

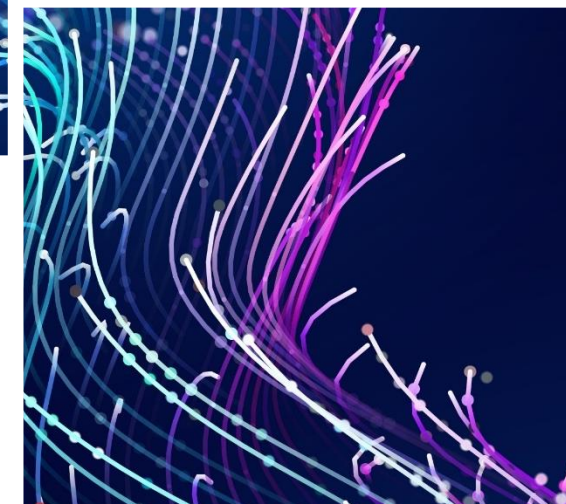


A Guided User Experience for Automated Mapping

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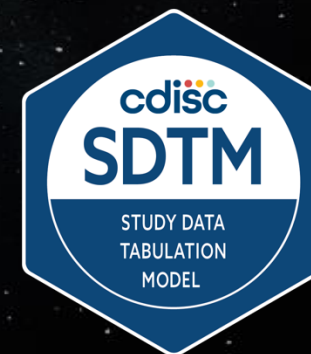


"THE ULTIMATE COMPUTER"









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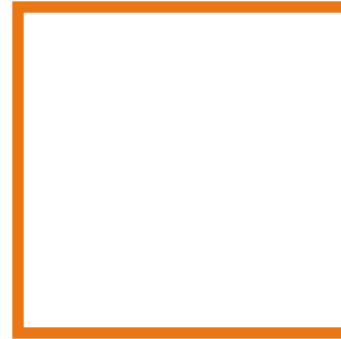
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Introduction: The Need for and Challenge of Automated Mapping



Journey Toward Automated SDTM Mapping



Goal

Fully automated SDTM mapping has been a longstanding aspiration for programmers and a major topic at PHUSE.



Current Status

Automation is increasingly seen as achievable, but key questions remain around how to make it documented, traceable, reproducible, and auditable.



Current Process

Relies heavily on standards experts and programmers to interpret SDTM guidelines and create specifications manually—a time-intensive and potentially inconsistent process.

The Drive for Automation

- **Why Automate?** AI and machine learning offer potential to automate repetitive, rule-based tasks.
- **Benefits:** Reduced cycle times, fewer manual interventions, and greater data consistency.
- **Impact:** Automation can accelerate clinical trials, shortening the path from data collection to analysis, submission, and patient benefit.



Challenges to Fully Automated SDTM Mapping



Complexity of Clinical Data

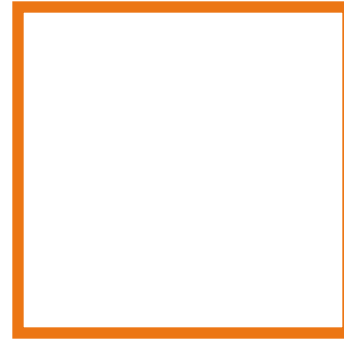
- **Variability:**
Clinical trial data often includes unique study-specific variables, non-standard data structures, and new digital health metrics.
- **Complexity:**
Interpreting diverse data accurately remains difficult, even for human experts, due to nuances in therapeutic and study areas.



