



# AI in Ophthalmology

ARVO High School Vision Program 2024

Cecilia S. Lee, MD MS  
Professor

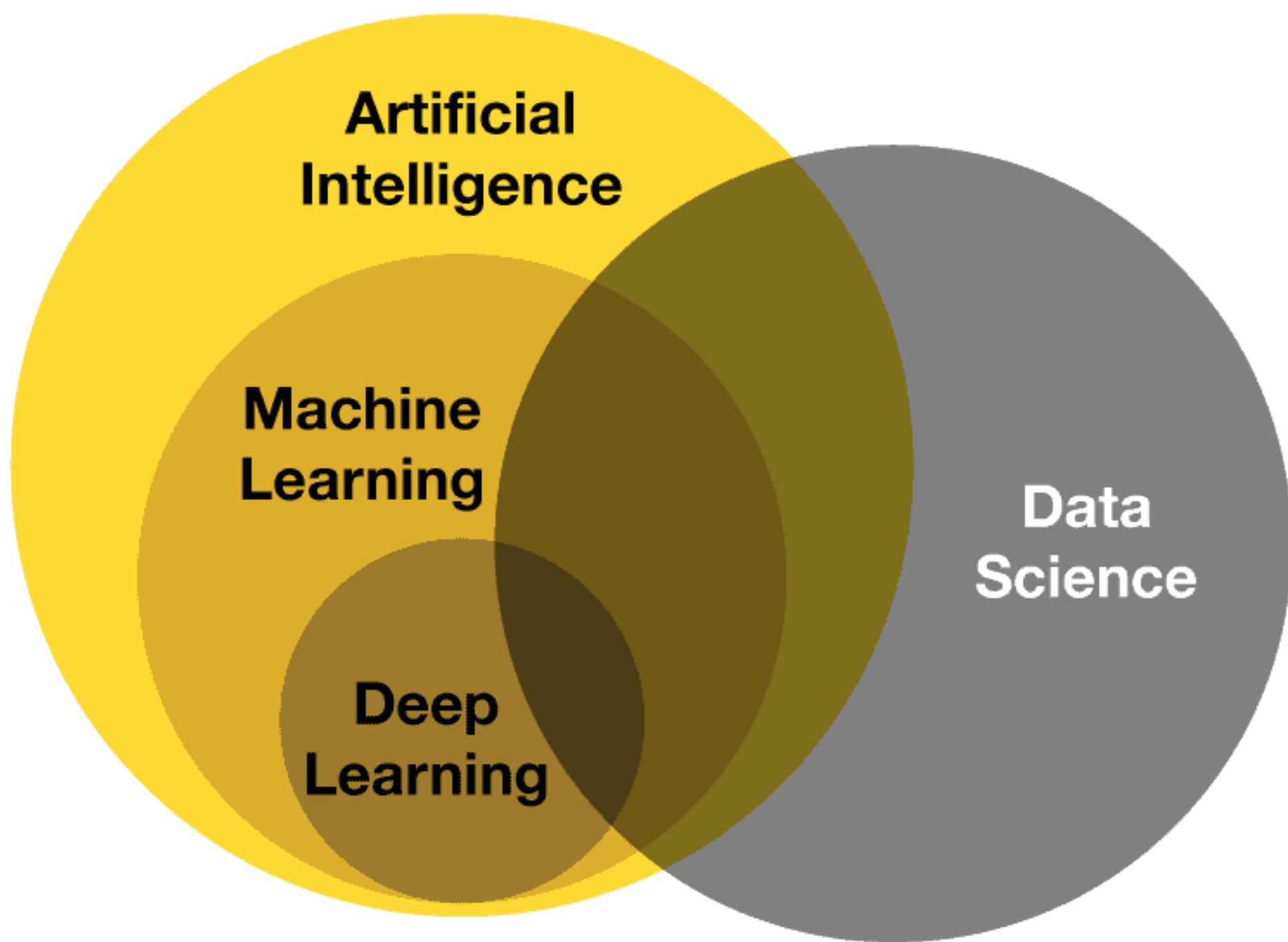
Klorfine Chair of Ophthalmology  
University of Washington, Seattle WA USA

# Disclosures

- ▶ NIH, Gates Ventures, Alzheimer's Disease Drug Discovery Foundation, the Lowy Medical Research Institute, Research to Prevent Blindness, Ferry Foundation (F)
- ▶ Boehringer International (C)

