

# Extreme Scale, Tissue Analytics and AI

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# Application Challenges

- AI Pathologist: Answer nuanced questions about patients and disease categories
- Big Picture Clinical Goal: Predict outcome and response to treatment using all available image, clinical, molecular data

# Answers to Nuanced Questions

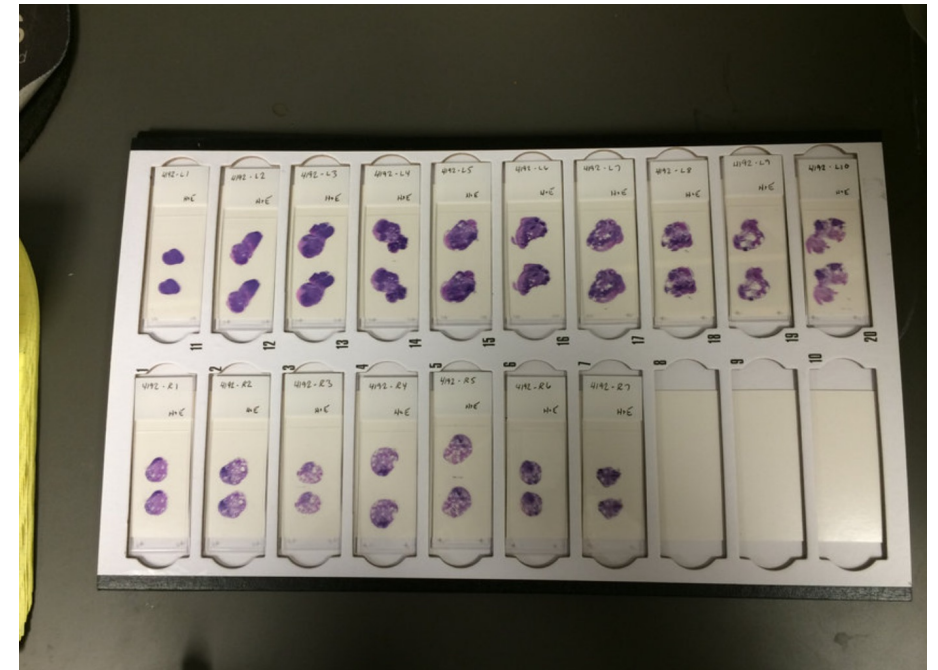
- Difficult cases require involved back and forth discussions
- Current AI methods select between a small number of alternatives
- New AI methods should be able to select between hundreds of alternatives and to provide nuanced reasoning with visual and verbal examples



