

ELMED219

Computational medicine: Introduction and motivation

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Learning outcomes

Get to know **vocabulary** and **central concepts** within **computational medicine**
incl. machine learning

with a focus on multiscale, model organisms, molecules / cells / tissues / organs, “biomarkers”, “deep phenotyping”, “convergence”,

predictive models $y \approx f(X; \theta)$

TOPICS

- Model organisms: fish / flies / worms / ... / man
- *In vivo* - *in vitro* - *in silico*
- Wet-lab / dry-lab / moist-lab
- On measurement and math (Lord Kelvin, Richard Feynman)
- What is computational medicine?
- Personalized medicine / precision medicine
- Computational imaging - generic methods
- Kidney function & brain (tumor) segmentation
- Predictive models: $y \approx f(X; \theta)$ y : outcome, f : model, X : data, θ : model parameters
- P4-medicine (predictive, preventive, personalized, participatory)

Computational approaches to organisms \mathcal{O}_i

\mathcal{O}_1 fish *Zebrafish*



<http://thezebrafishlab.com/zebrafish-and-human1>

\mathcal{O}_2 flies *Drosophila*



<http://www.cam.ac.uk/research/features/how-close-are-you-to-a-fruit-fly>

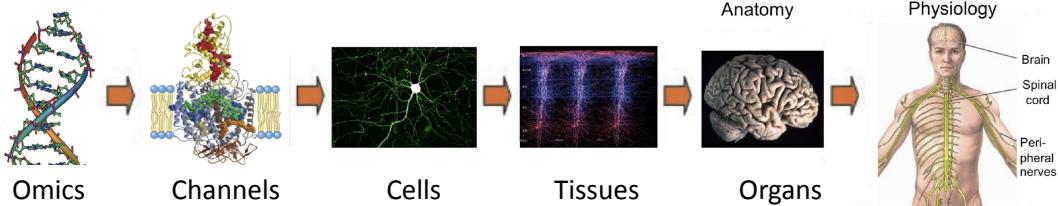
\mathcal{O}_3 worms *C. elegans*



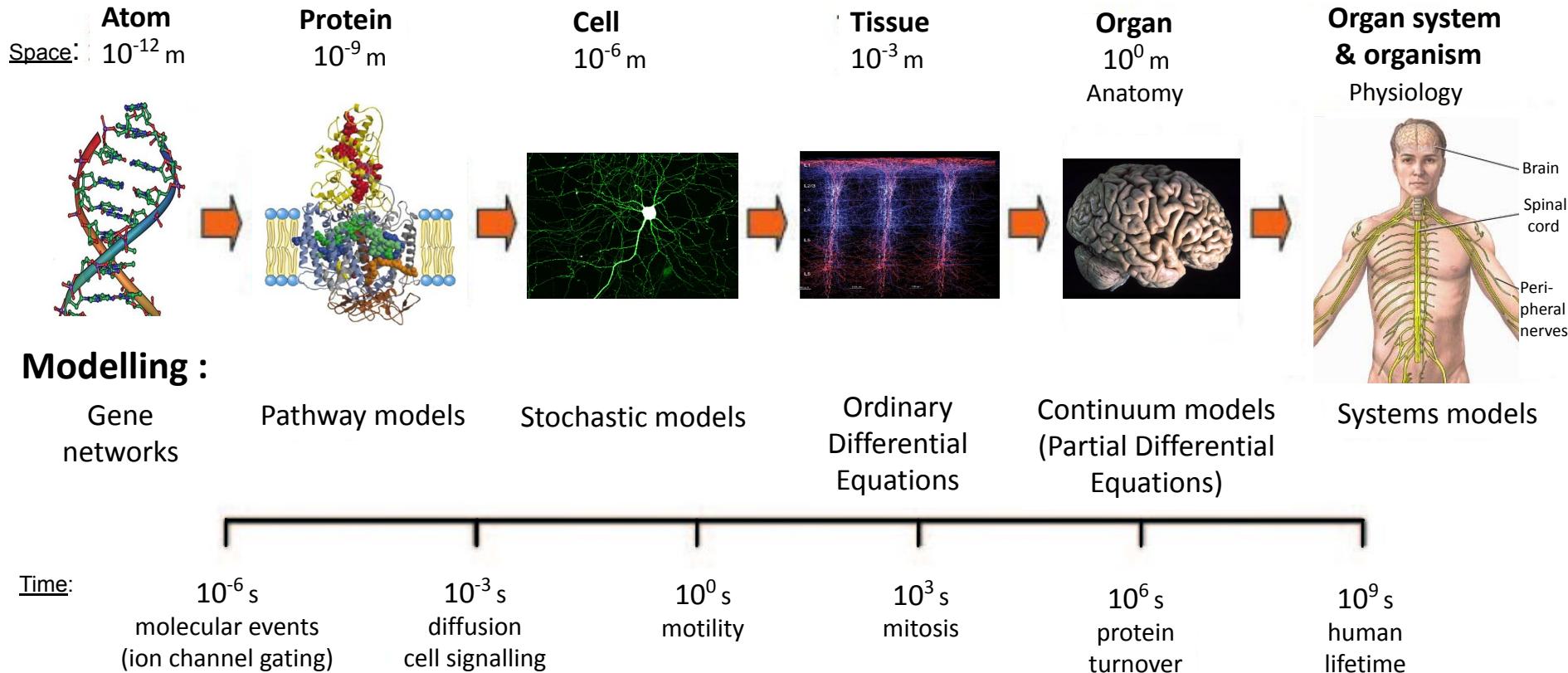
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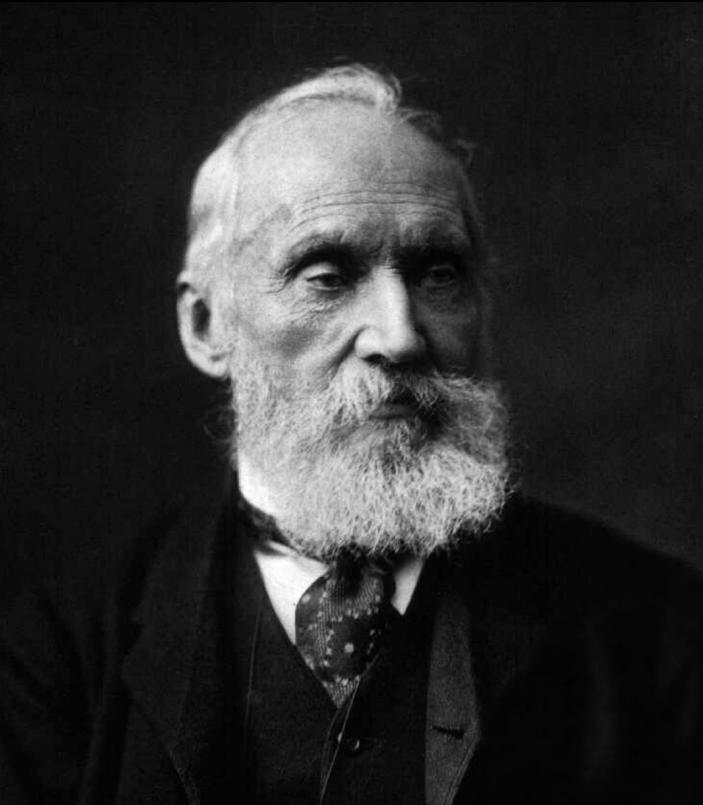
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\mathcal{O}_n man (in health & disease)



Computational medicine – from molecules to man





“When you can measure what you are speaking about, and express it in numbers, you know something about it; but when you cannot measure it, when you cannot express it in numbers, your knowledge is of a meager and unsatisfactory kind: it may be the beginning of knowledge, but you have scarcely, in your thoughts, advanced to the stage of science, whatever the matter may be.”

- Lord Kelvin, 1883

“People who wish to analyze nature without using mathematics must settle for a reduced understanding.”

- Richard Feynman (1918-1988)



MEDICAL PRACTICE  and the «new»

COMPUTATIONAL DISCIPLINES (computational X)

«*body engineers*»

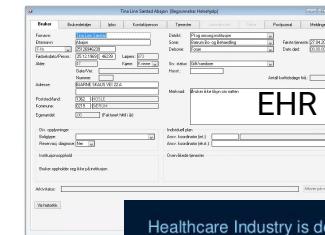
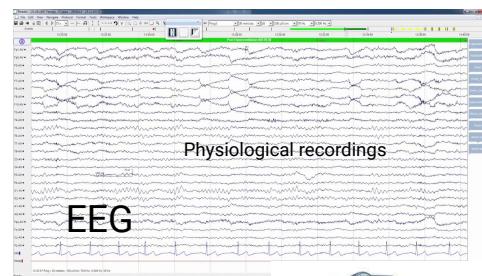
Biomedicine: *wet-lab* → *dry-lab*

What is “computational medicine” ?

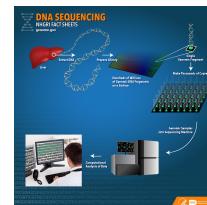
“Application of methods from engineering, mathematics and computational sciences aiming for deeper understanding and better treatment of diseases and disease processes”

– Rai Winslow, Director, Institute for Computational Medicine, Johns Hopkins University

... by acquisition, organization, analysis, modelling, and visualization of large, rich, and heterogeneous data:



Electronic health records



Computational imaging

- Machine learning
- Visualization

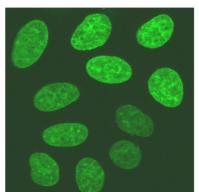


Image Analysis

image in → features out

Obj	Area	Perim
1	324.2	98.5
2	406.7	140.3
3	487.1	159.2
4	226.3	67.8
5	531.8	187.6
6	649.5	203.1
7	582.6	196.4
8	498.0	162.9
9	543.2	195.1

Computer Graphics

numbers in → image out

X	Y	I
-3.54	-2.32	0.50
-2.78	-1.90	0.12
-1.15	0.42	3.09
0.45	1.65	5.89
1.83	2.18	7.72
2.98	3.33	2.07
4.21	3.96	-4.58
5.62	4.54	-11.45
7.16	5.02	-3.63

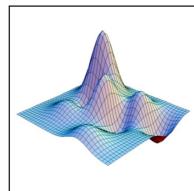


Image Formation
object in → image out

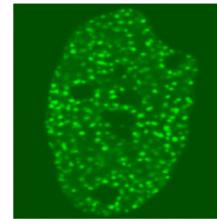
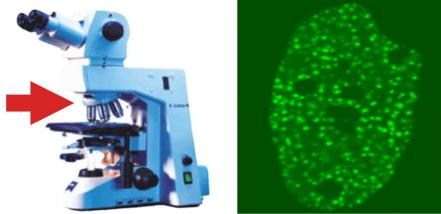
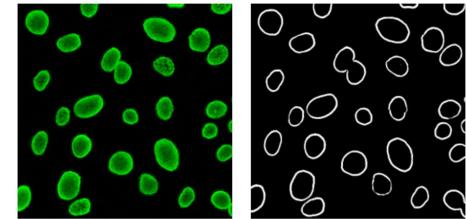
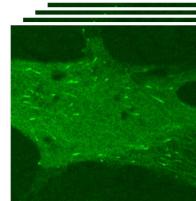


Image Processing
image in → image out



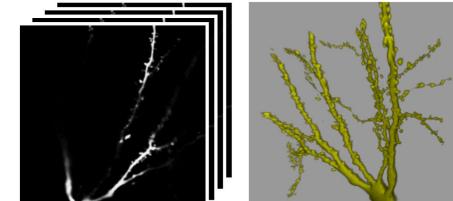
Computer Vision

image in → interpretation out



The series shows microtubule growth in a live neuron. The average speed of the distal ends is comparable in the cell body, dendrites, axons, and growth cones.

