

# Advancing Innovation and Convergence In Cancer Research

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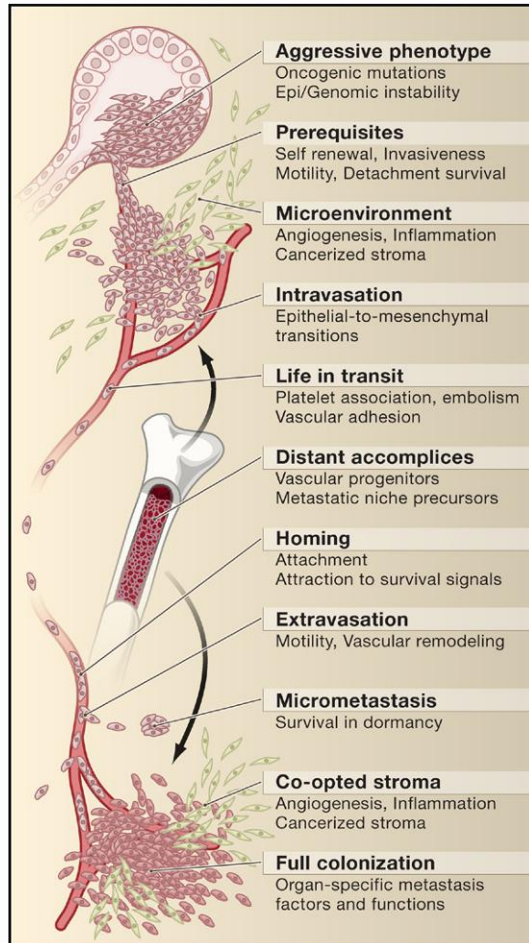
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# What is It?

## Tumor, Cancer, and Metastasis

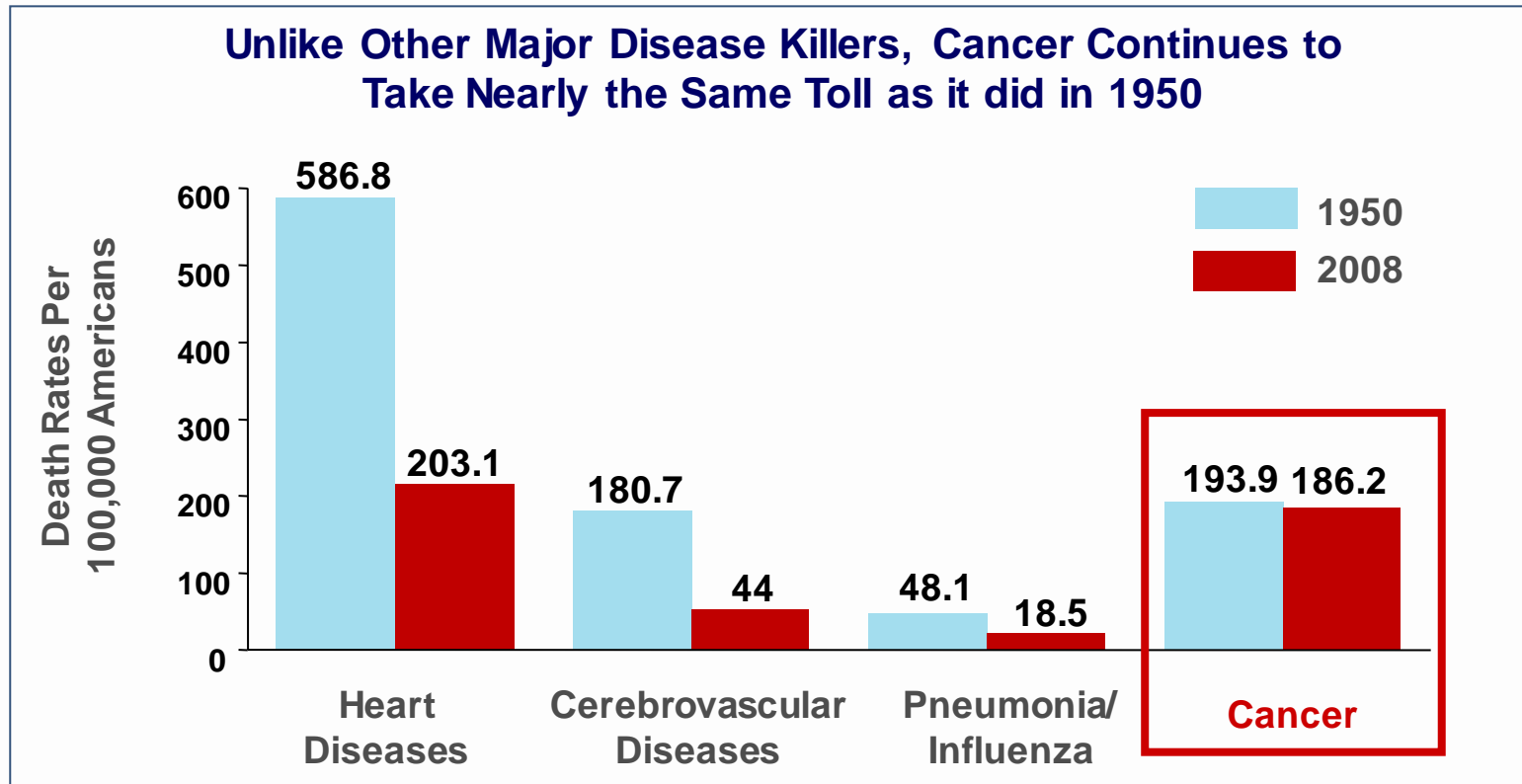


Site	All stages	Local	Regional	Distant
Breast (female)	86.6	97.0	78.7	23.3
Colon and rectum	62.3	90.1	65.5	9.2
Liver	6.9	16.3	6.0	1.9
Lung and bronchus	14.9	48.7	16.0	2.1
Melanoma	89.6	96.7	60.1	13.8
Ovary	53.0	94.7	72.0	30.7
Pancreas	4.4	16.6	6.8	1.6
Prostate	97.5	100.0	--	34.0
Testis	95.5	99.1	95.0	73.1

***“...>90% of deaths is caused by disseminated disease or metastasis...”***

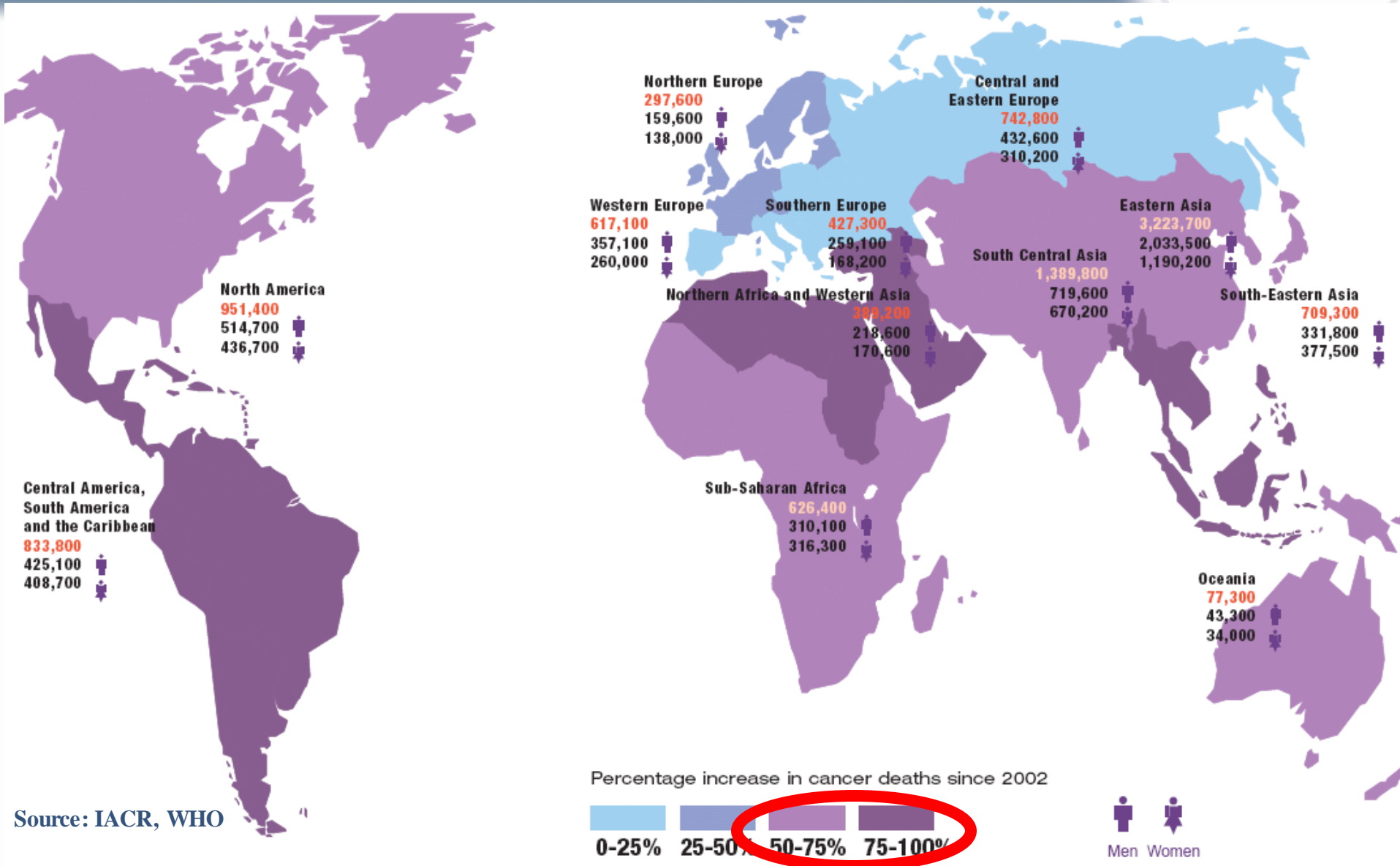
# Reality: In the U.S., Cancer Continues to Represent an Enormous Burden

