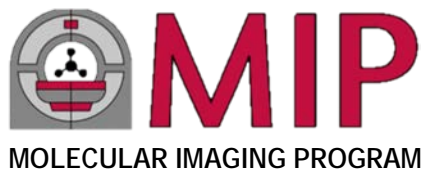


# Ground Truth Labeling: Can Digital Pathology AI be used to Improve Radiology AI?

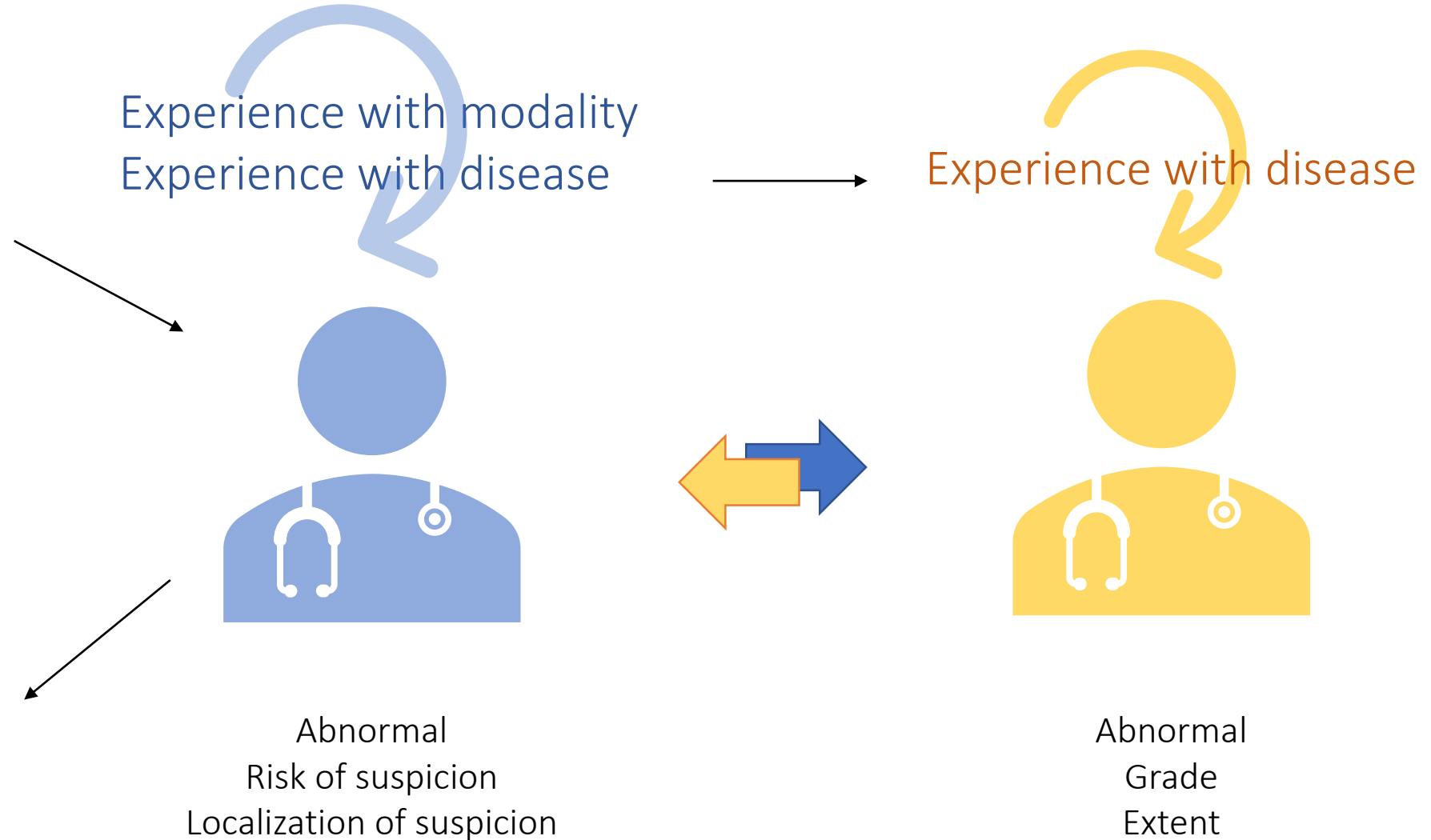
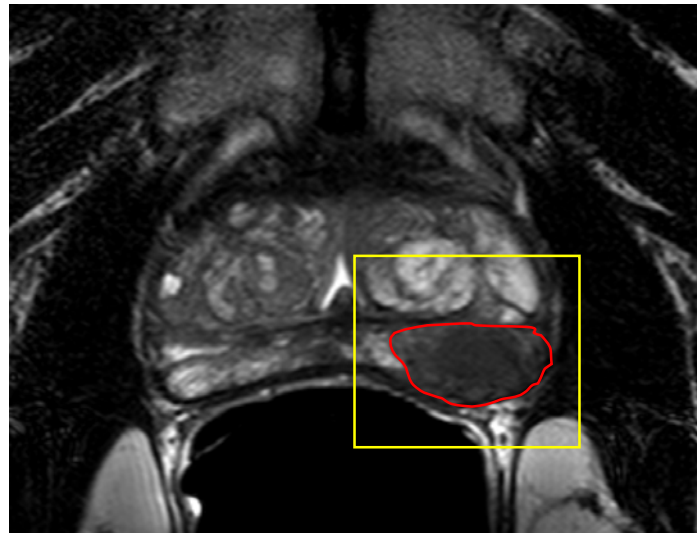
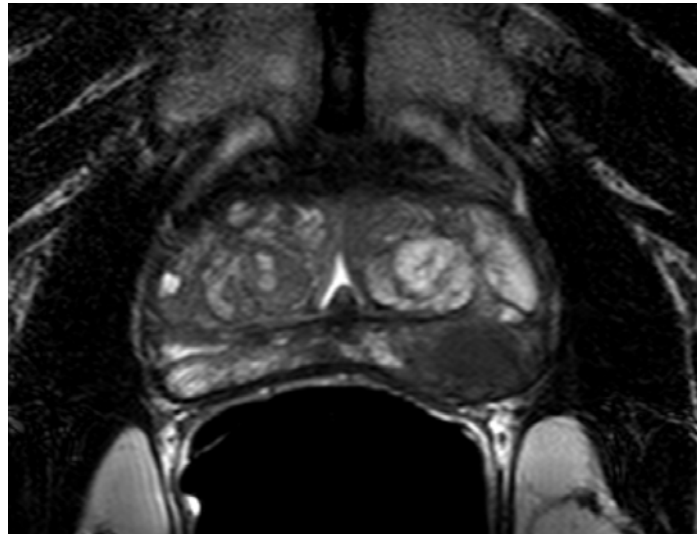
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# How do we define ground truth?

