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Imaging biomarkers: Algorithms, open data and infrastructure for neurological disorders

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Imaging biomarkers: application to Multiple Sclerosis

What is a Biomarker?

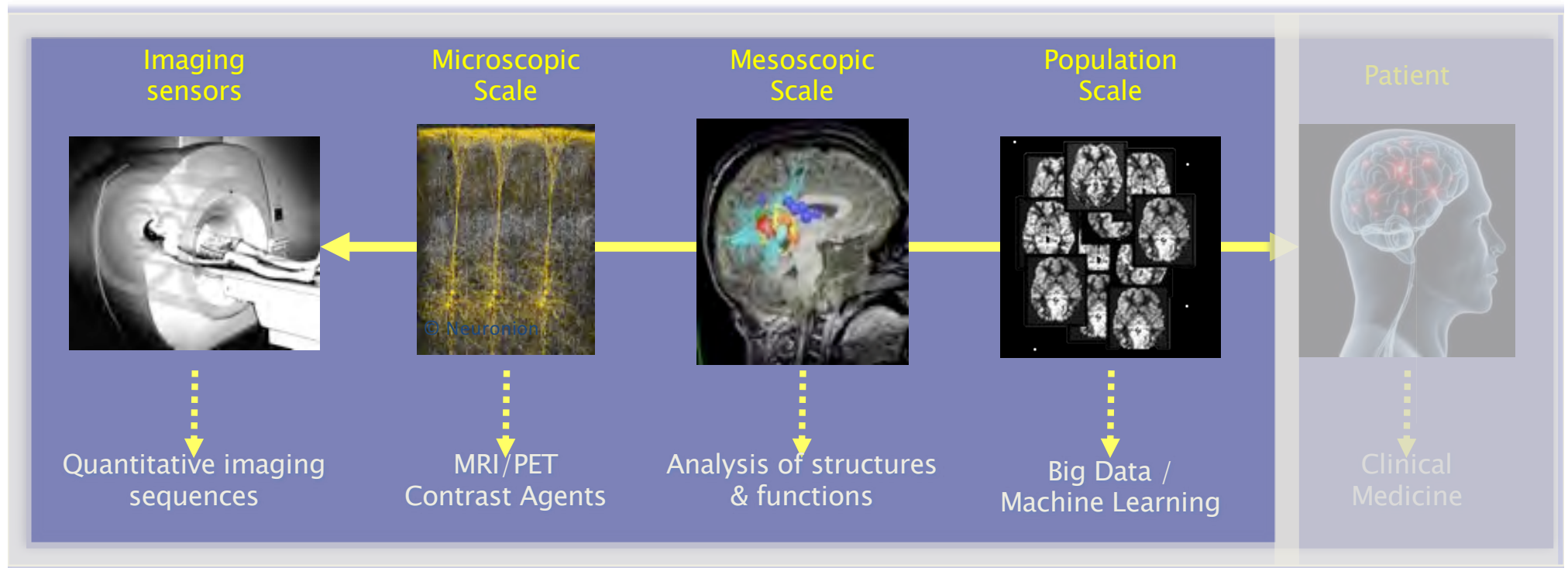
Biomarkers are features that are objectively measured as indicators of normal biological processes, pathological changes, or pharmaceutical responses to a therapeutic intervention*

* *Biomarkers definitions working group (2001) - <http://www.biomarkersconsortium.org>*

Imaging biomarkers: another way to use multimodal images

- Imaging biomarkers are used to:
 - Detect pathologies
 - Predict the level of risk
 - Classified the extent of a disease
 - Evaluate the therapeutic response
- Imaging biomarkers must be:
 - Quantitative
 - Accurate
 - Reproducible
 - Feasible over time

«Brain Imaging Biomarkers»: From Bench to Bed



Imaging Biomarkers in Multiple Sclerosis

- **Goal:** To guide the clinician (e.g. a neurologist) within the mass of information to integrate into the medical decision process

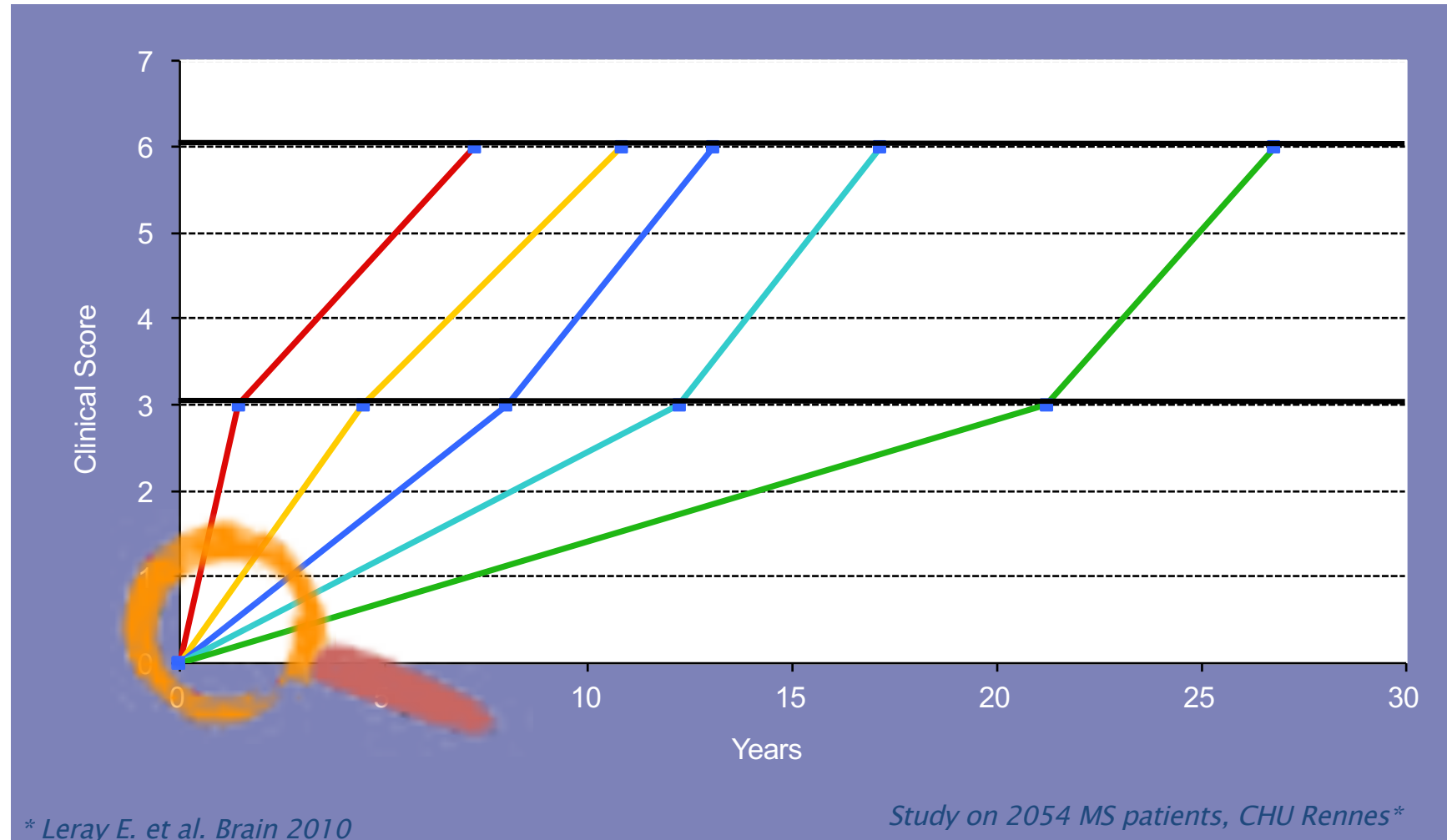
- **Multiple Sclerosis (MS)**

- Chronic inflammatory-demyelinating CNS disease
- Lead to acute handicap in young adults (high prevalence in Brittany)
- Most frequent CNS disease in young adults

- **Main Issues and Challenges**

- Early diagnostic and treatment of the pathology
- Prevention of disease progression and future handicap
- Better understanding of the pathology (new in-vivo classification of MS lesions)
- Set-up and evaluate new therapeutic protocols (disease modifying drugs)

Natural Evolution of Multiple Sclerosis (MS)

