

# Healthcare Transformation from Data and System Perspectives

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# An Obamacare success: financial penalties reduce hospital readmission rates

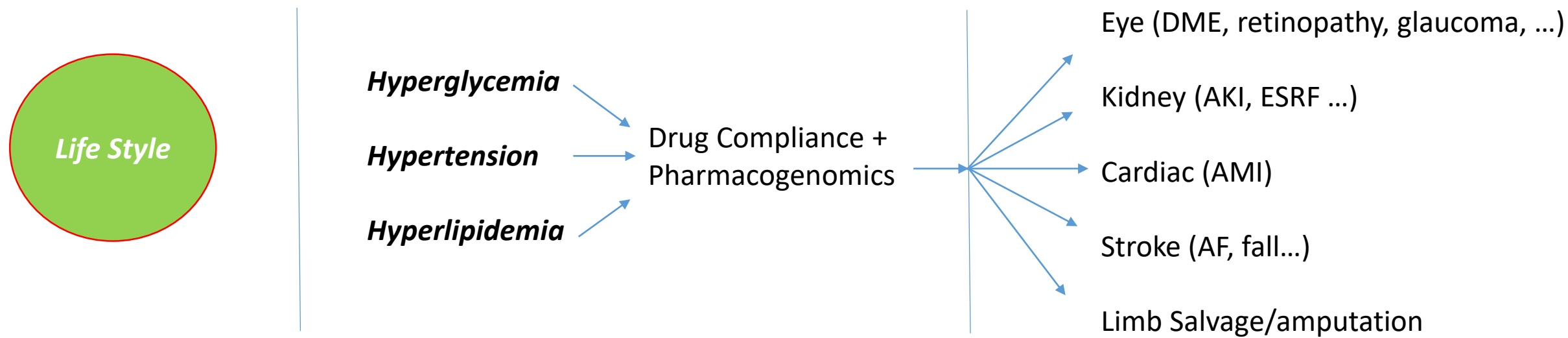
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The **Ministry Of Health (MOH) Office for Healthcare Transformation (MOHT)** (formed in 2018) aims to shape the future of healthcare in Singapore. This is done by identifying, developing and experimenting with game-changing systems-level concepts and innovations in the key areas of health promotion, illness prevention and the delivery of care.

AI in Health Grand Challenge (**Ongoing large grant call by AI.SG – 3 x5 mil in the first phase and 1 x 20 mil in the second phase**)

“How can Artificial Intelligence (AI) help primary care teams stop or slow disease progression and complication development in 3H – *Hyperglycemia (diabetes), Hypertension (high blood pressure) and Hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol)* patients by 20% in 5 years?”

# 3H Problems: Where/what Can We Contribute?



Personal Health  
Coach

Chatbot +  
Behavior ...

Sensors +  
Cameras

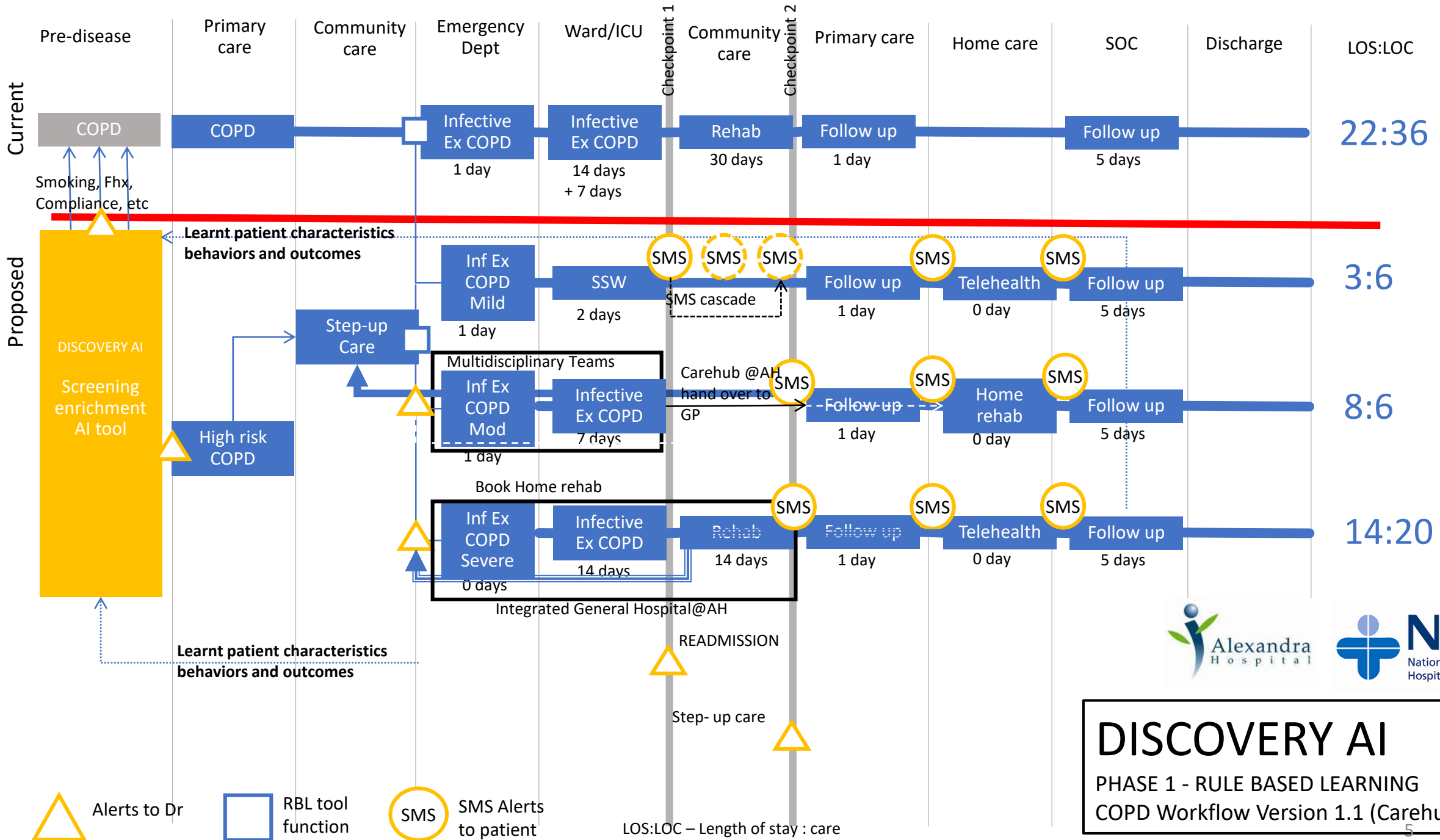
Telemedicine

Hospital  
System

Healthcare Analytics

Primary Care

Secondary Care ++

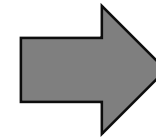
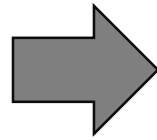


**DISCOVERY AI**  
 PHASE 1 - RULE BASED LEARNING  
 COPD Workflow Version 1.1 (Carehub)



LOS:LOC – Length of stay : care

# Healthcare System/AI's Objective



PubMed

A unified **end-to-end** engine to integrate all available data sources and provide a holistic view of medical data, from where we support all sorts of medical applications.

- Increase the accuracy of diagnoses
- Improve preventive medicine
- Optimize insurance product costs
- Better understand the needs for medications
- Cut costs on healthcare facility management etc



*This is beyond typical database query processing*

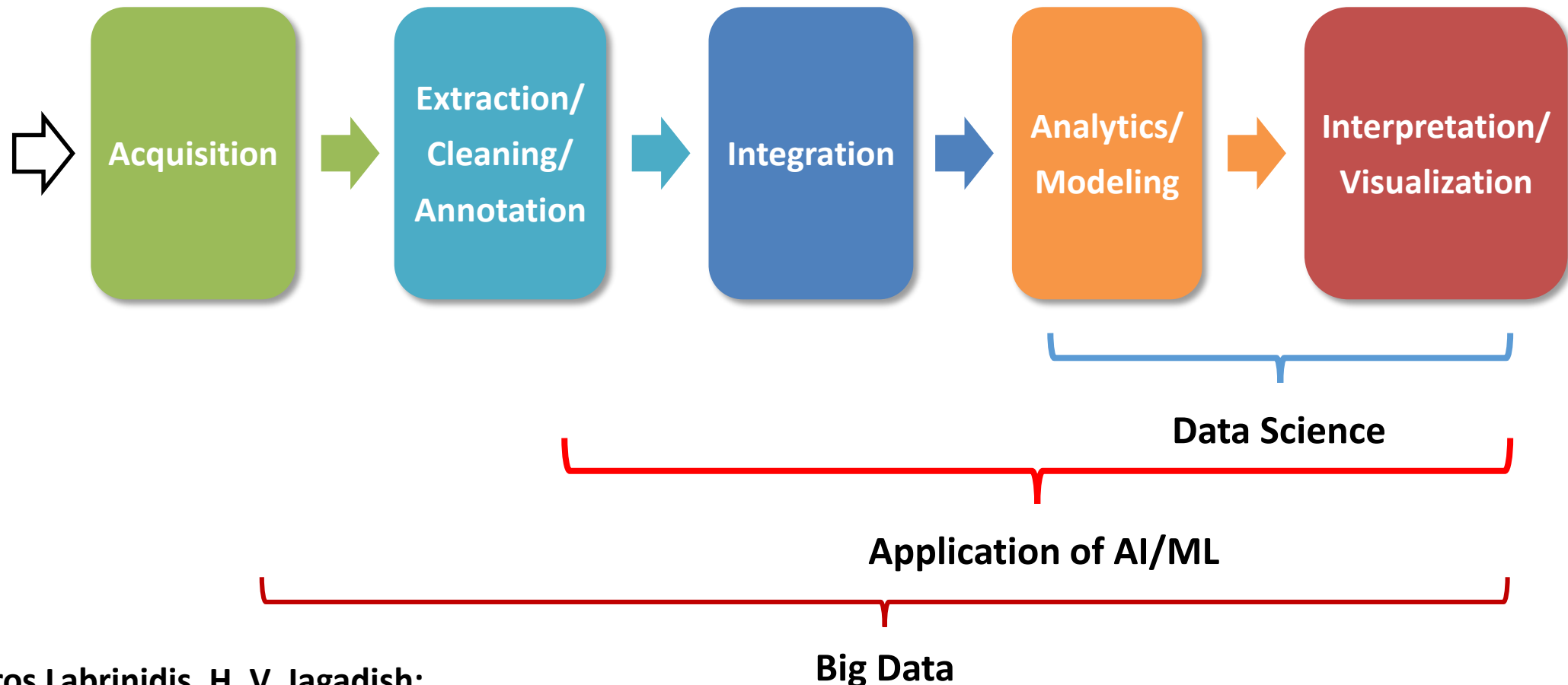
# The Reality of Exploiting AI

- The actual implementation of the ML algorithm is usually **less than 5%** lines of code in a real, non-trivial application
- The main effort (i.e. those 95% LOC) is spent on:
  - Data cleaning & annotation
  - Data extraction, transformation, loading
  - Data integration & pruning
  - Parameter tuning
  - Model training & deployment
  - ... ..
- **This blurs the line between DB and “non-DB” processing, and calls for better integration**



**These are what we have been doing!**

# The BIG Data Analytics Pipeline\*

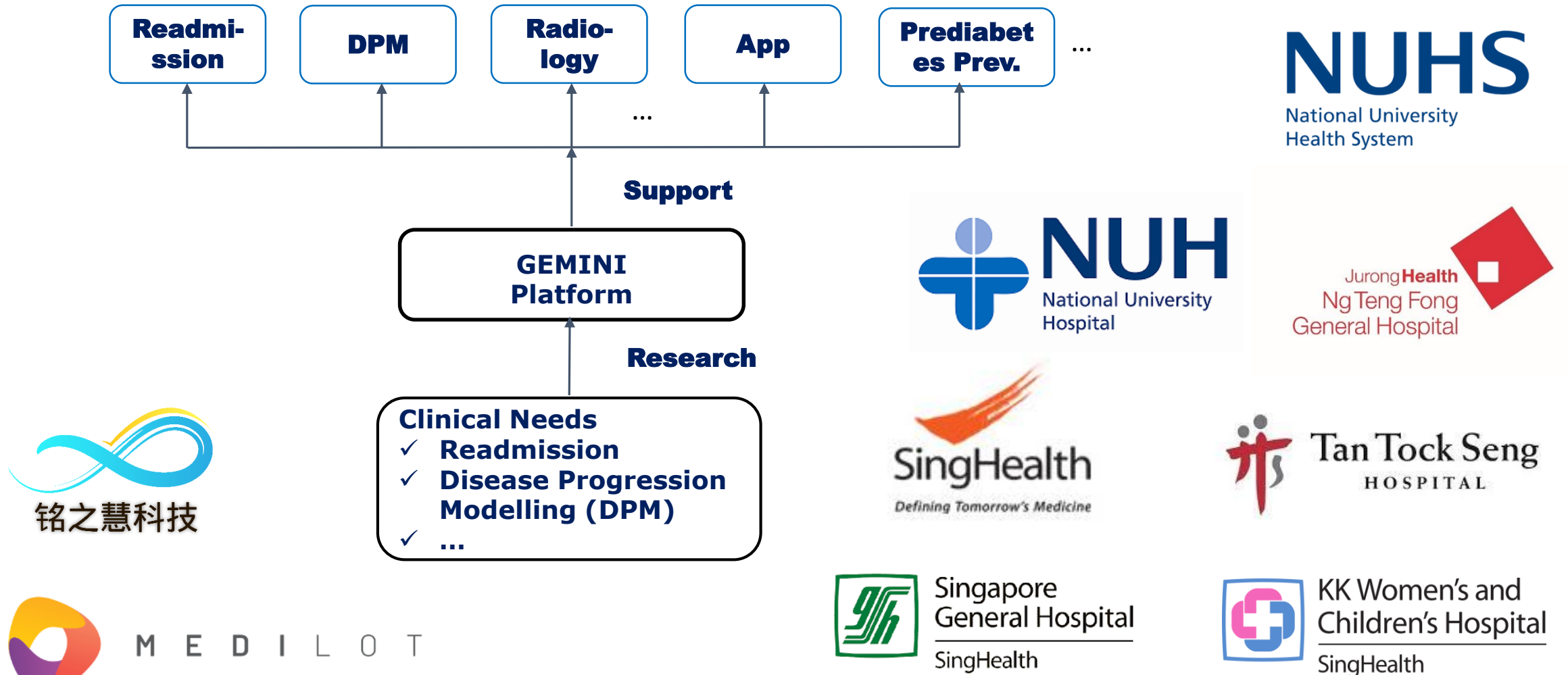


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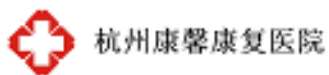
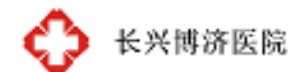


