

**Multiparametric (mp) MRI and
MR-Guided Biopsy (MRGB) as a
“Biomarker” for Characterization
and Prognosis of Localized Prostate
Cancer**

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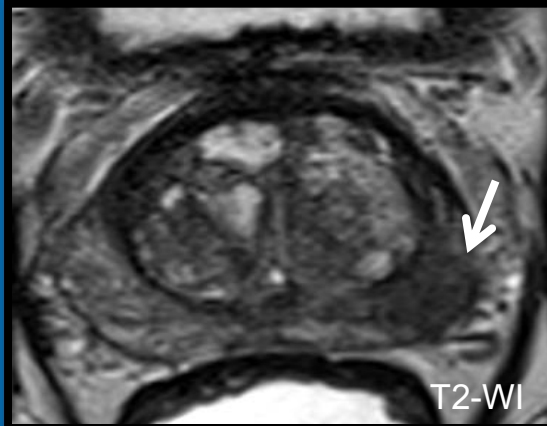
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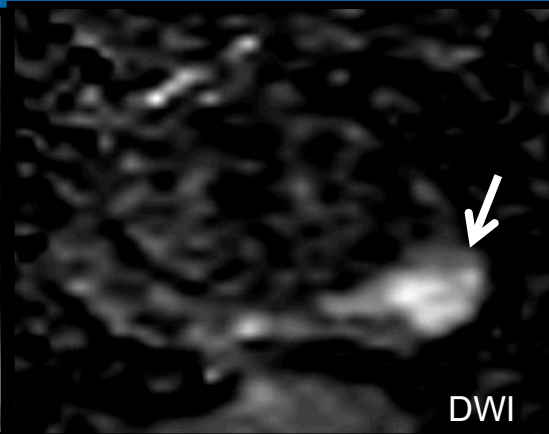
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Multiparametric (mp) MRI for Prostate Cancer Detection

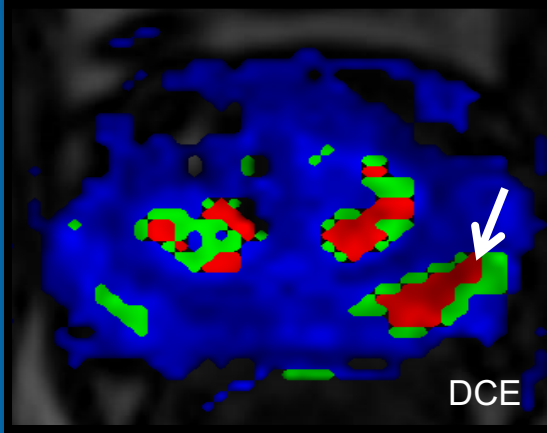
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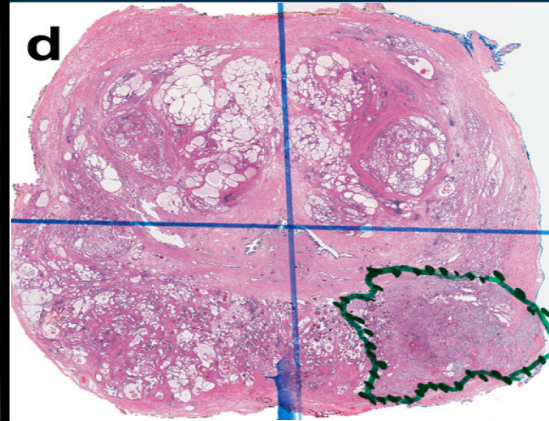
Diffusion-Weighted Images (DWI)



