



# INTELLIGENCE AT WORK: AI MEETS CARDIOLOGY

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# OBJECTIVES

- After completing this educational activity participants will be able to:
  - Differentiate between key AI concepts, including, foundational models, generative and non-generative AI
  - Evaluate the utility and limitations of new AI-powered tools
  - Discuss the regulatory landscape and clinical validation challenges for AI-augmented medicine



# EXPECTED OUTCOME & EDUCATIONAL NEED/ PRACTICE GAP

## Expected Outcome

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Differentiate between key AI concepts, including machine learning, deep learning, and foundational models.
- Identify current and future AI applications in cardiology, from automated CAC scoring to multi-modal analysis.
- Discuss the regulatory landscape and clinical validation challenges for AI-powered tools.

## Educational Need

Cardiologists require an updated understanding of AI's rapid evolution from narrow tools to generative foundational models. This session addresses the gap between AI's promise and its practical application, enabling clinicians to critically evaluate and integrate new technologies.

## Practice Gap

A gap exists between AI's current limited use and its optimal state. This session demonstrates how AI bridges this gap to:

- Enhance Diagnostics: Use opportunistic screening (e.g., non-gated CAC) and find subtle imaging patterns.
- Improve Understanding: Shift from "black-box" to "glass-box" models for explainable insights.
- Personalize Treatment: Synthesize multi-modal data (imaging, genomics, notes) for a holistic patient view.



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# What can I help with?

Explain this code



Sharpen your writing

Analyze the text in the following and

Monitor industry news

Prepare a brief of today's news from



Message Copilot



Good morning, Cody

How can I help you today?



Write

Learn

Code

Life stuff

Claude's choice

Claude 3.7 Sonnet



Gemini Advanced

2.5 Pro (preview)



Hello, V. K. Cody

Ask Gemini



Deep Research

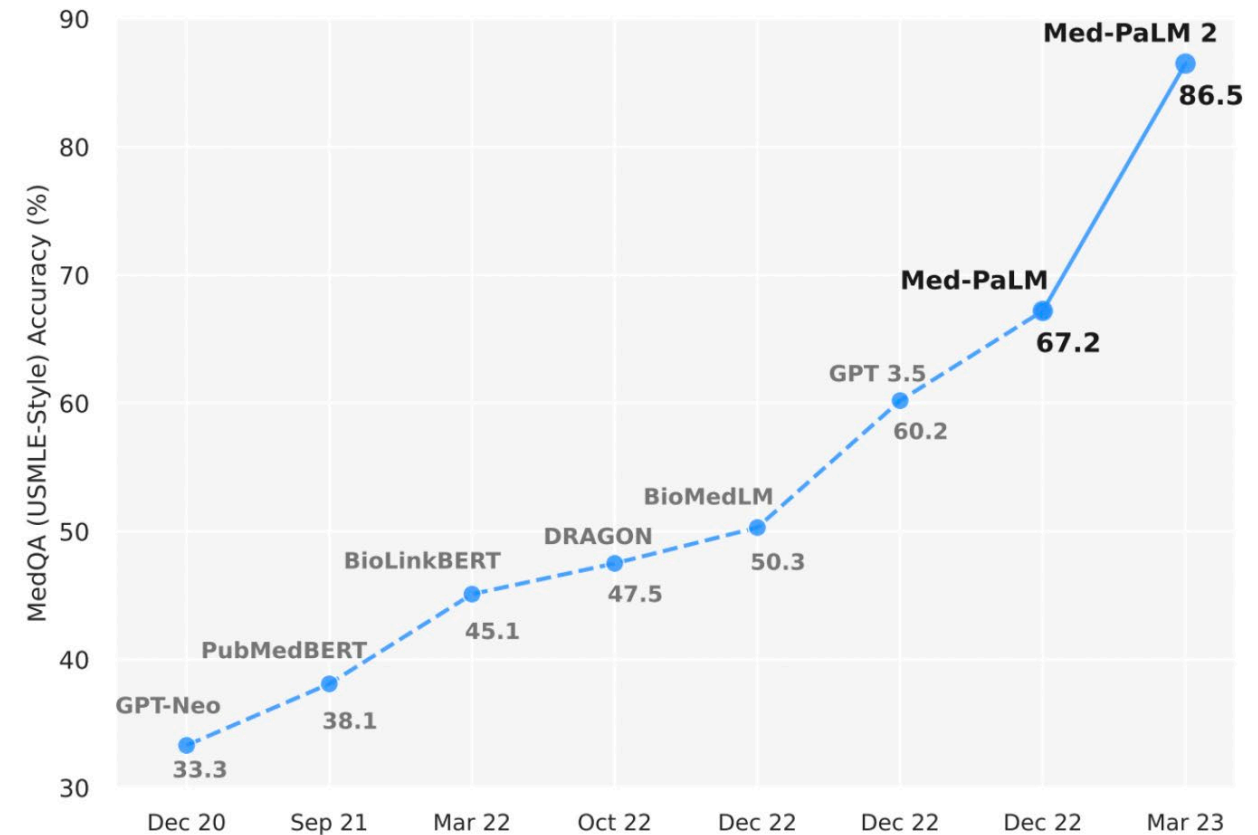
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## Toward expert-level medical question answering with large language models

- A Google-created medical AI model, Med-PaLM 2, scored an impressive 86.5% on questions styled after the US Medical Licensing Examination.
- The AI model's answers were also rated by actual doctors to be better than doctor-generated responses in 8 of 9 dimensions.
- This advancement signals a potential paradigm shift in healthcare as AI models are increasingly capable of working in complex fields.

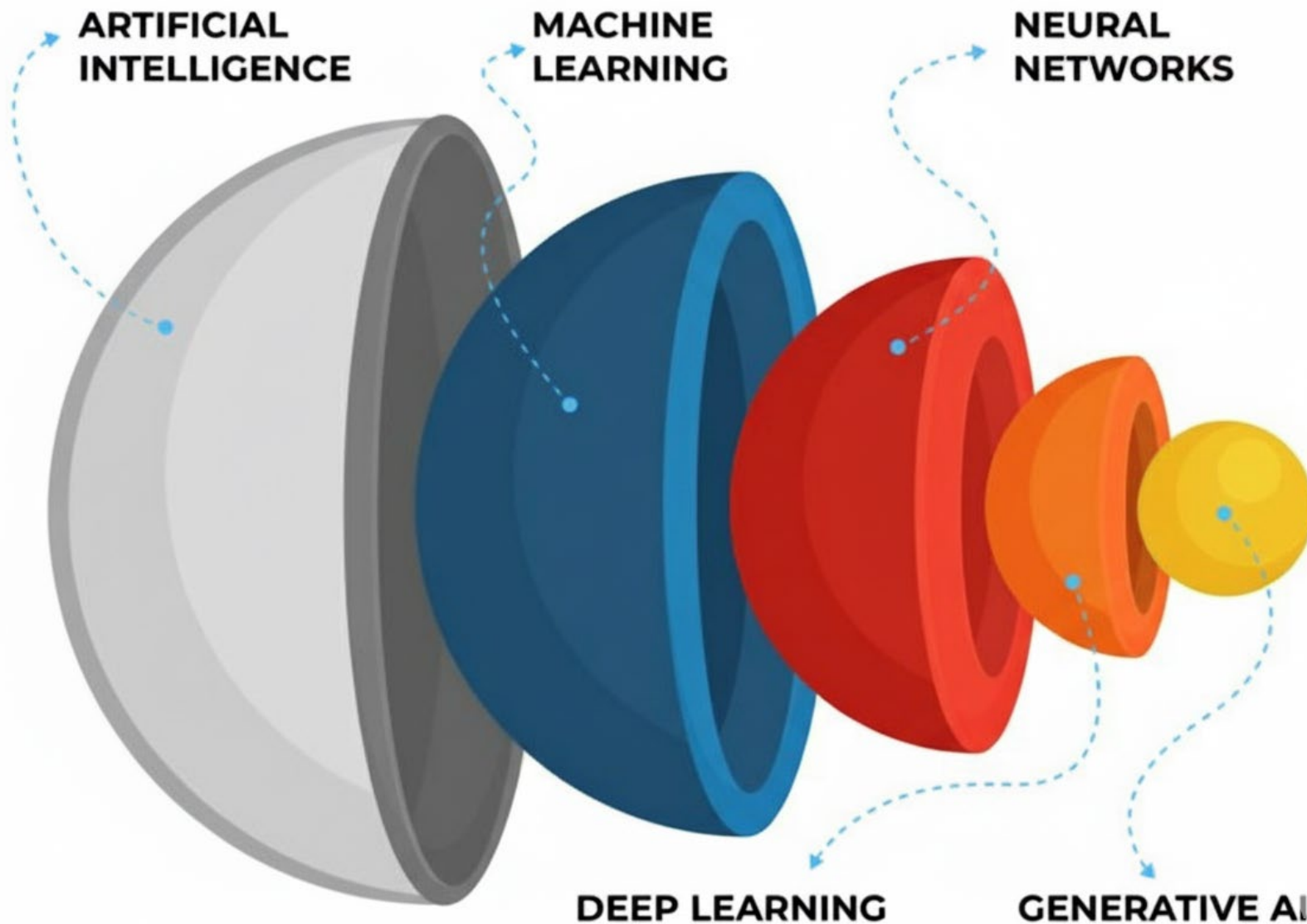


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**AI: Programmed logic**

**ML: AI without programming**

**NN: Learning complex underlying patterns from data**

**GAI: Generates new data from learned patterns**



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## ARTIFICIAL NARROW INTELLIGENCE



IDEA

Machine's ability to perform a single task extremely well, even better than humans.

