

# Missingness & Representation

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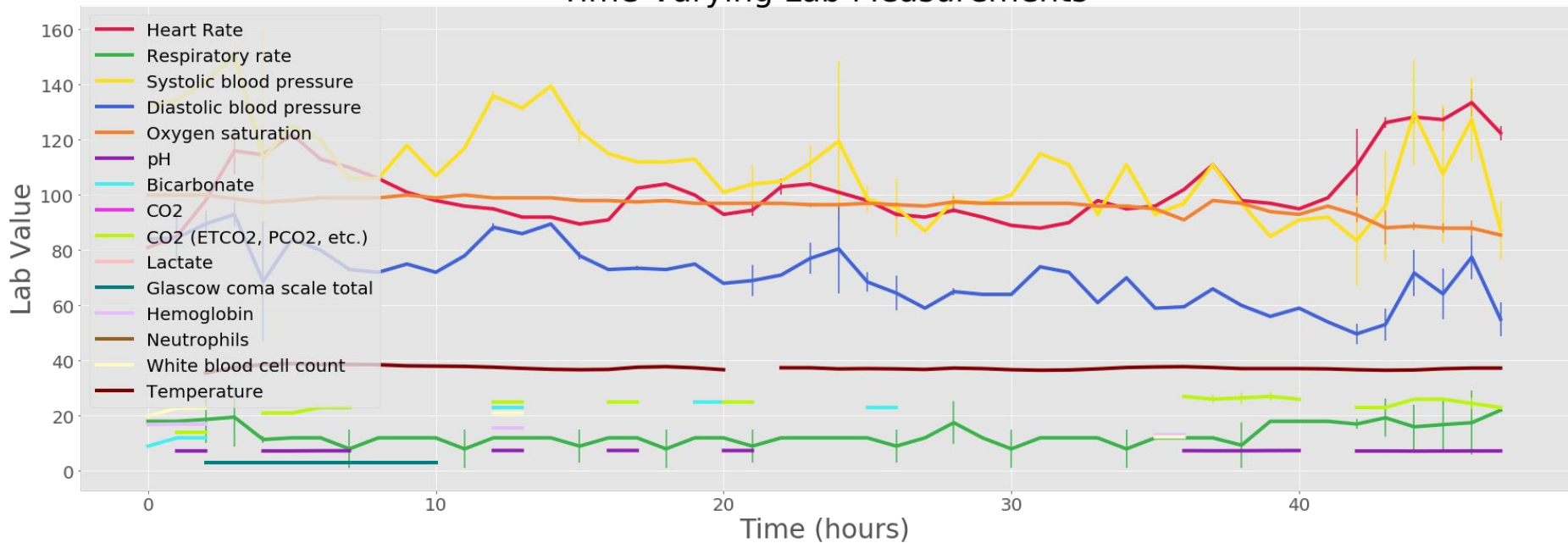
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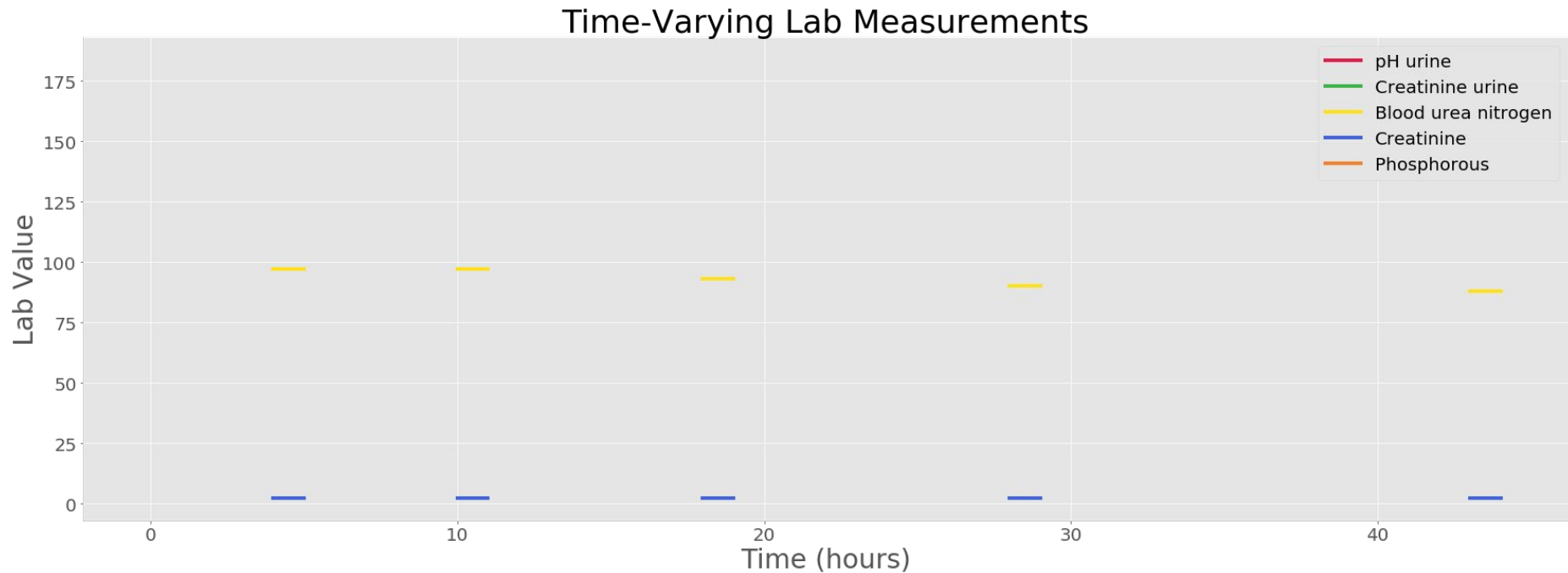
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# What is Missingness?

## Time-Varying Lab Measurements



# Missing Data is Rampant in Healthcare Data



# Different Kinds of Missingness (Data)

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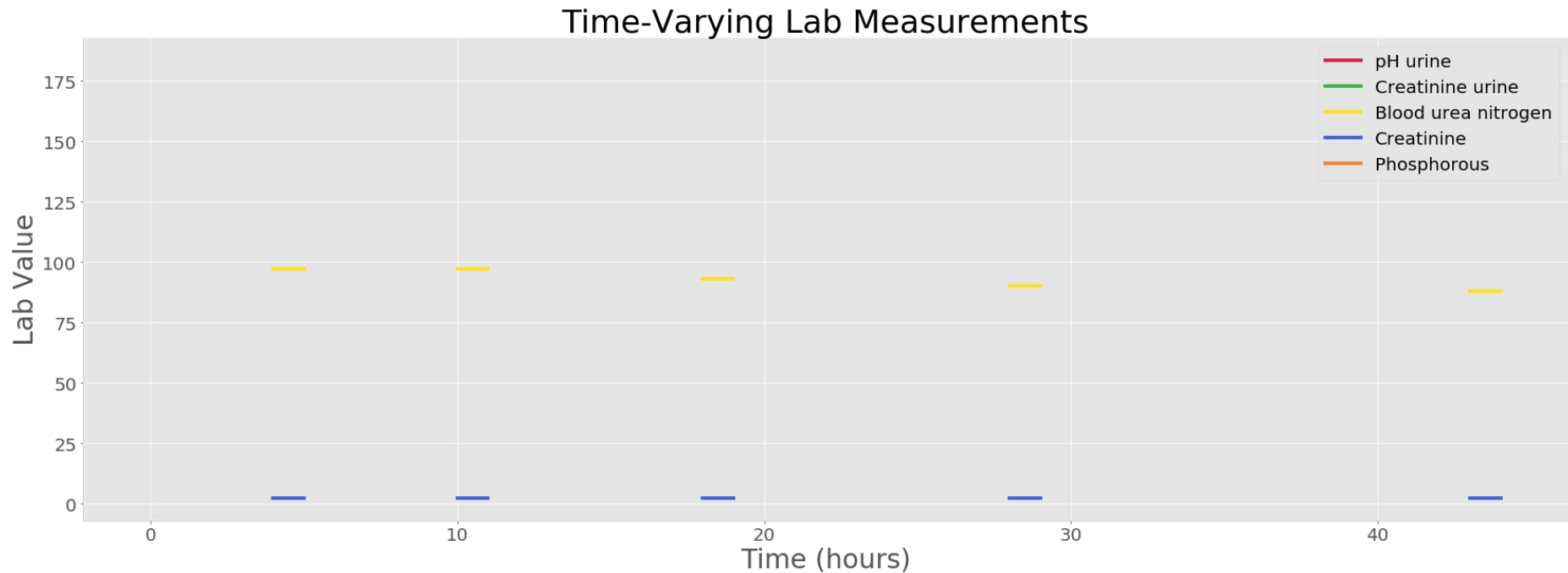
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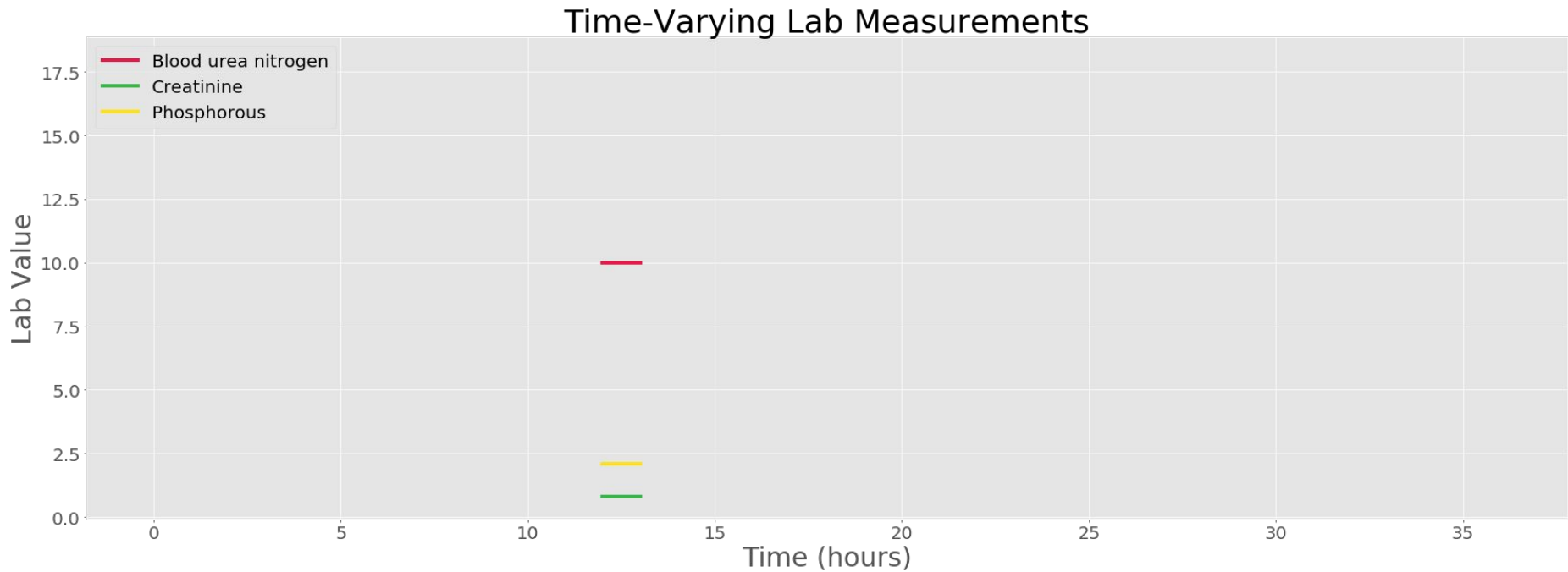


