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# Il futuro della radioterapia oncologica: la 'Knowledge Based Oncology'

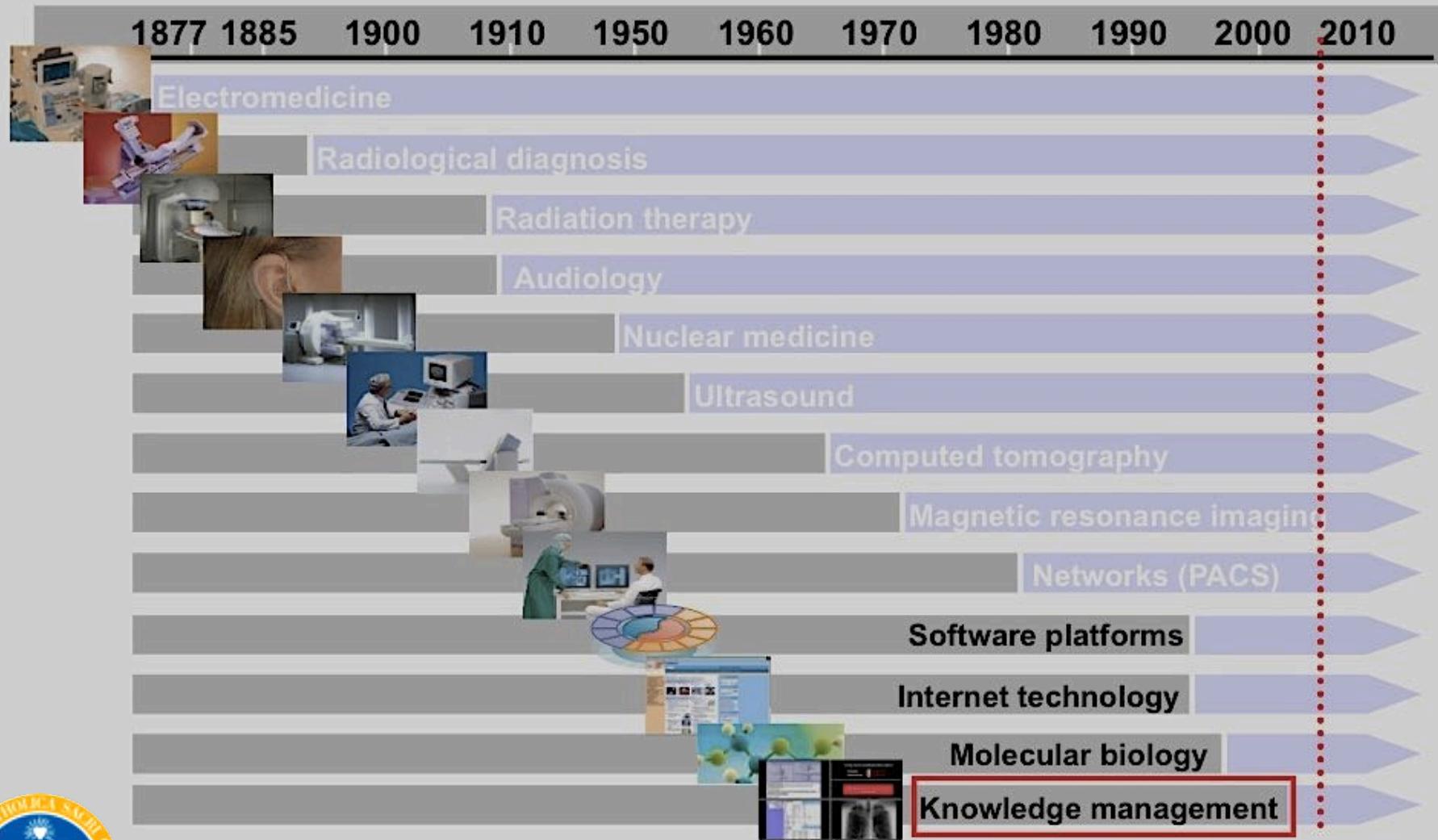


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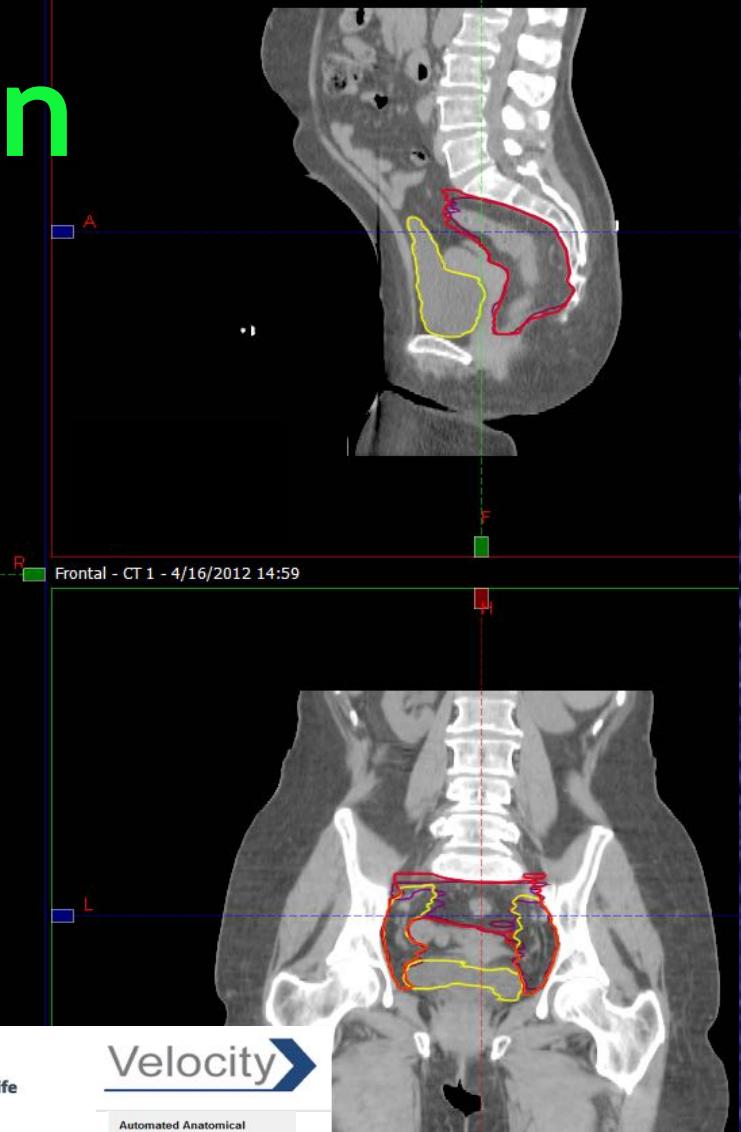


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## Autodelineation



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- Automated Anatomical Segmentation
- Deformable atlas-based segmentation
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  - Automated PET contouring

# *Knowledge Based Technology*

## Static vs dynamic Knowledge



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## Ontology

**Atlas Segmentation Wizard**

Segmentation Options (Step 2 of 2)

Cancer Site  
Cancer Subsite  
Cancer Stage e.g. Tx  
e.g. Nx  
e.g. Mx  
Cancer Laterality All  
Subject Name  
Keywords  
Creator  
Atlas Mirroring  Atlas does not support Mirroring  
# of Atlas Matches  
Available Contours  
BRACHIAL PLEXUS  
BRAIN  
BRAINSTEM  
INFERIOR CONSTRICTORS  
LARYNX  
LEFT COCHLEA  
LEFT LENS  
LEFT LEVEL IB

+ Add Contour  
- Subjects  
- Remove Contour  
- Subjects

OR  
OR  
OR  
OR  
OR

**Expert Case Browser**

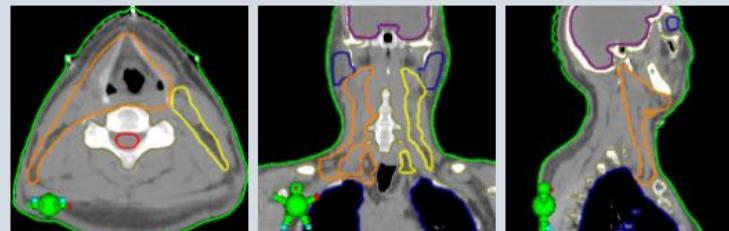
Search Tumor Site | Free Text Search | Your Favorites

Tumor Site: Larynx Current Filter: Larynx, T2, N2a

12 results found

ID	Tumor Staging	Node Staging	Metastasis
V001729	T2	N2a	M1
V001730	T2	N2a	M1
V001785	T2	N2a	M0
<b>V001786</b>	<b>T2</b>	<b>N2a</b>	<b>M0</b>
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V001830	T2	N2a	M1
V005987	T2	N2a	M0
V005988	T2	N2a	M0
V006033	T2	N2a	M1
V006034	T2	N2a	M1
V006103	T2	N2a	M1
V006104	T2	N2a	M1

Preview: ID V001786



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**Structures**

- BODY
- Bones
- Brain
- Brainstem
- Cochlea L
- Cochlea R
- CTV2
- CTV3
- Eye L
- Eye R
- Lung L
- Lung R

