

# AI-powered Surgery: Transforming Healthcare Through Innovation and Collaboration



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# ChatGPT



Examples

"Explain quantum computing in simple terms"



Capabilities

Remembers what user said earlier in the conversation



Limitations

May occasionally generate incorrect information



**Digital Darwinism is also playing out at a national level. It is a game-changer for geopolitics as well as industry.**

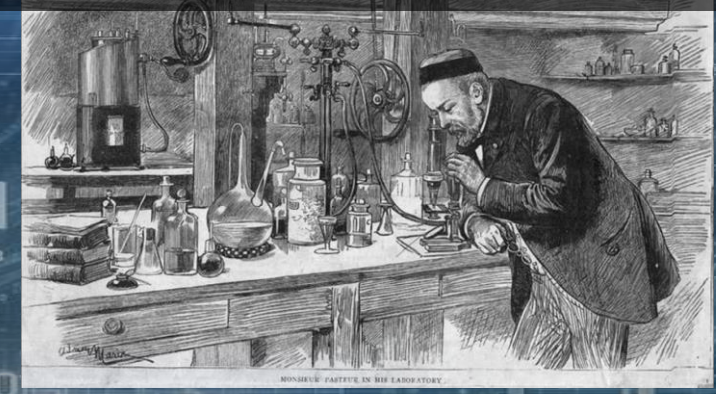
– Virginie Maisonneuve, global CIO equity, Allianz Global Investors

# The Era of Technological Disruption



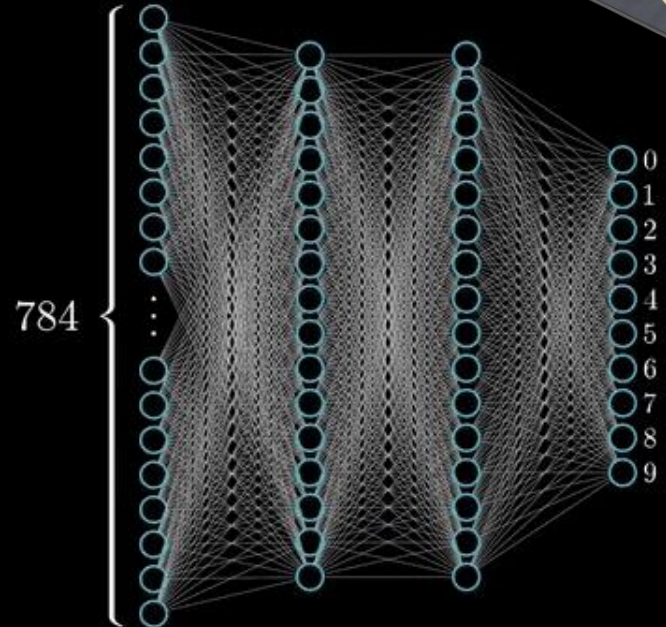
# Evolution of the Operating Room

- General Anesthesia – 1840s
- Antiseptic Surgery – 1860s
- Endoscopic Procedures – 1960s
- Cognitive Computing – 2010s
- **Surgical AI – 2016**



Video DATA

More computing power



More powerful/efficient techniques



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### COMPOUNDS

**C1 HARD** | **C2 MEDIUM** | **C3 SOFT**

**LONGITUDINAL ENERGY** (MIN to MAX)  
**LATERAL ENERGY** (MIN to MAX)

### CIRCUIT INFORMATION

LUSAIL INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT

**18" TYRE**  
 EOS CAMBER LIMIT: FRONT -2.75°, REAR -1.50°  
 MIN. STARTING PRESSURES (SLICK): FRONT 26.0 PSI, REAR 22.5 PSI

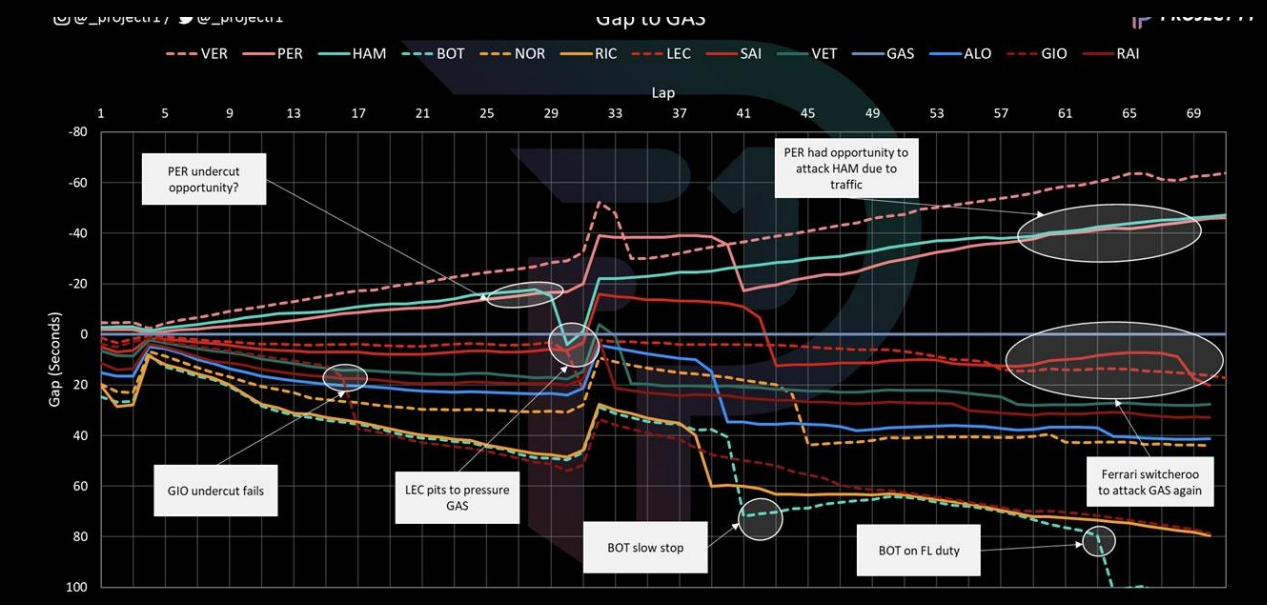
**CIRCUIT MAP:** SECTOR 1, SECTOR 2, SECTOR 3

**TRACTION:** 1 2 3 4 5  
**TYRE STRESS:** 1 2 3 4 5  
**ASPHALT GRIP:** 1 2 3 4 5  
**BRAKING:** 1 2 3 4 5  
**ASPHALT ABRASION:** 1 2 3 4 5  
**LATERAL:** 1 2 3 4 5  
**TRACK EVOLUTION:** 1 2 3 4 5  
**DOWNFORCE:** 1 2 3 4 5

**18" TYRE DATA:**  
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**CIRCUIT METRICS:**  
 NUMBER OF LAPS: 57  
 RACE DISTANCE: 308.611 KM  
 CIRCUIT LENGTH: 5.419 KM  
 LAP RECORD: 1:24.319 (MAX VERBEE (HONDA))

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**Summary** | **Timing** | **Video/Map** | **Graphs** | **Driver** | **Performance** | **GPS Analysis** | **Qualifying** | **Race** | **Pit stops** | **Safety Car** | **Track** | **Telemetry** | **Weather** | **Widgets**

**Timing Window:** F1 HOST\_HD\_2018-11-25\_16-30-31.s

**Circle Map Viewer:** Lap 29/55, 01:05:03

**Lap Time Distribution (Current Session):**  
 BOT: 1:43.050  
 VER: +0.379  
 RIC: +0.766  
 PER: +0.816  
 HAM: +0.887  
 SAI: +1.029  
 LEC: +1.932  
 GAS: +2.074  
 RAI: +2.183  
 MAG: +2.381  
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 STR: +3.183  
 VAN: +3.198  
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 HAR: +3.334  
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**Track Temp Graph (P2):** Shows temperature fluctuations over the session.

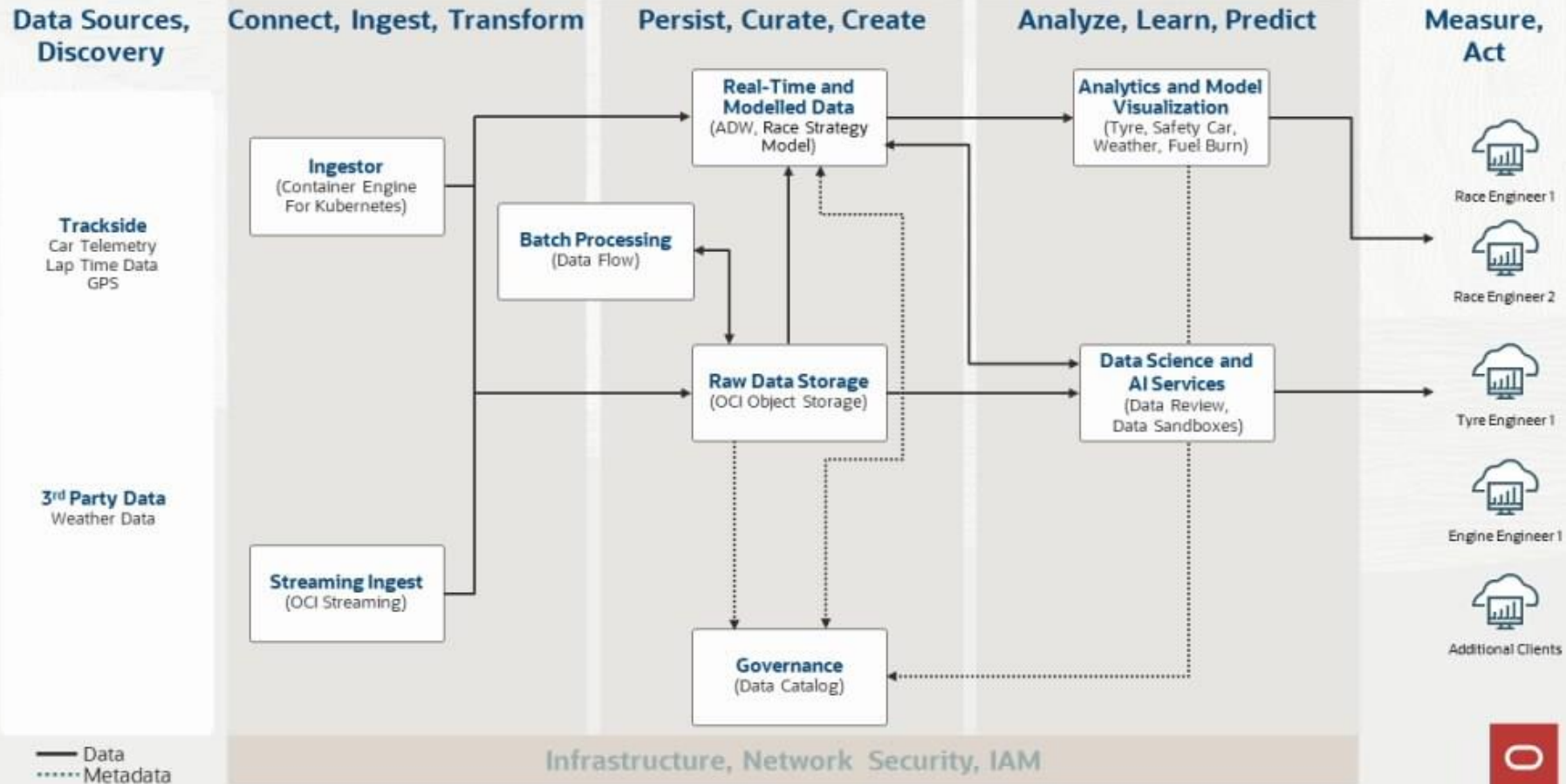
**Pit Window:** Shows pit stop times for various drivers.

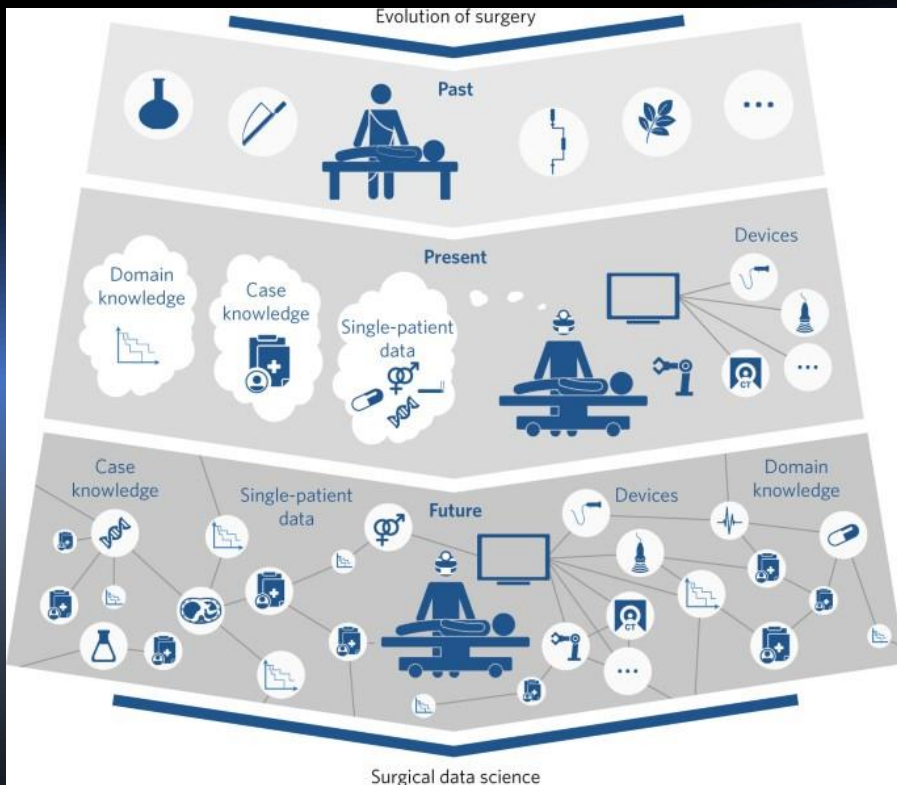
**Driver Strategy Graph (HAM):** Shows strategy changes for Hamilton.

