

***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

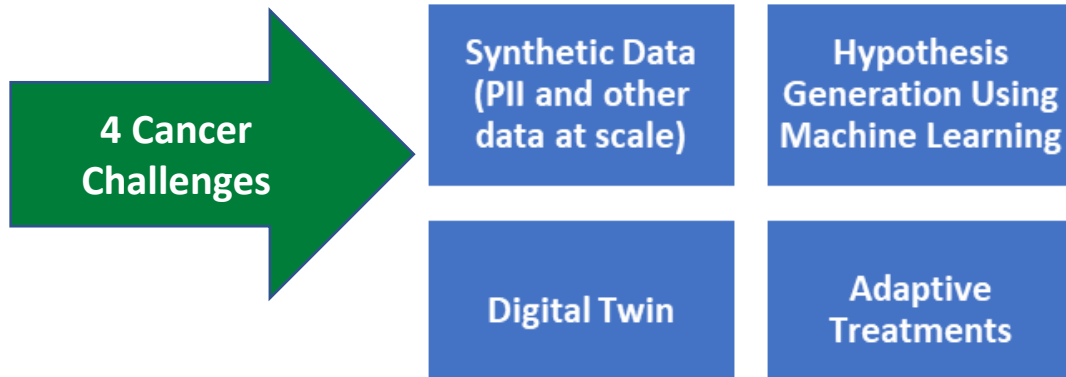
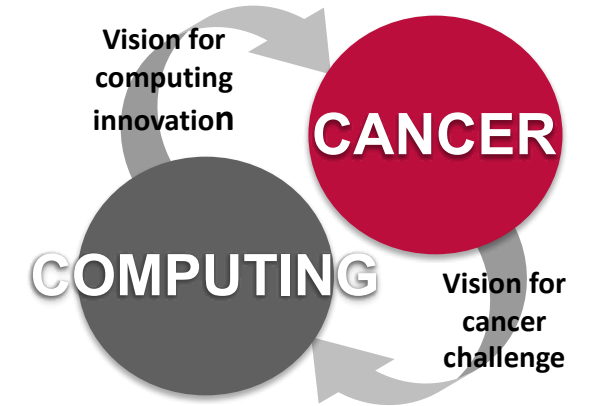
## Envisioning Computational Innovations for Cancer Challenges (ECICC) Community

**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*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Micro Lab (June 2019):

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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Micro Lab (Sept 2019):

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



### 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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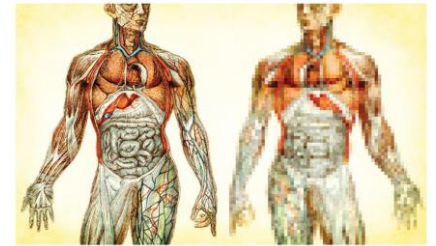
# What is predictive medicine?

- **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.**



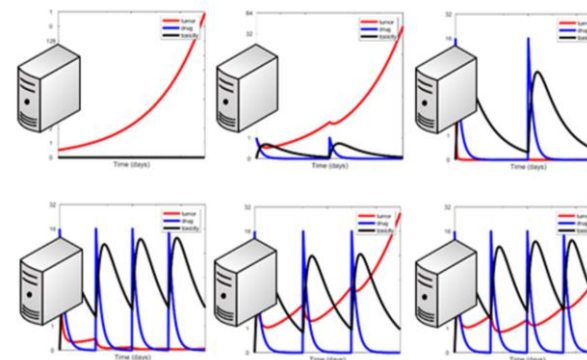
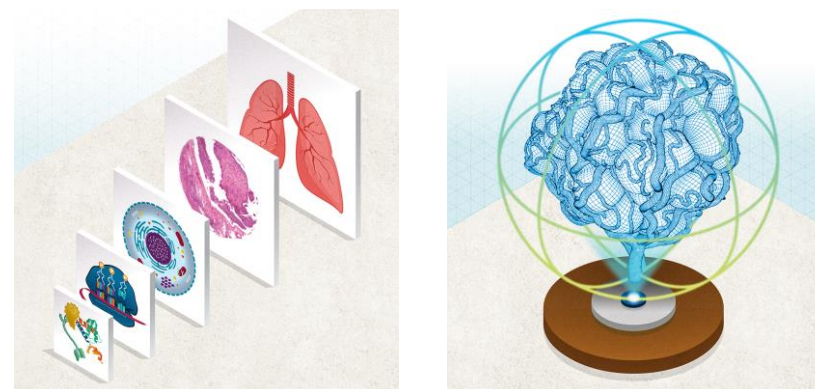
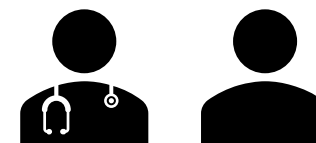
# What is a digital twin?

