



# Using Technology to Save Lives

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# Breast cancer - leading cause of cancer deaths in women

**1 in 17**

Women develop a breast abnormality in their lifetime

**500,000**

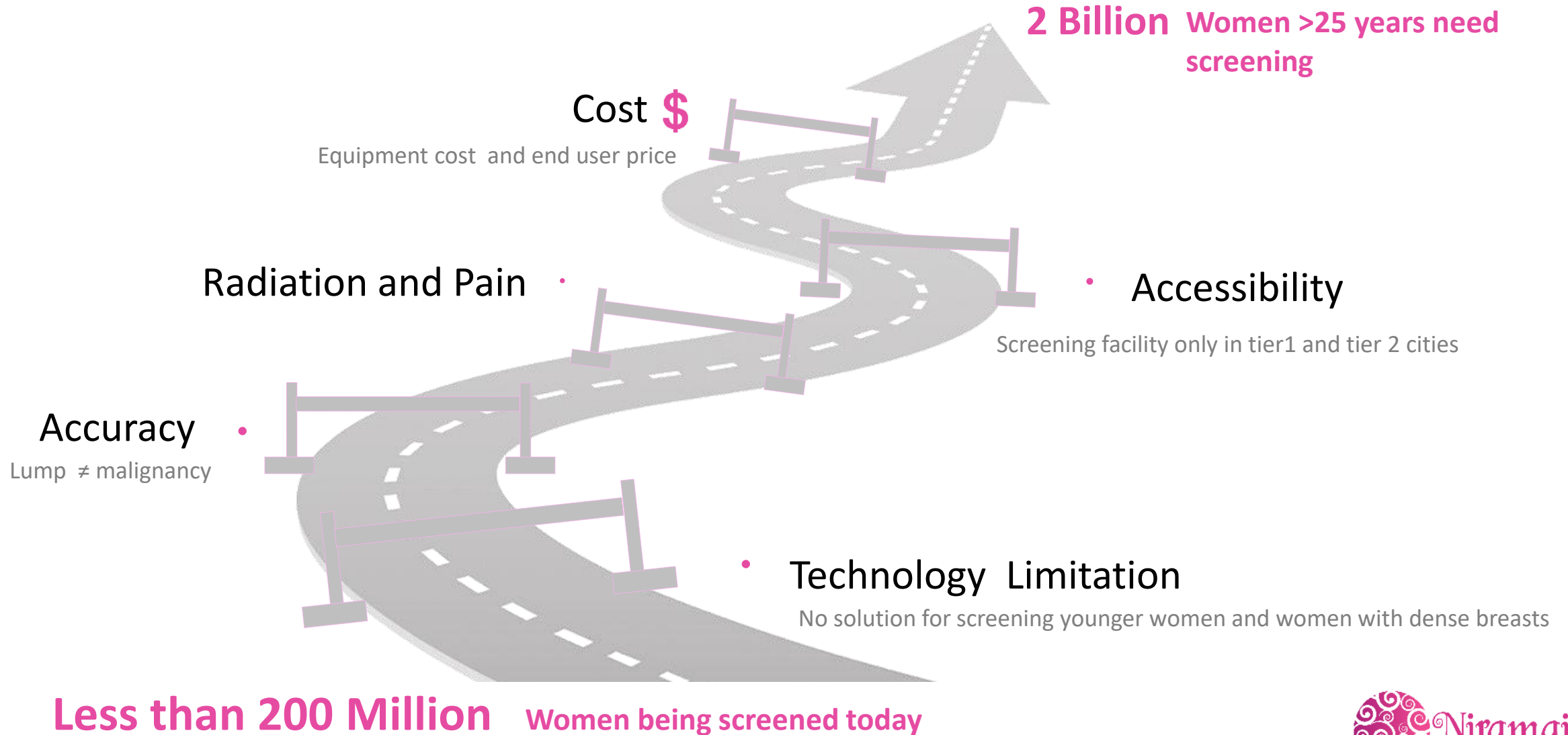
Deaths per year

Survival rates in India and many developing countries is just 50%

**Early Detection is key to survival!**

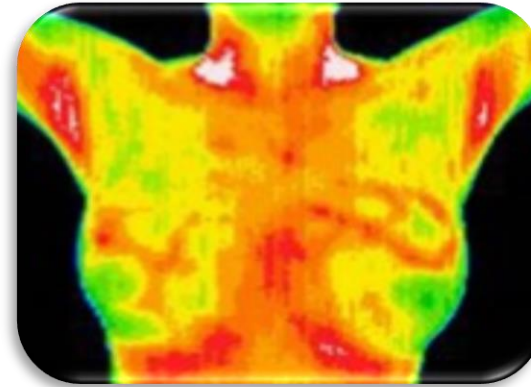
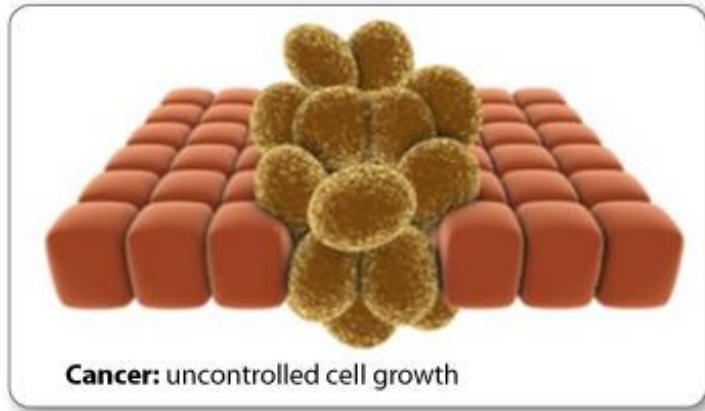


# There are Several Hurdles for Early Detection today



# Thermography can detect cancer much earlier than any other modality

Thermography measures infra-red radiation from the body generated due to heat



**FDA**  
**Approved**  
Adjunct  
modality for  
cancer  
screening

**>500**  
**Thermography**  
**clinics in US**

## Limitation of Manual Thermography:

- Interpretation errors
- Subjective Analysis
- Cognitive Overload  
(400,000 color pixels of 2000 shades)



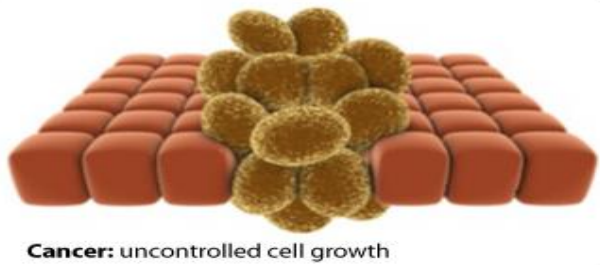
Thermalytix<sup>©</sup> by



# Thermalytix<sup>®</sup> by NIRAMAI

A Novel Fusion of Machine Intelligence + Thermography

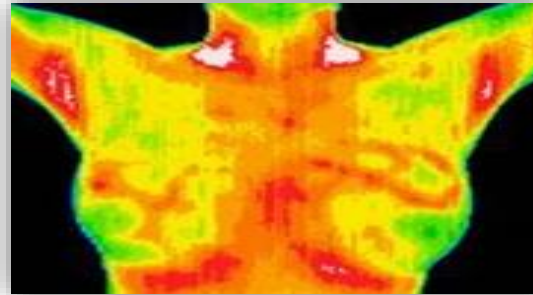
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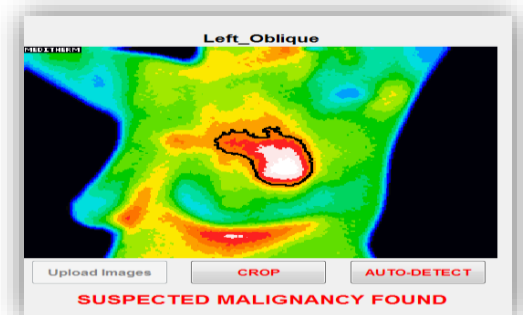
Thermal  
Sensor



