



# Supporting Knowledge Discovery in Medicine

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- Knowledge discovery in medicine requires the deep involvement of medical domain experts <sup>[1]</sup>
- Data handling, processing, and analysis is known to be a major technical obstacle to scientific (bio-) medical research projects <sup>[2]</sup>.
- Combination of IT knowledge and domain knowledge
- Limited funding  $\rightarrow$  lack of IT support

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#### CALUMMA<sup>[3][4]</sup> is an Ontology-based

- data definition-
- data acquisition-
- data preparation-
- data validation-
- data exploration-

infrastructure for data-intense, scientific research performed by domain experts with a minimum IT expert support.

<sup>[3]</sup> Arthofer K., Girardi, D., Giretzlehner M. (2012): Ein Ontologiebasiertes System zum Extrahieren, Transformieren und Laden von Daten in Krankenanstalten. Proceedings of eHealth2012, May 2012, Vienna Austria

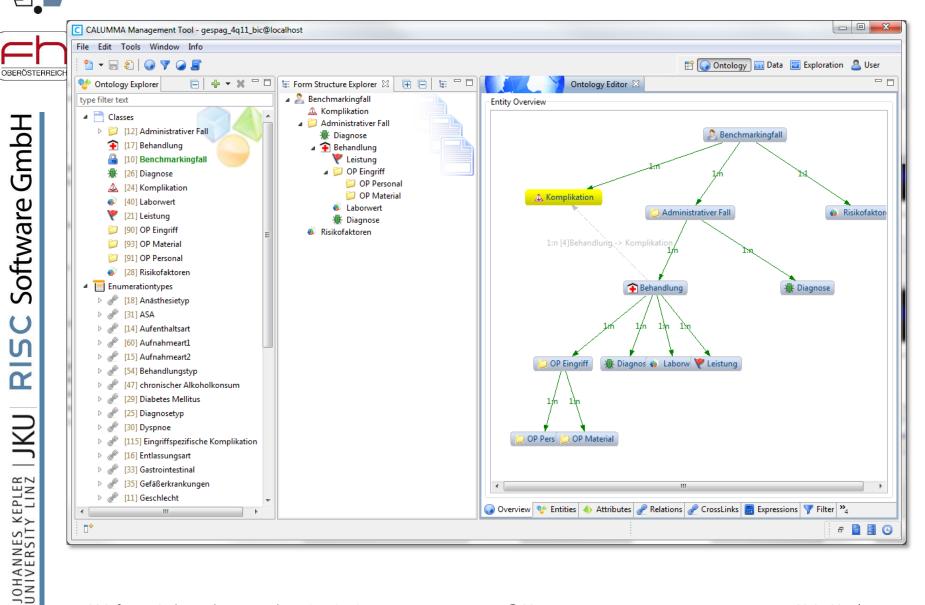
<sup>[4]</sup> Girardi, D.; Arthofer, K.; Giretzlehner, M. (2012) An Ontology-Based Data Acquisition Infrastructure. Proceedings of 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Knowledge Engineering and Ontology Development, pages 155-160, DOI: 10.5220/0004108101550160, October 2012, Barcelona Spain



Ontology-centred research data infrastructure

- Central Ontology is defined by the domain expert, and contains:
  - Data elements of interest and their attributes
  - Data relations
  - Validity rules
- The remainder is **automatically created** at runtime
  - Web interface (input forms, overview tables, search masks,...)
  - ETL interface (import of electronically available data)
- Changes to the ontology have immediate effects the whole infrastructure immediately

