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# Digital Biology & Digital Health: a major actor

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# The main driving forces behind biology and health



*Computer science*

1990s: medical images

1995s: bioinformatics

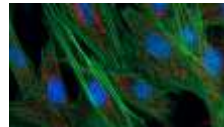


*Models*

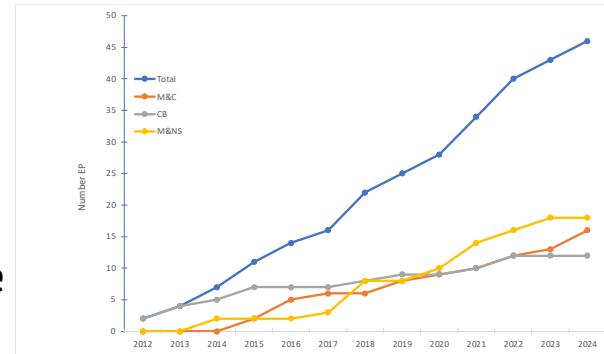
2005s:  
biomechanics

*Machine learning*

2020s: massive  
data



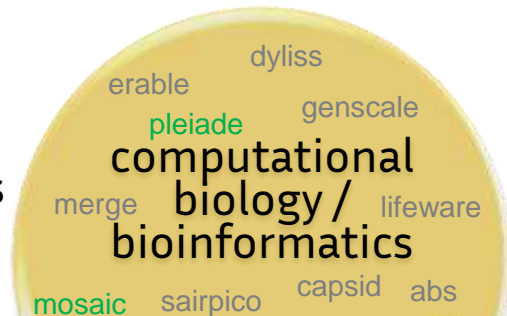
Links with Hospitals &  
Inserm



## 44 teams in the domain

+ EP with medical applications (e.g. Statify, Cagire, ...)

12 teams  
(5.3)



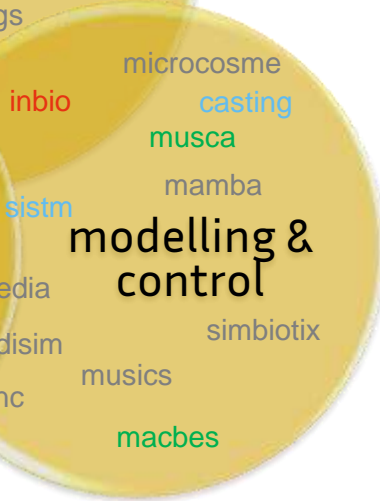
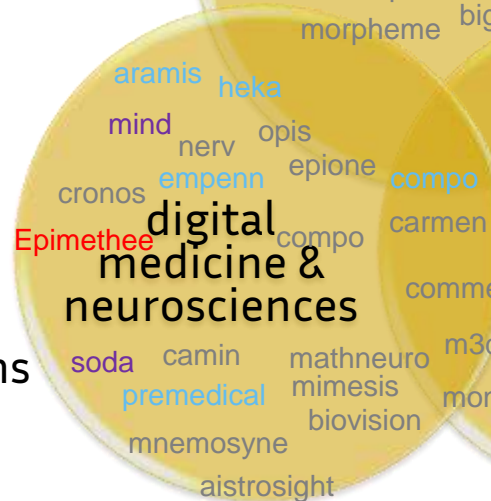
joint with:

Inserm  
INRAe  
Pasteur  
CEA

## 15 joint labs

- 7 Inria-Inserm
- 4 Inria-Inrae
- 2 Inria-Pasteur
- 2 Inria-Cea

18 teams  
(5.4)



14 teams  
(5.2)