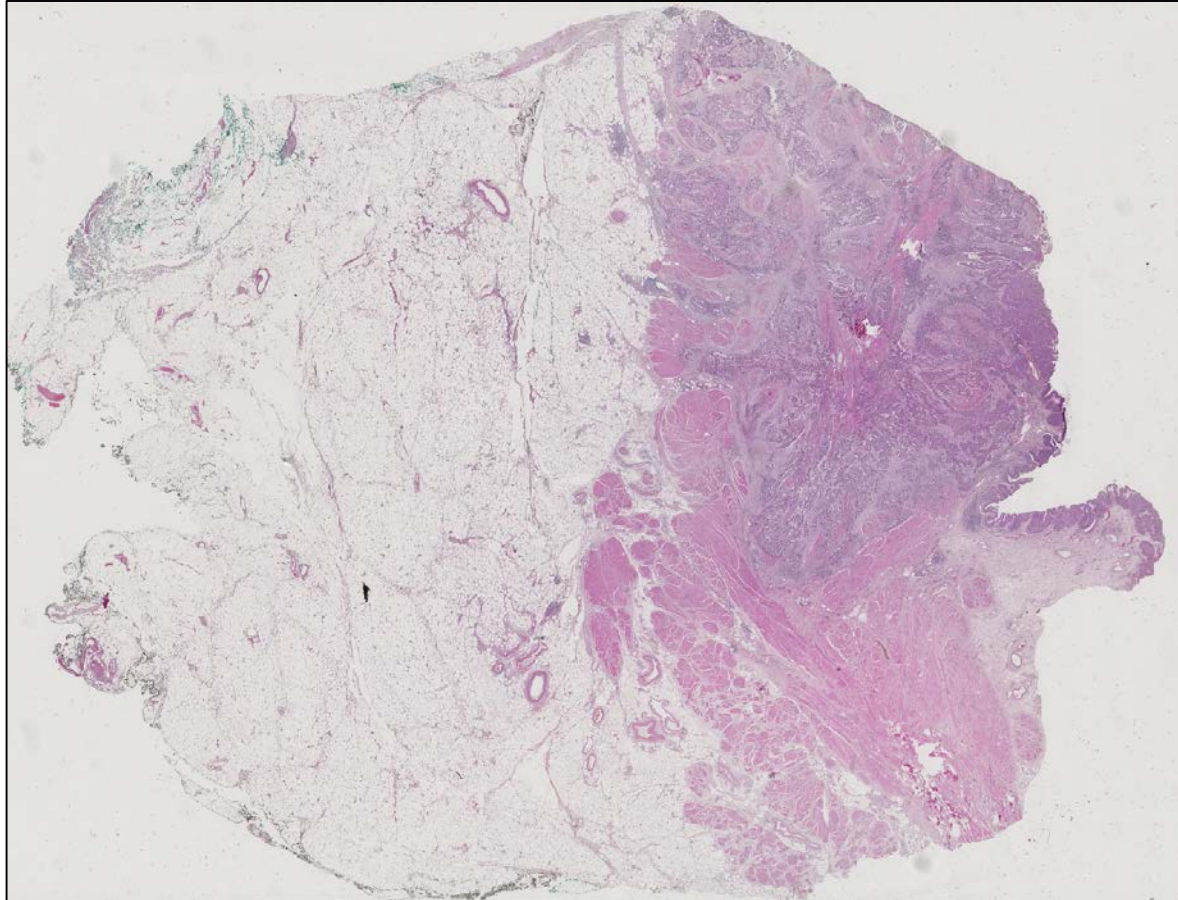


Radiology AI can depend on labeling/experience in both realms

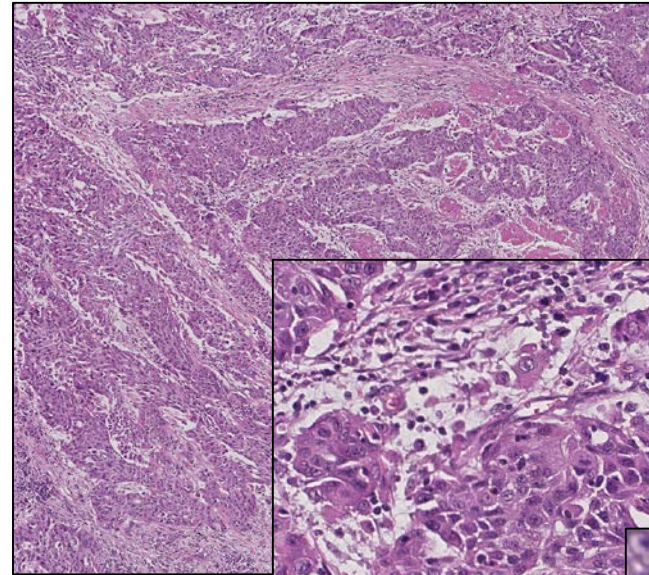
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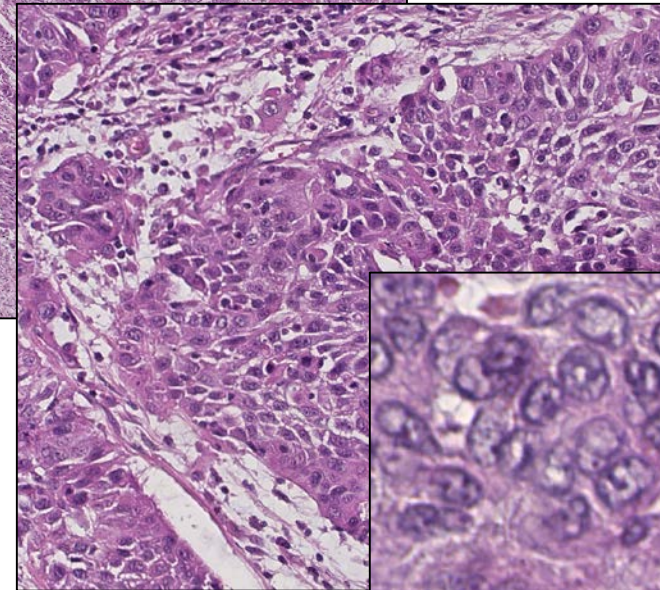
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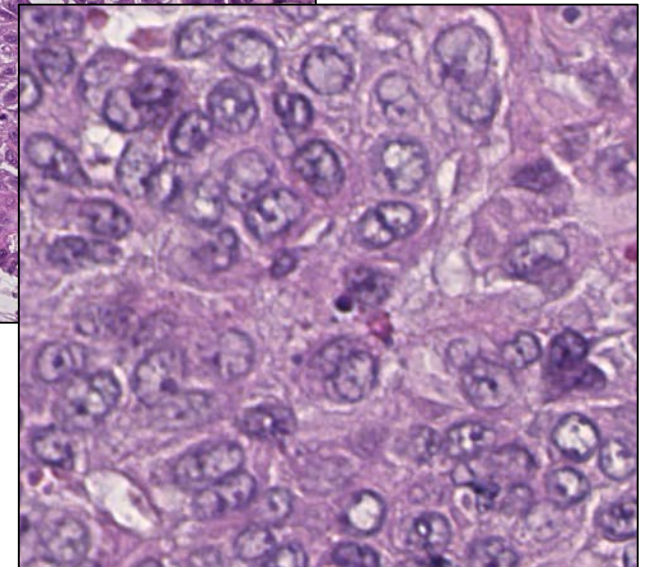
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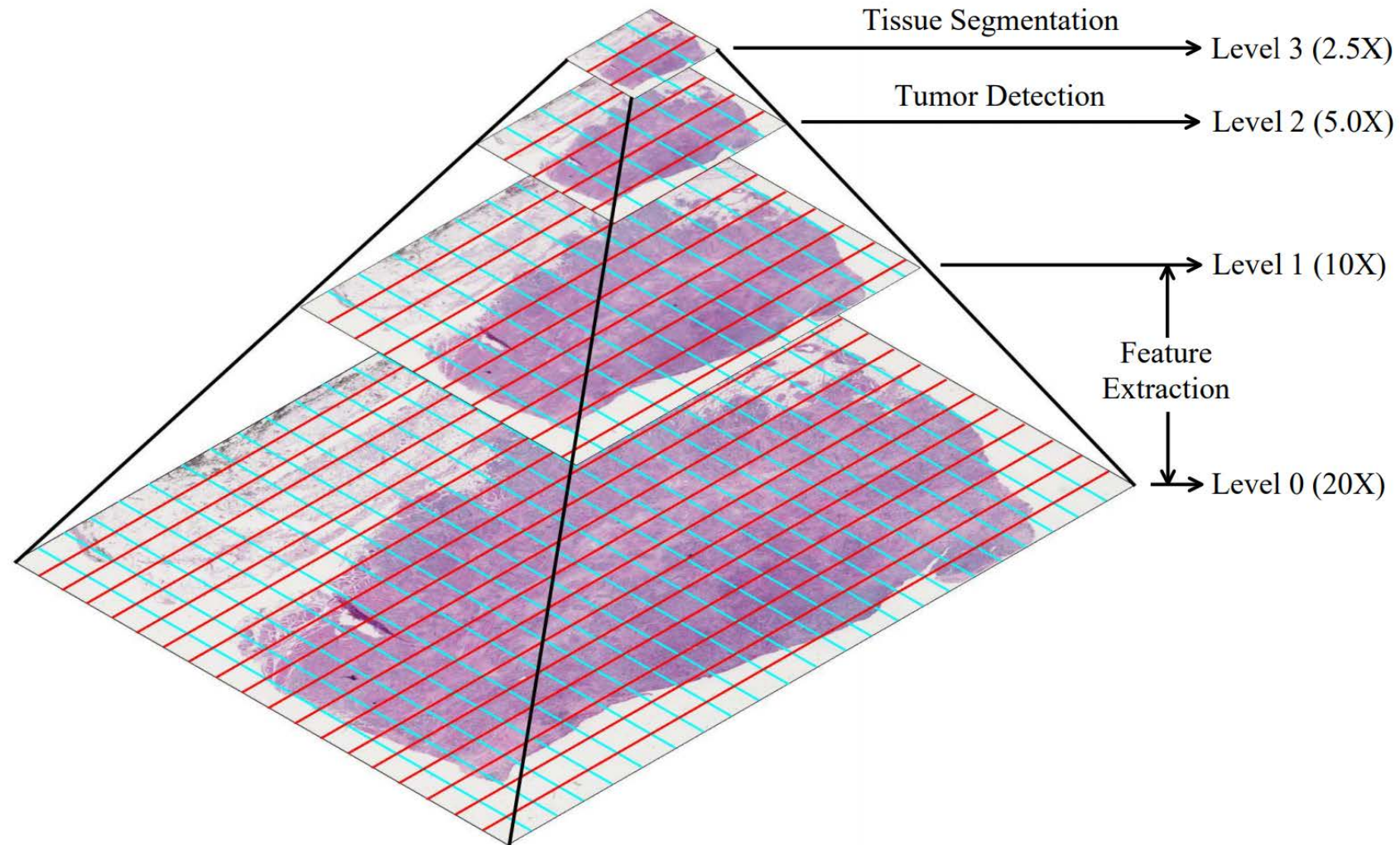
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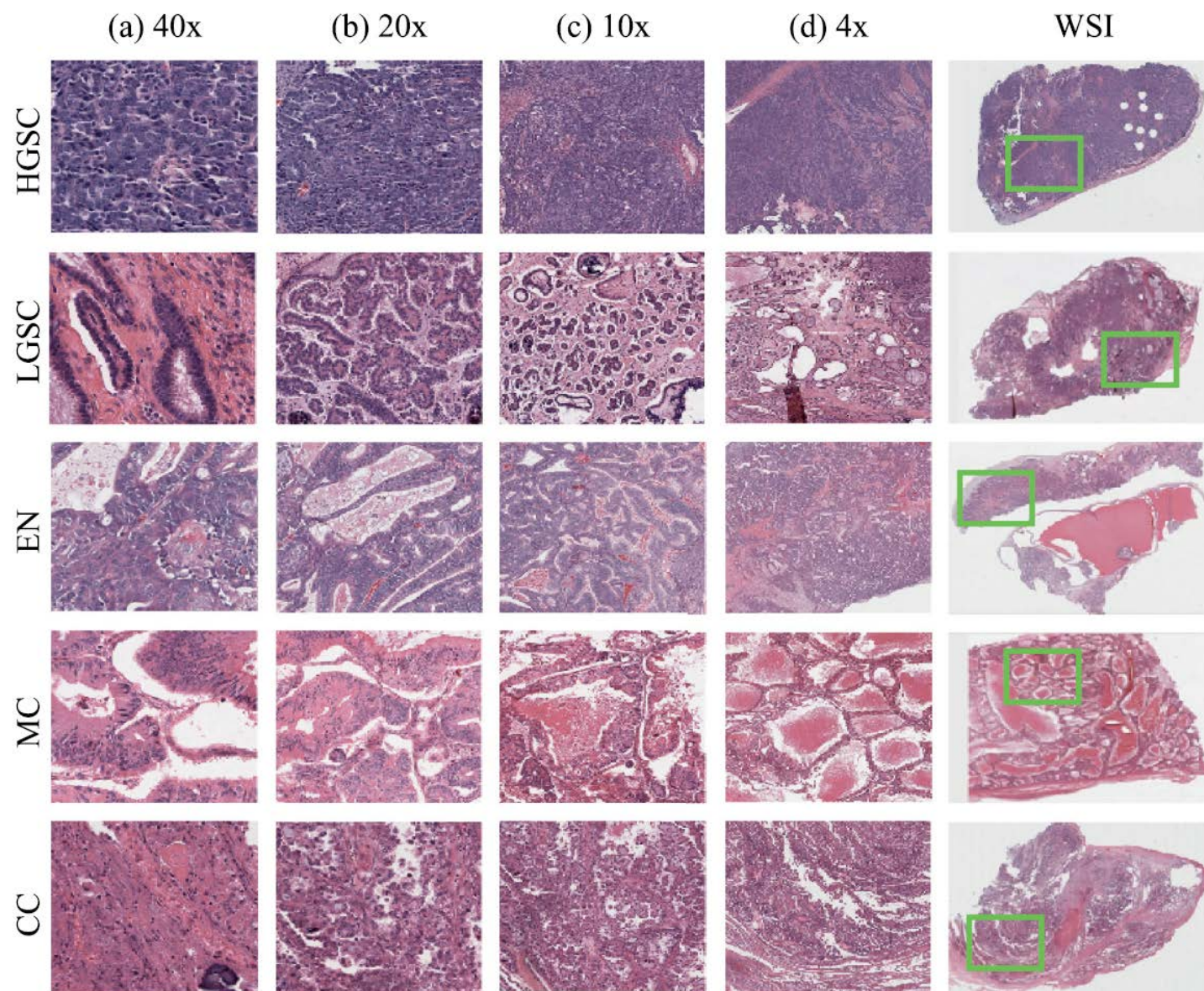
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# Digital pathology image structure