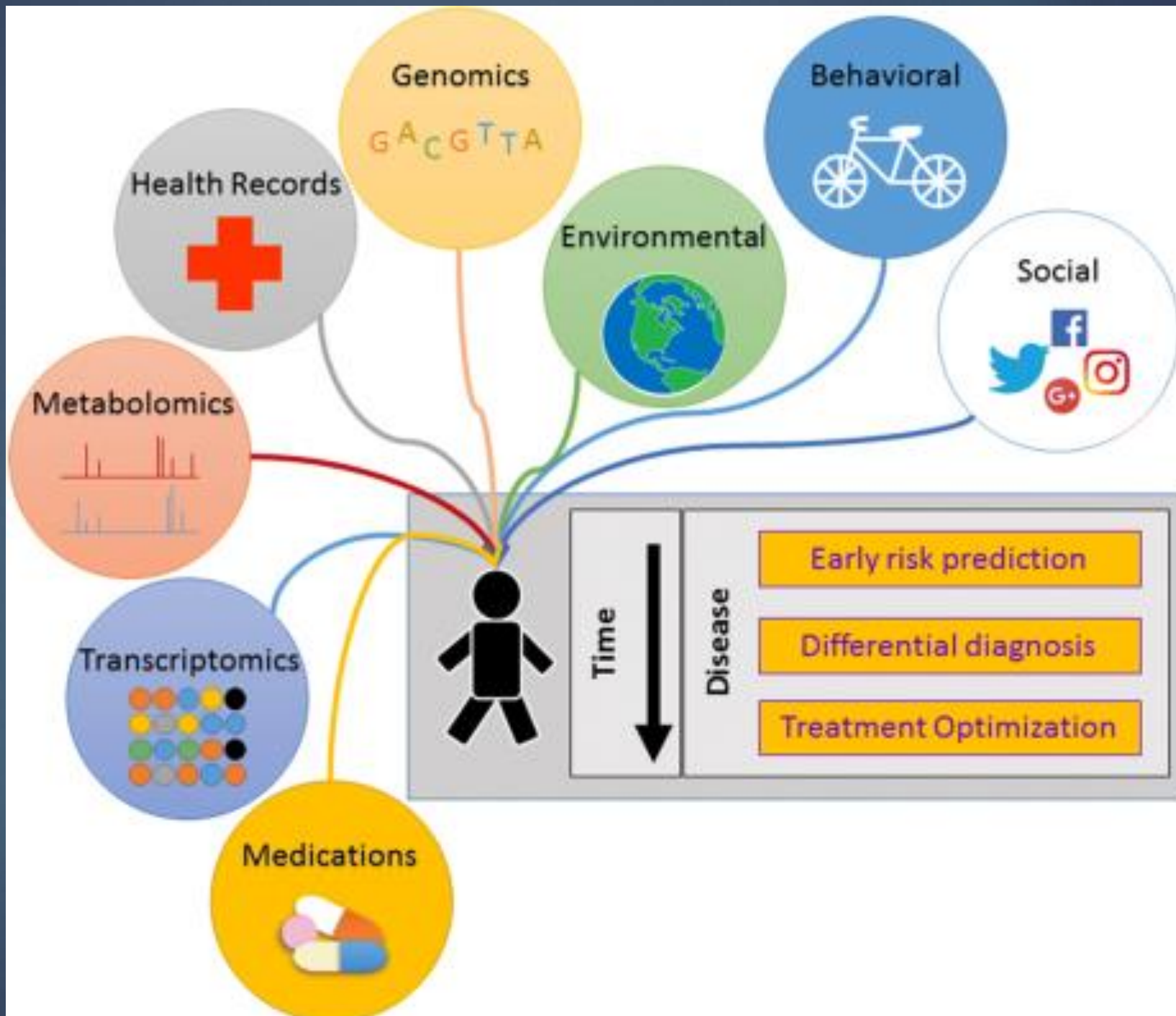
# Outline



- ▶ AI and big data basics
- ▶ Examples
- ▶ Future directions



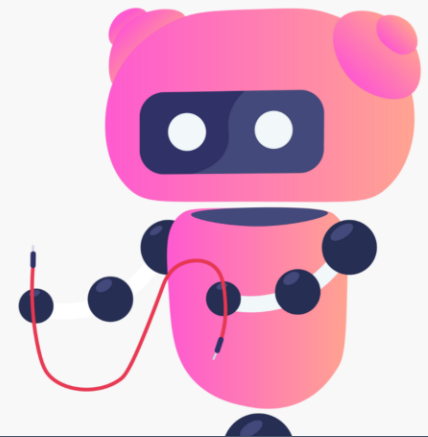
# What is Big Data?





