

# Quantitative Imaging in the Post-Genomic Era: Radiomics

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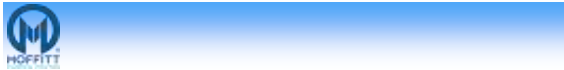
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## The good news

- Due to a tremendous effort, we have a profound understanding of cancer genetics, which can direct the precise use of targeted therapies.



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## The bad news

- Despite a tsunami of cancer genetic data, Targeted Therapies are not “curing” cancer



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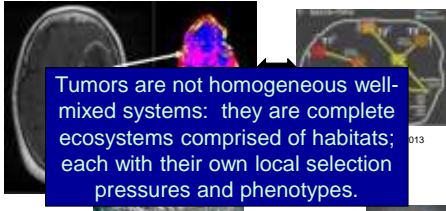
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## Why targeted therapies fail: Ecology



Tumors are not homogeneous well-mixed systems: they are complete ecosystems comprised of habitats; each with their own local selection pressures and phenotypes.



Bob Gatenby



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## How to Characterize this heterogeneity?

- Hypothesis: Deep analyses of radiographic images ("Radiomics") can quantify tumor heterogeneity and longitudinally monitor evolutionary dynamical responses to therapy.

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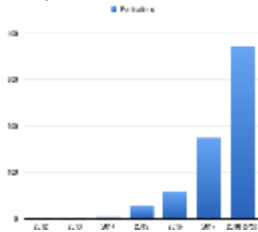
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2012: First time "Radiomics" in Title:

Kumar et al. (2012) "Radiomics: The Process and the Challenges". Magn. Reson. Imaging 30:1234

Lambin et al. (2012) "Radiomics: extracting more information from medical images using advanced feature analysis". Eur. J. Cancer 48: 441

Number of papers with "Radiomics" in the title →





Radiomics: Images are data

**Essentially Every Cancer Patient has multiple imaging sessions during the course of detection, diagnosis, therapy monitoring, and survivorship.**

Hippel J, Collins PFD, Pitt J, Hoadley PFD, Hoadley PFD, RT, PFD, 2016

In the past decade, the field of medical image analysis has grown exponentially, with an increased number of cancer diagnostic tools and an increase in data set sizes. These

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Gillies, Kinahan, Hricak. *Radiology* 278(2), 563-77, 2016



Radiomics: Images are data



ARTICLE

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**Decoding tumour phenotype by noninvasive imaging using a quantitative radiomics approach**

Hugo JWL Aerts<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Emmanuel Riey Vidojak<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Ralph TH Leijenaar<sup>1,2</sup>, Christen Parrisi<sup>1,2</sup>, Patrick Grossmann<sup>2</sup>, Sara Cavalca<sup>1</sup>, Jolien Buijsik<sup>1,2</sup>, René Monshouwer<sup>1,2</sup>, Benjamin Jabe-Klein<sup>1,2</sup>, Derek Rietveld<sup>1</sup>, Frank Hooiers<sup>1</sup>, Michelle M. Botzenhart<sup>1</sup>, C. René Leunens<sup>1</sup>, Andy Dekker<sup>1</sup>, Jans Quackenbush<sup>5</sup>, Robert J. Gillies<sup>6</sup> & Philippe Lambin<sup>1</sup>

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Artificial intelligence in oncology

[nature.com/artificialintelligenceinoncology](#)

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REVIEWS

Digital edition of *nature reviews*

CANCER



**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**  
 Has been a hot topic in recent years, with many

The advent of AI has revolutionized diagnosis and prognosis, particularly in radiology

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# User-Defined Radiomic Features

- Morphological
  - Volume, Surface area, Compactness, Sphericity, Location, Shape
  - Central Necrosis, Spiculation, lobulation, border contrast.....
- Statistical Features
  - Mean, Variance, Skewness, Kurtosis, Median, Coefficient of variation, Energy, Root mean square...
- Textural Features
  - Gray level co-occurrence matrix, Grey level size zone matrix, Grey level run length matrix, neighborhood gray level difference matrix, texture spectrum...
- Wavelets and Laws features
- Radial Gradients
- Kullbeck-Leibler Divergence




