

CSC 2541: Machine Learning for Healthcare

Lecture 2: Supervised Learning for Classification, Risk Scores and Survival

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Course Reminders!

- Submit the weekly reflection questions to MarkUs!
- Start the homework early (e.g., last week)!
- Sign up for a [paper presentation slot](#)!
- Think about your projects!

Logistics

- Course website:
<https://cs2541-ml4h2020.github.io>
- Piazza:
<https://piazza.com/utoronto.ca/winter2020/csc2541>
- Grading:
 - 20% Homework (3 problem sets)
 - 10% Weekly reflections on Markus (5 questions)
 - 10% Paper presentation done in-class (sign-up after the first lecture)
 - 60% course project (an eight-page write up)

Schedule

Jan 9, 2020, Lecture 1: Why is healthcare unique?

Jan 16, 2020, Lecture 2: Supervised Learning for Classification, Risk Scores and Survival

Jan 23, 2020, Lecture 3: Clinical Time Series Modelling

Jan 30, 2020, Lecture 4: Causal inference with Health Data --- Dr. Shalmali Joshi (Vector)

Problem Set 1 (Jan 31 at 11:59pm)

Feb 6, 2020, Lecture 5: Fairness, Ethics, and Healthcare

Project proposals (Feb 6 at 5pm)

Feb 13, 2020, Lecture 6: Deep Learning in Medical Imaging -- Dr. Joseph Paul Cohen (MILA)

Problem Set 2 (Feb 14 at 11:59pm)

Feb 20, 2020, Lecture 7: Clinical NLP and Audio -- Dr. Tristan Naumann (MSR)

Feb 27, 2020, Lecture 8: Clinical Reinforcement Learning

Mar 5, 2020, Lecture 9: Interpretability / Humans-In-The-Loop --- Dr. Rajesh Ranganath (NYU)

Problem Set 3 (Mar 6 at 11:59pm)

Mar 12, 2020, Lecture 10: Disease Progression Modelling/Transfer Learning -- Irene Chen (MIT)

Mar 19, 2020, Project Sessions/Lecture

Mar 26, 2020, Course Presentations

April 4, 2020, Course Presentations

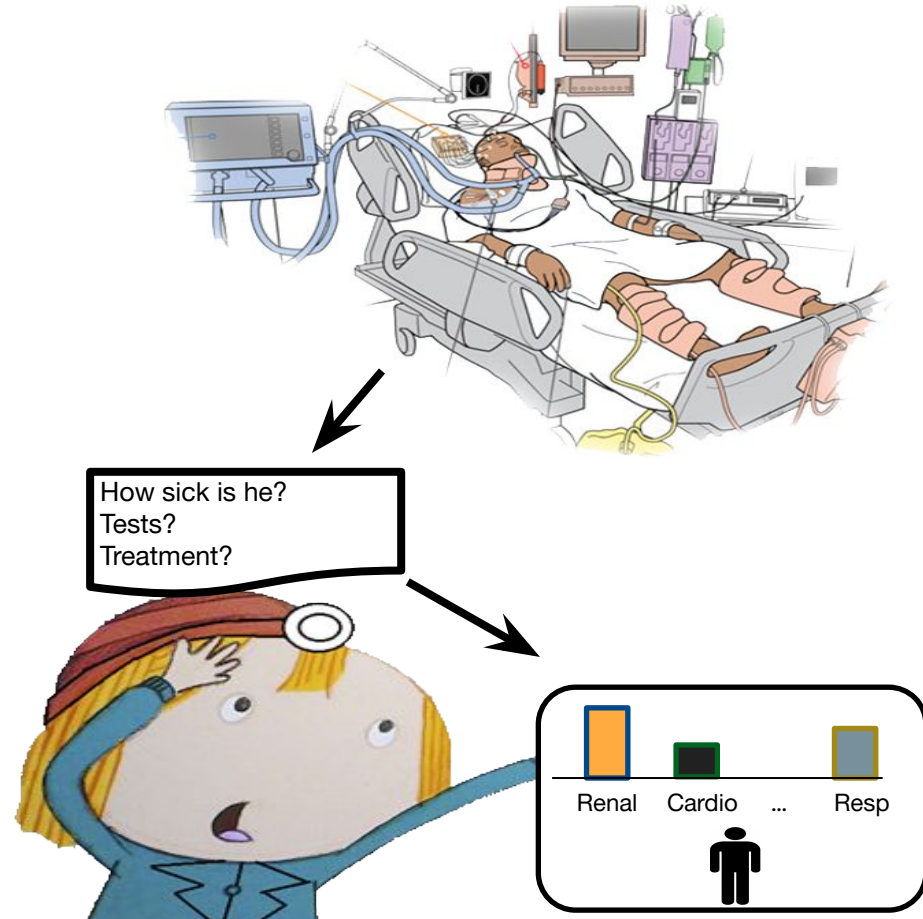
Project Report (Apr 3 at 11:59pm)

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Clinicians Need to Estimate Patient State and Predict Outcome

- How do I figure out which patient needs my attention now?
- How will the patient's underlying cardiovascular system respond to my plan of care?
- If I discharge this patient, will they be readmitted?
- Are a patient's home behaviors impacting their health?

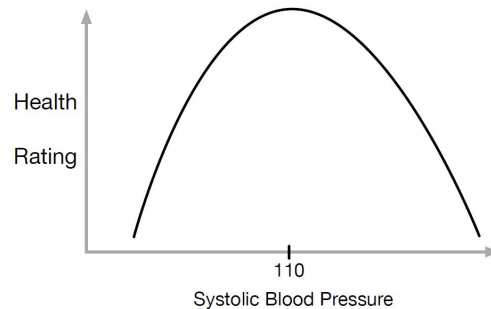


But Those Challenges...

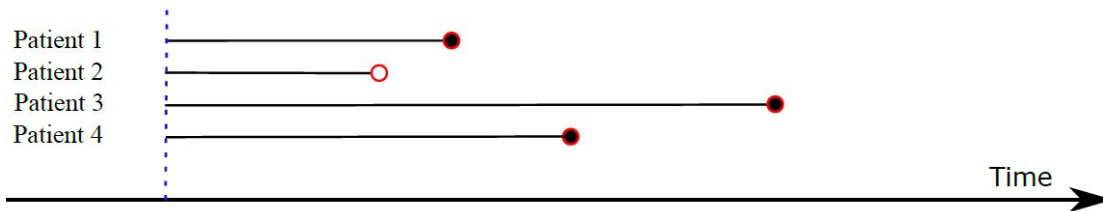
Incomplete Data

	HCT	CR	BUN	CA
Patient 1	?		?	?
Patient 2			?	?
Patient 3		?	?	

Non-linear Relationships

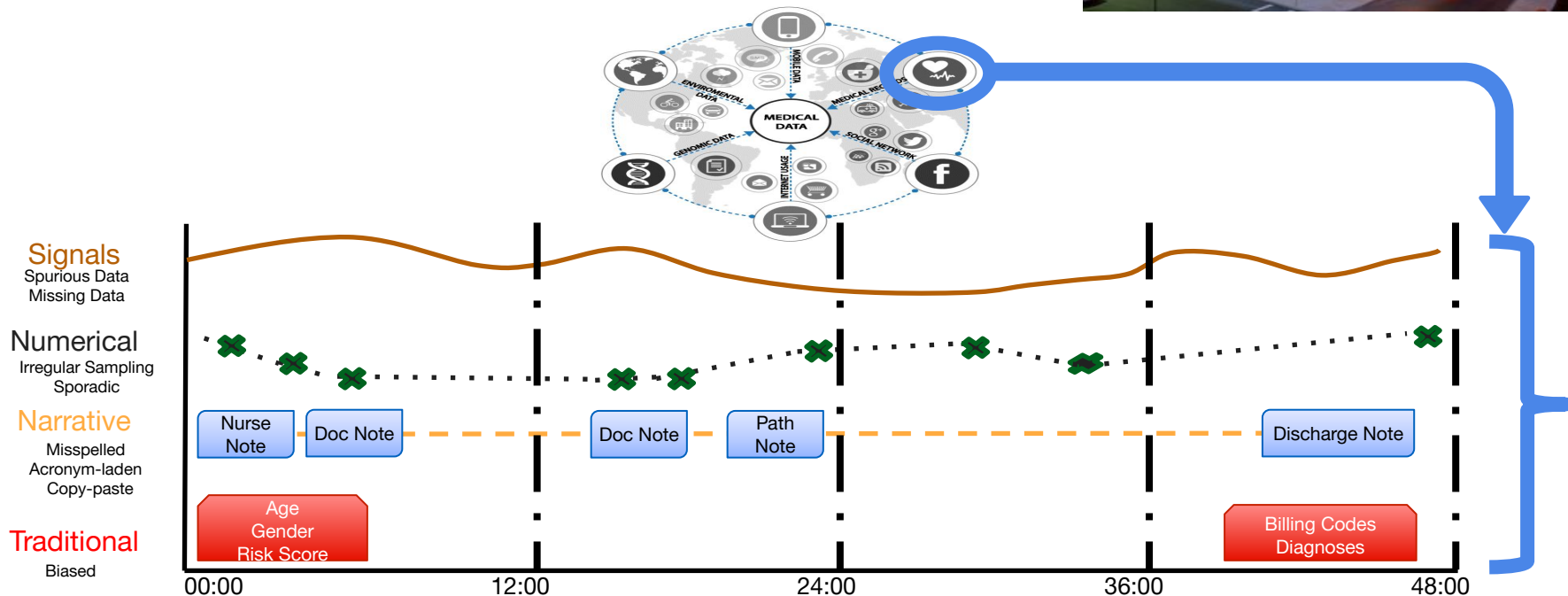


Censoring



MIMIC III ICU Data

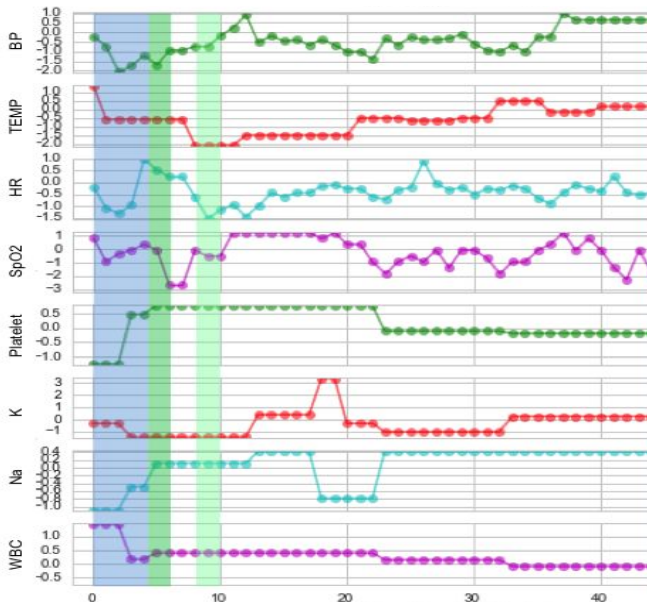
- Learning with real patient data from the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center ICU.¹