# Challenges

# Identifying Common Challenges



# China Healthcare Providers/Hospitals



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# Challenges

## Time-consuming data extraction

- Different storage formats
- Unstructured data

## Difficult data cleaning

- Missing data
- Duplications
- Different coding standards

## Doctors-in-the-loop data annotation (medical expertise)

- Missing code filling
- Standardized diagnoses



## Bias in observation data

- Observation data is biased from the actual conditions of the patients

## Complexity of medical features

- Numerous concepts
- Heterogeneous data
- Complex relations

## Demanding data storage requirements

- Multi-source and heterogeneous data formats
- Reuse of datasets
- Provenance

# Challenge 1: Data Preprocessing

time-consuming  
data extraction

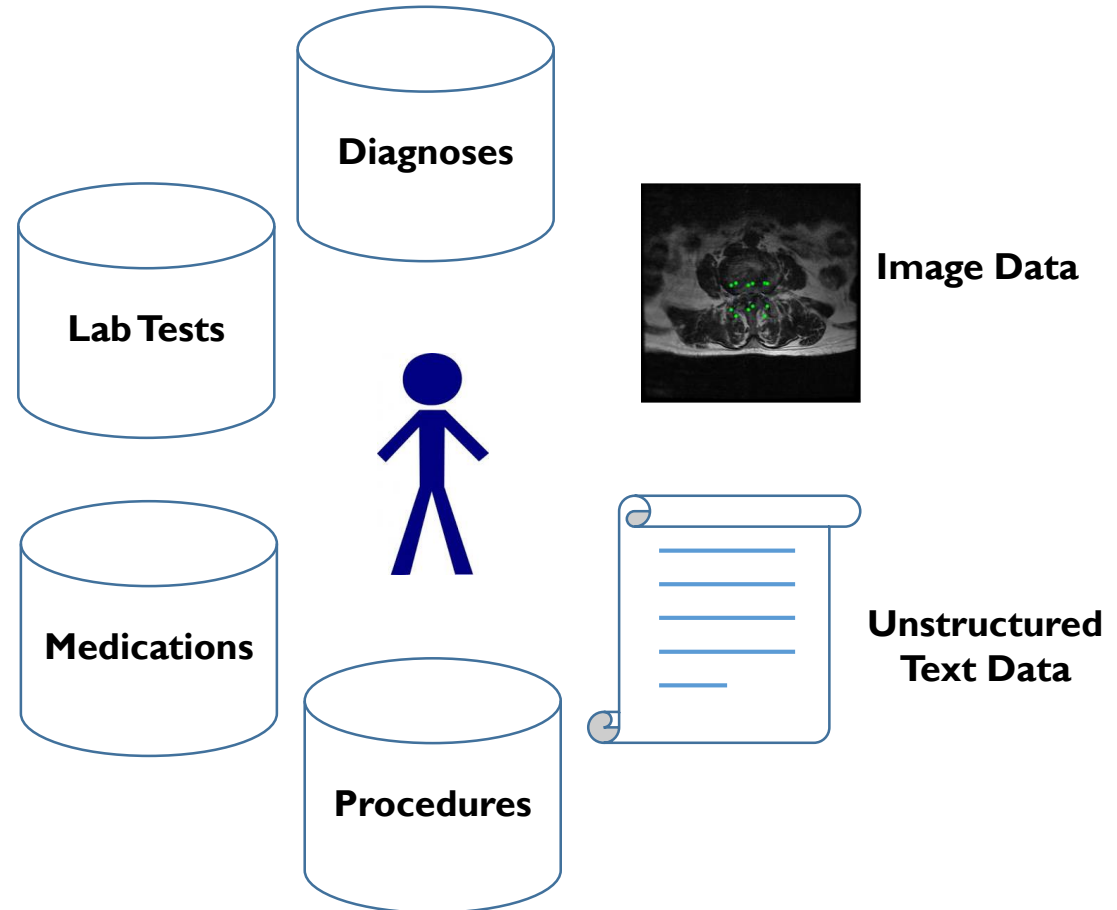
different storage formats,  
un-structured data

difficult and expensive  
data cleaning

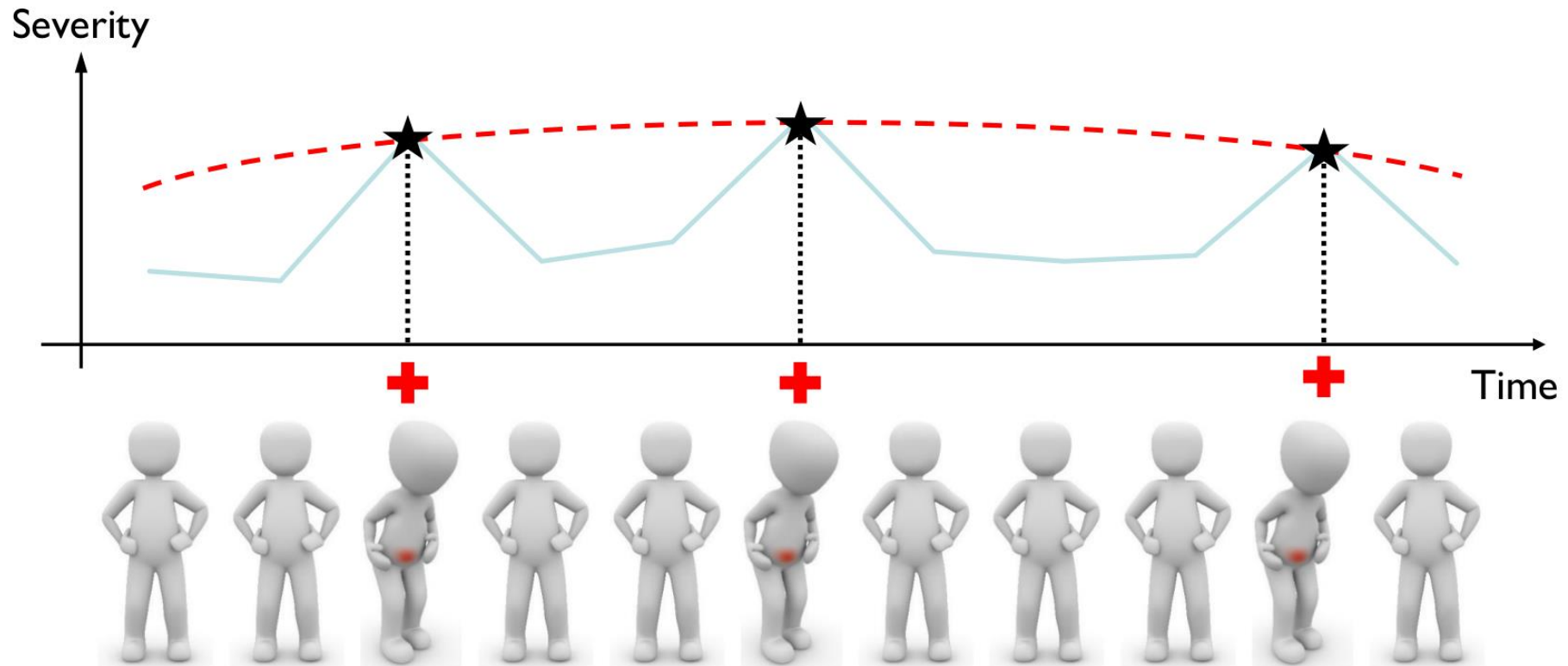
missing data, duplications,  
different coding standards

medical expertise required  
for data annotation

standardizing diagnoses,  
missing code filling



# Challenge 2: Bias in EMR Data



# Challenge 3: Complex Features Relations

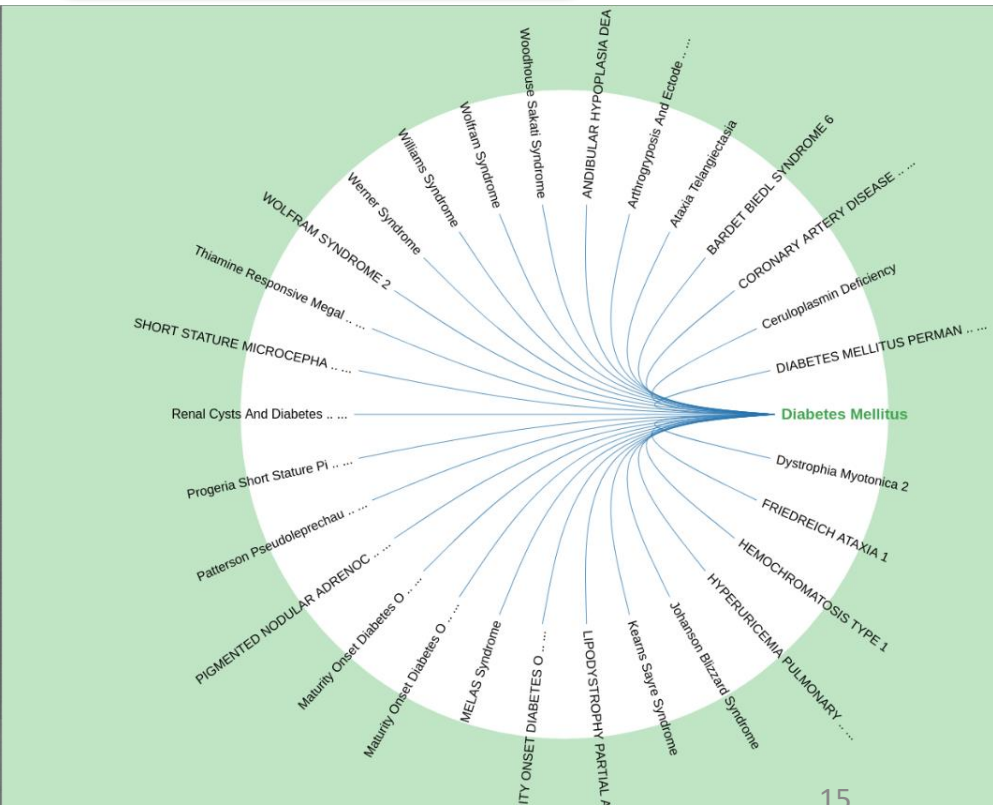
**Numerous Concepts**  
 UMLS consists of over 2.97 million concepts and 10+ million terms.

**Multi-source and Heterogeneous Data**  
 Medical data consists of diagnoses, lab tests, procedures, etc.

**Complex Relations**  
 Complex relations among different sources of medical data

NUH surgery dataset:  
 22987 medical features

12319 diagnosis codes  
 2335 lab test codes  
 6932 medication names  
 1401 procedure codes  
 8 demographic features  
 (BirthYear, Gender etc)



# Challenge 4: Dataset Management in Healthcare

- Dataset Cleansing
  - **Track evolution history** to ensure correctness
- Dataset Transformation
  - **Save different formats** for future reuse
- Dataset Sharing/redundancy
  - **Avoid data redundancy** to reduce storage overhead
- Dataset Security
  - **Impose access control** to healthcare data



# Challenge 5: Data Prior

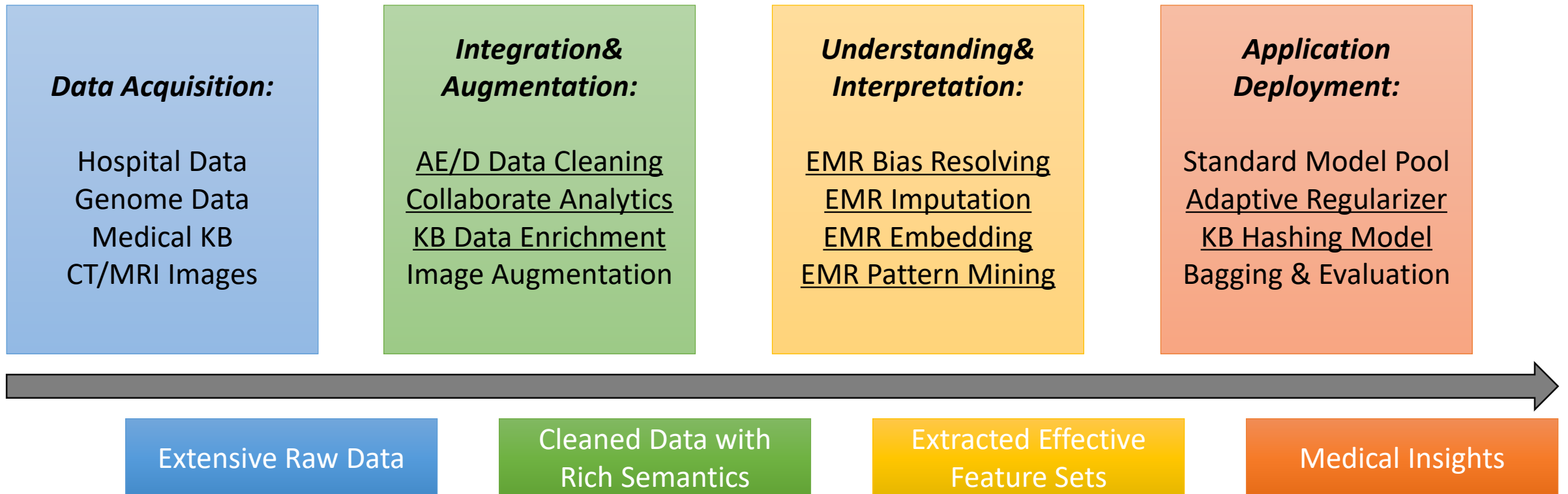
- Existing ML algorithms work well for image classification and sequence prediction, but not healthcare problems
- Images are not **random** pixels
  - Neighbor pixels are most correlated --> CNN
  - Color channel prior --> haze removal/super-resolution
- Sequences are not random numbers/words
  - Latent state at each time point --> RNN LSTM
- Prior for healthcare?
  - How to find and formulate?
  - How to create algo/model to utilize them?

