



DOING SCIENCE WITH
BIG DATA

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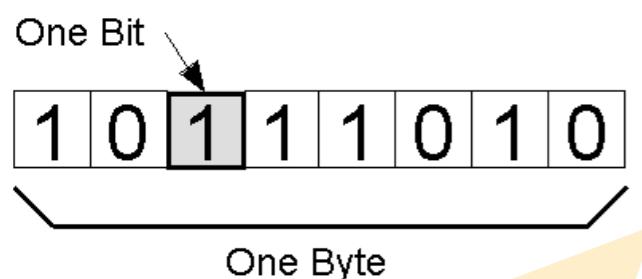
OUTLINE

- ▶ How big are we talking?
- ▶ Scientific process with data
- ▶ What I'm working on
- ▶ What the lab is working on 
 - ▶ Open data, data-bases and interactive data
 - ▶ Hardware that supports our software

MAKING SENSE OF BIG DATA?

DATA HAVE SIZE

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Unit	Size Indications
• Byte	A single letter e.g. 'A'
• Kilobyte	One page of typed text is 2KB
• Megabyte	A typical pop song is about 4MB
• Gigabyte	A 2 hour film can be compressed into 1 - 2GB
• Terabyte	Big enough to hold all the x-ray files in a modern hospital
• Petabyte	Big enough to hold 13 years' worth of high-definition TV content. Google processes 1 PB every hour
• Exabyte	Equivalent to 10 billion copies of the Economist
• Zettabyte	If we're able to record every human word that has ever been spoken they would fill up about 42 zettabytes worth of memory
• Yottabyte	Too big to imagine

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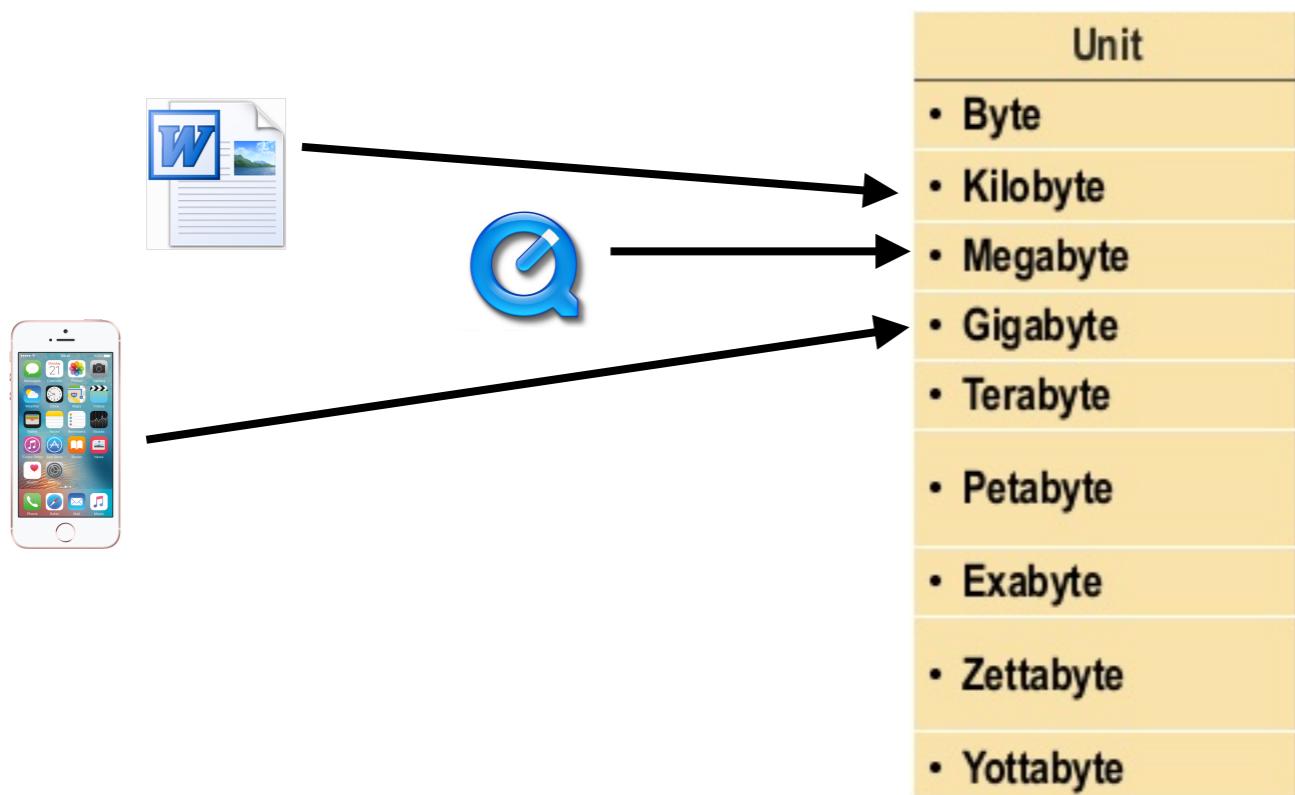
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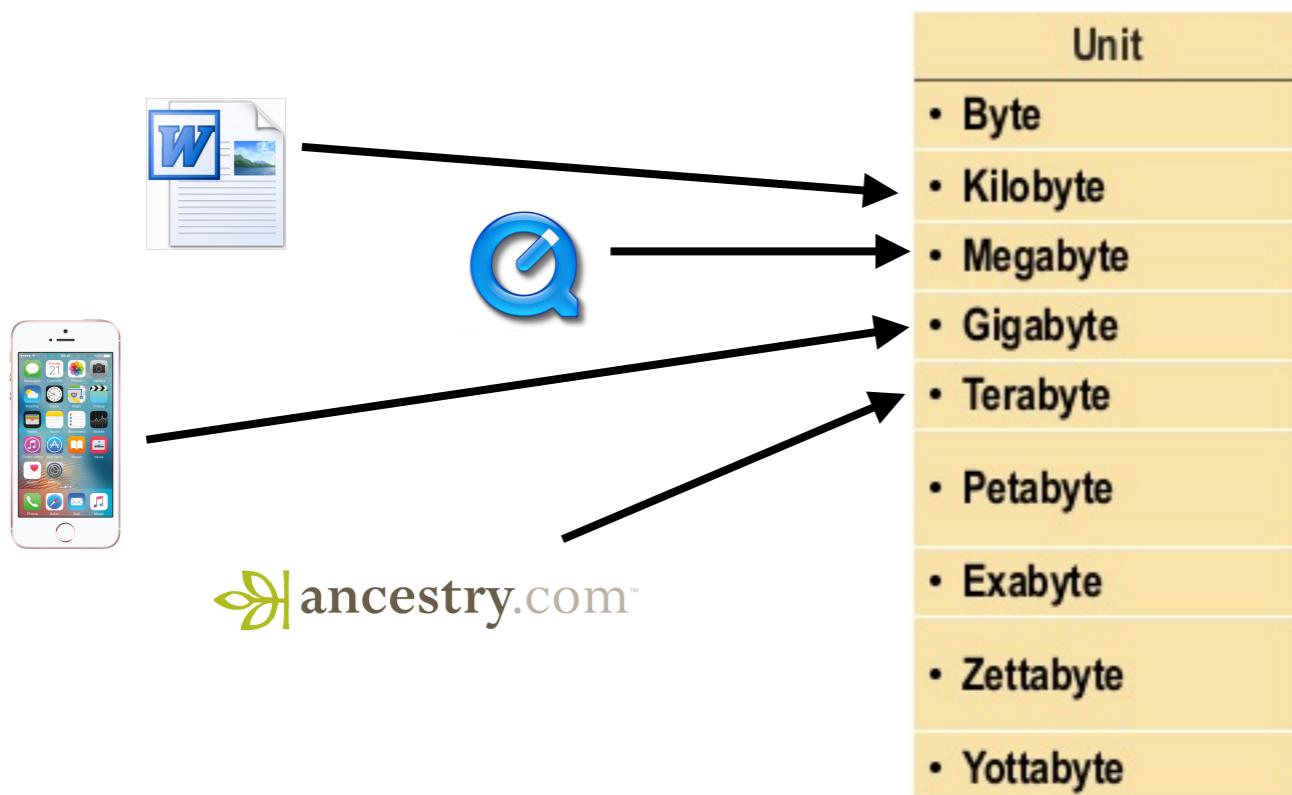


