

Enabling privacy-preserving analyses on federated healthcare data.

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To reduce the
impact of cancer

mission

vision

- Less cancer
- More cure or longer lives
- Better quality of life
- Improved societal participation
- Better palliative care

**Netherlands
Cancer Registry**

- Population-based
- 120,000 new cases/year
- Diagnosis and treatment
- International standards

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Combining data helps!

Other data sets can give extra information
about patients (in the Netherlands)



We can compare the situation in the
Netherlands with cancer care abroad



#dSymp

Traditional solution: bringing data together

Researcher processes data on
central database



All parties provide their
data to the central database.

Traditional solution: disadvantages

Security

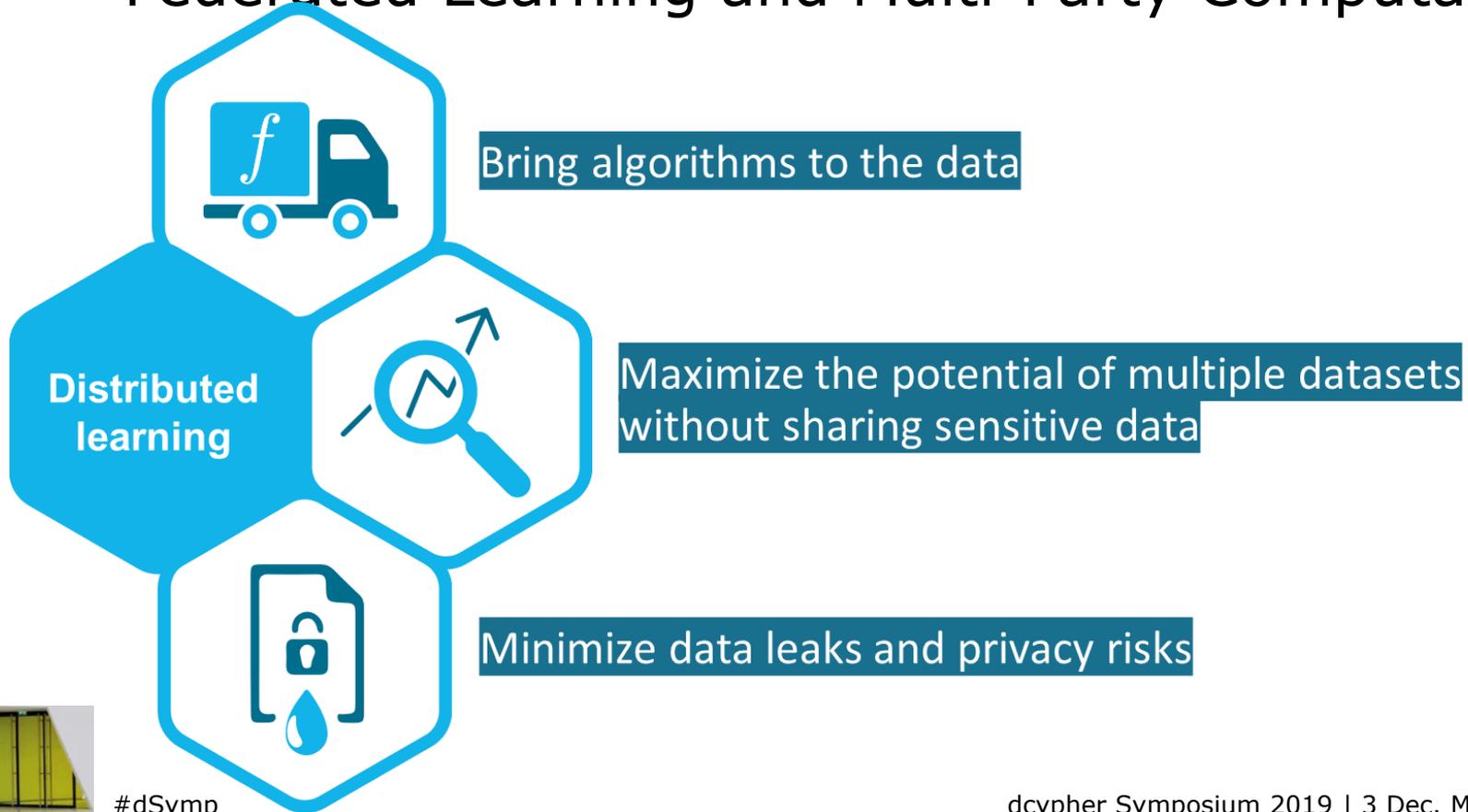


Laws & regulation

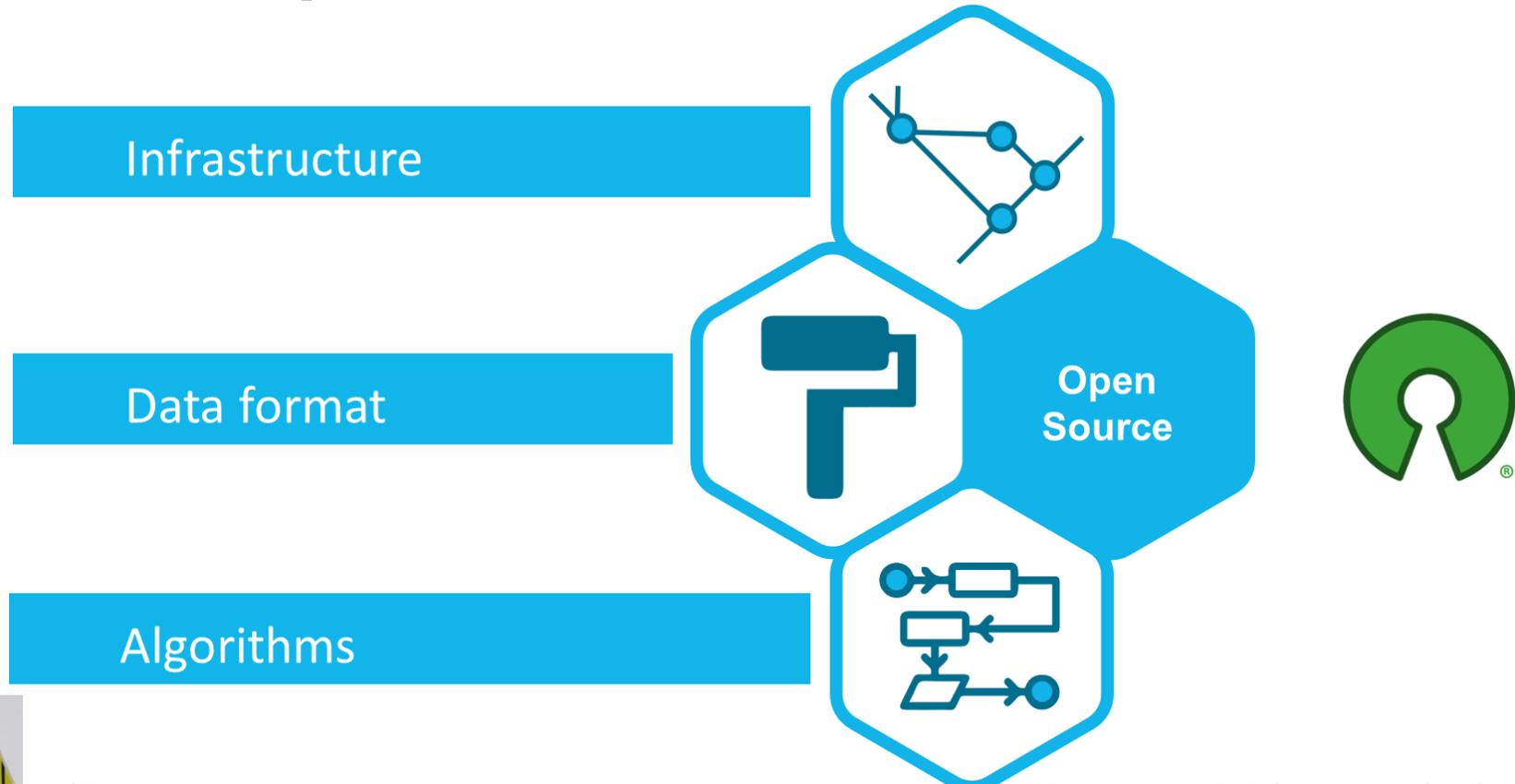
Privacy

Loss of control

Proposed Solutions – Federated Learning and Multi-Party Computation



Separation of concerns



Horizontally partitioned data

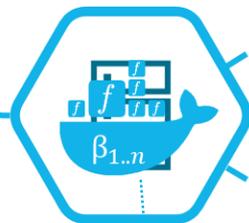


Vantage infrastructure

$$l(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^D \beta^T \left(\sum_{s \in S} \sum_{k \in D_{i,s}} z_k - d_i \log \sum_{s \in S} \sum_{l \in R_{i,s}} \beta^T z_l \right)$$



