



# Putting HD patient data to work

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## Key takeaways

1. HD research participant data is absolutely critical to clinical research
2. A cool example of how HD individuals' data is being used
3. YOU are important to the success of clinical research

## Background: HD observational studies

# HD observational studies are VERY important

## Guide clinical development

- Understand course of disease
- Design better drug trials
- Improve patient care



Credit: Rob Sinclair

# THANK You

# Data gathered in HD observational studies

- ~15 studies known so far
  - Variety of data
    - clinical assessments (e.g. UHDRS)
    - neuro-imaging
    - molecular (through biosamples)
  - Visit-based
    - each visit spanning a few hours, by participants



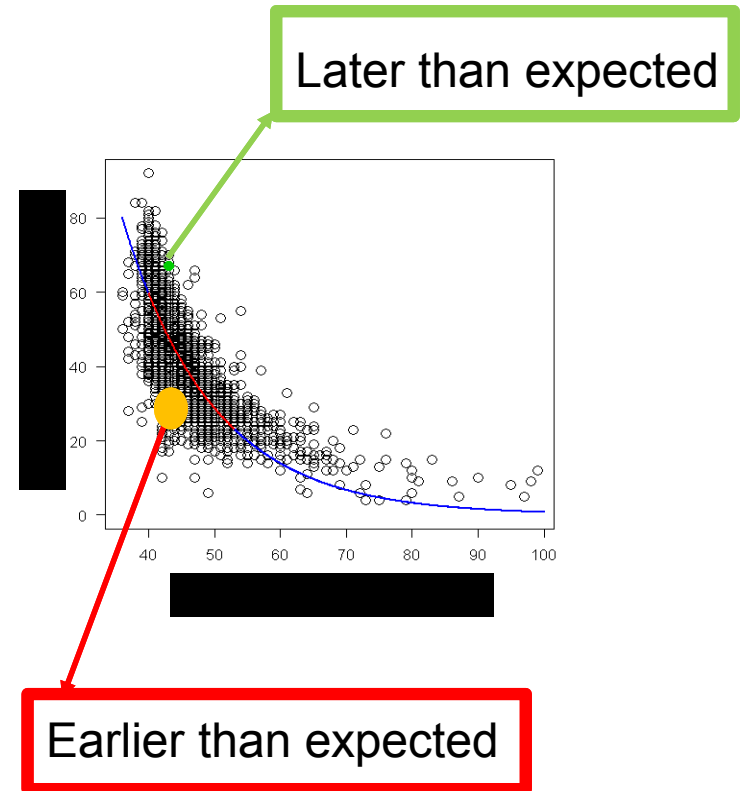


Recent example: Use of  
biosamples from different HD  
observational studies

# Huntingtin gene is important in HD but other genes are involved as well

- CAG length good predictor of age of motor onset
- However a wide range exists!

