

Advancing Healthcare with Machine Learning

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About Me

- Research Scientist at Stanford University
 - Lab: Machine Intelligence for Medical Imaging (MIMI)
 - Advisor: Akshay Chaudhari
- Passionate about developing machine learning algorithms for healthcare applications
- Research Interests:
 - Machine Learning
 - Foundation Models
 - Healthcare



Personal Journey

1. Bachelors in Accounting & Finance from LUMS, Pakistan
2. Three years work experience at:
 - a. Solutions Consultant - EZOfficeInventory (Tech startup in Austin, TX)
 - b. Data Analyst - Plutus21 Capital (Hedge fund startup in Dallas, TX)
3. Master's in Information Technology from UT Austin
 - a. Focus: Applied machine learning
 - b. Internship: Dell Technologies
4. Master's in Electrical and Computer Engineering from UT Austin
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 - b. Internship: Amazon
5. Research Scientist at Stanford University
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Plan for Today

- 1** Solving medical imaging inverse problems by learning from corrupted data
- 2** Optimizing LLM performance in clinical documentation tasks
- 3** Detecting underdiagnosed medical conditions via opportunistic imaging

1. Solving medical imaging inverse problems by learning from corrupted data



Relevant Publications:

1. Solving inverse problems with generative priors learned from noisy data
 - a. Poster presentation, IEEE Asilomar 2023
2. GSURE Denoising enables training of higher quality generative priors for accelerated Multi-Coil MRI Reconstruction
 - a. Oral presentation, ISMRM 2024
3. Ambient Diffusion Posterior Sampling: Solving Inverse Problems with Diffusion Models Trained on Corrupted Data
 - a. Poster presentation, ICLR 2024
4. Enhancing Deep Learning-Driven Multi-Coil MRI Reconstruction via Self-Supervised Denoising
 - a. Currently in review

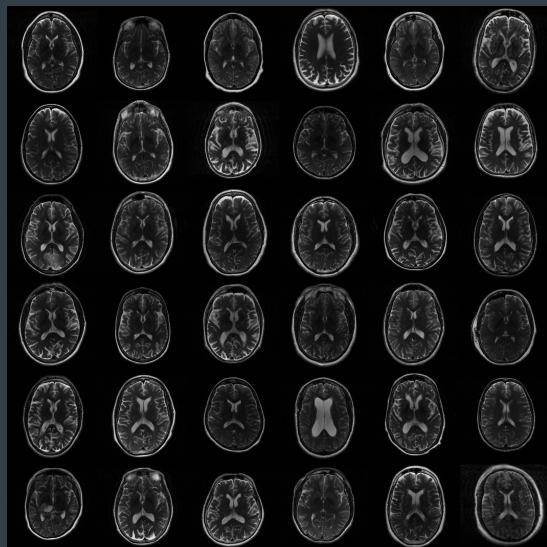
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- Deep Diffusion Probabilistic (Generative) Models are powerful tools for accelerated MRI reconstruction
 - ✓ Exploit large training databases
 - ✓ Decouples from the forward model

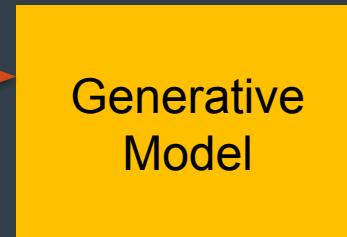
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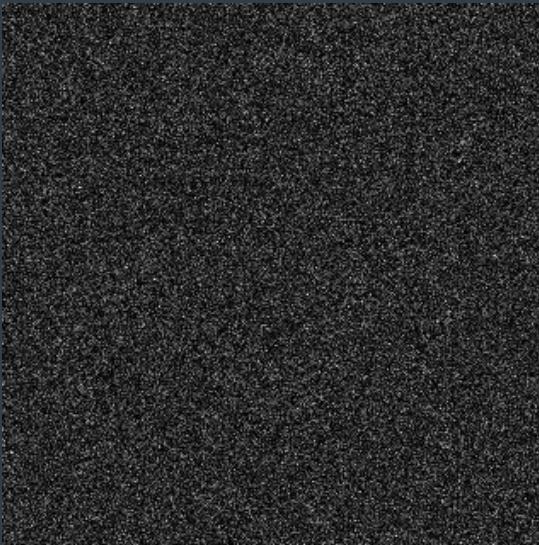
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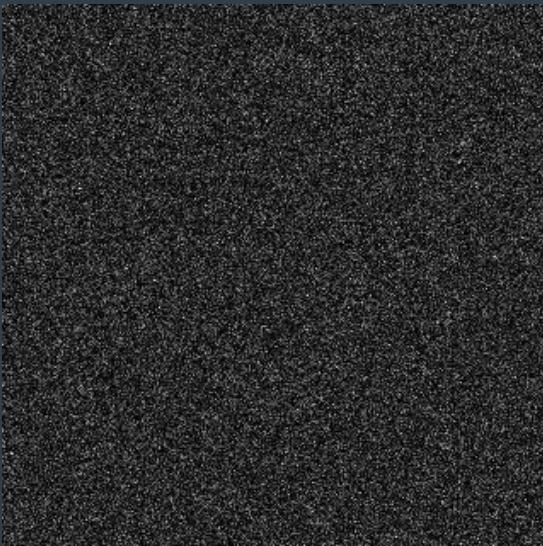


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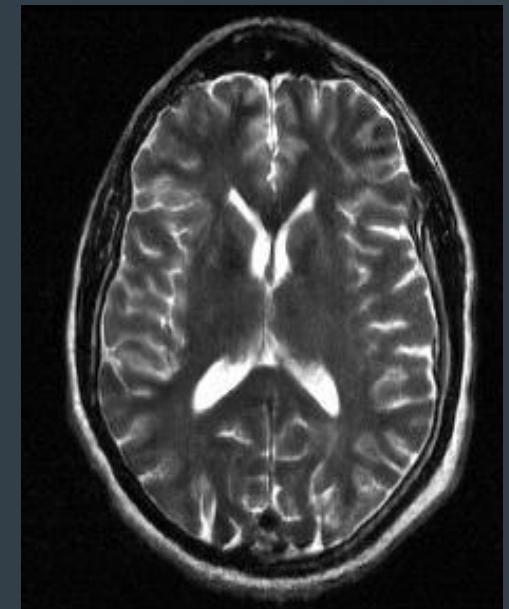
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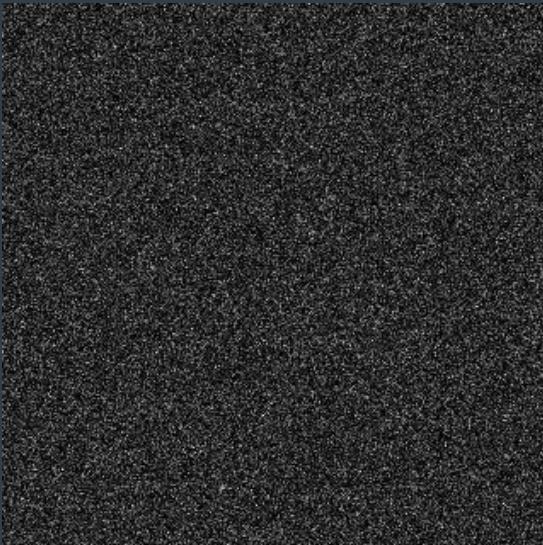
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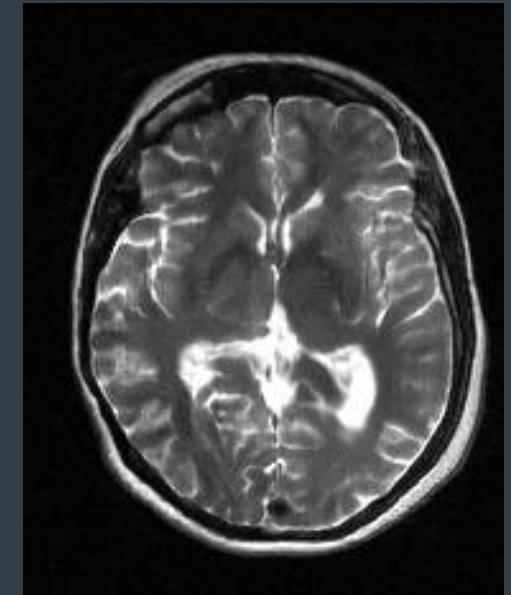
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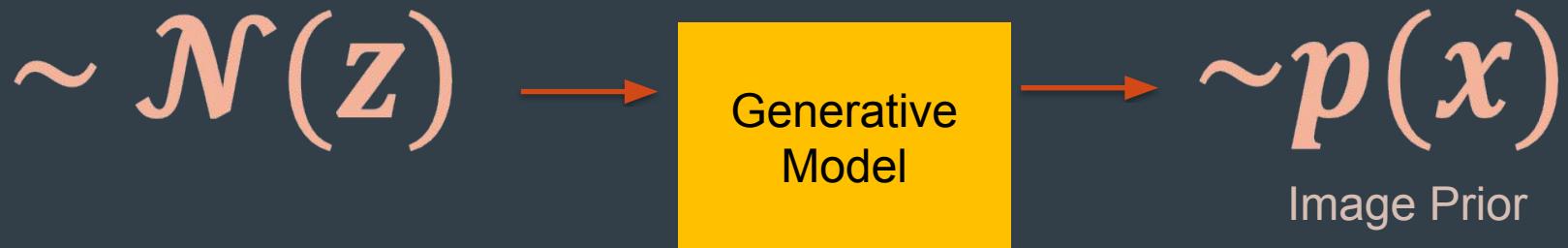


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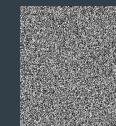
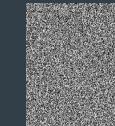
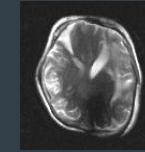
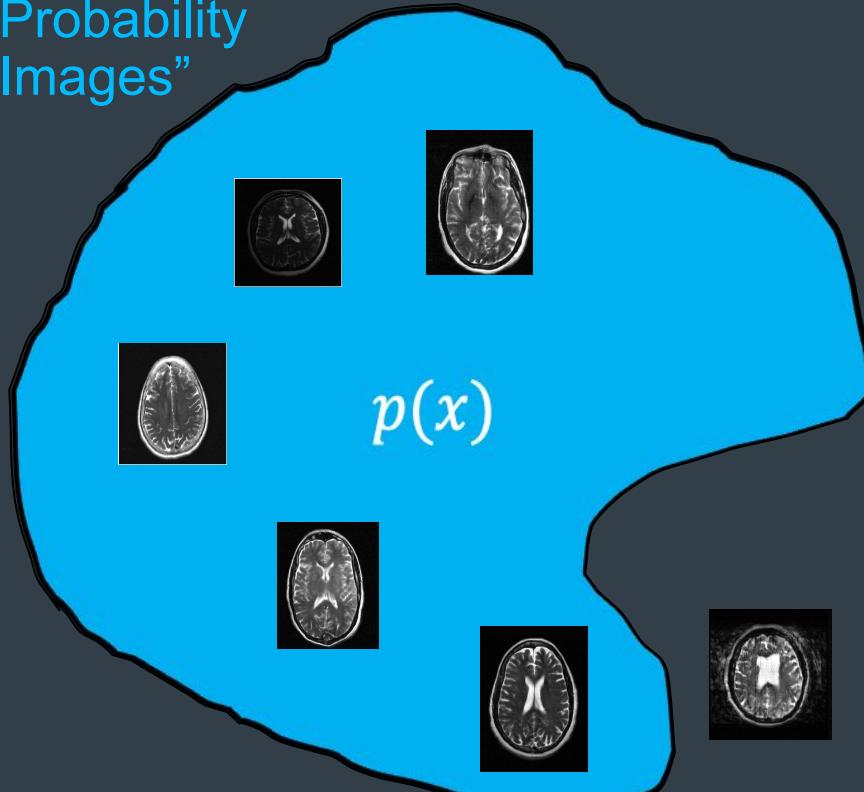
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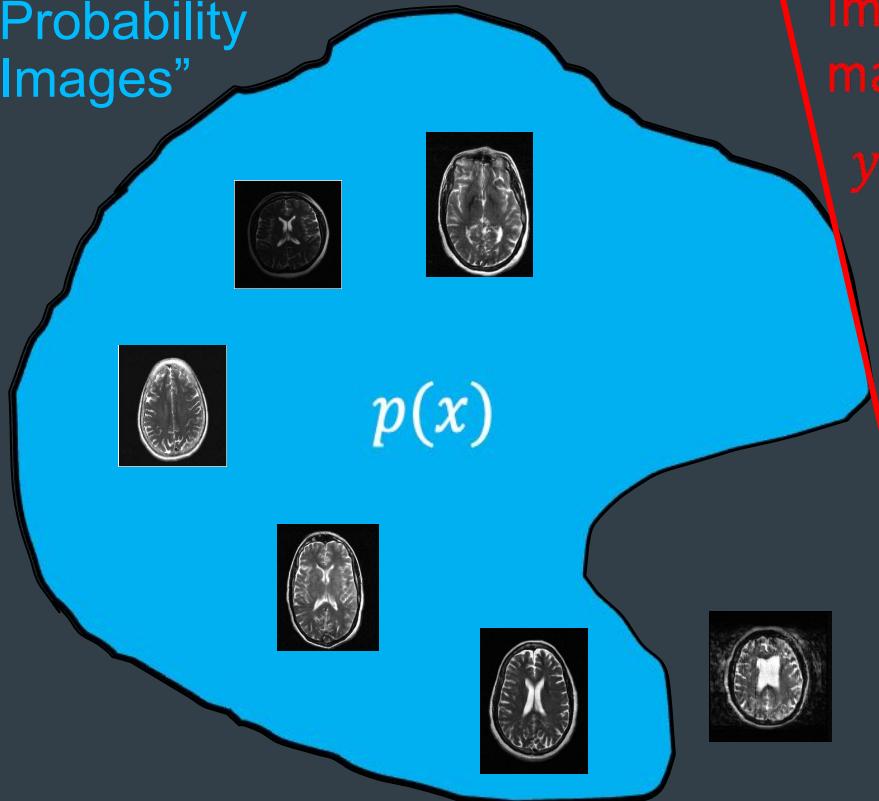
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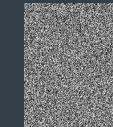
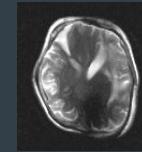
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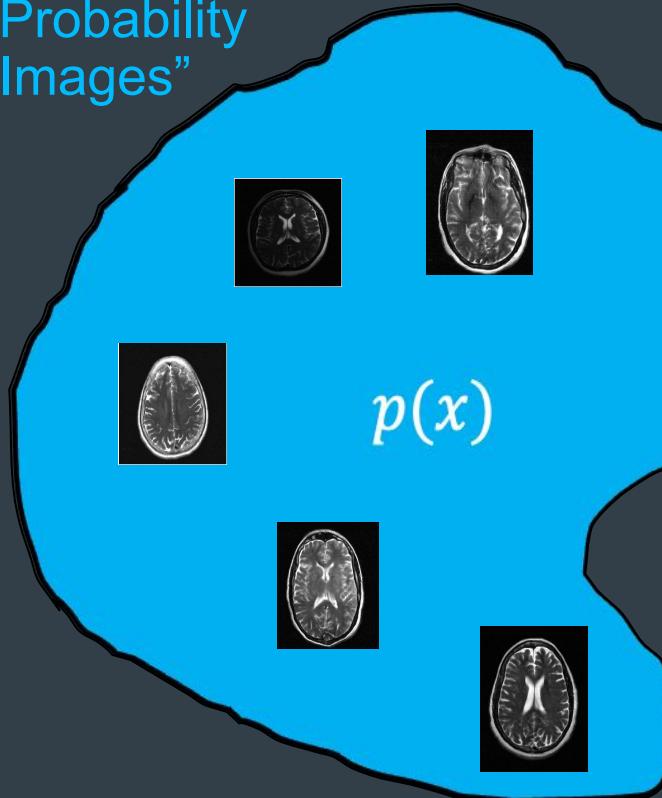
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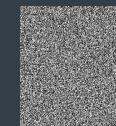
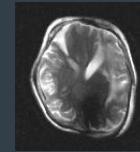
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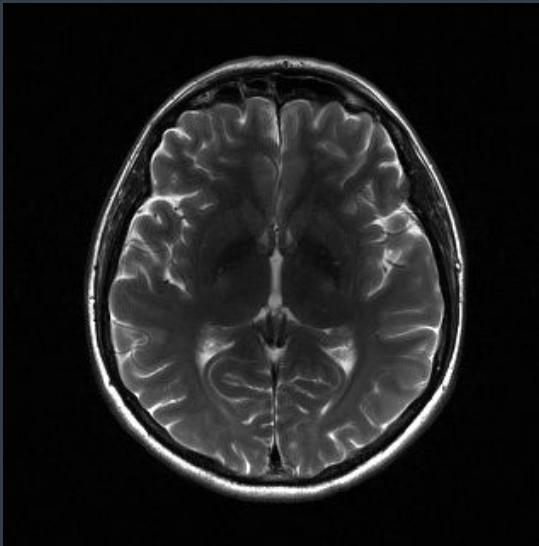


