

# Making Life Sciences Data AI - Ready

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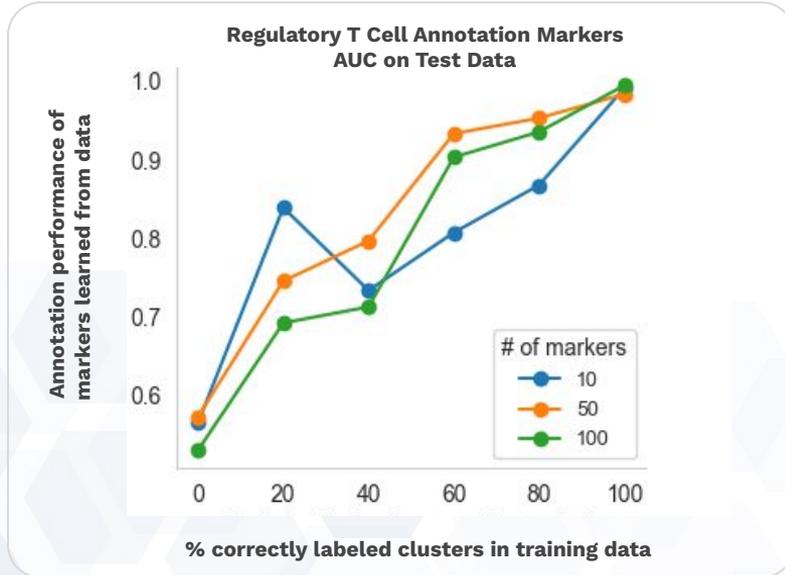
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# AI/ML Initiatives are Built on High Quality Data

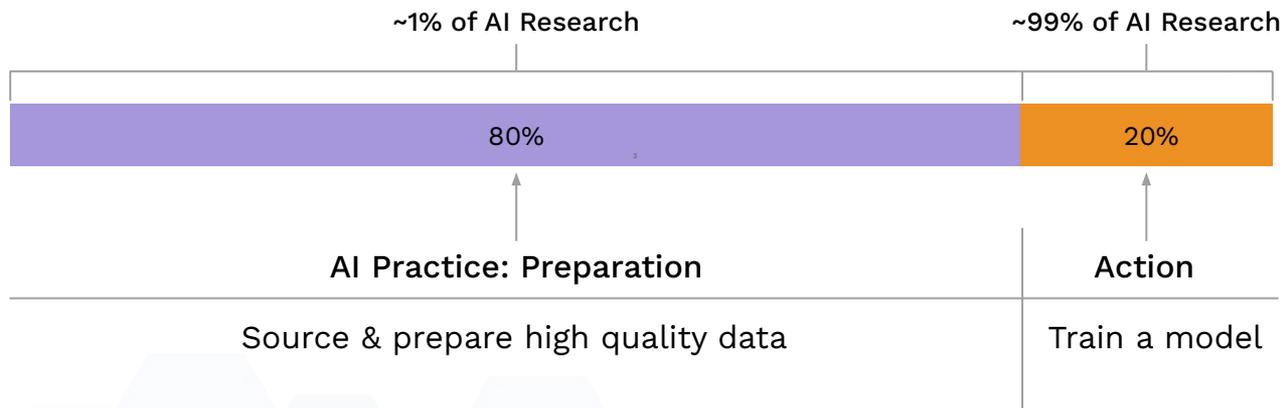
Predicting cell annotations using marker genes derived from a corpus of 200 harmonized single cell samples



- An increase in the percentage of correctly labelled clusters in the training set improves model performance
- Biological signatures learned from harmonized single cell data will be directly impacted by quality of labels



# Creating High Quality Datasets is not Trivial



Life sciences R&D teams could spend **~600 hours per quarter**, just on data preparation



Polly's LLM-powered **Harmonization Engine** transforms messy biomedical data into **'AI-Ready' Data**



# Case Study: Accelerating Data-Driven Target ID with Polly

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## About the Customer

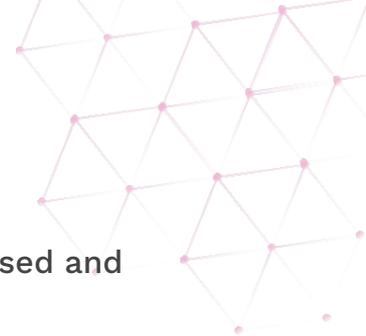
This Boston based pharmaceutical company wants to cure cancer by transforming malignant cells into healthy ones. Their goal is to identify and validate genes that act as potential differentiation based targets in Acute Myeloid Leukemia using multi-omics data.

