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# Machine learning for cancer research and discovery

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# National and Global AI/ML interest



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Brussels, 21.4.2021

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## National AI Initiative Act of 2020 (NAIIA)

Became law on January 1, 2021

As part of the "William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021", H.R. 6395, Division E.

### DIVISION E—NATIONAL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INITIATIVE ACT OF 2020

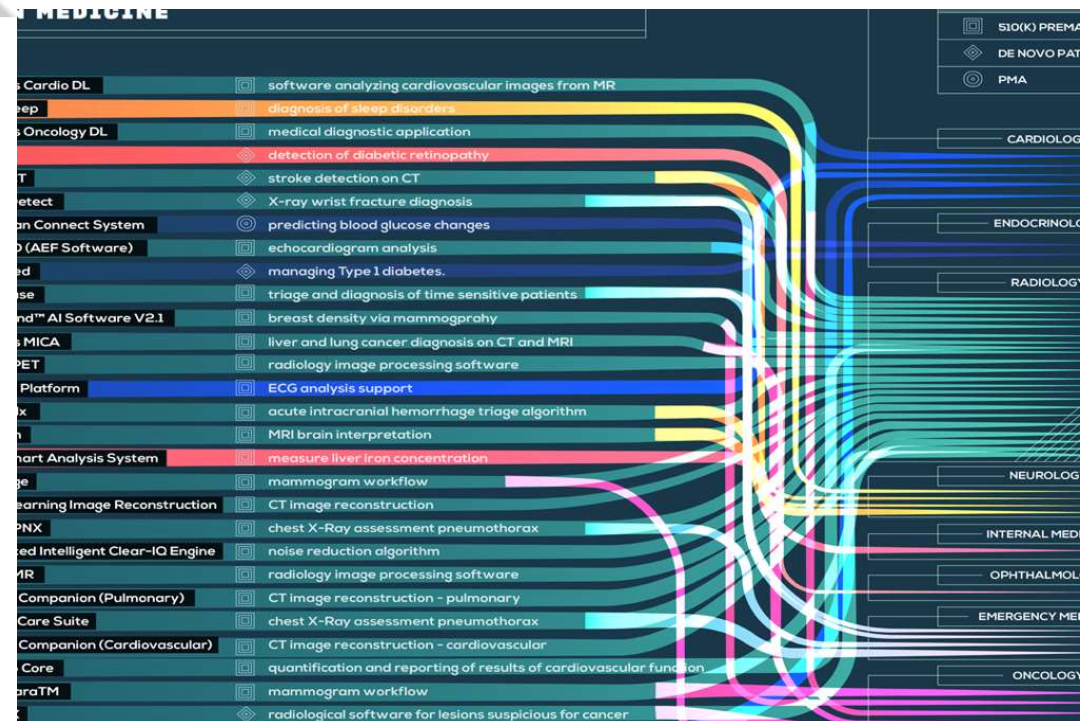
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This division may be cited as the "National Artificial Intelligence Initiative Act of 2020".

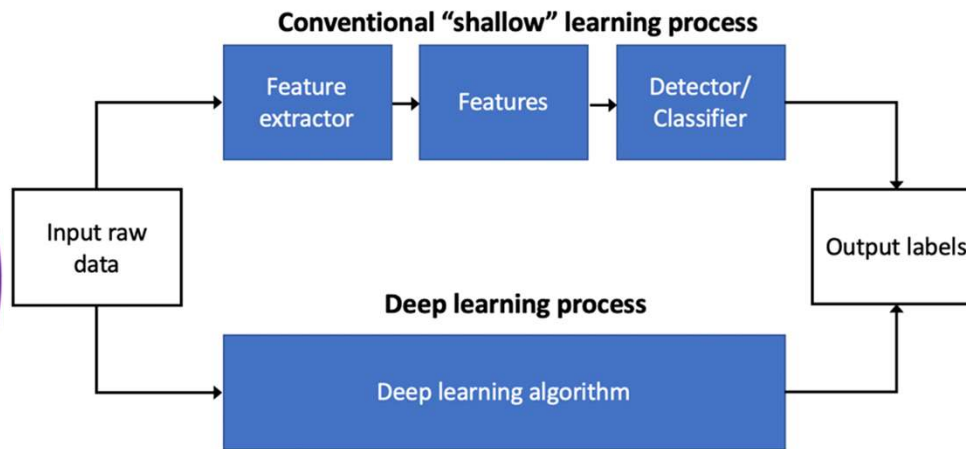
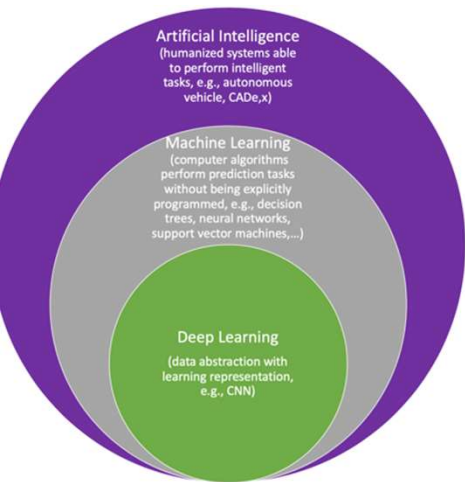


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| Microsoft   |
| Moffitt Cancer Center   |
| NASA  |
| National Center for Atmospheric Research  |
| National Center for Supercomputing Applications at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign |
| National Energy Technology Laboratory   |

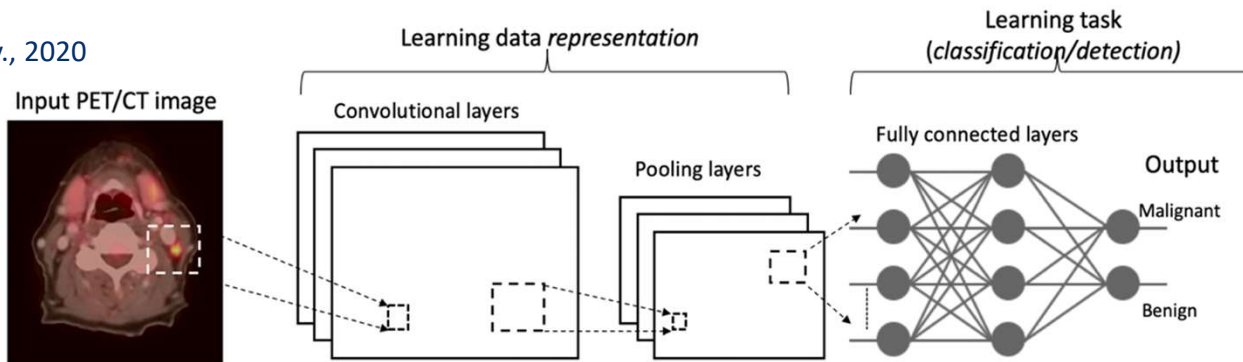
### Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL LAYING DOWN HARMONISED RULES ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ACT) AND AMENDING CERTAIN UNION LEGISLATIVE ACTS



# Deep vs conventional machine learning



El Naqa, BJR 125<sup>th</sup> Annv., 2020



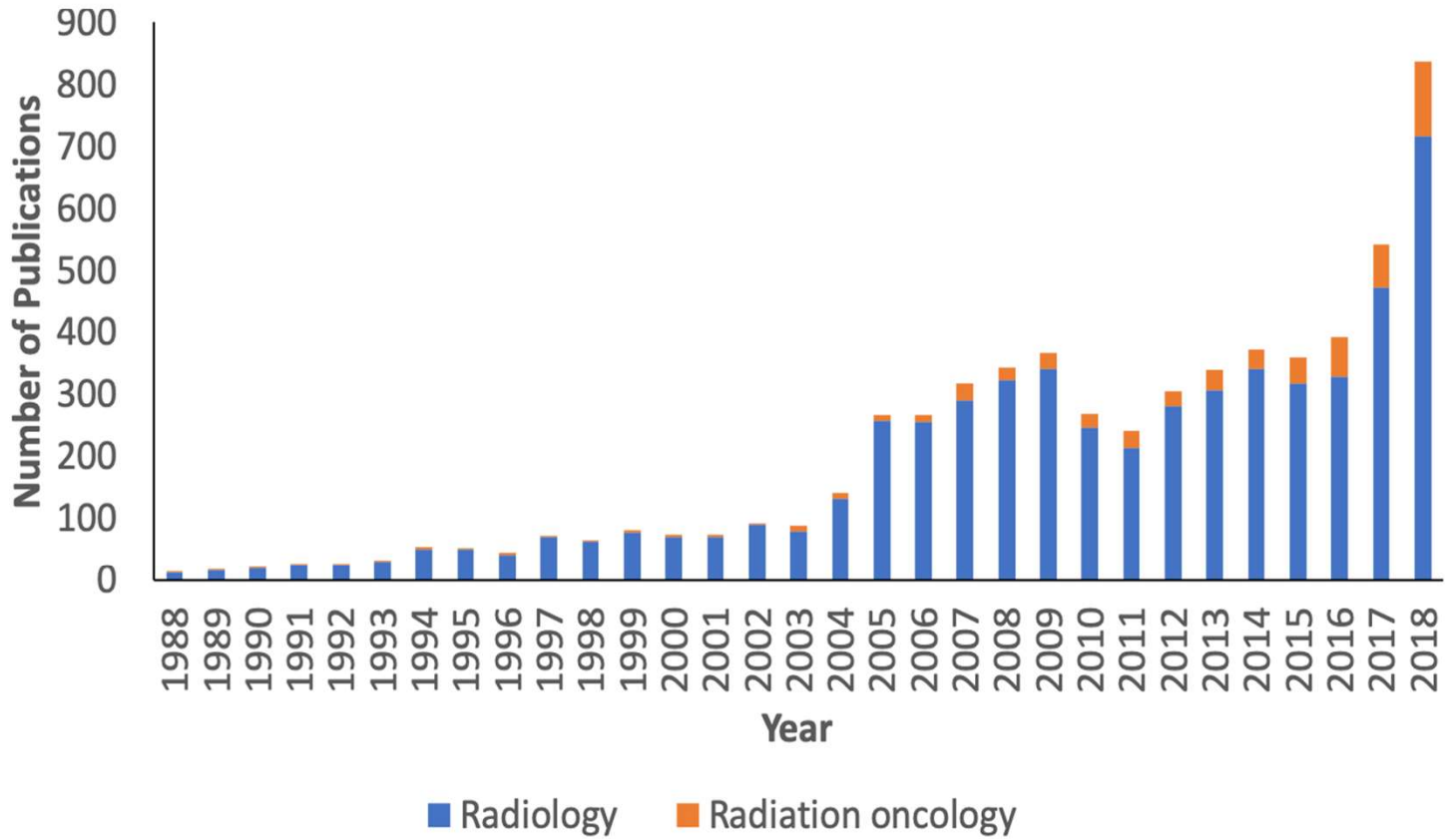
Zaidi and El Naqa, Annu. Rev. Biomed. Eng., 2021