VS

## ARTIFICIAL GENERAL INTELLIGENCE



IDEA

Machines can be made to think and function as human mind.

## Non-generative / Narrow (AI):

- **Often used for a single task and data type**
- **Understands and can describe patterns in data**
- **Diagnostic: Arrhythmia yes/no?**
- **FDA-authorized AI Medical Devices**

## Generative AI (GenAI):

- **Seemingly cognitive capabilities and contextual understanding across a broader range of inputs (language, vision, etc.)**
- **AI Agent: Personalized health companion, collect, assess, report**



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July 10th, 2025:

- 1247 FDA authorized devices
- 76% Radiology
- 11% Cardiovascular

05/27/2025	<a href="#">K250932</a>	DeepRhythmAI	Medicalgorithmics S.A.
05/21/2025	<a href="#">K243866</a>	InVision Precision Cardiac Amyloid	InVision Medical Techno
05/09/2025	<a href="#">K243812</a>	Volta AF-Xplorer	Volta Medical
05/02/2025	<a href="#">K242583</a>	AT-Patch (ATP-C130/ATP-C70)	ATsens Co.,Ltd.

# Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AI/ML)-Enabled Medical Devices

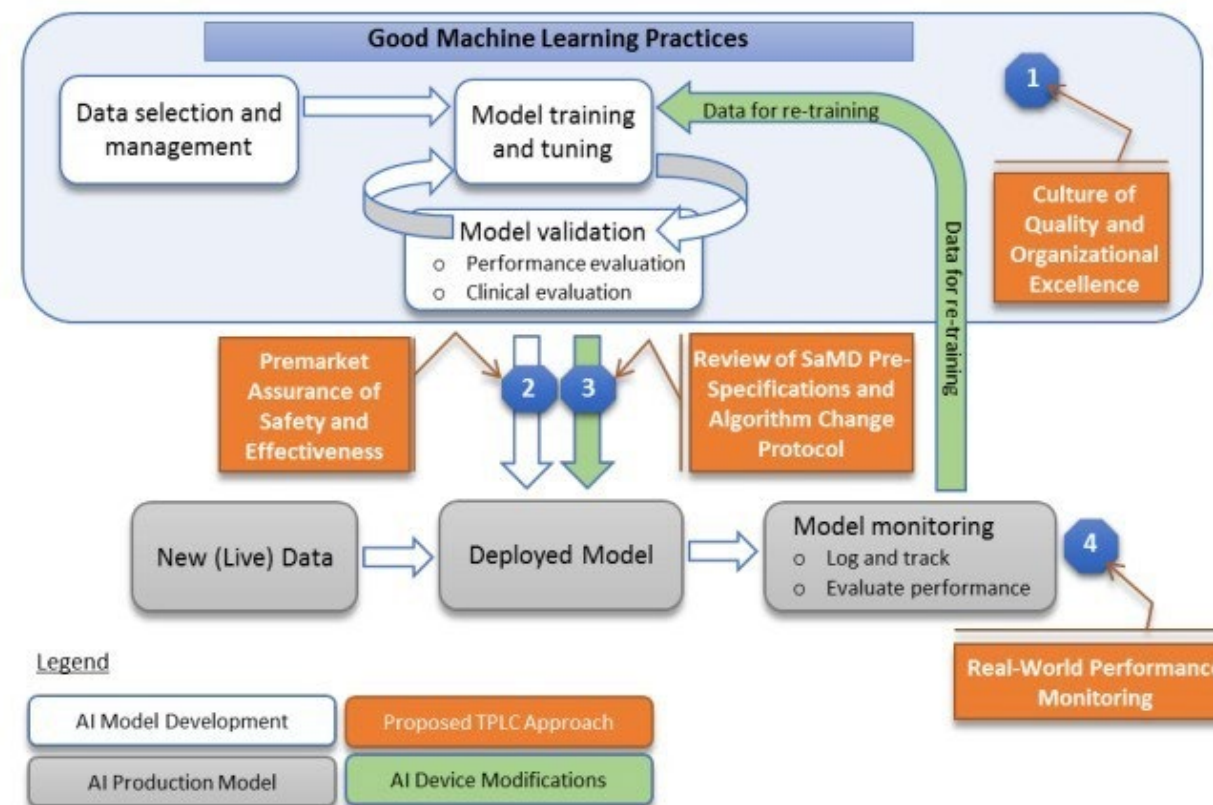


Figure 2: Overlay of FDA's TPLC approach on AI/ML workflow

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/software-medical-device-samd/artificial-intelligence-and-machine-learning-aiml-enabled-medical-devices>

Article | Published: 15 July 2019

## Clinical-grade computational pathology using weakly supervised deep learning on whole slide images

[Gabriele Campanella](#), [Matthew G. Hanna](#), [Luke Geneslaw](#), [Allen Miraflor](#), [Vitor Werneck Krauss Silva](#), [Klaus J. Busam](#), [Edi Brogi](#), [Victor E. Reuter](#), [David S. Klimstra](#) & [Thomas J. Fuchs](#) 

[Nature Medicine](#) **25**, 1301–1309 (2019) | [Cite this article](#)

2019

Sep 22, 2021 8:00 AM Eastern Daylight Time

## Paige Receives First Ever FDA Approval for AI Product in Digital Pathology

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*Paige Prostate was granted de novo marketing authorization from the FDA to aid in the primary diagnosis of prostate cancer*

2021

### PAIGE's funding and investors

PAIGE has raised a total funding of \$241M over 8 rounds. Its first funding round was on Feb 05, 2018. Its latest funding round was a Series C round on Jan 11, 2023 for \$19.5M. 1 investor participated in its latest round, lead by [Microsoft](#).

PAIGE has 9 institutional investors including [Goldman Sachs](#), [Casdin Capital](#) and [Johnson & Johnson Innovation](#) – [JJDC](#). [Jim Breyer](#) and 1 other are Angel Investors in PAIGE.

