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Real World Evidence (RWE) Using AI
and NLP: What Publication Planners
Need to Know**

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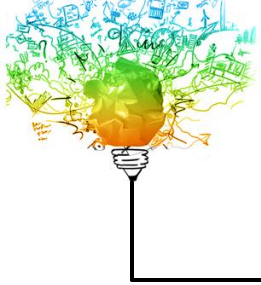


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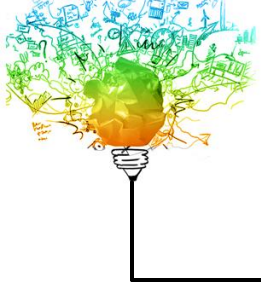
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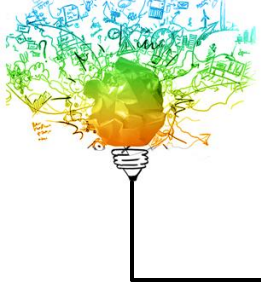
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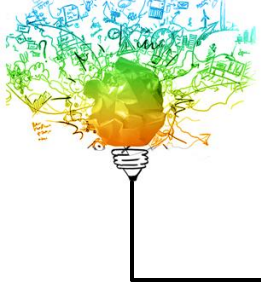
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Objectives

- Understand the challenges of creating systematic reviews from real-world evidence (RWE) for publication planners and other stakeholders
- Learn how AI/NLP can be used to overcome the challenges of creating systematic reviews from RWE
- Explore the benefits and limitations of using AI/NLP in systematic reviews from RWE
- Understand the regulatory requirements for using AI/NLP in systematic reviews from RWE
- Learn best practices for using AI/NLP in systematic reviews to ensure compliance and quality



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Poll Question 1



Have you previously worked with Real World Evidence (RWE) and/or Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the context of creating systematic reviews?

- a) Yes, I have experience working with both RWE and AI
- b) I have worked with RWE, but not with AI
- c) I have worked with AI, but not with RWE
- d) No, I have not worked with either RWE or AI



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RWE and SLRs

- RWE studies – **evidence identification**
 - Heterogeneous study designs
 - Any observational study
 - Not indexed as RWE
 - Search results may be large (depending on population)
 - Resource-intensive screening
- RWE studies – **screening**
 - No standardized reporting requirement from journals (vs RCT with PRISMA)
 - Varied reporting of methods (transparency on data provenance and detailed methods for generating results due to IP)
 - Standardized protocols and reporting are in early stages of adoption (e.g. STaRT-RWE and HARmonized templates)
 - Real World Evidence Registry has also been established to promote transparency



Case study: SLR on Gene Therapy

- Gene therapies
 - Due to a lack of gene therapy comparator – all comparators must be reviewed
 - All comparator evidence can lead to a massive volume of hits
 - Medlior SLR on hemophilia had ~**30k hits**
 - Observational studies meeting criteria = **404**
- Opportunity for AI
 - For large screening volumes AI could assist in multiple ways
 - Re-ranking (move high probability to the top)
 - Quality assurance (flag any decisions that may require another review)



RWE and Regulatory/HTA

- Gene and cell therapies are rapidly coming to market with large comparator evidence to summarize
- Currently HTA bodies do not provide guidance on applying AI within the the SLR component of the dossier.
- SLR guidance typically follows Cochrane methodology (e.g. two reviewers)
- More demonstration of validity of AI-assisted reviews and quality control
- Considerations for HTA adoption include transparency on how AI was leveraged and risks/mitigation on the results (e.g. quality of training data)
- For publications transparency is also key on AI methods used – this may be challenging if commercialized (e.g. IP on code/ algorithms)



AI and Product Life Cycle

- Manufacturers can utilize AI technology to **conduct large SLRs** during pipeline stages to inform decision-making
- AI can be **second screener** or complete screening to facilitate faster timelines with lower costs
- AI can be used to **integrate SLR extraction data** to understand trends or insights into subpopulations or outcomes
- AI screening is likely to be more accurate if training data is robust
- AI can provide **insights into large datasets** that would be **resource-intensive for human-only analysis**



