

Computer-Aided Detection and Diagnosis for prostate cancer based on mono and multi-parametric MRI: A review

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Abstract

Prostate cancer is reported to be the second most diagnosed cancer of men all over the world. In the last decades, new imaging techniques based on MRI have been developed improving the diagnosis task of radiologists. In practise, diagnosis can be affected by multiple factors reducing the chance to detect potential lesions. Computer-aided detection and computer-aided diagnosis have been designed to answer to these needs and provide help to radiologists in their daily duties. Research on computer-aided systems specifically focused for prostate cancer is a young technology and part of a dynamic research field for the last ten years. This survey aims to provide an overview of the researches carried out in this lapse of time and more precisely a comprehensive review of all the different stages composing the work-flow of a computer-aided system. We also provide a comparison between these studies and a discussion about the potential avenues for future research. In addition, we bring to the research community's knowledge the creation of a public online dataset aiming at providing solutions to the drawbacks identified in this survey.

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1. Introduction

During the last century, physicists focused on constantly innovating in terms of imaging techniques assisting radiologists to overcome different tasks as cancer detection and diagnosis. However, human diagnosis still suffers from low repeatability, synonymous with erroneous detection or interpretations of abnormalities throughout clinical decisions (Giger et al. (2008), Hambrock et al. (2013)). These errors are driven by two major causes (Giger et al. (2008)). On the one hand, observer limitations (e.g., constrained human visual perception, fatigue or distraction) are the principal human issues. On the other hand, the second reason is linked to the clinical cases themselves, for instance due to unbalanced data (number of healthy cases more abundant than malignant cases) or overlapping structures resulting from limitations of imaging techniques.

Computer vision has given rise to many promising solutions, but, instead of focusing on fully automatic computerized systems, researchers have aimed at providing computer image analysis techniques to aid radiologists in their clinical decisions (Giger et al. (2008)). In fact, these investigations brought about both concepts of computer-aided detection (CADe) and computer-aided diagnosis (CADx) grouped under the acronym CAD. Since those first steps, evidence has shown that CAD systems enhance the diagnosis performance of radiologists. Chan et al. (1999) reported a significant 4 % improvement in breast cancer detection, in accordance with later studies (Dean and Ilvento (2006)). Similar conclusions were drawn in the case of lung nodule detection (Li et al. (2004)), colon cancer (Petrick et al. (2008)) and prostate cancer (CaP) as well (Hambrock et al. (2013)). Chan et al. (1999) also hypothesized that CAD systems will be even more efficient assisting inexperienced radiologists than senior radiologists. That hypothesis was tested by Hambrock et al. (2013) and was confirmed in case of CaP detection. In this particular study, inexperienced radiologists obtained equivalent performance to senior radiologists, both with the help of a CAD system whereas the accuracy of their diagnosis was significantly poorer without this assistance.

In contradiction with the aforementioned statement, CaP detection using CAD is a young technology due to the fact that magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) is the keystone medical imaging technique (Hegde et al. (2013)). Four distinct MRI modalities are employed in CAD for CaP and were mainly developed after the mid-1990s: (i) T₂ Weighted (T₂-W) MRI (Hricak et al. (1983)), (ii) dynamic contrast-enhanced (DCE) MRI (Huch Boni et al. (1995)), (iii) magnetic resonance spectroscopy imaging (MRSI) (Kurhanewicz et al. (1996)) and (iv) diffusion weighted (DW) MRI (Scheidler et al. (1999b)). It can be noted that these techniques came into existence relatively

recently mainly due to technological progress. In addition, the increase of magnetic field strength and the development of endorectal coil, both improved image spatial resolution (Swanson et al. (2001)) needed to perform more accurate diagnosis. It is for this matter that development of CAD for CaP is still lagging behind the other fields stated above.

The first study using MRI as inputs of a CAD system was published eleven years ago by Chan et al. (2003). Despite this, no less than fifty studies have been reviewed for this survey since that seminal work. To the best of our knowledge, there is no review in the literature regarding the advancement of CAD systems devoted specifically to CaP detection and diagnosis. Thus, our aim with this survey is threefold: (i) provide an overview of developed CAD systems for CaP detection and diagnosis based on MRI modalities (ii) assess the different work and (iii) point out avenues for future work.

We also would like to emphasize the fact that this study will review all the details of the computer vision aspects of the different studies. Thus, this survey is more intended for a medical imaging audience rather than a purely experimented clinical audience.

As discussed further in Sect. 2.2.3, we identified and characterized a common framework regarding the CAD systems. Stages involved in CAD work-flow can be categorized into three distinctive processes: (i) image regularization, (ii) CADe, (iii) CADx (see Fig. 1). Image regularisation focuses on formatting the data while CADe and CADx allow to detect possible lesions and distinguish malignant from non-malignant tumours, respectively.

This paper is organized as follows: Sect. 2 deals with general information about human prostate and background about CaP. Methods regarding CaP screening and imaging techniques used are also presented as well as an introduction to the CAD framework. Sections 3 - 4 review techniques used in different steps involved in a CAD work-flow which will be our main contribution. Image regularization framework including pre-processing (Sect. 3.1), segmentation (Sect. 3.2) and registration (Sect. 3.3) will be covered as well as CADe and CADx strategies (Sect. 4) identified. Results and discussion are reported in Sect. 5 followed by a concluding section. Deriving from this discussion, we made available to the research community a public online dataset aiming at overcoming some drawbacks risen during the discussion.

2. Background

This section provides an overview of CaP as well as its detection and diagnosis. Subsequently a discussion of the current screening strategy for CaP and its drawbacks is presented. MRI plays an important role in improving the current strategy and a more detailed description of MRI modalities is given. Furthermore, a discussion regarding the aim of CAD systems will be given.

2.1. Prostate carcinoma

CaP has been reported on a worldwide scale to be the second most frequently diagnosed cancer of men accounting for 13.6% (Ferlay et al. (2010)). Statistically, in 2008, the number of new diagnosed cases was estimated to be 899,000 with no less than 258,100 deaths (Ferlay et al. (2010)). In United States, aside from skin cancer, CaP was declared to be the most commonly diagnosed cancer among men, implying that approximately one in six men will be diagnosed with CaP during their lifetime and one in thirty-six will die from this disease causing CaP to be the second most common cause of cancer death among men (Siegel et al. (2013), American Cancer Society (2013)).

Despite active research to determine the causes of prostate cancer, a fuzzy list of risk factors has been established (American Cancer Society (2010)). The etiology was linked to the following factors (American Cancer Society (2010)): (i) family history (Giovannucci et al. (2007), Steinberg et al. (1990)), (ii) genetic factors (Agalliu et al. (2009), Amundadottir et al. (2006), Freedman et al. (2006)), (iii) race-ethnicity (Giovannucci et al. (2007), Hoffman et al. (2001)), (iv) diet (Alexander et al. (2010), Giovannucci et al. (2007), Ma and Chapman (2009)), (v) obesity (Giovannucci et al. (2007), Rodriguez et al. (2007)). This list of risk factors alone cannot be used to diagnose CaP and in this way, screening enables early detection and treatment.

CaP growth is characterized by two main types of evolution (Strum and Pogliano (2005)): slow and fast. The slow-growing tumours, accounting for up to 85 % of all CaPs (Lu-Yao et al. (2009)), progress slowly and usually stay confined to the prostate gland. For such cases, treatment can be substituted with active surveillance. In contrast, the second variant of CaPs develops rapidly and metastasises from prostate gland to other organs, primarily the bones (Oster et al. (2013)). Bone metastases, being an incurable disease, significantly affect the morbidity and mortality rate (Ye et al. (2007)). Hence, the results of the surveillance have to be trustworthy in order to distinguish aggressive from slow-growing CaP.

CaP is more likely to develop in specific regions of the prostate. In that respect, around 70-80 % of CaPs originate in peripheral zone (PZ) whereas 10-20 % in transitional zone (TZ) (Carrol et al. (1987), McNeal et al. (1988), Stamey et al. (1998)). Only about 5 % of CaPs occur in central zone (CZ) (Cohen et al. (2008), McNeal et al. (1988)). However, those cancers appear to be more aggressive and more likely to invade other organs due to their location (Cohen et al. (2008)).

2.2. CaP screening and imaging techniques

2.2.1. Current CaP screening

Current CaP screening consists of three different stages. First, prostate-specific antigen (PSA) control is performed to distinguish between low and high risk CaP. Then, for confirmation, samples are taken during prostate biopsy and finally analysed to evaluate the prognosis and the stage of CaP. In this section, we present a detailed description of the current screening as well as its drawbacks.

Since its introduction in mid-1980s, PSA is widely used for CaP screening (Etzioni et al. (2002)). A higher-than-normal level of PSA can indicate an abnormality of the prostate either as a benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) or a cancer (Hoeks et al. (2011)). However, other factors can lead to an increased PSA level such as prostate infections, irritations, a recent ejaculation or a recent rectal examination (Parfait (2010)).

A transrectal ultrasound (TRUS) biopsy is carried out for cases which are considered as pathological. At least six different samples are taken randomly from the right and left parts of three different zones: apex, median and base. These samples are further evaluated using the Gleason grading system (Gleason (1977)). Also, it should be noted that biopsy is an invasive procedure which can result in serious infection or urine retention (Chou et al. (2011), Hara et al. (2005)).

Although PSA screening has been shown to improve early detection of CaP (Chou et al. (2011)), its lack of reliability motivates further investigations using MRI. Two reliable studies, carried out in the United States (Andriole et al. (2009)) and in Europe (Hugosson et al. (2010), Schröder et al. (2012)), have attempted to assess the impact of early detection of CaP, with diverging outcomes (Chou et al. (2011), Heidenreich et al. (2013)). The study carried out in Europe¹ concluded that PSA screening reduces CaP-related mortality by 21-44% (Hugosson et al. (2010), Schröder et al.

¹The European Randomized Study of Screening for Prostate Cancer (ERSSPC) started in the 1990s in order to evaluate the effect of PSA screening on mortality rate.

(2012)), while the American² trial found no such effect (Andriole et al. (2009)). However, both studies agree that PSA screening suffers from low specificity, with an estimated rate of 36 % (Schroder et al. (2008)). Both studies also agree that over-treatment is an issue: decision making regarding treatment is further complicated by difficulties in evaluating the aggressiveness and progression of CaP (Delpierre et al. (2013)).

Hence, new screening methods should be developed with improved specificity of detection as well as more accurate risk assessment (aggressiveness and progression). Current research is focused on identifying new biological markers to replace PSA-based screening (Bourdumis et al. (2010), Brenner et al. (2013), Morgan et al. (2011)). Until such research comes to fruition, these needs can be met through active-surveillance strategy using multi-parametric MRI techniques (Hoeks et al. (2011), Moore et al. (2013)). An MRI-CAD system, which is an area of active research and forms the focus of this paper, can be incorporated into this screening strategy allowing a more systematic and rigorous follow-up.

Another weakness of the current screening strategy lies in the fact that TRUS biopsy does not provide trustworthy results. Due to its “blind” nature imposed by the a random sampling strategy, there is a chance of missing aggressive tumours or detecting microfocal “cancers”, which influences the aggressiveness-assessment procedure (Noguchi et al. (2001)). As a consequence, over-diagnosis is estimated at up to 30 % (Haas et al. (2007)), while missing clinically significant CaP is estimated at up to 35 % (Taira et al. (2010)). In an effort to solve both issues, alternative biopsy approaches have been explored. MRI/ultrasound (US)-guided biopsy has been shown to outperform standard TRUS biopsy (Delongchamps et al. (2013)). There, multimodal MRI images are fused with US images in order to improve localization and aggressiveness assessment to carry out biopsies. Human interaction plays a major role in biopsy sampling which can lead to low repeatability; by reducing potential human errors at this stage, the CAD framework can be used to improve repeatability of examination.

CaP detection and diagnosis benefit from the use of CAD and MRI techniques. In the following sections, these techniques will be presented in addition to an overview of CAD for CaP.

²The Prostate Lung Colorectal and Ovarian (PLCO) cancer screening trial is carried out in the United States and intends to ascertain the effects of screening on mortality rate.

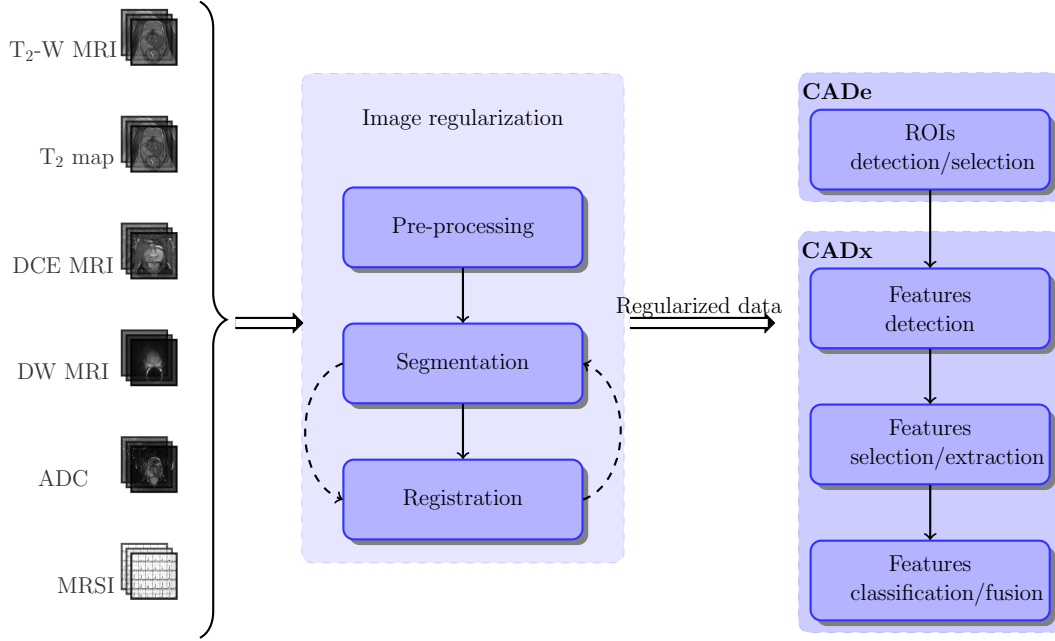


Figure 1: Common CAD framework based on MRI images used to detect CaP.