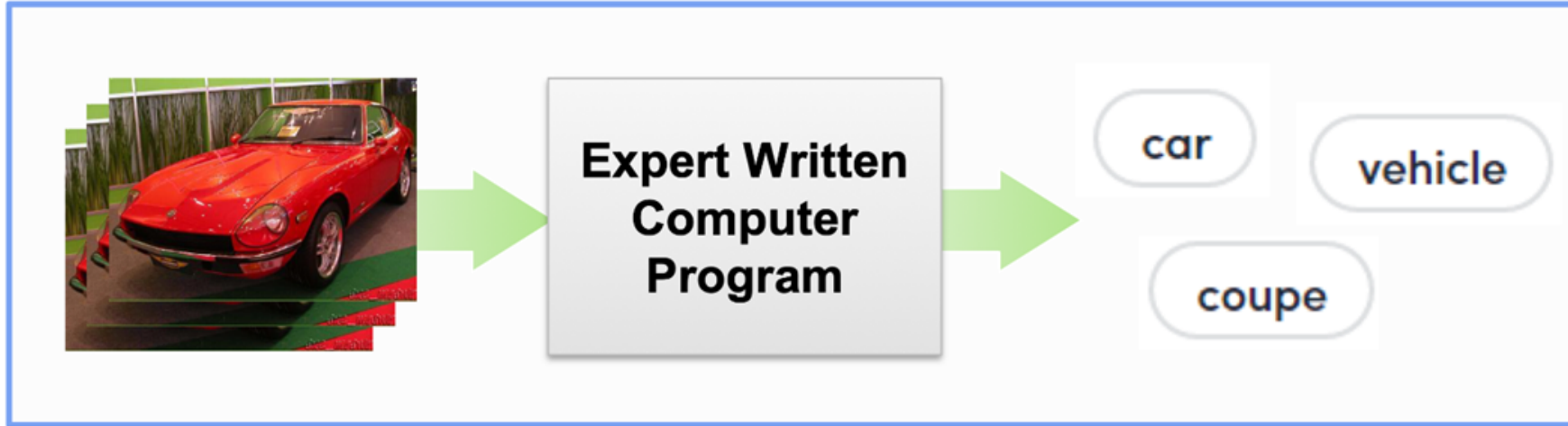


**Artificial Intelligence** (AI) is  
the ability for a computer to  
think and learn.



# A NEW COMPUTING MODEL

Algorithms that Learn from Examples



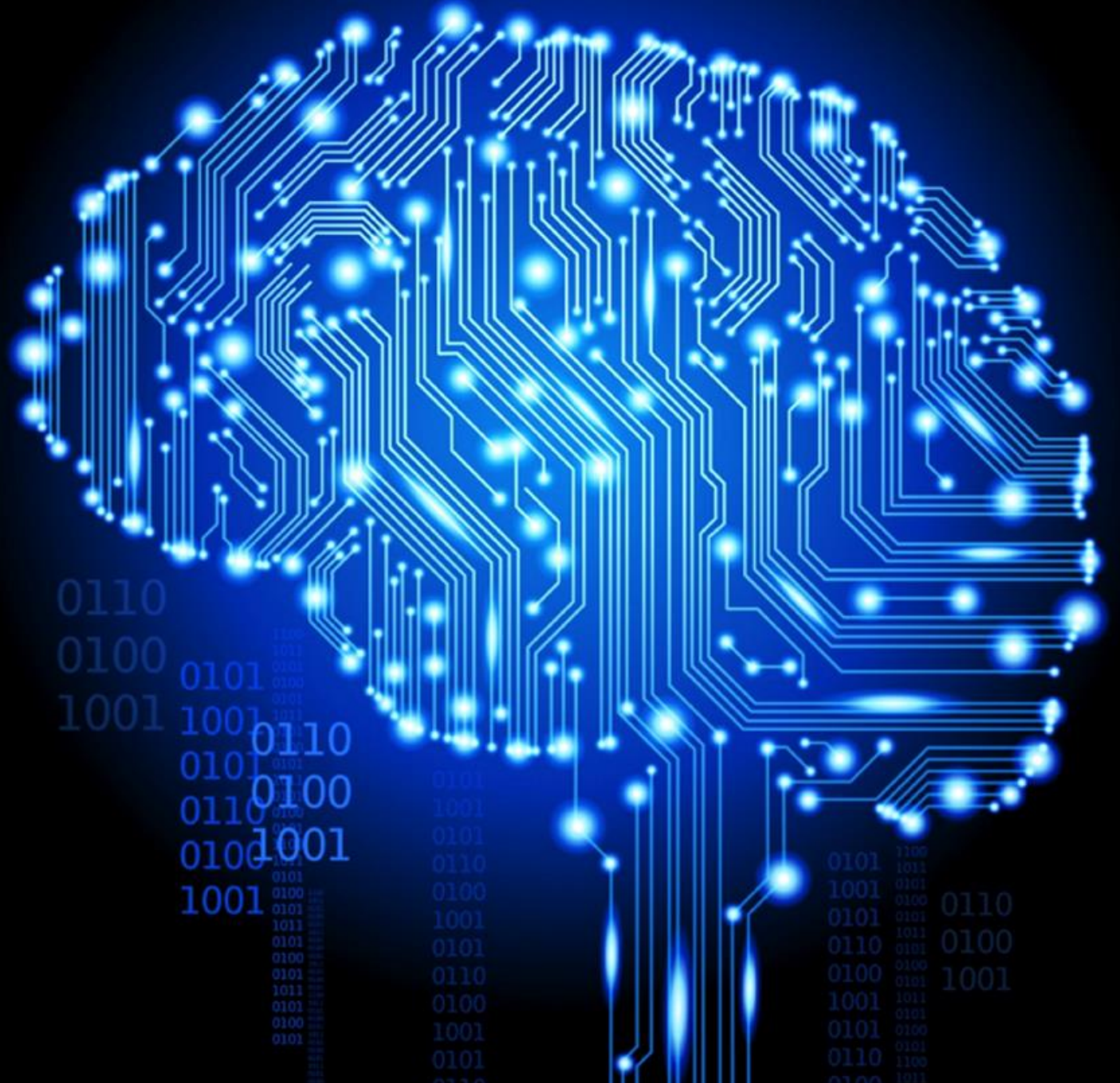