2023



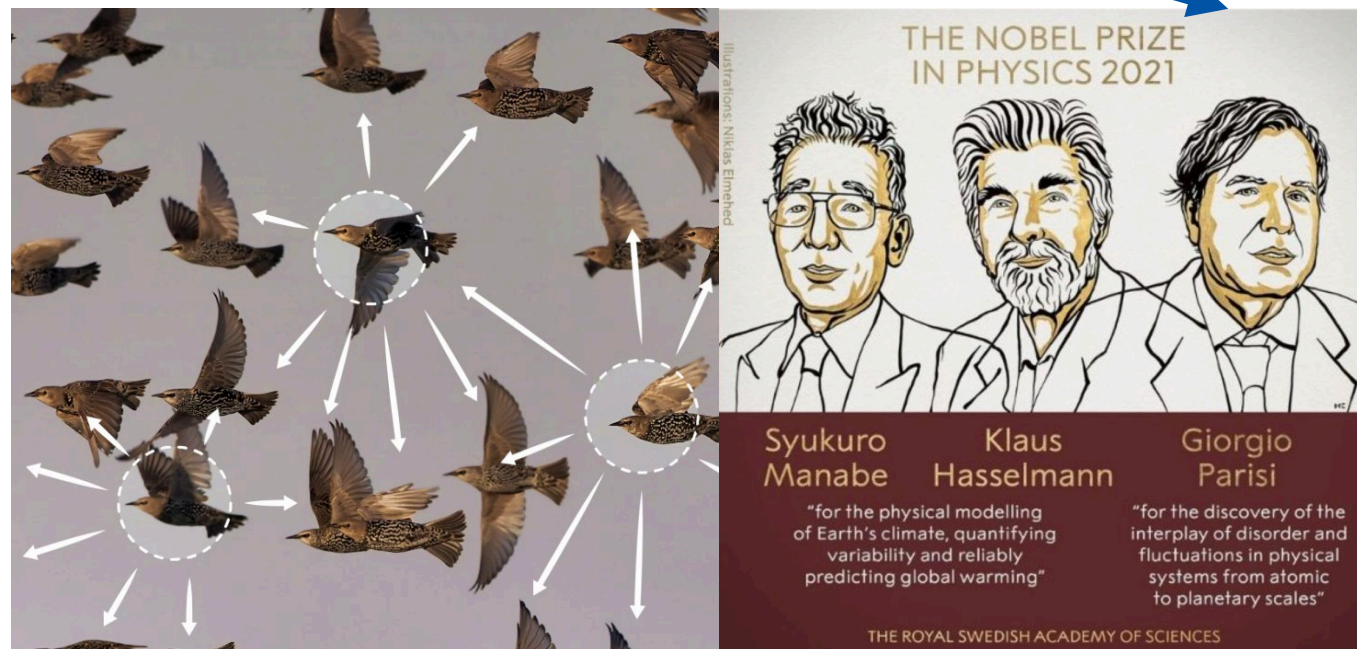
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## Tempus inks \$81M Paige buyout to support AI model development

2025

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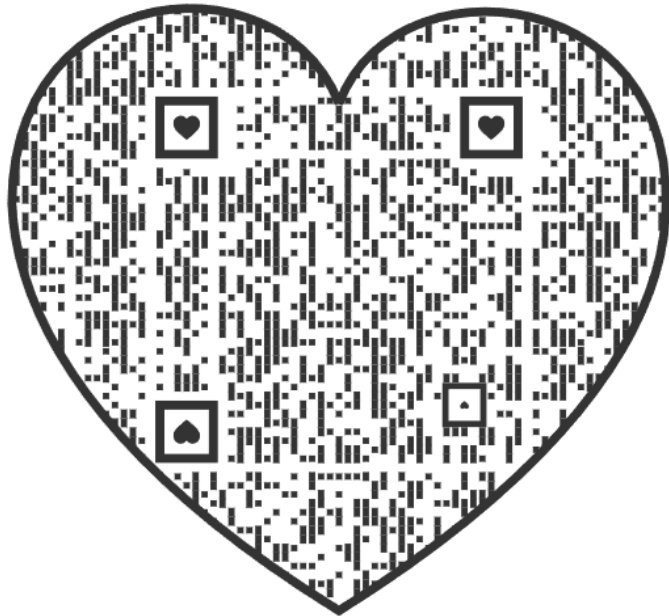
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# The AI Revolution in Cardiovascular Medicine: A Market Landscape Analysis of FDA-Cleared Technologies

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Google Gemini Pro 2.0 (Deep Research) on 10/21/2025



Category	Count
Tabular	84
Imaging	23
Text	0
Multi-modal	10



**Tabular:** Time-series or numeric data. Consists of technologies that interpret electrocardiograms (ECG/EKG), PPG for rhythm and rate, heart sounds, and other numeric signals, EMR, etc.

**Imaging:** This includes devices that process coronary CT angiograms (CCTA), echocardiograms, standard angiography images, and those that use optical cameras for non-contact vital sign measurement or tissue perfusion imaging.

**Text:** This category is for tools that would involve Natural Language Processing (NLP) or other forms of text analysis. None of the devices on the list had a primary function that fit this description.

**Multi-modal:** This category includes devices that explicitly combine and analyze data from different modalities to generate an output, such as fusing ECG (electrical signals) with heart sounds (acoustic signals) or accelerometer data (motion).



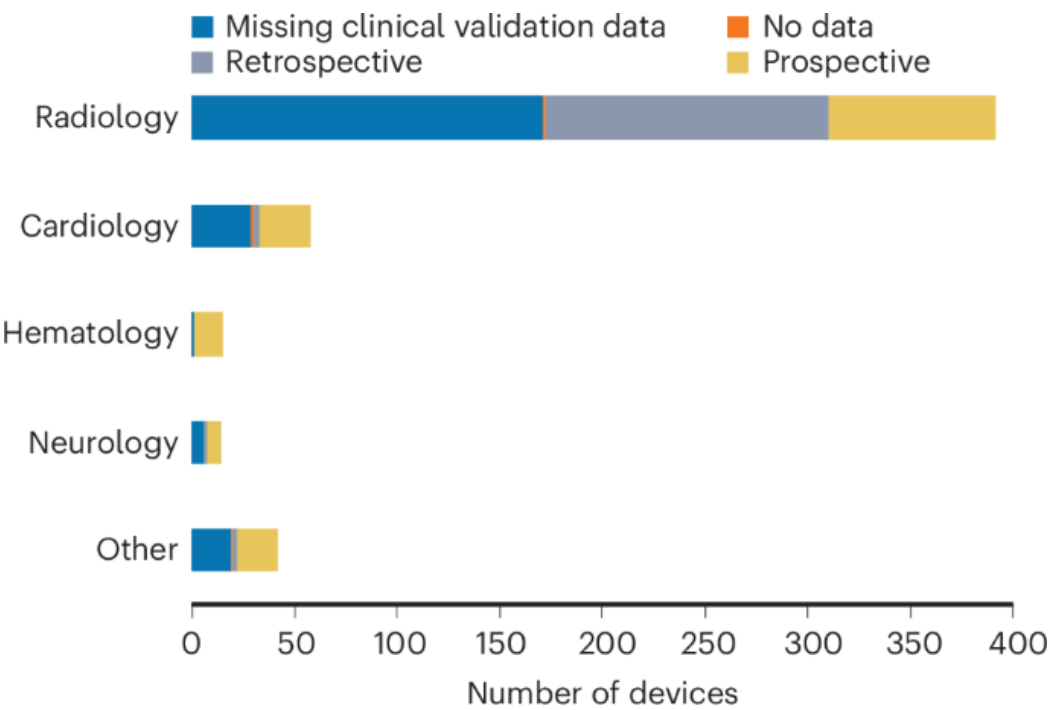
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# Not all AI health tools with regulatory authorization are clinically validated

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## Total Product Lifecycle Considerations for Generative AI-Enabled Devices










**Foundation Model Transparency:** Manufacturers must provide detailed information about a device's underlying foundation model, including its architecture, training methods, and datasets. This can be challenging when using third-party models.

**New Evaluation Methods:** Current quantitative performance evaluation methods may not be enough. New approaches, including qualitative assessments, will likely be needed to fully characterize the device's performance.

**Postmarket Monitoring:** Because GenAI models can be dynamic and non-deterministic, robust postmarket monitoring is critical to ensure the devices remain safe and effective after they are deployed.

<https://www.fda.gov/media/182871/download>

# Assessment of Large Language Models in Clinical Reasoning: A Novel Benchmarking Study

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Benchmark of 750 SCT questions drawn from 10 datasets spanning multiple specialties. Each item presents a clinical vignette and asks how added data change the likelihood of a diagnosis or management option, scored against 1070 medical students



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- Although current models can match or exceed medical student performance on many SCT tests, they **consistently fall short of senior resident and expert clinician performance.**
- Our analysis of model response patterns reveals that even state-of-the-art LLMs exhibit striking **overconfidence**, disproportionately favoring **extreme belief shifts** and **failing to recognize when new information should not alter clinical hypotheses.**
- These results highlight **broader challenges in evaluating AI systems** as they approach human-level performance in medicine, particularly in domains where expert disagreement is both common and clinically appropriate.

