

Ecosystem of Machine-Maintained Models with Automated Analysis (EMMAA)

Benjamin M. Gyori and John A. Bachman, Harvard Medical School

Model-building machines monitor, understand, and explain complex systems at scale

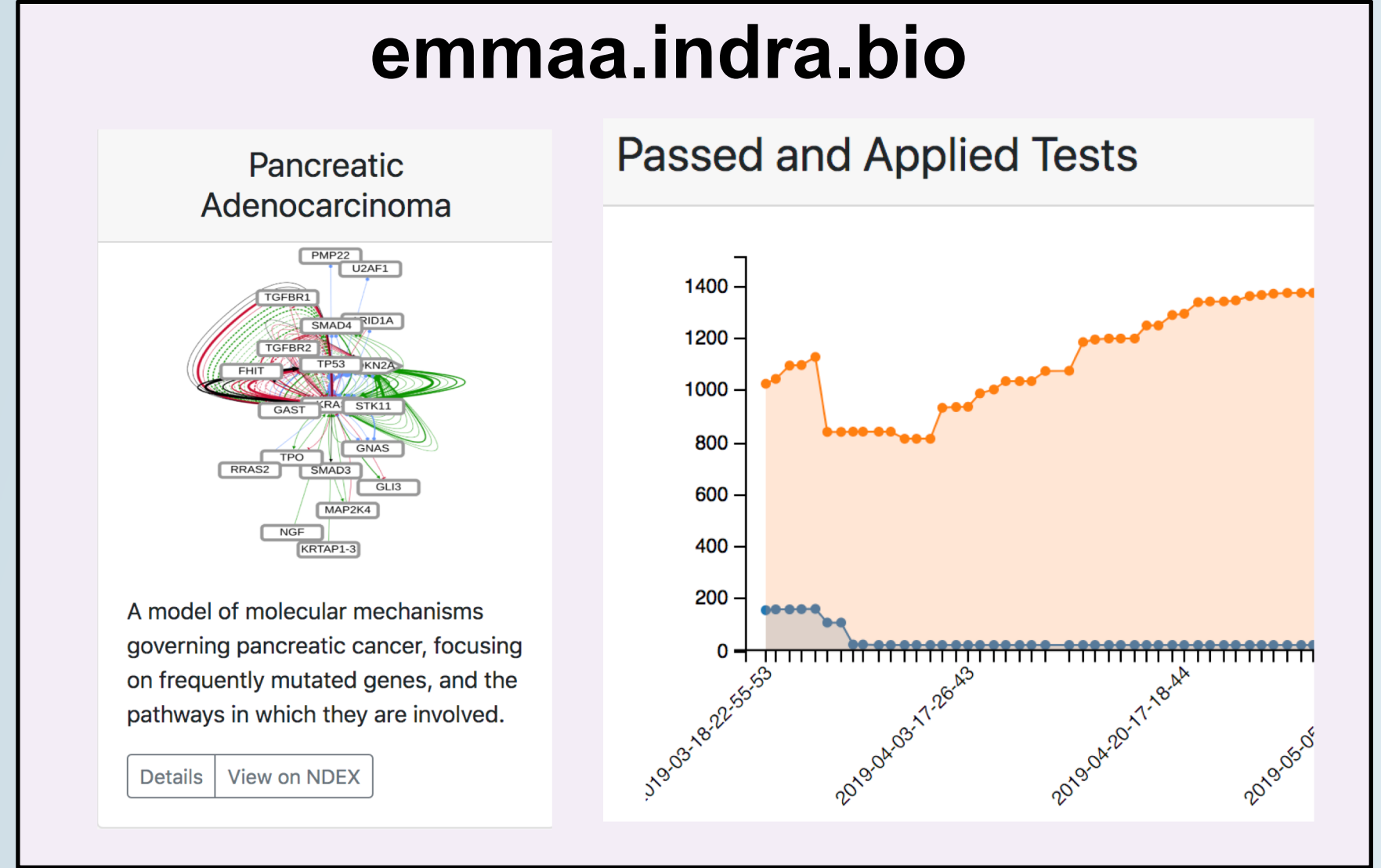
Why?

New discoveries are reported at a rate beyond what human analysts and scientists can integrate into models – yet we need to react and make decisions!