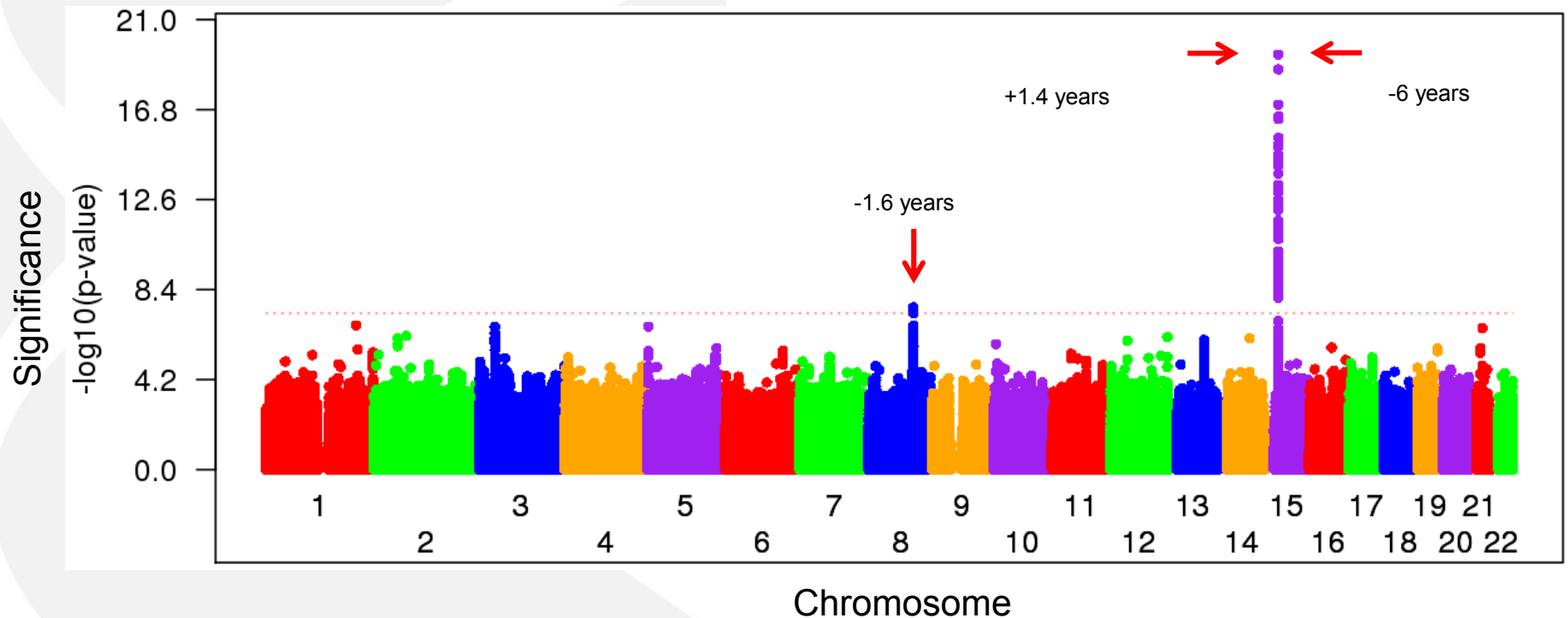
Other genes that affect age of motor onset?



## Other genes that affect motor onset in HD

Using DNA from ~7000 HD research participants spanning Enroll-HD, Registry, Predict-HD and COHORT

More genes identified



1. Not only is the *huntingtin* gene critical
2. Other genes are also involved that affect age of motor onset
3. Such findings are now possible due to new technologies and data collected through HD observational studies

Pooling biosamples from  
multiple HD studies is powerful

What about clinical  
measurements in HD  
observational studies?

# Clinical measurement types gathered

Motor

Function

Cognitive

Psychiatric

Quality of Life

Medical History

CAG

Family

Physical Treatment

Health & Disability

Health Economics

Q-motor/TMS

Nutrition

Medication &  
Co-morbidity



# A lot of HD clinical measurement data now available

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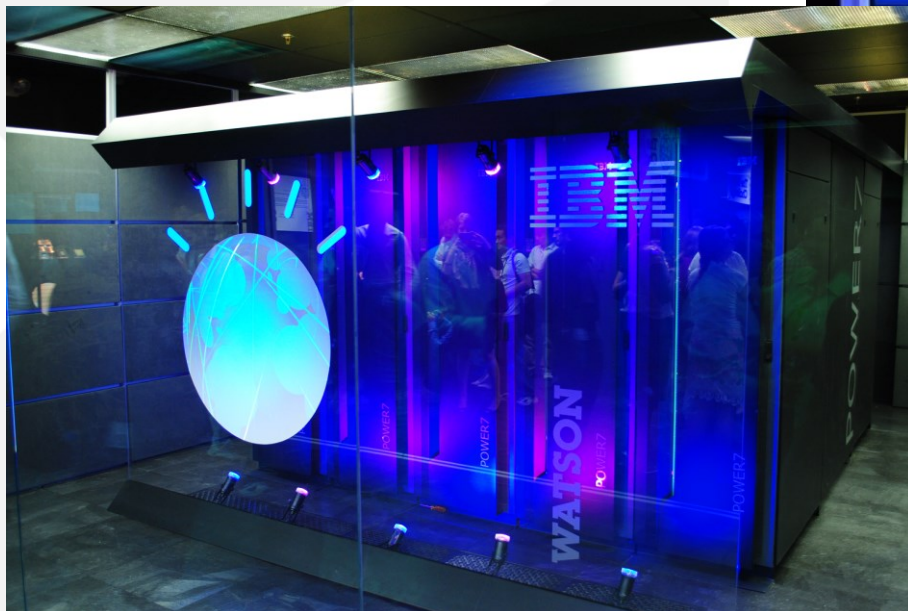
A lot of data!!



