

# Artificial Intelligence for multimodal data integration and multiscale modeling in oncology: toward a digital twin for the cancer patient

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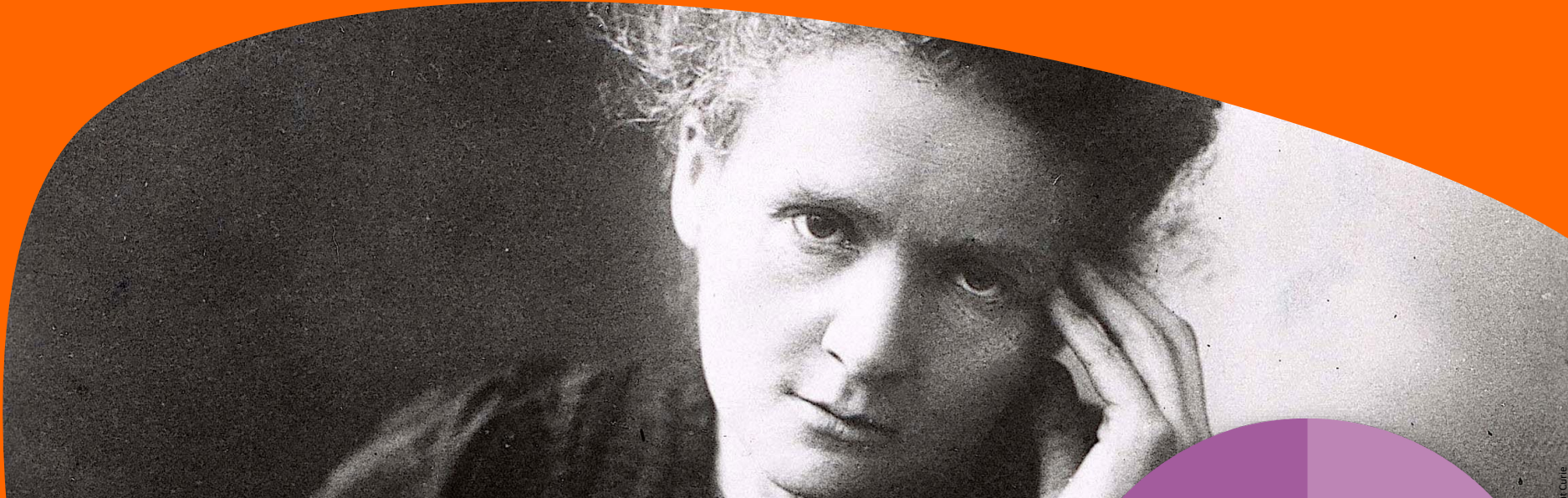
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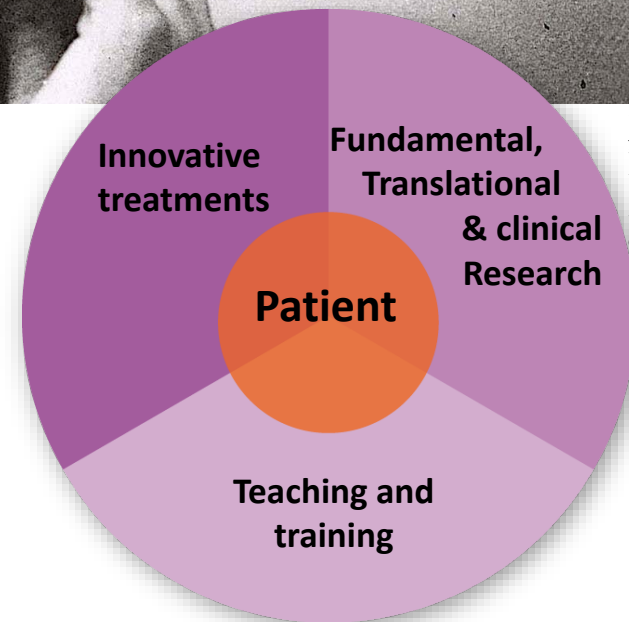
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- **A Comprehensive Cancer Center**
- Private **Fundation**, state-approved, established 1909.
- Collecting **charity donations**
- **3200 collaborators, 100 000 m<sup>2</sup>**
- **18 core facilities**
- **High Performance Computing**



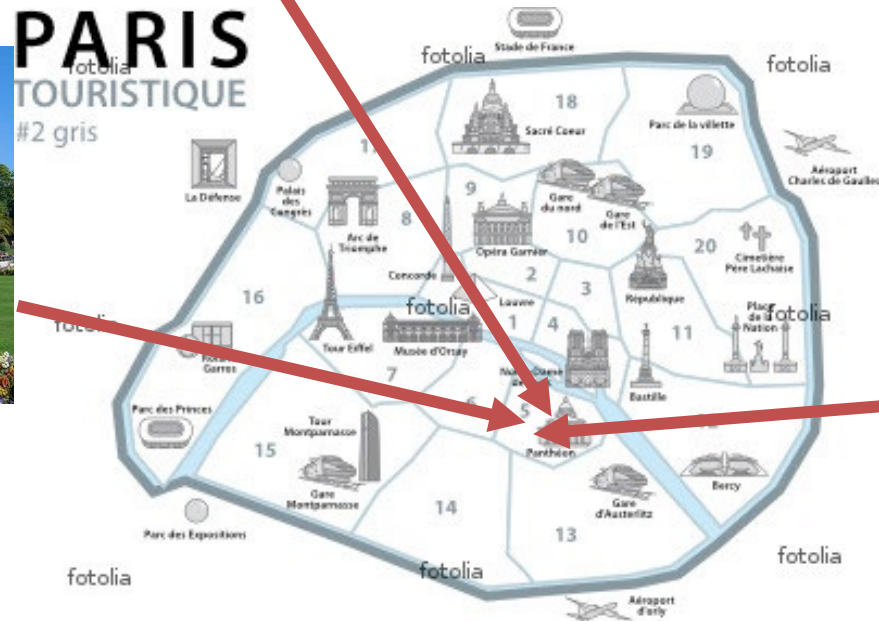
**A reference and a continuum of expertise on cancer research and treatment**  
**Focus on pediatric tumors, uveal melanoma, lung, breast carcinomas...**  
**Interdisciplinary research : biology, physics, medicine, chemistry, comput.**

# Department of Computational Oncology at Institut Curie

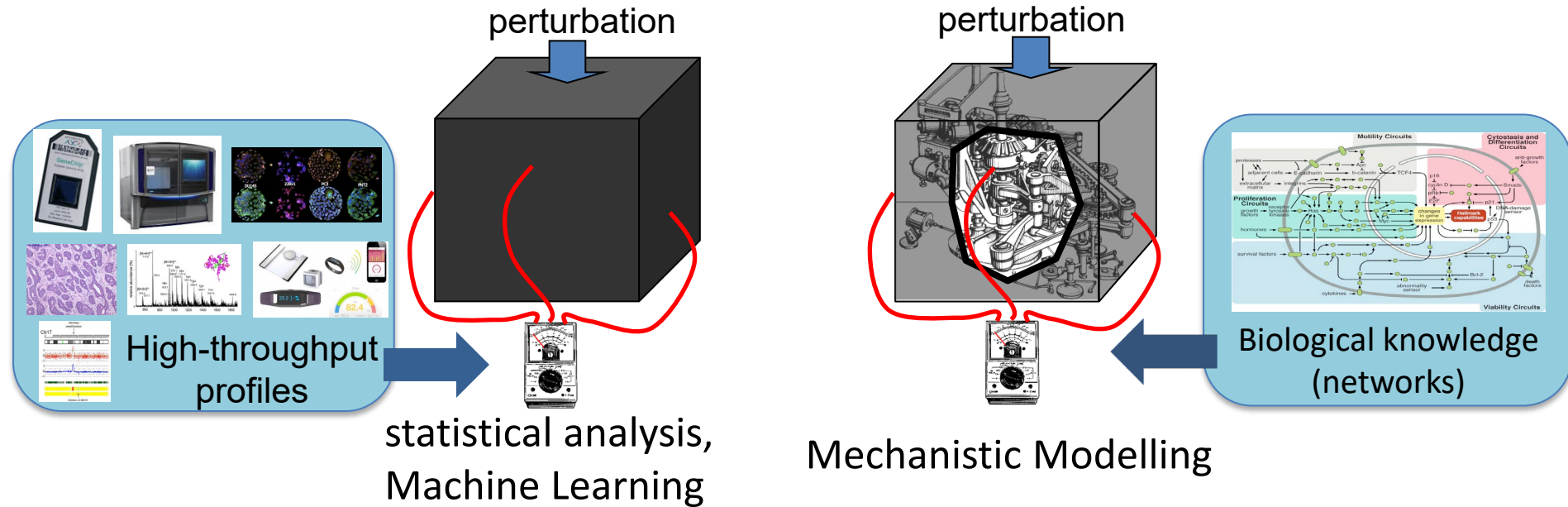


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# Computational Systems Biology of Cancer



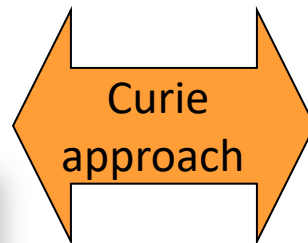
Data-driven Phenomenology?

➤ Predict

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**A NEW APPROACH TO DECODING LIFE:**  
Systems Biology

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Model-driven Abstraction?