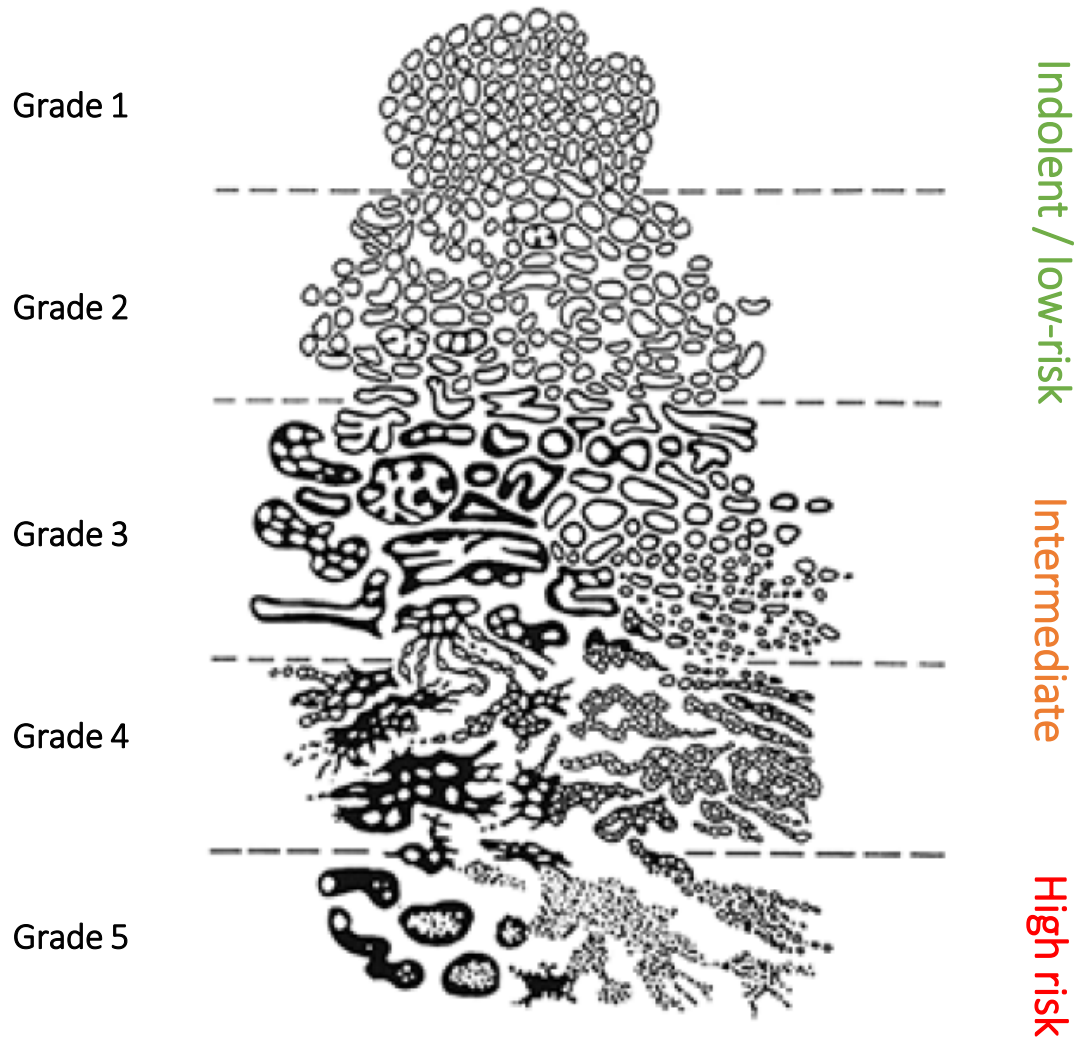


# Information at every level



# Pathological grading of prostate cancer

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- **Gleason Grading characterizes risk well on a population-level, but does little to inform on the patient-level**
  - Poor inter/intra-observer reproducibility
  - Gleason pattern 4 contain a biologically heterogenous group of cancers

# The devil's in the details: heterogeneity

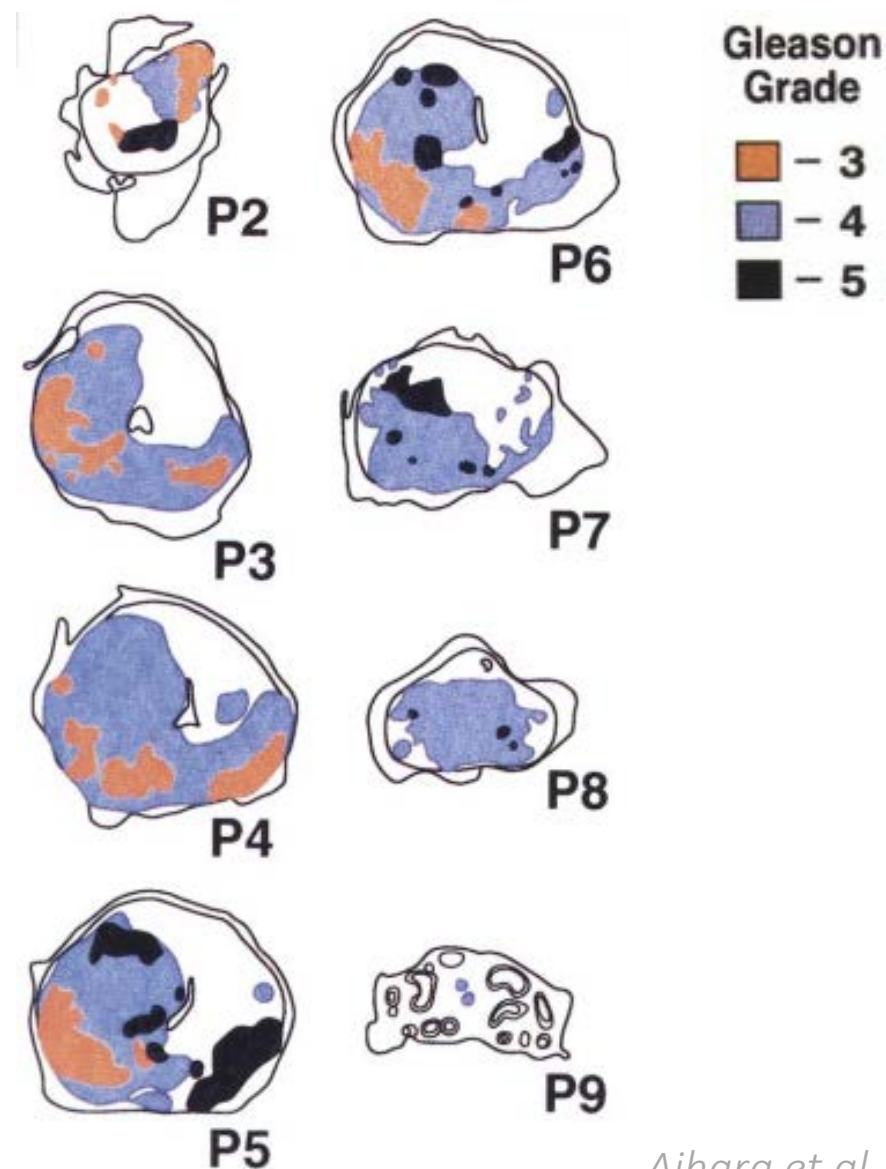
- 20-30% of men undergoing radical prostatectomy will be “upgraded” to higher grade compared to pre-surgical biopsy *Siddiqui et al, JAMA 2015*

- Sampling bias due to intra-tumoral heterogeneity

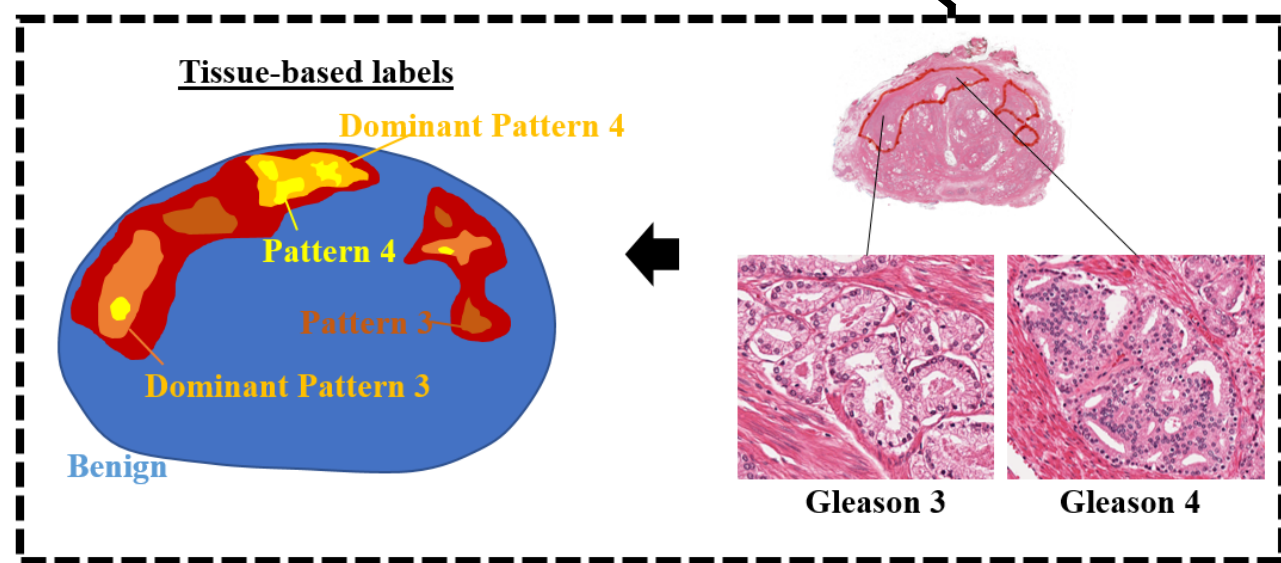
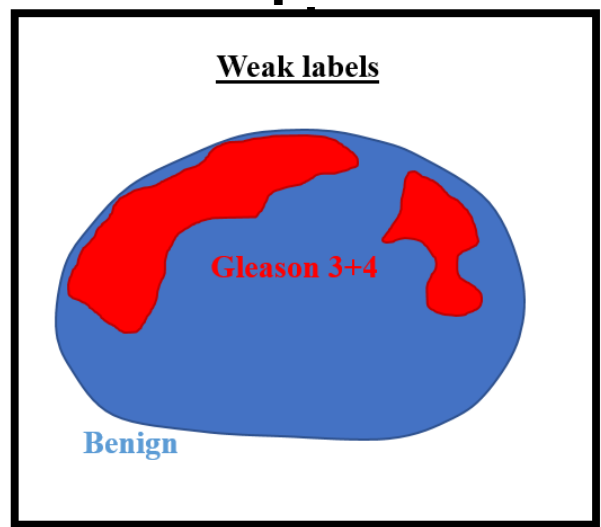
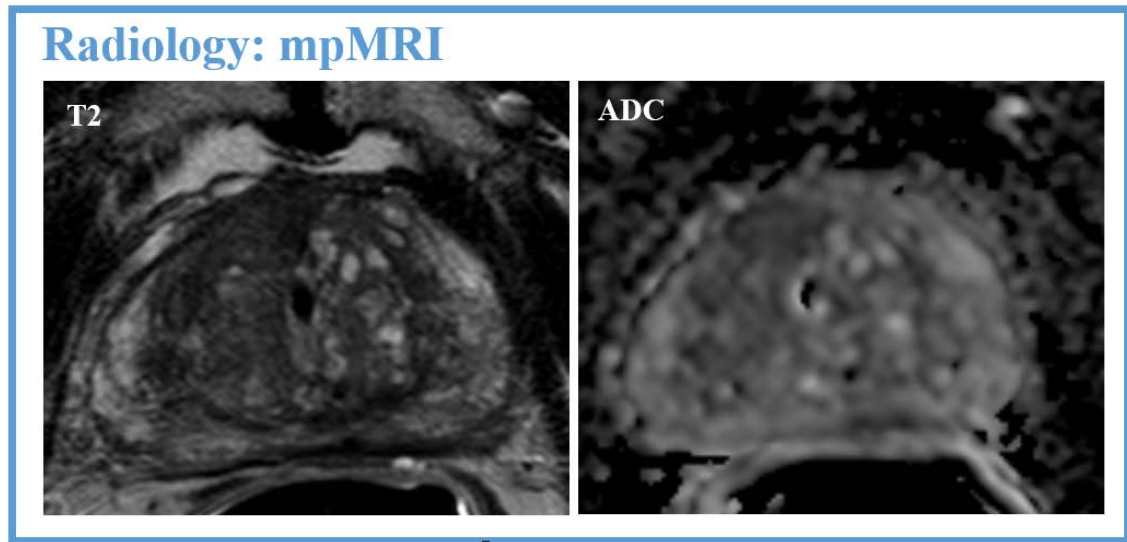
*Aihara et al, Urology 1994*

