

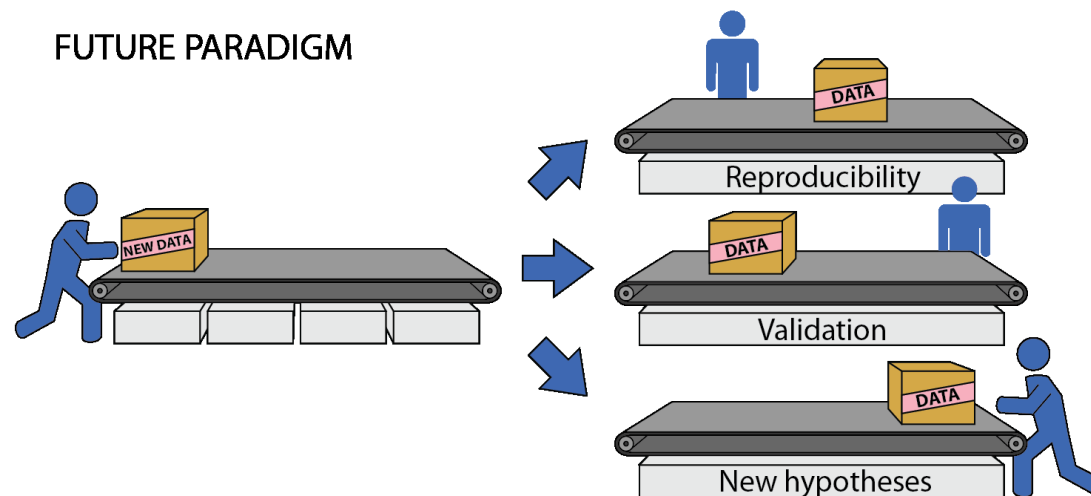
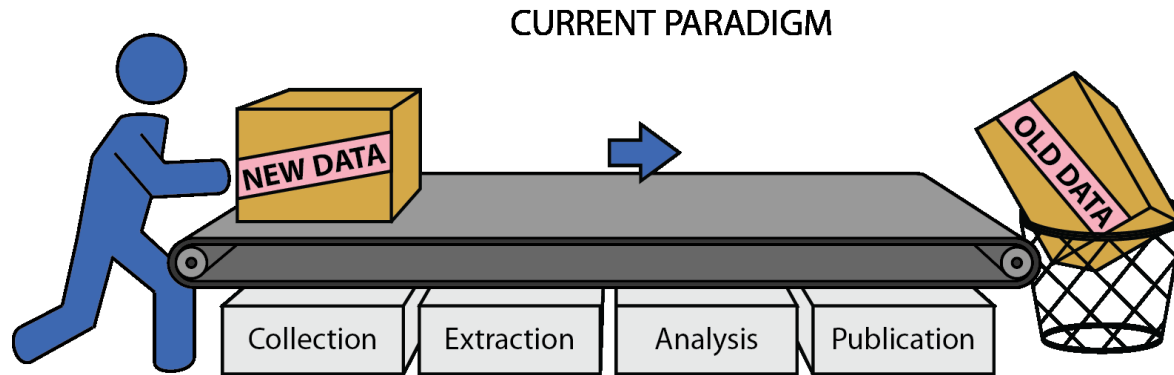
# Big data for health

*Third pillars of CERN: “Storage and treatment of large amount of data and detailed simulation”*

