Opportunities for Pre-competitive Data Exchange through Biomedical Networks

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Biomedicine: "fallen and it can't get up"

- Impending "Pharmageddon"*: Declining R&D Productivity with Rising Costs
- Healthcare ecosystem is broken
- Poor understanding of the underlying biological complexity – current dominance of reductionist paradigm
- Vertically integrated development model (FIPCo) vs networked model (FIPNet) that dominates other sectors
- Exponential fragmentation of health information

need to embrace biomedicine as SYSTEM

* from M. King Jolly, Pharm.D. Quintiles, Inc. DIA 2011



Biomedicine: a Complex Adaptive System "the whole is more than the sum of the parts"

- Diverse stakeholders: multidimensional, interacting "ecosystem"
 - Industry, Academe, Government, NGOs
 - Physicians, Regulators, Researchers, Payors,
 Consumers, Public Health Officials
 - Biology, Chemistry, Medicine, Business, Sociology,
 Anthropology
- Adaptive behaviors (dynamic as opposed to static)
- Emergent properties (or unintended consequences)
- Interdependencies
 - Resourses
 - Information



Strategies for "Managing" Complexity

Networking

- Differentiated functions connected though welldefined interfaces – e.g.
 - Biologic processes
 - Manufacturing

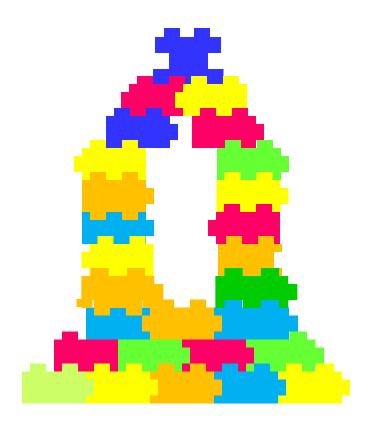
Layering

- Abstracted combinations of functions into hierarchical/multidimensional strata which connect through well defined interfaces —e.g.
 - Quantum physics Newtonian physics
 - Biologic complexity : cell, organism, society
 - Organizational hierarchies



Applying CAS Principles to Facilitate Information Flow

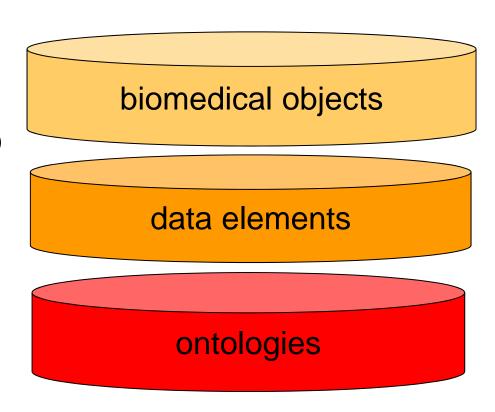
- Define *modules* that address specific needs
- Connect through "welldefined electronic interfaces"
- Semantic Interoperability
 - Defined syntax
 - Defined semantics





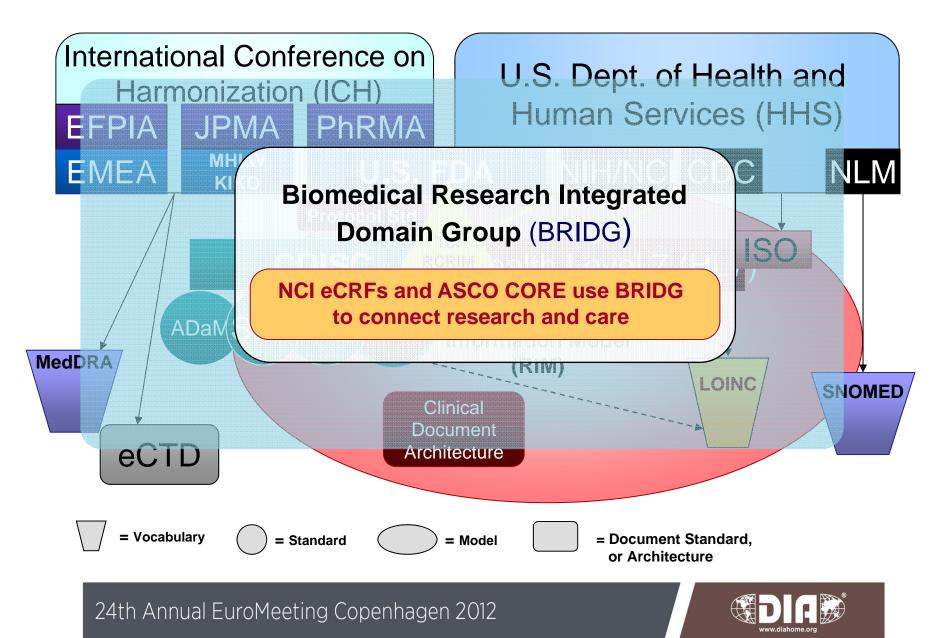
Interoperability through Metadata-based "Knowledge Stack"

