



Finding Needles in Interventional Oncology Images

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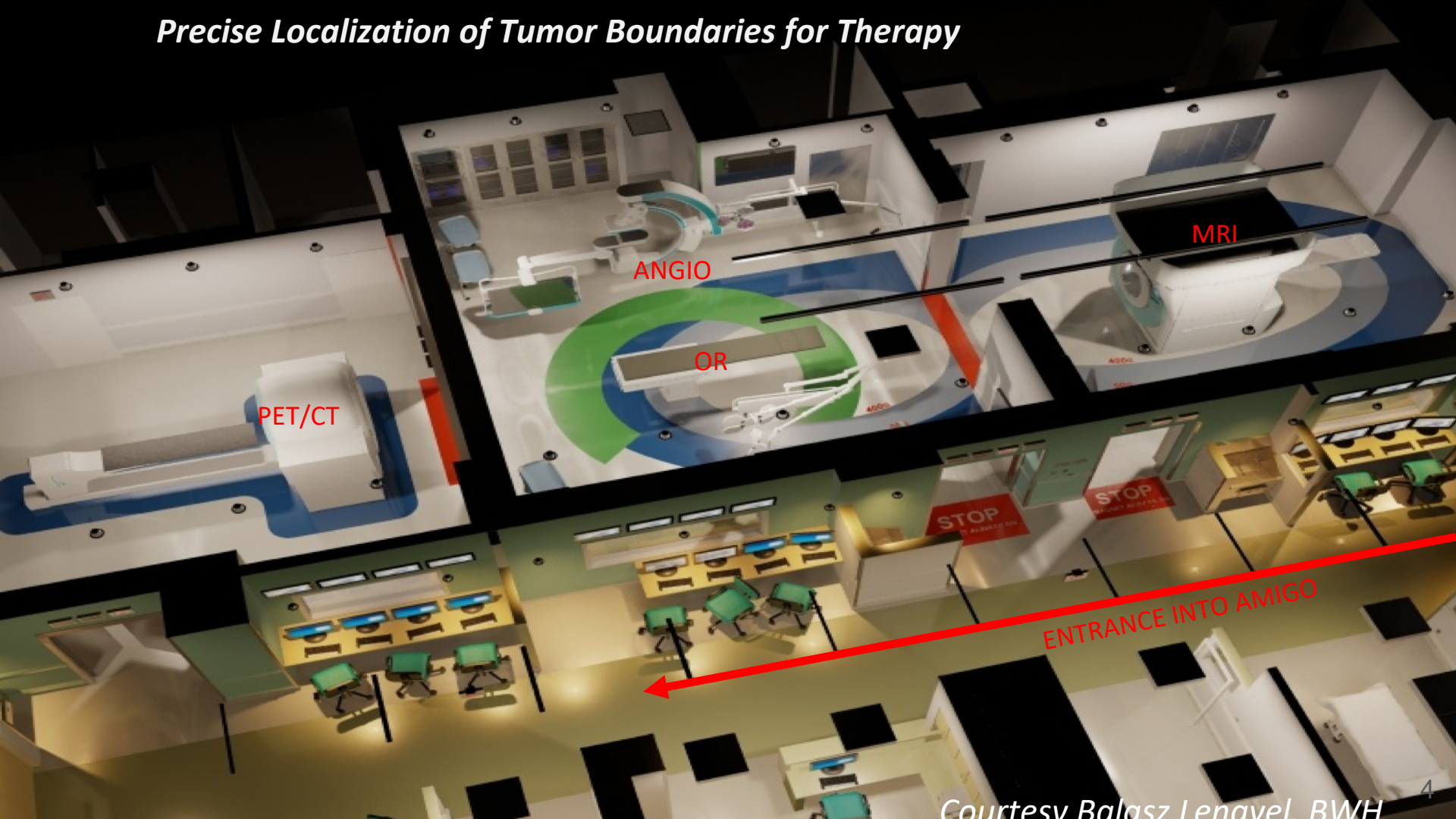
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Advanced Multimodality Image-Guided Operating suite, **AMIGO**

Launched in 2011
5700 square feet (~530 sq m)
MR, Angio, PET/CT
Mass Spectrometry
Ultrasound, Navigation
Microscope
3D Slicer +

Precise Localization of Tumor Boundaries for Therapy



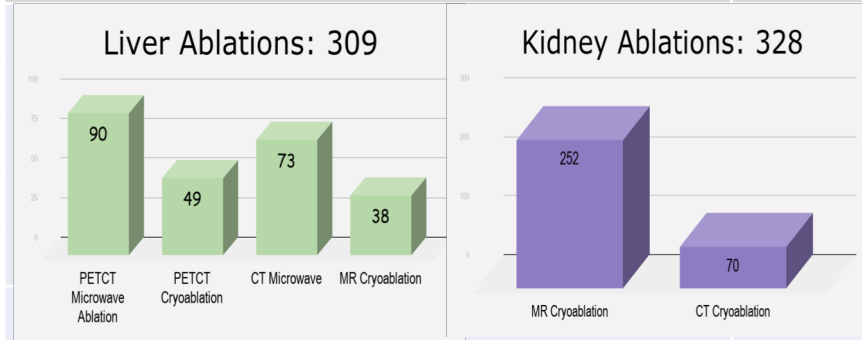


2129 AMIGO Procedures

08/30/2011 – 3/12/2019

Neurosurgery	462
Brain Tumor Resection	235
Deep Brain Stimulation	109
Brain Tumor Laser Ablation	33
Transsphenoidal Pituitary Tumor Resection	26
Brain Viral Vector	19
Skull Base Surgery	11
Breast Conserving Surgery	35
Video-Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery	31
Laparoscopic Intra-abdominal Biopsy	5
Endocrine Surgery	9
Spine Discectomy and Fusion	2
Cardiac EP Ablation	7
Radiation Oncology	144
Gynecologic HDR Brachytherapy ←	133
Prostate VLDR Brachytherapy	11

Interventional Radiology	1427
ABLATION	867



MR Prostate	36
Lung	42
Spine	42
Head & Neck	30
BIOPSY	554
MR Prostate ←	446
MR, PET CT Lung	27
Transarterial Chemoembolization	1

Prostate Cancer



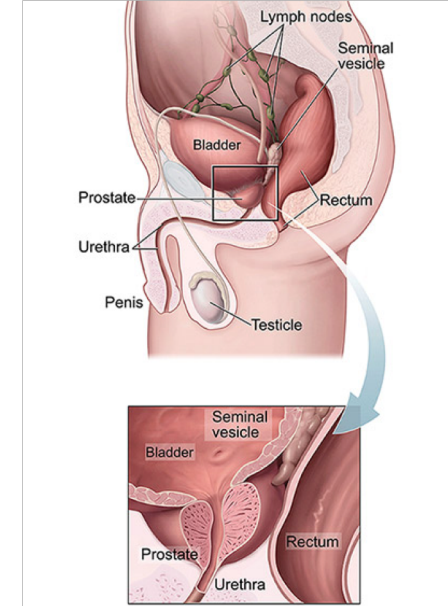
1 in 8 American men will be diagnosed during his lifetime.