200 million data points



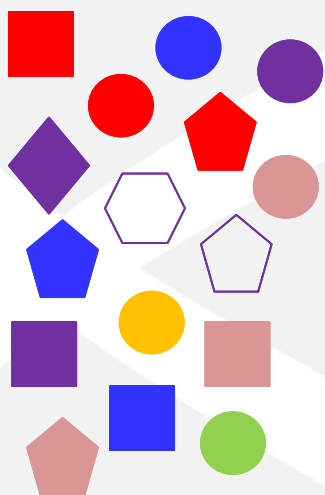
# CHDI-IBM partnership 2015 -



# A 3-step data crunching cartoon

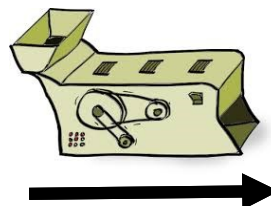
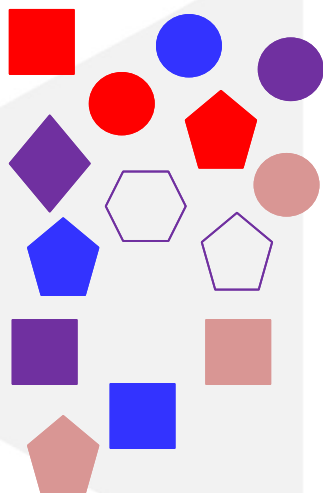
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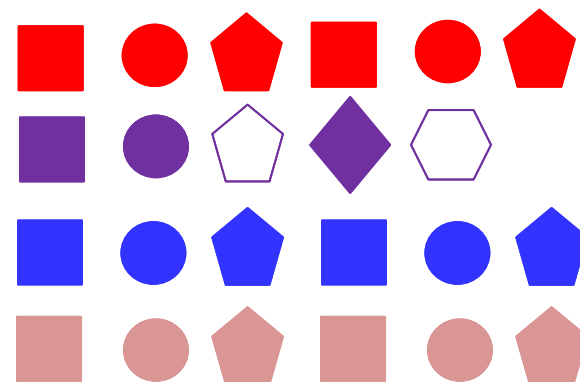
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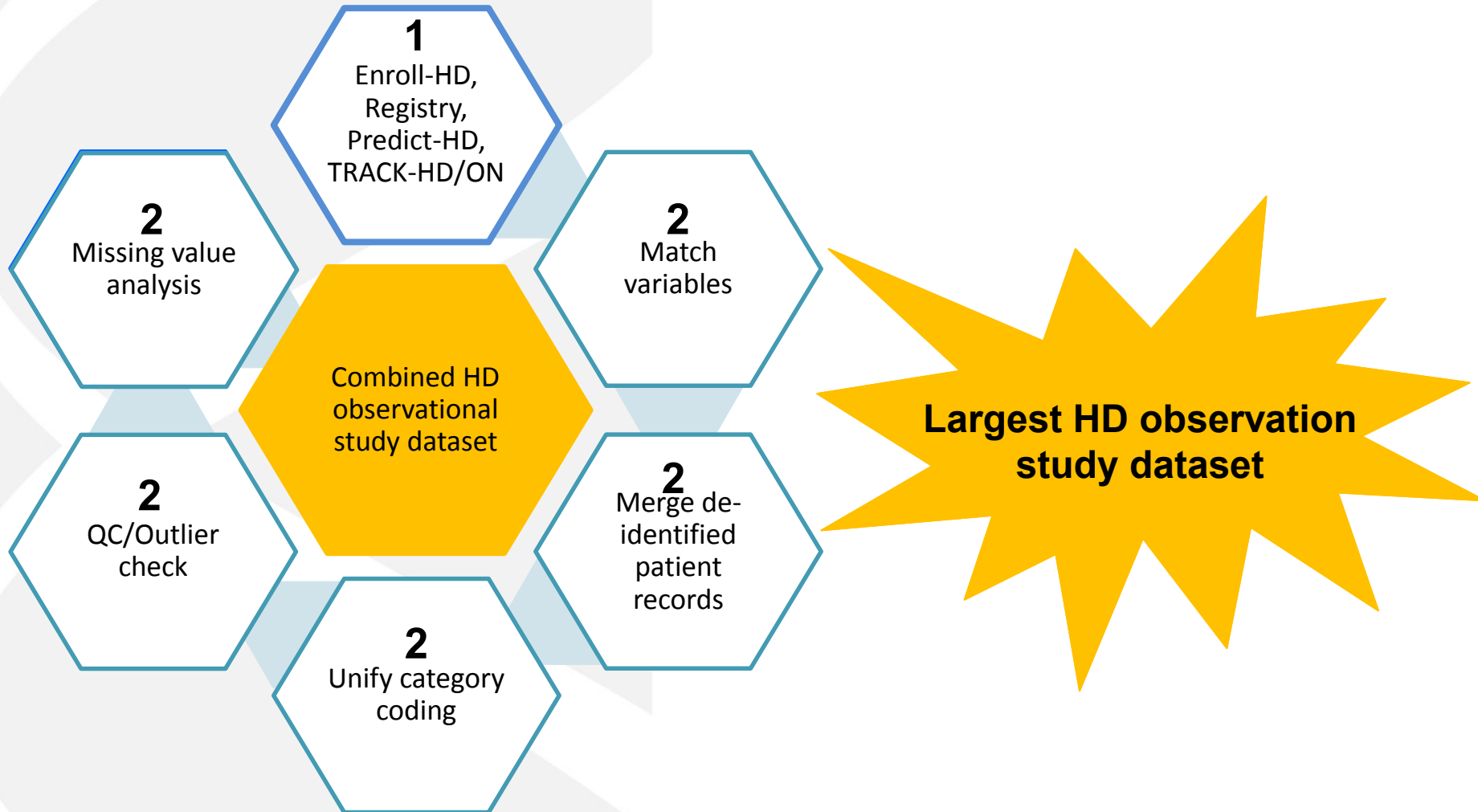


