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AI-Augmented DataOps for Healthcare: Automating Clinical Data Pipelines for Predictive Analytics and Compliance

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Abstract: Artificial Intelligence (AI) augments the emerging DataOps reference architecture, facilitating the automation of clinical data preparation pipelines. To investigate this proposition, three clinical use cases are developed, showcasing AI-driven data augmentation within a DataOps framework. Automated Extract- Transform-Load (ETL) generation enables a data pipeline for predictive analytics, whilst accelerated anonymization and de- identification safeguard compliance. AI algorithms governing Data Quality, Data Mapping, and Schema Drift Detection are formalized, bolstering the reliability of data pipelines. Health- care organizations increasingly look to data and analytics to deliver operational efficiency and superior patient outcomes. Building and deploying predictive Risk Stratification and Patient Outcome models demands a robust clinical data preparation process capable of monitoring data quality, supporting com- pliance requirements, and rapidly scaling to meet increasing demand. DataOps offers a model and associated principles to meet these requirements by automating the entire data lifecycle, from ingestion to deployment, and accentuates the potential of AI for testing and enabling DataOps in a Data-Science-as-a-Service context. Index Terms—AIAugmented DataOps Architecture, Clini- cal Data Preparation, Automated ETL Generation, Predic- tive Analytics Pipelines, Anonymization And DeIdentifica- tion, Compliance Safeguarding, Data Quality Algorithms, Data Mapping Intelligence, Schema Drift Detection, Reliable Data Pipelines, Healthcare Operational Efficiency, Patient Outcome Optimization, Risk Stratification Models, Scalable Clinical Data Workflows, EndToEnd Data Lifecycle Automation, Data-ScienceAsAService Enablement, DataOps Testing Frameworks, Rapid Pipeline Scaling, Healthcare Data Governance, Intelligent Clinical Analytics.

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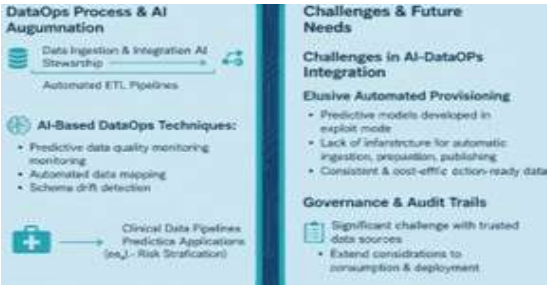
INTRODUCTION

Data-driven analytics applications have become integral to improving healthcare operations and clinical outcomes. DataOps is gaining traction in the healthcare environment, aimed at reducing friction and improving quality in the management of clinical data pipelines. Automation techniques and Artificial Intelligence (AI) are key enablers of DataOps. Within the growing area of DataOps in healthcare, a domain- specific DataOps architecture is needed with focus – and automation – on the unique characteristics of healthcare data along its life-cycle from Capture and Integration through to Quality and Stewardship. Challenges such considerations take on in clinical data pipelines ultimately affect the outcome and impact of Predictive Associated Analytics applications. Evidence shows a growing demand for Predictive Analytics in

healthcare, from Risk Stratification and Patient Outcome Pre- diction to Operational Analytics and Resource Optimization. With demand comes risk and uncertainty, especially for the use of clinical data. DataOps-informed and automated clinical data Extract-Transform-Load (ETL) pipelines – a process that implements these two concepts with a specific focus on clinical data – address such risk and uncertainty while also eliminating friction and improving quality. Such ETL pipelines implement DataOps within the broader area of Predictive Analytics in healthcare at other levels of the data stack, including Data Ingestion & Integration and Data Quality & Stewardship. Implementation of DataOps-informed and automated clinical data ETL pipelines also contributes towards the foundational DataOps principles of Repeatability, Monitoring, Shareability and Quality.

A. Overview and Objectives of the Study

The DataOps process lifecycle provides a robust scaffold- ing to enable AI-augmented clinical data pipelines that can support not only predictive analytics but also meet the grow- ing governance and compliance requirements for healthcare organizations. Data ingestion and integration, data quality and stewardship, and automated extract-transform-load pipelines are foundational paradigms for the entire DataOps framework. During these stages, specialized DataOps techniques that lever- age AI-based capabilities for predictive data quality monitor- ing, automated data mapping, and schema drift detection can deliver a safer and faster execution of the respective DataOps processes. This approach enables healthcare organizations to automatically provision clinical data pipelines for diverse predictive analytics applications, such as risk stratification and outcomes prediction, across the hospital environment. Despite the integration of a predictive analytics capability within healthcare organizations, the automated provisioning of clinical data pipelines that straddle both the analytics and DataOps domains remains elusive. Predictive models continue to be developed in exploit mode without the assurance of an accompanying infrastructure that can automatically ingest, prepare, and publish, consistently and cost-effectively, the required source clinical data in a production-ready state for analytics and machine learning operations. The establishment of governance and audit trails in these domains represents yet another significant challenge facing institutions, particularly when data from trusted sources are being exploited. The broader application of predictive analytics within the health- care environment mandates that similar considerations are extended to processes that consume previously prepared data and subsequently deploy predictive models within operational workloads.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• Automated data mapping
• Schema drift detection
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Challenges & Future Needs
Challenges in AI-DataOPs Integration
Elusive Automated Provisioning
• Predictive models developed in exploit mode
• Lack of infarstrcture for automatic ingestion, prepoation, publishing
• Consistent & cost-effic action-ready data
Governance & Audit Trails
Significant challenge with trusted data sources
• Extend considrations to consumption & deployment