- 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?

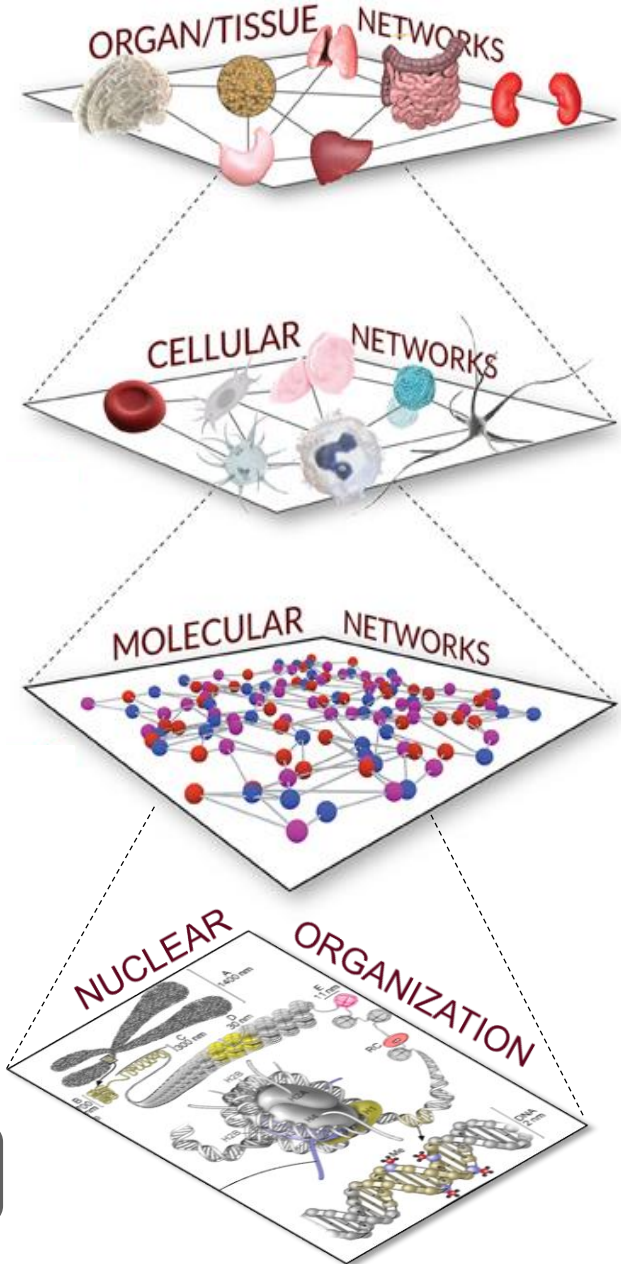
- **Data sandboxes and platforms**
  - Assembly of coordinated *data across scales per patient*
  - Development of *data commons* to support the analysis
- **Analytics**
  - *Multi-scale analysis* and coupling of data
  - Integration of *dynamical models with AI*
- **HPC-driven healthcare informatics**
  - *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***