## Needs

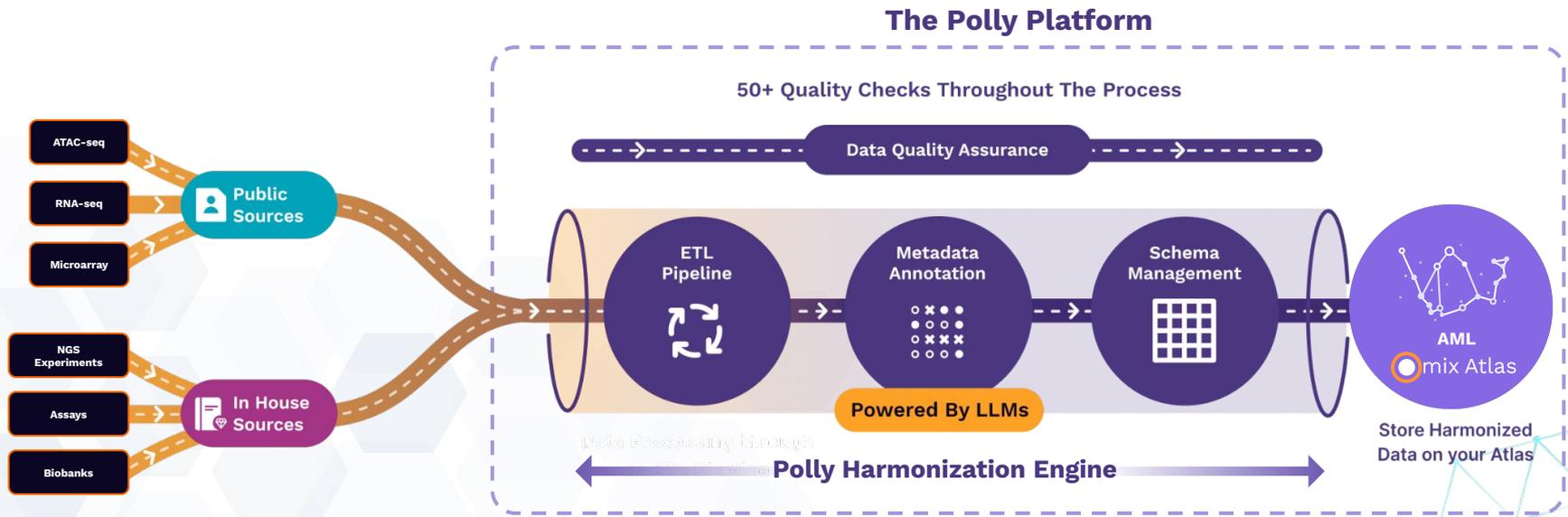
- Curate a repository of clean, harmonized multi-omics datasets specific to AML
- Develop and train a patient classifier model to identify the right patient cohorts
- Shortlist target genes and validate using public literature
- Harmonize in-house and public data to common standards, host on the cloud



# Building a Corpus of Harmonized Data with Polly

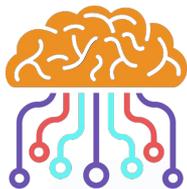


10k+ AML specific multi-omics datasets from public and in-house sources were processed and metadata-annotated with Polly's Harmonization Engine

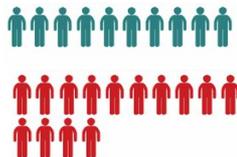


# Training Patient Classifiers with Harmonized AML Datasets

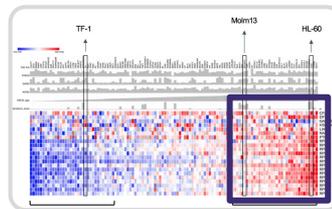
Harmonized datasets were used to train a patient stratification model, extract gene signatures from the right patient segments, and identify a list of possible gene targets