2.2.2. MRI imaging techniques

MRI provides promising imaging techniques to overcome the previous mentioned drawbacks. Unlike TRUS biopsy, MRI examination is a non-invasive protocol and has been shown to be the most accurate and harmless technique currently available (Turbey and Choyke (2012)). In this section, we review different MRI modalities developed for CaP detection and diagnosis. Features used by the radiologist in their daily diagnosis task will receive particular attention together with their drawbacks. Moreover, these features commonly form the basis for developing analytic tools and automatic algorithms. However, we refer the reader to Sect. 4.2 for more details on automatic feature detection methods since they are part and parcel of the CAD framework. Table 1 provides an overview of the following discussion.

- **T_2 -W MRI:** T_2 -W MRI was the first MRI-modality used to perform CaP diagnosis using MRI (Hricak et al. (1983)). Nowadays, radiologists make use of it for CaP detection, localization and staging purposes. This imaging technique is well suited to render zonal anatomy of the prostate (Barentsz et al. (2012)).

Table 1: Overview of the features associated with each MRI modality used for medical diagnosis by radiologists.

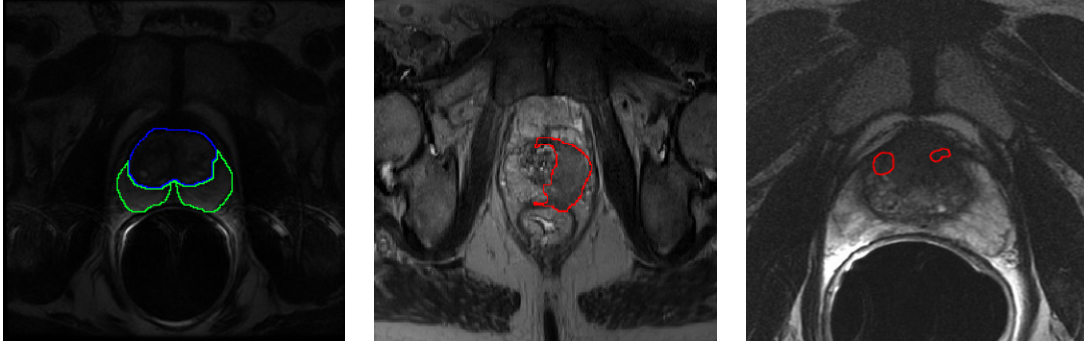
Acronyms: prostate cancer (CaP) - signal intensity (SI) - Gleason score (GS).

Modality	Significant features	CaP	Healthy tissue	GS correlation
T ₂ -W MRI	SI	low-SI	intermediate to high-SI	+
T ₂ map	SI	low-SI	intermediate to high-SI	+
DCE MRI	Semi-quantitative features:			
	– wash-in	faster	slower	0
	– wash-out	faster	slower	0
	– integral under the curve	higher	lower	0
	– maximum signal intensity	higher	lower	0
	– time-to-peak enhancement	faster	slower	0
	Quantitative features (Tofts' parameters):			
	– k_{ep}	higher	lower	0
	– K^{trans}	higher	lower	0
DW MRI	SI	higher-SI	lower-SI	+
ADC map	SI	low-SI	high-SI	+
MRSI	Metabolites:			
	Citrate (2.64 ppm)	lower concentration	higher concentration	+
	Choline (3.21 ppm)	higher concentration	lower concentration	0
	Spermine (3.11 ppm)	lower concentration	higher concentration	+

Notes:

+ = significantly correlated.

0 = no correlation.



(a) T₂-W-MRI slice of a healthy prostate acquire with a 1.5 Tesla MRI. The blue contour represents the CG while the PZ corresponds to the green contour.

(b) T₂-W-MRI slice of a prostate with a CaP highlighted in the PZ using a 3.0 Tesla MRI scanner.

(c) T₂-W-MRI slice of a prostate with a CaP highlighted in the CG using a 3.0 Tesla MRI scanner.

Figure 2: Rendering of T₂-W-MRI prostate image with both 1.5 and 3.0 Tesla MRI scanner.

PZ and CG tissues are well perceptible in these images. The former is characterized by an intermediate/high-SI while the latter is depicted by a low-SI (Hricak et al. (1987)). An example of a healthy prostate is shown in Fig. 2(a).

In PZ, round or ill-defined low-SI masses are synonymous with CaPs (Hricak et al. (1983)) as shown in Fig. 2(b). Detecting CaP in CG is more challenging. In fact both normal CG tissue and malignant tissue, have a low-SI in T₂-W MRI reinforcing difficulties to distinguish between them. However, CaPs in CG appear often as homogeneous mass possessing ill-defined edges with lenticular or “water-drop” shapes (Akin et al. (2006), Barentsz et al. (2012)) as depicted in Fig. 2(c).

CaP aggressiveness was shown to be inversely correlated with SI. Indeed, CaPs assessed with a GS of 4-5 implied lower SI than the one with a GS of 2-3 (Wang et al. (2008)).

In spite of the availability of these useful and encouraging features, the T₂-W modality lacks reliability (Hoeks et al. (2011), Kirkham et al. (2006)). Sensitivity is affected by the difficulties in detecting cancers in CG (Kirkham et al. (2006)) while specificity rate is highly affected by outliers (Barentsz et al. (2012)). In fact, various conditions emulate patterns of CaP such as BPH, post-biopsy haemorrhage, atrophy, scars and post-treatment (Barentsz et al. (2012), Cruz et al. (2002), Hricak et al. (1987), Quint et al. (1991), Scheidler et al. (1999b)). These issues can

be partly addressed using more innovative and advanced modalities such as later presented.

- **T_2 Map:** As previously mentioned, T_2 -W MRI modality shows low sensitivity due to various effects (Hegde et al. (2013)). However, T_2 values alone have been shown to be more discriminative (Liu et al. (2011)) and highly correlated with citrate concentration, a biological marker in CaP (Liney et al. (1996b, 1997)).

The Fast Spin-Echo (FSE) sequence has been shown to be particularly well suited in order to build a T_2 map and obtain accurate T_2 values (Liney et al. (1996a)).

Similar to T_2 -W MRI, T_2 values associated with CaP are significantly lower than those of healthy tissues (Gibbs et al. (2001), Liney et al. (1996b)).

- **DCE MRI:** DCE MRI is an imaging technique which exploits the vascularity characteristic of tissues. Contrast media, usually gadolinium-based, is injected intravenously into the patient. The media extravasates from vessels to the extravascular-extracellular space (EES) and is then released back into the vasculature before being eliminated by the kidneys (Gribbestad et al. (2005)). Furthermore, the diffusion speed of the contrast agent may vary due to several parameters: (i) the permeability of the micro-vessels, (ii) their surface area and (iii) the blood flow (Padhani (2002)).

DCE MRI is based on an acquisition of a set of T_1 Weighted (T_1 -W) MRI images over time. the Gadolinium-based contrast agent shortens T_1 relaxation time enhancing contrast in T_1 -W MRI images. The aim is to post-analyse the pharmacokinetic behaviour of the contrast media concentration in prostate tissues (Verma et al. (2012)). The image analysis is carried out in two dimensions: (i) in the spatial domain on a pixel-by-pixel basis and (ii) in the time domain corresponding to the consecutive images acquired with the MRI. Thus, for each spatial location, a signal linked to contrast media concentration is measured as shown in Fig. 3 (Tofts (2010)). CaPs are characterized by a signal having an earlier and faster enhancement as well as an earlier wash-out (cf., the rate of the contrast agent flowing out of the tissue) (see Fig. 3(b)) (Verma et al. (2012)). Three different approaches exist to analyse these signals with the aim of tagging them as corresponding to either normal or malignant tissues. Qualitative analysis is based on assessment of the signal shape (Hoeks et al. (2011)). Quantitative approaches consist of inferring pharmacokinetic parameter values (Tofts (2010)). Those parameters are part of mathematical-pharmacokinetic models which are directly based on physiological exchanges between vessels

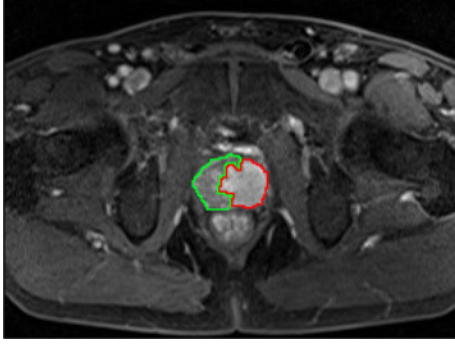
and EES. The last family of methods mix both approaches and are grouped together under the heading of semi-quantitative methods. They rely on shape characterization using mathematical modelling to extract a set of parameters. These parameters will be discussed in a later section (see Fig. 11) (Hoeks et al. (2011), Verma et al. (2012)). It was shown that semi-quantitative and quantitative methods improve localization of CaP when compared with qualitative methods (Rosenkrantz et al. (2013)). Section 4.2.2 provides a full description of quantitative and semi-quantitative approaches.

DCE MRI combined with T₂-W MRI has shown to enhance sensitivity compared to T₂-W MRI alone (Jager et al. (1997), Kim et al. (2005), Schlemmer et al. (2004), Zelhof et al. (2009)). Despite this fact, DCE MRI possesses some drawbacks. Due to its “dynamic” nature, patient motions during the image acquisition may lead to spatial misregistration of the image set (Verma et al. (2012)). Furthermore, it has been suggested that malignant tumours are difficult to distinguish from prostatitis located in PZ and BPH located in CG (Hoeks et al. (2011), Verma et al. (2012)) as these two pairs of tissues tend to have similar appearances. Later studies have shown that CaPs in CG do not always manifest in homogeneous fashion. Indeed, tumours in this zone can present both hypo-vascularization and hyper-vascularization which illustrates the challenge of CaP detection in CG (van Niekerk et al. (2013)).

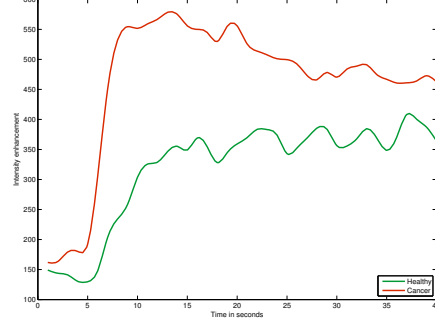
- **DW MRI:** As previously mentioned in the introduction, DW MRI is the most recent MRI imaging technique aiming at CaP detection and diagnosis (Scheidler et al. (1999b)). This modality exploits the variations in the motion of water molecules in different tissues (Koh and Collins (2007), Le Bihan et al. (1988)).

From the nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) principle side, DW MRI sequence produces contrasted images due to variation of water molecules motion. The method is based on the fact that the signal in DW MRI images is inversely correlated to the degree of random motion of water molecules (Huisman (2003)). A higher degree of random motion results in a more significant signal loss whereas a lower degree of random motion is synonymous with lower signal loss (Huisman (2003)). Under these conditions, the MRI signal is measured as:

$$M_{x,y}(t, b) = M_{x,y}(0) \exp\left(-\frac{t}{T_2}\right) S_{\text{ADC}}(b) , \quad (1)$$



(a) T₁-W-MRI image where the cancer is delimited by the red contour. The green area was still not invaded by the CaP



(b) Enhancement curve computed during the DCE-MRI analysis. The red curve is typical from CaP cancer while the green curve is characteristic of healthy tissue.

Figure 3: Illustration of typical enhancement signal observed in DCE-MRI analysis collected with a 3.0 Tesla MRI scanner.

$$S_{\text{ADC}}(b) = \exp(-b \times \text{ADC}) , \quad (2)$$

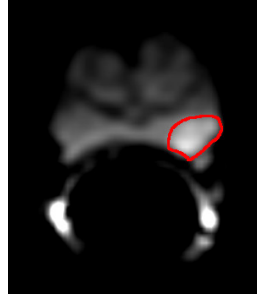
where S_{ADC} refers to signal drop due to diffusion effect, ADC is the apparent diffusion coefficient and b is the attenuation coefficient depending only on gradient pulses parameters: (i) gradient intensity and (ii) gradient duration (Le Bihan et al. (1986)).

By using this formulation, image acquisition with a parameter $b = 0 \text{ s.mm}^{-2}$ corresponds to a T₂-W MRI acquisition. Then, increasing the attenuation coefficient b (cf., increase gradient intensity and duration) enhances the contrast in DW MRI images.

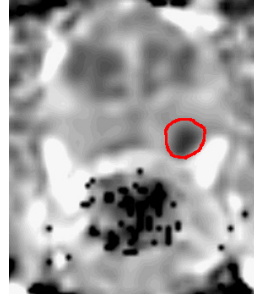
To summarize, in DW MRI images, CaPs are characterized by high-SI compared to normal tissues in PZ and CG as shown in Fig. 4(a) (Barentsz et al. (2012)). However, some tissues in CG can look similar to CaP with higher SI (Barentsz et al. (2012)).

Diagnosis using DW MRI combined with T₂-W MRI has shown a significant improvement compared with T₂-W MRI alone and provides highly contrasted images (Choi et al. (2007), Padhani (2011), Shimofusa et al. (2005)). As drawbacks, this modality suffers from poor spatial resolution and low specificity due to false positive detection (Choi et al. (2007)).

With a view to eliminate these drawbacks, radiologists are extracting quantitative maps from



(a) DW-MRI image. The cancer corresponds to the high SI region highlighted in red.



(b) ADC map computer. The cancer corresponds to the low SI region highlighted in red.

Figure 4: Illustration of of DW-MRI and ADC map. The signal intensity corresponding to cancer are inversely correlated on these two types of imaging techniques.

DW MRI. This imaging technique is presented next.

- **ADC Map:** The NMR signal measured for DW MRI images is not only affected by diffusion as shown in Eq. (1). However, the signal drop (Eq. (2)) is formulated such that the only variable is the acquisition parameter b (Le Bihan et al. (1986)). The ADC is considered as a “pure” diffusion coefficient and can be extracted to build a quantitative map.

