



University of Wisconsin  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
AND PUBLIC HEALTH



University of Wisconsin  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
AND PUBLIC HEALTH

# Creating a “Learning Health System” in Breast Imaging

Elizabeth Burnside, MD, MPH, MS

Departments:

Radiology

Population Health

Biostatistics and Medical Informatics

Industrial and Systems Engineering



# Learning Health System?

---

- General Overview
  - Motivation
- Methodological Considerations
  - Algorithms & metrics to measure performance
- Projects
  - Improving mammographic predictions
  - Improving image-guided core biopsy



# Motivation

---

- Information overload
  - Medical articles in pubmed-online
  - EHR information
  - Genetic risk factors
- Human decision making involves heuristics that may not scale up alone



# Motivation

---


## Information overload

- Medical articles in pubmed-online
- EHR information
- Genetic risk factors
- Human decision making involves heuristics that may not scale up alone
- We are not using this valuable resource



# Motivation

---

- 
- Information** overload
    - Medical articles in pubmed-online
    - EHR information
    - Genetic risk factors
  - Human decision making involves heuristics that may not scale up alone
  - We are not using this valuable resource



# The Gail Model

**Risk Calculator**

(Click a question number for a brief explanation, or [read all explanations.](#))

1. Does the woman have a medical history of any breast cancer or of ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) or lobular carcinoma in situ (LCIS)?

2. What is the woman's age?  
*This tool only calculates risk for women 35 years of age or older.*

3. What was the woman's age at the time of her first menstrual period?

4. What was the woman's age at the time of her first live birth of a child?

5. How many of the woman's first-degree relatives - mother, sisters, daughters - have had breast cancer?

6. Has the woman ever had a breast biopsy?

6a. How many breast biopsies (positive or negative) has the woman had?

6b. Has the woman had at least one breast biopsy with atypical hyperplasia?

7. What is the woman's race/ethnicity?

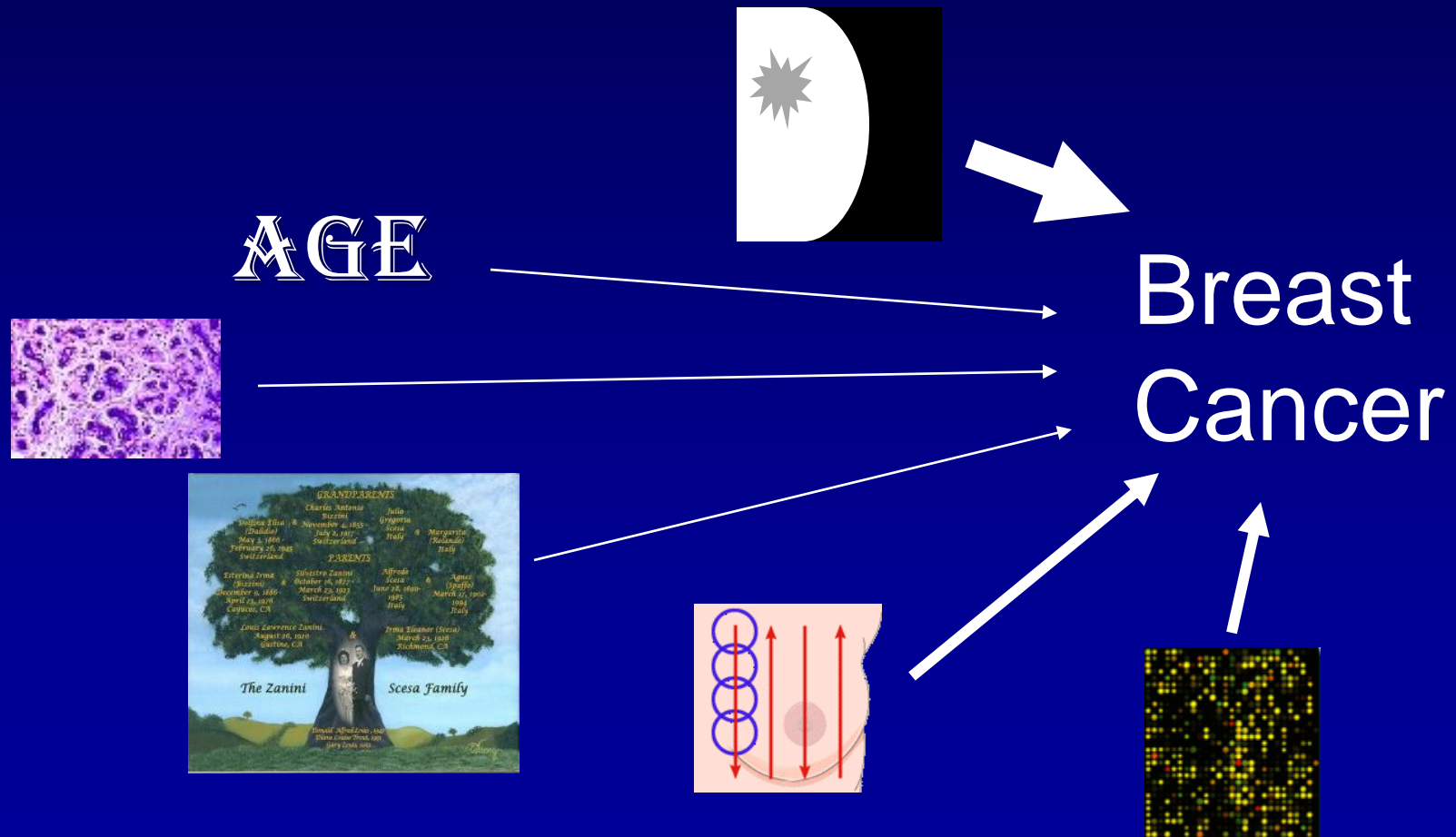
[Calculate Risk >](#)

- Uses data (BCDDP)
- Predicts Breast CA
  - Five year/lifetime risk

Low signal  
predictors



# Predictive Information

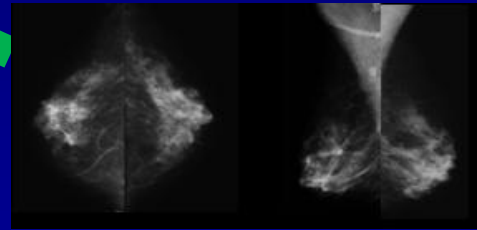




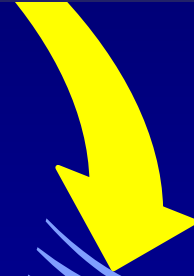
# Human Computer Interaction COMMUNICATION



Structured or Free Text  
Report



Risk Score/  
Probability







University of Wisconsin  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
AND PUBLIC HEALTH



University of Wisconsin  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
AND PUBLIC HEALTH

# The Mammography Risk Prediction Project

Elizabeth Burnside, MD, MPH, MS

C. David Page, PhD

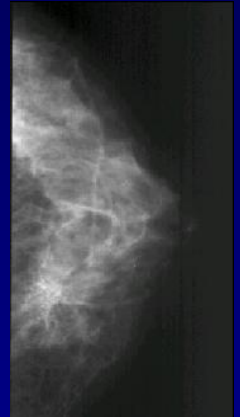
Jude Shavlik, PhD

Charles Kahn, MD (MCW)



# Background-Opportunity

- 200,000 breast cancer diagnosed in US
- 20 million mammograms per year
  - False positives
    - Millions of diagnostic mammograms/US
    - Hundreds of thousands biopsies
  - False negative
    - 10-30% of breast cancers not detected on mammography
- Variability of practice impacts many women
- **Evidence-based decision support has the potential to drive substantial improvement**



# BI-RADS

**Margins**  
-circumscribed  
-microlobulated  
-obscured  
-indistinct  
-Spiculated

## Mass

**Shape**  
-round  
-oval  
-lobular  
-irregular

**Density**  
-high  
-equal  
-low  
-fat containing

## Associated Findings

Skin Thickening

Skin Lesion

Architectural Distortion

Trabecular Thickening

Nipple Retraction

Axillary Adenopathy

Skin Retraction

## Calcifications

**Typically Benign**  
-skin  
-vascular  
-coarse/popcorn  
-rod-like  
-round  
-lucent-centered  
-eggshell/rim  
-milk of calcium  
-suture  
-dystrophic  
-punctate