➤ Explain

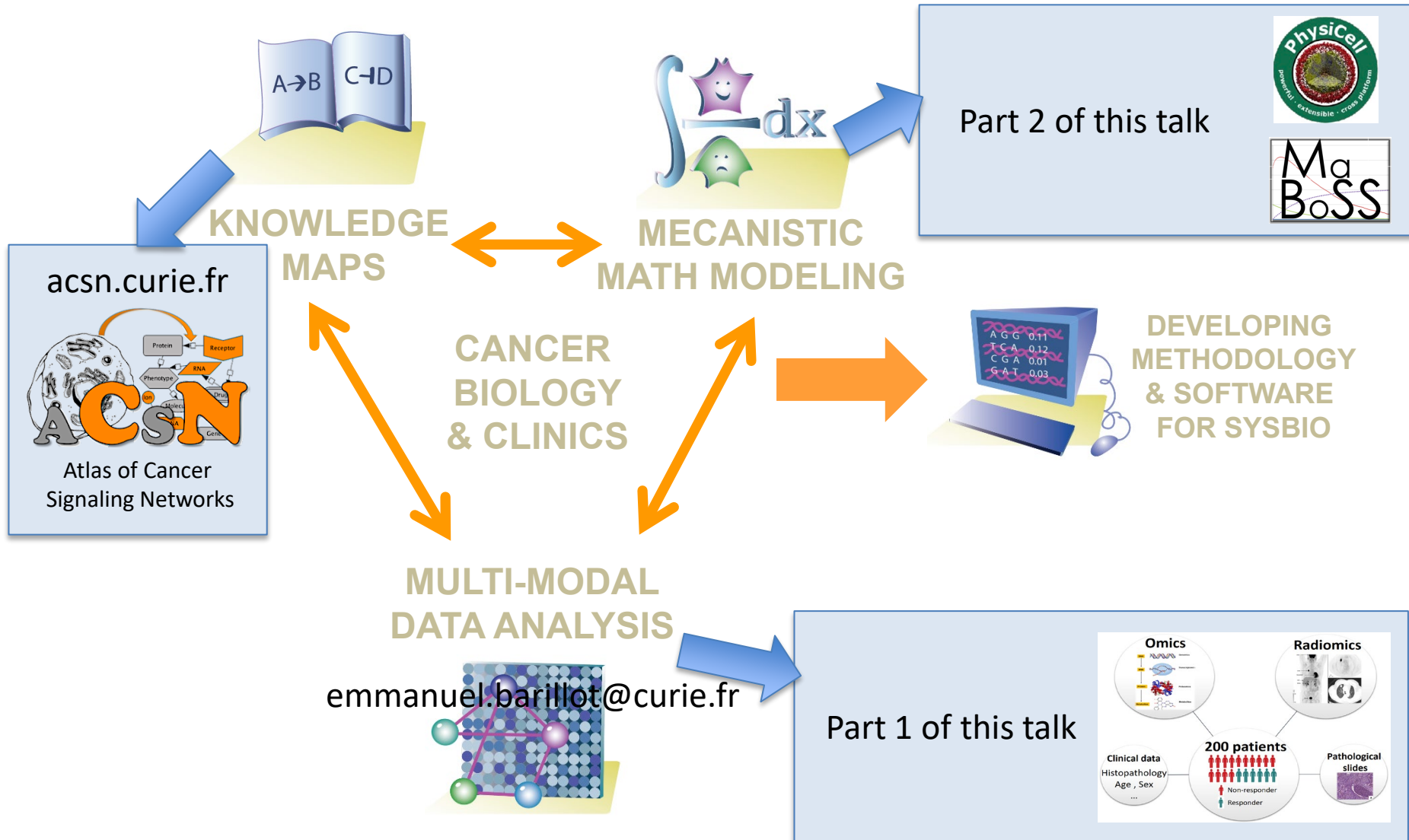
**SYSTEMS BIOLOGY: THE GENOME, LEGOME, AND BEYOND**  
REVIEW  
**Systems Biology: A Brief Overview**  
 Hiroaki Kitano

To understand biology at the system level, we must examine the structure and dynamics of cellular and organismal function, rather than the characteristics of isolated parts of a cell or organism. Properties of systems, such as robustness, emerge as central issues, and understanding these properties may have an impact on the future of medicine. However, many breakthroughs in experimental devices, advanced software, and analytical methods are required before the achievements of systems biology can live up to their much-touted potential.

Since the days of Norbert Wiener, system-level understanding has been a recurrent theme in must first examine how the individual components dynamically interact during operations to identify specific interactions and conducting extensive literature surveys. Several attempts are under way to create a large-scale, comprehensive database on gene-regulatory and biochemical networks (4). Although such databases are useful sources of knowledge, many network structures remain to be identified. Substantial research has been done on expression profiling, in which clustering analysis is used to identify genes that are coexpressed with genes of known function (5, 6). Although

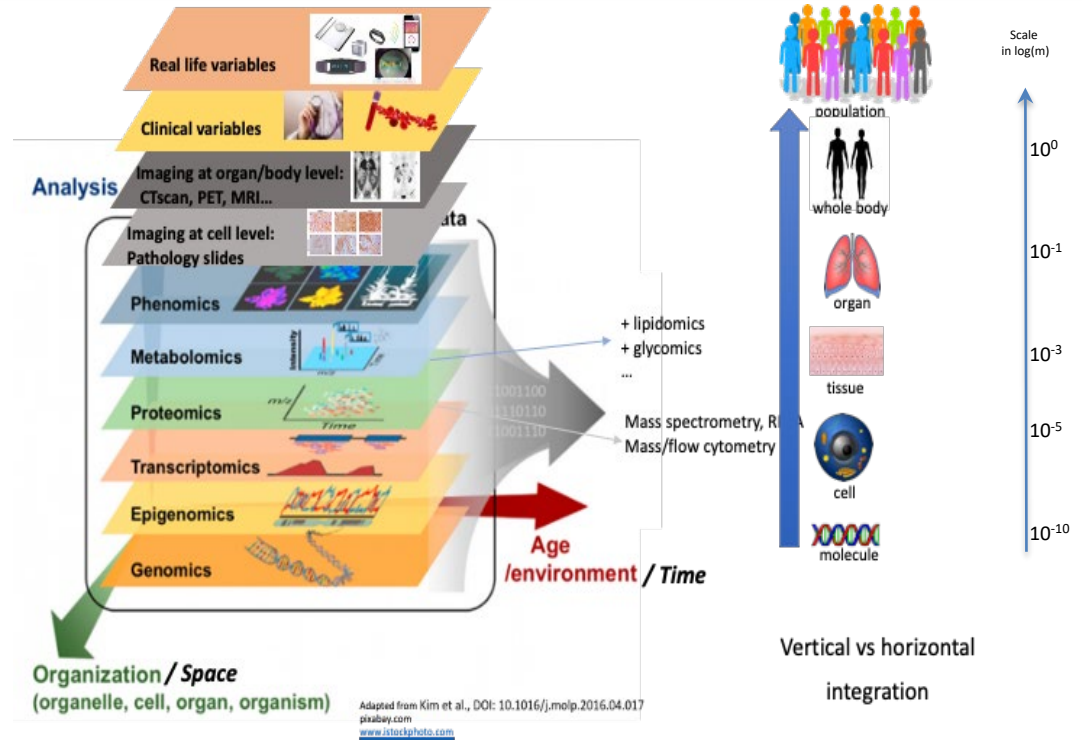
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# Main axes of research

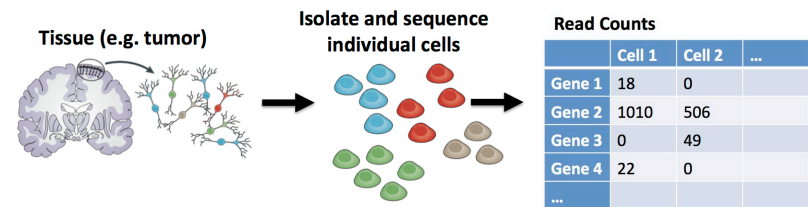
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Integrative analysis



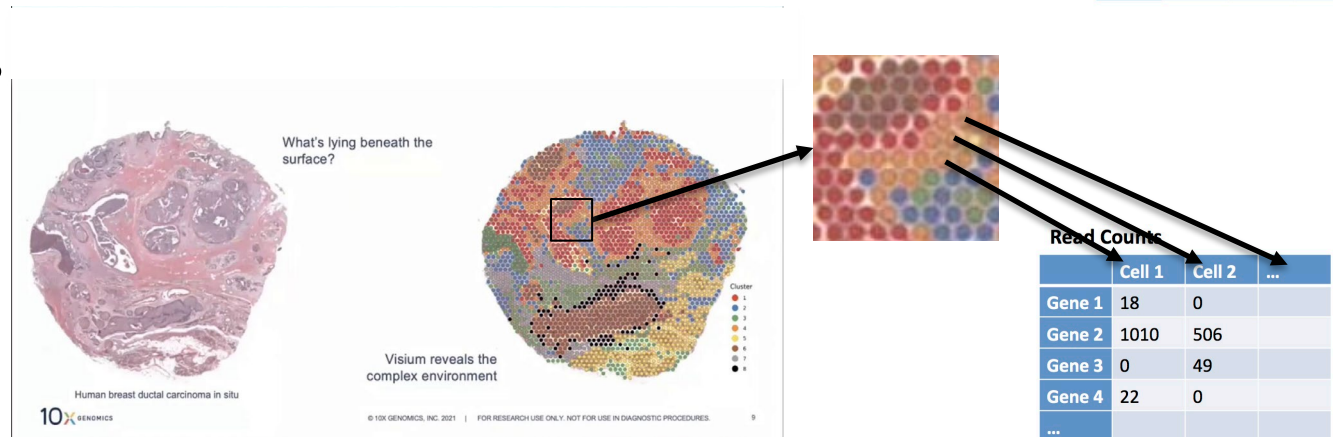
Vertical vs horizontal  
integration

# Multiple data modalities: other dimensions

- Vertical (more data modalities) vs horizontal (more samples) vs diagonal (other samples with new modality) integration
- Single cell omics (genome, transcriptome, epigenome, proteome...)



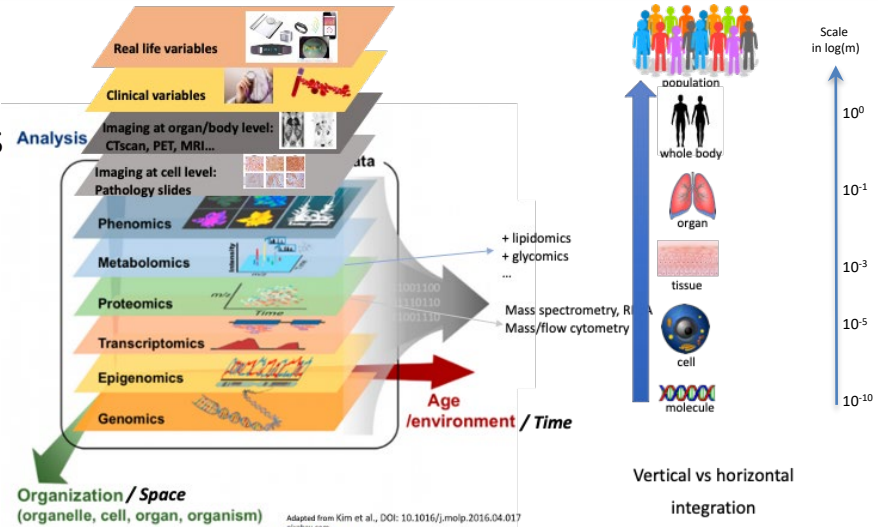
- Spatial omics



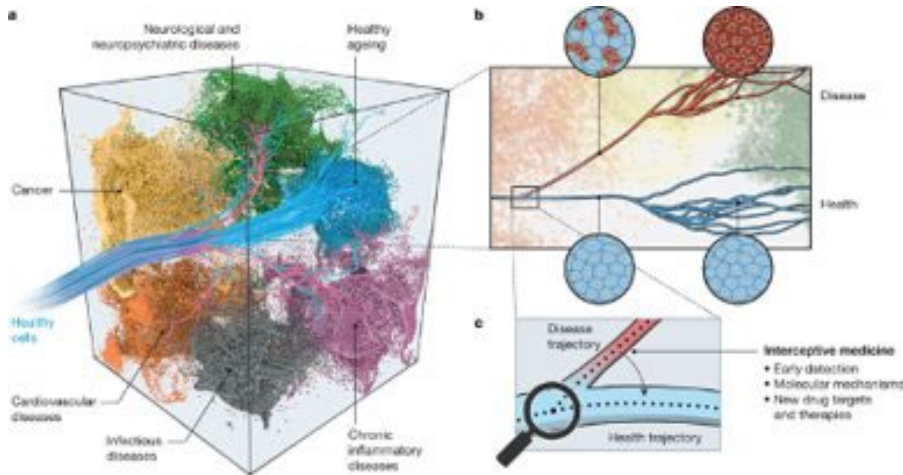
- Time series (imaging, ctDNA...)
- ...