From Eq. 1, it is clear that performing multiple acquisitions only varying b will not have any effect on the term $M_{x,y}(0) \exp\left(-\frac{t}{T_2}\right)$. Thus, Eq. 1 can be rewritten as:

$$S(b) = S_0 \exp(-b \times \text{ADC}) . \quad (3)$$

To compute the ADC map, a minimum of two acquisitions are necessary: (i) for $b_0 = 0$ s.mm⁻² where the measured signal is equal to S_0 , and (ii) $b_1 > 0$ s.mm⁻² (typically 1000 s.mm⁻²). Then, the ADC map can be computed as:

$$\text{ADC} = -\frac{\ln\left(\frac{S(b_1)}{S_0}\right)}{b_1} . \quad (4)$$

More accurate computation of the ADC map can be obtained by performing several acquisitions with different values for the parameter b and performing a semi-logarithmic linear fitting

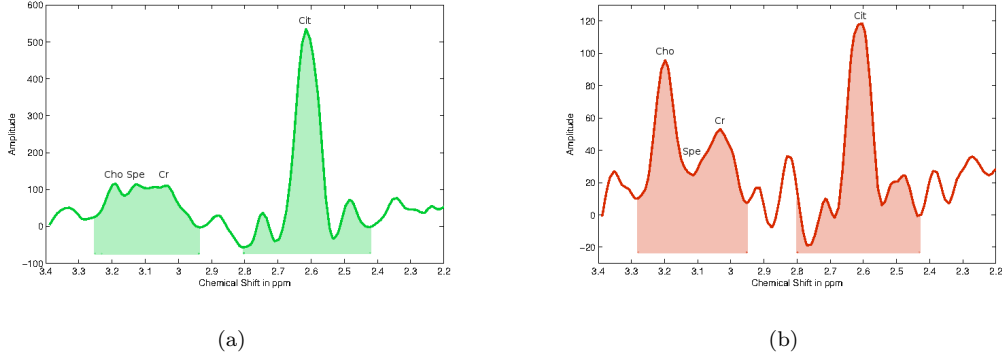


Figure 5: Illustration of an MRSI spectrum both healthy (Fig. 5(a)) and cancerous (Fig. 5(b)) voxel with a 3.0 Tesla MRI. The highlighted areas corresponds to the related concentration of the metabolites which is computed by integrating the area under each peak. Acronyms: Choline (Cho), Spermine (Spe), Creatine (Cr) and Citrate (Cit).

using the model presented in Eq. (3).

Regarding the appearance of the ADC maps, it was previously stated that by increasing the value of b , the signal of CaP tissue increases significantly. From Eq. (4), it can be shown that tissue appearance in the ADC map will be the inverse of DW MRI images. Then, CaP tissue is associated with low-SI whereas healthy tissue appears brighter as depicted in Fig. 4(b) (Barentsz et al. (2012)).

Similar to the gain achieved by DW MRI, diagnosis using ADC map combined with T_2 -W MRI significantly outperforms T_2 -W MRI alone (Choi et al. (2007), Doo et al. (2012)). Moreover, it has been shown that ADC is correlated with GS (Hambrock et al. (2011), Itou et al. (2011), Peng et al. (2013)).

However, some tissues of the CG zone mimic CaP with low-SI (Kirkham et al. (2006)) and image distortion can arise due to haemorrhage (Choi et al. (2007)). It has also been noted that a high variability of the ADC occurs between different patients making it difficult to define a static threshold to distinguish CaP from non-malignant tumours (Choi et al. (2007)).

- **MRSI:** CaP induces metabolic changes in the prostate compared with healthy tissue. Thus, CaP detection can be carried out by tracking changes of metabolite concentration in prostate tissue. MRSI is an NMR-based technique which generates spectra of relative metabolite concentration in a region of interest (ROI).

Table 2: Overview of the different studies reviewed with their main characteristics. Acronyms: number (#) - image regularization (Img. Reg.).

Index	Study	# patients	MRI-modality				Strength of field		Studied zones		CAD stages		
			T ₂ -W MRI	DCE MRI	DW MRI	MRSI	1.5 T	3.0 T	PZ	CG	Img. Reg.	CADe	C
[1]	Ampeliotis et al. (2007)	25	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓!	✗	
[2]	Ampeliotis et al. (2008)	25	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓!	✗	
[3]	Antic et al. (2013)	53	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	
[4]	Artan et al. (2009)	10	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	
[5]	Artan et al. (2010)	21	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓!	✓	
[6]	Chan et al. (2003)	15	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	
[7]	Giannini et al. (2013)	10	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	
[8]	Kelm et al. (2007)	24	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓!	✓	
[9]	Langer et al. (2009)	25	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓!	✗	
[10]	Litjens et al. (2011)	188	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓!	✓	
[11]	Litjens et al. (2012b)	288	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓!	✓	
[12]	Litjens et al. (2014a)	347	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓!	✓	
[13]	Liu et al. (2009)	11	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓!	✓	
[14]	Liu et al. (2013)	54	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓!	✗	
[15]	Lopes et al. (2011)	27	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓!	✓	
[16]	Lv et al. (2009)	55	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓!	✗	
[17]	Matulewicz et al. (2013)	18	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	
[18]	Mazzetti et al. (2011)	10	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓!	✓	
[19]	Niaf et al. (2011)	23	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓!	✗	
[20]	Niaf et al. (2012)	30	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓!	✗	
[21]	Ozer et al. (2009)	20	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓!	✓	
[22]	Ozer et al. (2010)	20	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓!	✓	
[23]	Parfait et al. (2012)	22	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓!	✓	
[24]	Peng et al. (2013)	48	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	

In order to track changes of metabolite concentration, it is important to know which metabolites are associated with CaP. To address this question, clinical studies identified three biological markers: (i) citrate, (ii) choline and (iii) polyamines composed mainly of spermine, and in less abundance of spermidine and putrescine (Awwad et al. (2012), Costello and Franklin (2006), Giskeodegard et al. (2013)).

An increased concentration of choline associated with a decreased concentration of citrate and spermine are related to the presence of CaP (Awwad et al. (2012), Costello and Franklin (2006), Giskeodegard et al. (2013), van der Graaf et al. (2000)).

To determine the concentration of these biological markers, one has to focus on the MRSI modality. In each spectrum acquired, each peak is associated with a particular metabolite and the area under each peak corresponds to the relative concentration of this metabolite (see Fig. 5) (Parfait (2010)).

Hence, frequencies of interest in regard to CaP detection and diagnosis should correspond to the earlier mentioned metabolites. Choline and spermine are represented by a single peak at respectively 3.21 ppm and 3.11 ppm (Verma et al. (2010)). Due to the coupling effect, citrate is represented by three or four peaks depending on the magnetic field strength. Citrate ranges from 2.47 ppm to 2.81 ppm with a central frequency at 2.64 ppm (Verma et al. (2010)). Then, relative concentrations of these metabolites are obtained by computing the area under the curve of the spectrum between the lower and upper frequency limits of each peak (see Fig. 5). It can be noted that a creatine peak is located at 3.02 ppm and the three metabolite peaks tend to be merged together at clinical magnetic field strengths (see Fig. 5) (van der Graaf et al. (2000), Hoeks et al. (2011)).

MRSI allows examination with high specificity and sensitivity compared to other MRI modalities (Choi et al. (2007)). Furthermore, it has been shown that combining MRSI with MRI improves detection and diagnosis performance (Kaji et al. (1998), Scheidler et al. (1999a), Vilanova et al. (2009)). Citrate and spermine concentrations are inversely correlated with the GS allowing us to distinguish low from high grade CaPs (Giskeodegard et al. (2013)). However, choline concentration does not provide the same properties (Giskeodegard et al. (2013)).

Unfortunately, MRSI also presents several drawbacks. First, MRSI acquisition is time consuming which prevents this modality from being used in daily clinical practise (Barentsz et al. (2012)). In addition, MRSI suffers from low spatial resolution due to the fact that signal-to-noise

(SNR) is linked to the voxel size. However, this issue is addressed by developing new scanners with higher magnetic field strengths such as 7.5 T (Giskeodegard et al. (2013)). Finally, a high variability of the relative concentrations between patients has been observed (Choi et al. (2007)). The same observation was made depending on the zones studied (cf., PZ, CG, base, mid-gland, apex) (Lemaître (2011), Walker et al. (2010)). Due to this variability, it is difficult to use a fixed thresholds in order to differentiate CaP from healthy tissue.

2.2.3. Computer-aided systems for CaP: CAdE - CAdx

As previously mentioned in the introduction (see Sect. 1), CADs are developed to advise and backup radiologists in their tasks of CaP detection and diagnosis; CADs are not aimed to provide fully automatic decisions (Giger et al. (2008)). CADs can be divided into two different sub-groups either as CAdE, with the purpose to highlight probable lesions in MRI images, or CAdx, which focuses on differentiating malignant from non-malignant tumours (Giger et al. (2008)). Moreover, an intuitive approach, motivated by developing a framework combining detection-diagnosis, is to mix both CAdE and CAdx by using the output of the former mentioned as a input of the latter named. Although the outcomes of these two systems should differ, the framework of both CAD systems is similar. The CAD work-flow is presented in Fig. 1.

MRI modalities mentioned in Sect. 2.2.2 are used as inputs of CAD for CaP. The images acquired from the different modalities show a large variability between patients: the prostate organ can be located at different positions in images (e.g., patient motion, variation of acquisition plan), and the SI can be corrupted with noise or artefacts during the acquisition process (eg., magnetic field inhomogeneity, use of endorectal coil). To address these issues, the first stage of CAD is to pre-process multiparametric MRI images to reduce noise, remove artefacts and standardize the SI. As most of the later processes will be only focused on the prostate. It is necessary to segment the prostate in each MRI-modality to define it as a ROI. However, data may suffer from misalignment due to patient motion or different acquisition parameters. Therefore, a registration step is usually performed so that all the previously segmented MRI images will be in the same reference frame. Registration and segmentation steps can be swapped depending on the strategy chosen.

Some studies do not fully apply the methodology depicted in Fig. 1. Details about those can be found in Tab. 2. Some studies preferred to work directly with raw data in order to demonstrate the robustness of their approaches to noise or artefacts. In some cases, prostate segmentation is

performed manually as well as registration. It is also sometimes assumed that no patient motions occur during the acquisition procedure, removing the need of registering the multiparametric MRI images.

Once the data are regularized, it becomes possible to extract features and classify these data to obtain either the location of possible lesions (CADE) or/and the malignancy nature of these lesions (CADx).

In a CADE framework, *possible lesions will be segmented automatically* and further used as inputs of a CADx. Nevertheless, this is not the only case that CADE frameworks encountered. Some works also used a fused CADE-CADx framework in which a voxel-based delineation approach is used, allowing to obtain the location of the malignant lesions as results. On the other hand, manual lesions segmentation are not considered to be part of a CADE.

CADx is composed of the processes allowing to *distinguish malignant from non-malignant tumours*. In the studies reviewed, CaP malignancy is defined using the grade of the GS determined after post-biopsy or prostatectomy. As presented in Fig. 1, CADx is usually composed of the three common steps used in classification framework: (i) features detection, (ii) features extraction/selection and (iii) features classification.

As pointed out in the introduction, performance of CaP detection and diagnosis are affected by observer interpretation and limitations (Giger et al. (2008), Hambrock et al. (2013)). CAD offers a possible solution in order to reduce this variability. As mentioned in the introduction, the effects of CAD on the observer performance has been studied (Hambrock et al. (2013)), with results showing that CADs benefit to less-experienced radiologist to perform similarly as experienced radiologist in their tasks (Hambrock et al. (2013)).

2.3. Literature classification

The CAD review is organized using the methodology presented in Fig. 1. Methods embedded in the image regularization framework are presented before to focus on the image classification framework, the later being divided into CADE and CADx. Table 2 summarizes the forty-one different CAD studies reviewed in this paper. The first set of information reported is linked to the data acquisition such as the number of patients included in the study, the modalities acquired as well as the strength of the field of the scanner used. Subsequently, information about the prostate zones considered in the CAD analysis (PZ or CG) are reported since that detecting CaP in the CG

is a more challenging problem and has received particular attention only in recent publications.

3. Image regularization framework

This section provides a review of the methods used in CADs in order to regularize input images. We start with pre-processing methods presented in Sect. 3.1, focusing mainly on the reduction of noise level and artefacts as well as standardization of SI. Sections 3.2 and 3.3 will be dedicated to segmentation methods, so that later methods only operate on the segmented prostate, and registration to align segmented images from different MRI-modalities in the same reference frame.

3.1. Pre-processing

3.1.1. MRI images pre-processing

Three different groups of pre-processing methods are commonly applied to images as initial stage in CAD.

- **Noise filtering:** The NMR signal measured and recorded in the k-space during an MRI acquisition is affected by noise. This noise obeys a complex Gaussian white noise mainly due to thermal noises in the patient area (Nowak (1999)). Furthermore, MRI images visualized by radiologists are in fact the magnitude images resulting from the complex Fourier transform of the k-space data. The complex Fourier transform, being a linear and orthogonal transform, does not affect the Gaussian noise characteristics (Nowak (1999)). However, the function involved in the magnitude computation is a non-linear transform (i.e., the square root of the sum of squares of real and the imaginary parts), implying that the noise distribution is no longer Gaussian; it indeed follows a Rician distribution making the denoising task harder. Briefly, a Rician distribution can be characterized as follows: in low-SI region (low SNR), it can be approximated with a Rayleigh distribution while in high-SI region (high SNR), it is similar to a Gaussian distribution (Manjon et al. (2008)). Reviews of all denoising methods can be found in the work of Buades et al. (2005) and Mohan et al. (2014).

Median filtering is the simplest approach used to address the denoising issue in MRI images (Ozer et al. (2009, 2010)). However, from a theoretical point of view, this simple filtering method is not well formalized to address the noise distribution in MRI images.

More complex approaches were proposed to overcome this problem. A common method used to denoise MRI images is based on wavelet-based filtering. Investigations focus on the strategies

Table 3: Overview of the pre-processing methods used in CAD systems.

Pre-processing operations	References
<i>MRI pre-processing:</i>	
Noise filtering:	
Median filtering	[22-23]
Wavelet-based filtering	[1-2,15]
Bias correction:	
Parametric methods	[16,36]
Non-parametric methods	[37]
Standardization:	
Statistical-based normalization:	[3-4,16,21-22,36,38]
Organ SI-based normalization	[19-20]
<i>MRSI pre-processing:</i>	
Phase correction	[23]
Water and lipid residuals filtering	[8]
Baseline correction	[23,32]
Frequency alignment	[32]
Normalization	[23]

to perform the most adequate coefficient shrinkage method (e.g., using thresholding, singularity property or Bayesian framework) (Pizurica (2002)).

