



***NCI-DOE Micro Lab
Toward Building a
Cancer Patient “Digital
Twin”: A Preview of the
July Ideas Lab***

**Thursday, April 23, 2020, 1:00 pm-2:30 pm EST
via Zoom**

What is an Ideas Lab?

- 5-day residential experience
- Teams and Ideas bubble up from participants
 - Unintended consequences: Community
- Intended as a face-to-face event but can go virtual
 - Application and selection process

Micro Lab Origins

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Multidisciplinary Engagement Across Cancer Research, HPC and AI

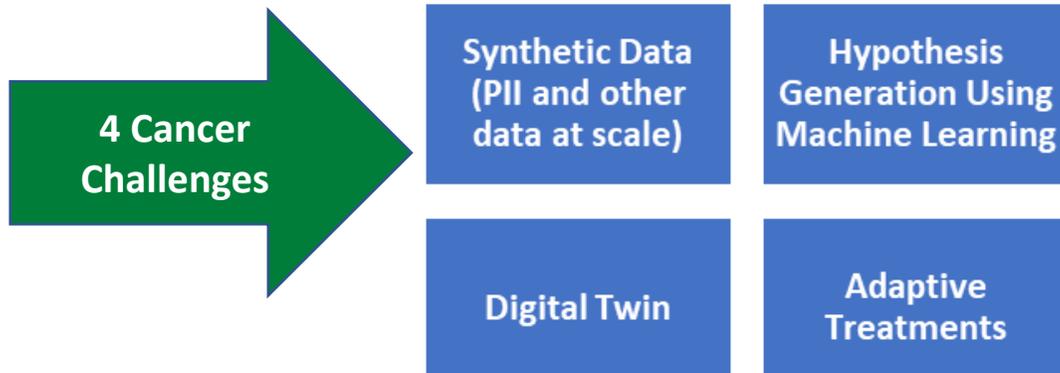
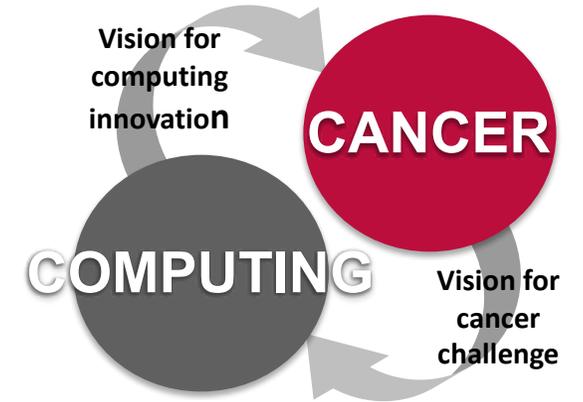
Envisioning Computational Innovations for Cancer Challenges (ECICC) Community

PURPOSE: Build a community, Multidisciplinary engagement, and collaboration among cancer, data, and computational scientists to create transformative impact

ORIGIN: Outgrowth of **NCI DOE Collaboration** Joint Design of Advanced Computing Solutions for Cancer (JDACS4C)

ECICC SCOPING MEETING – March 25-27, 2019

- Multidisciplinary meeting
- Held at DOE's Lawrence Livermore National Lab
- *74 computational scientists & cancer researchers from all career stages participated*
- *Identified over 200 cancer challenge ideas*



Scoping Meeting Follow-up: Community Building

- Ongoing leadership from challenge area team leads
- Meeting [Report](#)
- Virtual, interactive “Micro Labs”
- NCI Hub site created for community member engagement
- Plans underway for a 5-day Ideas Lab in July 2020

Multidisciplinary Engagement Across Cancer Research, HPC and AI

Envisioning Computational Innovations for Cancer Challenges (ECICC) Community

1st Micro Lab (June 2019):

- Over 200 participants spanning 50 organizations
- Breakout on the 4 major themes developed at March ECICC scoping meeting

2nd Micro Lab (Sept 2019):

- Over 100 clinicians, researchers, and academics in cancer and computational science
- Participants developed 13 use cases



3rd Micro Lab (Today)

- Promote the Ideas Lab
- Develop questions to be addressed at the Ideas Lab

Ideas Lab (July 2020)

- 5-day, Multidisciplinary workshop to guide participants in developing pre-project proposals
- Focus on Digital Twin is being developed with a Steering Committee from NCI, DOE, & FNL
- **[Applications are due April 30 \(https://events.cancer.gov/cbiit/dtwin2020/registration\)](https://events.cancer.gov/cbiit/dtwin2020/registration)**

NCI-DOE Collaboration Lab: Toward Building a Cancer Patient “Digital Twin”

An Ideas Lab to Shape the Future of Predictive Modeling Across Scales from Basic Biology to Clinical Care

What is an Ideas Lab: an intensive 5-day program for 30 participants with a range of expertise and experience

What you will do: Form new, multidisciplinary teams and receive guidance from mentors to develop innovative research projects.