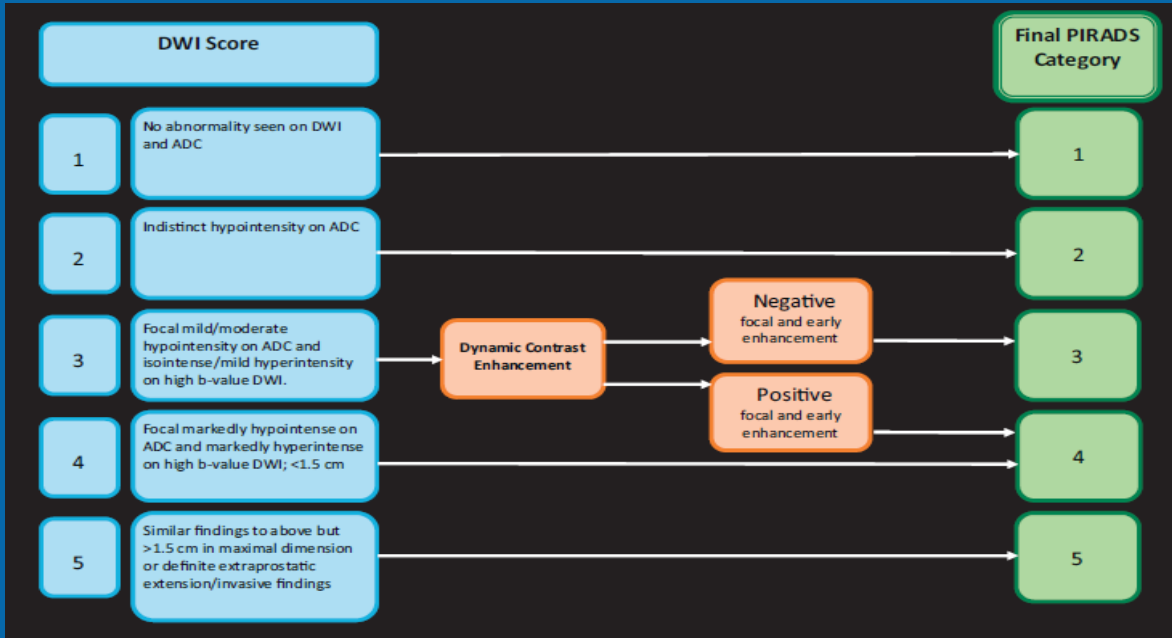
Dynamic Contrast Enhancement (DCE)



Whole-Mount Specimen

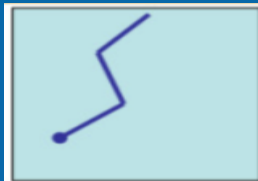
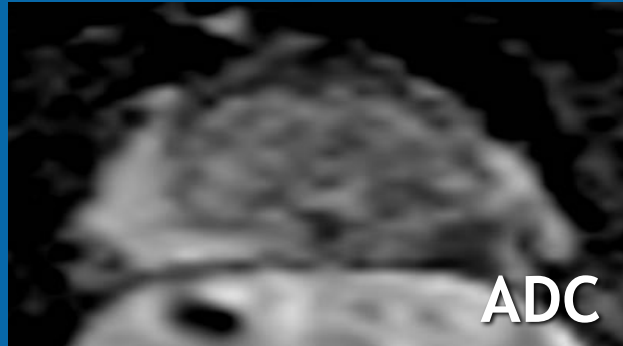
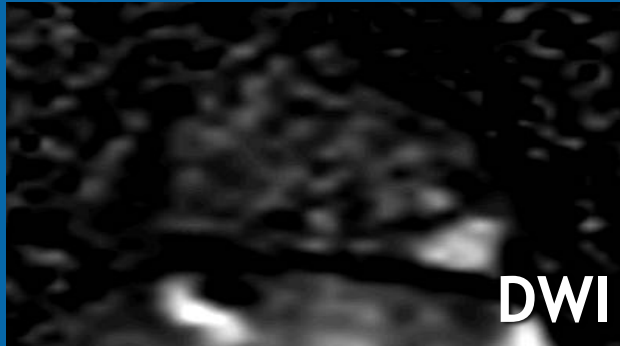
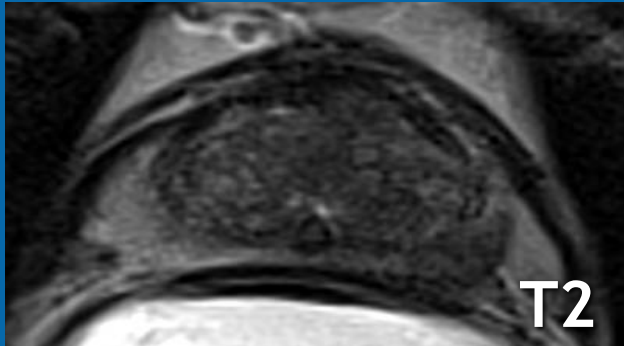