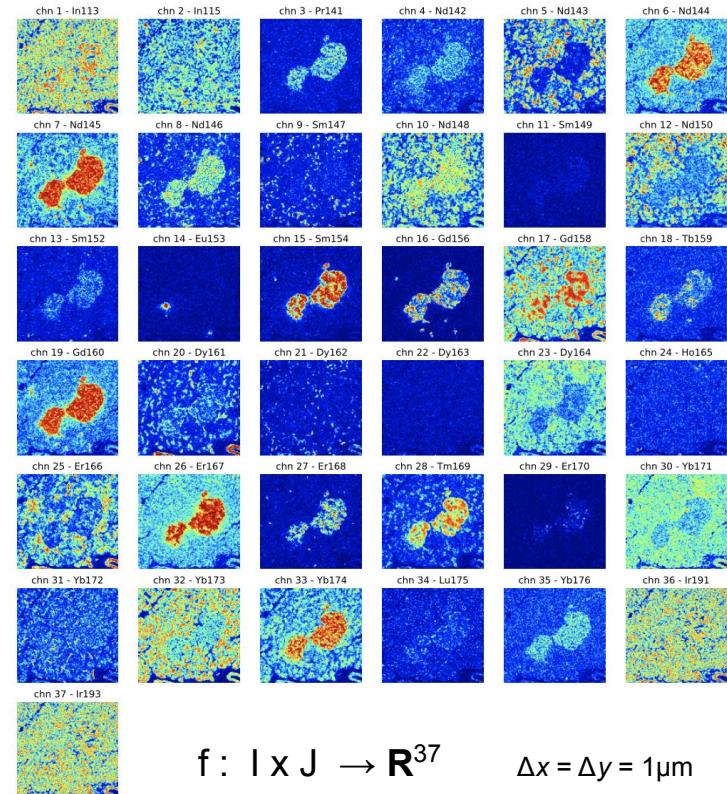
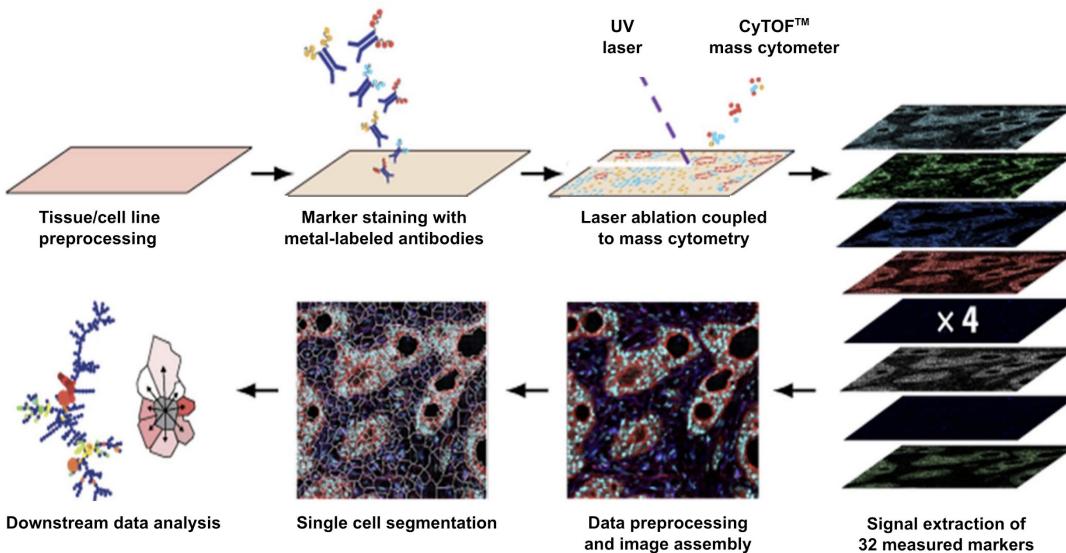
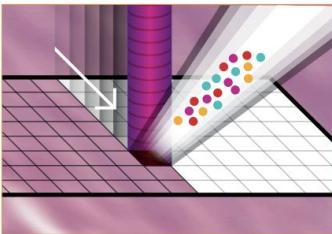
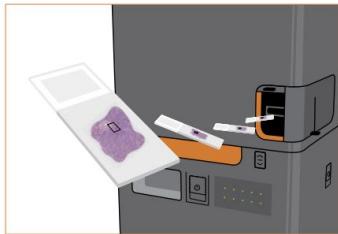
Visualization
image in → representation out



Imaging Mass Cytometry (combining molecular biology and imaging)

Load sample into the Hyperion Imaging System.

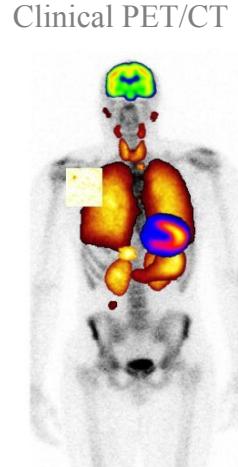
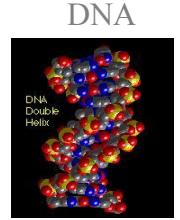
Precise laser imaging of the region of interest



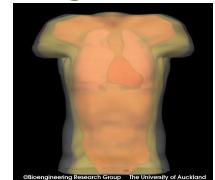
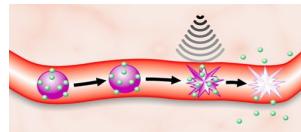
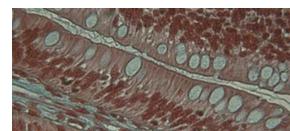
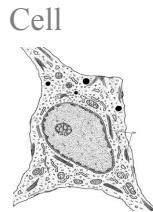
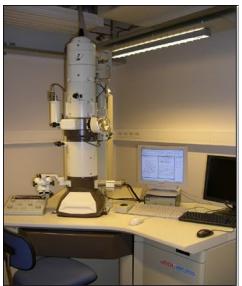
$$f : I \times J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{37} \quad \Delta x = \Delta y = 1\mu\text{m}$$

Figure 3: Mosaic of color-coded channel images in the E08 IMC data set.

Biomedical imaging



Microscopy

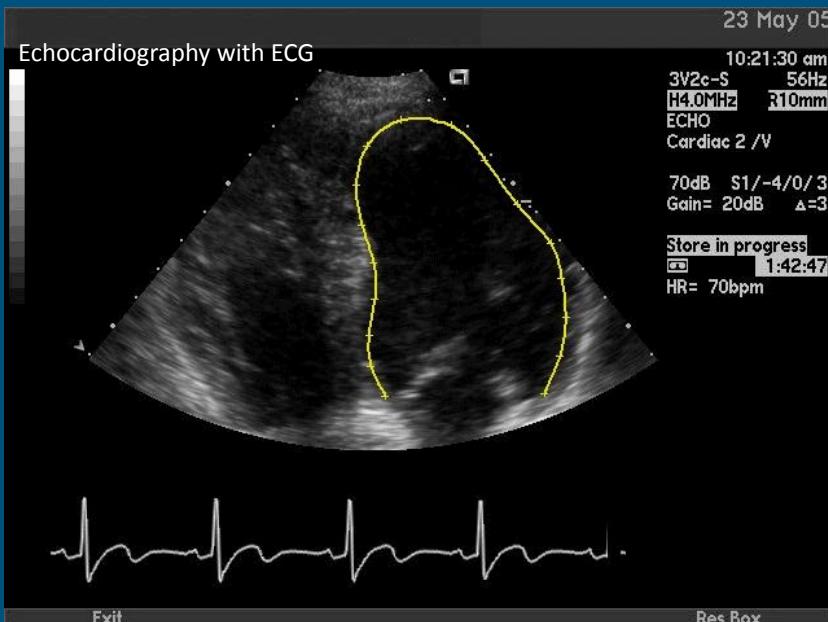


$$\frac{\partial M_x(t)}{\partial t} = \gamma(\mathbf{M}(t) \times \mathbf{B}(t))_x - \frac{M_x(t)}{T_2}$$
$$\frac{\partial M_y(t)}{\partial t} = \gamma(\mathbf{M}(t) \times \mathbf{B}(t))_y - \frac{M_y(t)}{T_2}$$
$$\frac{\partial M_z(t)}{\partial t} = \gamma(\mathbf{M}(t) \times \mathbf{B}(t))_z - \frac{M_z(t) - M_0}{T_1}$$

SHORT BREAK

Computational imaging & machine learning

... generic technologies



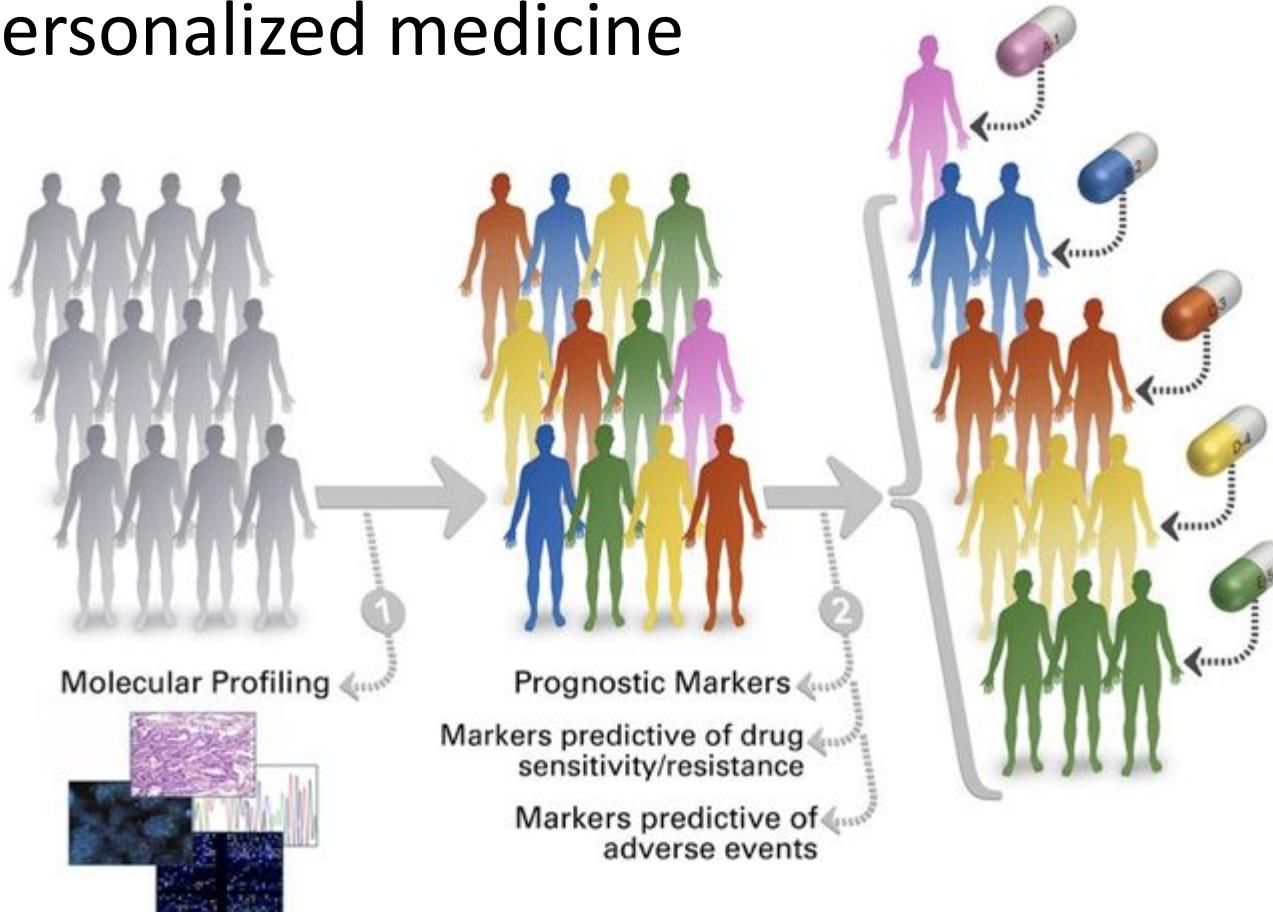
Peng Wang, S. Zhou, M. Szucs, Endocardium tracking by fusing optical flows in straightened images with learning based detections, IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging: From Nano to Macro (ISBI), 2011