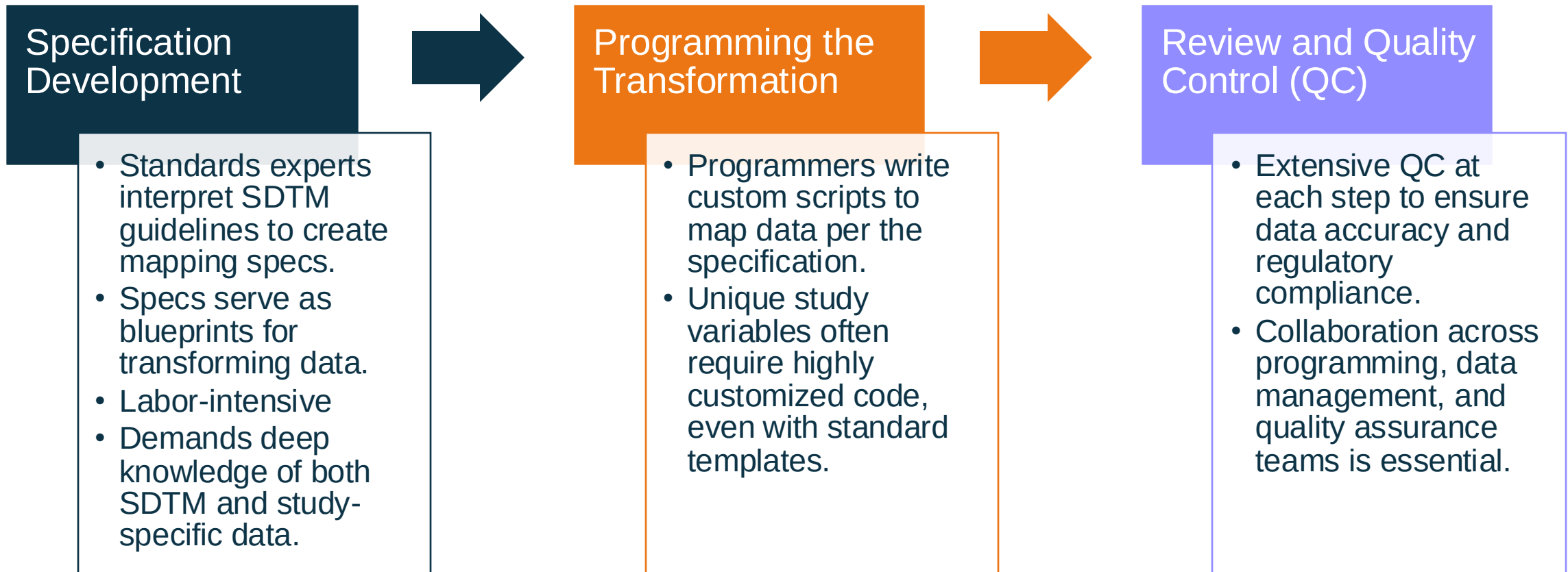
Trust in Automation

- **Transparency:**
AI models are often "black boxes," making it hard for users to understand decision-making.
- **Compliance:**
Without visibility, regulatory stakeholders hesitate to adopt automation, fearing errors or missed context.

Current State and Limitations of Automated Mapping



Traditional SDTM Mapping Process



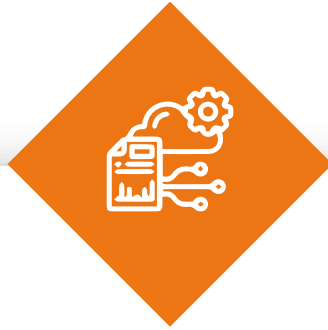
Limitations of Current Automated Approaches:

1. Partial Automation – Only Programming is Automated



Manual Specs

- Tools automate coding but still require manual, detailed specification creation.
- Complex derivations often remain beyond the scope of automated coding tools.



Specs complexity

- Machine-readable specs need detailed technical logic, increasing time demands.
- Risk of creating specifications that act as a "proxy programming language."



Limited Flexibility

- Systems struggle with unexpected data issues and require human adjustments.

Limitations of Current Automated Approaches:

2. Black Box Challenges



Lack of Transparency

- End-to-end automated solutions can become “black boxes,” hiding internal logic.
- Limited visibility makes validation and traceability difficult.



