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# Machine Learning in Intensive Care Units

## Trial Lecture

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# About this talk

## Intensive Care Unit (ICU)

The first ICUs  
Intensive care medicine  
Quality metrics of ICU

## Machine Learning in ICU

ICU monitoring and data  
Machine Learning  
ML in ICU

## Case studies

In-hospital mortality  
Beyond mortality predictions

## The future of ML x ICU

Where we are now  
Directions forward

# Intensive Care Unit

## in a nutshell



# Intensive Care Units (ICU)

## Early Intensive Care

### 1952 Copenhagen Polio epidemic

30–50 new admission per day, 10% require **artificial ventilation**

250 medical students per day, work shifts with 35–40 doctors – 6 staff per patient

Hand ventilate via **tracheostomy**

Mortality from polio in Copenhagen reduced from over 80% to 40%

**Put patients in a dedicated ward — ICU**

Early neuroscience intensive care unit,  
Saint Marys Hospital, Rochester, MN



Mary Hitchcock intensive care unit, c.a. 1950s  
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, NH



Fig 3. An 8-year-old girl being hand ventilated via a tracheostomy.

# Intensive Care Units (ICU)

## Intensive care medicine

### Functionalities

Life support, monitoring, resuscitations

General ICU, cardiac, post-operative, neonatal, ...

### Healthcare Staff

Multidisciplinary. High staff patient ratio recommended  
(e.g. 1 patient has 1 doctor, 2 nurses)

### Intensive Care

Numerous and invasive monitoring and intervention

- ventilation
- cardiac monitors
- web of intravenous lines, feeding tubes, drains, syringe pumps, ...

Expensive: USA \$2902 per day per bed during covid



# Intensive Care Units (ICU)

## What makes a good ICU

Based on reviews on critical care medicine:

### Medical outcomes

Lower mortality rate  
Less infections  
Lower complication rate, shorter stays ...

### Patients

Satisfied patient and family  
Respect end-of-life decisions  
Proper medical intervention

### Institution and cost effectiveness

Satisfied staff  
Efficiency: bed utilization, processes involved in ICU care  
Resource consumption



# Machine Learning in ICU

# Machine learning in ICU

## ICU monitoring and data

### Non invasive

Heart rate, blood pressure, respiratory rate, temperature

Electrocardiogram (ECG), echocardiogram  
Electroencephalogram (EEG), ultrasound ...

### Invasive

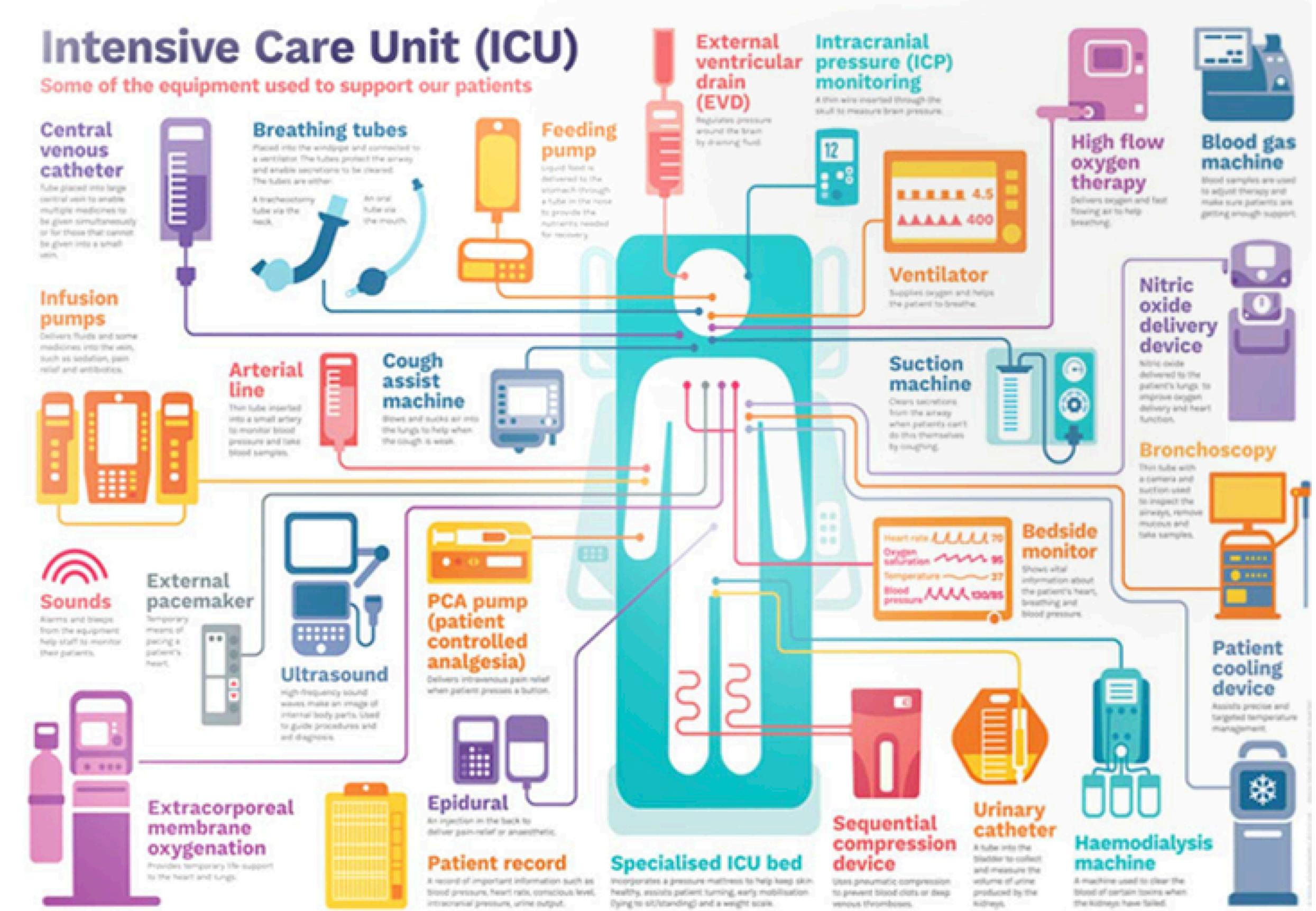
Blood draws  
Arterial line (blood gas measurements)  
..

The measurement frequency differ greatly for different monitoring data

### Other data

demographics, conditions, diagnosis, notes by nurses ...

**MIMIC database** is a frequently used data source



# Machine learning in ICU

## Why do Machine Learning in ICU

Need: **Early detection and prediction of high-risk events** is highly relevant in ICU. ML can potentially help clinicians by reducing their workload, and improving the efficiency for clinical decisions

Possibility: Huge amount of **data** of different types are being generated (e.g. MIMIC data)

Note: ML developed with ICU data are not ready yet to be deployed in routine clinical practice.

# Machine learning in ICU

## What is Machine Learning

A family of modeling techniques that automatically **learn from data** and improve the performance on tasks, such as classification (alive/death).

Input → Model → Output

Traditional decision rules  
based on clinical knowledge

if ECG data {looks like .....},  
**then return** heart attack

Machine learning

**Learn the rules from data**

# Machine learning in ICU

## Terminology

### Supervised learning

One category of ML.

Outcome of interest (patient died within 72h) is known

### Classification

A task where the label is categorical  
(72h mortality, alive/death, 0/1)

### Model

A relationship that links input and output

### Evaluation

Accuracy, sensitivity and specificity,  
area under the curves ...

### Learning

Train, validate, test

Input → Model → Output

### Features

### Class labels

Train

Validate

Test

ID	HR	Temp	BP	...	72h mortality
1	120	39	130		1
2	100	38	120		0
...					
...					
299	80	37.5	119		0
300	90	41	123		1
301	85	38	120		0
...					
350	115	36	180		1
351	122	40	140		?
...					?
500	100	29	125		?

# Machine learning in ICU

## Logistic regression

### Linear Regression

Outcome = **weight 1** \* feature 1 +  
**weight 2** \* feature 2 + ...

### Logistic regression (LR)

Models binary outcome (1/0, alive or death)

One of the Generalized Linear Models (GLM)

Commonly used in ML for classification tasks

Predicts a probability, normally threshold is 0.5  
(Prob > 0.5 is outcome 1)

### Features

**W1**   **W2**   **W3**

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...					
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...					
350	115	36	180		1
351	122	40	140		?
...					?
500	100	29	125		?