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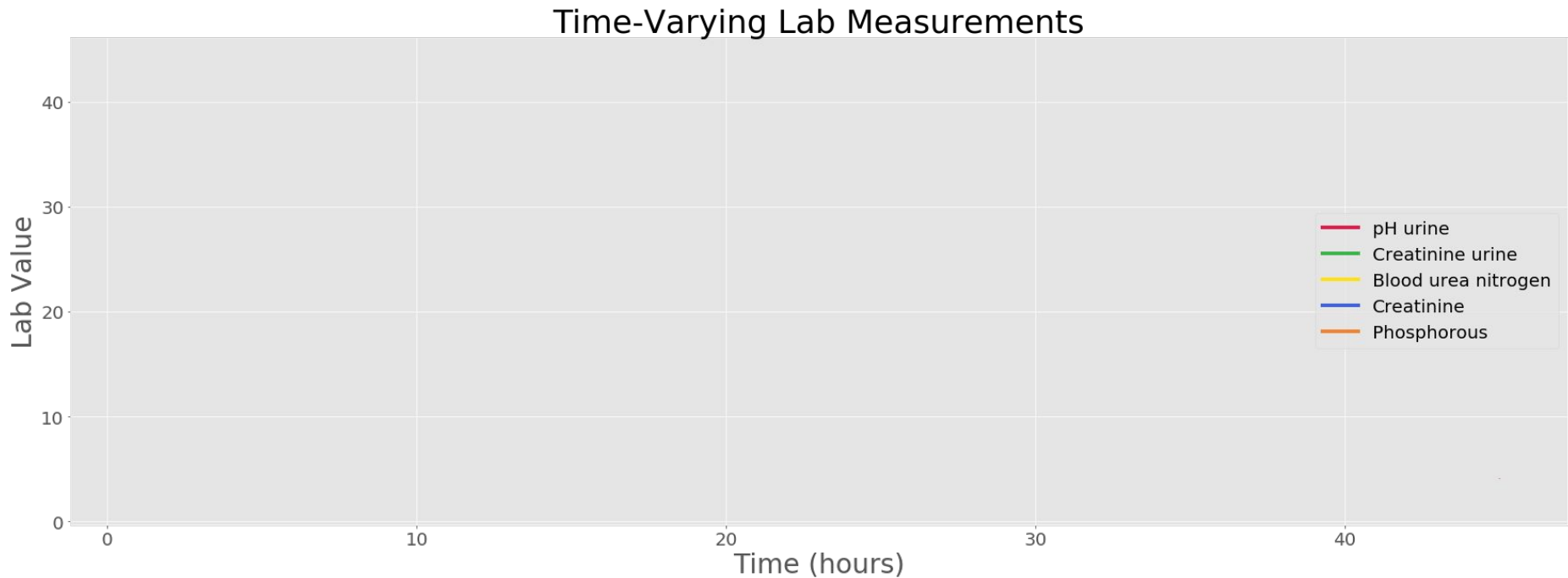
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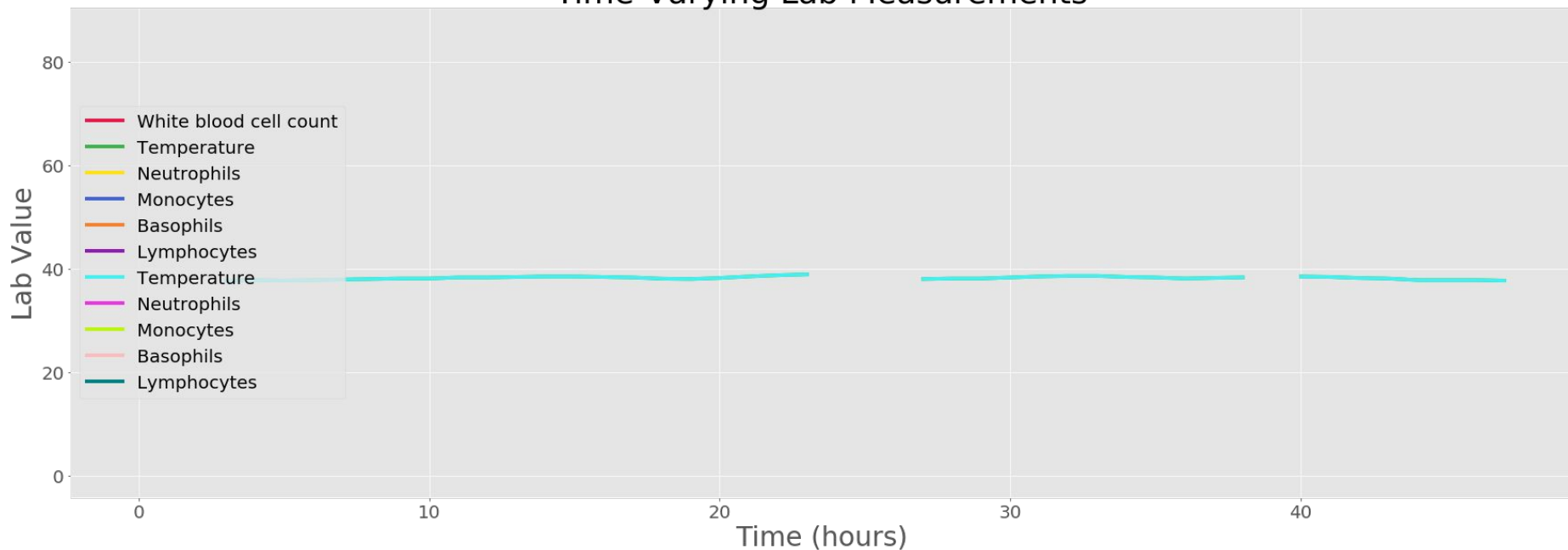