PI-RADS v2 Guidelines: PZ Lesions



- For PZ lesions, DWI score is the dominant factor
- ADC value is inversely correlated with Gleason score
- Secondary role for DCE sequences among PI-RADS 3 lesions by DWI
- Size > 15 mm used to distinguish between PI-RADS 4 and 5

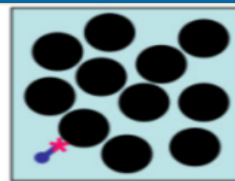
Multiparametric MRI Sequences: DWI/ADC



Random
Brownian Motion



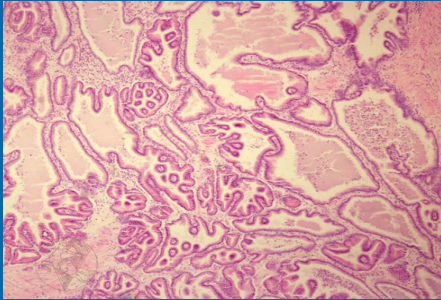
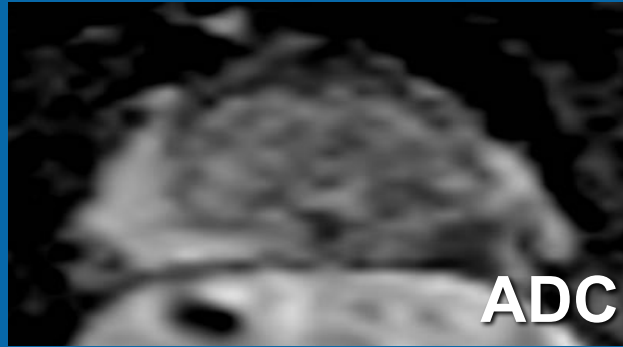
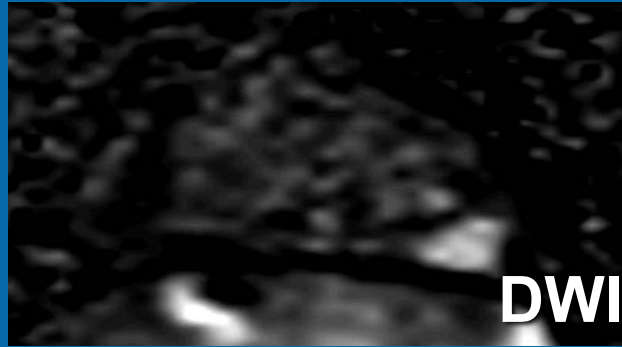
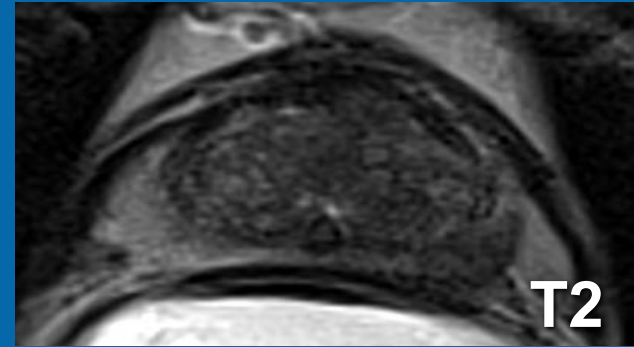
Free diffusion
Low signal intensity DWI
High ADC



