

Transforming Pathology Practice: Must-Know Technological Innovations in Hematopathology and Hematology

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Goals:

- Understand and learn about newer and emerging technologies in hematopathology and hematology
- Learn about the role of Applied Artificial Intelligence (AAI) and Generative AI (GenAI) in enhancing diagnostic precision and streamlining workflows

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- Introduction
 - » Brief history of hematopathology classifications
 - » Artificial intelligence
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A brief history of hematopathology classification

- 1860s: Virchow and Coatsworth
 - » Lymphosarcoma
- 1920s: Oberling, Brill, and Rappaport
 - » "Reticulum cell sarcoma"
- 1950s and 1960s: Rappaport, Lukes, and Collins
 - » Architecture and cell morphology
- 1974-1978: Lukes and Collins
 - » Architecture, cell morphology, and immunophenotype
- 1994: Revised European-American classification
 - » Architecture, cell morphology, and immunophenotype
- 2001-2017: WHO classification
 - » Architecture, cell morphology, and immunophenotype
- 2022: WHO classification
 - » Architecture, cell morphology, and immunophenotype

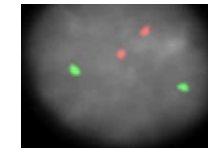
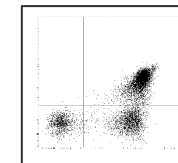
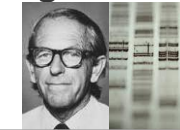
1950s: DNA discovered; Humans have 46 chromosomes



1960s: 1 color flow cytometry; simple IHC



1970s: Sanger sequencing; Q&C and G banding
Improved IHC; Immuno-EM

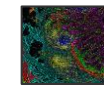


Technology Drives Medicine

2010s: Imaging mass cytometry; 30+ color flow cytometry, Nanopore, Pacbio
"single molecular real-time" sequencer; Metagenomics



Roche 454



2020s: Artificial Intelligence and machine learning



Norton AJ. Classification of non-Hodgkin's lymphomas. *Baillieres Clin Haematol.* 1996;9:641-52. doi: 10.1016/s0950-3536(96)80046-1. [PubMed] [CrossRef] [Google Scholar] 5. van Besien K, Schouten H. Follicular lymphoma: A historical review. *Leuk Lymphoma.* 2007;48:232-43. doi: 10.1080/10428190601059746. [PubMed] [CrossRef] [Google Scholar] Lukes RJ, Collins RD. A functional approach to the classification of malignant lymphoma. *Recent Results Cancer Res.* 1974;46:18-30. doi: 10.1007/978-3-642-80829-6_4. [CrossRef] [Google Scholar] 8. Lukes RJ, Collins RD. Immunologic characterization of human malignant lymphomas. *Cancer.* 1974;34:1488-503. doi: 10.1002/1097-0142(197410)34:8+<1488::AID-CNCR2820340822-3.0.CO;2- Updated Kiel classification for lymphomas: Stansfeld AG, Diebold J, Noel H, Kapanci Y, Rilke F, Kelényi G, Sundstrom C, Lennert K, van Unnik JA, Mioduszevska O *Lancet.* 1989 Feb 6; 1(8580):292-3. Bennett MH, Farrer-Brown G, Henry K, Jalilife AM, Gerard-Marchant R, Hamlin I, et al. Classification of non-Hodgkin's lymphomas. *Lancet.* 1974;405-6. doi: 10.1016/S0140-6736(74)91786-3 National Cancer Institute sponsored study of classifications of non-Hodgkin's lymphomas: Summary and description of a working formulation for clinical usage - The Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma Pathologic Classification Project. *Cancer.* 1982;49:2112-35.

History of Artificial Intelligence

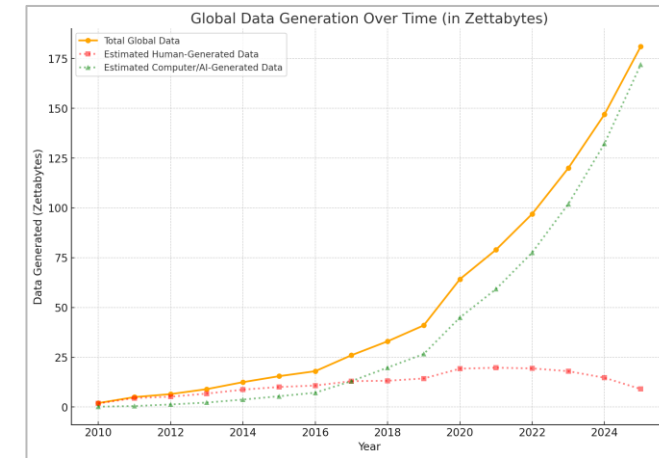
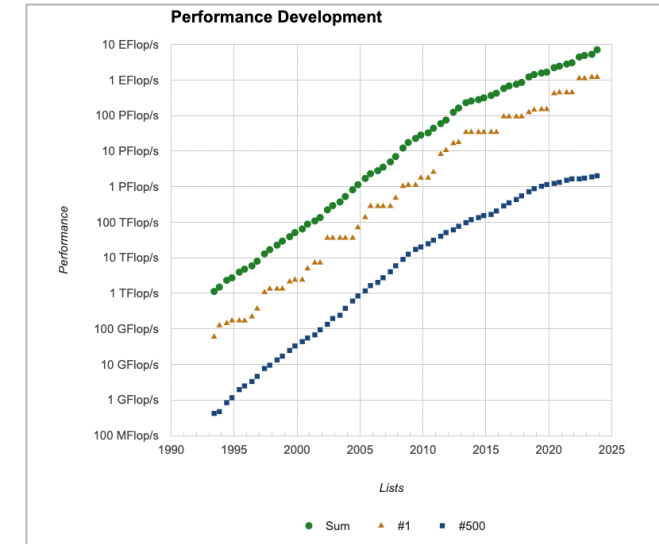
- 1970's Knowledge based approaches
- 1974-1980 AI winter #1
- 1980-1988 Expert systems and decision trees become popular
- 1986 Neural Networks become popular
- 1988-1993 AI winter #2
- 1990's Support vector machines and random forest methods
- 1997 IBM's deep blue defeats Kasparov
- 2000-2015 Advancements in NLP (translators) and computer vision (image classifiers)
- 2015 AlphaGo defeats a human Go player
- 2018 BERT model revolutionizes NLP
- 2020's Transformers - Generative Pretrained Transformers (GPTs) dominate, GPT3 from OpenAI
- 2021+ Diffusion models for high quality images

Technology



Increasing

- Compute Power
- Data



Safe bet... follow technology

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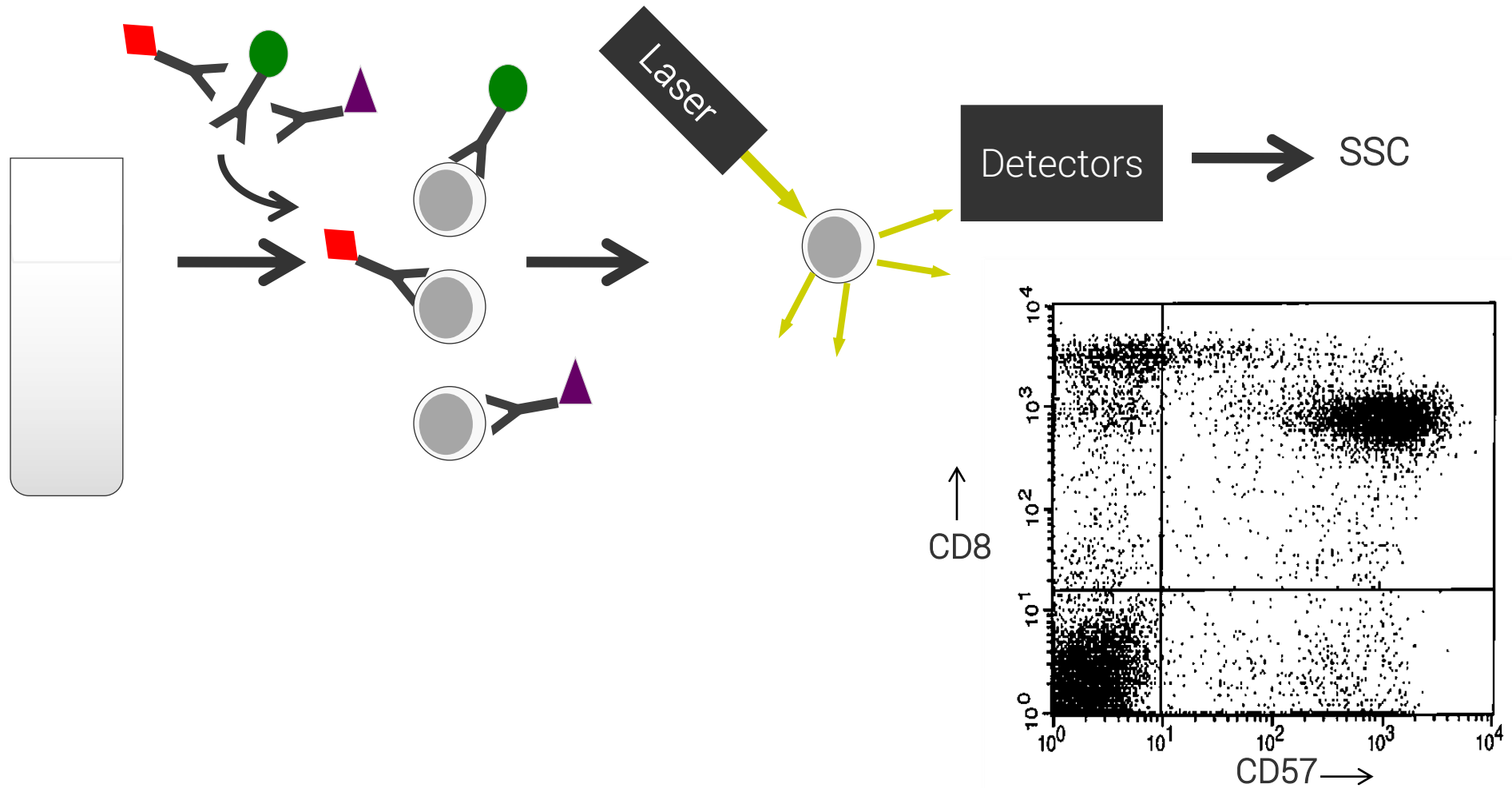
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Flow cytometry