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Problem: Hospital decision-making / care planning

Observe Patient Data

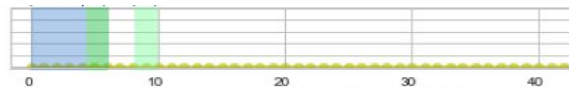


“Real-time” Prediction

Of {Drug/Mortality/Condition}

By Gap Time

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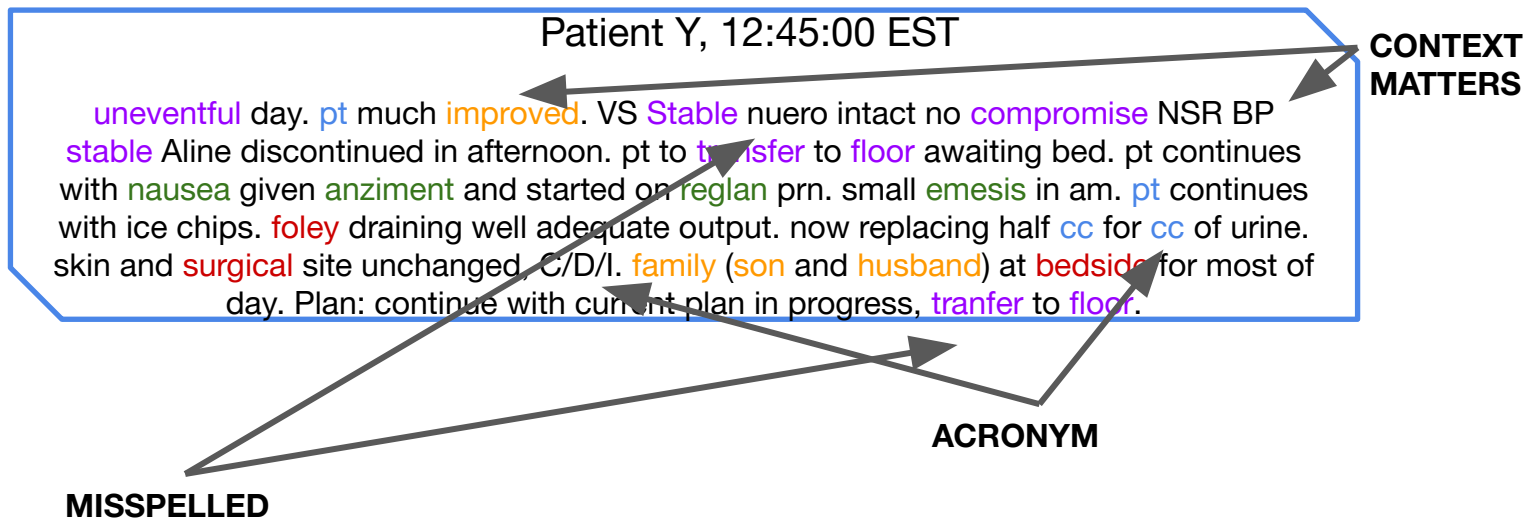
Part 1: Predict **mortality** with clinical **notes**

- **Acuity** (severity of illness) very important - use **mortality** as a **proxy** for **acuity**.¹
- Prior state-of-the-art focused on feature engineering in **labs/vitals** for target populations.²
- But **clinicians** rely on **notes**.

[1] Siontis, George CM, Ioanna Tzoulaki, and John PA Ioannidis. "Predicting death: an empirical evaluation of predictive tools for mortality." *Archives of internal medicine* 171.19 (2011): 1721-1726.

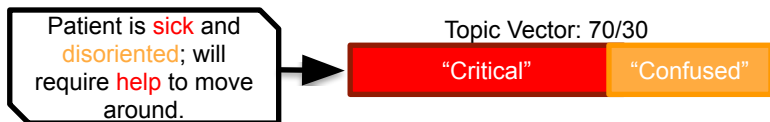
[2] Grady, Deborah, and Seth A. Berkowitz. "Why is a good clinical prediction rule so hard to find?." *Archives of internal medicine* 171.19 (2011): 1701-1702.

Clinical notes are messy...



Represent patients as topic vectors

- Model patient stays as an **aggregated set** of notes.
- Model notes as a **distribution** over topics.
- A “topic” is a **distribution** over words, that we learn.



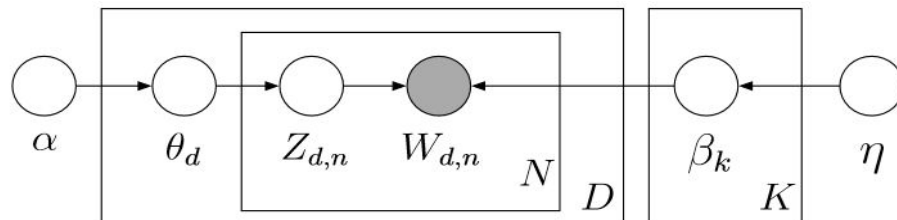
- Use Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)¹ as an **unsupervised** way to **abstract** 473,000 notes from 19,000 patients into “topics”.²

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Learning topics

- Observe **words**, infer **Z**:



$$\prod_{i=1}^K p(\beta_i | \eta) \prod_{d=1}^D p(\theta_d | \alpha) \left(\prod_{n=1}^N p(z_{d,n} | \theta_d) p(w_{d,n} | \beta_{1:K}, z_{d,n}) \right)$$

Per-word topic assignment $Z_{d,n}$

Per-doc topic proportion θ_d

Corpus topic distribution β_k

Sparsity α

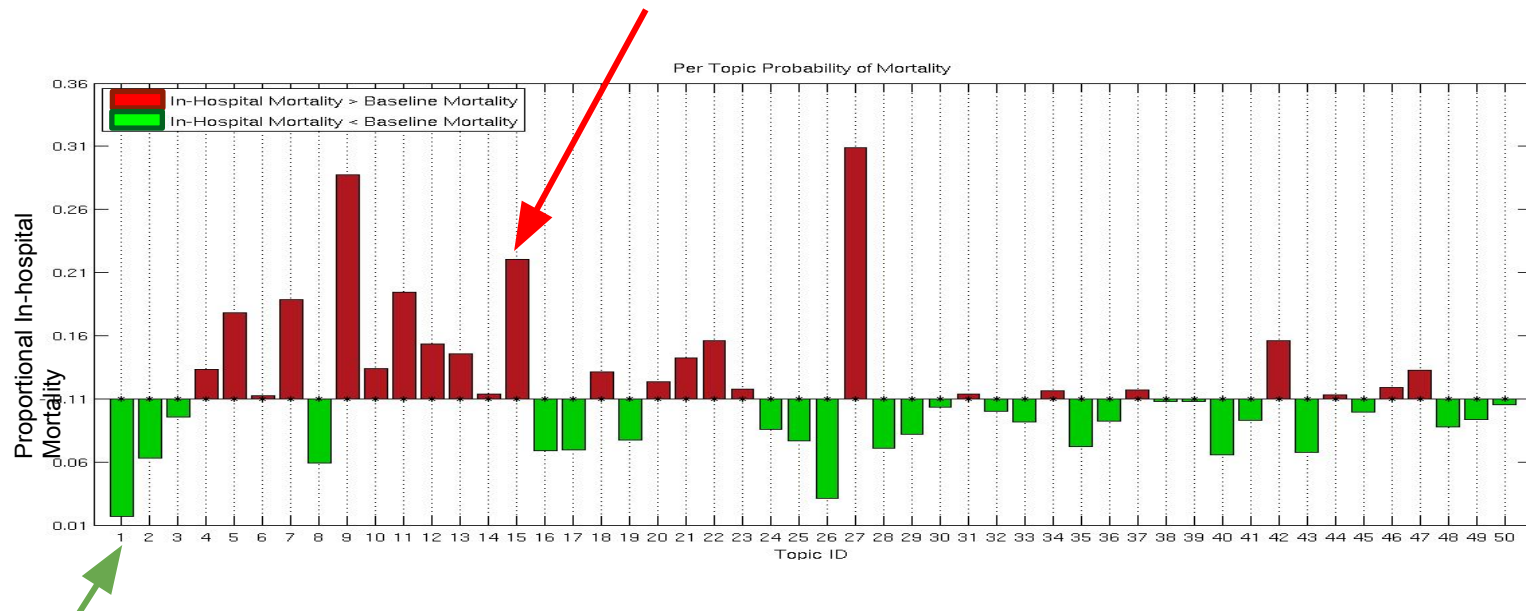
Exclusivity η

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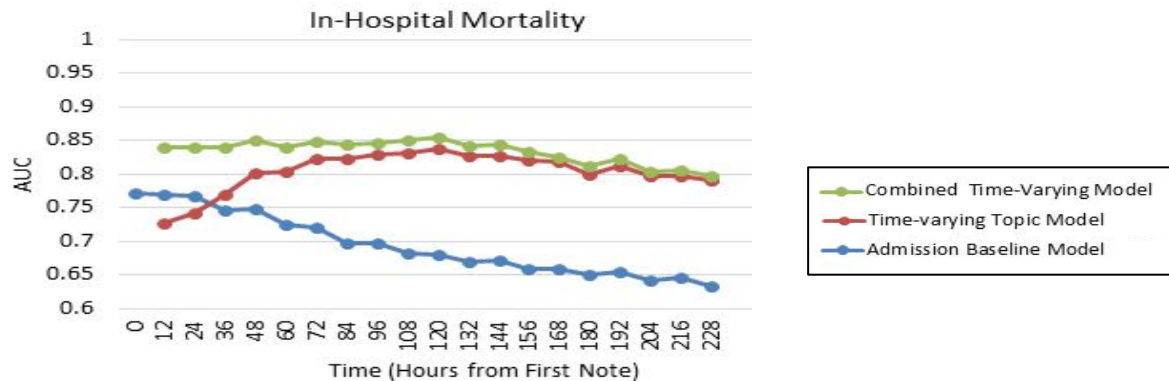
Correlation between average topic and mortality

