

# Tufts Clinical and Translational Science Institute

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## Translational Research Day 2017: Sensors, Devices, and Biomarkers in Medicine



November 14, 2017

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# Welcome and Introduction

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**Harry Selker, MD, MSPH**

Dean and Principal Investigator  
Tufts CTSI

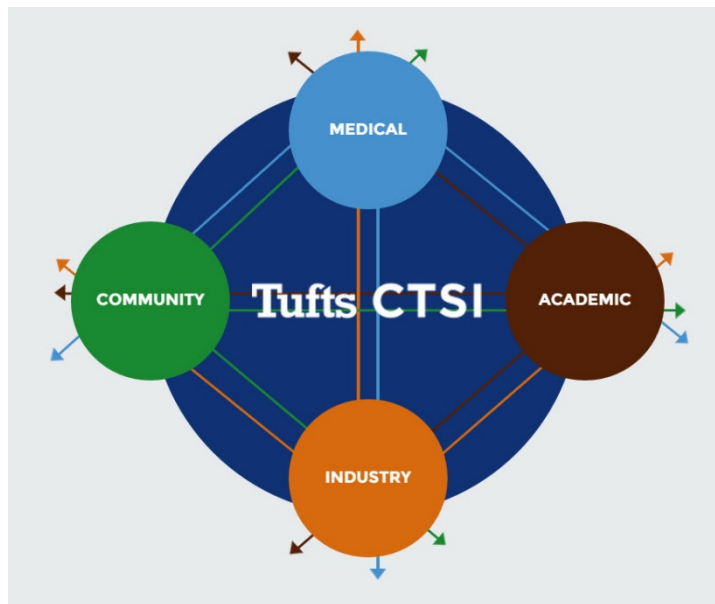


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# Tufts CTSI's Mission & Purpose

*Established in 2008 to translate research into better health*

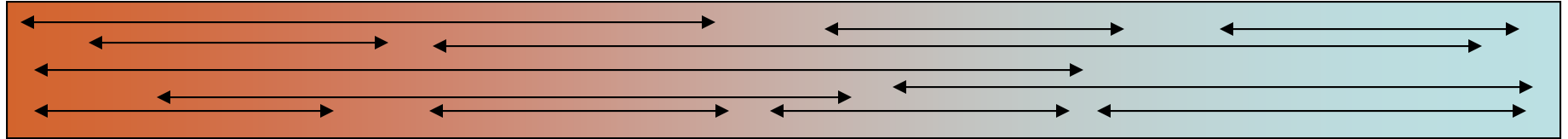


- Stimulate and expedite innovative clinical and translational research, with the goal of improving the public's health
- *Entire spectrum* of clinical and translational research is critical to meeting the promise and the public's needs of biomedical science

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# Spectrum of Translational Research



Bench to Bedside...    ...to Clinical Practice...    ...to Widespread Care Delivery...    ...to Health Policy

**T1**    ↔    **T2**    ↔    **T3**    ↔    **T4**

*Bench and animal research*

*Clinical testing and trials*

*Testing in practice settings*

*Healthcare system delivery*

*Public health and health policy*

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# Tufts Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI)

## Research Service Organizations

- Study Design & Analysis
- Clinical Study & Regulatory Support
- Informatics

## Conveners & Connectors

- Team Science
- Collaboration
- Multidisciplinary
- Stakeholder & Community-Engaged

## Change Agents

- Innovation & Transformation
- Science of Science
- Process Improvement
- Addressing Roadblocks

## Educator and Trainers

- Graduate Certificate, Masters, and PhD Programs
- Professional Development
- Fellowship and Career Development Programs

# Tufts CTSI Partners & Collaborators

## Tufts Schools & Centers

Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine  
Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy  
Friedman School of Nutrition Science & Policy  
Institute for Clinical Research & Health Policy Studies at Tufts Medical Center  
Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging  
Sackler School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences  
Schools of Arts & Sciences  
School of Dental Medicine  
School of Engineering  
School of Medicine  
Tisch College of Civic Life  
Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development

## Academic Partners

Brandeis University  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Northeastern University  
RAND Corporation

## Tufts-Affiliated Hospitals

Baystate Medical Center  
Lahey Hospital & Medical Center  
Maine Medical Center  
New England Baptist Hospital  
Newton-Wellesley Hospital  
St. Elizabeth's Medical Center  
Tufts Medical Center

## Industry/Non-Profit Partners

Baim Institute for Clinical Research  
Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA  
Eli Lilly and Company  
The Jackson Laboratory  
Pfizer, Inc.  
Tufts Health Plan

## Community-Based Partners

Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD)  
Asian Community Development Corporation  
Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence  
Asian Women for Health  
Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center  
Center for Information and Study on Clinical Research Participation (CISCRP)  
Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center  
Health Resources in Action  
Museum of Science, Boston  
New England Quality Care Alliance (NEQCA)

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# How Does Tufts CTSI Help Researchers?


- Consultations
- Connections to collaborators & research projects
- Research design & analysis
- Regulatory support
- Clinical studies & trials support
- Informatics tools
- Pilot Studies Awards
- Training & education opportunities
  - CTS Graduate Program
  - TL1 Fellowship Program
  - KL2 Scholarship Program
  - Professional Education

# For more information: [www.tuftsctsi.org](http://www.tuftsctsi.org)

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
## Accelerating translation of research into clinical use, medical practice, and health impact

- » Research Design & Analysis
- » Research Collaboration
- » Clinical Studies & Trials
- » Informatics
- » Professional Development
- » Pilot Studies Funding




### WANT HELP WITH YOUR RESEARCH?

Fill out a request and we will be in touch within two business days.



Daniel E. Welner  
MD, MS



Geneve M. Allison  
MD, MSc, FACP


[» SUBMIT A REQUEST](#)

### EVENTS

<b>DROP-IN SESSIONS</b> Sep 23 - 8:00AM	<b>Research Help Drop-in Session</b>
<b>DROP-IN SESSIONS</b> Sep 30 - 8:00AM	<b>Research Help Drop-in Session</b>
<b>DROP-IN SESSIONS</b> Oct 06 - 2:00PM	<b>Medford Office Hours</b>

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### NEWSFEED



#### Baystate Medical Center Scientists Launch Community-Engaged Research Study

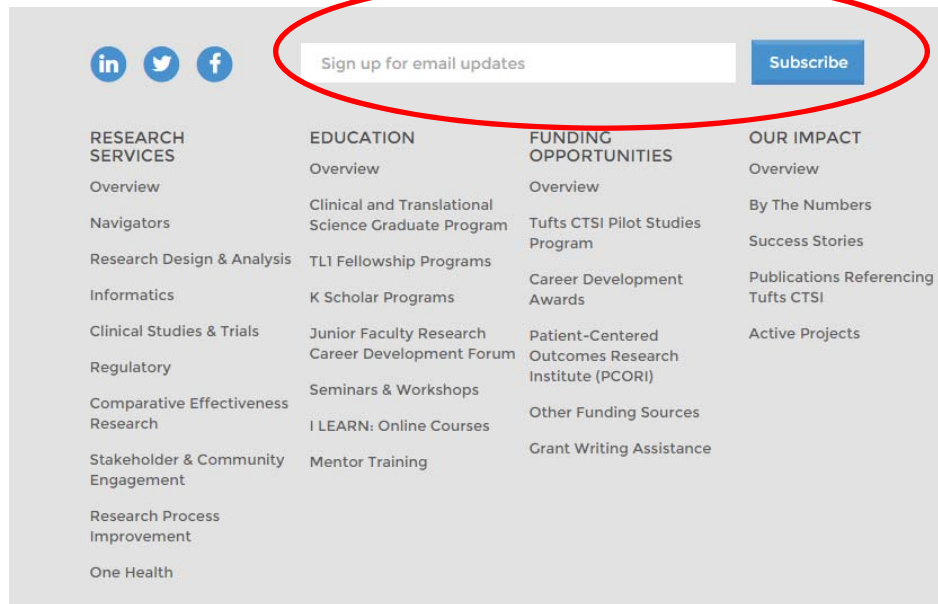
Sarah Coff, MD and her team at Baystate Medical Center recently received a Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) award for [More >](#)

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# Get Connected: CTSI Happenings

## Tufts | CTSI Tufts Clinical and Translational Science Institute HAPPENINGS



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RESEARCH SERVICES	EDUCATION	FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES	OUR IMPACT
Overview	Overview	Overview	Overview
Navigators	Clinical and Translational Science Graduate Program	Tufts CTSI Pilot Studies Program	By The Numbers
Research Design & Analysis	TL1 Fellowship Programs	Career Development Awards	Success Stories
Informatics	K Scholar Programs	Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)	Publications Referencing Tufts CTSI
Clinical Studies & Trials	Junior Faculty Research Career Development Forum	Other Funding Sources	Active Projects
Regulatory	Seminars & Workshops	Grant Writing Assistance	
Comparative Effectiveness Research	I LEARN: Online Courses		
Stakeholder & Community Engagement	Mentor Training		
Research Process Improvement			
One Health			

- Weekly e-newsletter with news, professional development and funding opportunities, resources, and success stories.
- Issued every Monday at 8AM
- Sign up on our website or at <http://eepurl.com/C4d9X>

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# Conference Objectives

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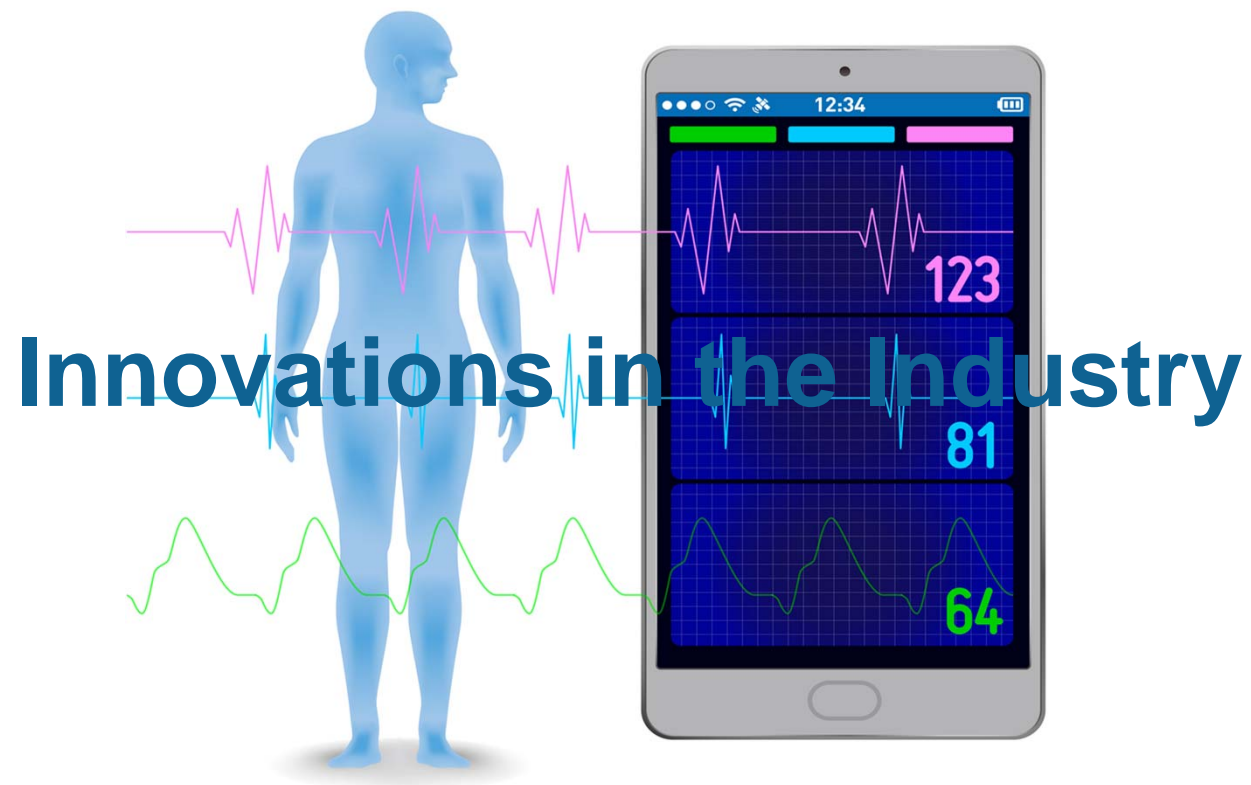
**Graham Jones, PhD**

Associate Director and Director of Research Collaborations  
Tufts CTSI



# Conference Objectives

- Recognize the different classifications of biomarkers and their potential in detecting early-stage disease and for personalizing interventions.
- Illustrate diverse approaches to advancing the capabilities of sensors and medical devices and their practical applications in improving health.
- Describe potential translational roadblocks in developing, testing, and using sensor- and device-based health prevention, detection, management, and intervention strategies.
- Identify Tufts CTSI resources and services that support team-based translational science.



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# Digital Monitoring Biomarkers Come of Age

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**Justin Wright, PhD**

Vice President, Drug Delivery Innovation  
Drug Delivery and Device R&D  
Eli Lilly and Company

# Improving the Assessment of Functional Change in CNS Clinical Trials

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**Joshua Cosman, PhD**

Project Lead, Pfizer Innovation Research Lab  
Early Clinical Development  
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# Improving the measurement of functional change in CNS clinical trials

Josh Cosman, PhD.

*Pfizer Innovation Research Lab / Digital Medicine*

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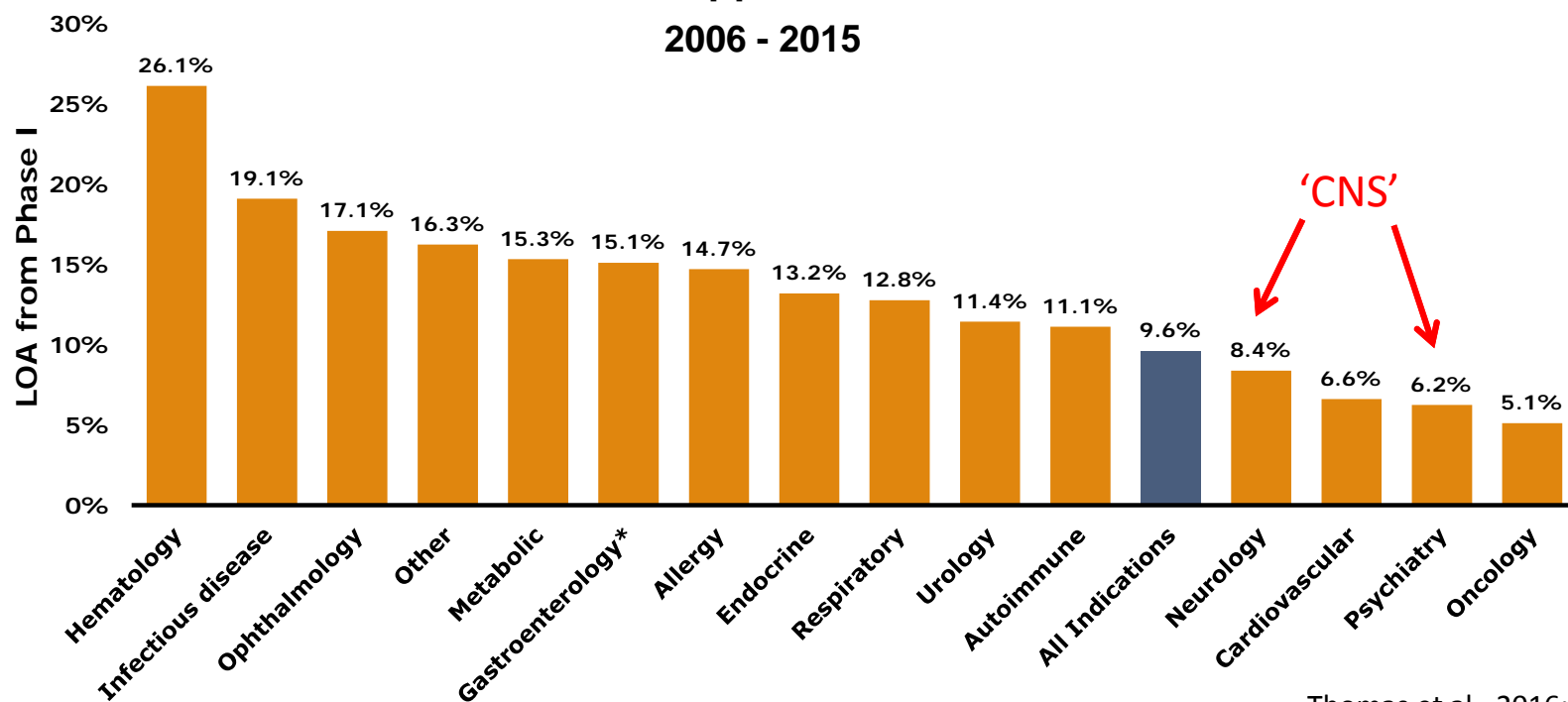


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## Likelihood of Approval from Phase I

2006 - 2015



Thomas et al., 2016; BIO

***One factor: Inability to robustly, reliably measure functional change***



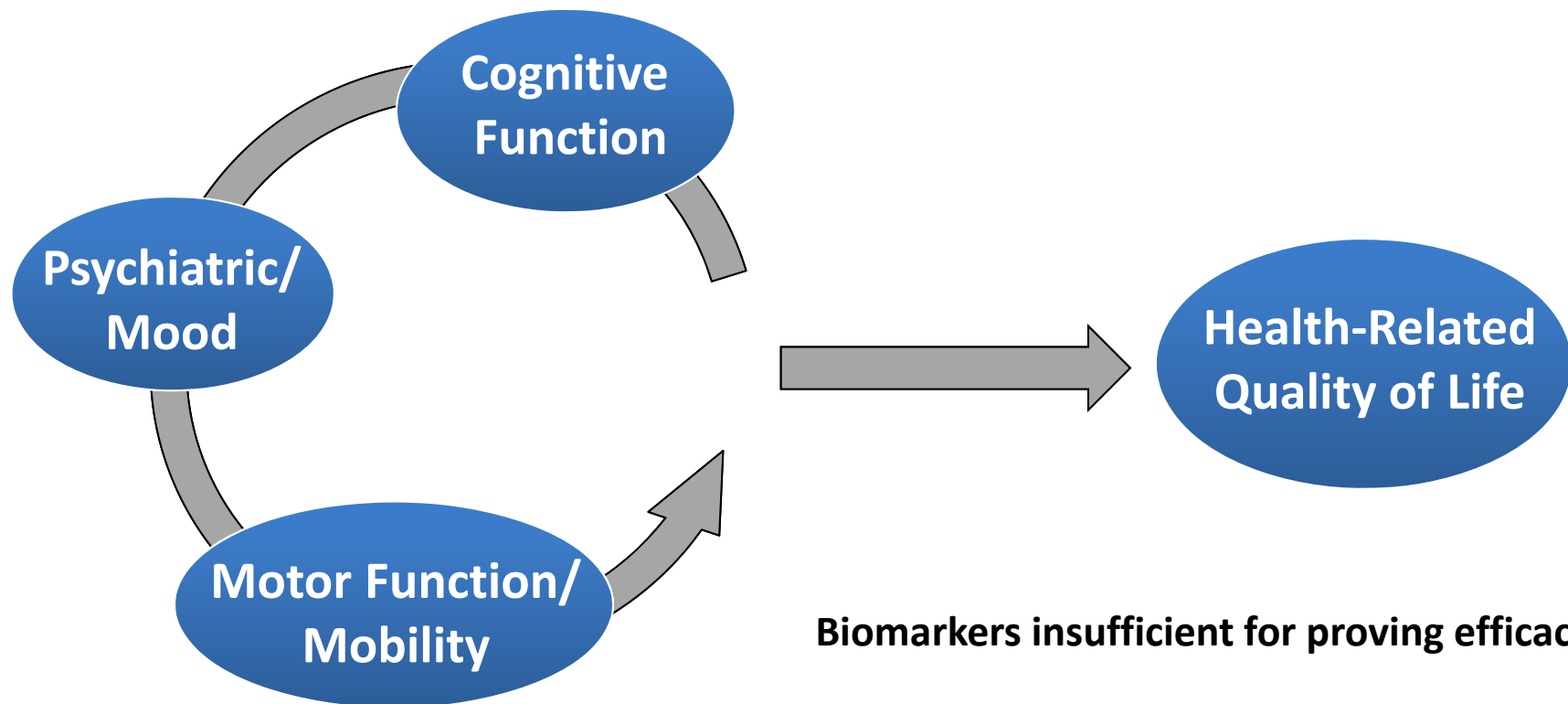
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# Functional Change

***Disease-related changes in CNS function that impact subjects' daily lives***



# A Case Study: Measuring Functional Change in Parkinson's Disease



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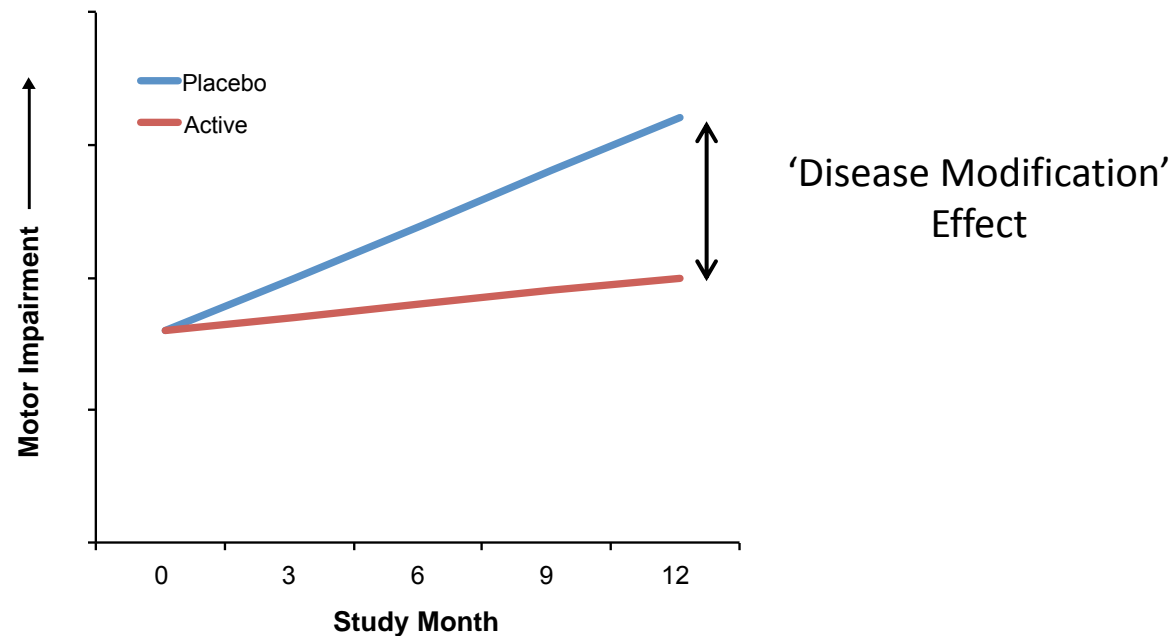
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# Disease modification in Parkinson's Disease (PD)

**Hypothesis:** Disease modifying treatments for Parkinson's Disease (PD) **slow the rate of disease progression**

To establish that a treatment alters the progression of Parkinson's disease, must observe  $\Delta$  in functional endpoint (Unified Parkinson's Disease Rating Scale; UPDRS)



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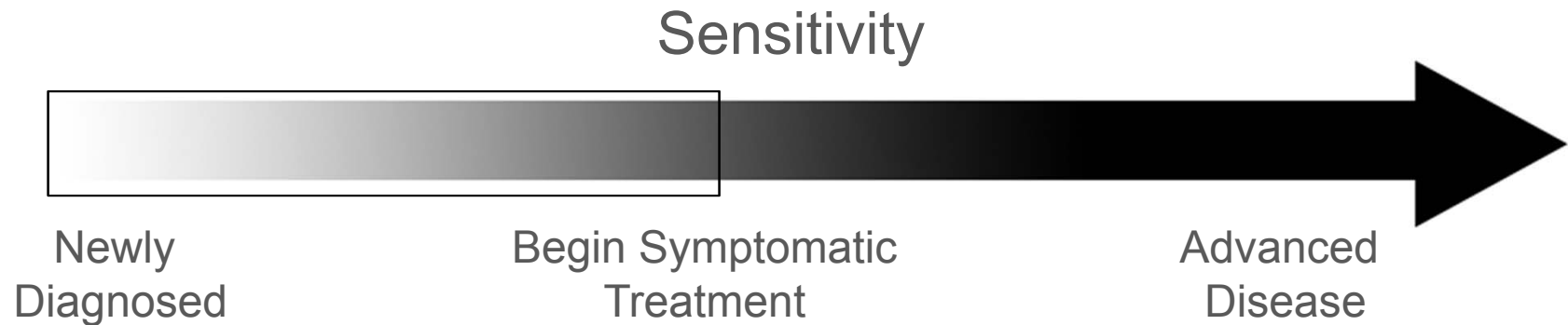
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# Detecting functional change in PD

Relative functional impairment



# Detecting functional change in PD



## Factors impeding detection in the 'gray zone'

- Poor tools – UPDRS relatively insensitive, subjective, prone to rater placebo effects in clinical trials
- Episodic measurement – inability to distinguish symptom fluctuation from progressive change

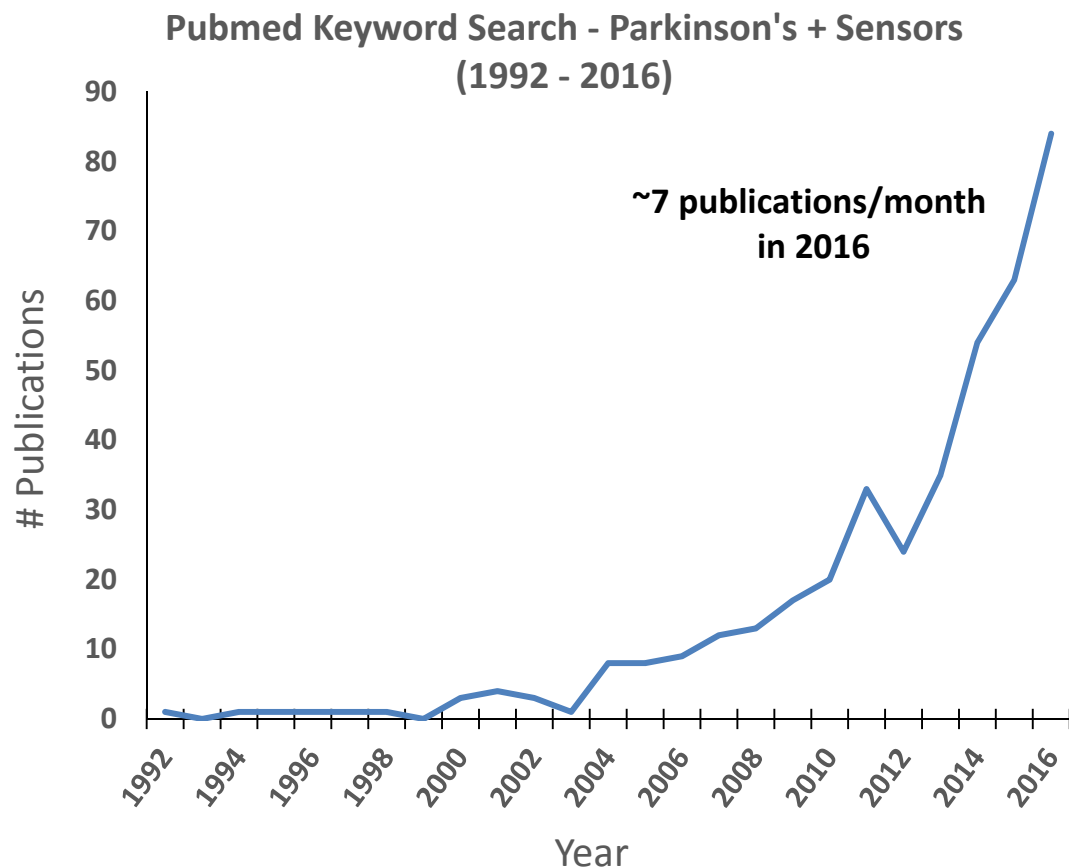
# Improving the ability to measure functional change in PD



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# Objective, sensor-based measures of motor impairment



**Tri-axial accelerometer, gyroscope, magnetometer for objective kinematic analysis**



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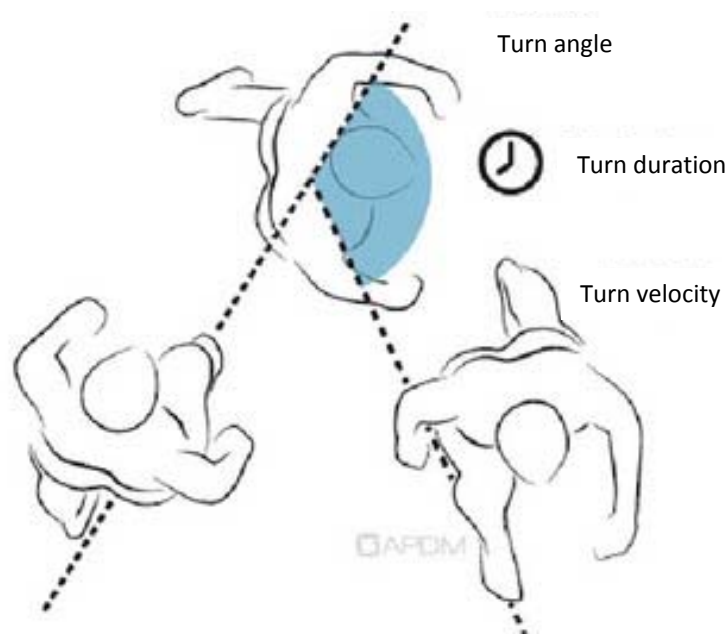
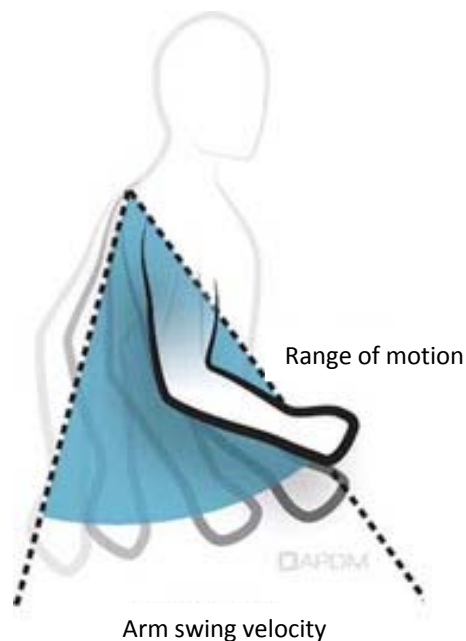
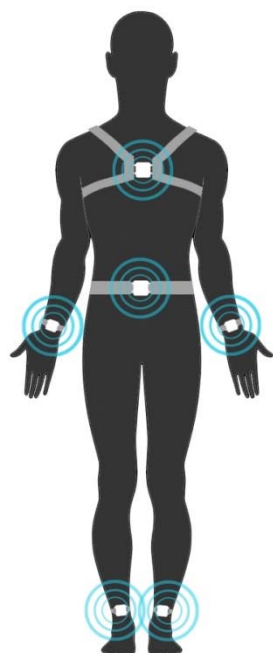
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# Objective, sensor-based measures of motor impairment



## Objective measurement of gait, balance, posture

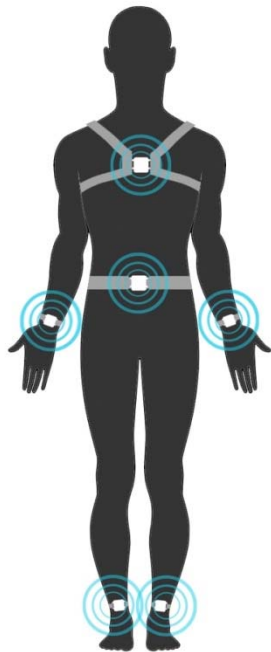


Mancini & Horak, 2015

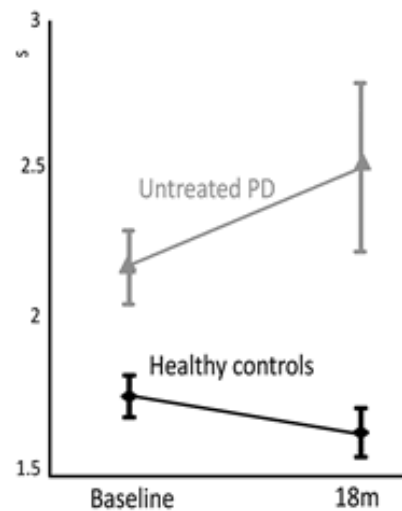
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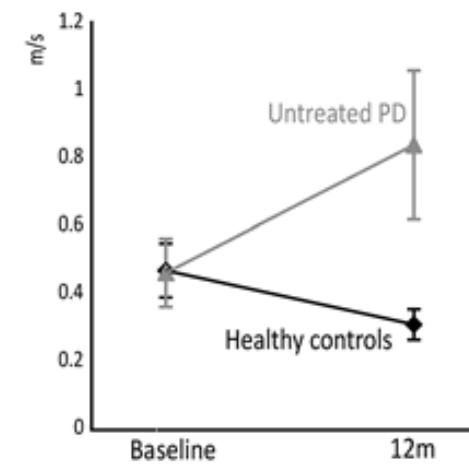
## Objective measurement of gait, balance, posture



Turning Duration



Sway Velocity



Mancini & Horak, 2015

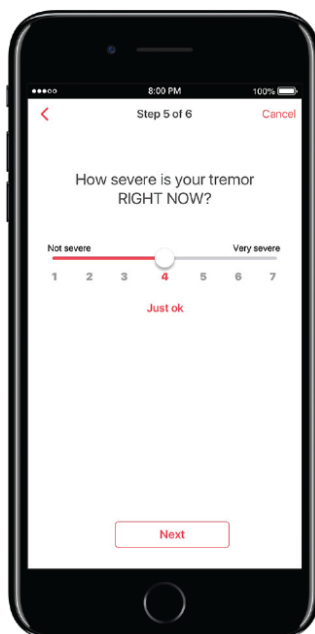
However, difficult to scale so limited uptake in large trials or home-based monitoring



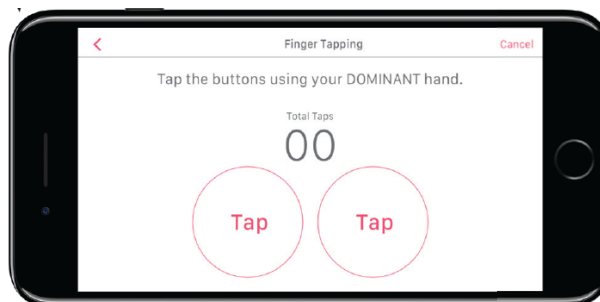
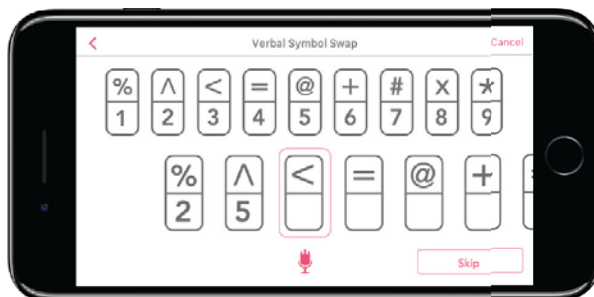
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# High-granularity symptom measurement via consumer devices

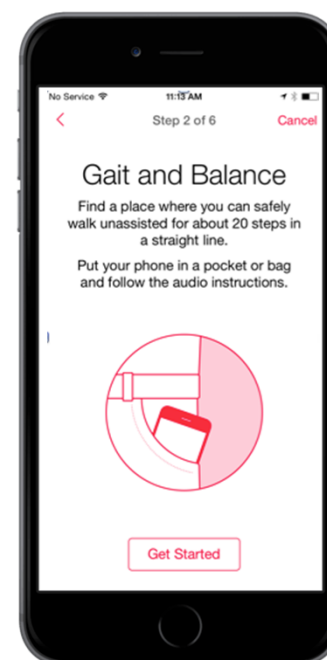
## Symptom PRO



## Cognitive/Psychomotor Tasks



## Instrumented Motor Tasks



**Active** completion of mobile assessments at regular intervals

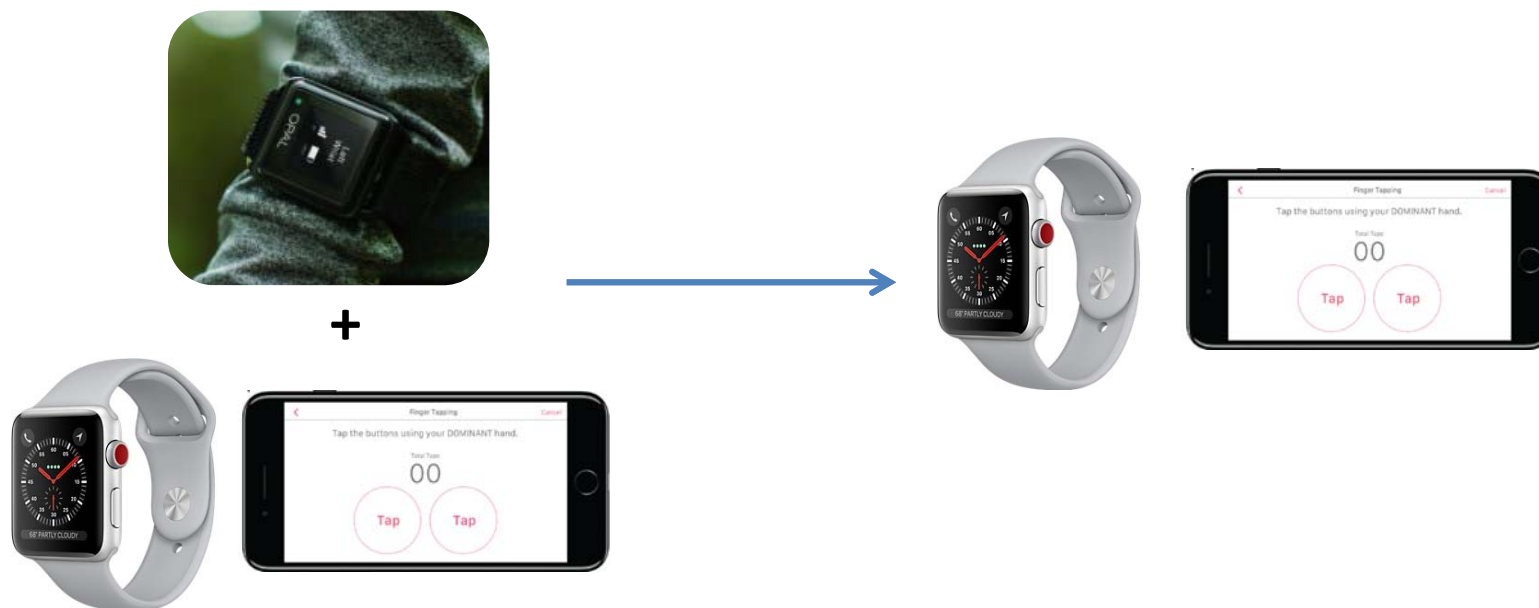
**Passive** collection of mobility and kinematic data throughout the day

Enable better separation of symptom fluctuation and progression



# Measurement across the development cycle

Increasing trial size and complexity →



***Bridge research and consumer devices to drive continuity across early and late-phase trials / boost ability to scale***

# Why aren't we there yet?

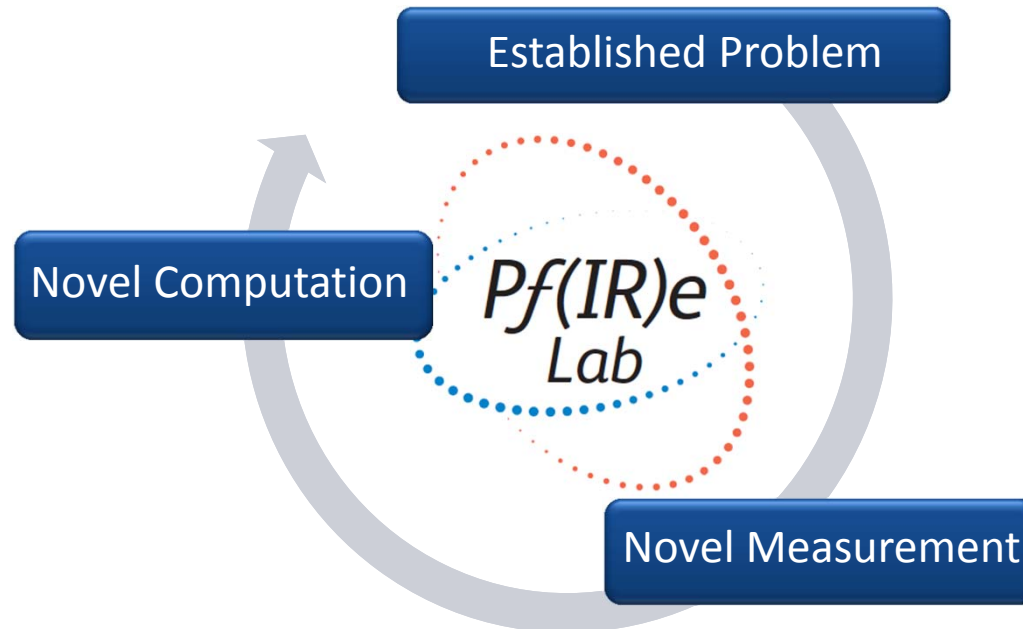
Pharma lacks infrastructure for iterative  
'experiment-driven' development



Lack of alignment between basic science  
and clinical development

*How is Pfizer addressing these issues?*

# Pfizer Innovation Research (PfIRe) Lab



- ***Clinic-focused correlate of preclinical biology lab***
- ***Multidisciplinary - expertise in neurology, systems neuroscience, psychiatry, biomedical engineering, data science, informatics***

# Pfizer Innovation Research (PfIRe) Lab - Mission

Provide space and infrastructure to run human subjects studies on-site that enable:

- Rapid evaluation/de-risking of novel tools and methodologies
- Deeper operational understanding of these tools
- Standardization of analytic approaches and data storage/handling
- Accelerated translation of technologies from academic labs to the clinical trial setting



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# Summary

Effectively transitioning from current clinical standards to novel functional assessment requires:

1. Focus on scalability
2. Ability to rapidly evaluate/iterate
3. Alignment with emerging technologies/approaches being employed in academia

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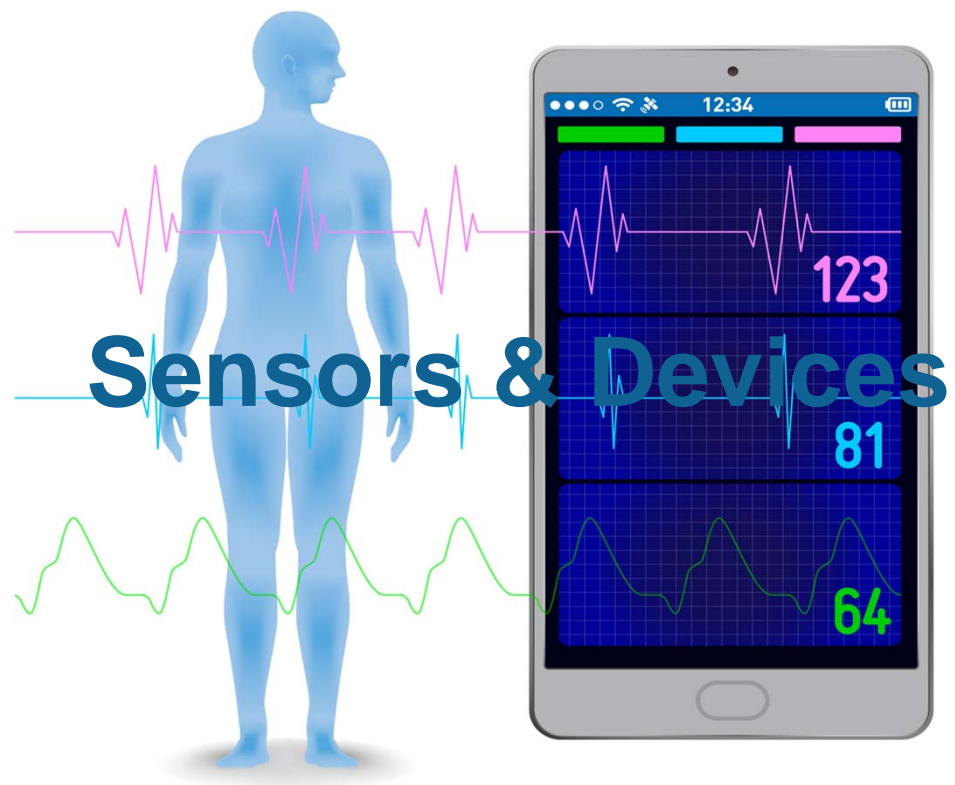
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# Innovations in the Industry

## Q&A

Justin Wright, PhD  
Joshua Cosman, PhD





# Smart Mechanical Support Devices for Cardiac Care

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Associate Professor, Department of Medicine  
Interventional Cardiology & Advanced Heart Failure Programs  
Executive Director, The Cardiovascular Center for Research & Innovation

# Mechanical Circulatory Support Devices for Cardiac Care: New Paradigms and Innovations

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# Relevant Disclosures

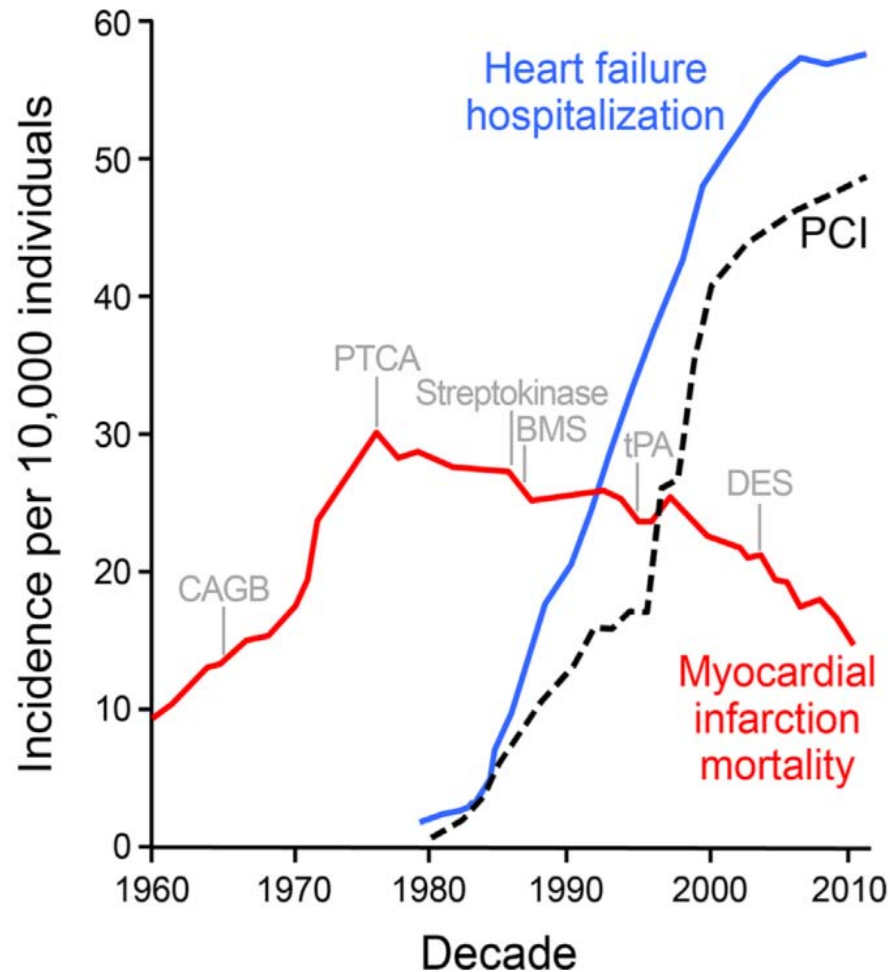
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Research Funding: Abiomed, Maquet, Cardiac Assist, Abbott, Boston Scientific

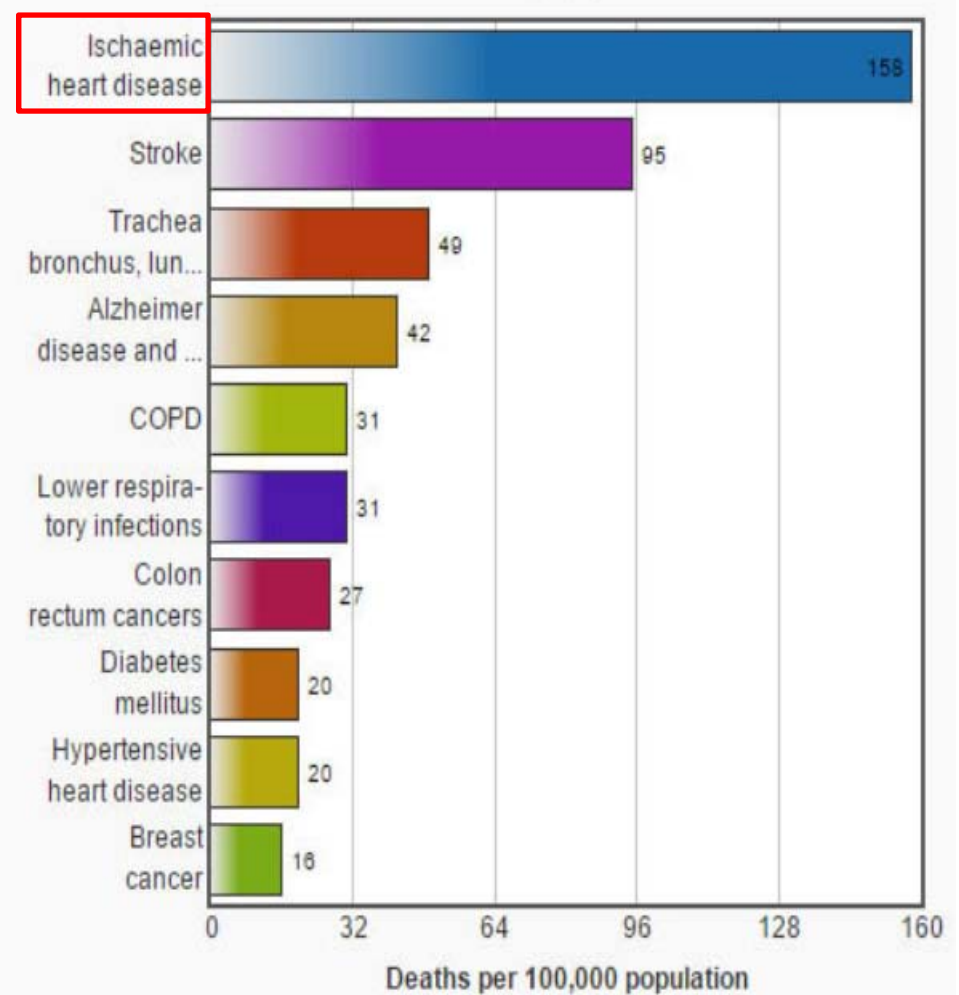
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# The Heart Failure Pandemic

From AMI to Ischemic Heart Failure

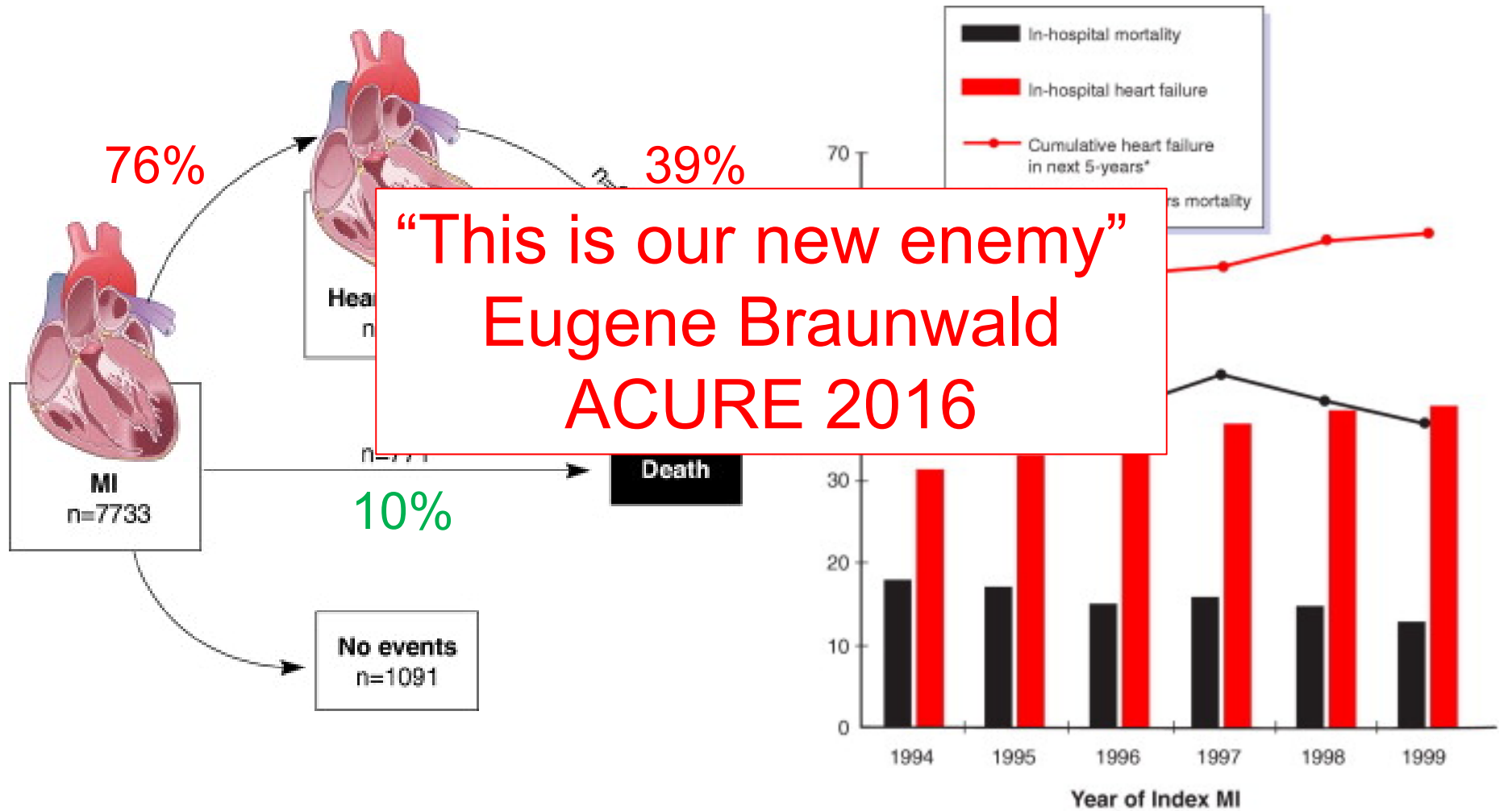


Top 10 Causes of Death Worldwide



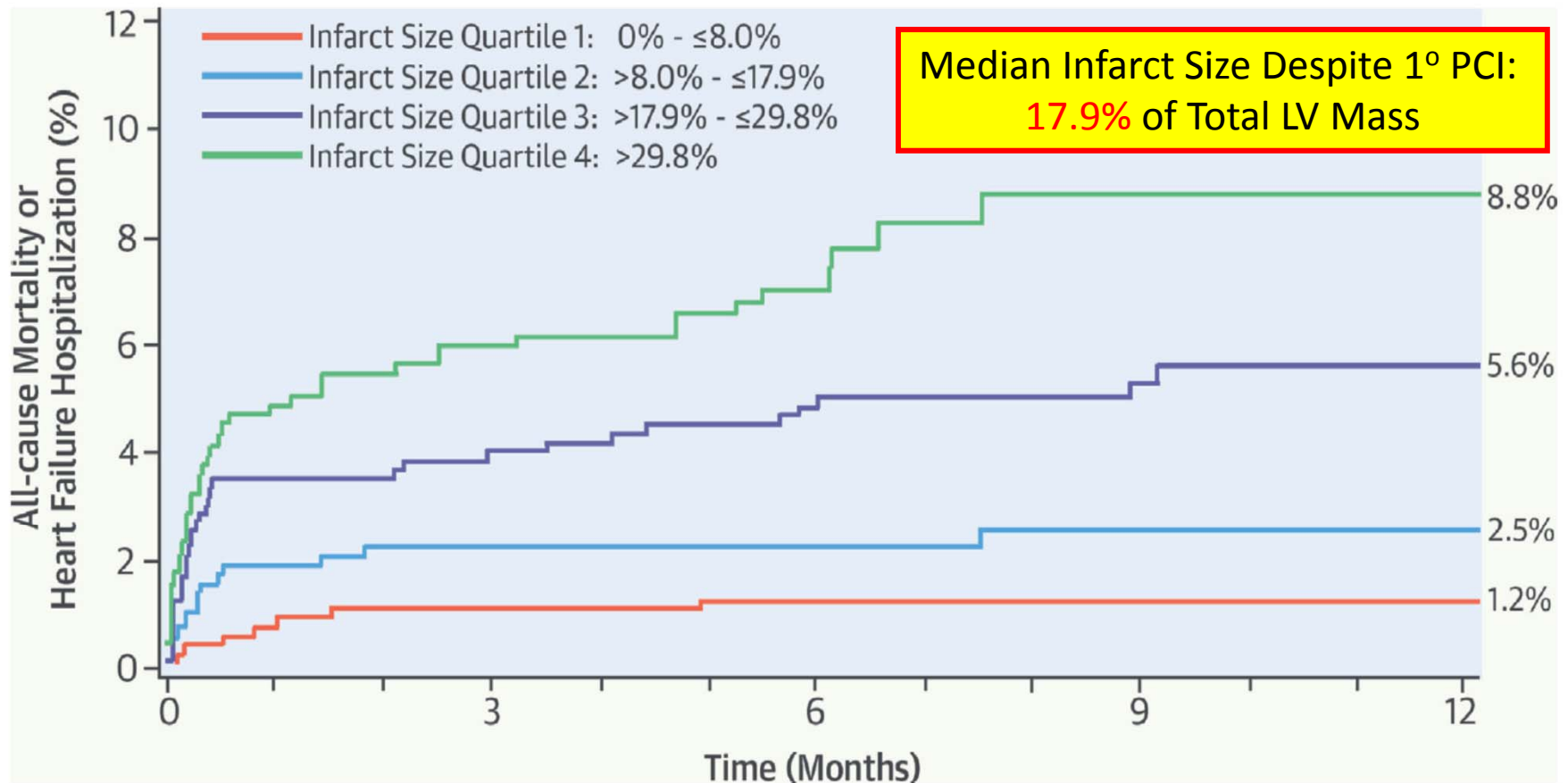
# Heart Attacks Lead to Heart Failure

75% of AMI Patients Treated with Primary Reperfusion  
Develop Heart Failure Within 5 years



**“This is our new enemy”  
Eugene Braunwald  
ACURE 2016**

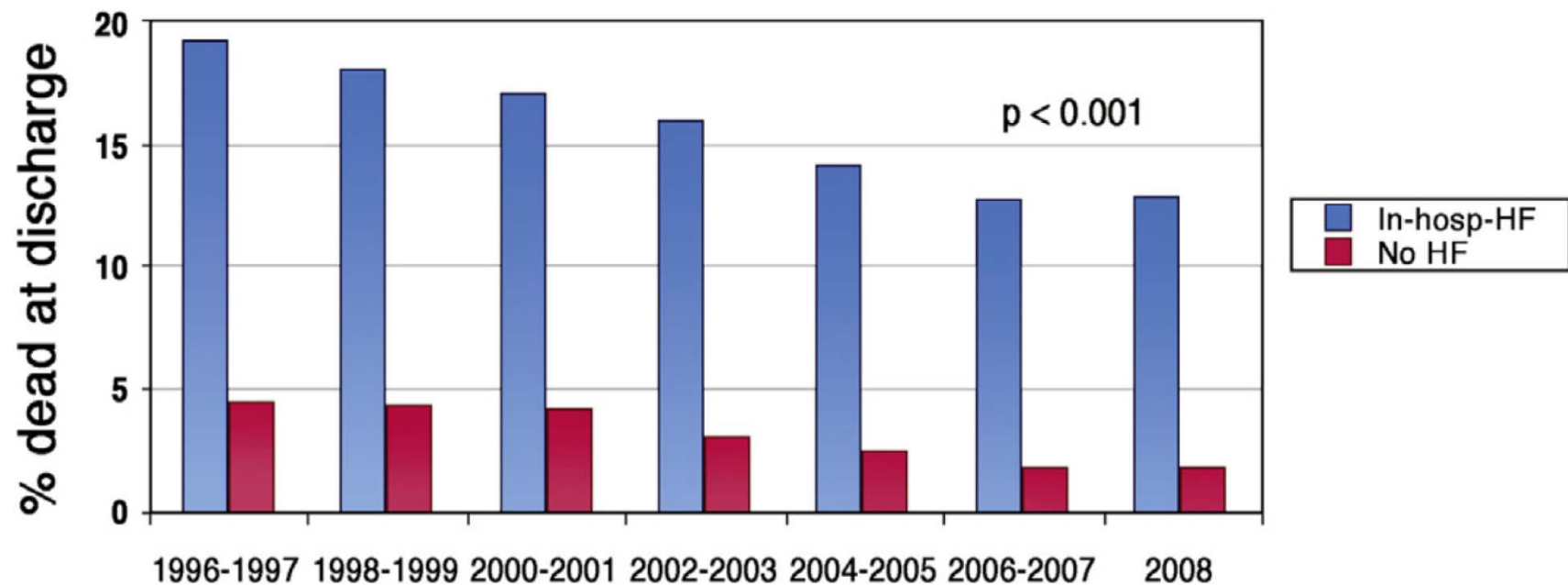
# Myocardial Infarct Size: An Important Target of Therapy



A recent analysis of >2600 patients treated with **Primary Reperfusion** identified that for every 5% increase in myocardial infarct size 1-year all-cause mortality increases by 19% and HF hospitalization by 20%.