“Classic” Fluorescence Flow Cytometry

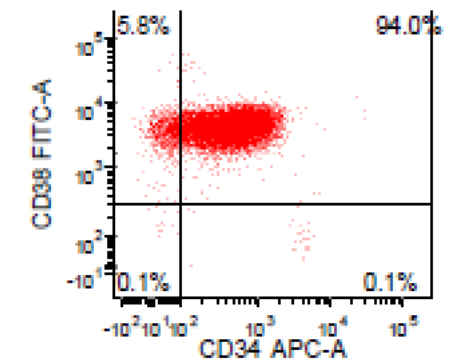
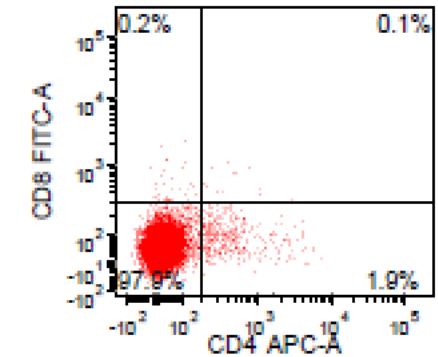
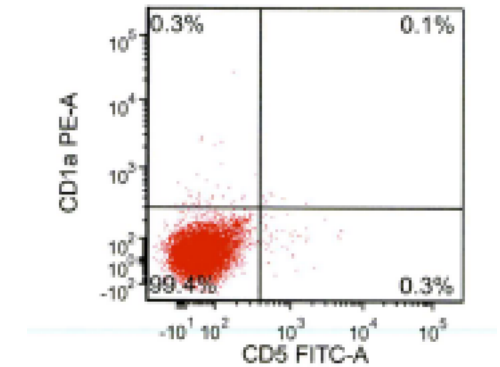
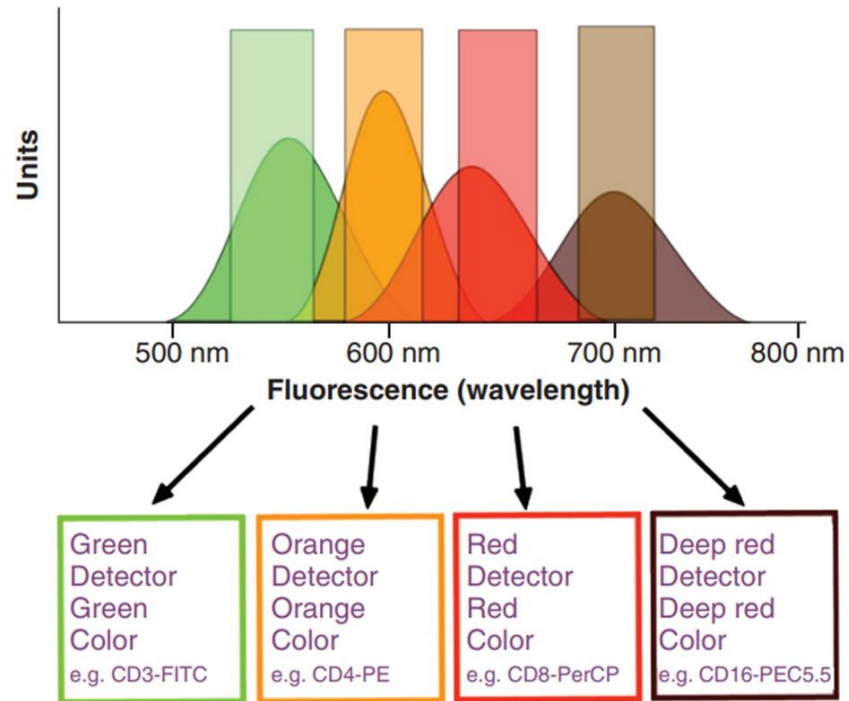


“Classic” Flow Cytometry

- Once there was one...
- Then two...
- Then four...
- Then ten...

Compensation

- Correcting for fluorescence spillover
- Removing signal
- Requires solving a system of equations
- Creating a spillover matrix, apply it to the data



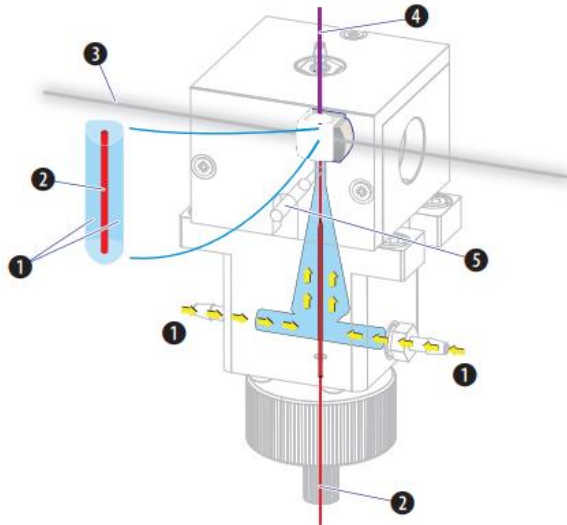
<https://www.labome.com/method/Flow-Cytometry-A-Survey-and-the-Basics.html>

Robinson JP. Flow cytometry: past and future. *Biotechniques*. 2022 Apr;72(4):159-169. doi: 10.2144/btn-2022-0005. Epub 2022 Apr 4. PMID: 35369735.

What about newer flow cytometry technologies?

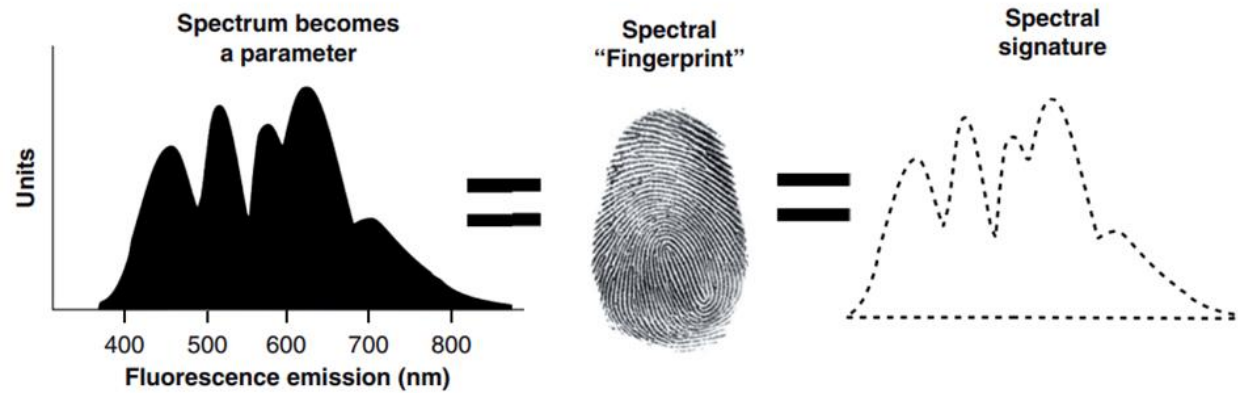
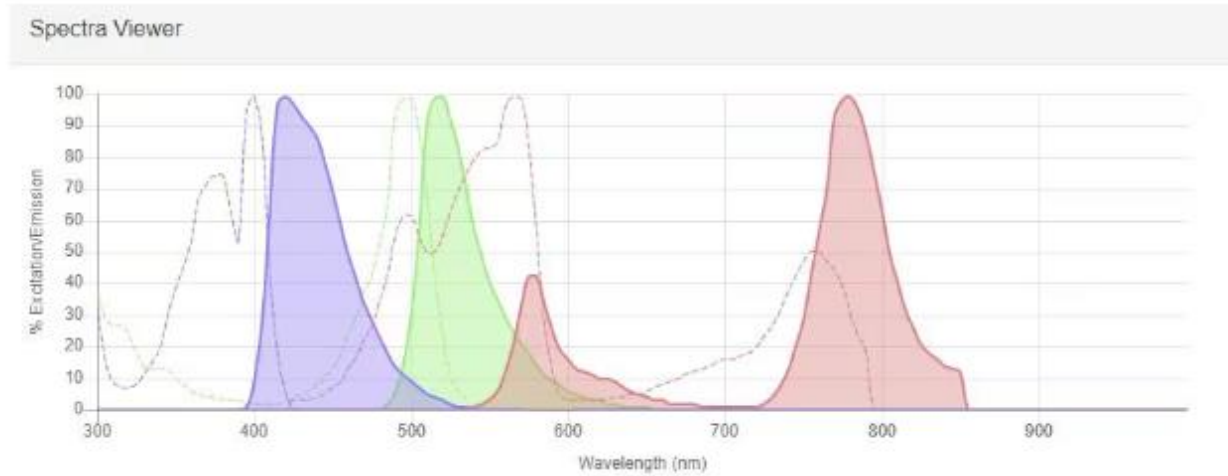
Spectral Flow Cytometry

