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# Automatic Classification of Human Granulosa Cells in Assisted Reproductive Technology using vibrational spectroscopy imaging

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# Introduction

In medical fields, reproductive technologies are gaining broadening importance. Each year, 10-15% of couples face problems related to infertility, an increasing number of whom are referred to assistive reproductive technology (ART) laboratories.

The main goal of ART is the ability to obtain and select a large number of competent oocytes. Oocytes are specialised cells formed in the ovary during oogenesis, and have the capacity to be fertilized and to evolve like a viable embryo. Oogenesis is regulated and characterized by a complex molecular cross-talk among the oocyte and the somatic cells that are around.



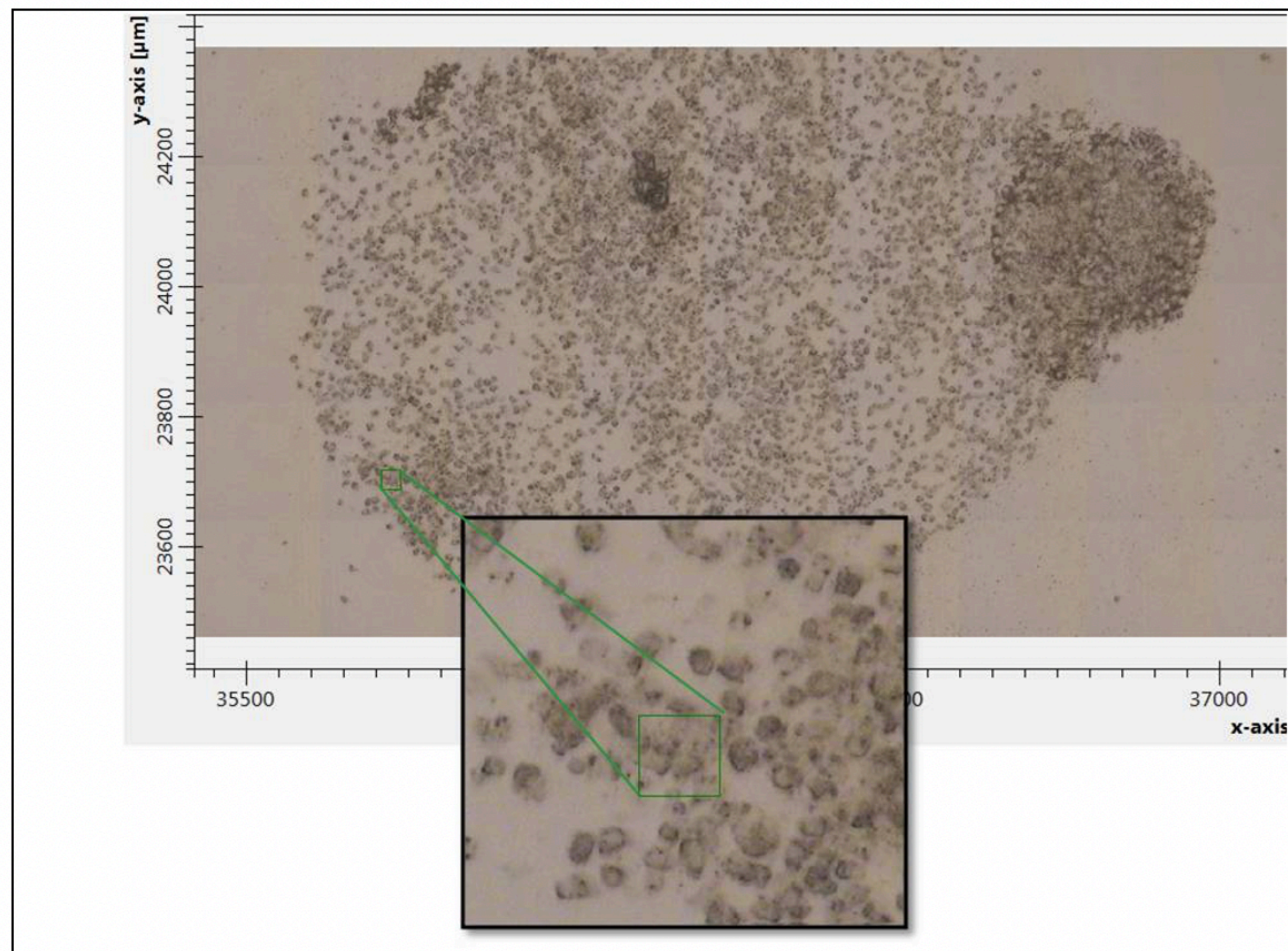
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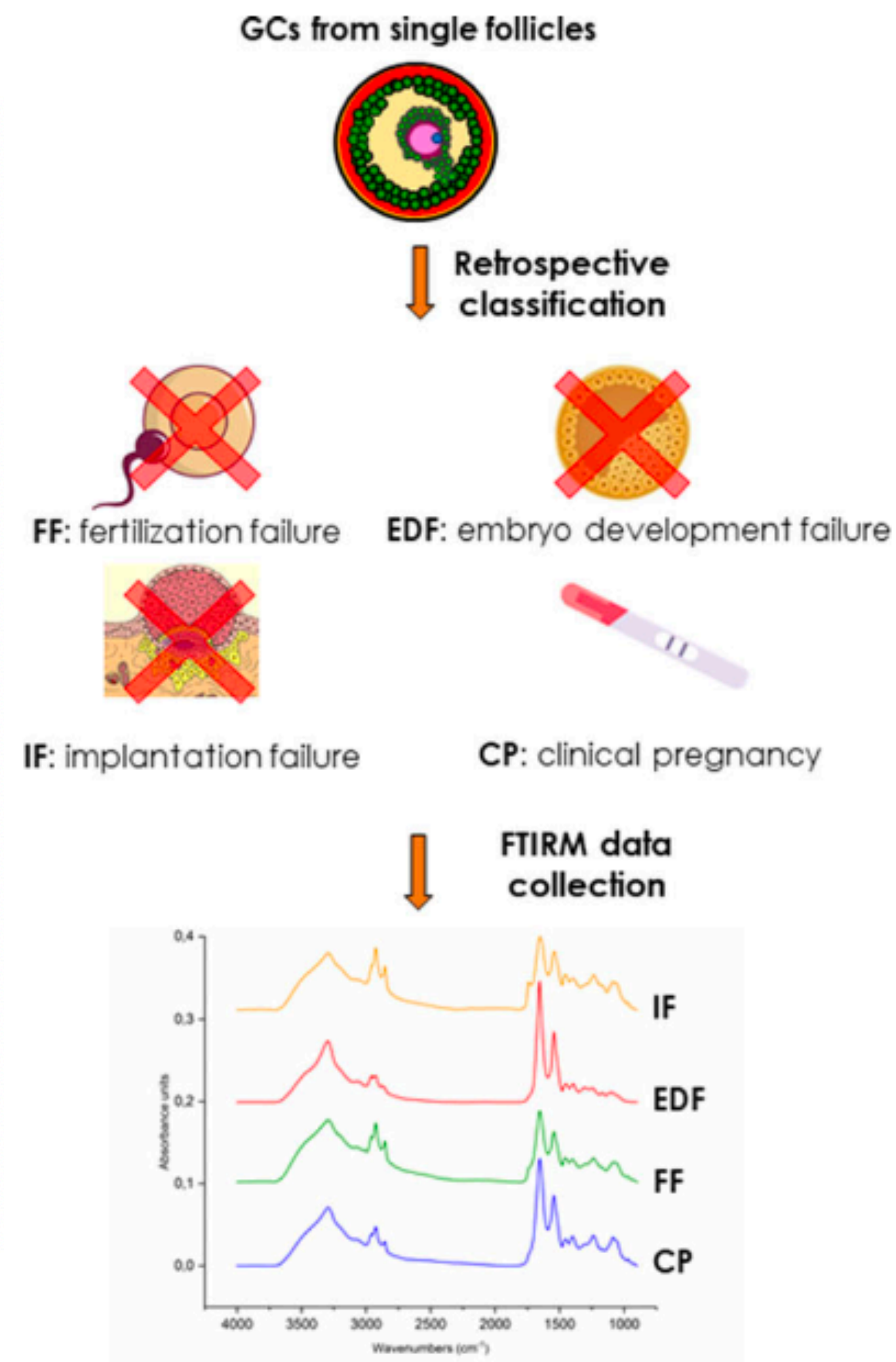
# The idea and Motivations