174,650

Estimated New
Cases in 2019

31,620

Estimated Deaths in
2019



What is the optimal therapy or surveillance for each one?

Increasing Role of Prostate MRI

New England Journal of Medicine (2018)

MRI-targeted or standard biopsy for prostate-cancer diagnosis.

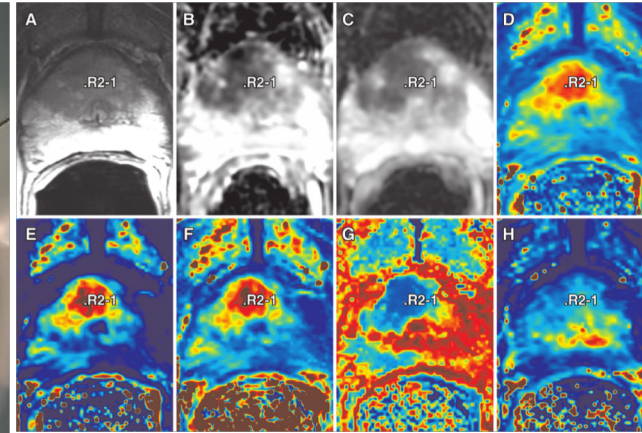
Kasivisvanathan V, Rannikko AS, Borghi M, Panebianco V, Mynderse LA, Vaarala MH, Briganti A, Budäus L, Hellawell G, Hindley RG, Roobol MJ.

The Lancet (2017)

Diagnostic accuracy of multi-parametric MRI and TRUS biopsy in prostate cancer (PROMIS): a paired validating confirmatory study.

Ahmed HU, Bosaily AE, Brown LC, Gabe R, Kaplan R, Parmar MK, Collaco-Moraes Y, Ward K, Hindley RG, Freeman A, Kirkham AP.

MRI-Guided Targeted Biopsy



Penzkofer, et al. (2015). Transperineal in-bore 3-T MR imaging-guided prostate biopsy: a prospective clinical observational study. *Radiology*, 274(1), 170–80.



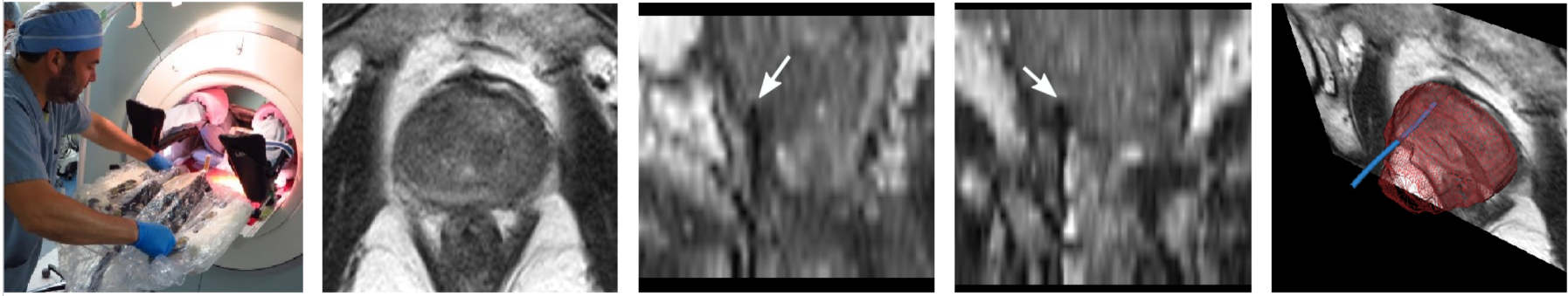
Penzkofer

Fedorov

Tuncali

Tempany

Needle Segmentation



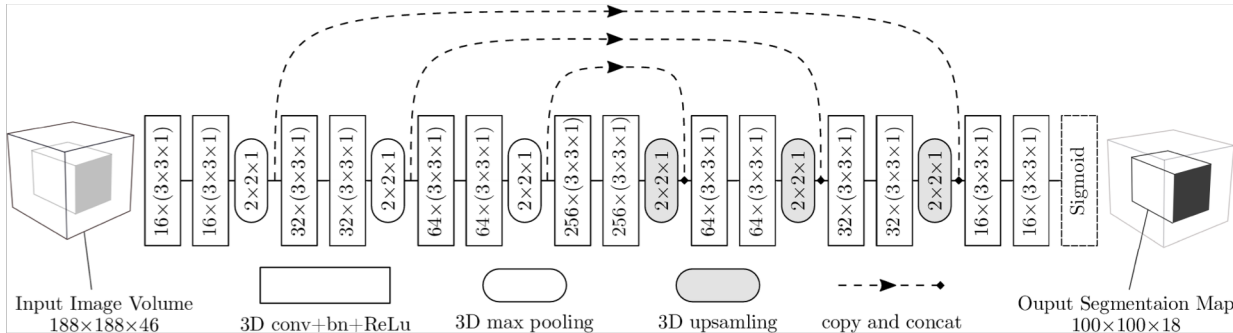
Alireza Mehrtash et al. (IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging, 2018)
Automatic Needle Segmentation and Localization in MRI with Convolutional
Neural Networks: Application to MRI-Guided Prostate Biopsy



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3D Convolutional Neural Network