# Main methodologies: applied maths for biomedicine

PDEs, meshes

Biophysical models, dynamical systems

Multi-scale, Mean field

Model reduction, Reduced order

Inverse problem, data assimilation

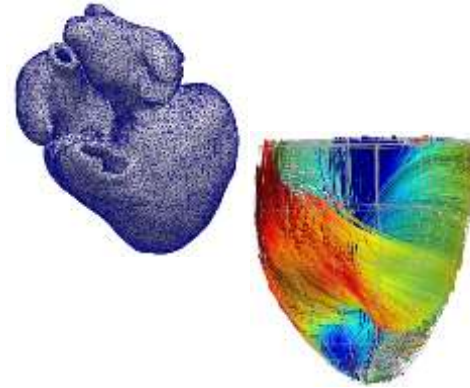
Riemannian geometry

Graph theory, network analysis

Theoretical biology

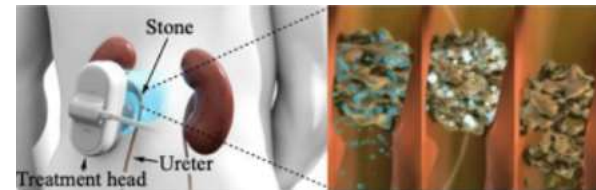
Biomechanics

Computational Neurosciences



Cardiac motion model

Epione



Shock waves

Cagire

# Main methodologies for CS in biomedicine

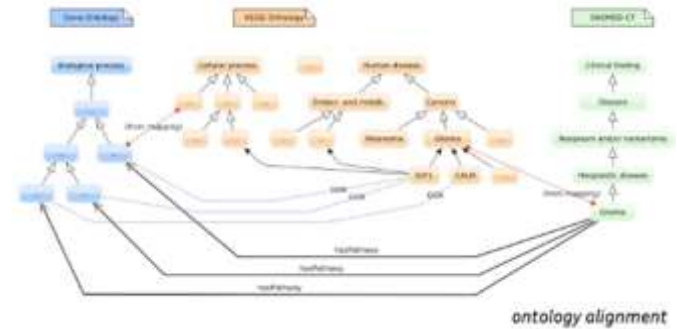
Algorithmics, combinatorics,  
Optimization

Knowledge representation, semantic  
web, ontology, data integration

Logic, constraint programming

Phylogenies, trees

HPC, parallelism, federated learning



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PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
PREFIX bp3: <http://www.biopax.org/release/biopax-level3.owl#>

SELECT DISTINCT ?invalidComplex
WHERE {
  ?invalidComplex rdf:type bp3:Complex .
  ?invalidComplex bp3:component ?complexComponent .
  ?complexComponent rdf:type bp3:Complex .
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}
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SparkQL query

Dyllis

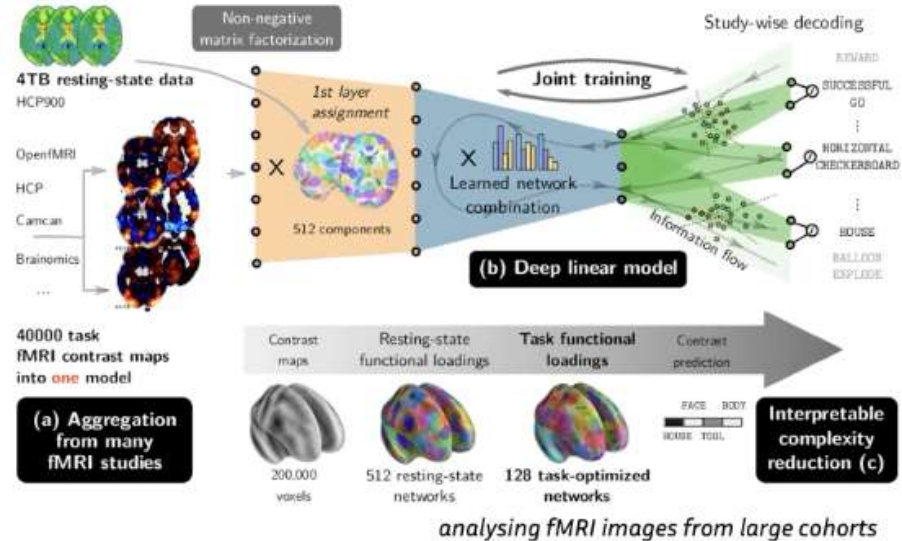
# Main methodologies: Statistics for biomedical data

Statistics, machine/deep learning,

High dimension, few shot learning

Frugal approaches

Hybridation ML-AI with mechanistic modellin



# Main medical applications

## **Neurodegenerative diseases, aging**

- support to diagnostic, prediction,...

