

# **Decoding Breast Cancer with Quantitative Radiomics & Radiogenomics: Imaging Phenotypes in Breast Cancer Risk Assessment, Diagnosis, Prognosis, and Response to Therapy**

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# NCI TCGA/TCIA Breast Phenotype Research Group

## Mapping of Breast MRI Phenotypes to Histopathology and Genomics

### Computer-Extracted Phenotypes & Data analysis/associations

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### Human-Extracted Phenotypes Analysis

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# Decoding Breast Cancer with Quantitative Radiomics & Radiogenomics:

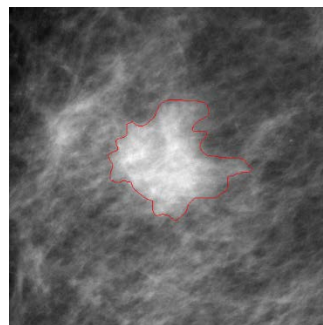
## Imaging Phenotypes in Breast Cancer Risk Assessment, Diagnosis, Prognosis, and Response to Therapy

**Purpose:** To demonstrate, using the TCGA TCIA breast cancer dataset of MRI images, the role of quantitative radiomics in characterizing the molecular subtypes of breast cancer and associating the magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) computer-extracted image phenotypes with genomic data.

# Decoding Breast Cancer with Imaging

Involves *interdisciplinary* research:

- Development and/or customization of mathematical image analysis methods for extracting **information** from biomedical image data (computer vision) - *developed from CAD research*
- Investigations in the applications of these techniques to gain **knowledge** in (a) the *management of the cancer patient* and in (b) the *understanding of cancer*



Quantitatively  
Extract Lesion  
Characteristics  
(Computer  
Vision)

**Patient-Specific**  
Image-based Tumor Signature  
for Precision Medicine

Data-mining of Computer-  
Extracted Features on Large  
Datasets for **Population-based**  
Cancer Discovery

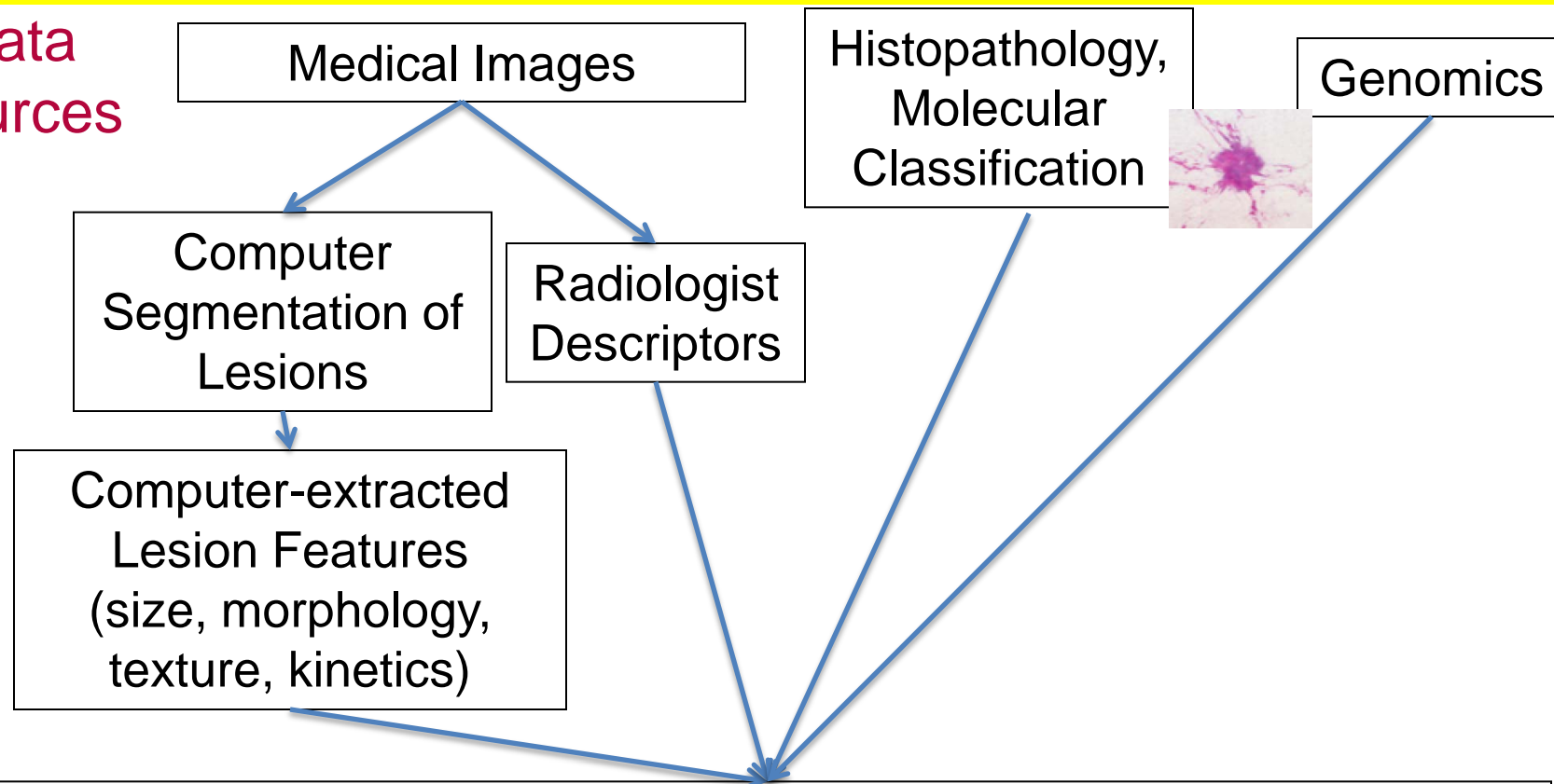
# Definitions

- Radiomics: High throughput conversion of images to mineable data
- Radiogenomics (imaging genomics): association of radiomic features with genomics and other “-omics” data

# Imaging Genomics

Asks questions about the relationships between features “seen” in medical images and the biology of cancer

Data Sources

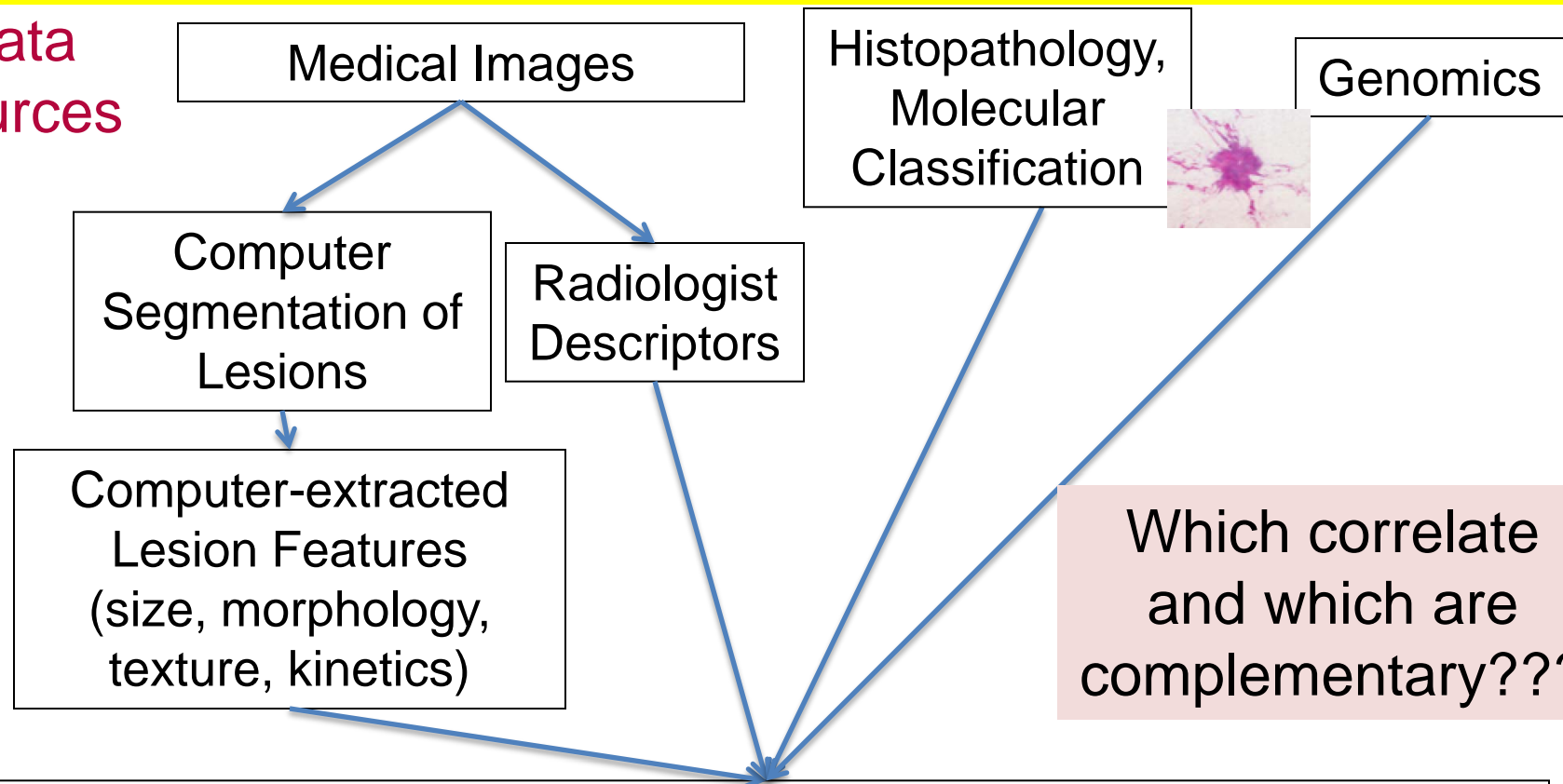


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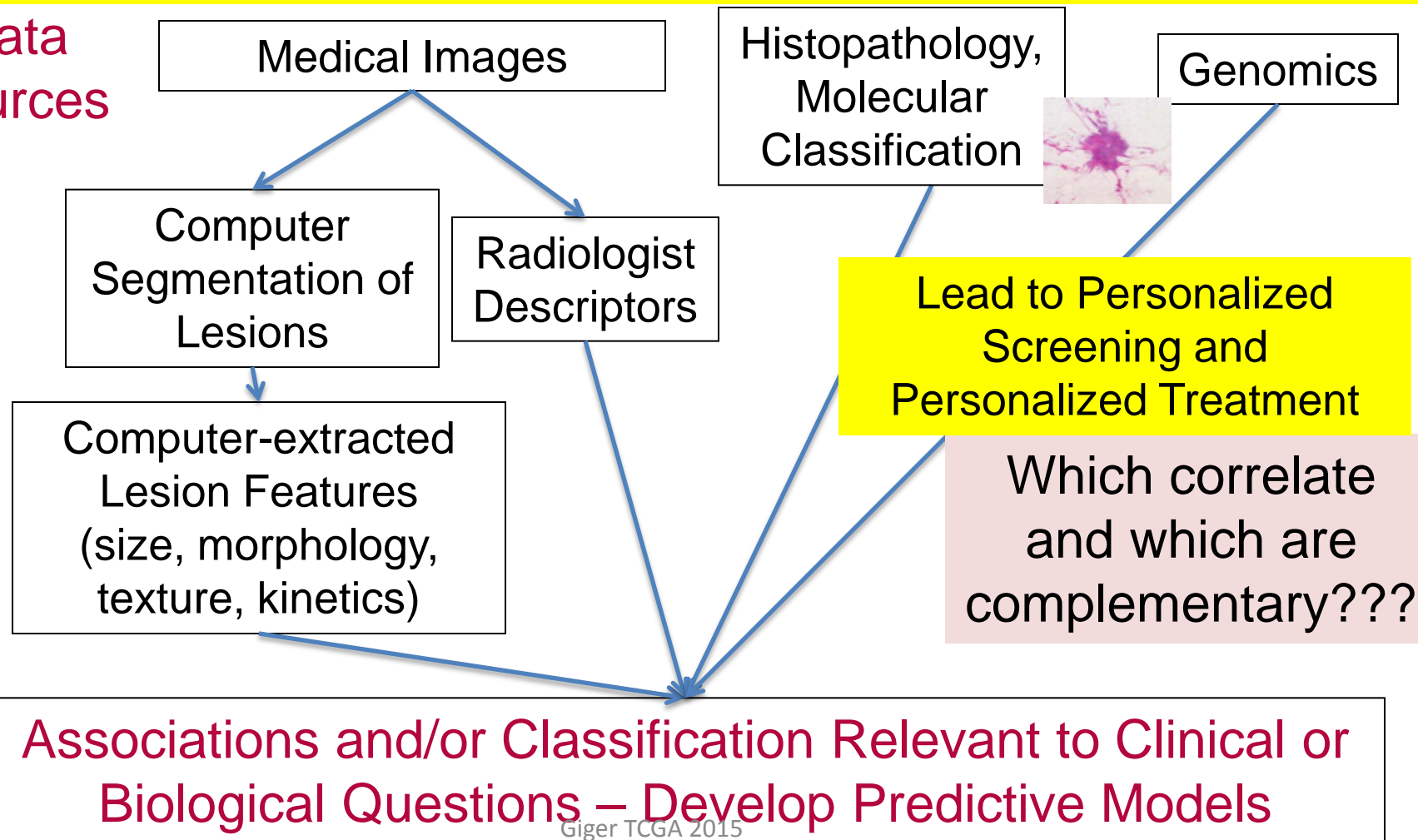


