

Deep-learning And Digital Pathology

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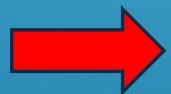
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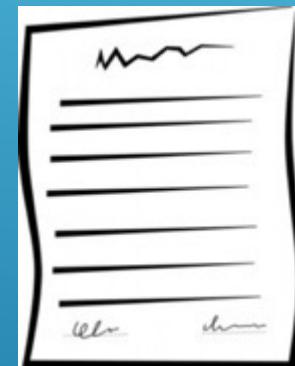
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- ▶ Introduction to Digital Pathology
- ▶ Interesting publications
- ▶ Combining machine learning with pathology

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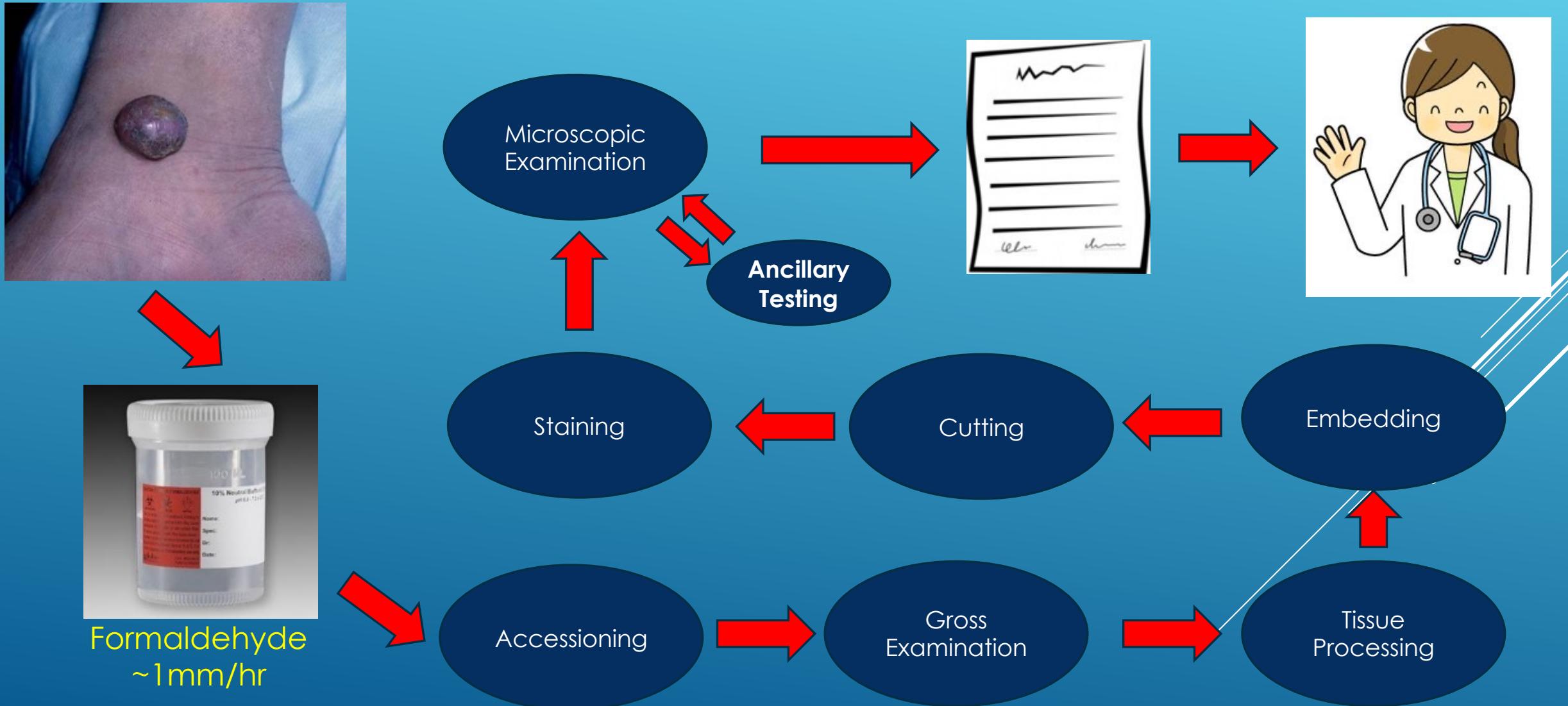
INTRODUCTION TO PATHOLOGY



“The lab”



SURGICAL PATHOLOGY WORKFLOW

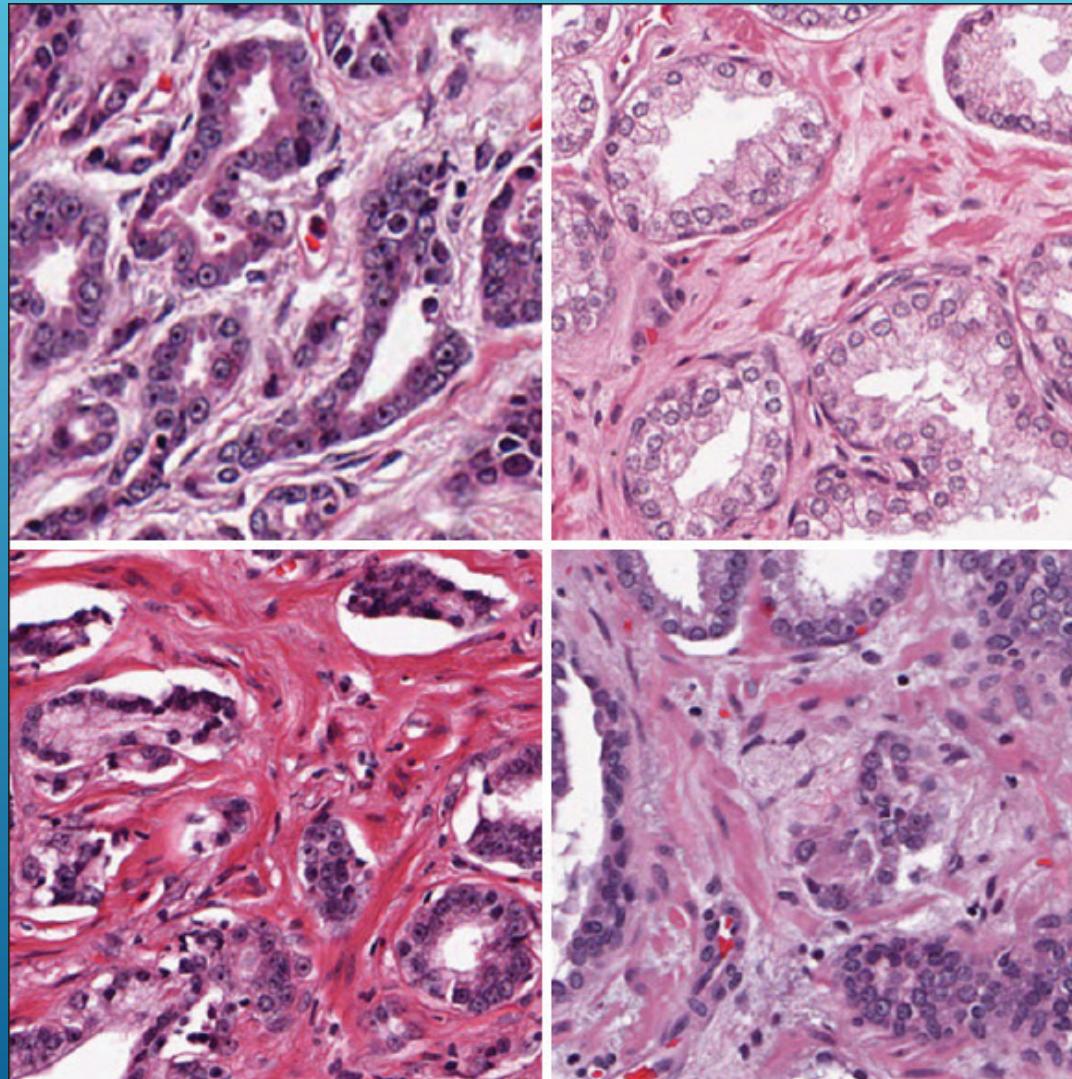


TISSUE STAINING

- ▶ Hematoxylin & Eosin
- ▶ Mounting media
- ▶ Coverslip



COLOR VARIATION



DIGITAL PATHOLOGY

The screenshot shows a news release from the FDA's website. The header includes the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services logo, the FDA U.S. Food & Drug Administration logo, and navigation links for A to Z Index, Follow FDA, and En Español. A search bar is also present. The main content area is titled "News & Events" and shows a breadcrumb trail: Home > News & Events > Newsroom > Press Announcements. The specific news release is titled "FDA allows marketing of first whole slide imaging system for digital pathology". It includes social sharing buttons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Pinterest, Email, and Print. The release is dated April 12, 2017, and is categorized under "For Immediate Release". The "Release" section describes the marketing of the Philips IntelliSite Pathology Solution (PIPS), noting it is the first WSI system for digital pathology. It quotes Alberto Gutierrez, Ph.D., Director of the Office of In Vitro Diagnostics and Radiological Health. The "Follow FDA" sidebar on the right lists social media handles for @US_FDA, @FDAmedia, and @FDAmedia.

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FDA News Release

FDA allows marketing of first whole slide imaging system for digital pathology

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For Immediate Release April 12, 2017

Release

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration today permitted marketing of the Philips IntelliSite Pathology Solution (PIPS), the first whole slide imaging (WSI) system that allows for review and interpretation of digital surgical pathology slides prepared from biopsied tissue. This is the first time the FDA has permitted the marketing of a WSI system for these purposes.

"The system enables pathologists to read tissue slides digitally in order to make diagnoses, rather than looking directly at a tissue sample mounted on a glass slide under a conventional light microscope," said Alberto Gutierrez, Ph.D., Director of the Office of In Vitro Diagnostics and Radiological Health in the FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health. "Because the system digitizes slides that would otherwise be stored in physical files, it also provides a streamlined slide storage and retrieval system that may ultimately help make critical health information available to pathologists, other health care professionals and patients faster."