Ampeliotis et al. (2007, 2008) performed wavelet shrinkage to denoise magnitude MRI images (cf., T₂-W-MRI and DCE-MRI) using thresholding techniques (Mallat (2008)). However, since the wavelet transform is an orthogonal transform, the Rician distribution of the noise is preserved in the wavelet-domain. Hence, for low SNR, the wavelet and scaling coefficients still suffer from a bias due to this specific noise distribution (Nowak (1999)).

Lopes et al. (2011) used the filtering technique proposed by Pizurica et al. (2003) to denoise T₂-W-MRI which was based on joint detection and estimation theory (Middleton and Esposito (1968)).

- **Bias correction:** Besides being corrupted by noise, MRI images are also affected by the inhomogeneity of the MRI field commonly referred to as bias field (Styner et al. (2000)). This bias field results in a smooth variation of the SI through the image. When an endorectal coil is used, an artefact resulting of an hyper-intense signal can be observed around the coil on the images. As a consequence, the SI of identical tissues varies depending on their spatial location in the image making further processes such as segmentation or registration harder (Jungke et al. (1987), Vovk et al. (2007)). A review of bias correction methods can be found in Vovk et al. (2007).

The model of image formation is usually formalized such that:

$$s(\mathbf{x}) = o(\mathbf{x})b(\mathbf{x}) + \eta(\mathbf{x}) , \quad (5)$$

where $s(\mathbf{x})$ is the corrupted SI at the pixel for the image coordinates $\mathbf{x} = \{x, y\}$, $o(\mathbf{x})$ is the “noise-free signal” , $b(\mathbf{x})$ is the bias field function and $\eta(\mathbf{x})$ is an additive white Gaussian noise.

Hence, the task of bias correction involves estimating the bias function $b(\mathbf{x})$ in order to infer the “signal-free bias” $o(\mathbf{x})$.

Viswanath et al. (2009) performed bias correction on T₂-W-MRI using a parametric Legendre polynomial model proposed by Styner et al. (2000) and available in the Insight Segmentation and Registration Toolkit (ITK) library³.

³The ITK library is available at: <http://www.itk.org/>

Lv et al. (2009) corrected the inhomogeneity in T₂-W-MRI images by using the method proposed by Madabhushi et al. (2006). In this method, the MRI images are corrected iteratively by successively detecting the image foreground via generalized scale (*g*-scale) and estimating a bias field function based on a second-order polynomial model.

– ***SI normalization/standardization:***

As discussed in the later section, segmentation or classification tasks are usually performed by first learning from a training set of patients. Hence, one can emphasize the desire to perform MRI examinations with a high repeatability or in other words, one would like to obtain similar MRI images (cf., similar SIs) for patients of the same group (cf., healthy patients *vs.* patients with CaP), for a similar sequence.

However, it is a known fact that variability between patients occurs during the MRI examinations even using the same scanner, protocol or sequence parameters (Nyul and Udupa (1999)). Hence, the aim of normalization or standardization of the MRI data is to remove the variability between patients and enforce the repeatability of the MRI examinations.

Approaches used to standardize MRI images can be either categorized as statistical-based standardization or organ SI-based standardization.

Artan et al. (2010, 2009) as well as Ozer et al. (2009, 2010) standardized T₂-W, DCE and DW MRI images by computing the *standard score* (also called *z-score*) of the pixels of the PZ. In a similar way, Liu et al. (2013) normalized T₂-W-MRI by making use of the median and interquartile range for all the pixels.

Lv et al. (2009) scaled the SI of T₂-W-MRI images using the method proposed by Nyul et al. (2000) based on probability density function (PDF) matching. This approach is based on the assumption that MRI images from the same sequence should share the same PDF appearance. Hence, one can approach this issue by transforming and matching the PDFs using some statistical landmarks such as median and different quantiles.

Viswanath et al. (2011, 2009, 2012) used a variant of this previous approach presented in the work of Madabhushi and Udupa (2006) aiming to standardize the T₂-W-MRI images. Instead of computing the PDF of an entire image, a pre-segmentation of the foreground is carried out via *g*-scale.

The methods described above were statistical-based methods. However, the standardization



(a) Illustration and location of the bladder on a T₂-W-MRI image acquired with a 3.0 Tesla MRI scanner



(b) Illustration and location of the femoral arteries on a T₁-W-MRI image acquired with a 3.0 Tesla MRI scanner

Figure 6: Illustration of the two organs used by Niaf et al. (2012, 2011) to normalize T₂-W and T₁-W MRI images.

problem can be tackled by normalizing the MRI images using the SI of some known organs present in these images. Niaf et al. (2012, 2011) normalized T₂-W-MRI images by dividing the original SI of the images by the mean SI of the bladder (see Fig. 6(a)). Likewise, Niaf et al. (2011) standardized the T₁-W-MRI images using the arterial input function (AIF). They computed the AIF by taking the mean of the SI in the most enhanced part of the common femoral arteries (see Fig. 6(b)) as proposed by Wiart et al. (2007).

3.1.2. MRSI spectra

Presented in Sect. 2.2.2, MRSI is a modality related to a one dimensional signal. Hence, specific pre-processing steps for this type of signals have been applied instead of standard signal processing methods.

- **Phase correction:** MRSI data acquired suffer from zero-order and first-order phase misalignments as shown in Fig. 7 (Chen et al. (2002), Osorio-Garcia et al. (2012)).

Parfait et al. (2012) used a method proposed by Chen et al. (2002) where the phase of MRSI signal is corrected based on entropy minimization in the frequency domain.

- **Water and lipid residuals filtering:** The water and lipid metabolites occur in much higher concentrations than the metabolites of interests (cf., choline, creatine and citrate) (Osorio-Garcia et al. (2012), Zhu et al. (2010)). Fortunately, specific MRSI sequences were developed in order

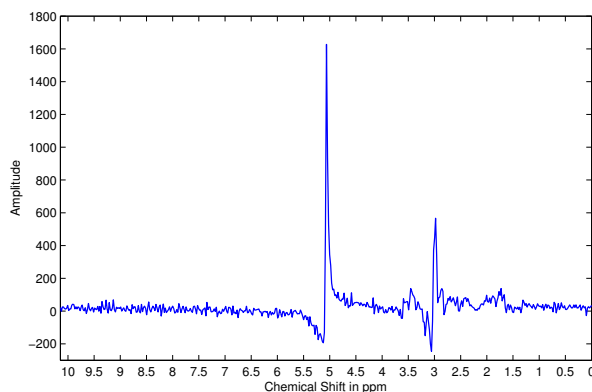


Figure 7: Illustration of frequency and phase misalignment in an MRSI spectra acquired with a 3.0 Tesla MRSI scanner. Focusing on the phase misalignment, note the distortion of the signal specially visible for the water (cf., around 5.1 ppm) and citrate (cf., around 3 ppm) peaks. Regarding the frequency misalignment, the water peak is known to be aligned at 4.65 ppm. However, it can be observed that this peak is occurring around 5.1 ppm.

to suppress water and lipid metabolites using pre-saturation techniques (Zhu et al. (2010)). However, these techniques do not perfectly remove water and lipids peaks and some residuals are still present in the MRSI spectra as shown in Fig. 8. Therefore, different post-processing methods have been proposed to enhance the quality of the MRSI spectra by removing these residuals.

Kelm et al. (2007) used the well known HSVD algorithm proposed by Pijnappel et al. (1992) which models the MRSI signal by a sum of exponentially damped sinusoids in the time domain.

- **Baseline correction:** Sometimes, the problem discussed in the above section regarding the lipid molecules is not addressed simultaneously with water residuals suppression. Lipids and macromolecules are known to affect the baseline of the MRSI spectra. They could cause errors during further fitting processes aiming to quantify the metabolites, especially regarding the citrate metabolite.

Parfait et al. (2012) made the comparison of two different methods to detect the baseline and correct the MRSI spectra which are based on the work of Lieber and Mahadevan-Jansen (2003) and Devos et al. (2004). Lieber and Mahadevan-Jansen (2003) addressed the problem of baseline detection in the frequency domain by iteratively fitting a polynomial of low degree.

Parfait et al. (2012) modified this algorithm by convolving a Gaussian kernel to smooth the

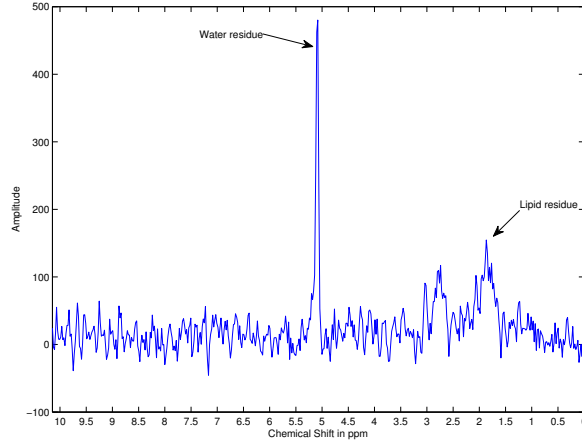


Figure 8: Illustration of the residues of water and fat even after their suppression during the acquisition protocol. The acquisition was carried out with a 3.0 Tesla MRI.

MRSI signal instead of fitting a polynomial function.

Unlike Lieber and Mahadevan-Jansen (2003), Devos et al. (2004) proposed to correct the baseline in the time domain by multiplying the MRSI signal by a decreasing exponential function.

However, Parfait et al. (2012) concluded that the method proposed by Lieber and Mahadevan-Jansen (2003) outperformed the one of Devos et al. (2004). In the contemporary work of Tiwari et al. (2012), the authors detected the baseline using a local non-linear fitting method avoiding regions with significant peaks which were detected using an experimentally parametrised signal-to-noise ratio (i.e. a value larger than 5 dB).

- **Frequency alignment:** Due to variations of the experimental conditions, a frequency shift can be observed in the MRSI spectra as shown in Fig. 7 (Chen et al. (2002), Osorio-Garcia et al. (2012)).

Tiwari et al. (2012) corrected the frequency shift by first detecting known metabolite peaks such as choline, creatine and citrate. The frequency shift is corrected by minimizing the frequency error between the experimental and theoretical values of each of these peaks.

- **Normalization:** Due to variations of the experimental conditions, the MRSI signal may also vary between patients.

Table 4: Overview of the segmentation methods used in CAD systems.

Segmentation methods	References
<i>MRI-based segmentation:</i>	
Manual segmentation	[4-5,17,19-22,25,39-41]
Region-based segmentation	[11-12]
Model-based segmentation	[10,35-37,42]
<i>MRSI-based segmentation:</i>	
Clustering	[29]

Parfait et al. (2012) as Devos et al. (2004) compared two methods to normalize the MRSI signal. In each method, the original MRSI spectra is divided by a normalization factor, similar to the intensity normalization described earlier.

The first approach to obtain the normalization factor is based on an estimation of the water concentration. It is required to have an additional MRSI sequence where the water metabolites are unsuppressed. Using this sequence, an estimation of the water concentration can be performed using the previously reported HSVD algorithm. The second approach to normalization is based on using the L_2 norm of the MRSI spectra $\|s(\xi)\|_2$. It should be noted that both Parfait et al. (2012) and Devos et al. (2004) concluded that the L_2 normalization was more efficient in their framework.

3.2. Segmentation

The segmentation task consists of delineating the prostate boundaries in the MRI. This procedure is of particular importance for focusing the posterior processing on the organ of interest (Ghose et al. (2012)). In this section, only the segmentation methods used in CAD systems are presented and summarized in Tab. 4. An exhaustive review of prostate segmentation methods in MRI can be found in Ghose et al. (2012) as well as prostate modelling in Chilali et al. (2014).

3.2.1. MRI-based segmentation

- **Manual segmentation:** To highlight the importance of prostate segmentation task in CAD systems, it is interesting to note the large number of studies which segment manually the prostate organs (Artan et al. (2010, 2009), Matulewicz et al. (2013), Niaf et al. (2012, 2011), Ozer et al. (2009, 2010), Puech et al. (2009), Vos et al. (2008a,b)). In all the cases, the boundaries of the prostate gland are defined in order to limit the further processing to only this area. This approach ensures the right delineation of the organ nevertheless this procedure is highly time consuming and should be performed by a radiologist.
- **Atlas-based segmentation:** Litjens et al. (2012b) used a multi-atlas-based segmentation (Klein et al. (2008)) using multi-modal images (e.g., T₂-W-MRI and ADC map) to segment the prostate with an additional pattern recognition method to differentiate CG and PZ as proposed in Litjens et al. (2012a). This method consists of three different steps: (i) the registration between each atlas and the multi-modal images, (ii) the atlas selection and finally (iii) the classification of the prostate segmented voxels in either CG or PZ.

Litjens et al. (2014a) used an almost identical algorithm proposed in PROMISE12 challenge (Litjens et al. (2014b)). Their segmentation method is also based on multi-atlas multi-modal images. However, SIMPLE method (Langerak et al. (2010)) is used to combine labels after the registration of the different atlas to obtain the final segmentation.

- **Model-based segmentation:** Viswanath et al. (2008a, 2009) used the multi-attribute non-initializing texture reconstruction based active shape model (MANTRA) method as proposed by Toth et al. (2008). MANTRA is closely related to the active shape model (ASM) from Cootes et al. (1995). This algorithm consists of two stages: (i) a training stage where a shape and appearance model is generated and (ii) the actual segmentation performed based on the learned model.

Litjens et al. (2011) and Vos et al. (2012) used an approach proposed by Huisman et al. (2010) in which the bladder, prostate and rectum are segmented. The segmentation task is performed as an optimization problem taking into account three parameters into account linked to organs such as: (i) the shape, (ii) the location and (iii) the respective angles between them. Furthermore, Litjens et al. (2011) used only ADC map to encode the appearance whereas Vos et al. (2012) used both ADC and T₂ maps.

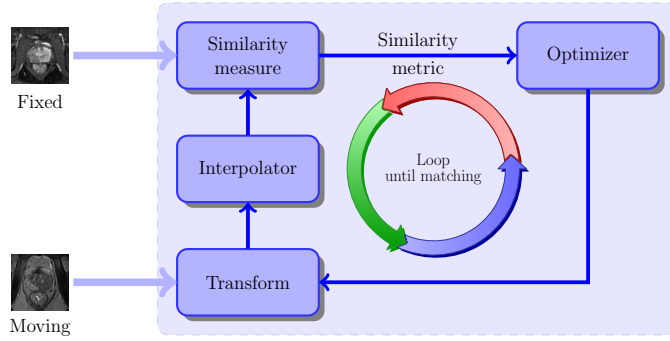


Figure 9: Typical framework involved to solve the registration problem.