- Componentized knowledge representation
- Permits information to be "pivoted"
- Based on international standards





clinical information representation



Complicating Considerations

Nature of Data

- "Data Validity": Garbage In- Garbage Out
- Human Subjects Protections
- Intellectual Property

Technical

- Secure access
- Volume/Magnitude
- Need for integration
 - Diverse Data
 - Multiple Source
- Need for choreography

One size does not fit all

- Nature of the data to be accessed
- The question one wants to answer

Continuum of need mediates the need for adding layers of complexity



Strategies for Addressing Complexity

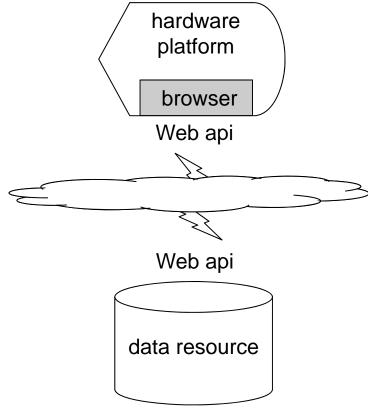
- Diversity of APIs that support paradigms within given communities (expose multiple "flavors" where possible)
- Add modules to address issues ONLY when necessary
- Federate Access: Data control remains local
- Escalating introduction of standards-based metadata
- Analytics go to the data/co-reside with the data
- Virtual Communities where access to individual level data is needed



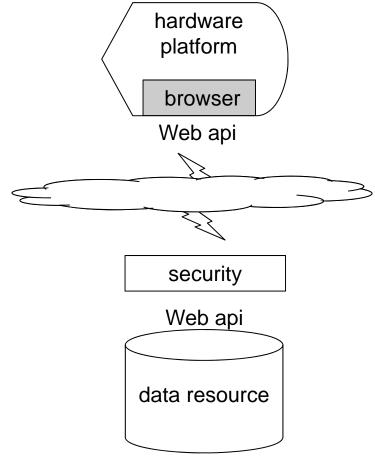
Open Source Framework: Modular/Layered Complexity

- caCORE SDK (syntactic interoperability)
 - Model driven resource generator
 - creates Java, web (SOAP), REST, Grid APIs
- caGrid Introduce
 - Service definition and "publishing"
- caGrid Grouper (security)
 - Defines virtual community access
- caCORE Semantic services (semantic interoperability)
 - Vocabularies/Ontologies
 - Data Elements Respository
 - Information Models
- Adapters
 - caAdapter
 - caXchange enterprise service bus
 - iHub/Mirth-Connect semantic service bus