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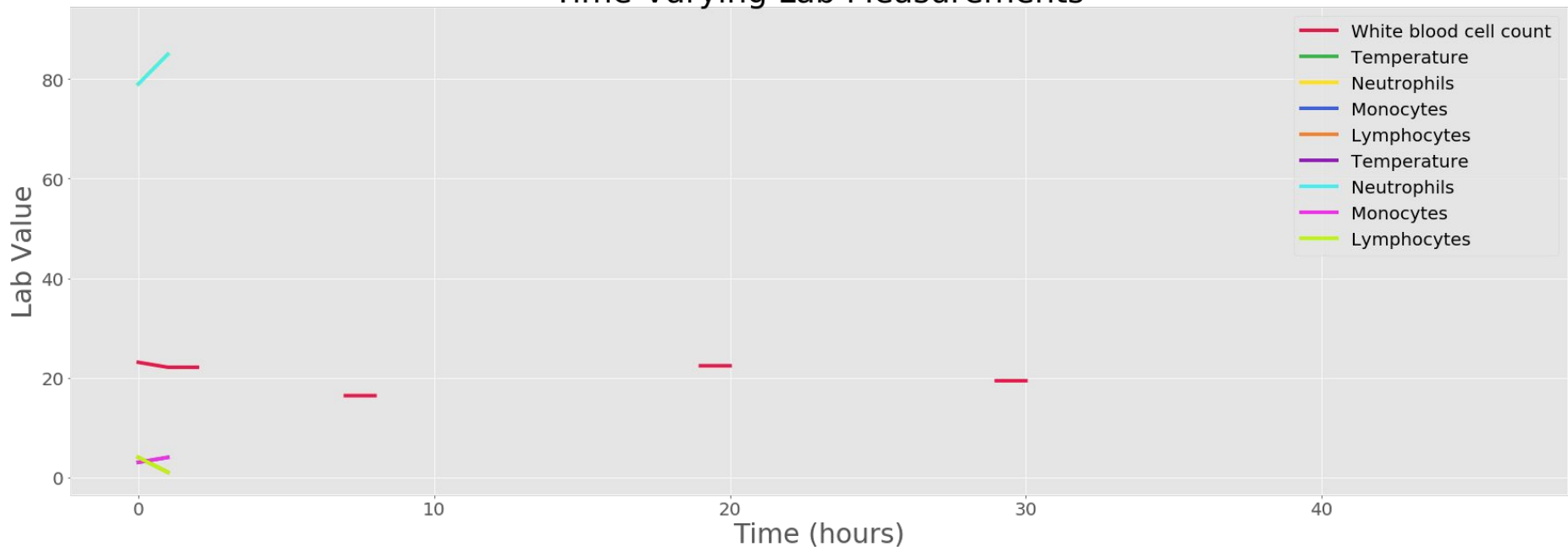
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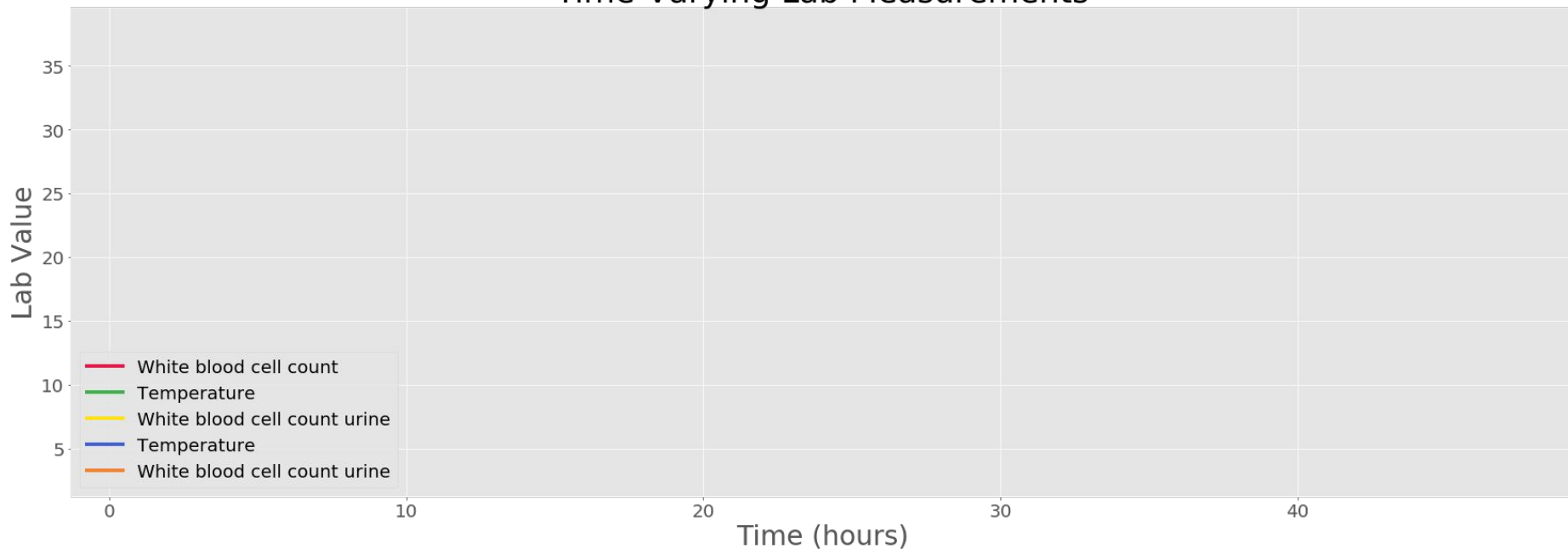
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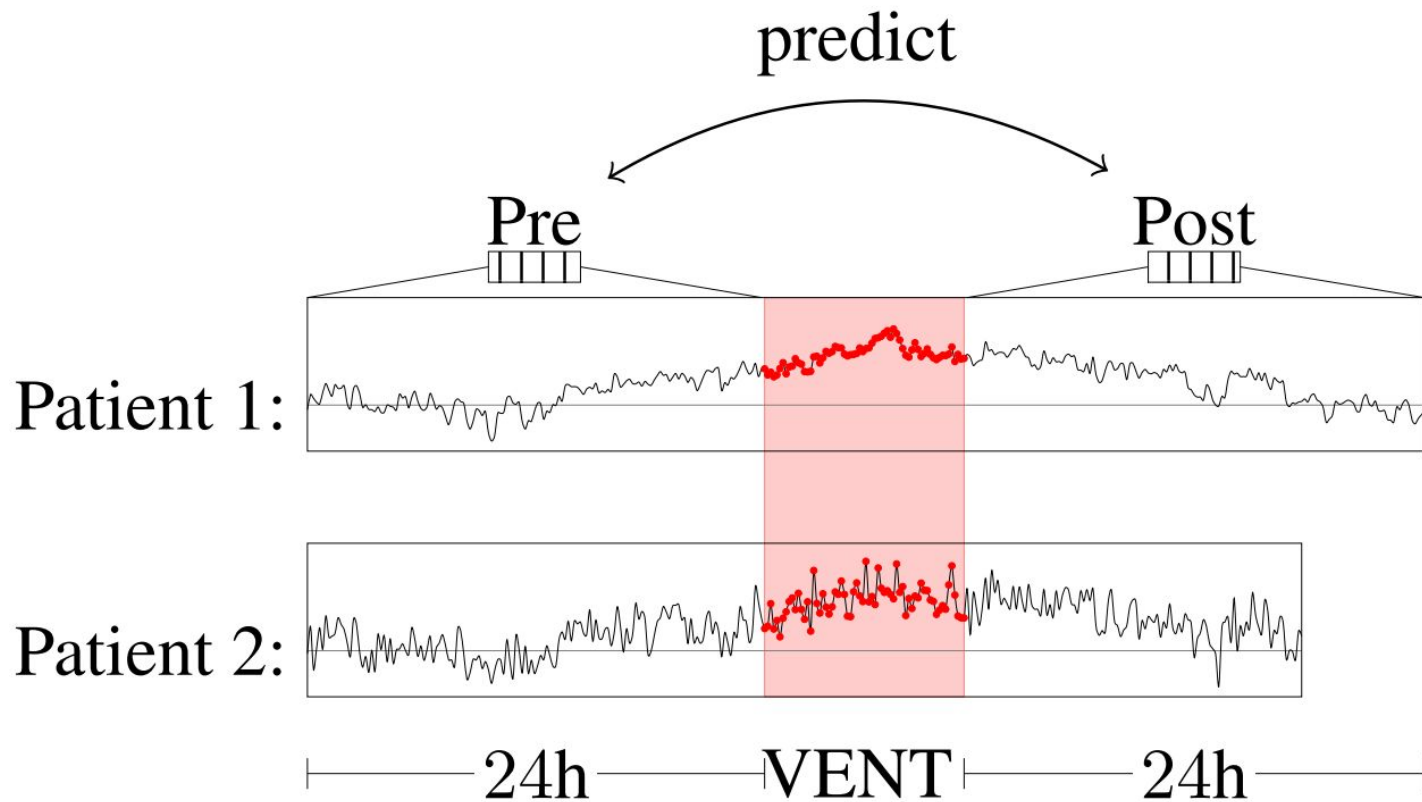


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Time-Varying Lab Measurements



# Missing Data is Confounding





# How do we handle missing data?

## RECURRENT NEURAL NETWORKS FOR MULTIVARIATE TIME SERIES WITH MISSING VALUES

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## Sparse Multi-Output Gaussian Processes for Medical Time Series Prediction

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## Modeling Irregularly Sampled Clinical Time Series

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## Modeling Missing Data in Clinical Time Series with RNNs

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# Imputation

1. Statistical Timeseries Forecasting: ARMA/ARIMA/ARIMAX, etc.
2. Easy Baselines: Constant infilling, Sample & Hold (+ indicators), Interpolation
3. Traditional Imputation: MICE/3D-MICE, MissForest, Matrix/Tensor Completion
4. Gaussian Processes
5. Advanced neural methods (GRU-D, GANs, etc.)

