

Automatic Radiology Report Generator

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Project Overview

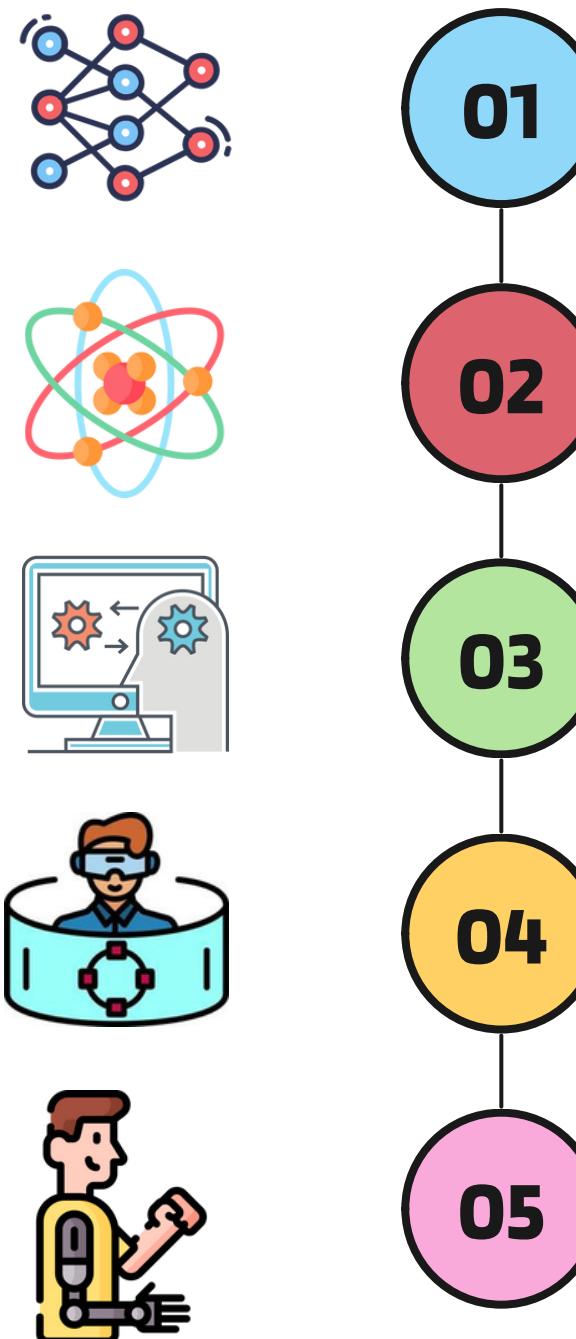


Image feature extraction using a **Vision Transformer**
(vit_base_patch16_224)

Nearest-neighbor retrieval of similar radiographs via **cosine similarity**

Prompt generation using **MeSH terms and findings**

Report synthesis using a **fine-tuned DistilGPT-2 model**

Performance evaluation through **BLEU, ROUGE, BERTScore, perplexity, and embedding visualizations**

Need Analysis

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Increasing Diagnostic Workload

Hospitals and diagnostic centers face a rapidly growing number of imaging studies, especially chest X-rays. Radiologists often handle hundreds of cases per day, leading to high cognitive load, report delays and risk of fatigue-related errors. An automated system can help reduce turnaround time and support radiologists in managing large case volumes.