# BJR 125TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL FEATURE: REVIEW ARTICLE



## Artificial Intelligence: reshaping the practice of radiological sciences in the 21st century

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# ML at Moffitt

 (@ml4onco)

COVER STORY

GUEST EDITORIAL

## Moffitt Cancer Center: Why we are building the first machine learning department in oncology

By Issam El Naqa and Dana Rollison

### VISION

To transform personalized cancer care and accelerate scientific discovery in cancer research with machine/deep learning

### MISSION

To design, develop, and translate state-of-the-art patient-centered machine and deep learning algorithms



#### VALUE

*Patient-centered* ML/DL for facilitating cancer care and research



#### VALUE

Unbiased, generalizable, and *interpretable* ML/DL from blended data



#### VALUE

*Translate* ML/DL findings into the clinic to improve cancer care and research

[Moffitt.org/MachineLearning](https://Moffitt.org/MachineLearning)



# ML Strategic Priorities @ Moffitt

Primary Faculty    Secondary Faculty



| Strategic Priority   |
|--|
| <b>1. Integration of ML into MCC research and clinical care</b>  |
| 1.1 Develop a robust and secure ML infrastructure that also leverages existing MCC resources   |
| 1.2 Convert clinical care data into research data including linkage of unstructured data using NLP methods                                       |
| 1.3 Establish ML working group for R&D (Machine Learning League [MLL])   |
| <b>2. Establish translational ML research program in priority areas</b>  |
| 2.1 Multimodality radiological and pathological imaging for diagnostic and outcomes  |
| 2.2 Information retrieval and annotation with natural language processing (NLP)  |
| 2.3 Outcome modeling and decision support by longitudinal integration of pan-omics data and using PROs for retrospective and prospective studies |
| 2.4 Molecular and computational biology and in silico trial designs  |
| <b>3. Establish basic ML research programs in priority areas</b>   |
| 3.1 Visual analytics, explainable and interpretable ML/AI  |
| 3.2 Automated ML architectures and evolutionary learning   |
| 3.3 Physics-based quantum ML, hybrid systems, and stochastic processes   |
| <b>4. Develop team science initiatives</b>   |
| 4.1 Program project or center of excellence to address clinical ML role  |
| 4.2 Program project or biotechnology resource to address basic science ML role   |
| <b>5. Develop residency/training programs</b>  |
| 5.1 PhD/Residency programs in ML for oncology  |

Staff (ML Engineers)



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# El Naqa Lab / Machine Learning

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## Optimal Decision Making Using Panomics Analytics with Federated learning

**I. Building Outcome Models**

**II. Optimizing Decision Making**

**PATIENT KNOWLEDGE AND RESPONSE**

Genomics, Pathology, Demographics, Blood biomarkers, Imaging, Toxicity, Adapting patient plan

Adherence probability vs Patient's tumor case

Dipesh Niraula, PhD

Funding resource: NIH/NCI R01 CA233487 + Supplementary



John Mayfield, M.D.

## Image-guided radiotherapy (sight & sound)

Sight of Radiation

Sound of Radiation

Glebys Gonzales, PhD

Muhammad Ali, PhD

Ibrahim (Abe) Oraiqat, PhD

Funding resources: NIH/NCI R37 CA22221, R41 CA243722, R01CA266803

## Medical Imaging and Data Resource Center (MIDRC) for Rapid Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

Palak Dave, PhD

Naveena Gorre, MS

Funding Resource: University of Chicago (Prime: NIH/NIBIB 75N92020D00018/75N92020F0001)

## Data Science to Improve Treatment Planning for Advanced Prostate Cancer Patients Treated with Radiotherapy

Funding resources (with Heather Jim) : W81XWH-22-1-0277

Current Paradigm (Physician centered): Physical + clinical factors → Short-term outcome

Proposed Paradigm (Patient-centered): Physical + clinical factors + QoL → Long-term outcome