**Weather Channel Graph:** Shows current weather conditions.

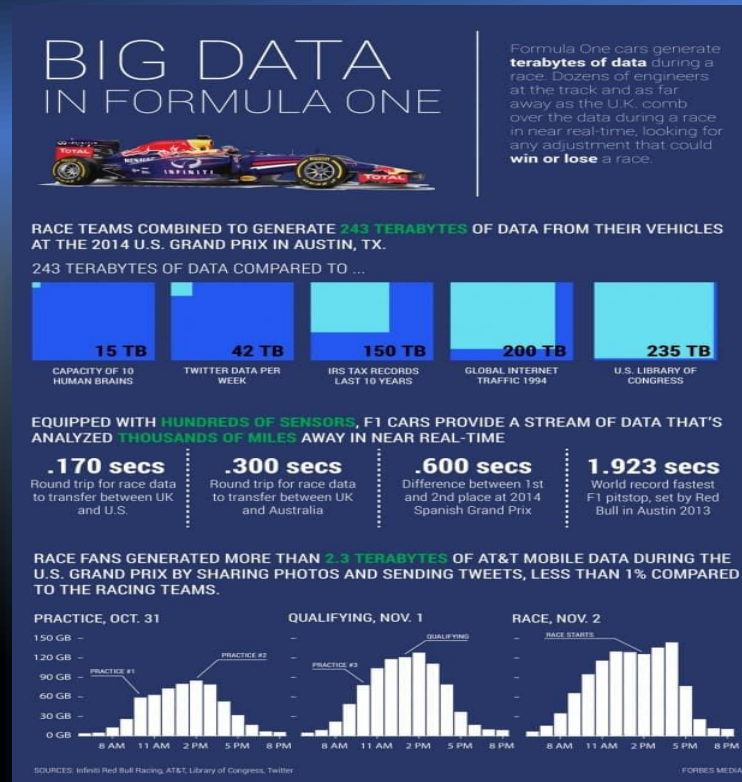
# Error Handling and Recovery

## Oracle Data Platform – Race Strategy





The average hospital generate  
**137 terabytes per day**



F1 teams combined generate  
**243 terabytes per day**



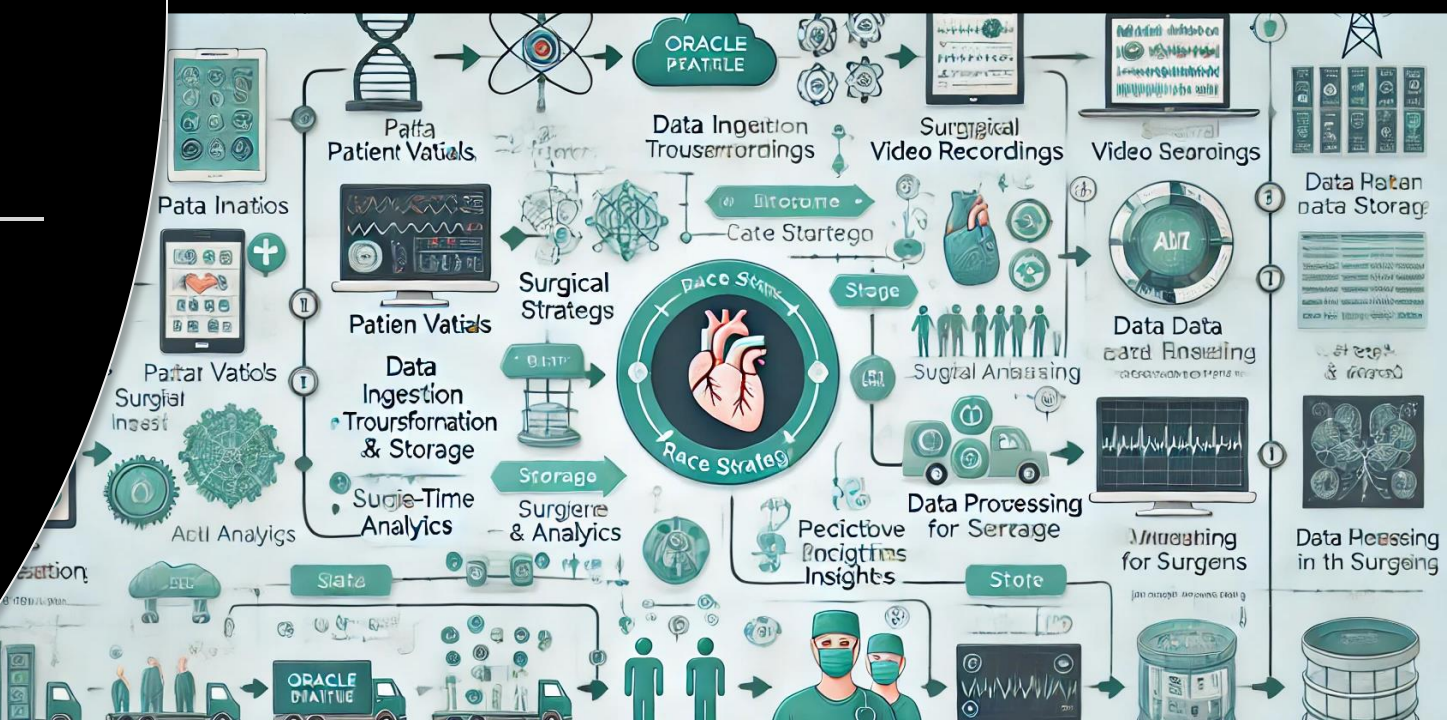
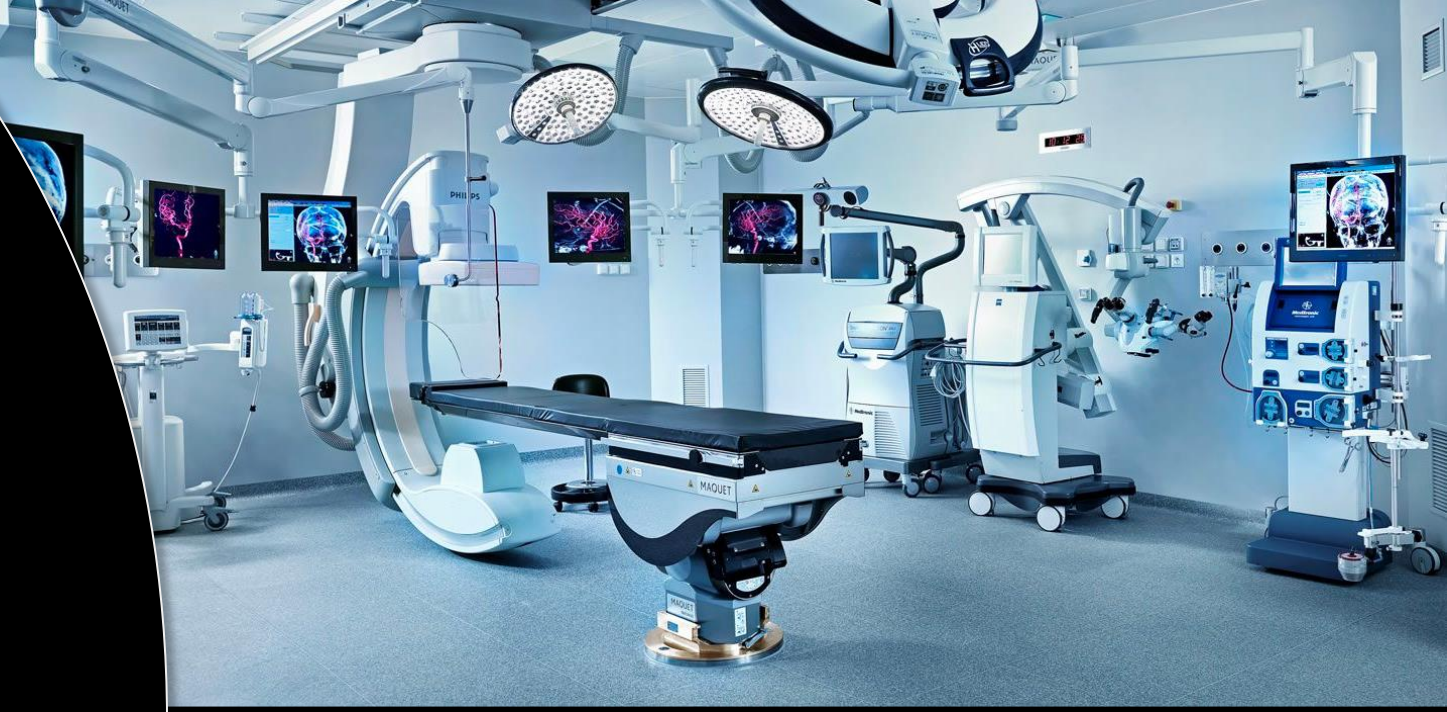
**WHAT IF...?**





# Operative planning:

# Surgical Strategy with Error Handling and Recovery System



# Potential Current Applications

- Data-driven insights
- Predictive analytics
- Automated scheduling
- Resource allocation
- Quality improvement
- Notification Systems
- Operative Report Generation
- Billing
- Compliance Monitoring
- Resource Prediction, and Allocation

**Tele-  
mentoring**

**Operative  
Case Length  
Prediction**

**Attention  
Awareness**

# Barriers

 Data Quality And Privacy Concerns

 High Implementation Costs

 Complex Integration

 Cultural Resistance

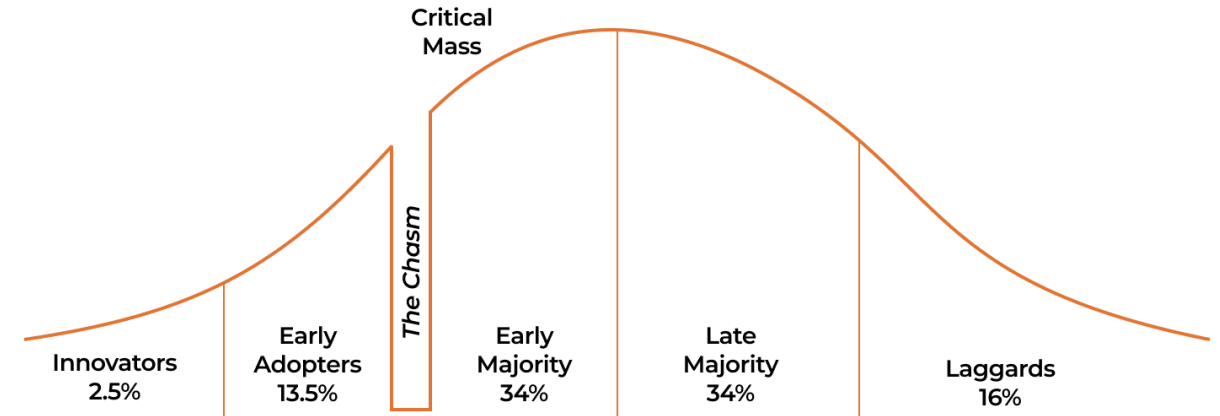
 Limited AI Interpretability

 Ethical Considerations



# Diffusion of Innovation Theory

- Relative Advantage
- Compatibility to Workflow
- Complexity of Use
- Triability of models
- Observability of Results



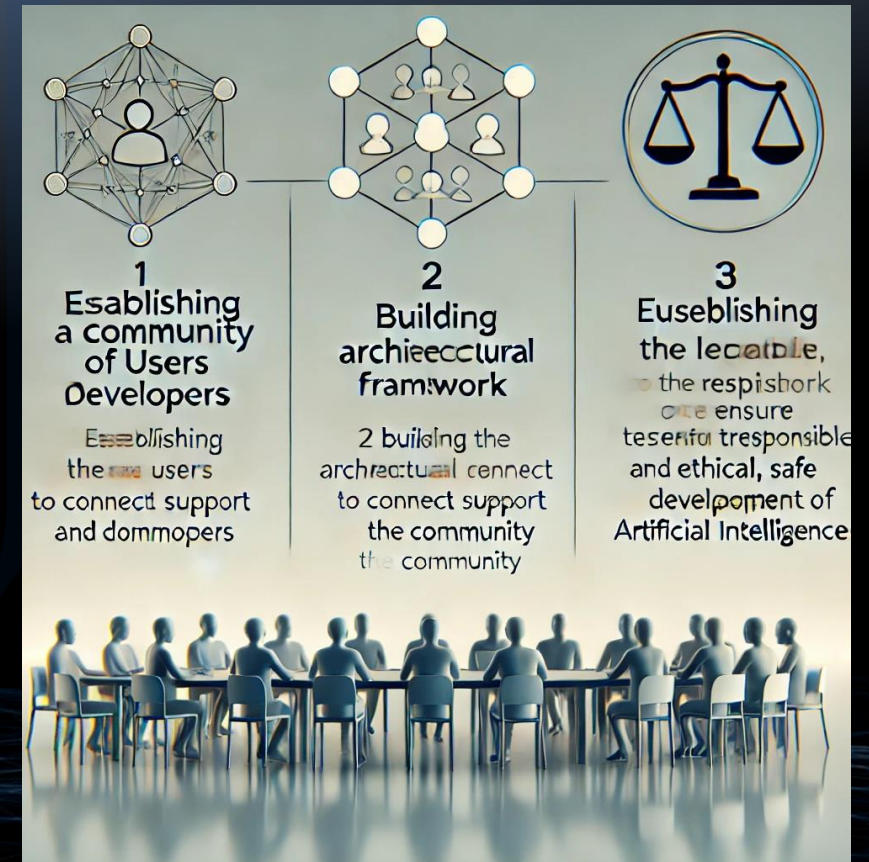
# Three Major Pillars of Development



- Establishing a **Community** of users and developers

- Building the **Architectural Framework** to connect and support the community.

- Establishing a **Legal Framework** to ensure trustworthy, responsible, ethical, and safe development of artificial intelligence.



# Surgical AI Standards

## Foundational work

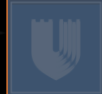
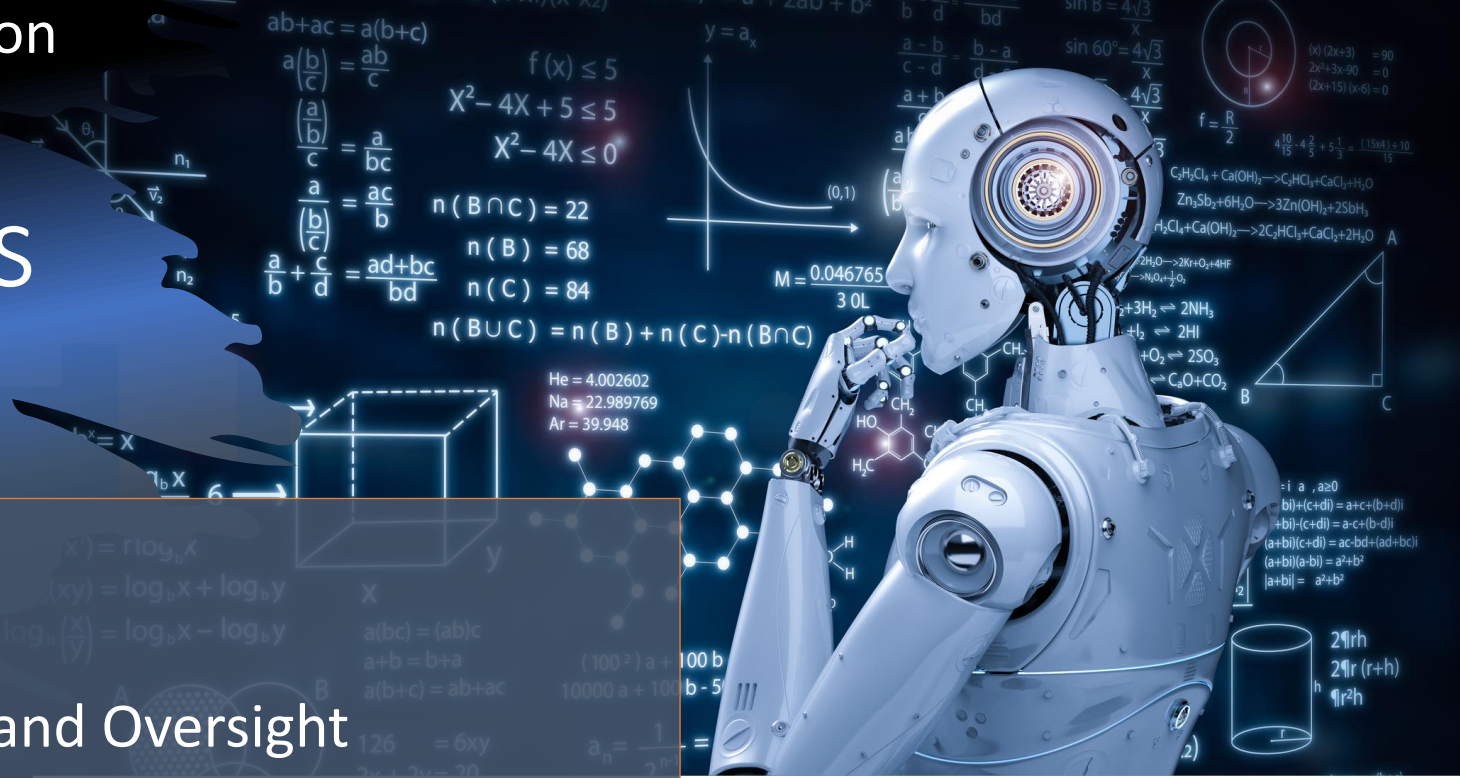
- Annotation ✓
- Data Structure and Use ✓
- Governance Policies, Regulations, and Oversight

## Structural needs

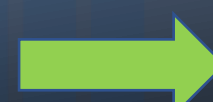
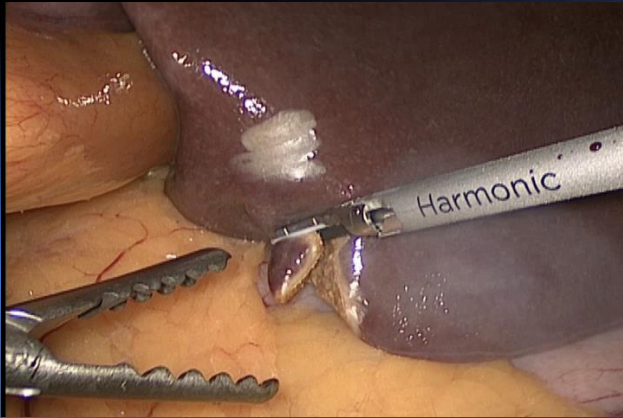
- Video Data Acquisition Framework ✓
- Creation of a Community ✓
- Management through Data Lifecycle