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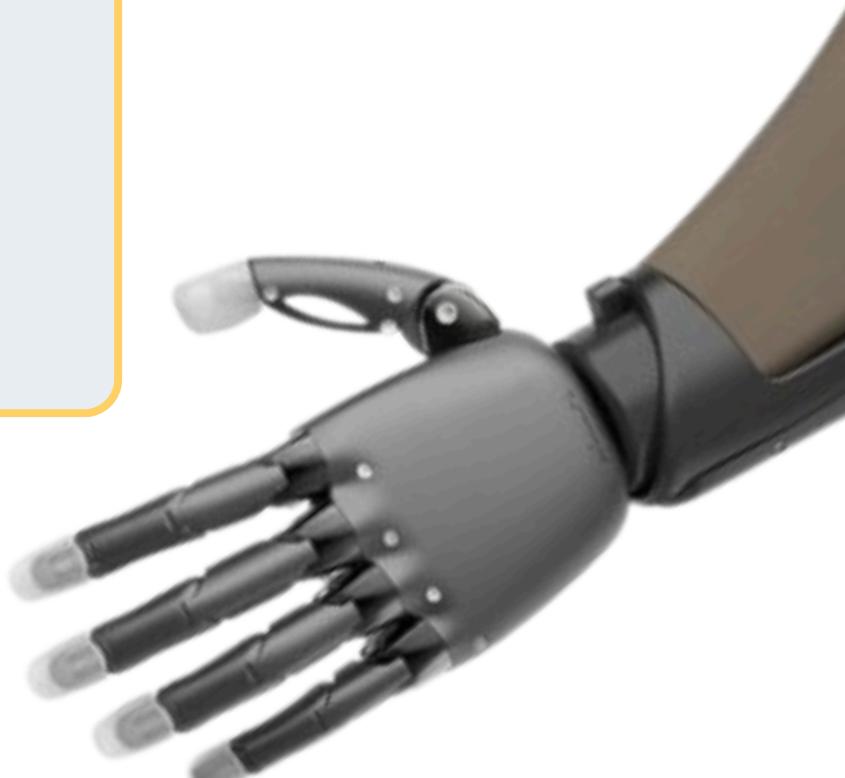
Shortage of Trained Radiologists

Many regions, especially developing countries, face a shortage of qualified radiologists. This gap leads to: delayed diagnoses, uneven quality of care and increased burden on existing professionals. A reliable AI-based system can offer decision support or preliminary reporting in such resource-constrained settings.

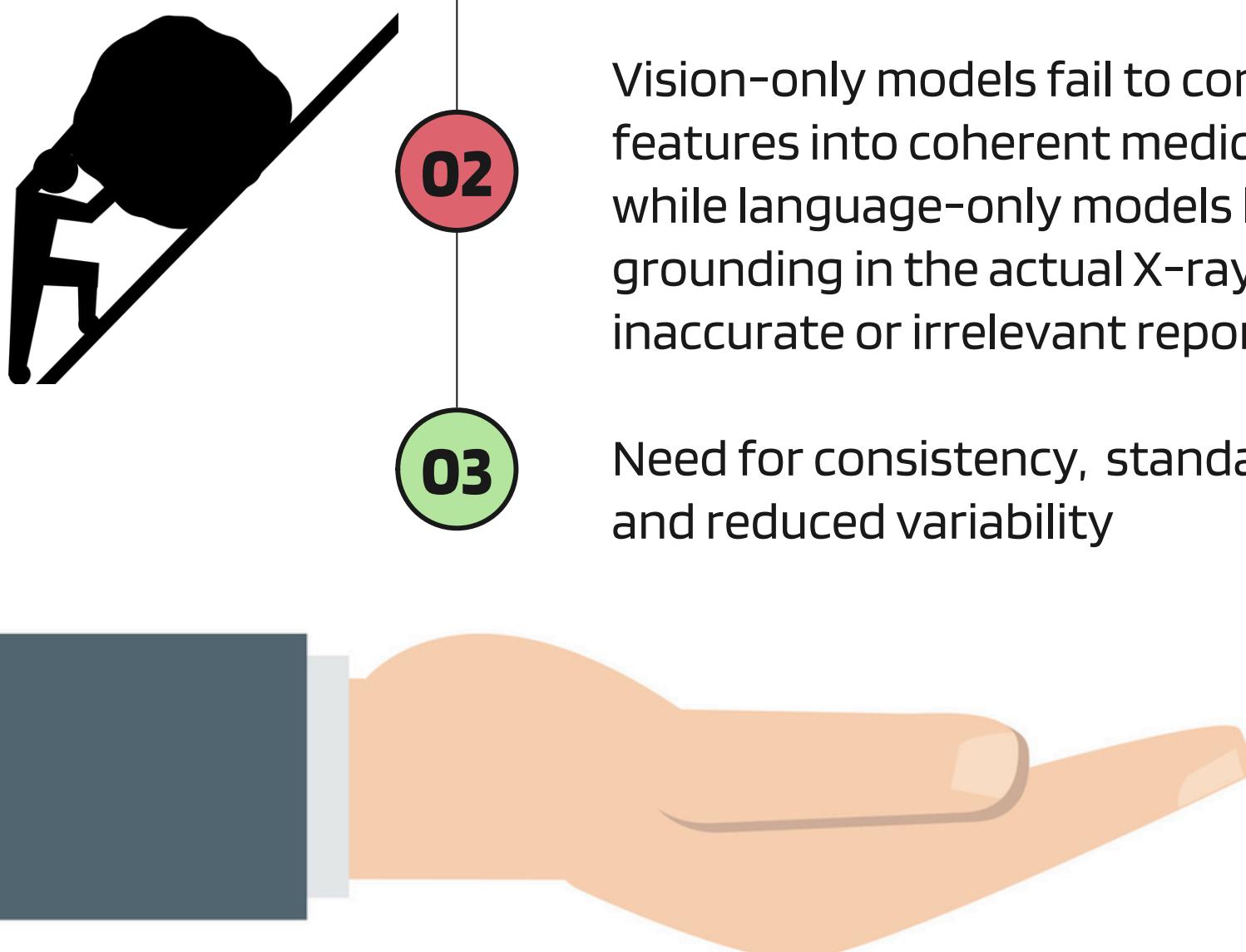
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Lack of Unified Vision-Language Frameworks