(HTTPS) computation request



Algorithm “package”



$$\sum_{l \in R} \beta^T z_l$$



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Enabling international cancer registry research

	Netherlands		Taiwan		Combined	
	HR	95% CI	HR	95% CI	HR	95% CI
Geography						
Taiwan					Reference	
The Netherlands					1.03	0.98 – 1.09
Age	1.04	1.04 – 1.05	1.02	1.02 – 1.02	1.03	1.03 – 1.03
Gender						
Female	Reference		Reference		Reference	
Male	1.30	1.21 – 1.39	1.19	1.11 – 1.27	1.21	1.15 – 1.26
Period of Diagnosis						
2004 - 2007	Reference		Reference		Reference	
2008 - 2011	0.93	0.86 – 1.01	0.81	0.78 – 0.85	0.84	0.81 – 0.88
2012 - 2016	0.86	0.78 – 0.93	0.66	0.63 – 0.69	0.71	0.69 – 0.74
Stage						
I	Reference		Reference		Reference	
II	1.38	1.25 – 1.52	1.39	1.30 – 1.48	1.35	1.28 – 1.43
III	1.58	1.41 – 1.78	2.01	1.87 – 2.15	1.88	1.77 – 2.00
IVA	2.73	2.45 – 3.03	3.28	3.07 – 3.49	3.10	2.93 – 3.27



Vertically Partitioned Data



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- New collaboration project between IKNL and TNO.
- Goal: enable secure learning of survival analysis models on vertically partitioned data sets.
 - Making use of MPC
 - Jointly developing open source solutions.

