



# The Personal Health Train

Privacy Preserving Federated Data Analysis

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# Big Data – An example for Cancer



**Oncology**  
2007-2017  
150M patients  
0.1-10GB per patient

**15-1500PB**  
**80% unstructured**

**Hospitals**  
China: 25.000  
India: 35.000  
Germany: 2.000  
France: 2.300  
Italy: 1.100  
USA: 5.500  
Australia: 1.400  
**TOTAL ~100.000**

# The Health Data GoldiLocks Dilemma

**SHARING ???**

**PRIVACY ???**

**BOTH ????**

- Broader Data Interoperability and data sharing  
and / or
- Enhanced Data Privacy



*Deven McGraw & Vince Kuraitis,  
Health 2.0, September 18, 2019, California , The USA.*

## Barriers to sharing data

[..] the problem is not really technical [...]. Rather, the problems are **ethical, political, and administrative**.

*Lancet Oncol 2011;12:933*

1. Administrative (I don't have the resources)
2. Political (I don't want to)
3. Ethical (I am not allowed to)
4. Technical (I don't know how)



## Solution to the Dilemma:

**DO NOT** share data

Instead, send **applications** and **results**



**Personal Health Train** – Infrastructure to send applications and results

### Challenges

- The research application has to be distributed (trains & track)
- The data has to be understandable by an application (i.e. not a human) -> FAIR data stations

## Example:

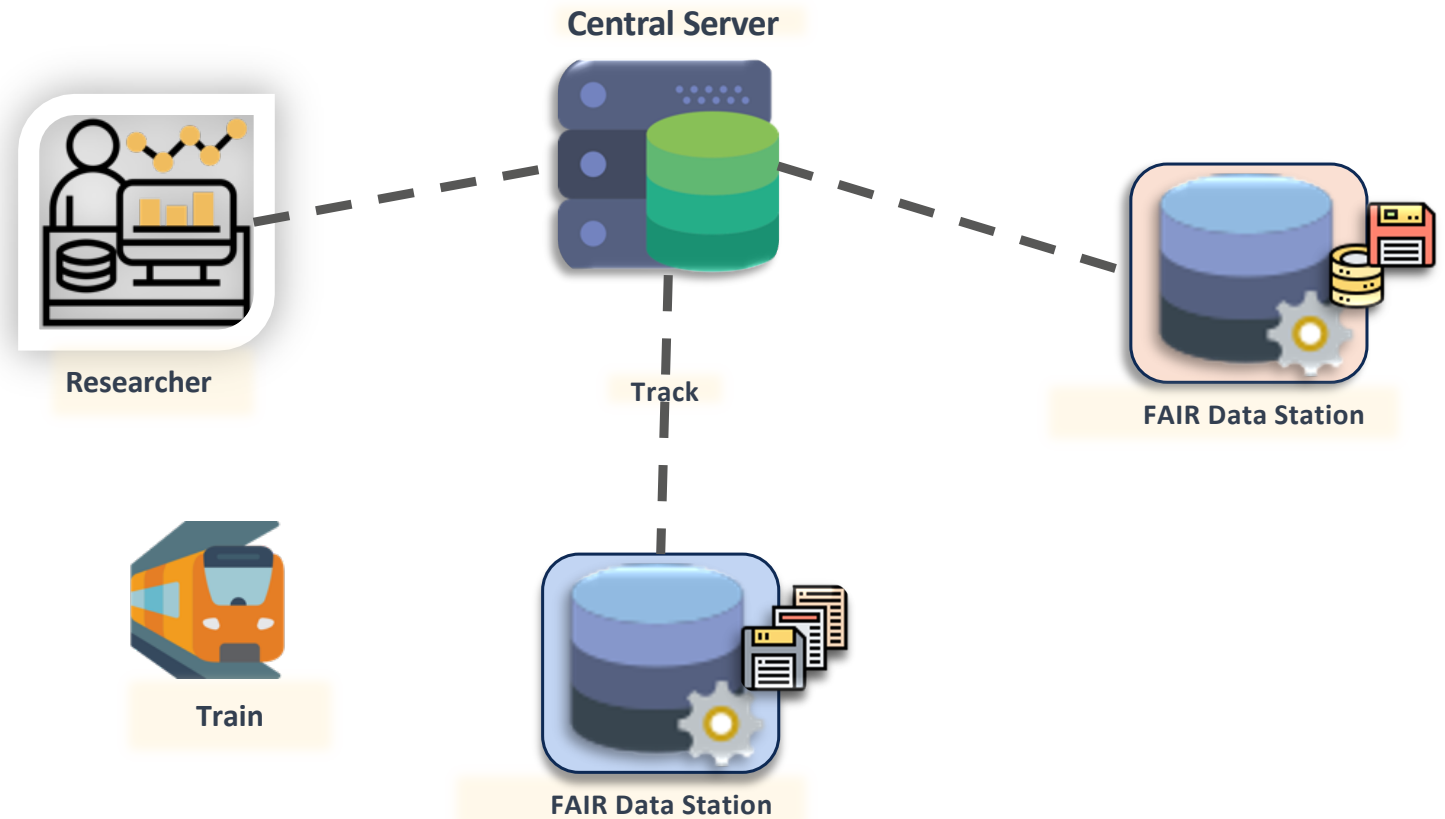
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<https://www.cancerdata.org>

