

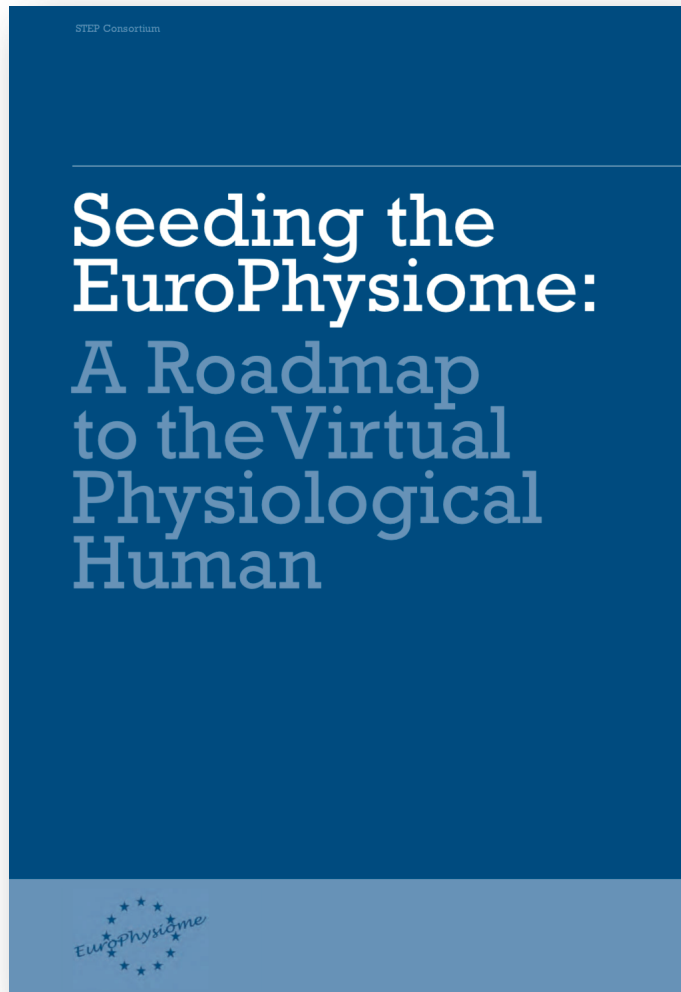


IN SILICO TRIALS: A SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO THE ASSESSMENT OF MODEL CREDIBILITY

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Virtual Physiological Human



2007: VPH Research roadmap



Many called us crazy



In 2013 (end of FP7) some claimed VPH failed to deliver



In Silico Medicine today

2014: first patient-specific model is FDA-approved



2019: dozen of digital patient products on the market



2019: Dassault Systems buys Medidata for US\$5.8 BILLIONS

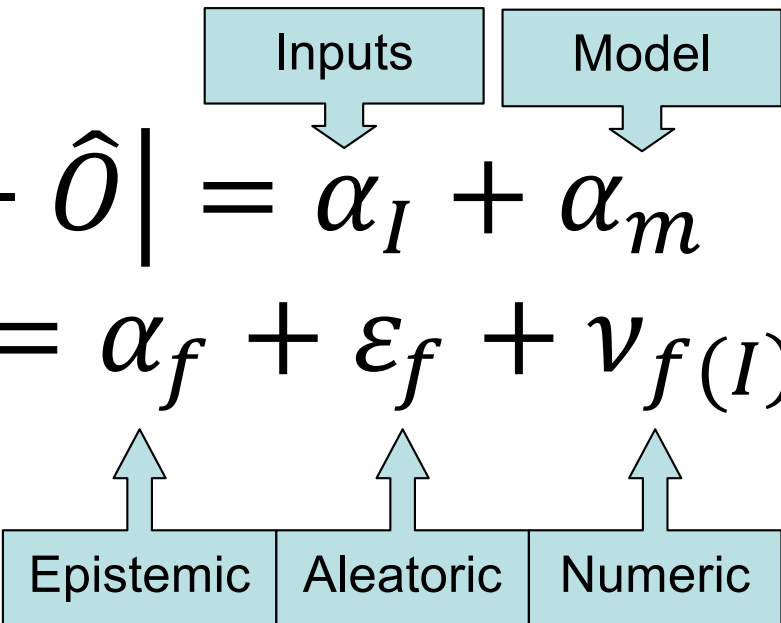


Today we discuss the regulatory aspects of in silico trials



Credibility of a predictive model

$$\hat{O} = f(I)$$

$$\begin{cases} |O - \hat{O}| = \alpha_I + \alpha_m \\ \alpha_m = \alpha_f + \varepsilon_f + \nu_{f(I)} \end{cases}$$


Machine Learning



No epistemic error
No numeric error

Mechanistic model



All three errors
Aleatoric can brought
back to input errors



VV&UQ: Verification

$$\alpha_m = \alpha_f + \varepsilon_f + v_{f(I)}$$

- Verification involves code and model
- Code verification is essentially software quality assurance
- Model verification aim to show that the numerical error is negligible when compared to the other errors in the model

$$v_{f(I)} = o(\alpha_f + \varepsilon_f)$$

$$\alpha_m \approx \alpha_f + \varepsilon_f$$



VV&UQ: validation

$$\alpha_m = \alpha_f + \varepsilon_f + \nu_{f(I)}$$
$$\nu_{f(I)} = o(\alpha_f + \varepsilon_f)$$

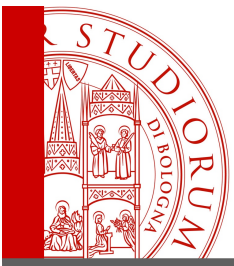
- Over repeated comparisons:

- we assume that the error due to the inputs has null average

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_I \rightarrow 0$$

- Than the average of the error is only due to the model error

$$ave(\|O - \hat{O}\|) \cong ave(\alpha_M)$$



VV&UQ: Uncertainty quantification

$$\alpha_m = \alpha_f + \varepsilon_f + v_{f(I)}$$

$$v_{f(I)} = o(\alpha_f + \varepsilon_f)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_I \rightarrow 0$$