- Projects will focus on a digital twin component that, within the next 2-3 years, will advance the development of a model of an individual cancer patient.

Outcomes:

- Innovative research projects to advance the development of a human digital twin; can be submitted for seed funding
- Each team will write a 3-5-page research concept and deliver a 10-minute presentation describing their concept on the last day of the event.

Digital Twin Technology

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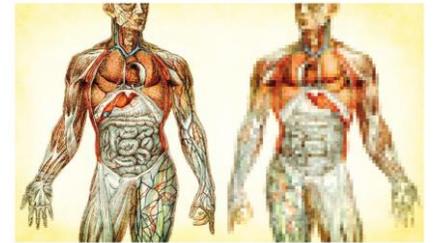
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What is predictive medicine?

- **Precision medicine** is generally focused on **stratification** to match cancer patients to the "right" intervention, based on individual profiling.
 - Which prior patients does this **patient best match**?
 - What **worked best for those** best matched patients?
 - **Entirely based on observables and prior measurements.**
- **Predictive medicine** aims to predict **individual patient trajectories**, based on patient-centric calibration.
 - What is the expected **disease course** without intervention?
 - What is the **expected response** to a proposed intervention scheme?
 - **Integrates observables and dynamical theory.**

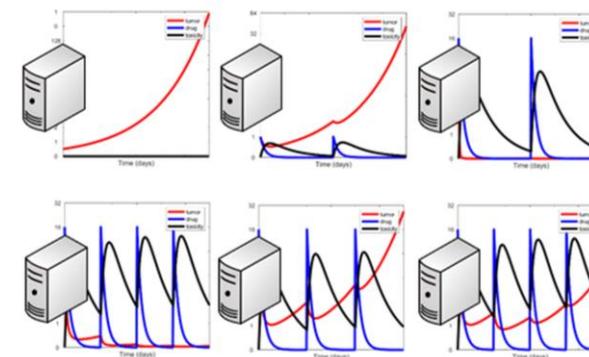
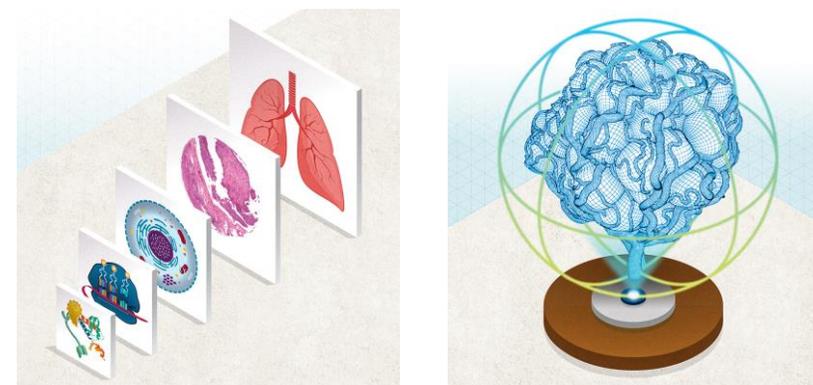
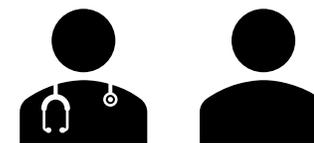
What is a digital twin?

- A **digital twin is synchronized digital replica** of a physical system. The digital twin is used to **monitor, model, and fine-tune performance** of processes, people, places, systems and devices.
- Digital twins can be used for **virtual experiments**:
 - *What if I run the engine hotter?*
 - *What if there are 100x as many people working remotely?*
- In medicine, a digital twin is a **patient-tailored model** that can incorporate genetic, molecular, clinical, environmental, and social factors to **predict individual patient trajectories** to:
 - Evaluate potential **screening, preventive, or therapeutic** plans;
 - Help prioritize a plan to meet **personalized objectives**;
 - Continuously **integrate new data and knowledge** to refine intervention plans.



Digital twins could help us plan cancer care

1. Patient and clinicians discuss **intervention goals** and preferences
2. Use **patient data** to build a **digital twin**
3. Use HPC to explore **thousands of intervention plans** on the virtual twin
4. Patient and clinicians **explore the results:**
 - Predicted response
 - Adverse effects
 - Long-term implications
5. **Choose** a plan
6. **Benchmark** progress against digital twin



What are the barriers and how have we made progress?