# Applications context – Cancer

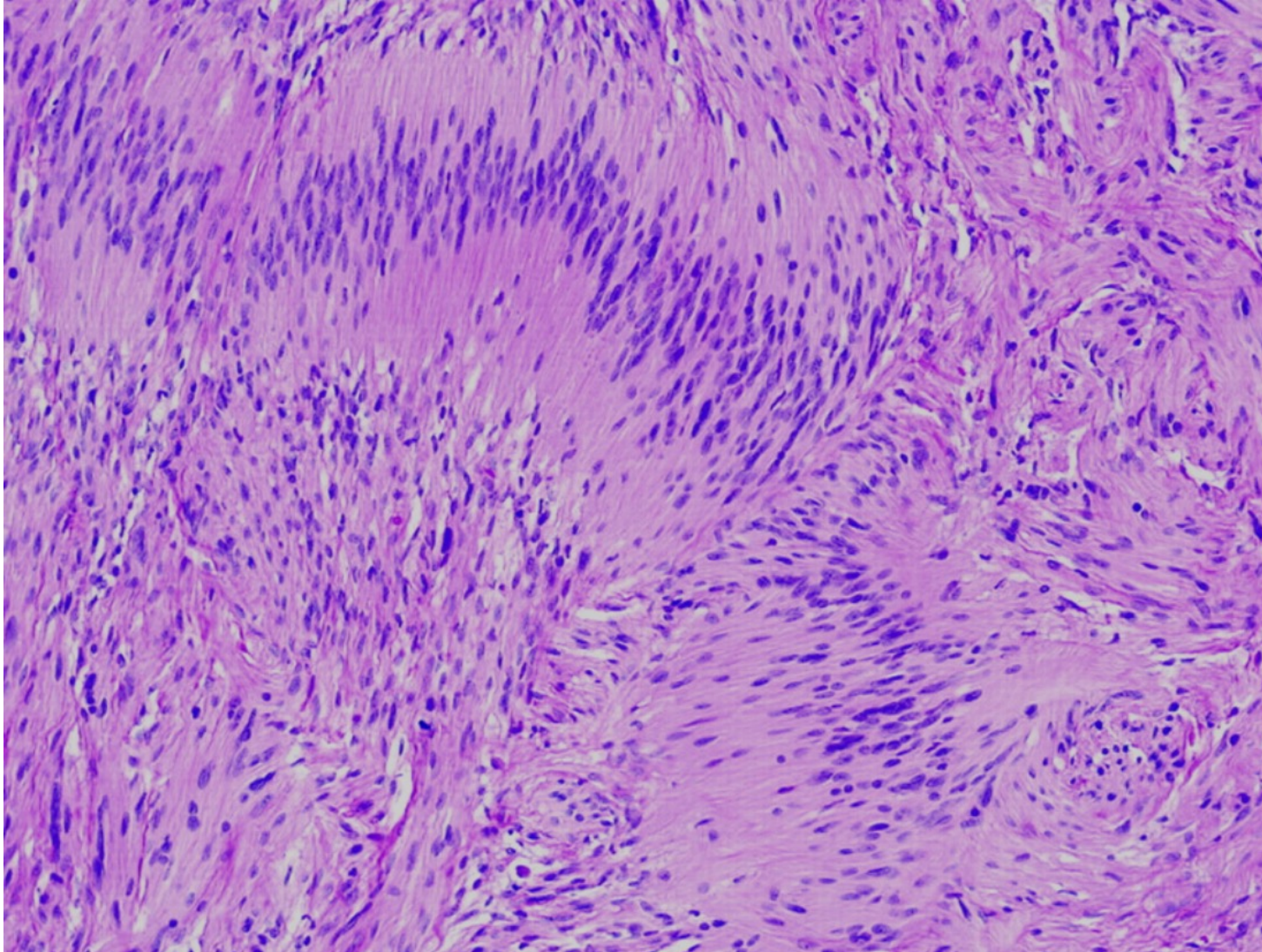


**Slide Scanner – GT450** – Roughly 1 minute to acquire a (roughly) 10 Gigapixel image



**Tray of glass slides** – generally a Pathologist needs to examine many slides for each patient

# Example GBM (Brain Tumor) Image

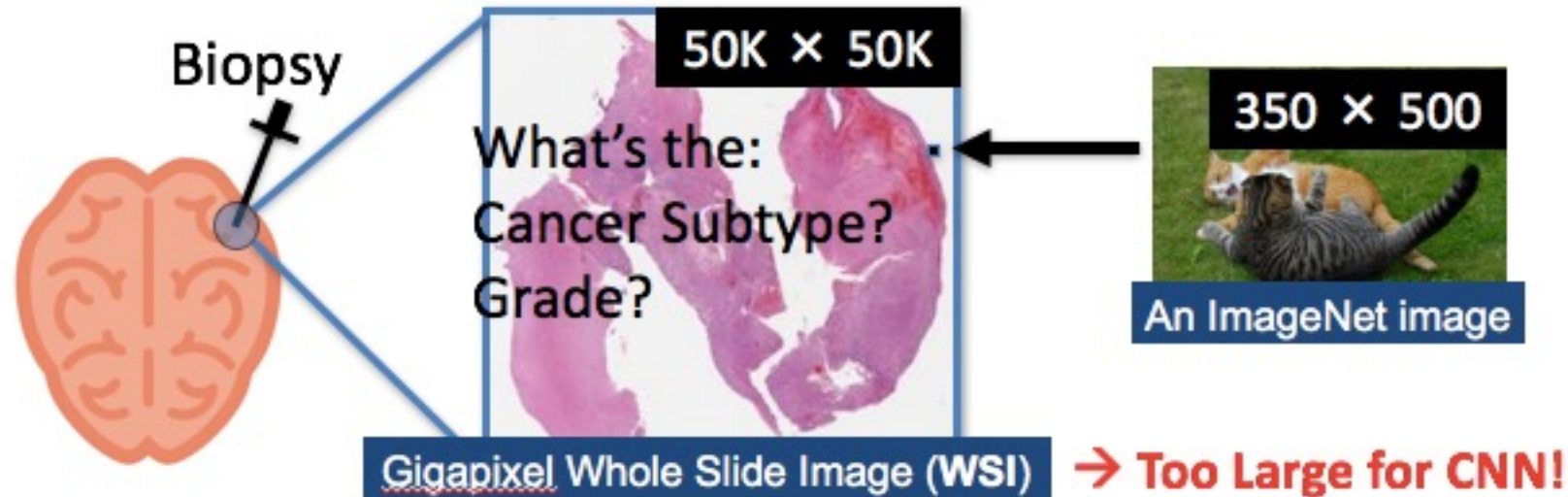


# Brain Tumor Classification – CVPR 2016

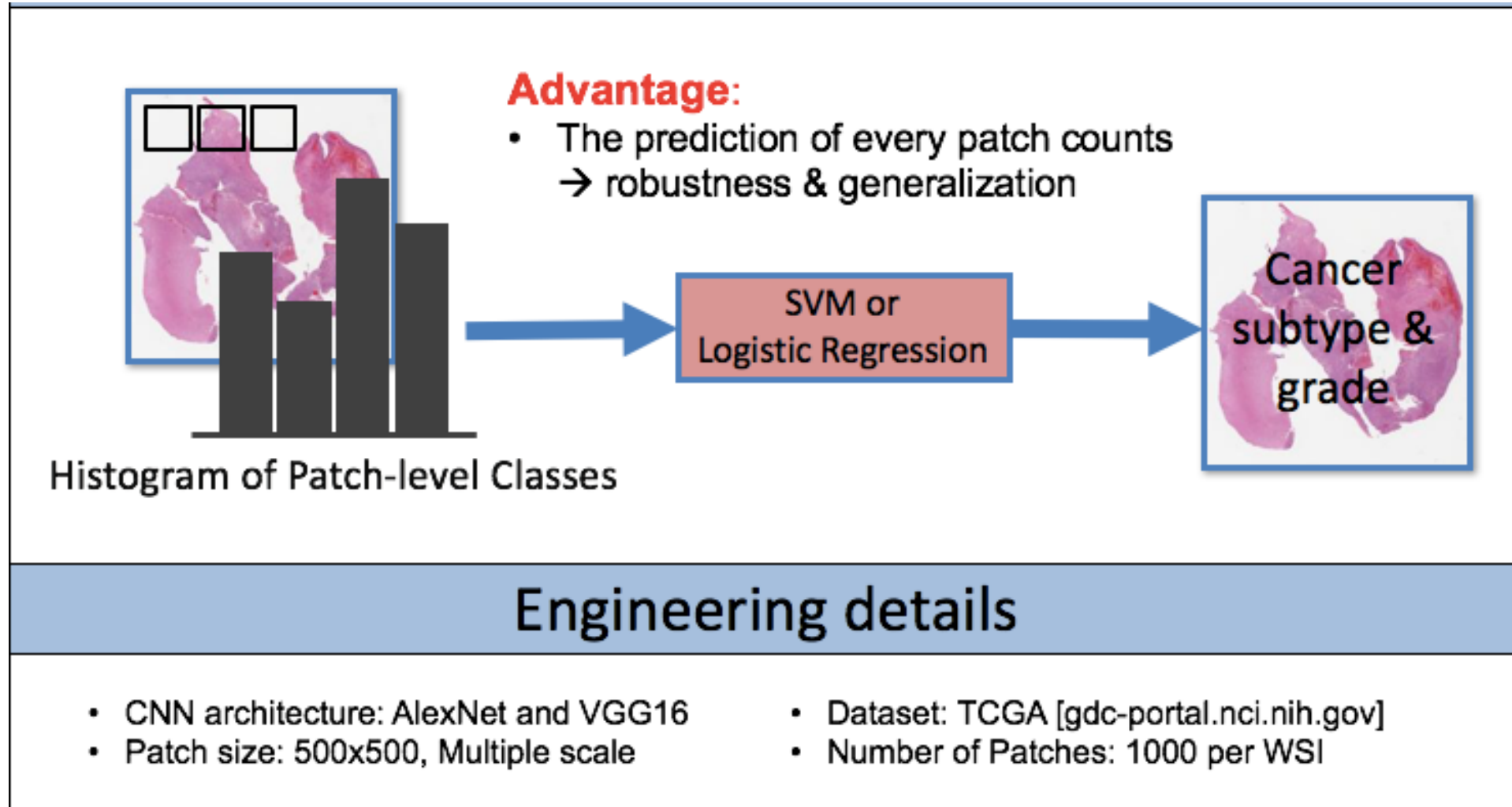
## Contributions

- Automatic **discriminative patch identification** for patch-CNN training
- A robust, general method to **combine patch-level predictions**

## An important application: cancer classification



# Combining Information from Patches



# Brain Tumor Classification Results

Glioma is

- The most common brain cancer
- The leading cause of cancer-related deaths in people under age 20

Methods	Accuracy
VGG16 features + <u>BoW</u> + SVM	0.667
Patch-CNN + Voting	0.710
Patch-CNN + Max-pooling	0.710
Our method	<b>0.771</b>
Pathologists' Agreement [M. Gupta 2015] (on a similar dataset)	0.7-0.8

Confusion Matrix: OA is very hard even for pathologists

	GBM	OD	OA	DA	AA	AO
Glioblastoma, Grade IV (GBM)	214		2		1	
<u>Oligodendroglioma</u> , Grade II (OD)	1	47	22	2		1
<u>Oligoastrocytoma</u> , Grade II & III (OA)	1	18	40	8	3	1
Diffuse Astrocytoma, Grade II (DA)	3	9	6	20		1
Anaplastic Astrocytoma, Grade III (AA)	3	2	3	3	4	
Anaplastic <u>Oligodendroglioma</u> , Grade III (AO)	2	2	3			1

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691 Google Scholar citations; PaigeAI FDA cleared clinical application using closely related method



Table 1 2021 WHO Classification of Tumors of the Central Nervous System. Provisional Entities are in Italics

World Health Organization Classification of Tumors of the Central Nervous System, fifth edition

Gliomas, glioneuronal tumors, and neuronal tumors

Adult-type diffuse gliomas

- Astrocytoma, IDH-mutant
- Oligodendroglioma, IDH-mutant, and 1p/19q-codeleted
- Glioblastoma, IDH-wildtype

Pediatric-type diffuse low-grade gliomas

- Diffuse astrocytoma, *MYB- or MYBL1*-altered
- Angiocentric glioma
- Polymorphous low-grade neuroepithelial tumor of the young
- Diffuse low-grade glioma, MAPK pathway-altered

Pediatric-type diffuse high-grade gliomas

- Diffuse midline glioma, H3 K27-altered
- Diffuse hemispheric glioma, H3 G34-mutant
- Diffuse pediatric-type high-grade glioma, H3-wildtype and IDH-wildtype

Infant-type hemispheric glioma

Circumscribed astrocytic gliomas

- Pilocytic astrocytoma
- High-grade astrocytoma with pilocytic features
- Pleomorphic xanthoastrocytoma
- Subependymal giant cell astrocytoma

Chordoid glioma

Astroblastoma, *MN1*-altered

Glioneuronal and neuronal tumors

- Ganglioglioma
- Desmoplastic infantile ganglioglioma / desmoplastic infantile astrocytoma
- Dysembryoplastic neuroepithelial tumor
- Diffuse glioneuronal tumor with oligodendrogloma-like nuclei and nuclear clusters
- Papillary glioneuronal tumor

Rosette-forming glioneuronal tumor

Myxoid glioneuronal tumor

Diffuse leptomeningeal glioneuronal tumor

Gangliocytoma

Multinodular and vacuolating neuronal tumor

Dysplastic cerebellar gangliocytoma (Lhermitte-Duclos disease)

Central neurocytoma

Extraventricular neurocytoma

Cerebellar liponeurocytoma

Ependymal tumors

- Supratentorial ependymoma
- Supratentorial ependymoma, *ZFTA* fusion-positive
- Supratentorial ependymoma, *YAP1* fusion-positive
- Posterior fossa ependymoma
- Posterior fossa ependymoma, group PFA
- Posterior fossa ependymoma, group PFB

Spinal ependymoma

Spinal ependymoma, *MYCN*-amplified

Myxopapillary ependymoma

Subependymoma

Neuro-Oncology

Table 1 Continued

World Health Organization Classification of Tumors of the Central Nervous System, fifth edition

Choroid plexus tumors

- Choroid plexus papilloma
- Atypical choroid plexus papilloma
- Choroid plexus carcinoma

Embryonal tumors

Medulloblastoma

- Medulloblastomas, molecularly defined
- Medulloblastoma, WNT-activated
- Medulloblastoma, SHH-activated and *TP53*-wildtype
- Medulloblastoma, SHH-activated and *TP53*-mutant
- Medulloblastoma, non-WNT/non-SHH
- Medulloblastomas, histologically defined

Other CNS embryonal tumors

- Atypical teratoid/rhabdoid tumor
- Cribiform neuroepithelial tumor*
- Embryonal tumor with multilayered rosettes
- CNS neuroblastoma, *FOXO2*-activated
- CNS tumor with *SOX* internal tandem duplication
- CNS embryonal tumor

Pineal tumors

- Pineocytoma
- Pineal parenchymal tumor of intermediate differentiation
- Pineoblastoma
- Papillary tumor of the pineal region
- Desmoplastic myxoid tumor of the pineal region, *SMARCB1*-mutant

Cranial and paraspinal nerve tumors

- Schwannoma
- Neuofibroma
- Perineurioma
- Hybrid nerve sheath tumor
- Malignant melanotic nerve sheath tumor
- Malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor
- Paraganglioma