Ruwani Fernando, PhD

Denis Dudas, PhD

### Undergrad students:

Skylar Kyzer  
Yasmin Saeed

### Adaptive radiotherapy with MR-Linac

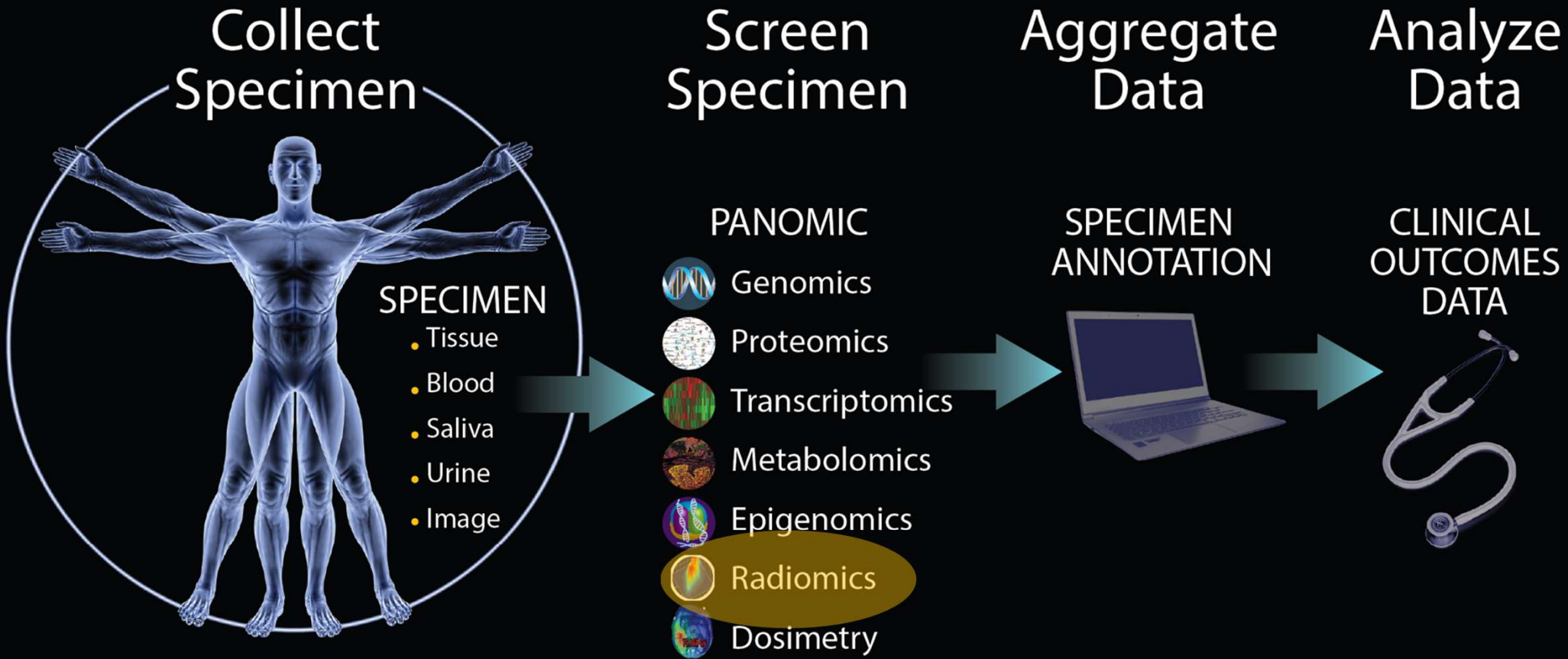
Funding source: Industrial alliance



Jesutofunmi Fajemisin, MS

<http://lab.moffitt.org/elnaqa/research-projects/>

# The *Pan-Omics* of Oncology







# Modern Radiomics

## MEDICAL PHYSICS

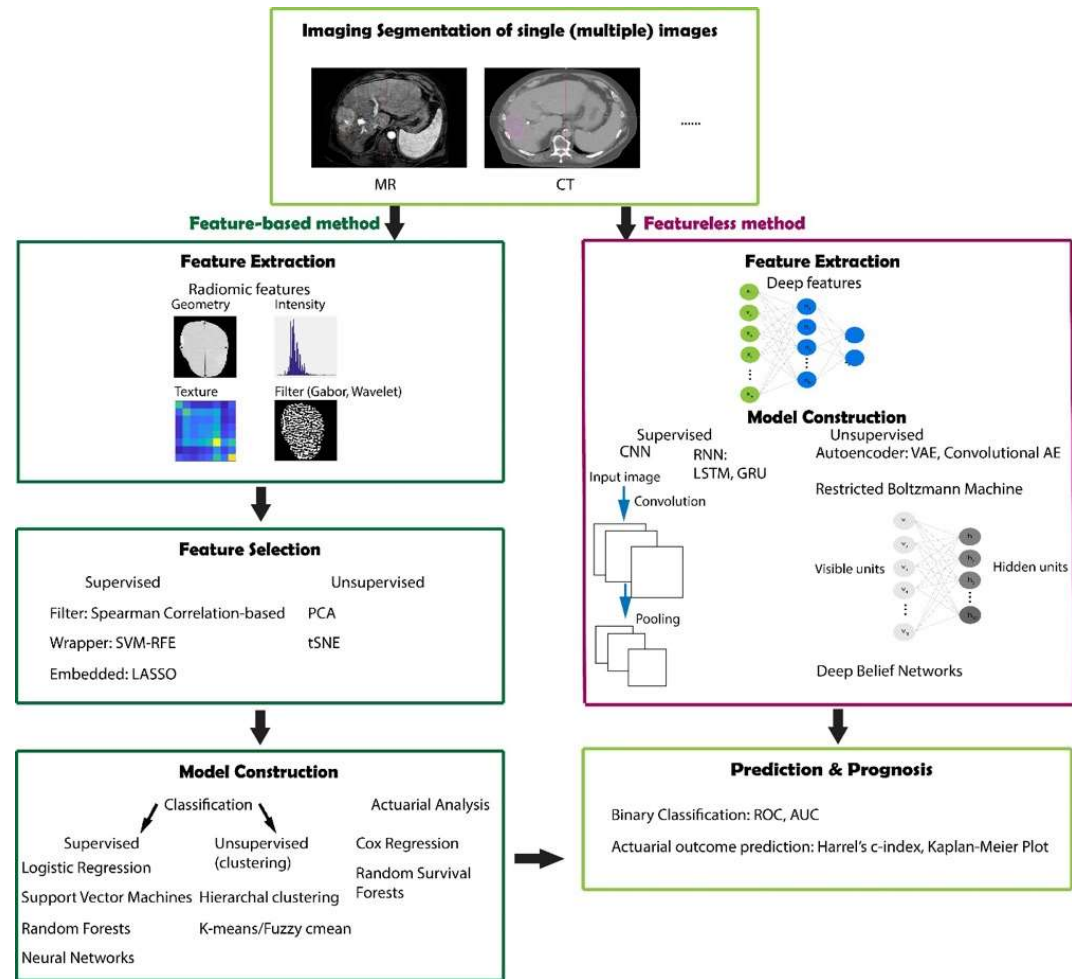
The International Journal of Medical Physics Research and Practice

Special Issue Paper

### Machine and deep learning methods for radiomics

Michele Avanzo ✉, Lise Wei, Joseph Stancanello, Martin Vallières, Arvind Rao, Olivier Morin, Sarah A. Mattonen, Issam El Naqa ... See fewer authors ^

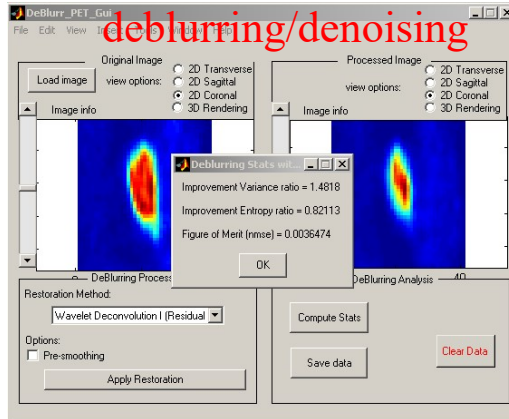
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# Radiomics Toolkits I: Imaging

## Pre-processing: deblurring/denoising



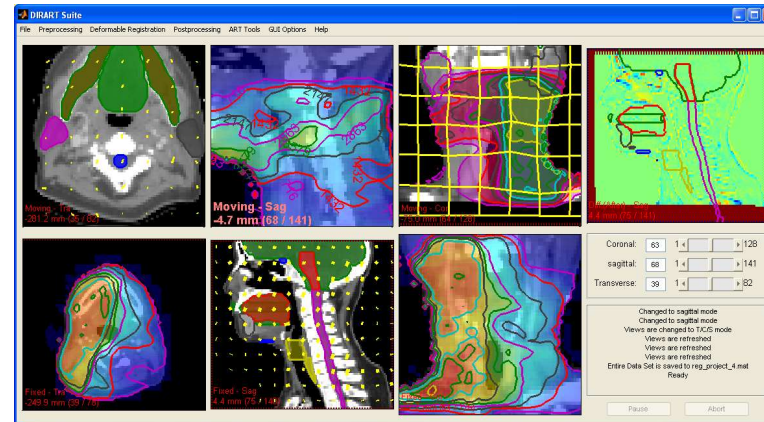
El Naqa et al, Med Phys, 2006

## Segmentation



Yang et al., JROI, 2009

## Registration



Yang et al, Med Phys, 2010

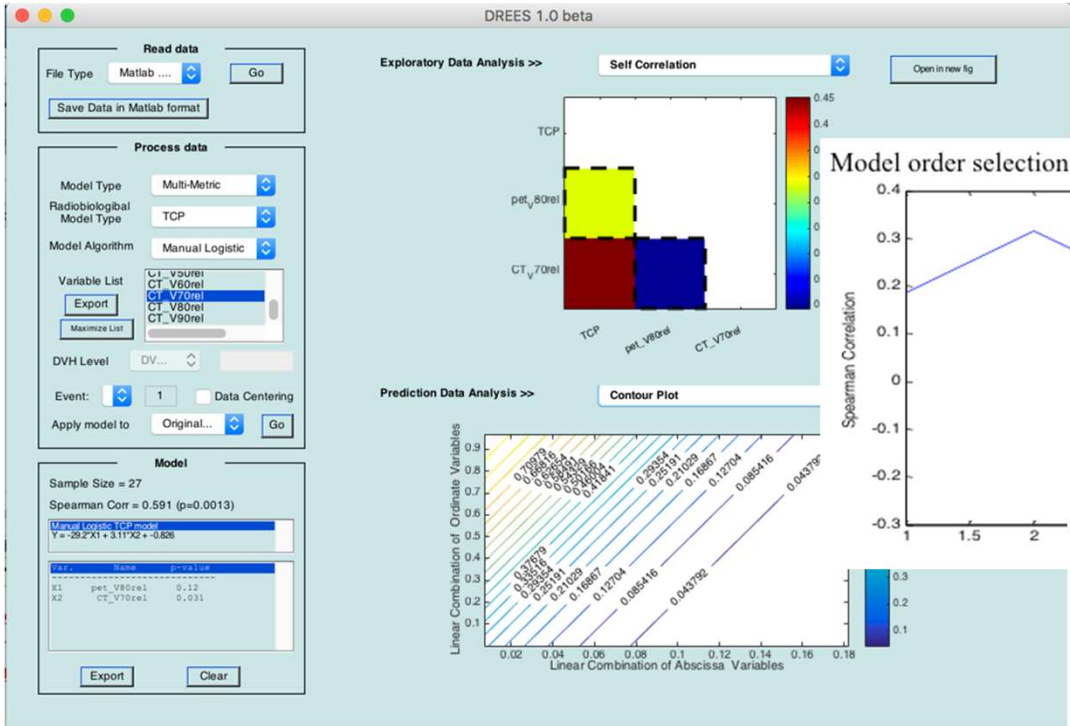
## Feature Extraction



Piert et al., 2016

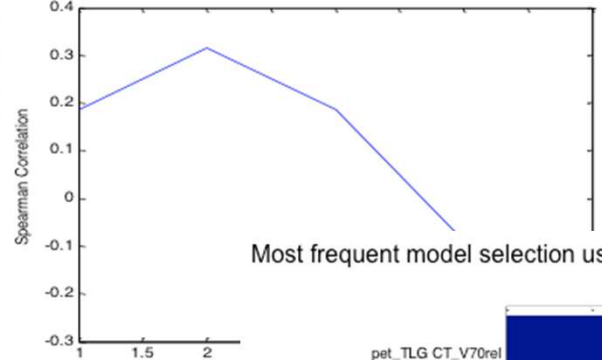
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# Radiomics Toolkits II: Modeling (DREES)