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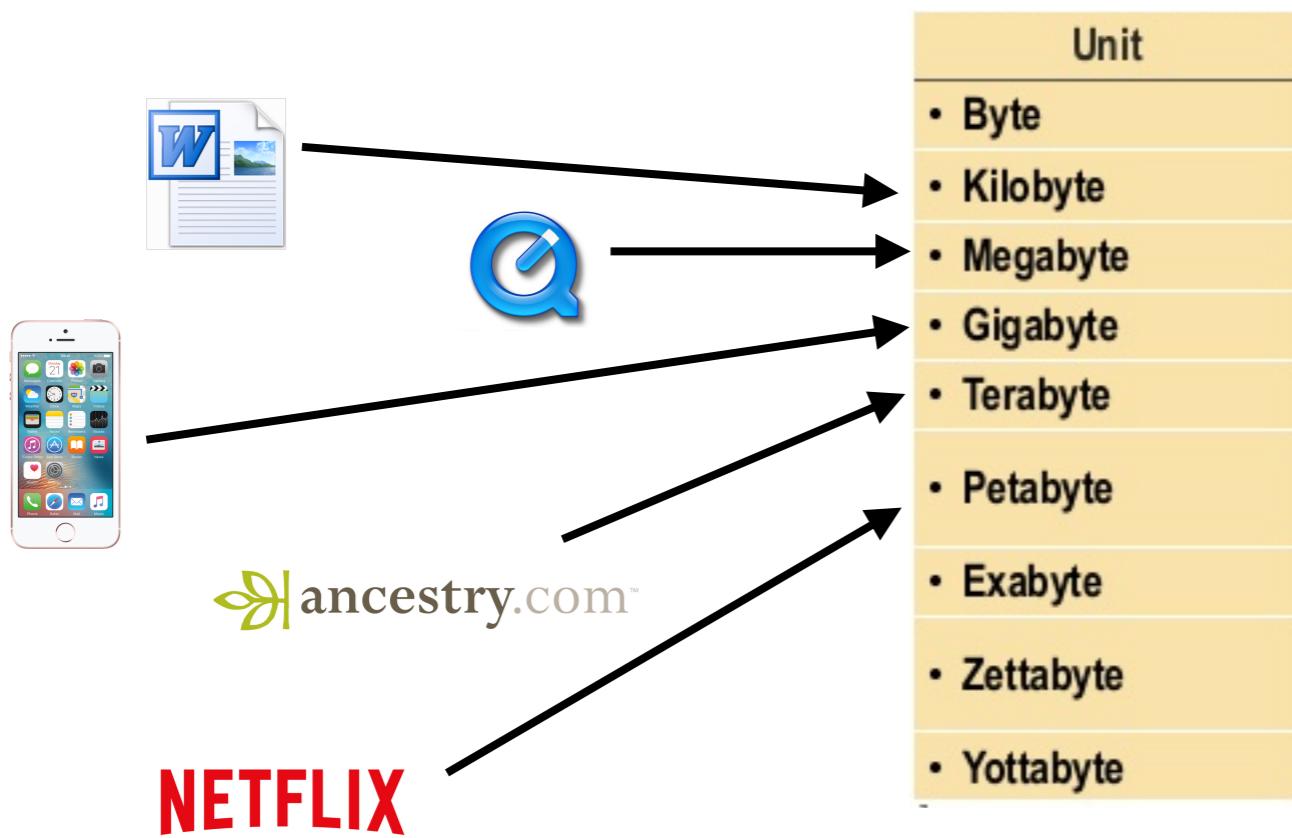
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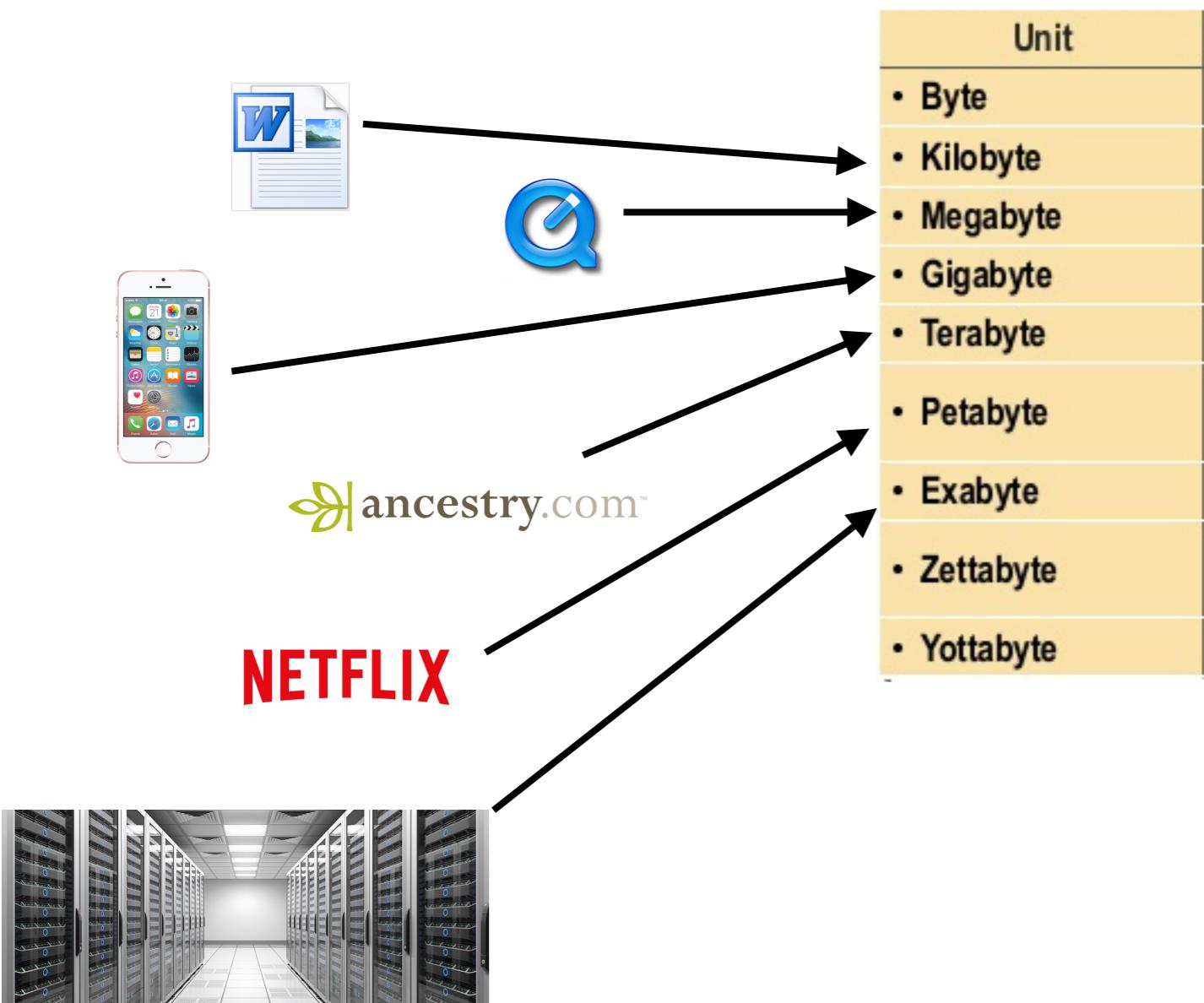
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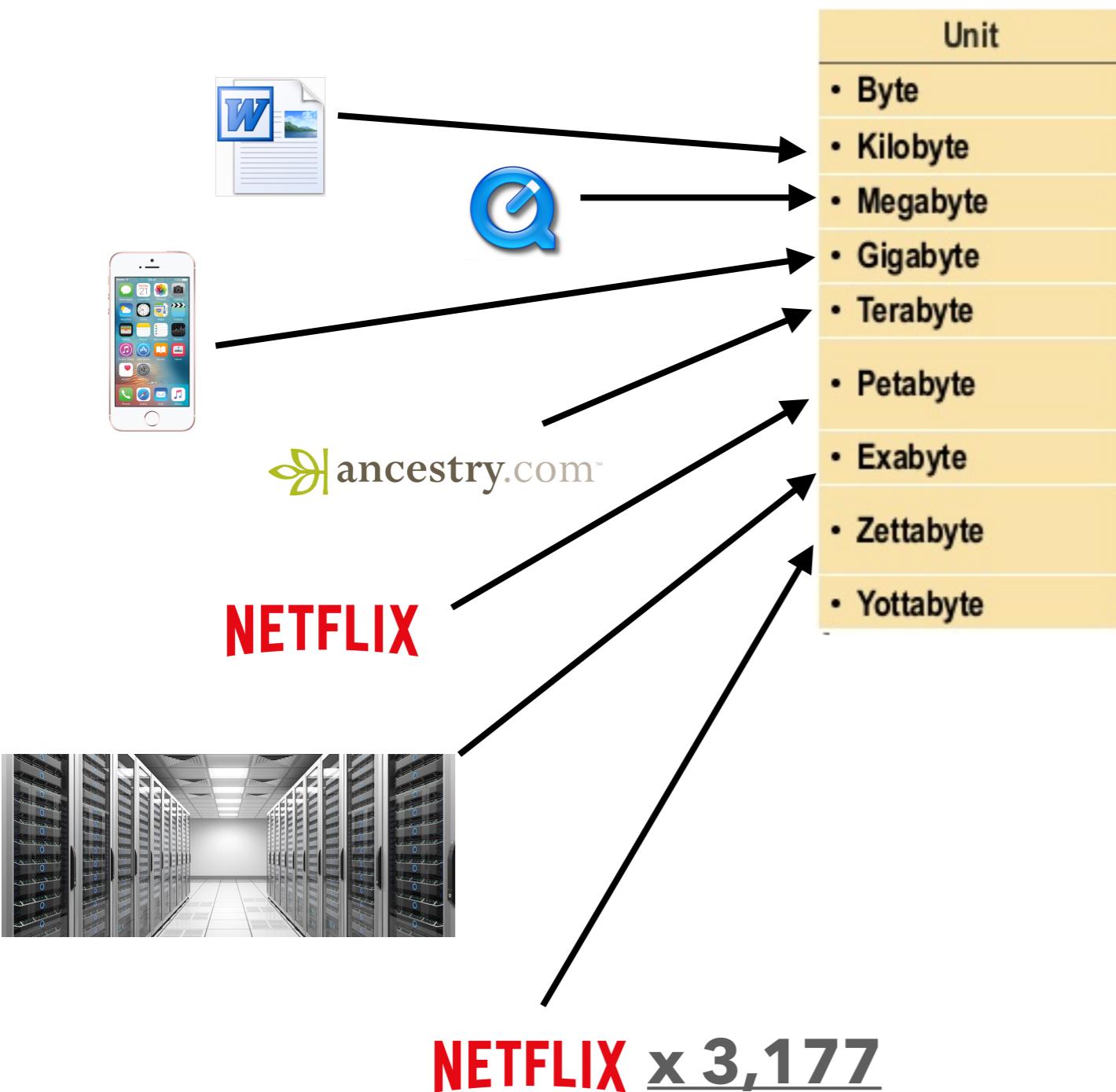
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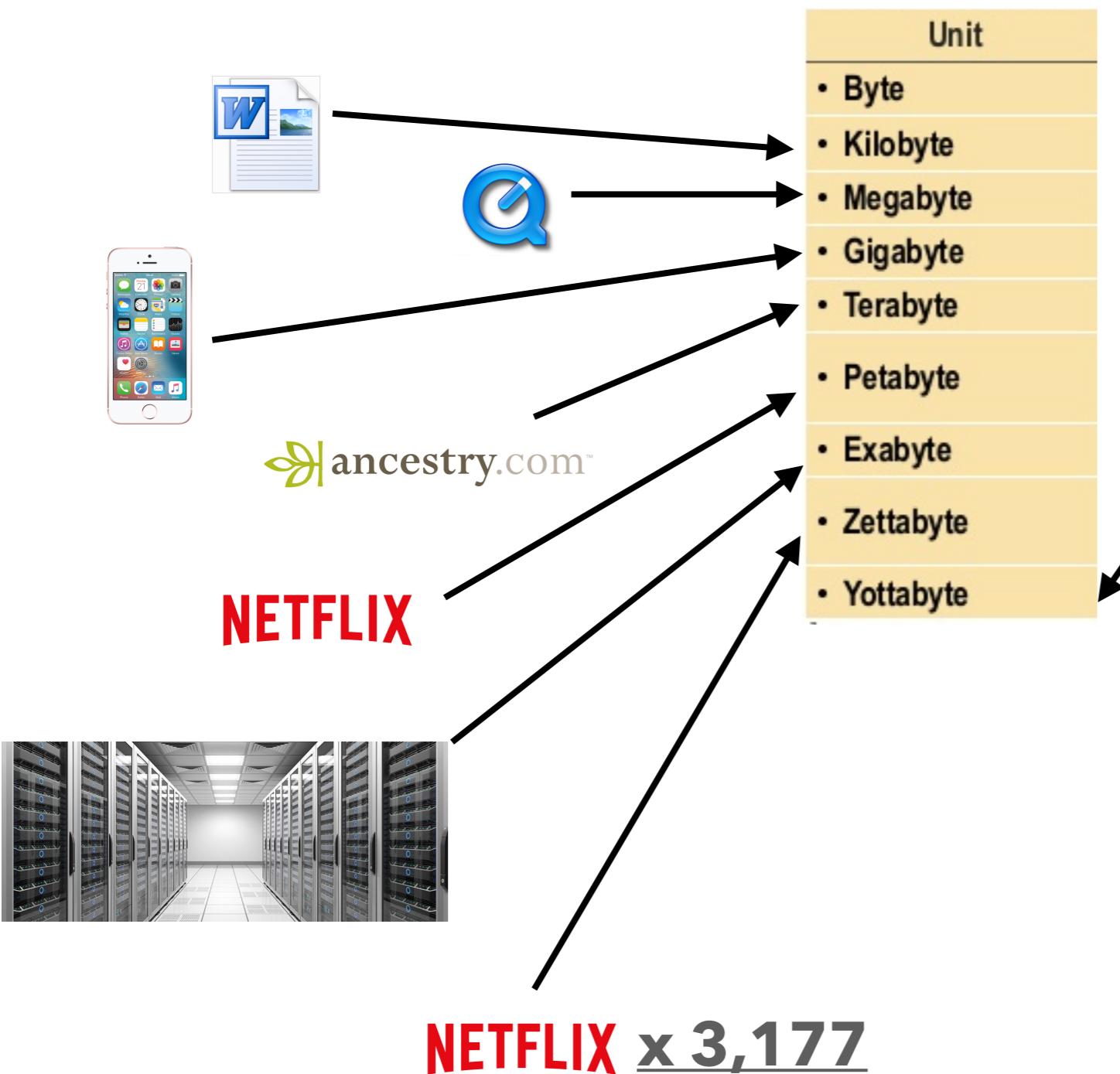
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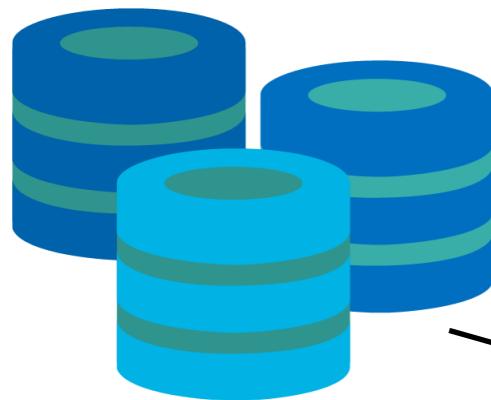


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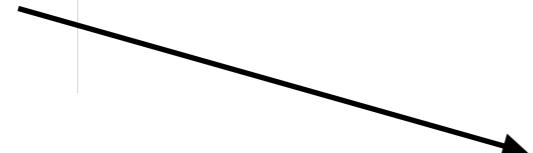


**Delaware
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HEALTH DATA



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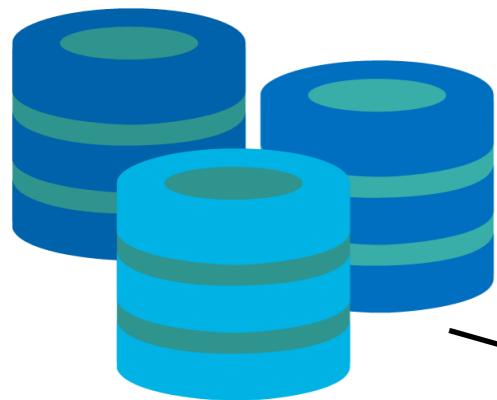