Patient  
Stratification Model



Early & Late Stage  
Patient Samples



Prioritized list of  
gene targets



Validated with  
public data



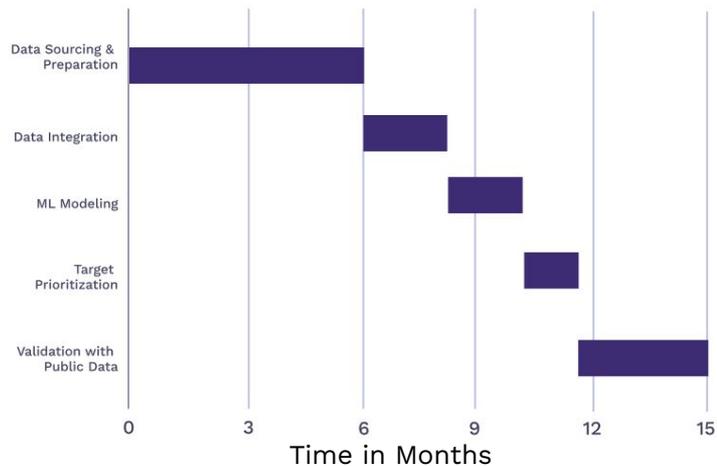
## Impact

**2+ Differentiation based targets** in AML identified using an integrative multi-omics approach

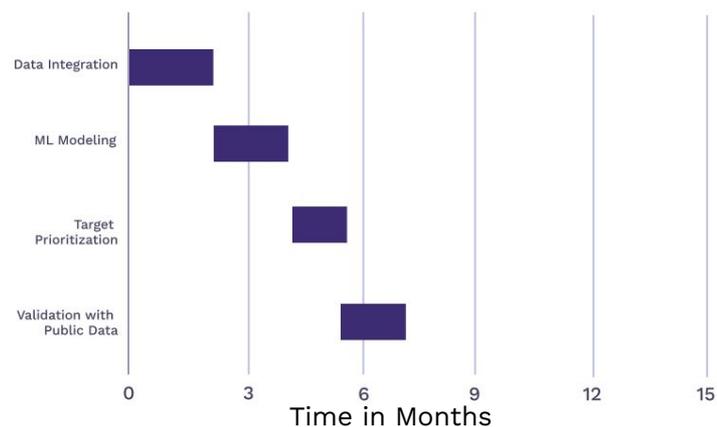
**6 Months** to identify & validate targets vs the average **1-2 year** time frame

**75% decrease** in time spent on data acquisition & preparation

### Without Polly



### With Polly





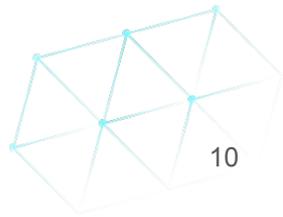
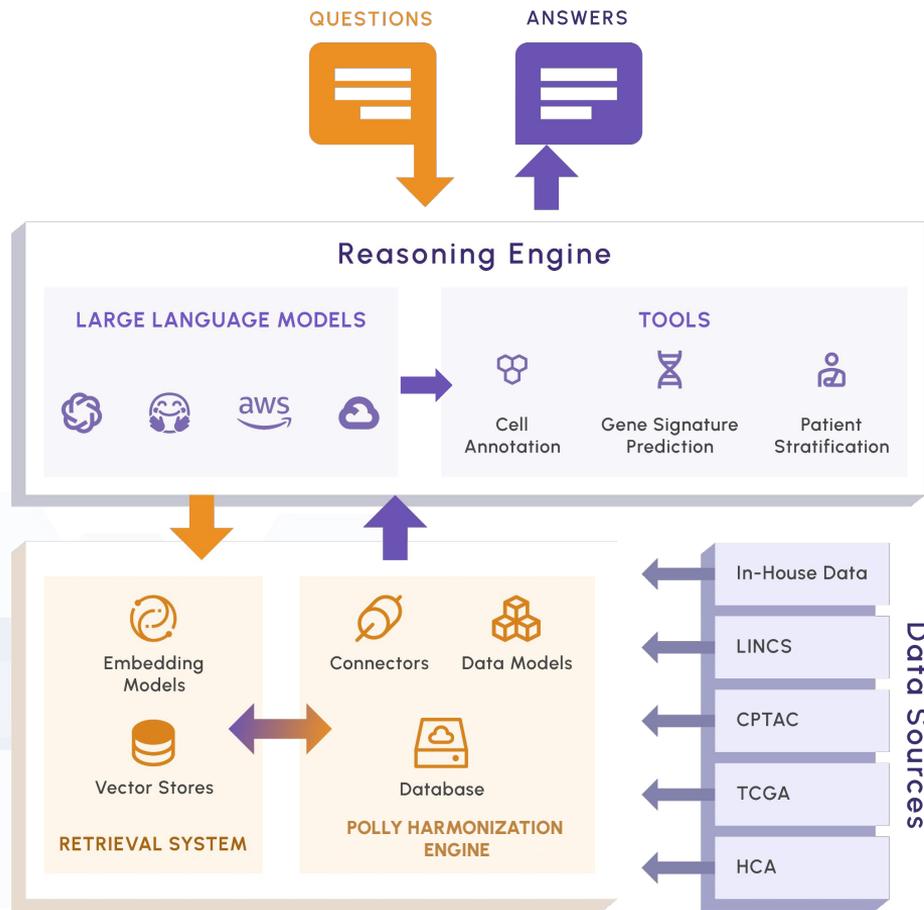
## We Predict..