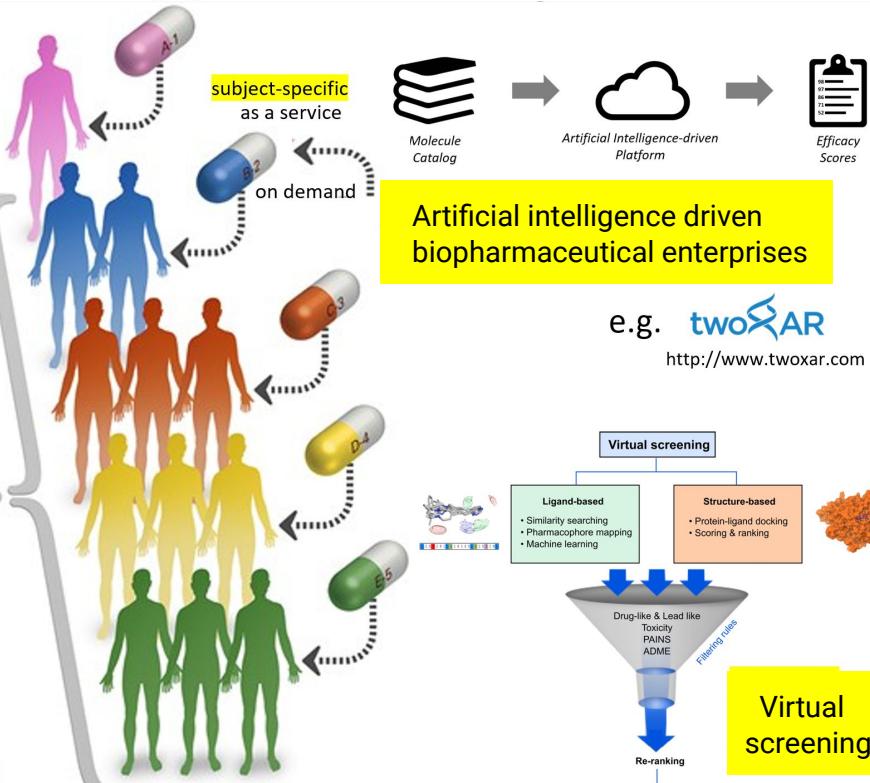
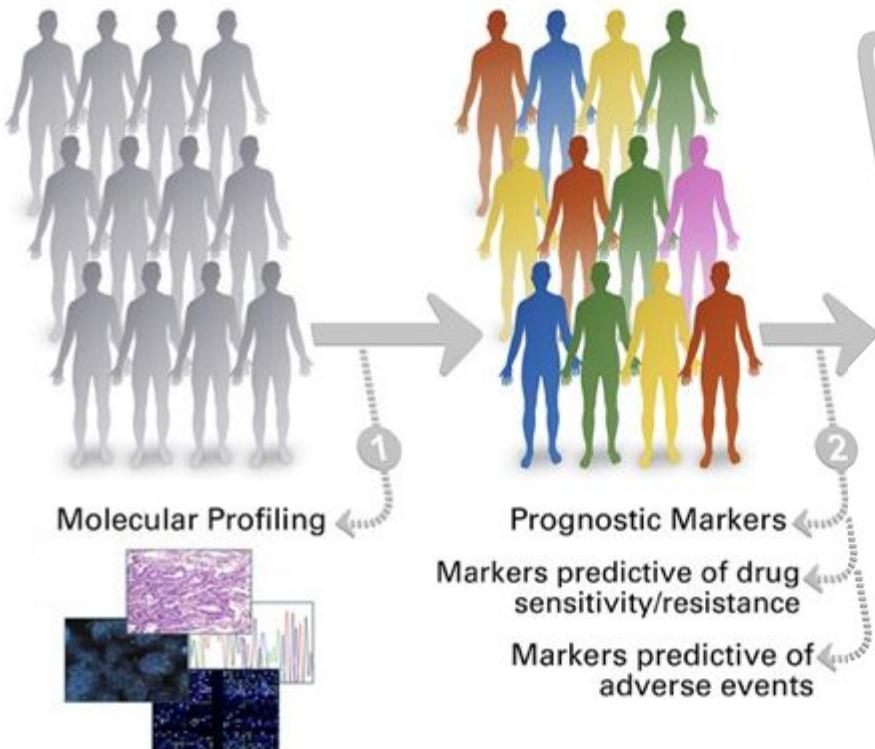
Object detection + tracking + number-plate recognition
=> electronic toll collection / vehicle speed [km/h]

<https://developer.ibm.com/code/2018/05/11/using-computer-vision-to-detect-and-track-moving-objects-in-video/>