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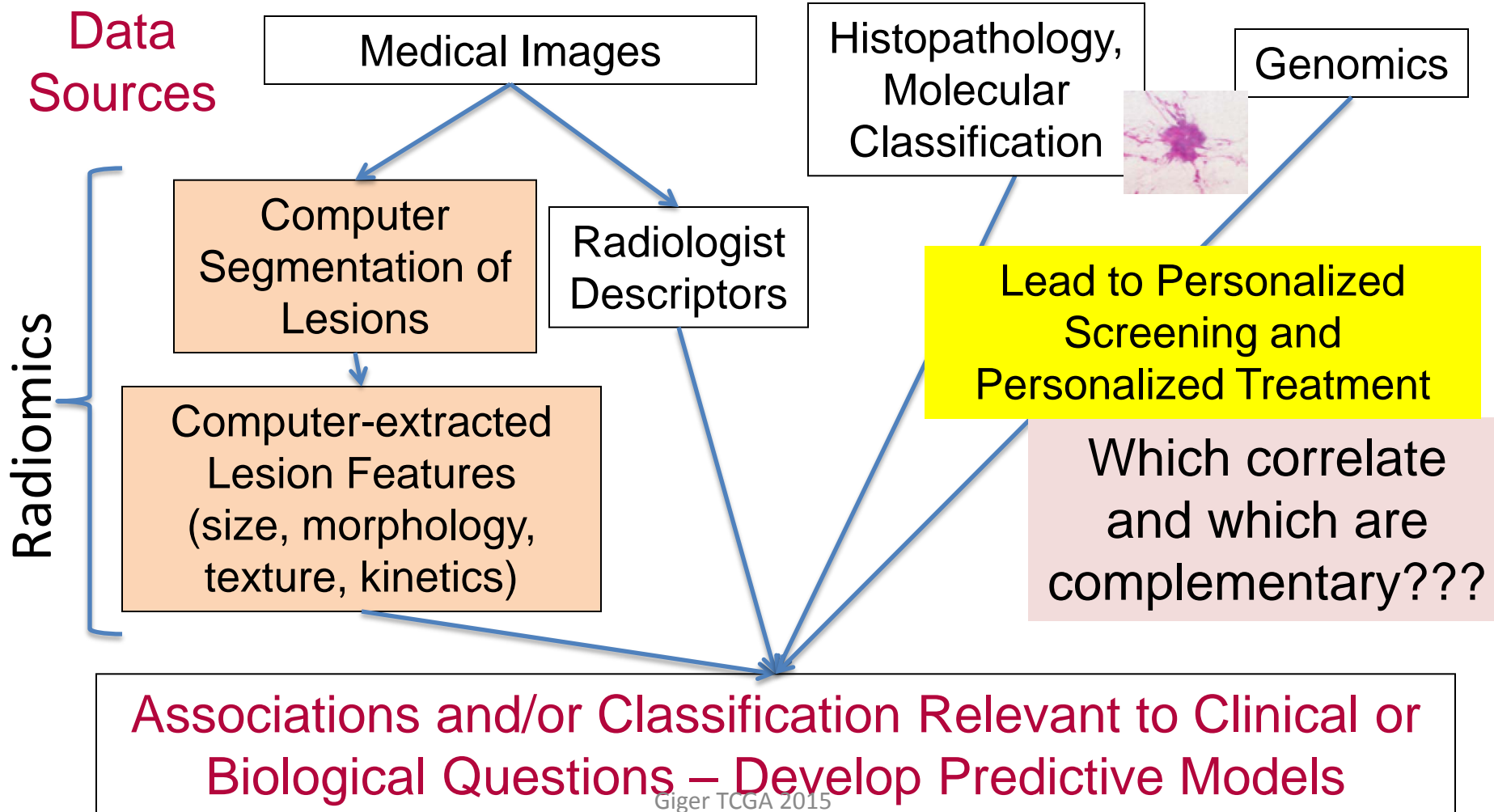
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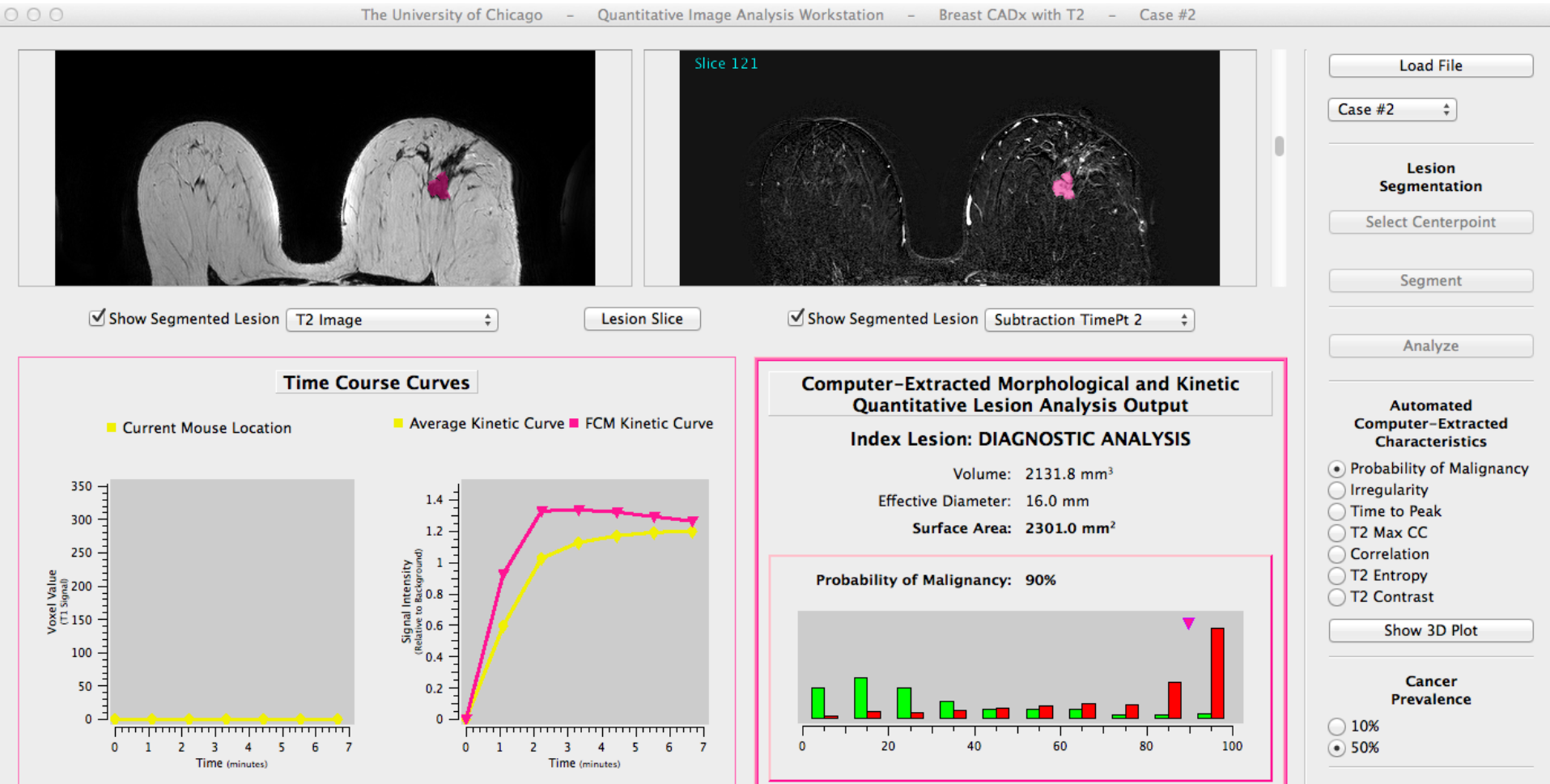
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# University of Chicago High-Throughput MRI Phenotyping System (Quantitative Image Analysis Workstation)

Automated Lesion Segmentation, Feature Extraction [volumetrics, morphological, texture, kinetics] and Estimation of the Probability of Malignancy



# Dataset

The Cancer Genome Atlas



[cancergenome.nih.gov](http://cancergenome.nih.gov)



[cancerimagingarchive.net](http://cancerimagingarchive.net)

Breast Cancer cases

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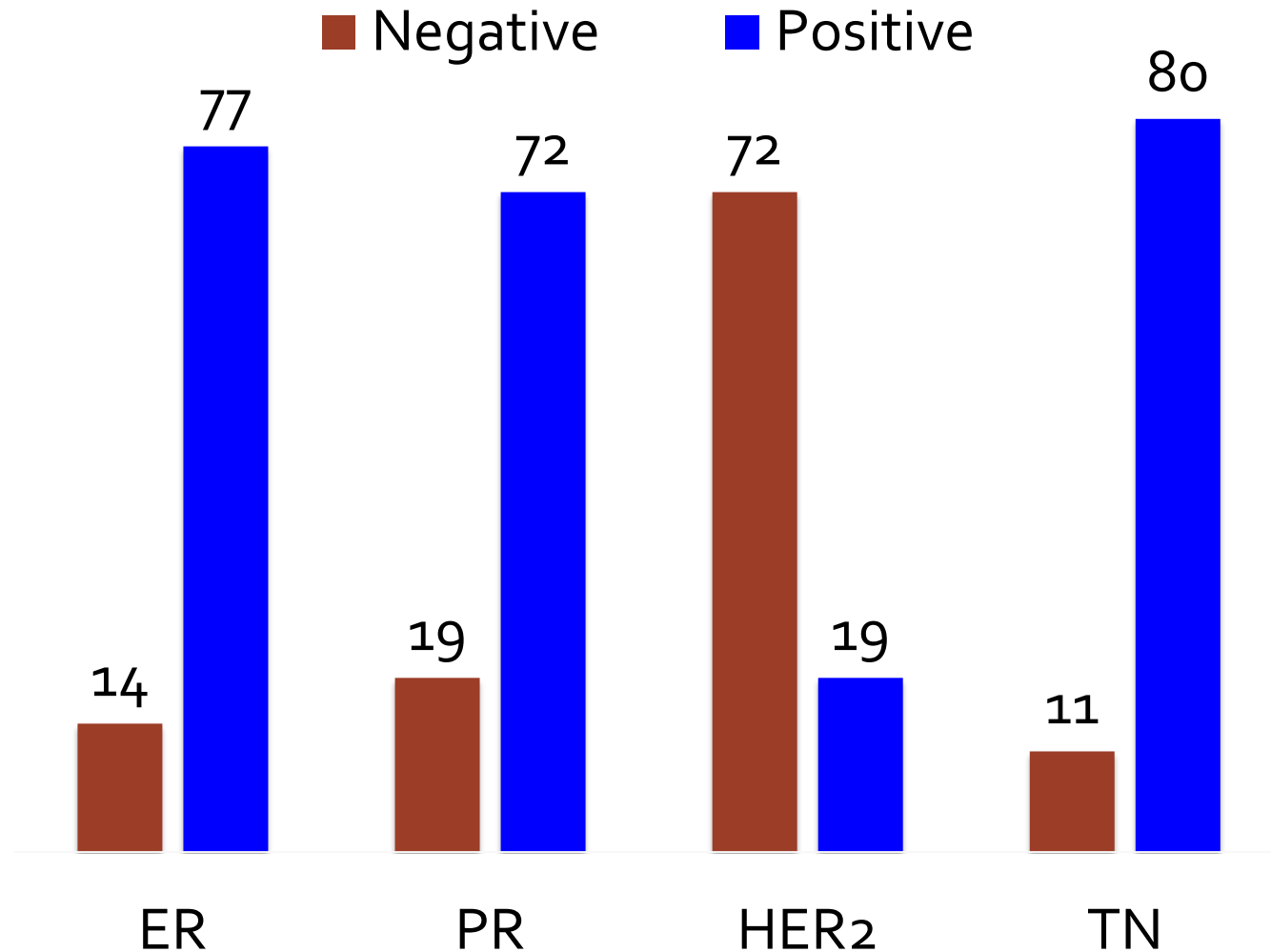
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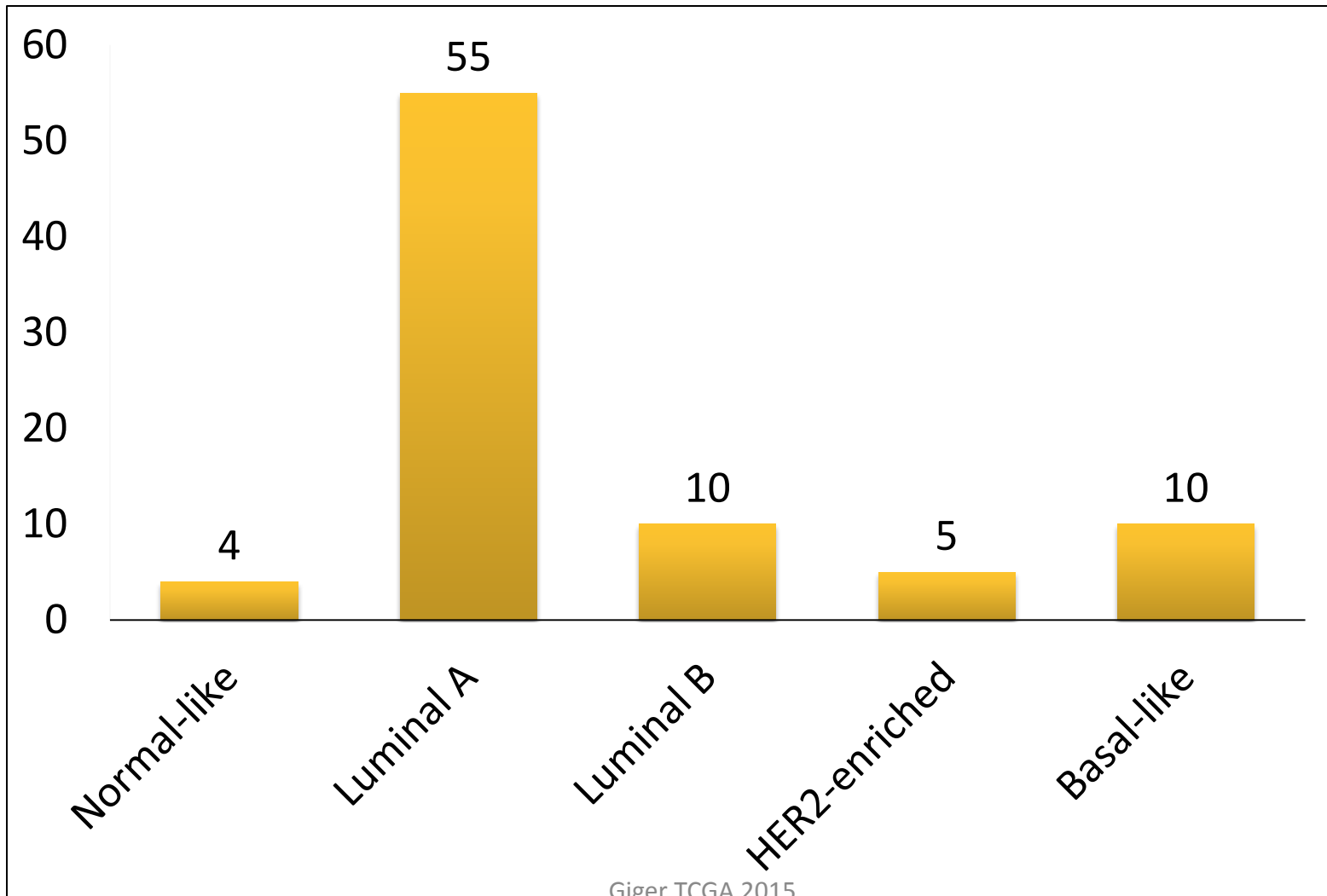
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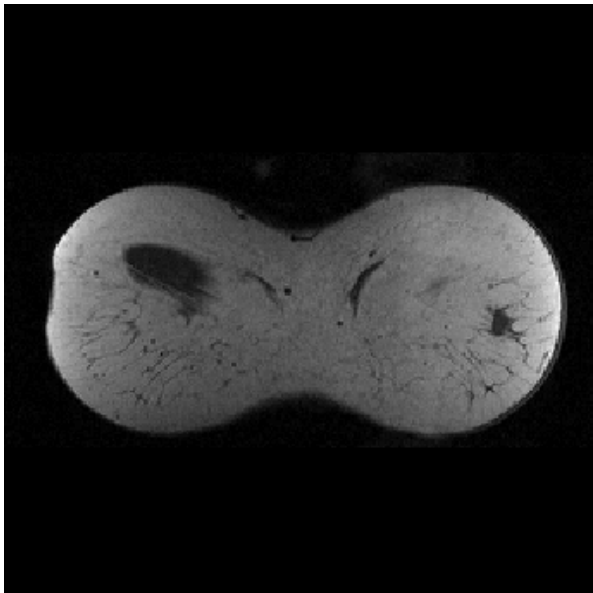
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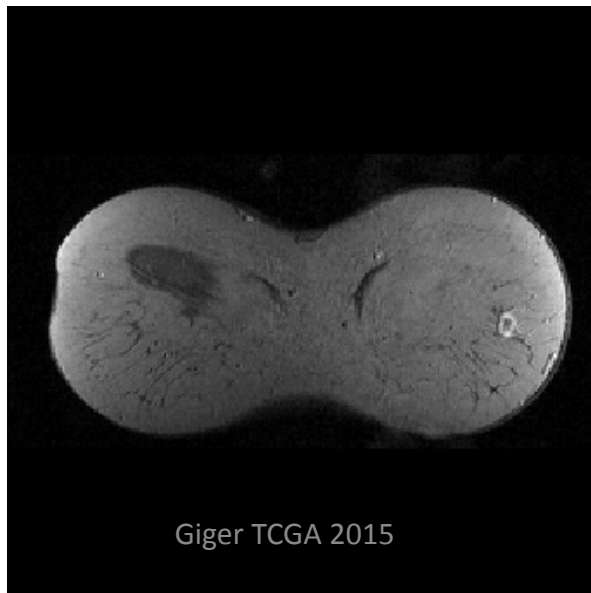
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- Tumors have increased blood vessels and differ in microvascular density and vessel permeability
- Gd-DTPA shortens T1 relaxation time which leads to increase of signal in T1-weighted images