# Machine learning in ICU

## Tree-based methods

### Decision tree

Leaves: class labels

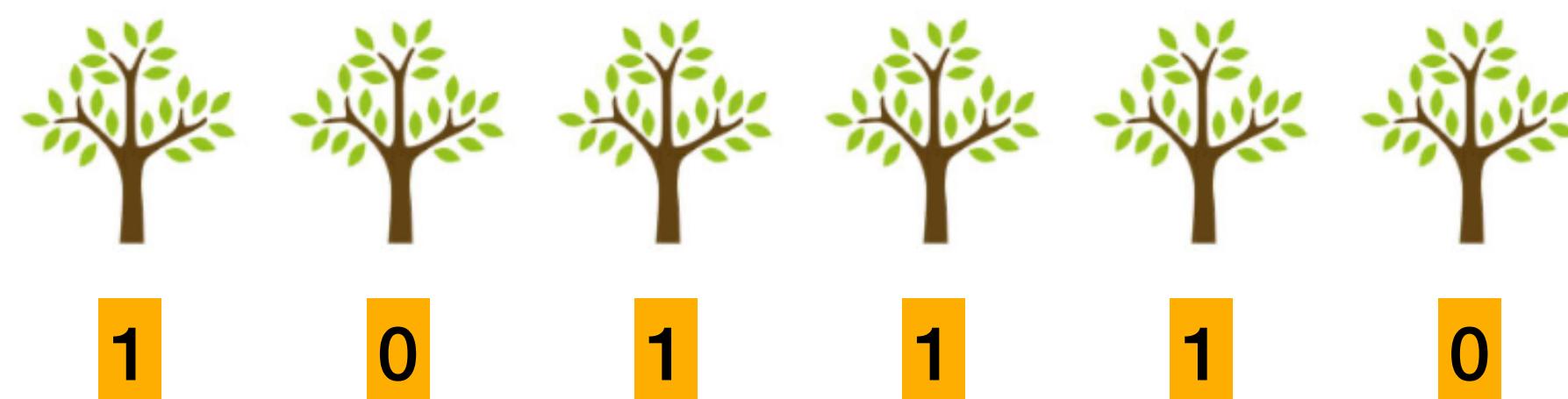
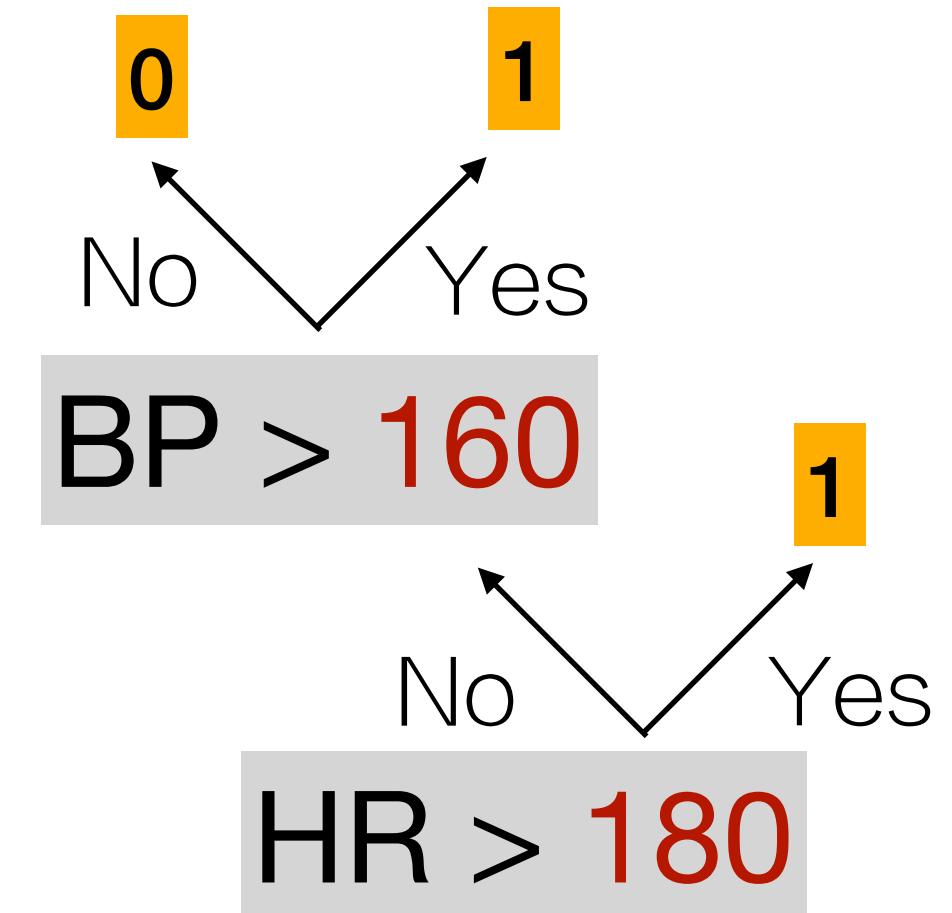
Branches: rules that lead to classifications

Branching points are learned from data

### Random Forest

Different parts of the training data, train multiple trees

Output: the class selected by most trees



# Machine learning in ICU

## Support Vector Machine

Find a line to separate black and white points

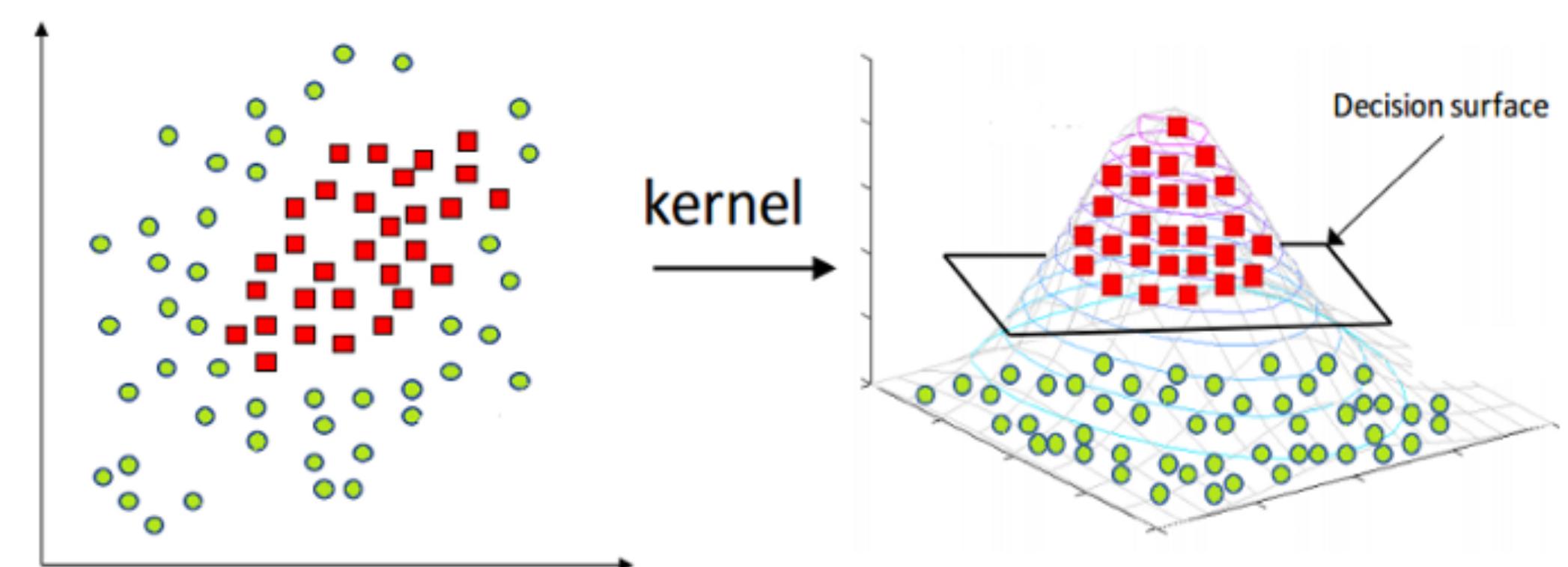
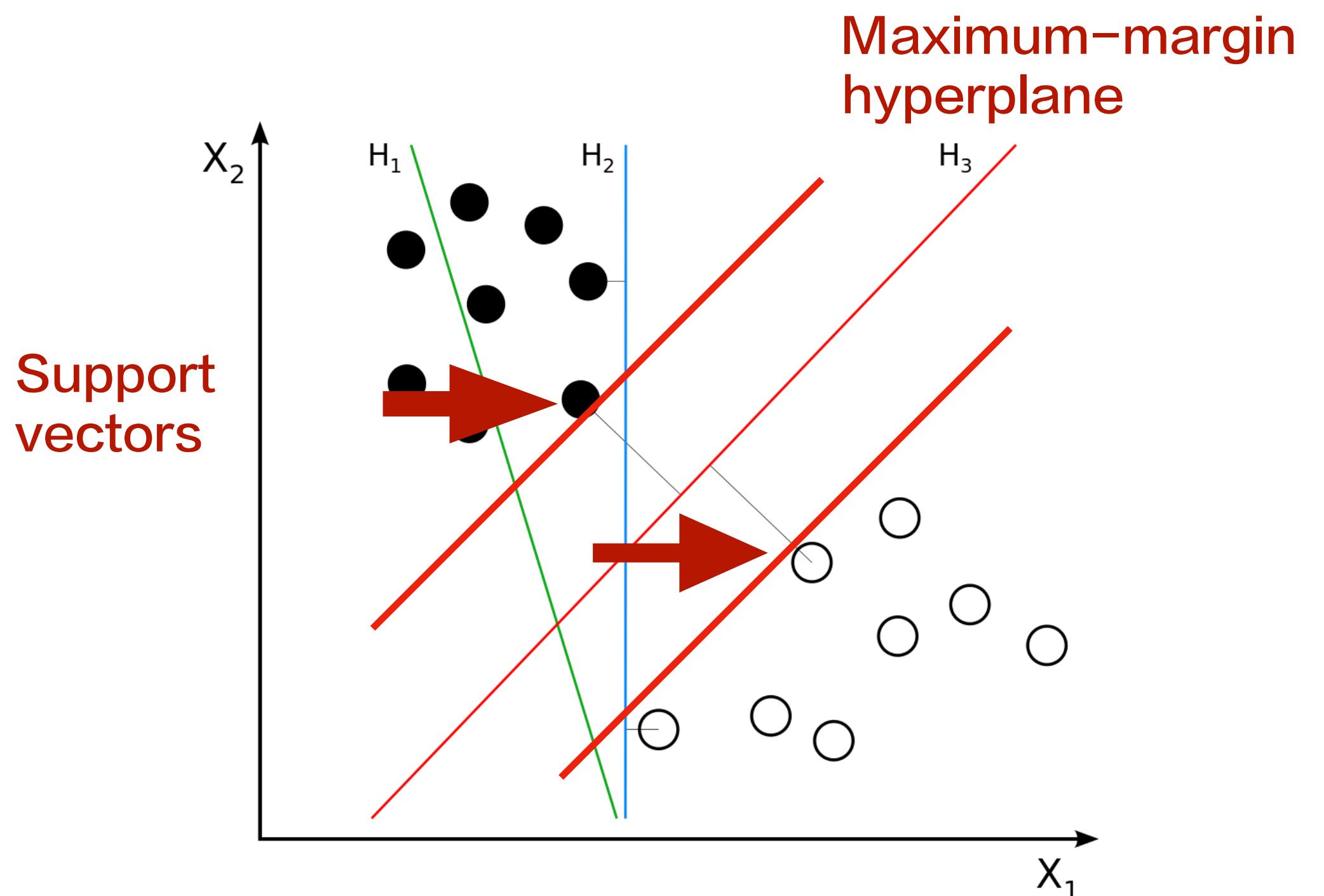
H1: does not separate two classes

H2: separate two classes, but does not have largest distance

Aims to find a hyperplane to separate classes, where the hyperplane has the largest distance to the nearest training data points of any class.