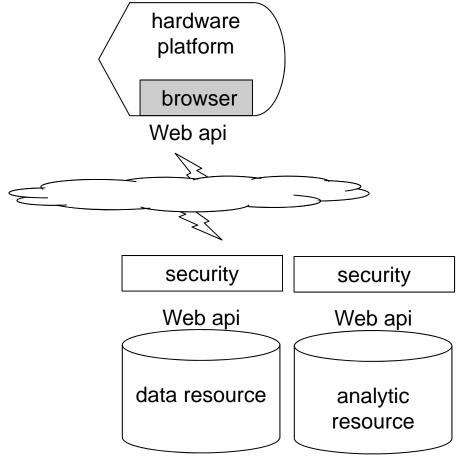


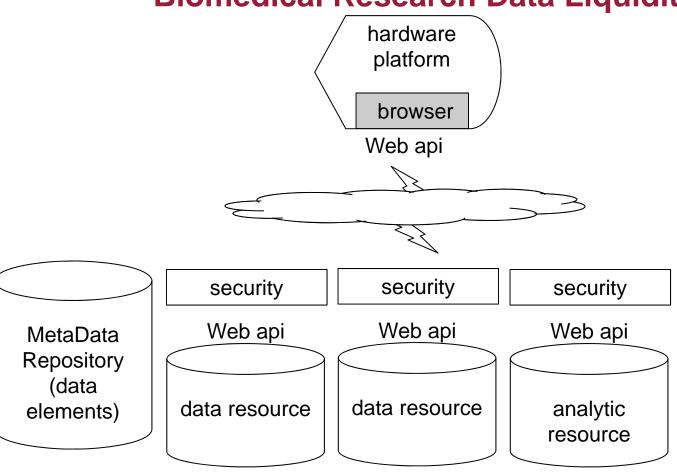




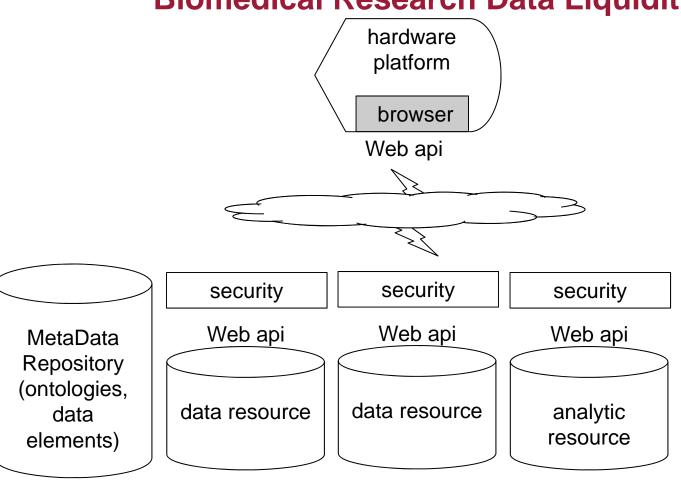


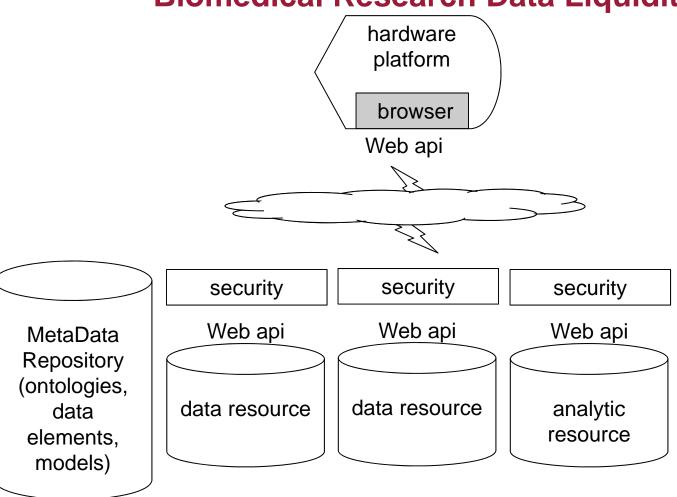


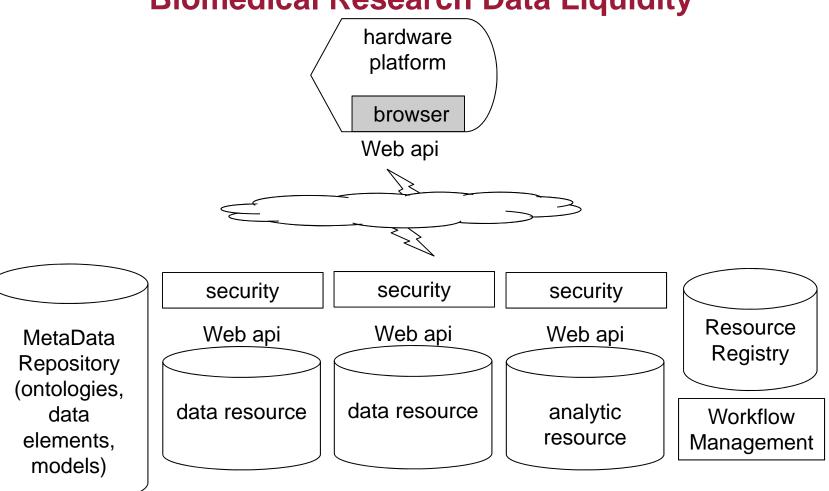


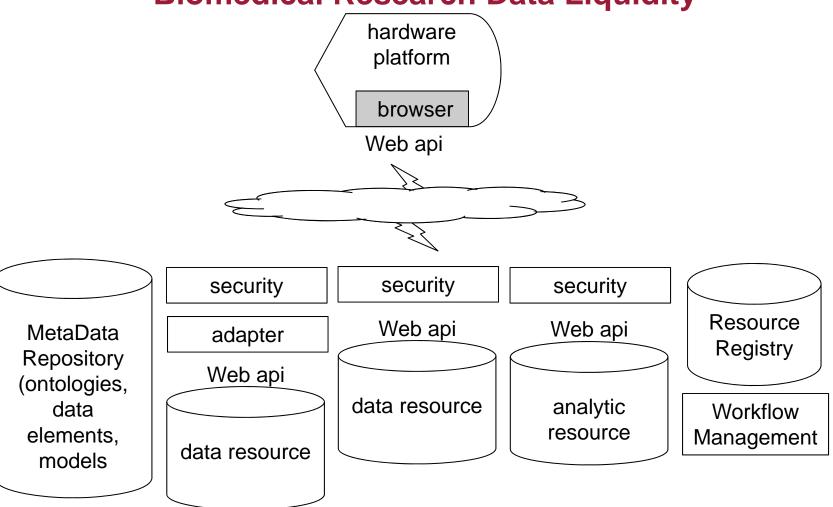


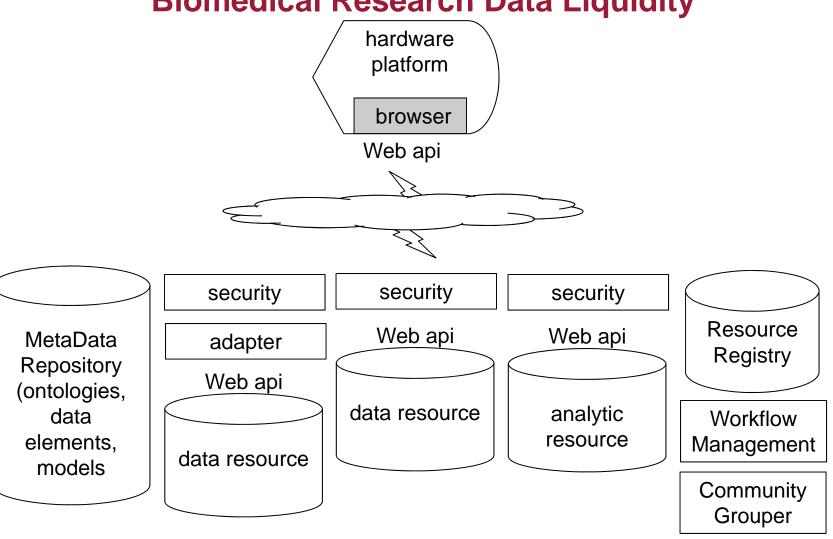














1st Generation Global Exchange Network: caBIG®