# Limiting Acute Heart Failure After Acute MI: An Important Target of Therapy

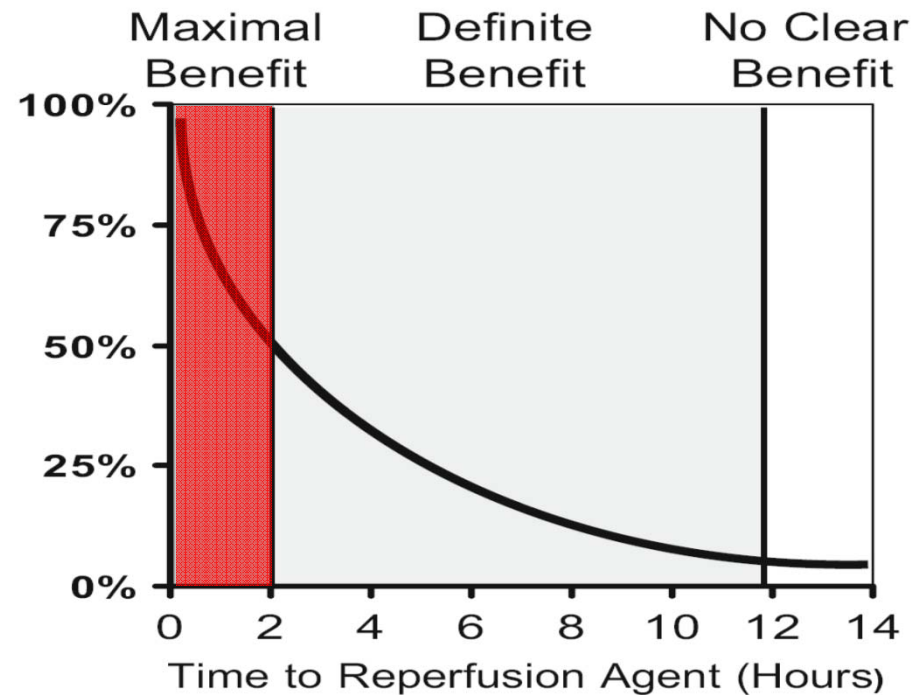
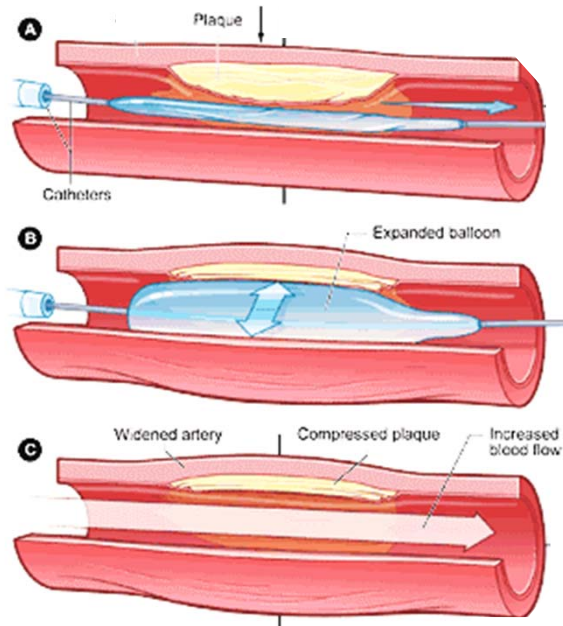
**FIGURE 1** In-Hospital Mortality Rate Trends in Patients With and Without Clinical HF During Hospitalization for an Index AMI



Patients who develop in-hospital heart failure after acute myocardial infarction (STEMI or NSTEMI) experience higher rates of in-hospital mortality compared to patients with AMI and without heart failure.

# Current Paradigm Focuses on **Primary Reperfusion** to Limit Myocardial Infarct Size

Door to Balloon Angioplasty (DTB)



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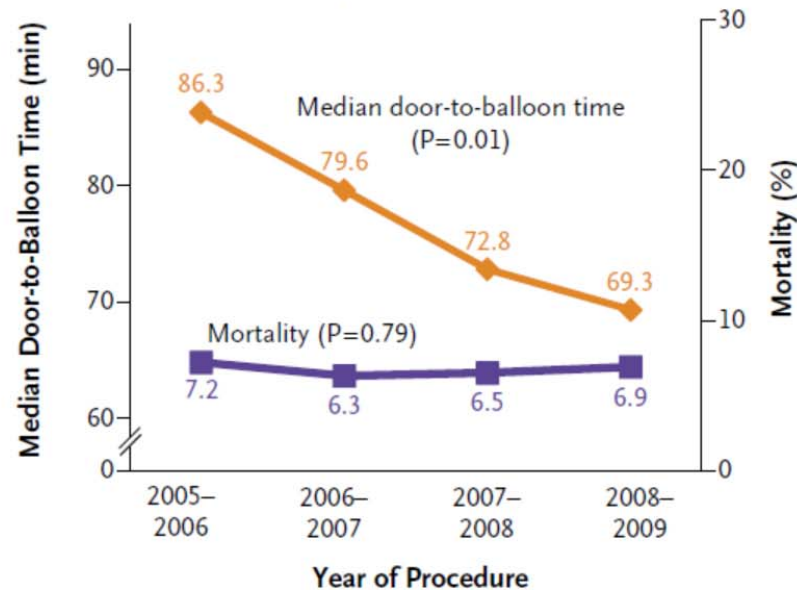
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Myocardial Perfusion



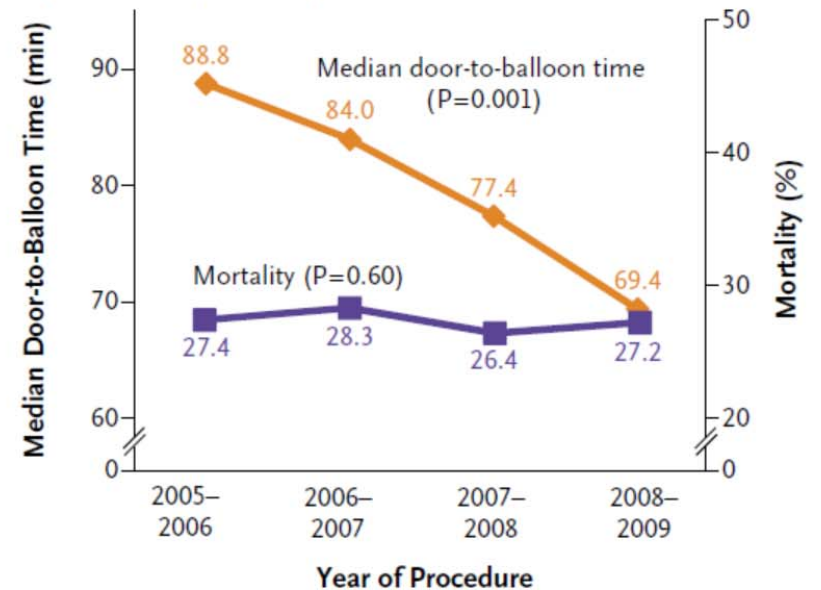
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**C Anterior Myocardial Infarction (N=18,709)**



No. of Patients					
Anterior myocardial infarction		3741	4680	5044	5244
Deaths		268	294	327	361

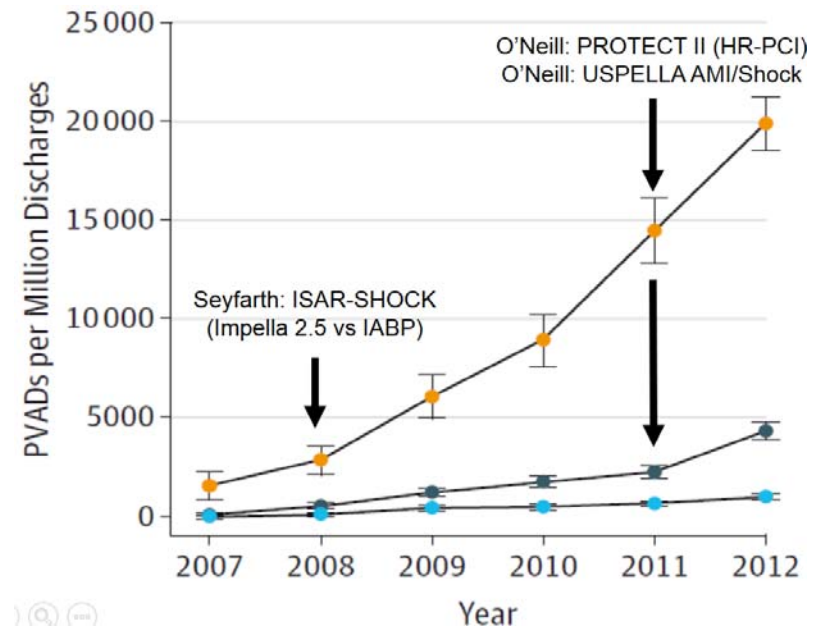
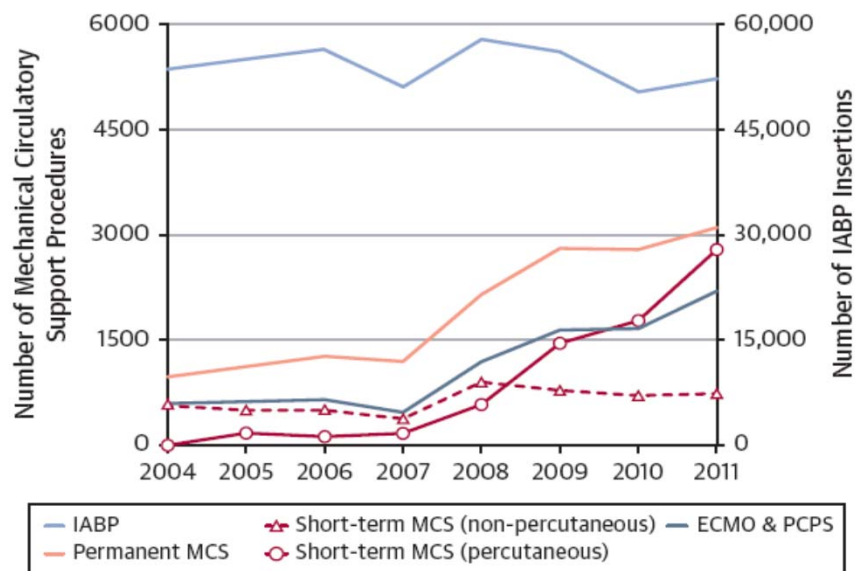
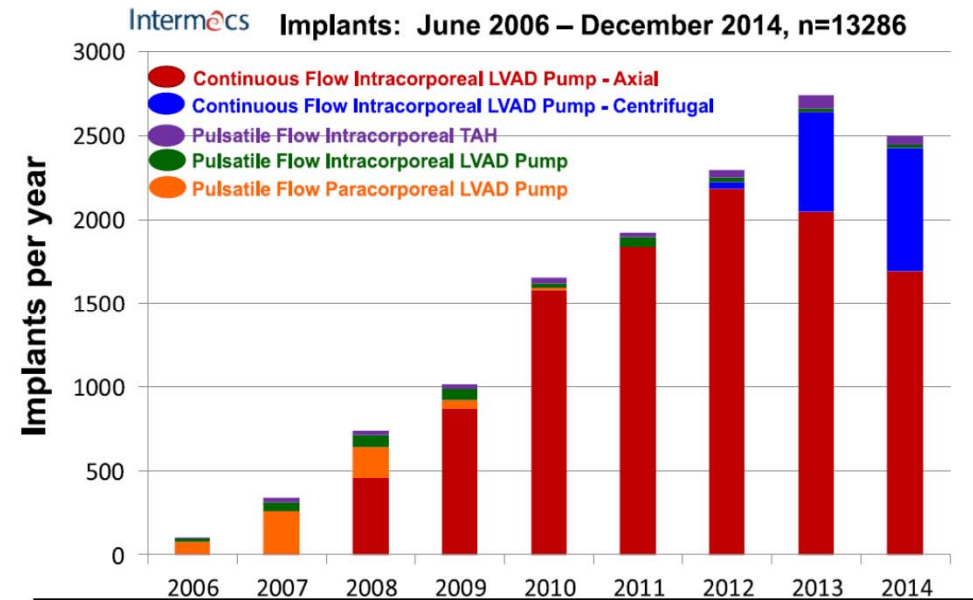
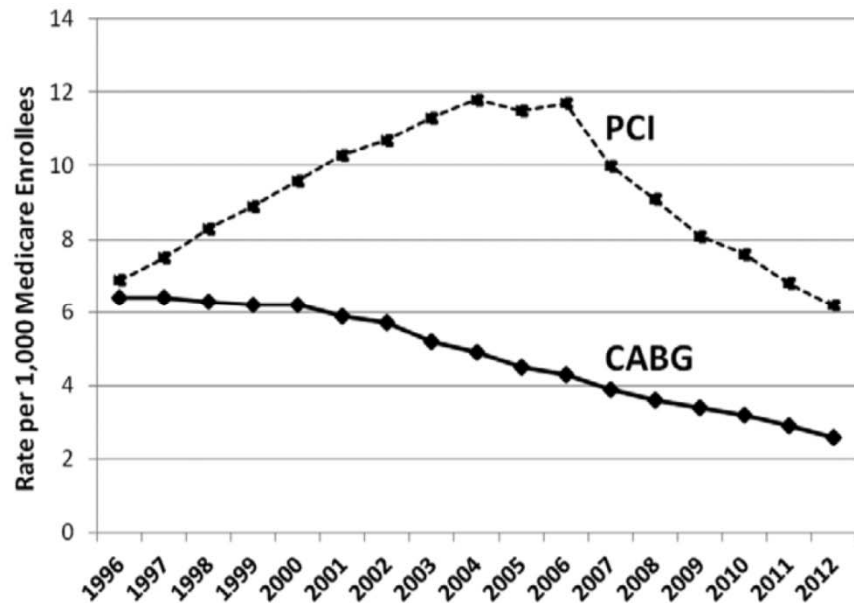
**D Cardiogenic Shock (N=9535)**



No. of Patients					
Shock		1907	2348	2633	2647
Deaths		522	664	695	720

No incremental impact of DTB << 90 min on mortality.

# 2007: A Turning Point in Cardiovascular Medicine



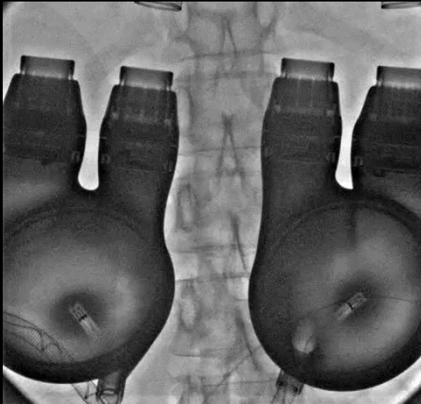
# The Field of MCS: Robust with Innovation

2007



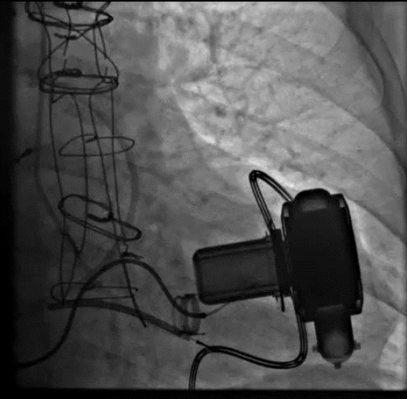
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IVADs

Lossy compression - not intended for diagnosis



HVAD

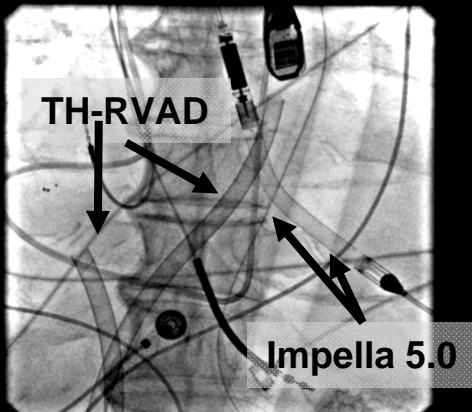
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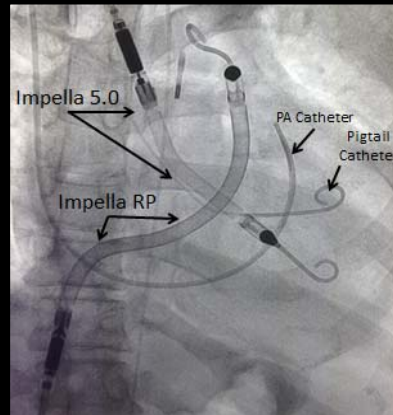
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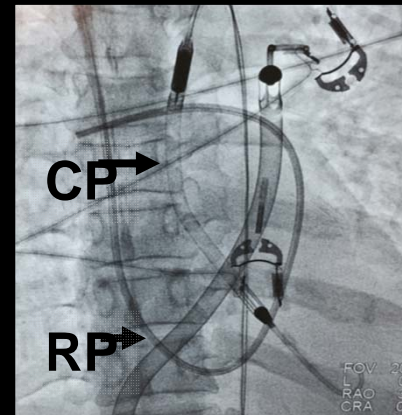
5.0 as a  
Bridge to  
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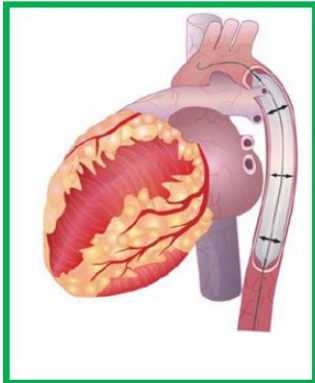




# The Spectrum of Acute MCS Devices in 2017

## Left Ventricle

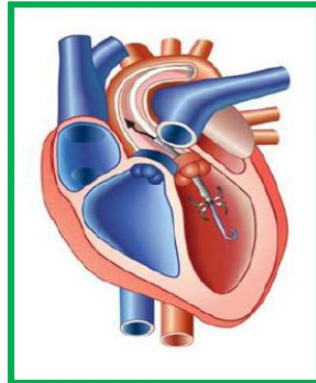
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IABP

Continuous Flow Pumps

Axial-Flow

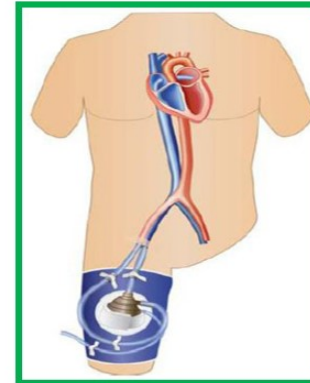


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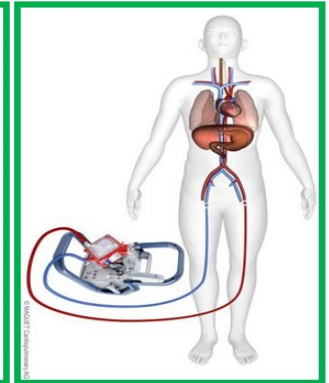


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Centrifugal Flow



TandemHeart

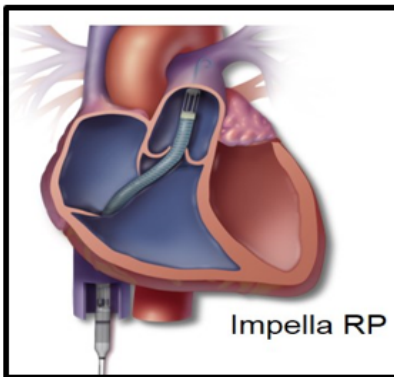


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## Right Ventricle

Intracorporeal

Axial Flow

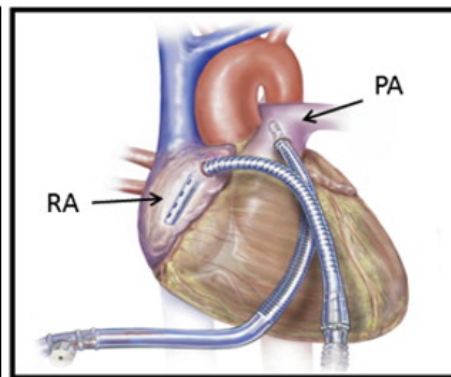


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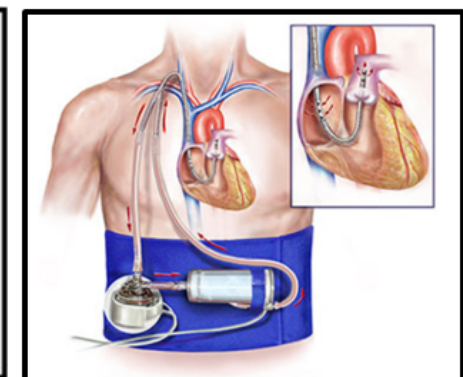
Centrifugal Flow



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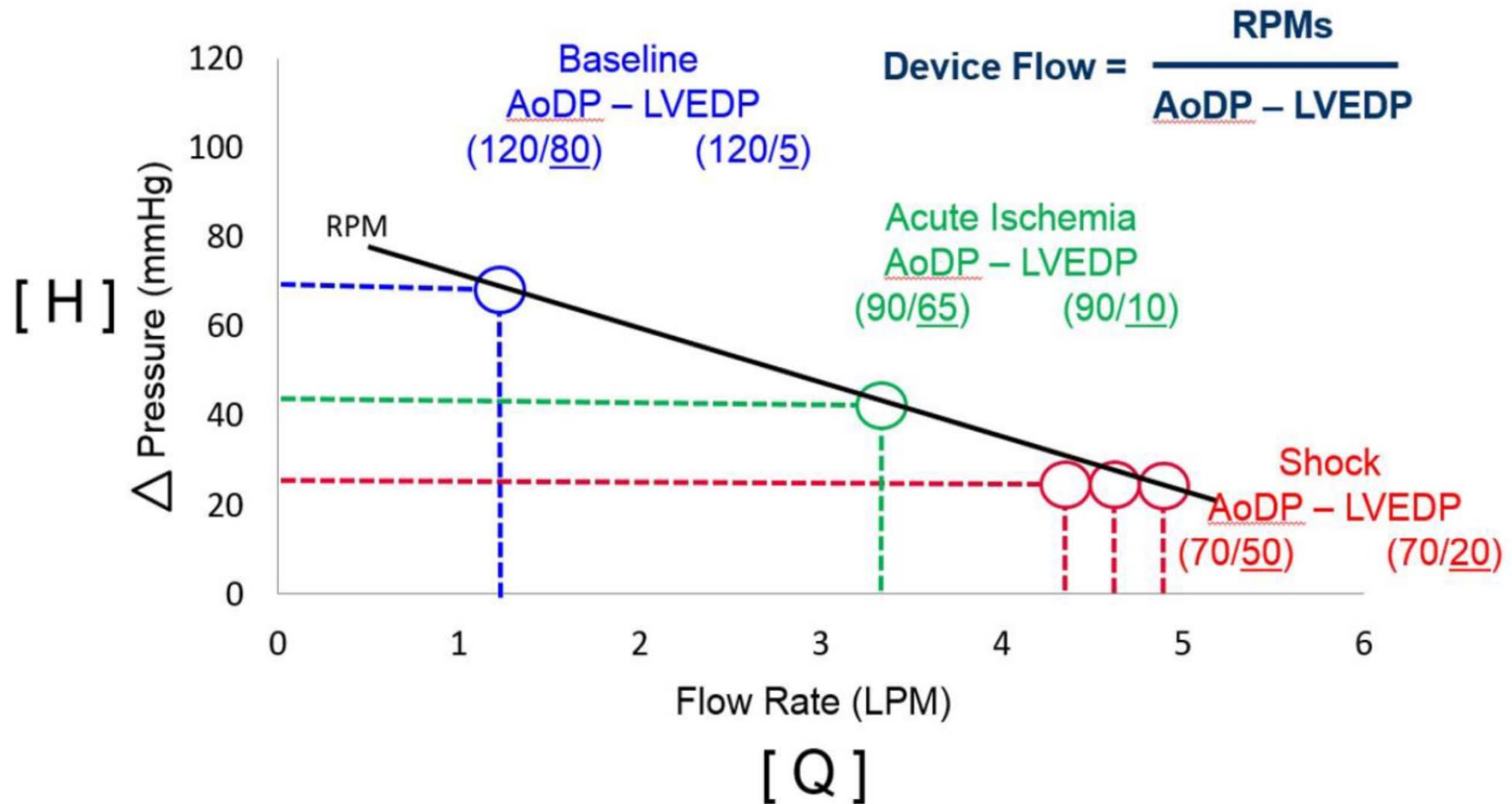
Tandem pRVAD



Protek Oxy-RVAD

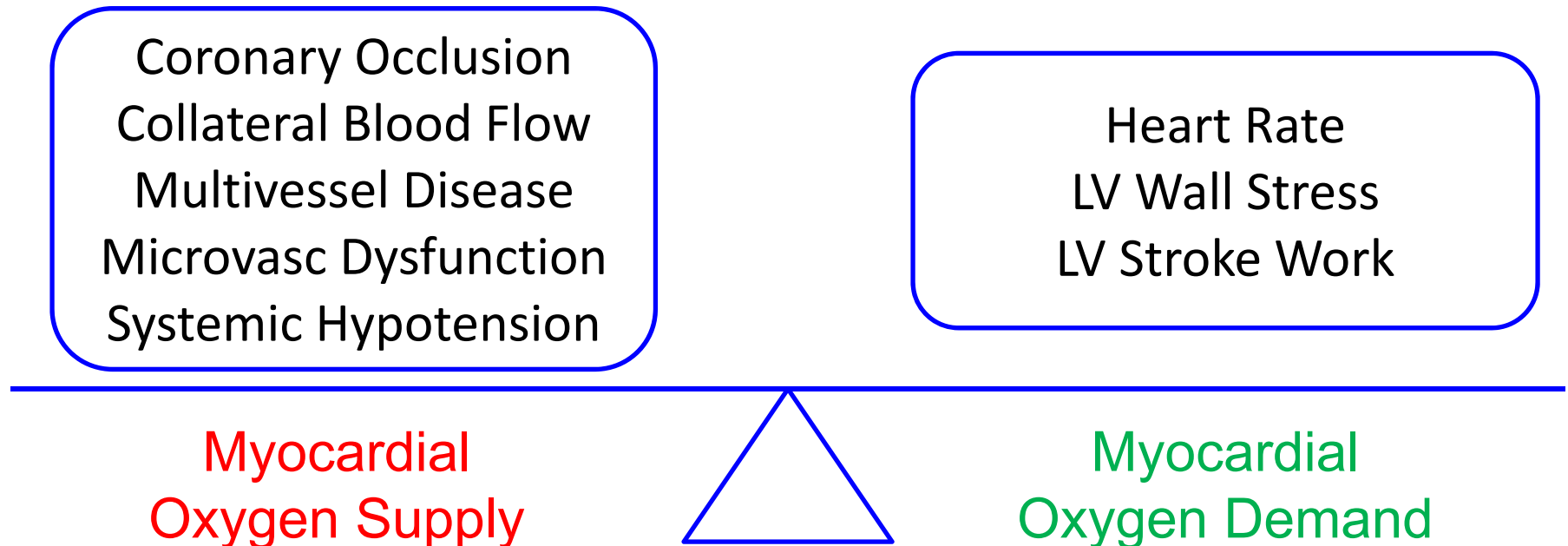
# Hemodynamic Principles of Rotary Flow Pumps

## Higher Flow with Lower Transvalvular Pressure Gradient



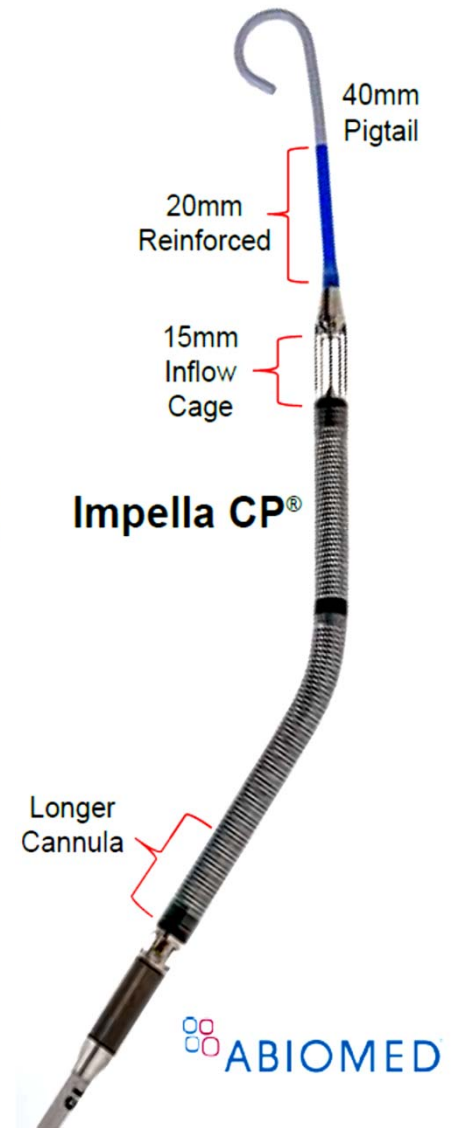
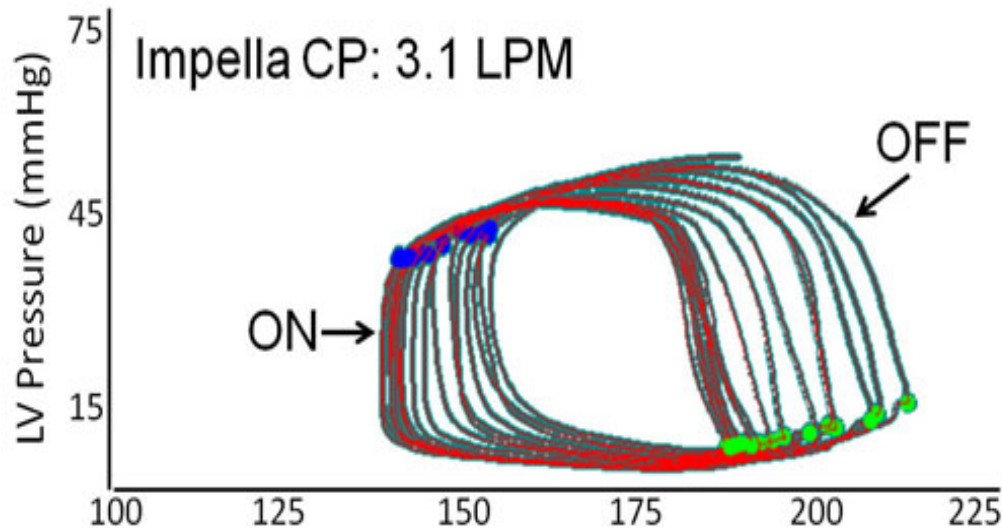
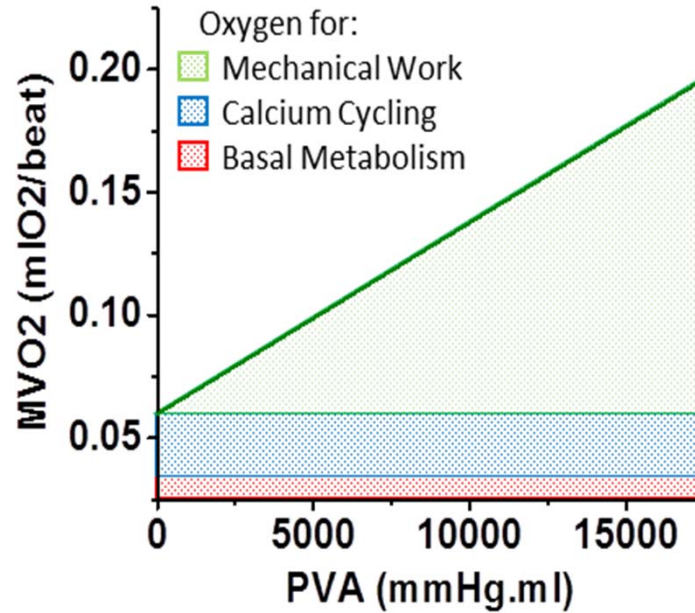
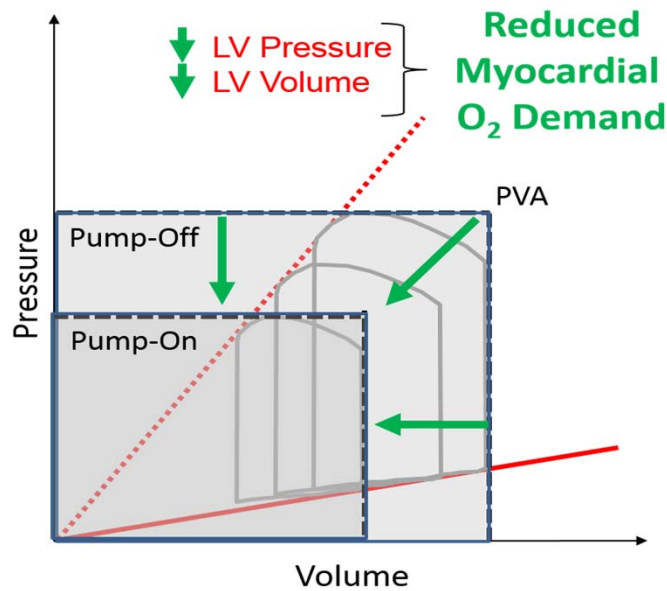
The more dysfunctional the ventricle,  
the *more functional* a CF-AMCS device becomes.

# Novel Cardioprotective Paradigms To Limit Myocardial Infarct Size



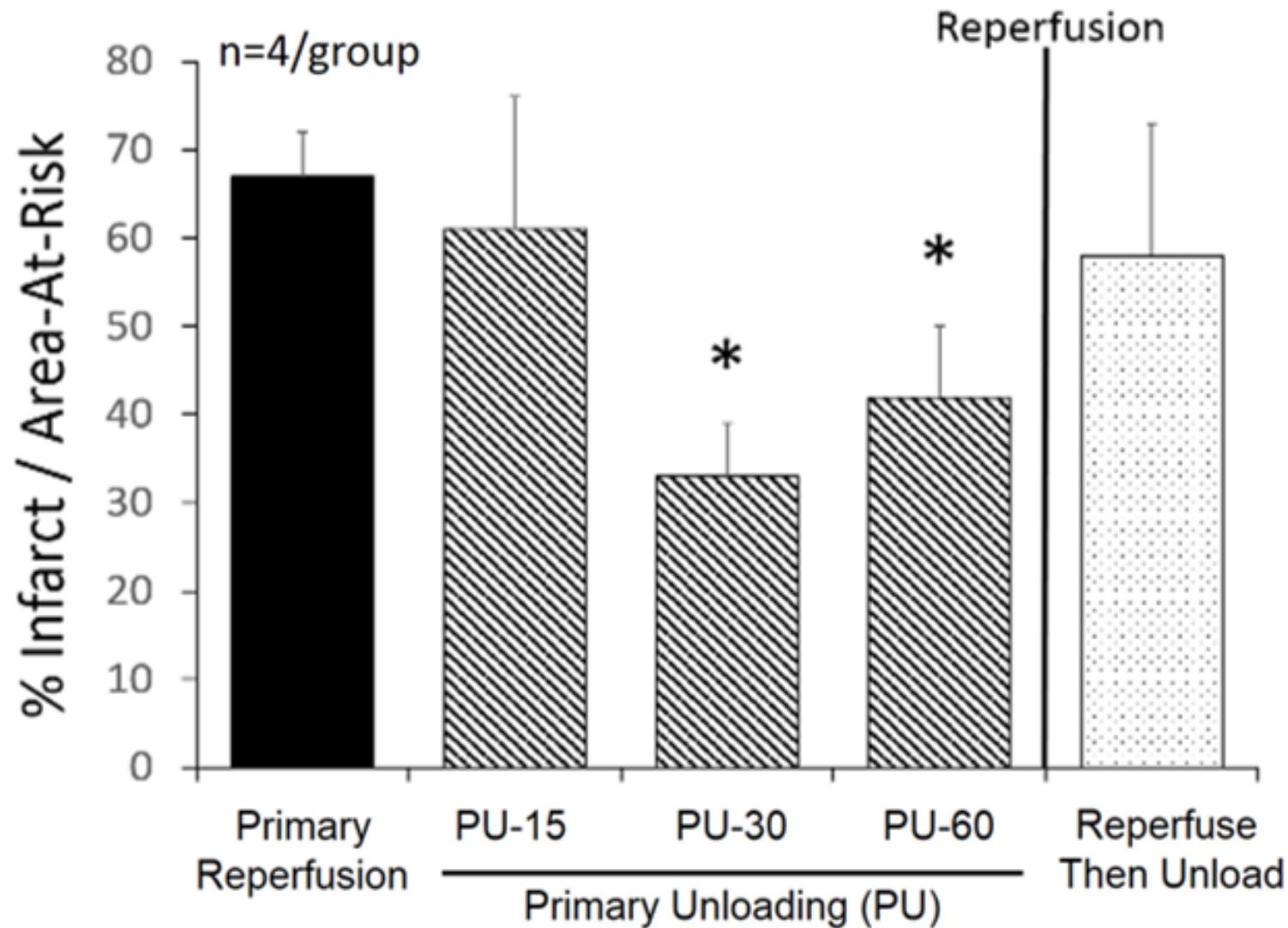
Can We Limit Myocardial Ischemia by First Limiting Oxygen Demand, then Restoring Oxygen Supply?

# Reducing Myocardial Oxygen Demand with a Micro-Axial Flow Catheter





# The Kinetics of Primary Unloading



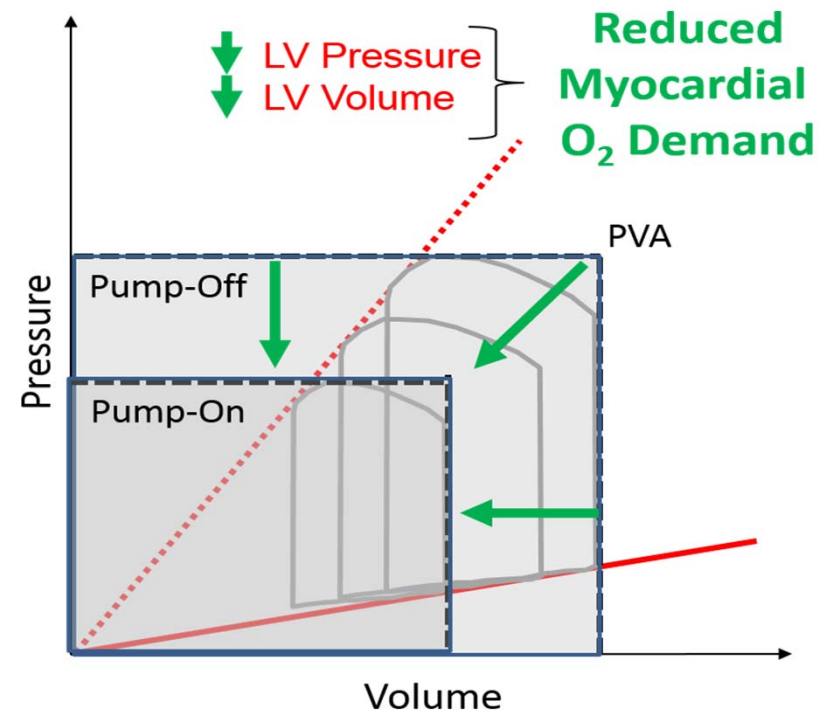
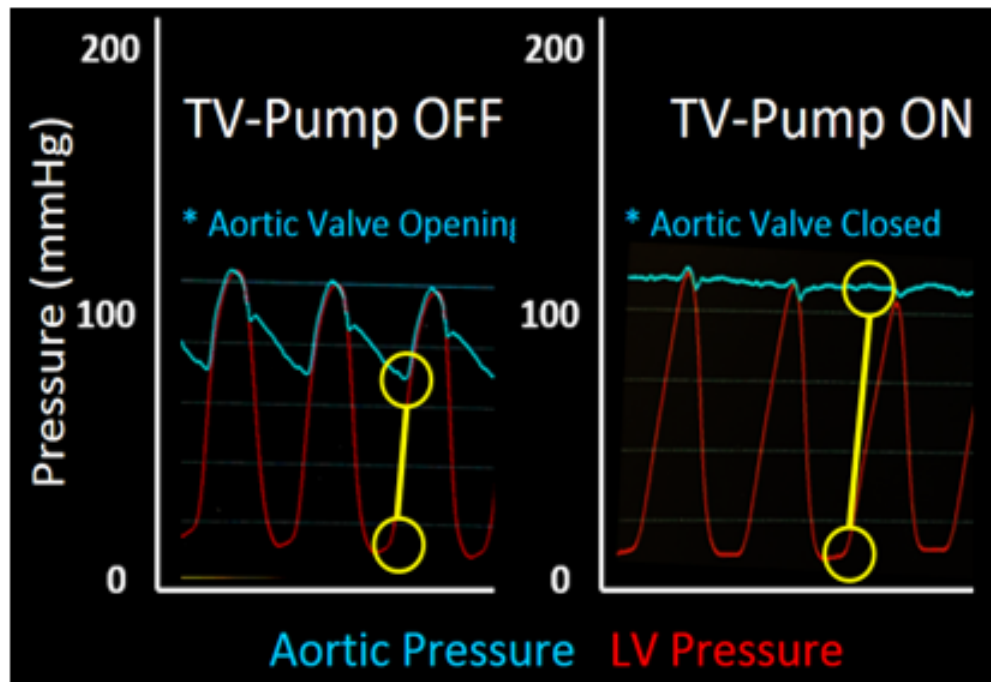
\*,  $p < 0.05$  vs Primary Reperfusion





# Primary Unloading: Mechanism 1

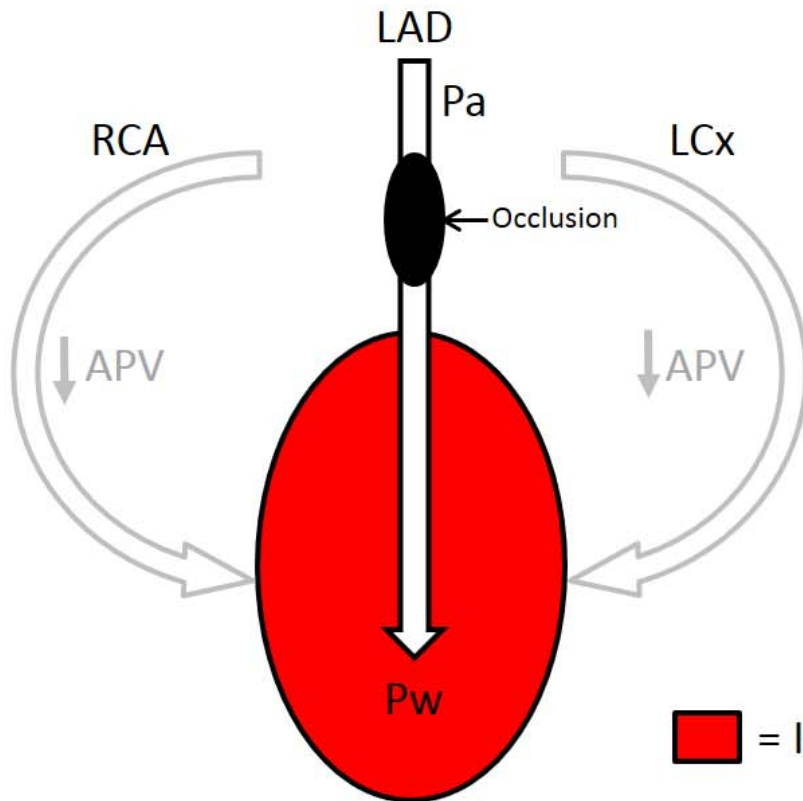
## Reduced LV Work and Myocardial Oxygen Demand



# Primary Unloading: Mechanism 2

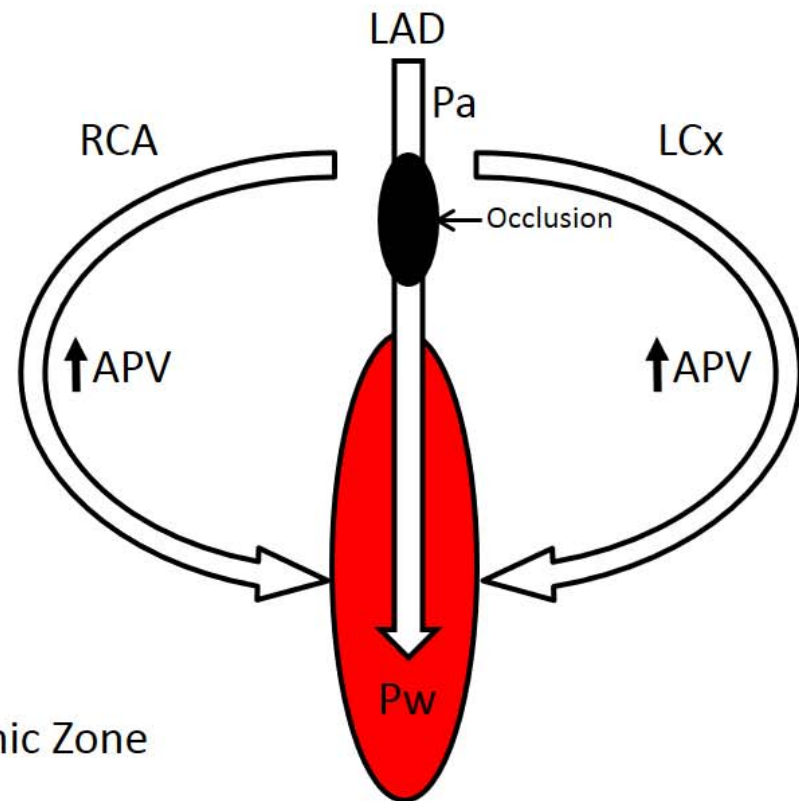
## Functional Reperfusion of the Area at Risk

Primary Reperfusion



$$CFI = \frac{Pw}{Pa} = \frac{5}{50} = 0.1$$

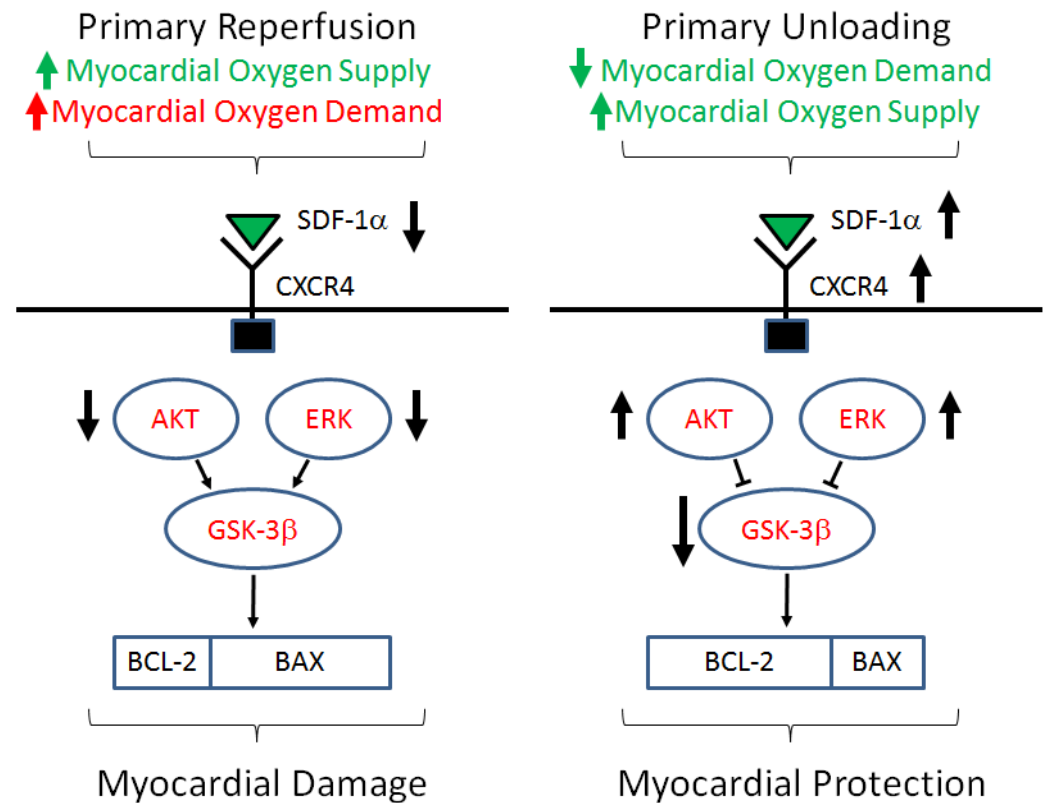
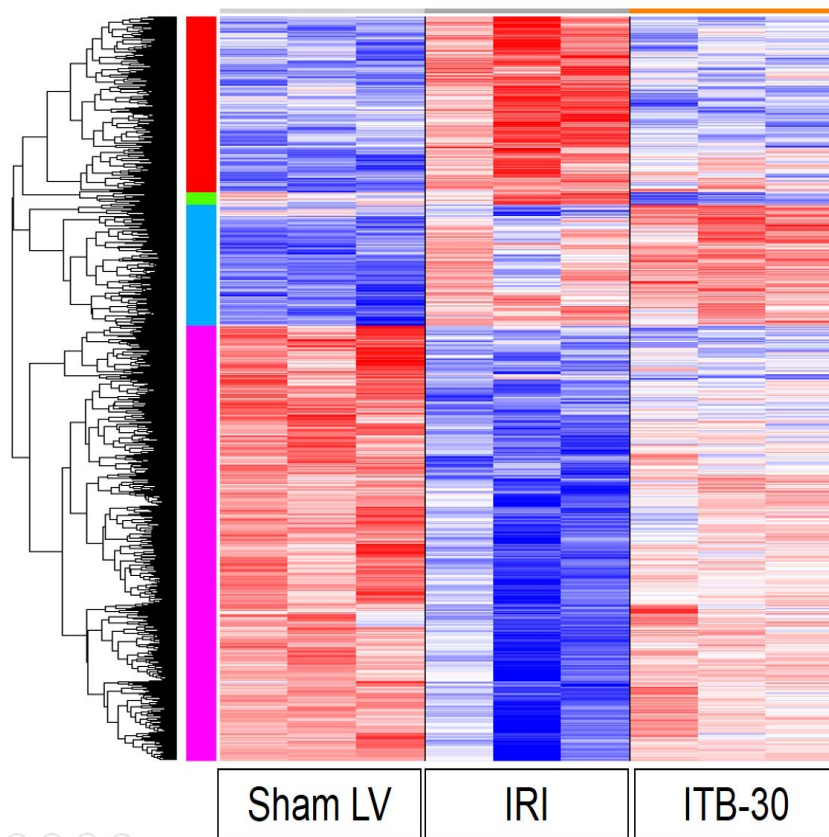
Primary Unloading



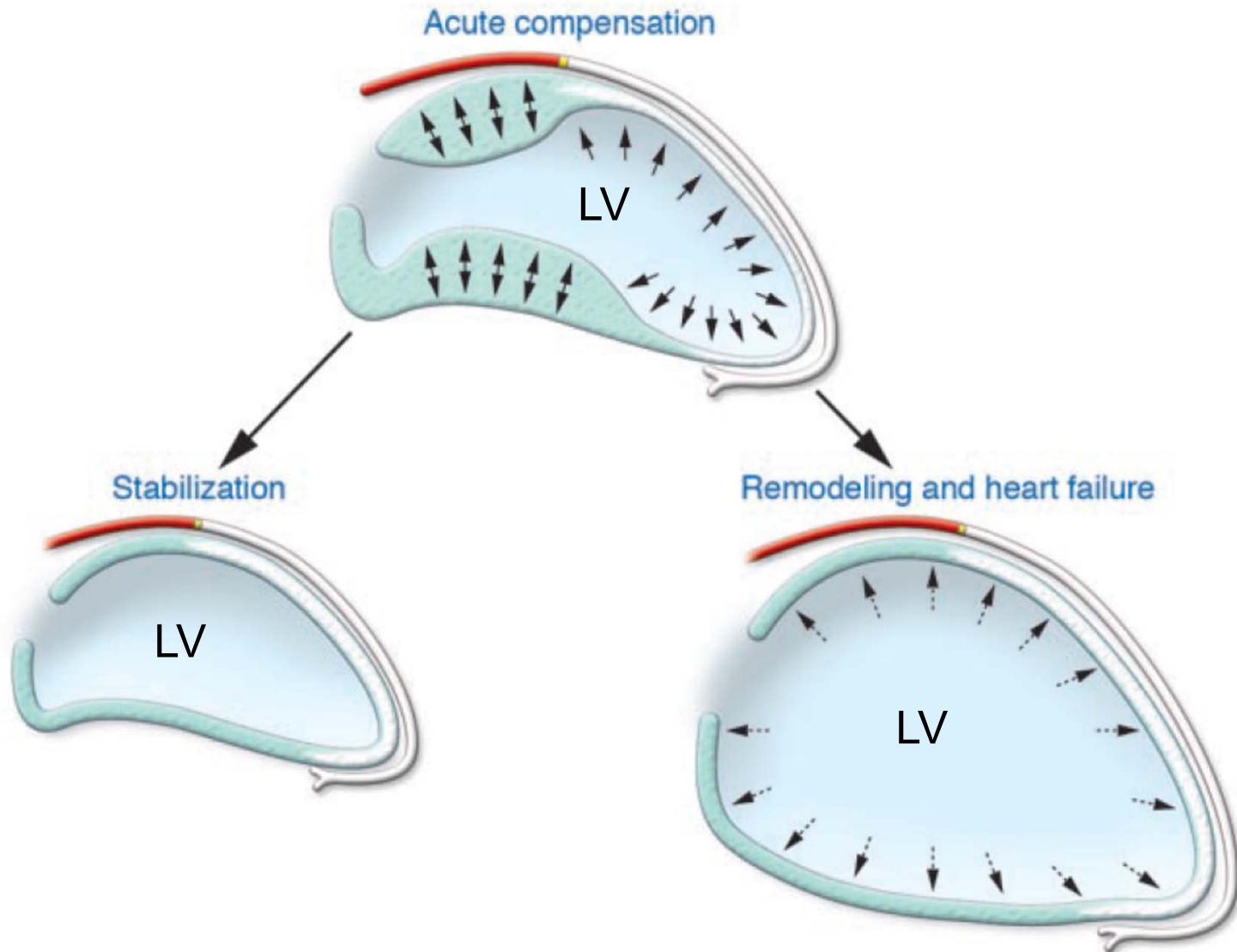
$$CFI = \frac{Pw}{Pa} = \frac{25}{60} = 0.4$$

# Primary Unloading: Mechanism 3

## Mechanical Induction of a Global Shift in Myocardial Biology Favoring Cardioprotective Signaling



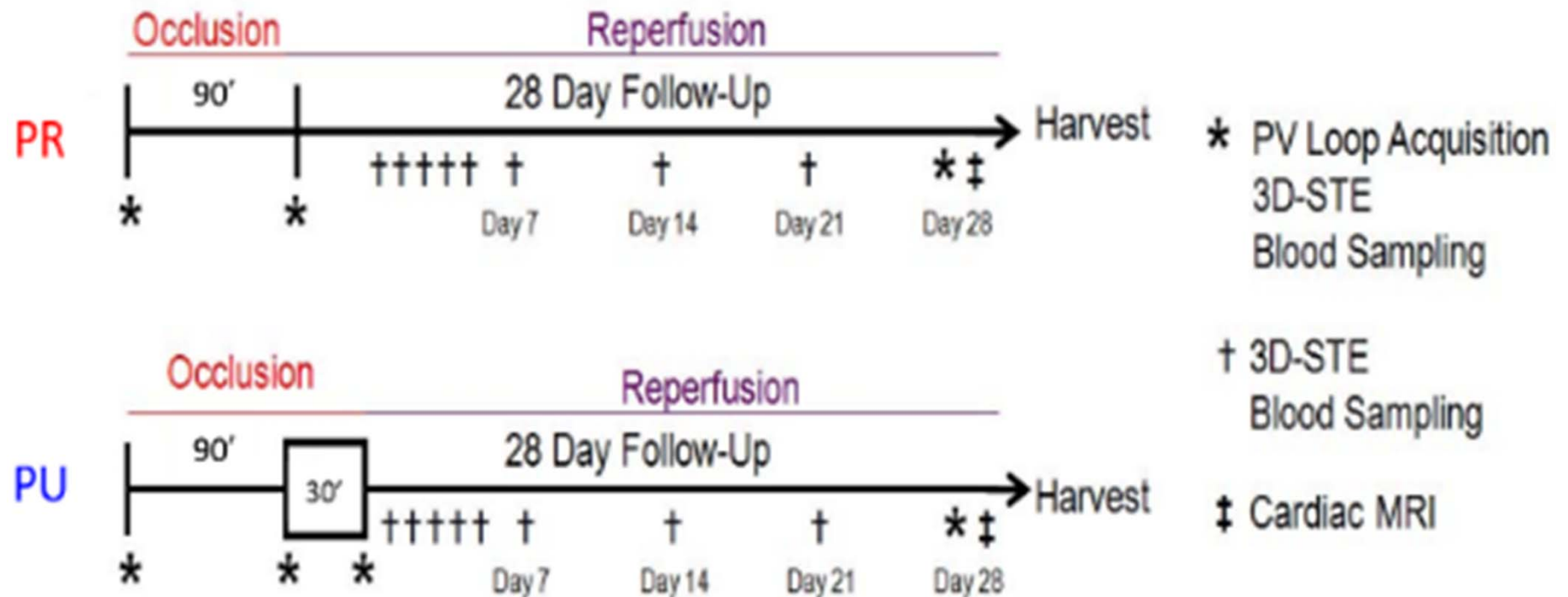
# The Holy Grail: Does Primary Unloading Reduce Ischemic Heart Failure?