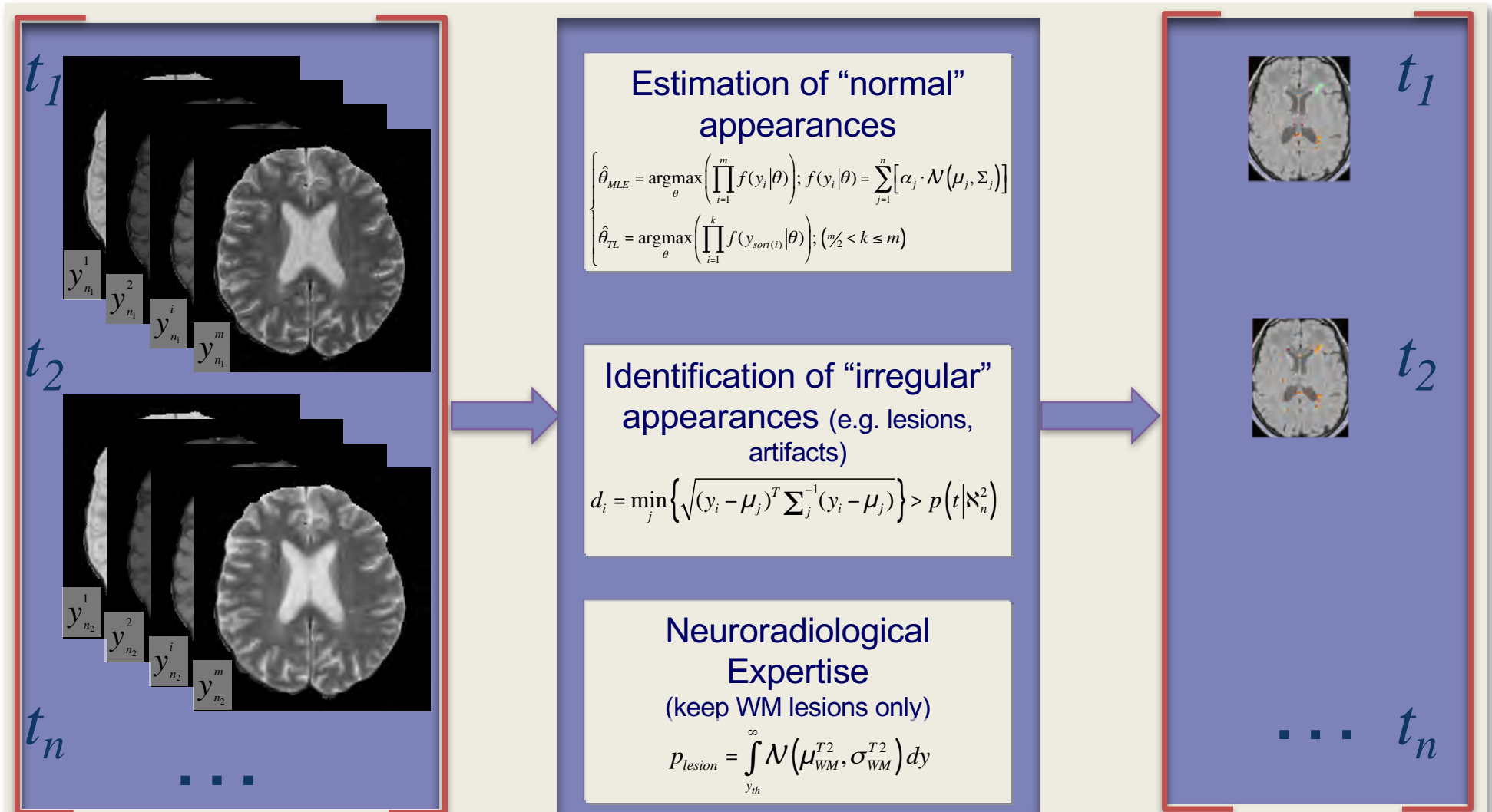


* Leray E. et al. Brain 2010

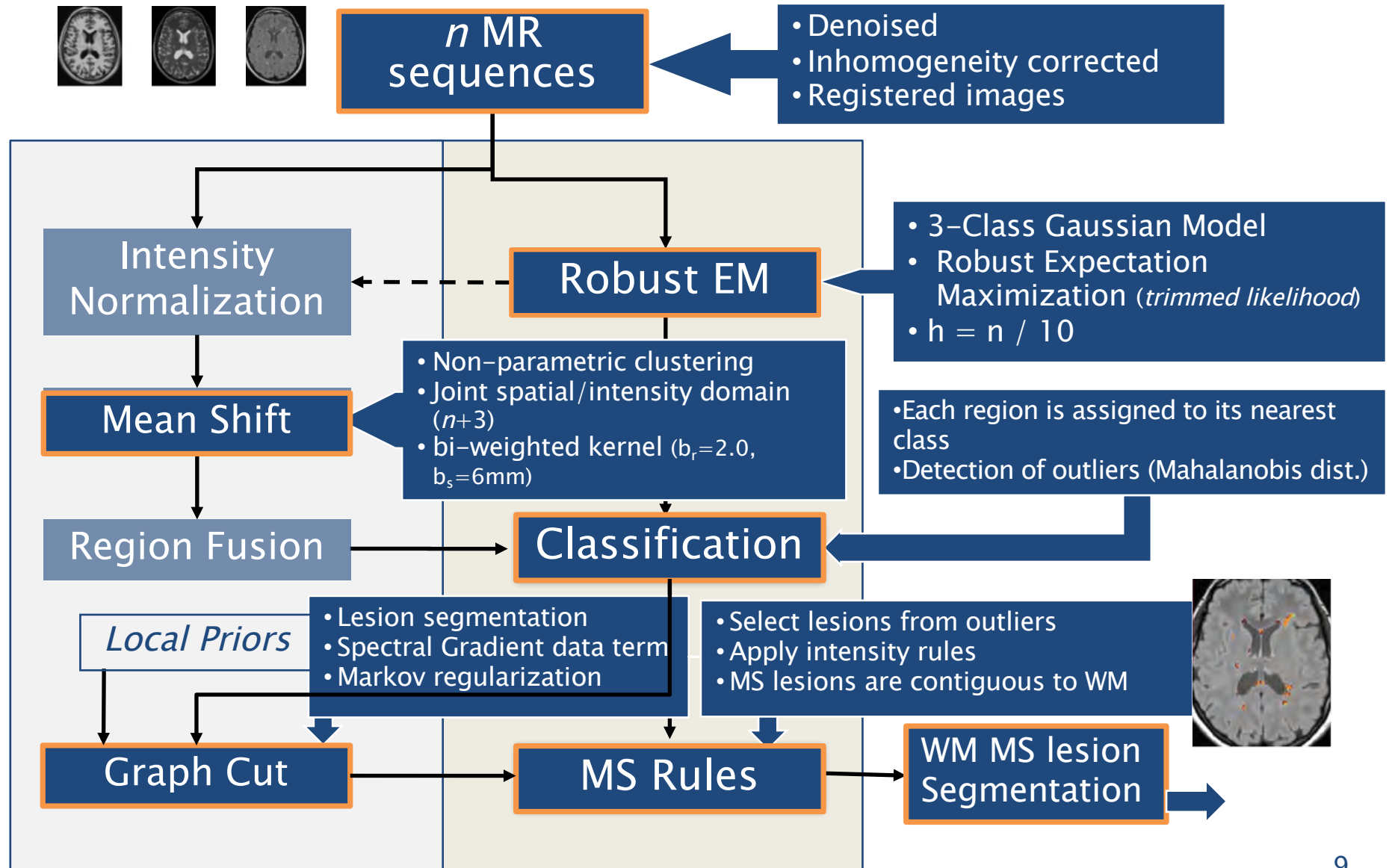
Study on 2054 MS patients, CHU Rennes*

Imaging of Multiple Sclerosis

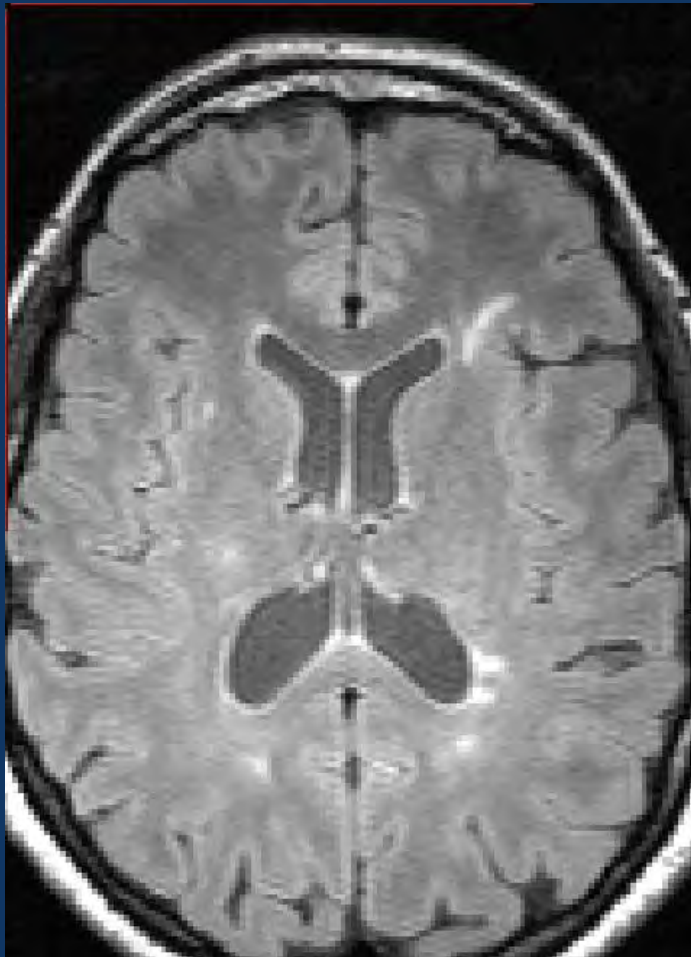
State of the Art: White matter lesions as markers of evolution



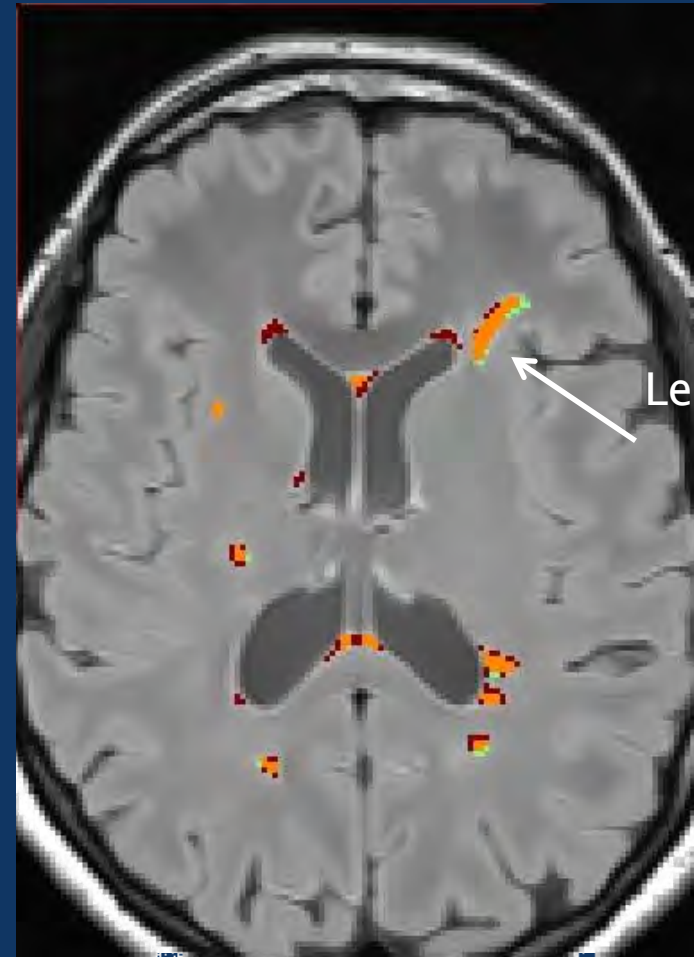
Segmentation of MS Lesions: a complex workflow