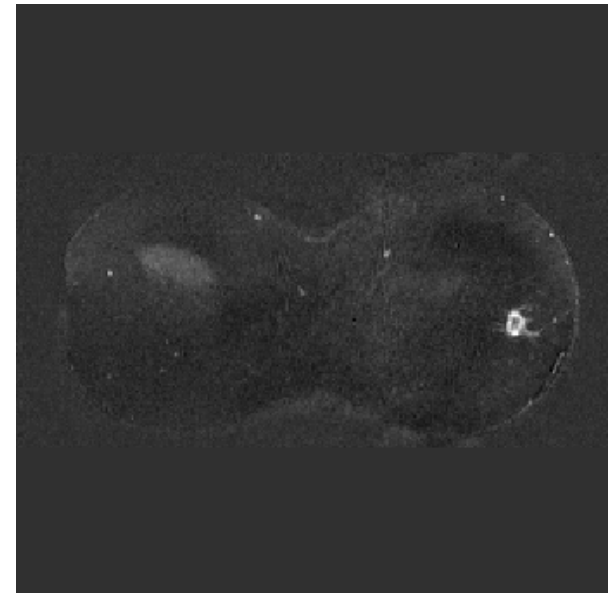
Precontrast



Postcontrast

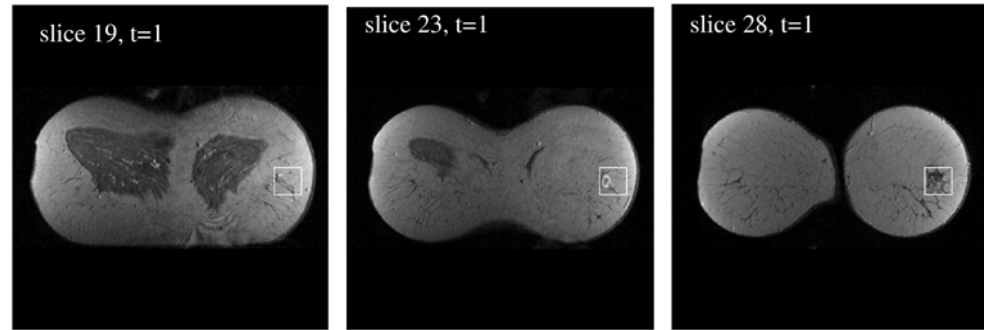
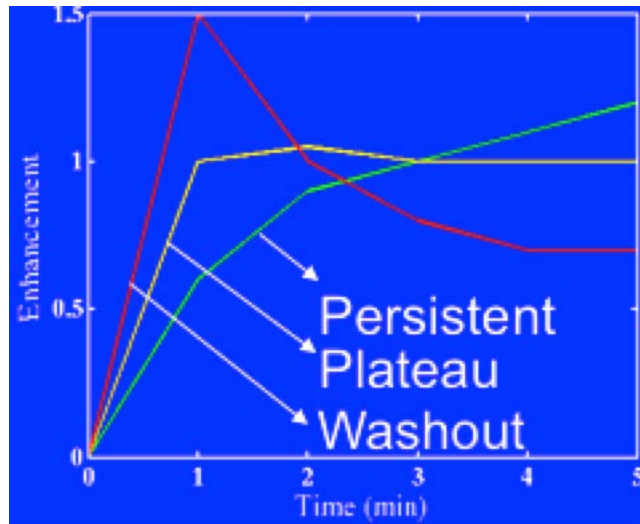


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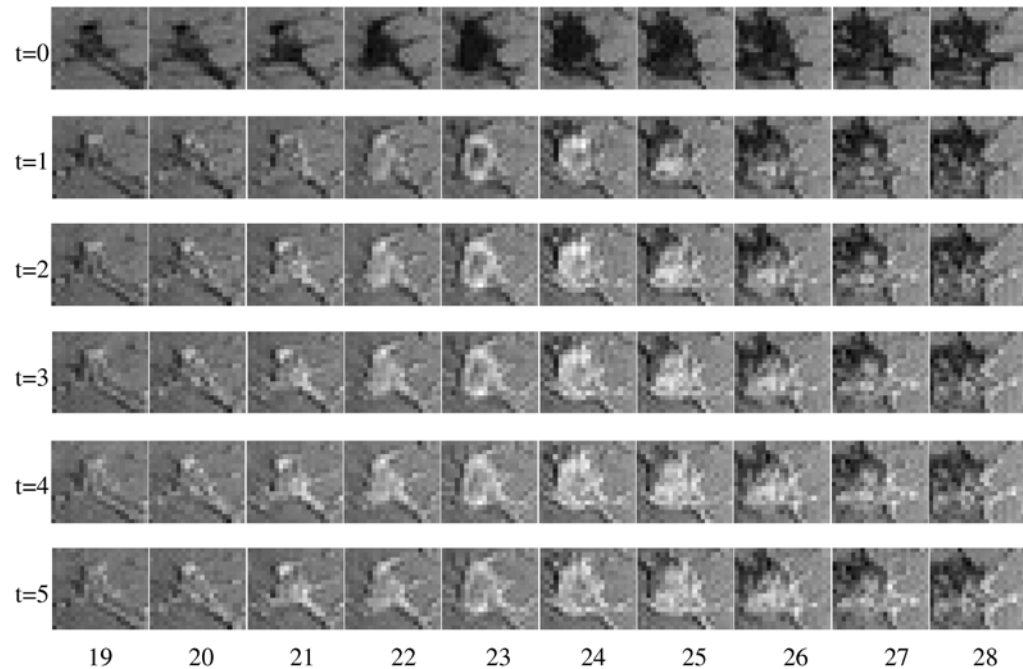


# Dynamic Contrast-Enhanced MRI & Tumor Segmentation



4D image analysis

Increasing time

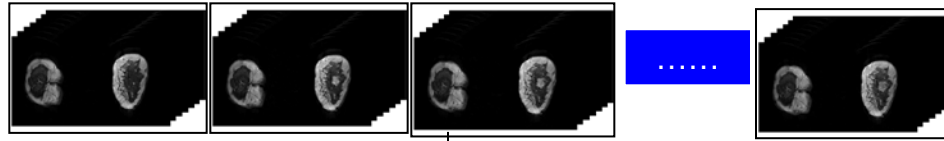


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Across slices

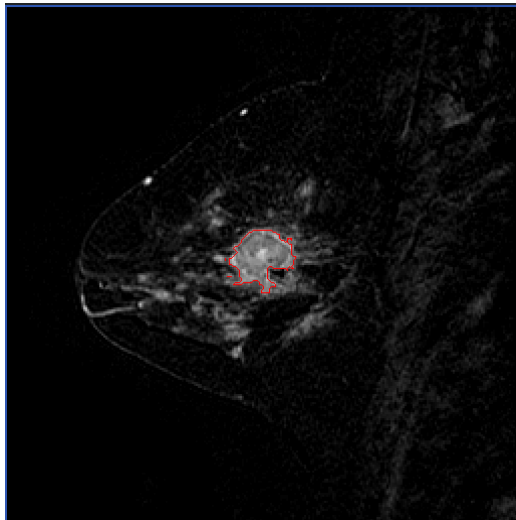
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4D DCE MRI  
images

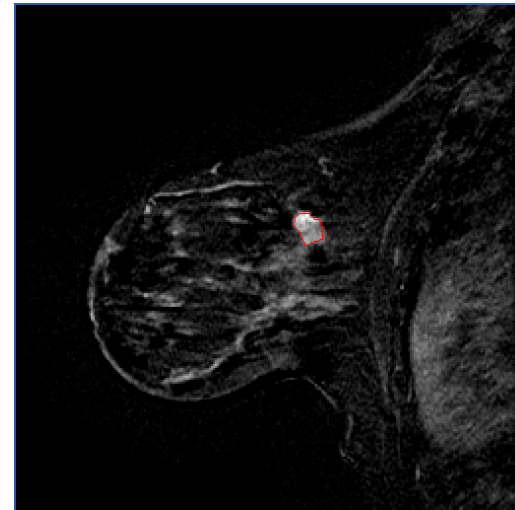


Radiologist-indicated Tumor Center

Computerized Tumor Segmentation

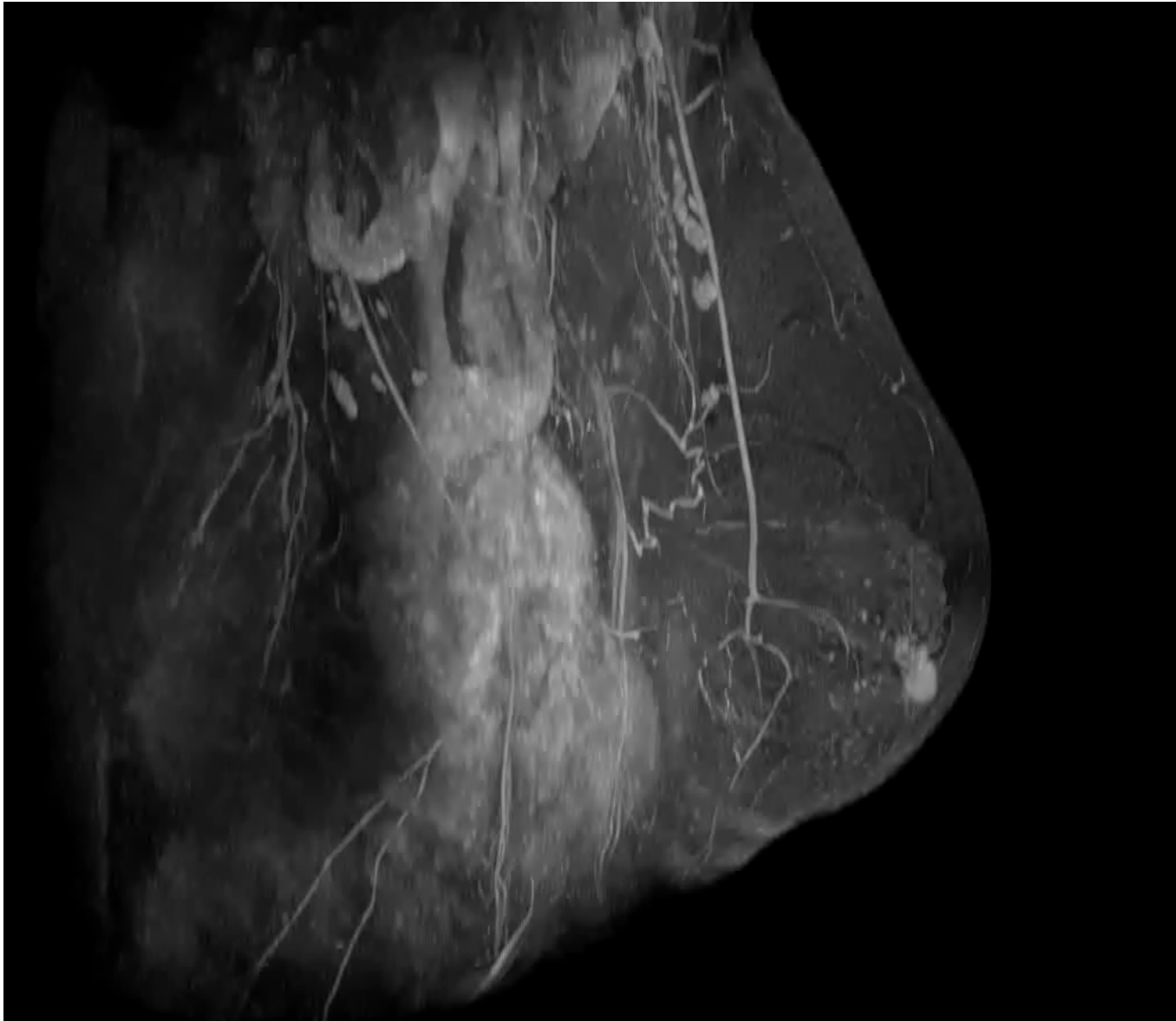


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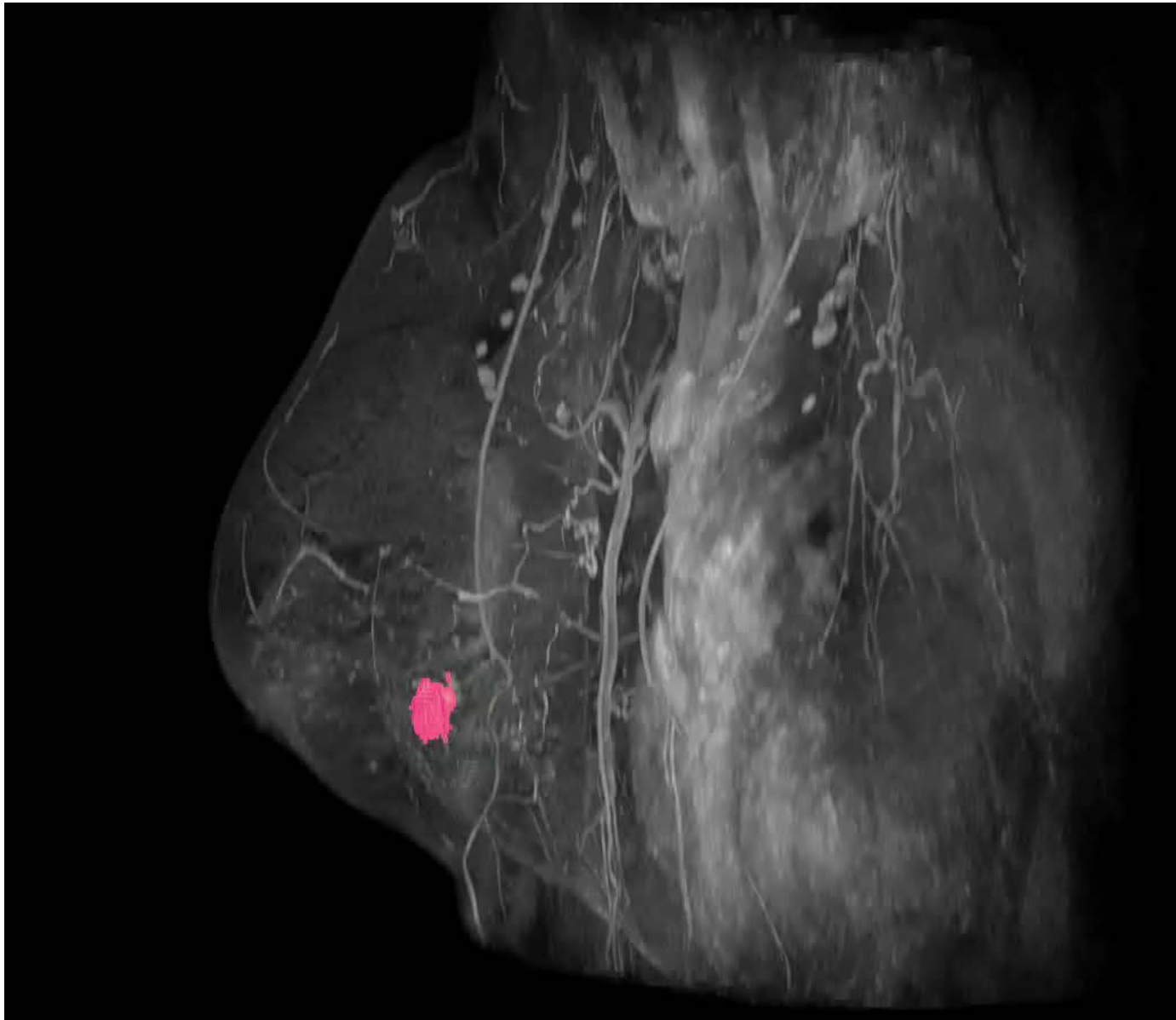