Meningiomas

Meningioma

Mesenchymal, non-meningothelial tumors

Soft tissue tumors

- Fibroblastic and myofibroblastic tumors
- Solitary fibrous tumor
- Vascular tumors
- Hemangiomas and vascular malformations
- Hemangioblastoma

Skeletal muscle tumors

Rhabdomyosarcoma

Uncertain differentiation

- Intracranial mesenchymal tumor, FET-CREB fusion-positive*
- CIC*-rearranged sarcoma
- Primary intracranial sarcoma, *DICER1*-mutant
- Ewing sarcoma

Many Categories of Brain Tumor  
 Image Based AI Algorithms Currently  
 Only Consider Most Common Options

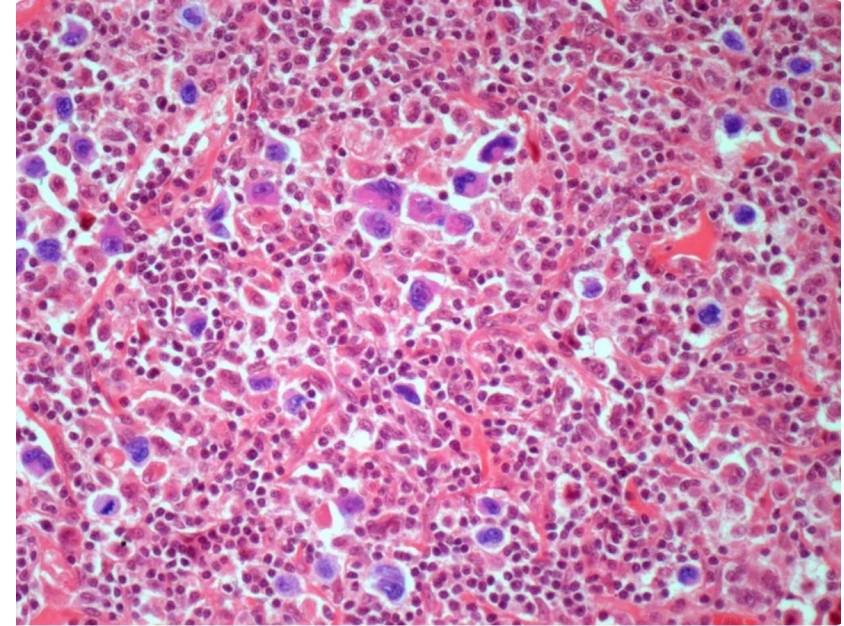
# The Promise of Self Supervised Learning

- Large language models are trained on huge quantities of text using methods that include filling in masked words, predicting next sentence
- These models are now able to generate sophisticated responses to questions
- Many open issues but see next example of nuanced question involving lymphomas



# what lymphomas resemble hodgkins disease but do not have reed sternberg cells

- There are several types of lymphomas that can resemble Hodgkin's disease but do not have Reed-Sternberg cells. Reed-Sternberg cells are large, abnormal lymphocytes that are the hallmark of classical Hodgkin's lymphoma.
- Some of the lymphomas that can mimic Hodgkin's disease but lack Reed-Sternberg cells include:
- Nodular lymphocyte-predominant Hodgkin's lymphoma: This is a rare type of Hodgkin's lymphoma that accounts for about 5% of all cases. It is characterized by the presence of large, popcorn-shaped lymphocytes called "L&H cells" that resemble normal B cells.
- T-cell/histiocyte-rich large B-cell lymphoma: This is a subtype of diffuse large B-cell lymphoma that can mimic classical Hodgkin's lymphoma. It is characterized by the presence of scattered large B cells, surrounded by a background of small T cells and histiocytes.
- Anaplastic large cell lymphoma: This is a type of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma that can mimic Hodgkin's disease. It is characterized by the presence of large, anaplastic lymphocytes that express CD30, a marker also seen in Hodgkin's disease.
- Mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma: This is a subtype of diffuse large B-cell lymphoma that often presents as a large mass in the mediastinum (the area between the lungs). It can mimic Hodgkin's disease due to the presence of fibrosis and the presence of some large, atypical lymphoid cells.

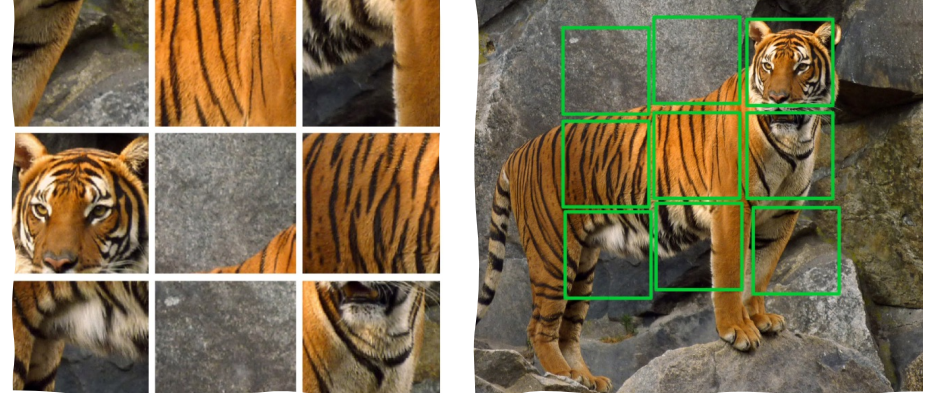


ChatGPT



# Image based self supervised learning

- Generate and solve various visual puzzles
- Reassemble jigsaw puzzles
- Fill in masked regions
- Recognize warped, distorted, noisy images



Unsupervised Learning of Visual  
Representations by Solving Jigsaw Puzzles

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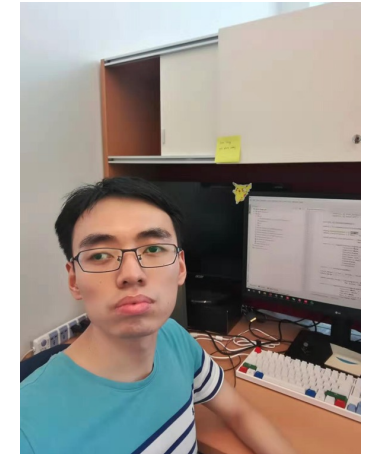
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# Self Supervision in Pathology

- Gigapixel Images
- Images can have millions of cells, many tens of thousands + of glands, crypts ducts
- Models need to learn syntax and semantics of tissue
- We are doing this, starting out with generating a model using self supervised training using whole slide images and cell density
- Fine tuned codes have above SOTA performance on classification and segmentation tasks