## Traditional Approach

- Requires domain experts
- Time consuming
- Error prone
- Not scalable to new problems



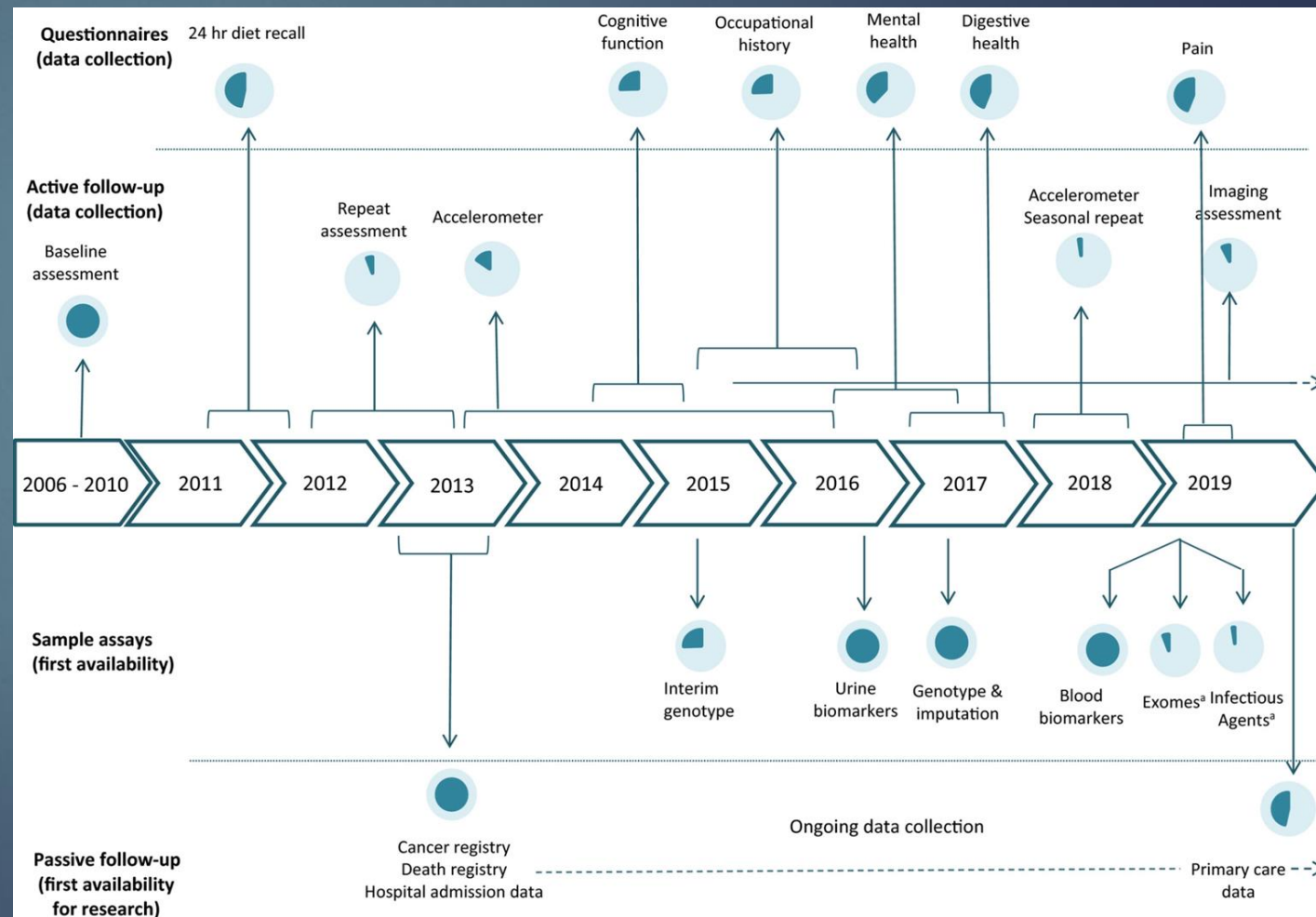
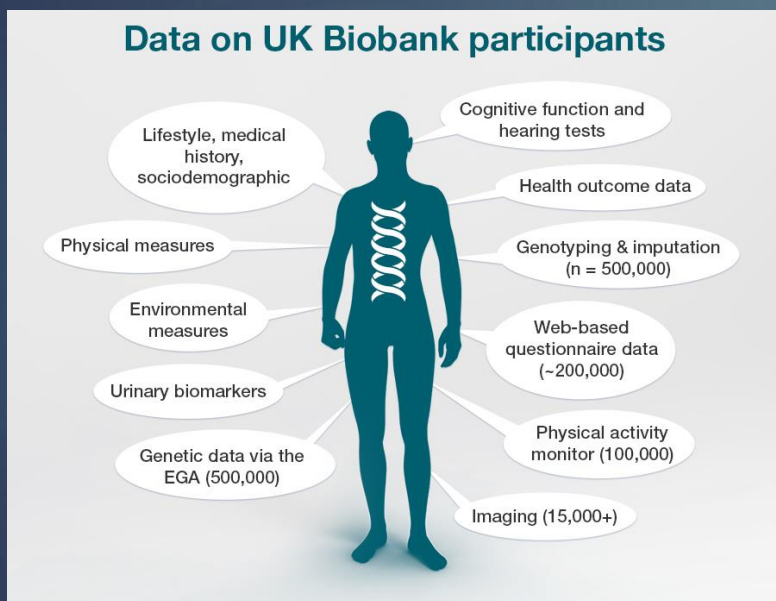


