

## Artificial Intelligence for Adaptive Radiotherapy

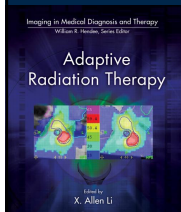
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Biomarkers of Early Response for Adaptive Radiation Therapy

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### The Role of Machine Learning in Knowledge-Based Response-Adapted Radiotherapy

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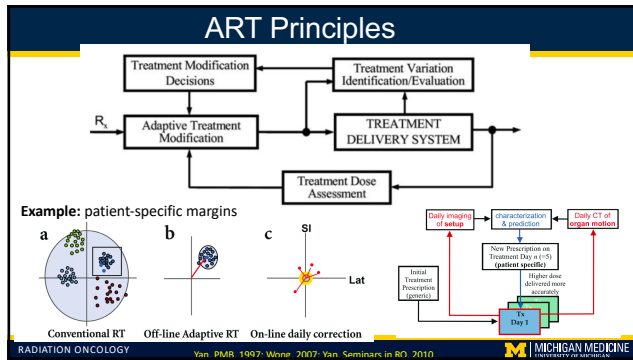


## Image-guidance vs Adaptive Radiotherapy

- Image-guidance radiotherapy (IGRT)
  - Goal: Stay a *pre-determined* course
  - Different imaging modalities (CT/PET/MRI) are used to guide planning (**target definition**) and delivery (**localization**)
- Adaptive radiotherapy (ART)
  - Goal: Make *changes* in the face of evolving information
  - Repeated measurements of the patient's geometry (imaging) and/or physiology (biomarkers) during the treatment so that a more **patient-specific treatment** can be delivered.

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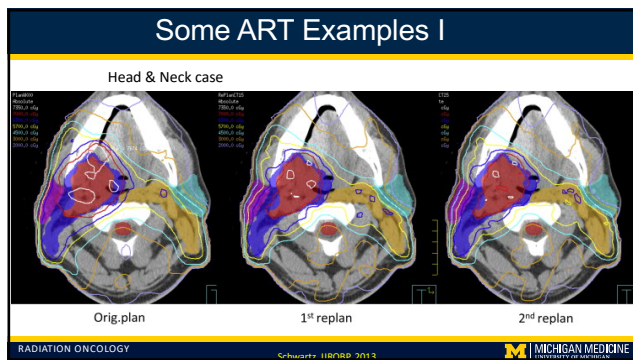
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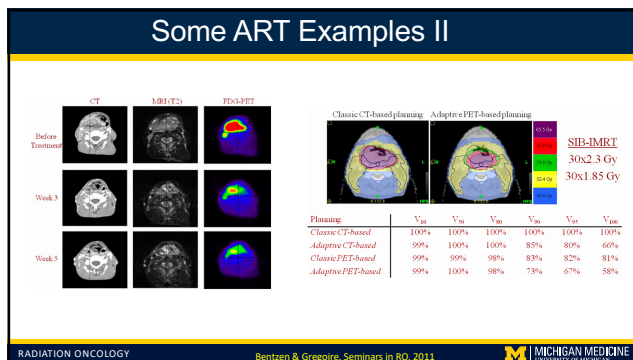
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## Some ART Examples III

ORIGINAL ARTICLES: HEAD AND NECK CANCER

### Late mucosal ulcers in dose-escalated adaptive dose-painting treatments for head-and-neck cancer

Luiza Ana Maria Olteanu, Frédéric Duprez, Wilfried De Neve, Dieter Berwouts, Tom Vercauteren, Wouter Bouters, Philippe Deron, Wouter Huvenne, Katrien Bonte, Ingeborg Goethals, Julie Schatteman & Werner De Gersem [...show less](#)

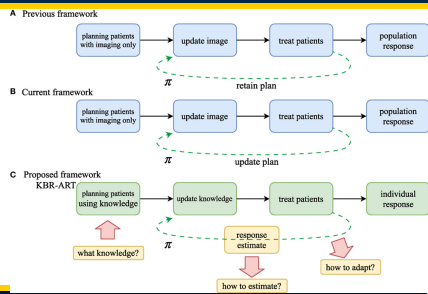
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	Patient number	Fraction 1-10	Fraction 11-20	Fraction 21-30/33	Total dose	NDSD
Patient group I (CTVn)	6	10 × (2.18-3.0)	10 × (2.5-3.5)	12 × 2.18	72.5-90.9	79.5-108.3
Patient group II (CTVn)	10	10 × (2.5-3.5)	10 × (2.5-3.5)	12 × 2.18	75.9-95.9	81.8-117.8
Patient group III (CTVn)	16	10 × (2.5-3.5)	10 × (2.5-3.5)	10 × (2.5-3.5)	60.9-80.9	67.9-93.9
Patient group IV (CTVn)	7	10 × (2.5-3.5)	10 × (2.5-3.5)	10 × 2.18	65.9-95.9	69.9-123.9
	2	10 × (2.5-3.5)	10 × (2.5-3.5)	10 × 2.18	65.9-95.9	69.9-123.9
	1	10 × (2.5-3.5)	10 × (2.5-3.5)	10 × 2.18	65.9-95.9	69.9-123.9