## **Oncology**

-mechanisms, new treatment

## **Handicap, rehabilitation,**

- neuroprosthesis, BCI

## **Pharmacology, drug resistance**

-math. epidemiology

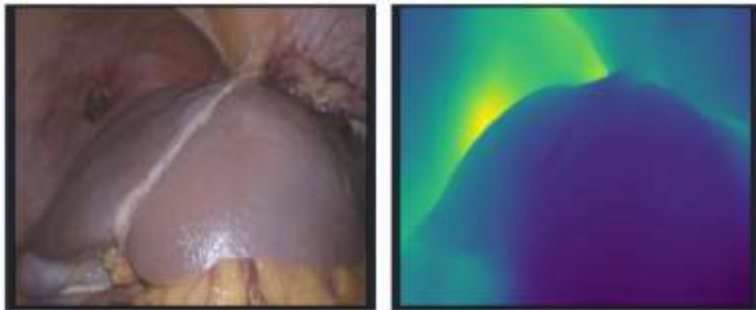
## **Public health**

-clinical trials, patients pathways

## **Medical robotics**

-surgery, endoscopy

# Illustrative examples

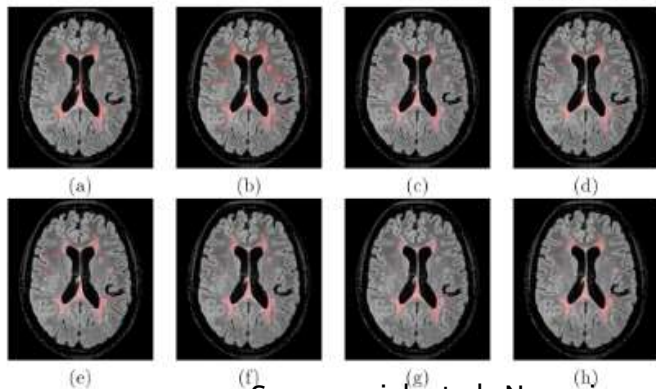


Mimesis Acidi et al. (J. de Chirurgie Viscérale, 2023 160 128-37)



HumanCenteredRobotics

## MS Lesion segmentation



Commowick et al., Neuroimage, 2021 244)

Empenn, Statify

## Simulations for surgery

### Sofa, an open-source platform for physics-based simulation

- 200,000 downloads
- 1 million lines of code
- 50+ plugins

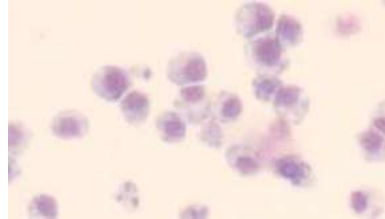
### MSICS caratact eye surgery simulator





# Computational Biology

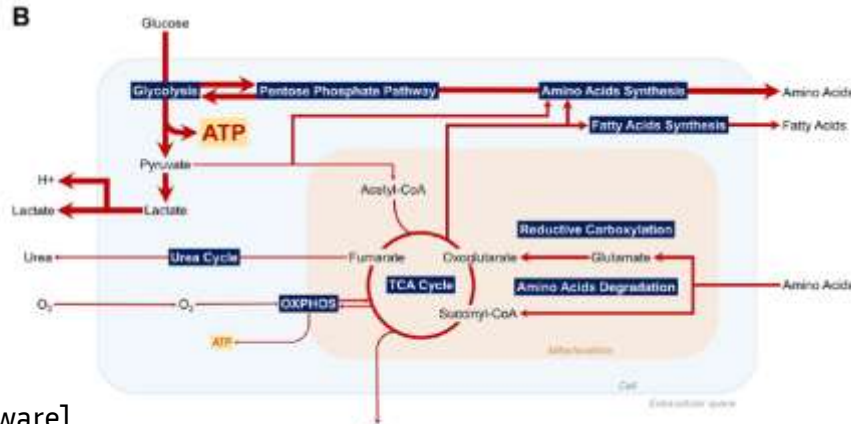
Dynamic modeling



How the cell's behavior emerges from genes interactions?

