

The tools and technologies to make collaborations work!  
**Empowering Solutions for Multi-institution Collaboration**

# ***Large scale medical imaging infrastructures***

NAMIC TRAINING  
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2012-03-21

# Why is this important?

- PREDICT-HD Project
- NeuroNext Initiative

Each Study Site

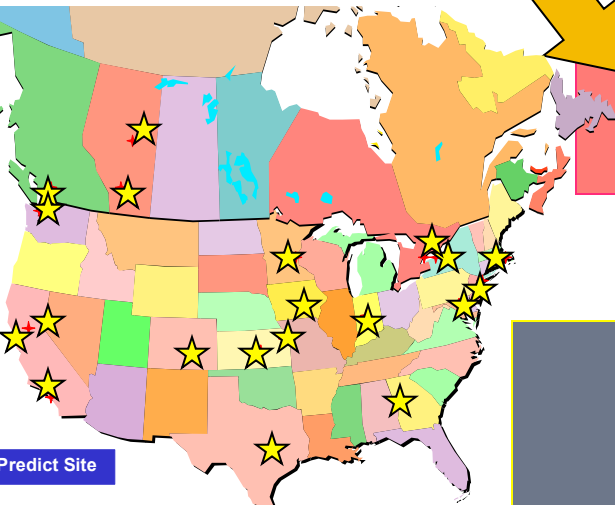
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Predict Site



# NEURO NEXT

Network of EXcellence in neuroscience Trials

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## National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

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*Reducing the burden of neurological disease...*

## NeuroNEXT: Network for Excellence in Neuroscience Clinical Trials

**NeuroNEXT will provide a robust, standardized, and accessible infrastructure to facilitate rapid development and implementation of protocols in neurological disorders affecting adult and/or pediatric populations. The network includes multiple Clinical Sites, one Clinical Coordinating Center (CCC) and one Data Coordinating Center (DCC).**

**You DO NOT need to be part of the NeuroNEXT infrastructure to apply to conduct a study within the network. Applications from academic investigators, advocacy groups/foundations, small businesses and the pharmaceutical industry are welcomed.**

Just google "NeuroNext"

[http://www.ninds.nih.gov/news\\_and\\_events/proceedings/20101217-NEXT.htm](http://www.ninds.nih.gov/news_and_events/proceedings/20101217-NEXT.htm)

- Designed to increase the Efficiency of clinical trials
- Facilitate patient recruitment and retention
- Increase the quality of neuroscience clinical trials
- Enable public-private partnerships
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- Sharing expertise and infrastructure across diseases
- Leverage Research opportunities as they arise in different disease areas

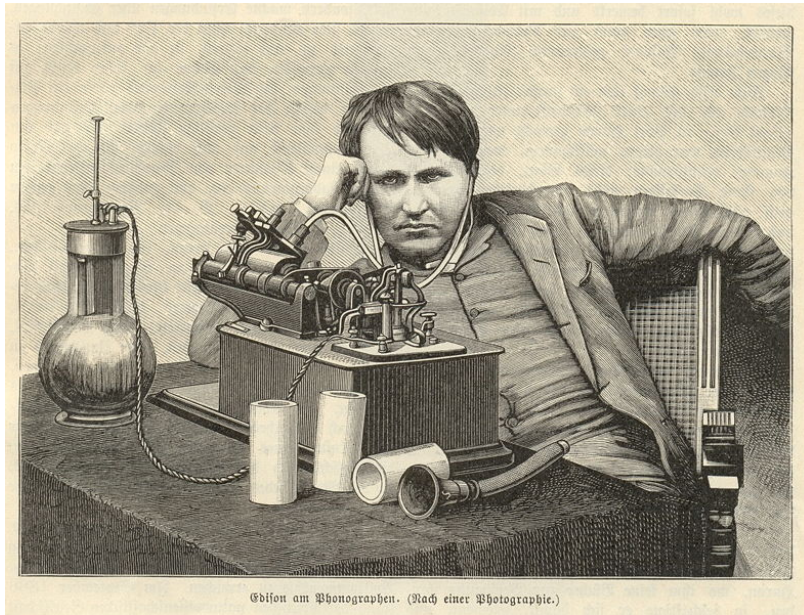


- THAT SOUNDS GREAT!
- So ... What's all the fuss about?
- It's been tried before, with limited success
  - Technology alone can not solve this problem
  - We must understand the entire environment and possible resistance to a particular technological solution

# The Current Wars!

- Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it. – George Santayana
- A tale of the difficulties in deploying great technology

# The Characters in our tale



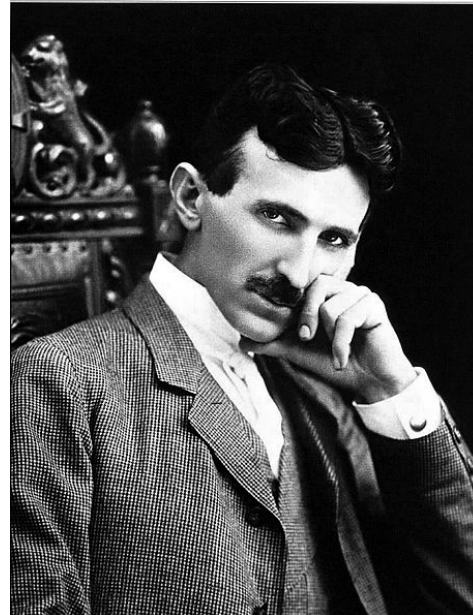
Edison am Phonograph. (Nach einer Photographie.)

Thomas Edison

- Self-taught inventor
- Known for using keen observation and for making practical solutions for the betterment of human kind

Nikola Tesla

- University taught Mechanical & Electrical Engineering
- Known for his skills in physics and mathematics





# The grand idea



Volta – First battery



Edison wanted to replace gas lamps in Manhattan with Electric lights

- Worked on the problem
- Created large cache of intellectual protections (Patents)
- Hired good people (Tesla)
- Wanted to capitalize on his Patents by deploying solutions built on those concepts

# The grand idea

## Demographics

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[Study Name/ID pre-filled]

Site Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject ID: \_\_\_\_\_

1) Sex:  Female  Male  Unknown  Unspecified

2) Date of Birth:  /  /

3) Ethnicity ("X" ONLY one with which you MOST CLOSELY identify):

- Hispanic or Latino
- Not Hispanic or Latino
- Unknown
- Not Reported

4) Race ("X" those with which you identify):

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Unknown
- Asian
- Black or African American
- White
- Not Reported