- **569,490** Americans died of cancer in 2010
- **1,529,560** Americans will be diagnosed with cancer this year
- **\$124.6 billion** in 2010 for cancer healthcare costs



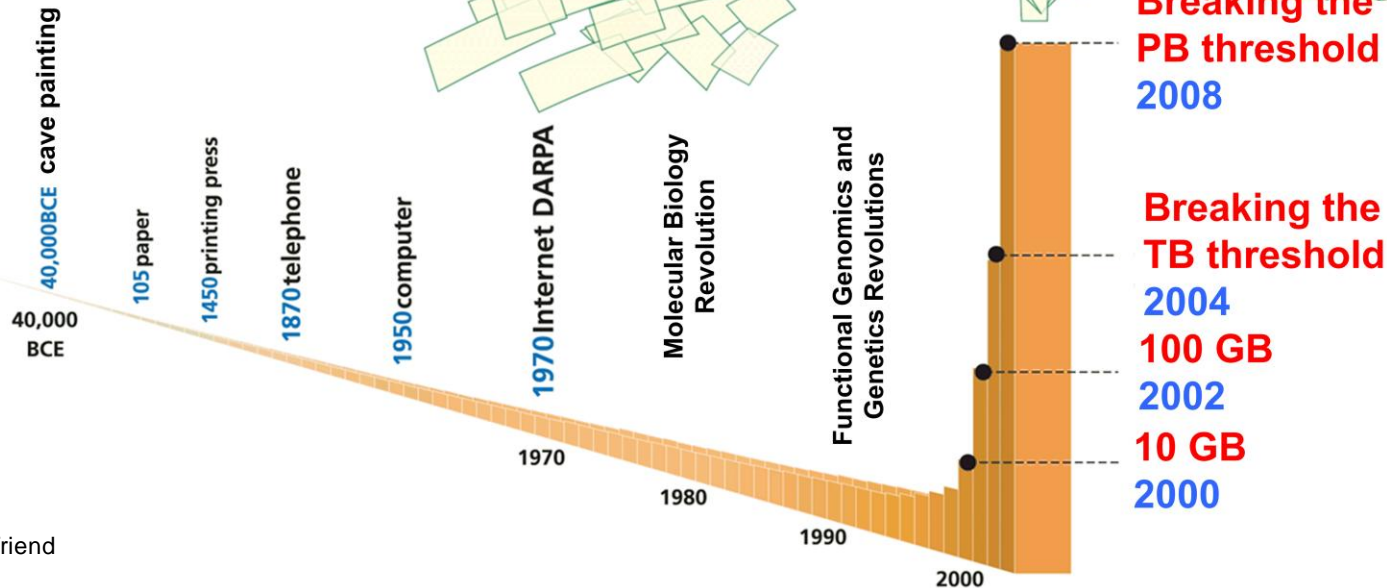
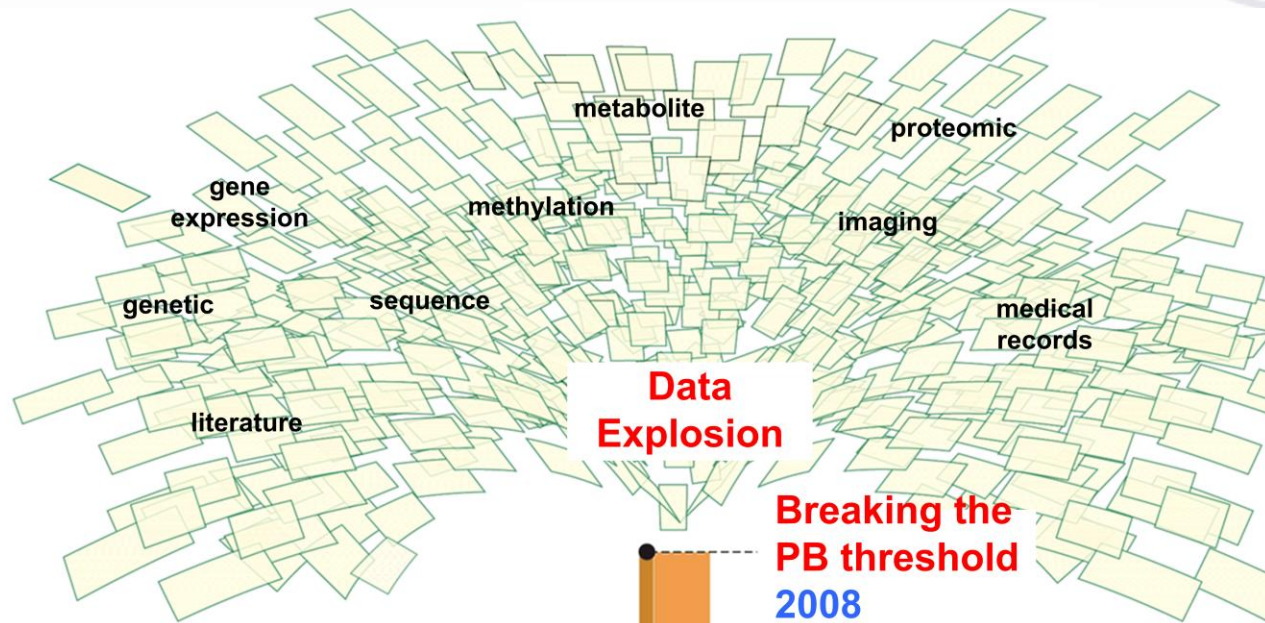
Source for 2010 deaths and diagnoses: American Cancer Society (ACS) 2010 Cancer Facts & Figures; Atlanta, Georgia  
Source for 2008 age-adjusted death rate: National Center for Health Statistics, NCHS Public-use file for 2008 deaths.