Portfolio of electronically-accessible resources

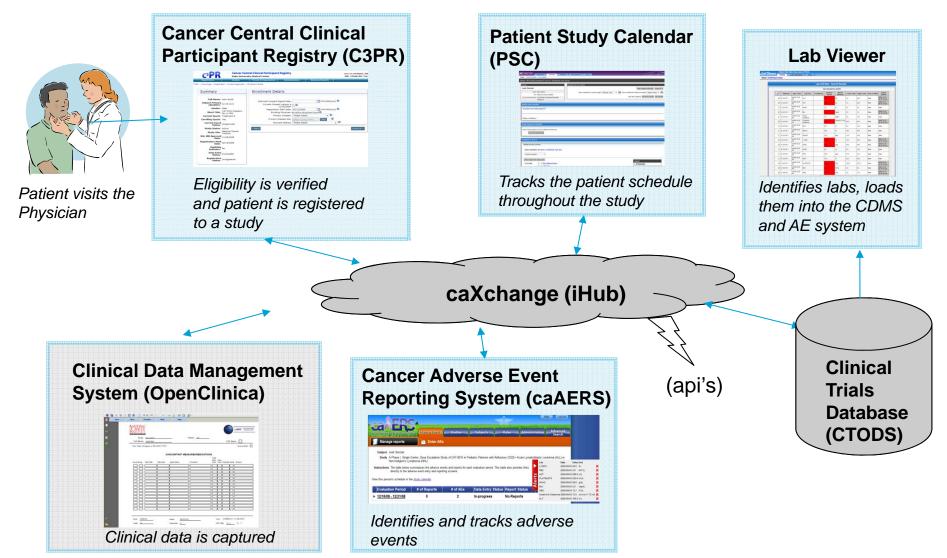
- Clinical research: 10,000's of clinical records
- In vivo images: > 4.5 million images
- Population: > Registries with >17% of U.S. population
- Molecular signatures: > 45,000 characterizations
- Biospecimens: >2 million specimens