## Knowledge creation and dissemination

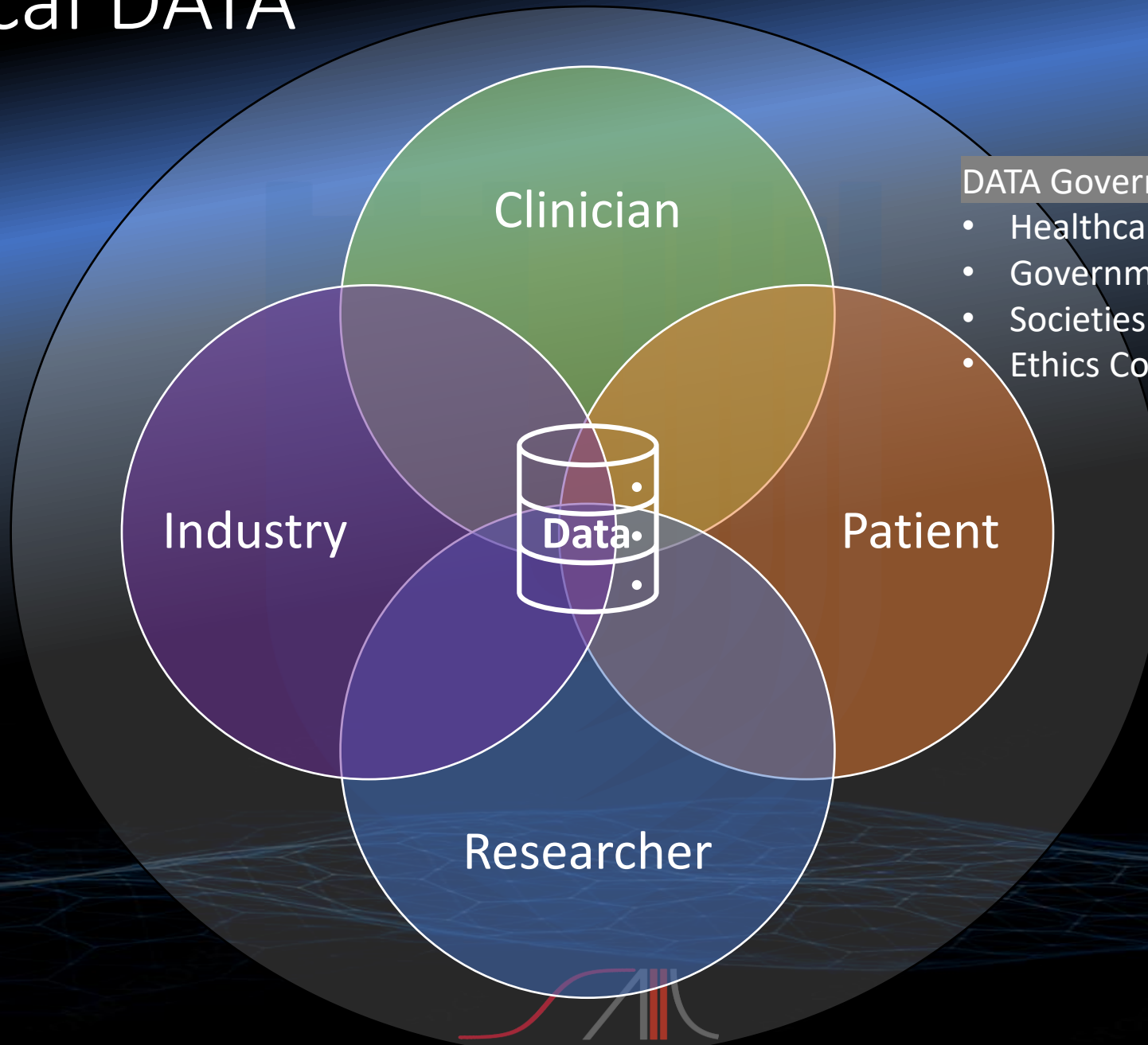
- Scientific Research ✓
- Education ✓
- Cultural Transformation



# DATA collection



# Surgical DATA

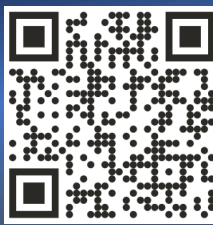


## DATA Governance, Policies and Oversight

- Healthcare Systems
- Governments
- Societies
- Ethics Committees



# Consensus Recommendations on an Annotation Framework for Surgical Video



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## CONSENSUS STATEMENT



## SAGES consensus recommendations on an annotation framework for surgical video

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### Abstract

**Background** The growing interest in analysis of surgical video through machine learning has led to increased research efforts; however, common methods of annotating video data are lacking. There is a need to establish recommendations on the annotation of surgical video data to enable assessment of algorithms and multi-institutional collaboration.

**Methods** Four working groups were formed from a pool of participants that included clinicians, engineers, and data scientists. The working groups were focused on four themes: (1) temporal models, (2) actions and tasks, (3) tissue characteristics and general anatomy, and (4) software and data structure. A modified Delphi process was utilized to create a consensus survey based on suggested recommendations from each of the working groups.

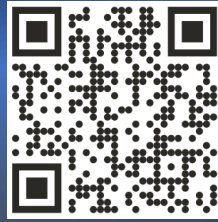
**Results** After three Delphi rounds, consensus was reached on recommendations for annotation within each of these domains. A hierarchy for annotation of temporal events in surgery was established.

**Conclusions** While additional work remains to achieve accepted standards for video annotation in surgery, the consensus recommendations on a general framework for annotation presented here lay the foundation for standardization. This type of framework is critical to enabling diverse datasets, performance benchmarks, and collaboration.



# Annotation Framework

## Hierarchical Structure with Expandable Granularity



### Temporal Events

Phase (generic)

Step (procedure- specific)

Task (generic)

Action (generic)



### Spatial Events

Anatomic region

Specific anatomy

General anatomy

Tissue characteristics



# Annotation

## Temporal Hierarchy

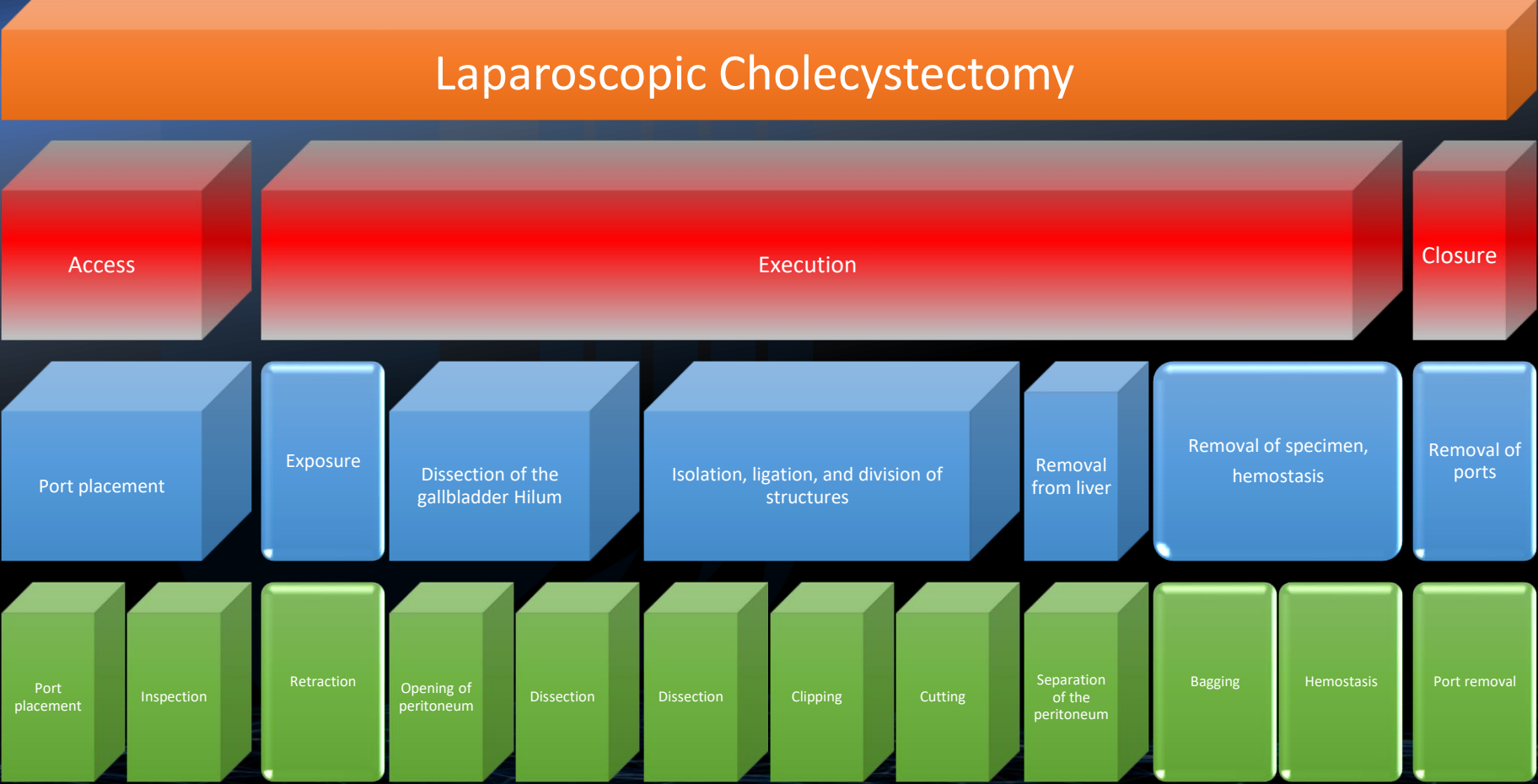


Operation

PHASES

Steps

Tasks and Actions



# Annotation

## Spatial Hierarchy

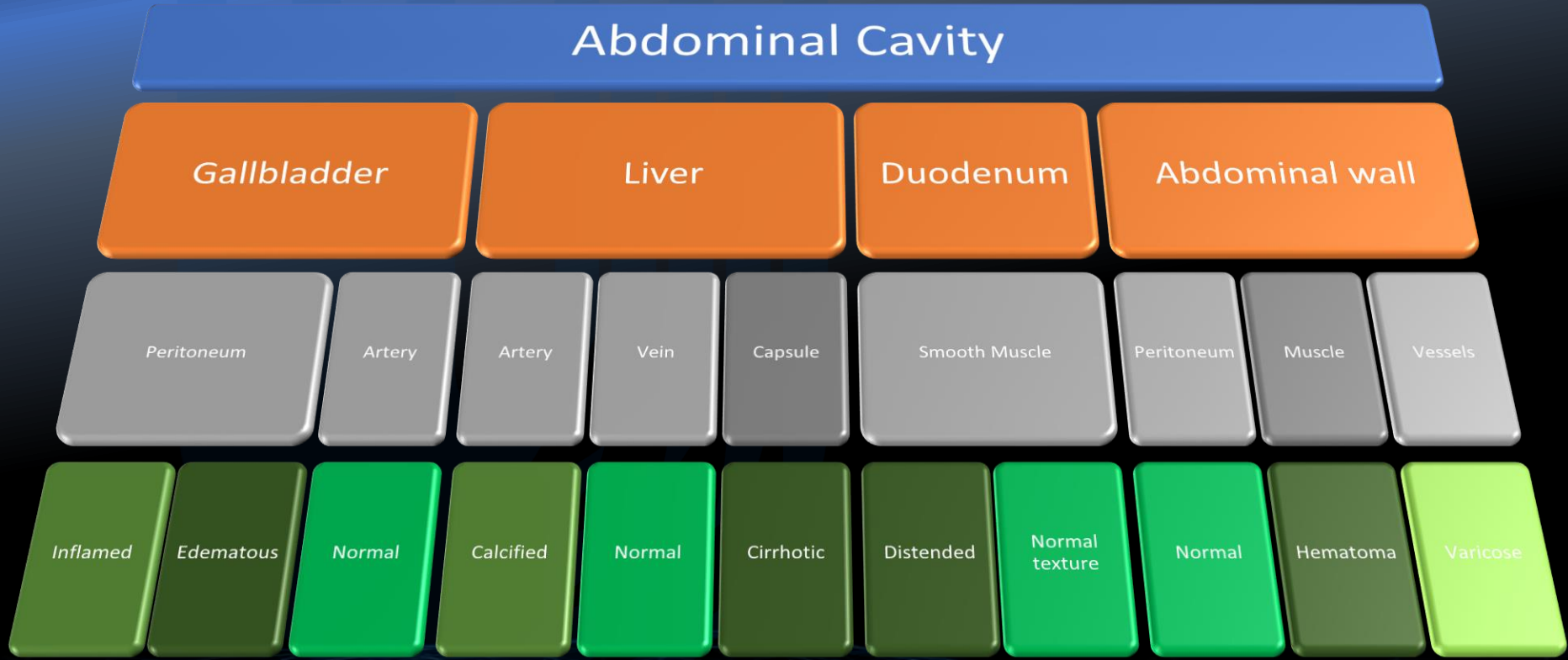


Reginal Anatomy

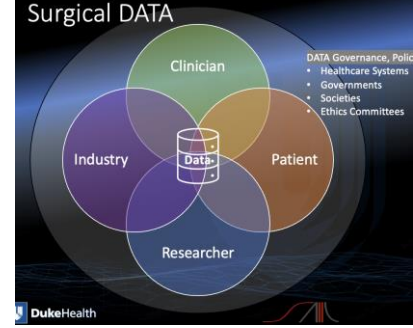
Specific anatomy

General anatomy

Tissue characteristics

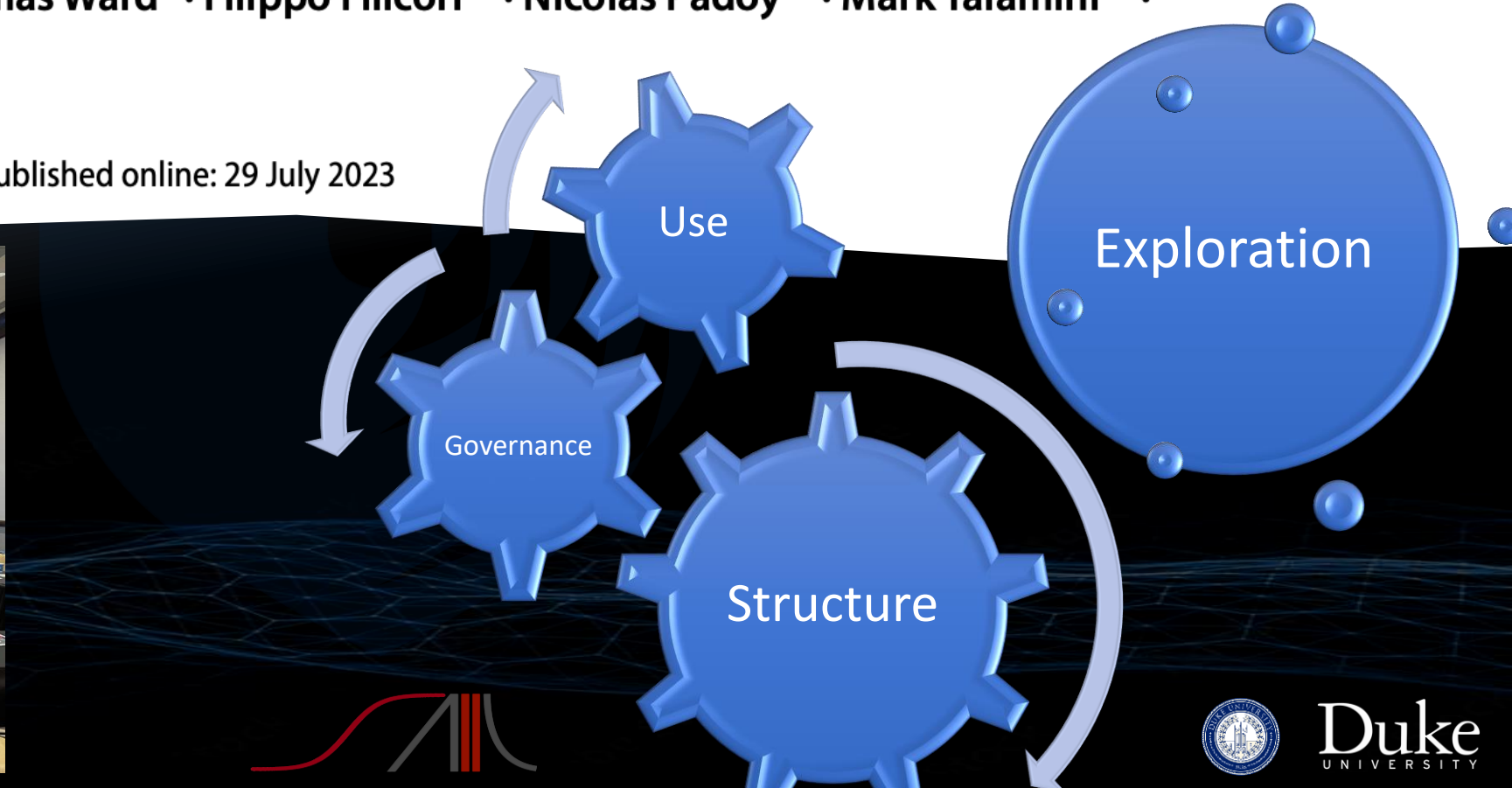


# SAGES consensus recommendations on surgical video data use, structure, and exploration (for research in artificial intelligence, clinical quality improvement, and surgical education)

