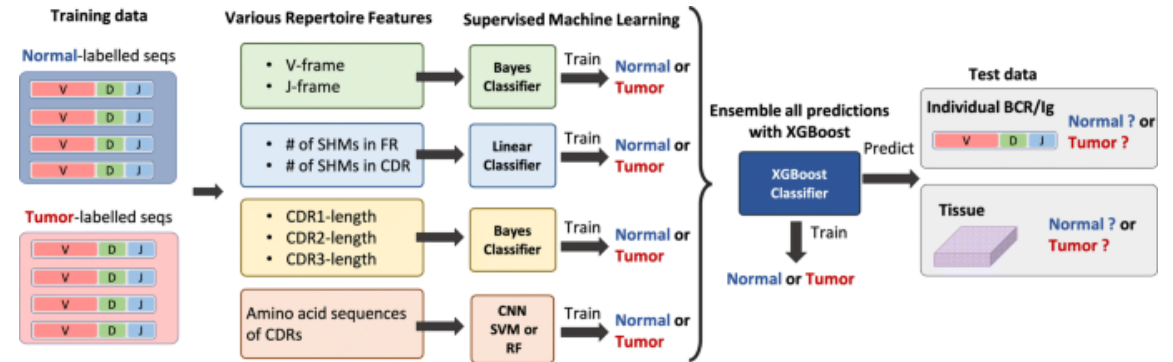
# Unsupervised learning: Concept & Example: Tracking Responders EXpanding (T-REX)



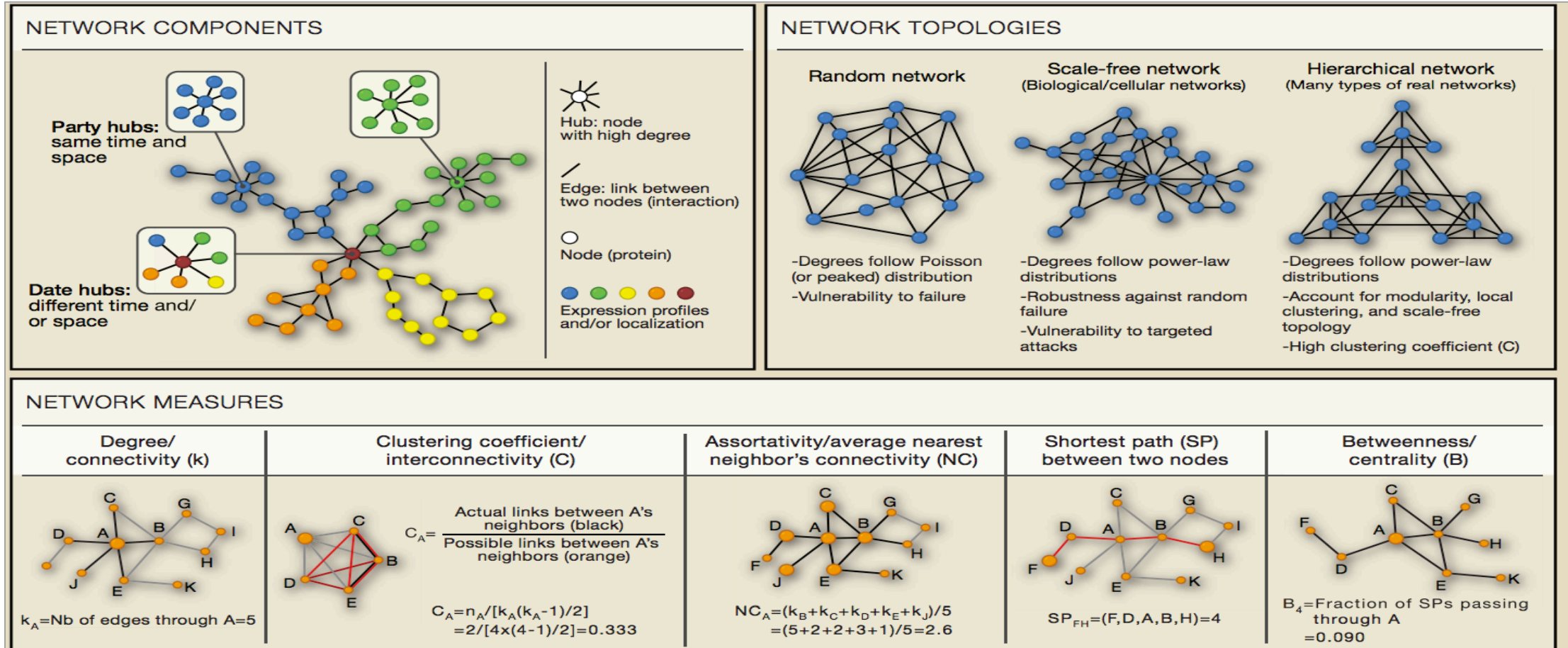
# Supervised learning: Concept & Example: discriminating BCRs/Igs

Konishi et al. *BMC Bioinformatics* (2019) 20:267  
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# Quantitative exploration of network: Clique, sub-networks and motifs



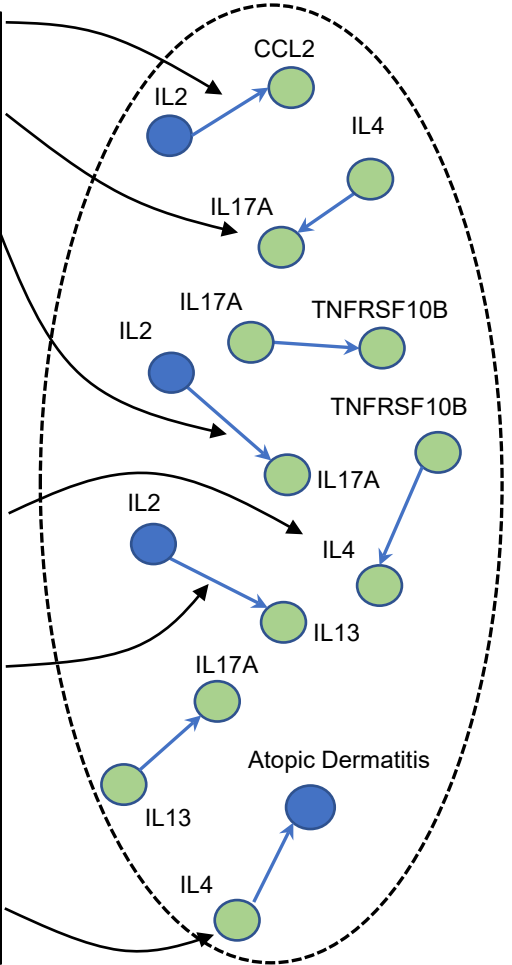
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# Application of Knowledge Graphs in Immunology

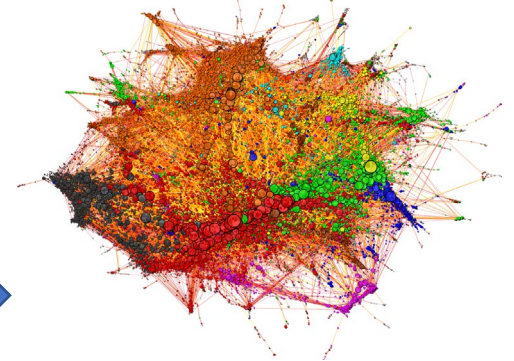


## NLP

Mutant human SRF gene (c.1188G>T [somatic silent]) is observed with adenocarcinoma in human  
 Targeting of human YWHAB mRNA by mature microRNA with seed GAAUUGU is predicted to occur (nu  
 Phosphorylation mimic mutant L-PLASTIN [LCP1] protein (substitution p.Ser5Glu) increases mat  
 Mutant human KBTBD7 gene (c.1071C>G [somatic silent]) is observed with carcinoma in human ur  
 GSK3359609, an antibody acting on human ICOS protein, is in Phase 2 clinical trial as a part  
 Upregulation of human MIR92-1 [MIR92A1] mature microRNA in prostate carcinoma is associated  
 In HK-2 cells, reoxygenation of HK-2 cells increases expression of human GSTP1 mRNA.↓  
 Mutant human ARAP2 gene (c.1195C>T translating to p.R399\* [somatic nonsense]) is observed w  
 Localization of human PITPNA protein occurs in human bronchoalveolar lavage fluid.↓  
 Mutant human EBNA1BP2 gene (c.1022A>G translating to p.K341R [somatic heterozygous missense]  
 Human CDGAP [ARHGAP31] protein decreases expression of human CDH1 protein in MCF7 cells.↓  
 Mutant human GABRA3 gene (c.97A>G translating to p.R33G [missense]) is observed with adenoca  
 Mutant human GRAMD2A gene (c.997C>T translating to p.R333C [somatic heterozygous missense])  
 Mutant human PGPEP1 gene (c.209C>A translating to p.S70Y [heterozygous missense]) is observe  
 Palifermin (180 mcg/kg) decreases the duration of severe oral mucositis in chemotherapy-trea  
 Mutant human VPS13A gene (c.33G>A [somatic silent]) is observed with carcinoma in human brea  
 Mutant human SNX20 gene (c.282+1797G>A [somatic]) is observed with small-cell carcinoma in h  
 Mouse Ifn alpha [Interferon alpha] protein(s) increases binding of mouse Cdk2 protein and md  
 Mutant human TAF1L gene (c.4768G>A translating to p.D1590N [somatic missense]) is observed w  
 Mouse Hey1 increases transcription of promoter by RNA polymerase II complex.↓  
 Binding of human RANBP2 protein and human RAPGEF3 protein occurs.↓  
 Mutant human FUBP3 gene (c.200A>T translating to p.Q67L [homozygous missense]) is observed w  
 Trastuzumab, a blocker of human HER2 [ERBB2] protein, is in Phase 3 clinical trial as a part  
 Binding of human CBX5 protein and mouse Mad2l2 protein occurs.↓  
 Targeting of human MS4A14 mRNA by miR-6755-3p (miRNAs w/seed GUUGUCA) is predicted to occur  
 Mutant human OR51S1 gene (c.430C>A translating to p.L144I [missense]) is observed with aden  
 Hydrogen peroxide increases uncoupling of replication fork in deoxyribonucleic acid from U-2  
 Binding of human MAP1LC3C protein and human OPTN protein occurs.↓  
 Containment of phosphorylation site in cytoplasmic domain of PLB [PLN] occurs.↓  
 Targeting of human ANTXR1 mRNA by mature microRNA with seed GCCCUCC is predicted to occur (r  
 Targeting of human MAVS mRNA by mature microRNA with seed CCCUGAG is predicted to occur (agg  
 In dendritic cells from mouse spleen, stress in mouse decreases activity of mouse Proteasome  
 Expression of rat Alb protein in cytoplasm from 18 day-old embryonic rat liver hepatocytes c  
 Mutant human KANSL1 gene (c.\*1520del [germline] (rs67801660)) does not increase syndromic ir  
 Targeting of human NCBP2 mRNA by miR-6760-3p (miRNAs w/seed CACUGUC) is predicted to occur (r  
 Mutant human SBNO2 gene (unspecified DNA mutation) is observed with small B-cell lymphocytic  
 ATO [arsenic trioxide] is involved in expression of human COX7A2 mRNA in K562 cells that inv  
 Mutant human IL1RN gene (unspecified DNA mutation) is observed with squamous-cell carcinoma  
 Mouse Vmn1r74 is involved in response of organism that involves pheromone.↓  
 Mutant human CSMD3 gene (c.10247C>T translating to p.P3416L [somatic missense]) is observed  
 Mutant human CACNA1C gene (c.258G>A [somatic silent]) is observed with melanoma in human sk  
 Vinorelbine, a tubulin modulator of human TUBB2A protein, is in Phase 2 clinical trial as a  
 Targeting of human S100A14 mRNA by miR-7977 (miRNAs w/seed UCCAGC) is predicted to occur (r