Fig. 1. DataOps for Healthcare AI: Augmenting Clinical Data Pipelines

II. FOUNDATIONS OF DATAOPS IN HEALTHCARE

Innovative DataOps techniques reshape the design, management, and execution of clinical data pipelines for predictive analytics applications. Data custodians seek to establish clinical data as a quality-assured, readily consumable asset, while preserving patient privacy and fulfilling regulatory compliance. Principles, architectural paradigms, and AI-driven techniques that underpin AI-augmented DataOps in healthcare are examined. Characteristics of healthcare data acquisition, integration, and quality are delineated. A supervised extract-transform-load mechanism implements compliance controls, with a case-based framework for automated data anonymization and de-identification. AI-augmented DataOps supports risk stratification, patient outcome prediction, and operational resource optimization. Adoption of cloud-based services is helping organizations across all sectors to innovate and transform. The ability to make use of ”off-the-shelf” services can significantly accelerate development cycles. In the healthcare industry, this transformation is revolutionizing how patients are managed and how new disease treatments are developed. Cloud providers have accelerated the adoption of predictive analytics by consolidating and managing the compute power required for these complex operations. DataOps is an innovation cycle that uses data-driven and event-driven principles and methods that are inspired by DevOps cycles in software engineering. It focuses on supporting the complete life cycle of data analytics applications, from the business need through to production deployment. DataOps is now being deployed in the cloud to accelerate predictive analytics and reduce the time required to deliver accurate predictions for operational and patient management.

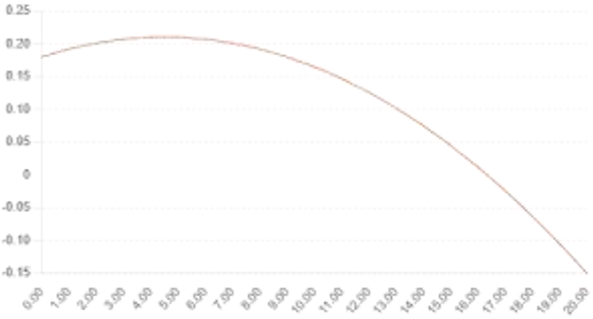

Fig. 2. Clinical Data Pipeline Objective vs Quality Investment

Equation 1 – Clinical Data Pipeline Optimization Ob- jective

1. Objective function

A standard multi-objective scalarization is:

$J(q) = \alpha P(q) + \beta Comp(q) - \gamma C(q) - \delta L(q)$ (1) We want:

$q\star = \arg q \in [0, 1] \max J(q)$ (2)

2. **Example functional forms and derivation**

For illustration (like in the table/plot I generated): Predictive performance increases with diminishing returns:

$P(q) = P\ 0 + (Pmax - P\ 0)q$ (3)

Compliance increases similarly:

$Comp(q) = Comp0 + (Compmax - Comp0)q$ (4) Cost is convex (low at first, then grows quickly):

$C(q) = C0 + kq2$ (5)

Latency grows roughly linearly:

$L(q) = L0 + hq$ (6)

Plug into J(q):

$J(q) = \alpha[P\ 0 + (Pmax - P\ 0)q]$ (7)

$+\beta[Comp0 + (Compmax - Comp0)q]$ (8)

$-\gamma[C0 + kq2] - \delta[L0 + hq]$(9)

$= const + Aq - \gamma kq2$ (10)

Pipeline objective example

quality in				
vestment q	cost C	predictive perf P	compliance	Comp
latency L				
0.0	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.0
0.05	0.62	0.715	1.005	1.025

0.1	0.64	0.73	1.02	1.05
0.15000000				
000000002	0.66	0.745	1.045	1.075
0.2	0.6799999			
999999999	0.76	1.08	1.1	

0.25
0.7 0.7749
999999
999
999
1.125
1.125

A. Principles of DataOps

DataOps (Data Operations) is a set of processes, practices, and technology that enables data teams to deliver trusted data faster and reliably to a wider audience. Similar to De- vOps, which improves software delivery, DataOps improves the speed of data analytics operations and quality assurance. DataOps is a collaboration among data engineers, data scien- tists, data analysts, data solution architects, visualizers, and business users to deliver data with speed and reliability. The DataOps lifecycle spans data integration, data preparation, data quality assurance, data governance, and data consumption. DataOps aims to shorten the cycle time of data analytics while increasing accessibility and quality. DataOps has been consid- ered for Dataative (a combination of Data in Data Warehouse and Alternative) in data warehouse. Healthcare service adop- tion of DataOps will enable faster data analytics solutions and more in-depth market analysis with demand/supply prediction and benchmarking. The DataOps principles are an emphasis on collaboration, shared ownership, and accountability in addressing the challenges of the organizational data ecosystem. DataOps brings together data producers and consumers so that the knowledge and expertise of both groups can be used to drive the quality of delivery and facilitate the rapid iteration of data products. It also encourages risk-taking in the data world and quick iterations of data pipelines and preparation processes. Rapidly delivering unpolished data to datasets or marts for consumer use fosters shared responsibility for quality and leads to data-marking practices that prioritize data quality and metadata completeness for the next iteration of delivery. Data analytics is a team sport in which everyone plays a role in supporting a successful outcome.