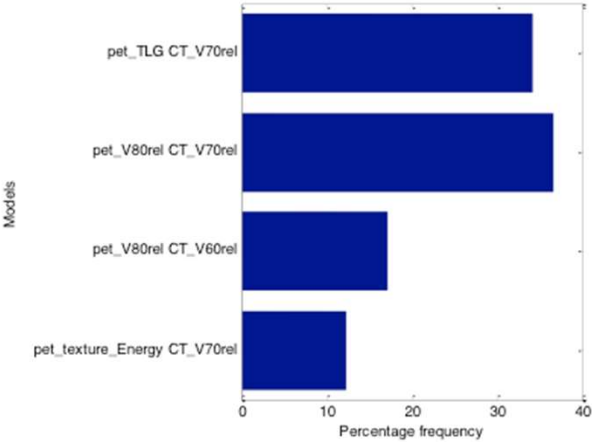


El Naqa et al, PMB, 2006

Model order selection using leave-one-out cross validation

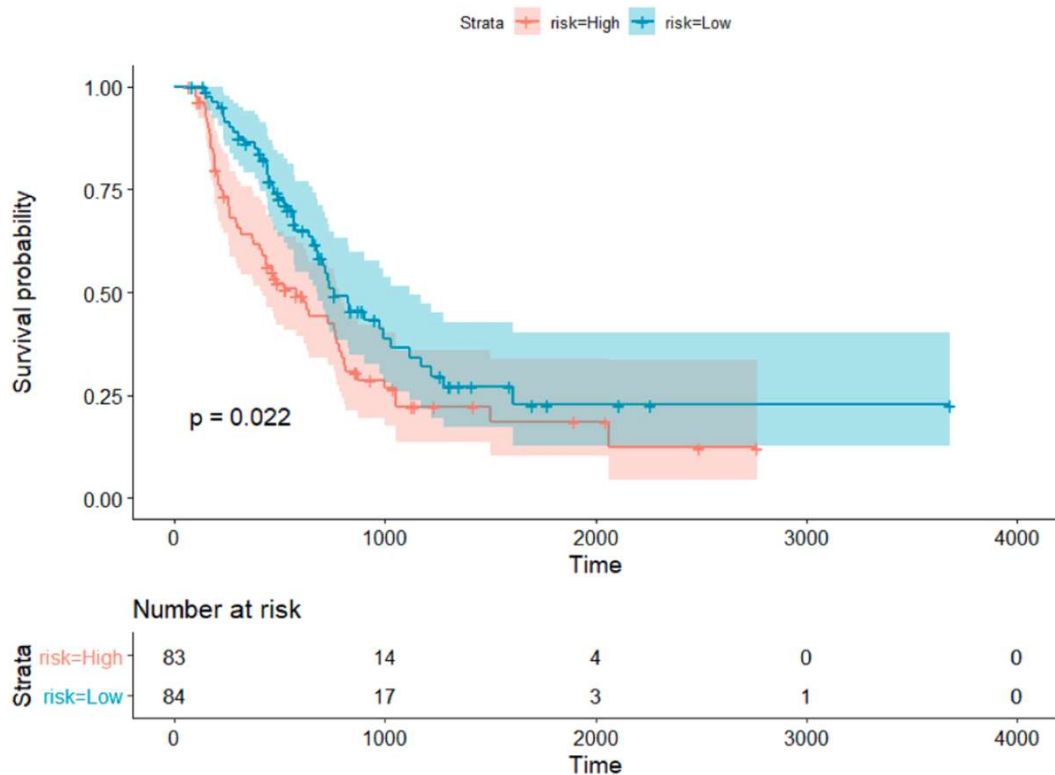
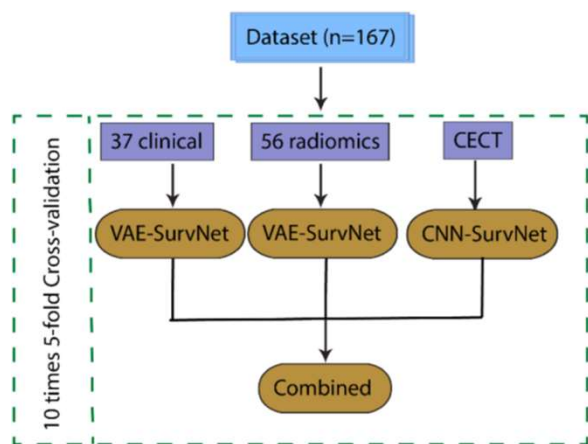


Most frequent model selection using bootstrap analysis



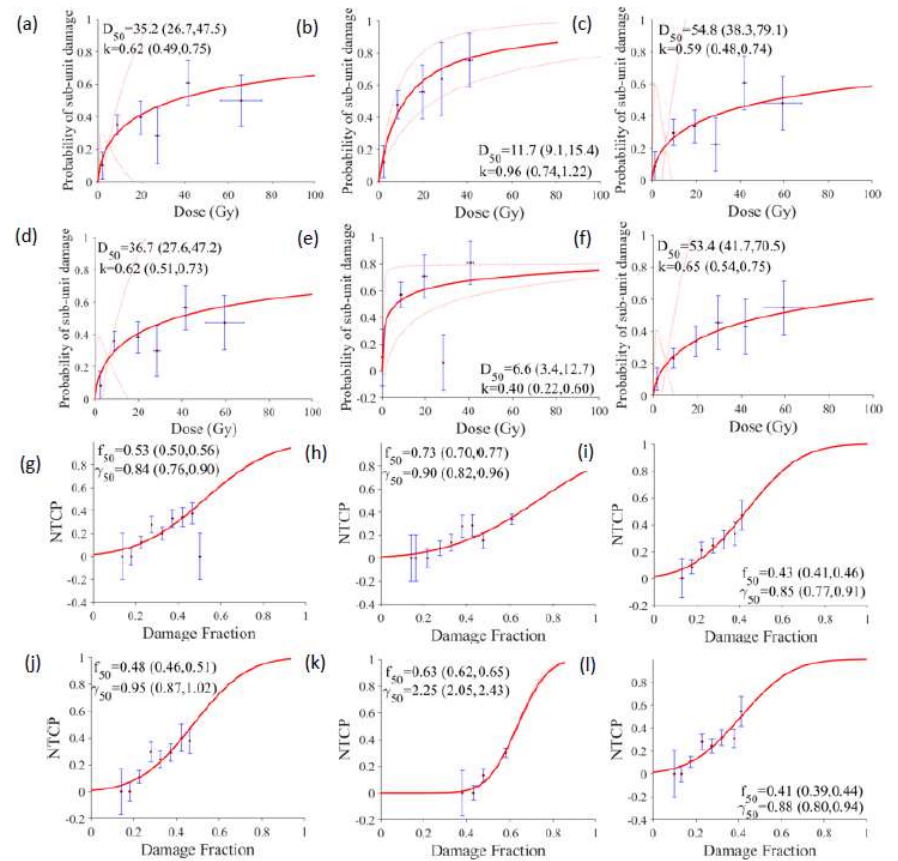
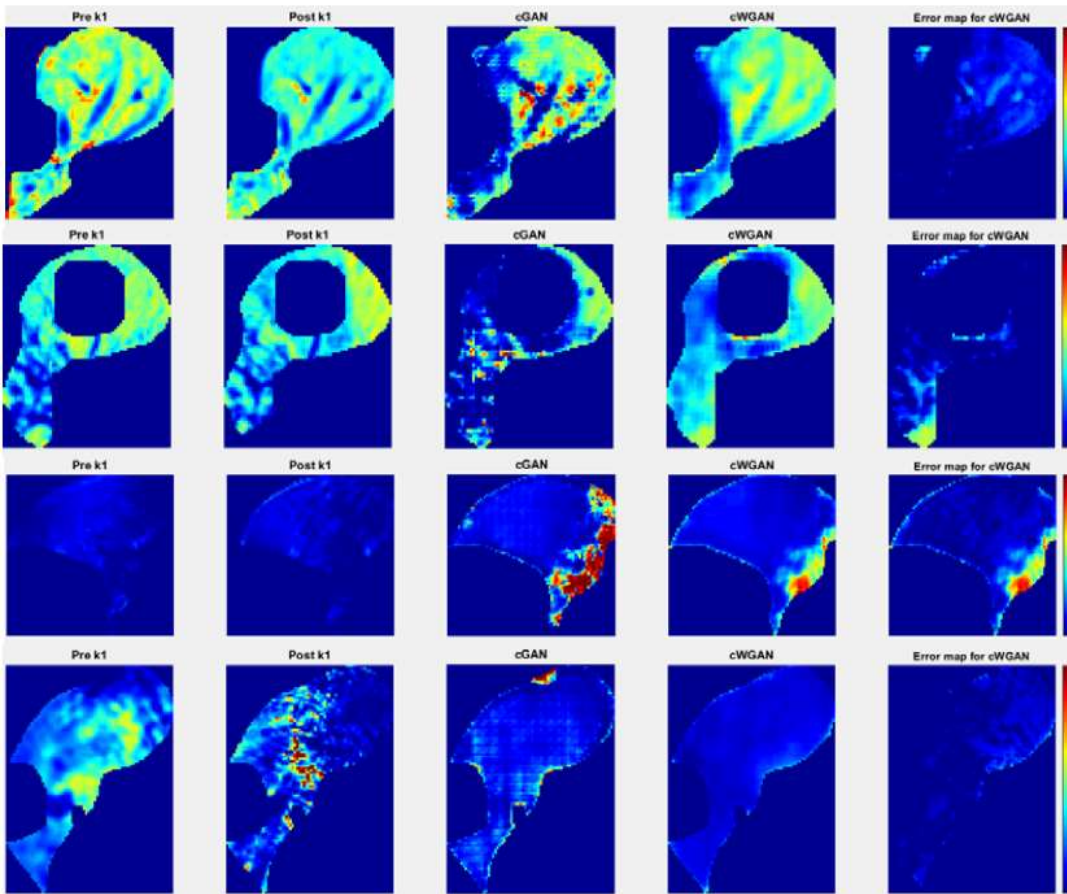
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# Deep Survival Radiomics model for Liver Cancer