### **Ontology Editor**

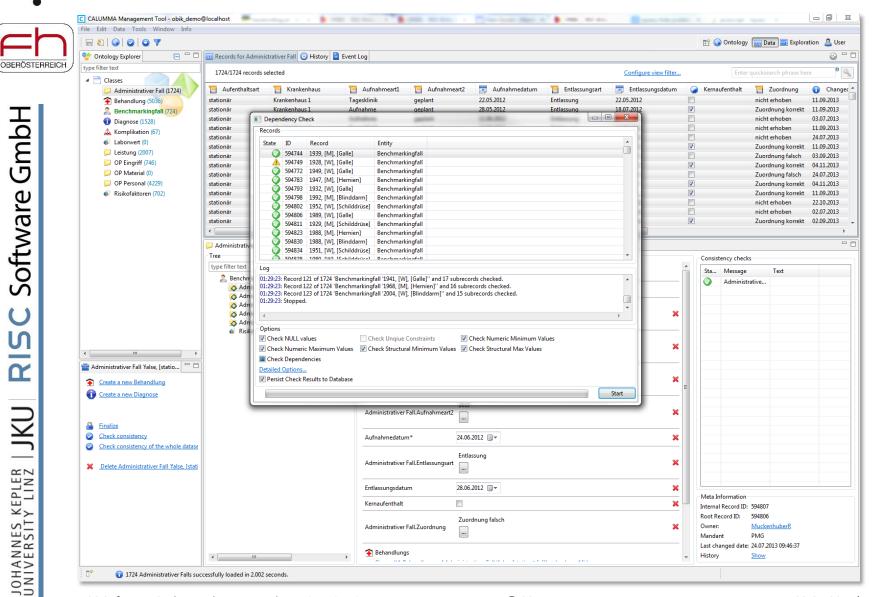




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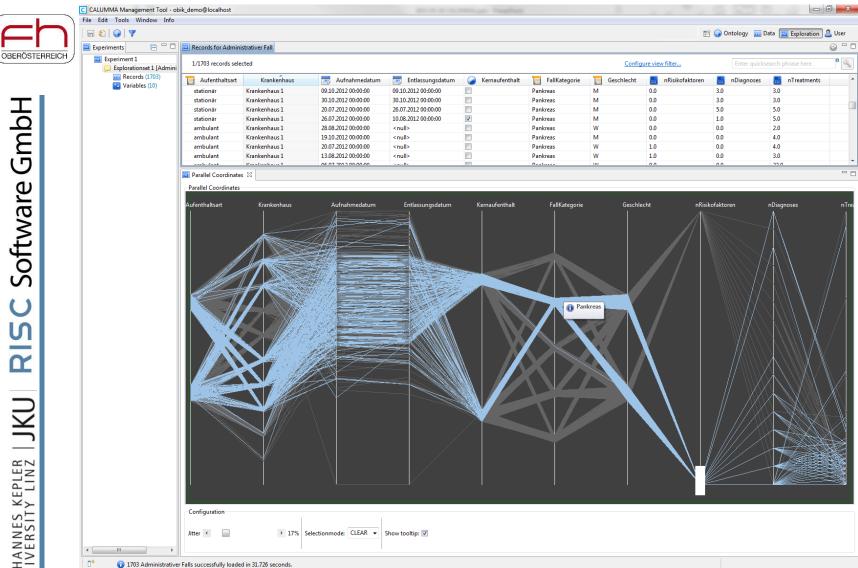
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## Data Validation

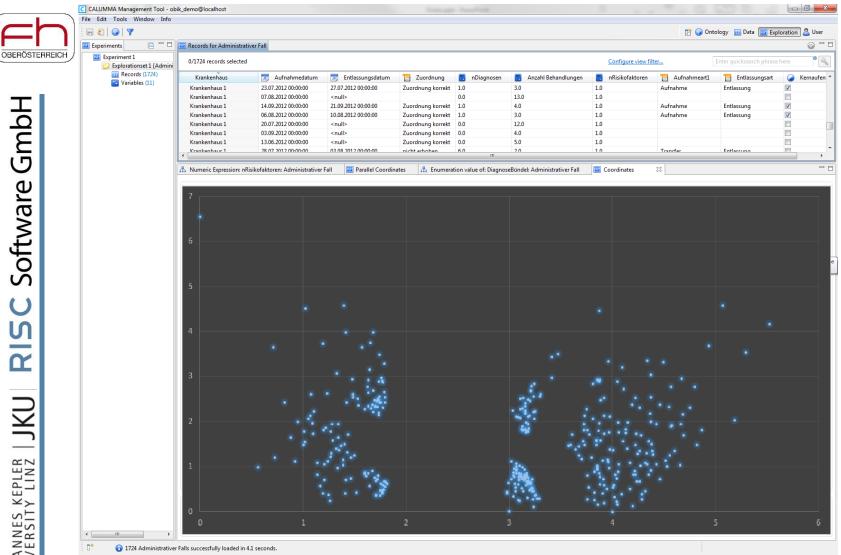




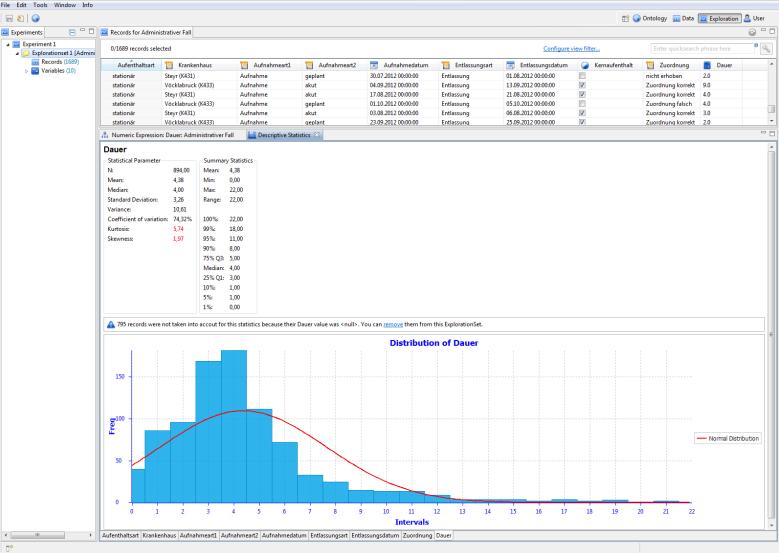
- Technical barriers:
  - Data pre-processing,
  - transformation,
  - normalization
- $\rightarrow$  automatize with ontology meta-information
- Integrate well-selected set of analysis and visualization methods for exploratory data analysis
- One-click from data to mining
- Feasibility test: Parallel Coordinate Visualisation



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- Technically feasible
- Little awareness in medical community about nonstandard visualization and analysis methods
- Reduce reservations with usability
- Further Research & Challenges
  - Distance based methods
  - Distance calculation
  - Parameterization of algorithms
  - Performance with bigger data volumes (> 100000)

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