Personalized medicine



Personalized medicine



<https://www.profacgen.com>

Computer-AIDed Drug Design

<https://pct.mdanderson.org>

K-means clustering of MRI data set from TCGA-GBM

We will be using a four-channel multispectral image (an axial slice from a multispectral 3D recording is shown below), downloaded from the TCGA-GBM data collection - i.e. study TCGA-06-1802. The DICOM images were converted to NIFTI using the [dcm2niix](#) software.

```
1 from IPython.display import Image
2 Image(filename='./assets/TCGA-GBM-dataset.png', width=900)
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Data Access Detailed Description Citations & Data Usage Policy | Versions

Version 4 (Current): Updated 2020/05/29

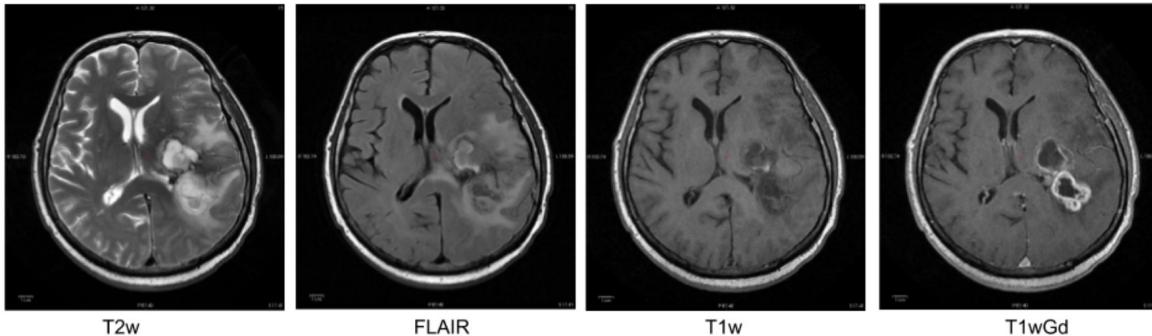
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Clinical Data (TXT)	<input type="button" value="Download"/>
Biomedical Data (TXT)	<input type="button" value="Download"/>
Genomics (web)	<input type="button" value="Search"/>

Image Statistics

Modality	MR
Number of Participants	262
Number of Studies	575
Number of Series	5,412
Number of Images	481,158
Image Size (GB)	73.5

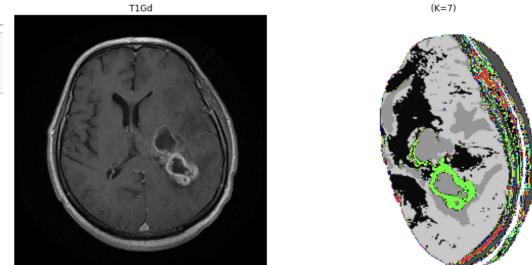
The TCGA-06-1802 data set including metadata
(DICOM images converted to NIFTI format using [dcm2niix](#))

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TCGA-06-1802_7_AX_T1_pre_GD_FLAIR.nii.gz
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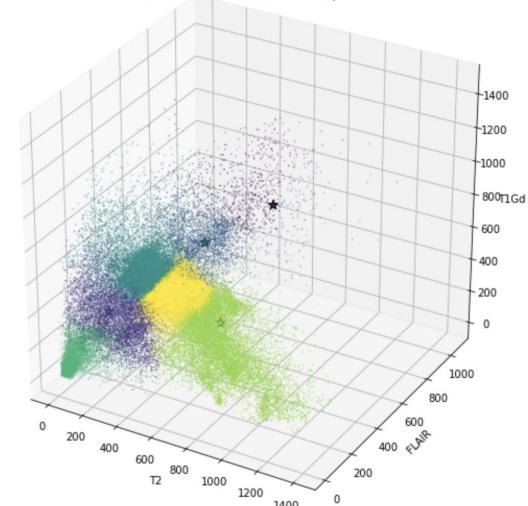


<https://github.com/MMIV-ML/ELMED219-2022/tree/main/project>

The multispectral MRI slice and K-means clustering



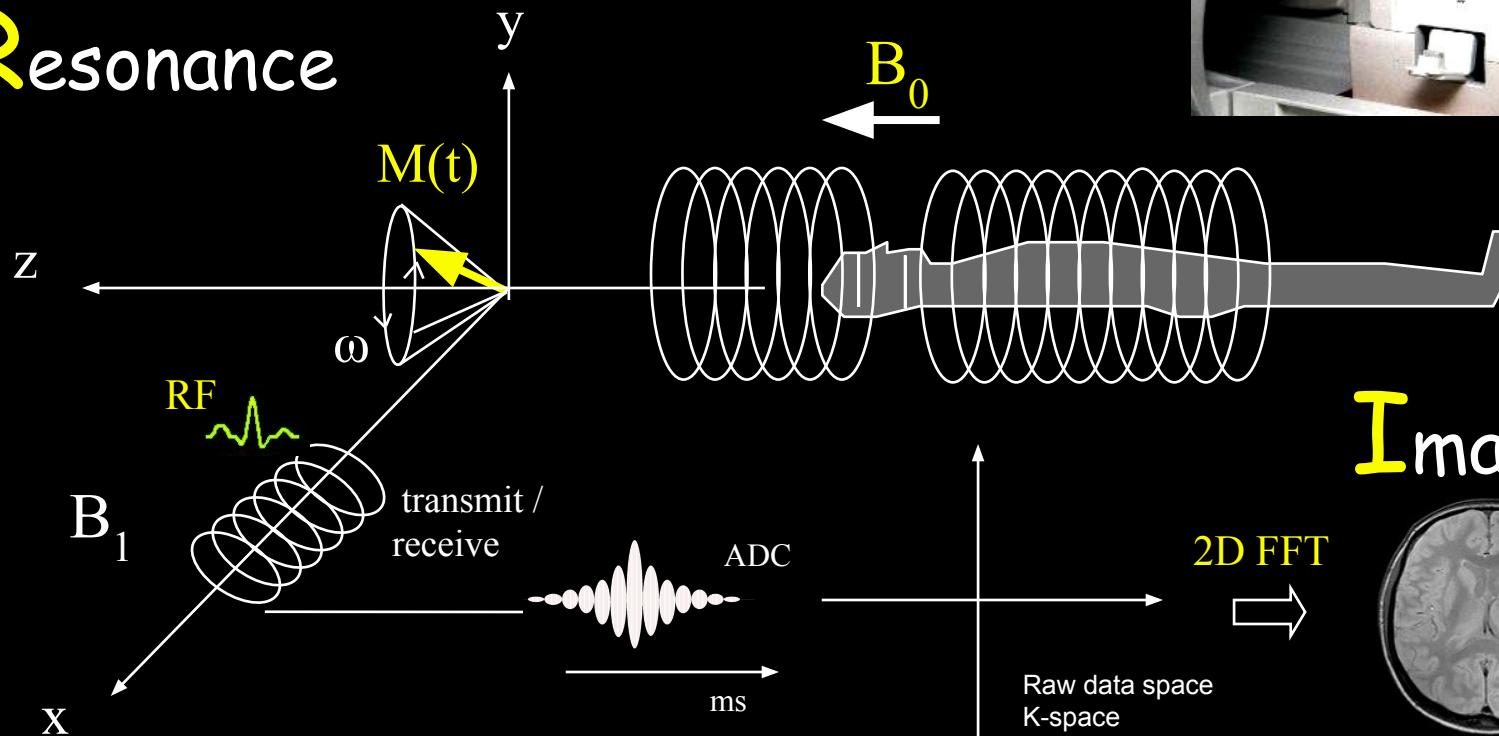
K-means (K=7), n=100000 samples



MRI principles ...

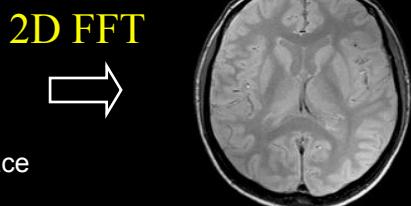
Magnetic

Resonance



Imaging

Raw data space
K-space
Fourier space



MRI ...

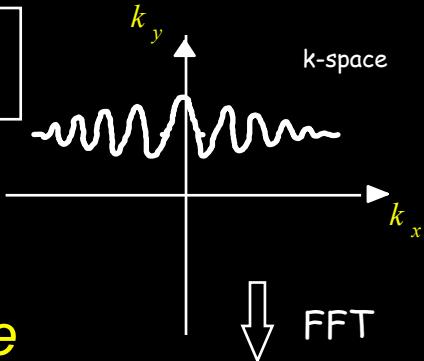


We are imaging:

water protons
in cellular environment

using:

Fourier transform
(2D FFT)



by:

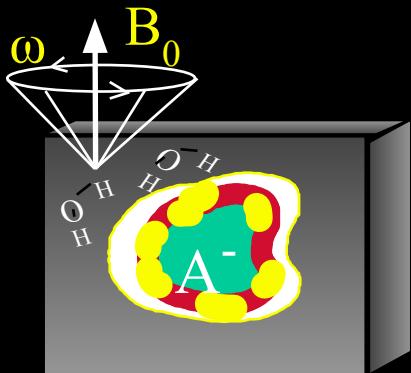
experimental manipulation
of proton spin populations

for:

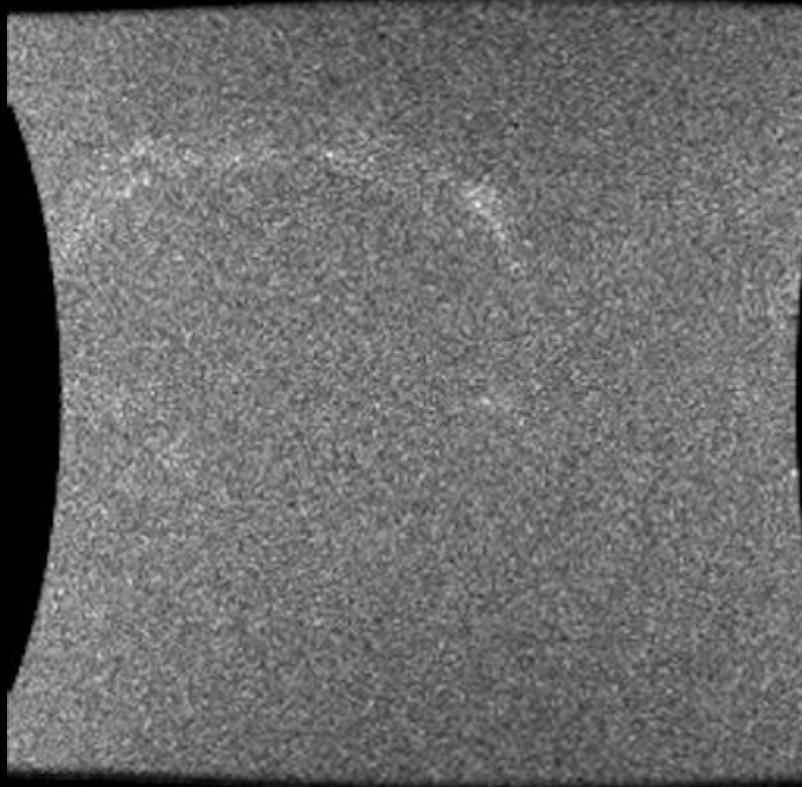
*Image
reconstruction*

*Contrast-
mechanisms*

Pulse sequences



3D T1-weighted MRI



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Time-Of-Flight MRA



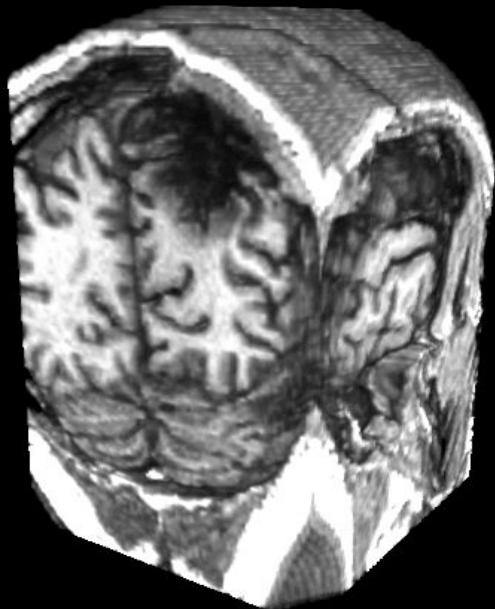
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Multispectral 3D MRI

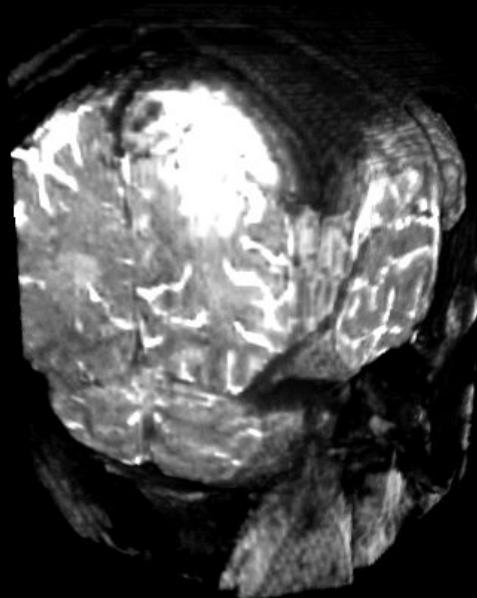
FLASH

DESS

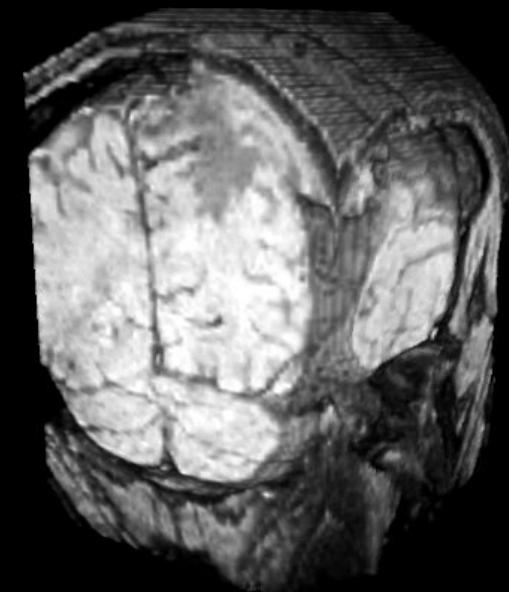
FISP



T1-W

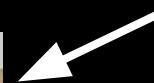


T2-W

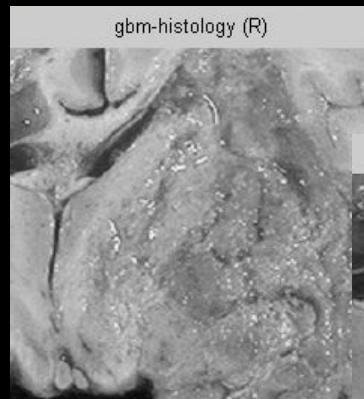


ρ -W

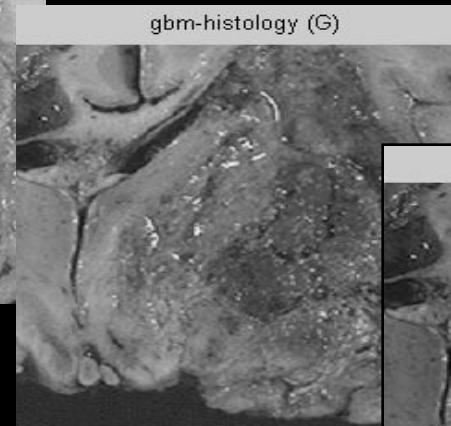
Multispectral image



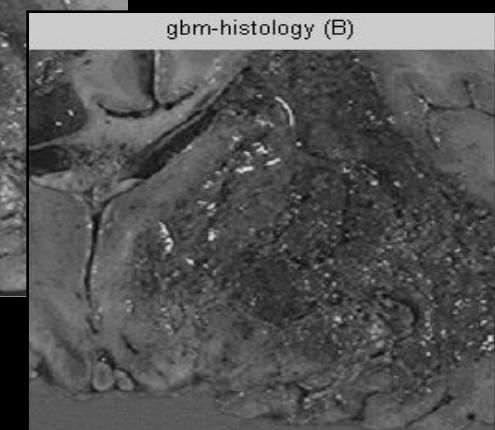
“multispectral image”



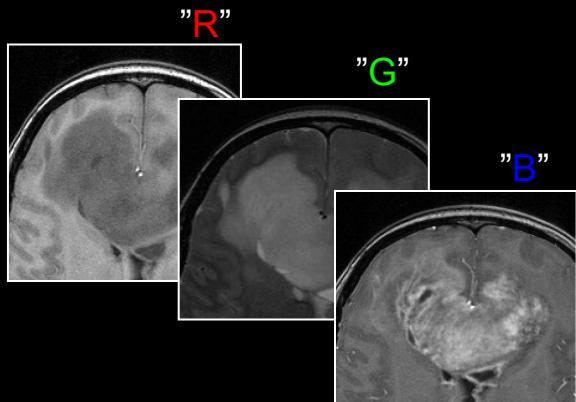
Red channel



Green channel

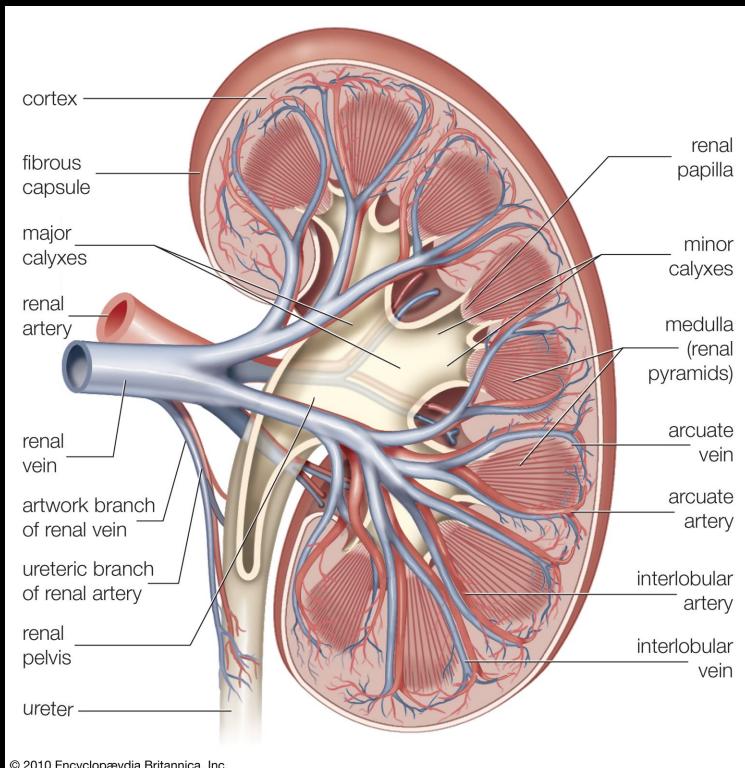


Blue channel

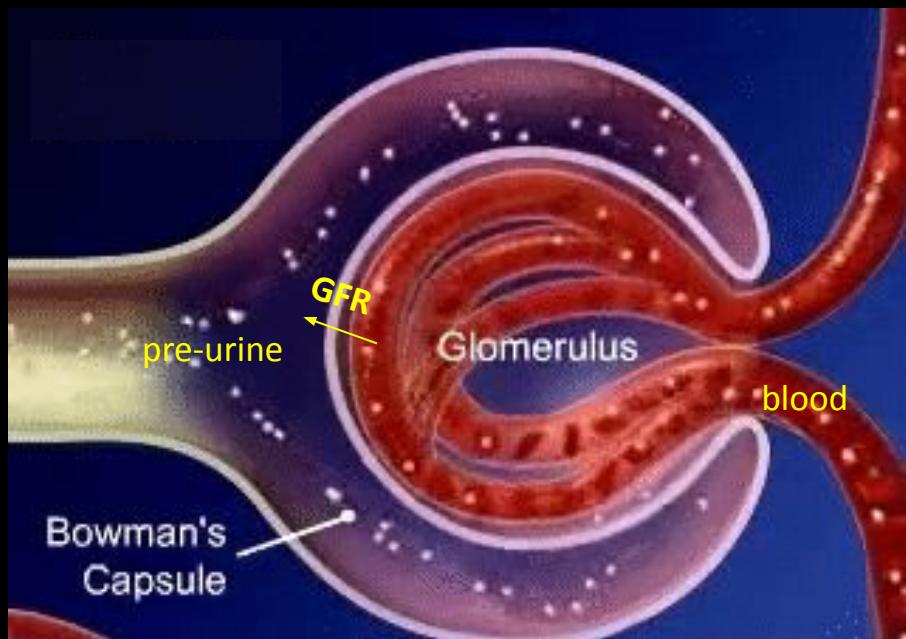


different pulse sequences in MRI

A little (computational) kidney physiology



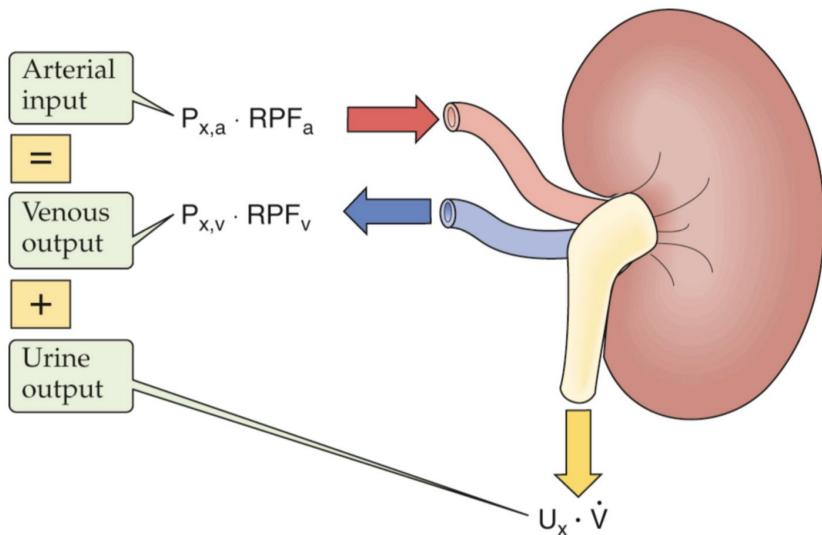
Glomerular filtration



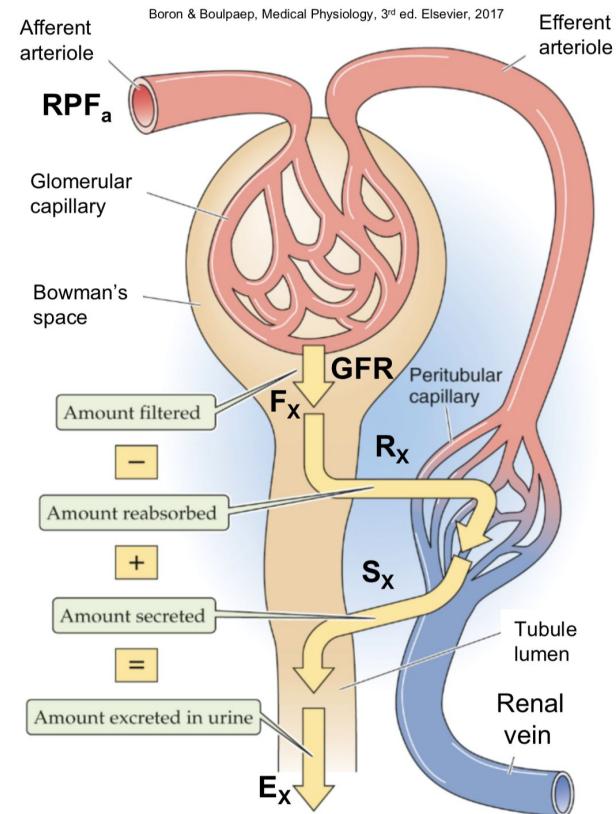
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCQ-5iwTQvM>

A little (computational) kidney physiology

Mass balance



$$\underbrace{\frac{P_{X,a}}{\text{mmole}} \cdot \frac{RPF_a}{\text{mL min}}}_{\text{Arterial input of X}} = \underbrace{\left(\frac{P_{X,v}}{\text{mmole}} \cdot \frac{RPF_v}{\text{mL min}} \right)}_{\text{Venous output of X}} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{U_X}{\text{mmole mL}} \cdot \frac{\dot{V}}{\text{min}} \right)}_{\text{Urine output of X}}$$



Dynamic contrast enhanced (DCE) MRI of the moving kidney



kidney_slice10_frame10_roi.avi

DCE-MRI of the moving kidney

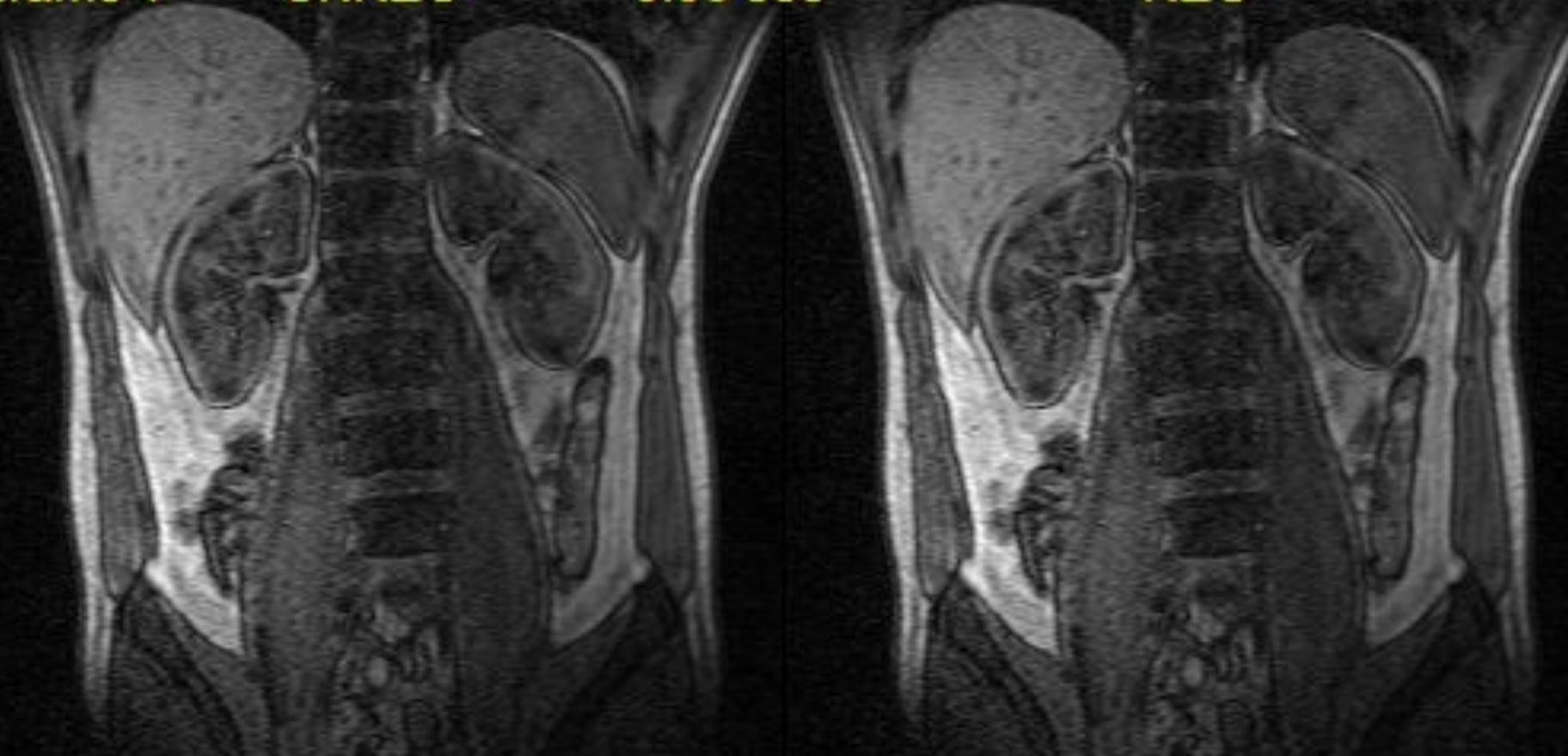
with **motion correction** (image registration)

frame 1

UNREG

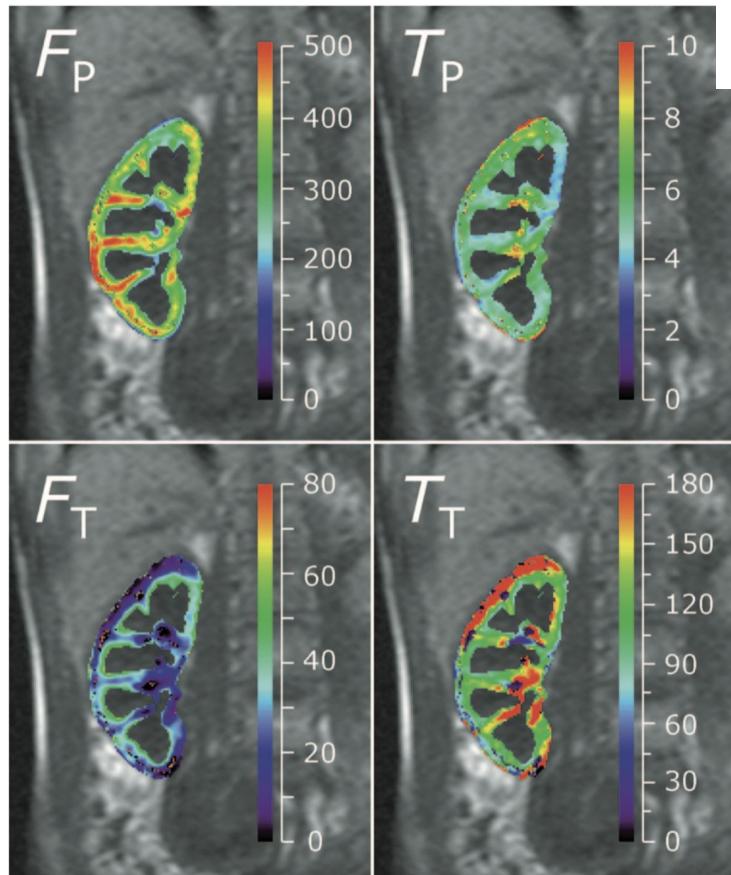
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Voxel-wise estimation of the four model parameters