Imaging of Multiple Sclerosis: Estimation of Total Lesion Load



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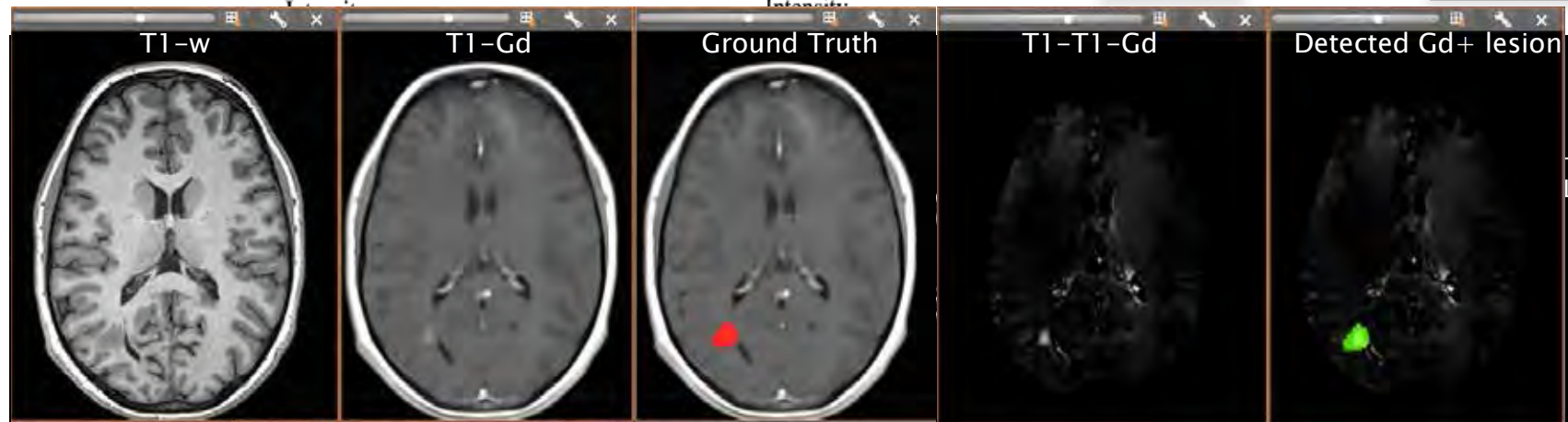
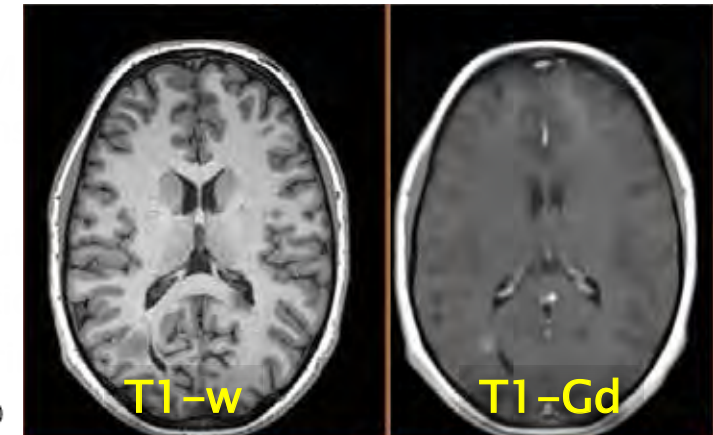
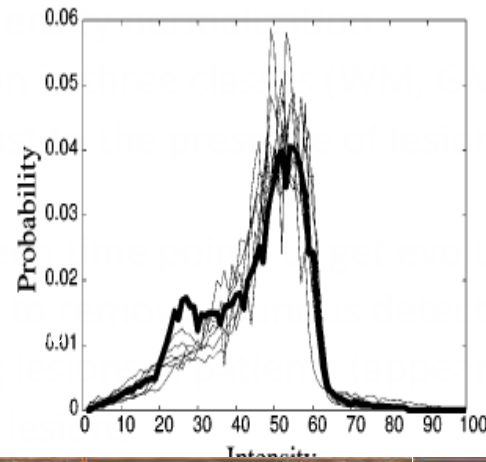
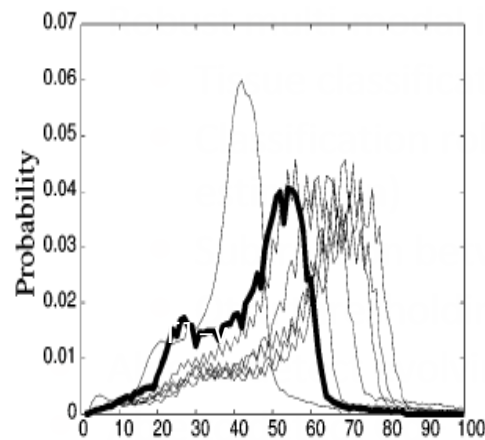


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Imaging Biomarker of MS: Quantification of temporal evolution

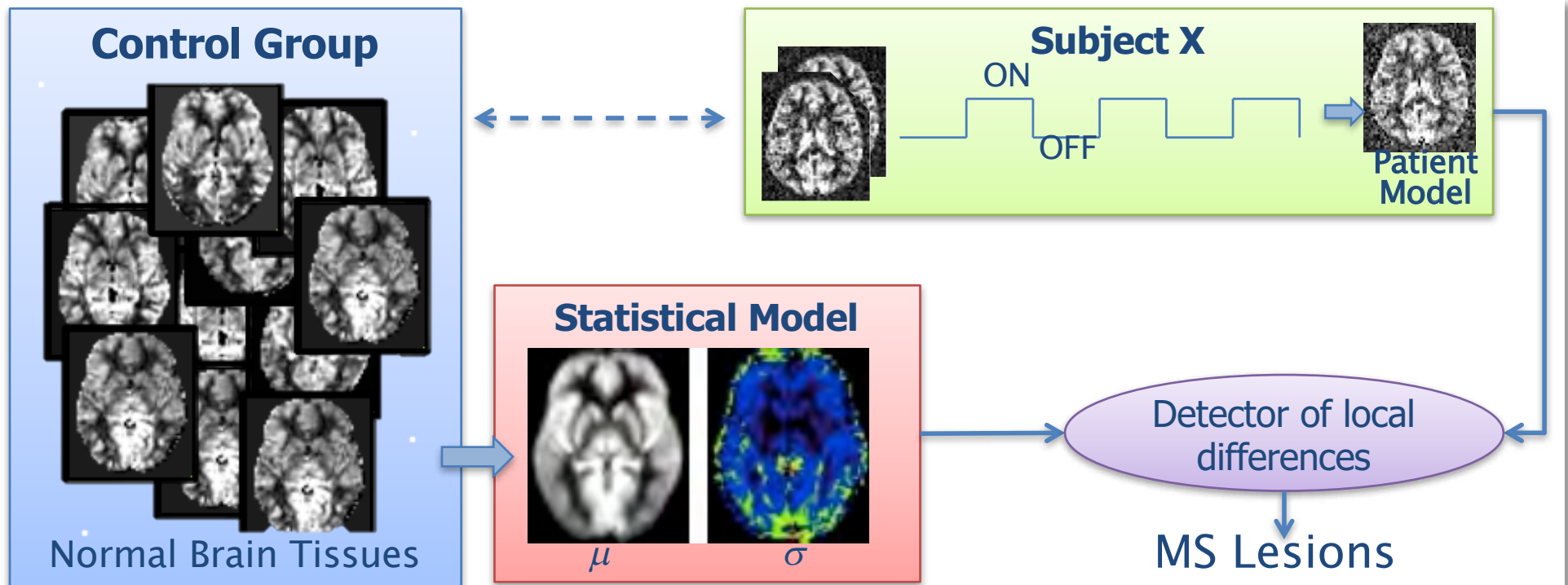
- **Goal:** Robust detection of evolving lesions
- **Challenge:** Intensity variations between two time points robust to outliers
 - T2, FLAIR, T1 acquisitions not quantitative

Intensity Normalization



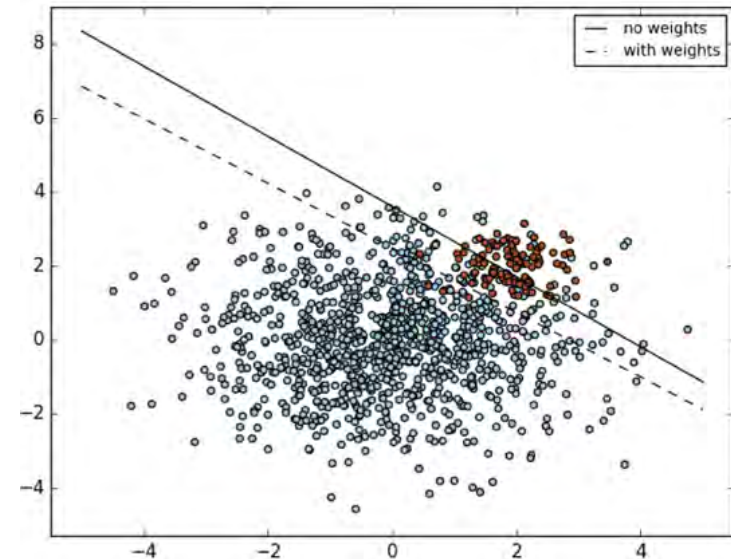
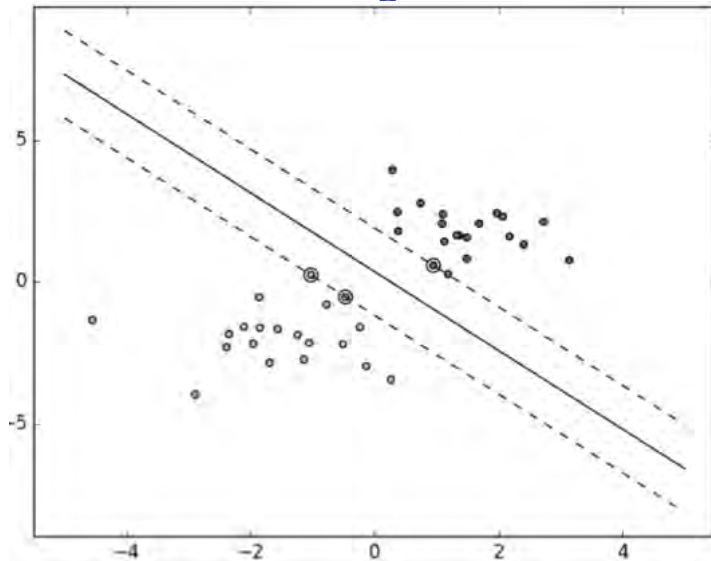
Patient to Population Comparison for MS Lesions Detection

- **Goal:** Robust detection of lesions as deviation from local tissue intensity distributions
- **Challenge:** knowing at each voxel the multi-modal intensity distributions
 - Comparing multi-channel intensity of the patient to control intensities distributions
- **Contribution:**
 - Robust multi-modal intensity normalization
 - Atlas-based detection of intensity abnormalities in a patient (lesions)



Machine learning: Probabilistic One Class SVM for Automatic Detection of MS Lesions