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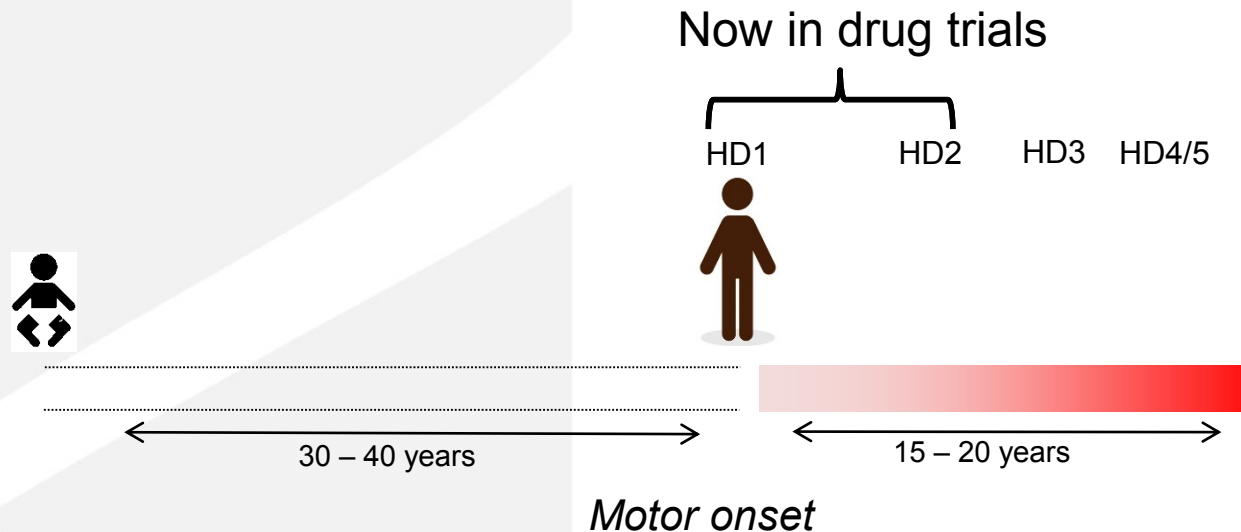
**Identify patterns & predict**