- ✓ Highly Sensitive
- ✓ Early Detection



Machine  
Intelligence



NIRAMAI Software

- ✓ Automated
- ✓ Real time
- ✓ Affordable
- ✓ Accurate

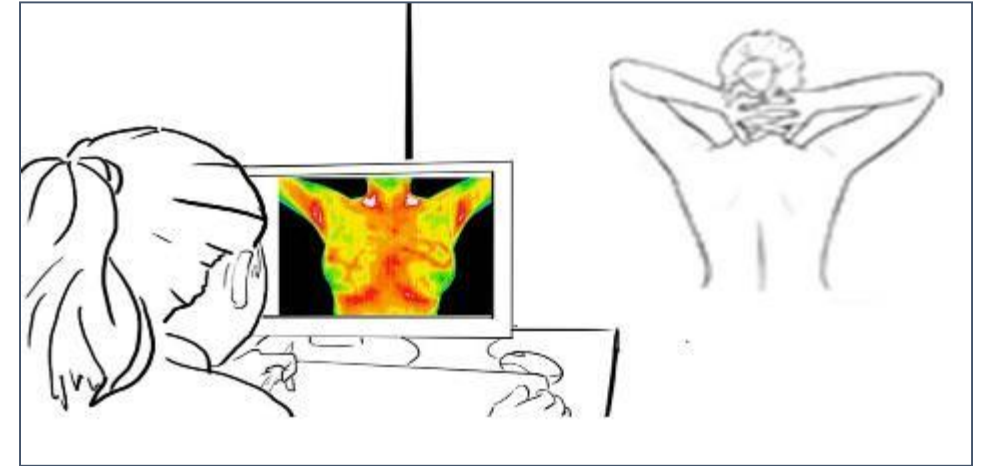
Instead of looking for lumps, we look for cancer.

# NIRAMAI Solution

## Privacy-Aware, Early Stage Breast Cancer Detection

- ❖ Can detect cancer long before a lump is felt
- ❖ Non-contact, Non-invasive, Privacy Aware
- ❖ No Radiation
- ❖ Works for women of all ages, and men too!
- ❖ Affordable
- ❖ Portable, light, small screening device

Powered by Machine Learning



 **Niramai** @niramaianalytix · Jan 6  
NIRAMAI solution can be used to detect Breast cancer in men too..



**Breast cancer in men - Breast Cancer Care**  
Men can get breast cancer, although rare (340 men are diagnosed a year in the UK against 60000 women).  
Learn about breast cancer in men at Breast Cancer Care.  
[breastcancercare.org.uk](http://breastcancercare.org.uk)



A photograph of two female nurses in light purple uniforms standing in a clinical or office environment. The nurse on the right is wearing a lanyard with an ID badge that reads 'SBS HOSPITAL' and 'Staff Nurse'. To their left is a video camera on a tripod. To their right is a desk with a laptop and a bottle of hand sanitizer. The background is a plain wall with a power outlet.

50+ Hospitals and  
Diagnostic Centres

Corporate Camps



Rural Outreach



500+ Outreach Camps





Watch this video on [here](#)

GENERAL DETAILS

Patient ID: 149

Gender: Female

Age: 57

Scan Date: 08/09/2018

Centre:

CLINICAL DETAILS

Menopause: Yes.

Age at Menopause: 46 years.

Lactating: No.

Pregnant: No.

Number of children breast-fed: 2

Patient Complaints: None.

Cancer History: No patient cancer history. No family cancer history.

Surgeries: None.

Hormone Therapy: None.

THERMAL ANALYSIS

Thermobiological Score: 0.25

Body Temperature: 34.59 °C to 26.54 °C

Symmetry Score: 0 %

Areolar Score: 0.66

Vascular Score: 0.75

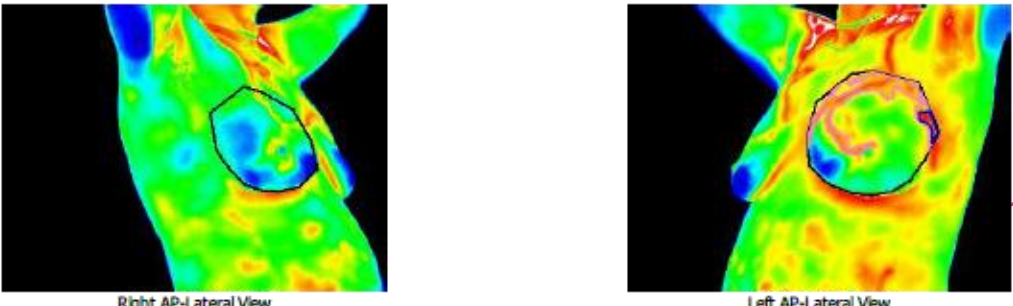
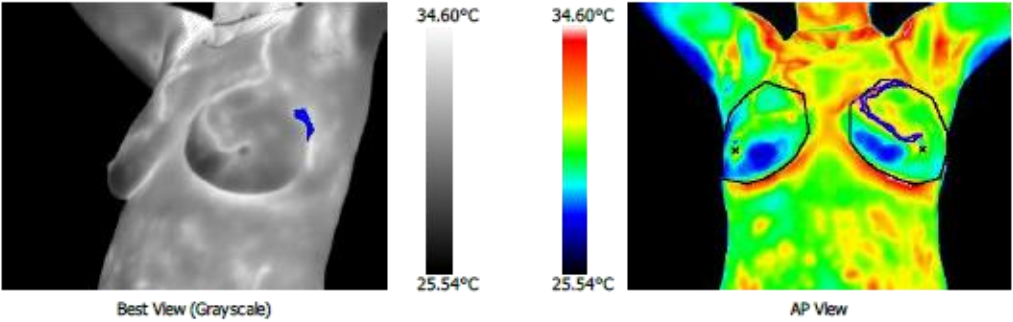
FINAL IMPRESSION

Breast Thermal Impression

Right Breast: No significant thermal pattern is seen.

Left Breast: Focal thermal pattern is noted. Thermal increase is seen near areolar region. Slightly distorted and smooth margins are observed. Asymmetrical thermal pattern is observed.