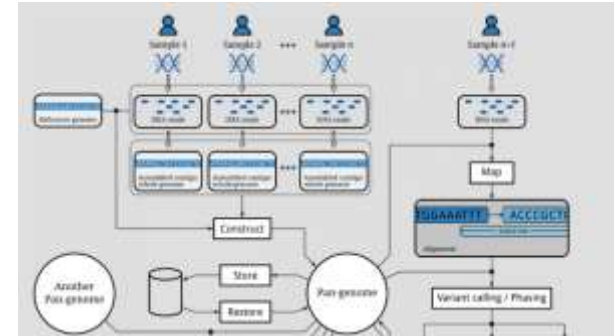
How the cells population behavior emerges from cells interactions?

[InBio, Microcosme, Capsid...]



[Lifeware]

The major active pathways of central metabolism in rheumatoid arthritis



[Genscale]

Tools for DNA Data deluge analysis



50 patients included 2023



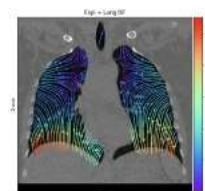
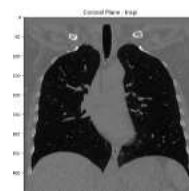
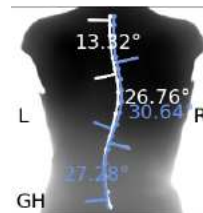
Hybrid, courtesy A. Lecuyer



Kinovis platform - Morpheo  
Movement disorders studies

## Inside Vision

Relation external form and  
inside anatomy



# Inria

Computer science & Applied Maths  
*Digital science*

- Modeling & Simulation
- Robotics
- Digital security
- Data sciences, AI
- Internet of things
- High performance computing



## Digital Biology & Digital Health



**Inserm**

La science pour la santé  
From science to health

Biology. & medical sciences  
*Healthcare*



# Strategic partnerships: Inria-Inserm

- > yearly open call for joint Inria-Inserm PhD grants:
  - 4 joint **PhD grants co-funded per year** since 2016
- > yearly open call for new **joint Inria-Inserm teams**
  - 3 under study for 2024
  - several located within Inserm/clinical premises (COMPO, HeKA, Aramis)
- > co-steering of the **PEPR "Digital Health" 2022**

## 2023: RHU 6<sup>th</sup> call

Inria is partner of 4 of the 19 accepted projects

**Ecan** – Chu Nantes – Empenn *Intra cranial Aneurysm patient trajectory*

**Rebone** – CHU Nice – Epione – *Automated fracture modeling*

**Talent** – Chu Bordeaux – Epione *Prediction of Stroke risk*

**LUCA- pi** – APHM – Compo *Lung cancer prevention and interception*

# Strategic partnerships: Largest French University Hospitals

- > **APHP** : Paris, 39 University Hospitals, largest in EU
  - Bernoulli Lab, since end 2020 (head Dominique Chapelle)
  - facilitate bringing together researchers in digital sciences and healthcare professionals
  - co-funding of 2 chairs and one joint Challenge, URGE (co-funding 1M€, started Oct 2022)
  
- > **HCL** : Lyon, 14 University Hospitals, 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in fr, in progress
  - a common technology development service for medical AI
  - first ever joint team between Inria and an hospital



<https://www.bernoulli-lab.fr>



# Strategic partnerships: PariSanté Campus



<https://parisantecampus.fr>

- > a digital health development centre to federate the French health tech ecosystem
- > cooperation between Inria, Inserm, PSL University, Health Data Hub, Agence du Numérique en Santé and private partners:
  - startups (~100)
  - MGEN (health insurance)
  - Doctolib
  - J&J

# More quantitative assessment: publications

Field	Venues	# for 2018-2022 (2013-2017)
Biology	Nature, Science	7 (4)
	PNAS, eLife, Neuron, Cell, Nature X, NAR, PLoS Biol, Curr Biol	66 (32)
Medicine	BMJ, NEJM, JAMA, Lancet, Nature Medicine	1 (2)
	Circulation, Blood, Hepatology, Brain, Physiol Rev, Stroke, Lancet X, JAMA X, BMJ X	21 (7)
ML/IA	NeurIPS, ICML, AISTATS, AAAI	51 (18)