**Personal**

Case Description

Expert A



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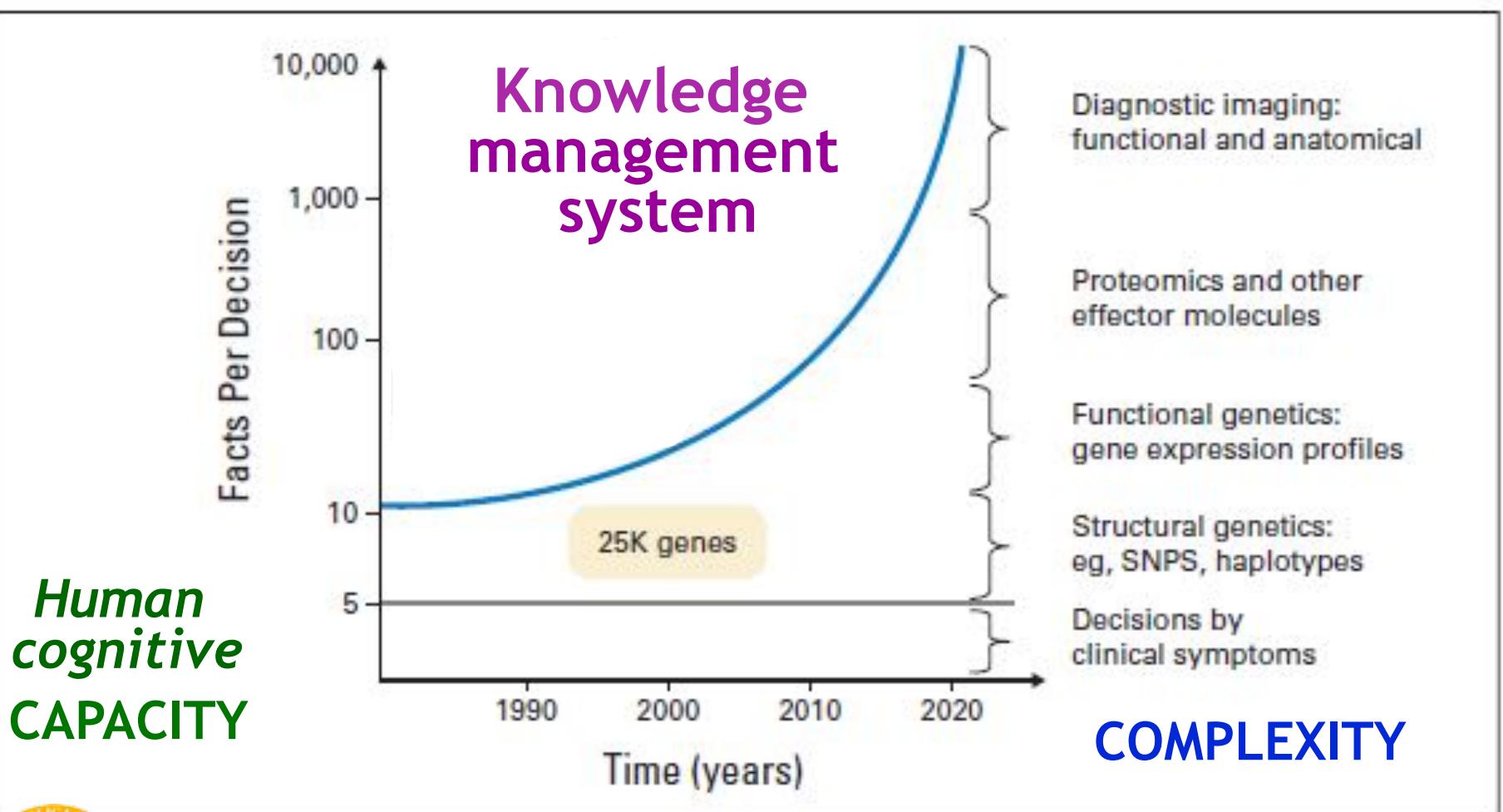
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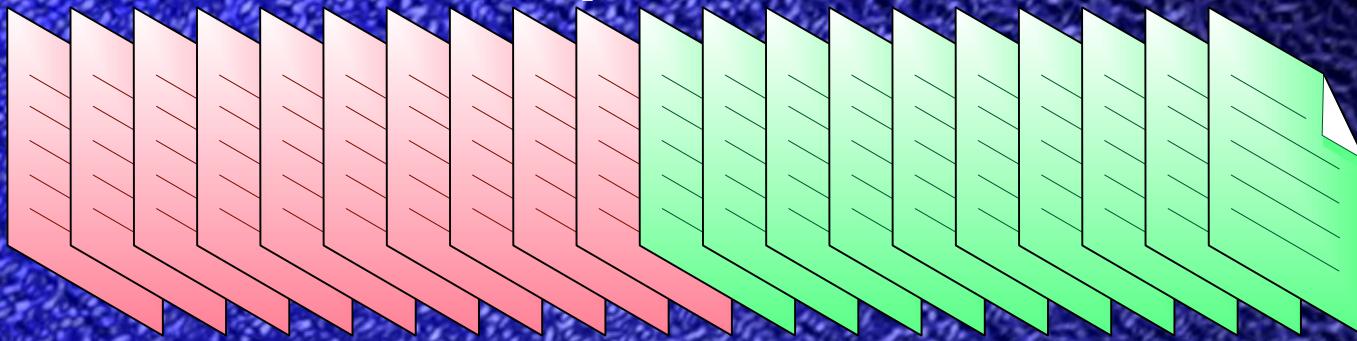
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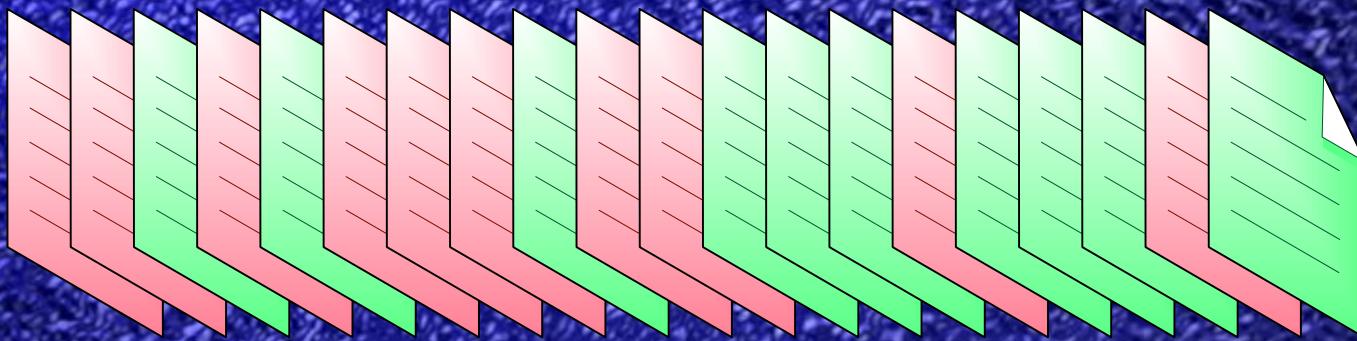
## Experiment

A



AUC  
1.0

B



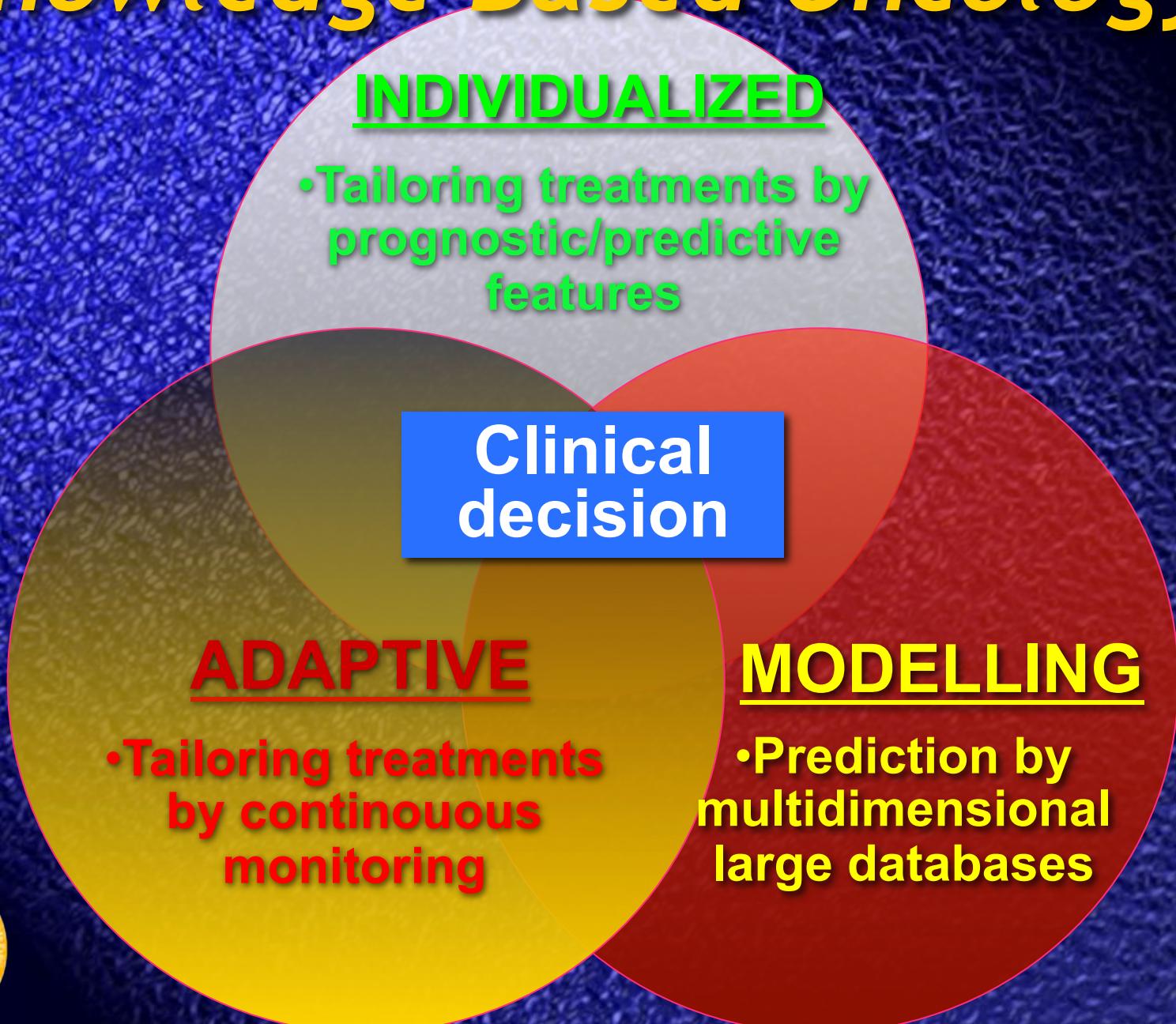
AUC  
0.7

C



AUC  
0.5

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# Clinical decisions (adaptive era)