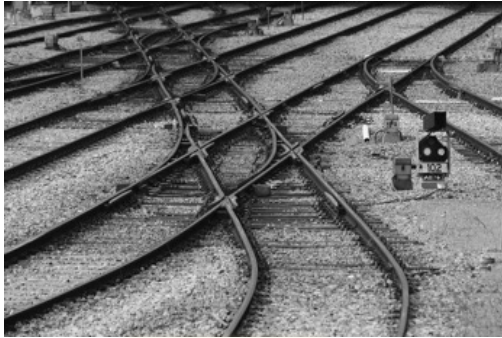
# Personal Health Train:

<https://distributedlearning.ai/blog/>





# Components of PHT



Tracks

Routes for application/results transportation



Station

Trains enter station via tracks

- Execution environment for train
- FAIR Data !?



Train

Application / Algorithm / Analysis Scripts

Logic of the application

- Data Query
- Analysis executed on the queried data



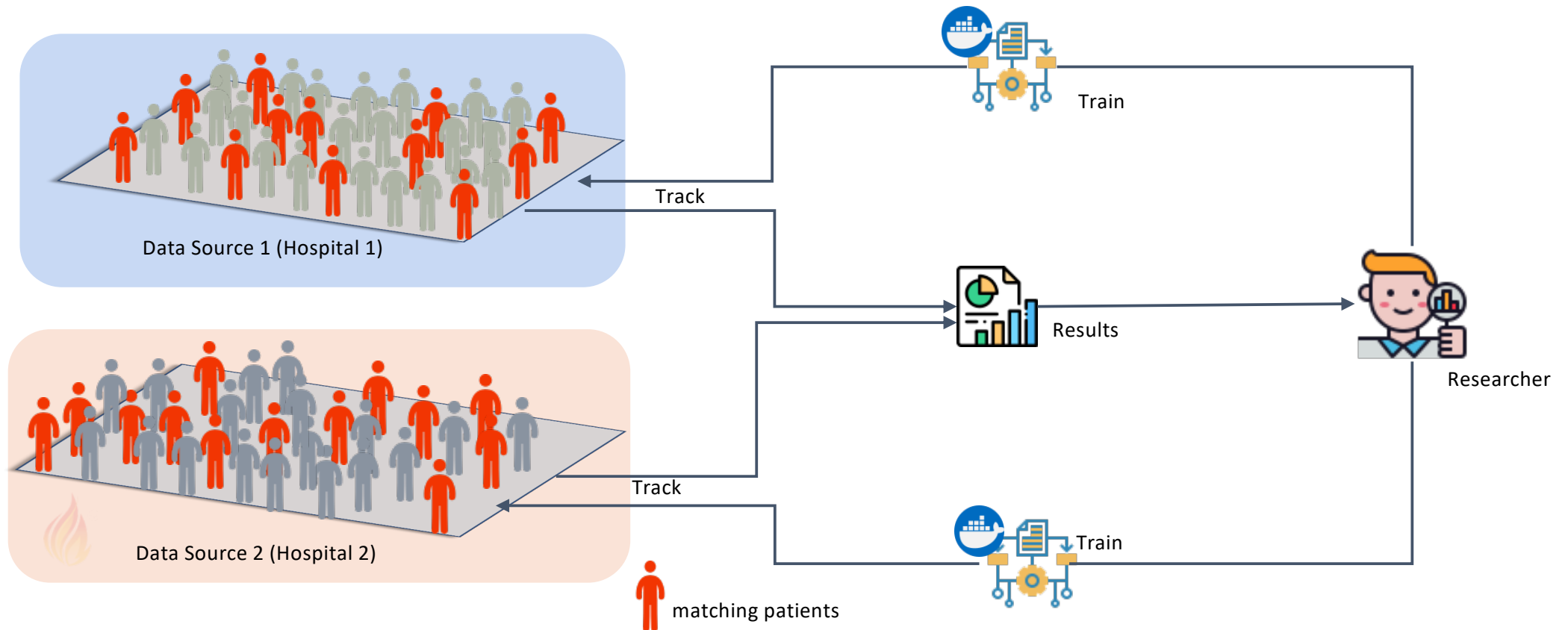
# Animation

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# Use Cases and Applications

# Patient Cohort Analysis from Multiple Data Sources



# Applications

- Distributed Learning on **20,000+ lung cancer patients** – *Radiotherapy and Oncology Journal* , 2020
  - 2 year survival prediction
  - 5 countries, 8 healthcare institutes – Amsterdam, Cardiff, Maastricht, Manchester, Nijmegen, Rome, Rotterdam, Shanghai