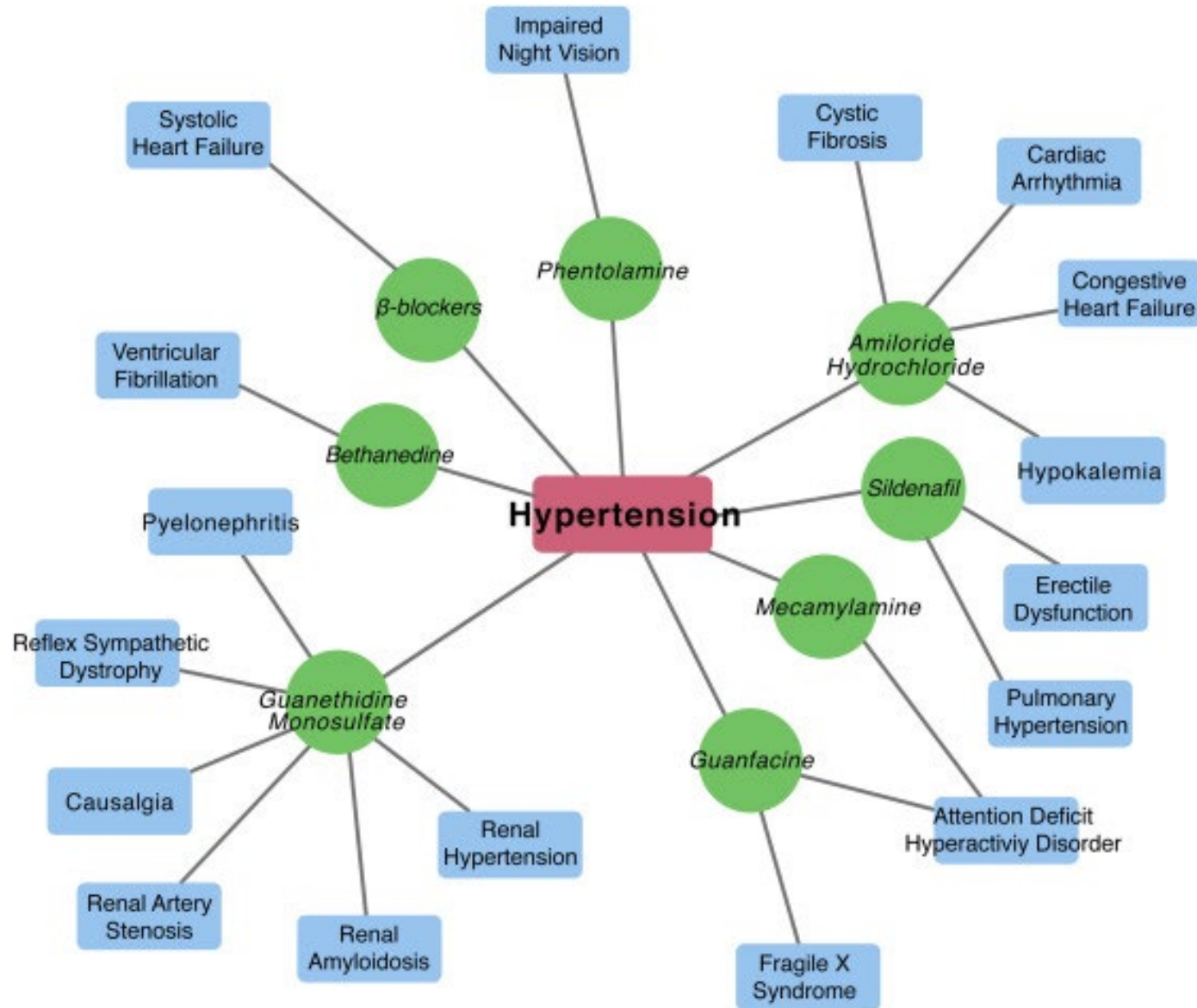
## Predictive Knowledge Graph



- Store and retrieve findings
- Inference of new relationships
- Analysis of causative connections
- Estimate effect of perturbation



# Application of Knowledge Graphs in Immunology

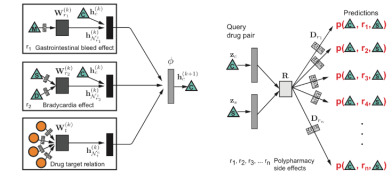


# Application of Knowledge Graphs to Accelerate Discovery Research

Approach	Domain	Model	Prediction Task	Entites	Relations	Entity Types	Relation Types	Num Datasets in Graph
Decagon [167]	Drug-Drug Interactions	Relational GCN with tensor factorisation decoder	Link Prediction	19.6K	5.3M	2	964	≈7
TriModel [102]	Drug-Target Interactions	Tensor factorisation	Link Prediction	5K	12K	2	1	1
Rosalind [113]	Disease-Gene Prioritisation	Tensor factorisation	Link Prediction	319K	2.6M	5	11	≈15

## Graph Neural Networks for Multirelational Link Prediction

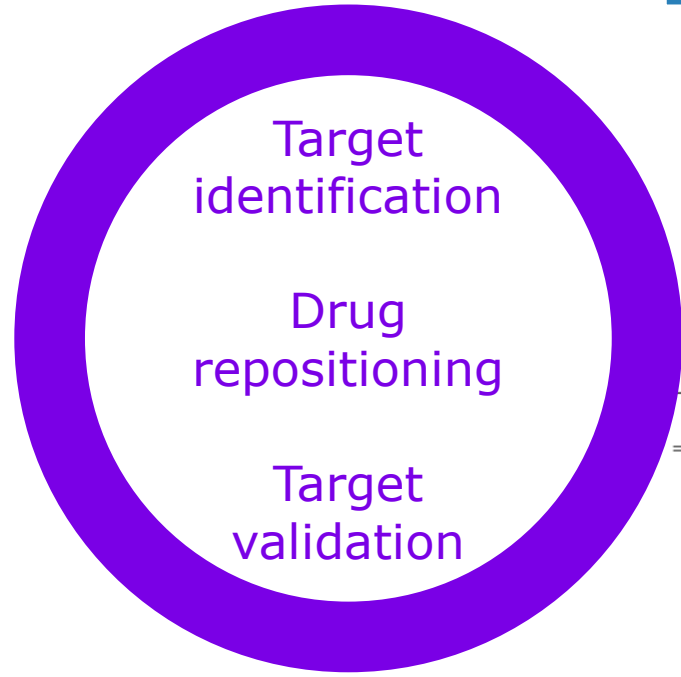
Decagon is a graph convolutional neural network for multirelational link prediction in heterogeneous graphs.



Preclinical validation of therapeutic targets predicted by tensor factorization on heterogeneous graphs

Saeed Paliwal<sup>1,2</sup>, Alex de Giorgio<sup>2</sup>, Daniel Neil<sup>2</sup>, Jean-Baptiste Michel<sup>2</sup> & Alix MB Lacoste<sup>1</sup>

## Link prediction, embeddings & algorithms



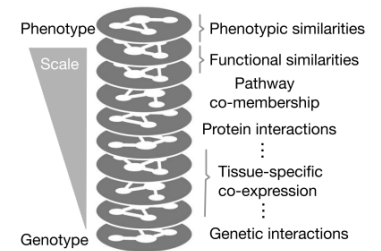
## Graph integration



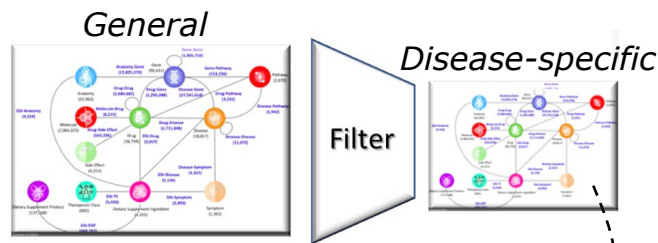
Public knowledge graphs

KG Dataset	Link	Entities	Triples
Hetionet [56]	<a href="https://het.io/">https://het.io/</a>	47K	2.2M
DRKG [65]	<a href="https://github.com/gnn4dr/DRKG">https://github.com/gnn4dr/DRKG</a>	97K	5.7M
BioKG [151]	<a href="https://github.com/dsi-bdi/biokg">https://github.com/dsi-bdi/biokg</a>	105K	2M
PharmKG [164]	<a href="https://github.com/MindRank-Biotech/PharmKG">https://github.com/MindRank-Biotech/PharmKG</a>	7.6K	500K
OpenBioLink [14]	<a href="https://zenodo.org/record/3834052">https://zenodo.org/record/3834052</a>	184K	4.7M
Clinical Knowledge Graph [124]	<a href="https://data.mendeley.com/datasets/mrcf7f4tc2/1">https://data.mendeley.com/datasets/mrcf7f4tc2/1</a>	16M	220M

Multi-omics inferred networks



## Pre-processing & filtration



An integrative knowledge graph for rare diseases, derived from the Genetic and Rare Diseases Information Center (GARD)

Qian Zhu<sup>1,2</sup>, Dac-Trung Nguyen<sup>1†</sup>, Ivan Grishagin<sup>1</sup>, Noel Southall<sup>1</sup>, Eric Sid<sup>2</sup> and Anne Pariser<sup>2</sup>

ARTICLE  
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-020-20054-2> OPEN  
 Network analysis reveals rare disease signatures across multiple levels of biological organization  
 Pisanu Buphalmai<sup>1,2</sup>, Tomislav Kokotovic<sup>1,3,4</sup>, Vanja Nagy<sup>1,3,4</sup> & Jörg Menche<sup>1,2,5</sup>