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# Why? Reusing data



# Why? Limitations of Evidence-based medicine

## Conventional Clinical Research

High data quality

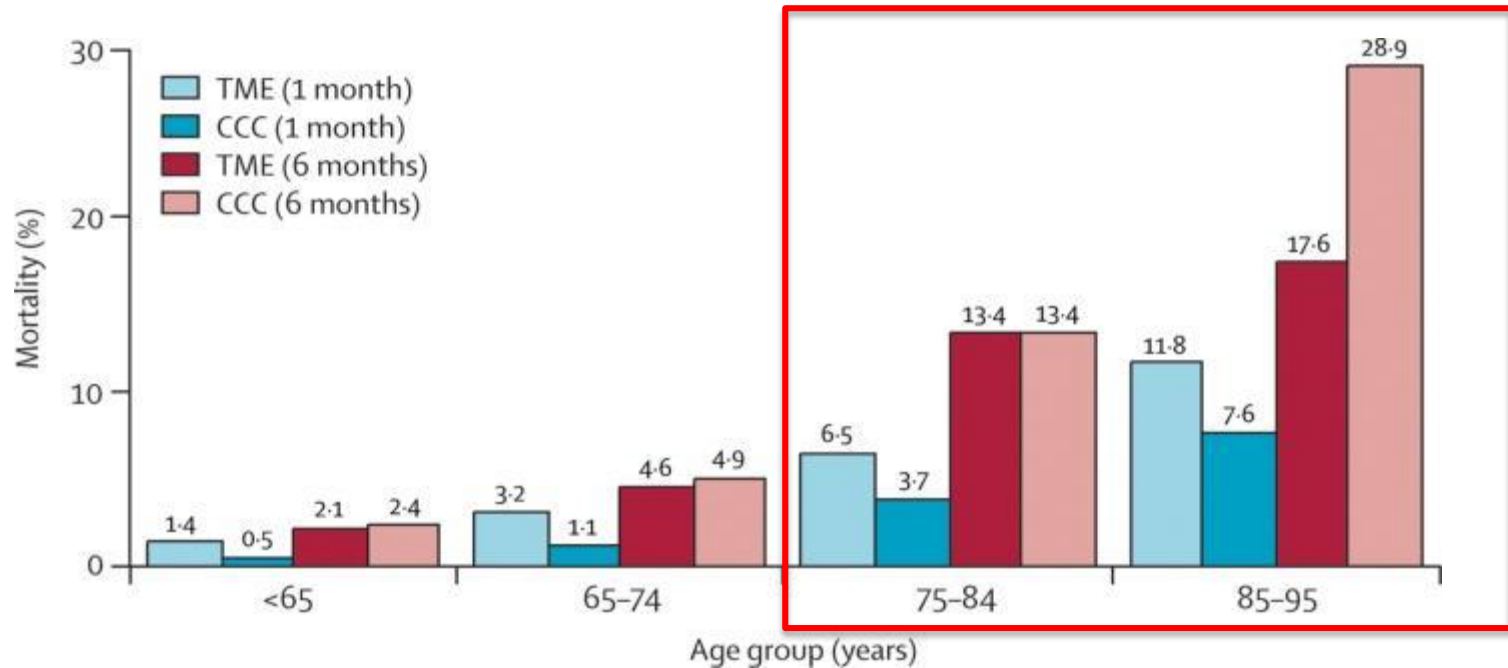
Low data quantity

### Controlled

- Assigned patients
- “EORTC-RTOG grade”  
QA/Protocol
- Biobanking, translational research

- Less than 3% of the patients
- Highly biased population
- Randomized trials rarely done for new technologies

# Example: having *no evidence* can have dramatic consequences



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## Rapid Learning Health Care (“Big Data”)

Low data quality

High data quantity

### Reality

- Unassigned patients
- “Clinical grade” QA/Protocol
- Ad hoc biobanking/translational  
research

# Example of clinically relevant questions

Treatment of

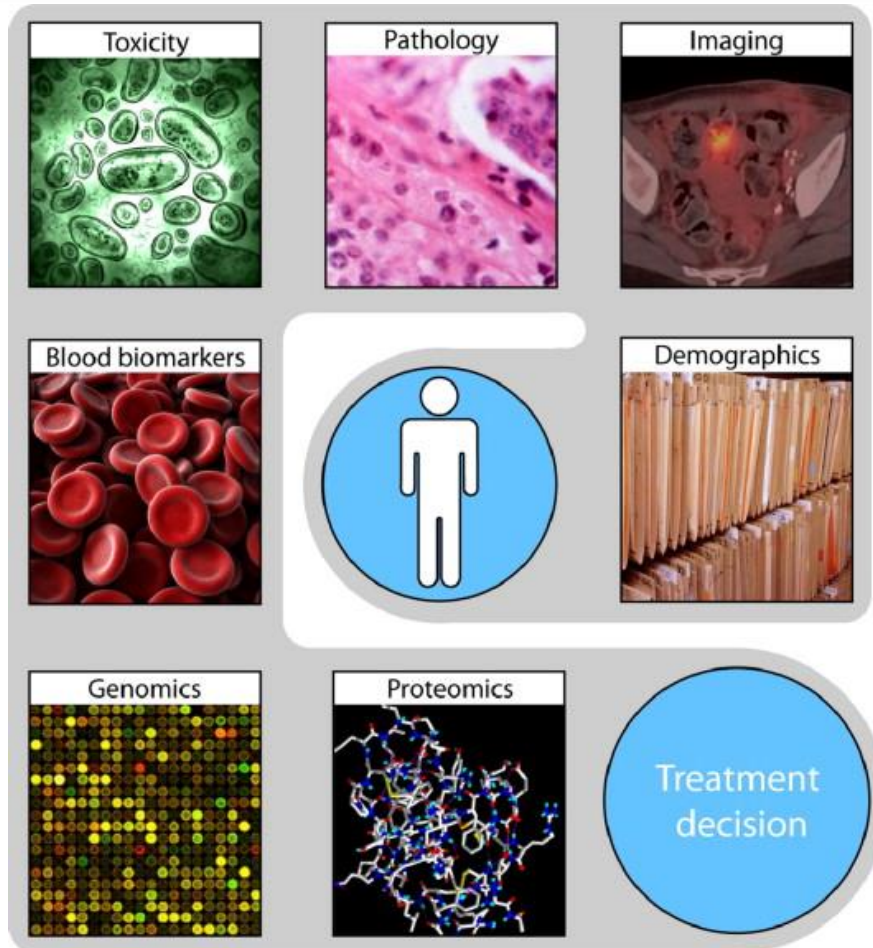
- 80 years old rectal cancer?
- 70 years old Stage IIIB NSCLC?
- 60 years old prostate cancer with oligometastases?
- Local relapse of a stage 3 oropharynx?
- Cervix cancer stage 3, HIV+
- ...