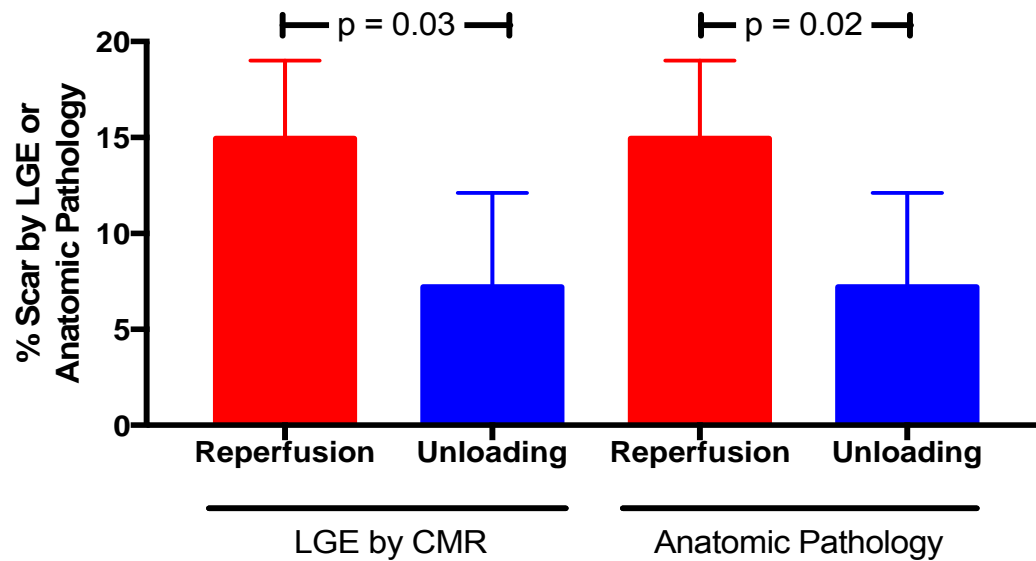
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# The Door to Unload Preclinical Trial

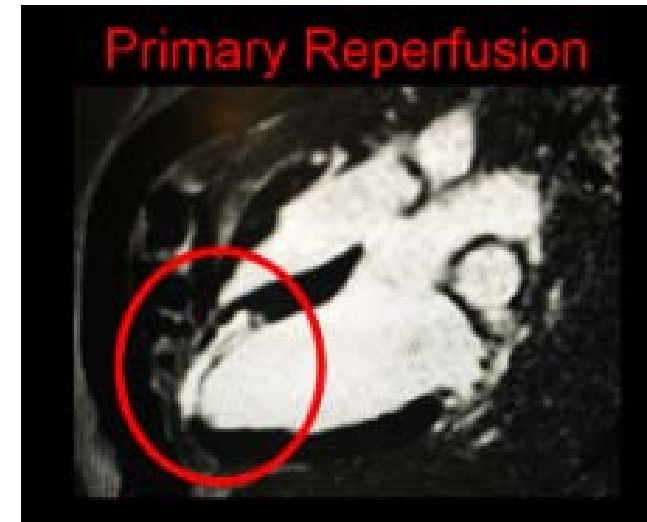
Hypothesis: Compared to Primary Reperfusion, Primary Unloading reduces LV scar 30 days after acute MI



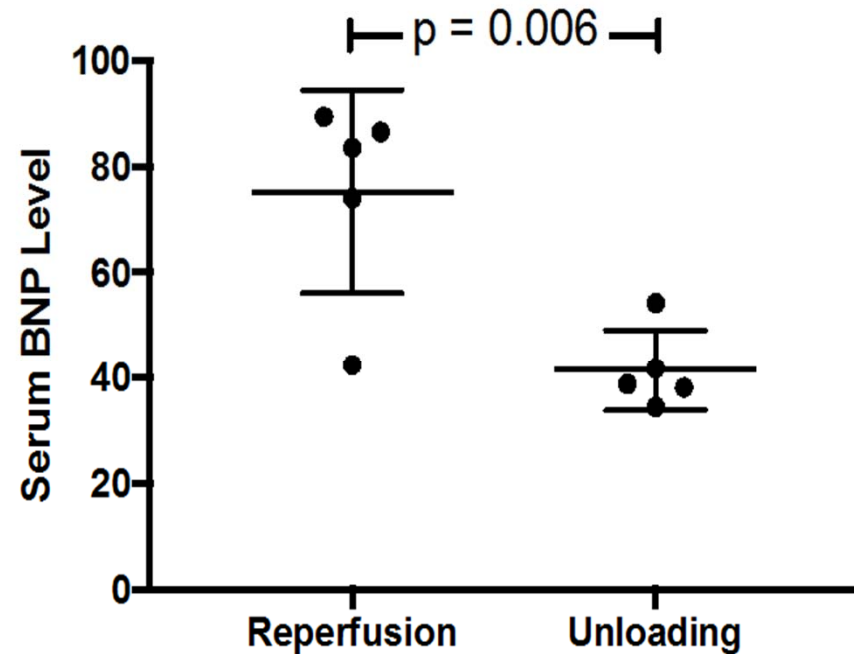
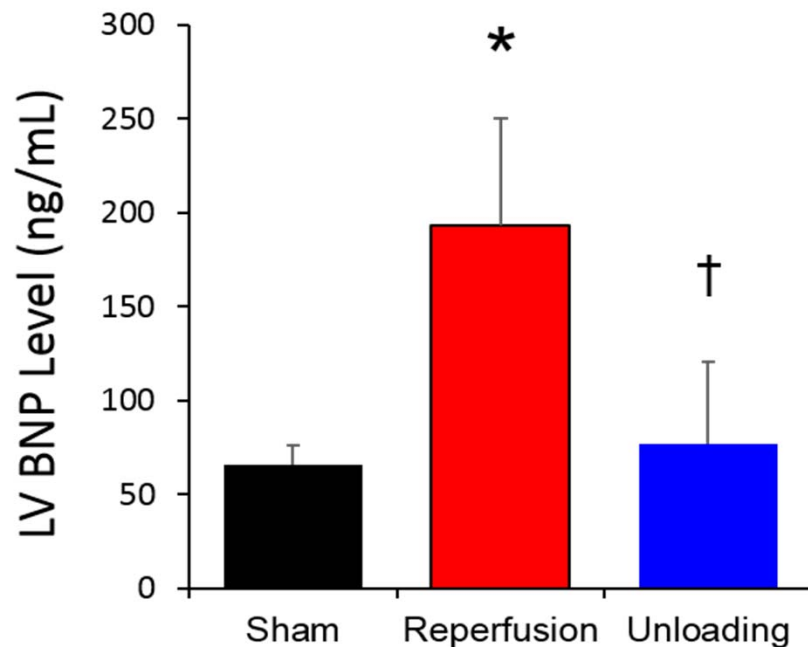
# Primary Unloading Reduces LV Scar and Preserves Cardiac Output 30 days after Acute MI



	Primary Reperfusion	Primary Unloading	p-value
Heart Rate	63±8	73±11	NS
Stroke Volume	39±5	54±7	0.008
Cardiac Output	2.5±0.2	3.9±0.6	0.002
LV Stroke Work	2168±273	3075±339	0.003
LV-EDV (CMR)	152±29	142±14	NS
LV-ESV (CMR)	86±26	74±6	NS



# Primary Unloading Reduces Tissue Expression and Circulating Levels of Brain Natriuretic Peptide 30 days after Acute MI





# It's a New Day for Acute MI Therapy

## Door to Unloading Safety & Feasibility Study<sup>†</sup> approved



### ABIOMED RECEIVES FDA IDE APPROVAL FOR INITIATION OF DOOR TO UNLOADING (DTU) PROSPECTIVE FEASIBILITY STUDY

Study Evaluates the Safety and Feasibility of Unloading of the Left Ventricle with Impella CP® in STEMI Patients, without Cardiogenic Shock

**DANVERS, MA – October 26, 2016** – Abiomed, Inc. (NASDAQ: ABMD), a leading provider of breakthrough heart support and recovery technologies, announced today the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval of a prospective feasibility study to evaluate the use of the Impella CP heart pump for unloading of the left ventricle prior to primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) in patients presenting with ST segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), without cardiogenic shock. This trial will focus on feasibility and safety, and lay the groundwork for a future trial, designed to measure the impact that unloading may have on infarct size related to reperfusion injury – an acceleration of myocardial damage at the time of revascularization - in STEMI patients.

### Study Steering Committee:

Navin K. Kapur, MD

William W. O'Neill, MD

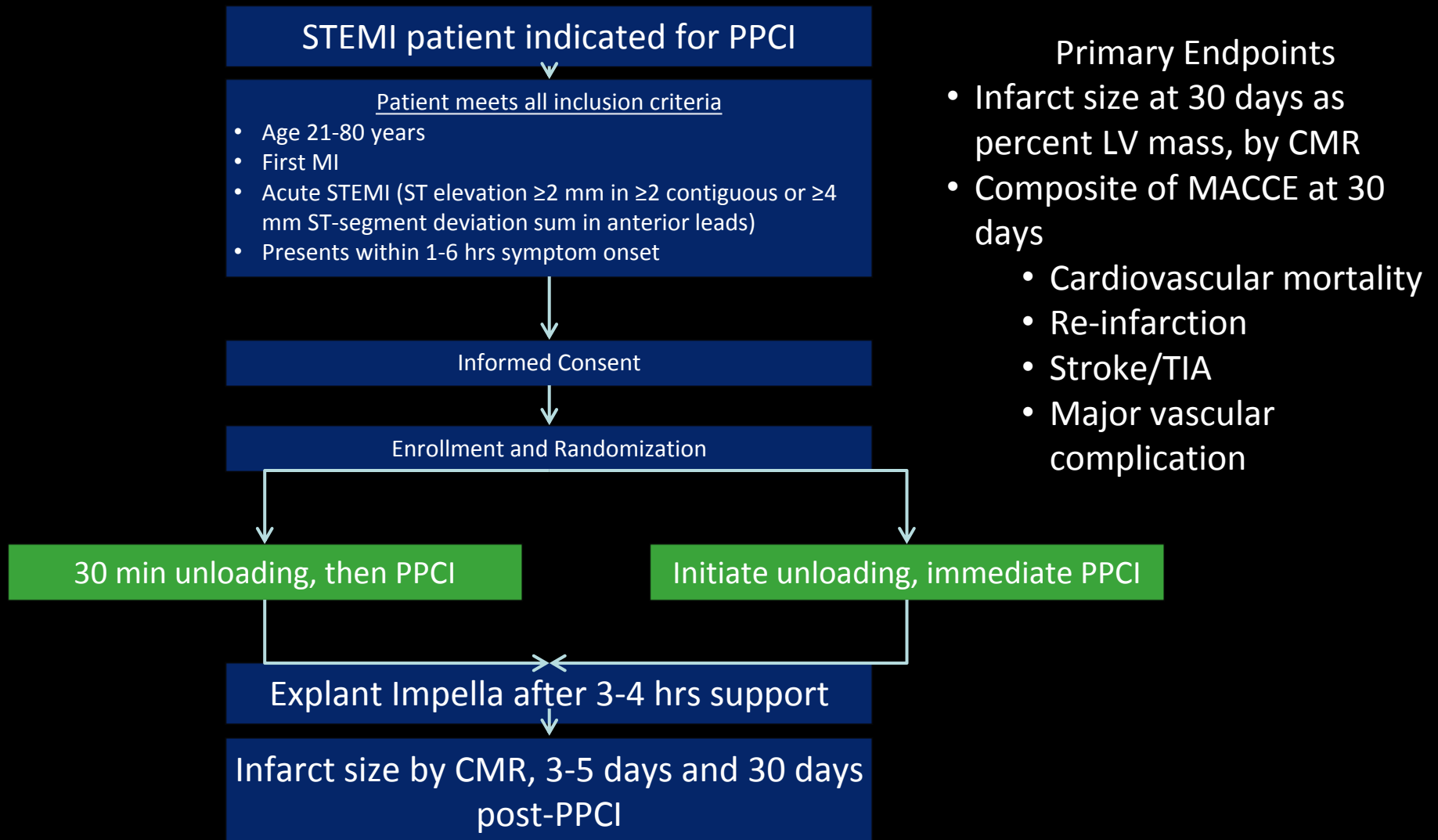
Jeffrey W. Moses, MD

Can we reduce the burden of ischemic heart failure after a heart attack?  
What are the cardioprotective mechanisms underlying LV Unloading?

<sup>†</sup> FDA granted approval of IDE application

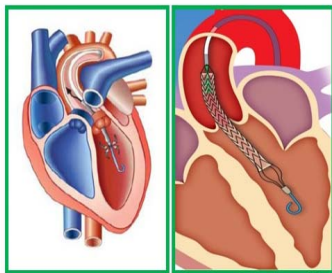
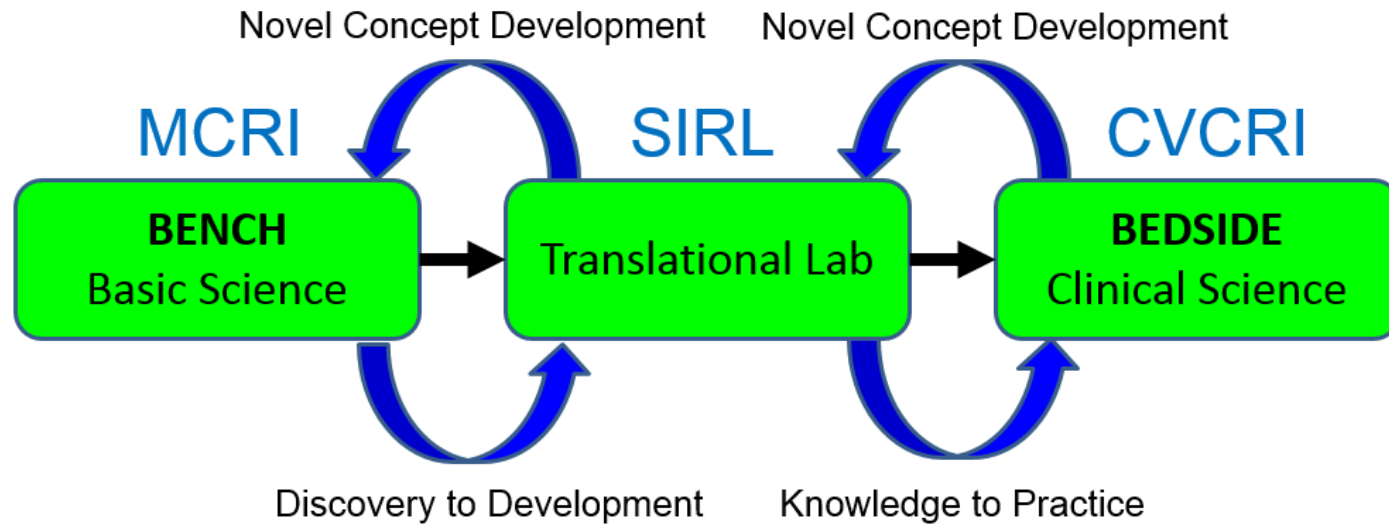


# DTU Safety & Feasibility Study



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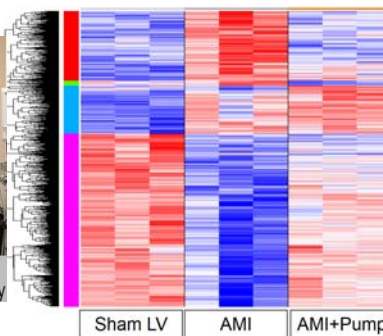
## The CVCRI Innovation Engine



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## To Learn More about Acute MCS & Hemodynamics



**CHIP: Hemodynamic  
Support and Complex PCI**



Interventional Heart Failure



August 24-25, 2017: Barcelona, Spain



Device Therapies for Heart  
Failure

December 15-16 2017  
Berlin, Germany

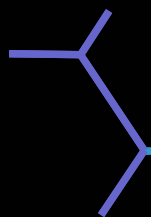
# ***In Vivo* Nanosensors and Imaging Technologies**

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# Building an Imaging Toolbox: *In Vivo* Pharmacokinetics of Lithium



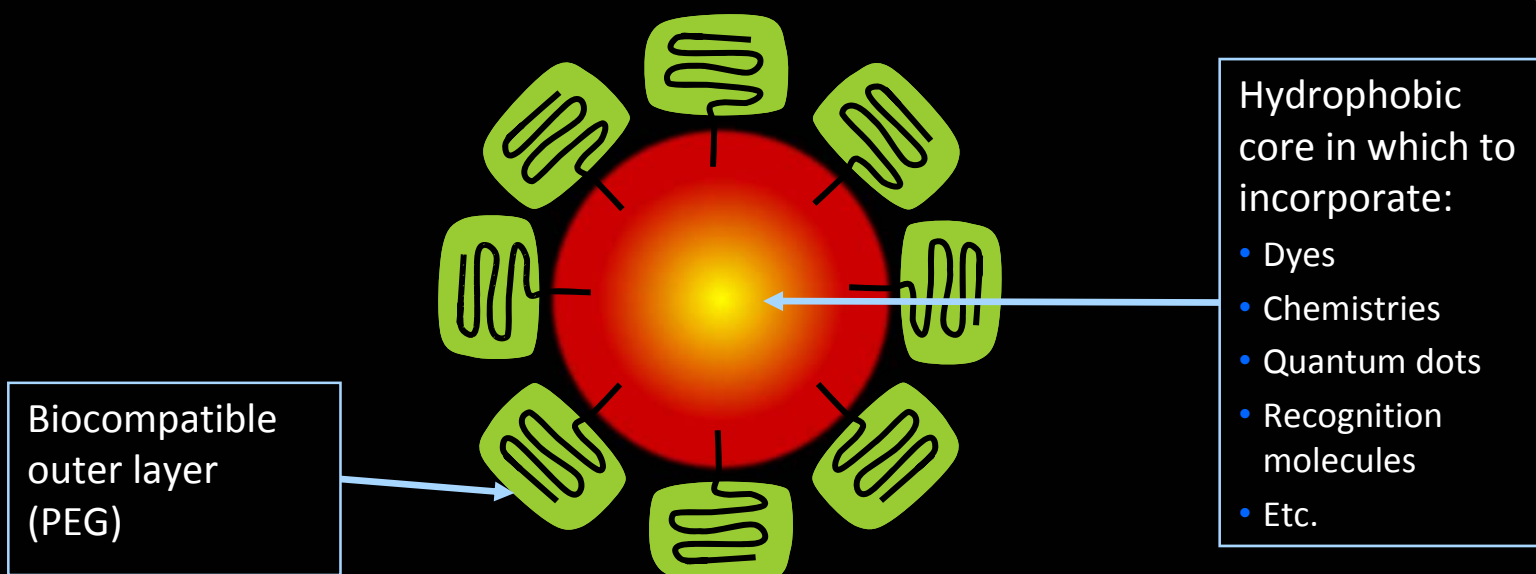
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# Nano-tools for bioanalysis



- Goal: A new toolbox for biological analysis
- Advantage: Modular design leads to rapid development cycle
- Approach: Design, fabricate and characterize novel nanosensors; team with experts to apply the nanosensors to biological problems





# Our projects



Nanosensor design: novel biomarker detection, new materials

## Cellular Imaging

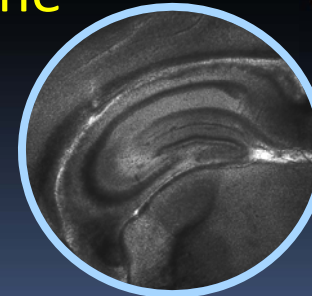
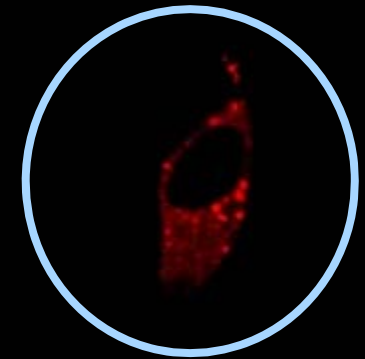
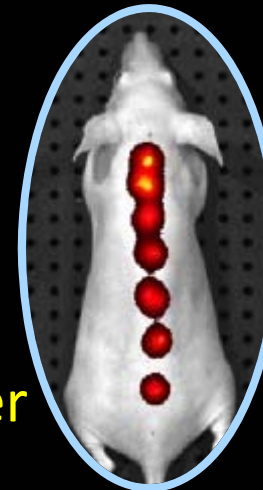
- Cellular imaging – the search for “hotspots” and “waves”
- Neurotransmitter release

## Development of the Nano Clinical Analyzer

- nanosensors for physiological monitoring and personalized medicine

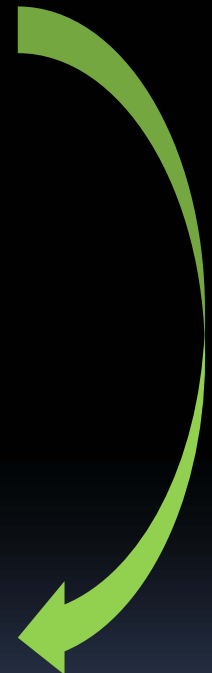
## Deep tissue Imaging

- Photacoustic Imaging
- MRI





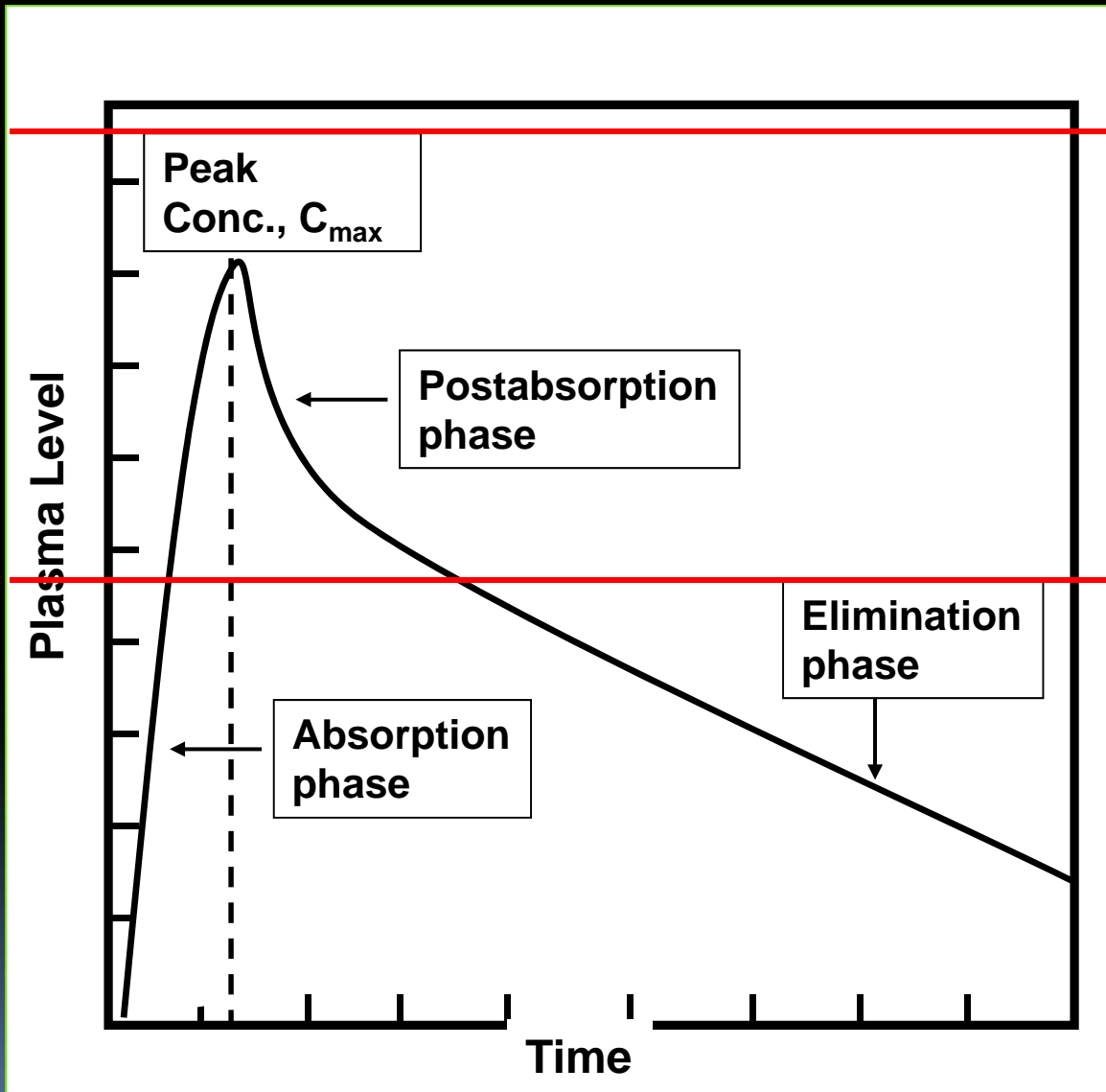
# Clinical Analyzers



Current clinical analyzers:  
are not continuous  
Require a blood draw  
Labor intensive  
Require an office visit



# Pharmacokinetics of Therapeutic Drugs



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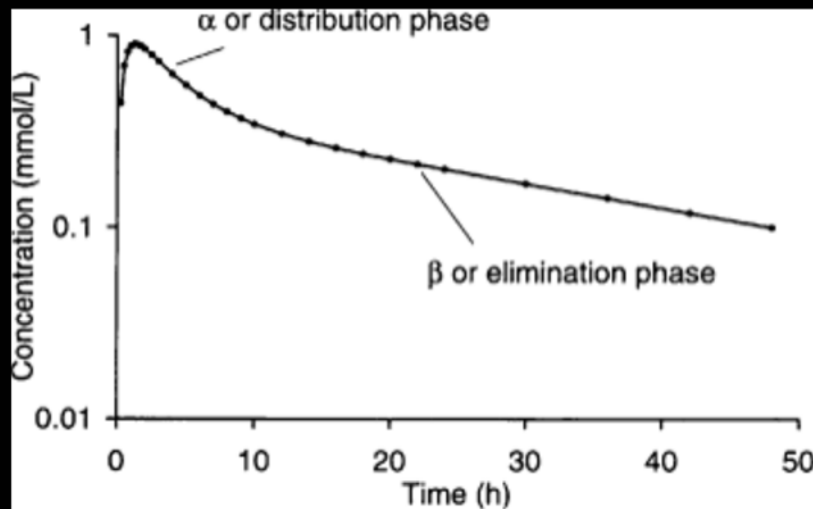
**MEC**

*Plasma level time curve for a drug given in a single oral dose*



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# The need: Lithium pharmacokinetics



Source: Bauer LA: *Applied Clinical Pharmacokinetics*, 2nd Edition:  
<http://www.accesspharmacology.com>

## Blood panel for lithium dosing:

- Lithium
- Sodium
- Potassium
- Chloride
- pH
- creatinine

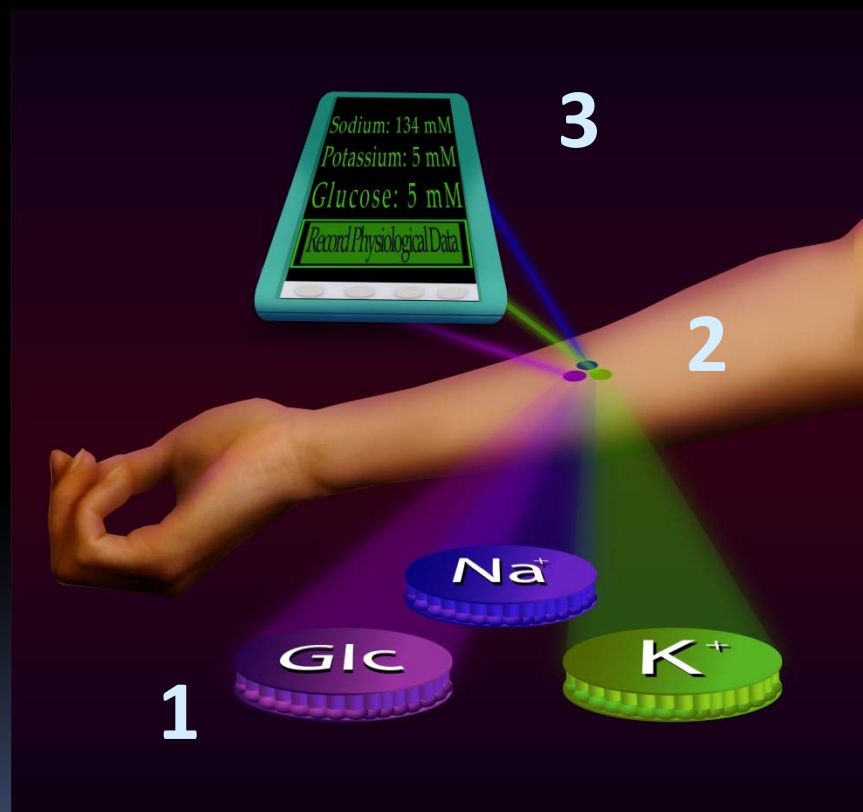
- Lithium is used to treat bipolar disorder
- Recommended plasma concentrations: 0.6 - 1.5 mmol/L
- Toxic range: 2 – 3 mmol/L
- Toxic levels of lithium lead to renal impairment and decrease in lithium clearance



# The concept: Nano Clinical Analyzer



# NanoClinical Analyzer components



*Analytical Chemistry*, 2014, 86 (3)

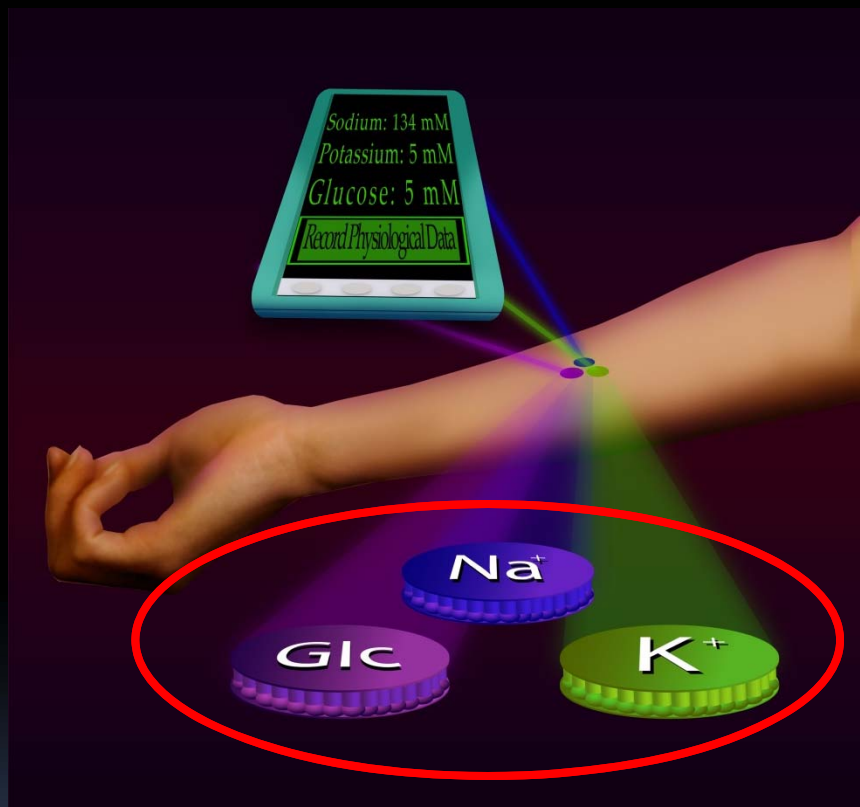
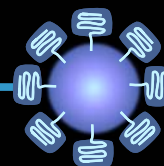
**Hypothesis: personalized PK will enable individualized dosing by keeping patients within a therapeutic range**

- 1. Lithium-selective nanosensor development**
- 2. Placement in skin**
- 3. Fluorescence and Photoacoustic imaging**



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# Nanosensor chemistry



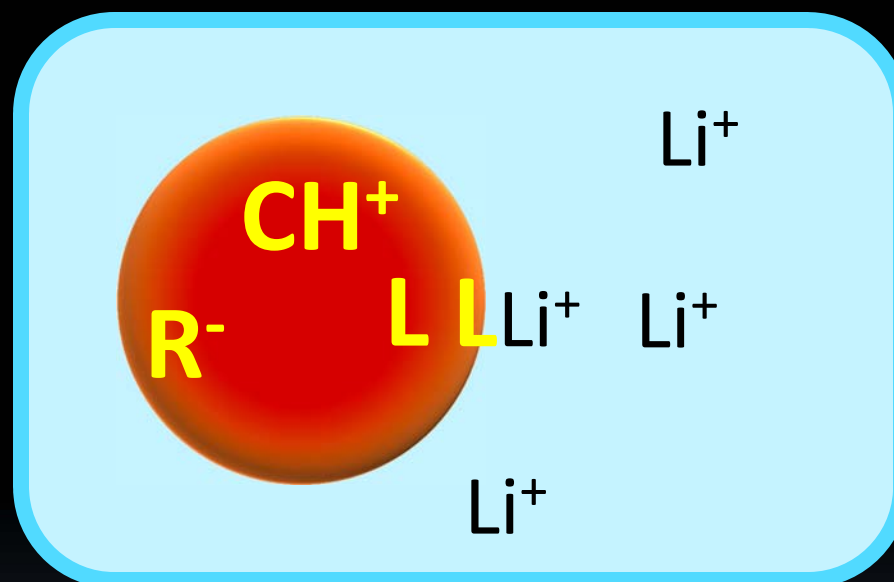
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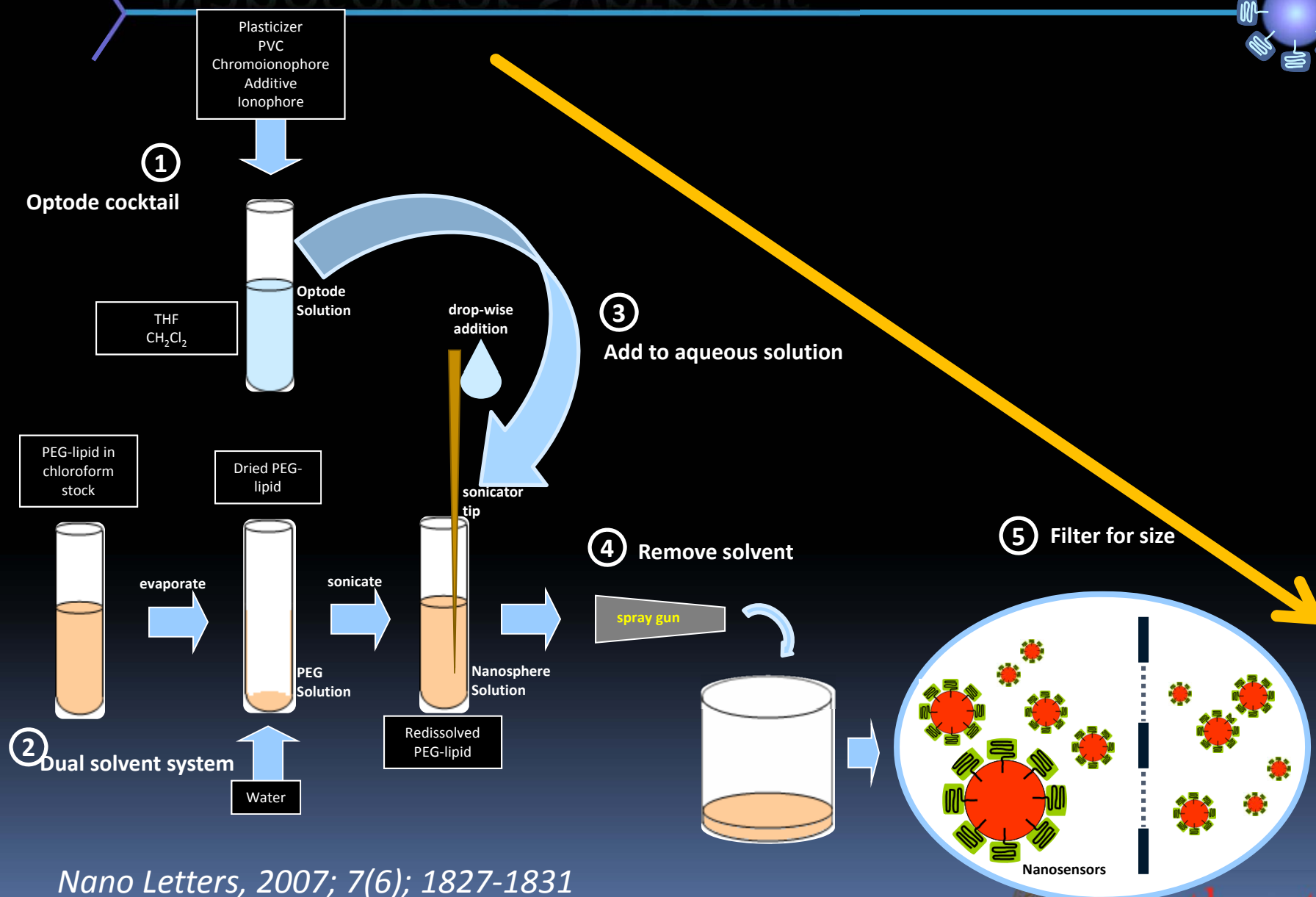
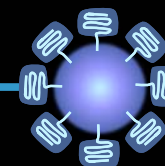
# Sensor Mechanism - lithium



**C** = Neutral chromoionophore  
**L** = Neutral ionophore  
**R** = Negative additive



# Nanosensor Synthesis



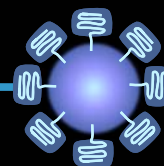
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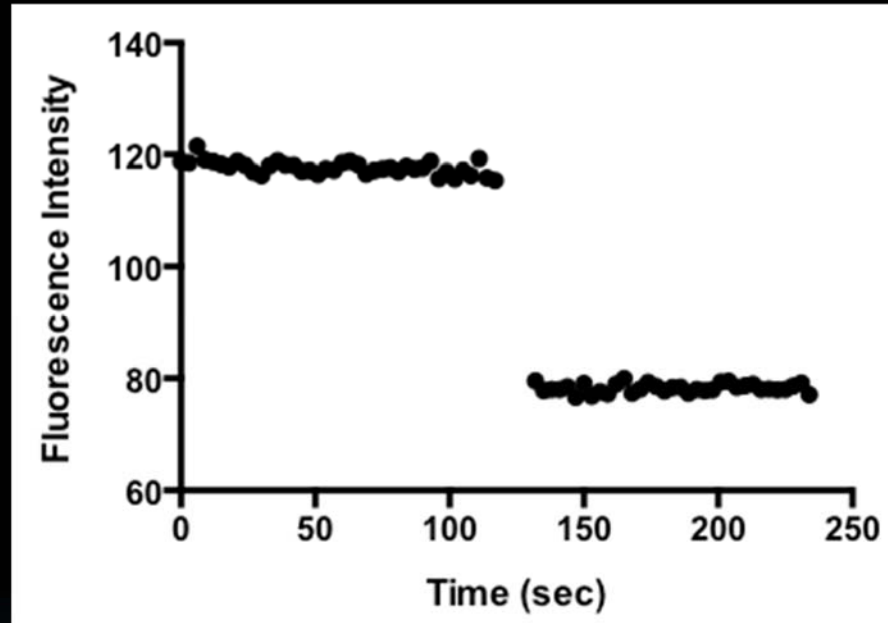
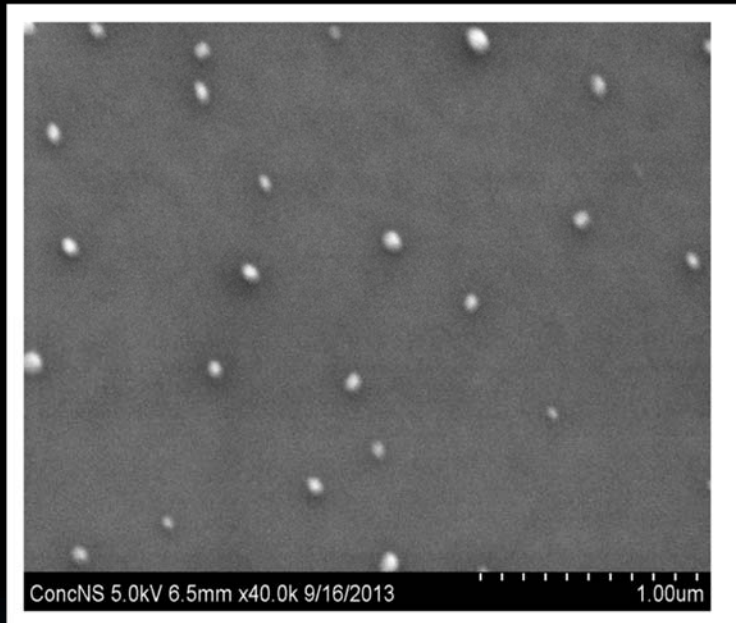
# Design Requirements



- Analytical characterization (fluorescence):
  - Calibration/dynamic range: : 0.6 - 1.5 mmol/L
  - Sensitivity
  - Reversibility
  - Specificity/Selectivity:  $\text{Na}^+ \sim 140 \text{ mM}$
  - Size
- Analytical Characterization (photoacoustics)
- Cellular environment
  - *in vivo* calibration



# Size/Response time



- 50 nm by SEM
- Small size leads to fast response time: 15 seconds or less



# Imaging the sensors: photoacoustics



**The goal: using  
ultrasound to  
detect deeper  
into tissue**

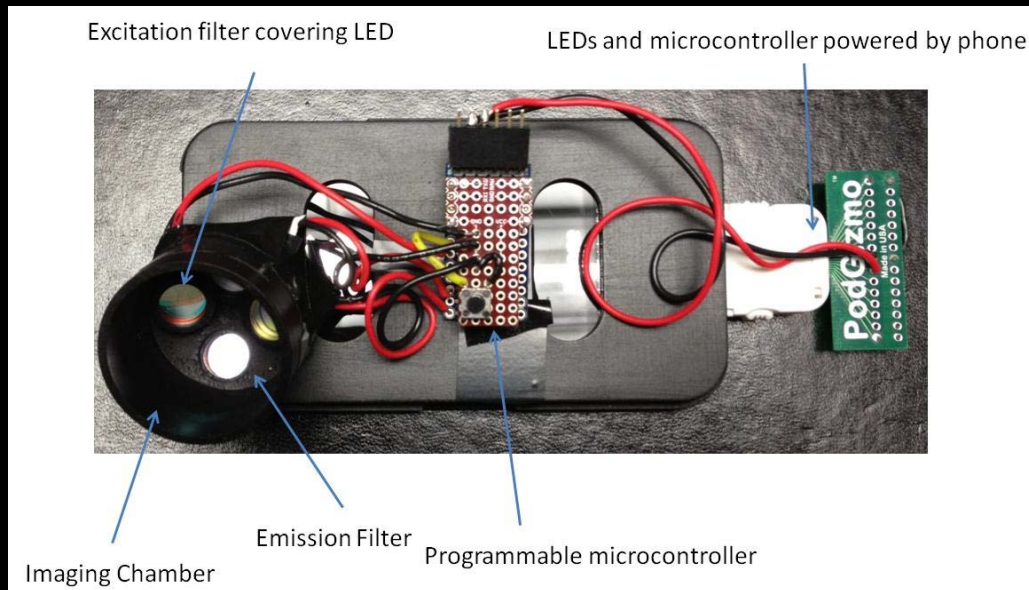
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# Handheld Reader Prototype

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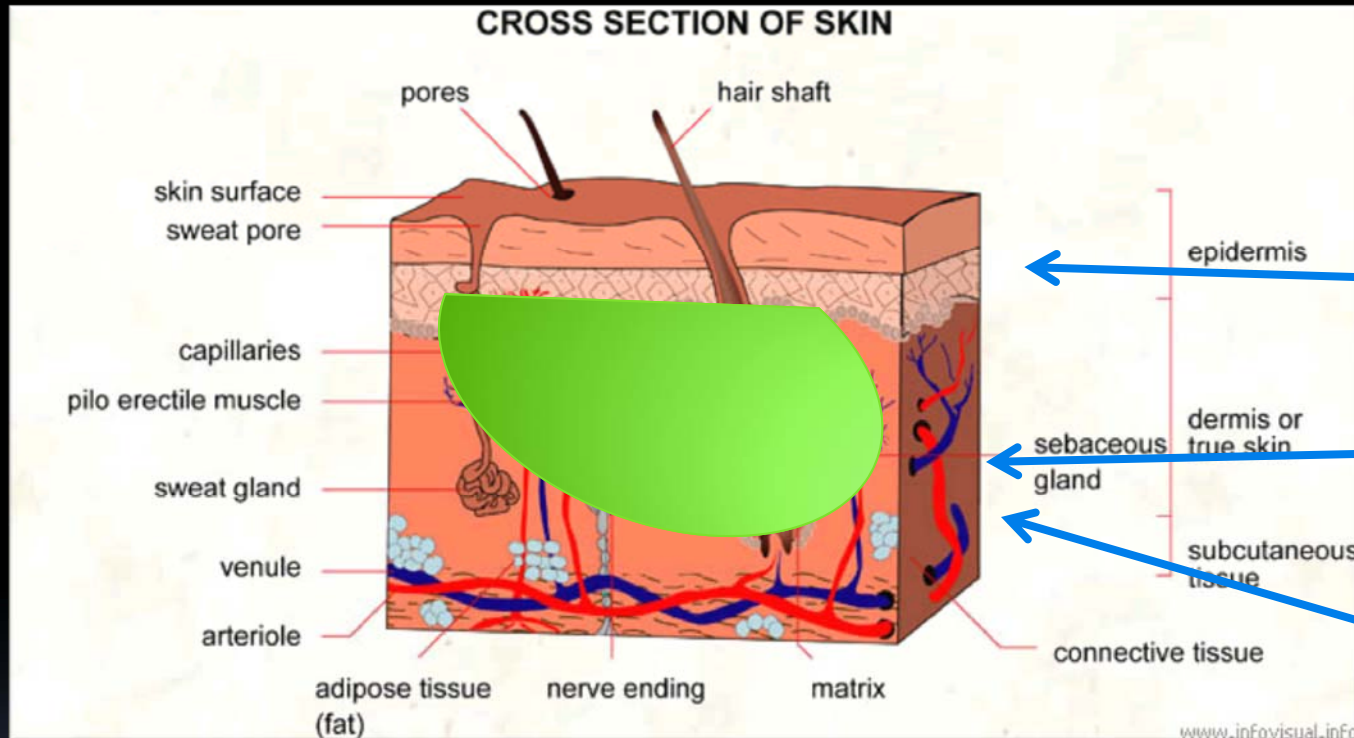


- Fluorescence measurements have superior sensitivity
- Only a surface technique: scatter and absorption from tissue prevent depth measurements



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# Placement in skin



Original goal  
for  
nanosensor  
placement

tattoos

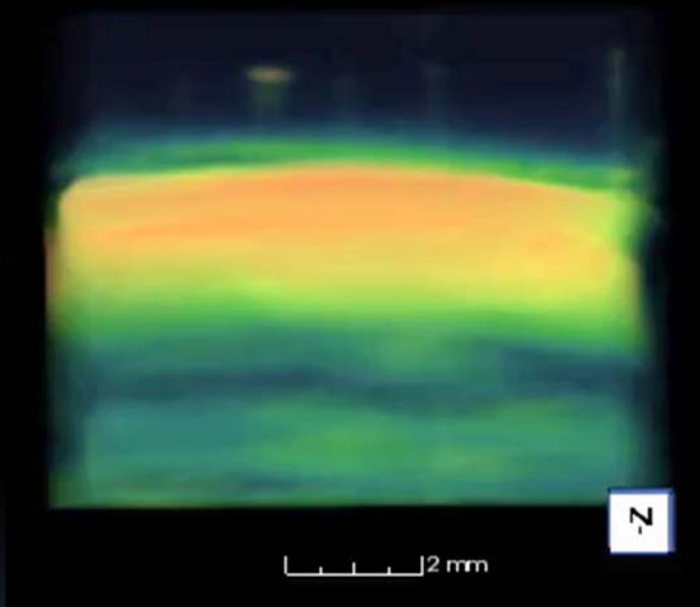
Current  
injection site

- Location of sensors in skin will determine permanence as well as lag time in measurement.
- Current method if injection is a fine gauge insulin needle.



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# *In vivo* imaging

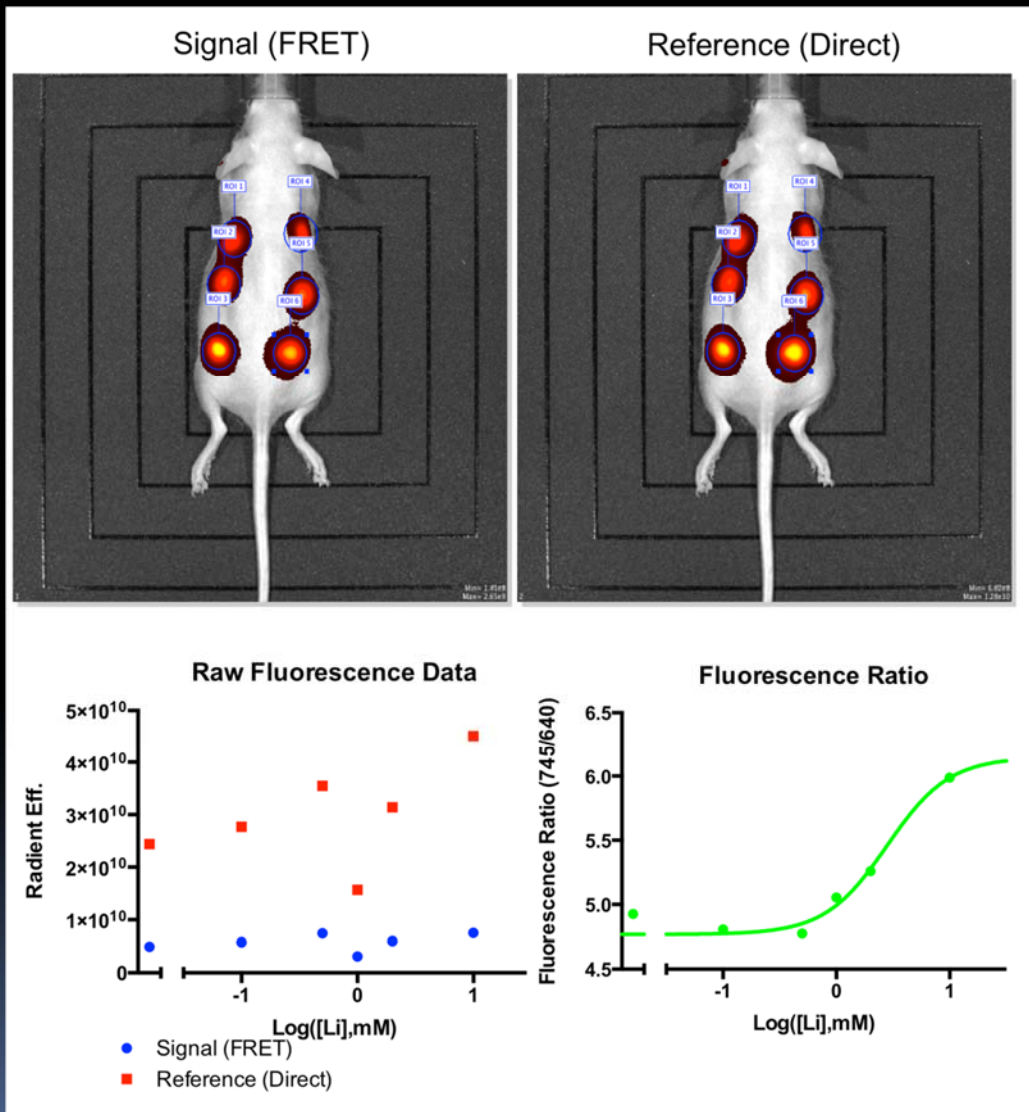


- Depth profile obtained by dual wavelength PA imaging of lithium sensitive nanosensors implanted in mice
- Deep reflection mode photoacoustic tomography, 10 MHz ultrasonic transducer





# In vivo calibration

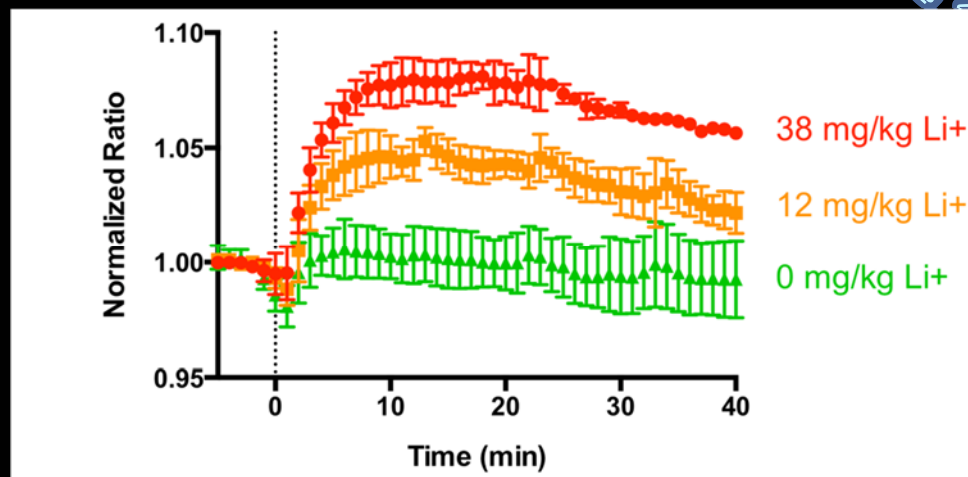
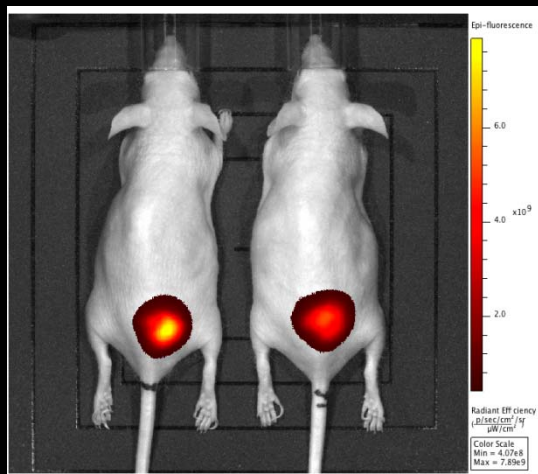


- Ratiometric imaging negates variations in particle concentration and depth
- Calibration similar to in vitro results





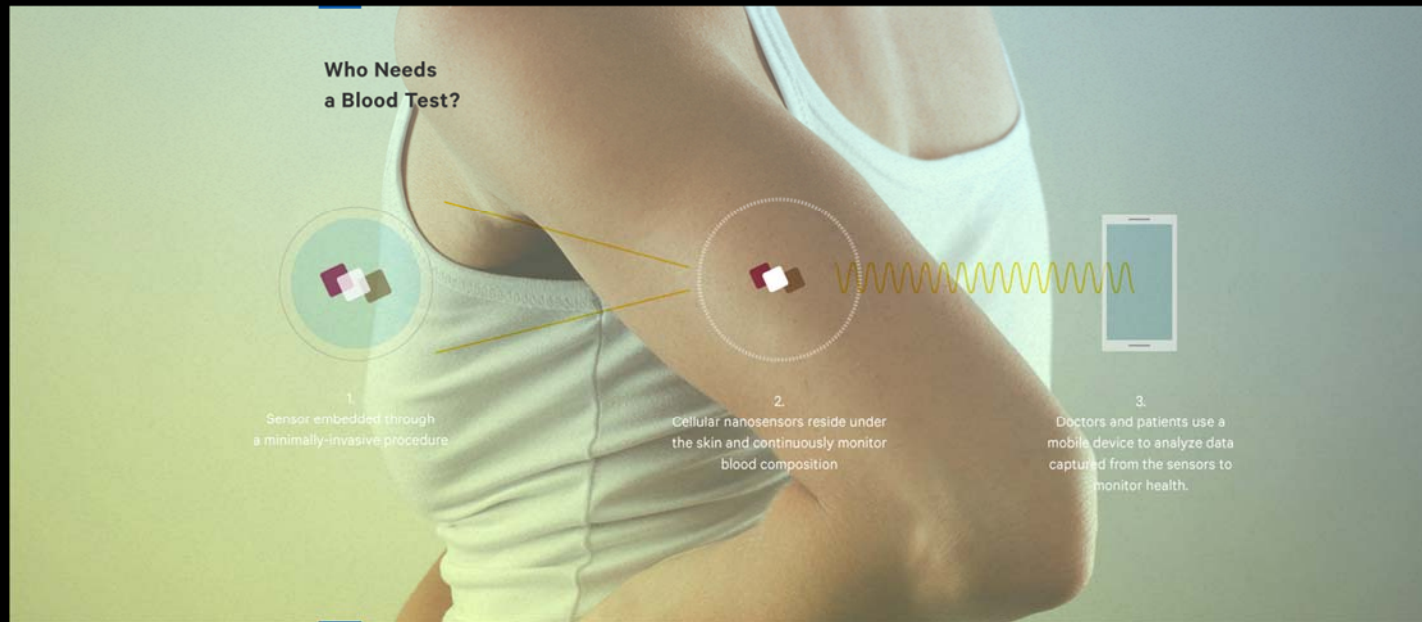
# Drug Kinetics: fluorescence



- Magnitude of signal change: 8%
- Clear dose response
- ADME phases distinct
- Lithium cleared faster in mice (18 minutes to peak) than in humans (2 hours)



# In summary: Continuous Monitoring



<http://www.theatlantic.com/sponsored/qualcomm/the-space-within/482/>

## Our nanosensor technology has significant advantages:

- Semi-invasive: The number of invasive procedures is minimized.
- Continuous: Quantitative measurements are real-time and trends can be determined.
- Portable: detection can be paired with hand held device for personalized dosing information



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# Improving Behavioral Measurements from Mobile Devices

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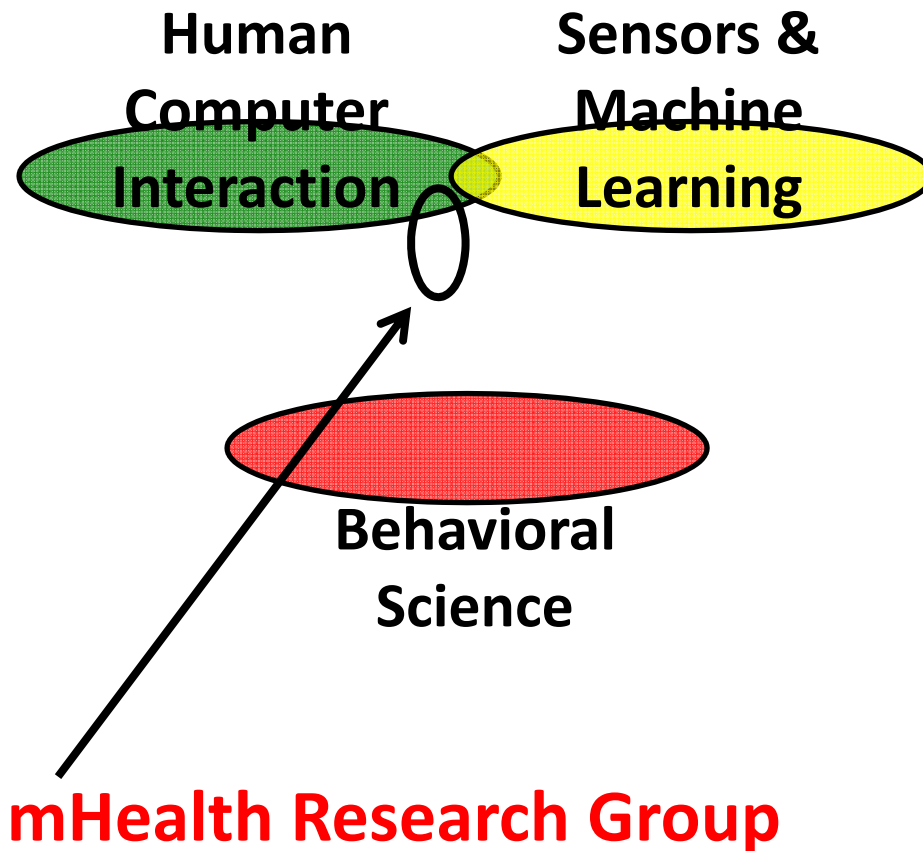
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# Opportunity