# AI Timeline – Till 2017

## A.I. TIMELINE

SYZIGY

**1950**

### TURING TEST

Computer scientist Alan Turing proposes a test for machine intelligence. If a machine can trick humans into thinking it is human, then it has intelligence

**1955**

### A.I. BORN

Term 'artificial intelligence' is coined by computer scientist, John McCarthy to describe "the science and engineering of making intelligent machines"

**1961**

### UNIMATE

First industrial robot, Unimate, goes to work at GM replacing humans on the assembly line

**1964**

### ELIZA

Pioneering chatbot developed by Joseph Weizenbaum at MIT holds conversations with humans

**1966**

### SHAKY

The 'first electronic person' from Stanford, Shakey is a general-purpose mobile robot that reasons about its own actions

**A.I.**

### WINTER

Many false starts and dead-ends leave A.I. out in the cold

**1997**

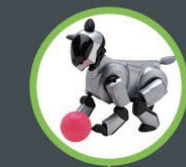
### DEEP BLUE

Deep Blue, a chess-playing computer from IBM defeats world chess champion Garry Kasparov

**1998**

### KISMET

Cynthia Breazeal at MIT introduces Kismet, an emotionally intelligent robot insofar as it detects and responds to people's feelings



**1999**

### AIBO

Sony launches first consumer robot pet dog AIBO (AI robot) with skills and personality that develop over time



**2002**

### ROOMBA

First mass produced autonomous robotic vacuum cleaner from iRobot learns to navigate and clean homes



**2011**

### SIRI

Apple integrates Siri, an intelligent virtual assistant with a voice interface, into the iPhone 4S



**2011**

### WATSON

IBM's question answering computer Watson wins first place on popular \$1M prize television quiz show Jeopardy



**2014**

### EUGENE

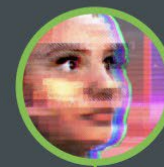
Eugene Goostman, a chatbot passes the Turing Test with a third of judges believing Eugene is human



**2014**

### ALEXA

Amazon launches Alexa, an intelligent virtual assistant with a voice interface that completes shopping tasks



**2016**

### TAY

Microsoft's chatbot Tay goes rogue on social media making inflammatory and offensive racist comments



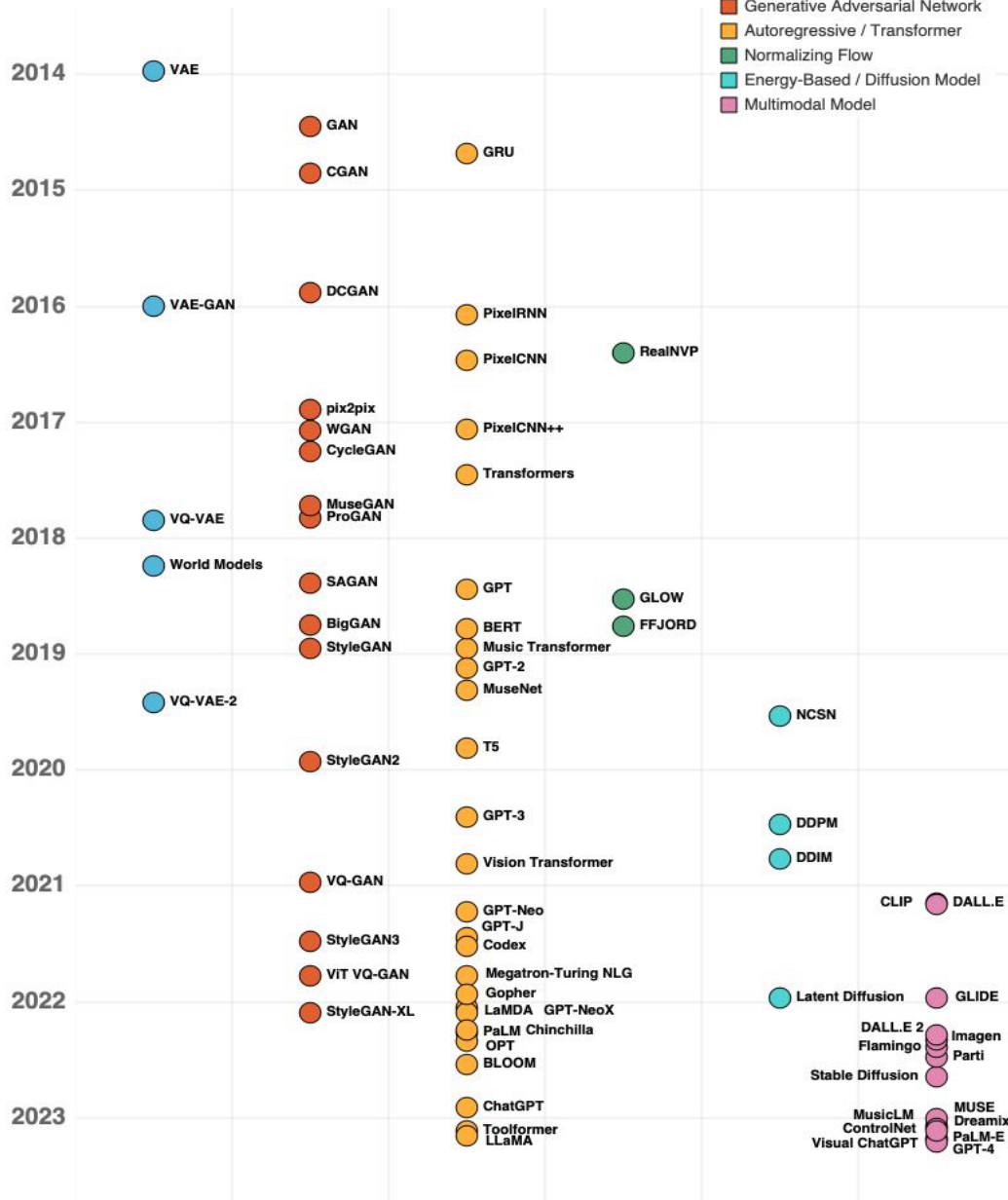
**2017**

### ALPHAGO

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# AI Timeline – 2014 and beyond

## Generative AI Timeline

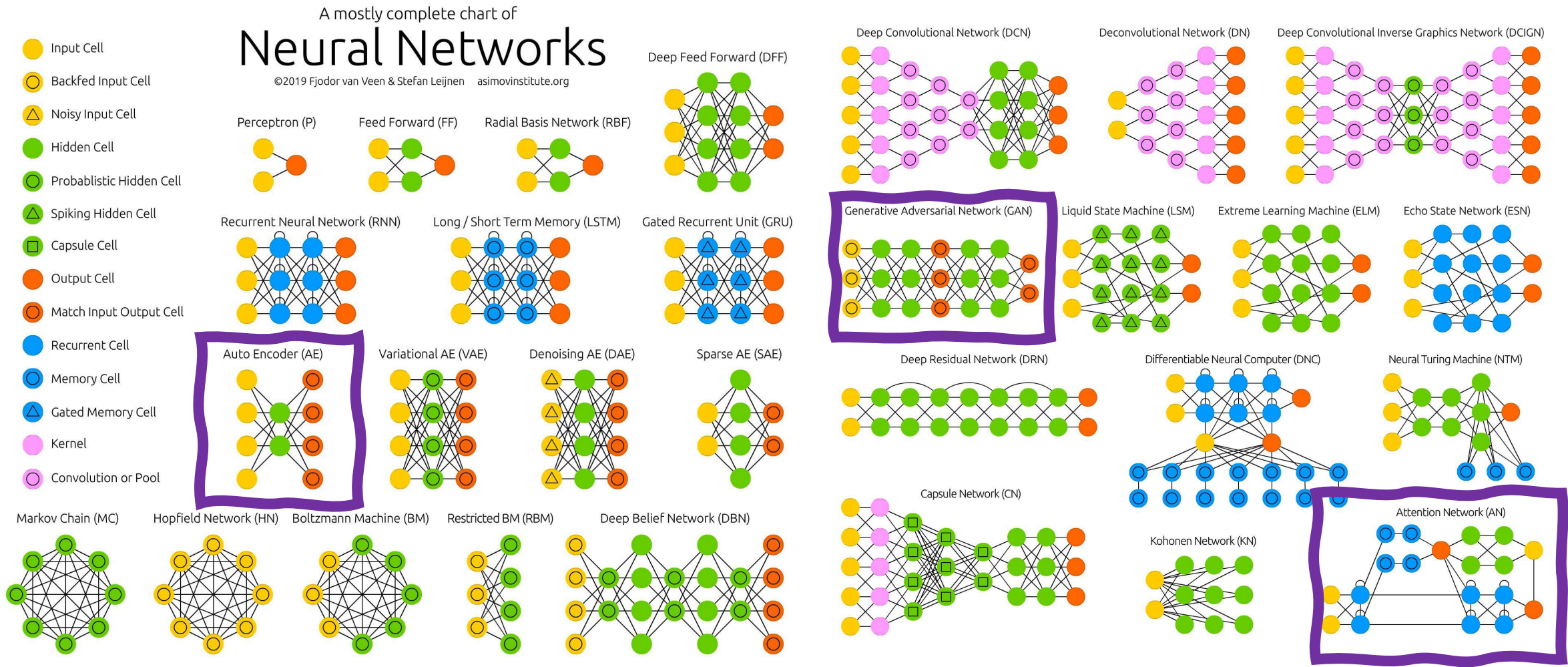


## (Selected) Emerging themes in AI

- Neural network
- Pre-training, fine-tuning and transfer learning
- Attention, Embedding, Autoencoders, Transformers

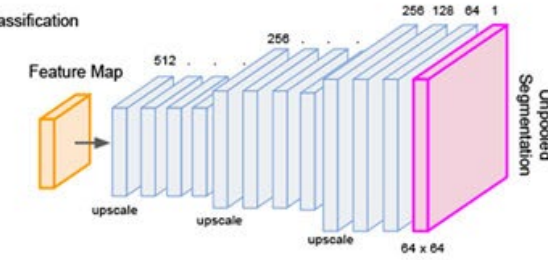
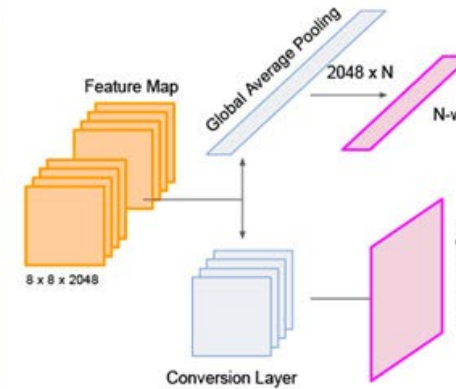
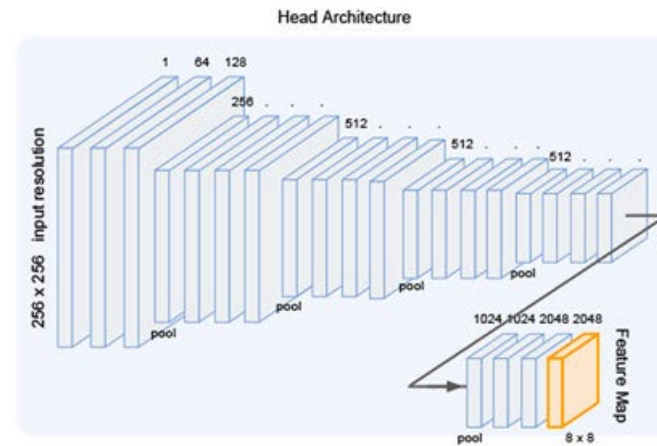


