

Innovative technologies to leverage health financing for UHC

Advanced analytics to inform
public health decision making

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Overview

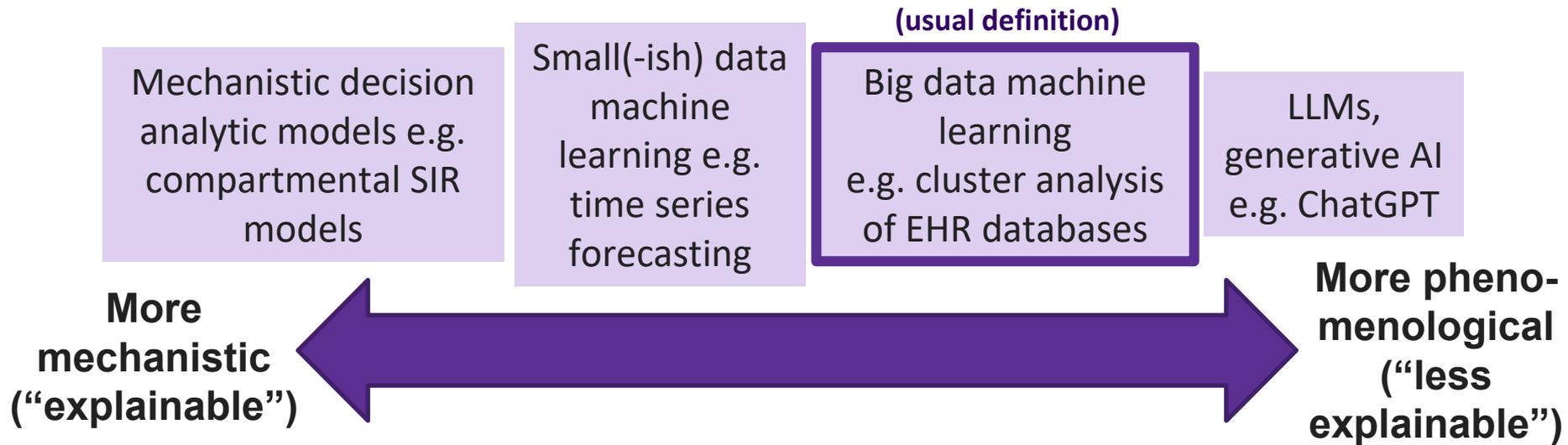
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- What is advanced analytics?
- How is the tech changing?
- How is it being used to inform public health decision making?
- What are opportunities and challenges for the future?



What is advanced analytics?

Advanced analytics is the use of data-driven mathematical, statistical and computational models to make projections and/or inform decision-making.



Advanced analytics in public health decision making

Evidence

Virology, immunology
Field epidemiology
Advanced analytics

Health economics
Implementation science
Attitudinal research



Deliberative process
Fair, transparent, legitimate
Experts (multiple disciplines)
Healthcare delivery staff
Patients, the public



Final decision by legitimate decision makers (e.g. Ministers)