# Data crunching process at IBM



# Current clinical understanding of HD

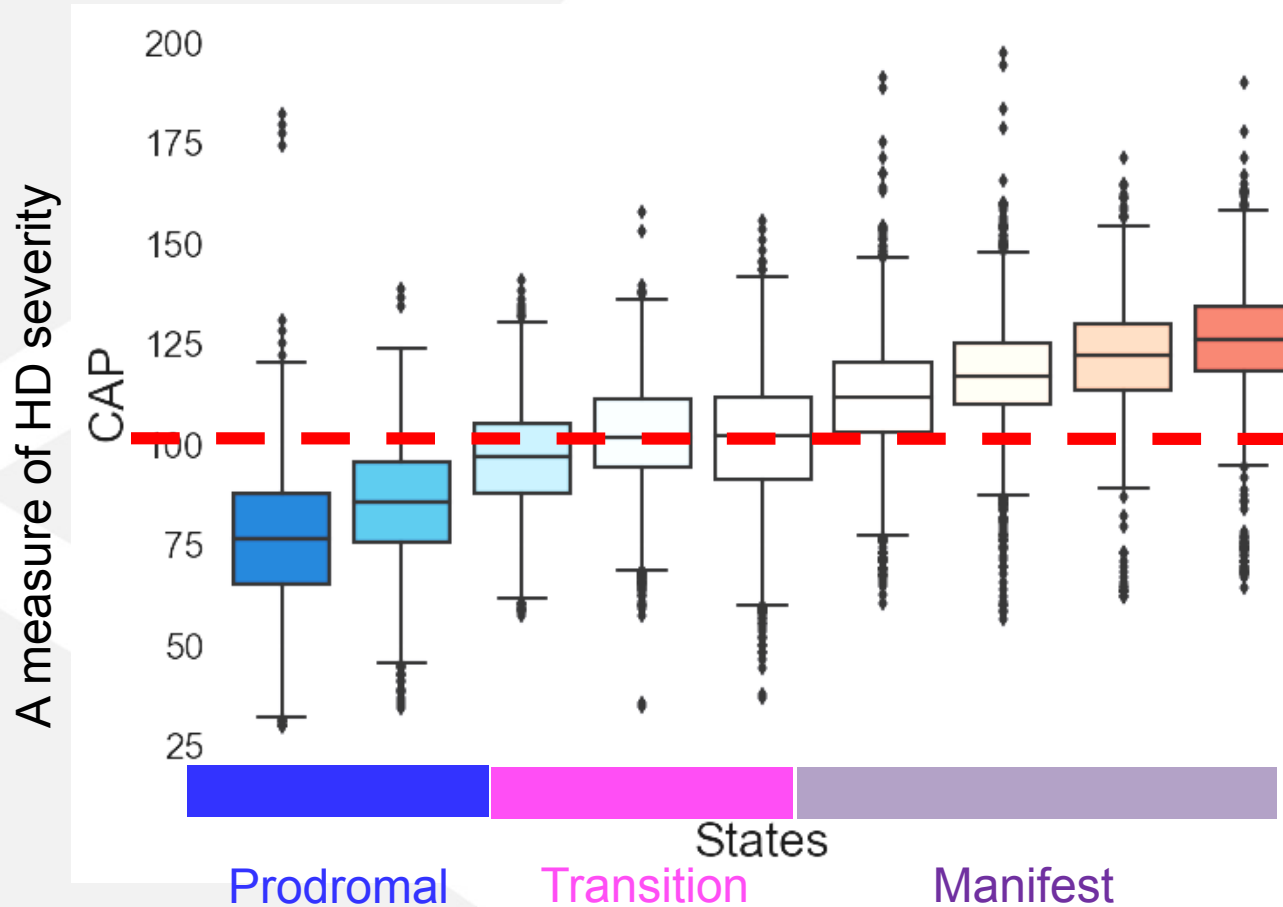


- Practical understanding of course of disease after motor onset
- HD staging begins after clinical diagnosis
- No clear understanding of preceding decades: Difficult to bring therapies earlier

