

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>

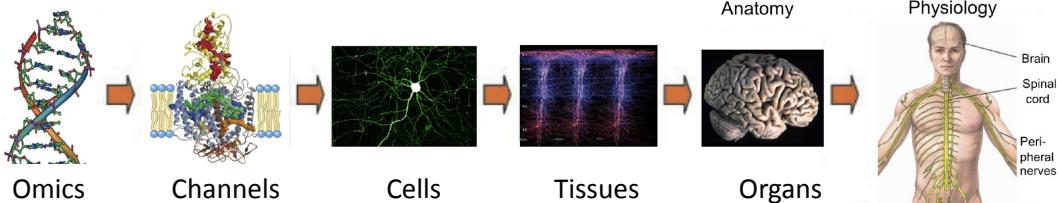
\mathcal{O}_3 worms *C. elegans*



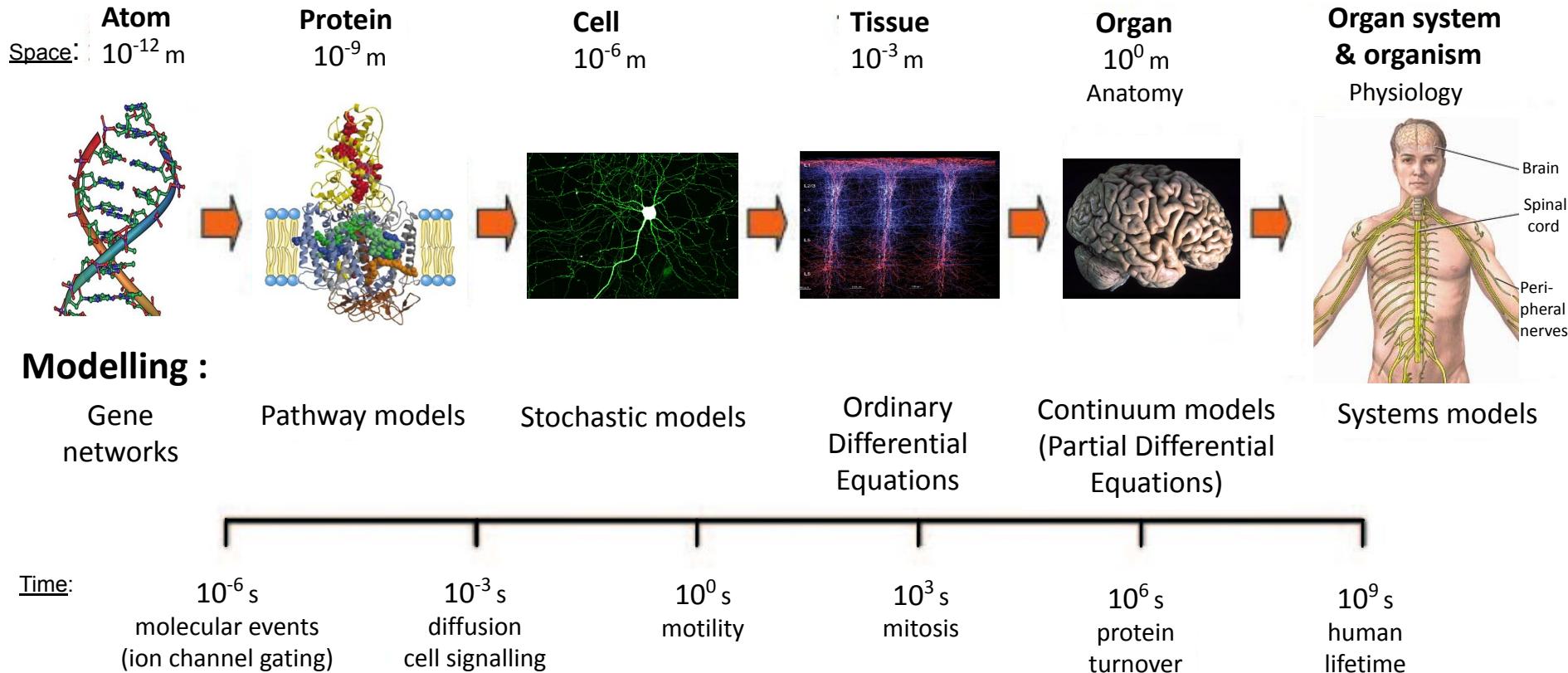
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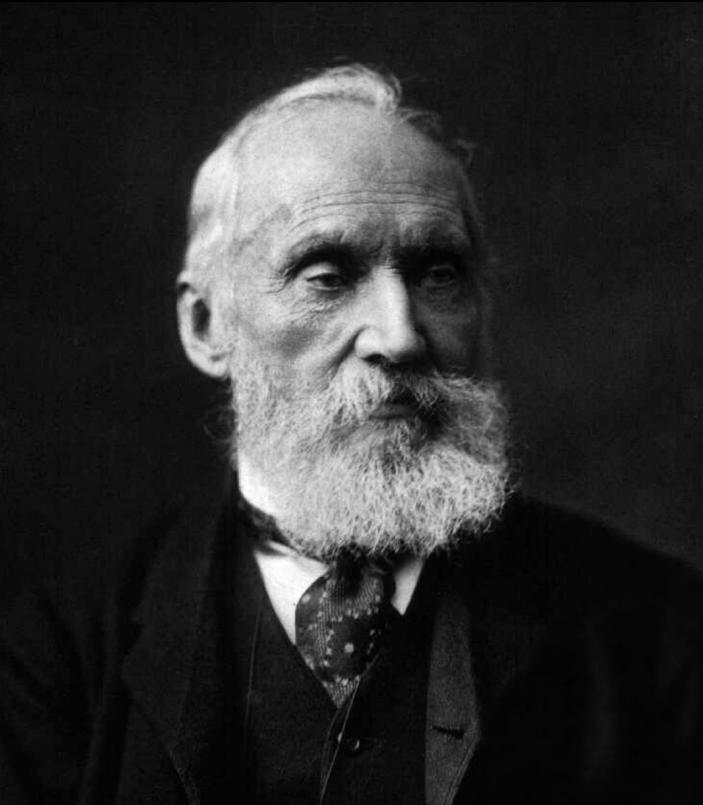
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\mathcal{O}_n man (in health & disease)



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*»

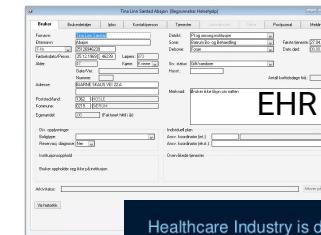
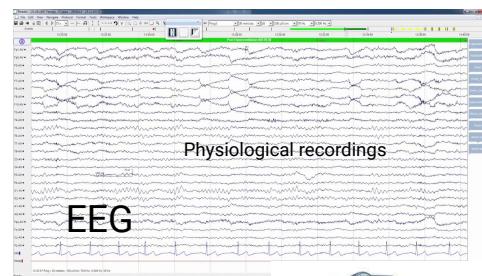
Biomedicine: *wet-lab* → *dry-lab*

What is “computational medicine” ?

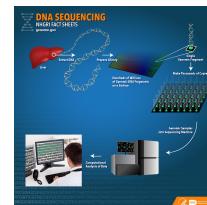
“Application of methods from engineering, mathematics and computational sciences aiming for deeper understanding and better treatment of diseases and disease processes”

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

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

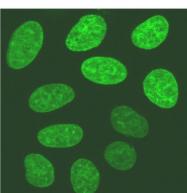


Electronic health records

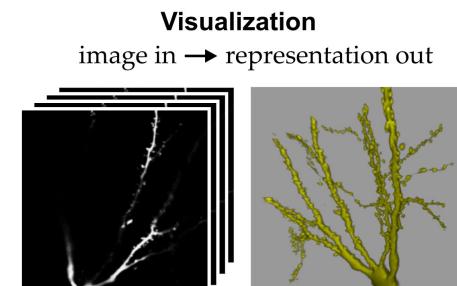
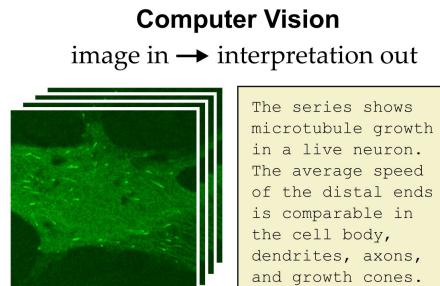
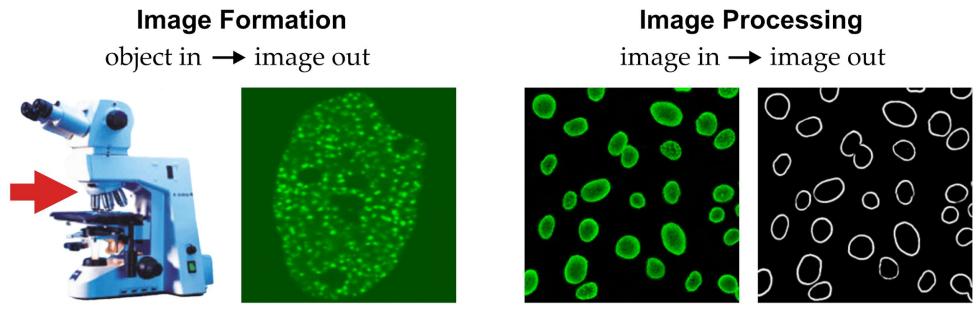
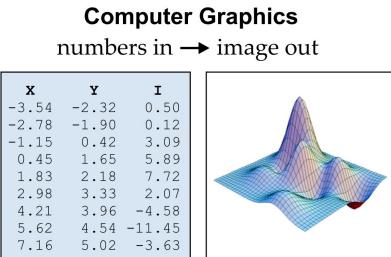