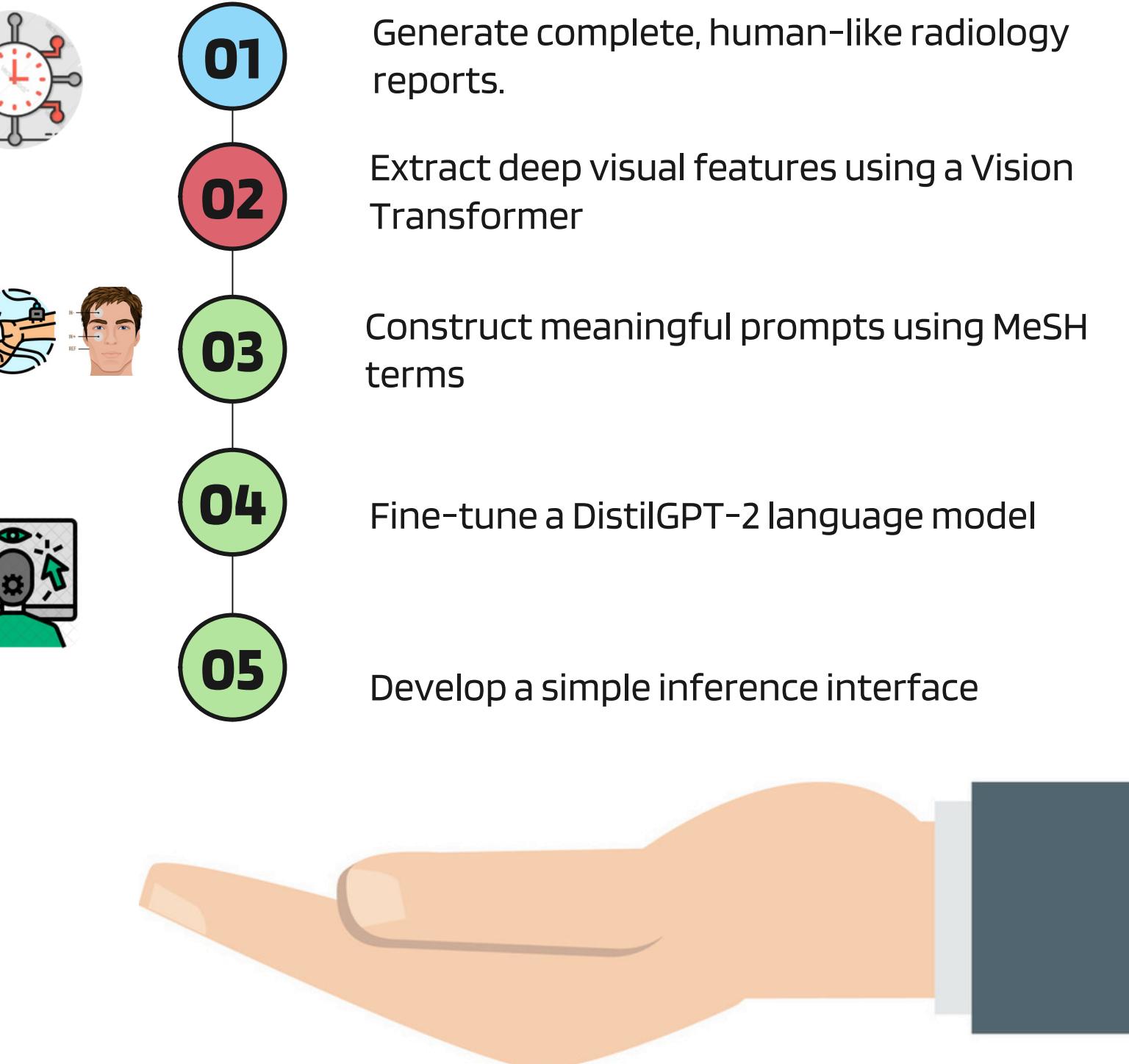
Existing systems handle either image interpretation (vision models), or text generation (language models) but very few combine both effectively. A unified model is needed to bridge the gap between: pixel-level patterns in chest X-rays and high-level clinical reasoning expressed in radiology reports.