INTENSIFICATION

Neoadjuvant  
regimen

ADAPTIVE 1

Surgery procedure

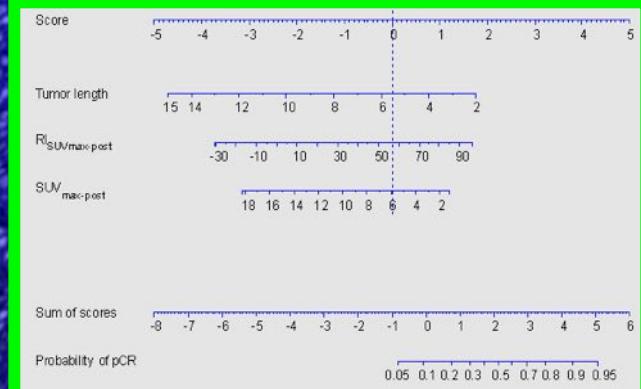
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Adjuvant Chemo  
Follow-up density

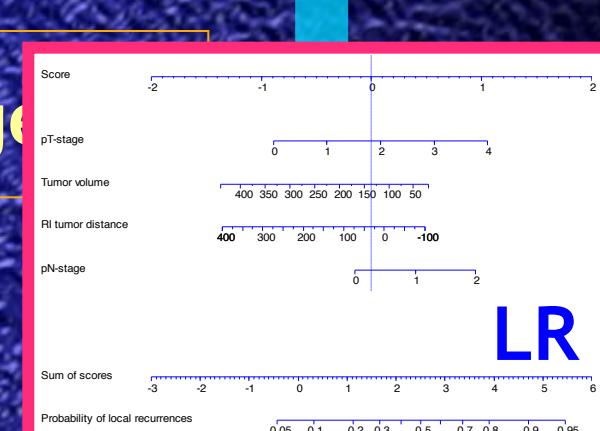
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Surgery

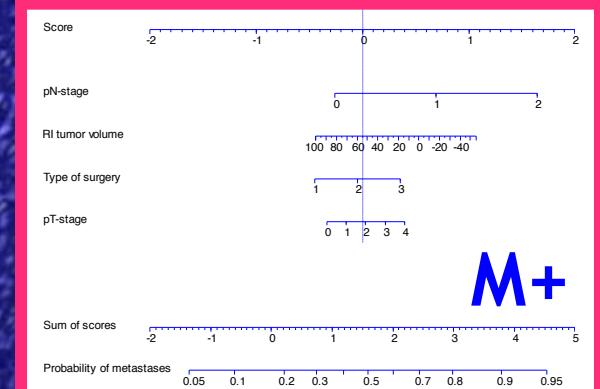
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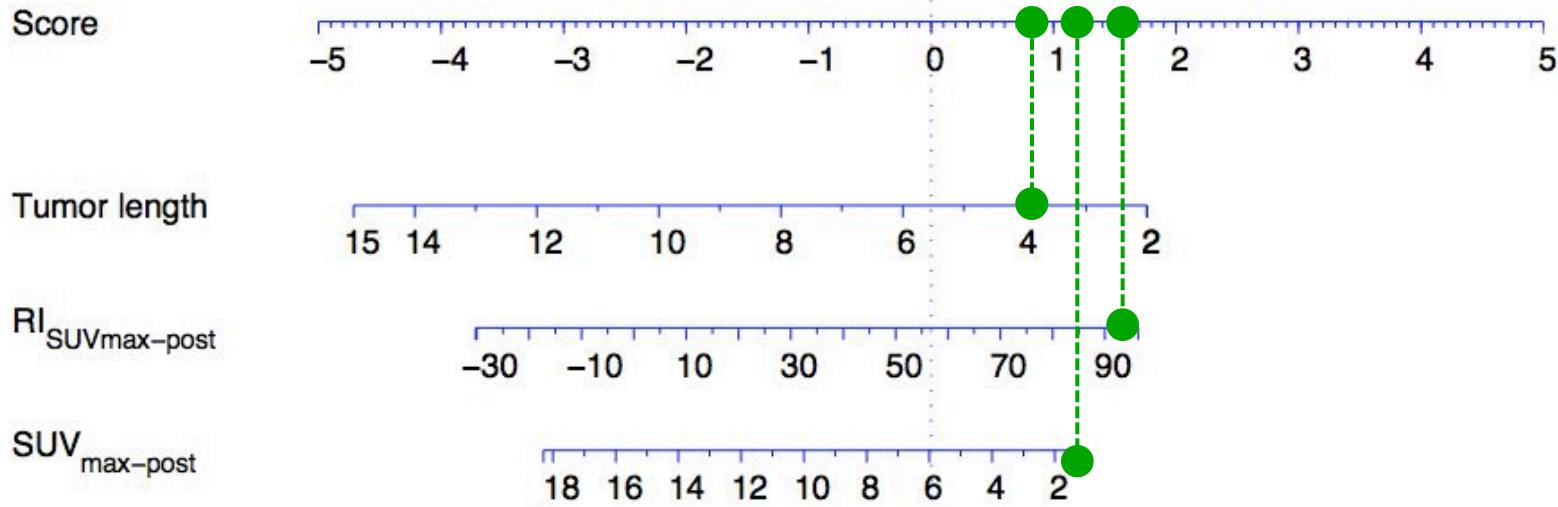