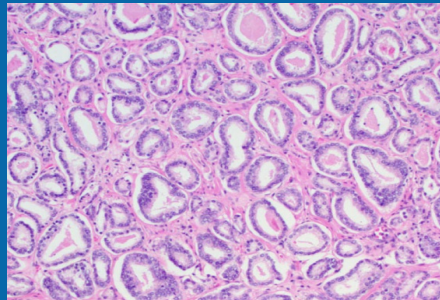
Restricted diffusion
High signal intensity DWI
Low ADC

Cancer

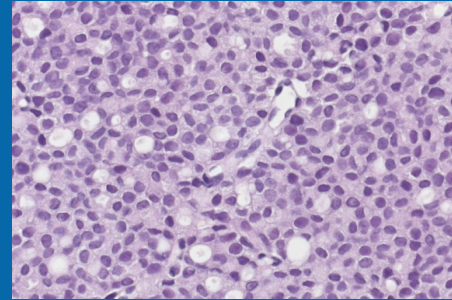
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BPH



Gleason 3



Gleason 5

MRGB: Systematic Review

- MRGB for detection of clinically significant cancer
 - Specificity: 23-87%
 - Sensitivity: 58-96%
 - PPV: 34-68%
 - NPV: 63-98%
- “MRGB is substantially better than practice standard”

Low-Risk Prostate Cancer: Re-classification

- 2374 RP pts, 1987-2007
- Preoperative low-risk (T1-T2a, PSA < 10, Gleason 6)
- Re-classification:
 - Any upgrading or upstaging: 57%
 - Gleason 4+3 or greater: 4%
 - Gleason 8-9 or SVI or LN+: 3%

MRGB for Pathological Staging: Systematic Review

- Analysis of 75 studies (9796 pts) assessing mpMRI for pathological staging (ECE, SVI) using RP path as reference standard

	Extraprostatic Extension	Seminal Vesicle Invasion
Sensitivity (95% CI)	57% (49-64)	58% (47-68)
Specificity (95% CI)	91% (88-93)	96% (95-97)

- MRI has poor sensitivity for advanced pathological features

MRGB vs. Standard Biopsy: RP Pathology

- N = 170 of 1003 (17%) underwent RP, 2007-2014

Table 2. Performance of Different Biopsy Approaches in the Detection of Intermediate- to High-Risk Prostate Cancer on Whole-Gland Prostatectomy Specimen

	Targeted MR/Ultrasound Fusion Biopsy	Standard Extended-Sextant Biopsy	Combined Biopsy
Sensitivity, % (95% CI)	77 (67-84)	53 (43-63)	85 (76-91)
Specificity, % (95% CI)	68 (57-78)	66 (54-76)	49 (37-60)
Negative predictive value, % (95% CI)	70 (58-80)	53 (43-63)	73 (58-84)
Positive predictive value, % (95% CI)	75 (65-83)	66 (54-76)	67 (58-75)
Accuracy, % (95% CI)	73 (70-76)	59 (55-63)	69 (65-72)
AUC (95% CI)	0.73 (0.66-0.79)	0.59 (0.52-0.67)	0.67 (0.60-0.74)
P value of comparison with targeted MR/ultrasound biopsy		.005	.04