# Reality: Global Burden- By 2020, Cancer Mortality 10 M/yr (Incidence 16 M/yr)



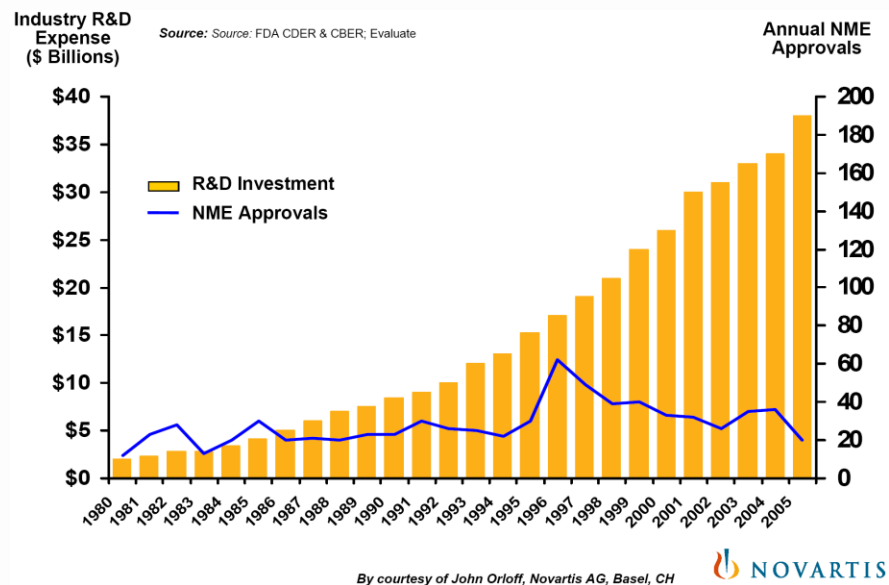


# Unprecedented Amount of Scientific Knowledge: Omics(ssss)



# Is More Knowledge Yielding More Solutions for Patients?

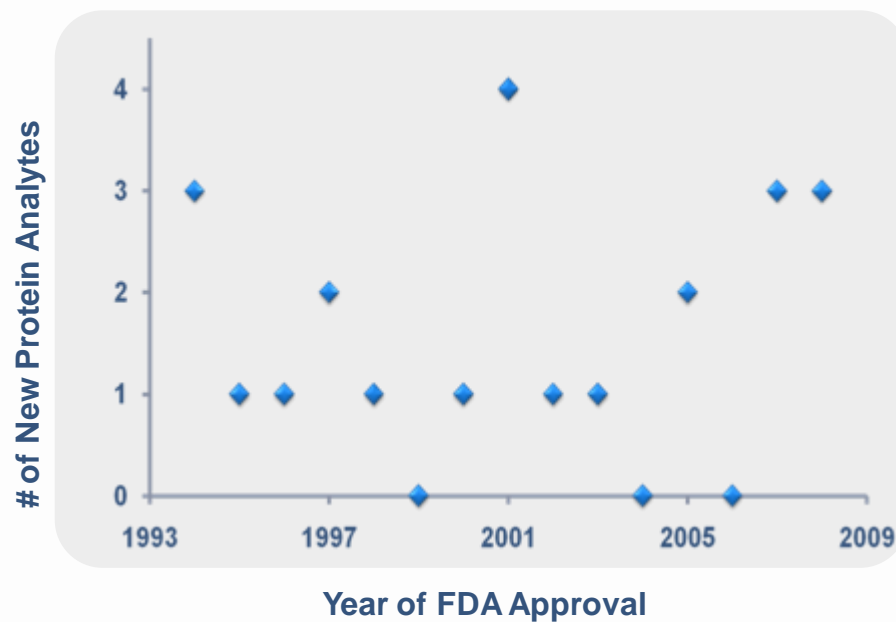
## Drugs



### Start to Finish

- 10 – 15 years (1,000 – 6,000 volunteers)
- ~\$1 billion

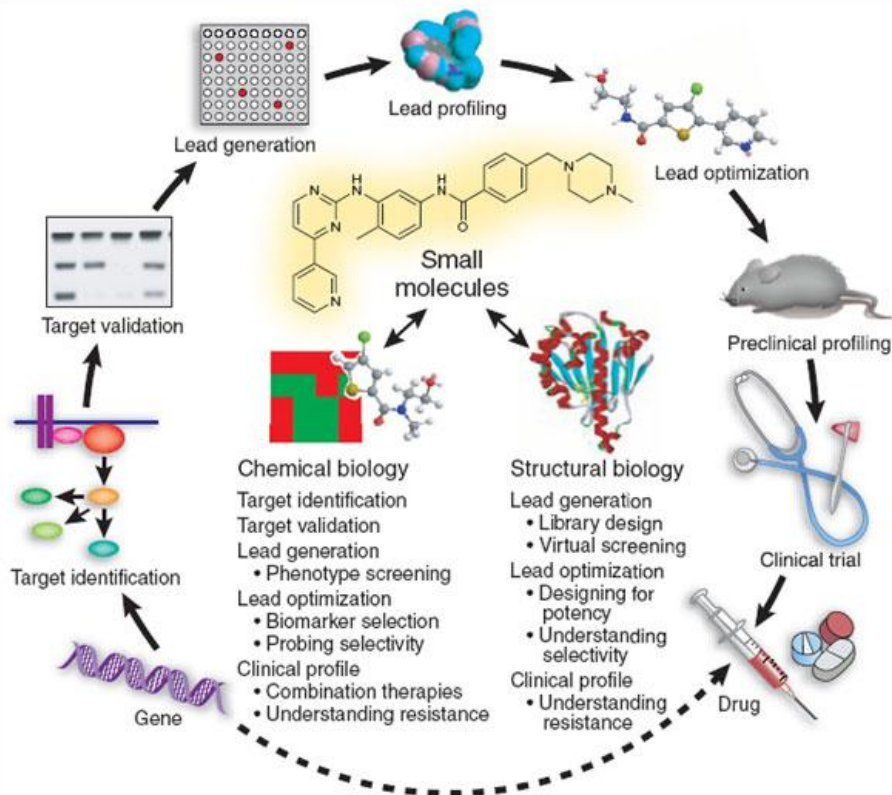
## Diagnostic Biomarkers



- Averaging 1.5 FDA approvals per year
- 1000's of samples

**Maybe...but can it be more efficient?**

# Translation Pace: How To Break Out of Current Paradigm?



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## Key Needs (from community)

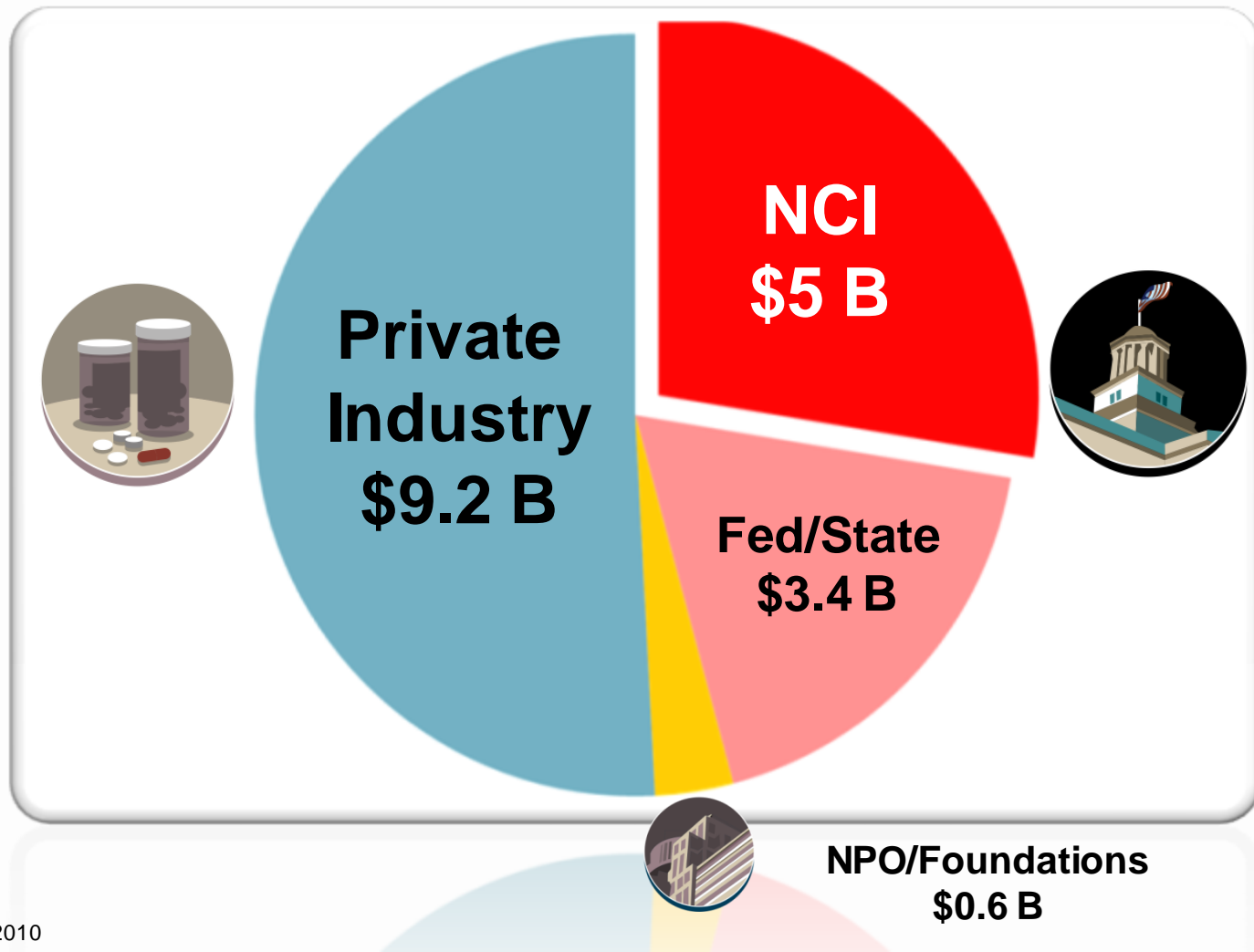
- Standards and protocols
- Real-time, public release of data
- Multi-disciplinary teams and environment
- Team members with multi-disciplinary **training**

*Turning the Crank...*

The potential to transform cancer drug discovery and diagnostics

# National Cancer Program: Stakeholders

**~\$18 B per year**





# NCI Center for Strategic Scientific Initiatives (CSSI): Concept Shop



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## Mission

“...to create and uniquely implement exploratory programs focused on the development and integration of advanced technologies, trans-disciplinary approaches, infrastructures, and standards, to accelerate the creation and broad deployment of data, knowledge, and tools to empower the entire cancer research continuum in better understanding and leveraging knowledge of the cancer biology space for patient benefit...”