### Kernel trick

When classes are not separable in lower dimension, the kernel function maps the input to a higher dimension



# Machine learning in ICU

## Neural networks

### Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)

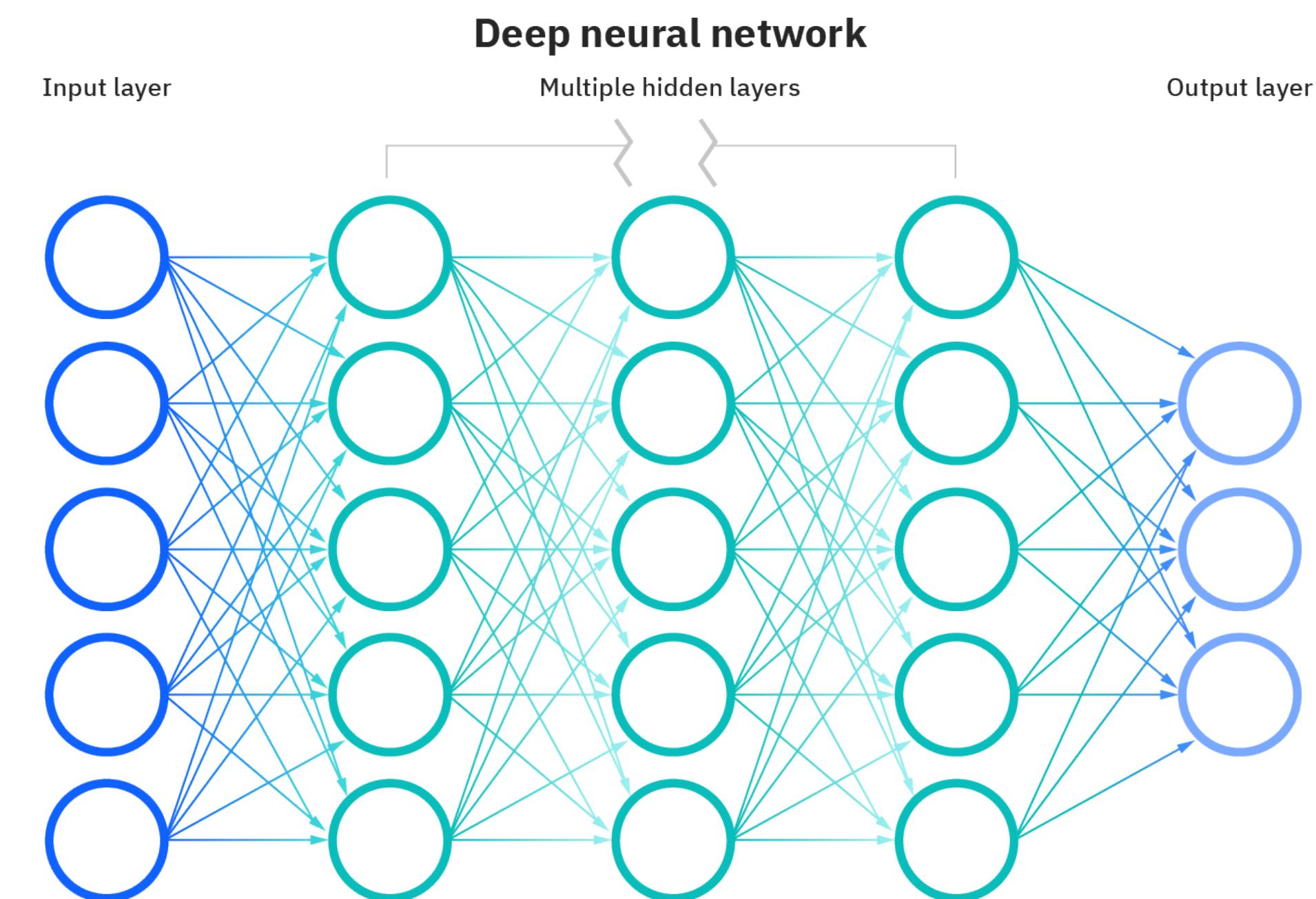
Interconnected group of nodes, inspired by neurons in a brain

A more complex transformation of inputs to produce output

### Architectures

‘Deep Learning’ : ANN with many layers  
Deep neural networks (ANN with multiple layers)  
Convolutional neural networks  
Recurrent neural networks (e.g. LSTM)  
...

Require **lots of data**



# Machine learning in ICU

## Other techniques

### Supervised learning: classification

Logistic regression

Decision trees and random forest

SVM

Neural networks

....

### Other paradigms

Supervised learning: regression

Unsupervised Learning

Semi-supervised learning

Reinforcement learning

....

In practice, usually combine a few techniques as needed

# Machine learning in ICU

## Where are we now

In a survey of **494 studies using AI (ML) in ICU**  
(2021 review, van de Sande)

Predict complications (22.2%)

**Predict mortality** (20.6%)

Improve scoring systems (17.4%)

Classify sub-populations (11.7%)

**ML in ICU using MIMIC data** (61 studies, 2021 review, Syed)

**Mortality prediction** (30%)

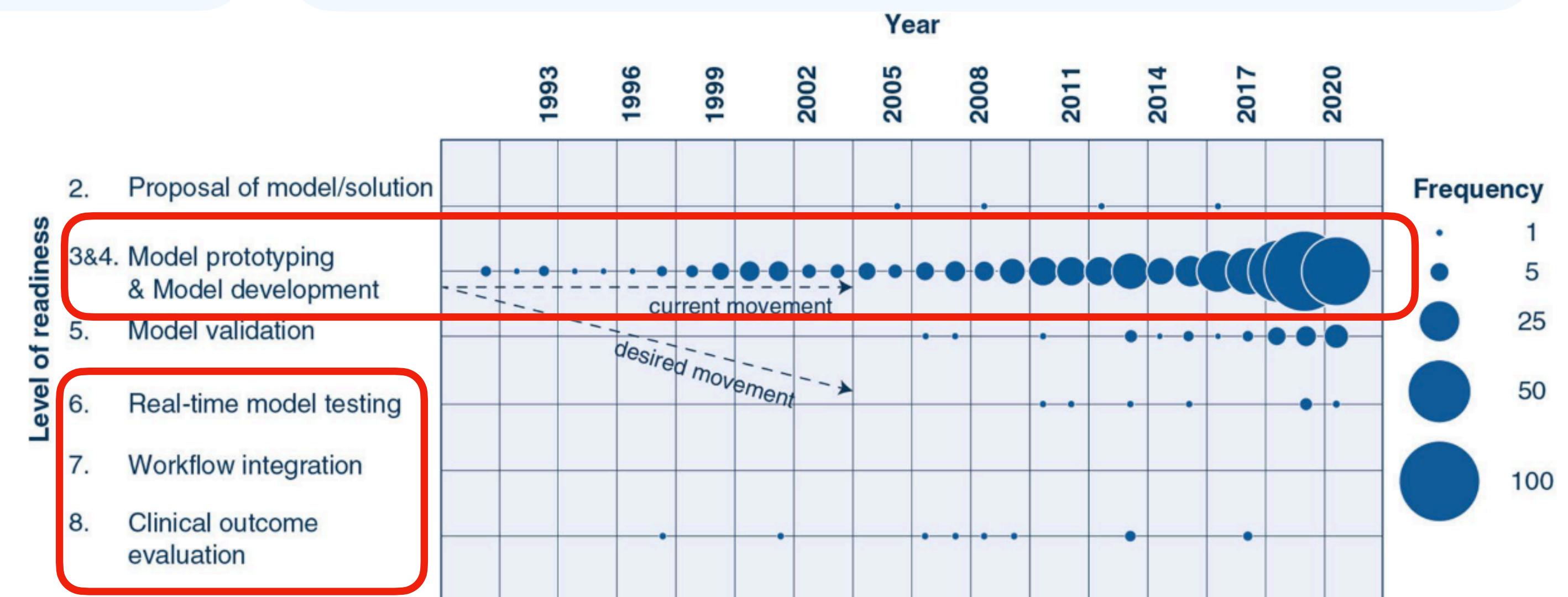
Sepsis, cardiac episodes, acute kidney injury predictions  
ICU readmission

MIMIC III data has been cited more than 2000 times since 2016

### Level of readiness

Majority (89%) focus on model development with internal validation only

None used in routine clinical practice



# Case study: in-hospital mortality

# In-hospital mortality

## Overview

Mortality rate can be over 40% for ICU patients (during Covid pandemic), varies for different populations

Illness severity assessment and early warning is crucial for treatment and intervention planning, resource allocation (e.g. triage, who should be prioritised for ICU)

Focus on **in-hospital mortality** among ICU patients. Important measure of ICU quality of care

### Mortality prediction as a ML problem

Important outcome, clear definition

Supervised, binary classification

Use structured data: demographics, vital signs, lab variables

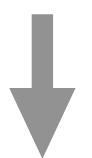
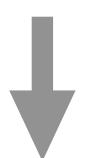
Medical scoring systems

Structured ICU data

Feature engineering

ML classification

Discussion



# ICU mortality prediction

## ICU scoring system

Computed for ICU patients using their first 24h measurement (admission score)

**APACHE II** (1985)  
(Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation), 0-71 points

Physiological, age, chronic conditions

Higher score → higher risk

The score itself does not tell the probability of survival

Others: **SAPS II** (Simplified Acute Physiology Score), **SOFA**, **APACHE III, IV**

...