Era of Big data  
and Machine  
Learning has  
arrived



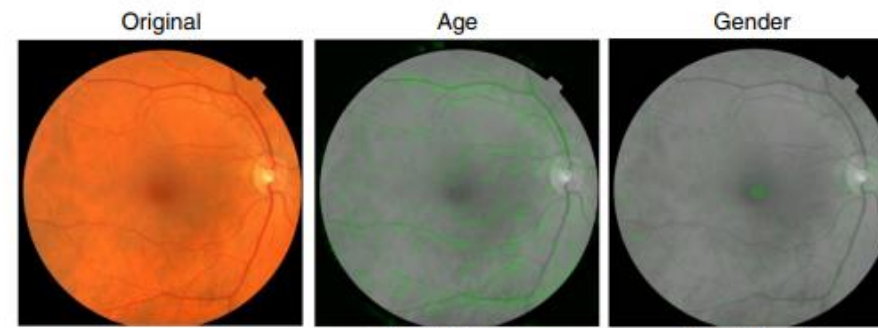
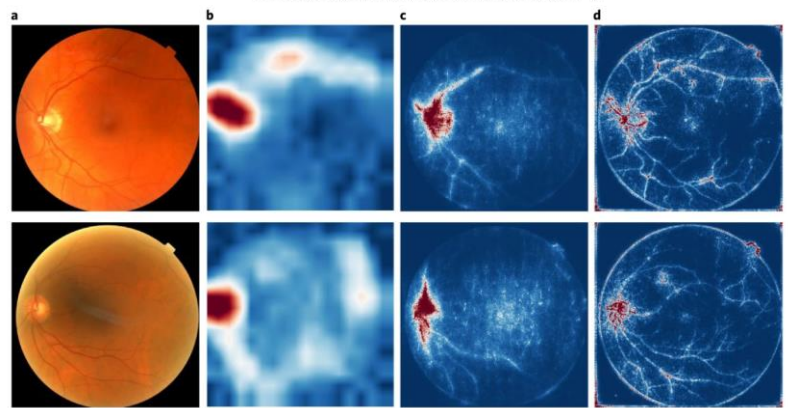
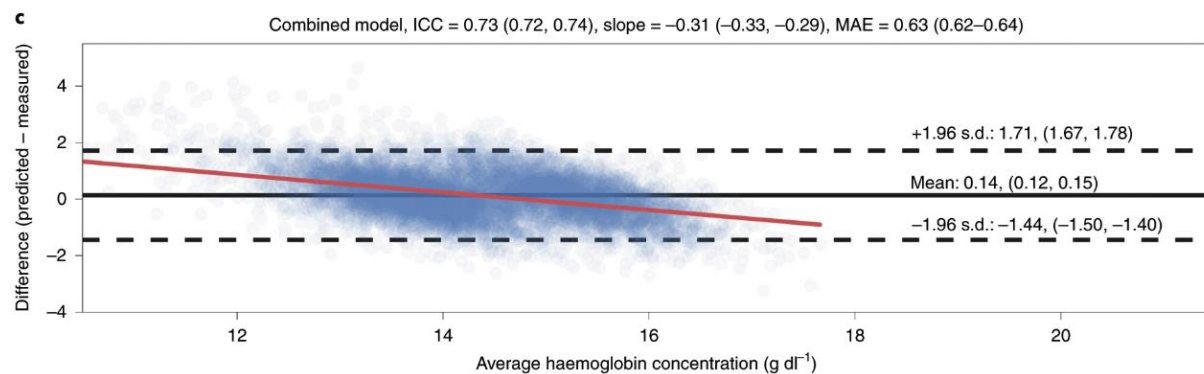
# Outline

- ▶ AI and big data basics
- ▶ **Examples**
- ▶ Future directions



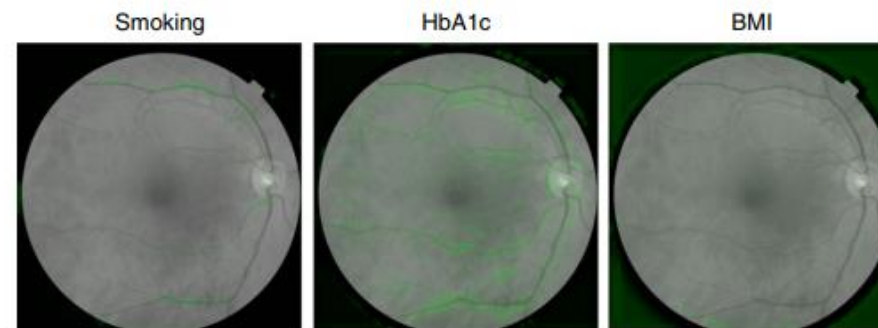
# Prediction of cardiovascular risk factors from retinal fundus photographs via deep learning