3.2.2. MRSI-based segmentation

Tiwari et al. (2009a) localized the voxels corresponding to the prostate organ using a hierarchical spectral clustering. First, each MRSI spectrum is projected into a lower dimension space using graph embedding (Shi and Malik (2000)).

3.3. Registration

The role of image registration is vital in CAD systems using multi-parametric MRI images. As it will be discussed in Sect. 4, for the sake of an optimal classification, the features detected in each modality will be grouped depending of their spatial locations. Hence, one has to ensure the perfect alignment of the multi-modal MRI images ahead of performing any classification scheme.

Image registration is the procedure consisting of aligning an unregistered image (also called moving image) into a template image (also called fixed image) via a geometric transformation. This problem is usually addressed as presented in Fig. 9. An iterative procedure takes place to infer the geometric transformation (parametric or non-parametric) via an optimizer, which maximizes the similarity between the two images.

From Sect. 3.3.1 to 3.3.4, we individually review the different components of a typical registration framework (Fig 9). Section 3.3.5 will summarize the combinations of these components especially for the frameworks used in CAD systems. Exhaustive reviews covering all registration methods in computer science and medical fields can be found in Maintz and Viergever (1998) and Zitová and Flusser (2003), respectively.

Table 5: Classification of the different registration methods used in the CAD systems reviewed. Acronyms: gradient descent (GD), Nelder-Mead (NM).

Study index	Modality registered	Type	Geometric model		Similarity measure			Optimizer	
			Affine	Elastic	MSE	MI	CMI	GD	L-BFGS-B
[1-2]	T ₂ -W - DCE	2D	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—
[7]	T ₂ -W - DW	2D	✓	✓	—	—	—	—	—
[7]	T ₂ -W - DCE	2D	✓	✓	—	✓	—	✓	—
[35-36]	T ₂ -W - DCE	2D	✓	—	—	✓	—	—	—
[37]	T ₂ -W - DCE - DW	3D	✓	—	—	—	✓	✓	—
[39]	T ₂ -W - DCE	3D	✓	—	—	✓	—	—	—
[41]	T ₂ -W - DCE	3D	✓	✓	—	✓	—	—	✓

Notes:

—: not used or not mentioned.

✓: used or implemented.

3.3.1. Geometric transformation models

As previously mentioned, the registration problem is to align two images or volumes by finding the geometric transformation. Regarding the transformation, from all CAD systems reviewed, only parametric methods have been implemented.

Two different groups of parametric transformation models have been used, each of them are characterized by the degree of freedom that they offer.

Affine transformations provide four degrees of freedom managing rotations and translation as with the rigid transformations but also shearing and scaling. Hence, for a 2D space where $\mathbf{x} = (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, an affine transformation \mathcal{T}_A is formalized as:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{T}_A(\mathbf{x}) &= \begin{bmatrix} A & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}, \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & t_x \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \tag{6}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence the four parameters $\{a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{21}, a_{22}\}$ of the affine matrix and $\{t_x, t_y\}$ of the translation encode an affine transformation.

In the case of 3D registration using image volumes, an additional component z has to be taken into account such that $\mathbf{x} = (x, y, z)$. Thus the geometric transformation $\mathcal{T}_A(\cdot)$ is of size 4×4 with nine parameters involved.

The other group of transformations is known as elastic transformations and offer the advantage to handle local distortions. In the reviewed CAD systems, the radial basis functions are used to formalize the local distortions such as:

$$\mathcal{T}_E(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{a_{11}x - a_{12}y + t_x + \sum_i c_i g(\|\mathbf{x} - p_i\|)}{a_{21}x + a_{22}y + t_y + \sum_i c_i g(\|\mathbf{x} - p_i\|)}. \tag{7}$$

where \mathbf{x} are the control points in both images and $g(\cdot)$ is the actual radial basis function.

Two radial basis functions have been used: (i) the thin plate spline (TPS) and (ii) the B-splines. Apart from the formalism, these two approaches have a main difference. With B-splines, the control points are usually uniformly and densely placed on a grid where as with TPS, the control points correspond to detected or selected key points. By using TPS, Mitra et al. (2011) obtained more accurate and time efficient results than with the B-splines strategy (Mitra et al. (2012)).

It is reasonable to point out that usually only rigid or affine registrations have been used to register multi-parametric images from a same protocol. Elastic registration methods are more commonly used to register multi-protocol images (e.g., histopathology with MRI images) (Toth et al. (2008, 2009)).

3.3.2. Similarity measure

During the registration procedure, a similarity criterion is computed in order to evaluate the quality of the alignment performed. Roughly speaking, this criterion will give the direction to

take to the optimizer, in order to assign the most optimal values to the geometric transformation parameters.

The most naive similarity measure is the mean squared error (MSE) of the SI of MRI images. However, this metric is not well suited when multi-parametric images are involved due to the tissue appearance variations between the different modalities.

In that regard, MI was introduced as a registration measure in the late 1990's by Pluim et al. (2003). The MI measure finds its foundation in the assumption that a homogeneous region in the first modality image should also appear as a homogeneous region in the second modality even if their SIs are not identical. Thus, those regions share information and the registration task can be achieved by maximizing this common information. Maximizing the MI is in fact equivalent to minimizing the joint entropy which is a measure related with the degree of uncertainty or dispersion of the data in the joint histogram. As shown in Fig. 10, the data in the joint histogram will be concentrated in the case of aligned images while will be more randomly distributed in the case of misaligned images.

A generalized form of MI, CMI, was proposed by Chappelow et al. (2011). CMI encompasses interdependent information such as texture and gradient into the metric.

3.3.3. Optimization methods

Registration is usually regarded as an optimization problem where the parameters of the geometric transformation model have to be inferred by minimizing the similarity measure. Iterative estimation methods are commonly used: L-BFGS-B quasi-Newton method (Byrd et al. (1995)) and gradient descent (Viola and Wells (1997)). During our review, we noticed that authors do not usually linger over optimizer choice.

3.3.4. Interpolation

The registration procedure involves transforming an image, and pixels mapped to non-integer points must be approximated using interpolation methods. As for the optimization methods, we notice that little attention has been paid on the choice of those interpolations methods. However, commonly used methods are bilinear, nearest-neighbour, bi-cubic, spline and inverse-distance weighting method (Mitra (2012)).

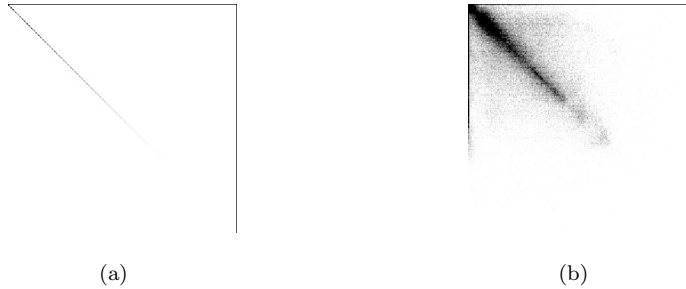


Figure 10: Difference observed in joint histogram between aligned (Fig. 10(a)) and misaligned (Fig. 10(b)) images.

3.3.5. Review of the methods used in CAD system

Studies presenting a CAD pipeline incorporating an automatic registration procedure are summarized in Tab. 5.

Ampeliotis et al. (2007, 2008) did not use the framework as presented in Fig. 9 to register 2D T₂-W and DCE images. By using image symmetries and the MSE metric, they found the parameters of an affine transformation but without using a common objective function. They were finding independently and consecutively the scale factor, the rotation and finally the translation.

Giannini et al. (2013) used also a in-house development registration method to register 2D T₂-W and DW images using an affine model. The bladder is first segmented in both modalities in order to obtain its contours and to focus the registration.

Giannini et al. (2013) and also Vos et al. (2010) used the same framework (Rueckert et al. (1999)) which is based on finding an affine transformation to register the T₂-W and DCE images using MI. Then, an elastic registration using B-spline takes place using the affine parameters to initialize the geometric model with the same similarity measure. However, the approaches differ regarding the choice of the optimizer since Giannini et al. (2013) used a gradient descent and Vos et al. (2010) tackle the optimization via a quasi-Newton method. Moreover, Giannini et al. (2013) performed a 2D registration whereas Vos et al. (2010) registered 3D volumes.

Viswanath et al. (2008a, 2009) as well as Vos et al. (2008a) performed an affine registration using the MI as similarity measure to correct the misalignment between T₂-W and DCE images. The choice of the optimizer was not specified. Viswanath et al. (2008a, 2009) focused on 2D registration while Vos et al. (2008a) performed 3D registration.

Finally, Viswanath et al. (2011) performed a 3D registration with the three modalities, T₂-

Table 6: Overview of the CADe strategies employed in CAD systems.

CADe: ROIs selection strategy	References
All voxels-based approach	[4-5,7-8,13,15,17-18,21-23,26-38]
Lesions candidate detection	[10-12,42]

W and DCE and DW MRI, by using an affine transformation model combined with the CMI similarity measure as presented in Chappelow et al. (2011). Moreover, Chappelow et al. (2011) employed gradient descent to solve this problem but suggested Nelder-Mead simplex and quasi-Newton method as other solutions.

4. CADe - CADx

4.1. CADe: ROIs detection/selection

As discussed in the introduction and shown in Fig. 1, the image classification framework is composed of eventually a CADe and a CADx. In this section, we will focus on studies embedding a CADe in their framework. Two approaches are considered to define a CADe (see Tab. 6): (i) voxel-based delineation and (ii) lesion segmentation.

The first strategy, which concerns the majority of the studies reviewed (see Tab. 6), is in fact linked to the nature of the classification framework. All voxels are considered as a possible lesion and the output of the framework will be pixels classified as lesion and non lesion.

The secondary group of methods is composed of method implementing a lesion segmentation algorithm to delineate potential candidates to further obtain a diagnosis through the CADx. This approach was borrowed from methodologies applied successfully in CADe such as for breast cancers. These methods are in fact very similar to the classification framework used in CADx later.

Vos et al. (2012) highlighted lesion candidates by detecting blobs in the ADC map. These candidates were filtered using some *a priori* criteria such as SI or diameter. The candidate blobs detected are then filtered depending on their appearances (cf. maximum of the likelihood of the

region, diameter of the lesion) and their SI in ADC and T₂-W images. The detected regions are then used as inputs for the CADx.

Litjens et al. (2011) used a pattern recognition approach in order to delineate the ROIs. A blobness map was calculated in the same manner as previously in Vos et al. (2010) using the multi-resolution Hessian blob detector on the ADC map, T₂-W and pharmacokinetic parameters maps (see Sect. 4.2 for details about those parameters). Additionally, the position of the voxel $\mathbf{x} = \{x, y, z\}$ was used as a feature as well as the Euclidean distance of the voxel to the prostate center. Hence, the feature vectors were composed of eight features and a support vector machines (SVM) classifier was trained using a radial basis function (RBF) kernel (see Sect. 4.4 for more details).

Subsequently, Litjens et al. (2012b) modified this approach by including only features related to the blob detection on the different maps as well as the original SIs of the parametric images. Two new maps were introduced based on texture. Instead of a SVM classifier, a k -nearest neighbour (k -NN) classifier was used. The candidate regions were then extracted by performing a local maxima detection followed by post-processing region-growing and morphological operations.

In a similar way, Litjens et al. (2014a) used the same approach and add two new features: (i) a Gaussian texture bank on T₂-W to create new maps and (ii) the DW MRI image acquired with $b = 800 \text{ s.mm}^{-2}$ was included too. Three classifiers were tested: (i) linear discriminant analysis (LDA), (ii) GentleBoost and (iii) Random forest. After evaluation, random forest was selected as classifier due to its overall performances.

4.2. CADx: Feature detection

Discriminative features which can be used to recognize CaP from healthy tissue have to be first detected. This processing is known in computer vision as feature extraction. However, feature extraction is also the name given in pattern recognition to some types of dimension reduction methods which will be presented in the next section. In order to avoid confusion between these two aspects, in this survey, the procedure “detecting” or “extracting” features from images and signals will be defined as feature detection. This section will summarize the different strategies employed for this task. The features used in the studies reviewed are summarized in Tab. 7.

Table 7: Overview of the feature detection methods used in CAD systems.

Feature detection methods	Indexes
MRI image:	
<i>Voxel-wise detection</i>	
Intensity-based	✓- [1-2,39] - - ✓ [7] ✓- ✓ [4-6,9-13,21-22] ✓✓✓ [19-20]
Edge-based	
Prewitt operator	✓- [30-31,33-34]
Sobel operator	✓- [30-31,33-34,36-38] ✓✓✓ [19-20]
Kirsch operator	✓- [30-31,33-34,36-38] ✓✓✓ [19-20]
Gabor filtering	✓- [32,34,38]
Texture-based	
Haralick features	✓- [3,30-31,33-34,36,38] ✓✓ [37] ✓✓✓ [11,19-20]
Fractal analysis	✓- [15-16]
Discrete cosine transform (DCT)	✓✓✓ [19-20]
Wavelet-based features	✓- [38]
Gaussian filter bank	✓- [12]
Position-based	[6,10-12]
<i>Region-wise detection</i>	
Statistical-based	
Percentiles	- ✓ [40] - - ✓ [3,24] ✓✓ [41] ✓✓✓ [10-12,19-20,42]
Statistical-moments	✓- [1-2,30-31,33-34,36,38] - - ✓ [3] ✓✓ [37] ✓- ✓ [24] ✓✓✓ [10-12,19-20]
Histogram-based	
PDF	✓✓✓ [14]
HOG	✓✓✓ [14]
Shape context	✓✓✓ [14]
LBP	✓✓✓ [14]
Anatomical-based	[11-12,16]

Table 8: Parameters used as features for a DCE semi-quantitative analysis in CAD systems.