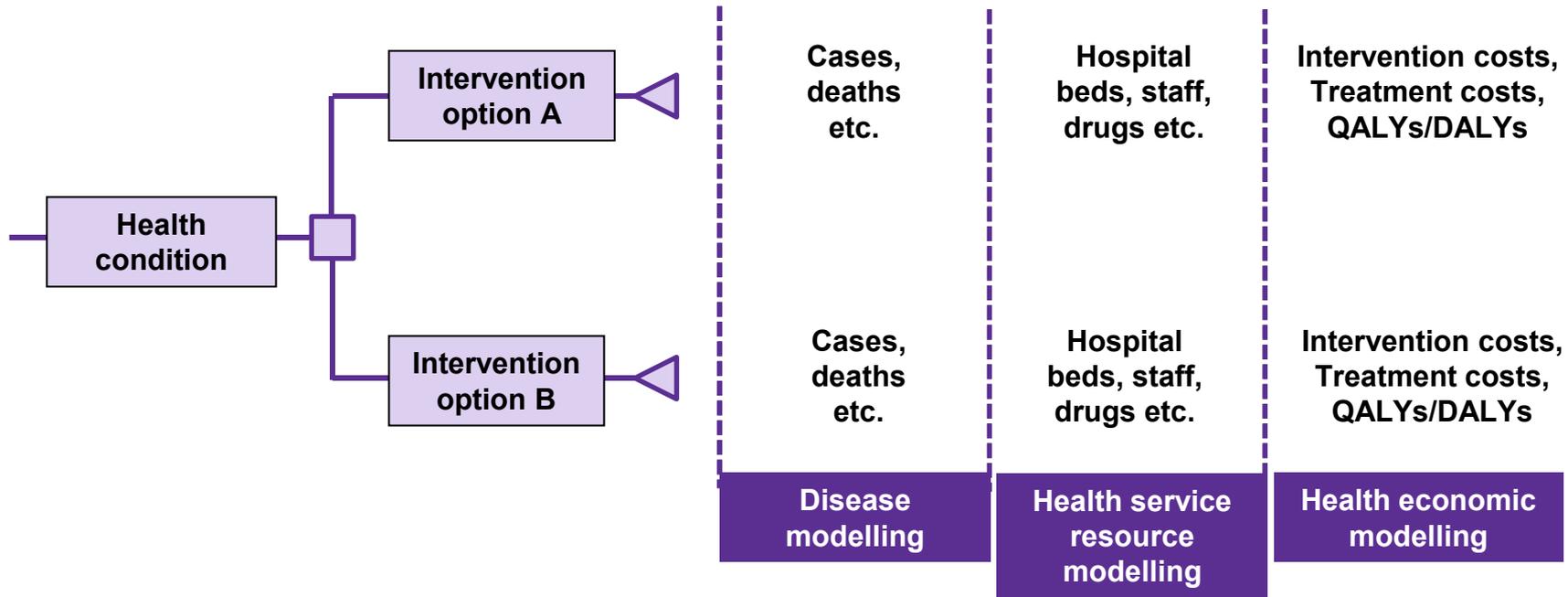


WHO Strategic Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE) meeting, October 2018.
<https://www.who.int/immunization/policy/sage/fr/>