**Intermediate**  
-amorphous  
-course heterog

**Distribution**  
-clustered  
-linear  
-segmental  
-regional  
-diffuse/scattered

**Higher Probability Malignancy**  
-fine pleomorphic  
-linear/branching

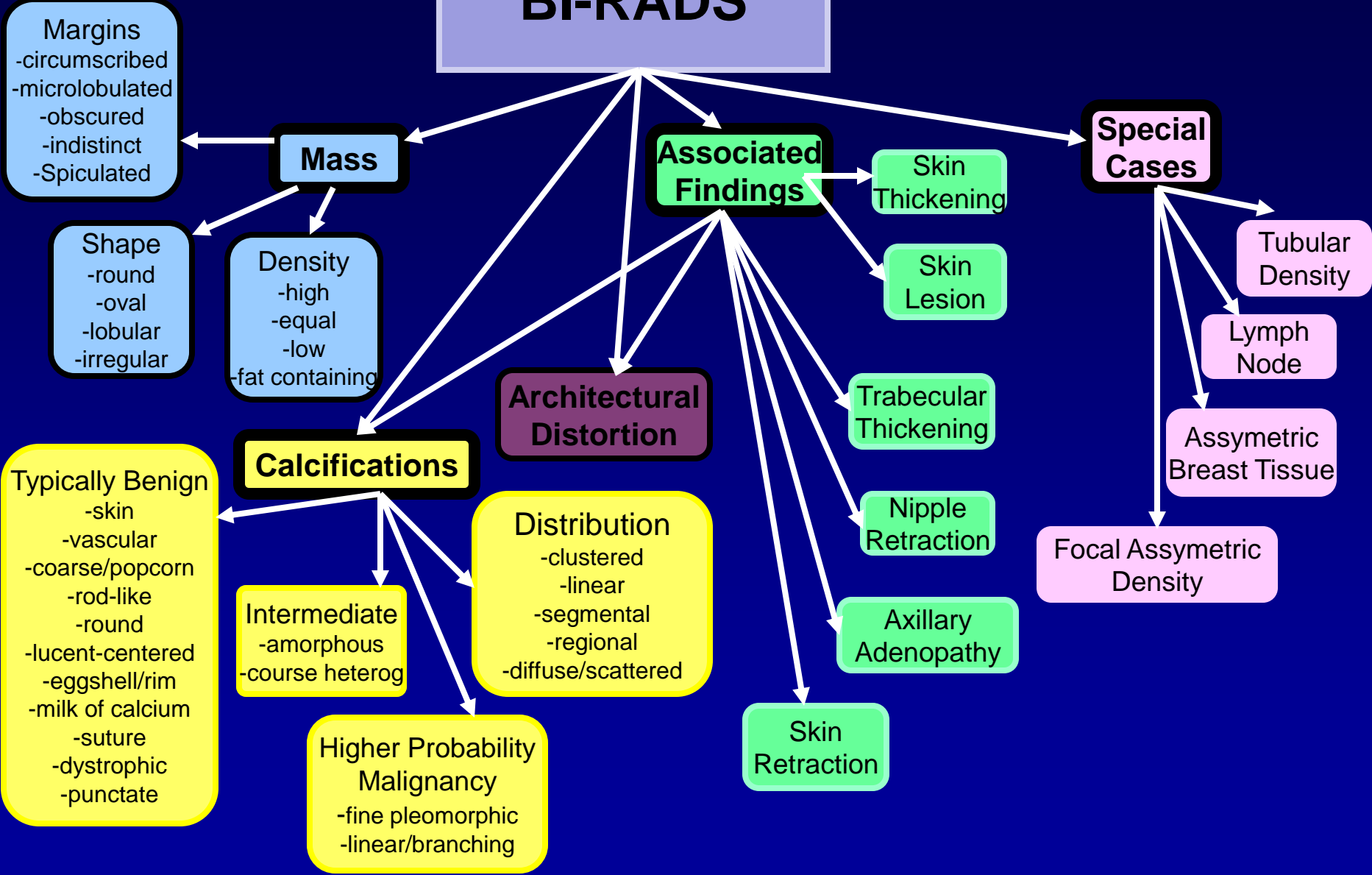
## Special Cases

Tubular Density

Lymph Node

Assymetric Breast Tissue

Focal Assymetric Density

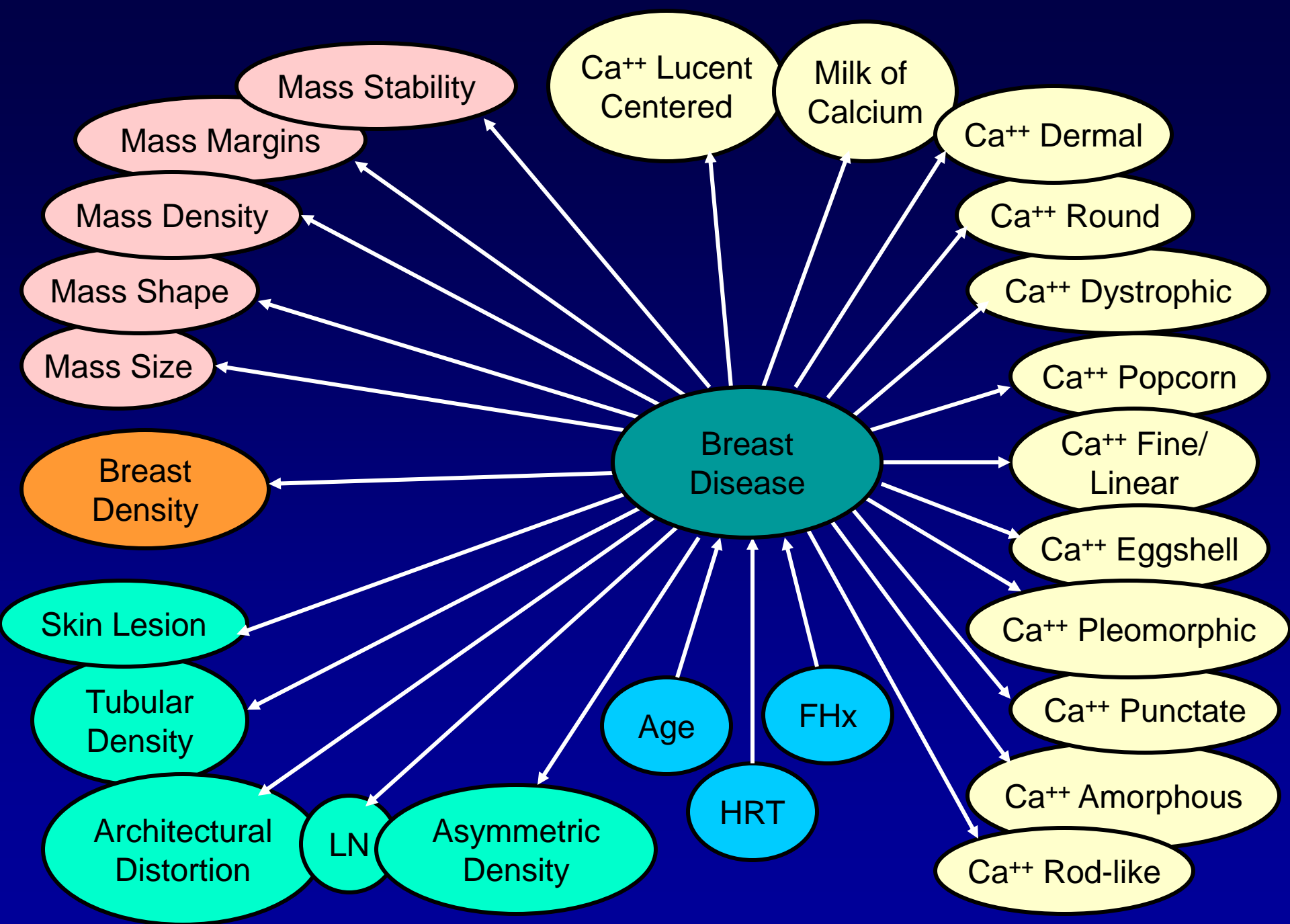




# Breast Cancer Probability Based on BI-RADS Category

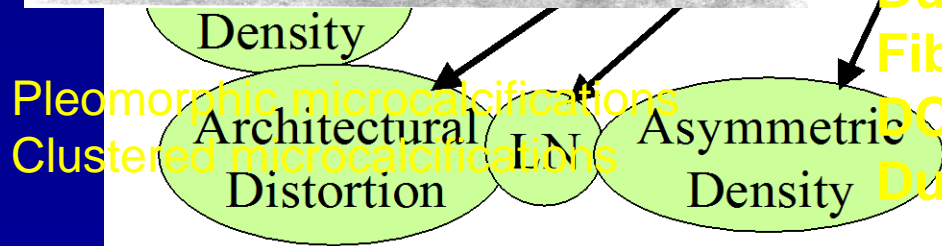
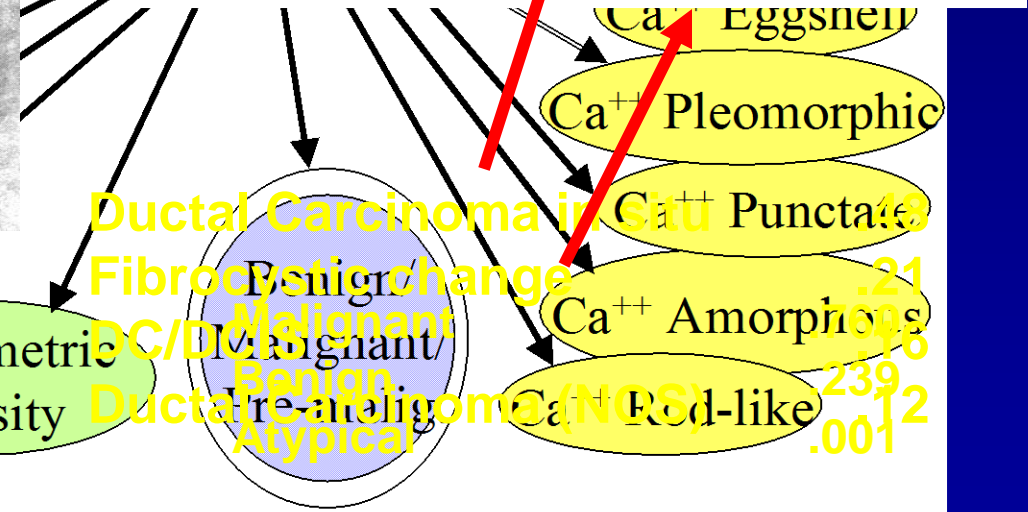
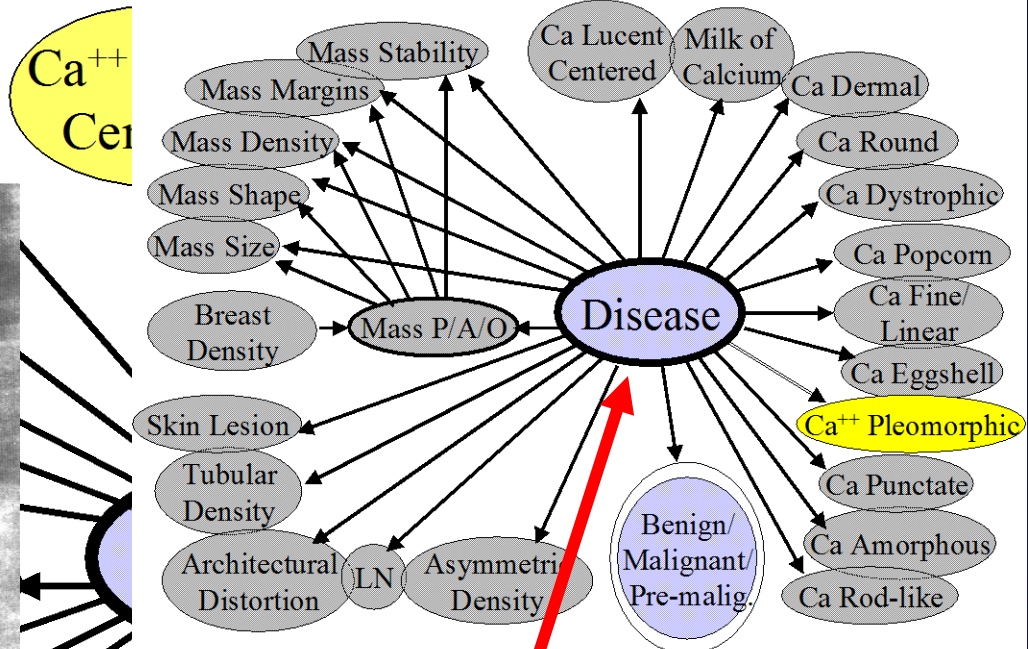
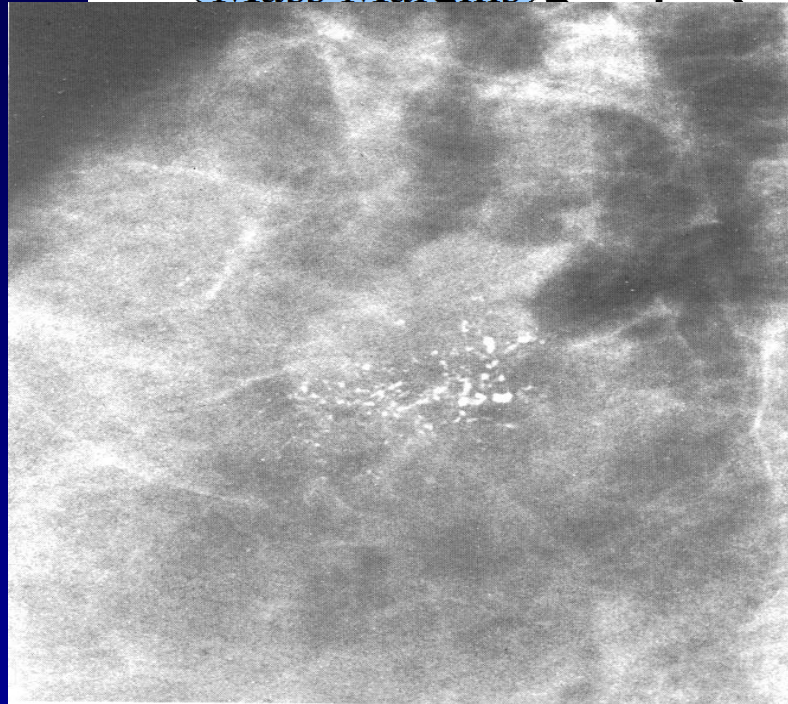
---

BI-RADS 0:	Needs Additional Imaging
BI-RADS 1:	Negative
BI-RADS 2:	Benign
BI-RADS 3:	Probably Benign
BI-RADS 4:	Suspicious for malignancy
BI-RADS 5:	Highly suggestive of malignancy



# Case

## Example



Ductal Carcinoma in Situ  
 Fibrocystic change  
 DC/Dysplasia  
 Malignant  
 Benign  
 Ductal pre-malignant (NOS)  
 Atypical

Ca Eggshell	.21
Ca Pleomorphic	.028
Ca Punctate	.16
Ca Amorphous	.239
Ca Rod-like	.001

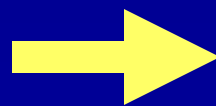


# Training on Data

---

- Motivation
  - Accurate probabilities are critical
  - Some are not available in literature
  - Modeling the relevant patient population is possible with training

***Expert &  
Rule Based***

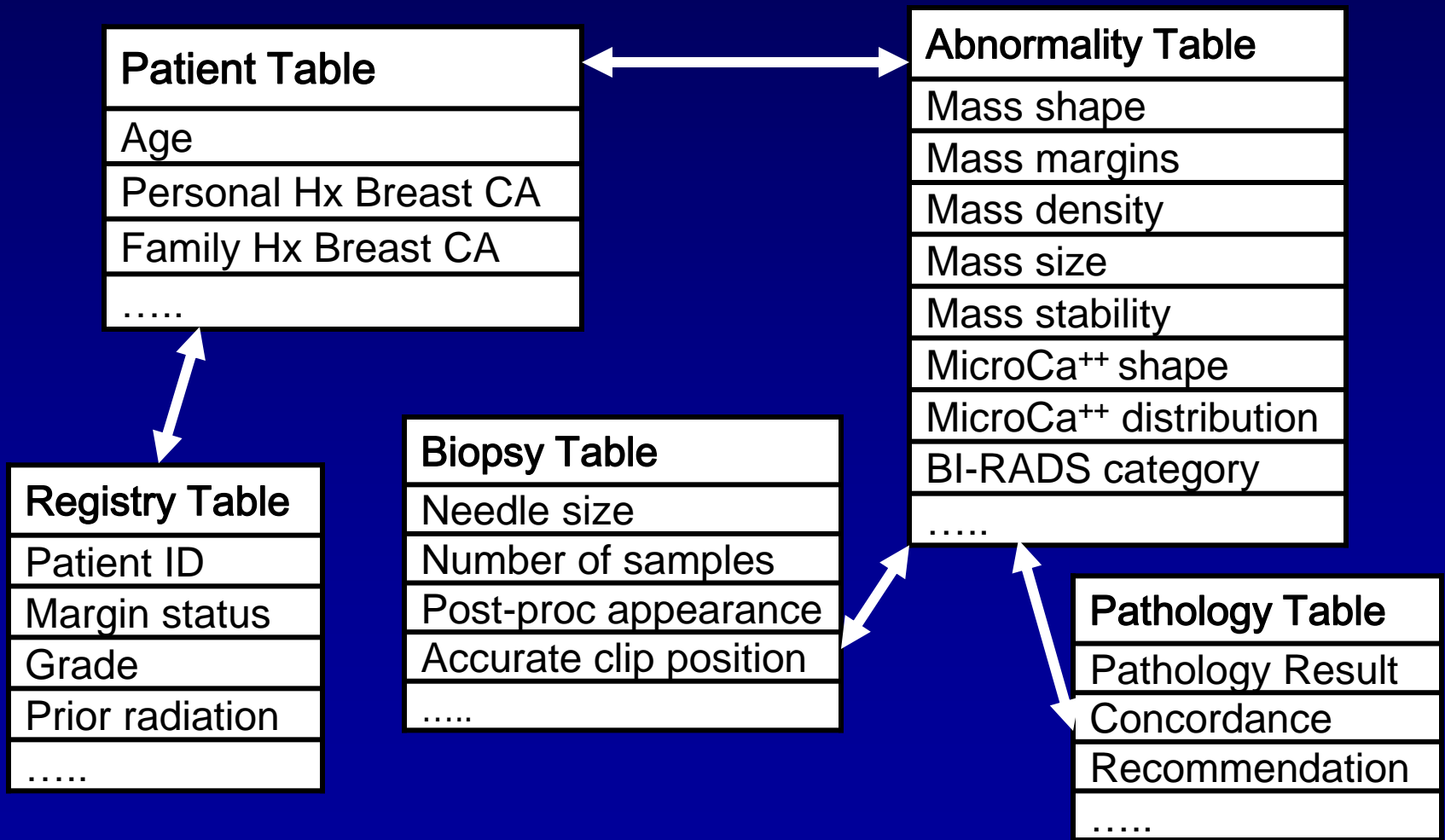


***Machine  
Learning***





# Idea: Data Driven Decisions







# Data

---

- Our dataset contains
  - 350 malignancies
  - 65,630 benign abnormalities
- Linked to cancer registry data
  - Outcomes (benign/malignant)