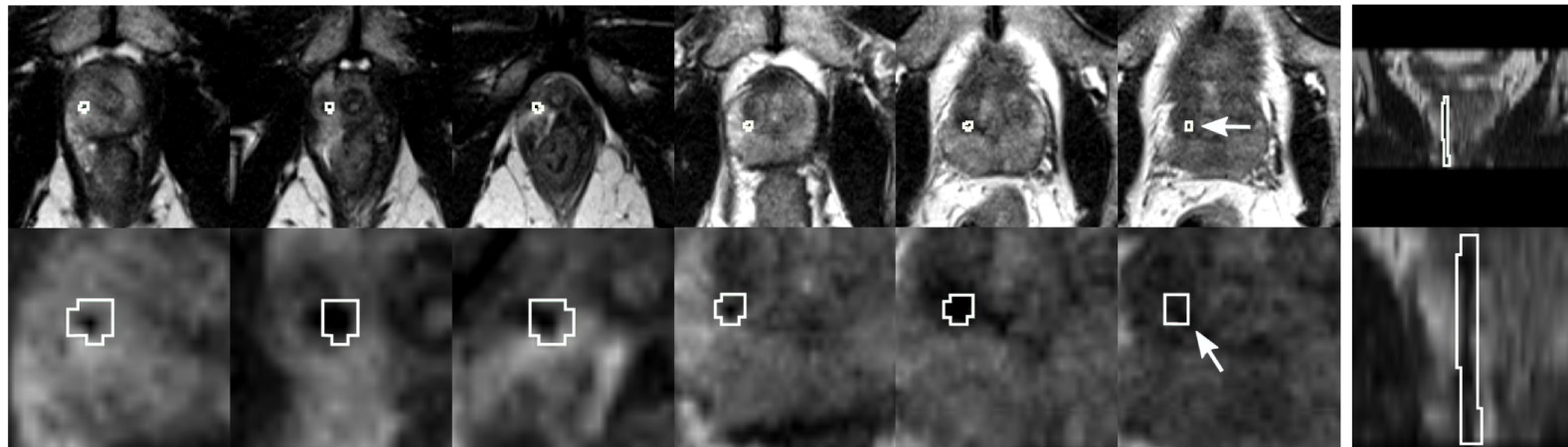
- 3D Fully Convolutional Neural Network (FCN)
- Training: Data augmentation, 5-fold cross-validation.
- Loss: Negative of Dice.



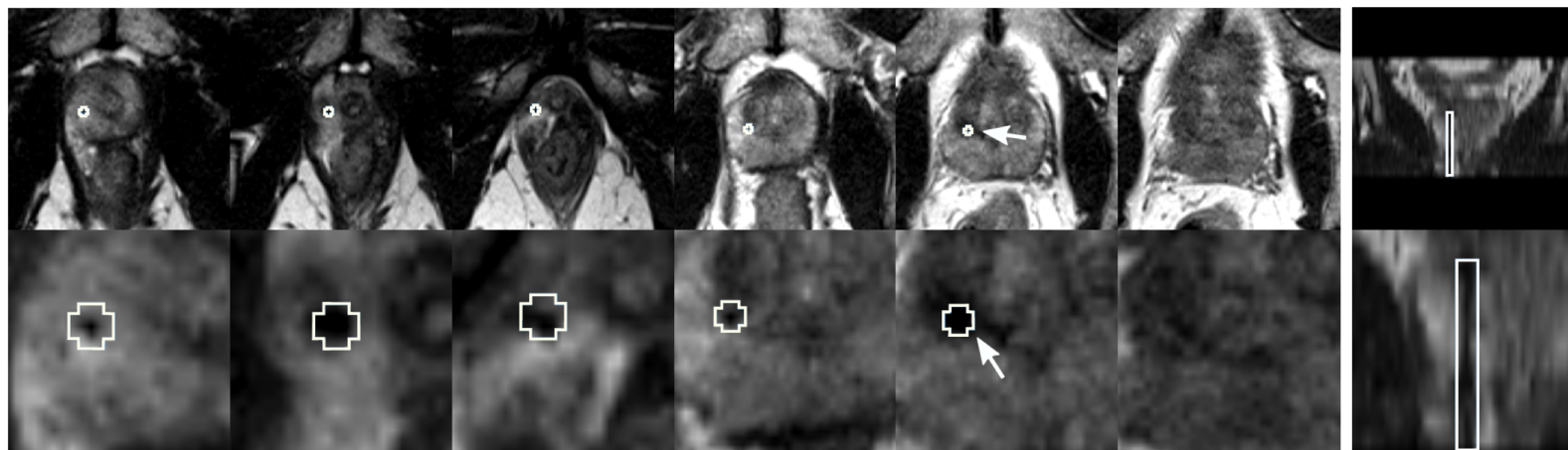
Training Data and Annotations

- Ground Truth: needles marked by rater on 583 MRI (71 patients)
- MRI divided: 50 train-validation, 21 test
- Observer study: second rater blinded to the ground truth

