

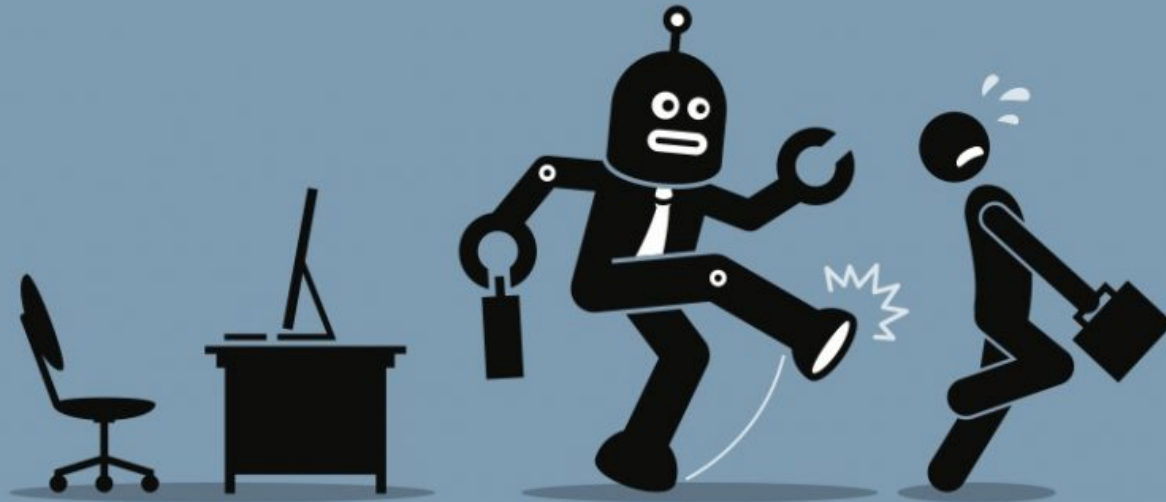
# Artificial Intelligence in Prostate Cancer Diagnostics

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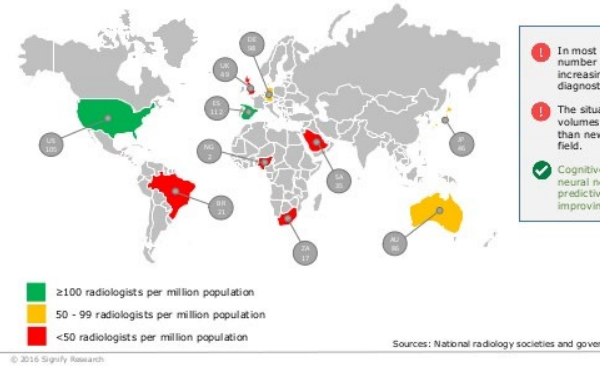
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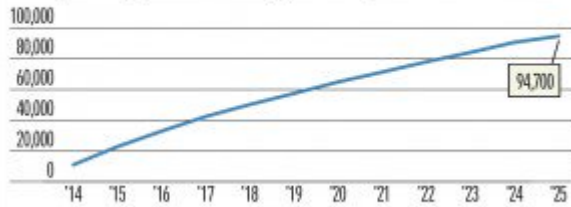


## Reason 1 - Shortage of radiologists in many countries



## Not Enough Doctors

Anticipated physician shortage for all specialties

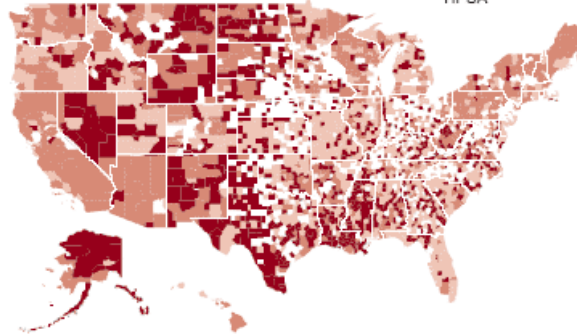


Source: Association of American Medical Colleges

## Most areas lack doctors

The current shortage of U.S. physicians is about 16,000, which affects about 35 million people. As of September 2005, there were 5,594 Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA).

Had a population-group HPSA  
 Had a partial-county geographic HPSA  
 Was a whole-county geographic HPSA  
 Did not have a geographic or population-group HPSA



SOURCE: GAO analysis of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and U.S. Census Bureau data AP

# 3%

of histopathology departments have enough staff to meet demand.

The Royal College of Pathologists  
Pathology: the science behind the cure

## Shortage of pathologists



11.3% decrease in active physicians in pathology 2010 - 2015<sup>1</sup>



63.2% of active physicians in pathology are ages 55 or older<sup>1</sup>

## Increasing workload



44% of pathologists work overtime weekly<sup>1</sup>



Number of tests applied are increasing<sup>1</sup>



Cancer projections are growing<sup>1</sup>



24% having to outsource services weekly<sup>1</sup>



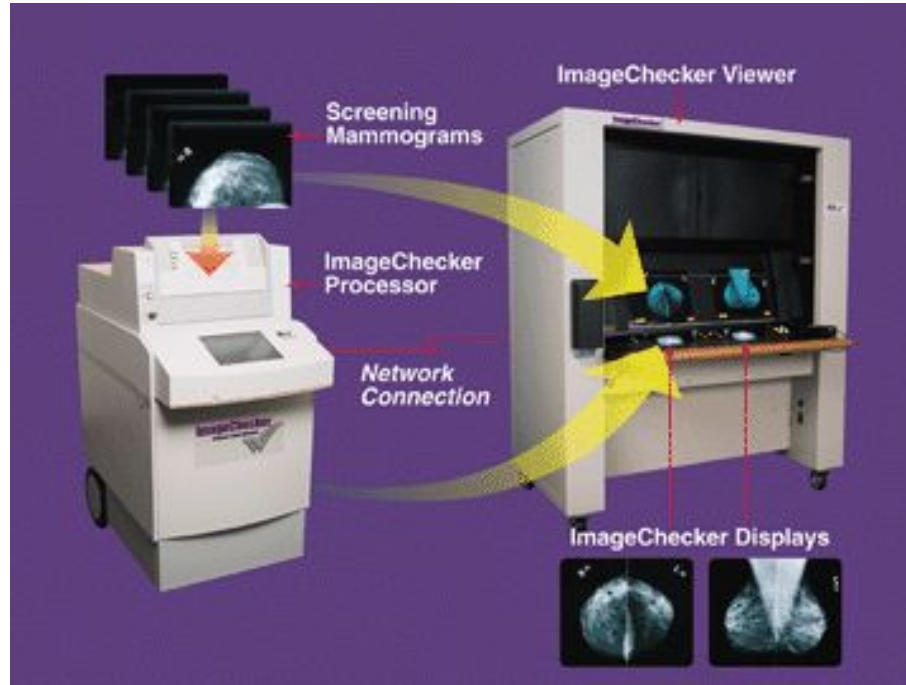
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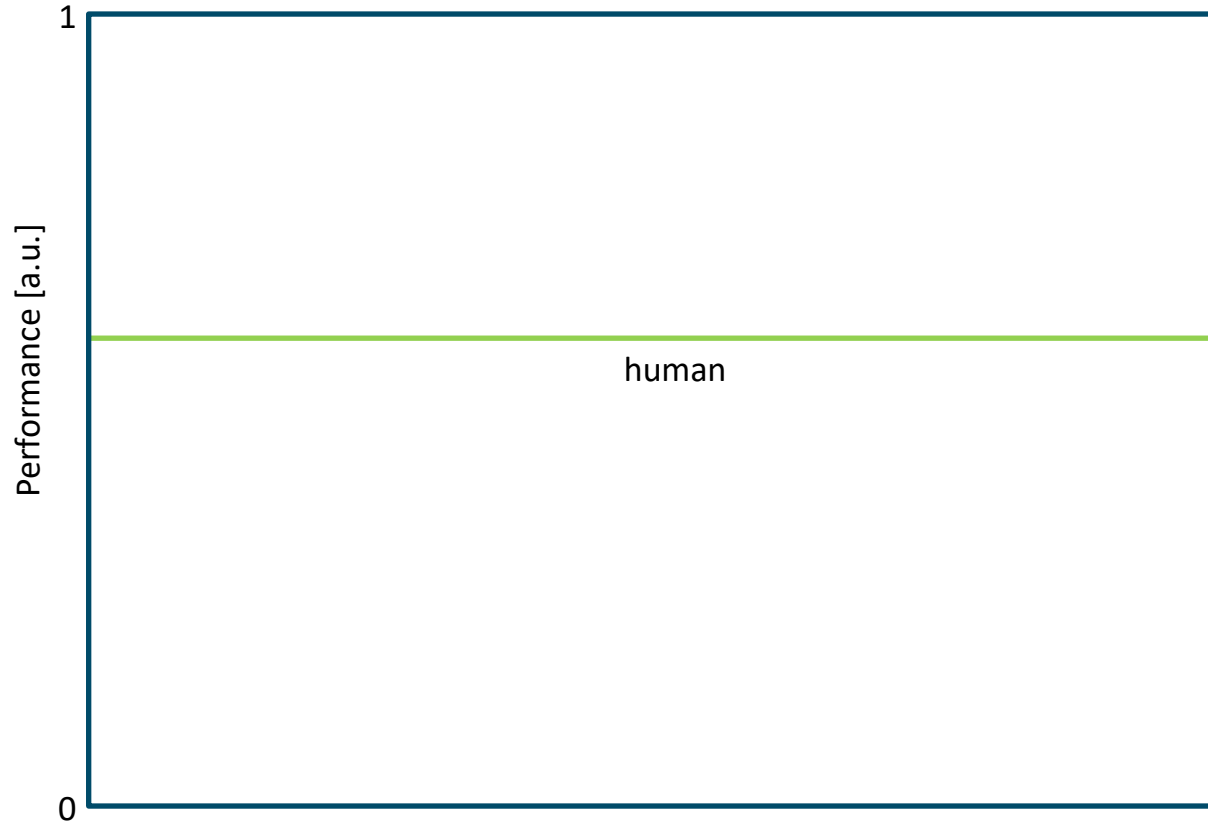
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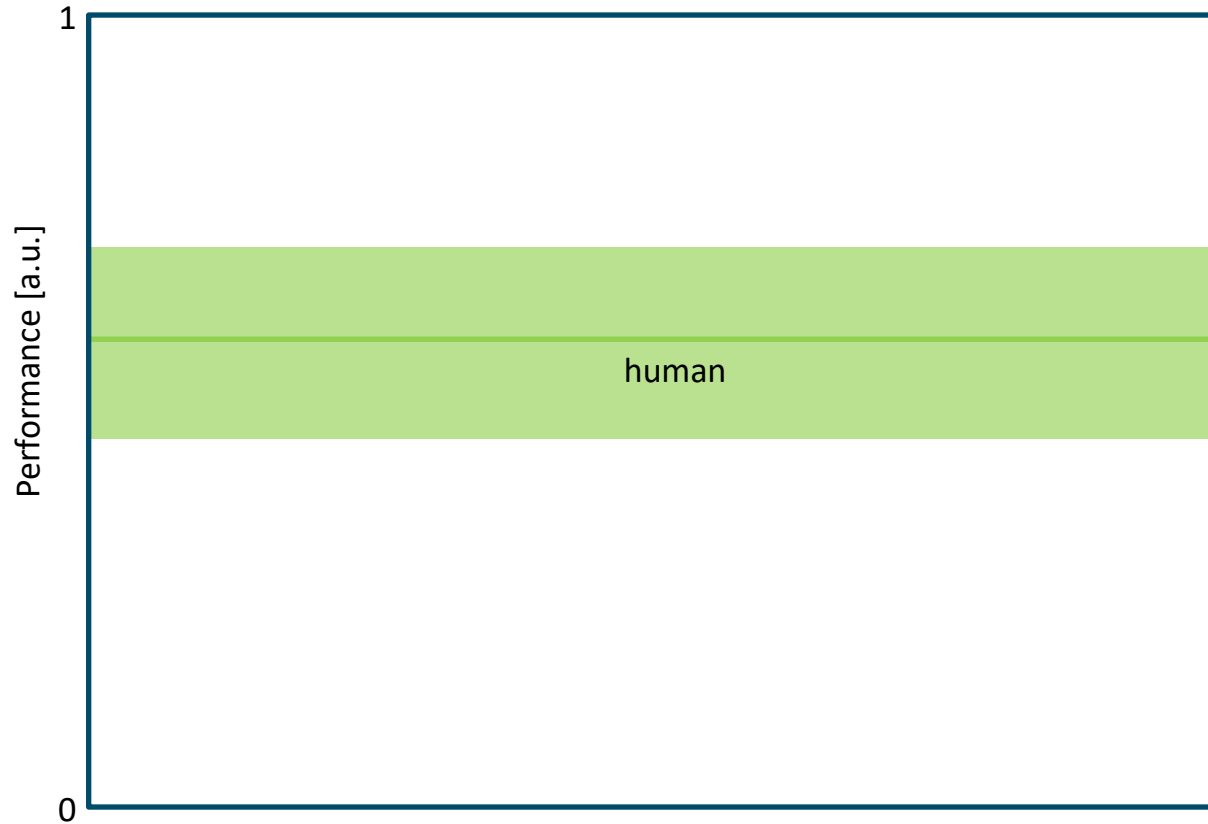
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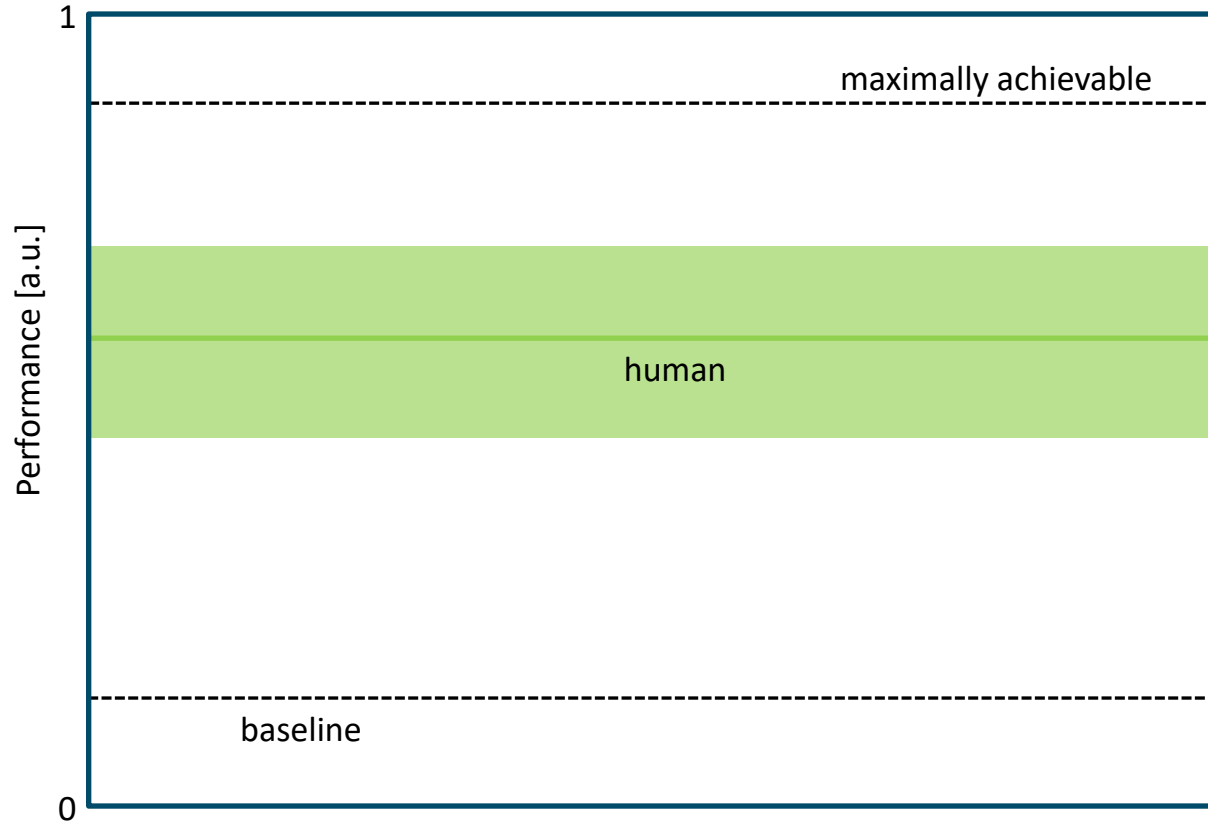
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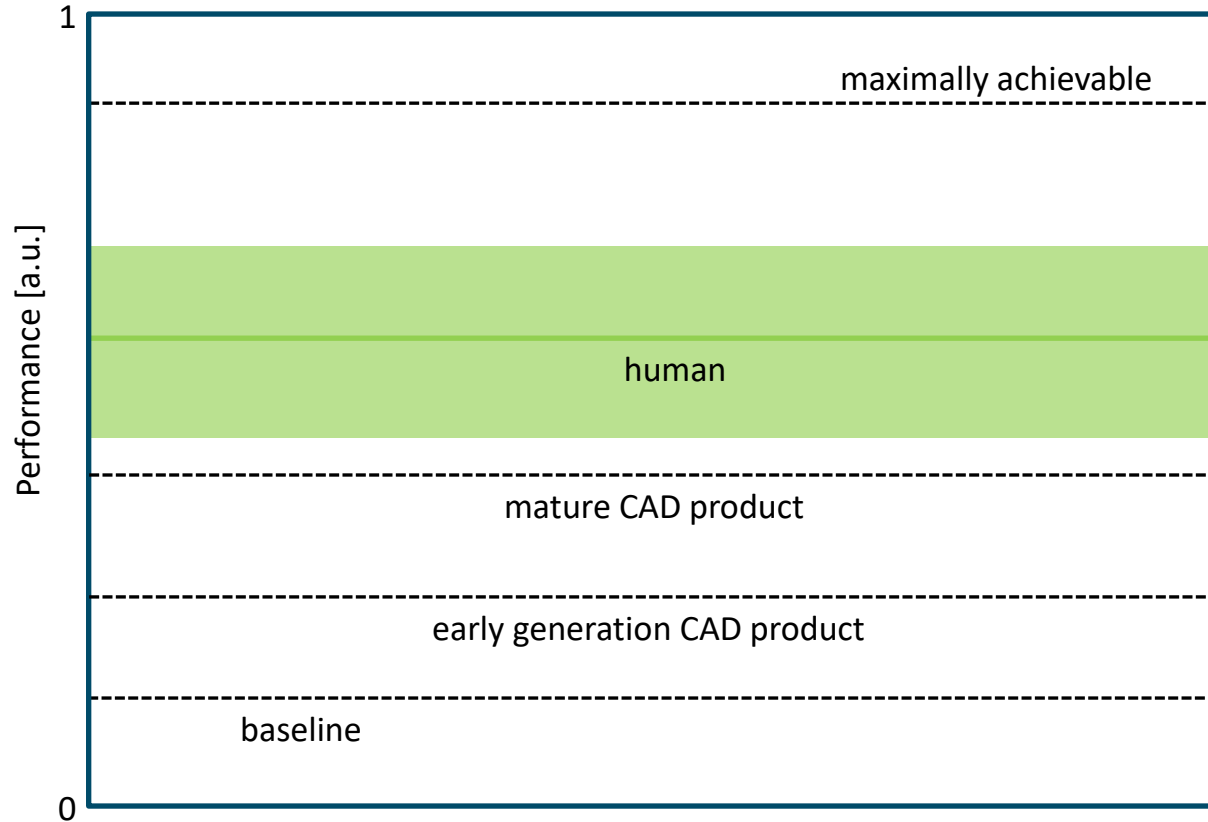
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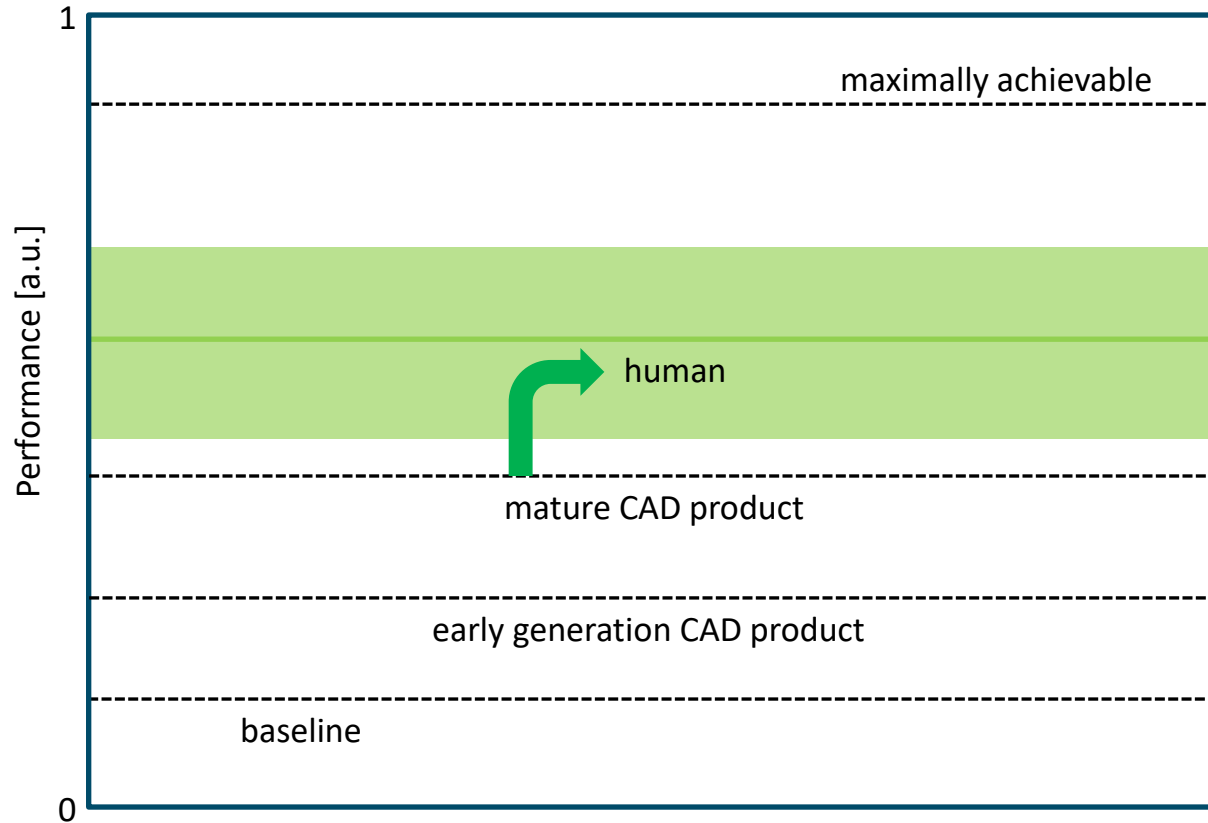
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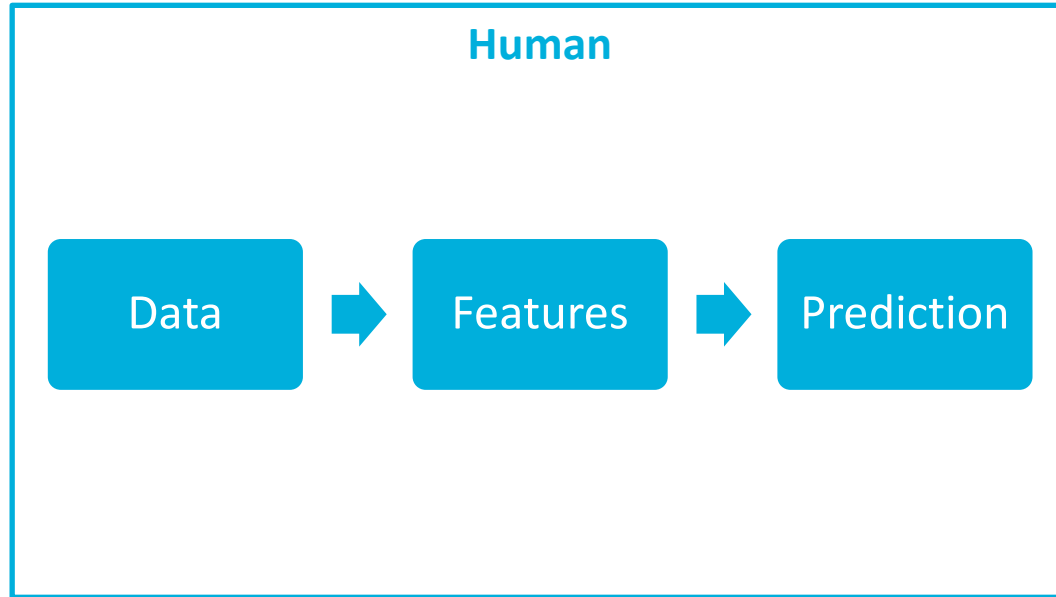