Example Organizational Application

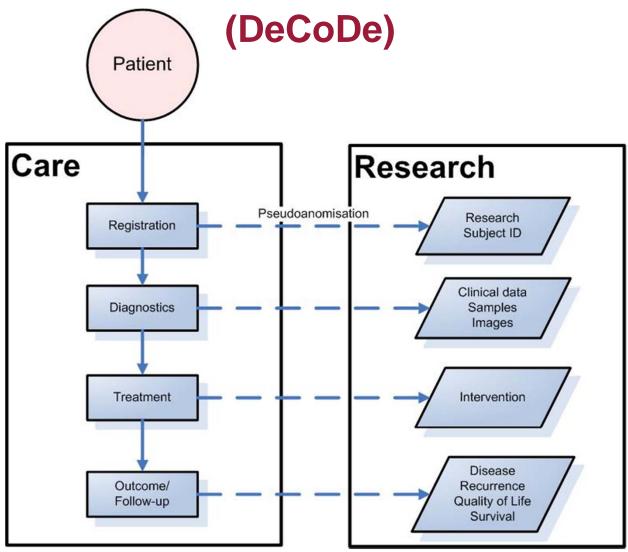
- Aga Khan University, Pakistan
- VU Medical Center DeCoDe, The Netherlands
- UCSF I-SPY2 Trial, USA



Aga Khan University Clinical Trials



VUMC Decrease Colorectal cancer Death



From: Gerrit Meijer VUMC

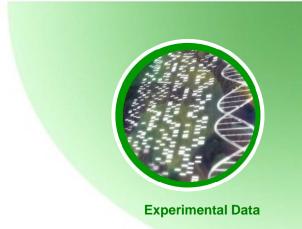




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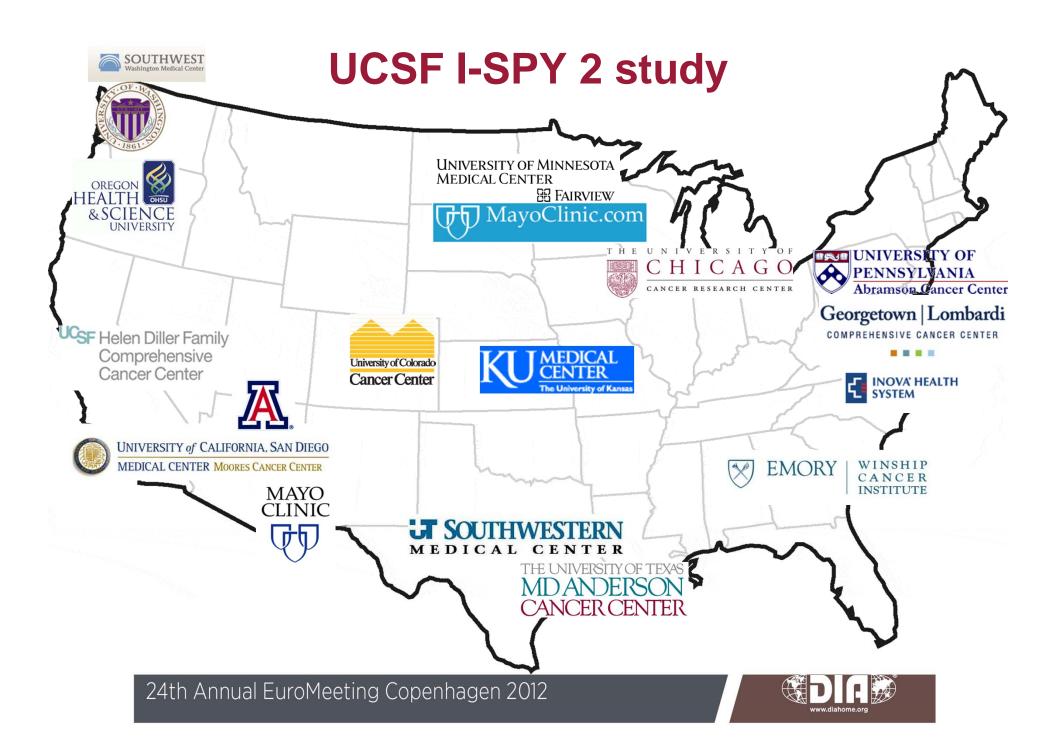