If all above are true, then the variance of the error over repeated comparison is only due due to the variance of the inputs

$$\text{var}(\|O - \hat{O}\|) \cong \text{var}(\alpha_I)$$



In Silico Trials: medical devices

Reporting of Computational Modeling Studies in Medical Device Submissions

Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff

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- System Configuration
- Governing Equations, Constitutive Laws
- System Properties
- System Conditions
- System Discretization
- Numerical Implementation
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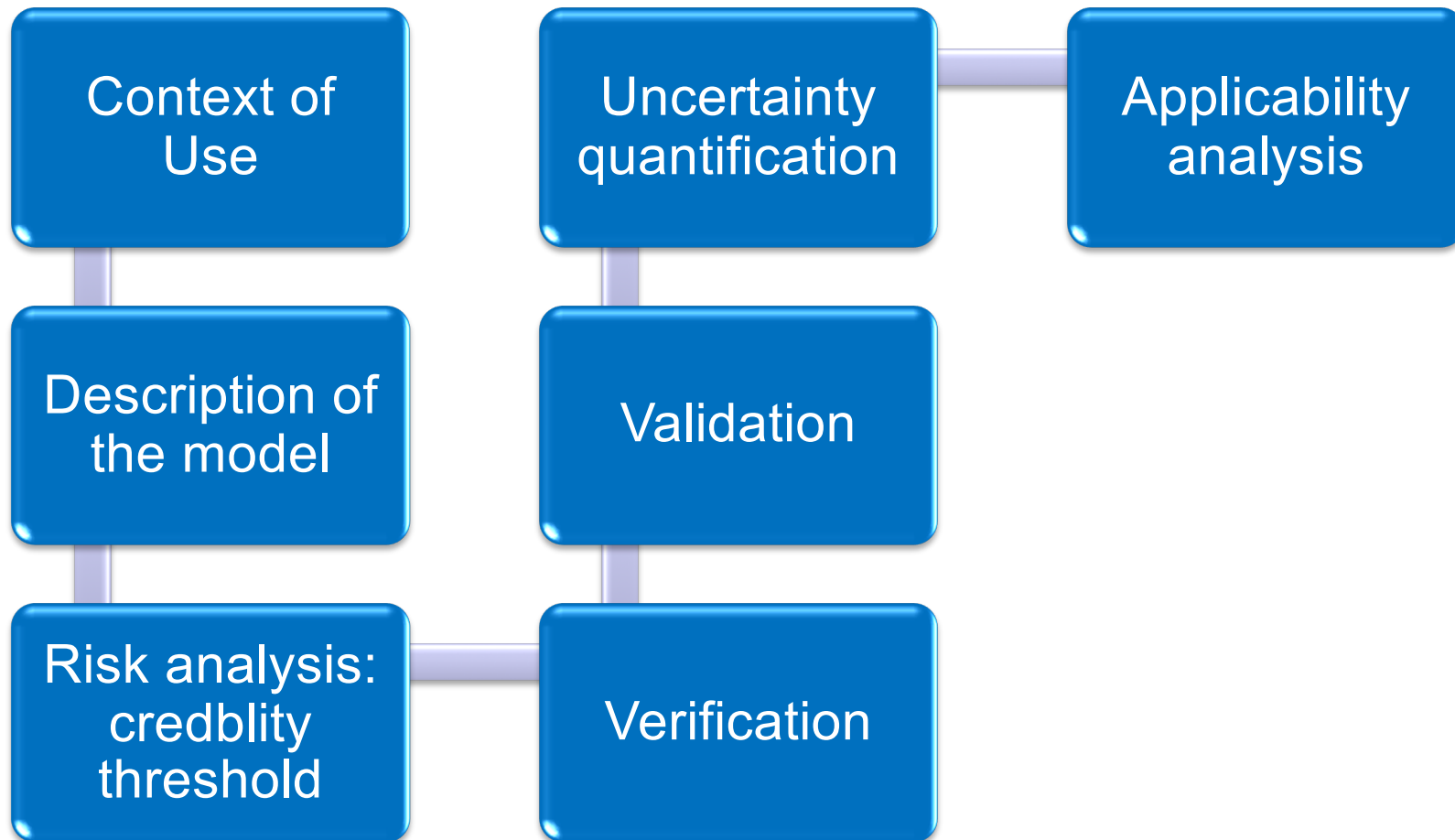
Standards

Assessing Credibility of Computational Modeling through Verification and Validation: Application to Medical Devices