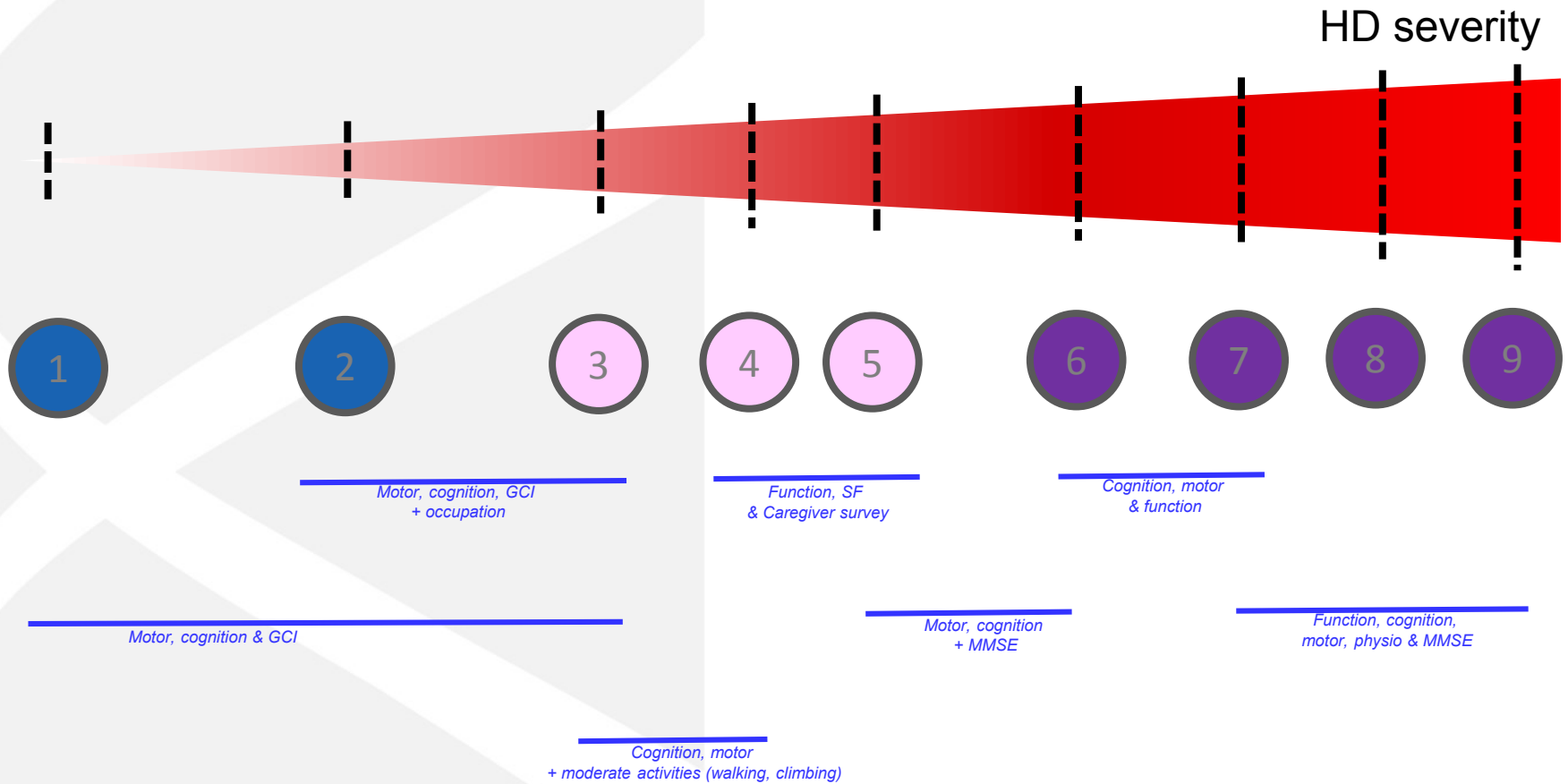
Can we improve our understanding of the  
course of HD using combined  
observational study data?

# Using the combined HD observational study dataset

## A 9-state HD progression/staging model



# Distinct changes tracked over the course of HD



Why is this research exciting?



