

# Digital Biomarkers for Precision Medicine DBM4PM

- **Project 1.20**
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## **CBmed**

- Competence center for systematic medical biomarker research, brings together scientific experts with leading pharmaceutical, diagnostic, medical-technology and IT industry partners. Established 2014
- CBmed research projects will identify new biomarkers, validate potential biomarkers and conduct translational biomarker research
- Focus: Cancer, cardio-metabolic health

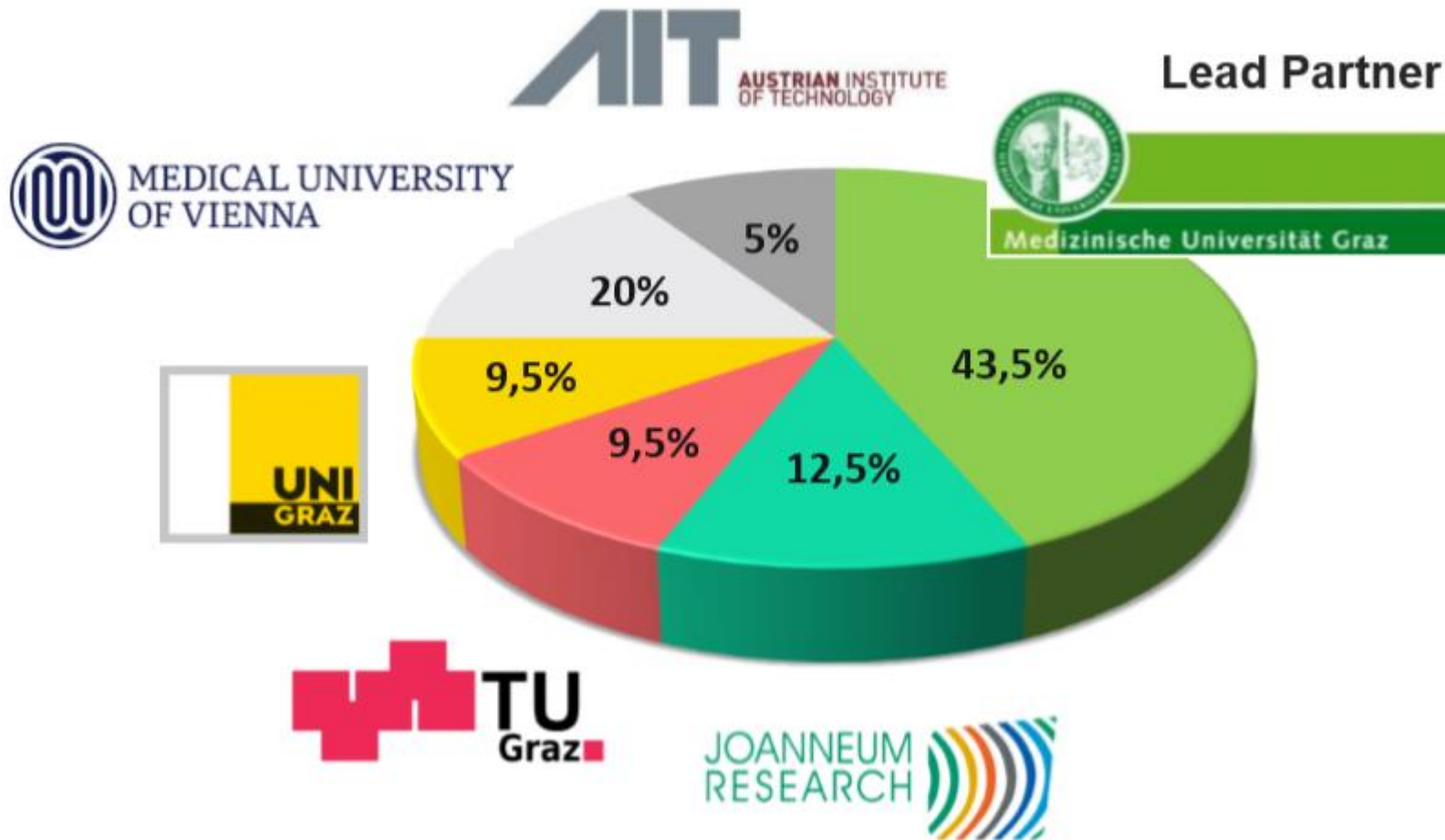
## **Medical University of Graz**

- Public Medical School and research centre for Life Sciences
  - IMI – Institute for Medical Informatics, Statistics and Documentation