Computational imaging

- Machine learning
- Visualization



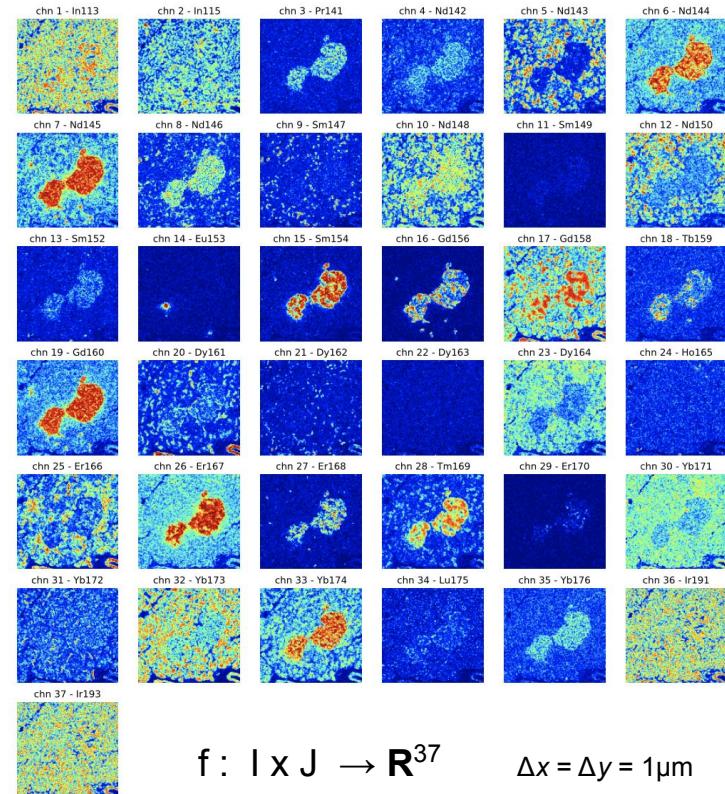
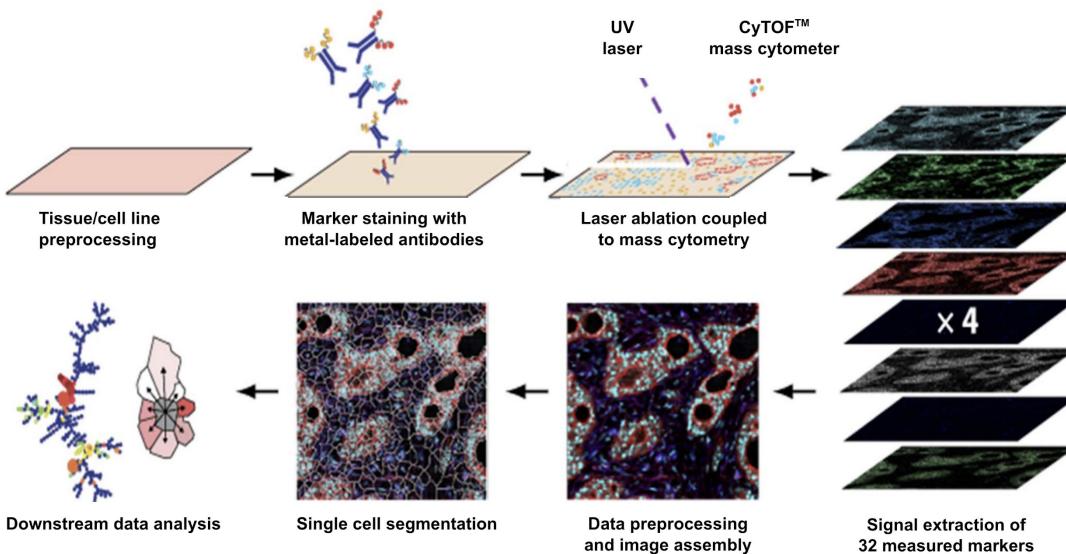
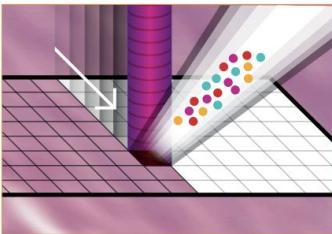
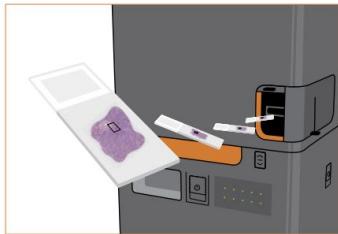
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3	487.1	159.2
4	226.3	67.8
5	531.8	187.6
6	649.5	203.1
7	582.6	196.4
8	498.0	162.9
9	543.2	195.1



Imaging Mass Cytometry (combining molecular biology and imaging)

Load sample into the Hyperion Imaging System.

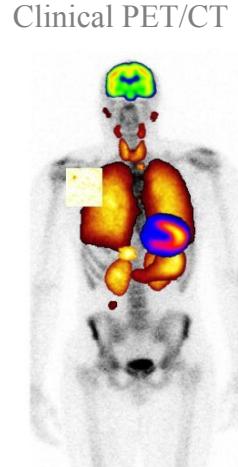
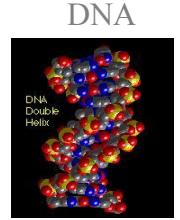
Precise laser imaging of the region of interest



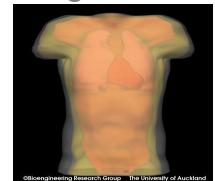
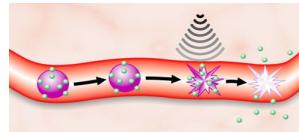
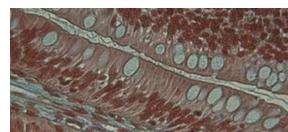
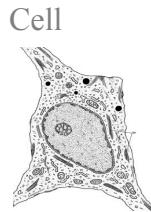
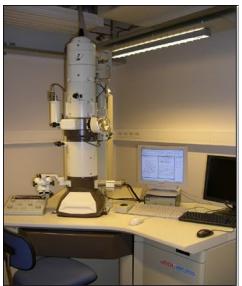
$$f : I \times J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{37} \quad \Delta x = \Delta y = 1\mu\text{m}$$

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

Biomedical imaging



Microscopy

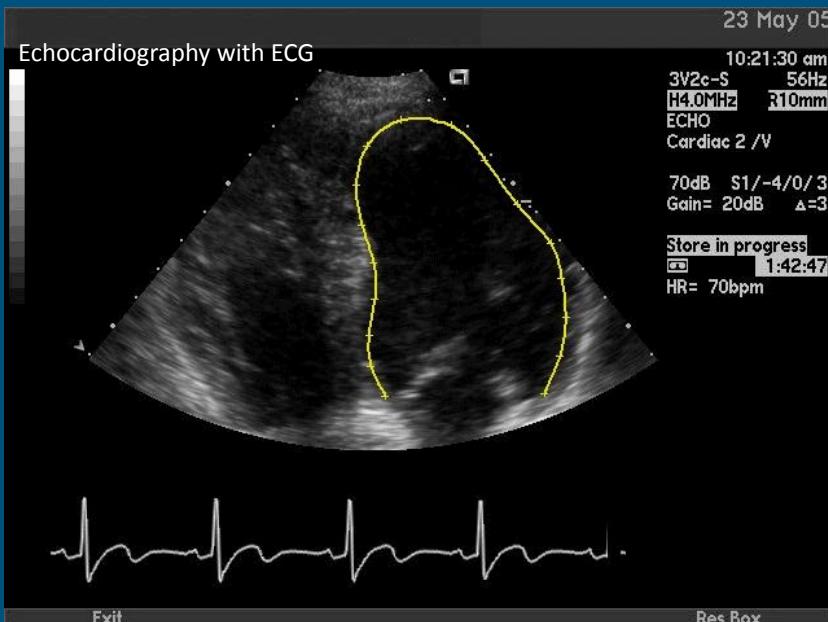


$$\frac{\partial M_x(t)}{\partial t} = \gamma(\mathbf{M}(t) \times \mathbf{B}(t))_x - \frac{M_x(t)}{T_2}$$
$$\frac{\partial M_y(t)}{\partial t} = \gamma(\mathbf{M}(t) \times \mathbf{B}(t))_y - \frac{M_y(t)}{T_2}$$
$$\frac{\partial M_z(t)}{\partial t} = \gamma(\mathbf{M}(t) \times \mathbf{B}(t))_z - \frac{M_z(t)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

SHORT BREAK

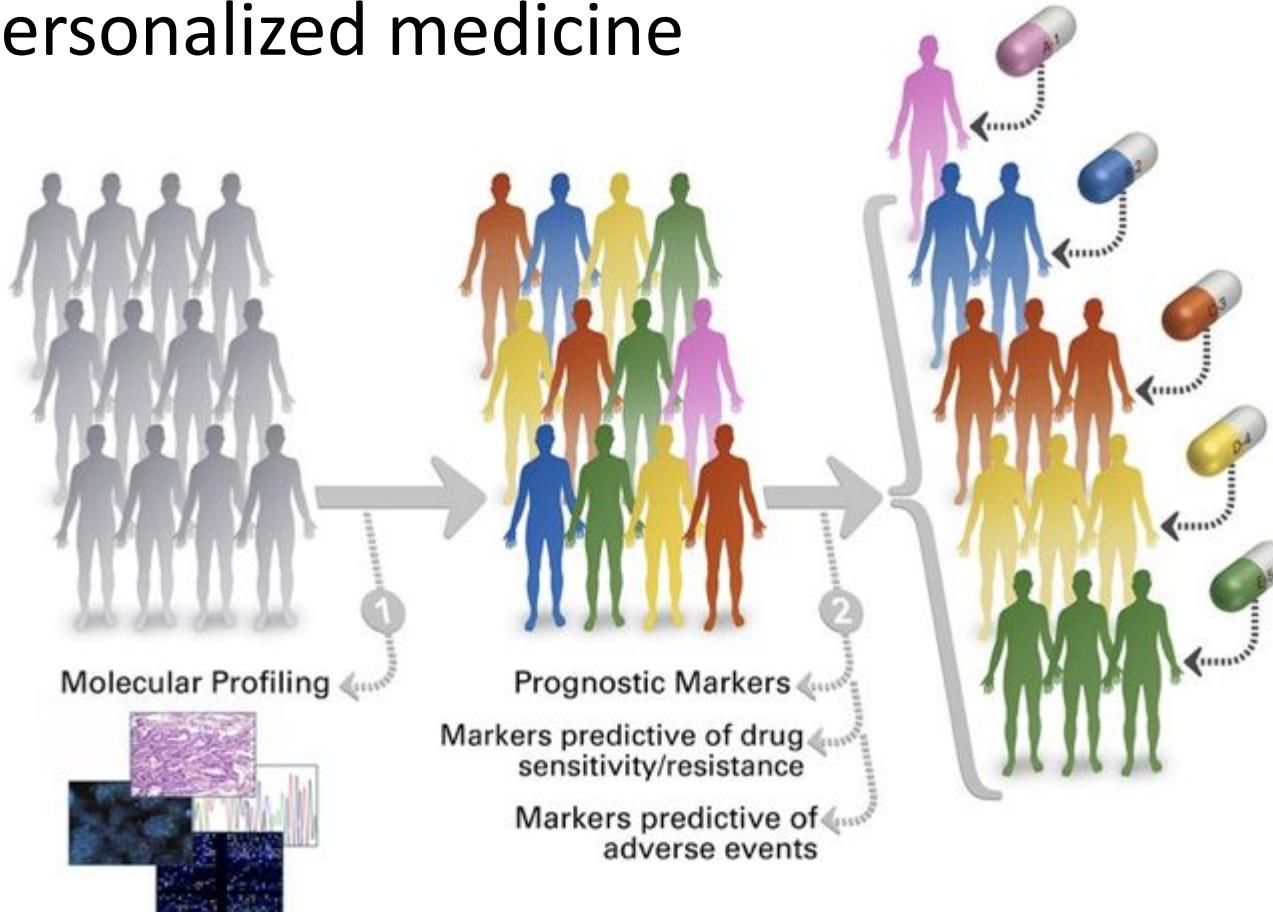
Computational imaging & machine learning