A shift to LLMs trained on biological data to perform specific tasks using **Instructions in Natural Language**

[Video](#)



# The Polly Ecosystem: Empowering R&D to become AI-Ready





# Appendix



# Benchmarking the Polly Harmonization Engine

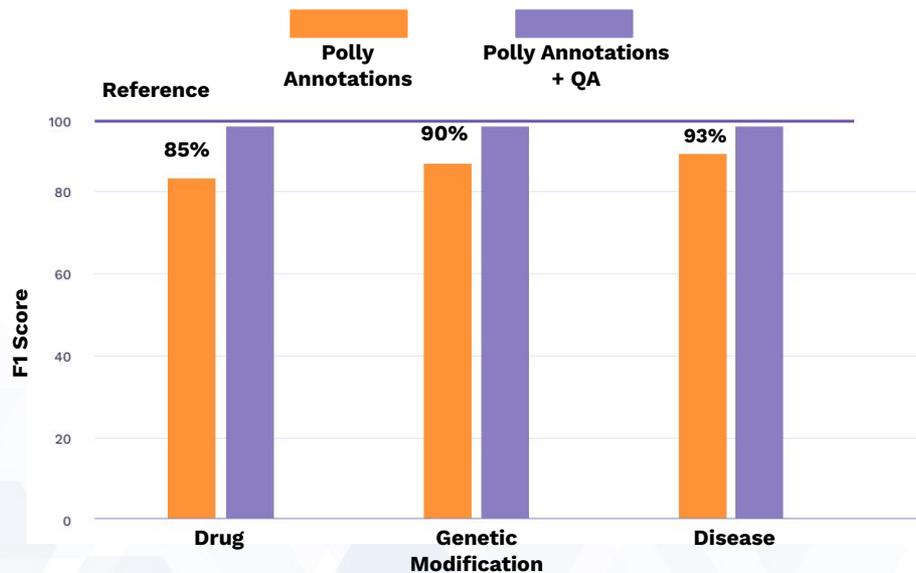
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## Experimental design

- **Reference Datasets:** We took 1500 datasets corresponding to ~30,000 samples across 300 diseases, 271 drugs and 871 genes from the \*CREEDS corpus ([Source](#))
- **Polly Harmonized Datasets:** All datasets from source were processed through the 3 steps of Polly Harmonization Engine
- **Quality and TAT Performance Comparison:** We compared the quality and TAT of the performance of Polly Harmonization Engine against manually curated CREEDS datasets, for 3 fields: Disease, Drug and Genetic Modification

*\*CREEDS: Crowd Extracted Expression of Differential Signatures; The Maya'an Lab*

# Polly Annotates Data 25X Faster, with Precision



Title	Expression data from human heart	GSE42955
Organism	<a href="#">Homo sapiens</a>	
Experiment type	Expression profiling by array	
Summary	Global gene expression is altered in heart failure. This syndrome can be caused by cardiovascular diseases, including dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM), ischemic cardiomyopathy (ICM), hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, viral or toxic myocarditis, hypertension, and valvular diseases. We used microarrays to evaluate the impact of heart failure on human nucleocytoplasmic transport-related genes examining simultaneously both dilated and ischemic human cardiomyopathies compared to normal hearts.	

sample_id	title	gpt_disease	creeds_disease
GSM1053914	Ischemic cardiomyopathy_G1	ischemic cardiomyopathy	peripartum cardiomyopathy
GSM1053915	Dilated cardiomyopathy_G2	dilated cardiomyopathy	peripartum cardiomyopathy
GSM1053916	Ischemic cardiomyopathy_G5	ischemic cardiomyopathy	peripartum cardiomyopathy
GSM1053917	Dilated cardiomyopathy_G6	dilated cardiomyopathy	peripartum cardiomyopathy
GSM1053918	Dilated cardiomyopathy_G8	dilated cardiomyopathy	peripartum cardiomyopathy
GSM1053919	Dilated cardiomyopathy_G9	dilated cardiomyopathy	peripartum cardiomyopathy
GSM1053920	Ischemic cardiomyopathy_G12	ischemic cardiomyopathy	peripartum cardiomyopathy
GSM1053921	Ischemic cardiomyopathy_G15	ischemic cardiomyopathy	peripartum cardiomyopathy

***Ontologies** help Polly annotate samples with more precise labels than CREEDS*

Polly can annotate **25 datasets** with **30+ fields** within **1 hour**.

This is **25X faster** than manual curators (1 dataset and limited fields within 1 Hour)

# Elucidata at a Glance

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## Founded in 2015

**8 Years** in the business. **150+** team of bioinformatics scientists, ML engineers & data scientists

## Traction

Discovery programs at **Eli Lilly, Janssen, Pfizer** & **30** other Biopharma partners

## Funding

Capital Raised: **\$23+ M**  
Backed by: **F Prime Capital, Eight-Roads Ventures** & others

## Platform

Our SaaS platform Polly curates biomedical data with human level accuracy. Scales to **10+** R&D data types

## Curation

Used by leading life sciences companies on ~ **2 Million Biomedical** Datasets

## Impact

Enabled the discovery of **5 drug targets** with 3 Biopharma companies, using Polly