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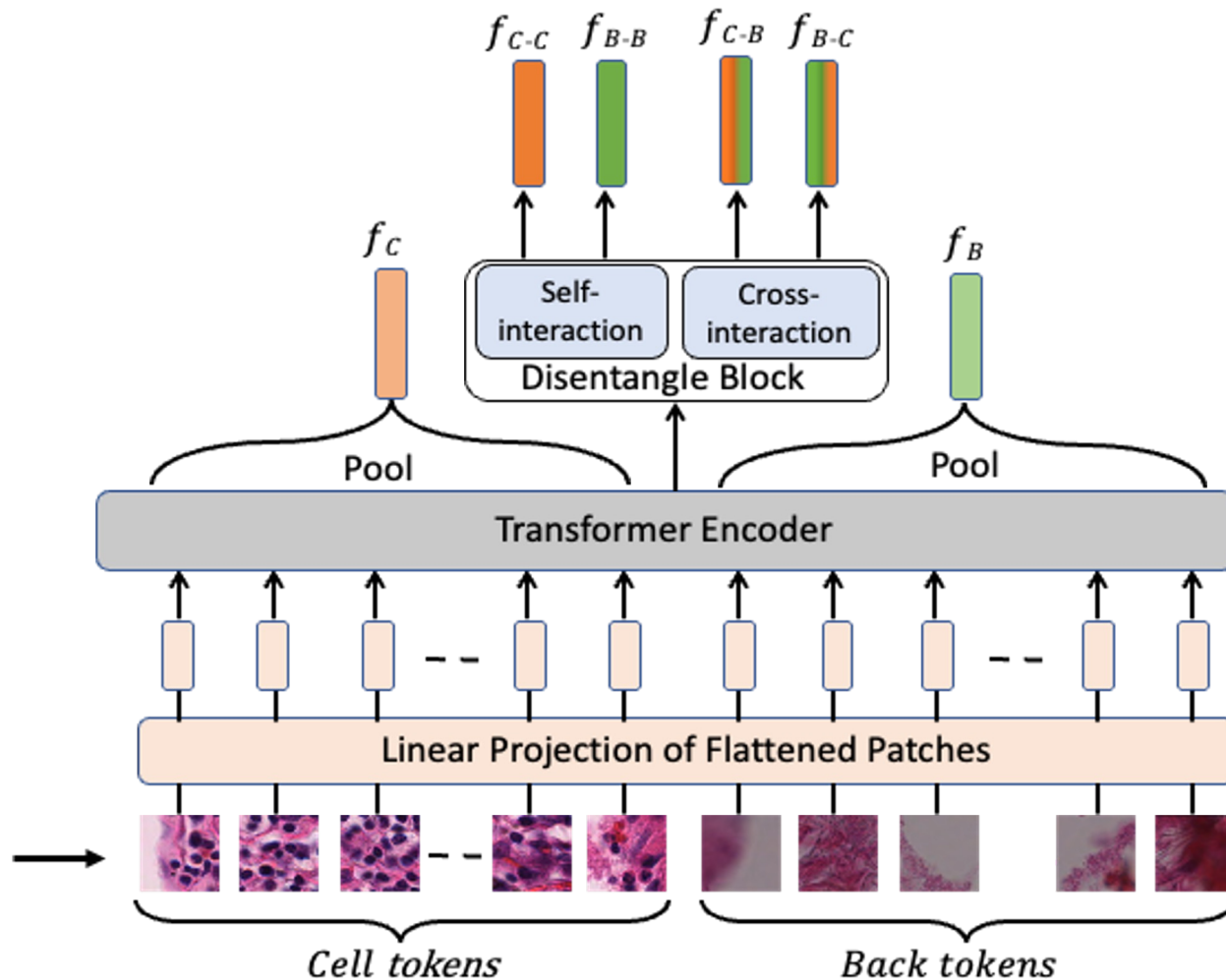
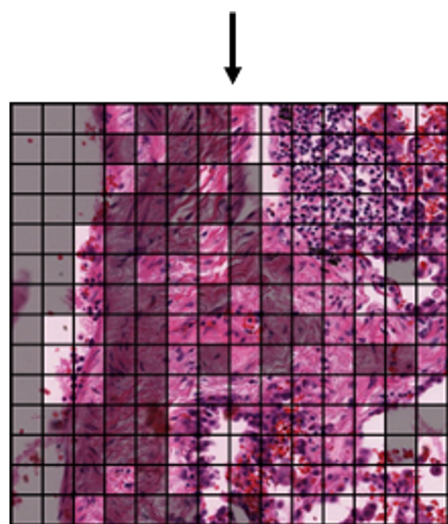
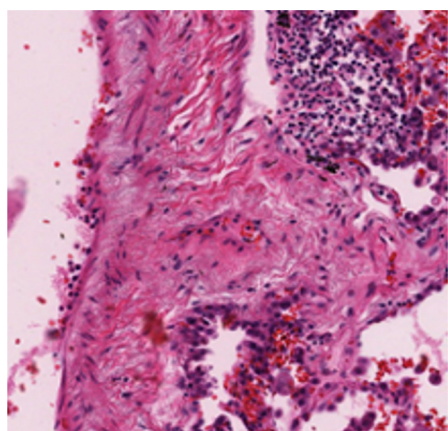


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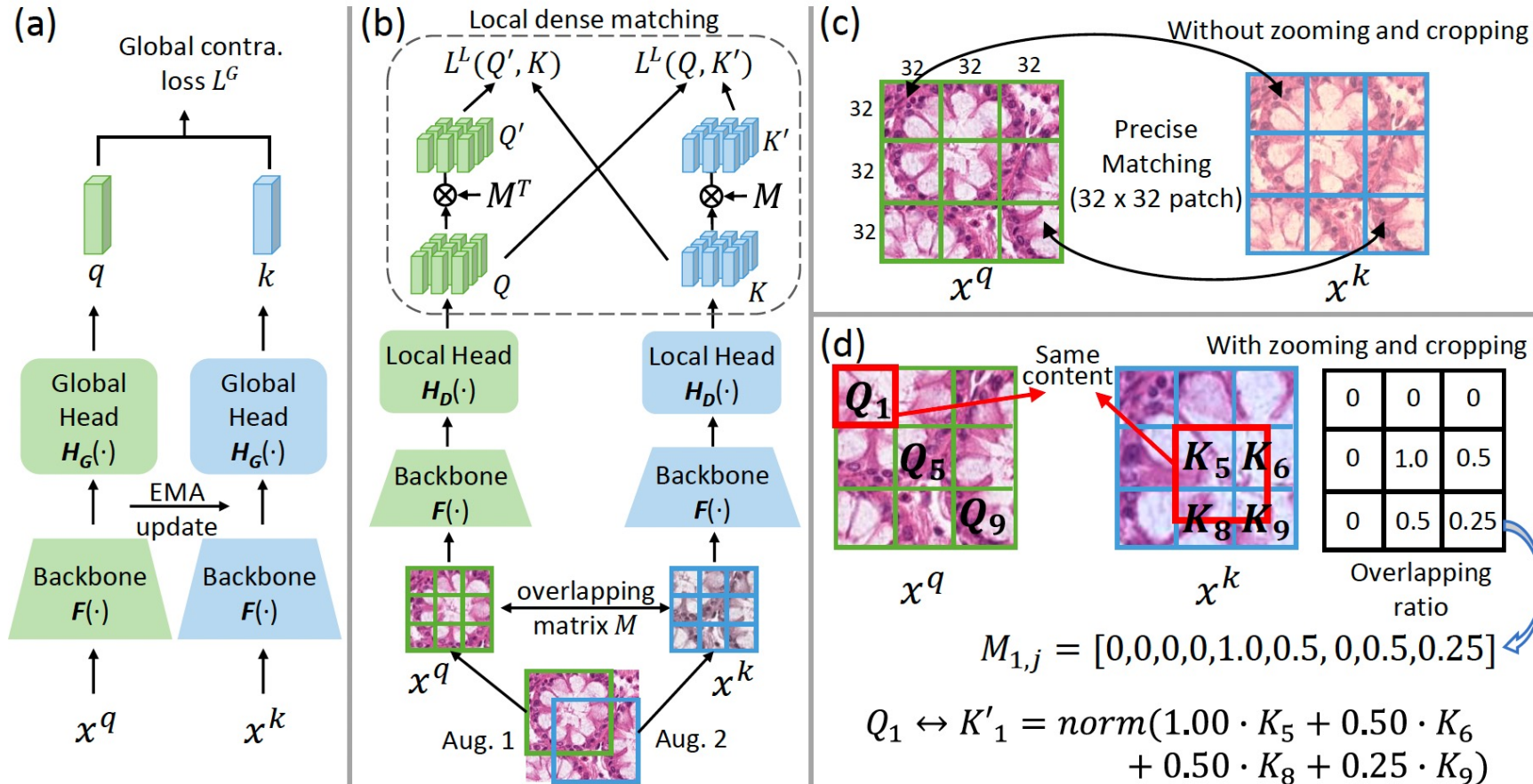


# Precise Location Matching Improves Dense Contrastive Learning in Digital Pathology

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# Self Supervised Learning in Pathology



- Deep learning based pipelines adapted to carry out scientific tasks
- Characterize detailed composition and structure of tissue – Radiology, Pathology and molecular composition
  - Predict outcome, treatment response, steer treatment
  - “Real World” large population research studies
  - Scientific studies involving disease mechanism





# Applications of AI based Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocyte Analysis Methods (TILS)

Lymphocytes are immune cells

Immune therapy has become ubiquitous

Many clinical studies involving many types of cancer

Spatial patterns of distribution of TILs maps to ascertain the functional immune status of the tumor microenvironment

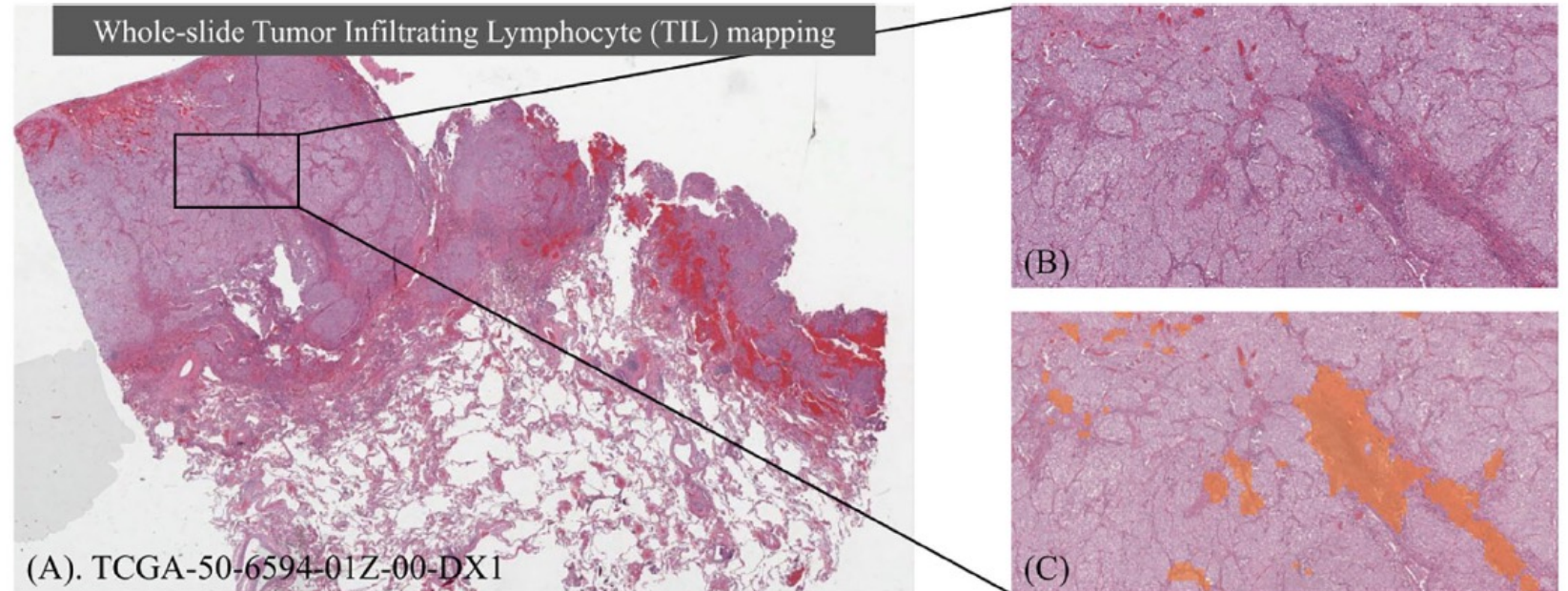
Combine diagnostic criteria and TILs to stratify patients, guide clinical management, and select therapy (e.g. immunotherapy)