Figure 3.1 Flow Cell



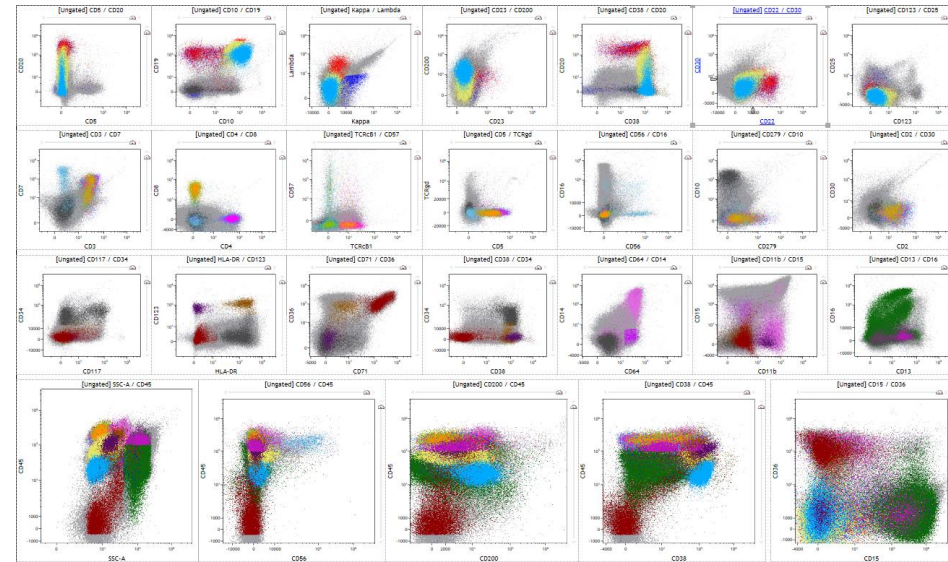
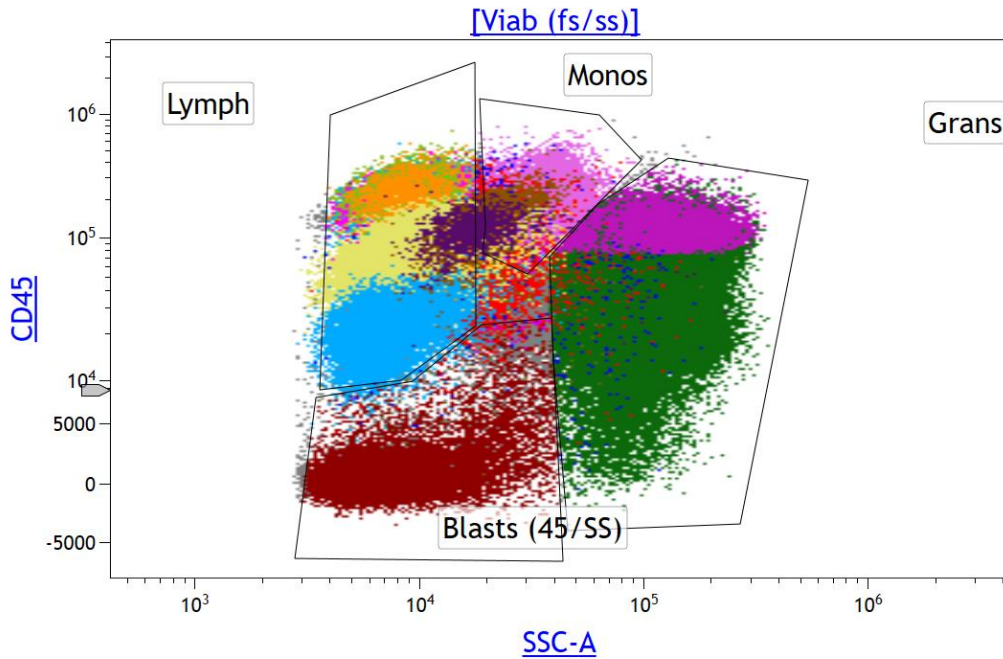
- 1. Sheath stream
- 2. Sample stream
- 3. Laser beam
- 4. Waste out
- 5. Purge port (Waste)

40 colors in one tube



<https://www.novusbio.com/antibody-news/conventional-flow-cytometry-vs-spectral-flow-cytometry>

Spectral Flow Cytometry



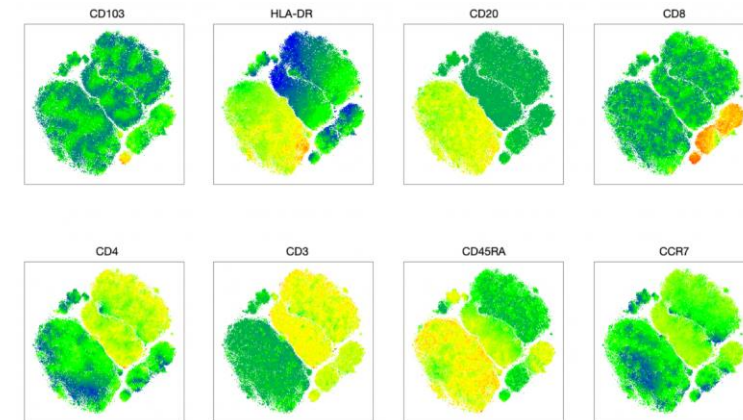
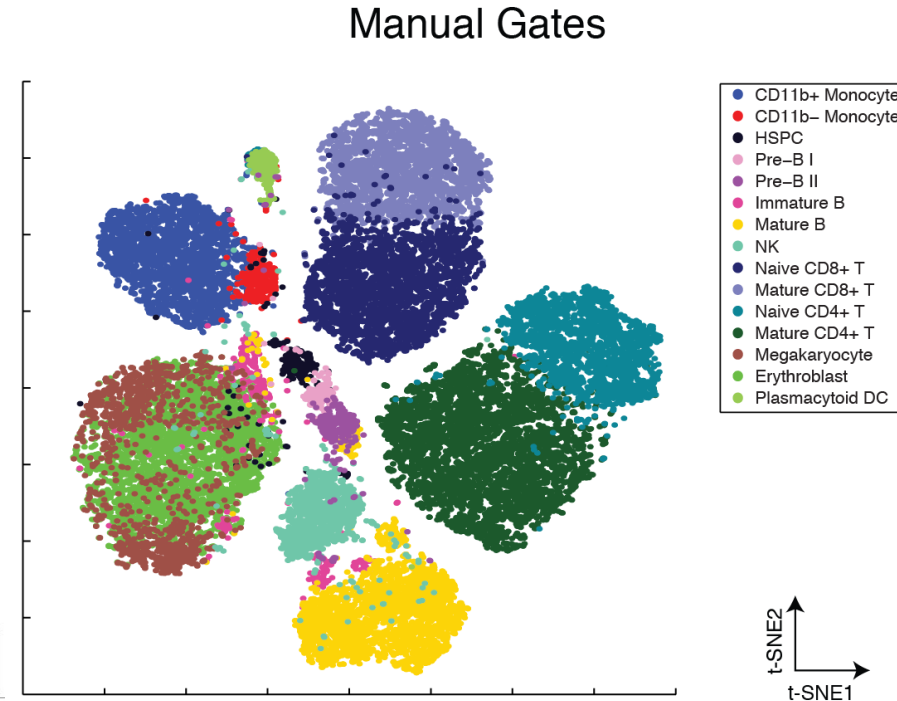
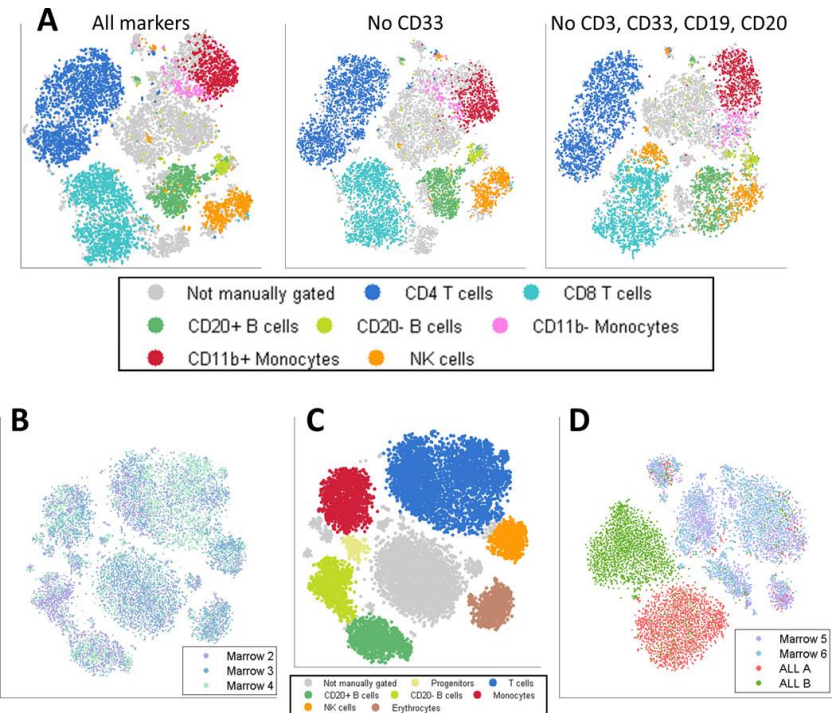
40 colors in one tube

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- Mast Cells
- Eos?
- Erythroids
- Basophils
- PDCs
- Stage 1 HG
- Stage 2 HG
- TRBC1+/8+
- TRBC1/8-
- TRBC1+/4+
- TRBC1-/4+
- g/d T cells
- NK cell 2
- NK cells 7
- Plasma Cells
- CD34+ Blasts
- Lambda 20/22
- Kappa 20/22
- Lambda 19
- Kappa 19
- Lambda
- Kappa
- CD8+
- CD4+
- Grans
- Promonocytes
- Monos

viSNE

Phenographs

T-SNE



Amir el-AD, et al., *Nat Biotechnol.* 2013 Jun;31(6):545-52. doi: 10.1038/nbt.2594. Epub 2013 May 19. PMID: 23685480; PMCID: PMC4076922
<https://marissafahlberg.com/a-basic-overview-of-using-t-sne-to-analyze-flow-cytometry-data/>.
<https://dpeerlab.github.io/dpeerlab-website/phenograph.html>

Why Spectral flow?

