

# The **COFE** Ecosystem

**GaNDLF**

Generally Nuanced Deep  
Learning Framework

[gandlf.org](https://gandlf.org)

ML  
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S. Pati, et al.,  
*Nature Communications  
Engineering*,  
2(23), 2023

**OpenVINO**

Model optimization for  
inference on low-  
resource environments

[openvino.ai](https://openvino.ai)

intel®

A. Demidovskij, et al.;  
*ICCV Workshop*,  
783-787, 2019

**HF Hub**

Model deployment  
across multiple platforms  
& ecosystems

[hf.co](https://hf.co)



S.M. Jain,  
*Introduction to  
Transformers for NLP*, 51-  
67, Berkeley, 2022

**OpenFL**

Federated Learning  
Library

[openfl.io](https://openfl.io)



P. Foley, et al.,  
*Phys Med Biol (ITCR  
Special Issue)*, 67(21),  
214001, 2022

**MedPerf**

Governance &  
Orchestration

[medperf.org](https://medperf.org)

ML  
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A. Karagyris, et al.;  
*Nature Machine  
Intelligence*  
5:799-810, 2023

# Introduction to Model Design using *GaNDLF*

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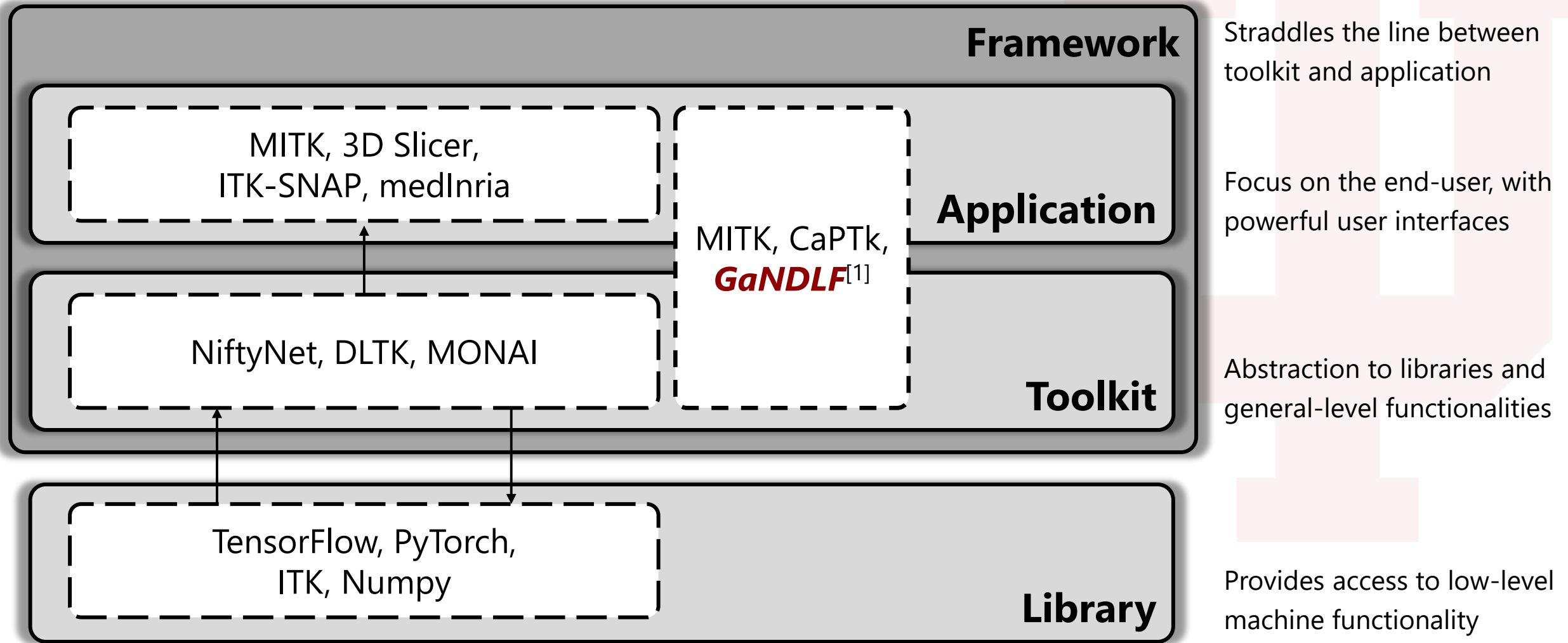
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# Motivation



# Software Categorization/Terminology



# Related Prior Work

- NiftyNet <sup>[1]</sup>
- DLTK <sup>[2]</sup>
- ANTsPyNet <sup>[3]</sup>
- DeepNeuro <sup>[4]</sup>

**TensorFlow – limited  
deployment  
capability in clinical  
settings**

- CaPTk <sup>[5]</sup>
- 3D-Slicer <sup>[6]</sup>
- MITK <sup>[7]</sup>

**Excellent  
generalization but  
inferior performance  
compared to DL**

- Specialized Algorithms
  - DeepMedic <sup>[8]</sup>
  - nnU-Net <sup>[9]</sup>
  - *Many more...*

**Excellent  
performance but no  
generalization to  
new domains**

[1] Gibson et al.; DOI:10.1016/j.cmpb.2018.01.025  
[2] Pawlowski et al.; arXiv:1711.06853  
[3] Tutison et al.; DOI:10.1038/s41598-021-87564-6

[4] Beers et al.; DOI:10.1007/s12021-020-09477-5  
[5] Davatzikos et al.; DOI:10.1117/1.JMI.5.1.011018  
[6] Pieper et al.; DOI:10.1109/ISBI.2004.1398617

[7] Wolf et al.; DOI:10.1117/12.535112  
[8] Kamnitsas et al.; DOI:10.1016/j.media.2016.10.004  
[9] Isensee et al.; DOI:10.1038/s41592-020-01008-z

# Related Prior Work – PyTorch-specific

**pymia**<sup>[1]</sup>

**InnerEye**<sup>[2]</sup>

**fastai**<sup>[3]</sup>

**MONAI**<sup>[4]</sup>

- Developed in PyTorch – exhaustive deployment capabilities for the clinical
- Developer-focused tools requiring experience in DL
- Not easy for DL developers to write their architectures in a generalizable way to span across domains
- Requires experience to write training pipelines for different problem domains
- Onus of training robust models on user
- Lack a single end-to-end application programming interface (API) for training/inference that can span across various problem domains.