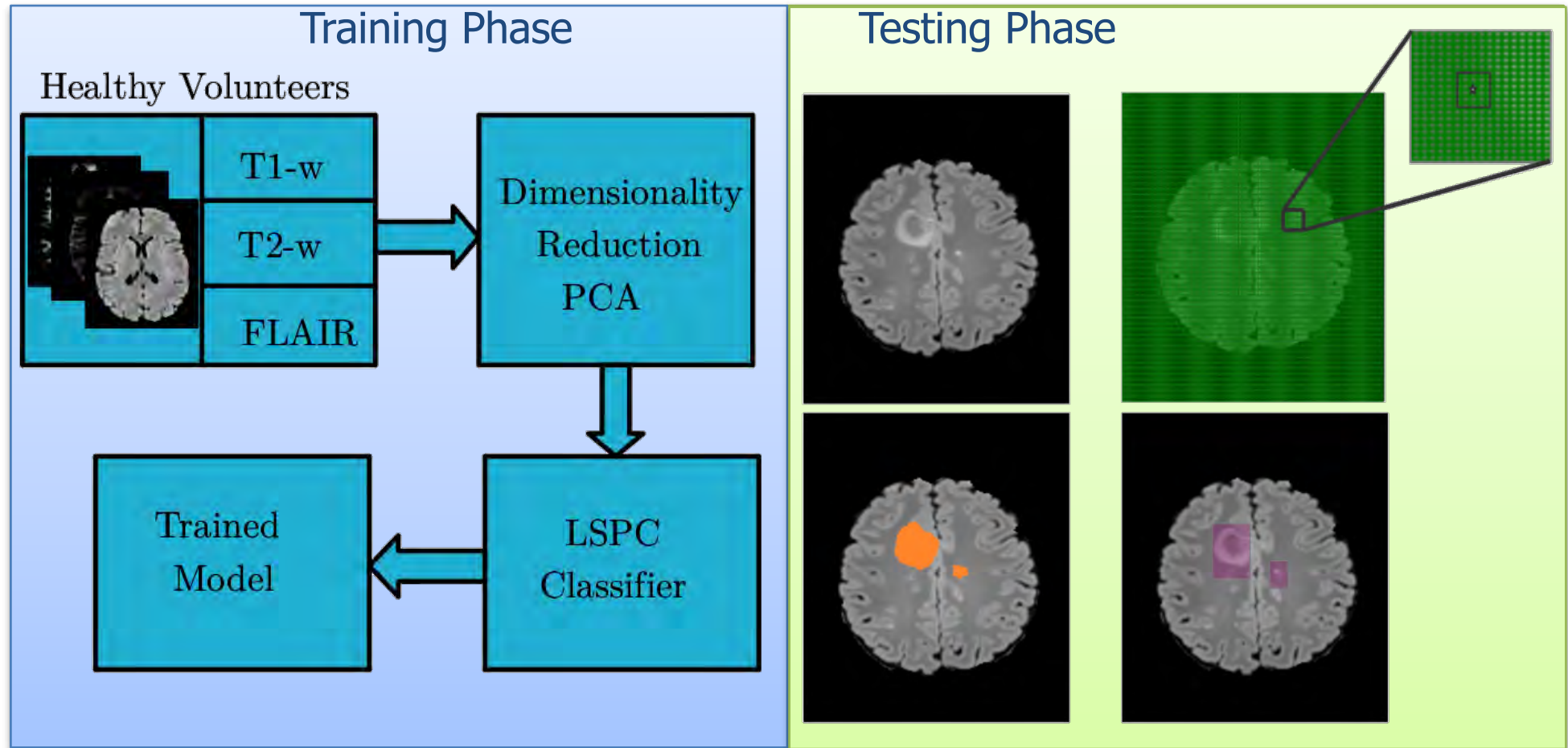
- **Goal:** Propose an automatic framework for MSL Detection based on multichannel MRI patch based information
- State-of-the-art machine learning algorithms:
 - SVM [Vapnik et al.1995], Logistic Regression[Zhang et al.2002], Neural Network...
 - Works well in practice when training examples in classes are balanced
- If not ?
 - Class Imbalance \Rightarrow under-/over-fitting of the Classifier [Chawala 2005]
 - Class imbalance between Normal Brain Tissues and MS lesions
 - Solution : A higher misclassification penalty on the minority class (MS lesion)



Toy example of SVM for balanced and unbalanced classes, Courtesy : www.scikit-learn.org.

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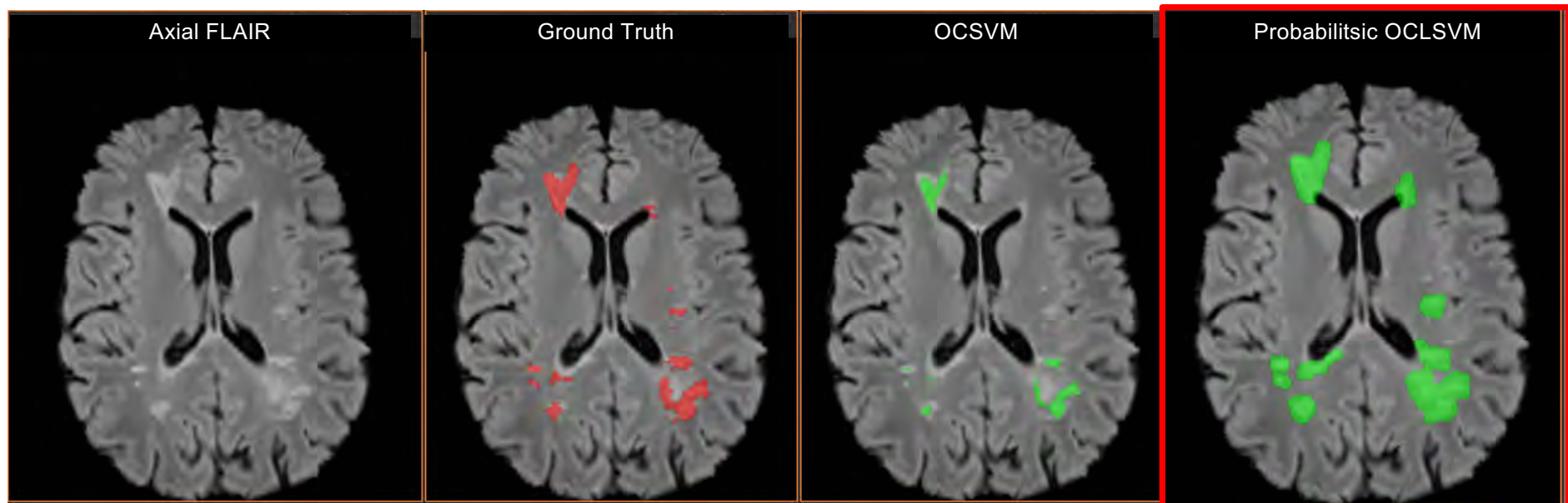
Methodology



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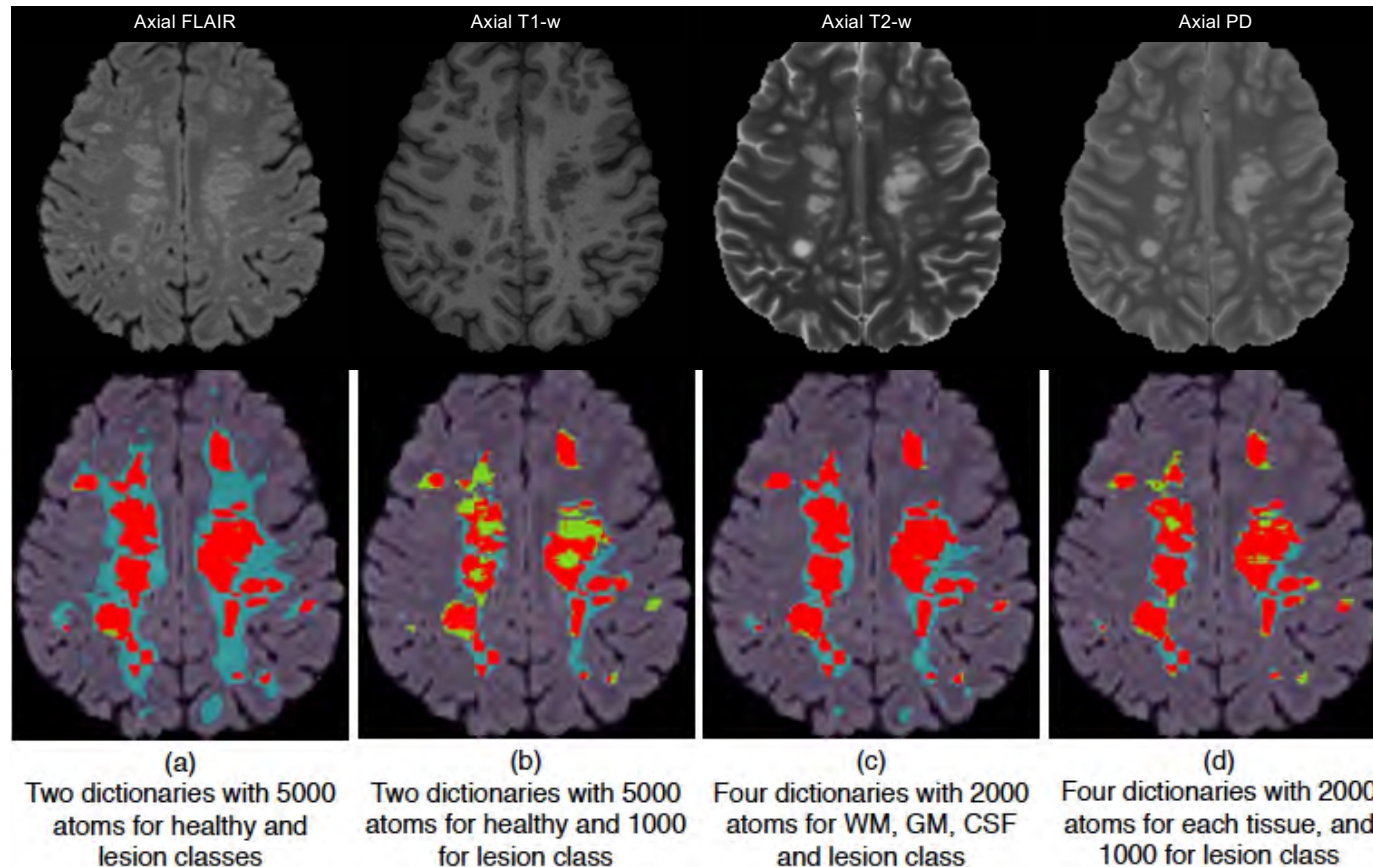
Probabilistic One Class Learning for Automatic Detection of MS Lesions

- **Goal:** Robust detection of lesions as deviation from normal appearing tissues
- **Challenge:** overcome learning approaches problems with MS lesions:
 - Two-class imbalance problem (much more normal samples than lesions)
- **Contribution:**
 - Robust spatio-temporal multi-modal intensity normalization for T1-Gd and longitudinal MS lesion detection
 - One class learning for lesion detection from multidimensional MRI
 - Dimensionality reduction of the feature space
 - Lesions modeled as the complementary of the normal class
 - Testing by comparing patient patches characteristics to the *pdf* of the normal class
 - Able to robustly detect lesion locations in patients