Good Idea + Unique Good Idea Implementation



Innovation



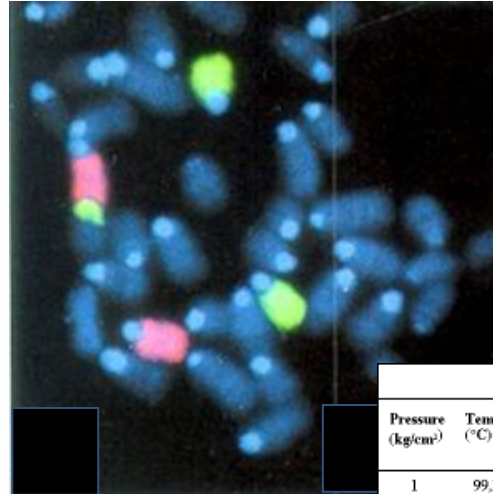
Potential



# First Step (-back): Cancer & Genes- Take a Page from Engineers?

## Disease of Genomic Alterations

- Copy number
- Expression (regulation of)
- Regulation of translation
- Mutations
- Epigenome



- **Systematic identification of all genomic changes**
- **Repeat for all cancers**
- **Make it publically available**

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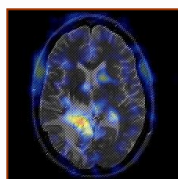
# TCGA: Connecting Multiple Sources, Experiments, and Data Types



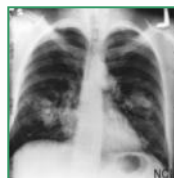
## Three Cancers- Pilot

## Multiple data types

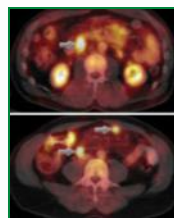
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(brain)



squamous carcinoma  
(lung)



serous  
cystadenocarcinoma  
(ovarian)



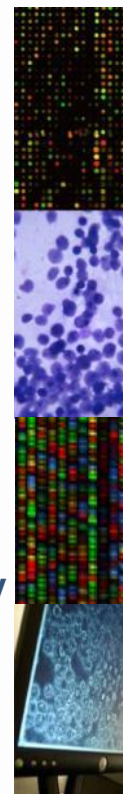
Biospecimen Core  
Resource with more  
than 13 Tissue  
Source Sites

7 Cancer Genomic  
Characterization  
Centers

3 Genome  
Sequencing  
Centers

Data Coordinating  
Center

- Clinical diagnosis
- Treatment history
- Histologic diagnosis
- Pathologic status
- Tissue anatomic site
- Surgical history
- Gene expression
- Chromosomal copy number
- Loss of heterozygosity
- Methylation patterns
- miRNA expression
- DNA sequence







# The Cancer Genome Atlas Data Portal

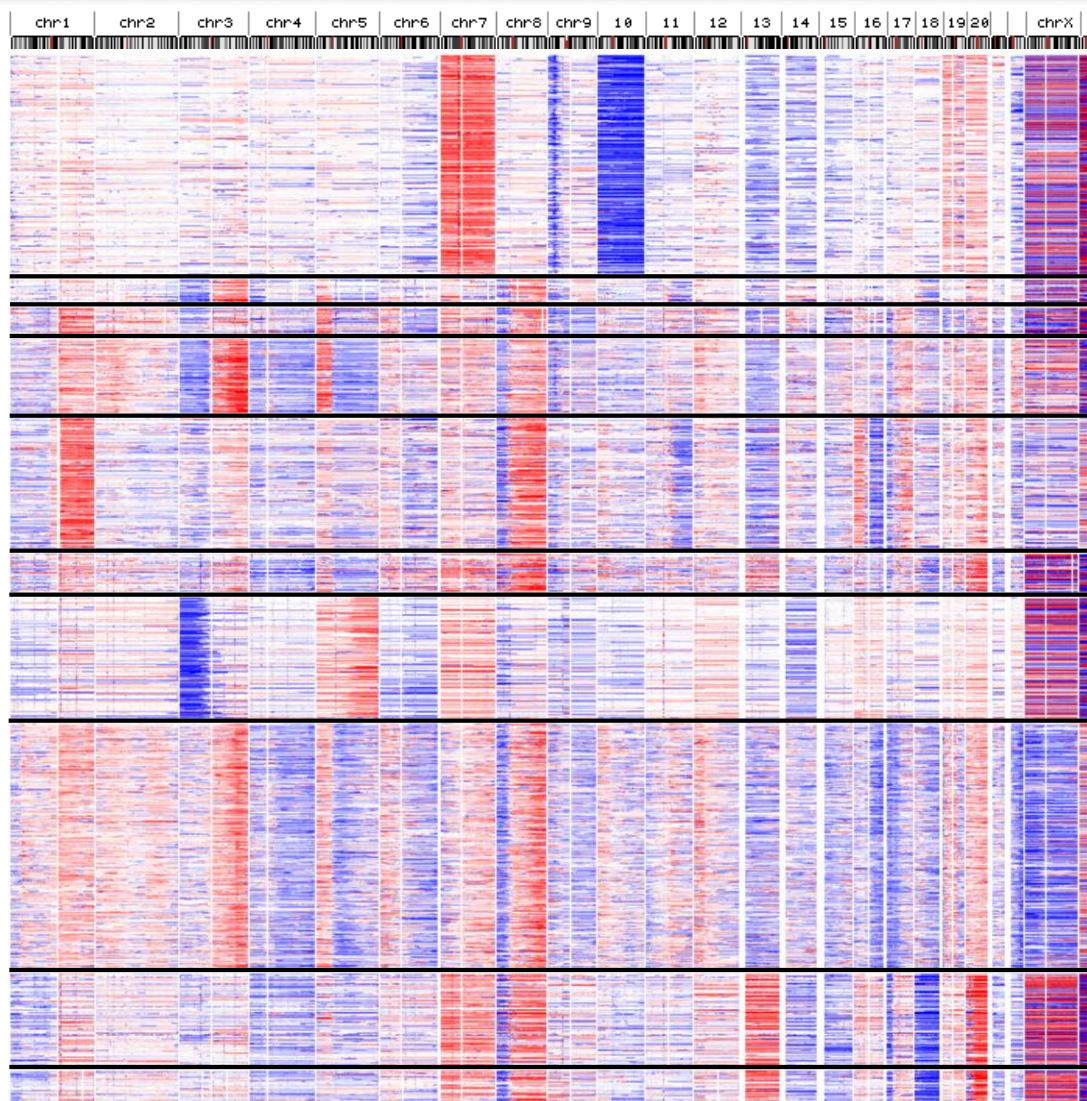
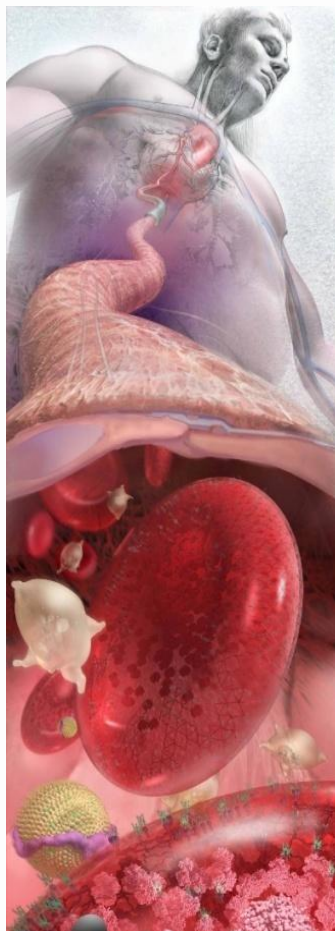


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to improve cancer care

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# Unanticipated Innovations of TCGA: Human Interactions

## Mid- 2008

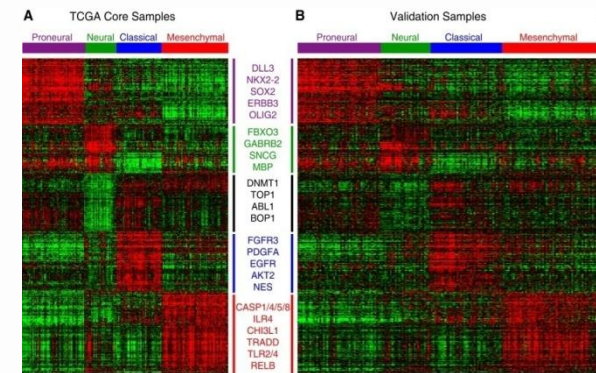
- Reference cancer genome for GBM
- Single author paper (TCGA Network)
  - 300+ authors
- Unanticipated Scientific Discoveries
  - Hypothesis on a possible resistance mechanism to temozolomide (TMZ)