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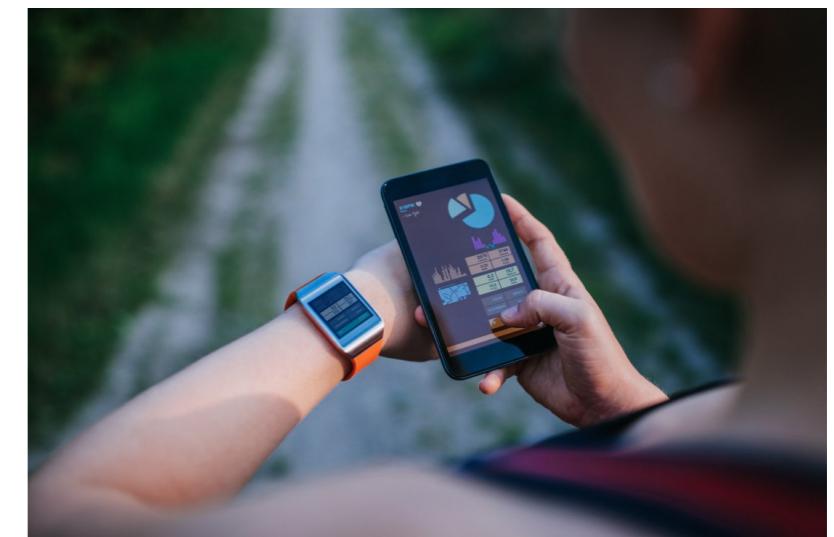
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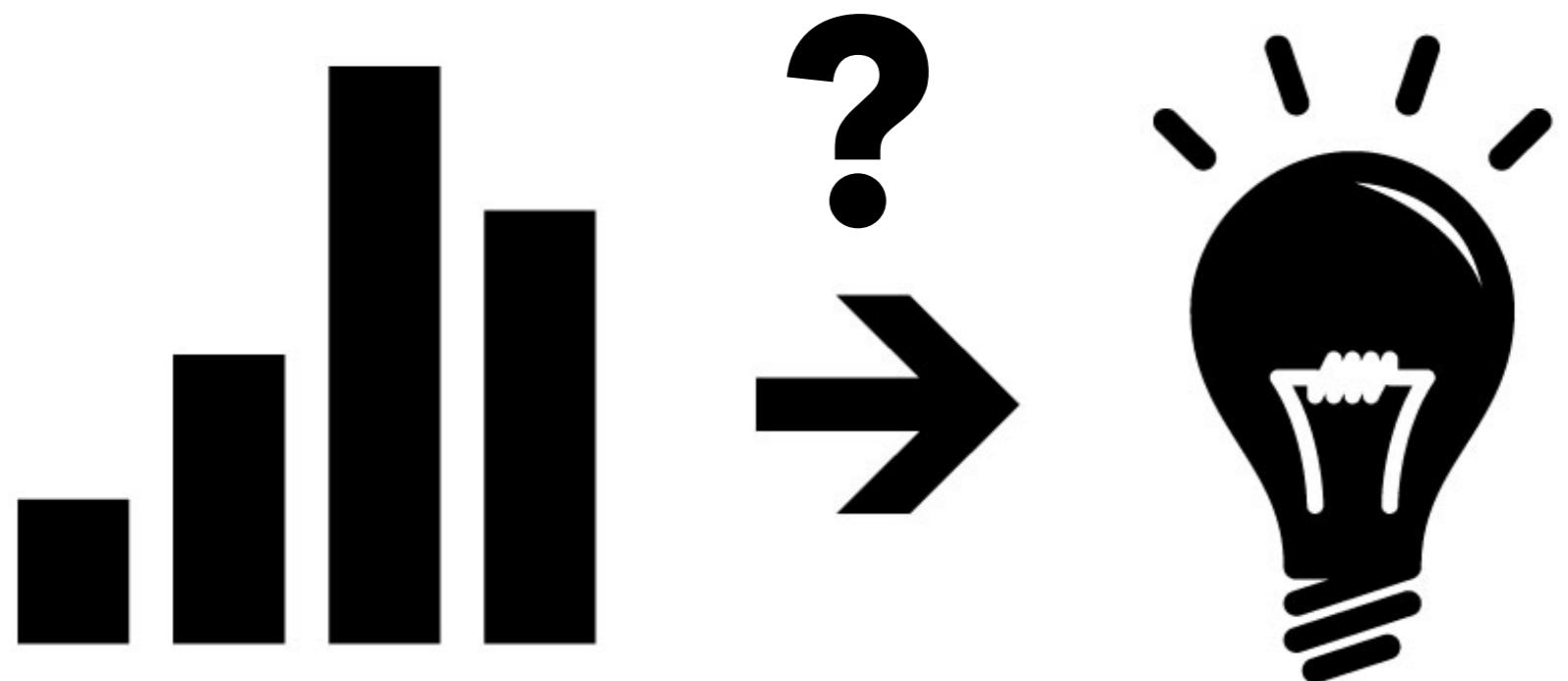
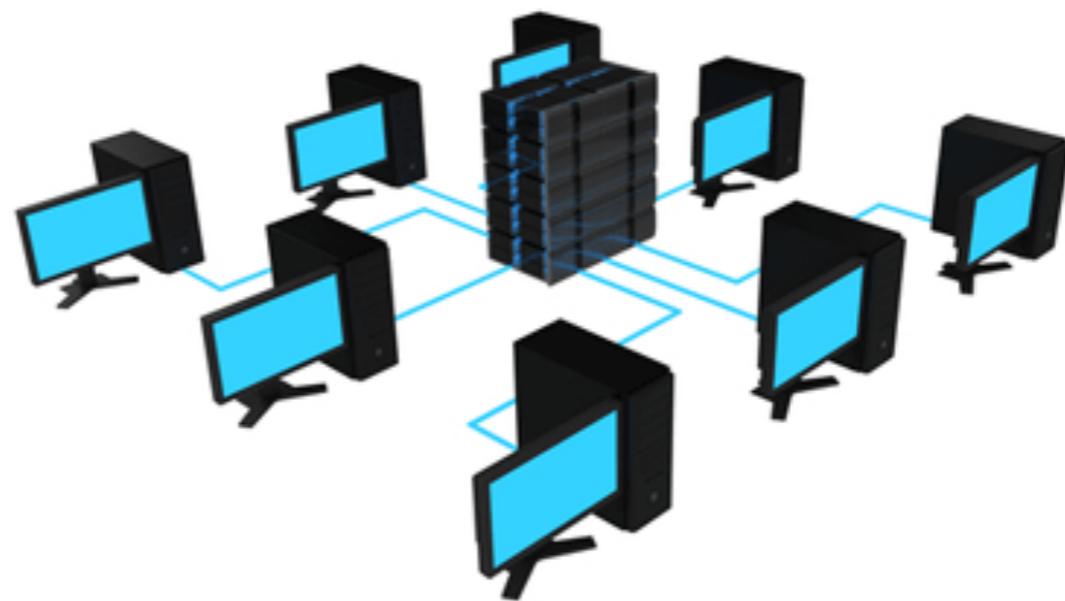
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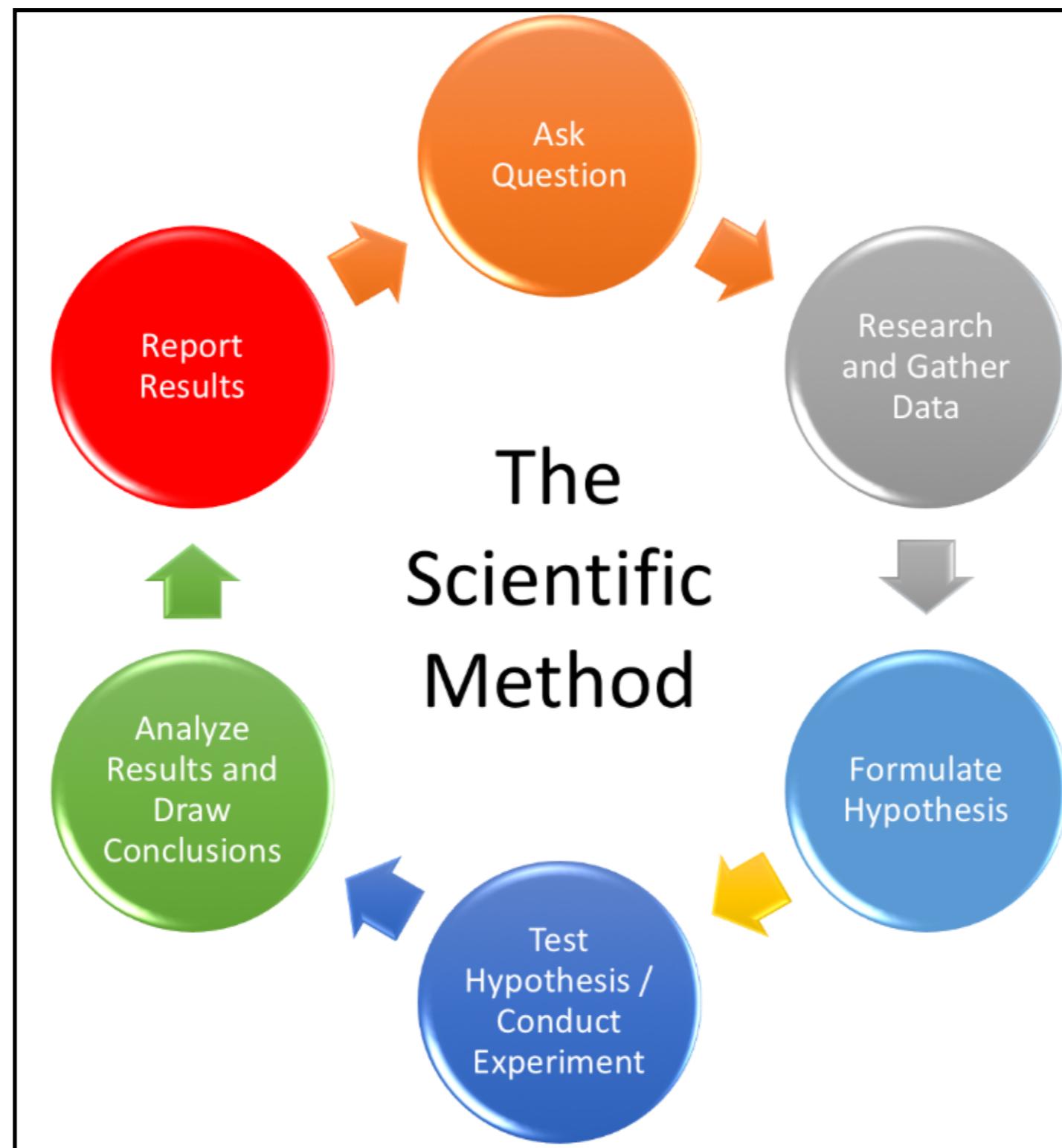