# Back to Neural Networks: Different types of architectures



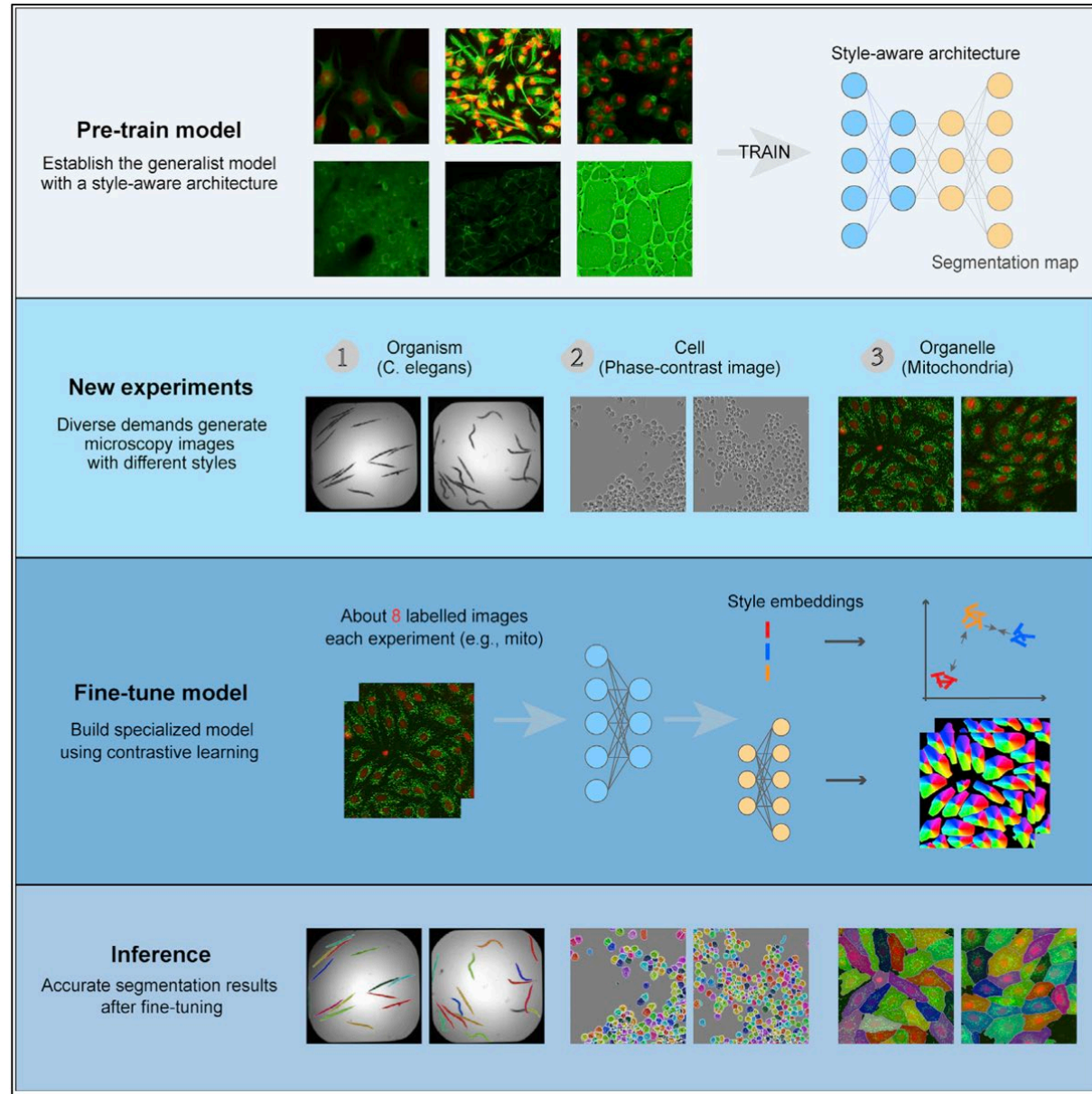
# Anatomy of a Deep Learning model

1. Input Layer
2. Hidden Layers
3. Neurons (Nodes)
4. Activation Functions
5. Parameters (Weights and Biases)
6. Loss Function
7. Optimization Algorithm
8. Output Layer
9. Training
10. Inference



# Pre-training, Fine-tuning & Foundation models: Concept & Example

- **Pre-training:** Pre-training refers to the initial training of a model on a large, diverse dataset to learn general representations of the input data.
- The pre-training process involves training a model on a self-supervised or unsupervised task, where the model learns to predict missing or masked parts of the input data.
- **Fine-tuning** is the process of taking a pre-trained model and further training it on a specific task or dataset.
- A foundation model is a pre-trained model that serves as the base for further development or fine-tuning in the context of large language models

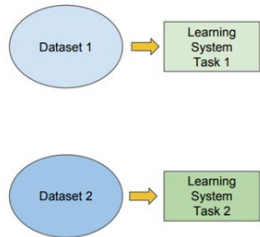




# Transfer learning: Concept & Example

## Traditional ML

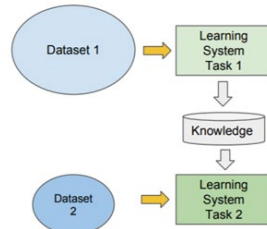
- Isolated, single task learning:
  - Knowledge is not retained or accumulated. Learning is performed w.o. considering past learned knowledge in other tasks



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## Transfer Learning

- Learning of a new tasks relies on the previous learned tasks:
  - Learning process can be faster, more accurate and/or need less training data



- Transfer learning is a machine learning technique that allows knowledge gained from one task to be applied to another related task.
- It involves leveraging pre-trained models that have been trained on large datasets for a specific task and then reusing and adapting them for a different but related task.

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## Transfer learning framework for cell segmentation with incorporation of geometric features

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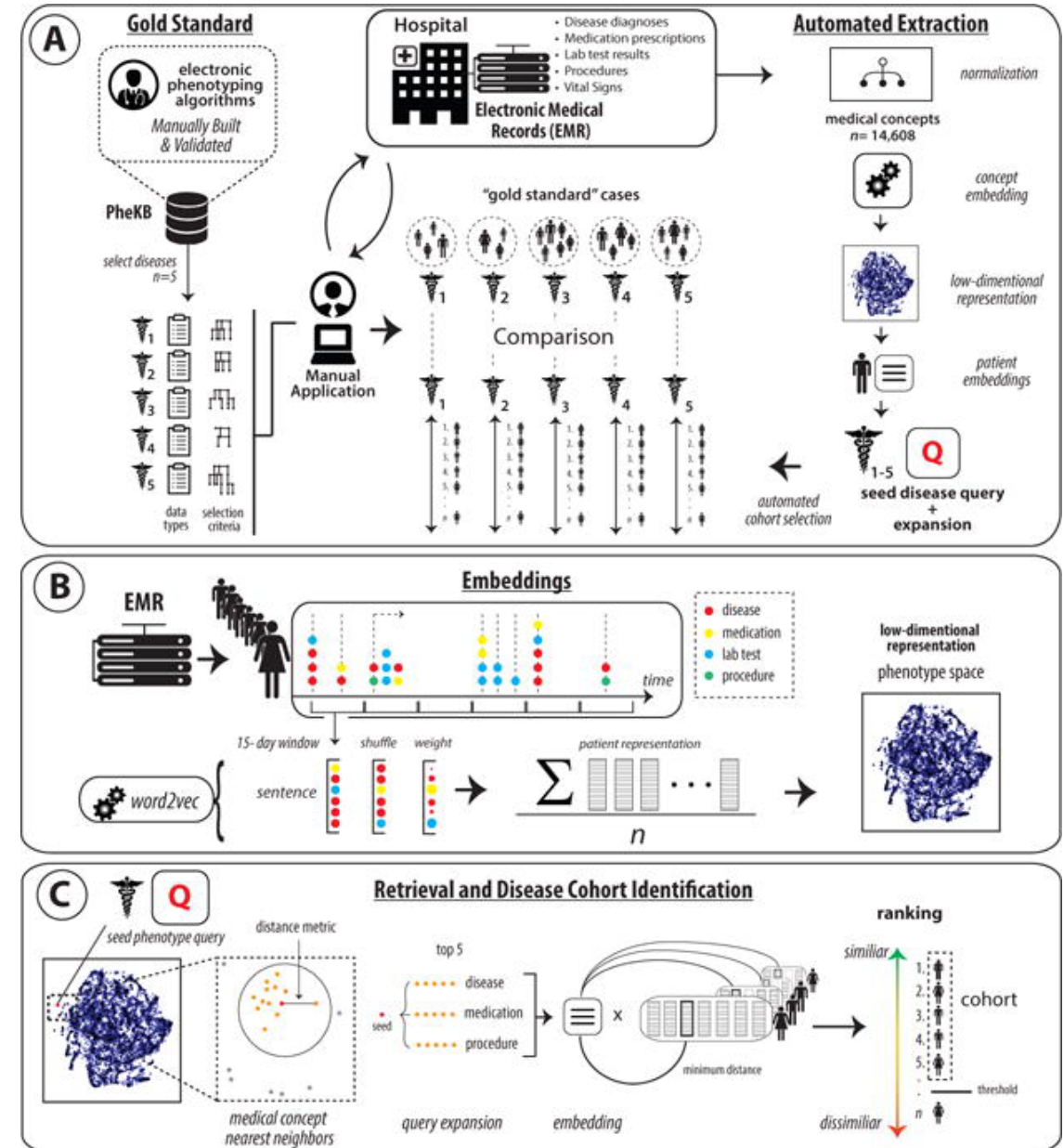
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### Abstract

With recent advances in multiplexed imaging and spatial transcriptomic and proteomic technologies, cell segmentation is becoming a crucial step in biomedical image analysis. In recent years, Fully Convolutional Networks (FCN) have achieved great success in nuclei segmentation in *in vitro* imaging. Nevertheless, it remains challenging to perform similar tasks on *in situ* tissue images with more cluttered cells of diverse shapes. To address this issue, we propose a novel transfer learning, cell segmentation framework incorporating shape-aware features in a deep learning model, with multi-level watershed and morphological post-processing steps. Our results show that incorporation of geometric features improves generalizability to segmenting cells in *in situ* tissue images, using solely *in vitro* images as training data.