5) Education Level (select the highest level attained):

- Never attended Kindergarten only
- 1st Grade
- 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade
- 4th Grade
- 5th Grade
- 6th Grade
- 7th Grade
- 8th Grade
- 9th Grade
- 10th Grade
- 11th Grade
- 12th Grade, no diploma
- High school graduate
- GED or equivalent
- Some college, no degree
- Associate degree (occupational, technical, or vocational program)
- Bachelor's degree (e.g., BA, AB, BS, BBA)
- Associate degree (academic program)
- Master's degree (e.g., MA, MS, MEd, MEd, MEd)
- Professional school degree (e.g., MD, DDS, DVM, OD)
- Doctoral degree (e.g., PhD, EdD)
- Unknown

6) Marital/Partner Status

- Never Married/Single
- Married
- Domestic Partnership
- Separated
- Divorced
- Widowed

Research paper

## Longitudinal change in regional brain volumes in prodromal Huntington disease

Elizabeth H Aylward,<sup>1</sup> Peggy C Nopoulos,<sup>2</sup> Christopher A Ross,<sup>3</sup> Douglas R Langbehn,<sup>2</sup> Ronald K Pierson,<sup>2</sup> James A Mills,<sup>2</sup> Hans J Johnson,<sup>2</sup> Vincent A Magnotta,<sup>2</sup> Andrew R Juhl,<sup>2</sup> Jane S Paulsen,<sup>2</sup> the PREDICT-HD Investigators and Coordinators of the Huntington Study Group

**BRAIN**  
A JOURNAL OF NEUROLOGY

## Smaller intracranial volume in prodromal Huntington's disease: evidence for abnormal neurodevelopment

Peggy C. Nopoulos,<sup>1,2,3</sup> Elizabeth H. Aylward,<sup>4</sup> Christopher A. Ross,<sup>5</sup> James A. Mills,<sup>1</sup> Douglas R. Langbehn,<sup>1</sup> Hans J. Johnson,<sup>1</sup> Vincent A. Magnotta,<sup>1,6</sup> Ronald K. Pierson,<sup>1</sup> Leigh J. Beglinger,<sup>1</sup> Martha A. Nance,<sup>7</sup> Roger A. Barker,<sup>8</sup> Jane S. Paulsen<sup>1,3</sup> and the PREDICT-HD Investigators and Coordinators of the Huntington Study Group

## Diffusion Tensor Imaging in Preclinical Huntington's Disease

Vincent A. Magnotta · Jinsuh Kim · Tim Kosciak · Leigh J. Beglinger · Daisy Espino · Doug Langbehn · Peg Nopoulos · Jane S. Paulsen

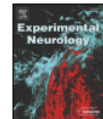
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Review

## Functional imaging in Huntington's disease

Jane S. Paulsen\*

Carver College of Medicine, The University of Iowa, Iowa City,



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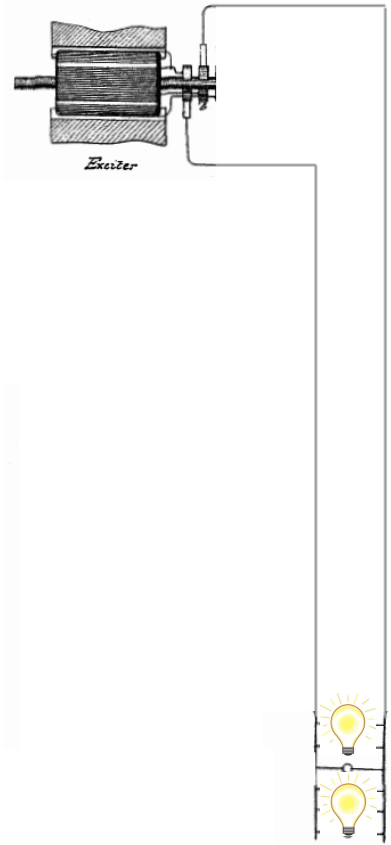
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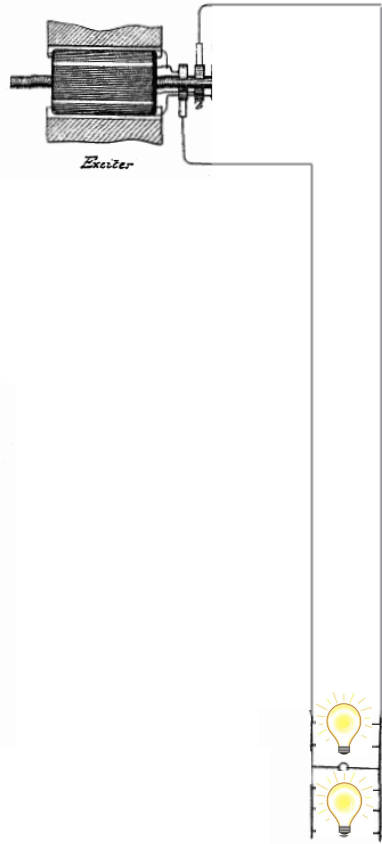
Peng Cheng,<sup>a</sup> Vincent A. Magnotta,<sup>b,\*</sup> Dee Wu,<sup>c</sup> Peg Nopoulos,<sup>d</sup> David J. Moser,<sup>d</sup> Jane Paulsen,<sup>d</sup> Ricardo Jorge,<sup>d</sup> and Nancy C. Andreasen<sup>d</sup>