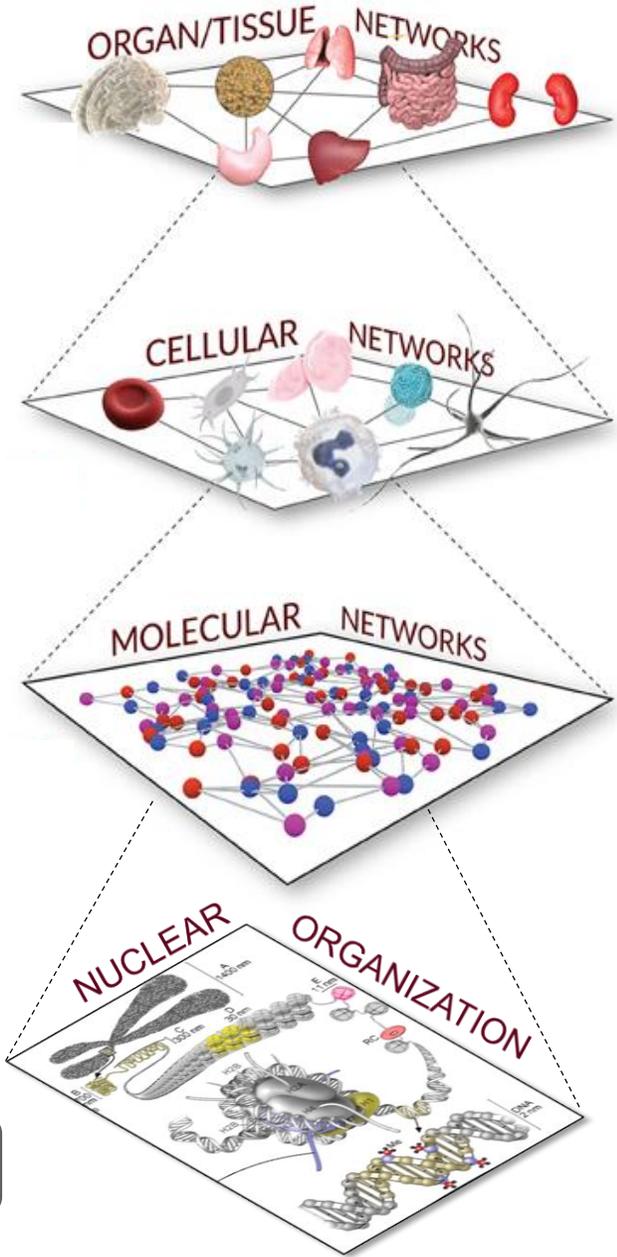
- **Data sandboxes and platforms**
 - Assembly of coordinated *data across scales per patient*
 - Development of *data commons* to support the analysis
- **Analytics**
 - *Multi-scale analysis* and coupling of data
 - Integration of *dynamical models with AI*
- **HPC-driven healthcare informatics**
 - *Simulation and virtual evaluation* of care pathways
 - *Assess simulated data* for therapies and other interventions to assist decision making and development healthcare policies

NCI Human Tumor Atlas Network is generating highly multi-scale and multi-modal datasets

- Host level (microbiome, circulating factors, clinical data)
- Medical imaging modalities (radiotherapy, PET, MRI, CT, ultrasound)
- Histology (Highly multiplexed, 2D, 3D imaging)
- Metabolomics (Mass Spectrometry, Imaging)
- Proteomics (Mass Spectrometry, Imaging Approaches)
- Transcriptomics (RNA-seq, in situ/FISH, etc.)
- DNA-seq (genome, whole exome) and Epigenetics
- EM imaging (2D, 3D)

Many at single-cell resolution, longitudinal, & with spatial information

<https://humantumoratlas.org/>



Multi-scale modeling!
Data Integration

Digital Twin Technology

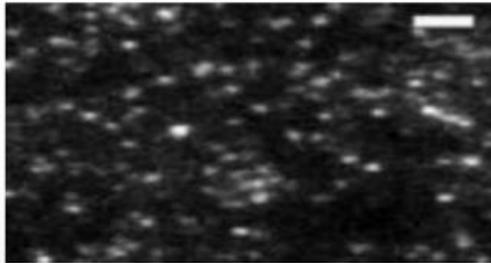
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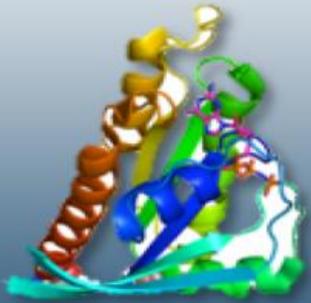
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JDACS4C – Precursors to Cancer Patient Digital Twins