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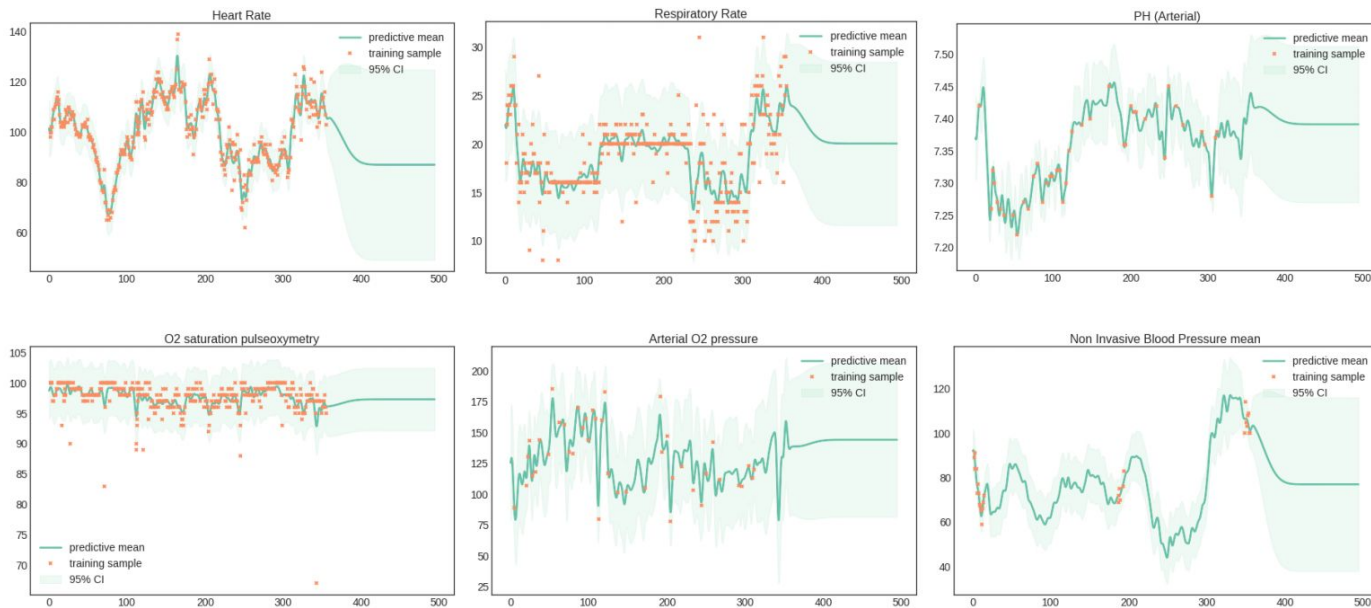


Figure 2: Example trajectories of six vital signs for a single admission, following imputation using Gaussian processes. Twelve vital signs are jointly modeled by the GP.

# GANs for Imputation

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**GAIN: Missing Data Imputation using Generative Adversarial Nets**

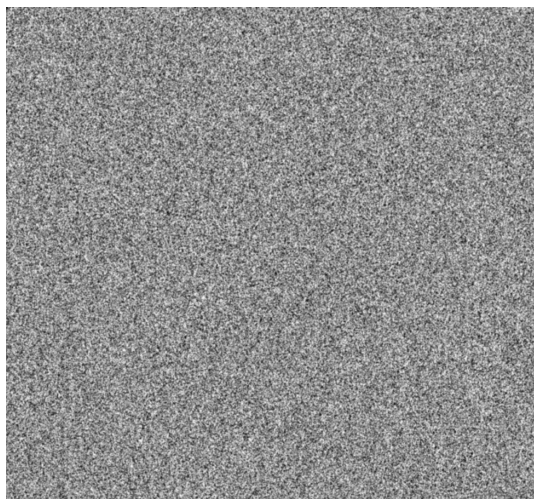
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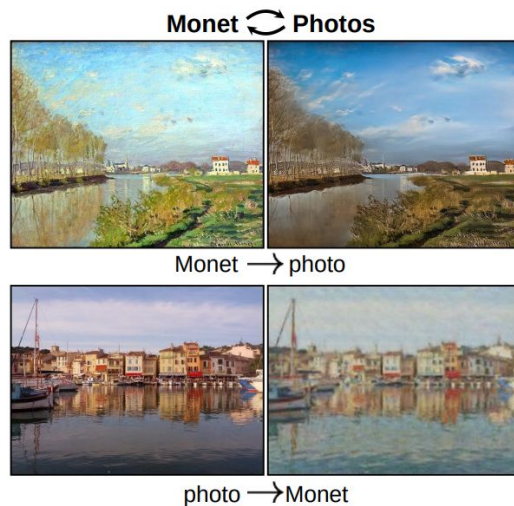
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Figure 6. Qualitative comparisons with Deepfillv1 [18] on the CelebA-HQ validation sets.



Left: Jo, Youngjoo, and Jongyoul Park. "SC-FEGAN: Face Editing Generative Adversarial Network with User's Sketch and Color." arXiv preprint arXiv:1902.06838 (2019).  
Middle: Zhu, Jun-Yan, et al. "Unpaired image-to-image translation using cycle-consistent adversarial networks." Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision. 2017.  
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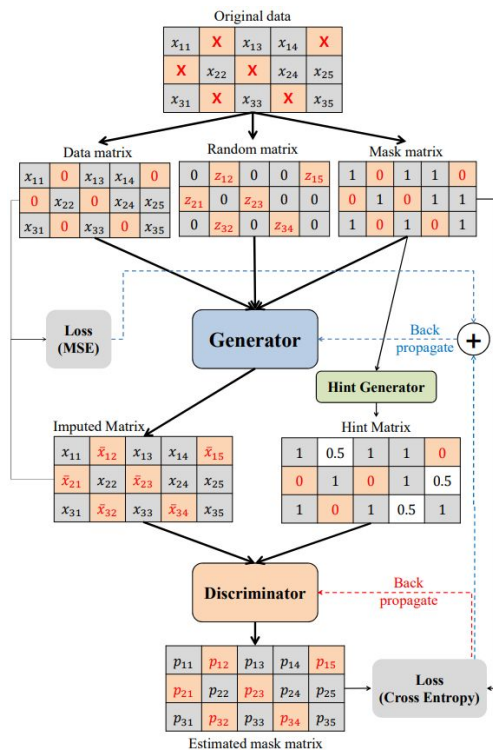


Figure 1. The architecture of GAIN



# Imputation Papers

1. GAIN: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1806.02920.pdf>
2. GRU-D: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-018-24271-9>
3. GP Imputation: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1704.06300.pdf>
4. Interpolation-prediction network: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1812.00531.pdf>

Table 1: Performance on mortality and length of stay prediction tasks on MIMIC-III. Loss: Cross-Entropy Loss, MedAE: Median Absolute Error (in days), EV: Explained variance

Model	Classification			Regression	
	AUC	AUPRC	Loss	MedAE	EV score
Log/LinReg	0.772 ± 0.013	0.303 ± 0.018	0.240 ± 0.003	3.528 ± 0.072	0.043 ± 0.012
SVM	0.671 ± 0.005	0.300 ± 0.011	0.260 ± 0.002	3.523 ± 0.071	0.042 ± 0.011
AdaBoost	0.829 ± 0.007	0.345 ± 0.007	0.663 ± 0.000	4.517 ± 0.234	0.100 ± 0.012
RF	0.826 ± 0.008	0.356 ± 0.010	0.315 ± 0.025	3.113 ± 0.125	0.117 ± 0.035
GRU-M	0.831 ± 0.007	0.376 ± 0.022	0.220 ± 0.004	3.140 ± 0.196	0.131 ± 0.044
GRU-F	0.821 ± 0.007	0.360 ± 0.013	0.224 ± 0.003	3.064 ± 0.247	0.126 ± 0.025
GRU-S	0.843 ± 0.007	0.376 ± 0.014	0.218 ± 0.005	2.900 ± 0.129	0.161 ± 0.025
GRU-D	0.835 ± 0.013	0.359 ± 0.025	0.225 ± 0.009	<b>2.891 ± 0.103</b>	0.146 ± 0.051
<b>Proposed</b>	<b>0.853 ± 0.007</b>	<b>0.418 ± 0.022</b>	<b>0.210 ± 0.004</b>	<b>2.862 ± 0.166</b>	<b>0.245 ± 0.019</b>

# Opportunities

1. Improved imputation methods. How do forecasting, GP, or adversarial methods compare to GRU-D/interpolation prediction network? Can we incorporate uncertainty offered by GPs usefully into downstream tasks? Can we make other models offer uncertainty?
2. Can we model the decision process by which clinicians choose what to measure and what to omit? How would this be helpful in downstream tasks? Can this help account for the MNAR nature of healthcare missingness?
3. Can we control for the confounding effects of missingness? Can we learn a model on underlying physiology from retrospective, care-byproduct data?