# Matching Data and Model/Algorithm

- No Free Lunch Theorem [1997]
- Checklist for useful AI:
  - Lots of data
  - Flexible models
  - Efficient system and algorithm design
  - Powerful priors that can defeat the curse of dimensionality
- Opportunities come from utilizing data distribution information
  - Can we learn prior from data? (Domain-specific AutoML)

# Development Pipeline

- Parameterize existing data processing solutions to meet the characteristics of healthcare data



# Enabling Global Optimization



**Apache SINGA**  
A General Distributed  
Deep Learning Platform

- SINGA – RAFIKI (MLaaS) -- PANDA mainly for healthcare

|                         | <b>PANDA Healthcare</b>                            | <b>Current AI systems</b>                  |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Aim</b>              | <b>Defining new AI problems</b>                    | <b>Optimizing for existing AI problems</b> |
| <b>Iteration</b>        | <b>Doctors take part in the development circle</b> | <b>Data scientists as the agent</b>        |
| <b>Key Techs</b>        | <b>Efficient declarative interaction</b>           | <b>ML model and platform</b>               |
| <b>Domain Knowledge</b> | <b>Instilled by doctors</b>                        | <b>Understood by data scientists</b>       |
| <b>Delivery</b>         | <b>Explored together with doctors</b>              | <b>Plain model outputs</b>                 |

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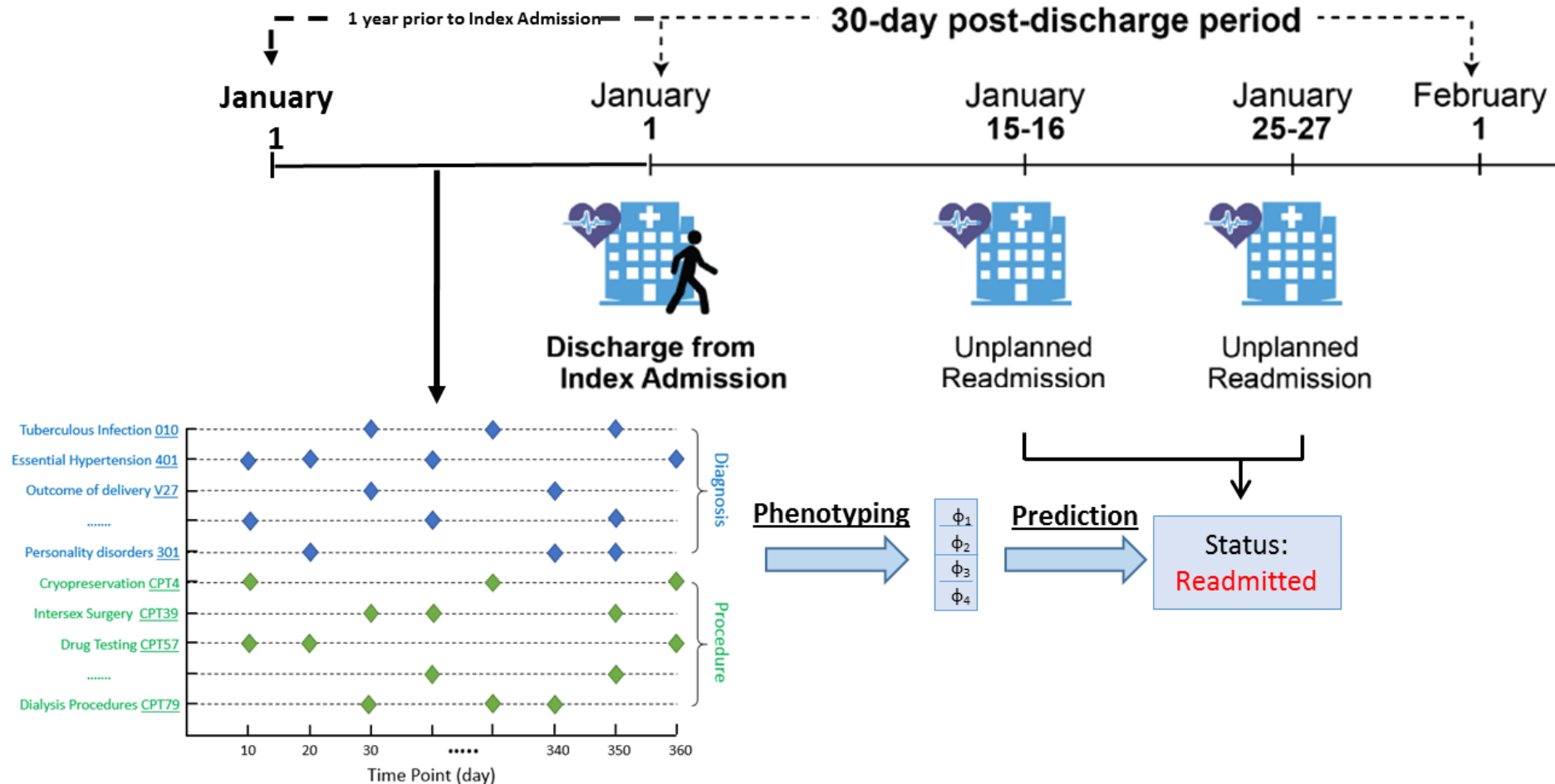
# Healthcare Data Analytics Stack

**GEMINI** (*GEneralisable Medical Information aNalysis and Integration platform*)





# Example: Readmission Prediction



# Common Alert Platform

COMPUTERISED PATIENT SUPPORT SYSTEM 2 - v5.1.0 (r10563) - NUH (NOOTH)

HIDS WORKLIST eRX WORKLIST SIGN RESULTS ORDERS WORKLIST CIMR WORKLIST MEDICAL REPORT TO-DO-LIST TOOLS REFERENCES

PATIENT LIST

Clinical Alerts 0 ADR / DA 0 Medical Alerts 0

No clinical alerts No known drug allergies No medical alerts

CDM Reminders (1) C-Doc

MULTI-VIEW CLINICAL NOTES PARAMETERS RESULTS ORDERS REPORTS OT DISCHARGE SUMMARY MC EXTERNAL APPS CCDR NEHR NEHR PML

NOTE HISTORY

All Specialities From Date To Date

All Case Type To Date

All Note Type My notes

NUH Group by episode

Note Search Search

Time

Dip MPI result noted  
May proceed with surgery at acceptable perioperative cardiac risk.

Care Plan  
as above

Diagnosis

Visit Diagnosis

| Type      | Description   | Primary Dx | Onset       | Status | Remarks | Code      |
|-----------|---|------------|-------------|--------|---------|-----------|
| SNOMED-CT | NEOPLASM OF UNCERTAIN BEHAVIOR OF ADRENAL GLAND 157105015 | True       | 25-May-2017 | ACTIVE |         | 157105015 |

Plan

| Order Description + Special Instructions  | Order Status | Last Updated | Order Type |
|---|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Check PVRU (Post void residual urine) within 30 minutes<br>Special Instructions: consider to initiate cic according to amount of pvr: (200-300mls 1x per day) (300-400mls 2x per day) (400-500mls 3x per day) (>500mls to insert idc) (do not perform bladder scanning when cic or idc is initiated) (allow patient to void before cic) | IN-PROGRESS  |              | TREATMENT  |
| Initiate care of patient with intravenous cannula as ordered  | IN-PROGRESS  |              | TREATMENT  |
| PT-chest physiotherapy<br>Patient Instructions: For appointment changes, please SMS: 97891443 or email: Rehab_Appts@nuhs.edu.sg at least 3 days in advance with your name and IC number. We will reply within 2 working days. Please note that this referral will lapse after 3 missed appointments or 2 months.                        | IN-PROGRESS  |              | REHAB      |
| Incentive Spirometry  | ORDERED      |              | TREATMENT  |

ENTRY [ ENDOSURG AM - NOTE - DOCTOR... ]

Note Name

New Template Title Note

Title Saved As

Important Note

No Important note exists for this patient.

Free-Text Note

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Patient well overnight  
Nil abdo pain or discomfort  
Slightly nervous but cheerful

Vitals

T 36.8  
BP 135/98  
HR 65  
SpO2 95% on RA

Patient pushed down for op at time of consultant r/v

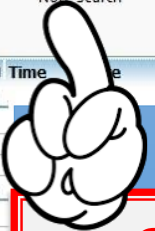
O/E (at 7am)

Alert, comfortable  
A soft, non-tender  
L clear  
H S1S2  
TED stockings applied

Care Plan

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as above

 **WARNING**

**88.6%**  
Chance of readmission

Ranked Factors :

1. Uncontrolled diabetes [H/C 16](#)
2. [> 6 medications](#)
3. **72.3%** chance of post-op wound infection
4. Past readmissions due to [social factors](#)

**Acknowledge**



# GEMINI Platform (2011 - )

Application



Healthcare

Data Analysis Pipeline

Crowdsourcing



CDAS

EMR Transformation



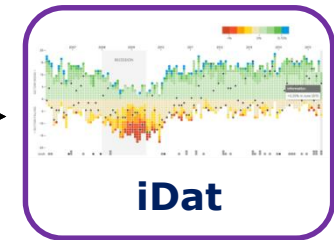
EMR-T

Machine/Deep Learning



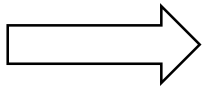
SINGA

Visualization



iDat

Raw Data



Data Integration



DICE

Big Data Processing



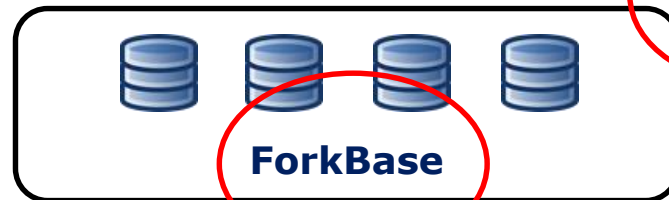
epiC

Cohort Analysis



CohAna

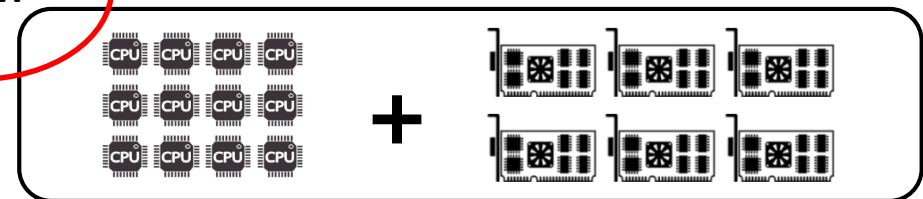
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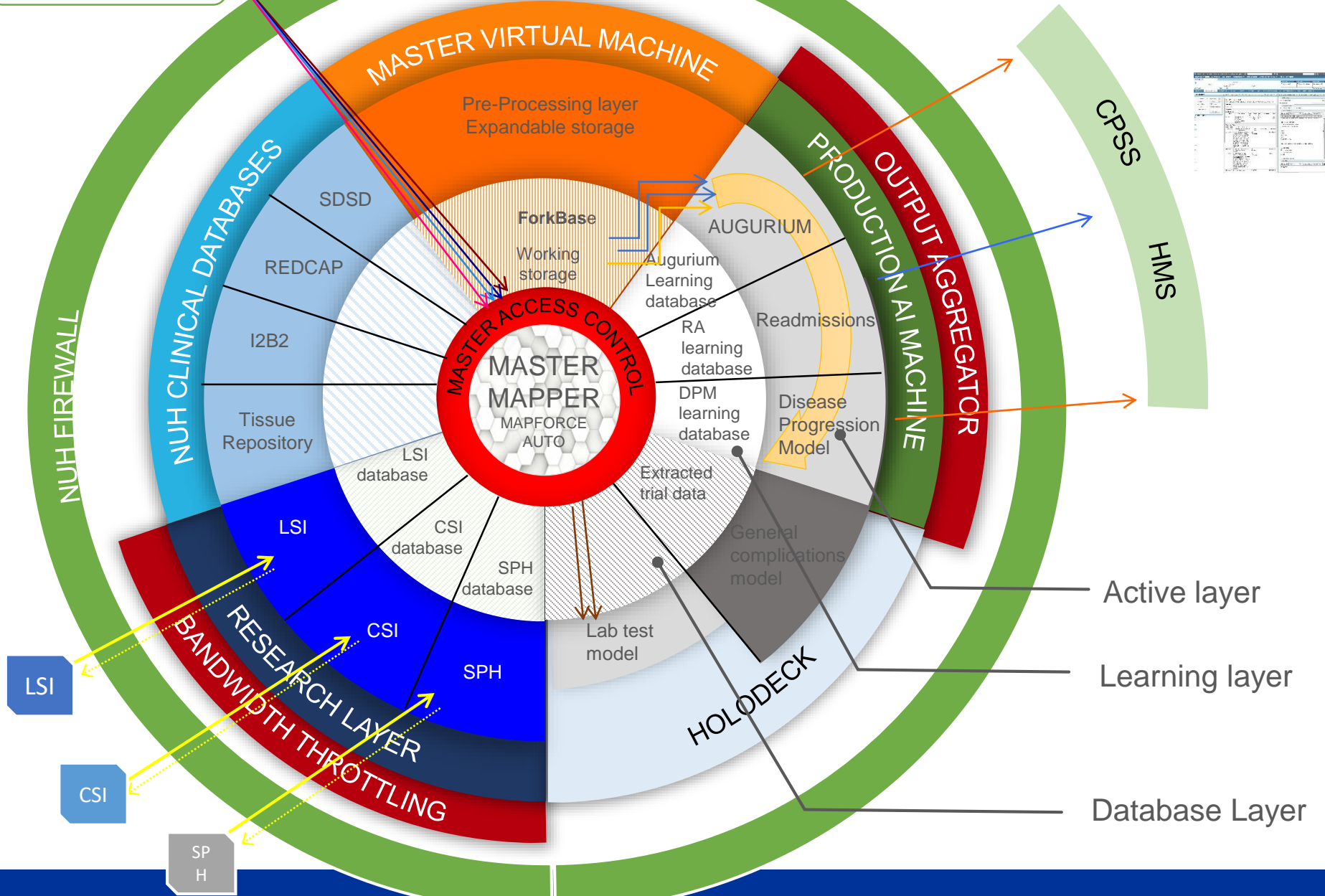
ForkBase