# Environment scan of generative AI infrastructure for clinical and translational science

[Betina Idnay](#), [Zihan Xu](#), ... [Yifan Peng](#) 

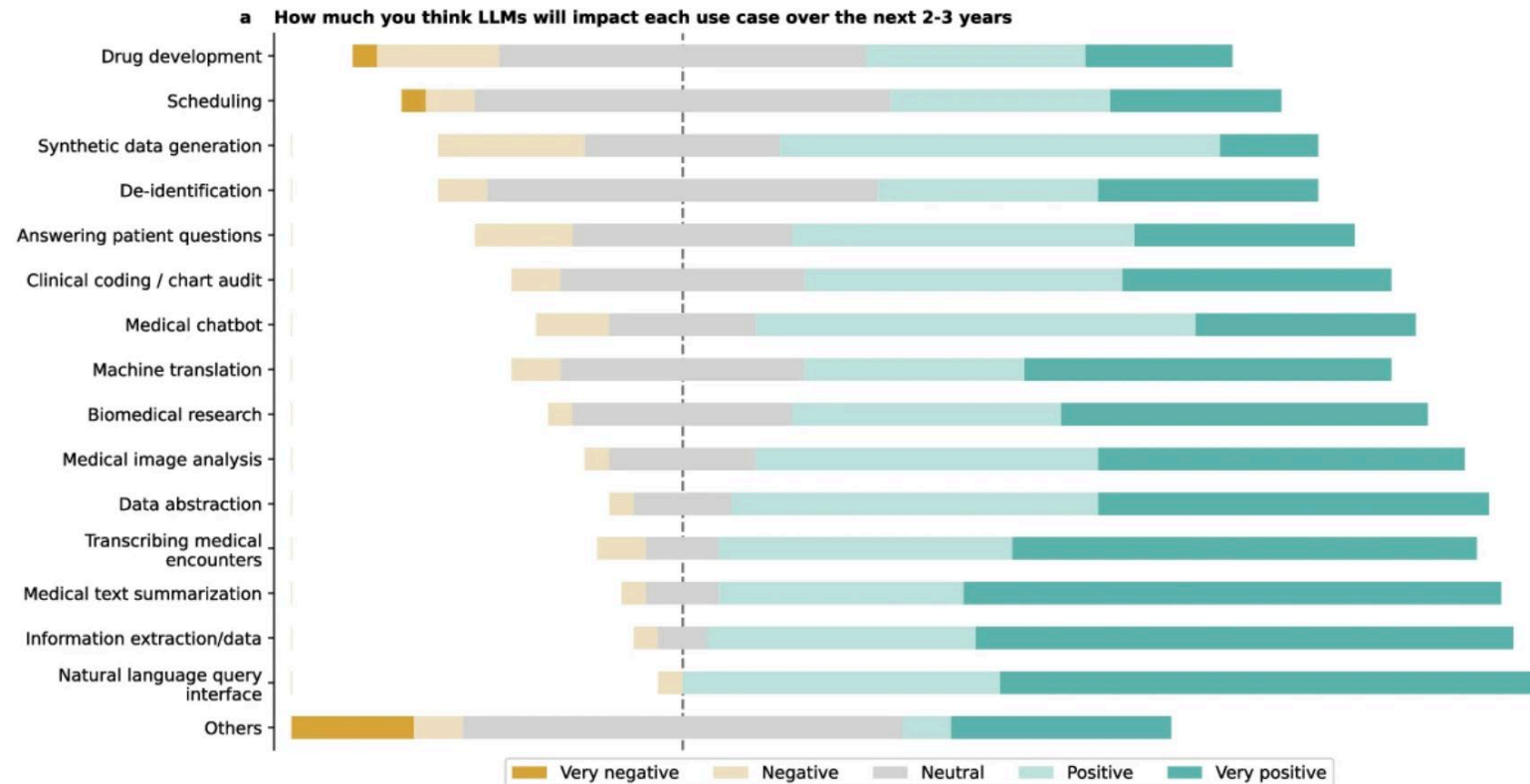
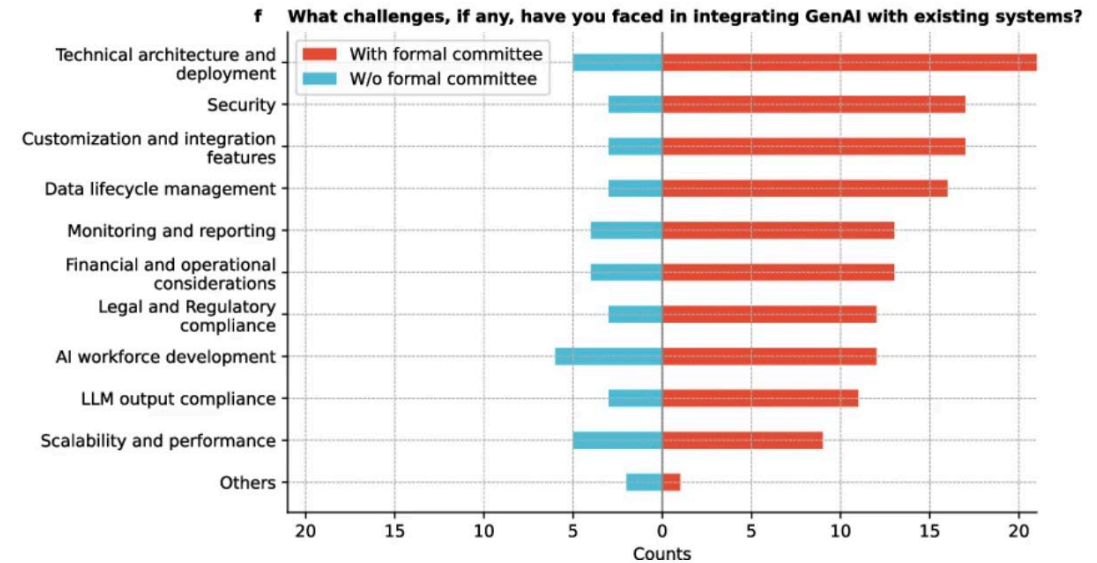
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Scan of the generative AI (GenAI) infrastructure in the national network for clinical and translational science across 36 institutions supported by the CTSA Programs in the United States. Key findings indicate a diverse range of institutional strategies, **with most organizations in the experimental phase** of GenAI deployment.



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# STRUCTURED DATA

# CLASSify: A Web-Based Tool for Machine Learning

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## Clustering: Tell me the things that are alike

## Data: Raw Data

**Classification/Regression:** Based on some input tell me output

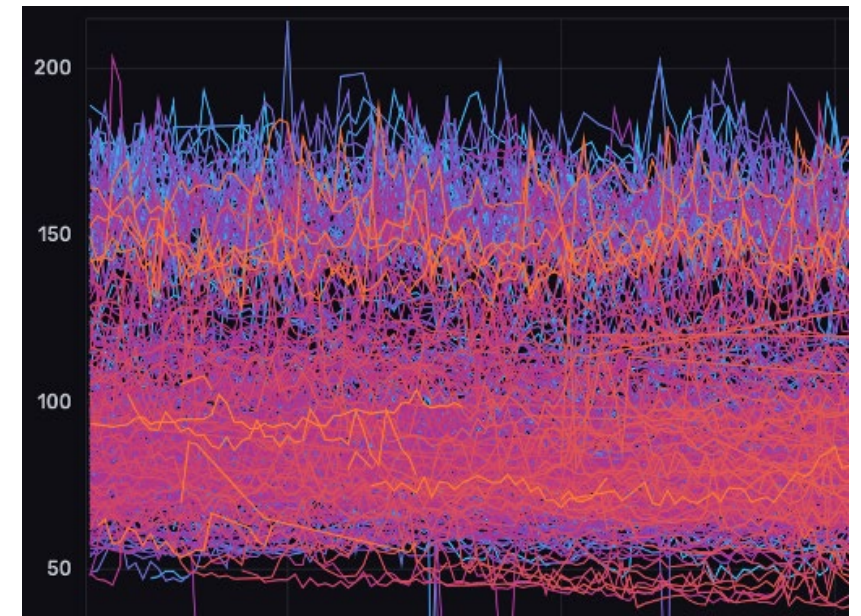
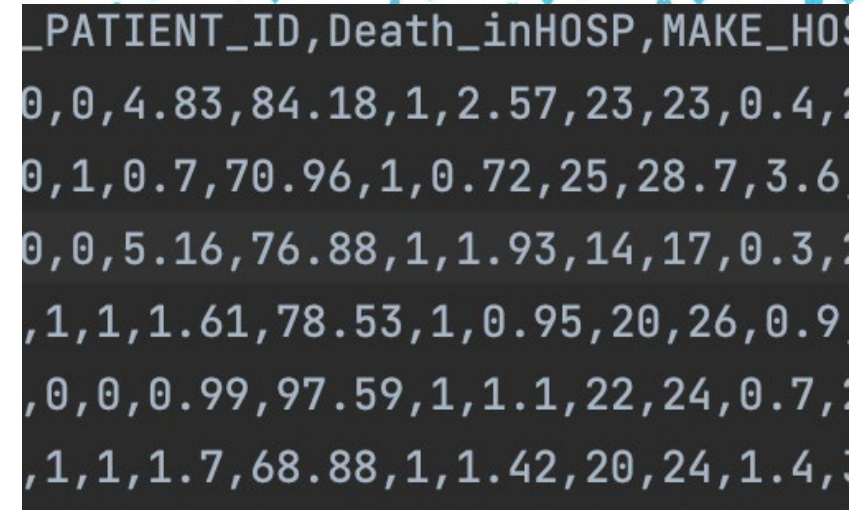
**Data:** Input data with a label