## Comprehensive genomic characterization defines human glioblastoma genes and core pathways

The Cancer Genome Atlas Research Network\*

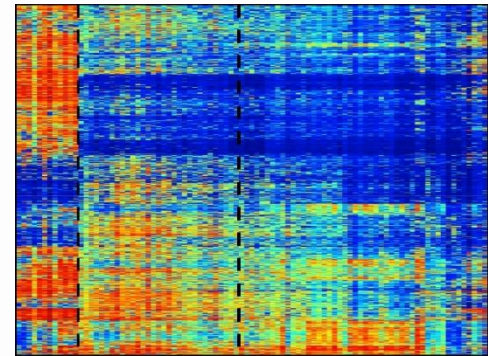
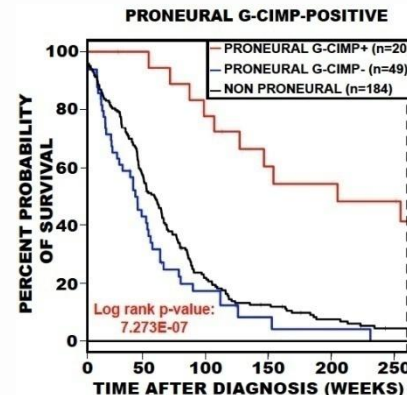
## 2009

- Gene expression-based classification of GBM
- Response to aggressive therapy differs by subtype- **exclude non-responders**



## 2010

- Identification of new subset of GBM
- Occurs in younger patients
- Evidence of **better prediction of outcomes**



# Launching Soon: Cancer Target Discovery and Development Network (CTD<sup>2</sup>)

- **Accelerate the translation of patient genomic data into clinical application**

- Innovate integration of computational mining of large-scale genomic data analysis
- Identify and confirm new therapeutic target candidates
  - Existing therapeutics and /or orphan drugs
- Identify and confirm novel modulators
  - Small molecules
  - siRNAs

- **Share models, reagents, analysis tools, and data with scientific community**

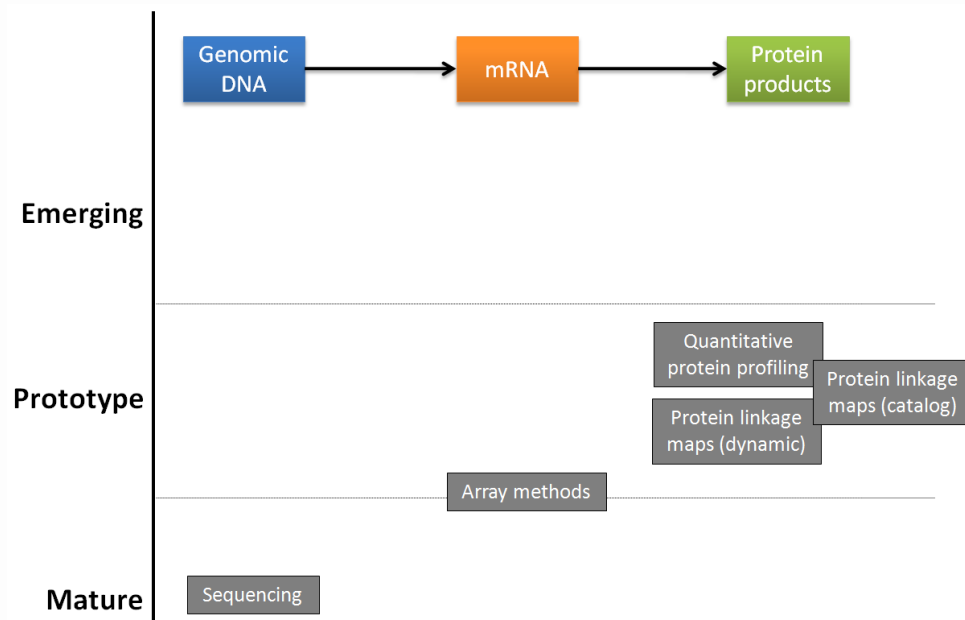
## CTD<sup>2</sup>: A Bridge from Genomics to Therapeutics



# Could We Do the Same for Cancer Proteomics: Not Yet...

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## Technologies for Quantitative Analysis



## Major Challenges

- Analytical variability in platforms
- Lack of standards, protocols, and reference data
- No consensus on data acquisition, analysis, and open access reporting of raw data

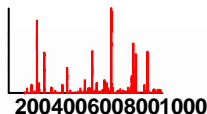
**Unlike genomic technologies, proteomic technologies were not yet fully mature**

# Clinical Proteomic Technologies for Cancer (CPTAC) Pilot



**nature  
biotechnology**

Multi-site assessment of the precision and reproducibility of multiple reaction monitoring-based measurements of proteins in plasma



caTranche



## Accomplishments (Highlights)

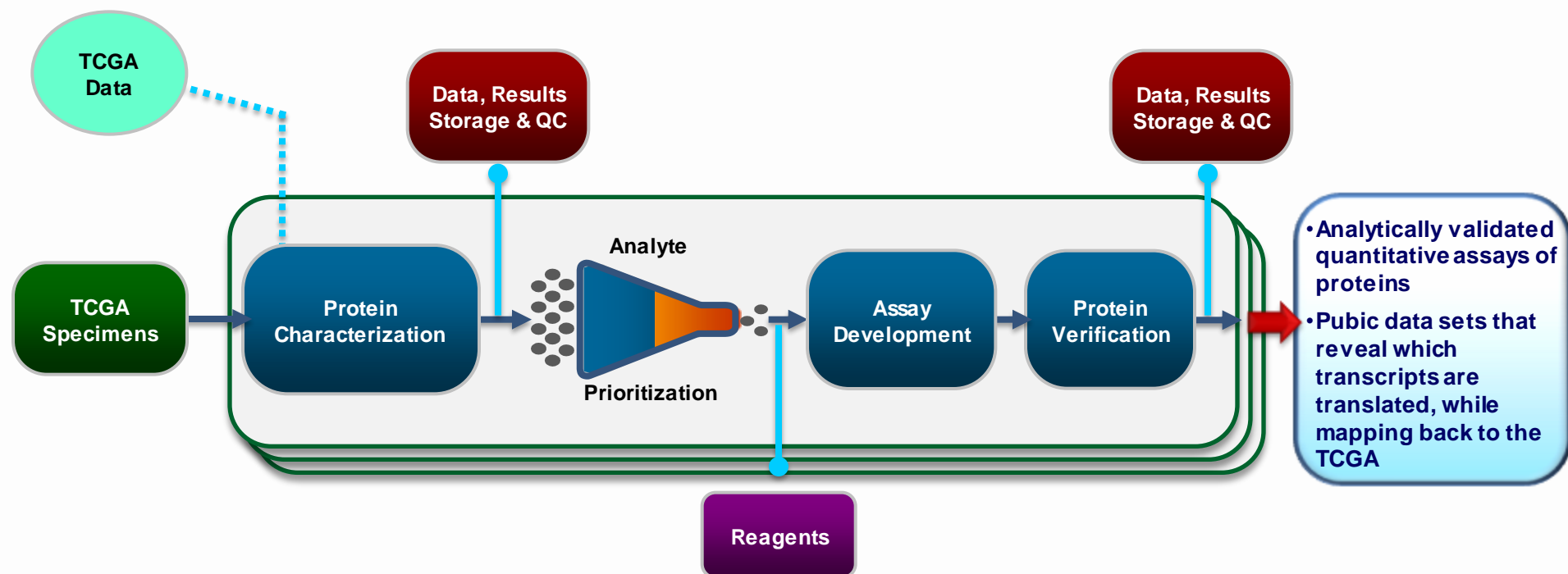
- First demonstration that MRM is highly reproducible across multiple laboratories and technology platforms
- Development of public data portal of raw mass spec data

## Unanticipated Innovations

- Joint development with FDA of mock 510(k) pre-submission for proteomic platforms
  - **Educate new generation of developers**
- **Established Antibody Characterization Laboratory**
  - Provides high quality reagents at minimum cost to community
  - All characterization data posted on public database
  - Industry partners and collaborations

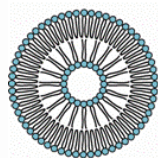
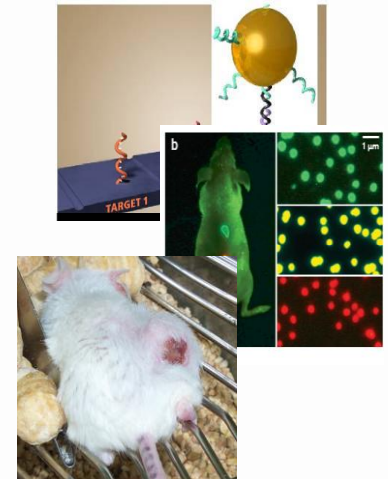