B. Healthcare Data Characteristics

Owing to its multifaceted and heterogeneous nature, differences in data governance and usage across institutions, and variation in stakeholder expectations and regulatory obligations, the health care data ecosystem has evolved separately from those of business data. Administrative data are collected and stored in diverse information silos by the organizations that manage and pay for health care services. Operational data come from multiple medical devices and systems spanning the domains of imaging, clinical research, and clinical care delivery. The richest data sources for predictive models are clinical data, generated through the routine care of patients, such as diagnostic and therapeutic interventions, clinical observations, and pathological evaluations. Clinical data capture a wide variety of treatments and outcomes in large cohorts of patients but remain underused for outside-the-walls predictive analytics given that they are difficult to access and of limited data quality. The disparate origins of clinical data present challenges even in the simplest scenario of predictive modeling of missing outcomes, such as in-hospital mortality, risk stratification for adverse post-discharge events, and readmissions. Although hospitals receive a relatively rich stream of prospective clinical outcome data, prediction of non-elective post-discharge outcomes remains difficult because of non-uniformity in patient populations and treatment strategies. Organizations that rely heavily on predictive models for operations management have dealt with this issue by applying operational predictive models to data generated within the organization itself rather than to data from outside sources, thus bypassing the problem of relying on gold-standard clinical information for model-building. This workflow requires filling gaps in health care outcome data through procurement and transfer with the data owners; however, the data used for prediction differ from those used for model-building because they belong to a different cohort. The limitations in real-time predictive modeling posed by the heterogeneity of health care data have made operational analytics applied to health care resource consumption the more prevalent form of outside-the-walls DataOps-driven predictive analytics.

Equation 2 – Real-Time Data Quality Scoring

1. Weighted aggregate score

Define weights such that:

$wc + ws + w\tau = 1, wi \geq 0$ (11) Then the data quality score at time t:

$DQt = wcct + wsst + w\tau\tau t$ (12)

If more dimensions exist, you simply add terms and keep weights summing to 1.

2. Step-by-step computation for a batch

Given a dataset at time t with N records:

1. Consistency

Let Nvalid be the number of records that satisfy all business rules (ranges, regexes, type checks, cross-field checks):

$st = NNvalid$ (13)

2. Timeliness

E.g., if Tmax is maximum acceptable age (in hours) and the mean record age is $\bar{t}$, define:

$\tau t = \max(0, 1 - Tmaxt\bar{})$ (14)

3. Combine

Plug into the weighted sum to get DQt.

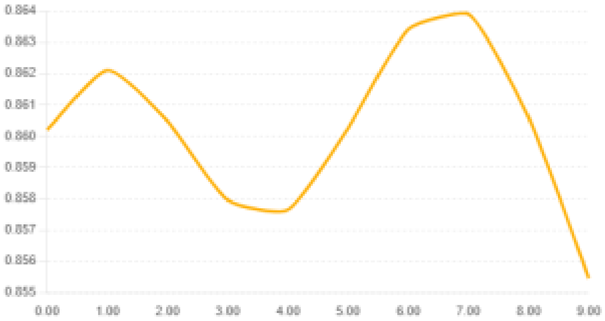

Fig. 3. Real-Time Data Quality Score Over Time

time step completeness consistency DQ score
1 0.8595 0.895 0.86020551
61930297
2 0.868 0.89 0.86210986
53505964
3 0.8755000000
000001 0.885 0.86047920
00302246
4 0.882 0.88 0.85796199
06425954
5 0.8875000000
000001 0.875 0.85765403
39700133
6 0.8919999999
999999 0.87 0.86025219
18817541

Real-time data quality components and score

III. ARCHITECTURAL PARADIGMS FOR AI-AUGMENTED DATAOPS

Healthcare organizations represent a unique application domain for DataOps, defined by a set of characteristics for the principles, objectives, and processes. DataOps pipelines service such needs and a dedicated focus on applying AI techniques in DataOps processes enabling automation. Their architecture comprises algorithms and scripts engineering scheduled for execution simultaneously with DataOps tasks serving DataOps delivery in a DataOps environment. Health- care organizations deal with considerable and often disjoint sources of public-oriented data. The integration and harmonization of data from electronic health records, genomic data, patients' social determinants of health, public health data, and community programs data enable the delivery of predictive analytics solutions guiding actions supportive of patients and communities' health. Such data delivery is not only costly but also raises the set of burdens and requirements for preserving patients' rights to data privacy, security, and confidentiality and DataOps pipelines satisfying those requirements when producing such predictive data are a priority of AI-augmented DataOps.