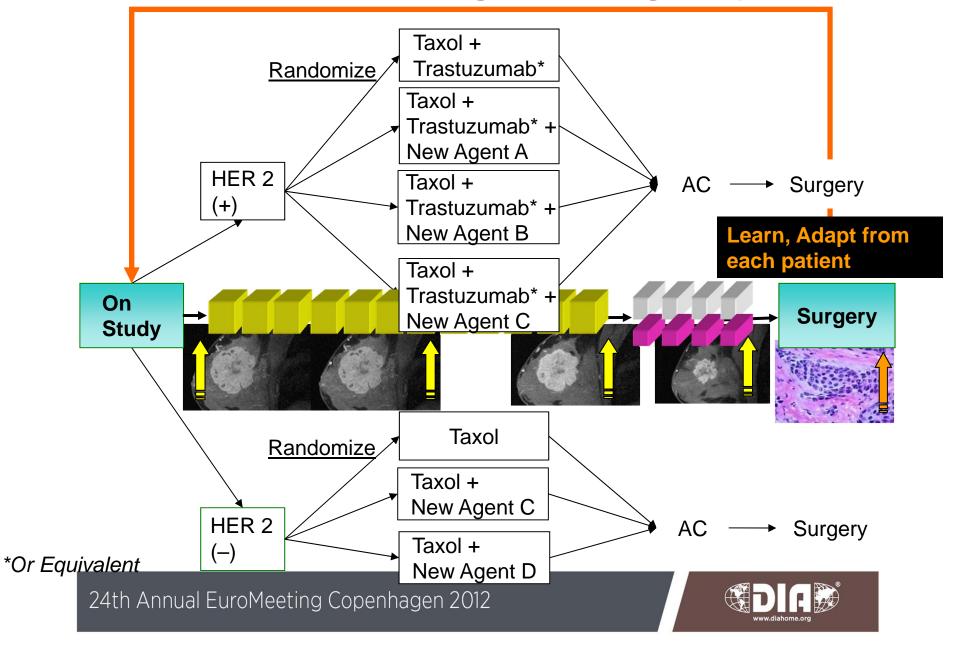




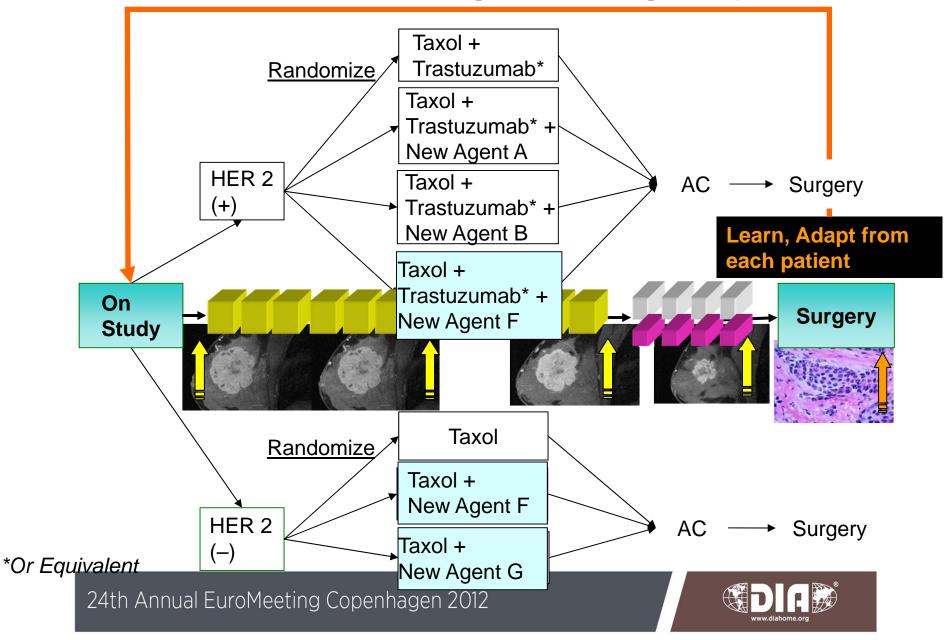




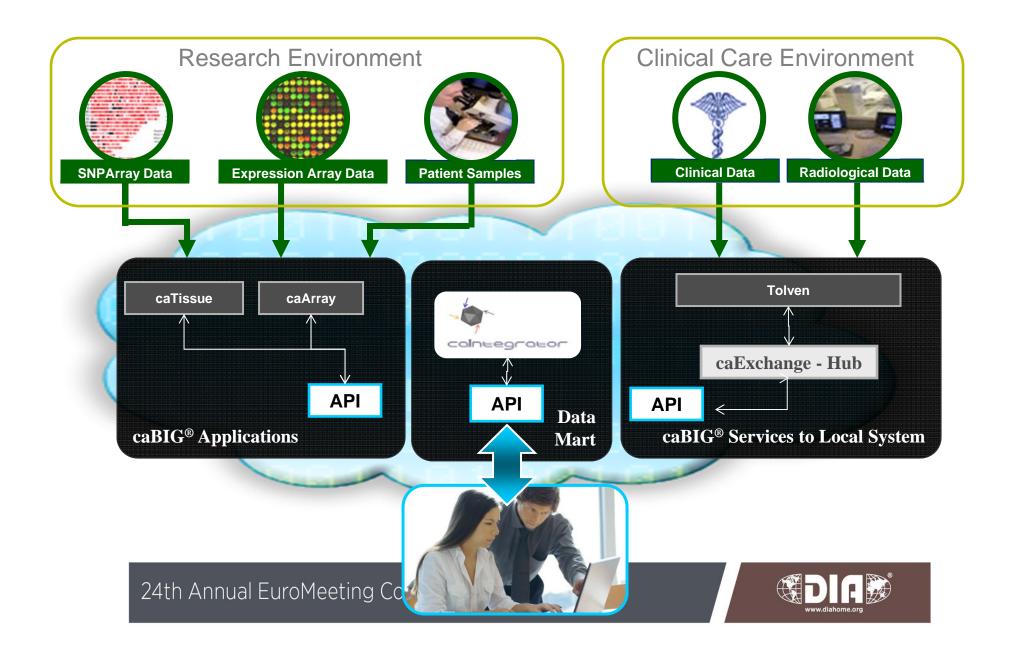