**Big Data to save lives**

Watch the animation:  
<http://youtu.be/ZDJFOxpwqEA>



# ”Pan-omics approach”: Multifactorial Decision Support System

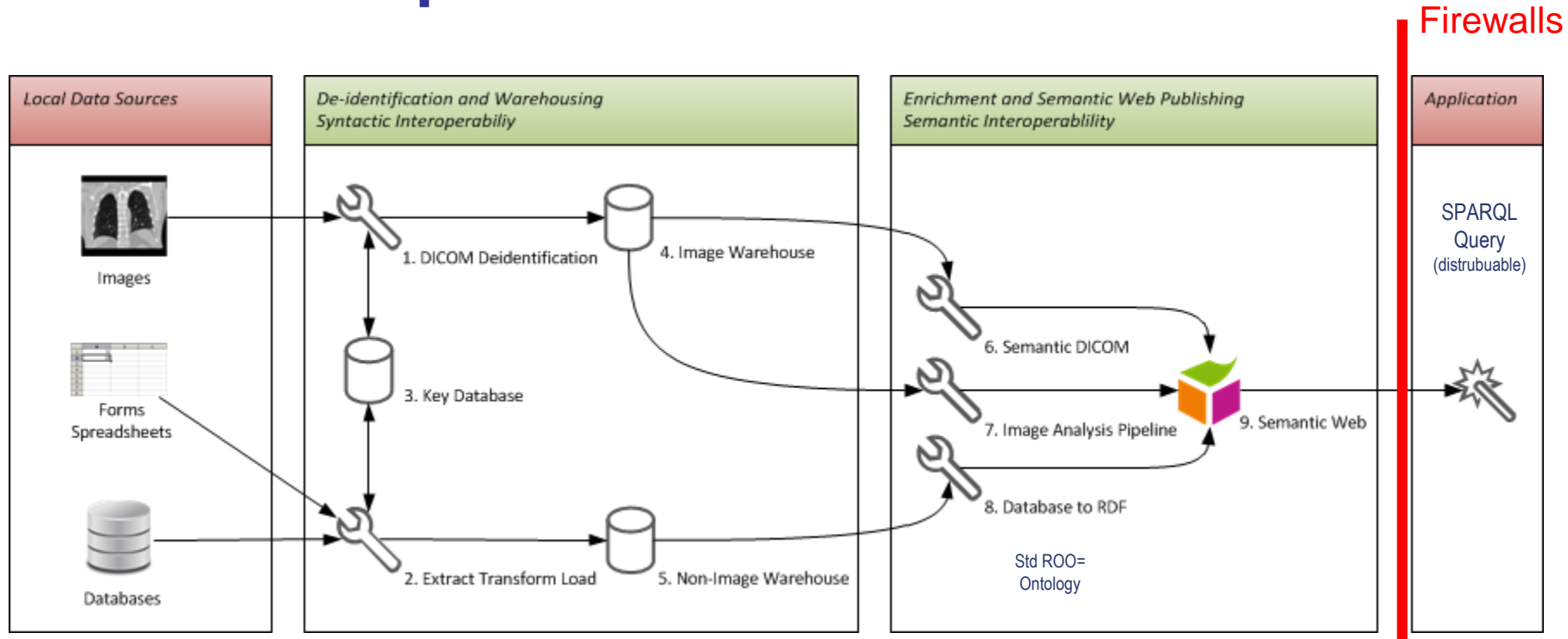


**But we need  
Data,  
preferably *all*  
of them**

**How?**



# In-hospital infra & de-identification

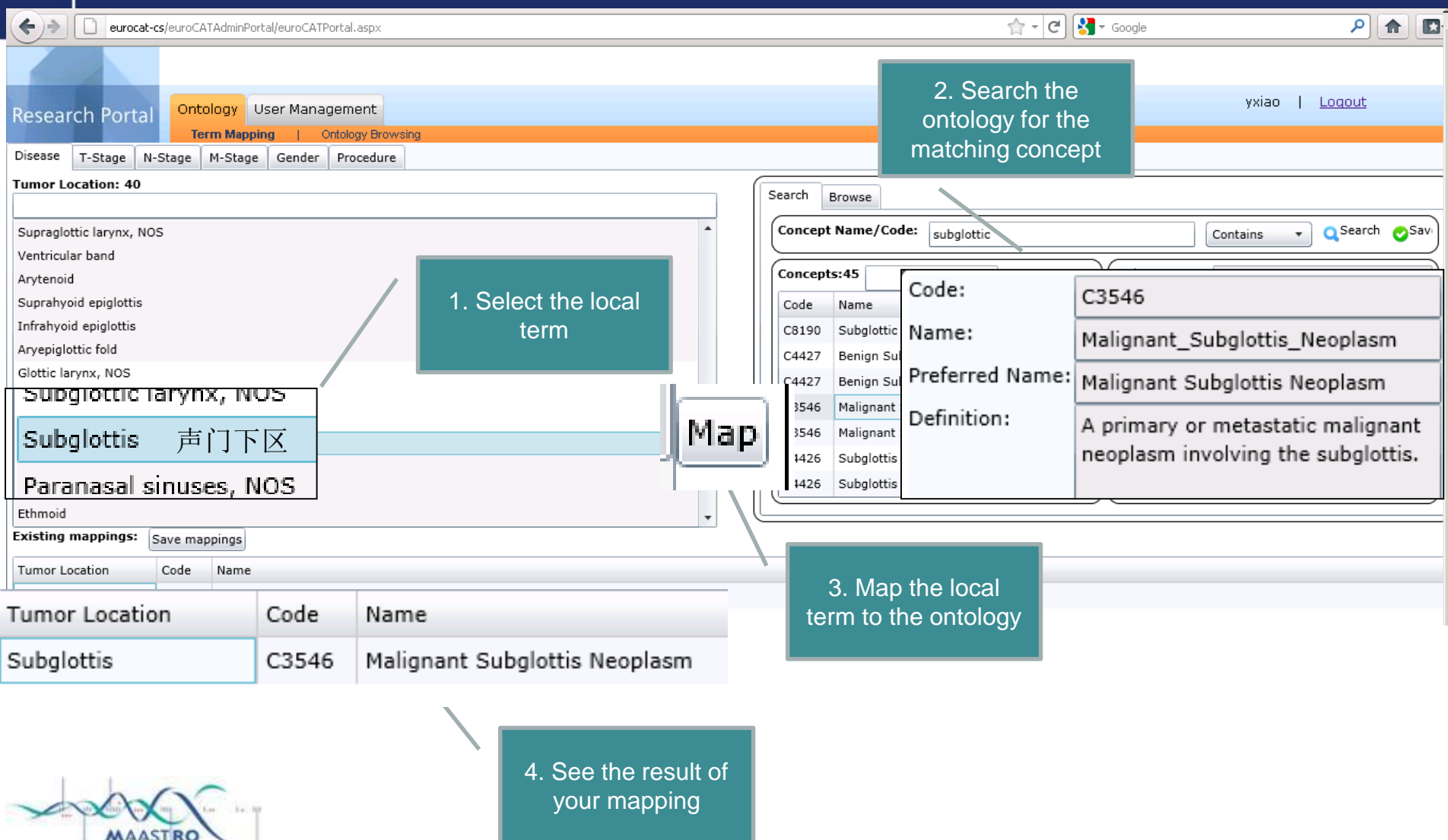


*SPARQL = "Simple Protocol And RDF Query Language" a query language for databases*