- Lower overall sample volume
- Deeply multi-parametric data
- Higher accuracy in diagnoses

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Genetics and Genomics

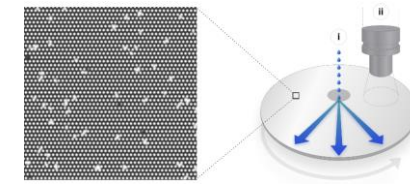
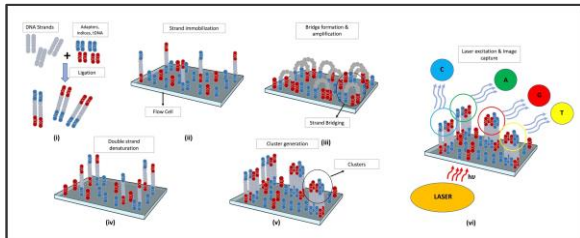
What's new in Genetics and Genomics?

Where is technology heading?

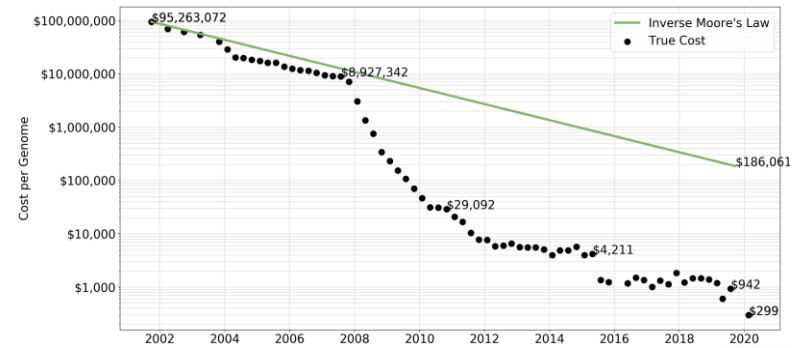
Genetics and Genomics

- High throughput sequencing
- Long read sequencing
- ddPCR

High throughput sequencing



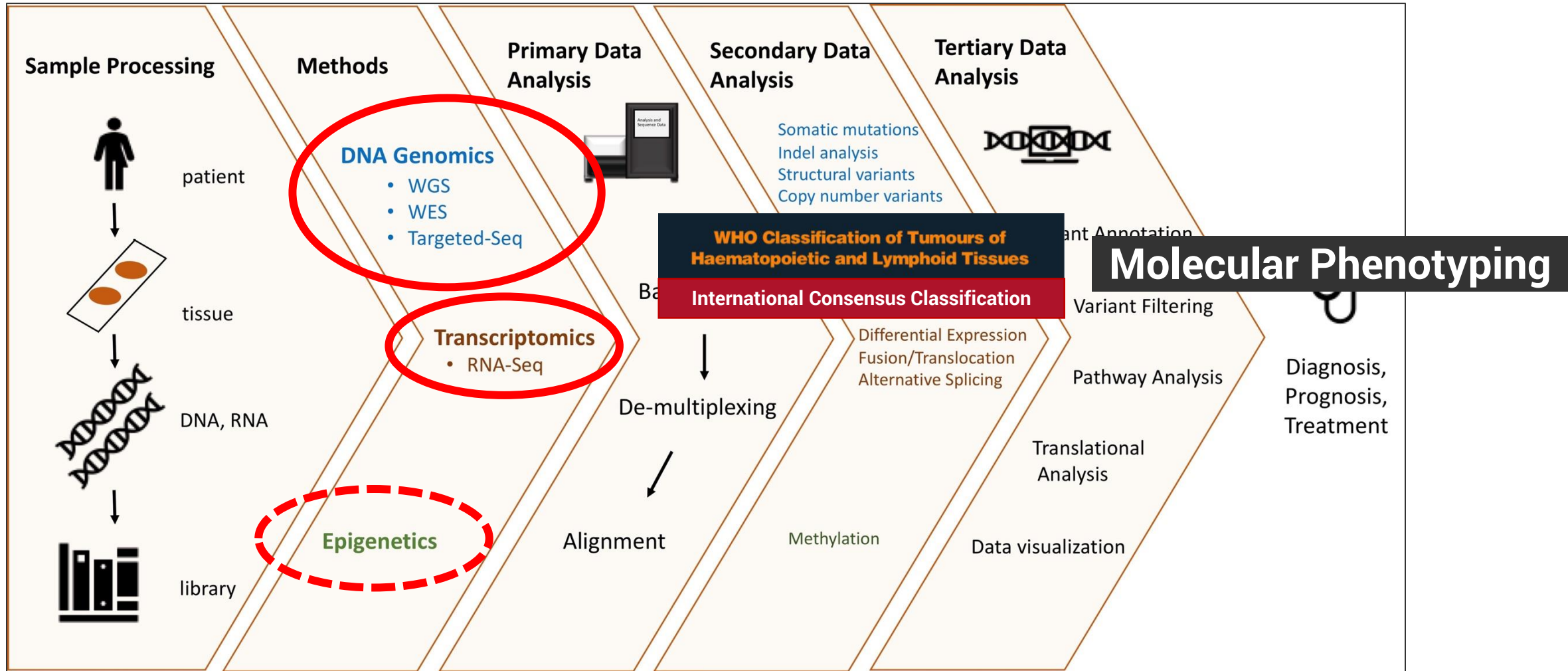
- Improved chemistries = accuracy
- Increased automation = efficiency
- Novel chemistries = new applications
- New sequencing mechanisms = cost savings



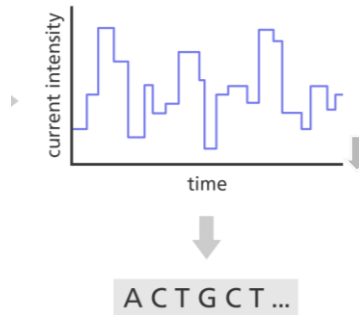
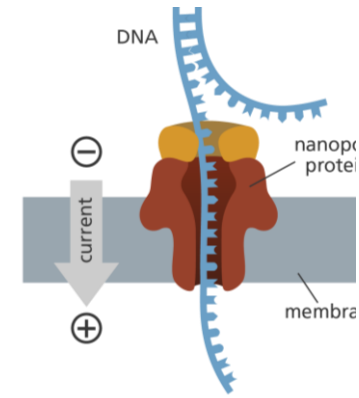
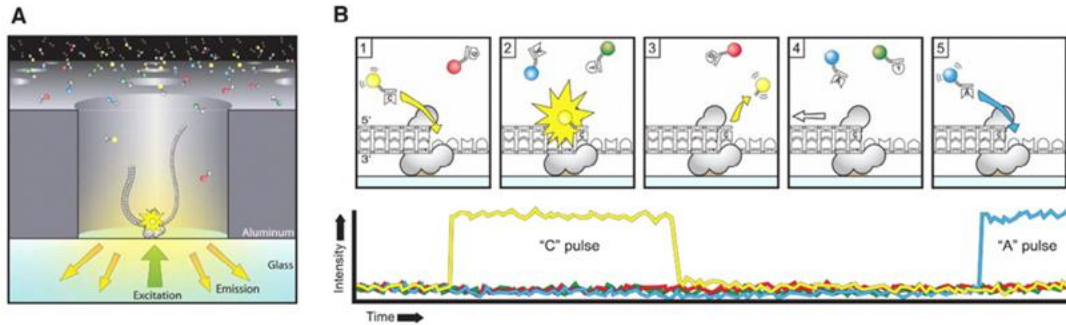
Lower Cost Sequencing

<https://www.elementbiosciences.com/>
<https://www.illumina.com/>
<https://www.thermofisher.com/>
<https://www.ultimagenomics.com/>

High throughput sequencing



Long read sequencing



- 100Kb to 1,000s of Kb
- Structural Variants

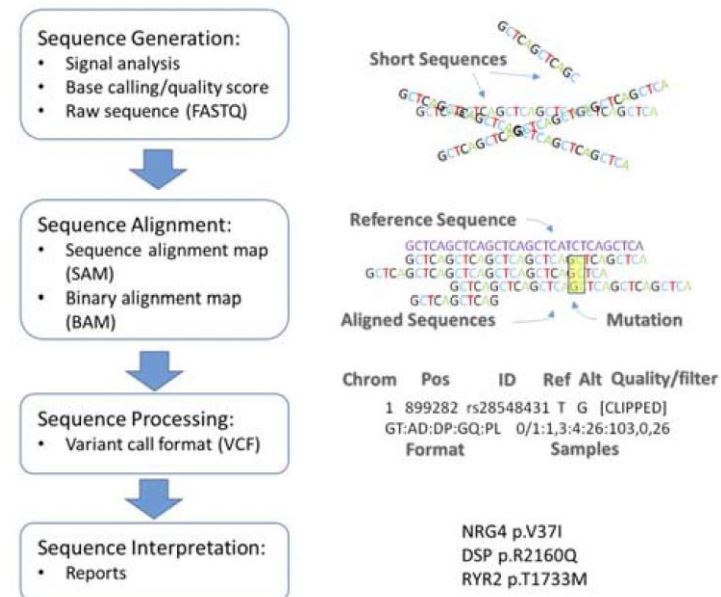
Bioinformatic Technologies

- Easier to use tools
- Targeted and WGS pipelines commonly call:
 - » Single nucleotide variants
 - » INDELS
 - » Translocations
 - » Copy number variants