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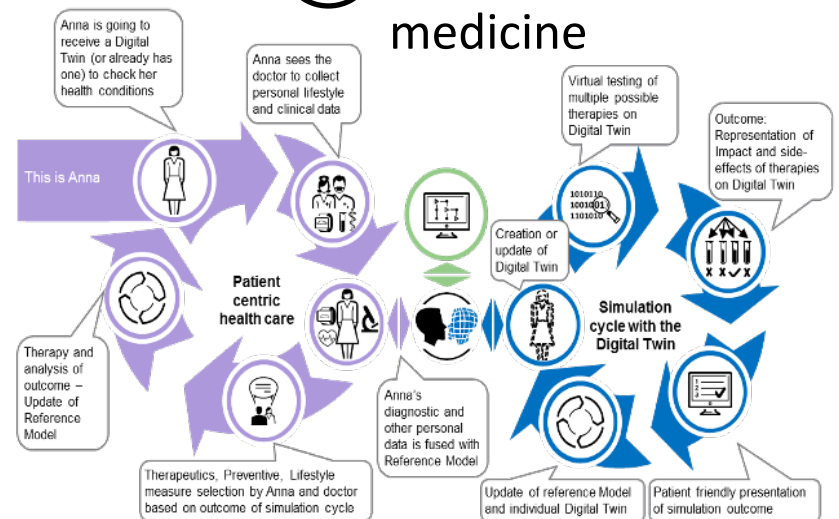
## 1 Multimodality: Integrative analysis



## 2 Trajectories: interceptive medicine



## 3 Digital twins : precision medicine

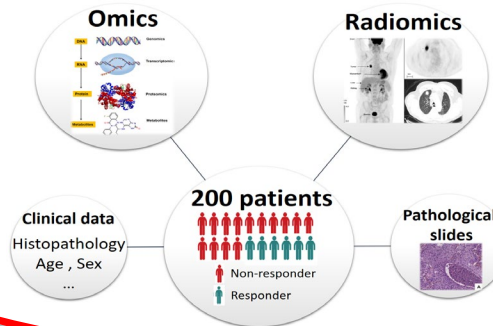




# Two typical projects

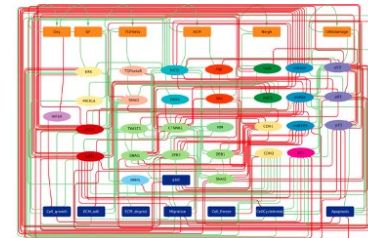
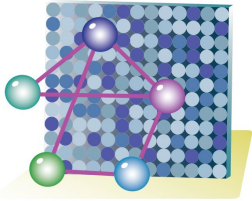
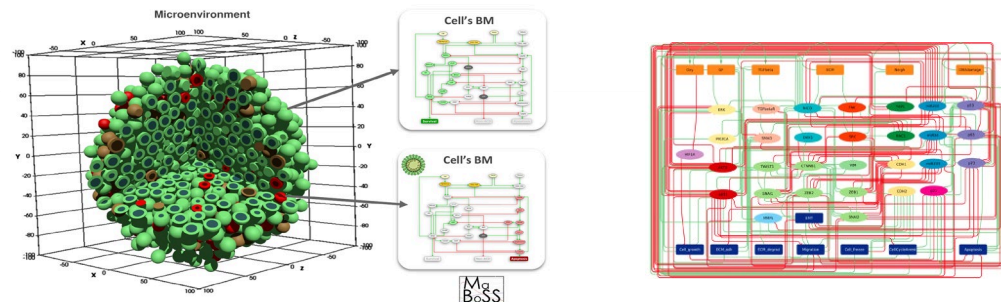
## PROJECT 1

TIPIT: Signature of Immunotherapy response  
in Non Small Cell Lung Cancer



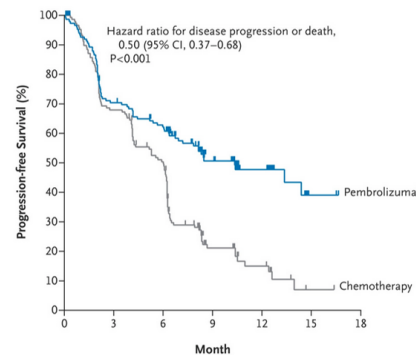
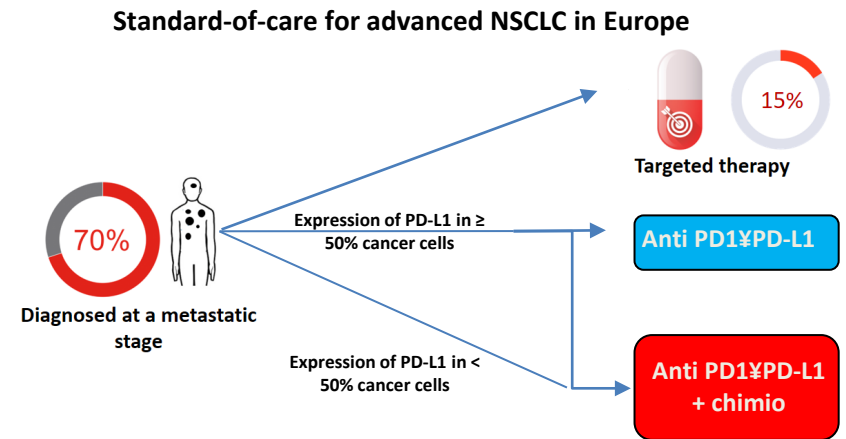
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Spatial modelling of a tumour growth

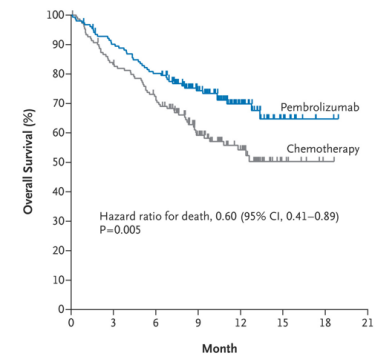


# TIPIT: Signature of Immunotherapy response in Non Small Cell Lung Cancer

- Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death worldwide
- The most frequent type, non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) is diagnosed at a metastatic stage in about 70% of the patients
- Checkpoint inhibitor-based immunotherapies have transformed the standard of care for NSCLC patients.



No. at Risk	154	104	89	44	22	3	1
Pembrolizumab	151	99	70	18	9	1	0



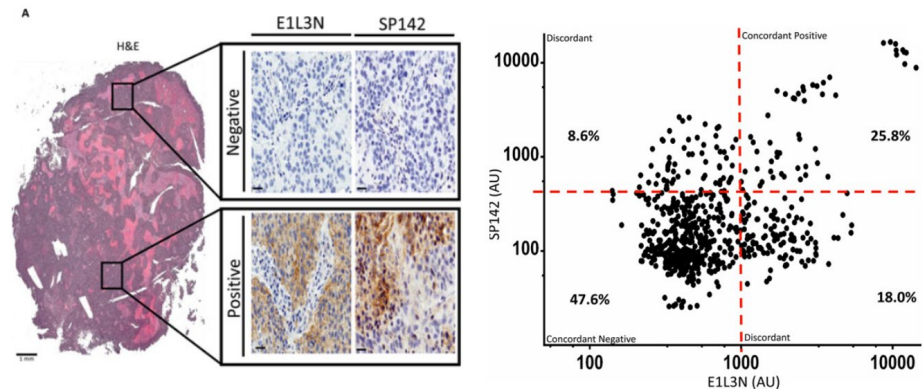
No. at Risk	154	136	121	82	39	11	2	0
Pembrolizumab	151	123	106	64	34	7	1	0

**KEYNOTE-024 trial, chemotherapy vs pembrolizumab for  $\geq$  50% PD-L1 advanced NSCLC patients (Reck et al. 2016)**

# Standard-of-care still needs to be optimized

- **Only 45-50% of patients present an objective response** to anti PD-1/L1 immunotherapy
- The duration of response remains highly variable and **only 40% of the patients are alive at 2 years**
- Some straightforward predictors have been proposed for the response to immunotherapy (e.g Tumor Mutation Burden, PD-L1 expression, lymphocytic infiltrates...)
- **They are highly suboptimal** and not always reliable.

➤ **Therapeutic decision is thus suboptimal, and there is a critical need for good biomarkers for response prediction.**



Heterogeneity of expression of PD-L1 and variation with antibody use (Maclaughlin et al. 2016).

# Cancer patient journey and data

Prevention    Detection    Diagnosis    Prognosis    Treatment    Monitoring



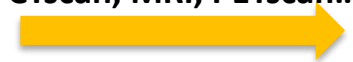
Clinical data, EHR



Radiomics:  
CTscan, MRI, PETscan...



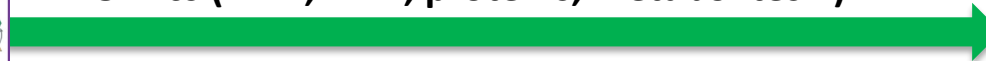
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Pathological slides



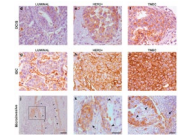
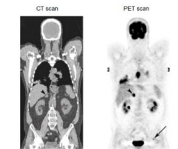
Omics (DNA, RNA, proteins, metabolites...)