Topic #	Top Ten Words	Possible Topic
15	intubated vent ett secretions propofol abg respiratory resp care sedated	Respiratory failure



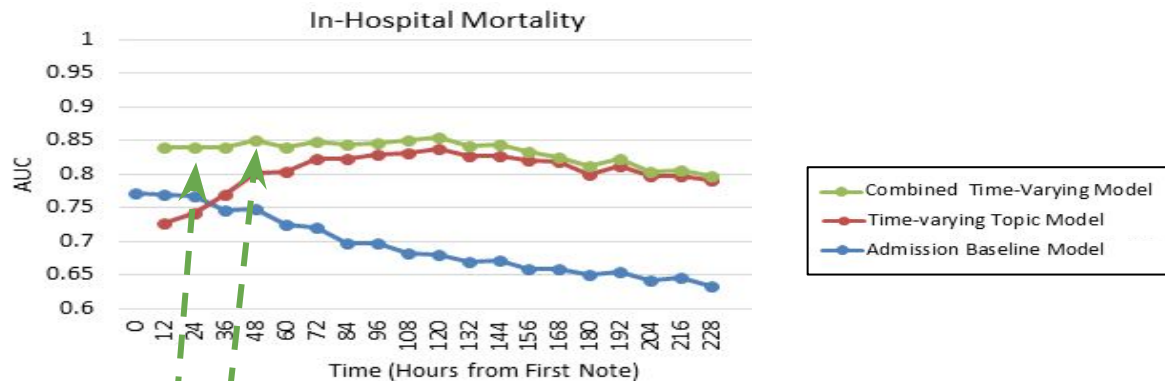
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1	cabg, pain, ct, artery, coronary, valve, post, wires, chest, sp	Cardiovascular surgery

Topics improve in-hospital mortality prediction



- **First** to do **forward-facing ICU mortality** prediction with notes.
- **Latent** representations **add** predictive power.
- Topics enable accurately **assess risk** from **notes**.

More complex models are not always better



Author	AUC	Method	Episodes	Hours	Variables
Ghassemi, 2014	0.84/ 0.85	LDA	19,308	24/48	53 - notes
Caballero, 2015	0.86	Text processing + medication	15,000	24	? - notes/meds
Che, 2015	0.8-0.82	Deep Learning (LSTM)	3,940	48	30 - vitals
Che, 2016	0.7/0.85	Deep Learning (GRU)	19,714	12/48	99 - vitals/meds
Che, 2018	0.85	Deep Learning (GRU-D)	19,714	48	99 - vitals/meds

More
Complex ≠
Better

Caballero Barajas, Karla L., and Ram Akella. "Dynamically Modeling Patient's Health State from Electronic Medical Records: A Time Series Approach." *Proceedings of the 21th ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining*. ACM, 2015.

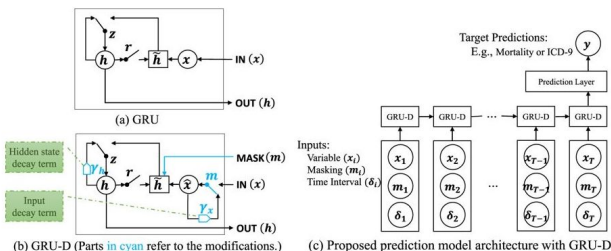
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Che Z, Purushotham S, Cho K, Sontag D, Liu Y. Recurrent neural networks for multivariate time series with missing values. Scientific reports. 2018 Apr 17;8(1):6085.

Even when complex and clever!

- Explicitly capture and use missing patterns in RNNs via systematically modified architectures.



- Performance bump is small, is MIMIC mortality our MNIST?

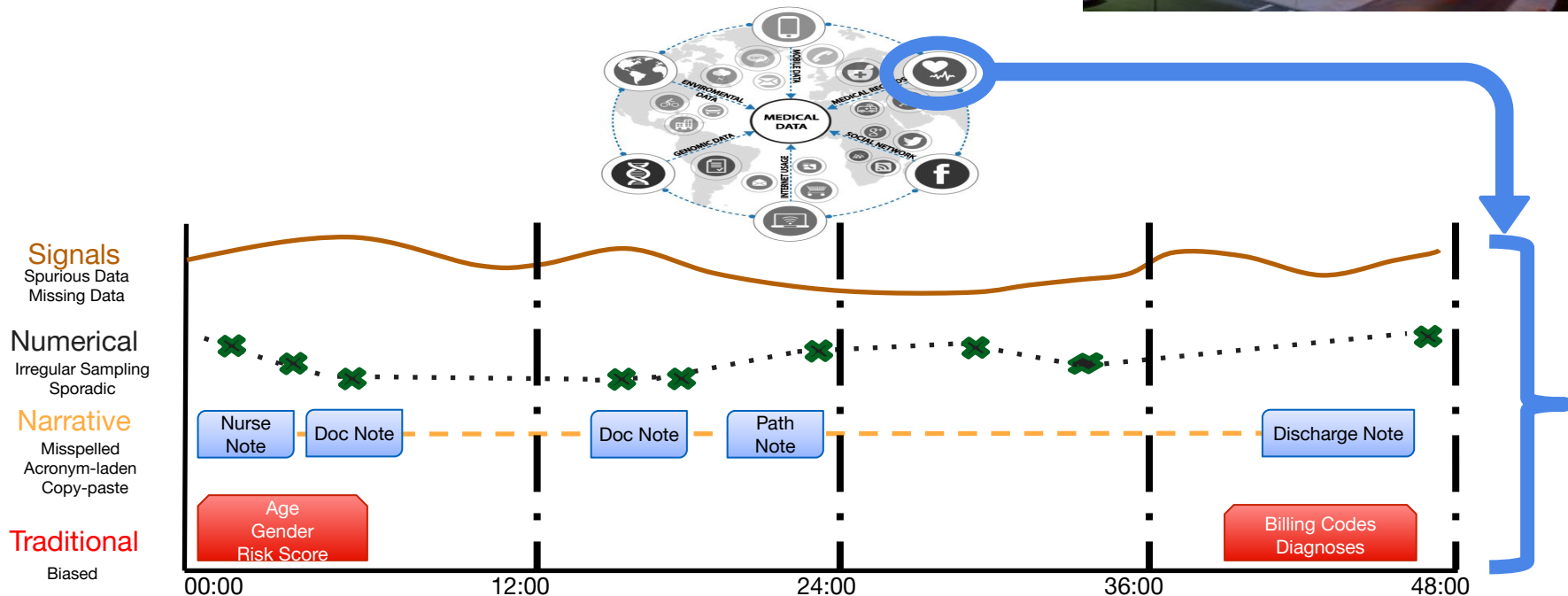
Non-RNN Models						RNN Models	
Mortality Prediction On MIMIC-III Dataset						LSTM-Mean	0.8142 ± 0.014
LR-Mean	0.7589 ± 0.015	SVM-Mean	0.7908 ± 0.006	RF-Mean	0.8293 ± 0.004	GRU-Mean	0.8252 ± 0.011
LR-Forward	0.7792 ± 0.018	SVM-Forward	0.8010 ± 0.004	RF-Forward	0.8303 ± 0.003	GRU-Forward	0.8192 ± 0.013
LR-Simple	0.7715 ± 0.015	SVM-Simple	0.8146 ± 0.008	RF-Simple	0.8294 ± 0.007	GRU-Simple w/o δ^{22}	0.8367 ± 0.009
LR-SoftImpute	0.7598 ± 0.017	SVM-SoftImpute	0.7540 ± 0.012	RF-SoftImpute	0.7855 ± 0.011	GRU-Simple w/o $m^{23,24}$	0.8266 ± 0.009
LR-KNN	0.6877 ± 0.011	SVM-KNN	0.7200 ± 0.004	RF-KNN	0.7135 ± 0.015	GRU-Simple	0.8380 ± 0.008
LR-CubicSpline	0.7270 ± 0.005	SVM-CubicSpline	0.6376 ± 0.018	RF-CubicSpline	0.8339 ± 0.007	GRU-CubicSpline	0.8180 ± 0.011
LR-MICE	0.6965 ± 0.019	SVM-MICE	0.7169 ± 0.012	RF-MICE	0.7159 ± 0.005	GRU-MICE	0.7527 ± 0.015
LR-MF	0.7158 ± 0.018	SVM-MF	0.7266 ± 0.017	RF-MF	0.7234 ± 0.011	GRU-MF	0.7843 ± 0.012
LR-PCA	0.7246 ± 0.014	SVM-PCA	0.7235 ± 0.012	RF-PCA	0.7747 ± 0.009	GRU-PCA	0.8236 ± 0.007
LR-MissForest	0.7279 ± 0.016	SVM-MissForest	0.7482 ± 0.016	RF-MissForest	0.7858 ± 0.010	GRU-MissForest	0.8239 ± 0.006
						Proposed GRU-D	0.8527 ± 0.003

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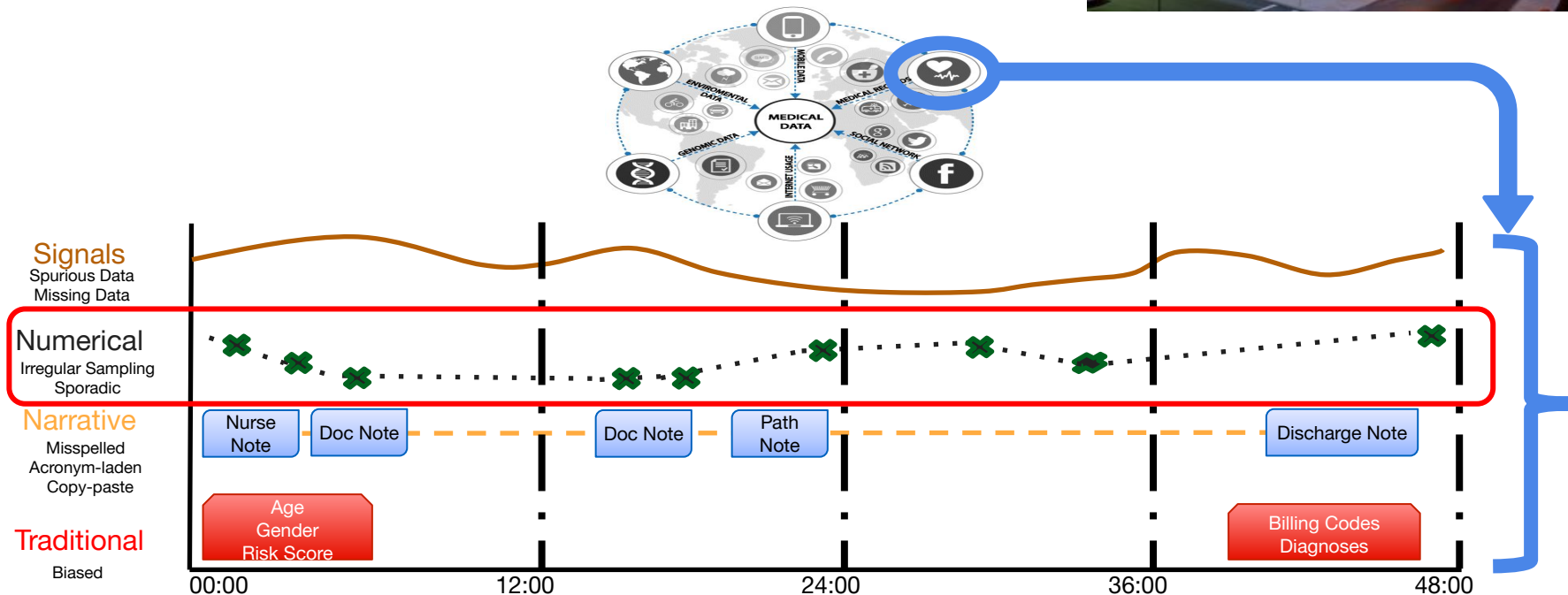
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Example: Early prediction of vasopressor interventions