Pathologists are medical doctors who specialize in understanding the cause and development of a disease or condition. In pathology, biopsied tissues are mounted onto glass slides and stained for viewing and evaluation. The PIPS uses proprietary hardware and software to scan and digitize conventional surgical pathology glass slides prepared from biopsied tissue at resolutions equivalent to 400 times magnification. These digitized images can then be reviewed and interpreted by

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Posted: Tue 1:53 PM, Jan 29, 2019



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, January 22, 2021

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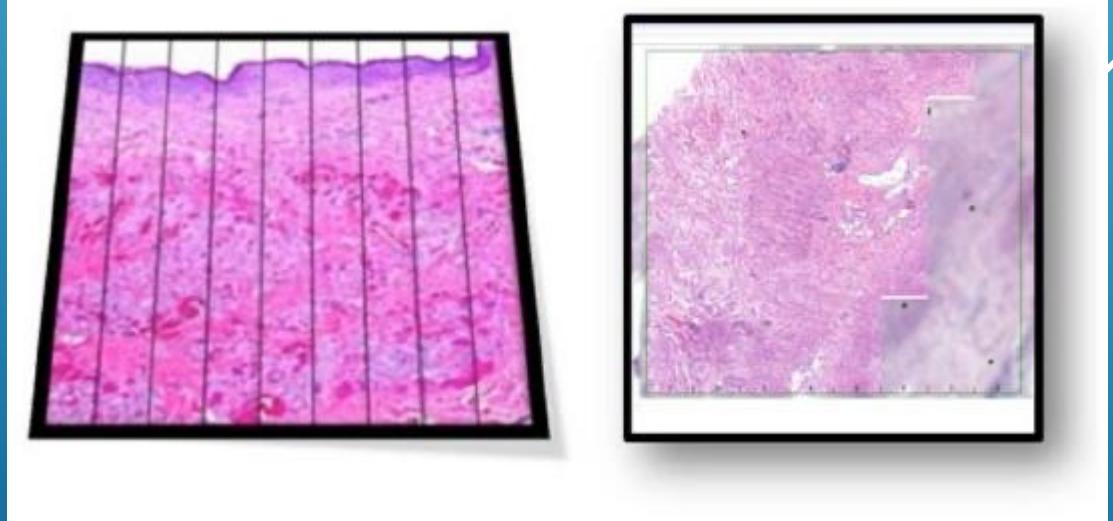
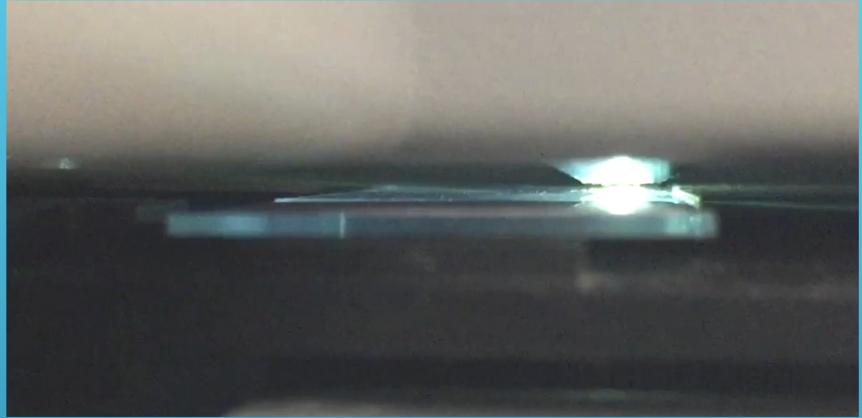


WHOLE-SLIDE IMAGING



WHOLE-SLIDE IMAGING (WSI)

- ▶ Image capture device
 - ▶ Motorized
- ▶ Microscope objective



WSI FORMAT

- ▶ 20x or 40x magnification
 - ▶ 0.5 µm/pixel or 2.75 µm/pixel
- ▶ 1-5 minutes per glass slide
- ▶ **Large** file sizes
 - ▶ Gigapixel range, 0.5-2GB file sizes
 - ▶ LZW/TIF or some lossless compression*
 - ▶ Image tiling and image pyramids

*YMMV

OPENSIDE

- ▶ Open source C library
 - ▶ Java, python
- ▶ API
 - ▶ OpenSeaDragon
- ▶ Reverse engineered
 - ▶ Aperio
 - ▶ Hamamatsu
 - ▶ Leica
 - ▶ Phillips
 - ▶ Sakura
 - ▶ Ventana
 - ▶ 3DHISTECH MRXS ("MIRAX")
 - ▶ And more

TECHNICAL NOTE

J Pathol Inform 2013, 4:27

OpenSlide: A vendor-neutral software foundation for digital pathology

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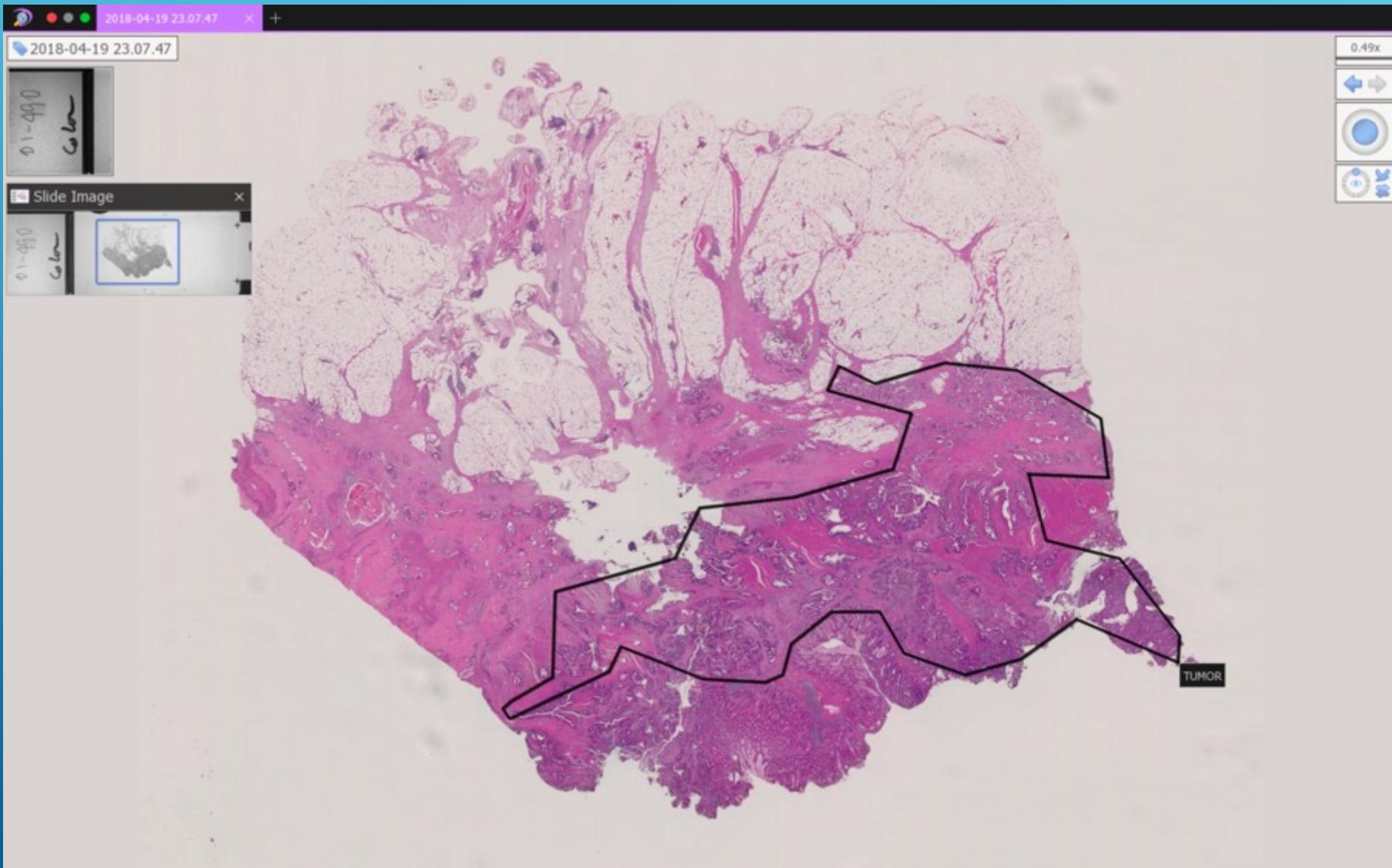
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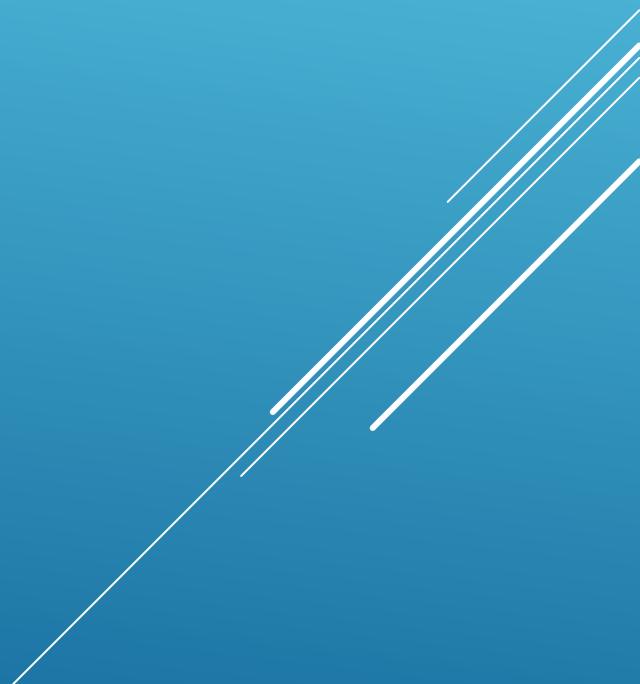
BENEFITS OF NIH

- ▶ NCI / AIR – Computer vision expertise
 - ▶ DGX-A100 (8x A100's; 320GB VRAM)
 - ▶ Pathologists, Radiologists, Data Scientists
- ▶ NCI
 - ▶ CBIIT
 - ▶ HALO, Palantir, etc
- ▶ NIH Clinical Center – Rich source of medical samples
 - ▶ ~6-7k pathology cases per year
 - ▶ All cases research (IRB protocol)
- ▶ NIH-wide
 - ▶ Biowulf/Helix
 - ▶ Many V100's
 - ▶ Many A100's