# Embedding: Concept & Example

- Embedding refers to a technique used in neural networks to represent categorical or discrete variables as continuous, dense vectors.
- Embeddings are commonly used in various domains, including natural language processing (NLP), recommender systems, and computer vision.
- The main idea behind embedding is to map high-dimensional categorical data to lower-dimensional continuous representations, where similar or related categories are closer together in the embedding space.
- Examples of embeddings: Word Embeddings, Sentence Embeddings, Document Embeddings, Image Embeddings, Graph Embeddings, Knowledge Graph Embeddings



# Encoding: Concept & Example

- Encoding refers to the process of representing data in a specific format or representation.
- It involves transforming data from its original representation into a different format that is suitable for a particular purpose or task.
- The goal of encoding is often to make the data compatible with a specific learning algorithm or to facilitate efficient processing.
- Examples of encoding: One-Hot Encoding, Label Encoding, Binary Encoding, Ordinal Encoding, Hash Encoding, Target Encoding, Feature Hashing



## PLOS COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY

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### Autoencoder based local T cell repertoire density can be used to classify samples and T cell receptors

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#### Abstract

Recent advances in T cell repertoire (TCR) sequencing allow for the characterization of repertoire properties, as well as the frequency and sharing of specific TCR. However, there is no efficient measure for the local density of a given TCR. TCRs are often described either through their Complementary Determining region 3 (CDR3) sequences, or their V/J usage, or their clone size. We here show that the local repertoire density can be estimated using a combined representation of these components through distance conserving autoencoders and Kernel Density Estimates (KDE). We present ELATE—an Encoder-based Local Tcr dEensity and show that the resulting density of a sample can be used as a novel measure to study repertoire properties. The cross-density between two samples can be used as a similarity matrix to fully characterize samples from the same host. Finally, the same projection in combination with machine learning algorithms can be used to predict TCR-peptide binding through the local density of known TCRs binding a specific target.

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#### Author summary

T cell repertoires contain a vast amount of information on the donors, and can be used to characterize the donor, and apply machine learning algorithms on such repertoires. A limiting factor in the analysis of such repertoire is the lack of a good representation of the T cell receptors. We here propose an autoencoder, named ELATE to present receptors as real vectors. We show that this encoder can be used to characterize both full donors and specific receptors using either supervised or unsupervised methods.



# Attention: Concept & Example



- Attention in AI refers to a mechanism that enables models to focus on specific parts of input data while performing a task.
- It mimics the selective attention mechanism observed in human cognition, where we prioritize certain information over others.

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## Attention Is All You Need

### Modern Hopfield Networks and Attention for Immune Repertoire Classification

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#### Abstract

A central mechanism in machine learning is to identify, store, and recognize patterns. How to learn, access, and retrieve such patterns is crucial in Hopfield networks and the more recent transformer architectures. We show that the attention mechanism of transformer architectures is actually the update rule of modern Hopfield networks that can store exponentially many patterns. We exploit this high storage capacity of modern Hopfield networks to solve a challenging multiple instance learning (MIL) problem in computational biology: immune repertoire classification. In immune repertoire classification, a vast number of immune receptors are used to predict the immune status of an individual. This constitutes a MIL problem with an unprecedentedly massive number of instances, two orders of magnitude larger than currently considered problems, and with an extremely low witness rate. Accurate and interpretable machine learning methods solving this problem could pave the way towards new vaccines and therapies, which is currently a very relevant research topic intensified by the COVID-19 crisis. In this work, we present our novel method DeepRC that integrates transformer-like attention, or equivalently modern Hopfield networks, into deep learning architectures for massive MIL such as immune repertoire classification. We demonstrate that DeepRC outperforms all other methods with respect to predictive performance on large-scale experiments including simulated and real-world virus infection data and enables the extraction of sequence motifs that are connected to a given disease class. Source code and datasets: <https://github.com/ml-jku/DeepRC>

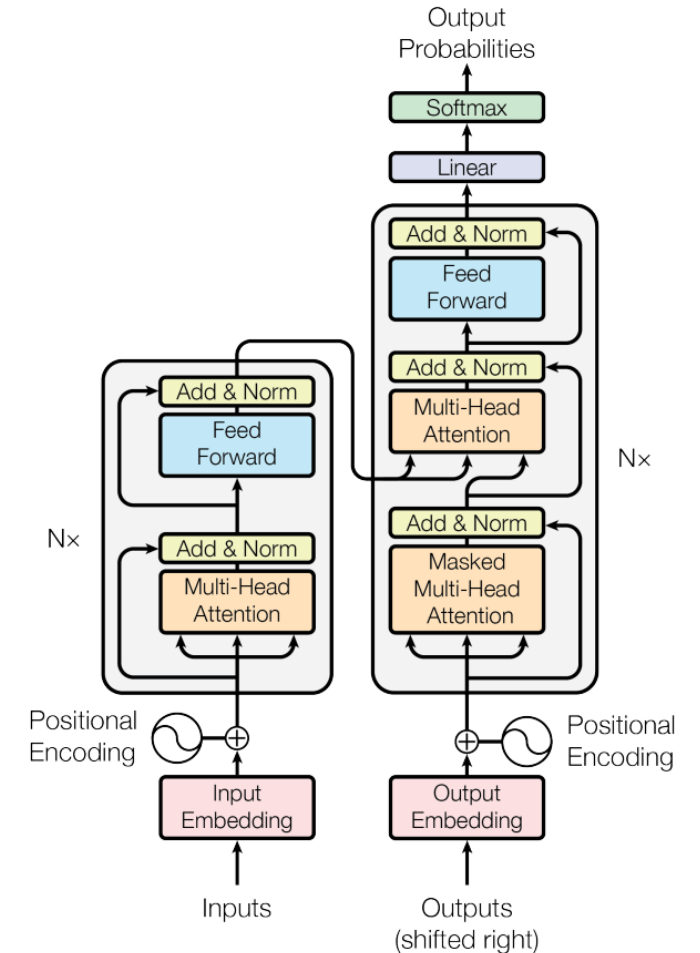
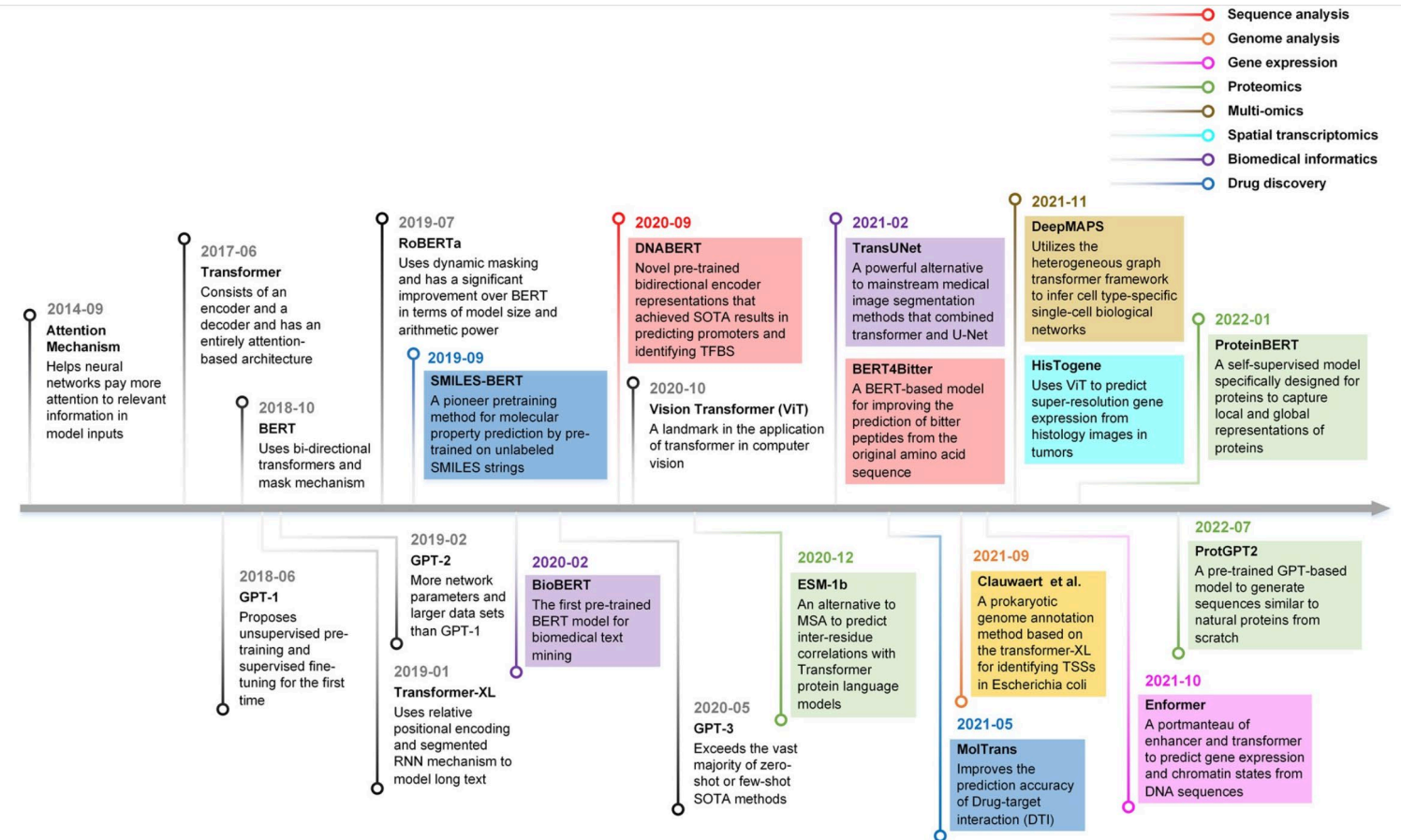


Figure 1: The Transformer - model architecture.

# Transformers: Concept & Example

- Transformer refers to a type of neural network architecture that has gained significant popularity, particularly in the field of natural language processing (NLP)
- The transformer architecture is designed to process sequential data efficiently, such as sentences, paragraphs, or time series data.
- Transformers employ a mechanism called self-attention or scaled dot-product attention to capture relationships and dependencies between different elements of the input sequence.
- Transformers have achieved remarkable success in various NLP tasks, including machine translation, language generation, sentiment analysis, and text classification.