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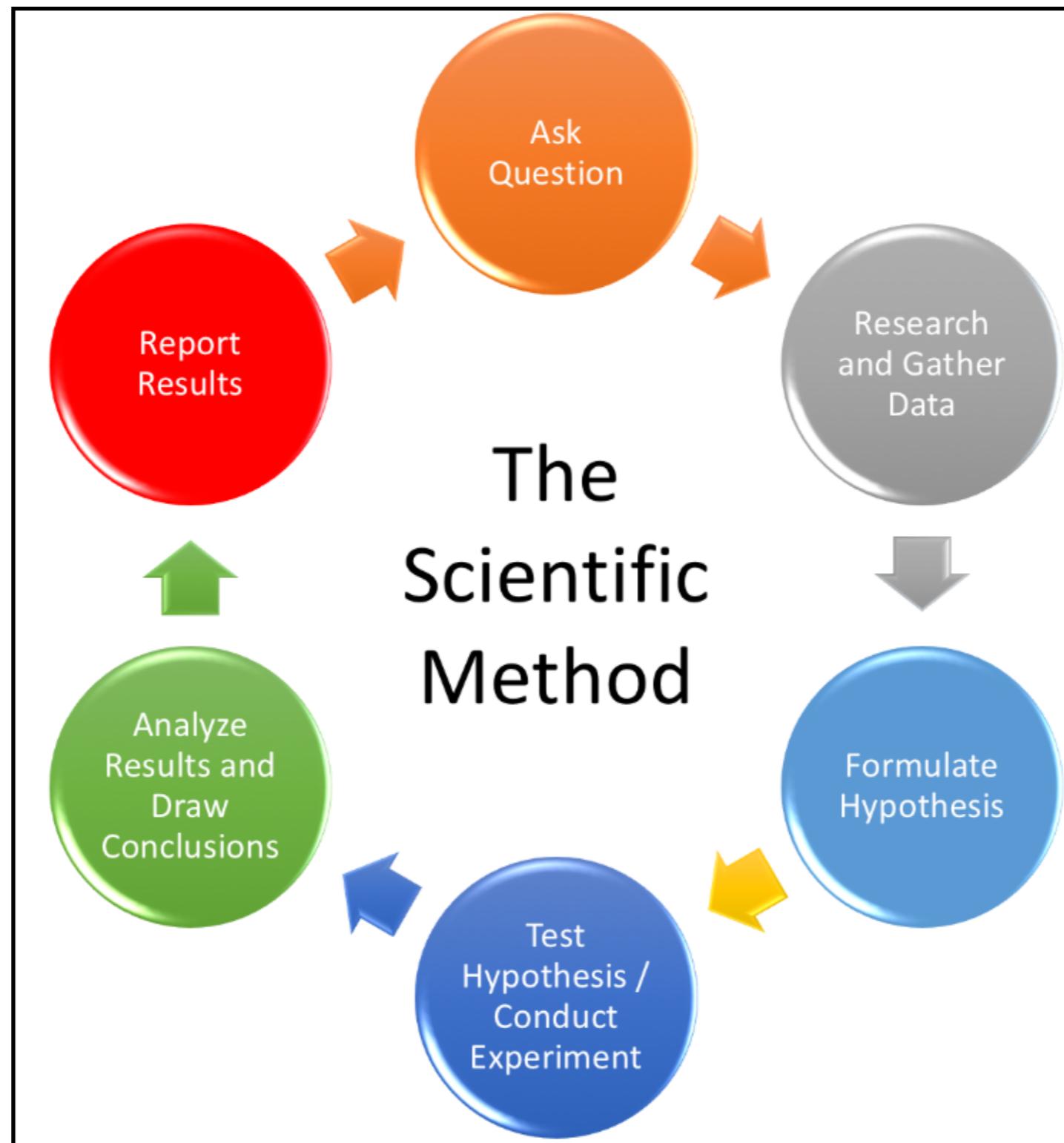
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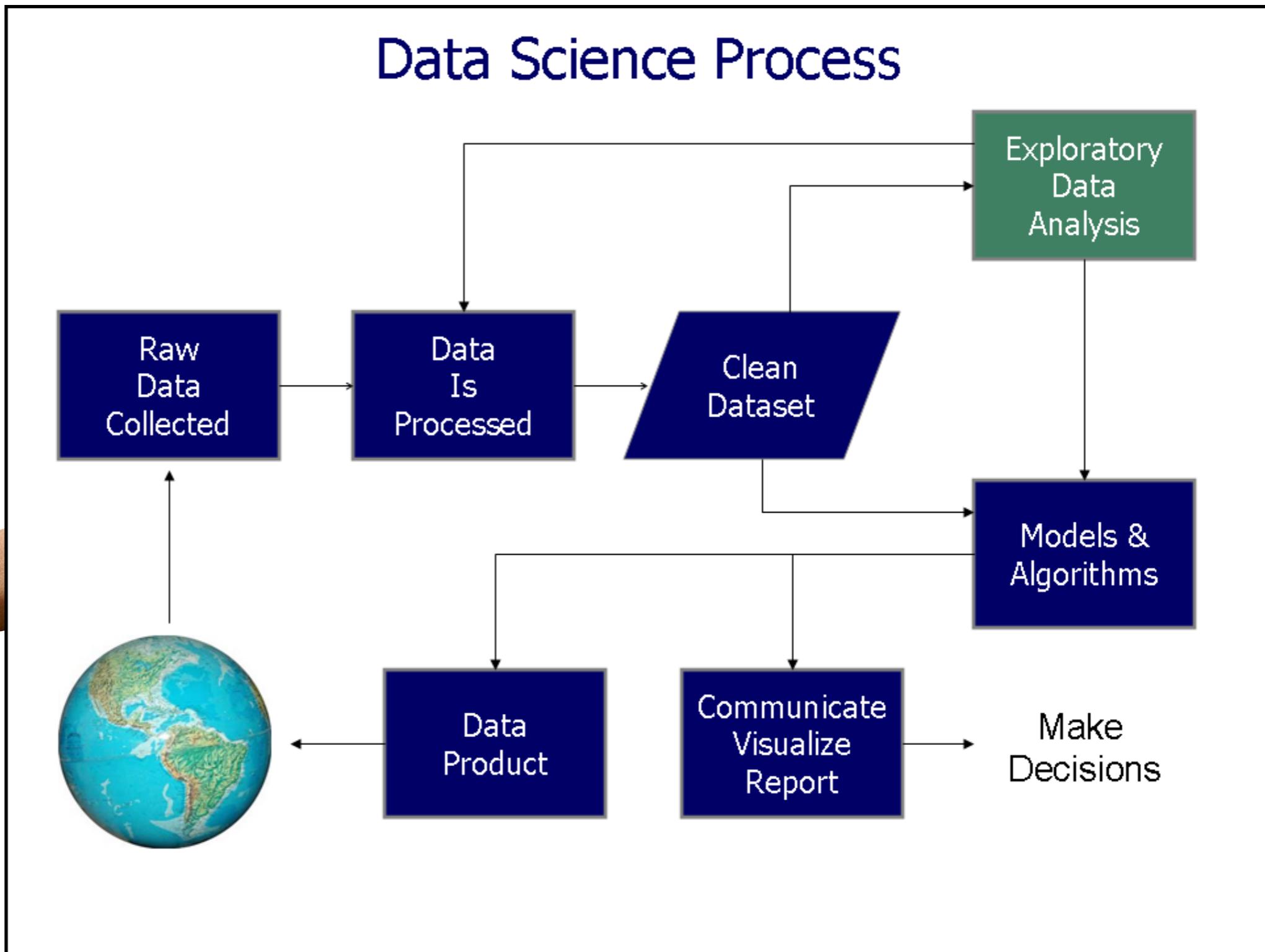
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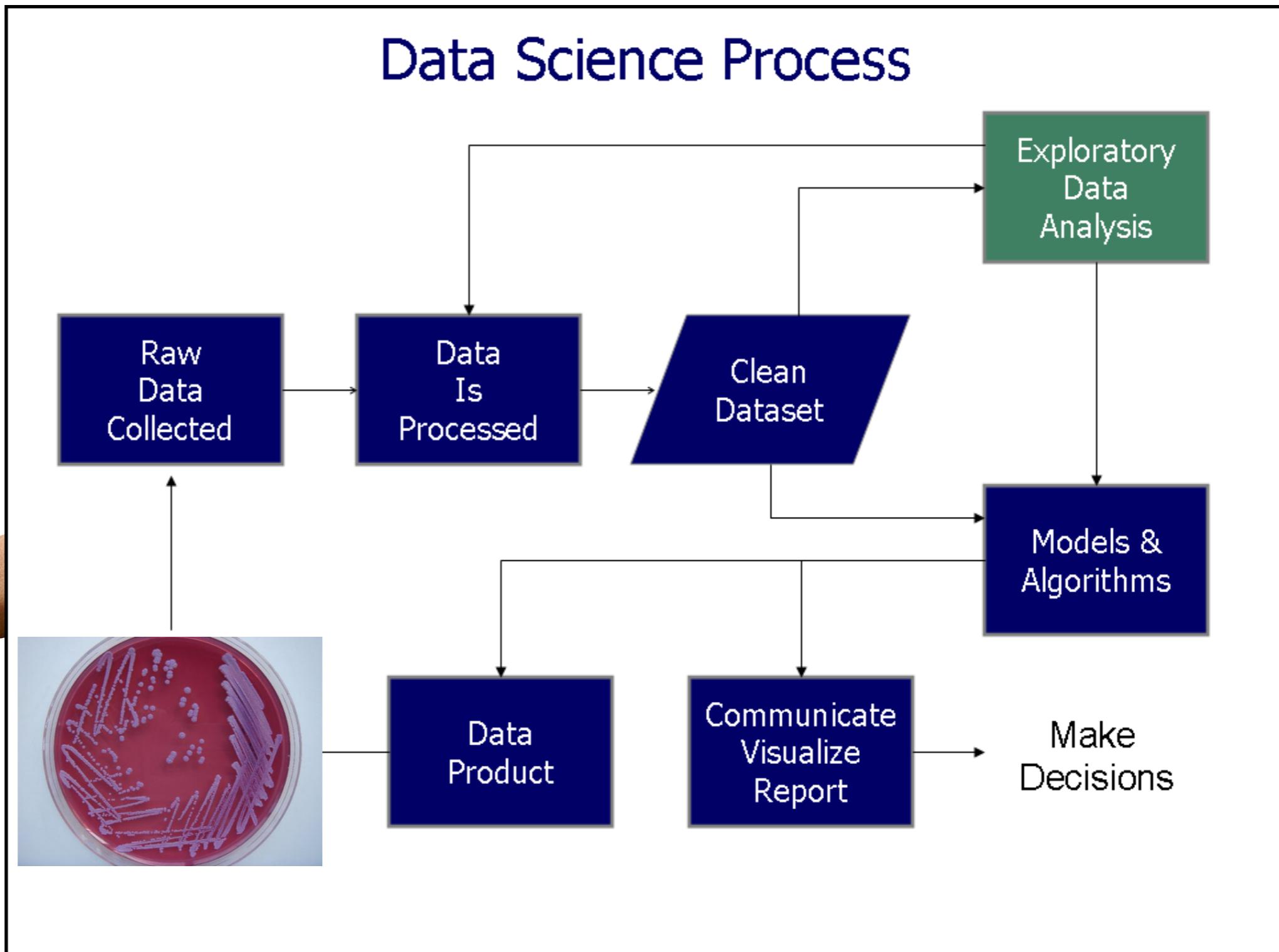
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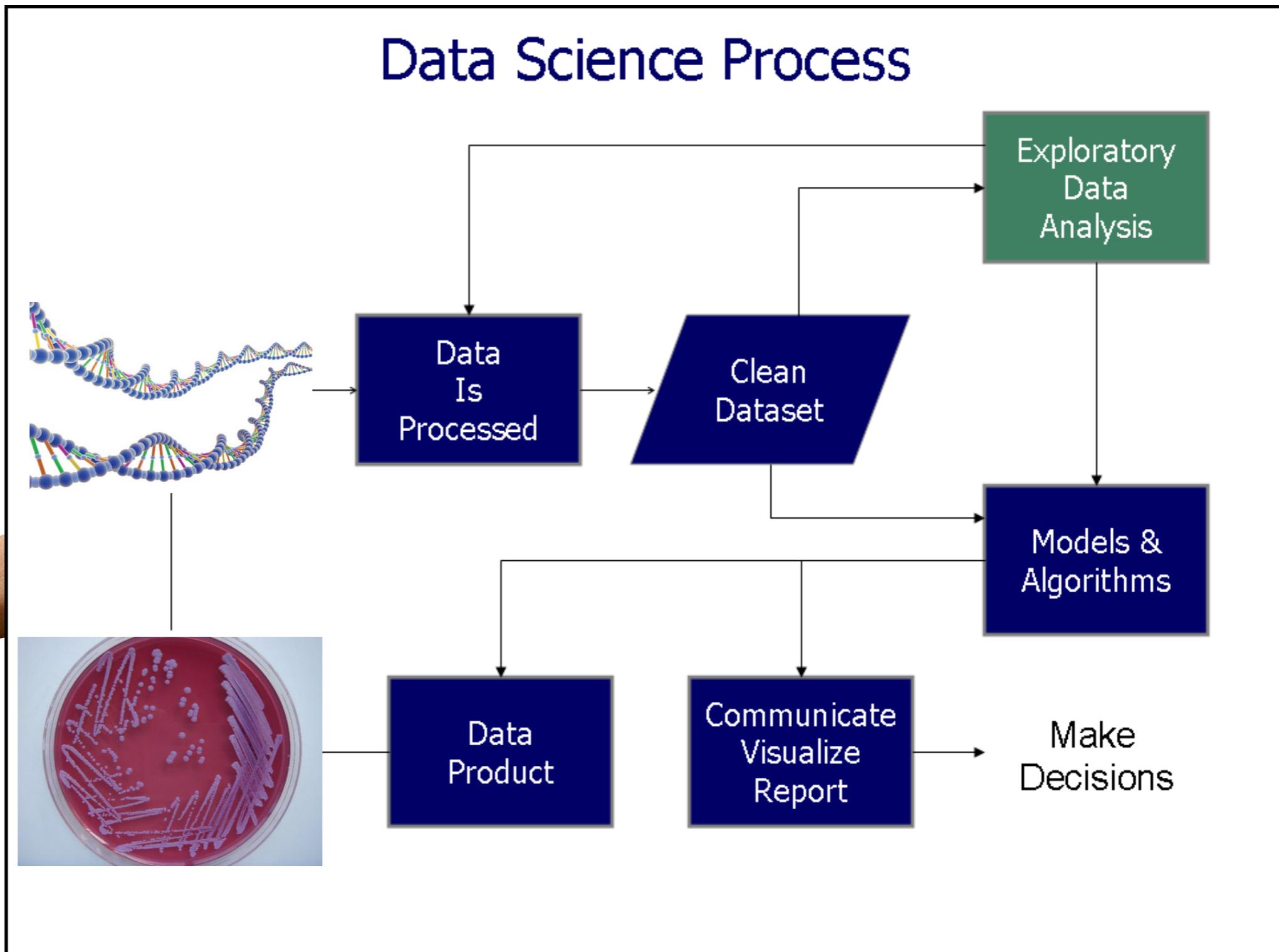
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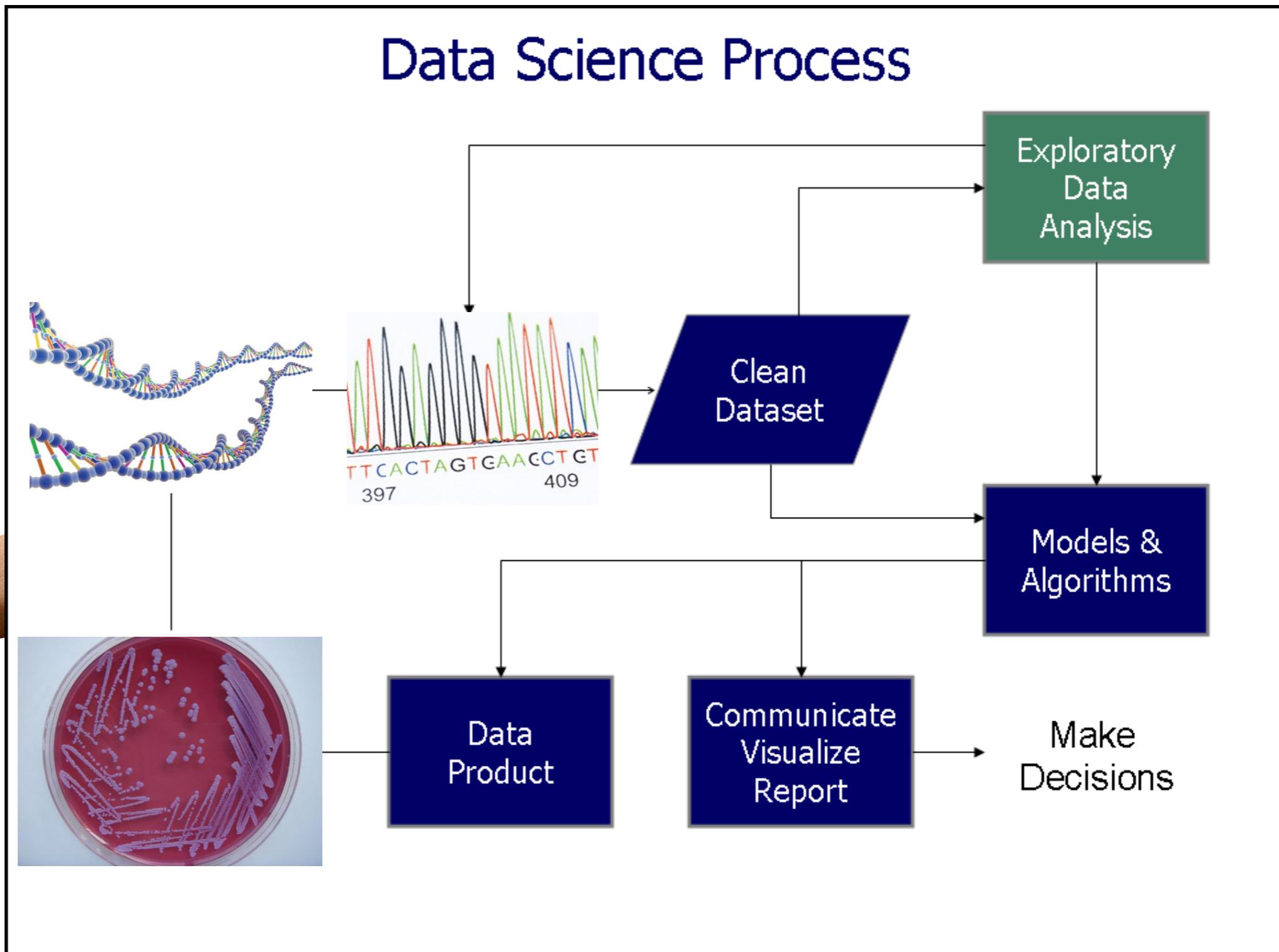
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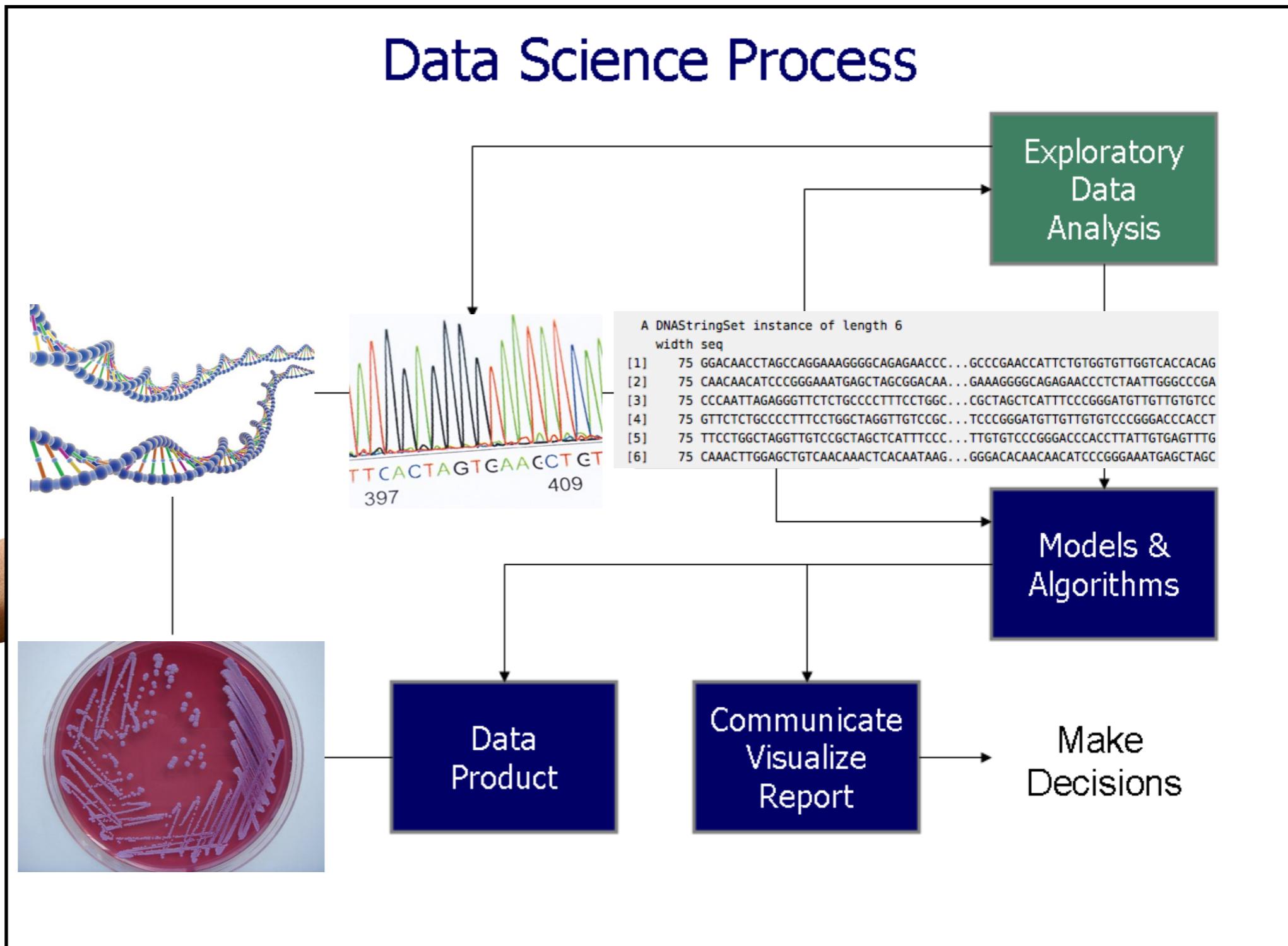
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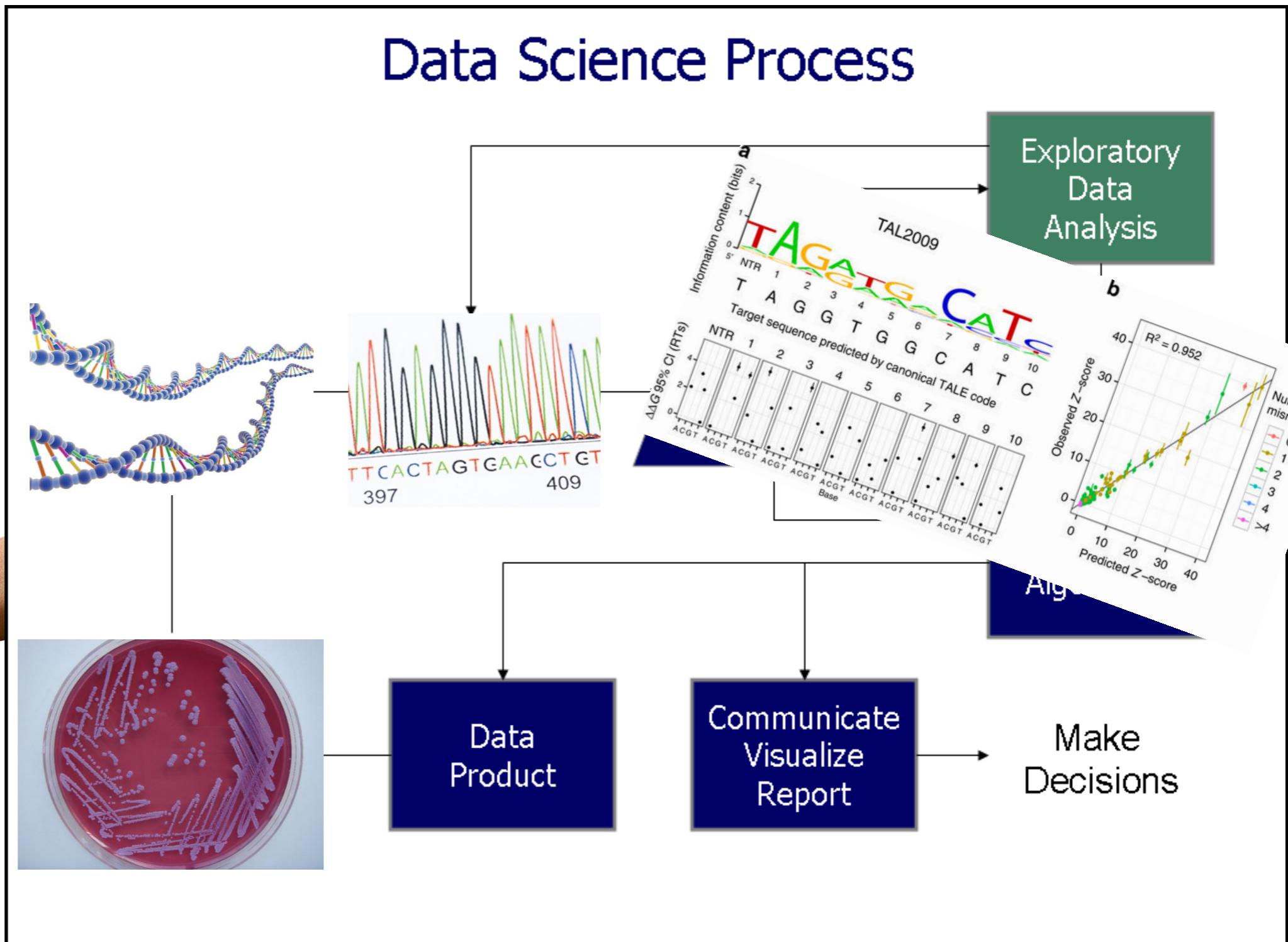