Malleable, Semantic Storage

GAM



CPU-GPU Cluster



# Making Healthcare Data Usable

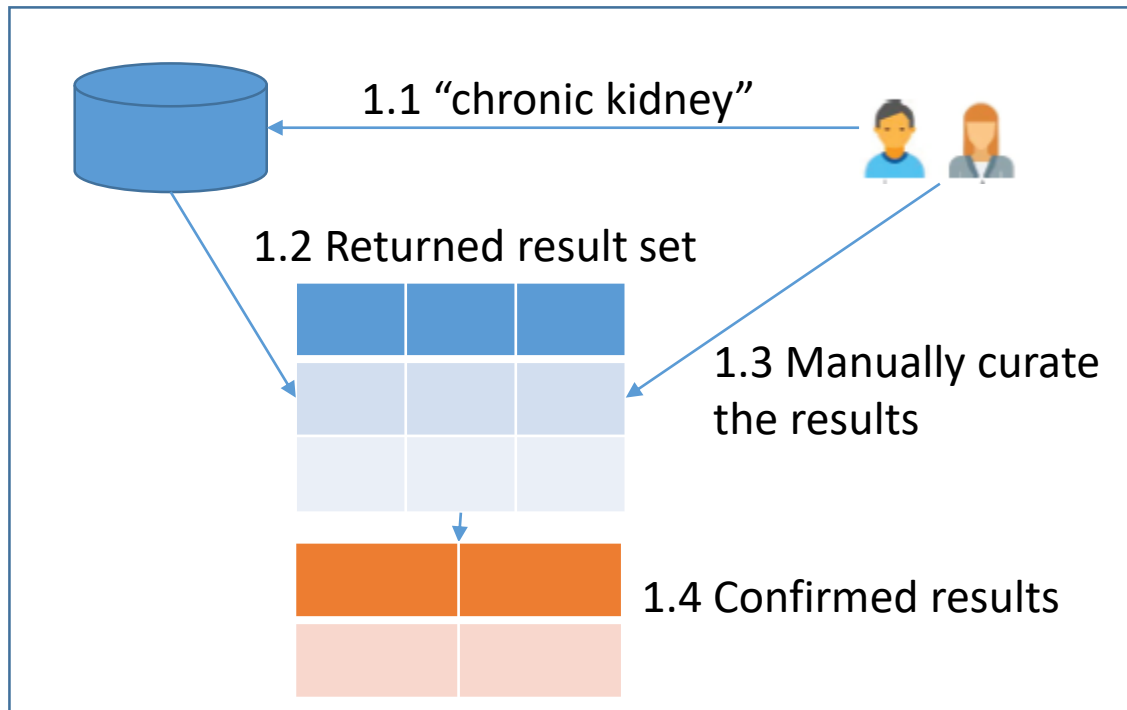
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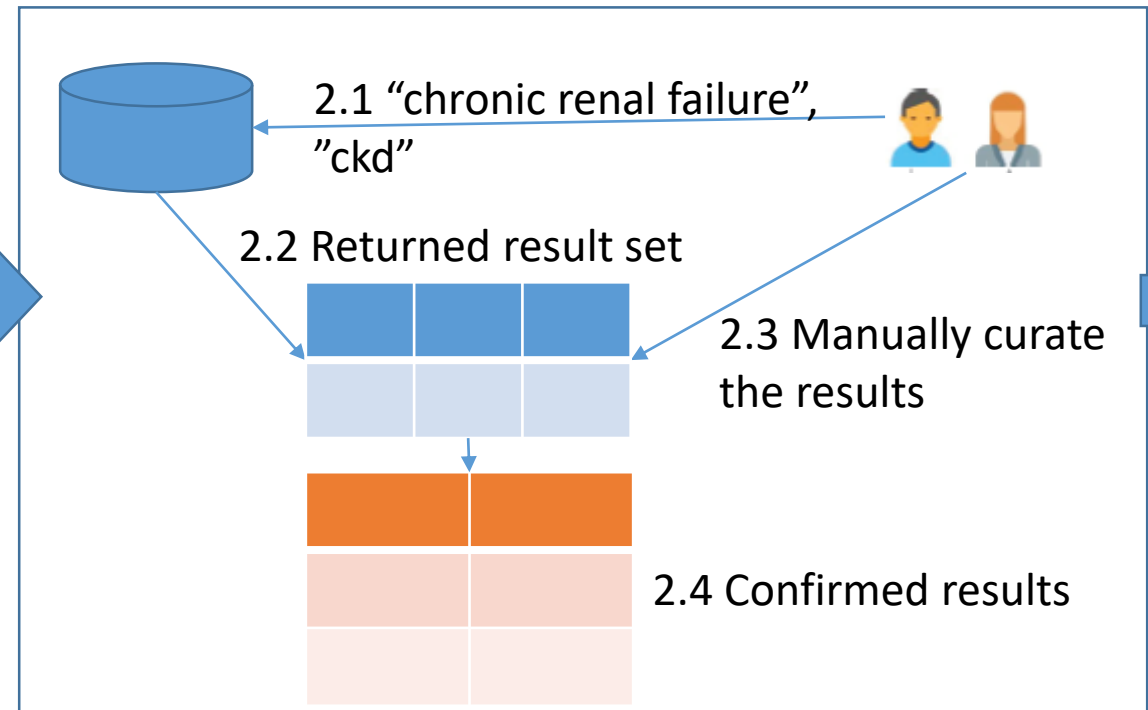
# Healthcare Data Usability

If a doctor wants to analyze the medical records related to “chronic kidney disease” ...

Round 1



Round 2

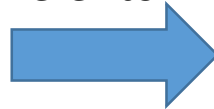


# Healthcare Data Usability

- Two reasons cause the healthcare data usability.
  - Different writing styles.

| Real-world healthcare data                          |
|---|
| 2 recent cva  |
| posterior circulation transient ischaemic infarct   |
| multi infarct cva with dementia                     |
| massive ischemic stroke with hemorrhagic conversion |
| acute stroke infarct                                |
| 2 rt sided cva with gd recovery 1994 5              |
| r groin hematoma                                    |
| cerebellar stroke                                   |
| acute left pontine cva                              |
| acute cva left ic laci                              |
| acute cva left sided weakness                       |
| basal ganglion infarct                              |

refer to



| concept code | Canonical description   |
|--------------|---|
| 163.50       | Cerebral infarction due to unspecified occlusion or stenosis of unspecified cerebral artery |

# Healthcare Data Usability

- Two reasons cause the healthcare data usability.
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  - Different medical standards.

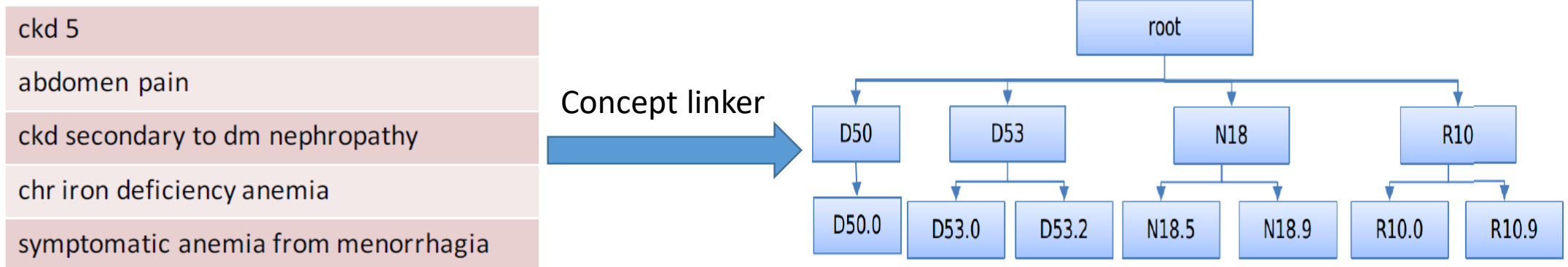
| Standard  | Concept code | Canonical description                                   |
|-----------|--------------|---|
| ICD-10-CM | K64.2        | Third degree hemorrhoids                                |
| ICD-9-CM  | 455.0        | Internal hemorrhoids without mention of complication    |
| ICD-9-CM  | 455.1        | Internal thrombosed hemorrhoids                         |
| ICD-9-CM  | 455.2        | Internal hemorrhoids with other complication            |
| ICD-9-CM  | 455.5        | External hemorrhoids with other complication            |
| ICD-9-CM  | 455.6        | Unspecified hemorrhoids without mention of complication |
| ICD-9-CM  | 455.7        | Unspecified thrombosed hemorrhoids                      |
| ICD-9-CM  | 455.8        | Unspecified hemorrhoids with other complication         |



| Real-world healthcare data                      |
|---|
| internal haemorrhoid prolapsed                  |
| haemorrhoid bleeding ligated                    |
| 3 degree pile                                   |
| prolapsed haemorrhoid                           |
| 3rd degree prolapsed piles, not thrombosed      |
| thrombosed internal haemorrhoid                 |
| 3rd degree pile x 1                             |
| haemorrhoid                                     |
| 3rd degree external hemorrhoids                 |
| hemorrhoids prolapsing piles                    |
| haemorrhoids no complication                    |
| prolapsed and thrombosed haemorrhoid at 4 clock |

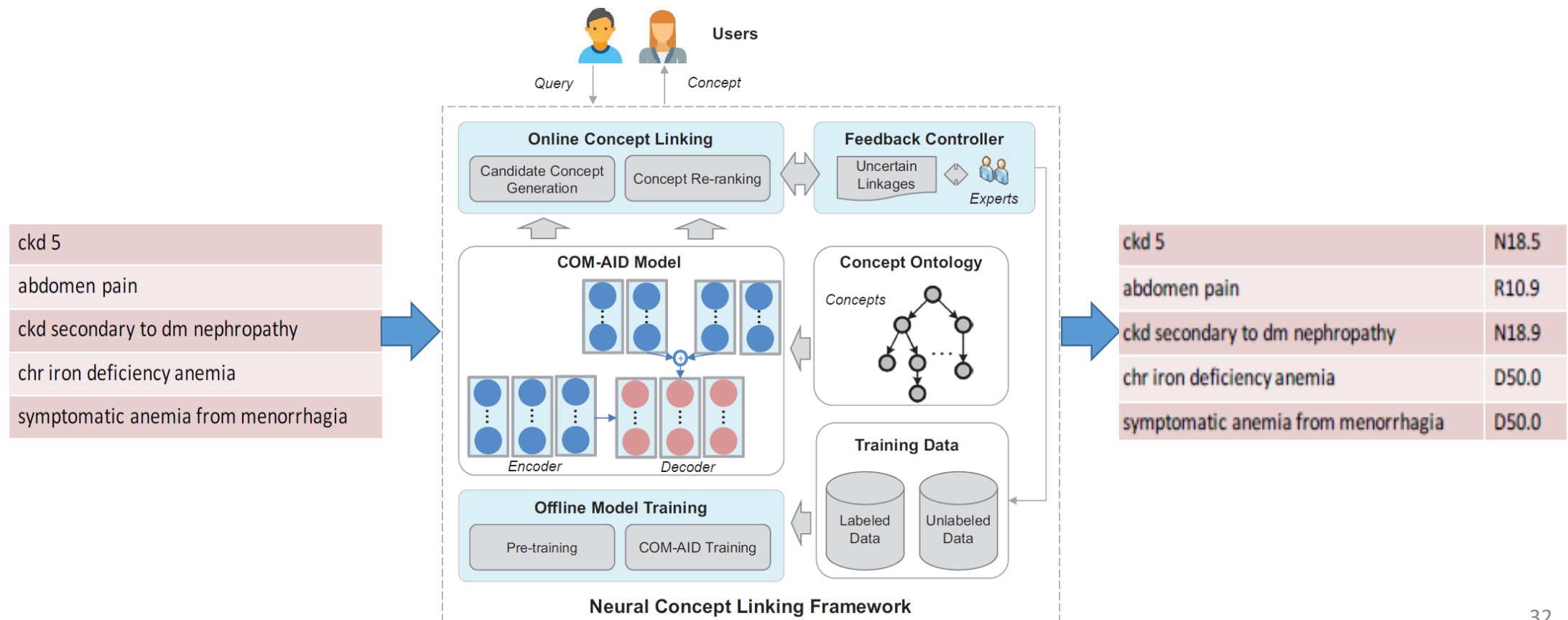
# Healthcare Data Usability

- Two reasons cause the healthcare data usability.
  - Different writing styles.
  - Different medical standards.
- To improve the healthcare data usability, we need a linker that is able to automatically link a medical record to a unified concept ontology.



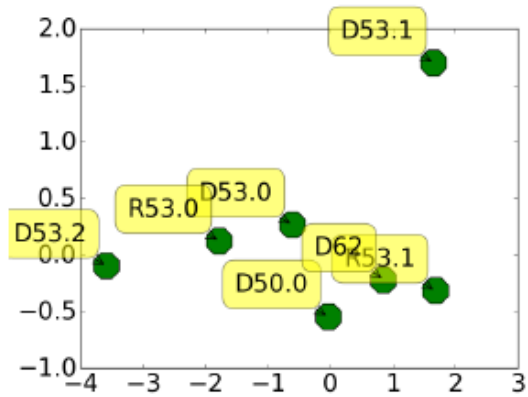
# Neural Concept Linking

- We have developed a neural concept linking framework to accomplish the healthcare concept linking.