## **KAGes**

- Public Hospital Network, covering most of in-patient care in the Federal state of Styria (1.2M inhabitants)

# Shareholders / Main Scientific Partners



## Scientific Consortium Members



# Main industry partners



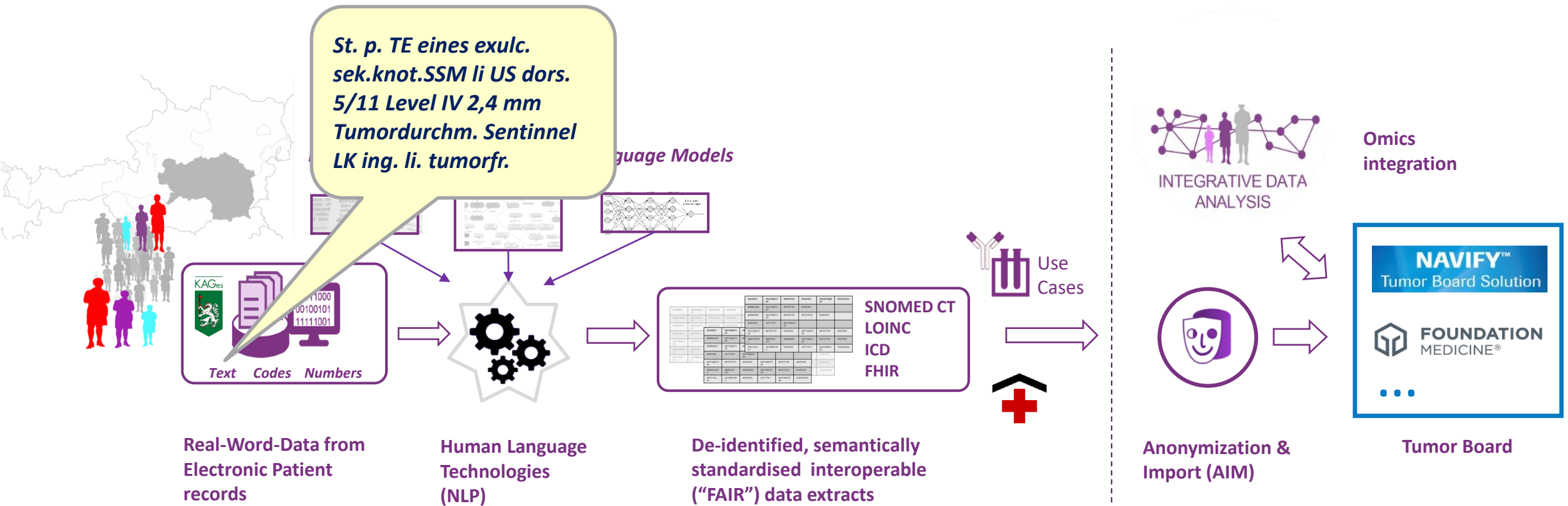
> 50 international partners on 4 continents

# Digital Biomarkers for Precision Medicine (DBM4PM)

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- The primary goal of DBM4PM is to make clinical real-world data in hospitals available for a clinical and research use cases related to CBmed
- This requires extracting semantically explicit information from highly heterogeneous RWD sources, mostly low-structured
- “Digital biomarkers” – in our understanding: RWD (extracts) of various levels of structure and validity characterising patient phenotypes and health care processes and supporting the above use cases
- This requires the use and the construction of human language and semantic technologies and resources
- In particular, in the co-operation with Roche, the NAVIFY use case will aim at processing data extracts from patient records to support Tumour Board processes

# DBM4PM - Overview



# Core Semantic Technologies

- **RESOURCES:**

## Terminologies / Ontologies / Information models

- Management (enhancement, mapping, localisation -> German)
- Representations, reasoning, semantic interoperability

- **No official translations / interface vocabularies for important terminology standards (SNOMED CT, LOINC)**