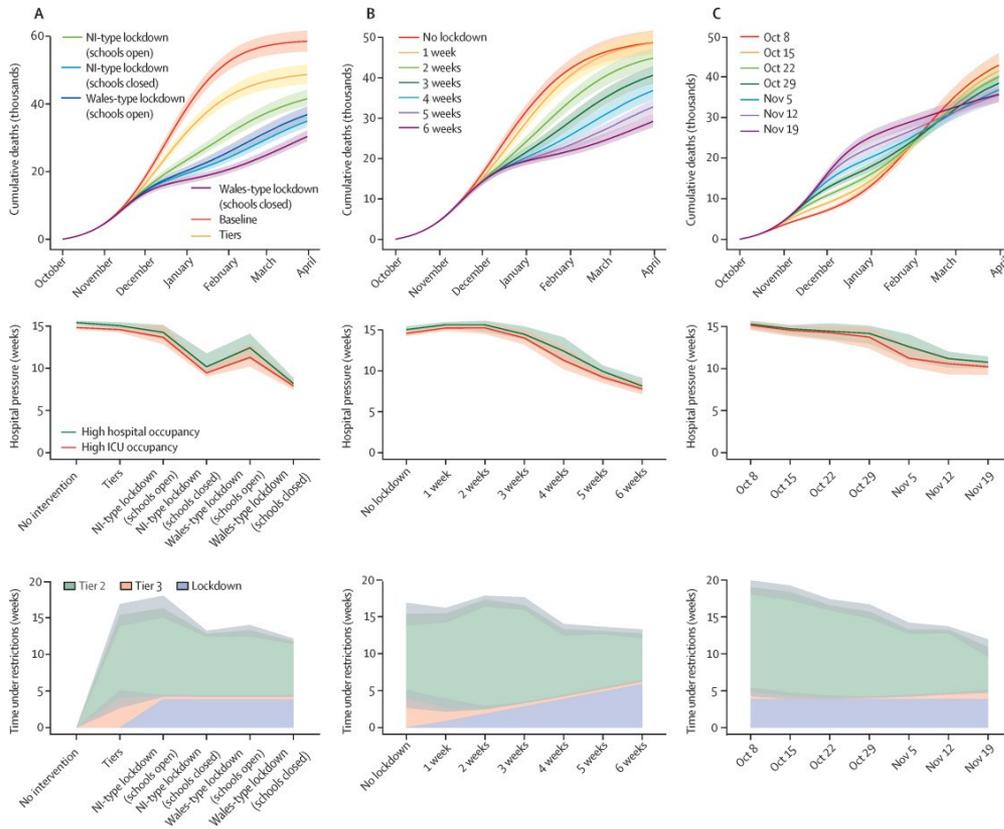


Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP) meeting, US CDC.
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html>

Example 1: Decision analytic modelling to guide health technology assessment



Example 2: Modelling to guide pandemic response



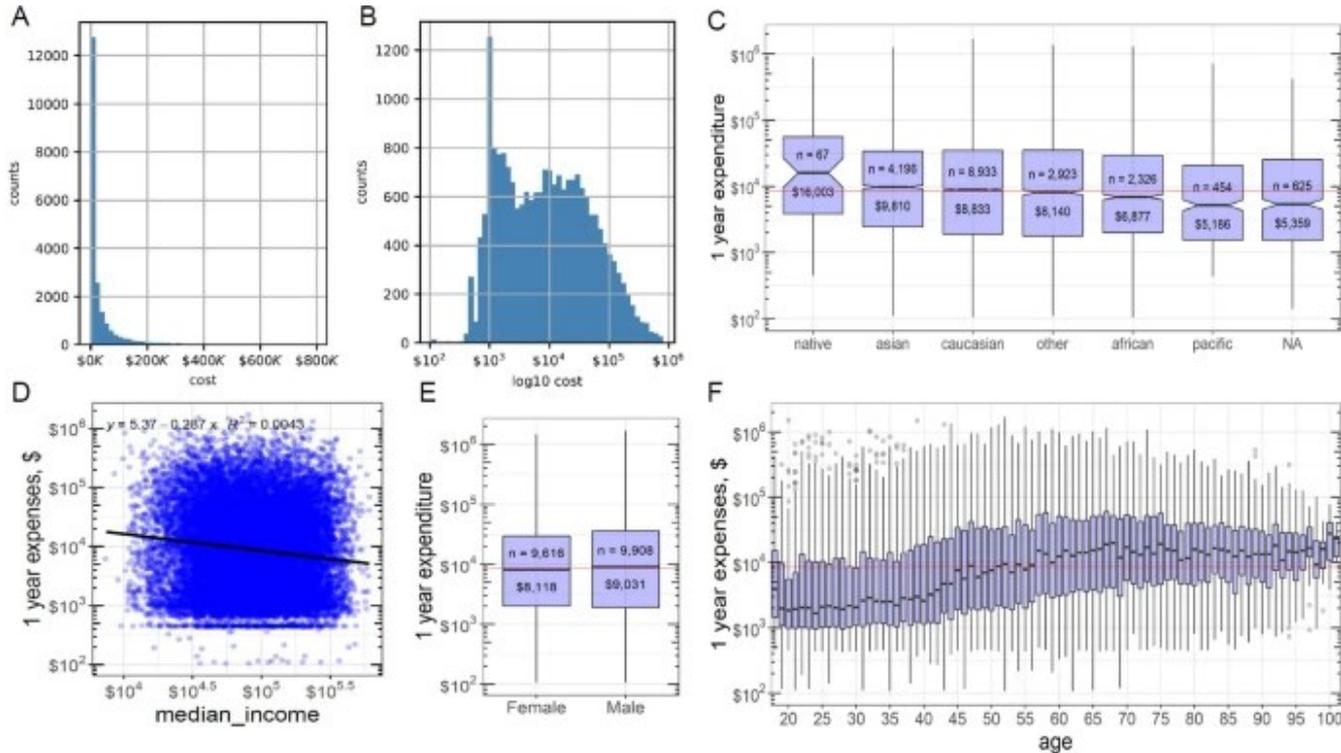
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Example 3: machine learning in health financing