- Vasopressors are a **common** drug to raise blood pressure.
- All drugs can be **harmful**, we'd like to avoid when possible.^{1,2}
- Assume that real **clinical** actions are good learning **data**.
- Predict **upcoming interventions** based on evidence.^{3,4}

[1] Müllner, Marcus, Bernhard Urbanek, Christof Havel, Heidrun Losert, Gunnar Gamper, and Harald Herkner. "Vasopressors for shock." *The Cochrane Library* (2004).

[2] D'Aragon, Frederick, Emilie P. Belley-Cote, Maureen O. Meade, François Lauzier, Neill KJ Adhikari, Matthias Briel, Manoj Lalu et al. "Blood Pressure Targets For Vasopressor Therapy: A Systematic Review." *Shock* 43, no. 6 (2015): 530-539.

[3] Vincent, Jean-Louis, and Mervyn Singer. "Critical care: advances and future perspectives." *The Lancet* 376.9749 (2010): 1354-1361.

[4] Ospina-Tascón, Gustavo A., Gustavo Luiz Büchele, and Jean-Louis Vincent. "Multicenter, randomized, controlled trials evaluating mortality in intensive care: Doomed to fail?." *Critical care medicine* 36.4 (2008): 1311-1322.

Define clinically actionable prediction tasks:

Tasks:

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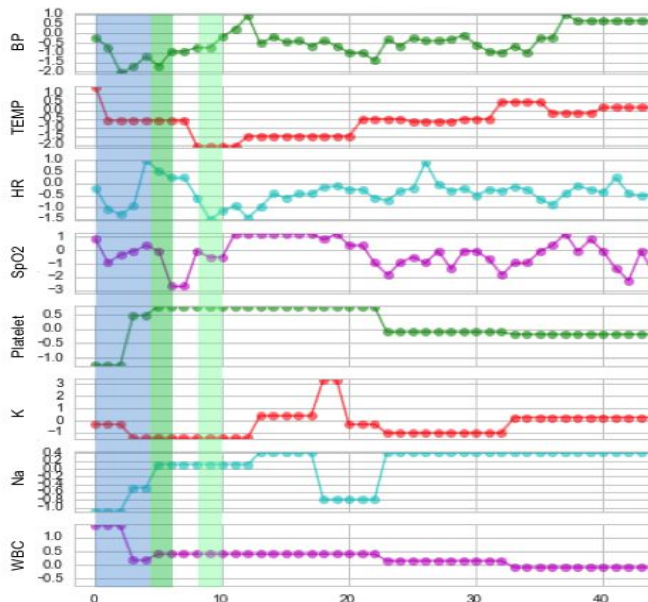
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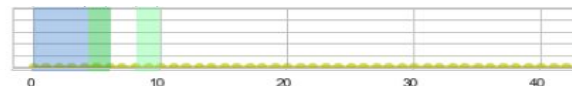
Define predictive task

Observe Physiological Signals



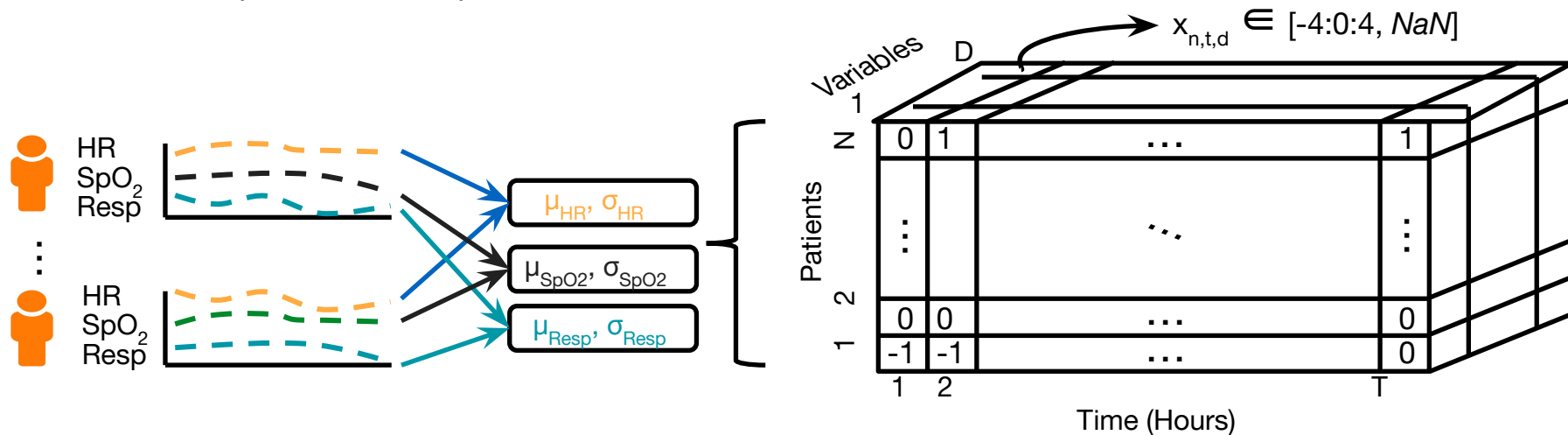
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Every Hour
Predict Onset of Drug
Before the Doctor



Domain knowledge: Shared underlying physiological state

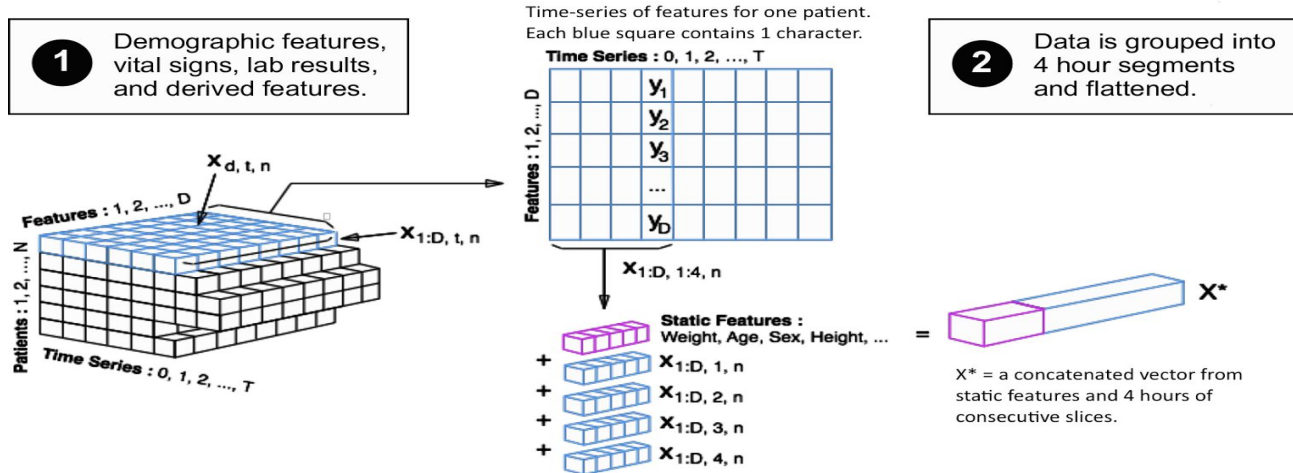
- **Z-score** (standardize) and **quantize** time series data.



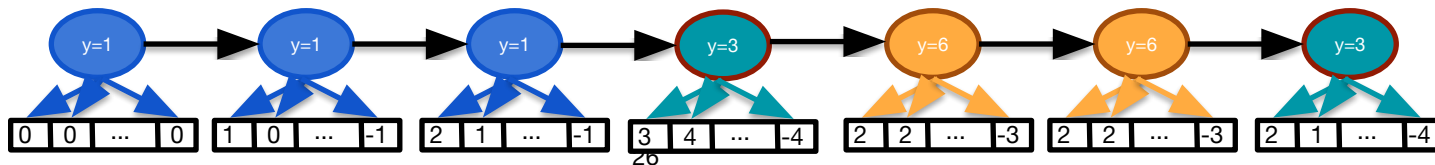
- Every $x_{n,t,d}$ is one of ten possible **characters**, -4:0:4 or *NaN*.
- Every $x_{n,t}$ is one of 10^D possible **words**.

Switching State Autoregressive Model Representation

- A patient n is a **sequence** of latent physiological **states** y .



- A physiological state y is a **distribution** over physiological words x .