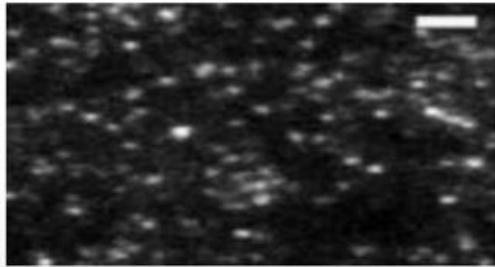
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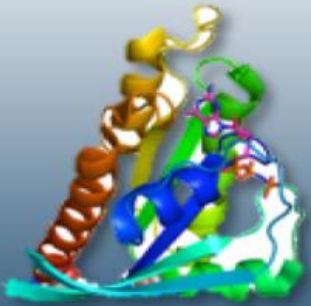
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# JDACS4C – Precursors to Cancer Patient Digital Twins

## Inhibiting the RAS cancer pathway



Experimental views of RAS dynamics

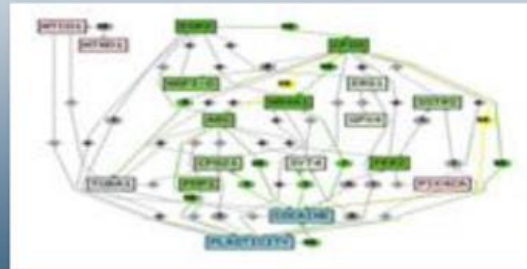