Application	Supervised learning				Unsupervised learning	
	Classification	Variable selection	Regression	Prediction	Clustering	Outlier detection
Forecasting health expenditure	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Assessing health risks in a pool		✓	✓			
Claims review, fraud detection	✓				✓	✓
Design/revision of payments	No information					
Provider performance	No information					
Claims analysis to design benefits			✓	✓	✓	
Identifying beneficiaries	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Beneficiary enrolment	✓					

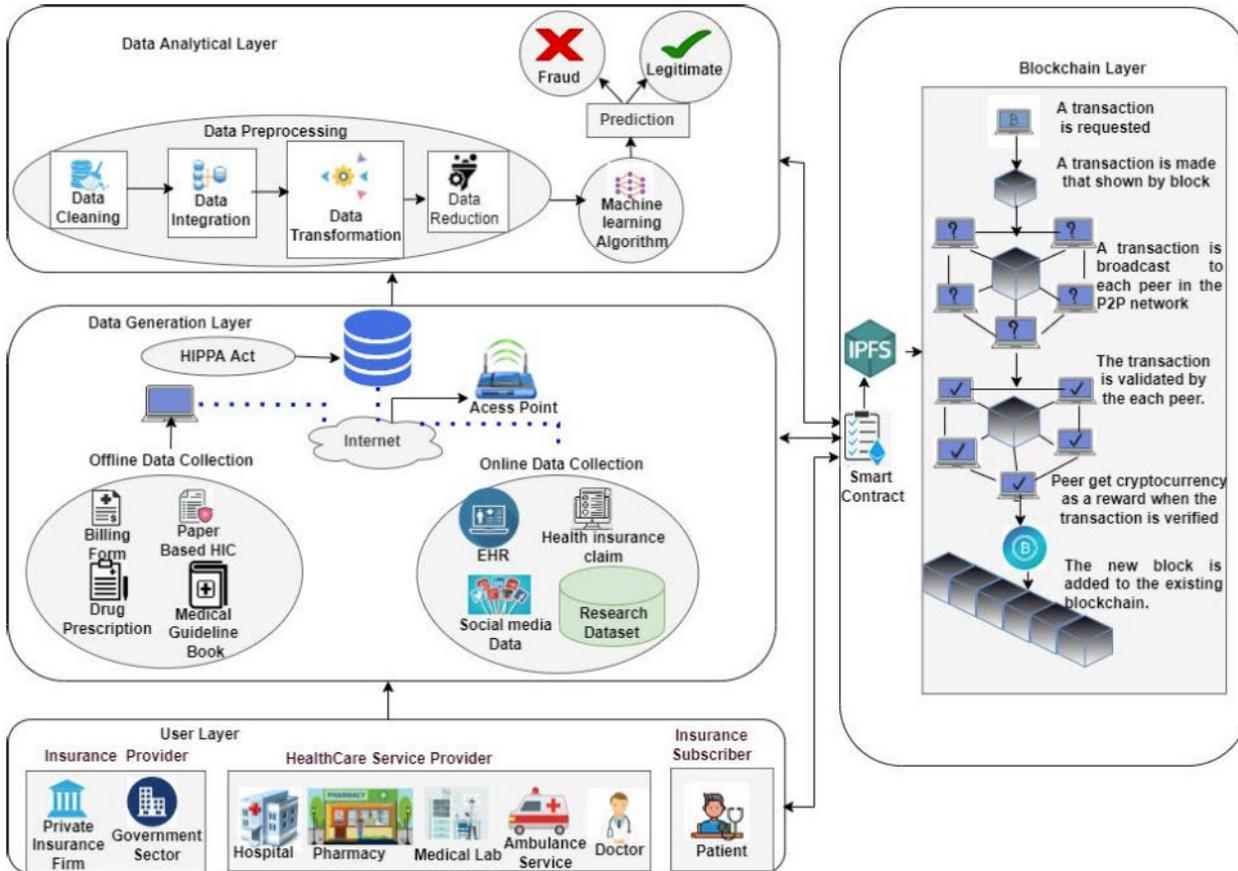
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Sohn et al. Prediction of future healthcare expenses of patients from chest radiographs using deep learning: a pilot study. *Sci Rep* 2022; 12(1):8344. doi: 10.1038/s41598-022-12551-4.