LR



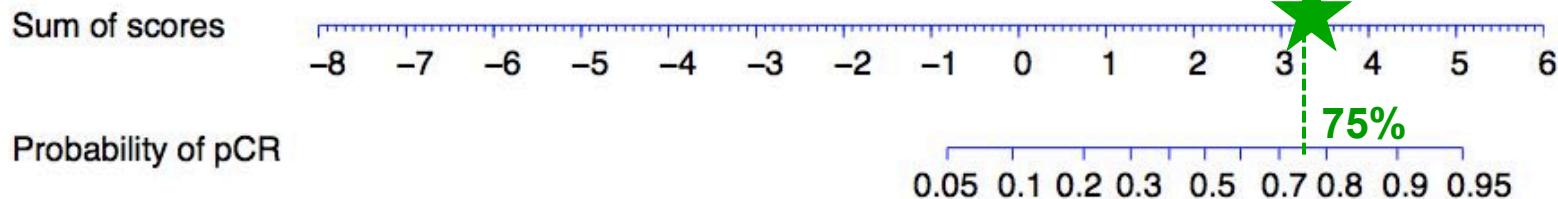
M+

# Nomogram pCR



**Sum of scores 3.3**

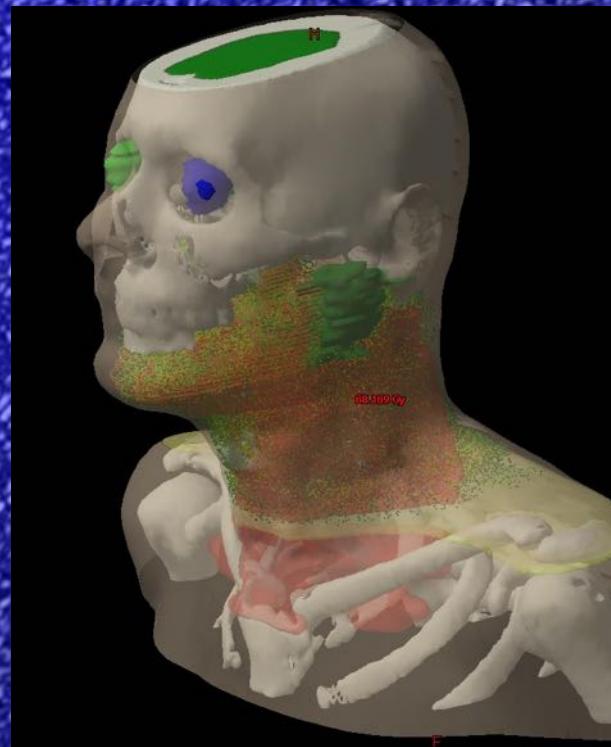
**AUC = 0.86**



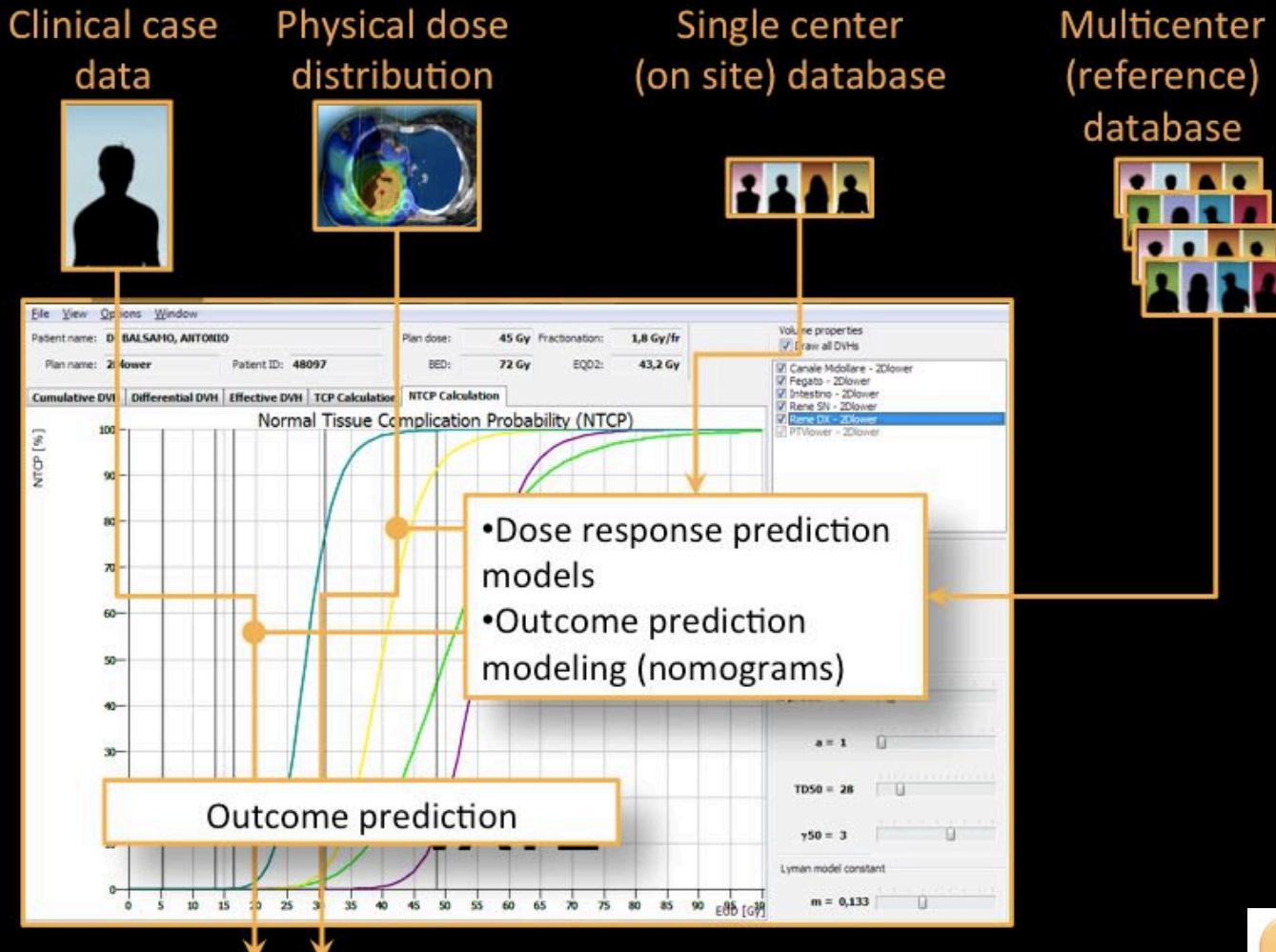
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## The Radiation Oncology privilege



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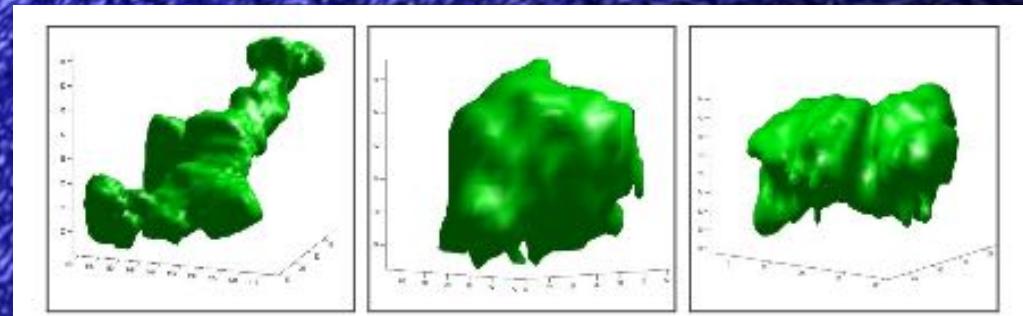


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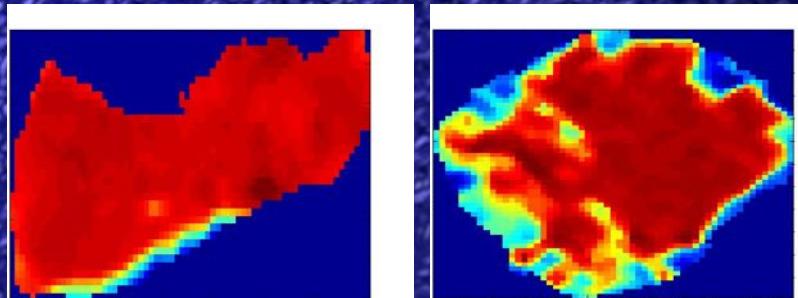
First order statistics