- **METHODS: *Clinical* NLP**

e.g., term recognition / concept mapping:

assigning ontology IDs to one or more words within documents

- Procedure
- Condition
- Substance

Multiple hierarchies in ontology allows for aggregating data along different axes and at different levels

Context recognition, relation extraction

- **METHODS (continued): *Clinical* NLP**

Information extraction: filling of a template with

- NER e.g. de-identification of clinical narratives
- a small set of pre-defined values, e.g.
  - TNM codes
  - Smoking status
  - Radiation yes / no
- numeric values
  - Tumour volume
  - Date of 1<sup>st</sup> diagnosis
  - Date of surgery

- **Rule-based**  
Knowledge Engineering Approach  
Top Down
- **Model-based**  
Data Driven Approach  
Bottom Up
- **Terminology resources**  
Term matching

- **No „open“ annotated German clinical corpora** like for English (MIMIC III, n2c2, TREC challenges )

# Named entity recognition

## Example: De-identification

**deID**  
averbis deidentification

Metadata

Name Lists

Patterns

Machine Learning

Document

PHI List

Error List

Städtisches Krankenhaus Braunschweig  
Abteilung Innere 3  
Station DaVinci

Ärztlicher Direktor: Frau Prof. Marta Müller

Arztzimmer Tel. 0121/123 Fax. 01217223

Buxtehude, den 17. März 2012

Unser Zeichen: bki/

Herrn

Dr. med Martin Müller  
Willy-Brandt-Allee 12  
01292 Berlin

Betrifft Patienten Luise Kisselbach, geb. 17.07.1921

Sehr geehrter Kollege Müller,

wir berichten Ihnen nachfolgend über o.g. Patienten, der  
sich am 21.04.2003 in unserer Behandlung befand.

Document

PHI List

Error List

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Ärztlicher Direktor: Frau XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX

Arztzimmer Tel. XXXXXXXX Fax. XXXXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXX, den XX. XX. XXXX  
Unser Zeichen: XXXXX

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XXX XXXX XXXXXXX XXXXXXX  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XX  
XXXXX XXXXXXX

Betrifft Patienten XXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX, geb. XX. XX.  
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Sehr geehrter Kollege XXXXXXX,

wir berichten Ihnen nachfolgend über o.g. Patienten, der  
sich am XX. XX. XXXX in unserer Behandlung befand.

## Examples

- strikte Alkohol - und Nikotinabstinenz
- strikte Nikotinkarenz!
- strikte Nikotinkarenz.

(Nieraucher) und diskreter Erhöhung der Eosinophilen zu Beginn, empfehle ich - ergänzend zur bereits (seitdem Ulcusantherapie). VHFA, I48 arterieller Hypertonus, I10 St.p. chron. Nikotinabusus, F17.1 ICMP, 10 % bei bekannter Amaurose, bekannte Lebermetastasen bei Colon-CA. Nikotin negativ. Alkohol negativ. 10 bis 15 Zig. pro Tag. Miktion: Kontinenz, Dranginkontinenz, sonst unauffällig. Letzte Gyn-Untersuchung 1x wöchentlich, Nikotin - Rauchstopp vor einem Jahr, davor 10 py. Caput/Collum: unauffällig,

2. Optimierung der kardiovaskulären Risikofaktoren. Eine strikte Nikotinkarenz ist dringend empfohlen.

2kg während des letzten Monats. Nikotinanamnese leer, auch keine Allergie bekannt, Alkoholkonsum von 1

3) Nikotinkarenz!

4. Strikte Nikotinkarenz!

4. Strikte Nikotinkarenz.

65jährige Pat. in reduziertem AEZ, Inappetenz und Obstipation. Harn unauff. Nikotin-/Alkoholanamnese negativ,

7. Chron. Nikotinabusus

87-jähriger Pat. in gutem AZ u. normalem EZ, Nikotin- u. Alkoholanamnese negativ.

abgenommen), Ex-Nikotinabusus (Ex seit 21 Jahren) mit insgesamt etwa 35 py, keine Dyspnoe oder AP, keine absolute Nikotinkarenz

Adipositas, chron. Leberparenchymschaden, Hyperlipidämie, Nikotinabusus, Z.n.