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Blockchain and AI for healthcare insurance fraud detection

Kapadiya K et al. Blockchain and AI-empowered Healthcare Insurance Fraud Detection: An Analysis, Architecture, and Future Prospects. IEEE Access 2022: 10. <https://doi.org/10.1109/ACCESS.2022.3194569>

What is changing? Moore's law

Moore's Law: The number of transistors on microchips doubles every two years

Moore's law describes the empirical regularity that the number of transistors on integrated circuits doubles approximately every two years. This advancement is important for other aspects of technological progress in computing – such as processing speed or the price of computers.

Our World
in Data

Transistor count

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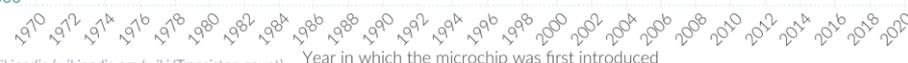
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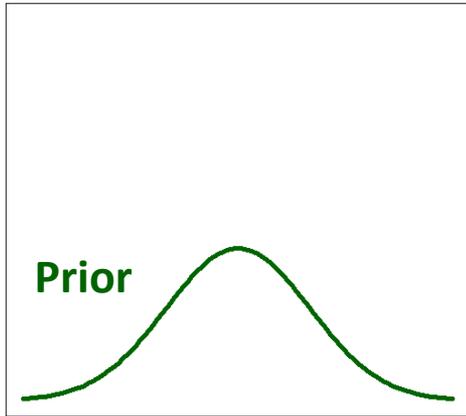


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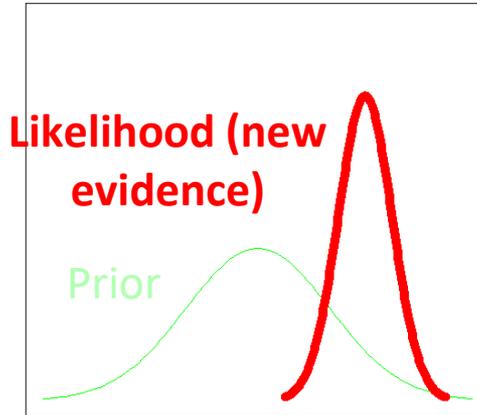
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Bayesian statistical inference

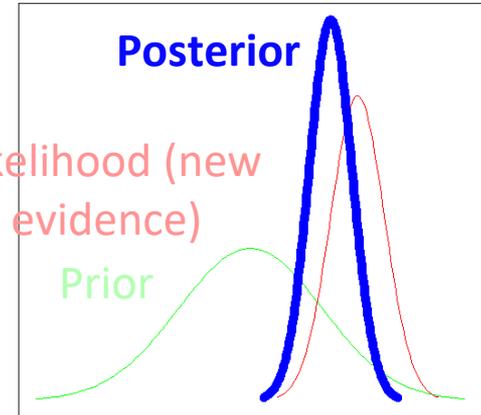


Example: What we believe about the probability of dying from a disease.