# Steps of Research Project Lifecycle...

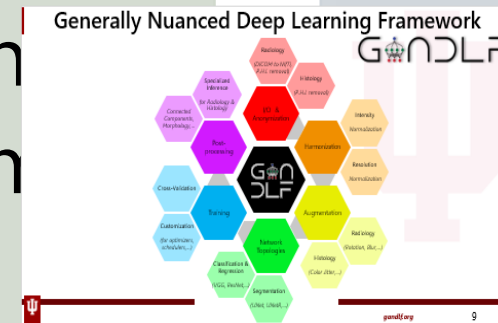
## Conception & Design

- Use case
- Available data
- Potential Impact
- Experimental Design

The thought process

## Development

- Data I/O
- Curation
- Preprocessing
- DL Algorithms



Reproducibility & Potential Translation

## Evaluation

- Cross-validation
- Metrics



# Generally Nuanced Deep Learning Framework


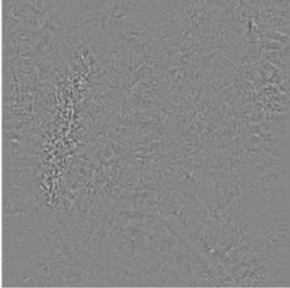
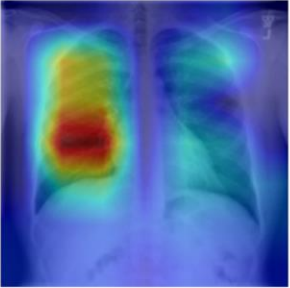
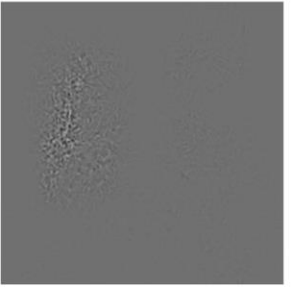
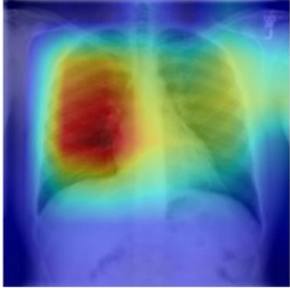
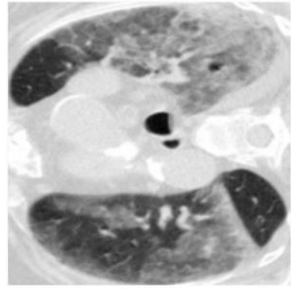
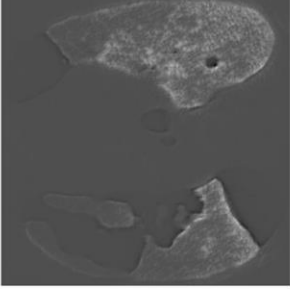
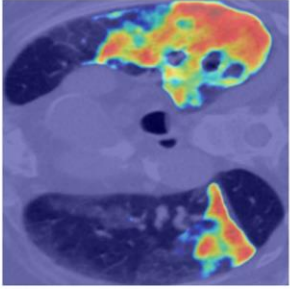
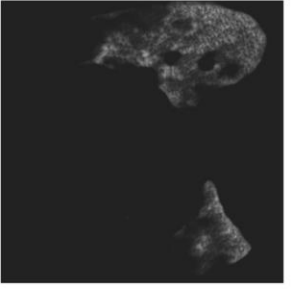
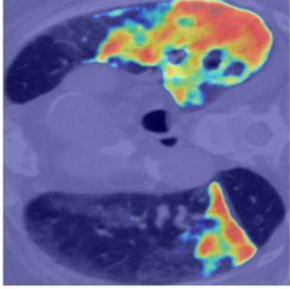
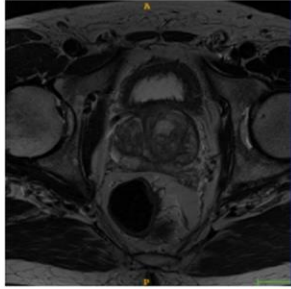
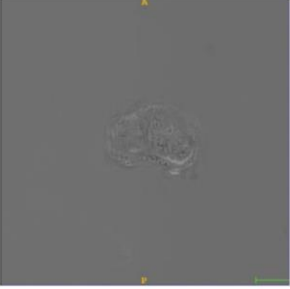
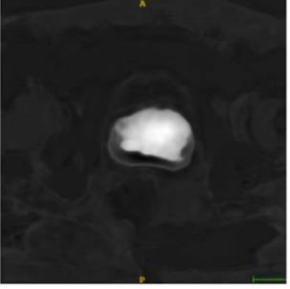
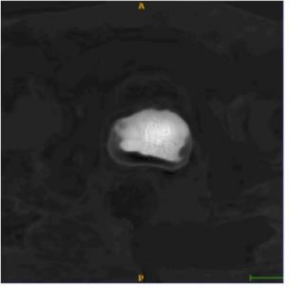
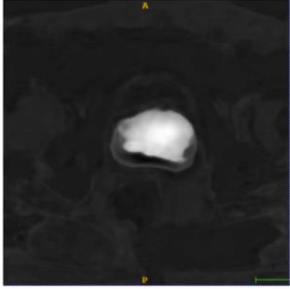
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# Current Features

