# How machine learning can drive the transformation of healthcare delivery

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#### "If it were not for the great variability between individuals, medicine might as well be a science, not an art"

#### Sir William Osler (1892)





#### Variabilities between individuals

- Different genetic background
- Different environmental exposures
- Different life-styles
- Different histories and interventions etc.

#### Lead to

- Different risks (and different risks over time)
- Variation in symptoms
- Different health and disease trajectories
- Different responses to treatment etc.

#### The "art" of medicine has been to make judgements on the basis of this information to manage patients

#### What machine learning can do is turn this art into a science!





### Machine learning can transform healthcare

- 1) deliver precision medicine at the patient level
- 2) understand the basis and trajectories of health and disease
- **3) empower** healthcare professionals and patients
- 4) inform and improve clinical pathways, better utilize resources & reduce costs
- 5) transform population health and public health policy
- 6) enable new discoveries clinical, therapeutics





The "augmented" clinician, researcher, patient

**Machine learning** 

... can't do medicine!

... can provide interpretable, trustworthy actionable information!



### **Engagement sessions: Revolutionizing Healthcare**

Revolutionizing Healthcare is a series of engagement sessions aiming to share ideas and discuss topics that will define the future of machine learning in healthcare. These events target the healthcare community and focus on challenges and opportunities in clinical application of machine learning. We now have roughly 400 clinicians from anout the world registered to participate in these sessions.

As a lab, our purpose is to create new and powerful machine learning techniques and methods that can revolutionize healthcare. This doesn't happen in a vacuum. At inception, we are inspired by ideas and discussions; in implementation, we need connections, trust, and partnership to make a real difference.

While you can learn about our work at major conferences in machine learning or in our papers, we think it's a better idea to create a community and keep these conversations going. We're also aware that many people—both in healthcare and machine learning—have questions about what we do, and how they can contribute.

For more information about Revolutionizing Healthcare—and to sign up to join in—please have a look at the sections below, and keep checking for new updates

Themed discussion sessions specifically for <u>healthcare professionals</u> (primarily clinicians).	
We would like to: - Introduce machine learning concepts as they relate to healthcare - spark new projects and collaborations - demonstrate the real-world fingact of machine learning in clinical settings - discuss institutional barries preventing wider adoption - develop a shared vision for the future of machine learning in healthcare.	
Standard session format: - brief introductory presentation	
- roundtable discussion featuring clinicians	$\smile$

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#### A healthcare ecosystem powered by Machine Learning (ML)

**Time-series in healthcare** 





### How can ML transform healthcare delivery?

#### Getting the right care to the right patients

#### Achieving the best outcomes at the lowest cost

This is possible through

- personalization (for patients, clinicians, and healthcare entities)
- learning at scale;
- identifying better ways of working and inefficiencies;
- providing concrete policies for improvement
- optimal allocation of resources (over time)

	Patient-oriented	Profession-oriented		
Narrow	Bespoke medicine	Empowering clinicians		
Broad	Population health and public health policy	Systems, pathways and processes		





### Why is now the right time?

Machine learning methods have come of age and are ready to be used

Unprecedented access to diverse sources of valuable info, including:

- clinical notes
- electronic health records
- clinical registries
- prescription info
- appointment info
- wearables

#### The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated digital info collection





### A healthcare ecosystem powered by Machine Learning



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### Personalized, comprehensive care with machine learning

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#### Machine learning can offer personalized

- forecasts
- screening

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Patient Predictions

### Actionable intelligence across the patient pathway

### An <u>integrated clinical decision support ecosystem</u> using machine learning to provide patient-level recommendations and support

#### Integrated care:

- Prevention
- Screening
- (Early) Diagnosis
- Treatment
- Monitoring

#### Multiple venues/areas:

- In-patient/out-patient
- At home

### Many stakeholders in every stage of care

- Clinicians, nurses
- Healthcare planners
- Patients!





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Part 1: tailoring development of time series models to healthcare challenges

Part 2: making time series models as useful as possible



### More information and updates

**Overview of our work on time series models** 

Introduction for a variety of audiences

Explores the "cross-sectional" interactions between time series and many other areas of research

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#### Healthcare data - Unique challenges

- Multiple streams of measurements
- · Measurements are sparse, irregularly and informatively sampled
- Multiple outcomes of interest (various events of interest, various morbidities)
- True clinical states are unobserved (e.g., onset of diseases)
- Many possible patterns (heterogeneous phenotypes, comorbidities)







### **Time-series analysis and dynamic forecasting**

- Build disease progression models
  - Understand and model carefully the available data!
- Learn the model parameters from available EHR data (Training time)
- Issue dynamic forecasts for the patient at hand (Test time/Run-time)
- Unravel new understanding of disease progression
  - Population
  - Sub-groups of patients