... generic technologies

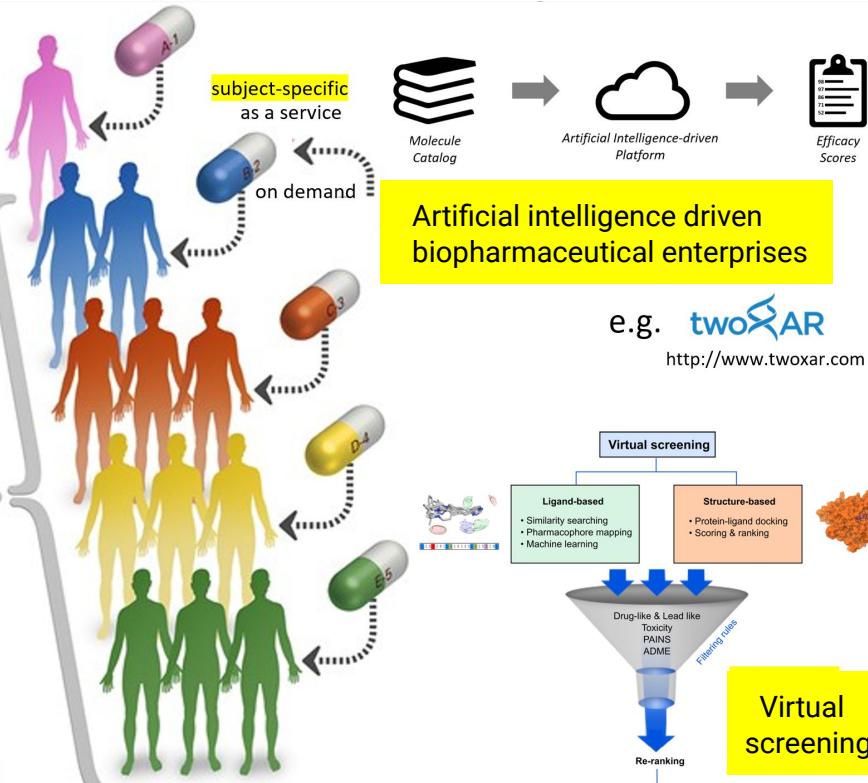
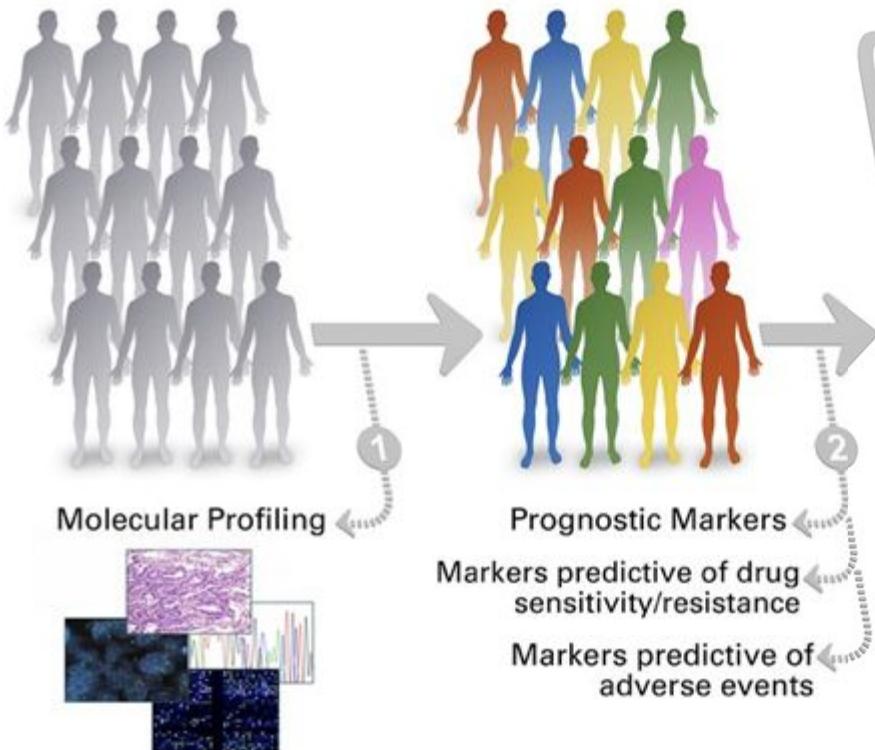


Object detection + tracking + number-plate recognition
=> electronic toll collection / vehicle speed [km/h]

Personalized medicine



Personalized medicine



<https://www.profacgen.com>

Computer-AIDed Drug Design



<https://pct.mdanderson.org>

Team-based project ...

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

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

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.

The multispectral MRI slice and K-means clustering

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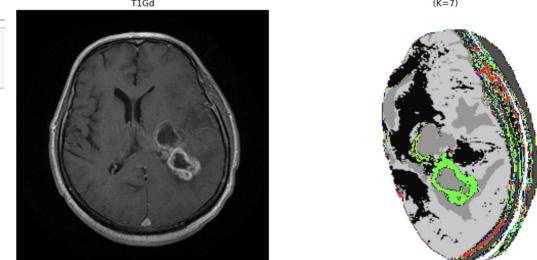
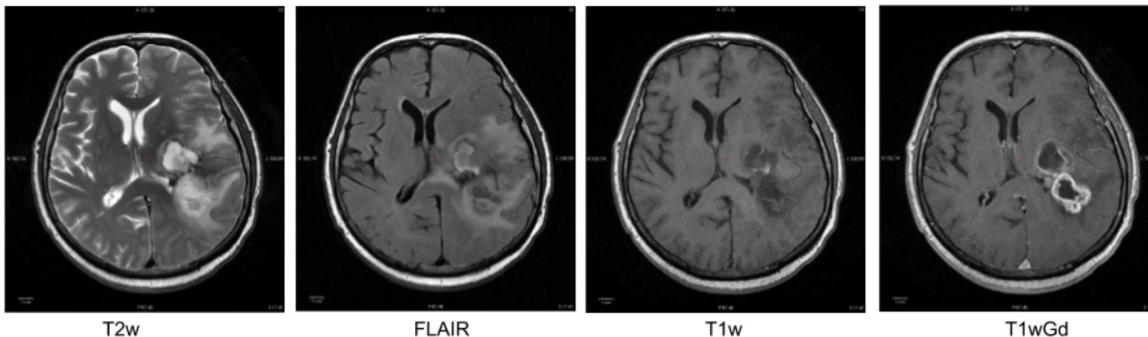
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Images (DICOM, 73.5GB)		 Download	 Search
Tissue Slide Images (web)			 Search
Clinical Data (TXT)		 Download	
Biomedical Data (TXT)		 Download	
Genomics (web)			 Search

Detailed Description	
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Number of Studies	575
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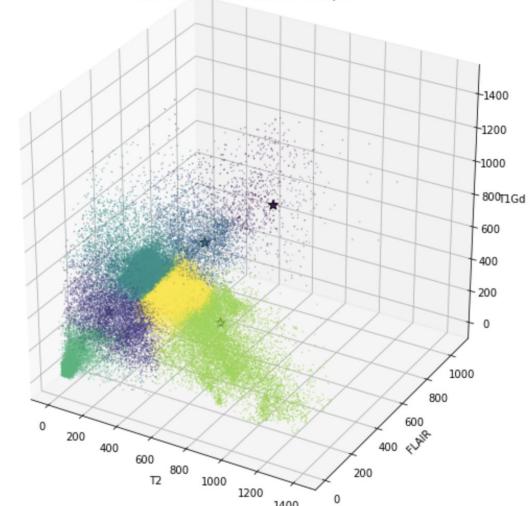
The TCGA-06-1802 data set including metadata

(DICOM images converted to NIFTI format using [dcm2niix](#))

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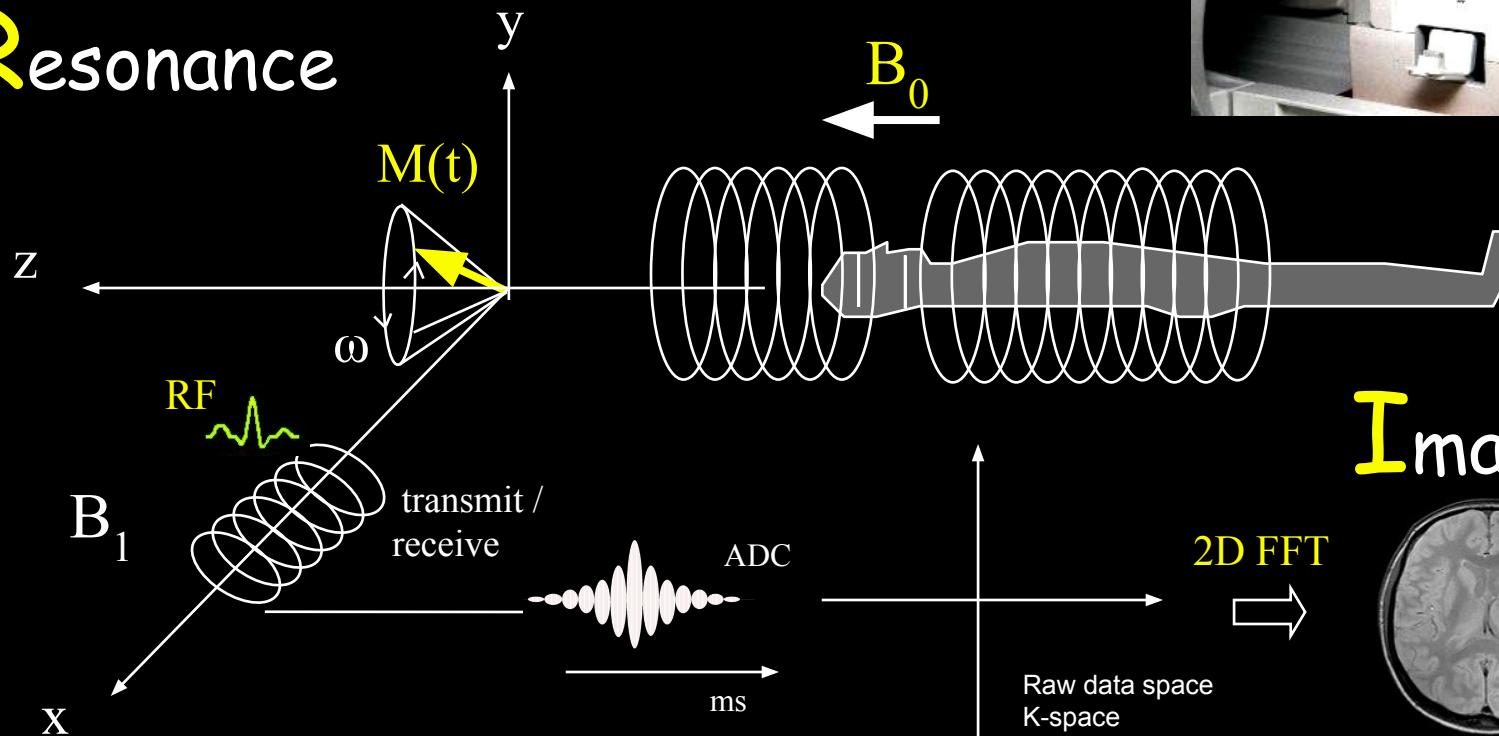
K-means (K=7), n=100000 samples



MRI principles ...

Magnetic

Resonance



Imaging

MRI ...

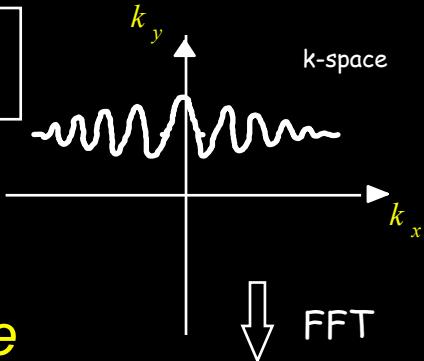


We are imaging:

water protons
in cellular environment

using:

Fourier transform
(2D FFT)



by:

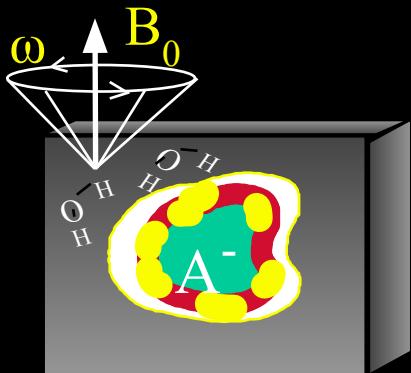
experimental manipulation
of proton spin populations