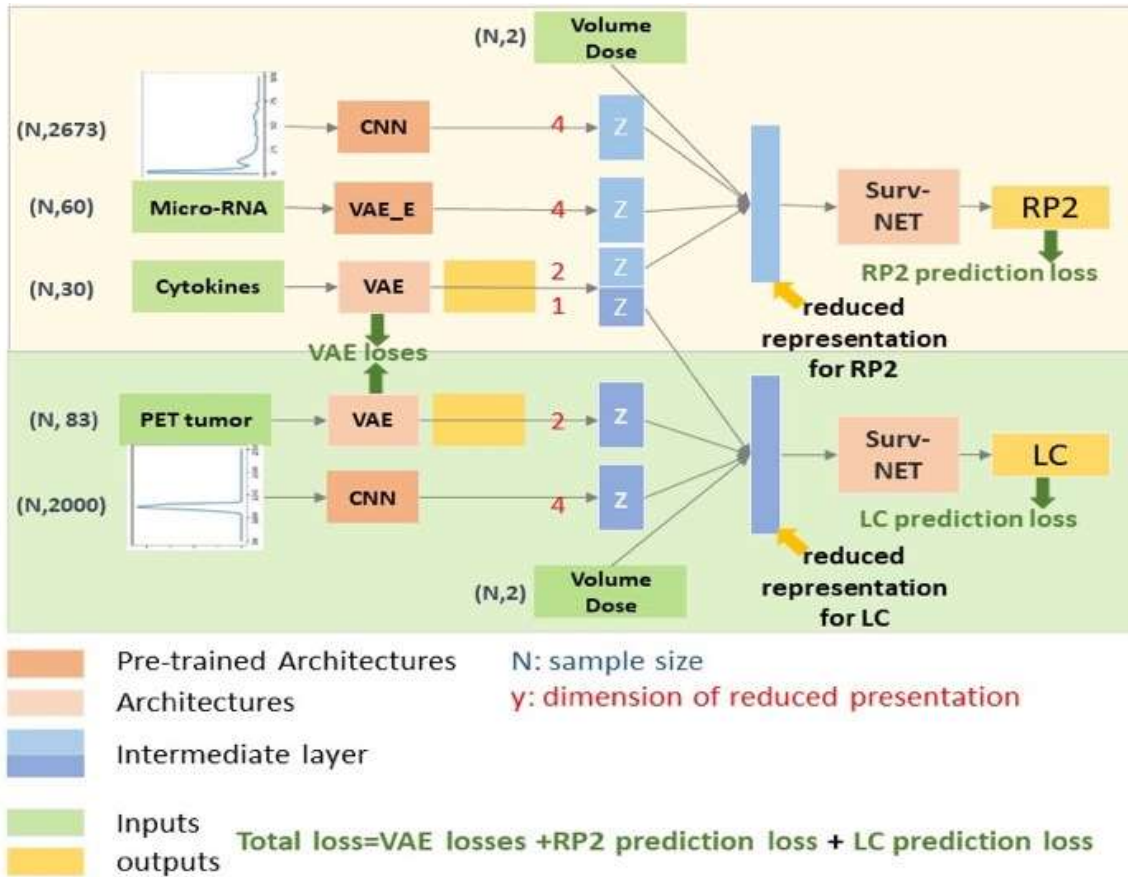


Wei et al, Physica Medica, 2021

# Deep Learning Prediction of post-SBRT Liver Function Changes and NTCP Modeling in HCC based on DGAE-MRI



# Multi-omics response model with deep survival neural networks

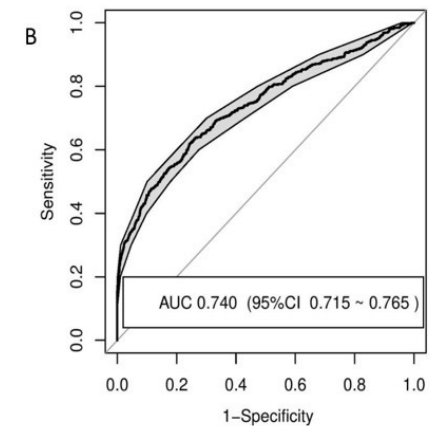
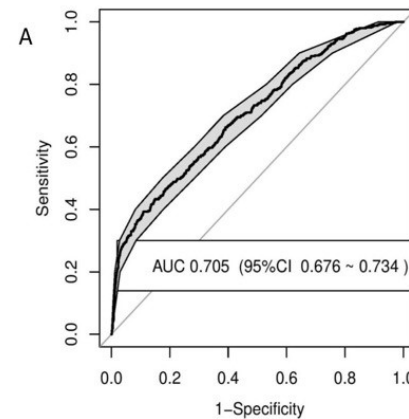


20 times of 5-fold cross validations

| C-index (95%CI)           | RP2                 | LC                  |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>NN-com</b>             | 0.705 (0.676~0.734) | 0.740 (0.715~0.765) |
| <b>NN-DVH</b>             | 0.660 (0.630~0.690) | 0.727 (0.700~0.753) |
| <b>Lyman/log-logistic</b> | 0.613 (0.583~0.643) | 0.569 (0.545~0.594) |

Independent test on 25 newly treated patients

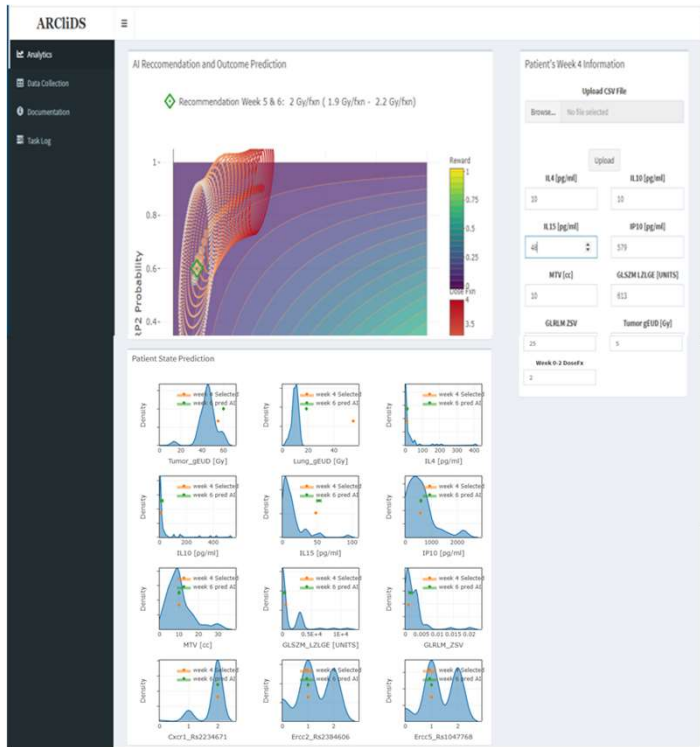
| C-index (95%CI)           | RP2   | LC    |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| <b>NN-composite</b>       | 0.692 | 0.721 |
| <b>NN-DVH</b>             | 0.684 | 0.706 |
| <b>Lyman/log-logistic</b> | 0.588 | 0.573 |