A. Data Ingestion and Integration

The first two phases of a DataOps pipeline involve the acquisition and initial preparation of the data for the following analytics. Often referred to as the extract–transform–load (ETL) process, it comprises three stages: (1) extraction from one or more source systems, (2) transformation of the extracted data into a canonical format for consistent integration, and (3) loading into a target data store that is optimized for downstream consumption. In healthcare, the data source can be heterogeneous clinical information systems, such as electronic health records for patient data, laboratory information systems for clinical observations, or billing and scheduling systems for operational and financial data. The resulting integration often occurs in an enterprise data warehouse. To support downstream analytics, the ETL process must also address any required data preparation tasks. In healthcare, these tasks include data anonymization and de-identification to prevent the exposure of sensitive personally identifiable information when the data is shared with unauthenticated or untrusted user groups. While anonymization is typically a one-time task and can therefore be incorporated into the data ingestion phase, de-identification in compliance with HIPAA is context-sensitive and often de- termined by the analytical query, so it falls within a dedicated preventive data quality management layer. Finally, because most health systems also have an operational component, the integrated dataset is often duplicated into a separate, purpose- built analytics sandbox for query performance optimization.

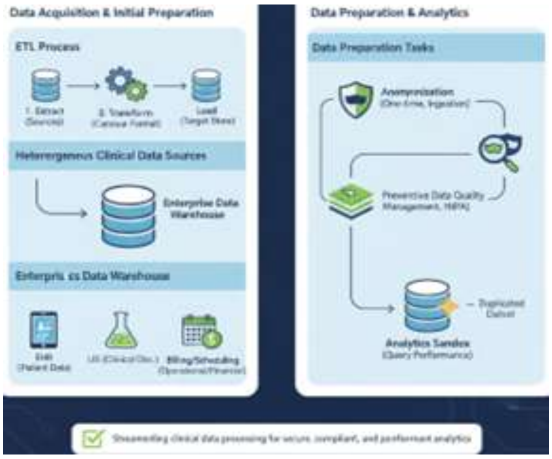
Data Acquisition & Initial Preparation
ETL Process
1. Extract (Sources)
2. Transform (Canonical Format)
Load (Target Store)
Heterergenous Clinical Data Sources
Enterprise Data Warehouse
Enterpris cs Data Warehouse
EHR (Patient Data)
LIS (Clinical Obs.)
Billing/Scheduling (Operational/Financial)
Data Preparation & Analytics
Data Preparation Tasks
Anonymization (One-time, Ingestion)
Preventive Data Quality Management, HIPAA
Duplicated Dataset
Analytics Sandbox (Query Performance)
Streamlining clinical data processing for secure, compliant, and performant analytics

Fig. 4. Healthcare DataOps: ETL, Anonymization & Analytics Sandboxes

B. Data Quality and Stewardship

DataOps processes should also safeguard data accuracy and quality: The creation of clinical datasets for risk stratification and operational analytics hinges on the quality of source data ingested from EHRs and other systems. Organization and governance are necessary to address misreporting and misuse of laboratory tests, clinical documentation deficits, and other aspects impacting data quality in production machine-learning models. Data quality monitoring and remediation can be accelerated through machine-learning techniques that harness metadata. A shared understanding of the data ecosystem not only helps monitor data quality but can also guide controls

for evaluating clinical processes and outcome measures. AI- augmented approaches can assist in identifying sensitive pa- tient attributes, deploying suitable sanitization techniques, and remediating drift in mapping rules during anonymization of clinical datasets. A meticulous process for anonymizing and de-identifying clinical datasets allows organizations to share their data with external partners for the common good of so- ciety. DataOps processes should also safeguard data accuracy and quality: The creation of clinical datasets for risk stratifica- tion and operational analytics hinges on the quality of source data ingested from EHRs and other systems. Organization and governance are necessary to address misreporting and misuse of laboratory tests, clinical documentation deficits, and other aspects impacting data quality in production machine-learning models. Data quality monitoring and remediation can be accelerated through machine-learning techniques that harness metadata. A shared understanding of the data ecosystem not

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Equation 3 – Predictive Risk Modeling Function

1. Model definition

For patient i with feature vector $xi \in Rd$ (age, lab values, prior admissions, etc.):

$pi = P(yi = 1 \mid xi) = \sigma(w^{\top}xi + b)$ (15)

where:

$\sigma(z) = 1 + e-z1$ (16)

is the logistic (sigmoid) function, w are weights and b is bias.

2. Deriving the logistic form

1. Logistic model assumes log-odds is linear in features:

$1 - pi$

only helps monitor data quality but can also guide controls for evaluating clinical processes and outcome measures. AI-

log
pi

$= w^{\top}xi + b$ (17)

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2. Exponentiate both sides:

$1 - pi/pi = ew^{\top}xi+b$ (18)

3. Solve for pi:

$pi = (1 - pi)ew^{\top}xi+b \Longrightarrow pi + piew^{\top}xi+b = ew^{\top}xi+b$ (19)

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$pi(1 + ew$

$xi+b) = ew$

$xi+b$ (20)