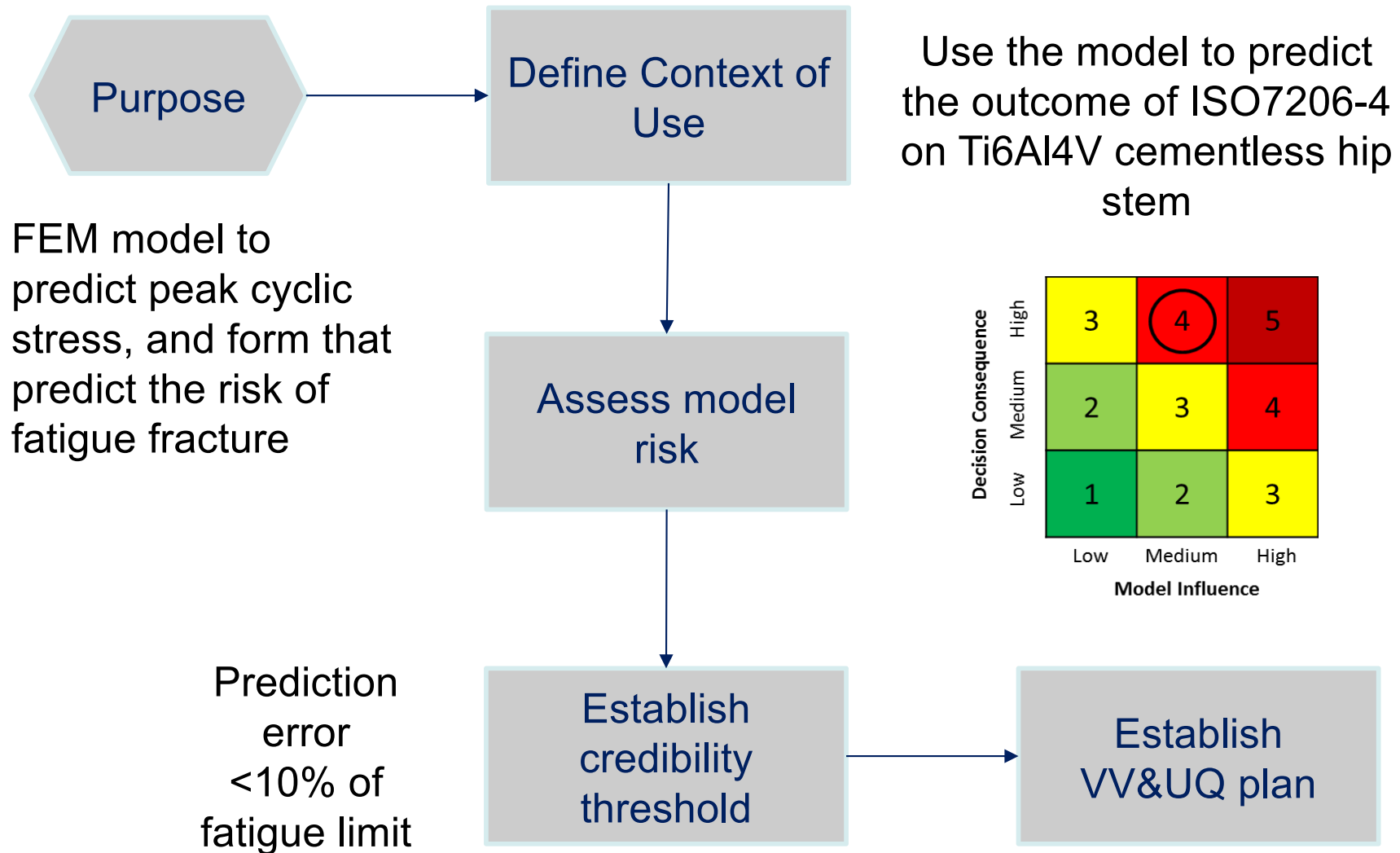
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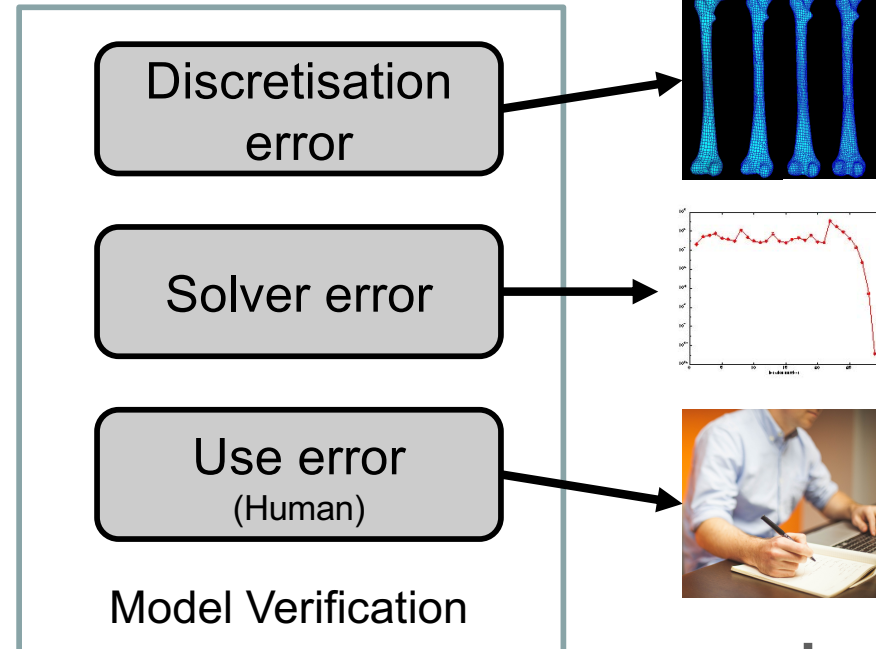
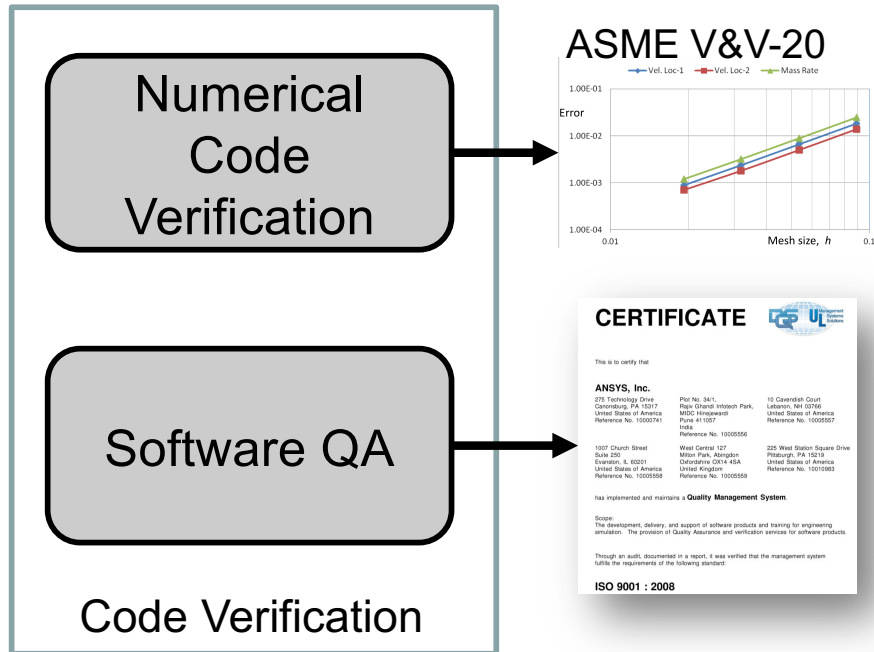
VV40 structure