- Calculating Healthcare Quality Indicators from distributed datasets for colorectal patients
- Survival Prediction for anal cancers from distributed datasets - Maastricht, Oslo, Leeds
- **Distributed Deep Learning** with PHT for survival prediction from CT images

# Publications

## Original Article

### Distributed learning on 20 000+ lung cancer patients – The Personal Health Train



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# SCIENTIFIC DATA

## OPEN ARTICLE Distributed radiomics as a signature validation study using the Personal Health Train infrastructure

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## Other Areas

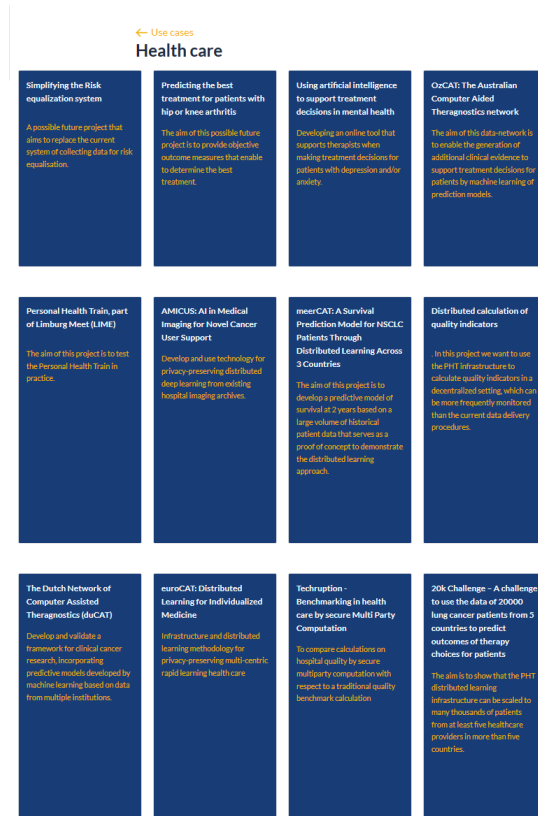
- Different Types of Cancer
- Alzheimer's / Dementia
- COVID-19
- Cardiovascular Disease Prevention





# Use cases

## www.personalhealthtrain.nl



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