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# Timeline of computer-aided diagnosis



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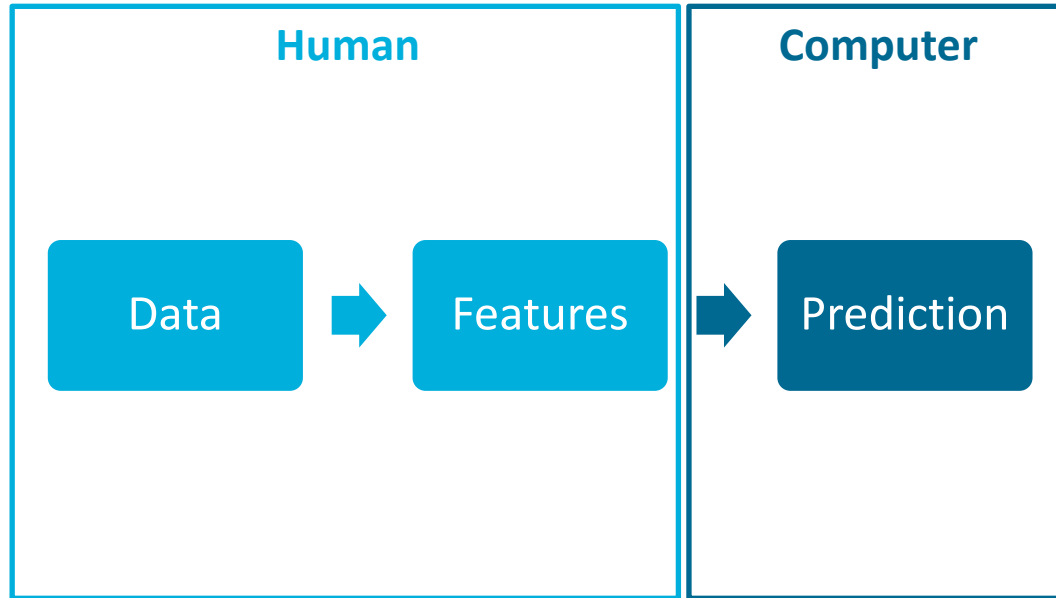
# Prostate cancer risk models

Risk	Stage	Prostate-specific antigen (PSA)	Gleason score
Low	T1c – T2a	< 10 ng/mL	< 7
Medium	T2b-c	10 – 20 ng/mL	7
High	T3	>20 ng/mL	>7



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# Timeline of computer-aided diagnosis



# Lung cancer risk models

Calculator: Solitary pulmonary nodule malignancy risk in adults (Brock University cancer prediction equation)

$$\text{Logodds} = (0.0287 * (\text{Age} - 62)) + \text{Sex} + \text{FamilyHistoryLungCa} + \text{Emphysema} - (5.3854 * ((\text{NoduleSize}/10)^{-0.5} - 1.58113883)) + \text{NoduleType} + \text{NoduleUpperLung} - (0.0824 * (\text{NoduleCount} - 4)) + \text{Spiculation} - 6.7892$$
$$\text{Cancerprobability} = 100 * (e^{\text{Logodds}} / (1 + e^{\text{Logodds}}))$$

**Input:**

Age  years ▼

Sex ☒ Female (0.6011)  
☐ Male (0)

Family history of lung cancer ☐ (0.2961)

Emphysema ☐ (0.2953)

Nodule size  mm ▼

Nodule type ☒ Nonsolid or ground-glass (-0.1276)  
☐ Partially solid (0.377)  
☐ Solid (0)

Nodule in upper lung ☐ (0.6581)

Nodule count  # ▼

Spiculation ☐ (0.7729)

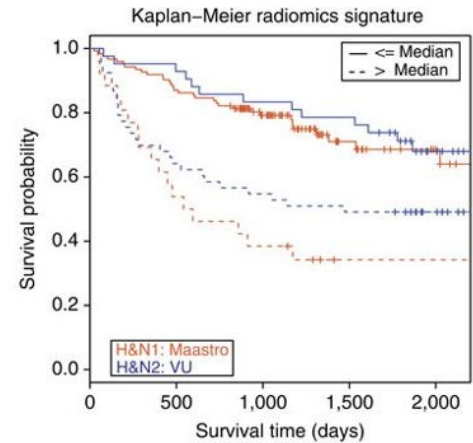
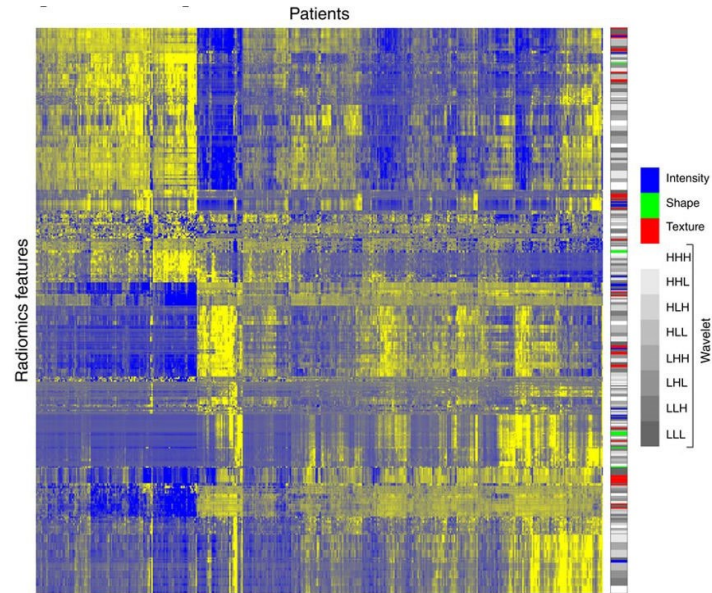
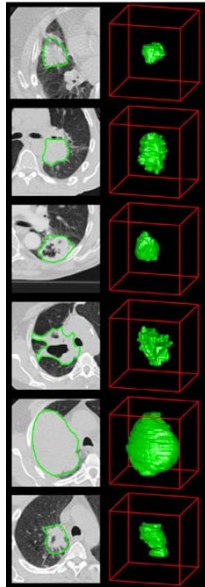
**Results:**