# Full Steam Ahead: CPTC Phase 2 Pipeline (Summer '11)

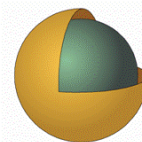


# Nanotechnology: Disruptive Innovation for Clinical Oncology?

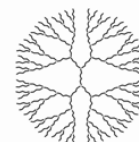
- Combine power of innovation in nano-materials and cancer biology to develop new solutions in cancer
  - ■ Detect Disease *Before* Health Has Deteriorated
    - Sensors
    - Imaging
  - ■ Deliver Therapeutics
    - Local delivery
    - Improved efficacy
    - Post-therapy monitoring
  - ■ Develop Research Tools to Enhance Understanding of the Disease



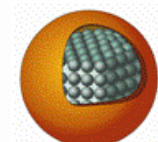
Liposome



Gold nanoshell

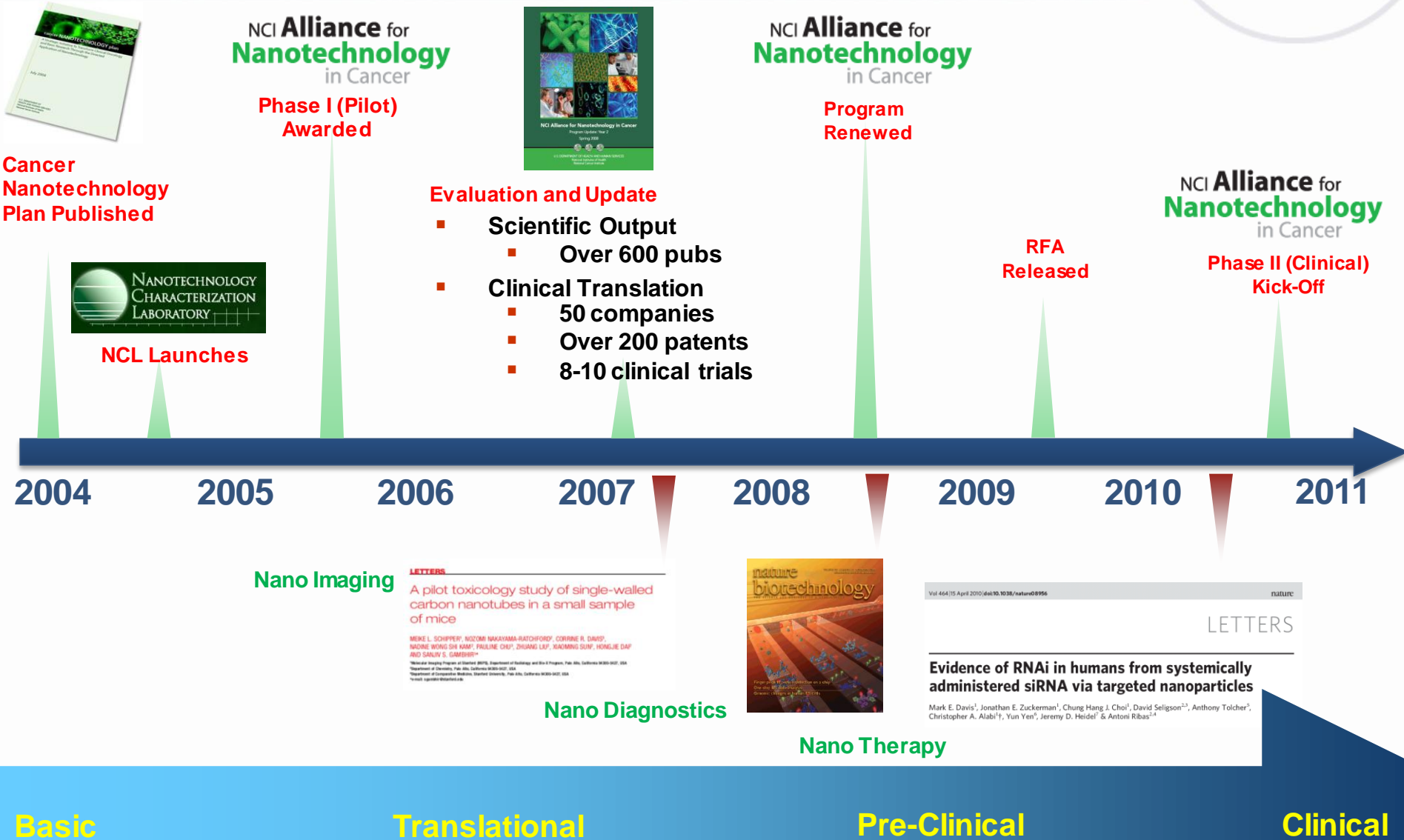


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Quantum Dot

# Bringing Nanotechnology to Cancer Research & Oncology: ANC Network



# Now What? How to Interpret It All? (Who?)

**LOTS of *Quantitative and Reproducible* Data**  
**(Macro, Micro, and Nano!)**

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***Harness Understanding***

**“Simple”**



**“Complex”**





# Bringing In New Perspectives: Brainstorming with Experts



*~300 extramural participants*

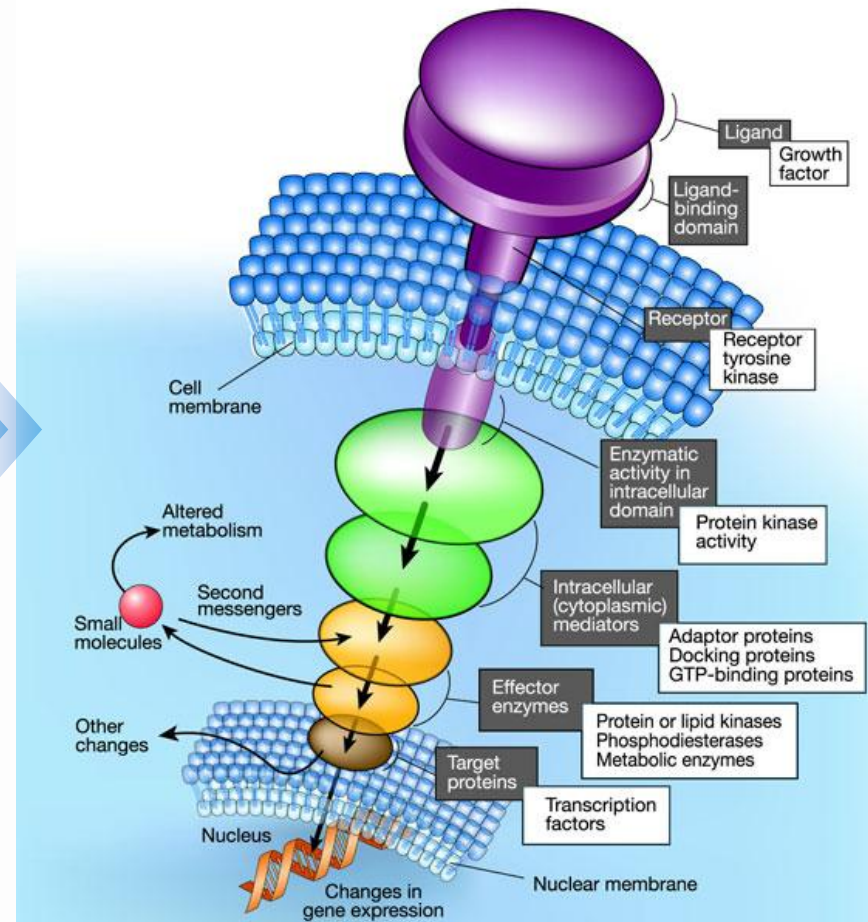
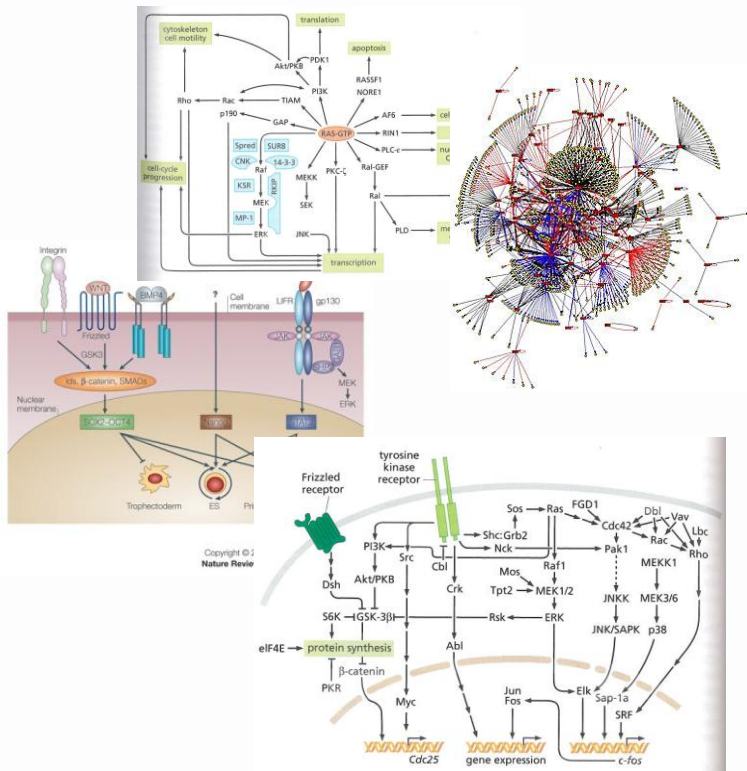
## Consensus Scientific Themes