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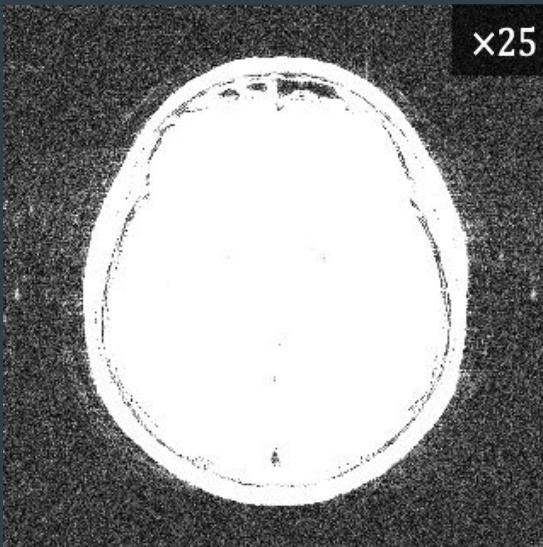
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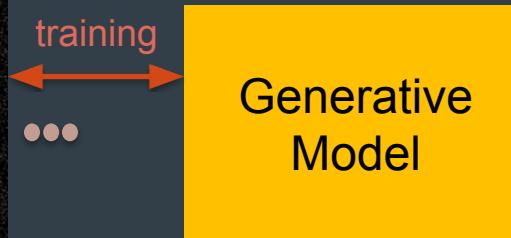
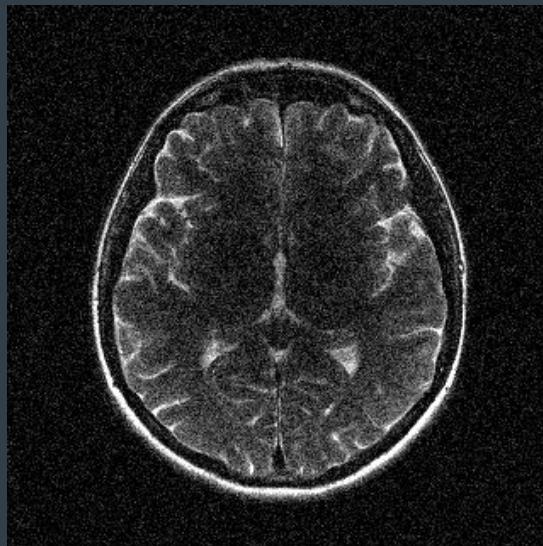
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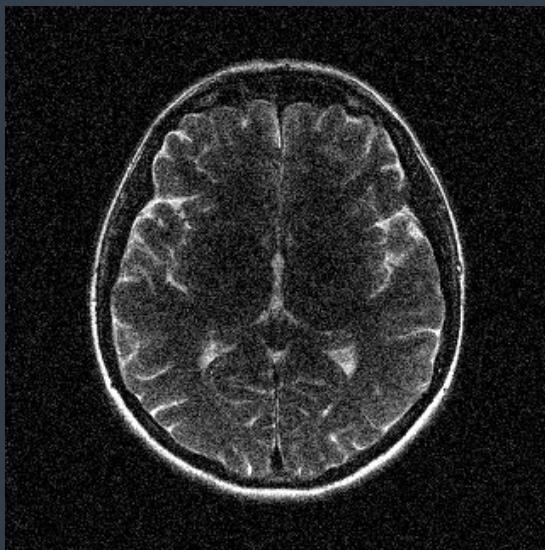
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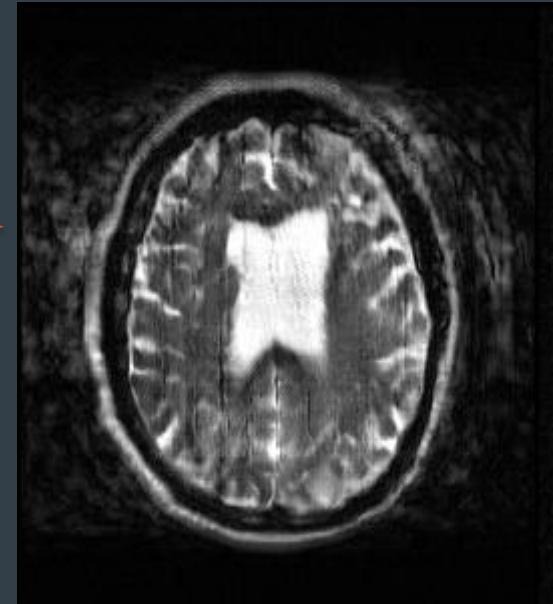
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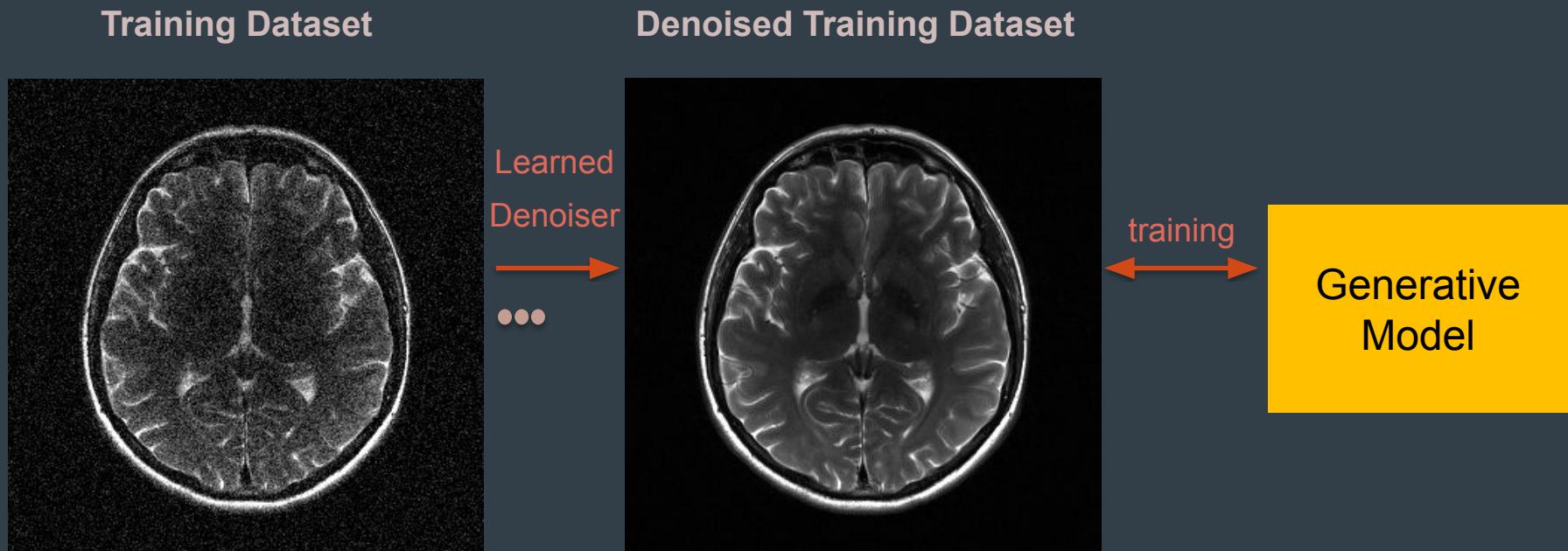
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Generative
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Purpose

- Learn model to denoise dataset before training generative models



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Training a denoiser without access clean training samples.

Investigate the **effectiveness** of self-supervised **denoising** as a pre-processing step to learning **generative priors** for accelerated MRI reconstruction

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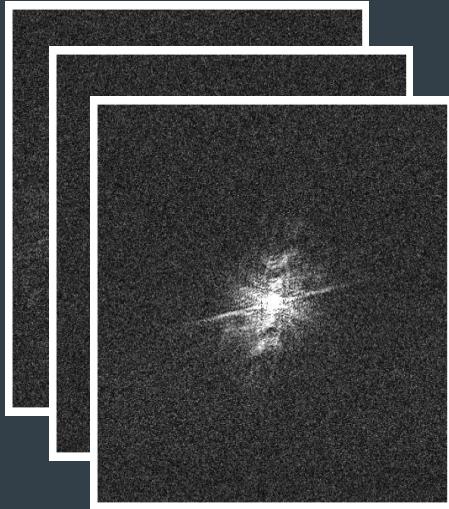
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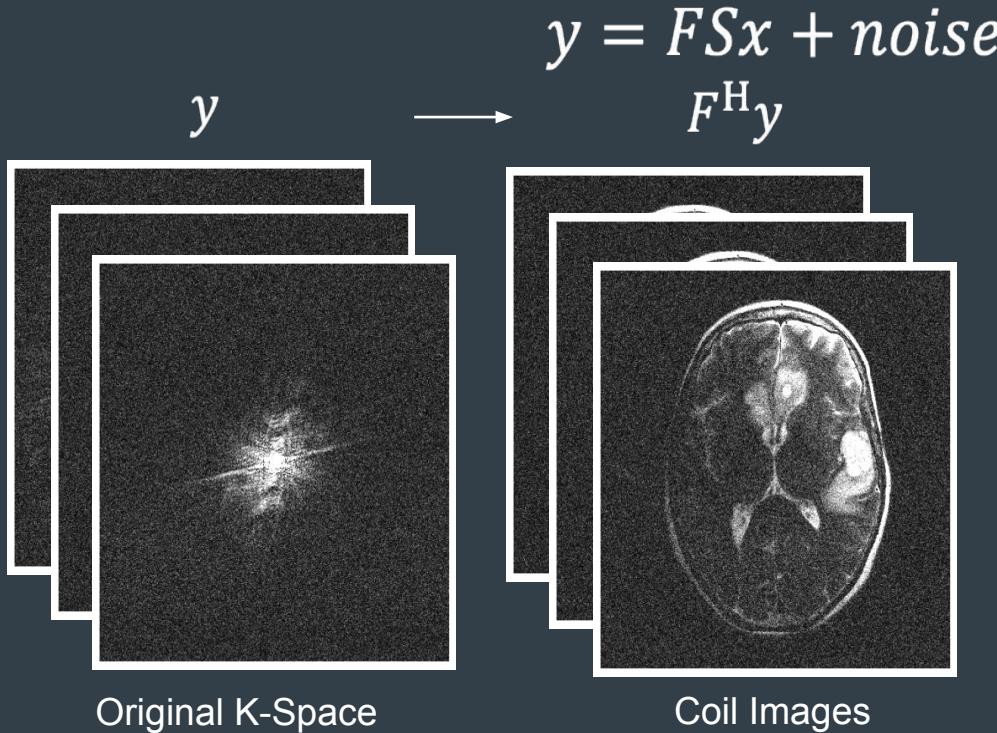
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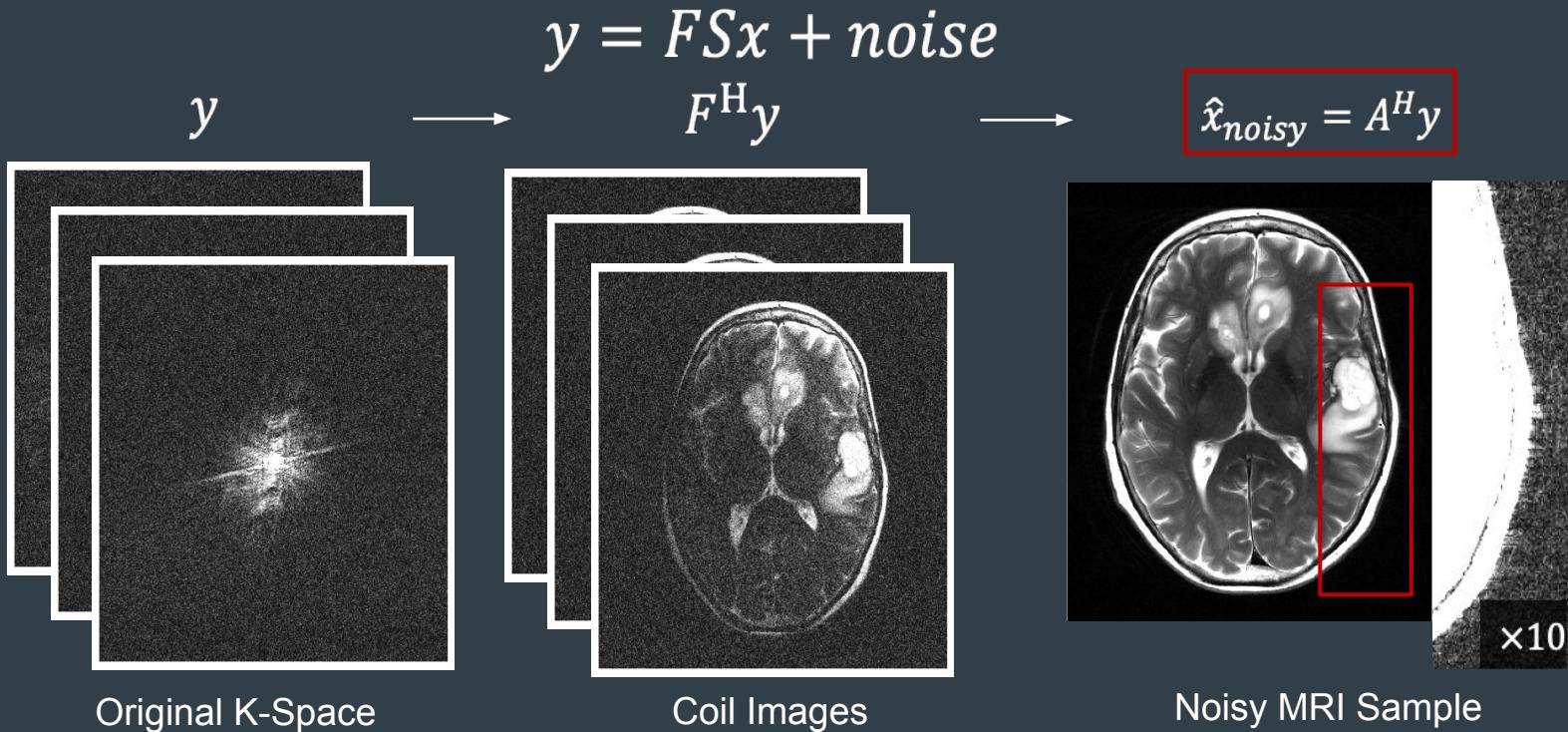
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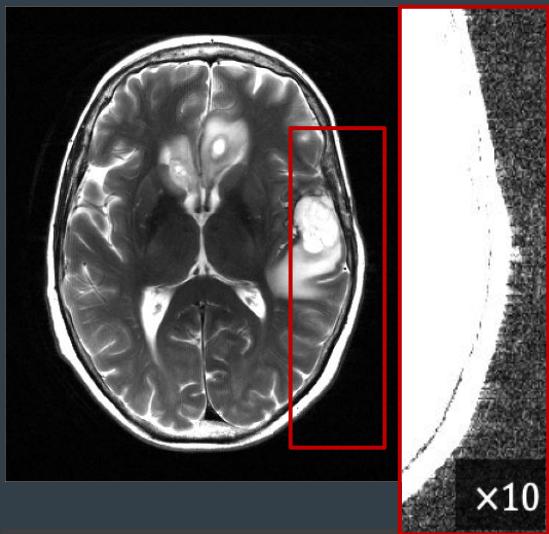
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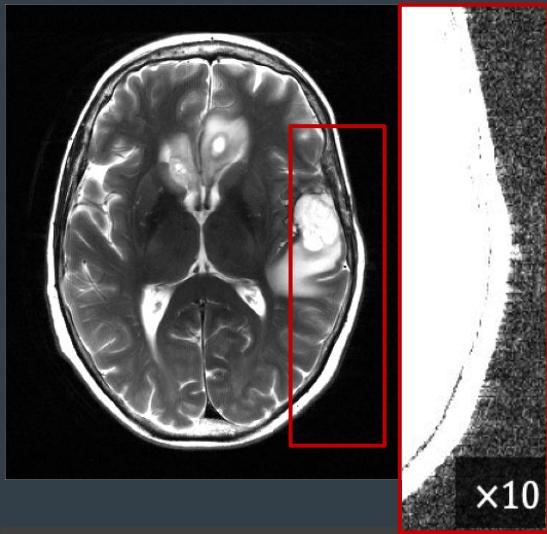
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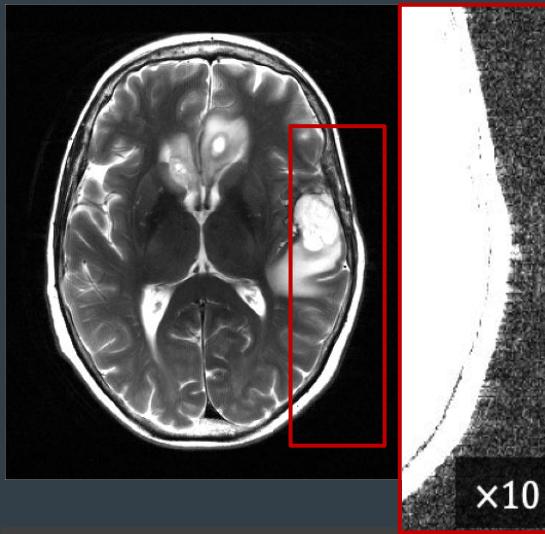
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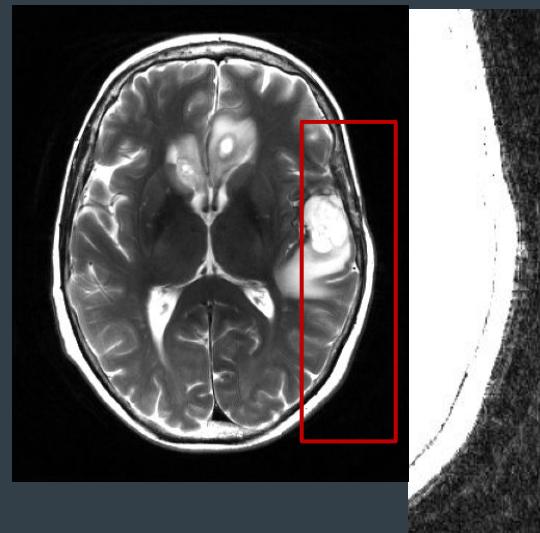