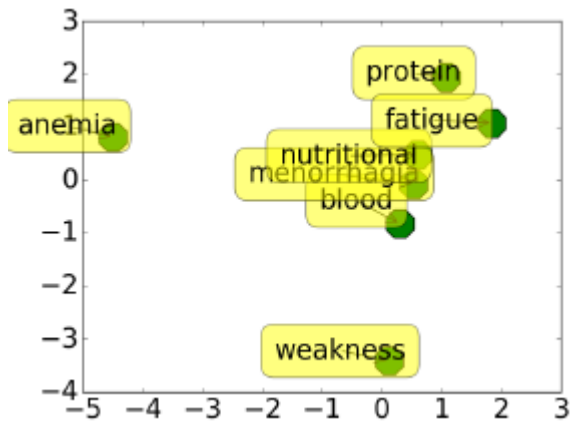




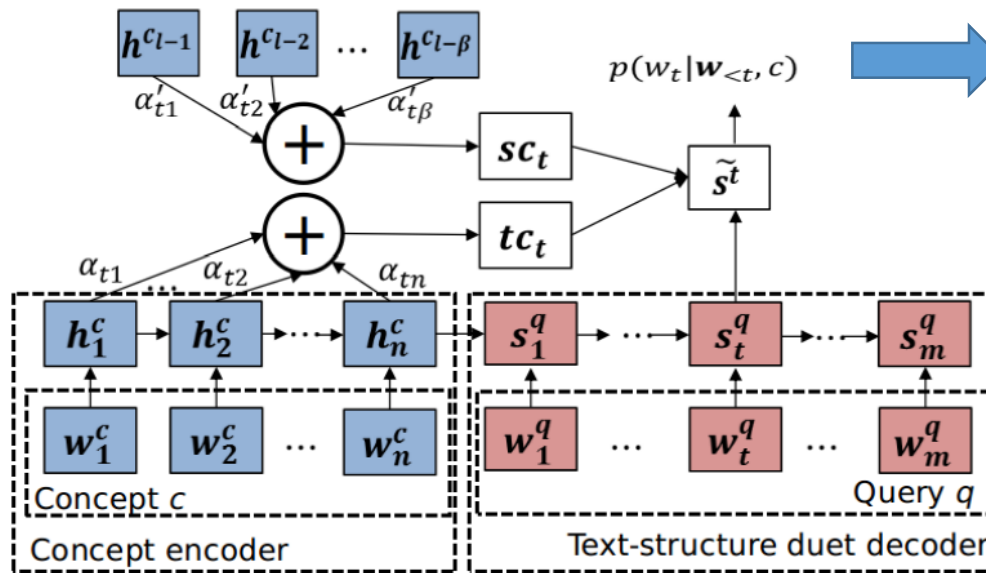
# Neural Concept Linking



Concept representations



Word representations

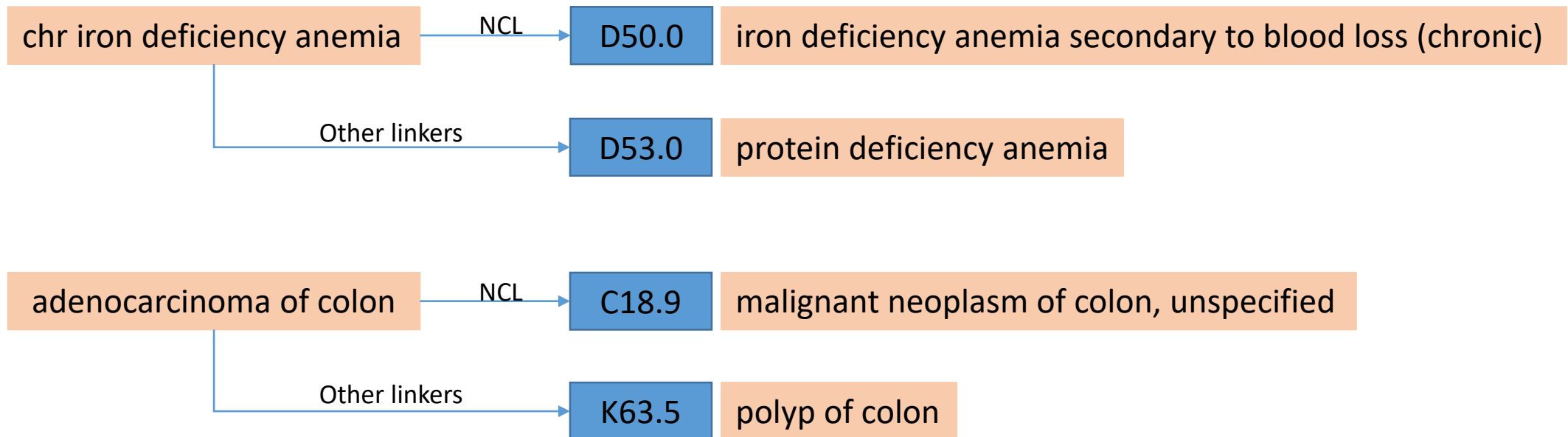


N18.9

$$p(s|c) = 0.016$$

ckd secondary to dm nephropathy

# Example Results



We cleaned 13 years of NUHS data – 90 % done by machine, 10% done by human

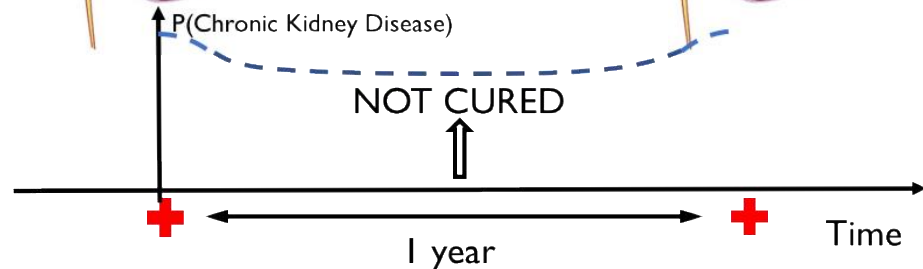
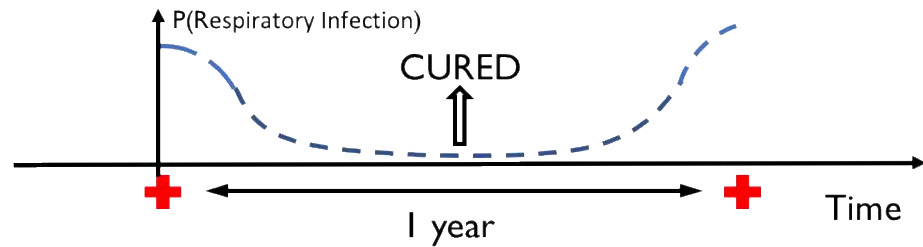
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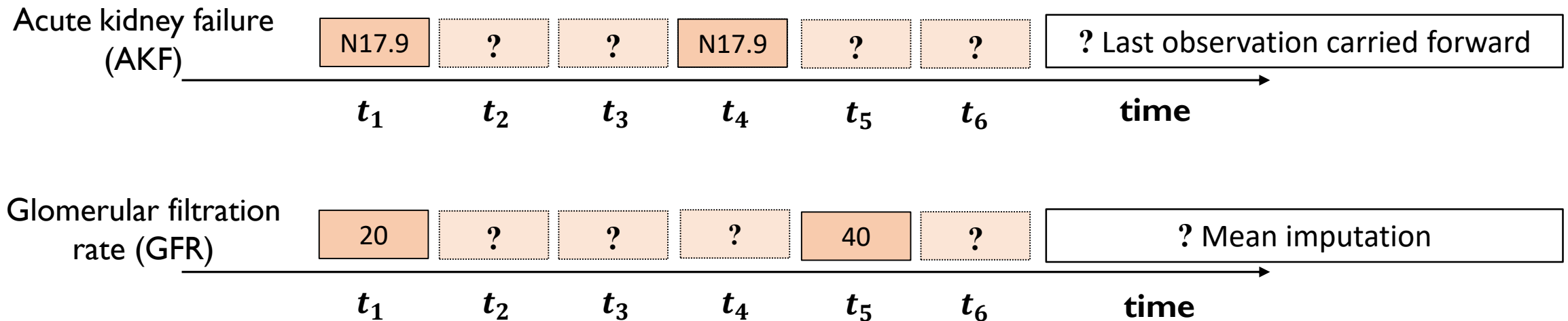
# Similar Pattern and yet Different Results



- Patient1 always visits hospital due to respiratory infection
  - Can we conclude that Patient1 has respiratory infection every day?
- Patient2 always visits hospital due to chronic kidney disease
  - Can we conclude that Patient2 has chronic kidney disease every day?
- What is the difference?

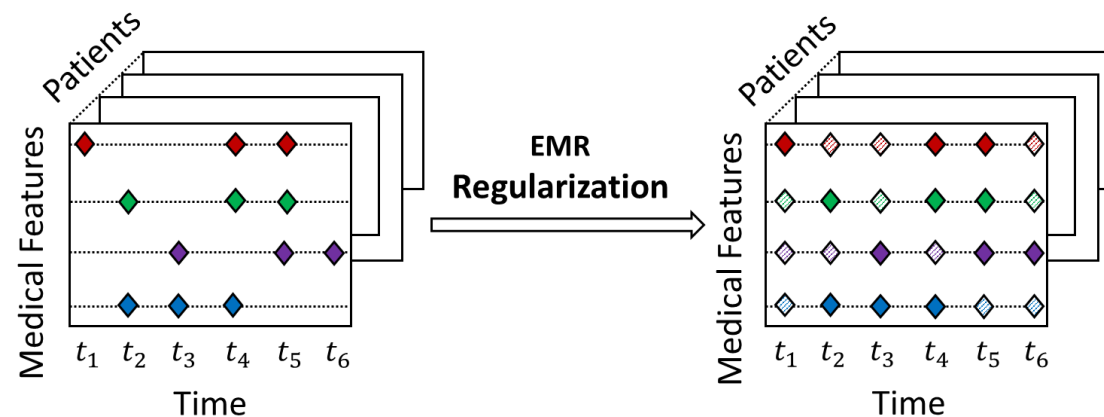
# Bias in EMR Data

- If a doctor or analyst want to analyze the EMR data with missing values, they may employ traditional imputation methods directly
- → Misinterpretation

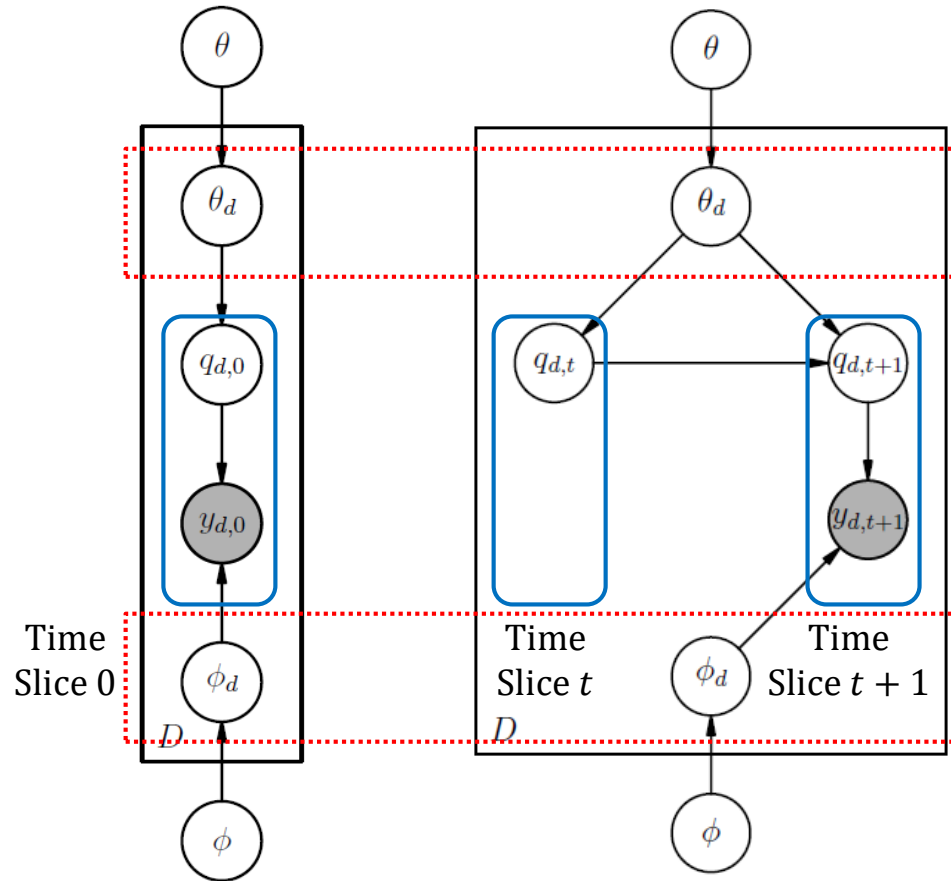


# Bias in EMR Data

- Bias – recorded EMR series is different from patients' actual hidden conditions
  - Patients tend to visit hospital more often when they feel sick
  - Doctors tend to prescribe the lab examinations that show abnormality
- ***To Solve Bias Challenge – EMR Regularization***
  - Transform the biased EMR series into unbiased EMR series



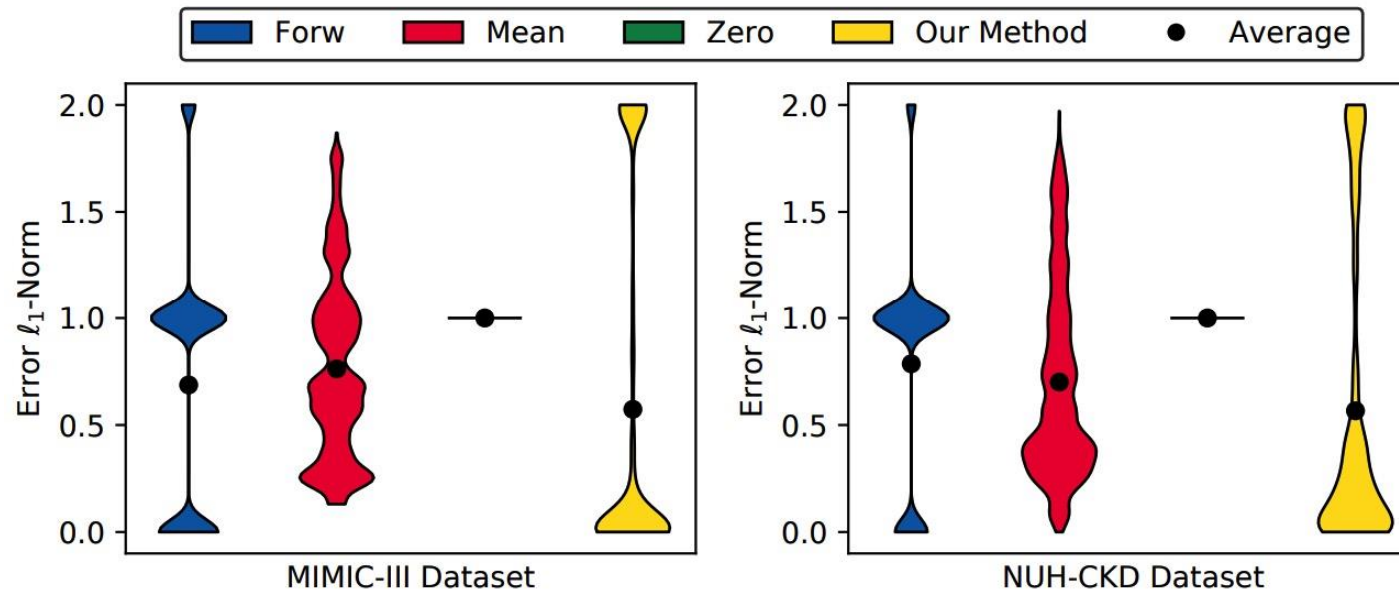
# Resolving Bias in EMR Data



- Condition Change Rate (CCR)
  - measures how a medical feature is likely to change from its condition in the previous observation
- Observation Rate (OR)
  - measures the probability that a medical feature is exposed at a time point based on its actual condition at that time point

# Resolving Bias in EMR Data

- Imputation accuracy evaluation

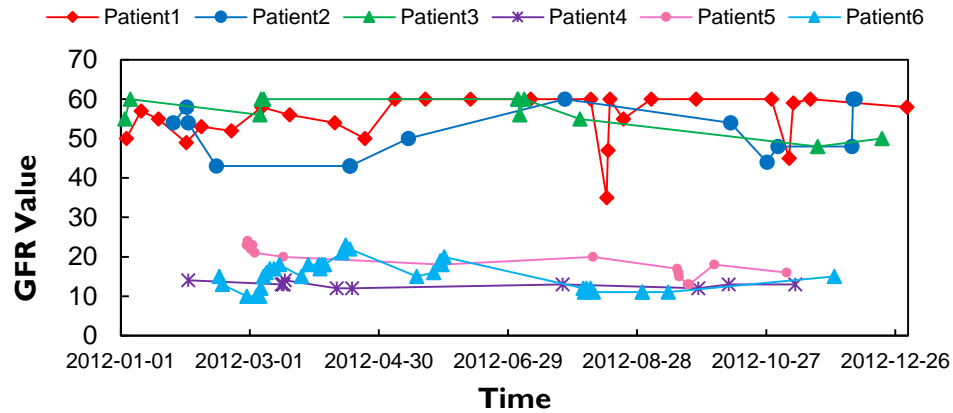


- Benefits for analytic tasks
  - In-hospital mortality prediction, Diagnosis by category prediction
  - Disease progression modelling