## Deidentification:

- Removal of obvious patient identifiers (name, MRN, social security number, email etc.)
- Assign a persistent token pseudonym
- Change (data banding) of obvious but required patient identifiers (everyone born and died on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, part of the postal code)
- No individual patient data leaves the hospital

# Ontology – International Coding System



The screenshot shows the 'euroCAT Admin Portal' interface. The main navigation bar includes 'Research Portal', 'Ontology', and 'User Management'. Under 'Ontology', there are tabs for 'Term Mapping' and 'Ontology Browsing'. The 'Term Mapping' section is active, showing a list of 'Tumor Location' terms. A search box on the right is used to find a matching concept in the ontology.

**1. Select the local term**

The local term 'Subglottis 声门下区' is selected from the list of tumor locations.

**2. Search the ontology for the matching concept**

The search box is populated with 'subglottic' and the search is executed. The results show a list of concepts, with 'C3546 Malignant Subglottis Neoplasm' selected.

**3. Map the local term to the ontology**

The 'Map' button is clicked to create the mapping between the local term and the ontology concept.

**4. See the result of your mapping**

The mapping is confirmed in the 'Existing mappings' table below.

| Tumor Location | Code  | Name                          |
|----------------|-------|-------------------------------|
| Subglottis     | C3546 | Malignant Subglottis Neoplasm |

# The Semantic Web

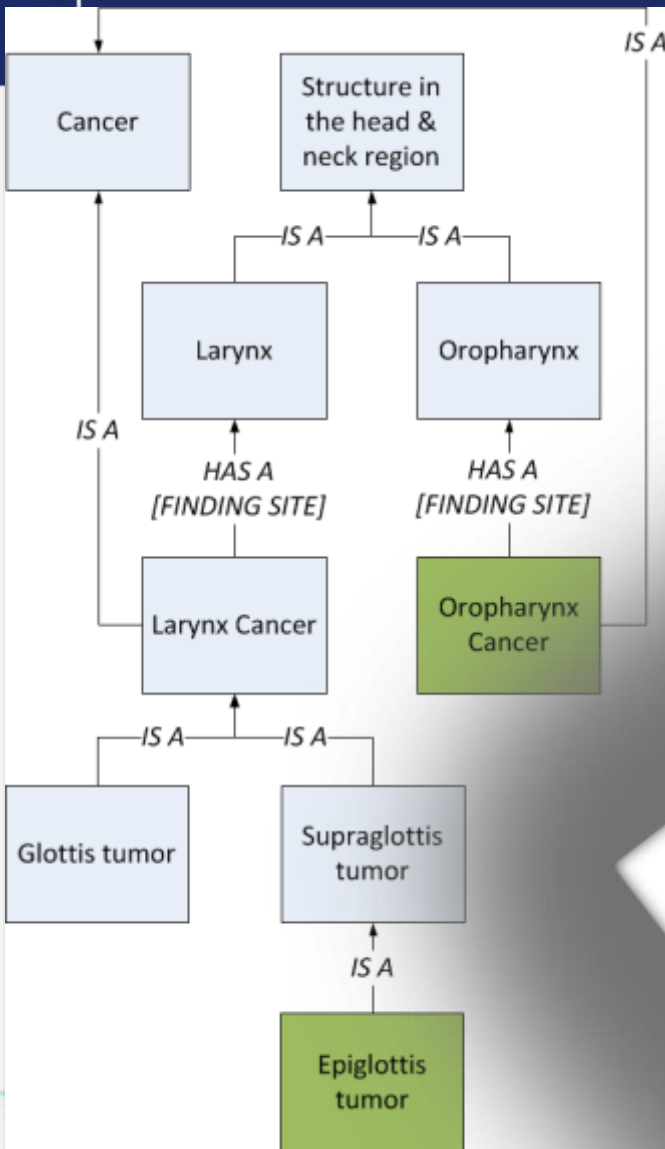
- The **Semantic Web** is an extension of the Web through standards by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C). The standards promote common data formats and exchange protocols on the Web.
- According to the W3C, "The Semantic Web provides a common framework\* that allows data to be shared and reused across application, enterprise, and community boundaries". The term was coined by [Tim Berners-Lee](#) for a *web of data that can be processed by machines*.