ANNOTATING



MACHINE LEARNING AND PATHOLOGY



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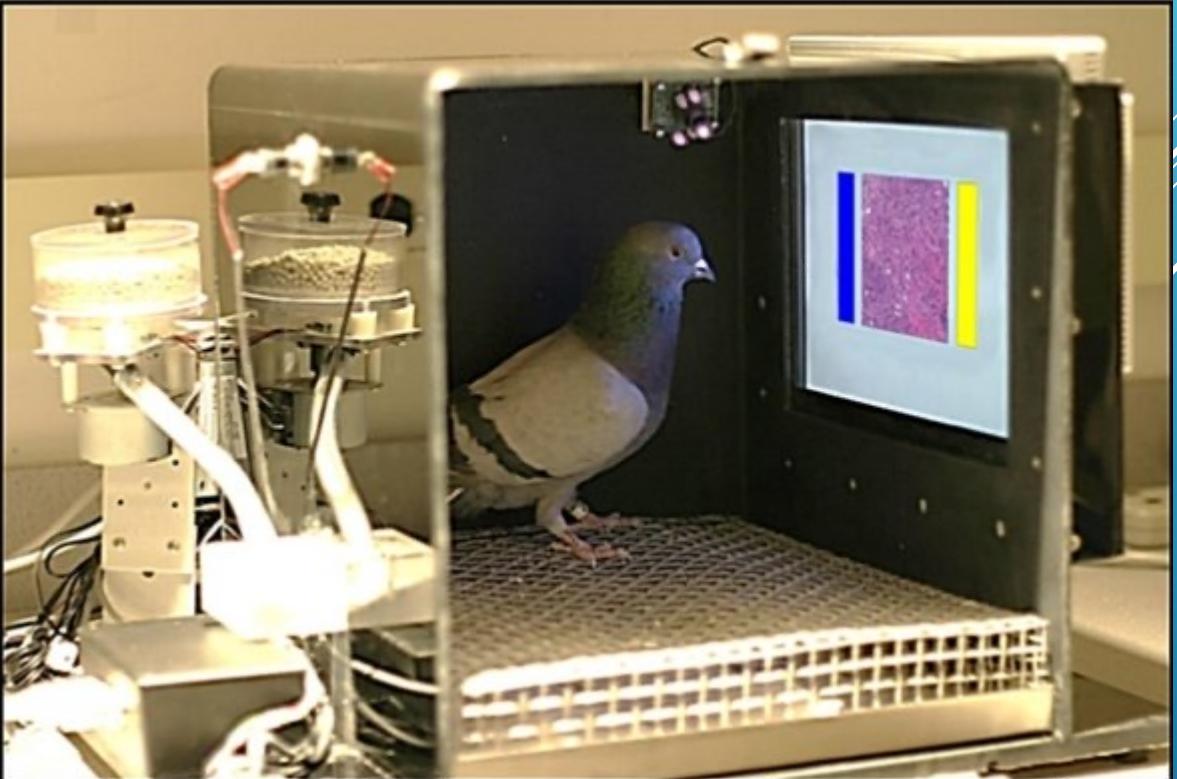
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Clinical-grade computational pathology using weakly supervised deep learning on whole slide images

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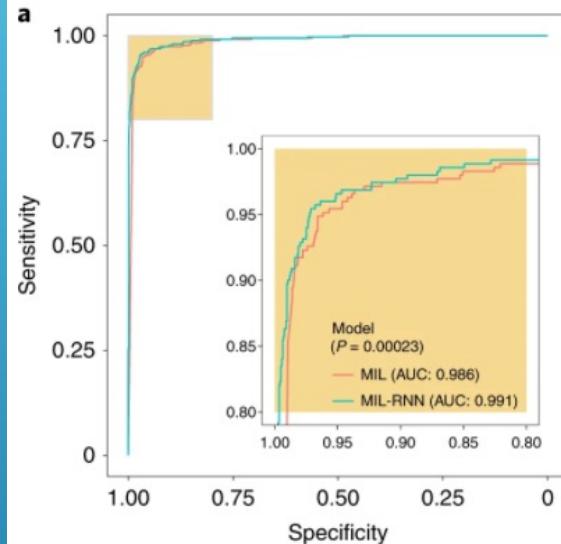
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Abstract

The development of decision support systems for pathology and their deployment in clinical practice have been hindered by the need for large manually annotated datasets. To overcome this problem, we present a multiple instance learning-based deep learning system that uses only the reported diagnoses as labels for training, thereby avoiding expensive and time-consuming pixel-wise manual annotations. We evaluated this framework at scale on a dataset of 44,732 whole slide images from 15,187 patients without any form of data curation. Tests on prostate cancer, basal cell carcinoma and breast cancer metastases to axillary lymph nodes resulted in areas under the curve above 0.98 for all cancer types. Its clinical application would allow pathologists to exclude 65–75% of slides while retaining 100% sensitivity. Our results show that this system has the ability to train accurate classification models at unprecedented scale, laying the foundation for the deployment of computational decision support systems in clinical practice.

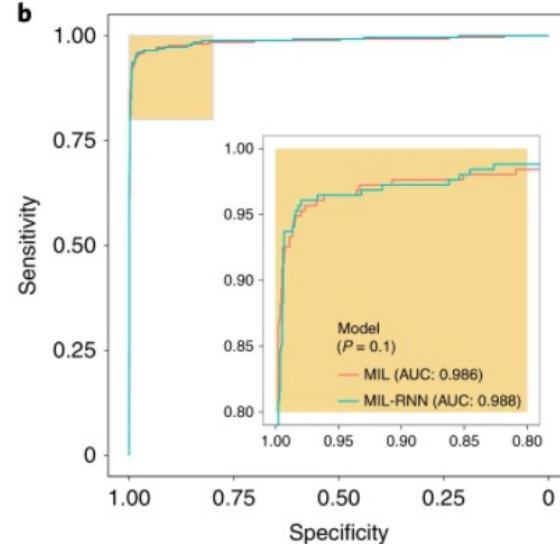
Fig. 3: Weakly supervised models achieve high performance across ~~all~~ tissue types.

From: Clinical-grade computational pathology using weakly supervised deep learning on whole slide images



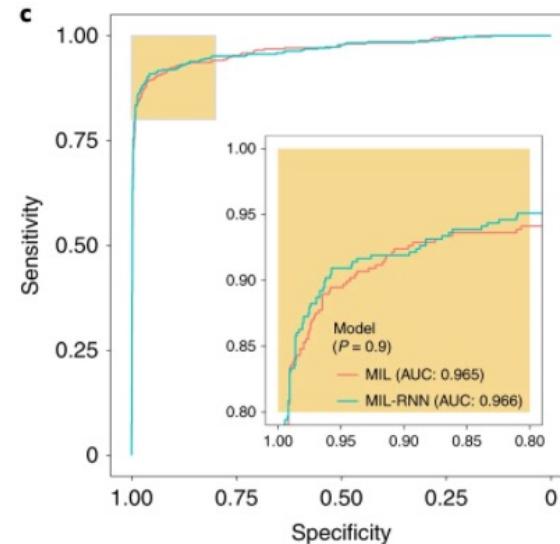
Prostate

Gleason score?
Why only in the
supplemental?



BCC (skin)

Mortality very low



Breast mets

Interesting, but very
specific. Also, many
previously trained
models:

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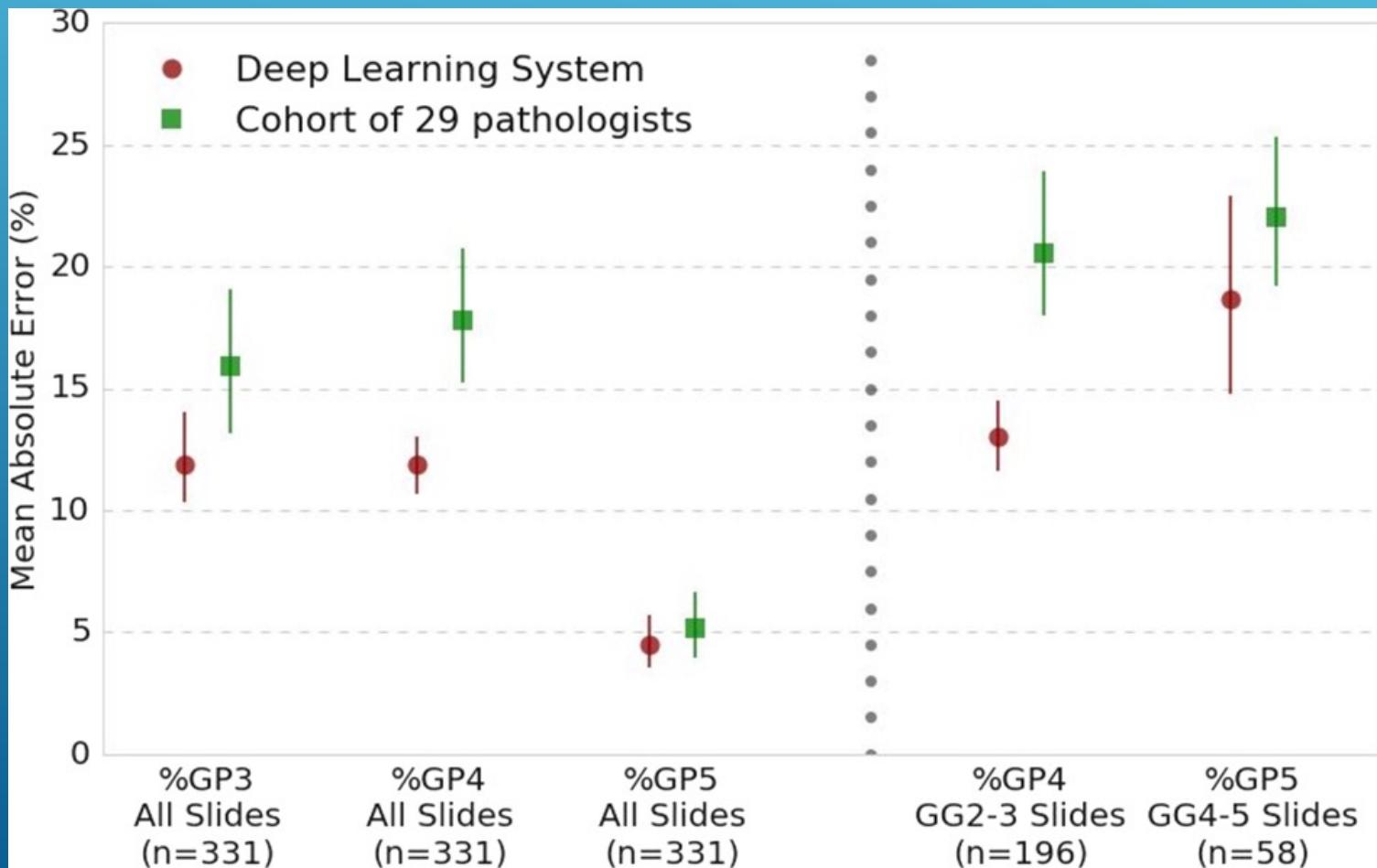
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HUMAN COMPARISON