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# Representation: Why do we care?



# Representations define a notion of “similarity”



Closer in “Conceptual Space”

Closer in “Pixel Space”

# Representations learn a notion of similarity

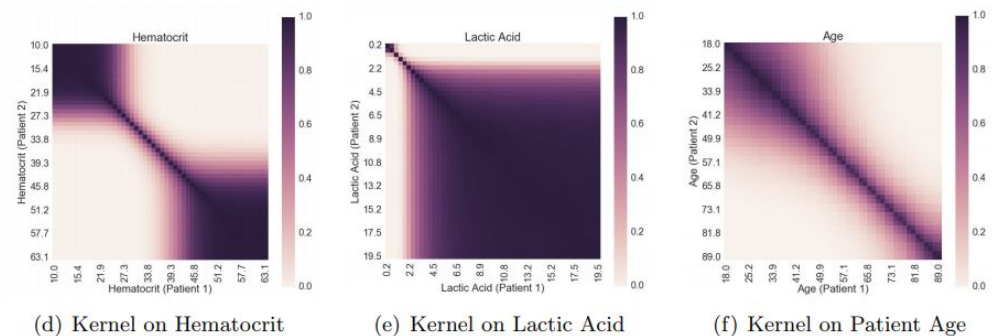
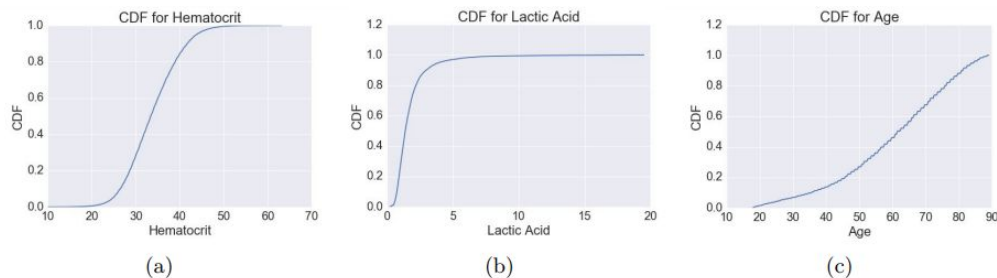
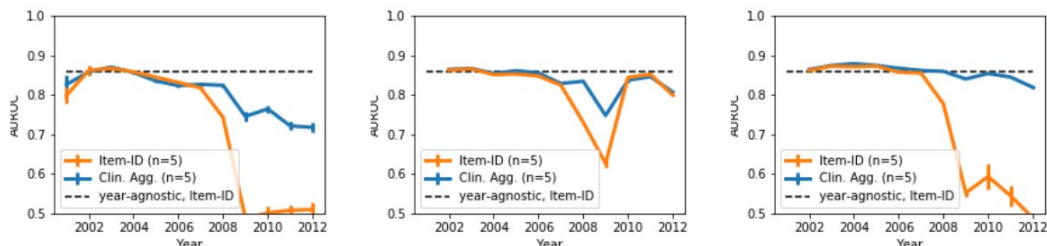
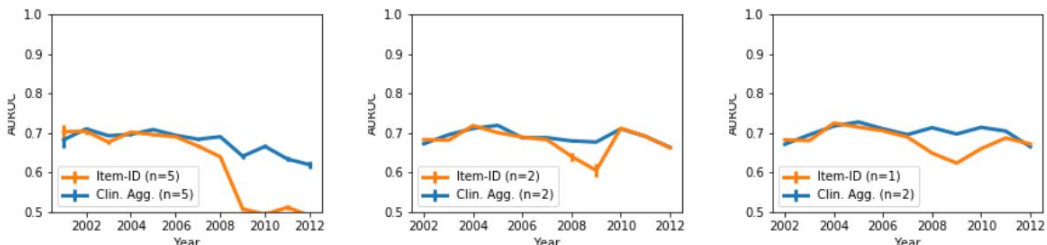


Figure 1: Examples of the kernel  $k_{j,c}(x, z)$  in (1) with  $c = 5$  on three features evaluated on adult ICU population: Hematocrit, Lactic Acid, and Patient Age

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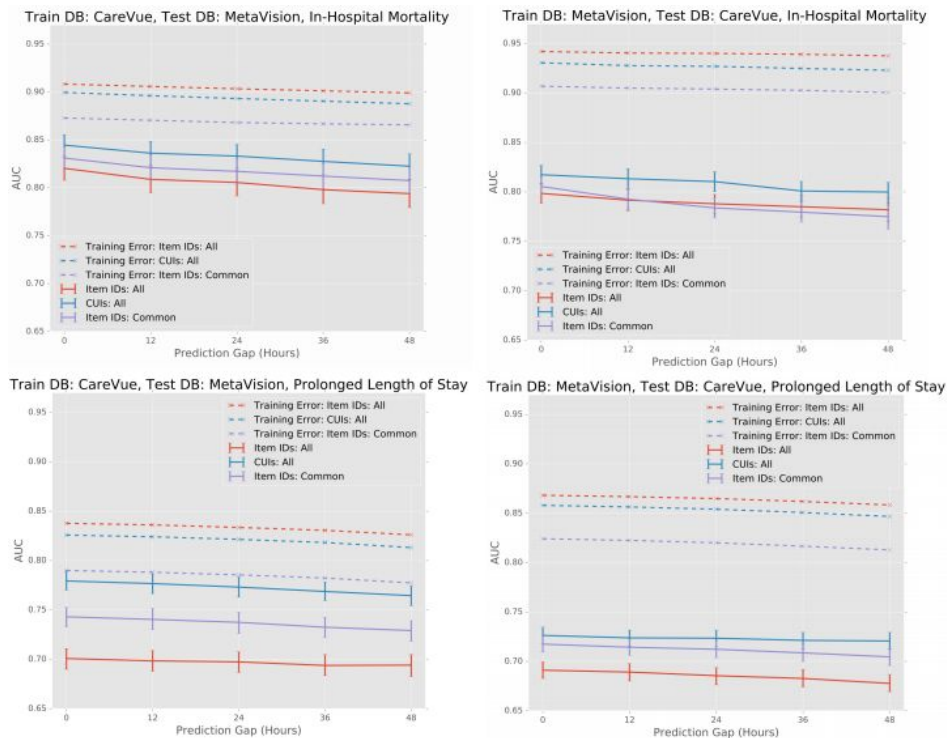
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(d) LOS AUC, models trained on 2001-2002 data. (e) LOS AUC, models trained yearly on prior year only. (f) LOS AUC, models trained yearly on all prior data.

Figure 1: Performance of RF classifiers using Item-Id and Clinically Aggregated representations on mortality (top) and LOS prediction (bottom). Error bars indicate  $\pm$  standard error.