\*SPARQL is a semantic query language for databases

# An ontology is more than a dictionary

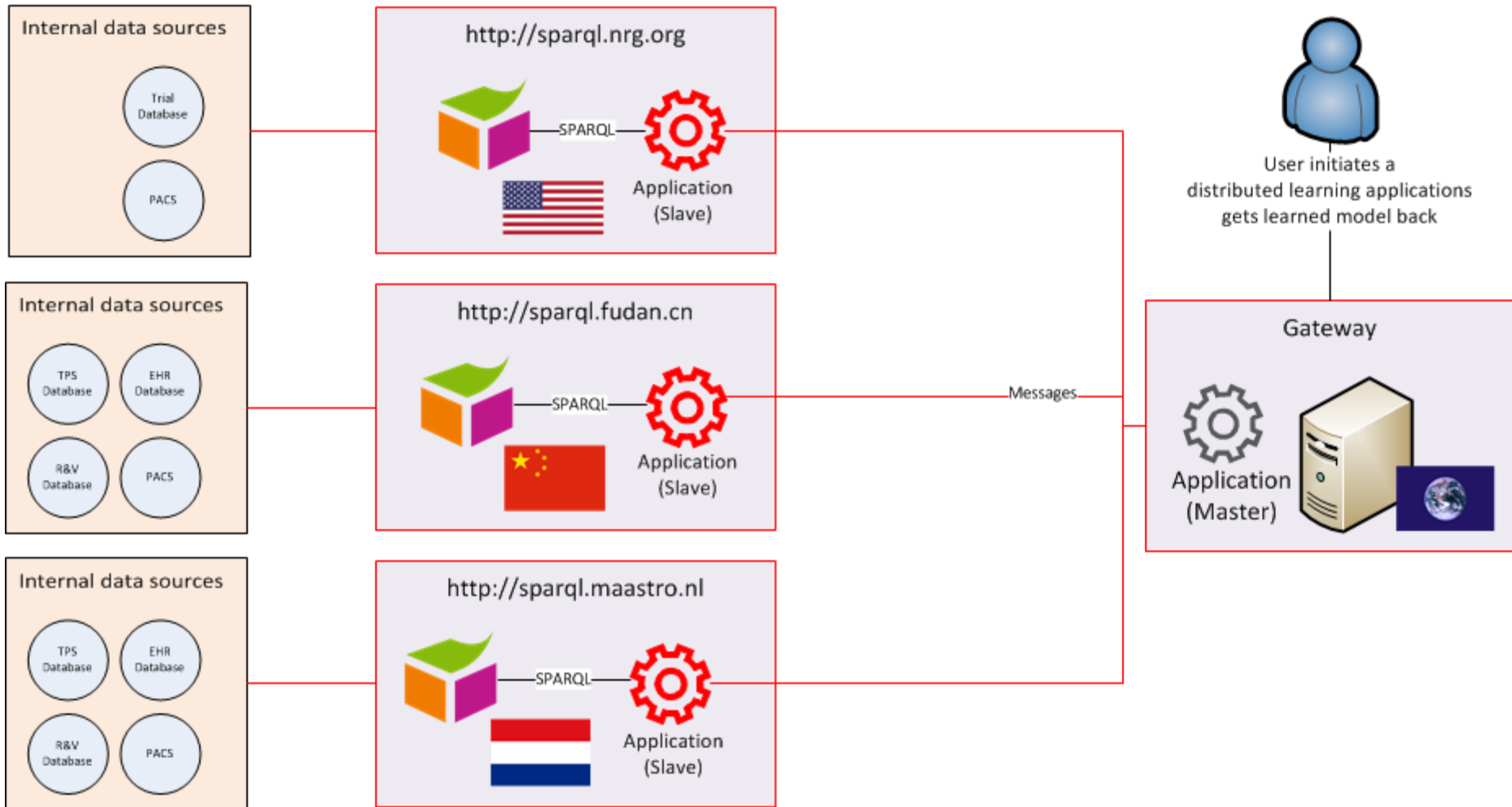
Ontology is a set terms & relationships.

Then we have “machine readable data” accessible to Artificial Intelligence



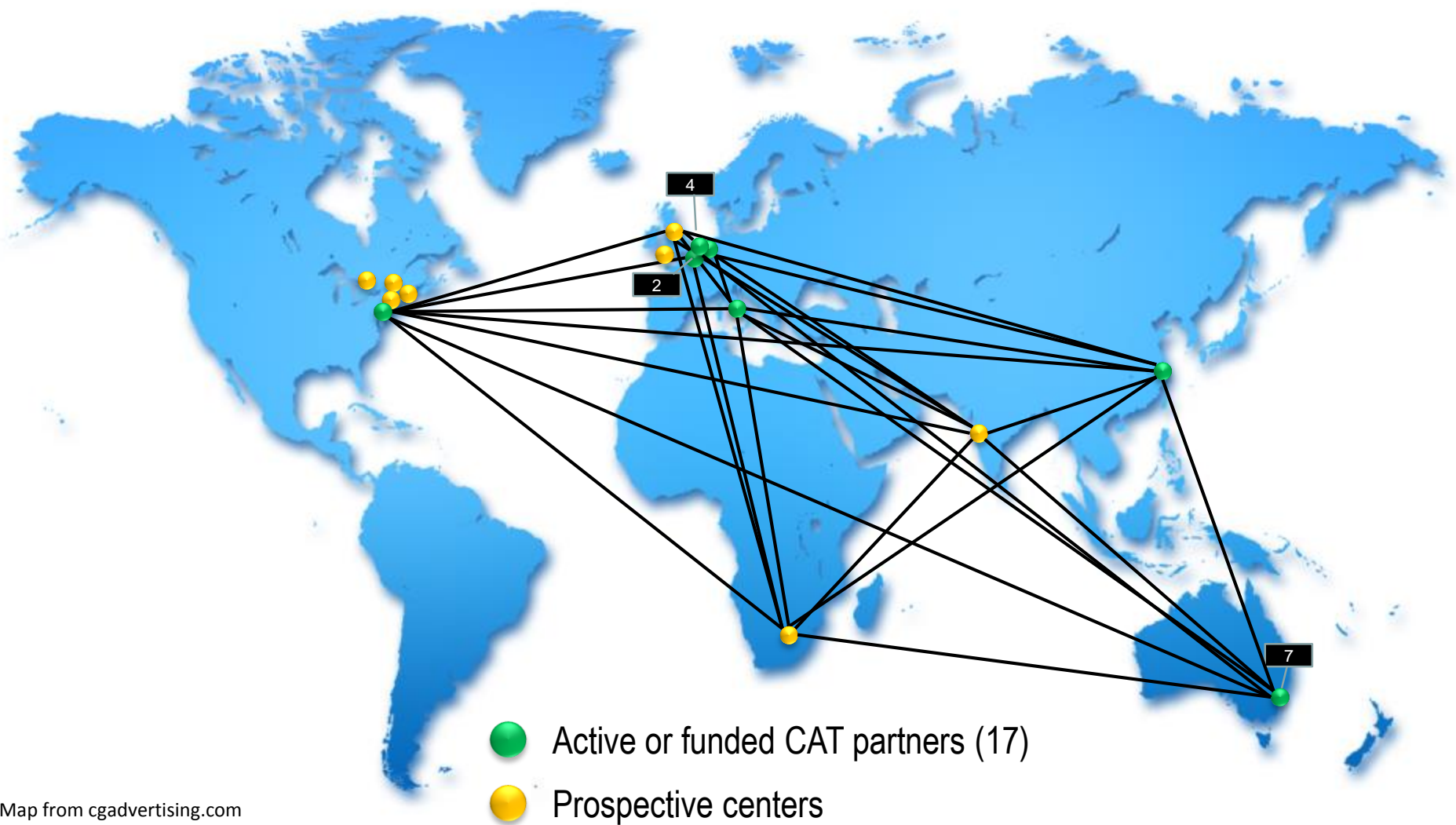
# Semantic box (the secondary research database)