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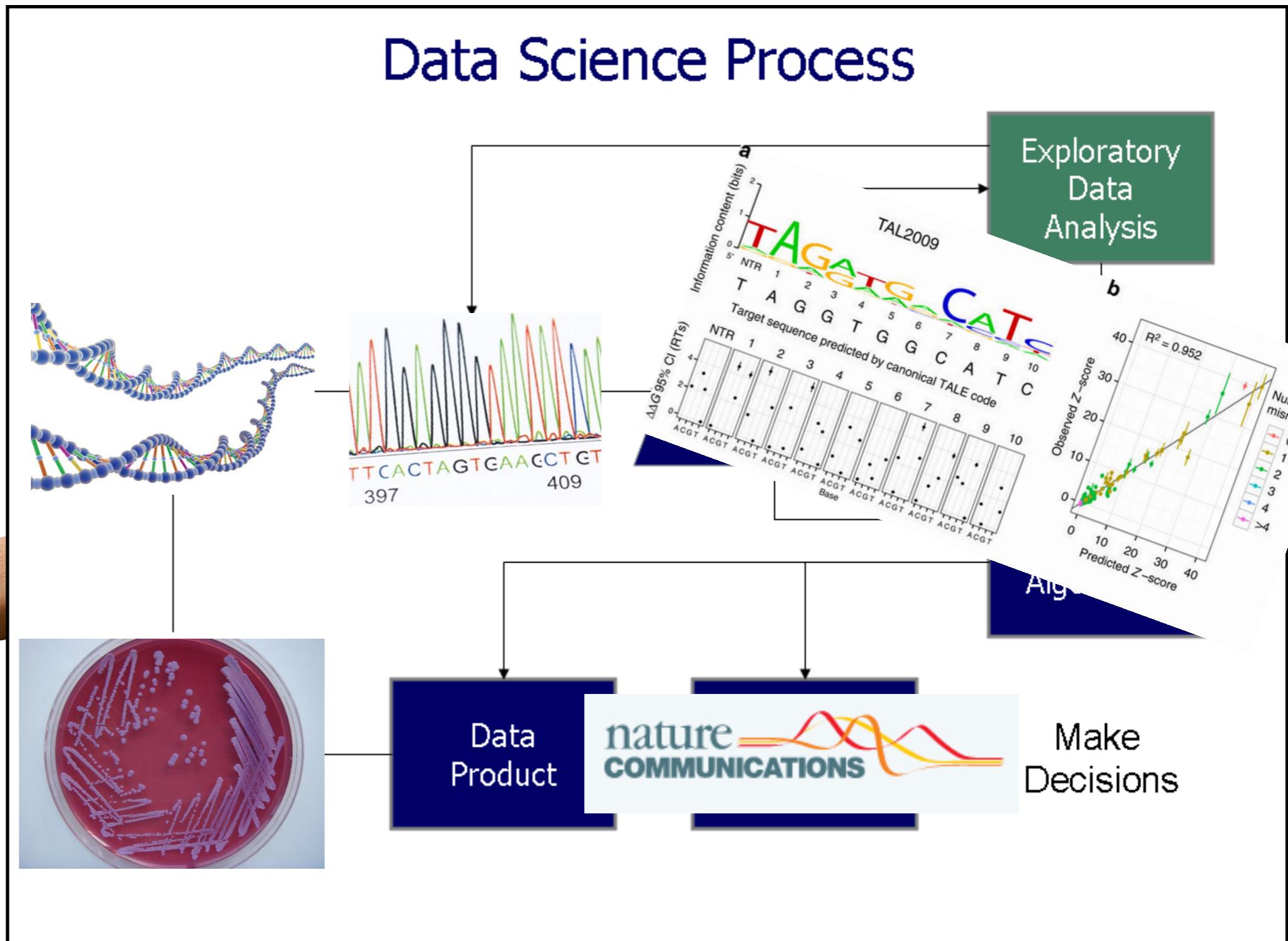
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Rogers et al. Nature 2015