**Leverage:**

**Mobile and ubiquitous technologies**

**Focus:**

- **Computational models for real-time measurement of behaviors, states, & contexts**
- **Just-in-time adaptive health interventions**
- **Real-world validation**

# Take away

- Tools for measuring behavior, states, and context of people are poor
- Smartphones, smartwatches, and other wearable sensors provide new sensor data
- These “digital breadcrumbs” can be used by algorithms to infer behavior, states, and contexts
- This also enables context-sensitive self-report, which may further improve our behavioral measures

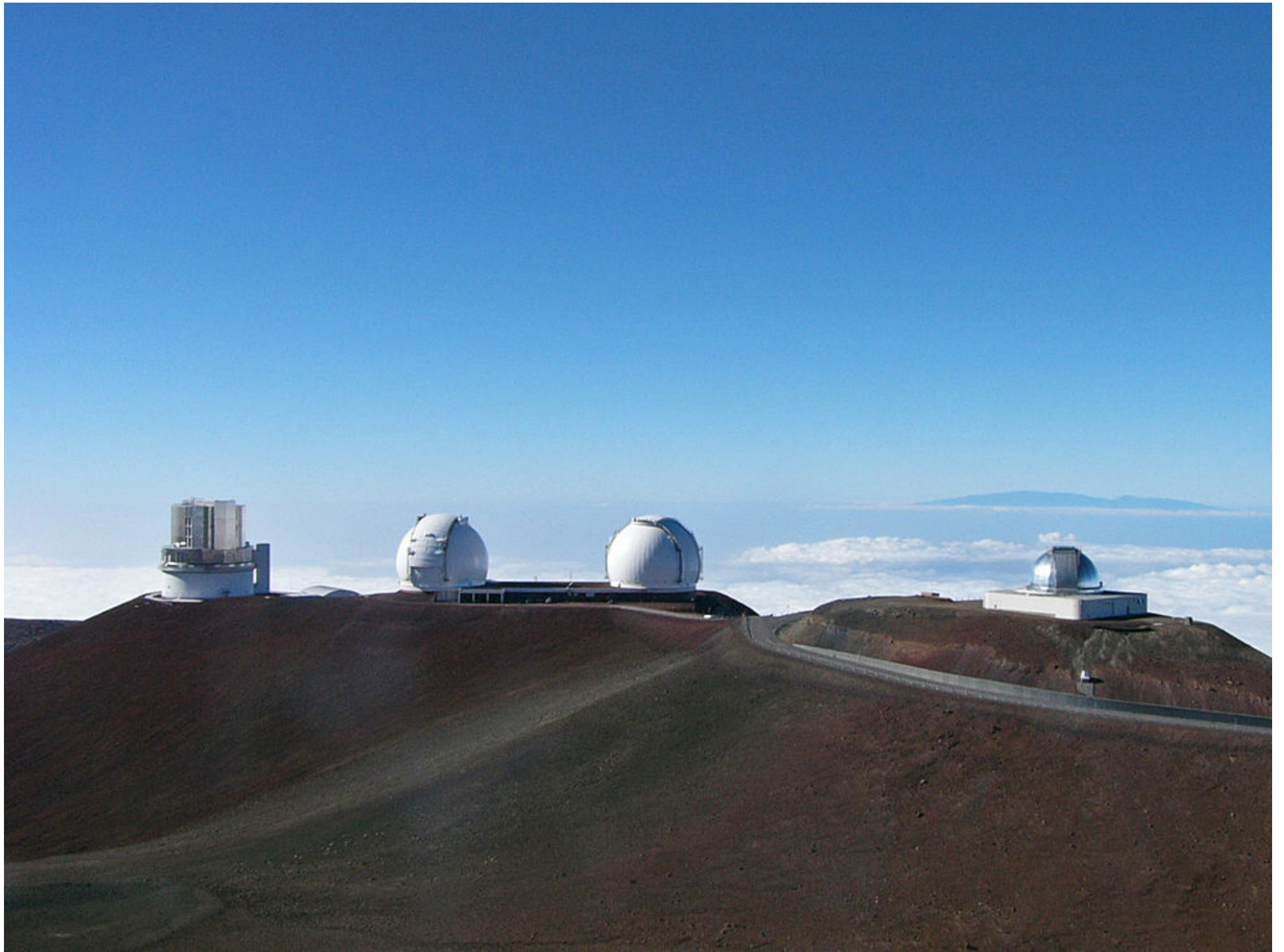
**New measurement tools  
accelerate scientific discovery**



# At massive scale

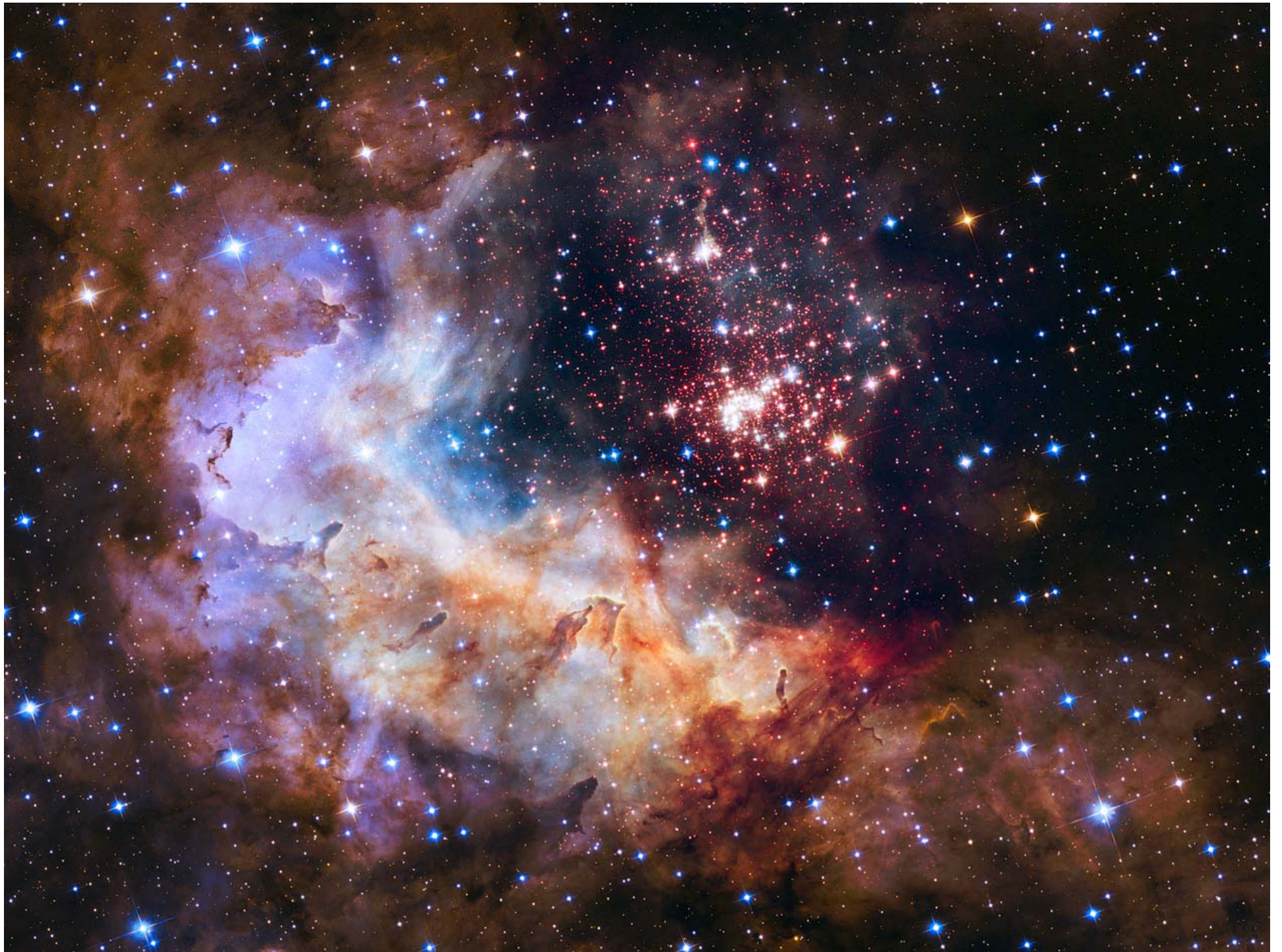
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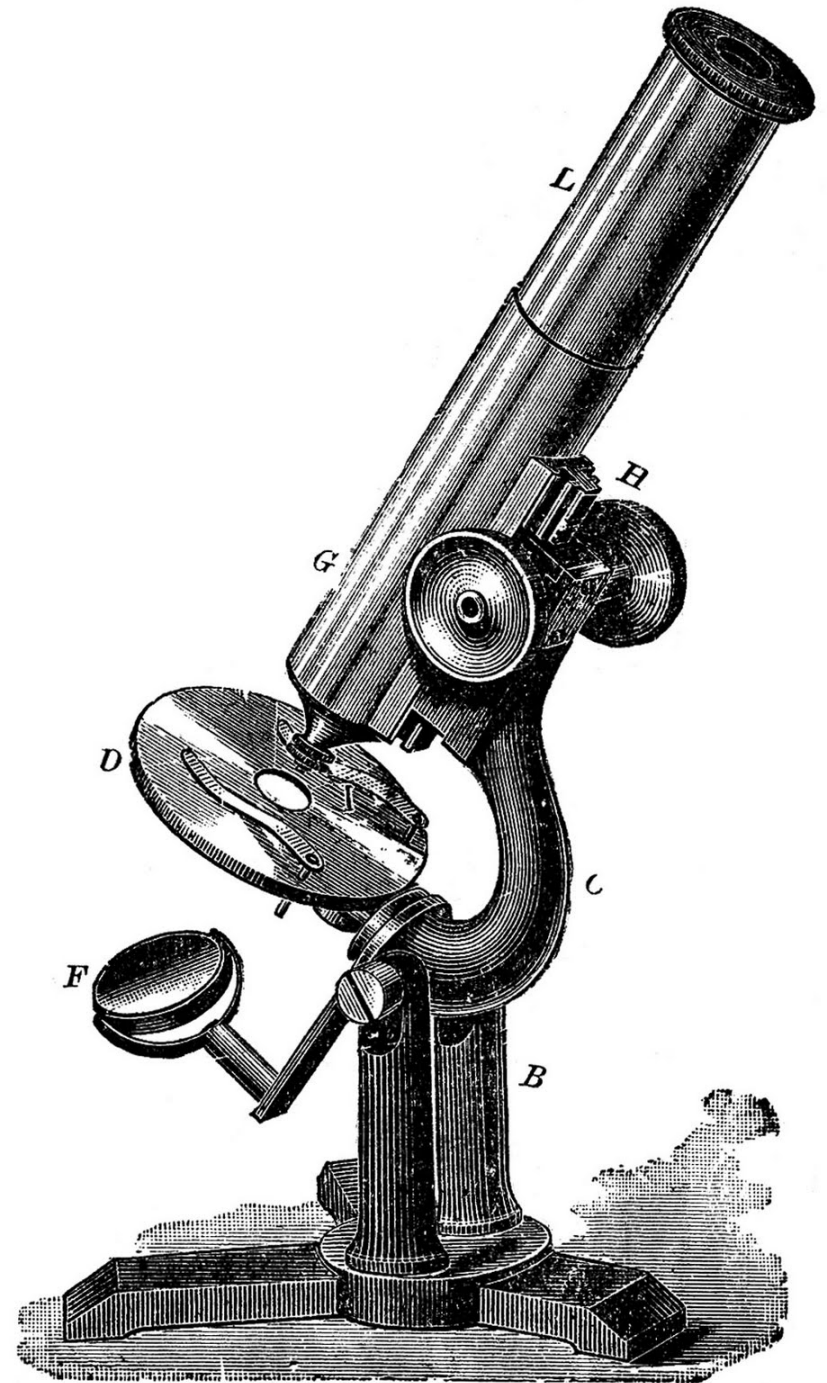




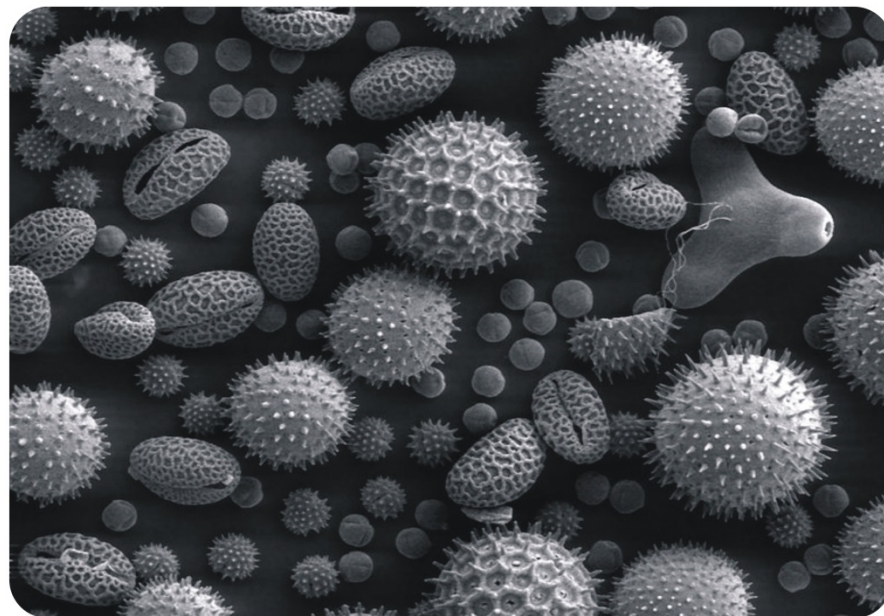


# At micro scale

Microscopes













**At  
behavioral  
scale?**

# A barrier

Typical NIH grant review meeting on research related to health behavior ...

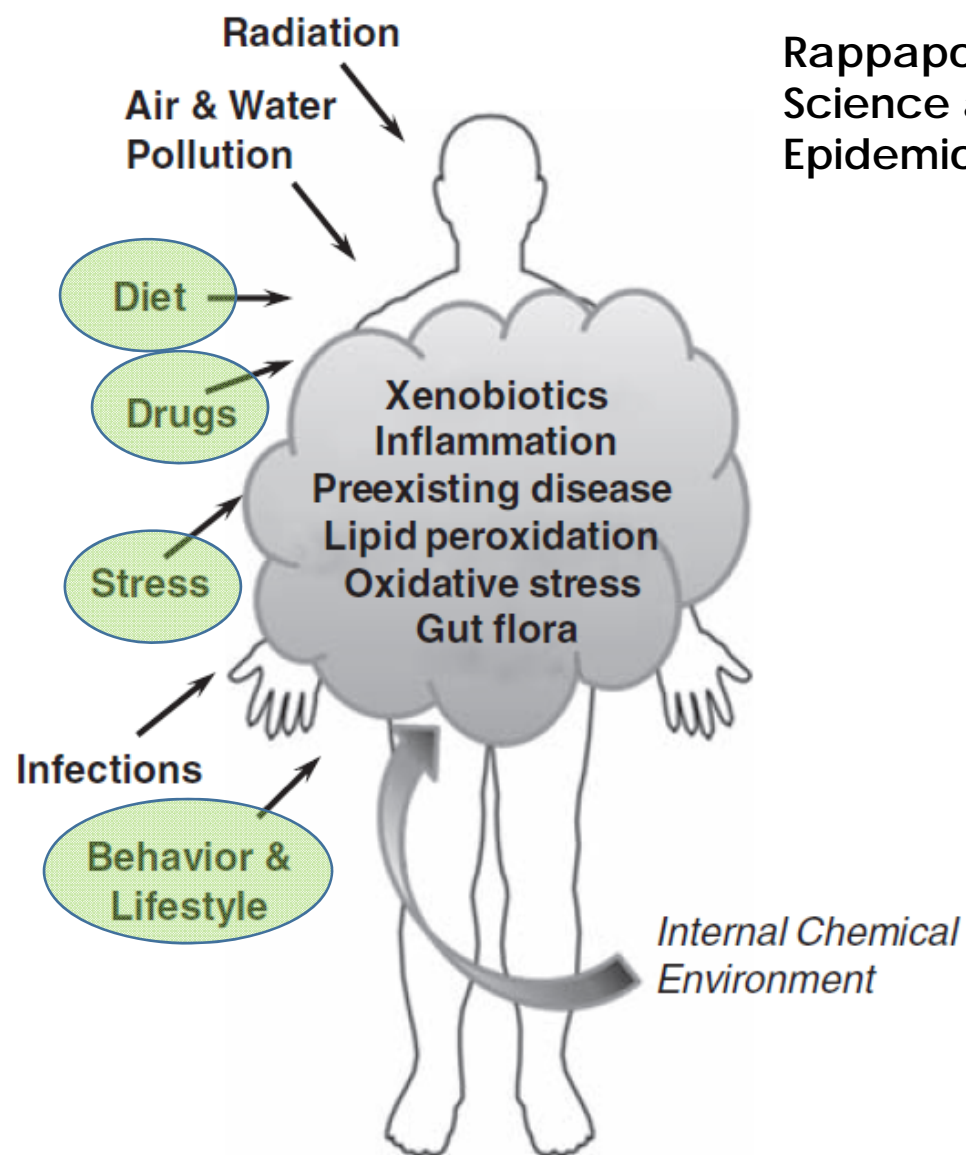


# Exposure and disease

“familial and twin studies suggest that roughly 90% of cancer deaths and half of heart disease mortality cannot be explained by the genes and, therefore, point to environmental factors”

Rappaport, J. of Epidemiology and  
Community Health 2012;66:99-102

# Exposome



Rappaport, J. of Exposure Science and Environmental Epidemiology, 2011

# Important behaviors/states

- Diet (what is eaten ... also when and how)
- Physical activity and sedentary behavior
- Risky behavior
- Medication adherence
- Social context/socialization
- Assessment of pain
- Stress/stressors
- Affective state

# At behavioral scale?

- Automatically detect patterns of behavior by computer from “digital breadcrumbs”
- Simultaneously **measure across health research silos to obtain a holistic view of behavior**
- Find unexpected relationships between behavior and health outcomes
- Develop computation models of behavior change

Reduce measurement noise  Advance science



# The need

## NHANES (National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey)



Self-report:  $\approx 45\%$  of U.S. adults meet the physical activity guidelines

Measurement:  $< 5\%$  of meet guidelines

**Troiano *et al.*, "Physical activity in the United States measured by accelerometer"**

Med Sci Sports Exerc. 2008 Jan;40(1):181-8.

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**Better  
measures**



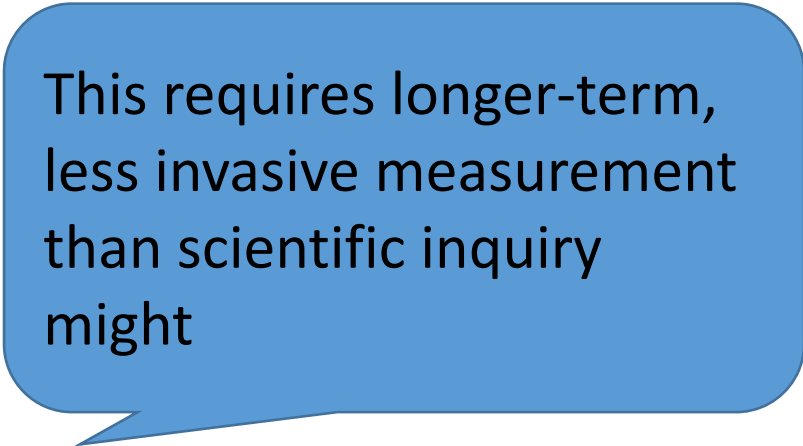
**Better questions**

E.g., Are short bouts of activity as protective against disease as continuous long bouts?

# Thinking long term

## Two motivations for measurement

- Scientific inquiry  
(Better tools for scientists)



This requires longer-term, less invasive measurement than scientific inquiry might

- Building effective interventions
  - Measure **changes** in behavior/state
  - Use measurement to **intervene** with just-in-time support for health/wellness tailored to behavior/state

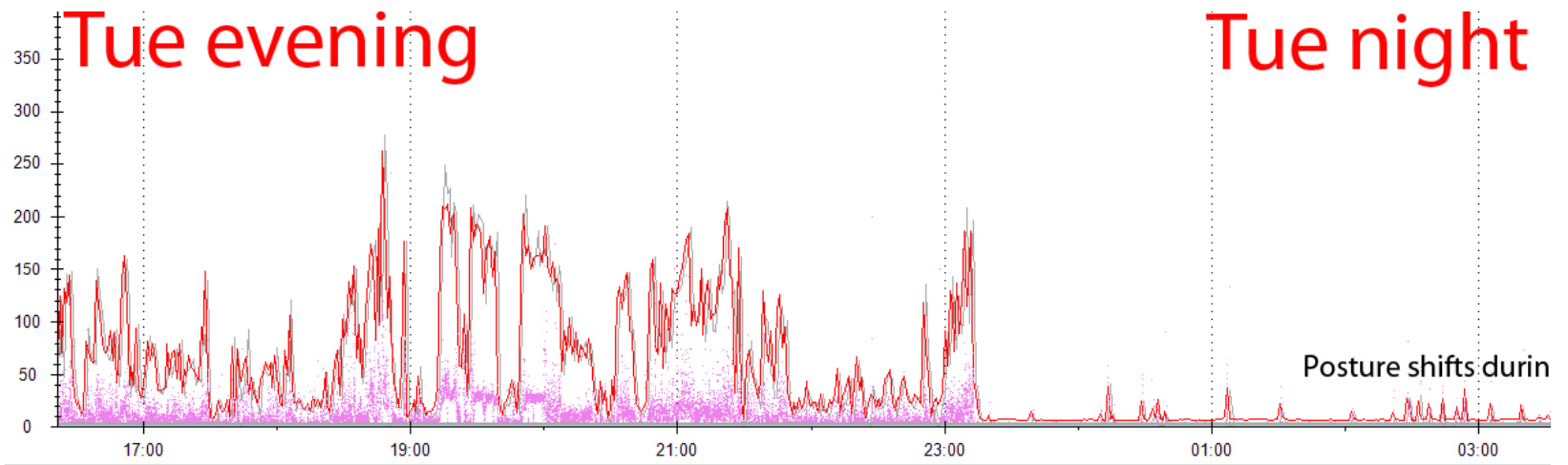
# Digital models of behavior

Incorporate real-time behavior, state, & context

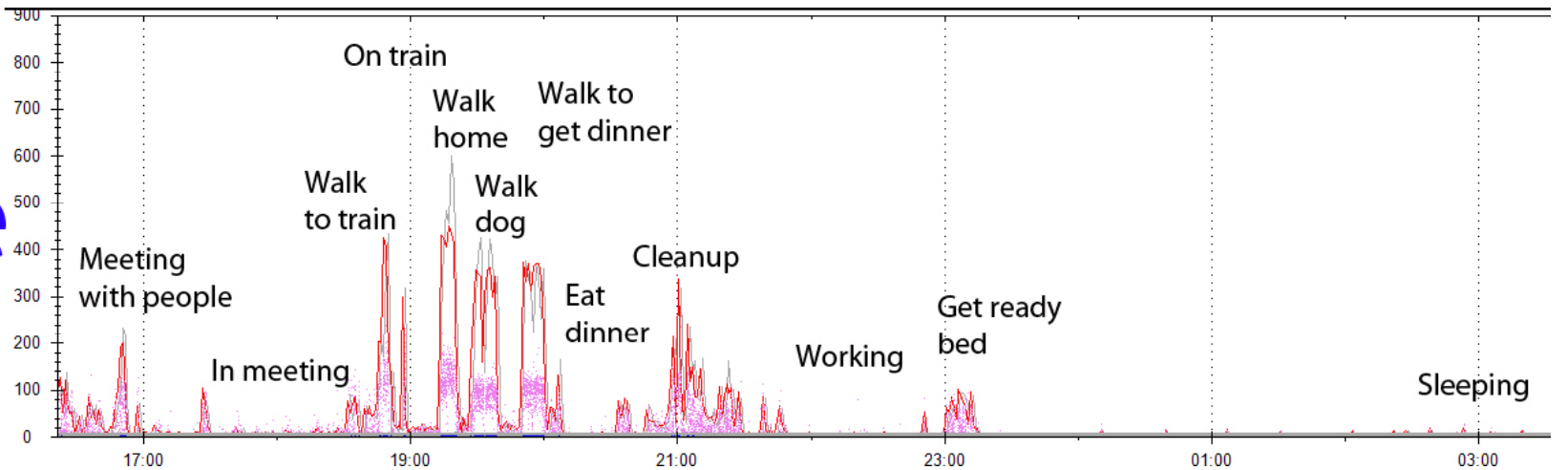
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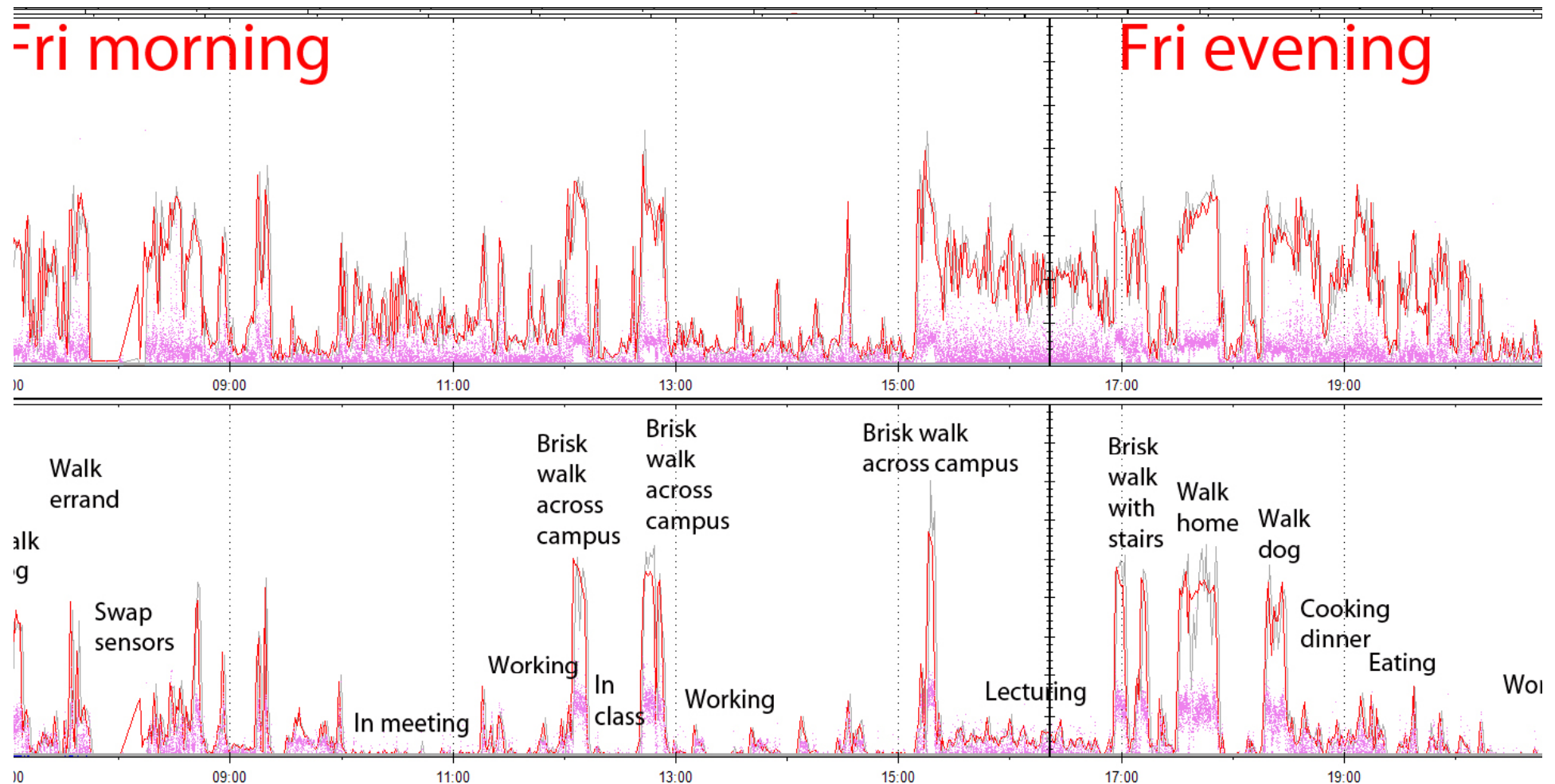
- Current behavior
- Next likely behavior
- Receptivity to information
- Decision-making & cognitive reserve
- Habits and habit formation

Wrist



Ankle

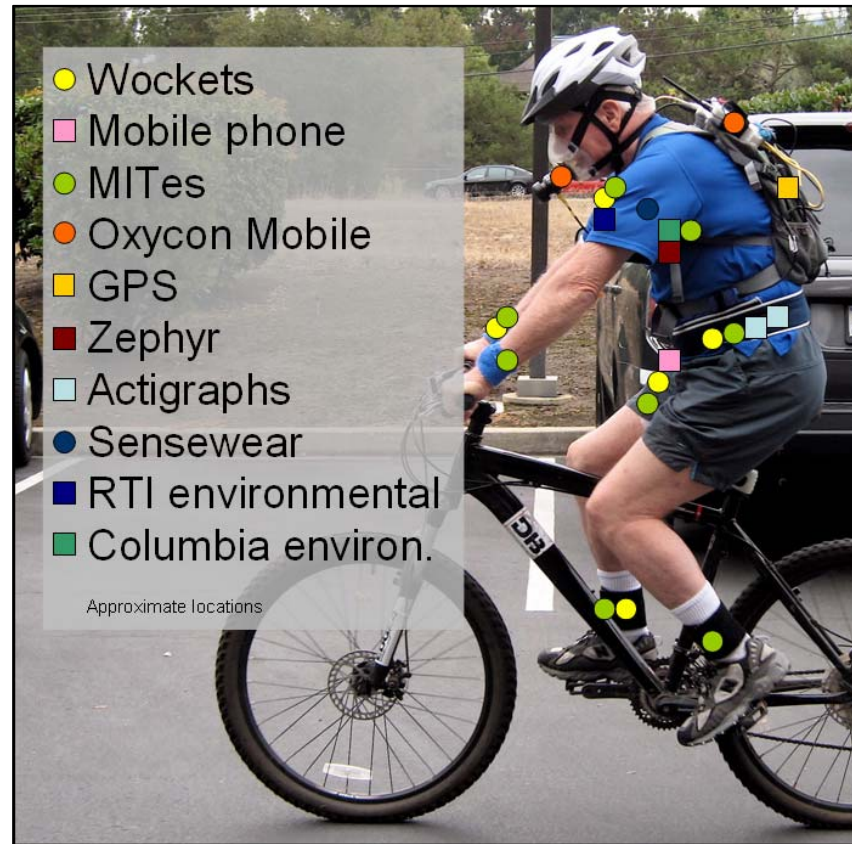




This type of info, plus social interaction, location, and more ... for long time periods ... might change research methods and research questions and lead to new interventions



# Lab validation experiments



- Lab & simulated free-living
- Variety of sensors (including smartphone/smartwatch)

# Lab performance: Activity recognition

		Subject Dependent	Subject Independent
Activities to recognize	Random Guess (%)	Total Accuracy (%)	Total Accuracy (%)
All (51)	1.9%	87.9	50.6
All with no intensities (31)	3.2%	91.4	72.0
Postures, ambulation and two MET intensity categories (11)	9%	96.5	81.3
Postures and Ambulation with no intensity (8)	12.5%	98.4	92.9
Postures (4)	25%	99.3	98.0

# Single sensor: wrist vs. ankle

33 subjects: wrist vs. ankle ambulation detection

Wrist		Ambulation	Cycling	Other activities	Sedentary
Actual label	Ambulation	<b>2263 (90.6 %)</b>	79 (3.2 %)	60 (2.4 %)	95 (3.8 %)
	Cycling	72 (6.9 %)	<b>672 (64.5 %)</b>	20 (1.9 %)	278 (26.7 %)
	Other activities	66 (6.9 %)	10 (1.0 %)	<b>806 (83.9 %)</b>	79 (8.2 %)
	Sedentary	45 (1.5 %)	150 (5.0 %)	61 (2.0 %)	<b>2756 (91.5 %)</b>
		<i>Overall accuracy = 86.5%</i>			
Ankle		Ambulation	Cycling	Other activities	Sedentary
Actual label	Ambulation	<b>2547 (99.6 %)</b>	5 (0.2 %)	6 (0.2 %)	0 (0.0 %)
	Cycling	8 (0.8 %)	<b>993 (94.8 %)</b>	26 (2.5 %)	21 (2.0 %)
	Other activities	6 (0.6 %)	15 (1.5 %)	<b>817 (82.4 %)</b>	153 (15.4 %)
	Sedentary	1 (0.0 %)	11 (0.4 %)	89 (2.9 %)	<b>2928 (96.7 %)</b>
		<i>Overall accuracy = 95.5%</i>			

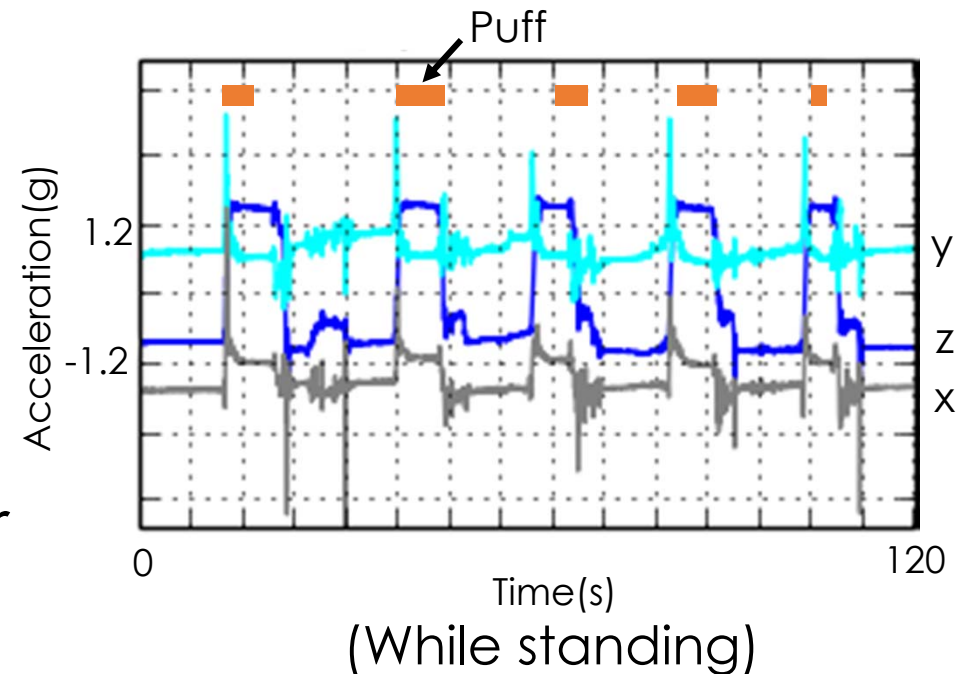
Mannini, Intille, et al., Med Sci Sports Exerc., 2013.

# E.g.: Detecting smoking behavior



- “Easy” when no other activities
- On “real data” much more challenging (eating vs. smoking)

*Data from accelerometer on the right wrist*



Tang, Vidrine, Crowder, and Intille, “Automated Detection of Puffing and Smoking with Wrist Accelerometers,” *Pervasive Health*, 2014.

# E.g. : Sleep quality and disturbances



J. C. Spilsbury, S. R. Patel, N. Morris, A. Ehyaei, and S. S. Intille, "Household chaos and sleep-disturbing behavior of family members: Results of a pilot study of African American early adolescents," Sleep Health, vol. 3, pp. 84-89, 2017.

Are you getting up or going back to sleep?

☐ Getting up

☐ Going back to sleep

Next

What time did you get out of bed today?

Select time

Set time

8 15 AM

Done

Back Next

Last night around 01:47 AM there was a loud noise that might have disturbed you? What was it?(scroll and select)

☐ Don't know

☐ Family member I share bedroom with

☐ Voices from other rooms in the house

☐ Voices outside the house

☐ Traffic

☐ TV or radio

☐ Sound machine

☐ Someone coming home from work

☐ Someone doing chores or cooking

☐ Something else

Back Next

Mark all the activities you were doing at the beep:(scroll and check all that apply)

☐ Relaxing/hanging out

☐ Talking on the phone

☐ Texting

☐ Eating

☐ Watching a show or movie

☐ Listening to music

☐ Playing video games

☐ Doing homework or chores

☐ Getting things ready for tomorrow

☐ Reading (not homework) or sitting quietly

Back Next

# But, need some self-report:



**EATING**



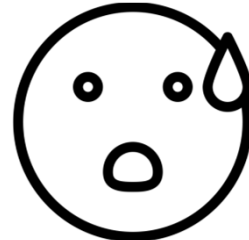
**RELATIONSHIPS**



**PAIN**



**MOOD**



**PERCEIVED  
EXERTION**

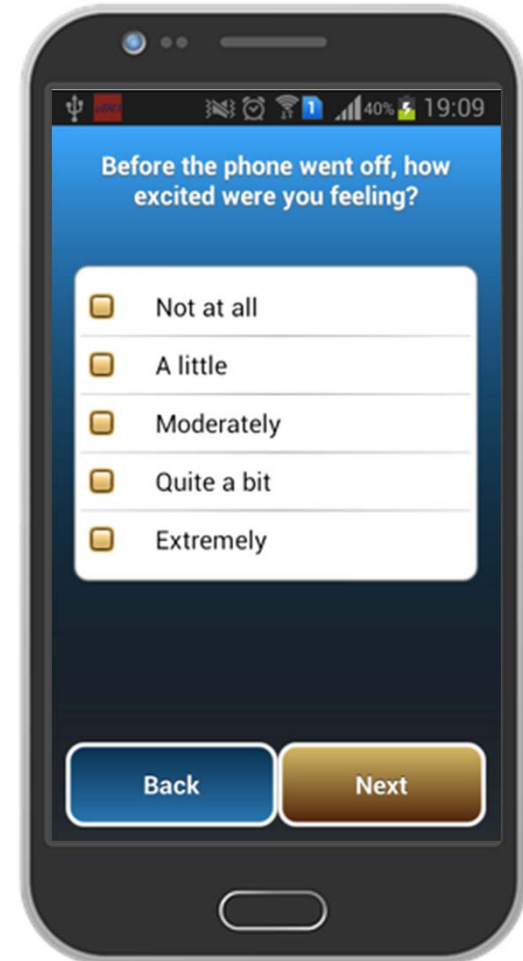
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# What is EMA?

EMA or Ecological momentary assessment is an *in situ* **self-report data collection method** to assess behavior

– *Shiffman & Stone, 1998;*  
*Smyth & Stone, 2013*

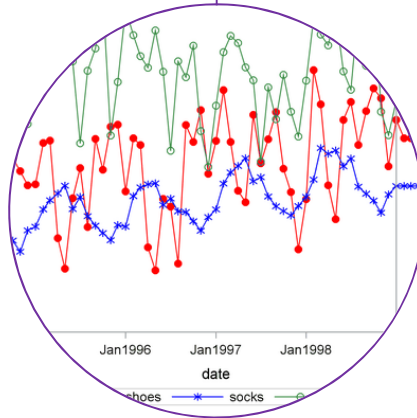


# What is EMA?

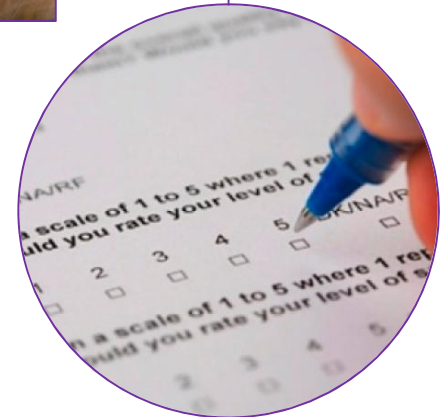
Real world = Ecological validity



Prompted several times a day on mobile phone



Explain missing sensor data



Reduces recall biases

# EMA

12:37

**How MAD OR ANGRY were you feeling just before the phone went off?**

- ☐ Not at all
- ☐ A little
- ☐ Quite a bit
- ☐ Extremely

Next

12:52

**What were you DOING just before the phone went off?  
(Choose all that apply)**

- ☐ Reading/Computer/Homework
- ☐ Using technology (TV, phone)
- ☒ Active Play/Sports/Exercising
- ☐ Eating/Drinking
- ☐ Going somewhere
- ☐ Sleeping
- ☐ Something else

Back Next

Reading asthma data

**Since the last survey you answered, have you had too many things to do?**

- ☐ Yes, and caused very much stress
- ☐ Yes, and caused some stress
- ☐ Yes, and caused a little stress
- ☐ Yes, but not at all stressful
- ☐ No

Back Next

# Context-sensitive sampling



Teen asthma  
measurement  
prompted just after  
inhaler used:

A screenshot of a smartphone screen displaying a survey prompt. The status bar at the top shows various icons and the time 08:55. The prompt text is: "Just before you used your inhaler, have you experienced COUGHING?". Below the text is a list of four options, each with a checkbox: "Not at all", "A little", "Quite a bit", and "Very much so". At the bottom of the screen are two buttons: "Back" and "Next".

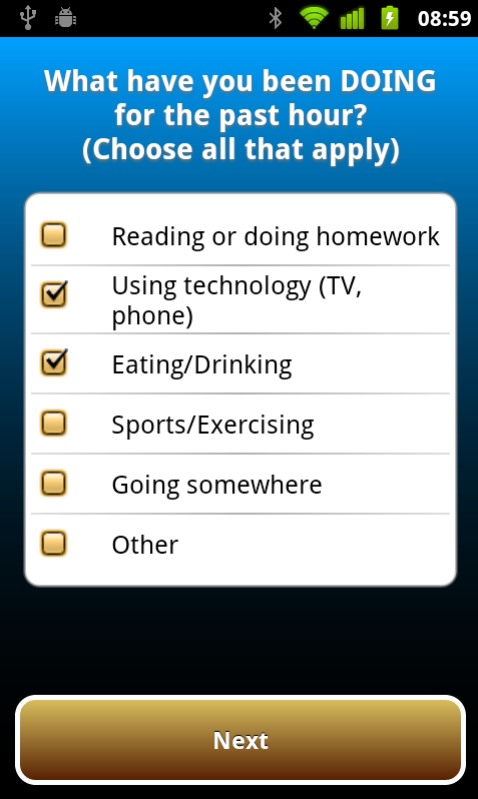
Just before you used your inhaler, have you experienced COUGHING?	
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Back Next

E. Dzubur, M. Li, K. Kawabata, Y. Sun, R. McConnell, S. Intille, and G. F. Dunton, "Design of a smartphone application to monitor stress, asthma symptoms, and asthma inhaler use," *Ann Allergy Asthma Immunol*, vol. 114, pp. 341-342, 2015.

# Context-sensitive sampling

Prompted after  
60 min of phone  
motion or  
no motion:



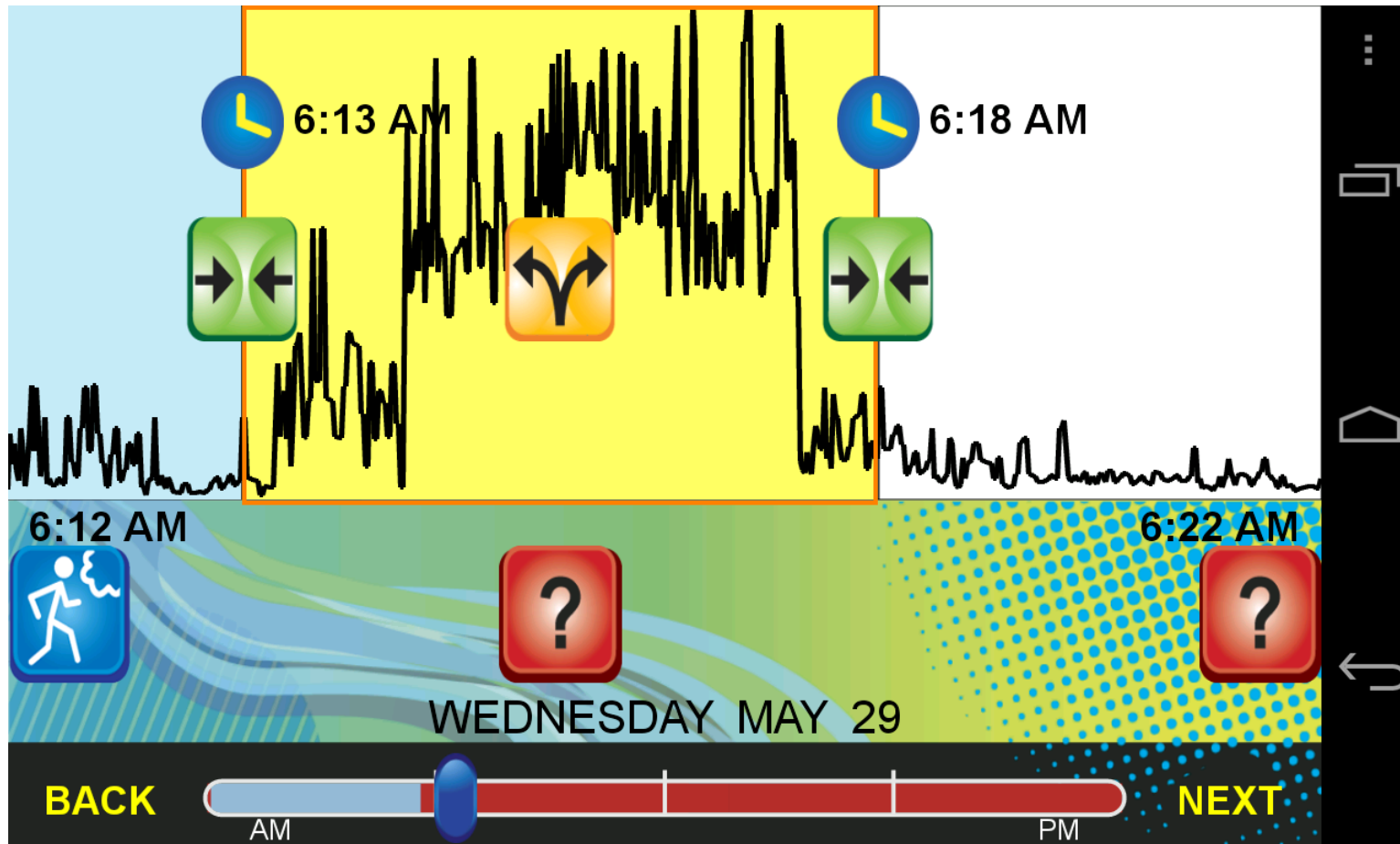
The screenshot shows a mobile application interface. At the top, there is a status bar with various icons and the time 08:59. Below this, a blue header contains the text "What have you been DOING for the past hour? (Choose all that apply)". The main content area is a white box with a list of activities, each preceded by a checkbox. The activities are: "Reading or doing homework", "Using technology (TV, phone)", "Eating/Drinking", "Sports/Exercising", "Going somewhere", and "Other". The checkboxes for "Using technology (TV, phone)" and "Eating/Drinking" are checked. At the bottom of the white box is a large, rounded, gold-colored button with the text "Next".

What have you been DOING  
for the past hour?  
(Choose all that apply)

- ☐ Reading or doing homework
- ☒ Using technology (TV, phone)
- ☒ Eating/Drinking
- ☐ Sports/Exercising
- ☐ Going somewhere
- ☐ Other

Next

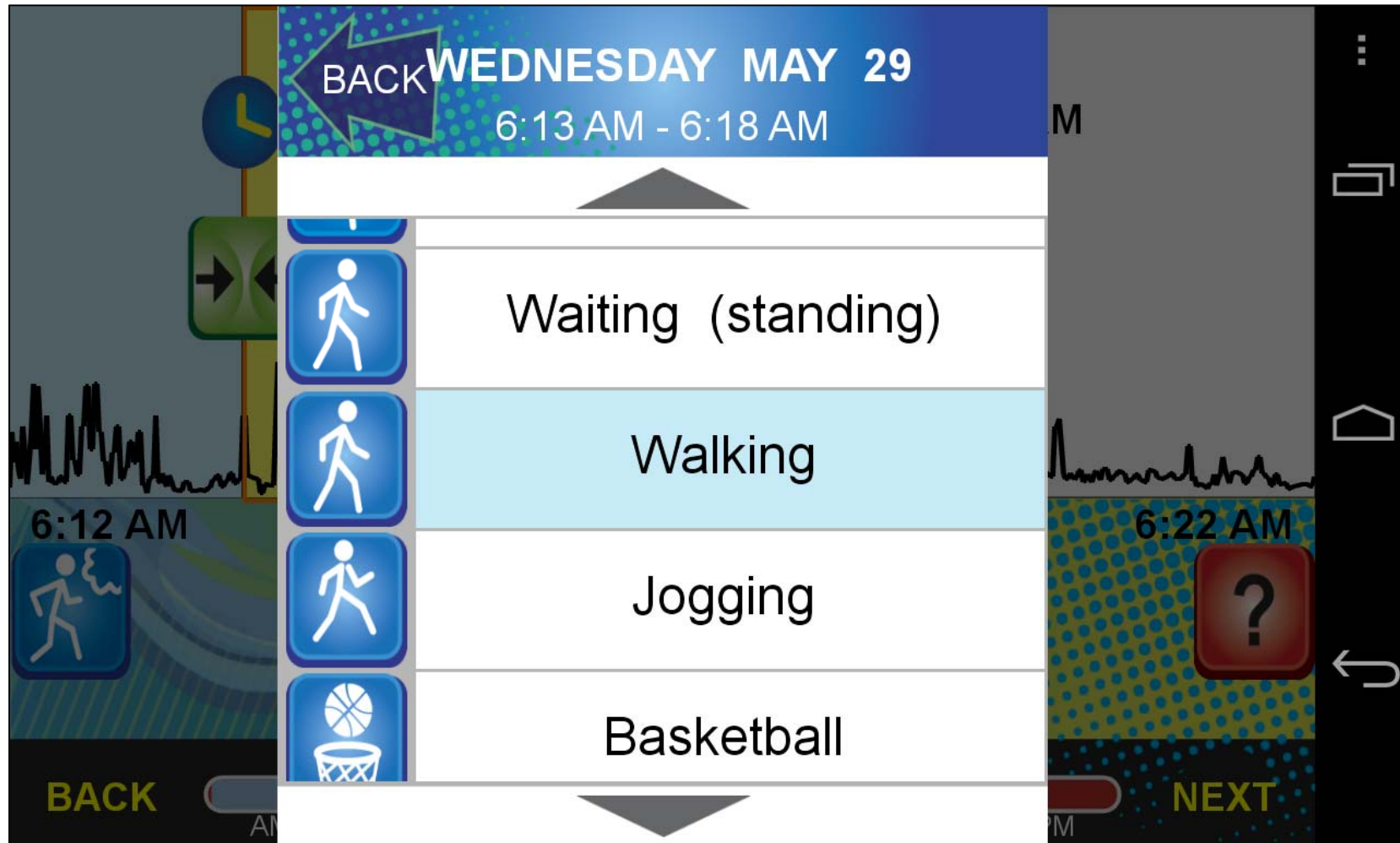
# Semi-automated self-report



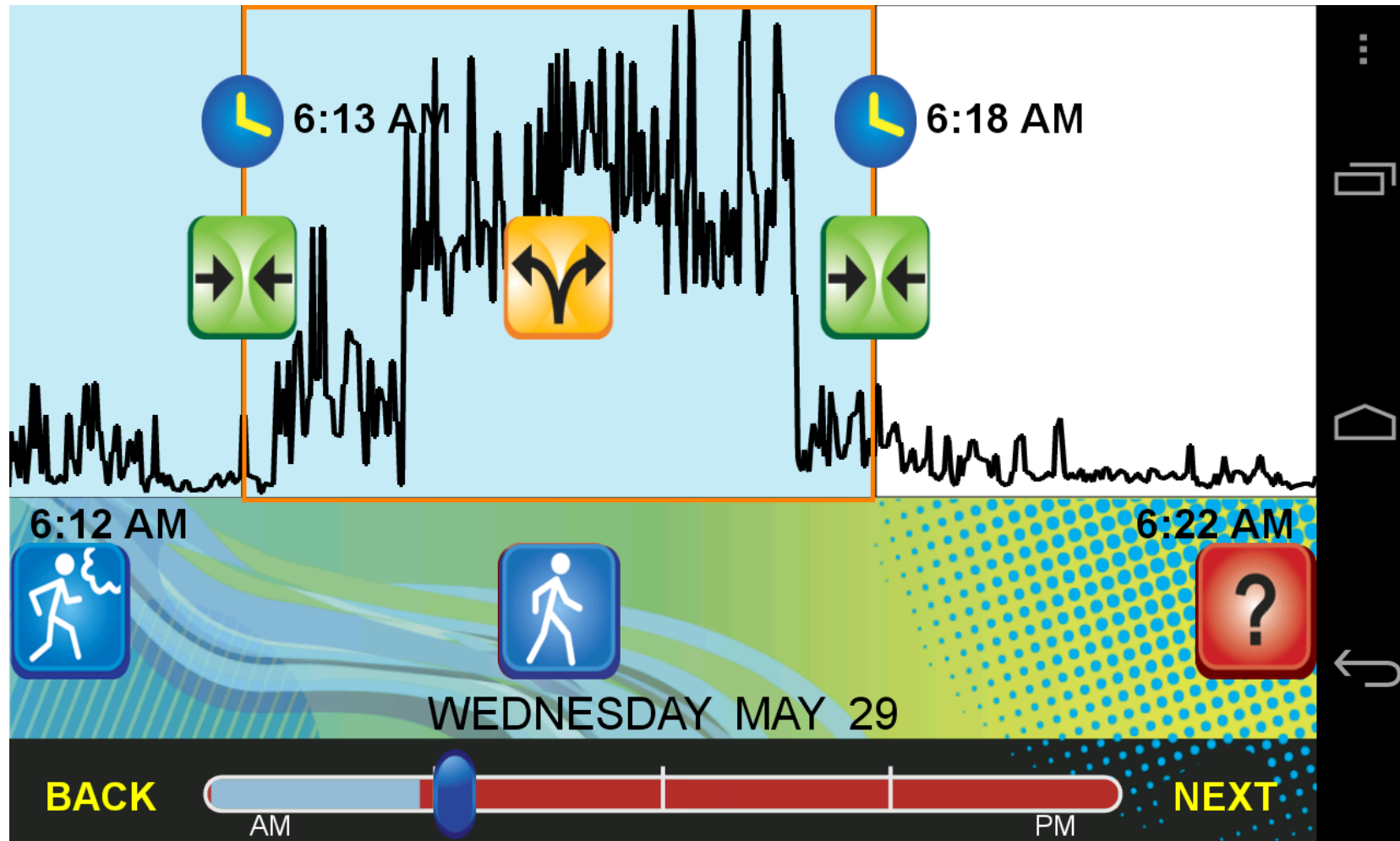
Dunton, Dzubur, Kawabata, Yanez, Bo, and Intille, "Development of a smartphone application to measure physical activity using sensor-assisted self-report," *Front. Public Health*, 2014, Feb 28, 2:12.



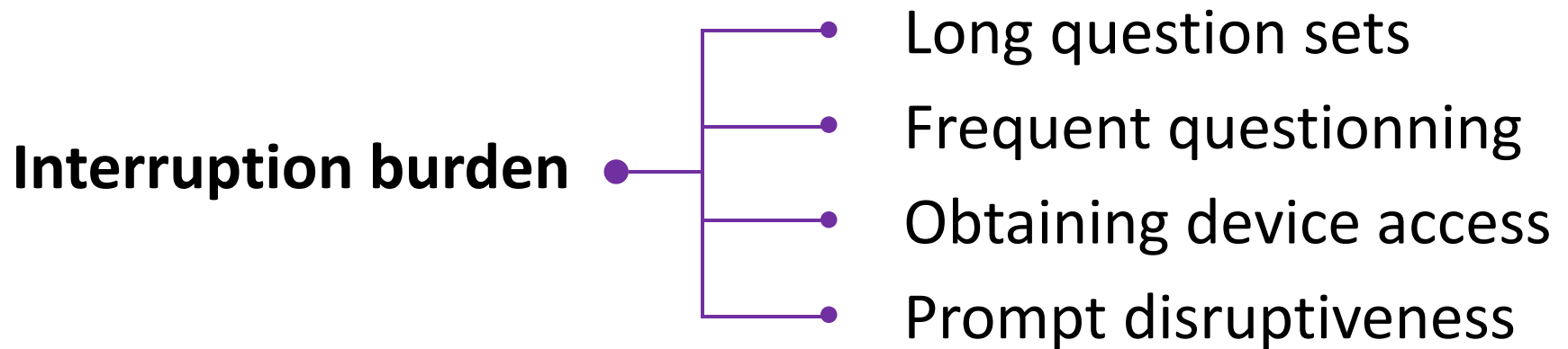
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# EMA limitation

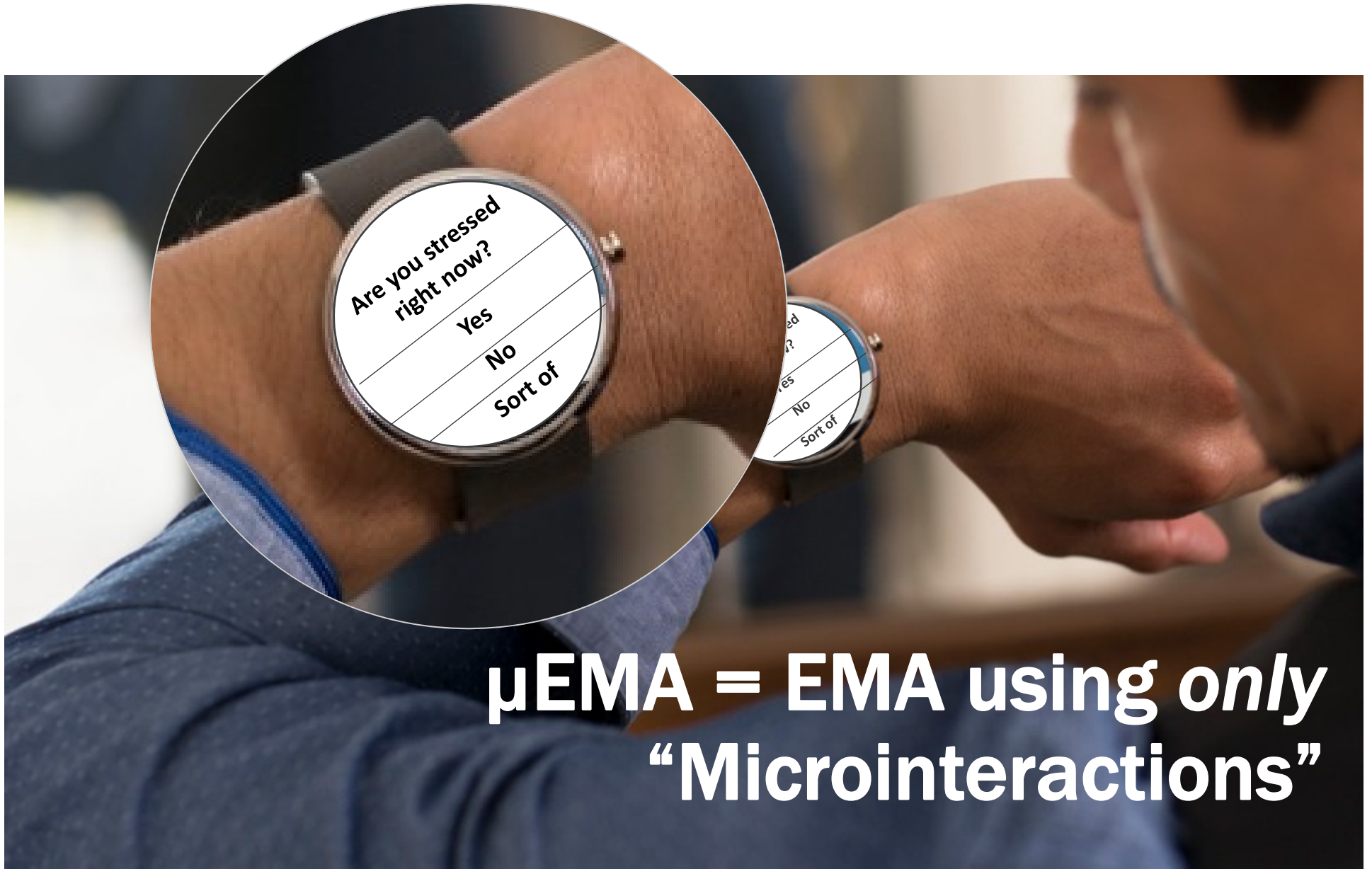


**Resulting in high perceived burden and lower study compliance**

## EMA challenge

How might we reduce interruption burden, but still achieve high temporal density in EMA?