Atomic-resolution molecular-dynamics simulations

## Predicting drug response in preclinical models



Cell line and PDX database with patient-derived samples

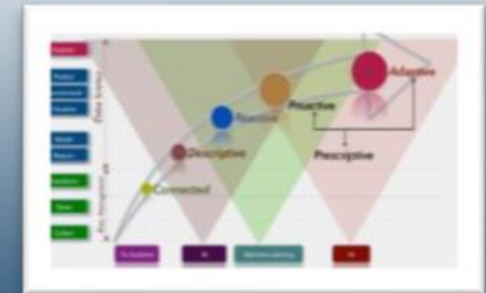


Testing hypotheses generated by ML models

## Cancer trajectories from population models



Enhancing the national database

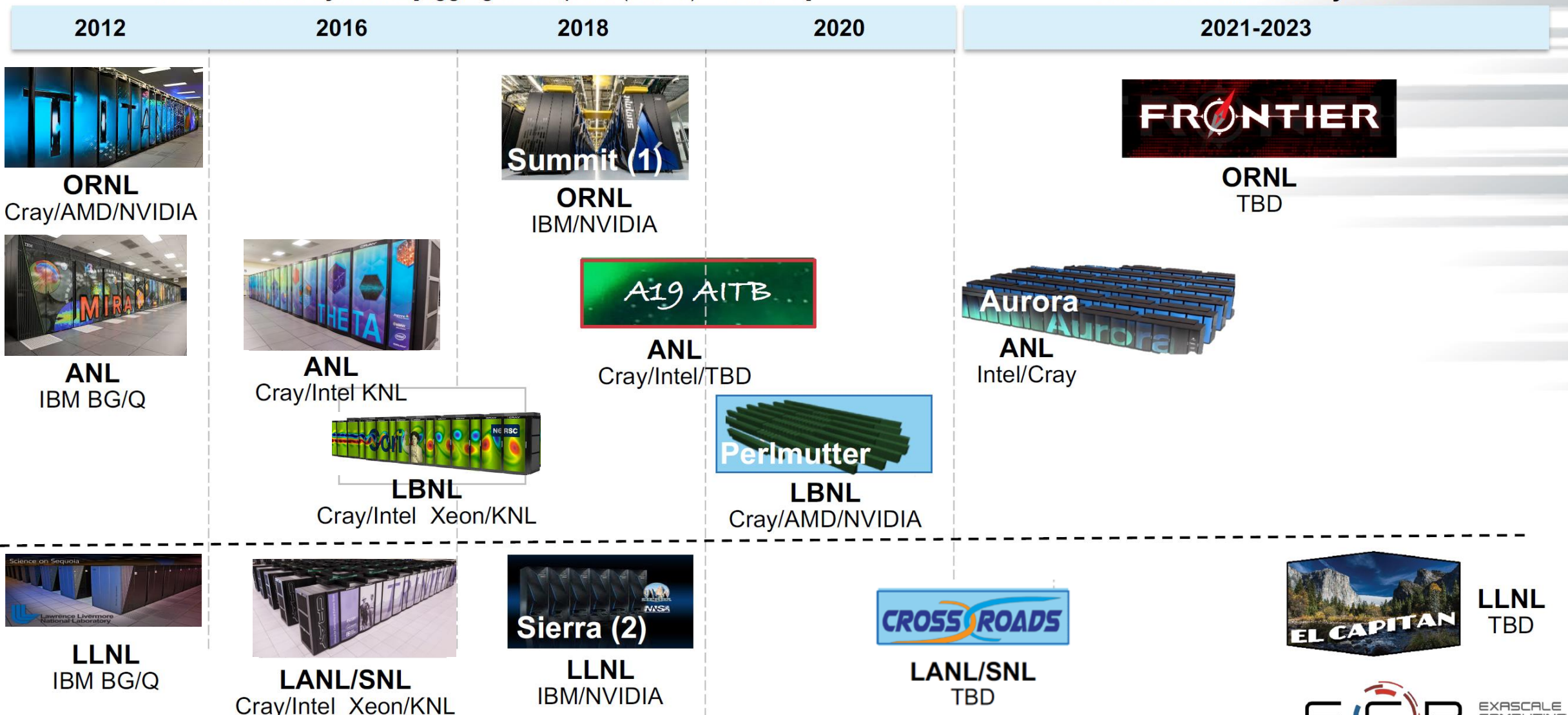