Omics



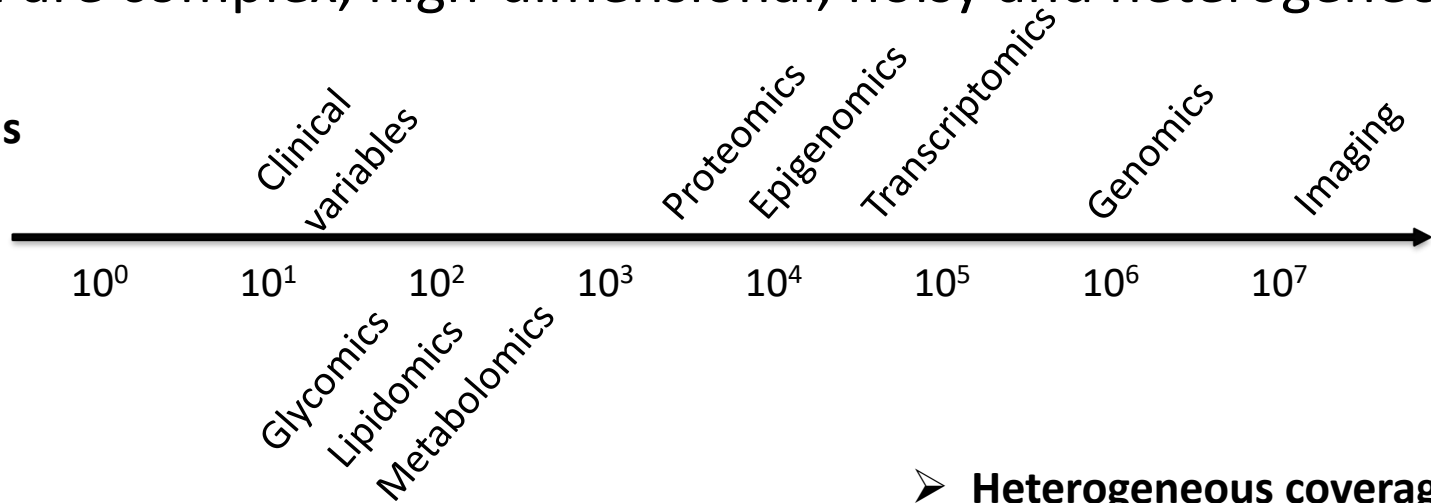
Real life variables



# Challenges with multi-omics and multimodality

Omic data are complex, high-dimensional, noisy and heterogeneous...

Heterogeneous dimensions:

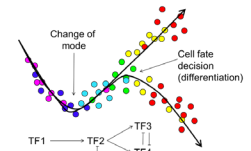


Heterogeneous types :  
continuous, discrete, categorical...

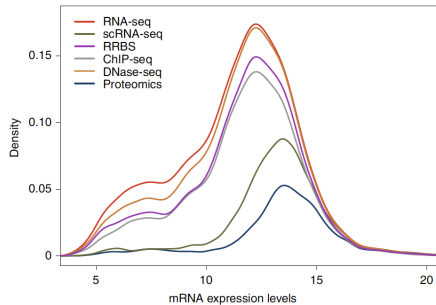
➤ Heterogeneous coverage

➤ Sparsity

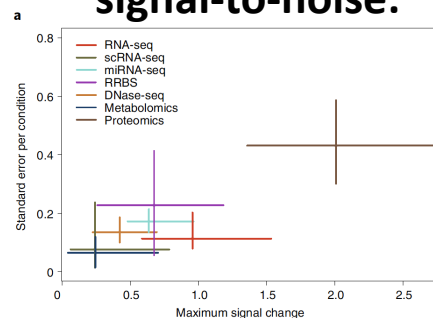
➤ Non linearity



Heterogeneous distribution:



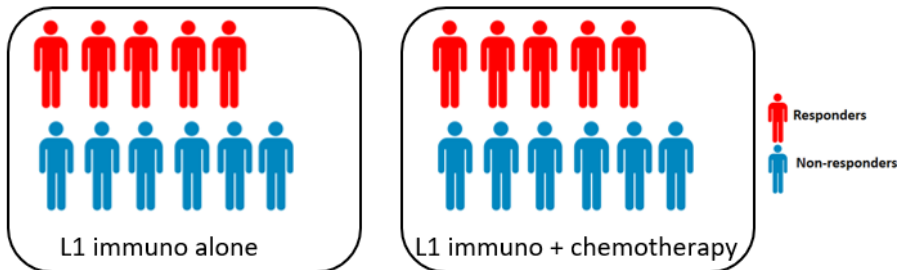
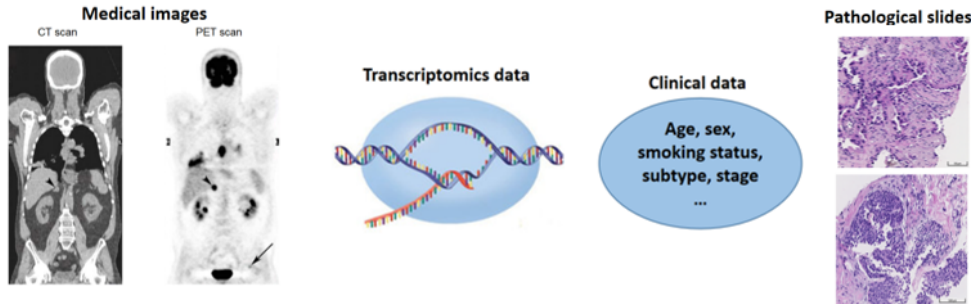
Heterogeneous signal-to-noise:



**Multimodal integration is delicate!**

# TIPIT: seeking for new multimodal biomarkers

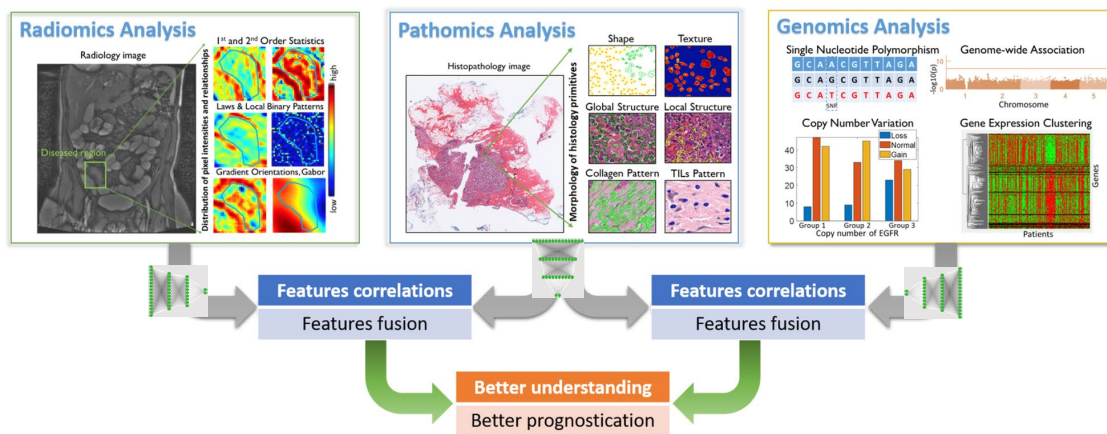
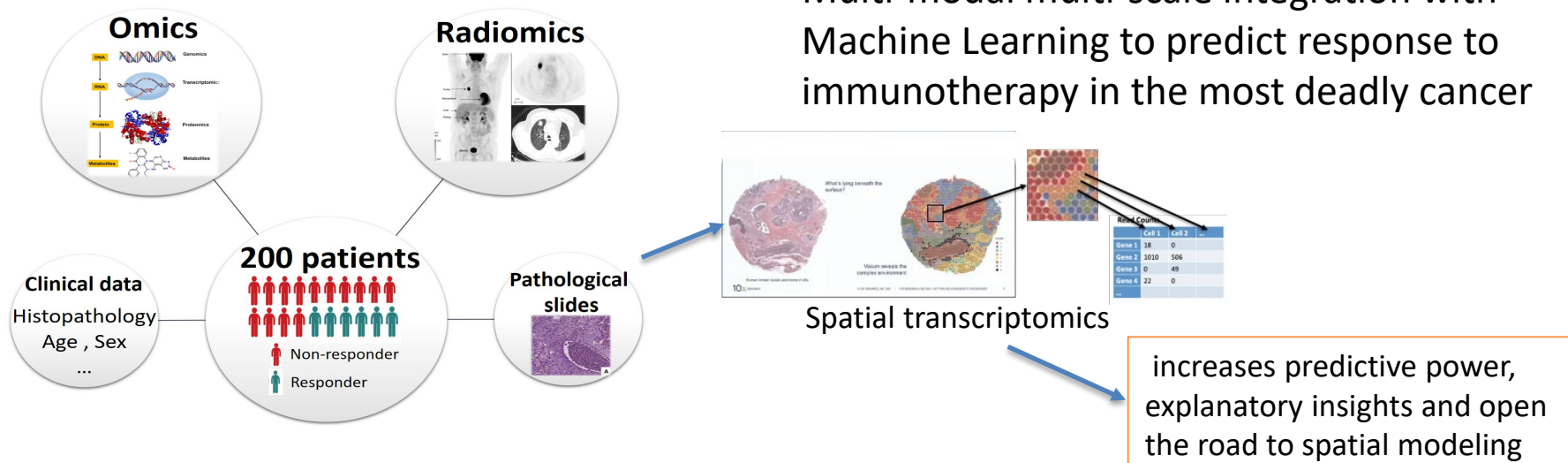
Leverage Curie cohorts to explore the benefit of combining several data modalities to predict the patient's outcome



- Curie Patients with metastatic NSCLC who received immunotherapy as first line treatment
- Gathering of multimodal baseline data
- Monitoring of their outcome/response to treatment (overall survival, Progression-Free survival)

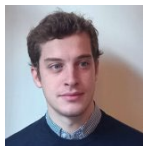
# TIPIT: Signature of Immunotherapy response in Non Small Cell Lung Cancer

Multi-modal multi-scale integration with Machine Learning to predict response to immunotherapy in the most deadly cancer



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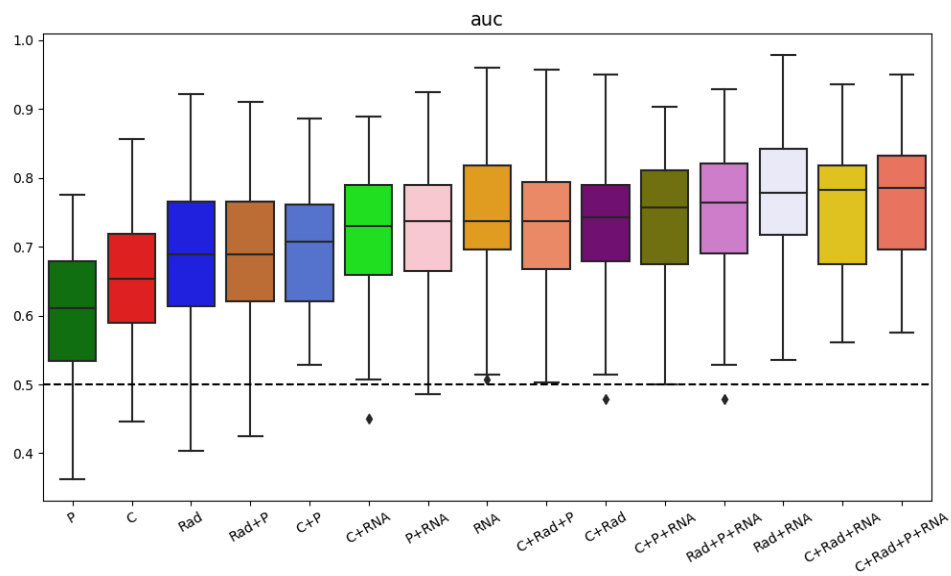
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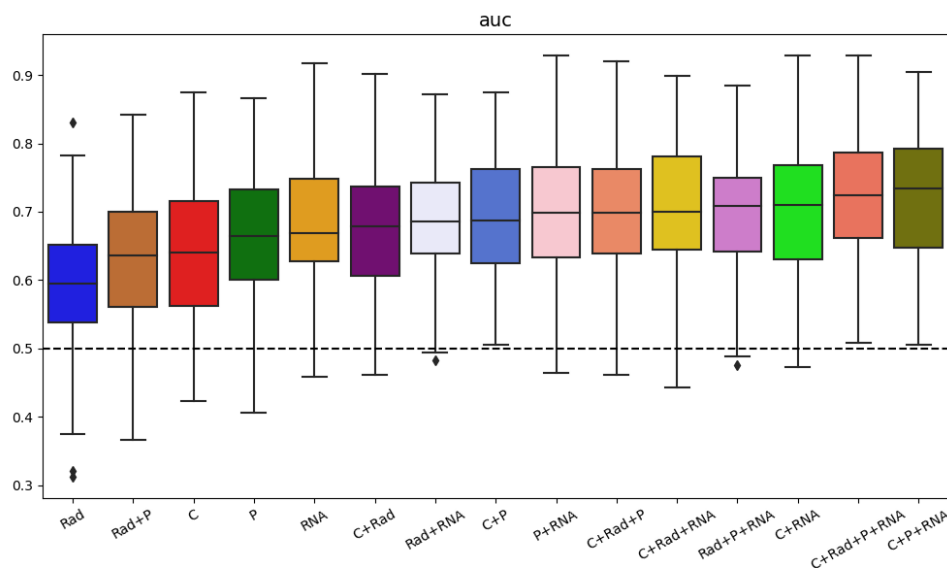
# TIPIT preliminary results – AUCs