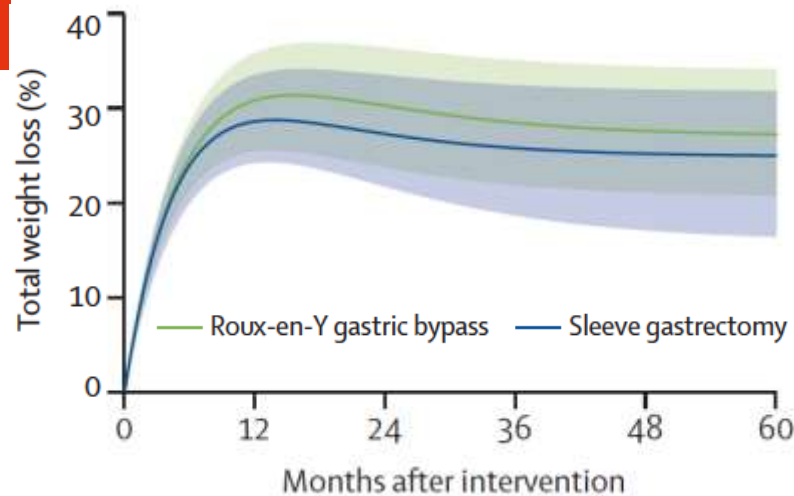
Themes “computational biology”, “modelling and control for life sciences” & “computational neuroscience and medicine”:  
total of 35 (31) EPIs



## Development and validation of an interpretable machine learning-based calculator for predicting 5-year weight trajectories after bariatric surgery: a multinational retrospective cohort SOPHIA study



Patrick Saux\*, Pierre Bauvin\*, Violeta Raverdy, Julien Teigny, H el ene Verkindt, Tomy Soumphonphakdy, Maxence Debert, Anne Jacobs, Daan Jacobs, Valerie Montpellier, Phong Ching Lee, Chin Hong Lim, Johanna C Andersson-Assarsson, Lena Carlsson, Per-Arne Svensson, Florence Cottier, Gokulroh Daszoulin, Mihailo Moldovanu, Severine Andrieux, Julien Coustet, Marie Lepage, Erminia Lembo, Ornella Verrastro, ph Peterli, Ricardo V Cohen, Carlos Zerrweck, David Nocca, Carel W Le Roux.



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# Examples of successful software

## scikit-learn

- > a Machine Learning library in python
- > started 2010 by Pariental, to promote python for neuroscience
- > #3 most-downloaded ML/AI on GitHub, used by many companies
- > 2024: :Probal. creation



## Plant@Net

- > collaborative app to identify a plant from a mobile phone
- > funded 2009 with Cirad, INRAe, IRD
- > 10<sup>4</sup> users per day, 2 M downloads
- > deep learning + very large database fed by users (Zenith)
- > leveraged for research purposes (biodiversity, conservation, species distribution)



## Fed-BioMed

- > open-source federated learning framework, Epione
- > friendly user interface for federated learning experiments
- > deployed on Nice Center for cancer research, in progress CHU Lille-Caen
- > used in a set of related projects : AEx Flamed, challenge Fed-Malin



<https://fedbiomed.gitlabpages.inria.fr>

**Inria  
StartupStudio**  
<https://www.inriastartupstudio.fr/>



<https://rebrain.eu/>

**PIXYL**  
pixyl.ai



**biotech-medtech  $\approx$  20% of the startup studio since 2017 (25/129)**

### **RebrAln** *Carmen*

- > treatment of Parkinson's and essential tremor by deep brain stimulation
- > use AI and shared data (OptimDBS) for precision -personalized- localization of the areas to stimulate (STN or VIM), clinical trial ongoing
- > with Bordeaux University Hospital