*El-Shater et al, Pros Can Pros Dis 2016*

*Mesko et al, Am J Clin Onc 2016*



# The devil's in the details: heterogeneity





# How to improve our labeling for radiology?

- Gland-level pathology annotation is prohibitively slow → can we use AI?

## SCIENTIFIC REPORTS

OPEN

### Automated Gleason grading of prostate cancer tissue microarrays via deep learning

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Eirini Arvaniti<sup>1,5</sup>, Kim S. Fricker<sup>2</sup>, Michael Moret<sup>1</sup>, Niels Rupp<sup>2</sup>, Thomas Hermanns<sup>3</sup>, Christian Fankhauser<sup>3</sup>, Norbert Wey<sup>2</sup>, Peter J. Wild<sup>2,4</sup>, Jan H. Rüschhoff<sup>2</sup> & Manfred Claassen<sup>1,5</sup>

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON MEDICAL IMAGING

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### Path R-CNN for Prostate Cancer Diagnosis and Gleason Grading of Histological Images

Wenyuan Li, *Student Member, IEEE*, Jiayun Li, Karthik V. Sarma, King Chung Ho, Shiwen Shen, Beatrice S. Knudsen, Arkadiusz Gertych, and Corey W. Arnold

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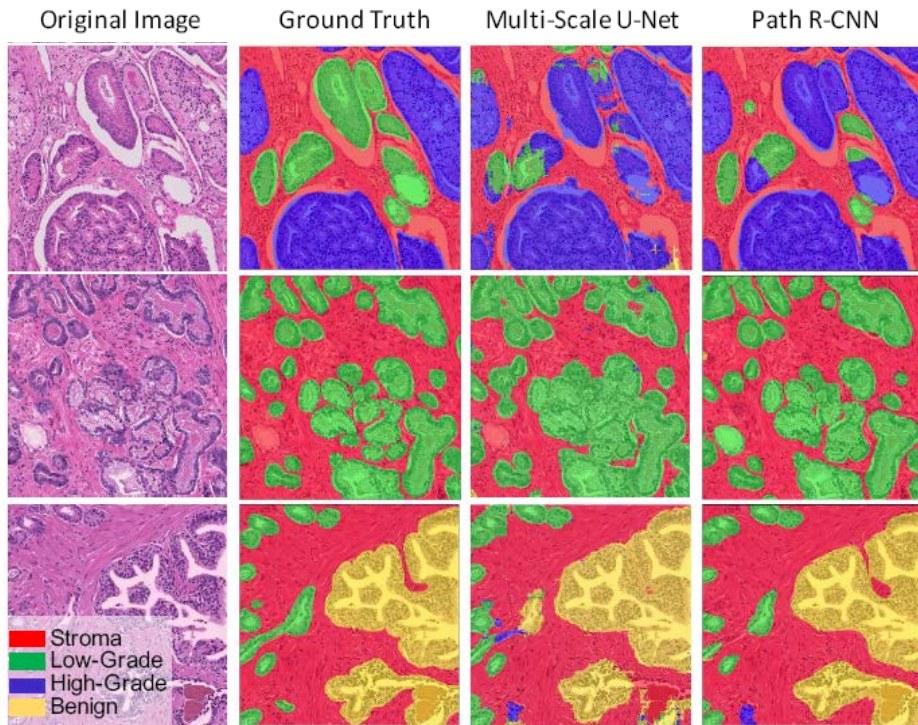
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Kunal Nagpal, Davis Foote, Yun Liu, Po-Hsuan (Cameron)Chen, Ellery Wulczyn, Fraser Tan, Niels Olson, Jenny L. Smith, Arash Mohtashamian, James H. Wren, Greg S. Corrado, Robert MacDonald, Lily H. Peng, Mahul B. Amin, Andrew J. Evans, Ankur R. Sangoi, Craig H. Mermel, Jason D. Hipp, Martin C. Stumpe

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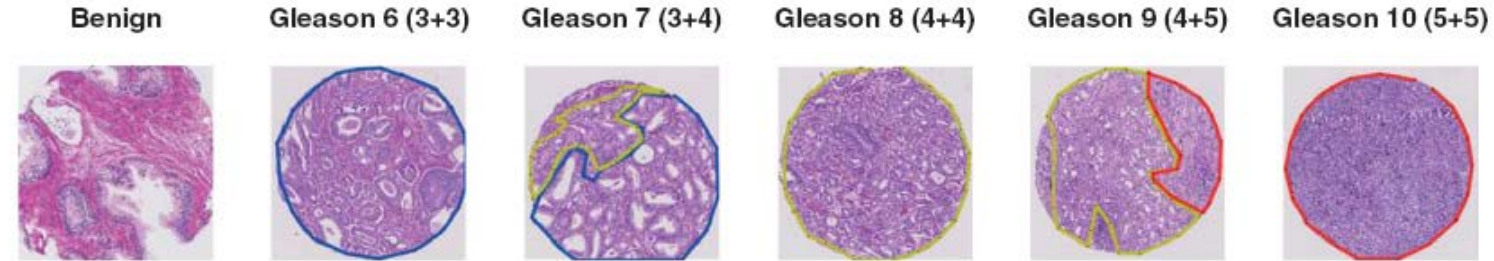
# AI for pathologic grading in prostate cancer

Li et al, IEEE TMI 2018

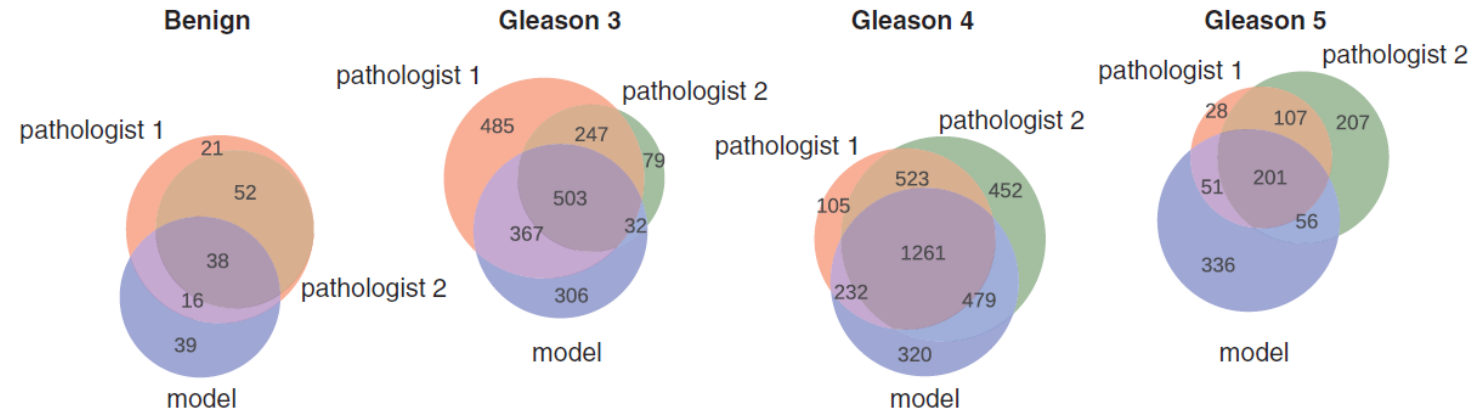


Performance: 71-83% for benign to high grade  
 Pros: highly trained expert  
 Cons: small dataset (<1000 tiles from 40 patients)