Alkohol gelegentl. Nikotin wird neg. Allergien keine bekannt.

Alkohol negativ. Nikotin negativ. Allergie negativ.

Alkohol regelmäßig, kein Nikotin, keine Drogen. Caput/Collum: unauffällig. Pulmo: Vesikuläراتmung bds. Cor:

Alkohol und Nikotin: negiert.

Alkohol- und Nikotinabusus werden verneint.

Alkohol, Nikotin: negiert.

Alkohol/Nikotin negativ.

Alkohol/Nikotin: neg.

Alkohol/Nikotin: werden negiert.

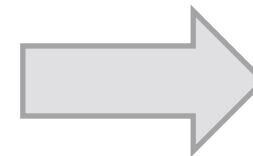
# Smoking Status

## Annotation example

Nikotin und Alkohol: verneint.

- ▼ ☒ BA a.c.e.t.Smoking [1]
  - ▼ ☐ BA Nikotin
    - ☐ begin: 437
    - ☐ end: 444
    - ☐ sctid: 365981007
    - ☐ preferred: Finding of tobacco smoking behavior (finding)
    - ▼ ☐ BA qualifier: verneint
      - ☐ begin: 458
      - ☐ end: 466
      - ☐ value: negative
      - ☐ sctid: 260385009
      - ☐ preferred: Negative (qualifier value)

NLP pipeline output



Clinical information model,  
e.g. based on FHIR  
resources\*

## Entity examples

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Stad.: pT3bN1a(1/15)MXG1  
Stad.: pT3N1(1/17)M1G2R0L1 sowie Leberanteil mit AdenoCA-formationen,pM1 (HEP),R0  
UICC 2009: G2 pT3 N1(1/17) R0 L1  
Stad.: pT3 N1 (1/17)M1 G2 R0 L1 sowie Leberanteil mit AdenoCA-formationen,pM1 (HEP),R0  
Stad.: pT2N2a(5/17)MXG2R0  
Stad.: pT2 N2a (5/17)MX G2 R0  
Histo.: Adenokarzinom, G2 Stad.: pT2 pN2a (5/17), R0 M0.  
Stad.: pT3N1(1/46)G3R0  
AdenokarzinompT3, N1 (1/46),G3, R0.  
Stad.: pT2N2a(6/15)MXG2R0  
Stad.: pT2 N2a (6/15)MX G2 R0  
Stad.: pT3pN0(0/21)G3R0  
Klassifikation:G-2;pT-3;pN-0; pM-X.  
Stad.: pT4aN1bG2R0  
Stad.: pT4a N1b G2 R0  
Stad.: pT3N0(0/4)G2R0  
Stad.: pT3bN2a(4/33)G2 (Metastase im Grenzlymphknoten A. colica med.) HNPCC-Testung: Lynch-Syndrom  
Stad.: pT3b N2a (4/33) G2 (Metastase im Grenzlymphknoten A. colica med.) HNPCC-Testung:  
Stad.: pT3bN0(0/14)MXG2R0L1  
Stad.: pM1R0 M1=fil.hep.  
Stad.: pT3cN1b(2/12)MXG3R0  
Stad.: pT3N0(0/14)G2R0  
Stad.: pM1 M1=fil.hep.  
UICC 2009: G2 pT3 N0  
Stad.: pT3 N0 (0/14) G2 R0  
Stad.: pT4aN1a(1/19)MXG1R0 +hyperplastischer Colonpolyp  
Stad.: pT4aN0(0/15)G3L1V0

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Universitätsklinik für Innere Medizin

*****: Univ.Prof.Dr. *****
A-****, ****, **** 15, Tel.: ****/***-****, Fax: ****/***-****

****, **** PID: ****
****, am ****1011
Geboren am: ****1011

DIAGNOSE - DEKURS

Colonca. transversi (C18.4), Hemicolektomie li. (****01, BHB ****);
Histo: invasives Adenoca. d. Colon transv.; Stad.: pT4 N0 M0
Observanz;

KHK, st.p. CABG ****,st.p. NSTEMI ,PTCA mit DES (****01);Diab. mell.
insulinpflichtig, PAVK bds., st.p. PTA d. AFSS u. PTA d. AFSD; ,
Prostatahypertrophie; Depressio; art. Hypertonus; APC-Resistenz;

*****
Dok.: *****

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**NAVIFY Data Dictionary**

- pTNM

Only types with...