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# Representations can join disparate modalities

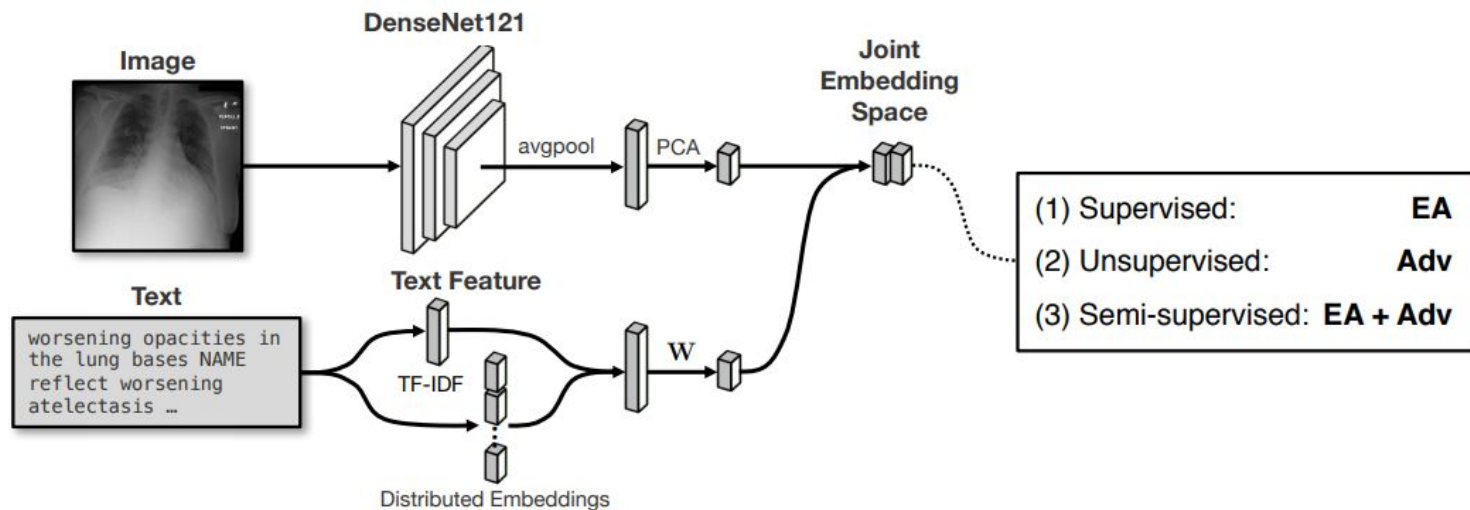


Figure 1: The overall experimental pipeline. EA: embedding alignment; Adv: adversarial training.

# Representation: How can we learn?



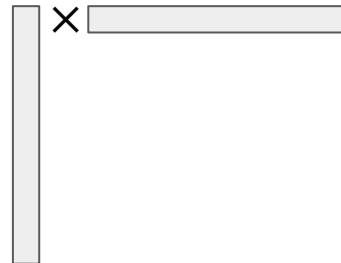
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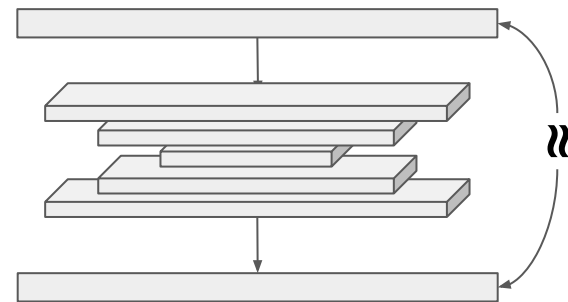
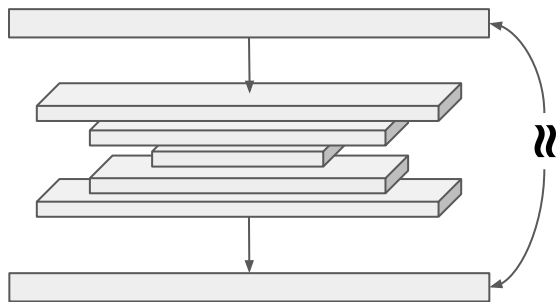
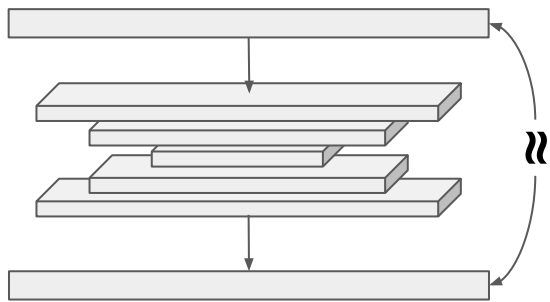
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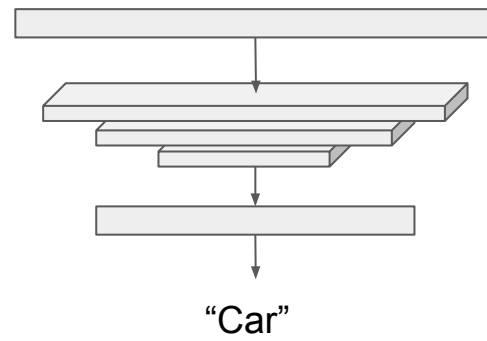
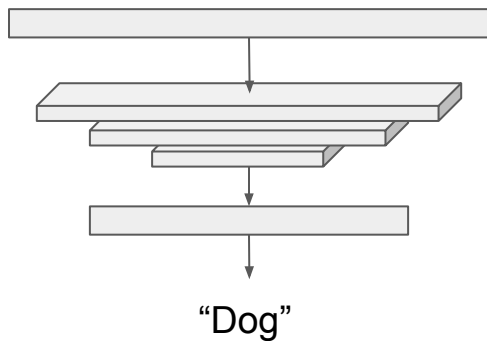
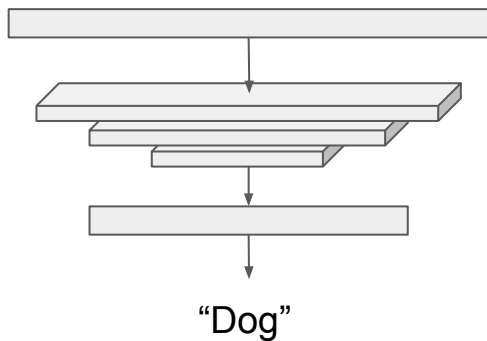


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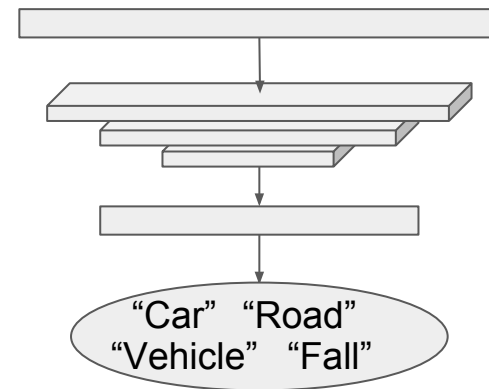
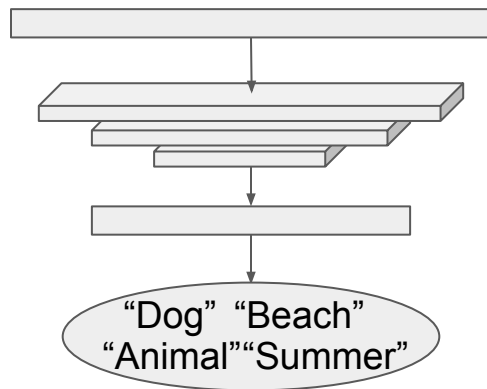
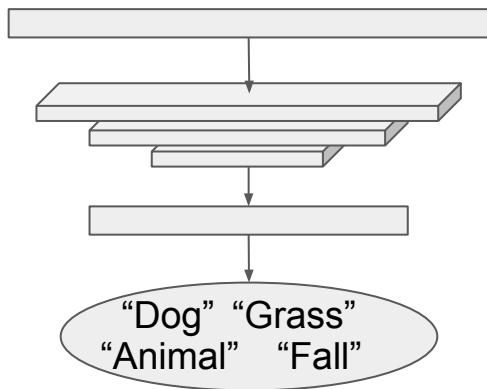


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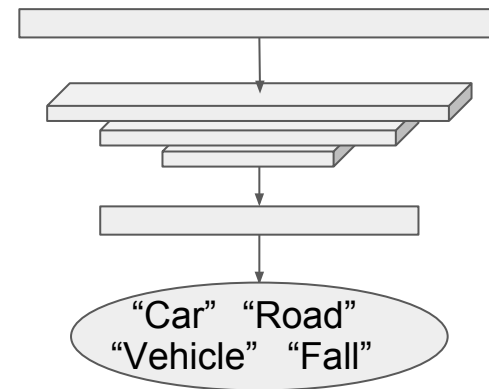
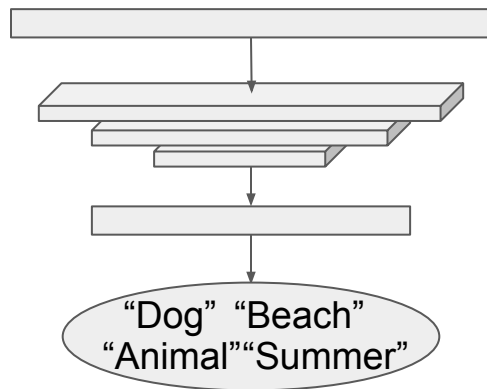
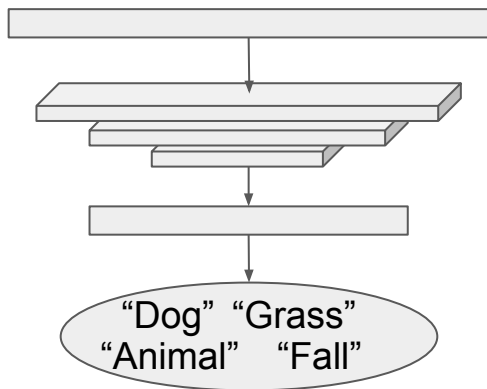


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# DeepCluster: Why bother with labels?