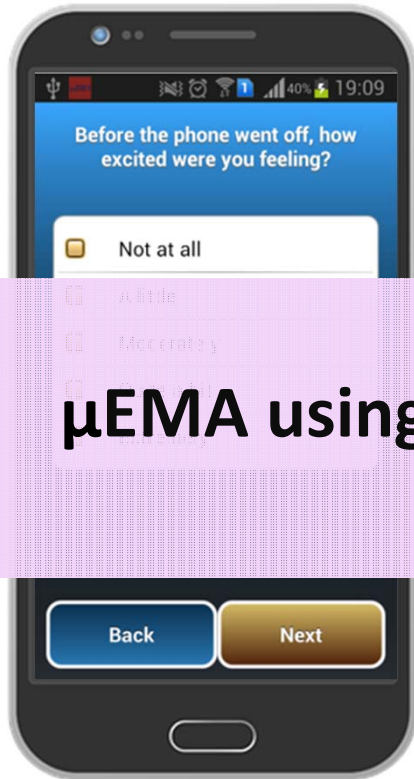
# “At a glance” microinteractions



**$\mu$ EMA = EMA using *only*  
“Microinteractions”**

# Use microinteractions

mobile-EMA



**Interrupt less,  
ask more**

Watch- $\mu$ EMA



**Interrupt more,  
ask less**

**$\mu$ EMA using a smartwatch → Watch- $\mu$ EMA**



# Recent pilot results

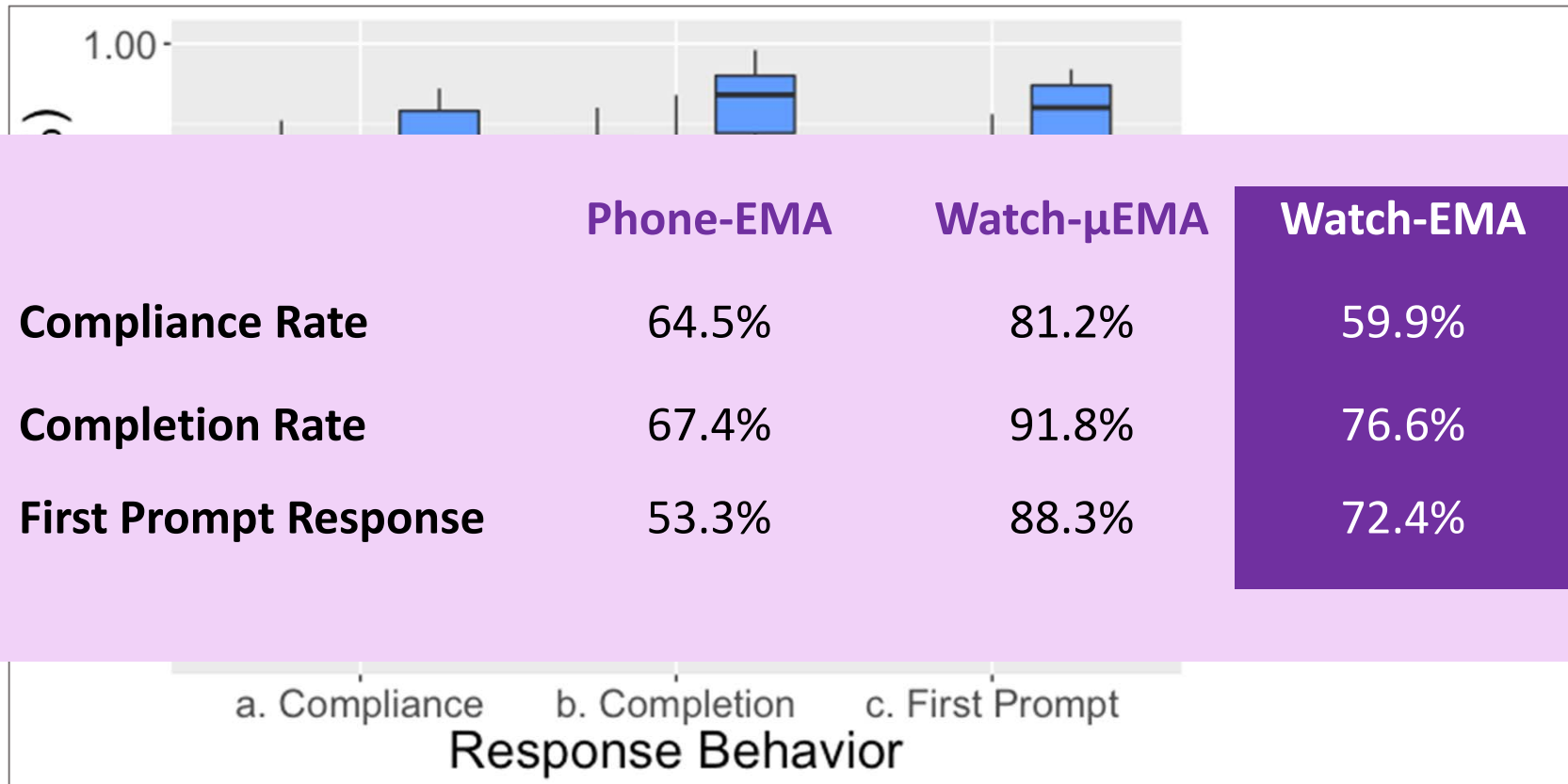
- **Despite ~8 times more interruption, watch- $\mu$ EMA had higher response rates and study compliance than mobile-EMA**
- **Despite interruption rates as high as 8 per hour, watch- $\mu$ EMA was perceived as more tolerable than mobile-EMA**

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**Is the effect due to microinteractions or the smartwatch alone?**

# Results – All response rates

## Response rates summary



# Microinteractions

The novelty of a smartwatch and its easy access alone are **not sufficient to drastically improve EMA compliance** and reduce burden



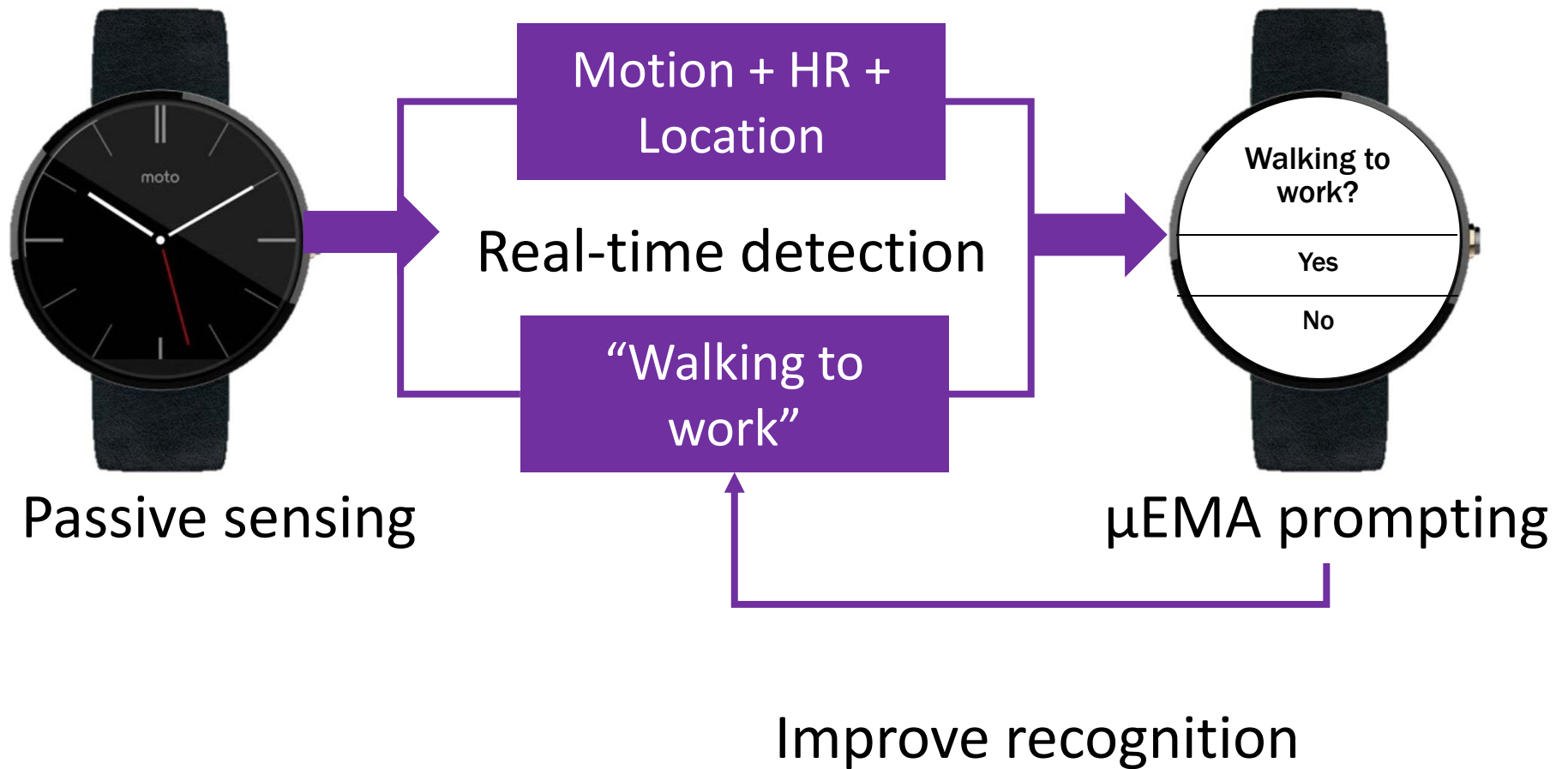
Microinteractions appear to be necessary

Intille et al., "μEMA: Microinteraction-based ecological momentary assessment (EMA) using a smartwatch," in Proc. of the 2016 ACM Int'l Joint Conf. Pervasive and Ubiquitous Computing: ACM, 2016, pp. 1124-1128.

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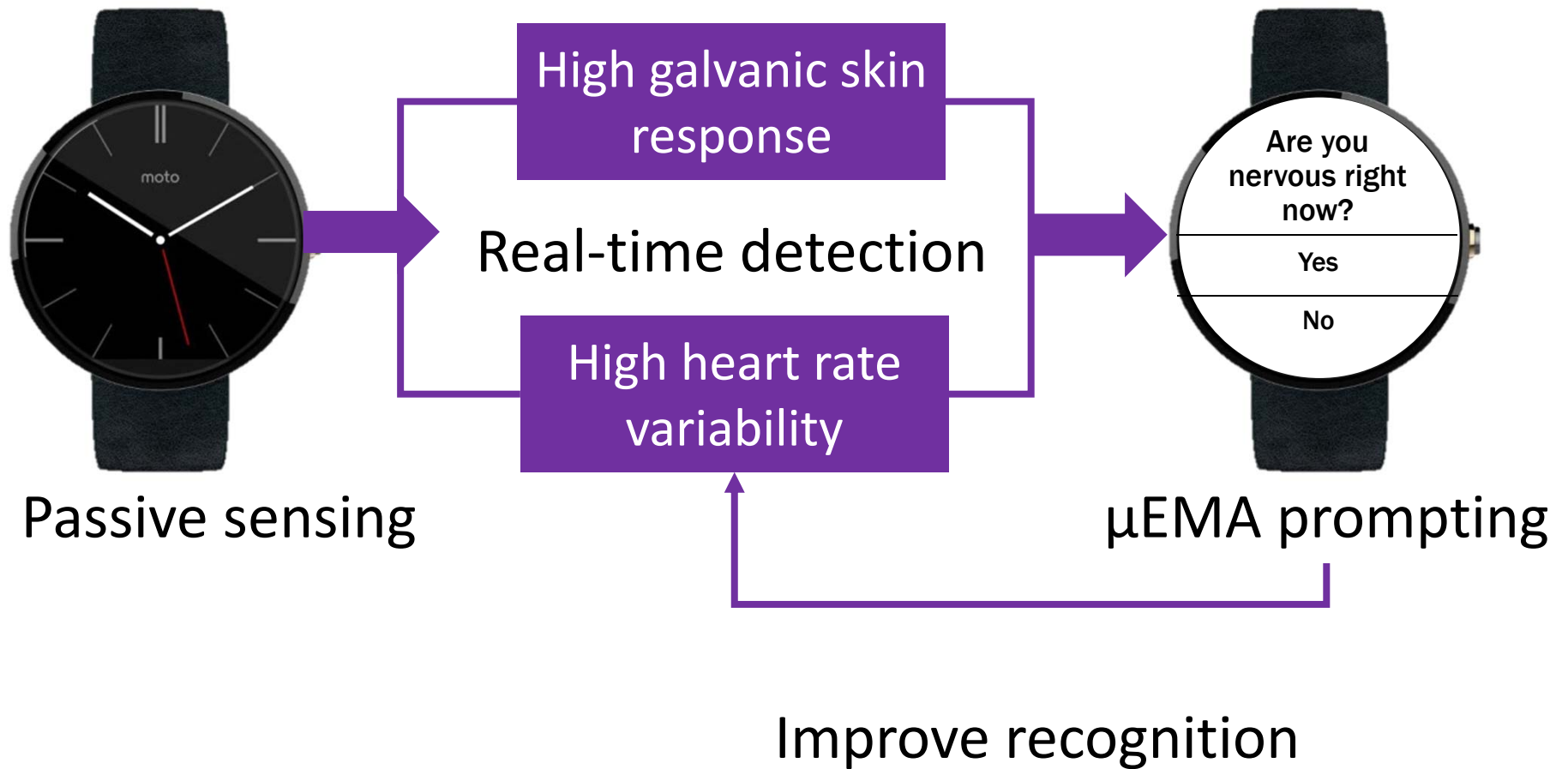
# Future: Sensing + $\mu$ EMA

Validate activity/state recognition



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Validate activity/state recognition



# Take away

- Tools for measuring behavior, states, and context of people are poor
- Smartphones, smartwatches, and other wearable sensors provide new sensor data
- These “digital breadcrumbs” can be used by algorithms to infer behavior, states, and contexts
- This also enables context-sensitive self-report, which may further improve our behavioral measures





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# Nanoelectronic Devices for Cellular Interfaces and Hybrid Tissues

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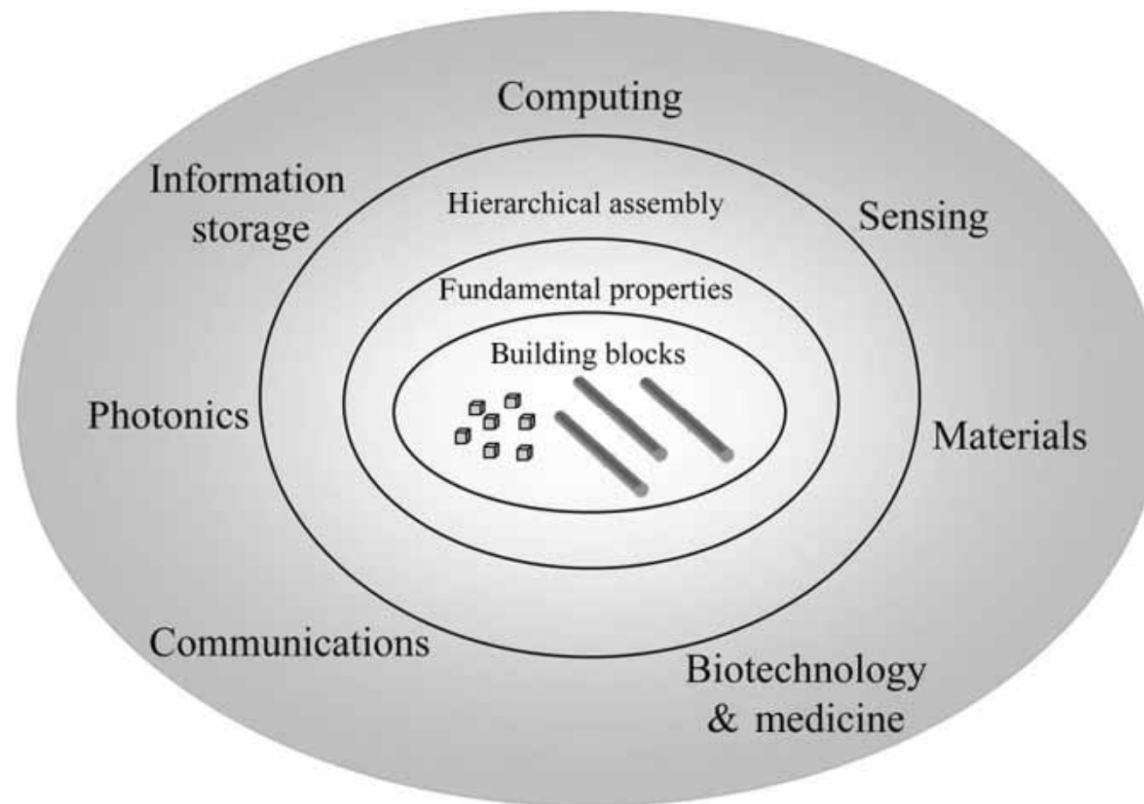
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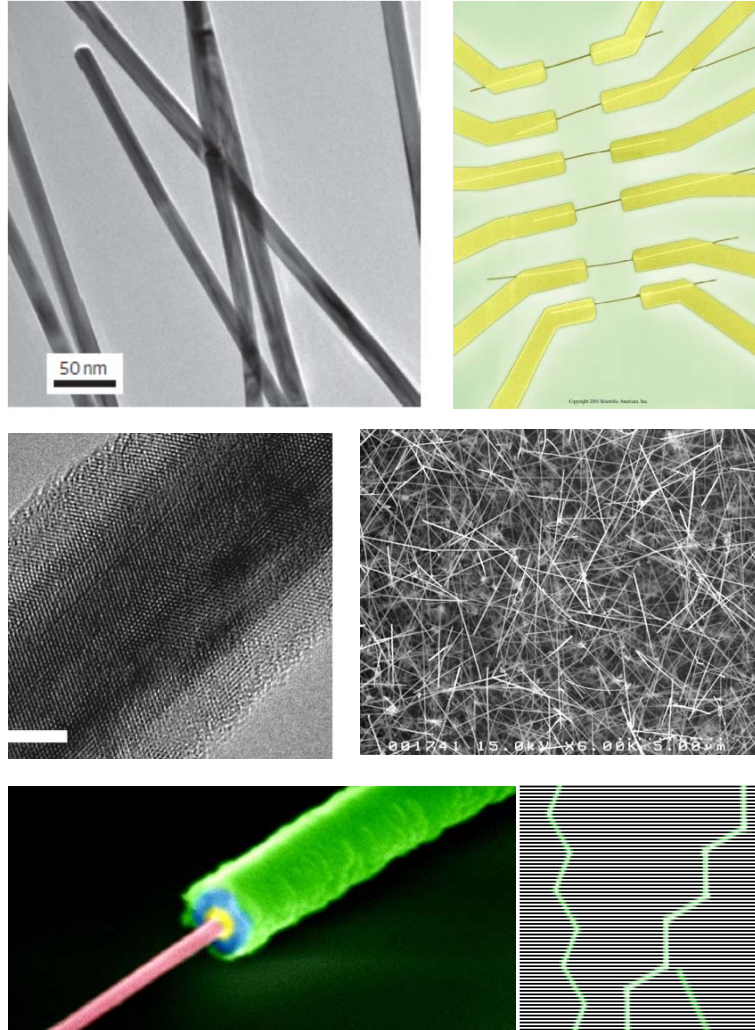


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# Bottom-up Paradigm

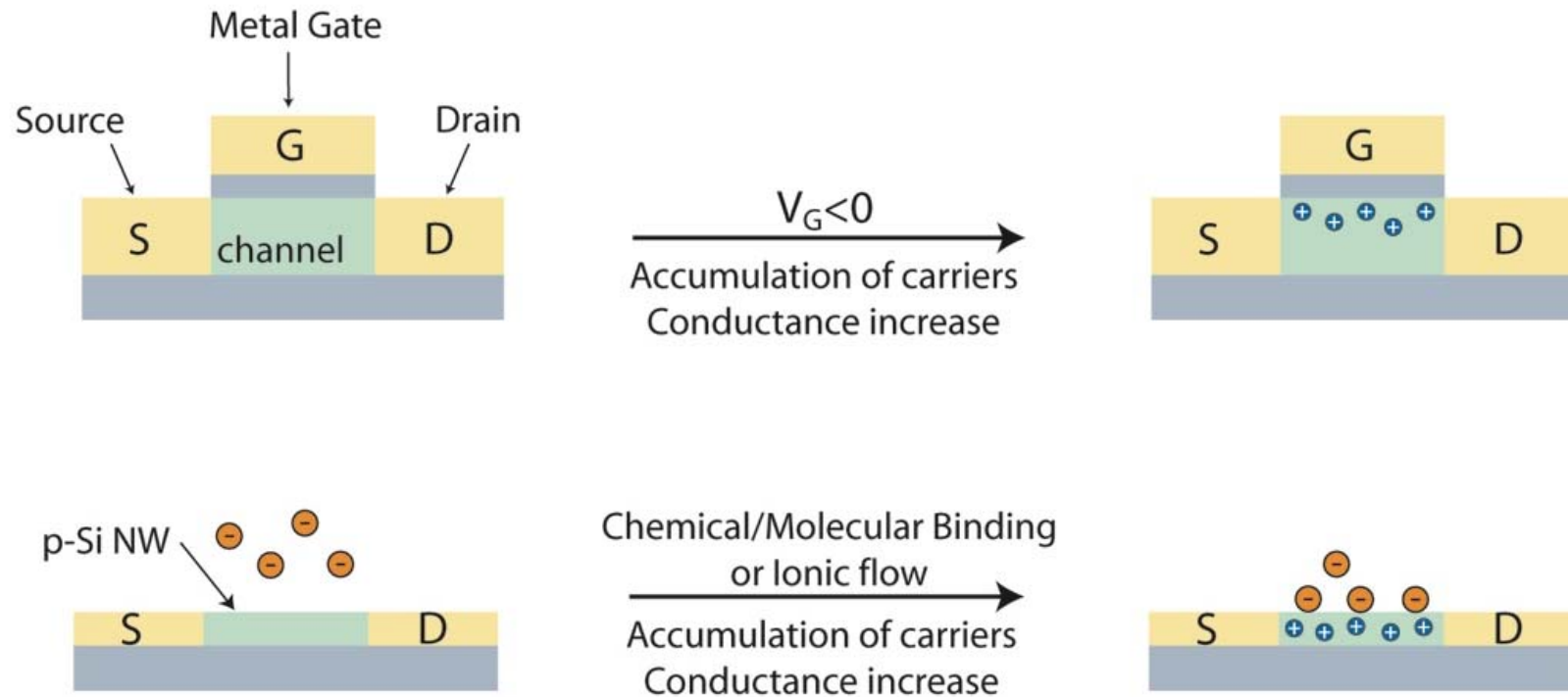


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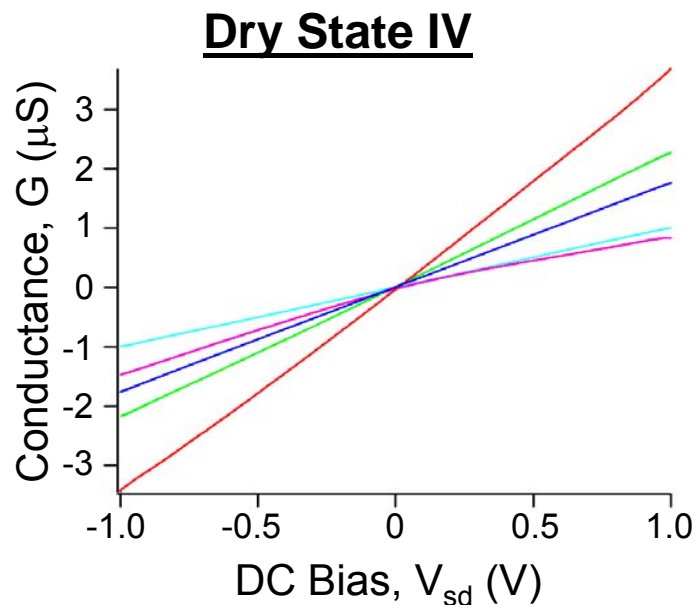
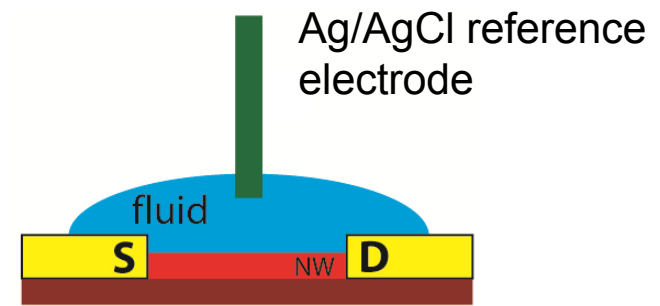
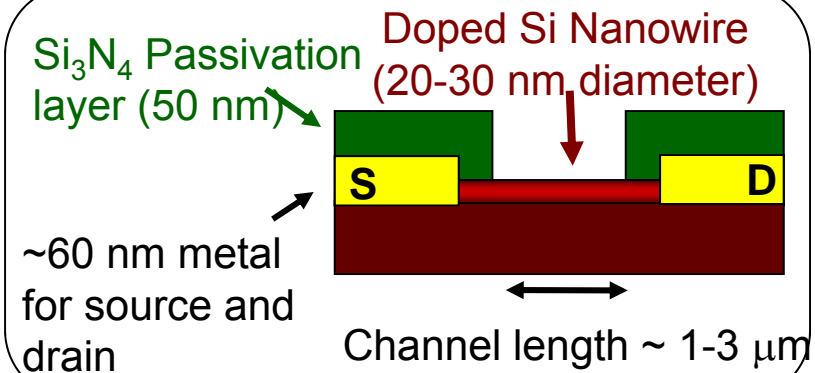


- **1D**: 10-100 nm wide
- Ca. 10  $\mu\text{m}$  long
- Single crystalline
- Function as building blocks for **active** or **passive** nanoelectronics

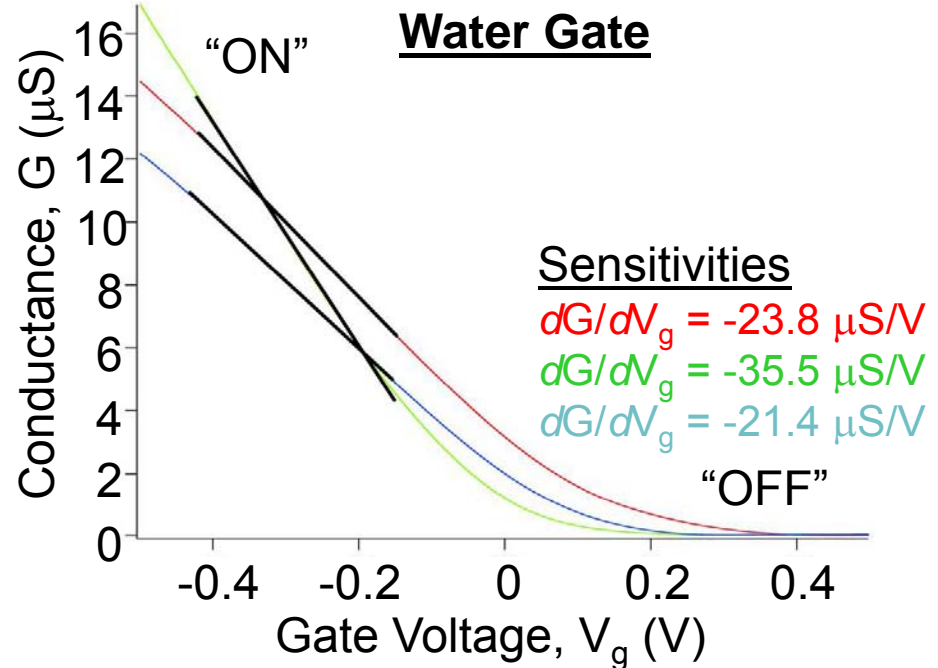
# Nanowire FETs as Biosensors



# Water Gate Experiments Reveal FET Behavior



- Contacts metalized with **Ni** or **Ti/Pd/Ti** are Ohmic.

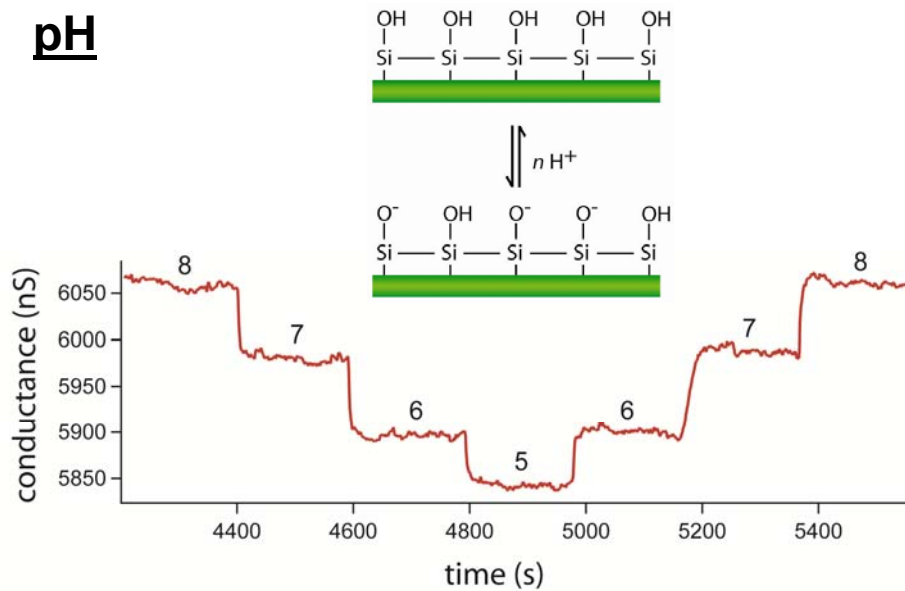


- Sensitivities ( $dG/dV_g$ ) in the linear regime range from  **$10 \mu\text{S/V}$  to  $30 \mu\text{S/V}$** .

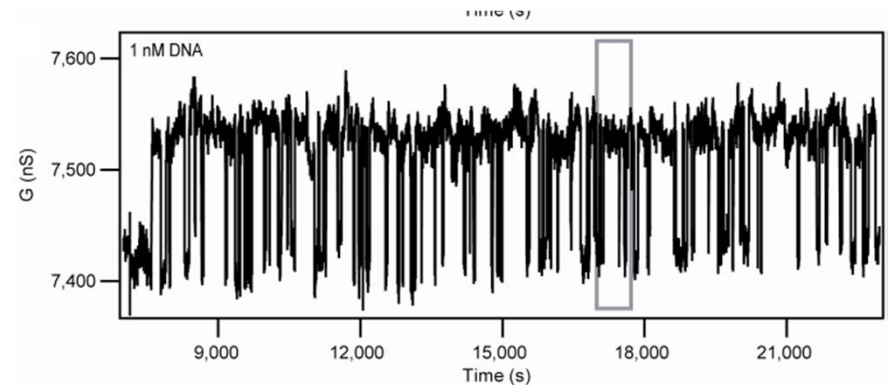


# NW-FETs Achieve Biosensing

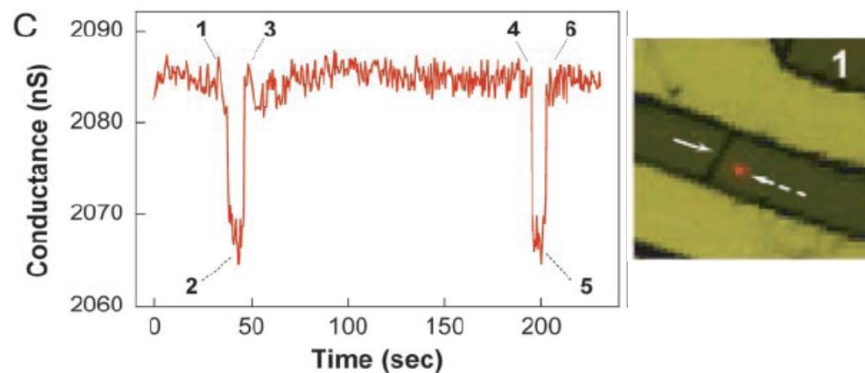
## pH



## DNA

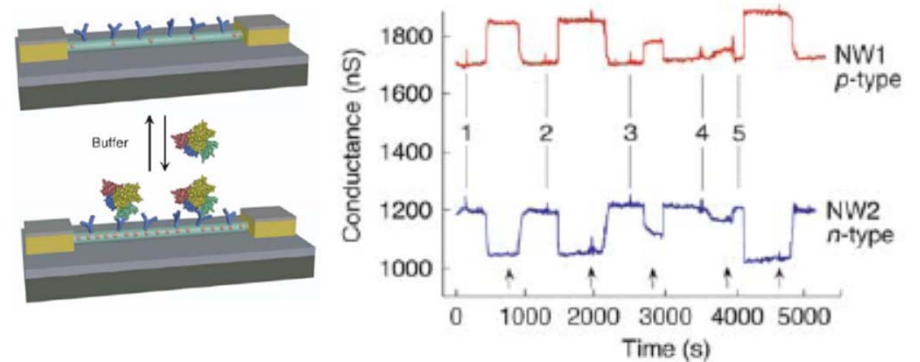


## Virus



**Single virus sensitivity**

## Proteins

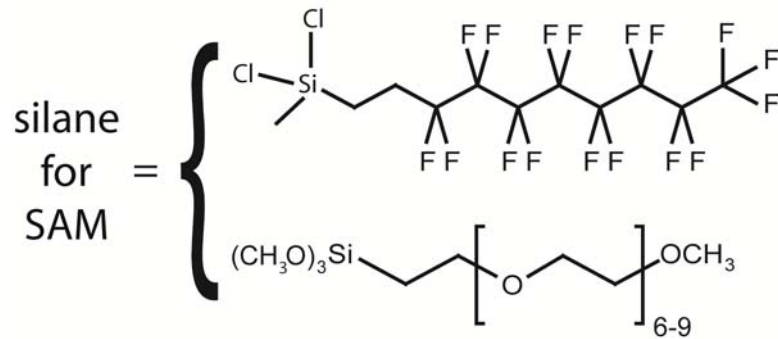
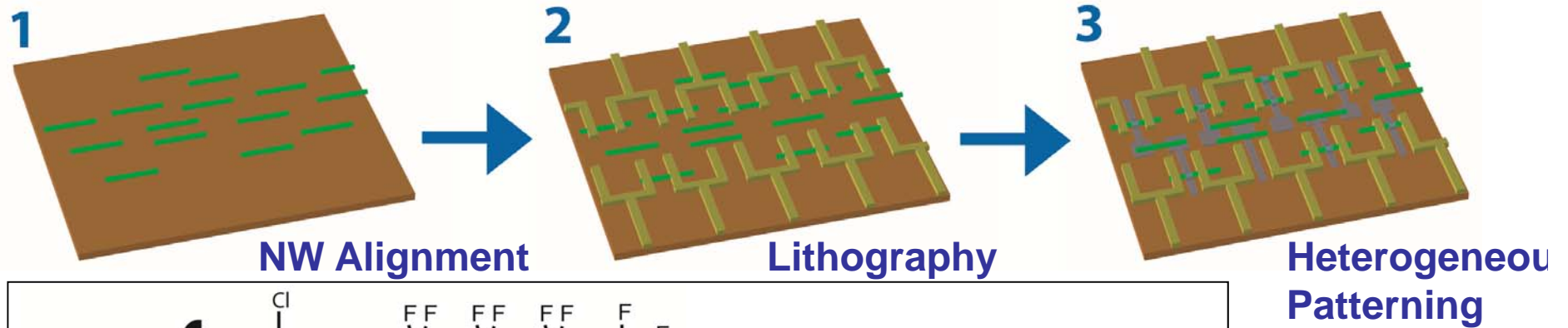


**fM PSA sensitivity**

F. Patolsky, **B. P. Timko**, G. Zheng, C. M. Lieber, *MRS Bull.* **32**, 142 (2007). (review)

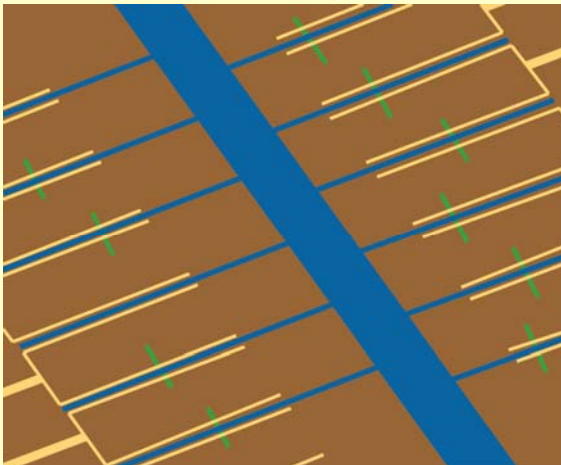
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## Heterogeneous patterning achieves neuronal guidance

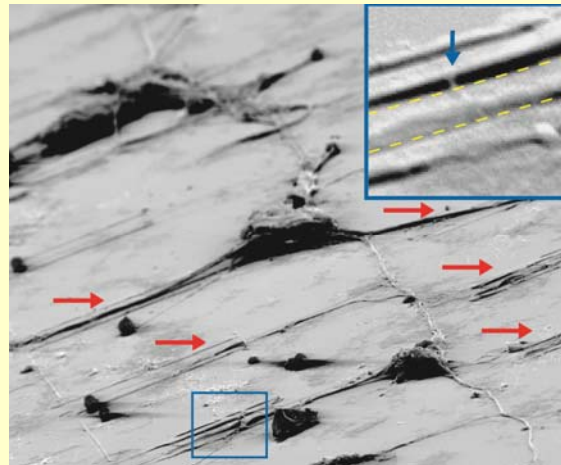


**Adhesion factor** = poly-d-lysine

## Patterning scheme



## SEM of patterned neurons

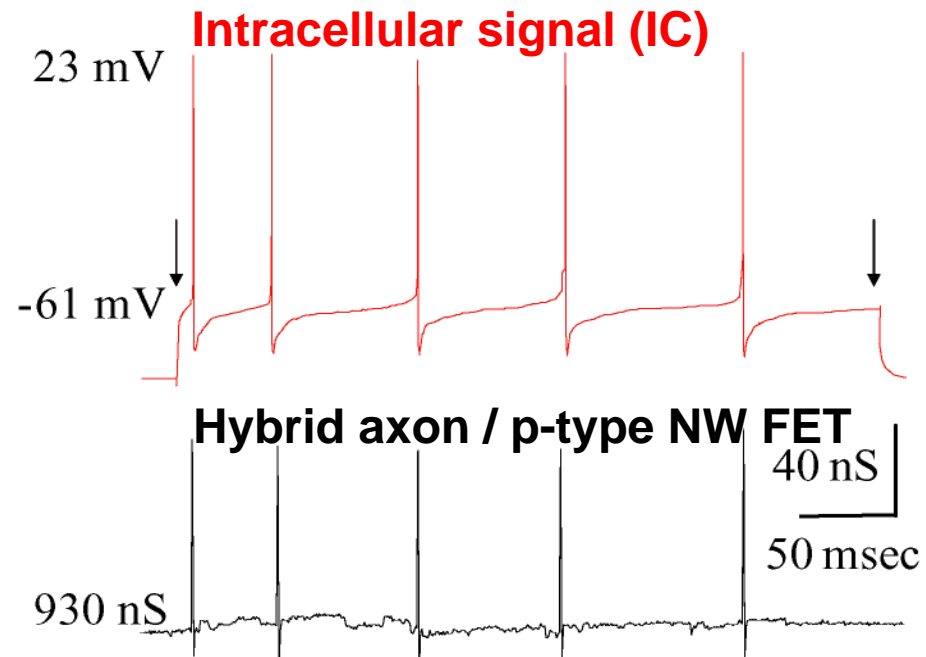
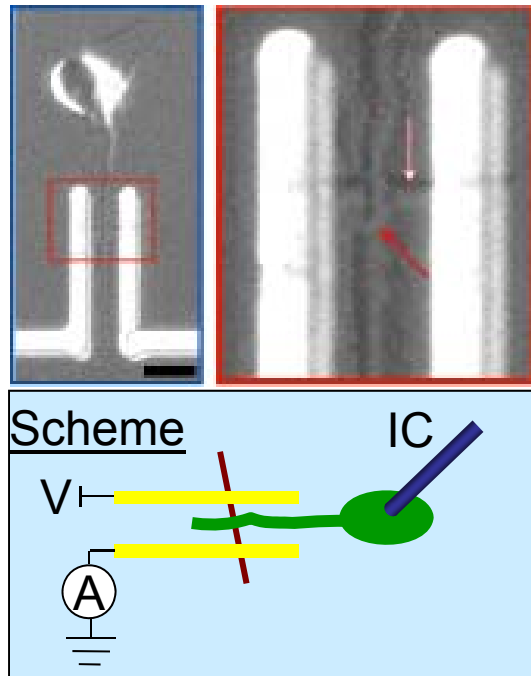


- SEM of fixed neurons indicates good alignment.
- Neurons can be patterned to cross one or multiple NW devices.

# Axon / Nanowire Interface

Can we use NW interfaces to measure action potential signals from neurons?

- Neurons were cultured in a **1 axon / 1 NW device motif**.
- Small device-axon interface area (ca. 20 nm x 1  $\mu\text{m}$ ) represents **first-ever “artificial synapse”!**
- **NW** and **IC** signals were measured simultaneously.



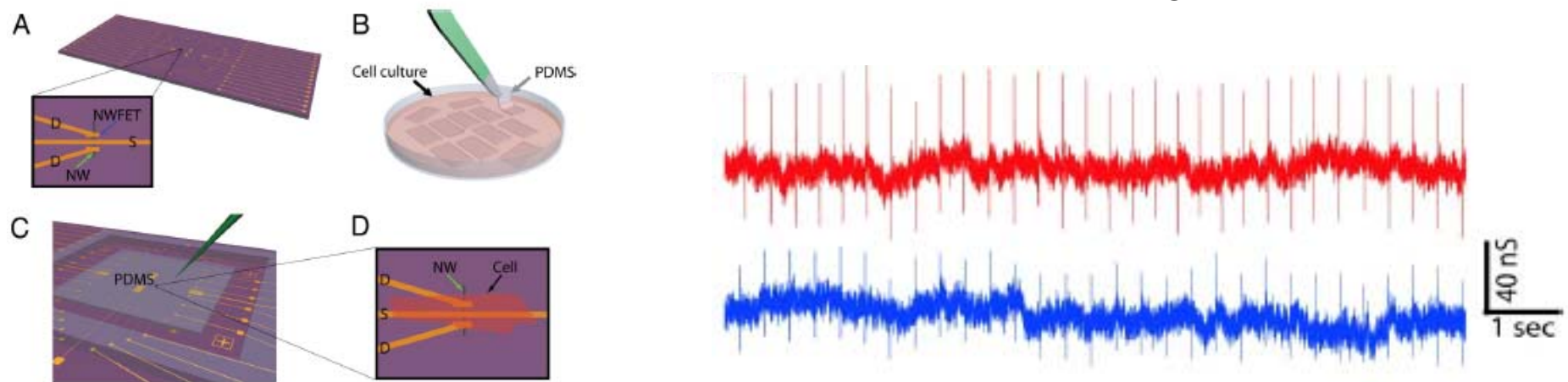
- **IC** and **NW** signals are **correlated in time**.
- Positive signals from the p-type NW represent a **negative potential in the junction**.

B.P. Timko,\* F. Patolsky,\* G. Yu, Y. Fang, A.B. Greytak, G. Zheng & C.M. Lieber, *Science* **313**, 1100 (2006).

# Neuron / Substrate Coupling: Qualitative View

*Cardiac myocytes were cultured on PDMS slabs*

*Spontaneous beating*

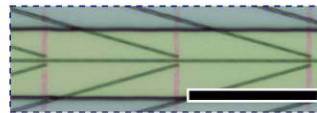
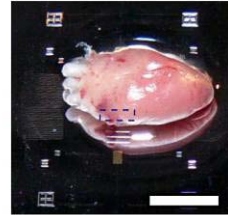
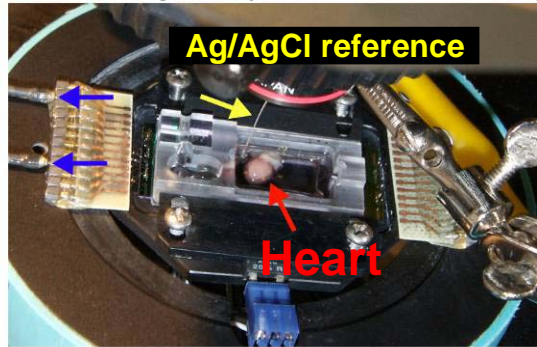


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# Heart-Nanowire Interfaces

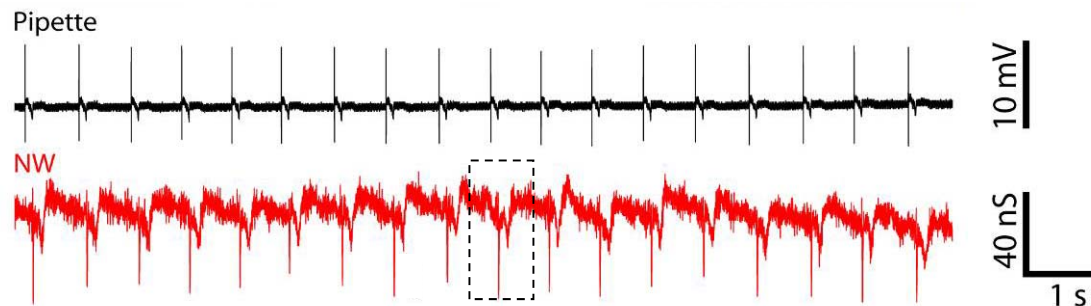
Can the NW-neuron approach be extended to entire organs?

- Embryonic chicken hearts (E11-15) were isolated. They beat spontaneously on the heated stage. Typical frequency was 1-3 Hz.

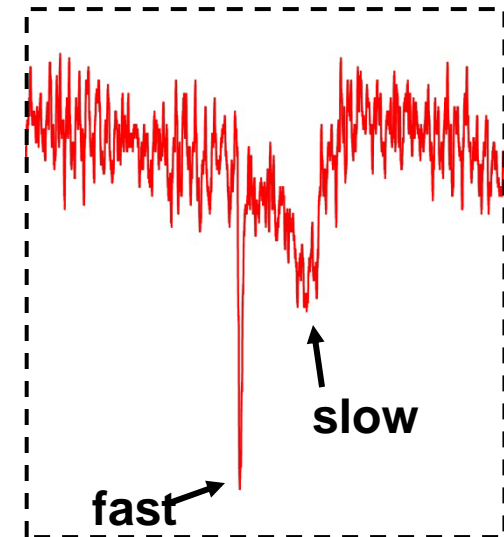


Active device region is located beneath tissue

Device spacing is 150  $\mu\text{m}$



- NW recording is correlated to conventional IC electrode.
- Signals have two phases:
  - Fast phase** ( $6.8 \pm 0.7$  ms)
  - Slow phase** ( $31 \pm 9$  ms)

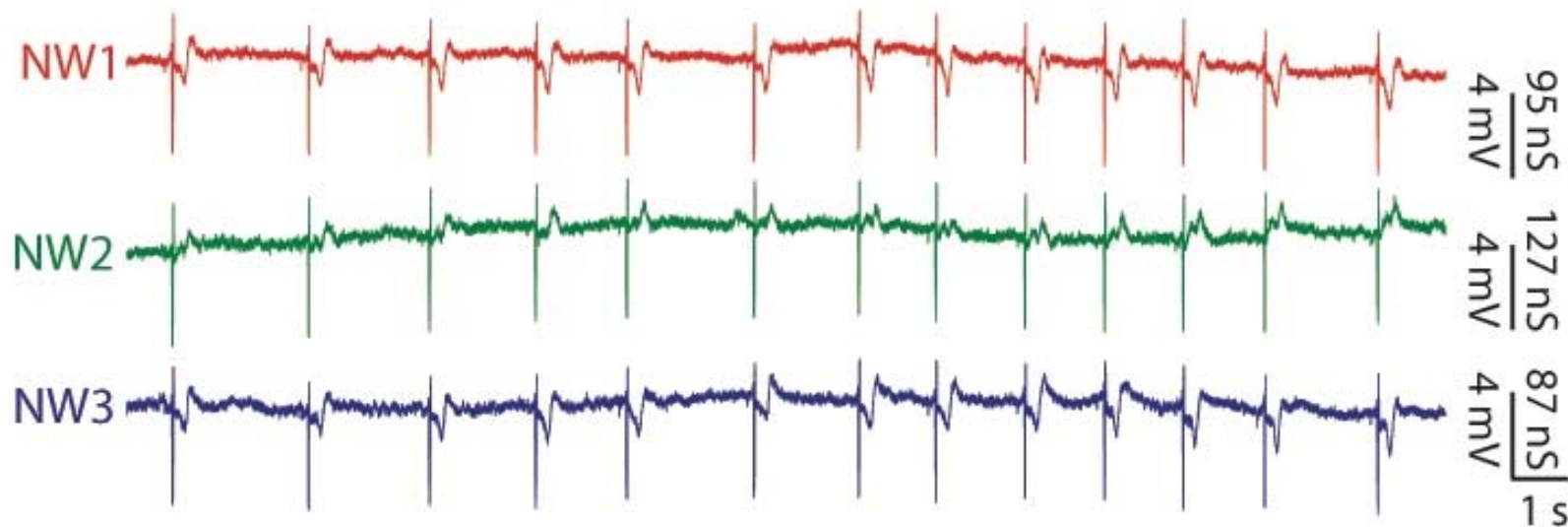
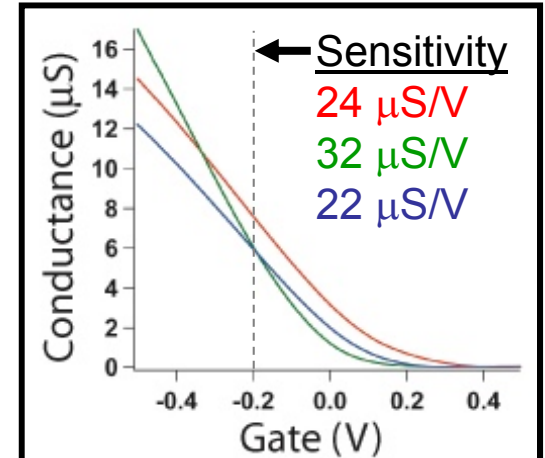
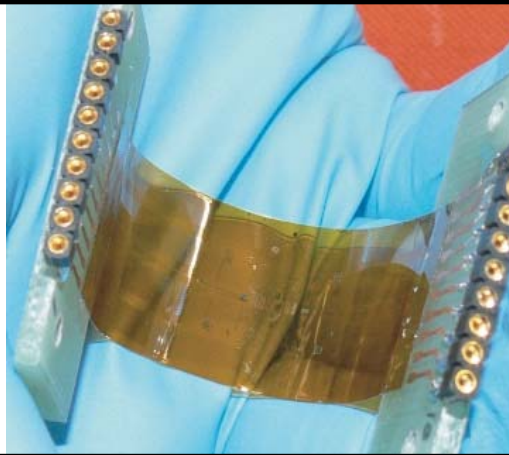


**B.P. Timko**,\* T. Cohen-Karni,\* G. Yu, B. Tian, Q. Qing & C.M. Lieber, *Nano. Lett.* **9**, 914 (2009).



# Flexible, Multiplexed Electronics

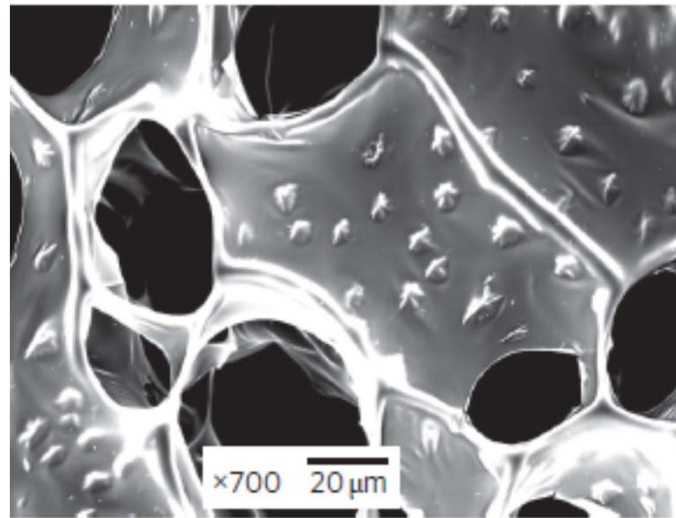
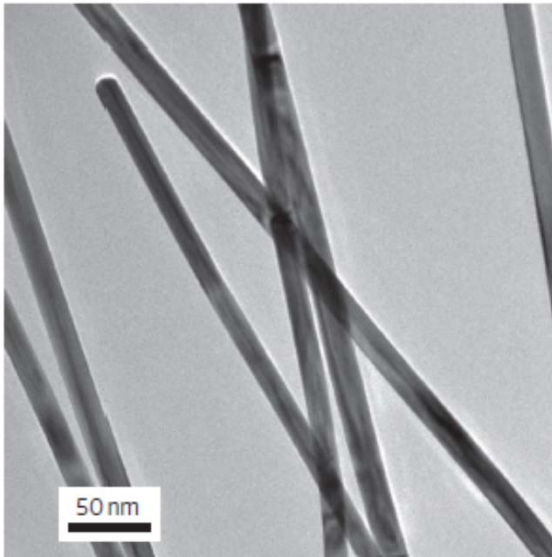
- Kapton polymer substrates are **transparent, flexible, and biocompatible**.
- We fabricated devices on **50- $\mu\text{m}$  thick Kapton**.



- Conductance magnitudes are **127 $\pm$ 4 nS**, **146 $\pm$ 4 nS** and **114 $\pm$ 4 nS**.
- Calibrated peak magnitudes are **5.3 $\pm$ 0.2 mV**, **4.6 $\pm$ 0.1 mV** and **5.3 $\pm$ 0.2 mV**.



# Materials: Gold Nanowires and Composite Scaffolds

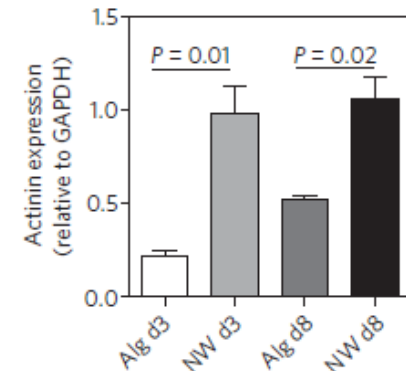
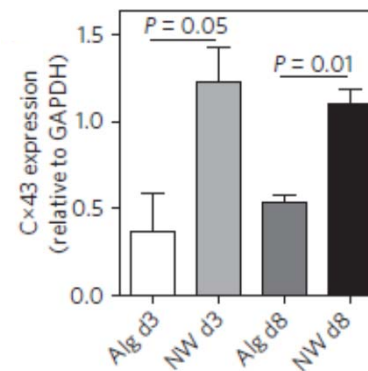
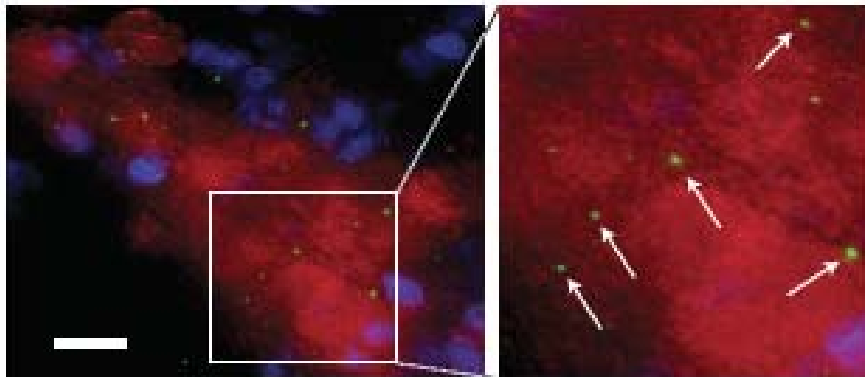


## Gold Nanowires

- Diameter: **10-30 nm**
- Length: ca. **1 micron**

## Composite Scaffolds

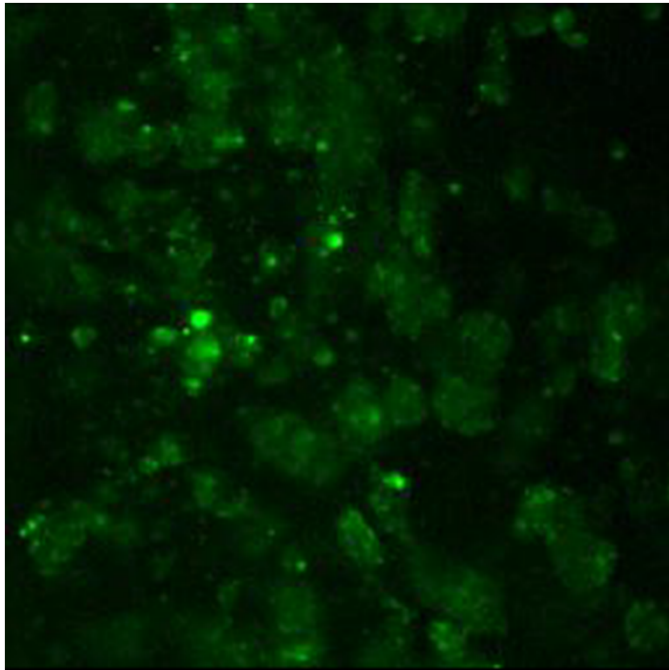
- Concentration of AuNWs in hydrogel: **1-5 mg/ml**
- Avg. pore size in lyophilized material: **100 μm.**



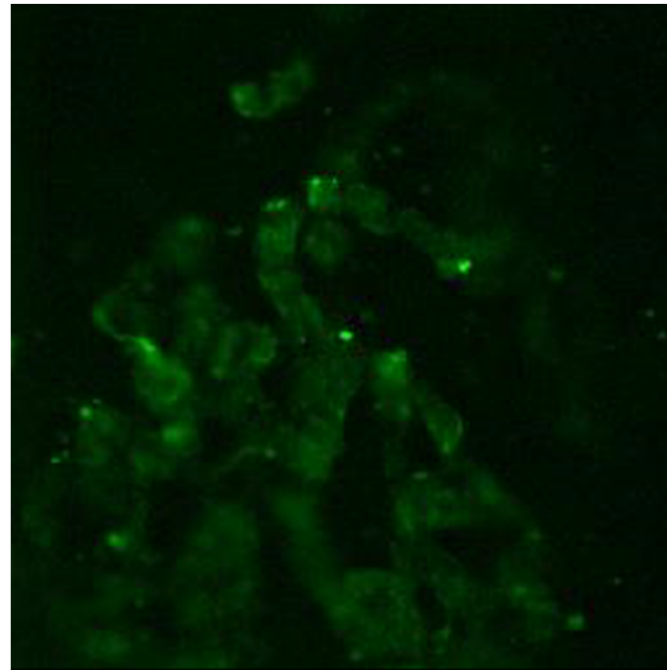
# Protein Expression and Electrophysiology

***Calcium-sensitive dyes*** reveal electrical conductivity of engineered tissue.

Pristine Alginate



Alginate-NW Composite

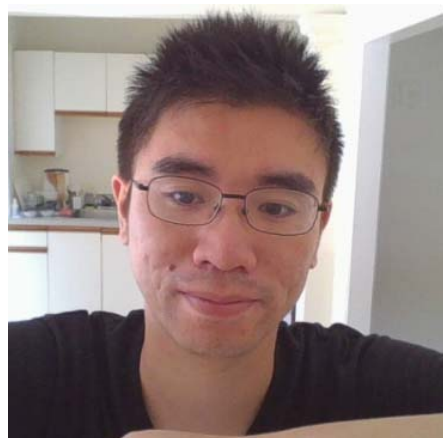


**Pristine Alginate:** Transients do not travel more than **100  $\mu\text{m}$** . Cells form **isolated clusters**.

**Alg-NW Composite:** Transients travel on the order of **millimeters**.



Questions?