- Understanding the Physics of Cancer
- Evolution and Evolutionary Theory in Cancer
- Coding, Decoding and Transfer of Information in Cancer
- “De-convoluting” the Complexity of Cancer

## Consensus Needs

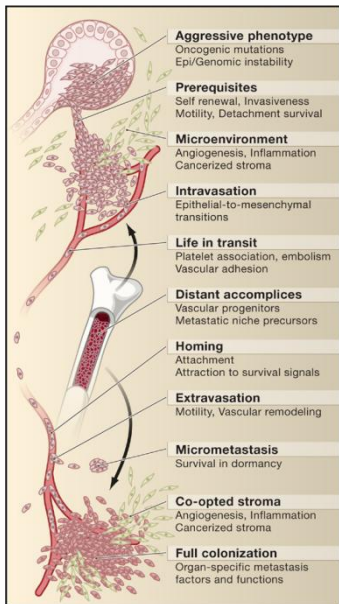
- Establish trans-disciplinary physical sciences-oncology centers
- Centers composed of integrated physical sciences-oncology teams
- Focus on theme(s) for center framework
- Centers led by physical scientists with co-investigator(s) from cancer biology/oncology

# Critical to Think in Terms of Space and Time

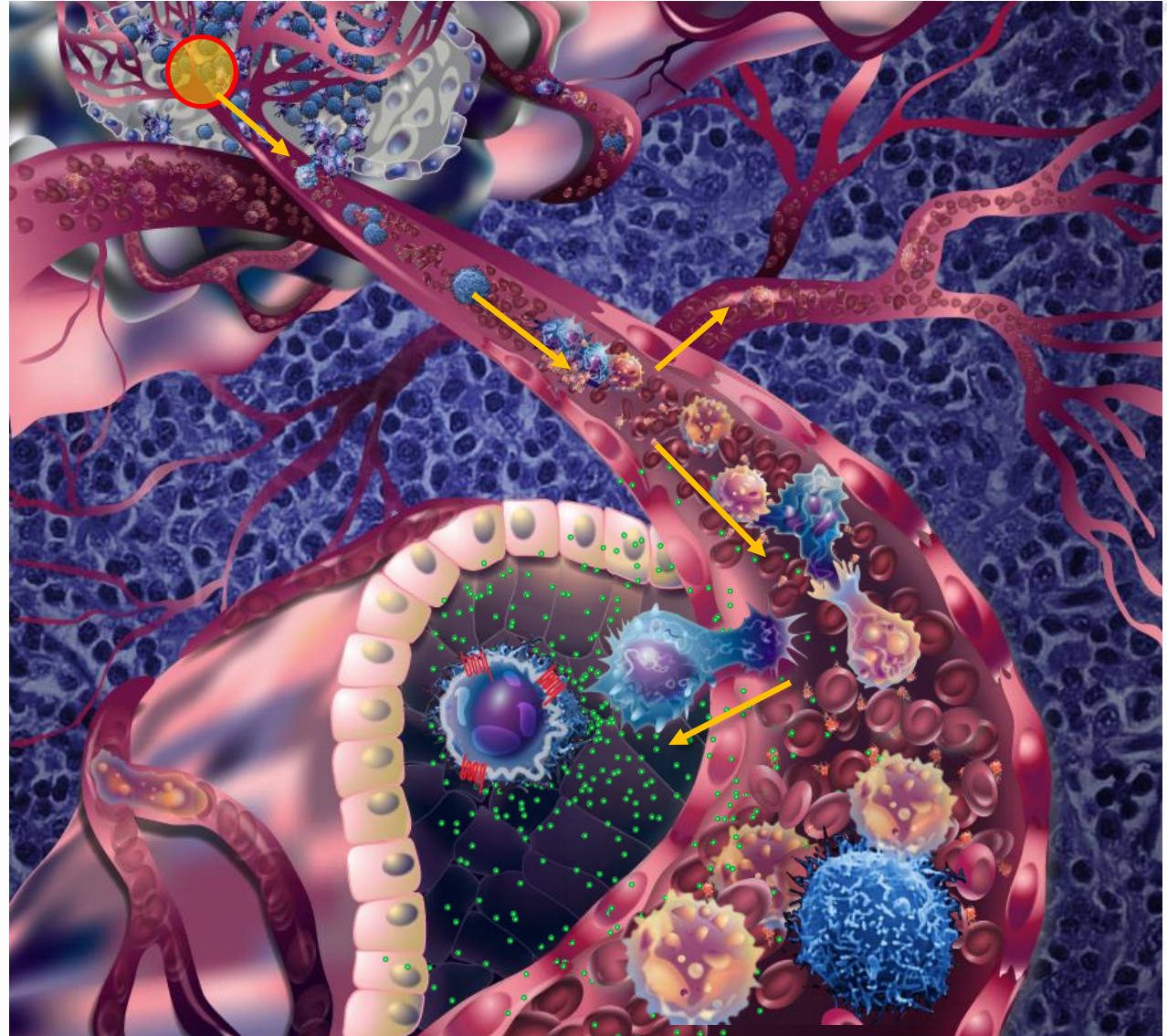




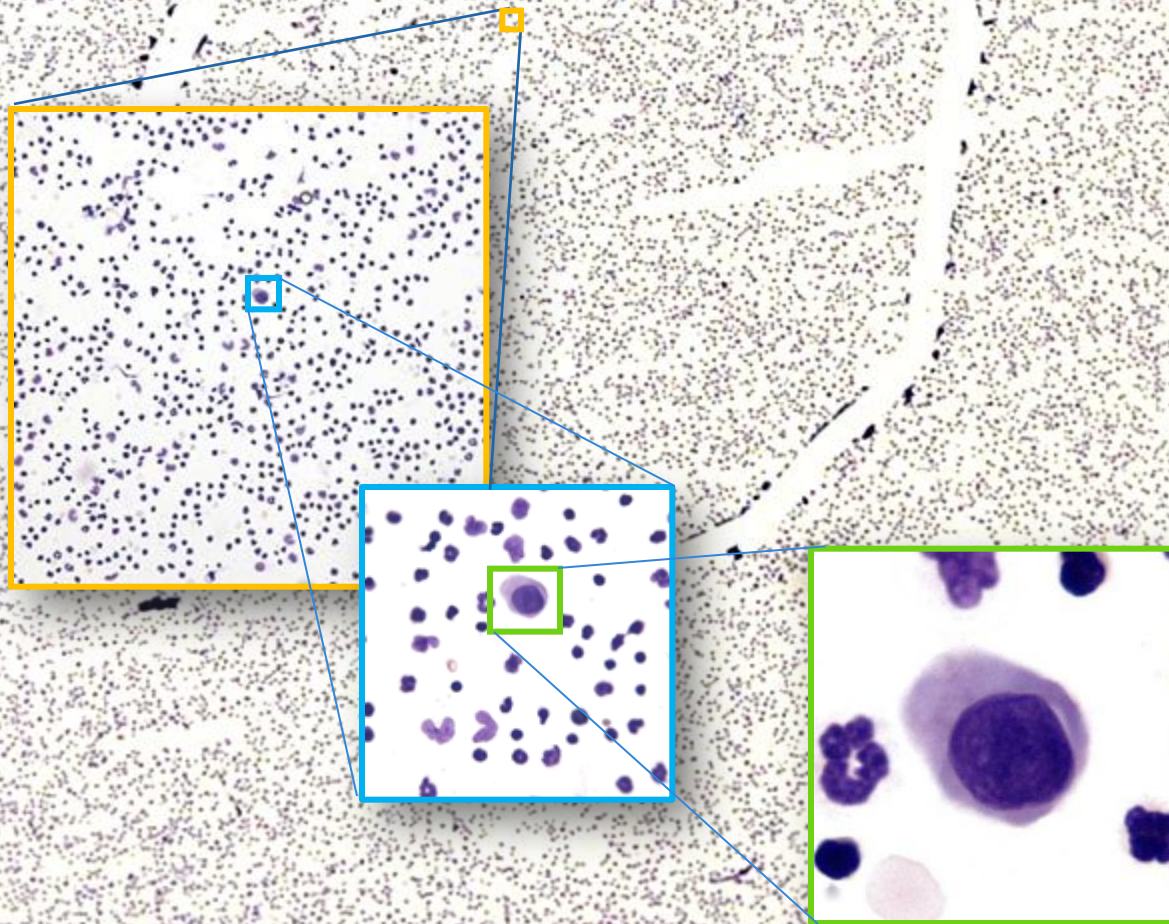
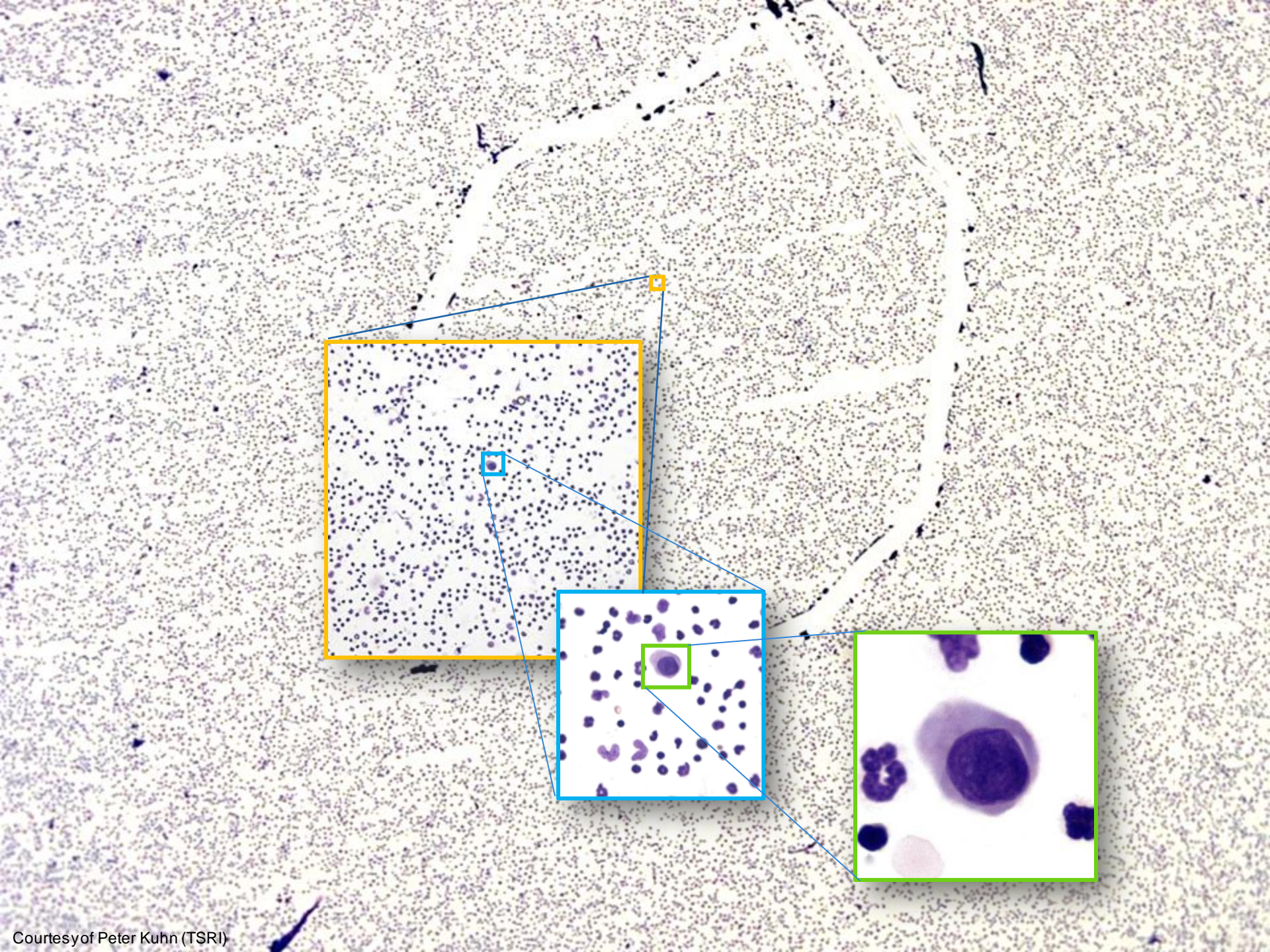
# Metastasis: Deleterious but also Rare and Random!



Well-known to  