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Poll Question 2

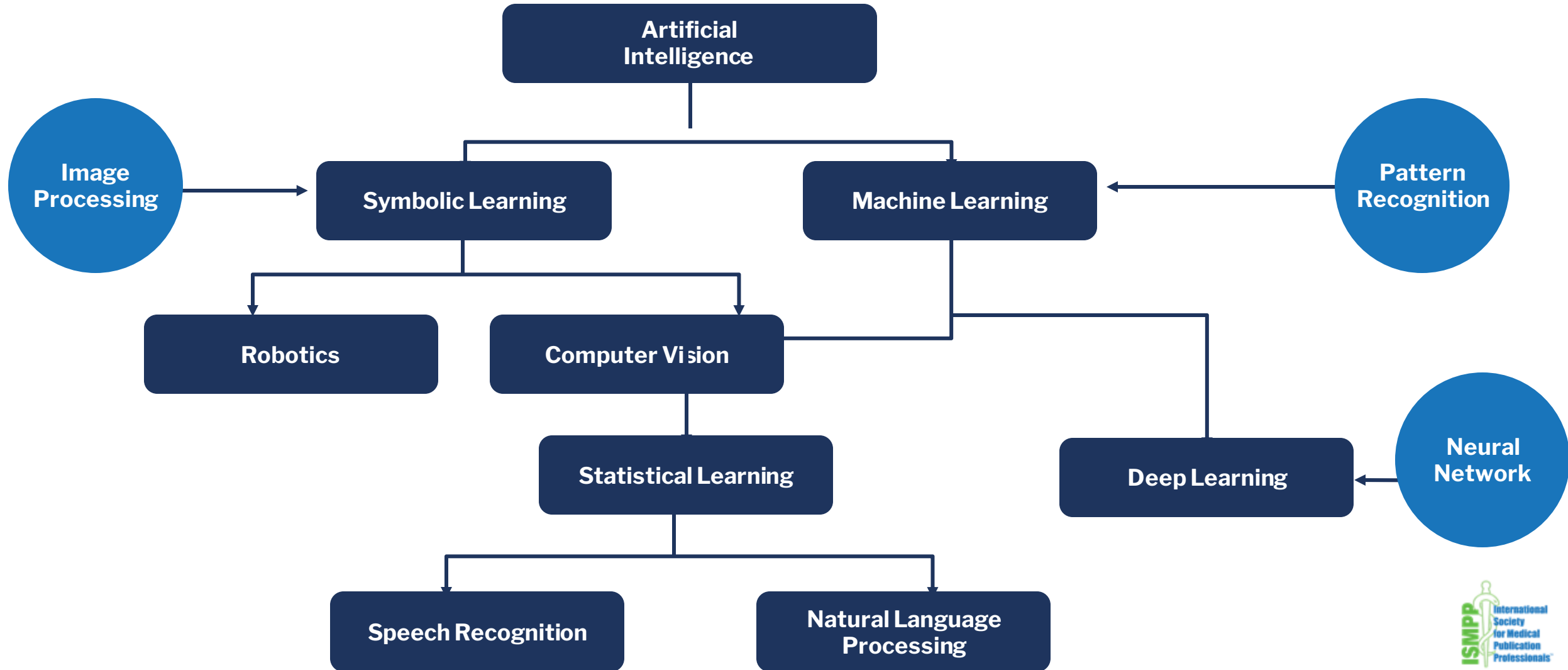


How would you rate your level of knowledge on AI and Machine Learning?

- a) **Beginner** - I have little to no knowledge
- b) **Novice** - I have basic familiarity but limited practical experience
- c) **Intermediate** - I have a solid understanding and have applied them in some projects
- d) **Advanced** - I have extensive knowledge and practical experience
- e) **Expert** - I am a recognized authority in this field



AI vs ML vs NLP





Problem & Solution

What Problems can ML Solve?

Classification

Prediction / Regression

Clustering

Anomaly Detection

Image Processing

How can ML Solve them?

Decision Trees (separate data based on groups)

NLP (teaching computers how to understand and talk like humans)

Linear Regression (to understand how data points are connected)

Deep Learning (smart decisions based on pattern recognition)

Large Language Models (Understanding and generating most probable text)

The solution depends on the problem you are trying to solve and your constraints.



Constraints

Each application of ML has different constraints

Trust

- Explainability
- Transparency
- Bias
- Determinism*

Scale

- Execution & training time
- Cost

Data

- Quantity
- Quality
- Feature set

Performance

- Accuracy
- Metrics and baseline
- Cost-of-failure*



Determinism

Deterministic

Consistent and predictable results based on input.