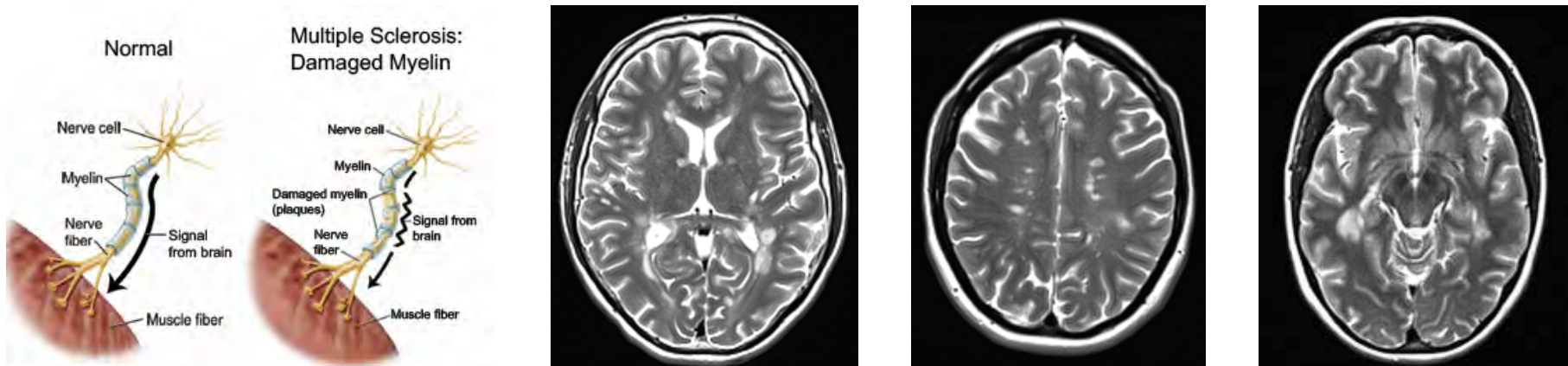
Detection of MS lesions via competitive Dictionary Learning

- **Goal:** New sparse representation and dictionary learning method for classification
- **Challenge:** competitive dictionary learning
- **Contribution:**
 - Adaptation of dictionary size to each class complexity: improved over standard DL or discriminative methods
 - Detection of Multiple Sclerosis Lesions by classification of multimodal MRI images



Imaging Biomarkers in Multiple Sclerosis: Current Limits

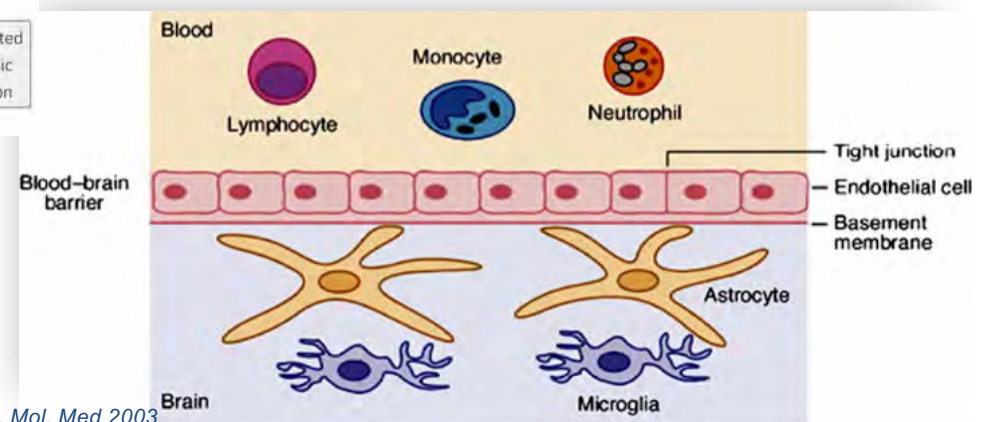
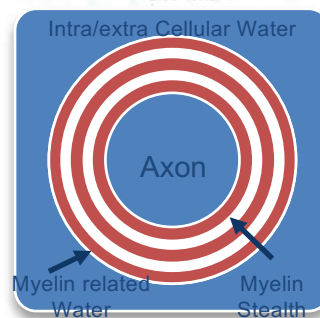
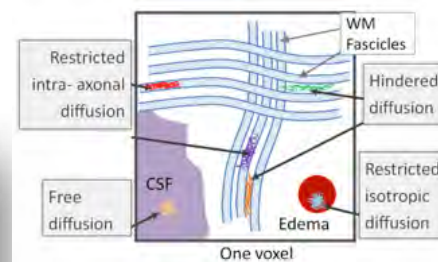
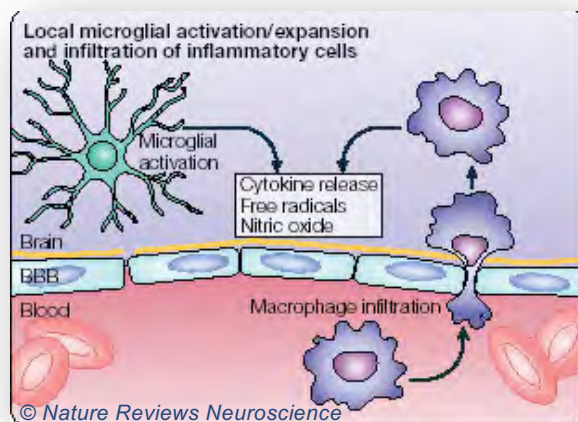
- Multiple sclerosis: auto-immune demyelinating disease



- Clinical radiological paradox [1]
 - Lesion study on conventional MRI (T2, FLAIR) not enough
 - Why? Missing information (lesion severity, position...)

Imaging Biomarkers in Multiple Sclerosis: A Paradigm Shift

- Current bio-markers are not enough: The clinical-radiological paradox
- Measuring what the human eye cannot see:
 - Studying the early deposit of macrophages/microglia
 - Studying the diseases by characterization of axonal degeneration
- Imaging the cells and the microstructure:
 - Nano carriers of iron oxide can tag the macrophages activity (USPIO) in MRI
 - New ligand can tag microglia activity in PET
 - Quantitative MRI can characterize the damaged neuronal microstructure



Imaging neuro-inflammation in MS: spatio-temporal analysis

- Longitudinal Analysis of inflammatory lesions in MRI (USPIO + Gd)
 - Discovery of lesion classes to prospectively stratify MS population
 - Analysis of the **first 2 time points** (*before any treatment*)
1. Selection of spatio-temporal patterns
 2. Use machine learning framework to classify patients

Results

- Able to predict 2-years evolution of individual patients from the onset

Conclusion

Early lesion patterns characterization allows population stratification and suggests that belonging to a specific group can have an incidence on the future evolution of the disease.

Patient	lesion clusters (and cardinality)	chro		Group
		hypointense at m24 (cm3)	ILL by m24 (cm3)	
6	C2(x1), C3(x1), C1(x38)	13,4	18,9	A
11	C1(x1)	1,8	9,7	B
9	C2(x1)	1,42	6,72	A
10	C2(x2), C1(x8)	1,37	4,82	A
16	C3(x1)	1,46	4,7	A
24	no active lesions at m0 and m3	3,35	4,63	C
4	C3(x1), C1(x3)	1,77	4,20	A
13	C1(x2)	0,12	3,54	B
21	C1(x2)	0,74	3,5	B
18	C1(x4)	0,75	3,4	B
25	C1(x2)	0,96	3,32	B
7	C1(x9)	0,82	2,1	B
12	C1(x6)	0,34	2,1	B
2	C1(x1)	0,46	1,9	B
19	C1(x1)	0,27	1,73	B
5	C1(x2)	0,14	1,7	B
22	C1(x4)	0,1	1,27	B
17	C1(x1)	0,52	1,18	B
1	no active lesions at m0 and m3	0,12	1,18	C
8	C1(x1)	0,31	1,14	B
3	no active lesions at m0 and m3	0,28	0,98	C
15	no active lesions at m0 and m3	0,13	0,68	C
20	no active lesions at m0 and m3	0,18	0,54	C
23	no active lesions at m0 and m3	0,06	0,49	C
14	no active lesions at m0 and m3	0	0,29	C

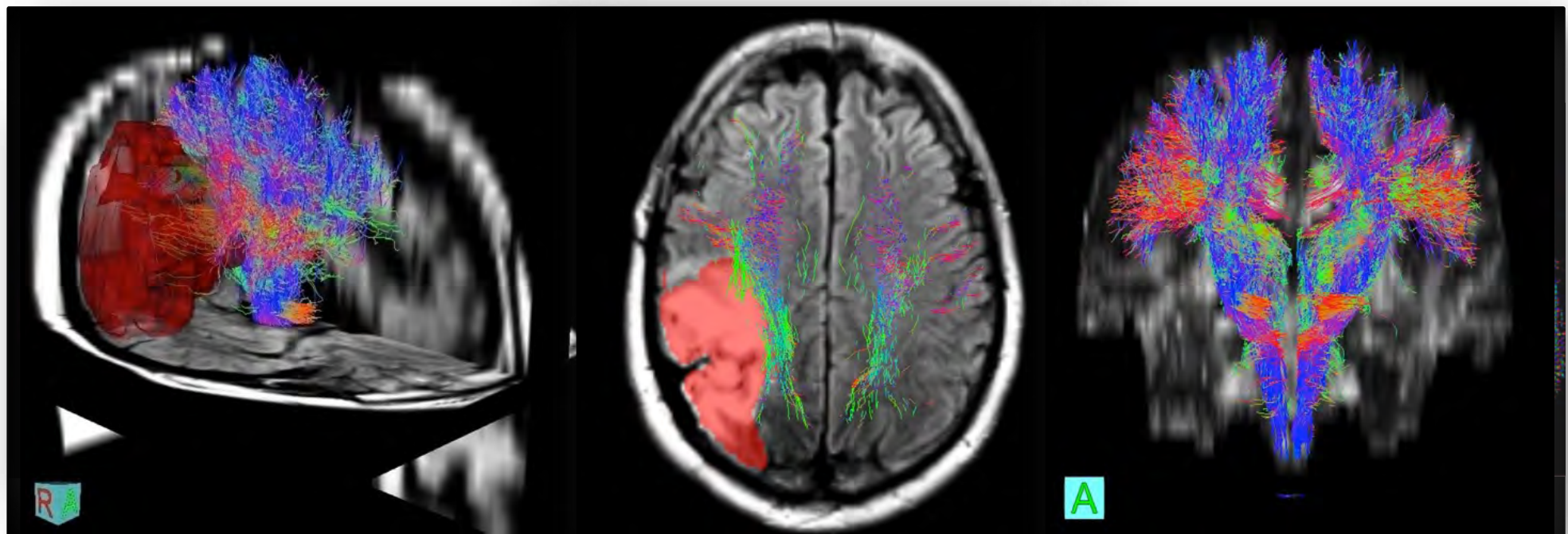
A: High Risk of evolution
B: Medium Risk of evolution
C: Low Risk of evolution

T0 T1

$$f = [\lambda_{x0}, \lambda_{y0}, \lambda_{z0}, \lambda_{x1}, \lambda_{y1}, \lambda_{z1}, \lambda_{x2}, \lambda_{y2}, \lambda_{z2}]$$