# Training the BN

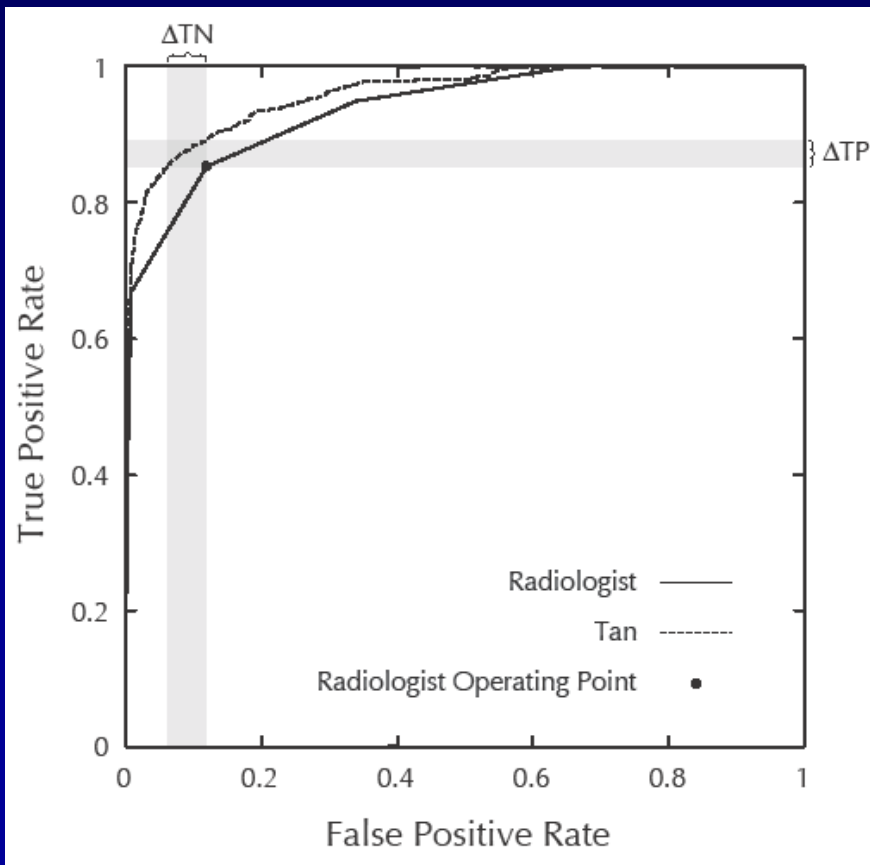
---



- Standard Machine learning
  - Use known cases to train
  - Use the tuning set for optimal training
  - Performance based on hold out test set



# Performance

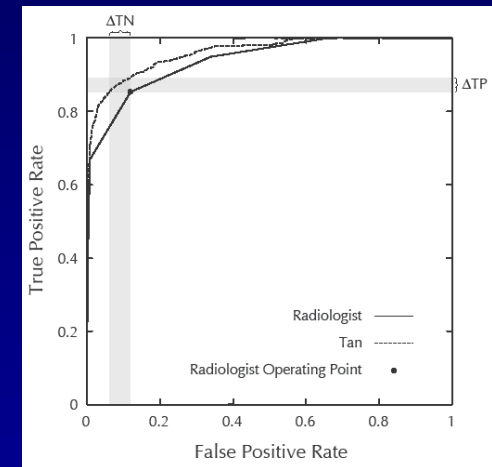


- AUC 0.960 vs. 0.939  
–  $P < 0.002$
- Sensitivity  
– 90.0% vs. 85.3%  
–  $P < 0.001$
- Specificity  
– 93.9% vs. 88.1%  
–  $P < 0.001$



# What does that mean?

- At a specificity of 90%  
**38 conversions FN → TP**
- At a sensitivity of 85%  
**4226 conversions FP → TN**





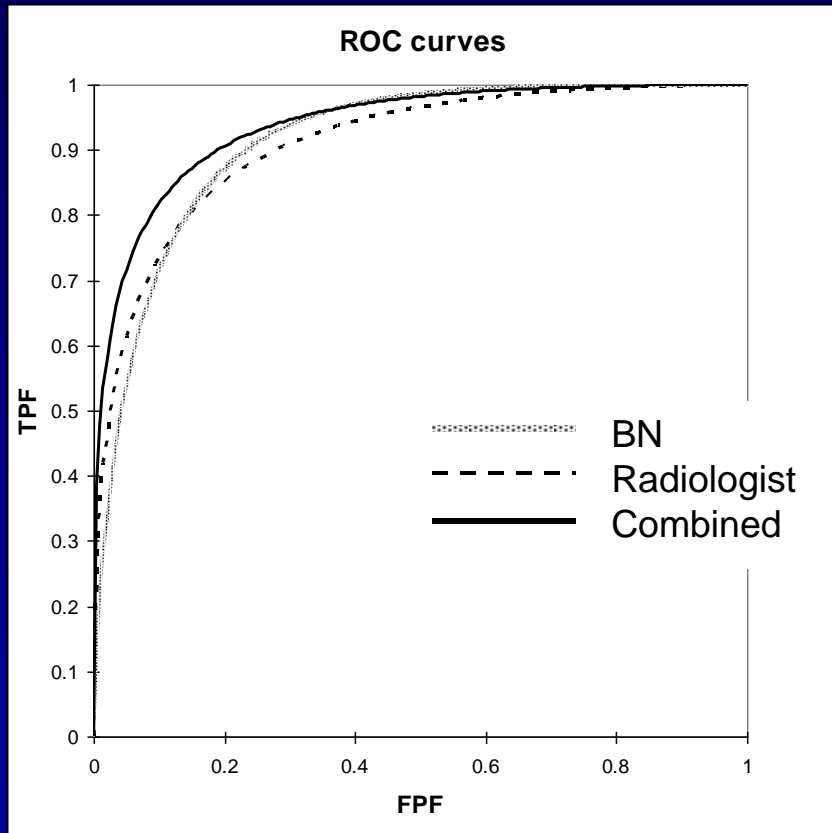
# Ultimately Decision Support Aids the Physician

---

- Output of the system is
  - Advisory
  - Utilized in the clinical context
  - System performance alone is not the point
  - Performance/Physician performance is the key to improvement of care