THERMAL PARAMETERS	RIGHT BREAST	LEFT BREAST
Number of Hotspots	0	1
Extent	N/A	Hot spots seen in 0.0198% of region of interest.
Hotspot Shape	N/A	0.65 irregular, 579µ distorted
Temperature	N/A	1.87°C increase wrt surrounding region
Areolar Hotspot Detected	No	Yes
Lump Detected	N/A	N/A



# Realtime Automated Screening

## THERMAL ANALYSIS

Thermobiological Score: 0.61

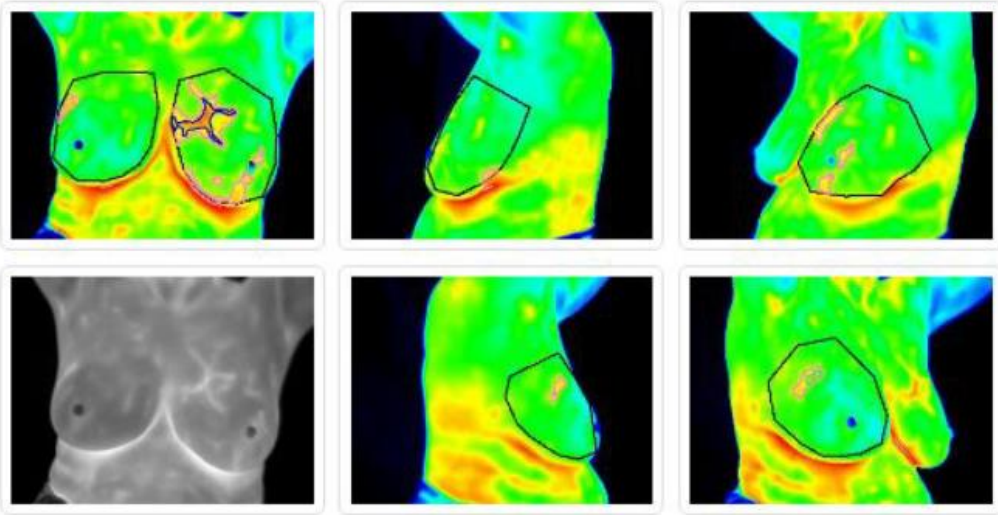
Follow up with U/S recommended in left breast

Body Temperature: 35.07 °C to 23.73 °C

Symmetry Score: 0 %

Areolar Score: 0

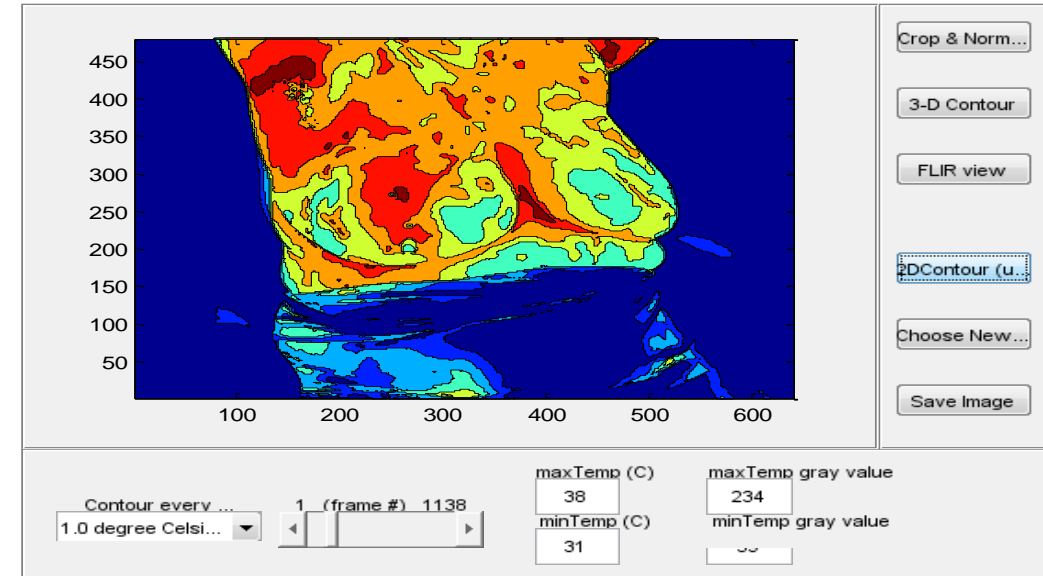
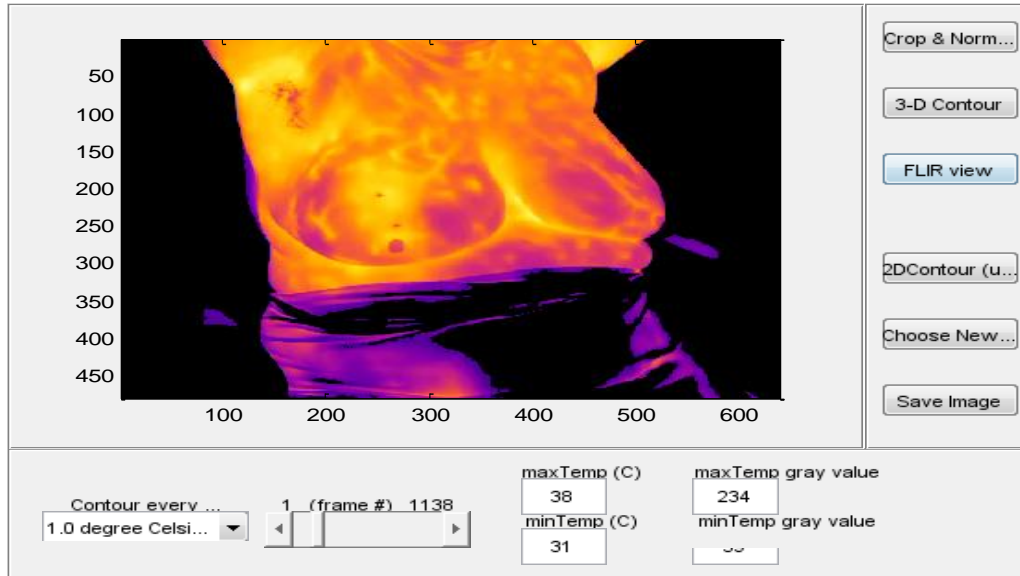
Vascular Score: 0.64



Our ML Journey ...



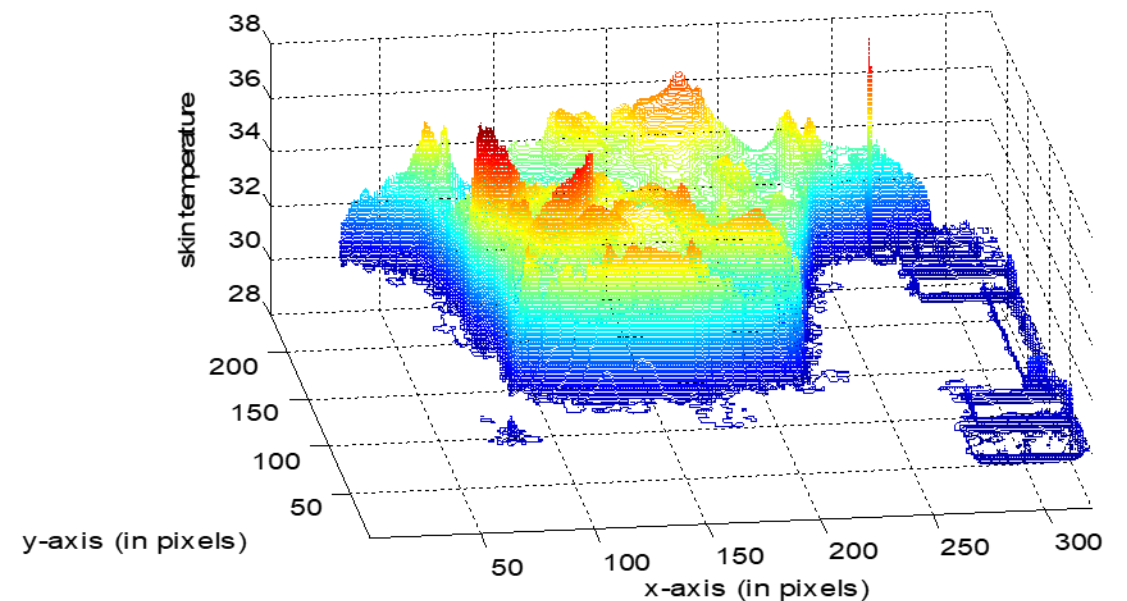
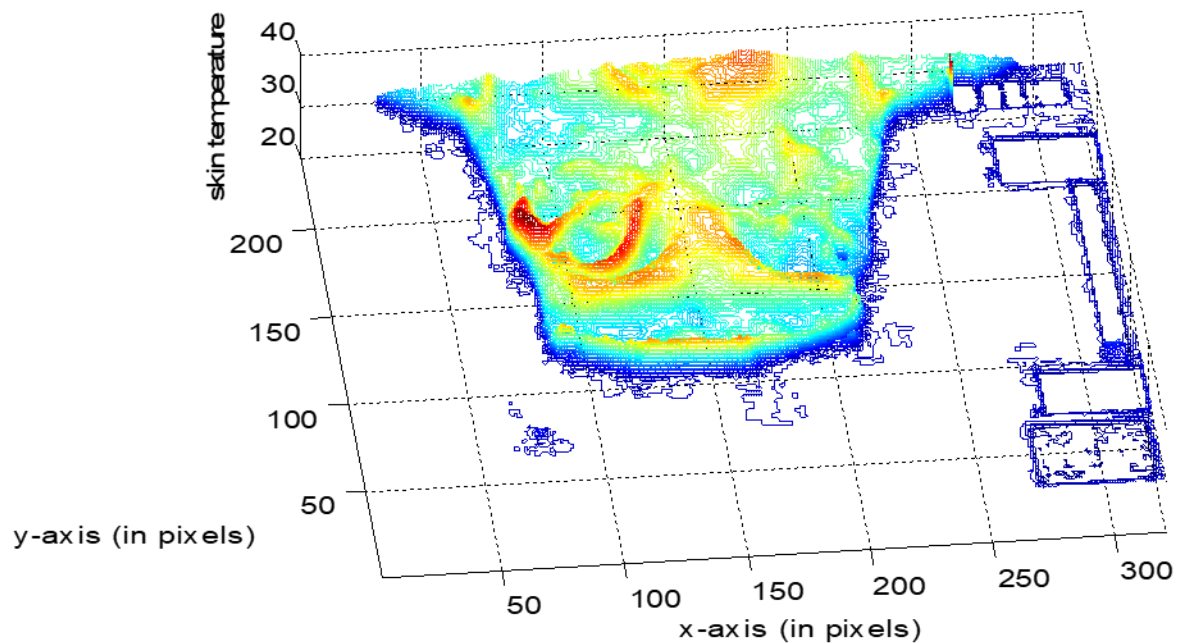
# Early Version of the Tool Set (2015)