# The controversy

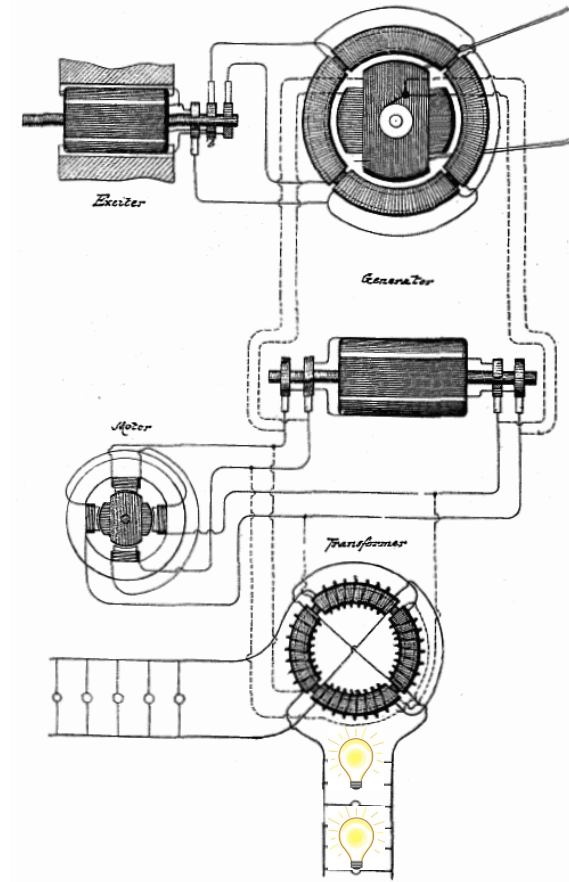


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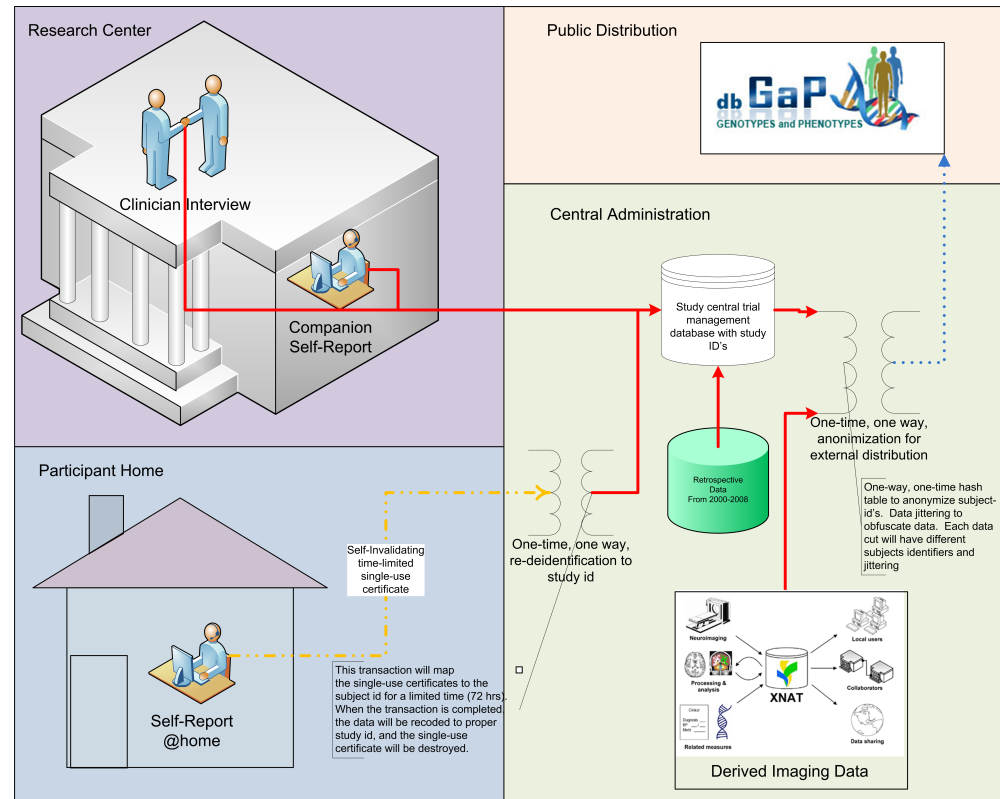


Tesla's US390721 Patent for a "Dynamo Electric Machine"

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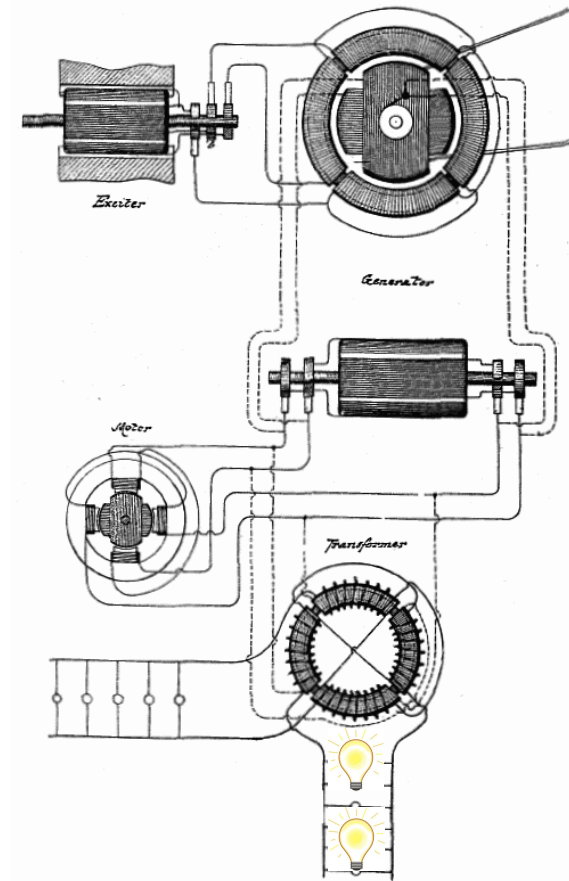


Microsoft Excel is most used!  
Microsoft Access is used sometimes

This is HARD. It uses many technologies that only a few people understand, and very few understands all of them.

# The tipping point

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- AC Dis-advantages
  - Only a few people understand and can implement
  - The AC transformers (both to and from DC) introduce energy loss
  - Experiments in Manhattan showed that DC requires less copper in wire than AC

# DC is better!



Zinc + Copper + Potatoes → Light!

$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$

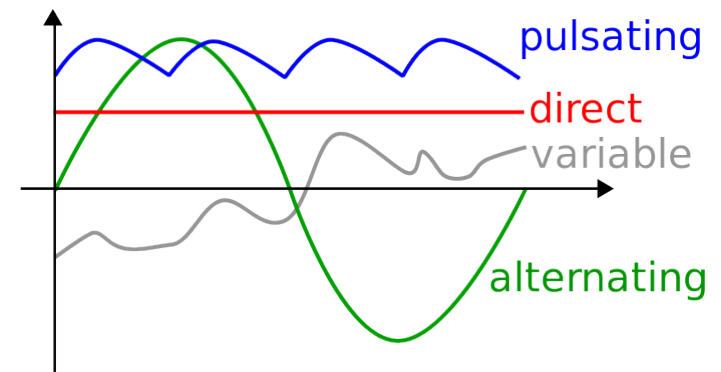


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$$v(t) = V_{\text{peak}} \cdot \sin(\omega t)$$
$$\omega = 2\pi f$$