Learning patterns of treatment and outcomes

# DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ROADMAP TO EXASCALE SYSTEMS

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

First U.S. Exascale Systems

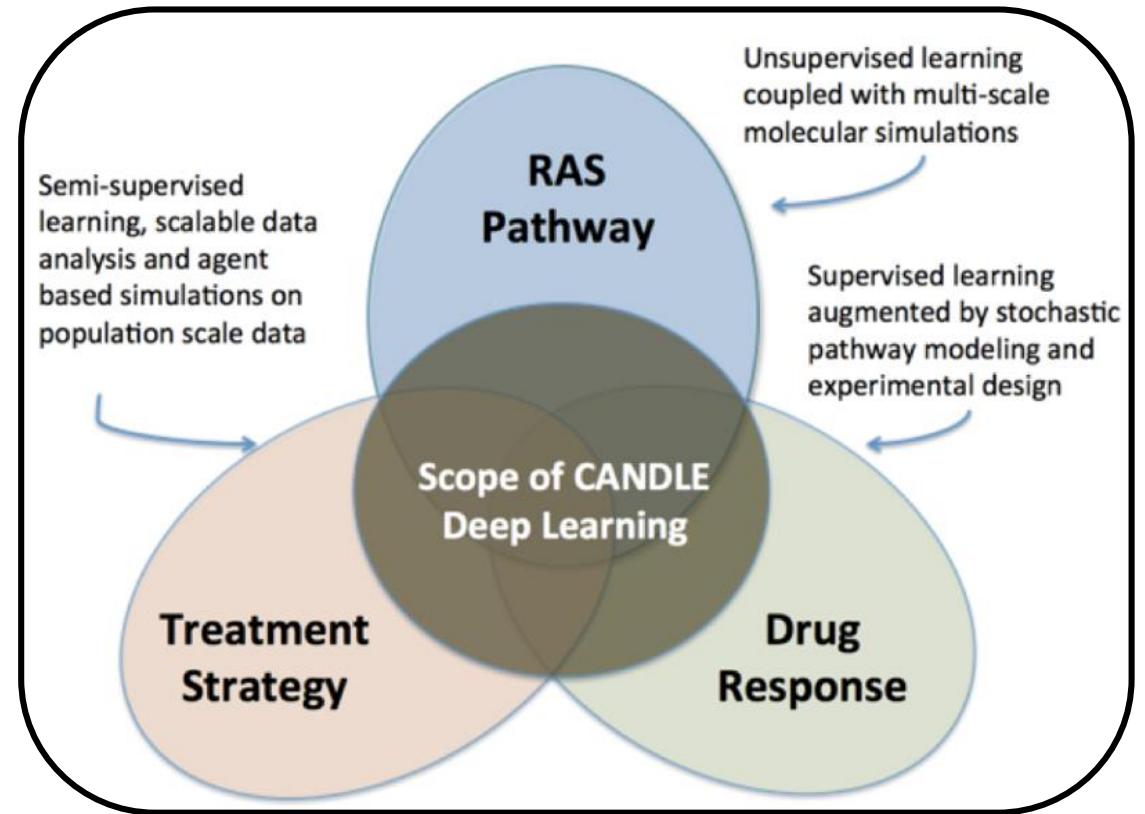


# CANDLE – Pushing the Limits for AI Applied to Cancer