1. Captured Thermal Video Images
2. Obtained isotherms and localize temperature boundaries.
3. Used by Radiologists to identify hot areas
4. Correlate with Mammogram findings.
5. Understand corresponding thermal patterns

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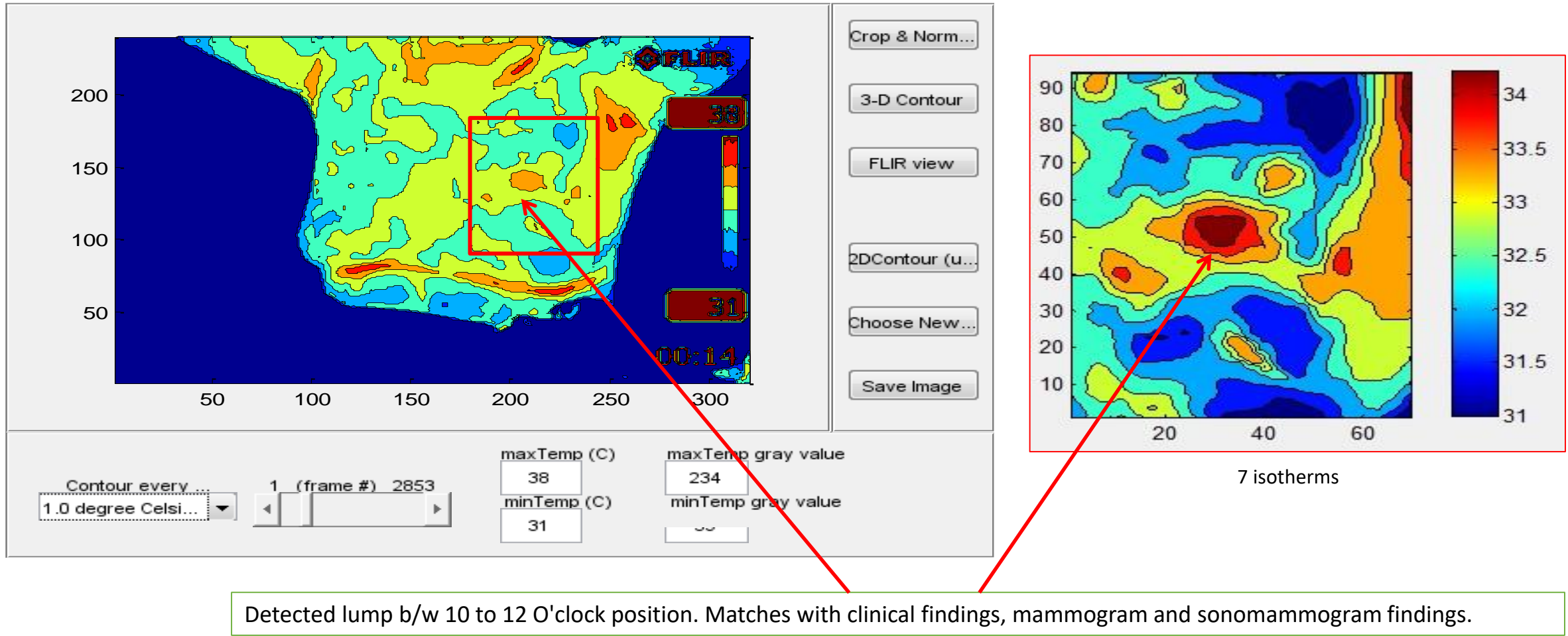
A 3-D heat map of the skin temperature (intensity)



The asymmetry in the heat map, with a very warm area evident in the upper right quadrant of right breast.

# Studied Thermographic patterns in different subject categories

Thermal profiling & examination of suspicious regions



# Thermographic Features Extracted (as presented at EMBC 2016)

## Non-Vascular Features

- **Boundary Features:** Deviation from Circle and Ellipse, Irregularity and Fractal Dimensionality, Shape Symmetry
- **Contralateral-side comparison:** Mirror Overlap, Thermal Distribution Ratio and Area Difference.
- **Relative Temperature** to surrounding tissues.
- **Warm and hot patches::** Number, Size, Location

## Vascular Features

- Tortuosity
- Vessel Length,
- Mean Temperature
- Vessel width
- No. of branches, mean branch length
- Symmetry of vessels.

## Clinical Features

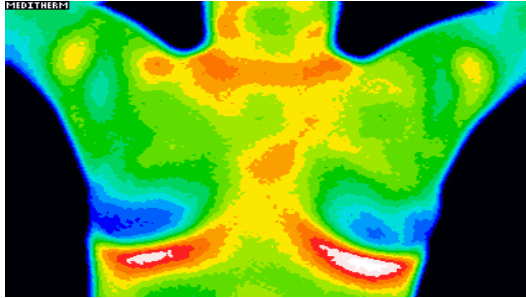
- Age
- Past Cancer History, Family cancer history and degree of relationship,
- Presence of lumps
- Menarche age
- Menopause
- Lactating
- Past surgery.