Naive late fusion scheme: average of the probability scores predicted by the different models

Death at 12 months



Progression at 6 months



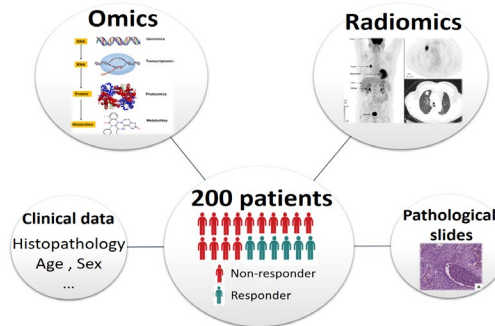
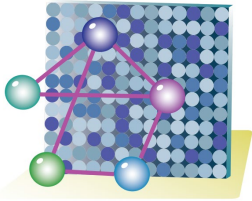
- Combining different multimodalities improves the performances of unimodal approaches.
- More complex late fusion schemes (weighted average) did not outperform the naïve average
- The recruitment is still limited (57 patients with all modalities so far), more samples are needed and will follow soon



# Two typical projects

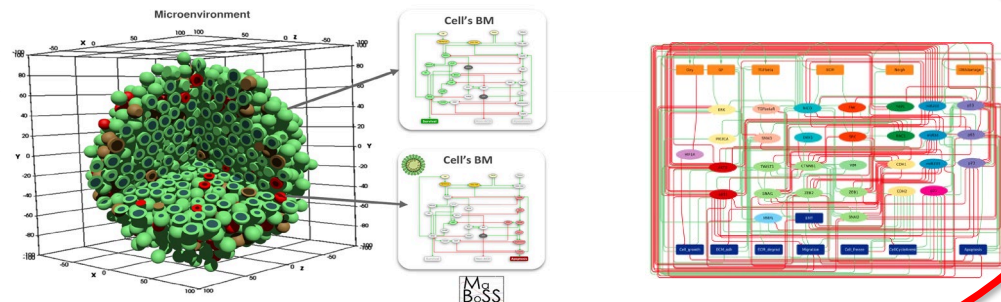
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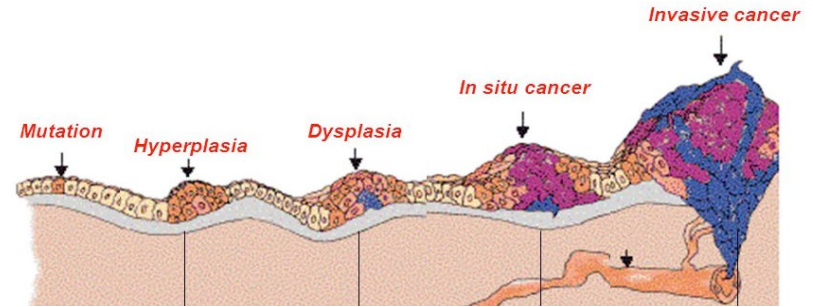
## PROJECT 2

Spatial modelling of a tumour growth



# Biology of Cancer

Cancer is a disease in which abnormal cells divide without control and invade the nearby tissues



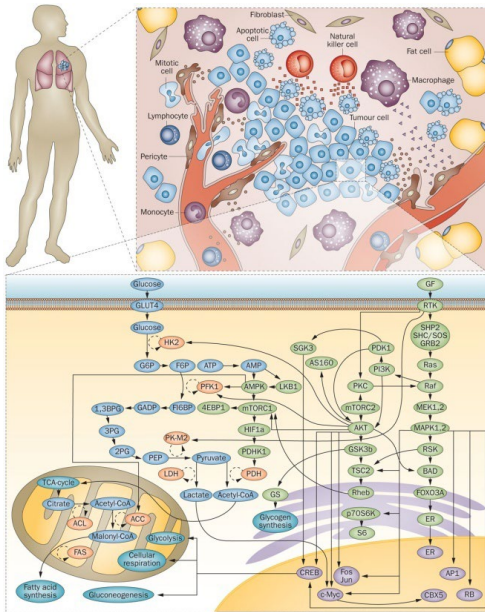
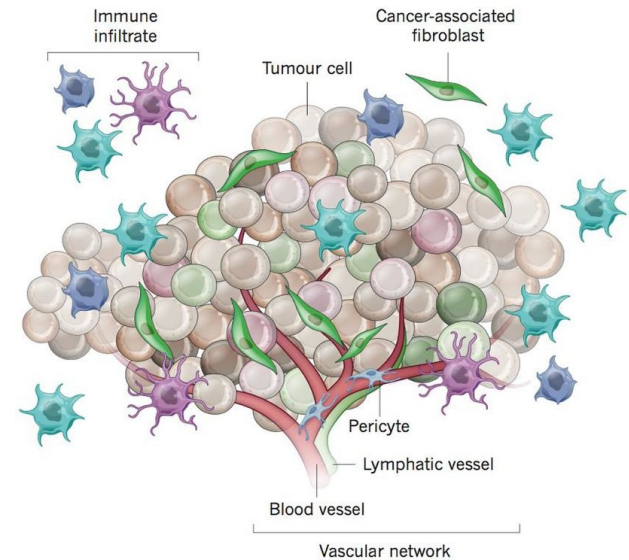
<https://www.cancer.gov/publications/dictionaries/>  
<https://slideplayer.com/>

Cancer is a **DNA disease**: tumors harbor **mutations**, and a tumor is genetically heterogeneous

Cancer is a **biological network disease**, and altered biological pathways are common to many tumor types

Cancer is a **microenvironment and immunity** disease

Cancer is a **tissue** disease

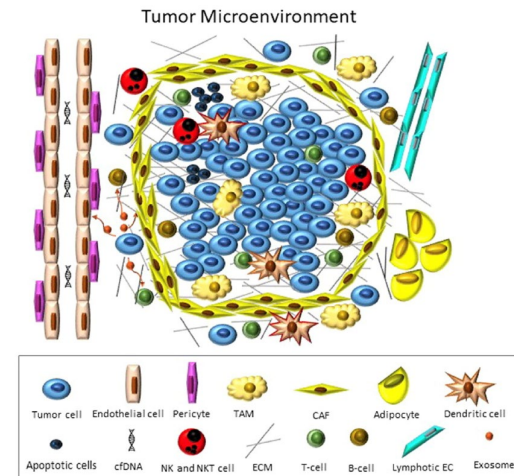


Werner *et al.*, 2014, *Nat. Rev. Clin. Oncol.*  
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How to bring this knowledge together with patient omics profiles into mathematical modeling for predicting tumor evolution?

# Space is key to understand cancer

- Spatial organisation of the tumour :
    - Heterogeneity: clones and subclones
    - Micro-environment and Internal structure : immune infiltrates, fibroblasts, signaling molecules, vascularization ...
    - Physical barriers: epithelium, extracellular matrix ...
    - Physical interactions: adhesion, polarity ...
- From a molecular disease to a tissue disease



- Space is essential in understanding tumor biology, treatment response, and proposing new therapeutic strategies

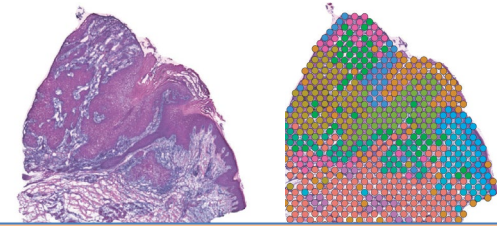
Signaling networks with non-linear behaviour govern this organisation

- **Multimomics multiscale spatial modelling is needed!**

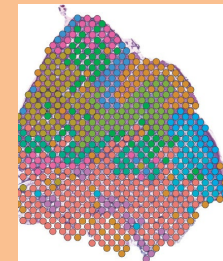
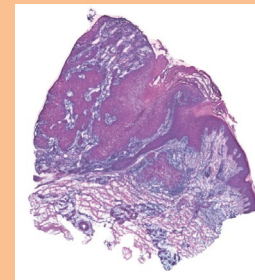
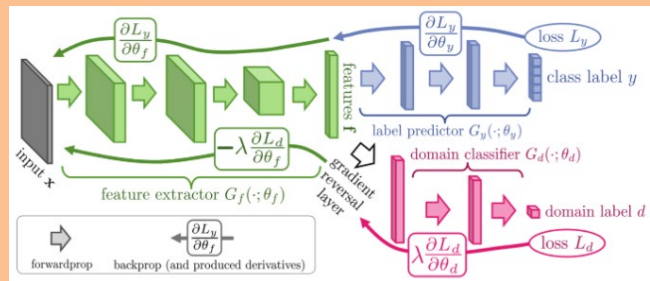
# How to achieve space modeling?