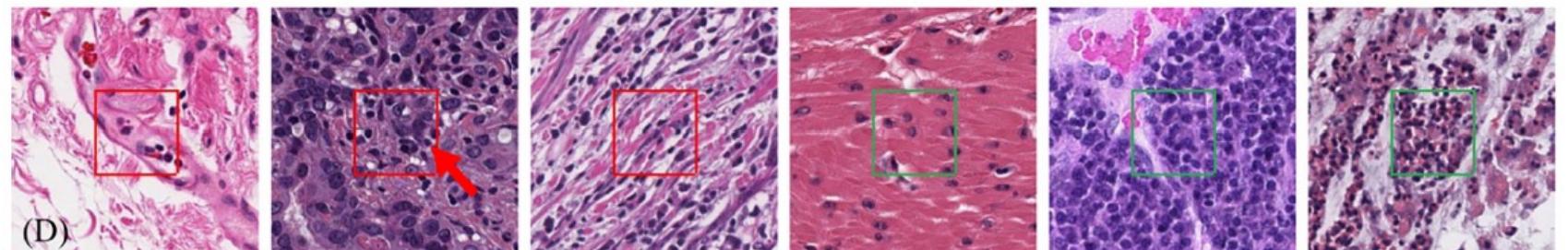
# Teaching Algorithms to Recognize Immune Cells in Confusing Contexts

## Deep Learning-Based Mapping of Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocytes in Whole Slide Images of 23 Types of Cancer

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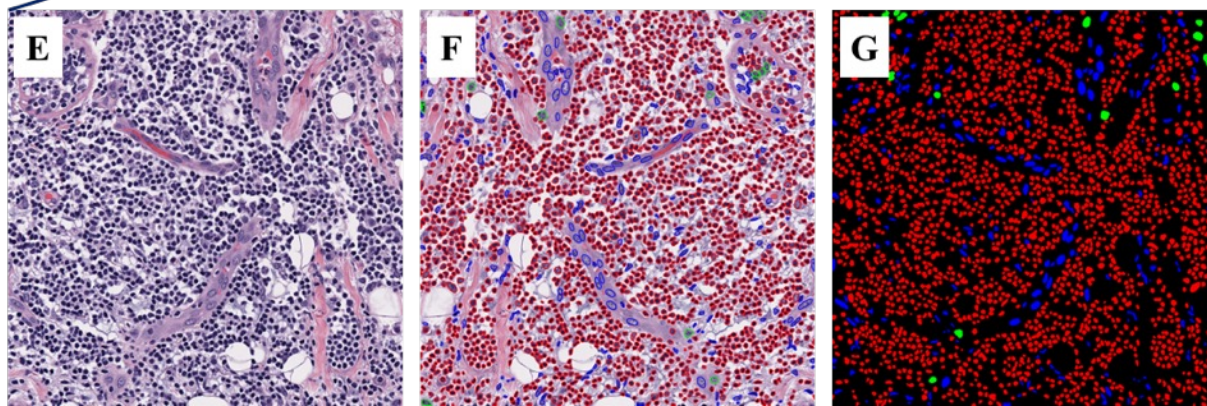
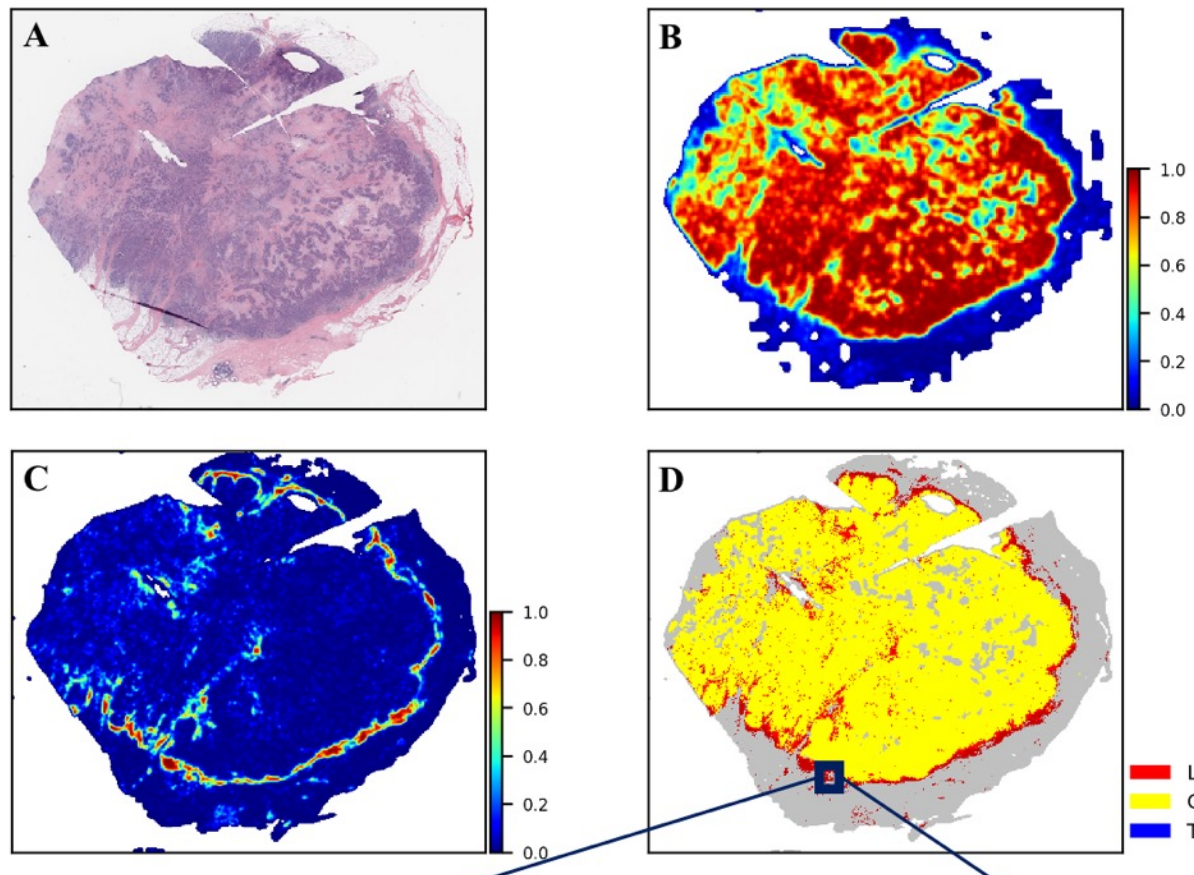


TIL positive – Red  
TIL confounders - Green



# Tumor TIL Analyses

High-resolution detection and classification of tumor cells, lymphocytes, and stromal cells in the entirety of whole slide images