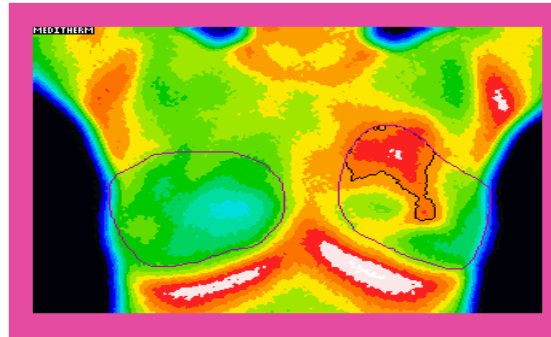
# The Core Innovation

Ability to differentiate malignancy from benign conditions

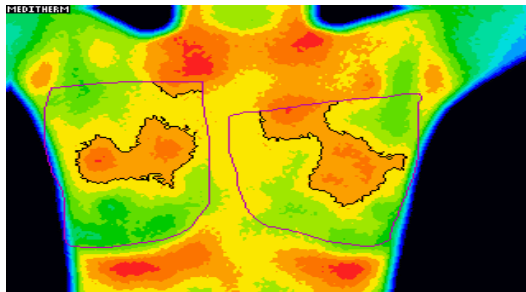
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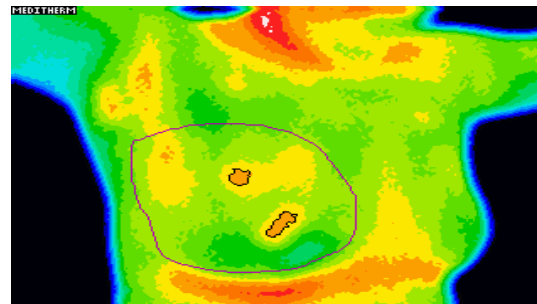
Normal Lady



A Lady with Breast Cancer



A Lady with Hormonal Activity



A Lady with a Cyst



Machine Learning and Computer Vision Algorithms to detect early stage cancer

Demography Data

Asymmetric Patterns

Thermal Distribution

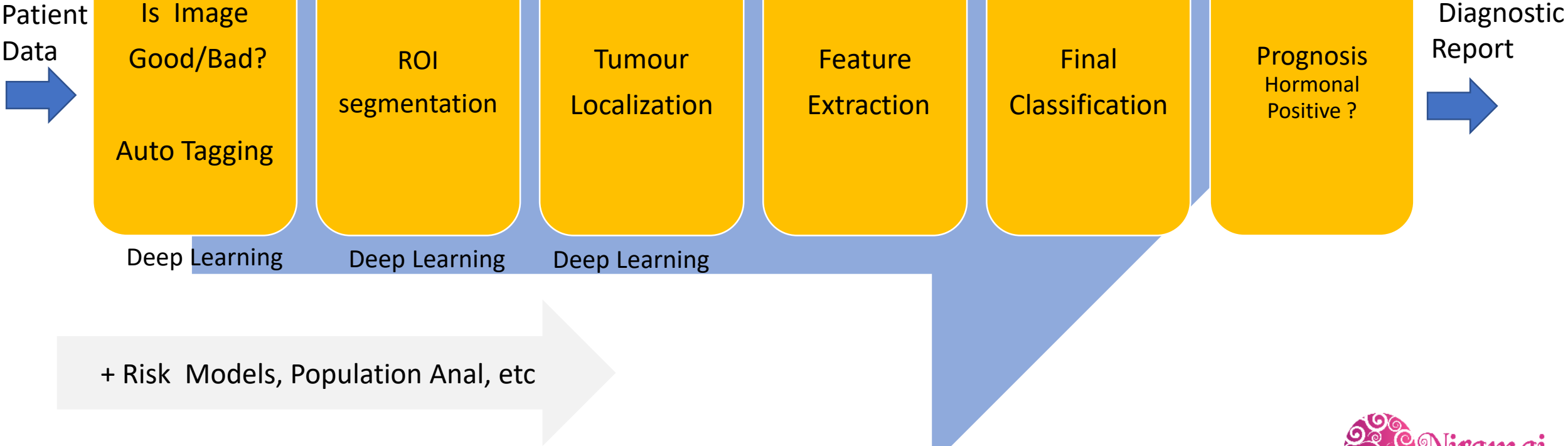
Vascularity Analysis

Hotspot Boundary

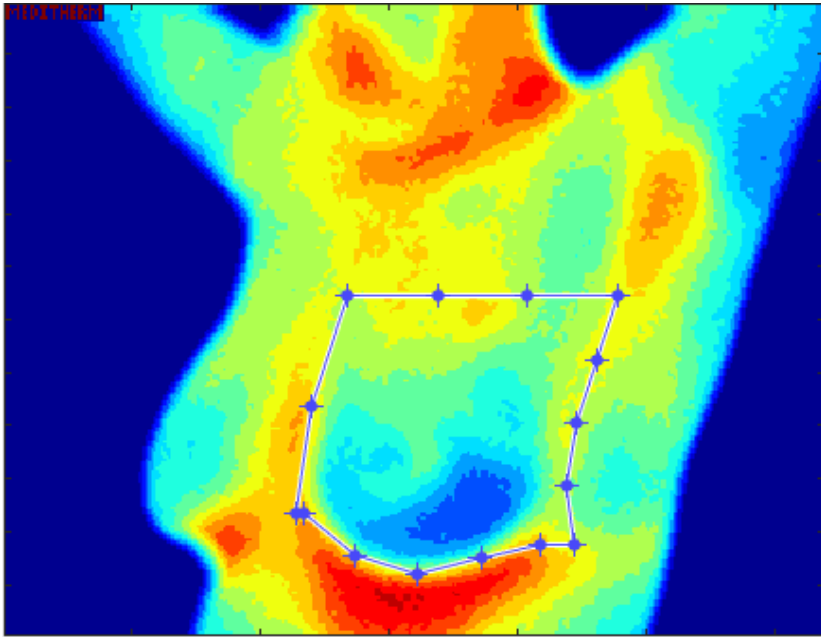
Hotspot Shape Characteristics

# Use of AI/ML in the Solution

Machine Learning - enabled

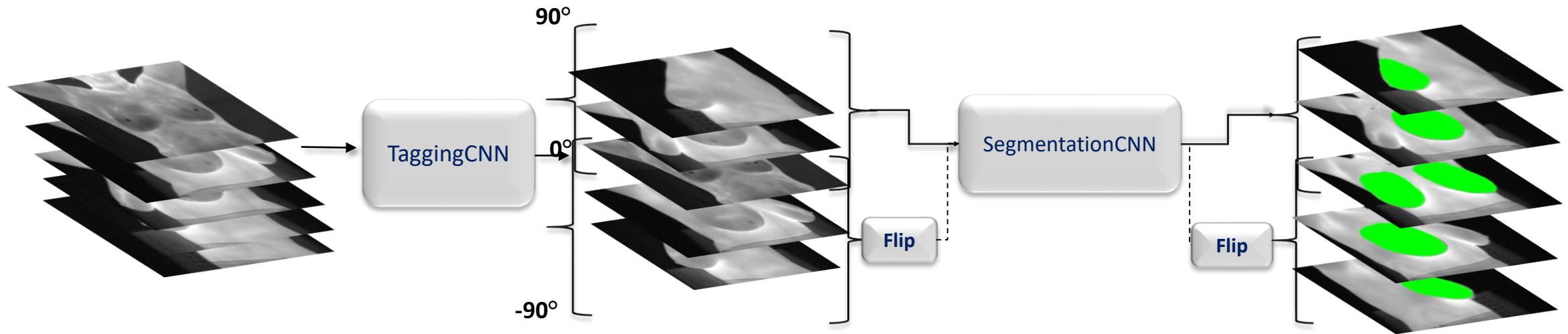


# ROI Segmentation with Image Processing

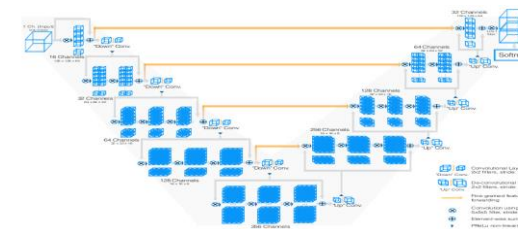


- ❖ Though reasonably good results are achieved when imaging protocol is followed, testing on a real-world scenario resulted in
  - ❖ 75% accuracy in tagging the views.
  - ❖ 70% dice similarity with the actual manual segmentation.
- ❖ Results were highly dependent of imaging protocol due to the use of low-level features.