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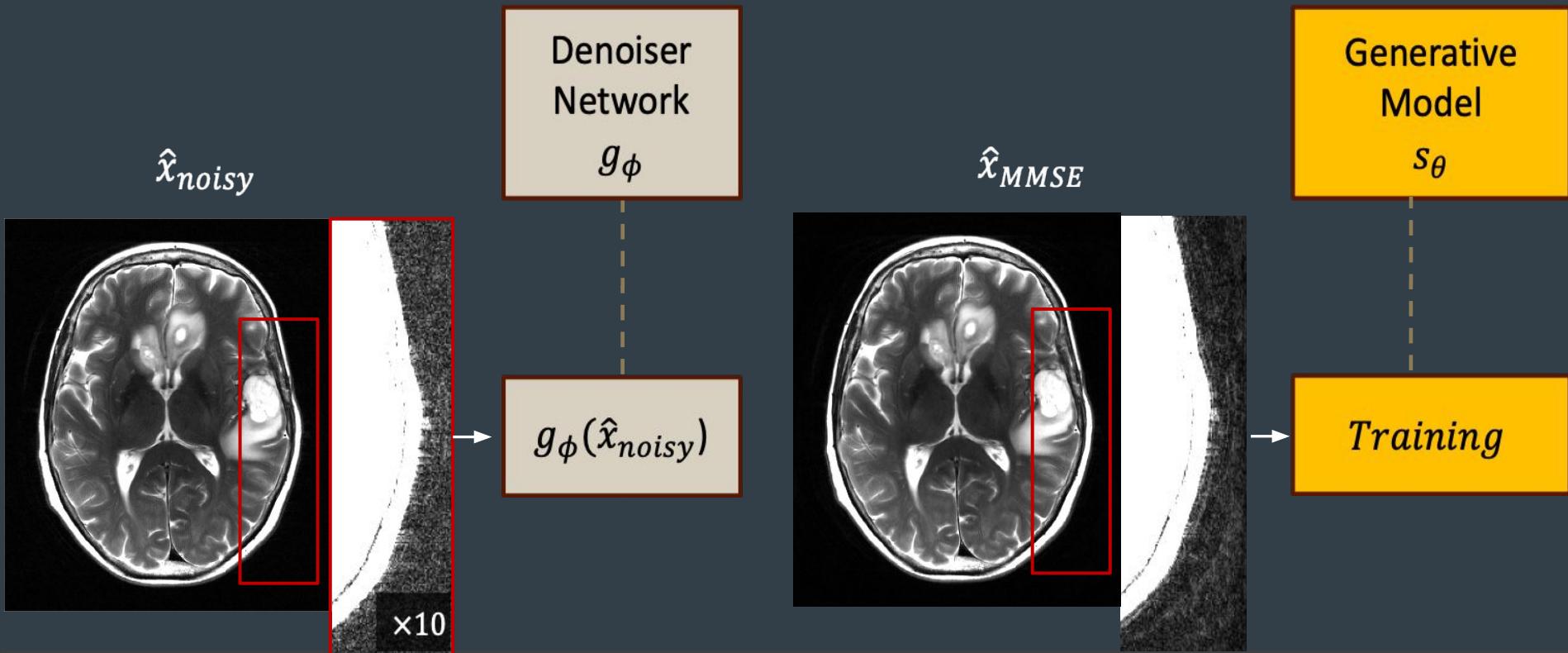
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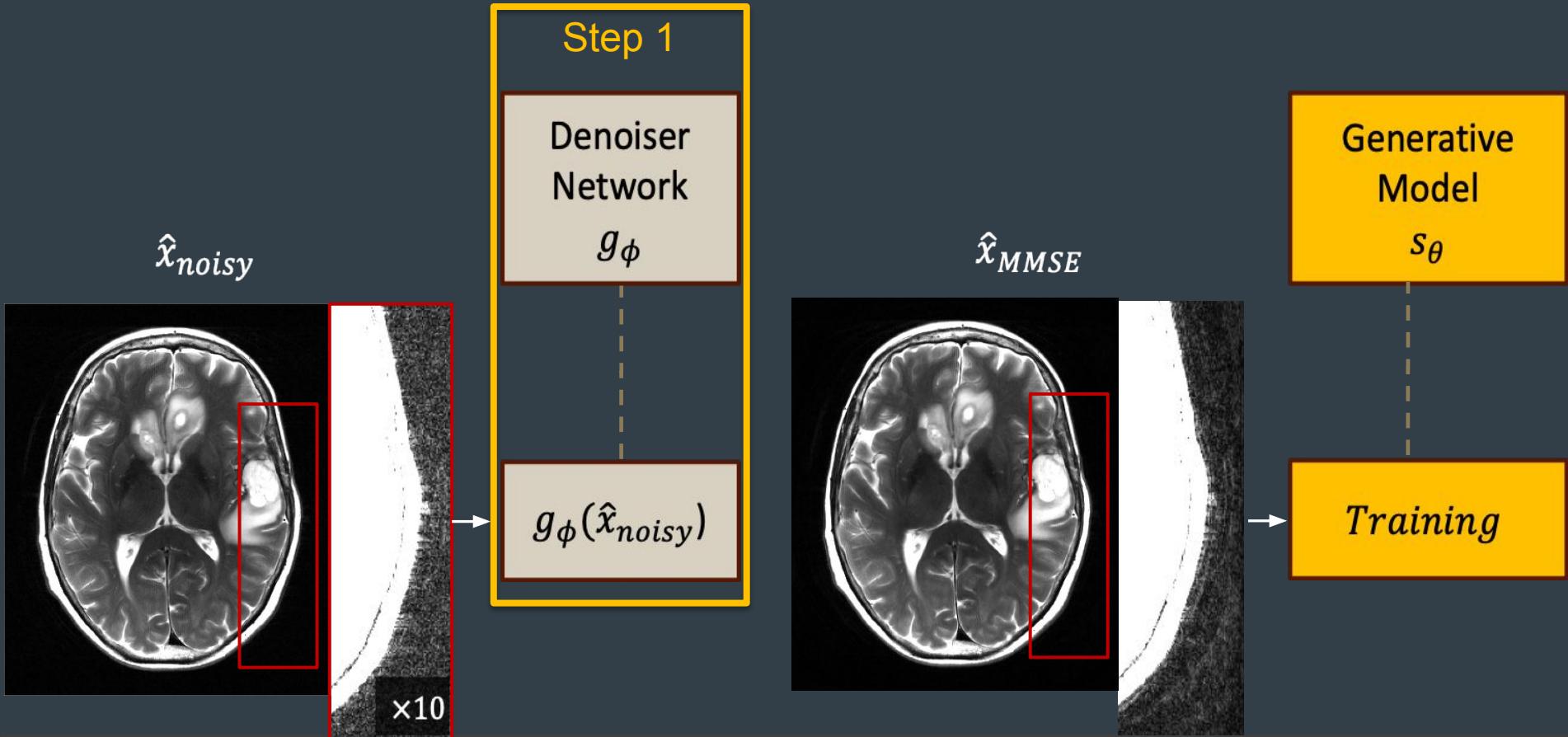
\hat{x}_{MMSE}



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Self-Supervised Denoising

Training a denoiser with only access to noisy data

A is a Linear Forward Operator (Fully-Sampled) -> **GSURE**^{1,2,3}

$$y = Fx + \text{noise}$$

¹Soltanayev, *NeurIPS*, 2018, ²Eldar, *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*, 2008, ³Kawar, *TMLR*, 2023

Generalized SURE (GSURE) Basics

- GSURE¹: Self-supervised denoising technique, only need access to:
 - $\hat{x}_{noisy} \rightarrow \text{Noisy Samples}$
 - Noise **Covariance Matrix**
- An unbiased estimate of the MSE

$$E[\text{L}_{GSURE}] = E\|g_\phi(\hat{x}_{noisy}) - x\|$$

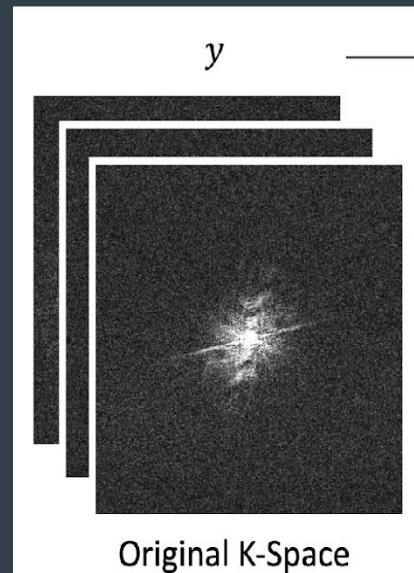
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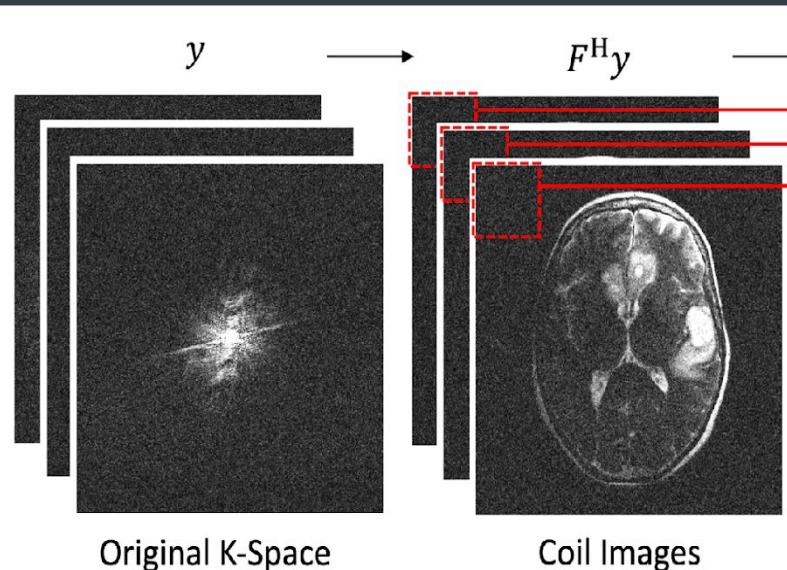
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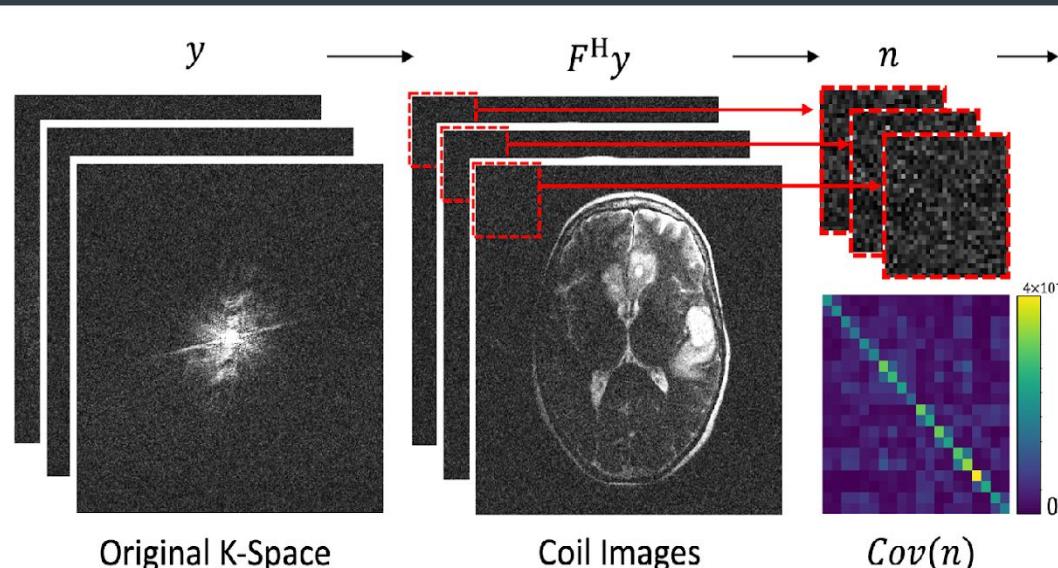
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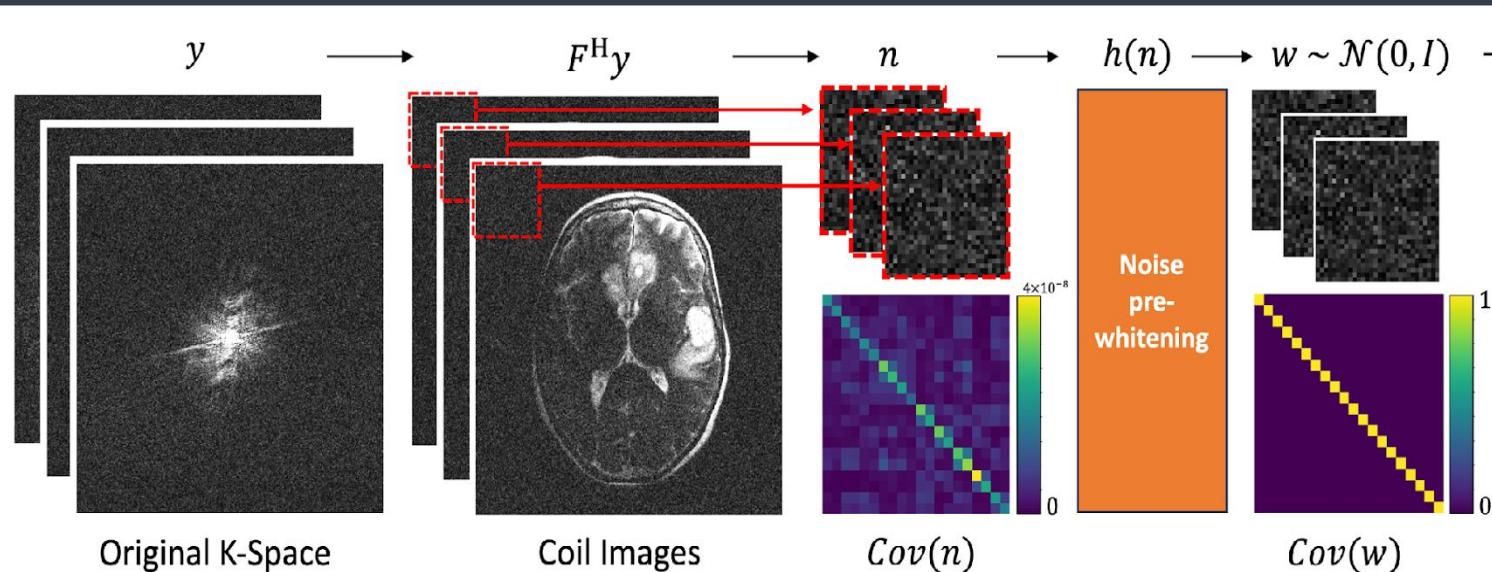
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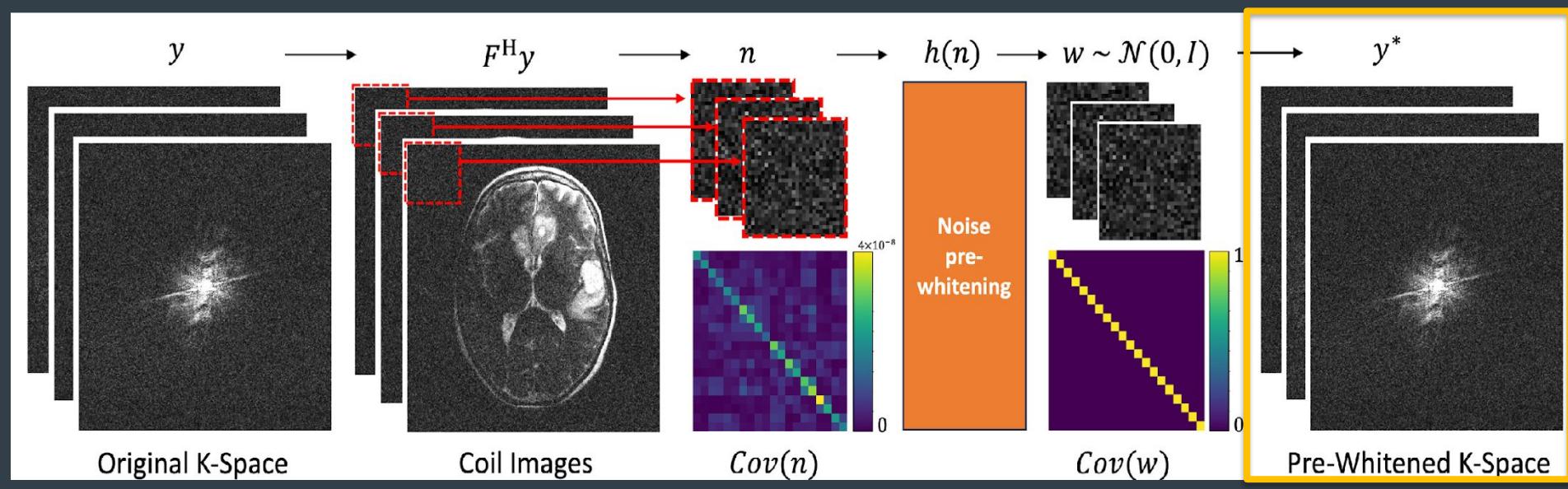
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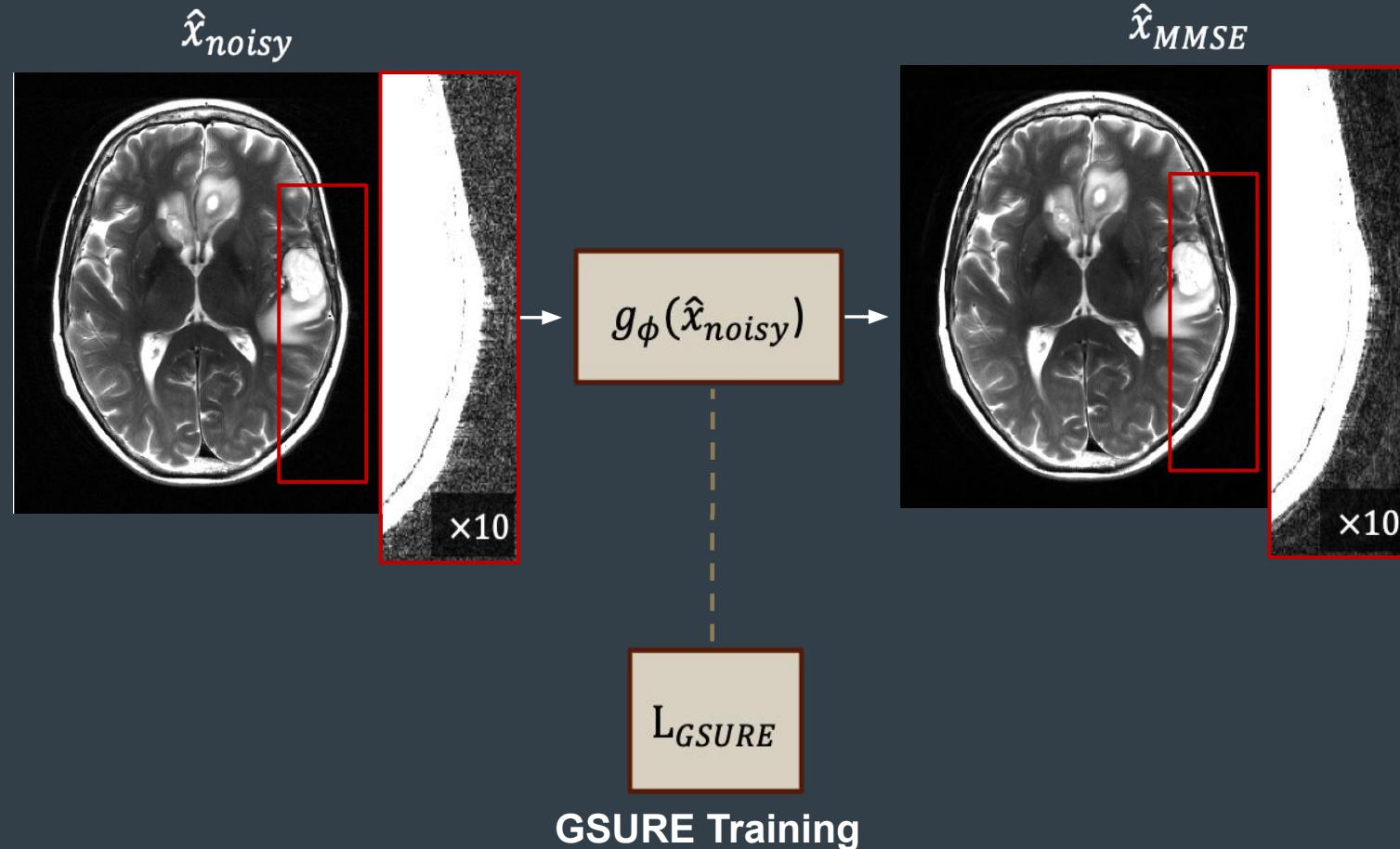
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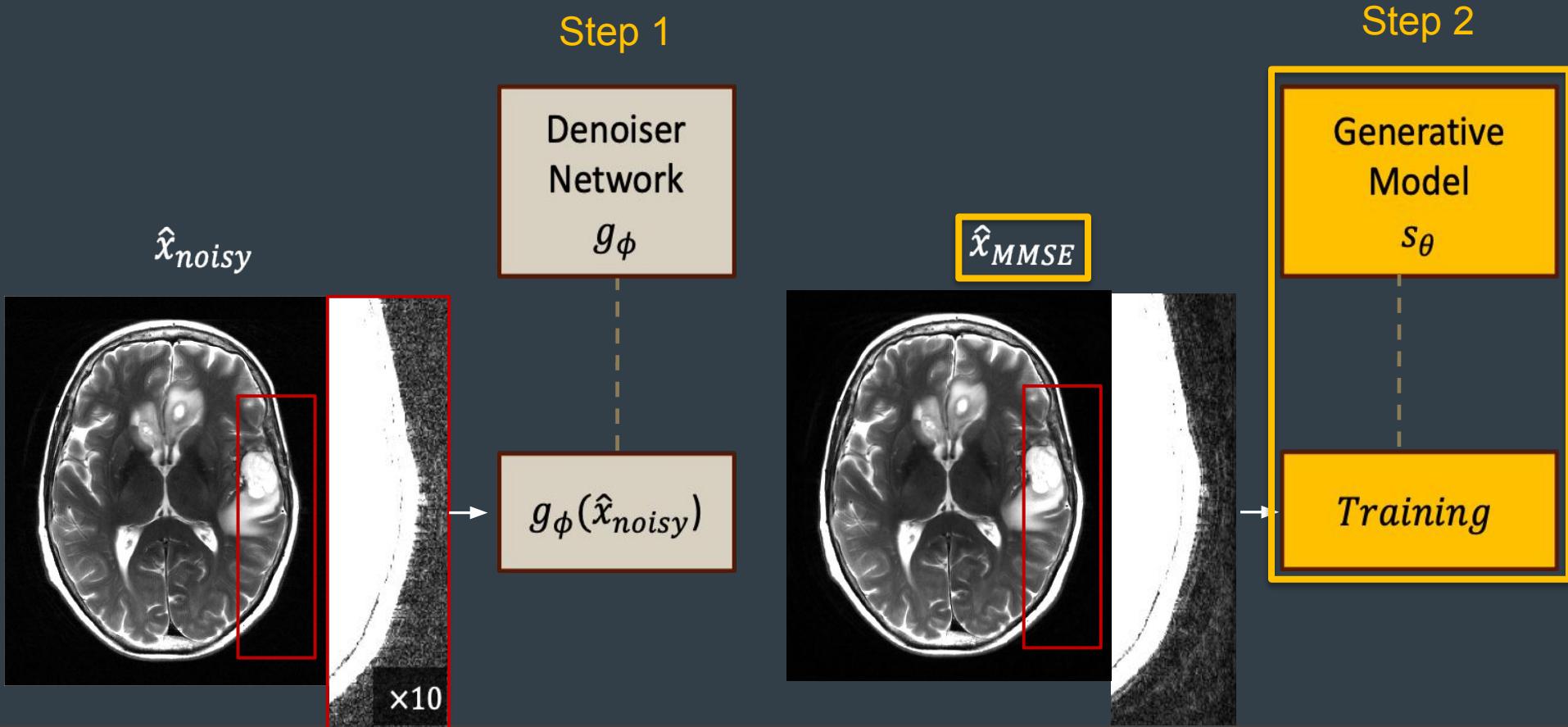