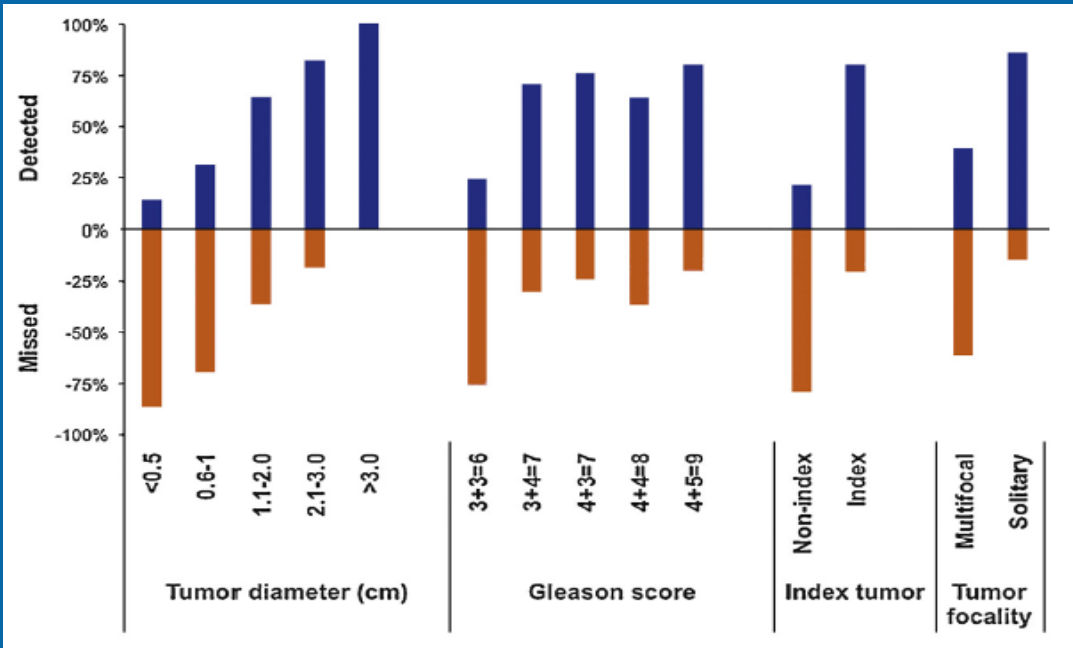
MRGB: Correlation with RP Pathology

- Accuracy of MRGB for pathological Gleason score

	Per Tumor Foci N = 126
Primary Gleason grade	90%
Secondary Gleason grade	59%
Underestimated Gleason score	29%

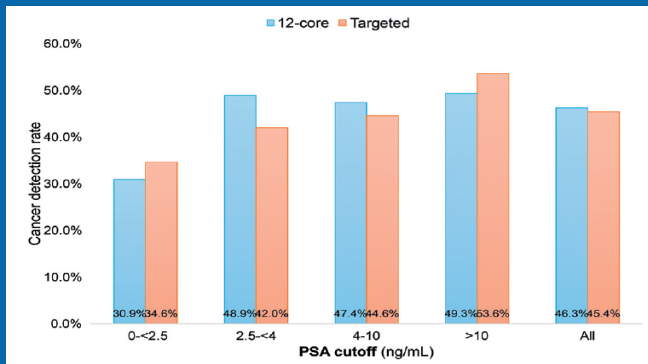
- Index lesion detected in all cases
- Highest Gleason grade underestimated in 28%
N = 125, median PSA 7.2 ng/mL, PI-RADS 4-5 74%, median size 14 mm

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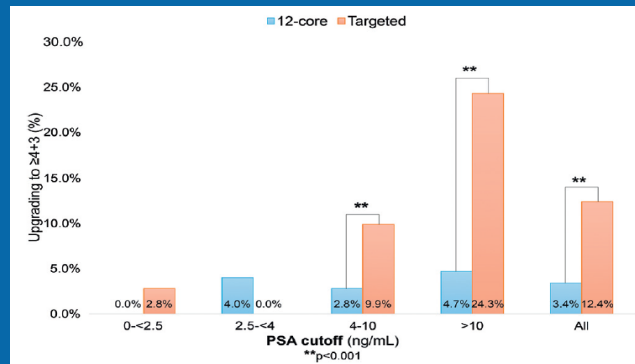


- N = 122, pre-RP mpMRI
- Analysis by tumor foci on RP pathology rather than by patient
- Poor tumor detection for non-index, low-grade, and small tumors
- 68% of clinically significant tumor foci identified by mpMRI (> 1 cm, G \geq 7, index tumor)
- Sensitivity
 - Gleason \geq 3+4: 72%
 - Gleason \geq 4+3: 68%

mpMRI-US Fusion Targeted Biopsy: Upgrading



Cancer Detection



Gleason Upgrading

- No difference in cancer detection → std vs targeted biopsy
- ↑ Upgrading ($G \geq 4+3$) with targeted biopsy at PSA levels > 4
- ↑ Insignificant cancer ($G \leq 3+4$) with std biopsy at PSA levels < 4

N = 1003, 2007-2014, 19% prior biopsy
Only includes pts with Positive MP-MRI*

Index Tumor Characterization: Is MRGB Enough?