# Modified Approach with CNN



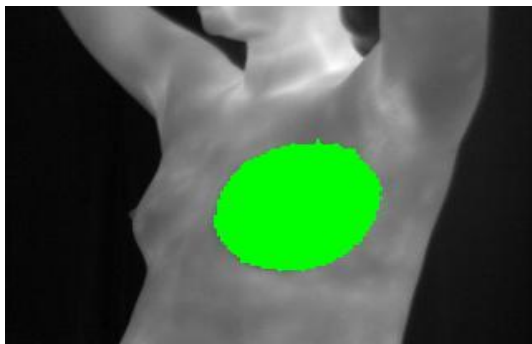
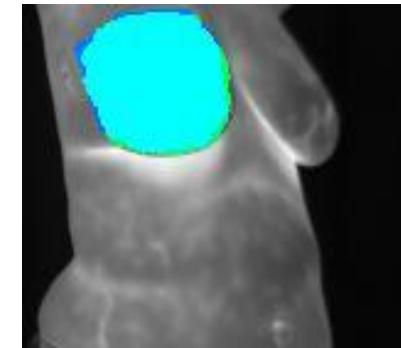
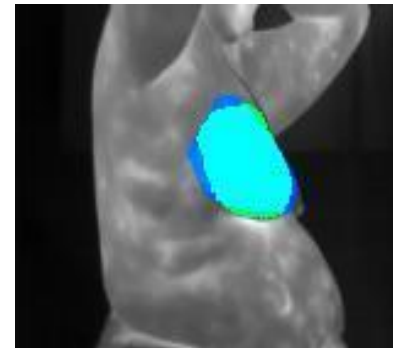
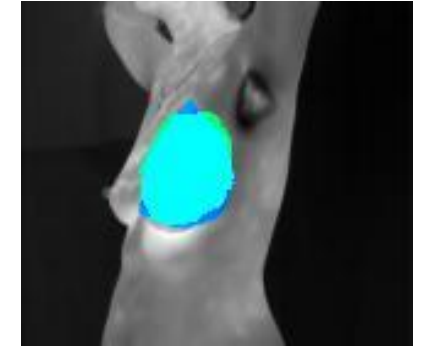
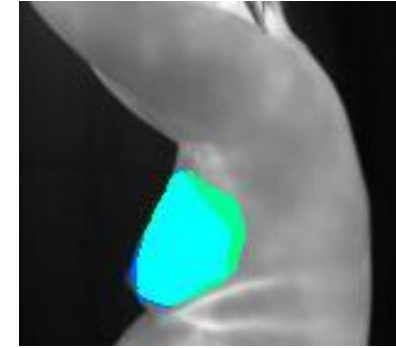
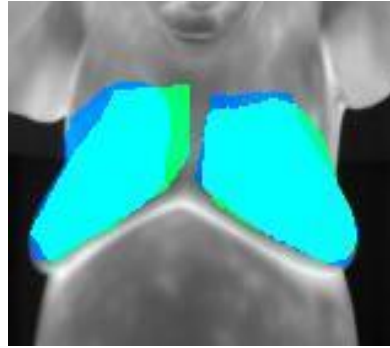
Segmentation with V-Net





# Results with DNNs

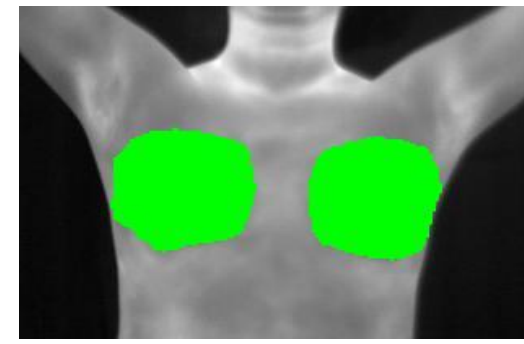
- View Independent
- Robust to position errors
- Highly precise segmentation boundaries
- 99.5% accuracy in Tagging
- 0.92 Dice similarity for segmentation.



DNN segmentation



heuristic based



DNN segmentation



heuristic

# Granted US Patent and Applications

	Patent ID	Title	Grant Date
1	US-9486146-B2	Detecting tumorous breast tissue in a thermal image	08-11-2016
2	US-9622698-B2	System and method for detecting cancerous tissue from a thermal image	18-04-2017
3	US-9865052-B2	Contour-based determination of malignant tissue in a thermal image	09-01-2018
4	US-9898817-B2	Software tool for breast cancer screening	20-02-2018
5	US-10055542-B2	Software interface tool for breast cancer screening	21-08-2018
6	US-10068330-B2	Automatic segmentation of breast tissue in a thermographic image	04-09-2018
7	US-10198670-B2	Blood vessel extraction in two-dimensional thermography	05-02-2019
8	US-10307141-B2	Thermography-based breast cancer screening using a measure of symmetry	04-06-2019
9	US-10368846-B2	Classifying hormone receptor status of malignant tumorous tissue from breast thermographic images	06-08-2019
10	US-2017245762-A1	Privacy booth for breast cancer screening	Pending Grant in US
11	New Application	System and Method for Adaptive Positioning of a subject for capturing thermal image	Pending
12	New Application	System and Method for Identifying errors in Positioning of a subject for capturing thermal image	Pending

# Clinical Validation

16000+ patients tested so far...

5 International Clinical Trial Publications

27% better Accuracy than Mammography

70% better predictive value than manual Thermography

Identified all cancer patients without lumps

Effective in 32% more patients than Mammography

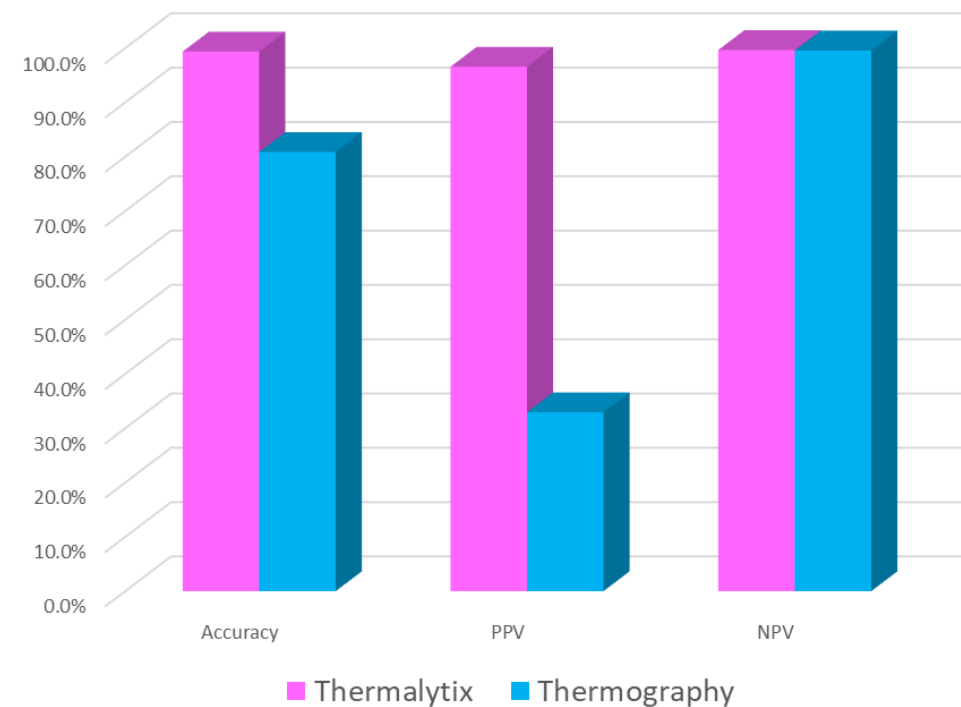


The Specialist  
in Cancer Care



Niramai Confidential

Comparing NIRAMAI Thermalytix vs. Thermography



We highly recommend and fully support usage of Thermalytix solution in India for implementation of public health programs. I wish NIRAMAI the very best in their mission to bring early detection of breast cancer to all women.