**Forecasting:** Based on some input now tell me the future output(s)

**Data:** Input data /w labels in respect to time



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# COMPUTER VISION

## Automated Curation and AI Workflow Management System for Digital Pathology

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**Detection:** Find the green box

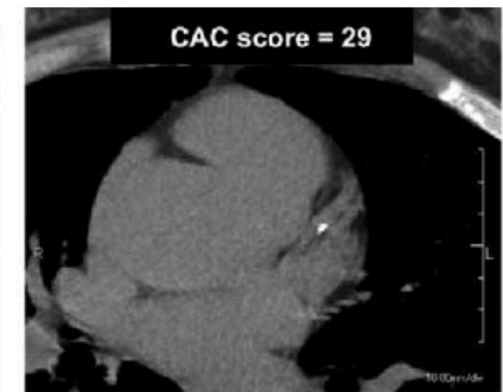
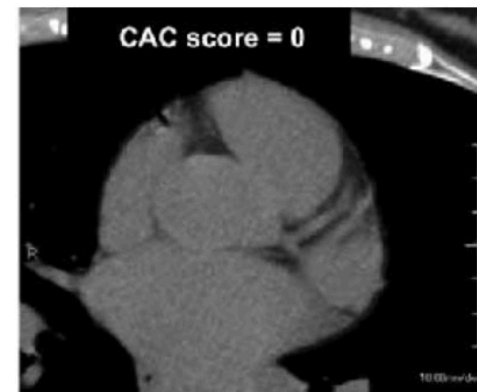
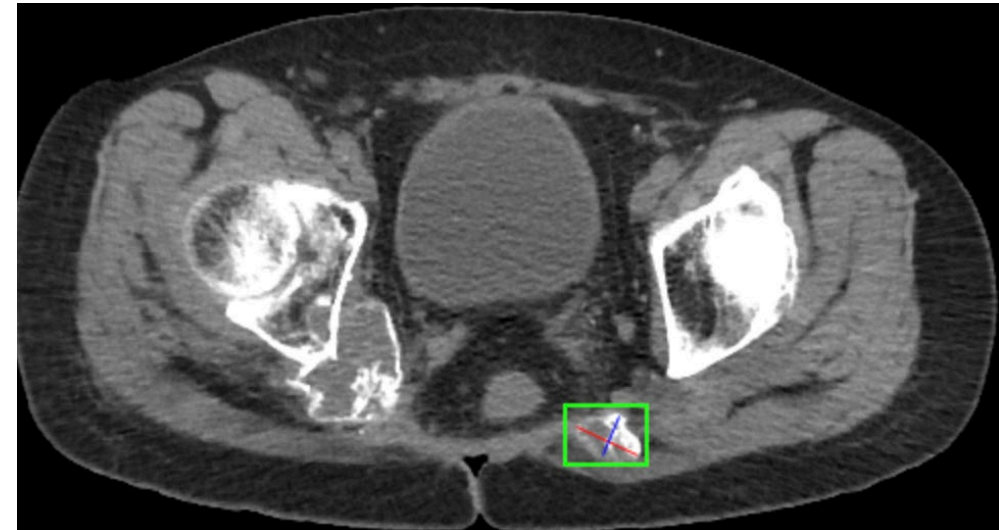
**Data:** Coordinates of boxes