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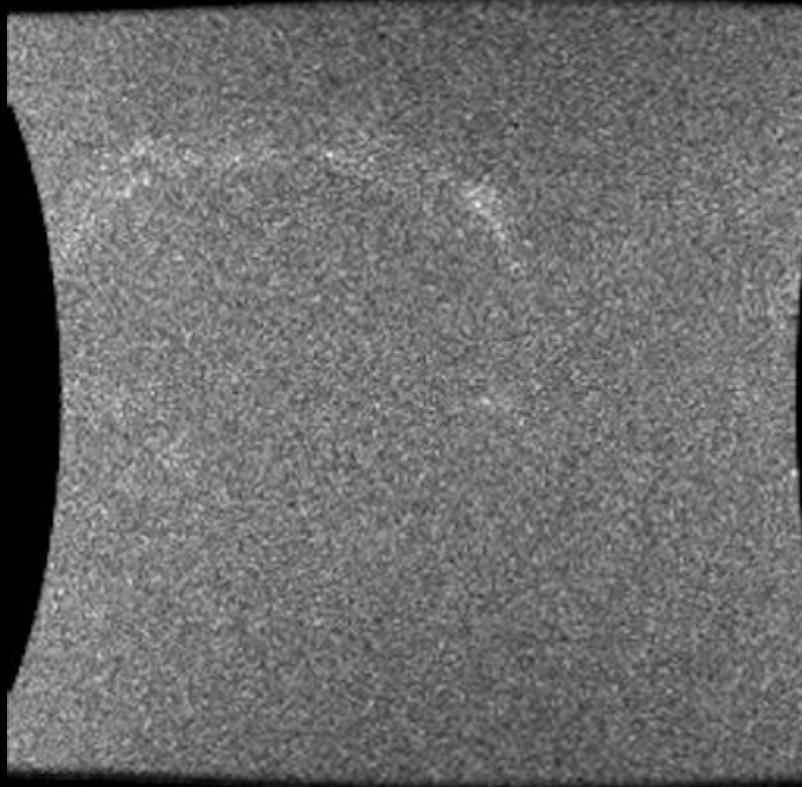
*Image
reconstruction*

*Contrast-
mechanisms*

Pulse sequences



3D T1-weighted MRI



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Time-Of-Flight MRA



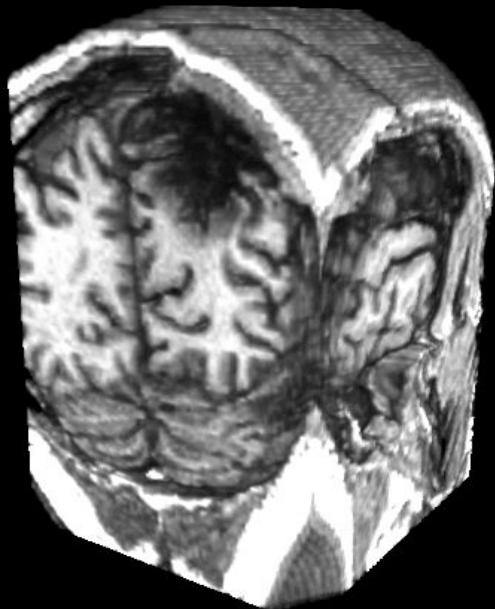
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Multispectral 3D MRI

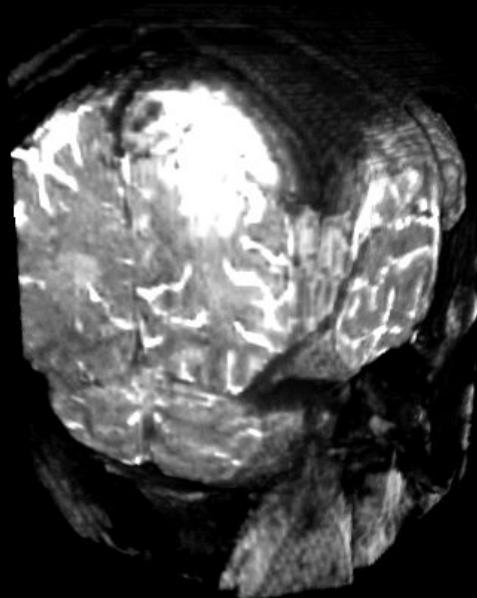
FLASH

DESS

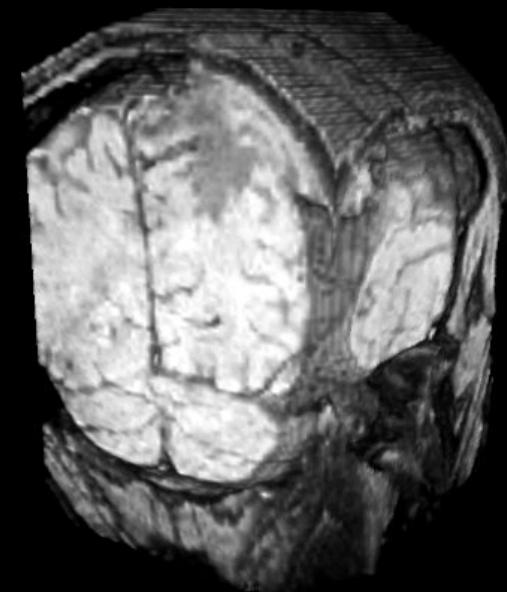
FISP



T1-W

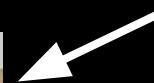


T2-W

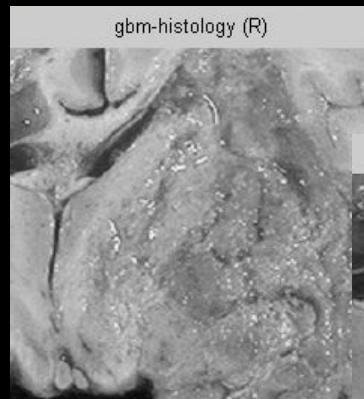


ρ -W

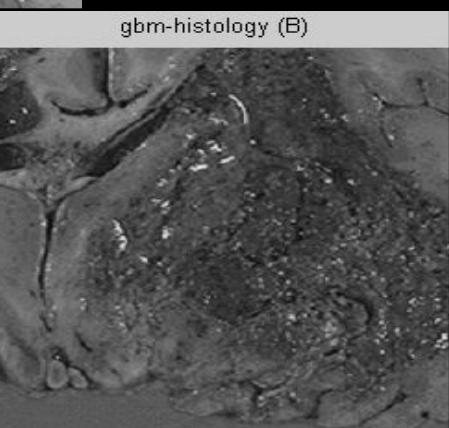
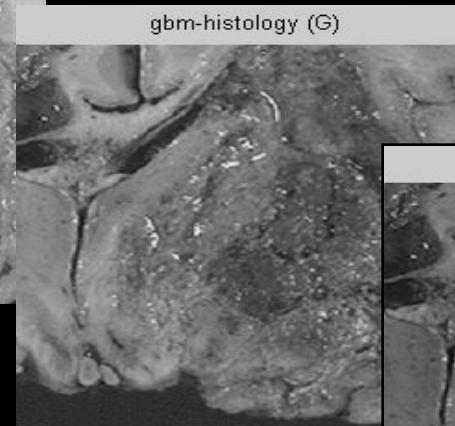
Multispectral image



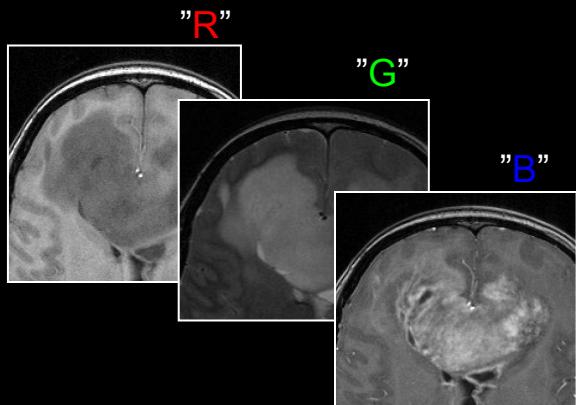
“multispectral image”



“multiband image”



“multichannel image”