Age  $\geq 75$ , +6

Temperature  $>41$ , +4

### THE APACHE II SEVERITY OF DISEASE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

PHYSIOLOGIC VARIABLE	HIGH ABNORMAL RANGE						LOW ABNORMAL RANGE		
	+4	+3	+2	+1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
TEMPERATURE — rectal ( $^{\circ}$ C)	$\geq 41$	$39-40.9$		$38.5-38.9$	$36-38.4$	$34-35.9$	$32-33.9$	$30-31.9$	$\leq 29.9$
MEAN ARTERIAL PRESSURE — mm Hg	$\geq 160$	$130-159$	$110-129$		$70-109$		$50-69$		$\leq 49$
HEART RATE (ventricular response)	$\geq 180$	$140-179$	$110-139$		$70-109$		$55-69$	$40-54$	$\leq 39$
RESPIRATORY RATE — (non-ventilated or ventilated)	$\geq 50$	$35-49$		$25-34$	$12-24$	$10-11$	$6-9$		$\leq 5$
OXYGENATION: A-aDO <sub>2</sub> or PaO <sub>2</sub> (mm Hg)	$\geq 500$	$350-499$	$200-349$		$<200$		$150-200$	$100-150$	$\leq 100$
a. FIO <sub>2</sub> $\geq 0.5$ record A-aDO <sub>2</sub>					$\geq 70$		$61-70$		$\leq 55$
b. FIO <sub>2</sub> $<0.5$ record only PaO <sub>2</sub>							$PO_2 \geq 60$	$PO_2 < 60$	
ARTERIAL pH	$\geq 7.7$	$7.6-7.69$		$7.5-7.59$	$7.33-7.49$		$7.25-7.32$	$7.15-7.24$	$<7.15$
SERUM SODIUM (mMol/L)	$\geq 180$	$160-179$	$155-159$	$150-154$	$130-149$		$120-129$	$111-119$	$\leq 110$
SERUM POTASSIUM (mMol/L)	$\geq 7$	$6-6.9$		$5.5-5.9$	$3.5-5.4$	$3-3.4$	$2.5-2.9$		$<2.5$
SERUM CREATININE (mg/100 ml) (Double point score for acute renal failure)	$\geq 3.5$	$2-3.4$	$1.5-1.9$		$0.6-1.4$		$<0.6$		
HEMATOCRIT (%)	$\geq 60$		$50-59.9$	$46-49.9$	$30-45.9$		$20-29.9$		$<20$
WHITE BLOOD COUNT (total/mm <sup>3</sup> ) (in 1,000s)	$\geq 40$		$20-39.9$	$15-19.9$	$3-14.9$		$1-2.9$		$<1$
GLASGOW COMA SCORE (GCS): Score = 15 minus actual GCS									
<b>A</b> Total ACUTE PHYSIOLOGY SCORE (APS): Sum of the 12 individual variable points									
Serum HCO <sub>3</sub> (venous-mMol/L) (Not preferred, use if no ABGs)	$\geq 52$	$41-51.9$		$32-40.9$	$22-31.9$		$18-21.9$	$15-17.9$	$<15$

**B AGE POINTS:**  
Assign points to age as follows:

AGE(yrs)	Points
$\leq 44$	0
45-54	2
55-64	3
65-74	5
$\geq 75$	6

**C CHRONIC HEALTH POINTS**  
If the patient has a history of severe organ system insufficiency or is immuno-compromised assign points as follows:  
 a. for nonoperative or emergency postoperative patients — 5 points  
 or  
 b. for elective postoperative patients — 2 points

**DEFINITIONS**  
Organ Insufficiency or immuno-compromised state must have been evident prior to this hospital admission and conform to the following criteria:  
**LIVER:** Biopsy proven cirrhosis and documented portal hypertension; episodes of past upper GI bleeding attributed to portal hypertension; or prior episodes of hepatic failure/encephalopathy/coma.

**CARDIOVASCULAR:** New York Heart Association Class IV.

**RESPIRATORY:** Chronic restrictive, obstructive, or vascular disease resulting in severe exercise restriction, i.e., unable to climb stairs or perform household duties; or documented chronic hypoxia, hypercapnia, secondary polycythemia, severe pulmonary hypertension ( $>40$ mmHg), or respirator dependency.

**RENAL:** Receiving chronic dialysis.

**IMMUNO-COMPROMISED:** The patient has received therapy that suppresses resistance to infection, e.g., immuno-suppression, chemotherapy, radiation, long term or recent high dose steroids, or has a disease that is sufficiently advanced to suppress resistance to infection, e.g., leukemia, lymphoma, AIDS.

**APACHE II SCORE**  
Sum of **A** + **B** + **C** :  
**A** APS points \_\_\_\_\_  
**B** Age points \_\_\_\_\_  
**C** Chronic Health points \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total APACHE II \_\_\_\_\_

# ICU mortality prediction

## Structured ICU data

Demographics (age, sex)  
Underlying conditions (diabetes)  
Type of admission (emergency)  
Procedures and treatment (medication, ventilation) ...

### Physiological data

Basis for computing disease severity for ICU patients

Time stamped, multiple measurements  
Different frequency for each patient and each variable

(Waveforms like ECG, clinical text and images are used less frequently for mortality prediction)

Heart Rate	Blood Pressure
PaO <sub>2</sub> /FiO <sub>2</sub> ratio	Body temperature
Glasgow Coma Score	Serum potassium
Serum sodium	Serum bicarbonate
Serum urea nitrogen	Bilirubin
Urinary output	White Blood Cell
...	...

Physiological variables used in SAPS II (Simplified Acute Physiology Score).  
Slight difference across different scoring systems.

# ICU mortality prediction

## Feature engineering

Raw data is not usable for ML directly, must be processed

**Classifiers require a matrix as input**

Time stamped multiple measurement need to be summarised

**Summary statistics** on time series

Central tendency (**mean**, median, mode)

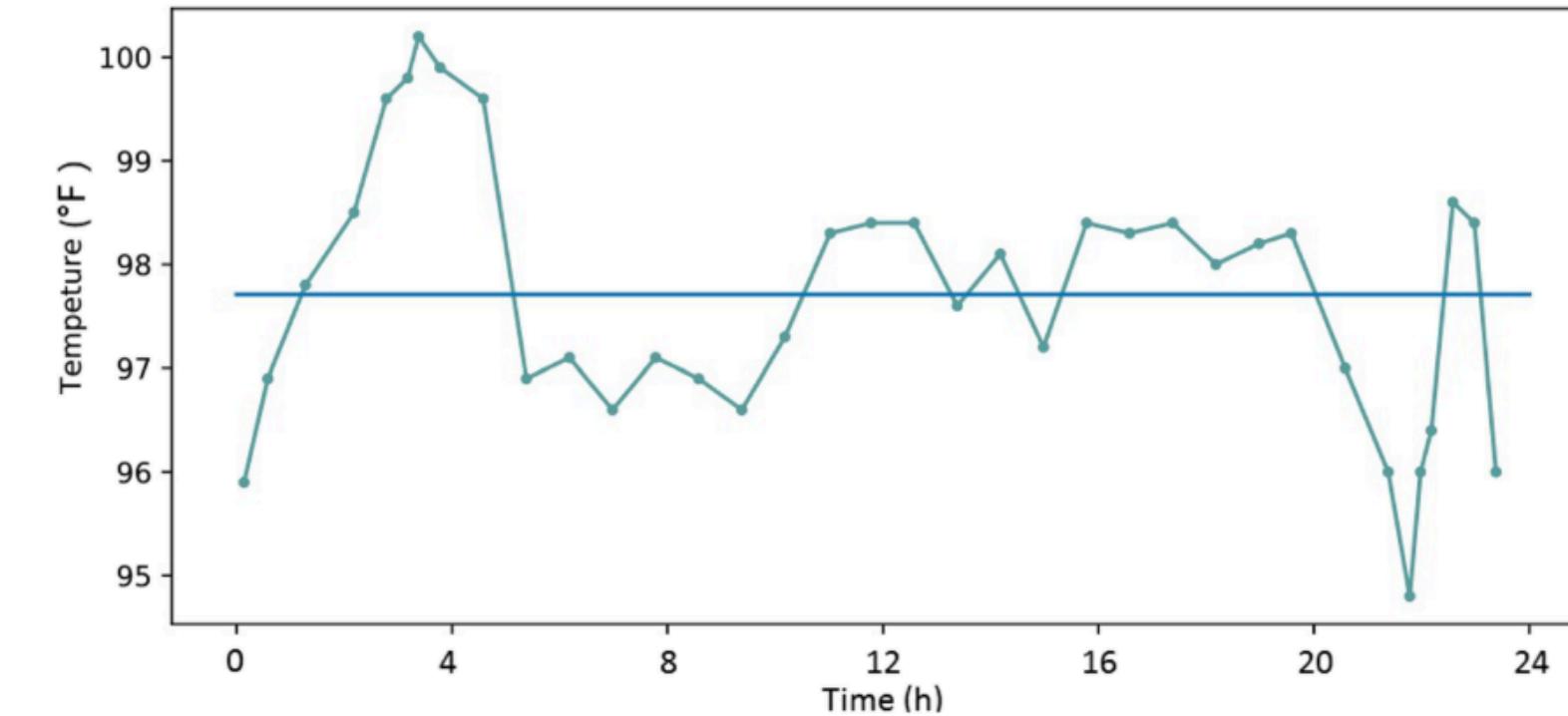
Dispersion (sd, **max**, **min**, range, Q1, Q3, IQR)

**First** measurement ...

**Other techniques**

Standardisation, missing data imputation ...