Log odds

Cancer probability  % ▼

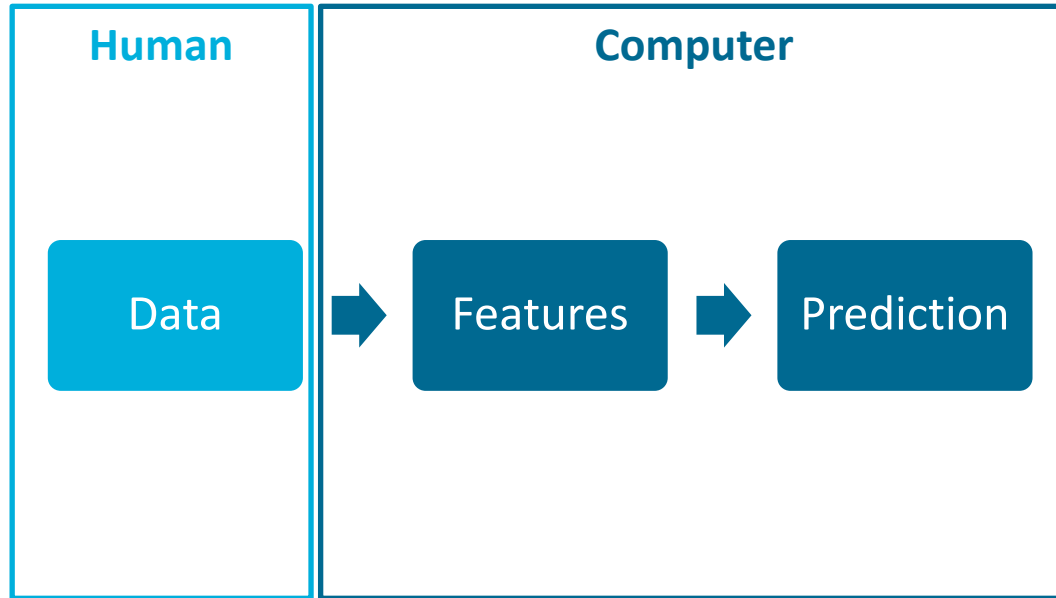
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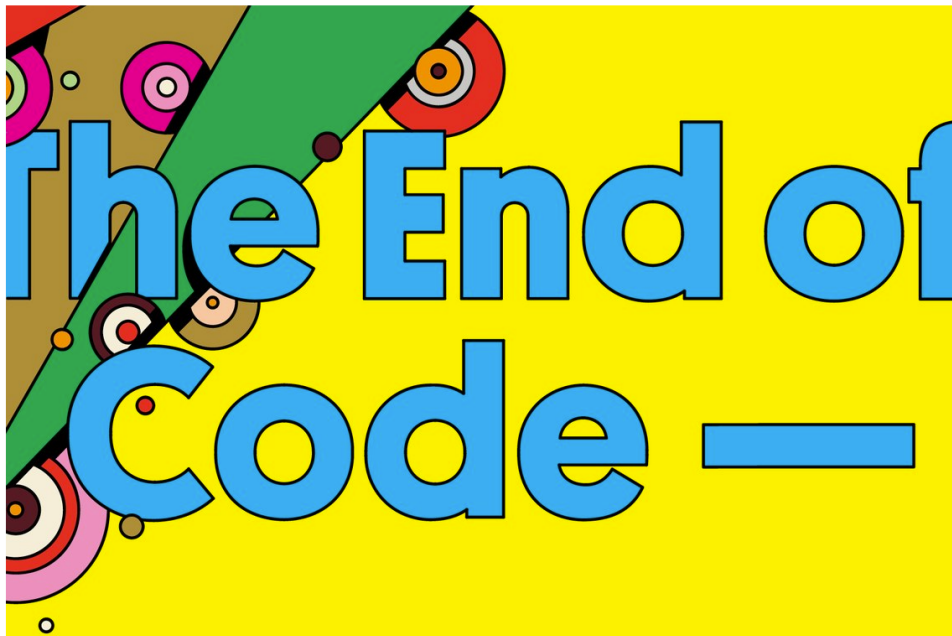


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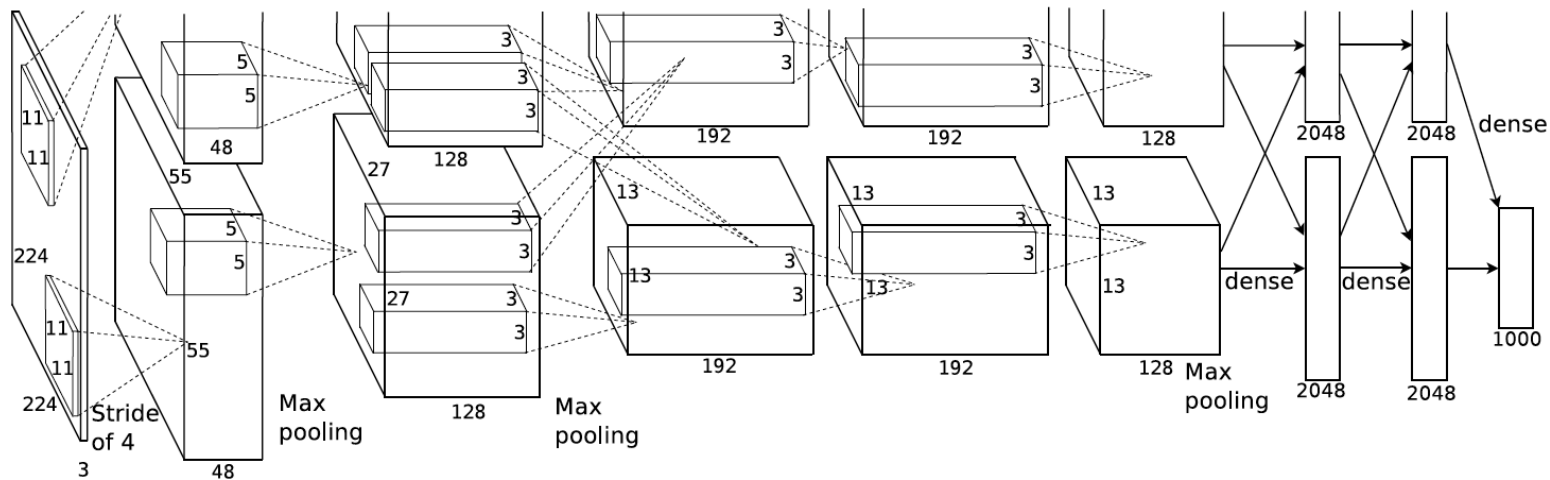
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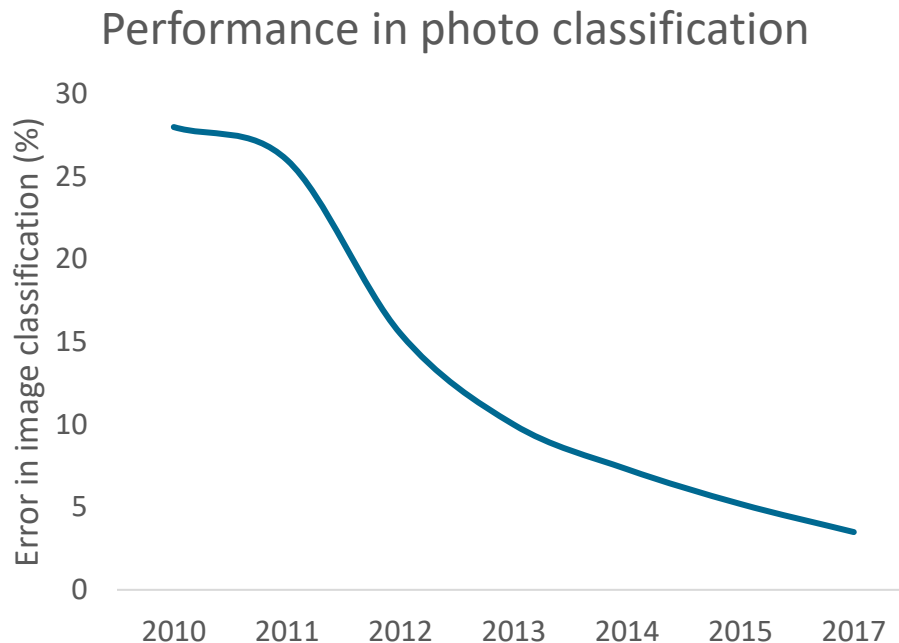
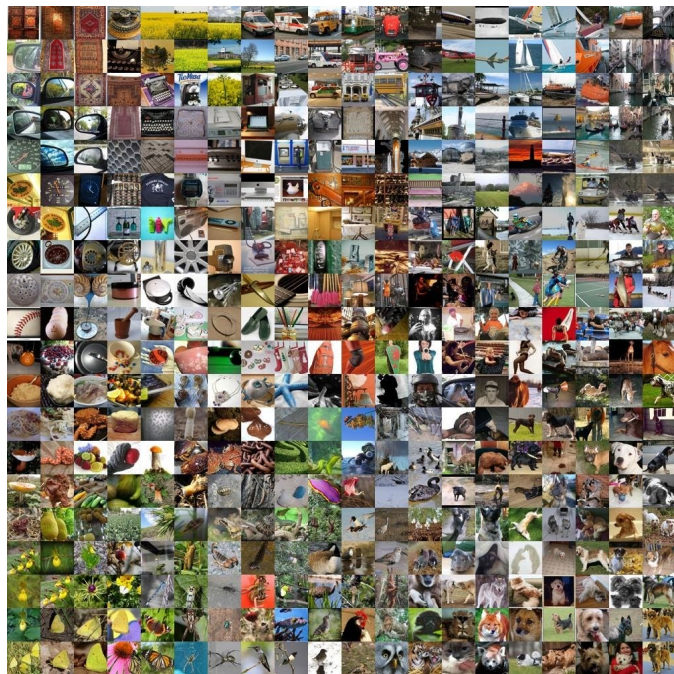
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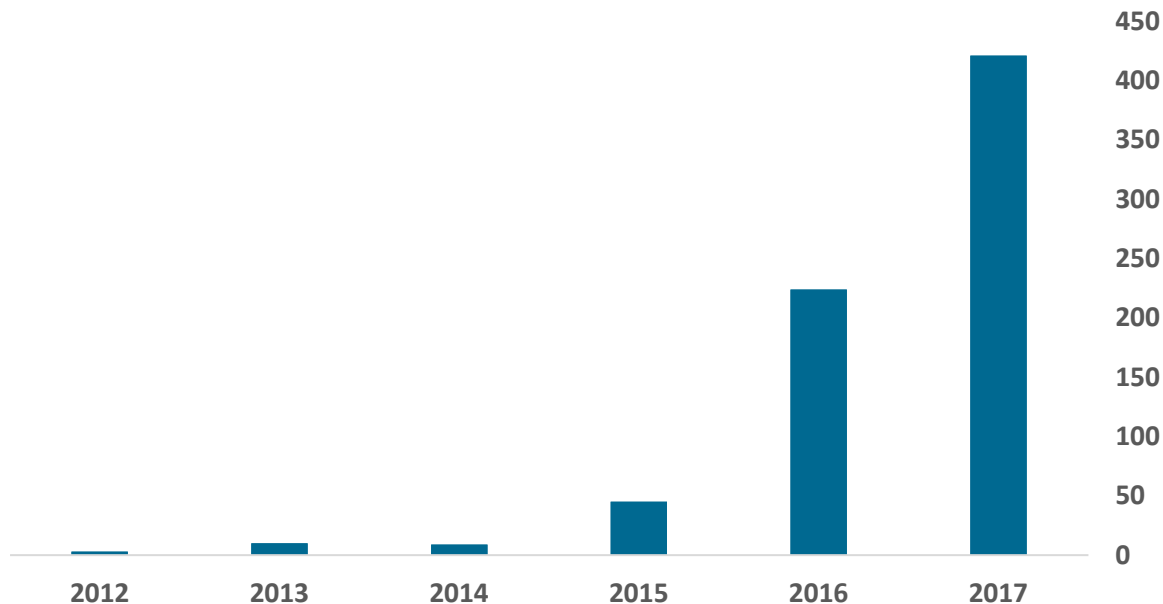
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# Queue the hype...

Journal papers on deep learning in medical imaging





Research

JAMA | Original Investigation

## Diagnostic Assessment of Deep Learning Algorithms for Detection of Lymph Node Metastases in Women With Breast Cancer

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**IMPORTANCE** Application of deep learning algorithms to whole-slide pathology images can potentially improve diagnostic accuracy and efficiency.

**OBJECTIVE** Assess the performance of automated deep learning algorithms at detecting metastases in hematoxylin and eosin-stained tissue sections of lymph nodes of women with breast cancer and compare it with pathologists' diagnoses in a diagnostic setting.

**DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS** Researcher challenge competition (CAMELYON16) to develop automated solutions for detecting lymph node metastases (November 2015–November 2016). A training data set of whole-slide images from 2 centers in the Netherlands with ( $n = 110$ ) and without ( $n = 160$ ) nodal metastases verified by immunohistochemical staining were provided to challenge participants to build algorithms. Algorithm performance was evaluated in an independent test set of 129 whole-slide images (49 with and 80 without metastases). The same test set of corresponding glass slides was also evaluated by a panel of 11 pathologists with time constraint (WTC) from the Netherlands to ascertain likelihood of nodal metastases for each slide in a flexible 2-hour session, simulating routine pathology workflow, and by 1 pathologist without time constraint (WOTC).

**EXPOSURES** Deep learning algorithms submitted as part of a challenge competition or pathologist interpretation.

**MAIN RESULTS AND MEASURES** The presence of specific metastatic foci and the absence vs presence of lymph node metastasis in a slide or image using receiver operating characteristic curve analysis. The 11 pathologists participating in the simulation exercise rated their diagnostic confidence as definitely normal, probably normal, equivocal, probably tumor, or definitely tumor.

**RESULTS** The area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (AUC) for the algorithms ranged from 0.556 to 0.994. The top-performing algorithm achieved a lesion-level, true-positive fraction comparable with that of the pathologist WOTC (72.4% [95% CI, 64.3%–80.4%]) at a mean of 0.025 false positives per normal whole-slide image. For the whole-slide image classification task, the best algorithm (AUC, 0.994 [95% CI, 0.983–0.999]) performed significantly better than the pathologists WTC in a diagnostic simulation (mean AUC, 0.810 [range, 0.738–0.884];  $P < .001$ ). The top 5 algorithms had a mean AUC that was comparable with the pathologist interpreting the slides in the absence of time constraints (mean AUC, 0.960 [range, 0.923–0.994] for the top 5 algorithms vs 0.966 [95% CI, 0.927–0.998] for the pathologist WOTC).

**CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE** In the setting of a challenge competition, some deep learning algorithms achieved better diagnostic performance than a panel of 11 pathologists participating in a simulation exercise designed to mimic routine pathology workflow; algorithm performance was comparable with an expert pathologist interpreting whole-slide images without time constraints. Whether this approach has clinical utility will require evaluation in a clinical setting.