Inhibiting the RAS cancer pathway



Experimental views of RAS dynamics

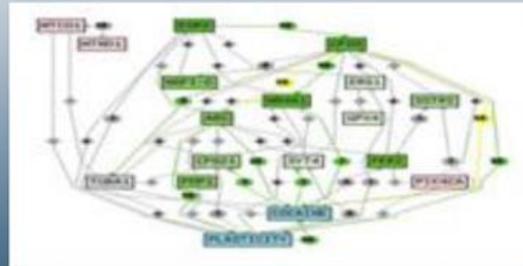


Atomic-resolution molecular-dynamics simulations

Predicting drug response in preclinical models



Cell line and PDX database with patient-derived samples

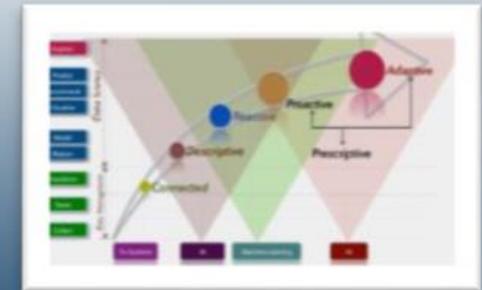


Testing hypotheses generated by ML models

Cancer trajectories from population models



Enhancing the national database

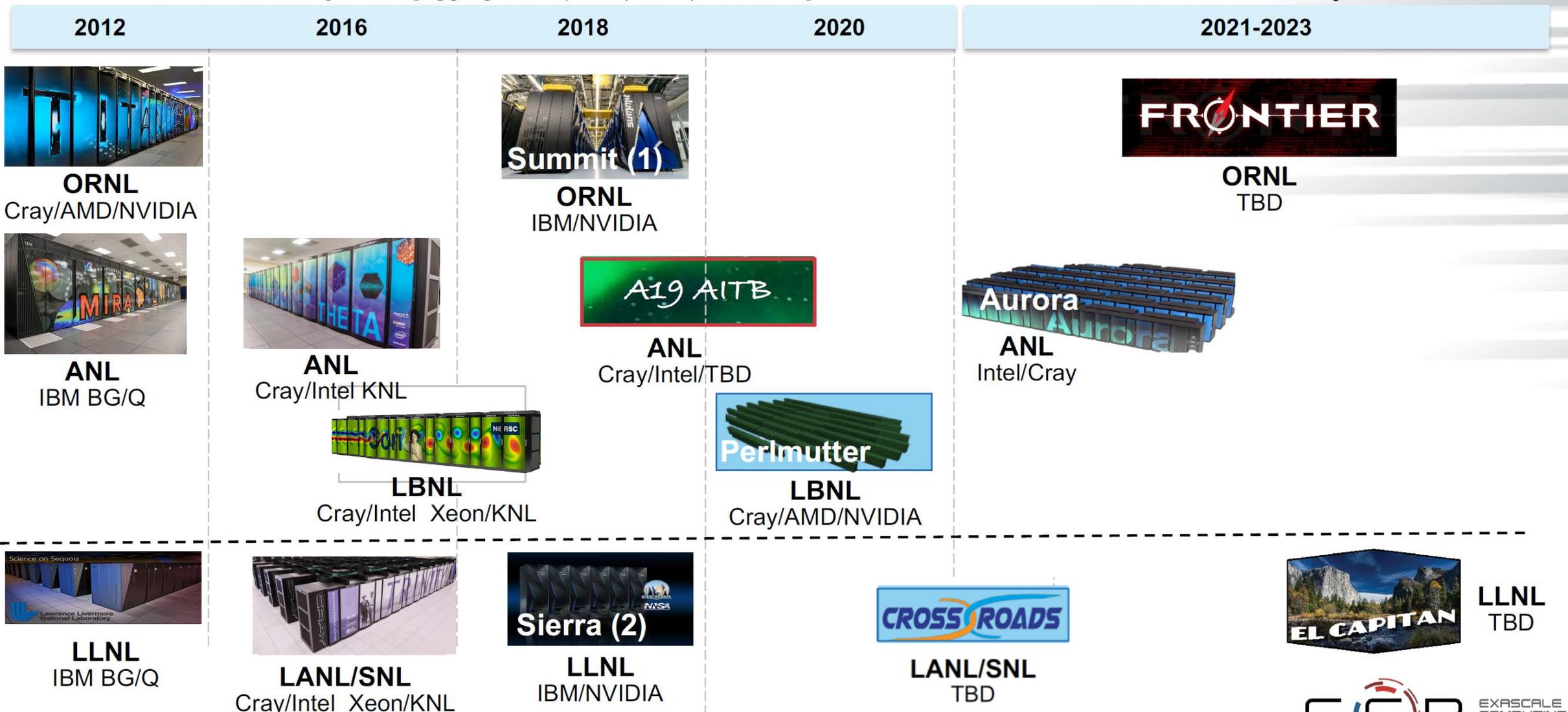


Learning patterns of treatment and outcomes

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ROADMAP TO EXASCALE SYSTEMS

Pre-Exascale Systems [Aggregate Linpack (Rmax) = 323 PF!]