Extracting latent belief states from SSAM

- HMM sequence y_t^n on the signals x_t^n

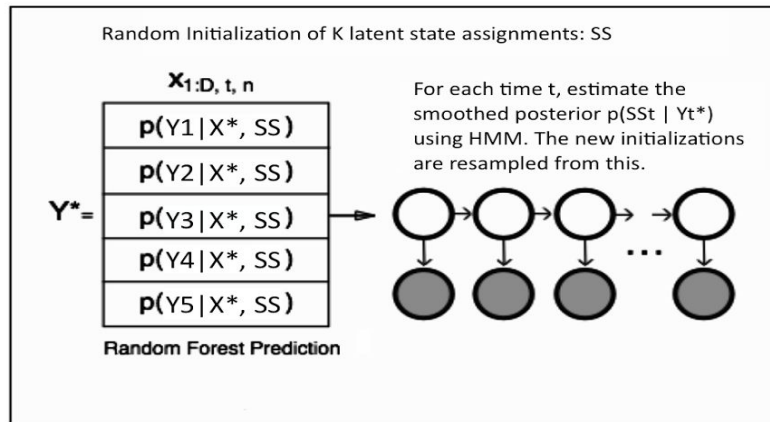
$$\begin{aligned} y_t^n &\sim T_y(\cdot | y_{t-1}^n) \\ x_t^n(p) &\sim T_x(x_t^n(p) | x_{t-1}^n, \theta_p, y_{t-1}^n) \end{aligned}$$

- x_t^n modeled by $T_x(x_t^n(p) | x, \theta)$; θ are governed by y_t^n
- Each state $1 \dots k$ has distinct set of parameters $\{\theta_{d,k}\}$, via K sets of tuples and D classifiers.
- Train $\theta_{d;k}$ to predict $x_t^n(d) | x_{t-4:t-1}^n$.
- Update state sequences y_t^n given $\{\theta_{d,k}\}$.

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A switching-state autoregressive model is applied to the data.

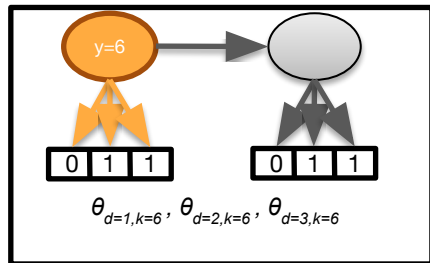
SSAM Clustering : Repeat Q iterations



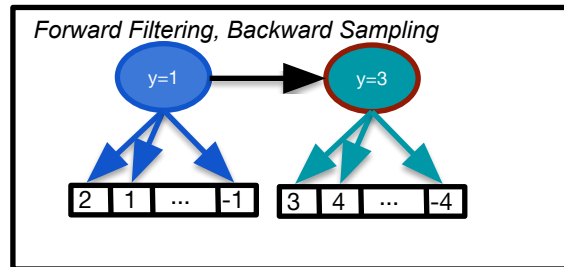
Discrete state space and per-variable missingness

- Use discrete state space.
- Model *NaN* (missing) as a valid emission.
- Cluster similar underlying states.
- For D variables and K latent states, perform inference iteratively:

1. Optimize parameters $\theta_{d,k}$

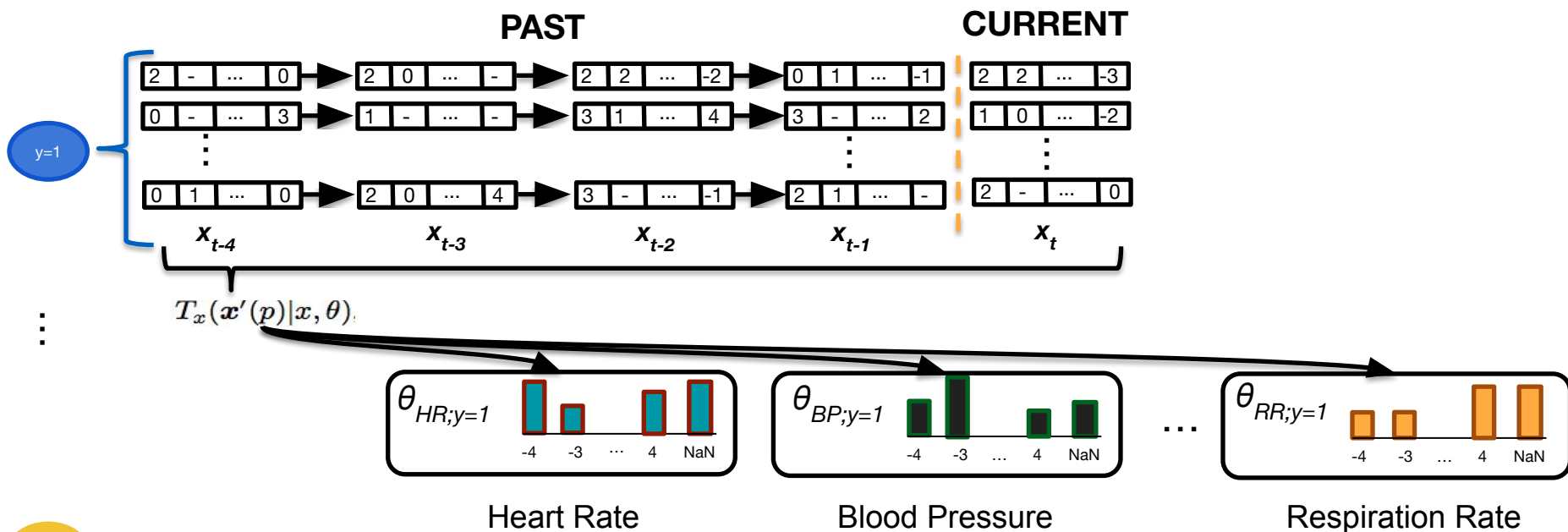


2. Sample states y_t^n



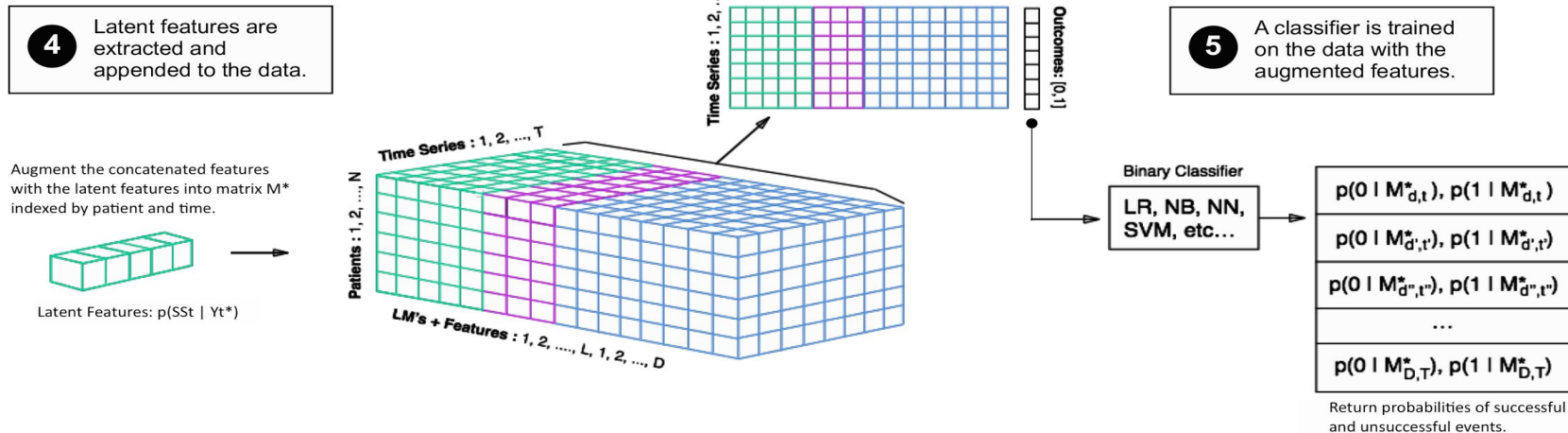
Distribution of values per-variable and latent

- Train parameters $\theta_{d;k}$ to predict $x_t^n(d)$ given $x_{t-4:t-1}^n$



Using SSAM for structured prediction

- SSAM states are **learned** in an **unsupervised** setting.
- Evaluate** them in a **supervised** setting, on clinical tasks.



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Previous work - use strong baselines

- **Baseline 1:** Prior work¹ predicted vasopressor onset in ICU patients with pre-treatment (fluids).
 - 2 hour gap
 - 3 demographics and 22 signals
 - AUC of 0.79

[1] Fialho, A. S., et al. "Disease-based modeling to predict fluid response in intensive care units." *Methods Inf Med* 52.6 (2013): 494-502.

* 2 hour gap, 22 derived/3 static features.

Vasopressor onset prediction beats SOTA results

	AUC
Baseline 1 – Prior Work	0.79
Baseline 2 – Raw Data	0.83
SSAM Representations	0.83
Raw Data + SSAM Rep.	0.88

- **Latent** representations **add** predictive power.
- New state-of-the art prediction, 0.88 = thousands of **people treated early!**

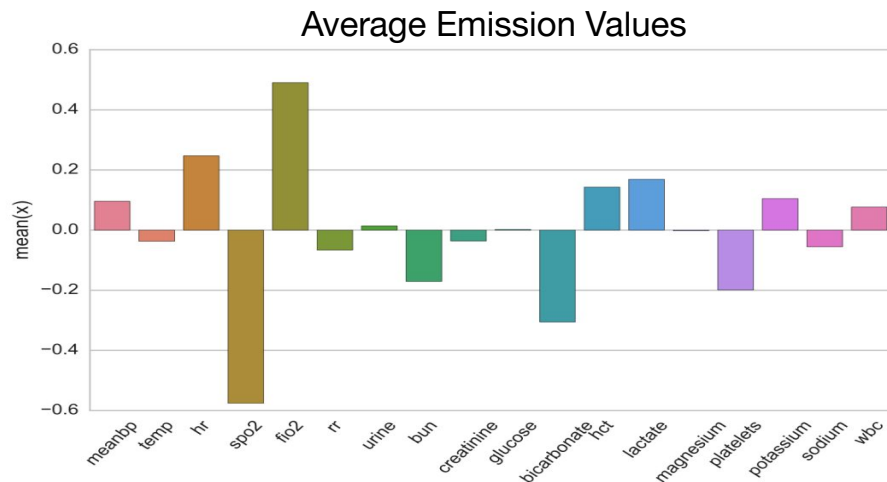
Regularized prediction emphasizes latent states

- **Latent states** are consistently **significant** across a large **variable space**.



Post-hoc justification

- Investigate state associated with vasopressor onset?



- Low average values of blood oxygenation and bicarbonate.
- Highest lactate levels of any state.

Similar trends in other predictive tasks

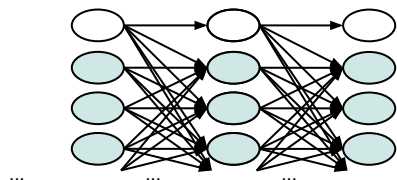
	Short-Term Need (Gapped AUC)	Imminent Need (Ungapped AUC)	Weaning
Baseline 1 – Prior Work	0.79	-	-
Baseline 2 – Raw Data	0.83	0.89	0.67
SSAM Representations	0.83	0.87	0.63
Raw Data + SSAM Rep.	0.88	0.92	0.71

- Our representations are **useful abstractions** for **multiple tasks**.