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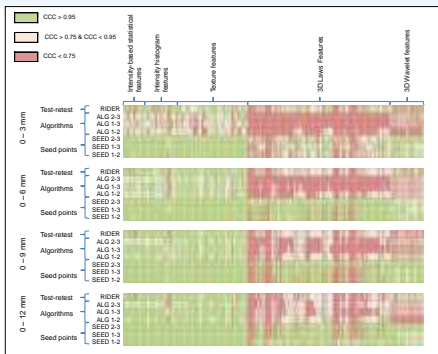
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# Reproducibility of Features



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# Examples in Lung Cancer:

- Screening
  - (96% false positives currently)
- Prediction → Immune Therapy
  - (Cost/Toxicities)

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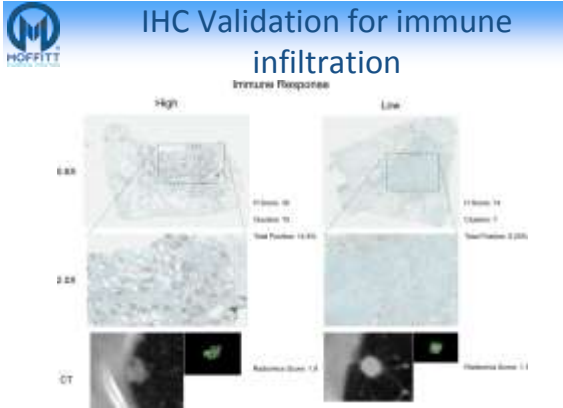
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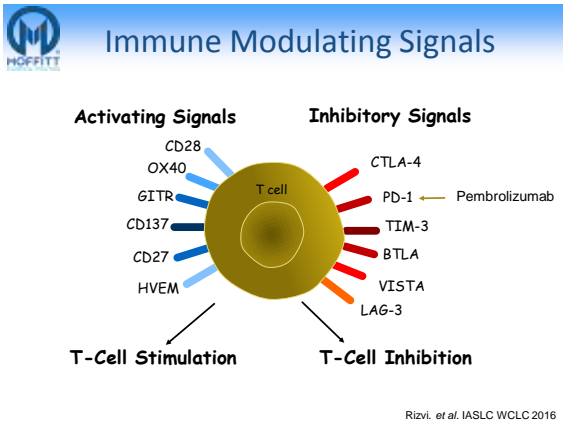
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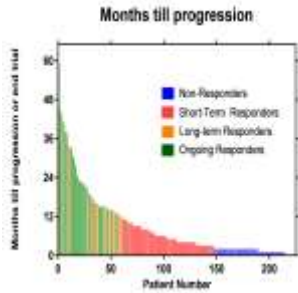
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# Time to Progression in Moffitt cohort w/ anti-PD1 Ab



Response	# of patients
Non-responders (< 3 months)	74
Short-term Responders (> 3 & < 12 months)	93
Long-term responders (> 12 months)	20
Ongoing responders (> 12 months)	41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>228</b>

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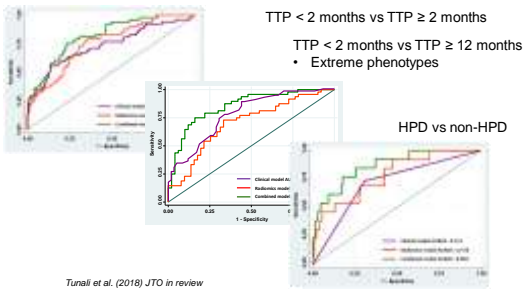
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# Clinical-Radiomic Models to Predict Time to Progression



Tunali et al. (2018) JTO in review

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# Habitat Imaging

- Distinct physiologies can be imaged in sub-regions of tumors by combining information from multiple imaging modalities.
- PET (metabolism) + CT (attenuation)
- With MR imaging, we typically use:
  - Contrast enhancement → perfusion
  - Diffusion → cell density
  - Fluid attenuated → edema
  - T2w → anatomy
- Hypothesis: Habitat imaging can inform tumor heterogeneity and be used for prognosis, prediction, and monitoring of therapy.