Kellman *MRM* (2005)

GSURE Denoising - Summary



Proposed Methods



Diffusion Probabilistic (Generative) Model Details

- Elucidating the Design Space of Diffusion-Based Generative Models (EDM)¹
- Posterior sampling (MRI reconstruction) with Diffusion Posterior Sampling⁶

Experiments

1. **Evaluation of Self-Supervised Denoising (GSURE)**
2. **Prior sampling** performance of score models trained on Noisy vs. GSURE Denoised data
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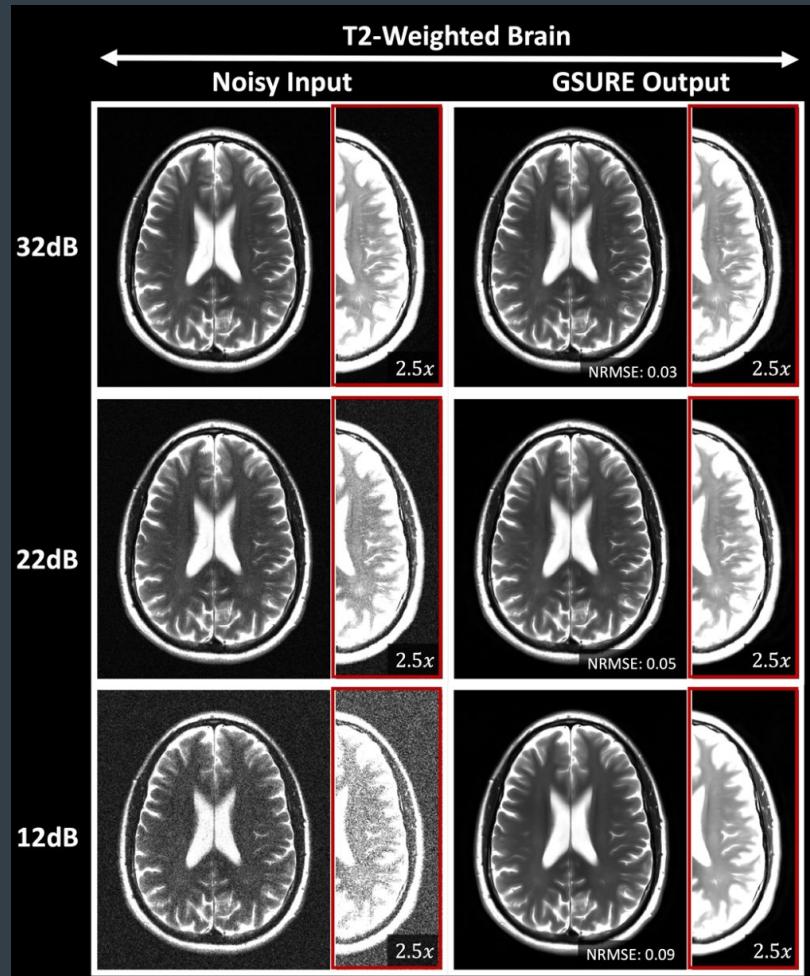
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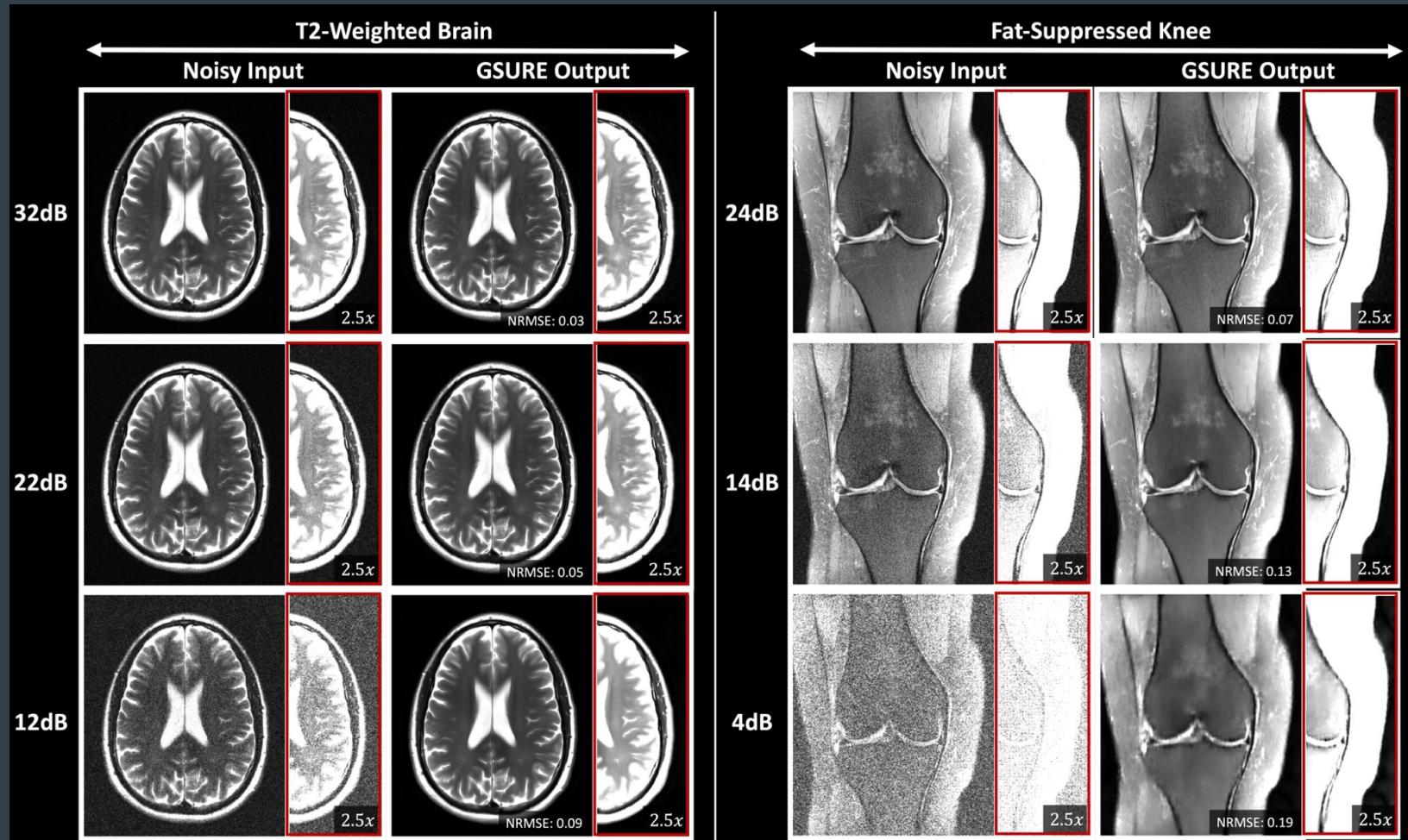
Experimental Details:

- Brain:
 - 10,000 2D T_2 -weighted brain samples
- Knee:
 - 2,000 2D fat-suppressed knee
- Learned Denoiser Architecture: EDM (Karras *NeurIPS* 2022)

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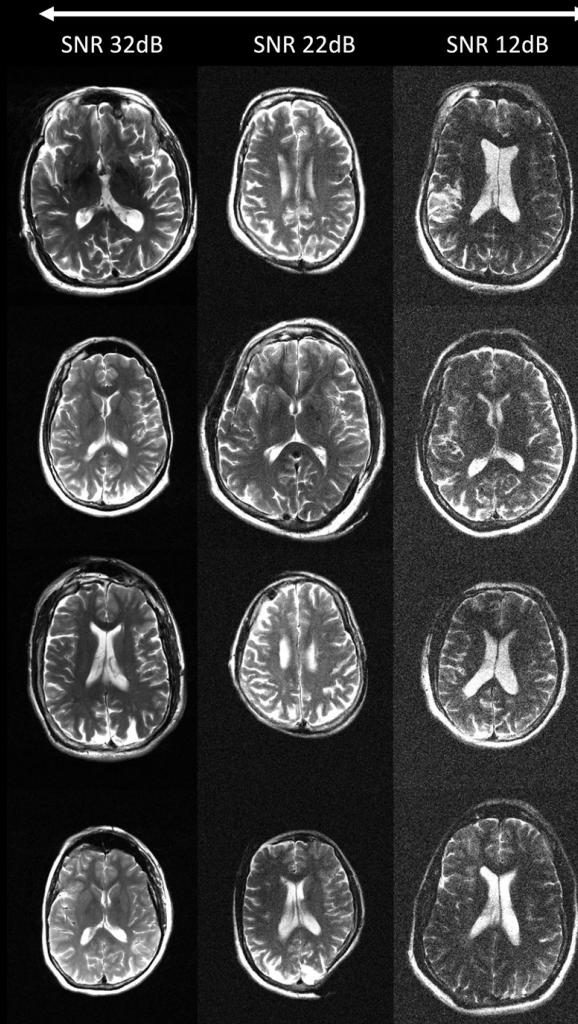
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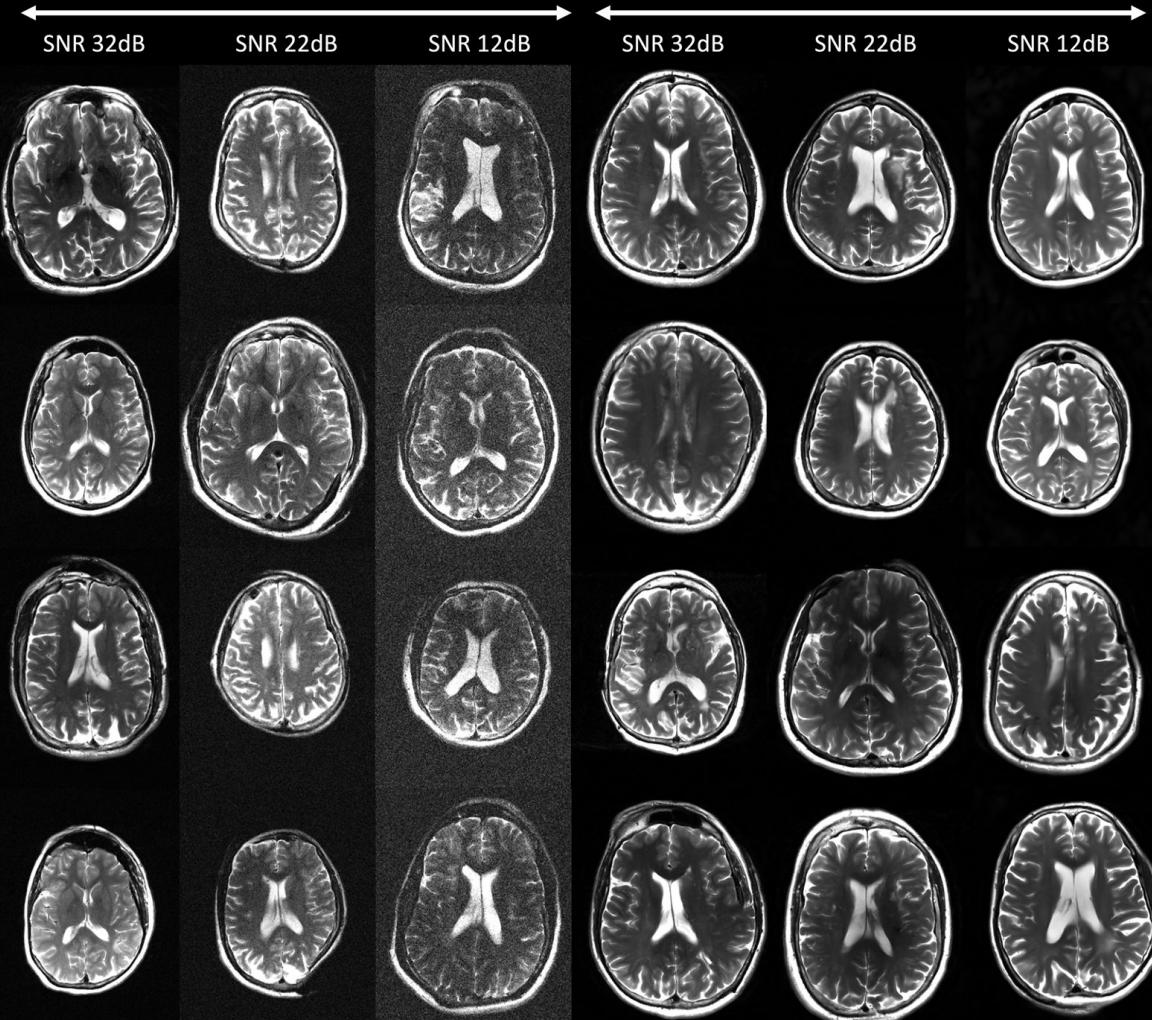
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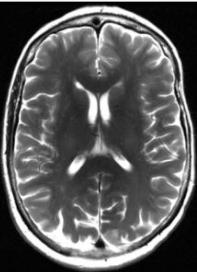
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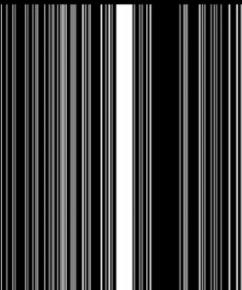
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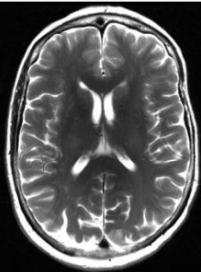
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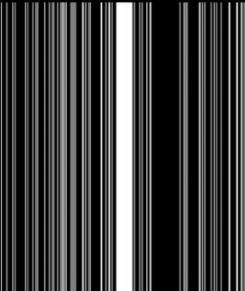