# Collaborative Experiment



Radiologist

.916

Bayes Net

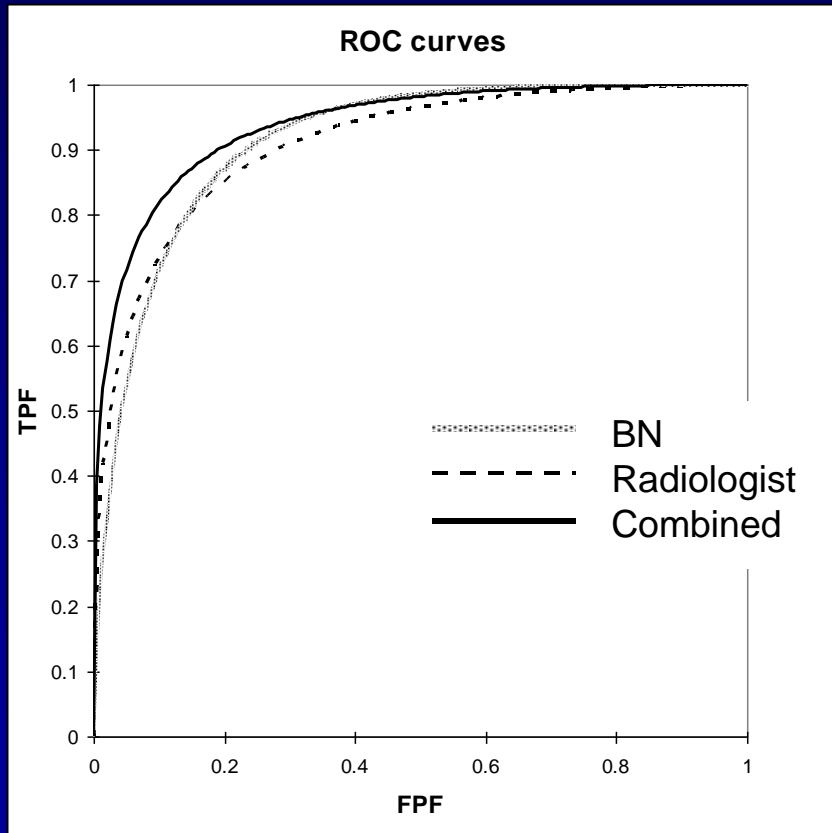
.919

Combined

.948



# Results



Radiologist

.916

Bayes Net

.919

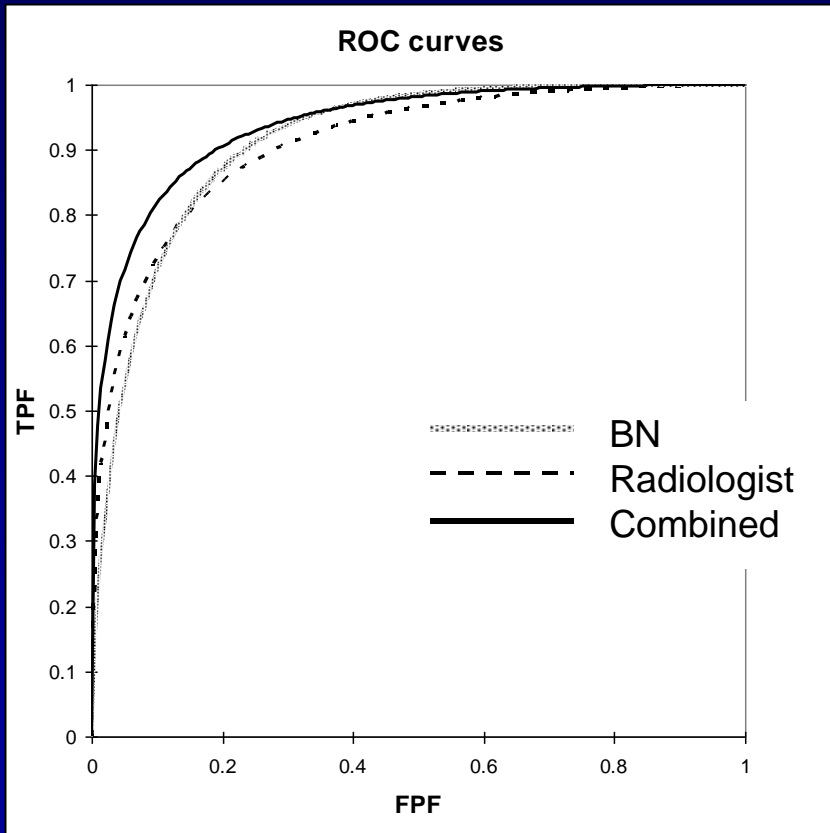
Combined

.948

$p=.03$



# Results



Radiologist

.916

Bayes Net

.919

$p = .065$

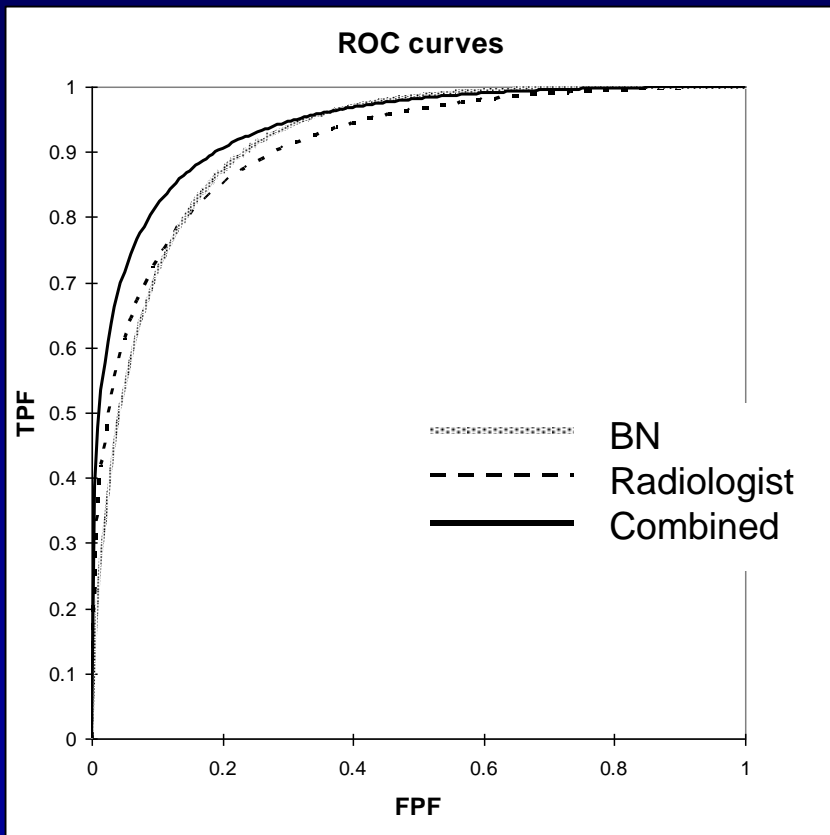
Combined

.948





# Results



Radiologist

.916



$p=.99$

Bayes Net

.919

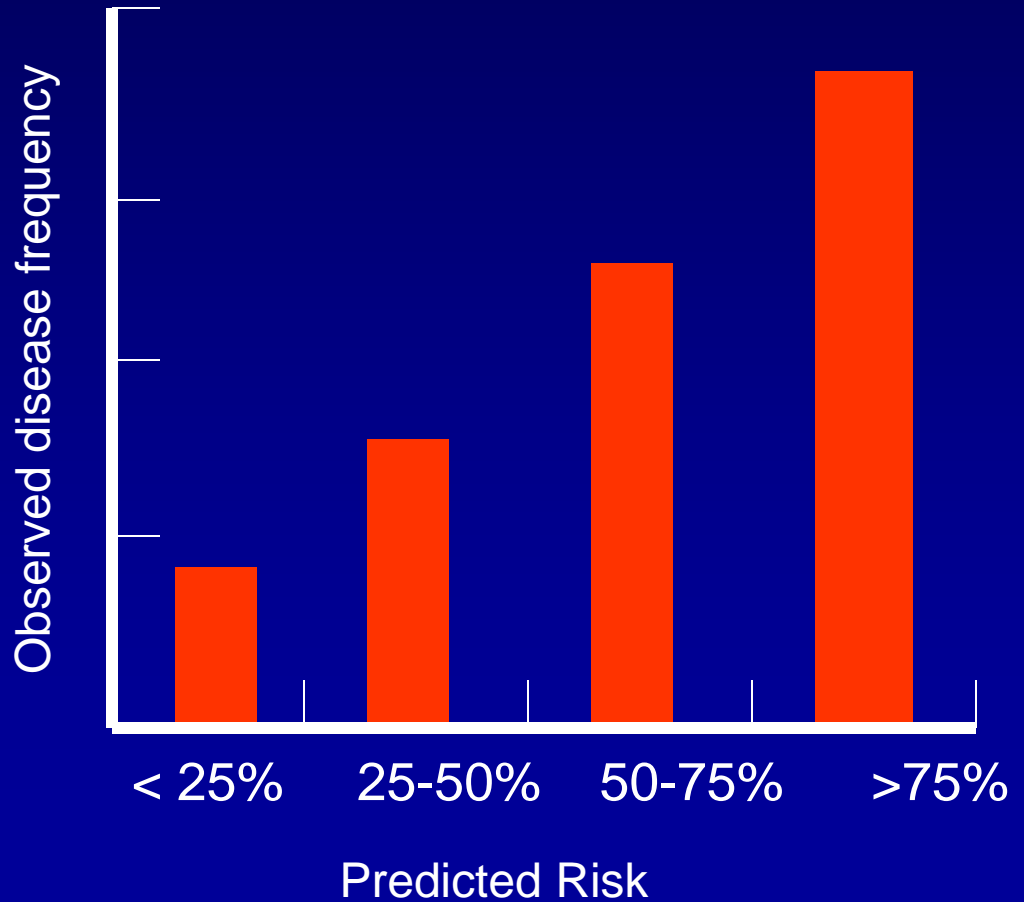
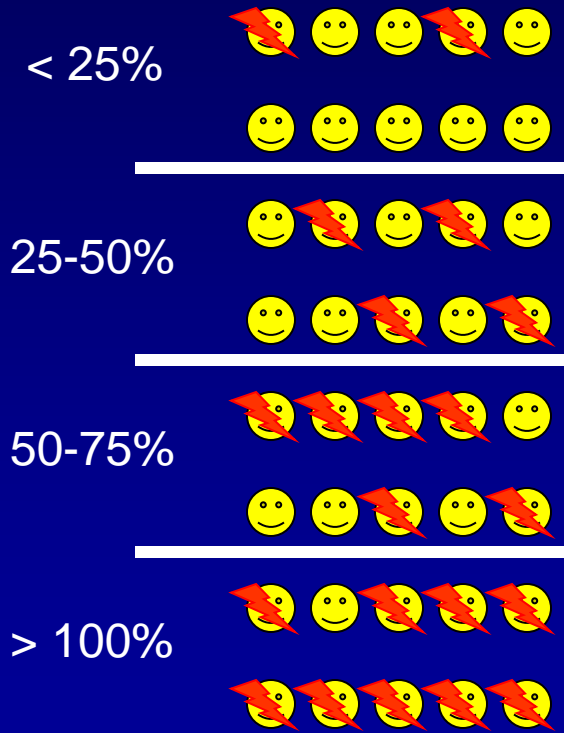


Combined

.948

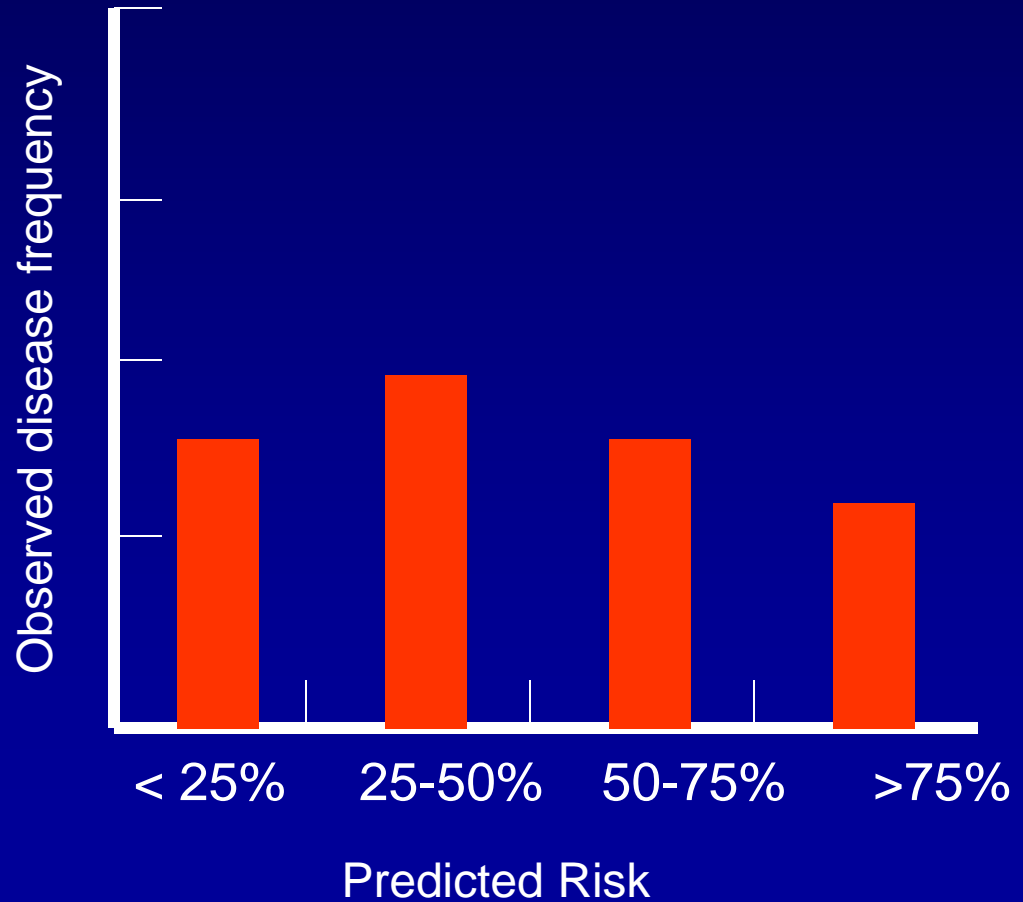
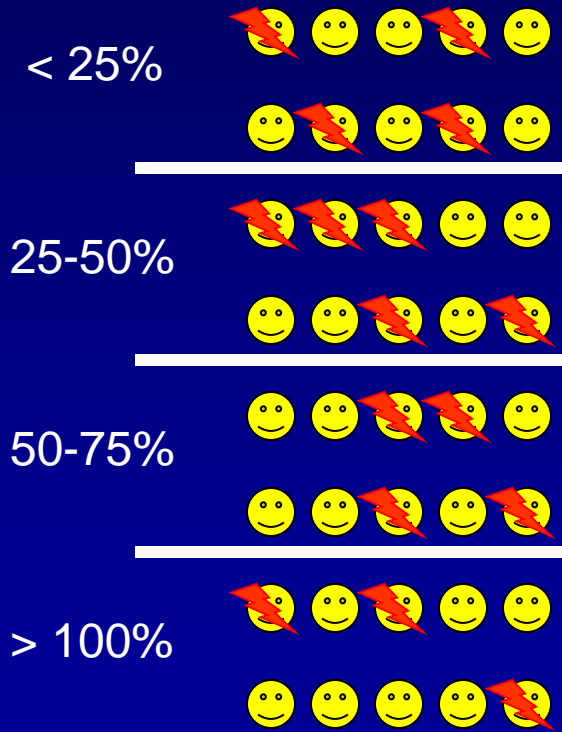


# Calibration Curves



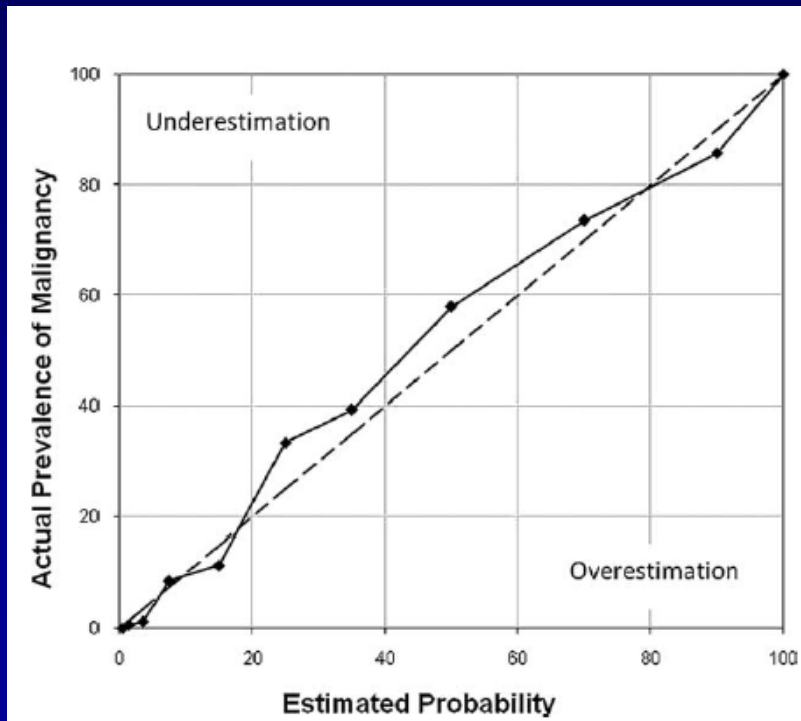


# Calibration Curves





# Calibration



- Hosmer-Lemishow goodness of fit

Ayer, T., et al., *Breast cancer risk estimation with artificial neural networks revisited: discrimination and calibration*. *Cancer*, 2010. **116**(14): p. 3310-21.



# Creating a Learning Health System

---

- Capturing directly from the EHR
- Using it to inform future practice
- Can it be done?