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# Sensors & Devices

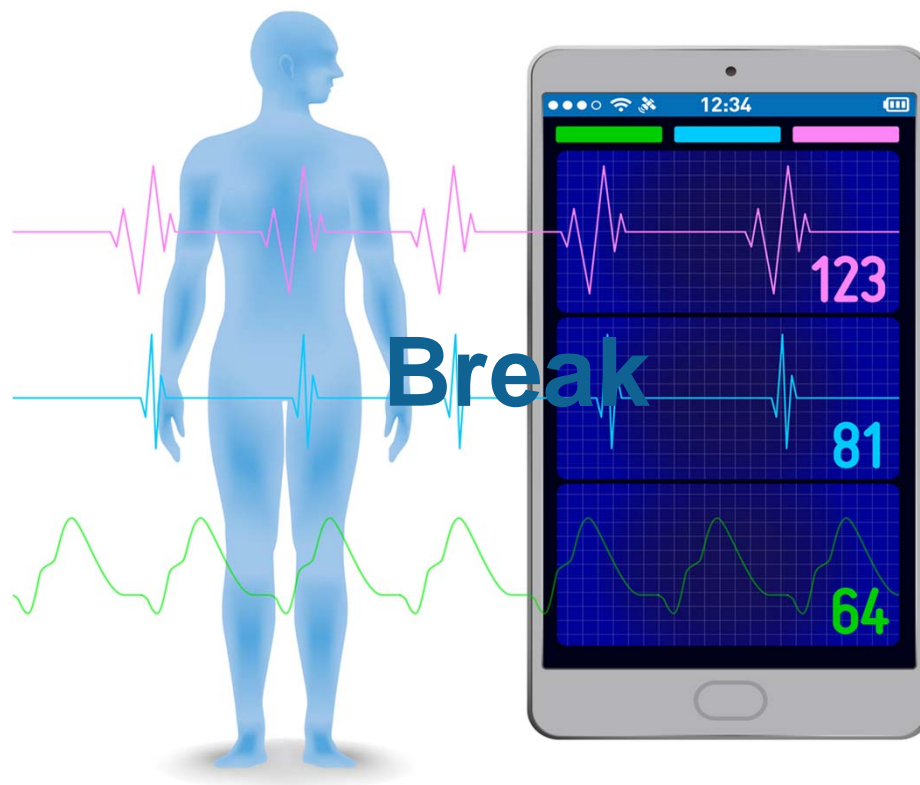
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# Biomarker Development and Application





# Harmonizing Biomarker Terminology: NIH-FDA BEST (Biomarkers, EndpointS, and other Tools)

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# **PATHWAYS TO BIOMARKER QUALIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE**

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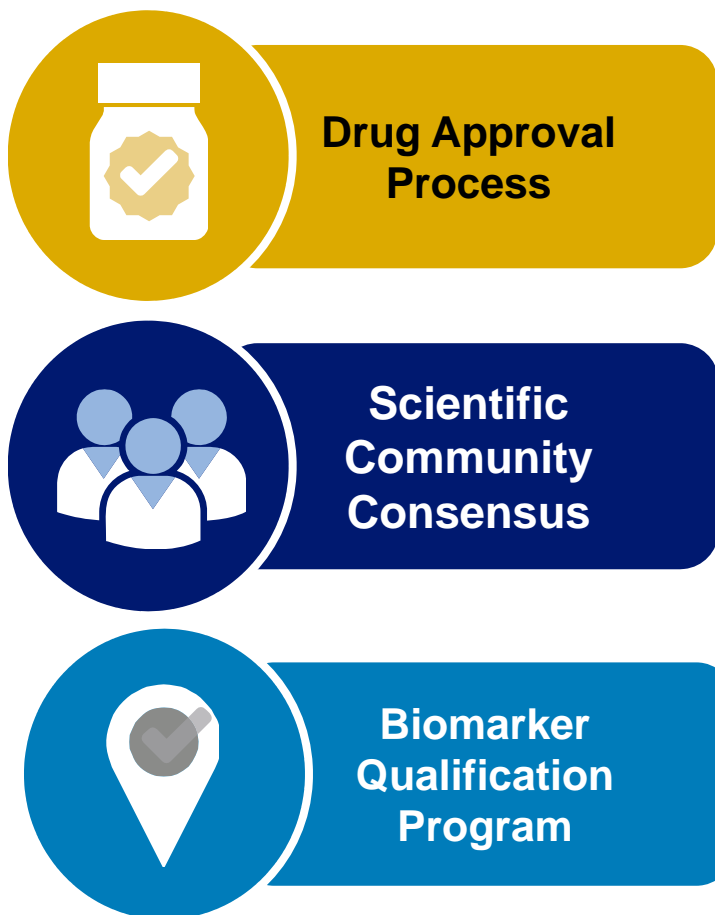
# FDA Regulatory Approach to Biomarkers



- *Biomarker*. a defined characteristic that is measured as an 1) indicator of normal or pathogenic biological processes or 2) response to an intervention.
- Broadly defined, with multiple biomarker types including molecular, histologic, radiographic, and physiologic. (i.e., serum protein, change in tumor size by imaging study, algorithm for QT determination on ECG)
- Characteristic is not a *clinical* assessment of how a patient feels, functions, or survives (contrasted with Clinical Outcome Assessments [COAs])
- Basic science research, clinical, and regulatory communities all use biomarkers, but each has unique requirements for acceptability. For regulators, drug approvals for patient populations consider data reproducibility, strength of association with clinical outcome, and feasibility of use.



# BIOMARKER INTEGRATION INTO DRUG DEVELOPMENT



Note: These pathways do not exist in isolation and many times parallel efforts are underway within or between pathways. All share common core concepts, are data-driven, and involve regulatory assessment and outcomes based on the available data.





# DRUG APPROVAL (IND/NDA/BLA) APPROACH FOR BIOMARKER DEVELOPMENT



**Drug  
Approval  
Process**

## Strengths

- Generally, biomarker use has a well-defined purpose
- Data (clinical trial information) available to the biomarker developer
- Opportunities to bring in outside experts
- Company maintains proprietary rights

## Limitations

- Biomarker may not be generalizable
- Limited opportunities for additional data sources
- Company responsible for development costs
- Limited opportunities for engagement with outside stakeholder groups
- Biomarker information in drug labels and reviews are available only upon drug approval



# SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY CONSENSUS APPROACH FOR BIOMARKER DEVELOPMENT



**Scientific  
Community  
Consensus**



## Strengths

- Extensive knowledge base of exploratory biomarker data in published literature
- Opportunity for broad and multiple community inputs
- Public access and cost-sharing approach (e.g., NIH and other grant funded research)

## Limitations

- Published data may not be not reproducible
- Protracted time for consensus building
- Variability of study designs, populations, and analytics
- Applicability to regulatory paradigms





# BIOMARKER QUALIFICATION APPROACH FOR BIOMARKER DEVELOPMENT

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**Biomarker  
Qualification  
Program**



## Strengths

- Context of use clearly established
- Opportunity to pool resources , share costs and bring outside experts
- Leverage outside stakeholder groups
- Outcome is a public guidance with supporting reviews

## Limitations

- If part of a group effort, stakeholders may have differing goals, level of commitment, and engagement
- Data (clinical trial information) may not be readily available
- Data sharing and aggregation may be challenging

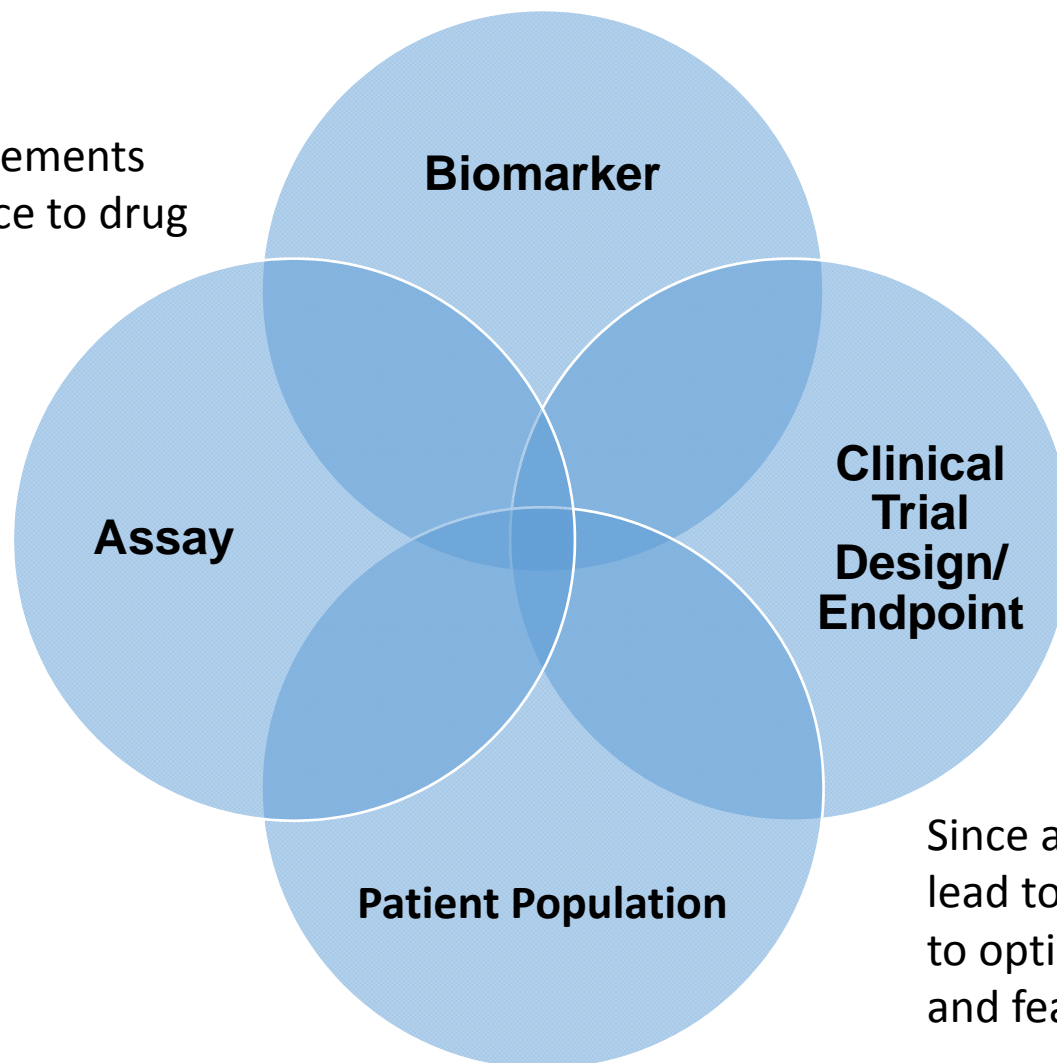
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# COMPONENTS OF DRUG DEVELOPMENT SUCCESS



Each of these elements share importance to drug approval



Since any element can lead to failure, important to optimize as appropriate and feasible



# Biomarkers: Speaking the Same Language...

“The BEST (Biomarkers, EndpointS, and Tools) Resource”

FDA-NIH Working Group



## FDA-NIH JOINT EFFORT

- In the spring of 2015, the FDA-NIH Joint Leadership Council identified the harmonization of terms used in translational science and medical product development as a priority need, with a focus on terms related to biomarkers and study endpoints
- Goals of improving communication, aligning expectations, and improving scientific understanding
- The first phase of BEST comprises a glossary that clarifies important definitions and describes some of the hierarchical relationships, connections, and relationships among the terms
- Meant to be a living document with periodic updates and opportunity for public input



# BEST: BIOMARKERS, ENDPOINTS, AND OTHER TOOLS RESOURCE



- A glossary of terminology and uses of biomarkers and endpoints in basic biomedical research, medical product development, and clinical care
- Created by the NIH-FDA Biomarker Working Group
- Publicly available at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK326791/>
- BEST harmonizes terms and definitions and addresses nuances of usage and interpretation among various stakeholders, including:



- Biomedical scientists
- Translational and clinical researchers
- Medical product developers
- Patient/disease advocacy groups





## DEFINING A TERM: *GENERAL APPROACH*



1. Identify existing definitions
2. Identify related terms and definitions
3. Propose a definition
4. Discuss and revise definition
5. Finalize definition





## BIOMARKER CATEGORIES: *GUIDING PRINCIPLES*



- **Flexibility to accommodate** new concepts, methodologies, technologies and regulatory domains
- **Preserve distinctions** which are useful in achieving alignment with types of evidence and evidentiary standards
- **Amenable to unification** across stakeholder communities



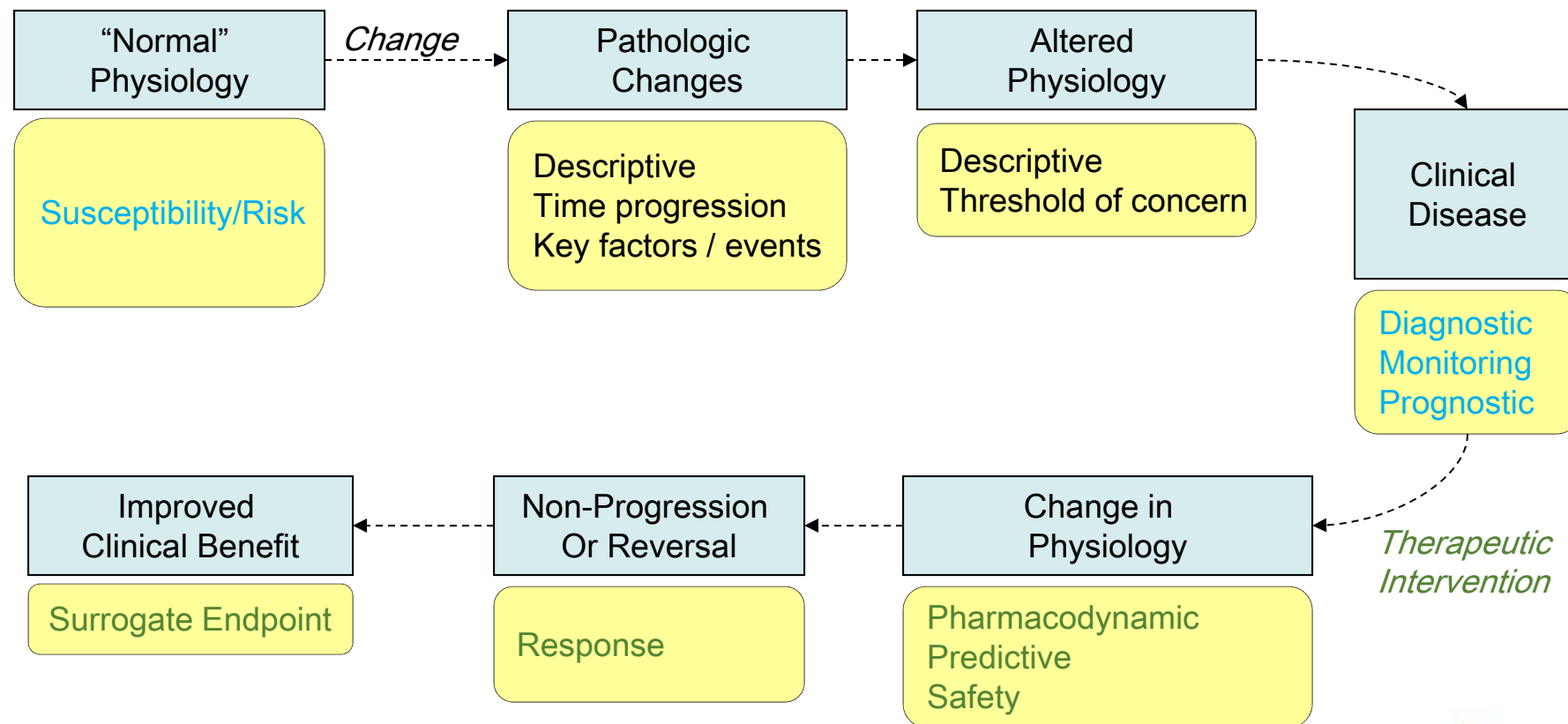
## Biomarker Classes from a Drug Perspective



- **Susceptibility/Risk**: Indicates potential for developing disease before it is clinically apparent (e.g., BRCA mutations and development of breast cancer)
- **Diagnostic**: 1) Detects presence of a disease or condition or 2) identifies patient subsets (e.g., HbA1c to aid in diabetes diagnosis)
- **Monitoring**: Assesses disease status, including degree or extent, through serial measurement (e.g., INR and anti-coagulation status)
- **Prognostic**: Identifies likelihood of a clinical event, disease recurrence, or progression, in the absence of a therapeutic intervention (e.g., BRCA mutations and breast cancer recurrence)
- **Predictive**: Identifies patients who are more likely to experience a favorable or unfavorable effect from a specific treatment (e.g., HLA-B5701 and risk of severe AE with Abacavir)
- **Pharmacodynamic/Response**: Indicates that a biological response has occurred in a patient who has received a therapeutic intervention. May become a clinical trial endpoint and for a very small subset, surrogate endpoint. (e.g., sweat chloride and response to CFTR agents)
- **Safety**: Indicates the likelihood, presence, or extent of toxicity to a therapeutic intervention when measured before or after that intervention (e.g., QTc and Torsades)



# “Fit for Purpose”: BEST Biomarker Classes in Perspective





## CONTEXT OF USE AND DEFINING A BIOMARKER'S UTILITY

COU Format: [BEST category] biomarker for [purpose in drug development] [proposed stage of drug development] in [patient population or targeted group/system].

- Purpose in drug development
  - Inclusion/exclusion criteria for prognostic or predictive enrichment?
  - Alter treatment allocation based on biomarker status?
  - Result in cessation of a patient's participation in a clinical trial because of safety concern?
  - Establish proof of concept for patient population of interest?
  - Support clinical dose selection?
  - Evaluate treatment response (e.g. pharmacodynamic effect)?
  - Support regulatory acceptability of a surrogate endpoint for accelerated or traditional approval?
- Proposed stage of drug development (e.g., early phase clinical trials, nonclinical safety studies)
- Population or model system (e.g., healthy normal volunteers, patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, rats, cultured mouse fibroblasts)



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# Metatranscriptomic Approach to Salivary Biomarker Discovery in the Premature Newborn

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# Prematurity

- An estimated 15 million infants are born prematurely worldwide each year
- 500,000 are born in the US
- These infants have increased mortality and are at great risk for wide range of morbidities that may impact their life course
- There is an important need to develop noninvasive biomarkers in the premature neonatal population
  - **Monitor: Health, Disease, and Development**

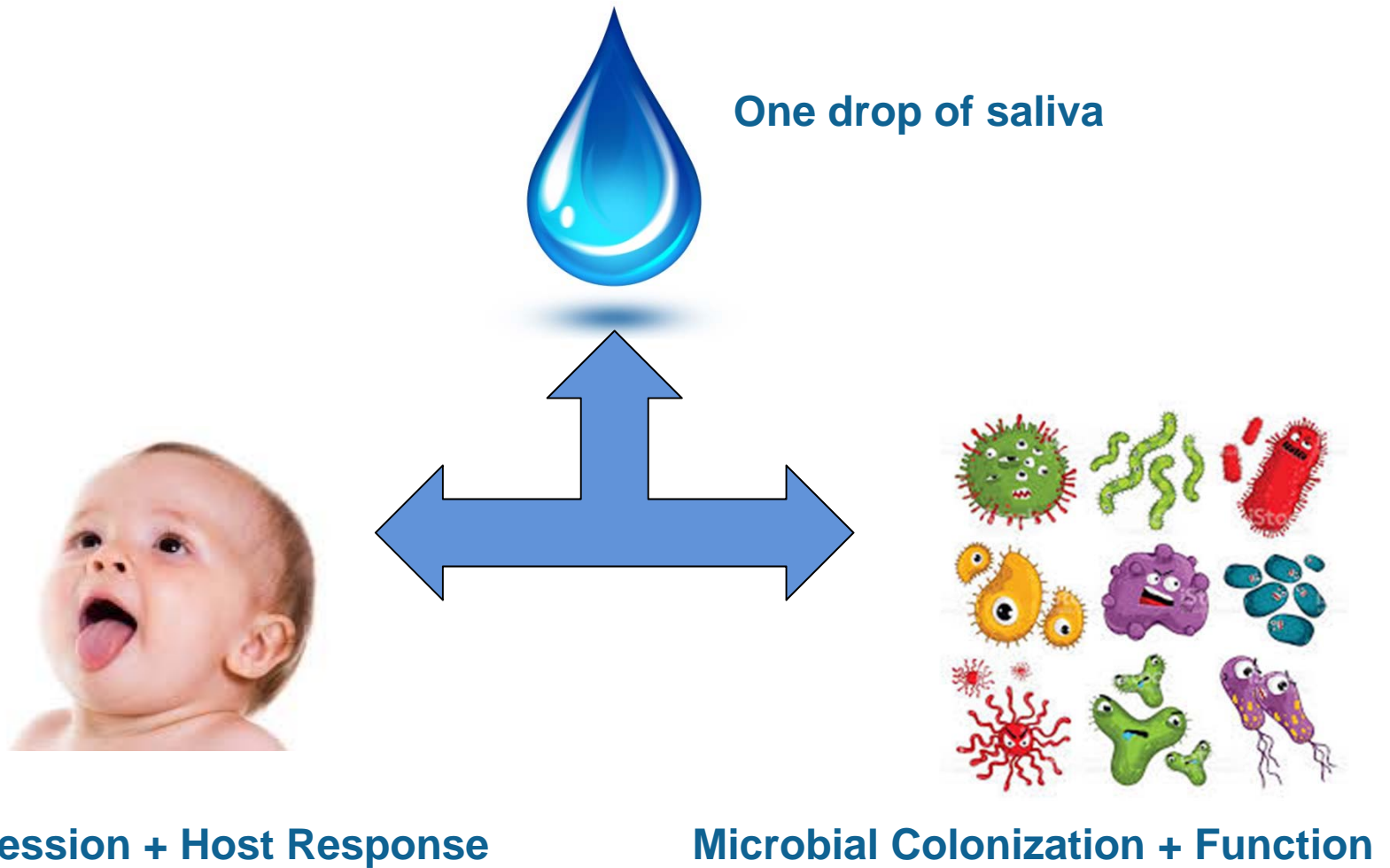
# Human Saliva

- Saliva is a rich source of both human and microbial information
  - Electrolytes, proteins, nucleic acids, drugs, microbes
- Potential to inform caregivers about the oral as well as the systemic health of an individual
- May be collected repeatedly without inflicting harm

# Neonatal Salivary Biomarkers

- For nearly a decade, my laboratory has explored neonatal saliva at a transcriptomic (gene expression) and proteomic level for biomarker discovery
  - Oral feeding readiness
  - Speech Emergence
  - Development
  - Sepsis

# Power of Saliva



# Neonatal Saliva

- **Salivary microbial colonization in the newborn is distinct from older children and adults:**
  - **Infants are born ‘relatively’ sterile and will colonize rapidly in the first days to weeks to months of life**
  - **Microbial colonization will vary depending upon gestational age, mode of delivery, feeding patterns, and medical complications**
  - **Infants lack teeth**

# Neonatal Microbial Colonization

- Infants develop their initial microbial colonization via swallowing, inhalation and skin-to-skin contact shortly after birth
- The oral cavity is an essential conduit to this colonization





# Aims

- **Assess the potential benefit of a metatranscriptomic analysis of neonatal saliva for biomarker discovery**
- **Explore both human and microbial gene expression patterns from a single saliva sample in infants who did and did not develop a devastating gastrointestinal disorder—necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC)**



# Necrotizing Enterocolitis

- Necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC) presents with acute distension, inflammation and necrosis of the bowel
- It affects between 7-12% of premature newborns born in the United States and Canada
- Inverse correlation between gestational age and NEC



**Abdominal Distension**

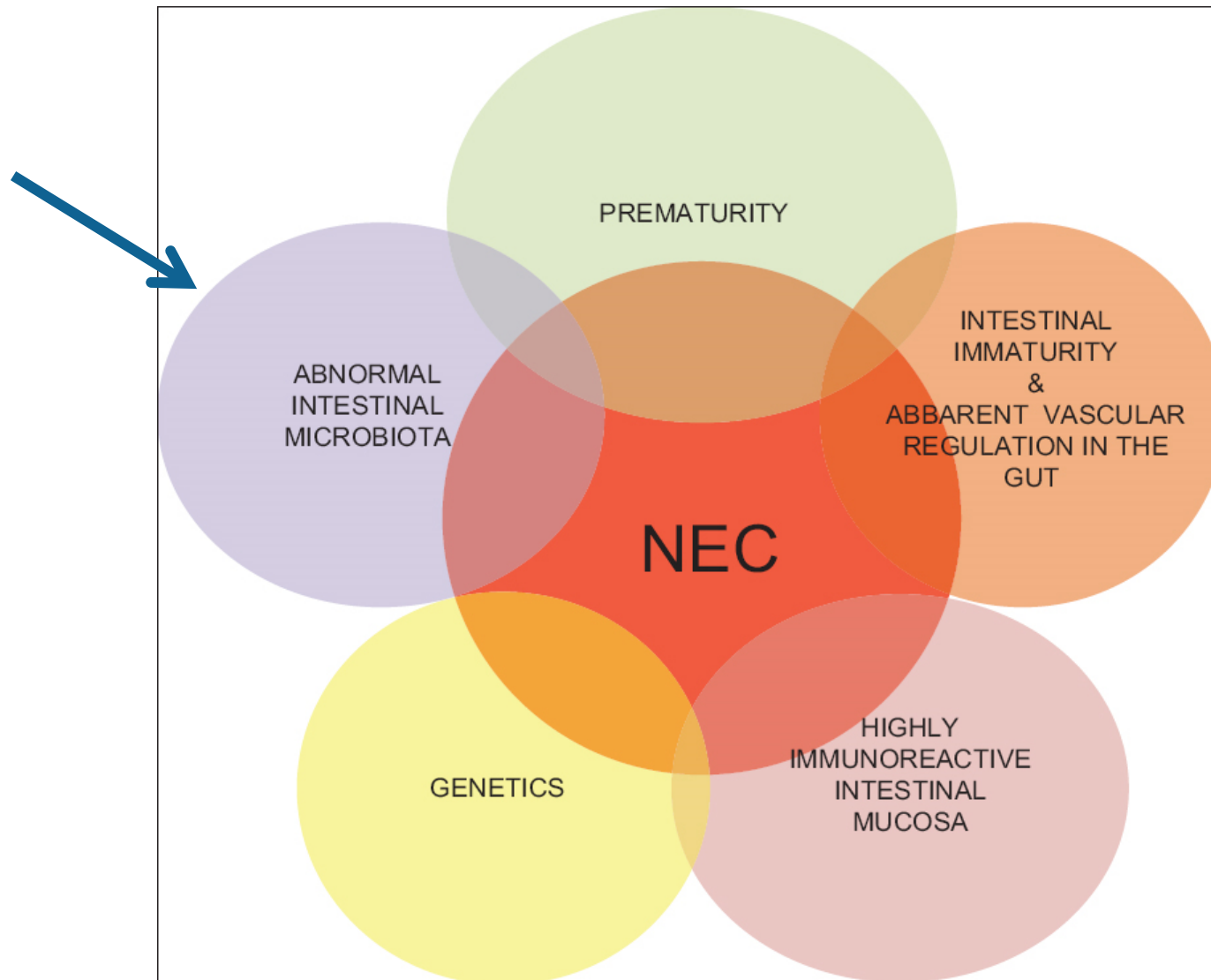


**Bowel Necrosis**

# Necrotizing Enterocolitis

- High rate of associated morbidity and mortality
- Survivors of the disease may suffer from:
  - Prolonged hospitalization and need for parenteral (IV) nutrition
  - Liver failure
  - Poor growth
  - Short bowel syndrome following resection
  - Neurodevelopmental delays
- Etiology of disease remains unknown

# Pathophysiology of NEC



Taken from Haque K. N. *J Clin Neonatal* 2016;5:79-90.

# NEC

- Emerging evidence that NEC may be linked to aberrant microbial colonization patterns
- Studies focused on gastrointestinal colonization patterns based upon stool samples
  - Examined the 16s rRNA profiles of serially collected stool samples of infants who developed NEC
  - Lack or loss of microbial diversity has been linked to the disease



# Microbial Profiling

- While 16s rRNA profiling can identify species and estimate their relative abundance, it cannot explore microbial function
- By limiting analyses to 16s rRNA profiling, we fail to understand human response to microbial colonization patterns

**Cause and Effect**

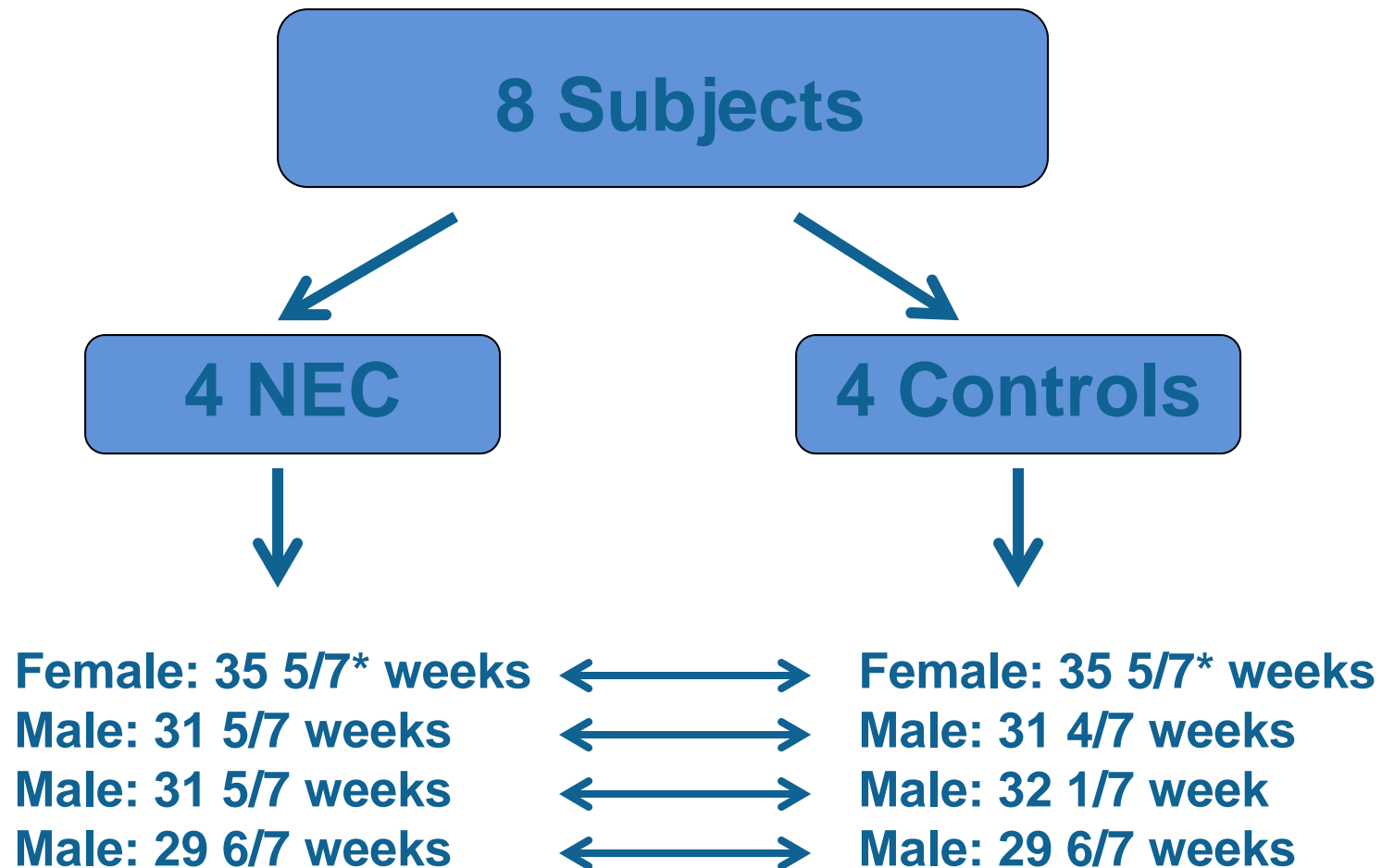
**IF**  **Then**



# Study Design

- Prospective case-control study
- With IRB approval, infants born < 34 weeks gestational age (GA) were recruited
- Whole saliva samples were collected serially from infants at the bedside
  - *1-2 per week associated with enteral feeding advancements*

# Patient Demographics



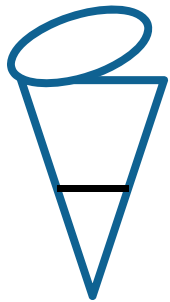
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# RNASeq Methods

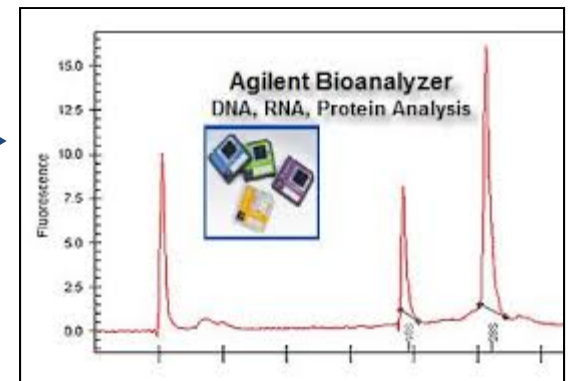
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Extracted Total RNA



Quality Assessment

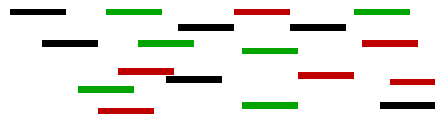


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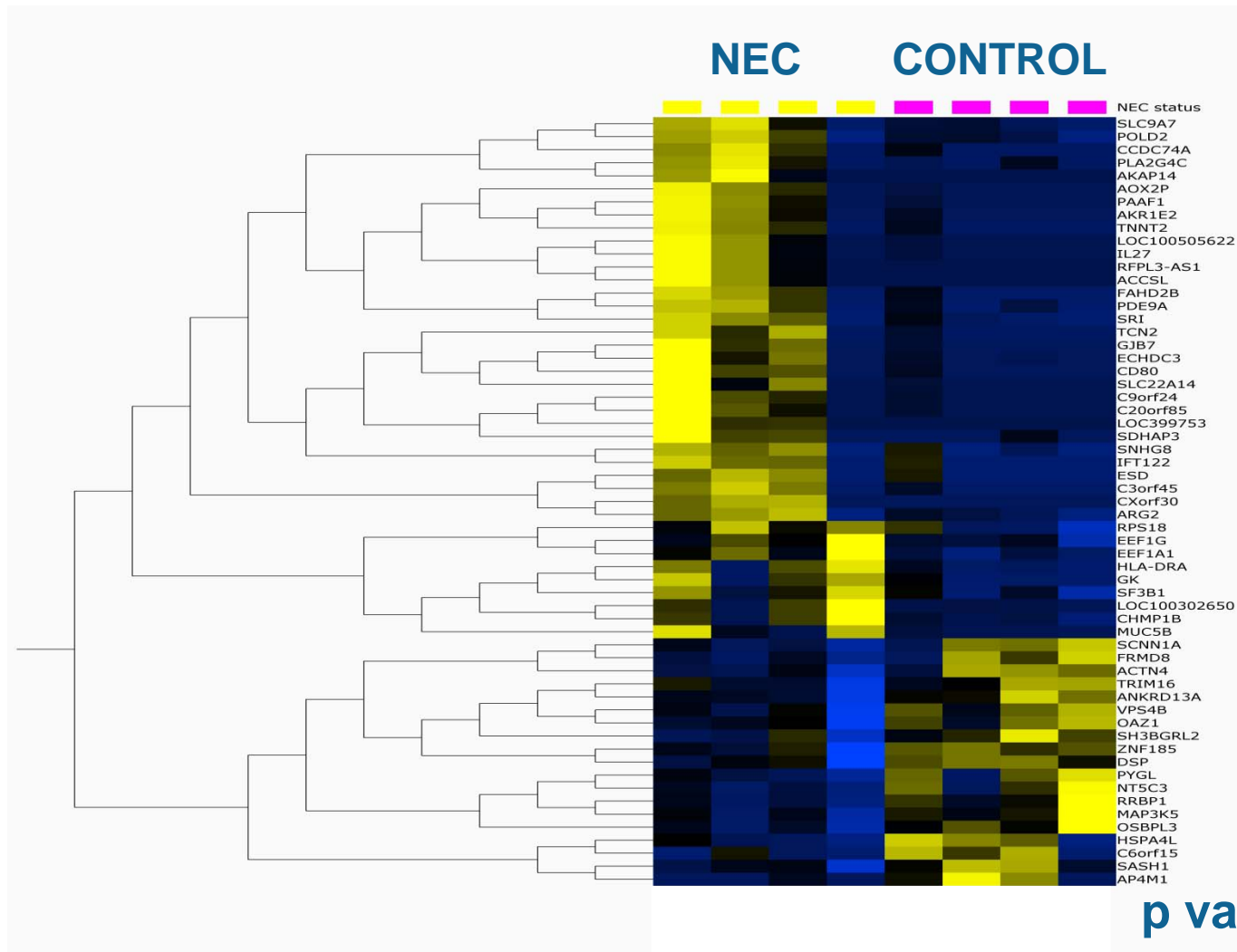
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# RNASeq Analysis

- Differentially expressed genes underwent systems biology analysis to further explore functions and related networks
- Microbial identification and gene function was determined with MetaTrans
  - An open-source pipeline designed to perform both taxonomic and gene expression analyses of microbes from paired-end RNASeq data

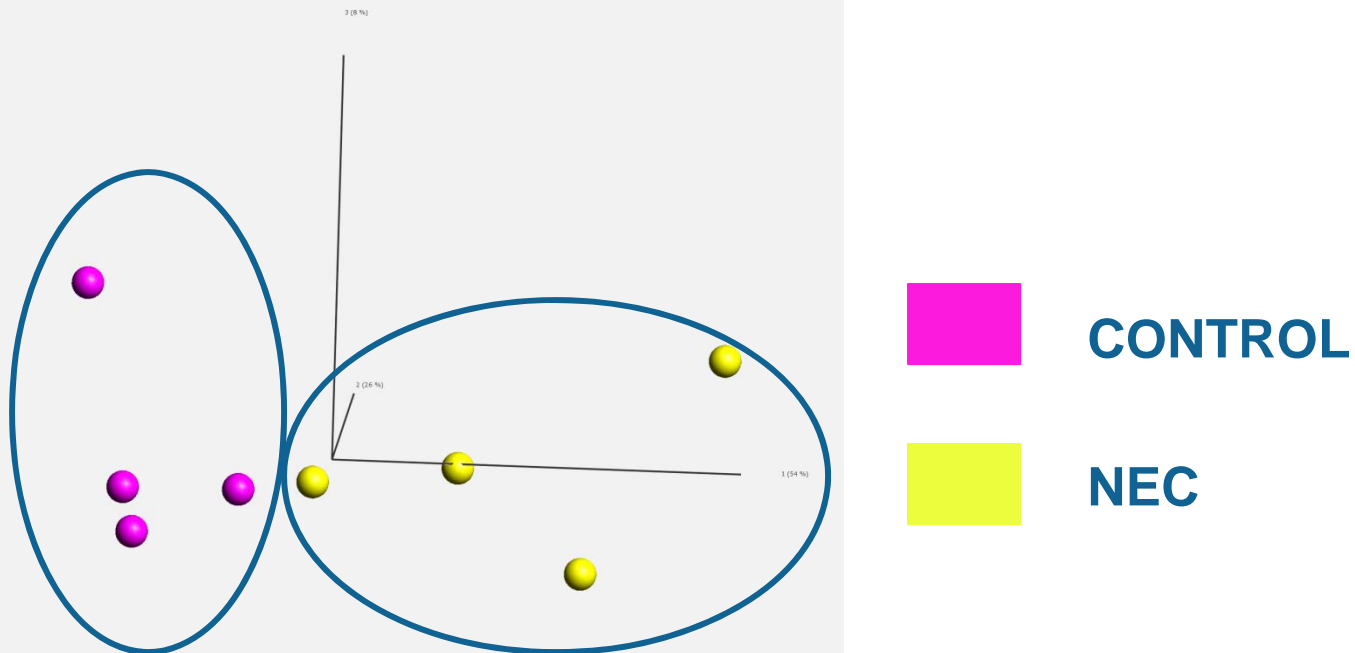
# Results (Human)

- 59 candidate biomarker genes were differentially expressed between cases and controls



p value = 0.1

# Principal Component Analysis

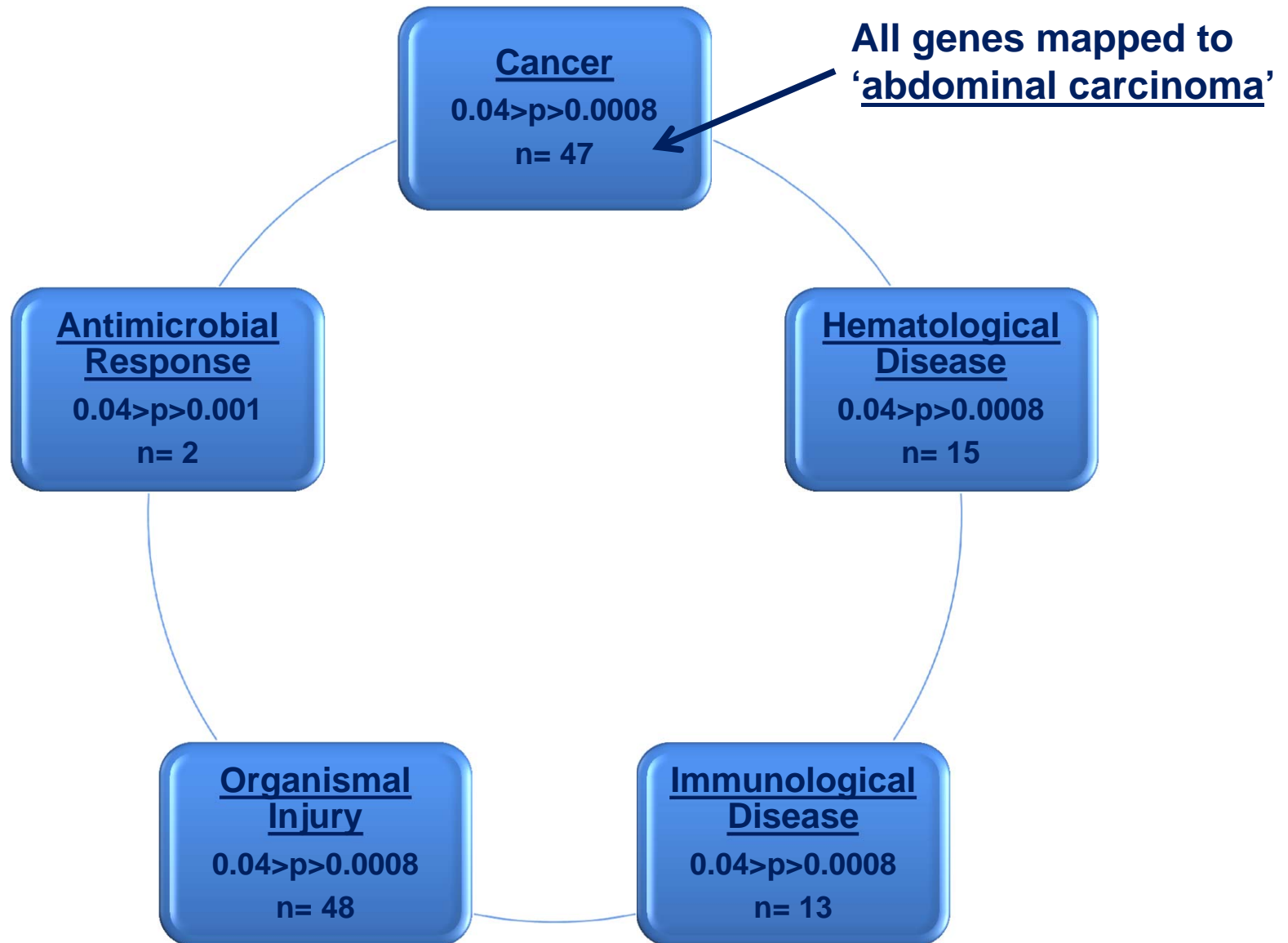


Distinct clustering profiles *prior to onset of disease*

p value = 0.1



# Systems Biology Analysis (IPA)

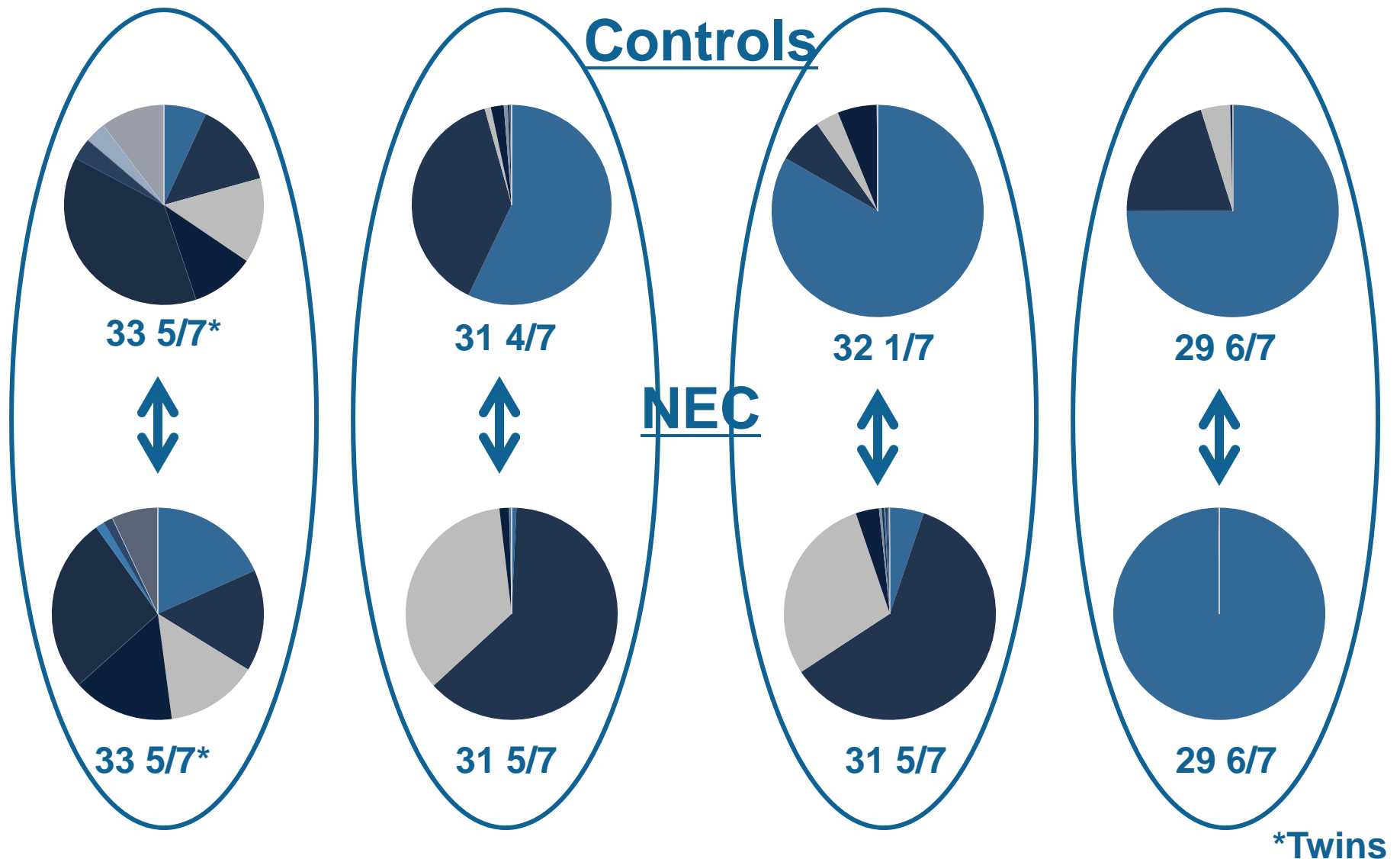


# KEGG Analysis

## Metabolism

- Carbon metabolism, glycolysis, gluconeogenesis, biosynthesis of amino acids, fructose and mannose metabolism
- Necroptosis
- HIF-1 signaling
- Intestinal immune network for IgA production
- Allograft rejection and Graft-versus-host disease
- Tight junctions

# Microbial Diversification



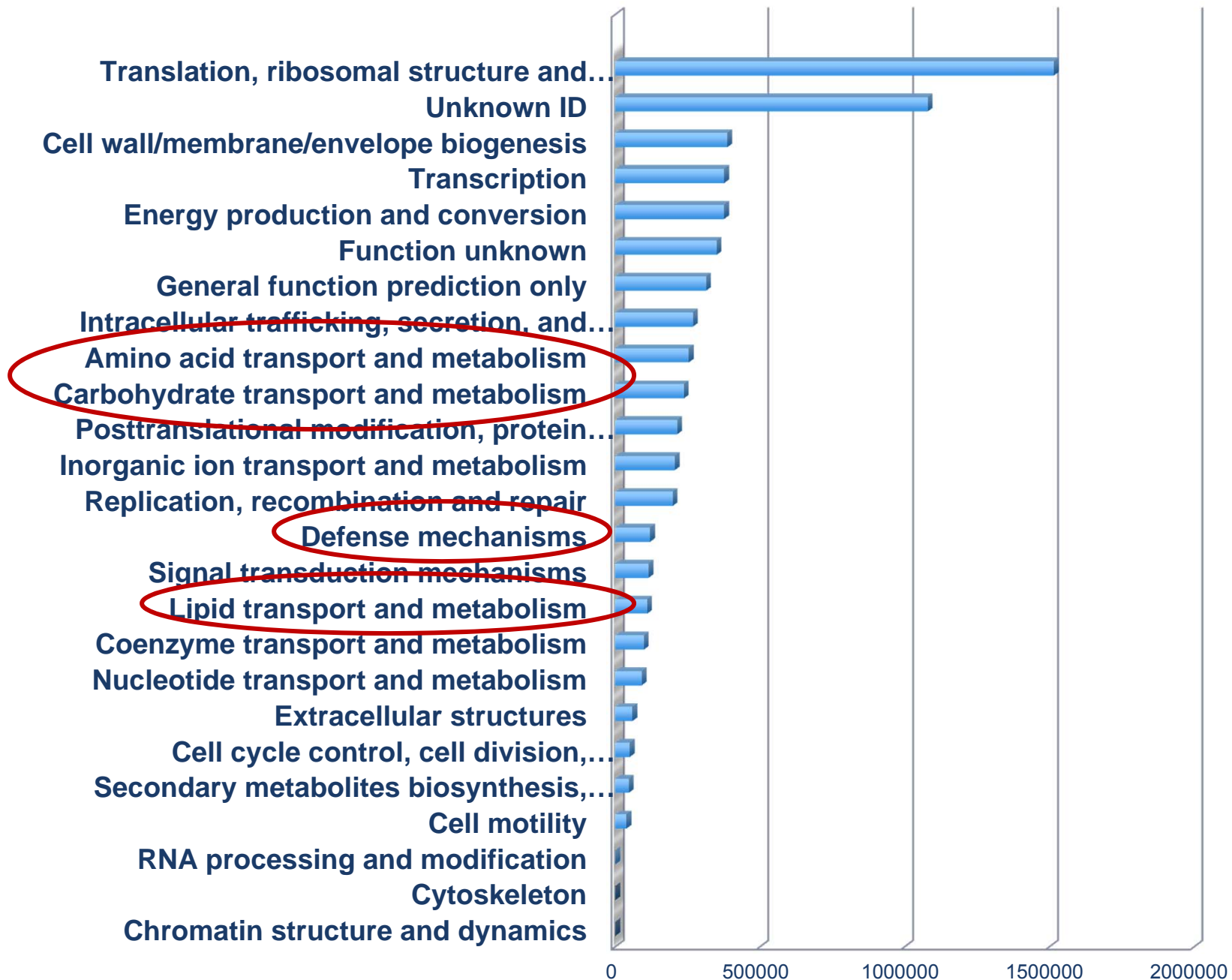
# Neonatal Salivary Microbiome

Increasing Age



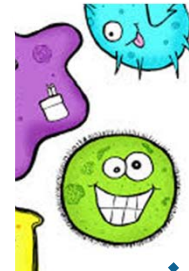
Increasing microbial diversification

# Microbial Function



# Next Steps

Understanding the Relationship Between Microbial Colonization, Host Response, and Disease



Connect the Dots  
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# Conclusions

- **Saliva is a highly informative and valuable biofluid**
  - **Provides a unique, noninvasive opportunity to explore health and disease in the newborn**
  - **Allows Identification of biomarkers and 'biopathways' to inform care and improve outcomes**



# Conclusions

- **Metatranscriptomic analysis of neonatal saliva provides insight into:**
  - **Disruptive pathways and networks associated with disease**
    - **Can be seen prospectively prior to illness**
  - **Timing and patterns of microbial colonization that may be associated with neonatal pathophysiology**
    - **May provide actionable information to improve outcomes**

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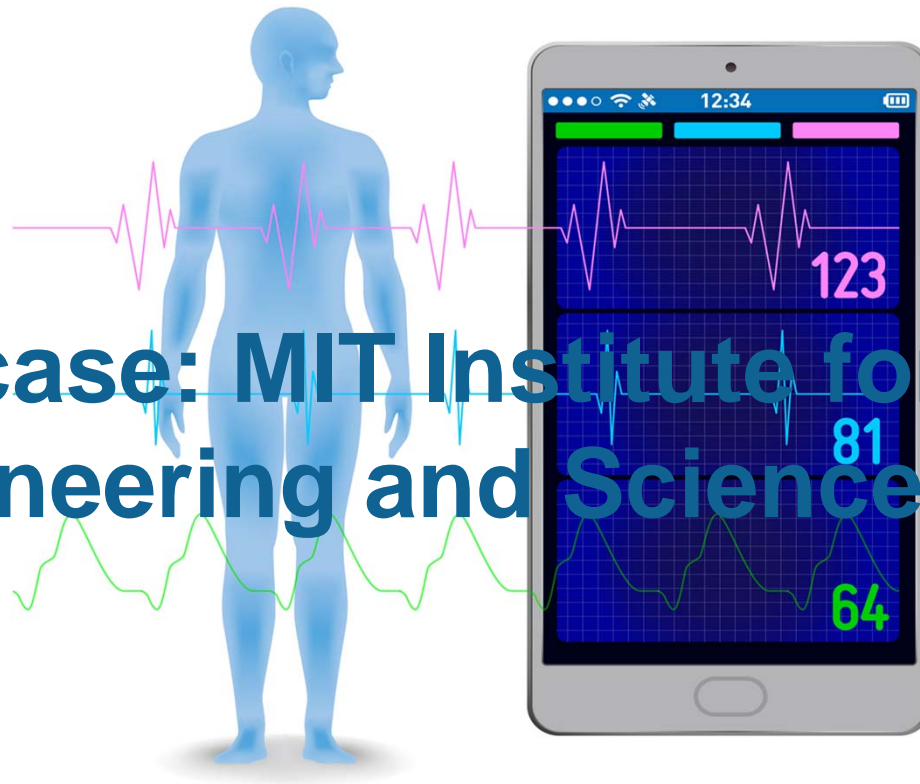
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# Collaborative Data Science in Health Care

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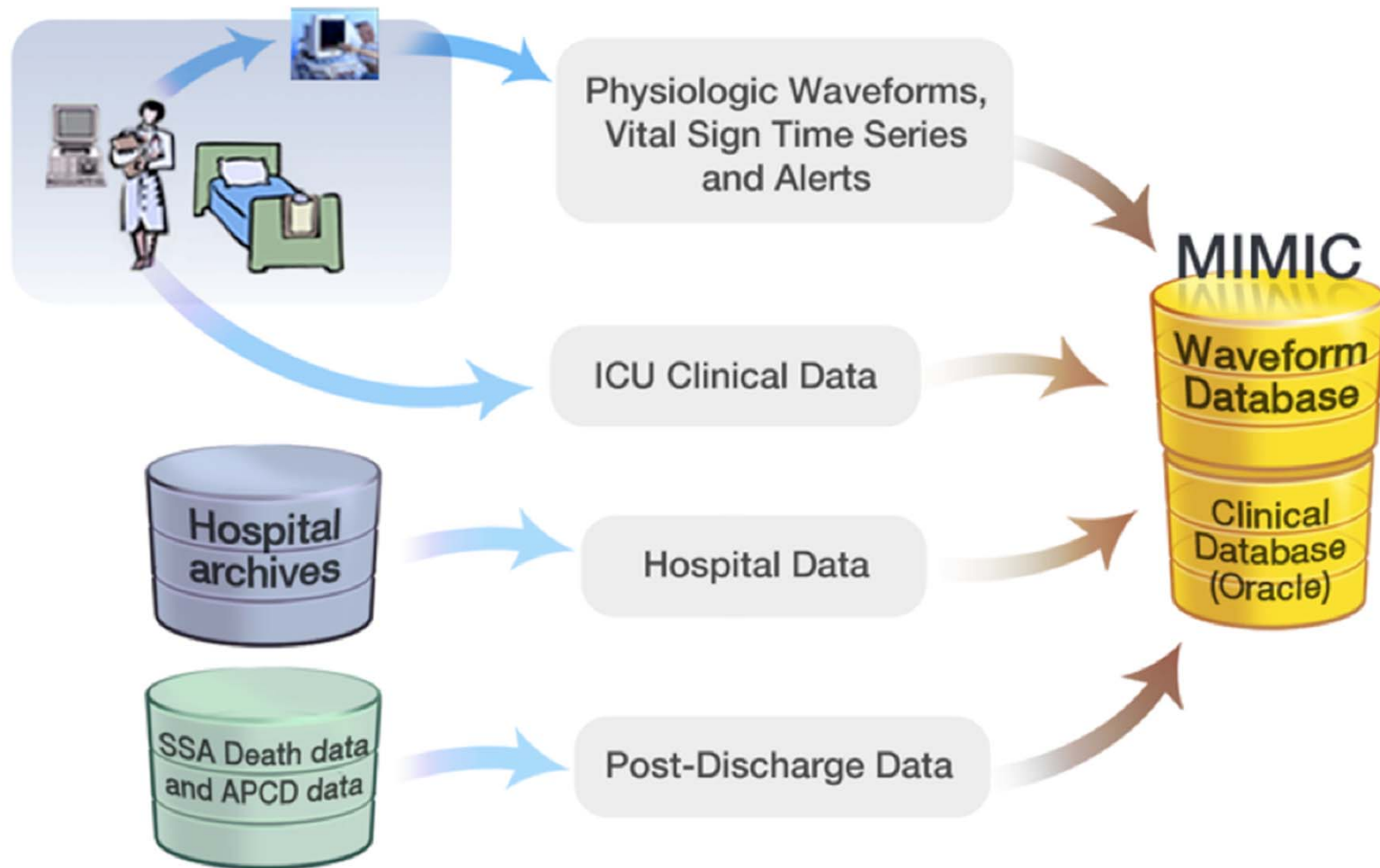
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# Crowdsourcing Knowledge Discovery

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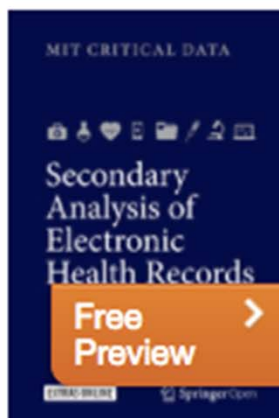
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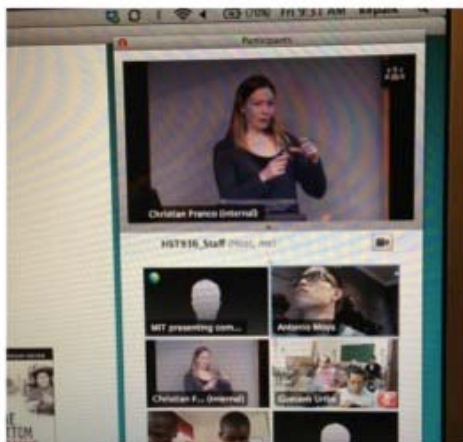
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The widespread usage of mobile phones that bring computational power and data to our fingertips has enabled new models for tracking and battling disease. The developing world in particular has become a proving ground for innovation in eHealth (using communication and technology tools in healthcare) and mHealth (using the affordances of mobile technology in eHealth systems). In this book, experts from a variety of disciplines--among them computer science, medicine, public health, policy, and business--discuss key concepts, frameworks, examples, and lessons learned in designing and implementing digital health systems in the developing world.