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## ART Evolution

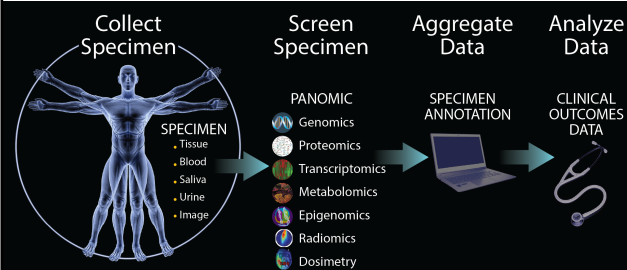


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Tseng, Frontier, 2018

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## What? - ART in era of -omics



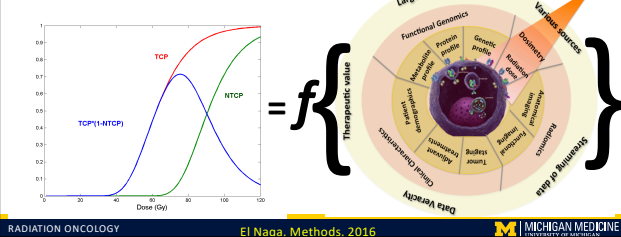
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El Naqa et al., PMB (Journal highlights), 2017

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## Which? - radiotherapy response estimates

Radiation response is multi-factorial and depend on: radiation dose and patients' physical, clinical, biological and genomic characteristics before and during the course of radiotherapy



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El Naqa, Methods. 2016

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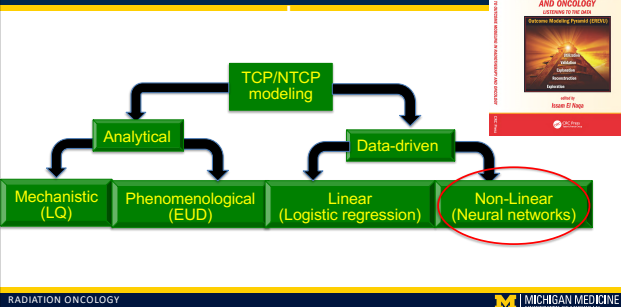
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## Outcome modeling



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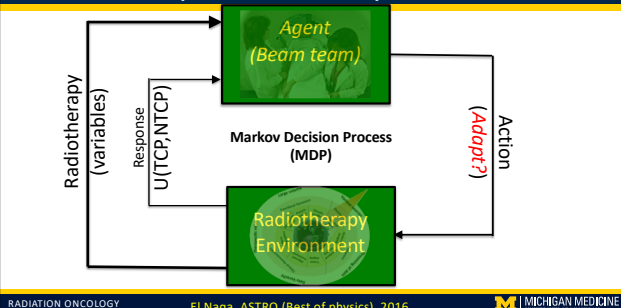
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## How? - optimize RT adaptation decision?



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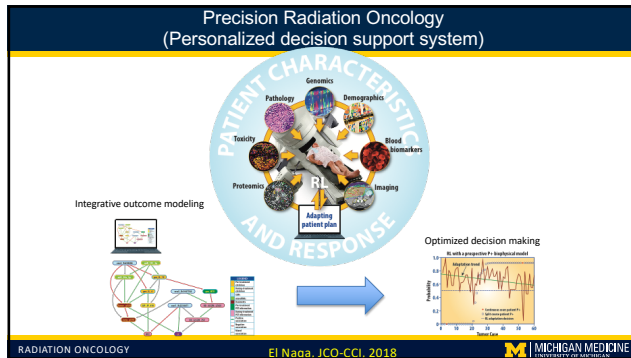
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**Machine learning for ART**

- Supervised learning
  - Source: input  $\rightarrow$  output pairs
  - Learning: Training + testing phases
  - Applications: Classification, regression
- Reinforcement learning
  - Source: input data + agent (critic)
  - Learning: exploration (environment) and exploitation (action)
  - Applications: optimizing decision making

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**Example: Adaptive Decision Making in Liver Cancer**

- Dataset
  - 182 HCC liver SBRT tumors (10 Gy $\times$ 5) from 120 patients
  - 45 cases on non-adaptive
  - 137 cases on adaptive protocols
    - Adaptation was based on liver function using a split-course of 3+2 fractions with a month break
- Candidate variables
  - Clinical (age, gender, stage, etc)
  - Dosimetric (Bio-corrected gEUD of tumor/liver, fx, etc)
  - Plasma biomarkers (cytokines, miRNA)

The diagram shows a treatment flow: "3 fx" (fractions) leads to a decision point labeled "Adapt?". From this point, the flow continues to "2 fx". A small inset image shows a liver scan with a green highlighted area.