# UW Dataset

---

Date range: from Oct 1, 2005 to Mar 30, 2012

Number of patients: 30,024

Number of mammograms: 89,610

Number of screening mammograms: 69,484

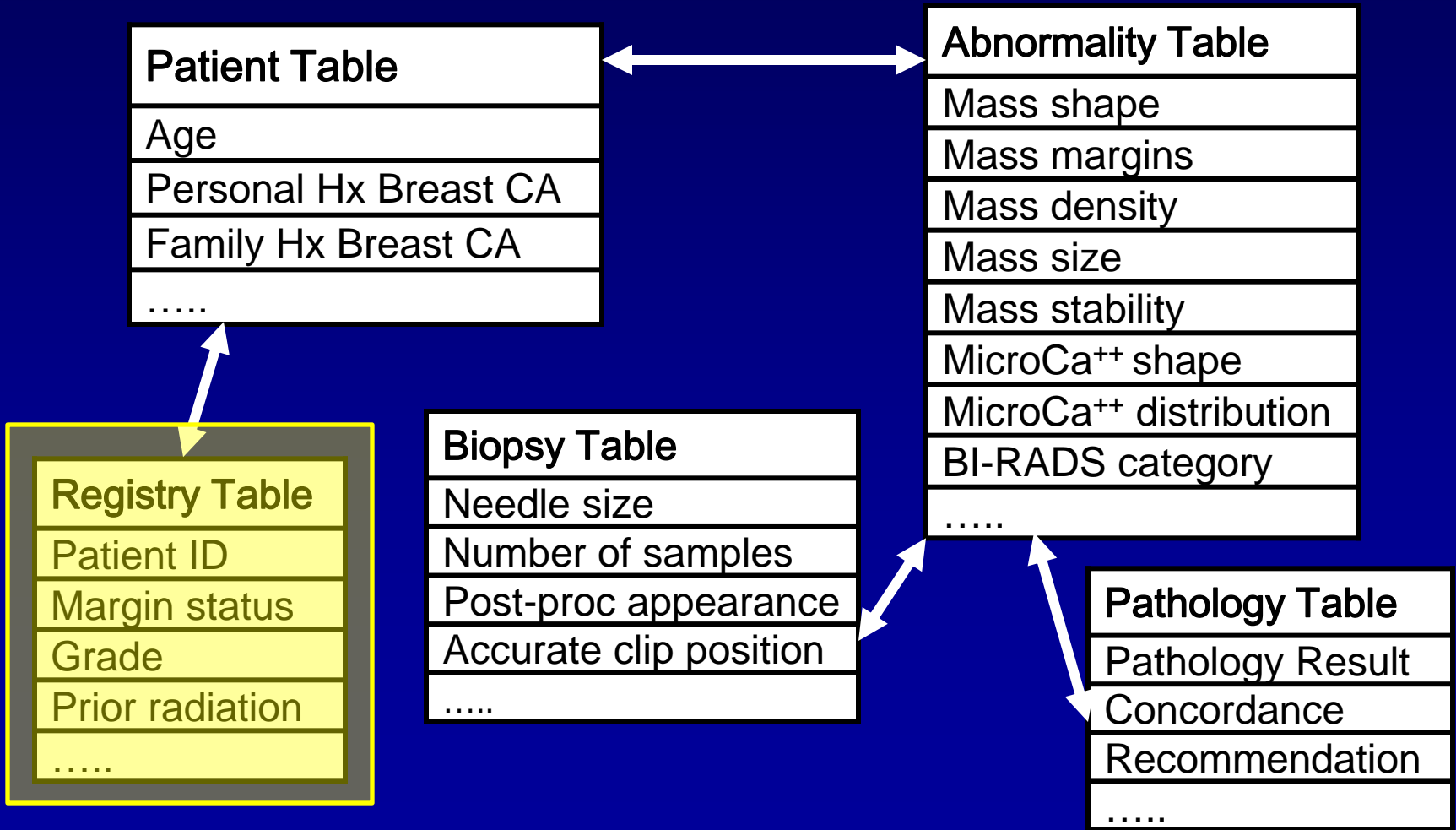
Number of diagnostic mammograms: 20,126

Number of MRIs: ~ 3000

Number of US: ~10,000



# What is the Key?





University of Wisconsin  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
AND PUBLIC HEALTH



University of Wisconsin  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
AND PUBLIC HEALTH

# The Breast Biopsy Project

Elizabeth Burnside, MD, MPH, MS

Heather Neuman, MD, MS

Ines Dutra, PhD

C. David Page, PhD

Jude Shavlik, PhD





# ILP

---

Abnormality A in  
Mammogram M for  
Biopsy B in  
Patient P



Is malignant if:

Malignant (A) IF

A has mass present

A has stability increasing

P has family history of breast cancer

B has atypia



# How does it work?

---

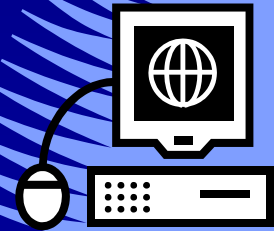
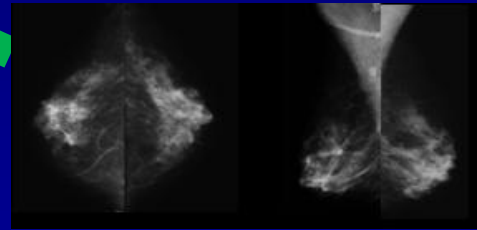
- Learn **if-then** rules that will become features in a predictive model
  - Inductive logic programming (ILP) to learn the rules
  - Integrated search strategy for constructing and selecting rules for classification algorithm



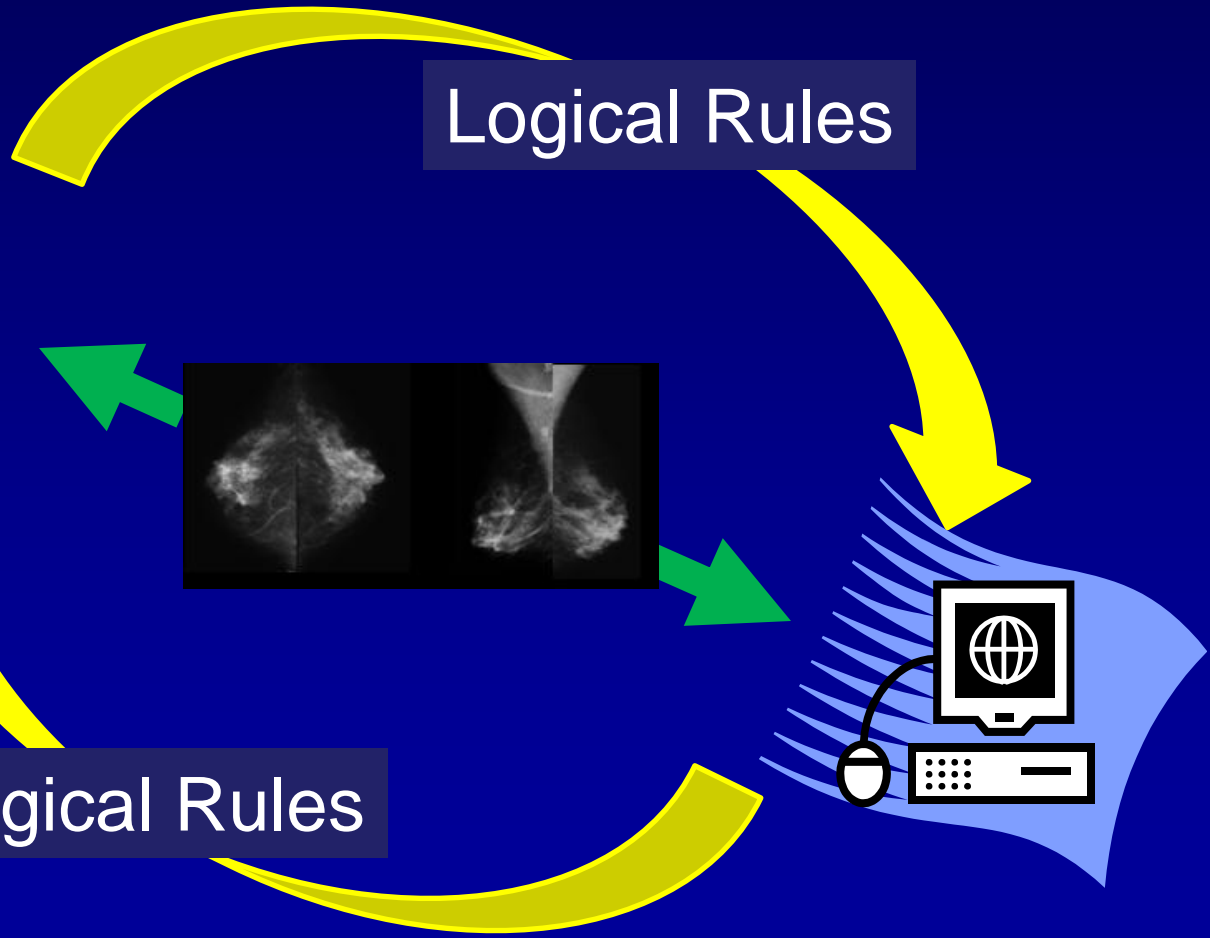
# Human Computer Interaction COMMUNICATION



Logical Rules



Logical Rules





# Breast Biopsy

---

- Biopsy: single most costly component of a breast cancer screening program
- Annual breast biopsy utilization in 2010
  - 62.6/10,000 women
  - 700,000 women
  - ~35,000-105,000 non-definitive



# Non-Definitive Breast Biopsy

**Screening Mammography**



# women	<b>1000</b>
# cancers	<b>5</b>

**Diagnostic Work-up/Biopsy**



# women	<b>115</b>
# cancers	<b>4</b>



# women	<b>10</b>
# cancers	<b>1</b>

Non-definitive?



What should I tell my patient?





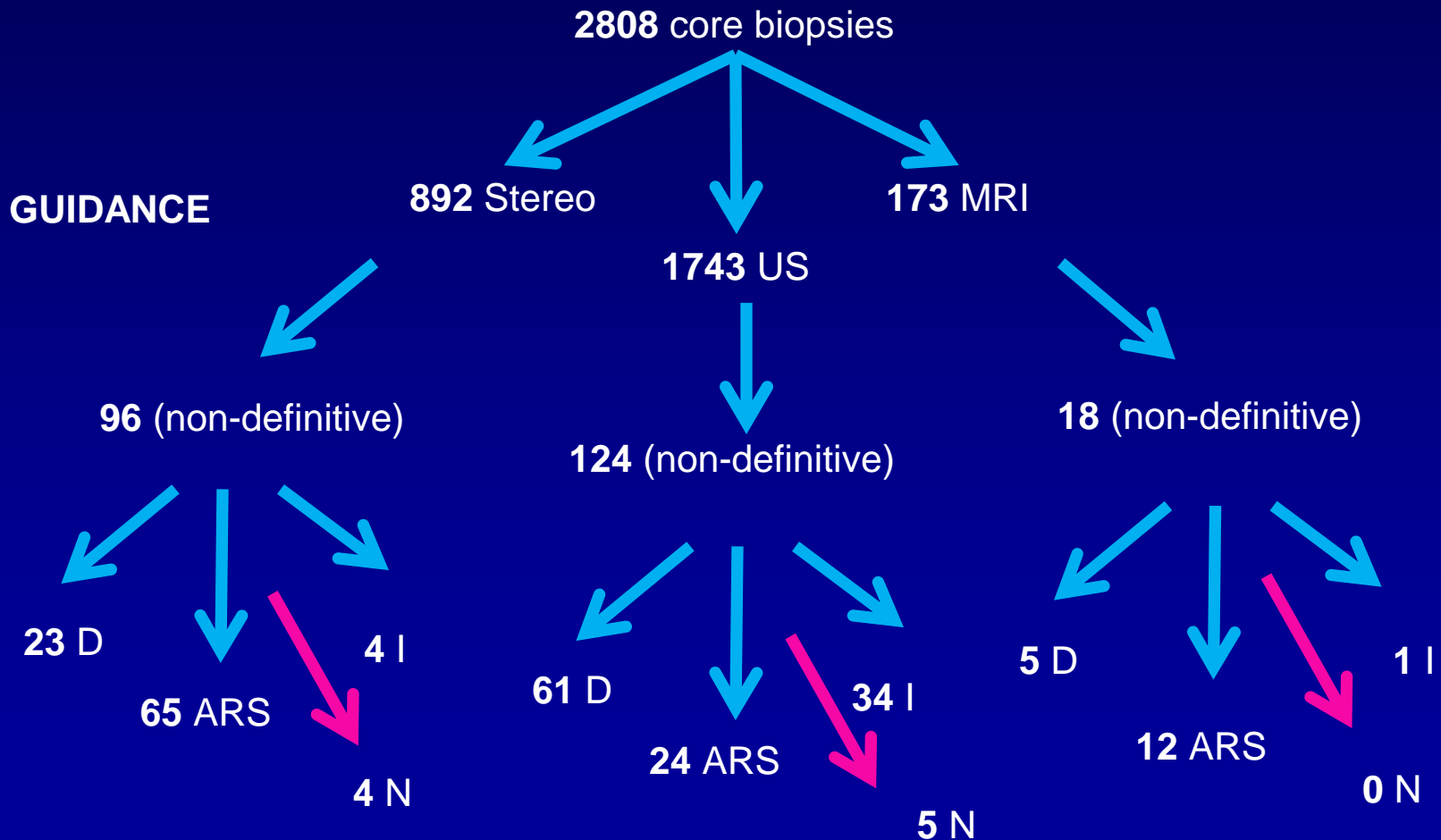
# Breast Biopsy at UW

---

- 6 year experience at UW
  - 2808 consecutive image-guided core biopsies
    - 30% Malignant; 70% Benign
    - 238 were deemed non-definitive ← **Excision**
- Hypothesis: ILP rules from the data and from physicians could improve the accuracy of upgrade prediction