Ryan Poplin<sup>1,4</sup>, Avinash V. Varadarajan<sup>1,4</sup>, Katy Blumer<sup>1</sup>, Yun Liu<sup>1</sup>, Michael V. McConnell<sup>2,3</sup>, Greg S. Corrado<sup>1</sup>, Lily Peng<sup>1,4\*</sup> and Dale R. Webster<sup>1,4</sup>



Actual: 57.6 years  
Predicted: 59.1 years

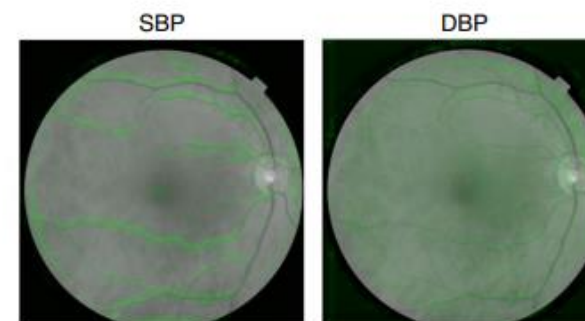
Actual: female  
Predicted: female



Actual: non-smoker  
Predicted: non-smoker

Actual: non-diabetic  
Predicted: 6.7%

Actual:  $26.3 \text{ kg m}^{-2}$   
Predicted:  $24.1 \text{ kg m}^{-2}$



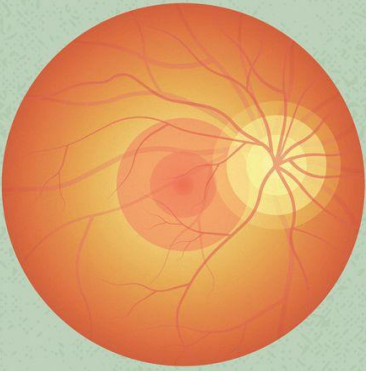
Actual: 148.5 mmHg  
Predicted: 148.0 mmHg

Actual: 78.5 mmHg  
Predicted: 86.6 mmHg

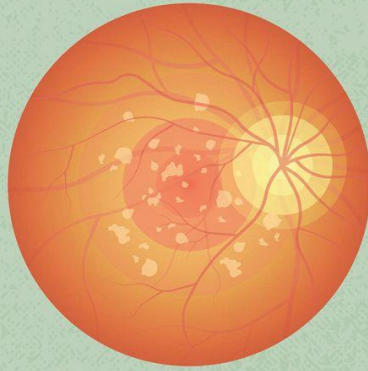
## NORMAL EYE

## DRY MD

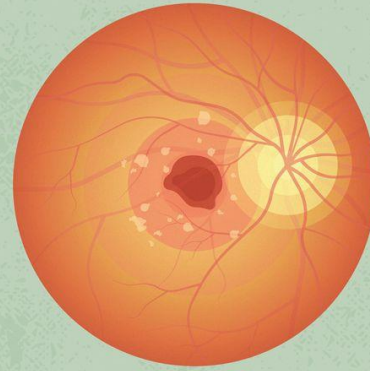
## WET MD



Clear vision of normal eyes



Unusually fuzzy or distorted vision



Blind spot in center of field of vision

## Stages of AMD

As important as knowing the risk factors, patients need to know how to care for themselves if they have AMD.