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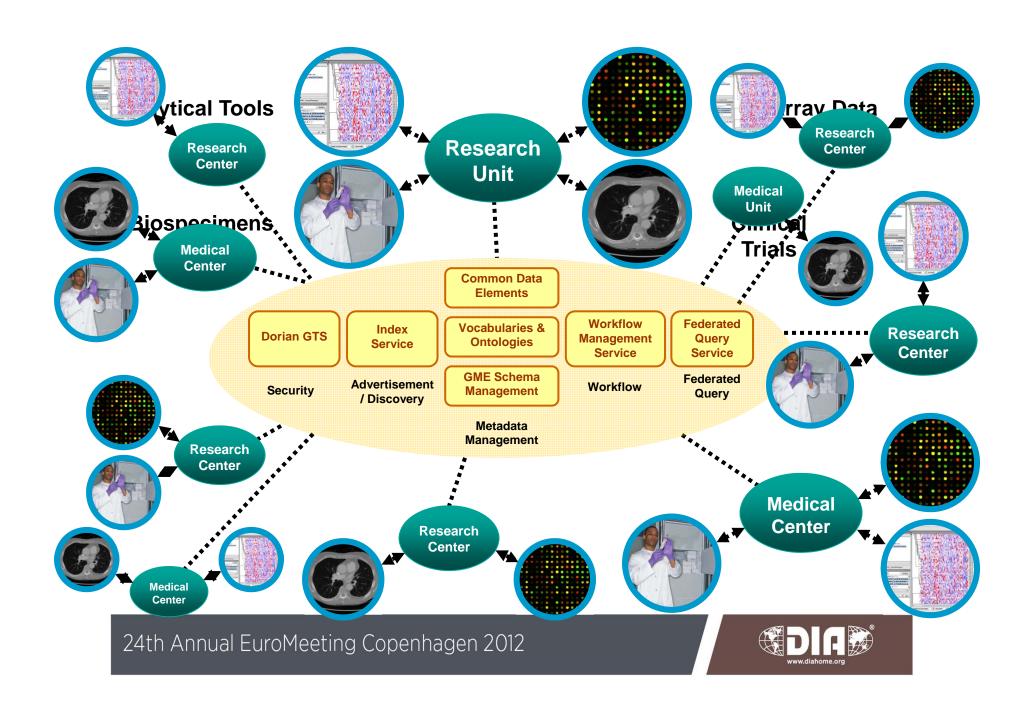