Semi-quantitative features	Explanations
<i>Amplitude features:</i>	
S_0	Amplitude at the onset of the enhancement
S_{\max}	Amplitude corresponding to 95% of the maximum amplitude
S_p	Amplitude corresponding to the maximum amplitude
S_f	Amplitude at the final time point
<i>Time features:</i>	
t_0	Time at the onset of the enhancement
t_{\max}	Time corresponding to 95% of the maximum amplitude
t_p	Time corresponding to the maximum amplitude
t_f	Final time
t_{tp}	Time to peak which is the time from t_0 to t_p
<i>Derivatives and integral features:</i>	
WI	Wash-in rate corresponding to the signal slope from t_0 to t_m or t_p
WO	Wash-out rate corresponding to the signal slope from t_m or t_p to t_f
$IAUC$	Initial area under the curve which is the area between t_0 to t_f

4.2.1. Image-based features

This section will focus on image-based features detection. Two main strategies to detect features have been identified and used for the purpose of our classification: (i) voxel-wise detection and (ii) region-wise detection.

- ***Voxel-wise features:*** This strategy refers to the fact that a feature is extracted at each voxel location of an image.

CaP as previously discussed (see Tab. 1) can be discerned due to SI changes. Hence, intensity-based features are one of the most common features used to build the feature vector which has to be classified (Ampeliotis et al. (2007, 2008), Artan et al. (2010, 2009), Chan et al. (2003), Langer et al. (2009), Litjens et al. (2014a, 2012b, 2011), Liu et al. (2009), Niaf et al. (2012, 2011), Viswanath et al. (2011, 2008a)). This type of feature consists simply of the SI of each voxel of the different MRI modalities.

SI changes can be viewed as heterogeneous regions and edge-based features are used in that regard. Each feature is computed by convolving the original image with an edge operator. Three of these operators are used in CAD systems: (i) Prewitt operator (Prewitt (1970)), (ii) Sobel operator (Sobel (1970)) and (iii) Kirsch operator (Kirsch (1971)). Results obtained with these operators vary, due to their different kernels. These features are commonly incorporated in the feature vector for further classification in the CAD systems reviewed (Niaf et al. (2012, 2011), Tiwari et al. (2013, 2010, 2009b), Viswanath et al. (2011, 2008b)).

Gabor filters (Daugman (1985), Gabor (1946)) offer another approach to extract information related to edges and texture. Viswanath et al. (2008a, 2012) and Tiwari et al. (2012) integrated Gabor analysis in their feature vector.

Texture-based features provide other characteristics discerning CaP from healthy tissue. The most common texture analysis for image classification are co-occurrence matrices with their related statistics which were proposed by Haralick et al. (1973) and are commonly used in CAD systems (Antic et al. (2013), Niaf et al. (2012, 2011), Tiwari et al. (2013, 2010, 2009b), Viswanath et al. (2011, 2008a,b, 2012)).

Fractal analysis and more precisely a local estimation of the fractal dimension (Benassi et al. (1998)) describing the texture roughness at a specific location was used in Lopes et al. (2011). A wavelet-based method in a multi-resolution framework was used to estimate the fractal dimension. Cancerous tissue were characterized to have a higher fractal dimension than healthy

tissue.

Chan et al. (2003) aimed to describe the texture using the frequency signature via the discrete cosine transform (DCT) (Ahmed et al. (1974)) defining a neighbourhood of 7×7 pixels for each of the modalities that they used.

In the same spirit, Viswanath et al. (2012) projected T₂-W images into the wavelet space and used the coefficients obtained from the decomposition as features. The wavelet family used for the decomposition was the Haar wavelet.

Litjens et al. (2014a) compute texture map based on T₂-W images using a Gaussian filter bank (Leung and Malik (2001)).

The position of a voxel within the prostate was also considered a possible feature. Litjens et al. (2014a, 2011) computed the Euclidean distance from each voxel to the prostate center as well as the individual distance in the three directions x , y and z . Chan et al. (2003) embedded the same information but this time using cylindrical coordinates r , θ and z corresponding to the radius, azimuth and elevation respectively.

– ***Region-wise features:***

Unlike the previous section, another strategy is to study an entire region and extract characteristic features corresponding to this region.

The most common approach reviewed can be classified as statistical methods. First, a feature map are computed for the whole image and not any more for a single voxel. Then, ROIs are defined and statistics are extracted from each of these regions. The first type of statistic is based on percentiles and is widely used (Antic et al. (2013), Litjens et al. (2014a, 2012b, 2011), Peng et al. (2013), Tiwari et al. (2013, 2010, 2009b), Viswanath et al. (2011, 2008a,b, 2012), Vos et al. (2012, 2008a, 2010, 2008b)). In fact, once that a ROI is defined, the features corresponding to the n^{th} percentile are used as feature. This n can take any value between 0 and 100. This threshold is usually manually determined observing the distribution and corresponds to the best discriminant value differentiating malignant and healthy tissue. in addition, statistic-moments such as mean, standard deviation, kurtosis and skewness are also used (Ampeliotis et al. (2007, 2008), Antic et al. (2013), Niaf et al. (2012, 2011), Peng et al. (2013)). Litjens et al. (2014a) also introduced a feature based on symmetry. They compute the mean of a candidate lesion as well as its mirrored counter-part and compute the quotient as feature.

Another subset of features are anatomic which were also used by Litjens et al. (2014a, 2012b) and Matulewicz et al. (2013). Litjens et al. (2014a, 2012b) computed the volume, compactness and sphericity related to the region to integrate it in their feature vector to later classify. Matulewicz et al. (2013) introduced four features corresponding to the percentage of tissue belonging to the regions PZ, CG, periurethral region or outside prostate region for the considered ROI.

In contrast to anatomical are histogram-based feature descriptors. For instance, Liu et al. (2013) introduced four different types of histogram-based features. The first type corresponds to the histogram of the SI of the image. The second type is the histogram of oriented gradient (HOG) (Dalal and Triggs (2005)). HOG descriptor describes the local shape of the object of interest by using gradient directions distribution. The third histogram-based type used by Liu et al. (2013) was shape context (Belongie et al. (2002)). The shape context is also a way to describe the shape of an object of interest. The last set of histogram-based feature extracted is based on the framework of Zhao et al. (2012) which is using the Fourier transform of the histogram created via local binary pattern (LBP) (Ojala et al. (1996)).

The last group of region-based feature is based on fractal analysis. The features proposed are based on estimating the fractal dimension which is a statistical index representing the complexity of what is analysed. Lv et al. (2009) proposed two features based on fractal dimension: (i) texture fractal dimension and (ii) histogram fractal dimension. Lopes et al. (2011) proposed a 3D version to estimate the fractal dimension of a volume using wavelet decomposition.

4.2.2. DCE-based features

DCE-MRI is more commonly based on a SI analysis over time as presented in Sect. 2.2.2. The parameters extracted used in CAD system during the DCE-MRI analysis are presented.

- ***Whole-spectra approach:*** Some studies are using the whole DCE time series as feature vector such as Ampeliotis et al. (2007, 2008), Tiwari et al. (2012) and Viswanath et al. (2008a,b). In some cases, the high-dimensional feature space is reduced using dimension reduction methods as it will be presented in the next section (see Sect. 4.3).
- ***Semi-quantitative approach:*** Semi-quantitative approaches are based on mathematically modelling the DCE time series. The parameters modelling the signal are commonly used mainly due to the simplicity of their computation. Parameters included in semi-quantitative analysis

are summarized in Tab. 8 and also graphically depicted in Fig. 11. A set of time features corresponding to specific amplitude level (start, maximum and end) are extracted. Then, derivative and integral features are also considered as discriminative and are commonly computed.

- **Quantitative approach:** As presented in Sect. 2.2.2, quantitative approaches correspond to mathematical-pharmacokinetic models based on physiological exchanges. Four different models have been used in CAD systems. The most common model reviewed was the Brix model using three parameters A , k_{ep} and k_{el} (Artan et al. (2010, 2009), Liu et al. (2009), Ozer et al. (2009, 2010), Sung et al. (2011)). The Tofts model and more precisely the parameters K_{trans} , k_{ep} and v_e (Tofts (1997)) was used by Giannini et al. (2013), Langer et al. (2009), Litjens et al. (2014a, 2012b, 2011), Mazzetti et al. (2011), Niaf et al. (2012, 2011).

Mazzetti et al. (2011) and Giannini et al. (2013) used the Weibull function defined by two parameters. They also used another empirical model which is based on the West-like function and named the phenomenological universalities model (Castorina et al. (2006)) using the three parameters the parameters β , a_0 and r .

For all these models, the parameters are inferred using an optimization curve fitting approach.

4.2.3. MRSI-based features

- **Whole spectra approach:** As in the case of DCE analysis, one common approach is to incorporate the whole MRSI spectra in the feature vector for classification (Kelm et al. (2007), Matulewicz et al. (2013), Parfait et al. (2012), Tiwari et al. (2013, 2010, 2007, 2009a,b), Viswanath et al. (2008a)). Sometimes post-processing involving dimension reduction methods is performed to reduce the complexity during the classification as it will be presented in Sect. 4.3.
- **Quantification approach:** We can reiterate that in MRSI only few biological markers (cf., choline, creatine and citrate metabolites mainly) are known to be useful to discriminate CaP and healthy tissue. Then, concentrations of these metabolites can be considered as a feature used for classification. In order to perform this quantification, four different approaches have been used. The QUEST (Ratney et al. (2005)), AMARES (Vanhamme et al. (1997)) and VARPRO (Coleman and Li (1993)) models were used by Kelm et al. (2007). They are all time-domain quantification methods varying by the type of pre-knowledge embedded and the optimization approaches used to solve the quantification problem. Unlike the time-domain quantification

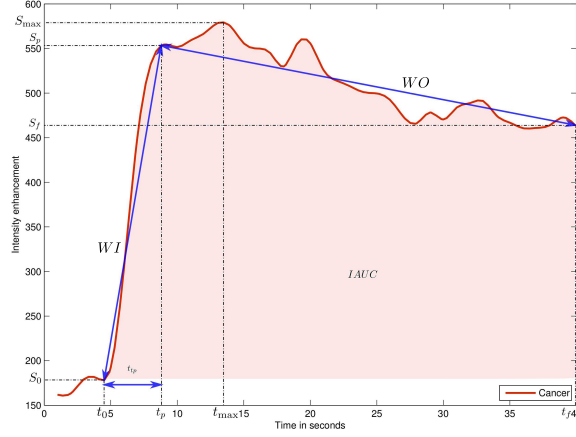


Figure 11: Graphical representation of the different semi-quantitative features used for DCE-MRI analysis.

approaches, Parfait et al. (2012) used the LcModel approach (Provencher (1993)) which solves the optimization problem in the frequency domain.

Once the different concentrations are computed, Kelm et al. (2007) calculated the relative concentrations (Eq. (8) and (9)) and used them as features. However, Parfait et al. (2012) used each metabolite concentrations individually.

$$R_1 = \frac{[\text{Cho}] + [\text{Cr}]}{[\text{Cit}]} . \quad (8)$$

$$R_2 = \frac{[\text{Cit}]}{[\text{Cho}] + [\text{Cr}] + [\text{Cit}]} , \quad (9)$$

where Cit, Cho and Cr are the concentration of citrate, choline and creatine respectively.

- **Wavelet decomposition approach:** Tiwari et al. (2012) performed a wavelet packet decomposition (Coifman and Wickerhauser (1992)) with the Haar wavelet basis function and used the coefficients of this decomposition as features for further classification.

4.3. CADx: Feature selection and feature extraction

As presented in the previous section, a wide variety of features can be computed (see Tab. 7). This often leads from multi-parametric MRI data to a high dimensions feature space which might

Table 9: Overview of the feature selection and extraction methods used in CAD systems.

Dimension reduction methods	References
<i>Feature selection:</i>	
Statistical test	[19-20,42]
MI-based methods	[19-20,38]
<i>Feature extraction:</i>	
Linear mapping	
PCA	[28-29,32]
Non-linear mapping	
Laplacian eigenmaps	[27,29-31,34,37]
LLE and LLE-based	[28-29,34-35]

mislead or corrupt the classifier used for training. Thus, it is often of interest to reduce the number of dimensions before proceeding to the classification task. The strategies used can be grouped as: (i) feature selection and (ii) feature extraction and those methods will be presented in the above sections. However, only the methods used in CAD system are presented and summarized in Tab. 9.

4.3.1. Feature selection

The feature selection strategy is based on selecting the most discriminative feature dimensions of the high-dimensional space. Thus, the low-dimensional space is then composed of a subset of the original features detected. In this section, methods employed in the studies reviewed will be briefly presented. More extensive reviews specific to feature selection can be found in Saeys et al. (2007).

Niaf et al. (2012, 2011) make use of the p-value by using the independent two-sample t-test with equal mean for each feature dimension. The features can be ranked and the most significant features can be selected. However, this technique suffers from a main drawback since it assumes that each feature is independent, which is unlikely to happen and introduces a high degree of redundancy in the features selected.

Vos et al. (2012) employed a similar feature ranking approach but make use of the Fisher discriminant ratio to compute the relevance of each feature dimension. Once the features are ordered, Vos et al. (2012) select the feature dimensions with the larger Fisher discriminant ratio.

MI can also be used to select a subset of feature dimensions. Peng et al. (2005) introduced two main criteria to select the feature dimensions: (i) maximal relevance and (ii) minimum redundancy. Combination of these two criteria is known as minimum redundancy maximum relevance (mRMR)⁴ (Peng et al. (2005)) and are computed as a difference or quotient. Niaf et al. (2012, 2011) make use of maximal relevance criterion alone and also of both mRMR difference and quotient criterion. Viswanath et al. (2012) also reduced their feature vector via mRMR difference and quotient.

4.3.2. Feature extraction

The feature extraction strategy is related to dimension reduction methods but not selecting discriminative features. Instead, these methods aim at mapping the data from the high-dimensional space into a low-dimensional space created to maximize the separability between the classes. The mapping can be performed in a linear or a non-linear manner. Again, only methods employed in CAD system will be reviewed in this section. We refer the reader to the review of Fodor (2002) for a full review of feature extraction techniques.

PCA is the most commonly used linear mapping method in CAD prostate (Jolliffe (2002)). Tiwari et al. (2008, 2009a, 2012) used PCA in order to reduce the dimensionality of their feature vector.