Only annotations with...

- ▼ ☒ BA a.c.e.t.pTNM [1]
  - ▼ ☒ BA pT4 N0 M0
    - ☐ begin: 420
    - ☐ end: 429
    - ☐ pT: 1
    - ☐ pN: 1
    - ☐ pM: 1
    - ☐ pTCode: 384625004
    - ☐ pNCode: 371494008
    - ☐ pMCode: 371497001
    - ☐ pTvalueST: T4
    - ☐ pNvalueST: N0
    - ☐ pMvalueST: M0
    - ☐ pTvalueSTcode: 6123003
    - ☐ pNvalueSTcode: 21917009
    - ☐ pMvalueSTcode: 19408000
    - ☐ attributeCode: 405979002
    - ☐ pSvalueST:
    - ☐ pSvalueSTcode:
    - ☐ pS: 0
    - ☐ pSCode: 405979002
    - ☐ metastasis: No

**SNOMED CT**

- **Bottleneck: German language**
  - SNOMED CT introduced in Austria, but no official German translation
- **SNOMED CT Interface Terminology: work in progress at MUG-IMI**
  - Combination of automated and manual term translation
  - Currently 5 Million term candidates, scored

|           |       |                   |                                  |                                       |
|-----------|-------|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 363410008 | 0.071 | 482620011_000001  | Malignant tumor of sigmoid colon | bösartiger Tumor des Colon sigmoideum |
| 363410008 | 0.069 | 482620011_000002  | Malignant tumor of sigmoid colon | Malignom des Colon sigmoideum         |
| 363410008 | 0.062 | 3288335015_000006 | Sigmoid colon cancer             | Sigmakarzinom                         |
| 363410008 | 0.056 | 3288335015_000002 | Sigmoid colon cancer             | Colon sigmoideum Karzinom             |
| 363410008 | 0.056 | 3288335015_000001 | Sigmoid colon cancer             | Colon sigmoideum Krebs                |
| 363410008 | 0.031 | 3288335015_000004 | Sigmoid colon cancer             | Sigmoidkarzinom                       |
| 363410008 | 0.031 | 3288335015_000005 | Sigmoid colon cancer             | Sigmakrebs                            |
| 363410008 | 0.000 | 3288335015_000003 | Sigmoid colon cancer             | Sigmoidkrebs                          |

# Concept mapping

## SNOMED CT

Sehr geehrte Frau Kollegin, sehr geehrter Herr Kollege,

wir berichten Ihnen nachfolgend über o.g. Patientin (1984), die sich vom 04.11.2024 bis 09.11.2024 in unserer stationären Behandlung befand.

SNOMED CT International Januar 2019: 128749008 Spindle cell rhabdomyosarcoma (morphologic abnormality)

Spindelzelliges Rhabdomyosarkom vom Erwachsenentyp ED 09/24 im linken Os pubis (lytisch-destruktive Veränderung ohne

## Existing corpora / gold standards, currently available

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- **De-identified annotated corpora**
  - Clinical problem lists annotated with ICD codes (~ 1,7 M unique entries)
  - ~ 3500 reports annotated with inflammation / neoplasm (pathology)
  - ~ 400 discharge summaries annotated with medication information (dermatology)
- **Non-annotated corpora**
  - KAGes non-de-identified texts (millions)
  - De-identified KAGes dumps for experiments
    - ~ 32000 discharge summaries (cardiology)
    - ~ 1300 discharge summaries (dermatology)
    - ~ 13000 discharge summaries (colon cancer)
  - Wikipedia extracts

# Example: machine learning resource acquisition

- Resource: millions of short problem list entries from HIS, partly annotated with administrative codes (ICD-10)