$$\theta = (F_p, T_p, F_t, T_t)$$



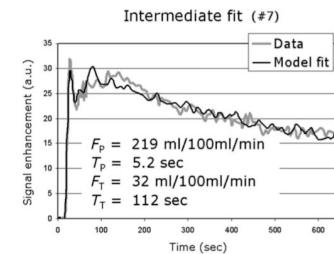
F_p (mL/100 mL/Min)

$T_p = MTT_p$ (sec)

F_t (mL/100 mL/Min)

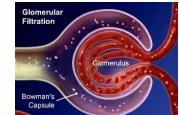
$T_t = MTT_t$ (sec)

F: flow (perfusion)
MTT: mean transit time
P: plasma compartment
T: tubular compartment



for the data with the intermediate fit accuracy

$F_p = GFR$ (glomerular filtration rate)



θ : image-based biomarkers

The parametric maps (colored) are superposed on a precontrast image (gray) for anatomic reference.

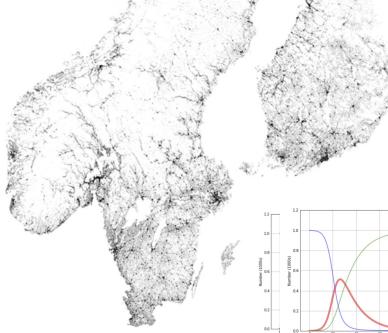
Outbreak science:

COVID-19



SIR compartments

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial S(x, y, t)}{\partial t} &= -\beta SI + D\nabla^2 S & (1) \\ \frac{\partial I(x, y, t)}{\partial t} &= \beta SI - \gamma I + D\nabla^2 I & (2) \\ \frac{\partial R(x, y, t)}{\partial t} &= \gamma I + D\nabla^2 R & (3) \end{aligned}$$



“The unreasonable effectiveness of mathematics in the natural sciences.”

↔
(Wigner*, 1960)



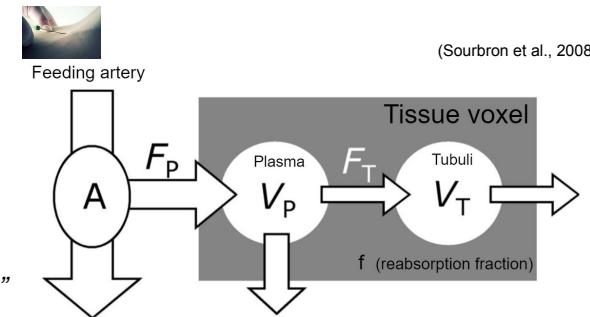
*...) ... Let me end on a more cheerful note. The miracle of the appropriateness of the language of mathematics for the formulation of the laws of physics is a wonderful gift which we neither understand nor deserve.

We should be grateful for it and hope that it will remain valid in future research and that it will extend, for better or for worse, to our pleasure, even though perhaps also to our bafflement, to wide branches of learning.

Renal perfusion and filtration:



Kidney
GFR



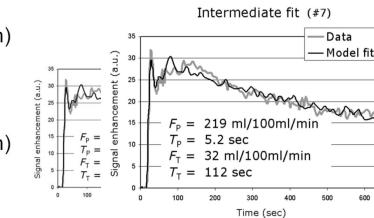
The four independent model parameters

$$F_P \text{ (mL/100 mL/Min)}$$

$$T_P = MTT_P \text{ (sec)}$$

$$F_T \text{ (mL/100 mL/Min)}$$

$$T_T = MTT_T \text{ (sec)}$$

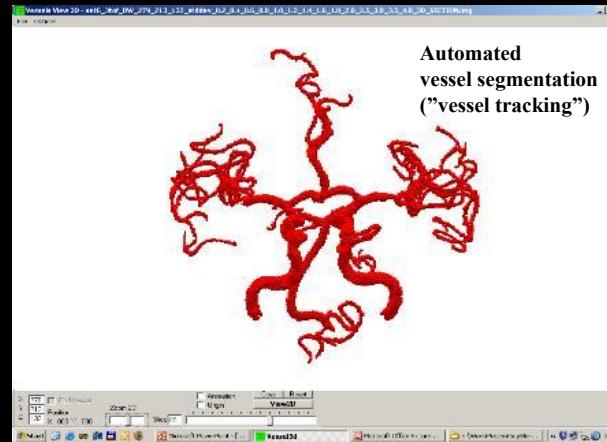


for the data with the intermediate fit accuracy



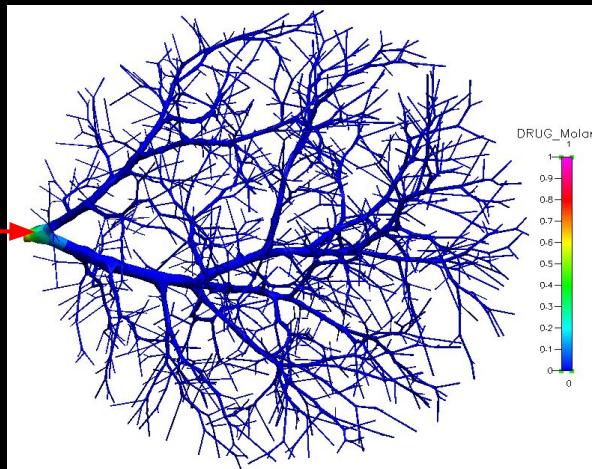
Cerebral circulation: Vessels – Flow – Perfusion - Permeability

MRA

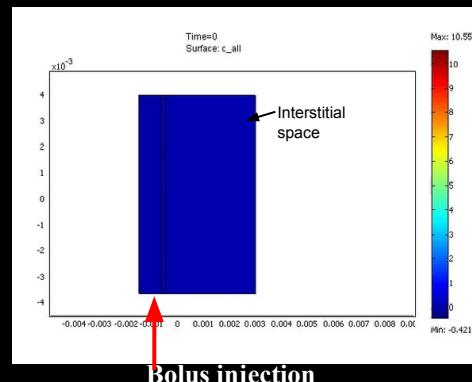