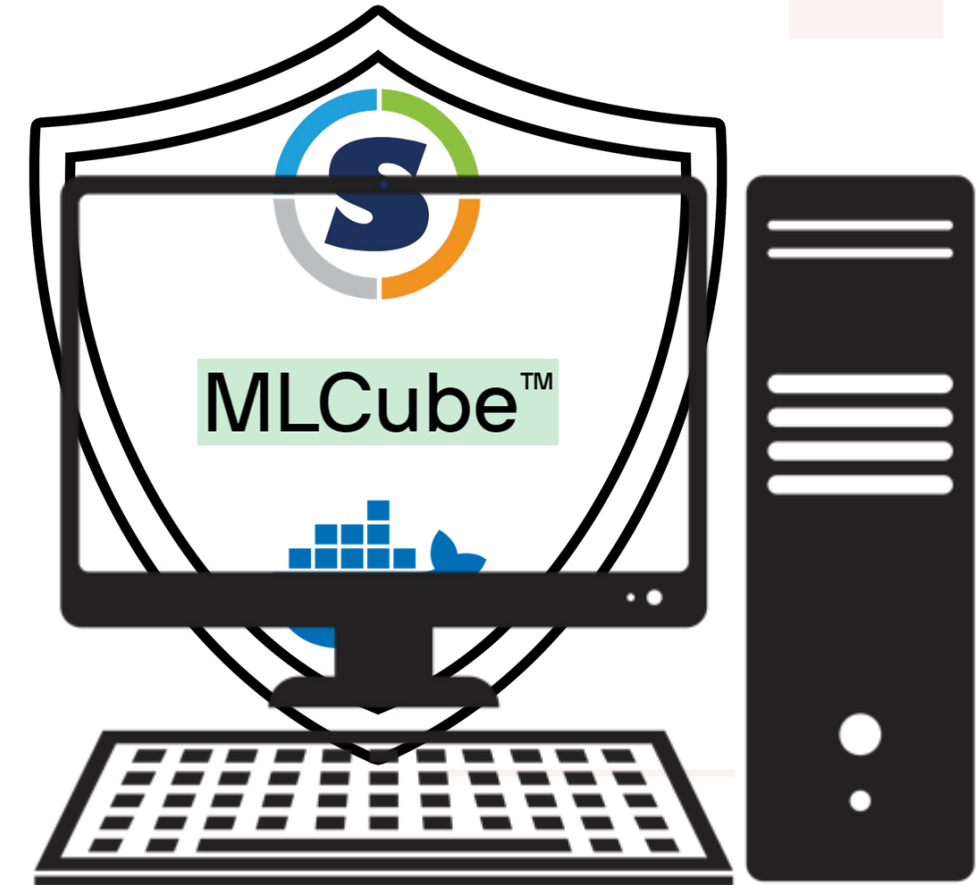


# Current Results: X-AI or Interpretability

	Image	Guided backpropagation	Grad-Cam	Guided Grad-Cam	Grad-Cam++
#1 Classification (2D)					
#2 Segmentation (2D)					
#3 Segmentation (3D)					

# “Free” benefits of GANDLF

- Automatic Model Optimization <sup>[1]</sup>
- Easy translation to Federated Studies
  - Federated Learning using OpenFL <sup>[2]</sup>
  - Federated Evaluation using MedPerf <sup>[3]</sup>
- Support for secure containerization
  - MLCube
  - Singularity
  - Docker (with incorporated rail-guards)
- Automatic Model Deployment
  - Single-command use

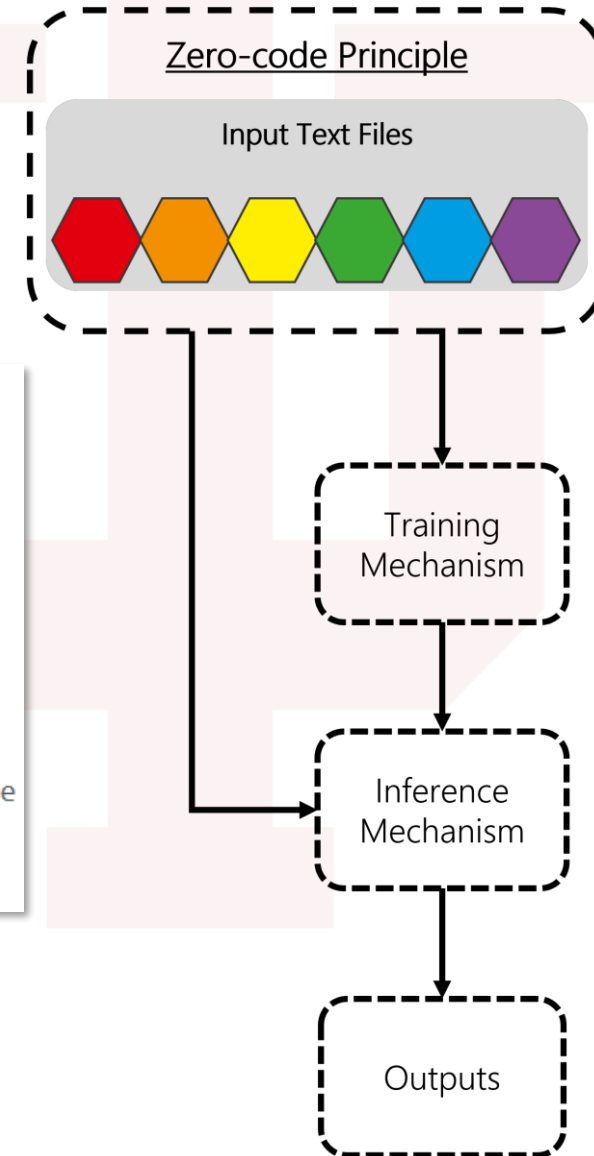


# Zero/Low Code Principle

- For novel experimental design
  - GaNDLF allows one to obtain quick baseline results
  - Head into publication cycle sooner