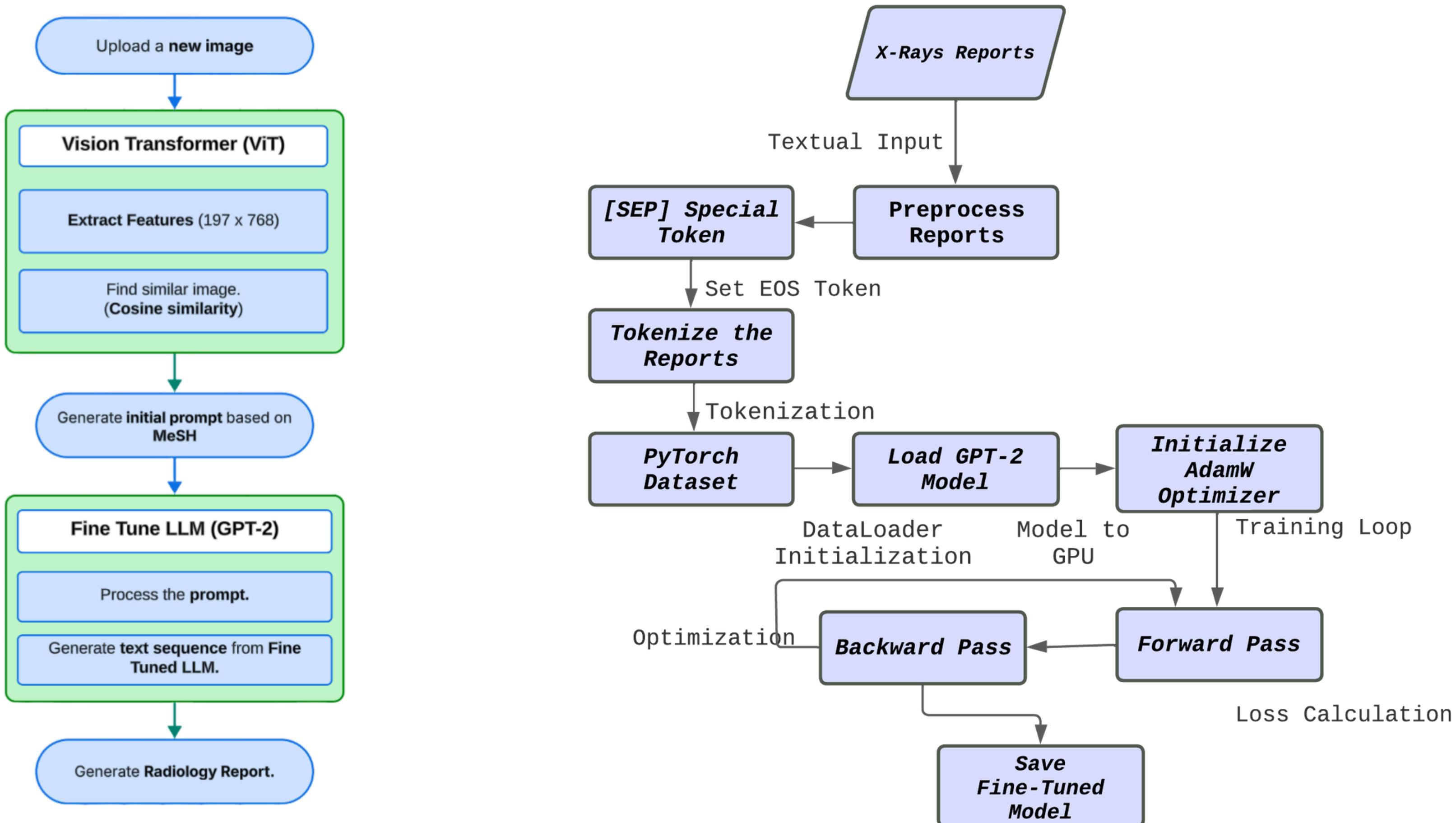
Problem Statement

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- 01 Existing ML models can classify abnormalities in chest X-rays but cannot generate reports.
 - 02 Vision-only models fail to convert image features into coherent medical language, while language-only models lack grounding in the actual X-ray, leading to inaccurate or irrelevant reports..
 - 03 Need for consistency, standardization, and reduced variability

Objectives

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- 01 Generate complete, human-like radiology reports.
 - 02 Extract deep visual features using a Vision Transformer
 - 03 Construct meaningful prompts using MeSH terms
 - 04 Fine-tune a DistilGPT-2 language model
 - 05 Develop a simple inference interface

System Architecture



Fine-Tuning Performance (Loss)

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Using 1000 reports for fine-tuning
Using device: mps
Model loaded
Epoch: 1
Epoch 1/20, Loss: 0.8700
Epoch: 2
Epoch 2/20, Loss: 0.4816
Epoch: 3
Epoch 3/20, Loss: 0.3936
Epoch: 4
Epoch 4/20, Loss: 0.3298
Epoch: 5
Epoch 5/20, Loss: 0.2764
Epoch: 6
Epoch 6/20, Loss: 0.2342
Epoch: 7
Epoch 7/20, Loss: 0.1983
Epoch: 8
Epoch 8/20, Loss: 0.1695
Epoch: 9
Epoch 9/20, Loss: 0.1455
Epoch: 10
Epoch 10/20, Loss: 0.1289
Epoch: 11
Epoch 11/20, Loss: 0.1130
Epoch: 12
Epoch 12/20, Loss: 0.1016
Epoch: 13
Epoch 13/20, Loss: 0.0908