$$p(t) = \frac{v^2(t)}{R}$$

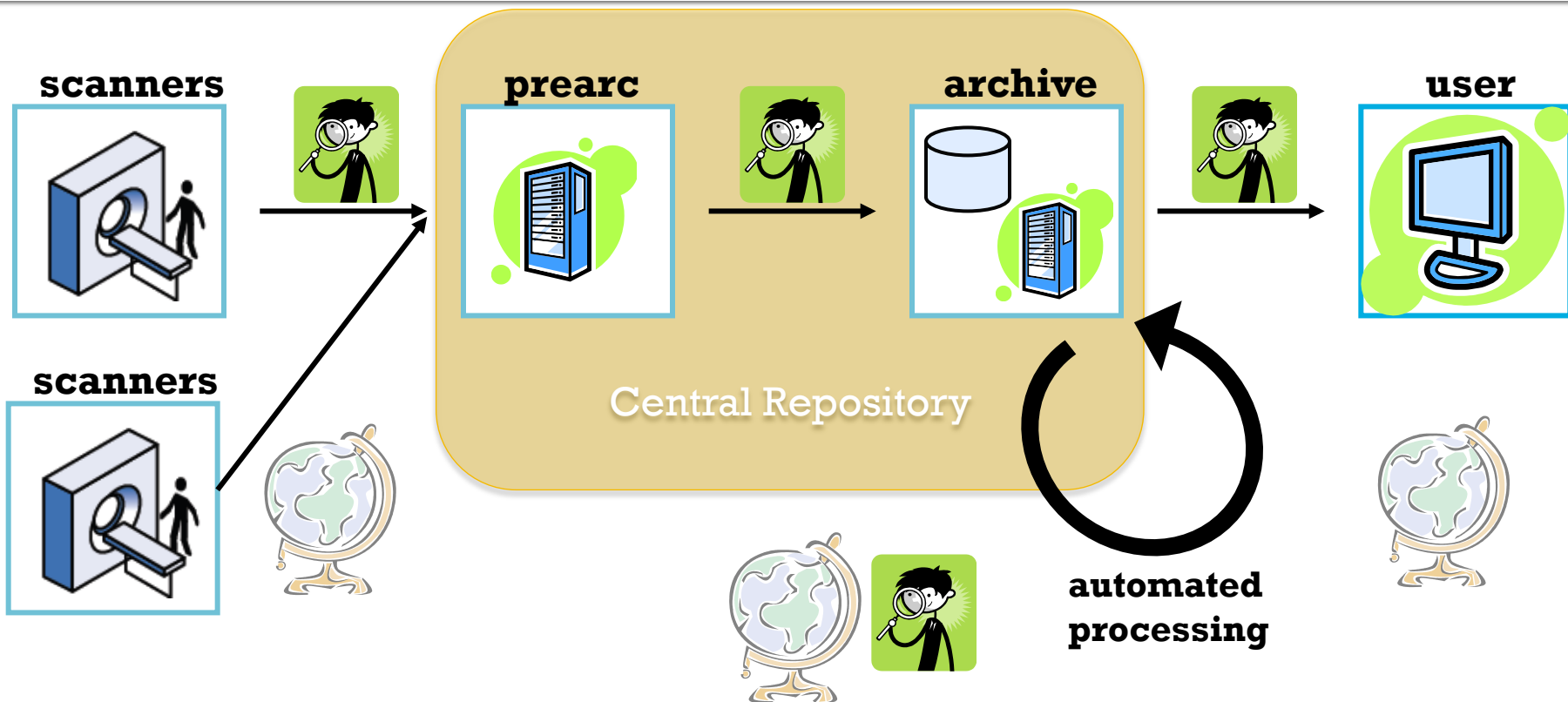
$$P_{\text{average}} = V_m I_m \cos \phi \frac{\int_0^T \sin^2 \omega t dt}{T} = \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \cos \phi$$

$$P_{\text{instantaneous}} = V_m I_m \cos \phi \sin^2 \omega t - V_m I_m \sin \phi \sin \omega t \cos \omega t$$

# So why do we all use AC?

- DC power generation needs to be within 1 mile of the load.
- DC power is one size fits all, and is very inefficient to rescale to different size problems
  - Lights are low power, and would require one set of transmission lines
  - Appliances are high power, and would require separate transmission lines

# So when should we consider complicated Informatics solutions?



## Quality control



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Automation**

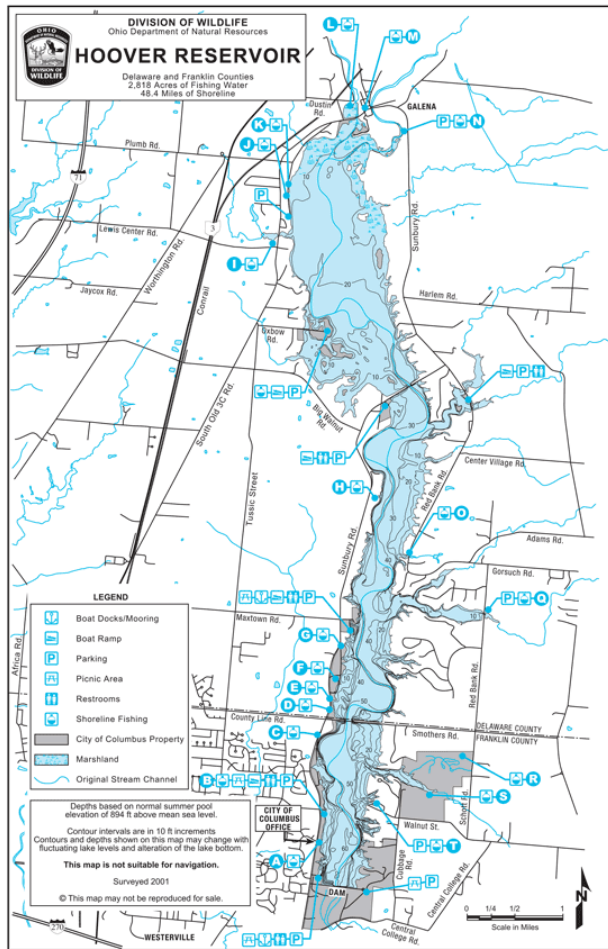
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Study-specific validation**