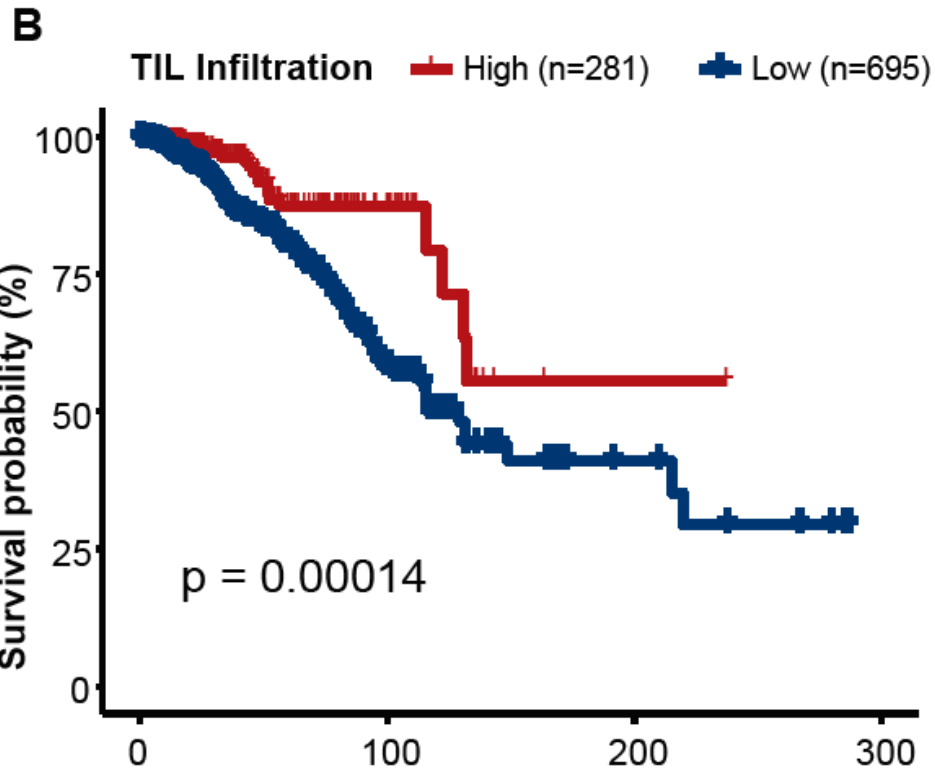


## Legend

red = lymphocytes  
blue = stromal cells  
green = tumor cells

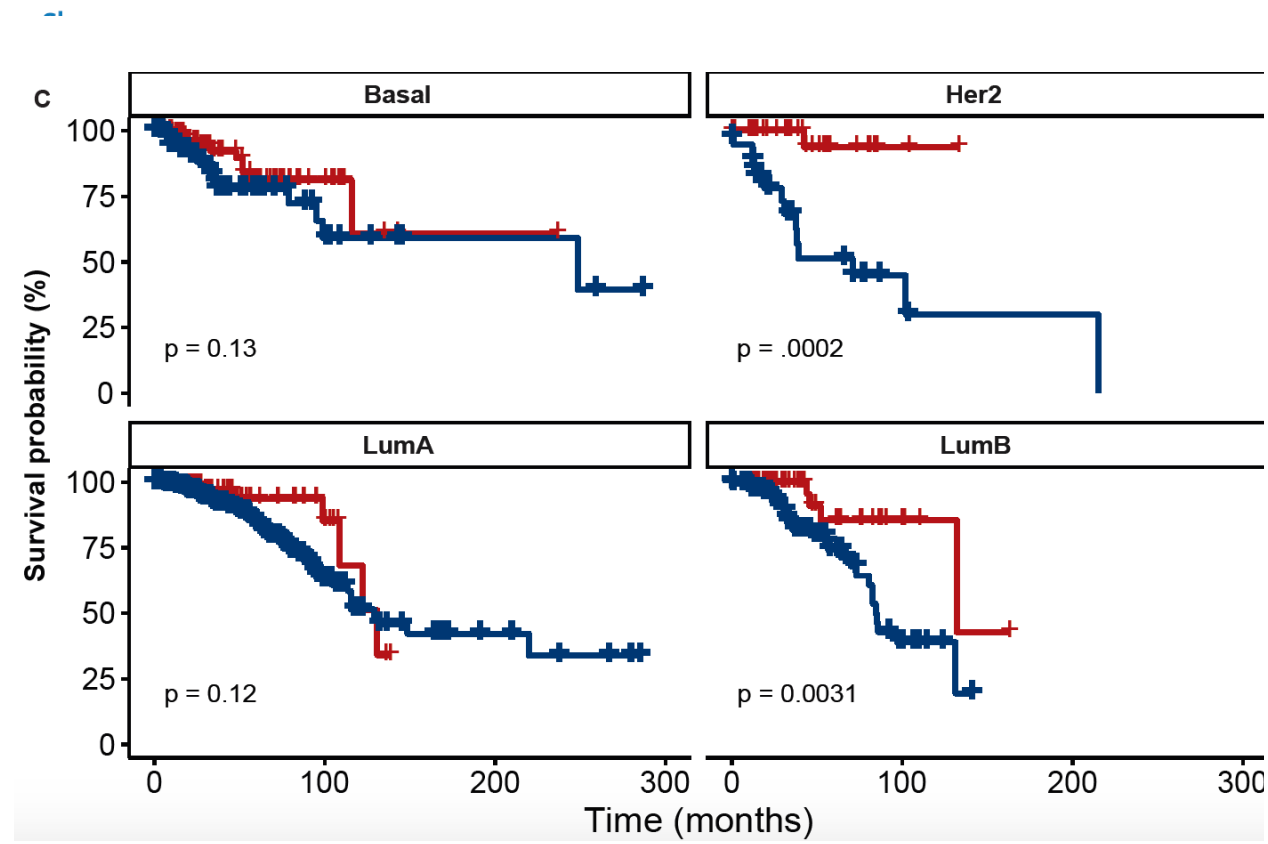
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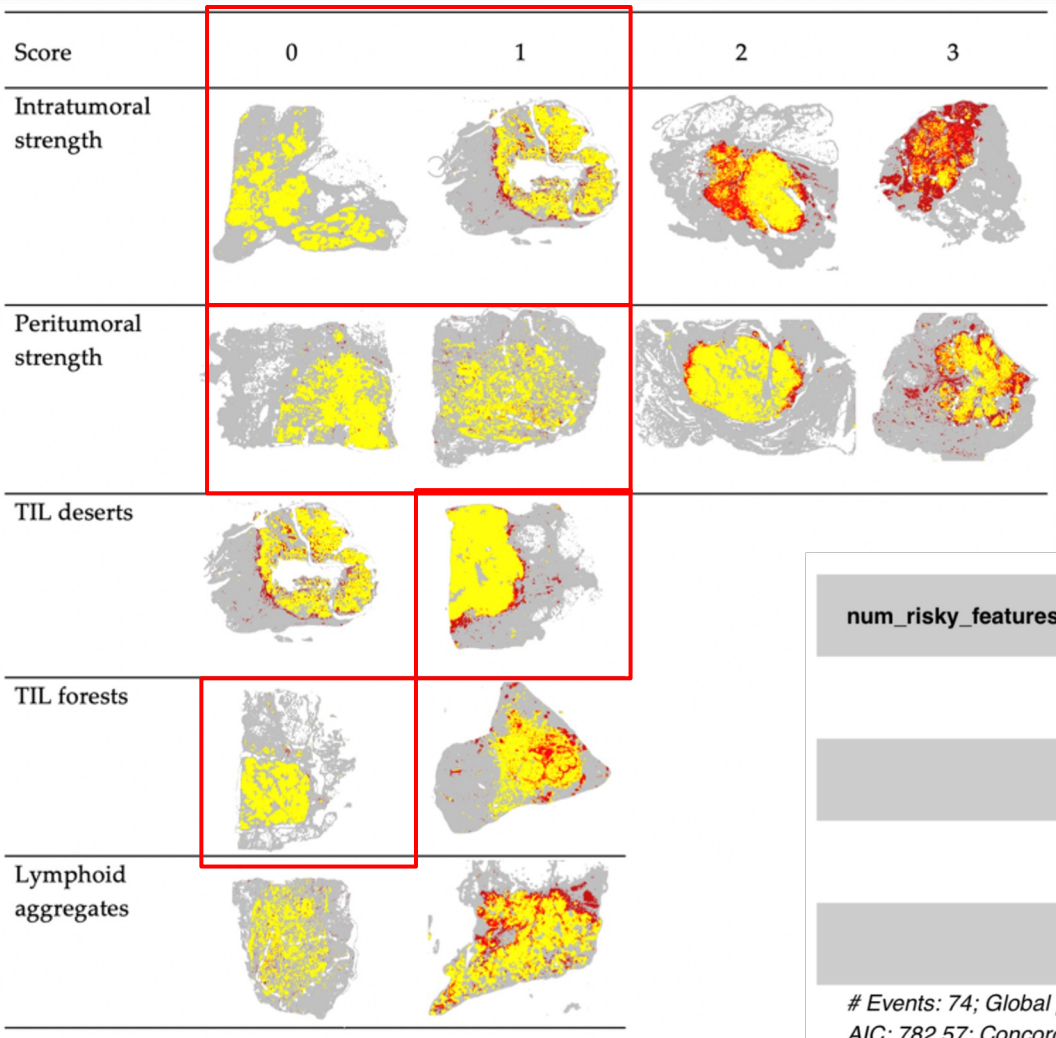


# Utilizing Automated Breast Cancer Detection to Identify Spatial Distributions of Tumor-Infiltrating Lymphocytes in Invasive Breast Cancer