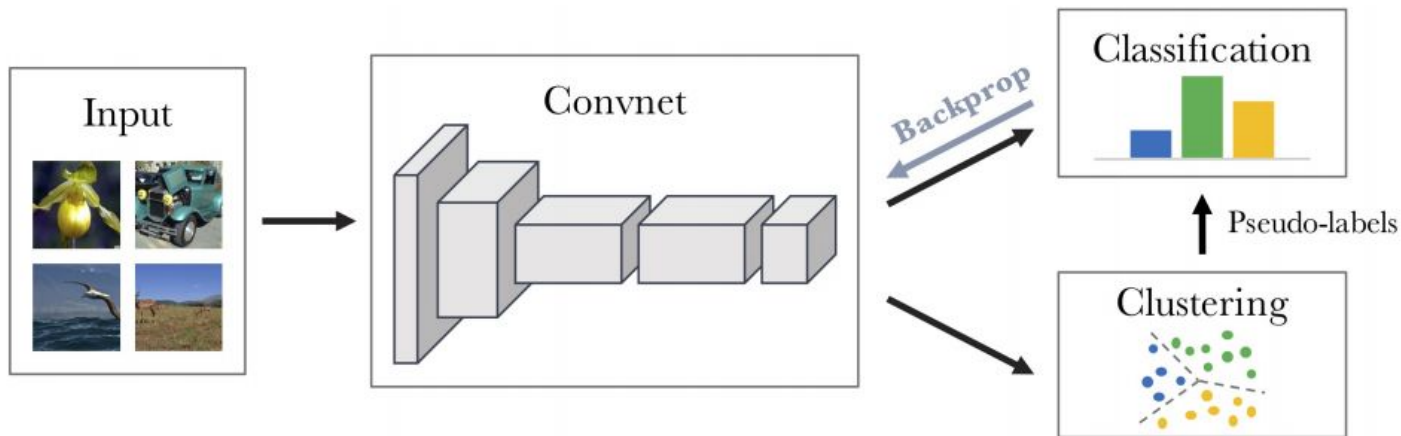


Fig. 1: Illustration of the proposed method: we iteratively cluster deep features and use the cluster assignments as pseudo-labels to learn the parameters of the convnet.

# Representation Learning in Action: Multitask Learning



Multi-task Prediction of Disease Onsets from Longitudinal  
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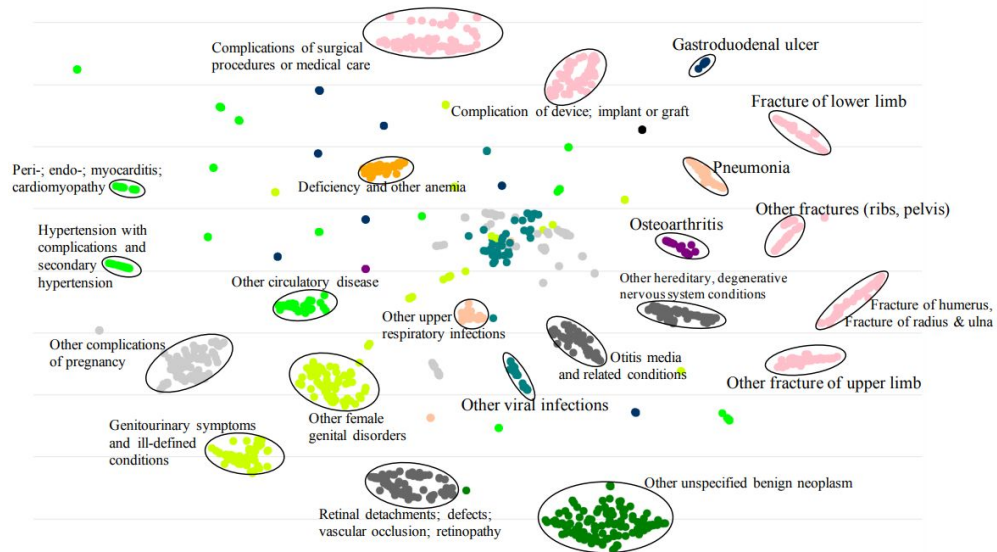
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**MoleculeNet: a benchmark for molecular machine learning†** United States of America

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(a) Scatterplot of the final representations  $g_i$ 's of GRAM+

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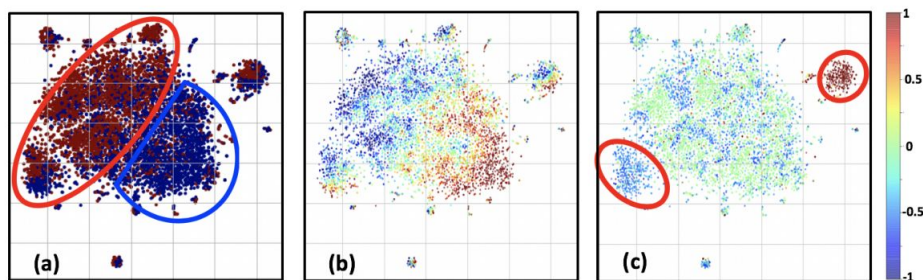
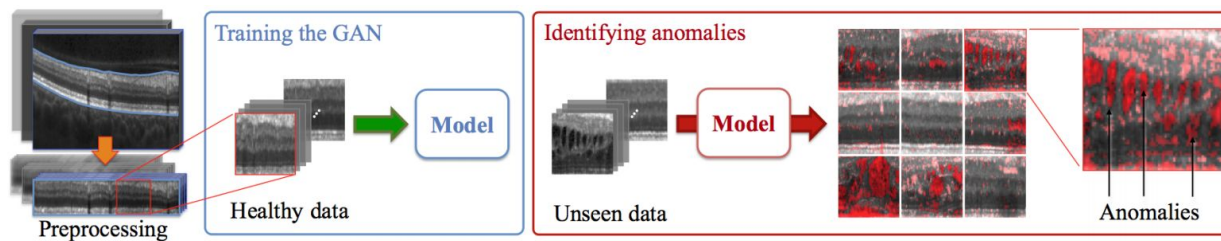


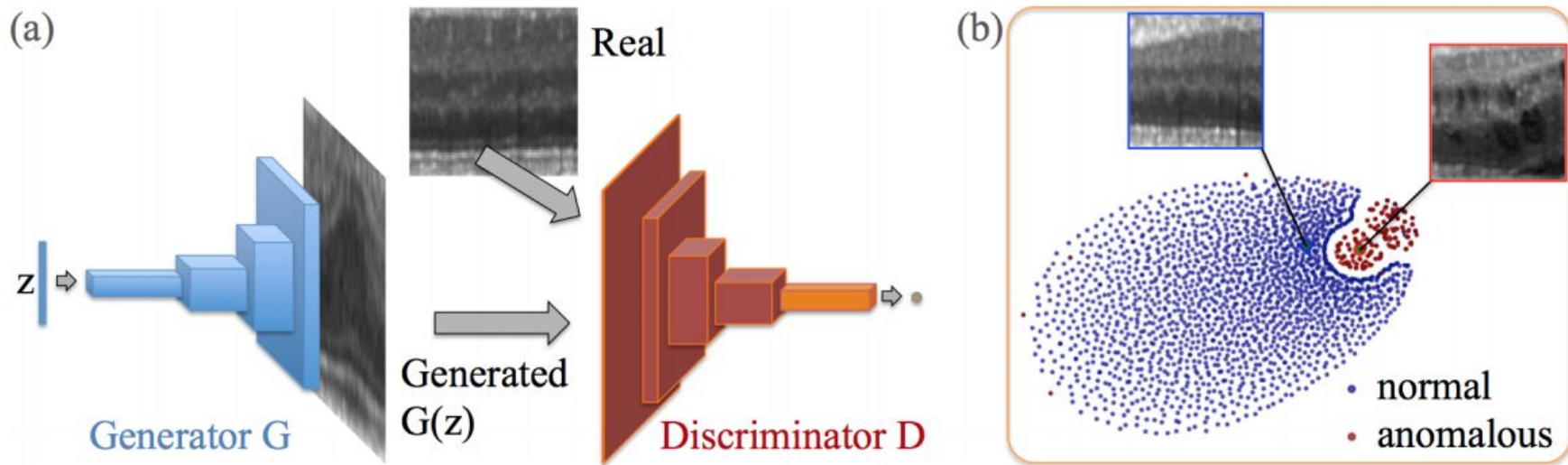
Figure 3: tSNE on context vectors of test dataset from BSS model colored by (a) red: positive examples and blue: negative examples, (b) average systemic diastolic blood pressure; and (c) average central venous pressure.