First U.S. Exascale Systems

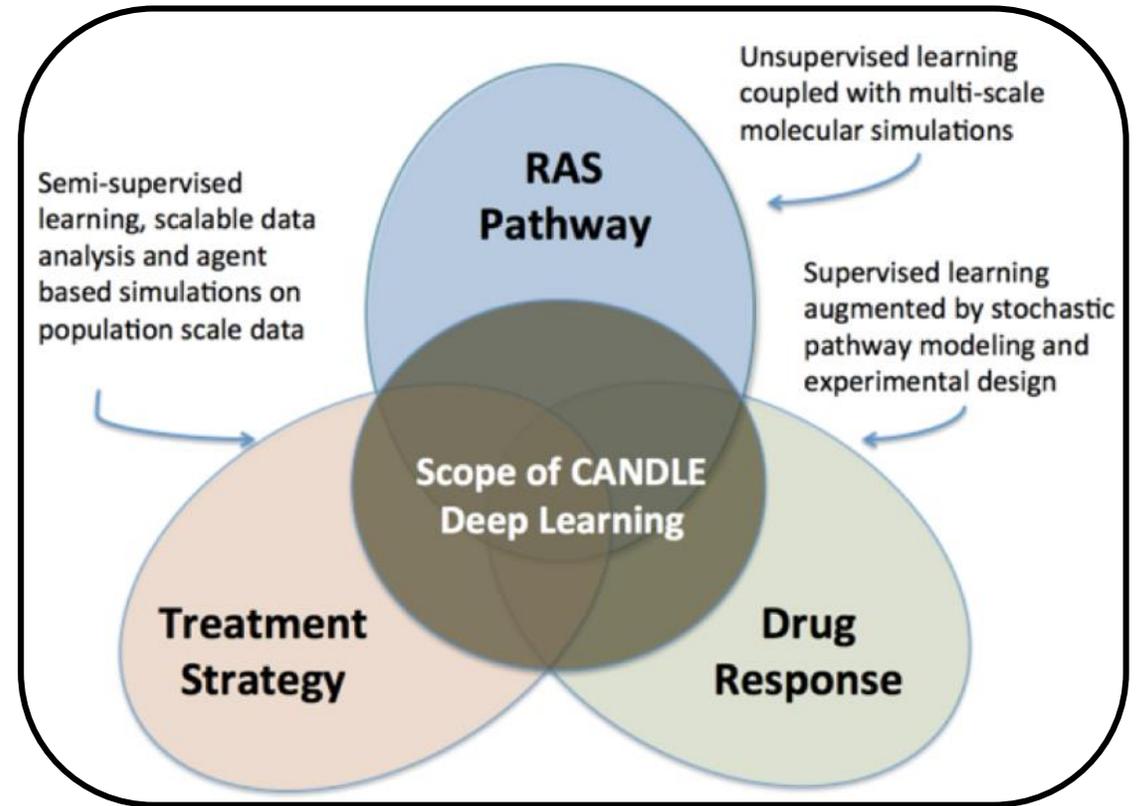


CANDLE – Pushing the Limits for AI Applied to Cancer