Non-linear mapping was also used for dimension reduction. It is mainly based on Laplacian eigenmaps and locally linear embedding (LLE) methods. Laplacian eigenmaps⁵, also referred as spectral clustering in computer vision, aim to find a low-dimensional space in which the proximity of the data should be preserved from the high-dimensional space (Belkin and Niyogi (2001), Shi and Malik (2000)). Tiwari et al. (2007, 2009a,b), Viswanath et al. (2008b) used this spectral clustering to project their feature vector into a low-dimensional space. The feature space in these studies is usually composed of features extracted from a single or multiple modalities and then concatenated before applying the Laplacian eigenmaps dimension reduction technique.

Tiwari et al. (2013, 2009a) used a slightly different approach by combining the Laplacian eigen-

⁴mRMR implementation can be found at: <http://penglab.janelia.org/proj/mRMR/>

⁵Laplacian eigenmap implementation is available at: <http://www.cse.ohio-state.edu/~mbelkin/algorithms/algorithms.html>

maps techniques with a prior multi-kernel learning strategy.

LLE⁶ is another common non-linear dimension reduction technique widely used, first proposed by Roweis and Saul (2000). Tiwari et al. (2008) used a modified version of the LLE algorithm in which they applied LLE in a bagging approach with multiple neighbourhood sizes. The different embeddings obtained are then fused using the maximum likelihood (ML) estimation.

4.4. CADx: Classification

4.4.1. Classifier

Once the feature vector has been extracted and eventually the complexity reduced, it is possible to make a decision and classify this feature vector to belong to CaP or healthy tissue. Classification methods used in a CAD system to distinguish these two classes are summarized in Tab. 10. A full review of classification methods used in pattern recognition can be found in Bishop (2006).

– *Rule-based method:*

Lv et al. (2009) make use of a decision stump classifier to distinguish CaP and healthy classes.

Puech et al. (2009) detect CaP by implementing a given set of rules using a score scheme in a medical decision making approach. The feature values are compared with a pre-defined threshold. Then, at each comparison, the final score is incremented or not, depending on the threshold and the final decision is taken depending of the final score.

– *Clustering methods:*

k -nearest neighbour (k -NN) is one of the simplest supervised machine learning classification methods. k -NN was one of the methods used by Niaf et al. (2012, 2011) mainly to make a comparison with different machine learning techniques. Litjens et al. (2012b) used this method to roughly detect potential CaP voxels before performing a region-based classification.

k -means is an unsupervised clustering method in which the data have to be partitioned into k clusters. The discovery of the clusters is an iterative procedure. This algorithm can also be used for “on-line” learning. In case that new data has to be incorporated, the initial centroid positions correspond to the results of a previous k -means training and is followed by the assignment-updating stage previously explained.

⁶LLE implementation is available at: <http://www.cs.nyu.edu/~roweis/lle/code.html>

Table 10: Overview of the classifiers used in CAD systems.

Classifier	References
<i>Rule-based method:</i>	[16,25]
<i>Clustering methods:</i>	
<i>k</i> -means clustering	[27-29,34-35]
<i>k</i> -NN	[11,19-20]
<i>Linear model classifiers:</i>	
LDA	[3,6,12,19-20,42]
Logistic regression	[8-9]
<i>Non-linear classifier:</i>	
QDA	[38]
<i>Probabilistic classifier:</i>	
Naive Bayes	[7,18-20]
<i>Ensemble learning classifiers:</i>	
AdaBoost	[12,15]
Random forest	[8,12,32-33,36]
Probabilistic boosting tree	[30-32,37]
<i>Kernel method:</i>	
Gaussian processes	[8]
<i>Sparse kernel methods:</i>	
SVM	[4-6,8,10-11,14-15,19-24,26,32,39-41]
RVM	[21-22]
<i>Neural network:</i>	
Multiple layer perceptron	[17,23]
Probabilistic neural network	[1-2,37]
<i>Graphical model classifiers:</i>	
Markov random field	45 [13,22]
Conditional random field	[4-5]

Tiwari et al. (2007, 2009a) used k -means in an iterative procedure. Three clusters were defined corresponding to CaP, healthy and non-prostate, respectively. k -means was applied iteratively and the voxels corresponding to the largest cluster were excluded under the assumption that it is assigned to “non-prostate” cluster. The iteration stop when the number of voxels composing all clusters remaining is smaller than a threshold.

Tiwari et al. (2008), Viswanath et al. (2008a,b) used k -means in a repetitive manner to be less sensitive to the centroids initialisation. Thus, k clusters were generated T times. The final assignment was performed by majority voting using a co-association matrix as proposed by Fred and Jain (2005).

– ***Linear model classifiers:***

Linear discriminant analysis (LDA) can be used as a classification method in which the optimal linear separation between two classes is found by maximizing the interclass variance and minimizing the intraclass variance (Friedman (1989)). Antic et al. (2013), Chan et al. (2003), Litjens et al. (2014a), Niaf et al. (2012, 2011), Vos et al. (2012) used LDA to classify their feature vectors defining two classes CaP *versus* healthy.

Logistic regression can be used to perform binary classification and can provide the probability of an observation to belong to a class. Kelm et al. (2007), Puech et al. (2009) used a logistic regression to create a linear probabilistic model in order to classify their feature vectors.

– ***Non-linear model classifier:***

Viswanath et al. (2012) used the most general quadratic discriminant analysis (QDA) instead of LDA. Unlike in LDA in which one assumes that the class covariance matrix Σ is identical for all the classes, in QDA, a covariance matrix Σ_k specific to each class is computed.

– ***Probabilistic classifier:***

The most commonly used classifier is the naive Bayes classifier which is a probabilistic classifier assuming independence between each feature dimension (Rish (2001)). Giannini et al. (2013), Mazzetti et al. (2011), Niaf et al. (2012, 2011) used the naive Bayes classifier to classify their feature vectors as either malignant or healthy. The Normal distribution was used as the likelihood probability for that model.

– ***Ensemble learning classifiers:***

AdaBoost is an adaptive method based on an ensemble learning method and was initially proposed by Freund and Schapire (1997). AdaBoost linearly combines several weak learners resulting into a final strong classifier. A weak learner is defined as a classification method performing slightly better than random classification. Random forest⁷ is a classification method which is based on creating an ensemble of decision trees and was introduced by Breiman (2001). Probabilistic boosting-tree is another ensemble learning classifier which shares principles with AdaBoost but using them inside a decision tree (Tu (2005)).

Lopes et al. (2011) make use of the AdaBoost classifier to perform their classification while Litjens et al. (2014a) used the GentleBoost variant (Friedman et al. (1998)) which provides a modification of the function affecting the weight at each weak classifier. Kelm et al. (2007), Litjens et al. (2014a), Tiwari et al. (2013, 2012), Viswanath et al. (2009) focused on the random forest classifier whereas Tiwari et al. (2010, 2009b, 2012), Viswanath et al. (2011) performed their classification using the probabilistic boosting-tree classifier.

– ***Kernel method:***

A Gaussian process⁸ for classification is a kernel method in which it is assumed that the data can be represented by a single sample from a multivariate Gaussian distribution (Rasmussen and Williams (2005)). Only the work of Kelm et al. (2007) used a Gaussian process for classification in order to distinguish CaP in MRSI data.

– ***Sparse kernel methods:***

In a classification scheme using Gaussian processes, when a prediction has to be performed, the whole training data will be used to assign a label to the new observations. That is why this method is also called kernel method. Sparse kernel category is composed of methods which rely only on a few labelled observations of the training set to assign the label of new observations (Bishop (2006)).

Support vector machines (SVM)⁹ is a sparse kernel method which aims at finding the best linear hyperplane (non-linear separation is discussed further) which separates two classes such that the margin between the two classes is maximized (Vapnik and Lerner (1963)).

⁷Random forest implementation can be found at: http://www.stat.berkeley.edu/~breiman/RandomForests/cc_software.htm

⁸Gaussian process implementation can be found at: <http://www.gaussianprocess.org/gpml/code/matlab/doc/index.html>

⁹SVM implementation can be found at: <http://www.csie.ntu.edu.tw/~cjlin/libsvm/>

SVM can also be used as a non-linear classifier by performing a kernel trick (Boser et al. (1992)). The original data \mathbf{x} can be projected to a higher-dimension space in which it is assumed that a linear hyperplane will better split the classes. Different kernels are popular such as the RBF kernel, polynomial kernels or Gaussian kernel.

In prostate CAD system, SVM is the most popular classification method and was used in a multitude of research works: Artan et al. (2010, 2009), Chan et al. (2003), Kelm et al. (2007), Litjens et al. (2012b, 2011), Liu et al. (2013), Lopes et al. (2011), Niaf et al. (2012, 2011), Ozer et al. (2009, 2010), Parfait et al. (2012), Peng et al. (2013), Sung et al. (2011), Tiwari et al. (2012), Vos et al. (2012, 2008a, 2010, 2008b).

Relevant vector machine (RVM) is a sparse version of Gaussian process previously presented and was proposed by Tipping (2001). RVM is identical to a Gaussian process with the following covariance function (Quinonero-Candela et al. (2002)):

$$K_{RVM}(\mathbf{x}_p, \mathbf{x}_q) = \sum_{j=1}^M \frac{1}{\alpha_j} \Phi_j(\mathbf{x}_p) \Phi_j(\mathbf{x}_q) , \quad (10)$$

where $\phi(\cdot)$ is a Gaussian basis function, $\mathbf{x}_i | i = \{1, \dots, N\}$ are the N training points and $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ are the weights vector.

As mentioned in Quinonero-Candela et al. (2002), the sparsity regarding the relevance vector arises if $j\alpha_j^{-1} = 0$. The set of weights $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ is inferred using the expectation maximization algorithm. Ozer et al. (2009, 2010) make use of RVM and make a comparison with SVM for the task of CaP detection.

– **Neural network:**

Multilayer perceptron is a feed-forward neural networks considered as the most successful model of this kind in pattern recognition (Bishop (2006)). The most well known model used is based on two layers. Matulewicz et al. (2013), Parfait et al. (2012) used this classifier to classify MRSI spectra.

Probabilistic neural networks are another type of feed-forward networks which can be derived from the multilayer perceptron case and was proposed by Specht (1988). This classifier can be modelled by changing the activation function of the hidden layer to an exponential function. This method was used by Ampeliotis et al. (2007, 2008), Viswanath et al. (2011) in order to perform the classification of their multi-parametric features vector.

Table 11: Overview of the model validation techniques used in CAD systems.

Model validation techniques	References
LOOCV	[1-8,11,18-22,24,25,33,37,39-41]
k -CV	[10,23,29-33,38,36,42]

– ***Graphical model classifiers:***

Markov random fields can also be used for classification in order to perform a lesion segmentation method to detect CaP. Liu et al. (2009), Ozer et al. (2010) used Markov random fields as an unsupervised method to segment lesions in multi-parametric MRI images.

Artan et al. (2010, 2009) used conditional random fields instead of Markov random fields to segment their MRI images.

4.4.2. Model validation

In pattern recognition, the use of model validation techniques to assess the performance of trained classifiers is quite important. Two techniques are broadly used in the development of CAD system and are summarized in Tab. 11.

The most popular technique used in CAD systems (see Tab. 11) is the leave-one-out cross-validation (LOOCV) technique. From the whole data, one patient is kept for validation and the other cases are used to train. This manipulation is repeated until each patient has been used for validation. This technique is popular when working with medical data due to the restricted number of patients included in datasets. Thus, it allows us to train on a fair number of patients even with a small dataset. However, this technique suffers from high variance and can be considered as an unreliable estimate (Efron (1983)).

The other very well known technique used for assessing classifiers is the k -fold cross-validation (k -CV) technique. This technique is based on splitting the dataset into k subsets where the samples are randomly selected. Then, one fold is kept for the validation and the remaining subsets for training. The classification is then repeated as in the LOOCV technique. In our review, the typical values used for k were set to three and five. This technique is more appropriate than the previous

Table 12: Overview of the evaluation metrics used in CAD systems.

Evaluation metrics	References
Accuracy	[4-5,13,26,32]
Sensitivity - Specificity	[4-5,7,13,15,18,21-24,26,28-29,34-35]
ROC - AUC	[2-3,6-9,14-20,24,30-33,36-41]
FROC	[10-11,42]
Dice's coefficient	[4-5,13,21]

one since it does not suffer from large variance. However, the number of patients in the dataset needs to be large enough for the results to be meaningful.

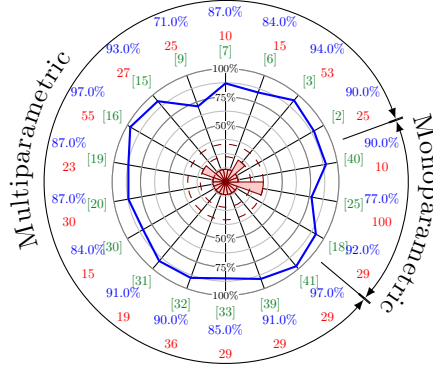
4.4.3. Evaluation measure

Several metrics can be used in order to assess the performance of the classifier trained when tested on the test data. The techniques used for evaluation of the CAD system for CaP detection are summarized in Tab. 12.

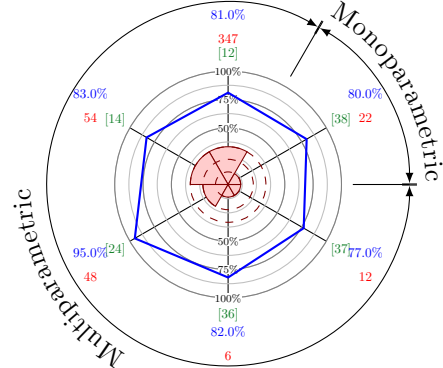
Using the classification approach previously presented, each voxel in the MRI image will be classified. Comparison with a ground-truth can give rise to a confusion matrix by counting true positive, true negative, false positive and false negative samples. From this analysis, different statistics can be extracted.

The first statistic used is the accuracy which is computed as the ratio of true detection to the number of samples. However, depending on the strategy employed in the CAD work-flow, this statistic can be highly biased by a high number of true negative samples which will boost the accuracy score and does not represent the actual performance of the classifier.

That is why, the most common statistic computed are sensitivity and specificity which give a full overview of the performance of the classifier trained. Sensitivity is also called the true positive rate and is equal to the ratio of the true positive samples over the true positive added with the false negative samples as shown in Eq. (11). Specificity is also named the true negative rate and is



(a) Comparison in terms of AUC-ROC of the methods using data from 1.5 Tesla MRI scanner.