Compliance Risks

When users can't see the logic behind each mapping choice, it becomes challenging to create the Define document and audit trail that regulatory bodies require.



Erosion of Trust

Lack of decision-making clarity reduces user confidence, especially for complex mappings.

Need for a Balanced Approach

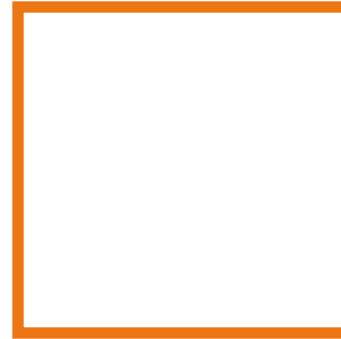
- Limitations in Current Automation
 - ✓ Partial automation only addresses programming, not specification burden.
 - ✓ Black box systems lack the transparency needed for compliance and trust.



- Human-Guided Automation Solution
 - Combining AI-driven efficiency with human oversight for transparent, adaptable mapping.



The Guided User Experience Approach



Human-in-the-Loop Design for Balanced Control and Flexibility



Contextual Interpretation and Real-Time Adjustments

AI flags cases for expert
review when uncertain

Retains human expertise at
critical junctures.



Adaptive Specifications

Rather than being overly
complex, specifications
remain high level;

AI interpret dynamically,
seeking human clarification
when needed

AI-Guided Experience

- Transparency and Decision Support
- Decision Support with Interactive Feedback
- Clear Validation Cues and Confidence Indicators
- Automated Traceability for Compliance



Balancing Automation with User Control

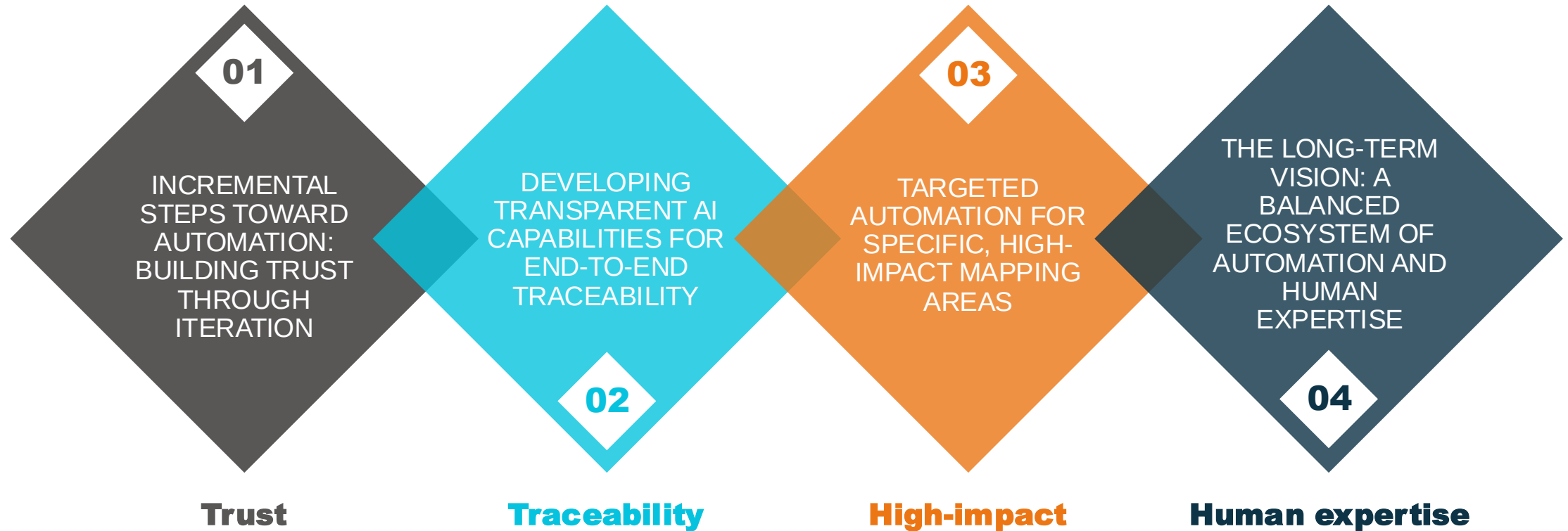
- Address Complexity and Build Trust
- Enhanced Transparency for Trust and Adoption
- User-centric Design to Increase Adoption
- Learning from Expert Input