**Classification:** What is inside the green box

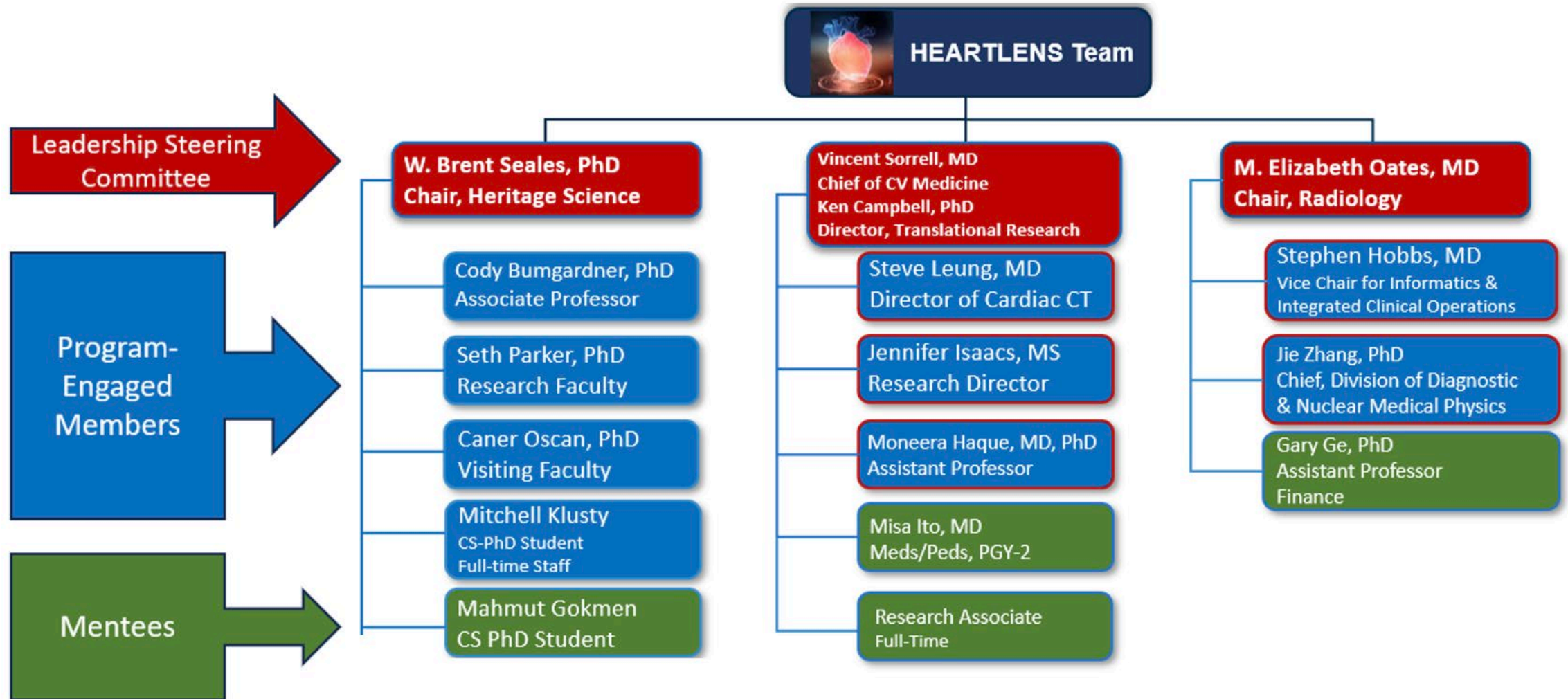
**Data:** Images with labels

**Measurement:** Describe what is inside the green box

**Data:** Mask and measurements



# HEARTLENS: CALCIFICATION ANALYSIS

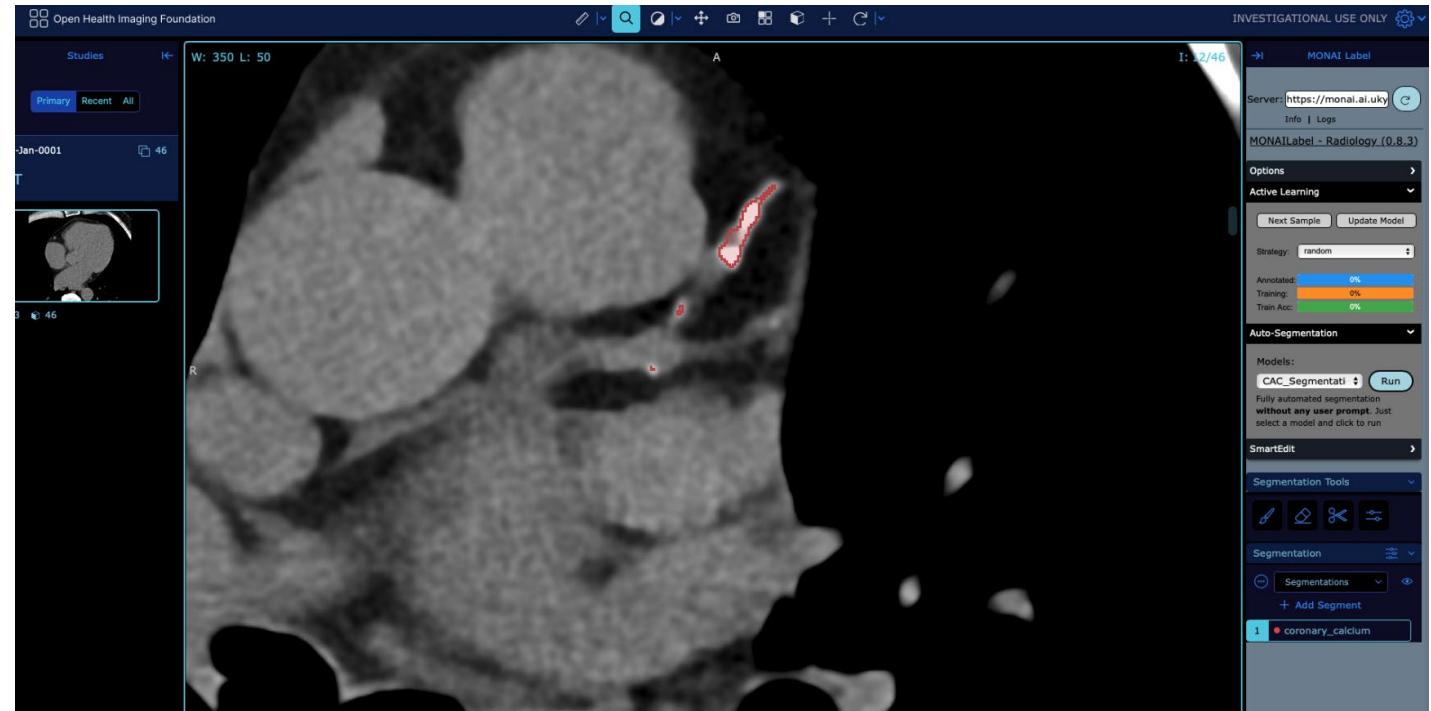
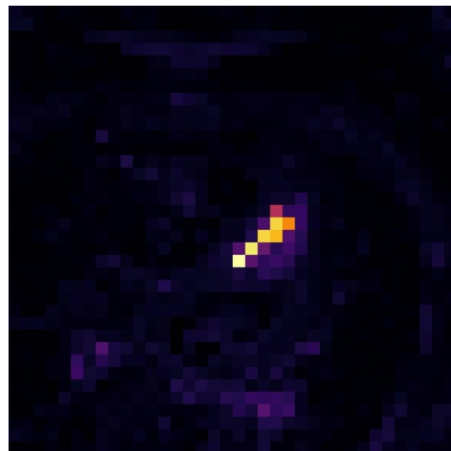


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# GATED CAC

## Segmentation and scoring:

- UK (train) UK (test) 0.91%
- UK (train) Stanford (test): 0.91%



CAC Score Range	Heartlens Test Set (Gated)			Stanford Test Set (Gated)		
	Precision	Recall	F1-score	Precision	Recall	F1-score
0-10	0.98	0.93	0.95	0.94	0.82	0.88
11-100	0.84	0.88	0.86	0.91	0.90	0.90
101-400	0.84	0.86	0.85	0.85	0.91	0.88
400+	0.91	0.95	0.94	0.92	0.97	0.95
<b>Overall Accuracy</b>	0.910			0.91		
<b>Total Cases</b>	468			443		












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# NON-GATED CAC SURPRISE

## AI Opportunistic Coronary Calcium Screening at Veterans Affairs Hospitals

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, Gregory A. Myers, M.A.D.S. , Erik Offerman, M.D. , Eric Zuniga, M.D., M.B.A. ,  
Cy Y. Kim, M.D. , +9, and Hugo J.W.L. Aerts, Ph.D.  [Author Info & Affiliations](#)

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Heartlens (CARD-ViT) was trained on only gated data, the AI-CAC (ENJM) model was trained directly on a large corpus of non-gated data.

**This is the power of foundational models**

CAC Score Range	Method	Precision	Recall	F1-score
0-10	CARD-ViT	0.802	0.886	0.842
	AI-CAC <sup>8</sup>	0.800	0.876	0.836
11-100	CARD-ViT	0.500	0.439	0.468
	AI-CAC <sup>8</sup>	0.514	0.463	0.487
101-400	CARD-ViT	0.545	0.375	0.444
	AI-CAC <sup>8</sup>	0.542	0.406	0.464
400+	CARD-ViT	0.677	0.778	0.724
	AI-CAC <sup>8</sup>	0.724	0.778	0.750
Overall Accuracy	CARD-ViT		0.702	
	AI-CAC <sup>8</sup>		0.707	
Total Cases	CARD-ViT		205	
	AI-CAC <sup>8</sup>		205	



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<https://ai.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/AIp2500709>



# NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING

## Local Large Language Models for Complex Structured Tasks

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### Classification/Sentiment Analysis:

Tell me what the text represents

**Data:** Text with a label

### Entity extraction:

Tell me something specific about the text

**Data:** Text with entity labels

Procedure: A clinically unspecified procedure ; B partial colectomy procedure

C clinically unspecified procedure

OMENTUM (A): METASTATIC HIGH-GRADE CARCINOMA  
location condition

(consistent with urothelial carcinoma)

COLON (B): METASTATIC HIGH-GRADE CARCINOMA  
location condition

(consistent with urothelial carcinoma) PERICOLONIC ADIPOSE  
TISSUE

(focally present at margin)

COLON (C):  
location

METASTATIC HIGH-GRADE CARCINOMA  
condition

(consistent with urothelial carcinoma) PERICOLONIC ADIPOSE

# GENERATIVE TEXT MODELS (LLM)

- Text generation became common after the release of BERT by Google in 2018 (e.g. Generate N tokens)
- Trained on huge volumes of data (reportedly GPT5 was trained on 70T tokens)
- Special tokens used to manage token generation

## Training Data

### CALPHURNIA

When beggars die there are no  
comets seen;  
The heavens themselves blaze  
forth the death of princes.

### CAESAR

Cowards die many times before their deaths;  
The valiant never taste of death but once. Of all  
the wonders that I yet have heard, It seems to me  
most strange that men should fear,

## Inference/Generation

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text_generator("Cowards die many times"), tokens=14)
```