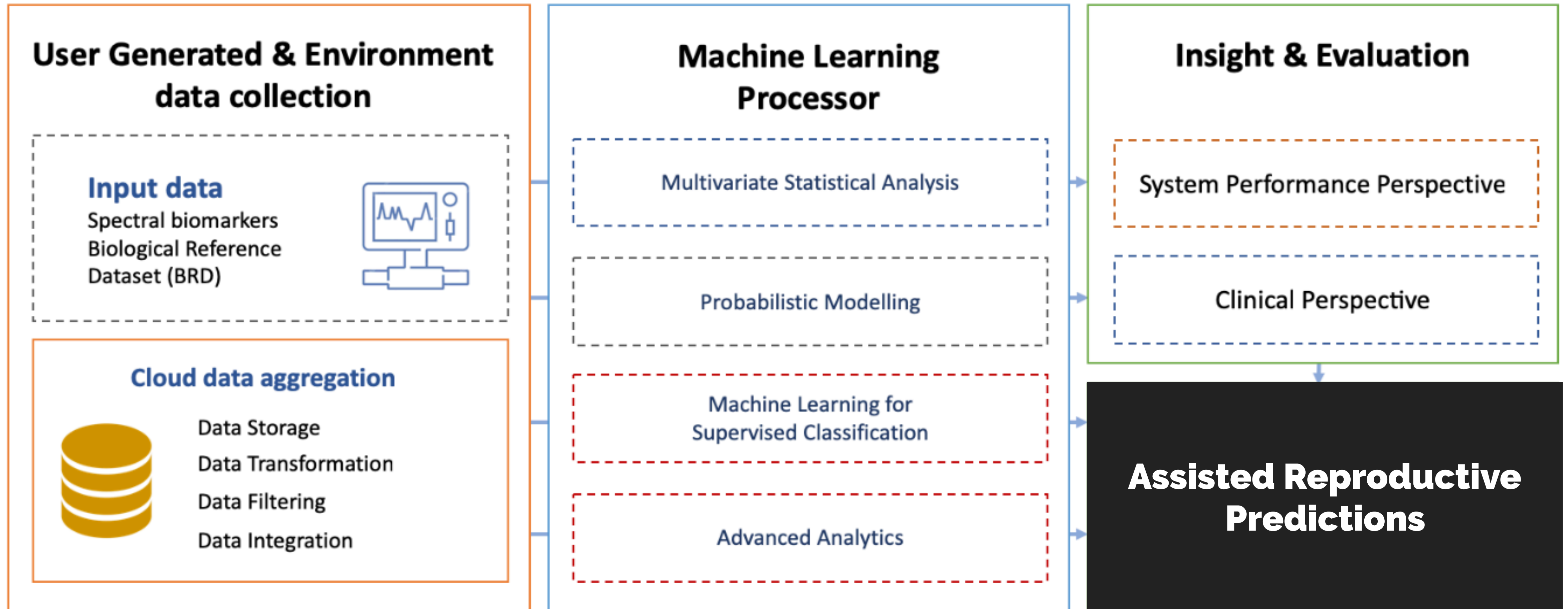




Microphotograph of a living GC sample inside the microfluidic device.  
The green square represents a selected area (30x30  $\mu\text{m}$ ) on which the IR acquisition was performed.