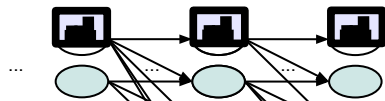
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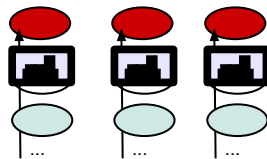
More outcomes and improved dynamics



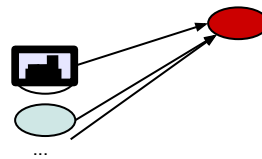
Learn model parameters over patients with variational EM.



Infer hourly distribution over hidden states with HMM DP (fwd alg.).



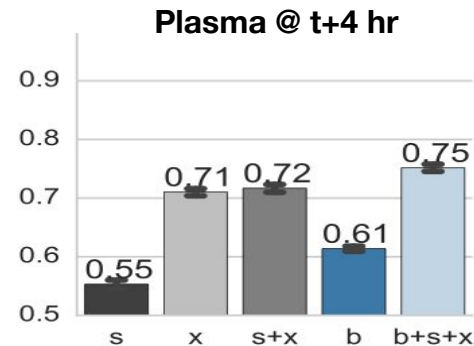
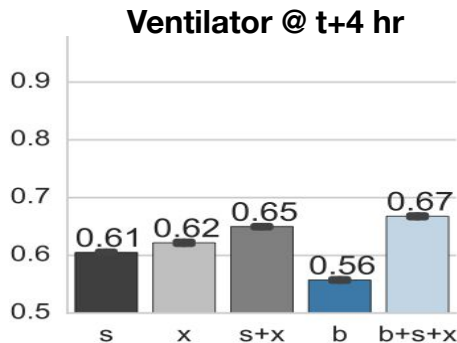
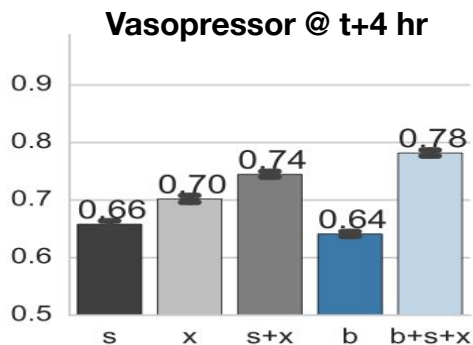
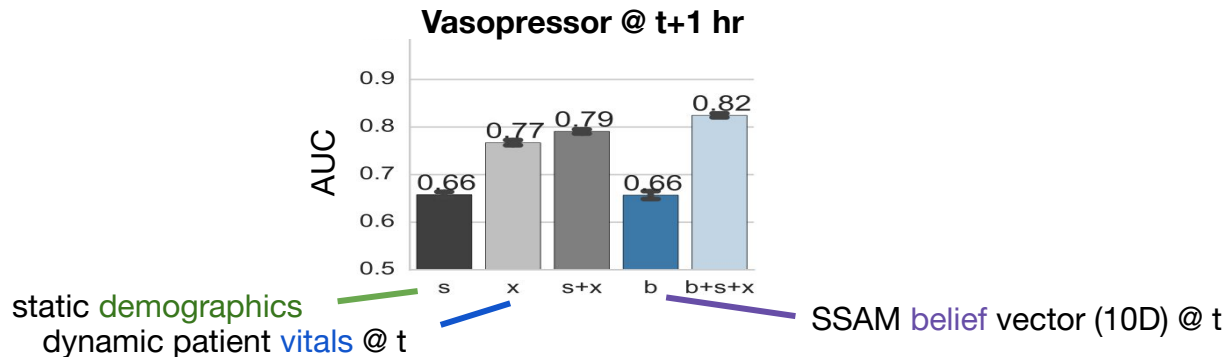
Logistic regression (with label-balanced cost function)



Predict onset in advance

- More Interventions: fresh-frozen-plasma transfusion (ffp), platelet transfusion, red-blood-cell (rbc) transfusion, vasopressor administration, and ventilator intubation.
- Gaussian Emission Model for Dynamics:
 - Static observations s (10 dimensions using one-hot encoding),
 - Dynamic time-series observations x (18 dimensions)
 - Belief state vectors b ($K=10$ dimensions) from the switching state model forward belief state

State space beliefs improve prediction

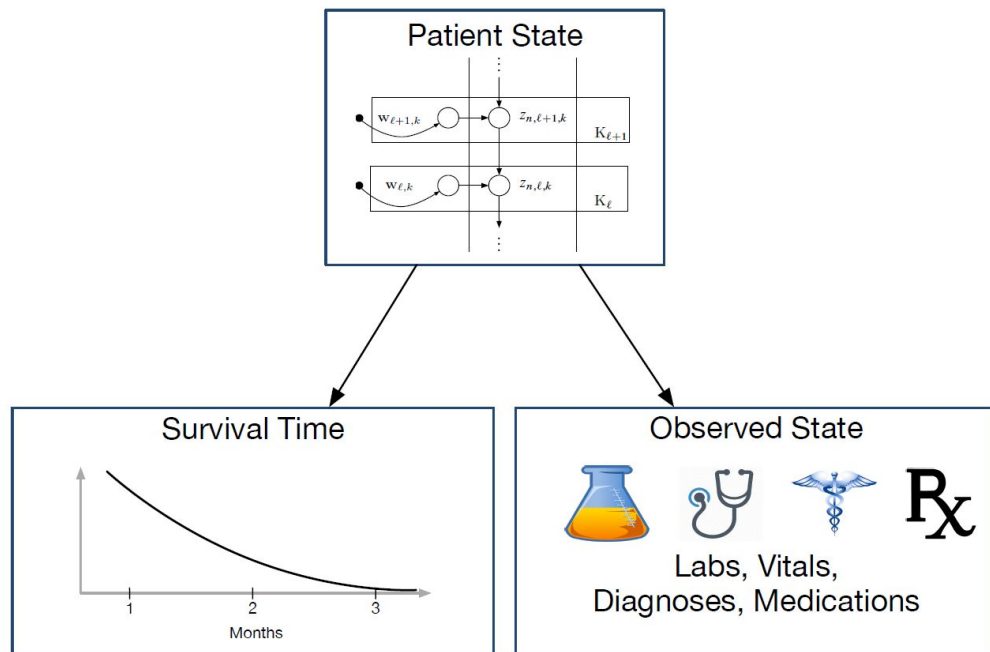


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Survival Analysis

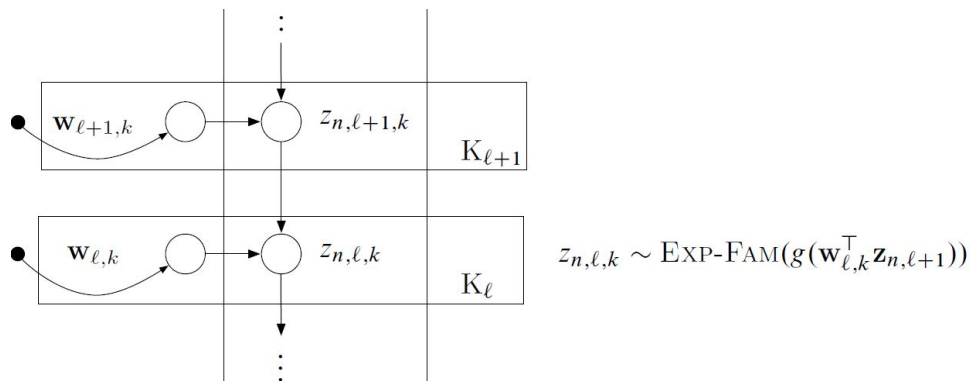
- Survival Analysis studies the time to an event.
- Commonly used in EHR for “time to” discharge/death/etc.
- We need **flexible hidden structures** to describe patient state.



Deep Exponential Families

- \mathbf{x} , the set of covariates
- $\boldsymbol{\beta}$, the parameters for the data with some prior $\mathbf{p}(\boldsymbol{\beta})$
- \mathbf{k} , a fixed scalar
- \mathbf{n} , the index to an observation
- \mathbf{z} , the latent variable
- \mathbf{L} , the number of layers of latent variables each observation has

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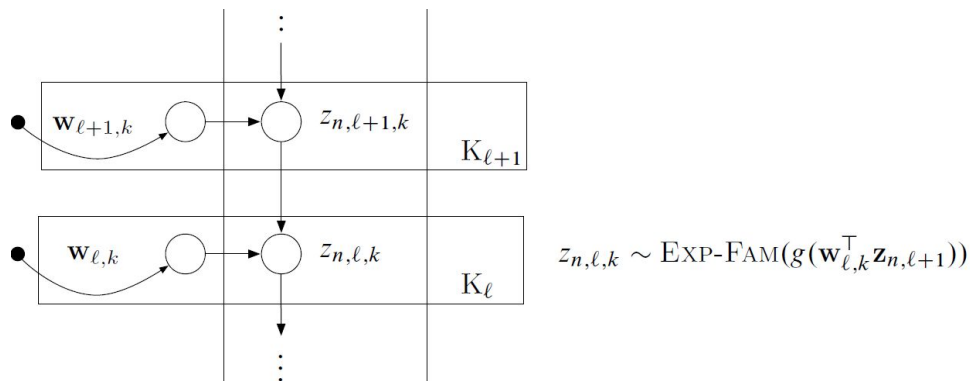
- Use a DEF to represent state.
- All distributions are canonical in exponential family form

$$p(z_{n,\ell,k} | \mathbf{z}_{n,\ell+1}, \mathbf{w}_{\ell,k}) = \exp\{\eta(\cdot)^\top t(z_{n,\ell,k}) - a(\eta(\cdot))\}$$

$$\eta(\cdot) = g(\mathbf{z}_{n,\ell+1}^\top \mathbf{w}_{\ell,k})$$

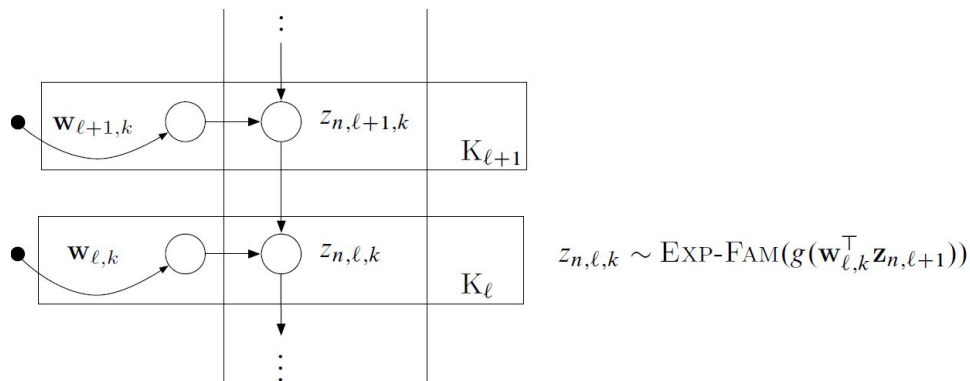
- More general functions can also be used.