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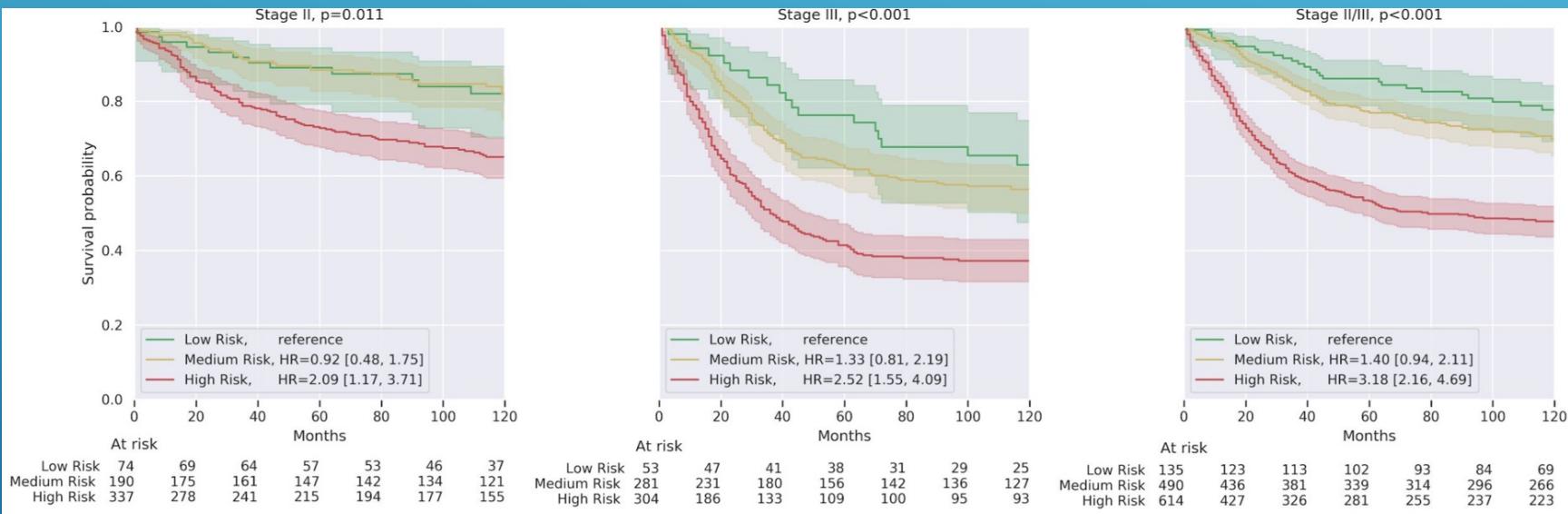
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Classification and mutation prediction from non-small cell lung cancer histopathology images using deep learning

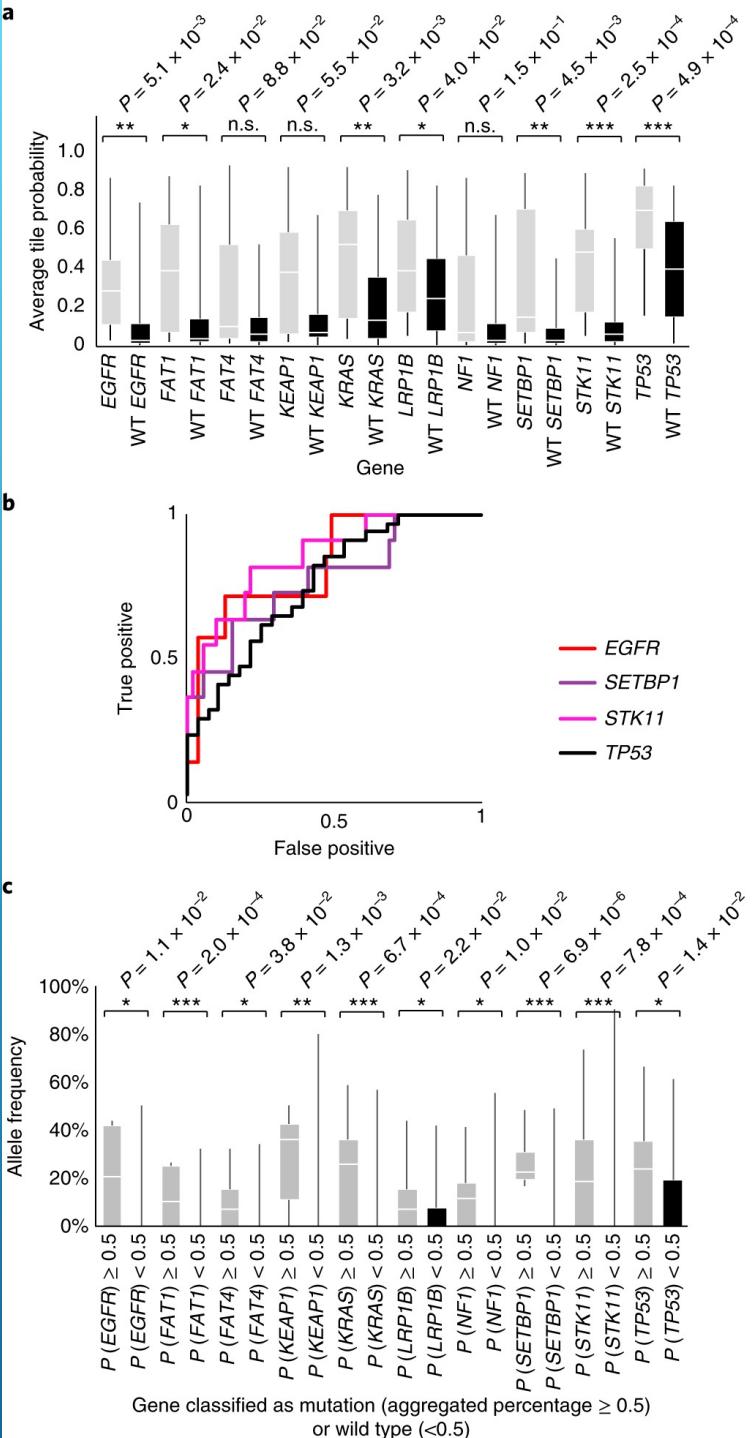
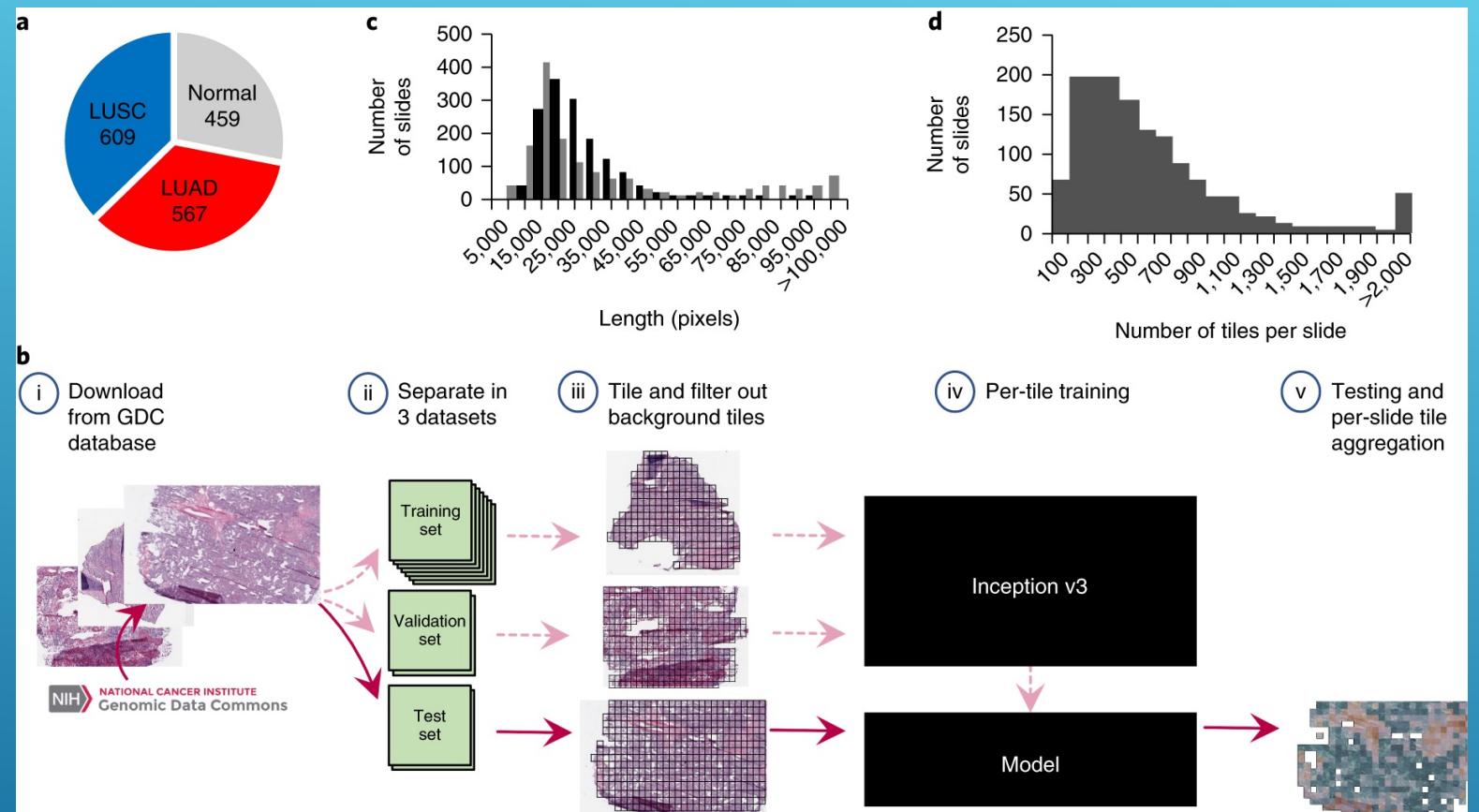
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Abstract

Visual inspection of histopathology slides is one of the main methods used by pathologists to assess the stage, type and subtype of lung tumors. Adenocarcinoma (LUAD) and squamous cell carcinoma (LUSC) are the most prevalent subtypes of lung cancer, and their distinction requires visual inspection by an experienced pathologist. In this study, we trained a deep convolutional neural network (inception v3) on whole-slide images obtained from The Cancer Genome Atlas to accurately and automatically classify them into LUAD, LUSC or normal lung tissue. The performance of our method is comparable to that of pathologists, with an average area under the curve (AUC) of 0.97. Our model was validated on independent datasets of frozen tissues, formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded tissues and biopsies. Furthermore, we trained the network to predict the ten most commonly mutated genes in LUAD. We found that six of them—STK11, EGFR, FAT1, SETBP1, KRAS and TP53—can be predicted from pathology images, with AUCs from 0.733 to 0.856 as measured on a held-out population. These findings suggest that deep-learning models can assist pathologists in the detection of cancer subtype or gene mutations. Our approach can be applied to any cancer type, and the code is available at <https://github.com/ncoudray/DeepPATH>.



INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Cervical Cancer
 - ▶ One of the most common cancer among women.
 - ▶ 2018 US Statistics △
 - ▶ 13,240 diagnosed cases.
 - ▶ 4,170 women die from cervical cancer.
 - ▶ Cervical cancer that is detected early is more likely to be treated successfully.

△ “Cancer Facts & Figures 2018,” American Cancer Society, 2018.

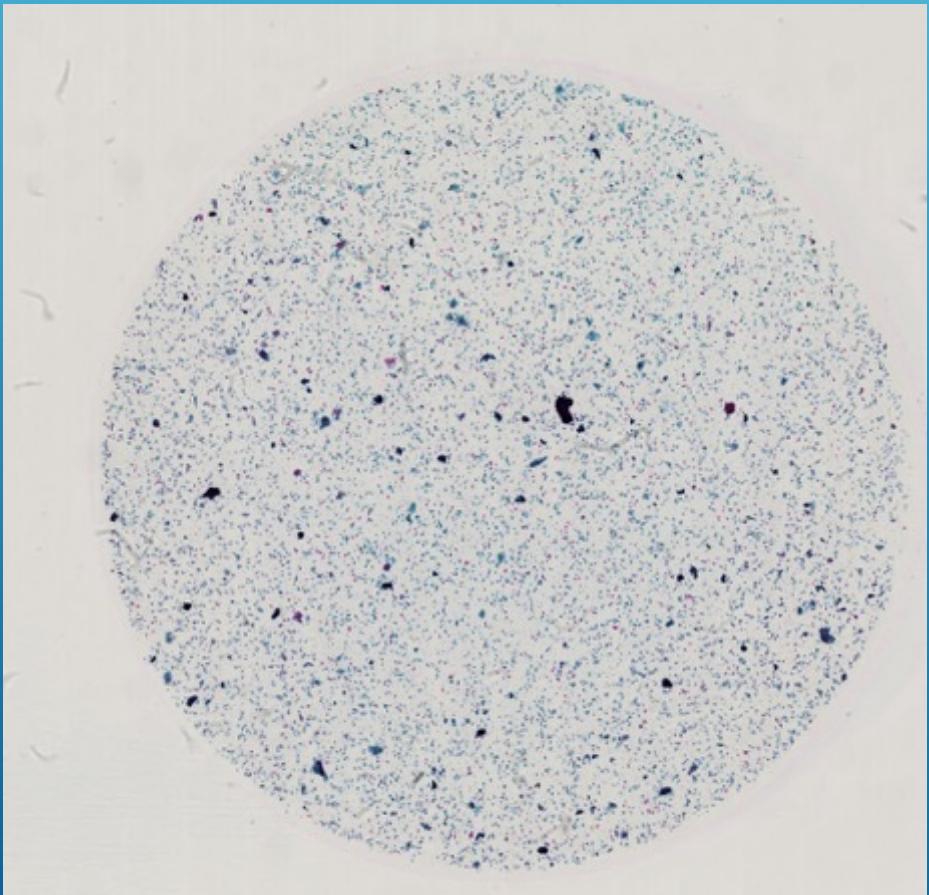
DATASETS

- ▶ NLM Data
 - ▶ 25 cytology slides.
 - ▶ Provided by BD (Becton-Dickinson) Corporation.
 - ▶ The slides are prepared using Sure Path.
- ▶ Herlev Pap Smear Dataset
 - ▶ 917 cervical cell images

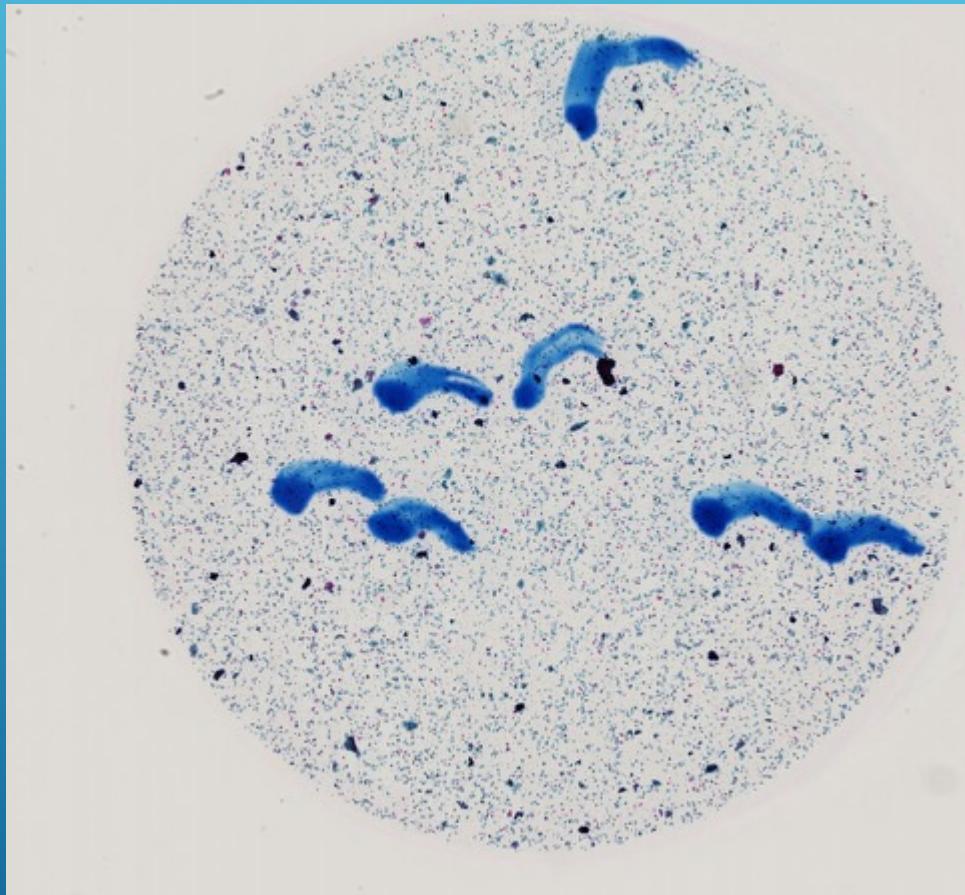
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Clean Slide image

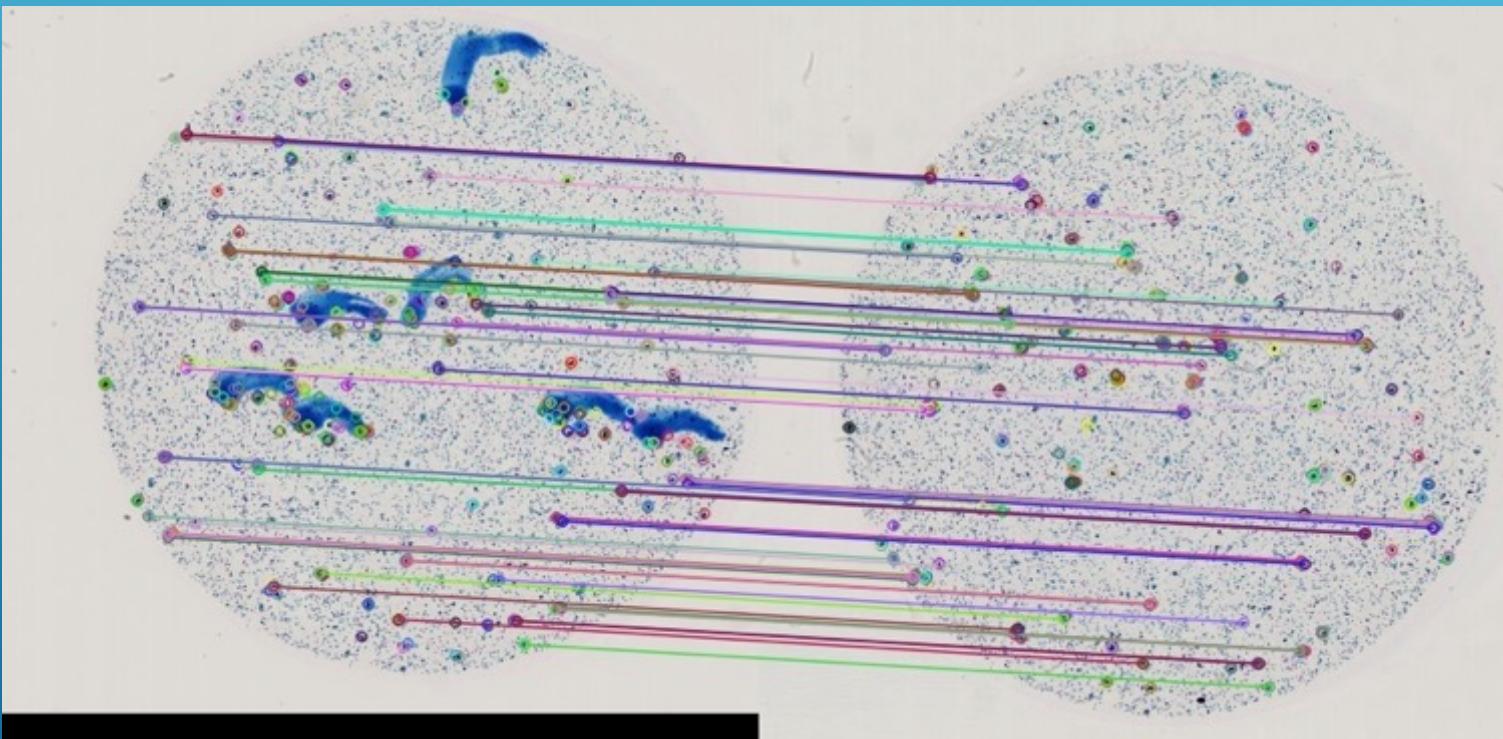


Annotated Slide image



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ROI DETECTION



Matching Keypoints

- ➡ **Image Registration**
 - ➡ ORB feature detector [△]
 - ➡ Match features
 - ➡ Calculate Homography
 - ➡ Uses RANSAC* estimation technique