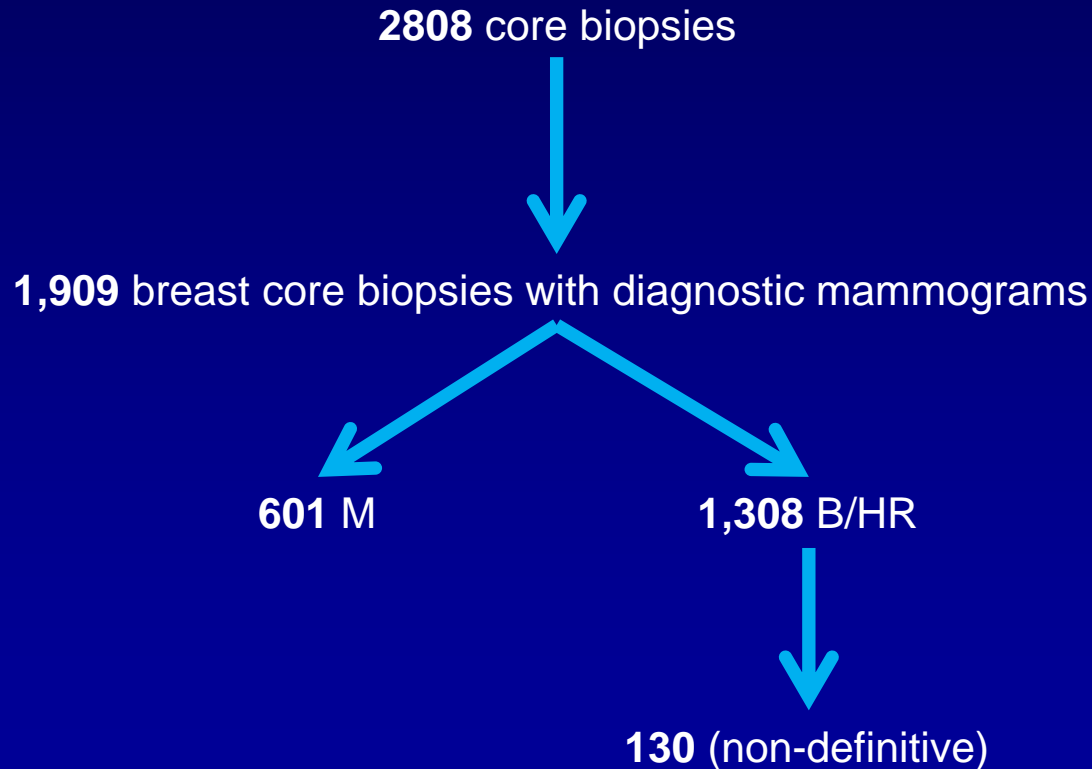
# All biopsies (2006-2011)



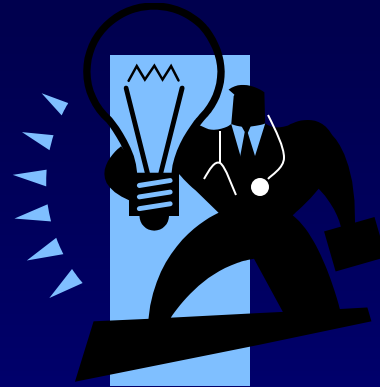


# Biopsies in Practice (2006-11)

---







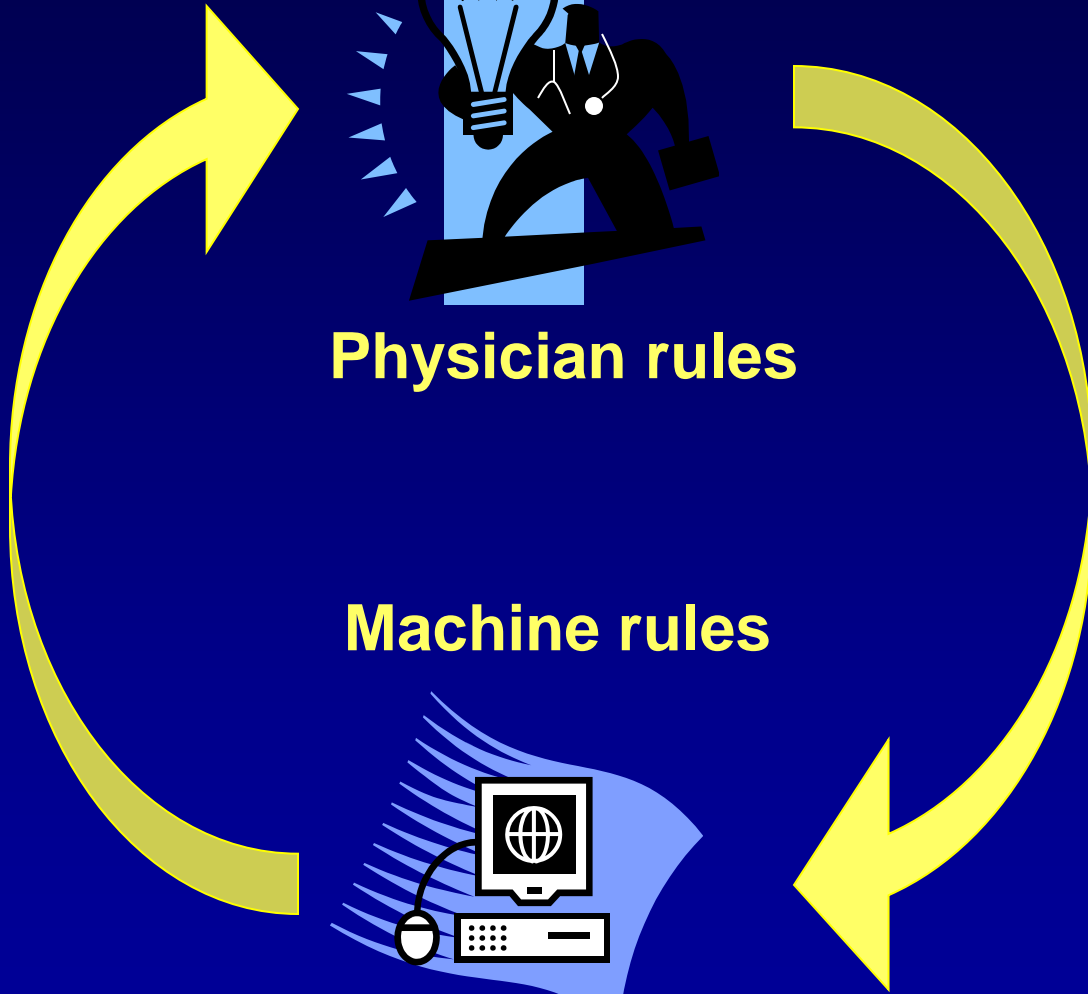
**Physician rules**

**Machine rules**



Evaluate  
Incorporate

Evaluate  
Incorporate





# Biopsy data

---

- Example rule:

Upgrade (A) IF

concordance (A, d),

biopsyProcedure (A, US\_core) and

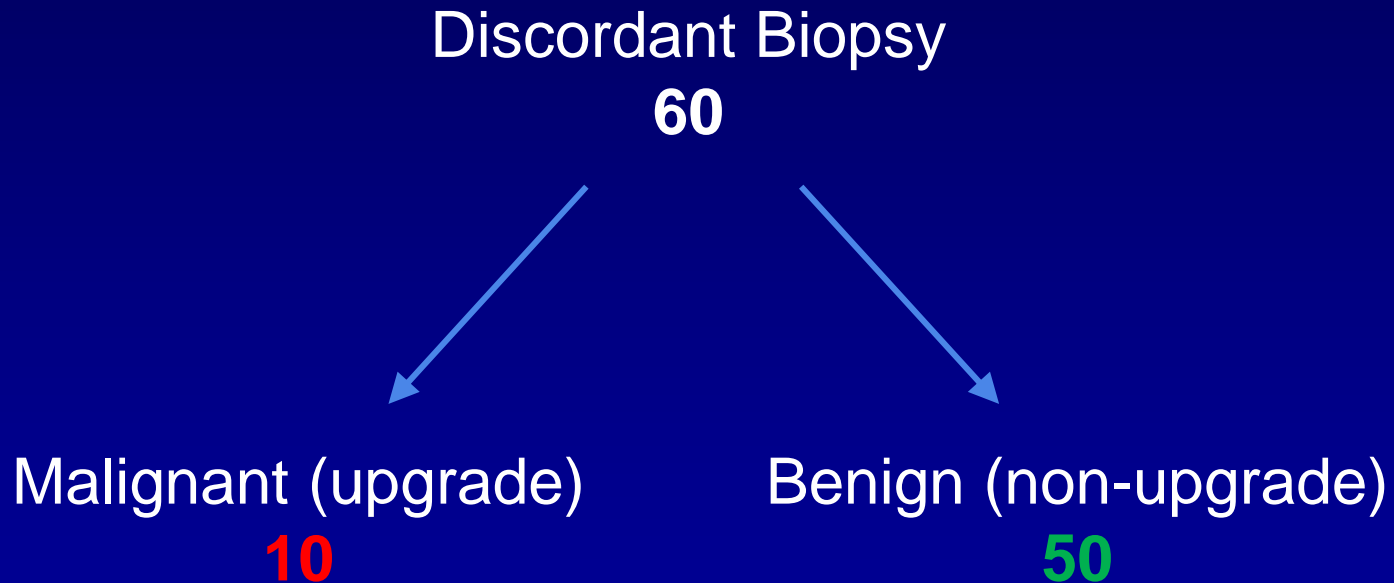
pathDx (A, benign\_breast\_tissue)

- Incorporate physician and machine rules into a Bayesian Network



# Discordant Biopsies (2006-11)

---





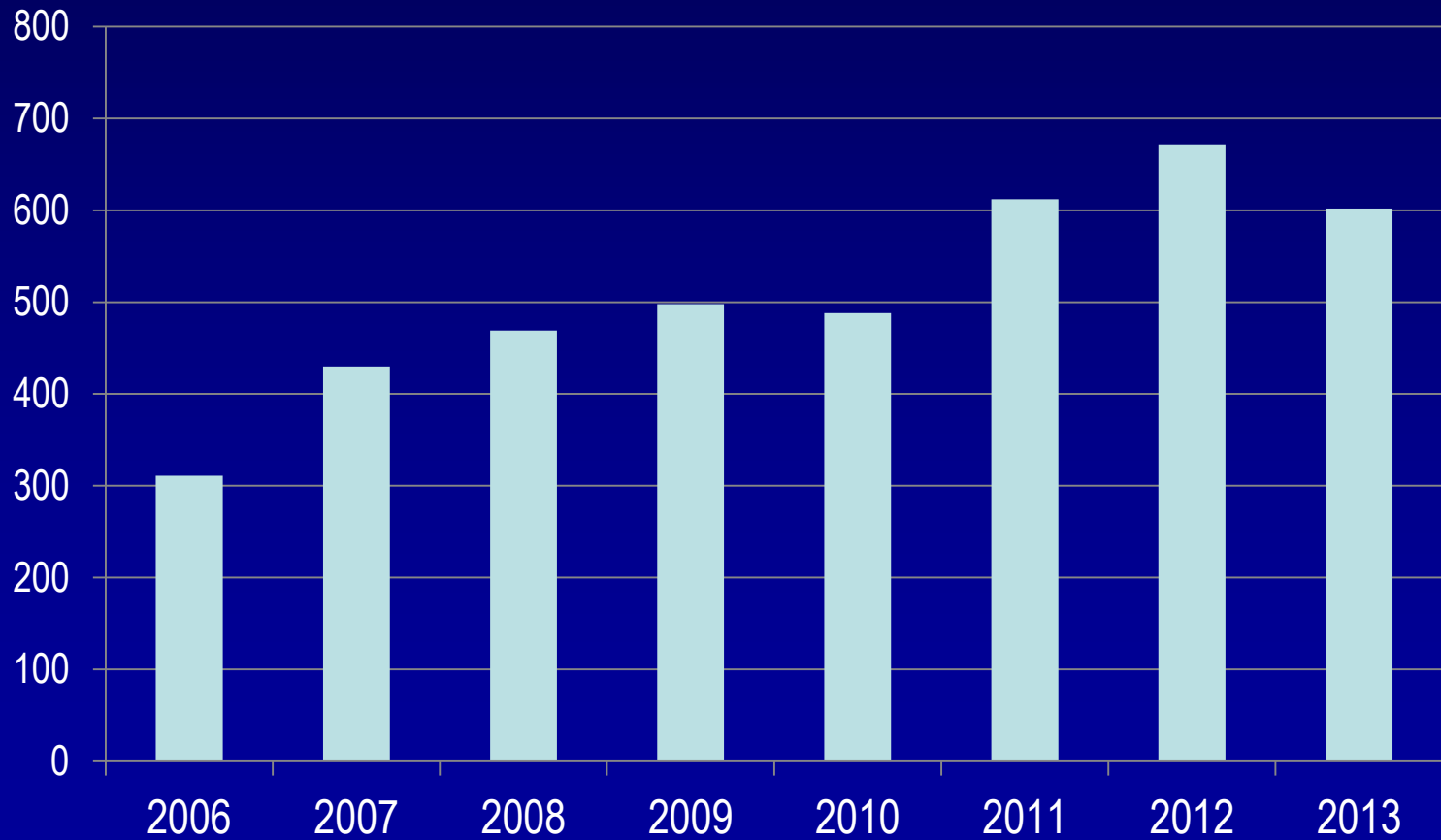
# Results

---

	Data	Rules	Data + Rules
Malignant Excisions Missed (%)	<b>0 (0.0%)</b>	<b>0 (0.0%)</b>	<b>0 (0.0%)</b>
Benign Excisions Avoided (%)	<b>5 (10.0%)</b>	<b>5 (10.0%)</b>	<b>12 (24.0%)</b>