Creating a Roadmap to Full Automation with Human-at-the-Helm AI



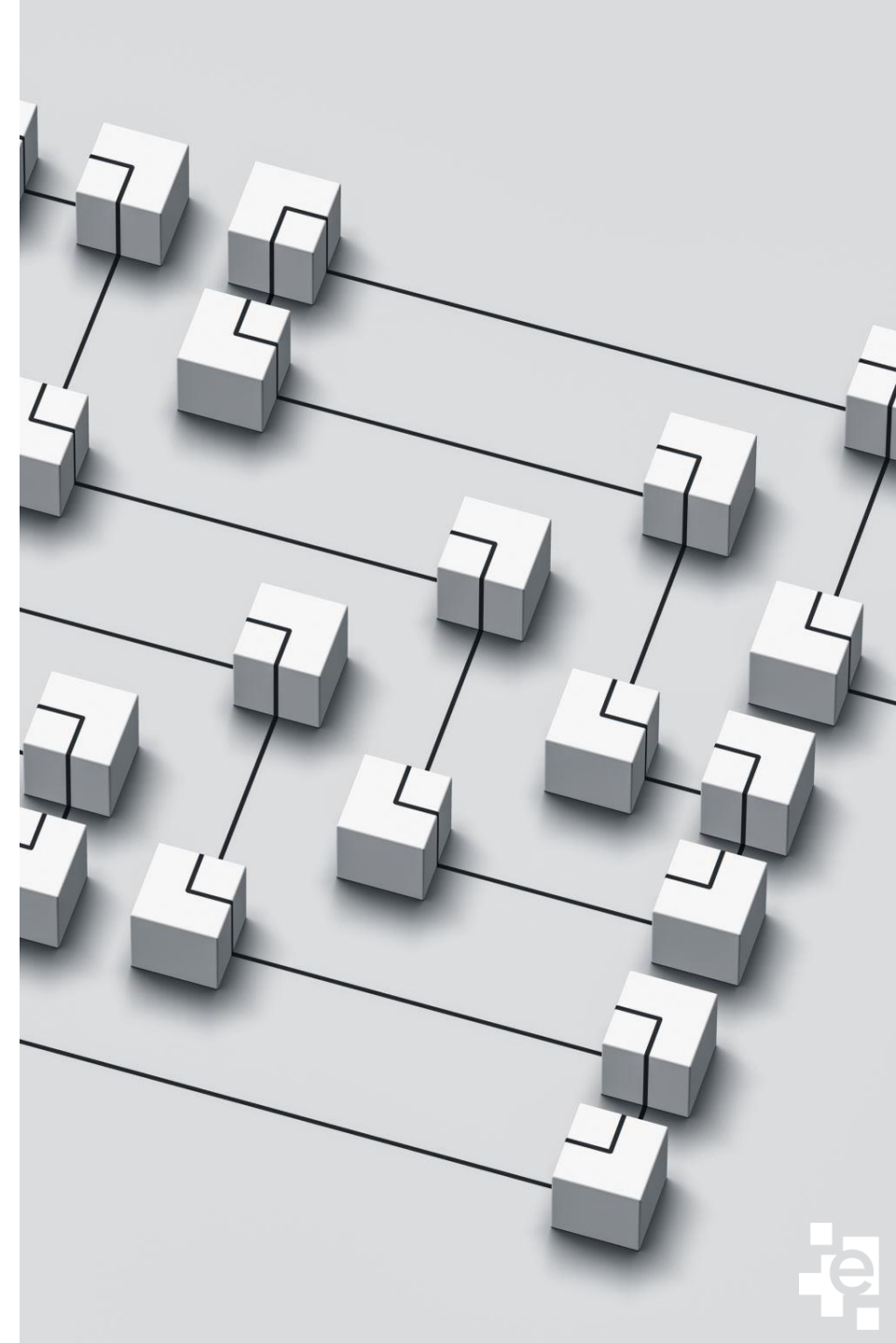
Roadmap



Incremental Steps Toward Automation

1. Trust

- Progressive Learning with Human Expertise
 - Guided user experience as a framework for incremental automation.
 - AI learns from user adjustments, building a stronger, more accurate model over time.
- Dynamic Feedback Loops
 - Real-time user feedback helps AI identify patterns and automate more edge cases.