IV. AUTOMATED CLINICAL DATA PIPELINES

Many clinical data management systems are designed for data analytics and monitoring rather than data operation. As a result, ETL (Extract-Transform-Load) workflows for the preparation of clinical data however simplistic can often be tedious, error-prone, and of little value to the stakeholders, not least the repository maintainers. Interest is growing in automating these processes and in developing analytical-ready copies of clinical data that satisfy the integrity and security considerations for predictive analytics and operational reporting. Extract-Transform-Load for Clinical Data Clinical data collections can be made available for seamless integration into downstream analytical operations without affecting the day-to-day practices of the care providers by establishing ETL pipelines that run in the background. Even when these workflows are written as simple cron-jobs, they can still be a headache to manage due to overwriting of in-production tables, failed runs, or latency problems. Consequently, when the DataOps chain fingerprints a care provider's repo as an ETL source, it can automatically discover the in-repo Signal-What-You-See (SWYS) configuration or migrate an ETL workflow to the guardian-responsibility group. Data Anonymization and De-identification Data anonymization and de-identification operations form a subset of DataOps processes that are designed to protect patient identities during predictive analytics and operational reporting. However, the DataOps chain normally only tracks the data content with respect to these operations. The management within these chains may want to establish in-repo signal-what-you-see

$pi = 1 + ew^{\top}xi+b$ (21)

$= 1 + e-(w^{\top}xi+b)$ (22)

$= \sigma(w^{\top}xi + b)$ (23)

A. Extract-Transform-Load for Clinical Data

Unstructured clinical data requires extra care to generate equivalent DataWareHouse tables of ETL for provider analysis, risk stratification and longitudinal patient outcome prediction. Clinical data is not readily consumable for Pre- dictive Analytics and Operational Analytics, nor is it readily available for regulatory compliance. Inconsistencies arising from data extraction, transformation, loading and maintenance are common, making it problematic for data consumers. The unstructured nature of clinical data necessitates comprehensive quality checks before provisioning those data for computing and analytics needs. The same holds for the rules-driven pro- cess of Data Anonymization/De-identification as well, since it is vital for Predictive Analytics, Operational Analytics, Regulatory Compliance, and also Day-0 Transparency. Health- care organisations leverage clinical data generated during patient treatment across the various incident tickets recorded during the course of treatment - with each ticket containing a myriad of unstructured clinical data with diverse schema. The extracted clinical data required significant preparation and quality checks with a view to loading into the DataWareHouse for Risk Stratification, Patient Outcome Prediction, Anonymi- sation, Predictive and Operational Analytics before the onset of Day-0 Transparency for MAT and subsequent quarters.

B. Data Anonymization and De-identification

Clinical data provenance is a critical consideration in predictive analytics, especially in scenarios that involve sensitive patient information or data acquisition from third- party service providers. Experiments involving chronic diseases, newborns, and user-contributed entries heighten the issue of sensitive information even more. Common solutions must be applied to all use cases because they are hard (or impossible) to control. Privacy and confidentiality issues in DataOps pipelines require further attention and specialized solutions. Two widely adopted techniques for protecting healthcare data are data anonymization and data de-identification. Anonymization is the process of removing or obfuscating parts of the data that can identify a user, rendering one-time use impossible. De-identification is the removal of personal information that can be used to identify an individual either alone or linked with other data. Both approaches are particularly relevant in cases where acquired data is provided by patients or volunteers (e.g., study trials). Data from businesses, general hospitals, and private hospitals are already shared for predictive analytics by using these techniques. Data of patients under long-term disease contact or care (e.g., under dialysis treatment) and data that can predict newborn outcomes may also be involved.

Equation 4 – Automated Compliance Constraint

1. Define a risk metric

Let:

D be the released dataset.

R(D) be a numerical re-identification risk score, e.g. the estimated probability that a randomly chosen record can be linked back to a real person using quasi-identifiers.

We want:

$R(D) \leq \epsilon$(24)

for some policy-defined threshold ϵ (e.g., 0.09).

2. Example: k-anonymity based constraint

If we enforce k-anonymity on quasi-identifier set Q:

For each distinct combination of quasi-identifier values, count

its group size nj.

The dataset is k-anonymous if minj nj ≥ k. A simple worst-case risk measure is:

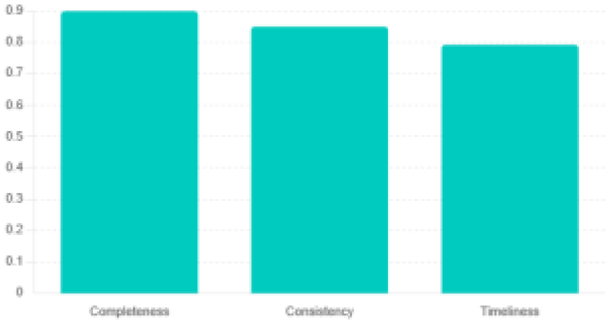

Fig. 5. Data Quality Components at Final Time Step

source clinical databases and structured data marts for down- stream analytics. However, beyond pipeline automation, AI- augmented DataOps promote predictive analytics applications by harnessing advanced AI-driven capabilities. Based on the standardization of the data pipelines that lay the groundwork for DataOps in healthcare, the following subsections outline two significant AI-augmentation techniques supporting the development of predictive analytics applications in a DataOps juncture for healthcare. Automated Data Quality Monitoring Given the characteristics of clinical data highlighted in Section 2.2, deployment of automated data quality validation is critical. Developing comprehensive and ongoing data quality- monitoring models is a must. Such models address both business and technical requirements through various perspec- tives, providing business intelligence and prompting corrective action (e.g., alerts when a dataset has ¿10% missing values or missing values for an entire month). These monitoring models can be built with little effort using any automated exploratory- data-analysis tool coupled with statistical tests. AI-Driven Data Mapping and Schema Drift Detection The standardization of Extract-Transform-Load (ETL) for clinical data, where most processes are automated, enables the use of AI in clinical- data-pipeline operation through the development of data- mapping models. Such models are deployed to automatically map source to destination schema upon ETL execution and alert for unexpected schema drift during ongoing operations, thus improving DataOps for exploratory data analysis and predictive-modelling pipelines.

$R(D) = \min n-1$ (25)

j j

Then the compliance constraint:

$\min n-1 \leq \epsilon \Longleftrightarrow \min nj \geq \epsilon-1$ (26)

j j

So choosing $k = \lceil 1/\epsilon \rceil$ ensures compliance.

V. AI-AUGMENTATION TECHNIQUES IN DATAOPS

The sophistication of these applications results from the implementation of advanced exploratory data analysis and predictive analytics techniques made possible through the automation of data pipelines that bridge the gap between

A. Automated Data Quality Monitoring

Data quality monitoring is essential for healthcare organizations. An analysis of investigated healthcare Use Cases identifies that the lack of data quality monitoring is one of the major hurdles for data-driven decision-making and advanced analytics. Machine learning-driven testing frameworks have been successfully employed in other domains of DataOps, and similar concepts can be transferred to healthcare data quality synthesizing domain expertise. The Data Quality Monitoring workflow uses natural language processing to extract common query patterns from traffic logs in order to determine fragile data. These are tested for available constraints and machine

supervised or semi-supervised mode, to establish whether or not the new schema is acceptable. Results from such monitoring checks can enable automatic selection of the corresponding schema validation checks.

Equation 5 – Adaptive Pipeline Retuning Rule

1. Gradient-style update rule

A generic adaptive rule:

$\theta t+1 = \theta t + \eta \nabla \theta Jt(\theta t)$ (27)

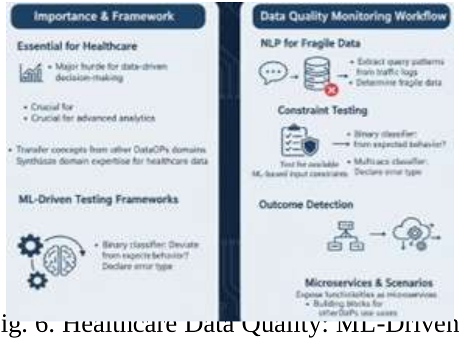
Importance & Framework
Essential for Healthcare
• Major hurdle for data-driven decision-making
• Crucial for
• Crucial for advanced analytics
• Transfer concepts from other DataOPs domains Synthesize domain expertise for healthcare data
ML-Driven Testing Frameworks
• Binary classifier: Deviate from expecte behavior? Declare error type
Data Quality Monitoring Workflow
NLP for Fragile Data
• Extract query patterns from traffic logs
• Determine fragile data
Constraint Testing
• Binary classifier: from expected behavior?
Test for available ML-based input constraints
• Multiclass classifier: Declare error type
Outcome Detection
Microservices & Scenarios
Expose functionalities as microservices
• Building blocks for otherDaPs use cases

Fig. 6. Healthcare Data Quality: ML-Driven Monitoring & Anomaly Detec- tion

where:

$\eta¿0$ is a learning rate,

$\nabla \theta Jt(\theta t)$ is estimate of the gradient of the objective w.r.t. θ.

Derivation (steepest ascent):

1. Local linear approximation of $\nabla \theta Jt$ near θt:

$Jt(\theta t + \Delta\theta) \approx Jt(\theta t) + \nabla \theta Jt(\theta t) \top \Delta\theta$ (28)

2. To increase Jt, choose $\Delta\theta$ proportional to the gradient:

$\Delta\theta = \eta \nabla \theta Jt(\theta t)$ (29)

learning-based input constraints. Data quality outcome detec- tion is enabled with a binary classifier identifying whether predictions deviate from expected behavior and a multiclass classifier for declaring the corresponding error type. Microser- vices expose all these functionalities and serve as building

3. So:

$\theta t+1 = \theta t + \Delta\theta = \theta t + \eta \nabla \theta Jt(\theta t)$ (30)

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blocks for supporting Data Quality Monitoring scenarios in other DataOps use cases.