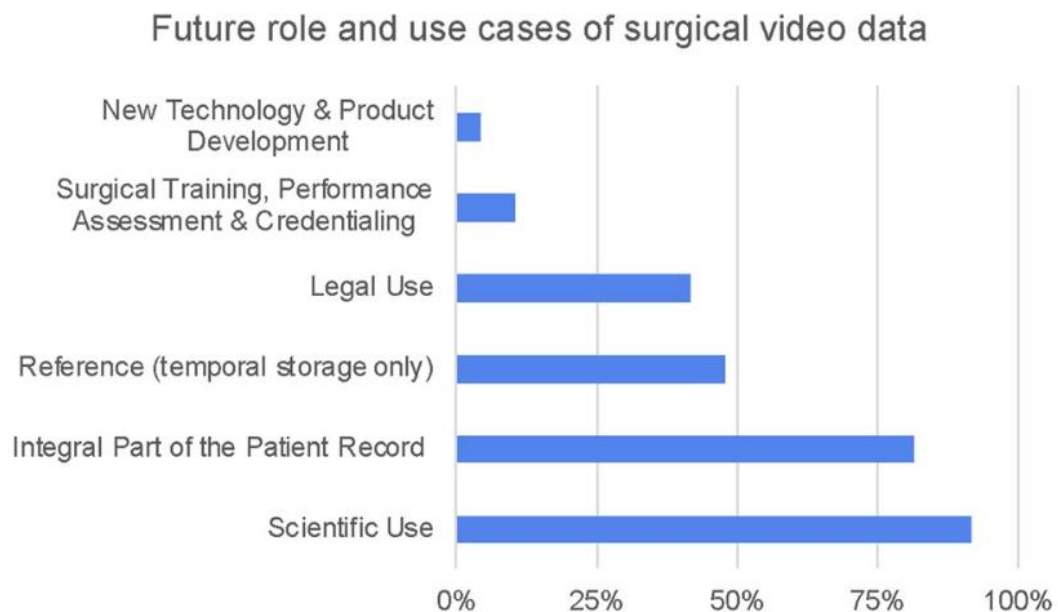


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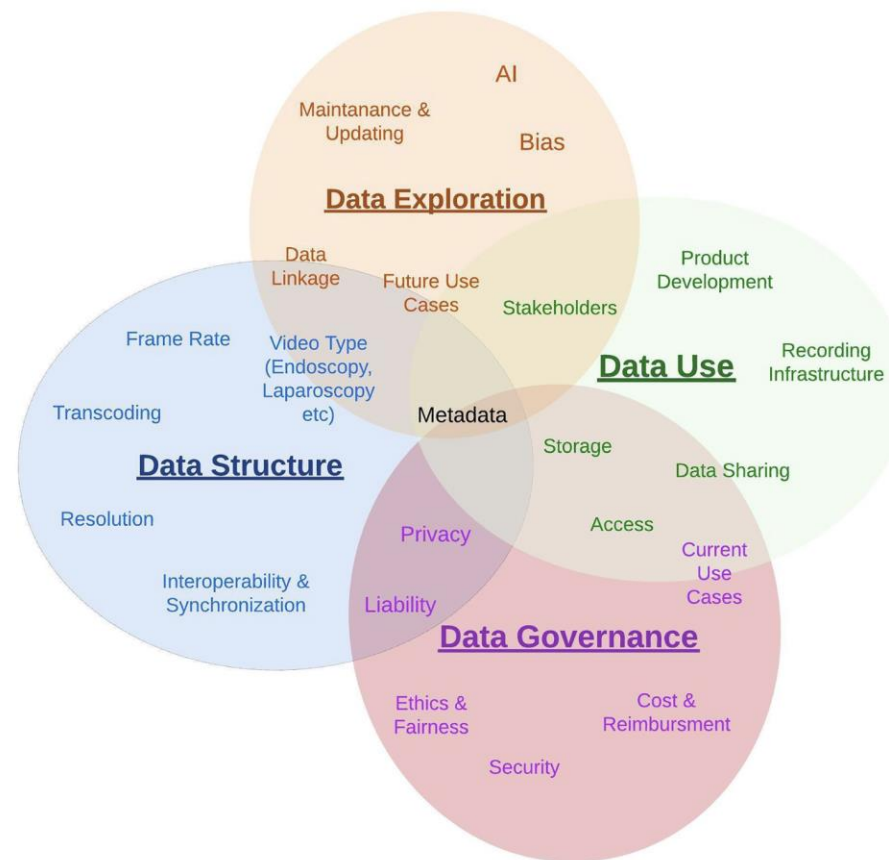
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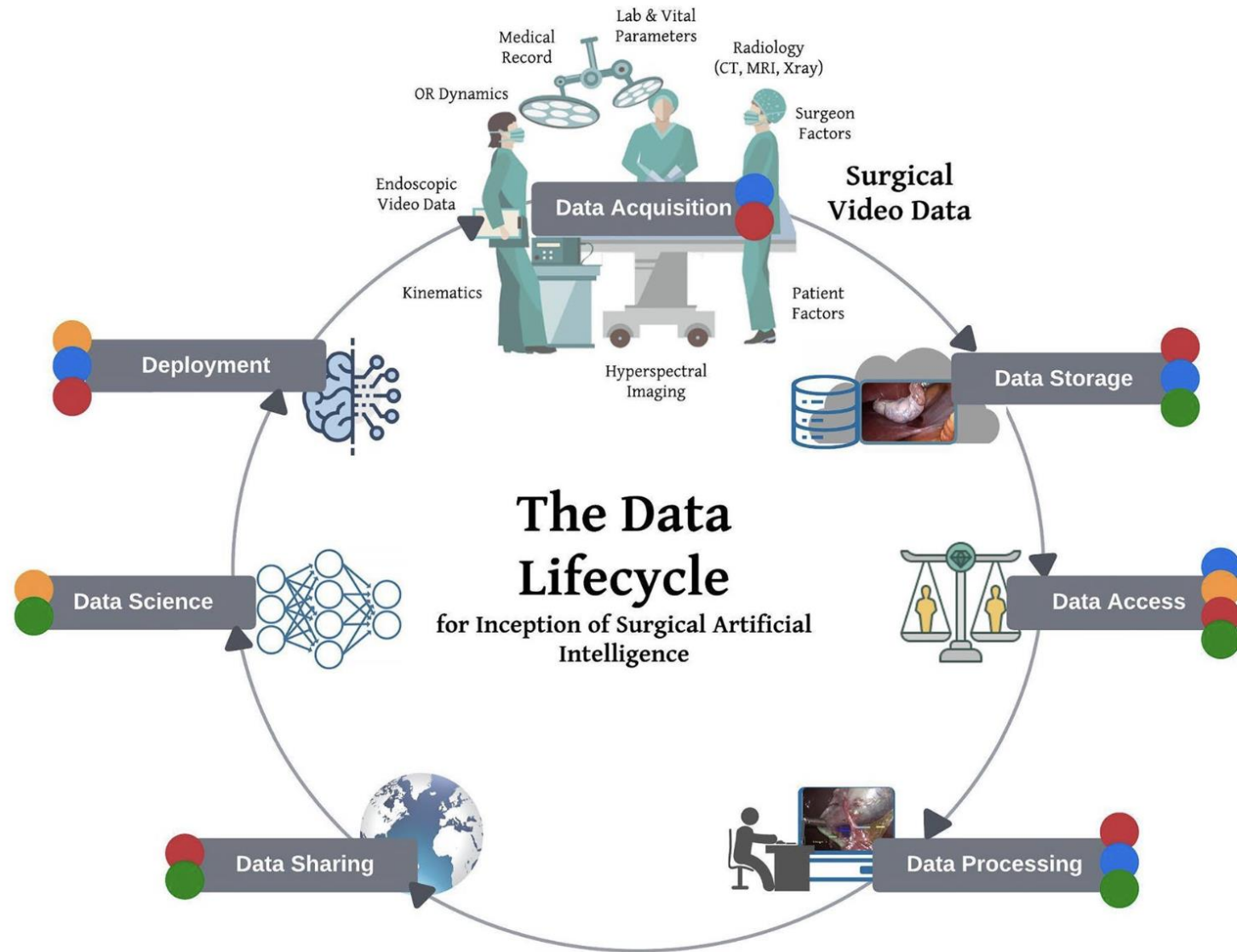


# Use Cases



**Fig. 7** Results of statement 8—future applications and use cases of surgical video data, identified by survey participants





**Fig. 1** The Data Lifecycle, highlighting stages of surgical video data en route to the creation of AI. Schematic outline of essential attributes of data architecture and infrastructure influencing current data use and future exploration and considerations for adequate governance

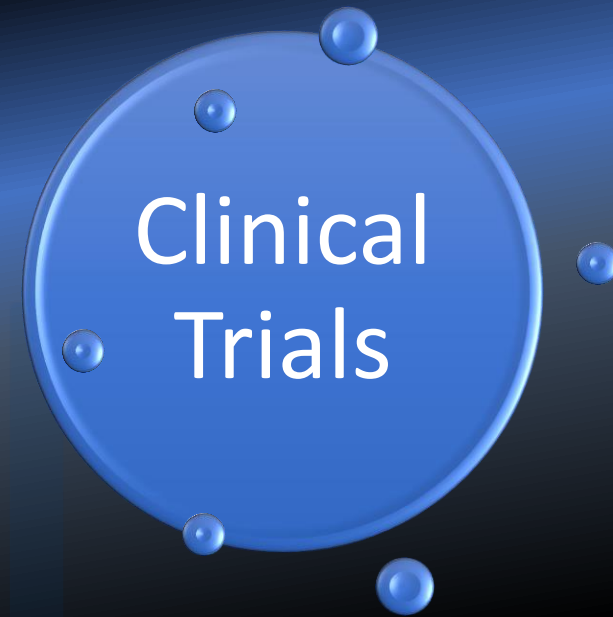


Community

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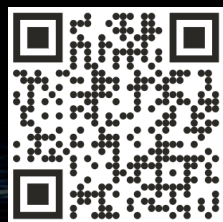
# Scientific efforts Discovery Validation and Benchmarking



Computer Vision  
Challenges



Multi-institutional  
collaborations



Academia and  
Industry partnership



Standards for  
Publications



Validation Studies



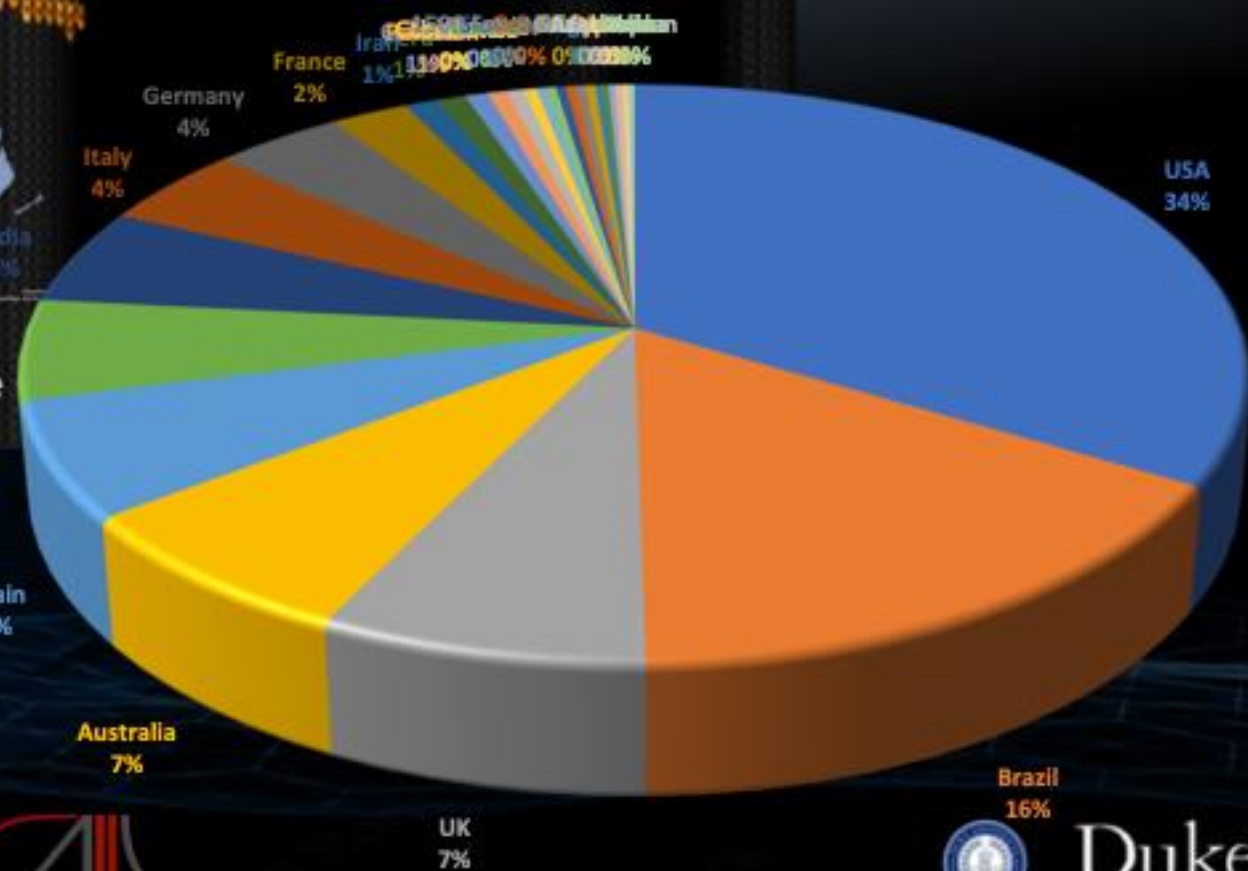
Promote Diversity



# The Critical View of Safety Challenge



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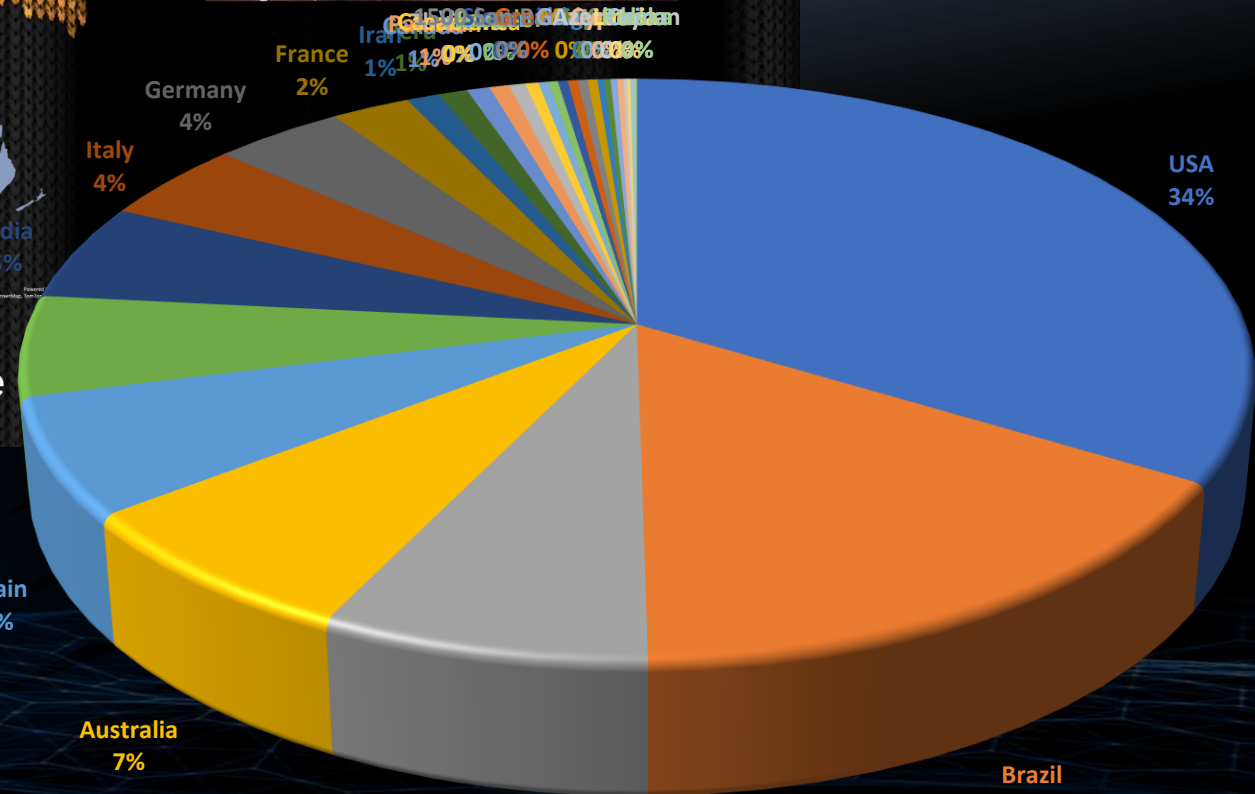
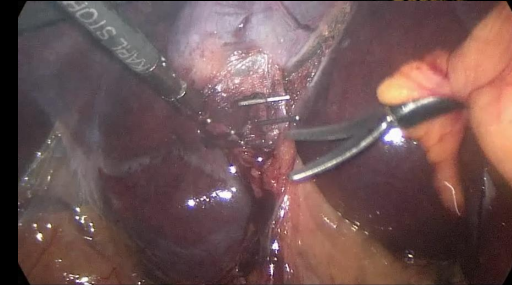


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Accounts: 155  
Institutions: 64  
29% LMIC