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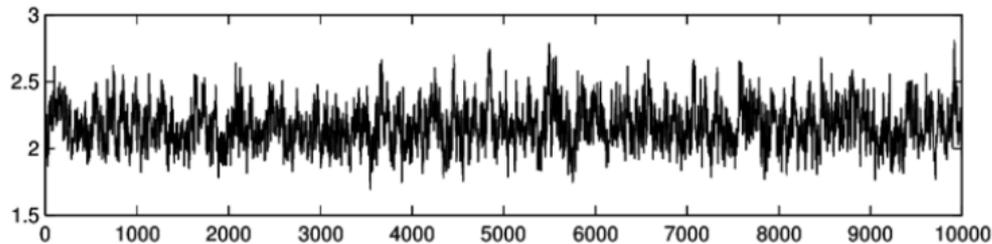


Example: Data from people who have the disease



Example: Our updated belief about the probability of dying from the disease

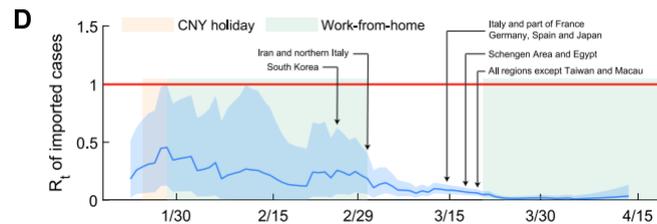
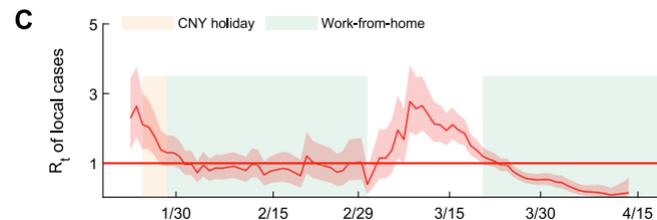
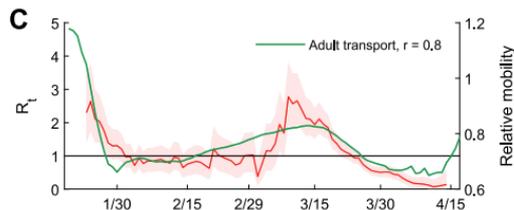
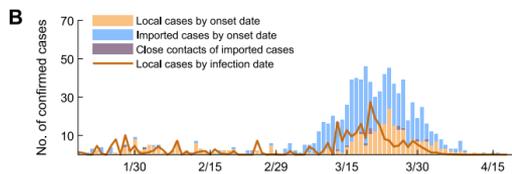
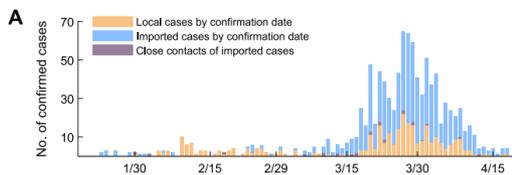
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Computationally
expensive step!

Example: real-time COVID-19 tracking using Bayesian inference

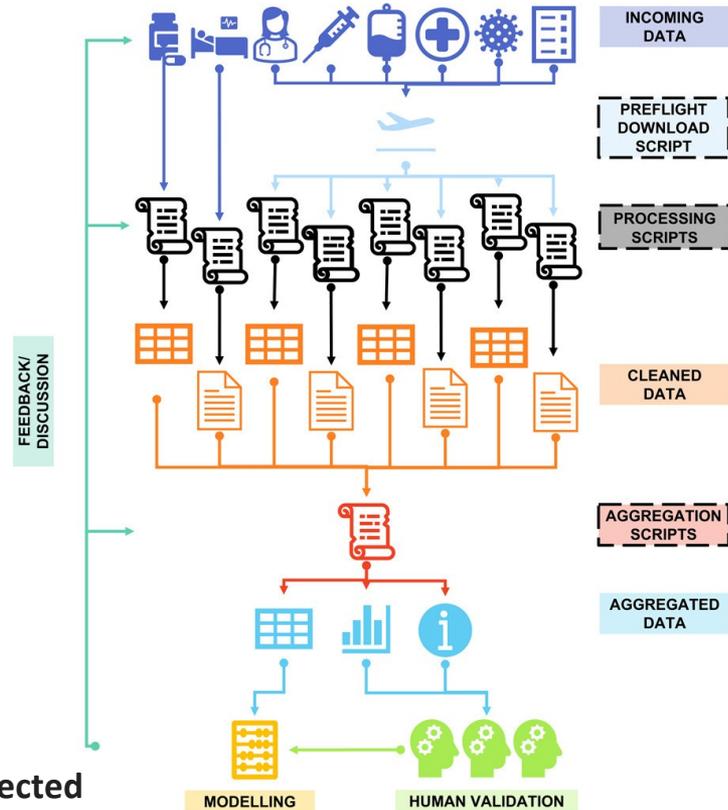
Daily COVID-19 cases in Hong Kong



Inferred R_t
(transmissibility of SARS-CoV-2)