Deep Exponential Families



- Possibilities for the hidden layers
 - Binary: Bernoulli
 - Count: Poisson
 - Non-negative (and sparse): Gamma
 - Real-valued: Gaussian

Deep Exponential Families



- Many existing models are DEFs
 - Mixture models
 - Factorial mixture models [Ghahramani+ 1995]
 - Poisson factorization [Canny+ 2004]
 - Exponential family factor analysis [Mohamed+ 2008]
 - Correlated topic models [Blei+ 2007]

Deep Survival Analysis

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$$t_n \sim \text{Weibull}(\log(1 + \exp(z_n^\top a + b)), k)$$

- Use the Weibull distribution to model failure times as its cdf and pdf are both analytically tractable.

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- \mathbf{x}_n can be missing ✓
- Relationships flexible through latent space ✓
- Censoring through tractable CDF ✓
- Make predictions via posterior inference
 - Works empirically! ✓

Predicting CHD from EHR

- 300K individuals from a large metropolitan hospital
- Adults with at least 5 interactions with the hospital's network
- Covariates:
 - 9 vital signs
 - 80 laboratory test measurements
 - 5K medication orders
 - 13K diagnosis
- Data aggregated at a month level
- CHD events were defined by the occurrence of
 - 413 (angina pectoris)
 - 410 (myocardial infarction)
 - 411 (coronary insufficiency)

Results

Model	Concordance (%)
Baseline Framingham Risk Score	65.57
Deep Survival Analysis; K=10	69.35
Deep Survival Analysis; K=5	70.45
Deep Survival Analysis; K=25	71.20
Deep Survival Analysis; K=75	71.65
Deep Survival Analysis; K=100	72.71
Deep Survival Analysis; K=50	73.11

Table 1: Concordance on a held-out set of 25,000 patients for different values of K and for the baseline risk score. All deep survival analysis dimensionalities outperform the baseline.

- It works, but remember!
 - Survival analysis is conditional distribution modeling
 - Imputation not useful for pure predictions
 - Reduces to deep-multiclass regression with missingness indicators

Outline

1. What can we do with supervised learning?
2. Case study on intervention predictions:
 - a. Frame the problem
 - b. Evaluation
 - c. Iterate
3. Survival Analysis
4. **What else should we be thinking about?**

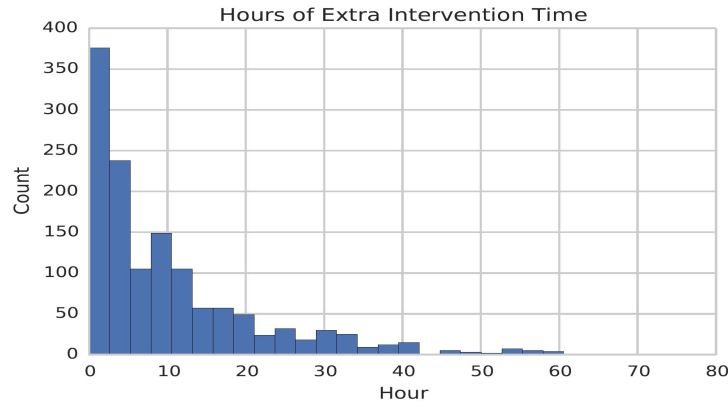
Similar trends in other tasks, except!

	Short-Term Need (Gapped AUC)	Imminent Need (Ungapped AUC)	Weaning
Baseline 1 – Prior Work	0.79	-	-
Baseline 2 – Raw Data	0.83	0.89	0.67
SSAM Representations	0.83	0.87	0.63
Raw Data + SSAM Rep.	0.88	0.92	0.71

- For the patients with vasopressors, we often predicted an early wean.

What exactly are we learning?

- Patients can be left on interventions longer than necessary.

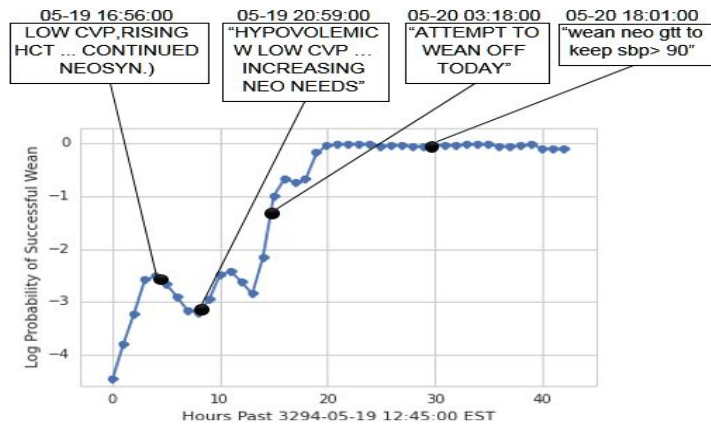


- Extended interventions can be costly and detrimental to patient health.^{1,2}

[1] Müllner, Marcus, Bernhard Urbanek, Christof Havel, Heidrun Losert, Gunnar Gamper, and Harald Herkner. "Vasopressors for shock." *The Cochrane Library* (2004).

[2] D'Aragon, Frederick, Emilie P. Belley-Cote, Maureen O. Meade, François Lauzier, Neill KJ Adhikari, Matthias Briel, Manoj Lalu et al. "Blood Pressure Targets For Vasopressor Therapy: A Systematic Review." *Shock* 43, no. 6 (2015): 530-539.

Finding where we “could” wean early?



- One example of a 62-year-old male patient with a cardiac catheterization.
- More complexity/higher misclassification penalty don't solve this!

Missingness and representation

- How do we represent missing data?
- If we remove patients via a threshold, what groups are impacted?

Biases in electronic health record data due to processes within the healthcare system: retrospective observational study

Denis Agniel,¹ Isaac S Kohane,^{1,2} Griffin M Weber^{1,3}

ABSTRACT

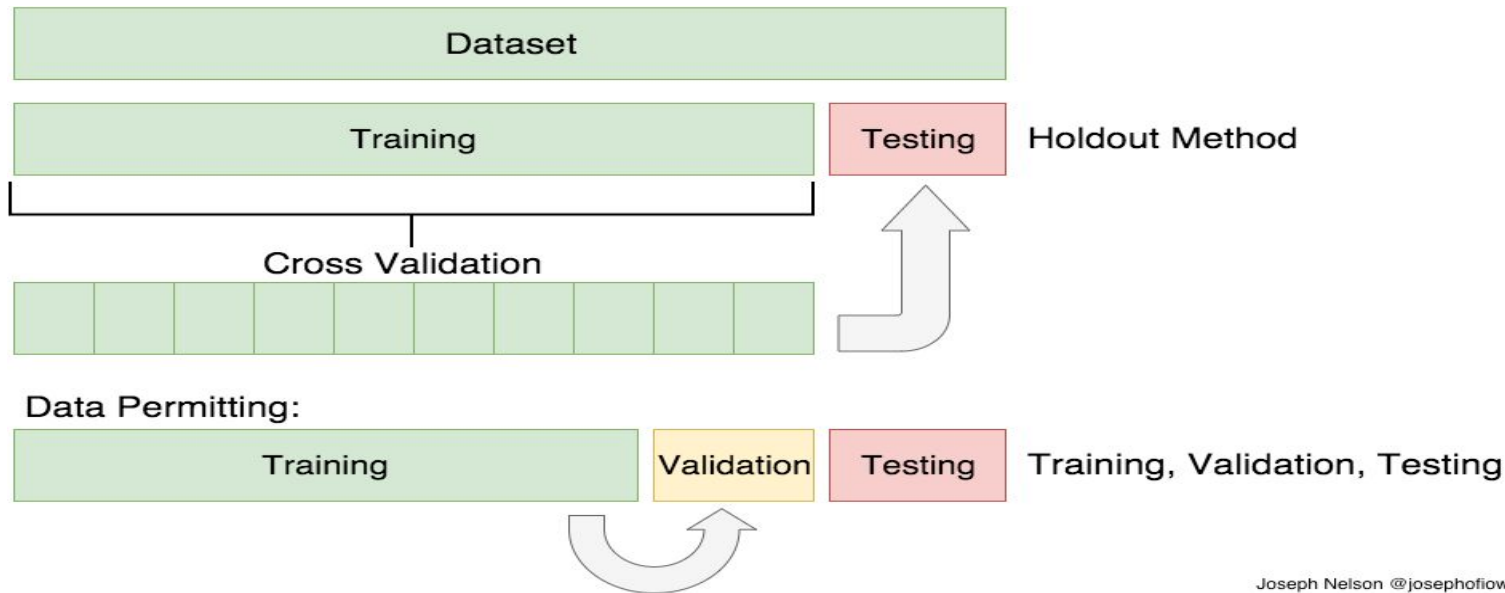
OBJECTIVE

To evaluate on a large scale, across 272 common types of laboratory tests, the impact of healthcare processes on the predictive value of electronic health record (EHR) data.

the routine delivery of healthcare.¹⁻³ This, in turn, is transforming biomedical research as investigators now have access to information on millions of patients through informatics tools that can query and analyze EHRs,⁴⁻⁷ link to genomic and other types of biomedical data,⁸⁻⁹ and scale to a national level and beyond.¹⁰⁻¹⁴

“Doctors typically do not **order a white blood cell** count test for a **patient on the weekend** or for a patient who **just had a white blood cell count** less than one day earlier, unless **they believe the patient is sick.**”

Details in training can be impactful



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- Split by patient... generalize to new subjects?
- Split by hospital site... generalize to new doctors?
- Split by year... generalize to new policies?