Risk analysis

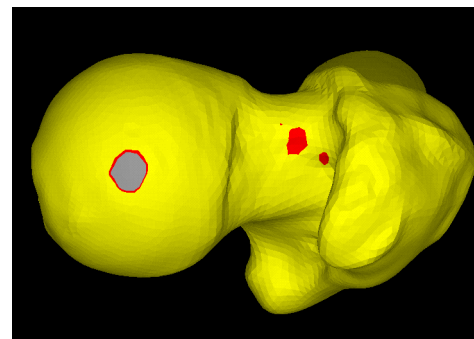
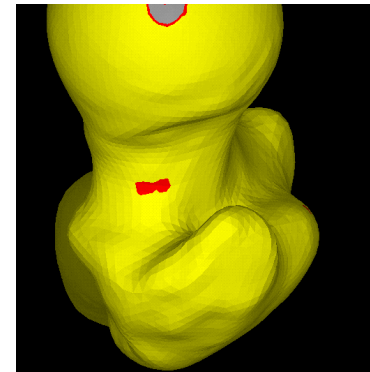
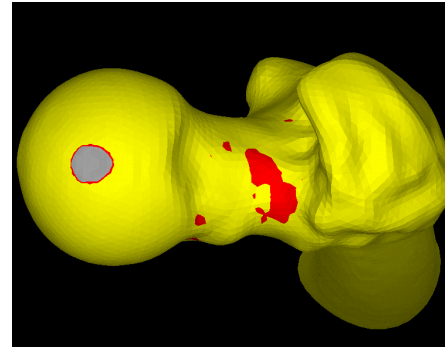


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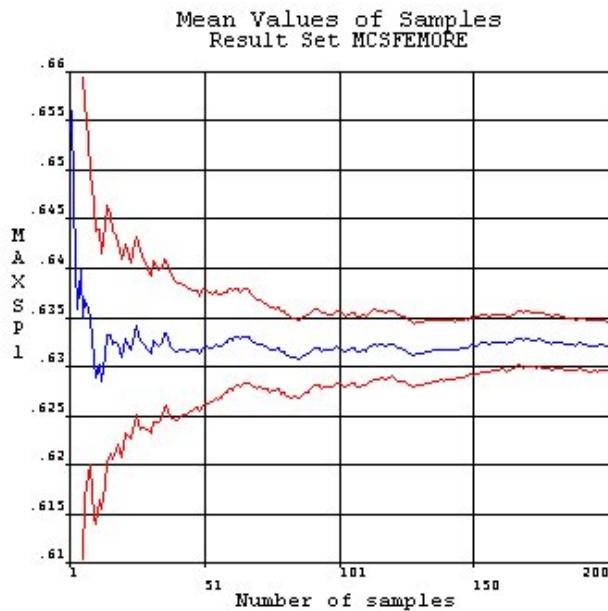


Validation

- Credibility factors
 - Model Form
 - governing equations
 - system configuration (i.e. geometry)
 - system properties (i.e. materials)
 - system conditions (i.e. loads)
 - Model Inputs
 - Comparator
 - In vitro, ex vivo, in vivo
 - Assessment