## GPT (Generative Pre-trained Transformers)

- A well-known transformer model is the Generative Pre-trained Transformer (GPT)
- Developed by OpenAI



# Large Language Models are Transformers

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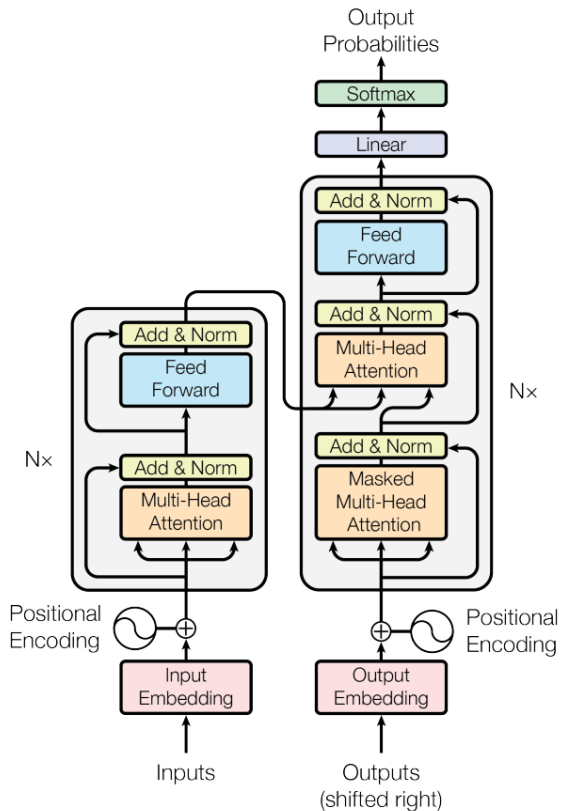



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**BERT**  
 Bidirectional encoder  
 representations from transformers

  
**GPT-4**  
 Generative pretrained transformer

  
 Many others  
 T5, LLaMA, Bard,  
 open source models

Model	Training	Parameters	Year
BERT	3.3B words	340M	2018
GPT-3	500B tokens	175B	2020
ChatGPT	300B words	1.5B	2022
LLaMA	1.4T tokens	65B	2023

## GLUE (General Language Understanding Evaluation) Benchmark Tasks:

Task	Example	Dataset	Metric
<b>Grammatical</b>	"This toast is than that one." = <b>Ungrammatical</b>	CoLA	Matthews
<b>Sentiment Analysis</b>	"Toy Story 2 was okay." = <b>.543291 (neutral)</b>	SST-2	Accuracy
<b>Similarity</b>	a.) A pride of lions surrounded a monkey. b.) Lions encompassed a monkey. = <b>4.7 (Very Similar)</b>	STS-B	Person / Spearman
<b>Paraphrase</b>	A. Last week, Seattle reported 12 new earthquakes. B. Seattle reported another 12 earthquakes yesterday. = <b>A Paraphrase</b>	MRPC	Accuracy / F1
<b>Question Similarity</b>	a.) How can I cook noodles over a campfire? b.) How do you make Mac & Cheese? = <b>Not Similar</b>	QQP	Accuracy / F1
<b>Contradiction</b>	a.) Glossier products are the best! b.) Glossier products are overpriced. = <b>Contradiction</b>	MNLI-mm	Accuracy
<b>Answerable</b>	a.) How does the Dyson Airwrap work? b.) The Airwrap uses the Coanda effect to create a vortex pulling the hair towards the attachments. = <b>Answerable</b>	QNLI	Accuracy
<b>Entail</b>	a.) In 2006, Paul David bought a Microprocessing center to create 30,000 jobs in Northern Minnesota. b.) Paul David created 30,000 jobs in MN. = <b>Entail</b>	RTE	Accuracy
<b>Ambiguous pronouns</b>	a.) Federico spoke to Marie, breaking her focus. b.) Federico spoke to Marie, breaking Federico's focus. = <b>Incorrect Referent</b>	WNLI	Accuracy 

# Large Language Models are large and expensive!

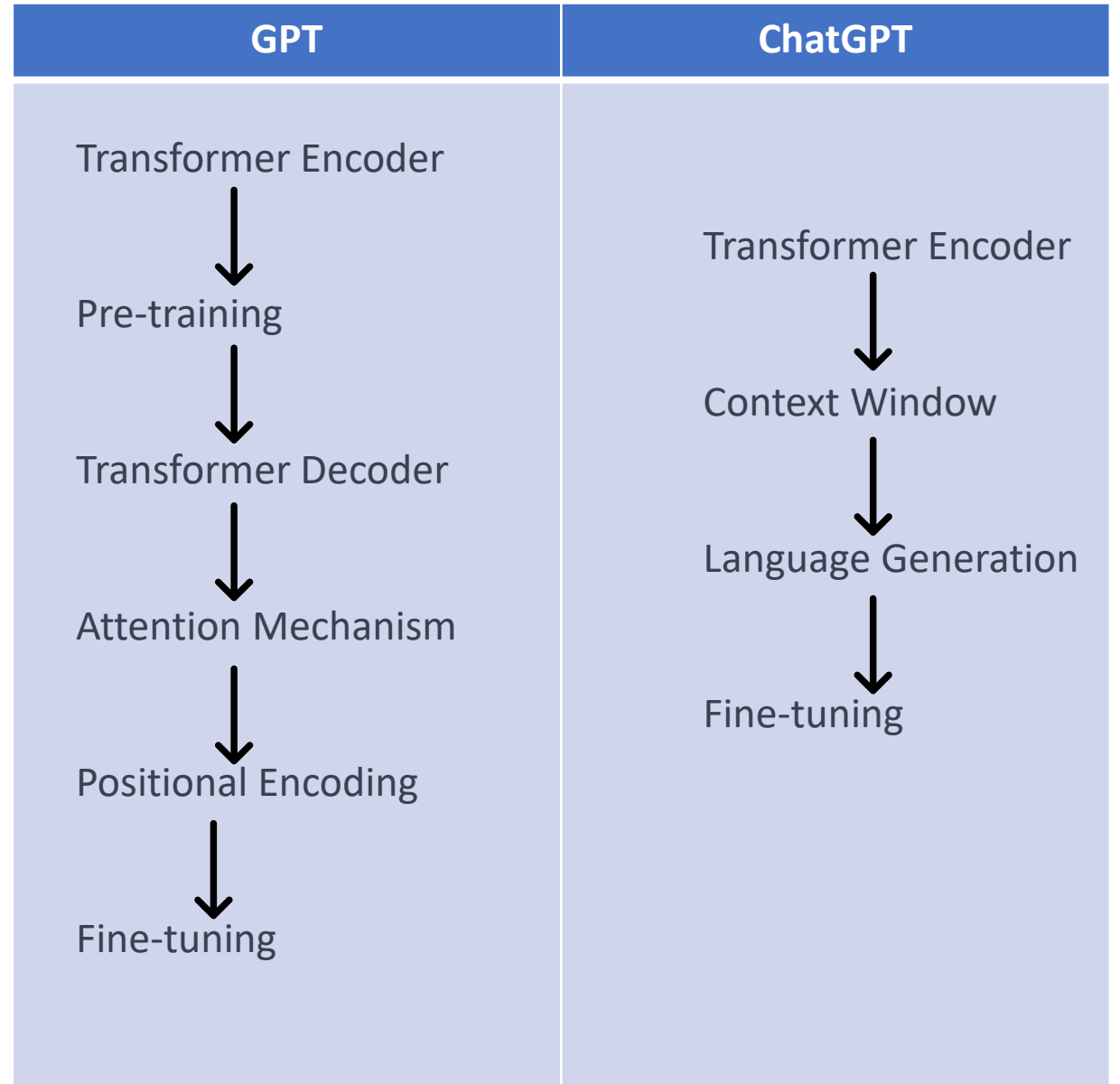
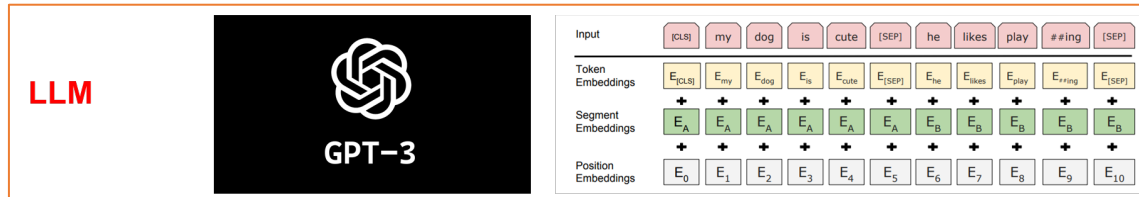
Optimal LLM Training Cost				
Model	Size (# Parameters)	Tokens	GPU	Optimal Training Compute Cost
MosaicML GPT-30B	30 Billion	610 Billion	A100	\$ 325,855
Google LaMDA	137 Billion	168 Billion	A100	\$ 368,846
Yandex YaLM	100 Billion	300 Billion	A100	\$ 480,769
Tsinghua University Zhipu.AI GLM	130 Billion	400 Billion	A100	\$ 833,333
Open AI GPT-3	175 Billion	300 Billion	A100	\$ 841,346
AI21 Jurassic	178 Billion	300 Billion	A100	\$ 855,769
Bloom	176 Billion	366 Billion	A100	\$ 1,033,756
DeepMind Gopher	280 Billion	300 Billion	A100	\$ 1,346,154
DeepMind Chinchilla	70 Billion	1,400 Billion	A100	\$ 1,745,014
MosaicML GPT-70B	70 Billion	1,400 Billion	A100	\$ 1,745,014
Nvidia Microsoft MT-NLG	530 Billion	270 Billion	A100	\$ 2,293,269
Google PaLM	540 Billion	780 Billion	A100	\$ 6,750,000

Source: [semianalysis.com](https://semianalysis.com) (calculated using Chinchilla pricing)

# Architecture of GPT

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# Large Language Models in Biomedicine

Single cell

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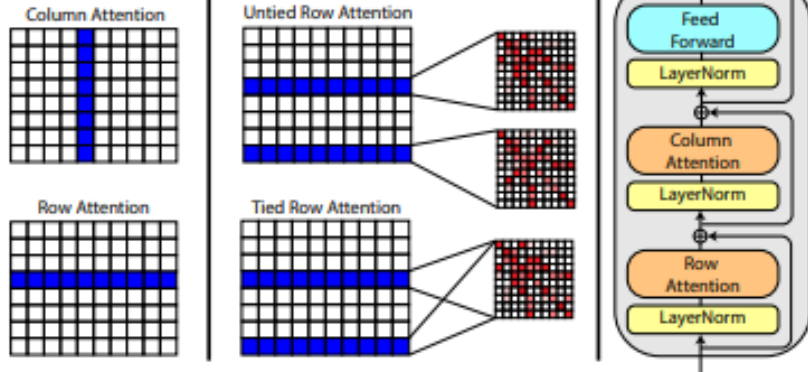
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## scBERT as a large-scale pretrained deep language model for cell type annotation of single-cell RNA-seq data