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Provenance**

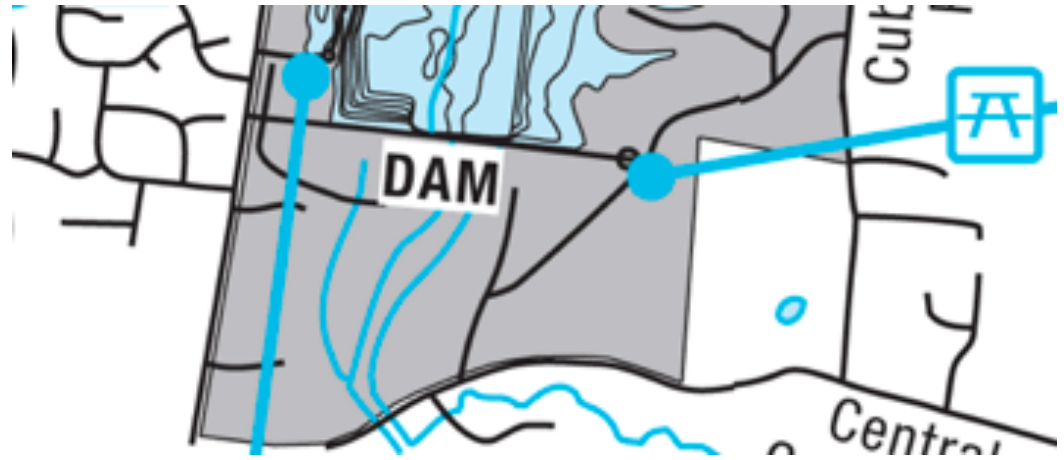
# Potential vs. Kinetic energy

- Collected data has so many potential uses
  - Combine normative samples with other studies
  - Re-analyze existing data with novel methods
  - Harness the power of domain experts to fully explore details of the data
- Potential energy does no good until it is converted to Kinetic energy!

# How do we store and make use of resources?



Publication 5244 (R309)