B. AI-Driven Data Mapping and Schema Drift Detection

AI techniques can either be integrated into DataOps pipelines to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of monitoring activities or directly control these pipelines to inform DataOps actions. Two possible AI-augmented capabilities have been identified. Such capabilities are the automation of data mapping—the process of establishing correspondences between the fields of two data tables—and schema drift detection—the identification and validation of unpredicted changes in data input structures. Data movement between data stores is central to any DataOps implementation. Therefore, knowledge of the origin and destination data tables is required for operational decision making, maintenance and support tasks, or notification of DataOps or DataOps-related team members. Such knowledge is frequently captured in a Data Dictionary but is seldom sufficiently detailed or accurate for these purposes. In the simplest case, data mapping consists of assigning fields and metadata and informing DataOps users of that mapping. When the data map contains cross-table validation rules, these could become integral checks within the DataOps monitoring environment. Standard monitoring checks focus on whether a data table conforms to its expected schema or whether any of its fields violate a business rule such as field range, field type or regex. DataOps-related users want to know if the source data schema matches the expected schema for each run. If it does not, a second level of validation for a non-conformant schema is required. Such validation checks can use machine learning classifiers, operating in a

Predictive analytics has become an area of focus in health- care owing to the capabilities of machine learning techniques on large-scale healthcare data for high-impact applications including risk stratification, patient outcome prediction, and operations management. Deployments of healthcare predictive analytics govern the production of clinical risk stratification scores across patient cohorts and disease areas. Generated scores are consumed by health services to identify patients for intervention and manage resource allocation in the hospital system. Healthcare organizations employing these technology solutions must ingest clinical risk stratification scores and related socio-demographic and clinical features, assemble patient cohorts, and augment score information with operational data to evaluate score utility. Significant effort is expended building and maintaining these clinical data pipelines. AI-augmented DataOps in healthcare therefore enables on-the-ground data engineering teams by freeing them from developing the clin- ical data pipeline underpinning healthcare predictive ana- lytics deployment and production processes. These enable the automated Extract-Transform-Load (ETL) of clinical data and associated anonymization and de-identification processes essential for predictive analytics development and deployment. The augmentation of building-quality data pipelines with AI reduces mundane effort and positions data engineers for more meaningful work.

A. Risk Stratification and Patient Outcome Prediction

Numerous cases in the academic literature outline predictive analytics applications tailored for patient outcomes and risk stratification. The work presented in Petti et al. illustrates the benefits involved in predicting the risk of cervical cancer by coupling a predictive model with machine learning. The authors subsequently offer a framework to support comprehensive risk stratification for predicting the risk of pulmonary embolism, ultimately helping physicians and pathologists to deliver better treatments and healthcare planning. Predictive risk estimation and patient stratification can be particularly valuable for decision support admins, clinicians, and healthcare management agencies. Zhang et al. adopted a data mining approach with three different machine- learning algorithms to predict the sepsis of abdominal surgical patients. The Independent Chief Infection Control Medical Officer (ICICMO) of the SCO model then utilised the resulting models to objectively assess a patient’s risk and quickly issue sepsis alerts and subsequent alerts for suspected outbreaks. Risk stratification efforts are also increasingly linked with social determinants and ethnicity; both review the potential of using machine learning to predict hospital readmission risk for patients with congestive heart failure and pulmonary disease and range of medical problems of medical problems successfully predict hospital readmissions using Chicago data.

Equation 6 – Data Drift Detection Statistic

1. Setup

Let:

$p=(p1,. . . ,pK)$: baseline distribution over K bins (e.g., risk score bins).

$q=(q1,. . . ,qK)$: current distribution over the same bins.

Both satisfy $\Sigma k\ pk = \Sigma k\ qk = 1$. 2. PSI definition

For each bin ψk:

pk

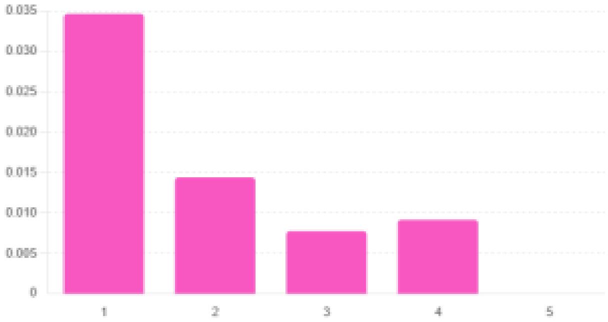

Fig. 7. Data Drift Statistic by Risk Bin

risk bin	baseline prop	current prop	psi component
1	0.1	0.05	0.03465685903
549715			
2	0.2	0.15	0.01438402028
9741832			
3	0.3	0.35	0.00770751018
1912803			
4	0.25	0.3	0.00911604450
648662			
5	0.15	0.15	0.0

B. Operational Analytics and Resource Optimization

Operational analytics combines business intelligence and modeling to support decision-making in patient surge esti- mation and resource allocation. While these analytics benefit organizations, they remain technically challenging in implementing and resource-intensive in maintaining. Heterogeneous hospital systems, protocols, data security practices, compliance with legal and regulatory frameworks, evolving data semantics, an evolving technology landscape, and the one-off nature

Then:

$\psi k = (qk - pk) \ln$

k

Σ p

(31)

$\Psi(p, q) =$

$(qk - pk) \ln k$
qk
k=1

(32)

of most operational analysis situations hinder the efficient development and maintenance of operational analytics. A