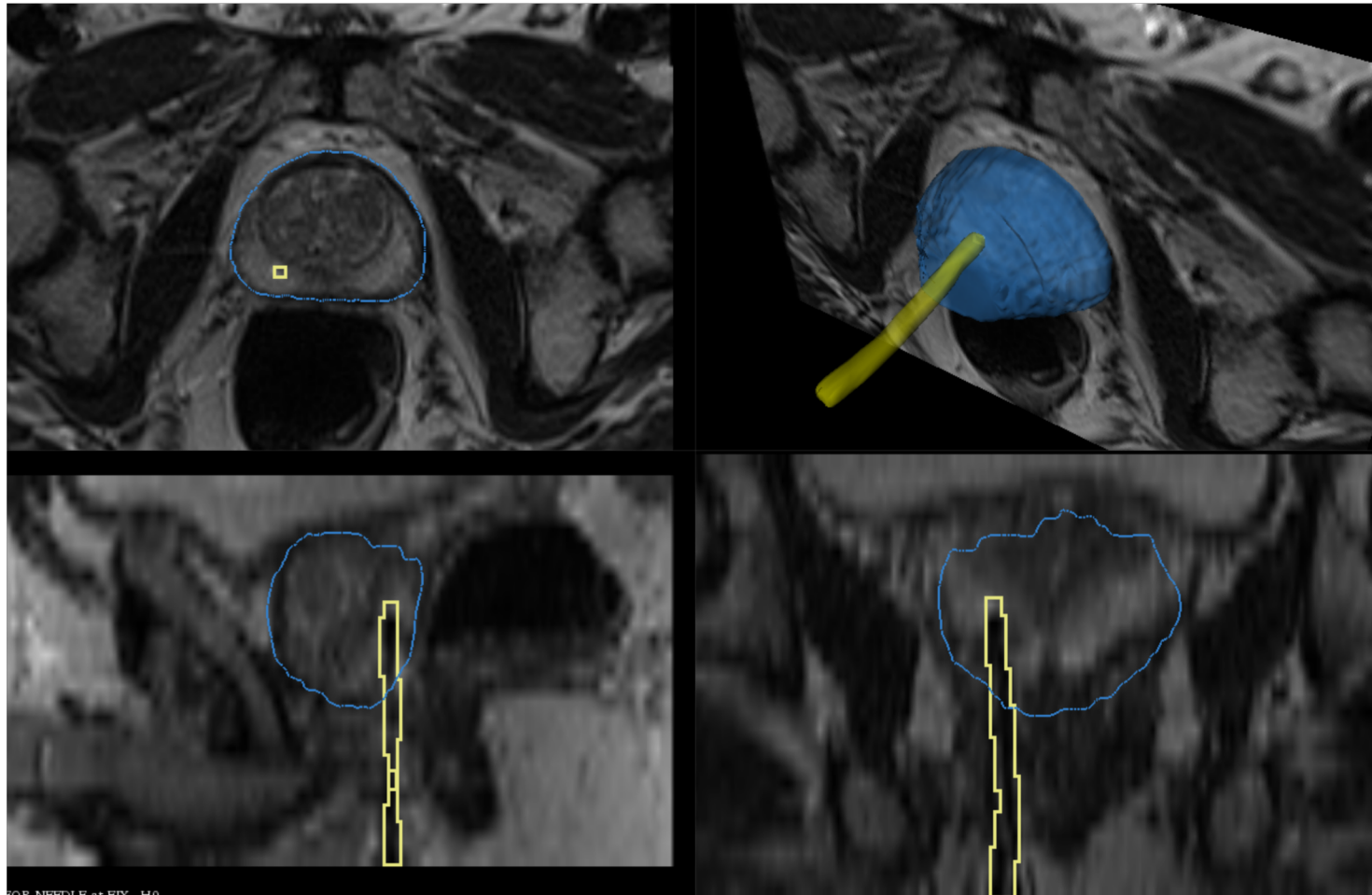
Rater #1



CNN



Case 596



Results Summary

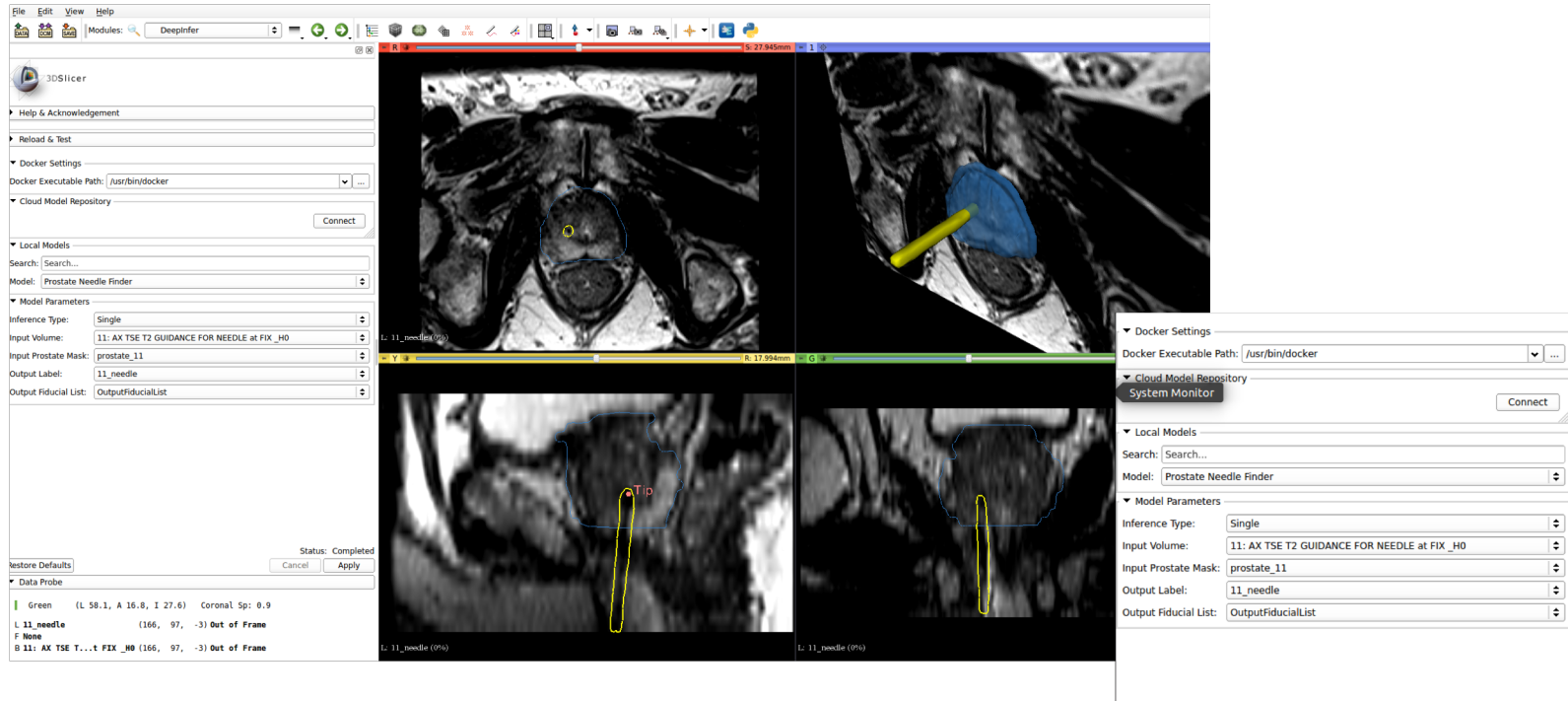
- Less than 3mm localization error in tip and trajectory in axial plane
- Less than 2 slice error in 92% cases along the transaxial plane