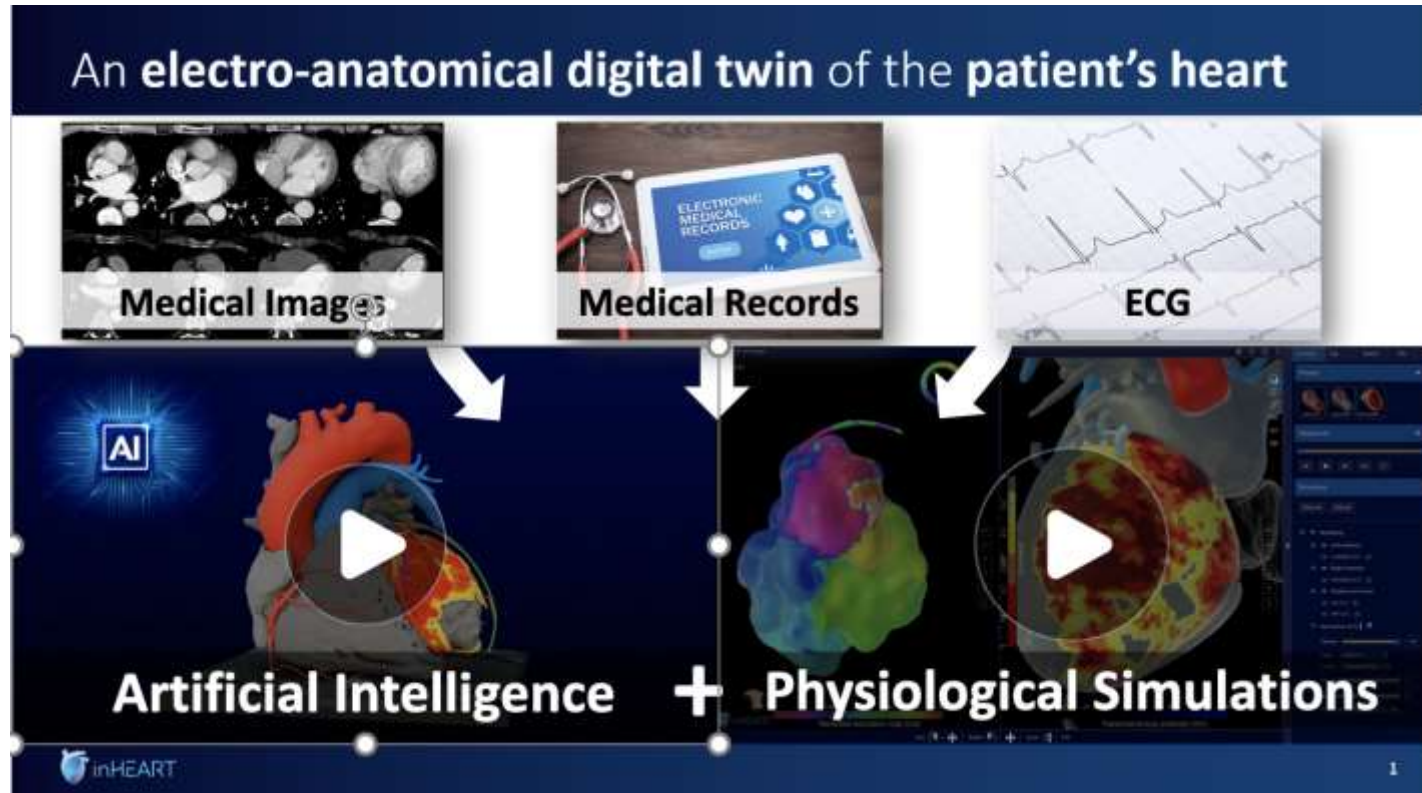
### **Pixyl** *Statify* (2015)

- > AI solutions for medical imaging
- > With Inserm (GIN)

### **AnaestAssist** *M3DISIM*

- > improve cardiovascular monitoring of anesthetized patients under surgery or in ICU
- > augment available data with patient-specific biomechanical models of her/his cardiovascular system
- > can be used to predict the risks of cardiovascular and neurocognitive complications
- > with Lariboisière University Hospital (APHP) and Bernoulli Lab (Chair BigData & Medicine)

# InHeart



# Inria challenges : in-house incentive funding

## 5 Inria Challenges funded in the domain in the period (≈5 M€)

FedMalin (epione): **Federated MACHine Learning over the INternet (FedMalin) 2022-26**

to address a number of challenges that arise when FL is deployed over the Internet, including privacy & fairness, energy consumption, personalization, and location/time dependencies. FedMalin will also contribute to the development of open-source tools for FL experimentation and real-world deployments, and use them for concrete applications in medicine and crowd sensing.