This is zero when the distributions are identical and positive when they differ (for $qk > 0$, $pk > 0$).
3. Step-by-step calculation
Given baseline counts Bk and current counts Ck:
1. Compute proportions:
$pk = \Sigma Bj/Bk$, $qk = \Sigma Cj/Ck$ (33)
j j
2. For each bin:
pk

specific shortcoming of healthcare organizations is the relative dearth of research in operational analytics or the applications of predictive modeling in clinical data. Recent years have seen a mushrooming of interest in applying machine learning to the innovative development of predictive models around the volume, type, and/or length of hospitalizations, or other predictive variables. However, the largescale application of these models to operational analytics within a management setting is still lacking. Consequently, the potential for linking predictive models with (near) real-time data engineering that
can operationalize one-off models on updating streams and

3. Sum:

$\psi k = (qk - pk) \ln$ (34)
qk
$\Psi = k \Sigma \psi k$ (35)

on-demand remain largely unexplored. Combining DataOps with advanced AI techniques can take a step towards offering this linking. A proof of concept model—implemented by a teaching hospital in a developing economy for streptococcal- A infection (associated with covid-19), induced-human rabies

4. Compare ΨΨ to threshold (e.g., 0.1 for mild drift, 0.25 for strong drift).

Data drift statistic components

and gastroenteritis—serves as foundational Digital Twin capa- bilities that can be expanded to other diseases and predictive appliances, and that might also interest research in advanced DataOps.

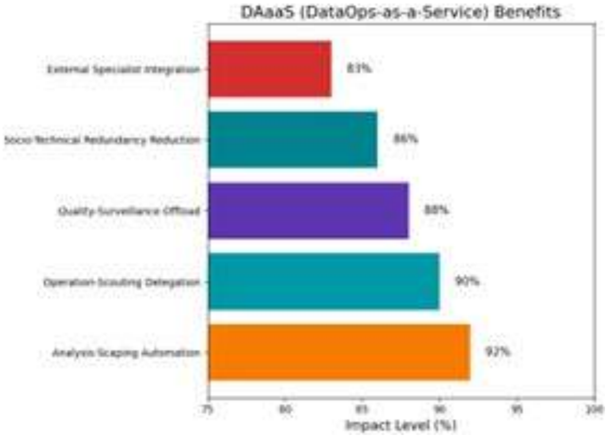

Fig. 8. DAaaS (DataOps-as-a-Service) Benefits

conclusion

The historical and social contexts of DataOps in Healthcare expose not only its technical but also its philosophical under- pinnings. The analysis reveals that DataOps remains a nascent trend whose full potential has yet to be realized. The heart of modern DataOps lies in its ability to execute AI-augmented automated clinical data pipelines, from data operation plan- ning through data extraction, integration, quality monitoring, mapping, and anonymization, to DataOps-compliant storage and publication for predictive analytics and compliance. The richness of the DataOps paradigm surfaces in those DAaaS- aided operations that demand redundant, socio-technical hu- man effort. The primer consequently enriches foundations and concepts by outlining AI-augmented automatic clinical data pipelines for DataOps-compliant predictive analytics and regulatory compliance assurance in healthcare. Healthcare is awash with data, but the analytics engine requires clinical clinical data prepared for predictive analytics and regula- tory compliance. Tackling complex clinical data operations systematically challenges the analytic community aware of DataOps, the operational counterpart to DevOps. Increasingly popular, DataOps is open to augmentation by mini DataOps- as-a-Service (DAaaS) solutions delegating analysis-scaping, operation-scouting, and quality-surveillance drudge to external specialists. Recent scholarly discoveries about the DataOps paradigm and distinctive features of healthcare data strengthen decision-support and decision-demand foundations. The use of 600,000 anonymized clinical records from the Amsterdam UMC hospital group for a readmission-risk prediction demon- strator demonstrates the feasibility of developing predictive models without DataOps-compliance concerns.

A. Final Thoughts and Implications for Future Healthcare DataOps

Implementation of an AI-augmented DataOps framework to automate and streamline the generation of clinical data for pre- dictive analytics demonstrates the feasibility, applicability and

usefulness of AI-augmented DataOps concepts for healthcare organisations contemplating their first DataOps implementa- tion or seeking to enhance existing DataOps practices. In addi- tion to risk stratification and patient outcome prediction, other medical and operational functions demanded access to clinical data that underwent transformation for the use cases, such as demand forecasting within the hospital for the delivery of support services in a pandemic environment. The DataOps im- plementation also ensured compliance of the clinical data with stipulated guidelines by automating and embedding privacy-preserving procedures, such as data anonymisation and de- identification, within the clinical data pipelines. Stakeholders in a healthcare organisation may envisage diverse predictive modelling objectives. DataOps enables the scheduling of clini- cal data updates and, hence, updating of the models. Scientific breakthroughs can also stimulate the development of new models. Empirical evidence has shown that the propagation of inaccurate information during an infectious disease outbreak may trigger unintended consequences. AI can be concluded as a powerful ally in data preparation for predictive analytics in such COVID-19 DataOps implementations by automatically monitoring the generated clinical data for schema evolution, mapping non-Monitoring the data quality of ETL-generated clinical data without human intervention may be considered aspirational. Nonetheless, AI-driven techniques can assist data engineers in conducting data quality checks on the ETL- generated clinical data more effeciently while simultaneously ensuring that data quality dimensions that are pertinent for predictive modelling are under automated monitoring.

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