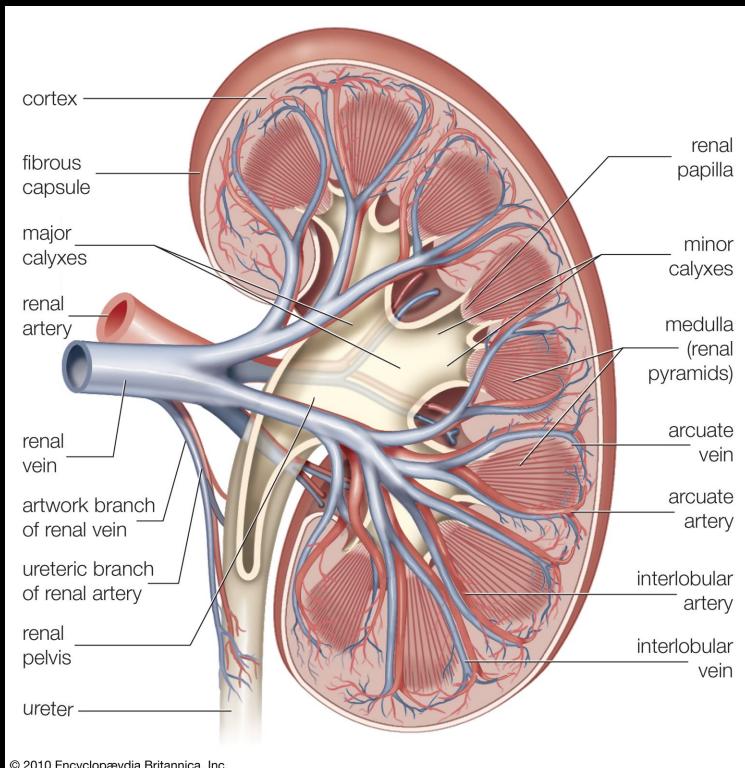
Red channel

Green channel

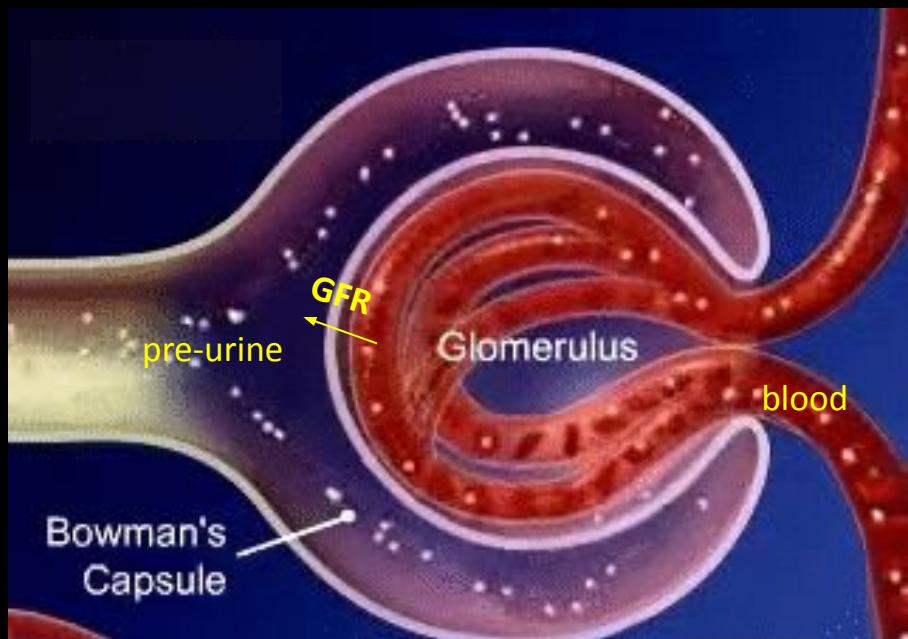
Blue channel

different pulse sequences in MRI

A little (computational) kidney physiology



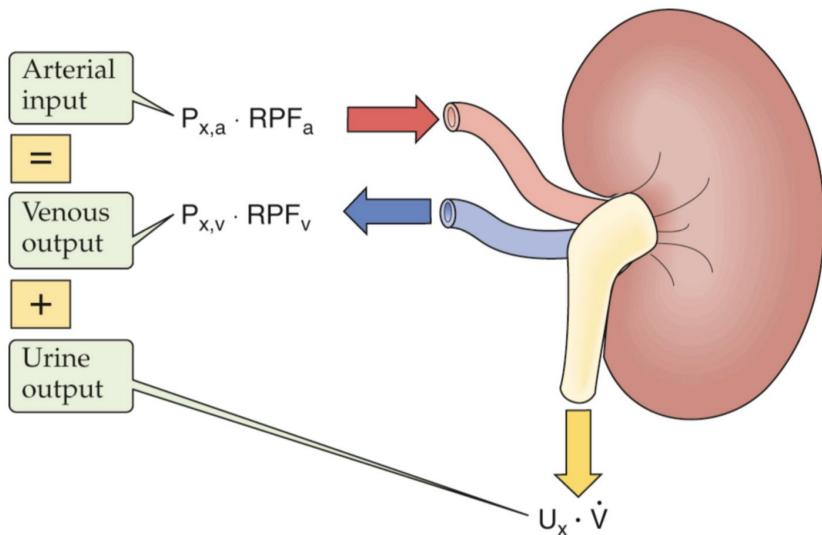
Glomerular filtration



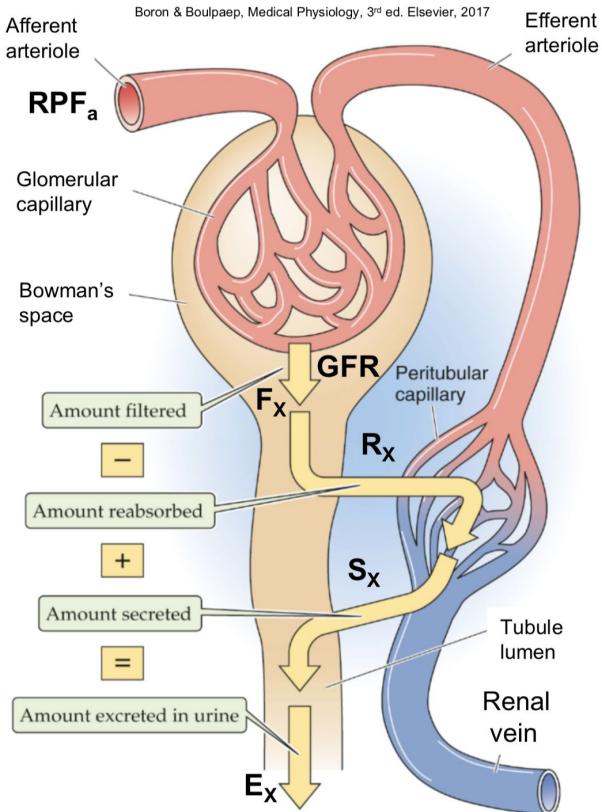
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCQ-5iwTQvM>

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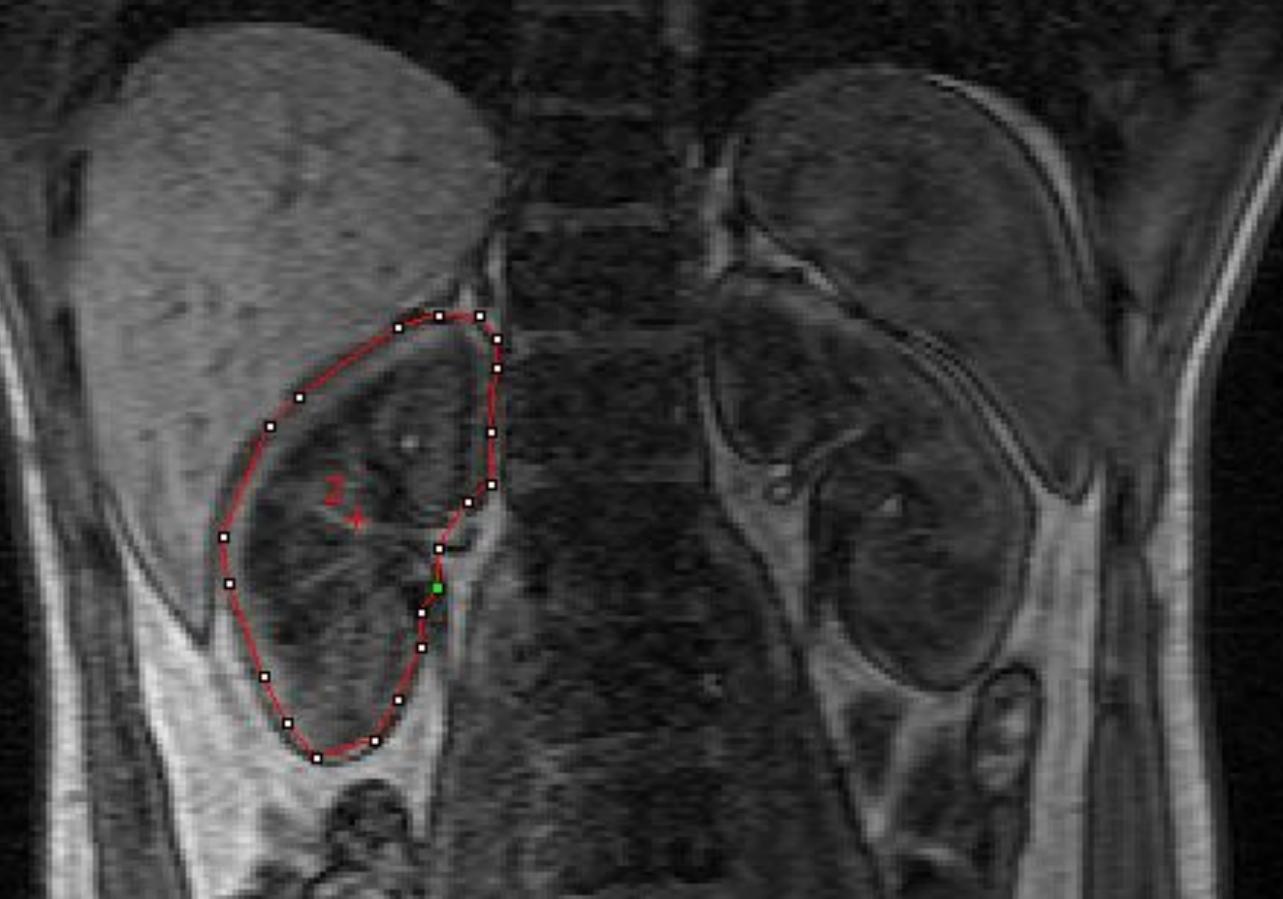
Mass balance



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



Dynamic contrast enhanced (DCE) MRI of the moving kidney



kidney_slice10_frame10_roi.avi

DCE-MRI of the moving kidney

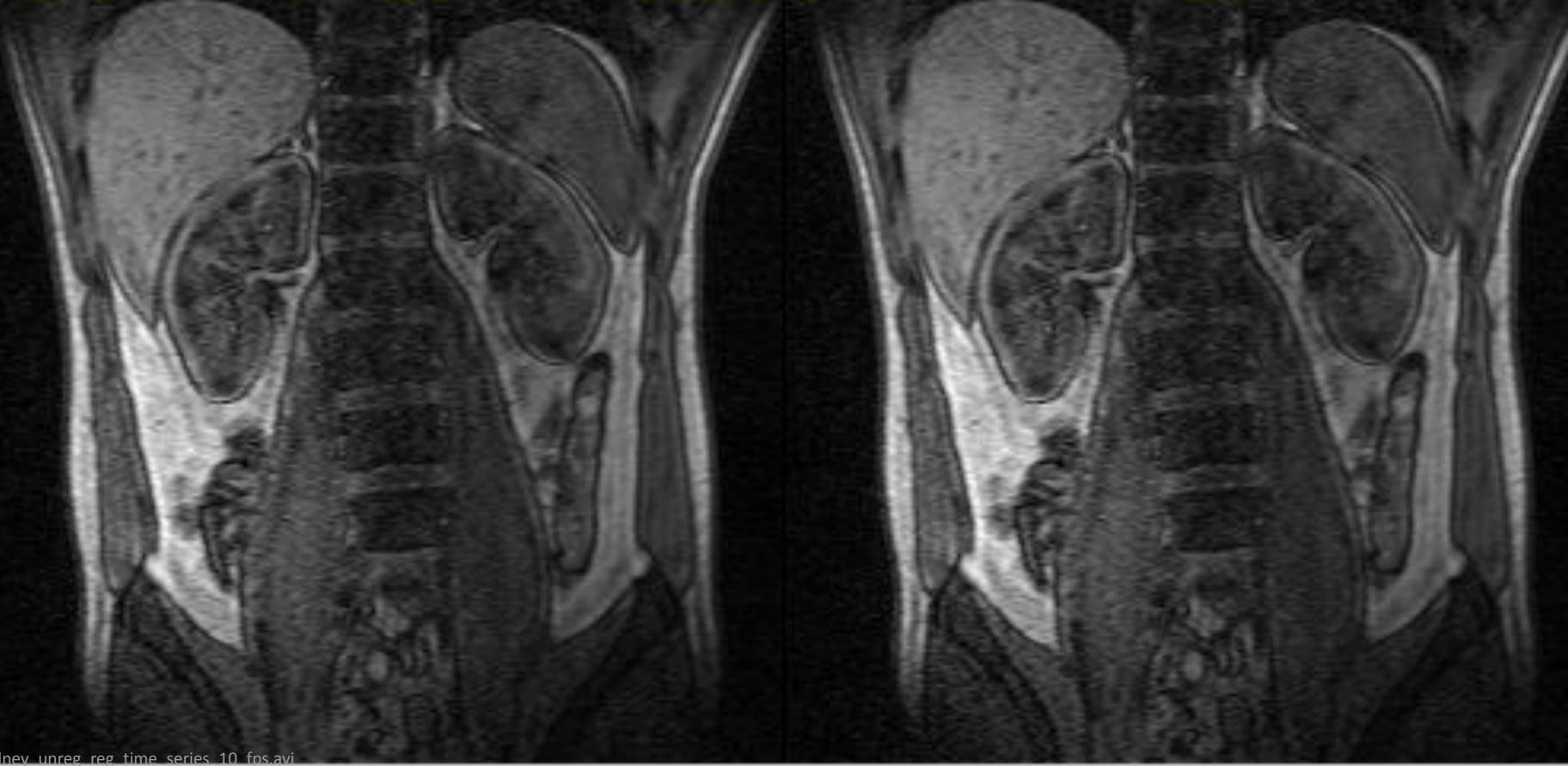
with **motion correction** (image registration)

frame 1

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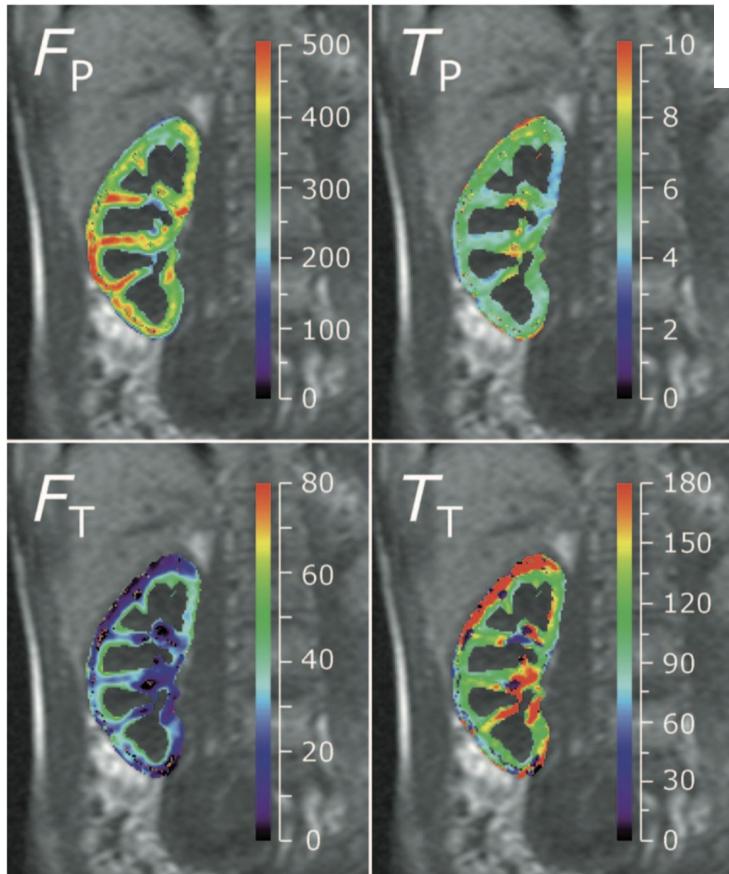
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Voxel-wise estimation of the four model parameters