```
[{'generated_text': 'before their deaths, The valiant never taste of  
death but once'}]
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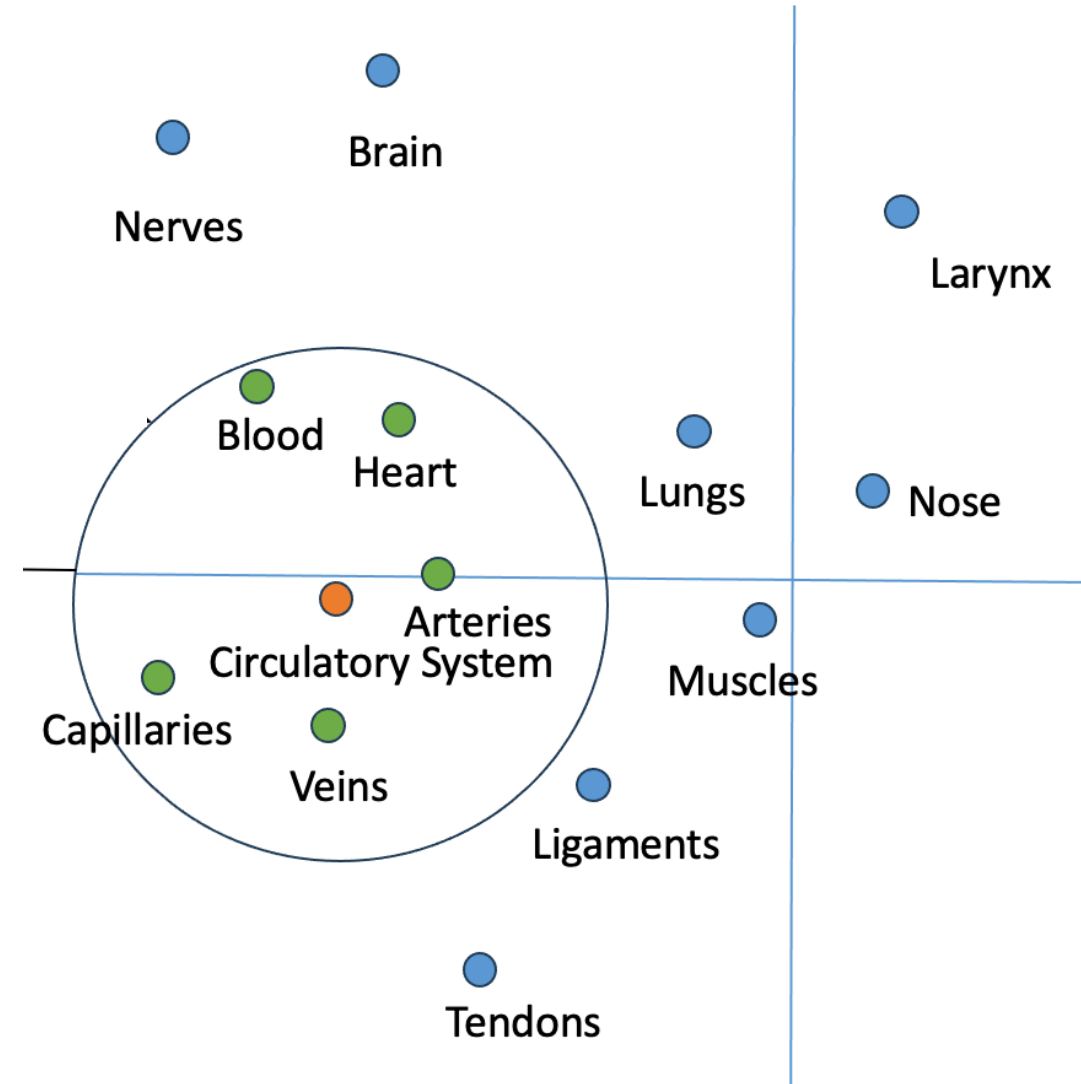
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# LANGUAGE MODEL TRAINING

## Institutional Platform for Secure Self-Service Large Language Model Exploration

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Samuel E Armstrong<sup>1</sup>, Caroline N Leach<sup>1</sup>, Caylin Hickey<sup>1</sup>, Jeff Talbert<sup>1</sup>  
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- Secure access to LLMs
  - HIPAA Compliance
  - Secure tunneling for communication
- Customized utilization of models
  - Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG)
  - Tool Calling



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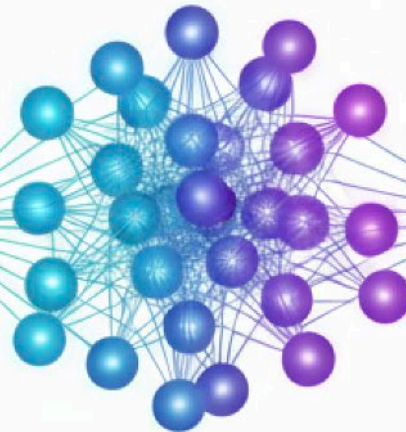
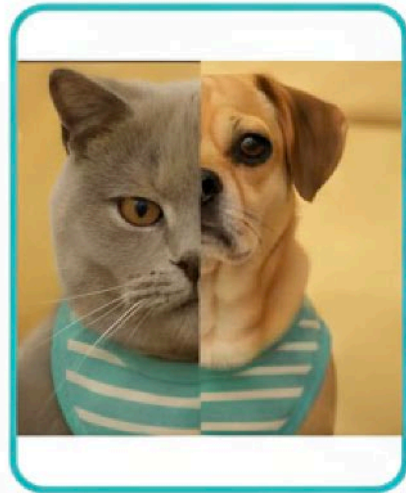
# NARROW (DIAGNOSTIC) FOCUSED MODELS

**Train: Image + Label Input**

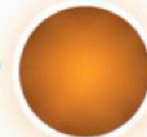
**Inference: Image**

**Model**

**Binary Output**



**Probability  
Cat**



**Probability  
Dog**

- **The model learns to differentiate between options, based on classes**
- **Not all problems can be distilled into classes**

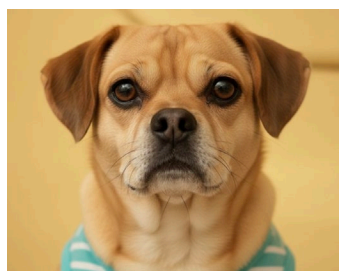


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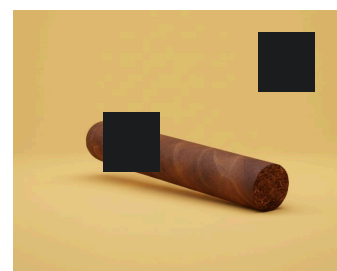
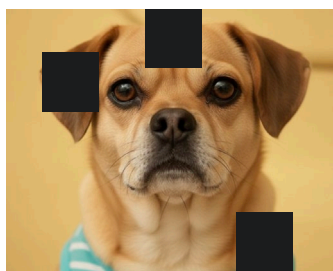
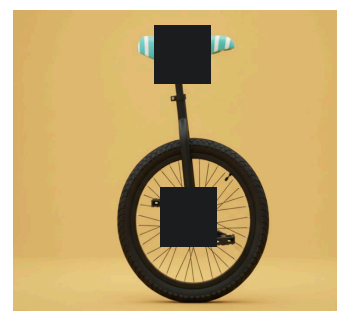
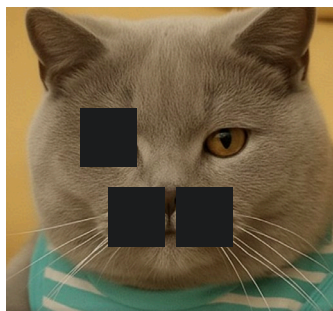


# FOUNDATIONAL MODELS

**Train: Image**  
**Inference: Image**



**Self-Supervision**



**Vector Output**

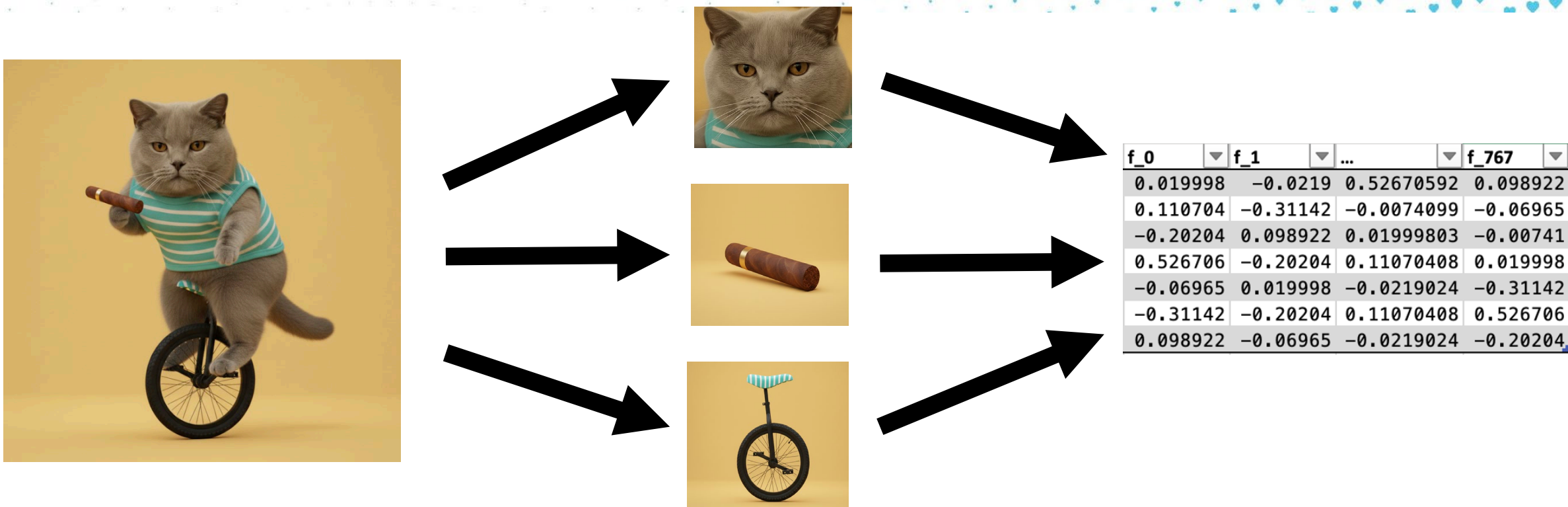
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-0.20204	0.098922	0.01999803	-0.00741
0.526706	-0.20204	0.11070408	0.019998
-0.06965	0.019998	-0.0219024	-0.31142
-0.31142	-0.20204	0.11070408	0.526706
0.098922	-0.06965	-0.0219024	-0.20204