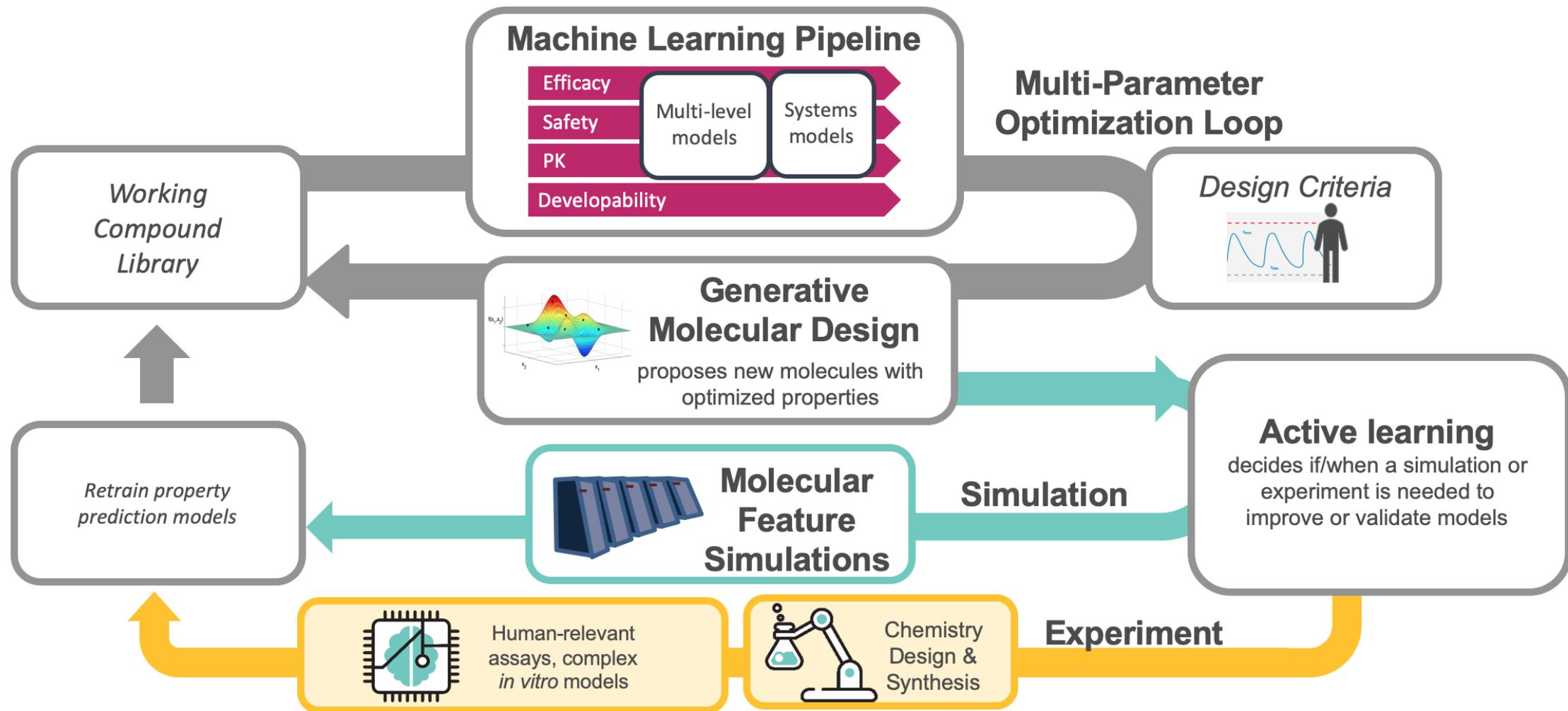
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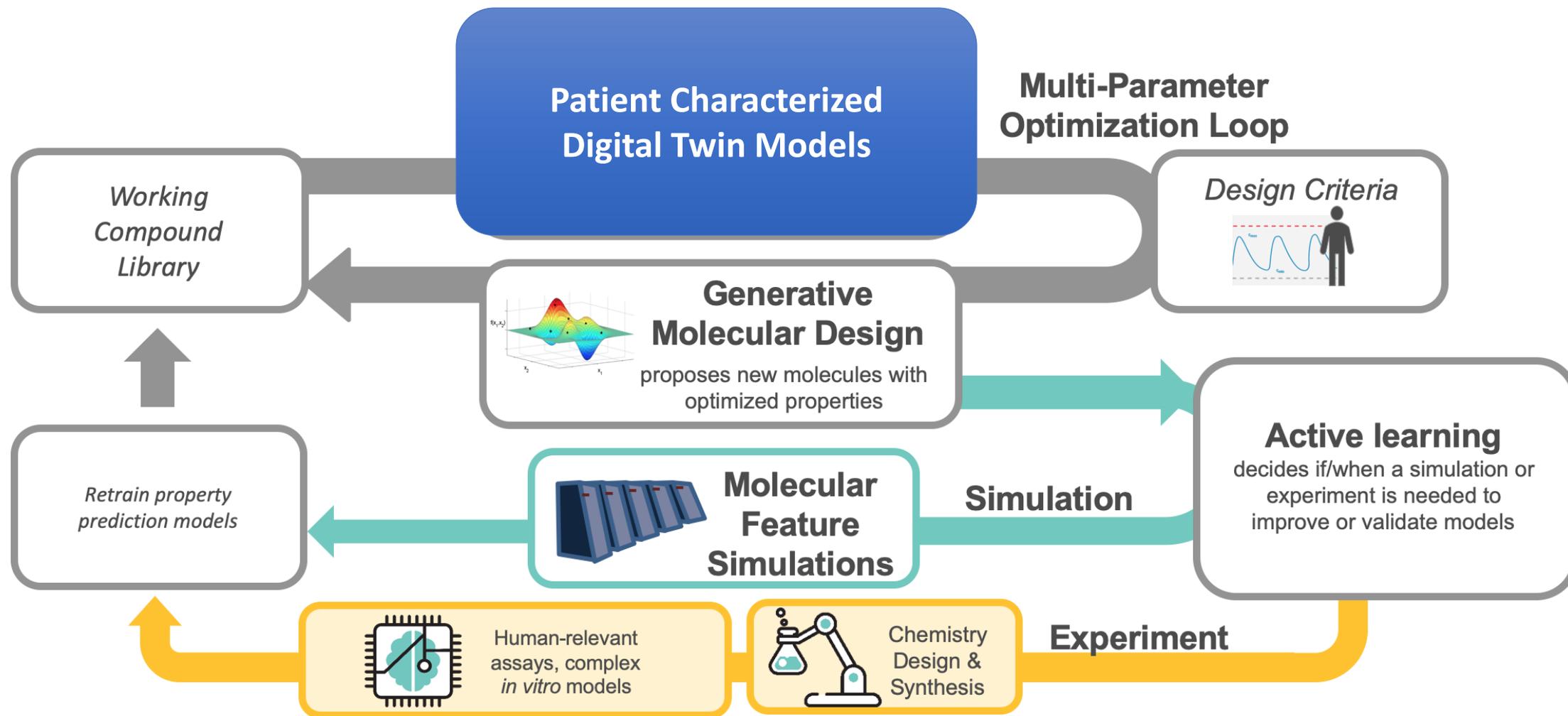