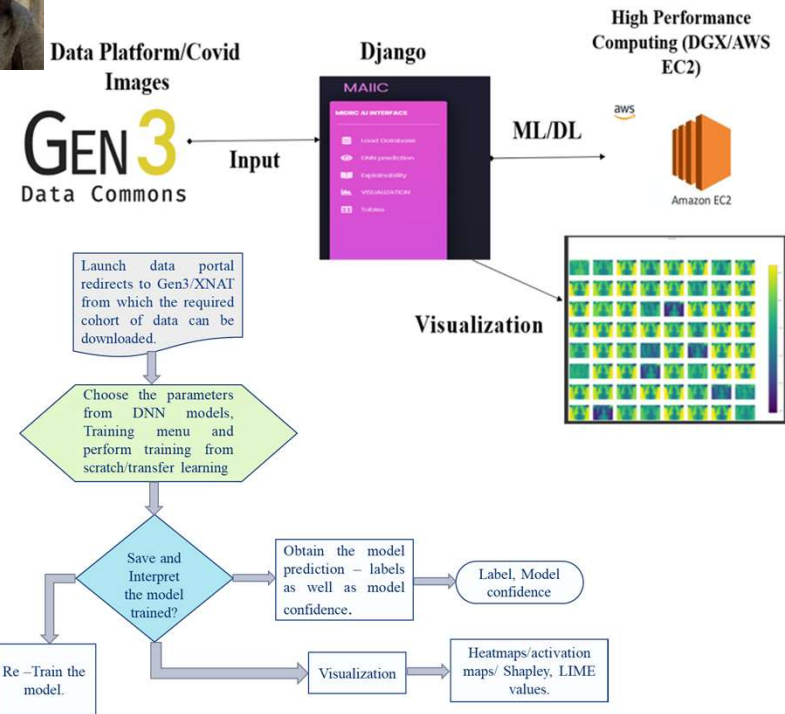
# Software tools (prototypes) for AI Clinical Application



## Recommender System for adaptive intervention in radiotherapy (ARClIDS)



## Multi-institutional AI Platform for image interpretability (MIDRC)



➤ User Factors in AI implementation

# AI/ML is nothing but perfect!

- Google Flu Trends (GFT) ([Ginsberg, 2009](#))
  - GFT called out sick 2013 due to overestimation!
- Predicting pneumonia risk ([Caruana, 2015](#))
  - Patients with pneumonia and asthma to be at a lower risk of death from pneumonia than patients with pneumonia but without asthma!
- Skin cancer risk prediction ([Esteva, 2017](#))
  - Presence of a ruler as a sign of high risk would skew prediction
- Lung disease prediction from xray ([Rajpurkar, 2017](#))
  - Presence of tube can indicate high risk
- Covid-19 infection of AI ([Deshpande, 2020](#); [Roberts, 2021](#), [El Naqa, 2021](#))
  - Unreliable AI models for Covid-19 prediction

⇒ Data quality and context matters

COMPUTING

## Racial Bias Found in a Major Health Care Risk Algorithm

Black patients lose out on critical care when systems equate health needs with costs

By Starre Vartan on October 24, 2019

### Man is to Computer Programmer as Woman is to Homemaker? Debiasing Word Embeddings

Amazon scraps secret AI recruiting tool that showed bias against women

### Study finds gender and skin-type bias in commercial artificial-intelligence systems

Examination of facial-analysis software shows error rate of 0.8 percent for light-skinned men, 34.7 percent for dark-skinned women.

### External Validation of a Widely Implemented Proprietary Sepsis Prediction Model in Hospitalized Patients

Andrew Wong, MD<sup>1</sup>; Erkin Otles, MEng<sup>2,3</sup>; John P. Donnelly, PhD<sup>4</sup>; et al

### EPIC's Sepsis Model Is Not Ready for Prime Time

Aaron J. Calderon, MD, FACP, SFHM, reviewing Wong A et al. JAMA Intern Med 2021 Aug

Despite its widespread use, the proprietary electronic health record system missed sepsis 67% of the time.



# Check List for AI/ML in Medical Physics (CLAMP)

- **Purpose** and **justification** of AI/ML algorithm selection
- **Dataset** characteristics (acquisition, size, partitioning [3Ts: training, tuning, testing])
- **ML methods**
  - Optimization, loss function, augmentation, regularization
  - Performance metrics and evaluations (internal, external)
- **Significance** of results
  - **Interpretation** of ML performance
  - Clinical translation and **actionability**



TABLE 1 Checklist for AI in *Medical Physics* (CLAMP)

| Indicate whether each section clearly summarizes or describes:   | Checkboxes |    |     |
|--|------------|----|-----|
|  | Yes        | No | N/A |
| <b>1. Abstract</b>   |            |    |     |
| a. Purpose, rationale, novelty or significance   |            |    |     |
| b. AI/ML methods and data type, dataset partitioning into training, validation (tuning), and test sets (include numbers used in training, validation, and test sets)   |            |    |     |
| c. Main results, including statistical analyses  |            |    |     |
| <b>2. Introduction</b>   |            |    |     |
| a. Purpose and justification of using AI/ML algorithm approach   |            |    |     |
| b. Contribution(s) of AI/ML to medical physics application   |            |    |     |
| c. Stage of development (e.g., pilot study, mature study)  |            |    |     |
| <b>3. Materials</b>  |            |    |     |
| a. Dataset characteristics including sample size and clinical acquisition sites  |            |    |     |
| b. Device(s) used for data acquisition (e.g., scanner makes), start-end dates of acquisition (or equivalent means with biotechnology generated data), and any data harmonization, augmentation, and enrichment strategies, or pre-processing are clearly described         |            |    |     |
| c. For imaging data: image or data acquisition modality, acquisition protocol, or parameter ranges are detailed  |            |    |     |
| d. For patient data: method to obtain the sample, representativeness of the population for the purpose of the study, IRB approval (or equivalent), and relevant patient demographics plus clinical variables such as prevalence(s) of disease(s) or lesion characteristics |            |    |     |
| e. For phantom data: Type of phantom and method for generating phantom data  |            |    |     |
| f. Data composition appropriateness for AI/ML application  |            |    |     |
| g. Description of the "ground truth," that is, the reference standard, including the annotation process, level of subjectivity, and uncertainty  |            |    |     |
| h. Data partitioning into training, validation (tuning), and test sets including any criteria to mitigate bias and justification of sample sizes   |            |    |     |
| i. Final validation using public dataset or study dataset to be shared/made publicly available (desirable but not required).   |            |    |     |
| <b>4.1 Methods: Machine learning algorithm</b>   |            |    |     |
| a. Methodology in sufficient detail to allow replication, including model architecture, hyperparameters, inputs, dimensionality of the input (e.g., 2D or 3D images), pre-processing, output type and definition, and discretization/binning, if any.                      |            |    |     |
| b. Training/optimization method including loss function, regularization approach, data imbalance mitigation process (if needed), measures to minimize overfitting and bias, and ablation studies, if any.  |            |    |     |
| c. AI/ML software code to be shared/made publicly available (desirable but not required).  |            |    |     |
| <b>4.2 Methods: Performance and statistics</b>   |            |    |     |
| a. Performance metric(s) including any postprocessing (such as scoring criteria, decision threshold, binning) of the AI/ML output.   |            |    |     |
| b. Method(s) to estimate the uncertainty (such as 95% confidence intervals) of the performance metric(s).  |            |    |     |
| c. Significance of the obtained results compared to the null hypothesis (if applicable) or compared to a suitable benchmark metric.  |            |    |     |
| d. Subgroup analyses for important subgroups (e.g., by age, lesion size).  |            |    |     |
| e. Demonstrative results for the training, validation (tuning), and test sets.   |            |    |     |
| <b>5. Discussion</b>   |            |    |     |
| a. Conclusions as supported by the results.  |            |    |     |
| b. Limitations of the study.   |            |    |     |
| c. Discussion/summary of innovation (algorithm or application), significance (clinical or scientific), and/or contributions to the field of medical physics.   |            |    |     |