- Accuracy of mpMRI, MRGB, standard biopsy for index tumor detection

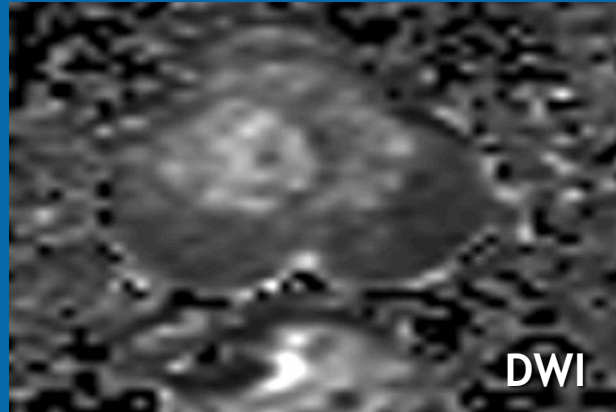
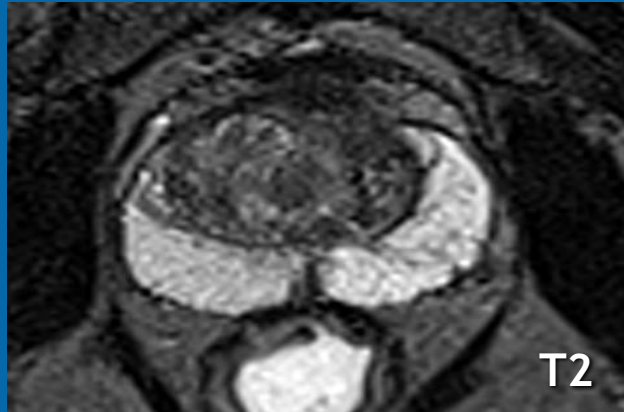
	Index Tumor Detection
mpMRI	92%
MRGB	80%
Standard Biopsy	92%
MRGB plus Standard Biopsy	96%

- MRGB and std biopsy detected 97% of all significant prostate cancer foci vs. 85% for mpMRI

Summary: MRGB For Cancer Characterization

- mpMRI performs poorly for pathological staging
- MRGB alone underestimates tumor grade in up to one-third of cases
 - Small high-grade cancers may be missed in up to 75-80% of cases
- MRGB plus standard biopsy best for accurate tumor characterization

Negative MRI: No Clinically Significant Cancer?



Can Biopsy Be Avoided Based on mpMRI?

- **Negative mpMRI (PI-RADS 1 ± 2): 19-48%**
 - Cancer detection rate: 15-31% → 16-20% of all cancers
 - 25-79% Gleason \geq 3+4
- **NPV 63-98% for significant cancer → Potential for missed significant cancers if patients undergo MRGB without standard biopsy**

Pokomy et al. *Eur Urol* 2014; Haffner et al. *BJU Int* 2011; Kuru et al. *J Urol* 2013; Rastinehead et al. *J Urol* 2013; Wysock et al. *Eur Urol* 2014; Sonn et al. *J Urol* 2013

Prostate Cancer Case

- **Healthy 57 yo Caucasian male, elevated PSA**
 - 2017: 6.29 ng/mL (F:T 12%)
 - 2016: 7.40
 - 2015: 3.47 ng/mL
- **Family history: father Dx age 64**
- **Normal DRE**
- **Minimal LUTS**
- **Continent, potent**

Prostate Cancer Case

- Patient reluctant to undergo biopsy → wanted mpMRI
- Prostate MRI:
 - No visible targets
 - Prostate volume: 50 cc
 - PSA density: 0.13