Population mobility from Octopus (public transport) card use

Automated data processing pipelines

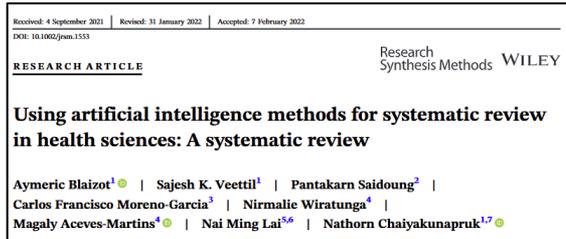
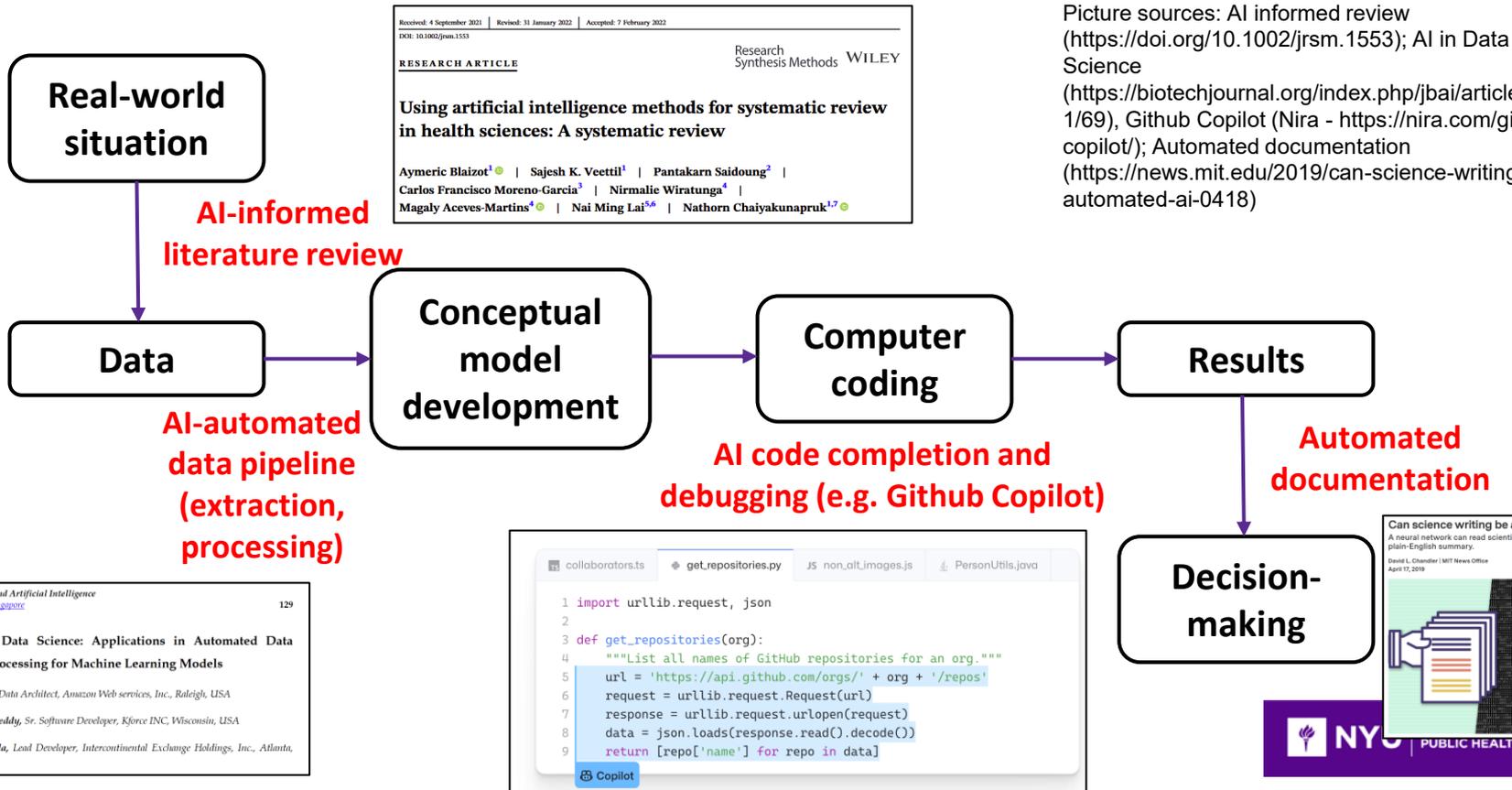