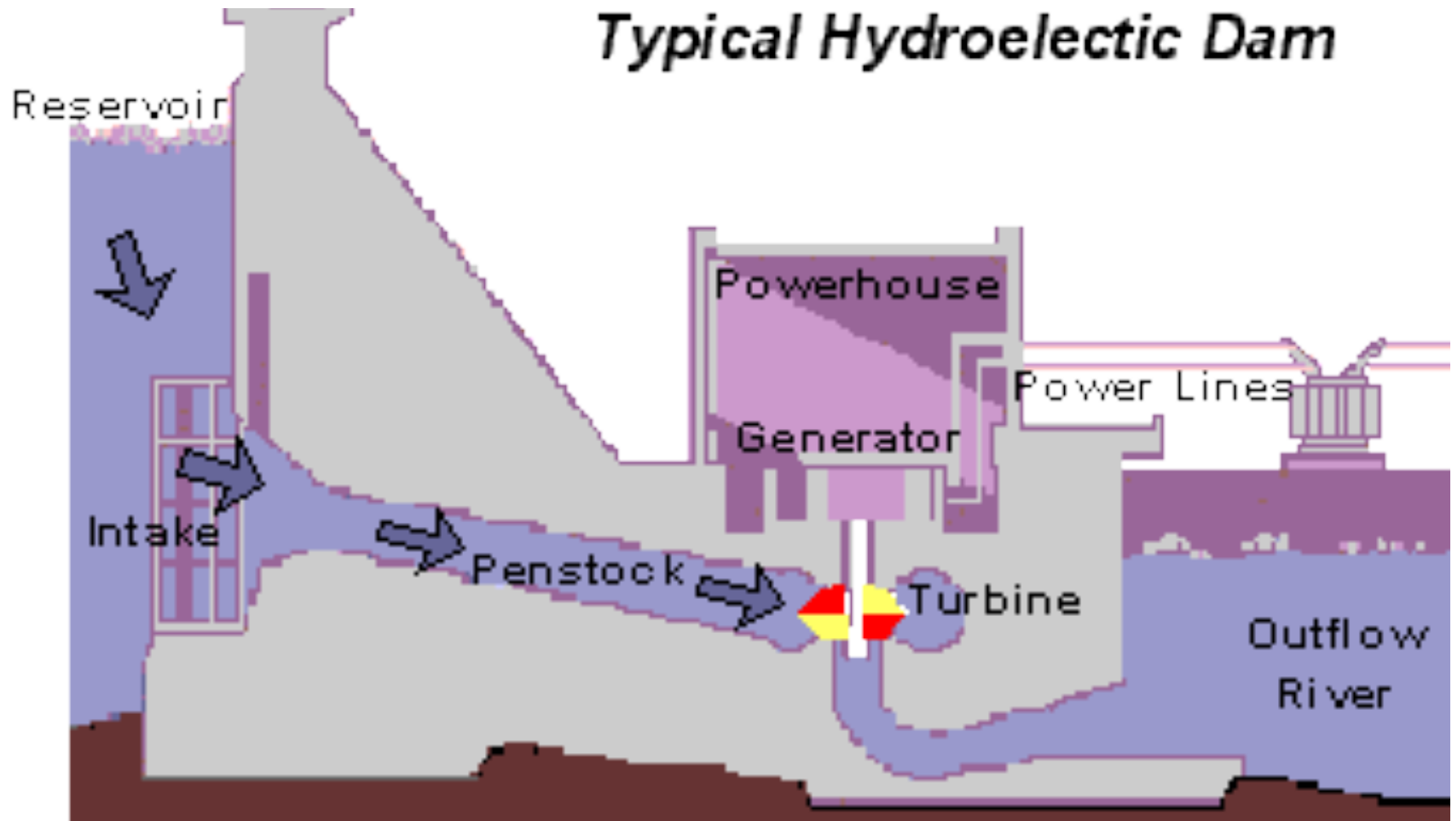


# How do we make the most of our stored resources?

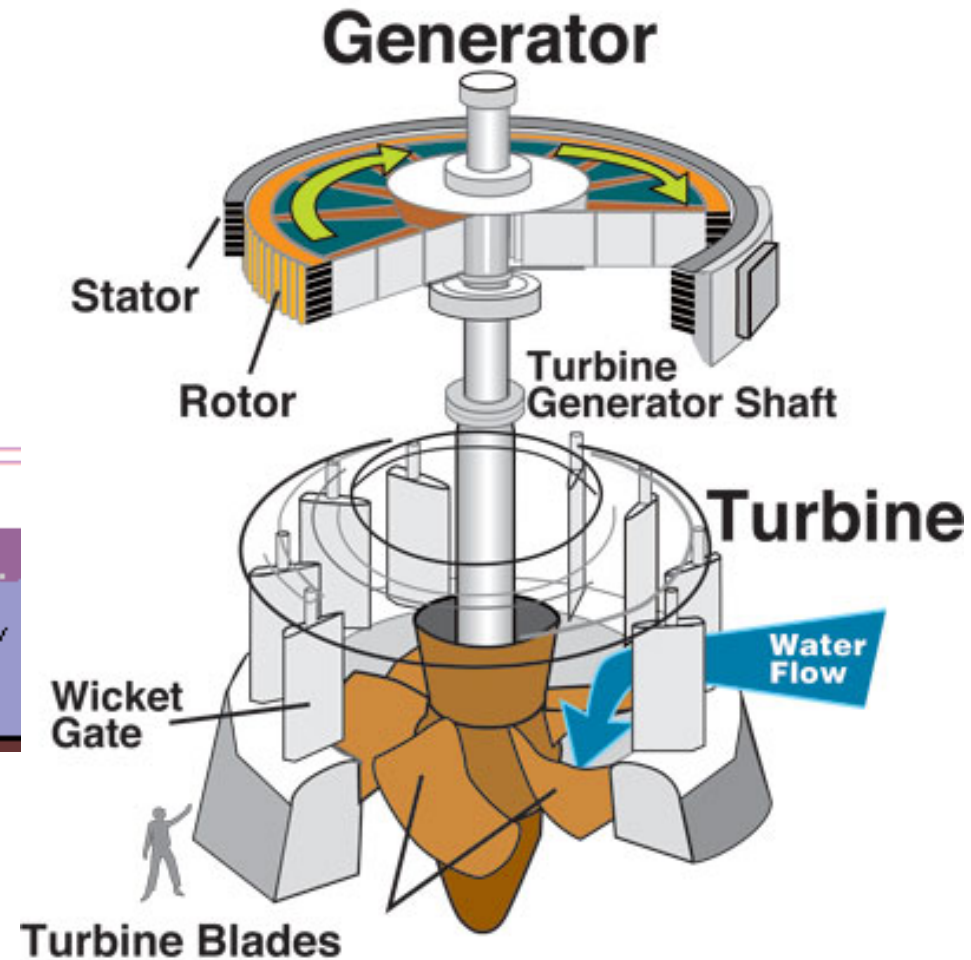
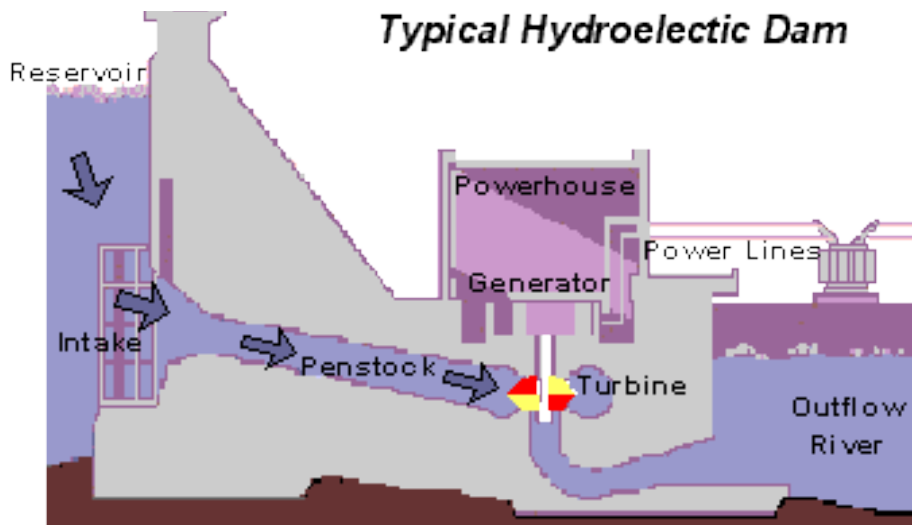


Creating single purpose local use of stored energy is not too hard.

# How do we make the most of our stored resources?



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# XNAT

## Extensible Neuroimaging Archive Toolkit

- Completed
  - HawkID Authentication
  - 49 projects
  - 1916 subjects
  - 4241 imaging sessions
  - 2.5-Terabytes of raw image data.
  - Composite data collections shared with 17 external collaborators



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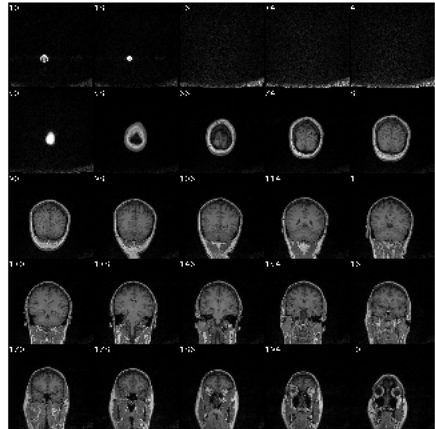
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**Site-024**

(Scans received from 2006-7-1 through 2006-7-31)

**Summary of issues with the site:**

There are a total of 4 subjects. 4 subjects have unacceptable scans. There are a total of 12 MRI scans. 8 scans have parameters deviate from ideal values.

**Issues by scan type:**

Total number of subjects	4
Number of subjects where the scan parameters deviate from ideal values (or acceptable range of values) 'irrespective of scan type'	4
Protocol compliant scans	0

Number of subjects where the scan parameters deviate from ideal values, by scan type.

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**MRI scanner settings:**

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A	Prescribed (T1)	Accepted (T1)	Prescribed (T2)	Accepted (T2)	Prescribed (PD)	Accepted (PD)
Repetition Time	18.0	17.0-20.0	8500.0	8500.0	8500.0	8500.0
Echo Time	4.75	4.5-5.0	98.0	85.0-105.0	28.0	12.0-32.0
Flip Angle	20.0	17.0-23.0	90.0	90.0	90.0	90.0
Number of Averages	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Slice Thickness	15	15	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Pixel Spacing	0.94	0.94	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02

**Scan parameters of scan type [T1, T2, PD] as obtained from the scans of the subjects:**

**Scan parameters of T1:**

Subject ID	Scan Type	Acquisition Date	Repetition Time	Echo Time	Flip Angle	Number Of Averages	Slice Thickness	Space Between Slices	Pixel Spacing
0972	T1-COR	2006-06-26	18.0	4.75	20.0	2.0	15	0.94	

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**Scan parameters of T2:**

Subject ID	Scan Type	Acquisition Date	Repetition Time	Echo Time	Flip Angle	Number Of Averages	Slice Thickness	Space Between Slices	Pixel Spacing	Scanner
0972	T2-COR	2006-06-26	8500.0	97.0	180.0	1.0	3.0	3.0	0.51	A
1093	T2-COR	2006-07-12	8500.0	97.0	180.0	1.0	3.0	3.0	0.51	A
1087	T2-COR	2006-07-14	8500.0	97.0	180.0	1.0	3.0	3.0	0.51	A
1058	T2-COR	2006-07-17	8500.0	97.0	180.0	1.0	3.0	3.0	0.51	A