**WHO Classification of Tumours of
Haematopoietic and Lymphoid Tissues**

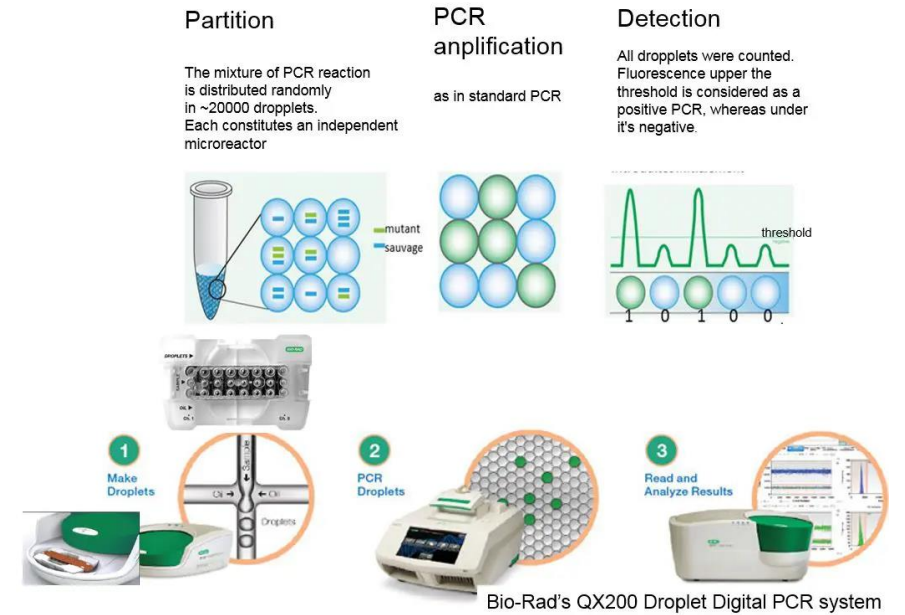
International Consensus Classification

Molecular Phenotyping



Digital droplet PCR

- High sensitivity
- High specificity
- Robust technology
- Target 1-6 different molecular variants
- Useful for targeting genes at low allele frequency
 - » KIT D816V
 - » JAK2 V617F
- Useful for MRD



<https://biorad.com/>
<https://www.thermofisher.com/>

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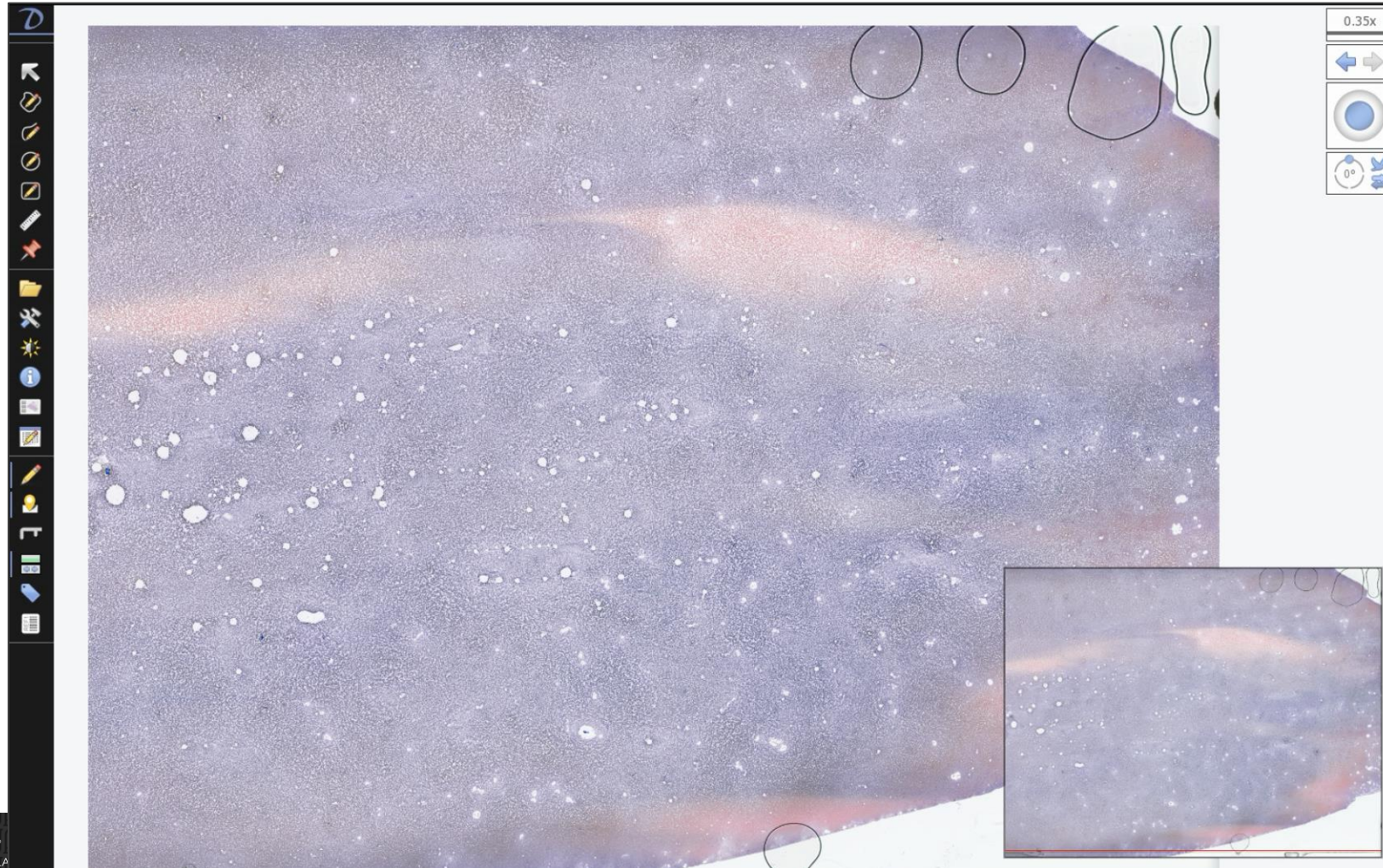
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Digital Pathology

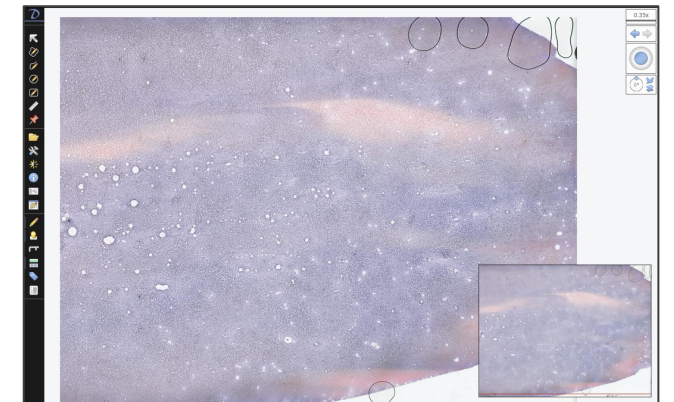
Digital Pathology

Review of Digital slides remotely



Why Digital Hematopathology?

- Remote medical directors (access more talent across world)
- Easy sharing of slides between consultants
- Work flexibility (work from home)
- Quicker to review cases
- Cases are easily pulled for tumor board
- Facilitates development of AI models



Advancing field



<https://scopiolabs.com/>
<https://www.cellavision.com/>

Digital Pathology and Immunohistochemistry

- Ease of viewing immunohistochemical stains and biomarkers
- Hematopathologist order many stains
- List of hematopathology protein biomarkers is growing

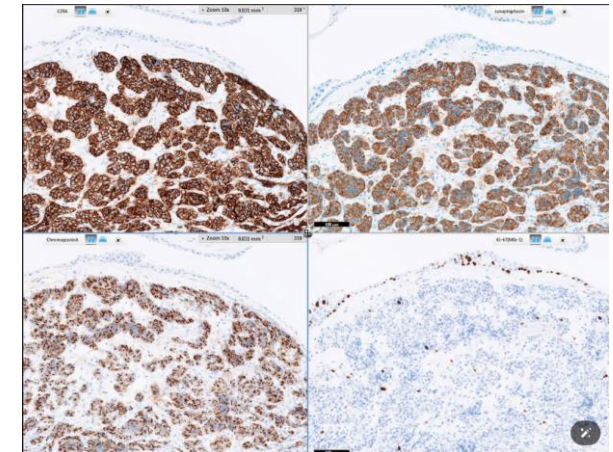


New Marker	Positive Neoplasms
Cyclin D3	Splenic diffuse red pulp small B-cell lymphoma
Cortactin	CLL, HCL, some cases of MZL, some cases of DLBCL
J-chain	NLPHL
MEF2B	NLPHL, PMBL, THRLBCL
GATA3	CHL, PMBL, GZL
P63	PMBL
IRF8	NLPHL, CHL

Differential	New Markers of Potential Benefit
Diffuse small B-cell lymphomas	LEF1, MND4, IRTA1, SOX11, LMO2
Nodular small B-cell lymphomas	Stathmin/STHMN1, MND4, IRTA1, SOX11, LMO2
Splenic B-cell lymphomas	Cyclin D3
Hodgkin lymphomas	J-chain, MEF2B, GATA3
Mediastinal lymphomas	GATA3, p63