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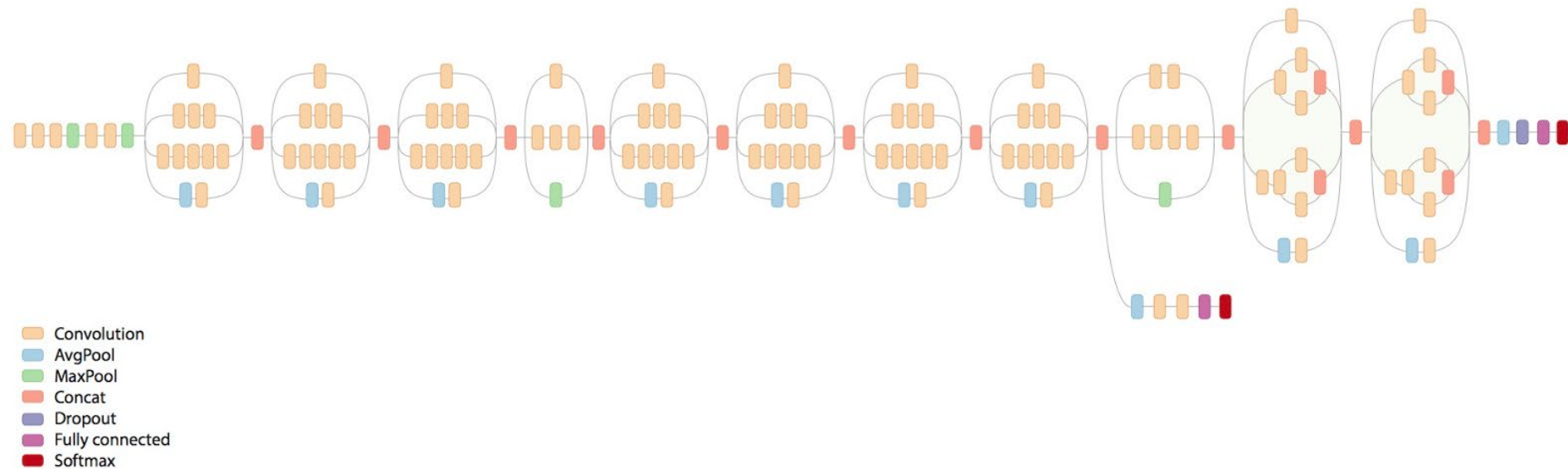
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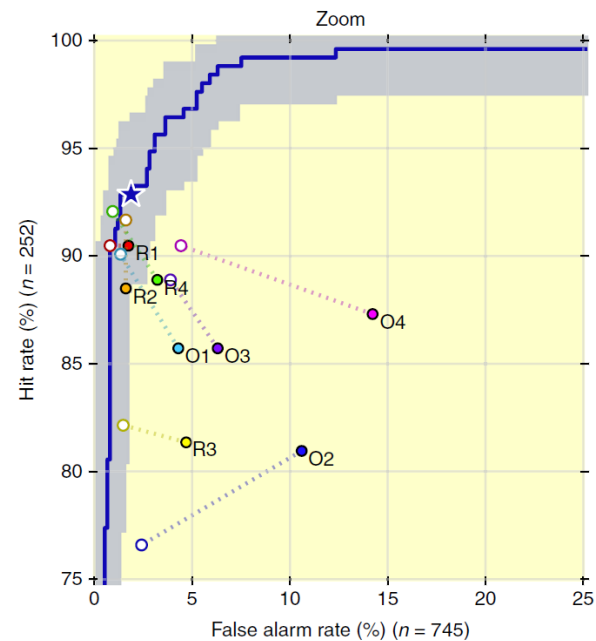
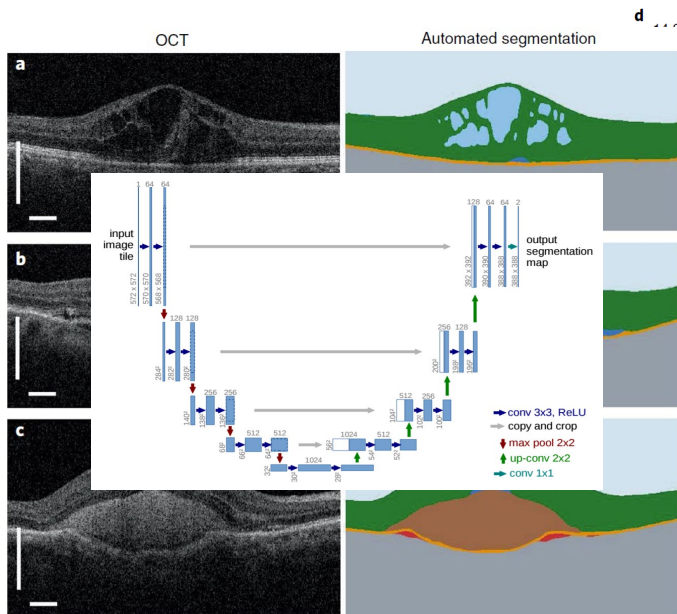
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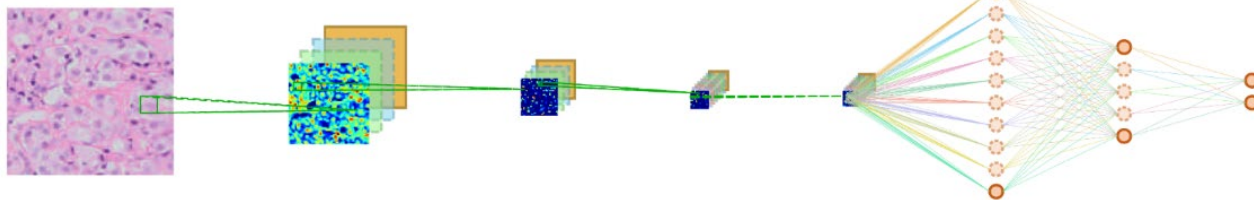
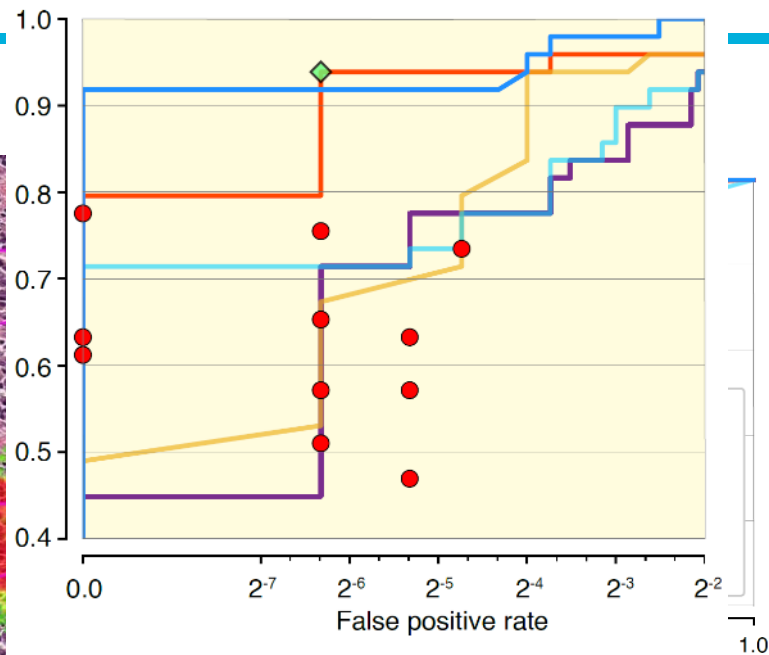
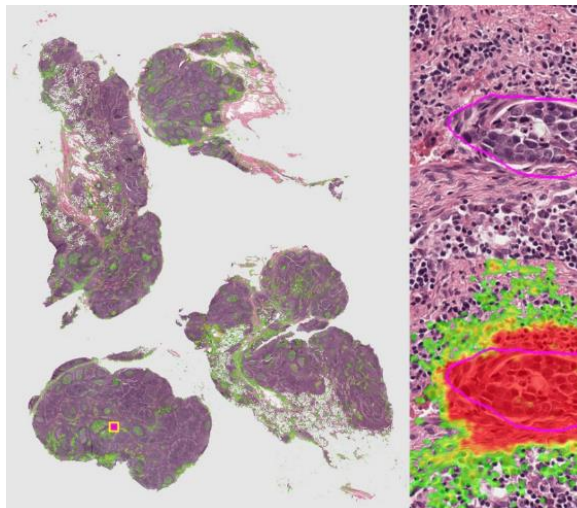
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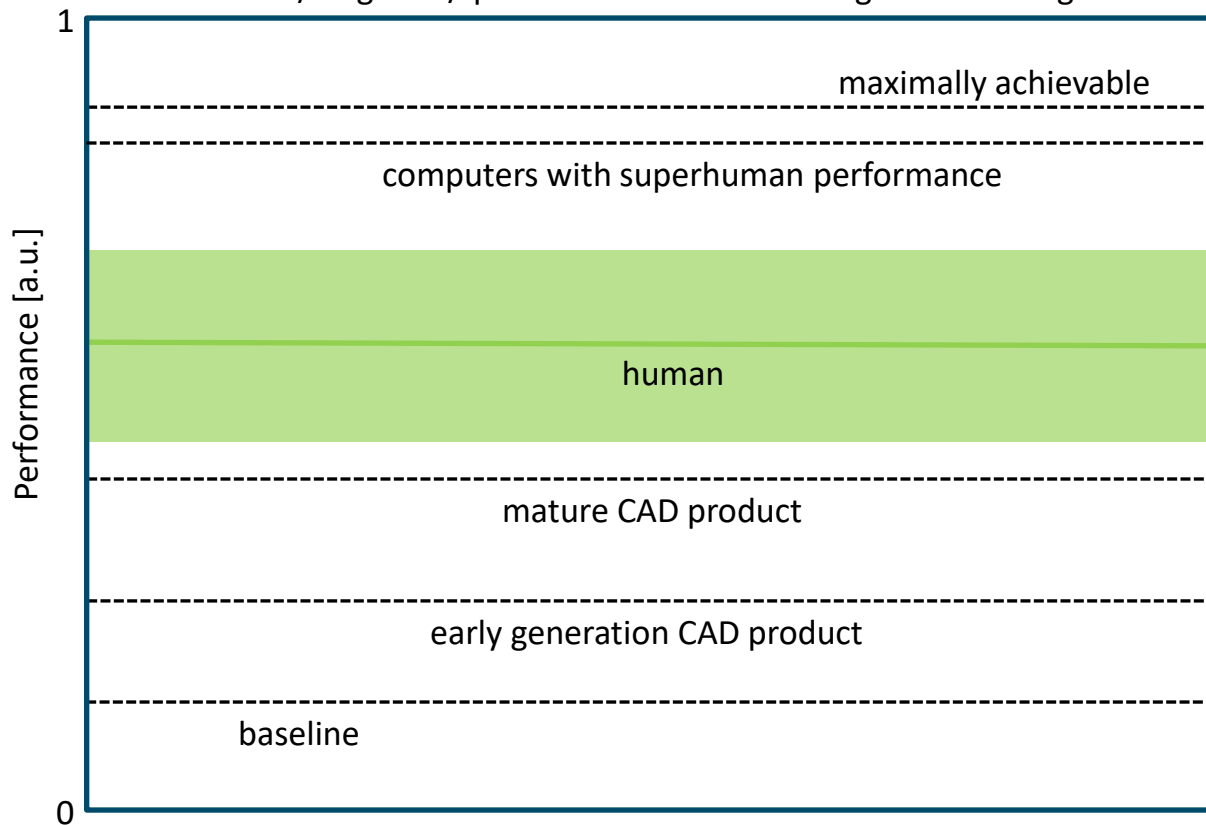






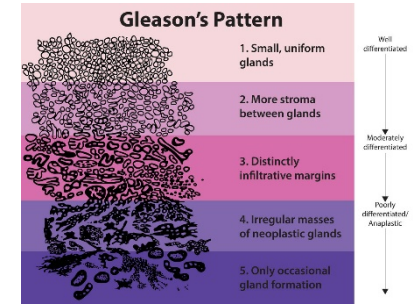
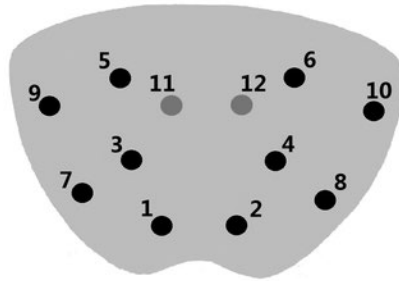
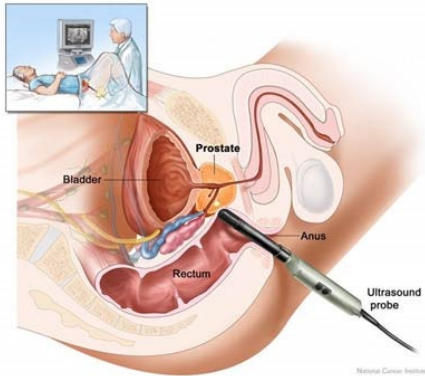


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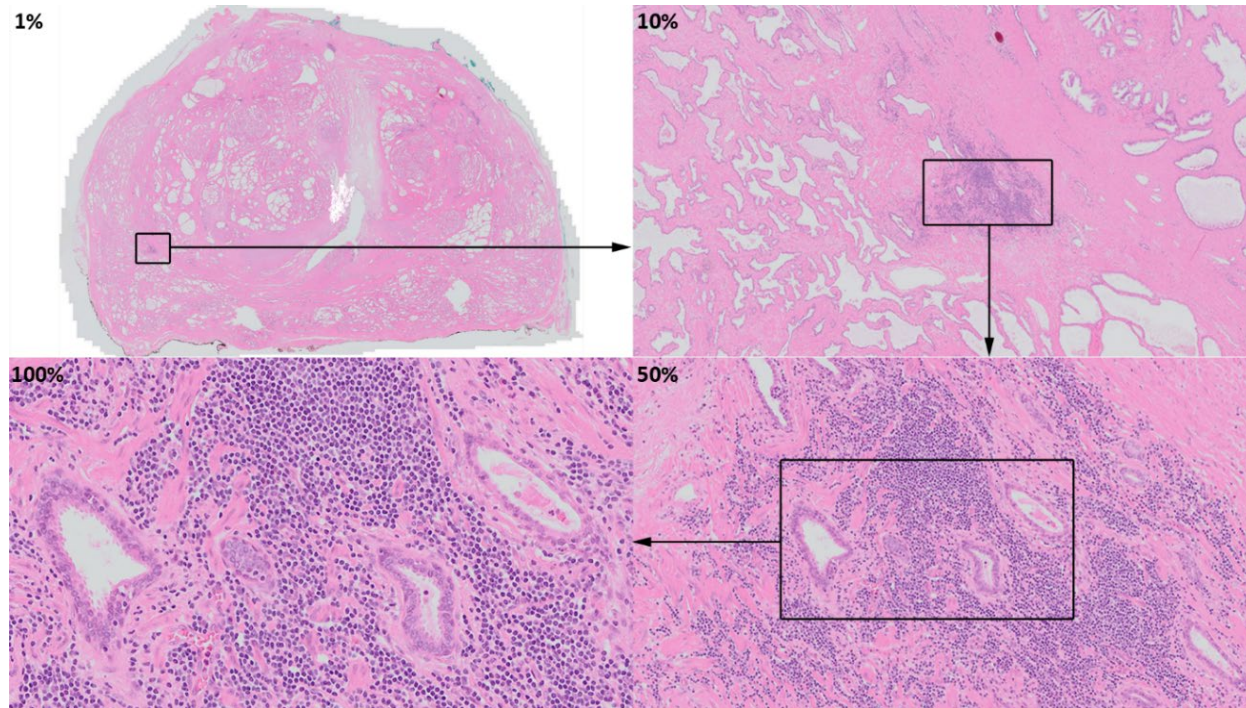




# Prostate Cancer Diagnosis



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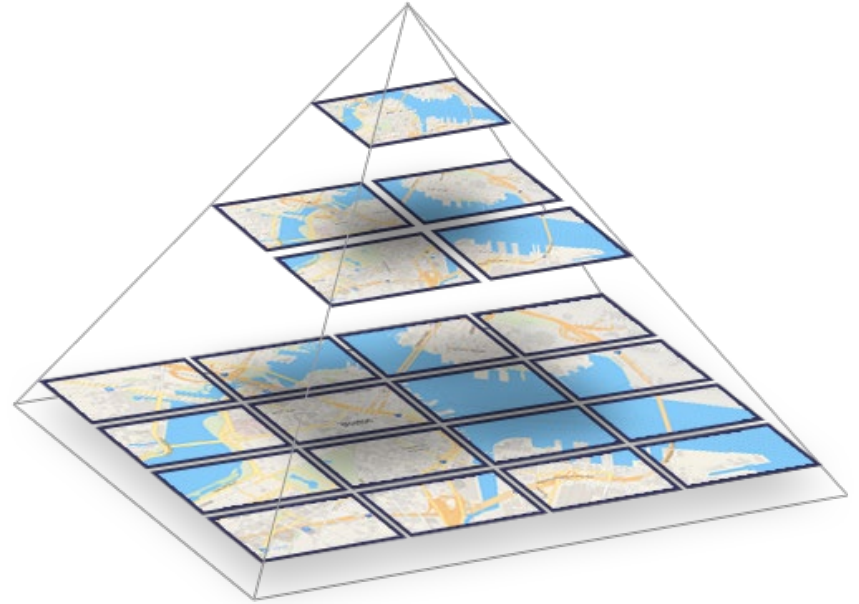
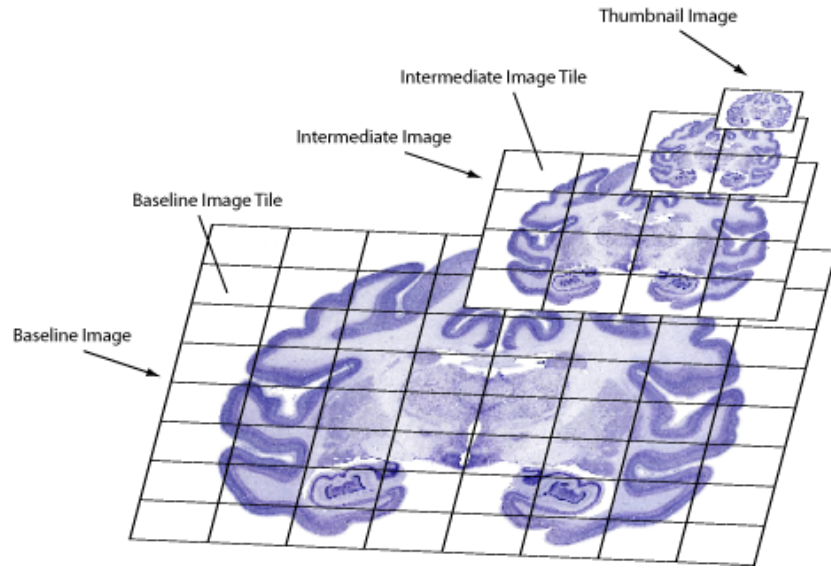
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# Whole-slide imaging