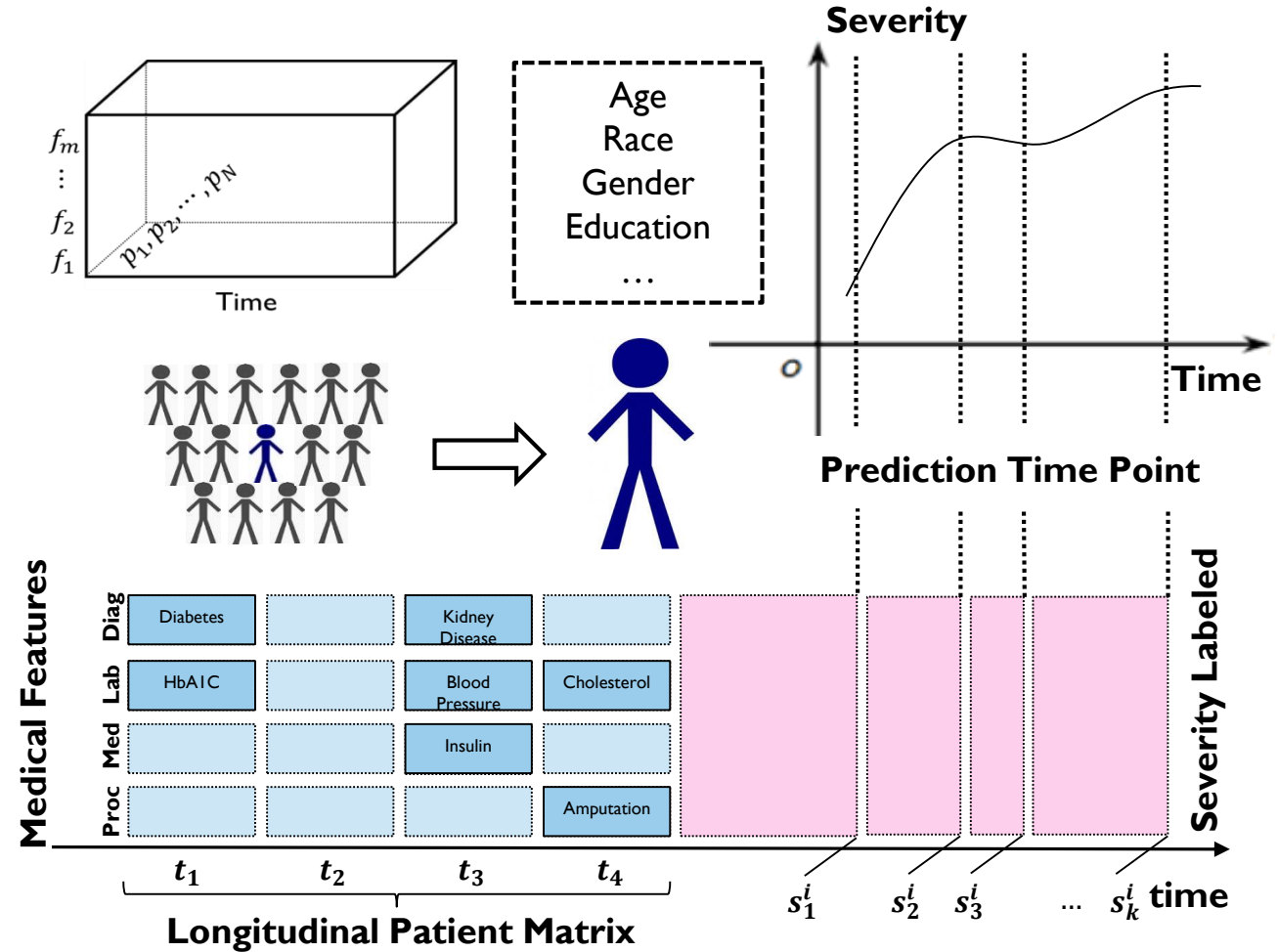
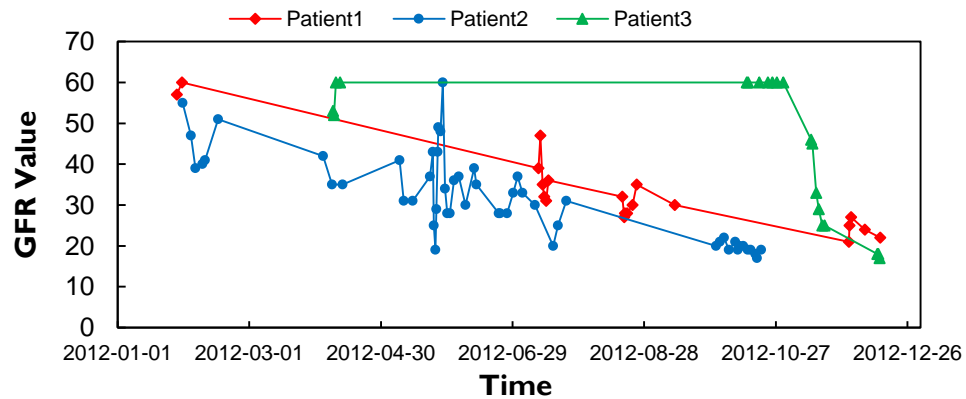


# Disease Progression Modeling

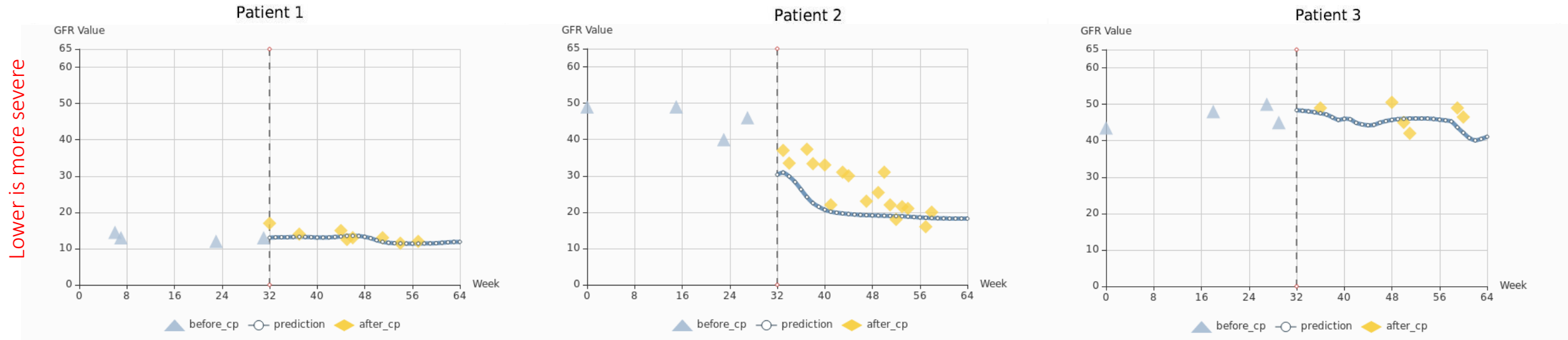
**Comparably Stable Progression Trajectory**



**Deteriorating Progression Trajectory**



# Advice to Doctors on Intervention



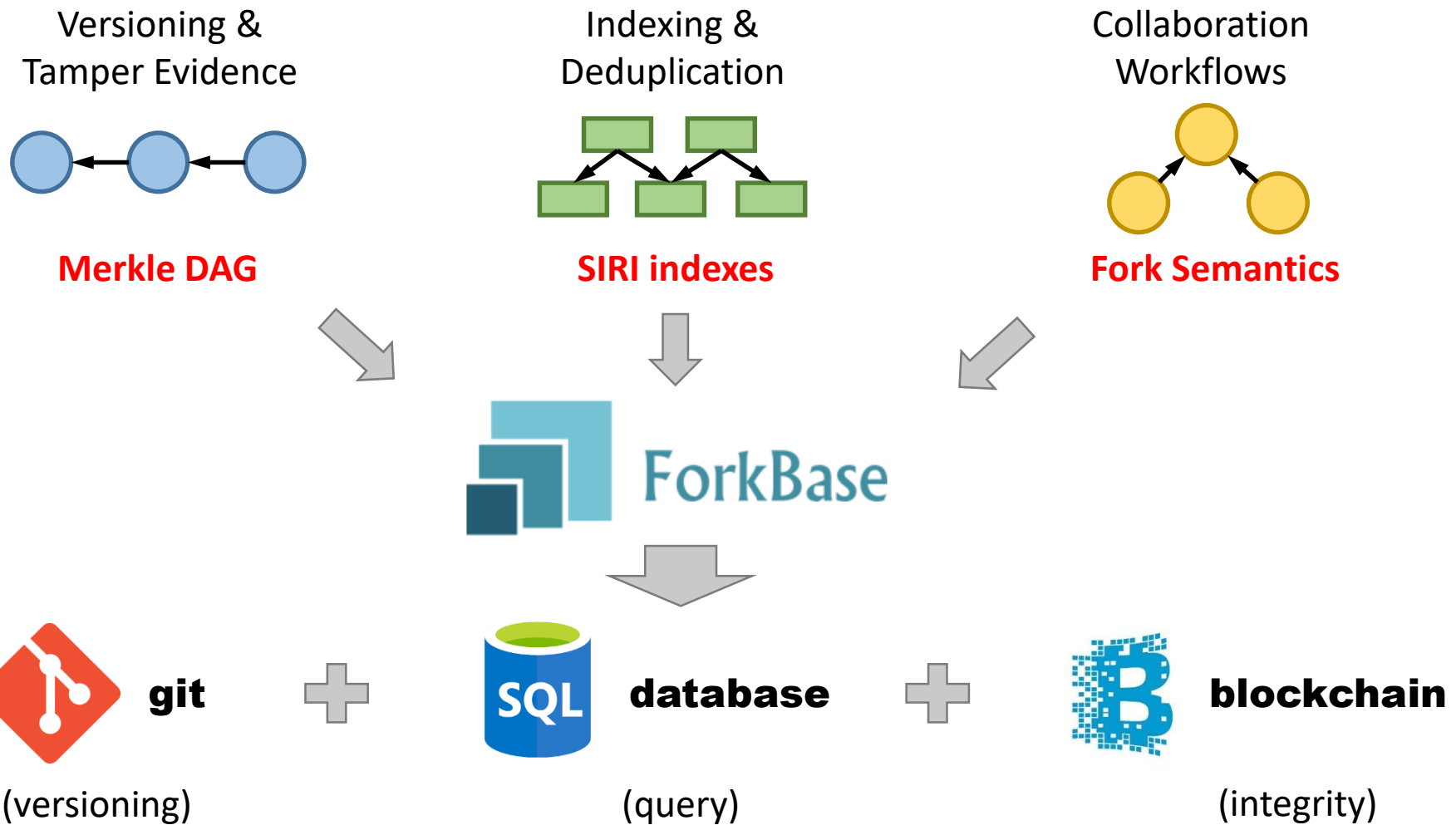
Powered by GEMINI

- Our model would suggest to guarantee the monitoring for Patient 1 → may need dialysis or kidney transplant
- Our model would suggest healthcare workers to provide more aggressive interventions to Patient 2 in advance
- Our model would suggest to guarantee the monitoring for Patient 3

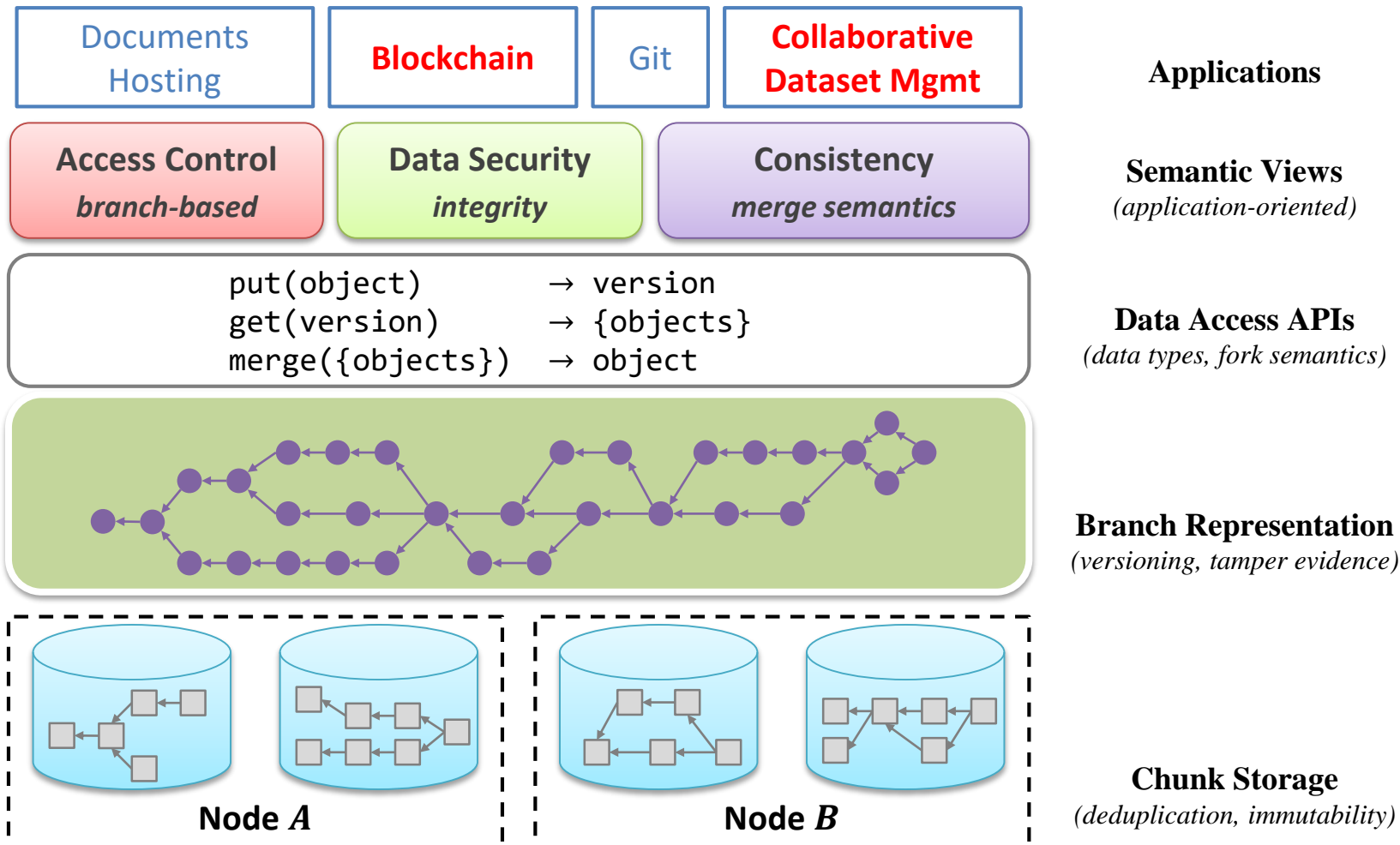
# Facilitating Data Sharing and Provenance

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# ForkBase Designs

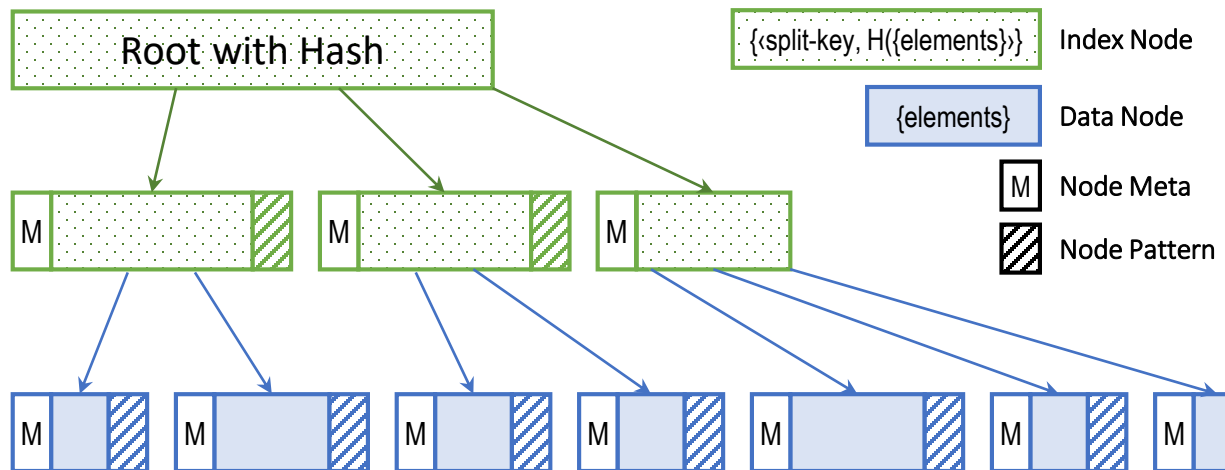


# ForkBase Storage Stack



# SIRI Indexes & POS-tree

- An Index Class: Structurally-Invariant Reusable Indexes
  - Structurally **Invariant**, Recursively **Identical**, Universally **Reusable** ...
- An Implementation: Pattern-Oriented-Split Tree