### **Current disease progression models: formalisms**

#### Markov Models $P(\boldsymbol{Z}_{n+1} | \mathcal{H}_{t_n}) = P(\boldsymbol{Z}_{n+1} | \boldsymbol{Z}_n)$



#### **Disadvantages**

- Observable models
- One disease at a time
- "Average" patient



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### Current disease progression models: formalisms Hidden Markov Models (HMMs)

#### Introducing latent (hidden/unobservable) disease states

Hidden states

**Disease Stages** 



Clinical findings Lab measurements Vital signs Treatments Events of interest Observation times





### Markov models?

#### **History matters!**

Ignore history

- Previous states
- Order of states
- Duration in a state

#### **One size fits all!**

Only capture population-level transitions across progression stages Ignores individual clinical trajectories

#### **Deep learning models?**





### **Deep learning models?**







### Two central goals of longitudinal models

**Goal A: Accurately forecasting individual-level disease trajectories** 

What are the risks of mortality, relapse, comorbidities, complications, etc. in the future?

#### **Goal B: Understanding disease progression mechanisms.**

- Underlying <u>latent structure</u> of <u>disease evolution</u>
- Causal pathways and comorbidity networks
- Patients' <u>subgroup</u> analysis
- Refined <u>phenotypes</u>





#### Attentive state space models [Alaa & vdS, 2018, NeurIPS 2019]

Main idea: a general and versatile deep probabilistic model capturing complex, non-stationary representations for patient-level trajectories

#### Maintain probabilistic structure of HMMs

#### But use RNNs to model state dynamics



### **Going beyond Markov**

 Attention weights determine the influences of past state realizations on future state transitions









### **Overcomes shortcoming of Markov Models**

Attention weights create a "soft" version of a non-stationary, variable-order Markov model where underlying dynamics of a patient change over time based on an individual's clinical context!



ASSM - "memory" is shaped by patient's current context (clinical events, treatments, etc.)





### **ASSM: A General, Versatile and Clinically Actionable Model**



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### Dynamic-DeepHit [Lee & vdS, TBME 2019]

Longitudinal survival data:  $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathcal{X}^{(i)}, \tau^{(i)}, k^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^{N}$ 

- $X^i$ : History of longitudinal measurements until time the last measurement
  - $\mathcal{X}^{i}(t) = \{x^{i}(t_{j}^{i}): 0 \leq t_{j}^{i} \leq t \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, M^{i}\}$  where  $M^{i}$  is the number of measurements.
- τ : Time-to-event including right-censoring
- k : Event label





## Estimation of the incidence of the occurrence of an event while taking competing risks into account!

New goal: Estimate "dynamic" Cumulative Incidence Function

$$\widehat{F}_k(\tau | \mathcal{X}^*) \stackrel{\text{\tiny def}}{=} P(T \leq \tau, E = k | \mathcal{X}^*, T > t^*_{M^*})$$

Longitudinal measurements accrued by the time of risk predictions

The patient was alive at the time of the last measurement!





### Dynamic-DeepHit [Lee & vdS, TBME 2019]



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#### **Network architecture and loss functions**



where  $\zeta_d(a_d, b_d) = |a_d - b_d|^2$  or  $\zeta_d(a_d, b_d) = a_d \log b_d + (1 - a_d) \log(1 - b_d)$ 

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Softmax Layer

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# Motivation: How should we group patients?

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### Example of 3 patients diagnosed with breast cancer (BC)

What if both Patient A and C will have an adverse event (e.g., death) that can be expected by increases in cancer antigen and mammographic density



## our notion of clustering

Key idea: similarity in future outcomes





## Outcome-Oriented Temporal Phenotyping [Lee & vdS, ICML 2020] [Lee, Rashbass, vdS, TBME 2021]



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# **Personalized screening/monitoring**

## Who to Screen? When to Screen? What to Screen?

- Deep Sensing [Yoon, Zame, vdS, ICLR 2018] lacksquare
- Disease Atlas [Lim, vdS, ML4HC 2018] lacksquare

Which Modality of Screening?

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[Alaa, Moon, Hsu, vdS, TMM 2016] 





# Deep Sensing: Active Sensing using multi-directional recurrent neural networks [Yoon, Zame, vdS, ICLR 2018]

### • Ideas:

- A neural network must learn at training time how to issue predictions at various costperformance points.
- To do this, it creates multiple representations at various performance levels associated with different measurement rates (costs).
- Each representation is learned and constructed recursively and adaptively learned by deliberately introducing missing data

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## **Deep sensing architecture**







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# Why is Early Diagnosis and Detection (ED&D) hard?







## **Revolutionizing Healthcare: roundtable on ED&D**

Double-header (<u>February 8</u> and <u>March 10</u>) on ED&D – one of healthcare's holy grails!

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 → Engagement sessions
 → Revolutionizing Healthcare

Visit our extensive new reference page on ML for ED&D!