Digital acquisition of an entire histopathology slide



# Whole-slide imaging



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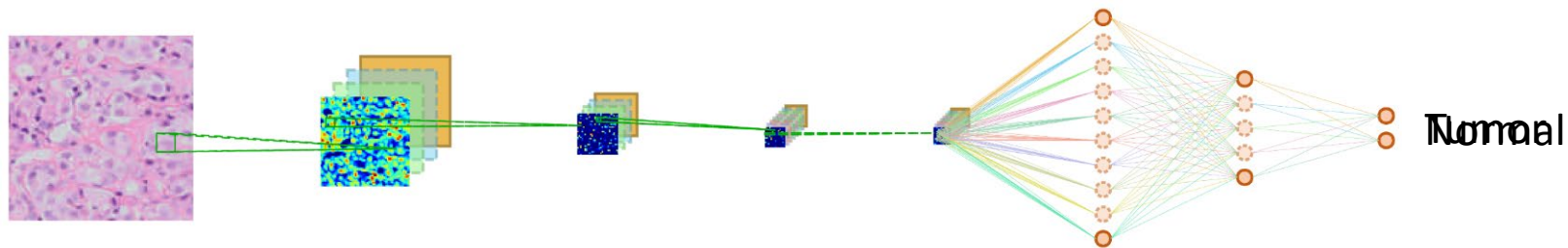
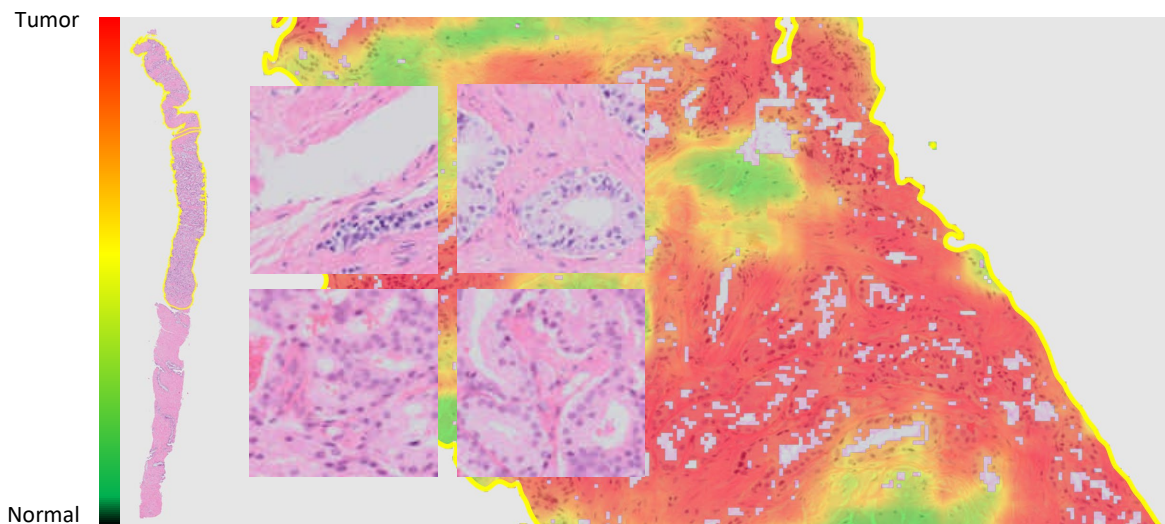
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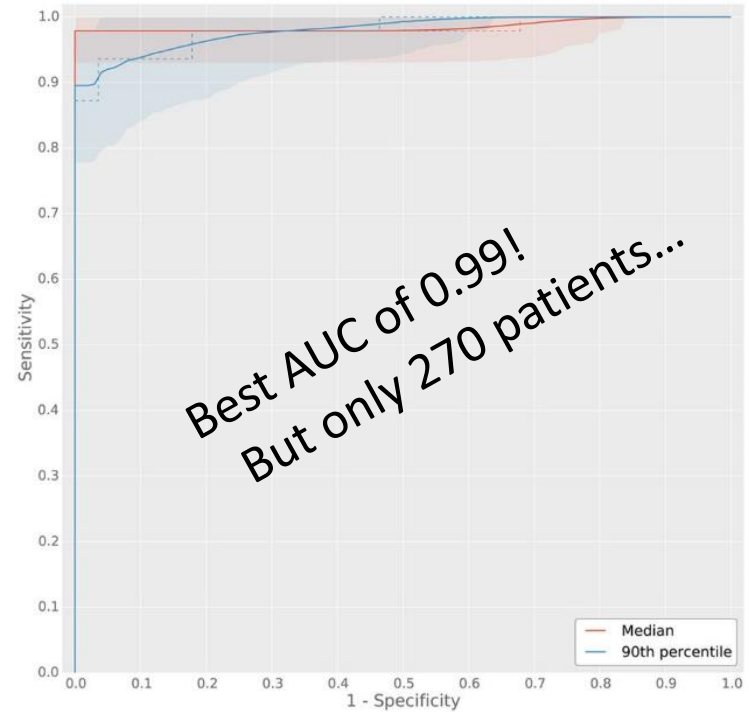
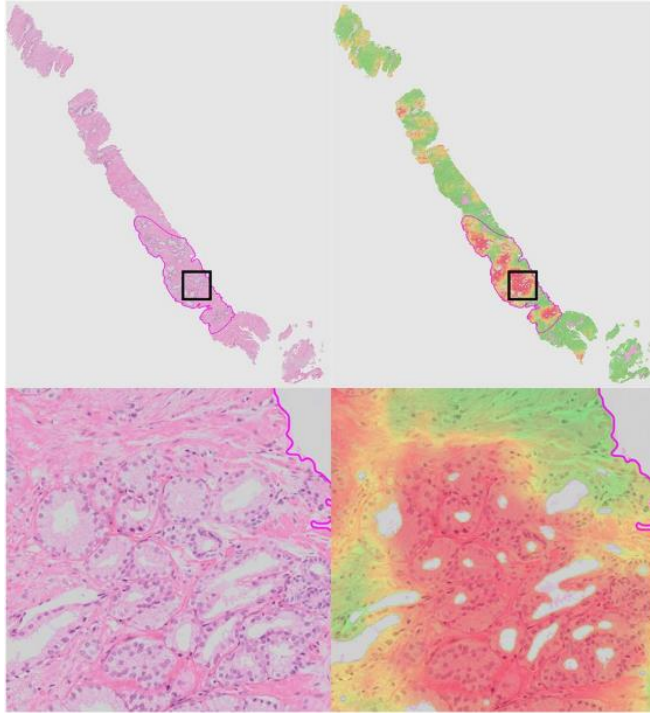


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# Cancer detection







## Gleason's Pattern

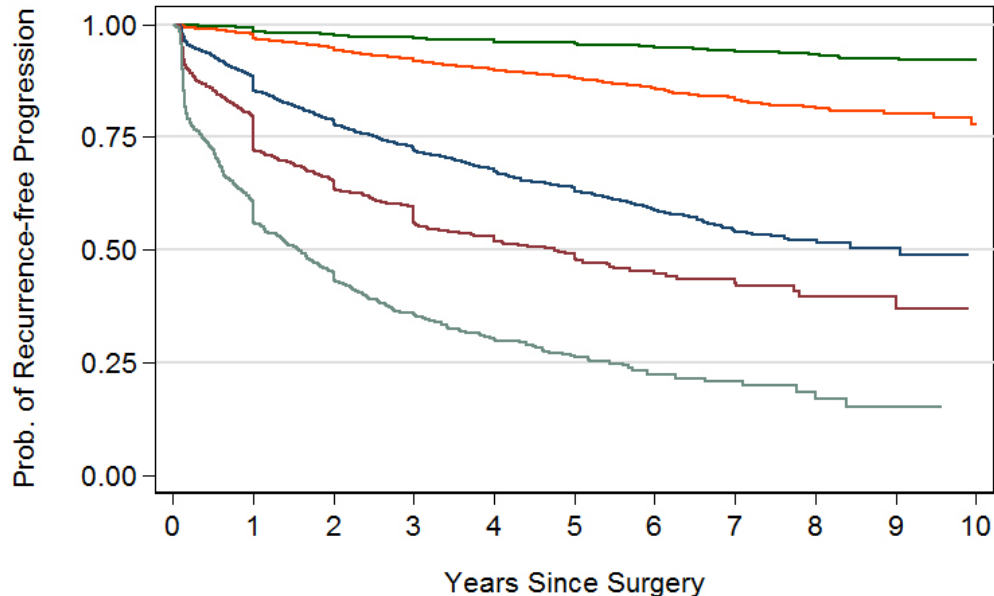
1. Small, uniform glands

2. More stroma between glands

3. Distinctly infiltrative margins

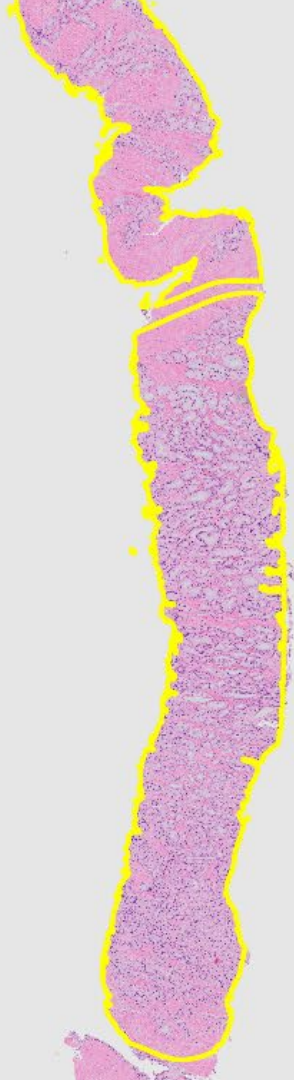
4. Irregular masses of neoplastic glands

5. Only occasional gland formation

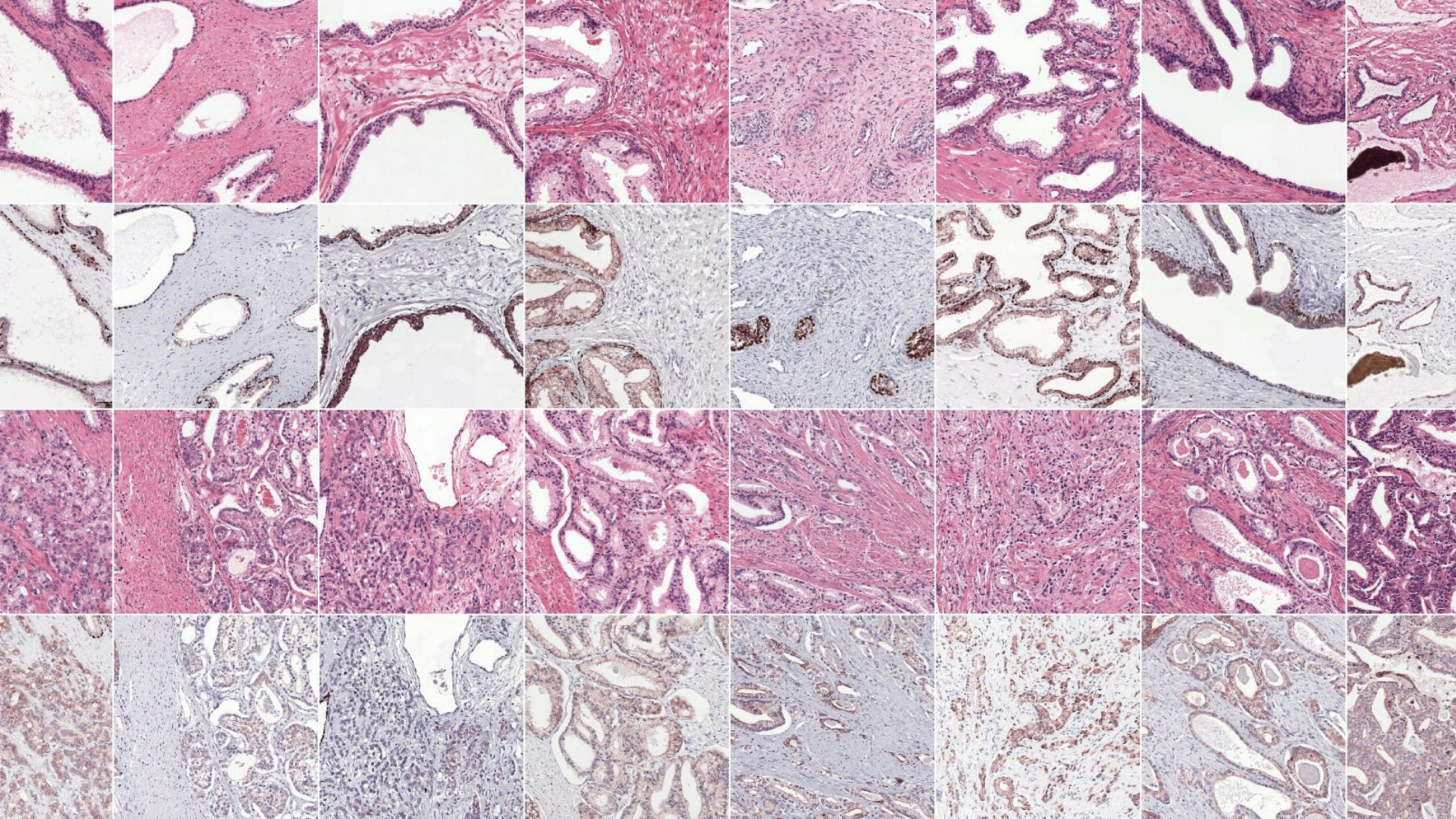


Number at risk

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3+4	8353	7202	5298	3983	2955	2091	1299	778	393	135	45	
4+3	3106	2452	1605	1152	839	569	350	199	90	38	15	
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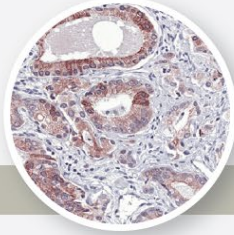




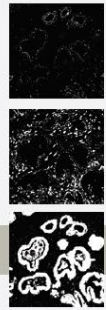
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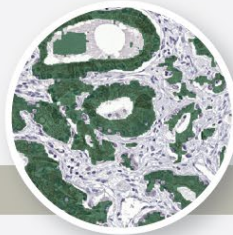
Input data: 25 IHC WSIs  
(20 training, 5 validation)



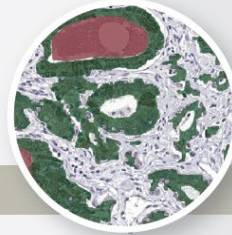
Specimens are stained with CK8/18 and P63 to mark epithelial tissue and basal cell layer.



Color deconvolution is applied to each slide. Only the channel representing the epithelial tissue is used, the rest is discarded.

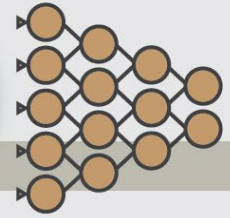


Artifacts are introduced due to imperfections in the staining and color deconvolution method (Example: top left corner).

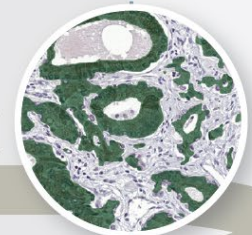


Artifacts are removed manually in selected regions. Training data is sampled from these regions.

### Network training



A 5-layer deep U-Net is trained on the corrected IHC regions. Areas with artifacts are sampled more.

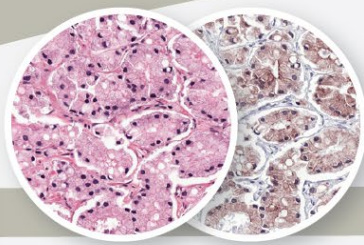


The IHC network produces precise segmentation masks given an IHC slide, independent of the color deconvolution.