Not adaptive; Rules-based; Highly explicable; Specific results

Examples: Linear Regression; Decision Trees; Support Vector Machines (SVM); Naive Bayes

Non-Deterministic

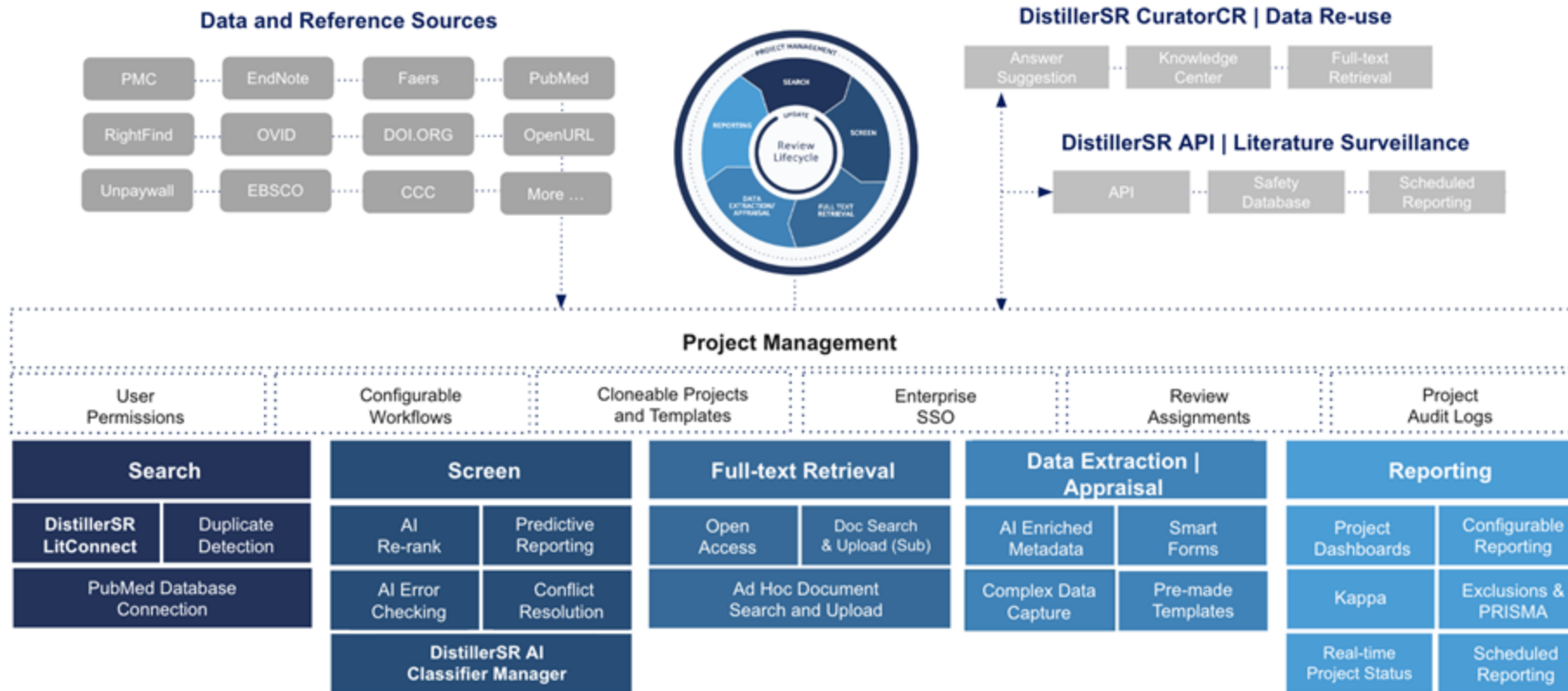
Results can be variable (or completely random) based on input.

Adaptive; Creative; Opaque; Can produce both Specific and abstract results.

Examples: Neural Networks; Random Forests; K-Nearest Neighbors; Genetic Algorithms

Determinism helps Publication Planners better assess the reliability and validity of the systematic review findings

DistillerSR: Smarter Reviews: Trusted Evidence



DistillerSR automates and centrally manages the entire review lifecycle to enable faster, more accurate results



The Value of DistillerSR: Exploring the Cost of Failure

DistillerSR Classifiers

Misclassification can be hard to detect.

It is usually applied across references in bulk.

Can domino into more errors in downstream processes.

DistillerSR exposes training and accuracy data lets users decide when it is safe to apply.

DistillerSR Automatic Re-Rank

Learns over time from user decisions and becomes more accurate.

Runs in the background.

Misclassifying a reference has minimal impact since human reviewers are processing the work.

Human-in-the-loop.



Human-in-the-loop

- Not all AI solutions need to be highly robust to have a big impact on your problem.
- Cost-of-failure can be mitigated by having humans review a decision.
- At scale, decisions must be made quickly for the solution to be viable:
 - Using AI to find product defects on assembly line: can be verified quickly by specialized workers
 - Using AI to automatically extract data/conclusions from medical literature: requires domain experts and is time consuming



How not to human-in-the-loop

- Lawyer used ChatGPT to prepare a legal filing.
- Cited at least six cases that don't exist.
- Didn't review the content because he didn't know ChatGPT could fabricate content.