### The Stages of AMD

#### At Risk



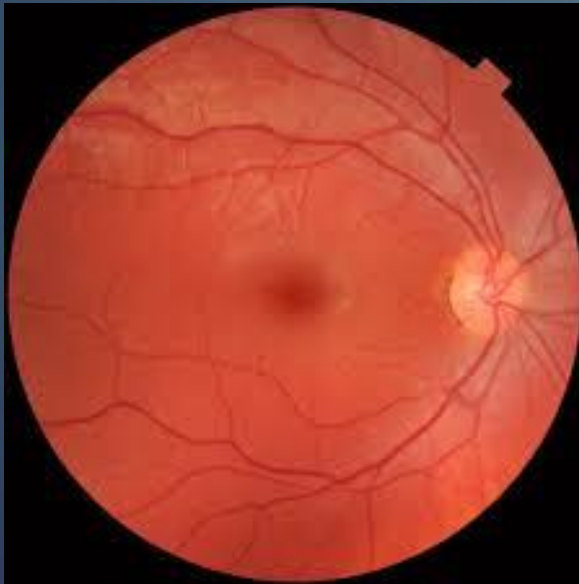
#### Early Signs

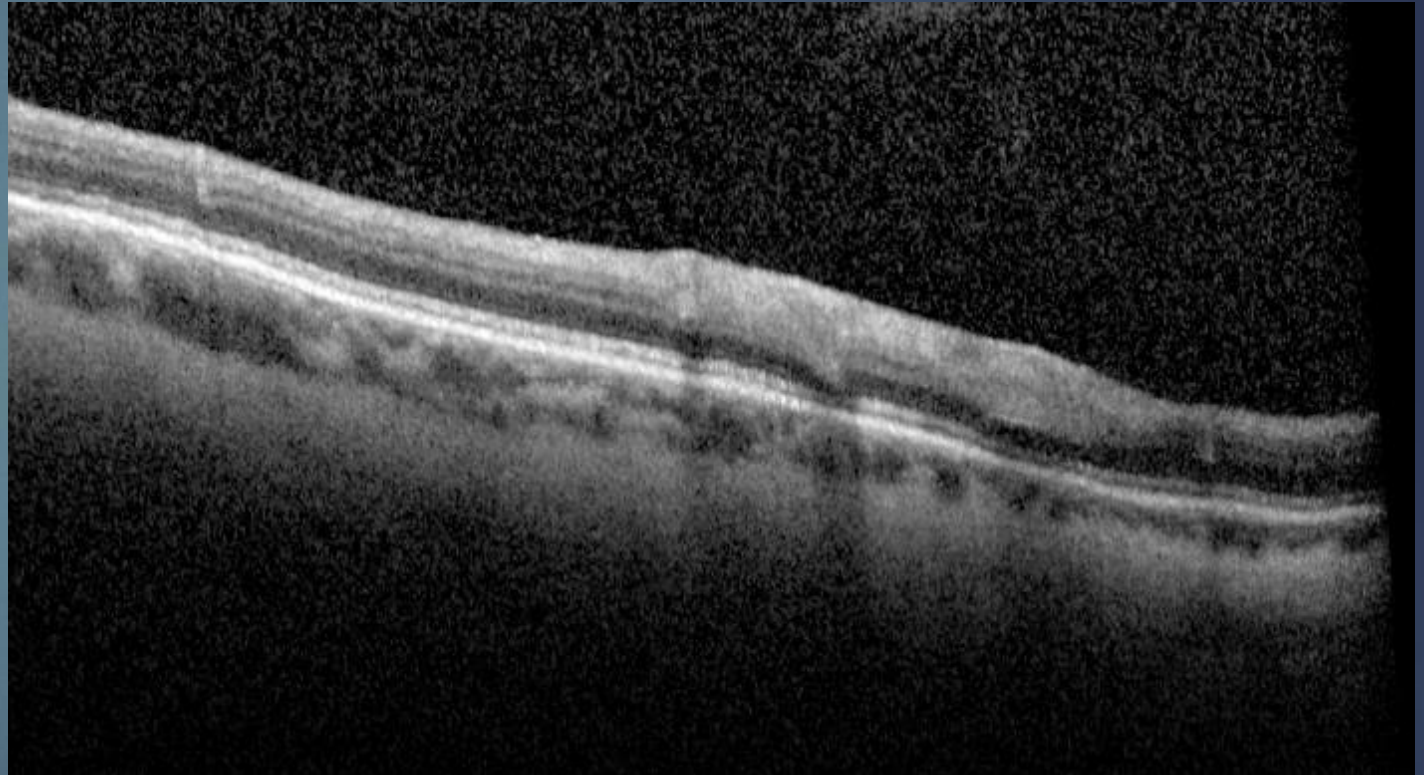


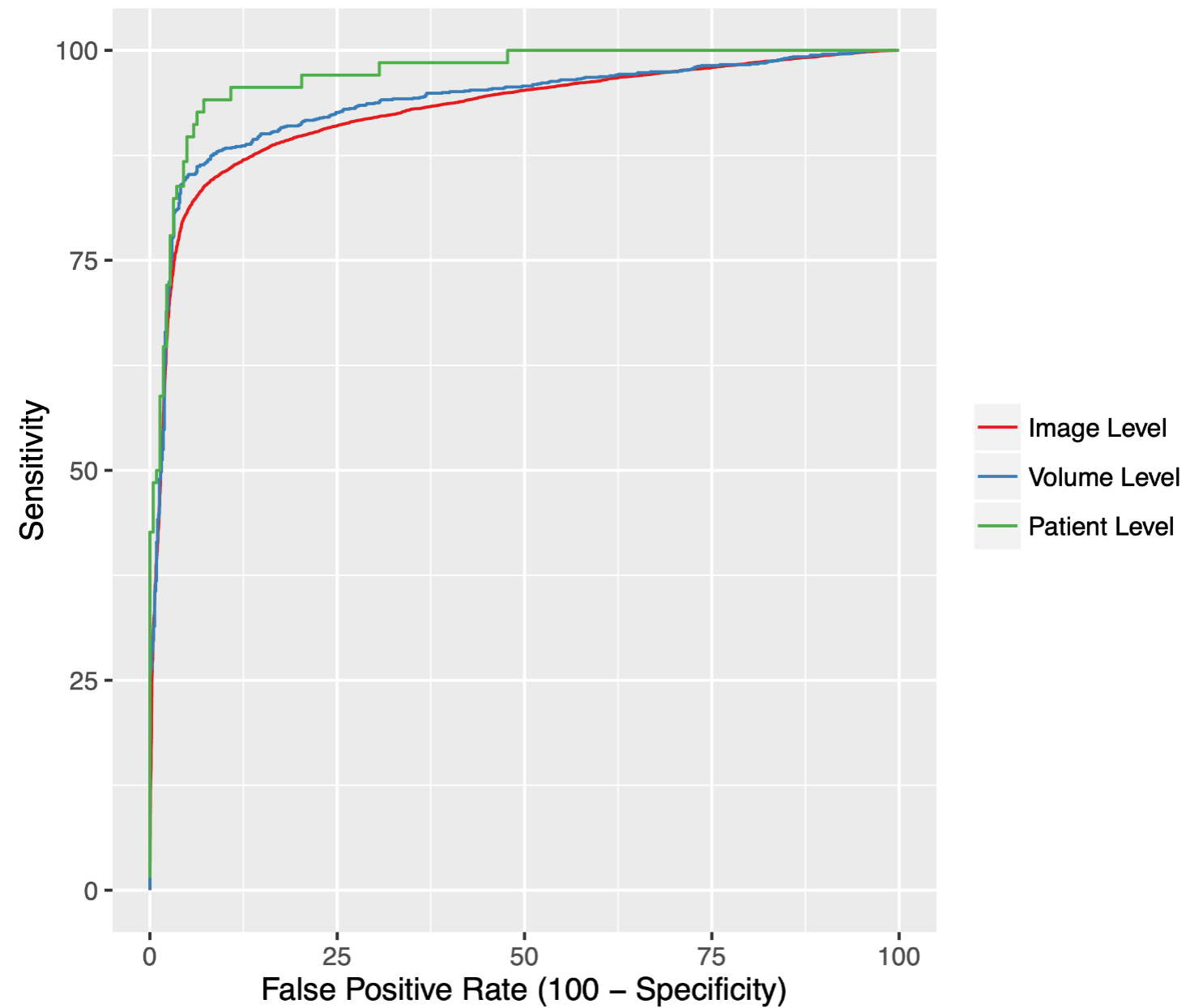
#### Intermediate



#### Advanced







▶ Image level: AUROC = 92.78%

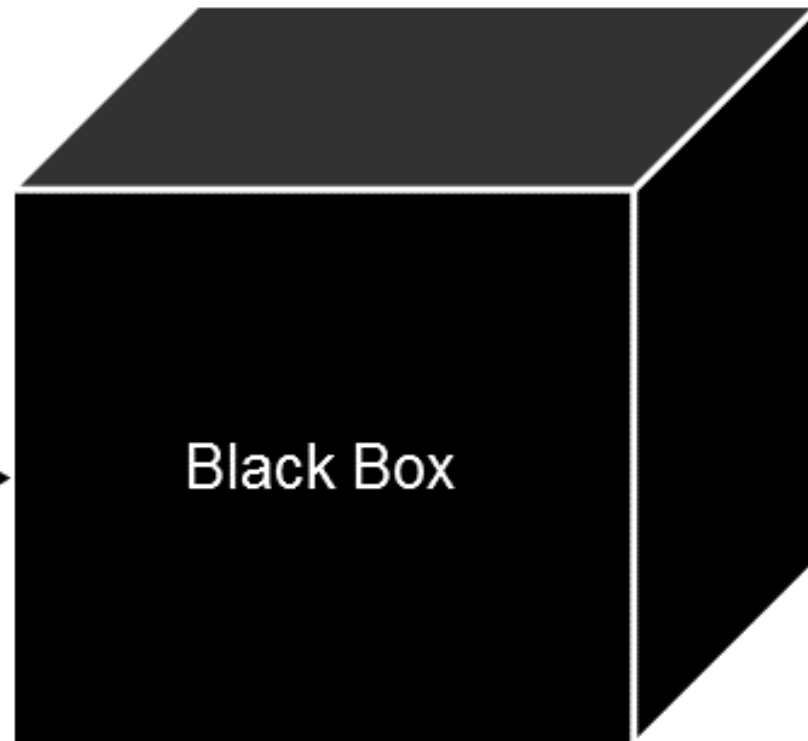
▶ Volume level: AUROC = 93.83%

▶ Patient level: AUROC = 97.45%

▶ Peak sensitivity: 92.64%

▶ Peak specificity: 93.69%

Input



Black Box



Output





Is there a ball in this picture?