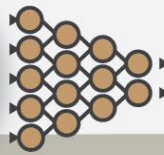
## 2) Training of H&E network



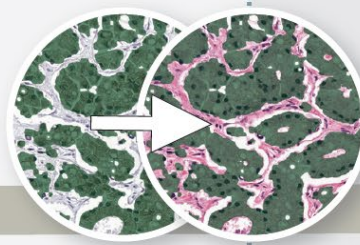
Input data: 62 restained and registered  
IHC/H&E pairs (50 training, 12 validation)



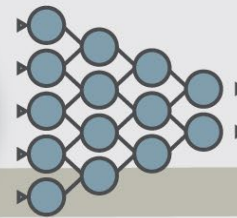
Slide pairs are registered on cell-level due to the use of restained slides and non-linear patch based registration.



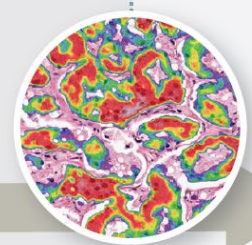
The trained IHC network is applied to each IHC slide. The network output is used as the training mask for the H&E network. No additional post processing or manual annotations are used.



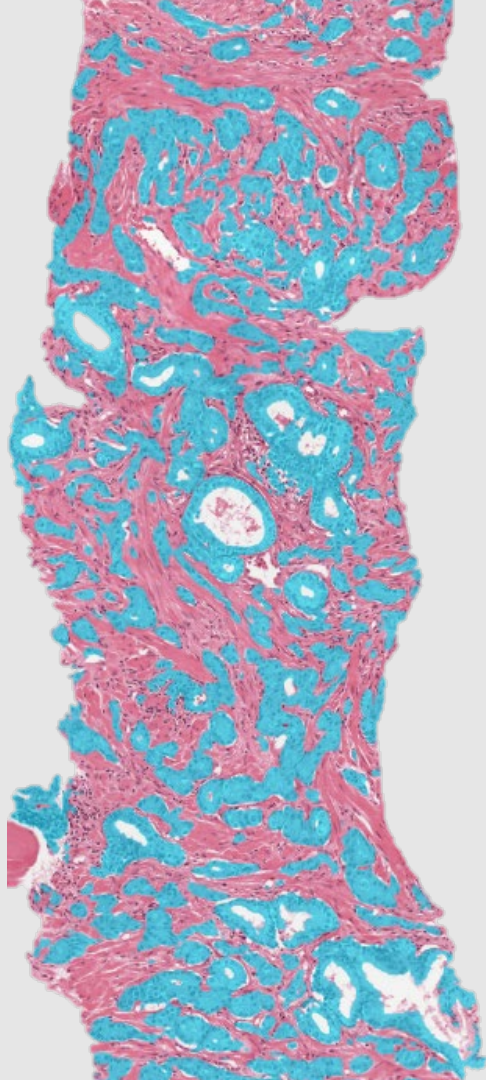
### Network training



A 6-layer deep U-Net is trained on H&E and the masks generated by the IHC network.

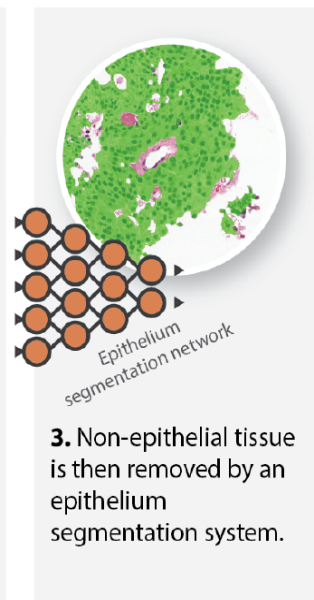
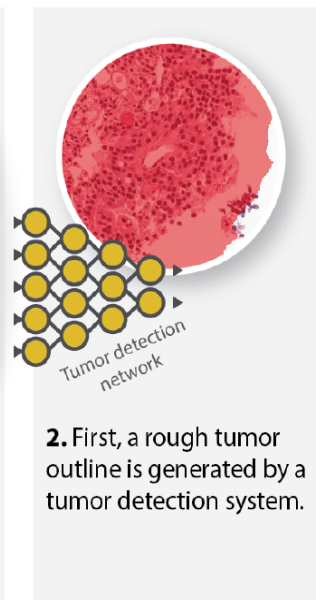
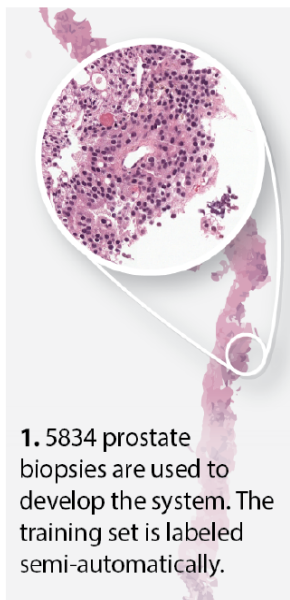


The trained H&E network segments epithelial tissue on H&E.



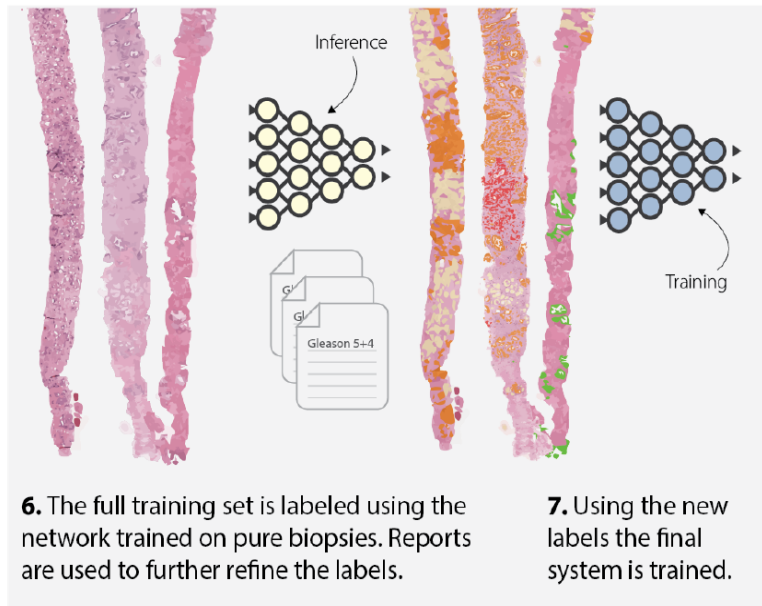
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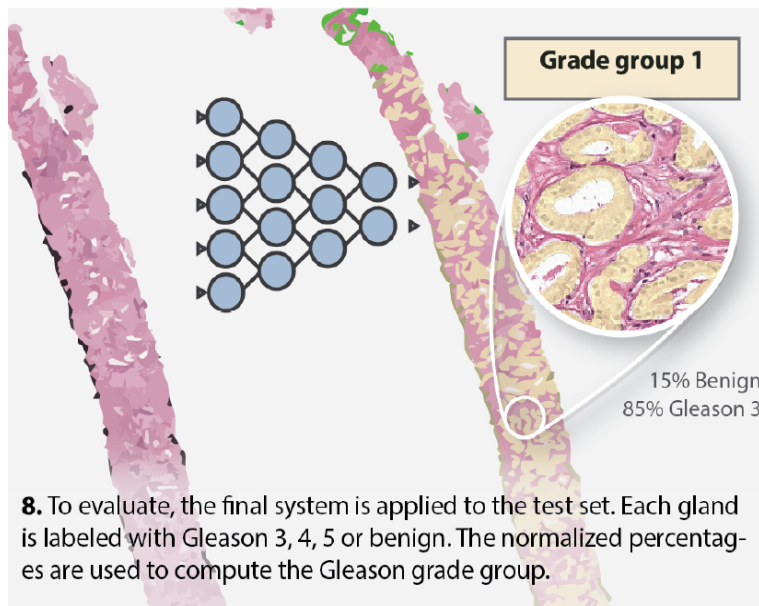


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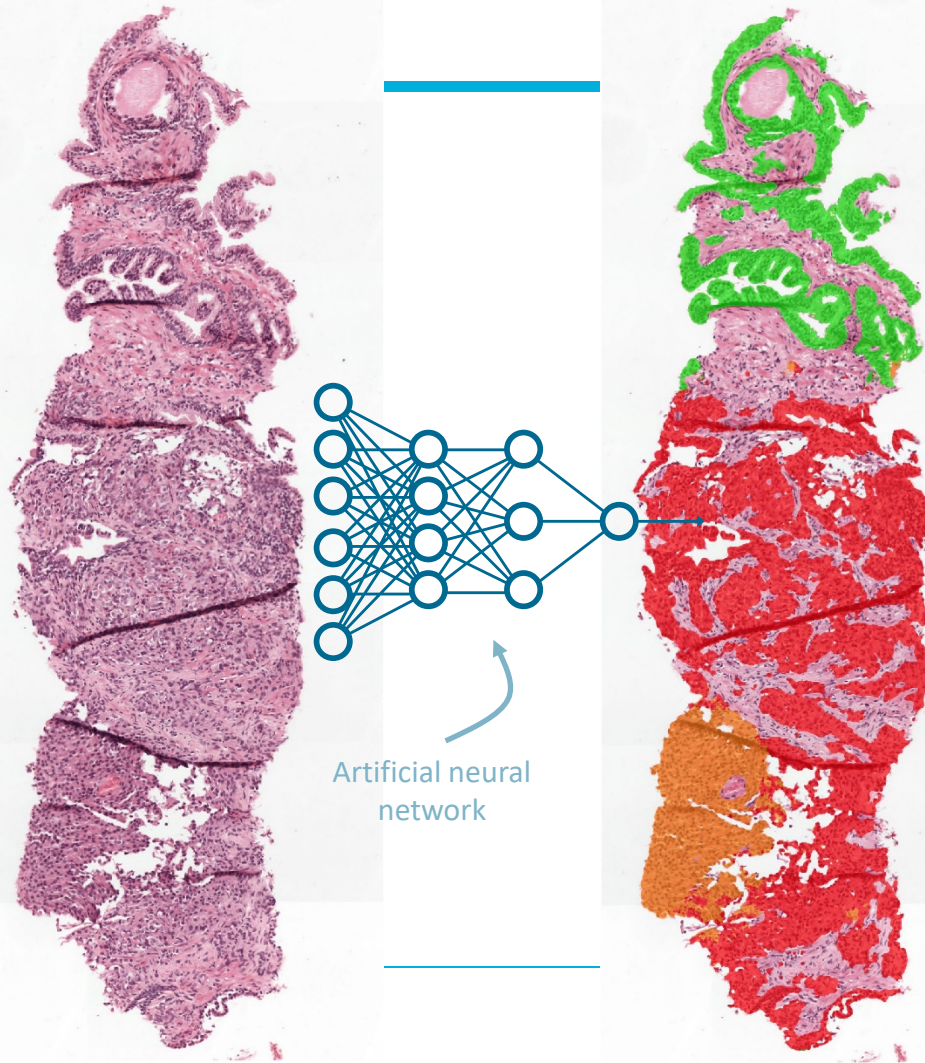
## 2. Refinement & training



## 3. Grade group prediction



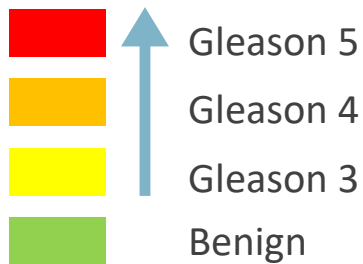




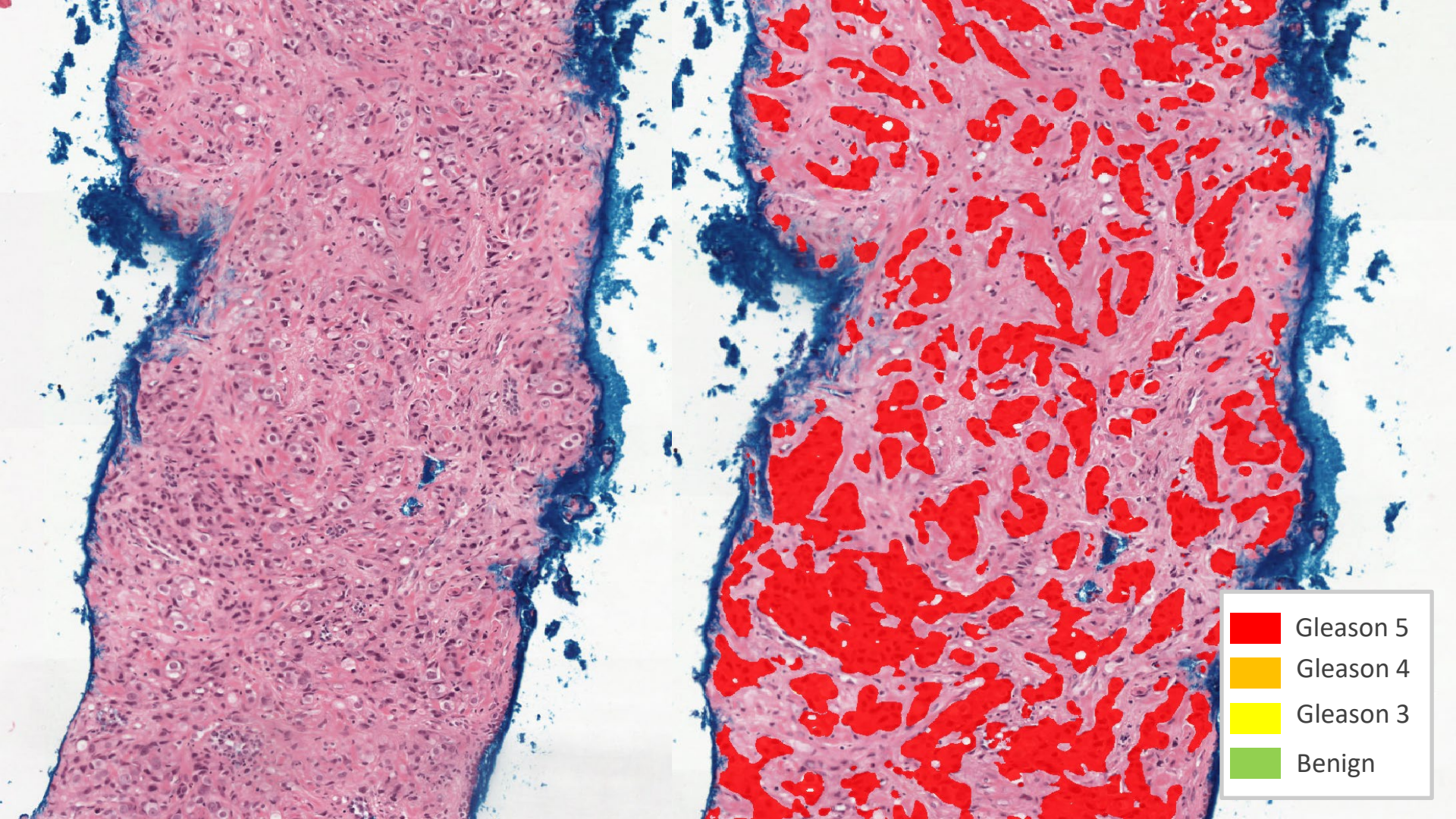
20% benign  
15% Gleason 4  
65% Gleason 5