## Hospitals



*SPARQL : Query language for application*

Funded: euroCAT, duCAT, chinaCAT, VATE, ozCAT  
New: ukCAT, indiaCAT



Map from cgadvertising.com



# What next?: The patient managing its own data

Data =



**Our vision in 2 min:**  
***“from hospital to patient”***

Divonne Brainstorming meeting, Feb 2016



From data to models to

Virtual patient?



# The 5 P's of modern medicine

(modified from Leroy Hood)

« P » for Personalized

« P » for Preventive

« P » for Predictive

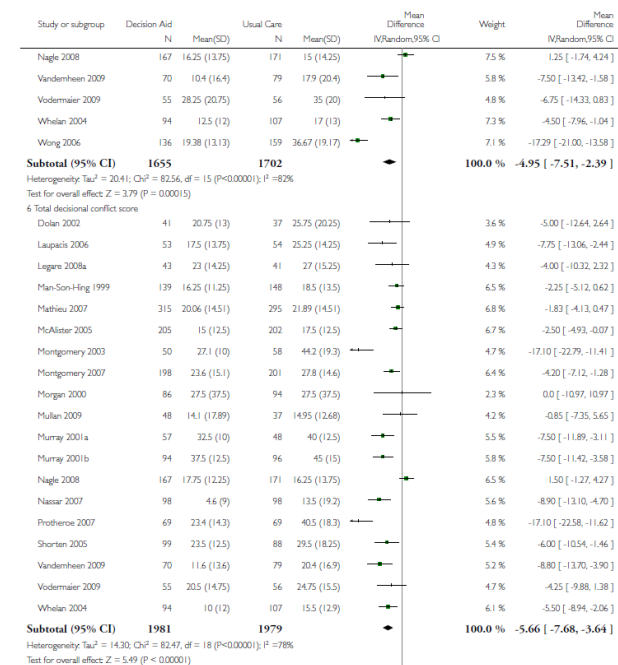
« P » for *Participatory*

« P » for Parcimonious

# Shared Decision Making 1.0 with Decision aids

## Decision aids for people facing health treatment or screening decisions (Review)

Stacey D, Bennett CL, Barry MJ, Col NE, Eden KB, Holmes-Rovner M, Llewellyn-Thomas H, Lyddiatt A, Légaré F, Thomson R



This is a reprint of a Cochrane review, prepared and maintained by The Cochrane Collaboration and published in *The Cochrane Library* 2012, Issue 5

<http://www.thecochranelibrary.com>



# Shared Decision Making 2.0: model-based virtual patient or *Avatar-based Shared Decision making*

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Maastro Desktop - Citrix Presentation Server Client". The address bar displays a URL from Amazon S3. The main content area is titled "Decision Aid Tool- Rectum Cancer - MAASTRO Clinic". It features a doctor avatar on the left and a patient avatar (a blue-skinned character) on the right. A speech bubble from the doctor says: "Recently, you have been diagnosed with rectal cancer. You are offered to undergo two different treatment modalities:". Below this, a chalkboard lists "TREATMENT MODALITIES": (1) Organ preservation treatment or (2) Surgery in combination with radiotherapy and chemotherapy, which is called *radiochemotherapy*. At the bottom, the text "DECISION AID TOOL" is displayed above "Rectal cancer surgery". Navigation buttons "BACK" and "NEXT" are visible. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows several open applications and the time 10:14.

Decision Aid Tool- Rectum Cancer - MAASTRO Clinic

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**DECISION AID TOOL**  
Rectal cancer surgery

BACK NEXT

# Data

Patient avatar (or similar patients)



## Simulation/DSS:

Virtual treatments  
Virtual clinical trials  
Virtual scenarios with  
preventive personalized  
interventions

...

Game changer!

# Take home message: we need

1. Privacy-preserving Big data to build
2. Multifactorial decision support systems
3. And Shared decision making
4. Patient avatars (= model-based virtual patients or similar patients)
5. Used for *simulations* of virtual trials in virtual hospitals and virtual clinical trials.