be an inefficient  
process (0.01%)









# Physical Sciences-Oncology Centers Program Goal and Vision



- To generate **new knowledge** and catalyze **new fields of study** in cancer research by utilizing physical sciences/engineering principles to enable a better understanding of cancer and its behavior at all scales.
- Not looking for new tools to do “better” science, but new perspectives and approaches to do **paradigm-shifting** science that will lead to exponential progress against cancer.
- Build **trans-disciplinary teams** and infrastructure to better understand and control cancer through the convergence of physical sciences and cancer biology.

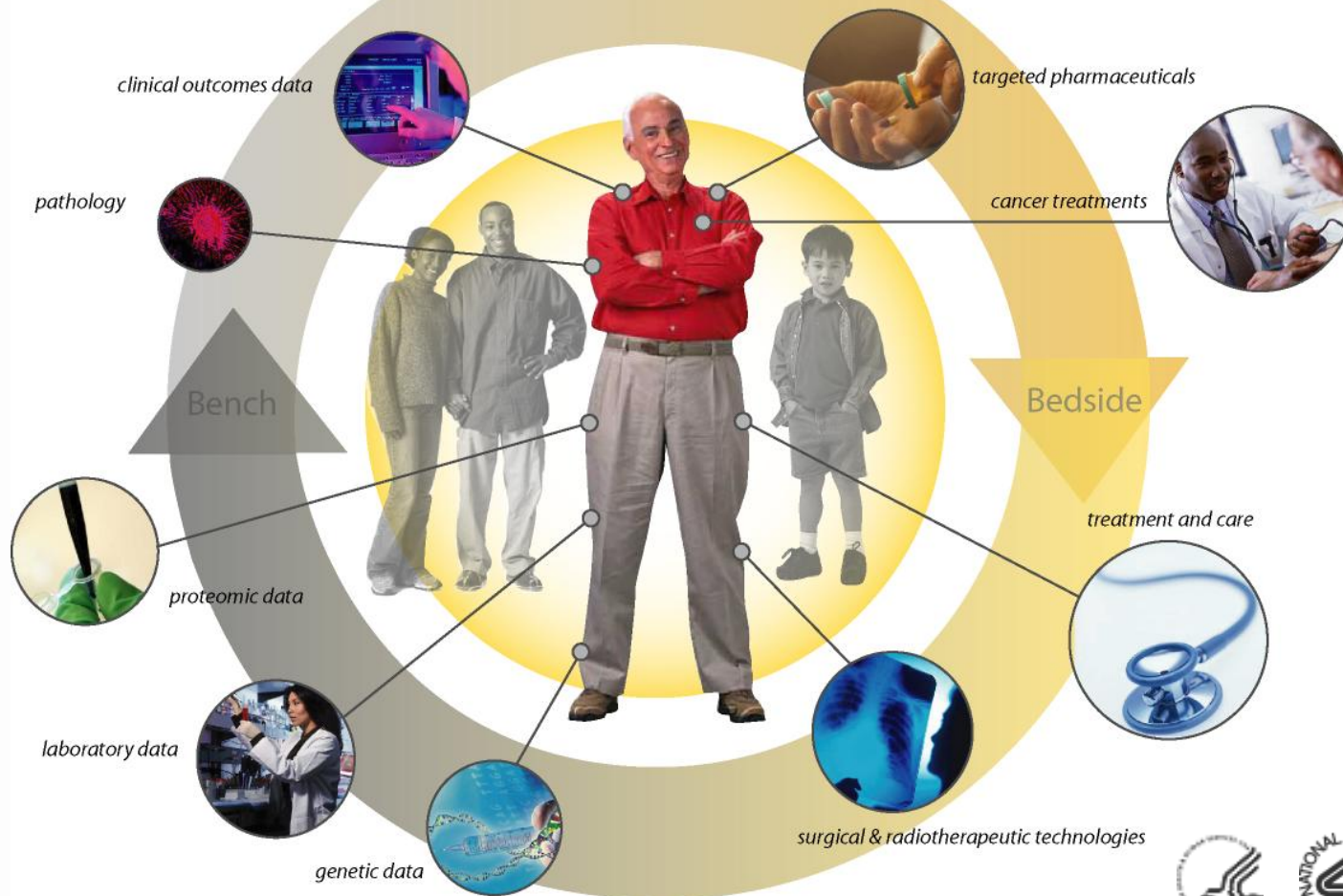


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