“Bottom-up” knowledge-based, causal models are powerful but are difficult and time consuming to build

“Top down” data-derived predictive models require large amounts of labeled data and provide limited explanatory insight

Deploy model building machines that collect fragmented “bottom-up” knowledge and assemble models automatically



Monitoring & Discovery

12 new cancer biology papers appear per hour on PubMed

5000 new news reports appear per hour via NewsAPI.org

Machine autonomously monitors new, relevant information

Generality

Can be applied In any domain where there is a

- stream of new discoveries to be integrated into models
- stream of fragmented information about “interactions” between “agents” of interest
- need for interpretable, causal explanations

Push science

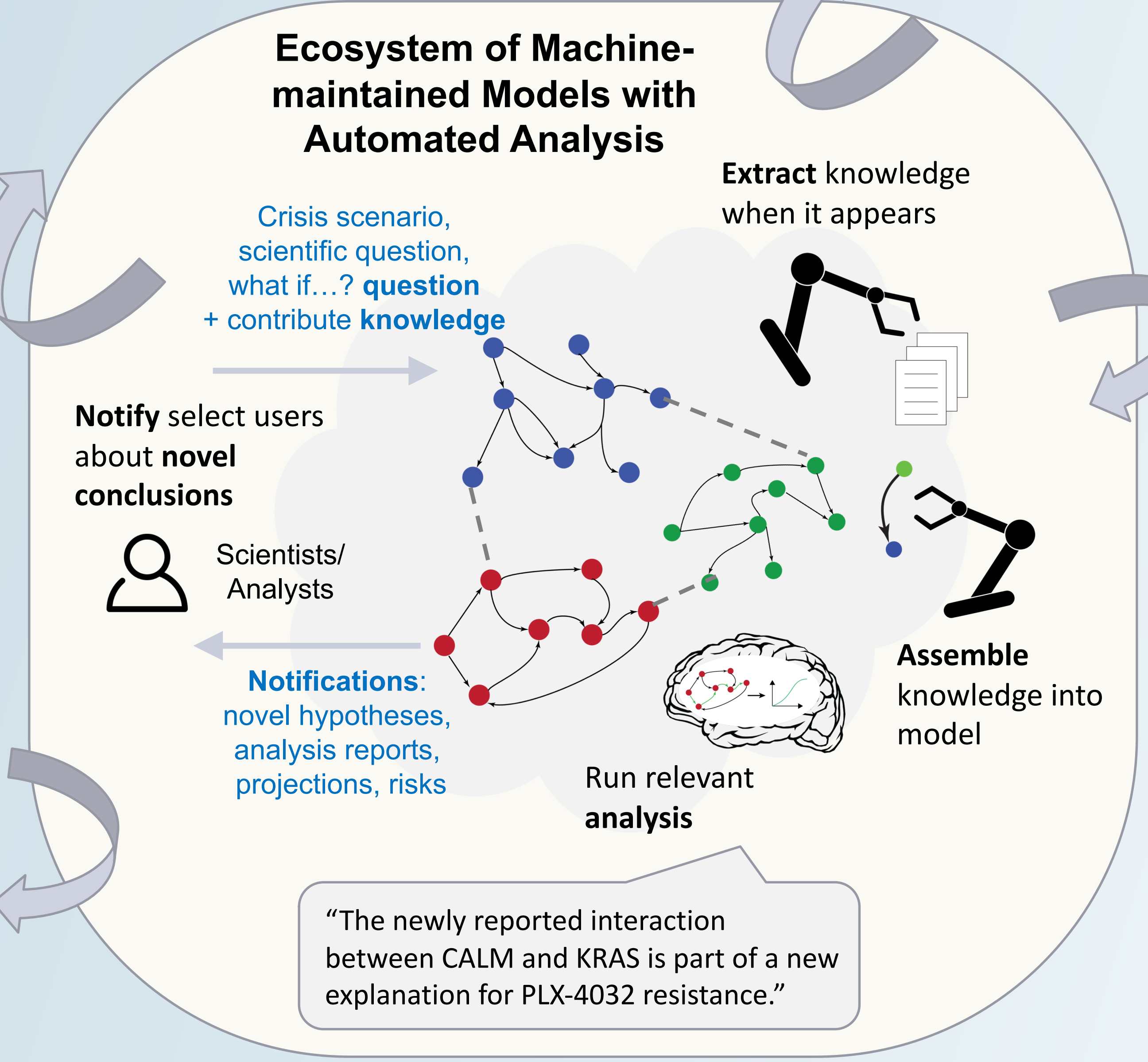
Users formulate their scientific/analytical questions to define what problem they want model-driven updates on.

“Why does treatment with the cancer drug PLX-4032 lead to resistance in Patient A but not Patient B.”

“In what ways could prolonged conflict lead to food insecurity in South Sudan?”

Machine gives “push” updates to user based on the model(s) relevant to their problem

“The newly reported interaction between CALM and KRAS is part of a new explanation for PLX-4032 resistance.”



Automated Reading & Assembly

- Natural language processing systems to extract causal mechanisms and observations
- Assembly of fragments of causal information at scale

How to integrate novel information with existing model?

- Redundancy: new evidence, corroboration of existing knowledge
- Refinement: existing knowledge in more detail or in a specific context
- Generalization: existing knowledge generalized to broader context
- Conflict: contradicts existing knowledge
- Novelty: completely new information – is it reliable?

Finally, generate executable models from assembled knowledge