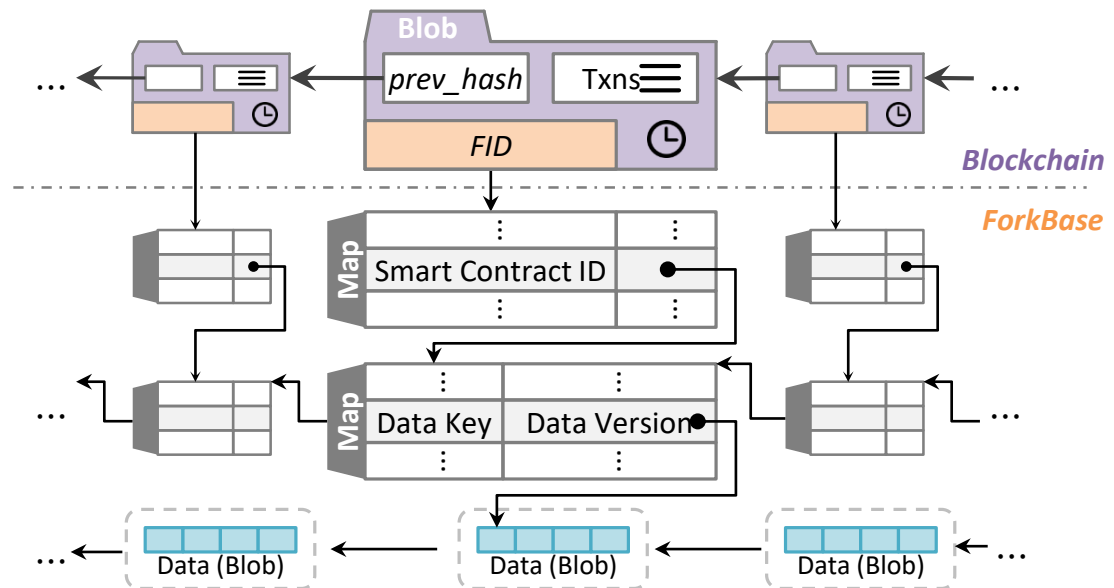
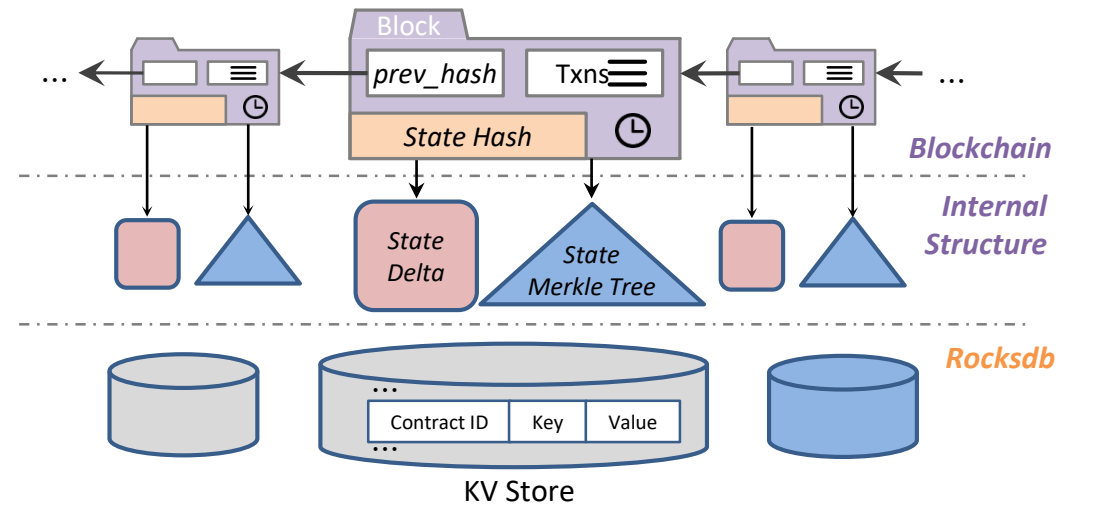
Content-determined Structure  
(-> Deduplication)

Native Merkle Tree  
(-> Tamper Evidence)

Probabilistically Balanced Tree  
(-> Query Efficiency)

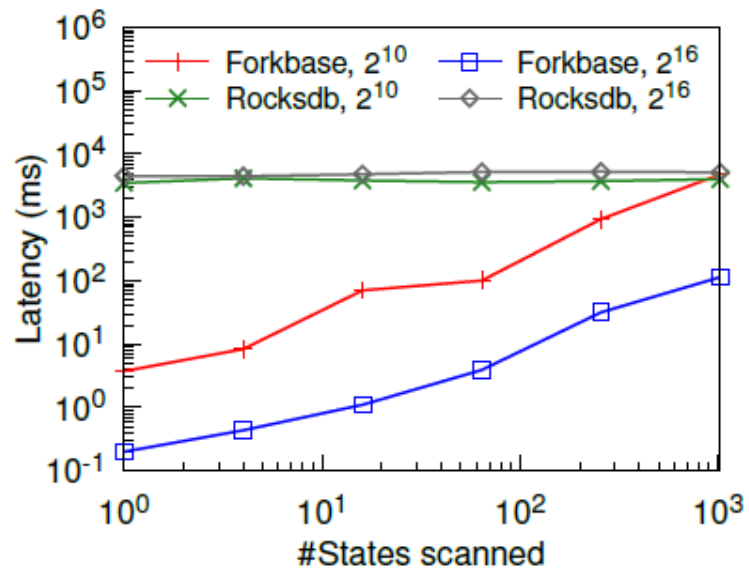
# Blockchain Data Model in ForkBase

- KV Store
  - Customized structures
    - Linked block
    - State Merkle tree
    - State delta
    - ...
  - **Hard to implement**
- ForkBase
  - Achieve with built-in types
    - UBlob
    - UMap
    - ...
  - **Easy to maintain**
    - 10+ lines for each structure

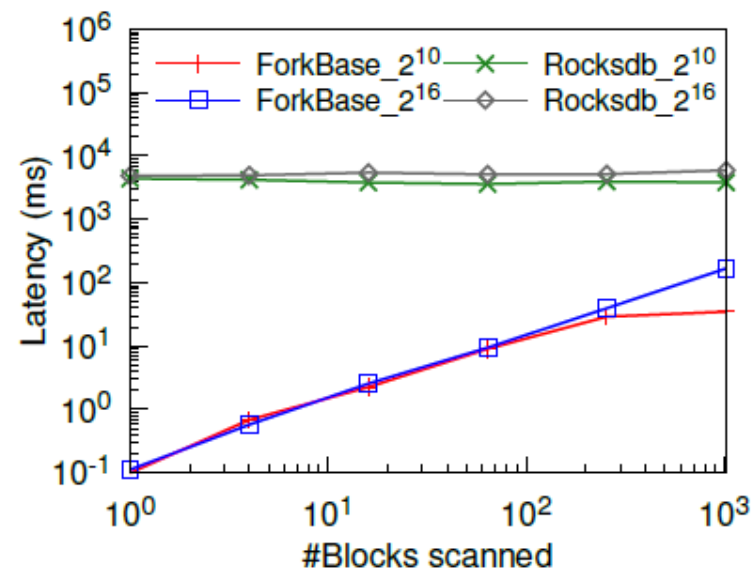


# Analytic-Ready Blockchain Backend

- Analytic on blockchain is expensive
  - Need to scan whole block history to extract information
- Built-in data types in ForkBase to support fast analytics



State Scan Query



Block Scan Query



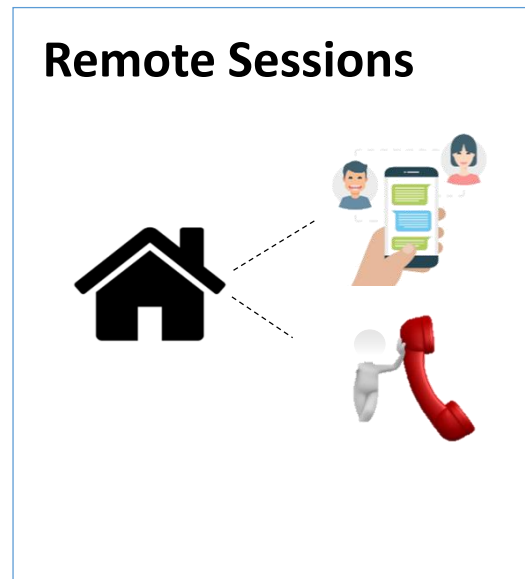


# Lifestyle InterVENTion Programme ( LIVEN )

The effect of a behaviour-based lifestyle change program using combined face and remote sessions on weight, diet intake and physical activity level in people at-risk of diabetes: a Randomised Controlled Trial



## Diabetes Prevention Programme



# Effecting Behavioral Change

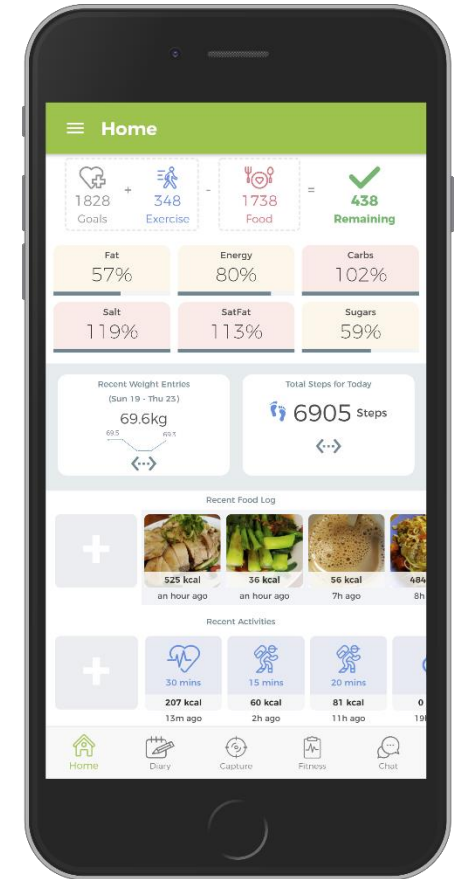


- Quick and Easy way to record dietary intake
- A deep learning image-based food recognition for a faster, closest food match and handy recording

- Self-monitoring with pre-set goals and intuitive nutrition information
- Peer-to peer monitoring of dietary and physical activity goals
- Daily and weekly reports of progress

- Remote monitoring by healthcare professionals for timely and meaningful feedback

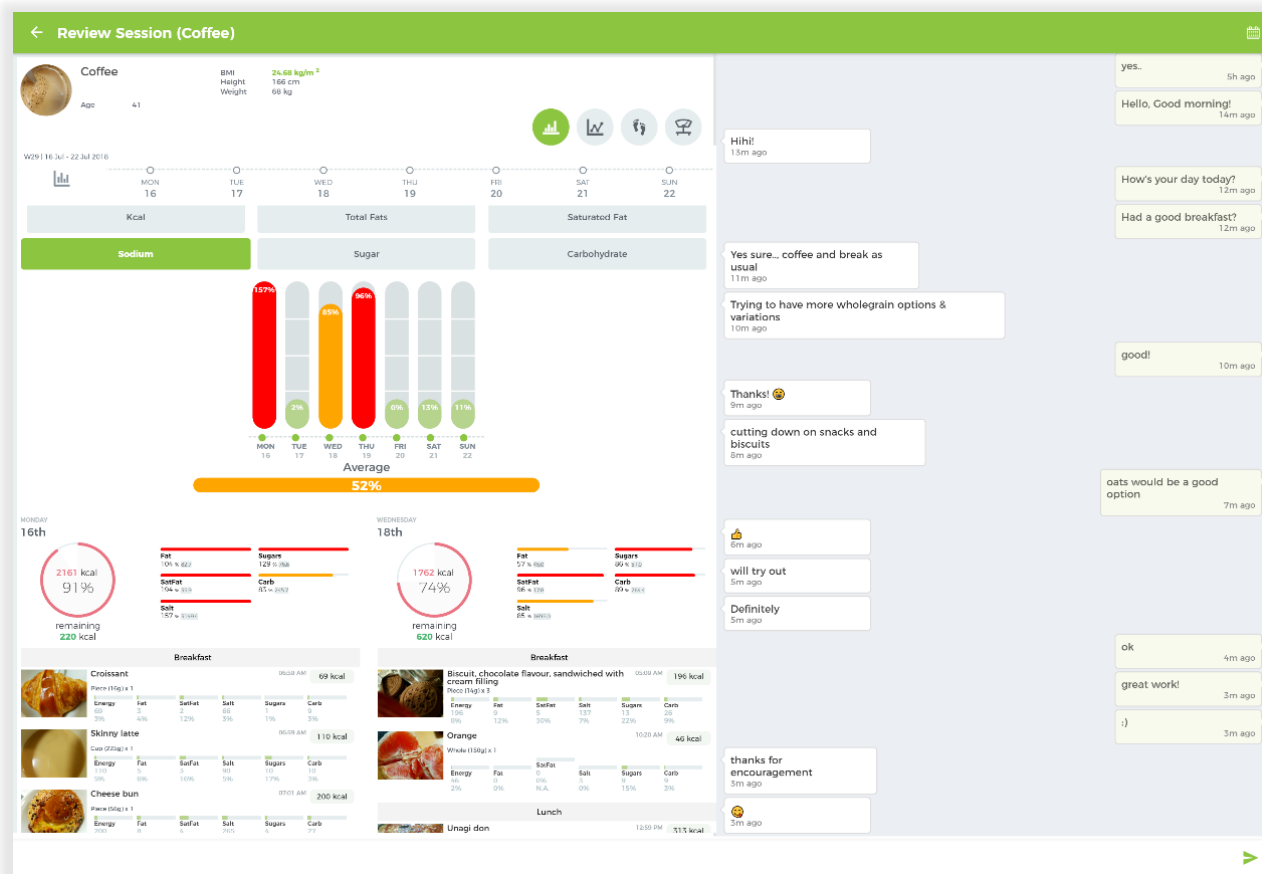
# Diabetes Prevention



**Healthy Diet + Exercise**

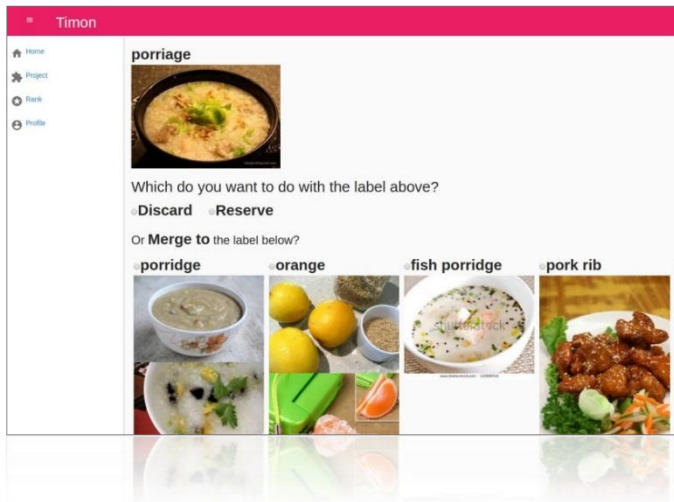
# Administrator/Dietician Portal

- Dietary Review + Chat
  - Review user's weekly meal (photo) history



**Realtime Chat with Dietician provides instant feedback to users**

# Foodhealth/Foodlg



## STEP 1

Collect training images from heterogeneous sources and label them via crowdsourcing