Careful evaluation is extremely important

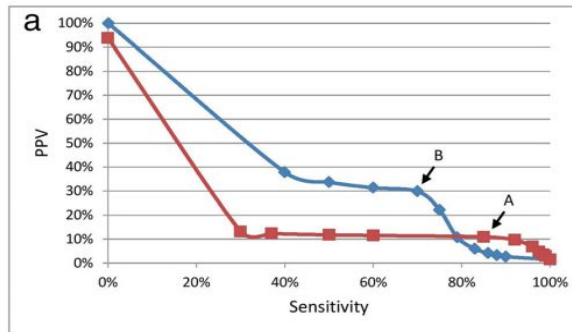
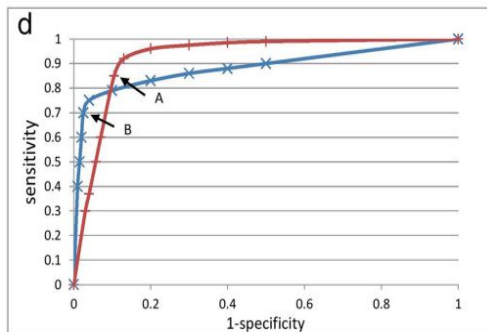
- Spend as much time designing evaluation as with model prototyping.
- Make diagnostic plots, not just tables, and think about actual utility.

Why the C-statistic is not informative to evaluate early warning scores and what metrics to use



Santiago Romero-Brufau^{1,2*}, Jeanne M. Huddleston^{1,2,3}, Gabriel J. Escobar⁴ and Mark Liebow⁵

By AUC...
red is
better



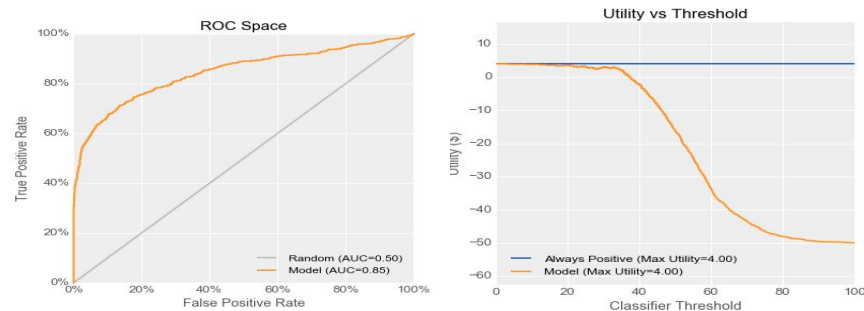
But blue is
much better
for alarm
fatigue

Calibration matters in practice

- What is the cost of an incorrect decision?

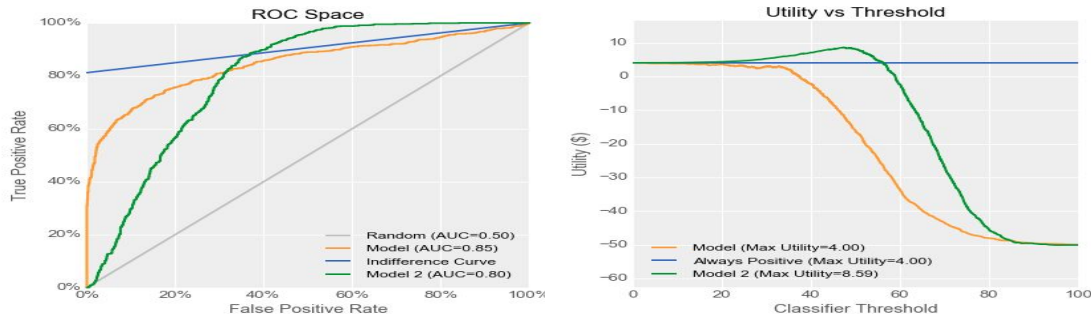
	Good	Bad
Positive	True Positive utility = +\$20 $rate(t) = TPR(t) \cdot 95\%$	False Positive utility = -\$300 $rate(t) = FPR(t) \cdot 5\%$
Negative	False Negative utility = -\$50 $rate(t) = (1 - TPR(t)) \cdot 95\%$	True Negative utility = -\$50 $rate(t) = (1 - FPR(t)) \cdot 5\%$

VS.



- Domain specific evaluation requires a goal.

Model 2
(green) has
lower AUC

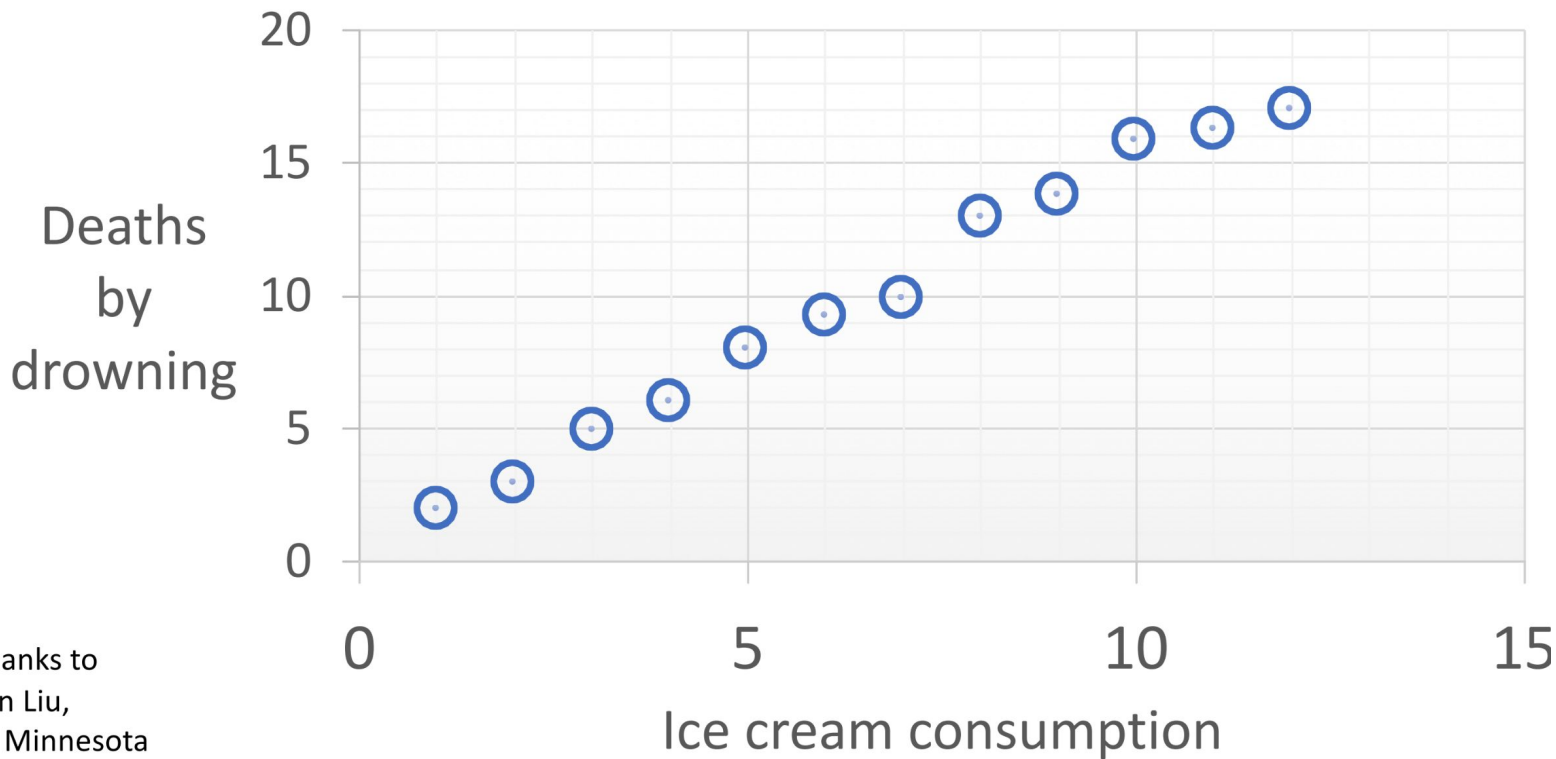


... but has
operating points
with much higher
utility!

Causality is looming in healthcare

- Question: Who will be diabetic in 1 year?
- We build predictive model:
features $X = [\text{lab_tests}, \text{diagnoses}, \text{medications}]$
label $y = [\text{diabetic}]$
- We can predict y from X with AUC 0.8
- What **action** do we take with this knowledge?

Can you spot the confounding?

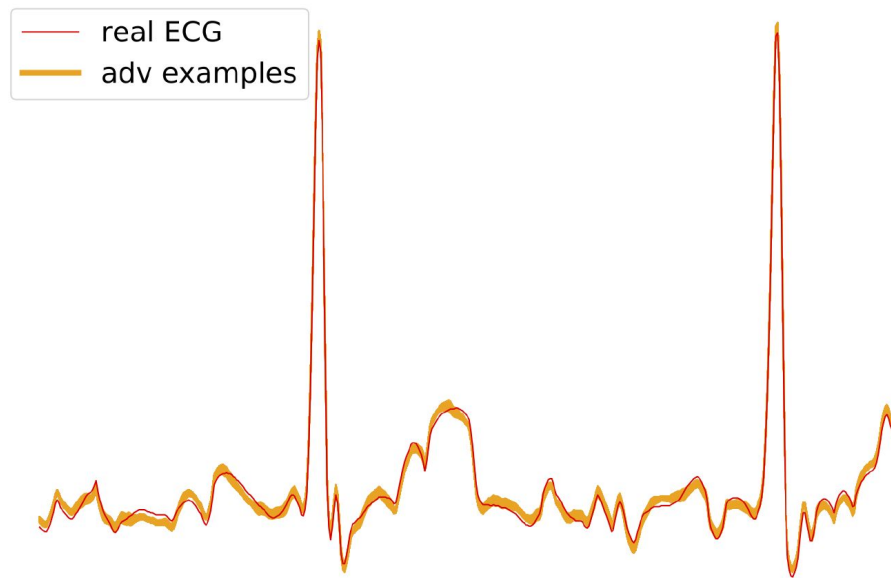


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Remember Adversarial Examples?

- How hard is it to adversarially fool networks?
- Remember that bad loss means misclassification, and:
 1. Start with trained model
 2. Compute gradient with respect to loss function with respect to input
 3. Follow gradient to increase the loss
 4. Limit the movement to a norm
- Popular technique: Projected Gradient Descent [Madry+ 2017]

Adversarial Examples Are Not Rare



- Smooth adversarial perturbations that fool networks exist for over 85% of ECG tracings in the 2017 PhysioNet Challenge.