SNOMED CT  
The global language of healthcare

map

|       |                                                    |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------|
| N04.0 | Glomerulopathie mit Minimalveränderung             |
| E11.9 | Diab. mell. Typ II - OAD (aktueller HbA1c 58 mmol/ |
| G93.0 | Arachnoidalzyste                                   |
| I25.0 | KHK III, Z. n. CTR bei cardiopulmonaler Reanimatio |
| R31   | Denovo Proteinurie und Hämaturie zur Abklärung -   |
|       | Soor genital                                       |
| R99   | Sonstige ungenau oder nicht näher bezeichnete Tode |
| K21.9 | Refluxösophagitis III°                             |

map

- German ICD terms and synonyms
- English ICD terms and synonyms
- Wikipedia pages (via ICD codes)



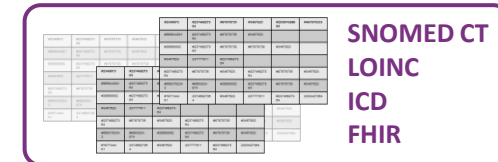
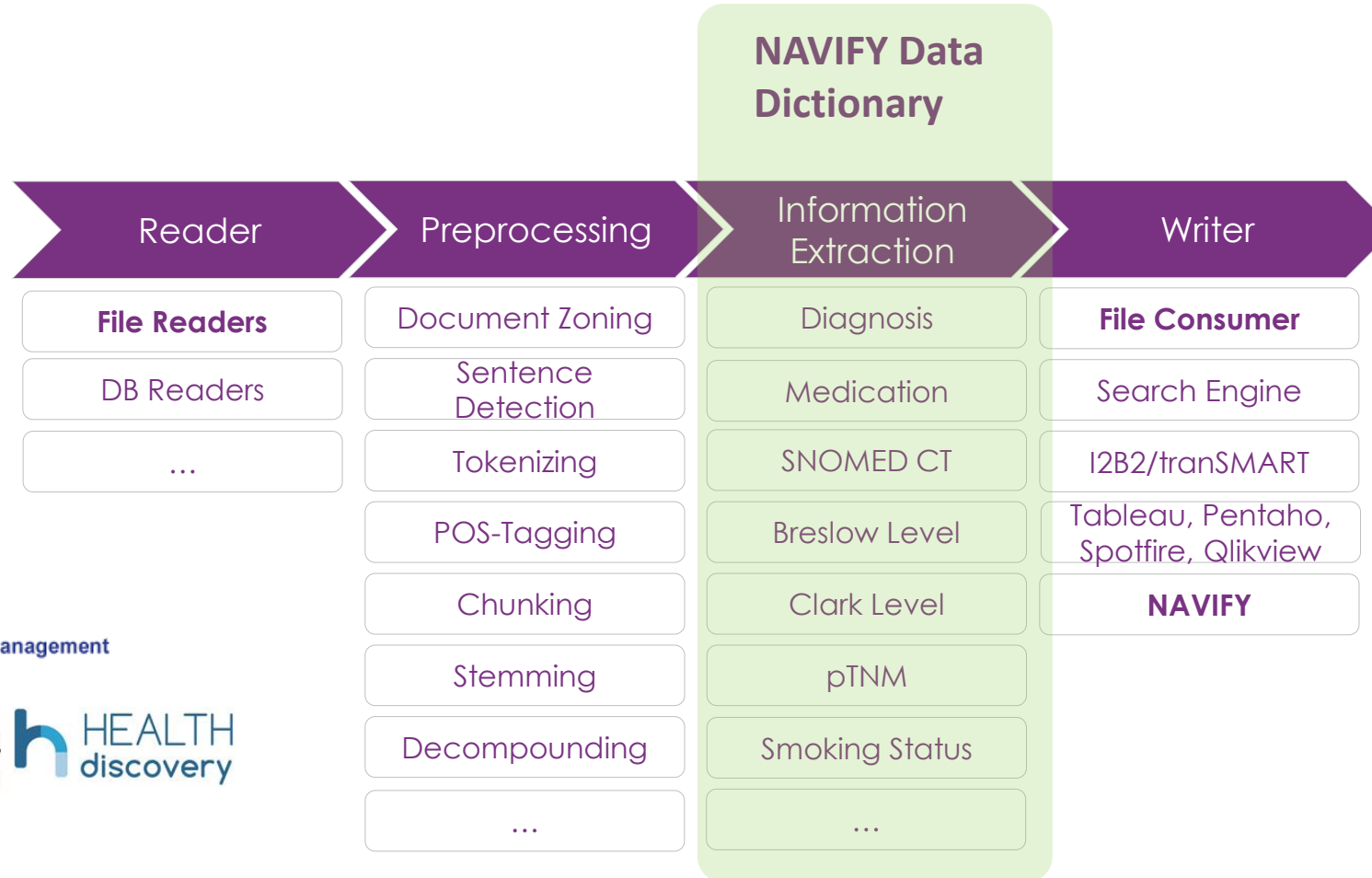
Machine learning:

- Lexicon acquisition
- Word sense disambiguation

# NLP Pipeline



Clinical Texts



- De-identified, semantically standardised interoperable ("FAIR") data extracts
- Open Clinical Information MODELS (FHIR)
- Open data warehouses (OMOP)

- **Integration aspects**
  - *NAVIFY*
  - On-premise
  - Cloud-based (AWS)
  - Clinical NLP as a service
- **Real time constraints**
  - Documents / minute
- **Scale out**
  - Apache Spark (Amazon EMR)
- **NLP quality**
  - Gold standards
  - F-measure
- **Terminologies / Ontologies**

- **Internal reports / Steering committee**
- **Publications**
- **Quality assured prototypes**
- **Science vs. Engineering**
- **General show cases**
- **NAVIFY show cases**

# Deliverables

## Overview

### WP-0 Project Management

| Deliverable | Description                                                                                                                                                                                        | Month |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| D-0.1       | Internal management structure described, steering board established                                                                                                                                | M09   |
| D-0.2       | Kick-Off Workshop (Roche, MUG, <a href="#">CBmed</a> , <a href="#">KAGes</a> )                                                                                                                     | M09   |
| D-0.3       | Licence management plan completed (Roche, <a href="#">Averbis</a> , third-party tools, terminology resources)                                                                                      | M10   |
| D-0.4       | Project environment ( <a href="#">ownCloud</a> , <a href="#">freedcamp</a> , Trello, SharePoint, <a href="#">GitLab</a> , Slack, Google services) and communication strategy set up and functional | M12   |
| D-0.5       | Ethics committee proposal approved                                                                                                                                                                 | M15   |
| D-0.6       | Mid-term assessment workshop                                                                                                                                                                       | M30   |
| D-0.7       | Sustainability plan                                                                                                                                                                                | M42   |

### WP-1 Data Platforms / Management

| Deliverable | Description                                                | Month |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| D-1.1       | Secure Data Lake installed and functional                  | M15   |
| D-1.2       | ETL tooling installed and functional                       | M15   |
| D-1.3       | Manual data decoration toolset installed                   | M15   |
| D-1.4       | Concept for scalable clinical data warehouse elaborated    | M15   |
| D-1.5       | Definition of data dictionary completed                    | M18   |
| D-1.6       | ETL workflows for structured and unstructured data running | M18   |
| D-1.7       | NAVIFY staging area loaded                                 | M18   |
| D-1.8       | First NAVIFY showcase                                      | M21   |
| D-1.9       | Final NAVIFY showcase                                      | M42   |

# Deliverables

## Overview

### WP-2 Documentation and Communication Ontologies and Standards

| Deliverable | Description                                                            | Month |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| D-2.1       | Inventory of semantic resource standards                               | M10   |
| D-2.2       | Semantic standards management plan including quality metrics           | M12   |
| D-2.3       | Identification of FHIR resources needed for the project                | M15   |
| D-2.4       | Report of standards use in the project and assessment of their fitness | M24   |
| D-2.5       | Assessment of the potential of semantic post-processing of coded data  | M42   |
| D-2.6       | Final Report on use of semantic standards                              | M48   |

### WP-3 Natural Language Processing

| Deliverable | Description                                                                                            | Month |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| D-3.1       | NLP tech stack specification (Spacy, <a href="#">AllenNLP</a> , UIMA, <a href="#">Averbis</a> , Roche) | M07   |
| D-3.2       | Installation NLP engine(s) on premise                                                                  | M08   |
| D-3.3       | Inventory of needed semantic extractors                                                                | M12   |
| D-3.4       | HIPAA based de-identification of clinical narratives implemented                                       | M18   |
| D-3.5       | Rule engines adapted and validated                                                                     | M21   |
| D-3.6       | Machine learning models adapted and validated                                                          | M24   |
| D-3.7       | Complete NLP pipeline adapted and validated                                                            | M36   |
| D-3.8       | Final gold standard (manual data curation)                                                             | M36   |
| D-3.9       | Semantic production integration in system environment                                                  | M42   |