Example: case reports for Ebola

Gaythorpe KAM et al. Data pipelines in a public health emergency: The human in the machine. *Epidemics* 2023; 43:100676. doi: 10.1016/j.epidem.2023.100676.

Example: projected epidemic curves

Public health modelling using AI



Picture sources: AI informed review (<https://doi.org/10.1002/jrsm.1553>); AI in Data Science (<https://biotechjournal.org/index.php/jbai/article/view/1769>), Github Copilot (Nira - <https://nira.com/github-copilot/>); Automated documentation (<https://news.mit.edu/2019/can-science-writing-be-automated-ai-0418>)

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1 import urllib.request, json
2
3 def get_repositories(org):
4     """List all names of GitHub repositories for an org."""
5     url = 'https://api.github.com/orgs/' + org + '/repos'
6     request = urllib.request.Request(url)
7     response = urllib.request.urlopen(request)
8     data = json.loads(response.read().decode())
9     return [repo['name'] for repo in data]
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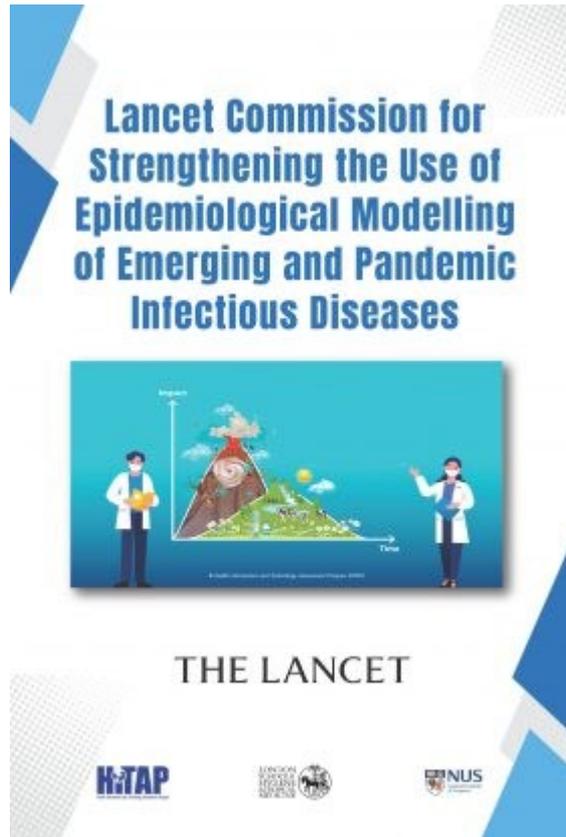
Copilot



Challenges and risks

<u>Challenges</u>	<u>Possible solutions</u>
Data biases and incompleteness	Investing in surveillance, EHR (including mobile platforms)
Digital divide in resources (technical, financial, infrastructure) between rich/poor and private/public	Capacity strengthening Skip directly to handheld device era?
Regulatory / data protection	Establishing regulatory frameworks Community engagement - local values
Cultural appropriateness, political buy-in	Locally-developed AI systems Expanded training data sets Diverse development teams
Lack of transparency / explainability	Develop explainable AI systems and mechanistic models

Lancet Commission



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