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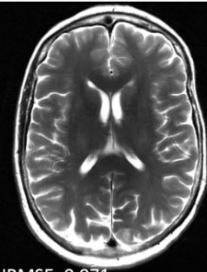
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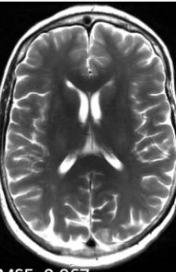
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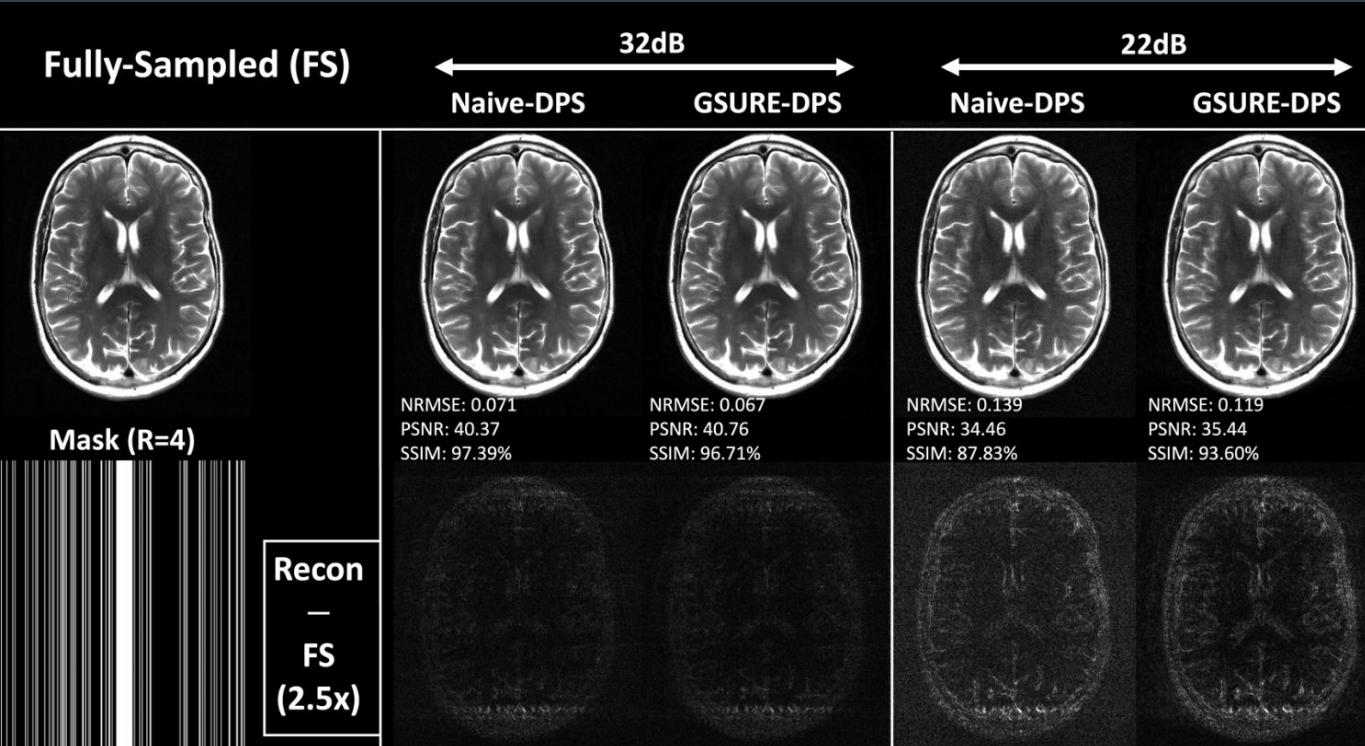


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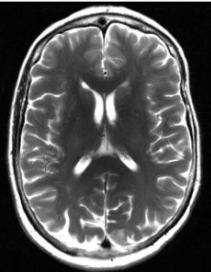
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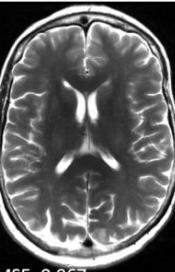
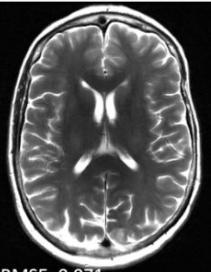
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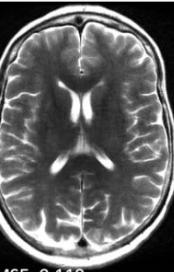
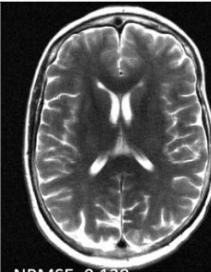


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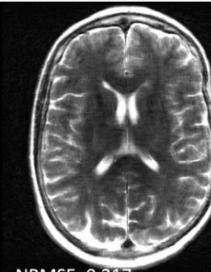
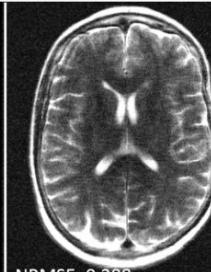
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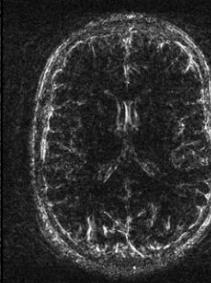
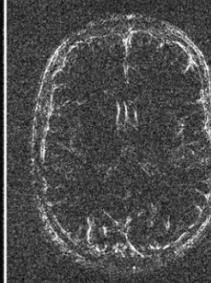
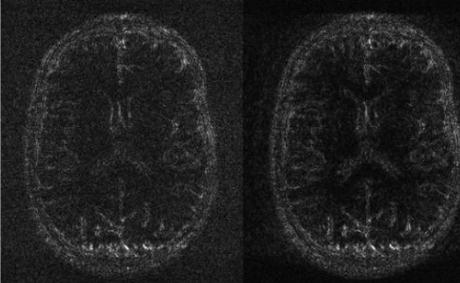
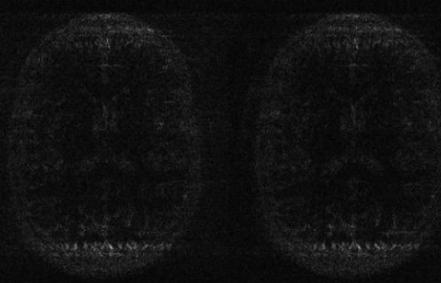
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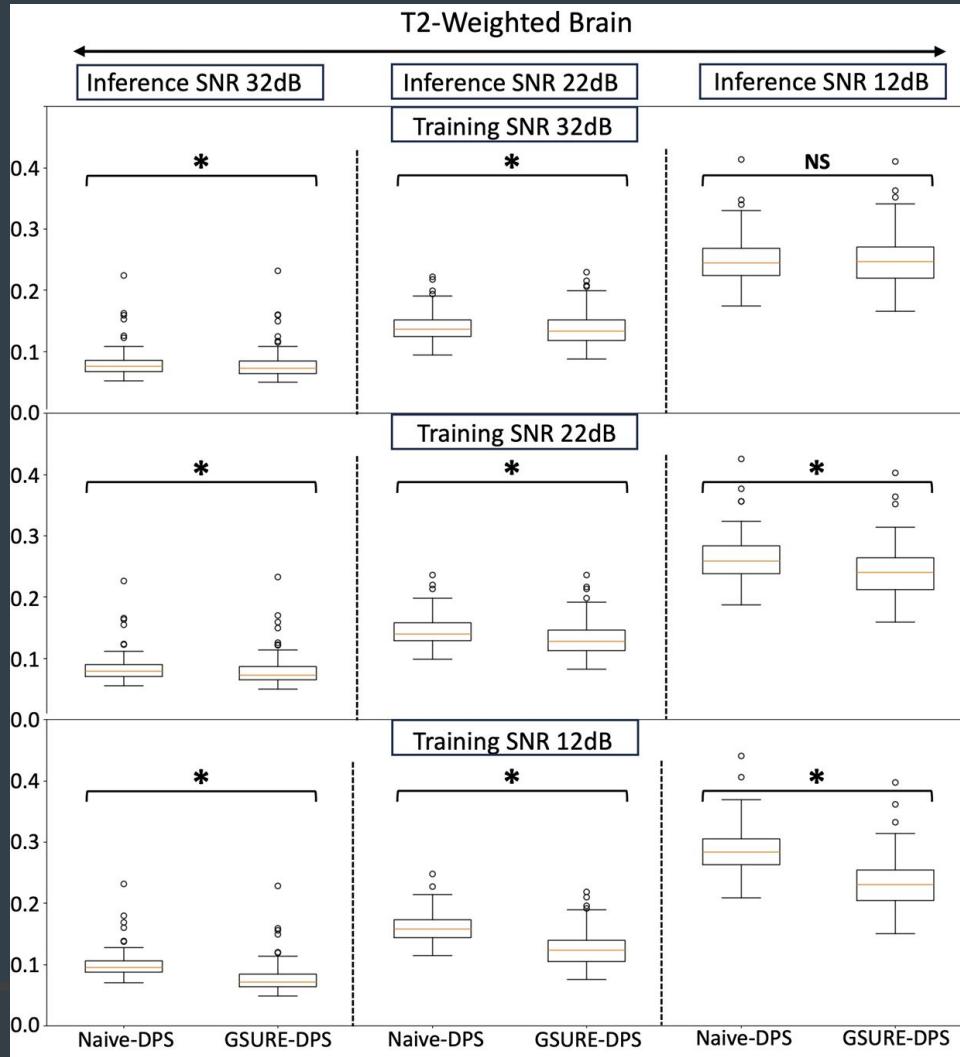
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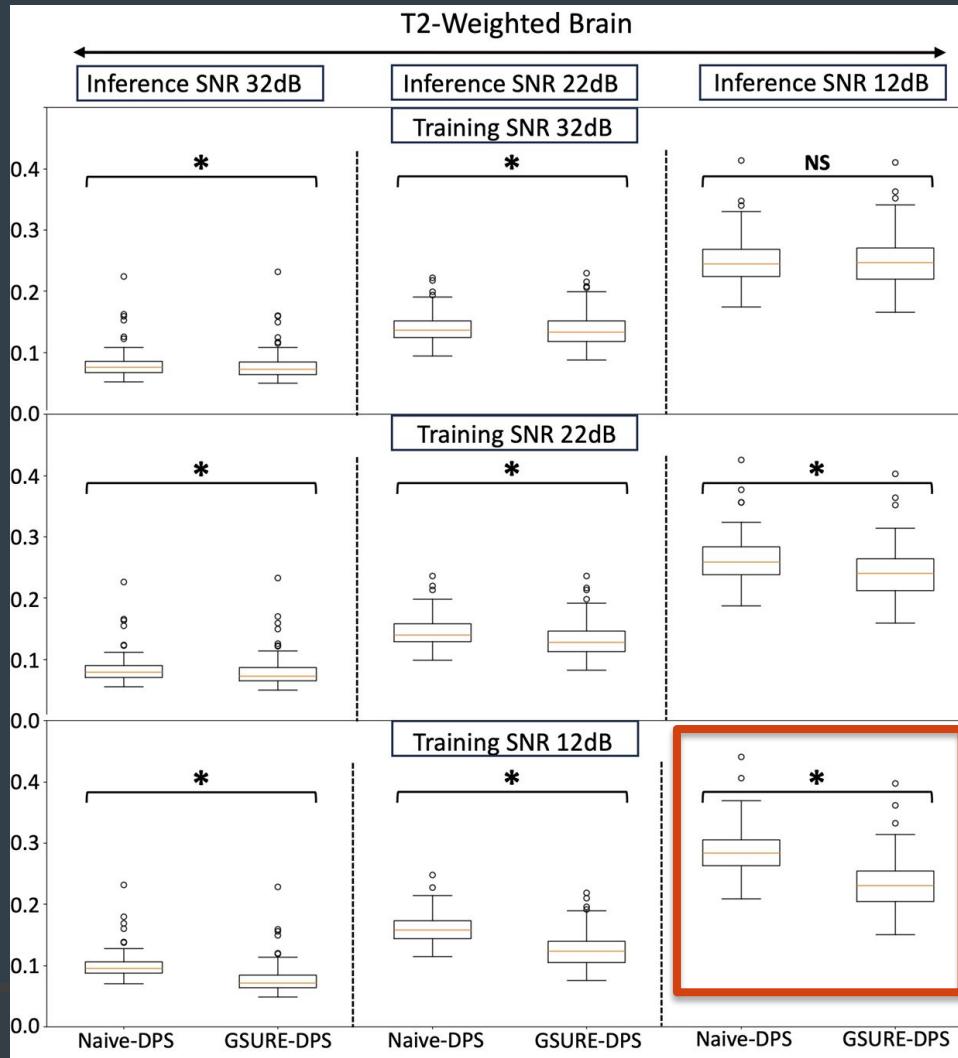
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Accelerated MRI Reconstruction with Posterior Sampling $x \sim p(x|y)$



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Discussion and Conclusion

1. GSURE Denoising as a pre-processing step helps train more **accurate priors** which are better **inverse problem solvers** than naïve training.
2. The benefit of denoising is more visible in **lower SNR** settings
3. Important to investigate tradeoff between noise and distortion
4. Applicable to other learning settings (e.g. end-to-end methods)

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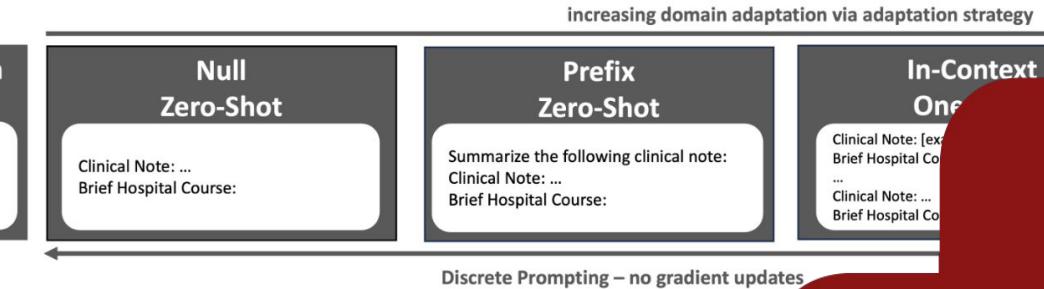
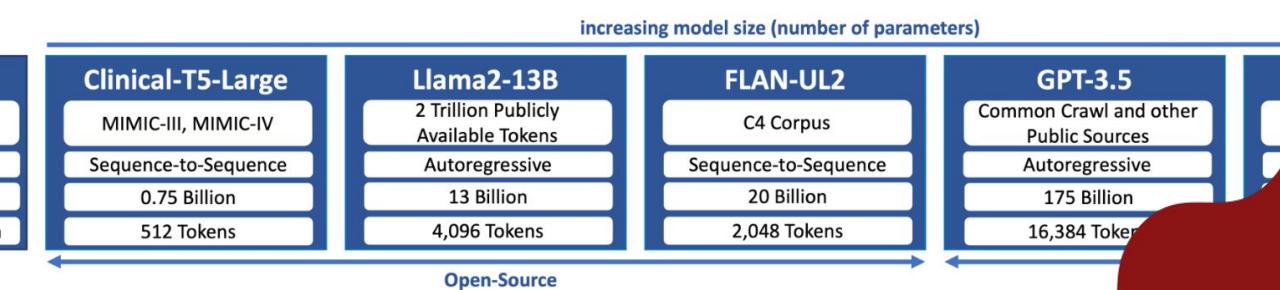
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2. Optimizing LLM performance in clinical documentation tasks

Motivation

1. Health Care providers at One Medical need to manually look through hundreds of clinical documents
2. Surfacing the most relevant clinical data can be accomplished with text summarization
3. This can allow for better **health outcomes** as it helps providers:
 - a. Save valuable **time**
 - b. Build a **deeper connection** with patients



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MIMIC-IV-BHC - Sample

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| FAMILY HISTORY | Non-contributory |
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| PERTINENT RESULTS | 03:45 PM BLOOD WBC-5.5 RBC-3.95 Hgb-14.1 ... |
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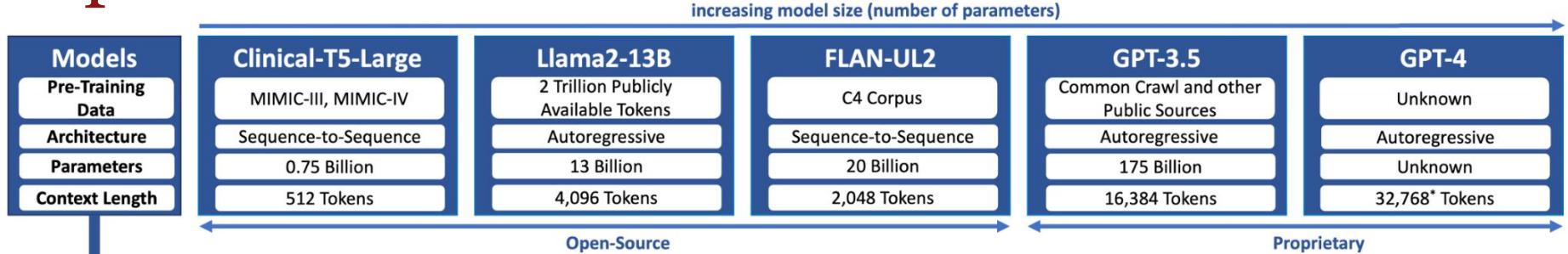
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MIMIC-IV-Ext-BHC: Labeled Clinical Notes Dataset for Hospital Course Summarization