- **The model learns to describe data, resulting in numerical features**
- **Features can be used for binary problems with class labels**
- **Features can also be used for much more, with or without class labels**



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# FOUNDATIONAL MODELS



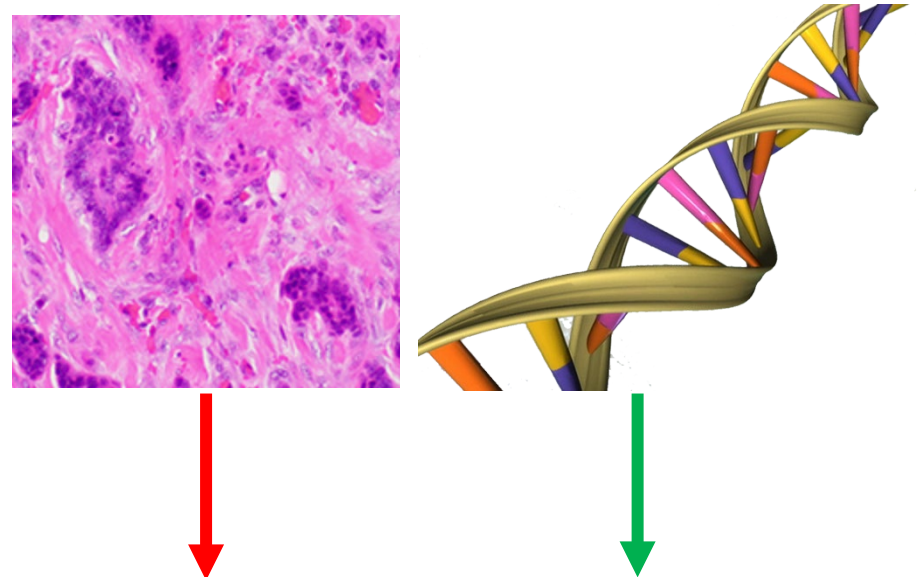
- **Features are descriptions of data that the model has observed**
- **They are not like labels and can represent approximations of classes**
- **Models can describe complex combinations of features that have never been observed**



# MULTI-MODAL LLMS: PUTTING IT TOGETHER

## Inputs

- Text, imaging, timeseries (EKG, eICU), genomics, etc.
- Observe large volumes of data and provide numeric characterizations of inputs (Heart Disease, Cancer, Alzheimer's, etc. features)
- Allows us to holistically leverage medical data across disciplines



age	sex	race	alb	tlc	f_0	f_1	...	f_767
35		0	1	3.2	0.58	0.019998	-0.0219	0.52670592
66		0	1	2.9	0.72	0.110704	-0.31142	-0.0074099
43		1	1	1.2	1.7	-0.20204	0.098922	0.01999803
68		1	1	3.3	0.91	0.526706	-0.20204	0.11070408
40		1	1	1.6	1.12	-0.06965	0.019998	-0.0219024
27		1	1	3.7	2.02	-0.31142	-0.20204	0.11070408
31		0	1	2.8	0.87	0.098922	-0.06965	-0.0219024

Case Data

Image + Genomic



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# FUTURE OF FOUNDATIONAL TRAINING

## Self-Supervision: A Multi-Goal Domain-Specific Approach

We use a combination of learning objectives (loss functions) that work together to create a powerful and robust model. Each objective has a specific biological or data-centric purpose:

- **Reconstruction Loss (Alpha):** Preserves the core gene expression signature that defines a cell's fundamental identity.
- **Masked Prediction Loss (Beta):** Learns the relationships between genes by predicting missing ones, helping to overcome data sparsity and biological "dropouts."
- **Contrastive Loss (Gamma):** Organizes the cells by pushing representations of similar cells together and dissimilar cells apart, revealing the underlying biological structure.
- **Prototype Loss (Delta):** Identifies and solidifies distinct groups or populations of cells, which is analogous to discovering different cell types or states.
- **Leiden Pseudo-Label Loss (Epsilon):** Uses the natural clustering of cells (cell communities) to create self-generated labels, which refines the model's understanding of these groups.
- **Gram Loss (W\_Gram):** Stabilizes the training process, ensuring the model builds upon its knowledge consistently without "forgetting" what it has already learned about cell biology.



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--- Comprehensive Evaluation Report: Hybrid Embeddings ---

Metric	Current Value	Best So Far	Baseline (PCA)	vs. Baseline
k-NN Accuracy	0.7730	0.7788	0.7478	(+3.37%)
Silhouette Score	0.4466	0.4466	-0.1204	(+0.57 abs)
Adjusted Mutual Info (AMI)	0.6387	0.6398	0.3992	(+60.00%)
Significance-Adjusted ARI	0.5596	0.5596	0.1552	(+260.51%)

# FUTURE: FROM BLACK TO GLASS BOX

- **The Goal: Transferring Knowledge**

- We use a large, pre-trained "teacher" MLP to train a smaller, transparent "student" KAN model transferring the powerful patterns learned by the black-box MLP into an interpretable KAN architecture

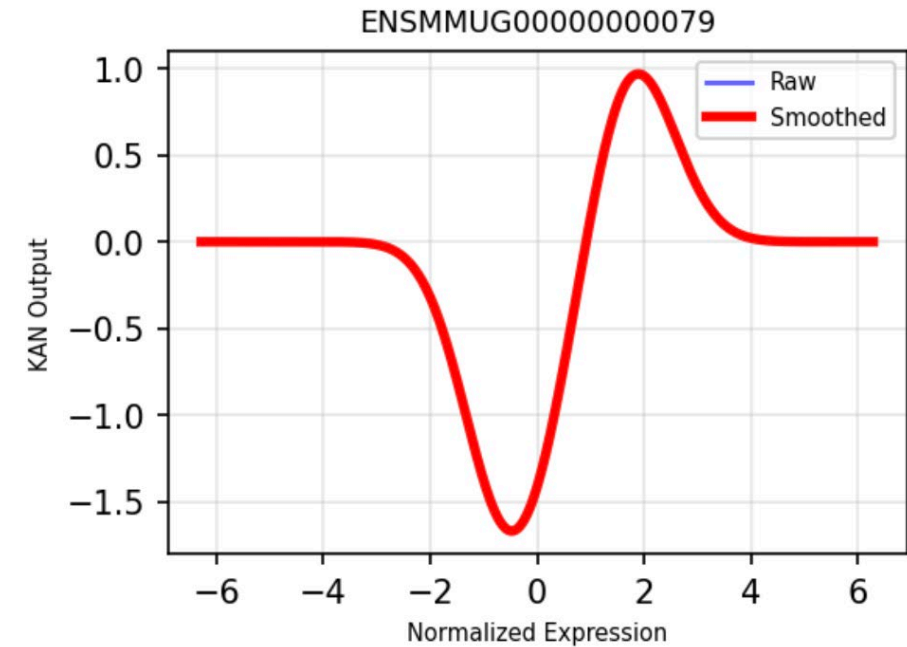
- **The Result: True Explainability**

- Visualize Relationships: We can simply plot a spline to see the exact, non-linear interaction the model has learned for any given gene

- Mathematically Explain: Use curve fitting to find equation

- **The Discovery : Bi-phasic switch**

- This gene acts as a concentration-dependent switch, inhibiting (from -4 to about 0.9) at low expression, and activating (from ~0.9 upwards), at high a behavior, functioning as a mathematically explainable regulatory mechanism



$$y = (e^x - 2.4199)e^{(x-0.3117)(-0.1128-0.4484x)}$$



# CLOSING

- **AI in healthcare is about reducing the size of and complexity of information to a scale providers can interpret, and patients can understand**
- Where it is useful, AI in the broader sense, is and will continue to be used
- A shift from diagnostics to generative companions is taking place
- The global development, study, evaluation, and monitoring of domain-specific foundational models is a necessity in the advancement of AI
- Personal health assistants, both virtual and robotic, can inform and potentially physically assist







# THANK YOU!

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