(b) Comparison in terms of AUC-ROC of the methods using data from 3.0 Tesla MRI scanner.

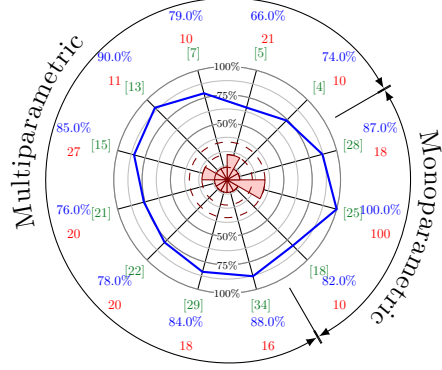
Figure 12: Comparison of the results in terms of AUC for 1.5 and 3.0 Tesla MRI scanners. The blue value represents the metric and are graphically reported in the blue curve in the center of the figure. The red value and areas correspond to the number of patients in the dataset. The numbers between brackets in green correspond to the reference as reported in Tab. 2.

equal to the ratio of the true negative samples over the true negative added with the false positive samples as shown in Eq. (12).

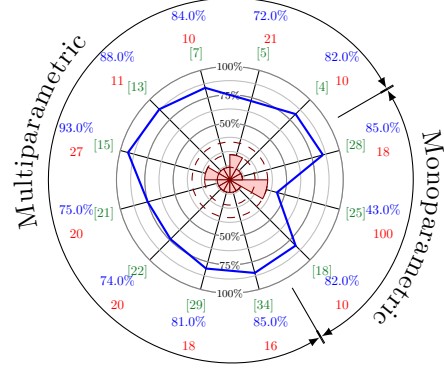
$$SEN = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} , \quad (11)$$

$$SPE = \frac{TN}{TN + FP} . \quad (12)$$

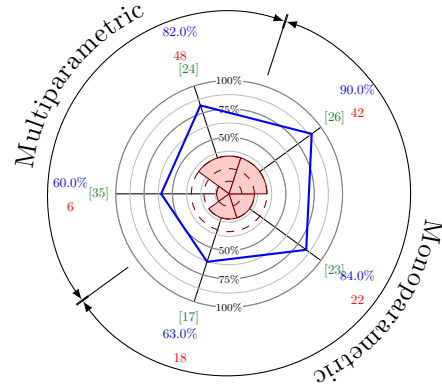
These statistics can be used to compute the receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curves (Metz (2006)). This analysis represents graphically the sensitivity as a function of (1 - specificity), which is in fact the false positive rate, by varying the discriminative threshold of the classifier. By varying this threshold, more true negative samples will be found but often at the cost of detecting more false negatives. However, this fact is interesting in CAD since it is possible to obtain a high sensitivity and to ensure that no cancers are missed even if more false alarms have to be investigated. A statistic derived from ROC analysis is the area under the curve (AUC) which corresponds to the area under the ROC and is a measure used to make comparisons between models.



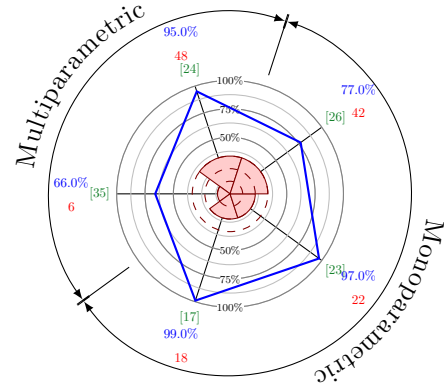
(a) Comparison in terms of sensitivity of the methods using data from 1.5 Tesla MRI scanner.



(b) Comparison in terms of specificity of the methods using data from 1.5 Tesla MRI scanner.



(c) Comparison in terms of sensitivity of the methods using data from 3.0 Tesla MRI scanner.



(d) Comparison in terms of specificity of the methods using data from 3.0 Tesla MRI scanner.

Figure 13: Comparison of the results in terms of sensitivity (13(a),13(c)) and specificity (13(b),13(d)) for 1.5 and 3.0 Tesla MRI scanners. The blue value represents the metric and are graphically reported in the blue curve in the center of the figure. The red value and areas correspond to the number of patients in the dataset. The numbers between brackets in green correspond to the reference as reported in Tab. 2.

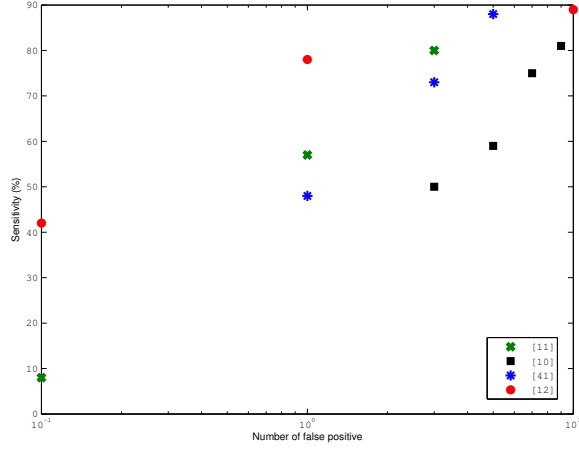


Figure 14: Comparison in terms of FROC of the methods using data from 3.0 Tesla MRI scanner.

The ROC analysis can be classified as a pixel-based evaluation method. However, a cancer can be also considered as a region. The free-response receiver operating characteristic (FROC) extends the ROC analysis but to a region-based level. The same confusion matrix can be computed were the sample are not pixels any more but refer to a lesion. However, it is important to define what is a true positive sample in that case. Usually, a lesion is considered as a true positive sample if the region detected by the classifier overlaps “sufficiently” the one delineated in the ground-truth. However, “Sufficiently” is a subjective measure defined by each researcher and can correspond to one pixel only. However, an overlap of 30 to 50 % is usually considered.

Finally, to evaluate the accuracy of the lesion localization, the Dice’s coefficient is sometimes computed which corresponds to the similarity between a detected lesion and its ground-truth. This coefficient consists of the ratio of twice the number of pixels in common to the sum of the pixels of the lesions in the ground-truth GT and the output of the classifier S defined as shown in Eq. (13).

$$Q_D = \frac{2|GT \cap S|}{|GT| + |S|} . \quad (13)$$

5. Discussion

5.1. Results reported

As discussed previously in Sect. 4.4.3, different metrics have been used to report results. A comparison of the different methods reviewed is given depending on the metric used in field of research and also the type of MRI scanner used (cf., 1.5 *versus* 3.0 Tesla). For each field, the *best performances* obtained in each study were reported in these figures.

The results given in terms of AUC-ROC are depicted in Fig. 12. The results vary between 71% and 97% for some experiments with a 1.5 Tesla MRI scanner and 77% and 95% with a 3.0 Tesla MRI scanner.

The results in regard of sensitivity and specificity are reported in Fig. 13. In the case that the data were collected with a 1.5 Tesla MRI scanner, the sensitivity ranges from 74% to 100% and the specificity from 43% to 93%. For the experiments carried out with a 3.0 Tesla MRI scanner, the sensitivity varies from 60% to 90% and the specificity from 66% to 99%.

Four studies also use FROC analysis to report their results and are reported in Fig. 14.

5.2. Comparison

We would like to stress the following findings drawn during the review of the different studies:

1. Quantitatively, it is difficult to make a fair comparison between the different studies reviewed. Different factors come into play to elucidate this fact. Mainly a lack of standardization can be pointed out in regard to experimental evaluation: (i) different datasets are used during the evaluation of the frameworks developed disabling a comparison inter-studies. The same conclusion has been recently drawn by Litjens et al. (2014a) supporting this argument; (ii) the experimental results are not reported with a common metric which leads to the inability to compare the different studies.
2. However, multiple studies reported some performance improvements using multi-parametric imaging techniques instead of mono-parametric imaging techniques. Considering only the most recent studies proposing CAdE-CADx frameworks, the following results can be highlighted. Viswanath et al. (2011) obtained an AUC of 77% using an ensemble learning approach combining the features from the three modalities T₂-W-DCE-DW MRI, while the results obtained as standalone modality were ranging from 62% to 65%. Tiwari et al. (2013) drawn

similar conclusions by using T₂-W and MRSI modalities as both in standalone and multi-parametric framework with an improved AUC from 57%-76% to 85%. The most recent work of Litjens et al. (2014a) obtained an improved AUC metric from 71%-76% considering each modality separately (e.g., T₂-W-DCE-DW MRI) to 89% in their multi-parametric framework.

3. The studies comparing particular combination of more than one modality give rise to the same fact (Litjens et al. (2014a, 2011), Liu et al. (2013), Ozer et al. (2010)): using three modalities lead to better performances than using any combination of two modalities.
4. Unlike the previous remark 2, no straightforward conclusions can be given regarding the performances of each modality in a standalone framework. The modality being processed by different methods, it does not allow us to conclude if a modality by itself is more suited than another. However, we were able to distinguish some interesting trends which deserves the attention of the community. Tiwari et al. (2013, 2009b, 2012) observed that MRSI is a more suitable modality than T₂-W to highlight cancers. Moreover, ADC maps have shown a better discriminative power than T₂-W as well (Langer et al. (2009), Peng et al. (2013), Viswanath et al. (2011)). Lately, Litjens et al. (2014a) observed that DW modality was more suitable than both DCE and T₂-W to distinguish CaP in their CADx system.
5. Furthermore, multi-parametric has attracted the attention of both radiologists and computer vision researchers. Indeed, pioneer research groups included new modalities over years when at the same time, new research groups directly introduced multi-parametric CAD systems. These facts lead us to think that CaP researches will benefit from multi-parametric imaging techniques.
6. When focusing on the different modalities used, it can be pointed out that no research reported the use of all modalities in a single framework: MRSI is usually used as a standalone modality and never combined with the three remaining. Nevertheless, this modality has shown some overall good performances at the price of a lower resolution as well as an acquisition time. Moreover, MRSI analysis is more complex in comparison with the other modalities. To our mind, MRSI could contribute in a multi-parametric framework and should be fused with the other modalities.

7. Lately, three studies (Litjens et al. (2014a, 2012b), Viswanath et al. (2012)) focused on developing a region-based classification in which PZ and CG will be analysed separately instead of jointly. The results provided seem to be promising and which indicates that this strategy should be further investigated.
8. Recent studies are using quantitative features rather than only SI as input to “image classification”. Even if the studies do not allow us to perform a direct comparison, it seems that these quantitative features provide decorrelate information in regard with SI features and should lead to better performances when combined all together.
9. Regarding the methods used in the “image regularisation” (cf., pre-processing, segmentation and registration), it is particularly difficult to distinguish the benefit of a method over another since none of the studies focus on making comparison of these processing stages. The focus is usually entirely based on the “image classification” framework where different methods are directly compared. Note that the performances of a classifier are highly linked with the features vector in input (cf., discriminative power of the features, correlation of the features, etc.), it is not appropriate to affirm that a machine learning method is outperforming another. However, we could identify a trend in which SVM as well as ensemble learning classifiers (e.g., AdaBoost, GentleBoost and random forest) seem to perform better than neural network, LDA or Naive Bayes.
10. We would like to draw the attention of the reader on the feature extraction/selection stage. This processing could reduce the complexity and also find a better feature space for classification. However, few studies are performing such approaches. Niaf et al. (2012, 2011) are successfully applying a scheme to reduce the number of dimensions by selecting the most discriminative features. It allows them to obtain improved performances compared with a classification performed with their initial feature vector. Another group of studies also applied different feature extraction methods (Tiwari et al. (2013, 2010, 2007, 2008, 2009a, 2012), Viswanath et al. (2008a,b, 2012)). In these specific cases, no comparison is performed against non-dimension reduction case but it is likely that the results obtained are improved.

5.3. General discussion

This review leads to some general discussions which could direct to future avenues for research. As previously mentioned, no open multi-parametric dataset is currently available. This fact leads to an impossibility to fairly compare the different algorithms designed over years. Also, the availability of a full multi-parametric MRI dataset, could lead to the development of algorithms which use all the different modalities currently available. Recalling Tab. 2, it can be noted that none of the current works provides a solution using at the same time the four different modalities. Also, all the algorithms are focused on one type of scanner only, either 1.5 Tesla and 3.0 Tesla. A dataset including both these types of imaging could allow development of more generic algorithms.

Analysing the different stages of the CAD work-flow, it is seen that the actual CAD systems do not include all the different pre-processing steps. It could be interesting to evaluate the improvement using these pre-processing steps on the final results obtained after the classification. Regarding segmentation and registration of the prostate, CAD systems could greatly benefit from specific research in these areas which could lead to a better automation of those systems. Moreover, other methods specific to segmentation and registration which are not actually used in CAD systems could also perform better than the ones currently used in CADs.

Regarding the classification framework, it seems that the current well-known pattern recognition methods have been widely studied. However, more investigations should be carried out regarding the feature detection stage. Lately, histogram-based features have shown good capabilities in the field of computer vision and could be further investigated. Only one study by Liu et al. (2013) used some of these features.

An important point allowing a fair comparison between methods resides in the fact that no universal evaluation model and metric has been defined by the research community allowing such comparison. Usually, it is quite common to choose an evaluation model which fits the dataset limitations, usually the size. Regarding the evaluation, the community should agree on a standard metric to measure the performance of the algorithms designed.

Finally, we would like to focus the attentions of the reader on the availability of a multi-parametric dataset MRI provided by the authors of this review, from a 1.5 Tesla General Electric scanner and a 3.0 Tesla Siemens scanner. This dataset will be available at the following website address: <http://visor.udg.edu/dataset>. The dataset is composed of the four modalities discussed in this review with their corresponding ground-truth images. For each scanner type, each subset

will be composed of twenty patients with cancerous lesions and ten healthy patients. In addition of the repository activity, this website will aim at providing comparison between algorithms developed by the research community.

6. Conclusion

This review presented an overview and gave a staging of the research related to CAD development for CaP using multi-parametric MRI data. We aimed at providing background information regarding multi-parametric MRI imaging techniques. A work-flow describing the CAD stages were proposed. The methods used in the literature for each of this stage were reviewed. The results of the available CAD systems were briefly reviewed. Subsequently, an insight discussion were given to conclude this survey. Additionally, a multi-parametric dataset will be made available to the research community in order to provide some solutions to outcomes pointed out during the review.

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