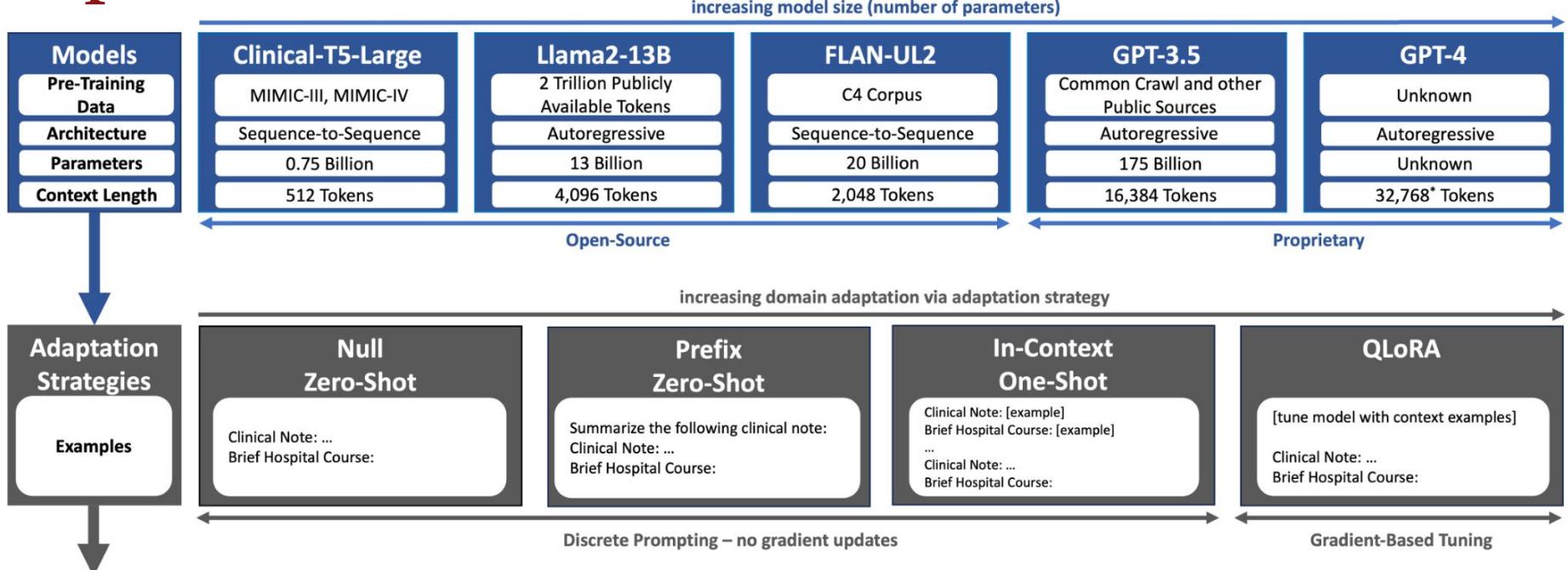
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1. A curated collection of preprocessed and labeled clinical notes derived from the MIMIC-IV-Note database.
2. To facilitate development and training of machine learning models focused on summarizing brief hospital courses (BHC)
3. 270,033 meticulously cleaned and standardized clinical notes containing an average token length of 2,267
4. Preprocessing pipeline employed uses regular expressions to address common issues in the raw clinical text

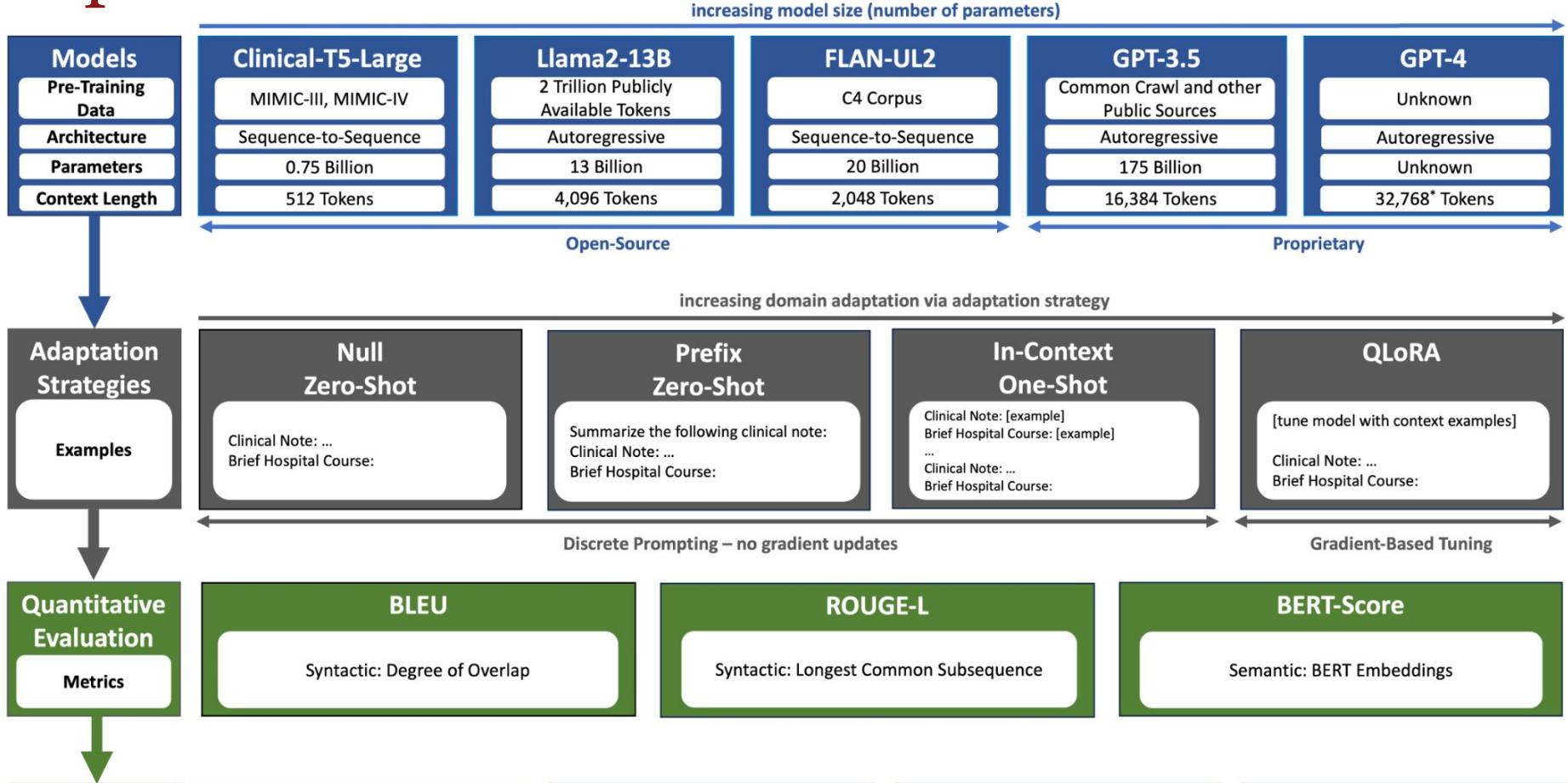
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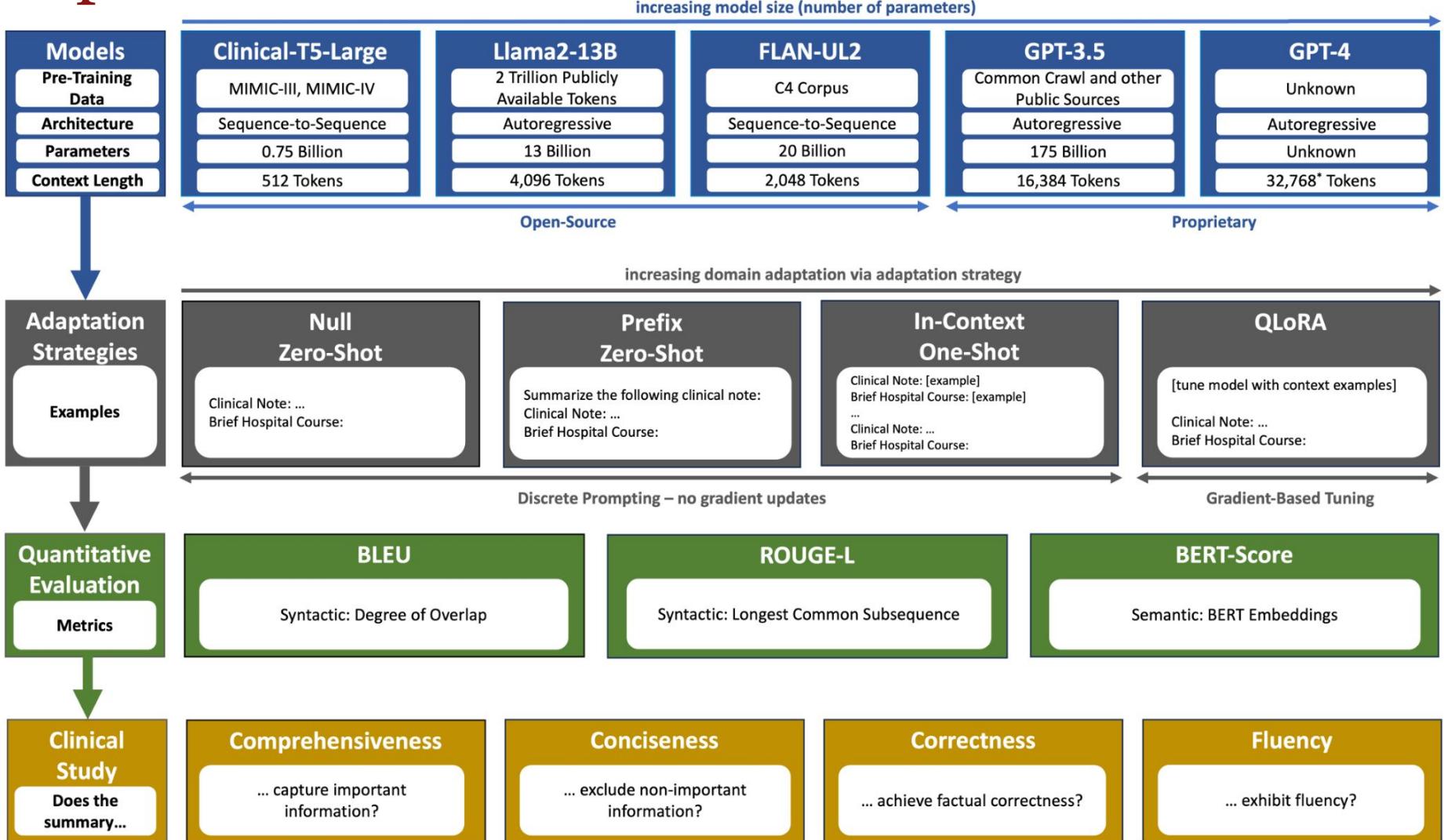
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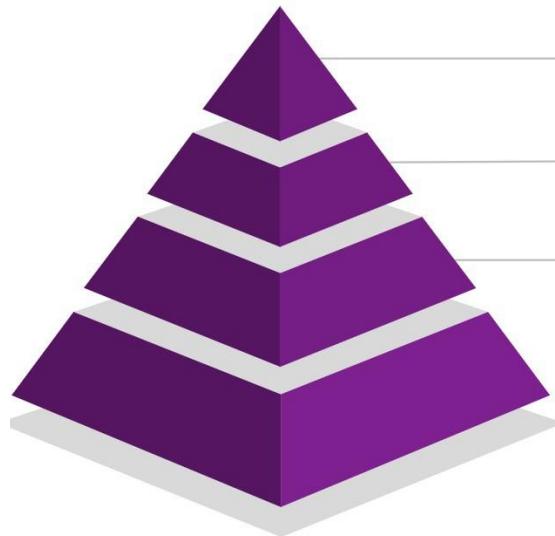
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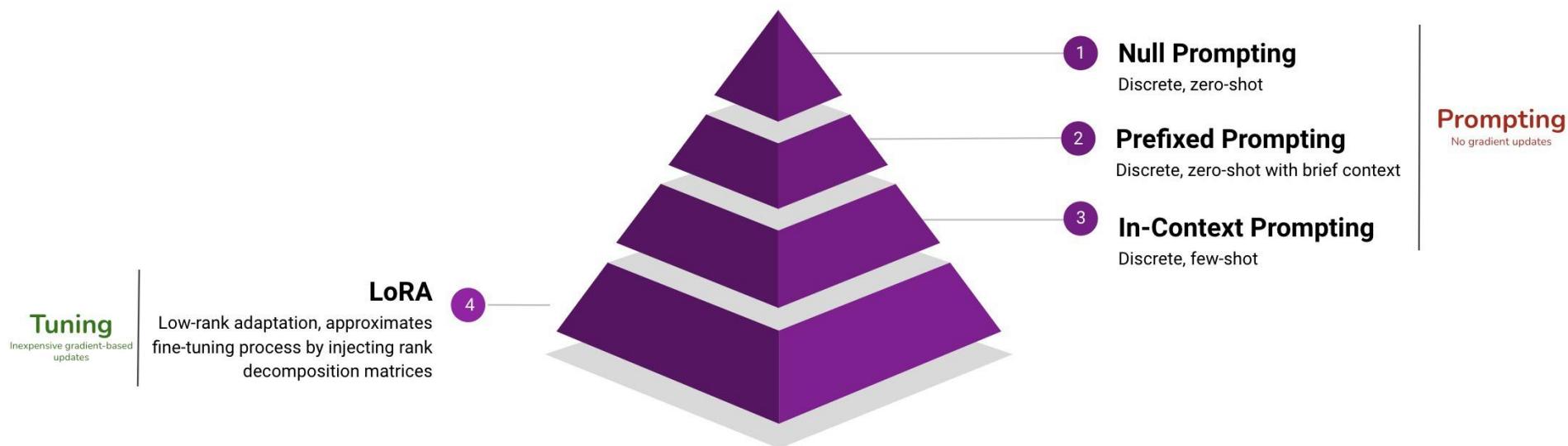
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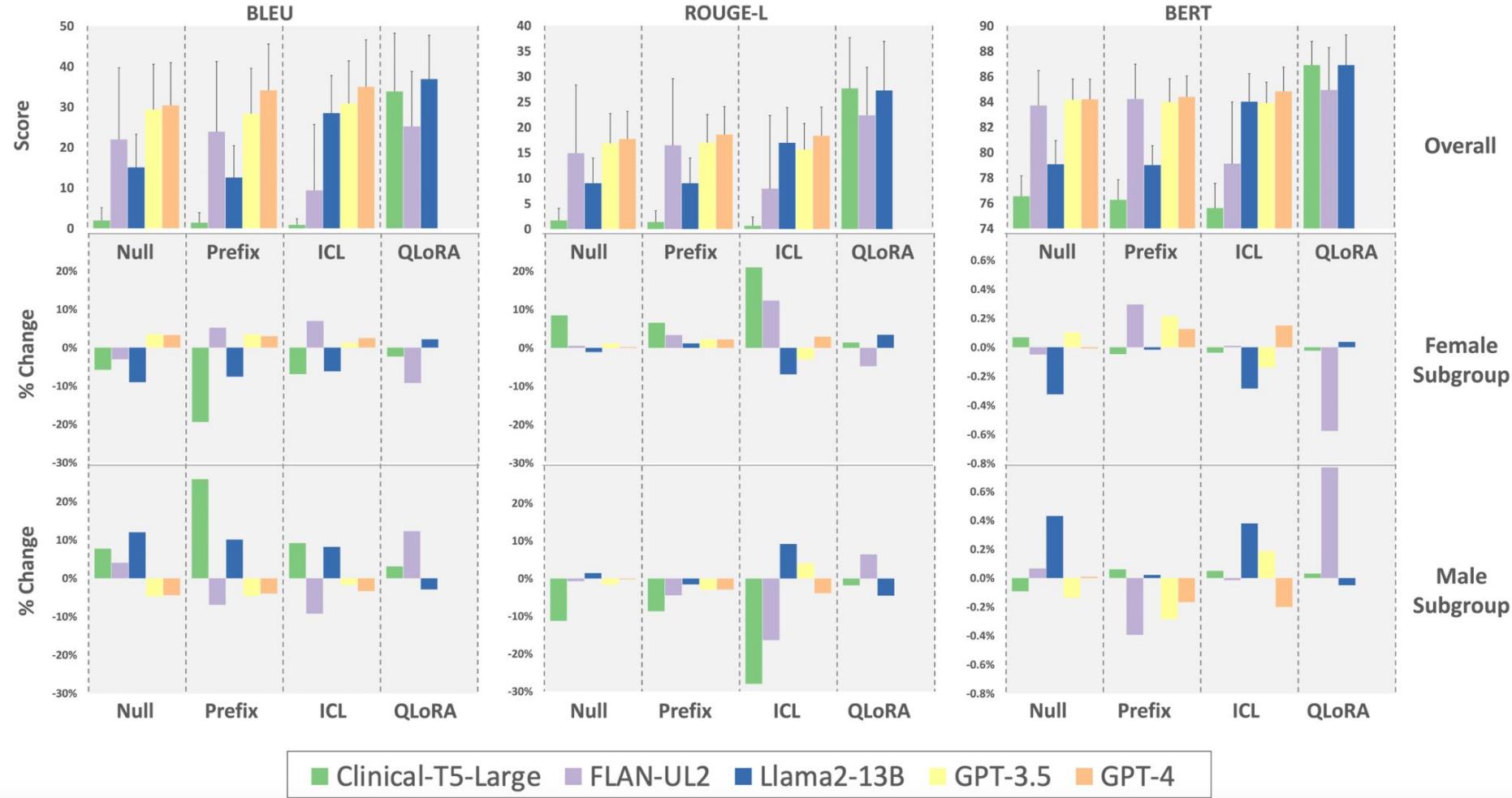
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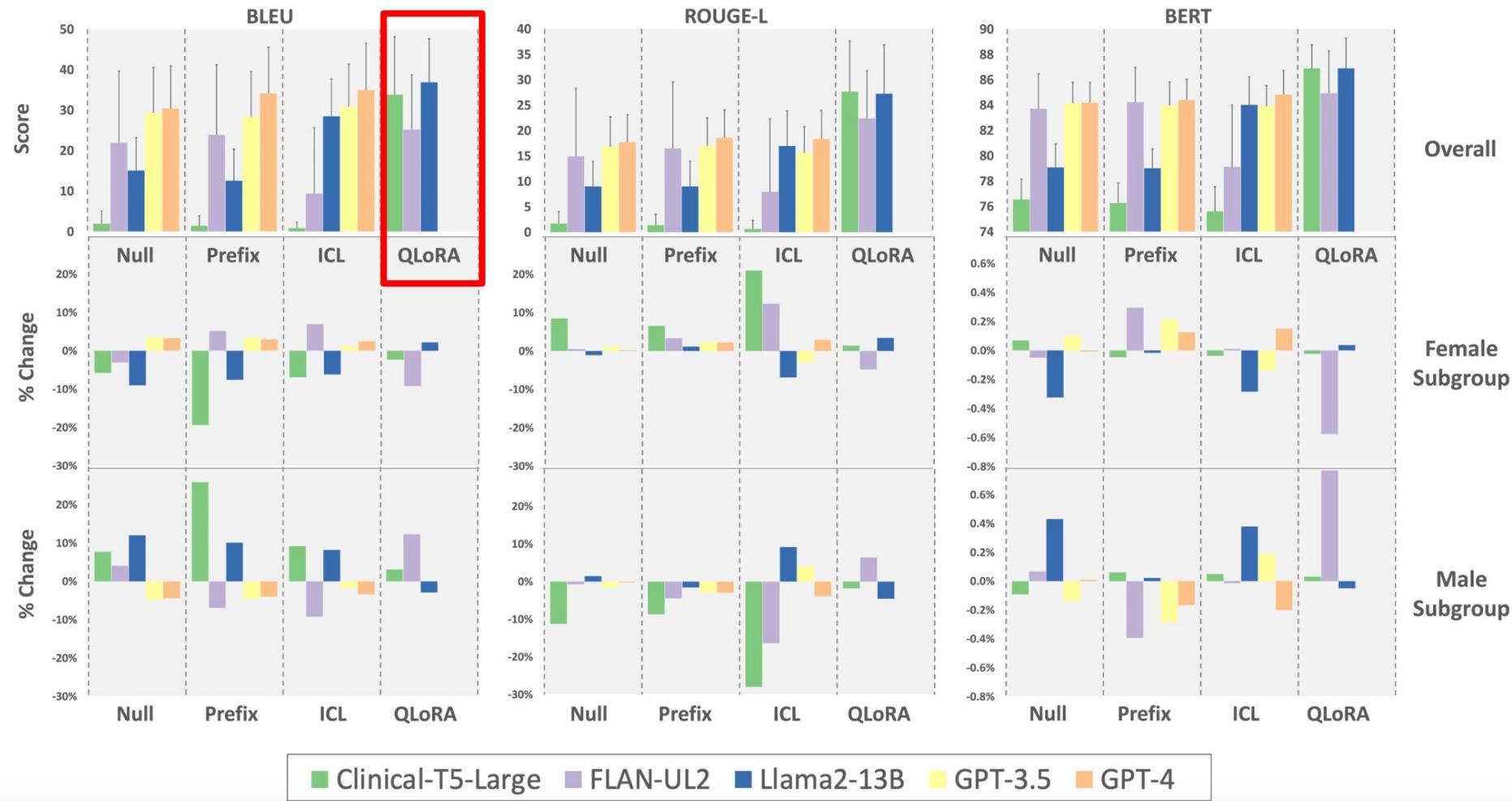
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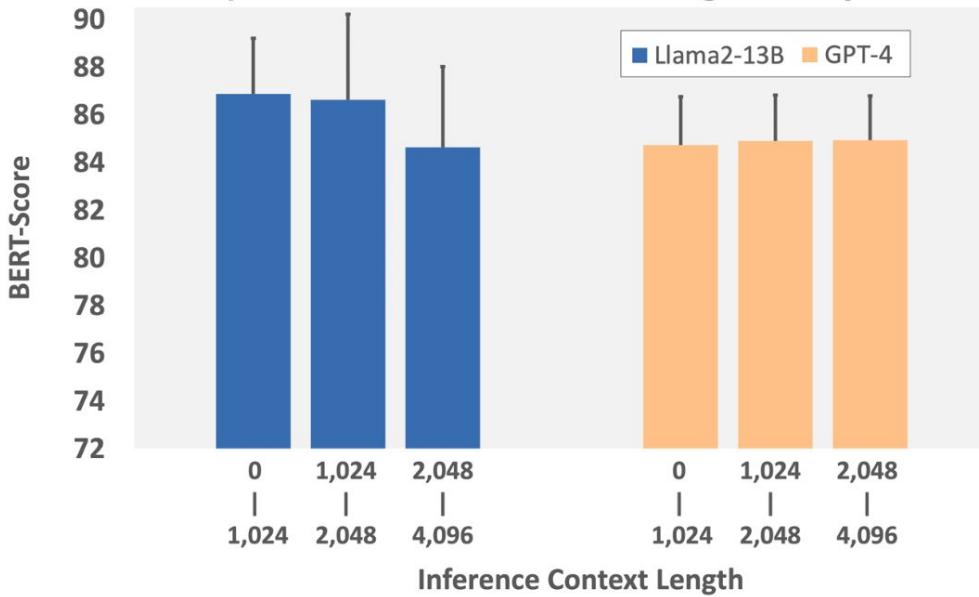