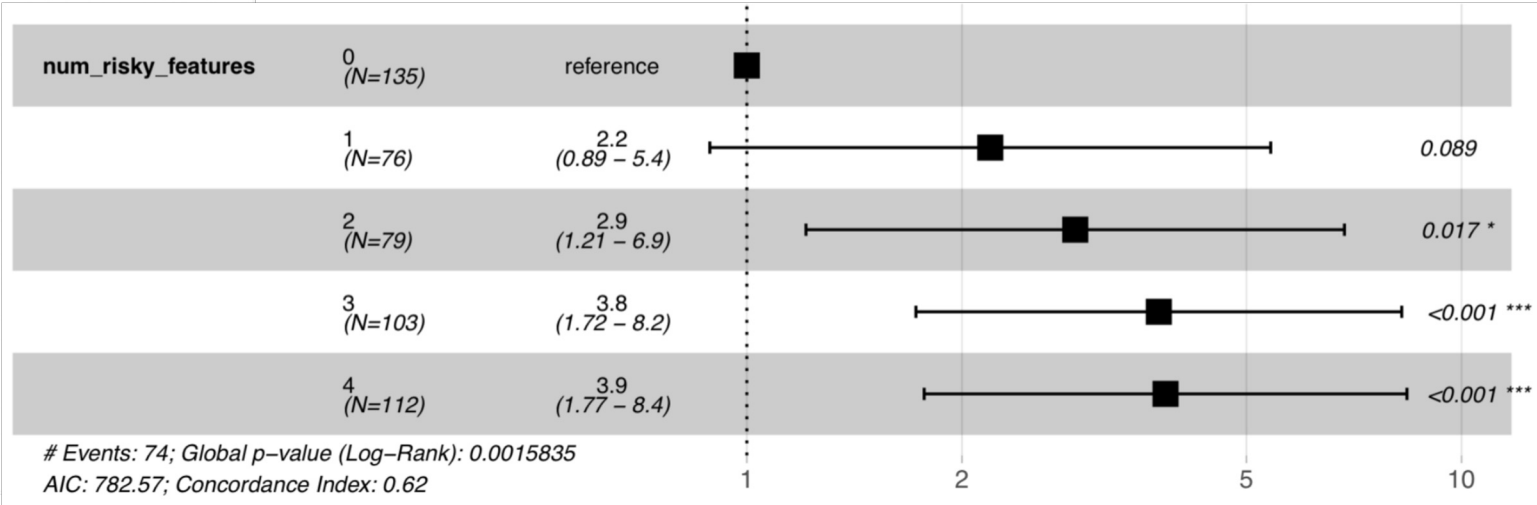
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# Qualitative evaluation of lymphocyte distribution enables interpretable risk identification

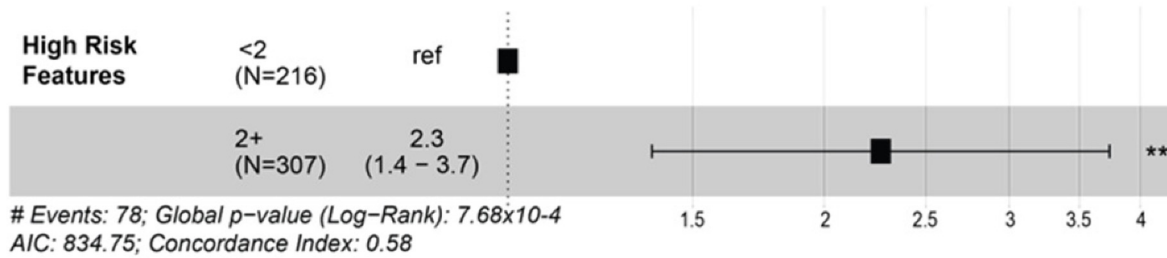


Metric	Level	TCGA BRCA Hazard Ratio
Intratumoral strength	1	0.62
	2	0.27
	3	0.19
TIL deserts	Present	2.0 **
TIL forests	Present	0.56 *
Peritumoral strength	1	2.07
	2	1.14
	3	0.61

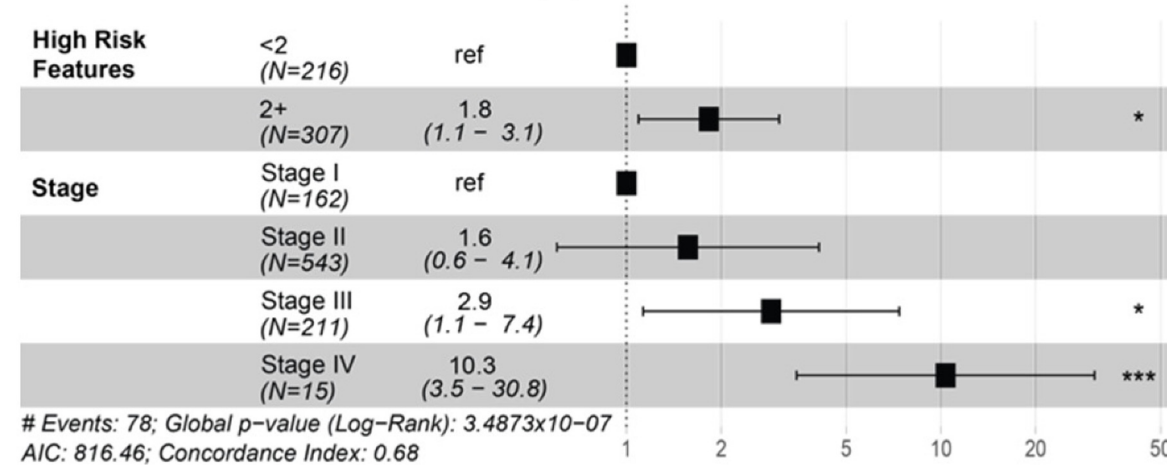


# Presence of multiple risky features stably correlates with risk in new data set

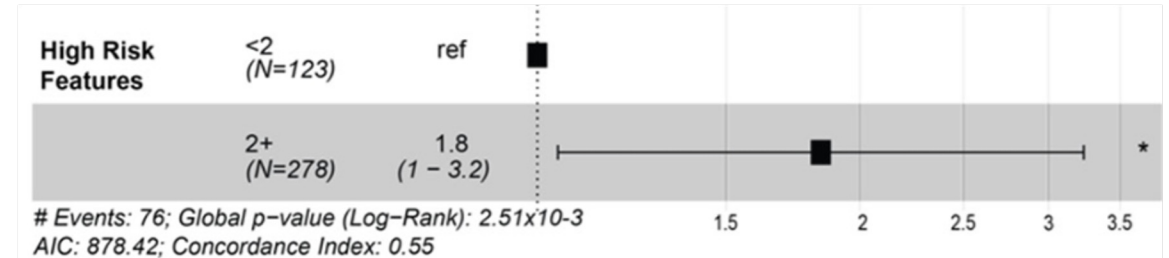
## TCGA-BRCA - Original dataset



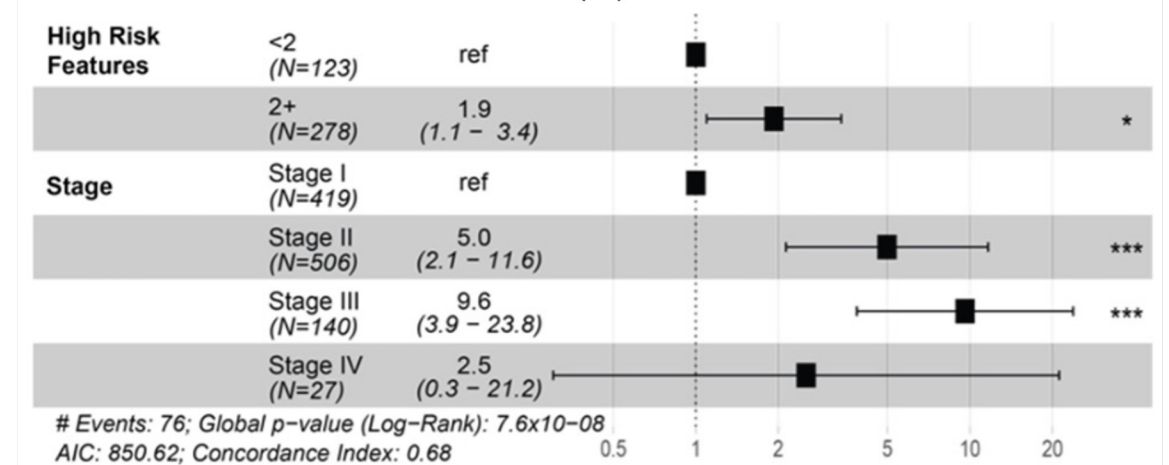
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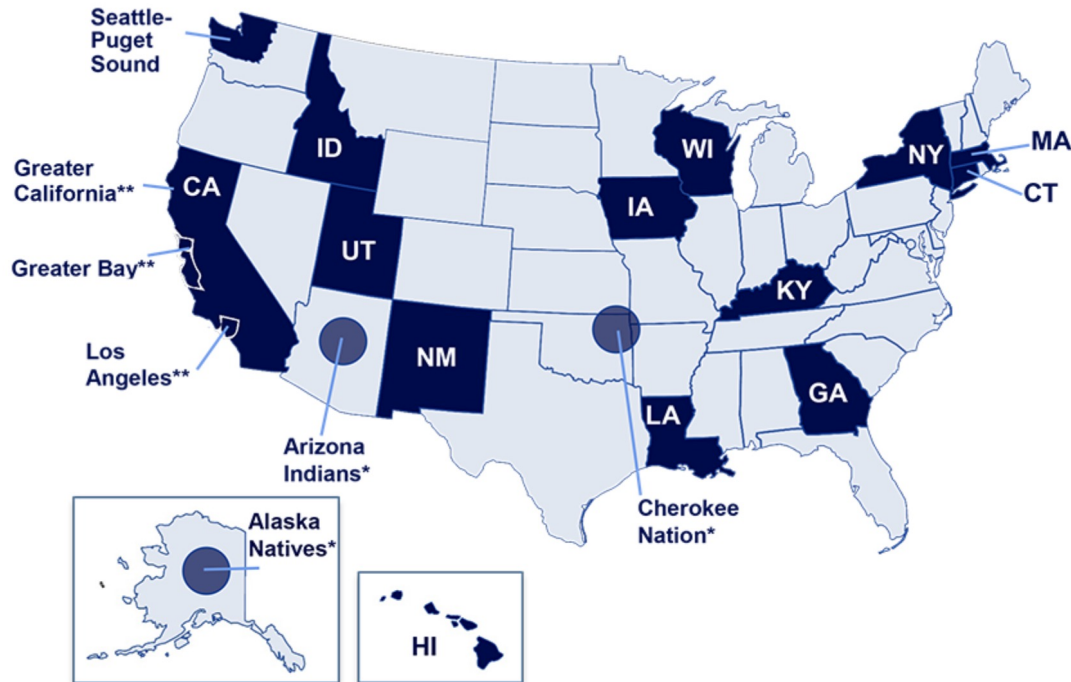
## UNC-CBCS - Validation dataset