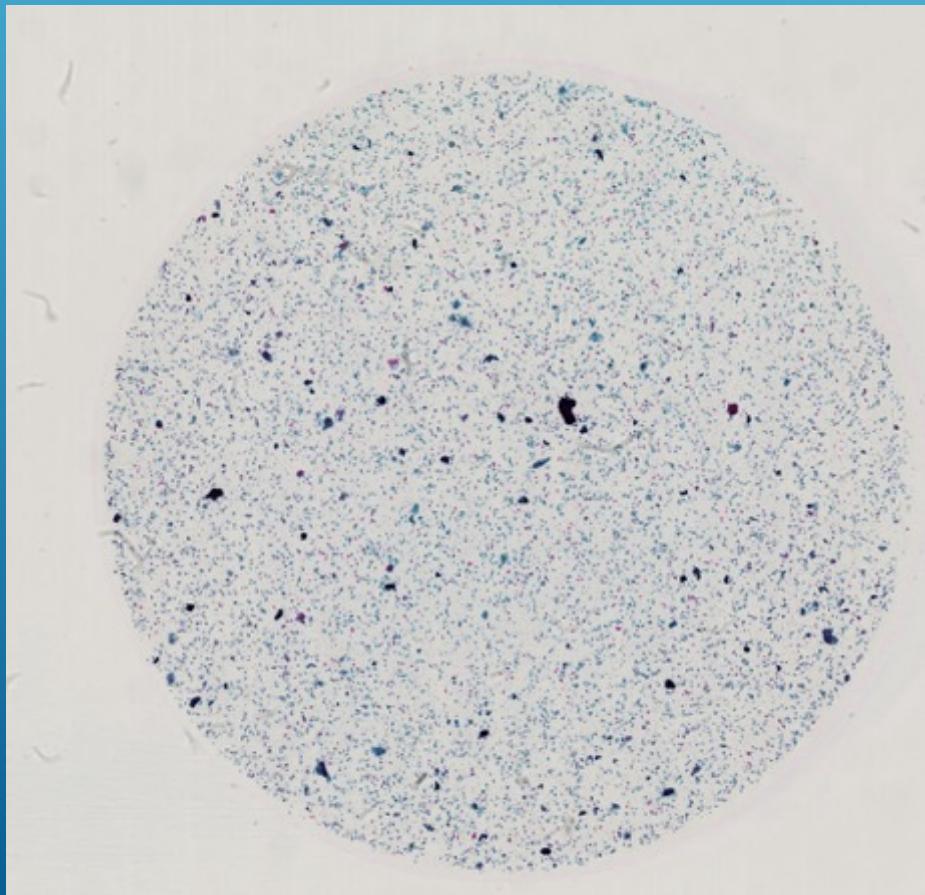
[△] Ethan Rublee, Vincent Rabaud, Kurt Konolige, Gary R. Bradski: ORB: An efficient alternative to SIFT or SURF. ICCV 2011: 2564-2571

* Random sample consensus (**RANSAC**) is an iterative method to estimate parameters of a mathematical model from a set of observed data that contains outliers

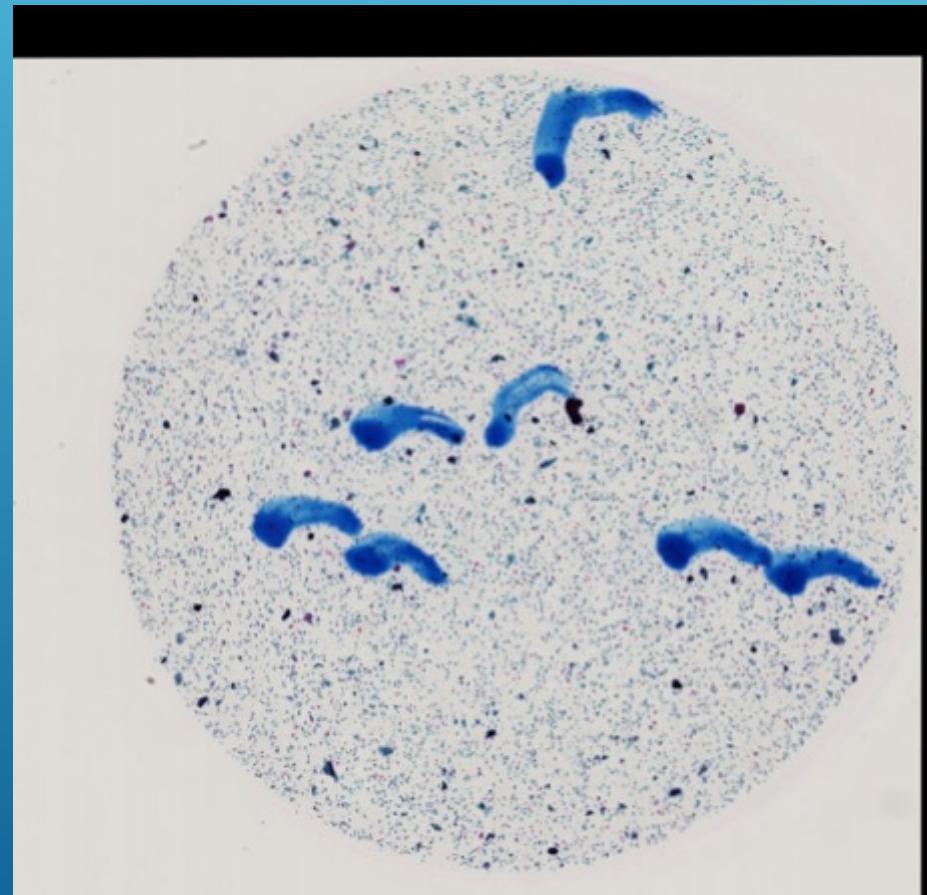
ROI DETECTION

► **Image Registration**

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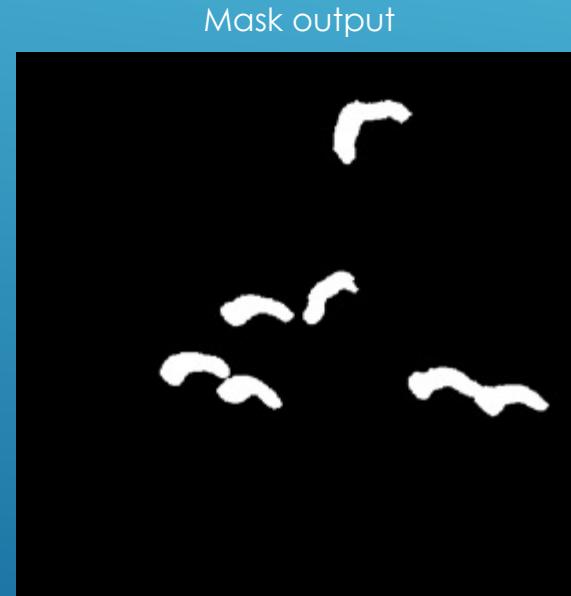
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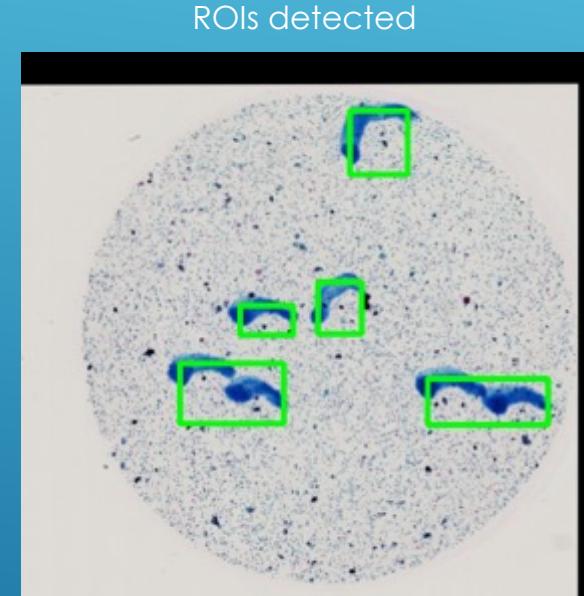
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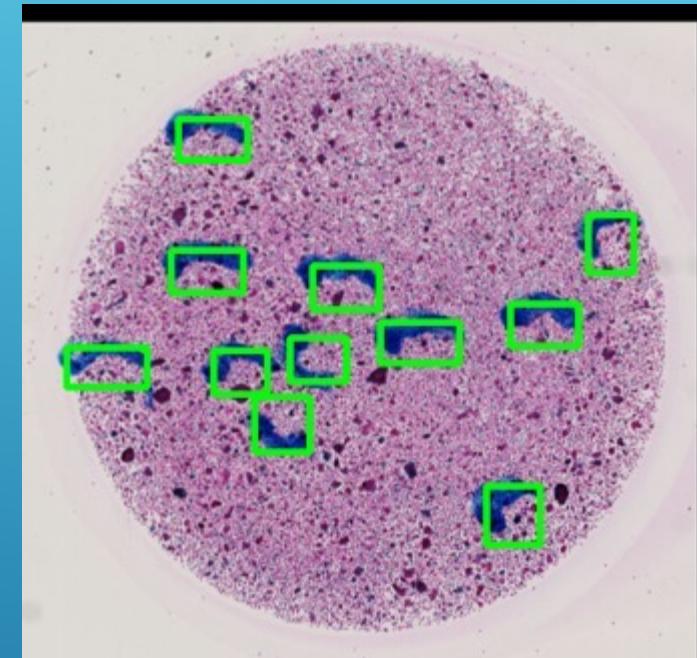
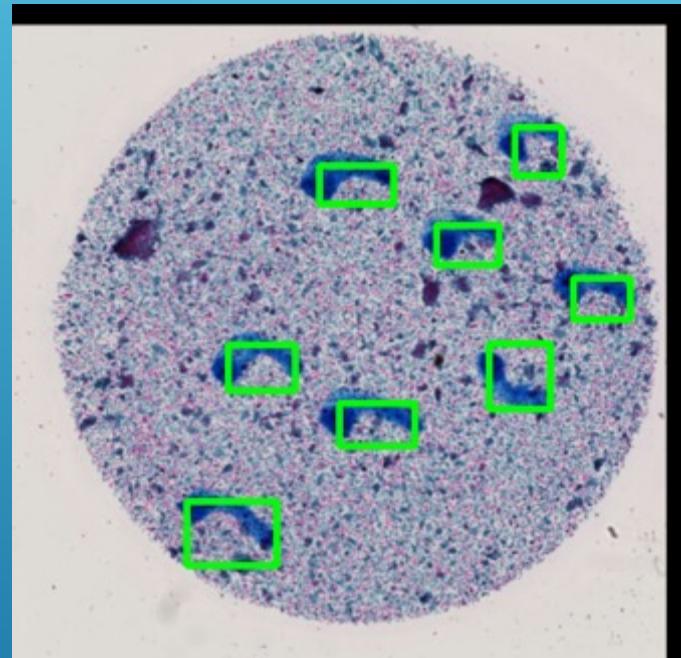
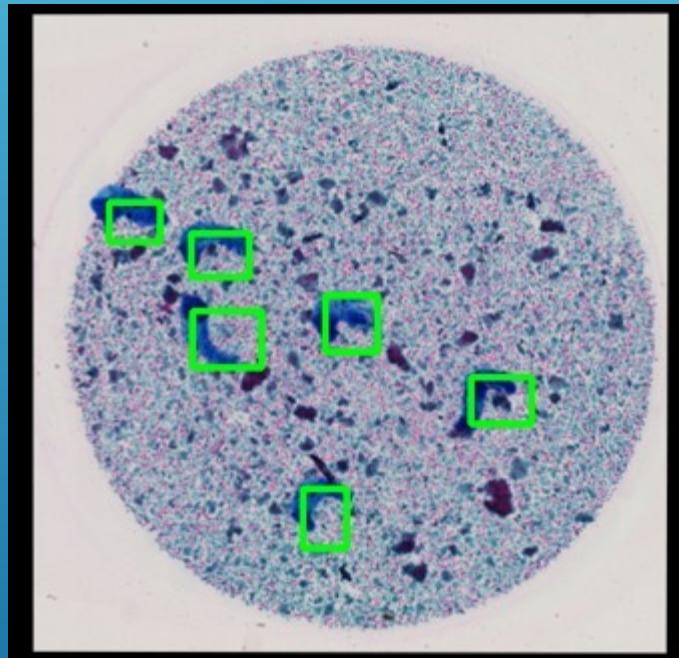
Threshold
+
Morphological
operations