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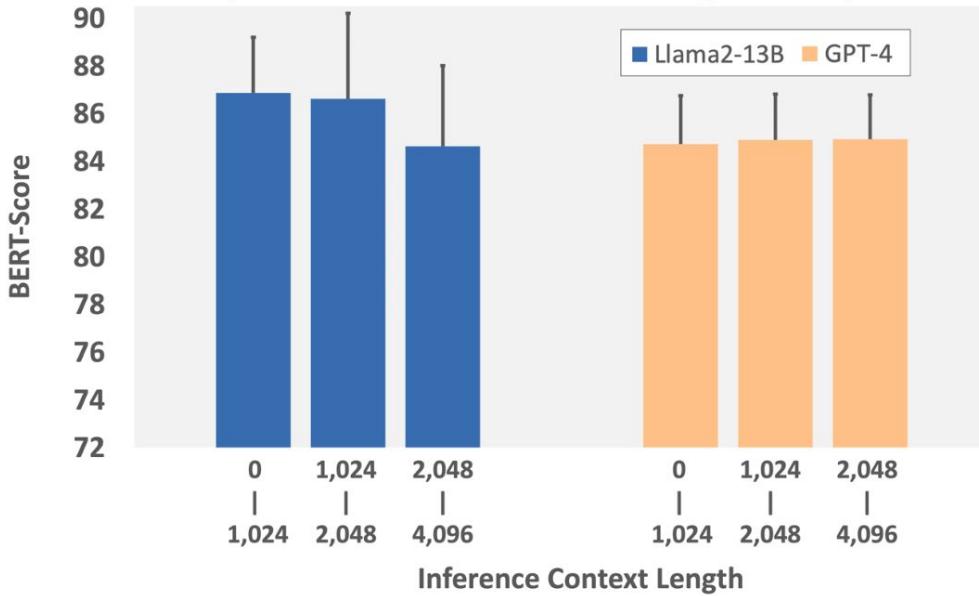
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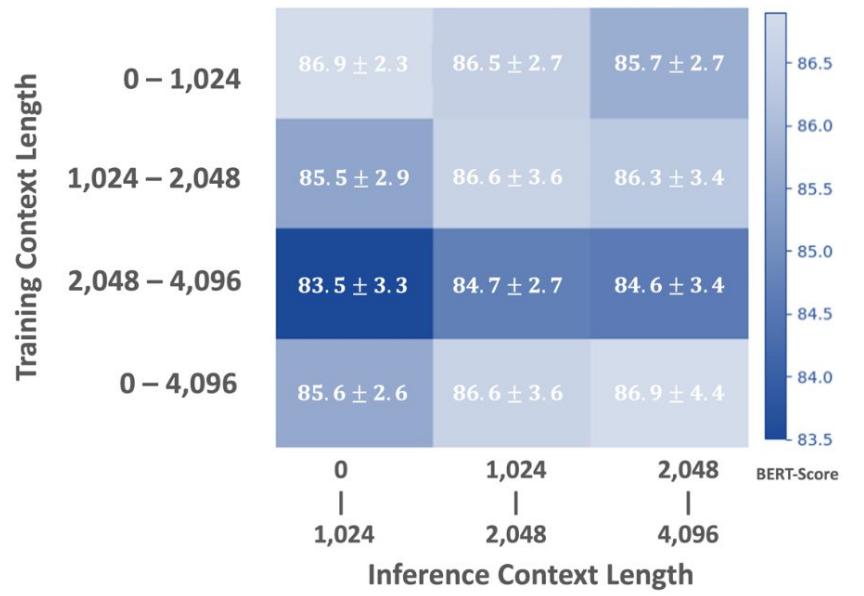


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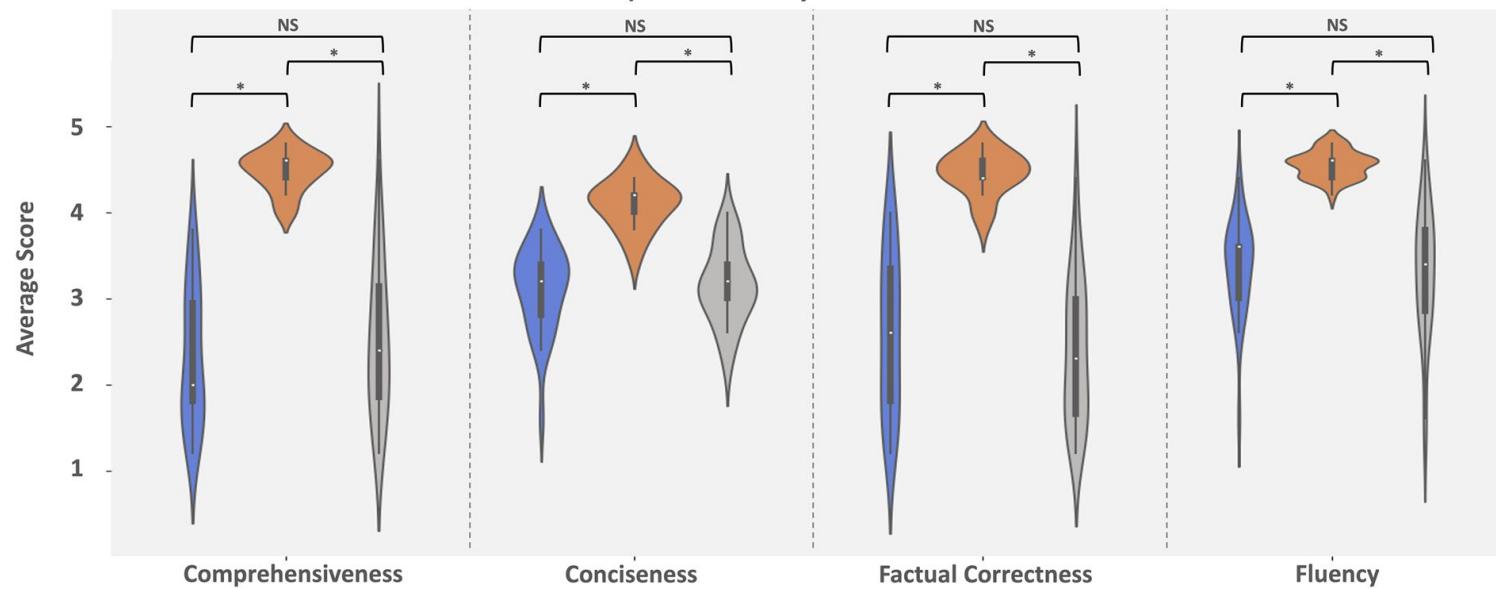
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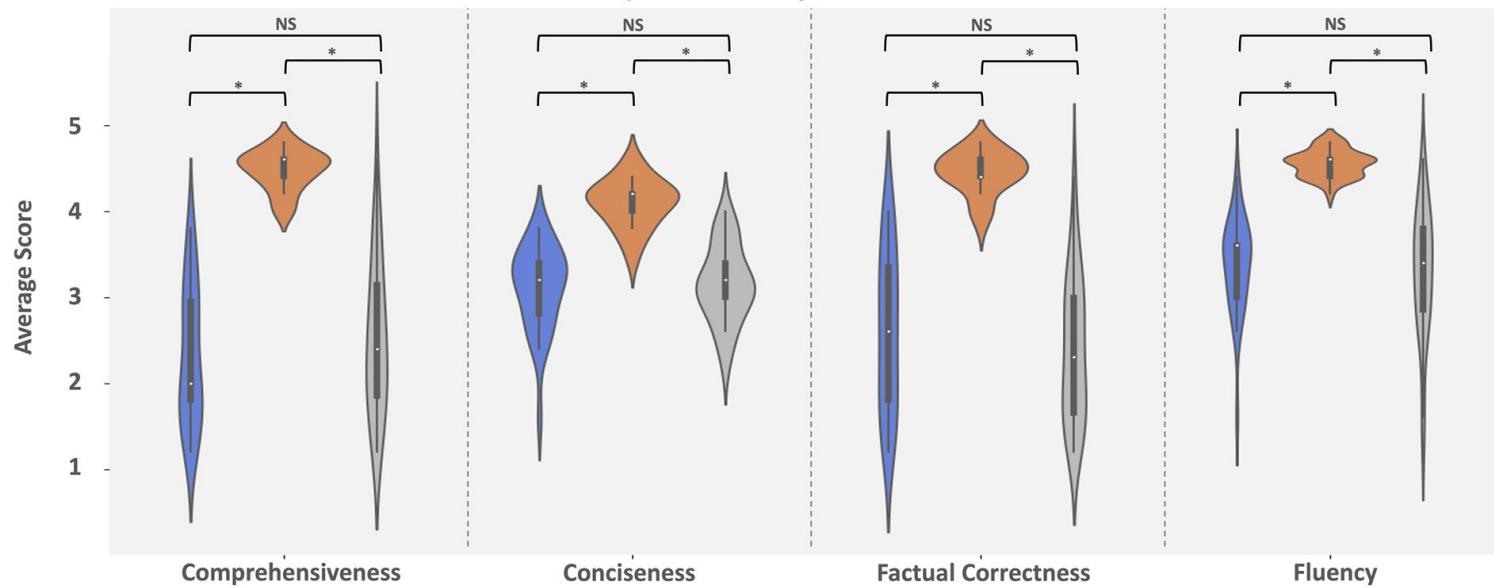
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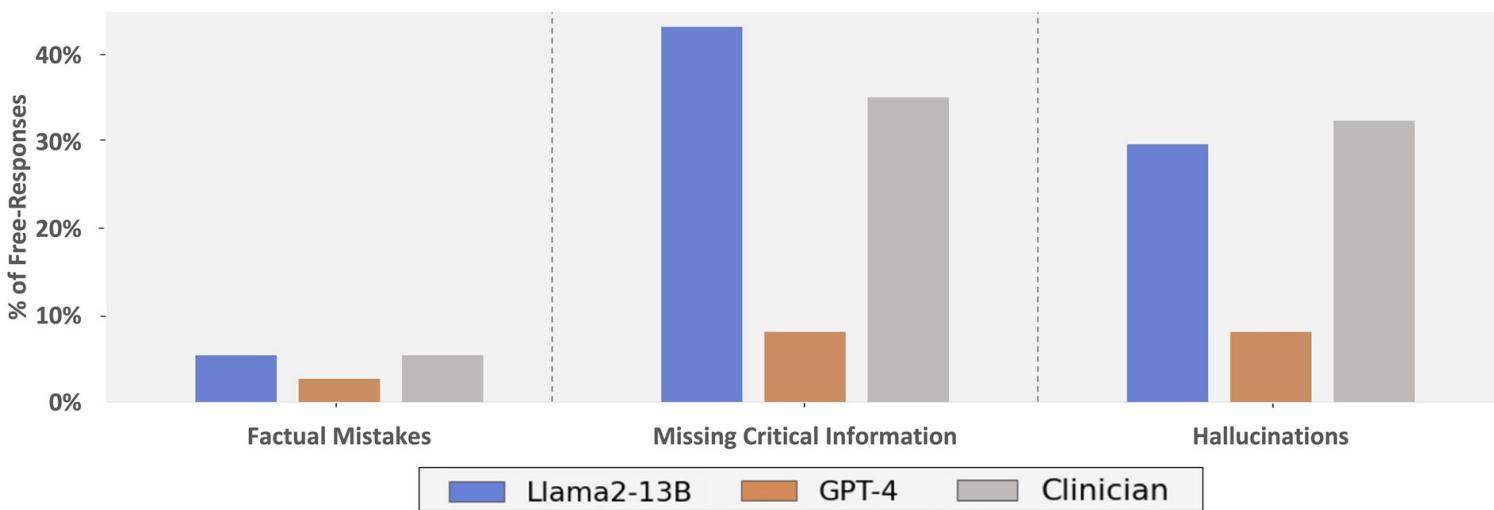
a) Reader Study - Overall Scores



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| Reader Feedback | Summary A (Clinician) contains multiple factual mistakes (serial ultrasounds, no evidence of vaginal bleeding, closed cervix, negative culture). It seems to contain information not at all present in the actual clinical note. Summary B (GPT-4) failed to mention a summary of the patients labs or vital signs, but otherwise looks great. |

Conclusions

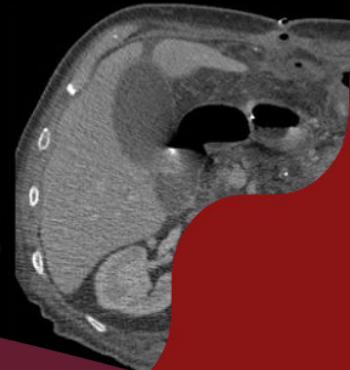
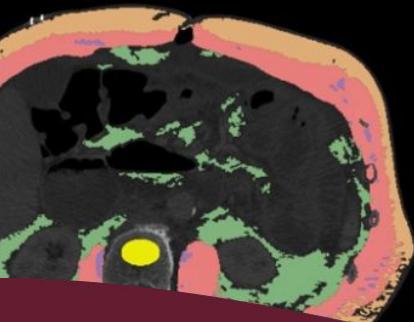
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Feature and Label Extraction

Deep Learning-based Opportunistic CT

Spine, Muscle, and Adipose Tissue

Contrast Phase Detection



3. Detecting underdiagnosed medical conditions via opportunistic imaging



Motivation

1. **Abdominal computed tomography (CT)** scans are frequently performed in clinical settings.
2. Opportunistic CT involves **repurposing routine CT** images to extract diagnostic information
3. This study utilizes deep learning methods to promote **accurate diagnosis and clinical documentation**.
4. We analyze **2,674 inpatient CT scans** to identify discrepancies between **imaging phenotypes** and corresponding documentation in **radiology reports** and **ICD coding**.