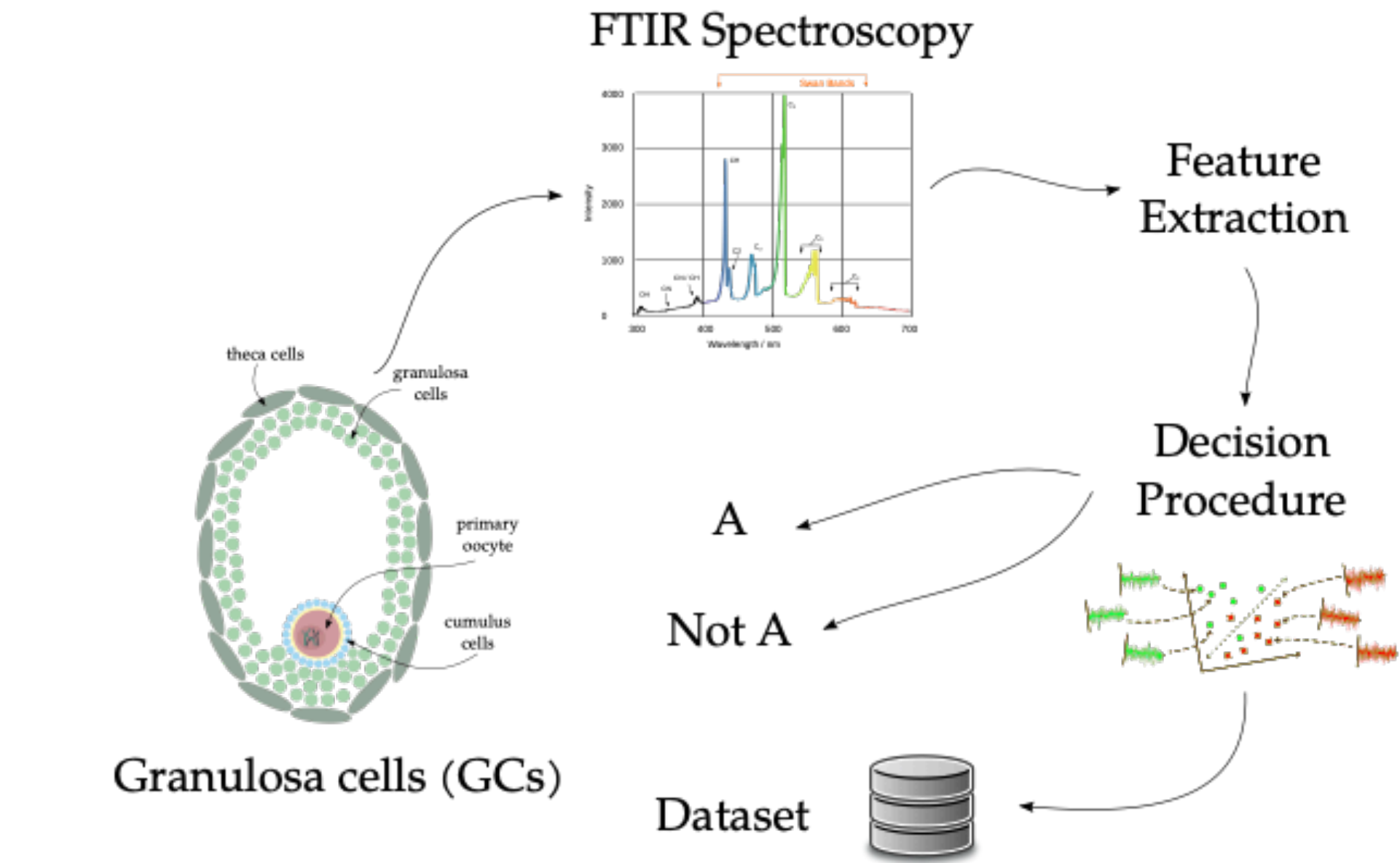
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# **Biological Reference Dataset and Feature Set**



| Band area ratios   | Biological significance                                |
|--|--|
| Lipids/Cell  | Total cellular lipids                                  |
| Proteins/Cell  | Total cellular proteins                                |
| AmideI/AmideII   | Protein pattern  |
| Lipids/Proteins  | Lipids related to protein content                      |
| Phosphate1/Cell  | Total cellular phosphate groups                        |
| Phosphate1/Proteins  | Phosphate groups related to protein content            |
| Phosphate1/Lipids  | Phosphate groups related to lipid content              |
| Carbonyl ester of fatty acids/Cell                                   | Total cellular fatty acids                             |
| Carbonyl ester of fatty acids/Lipids                                 | Ester moieties in lipids                               |
| 1400/Proteins  | Methyl groups related to protein content               |
| 1400/Lipids  | Methyl groups related to lipid content                 |
| 1460/Proteins  | Methyl and methylene groups related to protein content |
| 1400/1460  | Methyl and methylene proportion in aliphatic chains    |
| 1460/Lipids  | Methyl and methylene groups related to lipid content   |
| Unsaturated alkyl chains of lipids/Cell                              | Unsaturation levels in lipid chains                    |
| Unsaturated alkyl chains of lipids/Lipids                            | Unsaturation levels in lipid chains                    |
| Unsaturated alkyl chains of lipids/Methyl groups of cellular lipids  | Unsaturation levels in lipid chains                    |
| Methylene groups of cellular lipids/Lipids                           | Branching of lipid chains                              |
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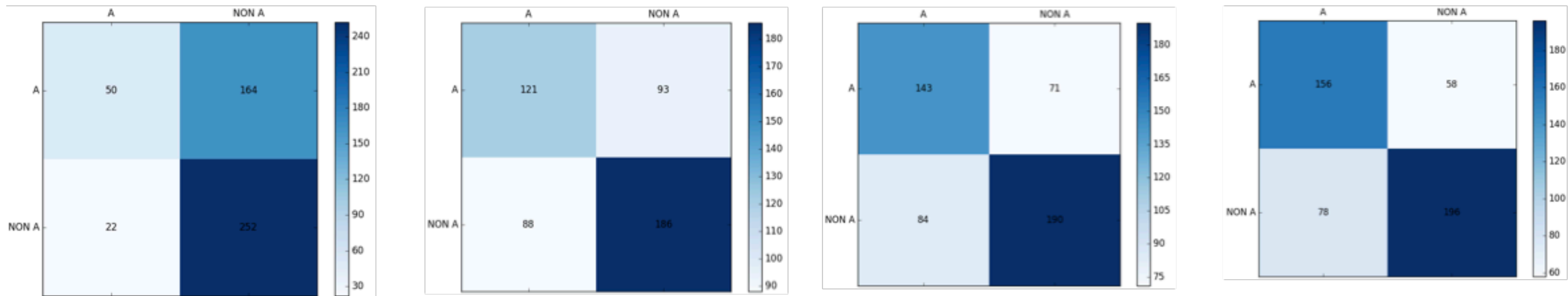