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



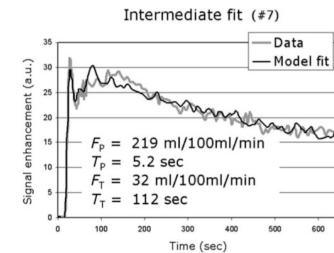
F_p (mL/100 mL/Min)

$T_p = MTT_p$ (sec)

F_t (mL/100 mL/Min)

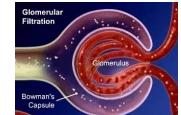
$T_t = MTT_t$ (sec)

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



for the data with the intermediate fit accuracy

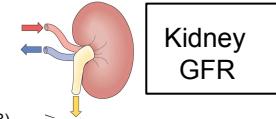
$F_p = GFR$ (glomerular filtration rate)



θ : image-based biomarkers

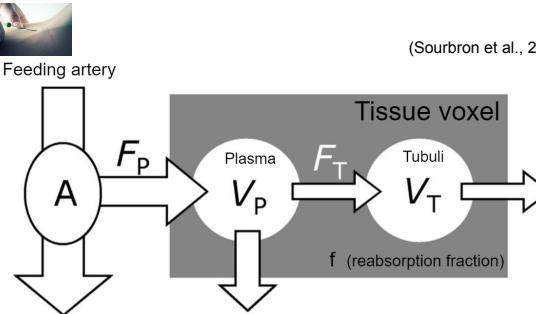
The parametric maps (colored) are superposed on a precontrast image (gray) for anatomic reference.

Renal perfusion and filtration:



Feeding artery

(Sourbron et al., 2008)



$AV_p V_T$
compartments

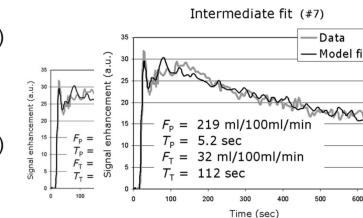
The four independent model parameters

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

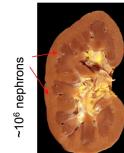
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$$F_T \text{ (mL/100 mL/ Min)}$$

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



for the data with the intermediate fit accuracy



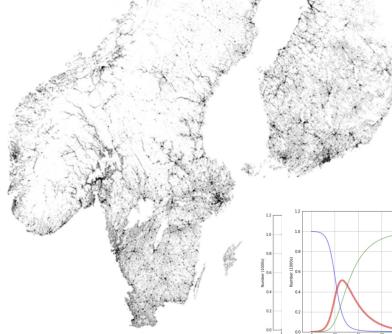
Outbreak science:

COVID-19



SIR compartments

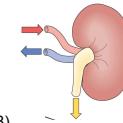
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial S(x, y, t)}{\partial t} &= -\beta SI + D\nabla^2 S & (1) \\ \frac{\partial I(x, y, t)}{\partial t} &= \beta SI - \gamma I + D\nabla^2 I & (2) \\ \frac{\partial R(x, y, t)}{\partial t} &= \gamma I + D\nabla^2 R & (3) \end{aligned}$$



**) ... The 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.

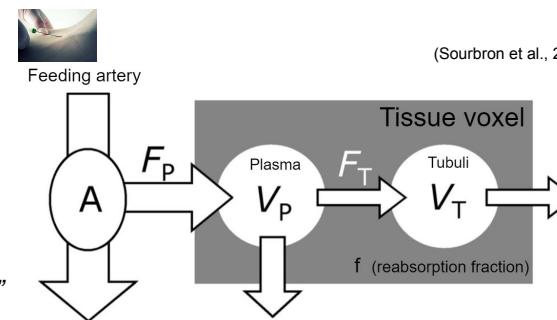
Renal perfusion and filtration:



Kidney
GFR

(Sourbron et al., 2008)

AV_p V_T
compartments



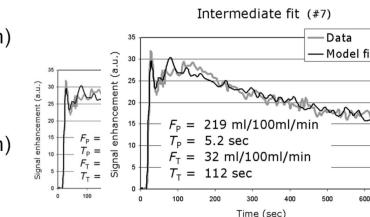
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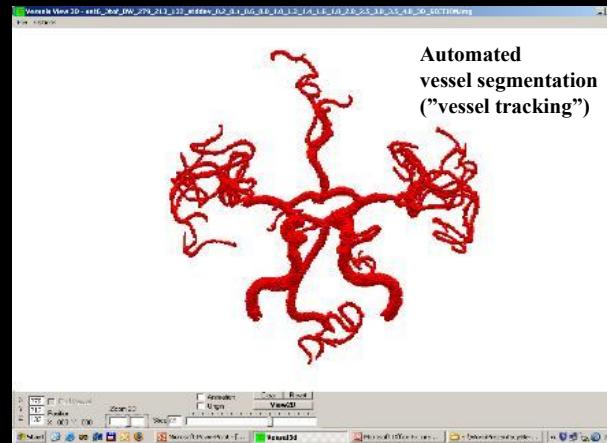


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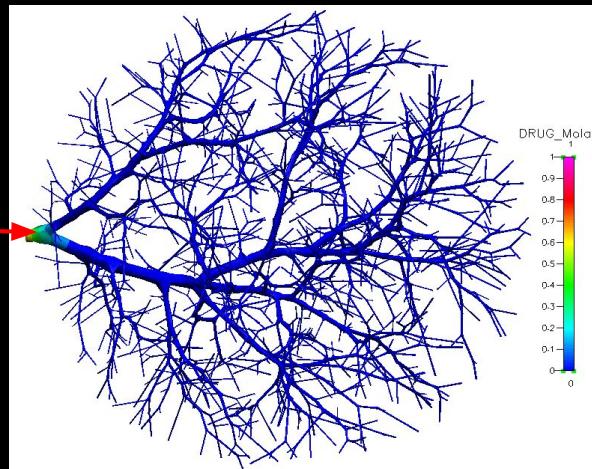
Cerebral circulation: Vessels – Flow – Perfusion - Permeability

MRA

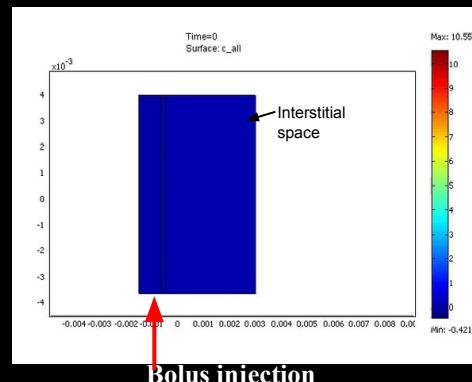


Modelling and simulation of "drug delivery" in a vessel tree (Kocinski, TUL)

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 “

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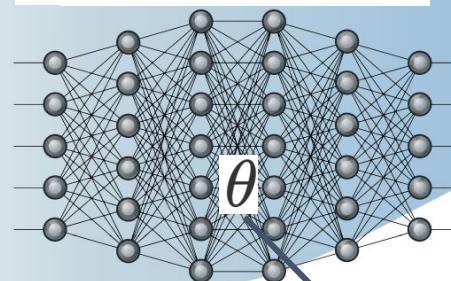
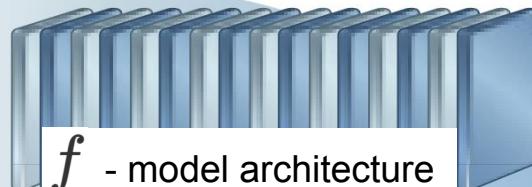
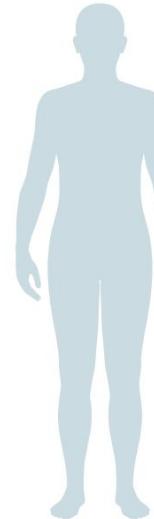
$$f(x; \theta)$$

 y

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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

**model parameters****Output**

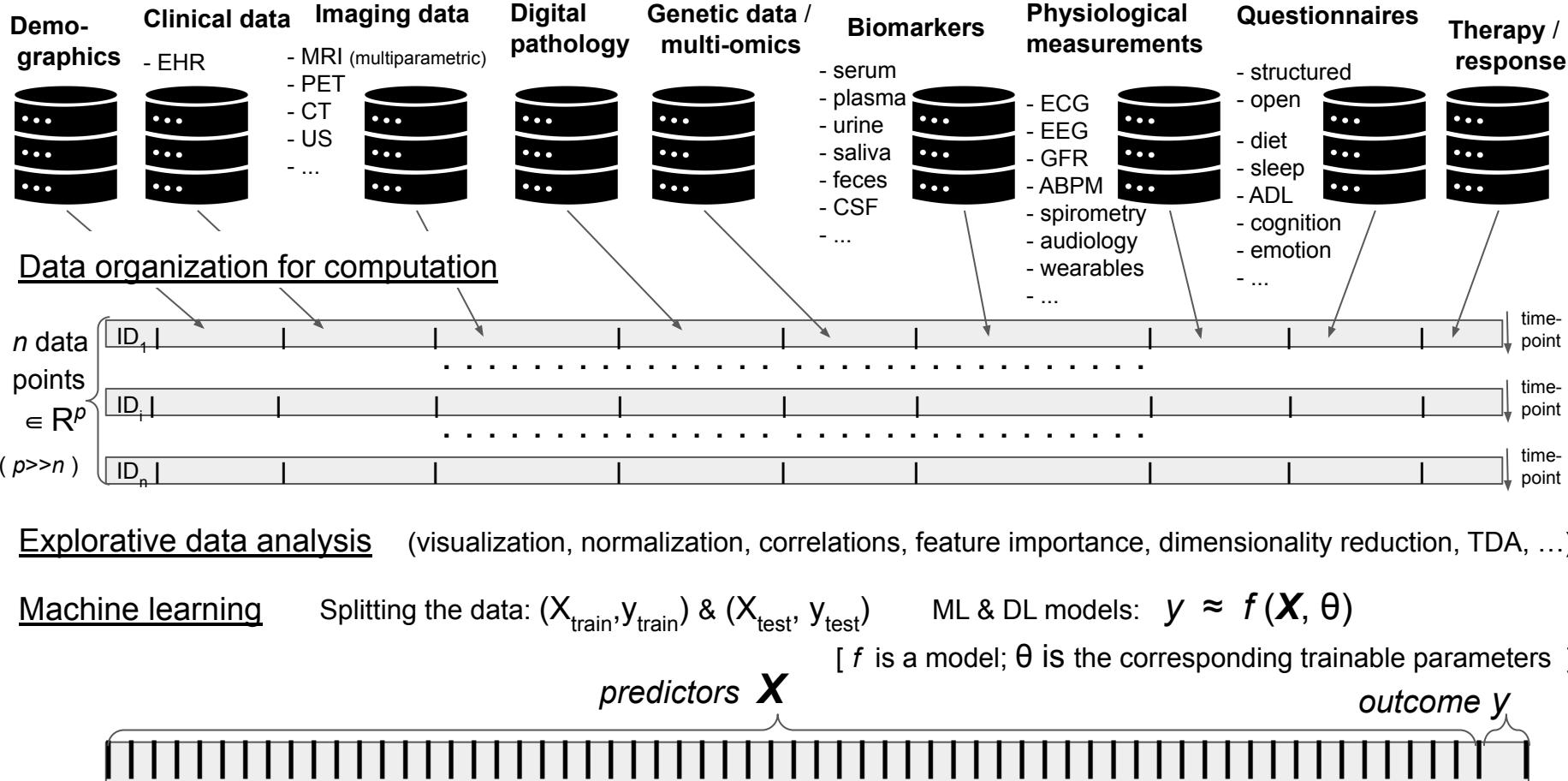
- Health guidance
- Diagnosis
- Phenotype
- Overall survival