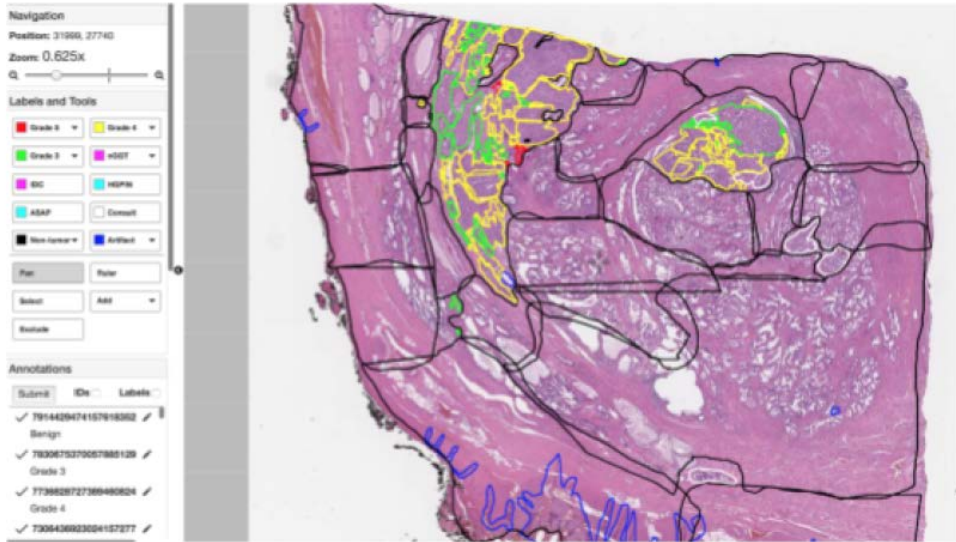
Arvanti et al, Sci Reps 2018



Performance: 70% classification  
 Pros: large dataset  
 Cons: lack of tissue heterogeneity in tissue microarrays

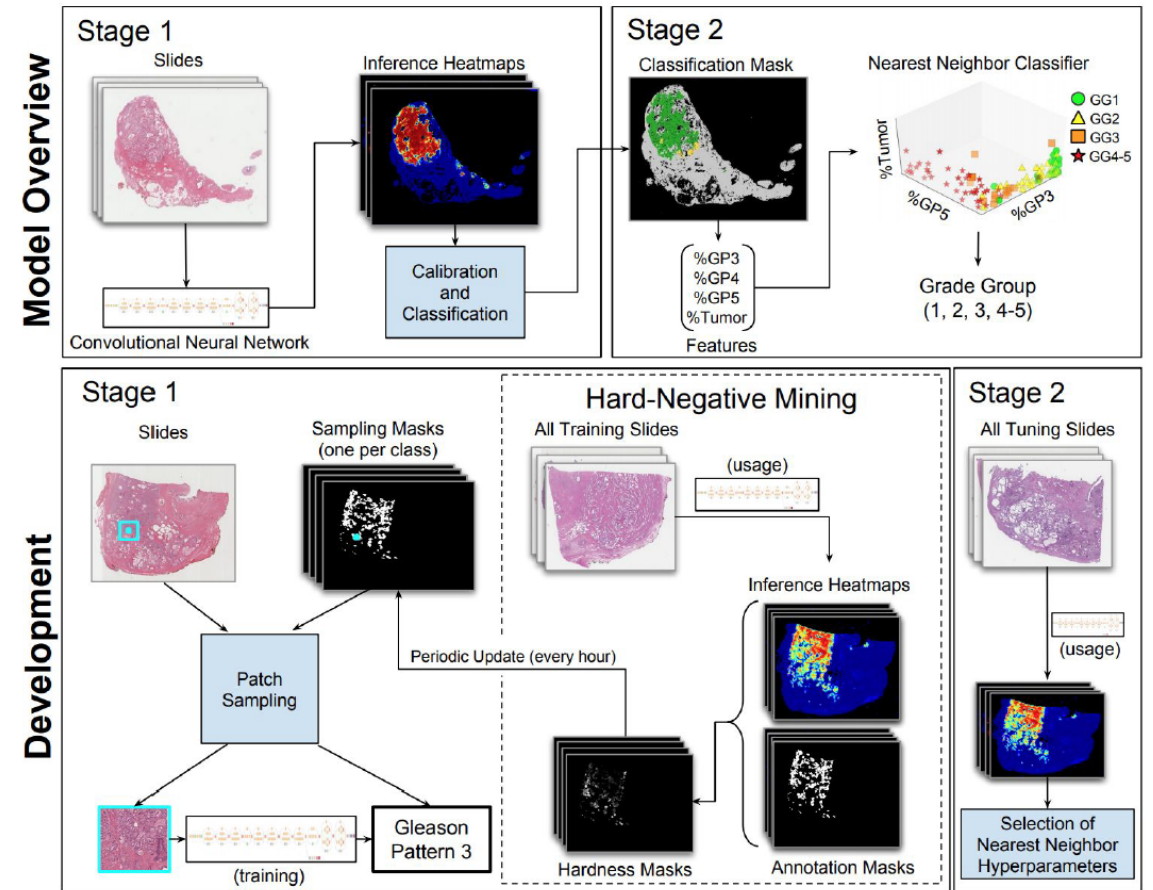
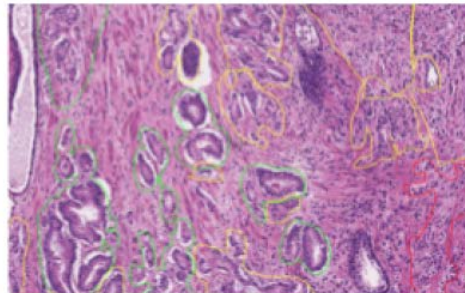
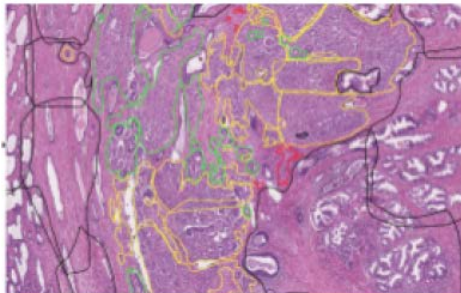


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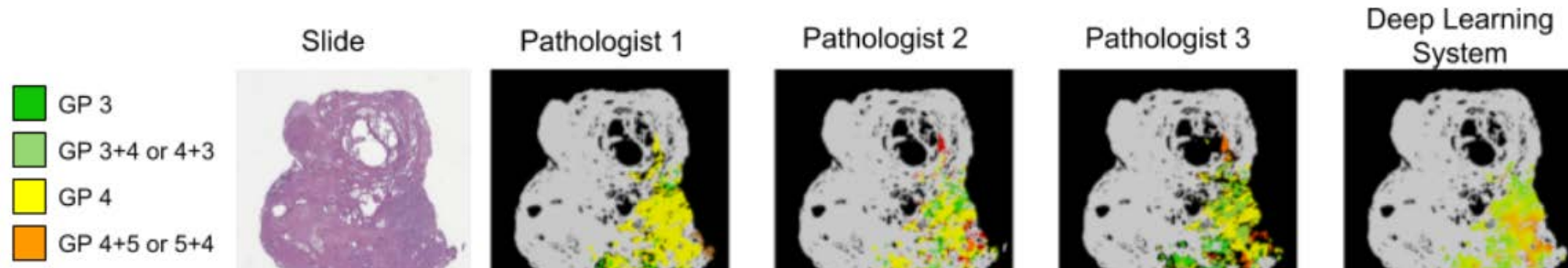


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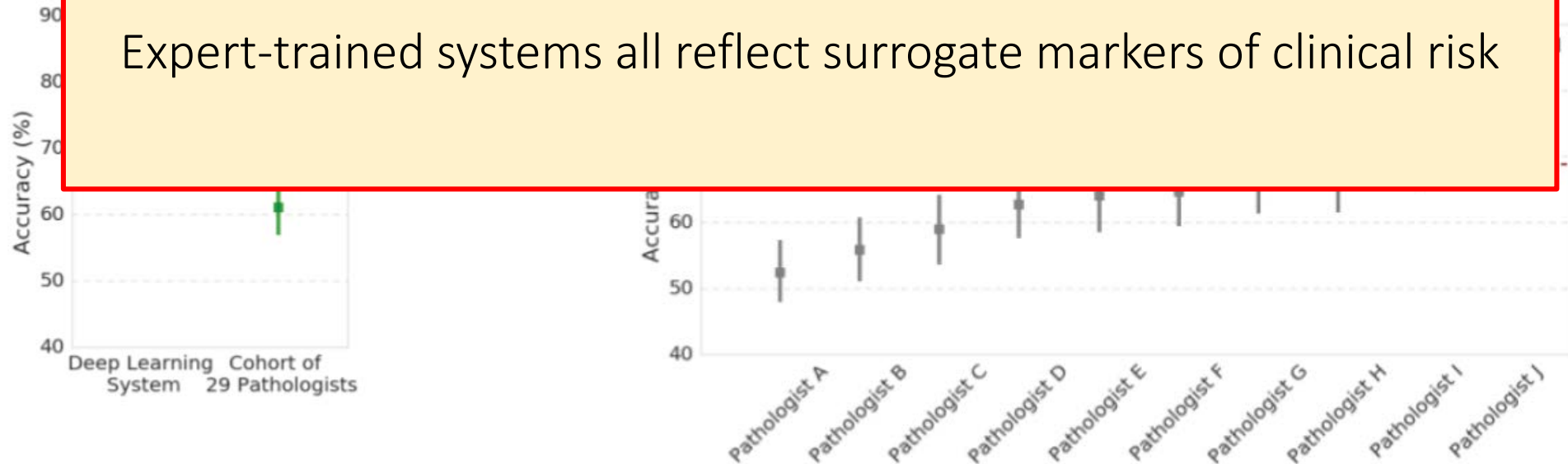