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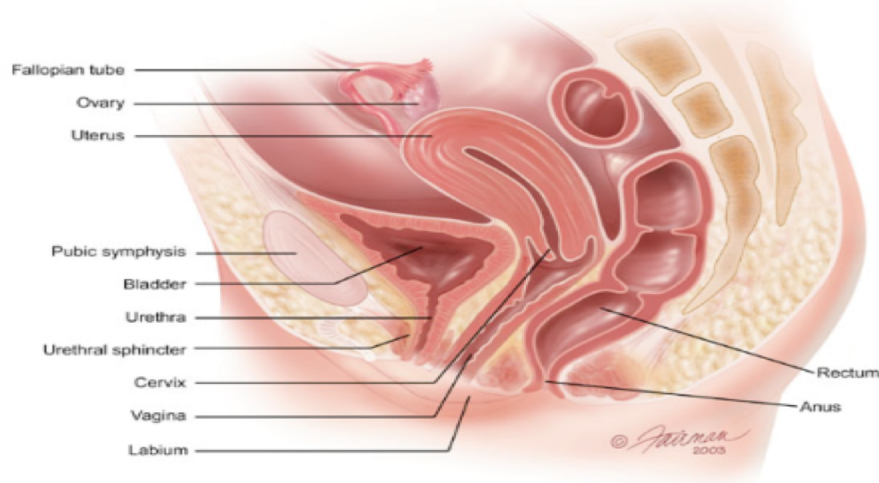


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Open Deployment in 3D Slicer DeepInfer



Gynecologic Cancers



Cervical, Uterine, Vaginal,
Vulvar, Ovarian

4th leading cause of death in
women in the US

- 109,470 estimated cases in 2019
- 33,100 estimated deaths in 2019

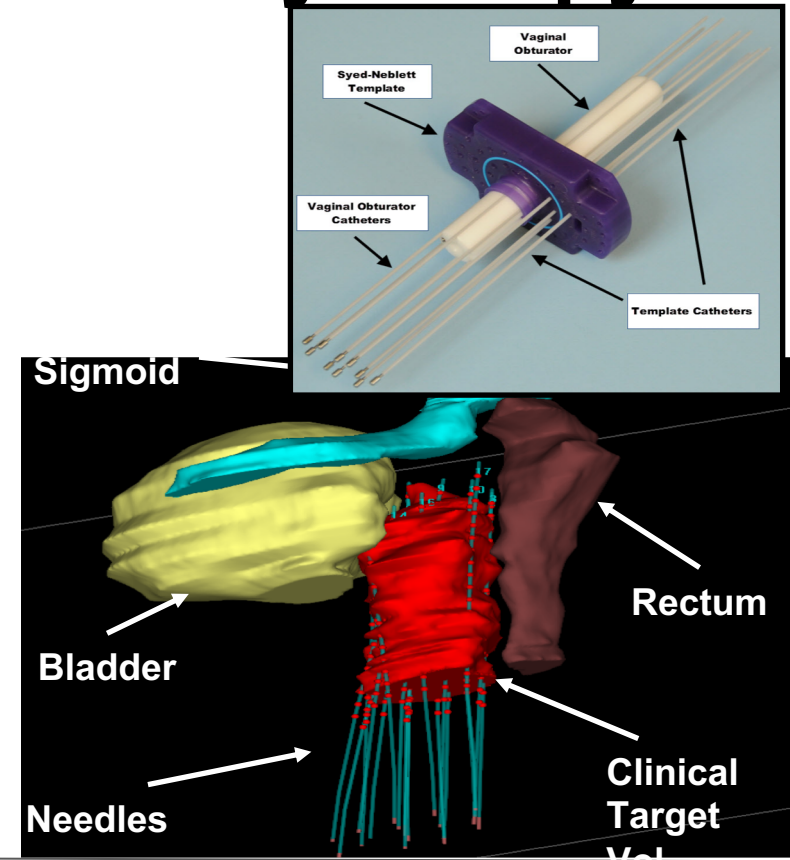
Treated with chemo-radiation,
high dose rate brachytherapy



MRI-guided Gyn HDR Brachytherapy

- 30% outcome improvement over chemo-radiation
- MRI preferred

Viswanathan et al. *Comparison of outcomes for MR-guided versus CT-guided high-dose-rate interstitial brachytherapy in women with locally advanced carcinoma of the cervix.* Gynecologic oncology (2017).



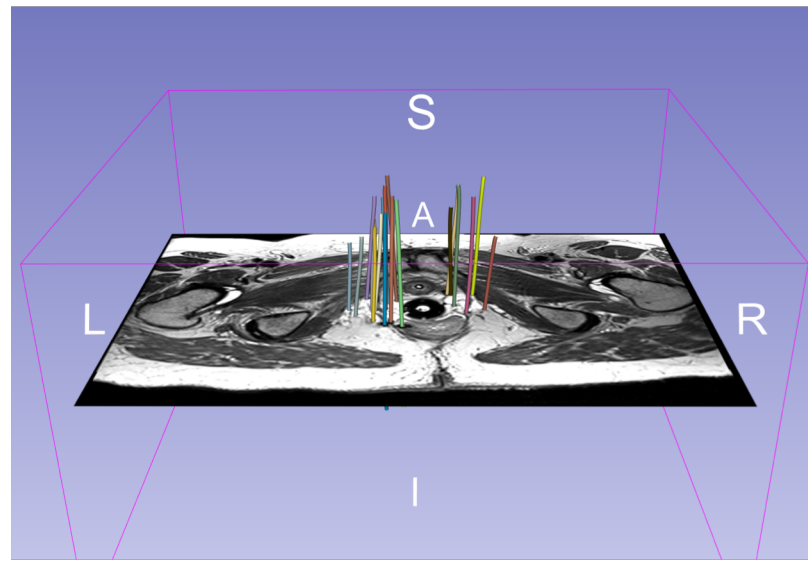
2012-2017

54 Patients

760 Needles

93% accuracy

3 seconds/needle



Mastmeyer



Pernelle

Mastmeyer et al. *Accurate model-based segmentation of gynecologic brachytherapy catheter collections in MRI-images*. Medical Image Analysis. 2017.

Pernelle et al. *Validation of catheter segmentation for MR-guided gynecologic cancer brachytherapy*. MICCAI 2013.