Skeletonize
+
Refine
boundaries



ROI DETECTION RESULTS



LOCATING ABNORMAL CELLS

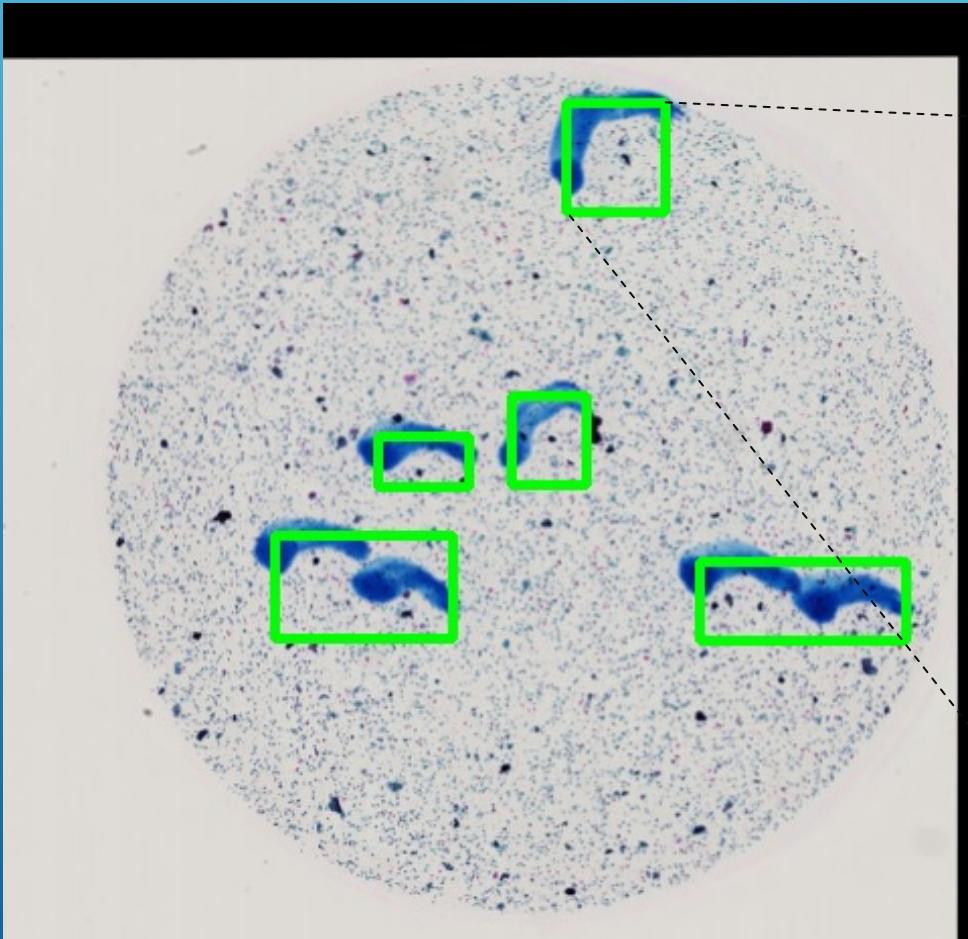


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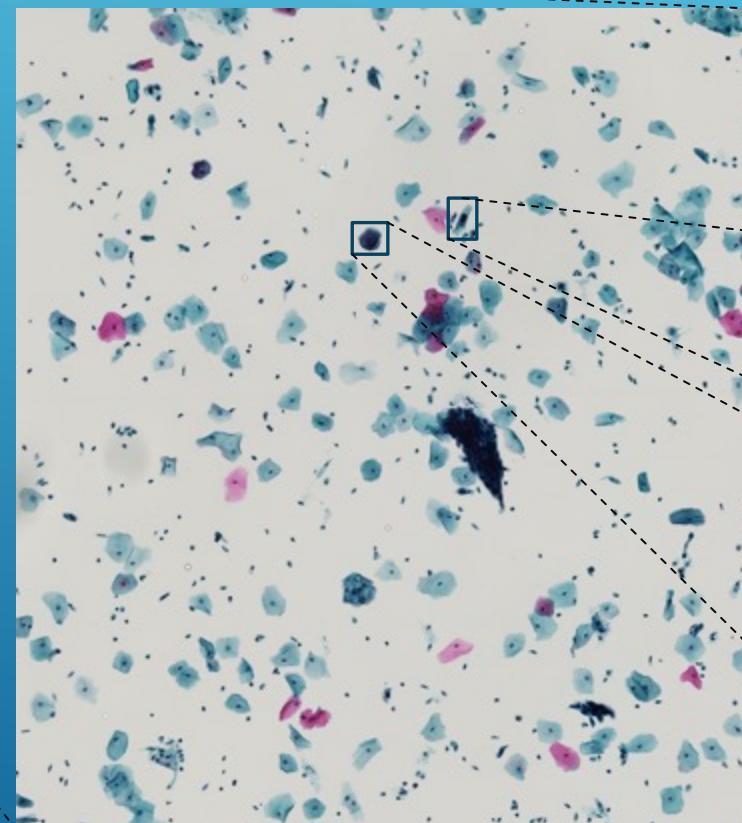


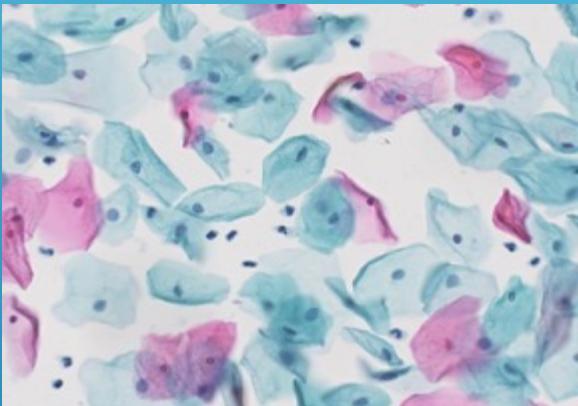
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Abnormal cells



SLIDE CLASSIFICATION

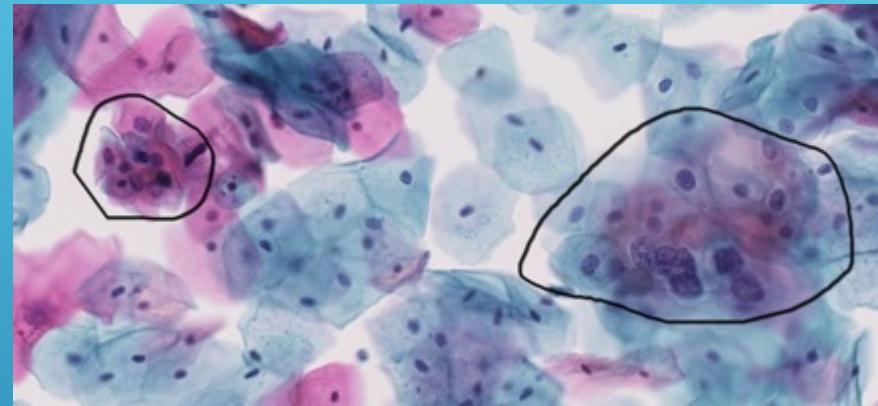
- ▶ NILM (Negative for Intraepithelial Lesion or Malignancy)



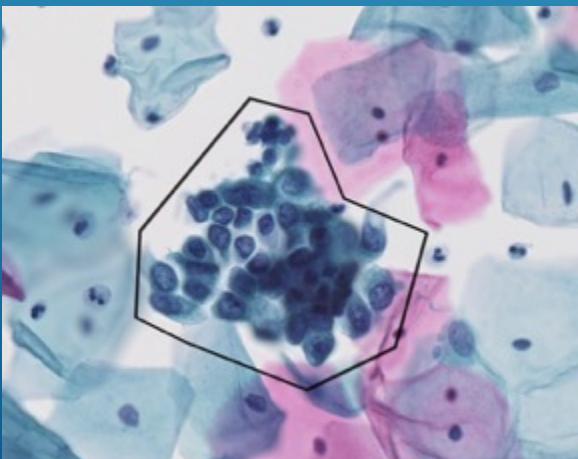
- ▶ **ASCUS (Atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance)**



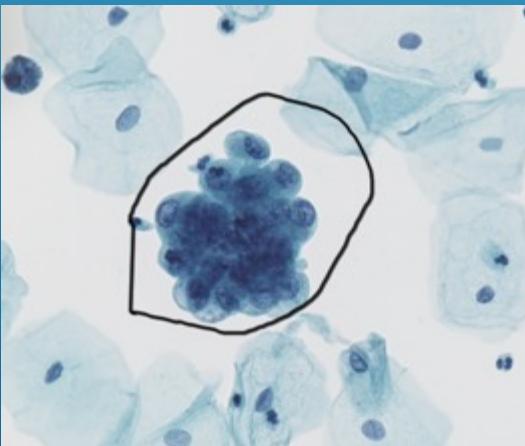
- ▶ **LSIL (Lower-grade Squamous intraepithelial lesion)**



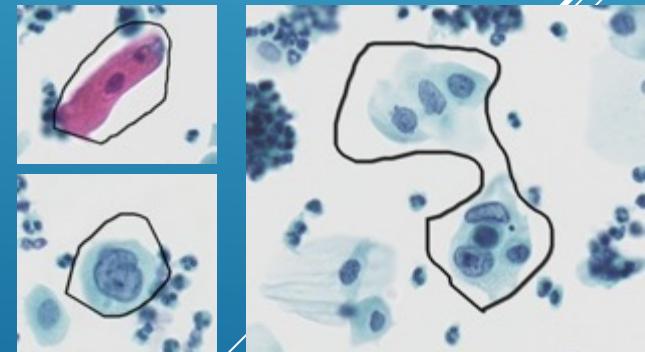
- ▶ **HSIL (Higher-grade Squamous intraepithelial lesion)**