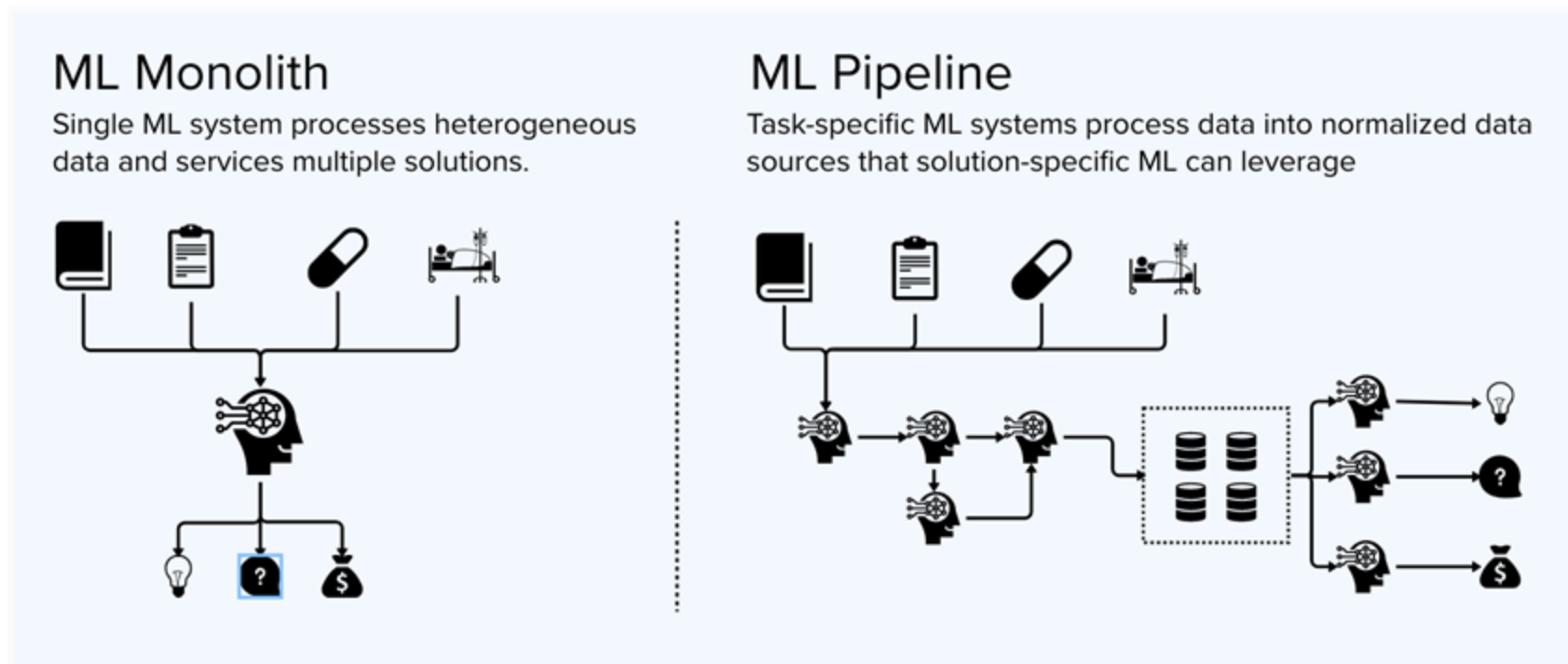




RWE: Breaking it down

Solve a big problem by breaking it into smaller ones.

- Rather than build a highly generalized AI that consumes all forms of RWE to service multiple solutions, create a pipeline of AI/ML to normalize data for downstream solutions-specific AI/ML.





Applications of LLMs and Non-deterministic AI

What are the uses of LLMs and non-deterministic AI?

- Summarization
- Creative work (report generation)
- Solving problems where there is no clear answer (eg., drug/compound discovery)
- Automating knowledge graphs and exploring them
 - Advanced LLMs automatically create knowledge graphs (ontologies) by extracting entities and relationships from text.
 - Although these can be error prone, they can be the foundation of self-serve analytics, exploration, and learning.
- Audience: How would you use it?



Summary

1. Manufacturers can leverage AI for conducting large systematic literature reviews (SLRs) during pipeline stages, aiding decision-making processes.
2. AI can serve as a second screener or complete screening tool, leading to faster timelines and reduced costs.
3. AI enables the integration of SLR extraction data, providing insights into trends and subpopulations or outcomes.
4. The accuracy of AI screening is enhanced when robust training data is available.
5. Human-in-the-loop approach is critical to Life Sciences Research.



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- Expert panelist and presenter on utilizing RWE for faster access to new medicines for Rare Diseases



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