Kapur et al. *3-T MR-guided brachytherapy for gynecologic malignancies*. Magnetic resonance imaging. 2012

2018-2019

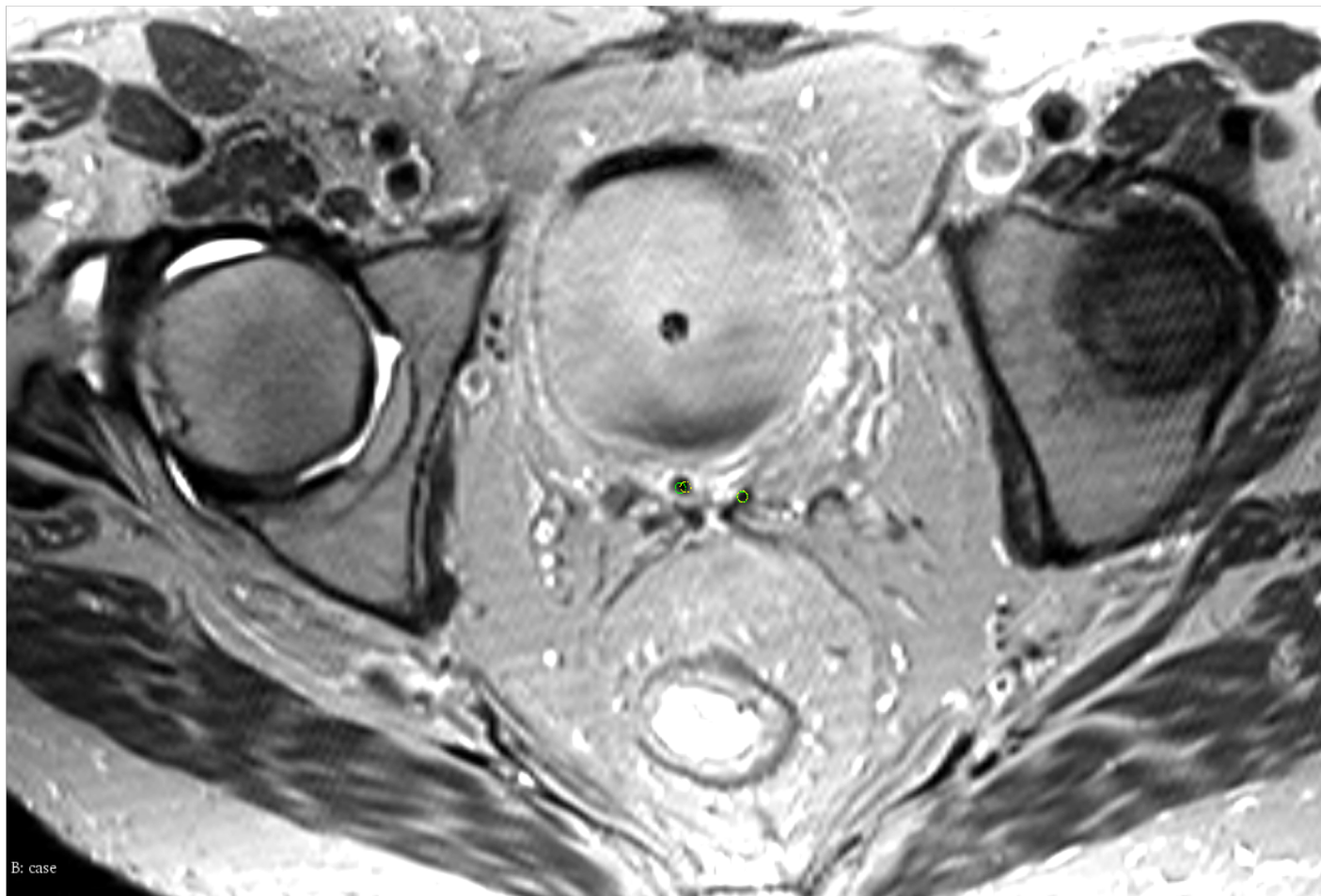


Zaffino

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Pernelle

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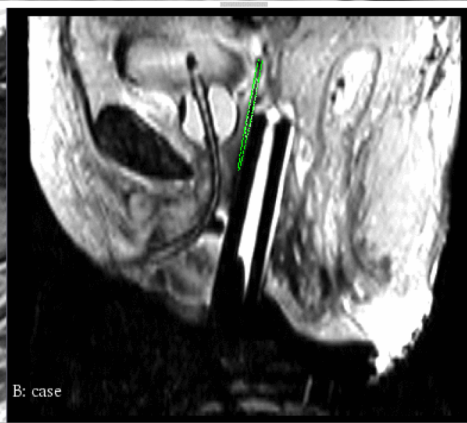
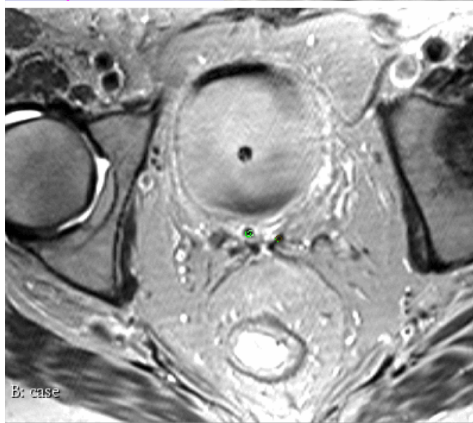
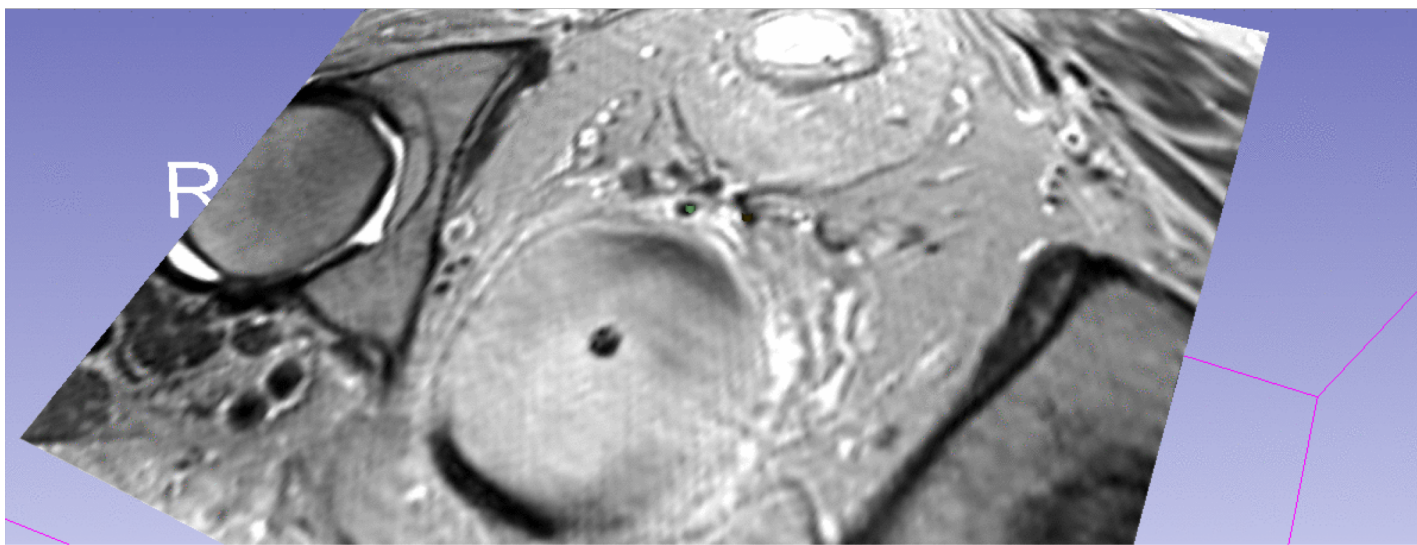