Prostate Cancer Case

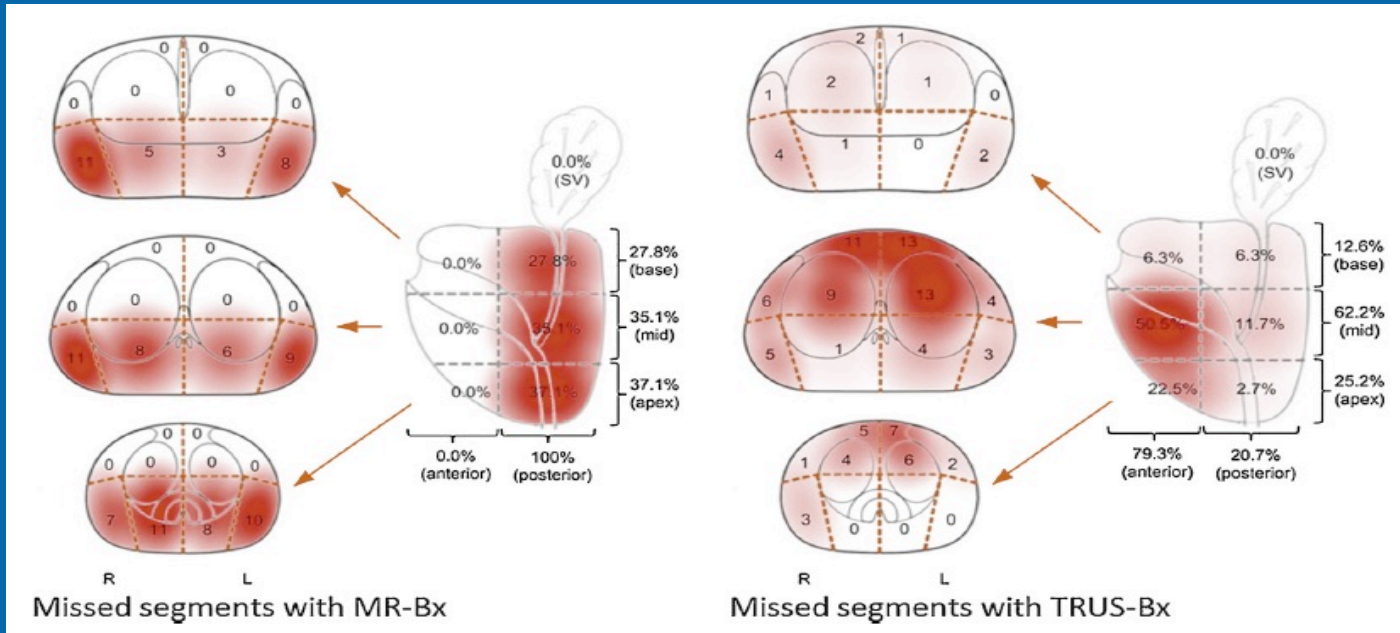
- **Prostate biopsy: 3 of 12 cores positive**
 - L. mid: Gleason 6, 1 mm
 - L. base: 2/2+, Gleason 3+4, 15 mm, 10% cribriform glands
- **RALRP**
 - pT3a, established extraprostatic extension
 - Gleason 3+4, cribriform pattern present
 - Tumor volume: 4 cc
 - 0 of 22 lymph nodes positive

mpMRI PI-RADS v2: Correlation with RP Pathology

- mpMRI: limited accuracy for small, high-grade tumors

	Identification with mpMRI
Tumors > 0.5 mL	
Peripheral zone	94%
Transition zone	95%
Tumors < 0.5 mL and Gleason \geq 4+3	
Peripheral zone	26%
Transition zone	20%

Missed Significant Cancers by MRGB



- Significant Cancer Detection: 74% MRGB vs. 61% Std Bx

mpMRI and MRGB

- Superior to standard biopsy at characterizing prostate cancer (index tumor) → improved decision-making
- Limitations:
 - Small, high-grade cancers
 - Apical and posterolateral tumors

Vargas HA et al. *Eur Radiol* 2016; Schouten MG et al. *Eur Urol* 2017

- Targeted biopsy operator-dependent
- Substantial cost, inconvenience
- Studies needed to prove value in decision-making



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