**Scan parameters of PD:**

Subject ID	Scan Type	Acquisition Date	Repetition Time	Echo Time	Flip Angle	Number Of Averages	Slice Thickness	Space Between Slices	Pixel Spacing	Scanner
0972	PD-COR	2006-06-26	8500.0	24.0	180.0	1.0	3.0	3.0	0.51	A
1093	PD-COR	2006-07-12	8500.0	24.0	180.0	1.0	3.0	3.0	0.51	A
1087	PD-COR	2006-07-14	8500.0	24.0	180.0	1.0	3.0	3.0	0.51	A
1058	PD-COR	2006-07-17	8500.0	24.0	180.0	1.0	3.0	3.0	0.51	A

**Note:**

Red indicates unacceptable scan parameters

Yellow indicates acceptable but not exactly desired scan parameters

# Quality of Scans

Evaluation Scores for Site PHD\_024 Grouped by Image Scan Type

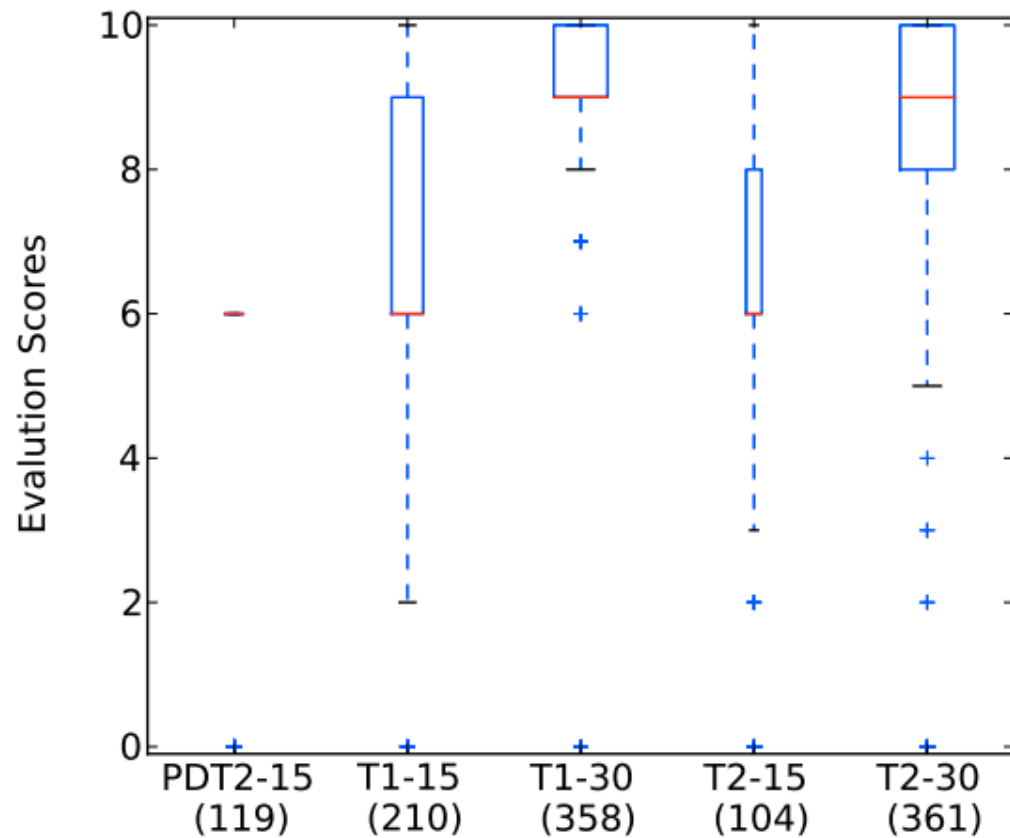
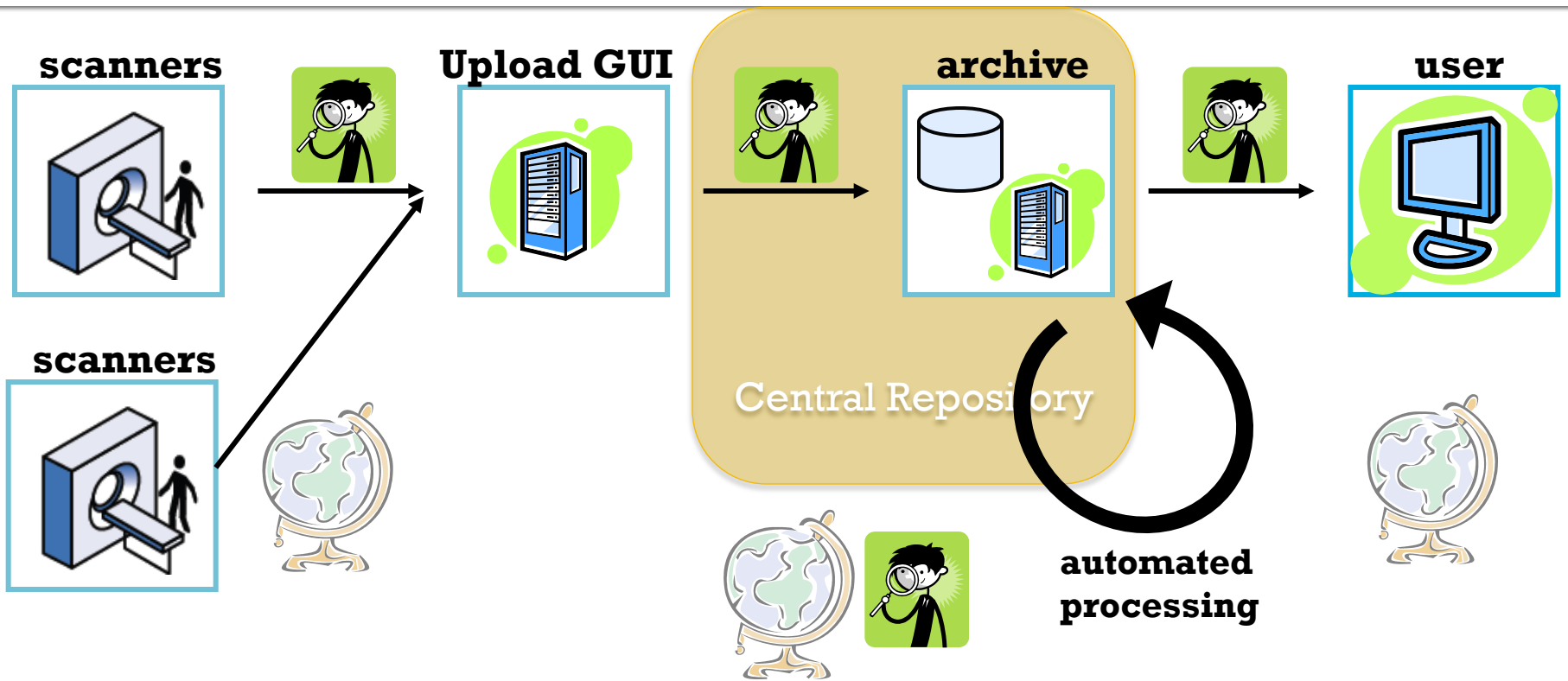