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# Key Messages

- The breakthroughs in AI are a result of dumping Big Data into decades-old machine learning methods, and not from advances in algorithms.
- Adoption of AI in healthcare will depend NOT on performance metrics (e.g. AUC) but on its impact on relevant clinical outcomes, along with satisfaction of both patients and providers.



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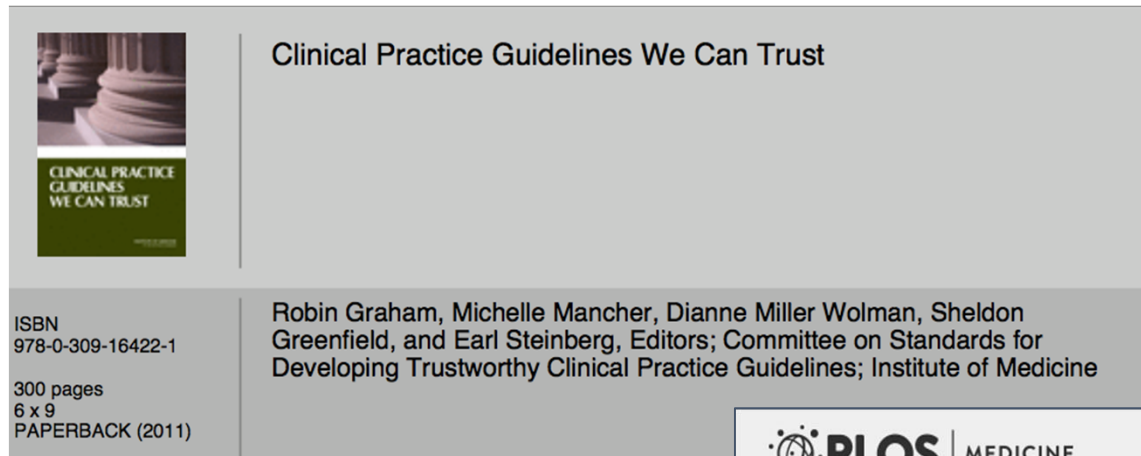


# The Landscape in the ICU

- <50% of clinical decisions in the ICU supported by data-substantiated evidence
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- Far too many questions in the ICU that can be addressed by a relatively small group of researchers



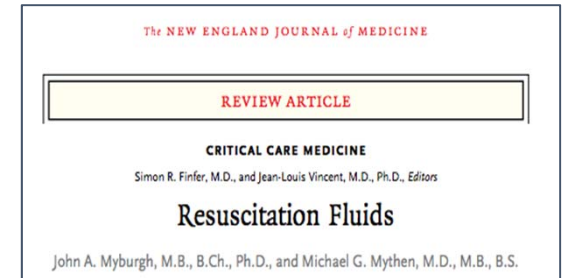
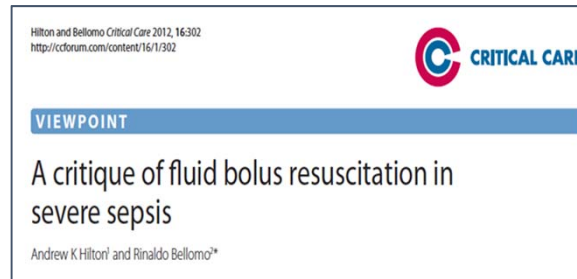
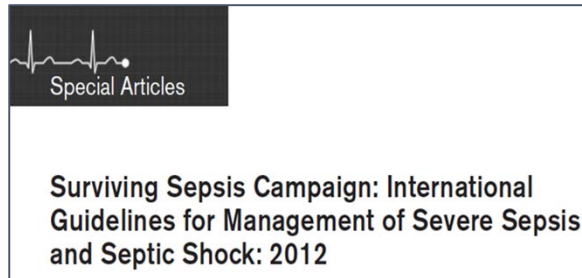




- For many clinical domains, high-quality evidence is lacking, or even non-existent
- Often rely on low-quality evidence or expert opinion



# Fluids and Sepsis



- Fluid resuscitation is considered cornerstone intervention in sepsis
- SSC recommends 30 ml/Kg

**"Based on expert opinion and lack of adequate experimental and control human evidence"**



# Surviving Sepsis Campaign

**TABLE 5. Recommendations: Initial Resuscitation and Infection Issues**

## **A. Initial Resuscitation**

1. Protocolized, quantitative resuscitation of patients with sepsis- induced tissue hypoperfusion (defined in this document as hypotension persisting after initial fluid challenge or blood lactate concentration  $\geq 4$  mmol/L). Goals during the first 6 hrs of resuscitation:
  - a) Central venous pressure 8–12 mm Hg
  - b) Mean arterial pressure (MAP)  $\geq 65$  mm Hg
  - c) Urine output  $\geq 0.5$  mL/kg/hr
  - d) Central venous (superior vena cava) or mixed venous oxygen saturation 70% or 65%, respectively (grade 1C).
2. In patients with elevated lactate levels targeting resuscitation to normalize lactate (grade 2C).

may be multifactorial, a decrease in elevated pulse rate with fluid resuscitation is often a useful marker of improving intravascular filling. Published observational studies have demonstrated an association between good clinical outcome in septic shock and MAP  $\geq 65$  mm Hg as well as ScvO<sub>2</sub>  $\geq 70\%$  (measured in the superior vena cava, either intermittently or continuously [18]). Many studies support the value of early protocolized resuscitation in severe sepsis and sepsis-induced



# Hemodynamic variables related to outcome in septic shock

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## Objective

To assess the impact of hemodynamic variables on the outcome of critically ill patients in septic shock and to identify the optimal threshold values related to outcome with special reference to continuously monitored mean arterial pressure (MAP) and mixed venous oxygen saturation (SvO<sub>2</sub>).

## Design and setting

Retrospective cohort study in a university hospital intensive care unit (ICU).

## Patients

All consecutive 111 patients with septic shock treated in our ICU between 1 Jan. 1999 and 30 Jan. 2002.



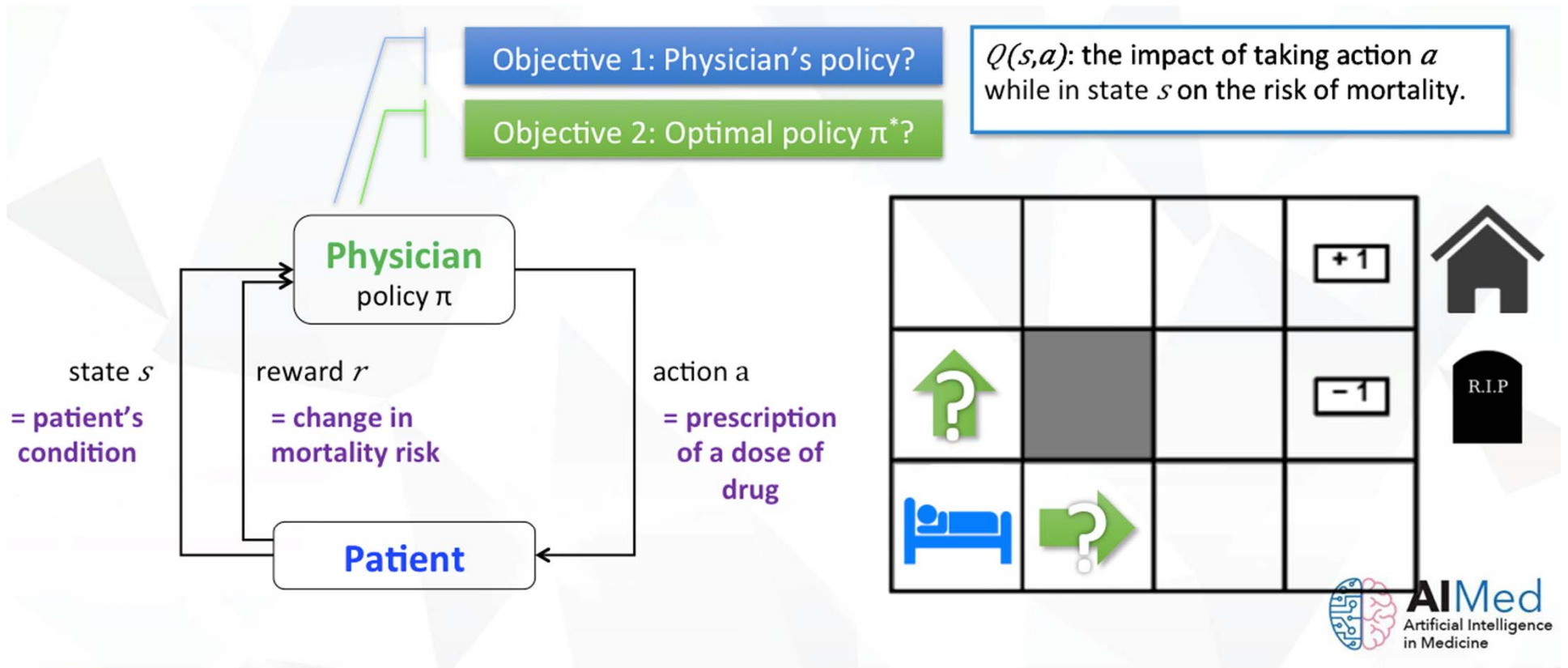
# Optimizing resuscitation strategy in sepsis with reinforcement learning

Matthieu Komorowski, Leo Anthony Celi,  
Omar Badawi, Anthony C. Gordon, A. Aldo Faisal





# Medical Decision as a Reinforcement Learning Problem



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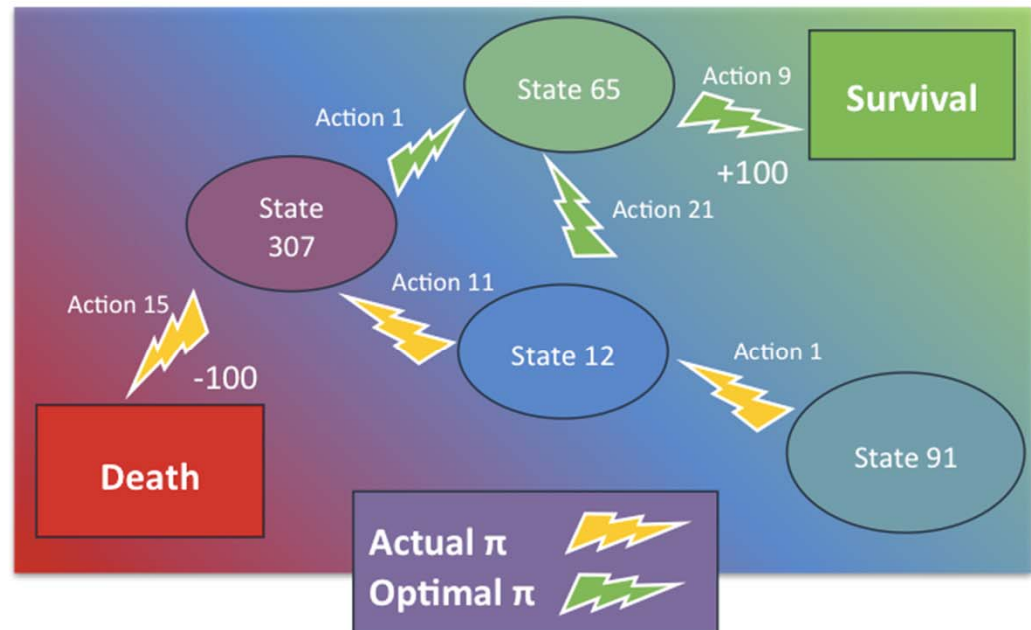




# Markov Decision Process

- A general framework used for modelling sequential decision making.
- Most useful in problems involving **complex, stochastic and dynamic decisions**, for which they can find optimal solutions.

- Defined by  $\{S, A, T, R\}$ 
  - $S$ : a finite set of states
  - $A$ : a finite set of actions
  - $T(s \downarrow t+1, s \downarrow t, a \downarrow t)$ : the transition matrix
  - $R$ : the immediate reward



[Schaefer 2005]



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# Tasks at Hand

- Model the prescription of intravenous fluids and vasopressors using a Markov decision process
- 750 states defined by k-means clustering of time series of 52 variables, up to 72 hrs of data per patient
- Identify optimal decisions from one state to another based on 90-day survival



# The datasets



Development dataset

MIMIC-III

Validation dataset

eICU-RI

- Inclusion: adults with sepsis [sepsis-3 definition]
- Exclusion: excessive missingness, patients coming from hospitals with low data quality in eICU-RI



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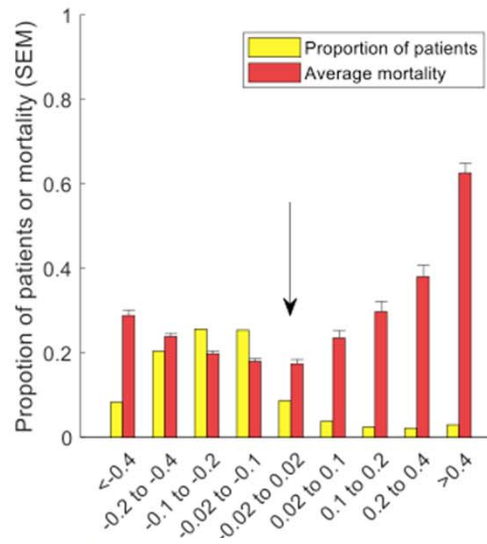
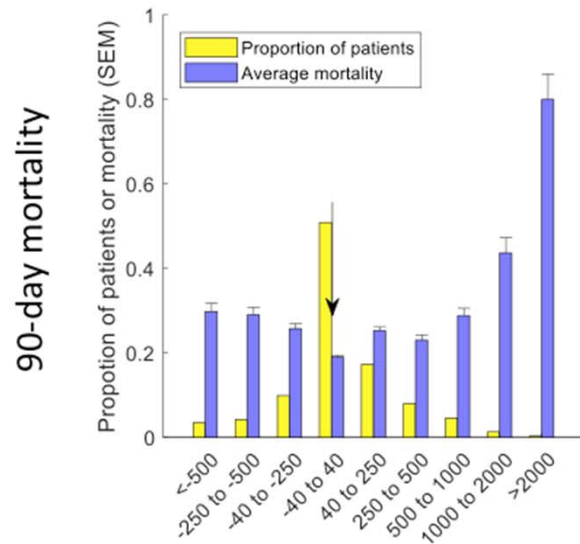
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	Development dataset	Validation dataset
Source	MIMIC-III	Philips eICU-RI
# ICU admissions	17,898	80,257
# ICUs	5	128
Primary ICD code		
• Sepsis	34%	52%
• Cardiovascular	31%	14%
• Other resp.	10%	11%
• Neurological	9%	9%
• Other	15%	13%
Mean age, years	65	65
Gender	56% male	52% male
Initial SOFA (0-24)	7.3 (3.3)	7.0 (3.5)
Initial OASIS (0-70)	33.5 (8.8)	34.8 (12.4)
Procedures:		
• Mech. vent.	55%	50%
• Vasopressors	35%	30%
• Dialysis	9%	8%
Hospital mortality	13.7%	17.7%
90-day mortality	22.5%	Not available

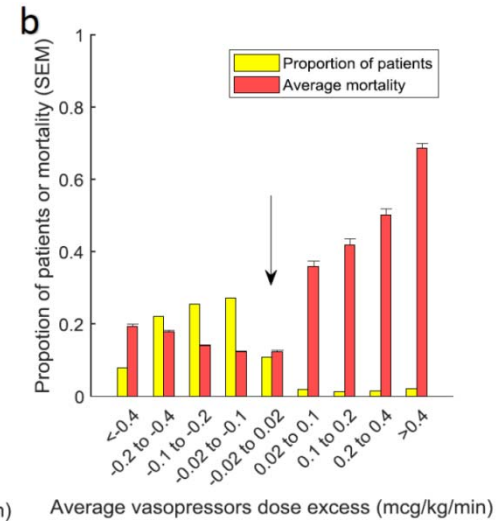
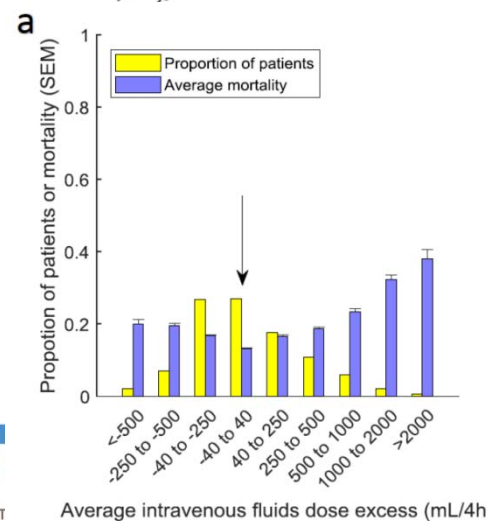


# Is the optimal strategy associated with the best outcome?



MIMIC Test Set

eICU  
Validation Set



# Results

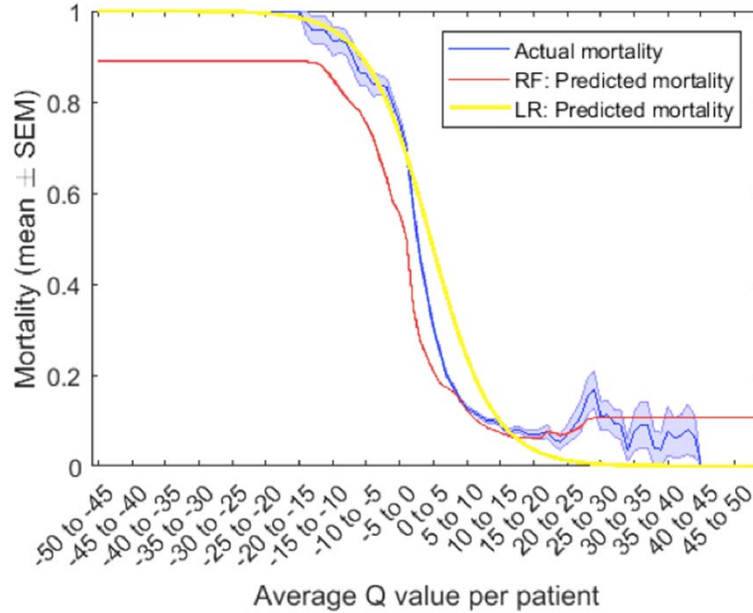
- On average, patients were given more intravenous fluid and less vasopressor vs optimal strategy.
- Median dose excess of fluids was 76 ml/h (IQ=40-133 ml/h), median dose deficit of norepinephrine-equivalent was 0.14 mcg/kg/min (IQ=0.05-0.30 mcg/kg/min).





# Mortality Benefit from Optimal Strategy

- Random forest and regression models were built that map fluid and vasopressor dose in each state with hospital mortality
- Predicted mortality when optimal action is followed: 9.6% (vs. 17.7% actual); 8.2% absolute reduction (95% CI: 7.8% - 8.5%)



“For a true health data revolution to occur in healthcare, we must become better at sharing and integrating data. Greater emphasis on collaboration—outside the traditional ‘multidisciplinary’ realm and into the engineering, mathematical, and computer sciences—will help us to achieve this.”



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# **Showcase: MIT Institute for Medical Engineering and Science (IMES)**

## **Q&A**

**Leo Anthony Celi, MPH, MSc, MD**  
**Elazer Edelman, MD, PhD**

# Tufts CTSI Opportunities for Funded Research

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- **Annual applications - cycle begins in fall**  
<http://www.tuftsctsi.org/funding-opportunities/tufts-ctsi-pilot-studies-program/>

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- Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 8:30AM
- Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 4:30PM.

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[pilots@tuftsctsi.org](mailto:pilots@tuftsctsi.org).

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- Director: David Kent, MD, MSc
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# Lunch Poster Session & Networking and Introduction to Afternoon Program

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# Introduction

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# **The Challenge of Making Things Work Well: An Academic Perspective**

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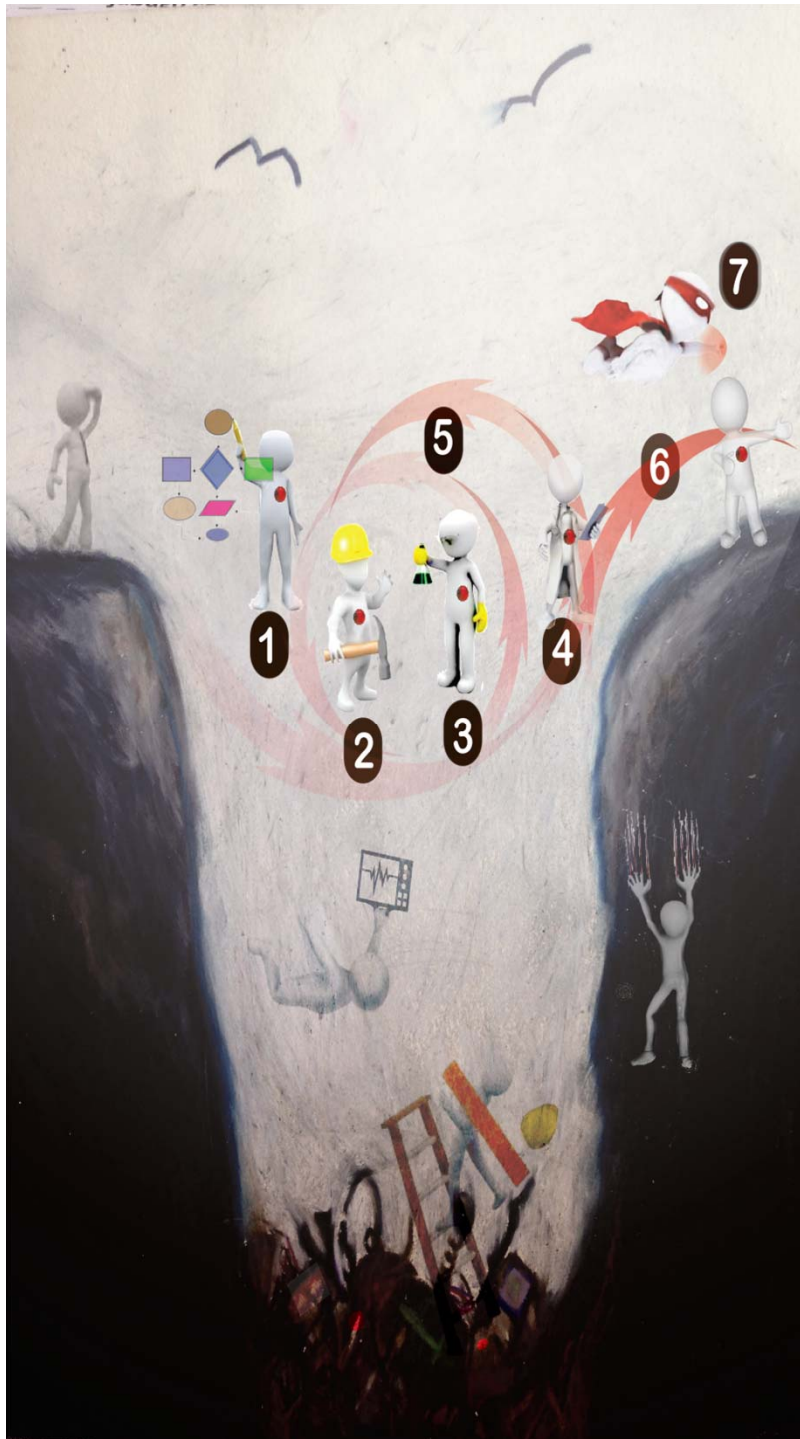
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# The challenge of making things work well (An Academic Perspective)

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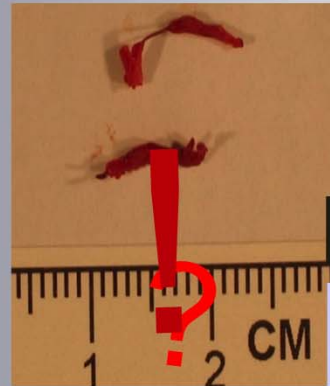
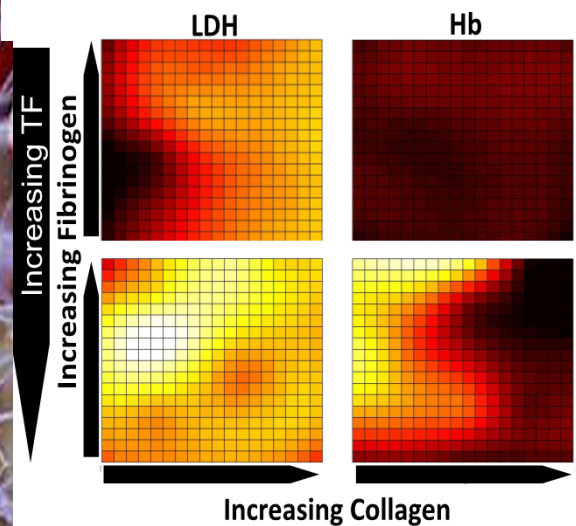
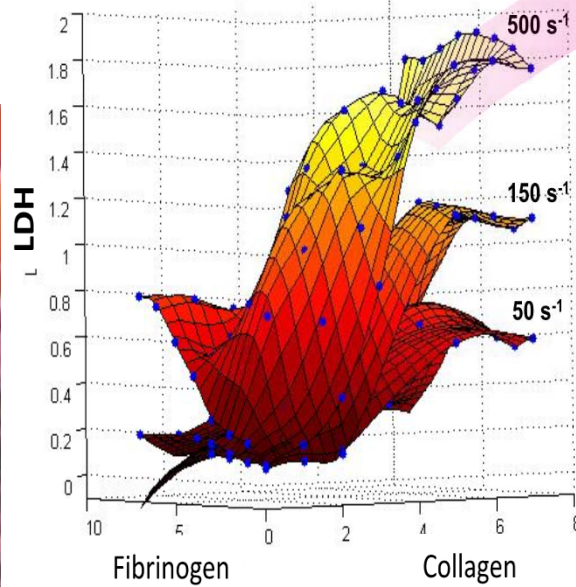


1. Clinical Use Constraints
2. Testable Prototyping
3. Stage Appropriate Models
4. First-in-Human
5. Iterative R&D
6. T.5 to T1 Transfer
7. Failure Analyses

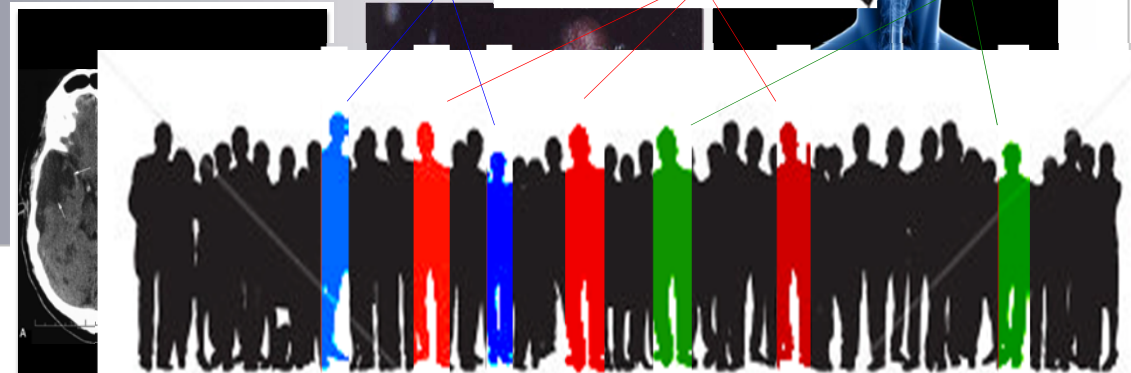
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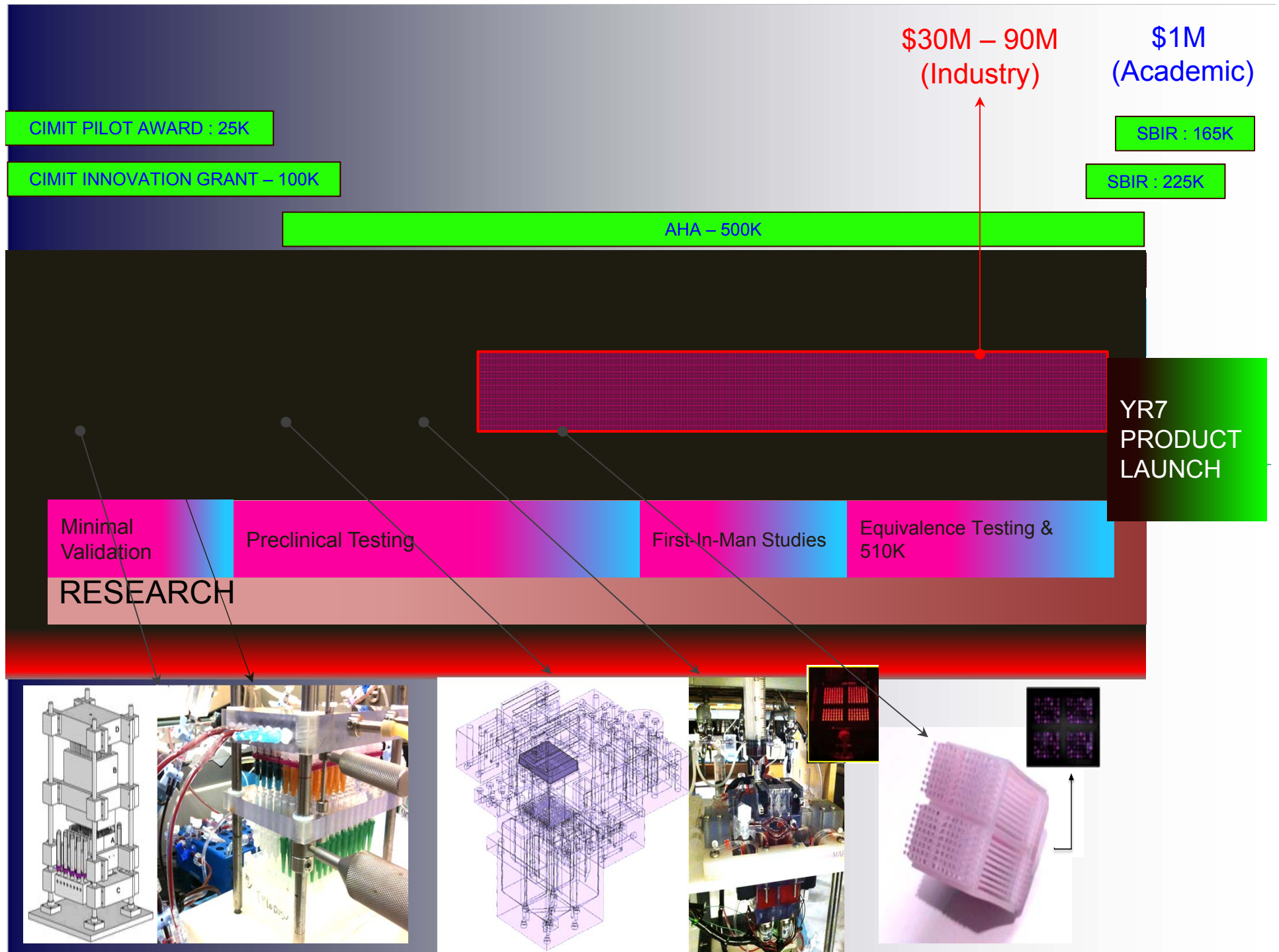
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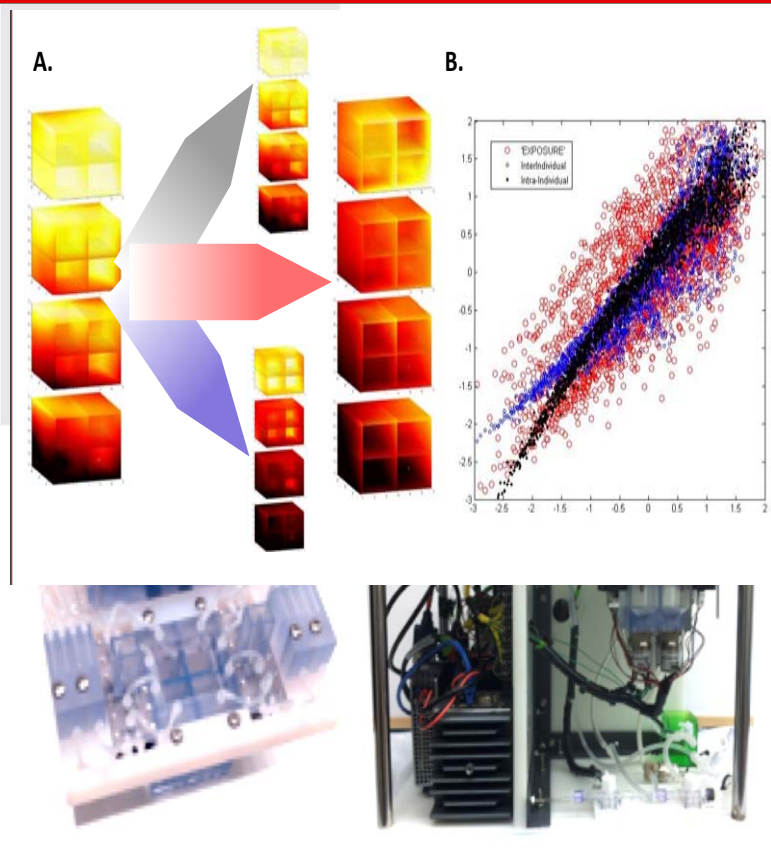
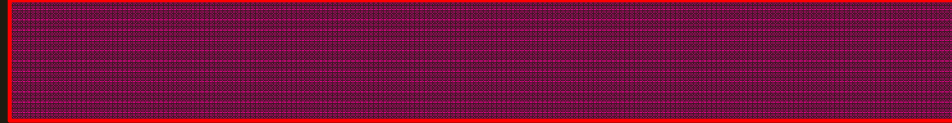
Precision Hemostatic Management











## ACADEMIC CHALLENGES

- Trans-domain expertise:  
(Microfluidics, optics, electrical, system designers, reagent chemists, applied math, industrial designers, clinical experts)
- Incomplete design specifications (scientific, not user)
- Limited management expertise
- Diagnostic sensors for precision medicine
  - Excess sensor variability pre-optimization
  - Limited ability to validation pre-optimization

## INDUSTRY REALITIES PUSH RAPID PRODUCTIZATION

Novel precision diagnostics require new pathways for creating and evaluating testable, clinical-grade prototypes.

# How CTSI is poised to help

- Trans-domain expertise
- Limited management expertise
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Expert / Stakeholder T.5  
Project Committees

User Need Definition

Shift ability to produce optimized, clinically grade prototypes from academic settings

Interconnected networks for cohort discovery will facilitate patient identification and precision validation



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# Lessons Learned from the Front Lines

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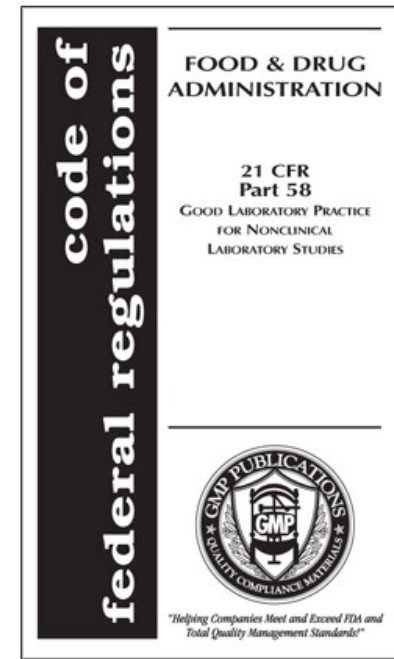
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Director of Research and Innovation  
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# The CRO in Biomedical Research

- Many types of CRO offering services, but when most people think of the term, they think of preclinical CROs.



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# CBSET, a novel CRO model for addressing the service gap...



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- Fuse Cutting Edge Research with Operational Expertise
- **Address Service Gap:** Translational Research
  - Complex pre-clinical & surgical research in GLP-compliant facility with participation of thought leaders/clinical experts / KOLs to advance novel therapies through early efficacy trials and GLP safety assessment



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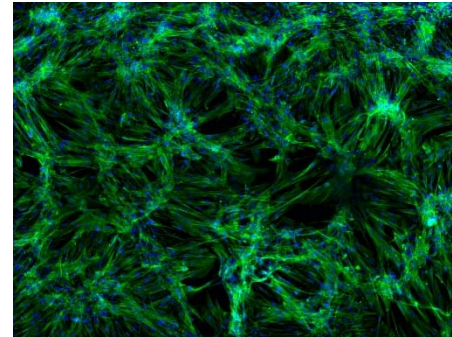
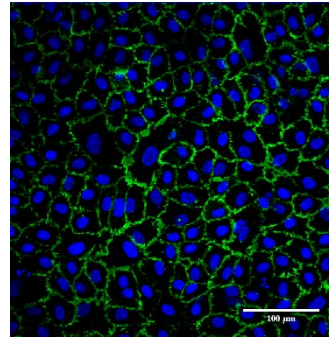
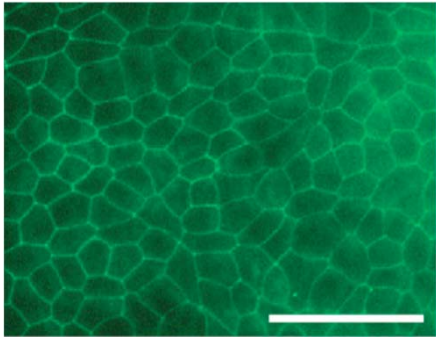
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# **Regulatory process for frontier areas: cell therapy as an example**

# Regulatory Challenges of Cell Therapies:

**“As if the science wasn’t hard enough.”**



# Cell therapy regulation, the same but different...

- Just another test article!
  - Same paperwork, same FDA approach to data, same clinical indications.
- But it's alive!
  - New manufacturing challenges
  - New storage & shipping challenges
  - New preparation challenges
  - New studies required by FDA



# Cell therapy is the same, but different.



Center for Biologics  
Evaluation and Research

- “Talk to us early.
- “Manufacture for the future.”
- “Make your case – we’re listening.”

**A successful program is a team effort!**

# Teaming Up For Regulatory Review

	CRO	CMO	You
Preclinical	X		X
Regulatory	X	X	
Scientific justifications			X
CMC		X	



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# “Talk to us early.”

- The pre-pre-IND meeting is unique.
- Generates no official minutes.
- The goal: early input from reviewers.
  - Safety designs
  - Efficacy designs
  - Cell-specific studies



# “Manufacture for the future.”



- Everything that touches a cell is suspect!
- Anything animal-derived is doubly-suspect!
- Have you considered alternatives?
- CMC (“Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls”) are especially difficult with cell-based therapies.

# “Make your case, we’re listening.”



- Use the lack of historical studies to your advantage
- Good science makes the difference in design
- CBER wants to learn from the experts – you!

Getting novel therapies to market is a collective, collaborative effort.



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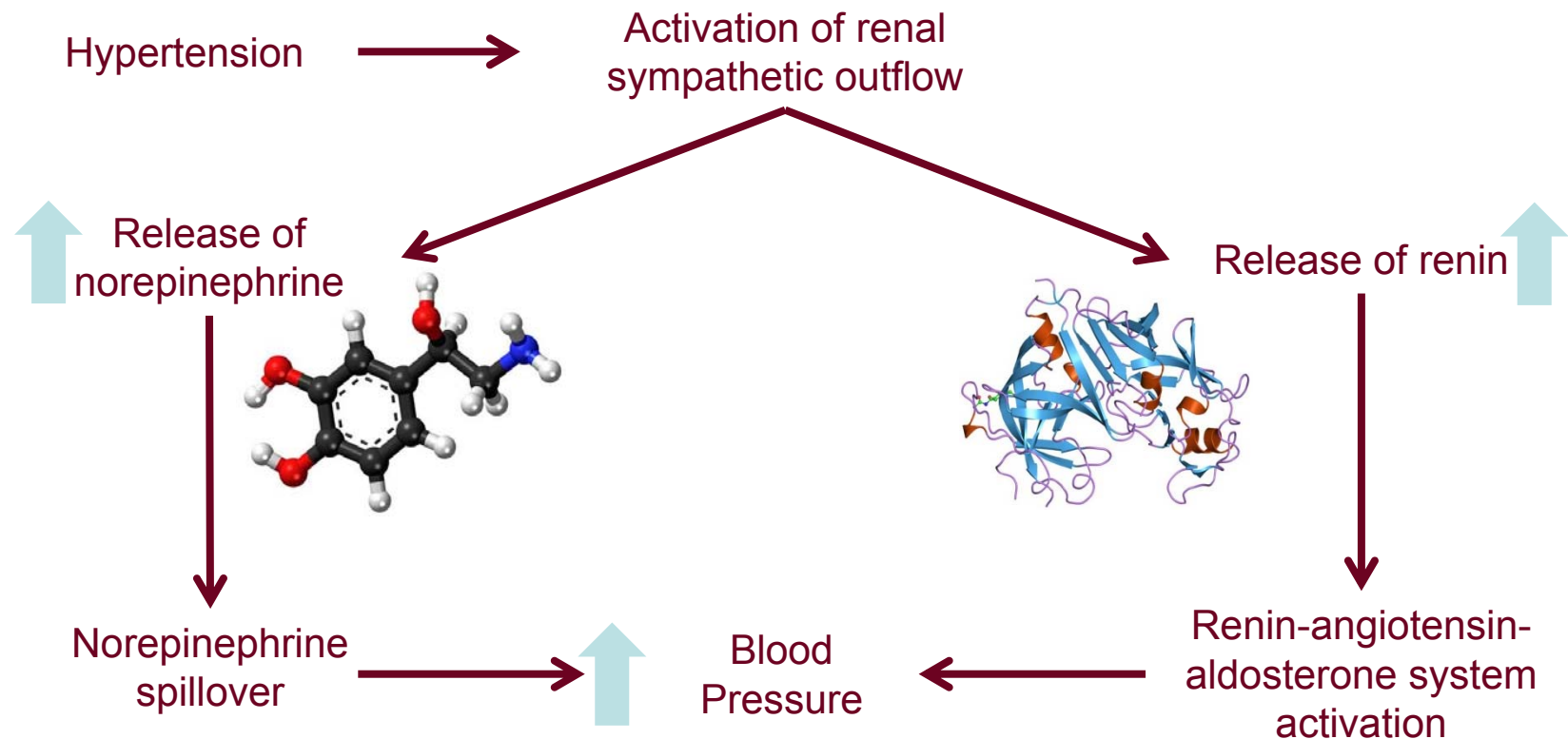
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# **The science behind Catheter Based Neuroablation Therapies**

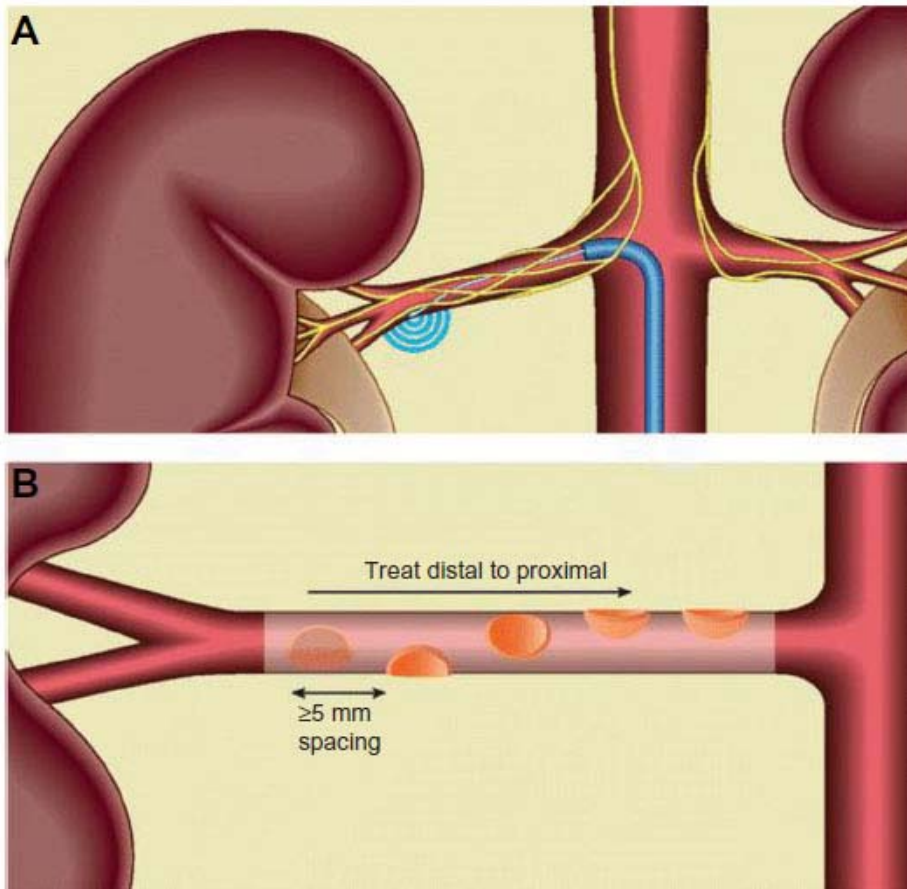
**Rami Tzafriri, PhD**

# Role of sympathetic nerves in hypertension

- Sympathetic nerve activity (SNA) regulates blood pressure



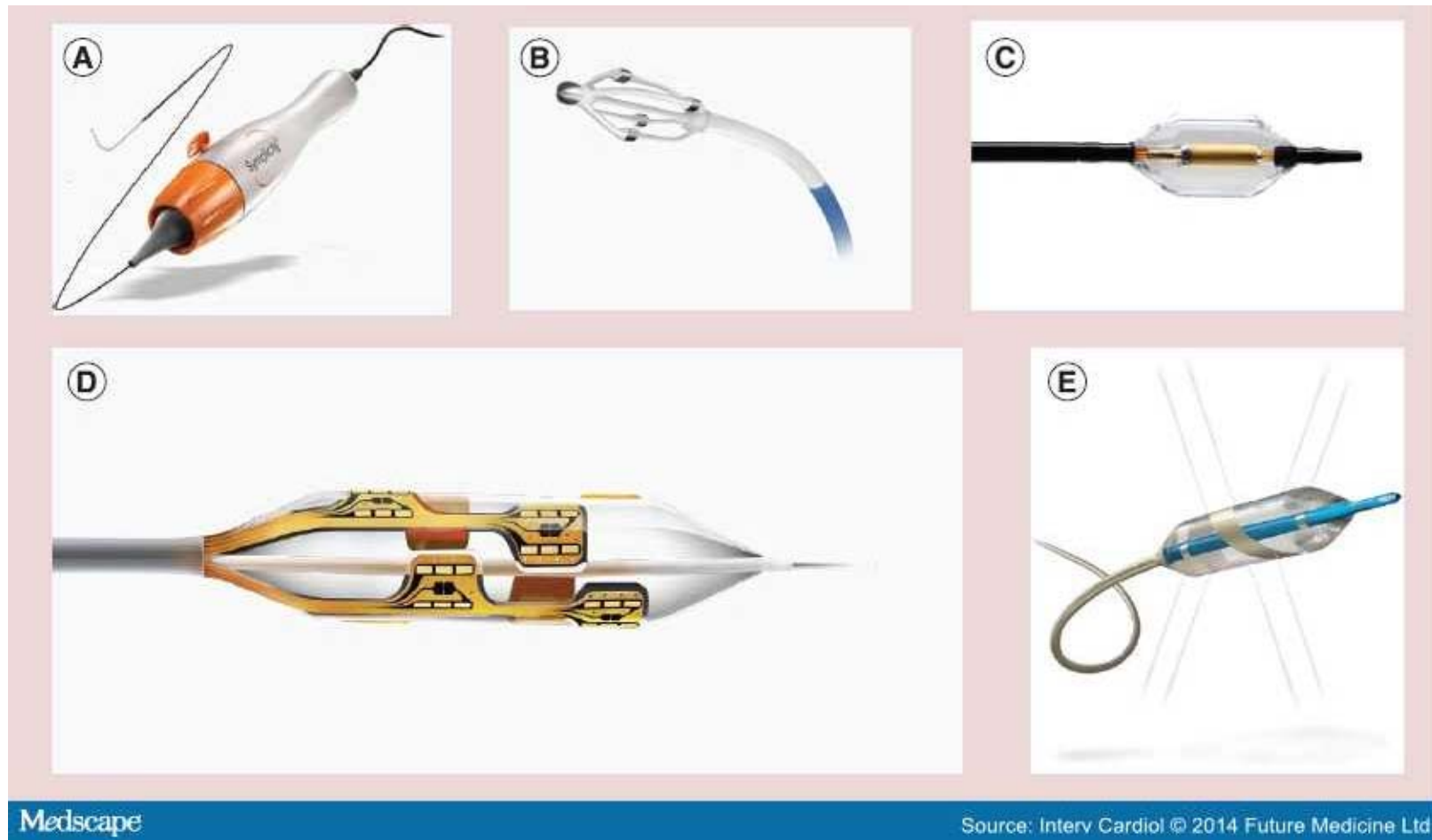
# Catheter based Renal denervation (RDN) therapy for MDR hypertension



- Ardian: First generation RDN catheter with single RF electrode promising 1<sup>st</sup> in man result - 2010
- Medtronic acquires Ardian, Jan 2011 for \$1.6B!

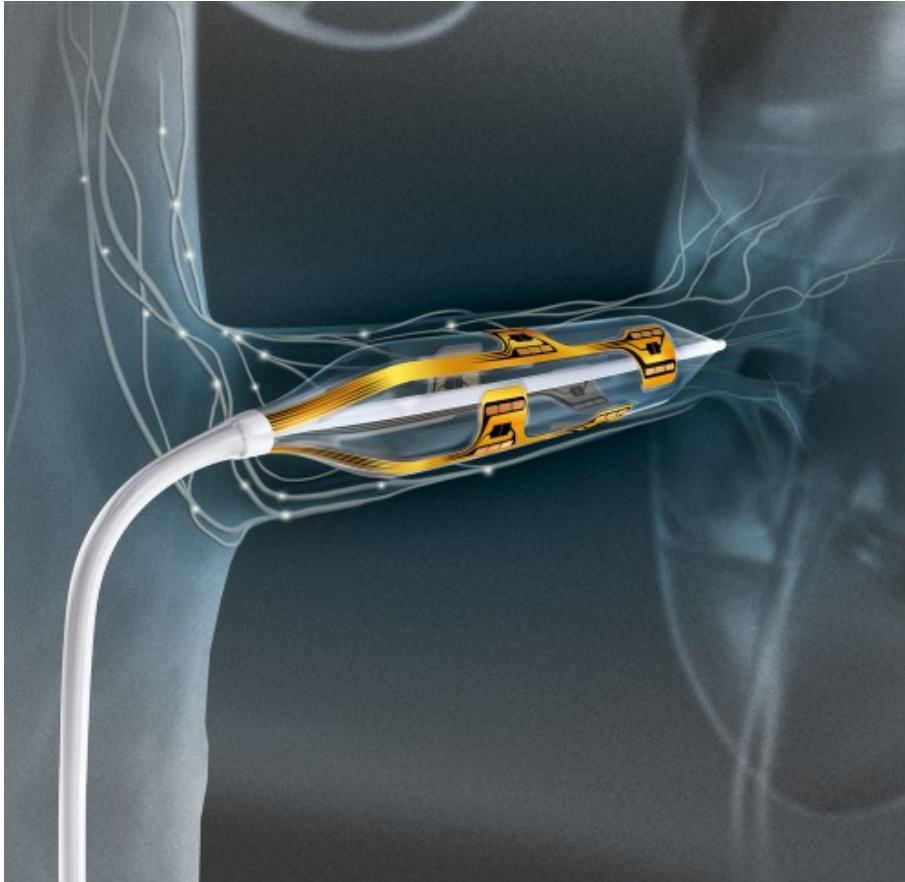


# Why just one electrode?



# Minnow Medical

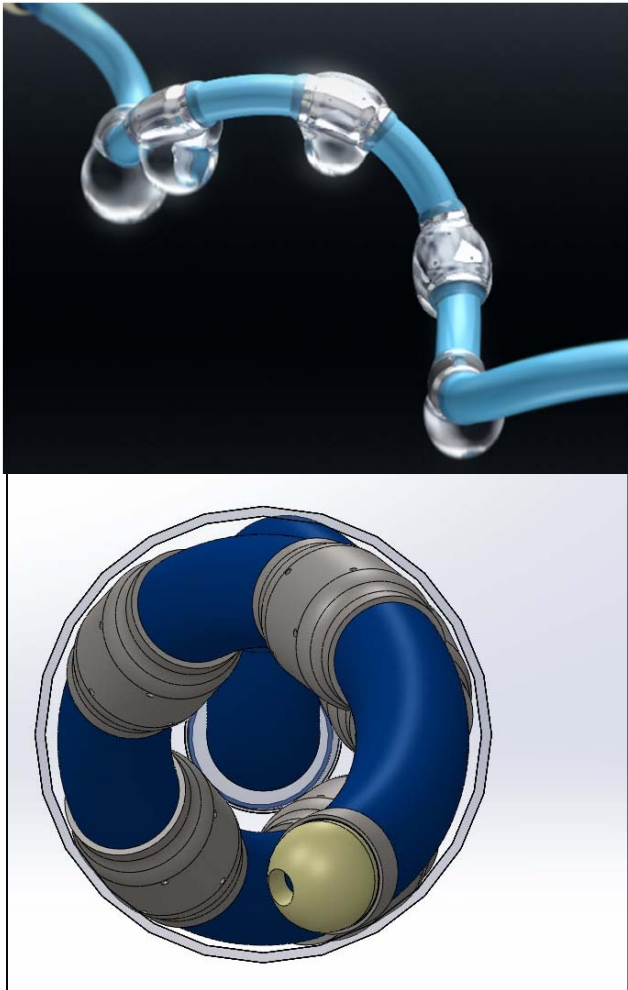
## Fast Follower Project Goals



### First follower, 2011

- Multi-electrode design for faster treatment
- Balloon for better wall apposition
- Simple procedure
- Bipolar vs unipolar (lower temp, less pain?)