**Tumor grade:**

Gleason Grade  
Group 5

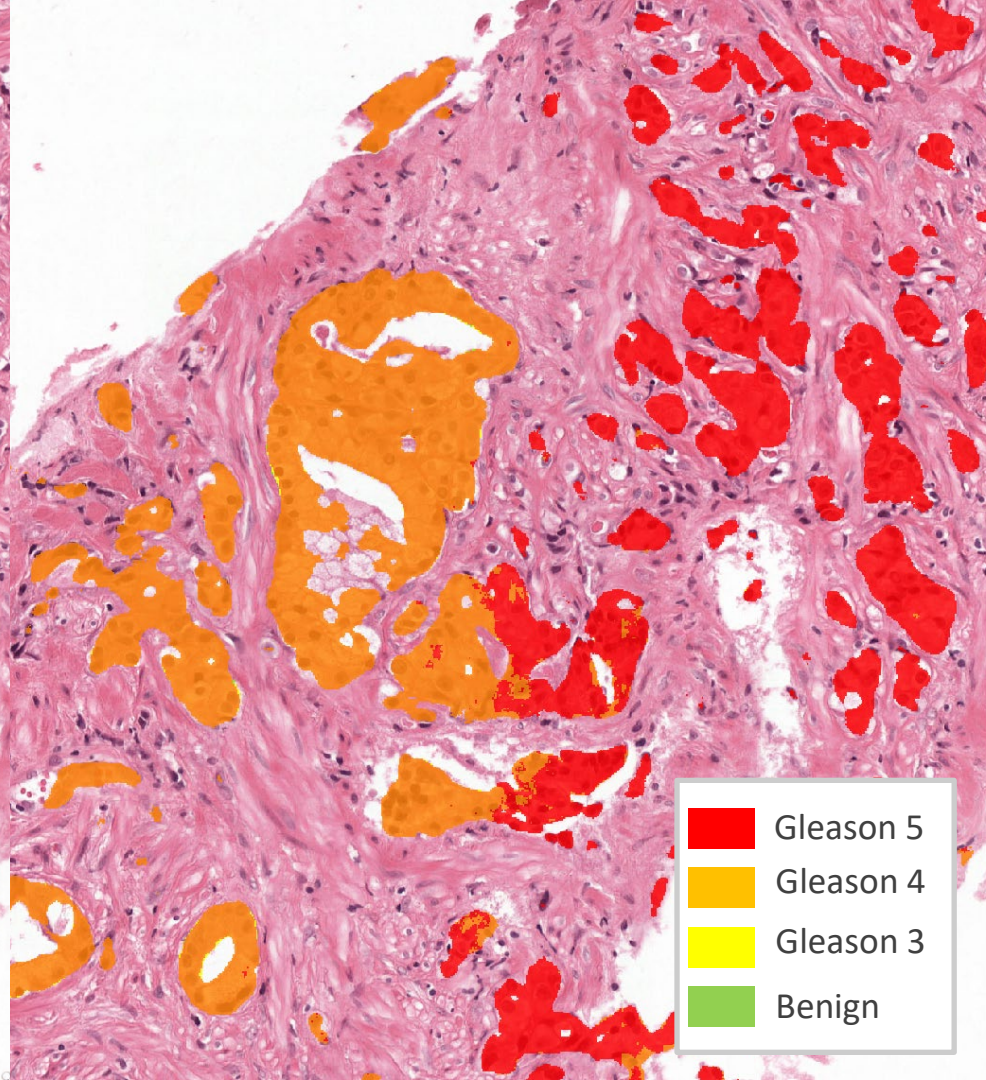
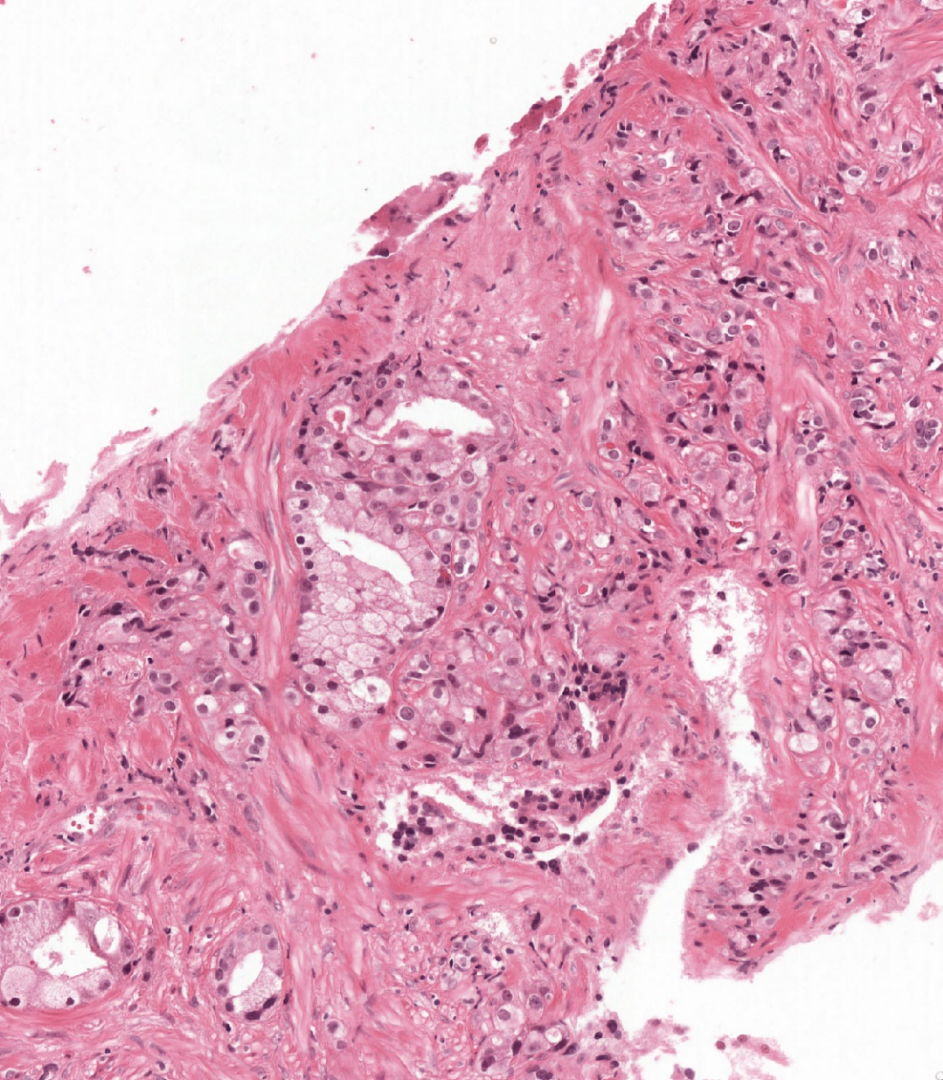




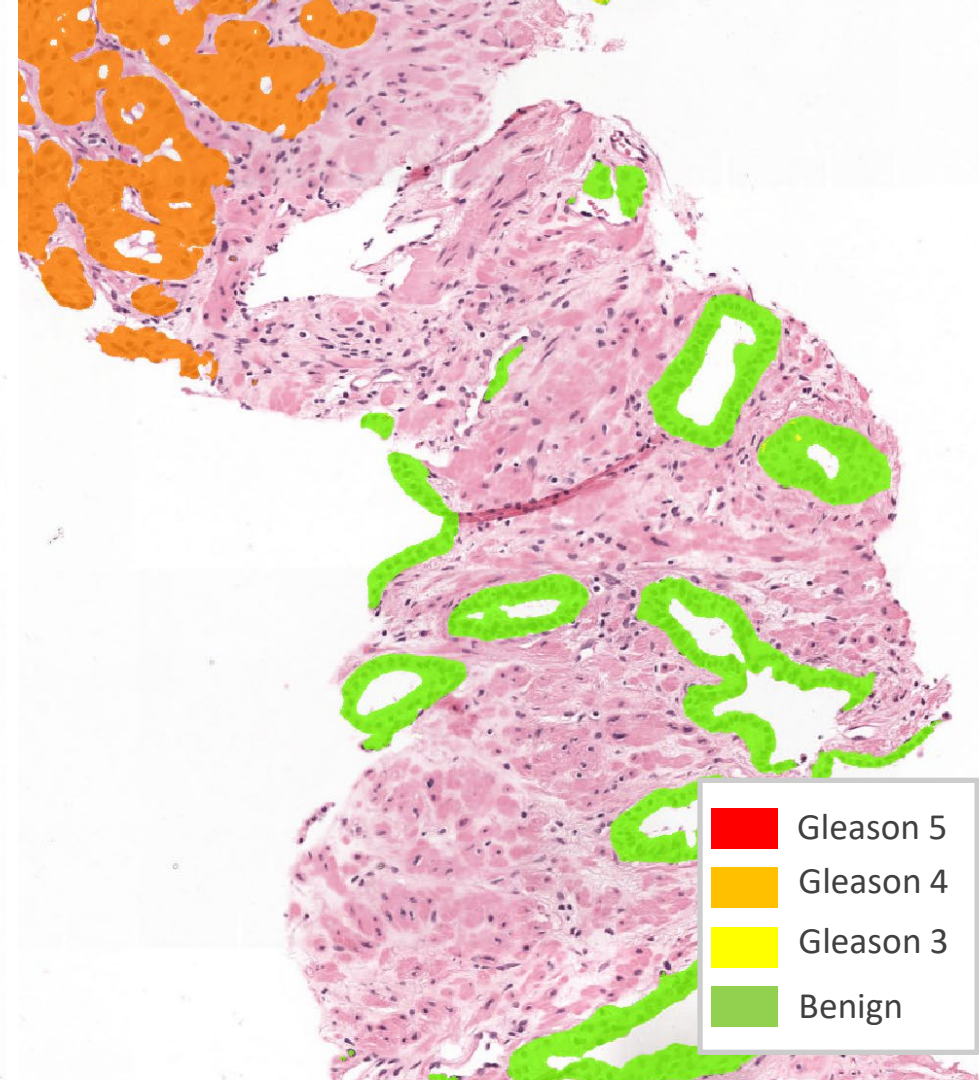
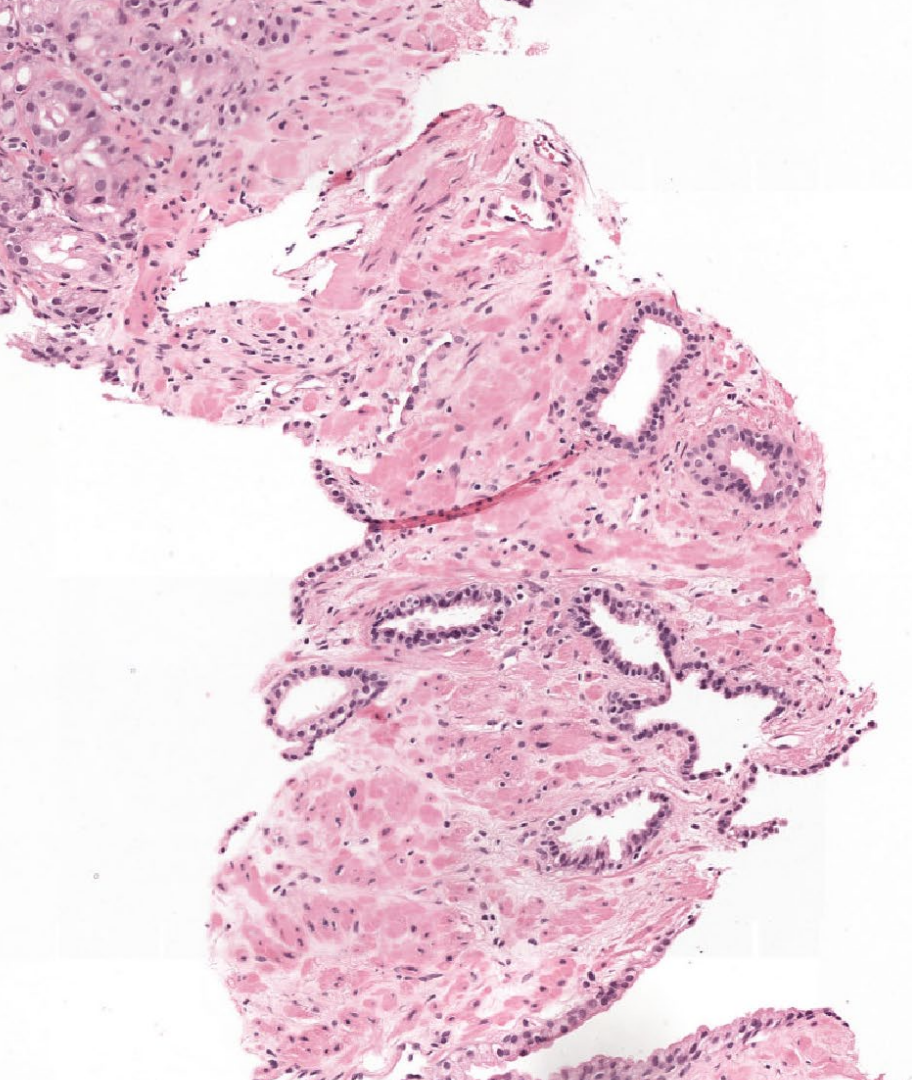


- Gleason 5
- Gleason 4
- Gleason 3
- Benign



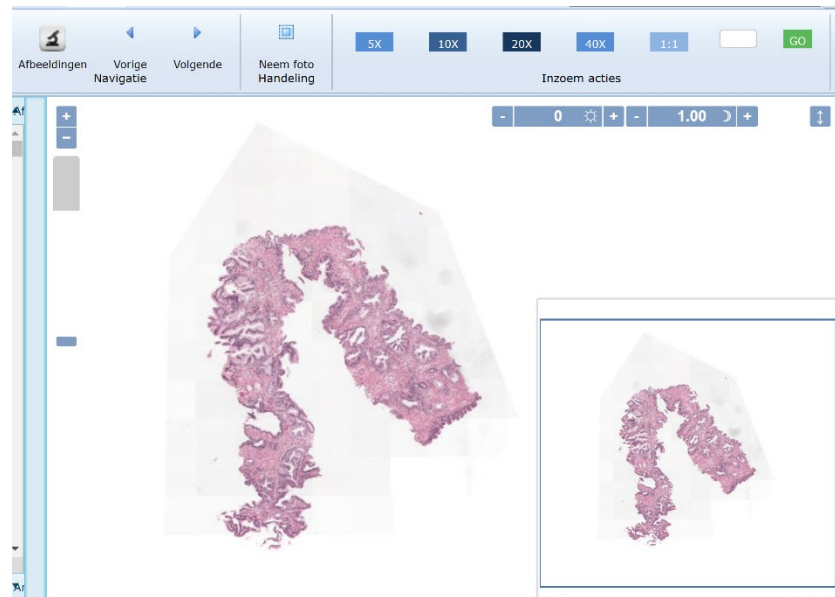




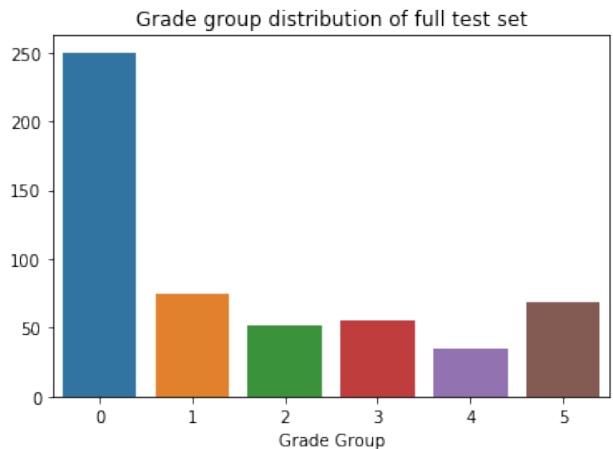


# Reference standard

- 3 expert uropathologists
- 550 prostate biopsies
- Gleason growth patterns, tumor volumes & grade groups