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## Individualized treatment effects over time



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# Causal effect inference based on longitudinal patient observational data



Observed (factual) outcome for treatment  $\mathbf{A}_t$  given patient history  $\bar{\mathbf{H}}_t$  :  $\mathbf{Y}_{t+1}$ 



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# Challenges in using longitudinal observational data for estimating individualized outcomes

The patient history  $\bar{\mathbf{H}}_t = (\bar{\mathbf{X}}_t, \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{t-1}, \mathbf{V})$  contains time-dependent confounders which bias the treatment assignment  $\mathbf{A}_t$  in the observational dataset.

Patient covariates - affected by past treatments which then influence future treatments and outcomes



**Bias from time-dependent confounders.** 





# Handling time-dependent confounding bias

Inverse probability of treatment weighting

- → Marginal structural models [Robins, Hernan, Brumback, Epidemiology 2000]
- → Recurrent marginal structural networks [Lim, Alaa, van der Schaar, NeurIPS 2018]



$$\mathbf{SW}(t,\tau) = \prod_{n=t}^{t+\tau} \frac{f(\mathbf{A}_n | \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{n-1})}{f(\mathbf{A}_n | \bar{\mathbf{H}}_n)} = \prod_{n=t}^{t+\tau} \frac{\prod_{k=1}^{\Omega_a} f(A_n(k) | \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{n-1})}{\prod_{k=1}^{\Omega_a} f(A_n(k) | \bar{\mathbf{H}}_n)}$$





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Numerically unstable

**High variance** 

**Representation Learning** 

Counterfactual recurrent network [Bica, Alaa, Jordon, van der Schaar, ICLR 2020]

$$P(\Phi(\bar{\mathbf{H}}_t) \mid \mathbf{A}_t = A_1) = \dots = P(\Phi(\bar{\mathbf{H}}_t) \mid \mathbf{A}_t = A_K)$$

Balanced representations/ Treatment invariant representations





# **Counterfactual Recurrent Network** [Bica, Alaa, Jordon & van der Schaar, ICLR 2020]

- **Builds treatment invariant representations using domain adversarial training [Ganin et al., 2016].**
- **Estimates counterfactual trajectories using sequence-to-sequence architecture.**







# Part 2: making time series models as useful as possible





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## Which time-series method to select?

## What is the challenge?

- RNN cells (e.g. LSTM, GRU)
- Architectures (e.g. Bidirectional, Encoder-decoder)
- Attention or not?

Long or short memory?

Temporal distribution shifts, risk factors are changing!

Best model for each time step is different! Can't manually select the best model for each time step

Stepwise Model Selection

Stepwise Model Selection for Sequence Prediction via Deep Kernel Learning [Zhang, Jarrett, vdS, AISTATS 2020]

Solution: novel BO algorithm to tackle model selection challenge



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## Select one optimal sequence model for all time steps? No!

Treat performance at each time step as its own black-box function

**Objective: Model performance at each time step** 

Multi-Objective Bayesian Optimization finds *one* model with best trade-off across all objectives

Expensive to compute volume gain w.r.t all the objectives  $\otimes$ 

## **Other solutions?**

## **Black box functions**



## Multi-Objective Bayesian Optimization (MOBO)



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# Apply BO sequentially across time-steps as multi-task? No!



## Multi-Task Bayesian Optimization (MTBO)

© Warm-start: Transfer knowledge gained from previous optimizations to new tasks, such that subsequent optimizations are more efficient





# Apply BO sequentially across time-steps as multi-task? No!



- MTBO requires evaluating deep learning models on large datasets which is prohibitively expensive
- MTBO requires solving T separate BO procedures in a sequence unclear how to allocate evaluations among these subproblems
- ⊗ MTBO does not take full advantage of information from all acquisition functions



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## SMS-DKL [Zhang, Jarrett, vdS, AISTATS 2020]

### A hyperparameter optimization tool for sequence model



Solve the multiple black-box function optimization problem jointly and efficiently by learning and exploiting correlations among black-box functions using deep kernel learning

## **Stepwise Model Selection via Deep Kernel Learning – SMS-DKL**



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## SMS-DKL [Zhang, Jarrett, vdS, AISTATS 2020]

How do we jointly and efficiently learn and exploit correlations among black-box functions?



Idea: Using deep kernel learning

Create feature maps to measure similarities between data tuples



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# Morbidity networks: personalized and dynamic

#### Population-level morbidity network



#### **Personalized morbidity networks**







# Deep Diffusion Processes (DDP) [Qian, Alaa, vdS, AISTATS 2020]



DDP models temporal relationships between comorbid disease onsets expressed through a dynamic graph

DDP comprises events modelled as a multidimensional point process, with an intensity function parameterized by the edges of a dynamic weighted graph.