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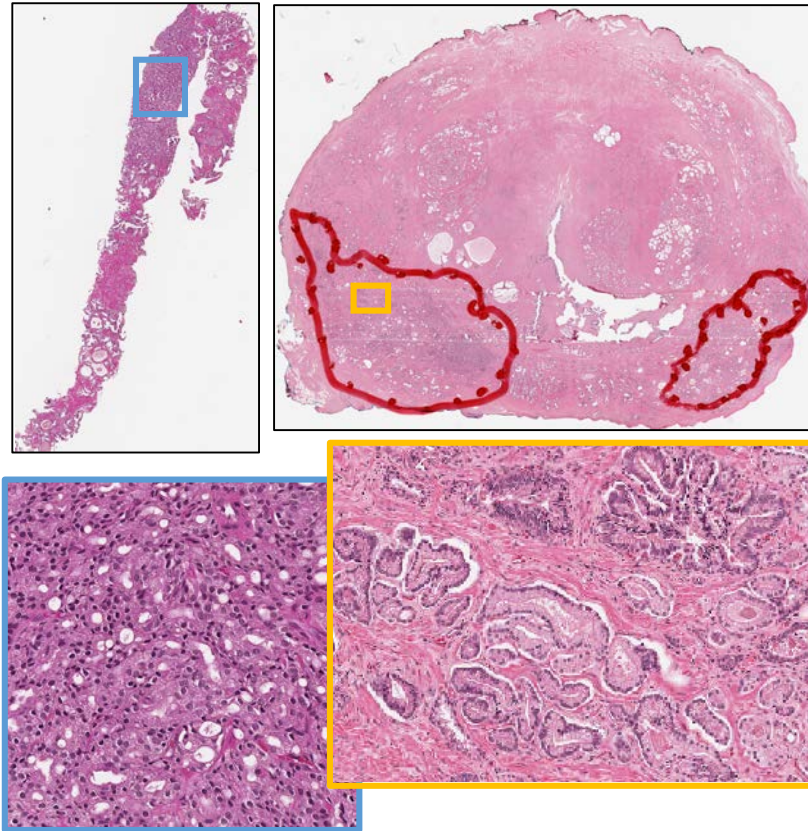
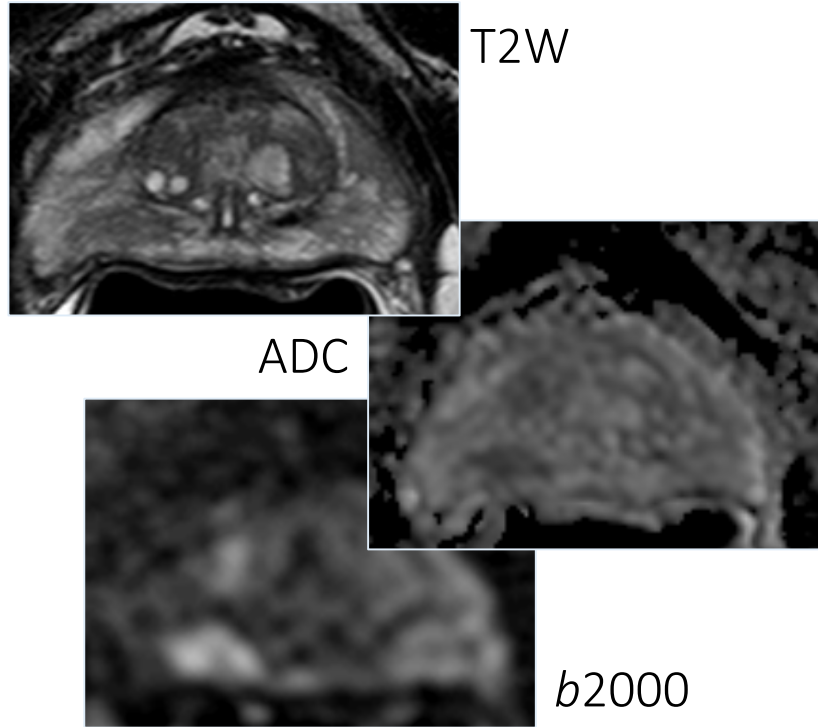


What are we trying to accomplish?

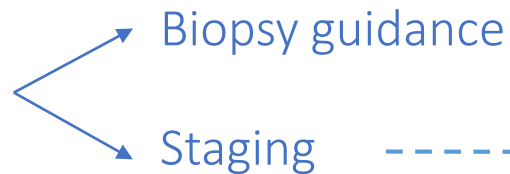
Expert-trained systems all reflect surrogate markers of clinical risk



# The goal is the same: outcome



Detection  
Risk Scoring



Detection  
Grading

## Clinically-relevant outcomes

### Treatment decision

need for treatment  
type of treatment  
extent of treatment

### Treatment response

surgical outcomes  
disease monitoring

### Treatment outcome

time to failure  
drug sensitivity

### Metastatic potential

time to progression  
detection of mets

### Patient outcome

morbidity  
mortality

# Predicting features of poor outcome: with an expert

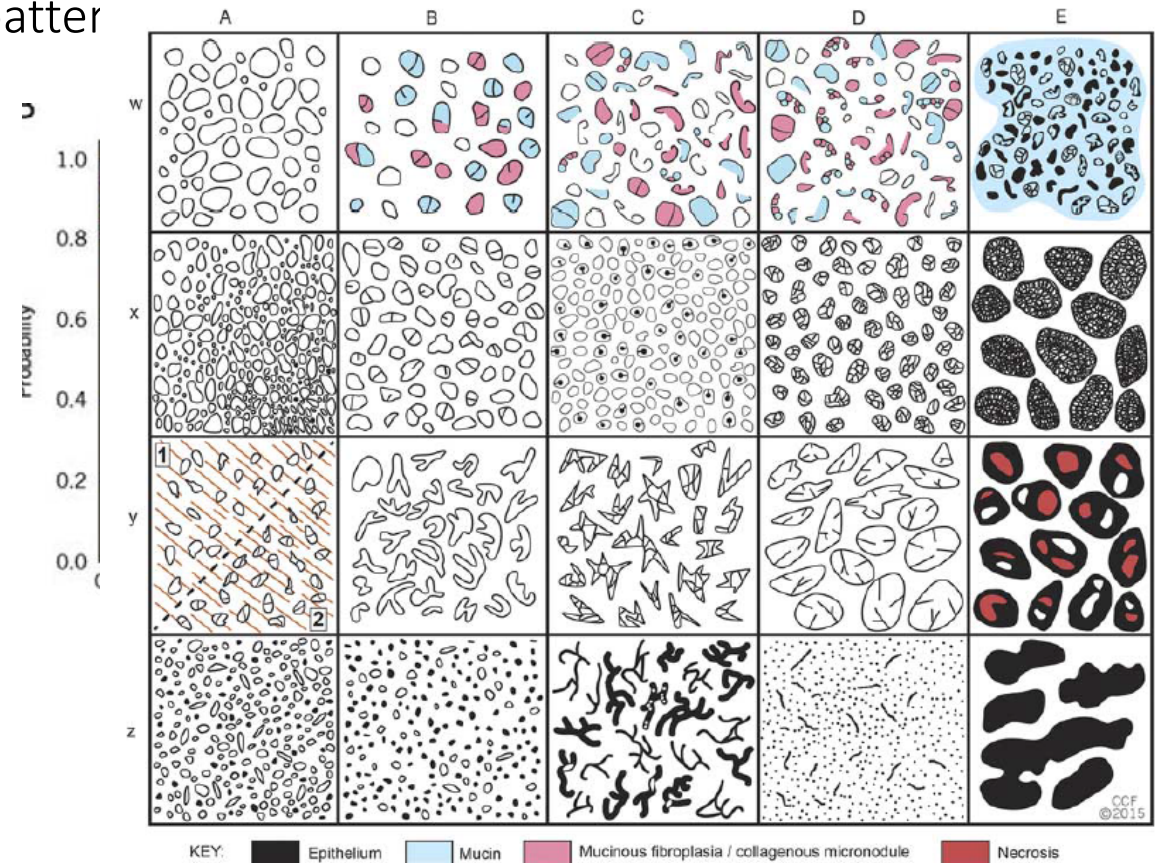
- Gleason score assignment by current consensus guidelines are not entirely optimized for clinical risk stratification
  - Focal poorly formed gland and cribriform pattern

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Histologic Grading of Prostatic Adenocarcinoma Can Be Further Optimized

*Analysis of the Relative Prognostic Strength of Individual Architectural Patterns in 1275 Patients From the Canary Retrospective Cohort*

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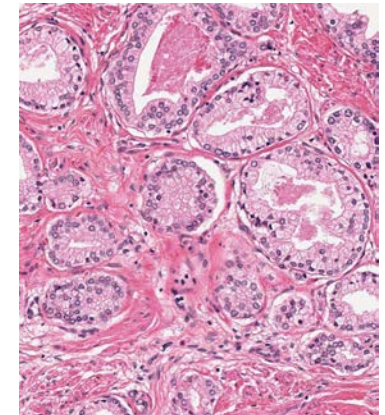
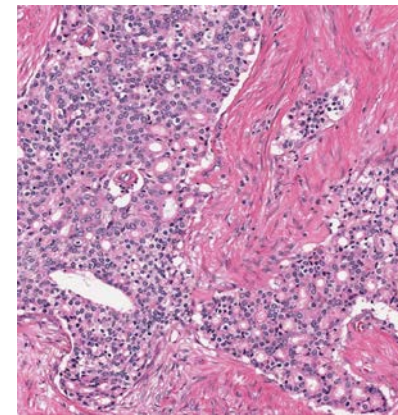
- 5394 local annotations of all histologic architectures (N=21 patients)
- 8 histological patterns independently associated with poor outcome