Uncertainty quantification



ANSYS

MEAN 0.63206E+00
STDEV 0.18085E-01
SKEW 0.20689E+00
KURT -0.12245E+00
MIN 0.58957E+00
MAX 0.68259E+00

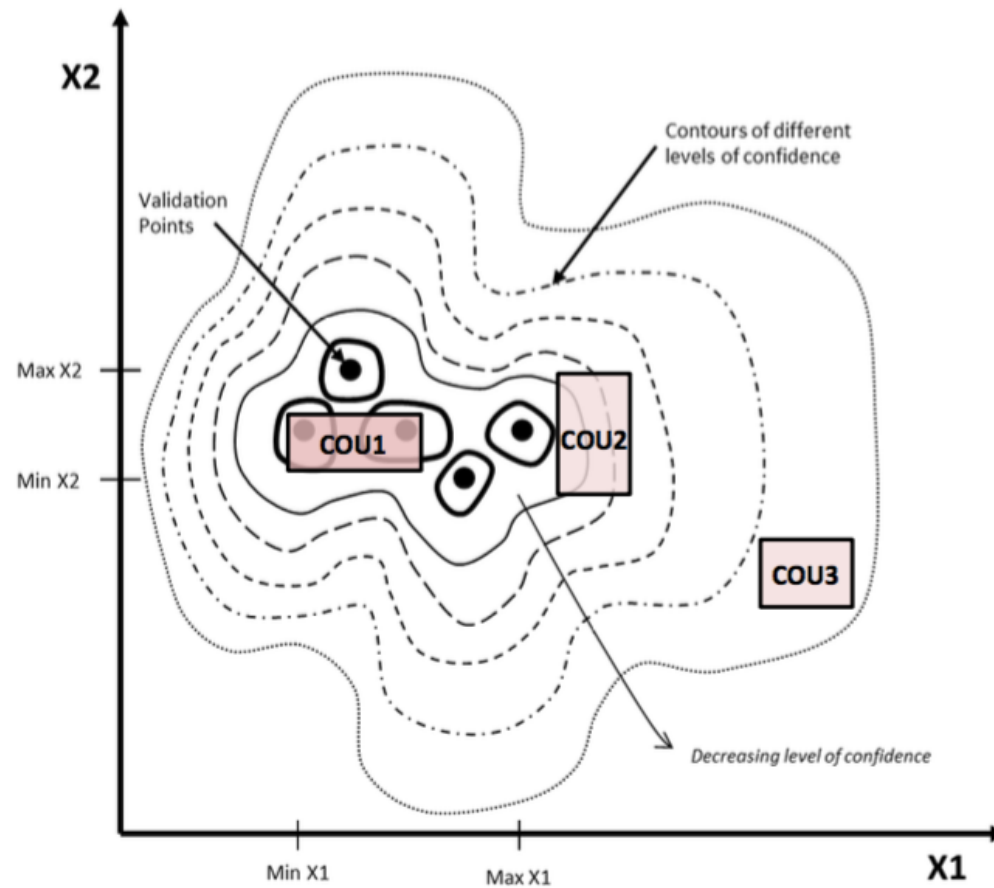
Confidence Limit
95.00%

	Achilles	Peroneus Longus			Tibialis Anterior			Tibialis Posterior		
	I	via1	via2	via3	via1	via2	I	via1	via2	I
Patient 1										
Anterior	10.6	-0.6	-2.8	-0.6	-0.6	-3.0	-2.9	-1.3	5.2	-0.6
Posterior	-8.2	-0.6	2.5	-2.2	-0.6	3.0	3.3	0.7	-4.3	-0.6
Superior	-1.7	-0.6	-3.8	-0.6	-0.6	-3.1	-2.4	-1.0	-1.5	-0.6
Inferior	1.4	-0.6	5.3	-2.0	-0.6	4.1	2.2	-0.6	1.5	-0.6
Lateral	13.4	-0.6	-3.4	-0.9	-0.6	-3.8	-5.5	1.0	8.2	-0.6
Medial	-12.0	-0.6	3.8	0.8	-0.6	3.9	5.8	-1.0	-5.4	-0.6
Patient 2										
Anterior	9.6	1.2	-2.0	1.3	1.2	-2.7	-2.8	-1.0	4.4	1.2
Posterior	-7.9	1.2	1.5	-1.2	1.2	2.4	2.2	2.0	-3.8	1.2
Superior	-1.5	1.2	-2.5	1.3	1.2	-2.5	-1.5	-1.0	2.1	1.2
Inferior	1.6	1.2	2.6	1.1	1.2	2.4	1.5	2.0	-1.5	1.2
Lateral	11.5	1.2	-3.5	1.3	1.2	-4.5	-4.6	2.8	4.8	1.2
Medial	-11.9	1.2	3.8	1.1	1.2	3.8	3.9	-2.1	-3.5	1.2
Patient 3										
Anterior	12.9	-0.8	-1.0	-0.8	-0.8	3.2	-2.3	-0.9	7.8	-0.8
Posterior	-9.9	-0.8	-0.9	-0.8	-0.8	-3.0	2.4	0.6	-6.5	-0.8
Superior	2.0	-0.8	-2.6	-0.8	-0.8	-2.6	-1.6	-0.9	-1.6	-0.8
Inferior	-2.4	-0.8	-2.4	-0.8	-0.8	-3.1	-1.0	-0.6	0.9	-0.8
Lateral	-9.3	-0.8	-1.3	-0.8	-0.8	-3.4	3.3	-1.0	-5.0	-0.8
Medial	9.4	-0.8	-2.3	-0.8	-0.8	3.8	2.0	0.9	6.7	-0.8

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Applicability analysis

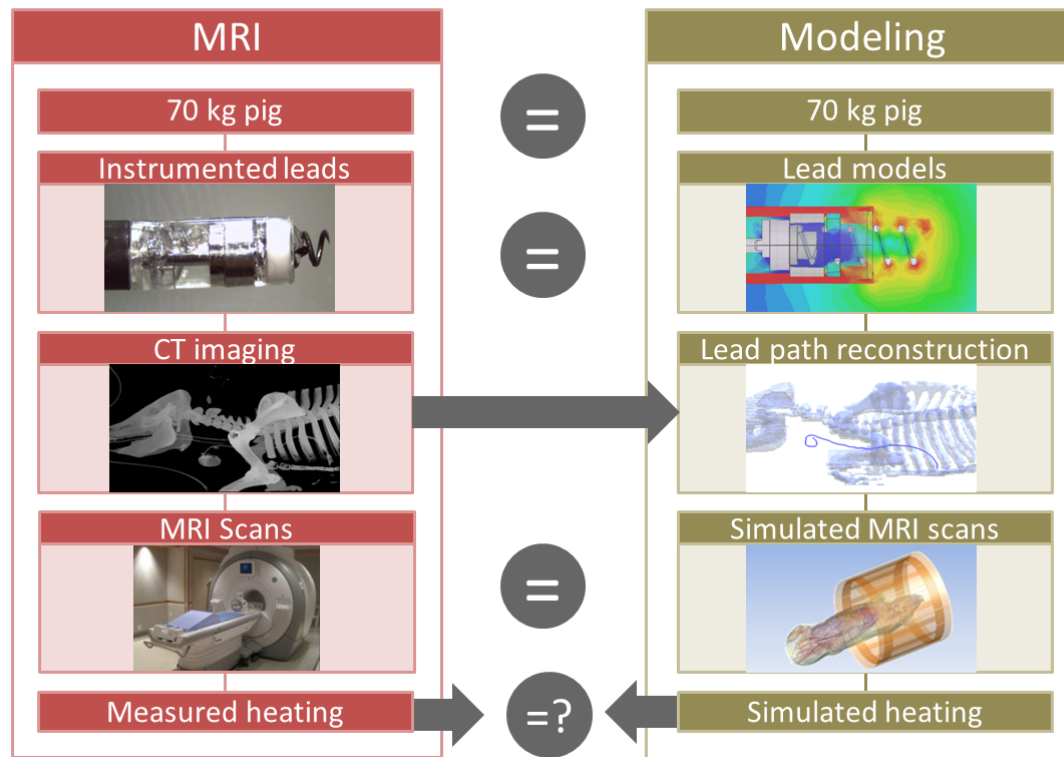
Schematic Representation of Applicability