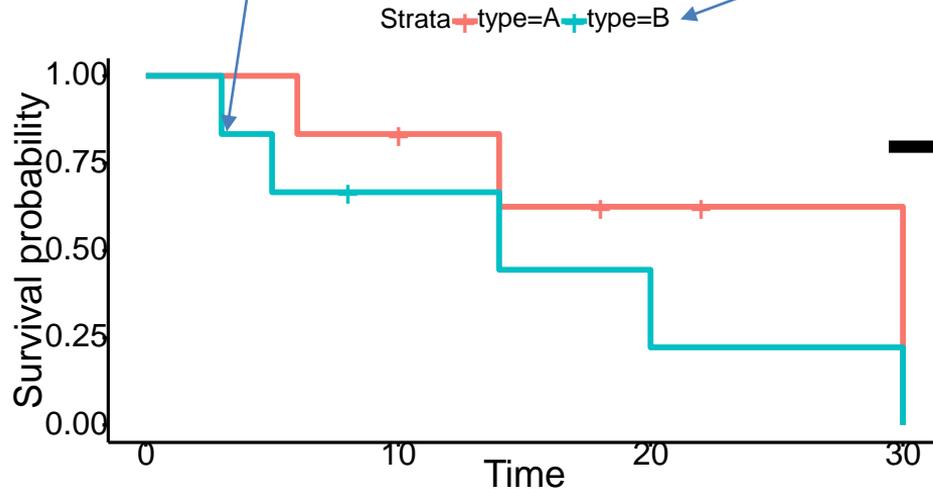


Kaplan-Meier

- Non-parametric method to estimate survival curves

Time of death or time of censoring known per patient

Patient type



Statistical difference of survival rates between the types

Privacy-preserving Kaplan-Meier

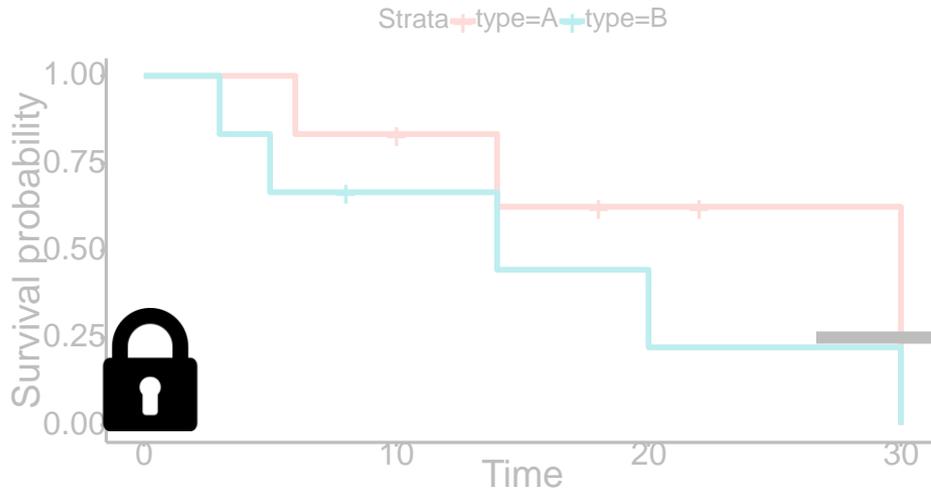
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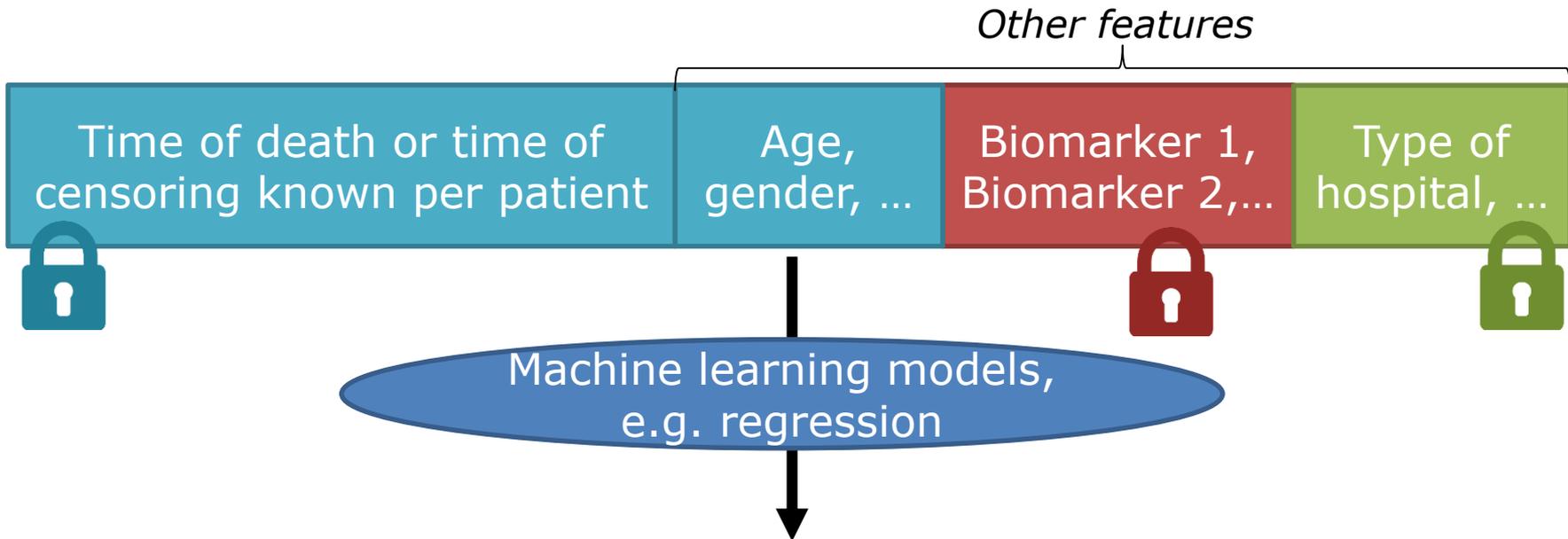


Statistical difference of survival rates between types

Compute on encrypted data to obtain output of statistical test

Survival rates per type computed using Homomorphic Encryption **But not revealed!**

Research into more complex survival analyses



Impact of features on patient survival probability



Conclusions

- Innovative technologies enable analyses on federated patient data that were impossible before
 - Sensitive patient data is cryptographically protected from all parties
- IKNL and TNO collaborate to bring these techniques to practical applications



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