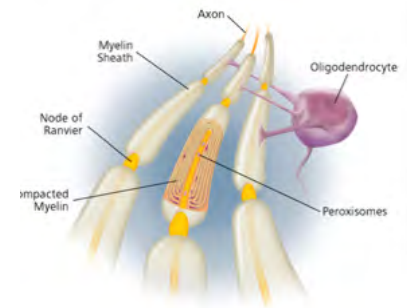
Imaging Biomarkers in MS: Brain microstructure can help

- Brain degeneration is also occurring at a diffuse level
 - Multiple sclerosis \Rightarrow axonal degeneration
- **Challenging problem:** overcome limitations of current methods:
 - Capability to be used in clinical routine (standard sequence) and on retrospective studies
 - Capability to exhibit crossing, diverging or kissing bundles and to track these bundles
 - Capability to characterize properties of neural circuits (instead of properties of voxels)

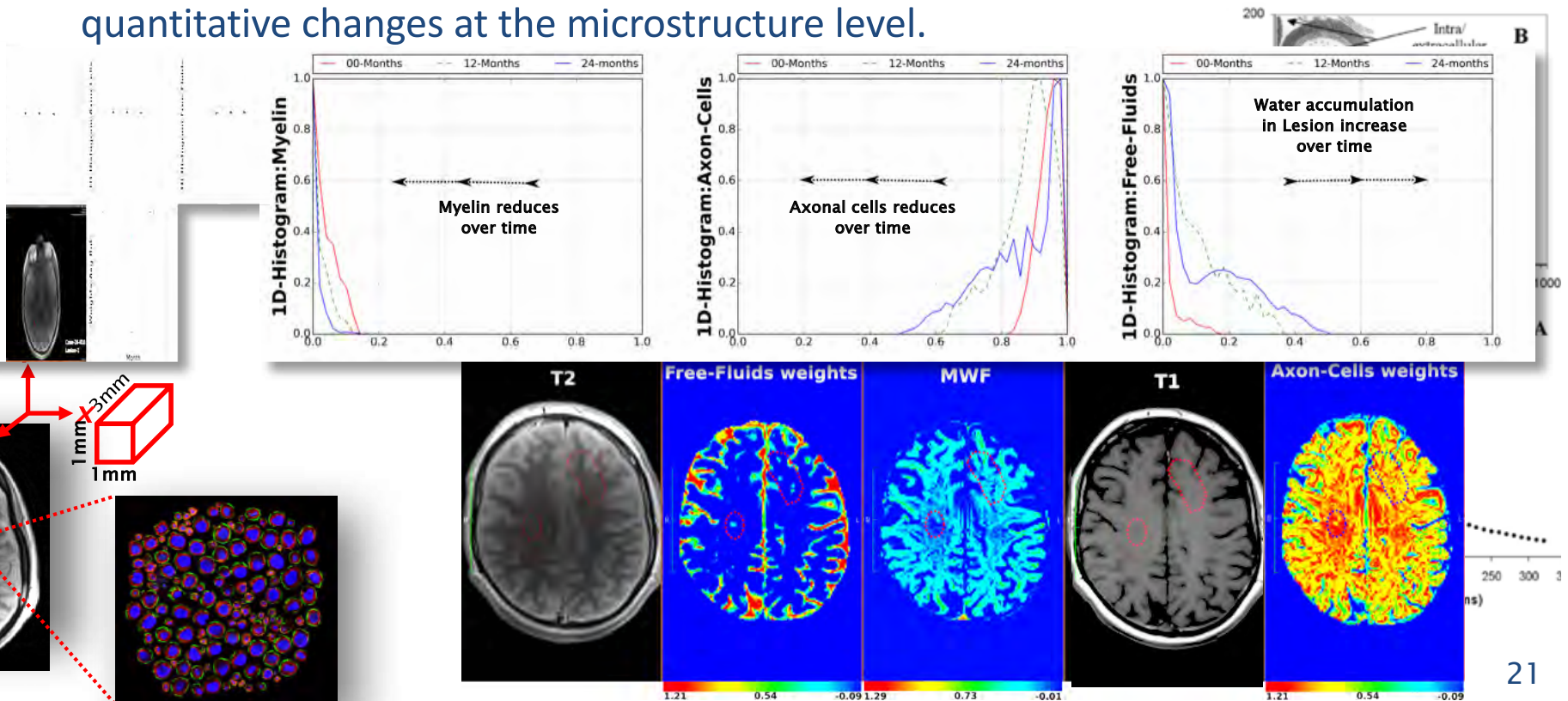


Multi compartment model of MRI relaxometry for myelin quantification

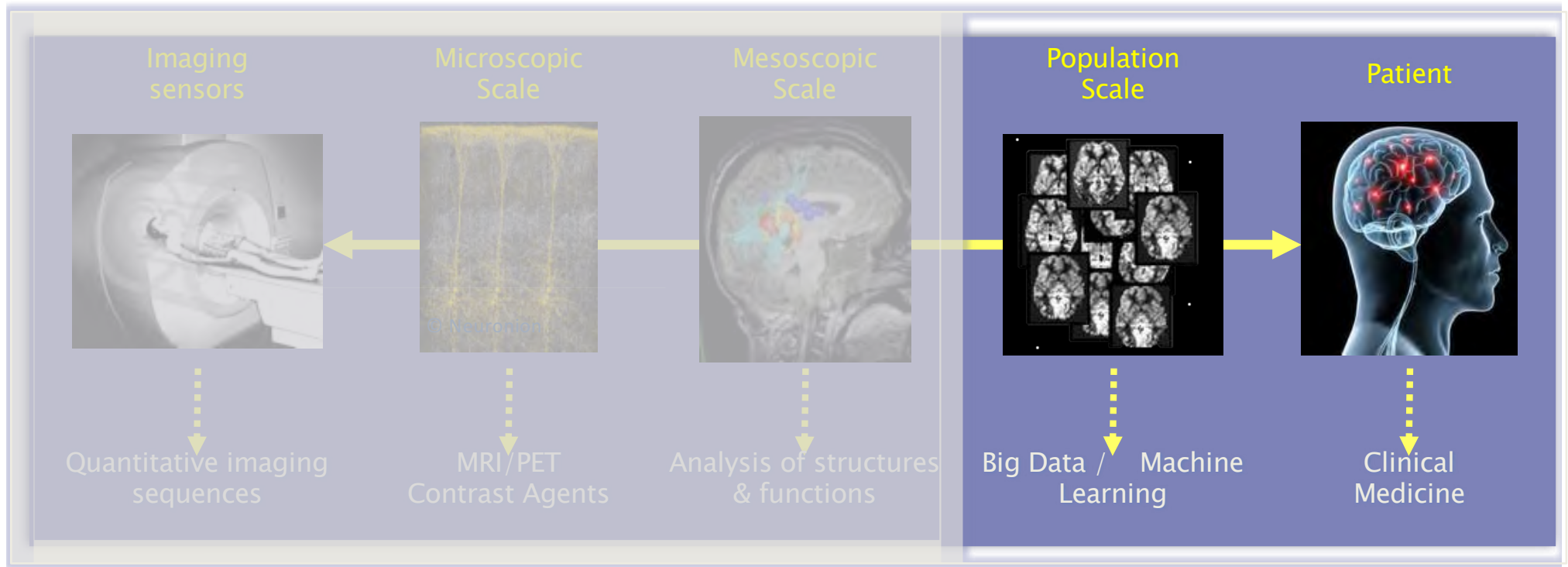
- Brain tissues have different relaxation properties
- Challenging problem
 - Very long sequences, subject to artefacts
 - Pathological events leading to Neuro disease are first reflected as quantitative changes at the microstructure level.



Longitudinal analysis



Imaging Biomarkers in MS: Pooling of data for population studies



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Medical Imaging: a Big Data application

- Medical image databases
 - 20-40% increase of storage per year
 - A regular hospital produces 100-300 Tb/year of images

**Needs for adapt computational solutions
for the management of medical images**

- Involve Data analytics: image processing and machine learning
- Involve Data protection: complex legal constraints
- Very different to the e-commerce domain : less instances, more data / people

Big Data and Medical Imaging: Where are we?

- What to do with the data produced?
 - Explosion of production and exchange solutions for imaging data
 - But ... "*Information*" does not mean "*Knowledge*"
- Known Issues:
 - How to exploit this mass of information easily?
 - How to deal with the mass of images?
- For the moment, approaches rather based on:
 - a descriptive analysis than on statistical one,
 - the search of correlations
 - the idea that the *mass* compensates the *quality*

Big Data and Medical Imaging: Where do we go?

- Generalization of digital infrastructures on the Internet
 - Towards "PACS 3.0"
 - Local Storages are overpassed
 - Dissociation acquisition / storage
 - Remote viewing and analytics
- Emergence of dedicated digital infrastructures
 - What operators?
 - What costs and cost models?
 - Emergence of virtual communities of users
 - Emergence of new e-services on top of the image
- Emergence of new usages
 - New ways of working → **image is shared**
 - Emergence of virtual care networks
 - Evolution of the concept of territorial coverage (the image goes closest to the expert) → **towards specialized imaging centers?**
 - Image sharing and processing → **Standardization of imaging protocols**
 - Potential economies of scale

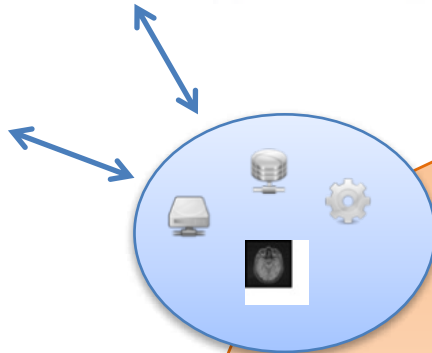
Big Data and Medical Imaging: Towards the Open Data?

- Need to access more and more datasets, for:
 - Building atlases, learning models
 - Data mining, search for similar cases
 - Continuing education / training of health professionals
 - Evaluation / validation of image analytics
 - Certification of digital solutions around the image
 - Encouragements from funding agencies for the Open Data model
 - **Emergence of population imaging**
- Major Issues
 - What type of operators? (Public, Private / National, Global)
 - Which economic model (who bears the cost?)
 - What Standards?
 - Data quality control (*mass does not compensate quality*)
 - Emergence of new players (network operators, data centers, startup, GAFAM, ...)
 - Evolution/adaptation of the regulations
 - Ethical issues

Medical Imaging as a Service

- Medical imaging applications have specific requirements for cloud computing:
 - Data:
 - ◆ Are heterogeneous
 - ◆ Are multistage
 - ◆ Have a strong semantic
 - ◆ Need acquisition protocols normalization
 - ◆ Are distributed over different sites (medical and/or academic)
 - ◆ Are confidential (security issues)
 - ◆ Need long term sustainability
 - Data Analytics / Image Processing:
 - ◆ Are often correlated (workflows)
 - ◆ Need automation for large cohorts (robustness, scalability, ..)
 - ◆ Need quality assessment: analytics transform images from qualitative to quantitative information and provide reference values (*imaging biomarkers*)
 - ◆ Computation time can be high on population cohorts
 - ◆ Computation time can also be sometimes critical (e.g. real time simulation, intervention, emergency, ...)