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# Choose the model parameters here
model:
{
  dimension: 3, # the dimension of the model and dataset: defines dimensionality of computations
  base_filters: 30, # 30 is for a GPU with 11GB VRAM - can be decreased/increased appropriately
  architecture: resunet, # options: unet, resunet, fcn, uinc
  final_layer: sigmoid, # can be either sigmoid, softmax or none (none == regression)
  class_list: '[1||2||4,1||4,4]', # Set the list of labels the model should train on and predict
  amp: True, # Set if you want to use Automatic Mixed Precision for your operations or not - options: True, False
  # n_channels: 3, # set the input channels - useful when reading RGB or images that have vectored pixel types
}
```

All of these result in 1 citation:



# Results and Future Goals

# Results from Main Paper

Task	Organ	Application	Dims	Input Modalities (number):type	Output Classes	Architecture	Metric	
							Type	Average Value
Segmentation								
Regression								
Classification								



# Community-driven effort

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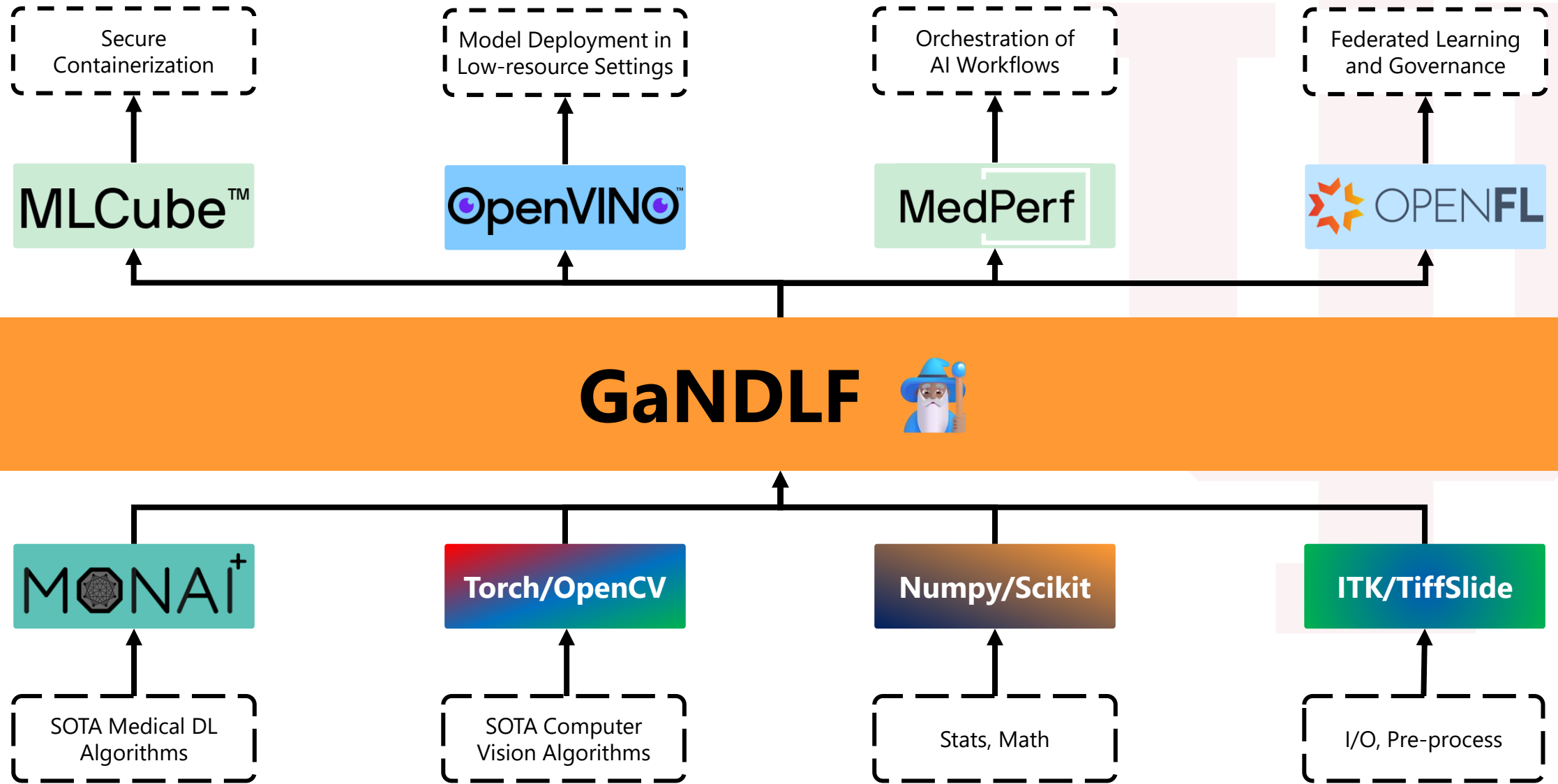
*And multiple GitHub collaborators ...*

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# Open Source is the Way