ER-positive

# 3D Breast MRI image

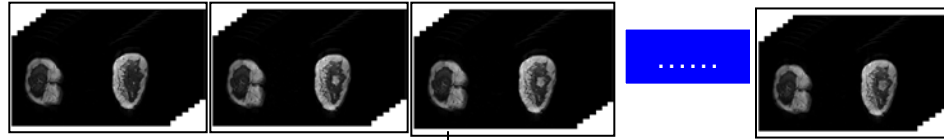


# Computer-extracted Breast Cancer on MRI (can analyze as a “virtual” biopsy of the tumor)



# University of Chicago High-Throughput MRI Phenotyping System

4D DCE MRI images



Radiologist-indicated Tumor Center

Computerized Tumor Segmentation

**Computer-Extracted Image Phenotypes (CEIP)**

Size



Shape



Morphology



Contrast Enhancement

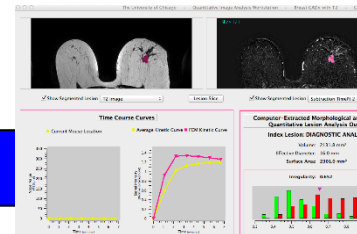
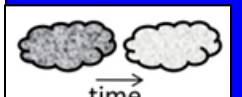
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Curve



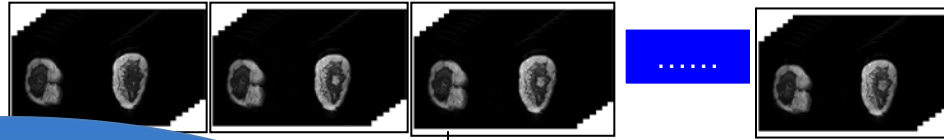
Variance



CAD pipeline = radiomics pipeline

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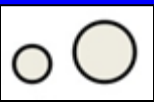
- Volume
- Effective diameter
- Maximum linear size
- Surface Area

Detected Tumor Center

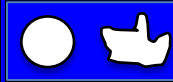
Tumor Segmentation

Selected Image Phenotypes (CEIP)

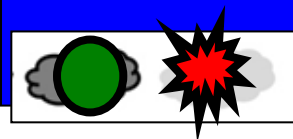
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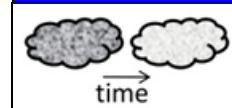
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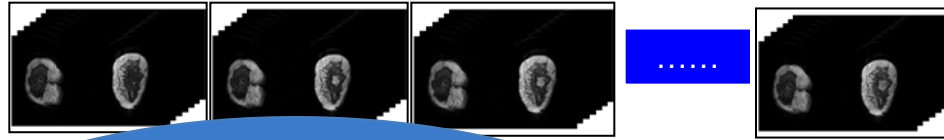
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4D DCE MRI images



- Sphericity
- Irregularity
- Surface area/volume

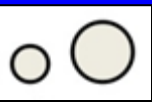
Center

ion

Co

phenotypes (CEIP)

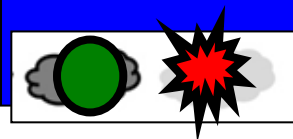
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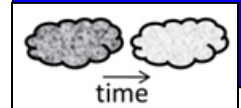
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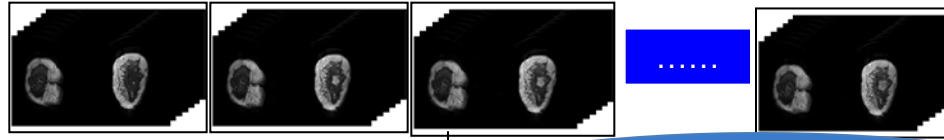
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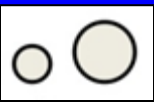
Radiomics

Contrast

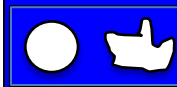
Computer-Extracted

- Margin sharpness
- Variance of margin sharpness
- Variance of radial gradient histogram

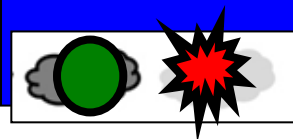
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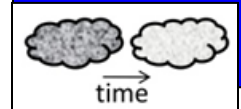
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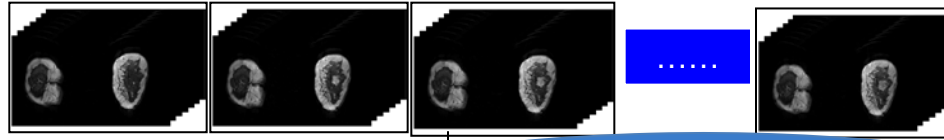


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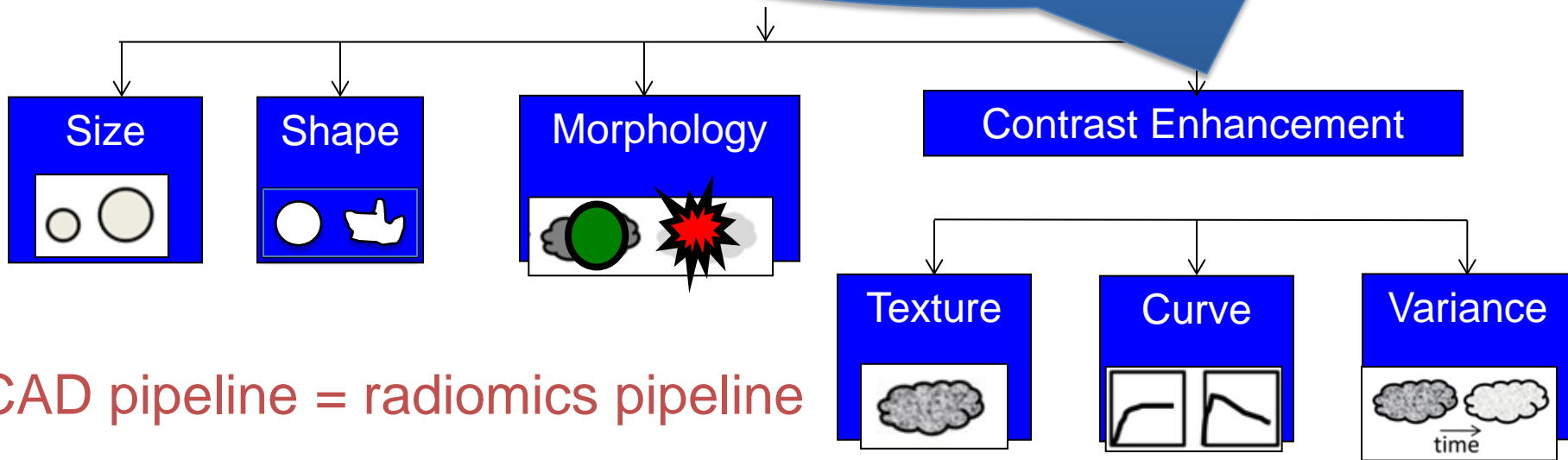
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Enhancement heterogeneity & kinetics of the uptake and washout of the contrast agent during the imaging time

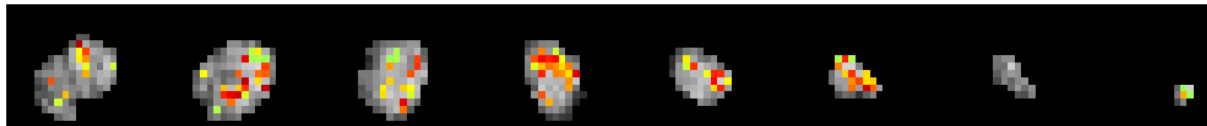
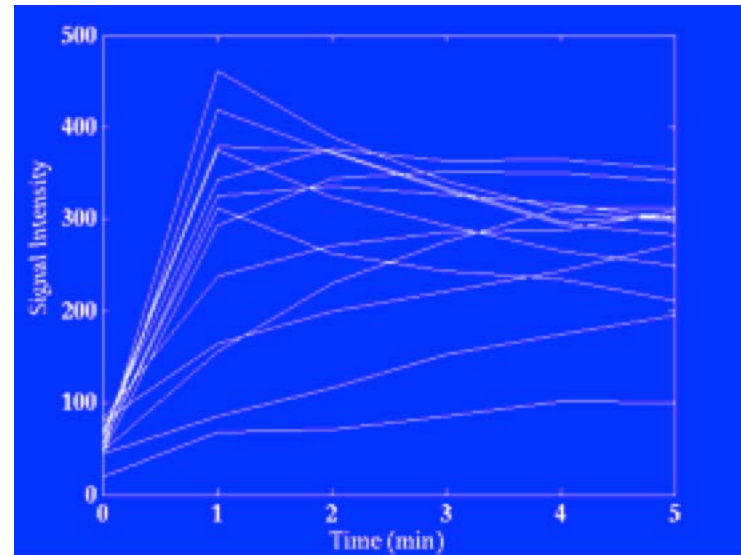
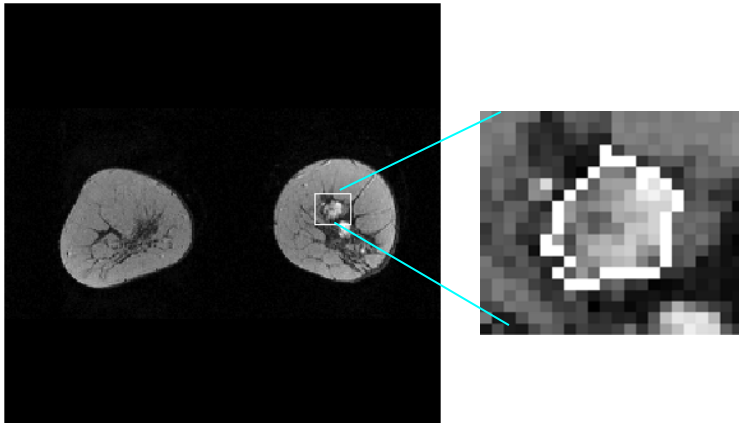
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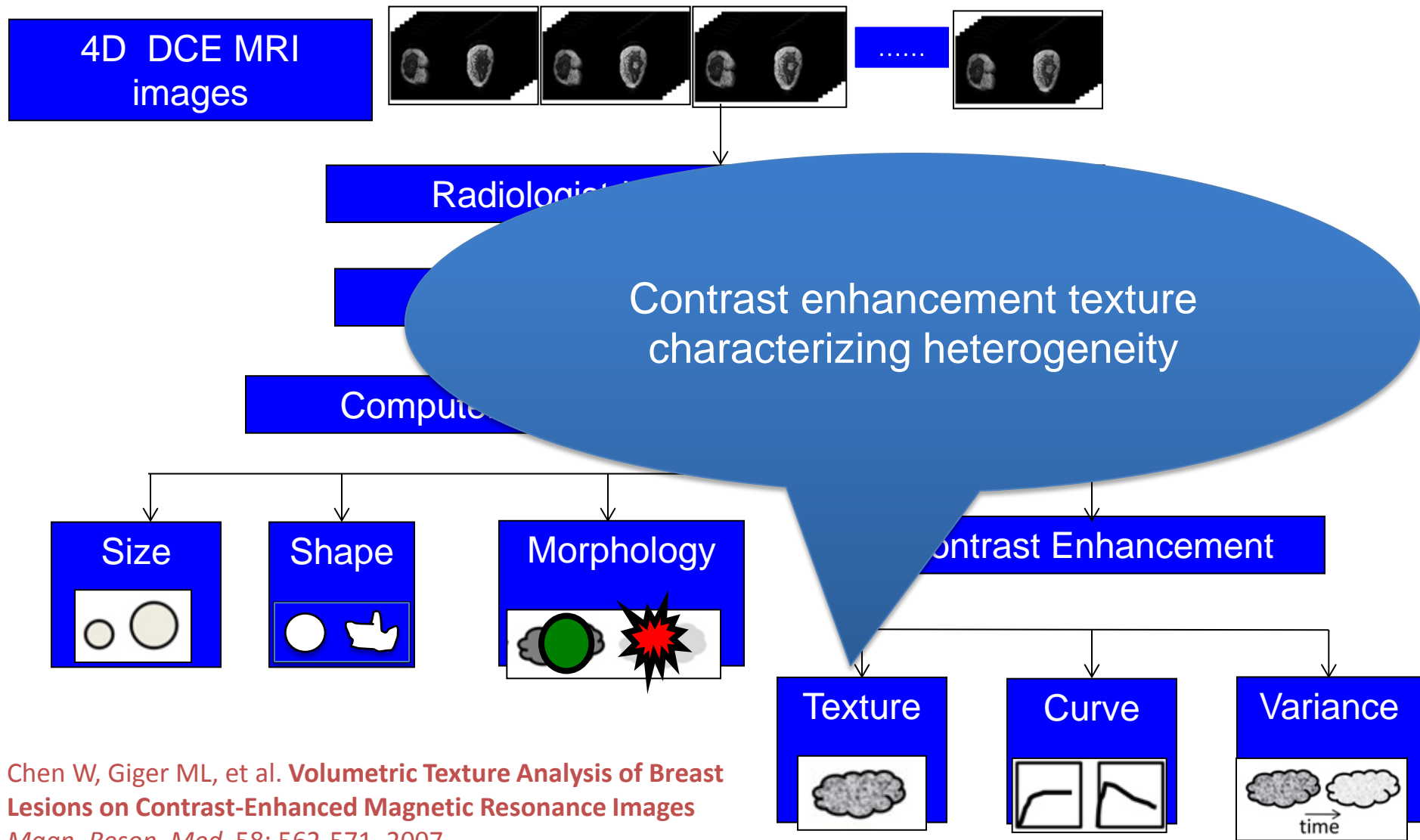
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# Tumors are Heterogeneous: Contrast Enhancement Heterogeneity & Kinetics