Gillies, Grove and Gatenby; Radiology

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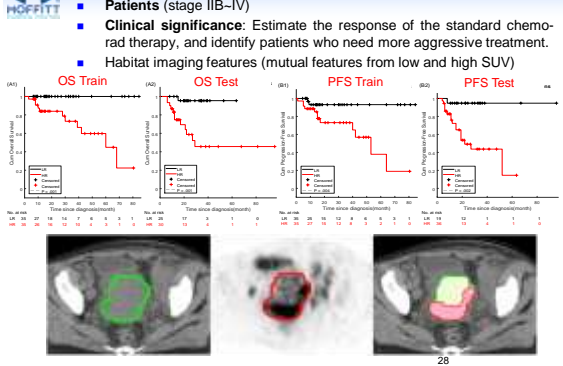
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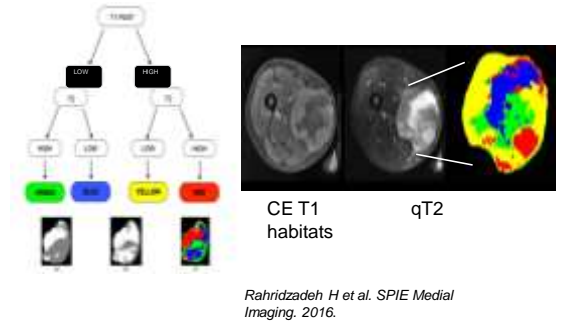
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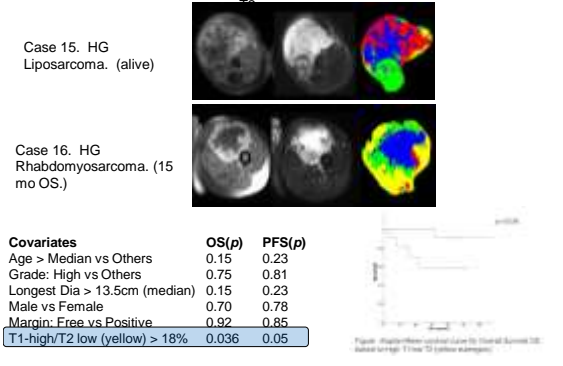
## PET-CT Habitats in Cervical Cancer



## MRI Habitats in Sarcoma



## Prognosis of Sarcoma



**HOFFITT** Schema to define habitats **PSOC**  
401-422-6998  
PSOC CENTER

(Otsu)



Natarajan Raghunand (Raghu)

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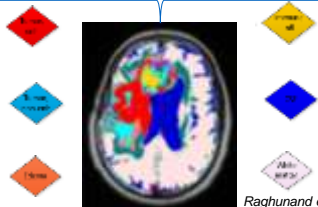
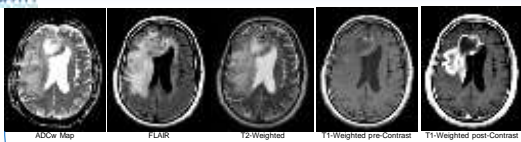
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**HOFFITT** Habitats in GBM **PSOC**  
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Raghunand et al., in preparation

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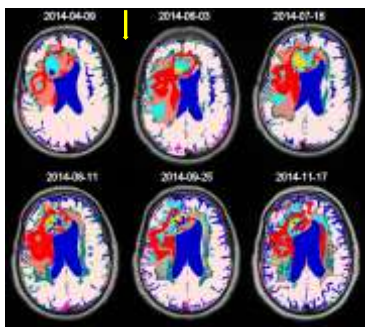
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**HOFFITT** GBM habitats in response to nivolumab **PSOC**  
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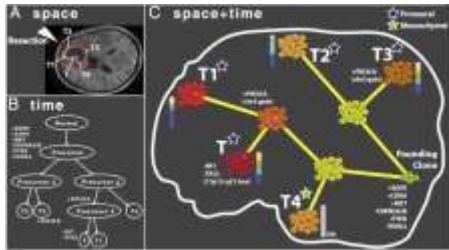
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## Genomic heterogeneity in glioma