- How to account for space in statistical analysis?
- Eg with spatial transcriptomics: many works just consider distances between cells from different types (eg distance between tumor cells and CD8+ or CD4+ T cells)

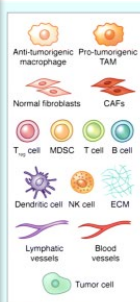
besides it is 2D and not 3D



spatial transcriptomics



Loïc Chadoutaud thesis



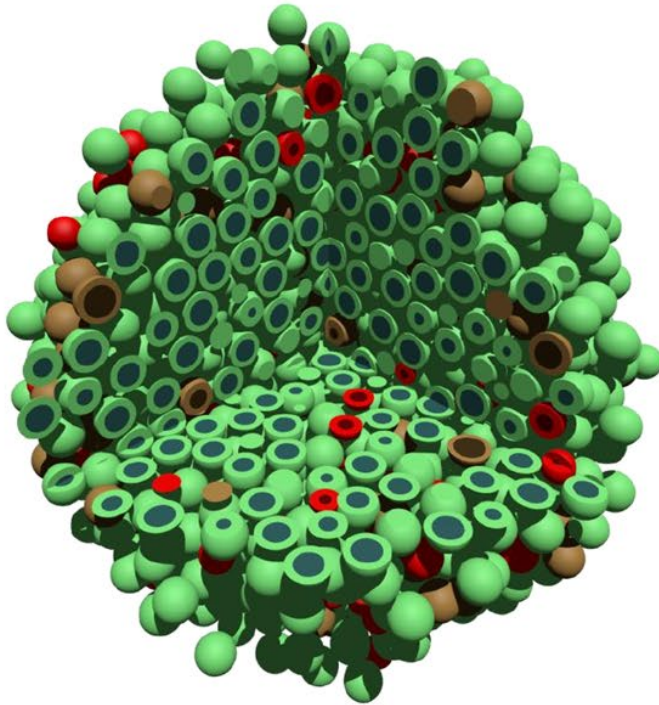
# PhysiCell: physics-oriented agent-based cell simulator



Paul Macklin



Randy Heiland

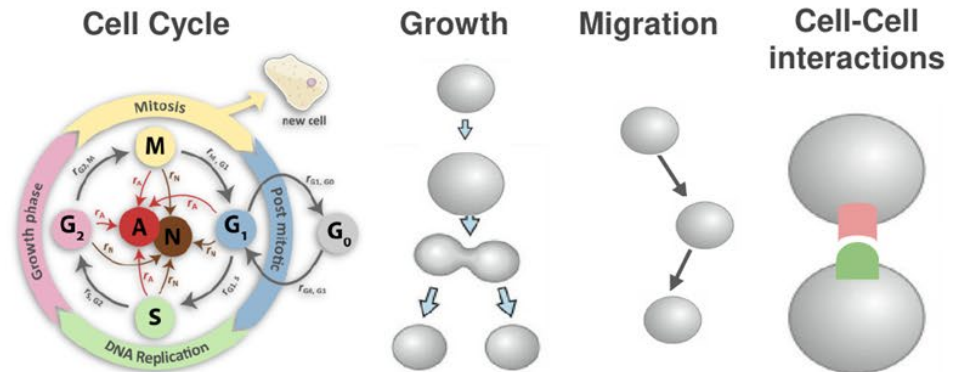


<http://physicell.org>

<https://github.com/MathCancer/PhysiCell>

## ● Cell agent properties

- Size (cell volume)
- Position (x, y, z)
- Phenotype
  - Cell cycle Model ( $G_0$ ,  $M$ , etc)
  - Death Models
  - Rates
  - Custom Variables
  - Molecular models



# PhysiBoSS, a multi-scale modeling framework: Agent-based biophysics and Boolean network-based biochemistry

PhysiBoSS =

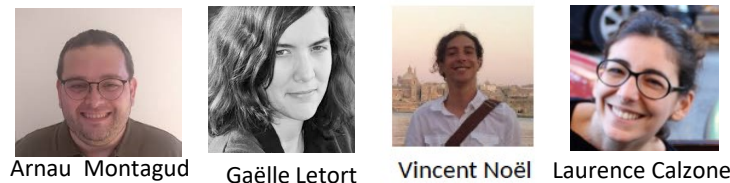
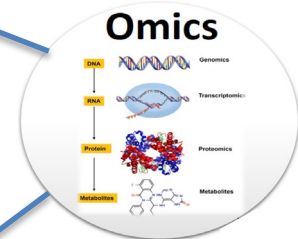
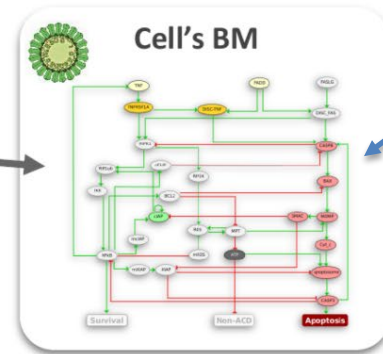
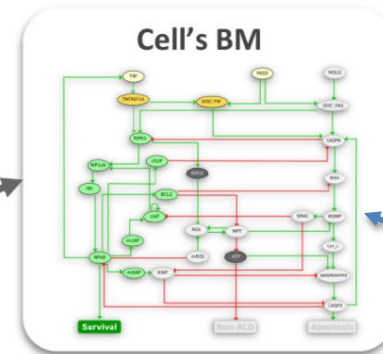
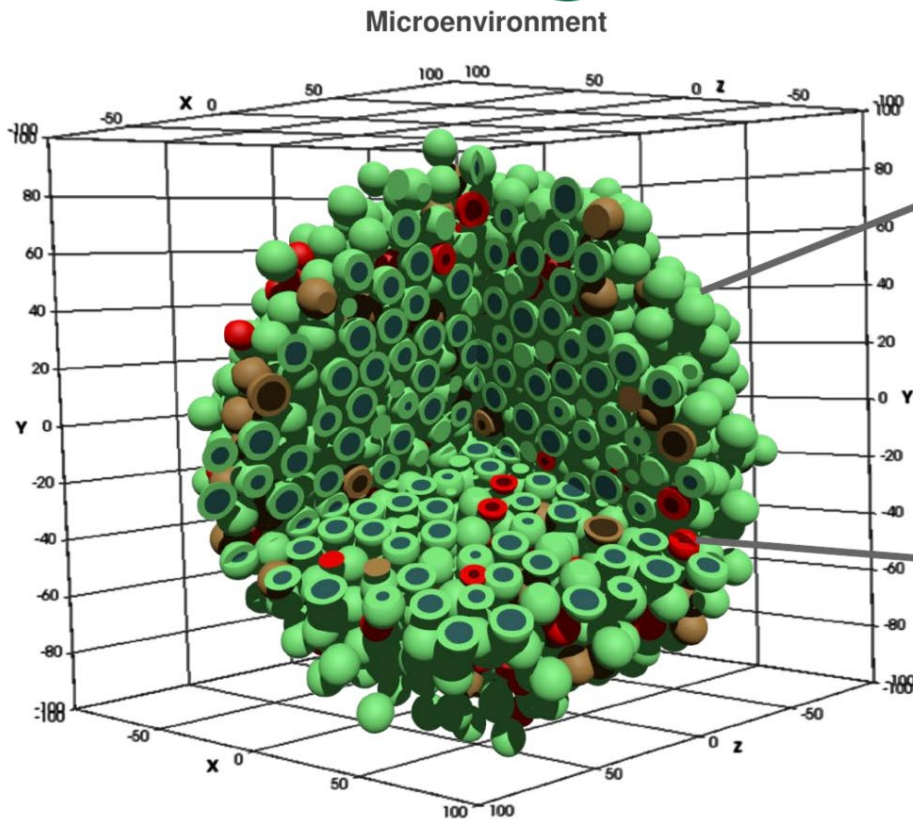


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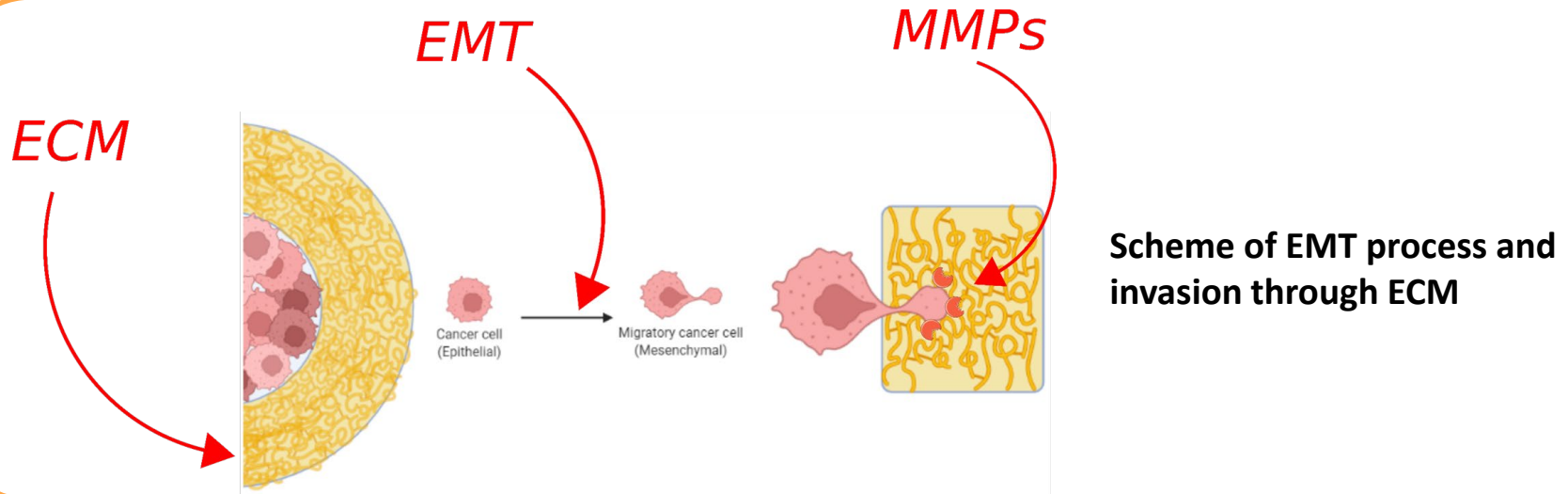
\*MaBoSS: Markovian Boolean Stochastic Simulator  
(Stoll et al 201,2022; Noël 2021)