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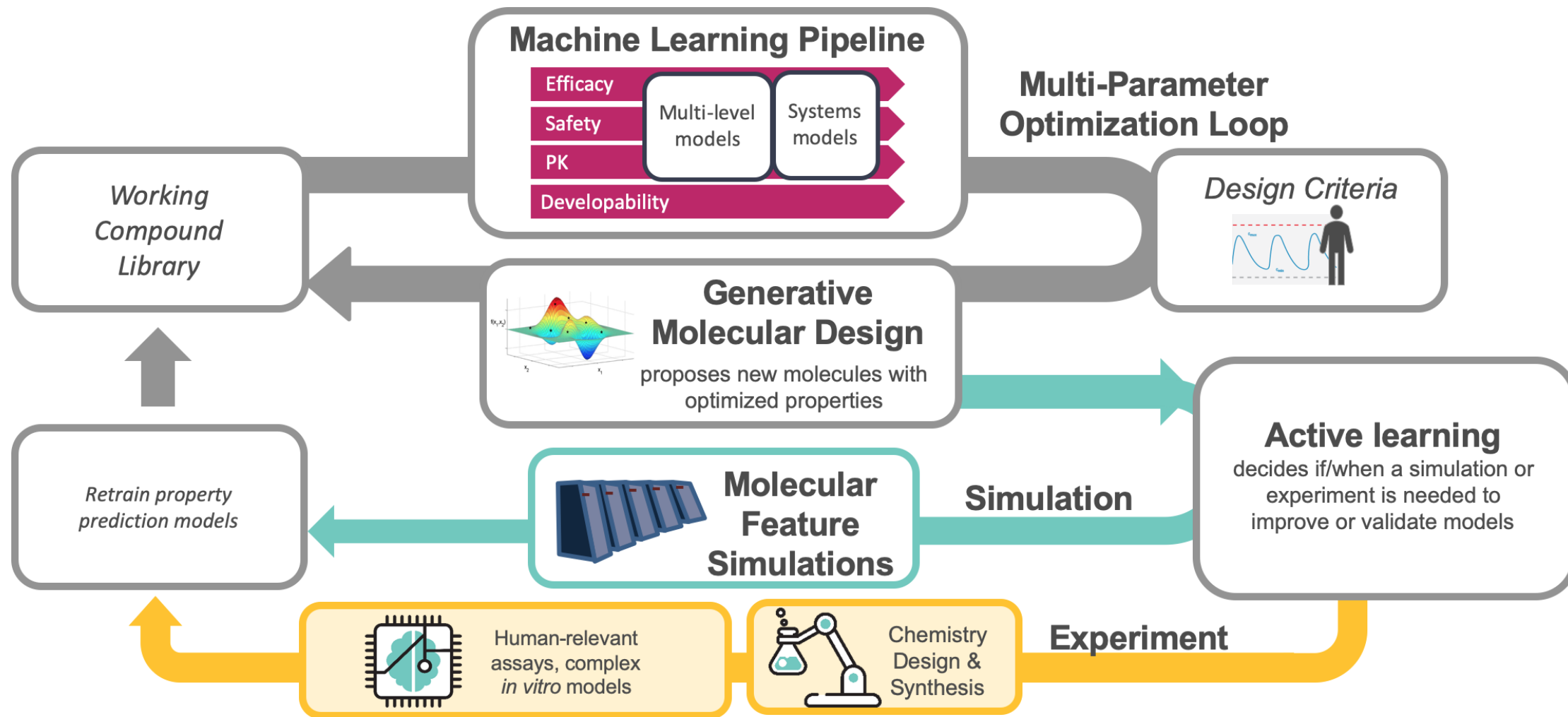
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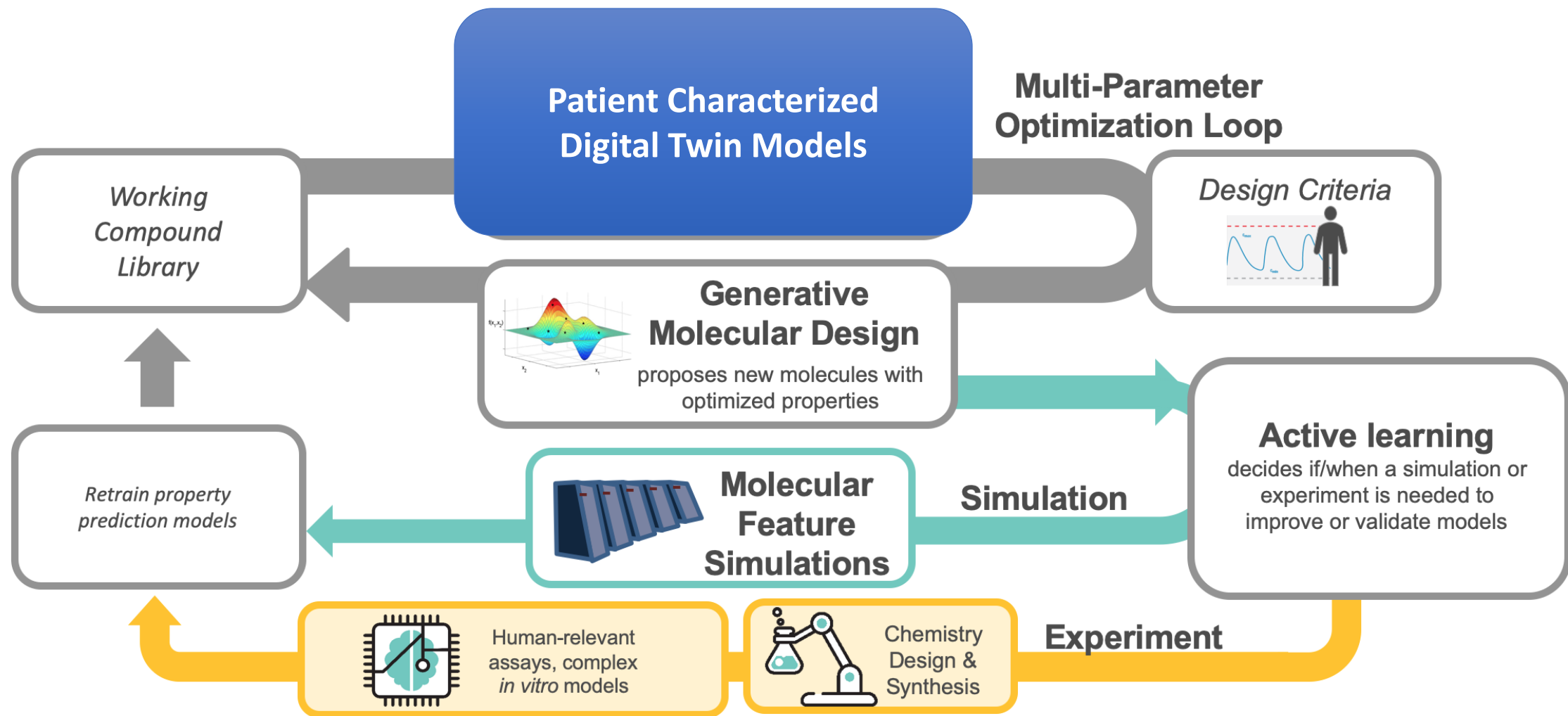
Project focuses on machine learning and building a scalable distributed learning environment called CANDLE (CANcer Distributed Learning Environment) used to help address the three challenges listed above.