Image-Guided Liver Biopsies

Worldwide

1,000,000 annually, 4% growth rate

Brigham and Women's Hospital

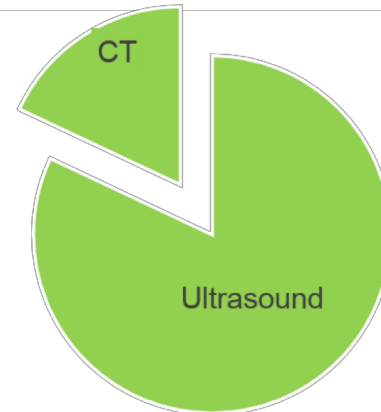
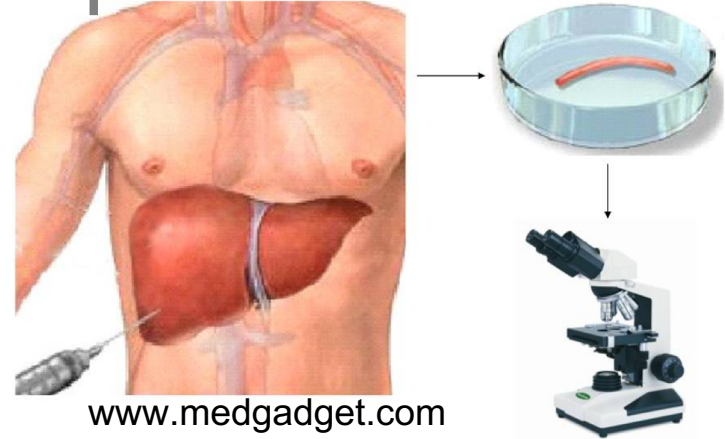
600 liver biopsies annually

30% parenchymal, 70% focal

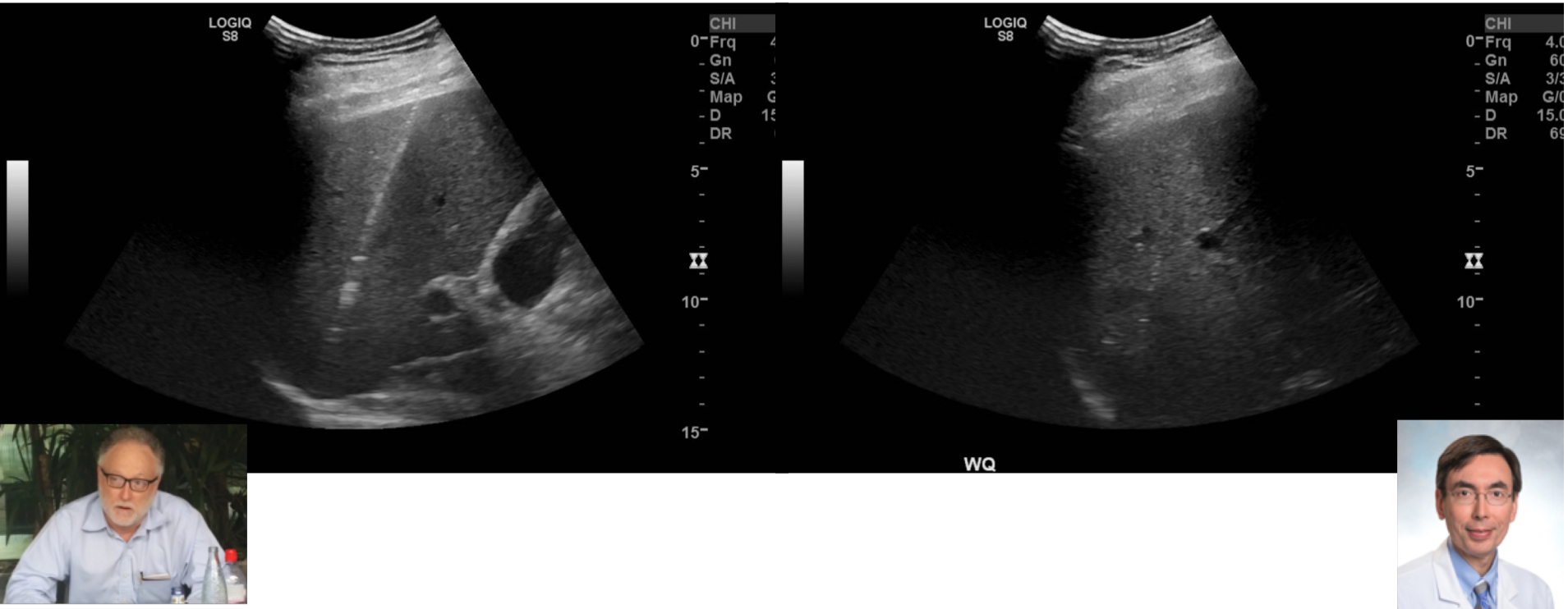
50% focal use ultrasound, 50% CT

For ultrasound guided biopsies

99% freehand



Ultrasound guided Liver Biopsy



Ultrasound guided Liver Biopsy



Needle insertion using real-time ultrasound guidance.



Why should we work on this?