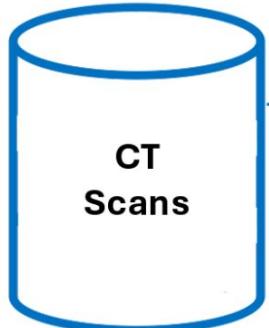
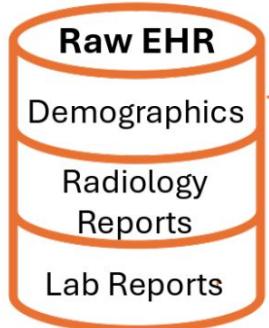
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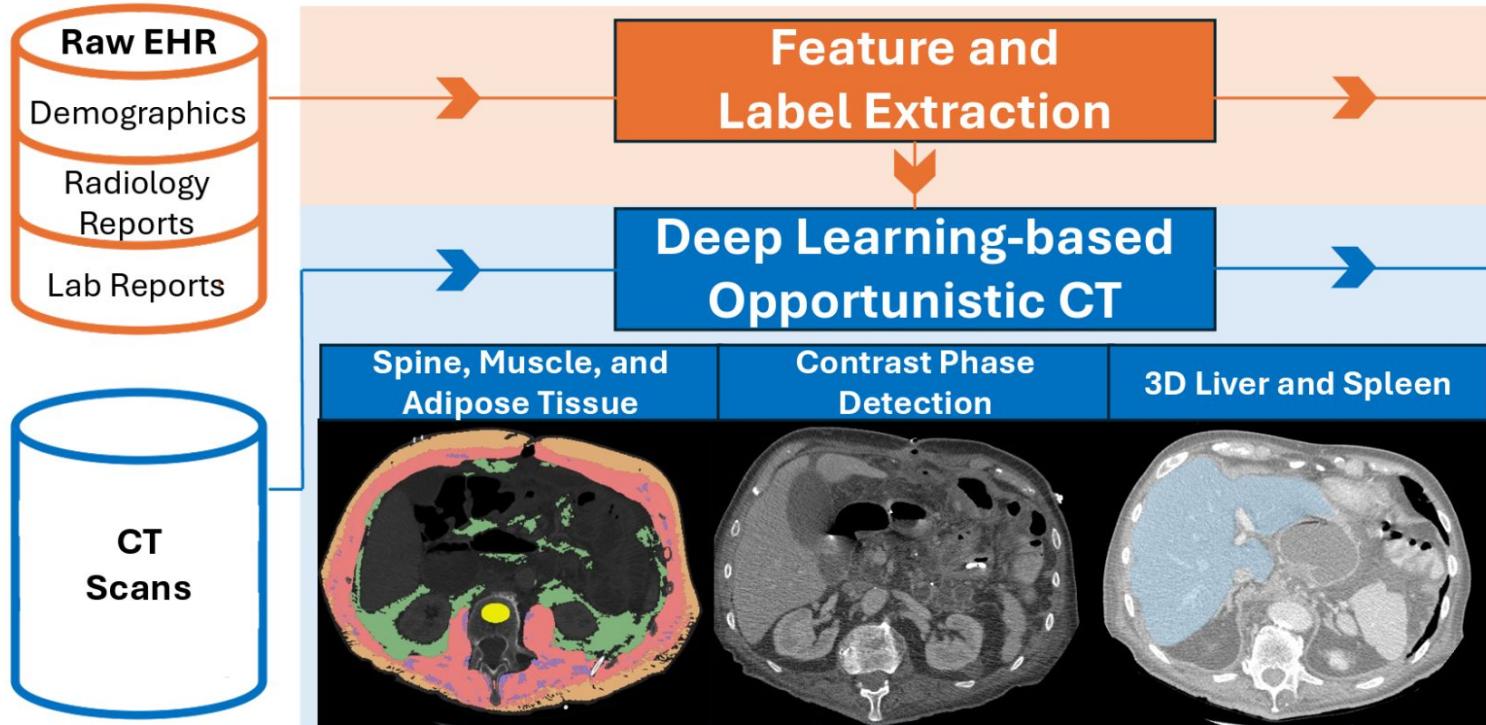
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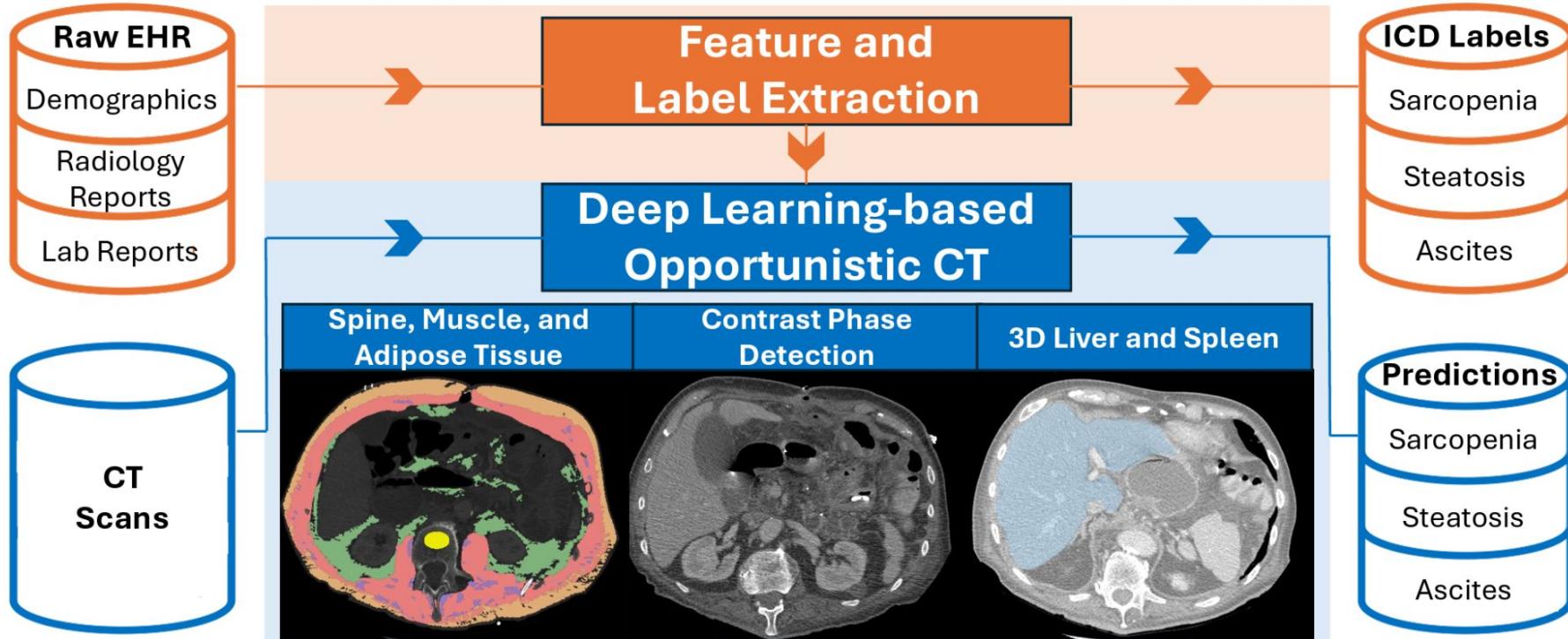
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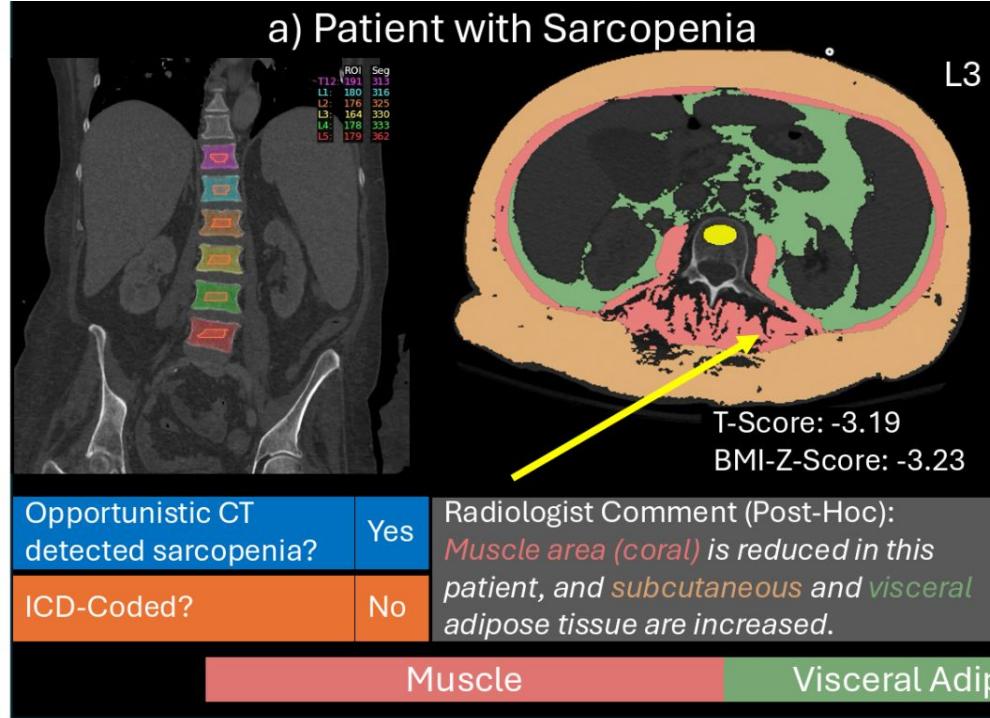


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Sarcopenia

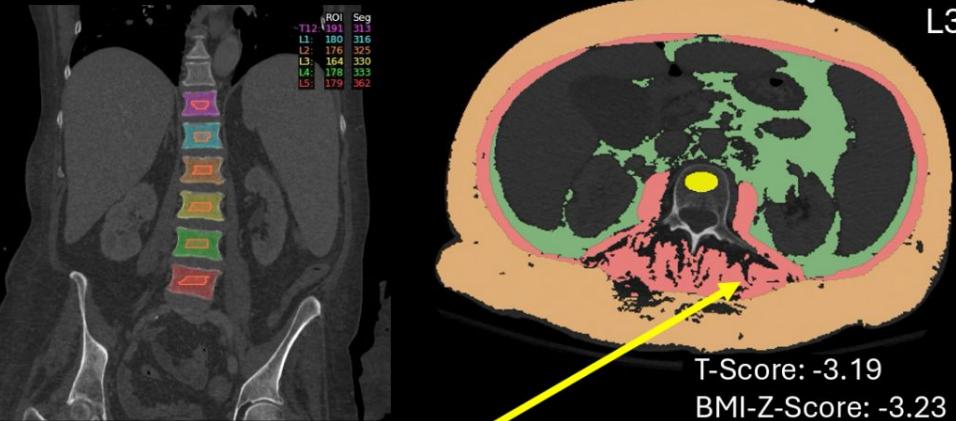
a) Patient with Sarcopenia



Sarcopenia

Sarcopenia Detection with Opportunistic CT

a) Patient with Sarcopenia



b) Patient without Sarcopenia



| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Opportunistic CT detected sarcopenia? | Yes |
| ICD-Coded? | No |

Radiologist Comment (Post-Hoc):
Muscle area (coral) is reduced in this patient, and subcutaneous and visceral adipose tissue are increased.

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Opportunistic CT detected sarcopenia? | No |
| ICD-Coded? | No |

Radiologist Comment (Post-Hoc):
Muscle area (coral) is within normal range in this patient.

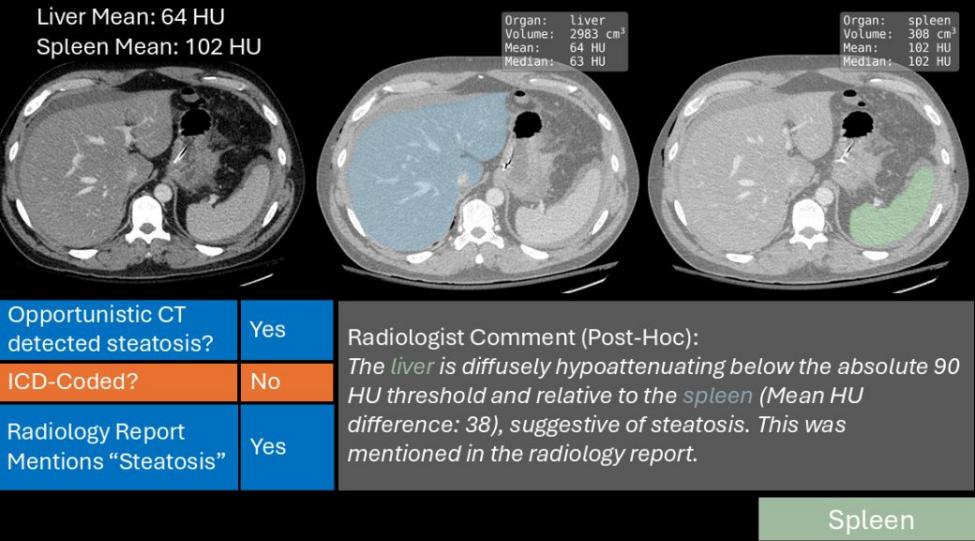
Muscle

Visceral Adipose Tissue

Subcutaneous Adipose Tissue

Hepatic Steatosis

a) Case 1 - True Positive Report



Hepatic Steatosis

Hepatic Steatosis Detection with Opportunistic CT

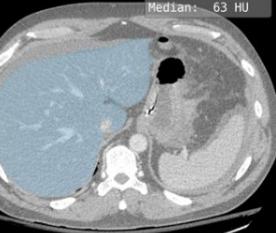
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Liver Mean: 64 HU
Spleen Mean: 102 HU



Organ: liver
Volume: 2983 cm³
Mean: 64 HU
Median: 63 HU

Organ: spleen
Volume: 308 cm³
Mean: 102 HU
Median: 102 HU



Opportunistic CT detected steatosis?

Yes

Radiologist Comment (Post-Hoc):

The *liver* is diffusely hypoattenuating below the absolute 90 HU threshold and relative to the *spleen* (Mean HU difference: 38), suggestive of steatosis. This was mentioned in the radiology report.

ICD-Coded?

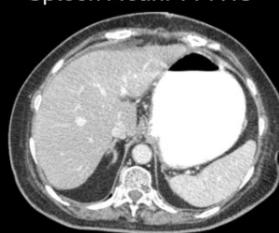
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Radiology Report Mentions "Steatosis"

Yes

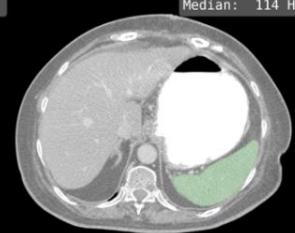
b) Case 2 - False Negative Report

Liver Mean: 87 HU
Spleen Mean: 114 HU



Organ: liver
Volume: 1448 cm³
Mean: 87 HU
Median: 86 HU

Organ: spleen
Volume: 208 cm³
Mean: 114 HU
Median: 114 HU



Opportunistic CT detected steatosis?

Yes

ICD-Coded?

No

Radiology Report Mentions "Steatosis"

No

Radiologist Comment (Post-Hoc):

Liver and spleen segmentation shows diffuse *liver* hypoattenuation below the absolute 90 HU threshold and relative to the *spleen* (Mean HU difference: 27), suggestive of steatosis. This was *not mentioned in the radiology report*.

Spleen

Liver

Overlap in Steatosis Detection

Table 2: Overlap in steatosis detection using: a) Liver HU, b) Liver-Spleen HU, c) Radiology Reports, d) ICD coding.

| Liver \leq 90 HU | Liver-Spleen \leq -19 HU | Radiology Report | ICD-Coding | Count | % |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 5 | 0.2% |
| | | | No | 58 | 2.5% |
| | No | No | Yes | 1 | 0.0% |
| | | | No | 68 | 3.0% |
| Yes | No | Yes | Yes | 1 | 0.0% |
| | | | No | 16 | 0.7% |
| | Yes | No | Yes | 0 | 0.0% |
| | | | No | 85 | 3.7% |
| No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 | 0.1% |
| | | | No | 33 | 1.5% |
| | No | No | Yes | 6 | 0.3% |
| | | | No | 211 | 9.3% |
| No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 | 0.1% |
| | | | No | 52 | 2.3% |
| | No | No | Yes | 11 | 0.5% |
| | | | No | 1,724 | 75.8% |
| Total | | | | 2,275 | 100.0% |

Overlap in Steatosis Detection

Table 2: Overlap in steatosis detection using: a) Liver HU, b) Liver-Spleen HU, c) Radiology Reports, d) ICD coding.

| Liver \leq 90 HU | Liver-Spleen \leq -19 HU | Radiology Report | ICD-Coding | Count | % |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 5 | 0.2% |
| | | | No | 58 | 2.5% |
| | No | No | Yes | 1 | 0.0% |
| | | | No | 68 | 3.0% |
| Yes | No | Yes | Yes | 1 | 0.0% |
| | | | No | 16 | 0.7% |
| | Yes | No | Yes | 0 | 0.0% |
| | | | No | 85 | 3.7% |
| No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 | 0.1% |
| | | | No | 33 | 1.5% |
| | No | No | Yes | 6 | 0.3% |
| | | | No | 211 | 9.3% |
| No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 | 0.1% |
| | | | No | 52 | 2.3% |
| | No | No | Yes | 11 | 0.5% |
| | | | No | 1,724 | 75.8% |
| Total | | | | 2,275 | 100.0% |

Conclusions

1. We demonstrate the potential of deep learning-based **opportunistic CT** in **improving the detection and coding** of medical conditions.
2. Found substantial discrepancies b/w condition prevalence and coding:
 - a. Sarcopenia: Out of scans diagnosed through opportunistic imaging, only **0.5% scans were ICD-coded**
 - b. Hepatic Steatosis: Out of scans diagnosed through opportunistic imaging or radiology reports, only **3.2% scans were ICD-coded**
 - c. Ascites: Out of scans diagnosed with ascites through opportunistic imaging or radiology reports, only **30.7% scans were ICD-coded**

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