 - Reduces human interventions progressively, moving closer to autonomous mapping.



Developing Transparent AI Capabilities

2. Traceability

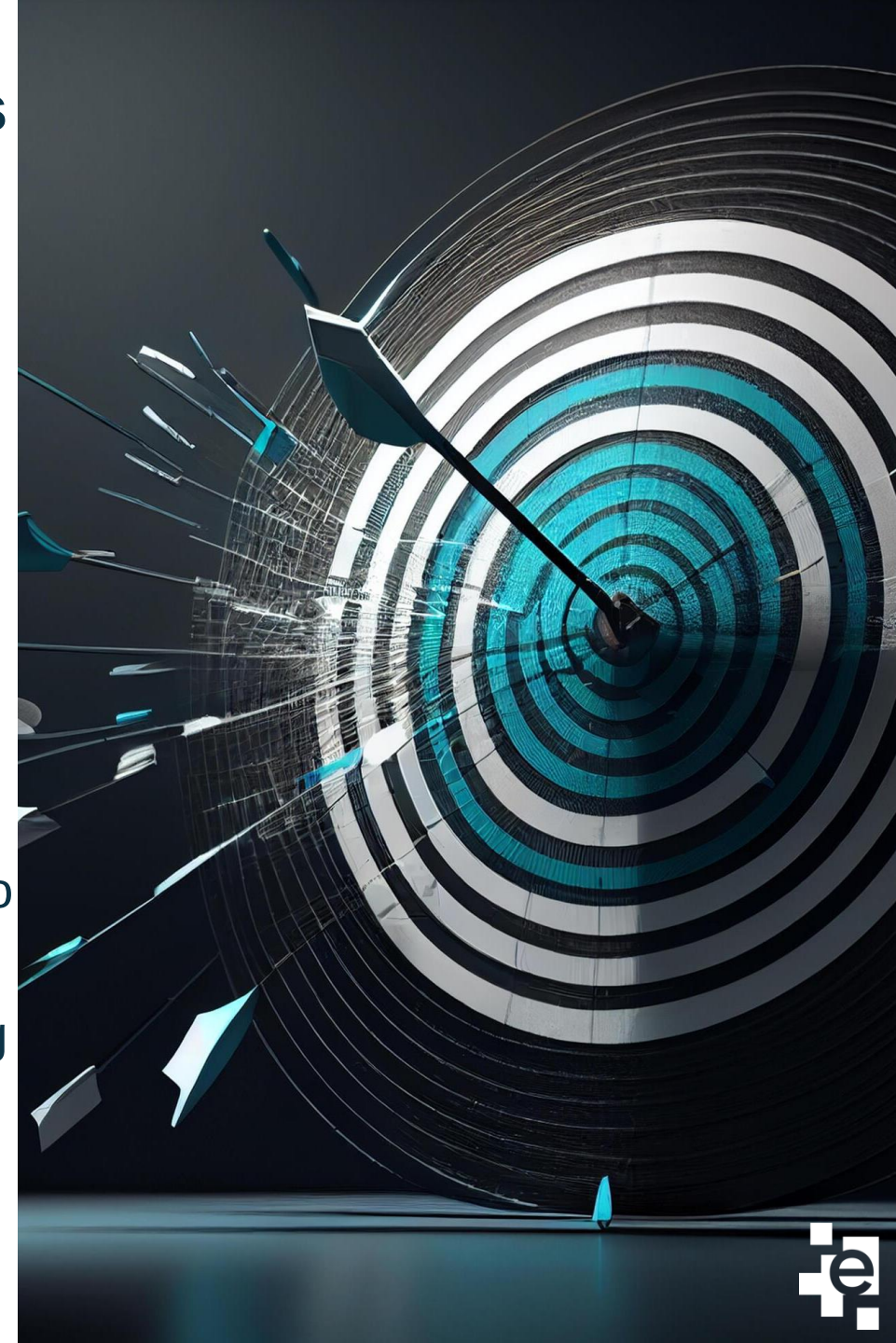
- Context-Aware Decision Making
 - AI develops contextual understanding, recognizing when additional human input is needed.
 - Expands AI's capability to handle a broader range of cases autonomously.
- Audit Trails and Documentation
 - AI generates audit trails based on user inputs and adjustments.
 - Ensures transparency and compliance for regulatory confidence.