# Representation Learning in Action: Anomaly Detection



**Fig. 1.** Anomaly detection framework. The preprocessing step includes extraction and flattening of the retinal area, patch extraction and intensity normalization. Generative adversarial training is performed on healthy data and testing is performed on both, unseen healthy cases and anomalous data.

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**Fig. 2.** (a) Deep convolutional generative adversarial network. (b) t-SNE embedding of normal (blue) and anomalous (red) images on the feature representation of the last convolution layer (orange in (a)) of the discriminator.

# Key Points for Healthcare

- Representations can normalize.
- Generalization to unseen tasks is critical (e.g., patient subtyping).
- Representations can aid in interpretability.
- Representations can span many modalities.

# What can you do with a representation?

1. Confounder Adjustment: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1811.06498.pdf>

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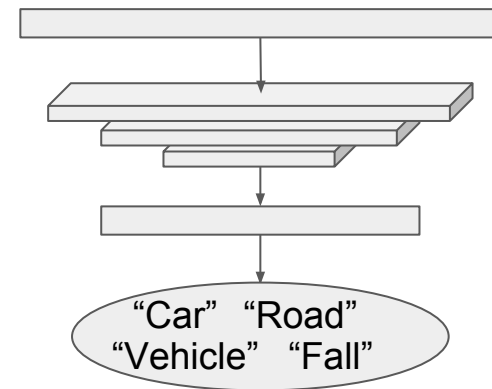
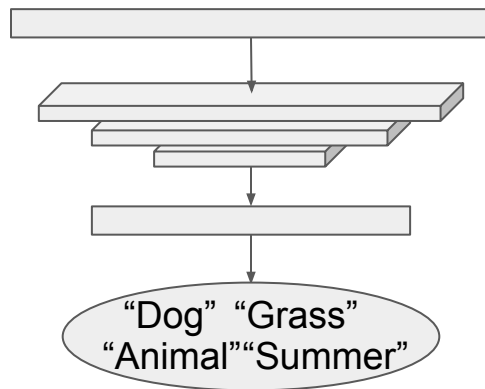
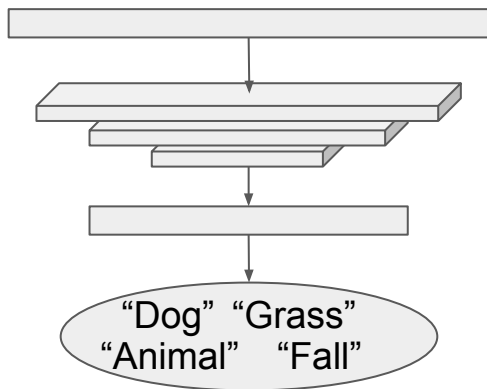
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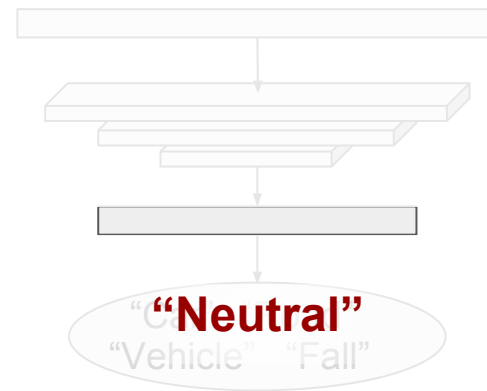
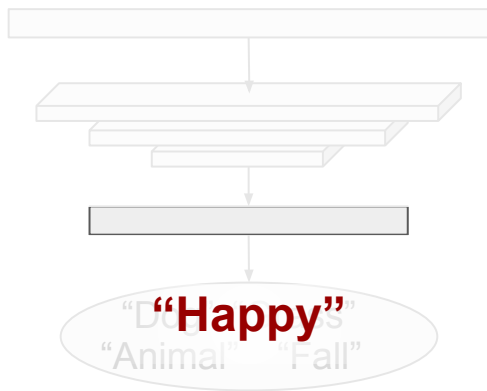
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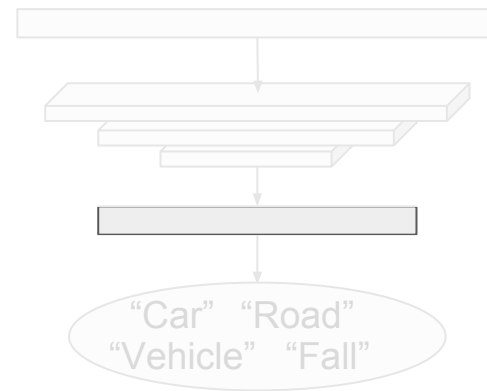
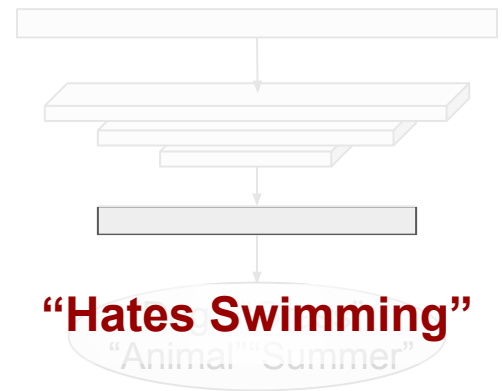
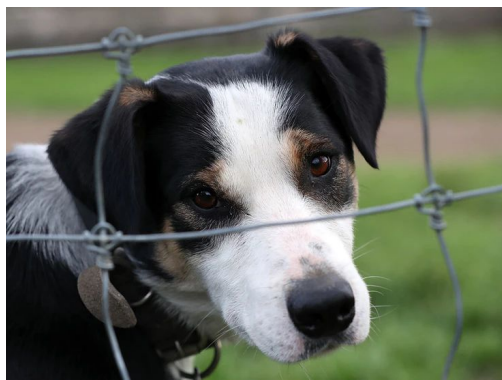
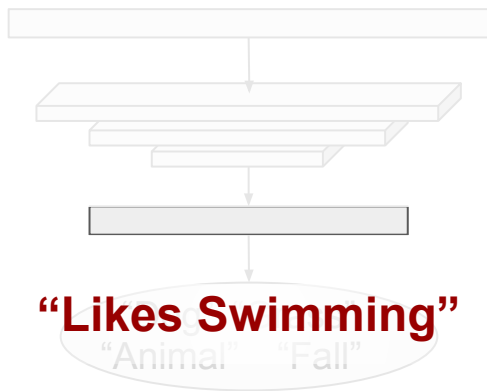


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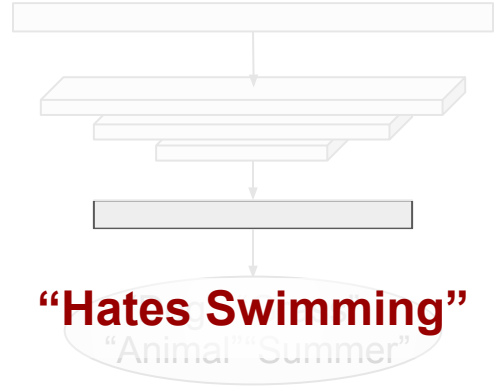
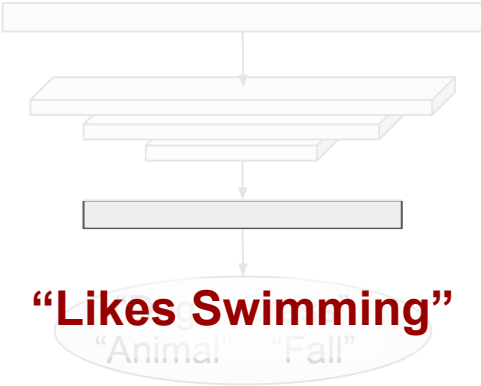


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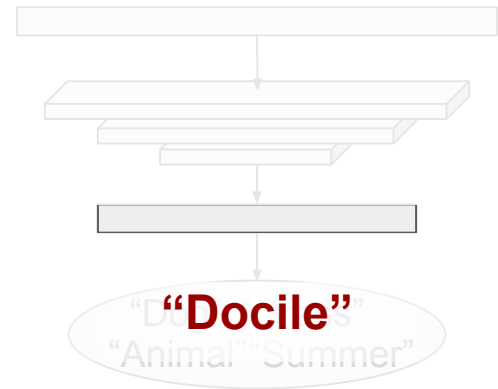
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**We can still do a lot**

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- Life span:** 8 - 10 years
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- Height:** Male: 69-74 cm, Female: 63-69 cm
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# Thank you for your attention

- Links to all papers mentioned available with slides
- Get in touch: [mmd@mit.edu](mailto:mmd@mit.edu)
- Questions?



# Representation Learning in the Literature

## Representation Learning: A Review and New Perspectives

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# Why do we care?

- Missing data is inconvenient.
- Missing data is not going away.
- **Missing data is informative (or confounding).**