100%

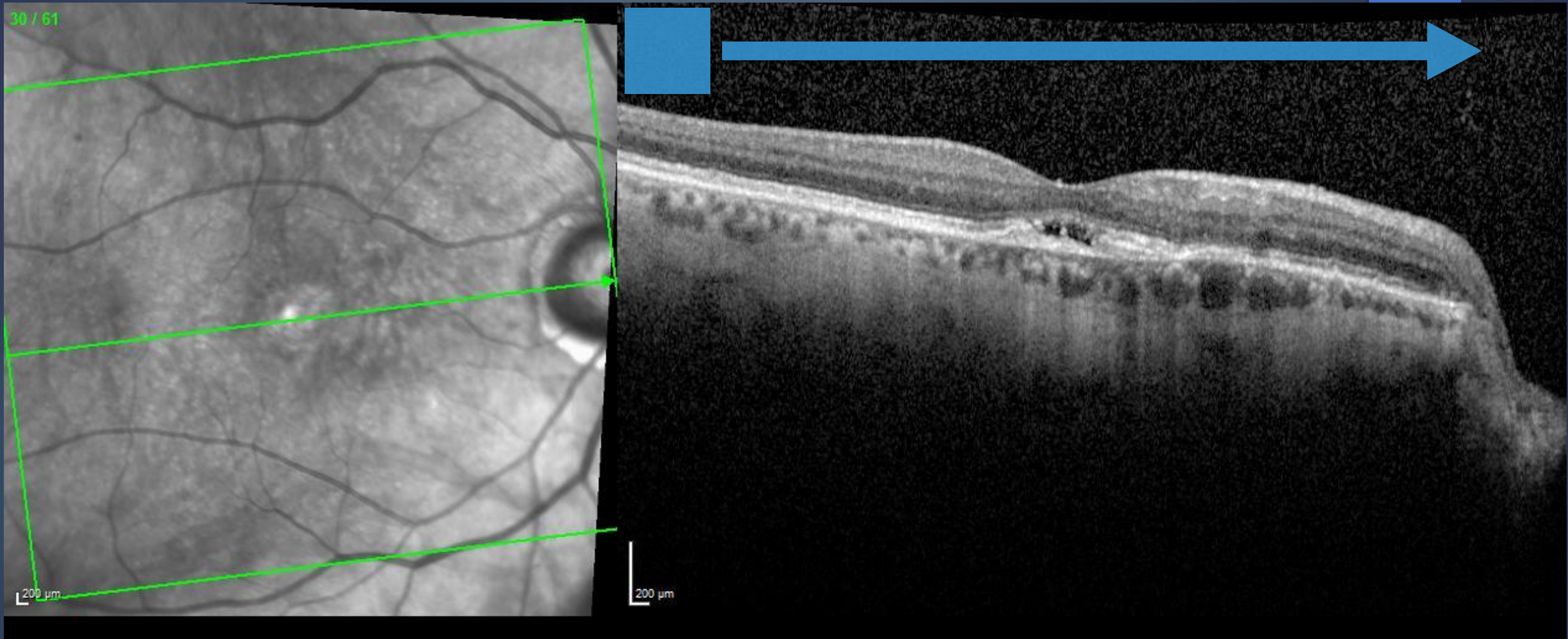


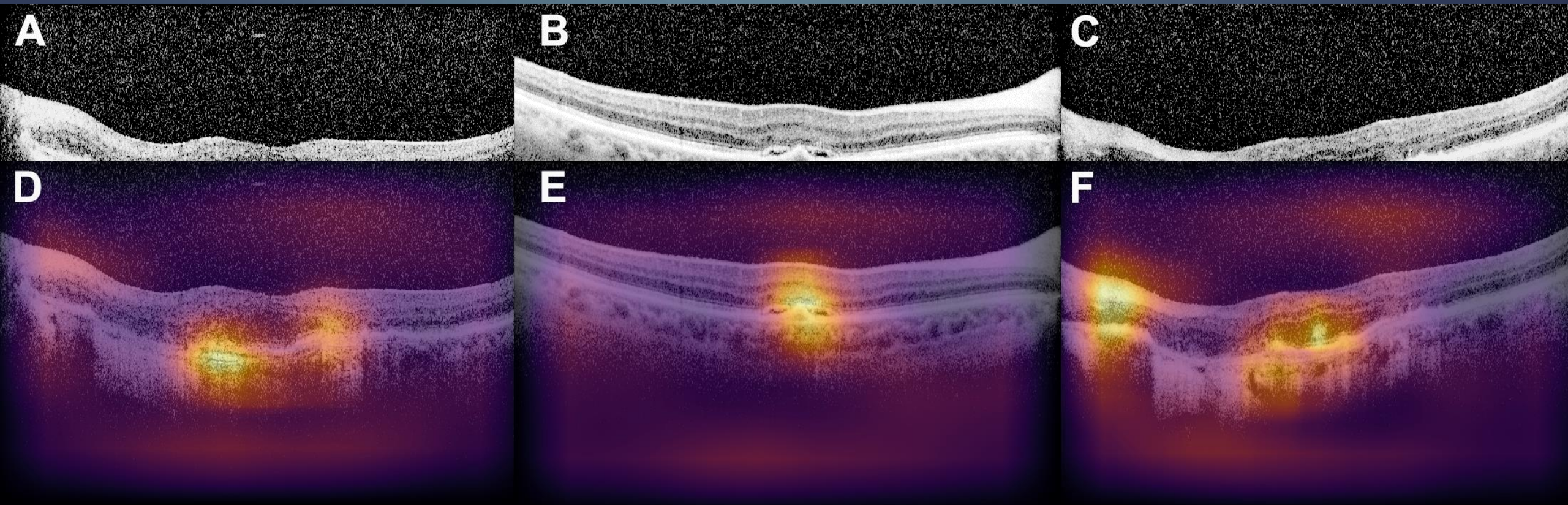




Is there a ball in this picture?

???







AMERICAN ACADEMY™  
OF OPHTHALMOLOGY



CrossMark

# Deep Learning Is Effective for Classifying Normal versus Age-Related Macular Degeneration OCT Images

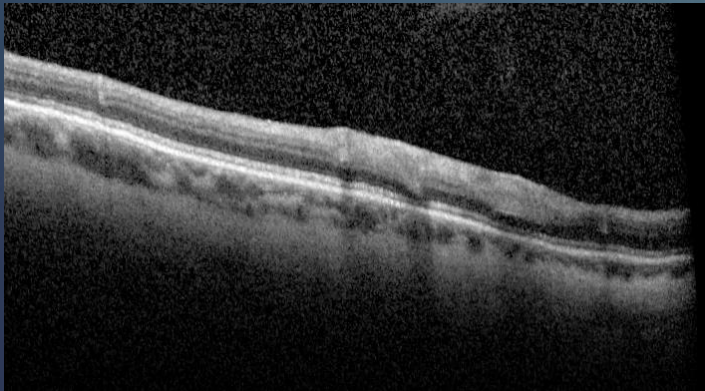
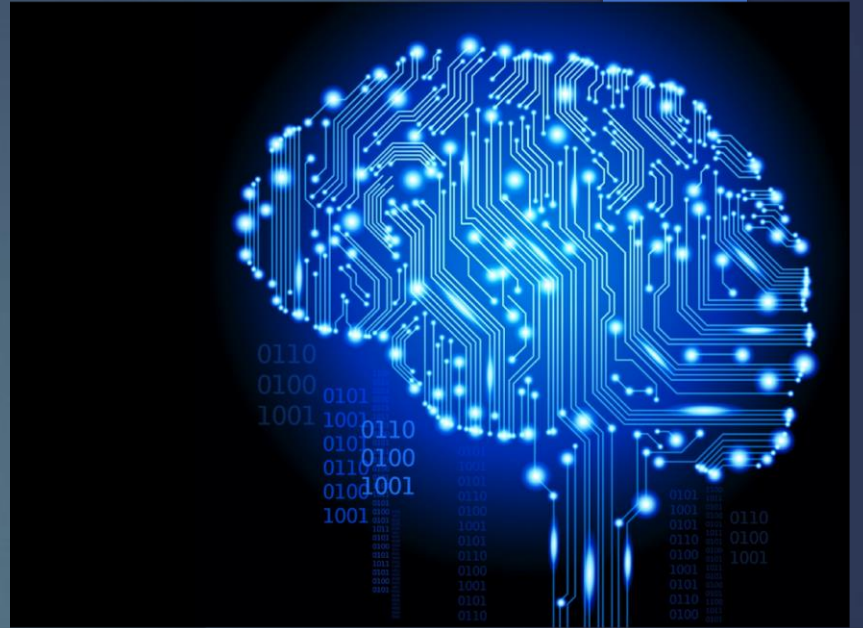
---

*Cecilia S. Lee, MD, Doug M. Baughman, BS, Aaron Y. Lee, MD, MSCI*

# Outline

- ▶ AI and big data basics
- ▶ Examples
- ▶ Future directions





Potential with Big Data + AI



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs



CMS.gov  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services



# Take home points

Big Data and AI can lead to new insights in ophthalmology & novel connections with the eye.

Understanding the limitations and validations will be critical for enabling better diagnostics, therapeutics, and precision medicine.

# Acknowledgements

**Funding Sources: NIH/NIA R01 AG060942, NIH/NEI K23EY024921, NIA/NIH U19AG066567, NIH 1OT2OD032644 ADDF Diagnostic Accelerator, Gates Ventures, Research to Prevent Blindness, Latham Vision Research Innovation Award, Latham Fund for Vision Research, Klorfine Family Endowed Chair, C. Dan and Irene Hunter Endowed Professor, Donors to Computational Ophthalmology Fund**

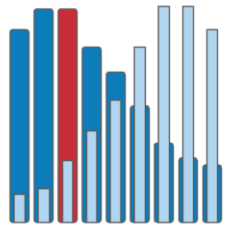


THE LOWY MEDICAL  
RESEARCH INSTITUTE



Research to  
Prevent Blindness

Aaron Lee, MD MSCI



Computational  
Ophthalmology



<https://comp.ophtalmology.uw.edu>

**Julia Owen PhD  
Yue Wu PhD  
Scott Song BA  
Trina Kim BS  
Ibby Lee**

**Missy Takahashi BS  
Ashley Batchelor MS  
Matthew Hunt MD  
Yulie Jiang PhD**

**Emily Heindsmann MA  
Christina Duong BS COA  
Yelena Bagdasarova PhD  
Cari Drolet PhD**

**Marian Blazes MD  
Jamie Shaffer MS  
Yuka Kihara PhD  
Randy Lu MD  
Mira Tang**

Thank you

[COMP.OPHTHALMOLOGY.UW.EDU](http://COMP.OPHTHALMOLOGY.UW.EDU)

LEECS2@UW.EDU