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Example of 24h temperature measurements. (Fig 1 Guo 2020)  
Mean temperature is indicated in blue

# ICU mortality prediction

## Classification performance

Harutyunyan 2019

In-hospital mortality is the most common ML carried on MIMIC data

Various benchmarking papers exist

- **traditional scoring systems** (SAPS II)
- **classic ML** (LR, SVM, RF)
- **deep learning** (RNN)
- other **ensemble** methods (boosting)

AUROC is the major metric  
(closer to 1 is better)

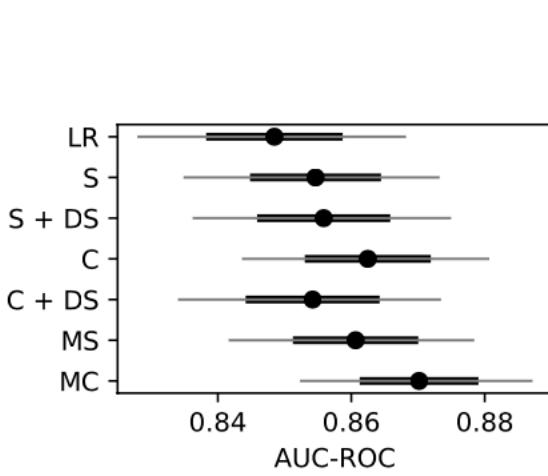
**Scoring** systems can reach 0.84

**ML** is better than scoring in general

**LR** is among the top classifiers

**DL** does not have a clear advantage

Model	AUC-ROC	AUC-PR
SAPS	0.7200 (0.7197, 0.7203)	0.3013 (0.3008, 0.3018)
APS-III	0.7500 (0.7497, 0.7503)	0.3568 (0.3563, 0.3573)
OASIS	0.7603 (0.7601, 0.7606)	0.3115 (0.3110, 0.3119)
SAPS-II	0.7768 (0.7765, 0.7770)	0.3762 (0.3757, 0.3767)
LR	0.8485 (0.8279, 0.8682)	0.4744 (0.4188, 0.5293)
S	0.8547 (0.8349, 0.8732)	0.4848 (0.4308, 0.5372)
S + DS	0.8558 (0.8362, 0.8750)	0.4928 (0.4379, 0.5486)
C	0.8623 (0.8436, 0.8807)	0.5153 (0.4640, 0.5680)
C + DS	0.8543 (0.8340, 0.8734)	0.5023 (0.4472, 0.5544)
MS	0.8607 (0.8416, 0.8784)	0.4933 (0.4388, 0.5482)
MC	0.8702 (0.8523, 0.8872)	0.5328 (0.4797, 0.5835)



	LR	S	S + DS	C	C + DS	MS	MC
LR	-	15.8	12.9	1.9	18.1	4.1	0.0
S	84.2	-	38.5	3.4	53.8	13.7	0.2
S + DS	87.1	61.5	-	10.7	63.4	19.2	0.6
C	98.1	96.6	89.3	-	95.5	62.3	4.7
C + DS	81.9	46.2	36.6	4.5	-	12.9	0.1
MS	95.9	86.3	80.8	37.7	87.1	-	0.9
MC	100.0	99.8	99.4	95.2	99.9	99.1	-

Figure 1. Results for in-hospital mortality prediction task

S. Purushotham et al.

Journal of Biomedical Informatics 83 (2018) 112–134

Table 9  
In-hospital mortality task on MIMIC-III using feature set A.

Method	Algorithm	Feature Set A, 24-h data		Feature Set A, 48-h data	
		AUROC score	AUPRC score	AUROC score	AUPRC score
Score methods	SAPS-II	0.8035 ± 0.0044	0.3586 ± 0.0052	0.8046 ± 0.0083	0.3373 ± 0.0141
	New SAPS-II	0.8235 ± 0.0042	0.3989 ± 0.0120	0.8252 ± 0.0036	0.3823 ± 0.0119
	SOFA	0.7322 ± 0.0038	0.3191 ± 0.0085	0.7347 ± 0.0094	0.2852 ± 0.0167
Super Learner	SL.glm	0.8235 ± 0.0042	0.3987 ± 0.0120	0.8251 ± 0.0037	0.3828 ± 0.0112
	SL.gbm	0.8435 ± 0.0034	0.4320 ± 0.0125	0.8452 ± 0.0052	0.4163 ± 0.0121
	SL.nnet	0.8388 ± 0.0044	0.4200 ± 0.0135	0.8381 ± 0.0055	0.3989 ± 0.0131
	SL.ipredbagg	0.7556 ± 0.0064	0.3104 ± 0.0084	0.7510 ± 0.0078	0.2811 ± 0.0121
	SL.randomforest	0.7576 ± 0.0085	0.3104 ± 0.0084	0.7538 ± 0.0095	0.2830 ± 0.0121
	SuperLearner-I	0.8448 ± 0.0038	0.4351 ± 0.0139	0.8465 ± 0.0057	0.4190 ± 0.0124
	SL.glm	0.8024 ± 0.0043	0.3804 ± 0.0043	0.8013 ± 0.0021	0.3559 ± 0.0238
	SL.gbm	0.8628 ± 0.0037	0.4840 ± 0.0078	0.8518 ± 0.0049	0.4259 ± 0.0209
	SL.nnet	0.8490 ± 0.0079	0.4587 ± 0.0058	0.8383 ± 0.0058	0.4028 ± 0.0180
	SL.ipredbagg	0.8060 ± 0.0069	0.4087 ± 0.0110	0.7816 ± 0.0028	0.3455 ± 0.0159
Deep learning	SL.randomforest	0.7977 ± 0.0079	0.3958 ± 0.0124	0.7813 ± 0.0059	0.3496 ± 0.0200
	SuperLearner-II	0.8673 ± 0.0045	0.4968 ± 0.0097	0.8595 ± 0.0035	0.4422 ± 0.0200
	FFN	0.8496 ± 0.0047	0.4632 ± 0.0074	0.8375 ± 0.0041	0.4090 ± 0.0169
	RNN	0.8544 ± 0.0053	0.4519 ± 0.0145	0.8618 ± 0.0059	0.4458 ± 0.0144
	MMDL	0.8664 ± 0.0056	0.4776 ± 0.0162	0.8737 ± 0.0045	0.4714 ± 0.0176

# ICU mortality prediction

## Discussion

### Data

**Sample size**  
(enough data for DL?)

**Class distribution**  
(highly imbalanced?)

**Processing**  
(Mean? Max? First?)

### Model

**Specification**  
(feature inclusion)

**Parameter tuning**  
(decision tree depth,  
number of nodes and  
layers)

### Evaluation

**Metric**  
(Accuracy? AUROC?)

**Generalisation**  
on new data

**Interpretation**  
of model and  
parameters

# What else can ML do in ICU

# ML in ICU

## Beyond structured ICU data

Structured data: demographics, physiology, ...

### Unstructured text

Clinical notes, require natural language processing (NLP)

### Waveforms

ECG, EEG, ...

### Images and videos

X-ray images  
videos taken in ICU wards

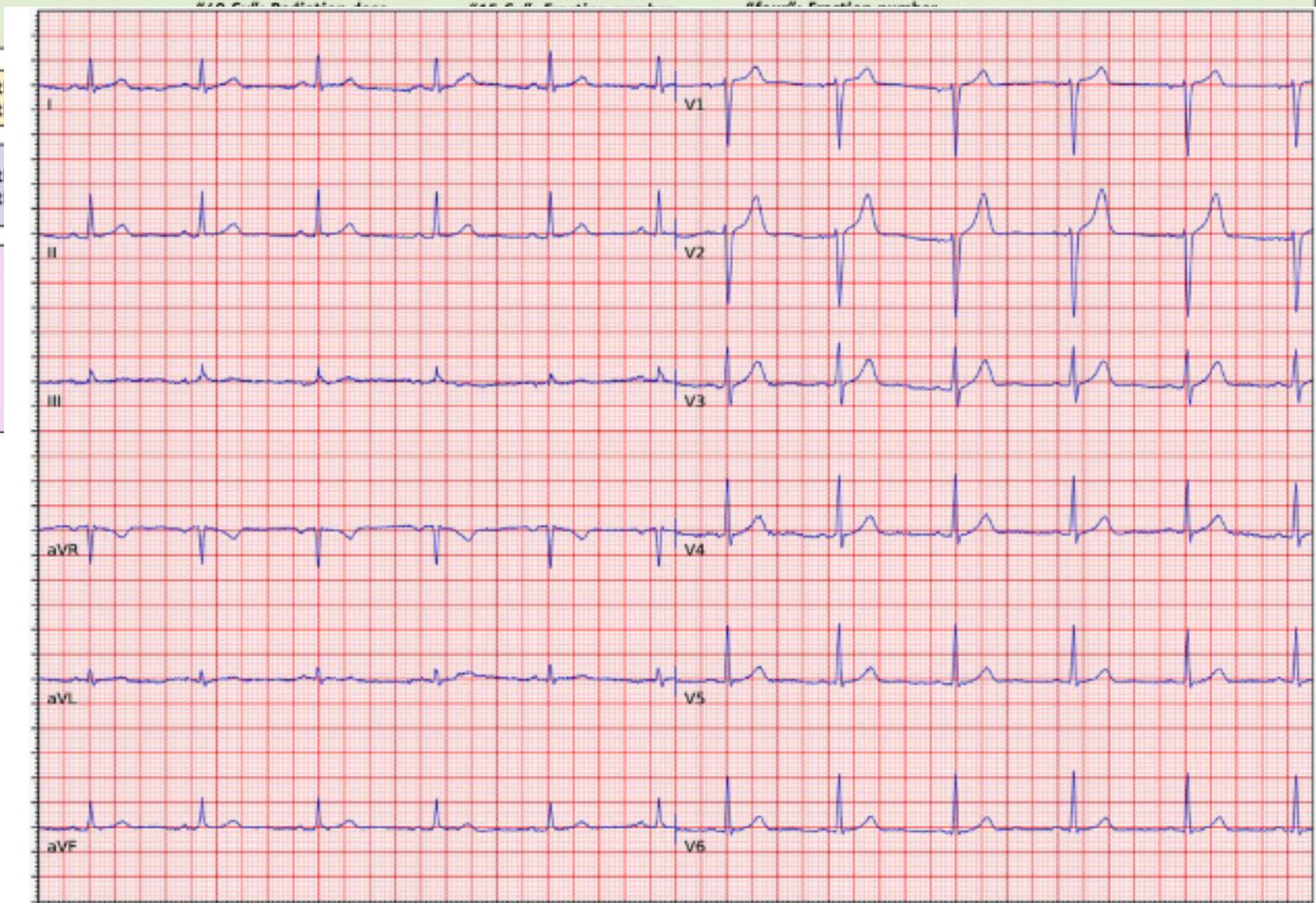
Various tasks: understand patient characteristics (phenotyping), detect heart attacks, monitor patient activities...