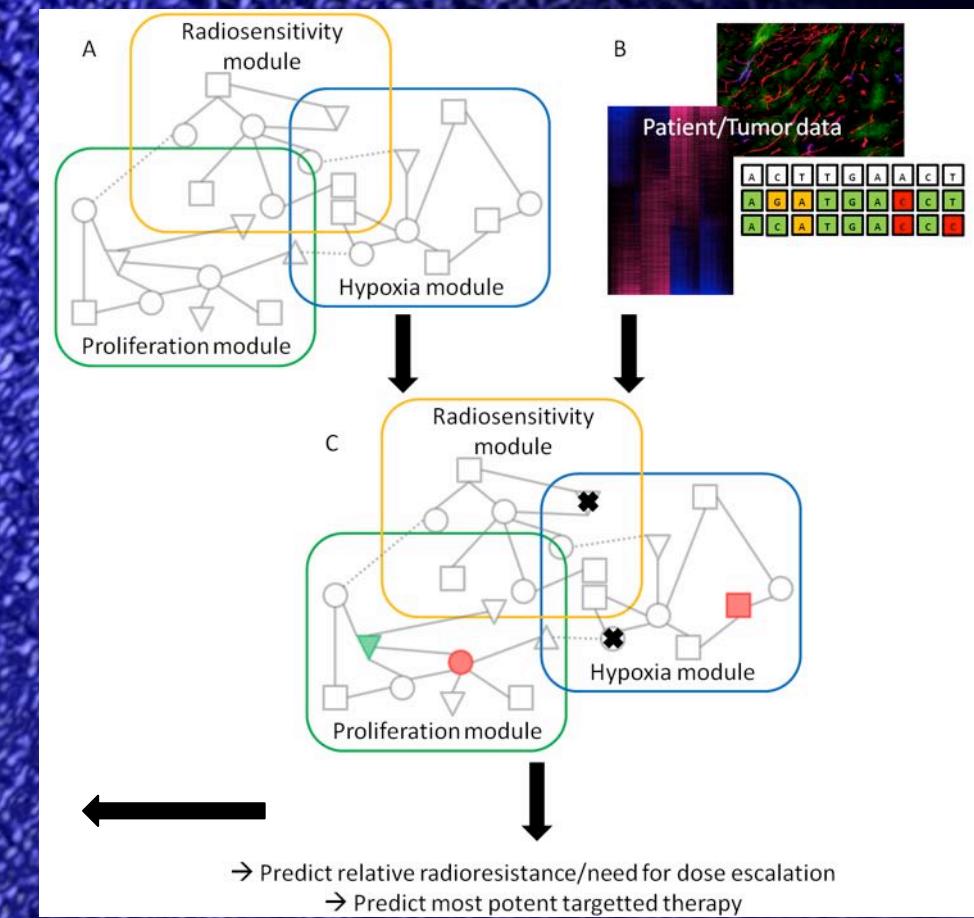
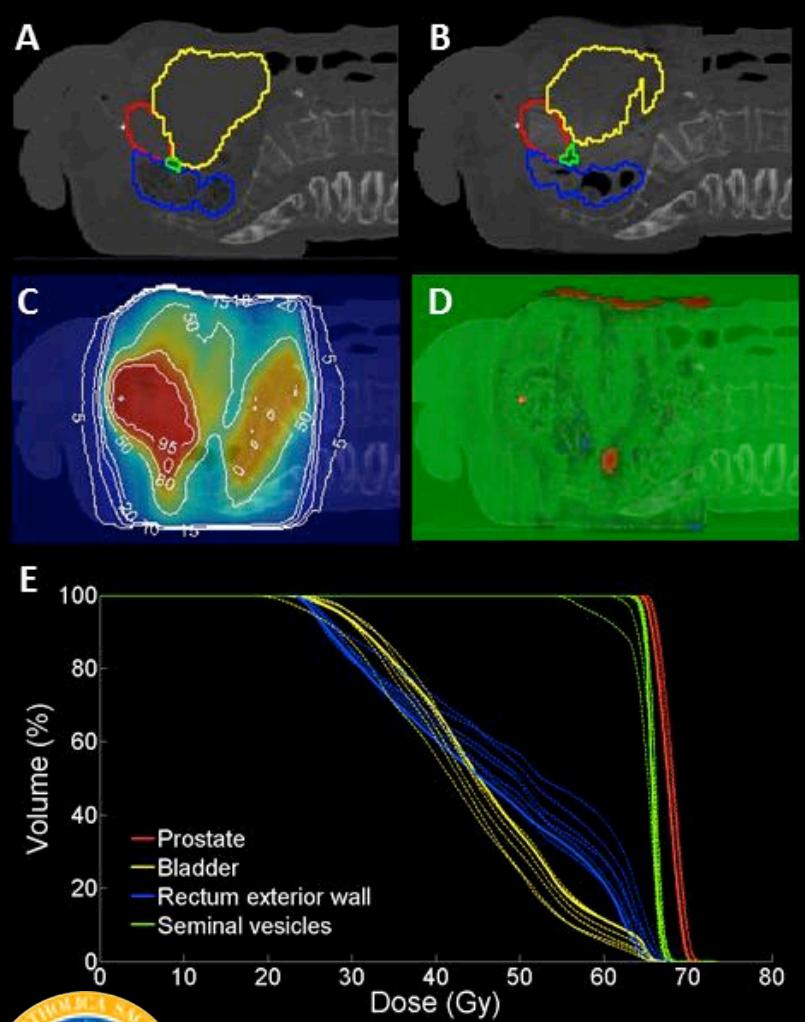
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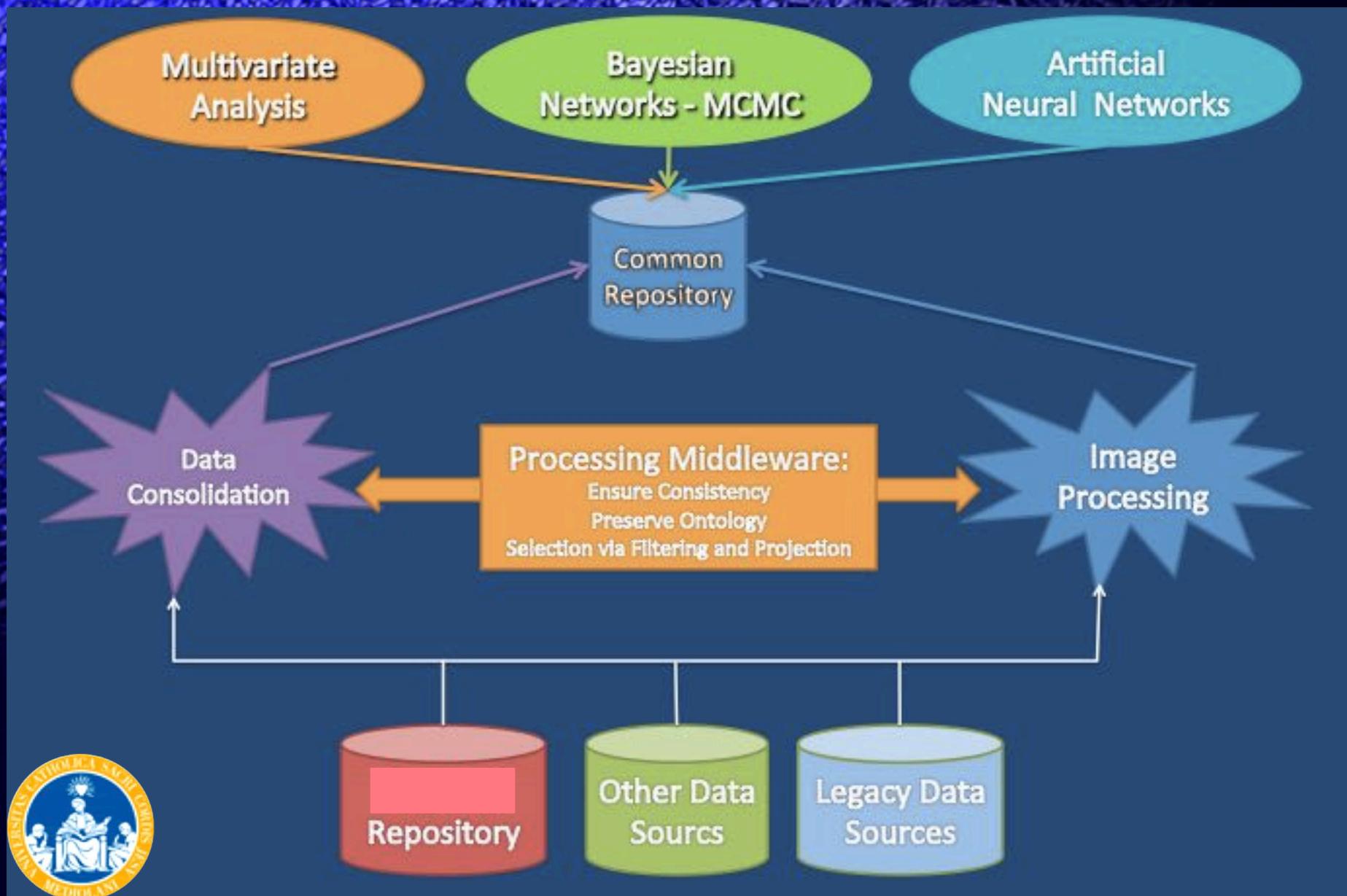
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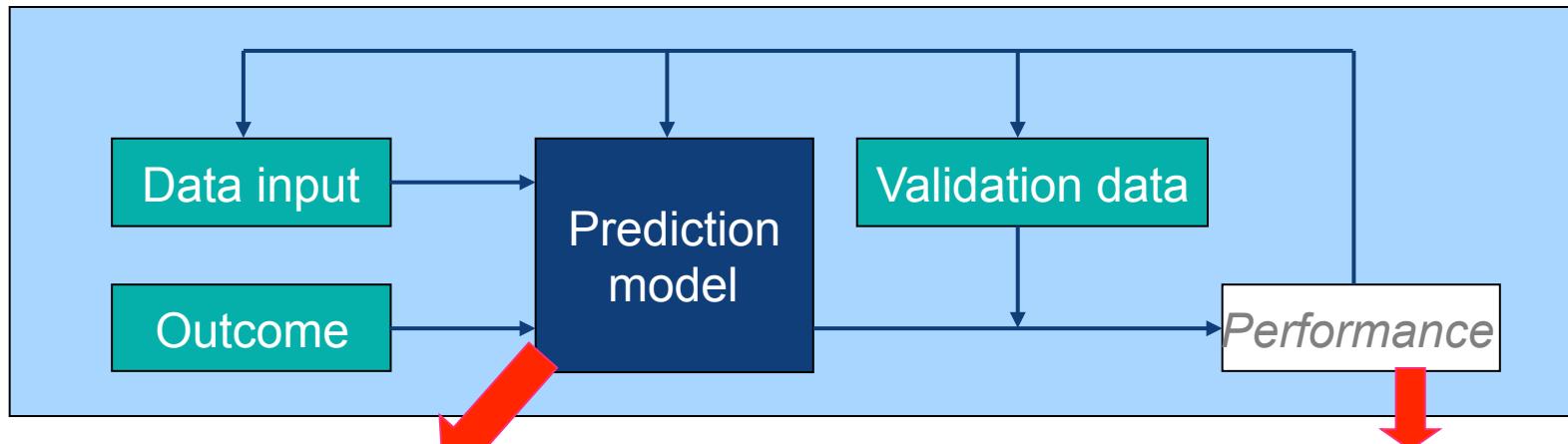
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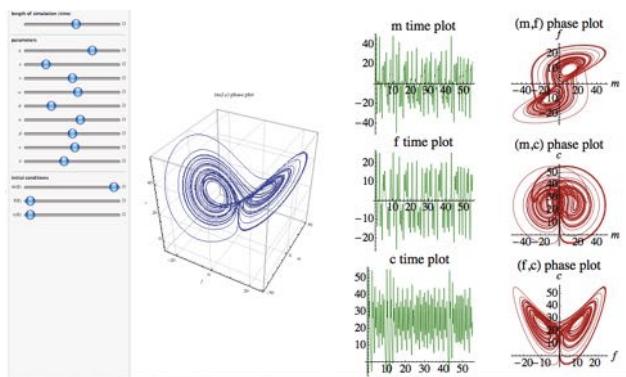