Sliding-window based binary classification

*High risk*

*Low/Intermediate*

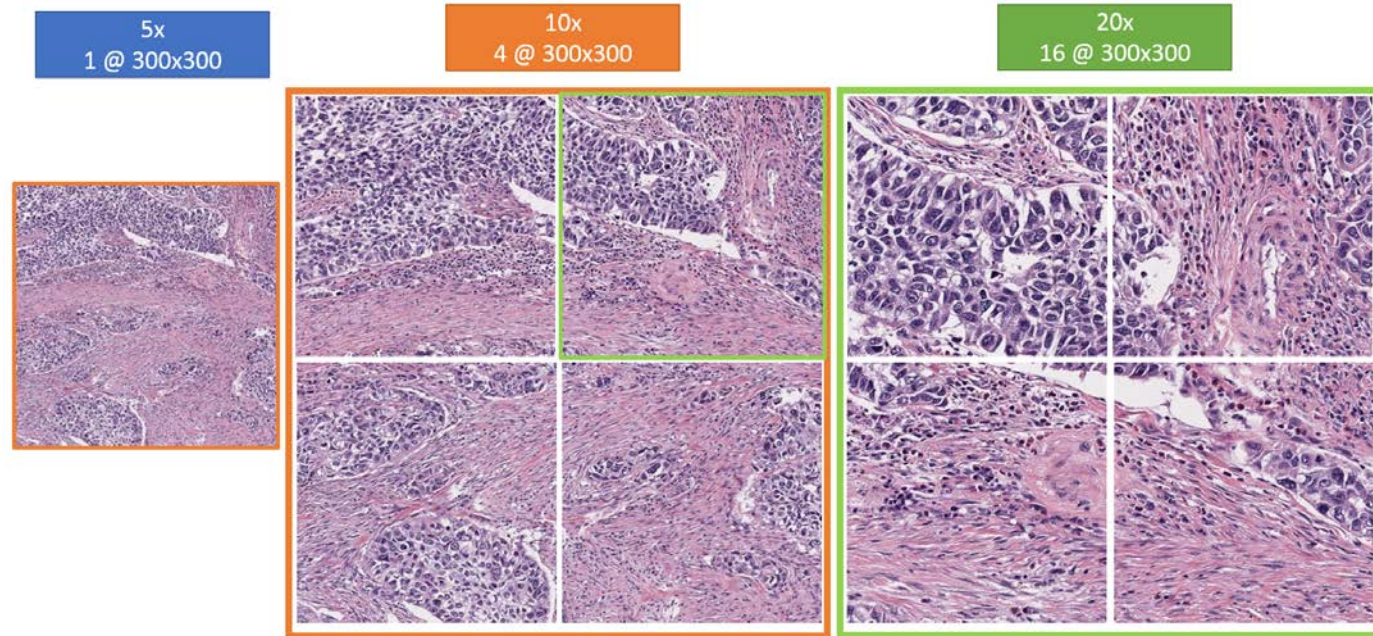
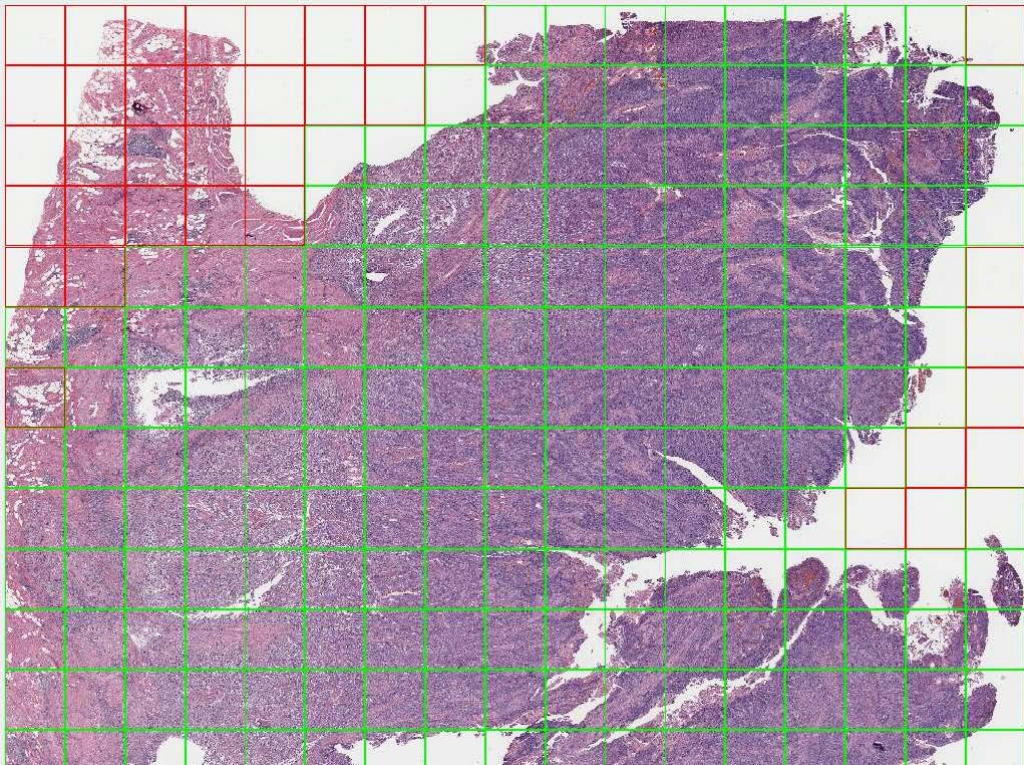


Patch-level validation set accuracy: 95%

Patch-level test set accuracy: 94%

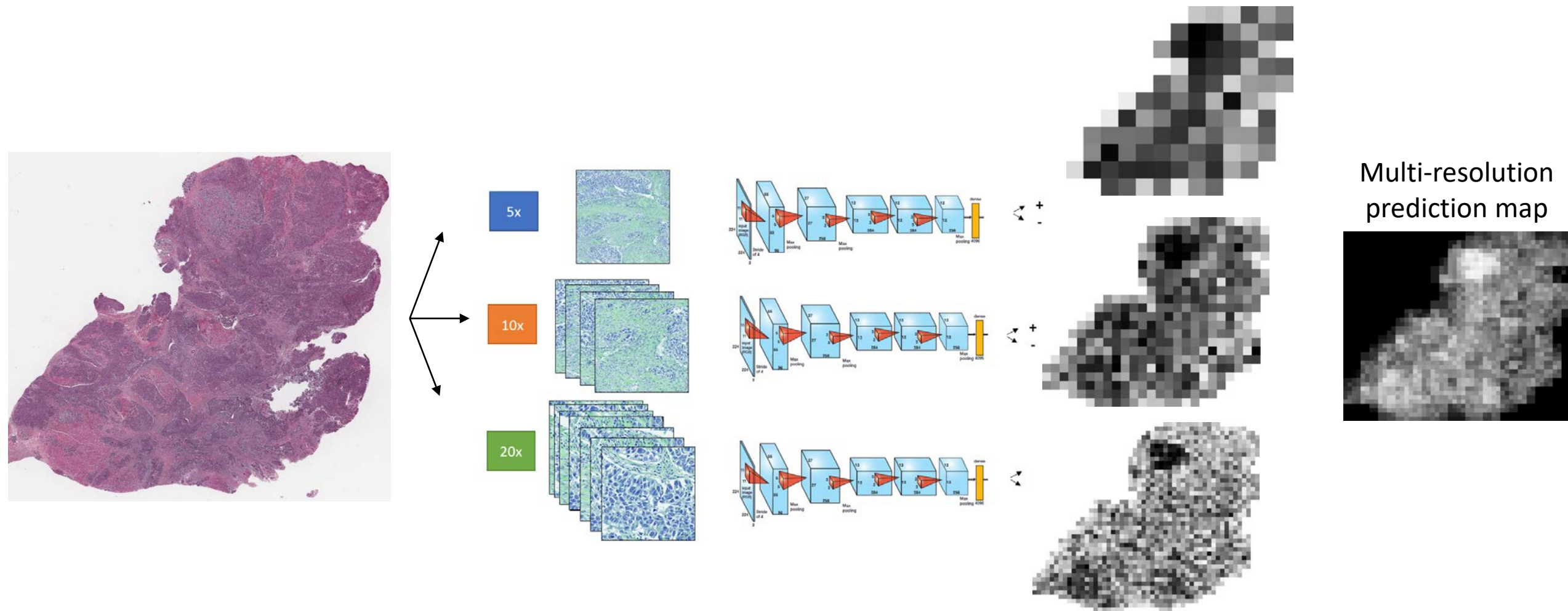
# Direct prediction of poor outcome

- Can we predict metastatic potential directly from the images?
- TCGA: 287 bladder cystectomy samples with digital imaging + pathologic outcomes from 26 centers

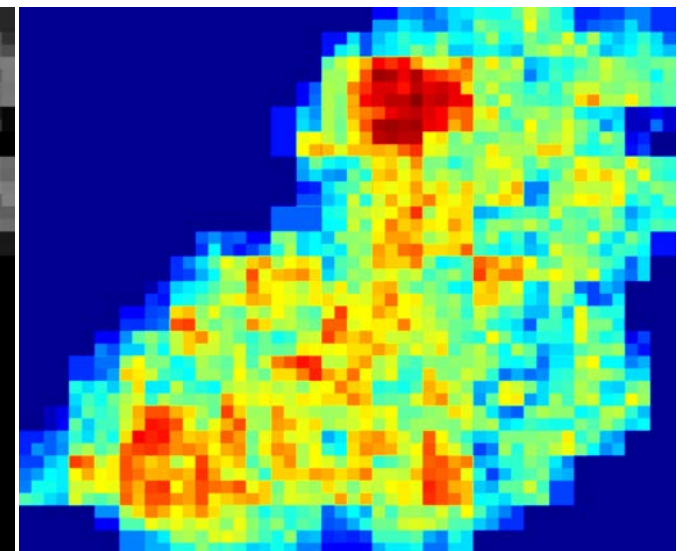
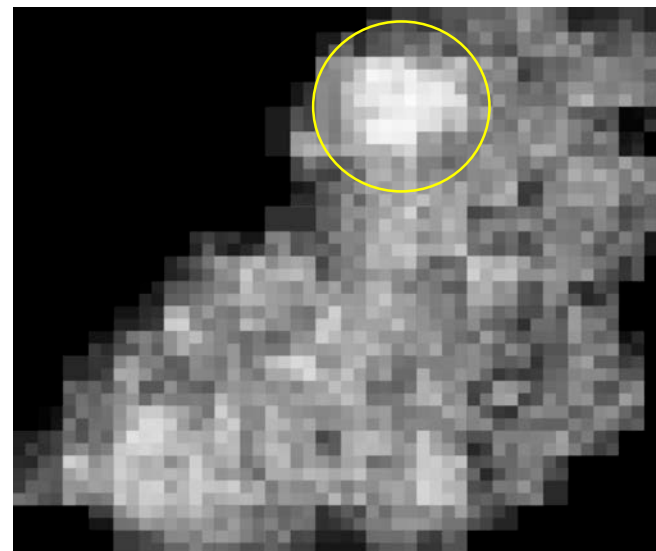
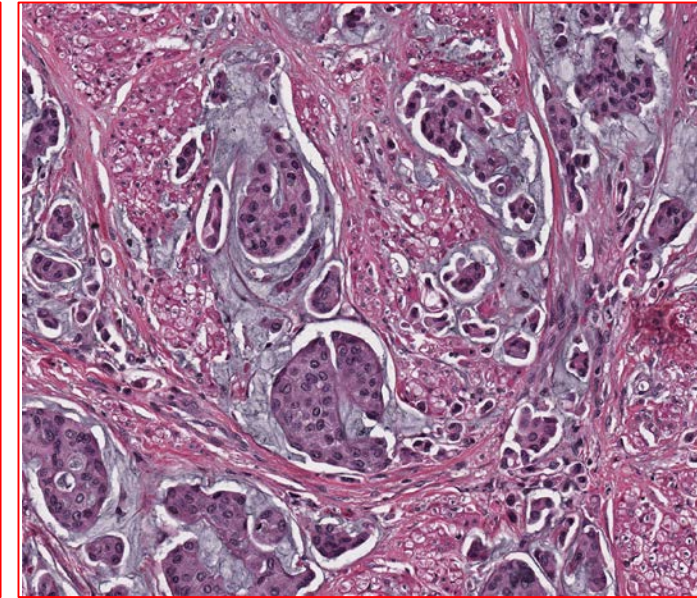
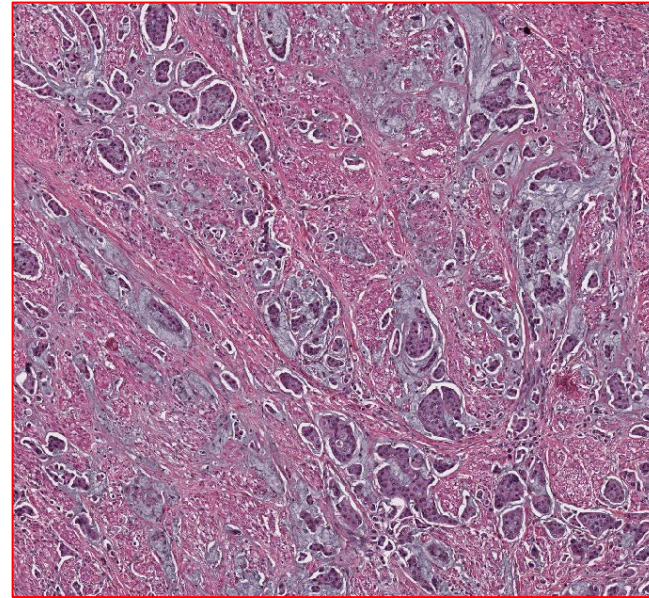
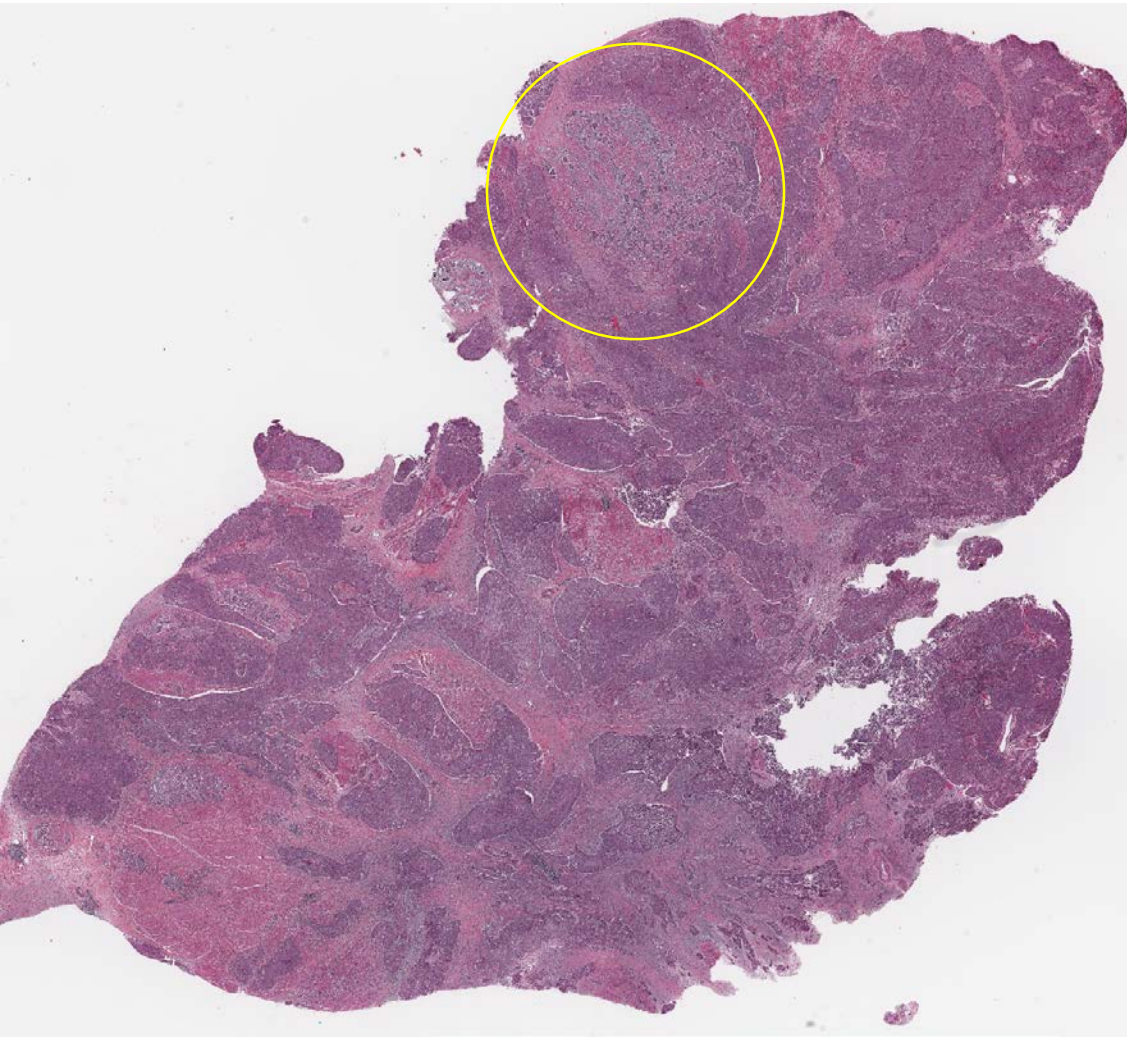