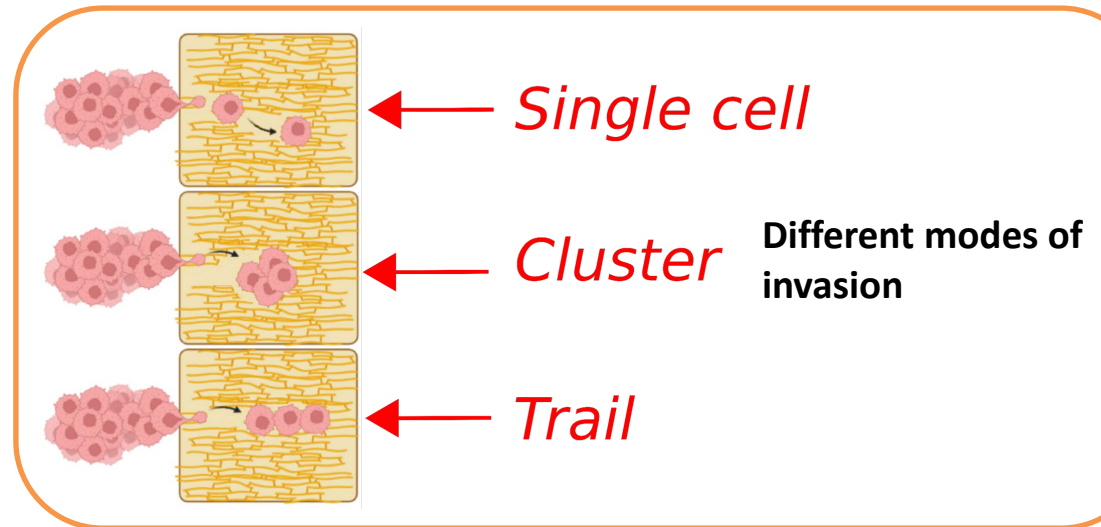
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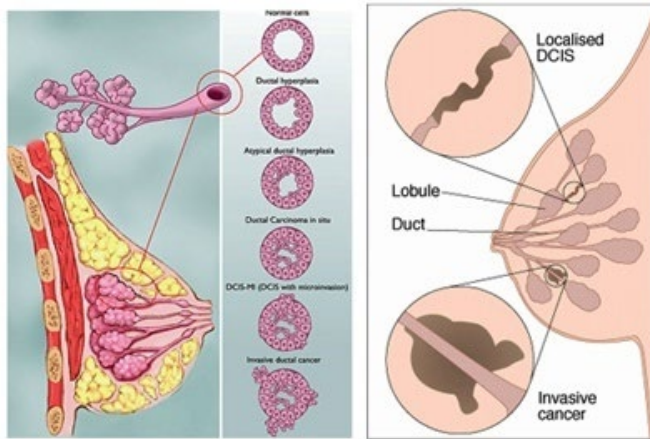
# Modeling cell invasion process upon Epithelio-Mesenchymal Transition



- Collective Migration is more aggressive
- To reproduce the different modes and mechanisms of invasion
- Comparison and validation with in vitro experiments
- Learn biological insights

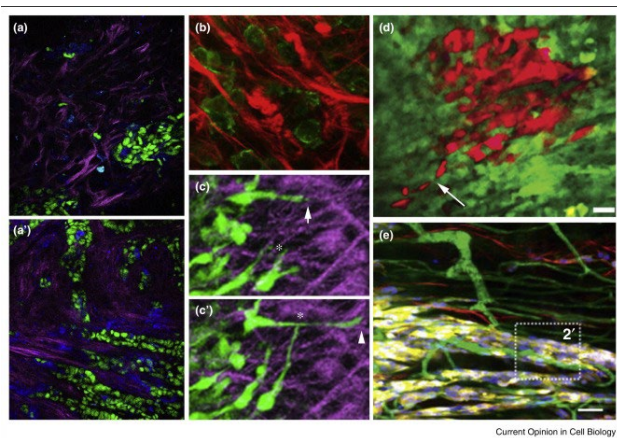
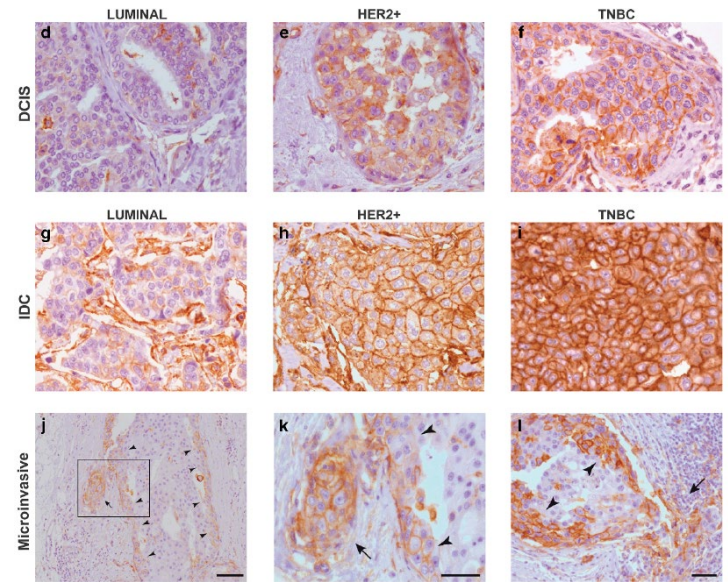


# Breast cancer different invasion status and migration modes in situ, microinvasive or invasive (collab. Anne Salomon, Philippe Chavrier)



<http://www.melbournebreastcancersurgery.com.au>

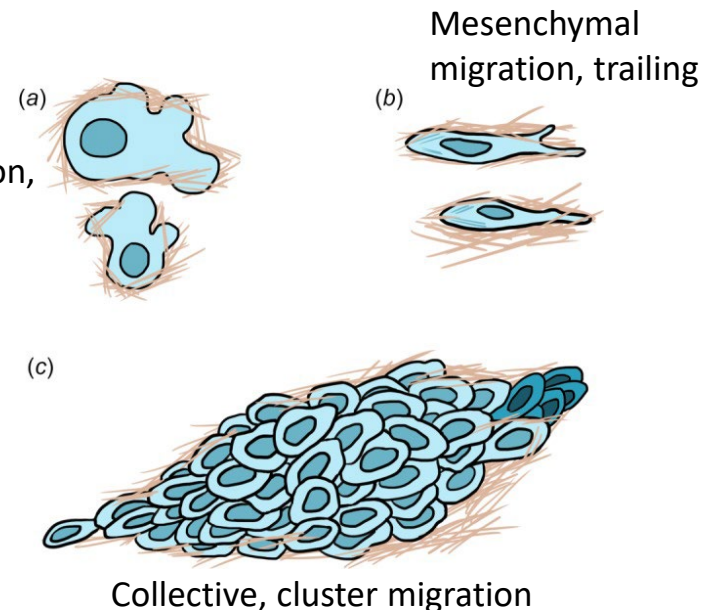
Lodillinsky et al, 2016



Clark et al, 2015

Amoeboid migration, isolated cell

Lintz et al, 2017





# Modeling the cell invasion process



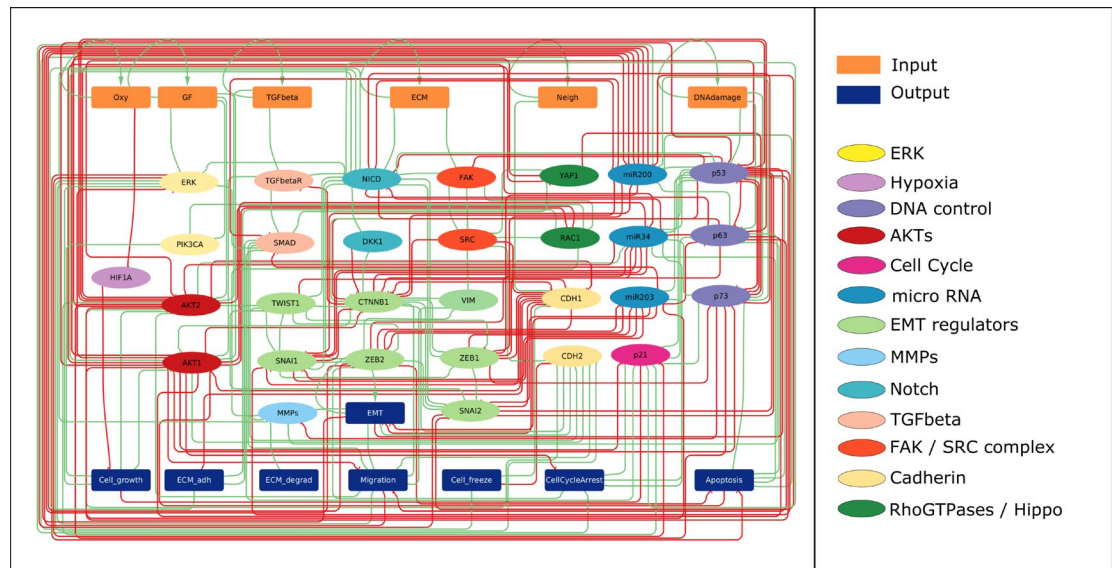
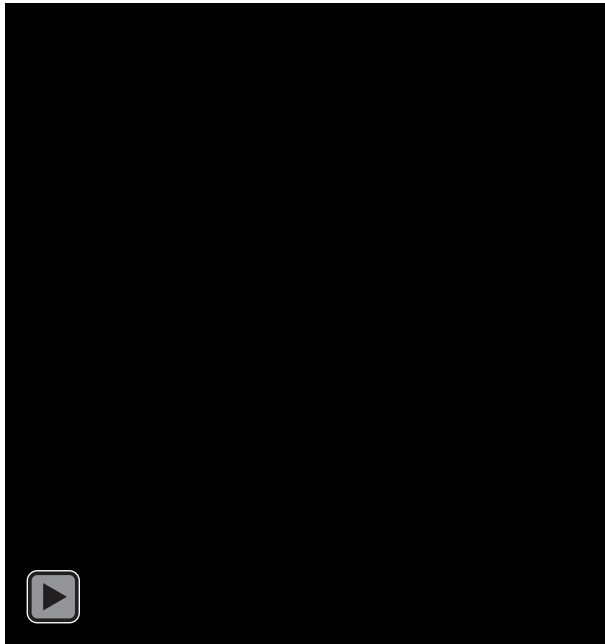
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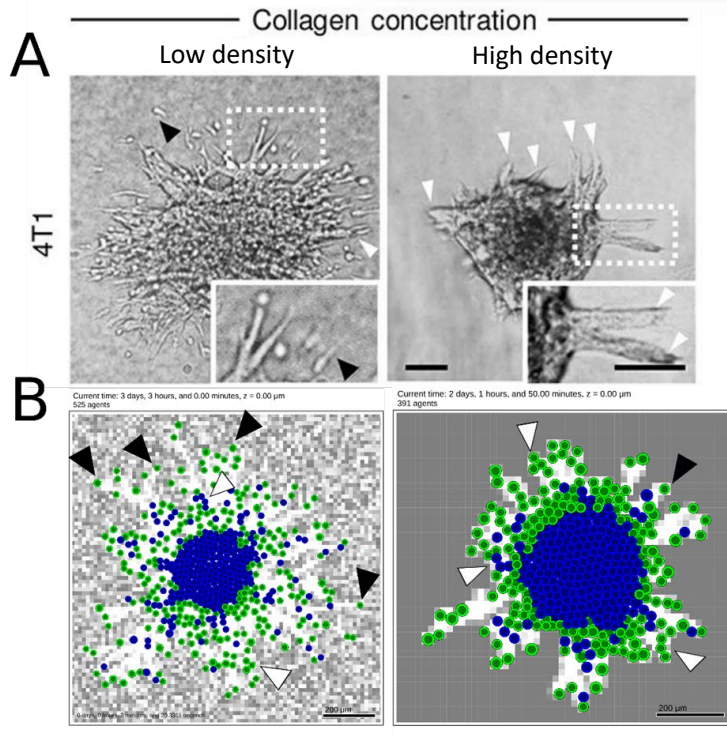


***Intracellular signaling network of the model***

# Cell adhesion and density changes in the ECM regulate modes of invasion

## Cell-cell adhesion and 3D matrix confinement determine jamming transitions in breast cancer invasion

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- Changes in ECM density will affect different modes of invasion
- Low non-uniform density induces more single cell migrations
- High uniform density induces more collective cell migrations

Reproducing *in vitro* experiment from Ilina et al.