**Unstructured text**  
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**Relation extraction** Radiot Radiot  
**Entity linking and normalization** Radiot Radiot  
**Template filling**

"May 11, 2012": Start date    "May 29, 2012": Start date    "left breast": Treatment site



# ML in ICU

## Intervention prediction

### Vasopressor administration and weaning

(Wu and Ghassemi 2017)

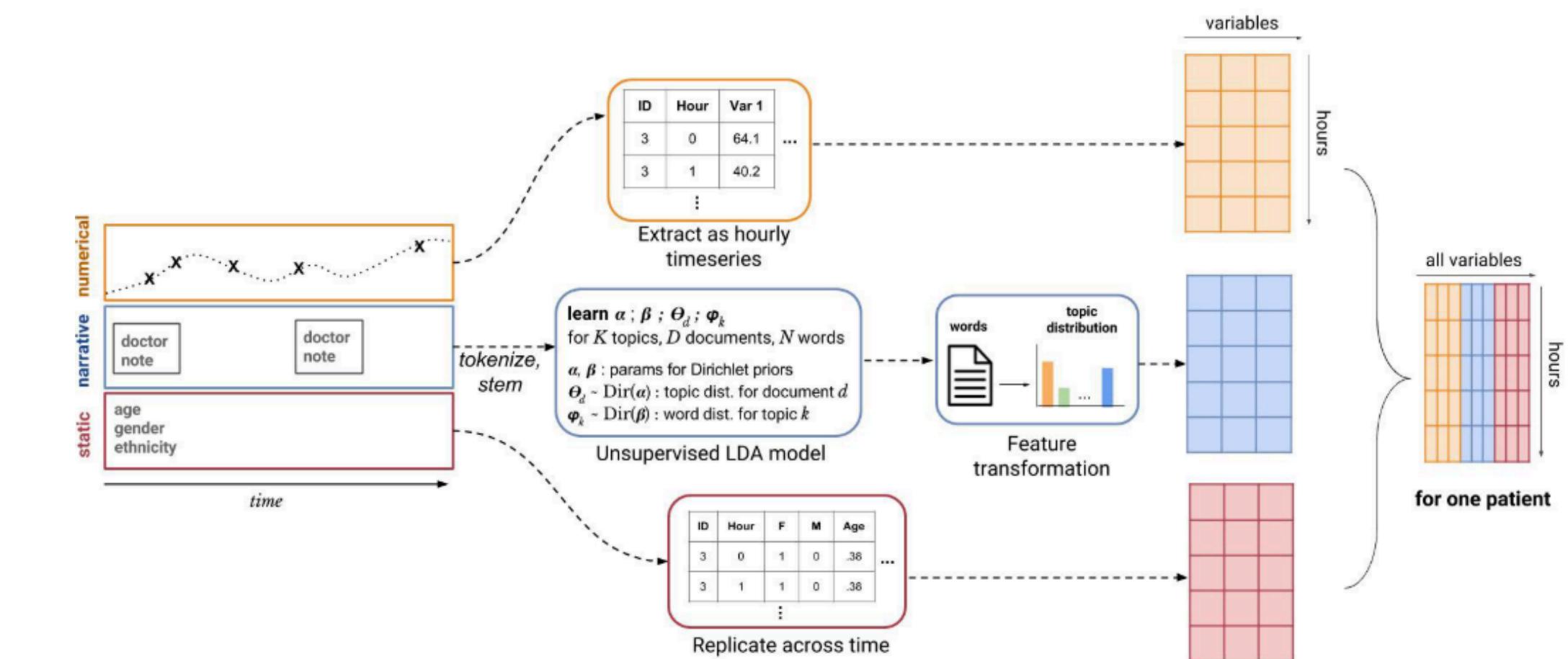
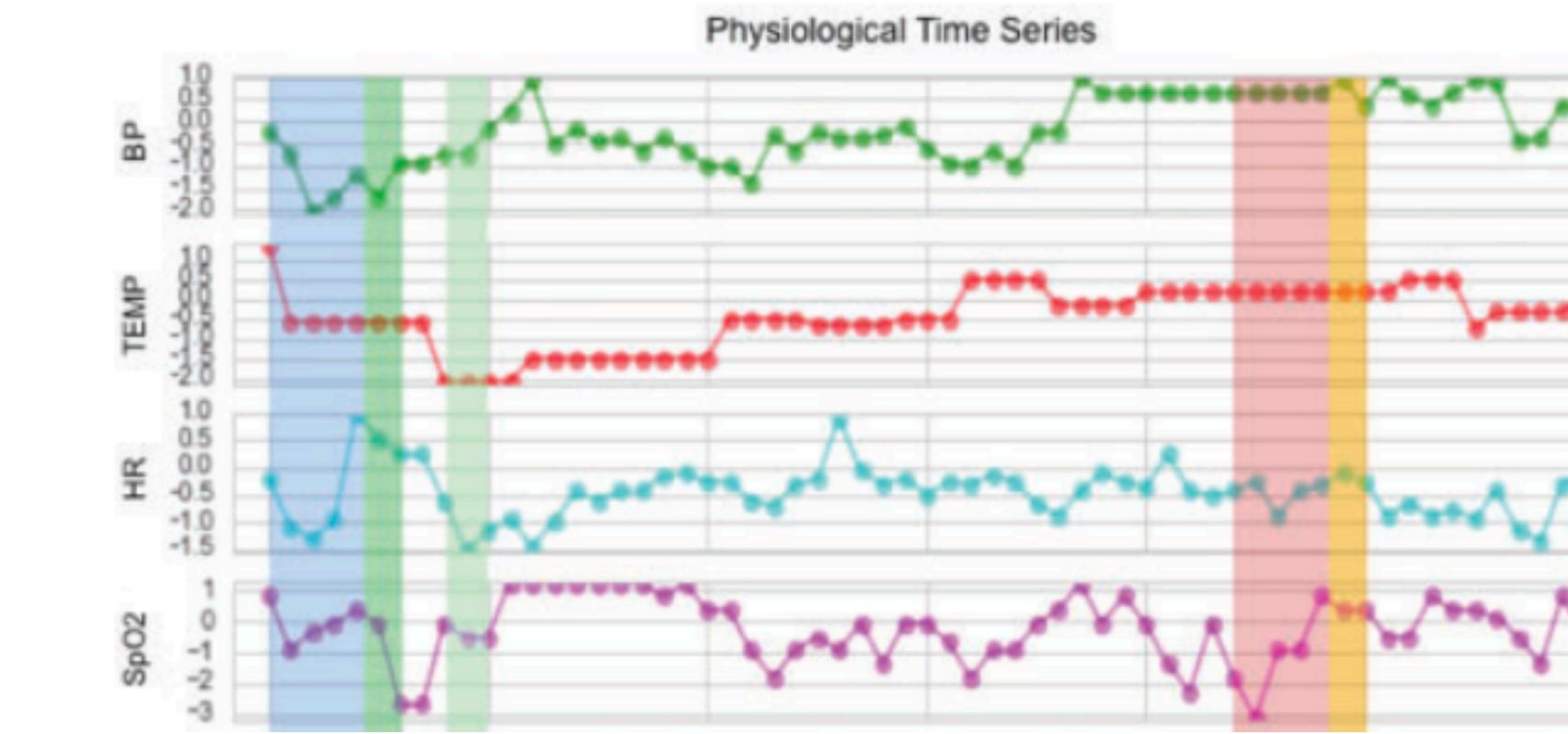
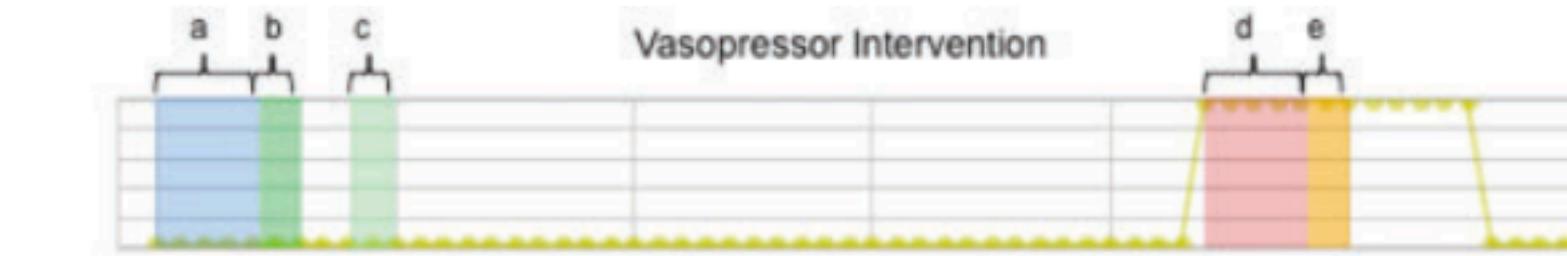
Medication to elevate blood pressure

Whether a patient needs vasopressor in 2h;  
Whether a patient on vasopressor is ready to be stopped within 2h.

### Mechanical ventilation (Suresh 2017)

Predict 4h ahead intervention change (onset, wean, stay on, stay off) using neural networks

Can be considered as classification tasks



# ML in ICU

## ICU capacity prediction

Predict ICU resource use during COVID

Random forest (Lorenzen2021, Denmark)

Predict whether ICU admission, mechanical ventilation needed after n days ( $n=1, \dots, 15$ )

Regression with time lags (Ritter 2021)