COATI, COMETE, DYOGENE, EPIONE, MAGNET, MARACAS, NEO, SPIRALS, TRIBE, WIDE

# Exploratory Actions : In-house incentive funding

**18 Actions Exploratoires (AEx) funded in the domain in the period (4 M€)**

Discotik (Mosaic): **Discrete geometry applied to morphomechanics of plant tissues (2022-25)**

GRASP (Empenn): **Generalizing Results Across Scientific Pipelines (2022-25)**

EyeSkin-NF (Empenn): **Eye-tracking and skin conductance measures for neurofeedback analysis and validation (2021-24)**

Océania (Biocore, Ange, Tau) **Artificial Intelligence, Data, and Models for Understanding Oceans and Climate Change (2022-24)**

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# A focus on clinical trials

## Simulation and new designs

- > Simulation of clinical trials (Monolix/Simulx, Xpop → Lixoft → SimulationsPlus)
- > New designs (in silico, adaptive doses): HeKA, SISTM



<https://www.simulations-plus.com>

## Some of the clinical trials we participated

- > 15 + vaccine trials (Ebola, HIV, Hepatitis, phase I to IV): SISTM
  - head of Inserm's CT methodology and management center
  - coordination EBOVAC2 (IMI, Janssen, Phase II, children+adolescents)
- > Brain diseases: Carmen (DBS), Aramis (opening BBB in AD)
- > Oncology: COMPO (Pioneer, lung immuno-onco)
- > Neuroprosthetics: Camin (5 CT on clinicaltrial.gov)
- > Sophia study: gastric surgery



# Prospective 2023-2027: structuring objects

## 2022: Official announcement of the PEPR “Digital Health”

a 60 M€ governmental research program to structure/support french research in digital health  
Inria designated by the gov to co-supervise it with Inserm



### PEPR Digital Health Inria-Inserm

- > heka aramis epione compo premedical parietal empenn mind casting dyliss
- > multimodel multiscale data integration
- > data/knowledge integration, FAIRification
- > longitudinal data for precision medicine
- > statistical and AI for advanced clinical trials
- > e-healthcare patient pathways
- > secure, safe and fair machine learning for healthcare
- > applications to pharmacology, cardiomyopathies, stroke, neuroscience



# Prospective 2023-2027: structuring objects

## PEPR Digital agronomy Inria-INRAE

- > **beagle genscale dyliss pleiade**
- > policies, breeding, agrodiversity, holobionts, models of crop plants

## PEPR MolecularXiv CNRS

- > **genscale**
- > data storage into DNA molecules

## MediTwin

- > industrial cooperation supported by the French State, (120 M€, +80M€ funding)
- > with Dassault Systemes, Inria (10 EPI), 7 IHU, inHeart...
- > digital twins for oncology, cardiology, neurology inside a platform for practitioners

## Premyom

- > digital twin of the vision
- > with EssilorLuxottica, Inria (4 EPI), IMT, hospitals, Insimo...

## Prevention ?



# Prospective 2023-2027: structuring objects

## New IHUs (vague 3, starting 2023)

> the mere assembling of the application has a strong local structuring effect



- VBHI, Bordeaux, maladies vasculaires cérébrales, IHU
- Prism, Villejuif, oncologie, IHU
- re-Connect, Paris, troubles de l'audition, IHU
- Prometheus, Garches, sepsis, IHU
- Thema-2, Paris, hématologie, IHU
- Cancers des femmes, Paris, cancers gynécologiques, IHU
- Everest, Lyon, pathologies hépatiques, IHU
- RespirERA, Nice, pathologies respiratoires, IHU
- IMMUN4CURE, Montpellier, immunothérapies, IHU
- InovAND, Paris, neuro-développement pédiatrique, IHU
- HealthAge, Toulouse, gérontologie et vieillissement, IHU émergent
- Infiny, Nancy, maladies inflammatoires de l'intestin, IHU émergent



## Hospital data warehouses (EDS)

> strong implication for the software infrastructure

- ongoing: Paris (APHP), Oura (HCL, Chuga, St-Etienne, ClerFerd), Bordeaux



## 3R: reduction, replacement, refinement of animal experiment

> a strong societal demand and a clear role for Inria

> Inria funding member of the FC3R.

# AI clusters

- With a digital health program



# What INRIA can bring to our project:

- A well-defined scientific position, clear project visibility and a reinforced attractiveness
- High level expertise in ML/AI linked with the biological and health questions
- A strong support for research products valorisation
- A network and development support

Vielen Dank für Ihre  
Aufmerksamkeit!

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