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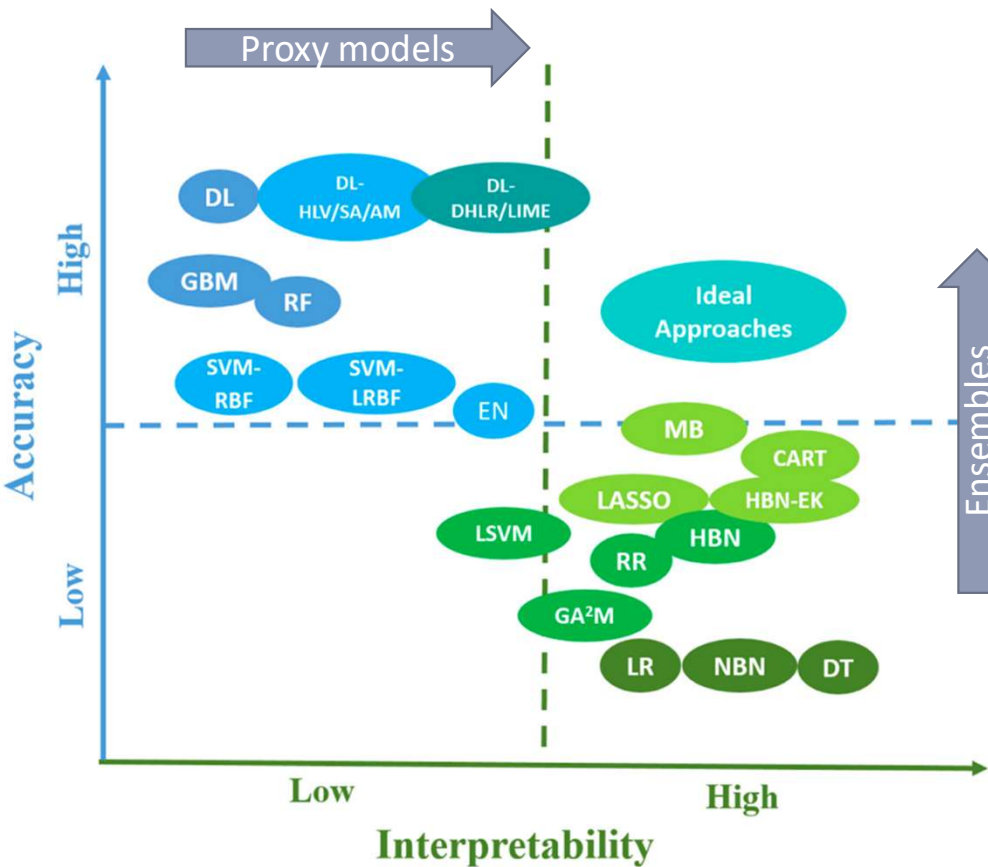
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| <b>Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning</b> | <p>Is this article on the topic of artificial intelligence or machine learning?:<br/>Yes</p> <p>The number of training, validation, and test sets are described in the Abstract. The number of input data and output results, along with the type of data (e.g. MRI images, CT images, etc.) are mentioned in the Abstract.:<br/>No</p> <p>The stage of development is described in the manuscript Introduction.:<br/>Yes</p> <p>The data, its source, and data composition are described in detail in the Materials section.:<br/>No</p> <p>The details of the machine learning algorithm, including pre-processing and training method, are provided in the Methods section. All major results are accompanied by appropriate tests of statistical significance.:<br/>No</p> <p>The innovation, significance, and/or contributions to the field of medical physics are discussed in the Discussion section.:<br/>Yes</p> |
| <b>Author ORCID Status</b>                          | 0 of 1 ORCIDs available.   |
| <b>NIH Funding</b>                                  | No funding has been received from NIH  |
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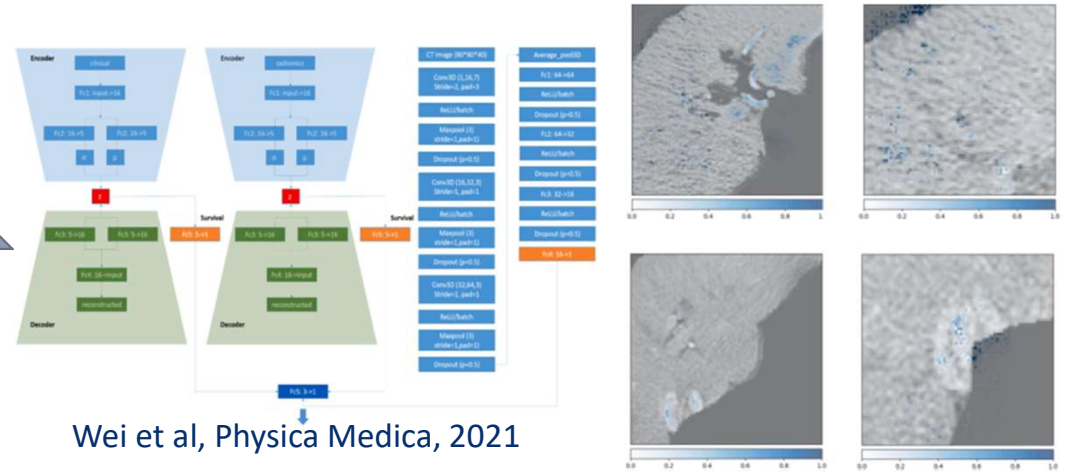


# ML Accuracy versus interpretability

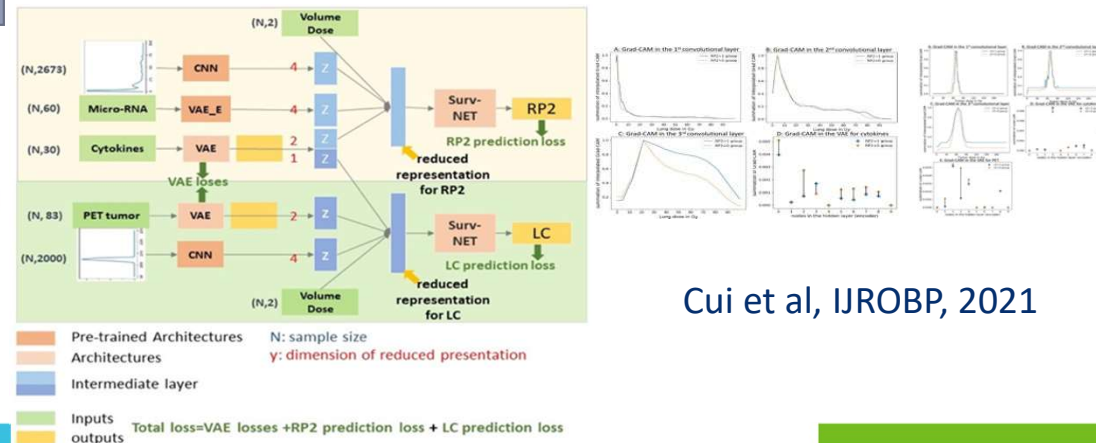


Luo, BJR-O, 2019

## Radiomics Interpretability for Liver Cancer (Grad-CAM)



## Multi-omics interpretability for Lung Cancer



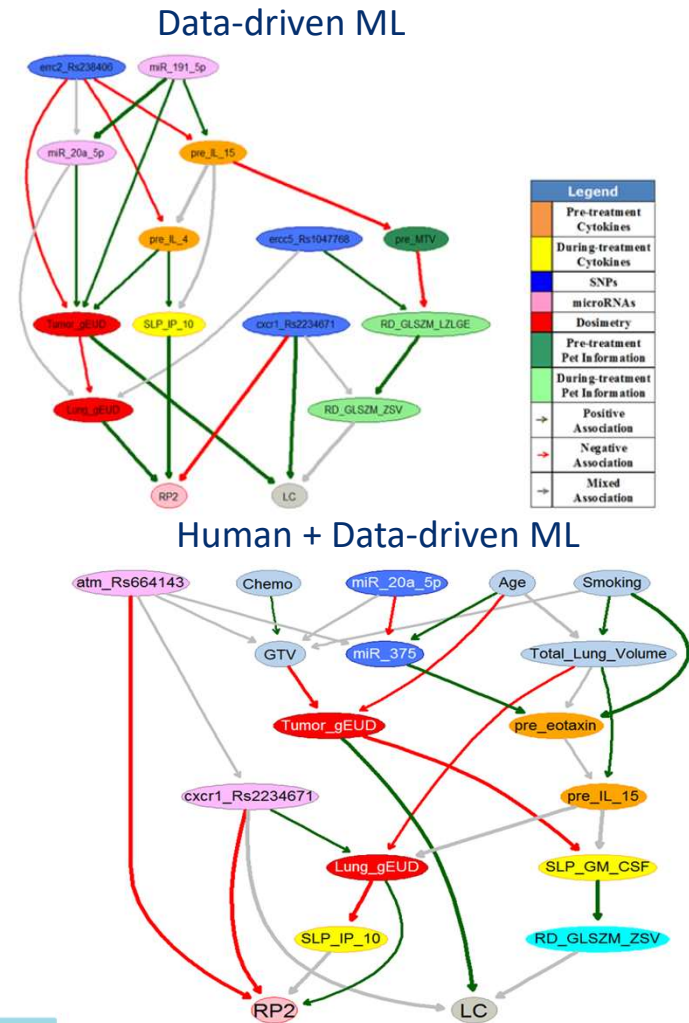
# Intelligence augmentation (IA) instead of AI



**Figure 1.** A “Fundamental Theorem” of informatics.  
(C. Friedman)

Tighter CIs but similar predictions!