AVOID CLINICAL TRIAL

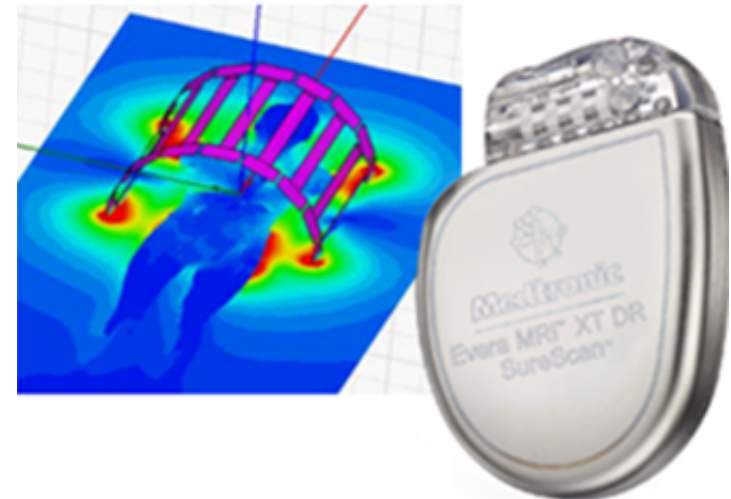
ADVISA SR APPROVAL CRT-D MRI, 3T MRI

In Vivo Model Validation



Significant cost and time savings due to **clinical trial avoidance** leading to valuable incremental revenue gain and **earlier patient access**

Amplia MRI



- Advisa SR approved with no clinical
- No clinical required for CRT-D MRI, 3T MRI, and future MRI programs

Courtesy of Markus Reiterer

Credit: CRHF MRI

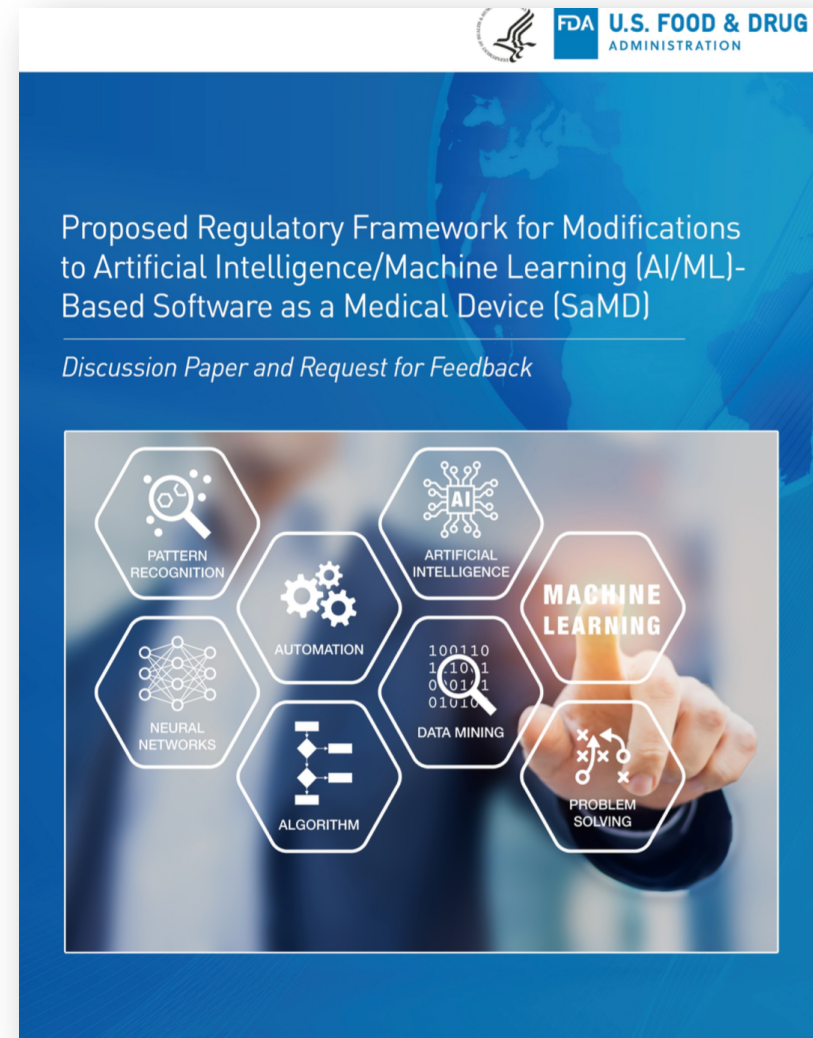


Limits of the VV40

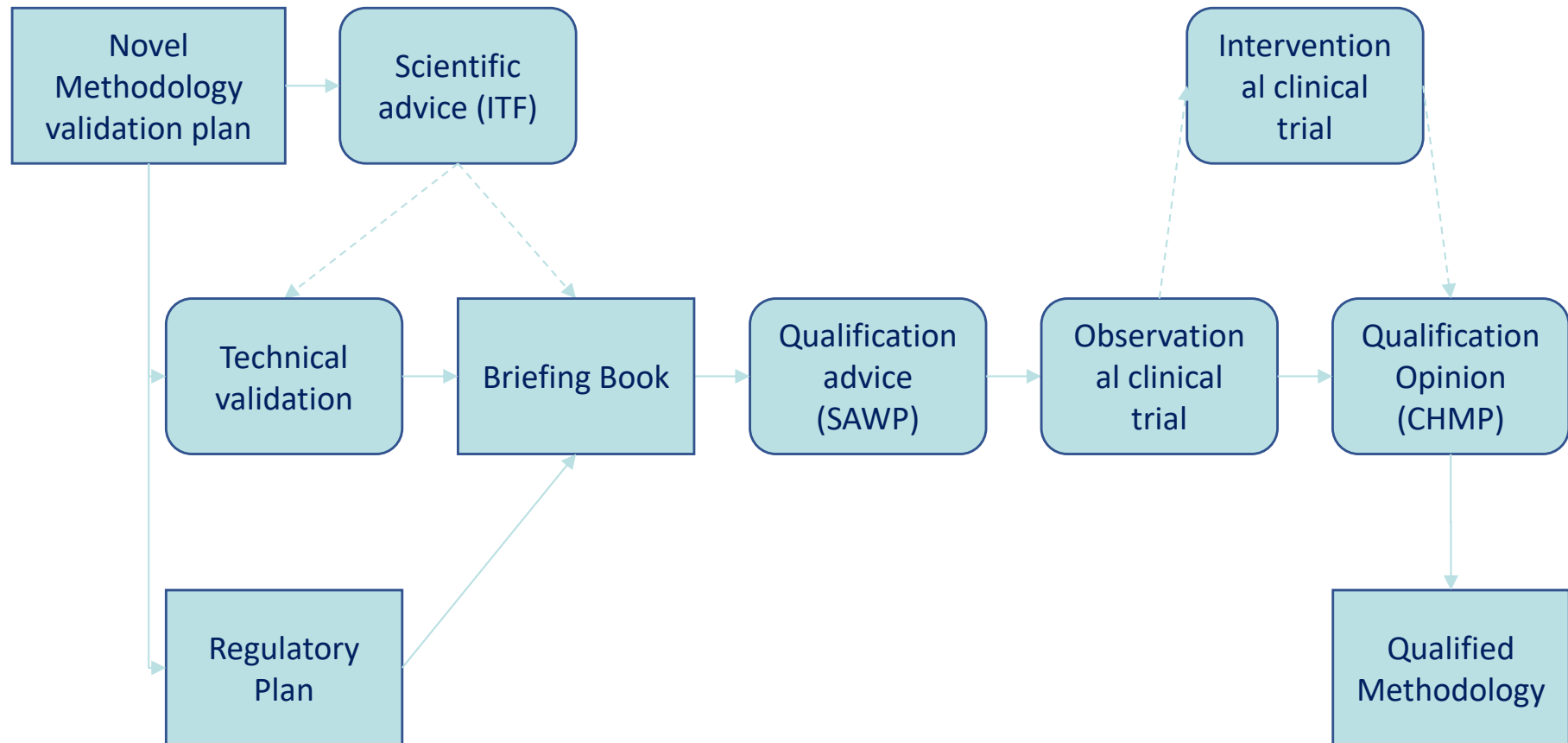
- Applicability approach assumes physics-based models
- Primary target is replacement of bench tests
- No explicit provision for replacement of clinical trials