Targeted Automation for High-Impact Areas

3. Impact

- Prioritizing High-Frequency Mappings
 - Focuses on automating repetitive, high-burden mappings to maximize efficiency.
 - Frees experts to focus on novel or complex data elements.
- Expanding to New Data Types
 - Initial human oversight enables the system to adapt to new therapeutic areas.
 - Lays the foundation for future automation of emerging data standards.



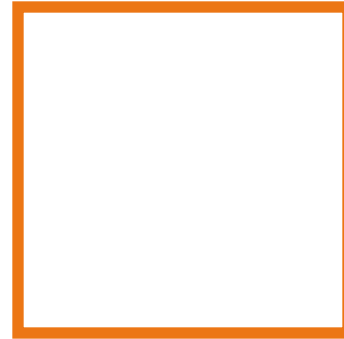
Long-Term Vision – Balanced Automation

4. Human Expertise

- Higher Automation with Human Confidence
 - Automation of routine tasks while humans remain engaged in complex cases.
 - Balanced ecosystem for speed, accuracy, and adaptability.
- Users as System Supervisors
 - Human experts shift to supervisory roles, overseeing quality with minimal intervention.
 - Reduces cycle times while maintaining high data quality and compliance.



Case Study: Wireframes of a Guided User Experience



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14	VSSTRESC	Character Result/Finding in Std Format		
15	VSSTRESN	Numeric Result/Finding in Standard Units		
16	VSSTRESU	Standard Units		
17	VSSTAT	Completion Status		
18	VSREASND	Reason Not Performed		
19	VSLOC	Location of Vital Signs Measurement		

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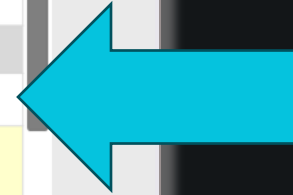
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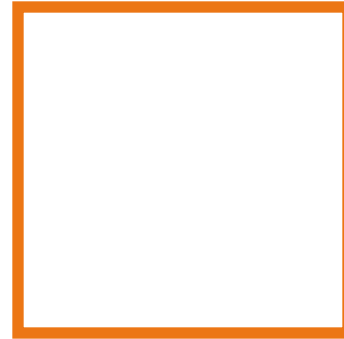
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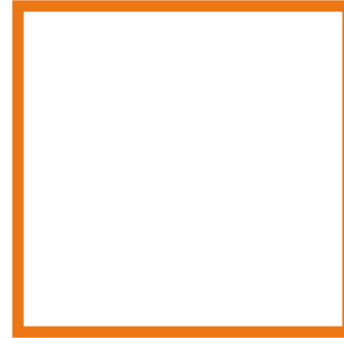
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Q&A



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