Heterogeneity of Tumors:

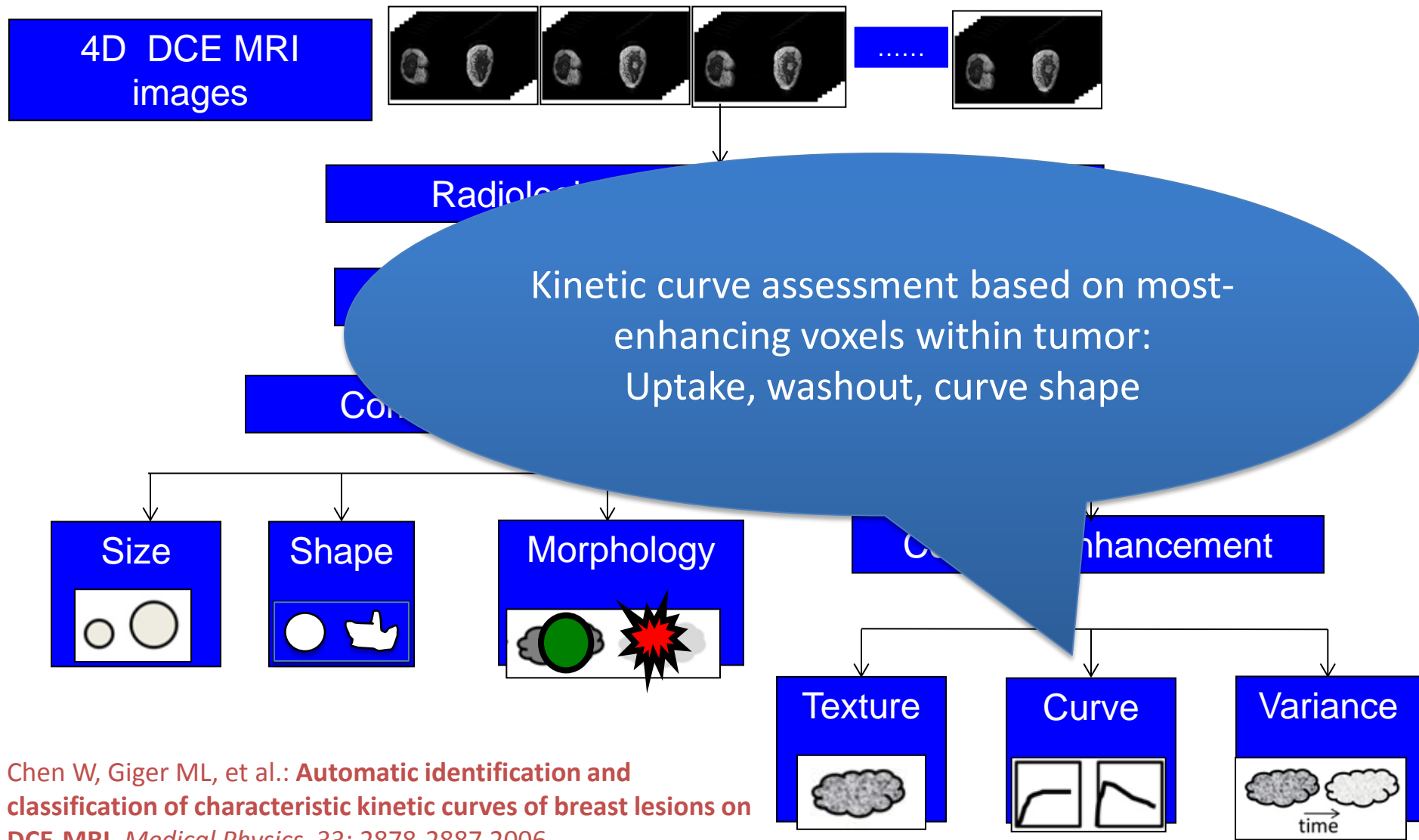


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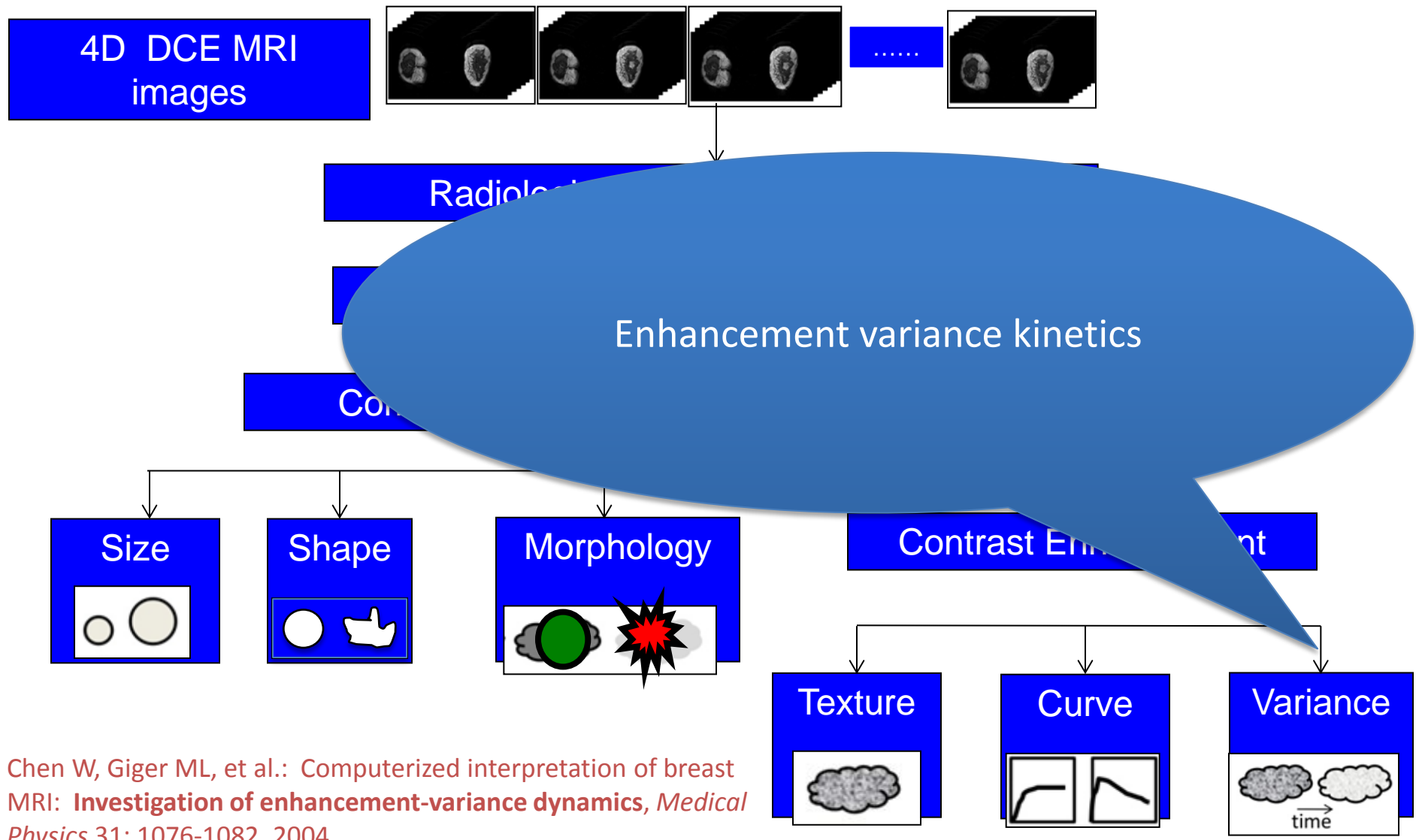
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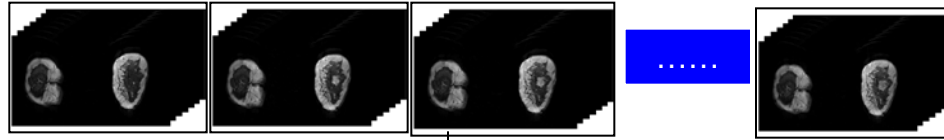
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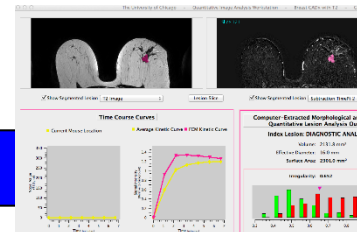
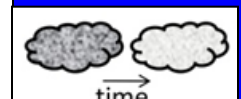
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Can be thought of as a non-invasive  
“virtual biopsy”

# “Virtual biopsy” yielding tumor phenotypes & signatures

## Relating Computer-extracted MRI Phenotypes to:

### Classification & Association Tasks:

1. Clinical Tumor Status
  1. Tumor Stage
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2. Molecular Classification & Cancer Subtype
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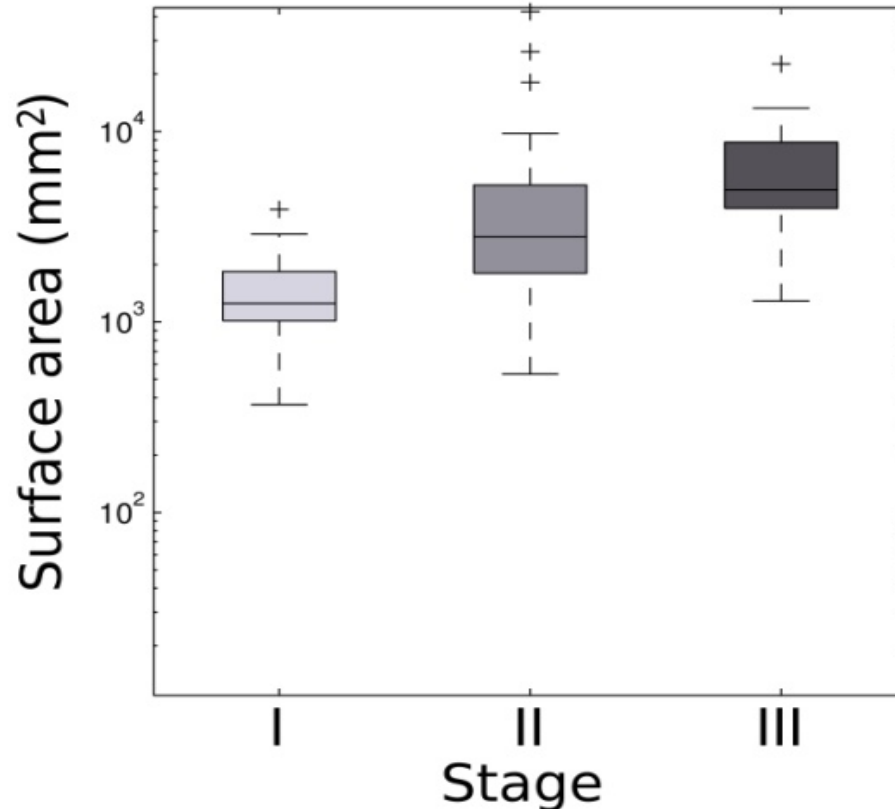
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# MRI-based Phenotypes of Size

– predictive of breast cancer tumor stage



TCGA/TCIA Breast Cancer Group cases;  
University of Chicago Giger Lab computer-extracted image phenotypes