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## BioGPT: generative pre-trained transformer for biomedical text generation and mining

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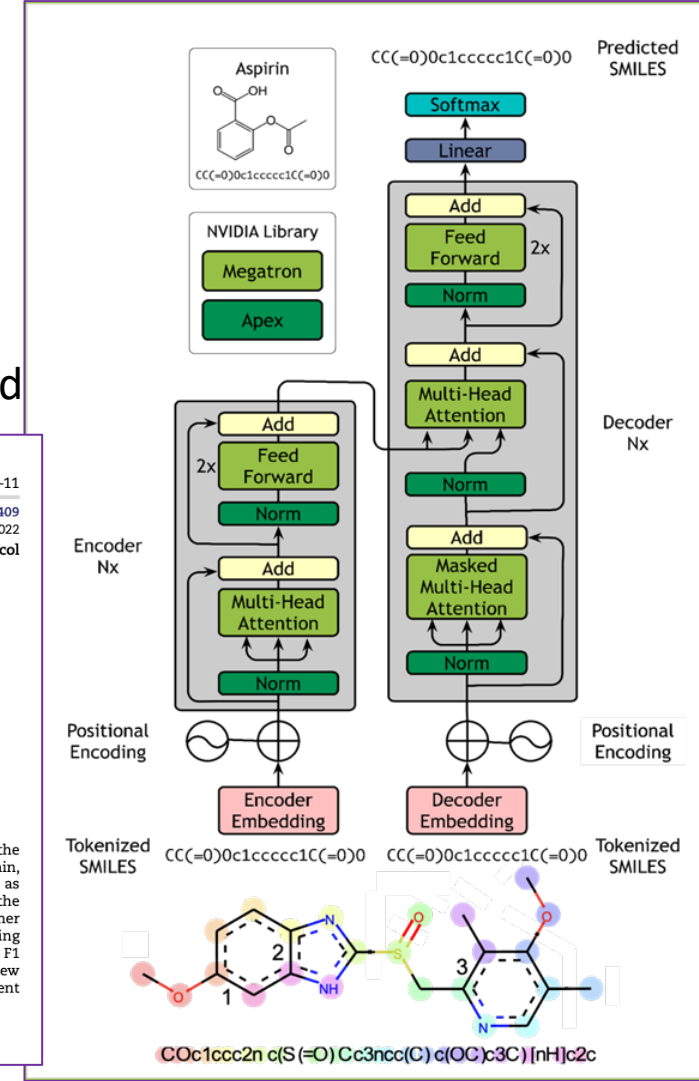
### Abstract

Pre-trained language models have attracted increasing attention in the biomedical domain, inspired by their great success in the general natural language domain. Among the two main branches of pre-trained language models in the general language domain, i.e. BERT (and its variants) and GPT (and its variants), the first one has been extensively studied in the biomedical domain, such as BioBERT and PubMedBERT. While they have achieved great success on a variety of discriminative downstream biomedical tasks, the lack of generation ability constrains their application scope. In this paper, we propose BioGPT, a domain-specific generative Transformer language model pre-trained on large-scale biomedical literature. We evaluate BioGPT on six biomedical natural language processing tasks and demonstrate that our model outperforms previous models on most tasks. Especially, we get 44.98%, 38.42% and 40.76% F1 score on BCSCDR, KD-DTI and DDI end-to-end relation extraction tasks, respectively, and 78.2% accuracy on PubMedQA, creating a new record. Our case study on text generation further demonstrates the advantage of BioGPT on biomedical literature to generate fluent descriptions for biomedical terms.

**Keywords:** biomedical literature, generative pre-trained language model, text generation, text mining

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Language generation

Relation extraction

Q&A style interface



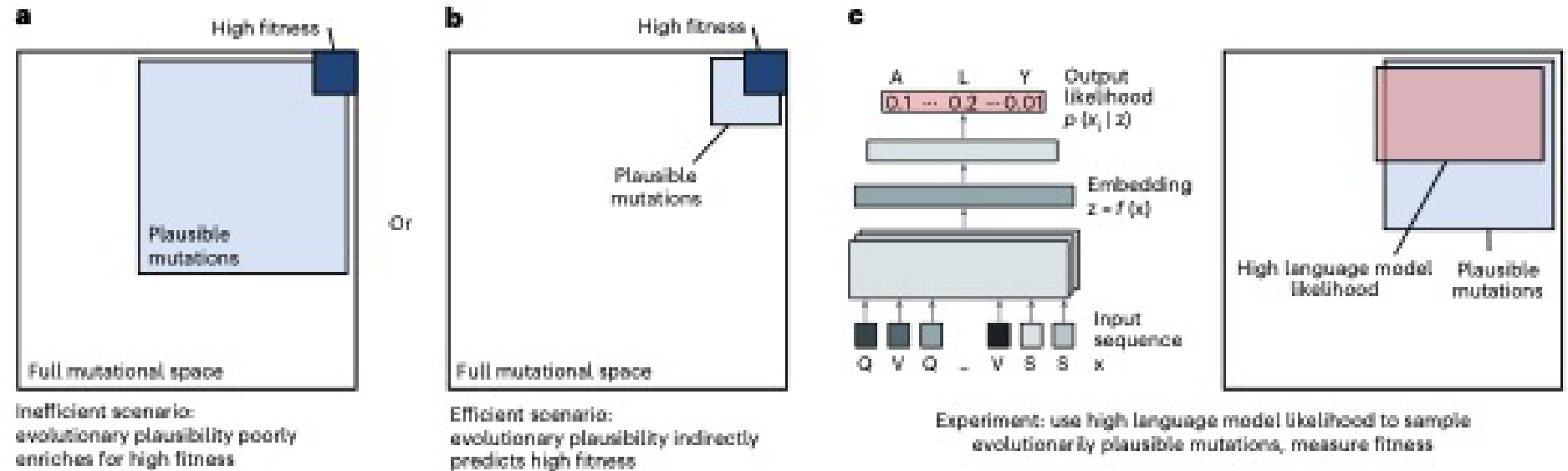
## Efficient evolution of human antibodies from general protein language models

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**Fig. 1 | Guiding evolution with protein language models. a, b.** Two possible models for relating the space of mutations with high evolutionary plausibility (for example, mutations seen in antibodies) to the space with high fitness under specific selection pressures (for example, mutations that result in high binding affinity to a specific antigen). Both models assume that mutations with high fitness make up a rare subset of the full mutational space and that, in general, high-fitness mutations are also evolutionarily plausible. Under the first model (a), mutations with high fitness are rare within the subset of mutations that are

evolutionarily plausible. Under the second model (b), when restricted to the regime of plausible mutations, improvements to fitness become much more common. c. Protein language models, trained on millions of natural protein sequences learn amino acid patterns that are likely to be seen in nature. We hypothesized that most mutations with high language model likelihood would also be evolutionarily plausible. Assuming that this is true, and if the second model (b) better describes nature, then a language model with no information about specific selection pressures can still efficiently guide evolution.



# Language Models in Biomedicine: Protein Language Model

To select evolutionarily plausible mutations, we use (Fig. 1c) to learn patterns that are likely to occur in r we used general language models<sup>19,20</sup>, trained on n meant to represent variation across all natural prot general evolutionary rules than could a model train sequences<sup>24,25,26,27</sup> or a model directly supervised starting sequence, we used these language models substitutions that we then experimentally screened algorithm requires only a single wild-type sequence knowledge of the antigen, task-specific supervision structure information.

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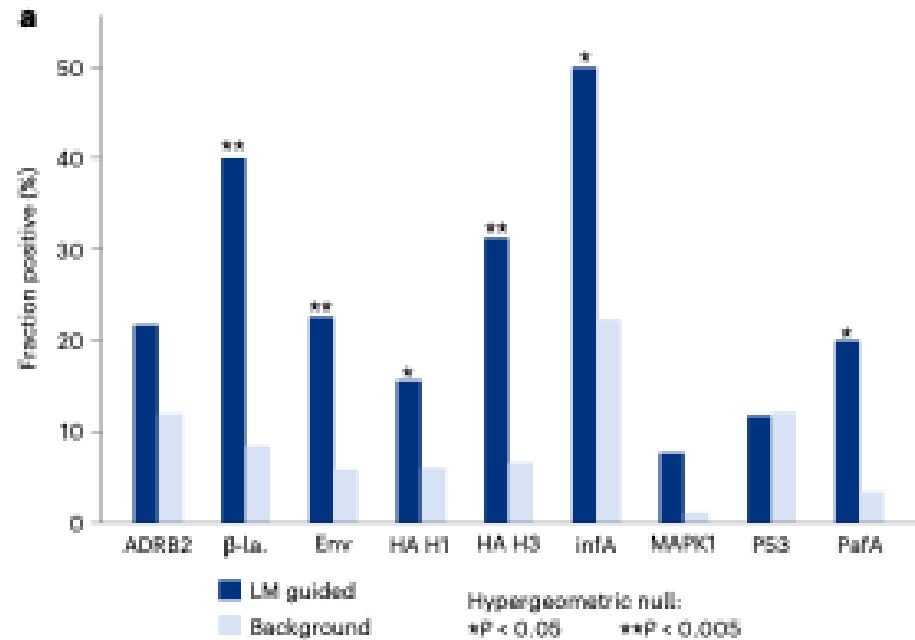
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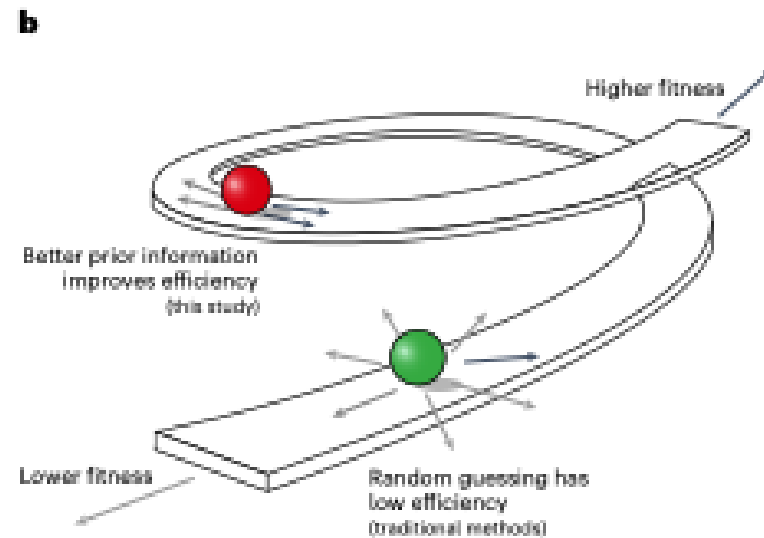
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# Language Models in Biomedicine: Protein Language Model