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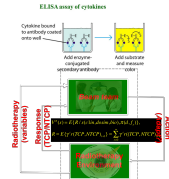
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## RL Application to ART

- RT environment
  - Patient's clinical, dosimetric, and biological covariates
- RL objective (reward)
  - Complication-free tumor control ( $P^*$ )
    - $P^* = \text{TCP} \times (1 - \text{NTCP})$ 
      - TCP as local control
      - NTCP change in ALBI score by 1 point
- Optimization algorithm: Q-Learning
  - Greedy search approach to solve Bellman's principle of optimality with:
    - a simple regression model of state-action mapping

### Biological variables (cytokines)

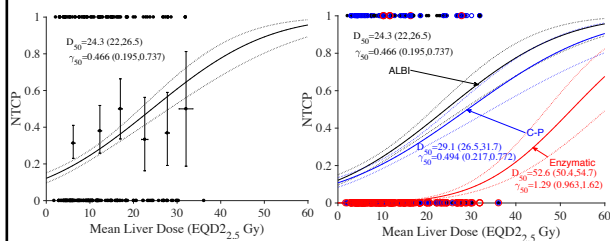
- Transforming growth factor (TGF- $\beta$ )
- Eotaxin (CCL11)
- Hormone growth factor (HGF)
- CD40 ligand



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## Dosimetric NTCP modeling using LKB

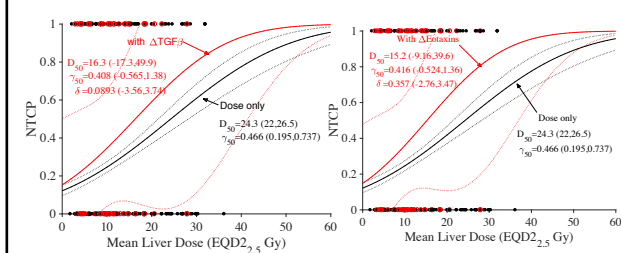


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## Dose modifying effect of cytokines on LKB-ALBI

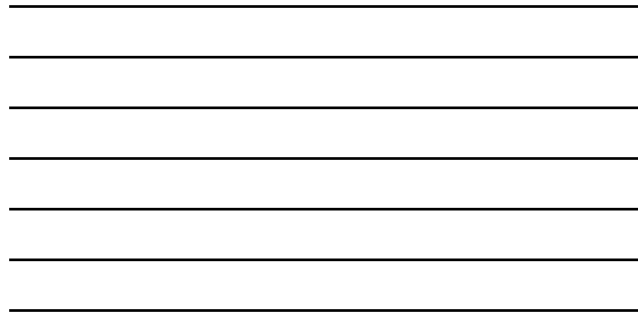
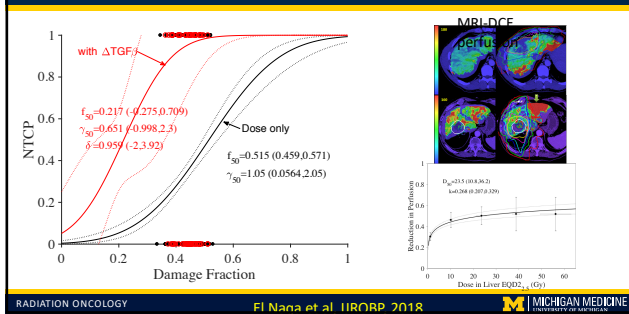