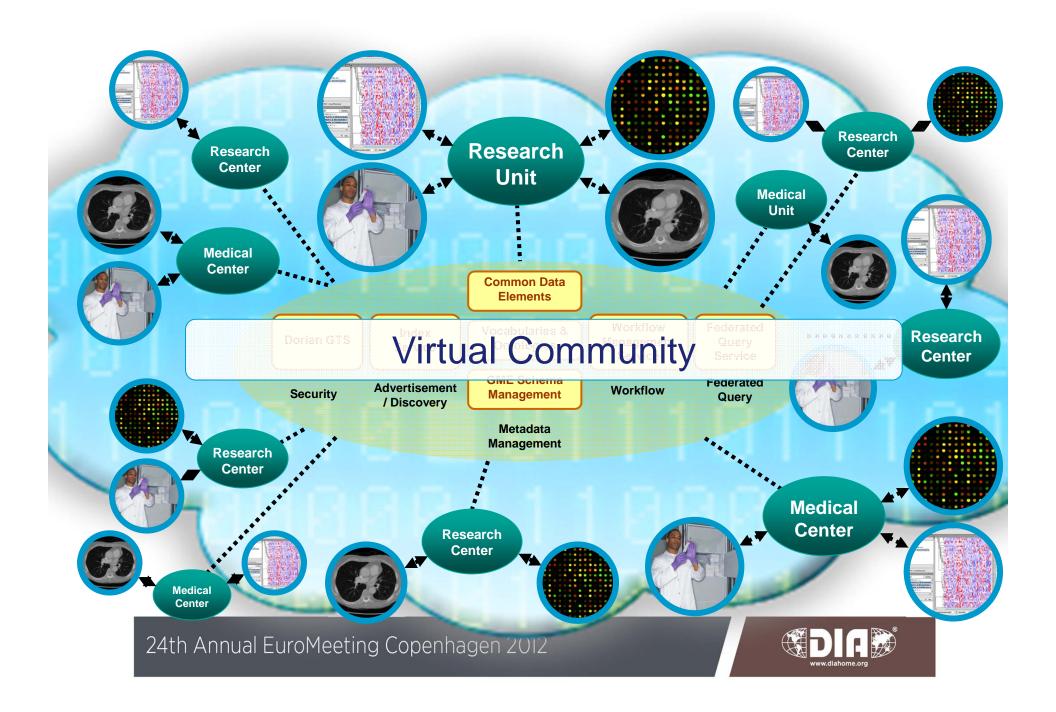
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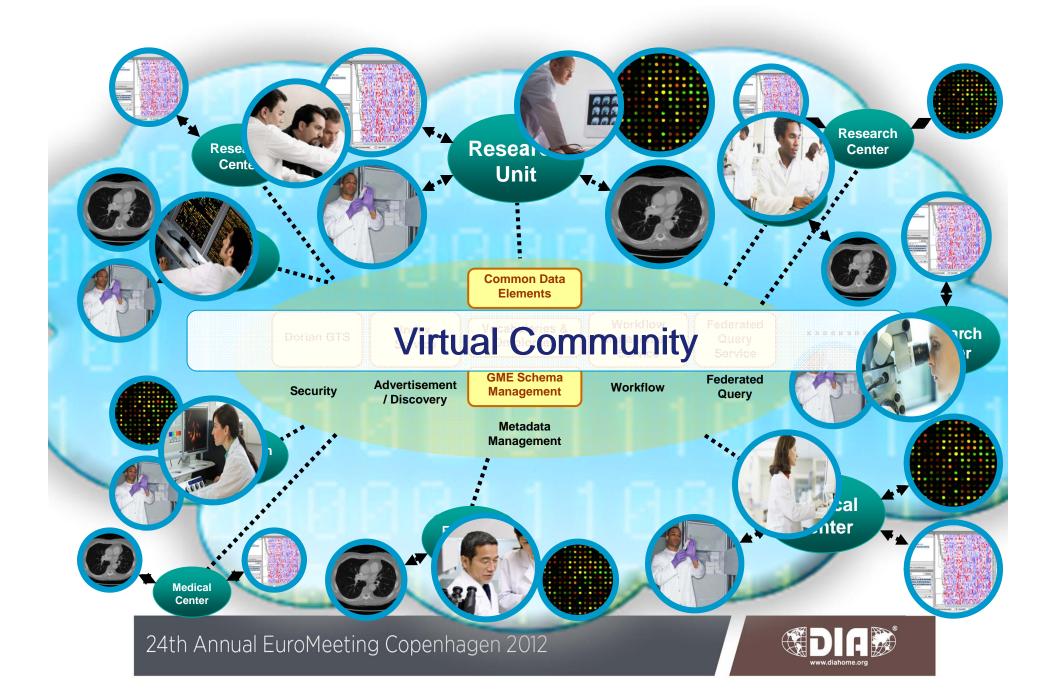


I-SPY TRIAL IT Infrastructure









Toward a Sustainable Effort?

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Achieving Data Liquidity in the Cancer Community: Proposal for a Coalition of All Stakeholders

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Summary

- Approaching Biomedicine as a Complex Adaptive System may help address some of the challenges it currently faces
- Information, and as such Information Technology can serve as the glue to connect the Ecosystem
- It is technically feasible to create and deploy technology to exchange information within and between members of the ecosystem
- A multi-stakeholder, multidimensional community will be necessary to create a sustainable ecosystem