# 1. More detailed picture of the course of HD

*Two states*

HD severity

Premanifest

Manifest

*Nine states*



## 2. Will enable targeted clinical decision making

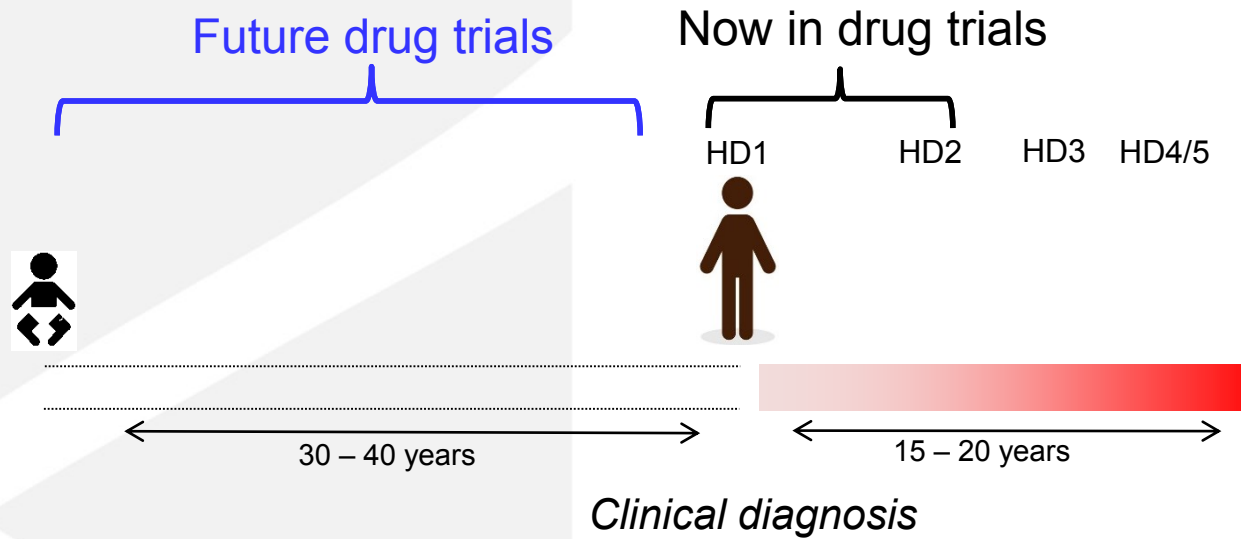


What's next?  
How long?

Better trials



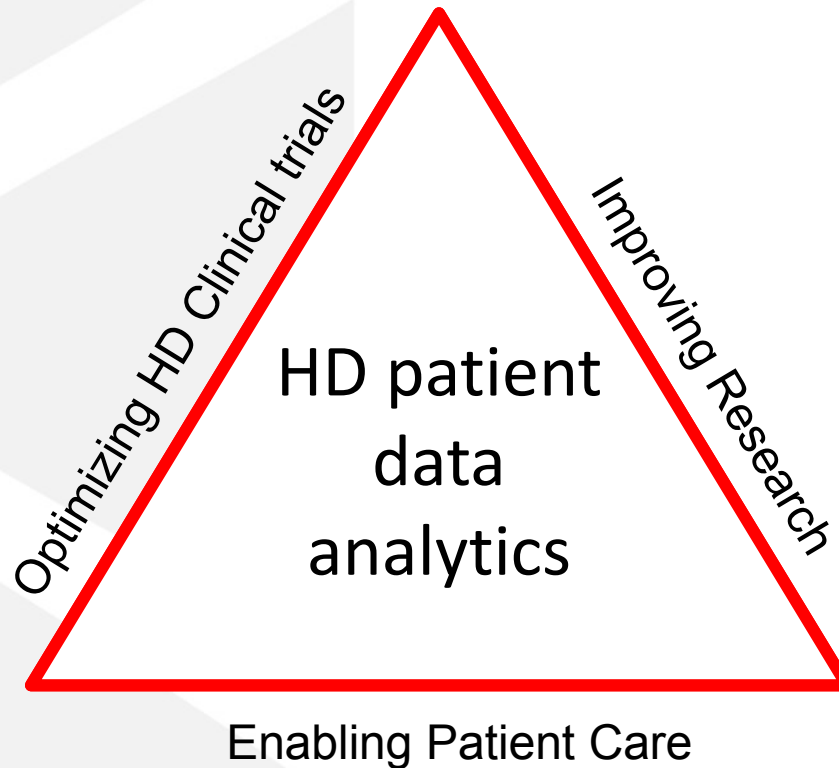
### 3. A way to bring therapies earlier



- ~~No clear understanding of preceding decades: Difficult to bring therapies earlier~~

To wrap up

HD patient data is absolutely essential to gain fast, new insights

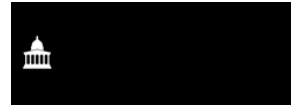


# Other collaborative efforts that are using HD patient data

A number of other projects currently supported by CHDI that are striving to learn new insights



*Neuroimaging &  
speech analysis*



*Neuroimaging  
HD staging*



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*Progression  
changes*



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*Enroll-HD data  
analysis*



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*Environmental  
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HD*

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