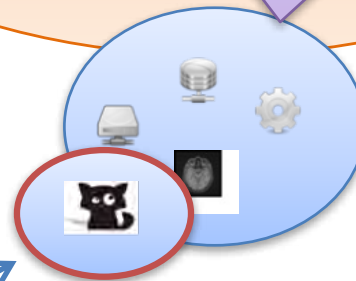
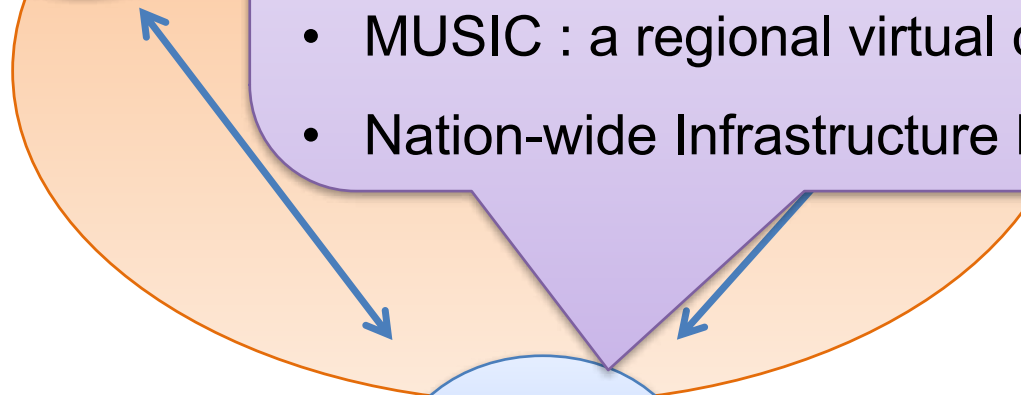
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An example of an cloud solution for image data management : SHANOIR

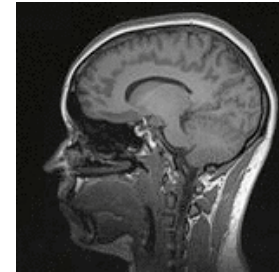
Two examples of e-infrastructures :

- National Cohort OFSEP
- MUSIC : a regional virtual care network
- Nation-wide Infrastructure France-Life-Imaging



: a Software as a Service Environment to Manage Population Imaging

- Neuro-imaging: large quantity of data – still growing
 - Modalities: MRI, PET, Scanner, ...
 - Examples:
 - MRI standard clinical examination: ~ 1400 images (> 100Mo)
 - MRI clinical research examination: ~ 4500 images (> 2Go)
 - Clinical research: multi-centers studies



- Need for data storage and archive
- Need for data structuration
- Need for data sharing and accessing

- Existing solutions
 - CDs: simple solution but
 - Limited lifetime (~ 5 years), Data integrity not guaranteed
 - Physical storage
 - PACS: Picture Archiving and Communication System
 - Local (hospitals), regional or regional network → limited access

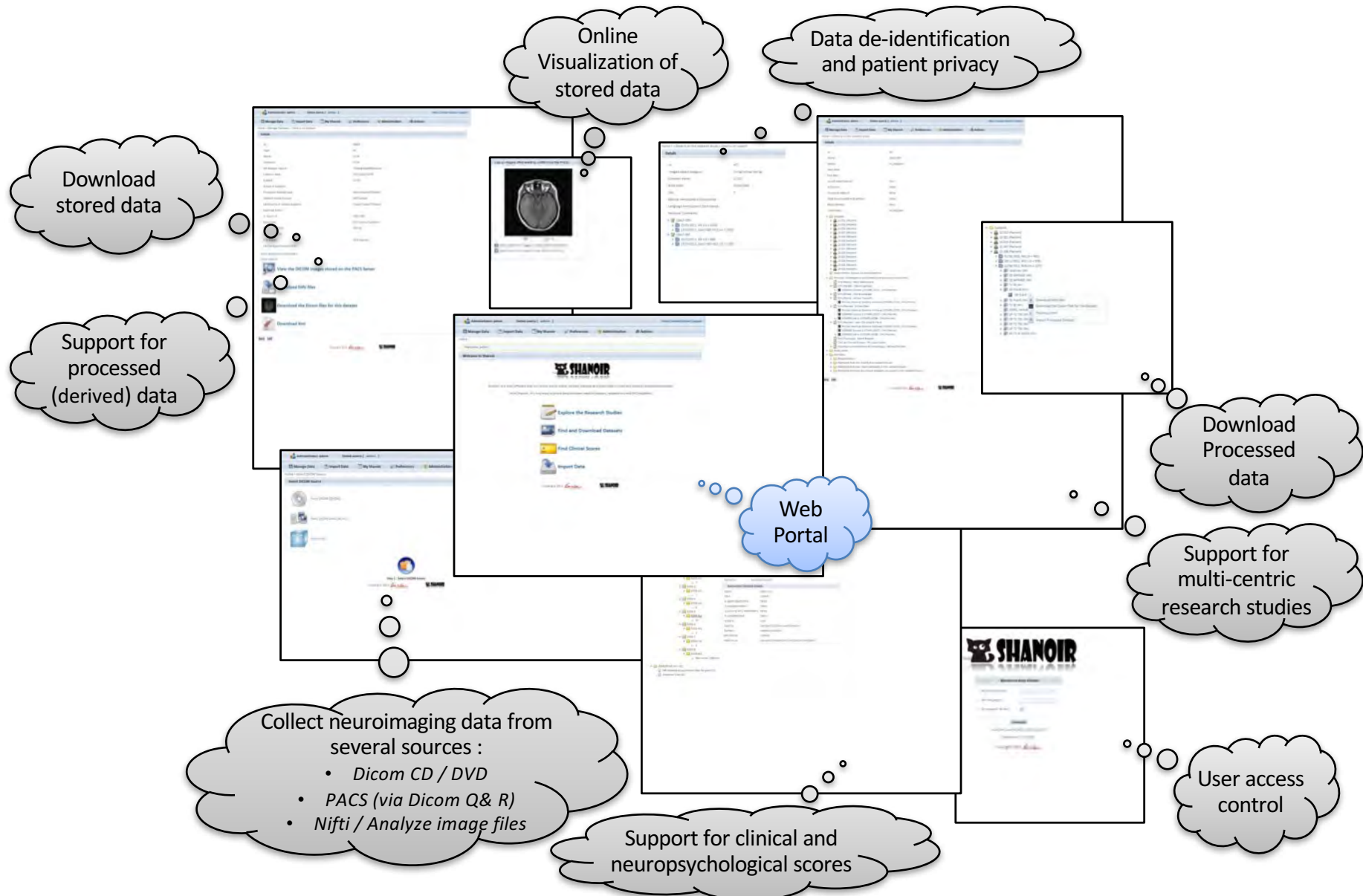


- SHANOIR: secure server accessible from any web browser
 - Shanoir is currently operated and used in more than 50 research and clinical centers. With more than 200 users connected, it hosts more than 80 multicenter research studies, with around 3500 patients and more than 200k data sets



SHAring NeuroImaging Resources

An open source web platform for population imaging



Shanoir: this is more than 50 centers / 200 users connected / 80+ studies / 3500+ subjects connected and more than 200k data sets

OFSEP is a nationwide, **clinical**, cohort, representing about half of the MS patients population living in France, for a **longitudinal follow-up** (clinical, biological and neuroimaging data). **Shanoir** has been chosen to be the OFSEP neuroimaging data management platform



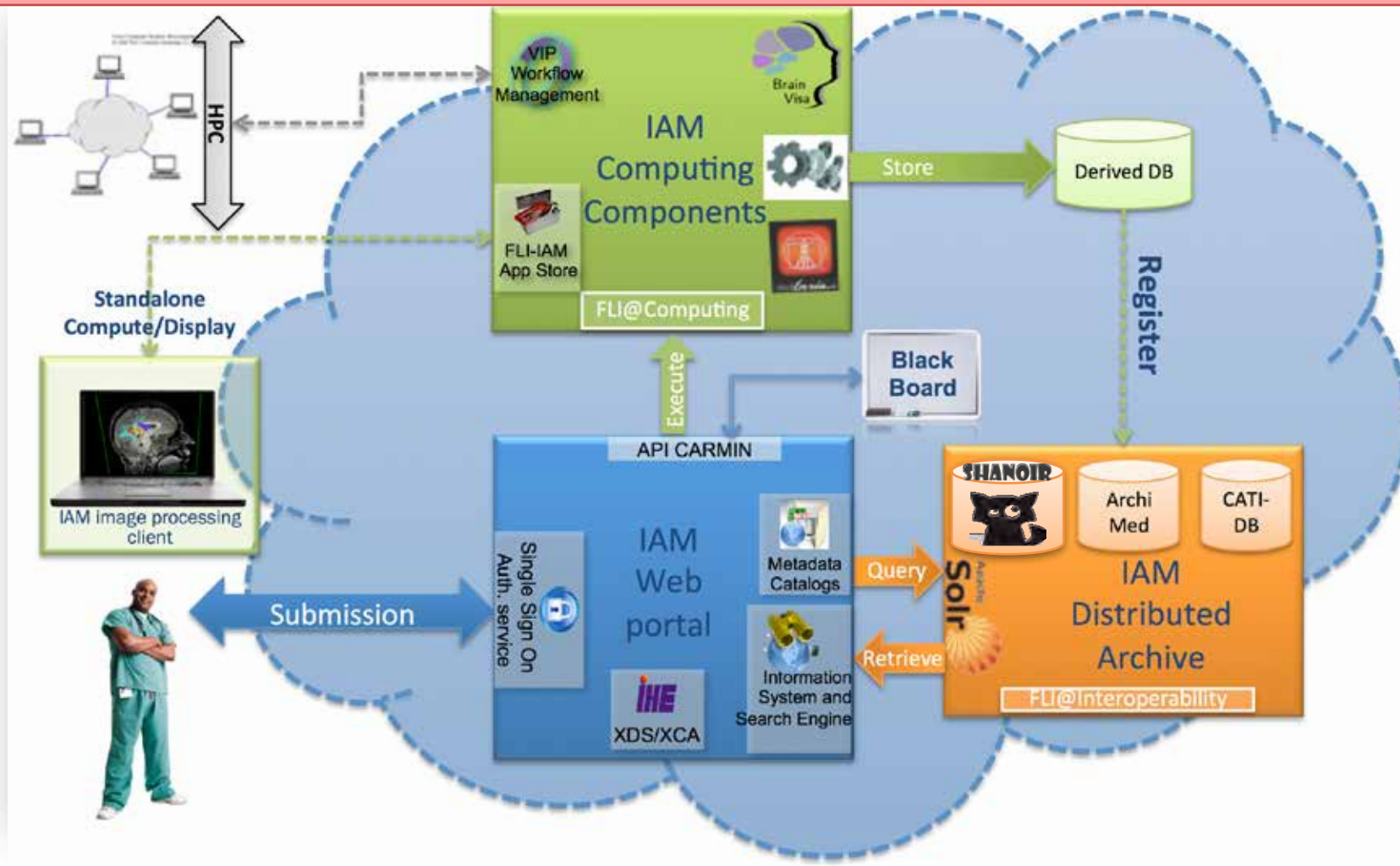
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2	Siemens - Avanto 1,5T
2	Siemens - Skyra 3T
1	General Electric - Signa HDxt 3T
1	Philips - Achieva 1,5T
1	Philips - Ingenia 3T
1	Siemens - Espree 1,5T
1	Siemens - Spectra 3T
1	Siemens - Symphony Tim 1,5T
1	Siemens - Trio 3T
1	Siemens - Verio 3T
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	PACS Manufacturer	Model
4	GE Healthcare	Centricity PACS
3	Maincare Solutions	Mckesson Radiology
2	Agfa	IMPAX
2	Telemis	Telemis
1	Carestream	Carestream Vue PACS
1	Global Imaging	GXD5 Pacs
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Brain MR imaging protocol (At least one every 3 years)	Spinal cord MR imaging protocol (At least one MRI every 6 years)
Recommended	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sagittal enhanced 3D T1 ▪ Axial DWI with ADC map ▪ Axial 2D TSE T2/DP <u>or</u> 3D T2 ⇒ Gadolinium injection (0.1 mmol/kg) ▪ 3D FLAIR (<u>or</u> 2D FLAIR if not available) ▪ Contrast-enhanced 3D T1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sagittal T2 <p>In case of lesion occurrence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Axial T2 GRE ▪ Axial T1 TSE with gadolinium injection
Recommended for first and differential diagnosis	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Axial 2D T2 GRE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sagittal T1 with gadolinium injection
Advanced sequences	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DTI ≥ 15 directions (replace the DWI) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sagittal STIR