Predict number of ICU patient based on number of reported infections

The line between ML and statistics is often blurred

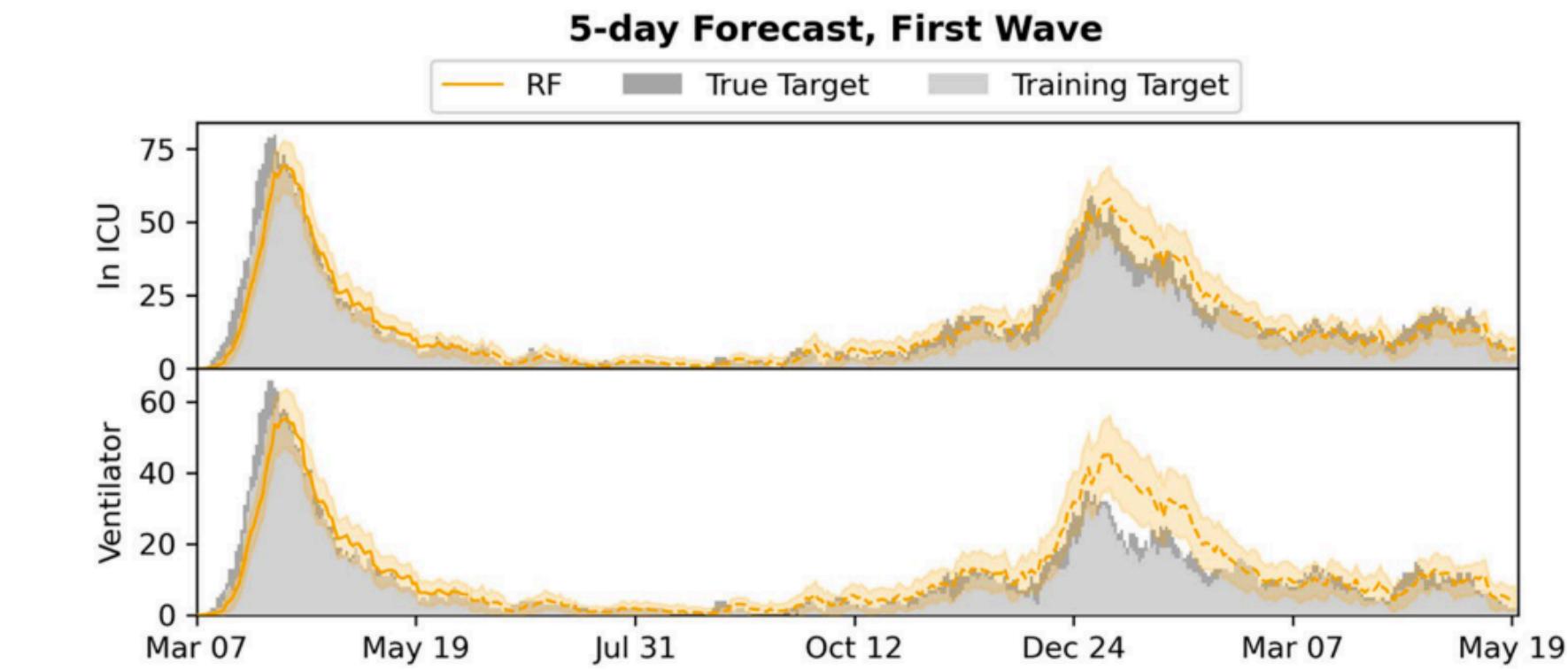


Figure 6. 5-day forecasts of admission to ICU and use of mechanical ventilation, compared to the training and true targets in the first wave setting. Predictions and targets for both the first wave (training data) and the subsequent waves (test data, dashed) are shown, as well as the 95% confidence intervals.

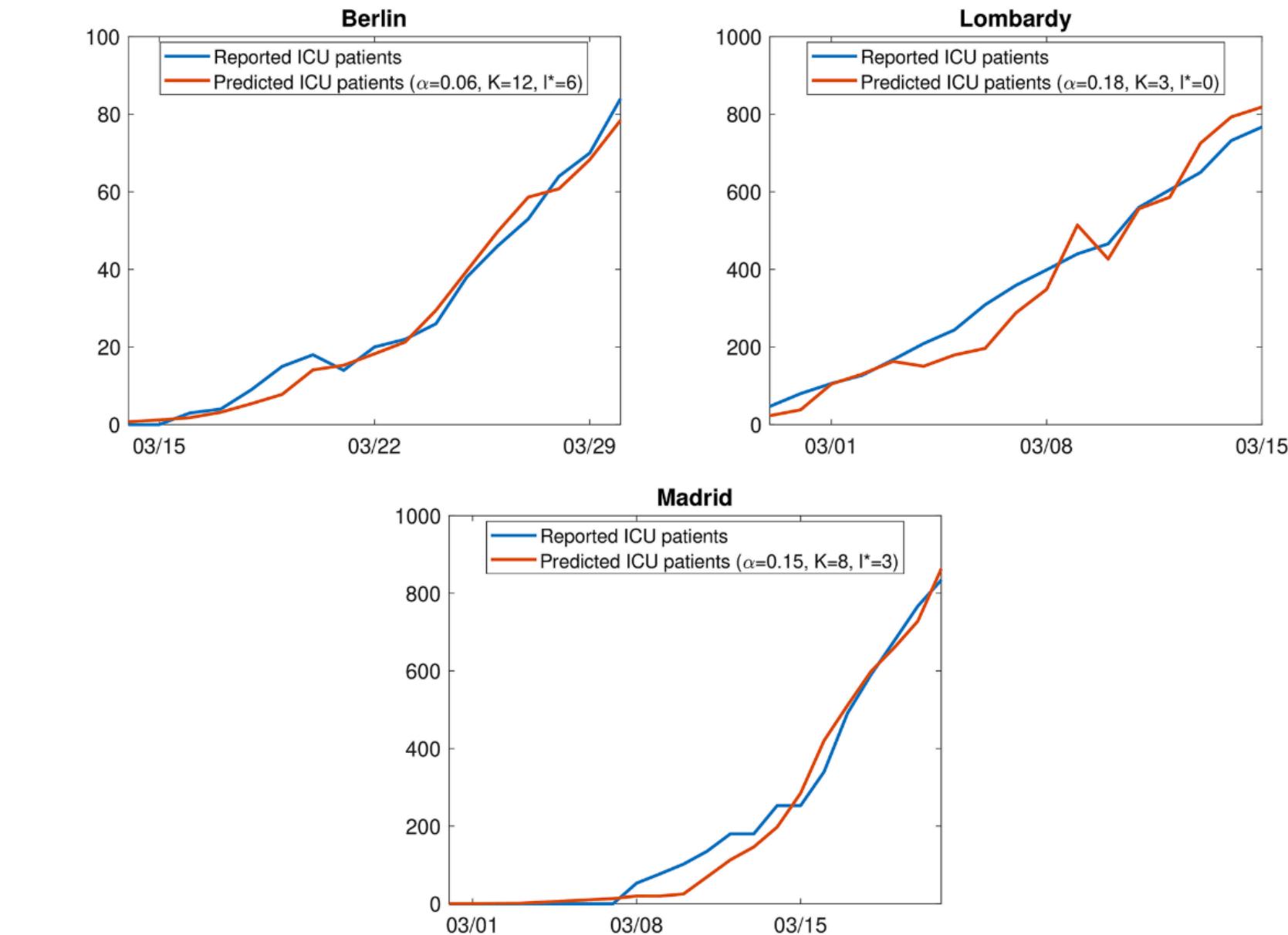


Figure 2. Best model fit for the number of ICU patients with ICU rate  $\alpha$ , stay in ICU  $K$  and time lag  $l^*$  between positive testing and entering ICU, separately for Berlin, Lombardy, and Madrid.

# ML in ICU and healthcare

## Other applications

### Disease trajectory and intervention

Involves causal inference and counterfactual predictions

### Phenotyping

Unsupervised learning, no class labels;  
Combine data from different sources and types to reveal patient clusters on specific diagnoses and medications

### Computer vision on ICU video

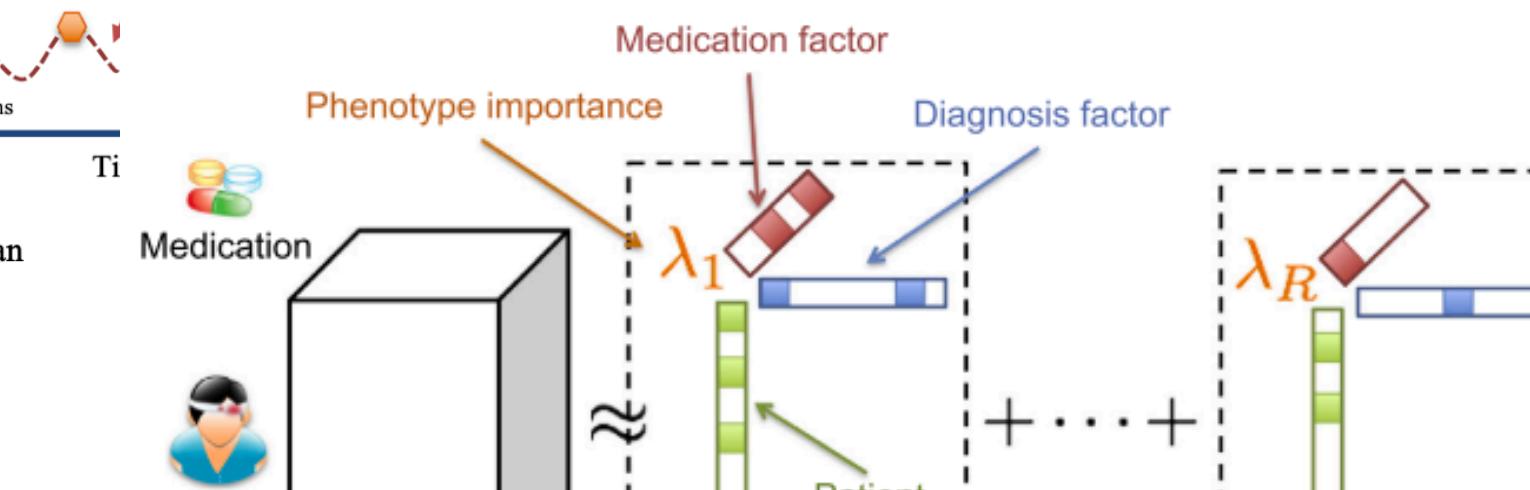
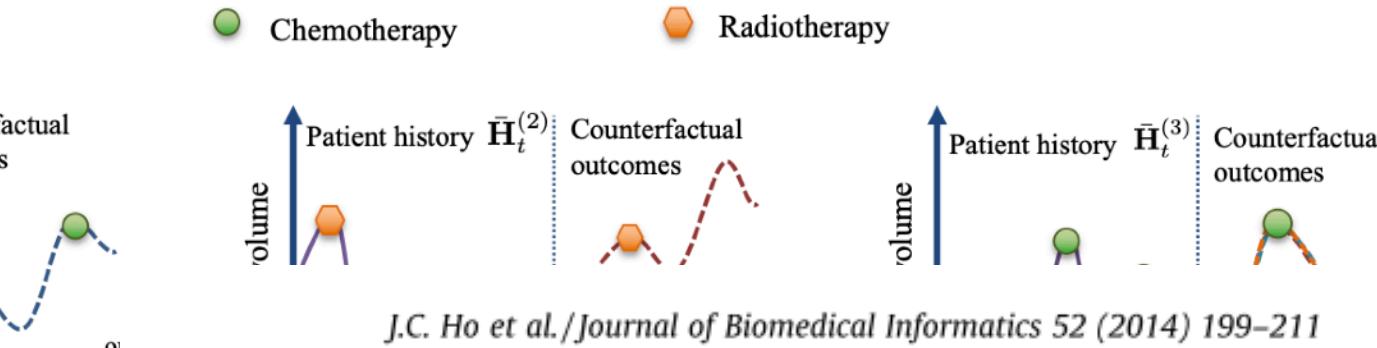
Patient activity monitoring