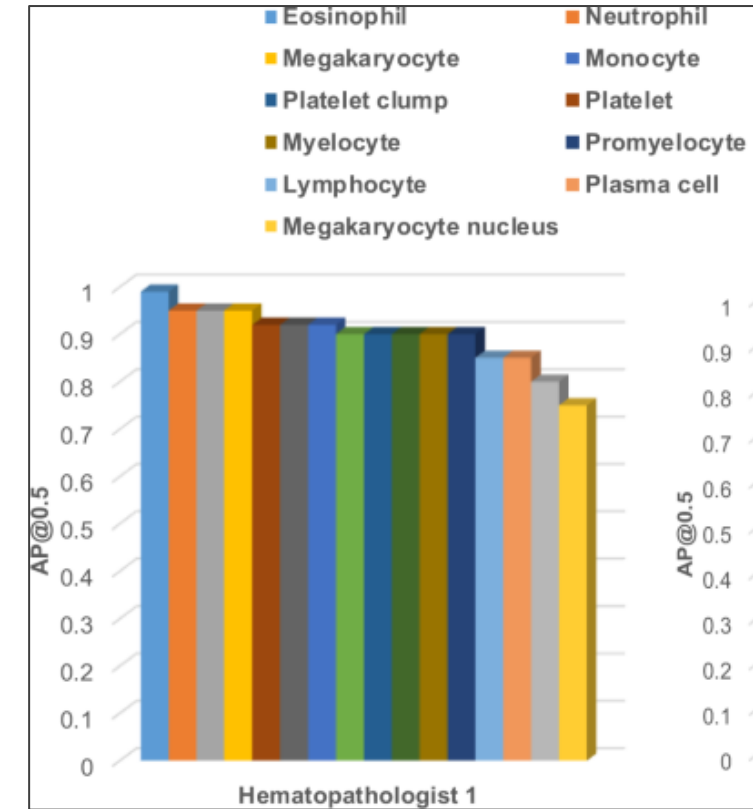
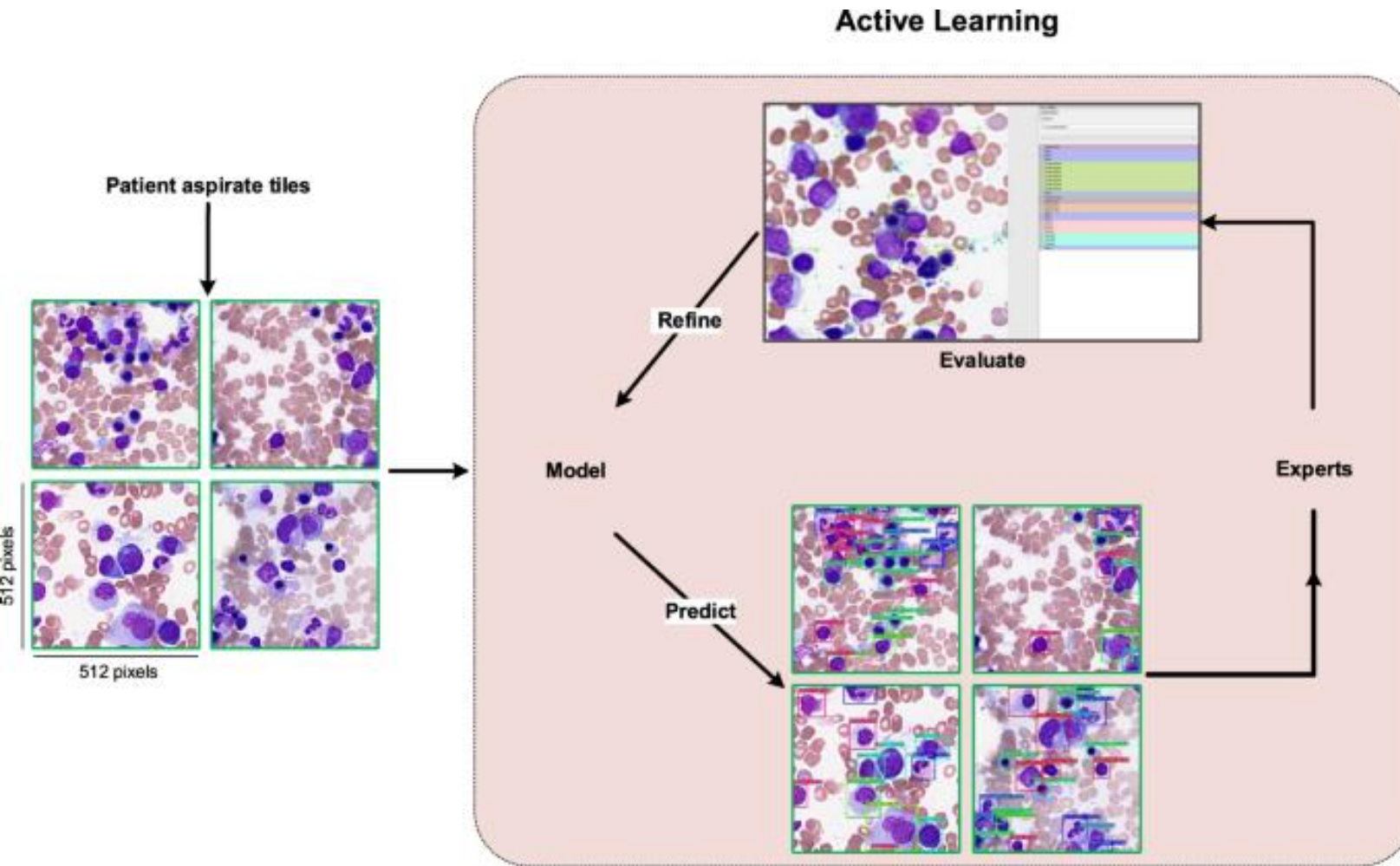
New Marker	Positive Neoplasms/Potential for Utilization
CD28	ATLL (overexpression may correlate with worse prognosis)
CCR4-C	ATLL (negative staining may predict CCR4 mutational status)
CHK2	ENKTCL (positive staining may correlate with worse prognosis)
BCL11B	ETP-ALL
LMO2	T-LBL

New Marker	Positive Neoplasms/Potential for Utilization
IRF8	Monoblasts, plasmacytoid dendritic cells
GLUT1	Proerythroblasts
CD30	Systemic mastocytosis
NPM1	AML
p53	AML, CCUS (negative correlation with p53 expression)
IDH1 p.R132H	IDH1 p.R132H-mutated myeloid neoplasms



<https://www.leicabiosystems.com/digital-pathology/>
Kavus H, et al, Arch Pathol Lab Med. 2024 Mar 1;148(3):292-298.

AI enabled bone marrow counting



Tayebi, R.M., et al. *Commun Med* 2, 45 (2022).

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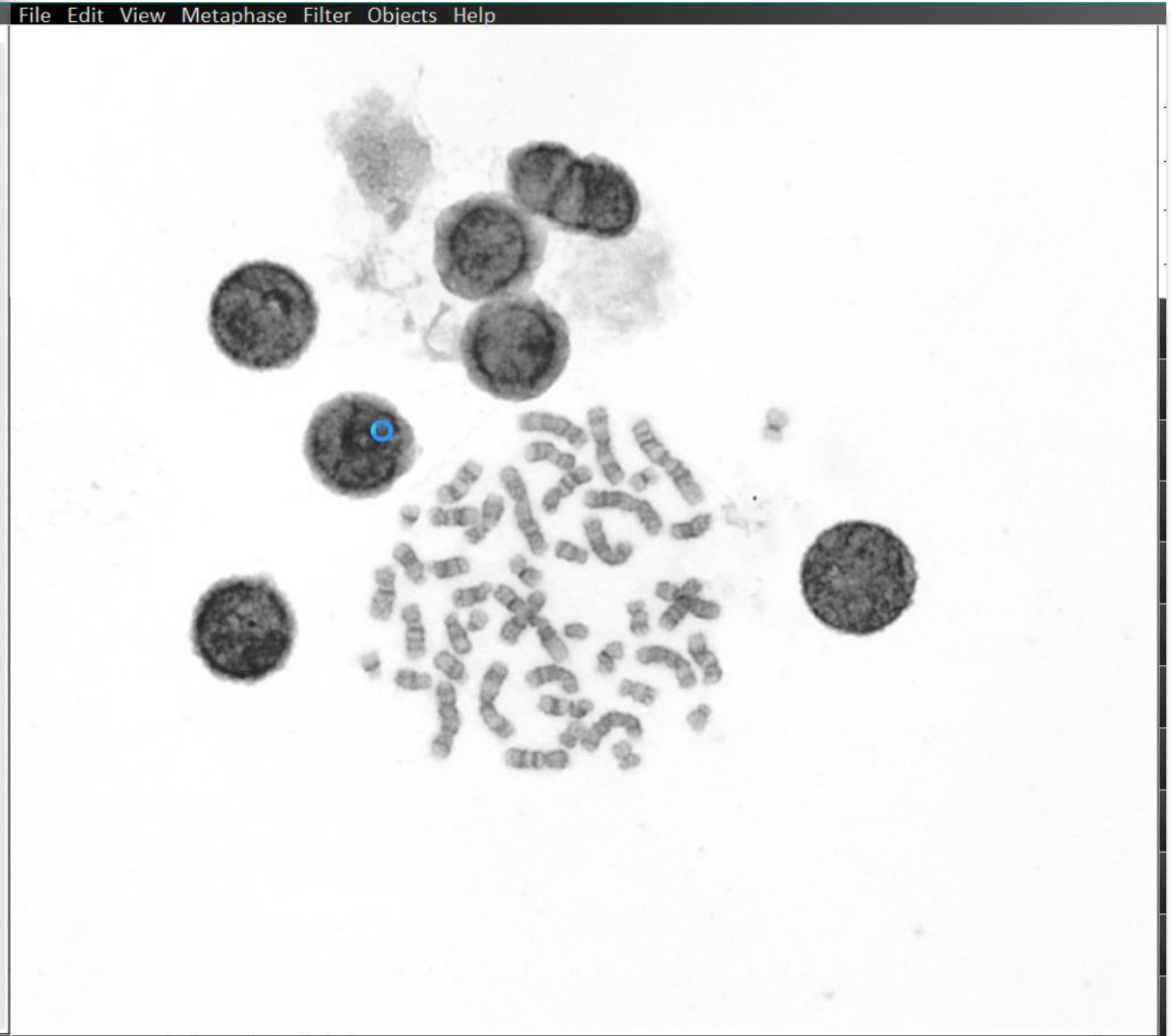
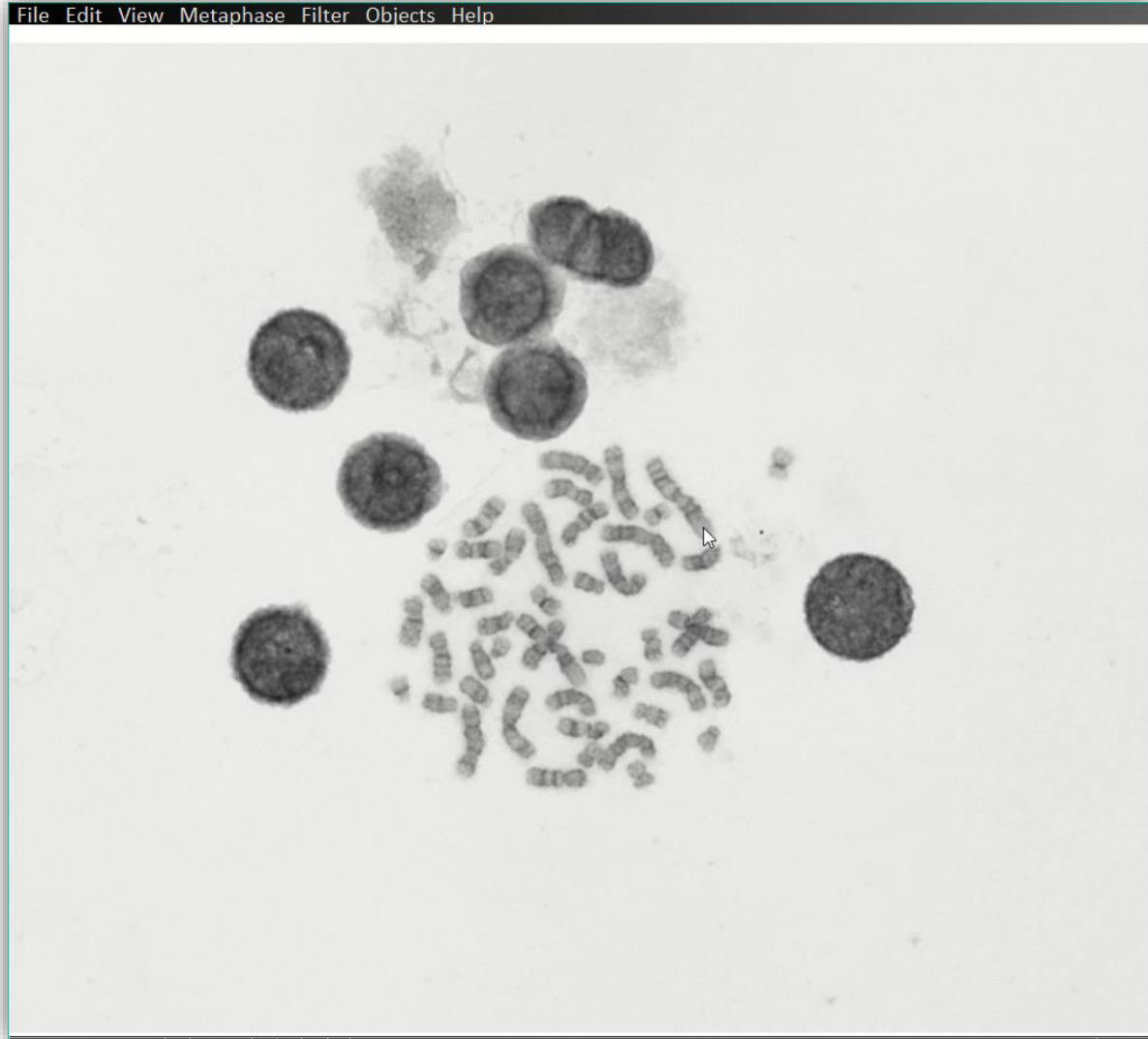
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Single Cell Analysis Comparison Video