# 1700 +

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# 10.000 Unique Visitors

Series1



# Community Effort



## SUPPORTERS

### Data Donors

- 55 Surgeons
- 54 Institutions
- 24 Countries

### Industry Advisors

- MedTech / Surgical MIS Companies
- 1 Data Anonymization Pipeline
- 5 Sponsors

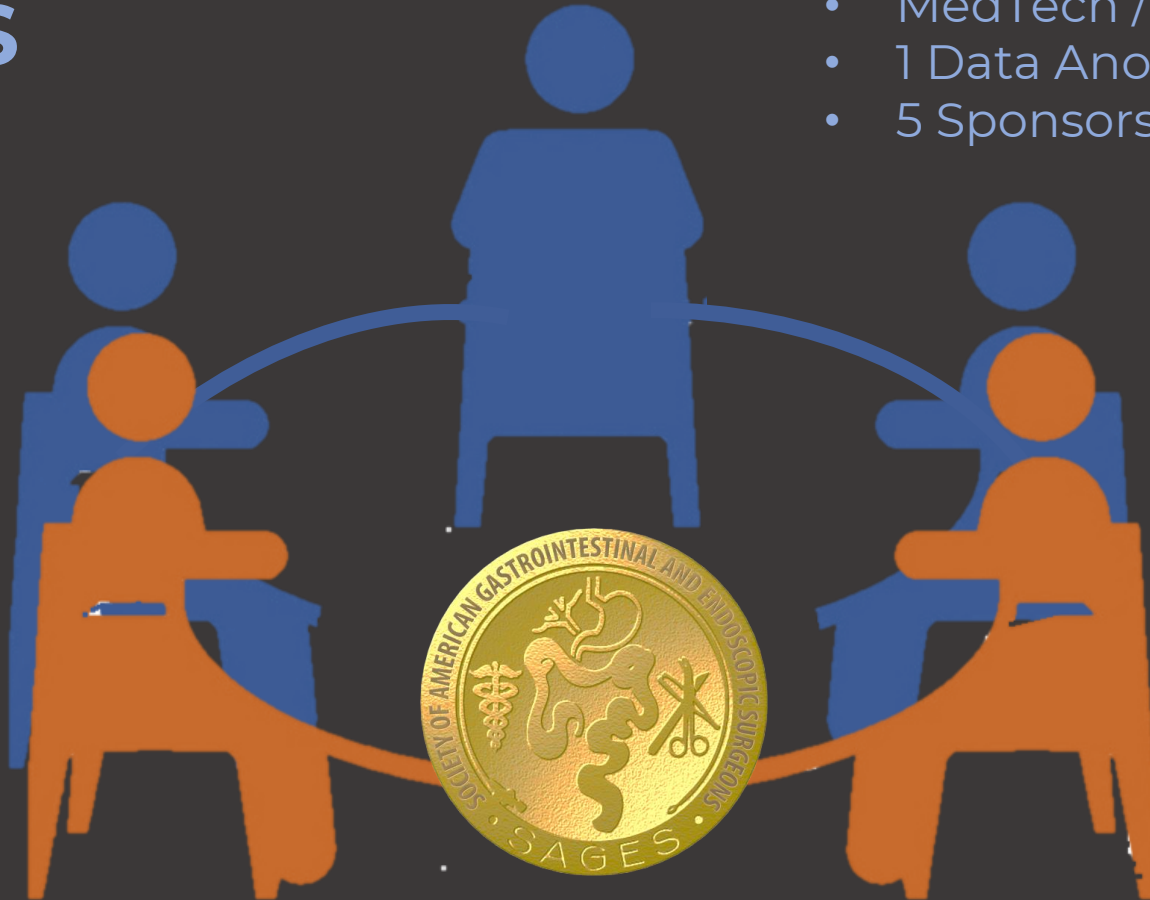
### Annotators

- 19 Residents & Fellows
- 14 Countries
- 20% Dropout Rate

## ORGANIZERS

### Surgeons

- 6 Clinical Leaders
- 14 Clinical Advisors



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### Computer Scientists

- 7 Technical Leaders
- 8 Technical Advisors

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# Outreach: Data Characteristics



## Clinical Diversity (besides origin)

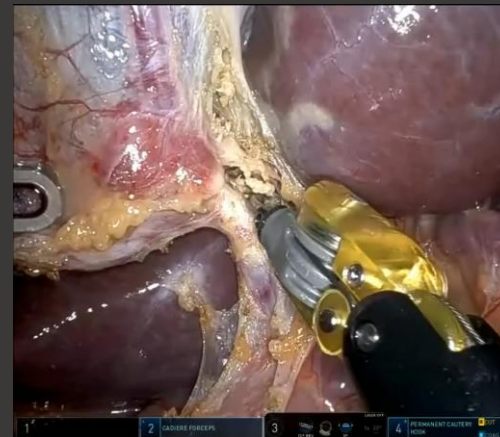
- 9 Recording Devices
- Robotics / Laparoscopic
- ICG +/- IOC



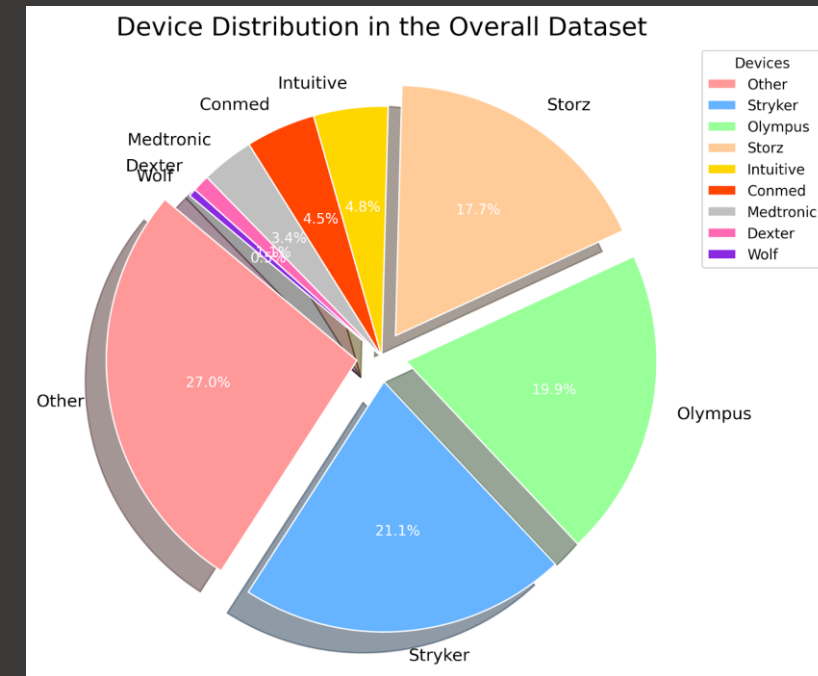
2D Vision, 854x480 Pixel, Laparoscopic

## Technical Diversity

- 19 Resolutions
- 4 File Types
- 3 Formats



3D Vision, HD-Resolution, Robotics + ICG



The SAGES Critical View of Safety Challenge

# Challenge Goals: Subchallenges

## 1) CVS Classification

Binary classification of 3 visually distinct criteria

Criterion 1 (C1)

**Two and only two** tubular structures are seen connected to the gallbladder



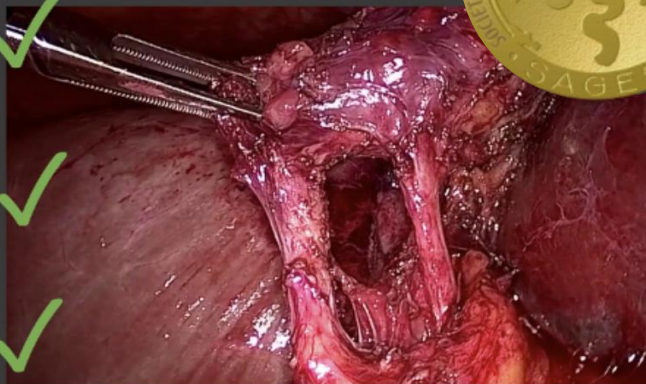
Criterion 2 (C2)

The **hepatocystic triangle** is cleared from fat and/or connective tissue so that an unimpeded view is obtained



Criterion 3 (C3)

The lower part of the gallbladder is dissected off the liver bed to expose the lower **1/3 of the cystic plate**.



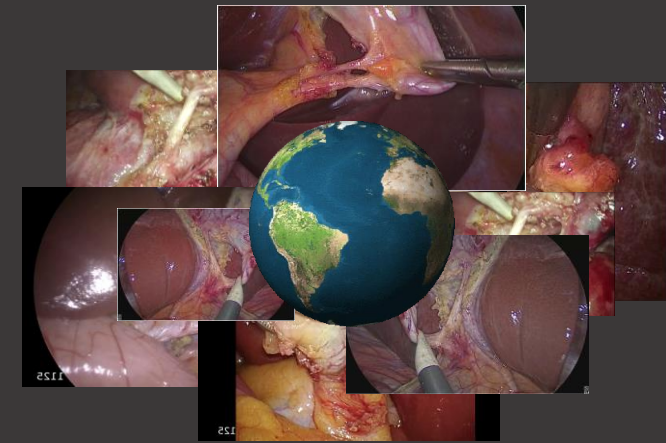
## 2) Uncertainty Quantification

Accounting for inherent uncertainty in real-world clinical setting



## 2) Robustness

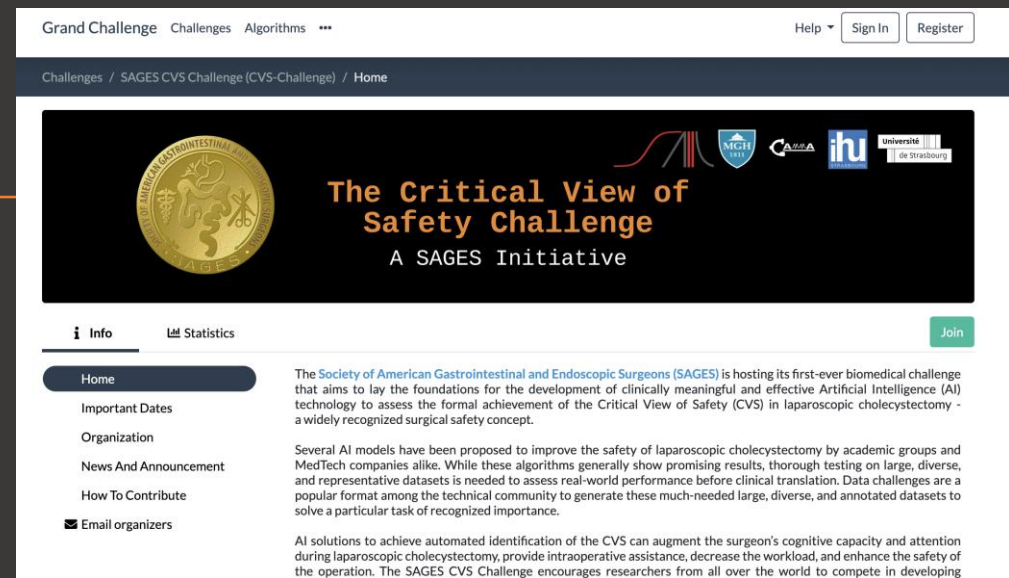
Consistency across distribution shifts linked to clinical & technical diversity



# Competitors

36 Teams

16 Countries



The screenshot shows the website for the SAGES CVS Challenge. At the top, there are navigation links for "Grand Challenge", "Challenges", and "Algorithms", along with "Help", "Sign In", and "Register" buttons. The main header features the SAGES logo (a gold seal) and the text "The Critical View of Safety Challenge" and "A SAGES Initiative". Below this, there are tabs for "Info" and "Statistics", and a "Join" button. The "Info" tab is active, showing a list of links: "Home", "Important Dates", "Organization", "News And Announcement", "How To Contribute", and "Email organizers". The main content area contains a paragraph describing the challenge: "The Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) is hosting its first-ever biomedical challenge that aims to lay the foundations for the development of clinically meaningful and effective Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology to assess the formal achievement of the Critical View of Safety (CVS) in laparoscopic cholecystectomy - a widely recognized surgical safety concept." It also mentions that several AI models have been proposed to improve the safety of laparoscopic cholecystectomy and that the challenge encourages researchers from all over the world to compete in developing AI solutions to achieve automated identification of the CVS.





# Rankings



CVS Classification	Uncertainty Quantification	SC2 - Ranking
<b>Team Farm</b> Stanford University	<b>Theator Inc</b>	<b>SDS-HD</b> German Cancer Research Center
<b>Theator Inc</b>	<b>Pandas</b> Chengdu University China	<b>Theator Inc</b>
<b>SDS-HD</b> German Cancer Research Center	<b>SDS-HD</b> German Cancer Research Center	<b>Team Farm</b> Stanford University
mml	SRV-WEISS	mml
TUE-VCA	Transformers	TUE-VCA
Pandas	CVS_HUST	Pandas
FightTumor	mml	Caresyntax
Caresyntax	TUE-VCA	FightTumor
SRV-WEISS	Farm	IRCV-URV
IRCV-URV	Caresyntax	SRV-WEISS
Transformers	IRCV-URV	Transformers
CVS_HUST	FightTumor	HFUT-Media
HFUT-Media	HFUT-Media	CVS_HUST

# Winners Overall



Winners
<b>Theator Inc</b>
<b>SDS-HD</b> German Cancer Research Center
<b>Team Farm</b> Stanford University



Overall Prize Money: \$15,500 + NVIDIA Developer Kit  
IGX Origin with RTX 6000 ADA GPU (approx. \$20k)

# CVS Challenge Part 2

MICCAI Intervention Society

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# Education and Training



Scientific Meetings



Dedicated Fellowships  
e.g. SAILL



Medical School  
Curriculum



Publications

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At the Surgical Artificial Intelligence and Innovation Laboratory (SAILL), we are committed to fostering a collaborative and open research community. We understand the value of sharing resources, datasets, tools, and insights with other researchers, students, and individuals in the field of surgical AI. To accelerate innovation and improve patient care worldwide, we are in the process of...

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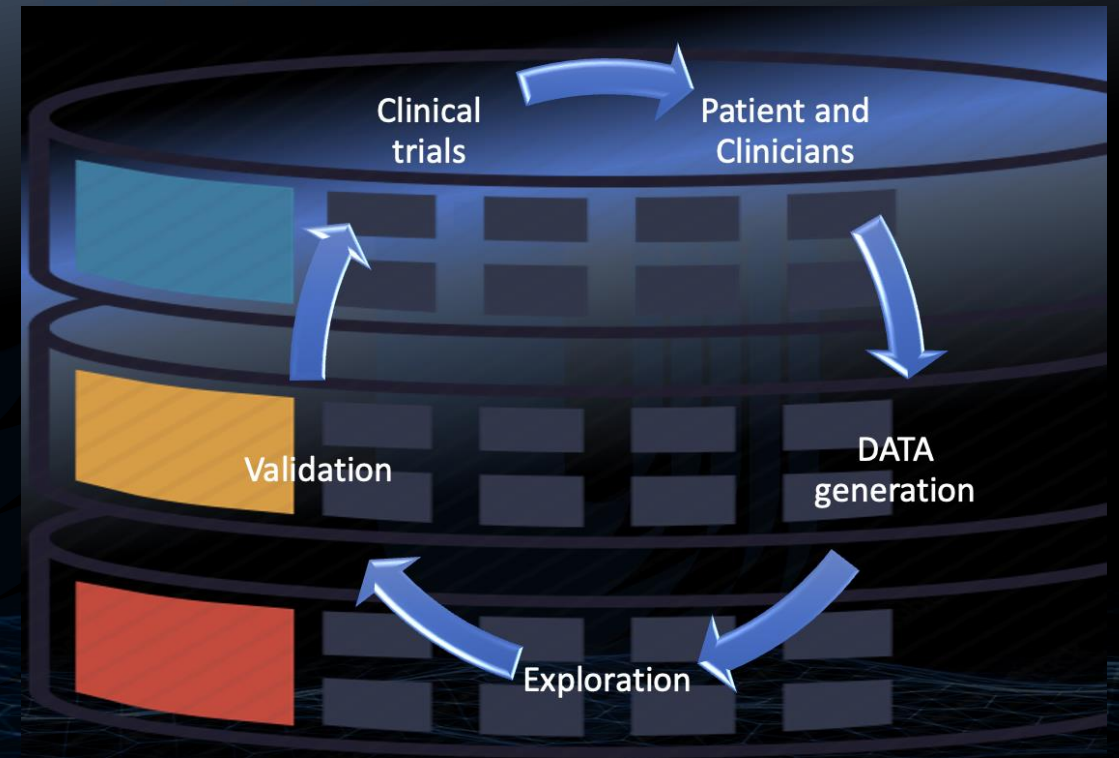
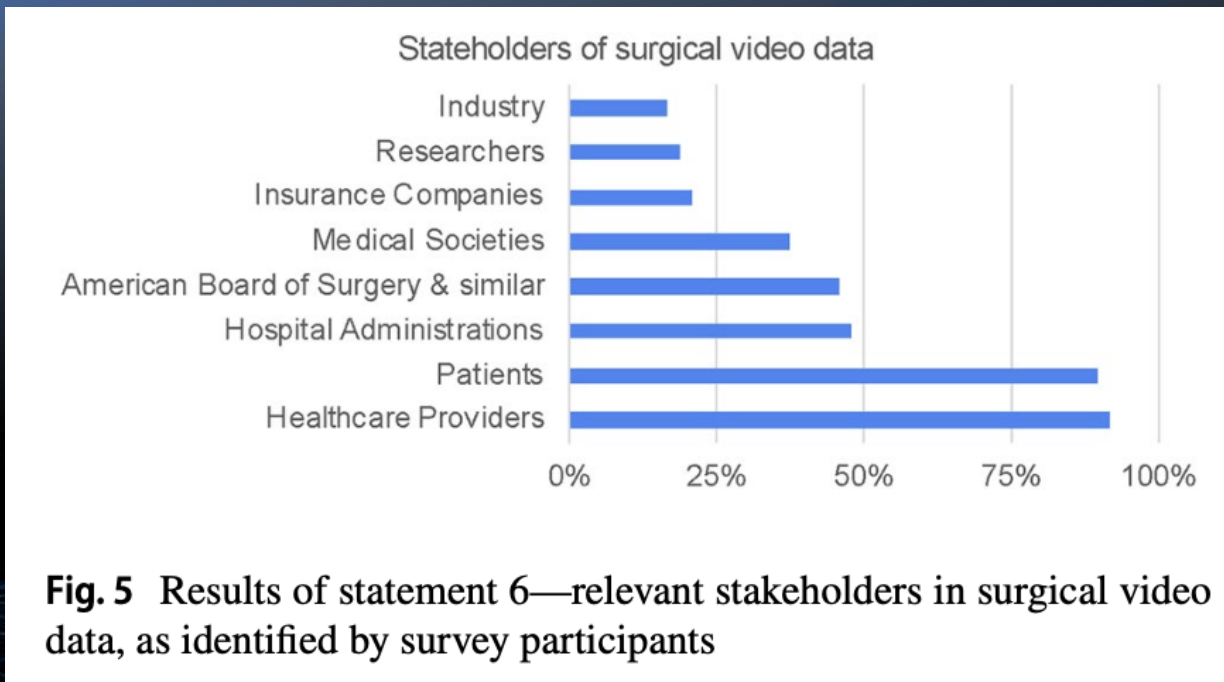