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WHAT I'VE BEEN
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My current projects



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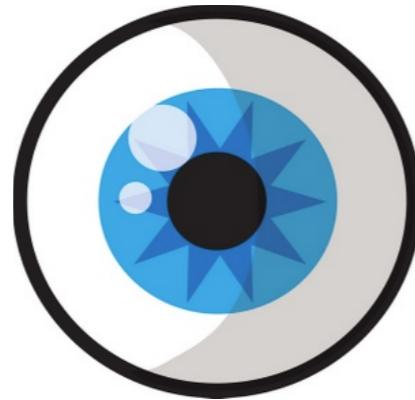


PROTEIN BIOMARKERS
IN HEART FAILURE



GENE EXPRESSION IN
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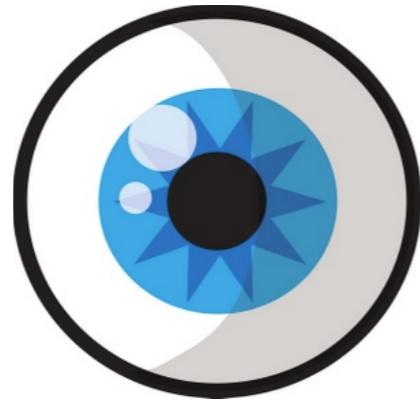


EYE DEVELOPMENT

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PHARMACOLOGY OF
EPILEPSY



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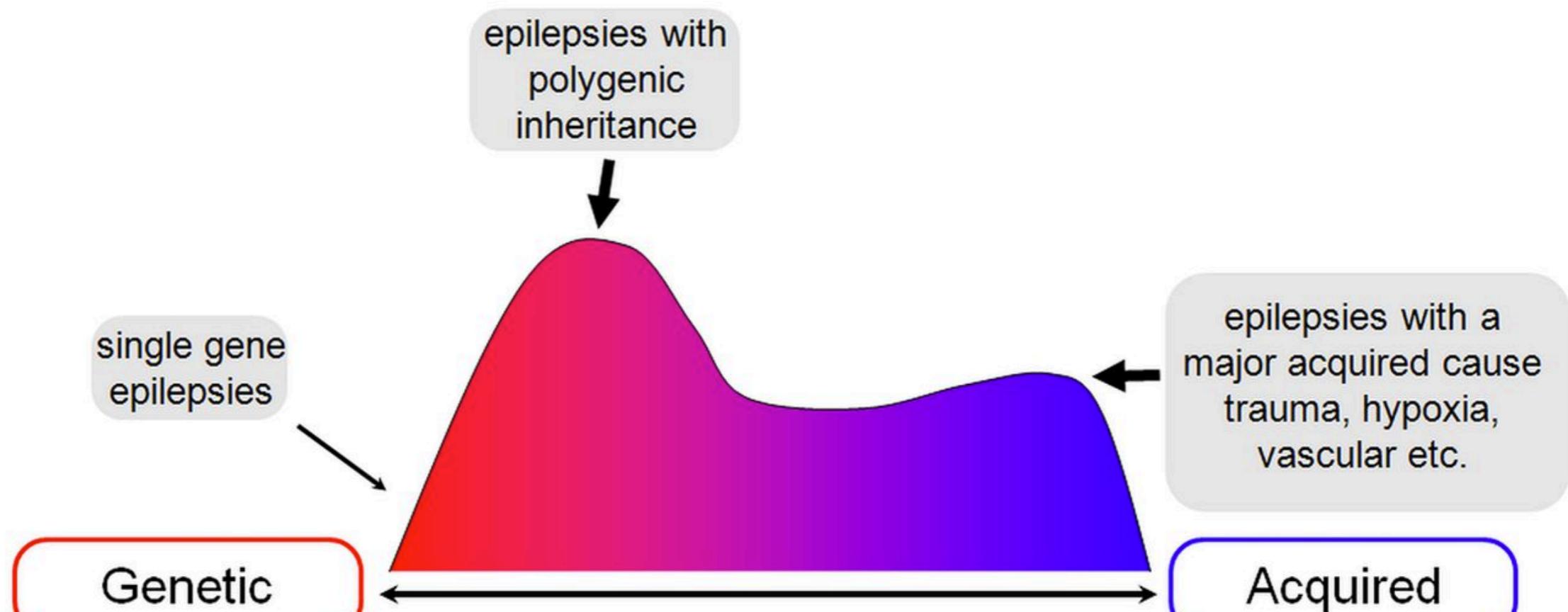
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- ▶ Seizures that occur more than once.
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- ▶ Late onset (adult) epilepsy is largely **acquired**.¹

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EPILEPSY



Journal of Medical Genetics 2012

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- ▶ But, not all drugs work the same
- ▶ May cause an **adverse reaction**,
 - ▶ fever, nausea, bloating, dizziness/confusion
 - ▶ heart attack, liver damage, kidney failure, seizures

ADVERSE DRUG REACTIONS

- ▶ Why?

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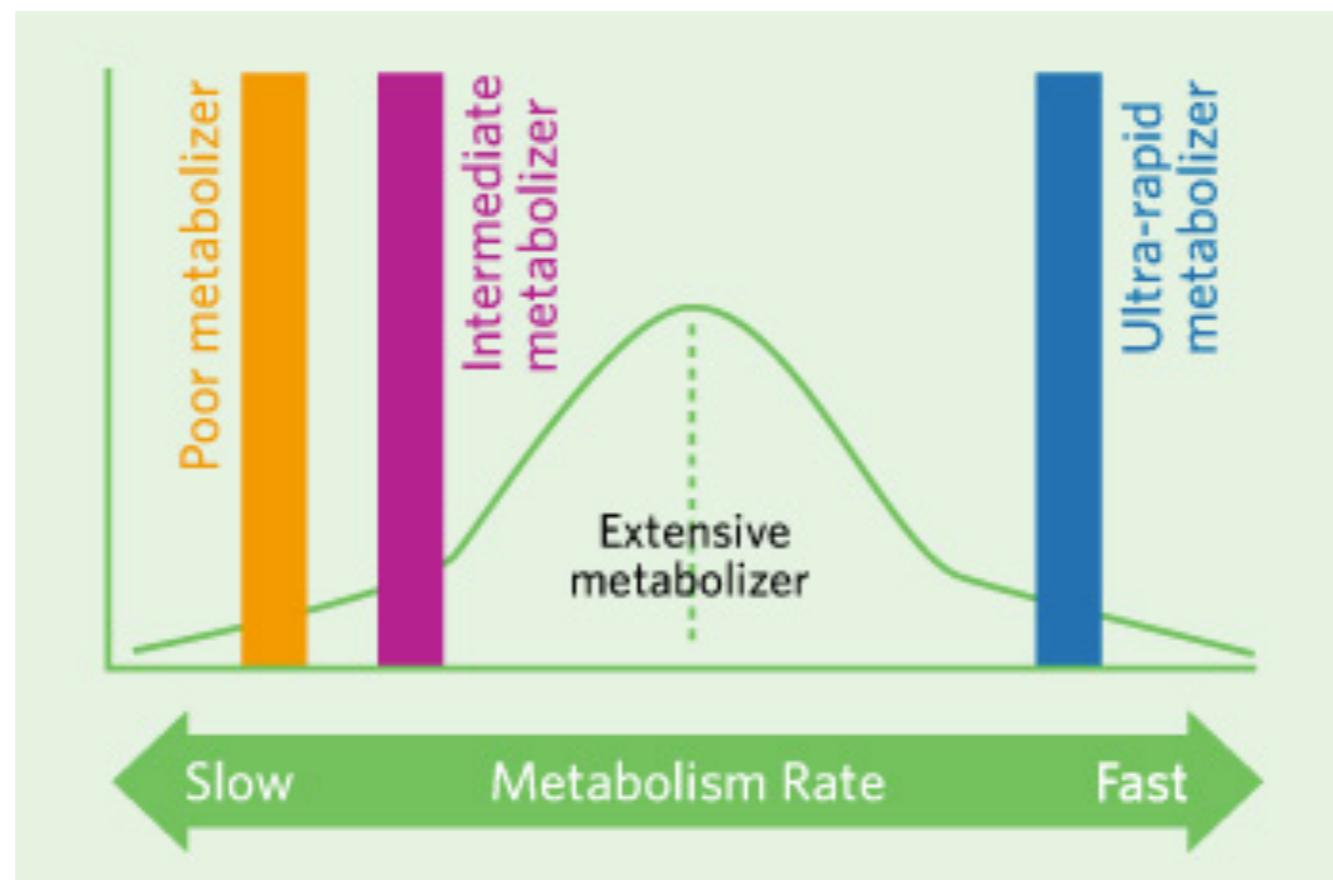
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- ▶ Are they more or less frequent?
- ▶ Is the type of adverse reactions different?

DATA



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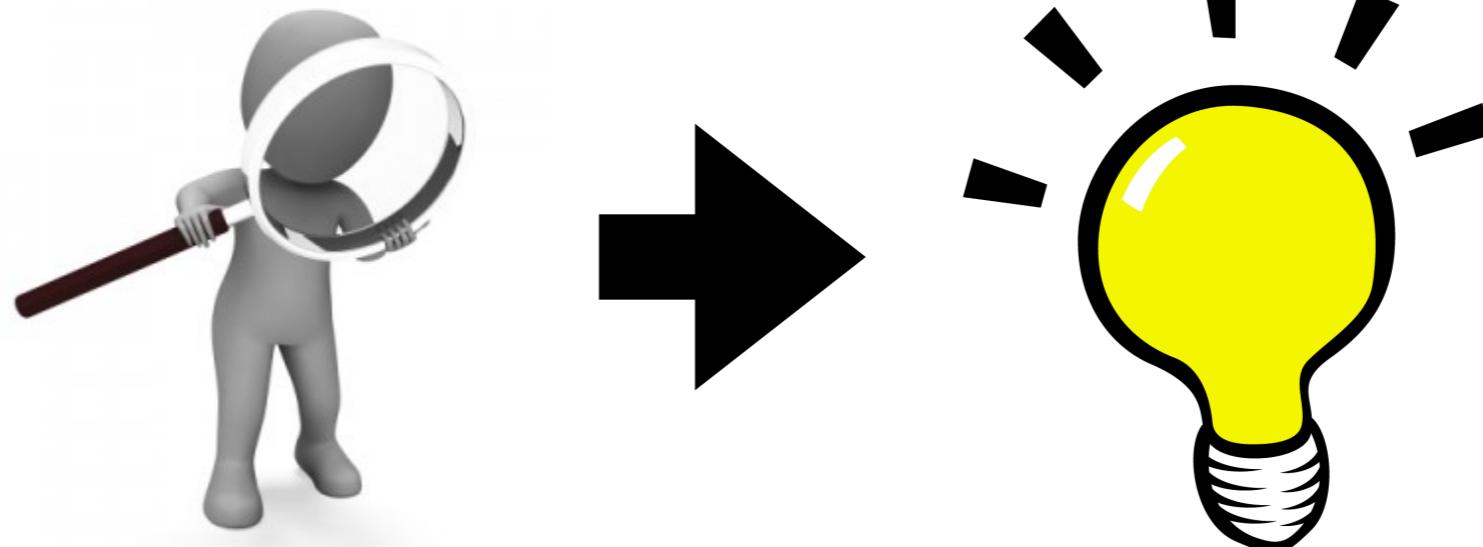
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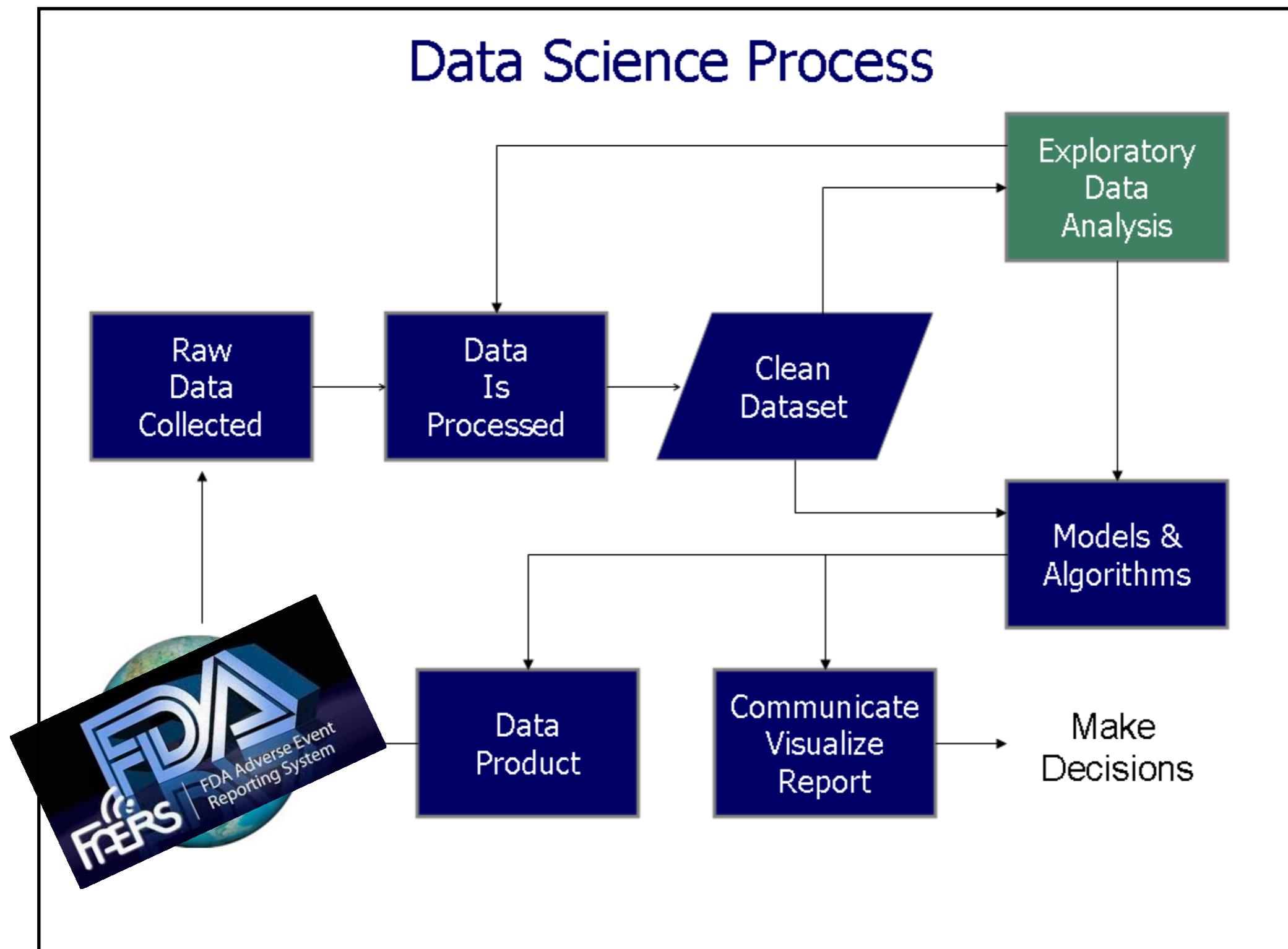
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APPROACH:



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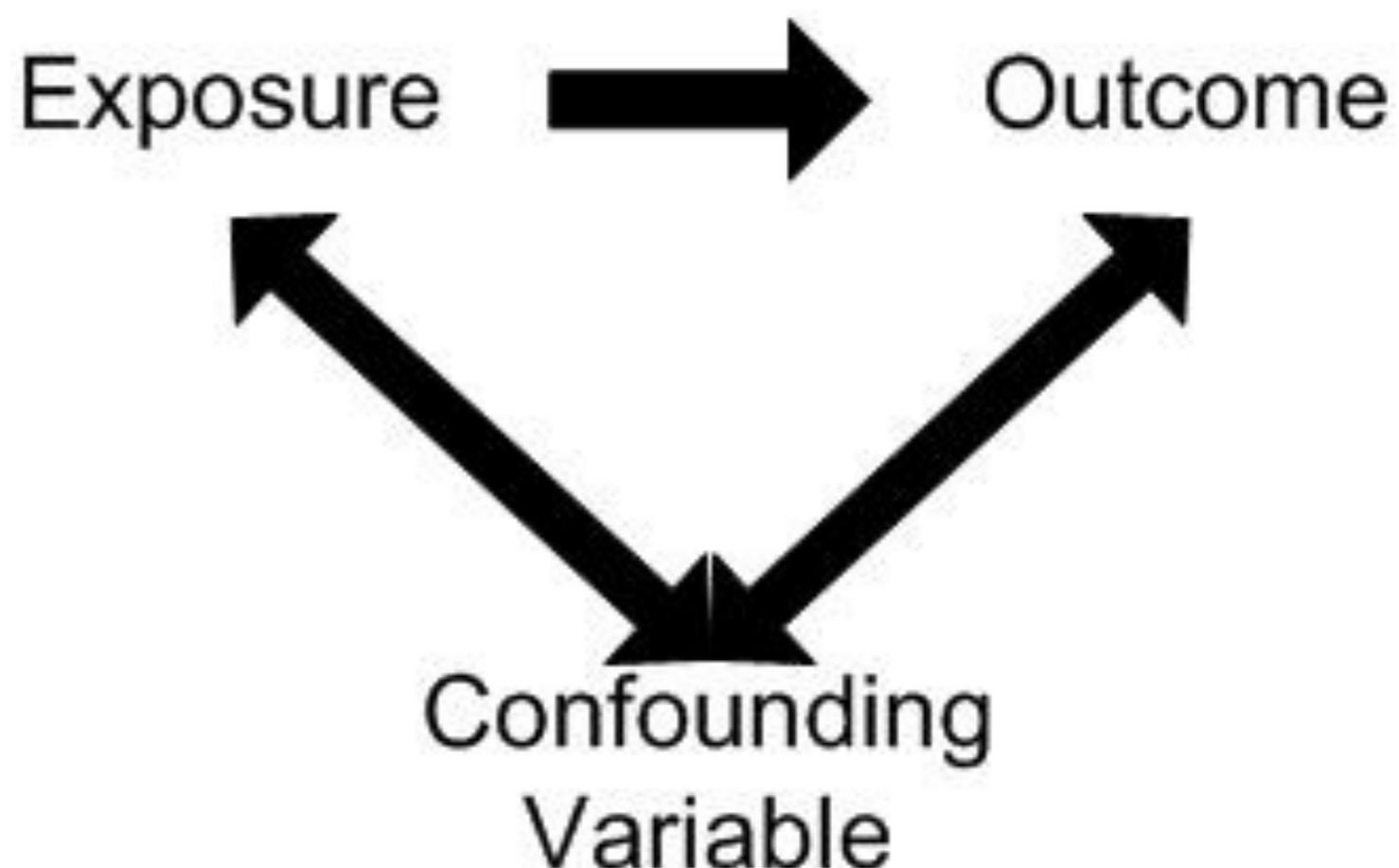
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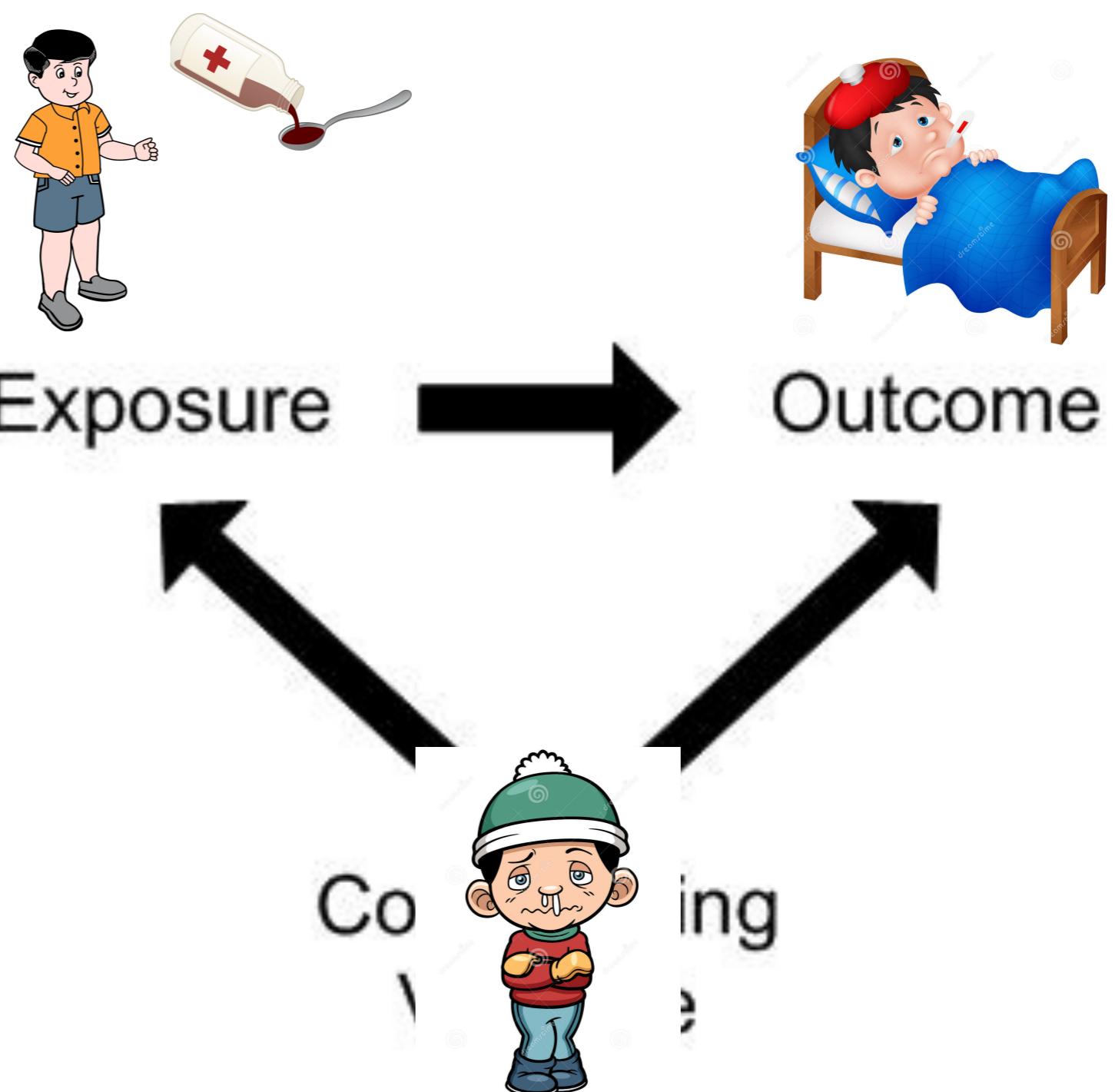
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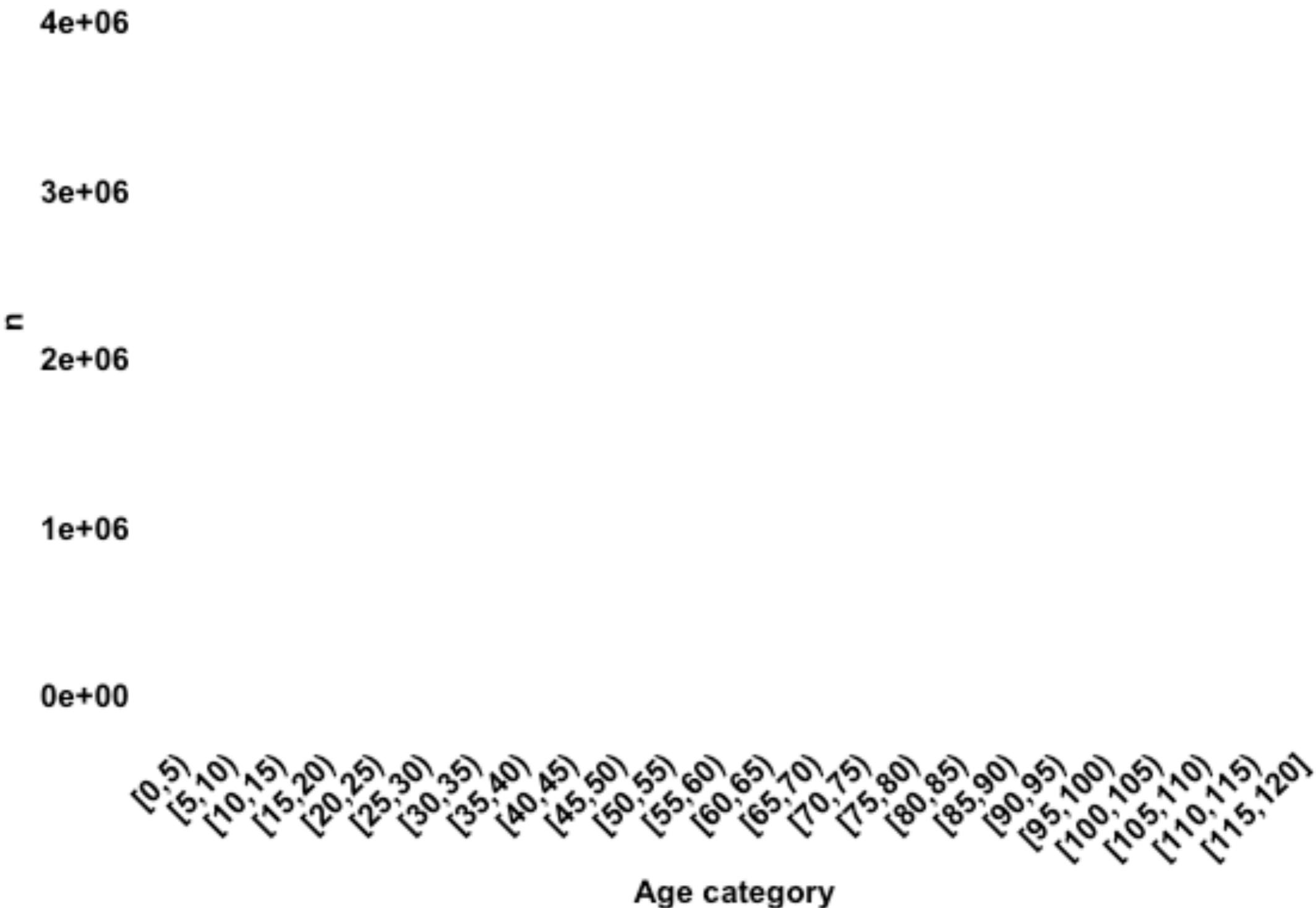
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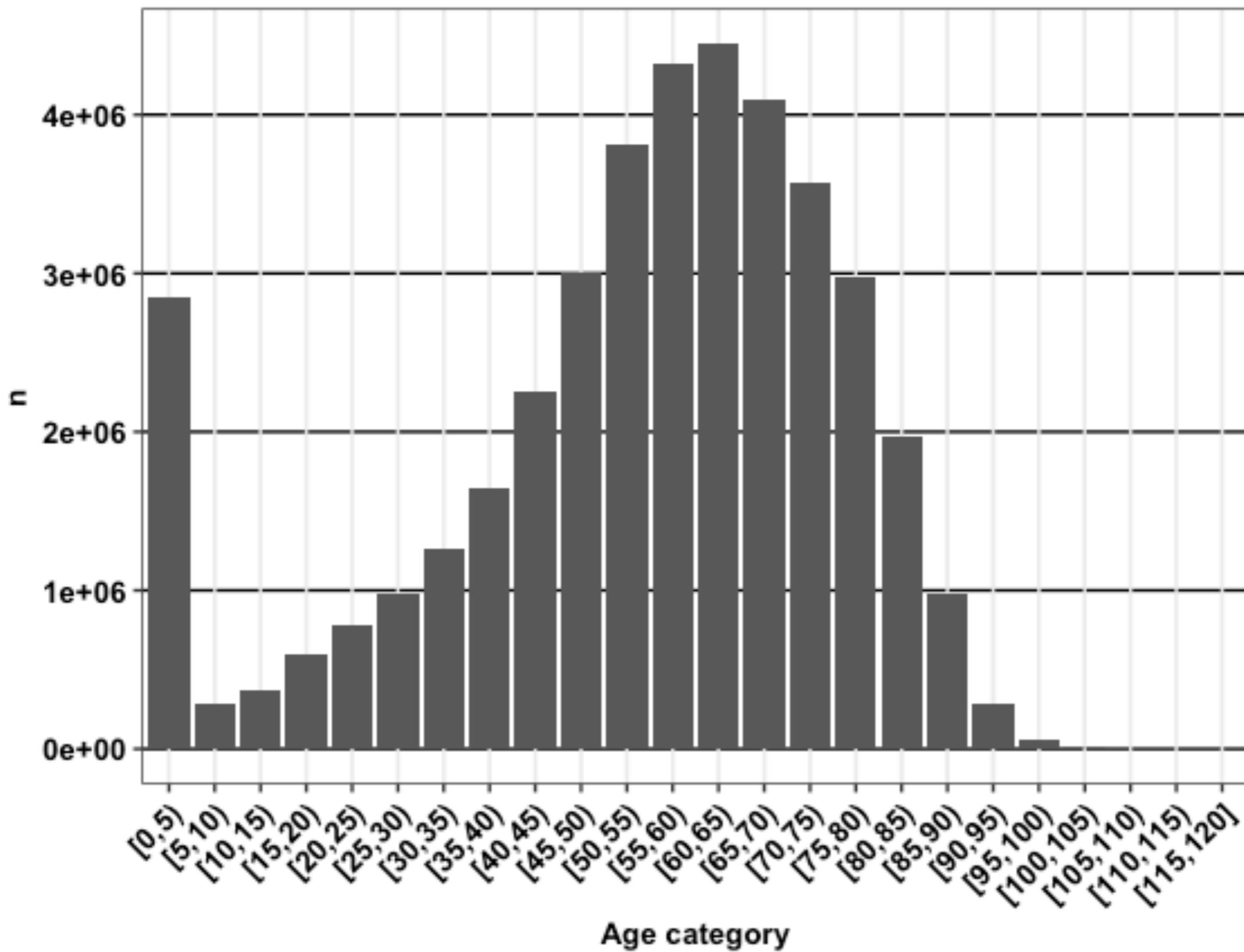