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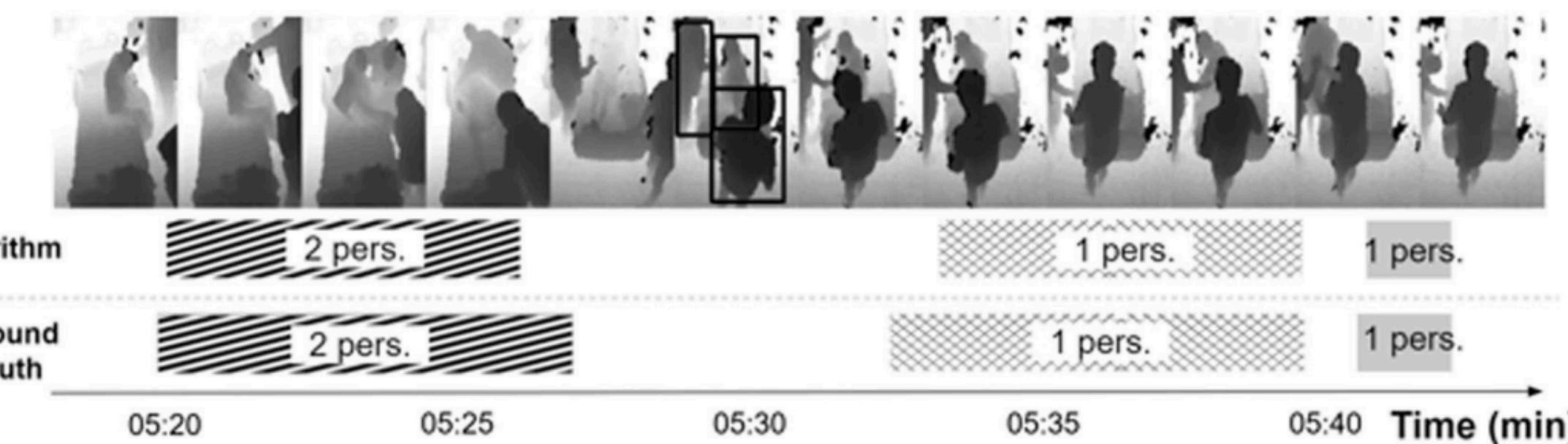
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# The future of ML in ICU

# The future of ML in ICU

## Where are we now (revisited)

**1960s**

Development of IT systems in hospitals

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**2009**

Wide adoption of modern EHR system begins

**2016**

Over 96% US hospitals have modern EHR.  
MIMIC-III data available

50 years history of Electronic Health Records (EHR) systems adoption in USA

**2021** (5 years since 2016)

Around 90% of ML research in ICU are in development stage  
None in routine clinical practice yet

2000–3000 publications using MIMIC-III data  
(MIMIC-IV is available now)

→ Data  
Development  
Deployment

# The future of ML in ICU

## Data

### Data source and availability

Overuse of MIMIC data

Cited for 2179 times since 2016 – the one and only public data of this type? (eICU is another database in US, but less used)

58k admission, single center in Boston, US – generalisability?

Need more diverse EHR data for research!

### Quality and processing

Data is not generated for research purpose, require tremendous processing

Insights from healthcare experts is crucial, need deep understanding of data generation process

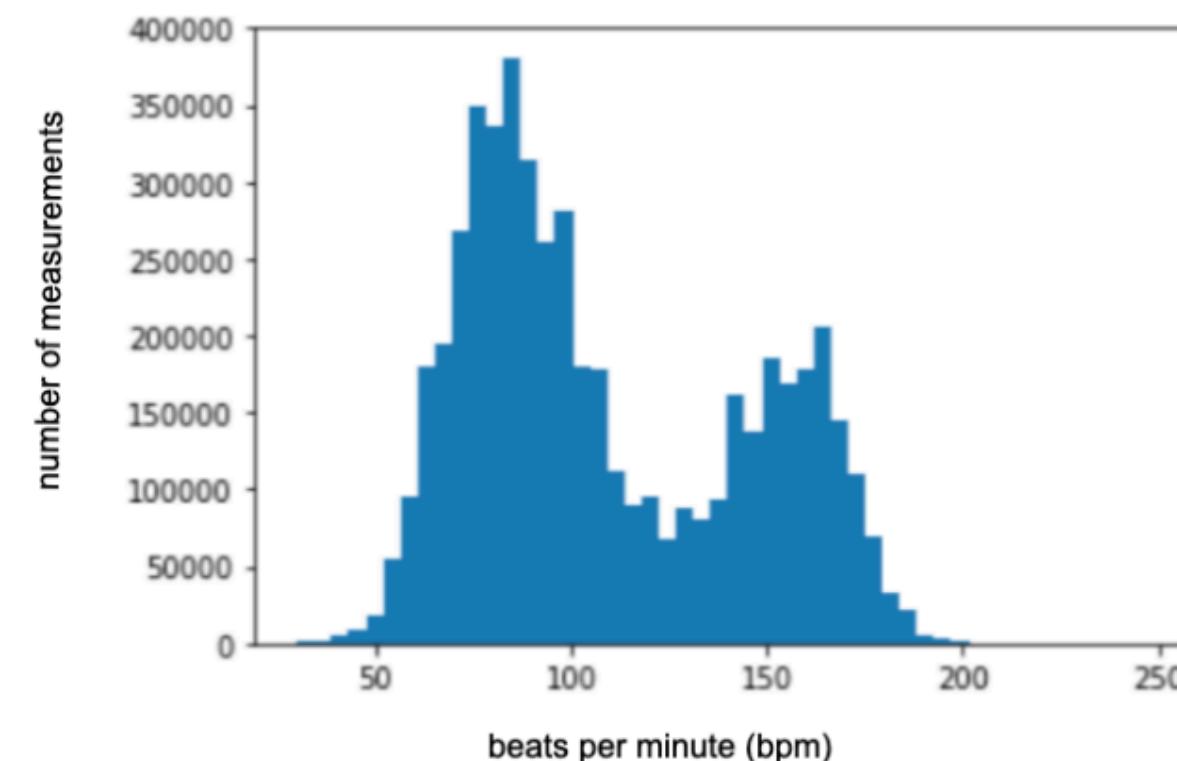
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### MIMIC-III, a freely accessible critical care database

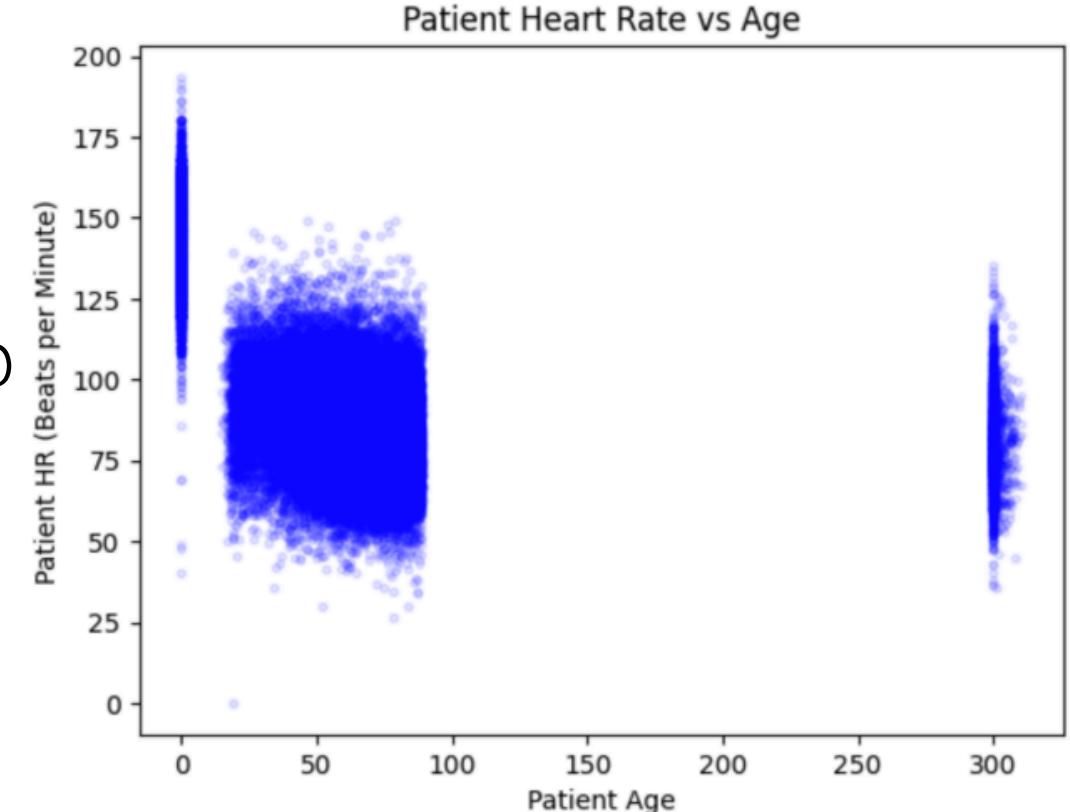
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HR distribution indicate mixing of two ICU databases, neonatal and adult

# The future of ML in ICU

## Development

### Ask good questions

e.g. Will the patient die in hospital

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What can we do

### Challenges

Real-time, real-world data

Interpretable models

Causality and intervention

Scalability

Generalisation, bias, fairness

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# The future of ML in ICU

## Deployment

### Knowledge experts

Clinical experts

ML researchers

IT experts, engineers

### Decision makers

Hospital administrators

Regulatory agencies

Local and state government

Choose the right problems

Data, development, evaluation

Ethical concerns

Legal and regulations  
(e.g. ML algorithms as a drug?)

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### Users (provider)

Physicians

Nurses

Lab technicians

### Users (receiver)

Patients

Family and friends

# Summary

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## Machine Learning in ICU

What is ICU, what makes a good ICU, what data ICU generates

What is Machine Learning, a few algorithms

How ICU data can be used (mortality risk and other applications)

Future of ML in ICU: data, development and deployment

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