| SVM       | Precision | Recall | F1-score | Support |
|-----------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
| A         | 0.69      | 0.23   | 0.35     | 214     |
| NOT A     | 0.61      | 0.92   | 0.73     | 214     |
| AVG/Total | 0.64      | 0.62   | 0.56     | 488     |

| kNN       | Precision | Recall | F1-score | Support |
|-----------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
| A         | 0.58      | 0.57   | 0.57     | 214     |
| NOT A     | 0.67      | 0.68   | 0.67     | 214     |
| AVG/Total | 0.63      | 0.63   | 0.63     | 488     |

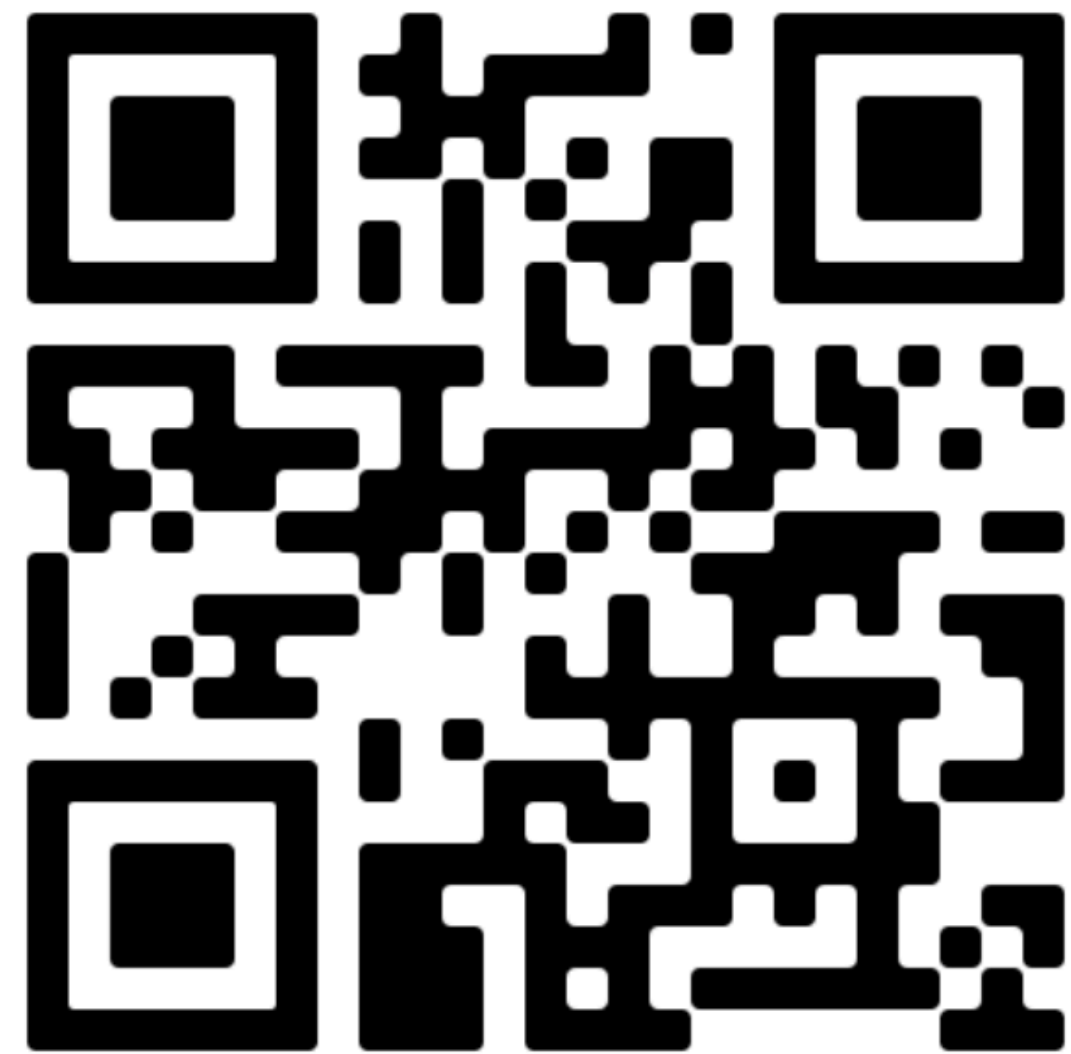
| Decision Tree | Precision | Recall | F1-score | Support |
|---------------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
| A             | 0.64      | 0.66   | 0.65     | 214     |
| NOT A         | 0.73      | 0.71   | 0.72     | 214     |
| AVG/Total     | 0.69      | 0.69   | 0.69     | 488     |