Machine learning models

- ML regulatory framework proposal acknowledge the issue of “concept drift”
- Recommend a continuous QA process → collection of clinical outcomes
- Cast shadow on “locked ML” systems



EMA Qualification process

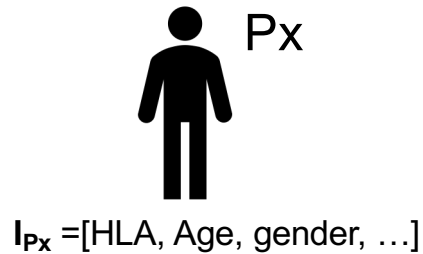


STriTuVaD



- Universal Immune System Simulator (UISS), U. of Catania
- UISS-TB to be used to reduce duration and cohort size of clinical trials of new therapeutic vaccines

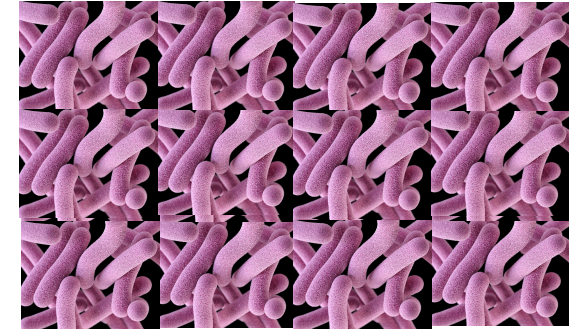
Qualification of UISS-TB /1



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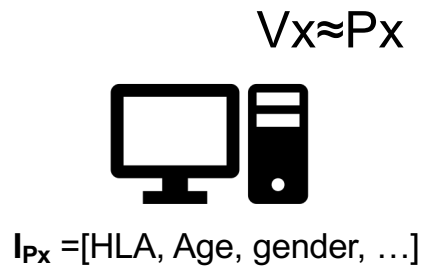


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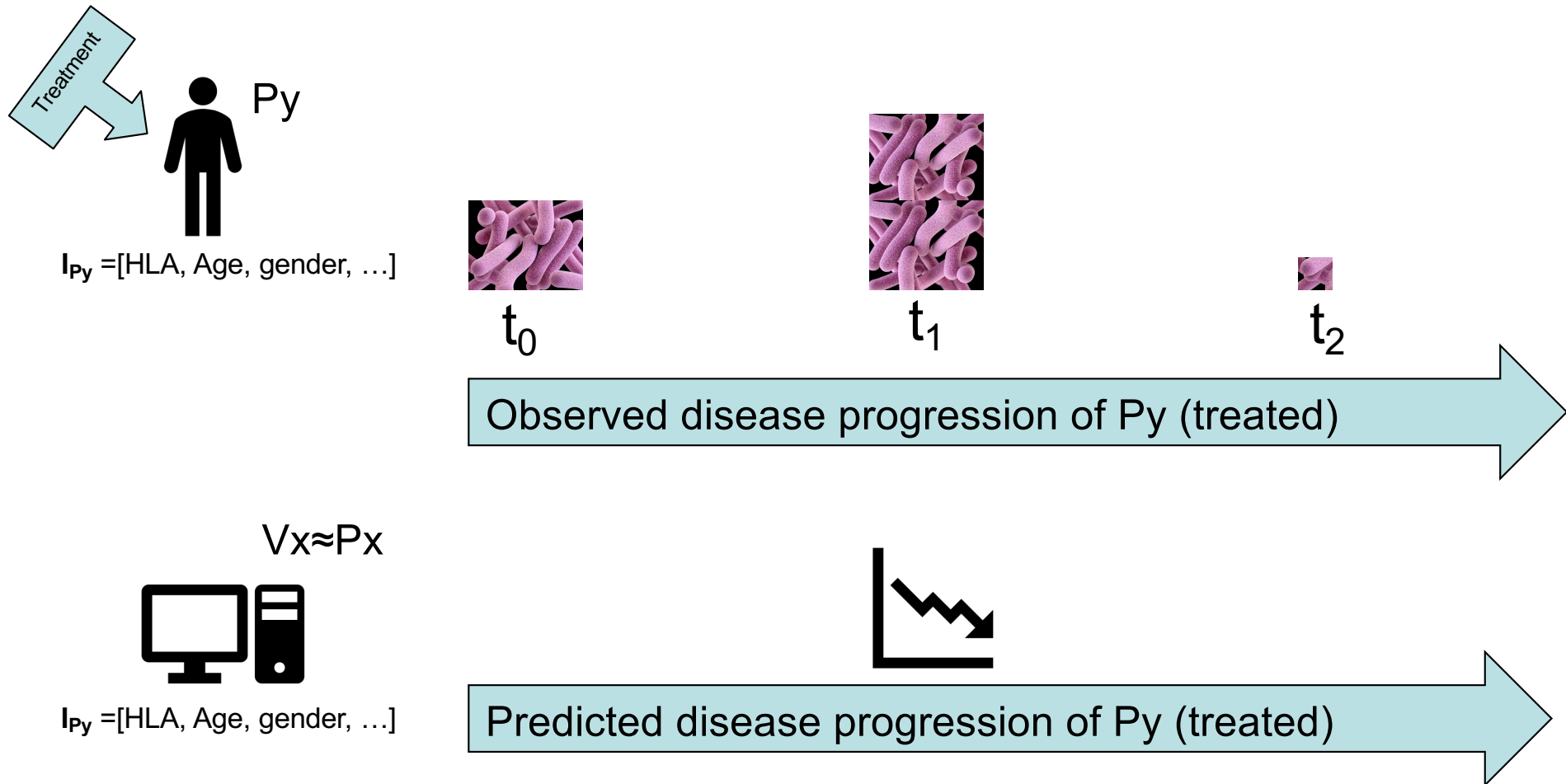
Observed disease progression of P_x