Big Data to save lives



# What next?

## Backcasting\*

\*= a planning method that starts with defining a desirable future and then works backwards to identify policies and programs that will connect the future to the present



# Thank you for your attention

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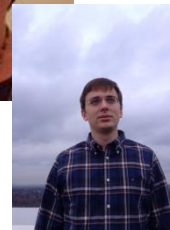
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Reserve slides



*Sharing medical data for cancer*

## CancerData

Our site is an effort of the Medical Informatics and Knowledge Engineering team of Maastrro Clinic, Maastricht, The Netherlands. Our activities in the field of analysis and data modelling are visible in a number of projects we are running. See the [Links](#) for more information.

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## Protocols

By using “Big Data” we can address clinical problems. Analyzing the massive amount of clinical information that is available in digital format will make it possible to create a rapid learning health care system in which we develop, validate and update predictive tools to assist clinicians in personalizing treatment. Yet, some hurdles have to be taken. Besides technological, privacy and security issues, the most important bottleneck is the quality of the available clinical data.

To derive insights from data, it is critical that they are accurate and relatively complete. Thus, relevant variables should be collected and their definition should be clear. Also, machine learning algorithms require structured data while currently the richest source of clinical data, the clinicians’ notes, is unstructured. However, writing research protocols is time-consuming and many clinicians lack time to do so, although they recognize the importance of collecting high quality data. We therefore created this open source research protocol repository. We anticipate that this initiative will stimulate centers to participate in outcomes research and will improve standardization and quality of data.

| Title  | Last Update▼ |
|--|--------------|
| <a href="#">Standard Follow Up Program For Head And Neck Cancer Patients</a> | 2015-04-19   |
| <a href="#">EuroCAT Umbrella Protocol for NSCLC</a>                          | 2015-04-16   |

[update request](#)

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## EuroCAT Umbrella Protocol for NSCLC

Tags: NSCLC, EuroCAT, protocol, data collection

For the EuroCAT project, a research protocol that describes a standardized data collection for non-small cell lung cancer was written and has been approved by the Medical Ethical Board of our hospital. A copy of the protocol and the appendices, including scoring of side effects, quality of life questionnaires and optional biobank procedure can be downloaded below. Patient information and the informed consent sheet are available in four languages (English, Spanish, French and Chinese).

It is allowed to adapt the documents, so that they match the requirements of your hospital and country. You can either collect data in your Electronic Medical Record System or use the eCRFs, that have already been created by us, and which are also freely available. It is also possible to publish your own "ready to use" protocol online and let other institutes participate in your research.

Please find all data below. If you leave your email address at the right of the screen, we can contact you if an updated version of the protocol is available.

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| <a href="#">Appendices - Chinese (zip)</a>            | 224.9 KB  |
| <a href="#">Appendices - Dutch (zip)</a>              | 132.47 KB |

## Protocol update request

Name \*

Please add your name

Affiliation \*

Please add your affiliation

E-mail \*

Please add your e-mail address so we can notify you of updated protocols.



**Can you give me**

**examples**

**of new knowledge coming from  
Big Data approaches**



# The Radiomic hypothesis

One can extract *more* quantitative information from standard imaging



## Radiology:

- Implicit knowledge
- Interpretability



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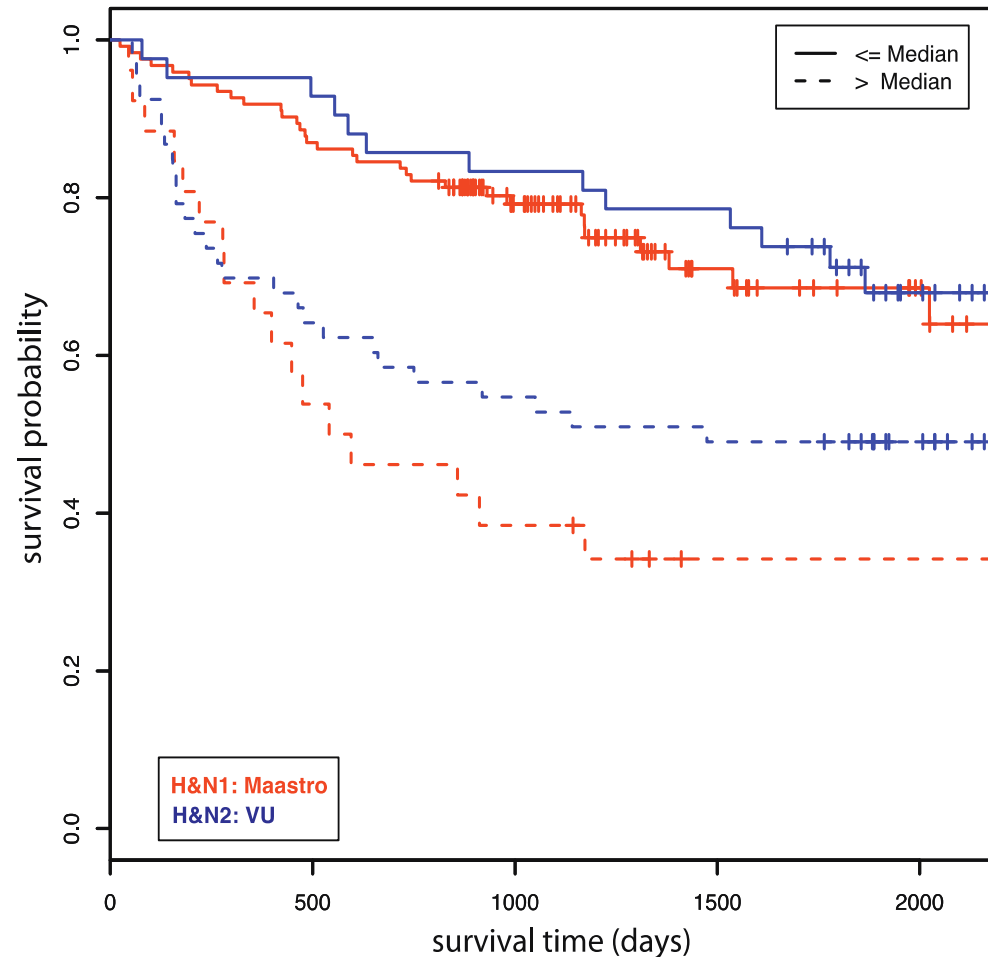