# Direct prediction of poor outcome



# Mapping features of poor outcome



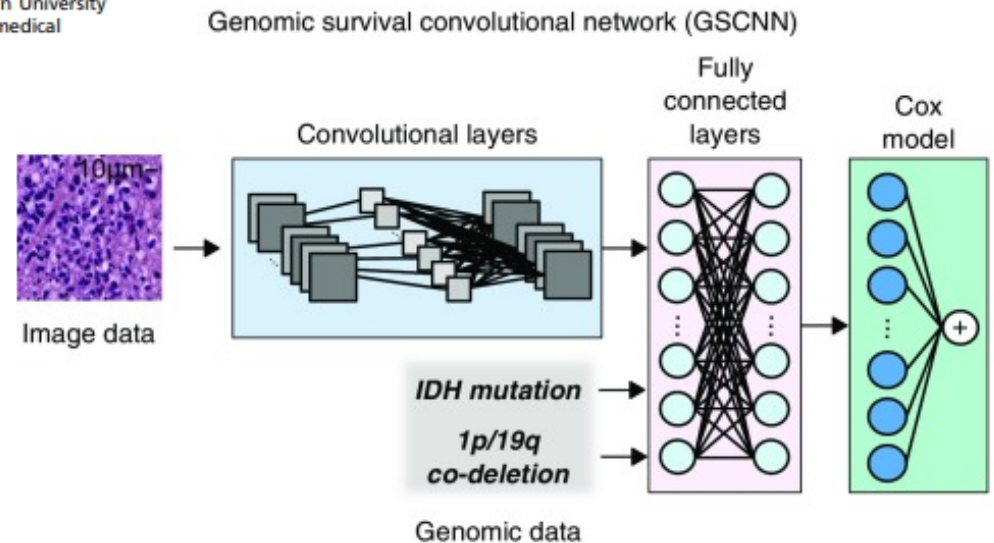
# Multi-modality AI

- Ultimately, outcome is a function of several factors  
clinical/demographic, histology, genomics, etc...

## Predicting cancer outcomes from histology and genomics using convolutional networks

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# Big Picture

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- Pathology departments are an untapped resource of medical imaging data
- Reproducibility is in the eye of the beholder:
  - AI in clinical medicine is limited by annotations more than data
  - Expert-based systems continually evolve
- The applications are different but the goal is the same: prognosis



# Big Picture: how do we enable the next generation?

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## Clinical Education

- The expert knows best
- The system is limited by the impact

## Scientific Innovation

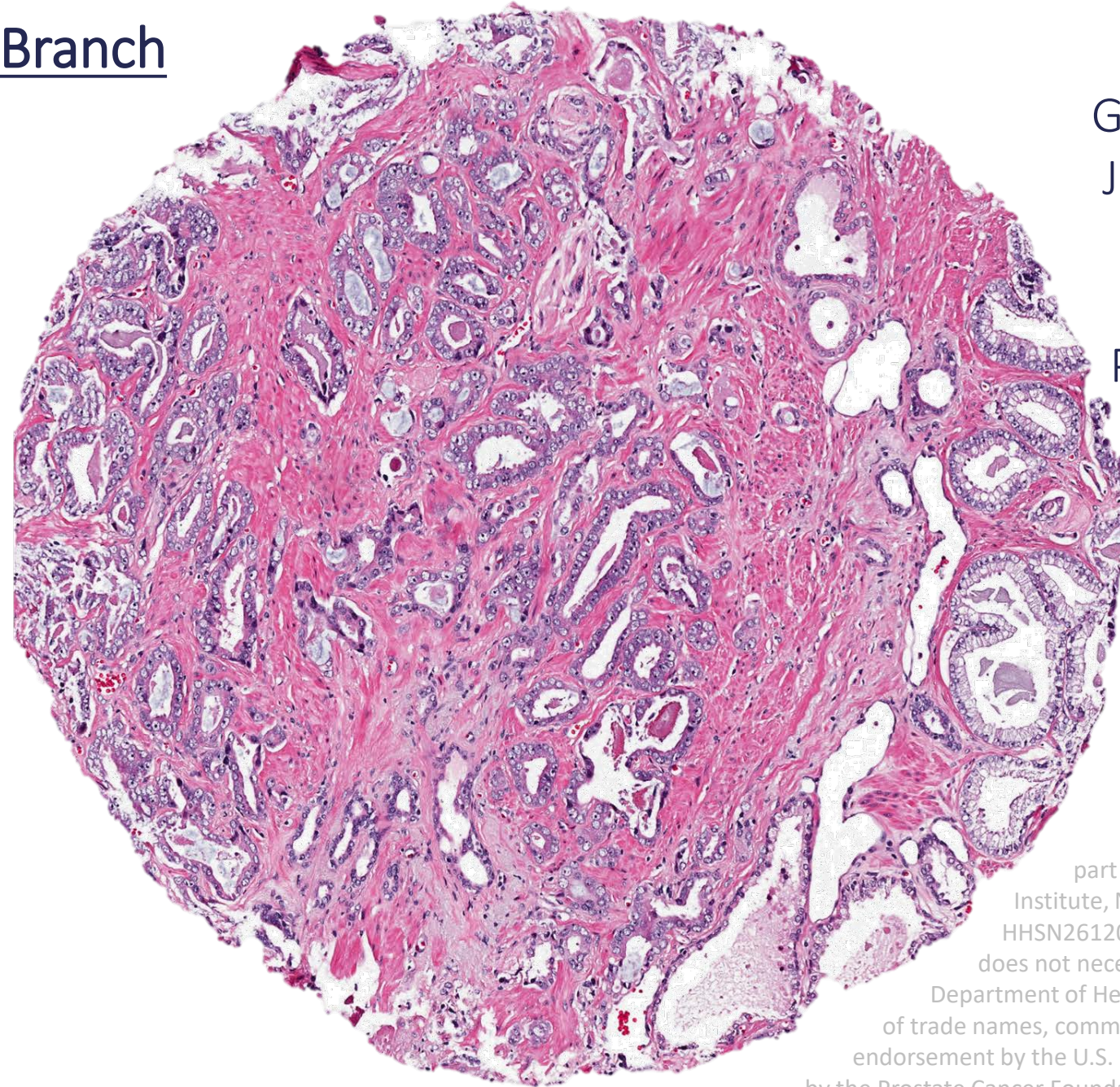
- Big data requires big ideas
- Integration of multi-modality information is complex

## Infrastructure

There is no substitute for data  
curation  
...and outcomes

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