# Biosense Webster Fast Follower Project Goals



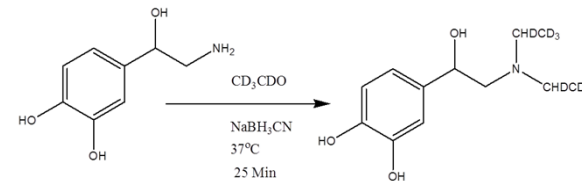
## Fast follower, 2011

- Multi-electrode design for faster treatment
- Simple procedure
- Electrode irrigation to improve safety and efficacy

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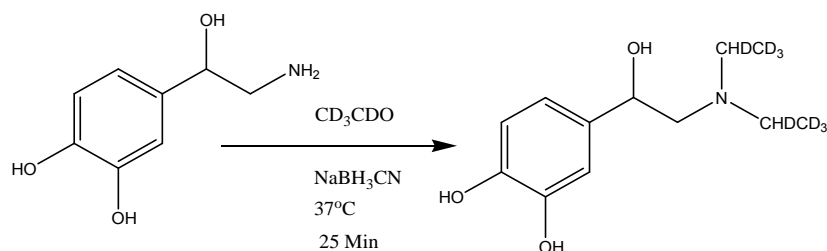
- **Large animal model**
  - safety/histopathology
  - efficacy/biomarker
- **Product differentiation**



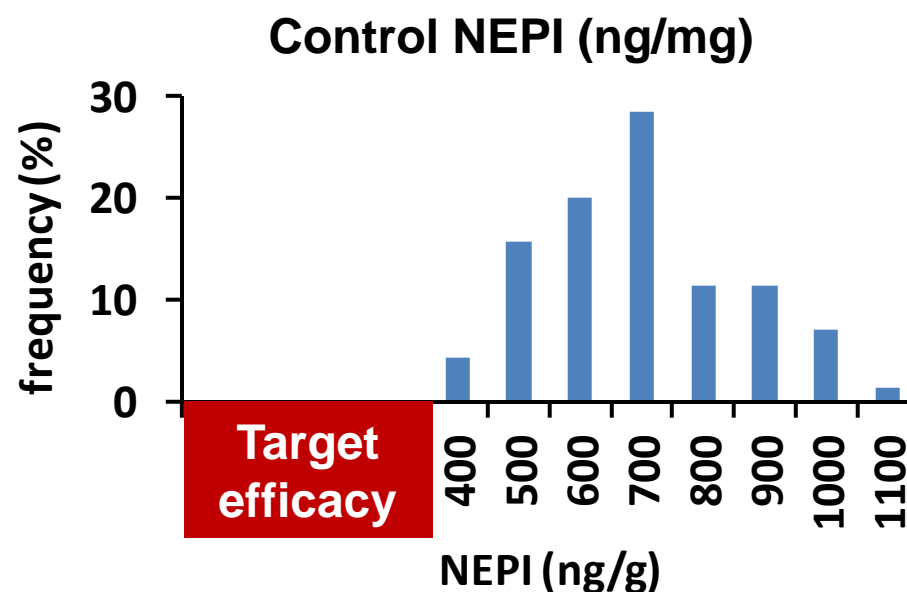
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# Predicative markers of effect

## LC/MS/MS method for Quantifying Norepinephrine in kidney tissue

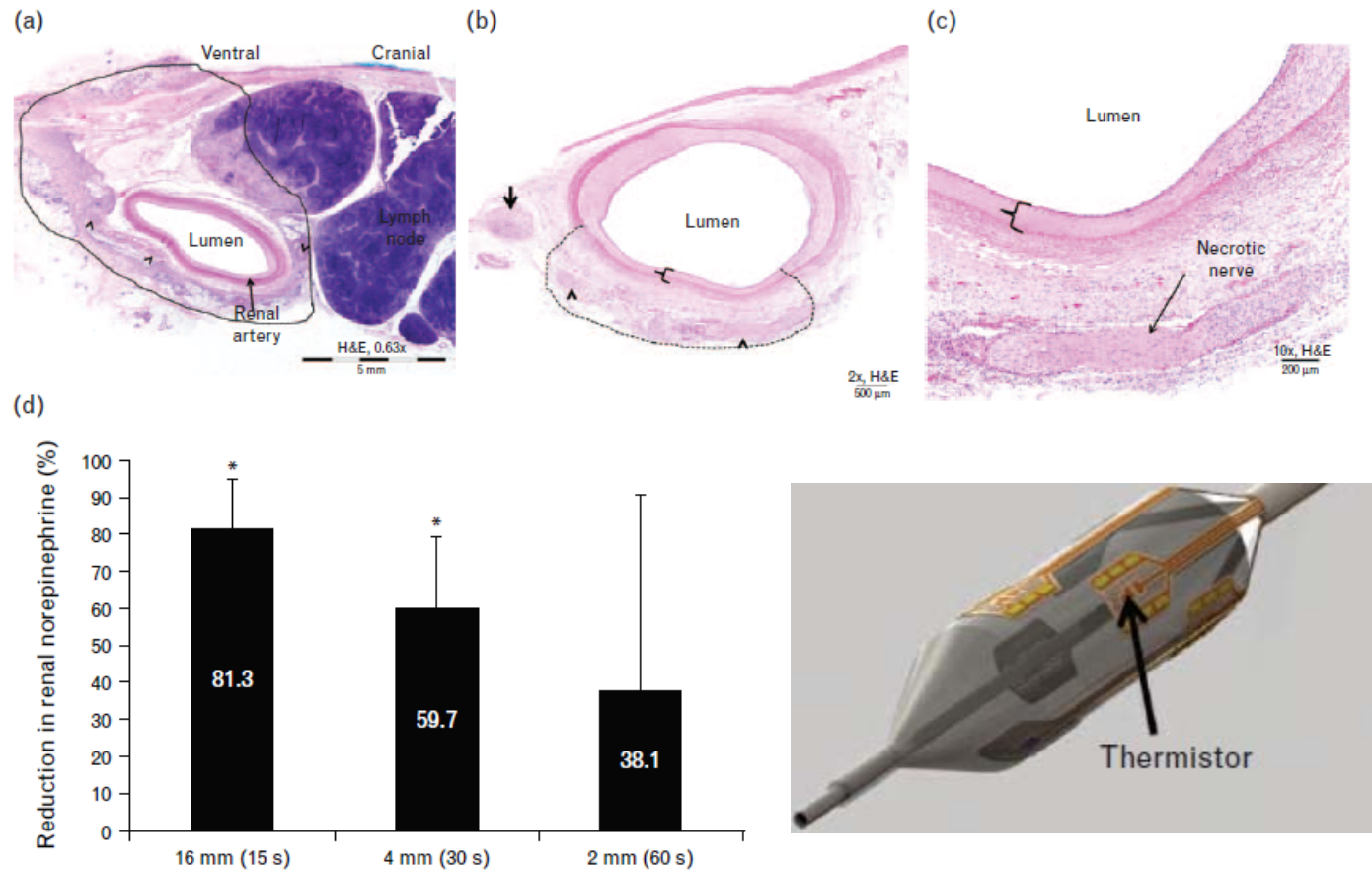


## Variable baseline levels



N = 70 arteries  
Mean = 649  
SD = 161

# Porcine safety & efficacy model



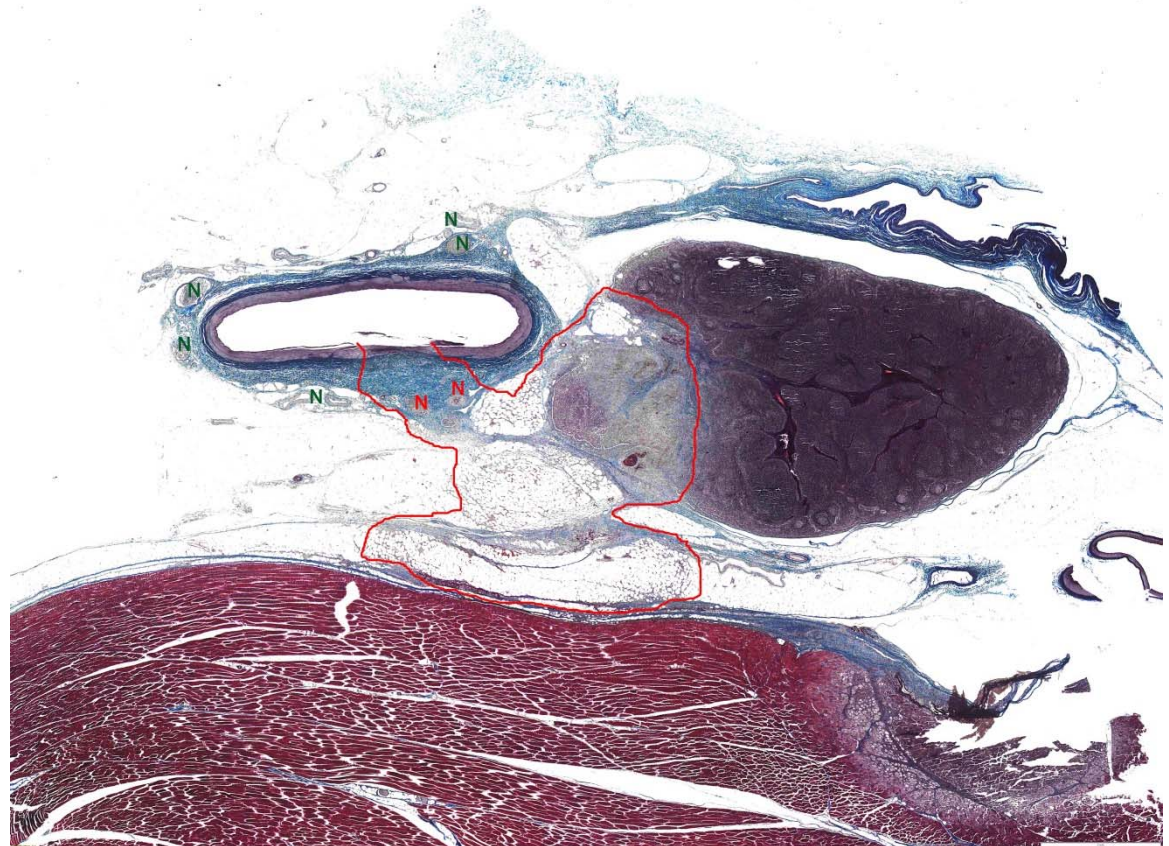
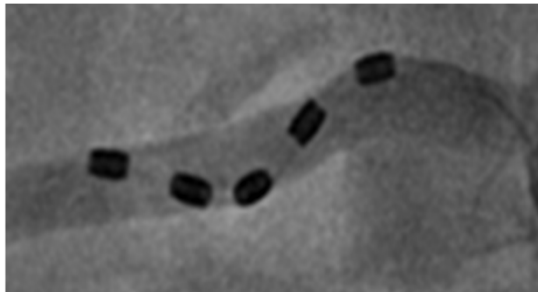
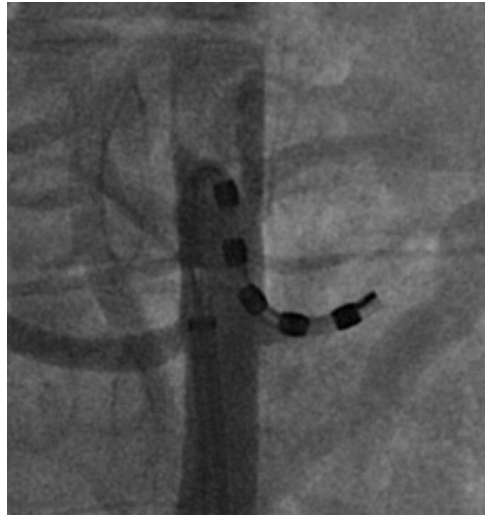
Cohen-Mazor et al, *J Hypertension* 2014

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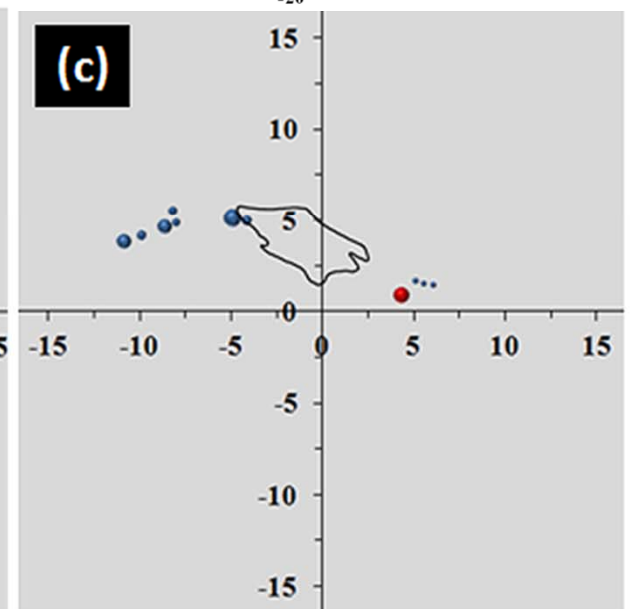
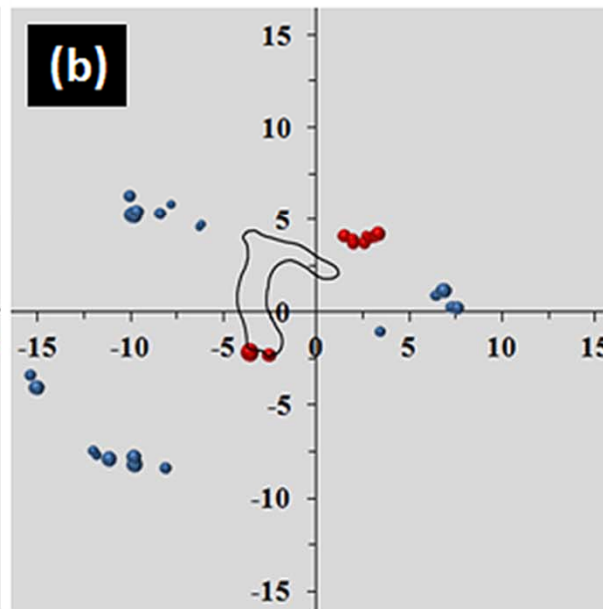
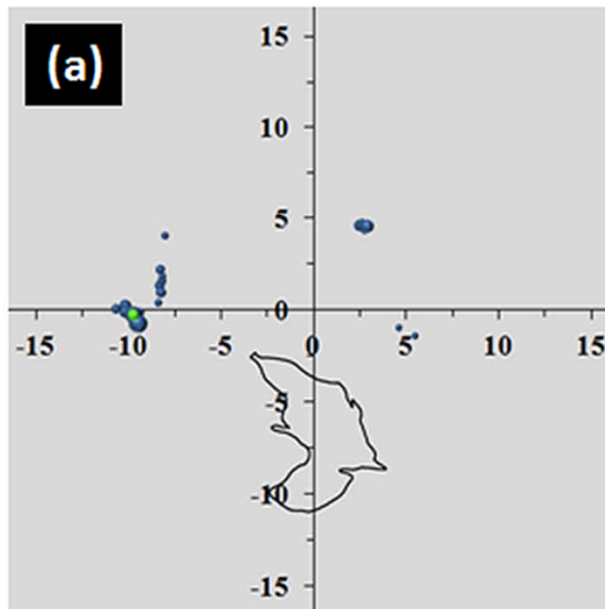
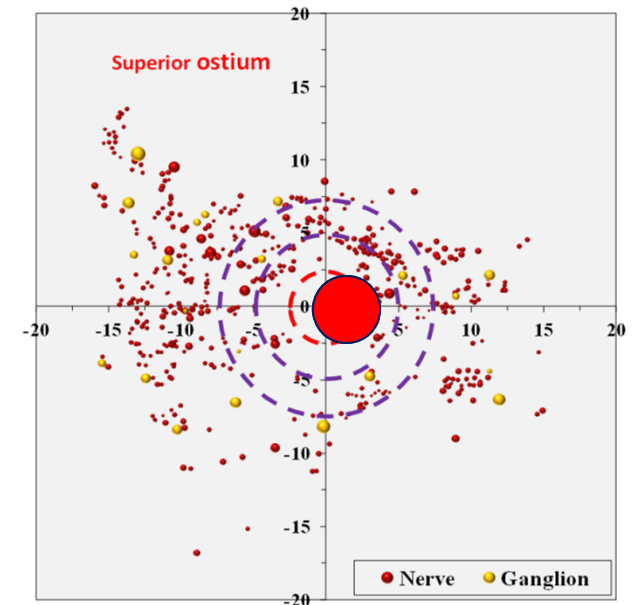


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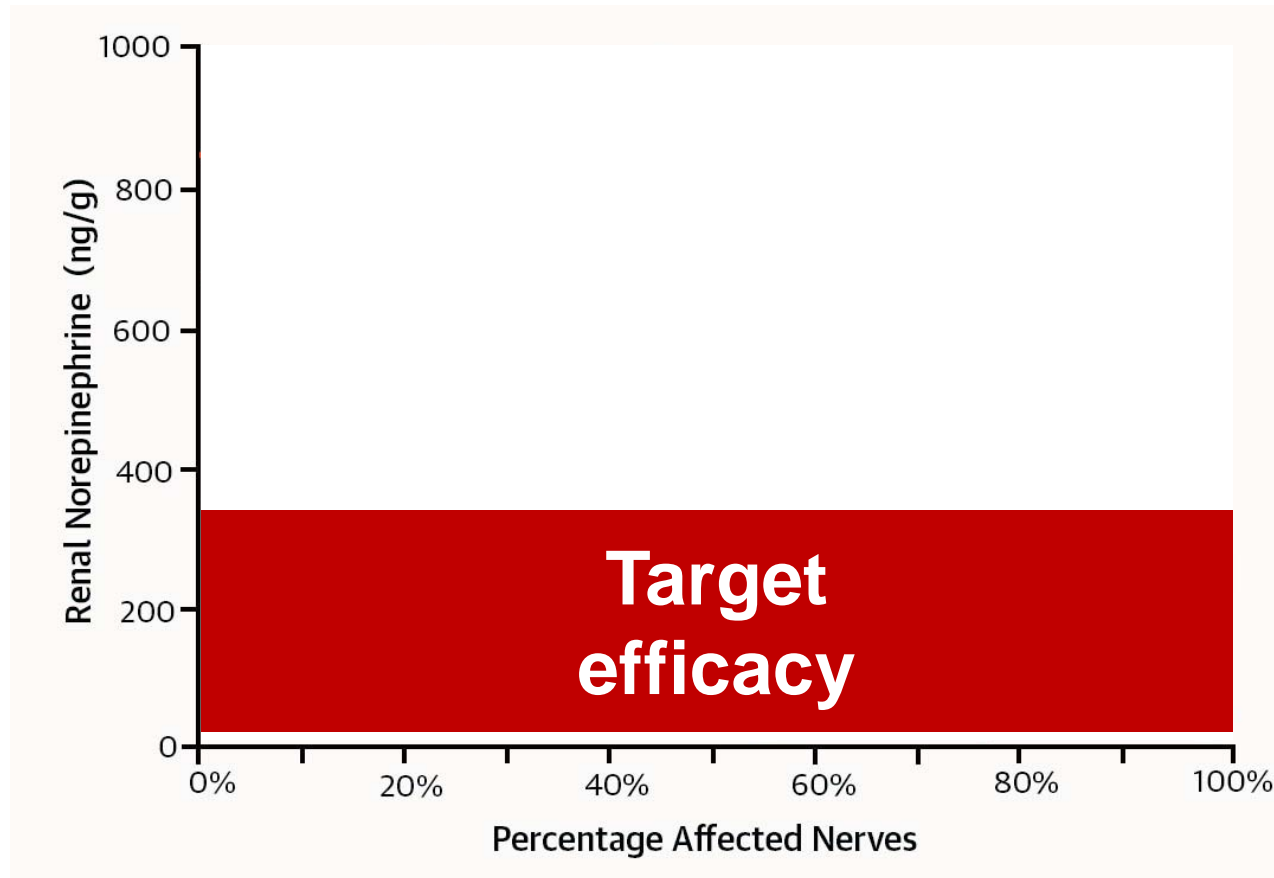


# Efficacy:

Requires convergence of  
variable & asymmetric  
\* innervation  
\* ablation geometry



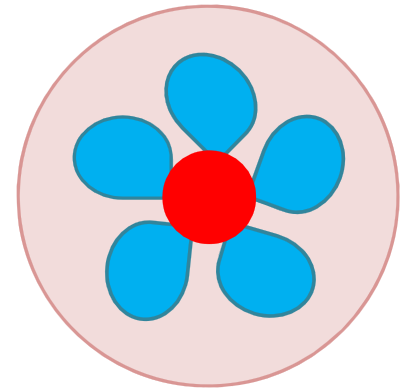
# NEPI reduction correlates with nerve effects: single electrode treatments



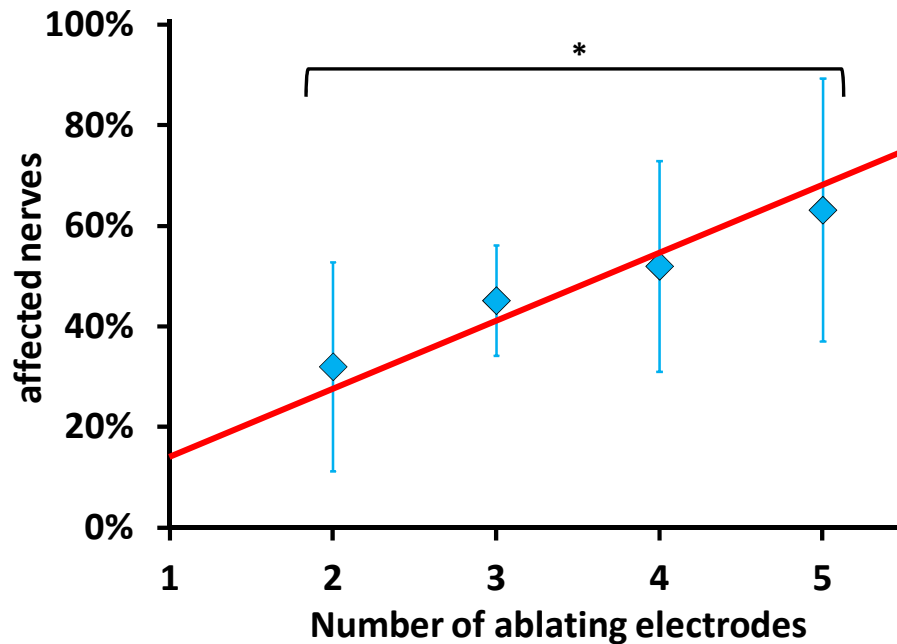
**N=8 Ostial treatments**

*Tzafriri et al.,  
JACC 2014*

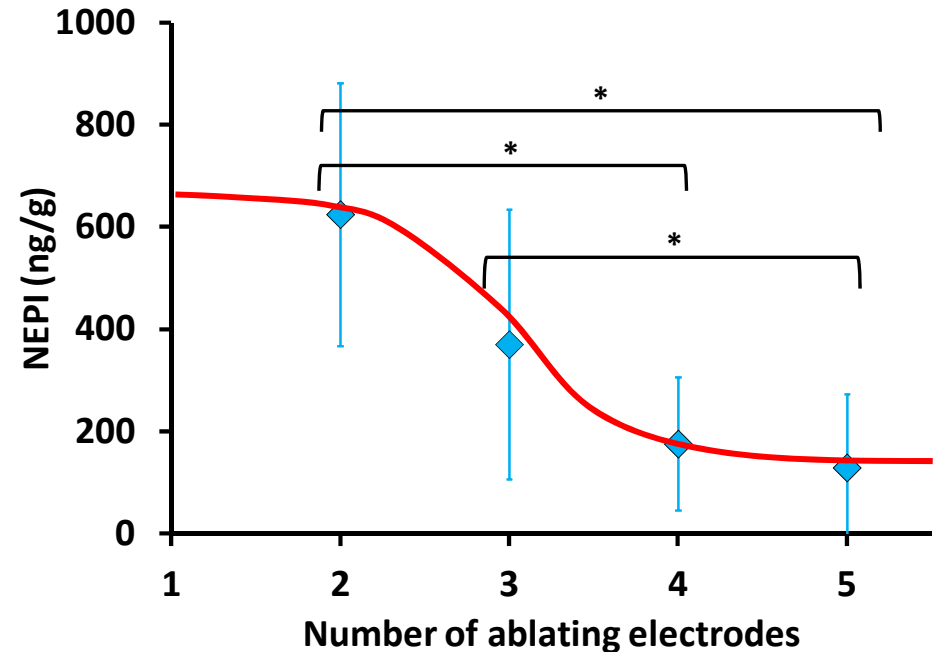
# Biomarker effects vs number of helically staggered RF treatments



*% Denervation*



*NEPI Reduction*

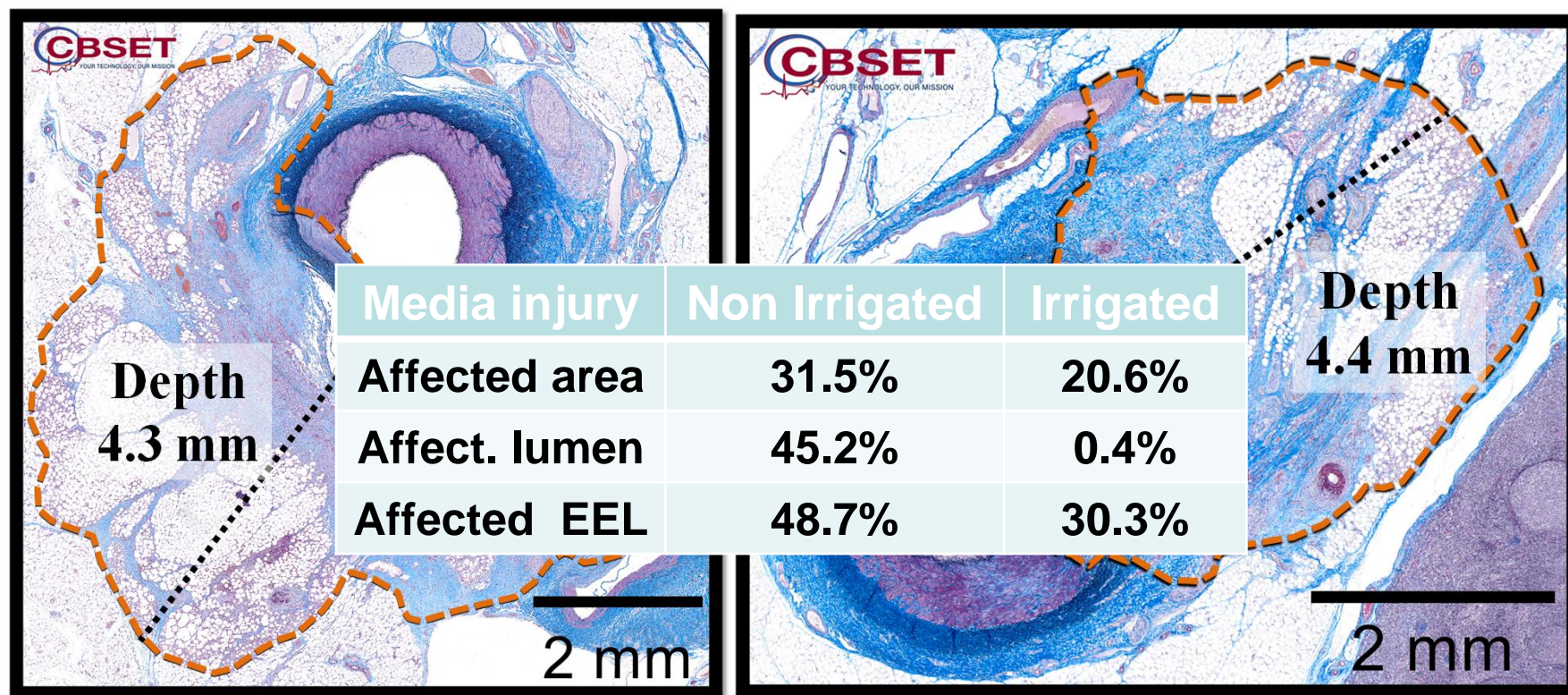




# Irrigation protects the media Adjacent to the ablating electrode

**Non Irrigated**

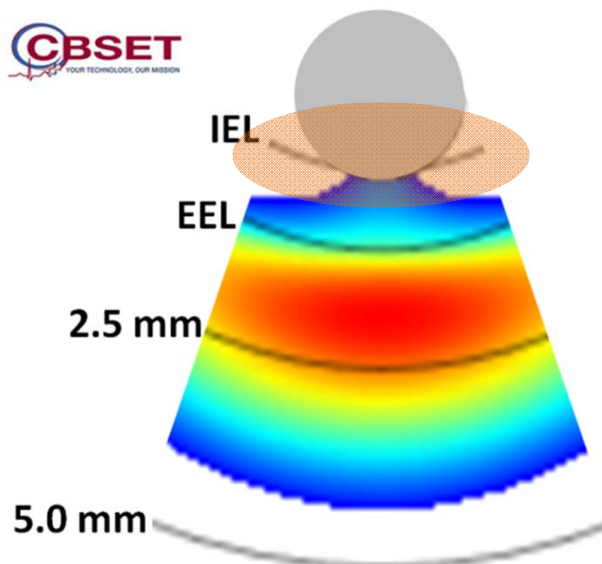
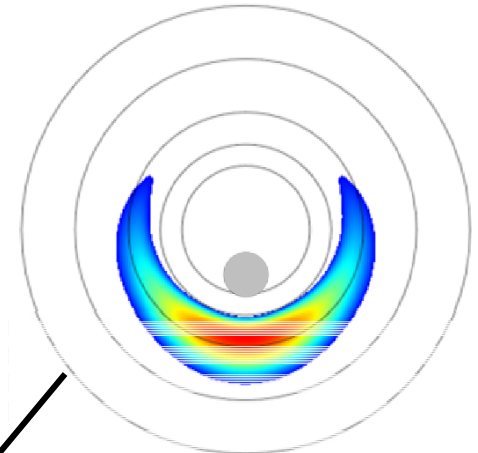
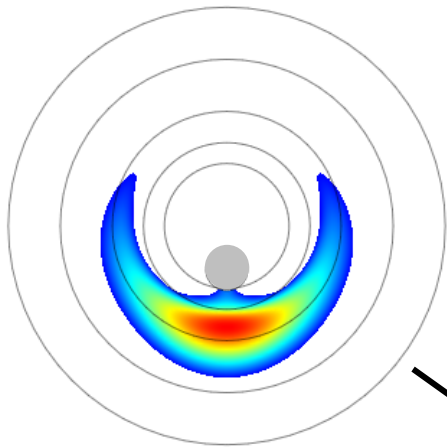
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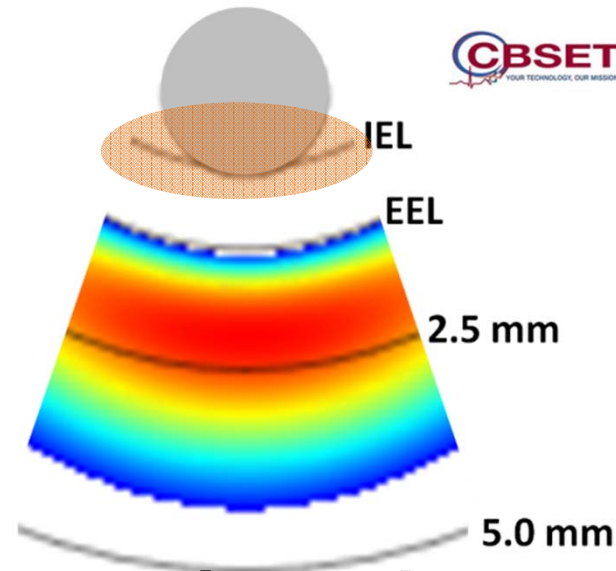
*Tzafriri et al Sci Transl Med 2015*

# Electrode irrigation as a bio-mimetic of focused heat transfer

## Model Injury



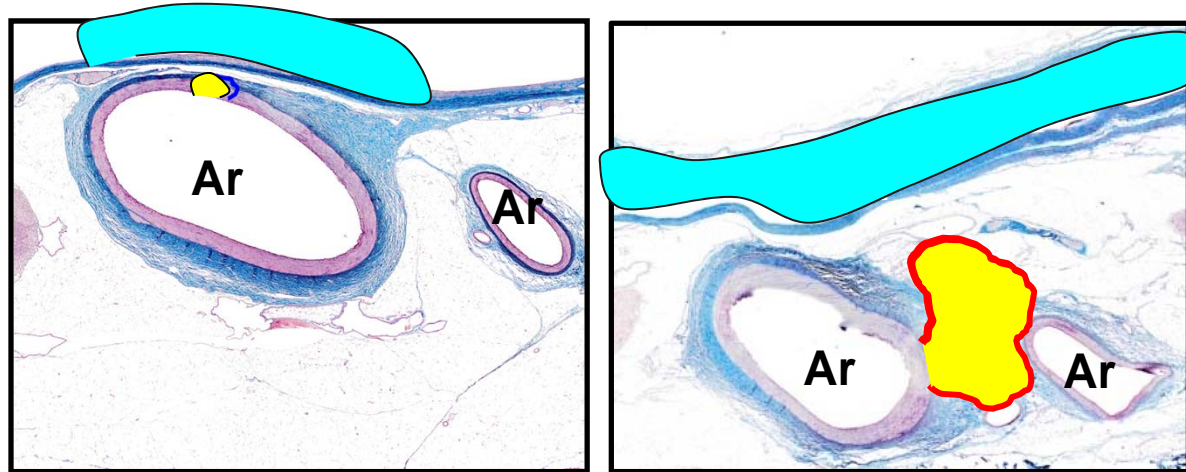
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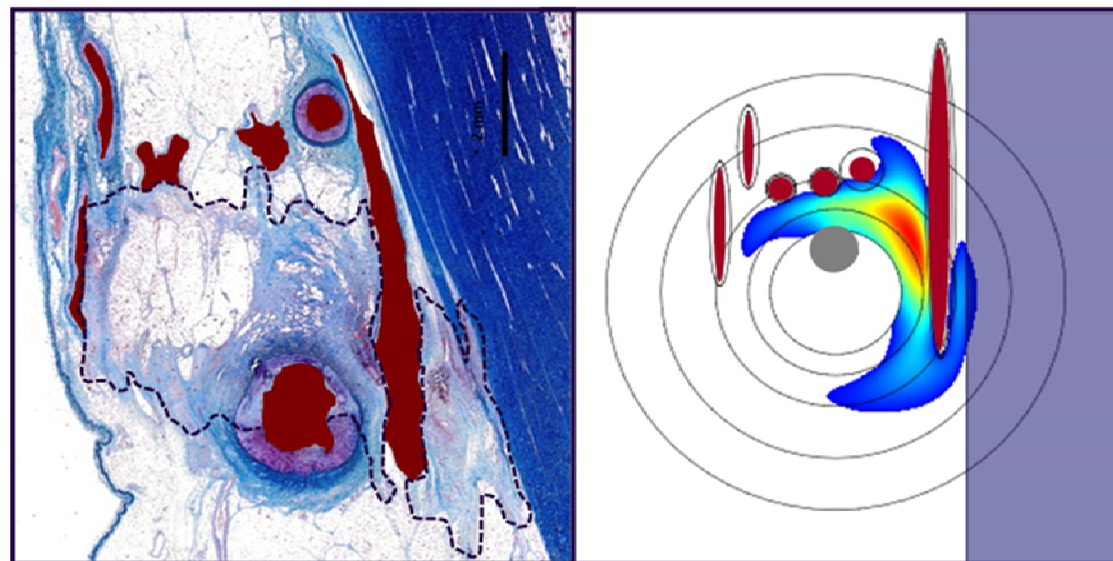
# Variability in efficacy VS heat sinks



HYPERTENSION

# Arterial microanatomy determines the success of energy-based renal denervation in controlling hypertension

Abraham R. Tzafriri,<sup>1\*</sup> John H. Keating,<sup>1</sup> Peter M. Markham,<sup>1</sup> Anna-Maria Spognardi,<sup>1</sup> James R. L. Stanley,<sup>1</sup> Gee Wong,<sup>1</sup> Brett G. Zani,<sup>1</sup> Debby Highsmith,<sup>2</sup> Patrick O'Fallon,<sup>2</sup> Kristine Fuimaono,<sup>2</sup> Felix Mahfoud,<sup>3</sup> Elazer R. Edelman<sup>4,5</sup>





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### HYPERTENSION

# Renal denervation: Not as easy as it looks

**Murray Esler**

Renal sympathetic denervation with intravascular radiofrequency catheters in hypertensive patients is less effective than anticipated, owing to radio frequency energy being applied to a part of the renal artery where the nerves are at the greatest distance from the aortic lumen and to distortion of energy distribution and temperature gradients by regional tissue anatomical variations (Tzafriri *et al.*, this issue).

# Lessons from the frontline

- **Getting novel therapies to market is a collective, collaborative effort**
- **First follower – Don't just follow first generation testing paradigm. Speed and differentiation are most important**
- **New product in a crowded field – Find a partner that can help you differentiate your technology via key publications and presentations**

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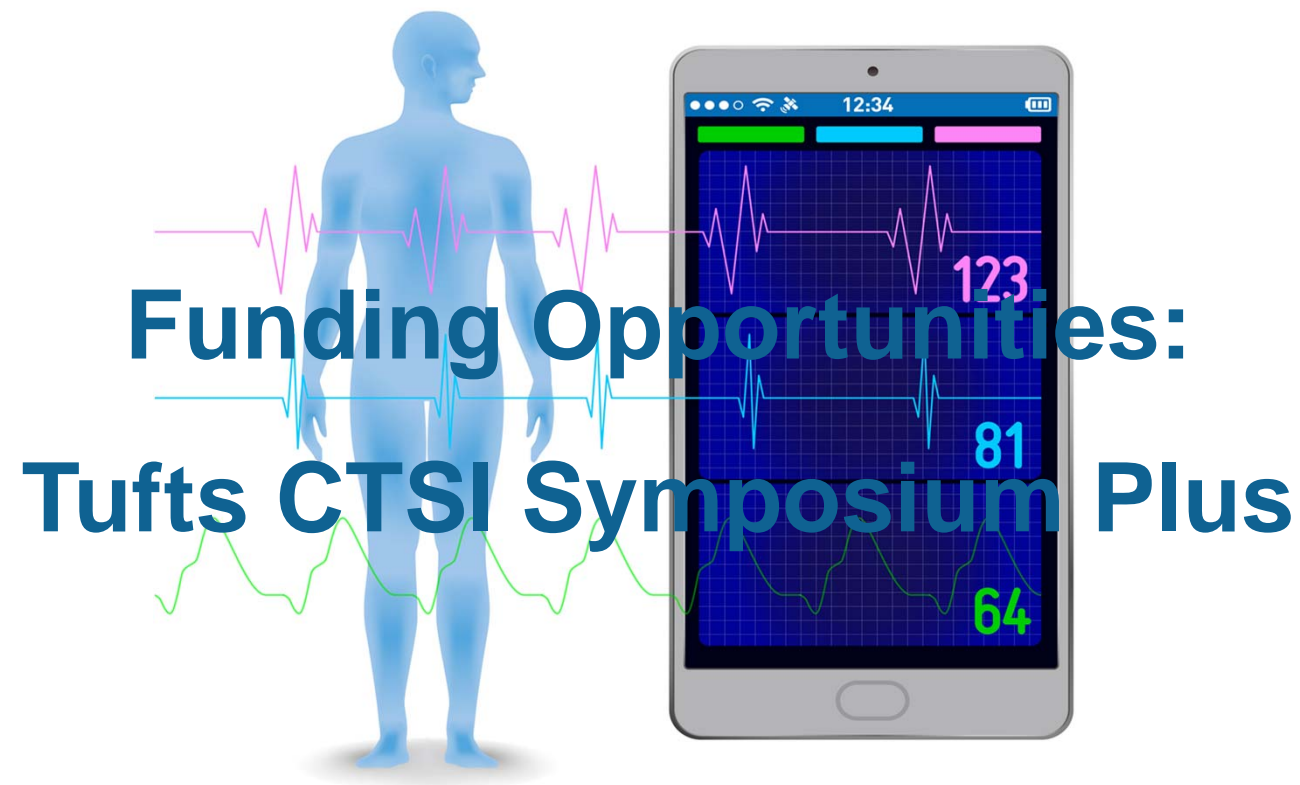
# **Case Studies**

## **Panel Discussion**

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# Introduction

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# Tufts CTSI Symposium Plus Model

- **Stage 1: Solicitation of Nascent Projects (RFP)**  
A request for research abstracts is issued.
- **Stage 2: Project Pitch at a Launch Symposium**  
4-5 selected research teams pitch project ideas and receive feedback from the audience and topic-specific experts.
- **Stage 3: Proposal Development**  
The research teams prepare a proposal for ~6-8 months with expert consultations from assigned mentoring teams.
- **Stage 4: Project Follow-up**  
Project & mentoring teams assemble for a second meeting to share additional feedback.

# Participant Experience

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# **2018 Symposium Plus: Sensors, Devices, and Biomarkers in Medicine**

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- **Request for Proposals DUE - January 5, 2018**
- **Symposium Date - April 24, 2018**

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**Refreshments & Networking (*Lobby*)**

**Or**

**Tufts Analytics Platform (TAP):  
Enhancing Research with  
Integrated Analytics (*Sackler 114*)**

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# Tufts Analytics Platform (TAP)

## Enhancing Research with Integrated Analytics

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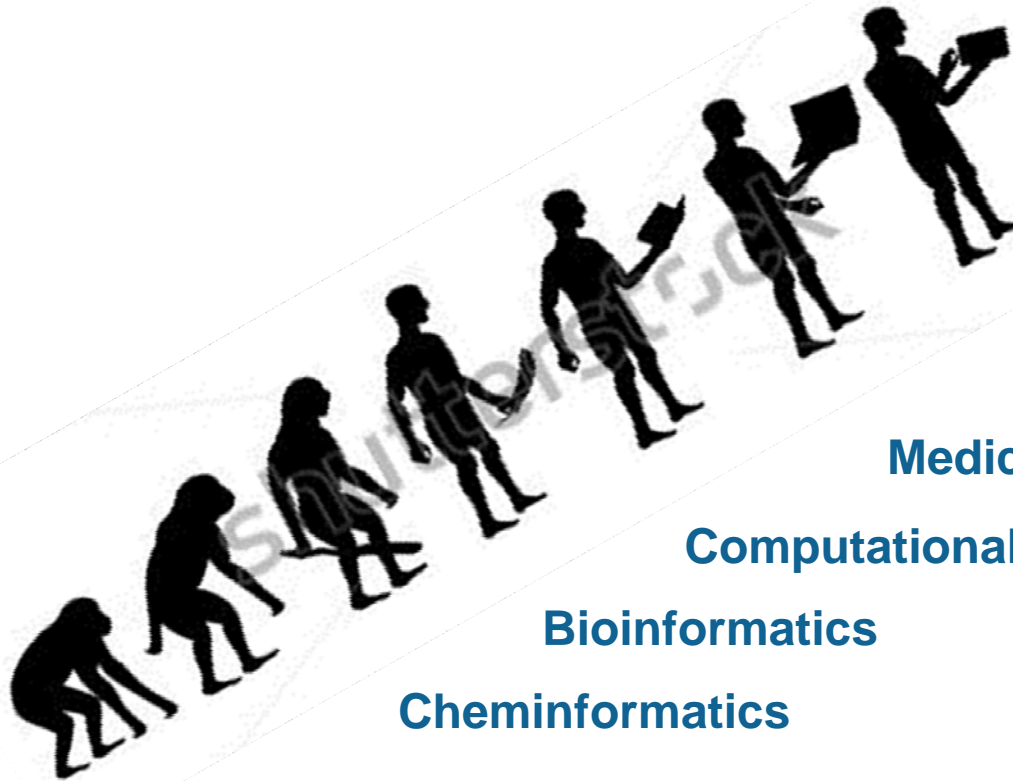
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# Research Paradigms

- Descriptive Science
- Hypothesis-Driven Science
- ***Discovery Science***
- Engineering Science

# The Evolution of Discovery



**Statistics and Probability**

**Cheminformatics**

**Bioinformatics**

**Computational Biology**

**Medical Informatics**

**Systems Biology**

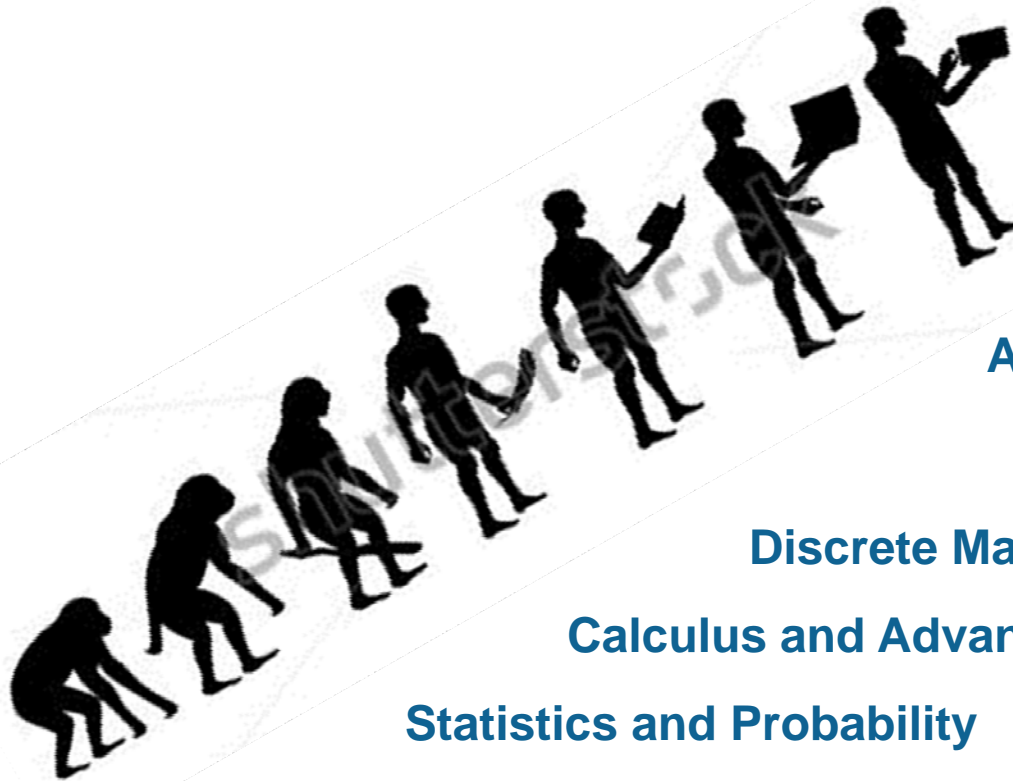
**Network Medicine**

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# The Evolution of Techniques



**Basic Arithmetic**

**Geometry and Basic Logic**

**Statistics and Probability**

**Calculus and Advanced Logic**

**Discrete Mathematics**

**Artificial Intelligence**  
Machine Learning  
Deep Learning

**Explainable AI**

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# State of Biomedical Sciences

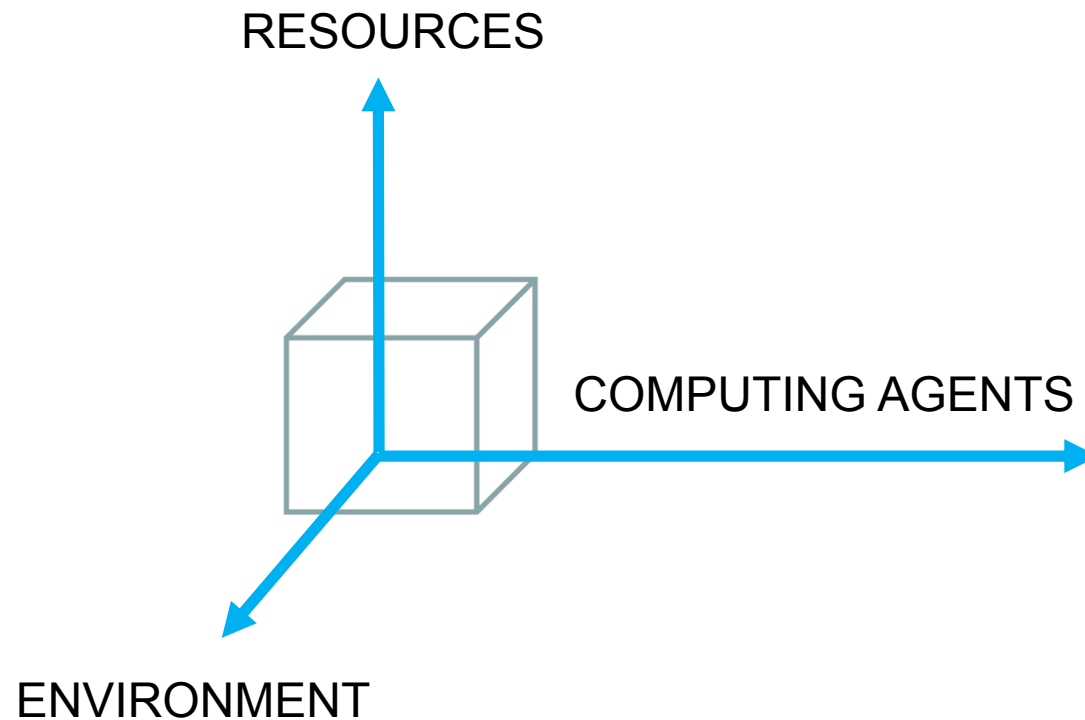
- Ever expanding data capturing modalities
- Lack of same-data integration (i.e., silo problem)
- Failure to employ multiscale and heterogeneous data sets
- Current analytics techniques are often underutilized
- Suboptimal use of emerging analytics techniques
- Lack of adequate method and/or tool training in the lab
- Questions continue to increase in complexity

....The Discovery Process Remains Inefficient

# Adaptive Workflows

- Specification or GOAL DRIVEN
- Dynamic sequencing of tasks
- Focus on solutions versus individual tasks
- Opportunity to maximize resource use
- Continuous quality improvement

# AWS Dimensions

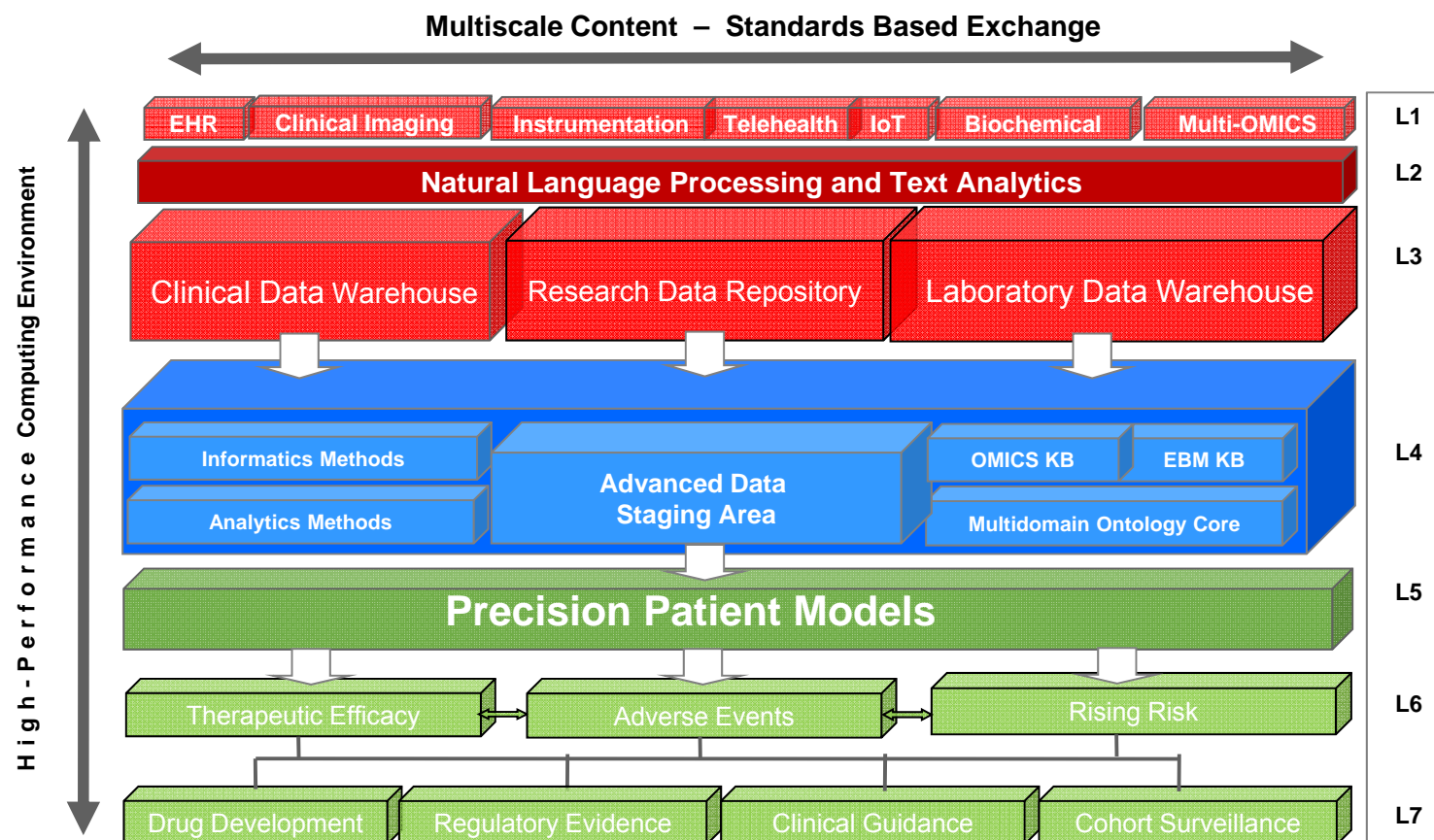




# Why TAP...Why Now?

- Adaptive workflows are now viable as automation frameworks
- Diverse range of computing resources for multiscale analysis
- Tools now available that permit cost-effective data engineering
- Methods now available that permit robust machine learning
- Automating solution steps will reduce process errors
- Potential to increase quality, throughput and reproducibility

# TAP Architecture



# L4 Support Methods

- Cheminformatics
- Bioinformatics
- Medical Informatics
- Machine Learning
- Dynamic Network Analysis
- Ontology-based Representation/Reasoning

# Engineering Challenges

- Integrating NLP effectively
- Integrating ontologies effectively
- Avoiding ill-posed workflows
- Avoiding data gaps during computation
- Obtaining acceptable QoS from external resources

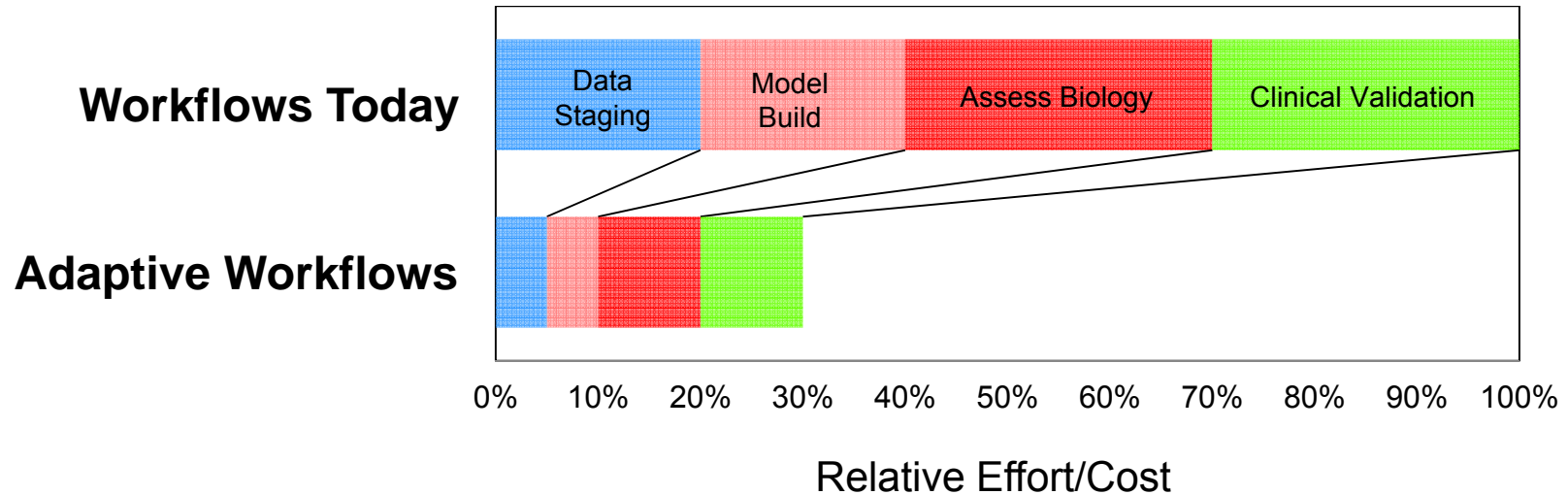
# TAP Goals

- Capture Heterogeneous Data
- Harmonize Multiscale Data
- Compute Actionable Information
- Seamless *In Situ* Deployment



# Human vs Machine

50% Reduction in Time, Cost, and/or Error Rate  
Across Key Discovery Activities Performed in 2022





# Success Criteria

- Generate new methodologies
- Increased grant funding
- Increased publication rate
- Increased Institutional IP
- Unique staging area for institutional collaborations

.... New Science, Better Science, Different Science

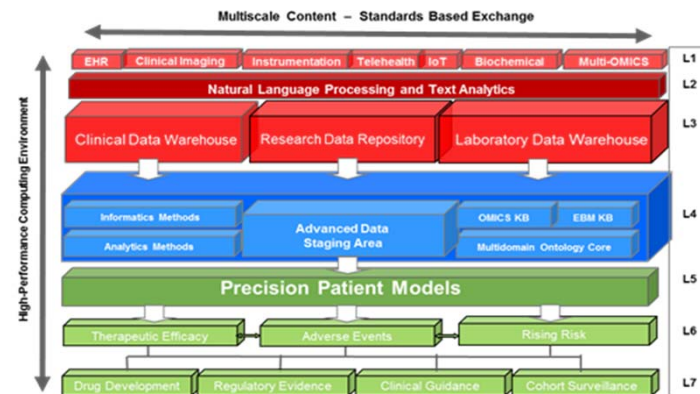
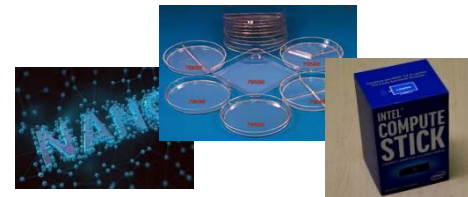
# QUESTIONS?

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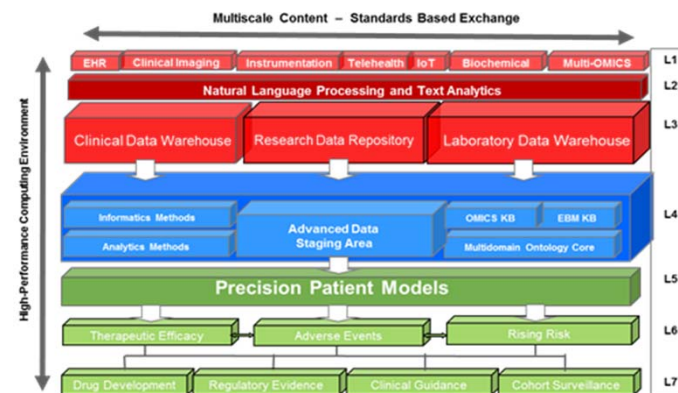
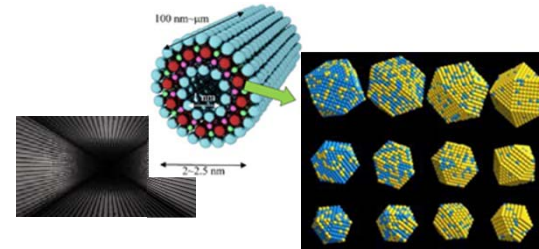
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- Nanomaterials
- Nanoparticles
- Nanofibers
- Research Models



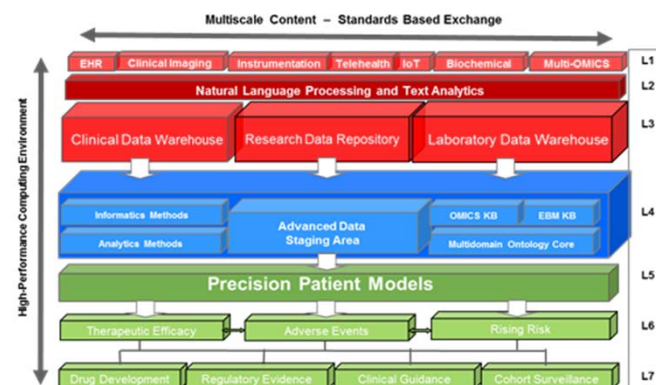
# UC 2: Sensoring Tissue

- Nanoelectronics
- Nanocomposites
- Nanomaterials
- Research Models
- Drug Delivery
- Smart CDSS



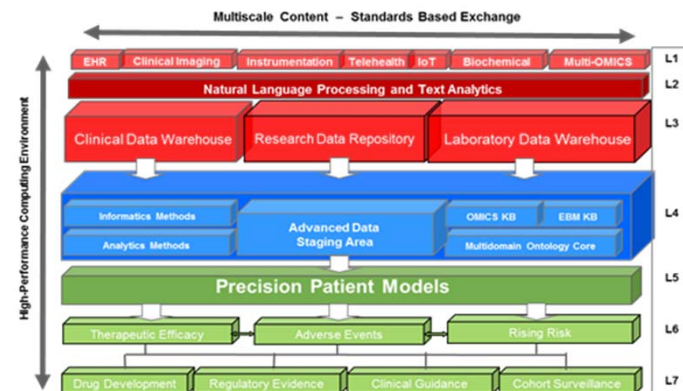
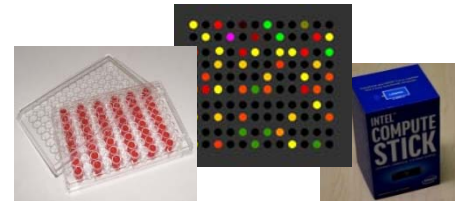
# UC 3: Sensoring Behavior

- Smart Phone Technology
- Edge Computing
- *In Situ* Monitoring
- Research Models
- Smart CDSS



# UC 4: Sensors in the Clinic

- Biochemical Assay
- Whole Genome Assays
- High Complexity Assays
- Research Models
- Smart CDSS







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