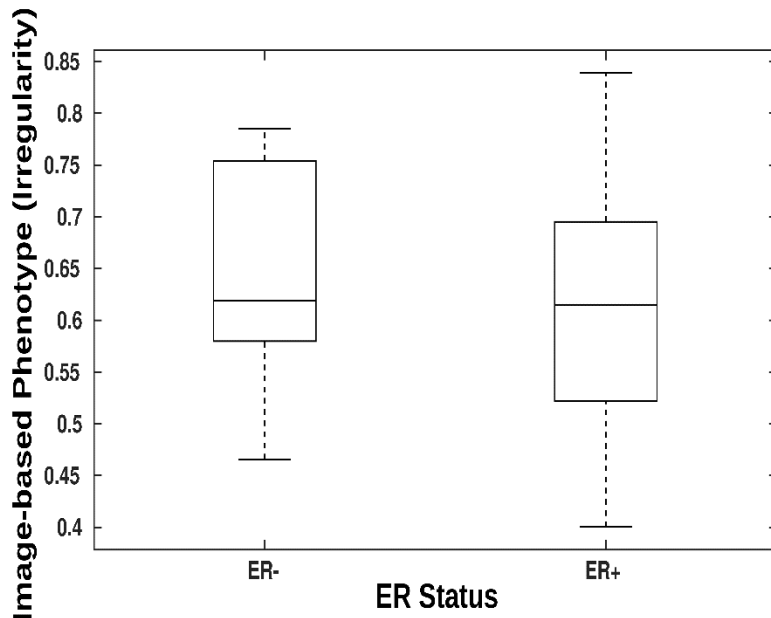
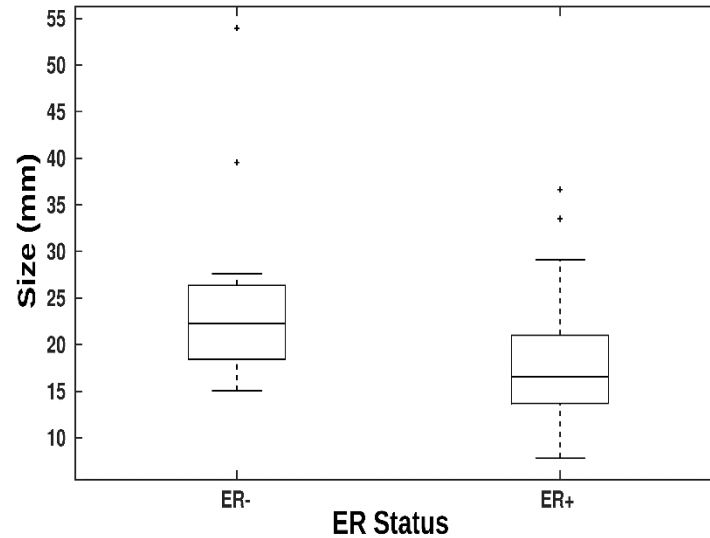
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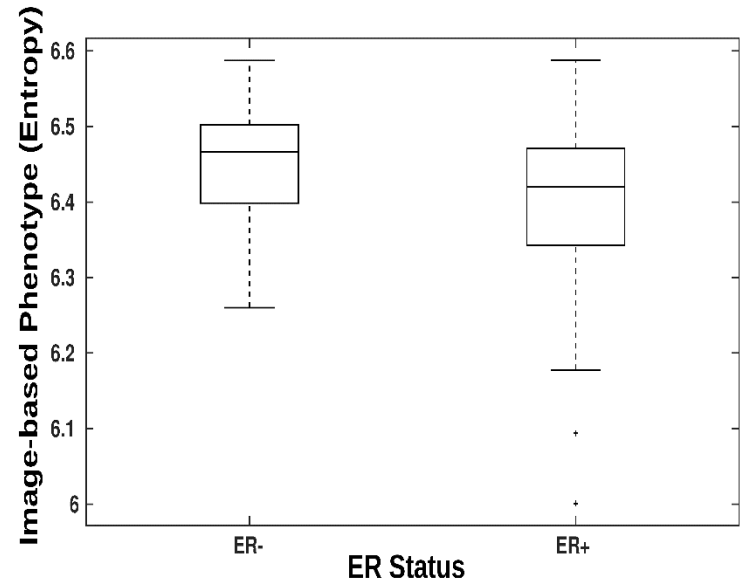
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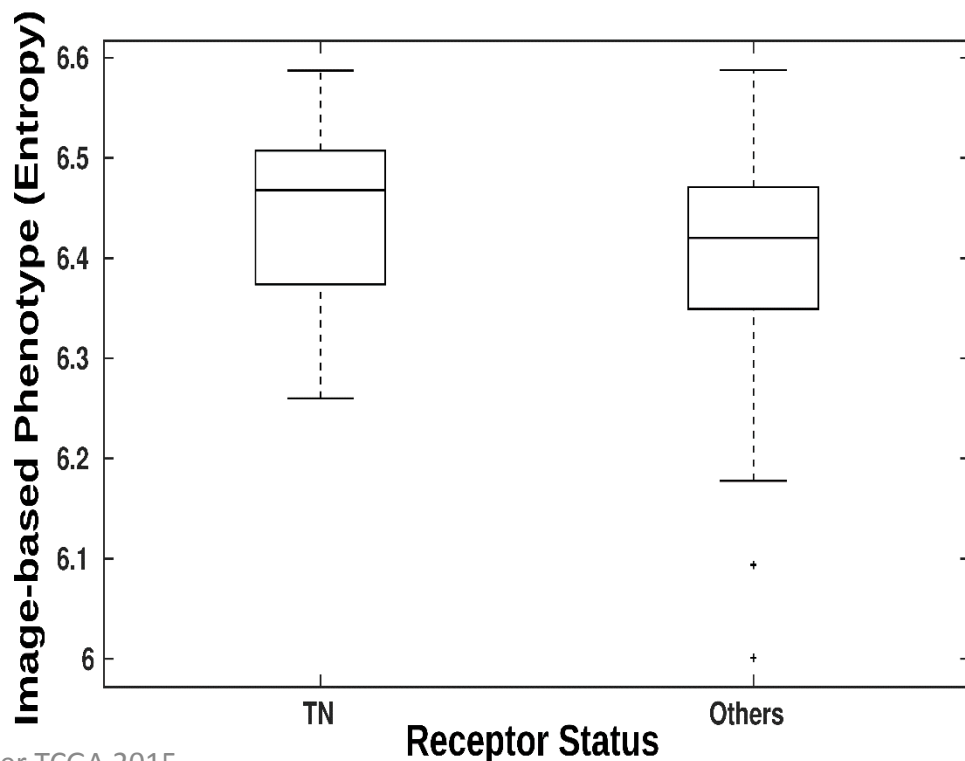
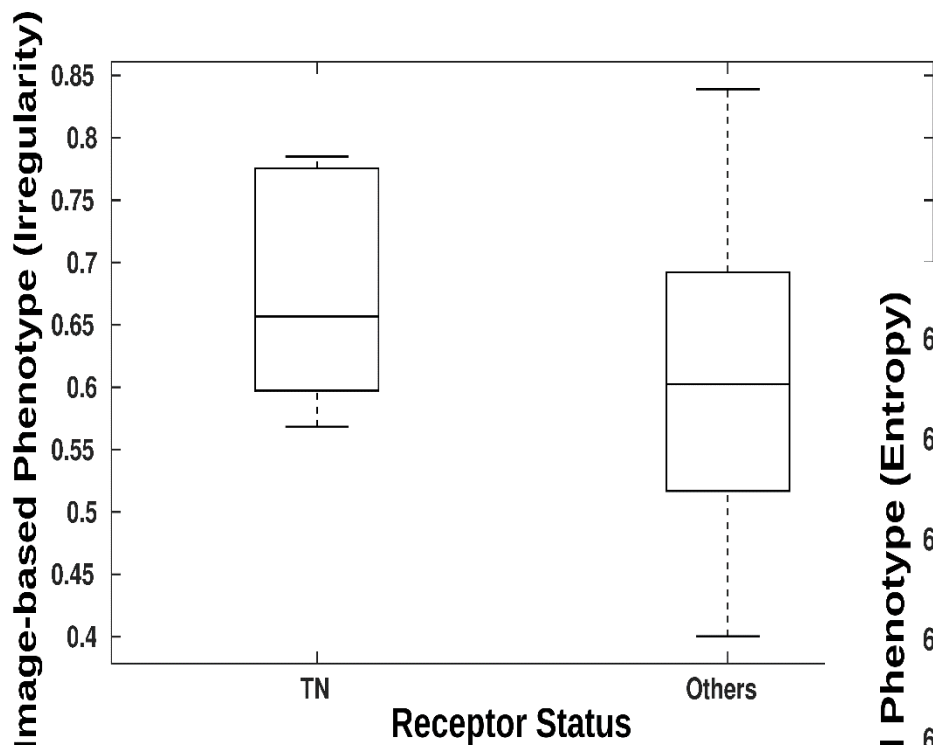
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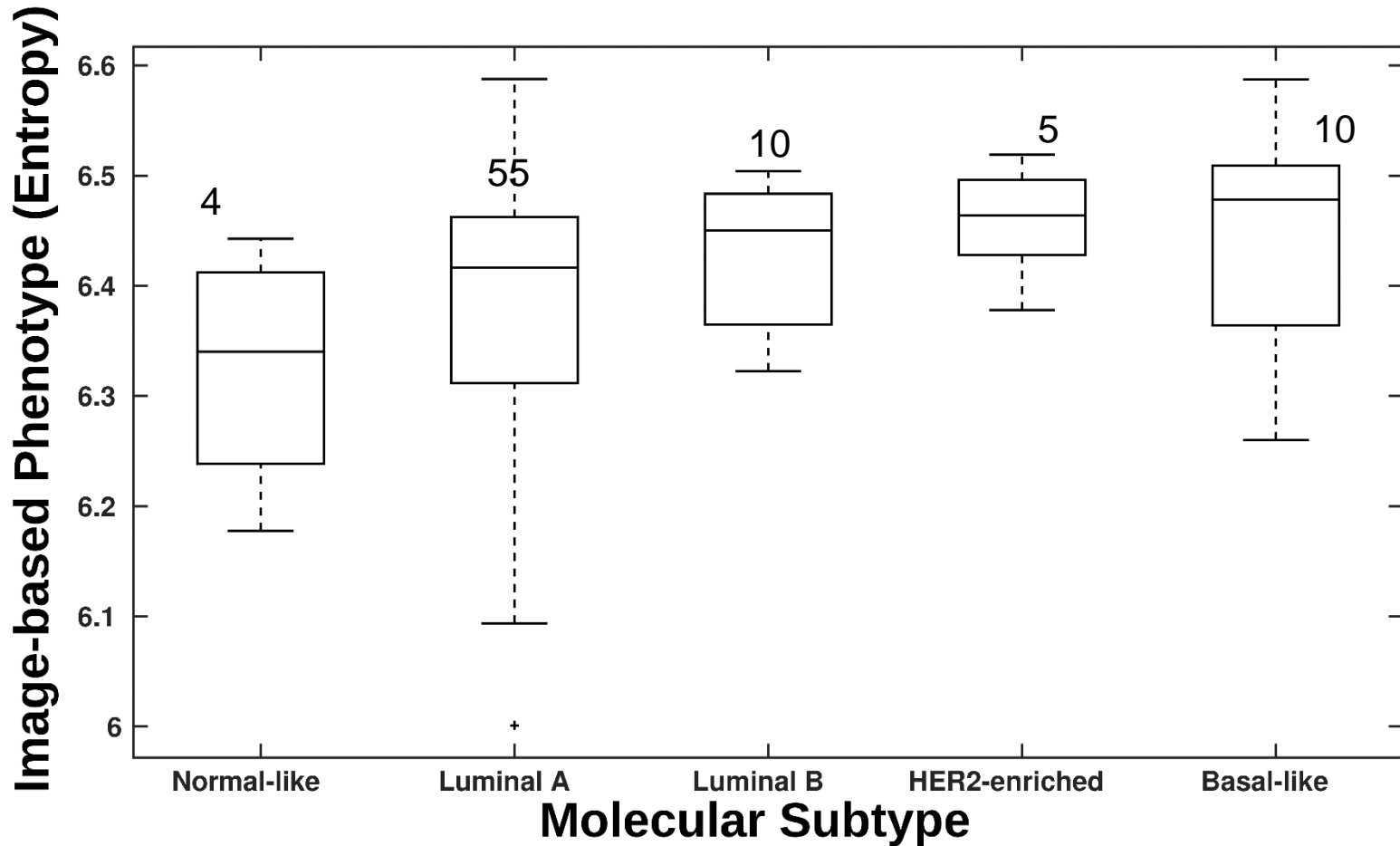
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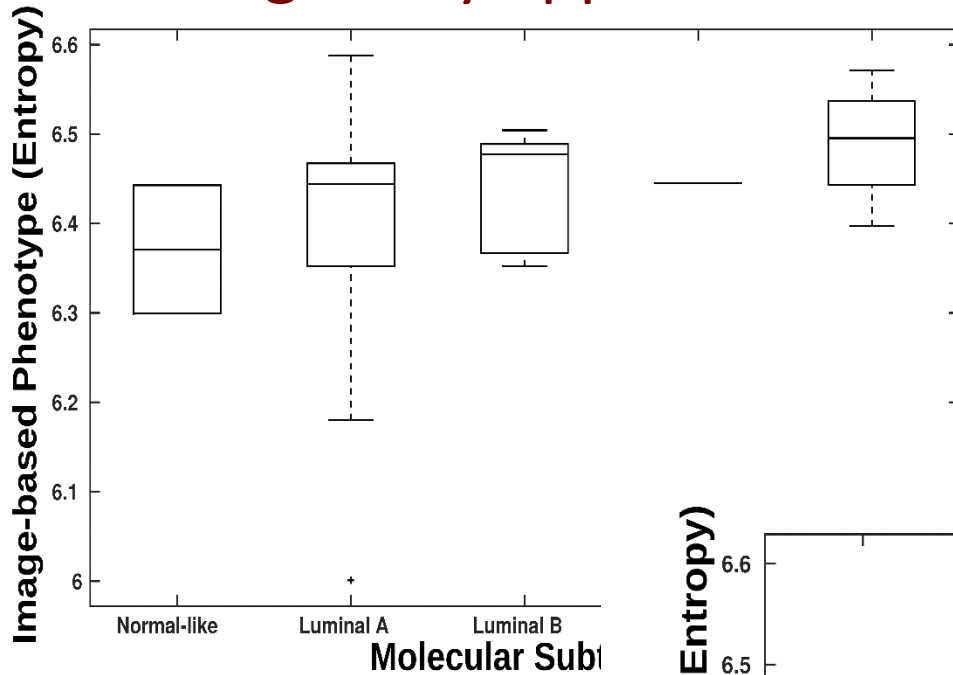


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Kendall test results for trends; p-value=0.0055

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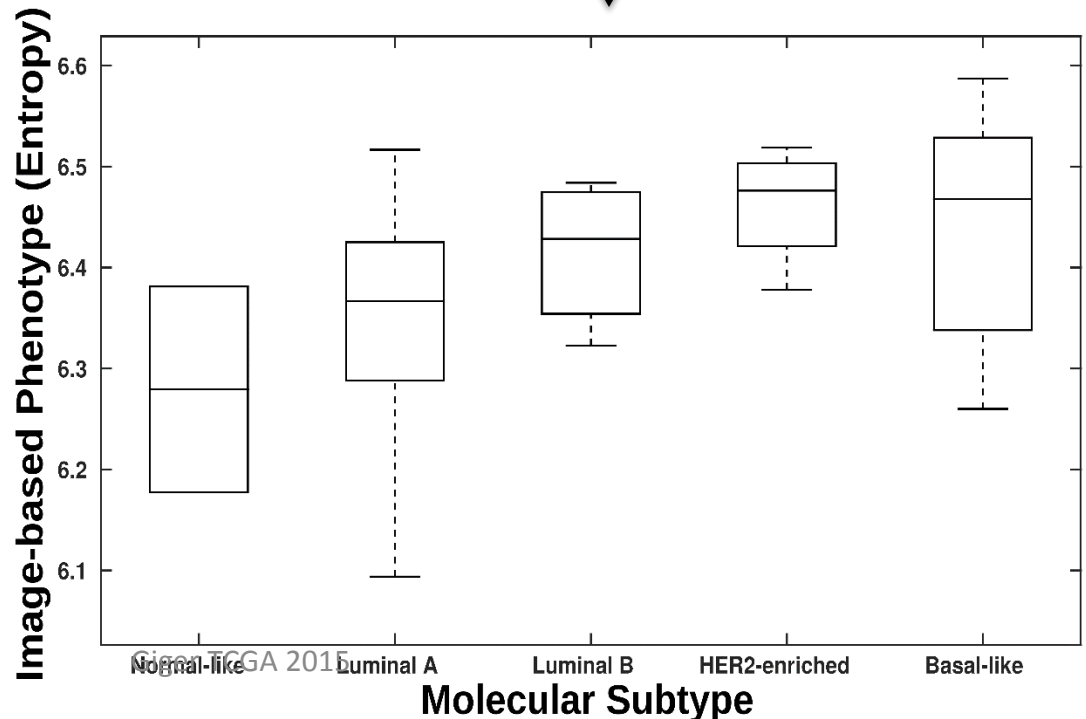
size  $\leq 2$  cm tumors

Kendall test for trends; p-value=0.0435



2 cm < size  $\leq 5$  cm

Kendall test for trends; p-value=0.016



Molecular Subtyping  
from C. Perou

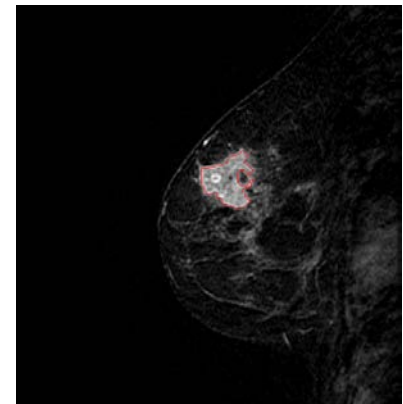
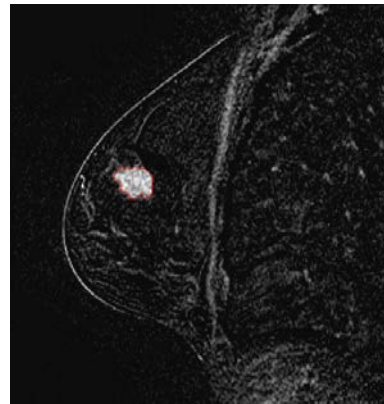
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4. Genomic Pathways