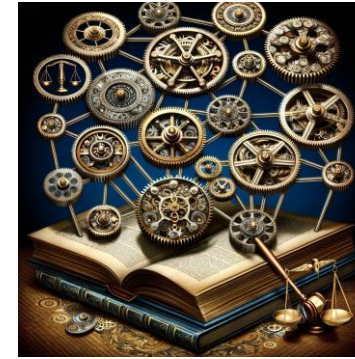
# Surgical AI Governance Stakeholders

## Regulations, Policies and Oversight

Data governance is a principled approach to managing data during its life cycle, from acquisition to use to disposal.



# Legal Framework

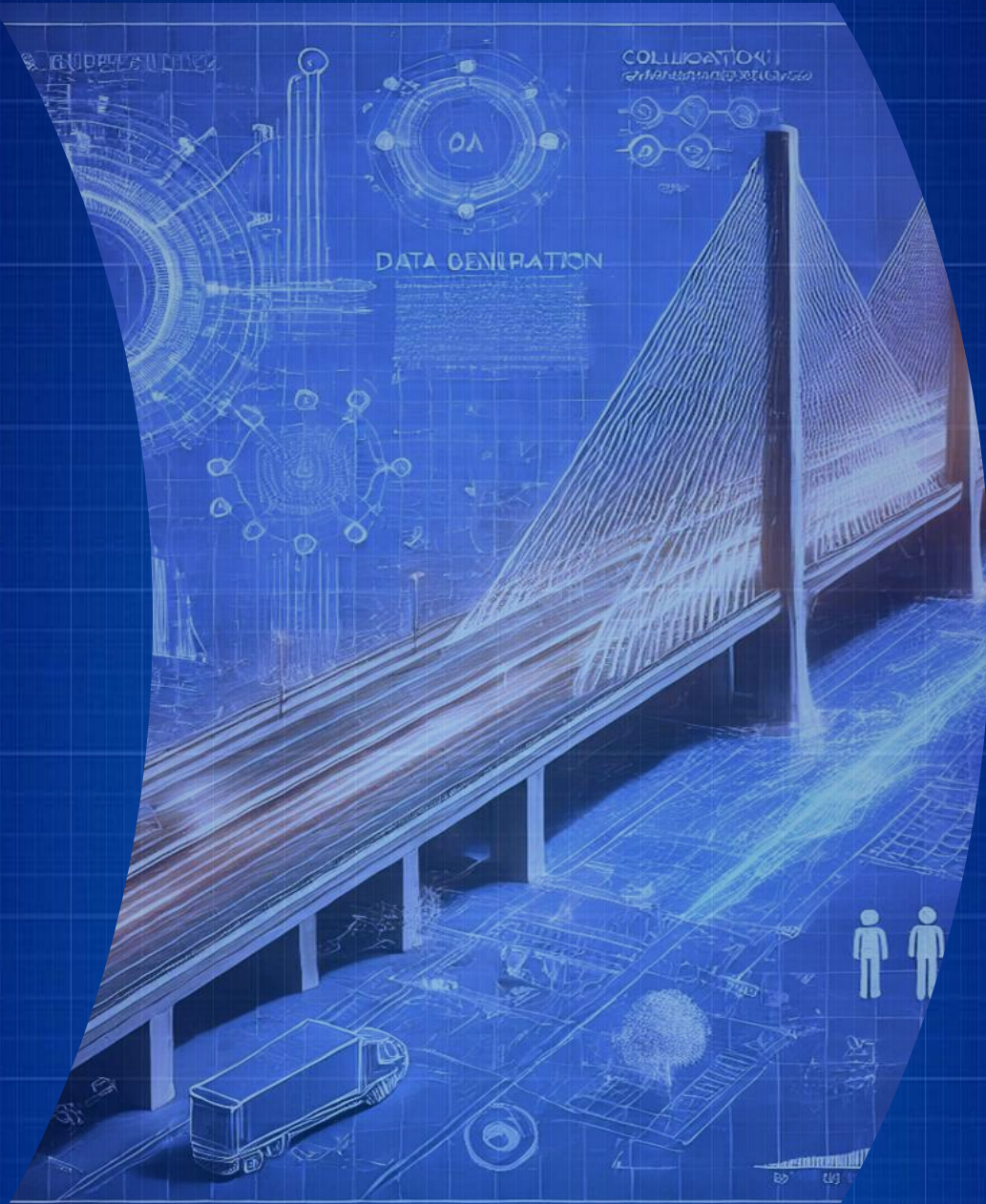


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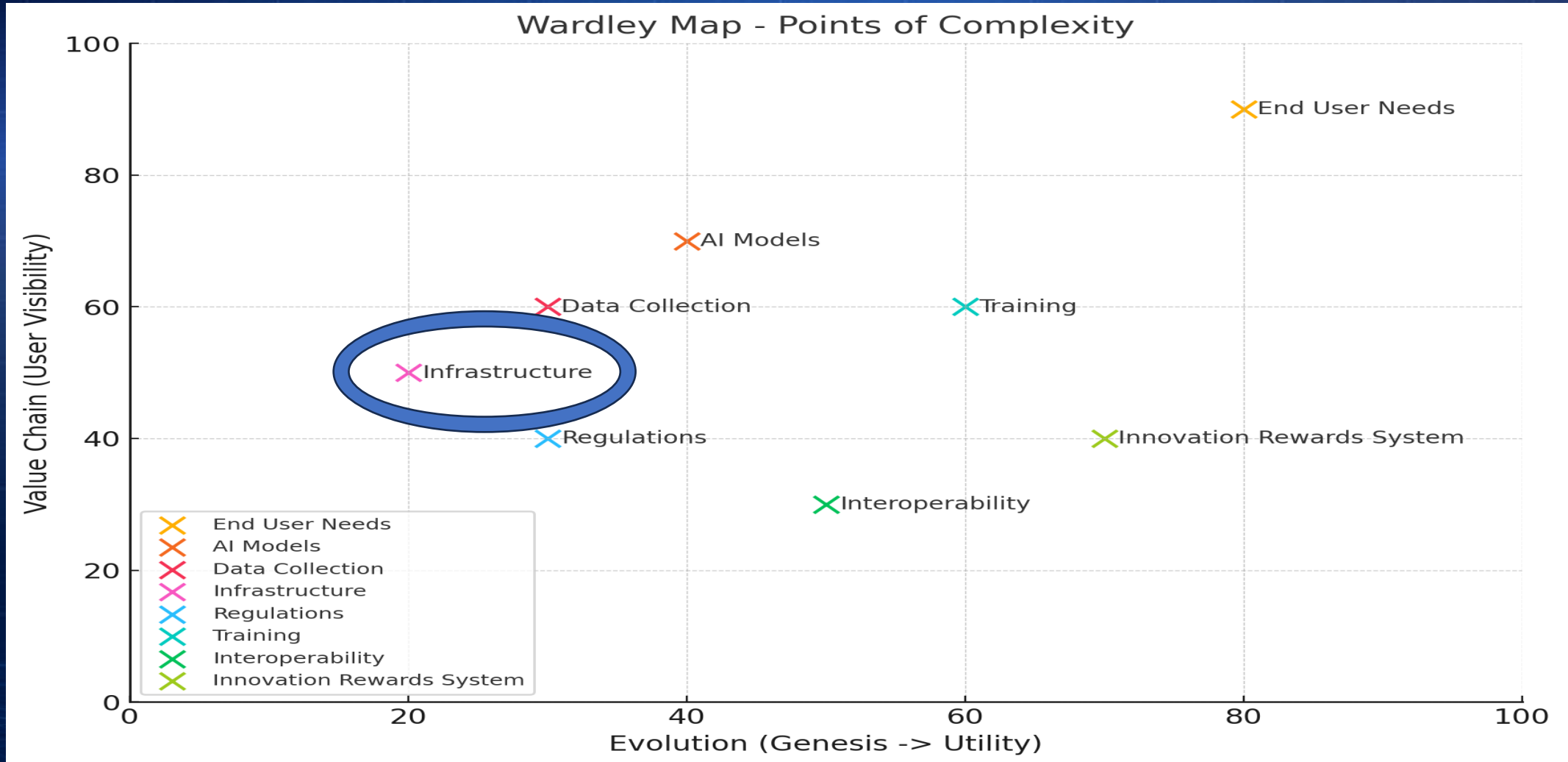




# Blueprint



**Wardley Map** involves mapping components of a system or process based on their value chain and their stage of evolution.

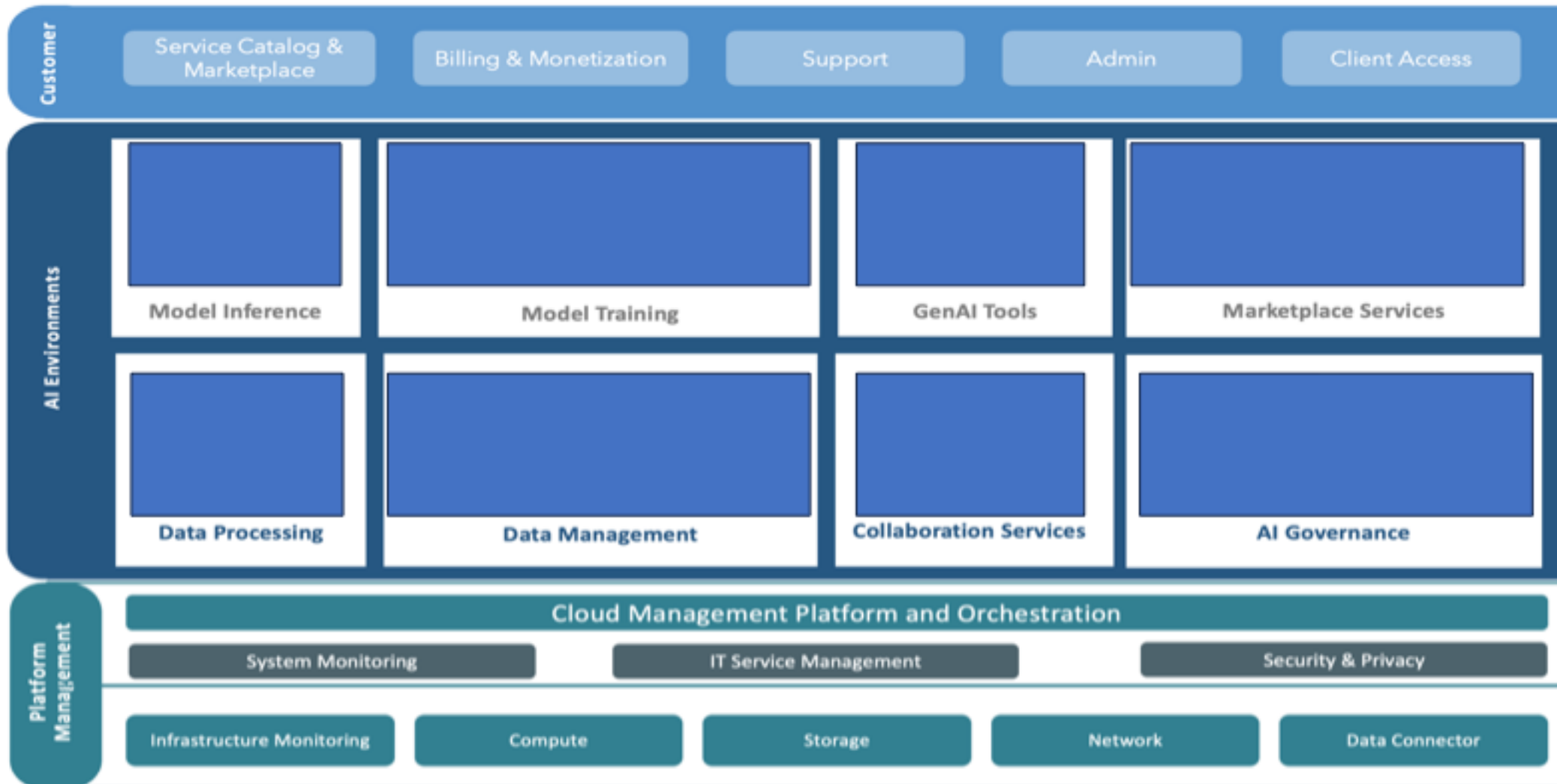


# Building the Surgical Operating System (S.OS)

- **Ethical and Trustworthy Data Generation, Model Development, and Validation**
- **Addressing the Critical Need for Benchmarking and Ethical Considerations**
- **Data Privacy**
- **AI Model Development**
- **Validation**
- **Governance**



# High-level Overview of SAIL SOS Platform

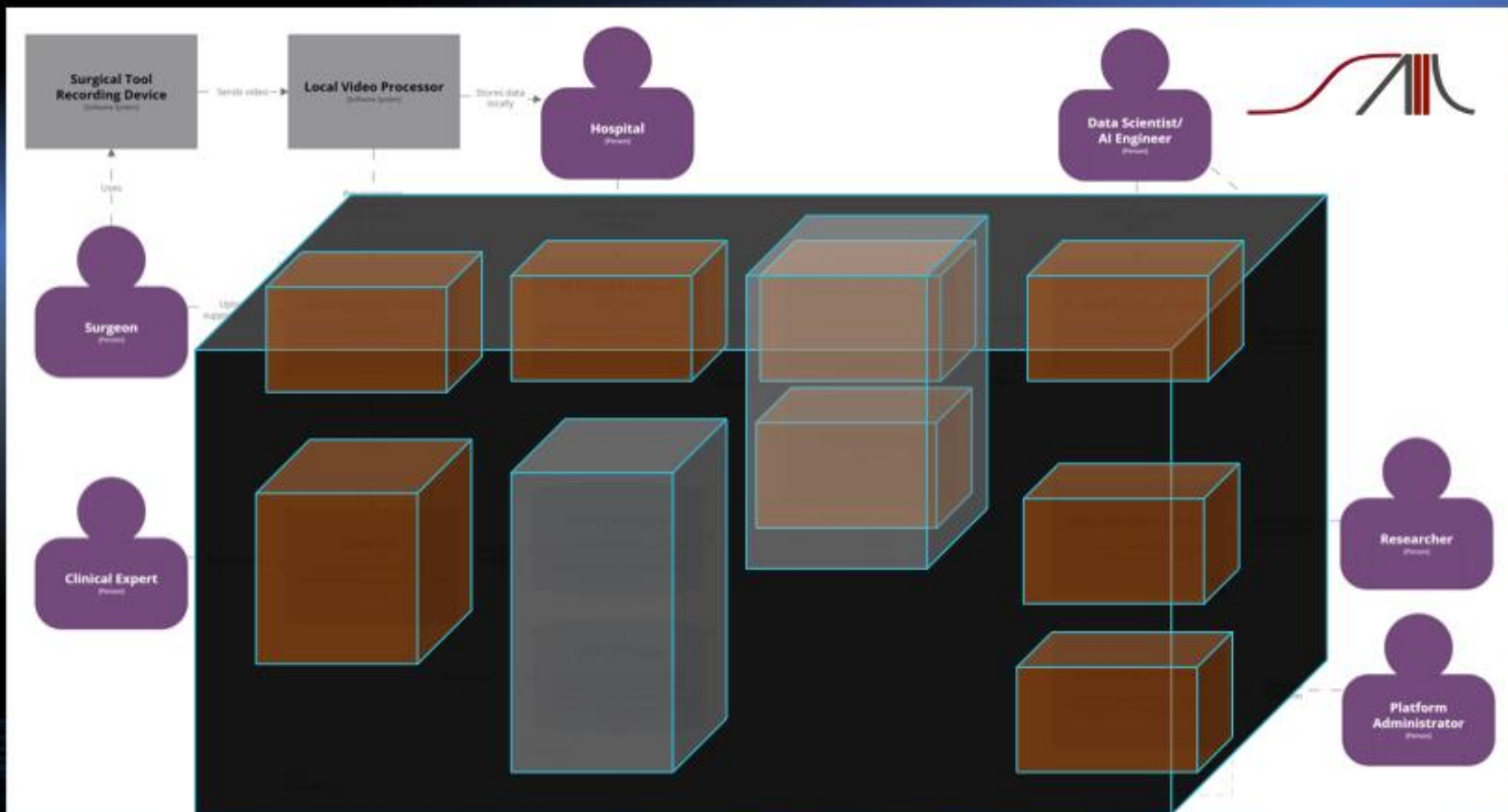


**Stakeholders**

- Data Scientist
- Researcher
- Surgical Team
- Operators  
Define / import service blueprints  
Provision AI environments



# Functional overview of SAIL S.OS Platform



# WHAT IF...?



User: .....  
Password: .....