| Random Forest | Precision | Recall | F1-score | Support |
|---------------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
| A             | 0.67      | 0.73   | 0.70     | 214     |
| NOT A         | 0.77      | 0.72   | 0.74     | 214     |
| AVG/Total     | 0.73      | 0.72   | 0.72     | 488     |





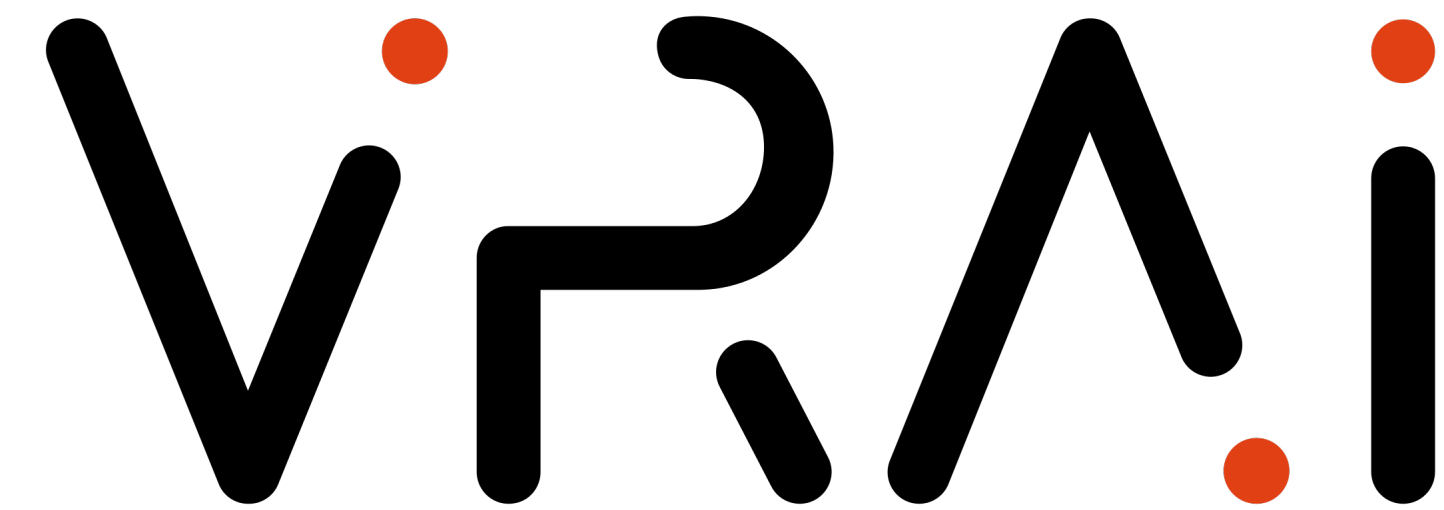
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