# Computer analysis of Breast MRIs of tumors



Multi-gene assays of risk of recurrence



Radiomics for “virtual” biopsy



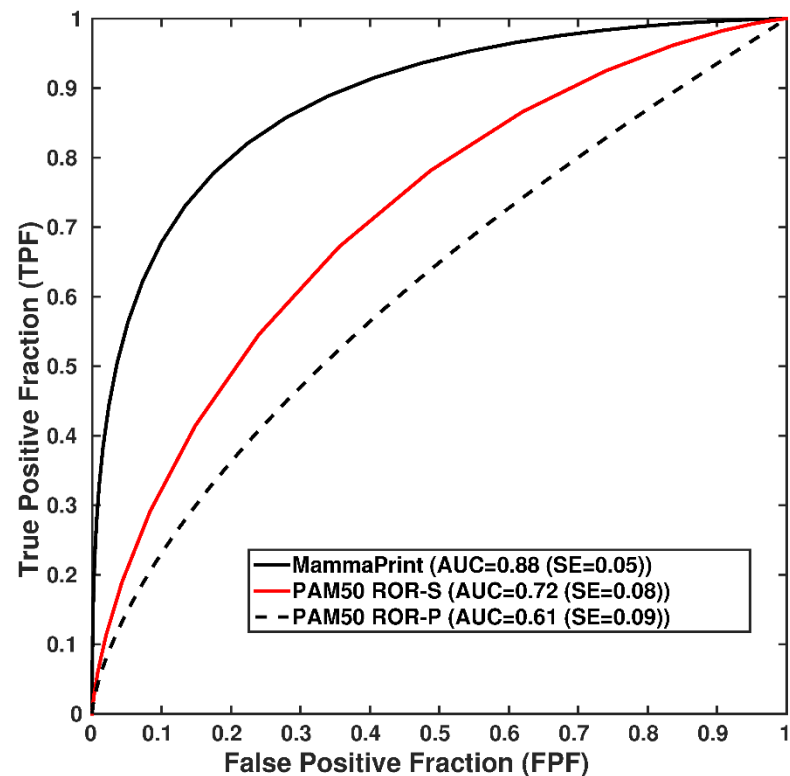
	<b>Good Prognosis Case (left)</b>	<b>Poor Prognosis Case (right)</b>
<b>Cancer Subtype</b>	Luminal A	Basal-like
<b>OncotypeDX</b> Range [0, 100]	14.4 (low risk of breast cancer recurrence)	100 (high risk of breast cancer recurrence)
<b>MammaPrint</b> Range [0.848, -0.748]	0.67 (good prognosis)	-0.54 (poor prognosis)
<b>PAM50 ROR-S (Subtype)</b> Range [-7.42, 71.76]	-2.2 (low risk of breast cancer recurrence)	56.3 (high risk of breast cancer recurrence)
<b>PAM50 ROR-P (Subtype+Proliferation)</b> Range [-13.21, 72.38]	0.96 (low risk of breast cancer recurrence)	53.2 (high risk of breast cancer recurrence)
<b>MRI Tumor Size (Effective Diameter)</b> Range [7.8 54.0]	16.8 mm	21.7 mm
<b>MRI Tumor Irregularity</b> Range [0.40 0.84]	0.438	0.592
<b>MRI Tumor Heterogeneity (Entropy)</b> Range [6.00 6.59]	6.27	6.51



# Radiomics “Virtual Biopsy” & Risk of Recurrence

Research Gene Assay	Correlation coefficient from multiple linear regression analysis		Multiple linear regression model					
	Correlation coefficient	p-value	Phenotypic categories	Feature	Regression coefficient	Standard Error	T Statistics	p-value
<b>MammaPrint</b>	0.55	7.02e-08	—	Constant	-9.5999	3.4665	-2.7693	0.0069798
			<b>Enhancement Texture</b>	Maximum correlation coefficient	3.1407	0.80861	3.884	0.00021048
			<b>Enhancement Texture</b>	Sum average	0.2216	0.084821	2.6125	0.010732
			<b>Size</b>	Effective diameter	-0.019505	0.0060721	-3.2122	0.0018986
<b>OncotypeDX</b>	0.5	1.42e-06	—	Constant	161.52	45.952	3.515	0.00072709
			<b>Kinetic Curve Assessment</b>	Maximum enhancement	10.298	4.0853	2.5208	0.013697
			<b>Enhancement Texture</b>	Maximum correlation coefficient	-200.23	60.938	-3.2858	0.0015108
			<b>Size</b>	Effective diameter	1.8856	0.49819	3.7849	0.00029576
<b>PAM50 (Subtype)</b>	0.56	2.40e-08	—	Constant	491.36	192.17	2.5569	0.012451
			<b>Enhancement Texture</b>	Maximum correlation coefficient	-182.33	44.826	-4.0675	0.00011062
			<b>Enhancement Texture</b>	Sum average	-9.8692	4.7021	-2.0989	0.03898
			<b>Size</b>	Effective diameter	1.2348	0.33661	3.6682	0.00043854

# Performance of the MRI Tumor Signatures in the task of predicting Risk of Recurrence (ROC analysis)



Research Gene Assay	Risk of Recurrence Task		Phenotypic Categories
<b>MammaPrint</b>	good prognosis (70)	bad prognosis (14)	Size + Shape + Enhancement variance kinetics
<b>PAM50 (Subtype)</b>	[low+medium] risk of recurrence (69)	[high] risk of recurrence (15)	Size + Enhancement variance kinetics
<b>PAM50 (Subtype + Proliferation)</b>	[low+medium] risk of recurrence (71)	[high] risk of recurrence (13)	Enhancement Texture

ROC curves for leave-one-out LDA classifier using computer-extracted MRI phenotypes as decision variable in the tasks of distinguishing between [low+medium] and high risk levels of recurrence for MammaPrint, PAM50 ROR-S (Subtype), and PAM50 ROR-P (Subtype+Proliferation) from Perou

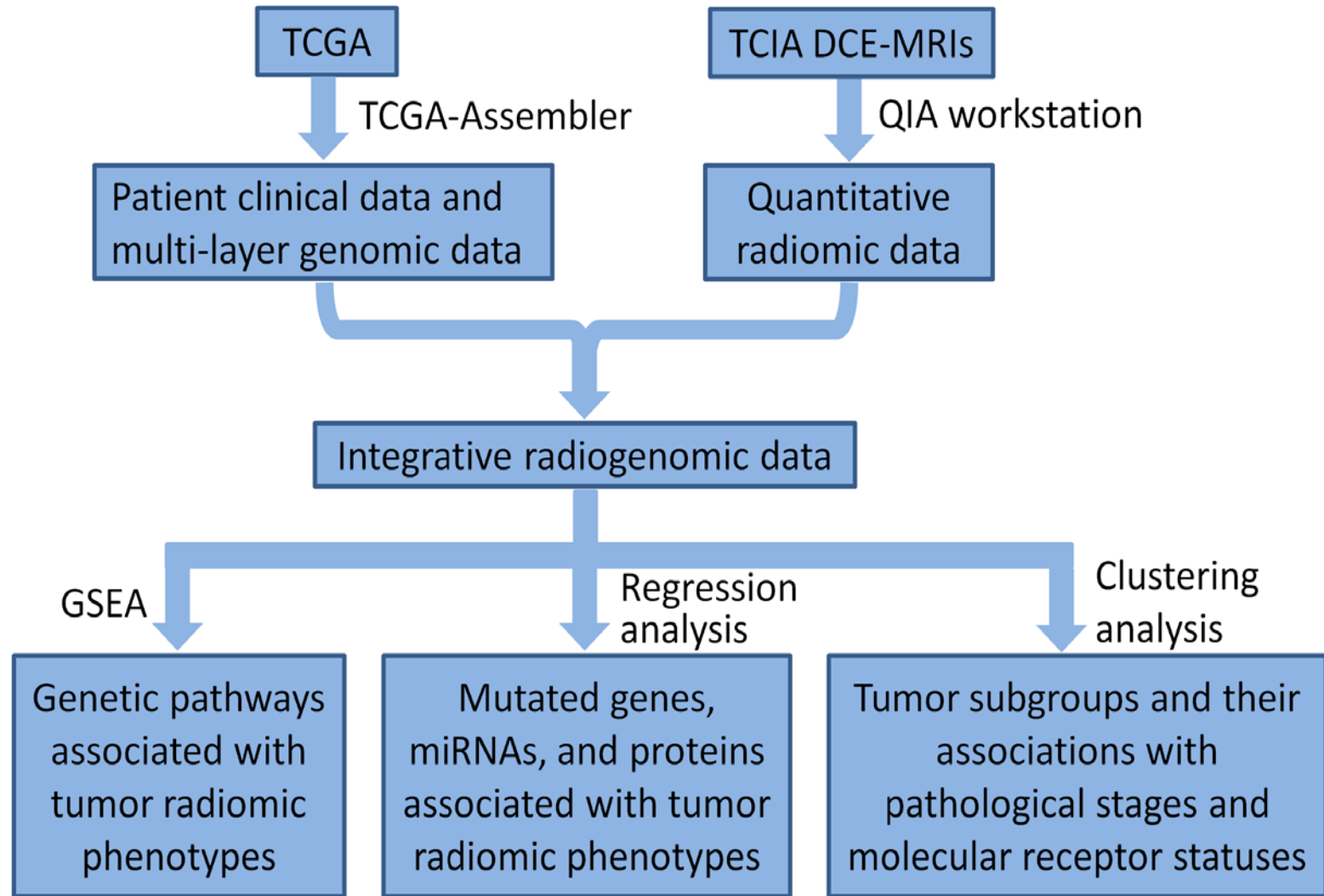
# “Virtual biopsy” yielding tumor phenotypes & signatures

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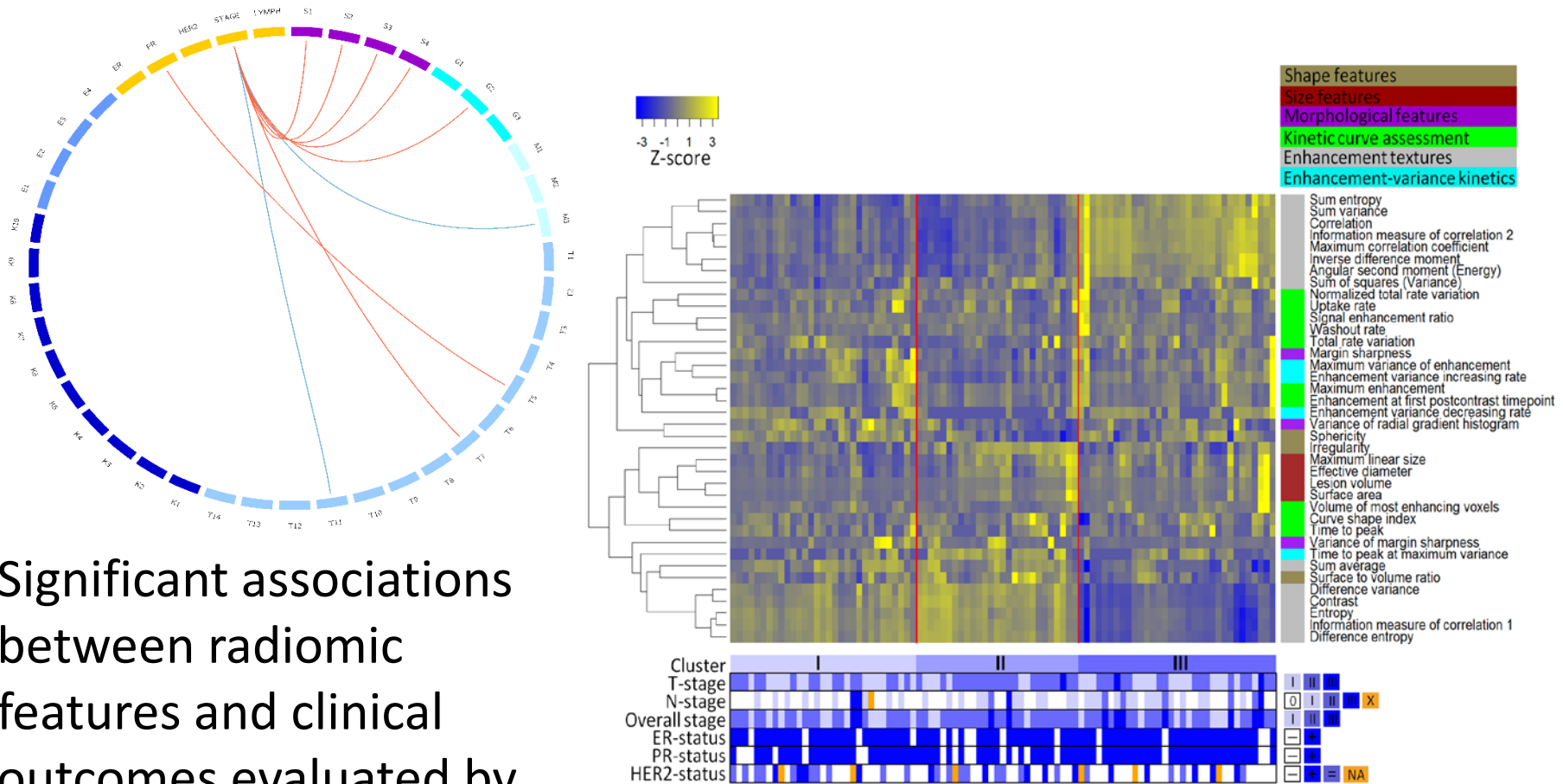
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# Radiogenomics Flowchart