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

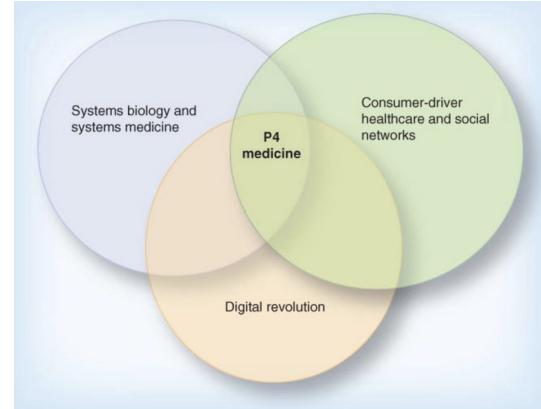
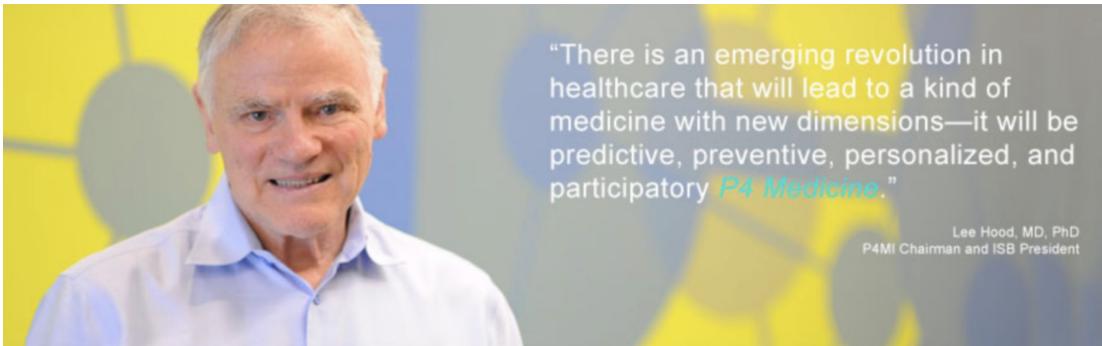
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A patient-oriented, spatio-temporal digital biobank for clinical data science and medical AI



“P4 medicine”

incl. systems biology and systems medicine

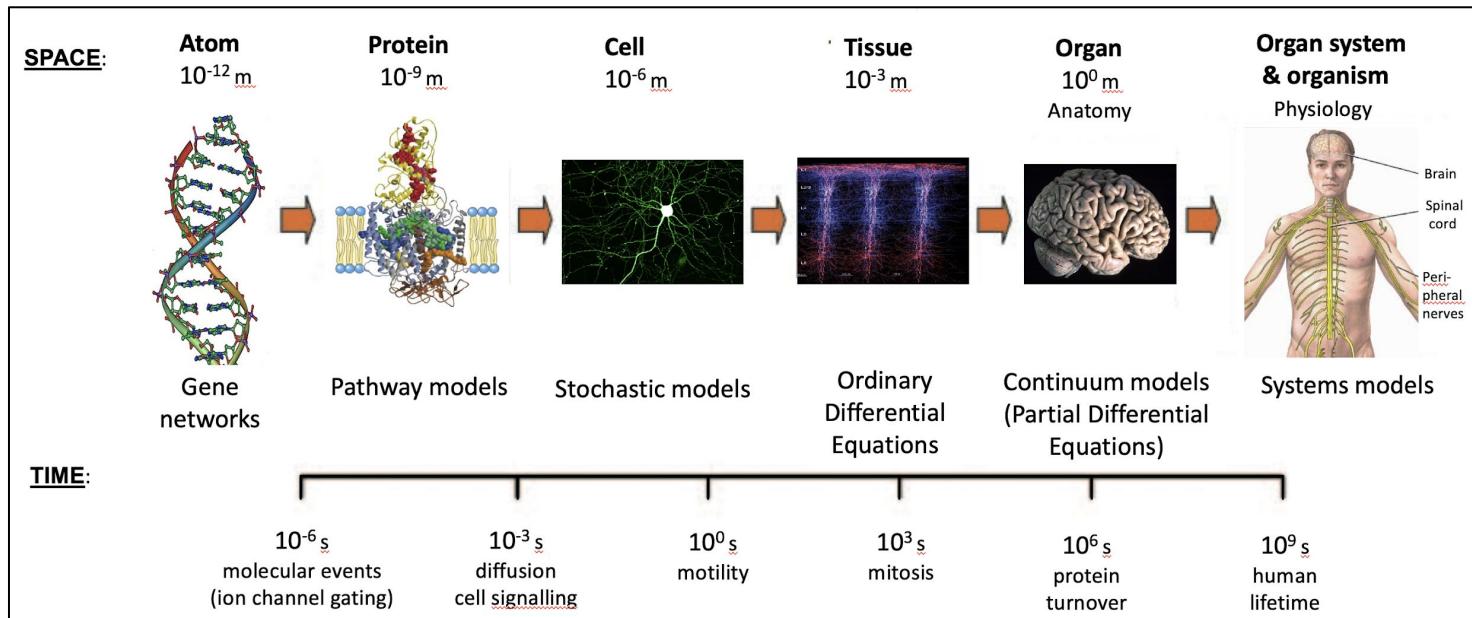


P4: Predictive Preventive Personalised Participatory

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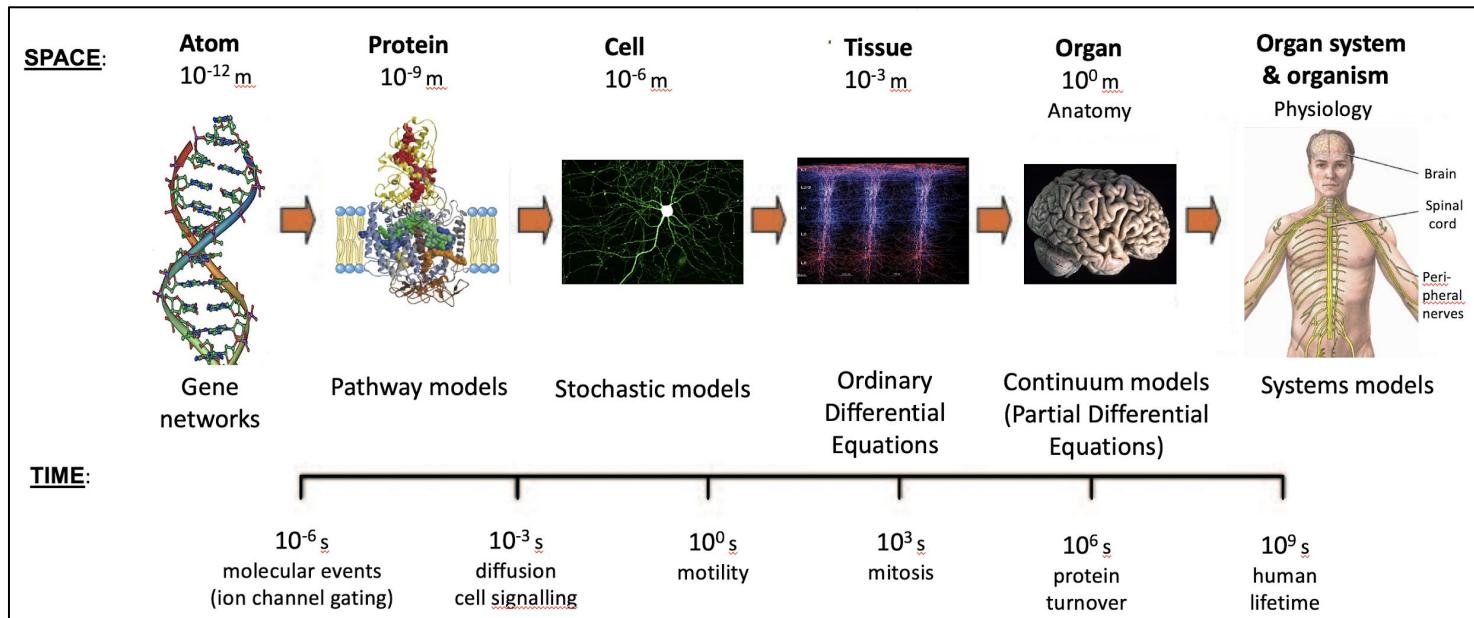
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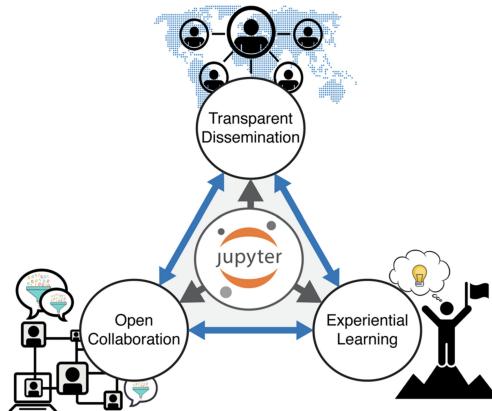
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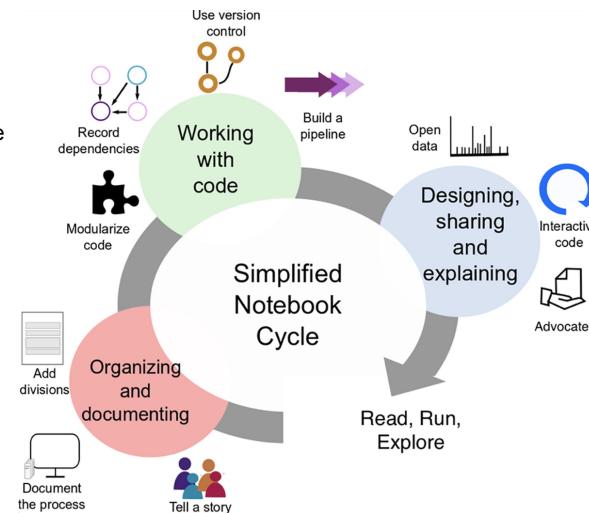
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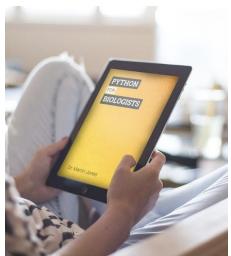
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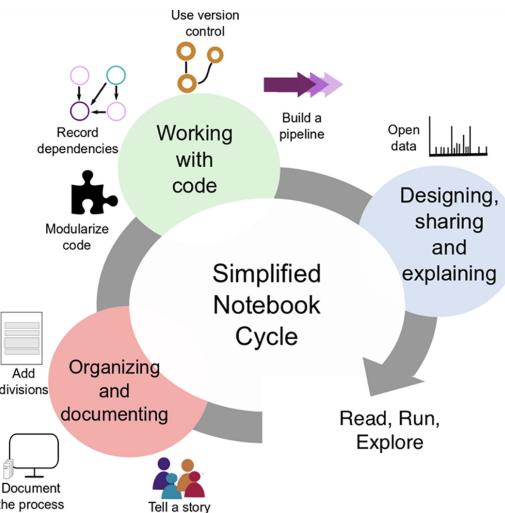
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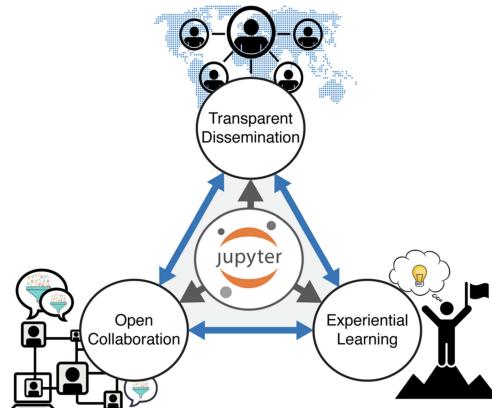
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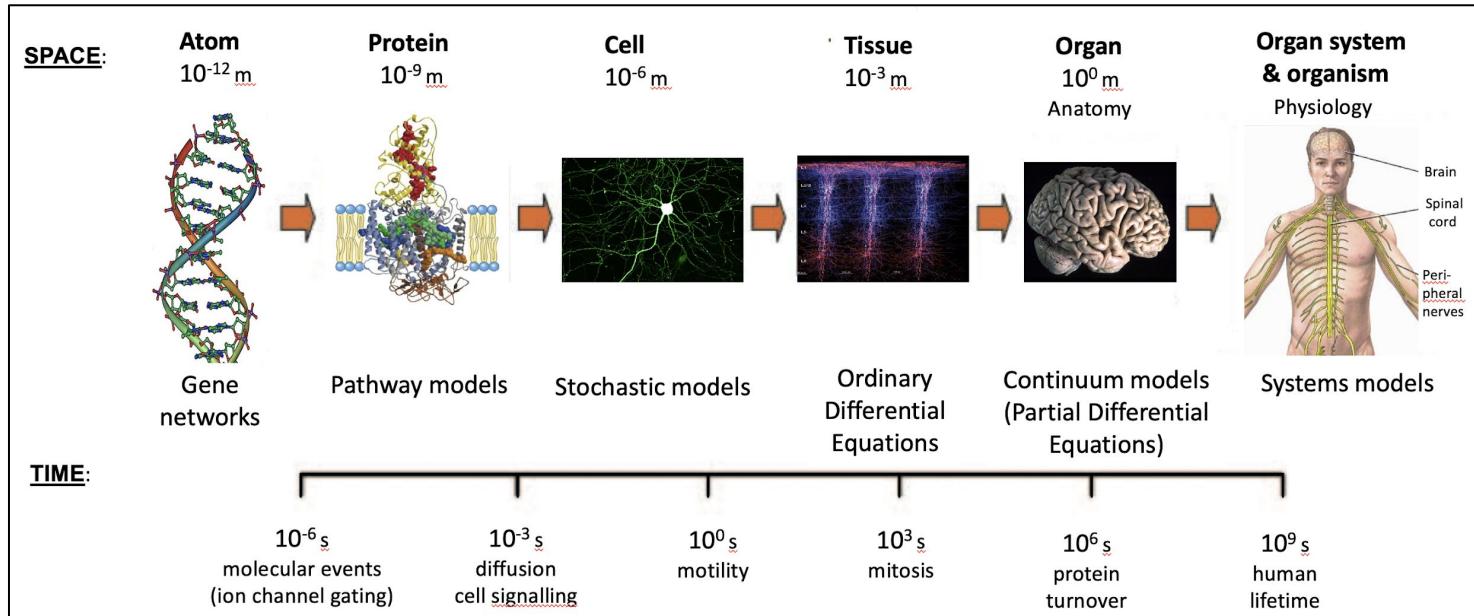
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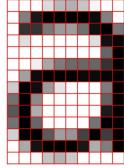
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<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/strategy-development/key-themes/interdisciplinary-104.php>