# Total core biopsies



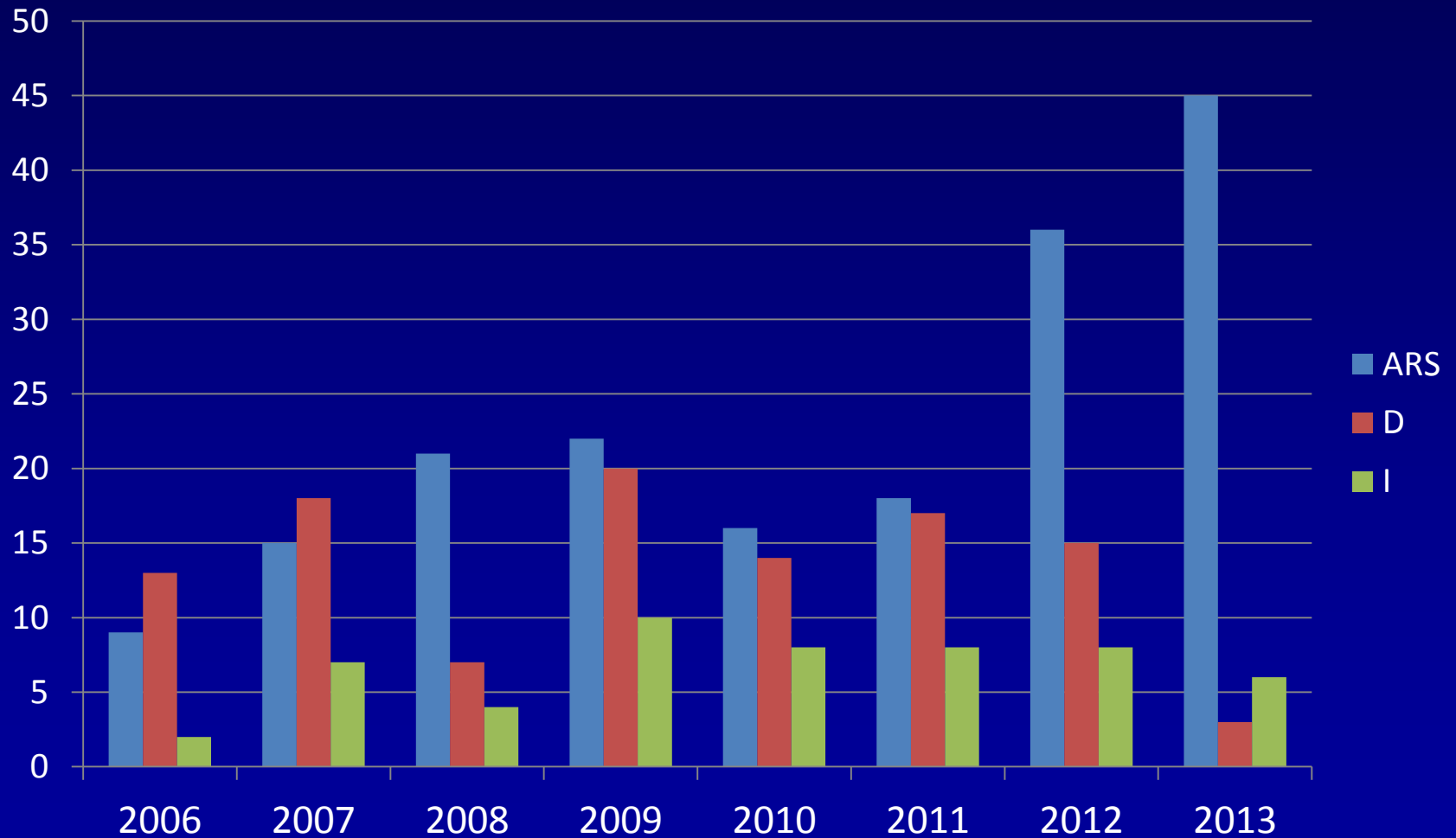


# Total Non-Definitive





# Subtype Trends





# Why?

---

- Discordant decreased
  - Relied more heavily on BI-RADS descriptors
  - Improved our practice
- ARS increased
  - Digital mammography





# ARS in Modern Mammography

---

- 142 consecutive cases (2004-2010)
  - ARS
    - Film
      - 52 (36.6%)
      - **RATE = 0.37/1000**
    - Digital
      - 90 (63.4%)
      - **RATE = 1.24/1000**



# Creating a Learning Health System

---

- Non-definitive biopsy
  - Discordant (maybe)
  - ARS (not yet)



# Creating a Learning Health System

---

- Non-definitive biopsy
  - Discordant (maybe)
  - ARS (not yet)



# History

---

- Tools first conceived in:
    - Leeds Abdominal Pain System went operational in 1971
- System = 91.8%  
Physician = 79.6 %



# Creating a Learning Health System

---

- Discordant can be tackled
  - In our practice we look to be successful
  - Remains to be generalized
- ARS emerges as more important
  - Next goal to improve practice through decision support



University of Wisconsin  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
AND PUBLIC HEALTH



University of Wisconsin  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
AND PUBLIC HEALTH

# Learning Microsystem!

New goal...



# Questions?

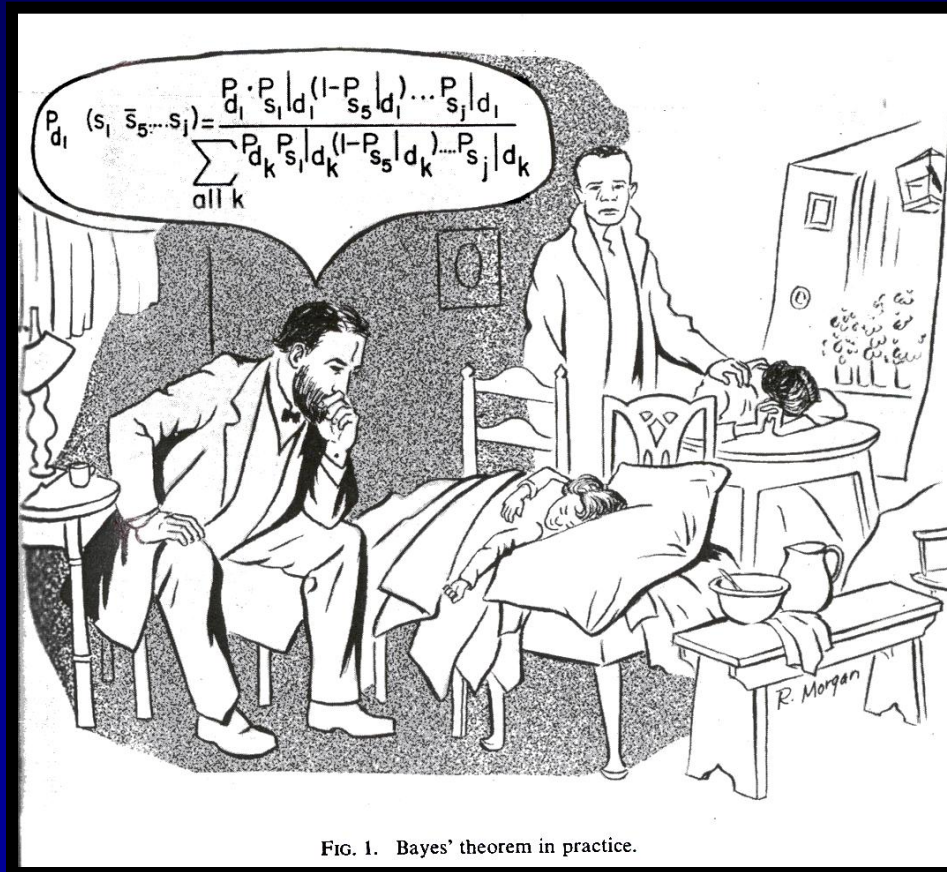


FIG. 1. Bayes' theorem in practice.



University of Wisconsin  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
AND PUBLIC HEALTH



University of Wisconsin  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
AND PUBLIC HEALTH