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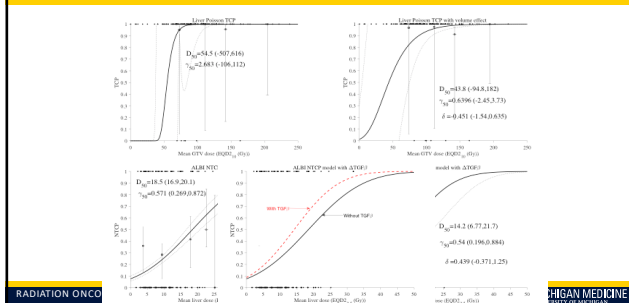
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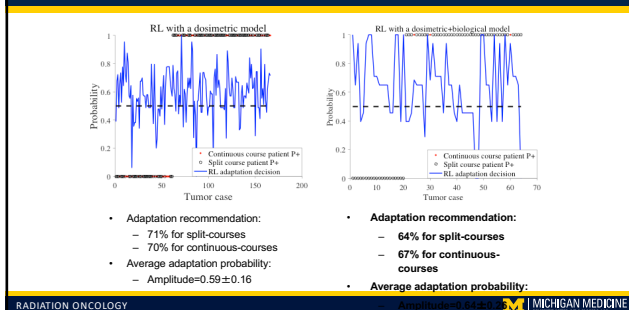
## Dose modifying effect of cytokines + imaging



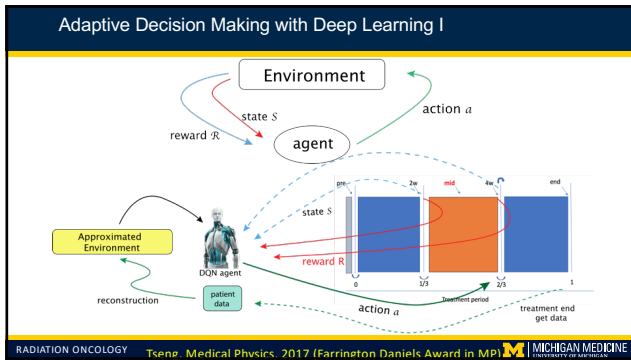
## P<sup>+</sup> Estimation



## Retrospective RL analysis








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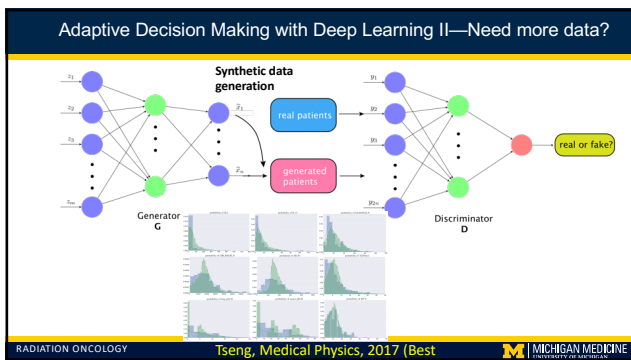
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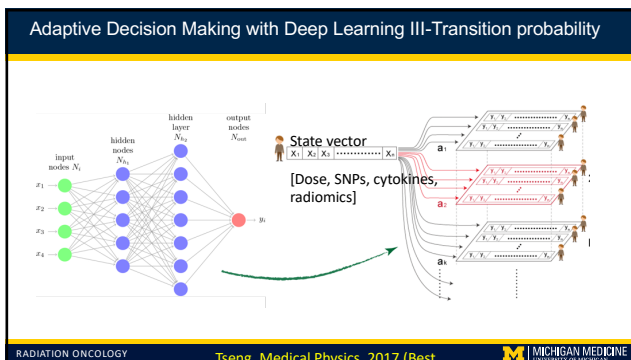
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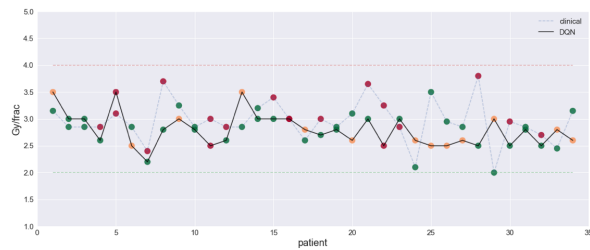
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### Adaptive Decision Making with Deep Learning IV



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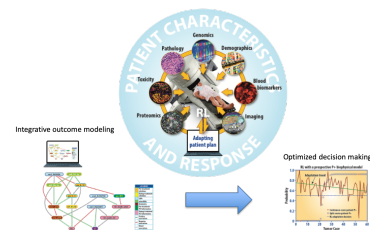
### Conclusions

- Artificial intelligence/machine learning offers new opportunities to develop better understanding of medical physics/radiation oncology processes and improve their workflow
- AI/ML approaches are uniquely positioned to improve adaptation in radiotherapy from heuristics to data driven realm.
- Adaptive radiotherapy implies improved outcome prediction (e.g., supervised learning) and optimizing decision making (reinforcement learning).
- Larger and multi-institutional datasets are necessary to realize the potential of AI in ART.

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### ART



Thank You!

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