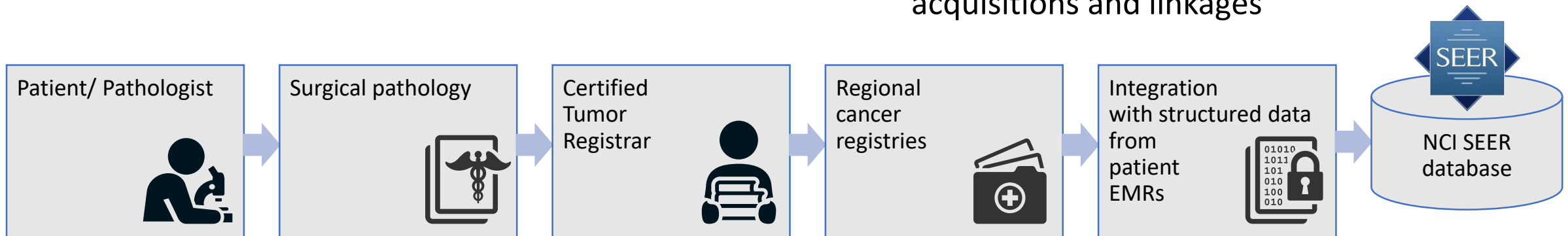
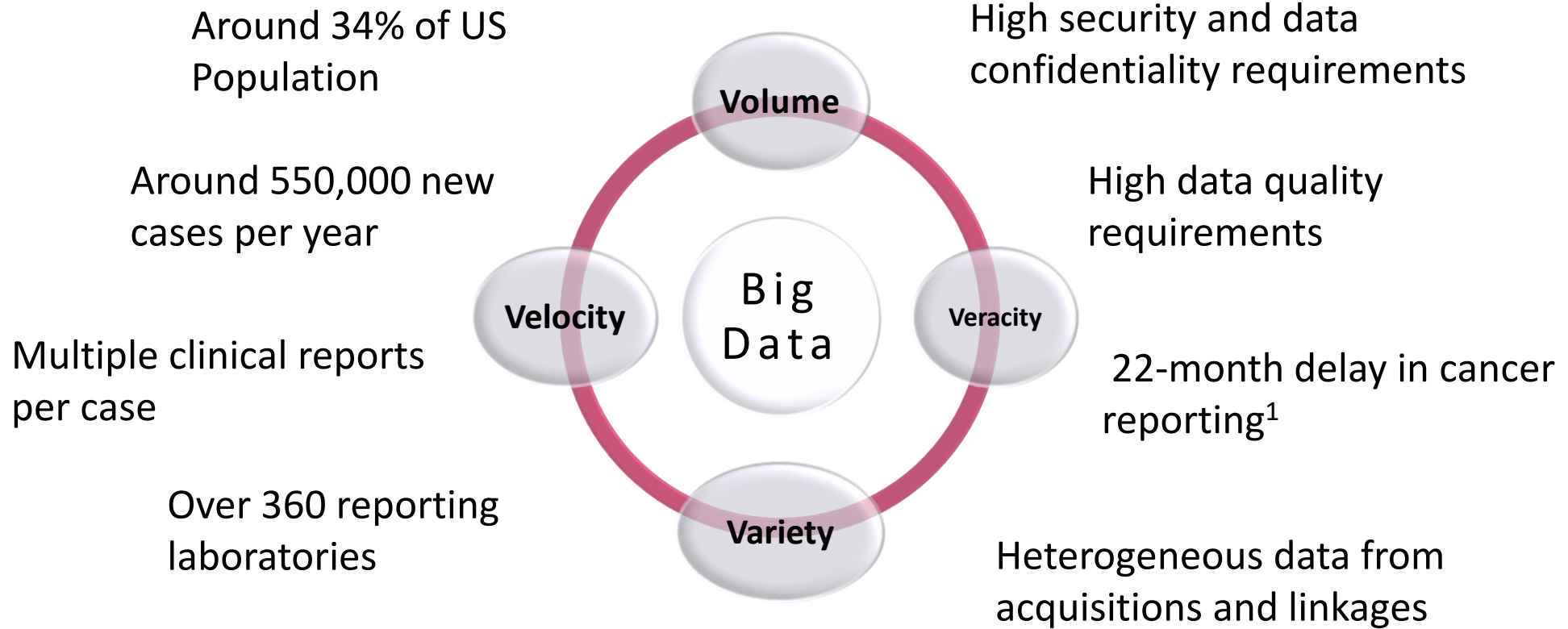
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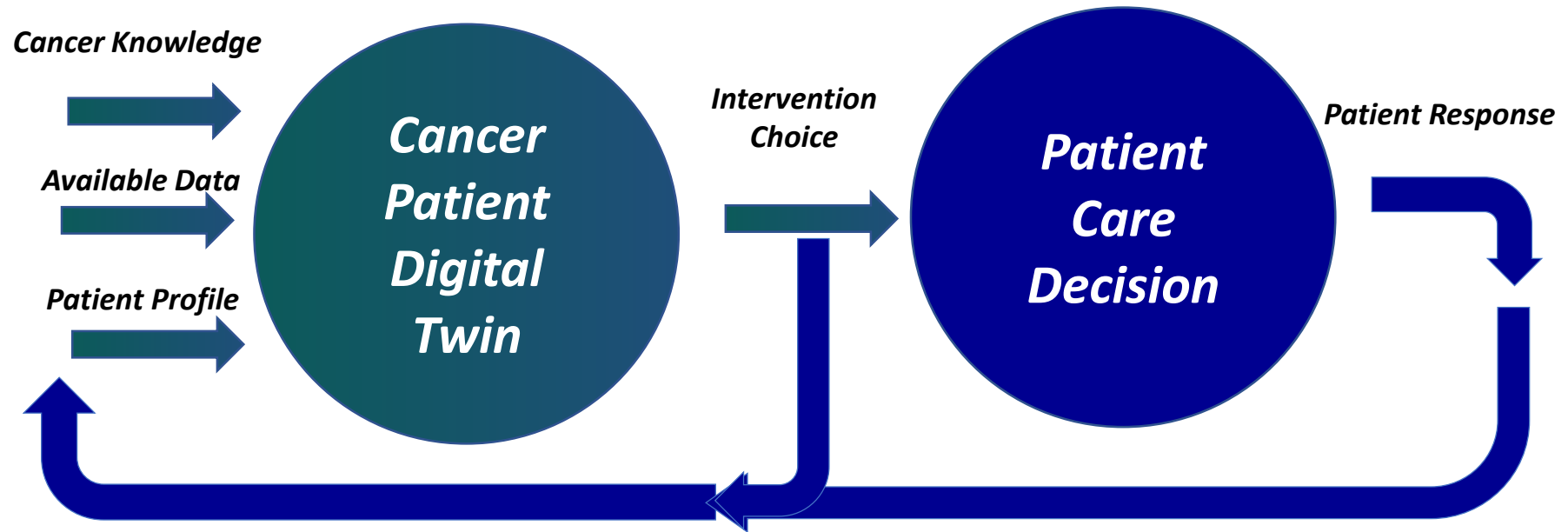
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# Cancer Surveillance Big Data Challenges



# 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](mailto:ECICC_Community@nih.gov)***
- **Thank you!**