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# **Objective: sequential confidence intervals for RNNs**

### Predictive intervals for Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs).







## Frequentist Uncertainty in Recurrent Neural Networks via Blockwise Influence Functions [Alaa & vdS, ICML 2020]

Uncertainty intervals = variability in re-sampled RNN outputs. RNN outputs are re-sampled by perturbing the model parameters through iterative deletion of blocks of data and re-training the model on the remaining data



## **Previous work**

#### **Bayesian RNNs**

### **Quantile RNNs**

### **Probabilistic RNNs**

Prior over RNN parameters Uncertainty = credible intervals



Posterior is intractable = Monte Carlo dropout (Gal & Ghahramani, 2016)



Explicitly train a multi-output RNN to predict intervals



Combine RNNs with variants of state-space models



Attentive state-space model (Alaa & van der Schaar, 2019)

Deep state-space model (Rangapuram et al., 2018)



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(Gasthaus et al., 2019)

Quantile loss for RNN training

# How is our approach different?

#### **Post-hoc application**

- Does not affect model accuracy
- Does not interfere with model training

#### **Generality and versatility**

- Does not require changes to model architecture
- Applies to a wide range of sequence prediction settings

#### **Frequentist coverage guarantees**

Formal frequentist procedure

[Stankevičiūtė, Alaa, vdS, NeurIPS 2021]










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## Multi-directional RNN (M-RNN) [Yoon, Zame, vdS, TBME 2018]



**Temporal data streams** 

- Interpolation temporal correlations
- Imputation cross-features correlations
- Both correlations must be simultaneously learned

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Simple of a line of the second direction and advanced in the backward direction and



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## Multi-directional RNN (M-RNN) [Yoon, Zame, vdS, TBME 2018]

- Correlations across features: FC network
- Multiple imputations:
   Dropout





**Bi-RNN and FCN are jointly optimized** 





#### Can we do better? Learn from clinical judgements! [Alaa, Hu, vdS, ICML 2017]

#### Data - shaped by clinical judgments! Probabilistic model for learning from observational data



Informative sampling: Time-varying sampling frequency

Model a patient's trajectory as a marked point process modulated by their health state





# Elements of the probabilistic model (I): the observation process

- Nature of Informative Sampling is Problem-dependent
- E.g. Cancer patient in regular hospital wards: evidence that sampling rate increases when patient is in a bad health state



# Elements of the probabilistic model (II): the observation process

 $\{t_m\}_{m\in\mathbb{N}_+}$ 

Clinicians observe the patient's vital signs and lab tests according to a Hawkes process

...doubly stochastic point process

Captures impact of patient's health state on clinicians' sampling behavior

#### ...with a self-exciting Triggering kernel

Captures dependence between observation events





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#### Healthcare data: not easy to access

- Strict regulations for data access
- ...the result of perfectly valid concerns regarding privacy



But we need data to develop analytics and facilitate reproducible research

# Overview of our work on synthetic data

Introduction for a variety of audiences

Outlines the importance of synthetic data; explores and summarizes recent cutting-edge synthetic data approaches and methods

Links to a range of additional resources - vision, papers, software

> vanderschaar-lab.com/ → Research pillars → Synthetic data







#### New Frontiers: Healthcare problems (and models) are interconnected



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## More information and updates

**Overview of our work on time series models** 

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Explores the "cross-sectional" interactions between time series and many other areas of research

vanderschaar-lab.com/ → Research pillars → Time series







	Patient-oriented	Profession-oriented	
Individual	<ul> <li>Bespoke medicine</li> <li>Risk scores</li> <li>Competing risks</li> <li>Screening and monitoring</li> <li>Diagnostic support</li> <li>Longitudinal disease trajectories</li> <li>Treatment effects</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Empowering healthcare professionals</li> <li>Personalised ML assistants to support clinicians</li> <li>Interpretable, explainable, trustworthy</li> <li>Multi-disciplinary clinical contributions</li> </ul>	<section-header></section-header>
At scale	<ul> <li>Population health and public health policy</li> <li>Discover &amp; disentangle public risks and risk factors</li> <li>Population risk assessment → personalized risk</li> <li>Data-driven guidelines, protocols, standards</li> <li>Cross-country learning and interventions</li> </ul>	Systems, pathways and processes Improving healthcare pathways Integrating and curating data sources Integrating a multitude of analytics into delivery systems Cooperation, interaction and learning	



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#### Want to learn more?



vanderschaar-lab.com/ → Engagement sessions → Inspiration Exchange

#### **Inspiration Exchange**

Themed discussion sessions specifically for <u>machine learning students</u> (particularly masters, Ph.D., and post-docs).

#### We would like to:

- discuss machine learning models and techniques
- share ideas about how machine learning can revolutionize healthcare
- spark new projects and collaborations
- raise awareness about this unique and exciting area of machine learning.







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