- ▶ **Adeno (Adenocarcinoma)**



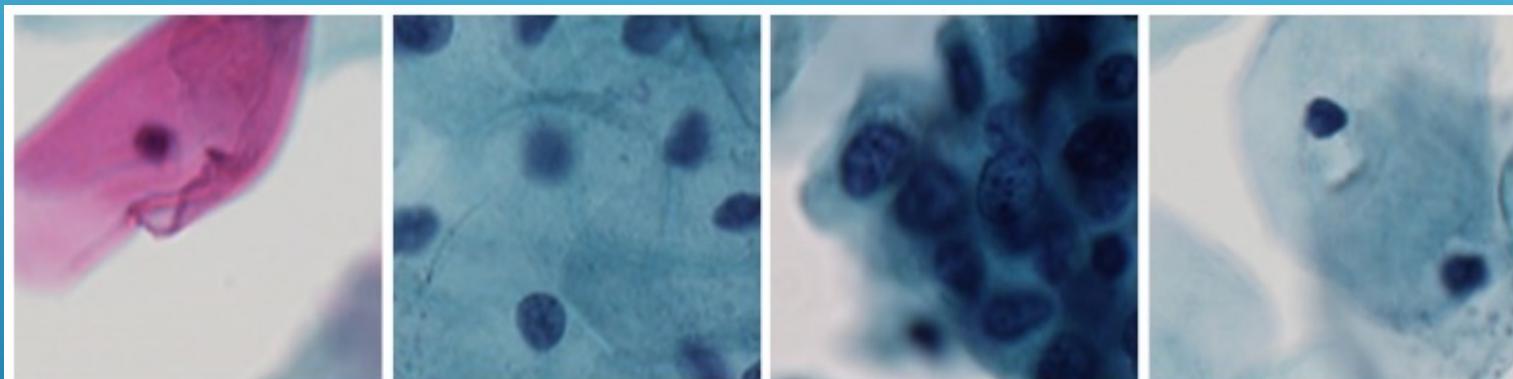
- ▶ **SCC (Squamous cell carcinoma)**



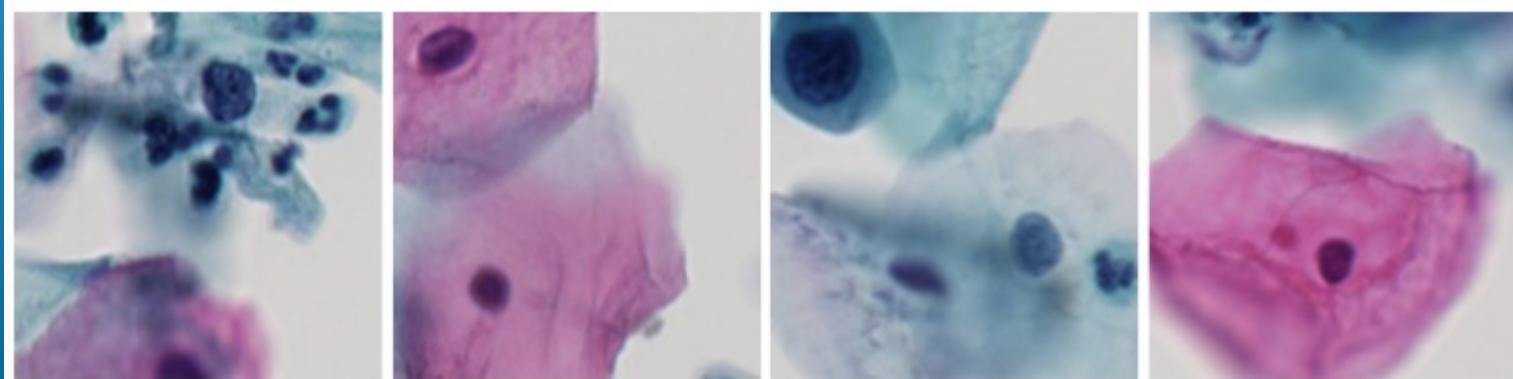
PATCH BASED DATA GENERATION

128x128 patch images

Normal



Abnormal



CLASSIFICATION

- ▶ This is a Bi-classfication
- ▶ Train, Test Dataset
 - ▶ Training Dataset (Herlev Pap Data)
 - ▶ Training: Normal – 196, Abnormal – 560
 - ▶ Validation: Normal – 46, Abnormal – 115
 - ▶ Testing Dataset (12XS12118 Patch data)
 - ▶ Testing: 15,035 patch (128x128) images

CLASSIFICATION

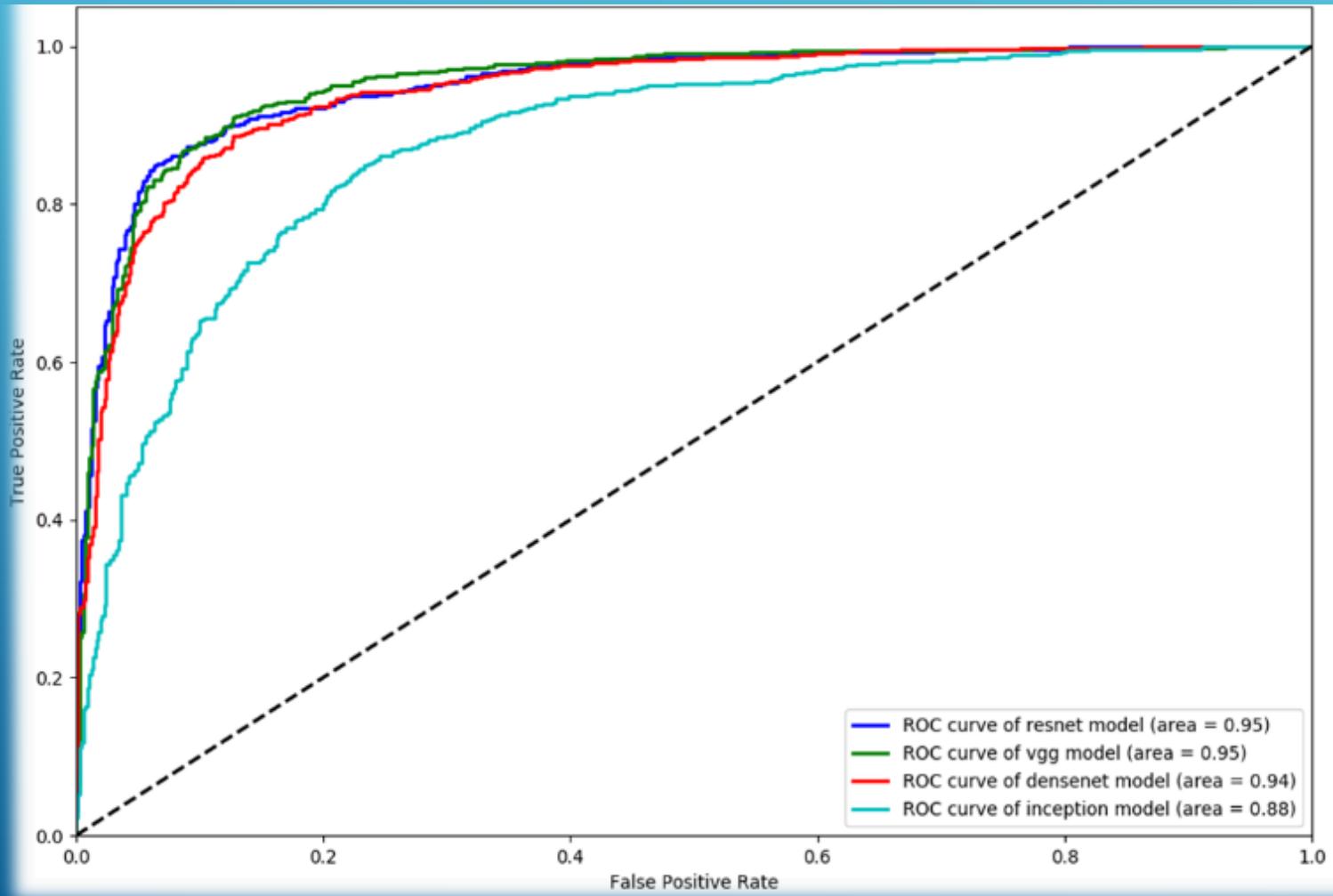
- ▶ CNN based Classifier
- ▶ Fine-tuning models initialized with pre-trained ImageNet weights.
- ▶ No. of Epochs = 200
- ▶ Batch Size = 32
- ▶ Optimizer: Stochastic Gradient Descent
 - ▶ Lr = 0.001, Momentum = 0.9
- ▶ Loss Function: Cross Entropy Loss

CLASSIFICATION RESULTS

- Pytorch Deep Learning Platform.
- Models run on Nvidia DGX station.
- Evaluation results for normal class detection

Model	Confusion matrix $\begin{bmatrix} TN & FP \\ FN & TP \end{bmatrix}$	ACC	PREC	REC	F1-Score	MCC
Resnet-50	$\begin{bmatrix} 589 & 71 \\ 78 & 582 \end{bmatrix}$	0.8871	0.8913	0.8818	0.8865	0.7742
VGG-19	$\begin{bmatrix} 581 & 79 \\ 68 & 592 \end{bmatrix}$	0.8886	0.8823	0.8970	0.8896	0.7773
Densenet-121	$\begin{bmatrix} 611 & 49 \\ 131 & 529 \end{bmatrix}$	0.8636	0.9152	0.8015	0.8546	0.7329
Inception_v3	$\begin{bmatrix} 429 & 231 \\ 57 & 603 \end{bmatrix}$	0.7818	0.7230	0.9136	0.8072	0.5843

CLASSIFIER COMPARISON



SUMMARY

- ▶ Digital pathology images are large
- ▶ Color variation, magnification should be considered
- ▶ Deep learning and pathology can assess diagnosis AND:
 - ▶ Assist with grading (Gleason, Elston, Weiss, etc)
 - ▶ Predict outcomes
 - ▶ Predict molecular mutations
- ▶ Collecting and curating dataset is extremely important
- ▶ Evaluate models thoroughly
- ▶ Different architectures can use more computer power, ie take longer to train

RESOURCES

- ▶ Courses:
 - ▶ THIS lecture series!
 - ▶ Fast AI : <https://course.fast.ai/>
 - ▶ Coursera
 - ▶ Khan Academy
- ▶ Challenges:
 - ▶ Grand-challenge.org
 - ▶ Nuclear segmentation
 - ▶ Tumor segmentation

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