**RADIOMICS**

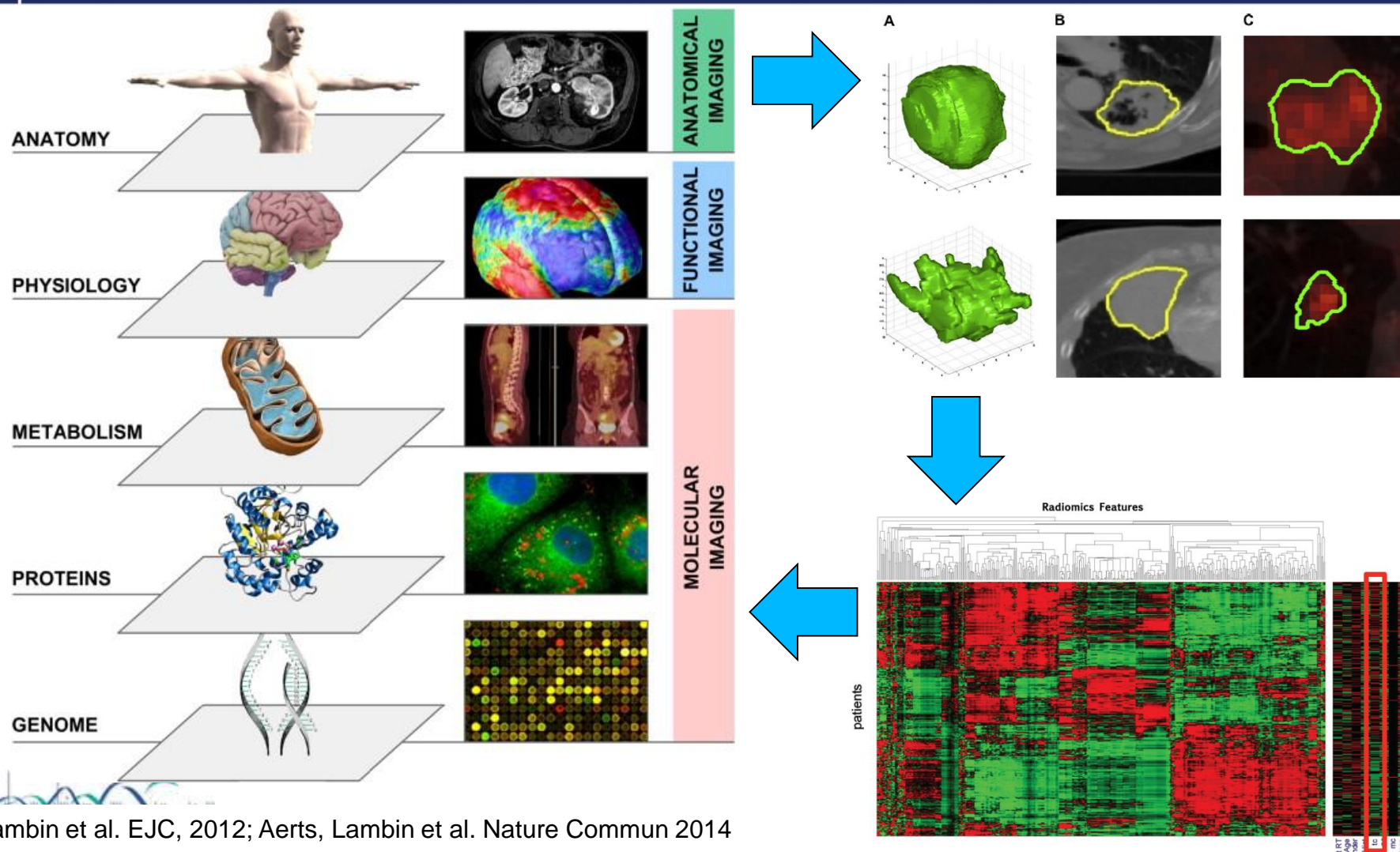
Extract *quantitative* features from images

# Predict survival in Lung and Head & neck cancer better than TNM

Kaplan–Meier Radiomics Signature



# Entering the OMICS era... Radiomics



Watch the animation:  
<http://youtu.be/Tq980GEVP0Y>

Or the website: [www.radiomics.org](http://www.radiomics.org)

# Take home message

1. We need Decision Support Systems (DSS = a “meta TPS”) to manage the large quantity of data and implement Personalized medicine in radiotherapy in particular for protontherapy due to its costs.
2. Two complementary approaches: conventional clinical trials (+ data reuse) + “Big Data approach” (Rapid Learning Health Care).
3. Building cancer informatics tools to enable analysis, exploration, and rapid evaluation of novel therapies or stratification e.g. Distributed learning based on semantic web technology.
4. DSS facilitate Share Decision Making, participative precision medicine and cost effective Health care (the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> “P”). One key example could be protontherapy.