# Peer-reviewed Studies Facilitated by GANDLF

## scientific reports

### Improving privacy-preserving multi-faceted long short-term memory for accurate evaluation of encrypted time-series MRI images in heart disease

[Lenka Čepová](#), [Muniyandy Elangovan](#), [Janjhyam Venkata Naga Ramesh](#), [Mandeep Kaur Chohan](#), [Amit Verma](#) & [Faruq Mohammad](#)  
*Scientific Reports* 14, Article number: 20218 (2024) | [Cite this article](#)

### A comprehensive review on federated learning-based medical data for health-care nature communications

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### Federated learning enables big data for rare cancer boundary detection

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## communications engineering

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### Editors' Choice 2023

[Miranda Vinay](#), [Liwen Sang](#), [Jianhua \(Joshua\) Tong](#), [Or Perlman](#), [Rosamund Daw](#), [Carmine Galasso](#), [Mengying Su](#), [Damien Querlioz](#), [Liangfei Tian](#), [Anastasiia Vasylenkova](#), [Yu-Cheng Chen](#) & [Chaoran Huang](#)

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> *Front Neurosci.* 2024 May 20:18:1304191. doi: 10.3389/fnins.2024.1304191. eCollection 2024.

### Prognostic stratification of glioblastoma patients by unsupervised clustering of morphology patterns on whole slide images furthering our disease understanding

[Bhakti Baheti](#) <sup>1 2 3</sup>, [Shubham Innani](#) <sup>1 2 3</sup>, [MacLean Nasrallah](#) <sup>2 3</sup>, [Spyridon Bakas](#) <sup>1 2 3 4 5</sup>

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PMID: 38831756 PMCID: [PMC11146603](#) DOI: [10.3389/fnins.2024.1304191](#)

# Future Development Goals

- **Address different data types:**

- Genomics
- EHR
- Unstructured health data

- **New workloads:**

- Multi-instance learning
- Semi-/Un-supervised learning
- Multi-modal learning



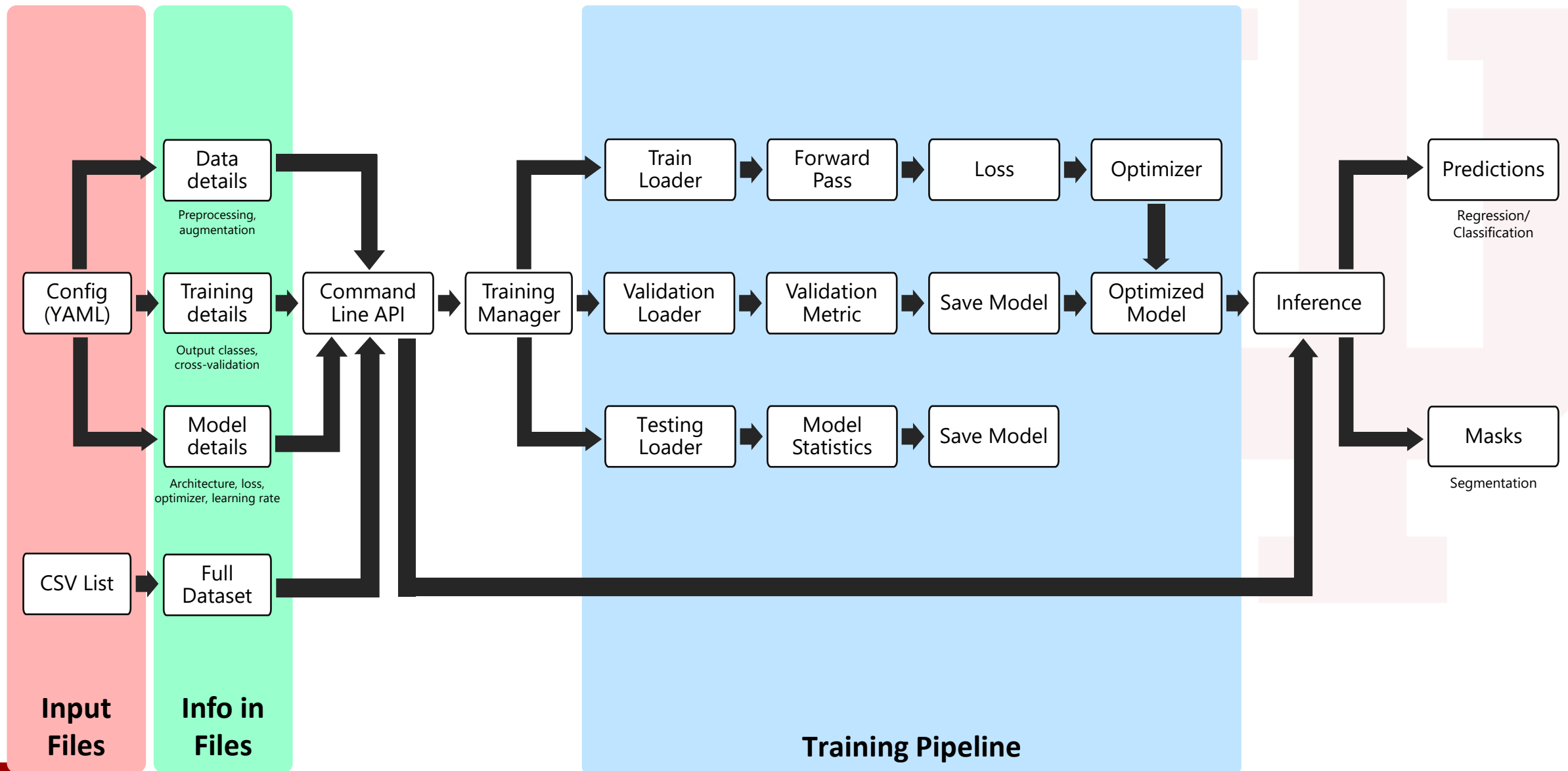
# Technical Specifics and Conclusions

# Documentation Links

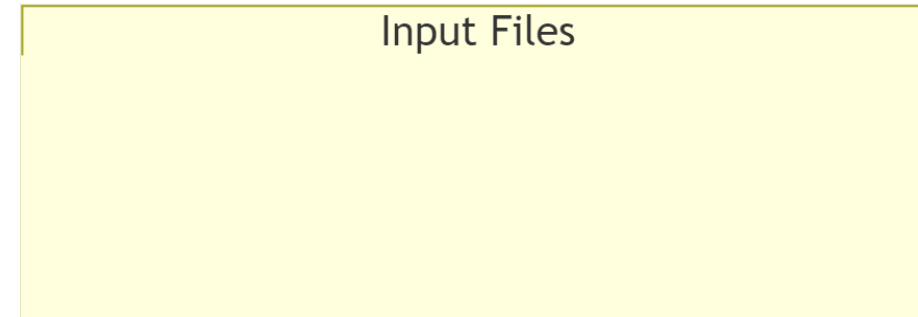
- Main Starting point: [gandlf.org](https://gandlf.org)
- Table of Contents for documentation
  - Getting Started
  - Application Setup
  - Usage
  - Customize the training and inference
  - Extending GaNDLF
  - FAQ

Getting Started	Installation	Usage	Customization	Extending	FAQ
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# Overall Workflow



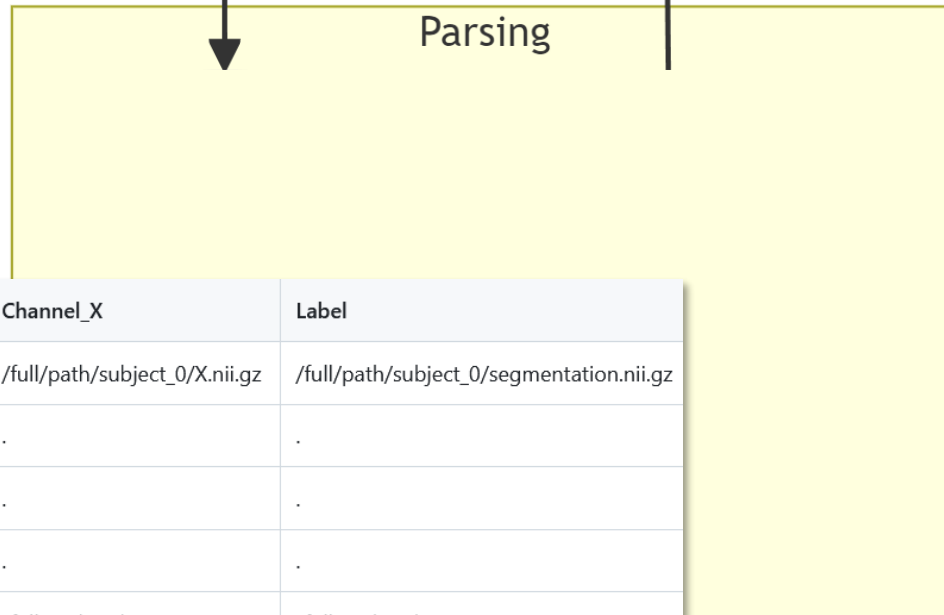