Sottoriva et al. PNAS, 2013

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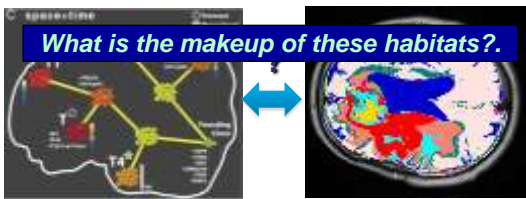
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## Radiogenomics Challenge:




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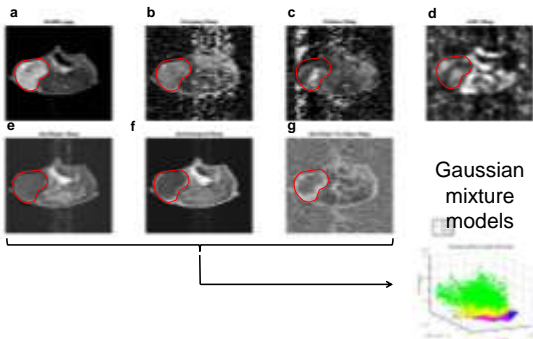
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## MRI habitats of pre-clinical b.c.




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### MR-guided Histology

(1) Tumor ROI (red) in MRI T2 image; (1a = coronal; 1b = axial); (2) 3D tumor reconstruction using 3D builder software (1a = coronal; 1b = axial) (3a) Mold designed in SOLIDWORKS; (3b) 3D printer mold (4) Tumor was painted to help the orientation; (5) CT image showing the tumor into the mold; (6) Tumor was cut in slices of 2 mm in thick; (7) Each slice was placed into individual

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### MR-Histology registration

**Cut orientations.**  
Gray is the tumor surface. Planes indicate estimated cutting planes. Black lines are contours from MRI slices.

**Histology orientation.**  
Colors correspond to the contours on the surface presented on the left figure.

Jan Poleszczuk, Bruna J-Perassi

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### Distinct habitats were identified by MRI and are corroborated by histology

Low enhancement in DCE and low ADC values = Blue  
High enhancement in DCE = Green  
Moderate enhancement in DCE = Yellow  
Low enhancement in DCE and medium low values in ADC = Pink

Blue = fibrosis  
Green = CD-31  
Yellow = CD-31  
Pink = Fib

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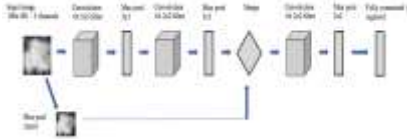
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**HOFFITT** Deep Learning to predict malignant nodules in screening CT

Predicting Malignant Nodules by Fusing Deep Features with Classical Radiomics Features

R. Paul,<sup>1</sup> S.H. Barkin,<sup>2</sup> M.R. Schabath,<sup>3</sup> R.J.Giles,<sup>1</sup> L.O. Hall,<sup>2</sup> D.B.Gottgel<sup>1</sup>  
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Best accuracy CNN = 76%,  
 cf. classic features = 80%

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**HOFFITT** The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Data



Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics, 2009

Acknowledge Ross Mitchell

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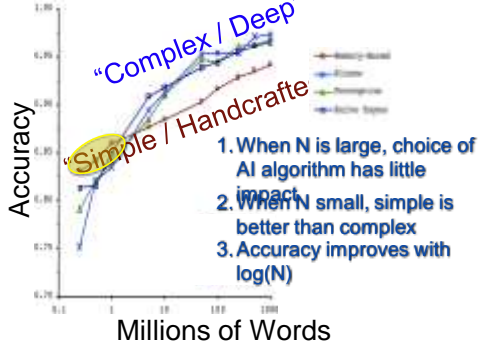
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## Conclusions and Challenges

- Conclusion 1: Radiomics of standard of care images can greatly improve prognosis and prediction.
  - Conclusion 2: Radiomics is very much a dynamic discipline, with extensions to habitats and deep learning.
  - Challenge 1: Image harmonization through post-processing.
  - Challenge 2: Addition of serum biomarkers for power.
  - Challenge 3: Parsimony.
  - Challenge 4: Numbers are King, Quality is Queen.
- Great **Need for large multi-institutional databases.**  
**(distributed learning)**

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