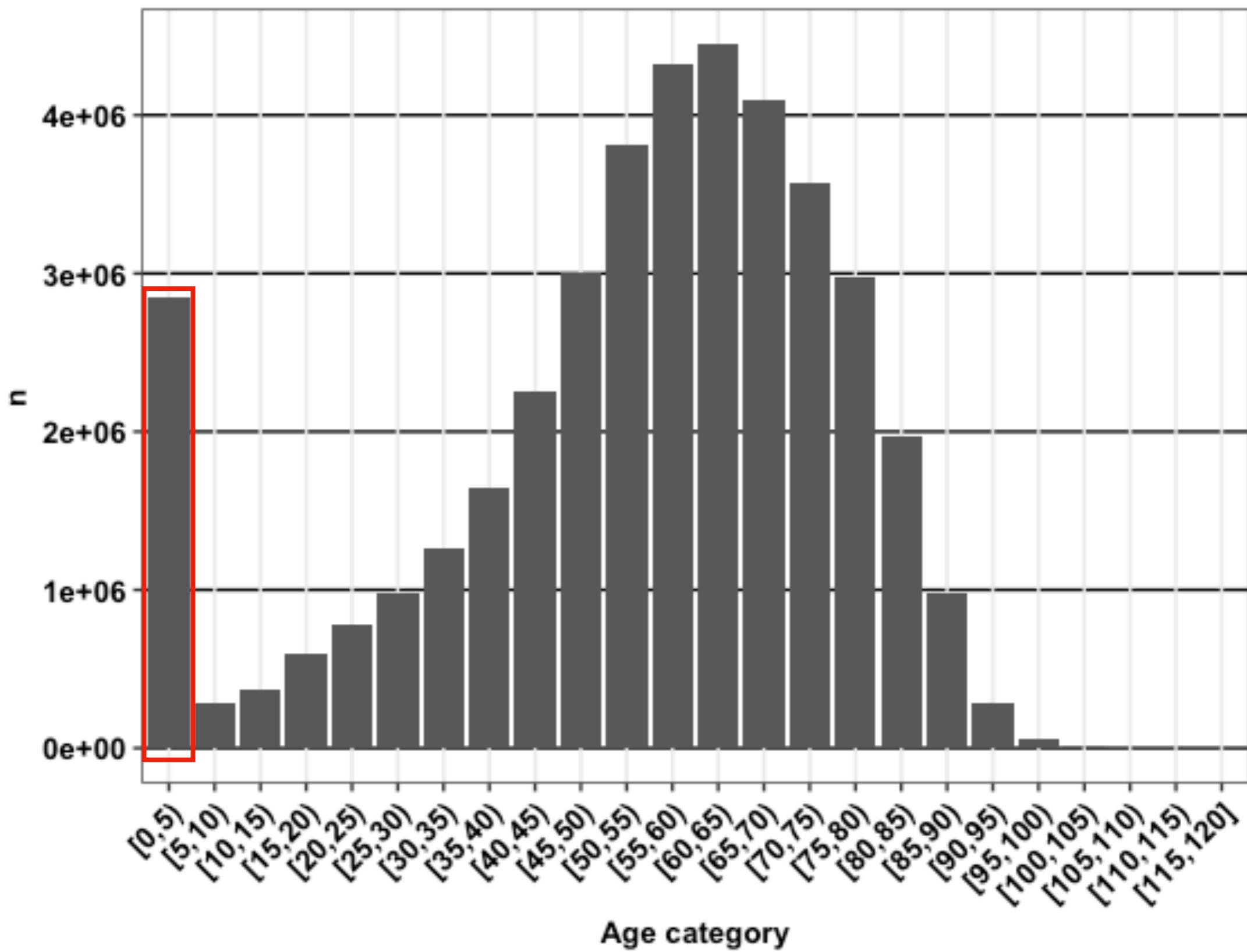
To *understand* the data,
we need to *investigate* the data

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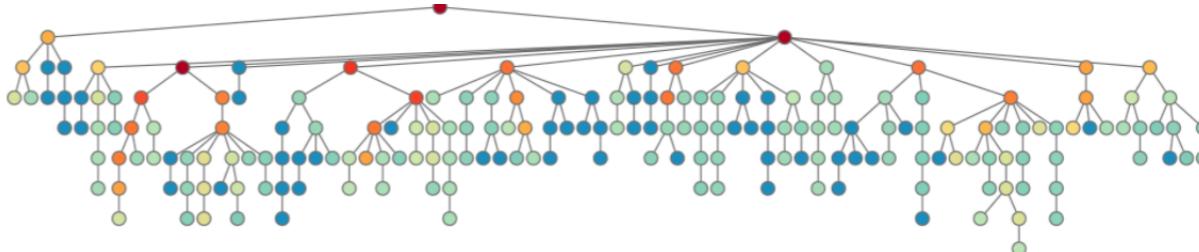
Age category







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Translational Medicine in the Age of Data

Billions of clinical measurements are recorded every day and stored in electronic health systems around the world. Each one of these *experiments* is a window into the human system, creating the most comprehensive and diverse medical data set ever imagined. Unfortunately, traditional statistical techniques were not developed to handle such diversity, instead they excel at analyzing homogenous data sets with first order effects. Because of this, these techniques are simply unable to untangle the sophisticated web of biological pathways and genetic interactions governing the human system.

With enormous data come enormous opportunity

Data Science is a new field dedicated to developing the methods, algorithms, and tools to unravel the complexities of enormous data. In our lab we advance data science by designing rigorous computational and mathematical methods that address the fundamental challenges of health data science. Foremost, we integrate our **medical observations with systems and chemical biology models** to not only explain drug effects, but also further our understanding of basic biology and human disease.

One particular area of interest is the integration of high-throughput data capture technologies, such as next-generation genome and transcriptome sequencing, metabolomics, and proteomics, with the electronic medical record to study the complex interplay between genetics, environment, and disease.

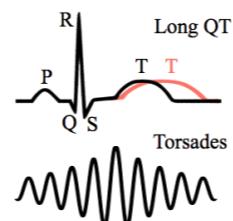
For a more in-depth information on our research areas of interest see our reviews in [WIREs System Biology and Medicine](#), [Science Translational Medicine](#), and [Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics](#).



A comprehensive database of drug-drug(s)-effect relationships



ΔQTDb (delta QT Database) is a resource for exploring the effects of one or more drugs on the QT interval. It has been built from a deidentified subset of electrocardiogram and drug exposure data at Columbia University Medical Center.



Welcome to VenomKB

This is the home page for VenomKB, a centralized resource for discovering therapeutic uses for animal venoms and venom compounds

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WHERE DOES THE
MAGIC HAPPEN?

COMPUTING INFRASTRUCTURE

- ▶ **392 CPU cluster**
- ▶ **Over 5 TB RAM**
- ▶ **450 TB storage**
- ▶ **GPU machines**
- ▶ **Data Platforms: Linux, Apache, MySQL, PHP...**
- ▶ **Programming languages: Java, C, Python, R, MATLAB, SAS...**
- ▶ **Server farms in NYC and NJ**
- ▶ **Human-Computer Interface, NLP, Text Mining, Clinical and Bioinformatics...**



Our most important equipment...



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A night of good old-fashioned science

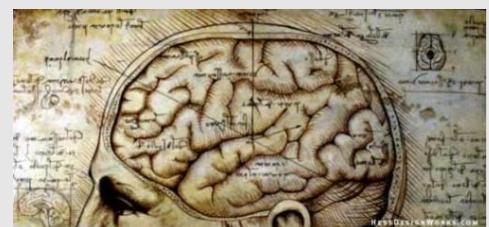
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Open to all

Location:

**Vagelos Education Center VEC 1203
104 Haven Ave, New York, NY 10032**

Date:

**December 11th
6pm to 8pm**

Thanks to Columbia University Neuroscience Outreach (CUNO) and YALE CIENCA ACADEMY (YCA)



CIENCIA EN ESPAÑOL:

**¿QUÉ OCURRE EN EL
CEREBRO CUANDO
SENTIMOS DOLOR?
Dr. Anita Burgos**

Lugar: Jerome L. Greene Science Center,
3227 Broadway (Entre la 129th y 130th)
Room L8.084

Día: Martes, 12 de Diciembre

Hora: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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