# Deliverables

## Overview

### WP-4 Terminology Management

| <u>Deliverable</u> | <u>Title</u>                                                                                         | <u>Month</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| D-4.1              | Definition of interface terminology needs and value sets.                                            | M12          |
| D-4.2              | Specification of terminology services needed for the project (cloud-based versus <u>on-premise</u> ) | M12          |
| D-4.3              | Survey of terminology management platforms                                                           | M15          |
| D-4.4              | Local terminologies and value sets – first release                                                   | M21          |
| D-4.5              | Terminology services implemented                                                                     | M27          |
| D-4.6              | Terminology management platform implemented and in use                                               | M30          |
| D-4.7              | Semi-automatic terminology expansion using large data sets: completed and assessed                   | M36          |
| D-4.8              | Final release of complete set of terminologies and value sets assessed                               | M45          |

### WP-5 Manual Data Curation

| <u>Deliverable</u> | <u>Title</u>                                                                                                                             | <u>Month</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| D-5.1              | Ethics committee agreement ( <u>CBmed</u> ) and verify eligibility for project (Roche) is provided                                       | M12          |
| D-5.2              | Source data and metadata on patient staging is provided ( <u>CBmed</u> )                                                                 | M18          |
| D-5.3              | Target data fields linked to terminology / value sets are provided                                                                       | M21          |
| D-5.4              | Access to EHR system extracts (source data) to manual data curators provided ( <u>CBmed</u> )                                            | M27          |
| D-5.5              | Curation completed, manual data curation results reported (e.g. availability of fields, clustered by stage, time to curate, time effort) | M42          |

# Financial

a. Half-year breakdown of financial shares of Cooperation Partner Roche Diagnostics

| Total costs:<br>€ 1.623.067,28 |                       | Cost contribution<br>Company Partner Roche |                                              |                      |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Half-year                      | Half-year costs       | Cash                                       | Personnel and in-kind<br>services (non-cash) | Total                |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> HY 2019        | € 202.883,41          | €0,00                                      | €57.952,67                                   | €57.952,67           |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> HY 2019        | € 202.883,41          | €300.000,00                                | €57.952,67                                   | €357.952,67          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> HY 2020        | € 202.883,41          | €33.333,33                                 | €79.303,65                                   | €112.636,98          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> HY 2020        | € 202.883,41          | €33.333,33                                 | €79.303,65                                   | €112.636,98          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> HY 2021        | € 202.883,41          | €33.333,33                                 | €73.203,37                                   | €106.536,70          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> HY 2021        | € 202.883,41          | €33.333,33                                 | €73.203,37                                   | €106.536,70          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> HY 2022        | € 202.883,41          | €33.333,33                                 | €61.002,81                                   | €94.336,14           |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> HY 2022        | € 202.883,41          | €33.333,33                                 | €61.002,81                                   | €94.336,14           |
|                                |                       |                                            |                                              |                      |
|                                |                       |                                            |                                              |                      |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>€ 1.623.067,28</b> | <b>€499.999,98</b>                         | <b>€542.925,00</b>                           | <b>€1.042.924,98</b> |

b. Cost overview for research project 1.20

|                                                            |                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Personnel costs <u>CBmed</u> 1)                            | € 467.513,00          |
| Material costs <u>CBmed</u> including Biobank samples 2)   | € -                   |
| Other costs <u>CBmed</u> (investment, travel etc.) 3)      | € 78.100,00           |
| Scientific Partner costs (personnel and material costs) 4) | € 241.845,00          |
| In-kind other Company Partner                              | € 500.000,00          |
| <hr/>                                                      |                       |
| <b>Total project costs</b>                                 | <b>€ 1.330.385,02</b> |
| Plus overhead contribution (22% of total project costs)    | € 292.684,26          |
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| <b>Total costs</b>                                         | <b>€ 1.623.067,28</b> |