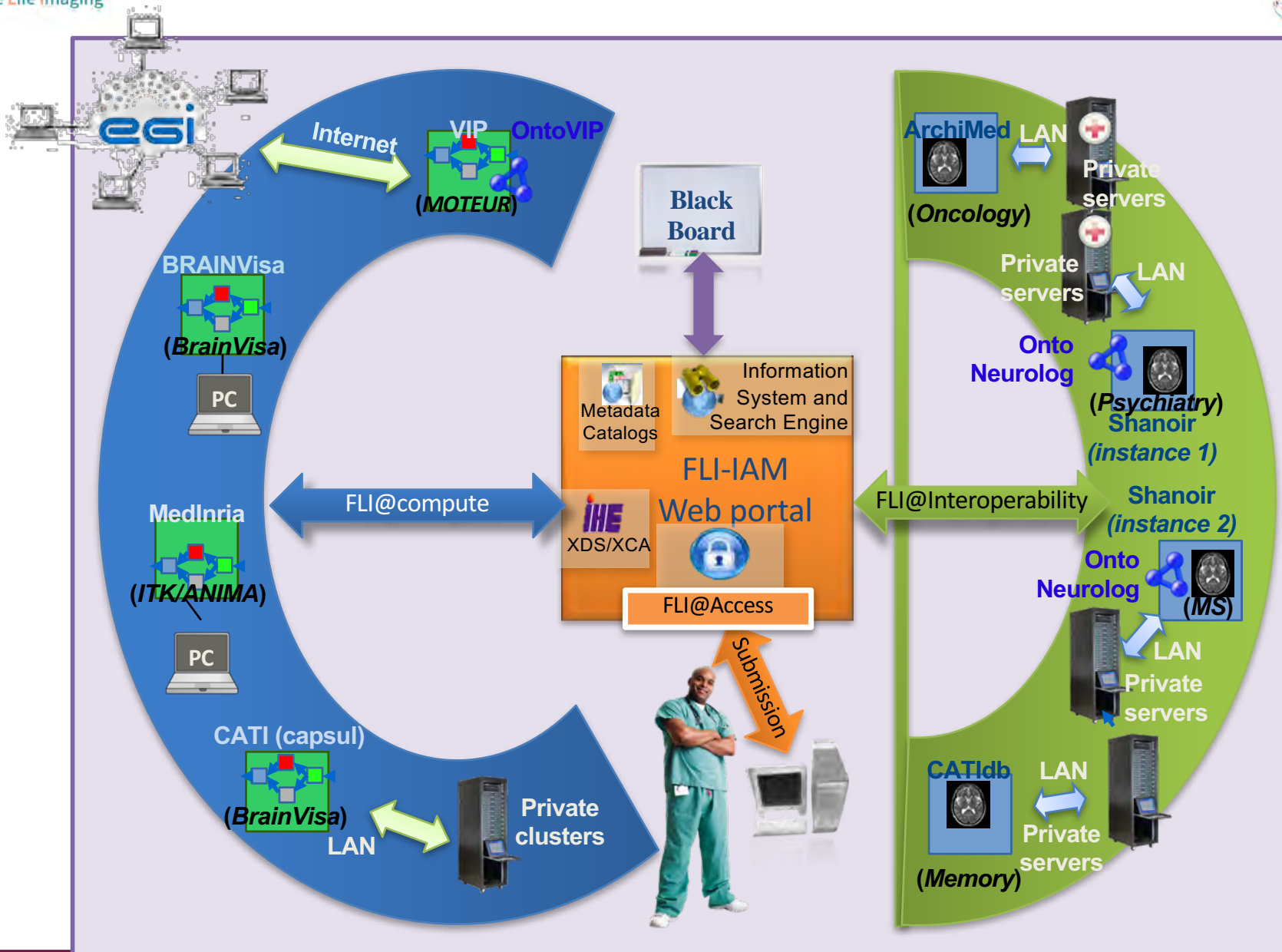
FLI + OFSEP = 2016 MICCAI Challenge of MS

<https://portal.fli-iam.irisa.fr/msseg-challenge/>

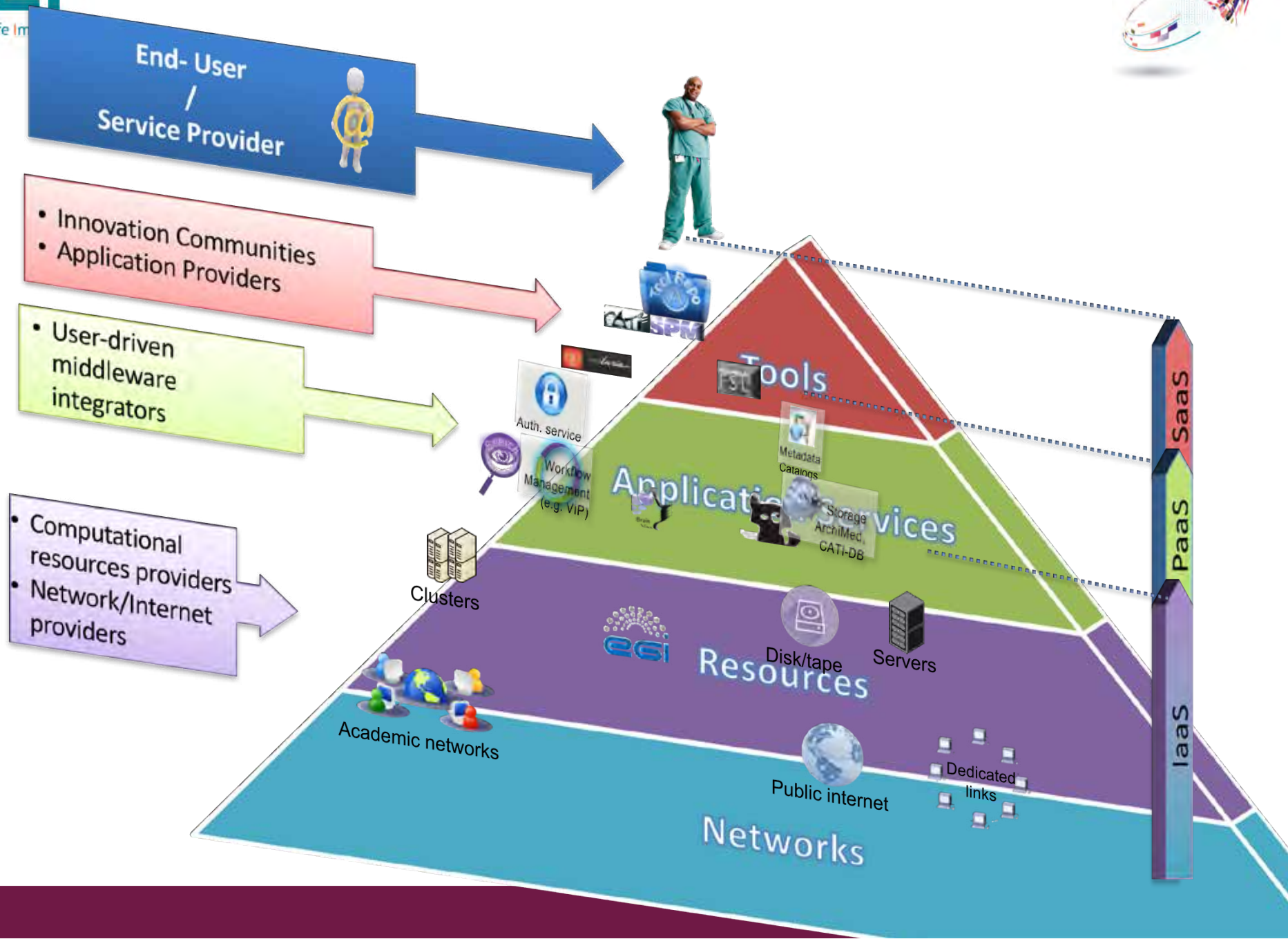


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Archiving and Sharing of images: How to change the usages?

- The gathering of data remains an issue
 - Reconciliation of image sources, reconciliation of images with clinical context, image fusion, quality control, harmonization of protocols
- Image analysis remains an emerging field
 - Robustness of tools, computation time, reproducibility of results, responsibility for use
- Who wants to share their data?
 - Conservatism of the community
 - Regulatory constraints
- Who can share their data?
 - Going beyond the "club" of insiders
 - Offer customized solutions
 - Certification of provided solutions
 - Accept the fair cost for these new uses.
- How to ethically manage data sharing and open data?
 - Anticipate before the problems arise: collectively (legally) and individually (e.g. consent)
- Security is and will always remain a challenge
 - Should not be underestimated
 - Do not use excuses for not taking care
 - Properly dimension the response to the risk so as not to kill the use
 - Multidisciplinarity: IT security is not just a medical issue
- Invent new jobs and develop them
 - Nothing can be done without a strong integration between Engineers, researchers, lawyers and doctors



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