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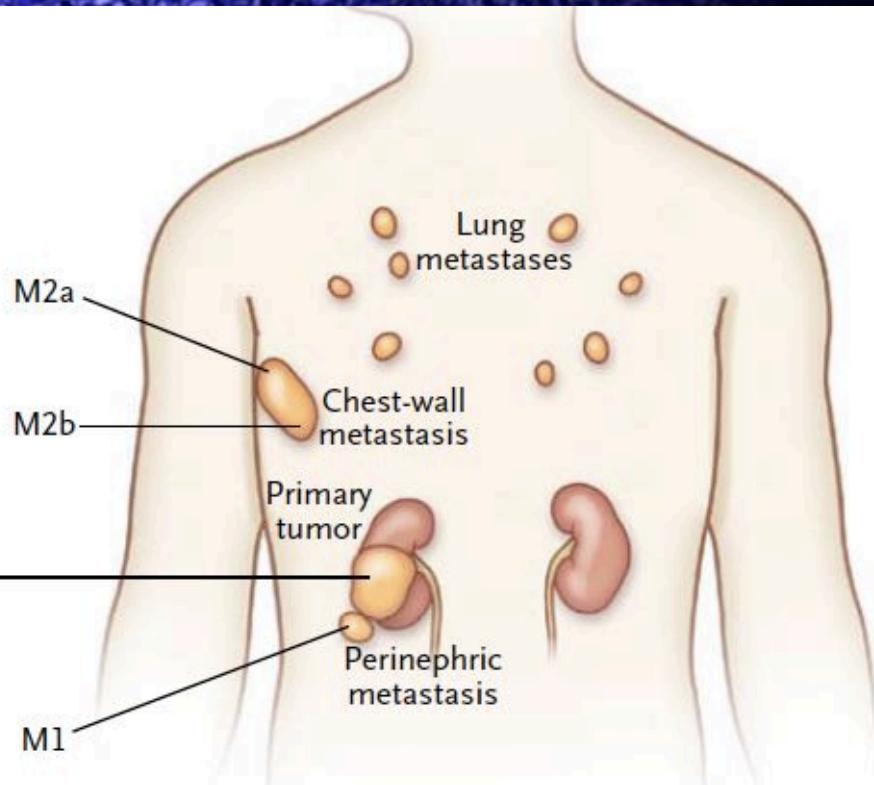
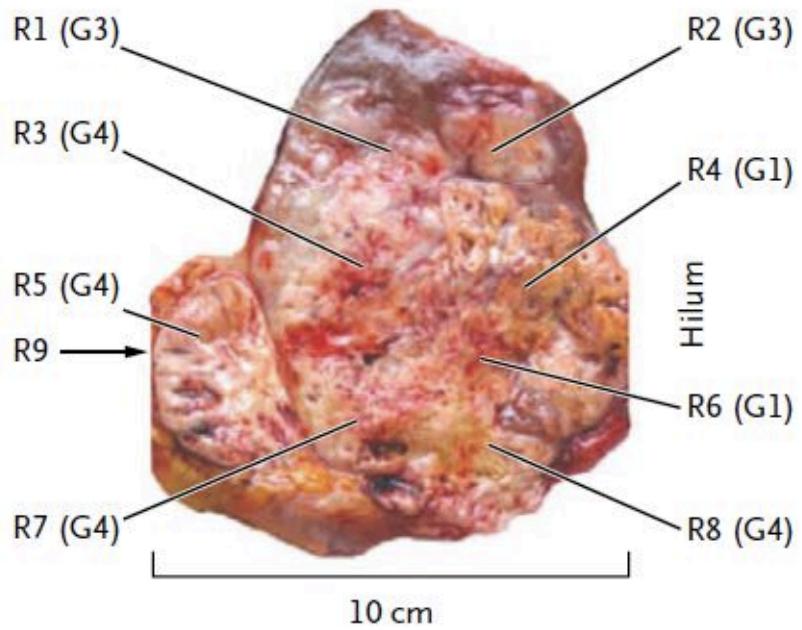


Modelling framework:

Chaos Theory

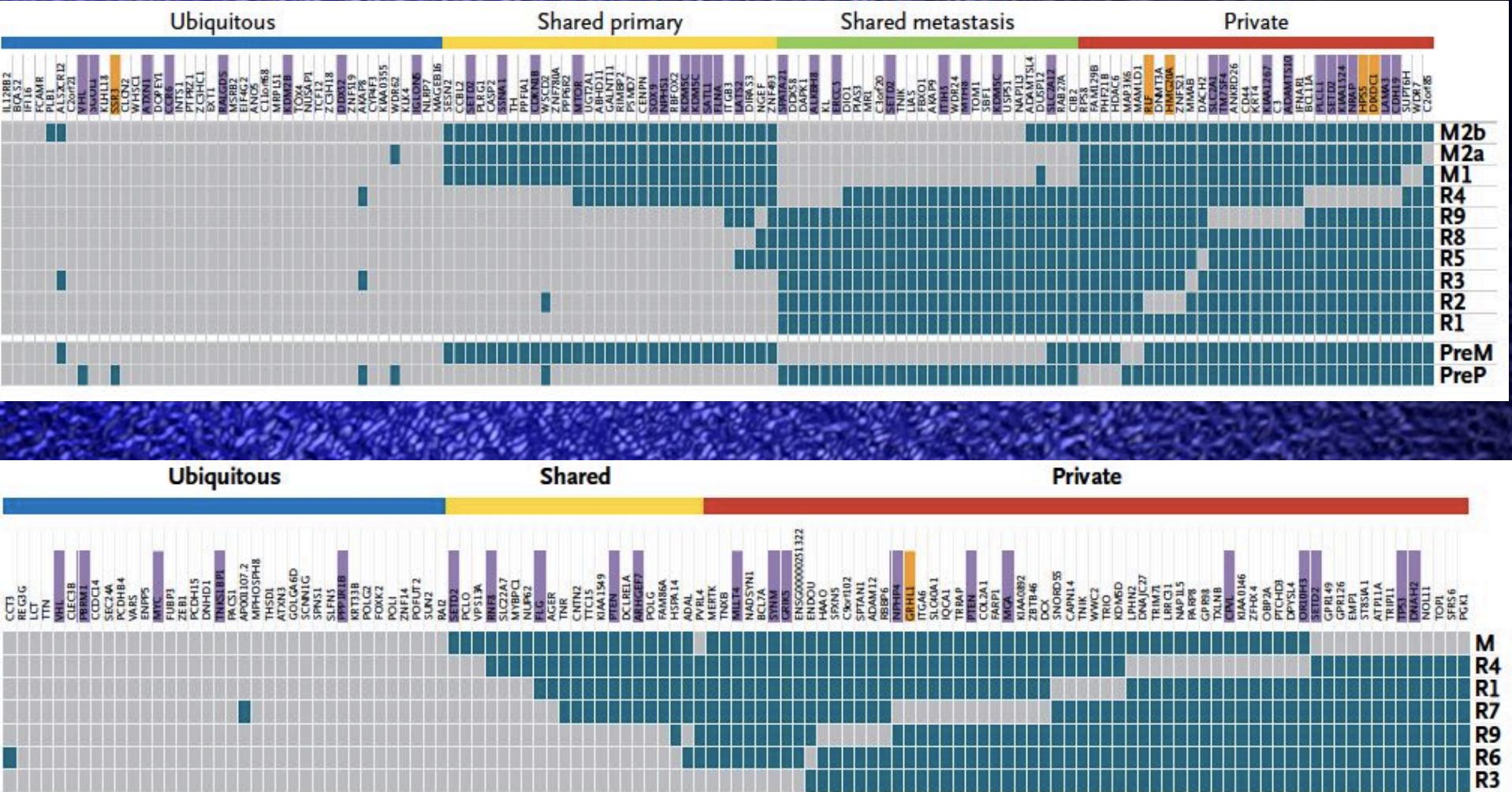


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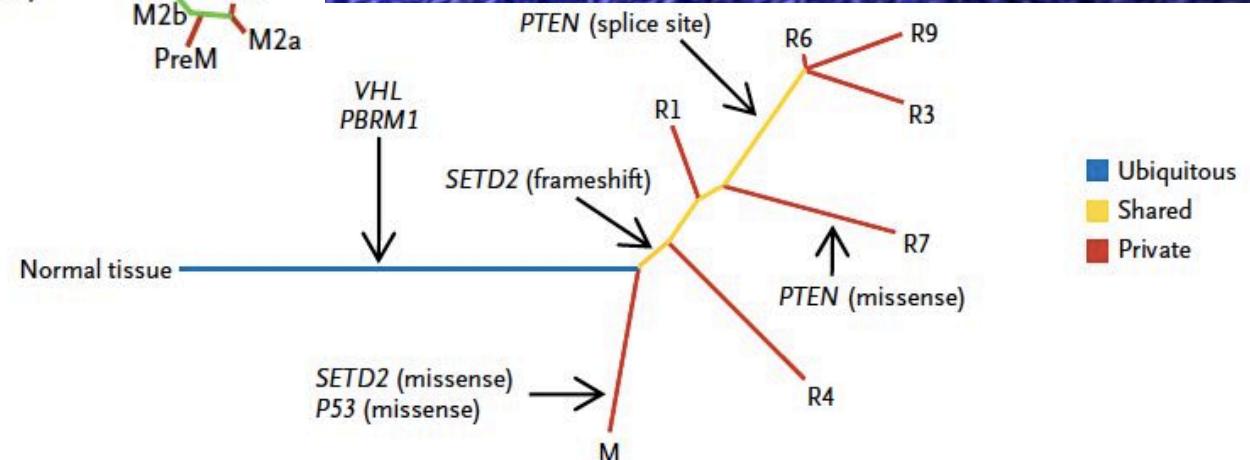
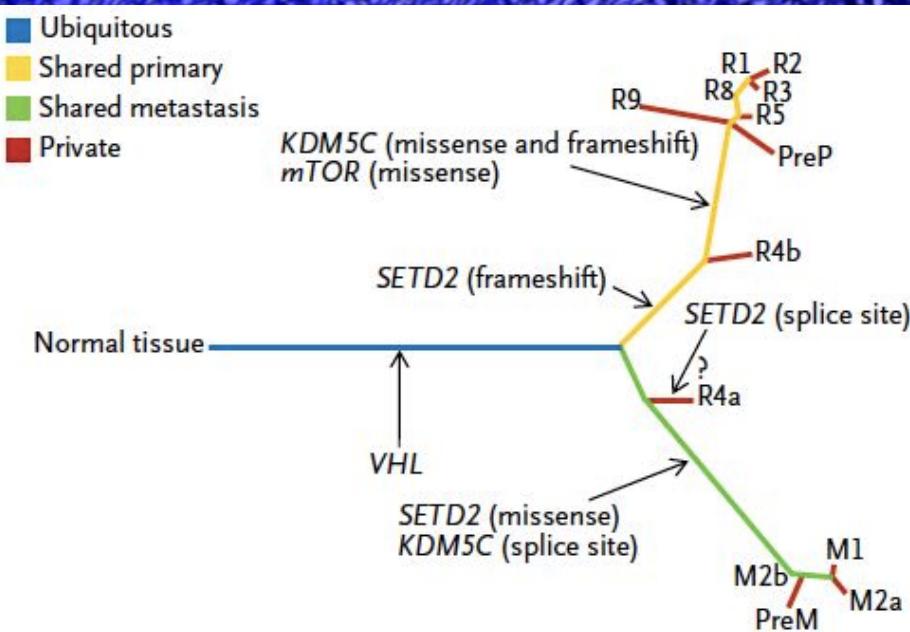
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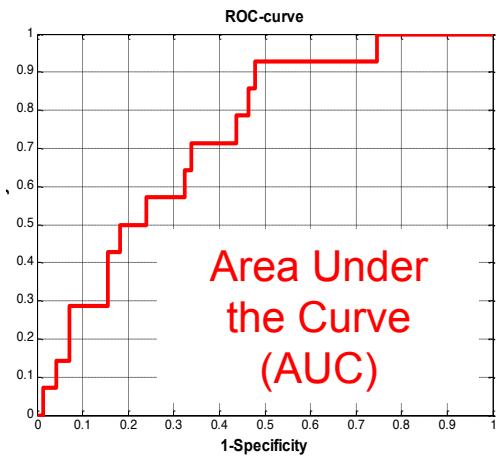
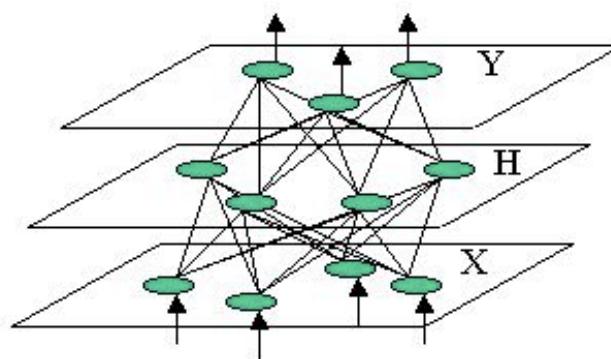
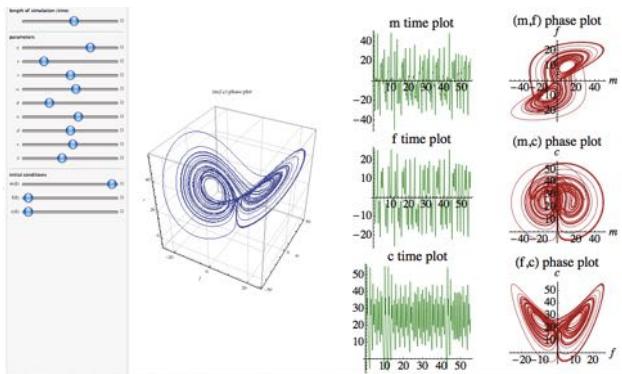
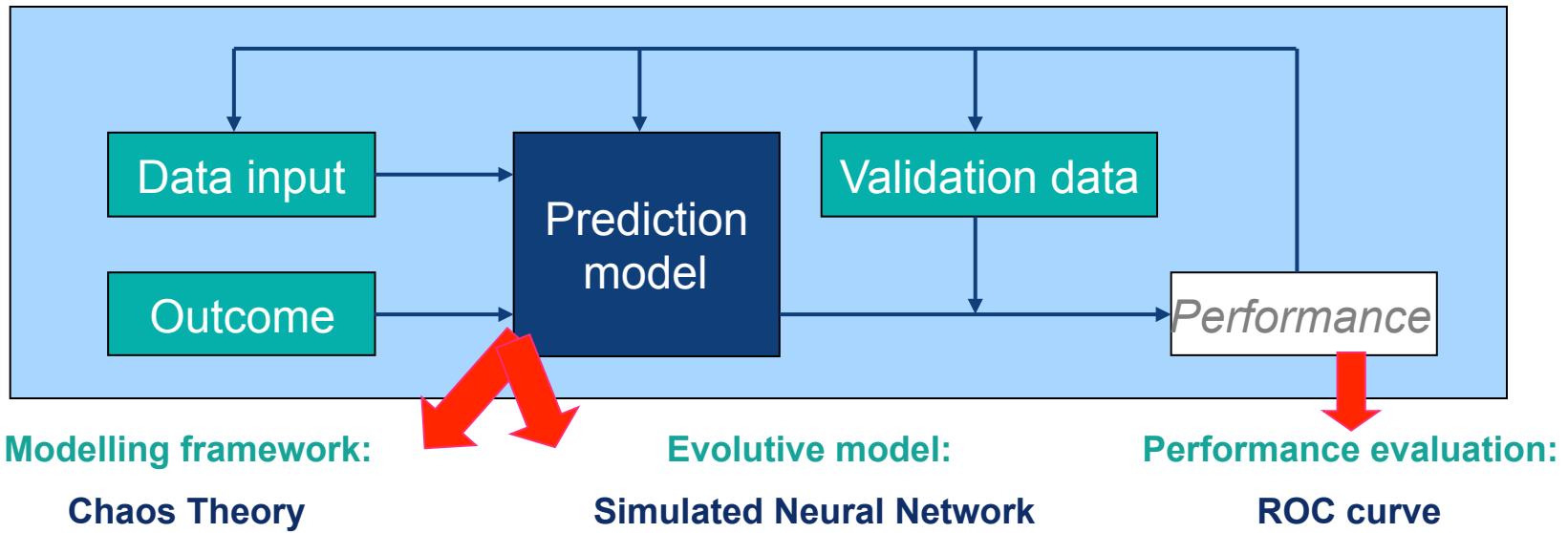
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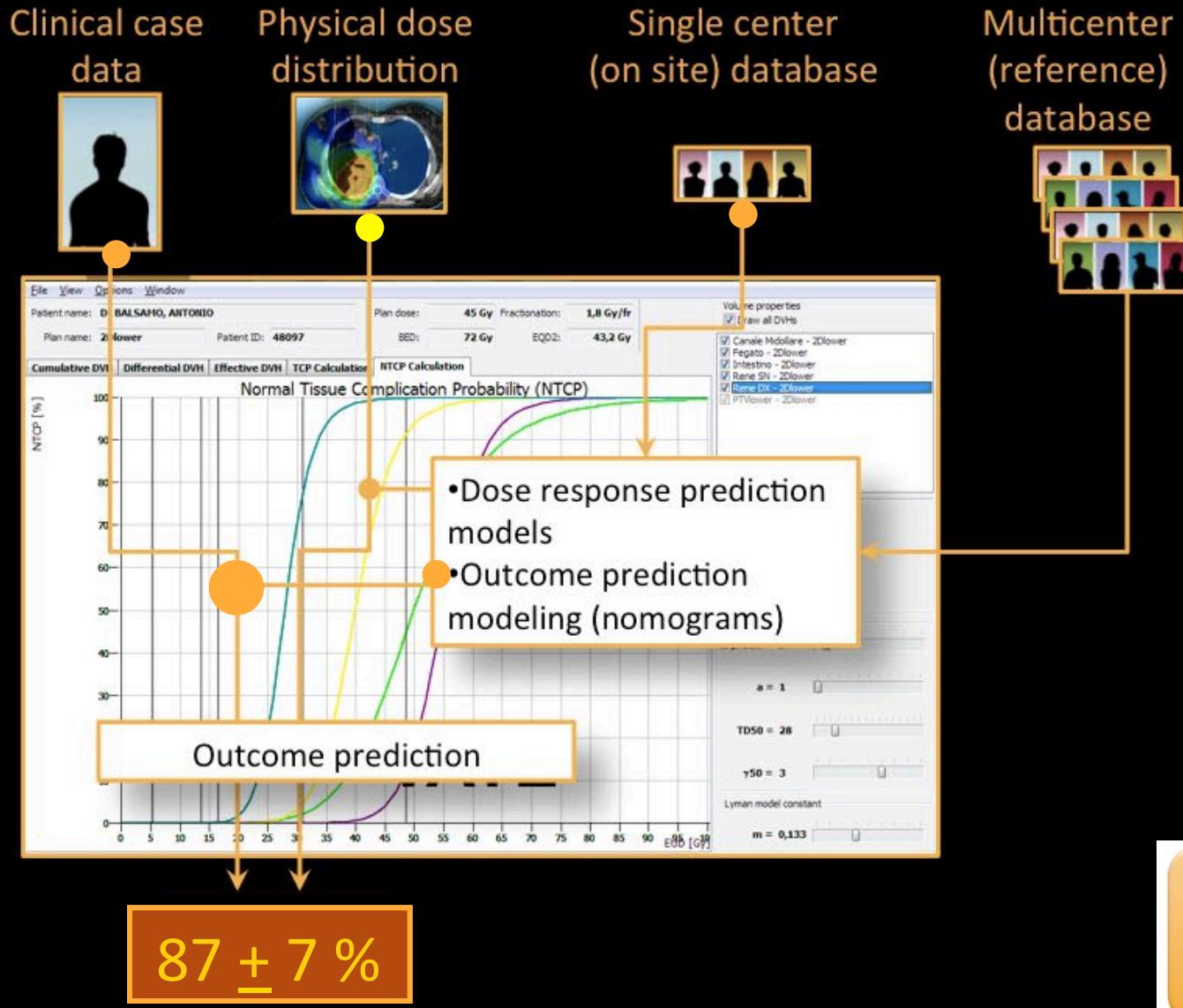
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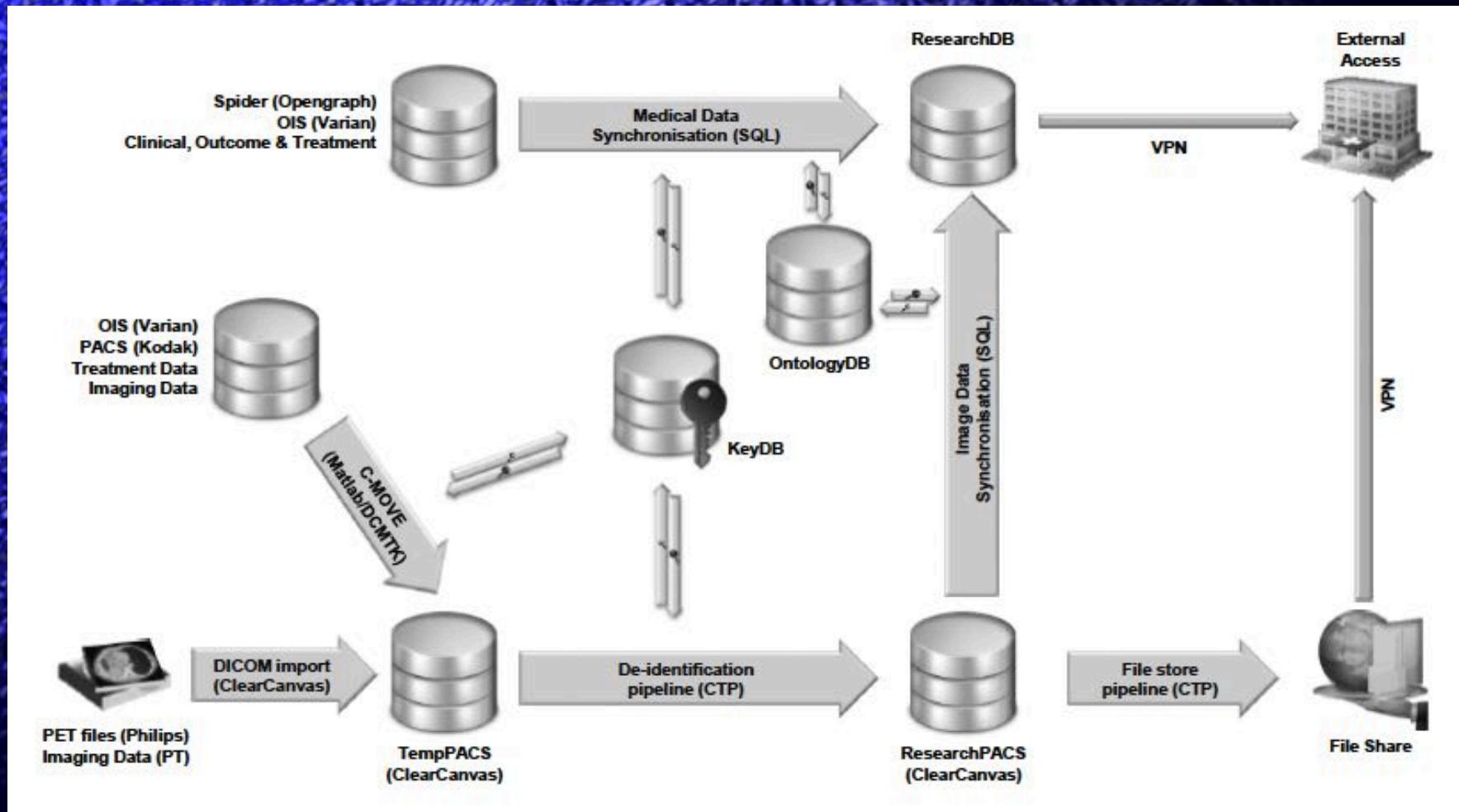
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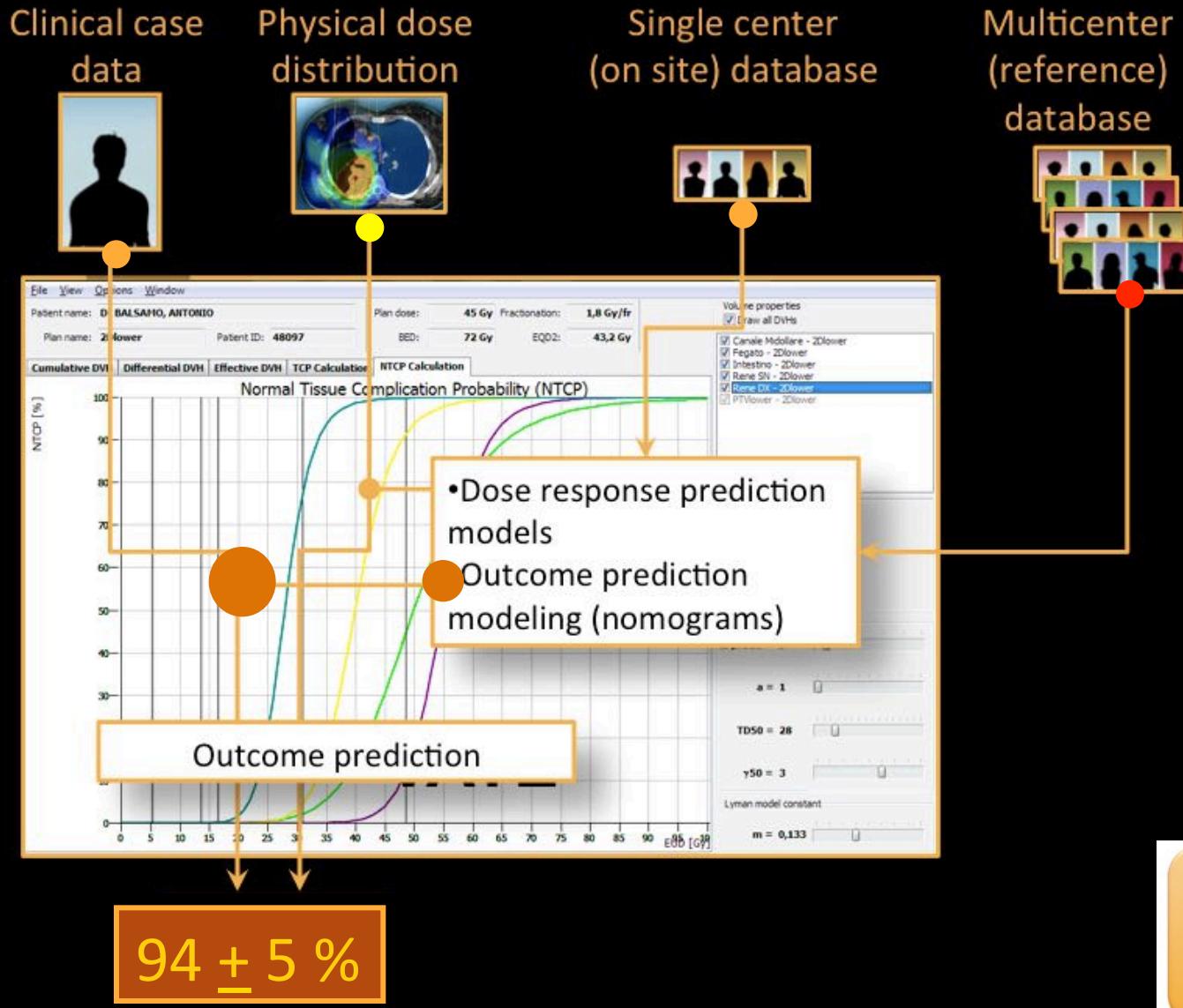


# Facilitated data transfer



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# The meaning of a decision

We can distinguish between  
«**weak evaluations**»,  
when it is about the **results of the action**,  
and «**strong evaluations**».  
about **the quality of its motivations**.

(Ch. Taylor)



# The meaning of a decision

The **diagnostic and therapeutic** actions,  
but also the **cooperative and managerial** ones,  
**insert the element of will, of choice,**  
of direct engagement in the exercise  
of the **scientific and technical competence.**



# The meaning of a decision

Such elements answer to questions like:  
**what was the meaning of our looking for**  
the most efficient therapeutic line?

- Avoiding **legal troubles**?
- Displaying **personal excellence** to the colleagues?
- Looking for **career advancements**?
- Being faithful to human **dignity of the medical profession**?
- Living up to certain meanings of the relationship with **the needs and suffering of other people**?



# Classic Ethics

By "**ethics**" we mean the **reflection**  
on **man's freewill** in various fields  
(politics, economics, medicine, etc..),  
aiming at a **responsible behavior**,  
**consistent with principles and values**  
related to a **particular conception of man and society**.



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