# The Marshfield Project:

Epidemiology/Breast Imaging/Genetics

*eBIG*

Elizabeth Burnside, MD, MPH, MS

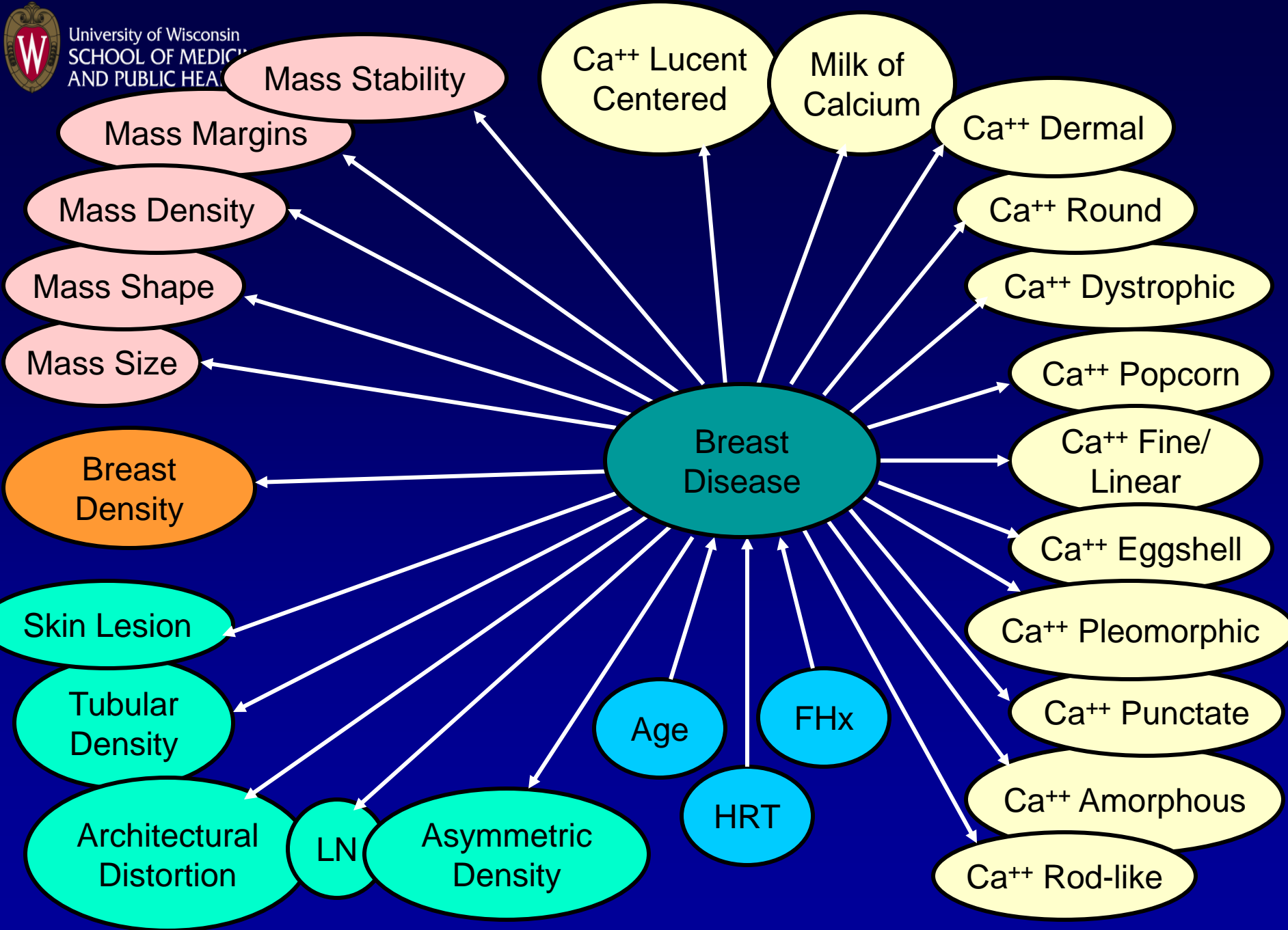
C. David Page, PhD

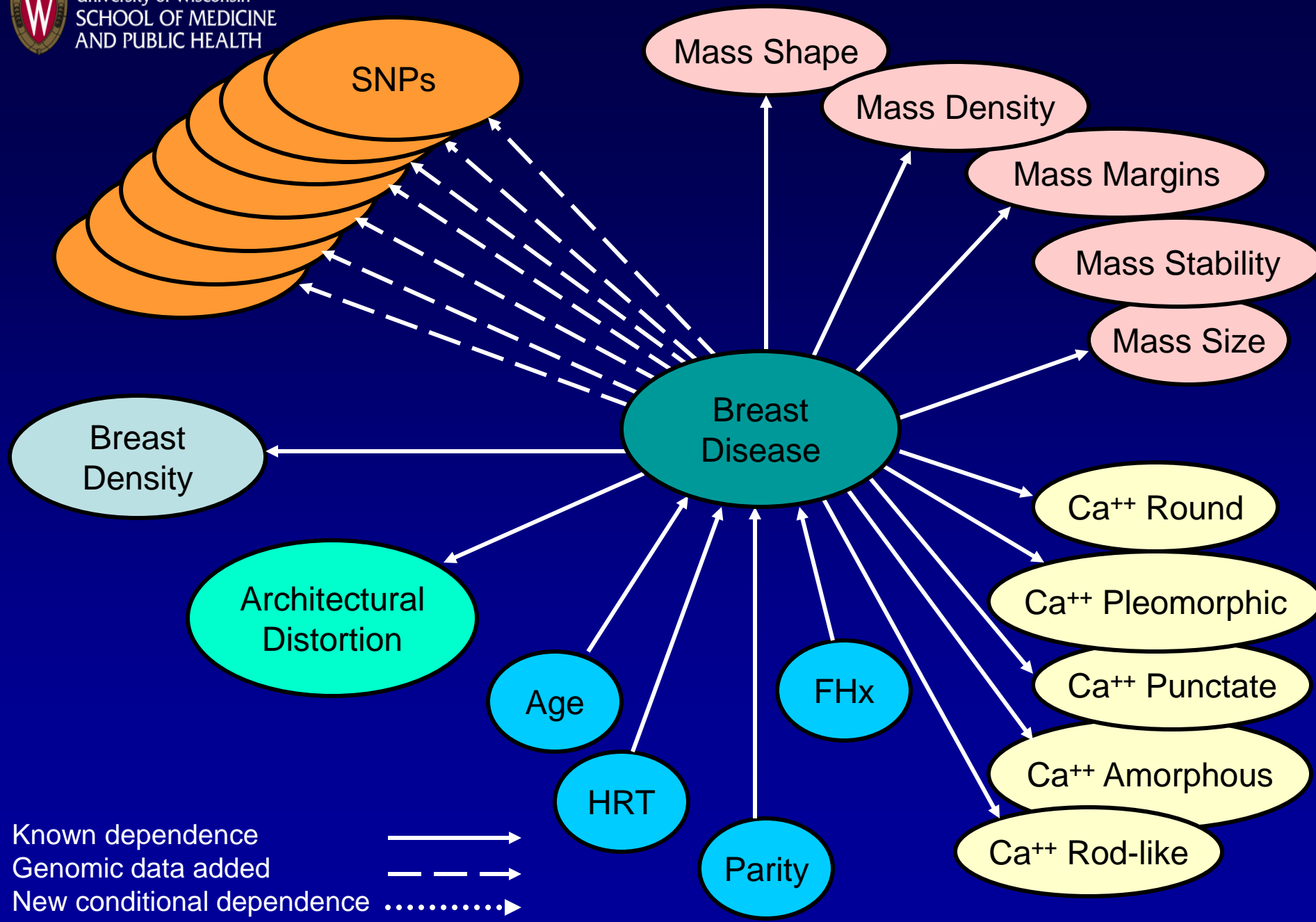
Cathy McCarty, PhD, MPH., RD

Adedayo Onitilo, MD, MSCR

Peggy Peissig, MBA









# Specific Aim 1

---

- Establish a multi-relational dataset to improve the risk prediction accuracy of our Bayesian model
  - patient specific genomics data
  - mammography findings
  - clinical/demographic risk factors



# Data Elements

<b>Epidemiologic data</b>	<b>Clinical Variables</b>	<b>Targeted SNPs</b>
Gender	Mammography descriptors (current)	rs11249433
Age	Mammography BI-RADS categories (current)	rs4666451
Race/Ethnicity	Mammography descriptors (prior)	rs13387042
Family History	Mammography BI-RADS categories (prior)	rs4973768
Number of full-term pregnancies	Personal History of Breast Cancer/InSitu	rs10941679
Breast Feeding History	Pathologic diagnosis	rs981782
Menses <12 yrs	Stage	rs30099
Menopause >55 yrs	Grade	Rs889312
Exogenous hormone ever	Receptor status- (ER/PR-her2)	rs2180341
Smoking history ever > 1 year	Known Genetic Risk- BRCA1 / BRCA2	rs2046210
Alcohol use > 1 drink/day ever	Prior Chest Irradiation / DES exposure	rs13281615
Physical activity >3 hrs/week	Oral Contraceptive	rs2981582
	Prior Biopsy	rs3817198
	Body Mass index (BMI)	rs2107425
		rs999737
		rs3803662
		rs8051542
		rs6504950
		rs6476643
		rs2182317
		rs12443621
		rs1045485
		rs1982073



# Study Design

---

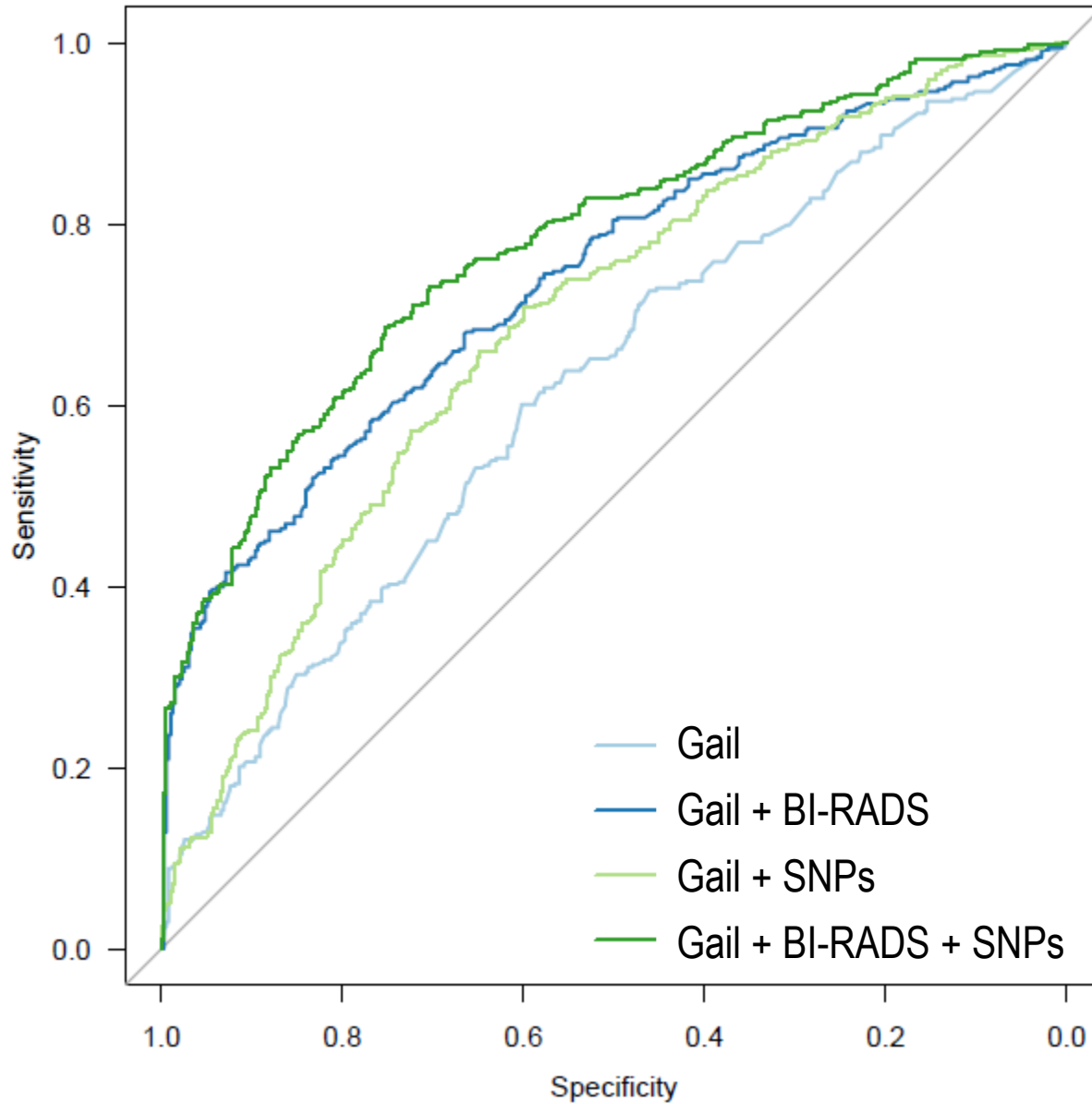
- Retrospective case control design
- **Cases**
  - women mammo <12 months/biopsy/breast cancer **422**
- **Controls**
  - women mammo <12 months/biopsy/no breast cancer **422**
- **Create an age match to the cases—5 year interval bins**
- **Calculate % of mammograms that are abnormal**
- Collect
  - Demographic risk factors
  - Mammography features
  - SNPs from serum samples



# Study Design-Training

---

- Model training
  - Build baseline prediction model
  - Develop rules for inclusion in model
  - 10-fold cross validation
- Post-test probabilities used for performance
  - Area under the ROC curve
  - Calibration





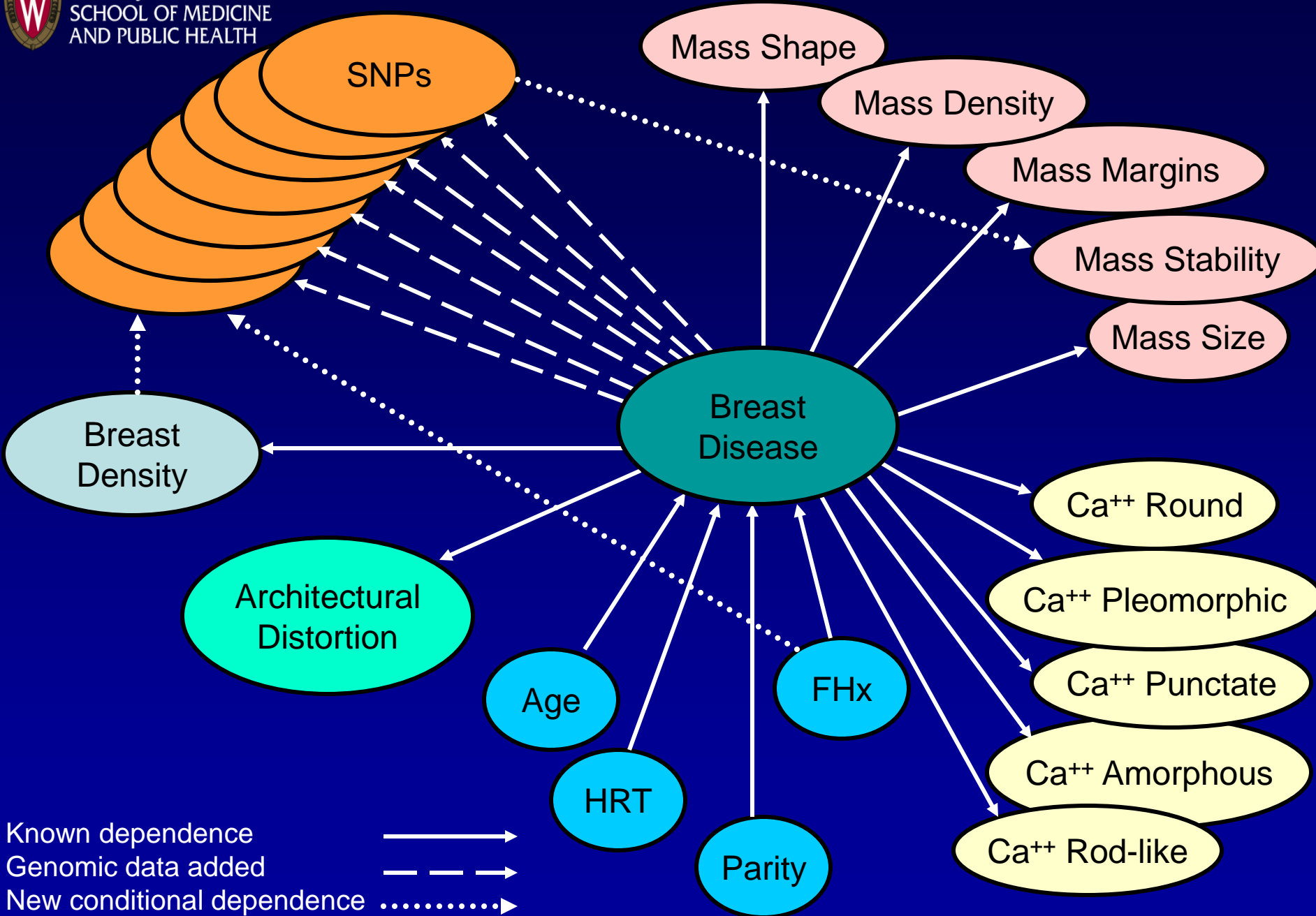
# Specific Aim 2: Data Mining

---

Analyze conditional dependence relationships  
To discover novel hypotheses

- Study design
  - Identify conditional dependence relationships from structure of trained BN







### Industrial and Systems Engineering

Oguzhan Alagoz, PhD  
Mehmet Ayvaci, MS  
Dave Gustafson, PhD  
Turgay Ayer, PhD

### Computer Science

Vikas Singh, PhD  
Jude Shavlik, PhD  
Houssam Nassif, PhD  
Yirong Wu, PhD

Radiology

Surgery

Pathology

Medicine

### Biostatistics and Medical Informatics

David Page, PhD  
Jie Liu, MS

### Population Health

Amy Trentham Dietz, PhD  
Dave Vanness, PhD