Predicted disease progression of P_x

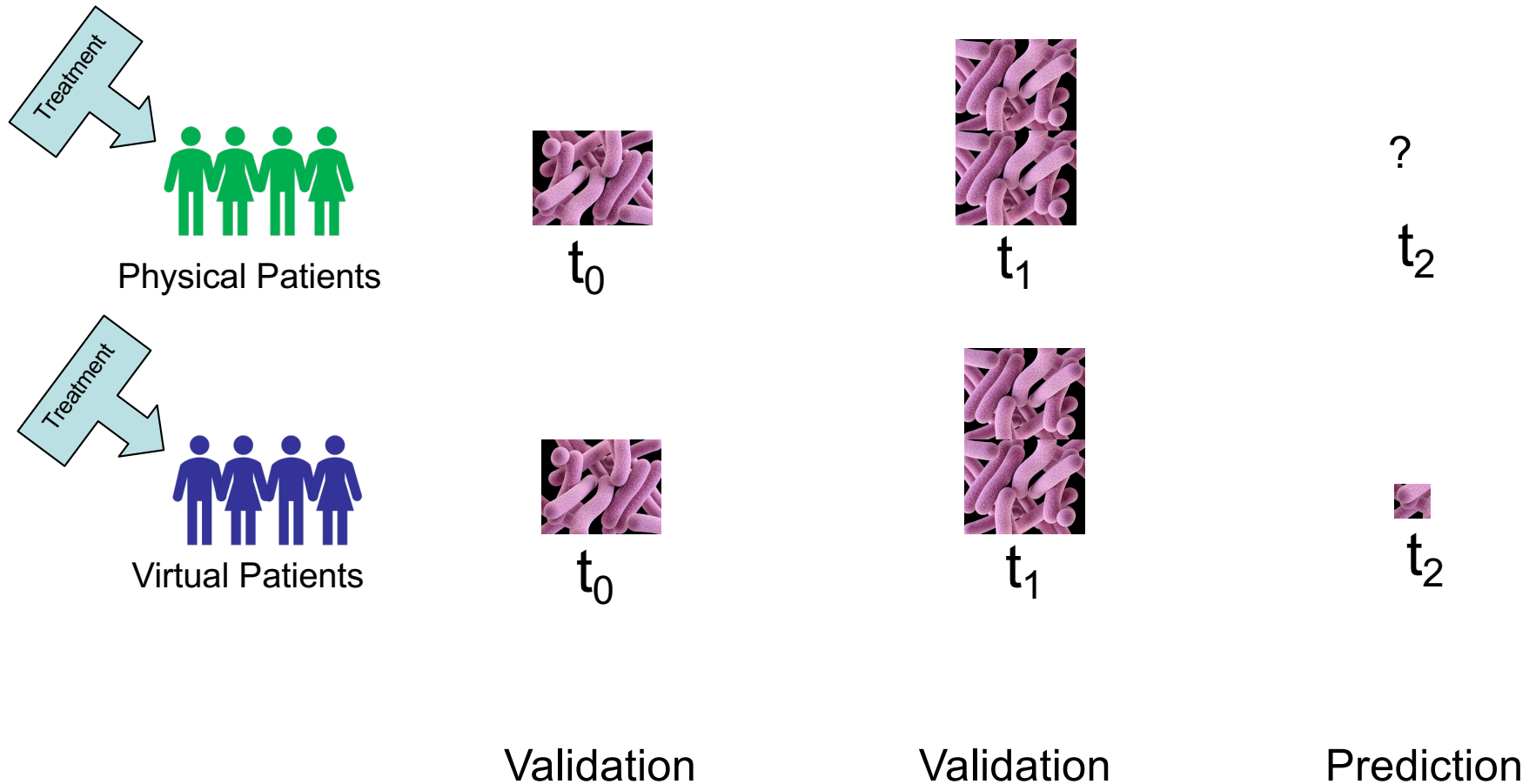
Validated patient-specific model of disease progression

Qualification of UISS-TB /2



Validated patient-specific model of treatment response

Simplest use: time extrapolation



Conclusions

- “First in Kind” qualification of In Silico Trials methods will complete the cycle started in 2005 with the idea of the VPH
- In Silico Medicine research should now enters a maturity stage where:
 - Clear distinction between models for hypothesis falsification and models for problem-solving
 - Problem-solving models should undergo same levels of VV&UQ required by standards before publication



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