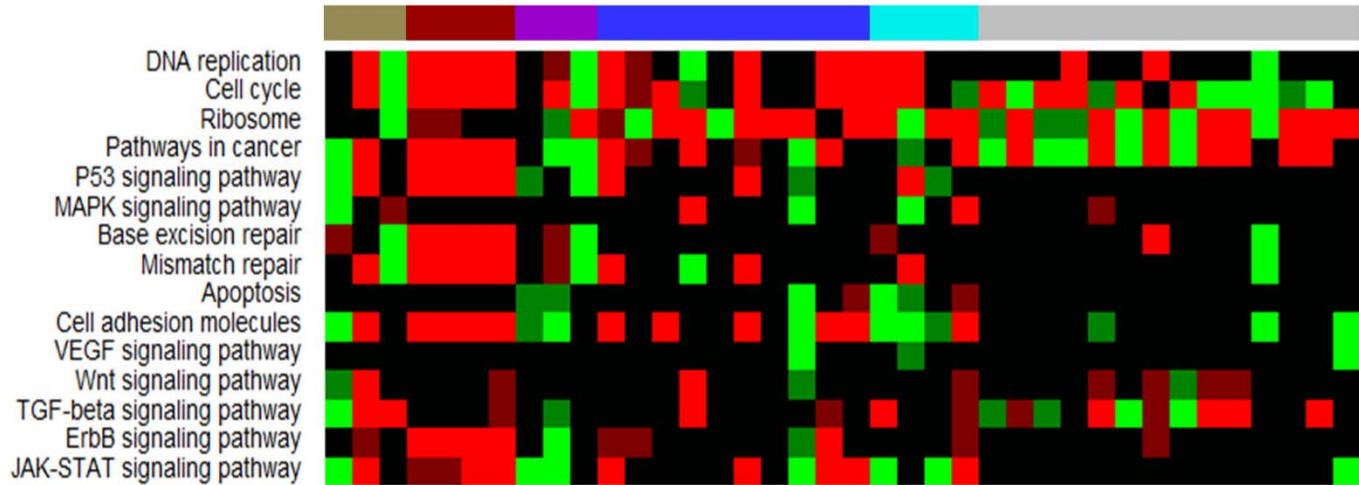


# Exploratory Cluster Analysis of the MRI Tumor Phenotypes

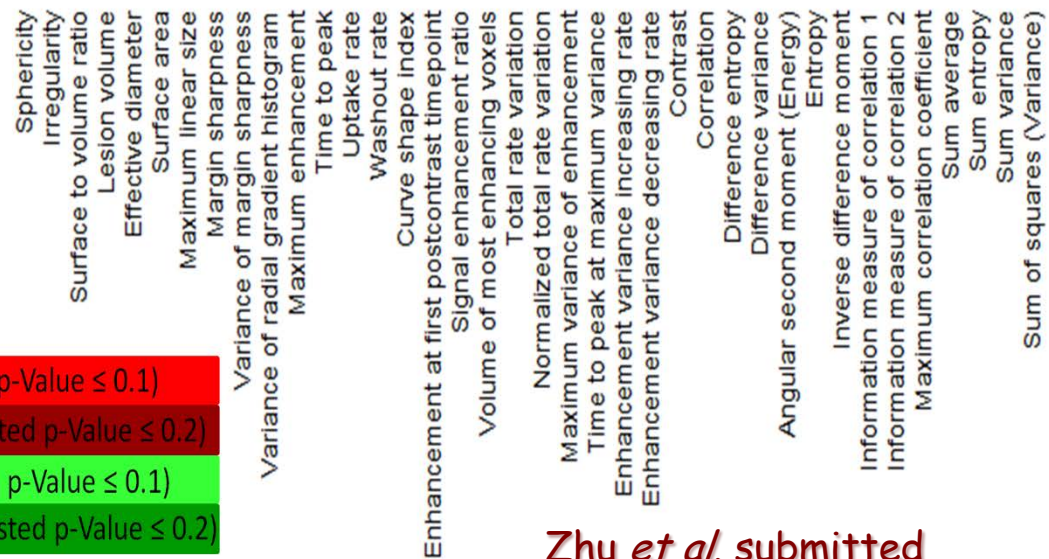
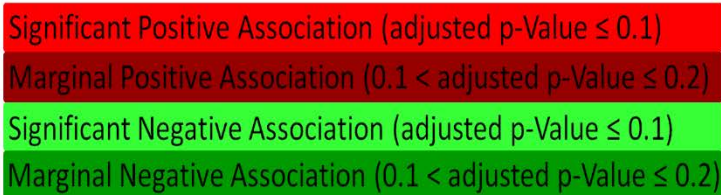
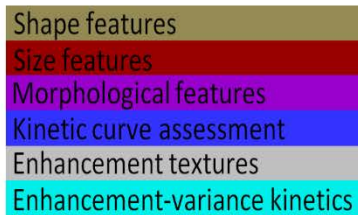


# Radiomics from the MRI tumor “Virtual Biopsy” shows association with Pathway Transcriptional Activities

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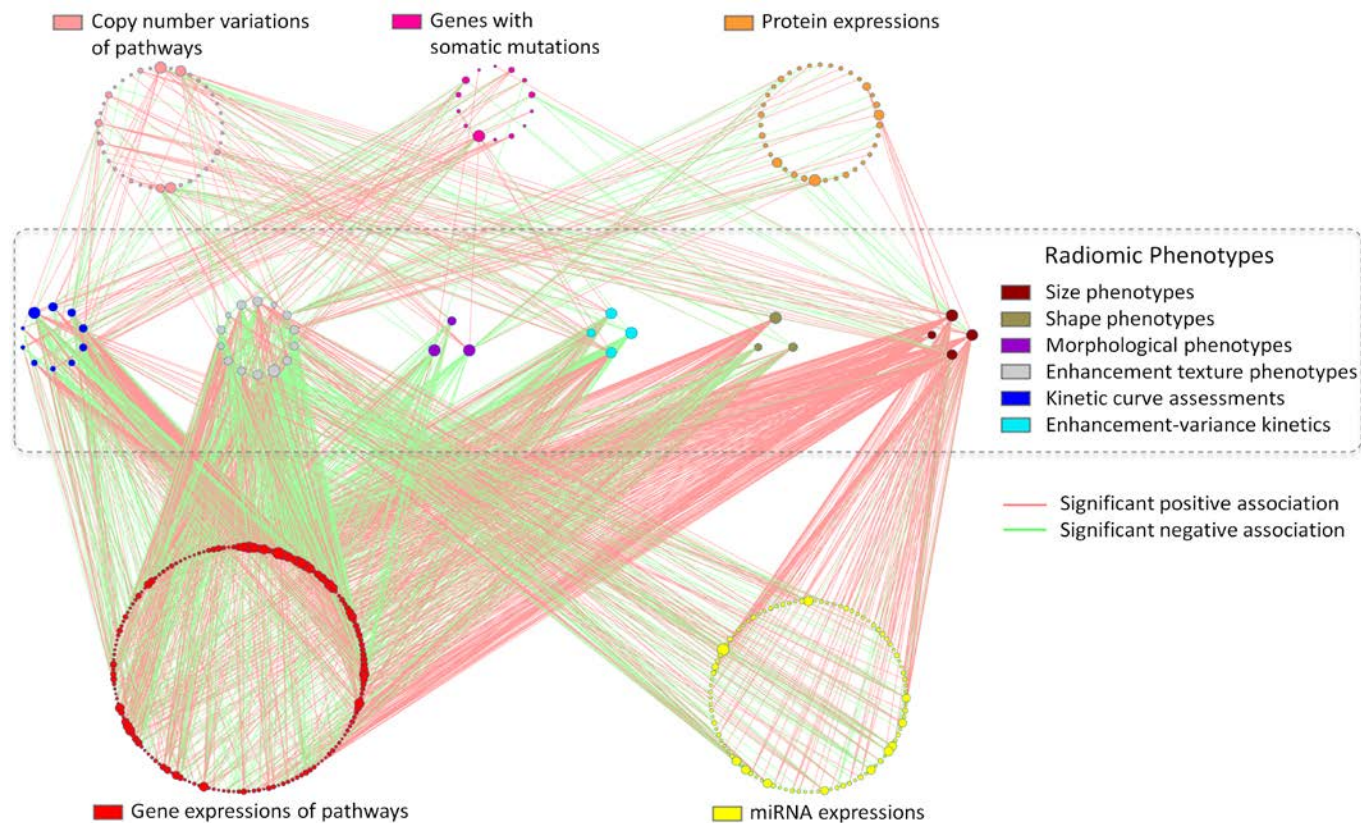
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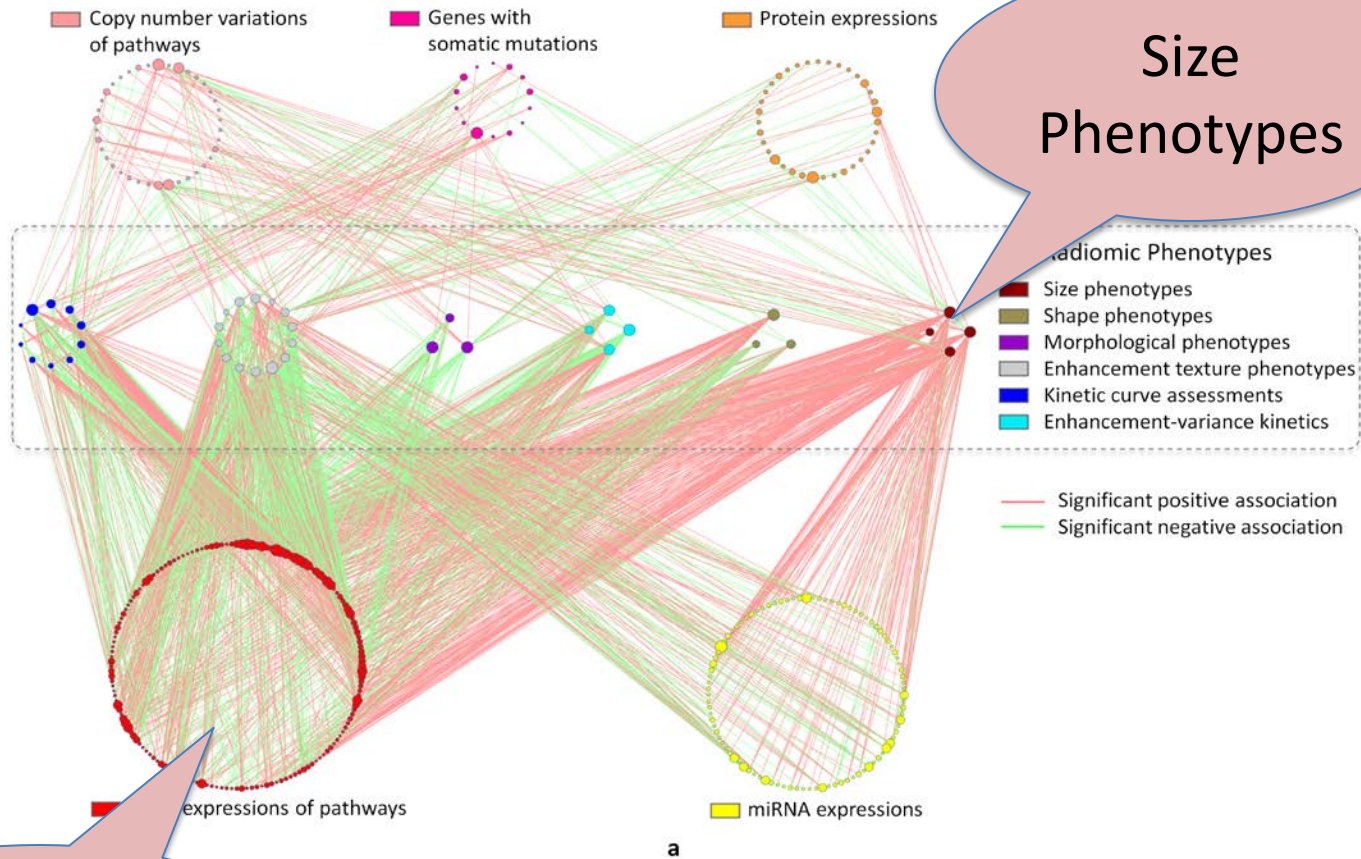


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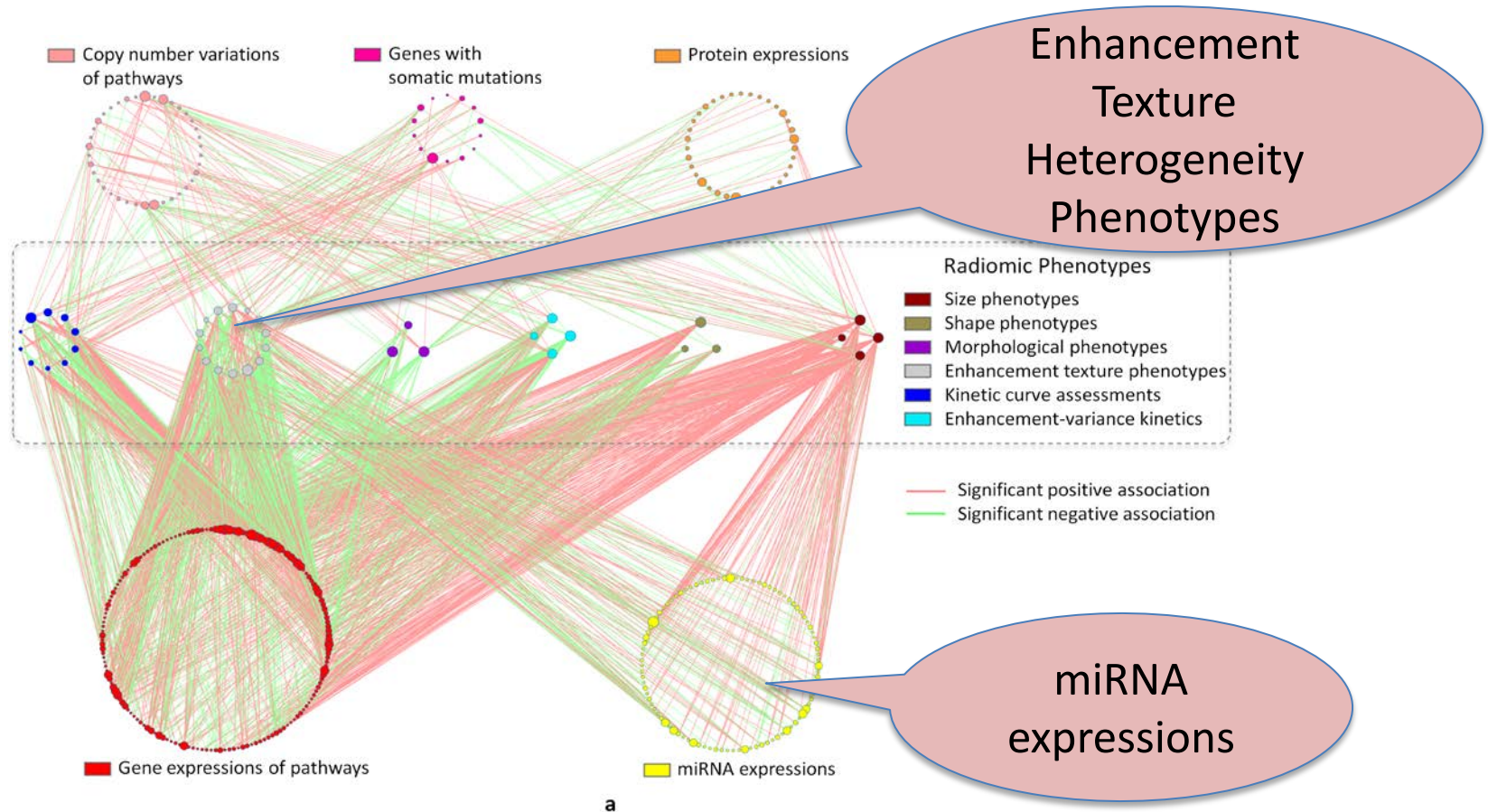
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# Summary & Conclusion

- Computational quantitative MRI analysis shows promise as a means for high-throughput image-based phenotyping and appears to predict breast cancer molecular subtypes
- Radiomics of tumor size and enhancement heterogeneity appear as dominant MRI phenotypes in classifying tumor subtypes and risk of recurrence.
- Significant associations were identified between the MRI phenotypes (such as tumor size, shape, margin, enhancement texture, blood flow kinetics) and molecular features involved in multiple regulation layers (including DNA mutation, miRNA expression, protein expression, pathway gene expression and copy number variation).

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- Limitations included a small dataset of only 91 cancers
  - TCIA is collecting additional images
  - Investigators are organizing a multi-institutional radiomics network to collect beyond the TCGA/TCIA
- Identification of radiomics of molecular subtypes of breast tumors is expected to allow for virtual biopsies
- Ongoing research involves relating and merging MRI phenotypes with genomic data to develop improved predictive models

# Questions

- Is it possible to decide targeted therapy based on imaging-genomics association results?
- Can imaging features inform important genomics features?
- Can integration of imaging and genomics features lead to higher power in prediction?
- Can imaging serve as a virtual biopsy?
  - non-invasive, covers complete tumor, & repeatable

# Thank you & please attend our related Workshop & Posters

- Workshop: Imaging Resources for the TCGA: Radiology and Pathology Tools for Enabling Science; May 11; 4-5pm and repeated 5-6pm
- Poster 91
- Poster 79
- Poster 105