- **Representations**

(images, text, knowledge, ...)

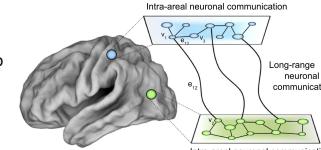


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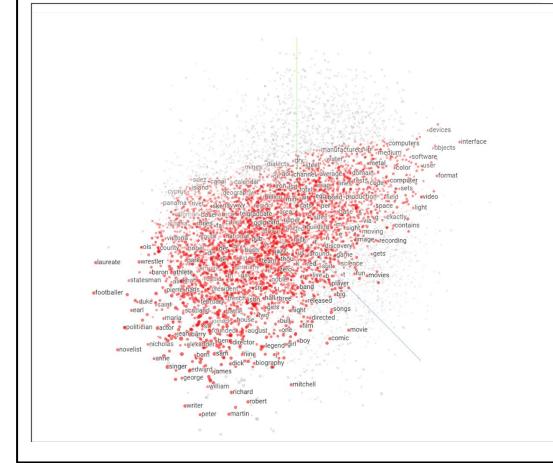
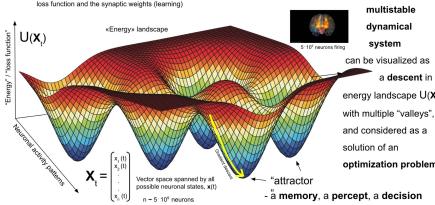
5 · 10⁹ neurons firing



- **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



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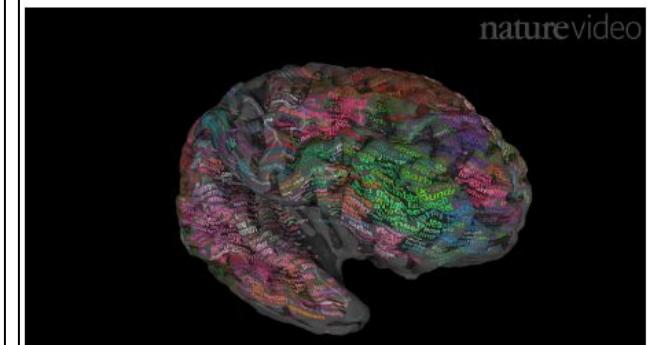
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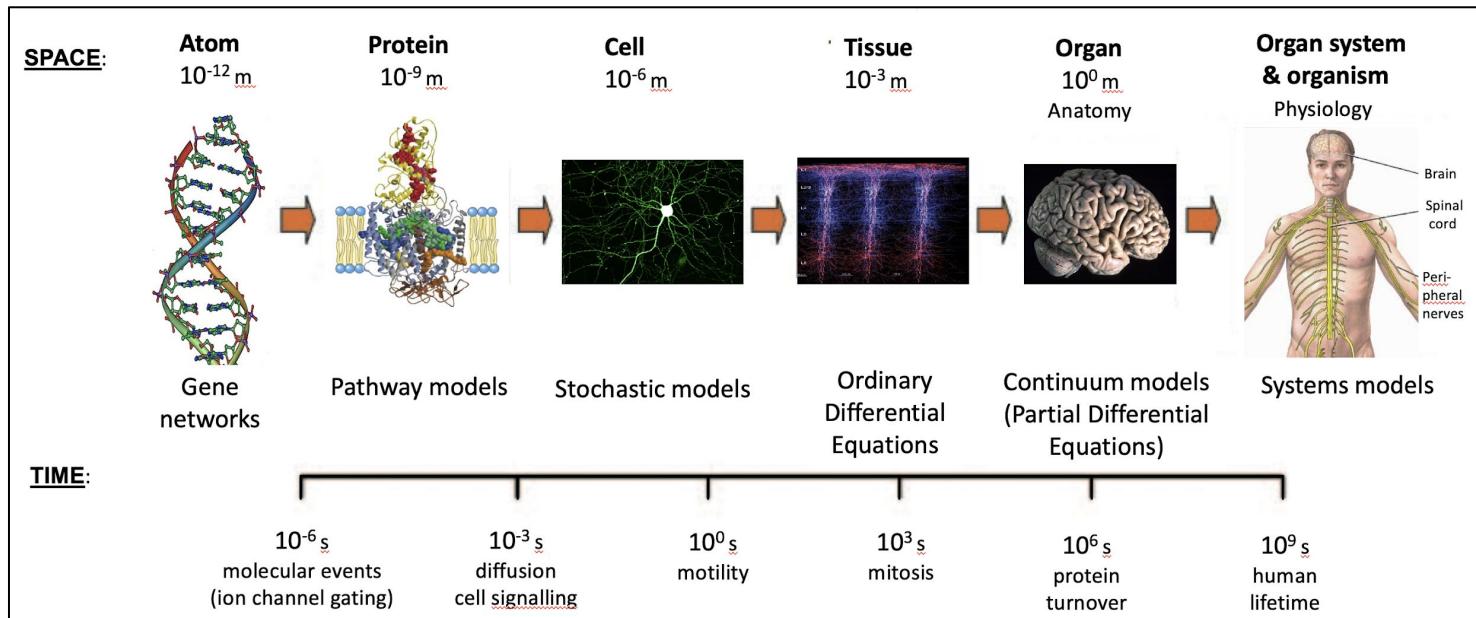
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Natural speech reveals the semantic maps that tile human cerebral cortex, Nature 2016

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y: outcome, *f*: model, *X*: data, θ : model parameters



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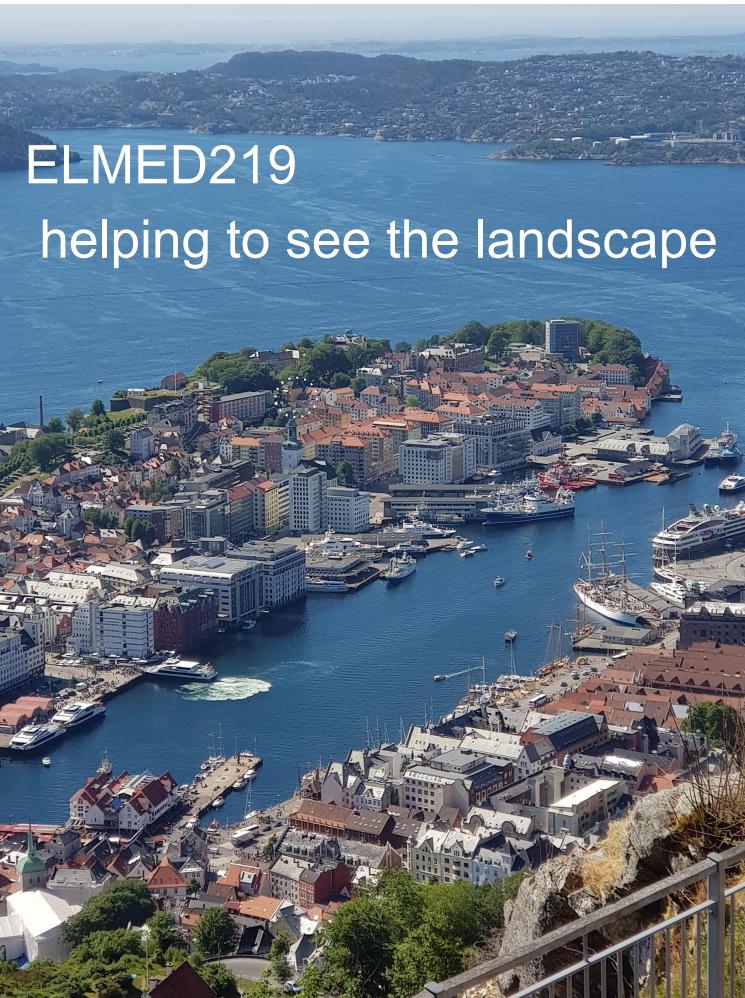
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