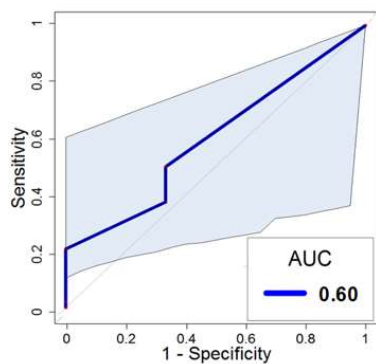
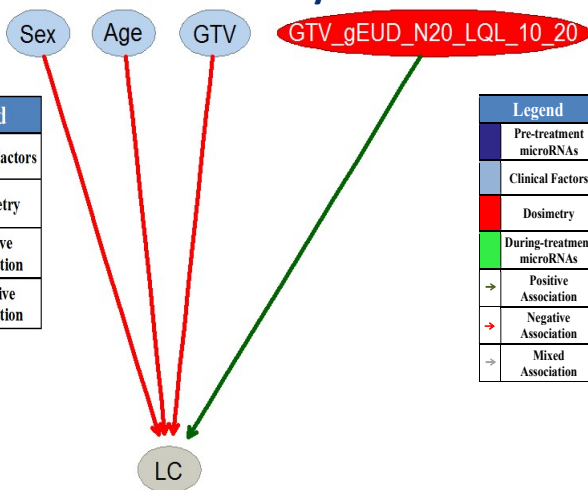
Luo, *Physica Medica* (Editor Choice), 2021



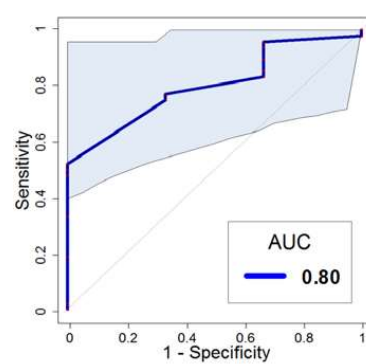
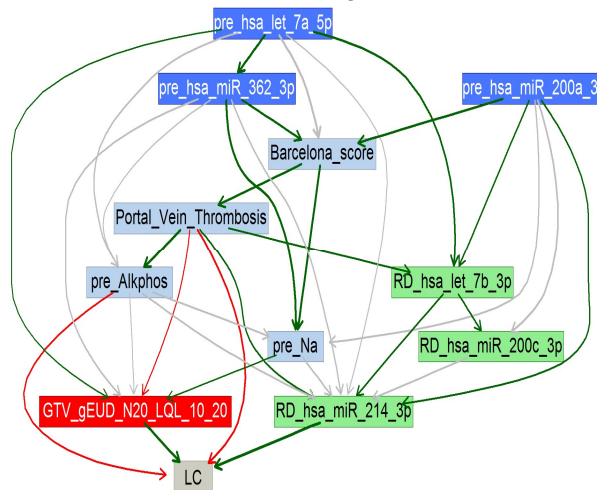
# Human-in-the loop: Predicting Local Control in Liver Cancer



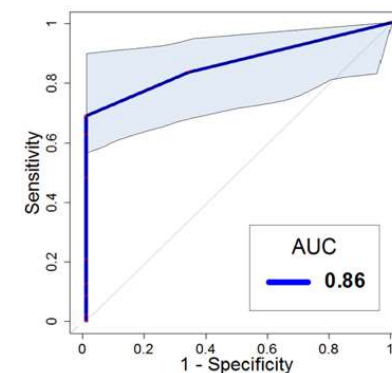
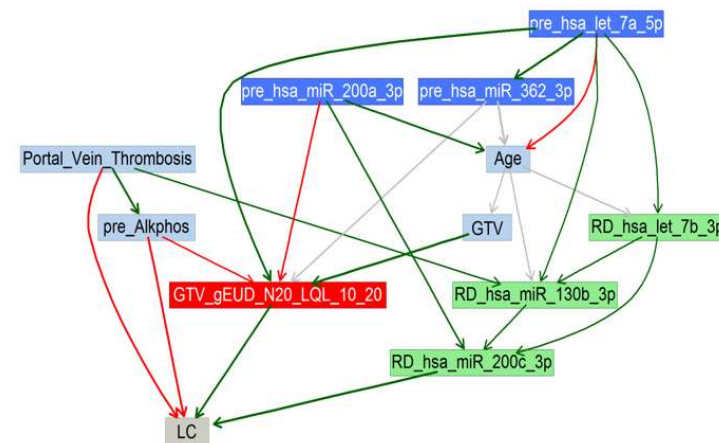
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## Machine only



## Human + Machine

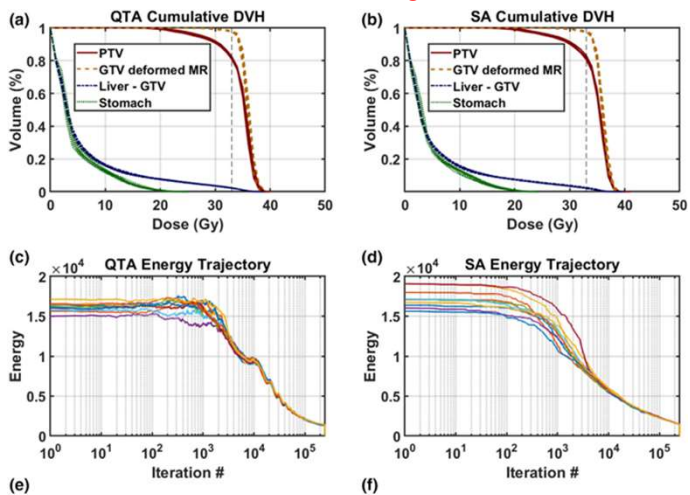


Luo et al, Front Oncol, 2022

# Can Quantum theory help develop more robust AI/ML algorithms?



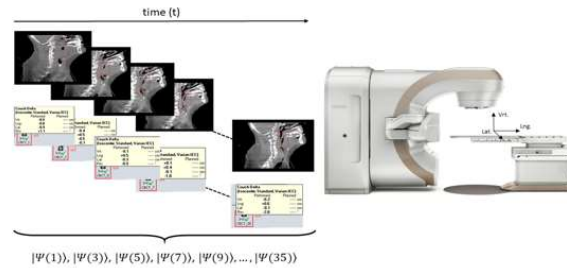
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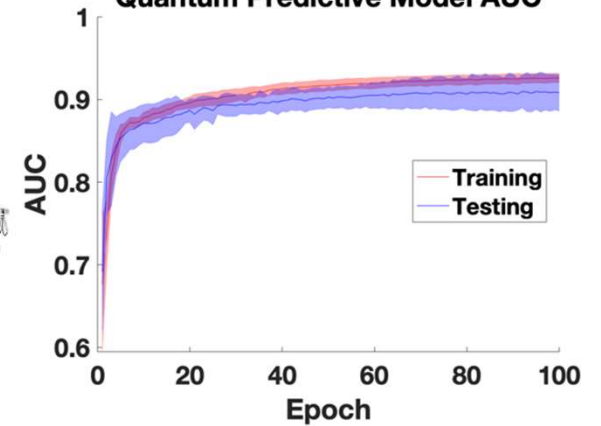
| Algorithm | Width Function | Mean Convergence Rate (s) |
|-----------|----------------|---------------------------|
| SA        | N/A            | 1157 ± 154.5              |
| QTA       | Hybrid         | 757.8 ± 162.3             |
| QTA       | MOCVD          | 622.1 ± 103.2             |
| QTA       | Sinusoid       | 526.2 ± 126.1             |

Pakela, Med Phys, 2020, (Editor's Choice)

## Image-guided radiotherapy

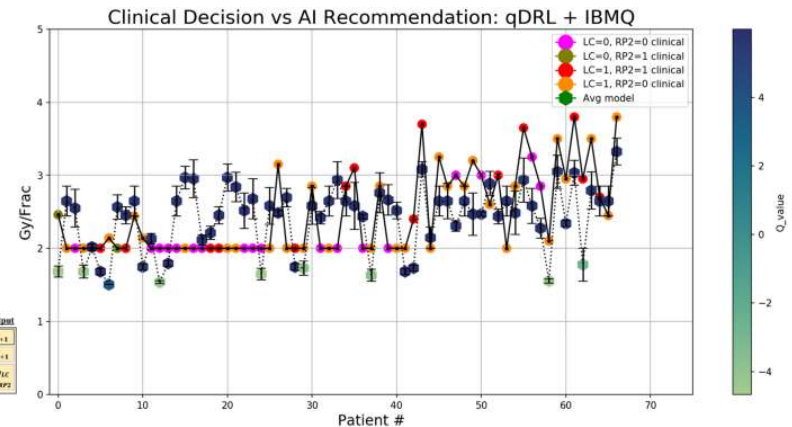
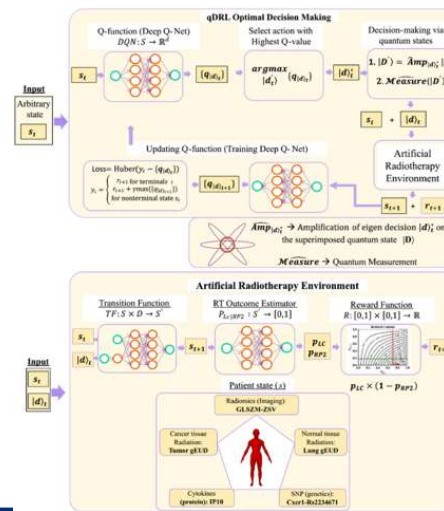


## Quantum Predictive Model AUC



Pakela et al, PMB, 2021

## Clinical Decision support



Niraula et al, Nature Sci Rep, 2021

# Take home Messages



- **Artificial intelligence/machine learning** offers new opportunities to develop better understanding of oncology and its diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment regimens
- ML/DL algorithms vary in **accuracy** and **interpretability** levels and choice of proper algorithm(s) is an application and data dependent
- Proper development and deployment of AI/ML involves following guidelines (**CLAMP**) while adhering to **ethical AI** standards to achieve trustworthiness
- To overcome current barriers in AI/ML for healthcare emerging methods include visualization for interpretability (**Grad-CAM**) and behavioral science (**human-in-the loop**), and physics-based (**quantum computing**) techniques
- **Collaboration** between stakeholders (data scientists, biologists, physicists, economists, clinical practitioners, regulators & vendors) will allow for **safe** and beneficial application of AI in biomedicine, radiology and oncology



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