Modelling and simulation of "drug delivery" in a vessel tree (Kocinski, TUL)

Bolus injection



Modelling of capillary wall leakage, assuming a closed extravascular compartment (interstitial space) and a combined diffusive and convective transcapillary transport



COMSOL
Multiphysics

Biomedical & technological revolutions → “Convergence”

prediction: $y \approx f(x; \theta)$

” personalized medicine “

x

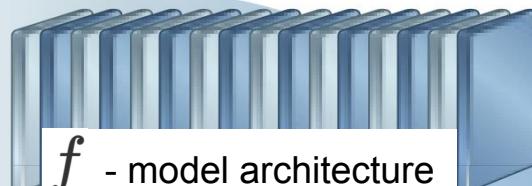
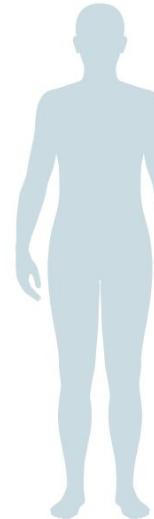
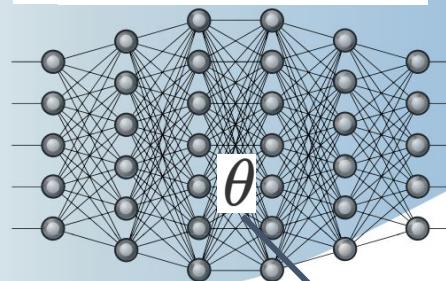
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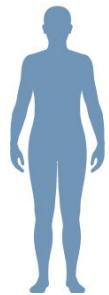
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Inputs

- Social, behavioral
- Genomics and -omic layers
- Biosensors
- Immune system
- Gut microbiome
- Anatome
- Environmental
- Physical activity, sleep, nutrition
- Medication, alcohol, drugs
- Labs, plasma DNA, RNA
- Family history
- Communication, speech
- Cognition, state of mind
- All medical history
- World's medical literature, continually updated

 f - model architecture

model parameters

Output

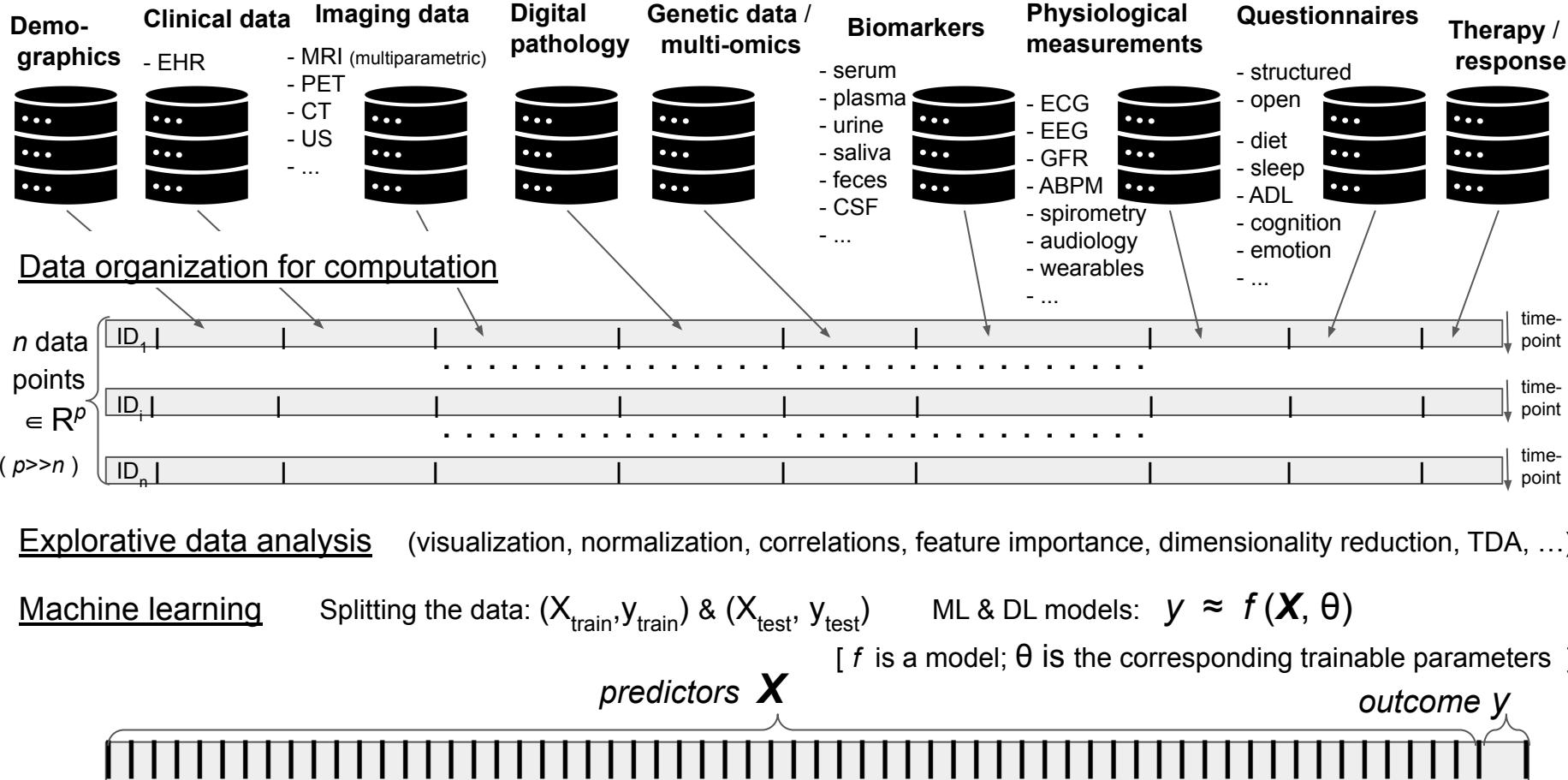
- Health guidance
- Diagnosis
- Phenotype
- Overall survival

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The virtual medical coach model with multi-modal data inputs and algorithms to provide individualised guidance

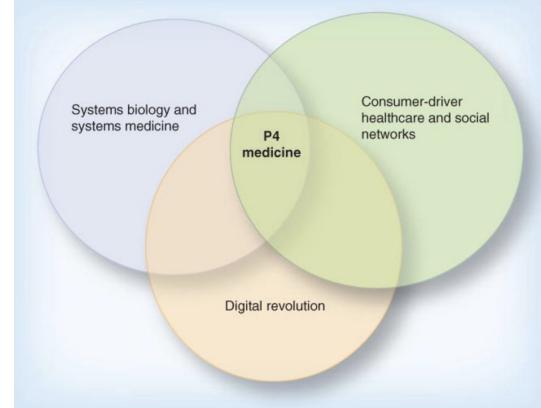
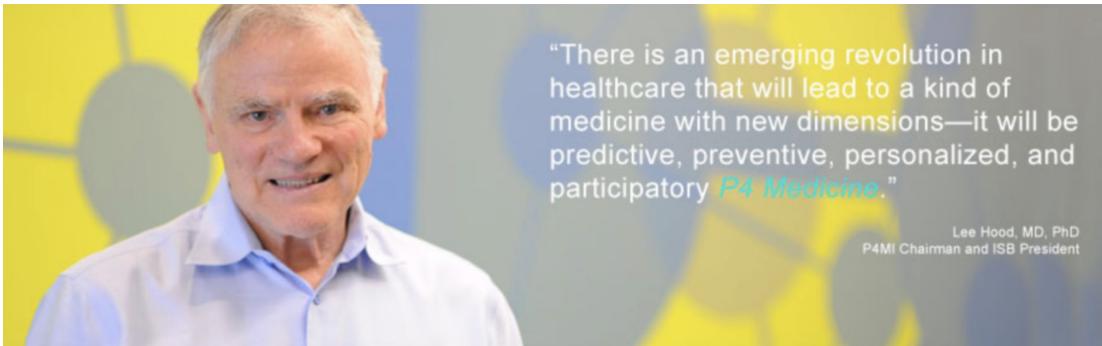
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A patient-oriented, spatio-temporal digital biobank for clinical data science and medical AI



“P4 medicine”

incl. systems biology and systems medicine

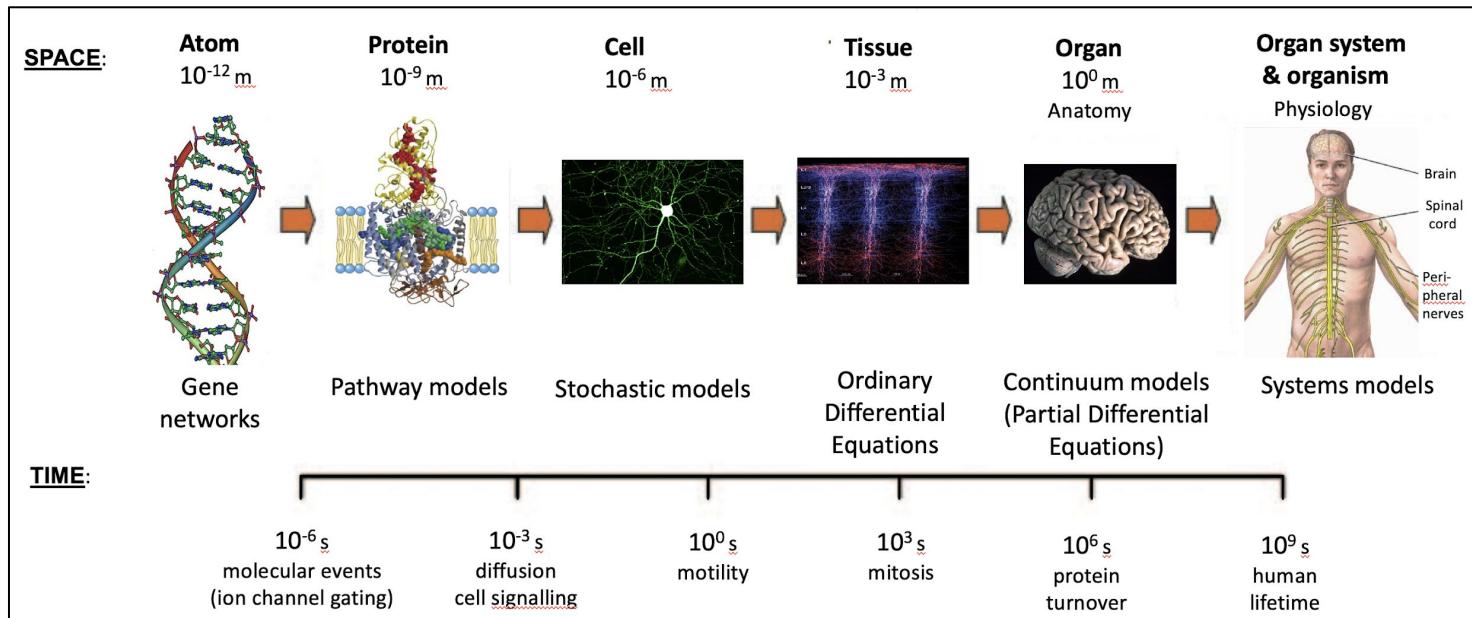


P4: Predictive Preventive Personalised Participatory

Based on

- The increasing ability of systems biology and systems medicine to decipher the biological complexity of disease.