S.OS is a conceptual framework that aims to seamlessly integrate surgical teams, operating rooms, patient data, and devices.

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OPERATING SYSTEM

Standardization

Efficiency

Safety



# S. OS Features



Efficiency &  
Scheduling



Data & Safety  
Management



Technological  
Integration



User Interface  
& Experience



Security &  
Access Control



Communication  
& Collaboration



Analytics &  
Monitoring



Utilities &  
Special Features

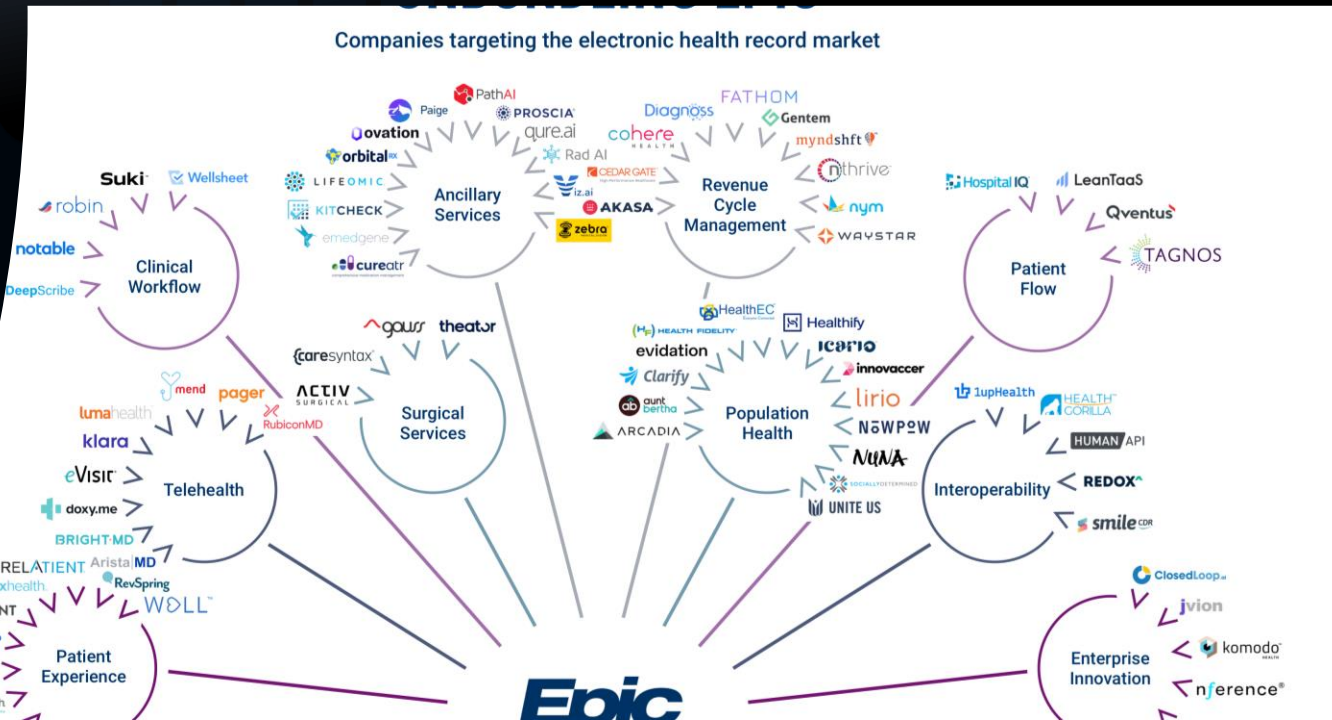
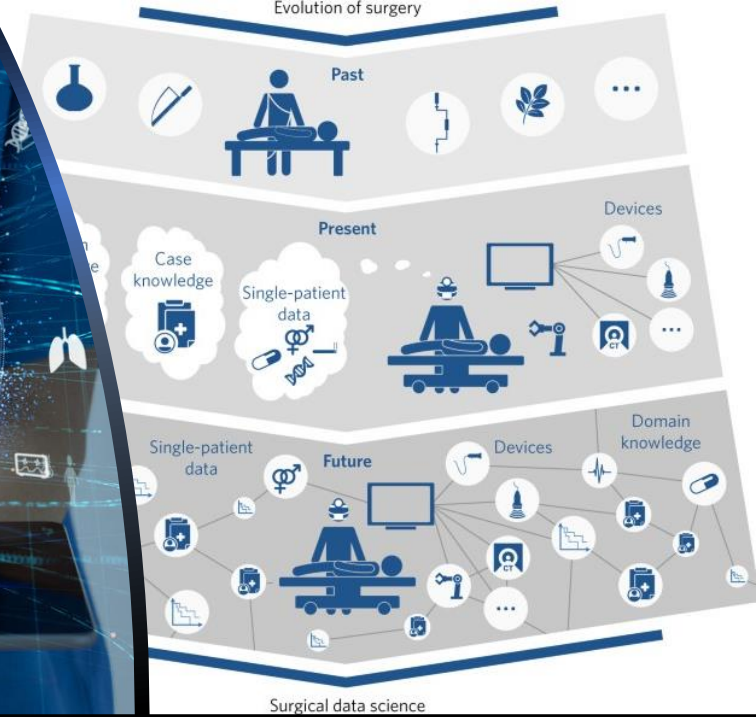




# Data Generation and Management

Organizing Critical Information

Maintenance of structure data



# Model Development

- Data training
- Algorithm optimization
- Model testing
- Continuous learning and improvement

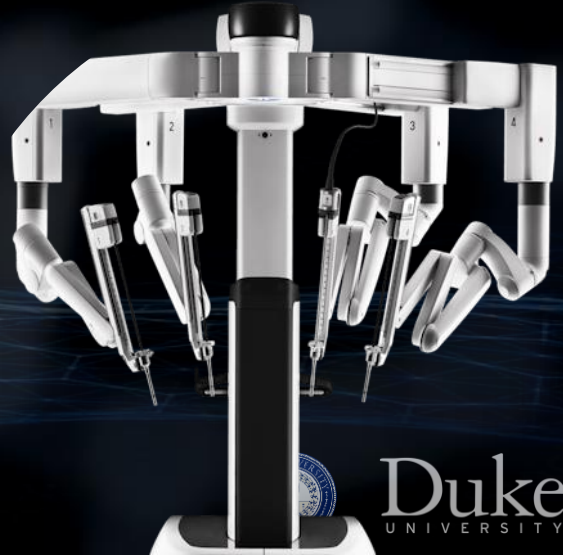


# Trustworthiness of AI Systems Assurance:

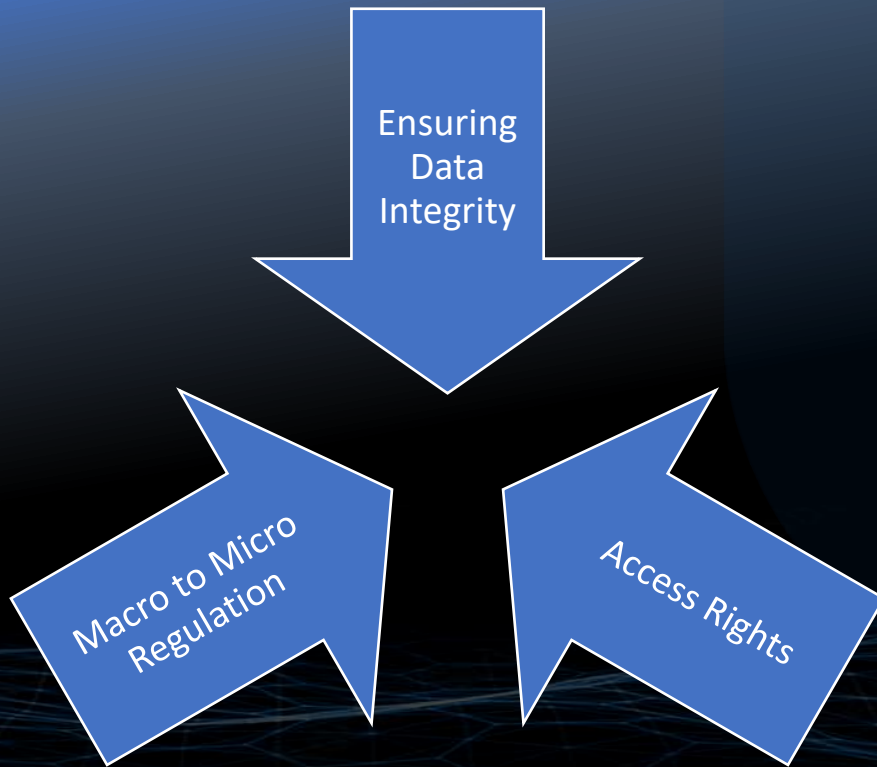
- Thorough validation
- Benchmarking
- Ensure AI systems are accurate, safe, and ethical.



# Solution Management



# Security and Access Control





S. OS



## Marketplace for Cognitive Augmentation

- Information
- Guidance
- Safety
- Operational Efficiency



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# Analysis of intraoperative video



Experimental Phase

Normal case

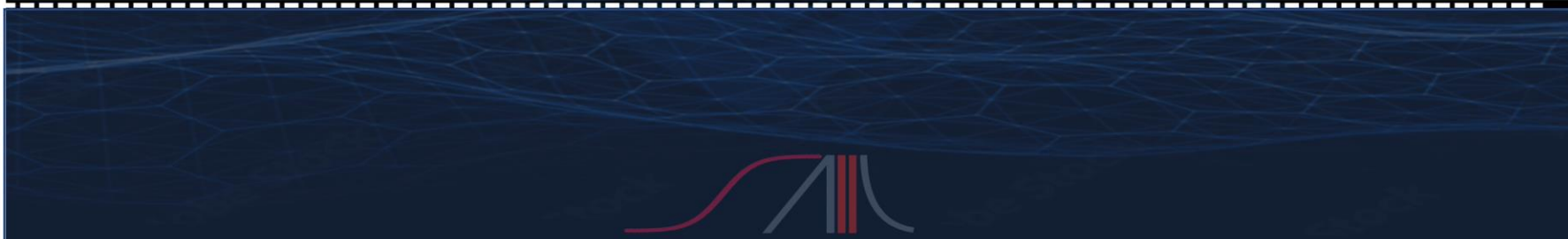


Normal  
Surgical Fingerprint

Normal Range

Access	Exposure	Dissection	Stapling	Bagging	Leak Test	Closure
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Deviation



# Real-time Analysis and Deviation Detection



Experimental Phase

Abnormal case



Abnormal  
Surgical Fingerprint

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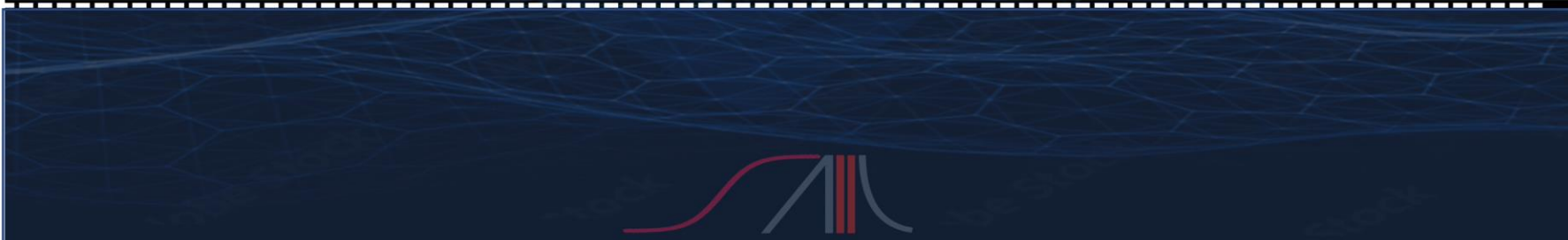


## Detecting Deviations

Normal Range

Access	Exposure	Dissection	Stapling	Bagging	Leak Test	Closure
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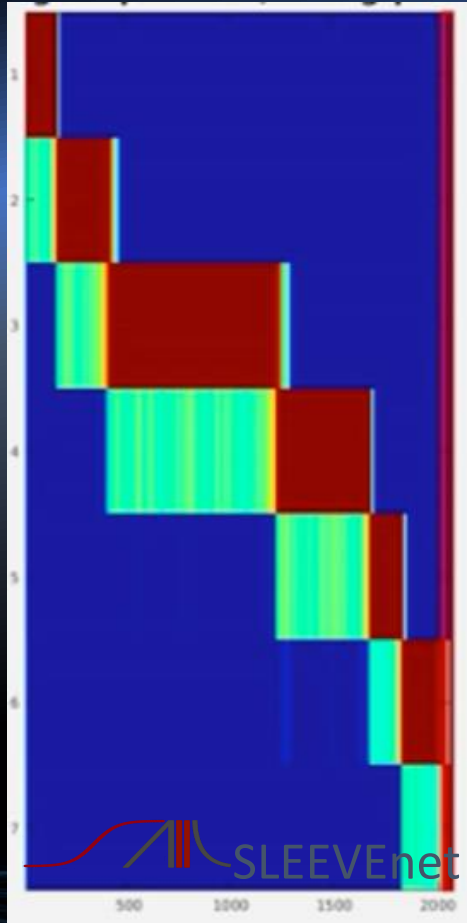
Deviation



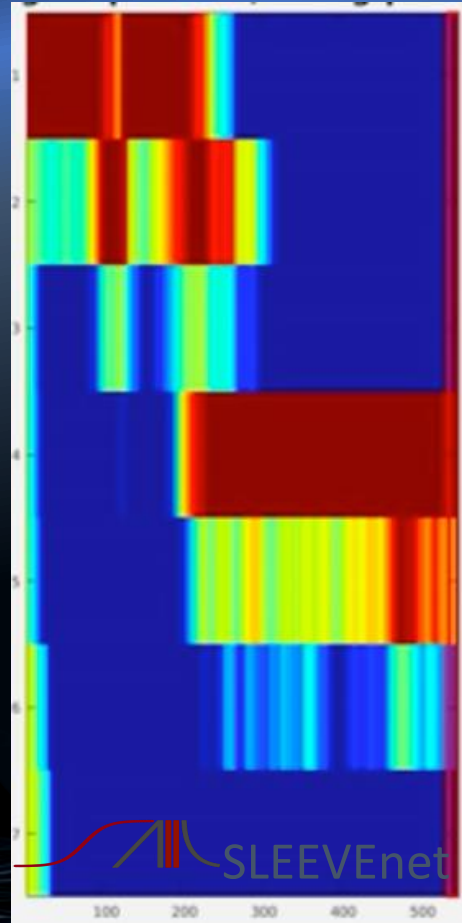


# Surgical Fingerprint – Sleeve Gastrectomy

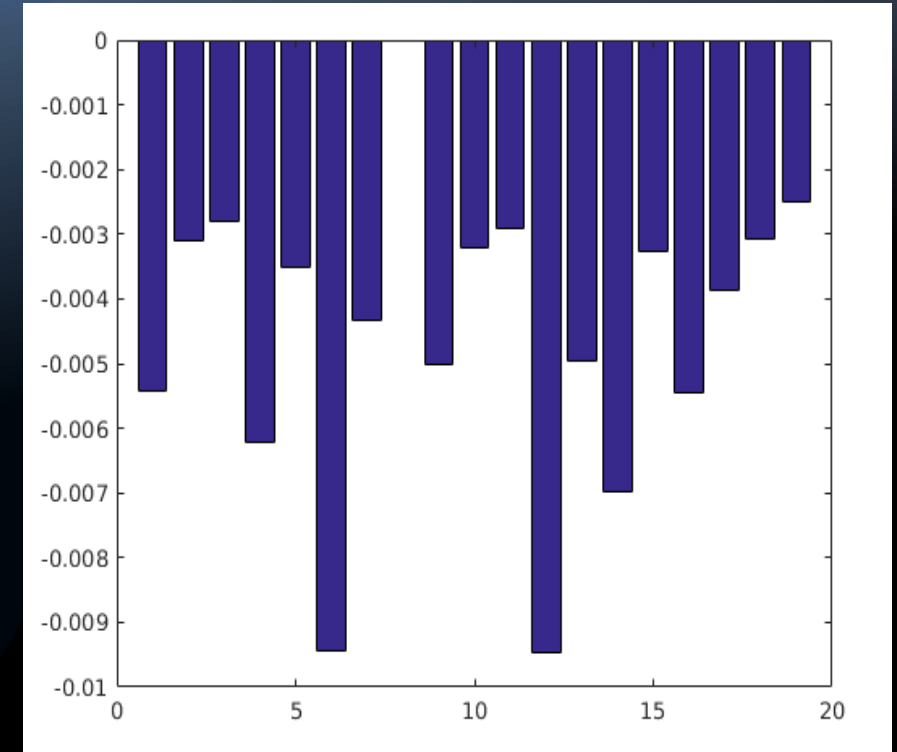
Case A



Case B



Normalized Cumulative log Probability





Future Steps



# Surgical Video Foundation Models

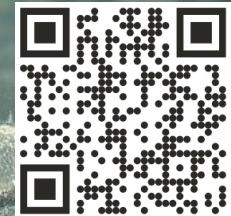
These models serve as a fundamental base, trained on large datasets, and can be adapted to a variety of surgical tasks such as:

- Video analysis
- Complication prediction
- Real-time guidance
- Automation

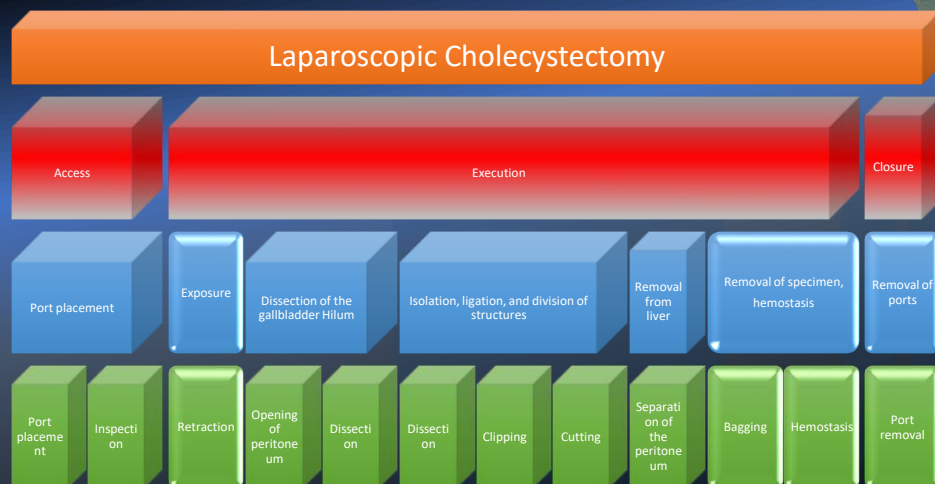
# Annotation

## Temporal Hierarchy

# Transfer Learning



- Operation
- PHASES
- Steps
- Tasks and Actions



## Spatial Hierarchy

- Reginal Anatomy
- Specific anatomy
- General anatomy
- Tissue characteristics



# AI Models Benchmarking



# Sustainability (ROI)

- Data monetization
- Model co-development
- Application subscriptions
- Contracting clinical trials
- Pre and Post market evaluation



# Surgical AI

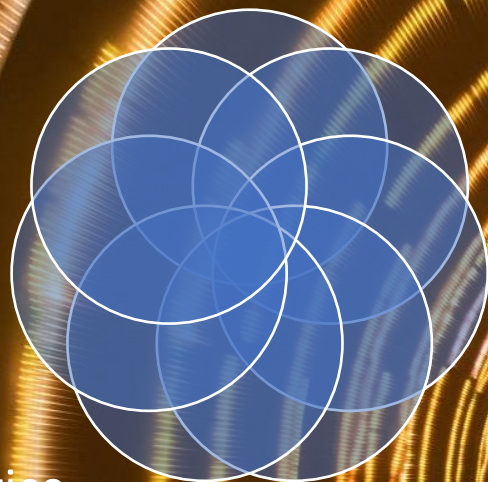


Surgeons

Patients

Industry

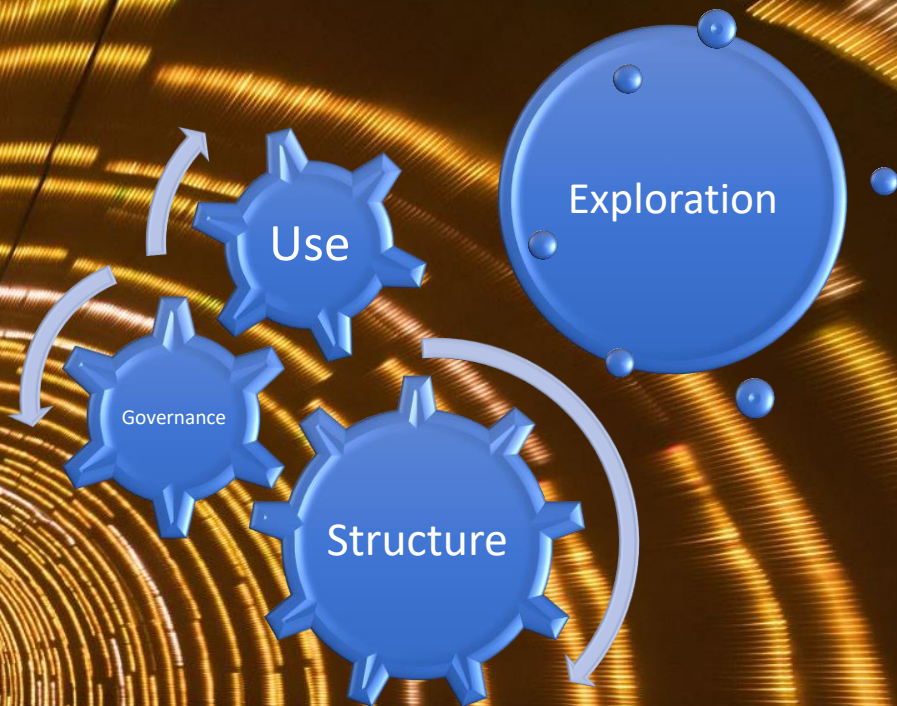
Malpractice  
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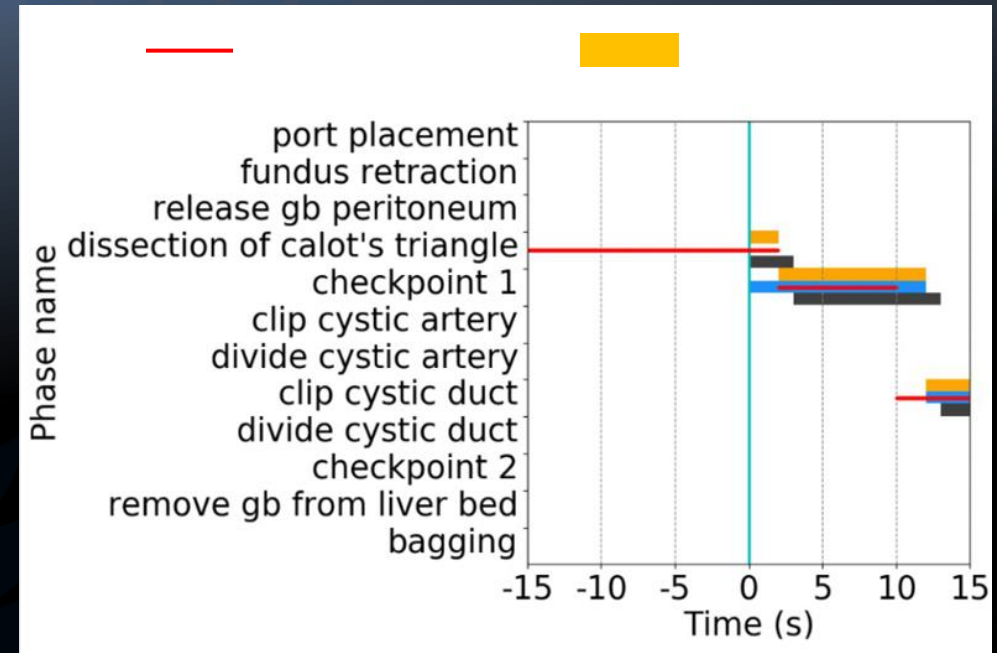
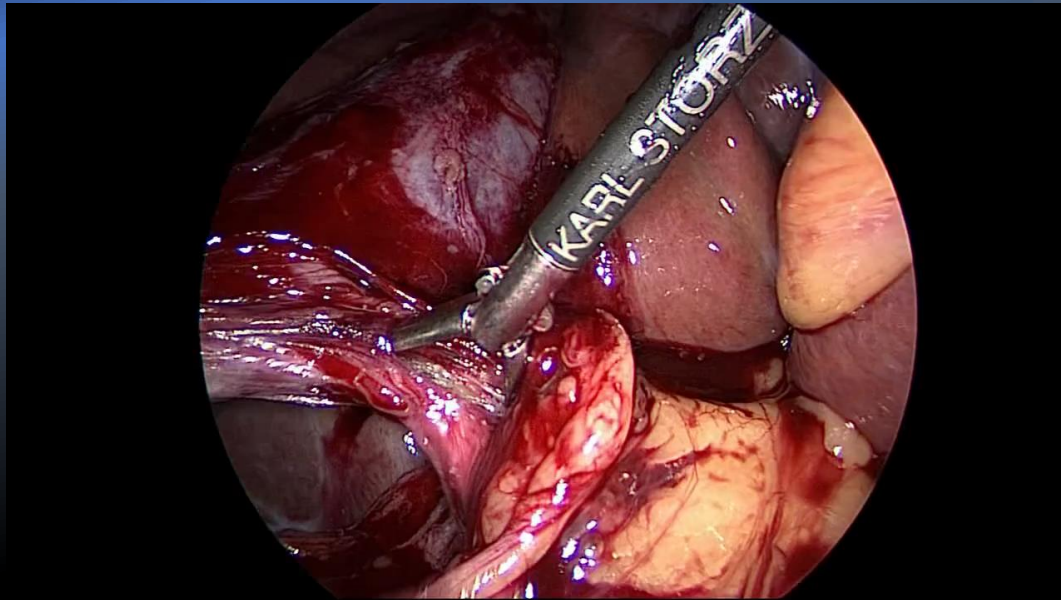
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# Surgical Event Real Time Prediction

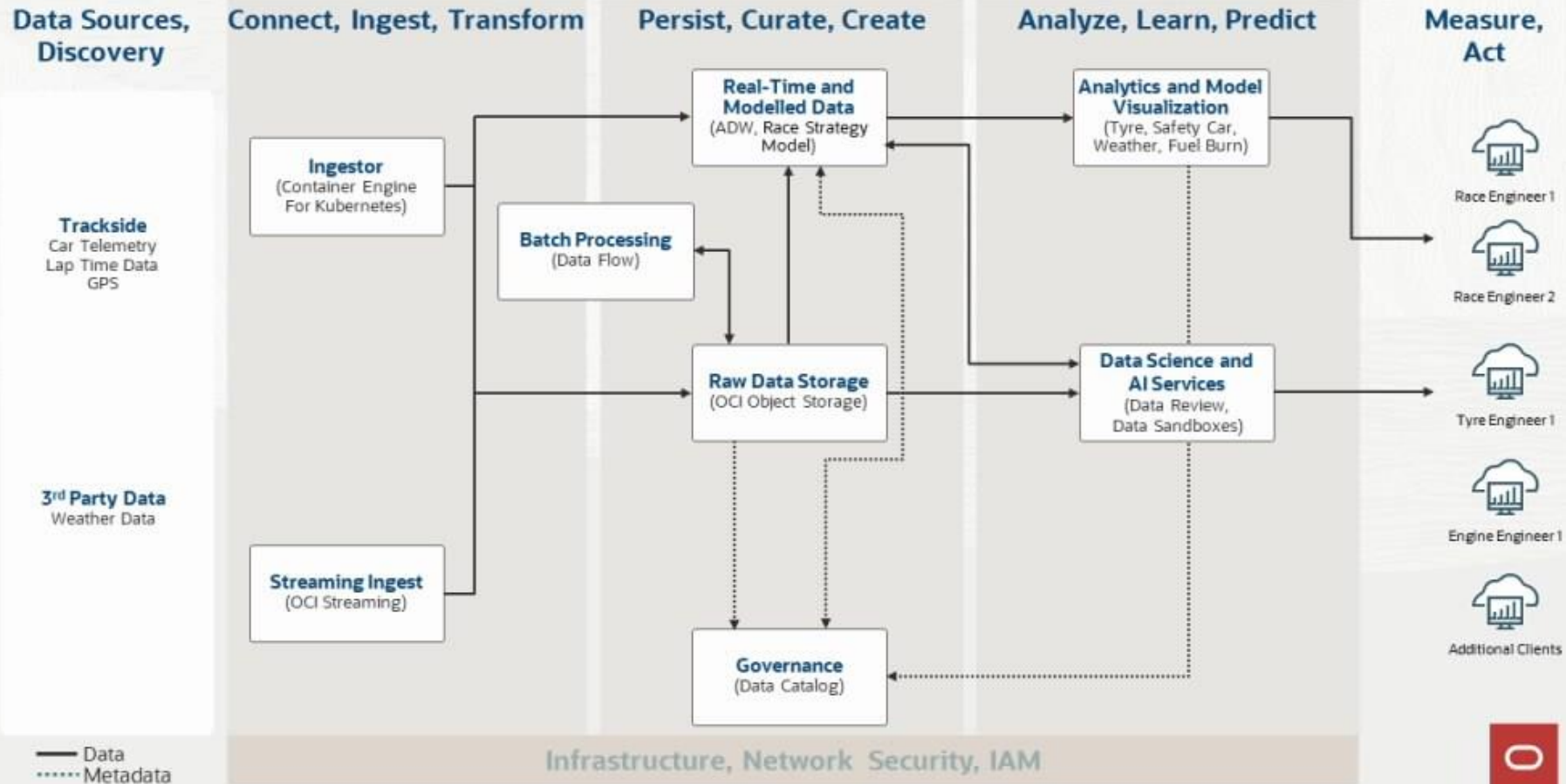


SUPR-GAN: SURgical PRediction GAN for Event Anticipation in Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgery



# Error Handling and Recovery

## Oracle Data Platform – Race Strategy



# Analysis of intraoperative video *with Decision Support* .

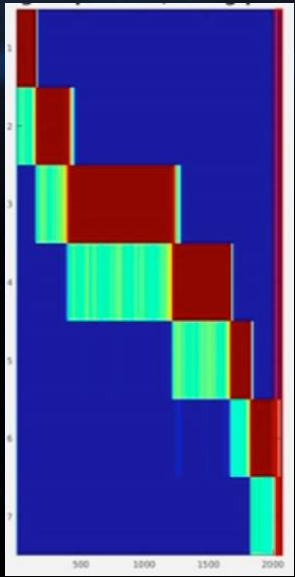
Conceptual Phase

## Case 3 – Preventing Complication



Normal range

Deviation





EARLY ADOPTERS

EARLY MAJORITY

CROSSING THE CHASM

Individually a Noisy Solution  
Egotiv Solutions

EARLY ADOPTERS

EARLY MAJORITY

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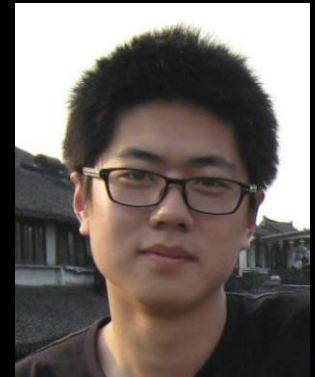
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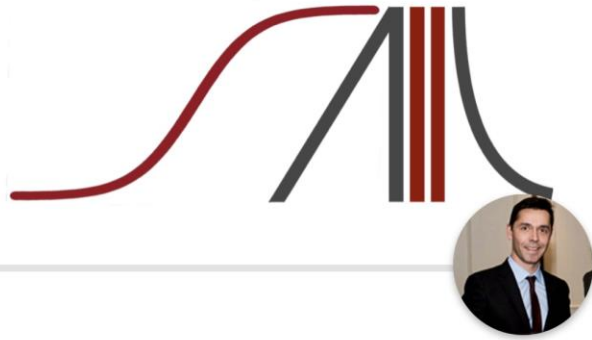


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