- **Better** accuracy in fewer needle sticks
 - less pain, bleeding and complication risk
- **Shorter** procedure time
- **Shorter** learning curve for physician training
- **Lower cost** modality, no radiation (vs CT)

Challenges

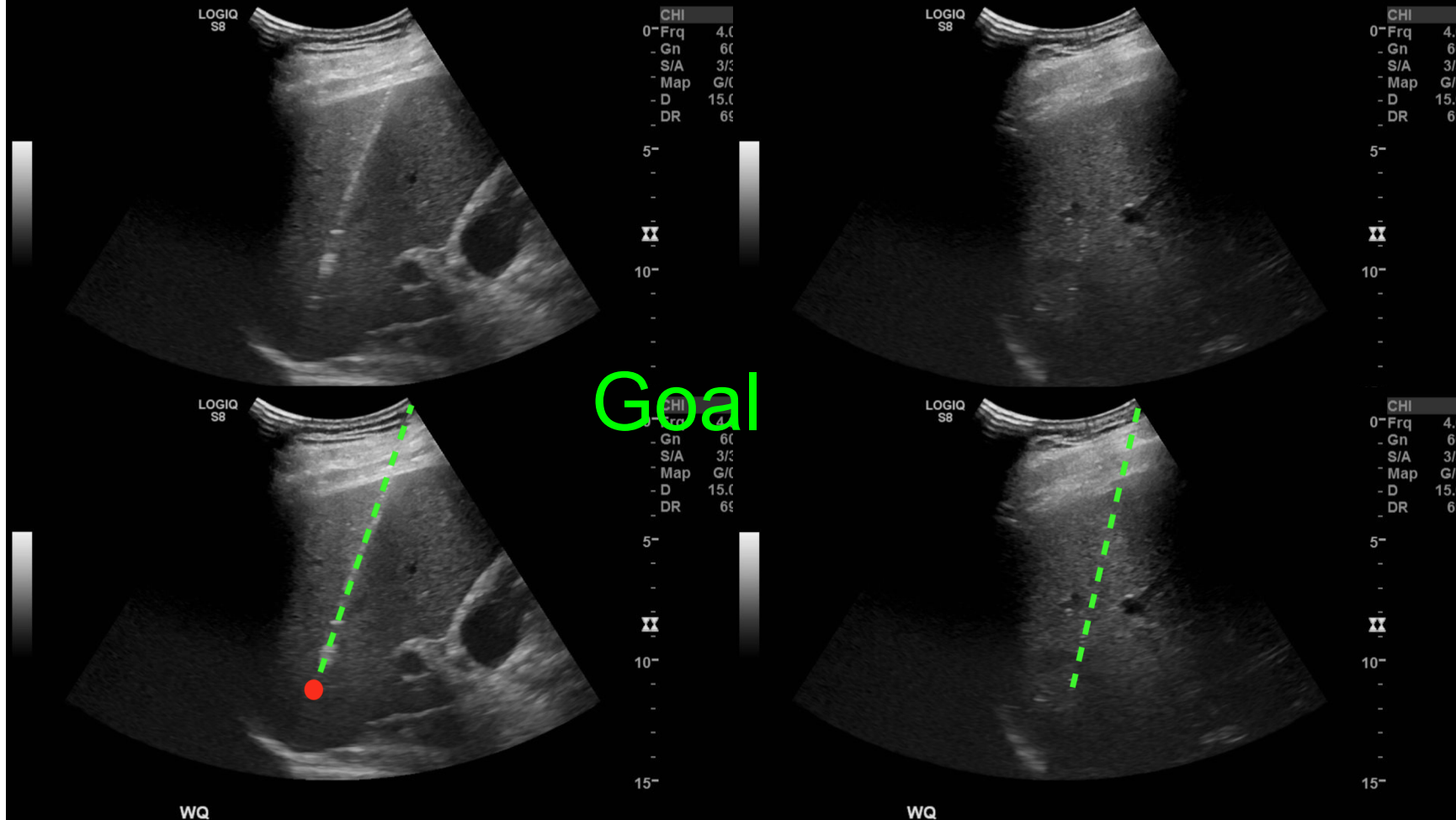
Low reimbursement

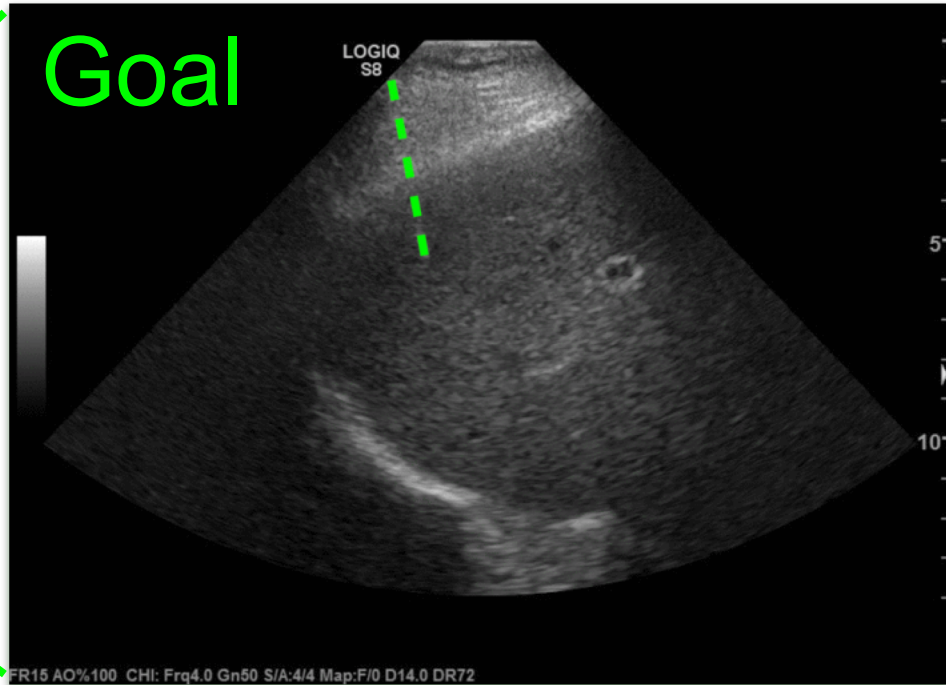
Little room for adding

- Time, complexity, incremental cost

Available alternatives not adopted

- navigation with tracking hardware
- needle guides
- **needles with echogenic tips**







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na-mic.github.io/ProjectWeek/