# The I/O Mechanism



# Choose the model parameters here

model:

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    architecture: vgg11,  
    batch_norm: True,  
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    amp: False,  
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    class_list: ["0", "1", "2", "3"],  
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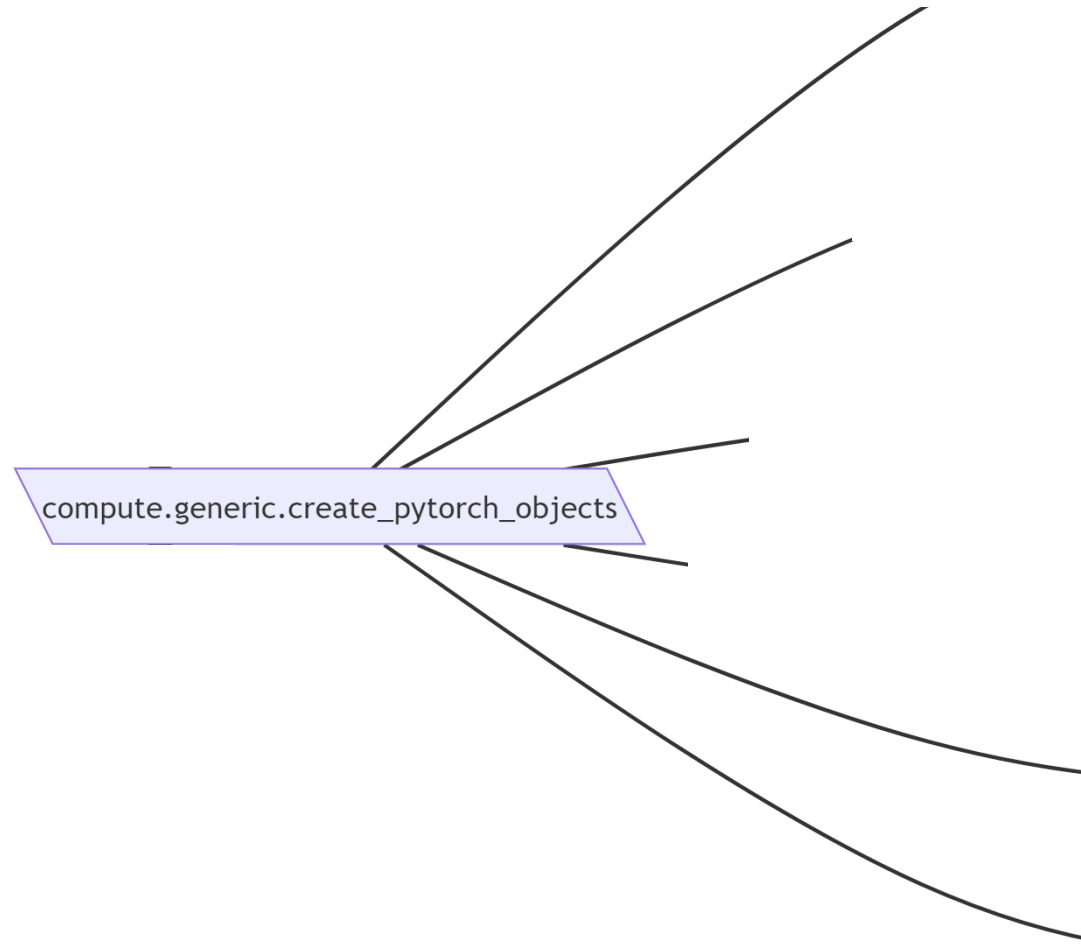
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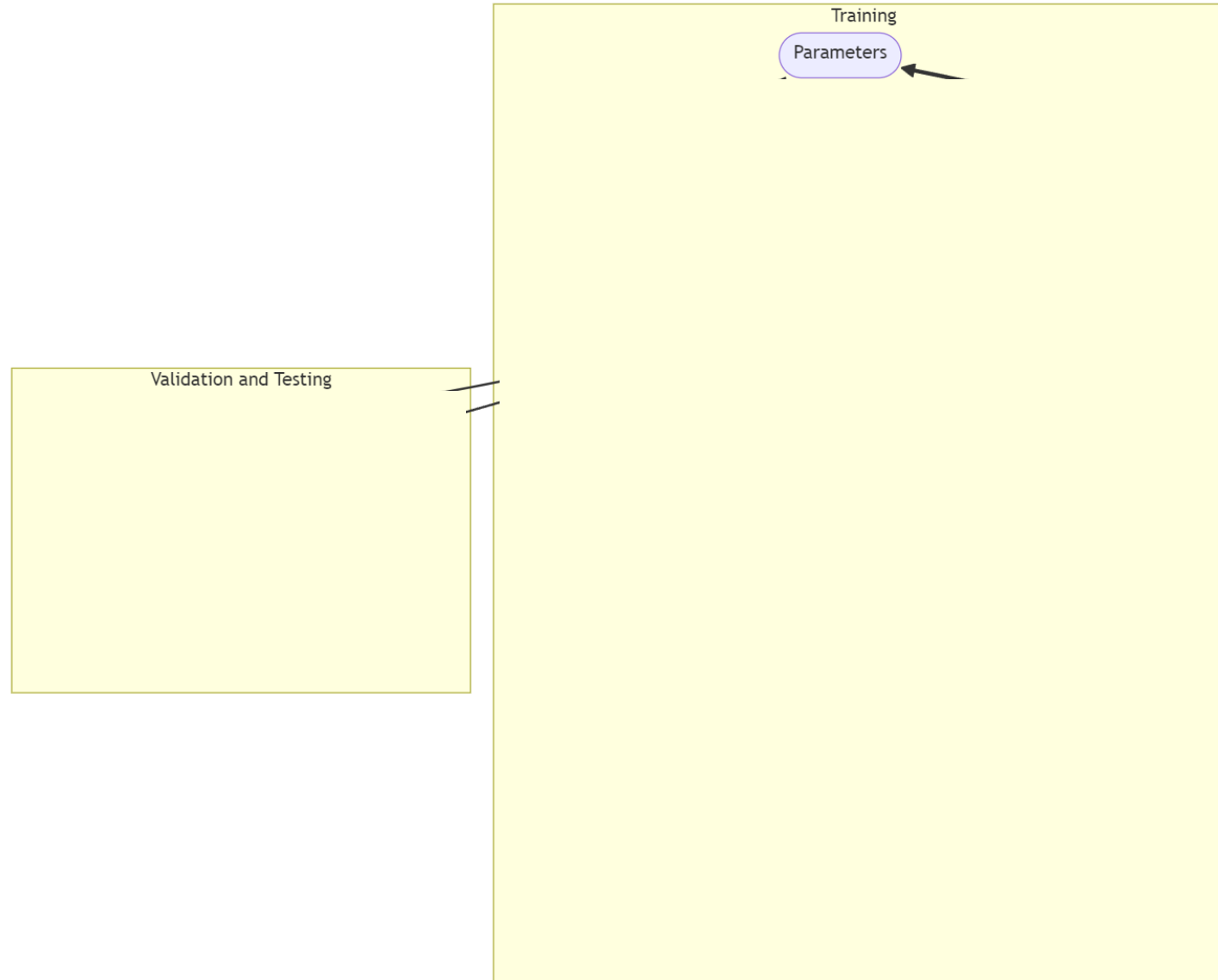




# Main Function to Create Compute Objects



# Training



# Validation

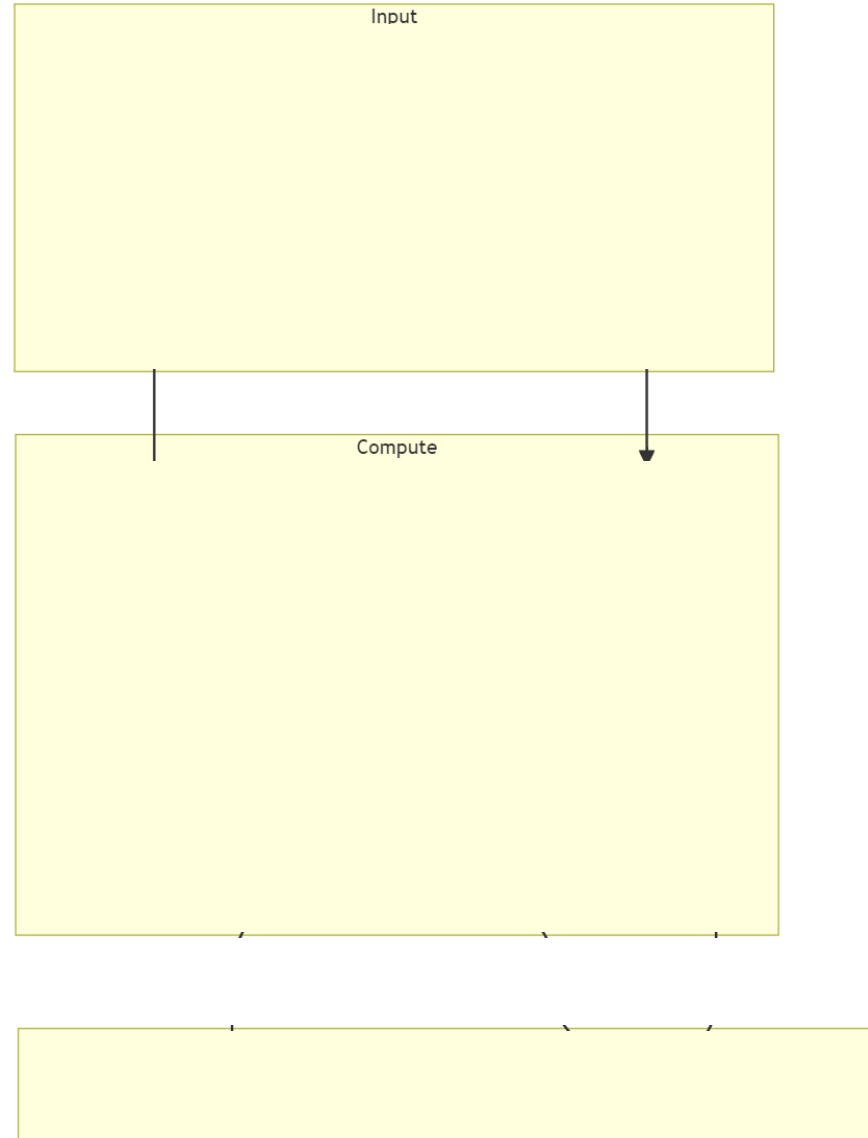
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compute.forward_pass.validate_network
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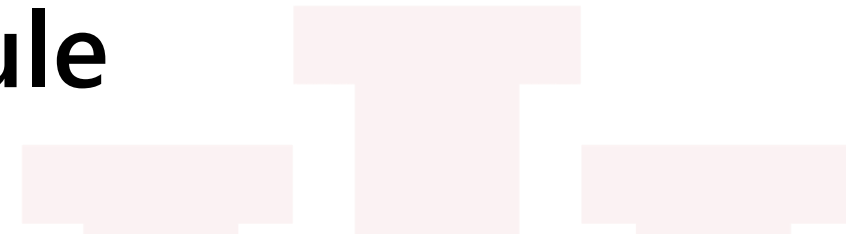
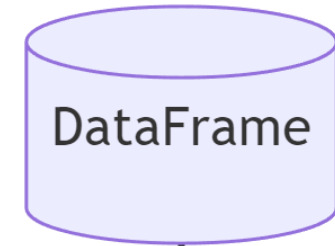
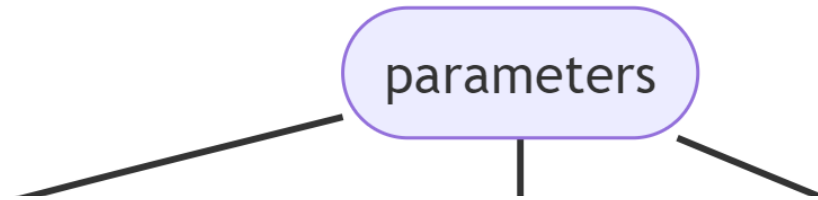
`compute.forward_pass.validate_network`



# The `step` Routine



# The `data` submodule





# Announcements



## Community Engagements

- We now have full integration with MONAI.
- We have full integration with Hugging Face Hub.

## Noteworthy Features

- Privacy-enabled training.
- Full-scale synthesis as part of the ***GaNDLF-Synth*** extension!

arXiv > cs > arXiv:2410.00173

### GaNDLF-Synth: A Framework to Democratize Generative AI for (Bio)Medical Imaging

Sarthak Pati, Szymon Mazurek, Spyridon Bakas

Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) is a field of AI that creates new data samples from existing ones. It utilizes deep learning to overcome the scarcity and regulatory constraints of healthcare data by generating new data points that integrate seamlessly with original datasets. This paper explores the background and motivation for GenAI, and introduces the Generally Nuanced Deep Learning Framework for Synthesis (GaNDLF-Synth) to address a significant gap in the literature and move towards democratizing the implementation and assessment of image synthesis tasks in healthcare. GaNDLF-Synth describes a unified abstraction for various synthesis algorithms, including autoencoders, generative adversarial networks, and diffusion models. Leveraging the GANDLF-core framework, it supports diverse data modalities and distributed computing, ensuring scalability and reproducibility through extensive unit testing. The aim of GaNDLF-Synth is to lower the entry barrier for GenAI, and make it more accessible and extensible by the wider scientific community.

# Key Takeaways