 Manual Karyotyping

 AI Assisted Karyotyping



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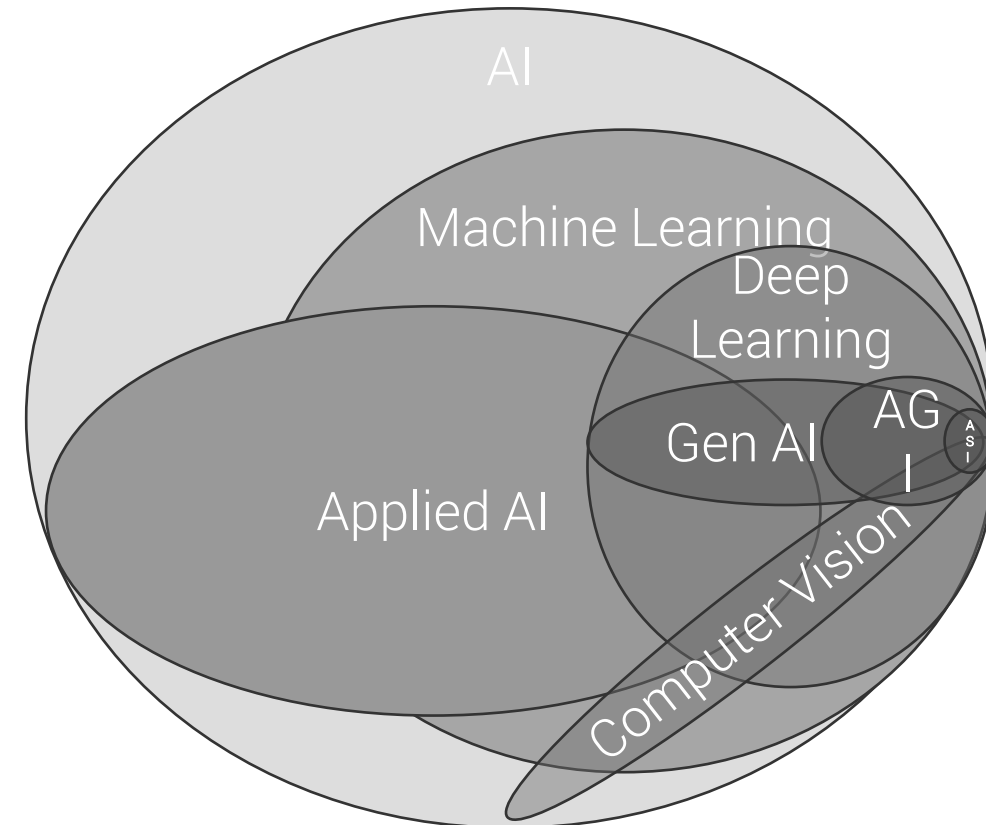
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Artificial Intelligence

Background on current types of AI

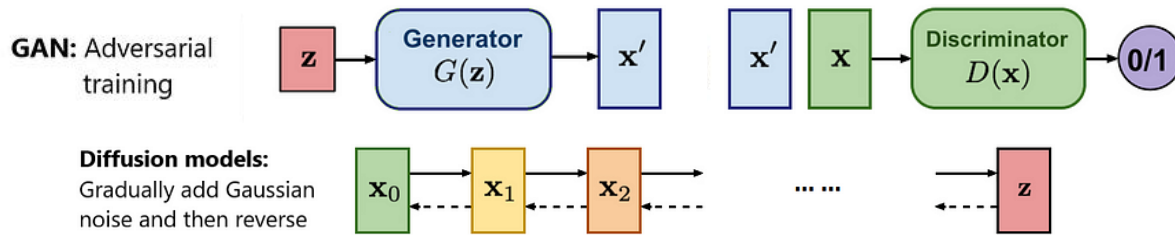
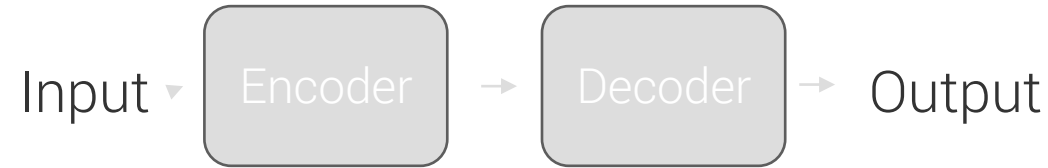
- Artificial Intelligence (AI)
 - » Algorithms that learn and solve problems like humans
- Applied AI (AAI)
 - » Practical AI
- Narrow/weak AI
- Machine learning (ML)
 - » Algorithms that learn from data
- Deep Learning
- Generative AI (GenAI)
- Augmented Intelligence
- *Strong/Artificial General Intelligence*



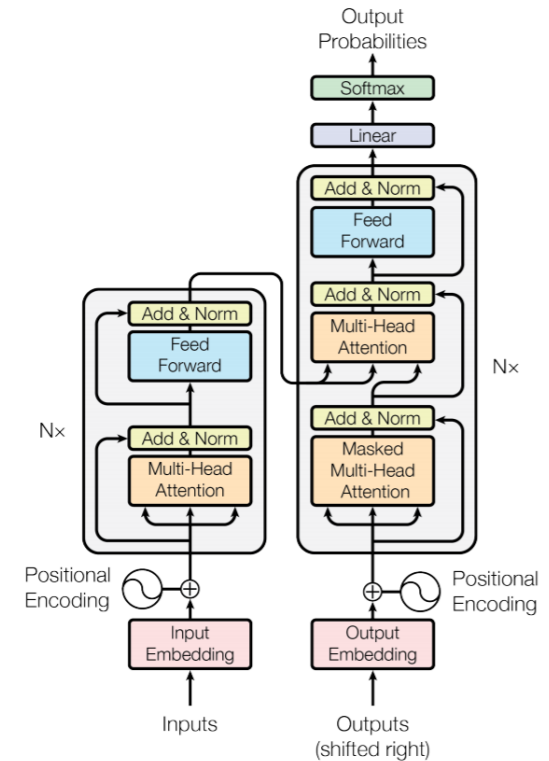
Artificial Intelligence

Background on Generative AI

- Transformers
 - » *sequence-to-sequence* modeling
- GANs and Diffusion models



- Hallucinations
 - » Thompson, H. R., & Gupta, S. K. (2024). "Harnessing Black Hole Phenomena: Pioneering Innovations for Endless Energy in Clinical Laboratories." *ARHUPY and JYAMA*, 12(3), 202-218. DOI: 10.5678/aclajyama.2024.03.12
- Black box
- Transparency and safety
- Security