**Off-line**



## STEP 2

Train deep learning models for food recognition



## STEP 3

Food recognition and health analysis using images and other information from the Foodlg app

**On-line**



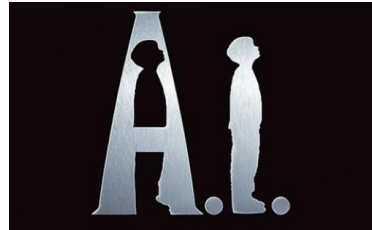
M E D I L O T

# Personalizing and Decentralizing Healthcare



# AI + BlockChain + Cloud + big Data

Analytics/  
DataScience



Objectives:

1. Transparency
2. Accountability
3. Auditability
4. Governance
5. Security
6. ...

BigData/  
DBMS





# BlockChain enabled Healthcare

- BlockChain (BC) acts as a tamper-evident storage for archiving Healthcare Records from different healthcare providers
- BlockChain acts a “Central Healthcare Record Repository”
- It enables Data Provenance, Data Analytics, and Medical-care everywhere based on patient’s preference
- It may help transform Healthcare management and research



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# The MediLOT Solution



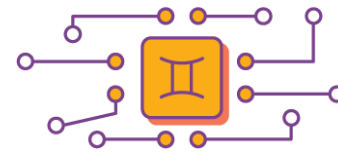
## 1. Holistic

Every patient will have a complete longitudinal health record: their own health story that they can access at any institution



## 2. Patient-centric

The patient holds his/her own private key and has fine control over who can view their medical records



## 3. Personalised

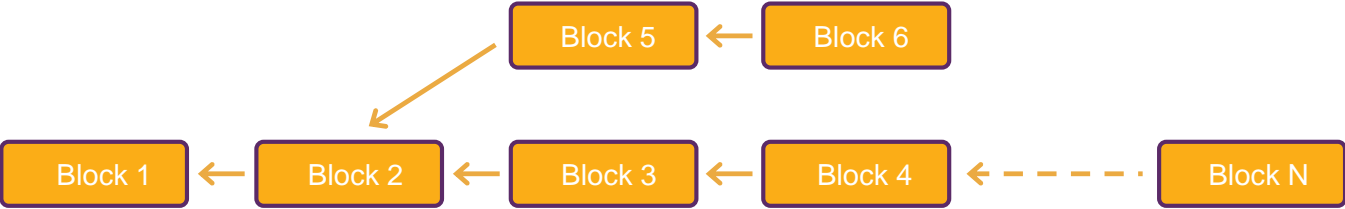
Using an advanced analytics overlay (**GEMINI**), MediLOT facilitates personalised treatment strategies



## 4. Decentralised

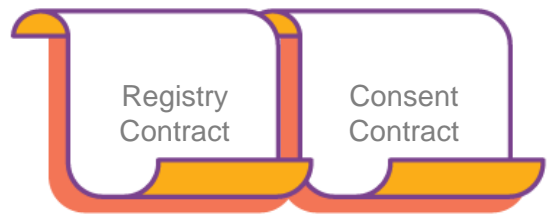
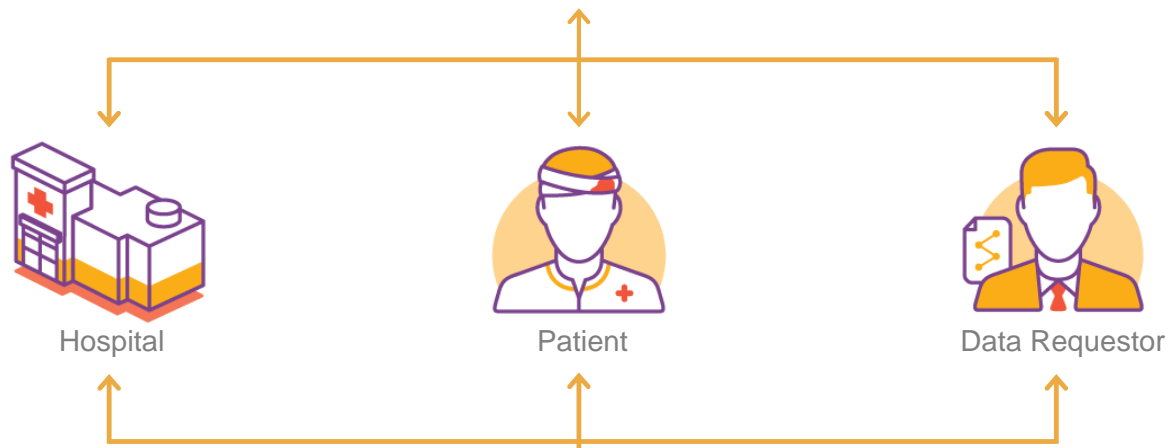
Patients' data is stored in different locations, eliminating the risk of a single catastrophic breach

# Dual BlockChain Schema



## Public (Ethereum)

Allows for transfer and crediting of ERC20 LOT tokens (MediLOT utility token)



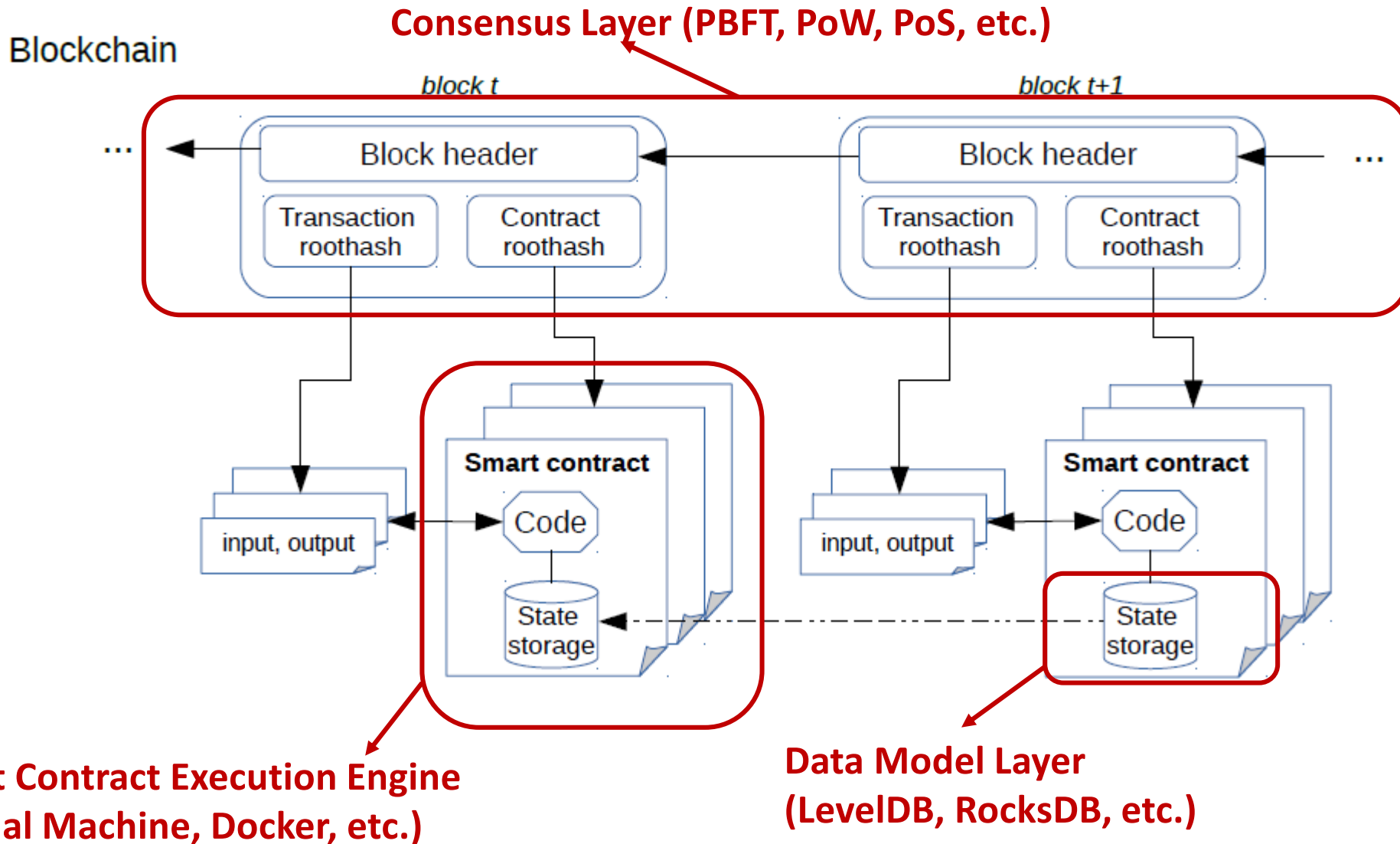
## Permissioned (Hyperledger++)

Responsible for aggregation of patient EHR



Who will Pay?

# On-Chain Scalability



# MediLOT's Technologies

## Dual Blockchain

### Ethereum & Hyperledger++

- Enhanced Hyperledger with scalable consensus and sharding
- Throughput up by **15x**



## Analytics

### GEMINI

The underlying healthcare suite that supports big data analytics and personalised medicine

## Data Storage

### ForkBase

Proprietary storage with rich semantics, immutability and data sharing, Blockchain optimised native storage system



# Conclusions

- Healthcare is a complex but impactful/meaningful Application
  - Domain Knowledge
  - Verification and Validation – a tedious process
- A good (example) application that calls for better integration of AI/ML and Database technologies, and possibly Blockchain technologies
- We have addressed some of the challenges, and have implemented:
  - GEMINI (DICE, CDAS, epiC, Apache SINGA, ForkBase) is being used by 2 major hospitals in Singapore
  - Foodhealth (foodlg) is used by 3 hospitals in Singapore
  - MediLOT is in testnet phase and used by hospitals in China
- Objectives:
  - To predict, prevent/pre-empt, personalize for more effective healthcare
- Be Good. If you can't, be Safe. Live well ...

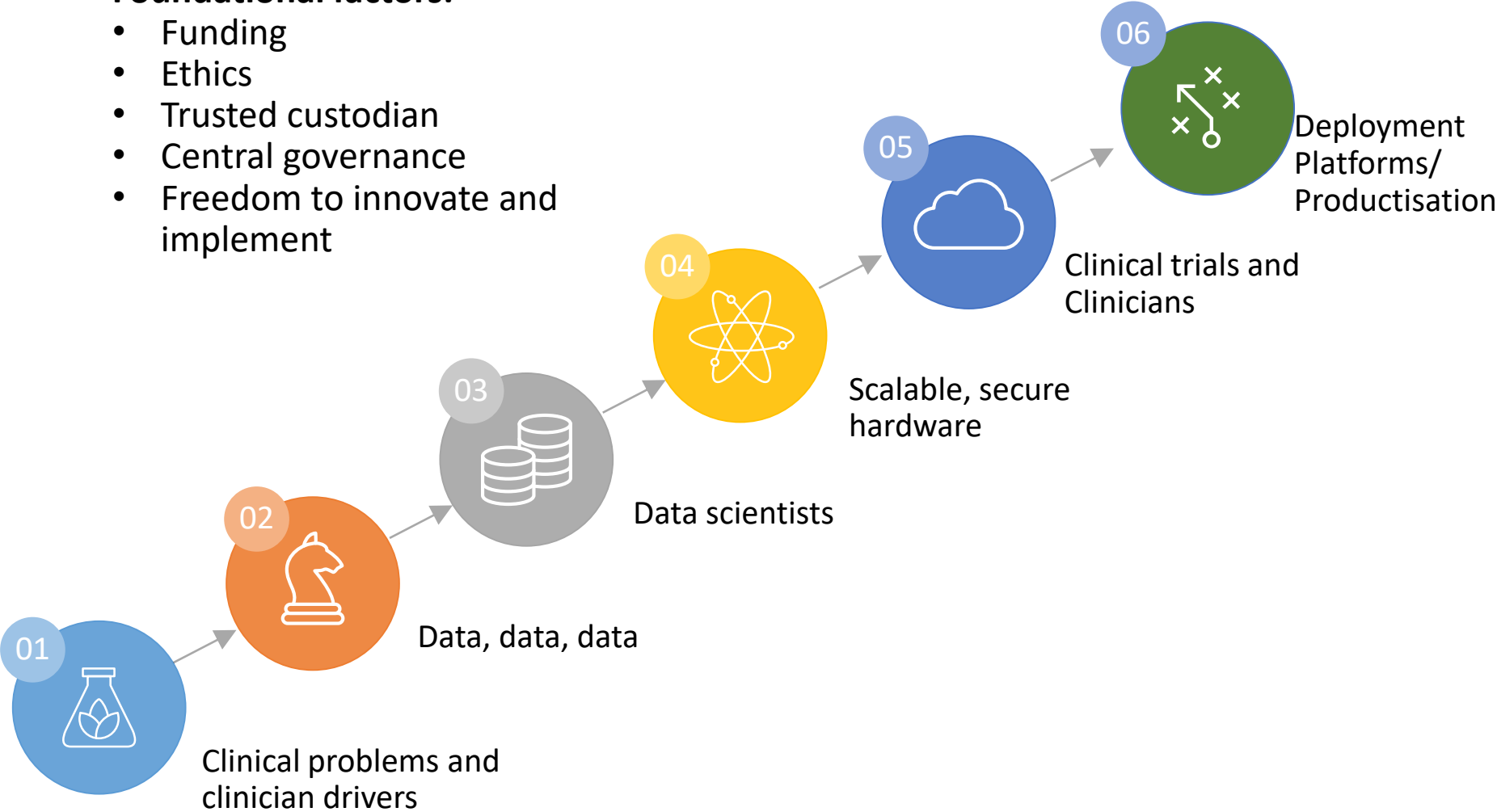
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# Healthcare AI Success Factors

**Foundational factors:**

- Funding
- Ethics
- Trusted custodian
- Central governance
- Freedom to innovate and implement







Thanks!