Image Scan Type and Number of Images per Scan Type



# Enterprise Analysis Workflow



## Quality control



**Presearch  
Automation**

**Online image viewing  
Study-specific validation**

**Annotation  
Provenance**

# Interoperability in the field: XNAT, Freesurfer, QDEC, & Slicer

- Run Freesurfer
- Find subjects
- Run QDEC as an XNAT pipeline

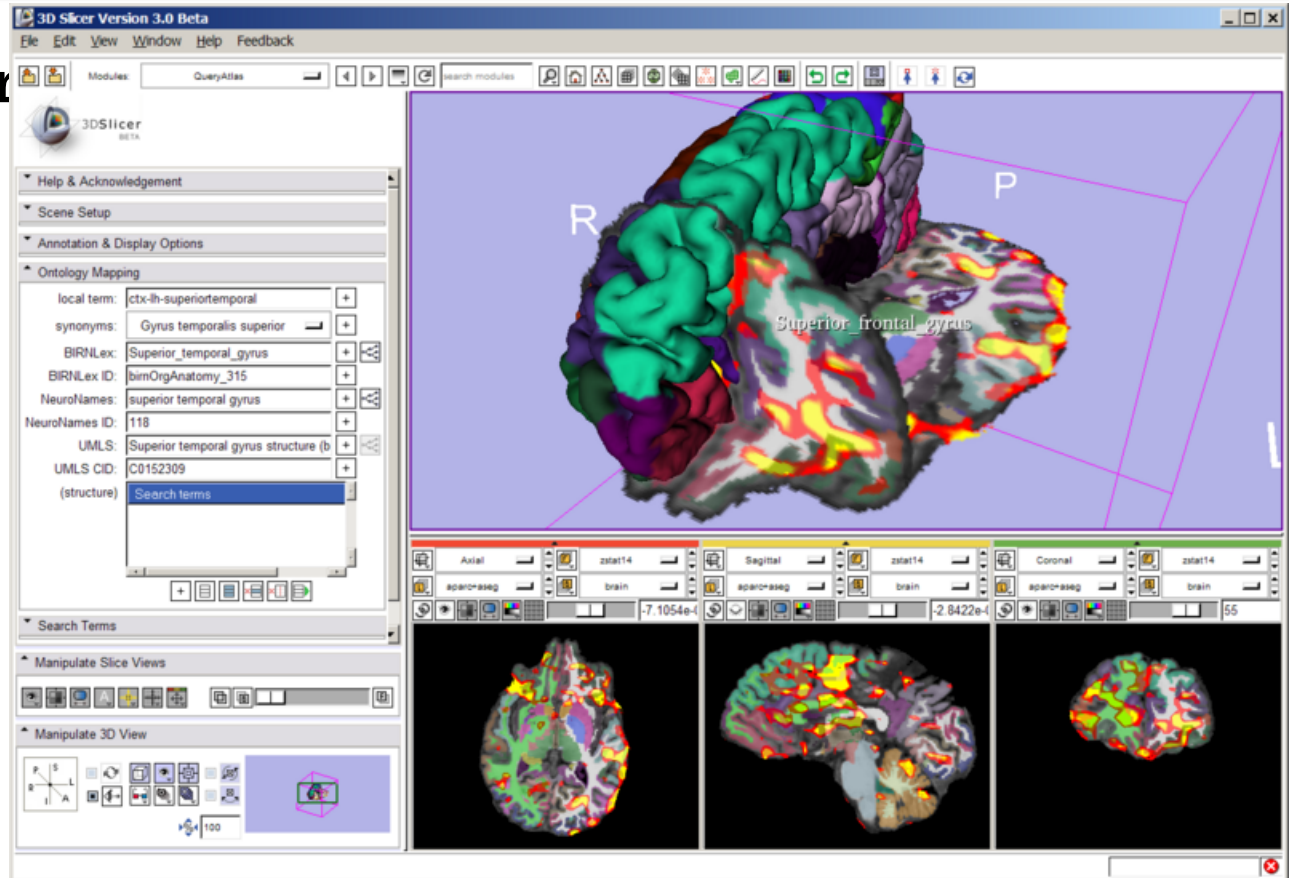
The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "XNAT Central - Windows Internet Explorer" with the URL "http://central.xnat.org/app/action/QDECAction". The page content is titled "QDEC GROUP ANALYSIS" and contains several sections for configuring an analysis:

- Assign a short name for the analysis:** A text input field containing "Gender".
- Select Discrete Variables for Analysis:** Two rows. "Variable 1:" has a dropdown menu set to "Gender". "Variable 2:" has a dropdown menu set to "Select".
- Select Continuous Variables for Analysis:** Two rows. "Variable 1:" has a dropdown menu set to "Select". "Variable 2:" has a dropdown menu set to "Select".
- Morphometric Measures:** Three rows. "Measure:" has a dropdown menu set to "Thickness". "Hemisphere:" has a dropdown menu set to "Left". "Smoothing (FWHM):" has a dropdown menu set to "10".

At the bottom of the form is an "Analyze" button. In the bottom right corner of the page, there is a logo that says "powered by XNAT". The browser's status bar at the bottom shows "Internet" and "100%".

# Interoperability in the field: XNAT, Freesurfer, QDEC, & Slicer

- Run Freesurfer
- Find subjects
- Run QDEC
- View in slicer



# Now what?

- Analyzing these large collections of data also requires great infrastructures
  - Compliant Algorithmic Libraries –ITK
  - Large-scale computation – Clusters
  - Rapid prototyping – SimpleITK
  - Workflow management – NiPype