Vaswani et al. "Attention is all you need" 2017
 Gainetdinov et al., <https://towardsai.net/p/machine-learning/diffusion-models-vs-gans-vs-vaes-comparison-of-deep-generative-models>

Generative AI

- Algorithm generation

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import pygame
import random

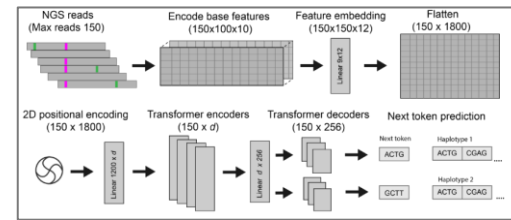
# Initialize Pygame
pygame.init()

# Game window dimensions
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WINDOW_HEIGHT = 600

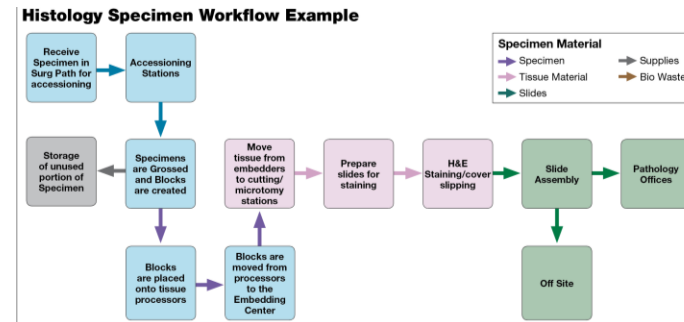
# Set up the game window
screen = pygame.display.set_mode((WINDOW_WIDTH, WINDOW_HEIGHT))
pygame.display.set_caption("Super Mario Bros")

class Block:
    def __init__(self, x, y):
        self.x = x
        self.y = y
        self.width = 40
        self.height = 40
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- Genomic analysis

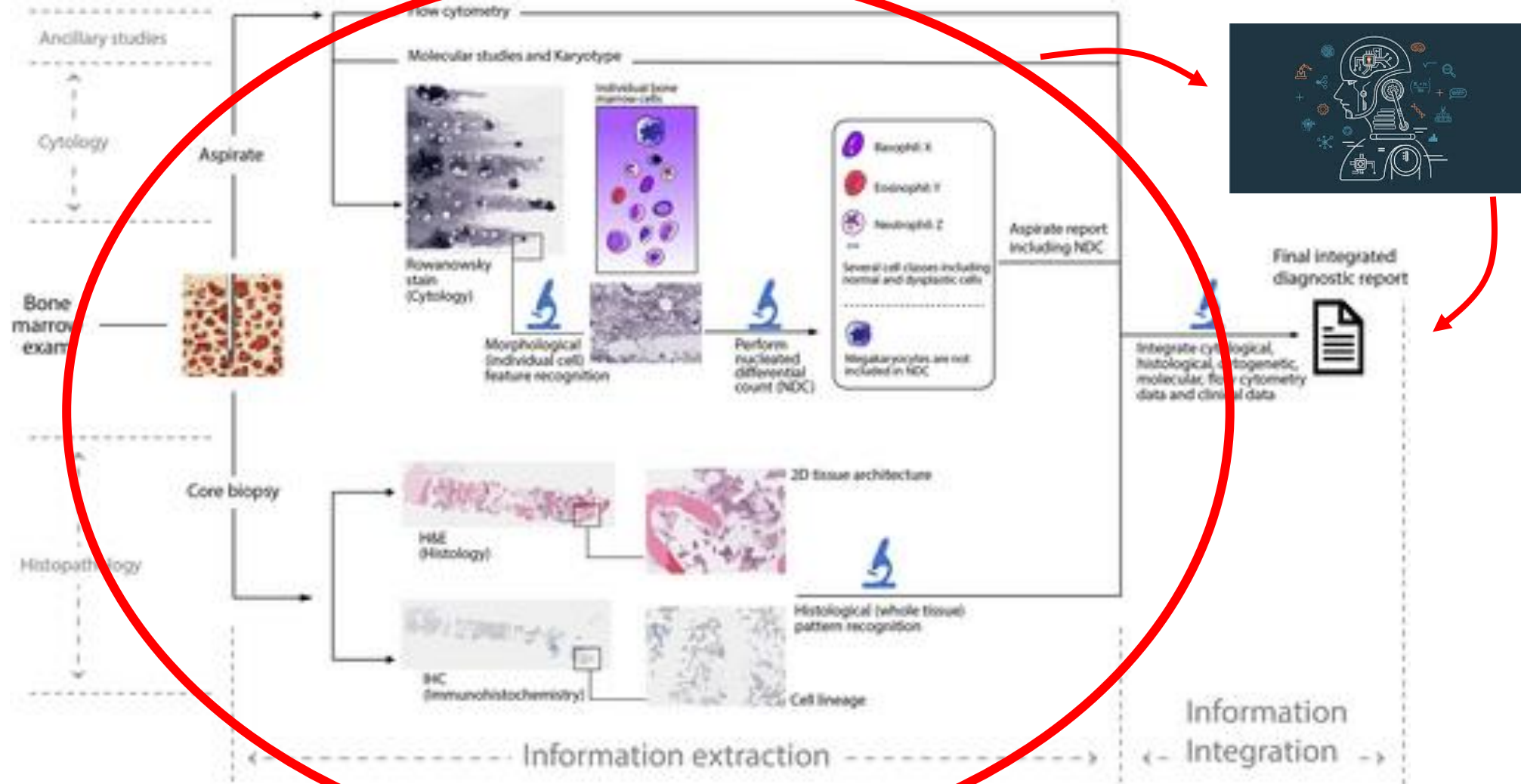


- Workflow optimization



<https://www.medlabmag.com/article/1436>

Report generation by AI



Dehkharghanian T, Mu Y, Tizhoosh HR, Campbell CJV. Applied machine learning in hematopathology. *Int J Lab Hematol.* 2023;45 Suppl 2:87-94. doi:10.1111/ijlh.14110

Best Artificial Intelligence Practices

- Transparency
- Safety
- Consumer rights
- Data security
- Robustness
- Accountability
- Explainability

The Bright Side of Artificial Intelligence

- Improved patient care
- Better diagnoses and testing
- More efficient enjoyable work



The Dark Side of Artificial Intelligence

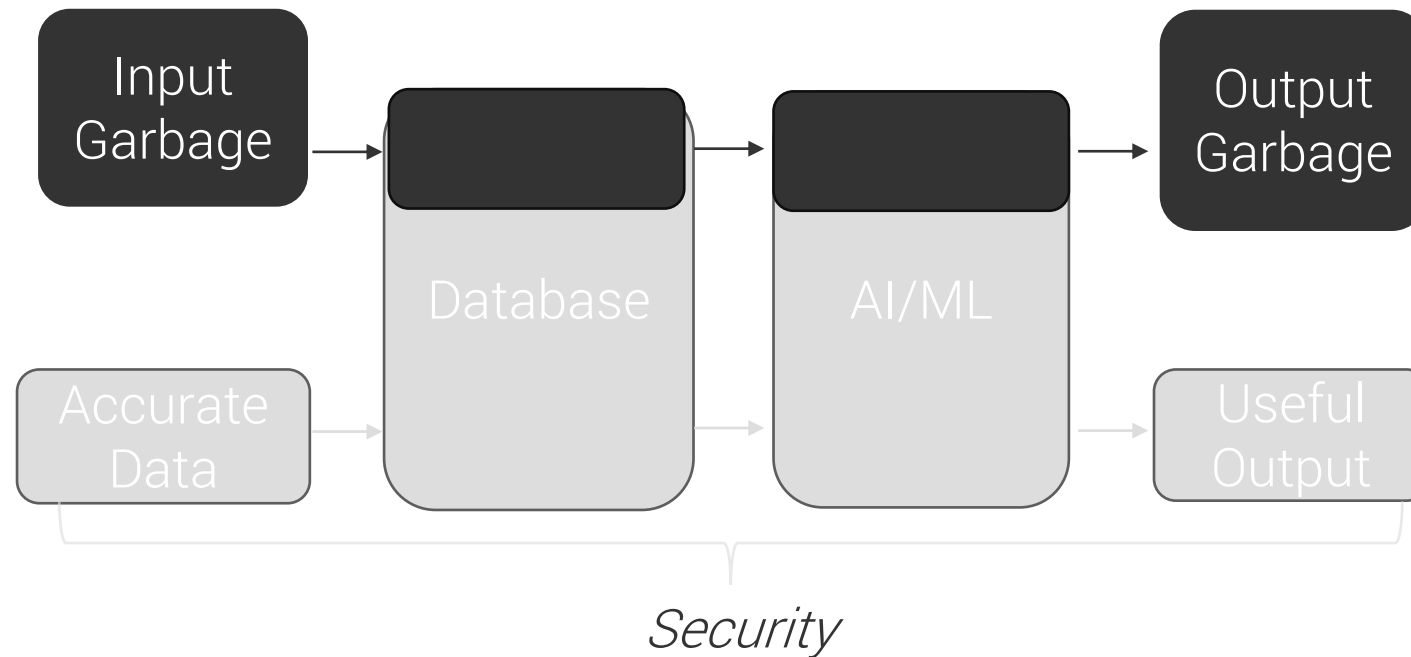
- Uncertainty in AI generated diagnoses
- More busy work
- Pathologists being replaced



We will have to decide AI's role

- We will be able to do more work for our patients
- We will have to take responsibility for the future of pathology

Transparency and Safety = Human-in-the-loop





Conclusions and The Future

- Technology will continue to drive Hematopathology
- Multidimensional, dense data will drive the future
- Artificial Intelligence will grow in importance
- Broader more capable Artificial Intelligence
- Technologies with higher sensitivity, cost-effective and easy to use will increase in adoption and replace older technologies

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