- The digital revolution's radically enhanced capabilities for collecting, integrating, storing, analyzing and communicating data and information (conventional medical histories, clinical tests and the results of the tools of systems medicine)
- Consumer access to information and consequent interest in managing their own health.
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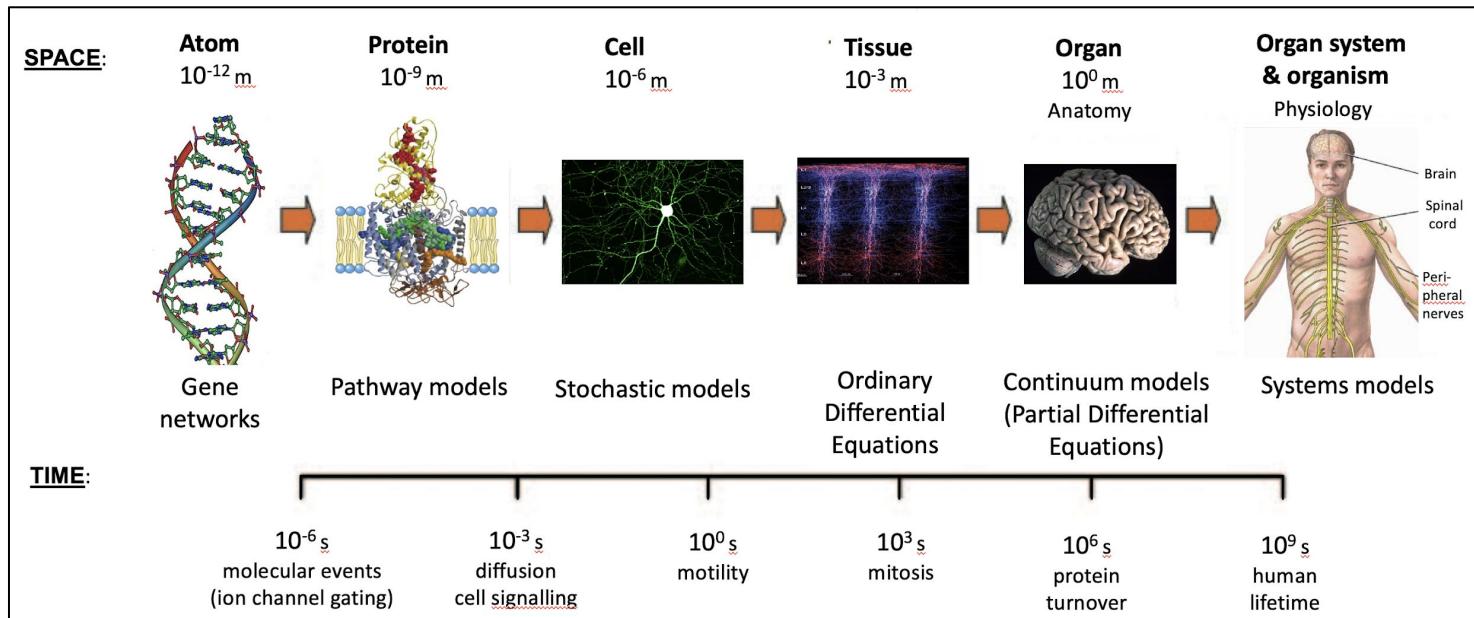
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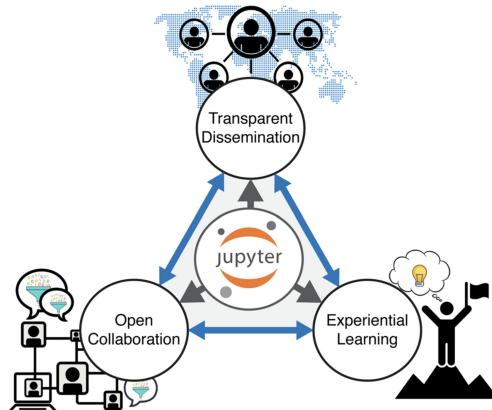
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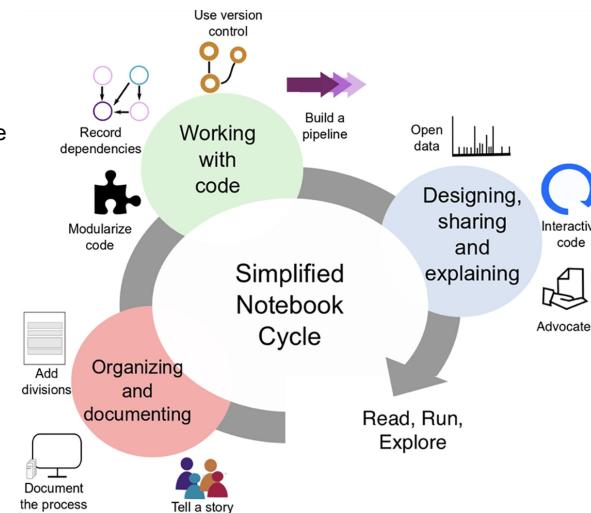
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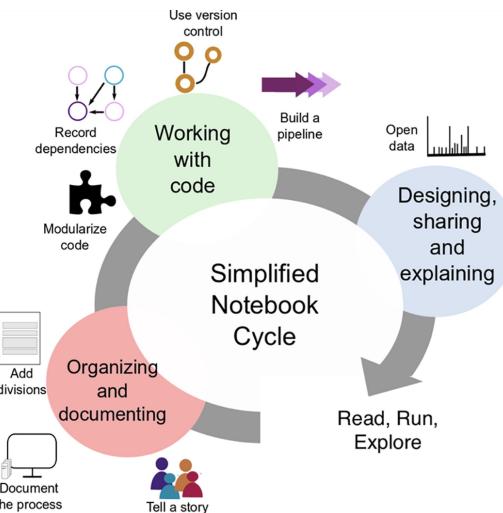
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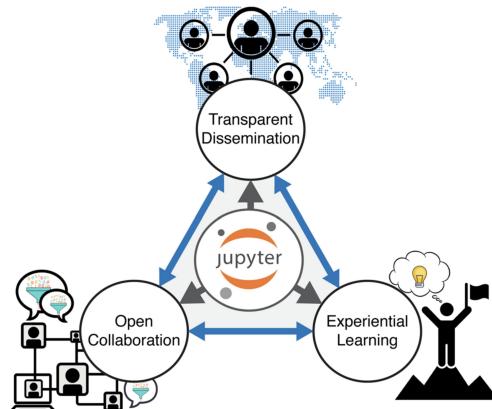
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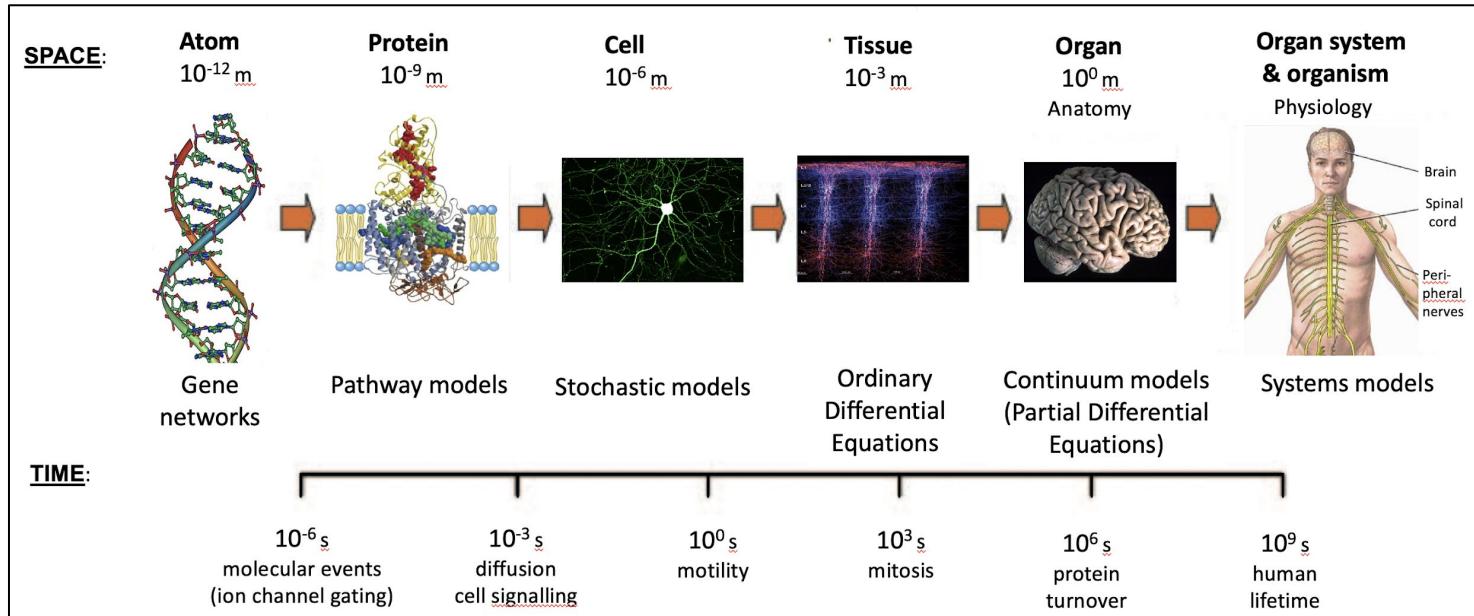


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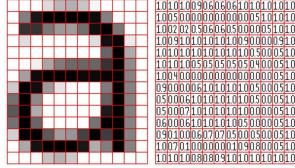
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<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/strategy-development/key-themes/interdisciplinary-104.php>

- **Representations**

(images, text, knowledge, ...)

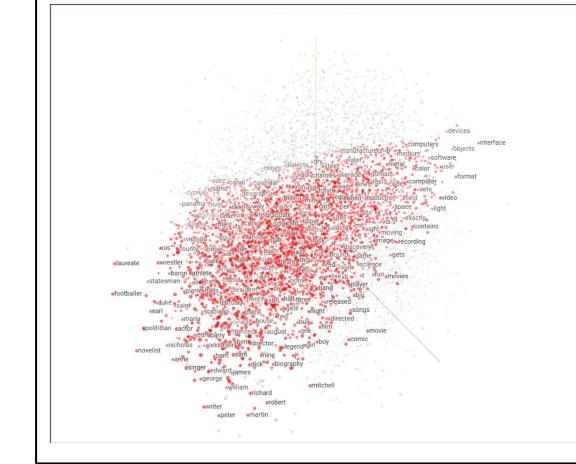
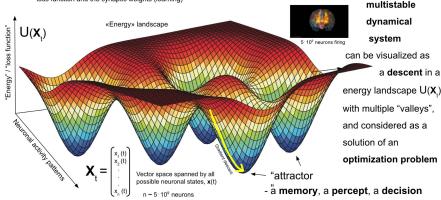


$$y \approx f(X; \theta)$$

- **Computations**

Neural networks & neurodynamics in brain and machine

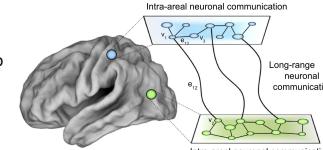
... the shape of the landscape (manifold) embedded in \mathbb{R}^n is dependent of the fitness or loss function and the genetic weights (learning).



<http://projector.tensorflow.org>



5 · 10⁹ neurons firing

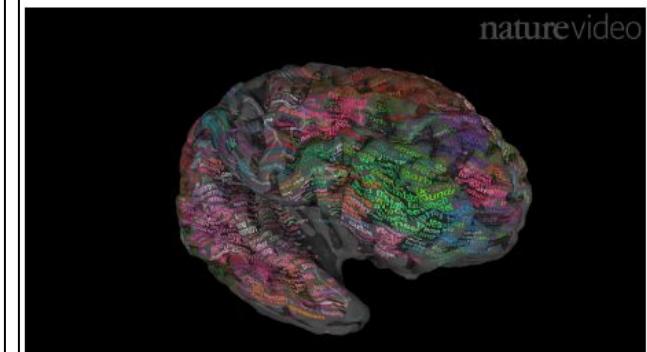


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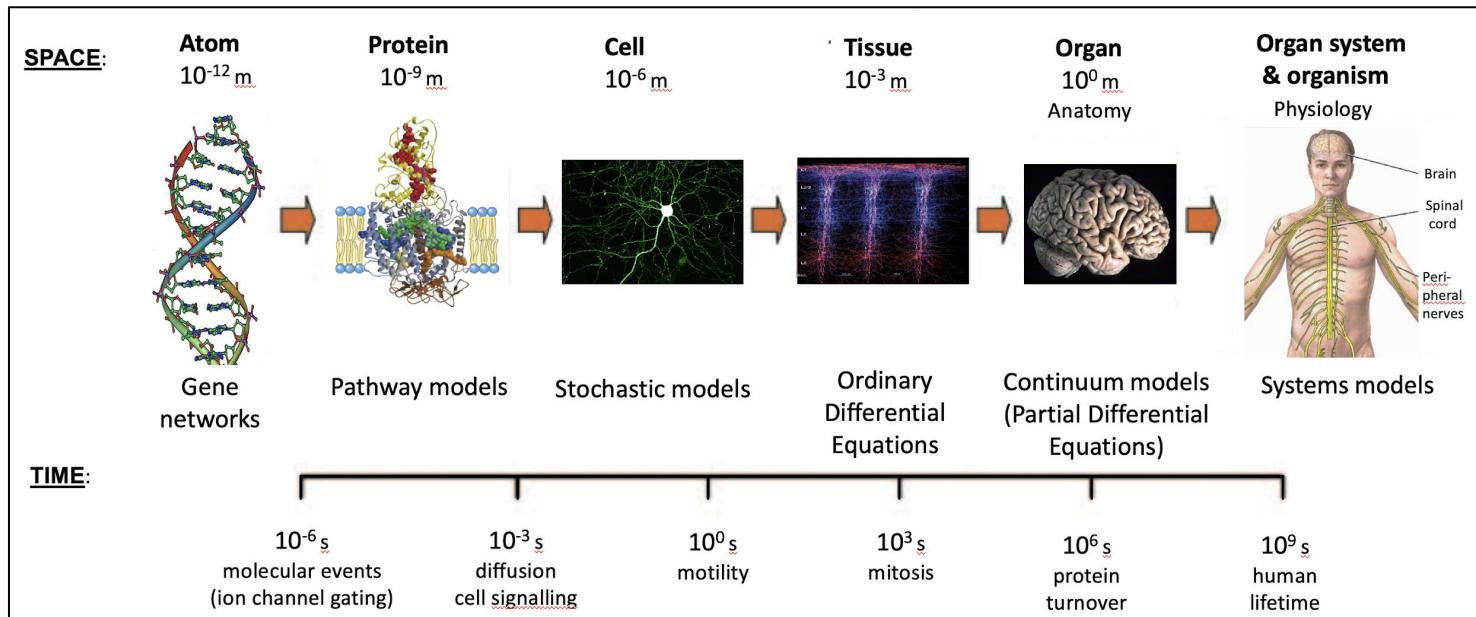
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Natural speech reveals the semantic maps that tile human cerebral cortex, Nature 2016

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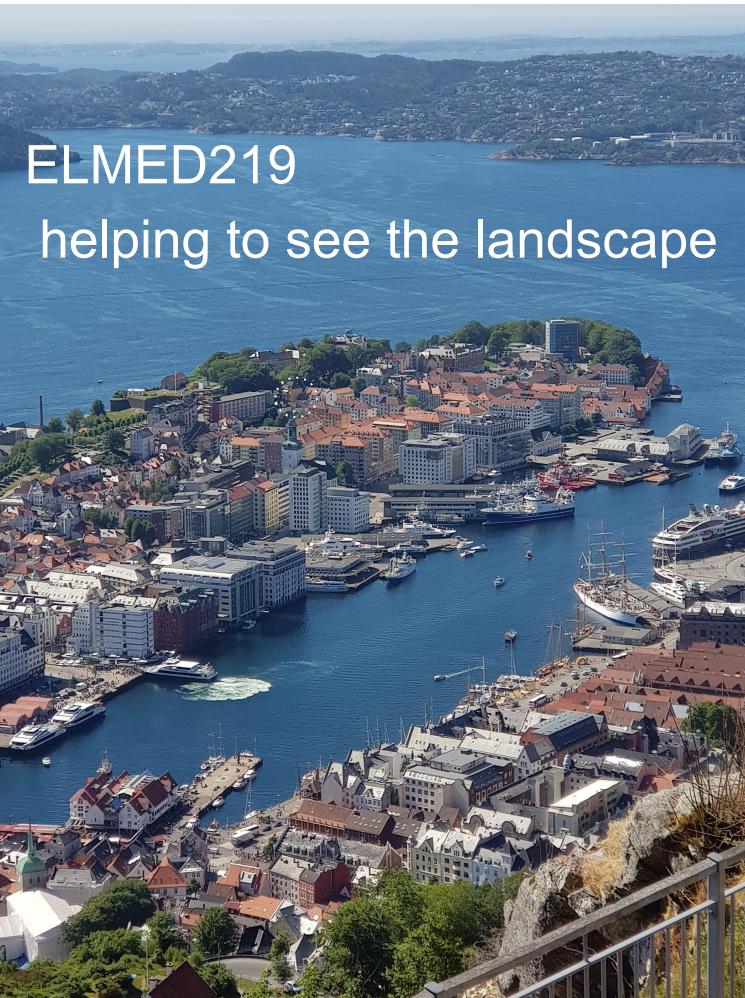
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