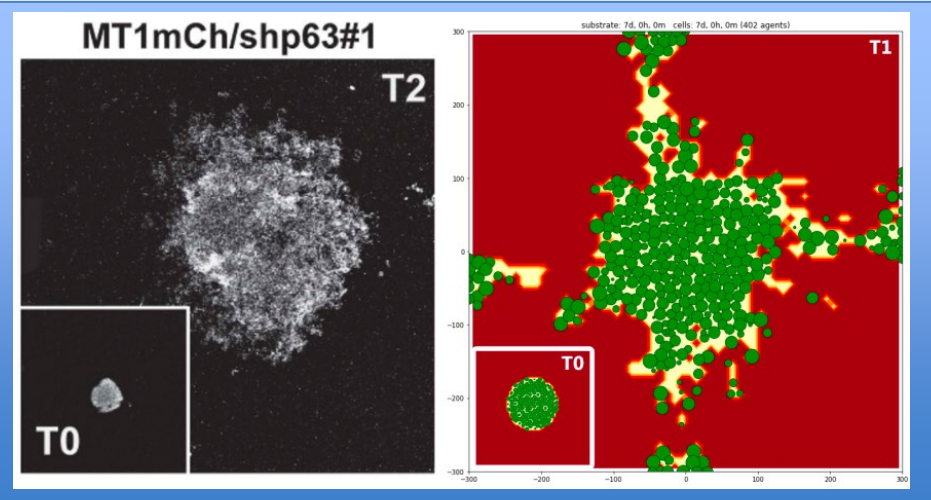
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# Multiscale model of the different modes of invasion: Comparison of experimental culture in Matrigel (left) with simulation (right)

p63/MT1-MMP axis is required for in situ to invasive transition in basal-like breast cancer

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Comparison with invasive  
cell line  
Green cells have MMPs node ON



Comparison with non-  
invasive cell line  
Red cells have MMPs node OFF

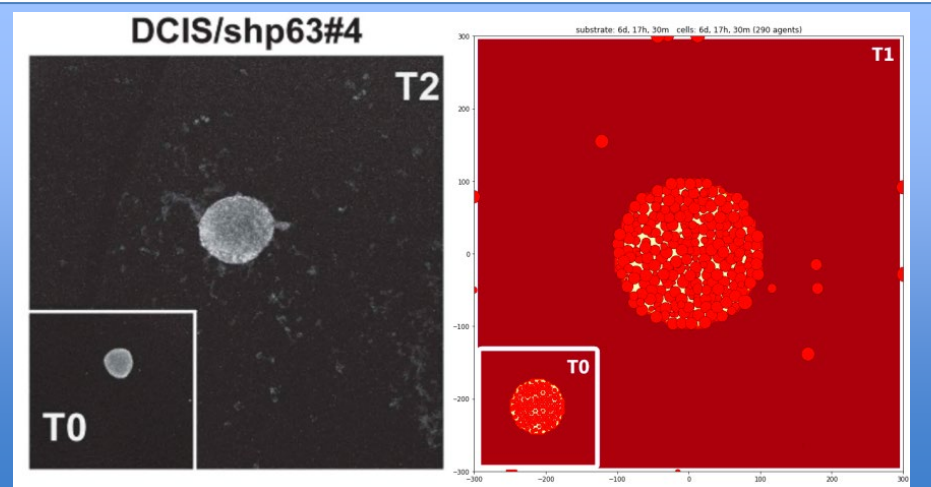
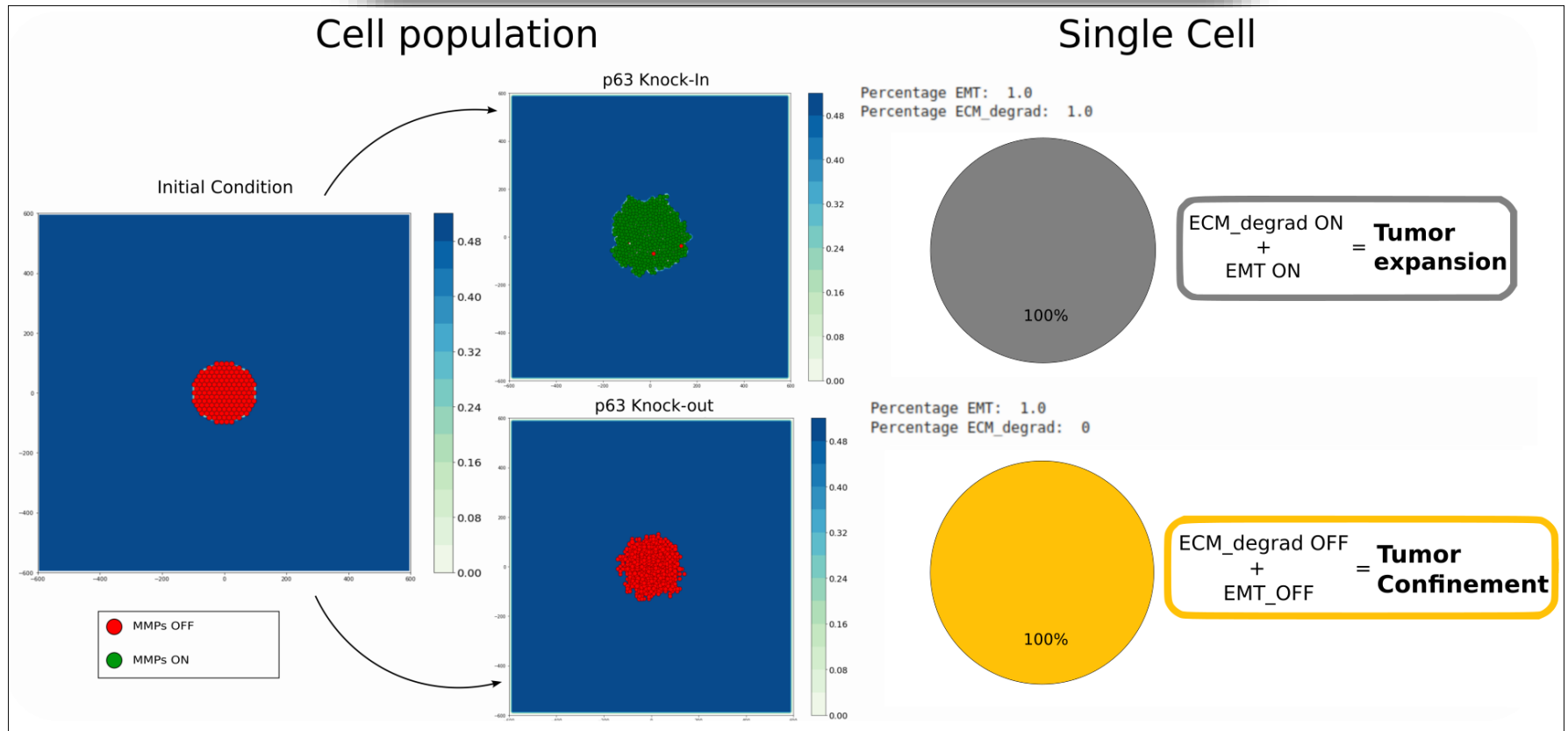


Figure 6.a, C. Lodillinsky et al, 2016

# Simulation of p63/MT1-MMP axis is required for in situ to invasive transition

p63/MT1-MMP axis is required for in situ to invasive transition in basal-like breast cancer

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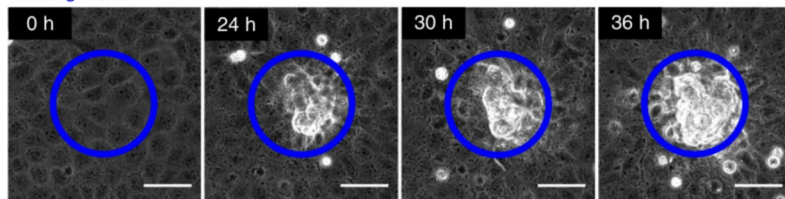
# Local light-activation of SRC in epithelial monolayer promotes collective extrusion

Local light-activation of the Src oncoprotein in an epithelial monolayer promotes collective extrusion

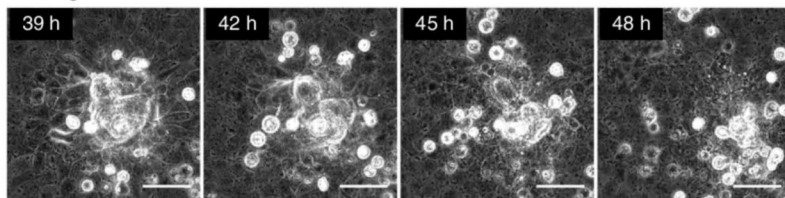
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A

Blue light ON

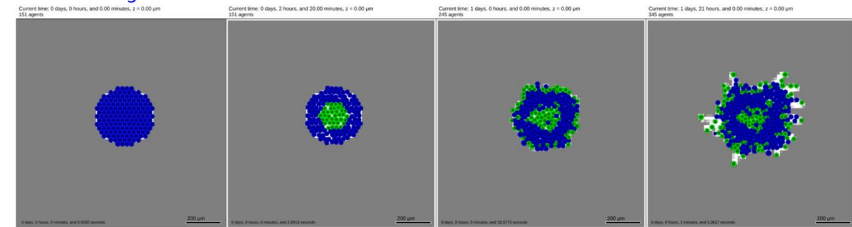


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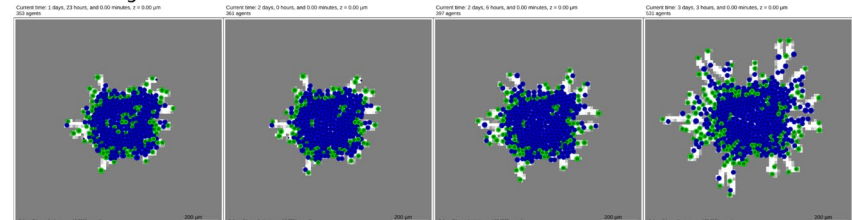


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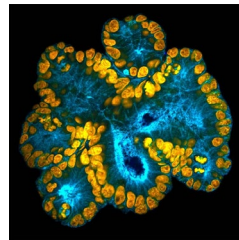


● SRC ON  
● SRC OFF

*Reproducing in vitro experiment from Moitrier et al.*

## Take-home messages

- Multi-modal biological and clinical using machine learning improves immunotherapy response prediction in lung cancer
- Multi-scale agent-based modelling coupled with stochastic Boolean network modelling recapitulates the mechanisms of tumor progression at biophysical and biochemical levels; it can be used for virtual screening of drug combination in different genetic contexts (digital twin)
- How to decipher the spatial organization principles of the tumor and use this information to defeat it?



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