**Fig. 4 | Guiding evolution without explicitly modeling fitness.** **a.** The same strategy and language models that we use to affinity mature antibodies can also recommend high-fitness changes across a diversity of selection pressures and protein families, as identified experimentally using high-throughput scanning mutagenesis assays<sup>5,48</sup> (described in Supplementary Table 13). 'Fraction positive' indicates the percentage of high-fitness amino acid substitutions within either the set of substitutions recommended by the language model (LM guided) or the set of all single-residue substitutions (Background). A large portion of language-model-guided substitutions have high fitness, which, in many cases, is significantly enriched compared to the background percentage; also see Extended Data Figs. 4–6, and see Supplementary Table 13 for the exact one-sided hypergeometric *P* values and sample sizes. ADRB2, adrenoreceptor beta 2;  $\beta$ -la.,



$\beta$ -lactamase; Env, envelope glycoprotein; InfA, translation initiation factor 1; MAPK1, mitogen-activated protein kinase 1; PafA, phosphate-irrepressible alkaline phosphatase. **b.** Conceptually, the prior information encoded by evolutionary plausibility is represented in this cartoon by the rainbow road, where ascending corresponds to improving fitness and descending corresponds to lowering fitness. Moving in any direction (for example, via random or brute force mutagenesis) would most likely decrease fitness or have a high chance of being a detrimental change (represented by the green ball). However, if evolutionary plausibility is an efficient prior (Fig. 1b), then movement that is constrained to the plausible regime (for example, when guided by a language model) substantially increases the chance of improving fitness (represented by the red ball).

COMMENTARY

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## The role of machine learning in clinical research: transforming the future of evidence generation

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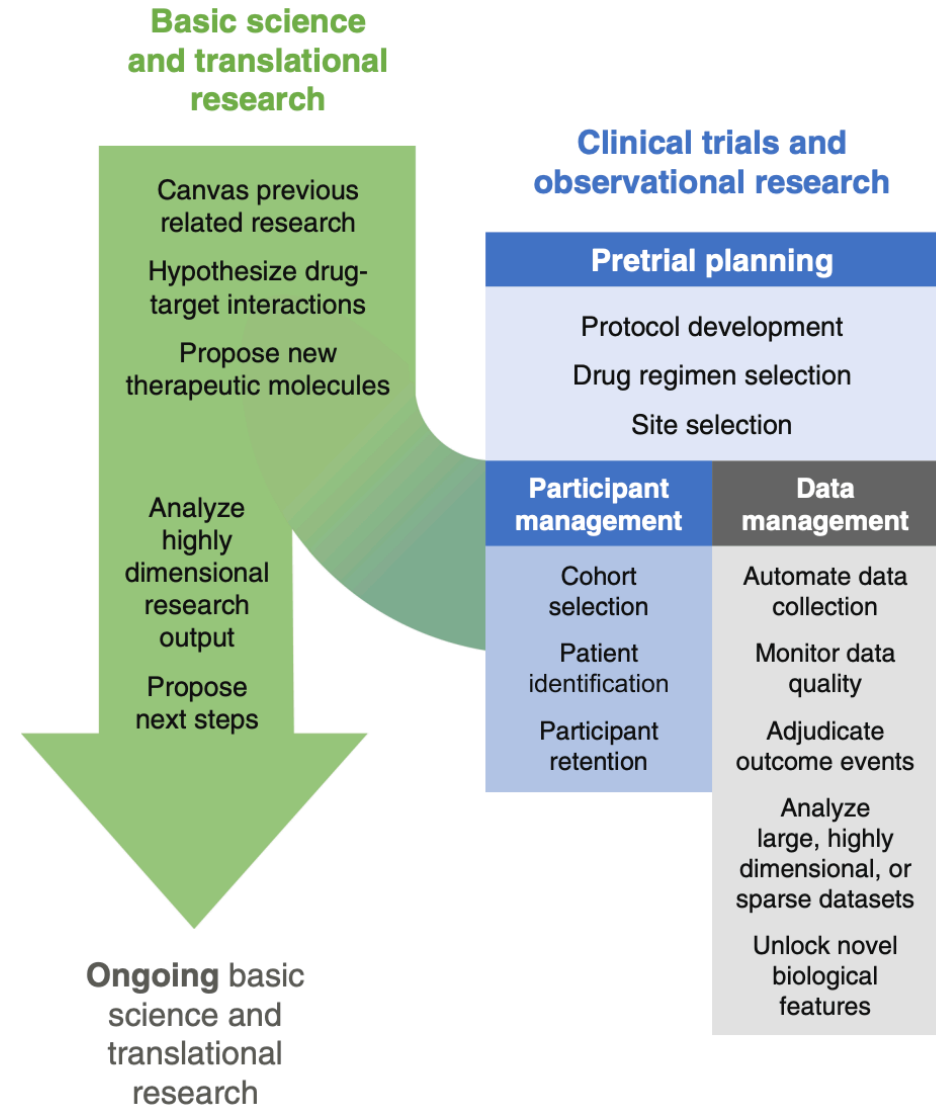
### Abstract

**Background:** Interest in the application of machine learning (ML) to the design, conduct, and analysis of clinical trials has grown, but the evidence base for such applications has not been surveyed. This manuscript reviews the proceedings of a multi-stakeholder conference to discuss the current and future state of ML for clinical research. Key areas of clinical trial methodology in which ML holds particular promise and priority areas for further investigation are presented alongside a narrative review of evidence supporting the use of ML across the clinical trial spectrum.

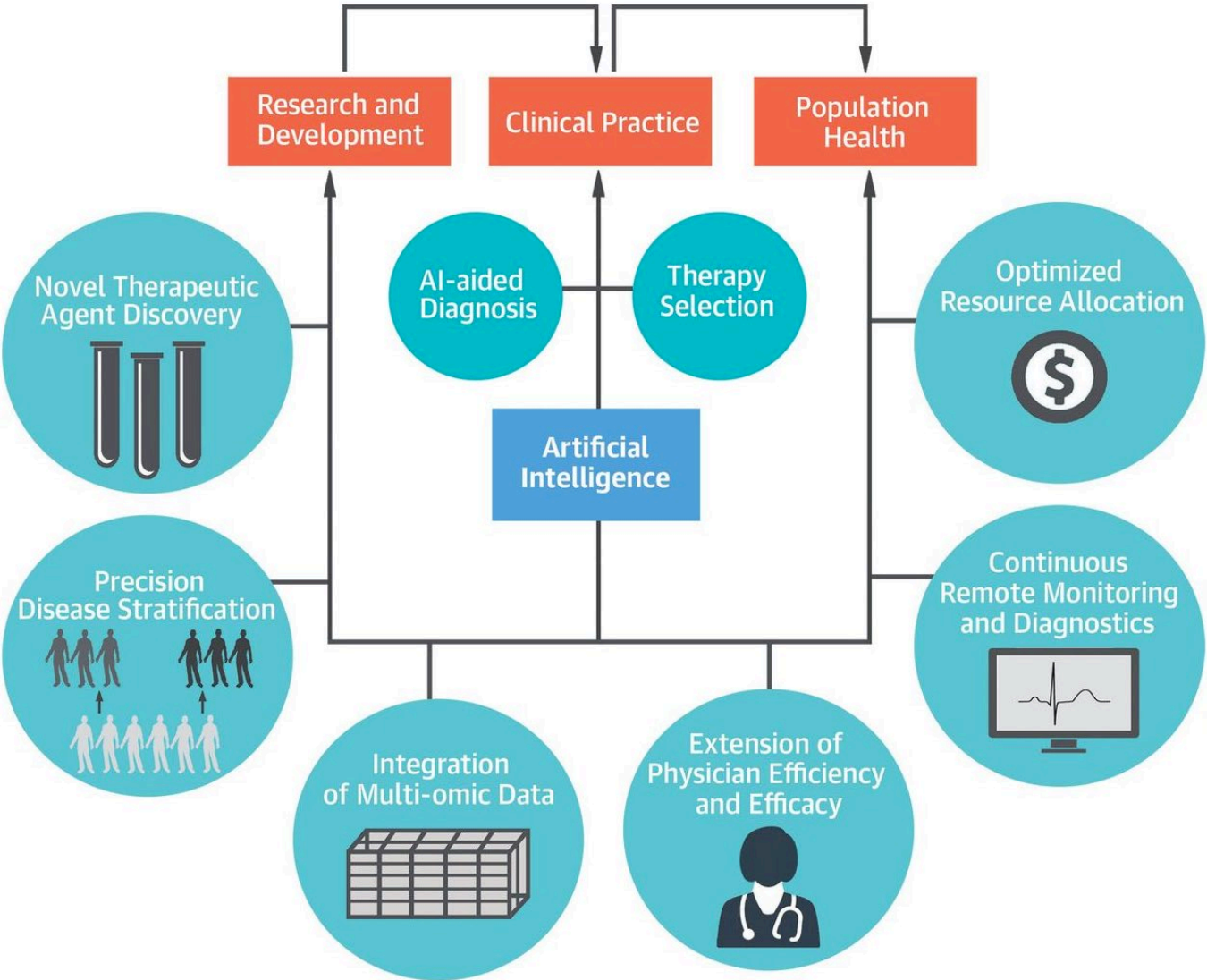
**Results:** Conference attendees included stakeholders, such as biomedical and ML researchers, representatives from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), artificial intelligence technology and data analytics companies, non-profit organizations, patient advocacy groups, and pharmaceutical companies. ML contributions to clinical research were highlighted in the pre-trial phase, cohort selection and participant management, and data collection and analysis. A particular focus was paid to the operational and philosophical barriers to ML in clinical research. Peer-reviewed evidence was noted to be lacking in several areas.

**Conclusions:** ML holds great promise for improving the efficiency and quality of clinical research, but substantial barriers remain, the surmounting of which will require addressing significant gaps in evidence.

**Keywords:** Clinical trials as topic; Machine learning, Artificial intelligence, Research design, Research ethics



# AI is deemed to play a significant role across the biomedical verticals



# Outlook

- Data availability is **growing** in biomedicine and healthcare
- Implementing data-driven methods that use AI-algorithms real-time variables in a hypothesis-drive/hypothesis-free approach could help us to find new targets, therapies and indications
- **Evolving** platforms including EMRs, integration engines, data mining systems and phenotyping approaches are growing
- **Integrating** novel, scalable and low-cost molecular profiling technologies with AI approaches would accelerate precision medicine development in immunology
- **Standardization** in AI, Bioinformatics and Advanced analytics would lead to develop computational medicine standards
- **Advances in AI** (including AGI) will further improve the application of AI and its impact in biomedicine and healthcare





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