Project focuses on machine learning and building a scalable distributed learning environment called CANDLE (CANcer Distributed Learning Environment) used to help address the three challenges listed above.

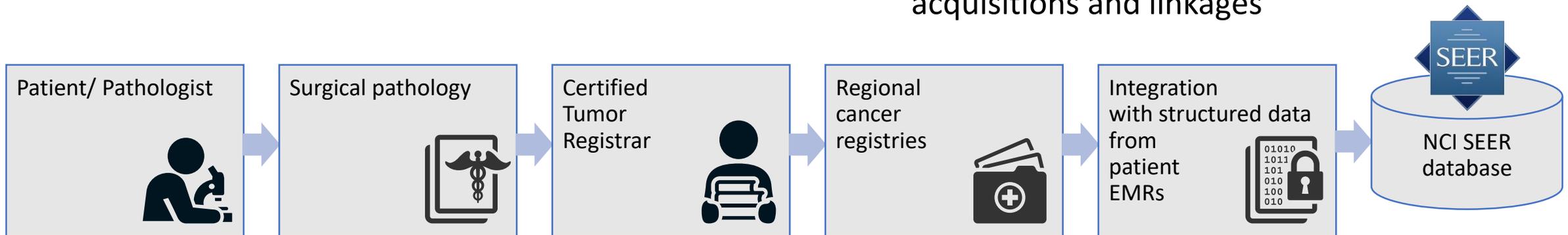
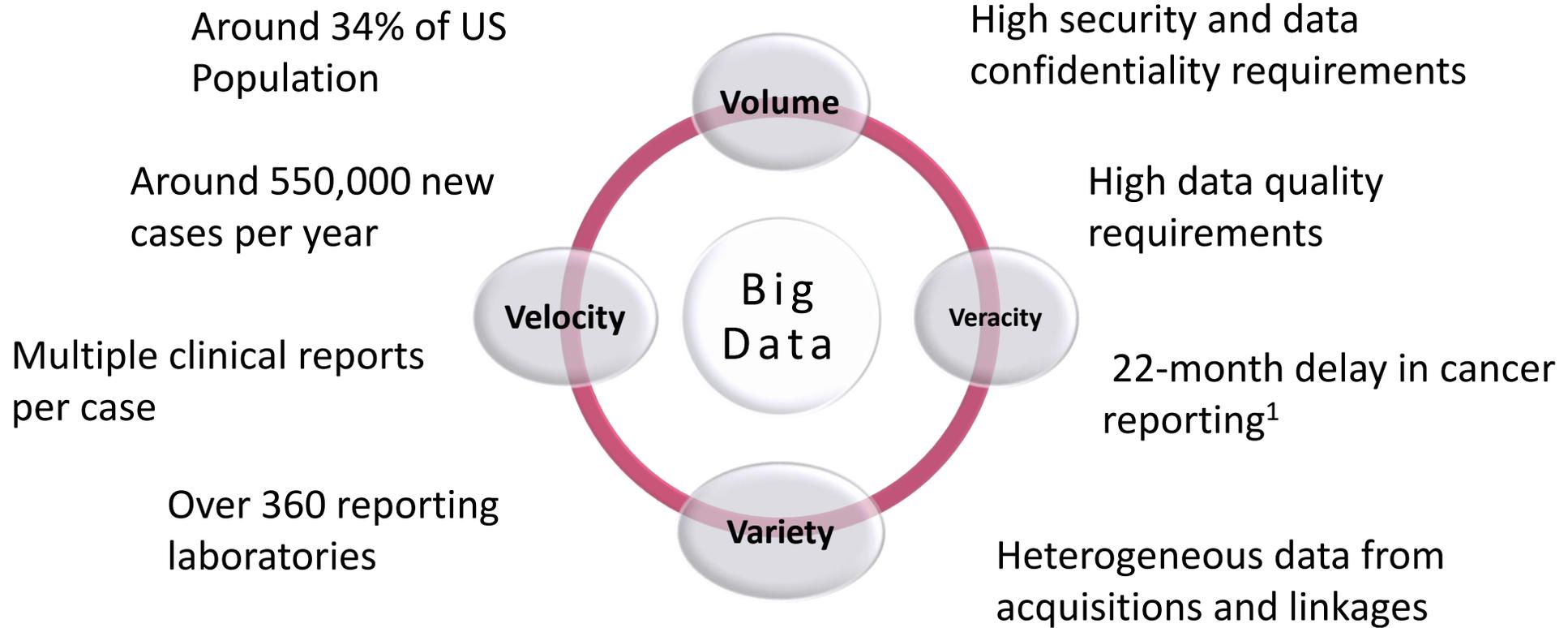
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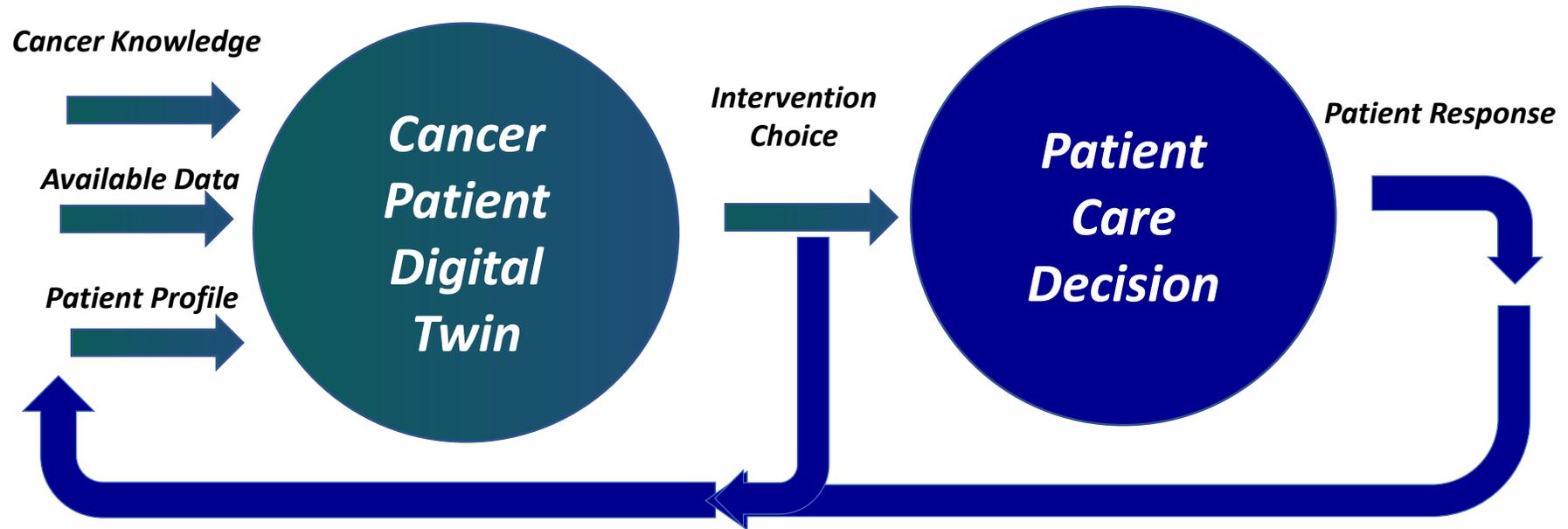
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Cancer Surveillance Big Data Challenges



A Digital Twin in a Learning Cancer Health System



- Iterate with the CPDT to identify the most suitable treatment
- Apply the selected treatment as part of the patient care decision
- Capture the response of the patient to the decision

Multiple cycles compose the cancer patient health trajectory

So What's Next?

- ***Complete the application for the Ideas Lab***
 - *Let us know you are interested*
- ***Micro Lab Discussion - Ask questions***
 - *Quick questions first*
 - *Longer scientific discussions for breakout sessions*
- ***Send follow-up questions to ECICC_Community@nih.gov***
- **Thank you!**