(b)



# Collaboration with SEER Registries to Bring AI Pathology to Surveillance and to Create Real World Clinical Research Datasets



Participating SEER Registries: New Jersey, Kentucky, Georgia, New York

## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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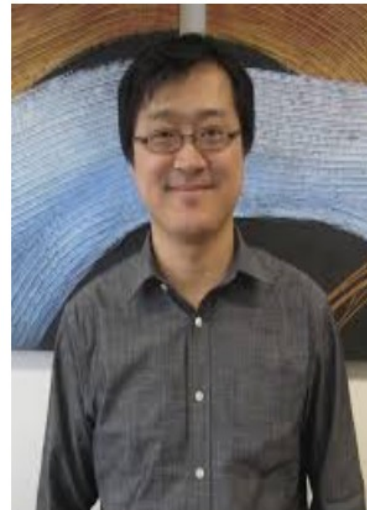
**An expandable informatics framework for enhancing central cancer registries with digital pathology specimens, computational imaging tools, and advanced mining capabilities**

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# Complex AI Pipelines

## Spatial Contexts -- Cell Detection and Classification

- Classification accuracy is frequently context sensitive
- Training on new tissue types and new cell categories is time consuming
- Method detects and classifies nuclei
- Training requires “dotting” nuclei



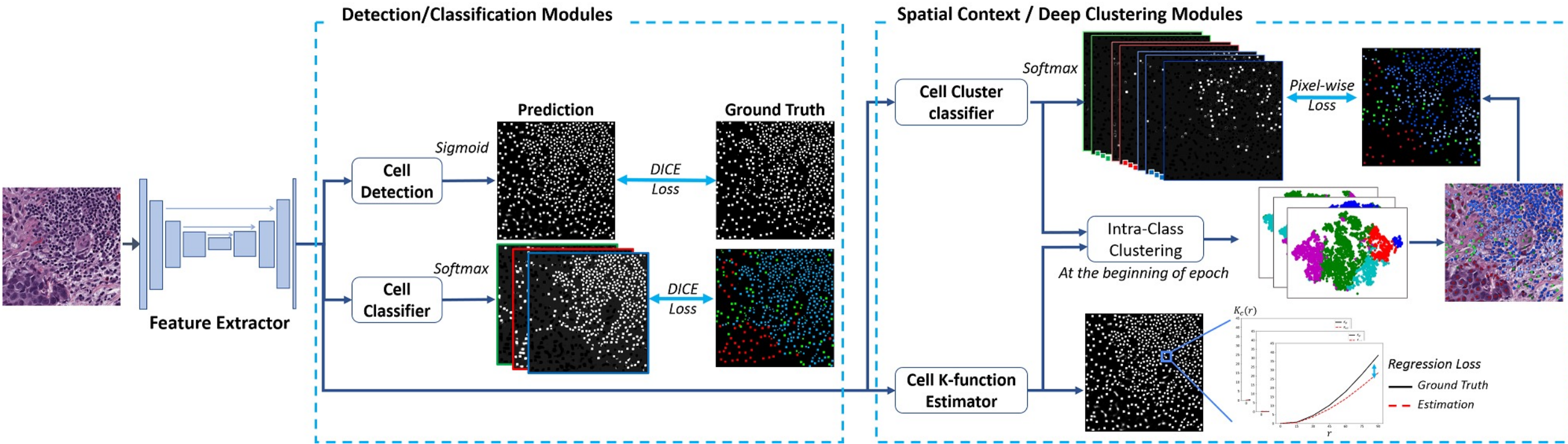
### **Multi-Class Cell Detection Using Spatial Context Representation**

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# Pipeline encompasses cell detection, cell classifier and learning category specific spatial statistics



# Extreme Scale Deployments

## Understanding and leveraging the I/O patterns of emerging machine learning analytics

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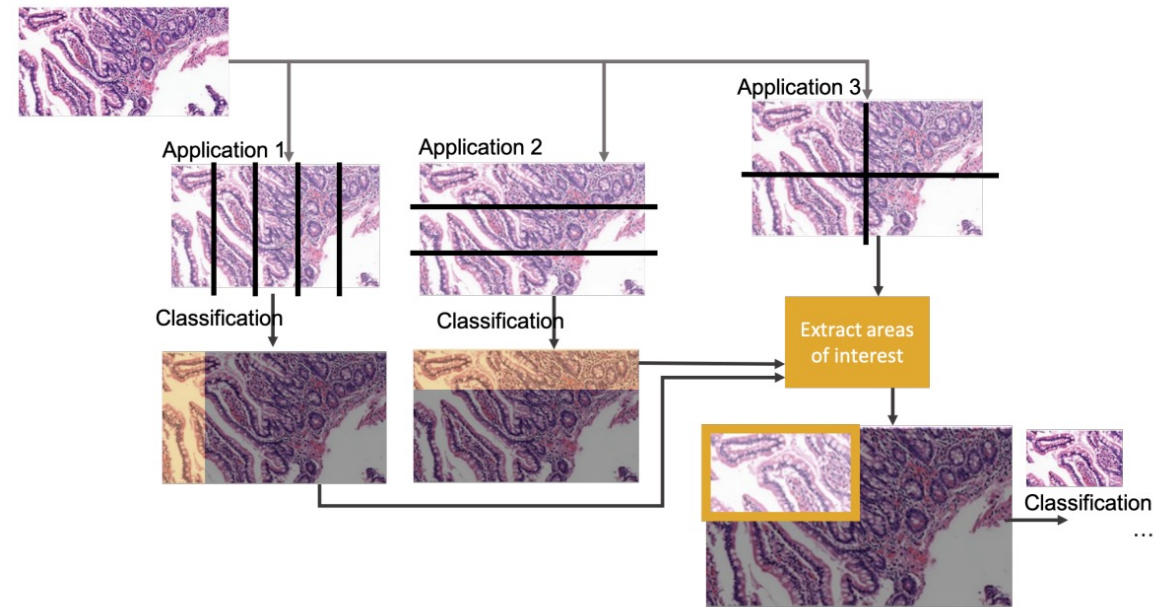
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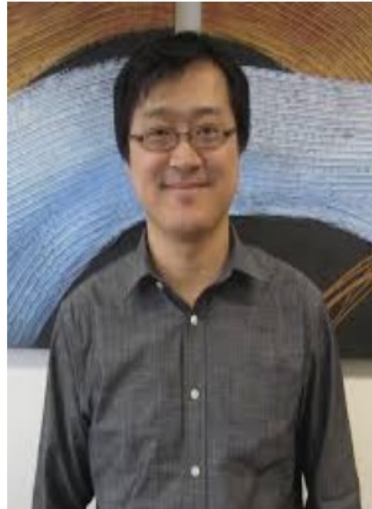
- Middleware for managing image and model data to optimize memory hierarchy performance in complex training and prediction tasks
- Collaboration with ORNL to explore impact using ADIOS and tumor infiltrating lymphocyte tasks



# Observations

- Algorithms designed to do specific things -> generalized trainable algorithms
- Self supervision, multi-modal friendly methods such as transformers
- Multi-modal/Multi-task learning
- Combination of very large data, need for self-supervision, multi-modal integration creates a perfect storm for exascale (and beyond) computing requirements
- Analyses typically carried out with <100,000 whole slide images (usually much smaller) – large institutions now have 10M+ whole slide image datasets
- Need for extreme scale system software to control complexity, validate pipelines and to optimize performance

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