Epoch: 14
Epoch 14/20, Loss: 0.0837
Epoch: 15
Epoch 15/20, Loss: 0.0767
Epoch: 16
Epoch 16/20, Loss: 0.0699
Epoch: 17
Epoch 17/20, Loss: 0.0675
Epoch: 18
Epoch 18/20, Loss: 0.0639
Epoch: 19
Epoch 19/20, Loss: 0.0581
Epoch: 20
Epoch 20/20, Loss: 0.0555
Training complete. Model saved.
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Results

Evaluation Metrics

BLEU Score: 0.2698

ROUGE Scores:

Metric	Score
ROUGE-1 F1	0.7368
ROUGE-2 F1	0.3529
ROUGE-L F1	0.6315

BERTScore:

Metric	Score
Precision	0.943
Recall	0.963
F1	0.953

Constraints

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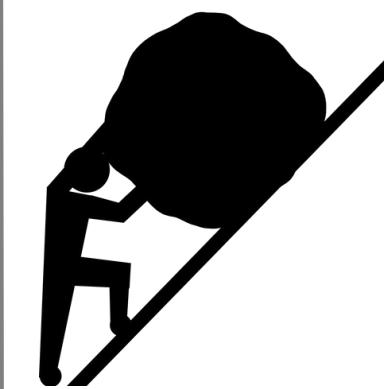
Limited Computational Resources:

Training ViT and GPT-2 requires high-performance GPUs; running them on CPU leads to significantly slower inference and training times.

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Single-Modality Dependence: The system relies only on chest X-rays; lack of multimodal clinical data (history, labs, vitals) may limit diagnostic accuracy.

Future Scope



01

Fine-tune on larger and more diverse radiology datasets:

to improve robustness and clinical accuracy.

02

Integrate multimodal data such as CT/MRI scans, patient history, and lab reports, for more comprehensive diagnostic reporting.

03

Introduce continual learning mechanisms so the model adapts to new hospital data or evolving clinical guidelines without full retraining.

Thank You!