Sincerely,

Mr Suresh H V  
Vice President

Karnataka Cancer Society

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# Results Published in ASCO Breakthrough Summit, Oct 2019

Abstract Title: AI for early stage breast cancer screening.

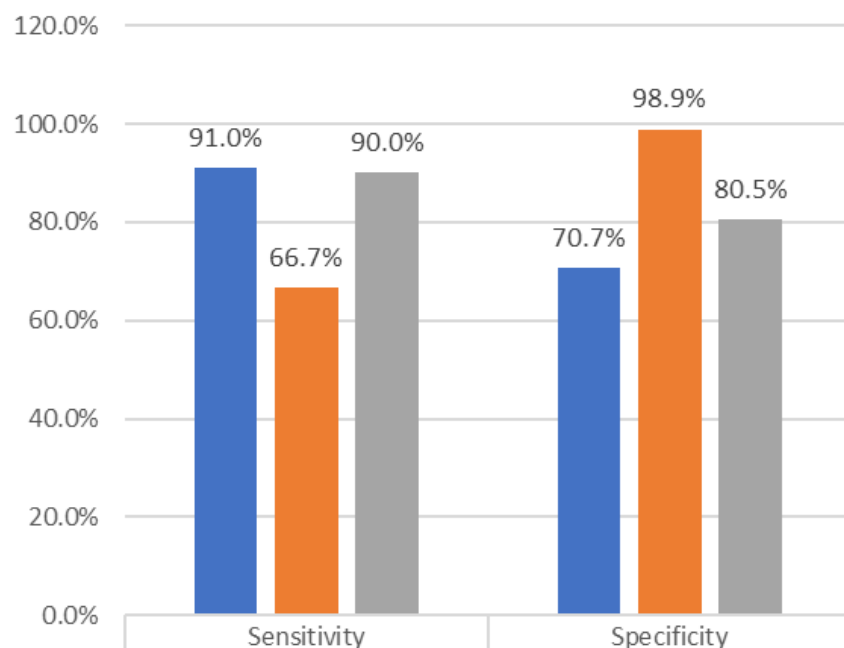
Breakthrough: A Global Summit for Oncology Innovators (October 11-13, 2019) in Bangkok

## Dataset Description

- Out of 769 subjects, 185 subjects were concluded to have a breast malignancy by the radiologists at the respective sites.
- 100 out of these 185 were histopathologically confirmed malignancies.

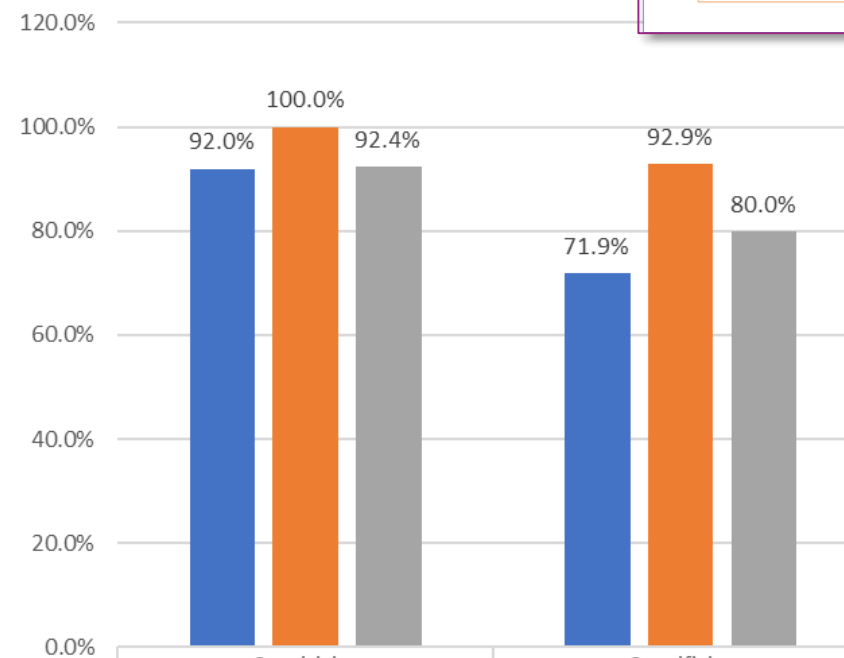
	Normal	Malignant
Symptomatic	360	174
Asymptomatic	224	11

## Mammography



	Sensitivity	Specificity
Symptomatic	91.0%	70.7%
ASymptomatic	66.7%	98.9%
Overall	90.0%	80.5%

## NIRAMAI Thermalytix



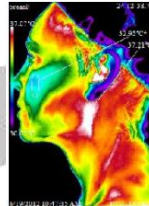
	Sensitivity	Specificity
Symptomatic	92.0%	71.9%
ASymptomatic	100.0%	92.9%
Overall	92.4%	80.0%