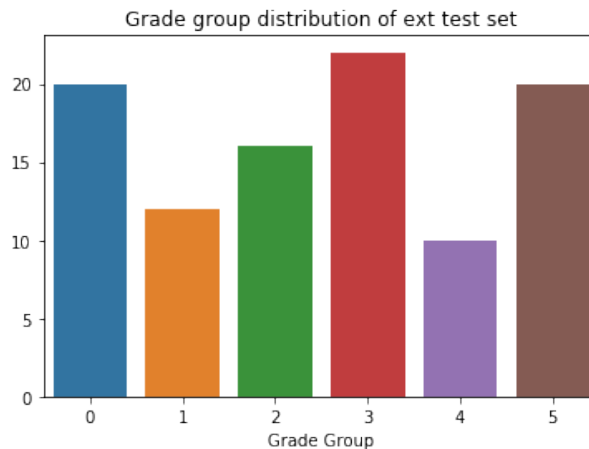


# Case distribution



## Full test set:

- 550 biopsies
- 3 experts

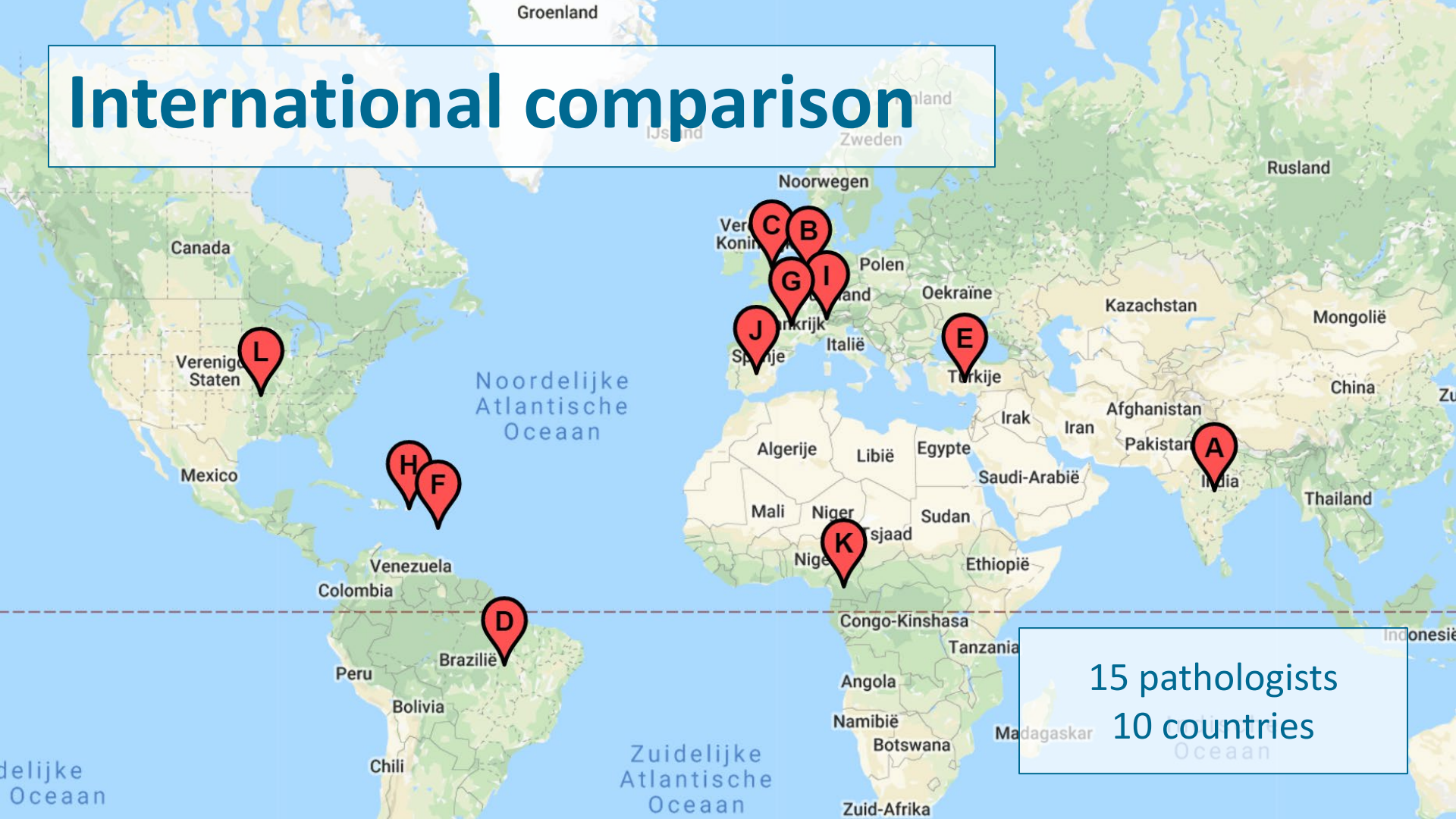


## Subset

- 100 biopsies (selected from the 550)
- 15 external pathologists

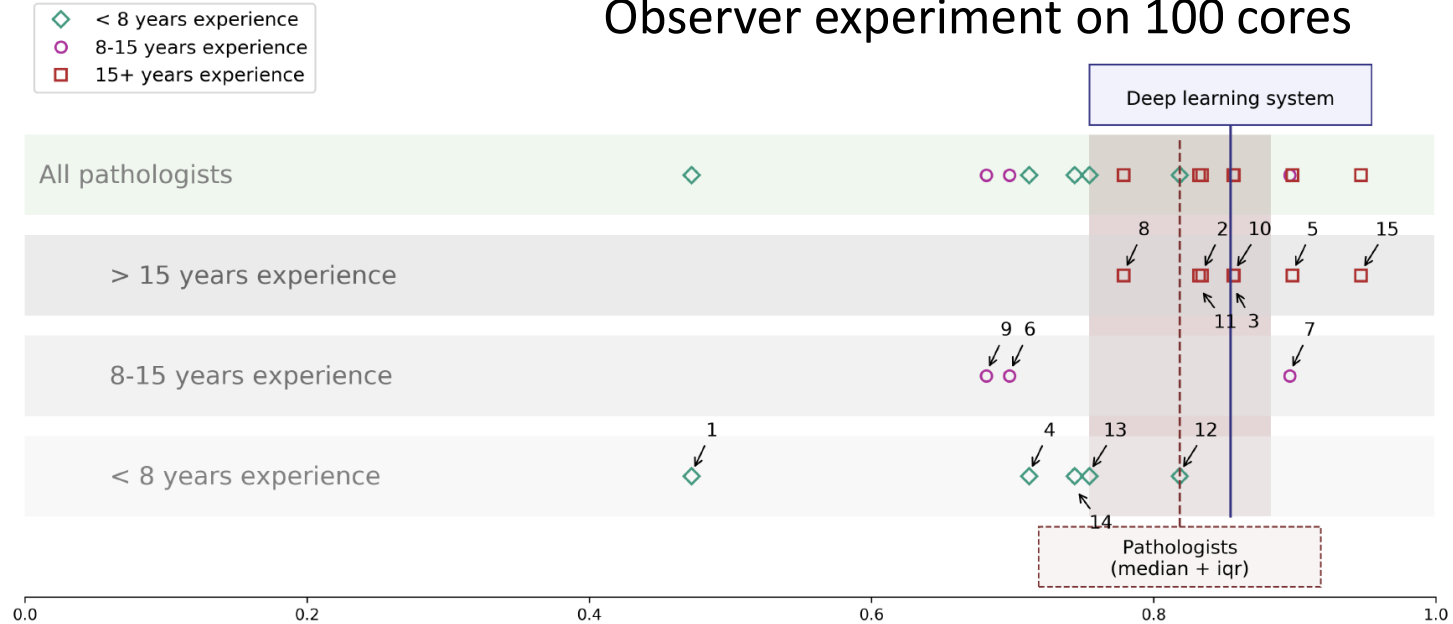


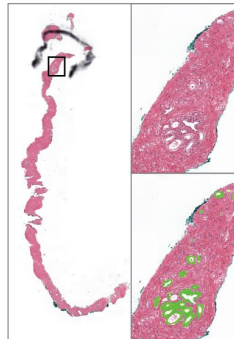
# International comparison



# Gleason grading

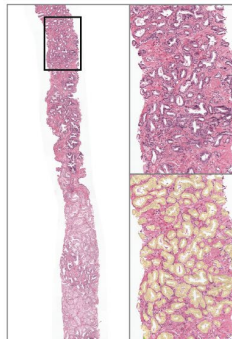
## Observer experiment on 100 cores





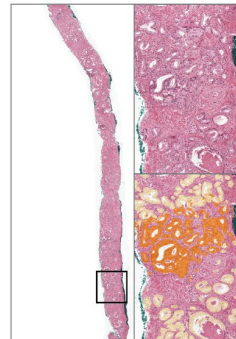
Consensus: Benign (4HC, confirmed)

System: Benign



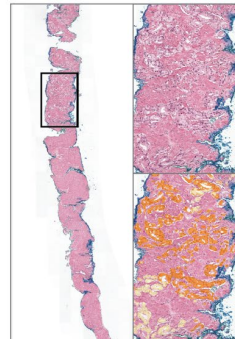
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System: GG 1



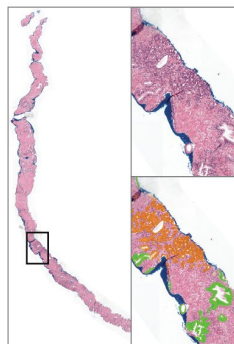
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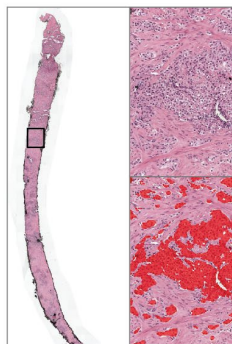
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System: GG 3



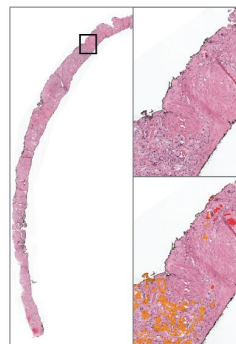
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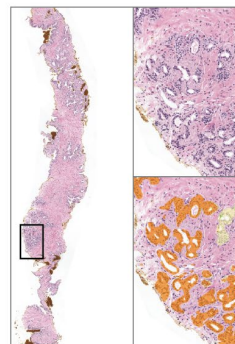
Consensus: GG 5

System: GG 5



Consensus: GG 5

System: GG 3 (A small, but below threshold, GG 5 area was detected)



Consensus: Benign

System: GG 4 (A benign region is mistakenly classified as Gleason 4)



Panel legend: ■ Correct grade group

■ One-off error

■ >1 off error

Overlay legend:

■ Benign

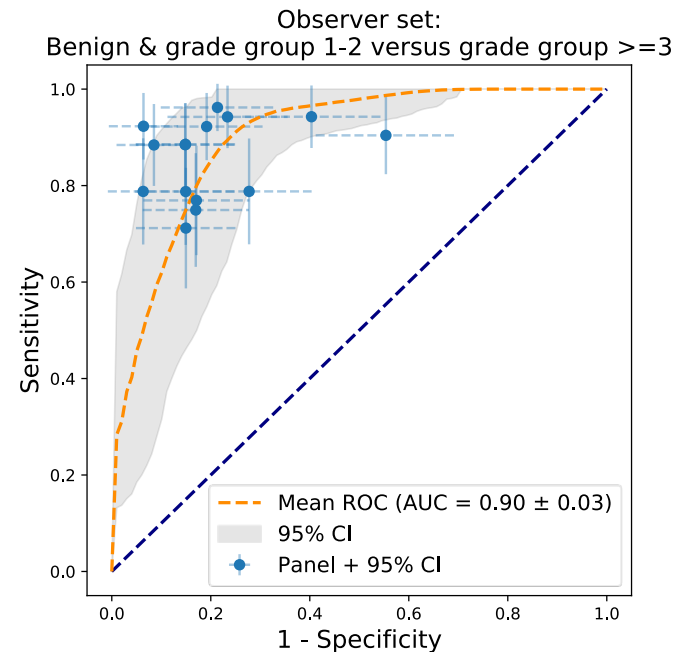
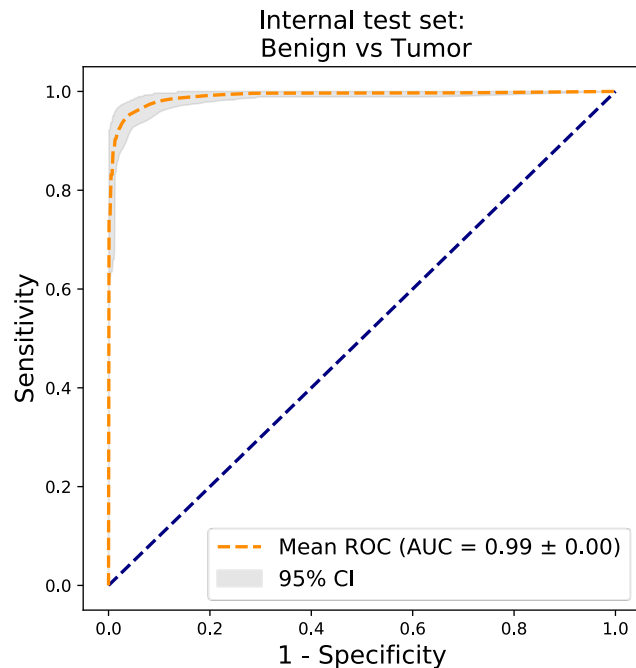
■ Gleason 3

■ Gleason 4

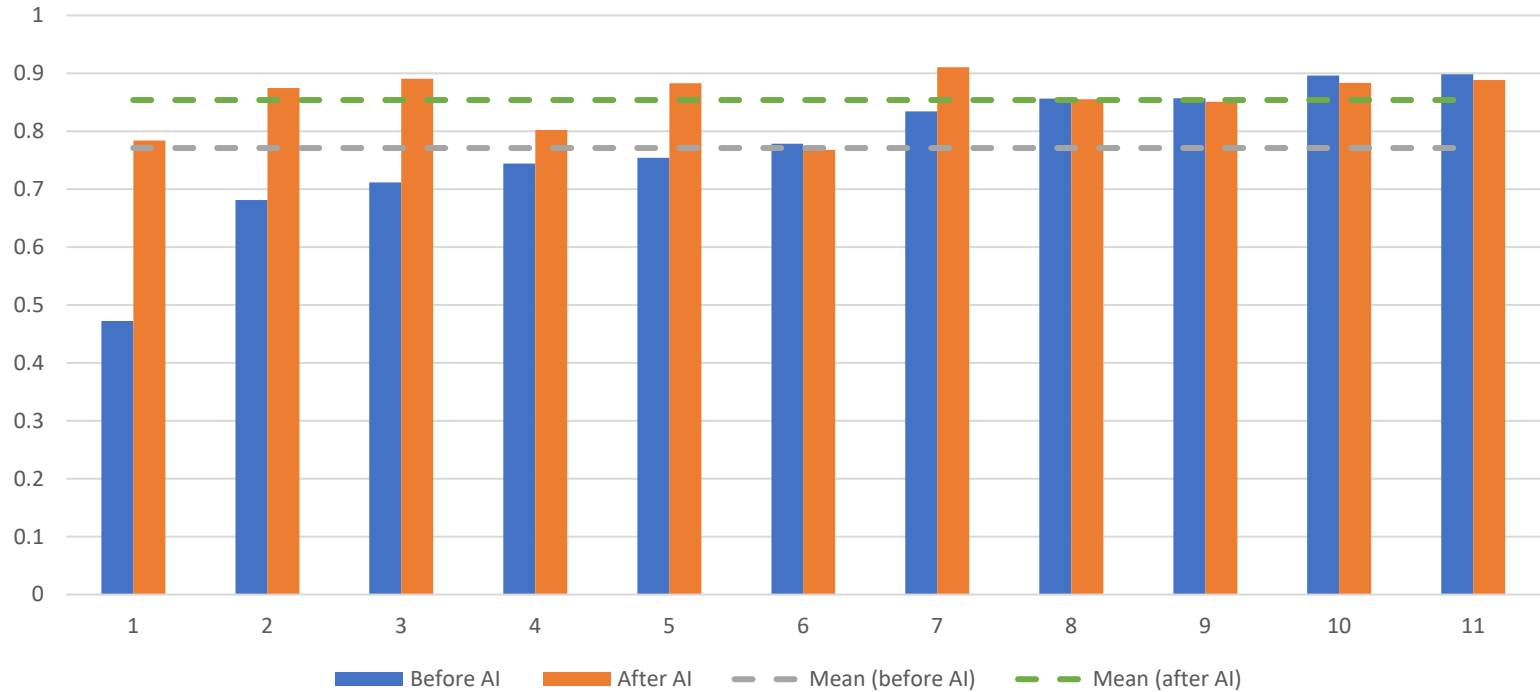
■ Gleason 5



# Classification – ROC



# Usefulness of AI in practice



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# Future directions

- Algorithm available via [grand-challenge.org](https://grand-challenge.org)
- Decision thresholds for grade groups
- Correlation with survival / recurrence
- Direct prediction of survival / recurrence from morphological patterns



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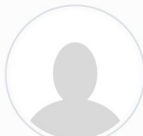
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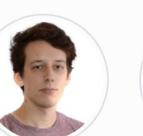
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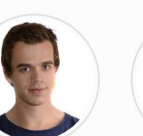
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