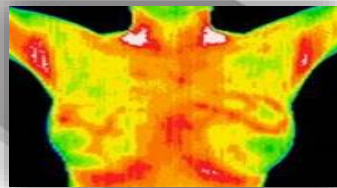
# Beyond Breast Cancer

Creating a Whole New Way of  
Detecting abnormalities  
in the body

Head and Neck Cancer

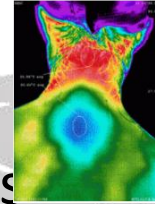


Breast Health



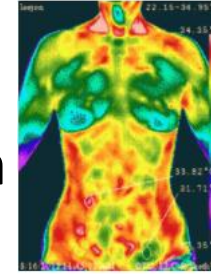
Breast Cancer Screening

Sports Injuries

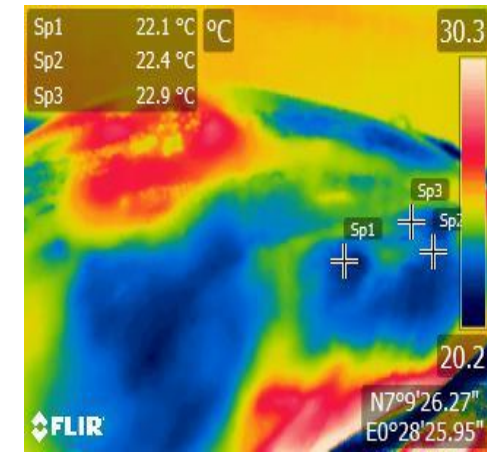
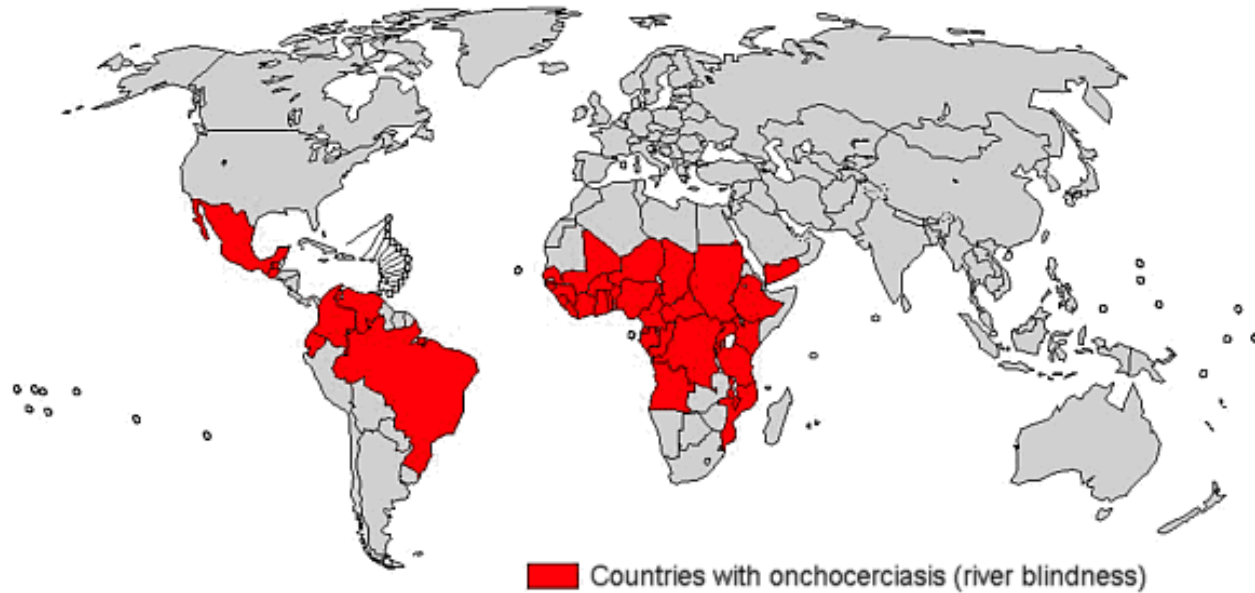


Pain Management

Whole Body Scan



# Thermalytix for River Blindness - Onchocerciasis



Thermalytix enables a Non-invasive way of detecting Live Parasitic Worms

BILL & MELINDA  
GATES foundation

# Awards and Media Mentions

BILL & MELINDA  
GATES foundation

Amazon AI Conclave

Winner of AI Award  
Healthcare



Google Developers  
Launchpad Accelerator



Top Cancer Startup



NVIDIA  
INCEPTION  
PROGRAM



HackOsaka  
2019

Gold Prize Winner



Graham Bell Award  
in Data Science



BNP Best Preventive  
Insurance Idea



AI healthcare startup Niramai raises  
\$6M Series A funding led by Dream  
Incubator

YOURSTORY

Philips HealthWorks bets on 4 Indian startups for its  
accelerator programme

Amazon AI Awards 2017: Recognising the future of AI

HEALTH TECH

Fighting breast cancer with AI & ML

Niramai's Thermalitix  
screens patients for  
breast cancer, overcoming  
the limitations posed  
by mammography or  
ultrasound

SANDHYA MICHU

BENGALURU-BASED NIRAMAI'S break-



expert radiologists ;  
rollout. "The first big  
was the funds neede  
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to ensure that Niram  
Manjunath recalls.

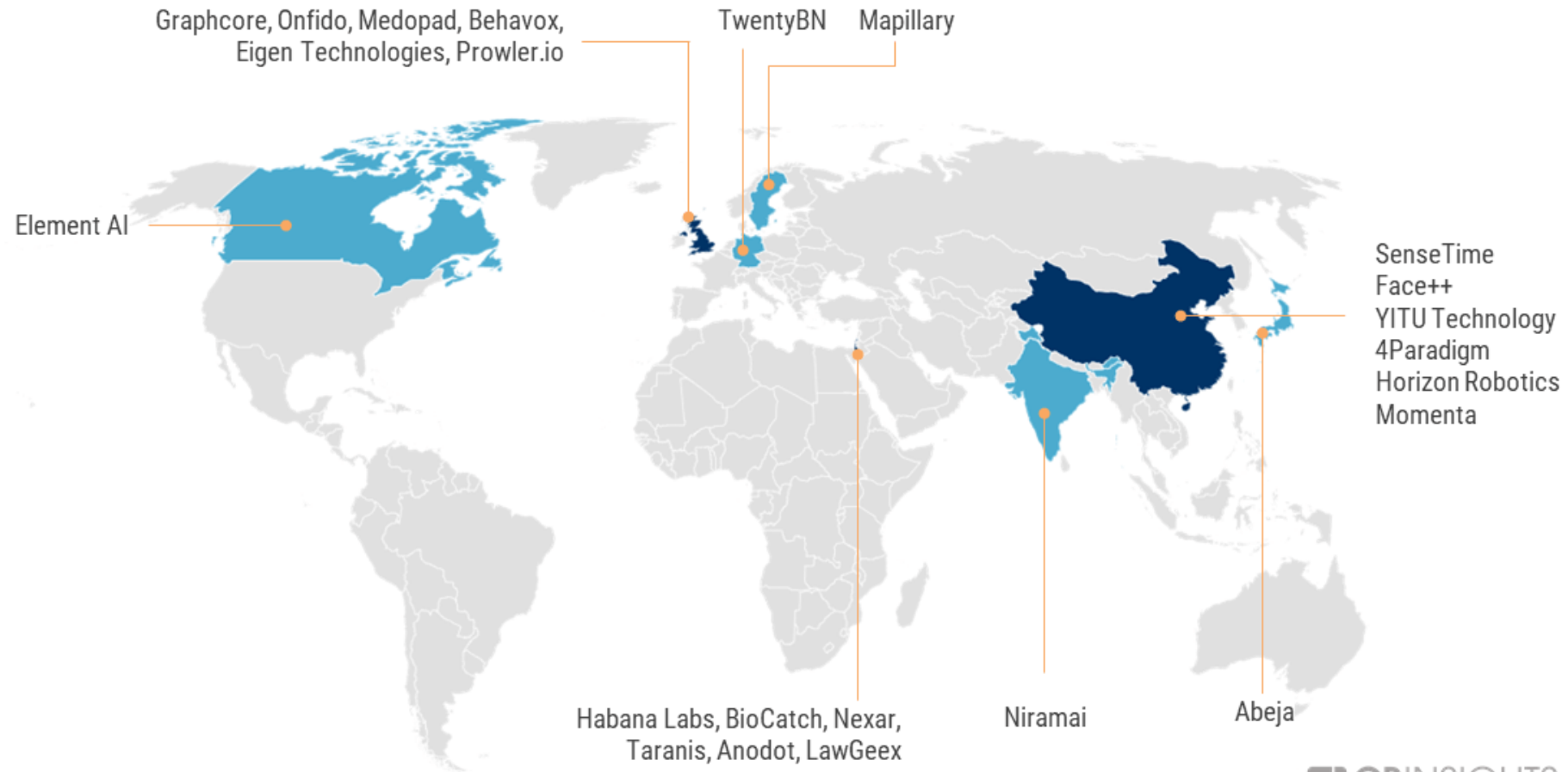
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10/22/2018 'Our breast cancer solution addresses cultural issues' - The Times Of India - Delhi, 10/21/2018



## 2019 AI 100: Startups outside the United States



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