

ML in Medical Imaging

with example applications to neurology

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Reader, KCL

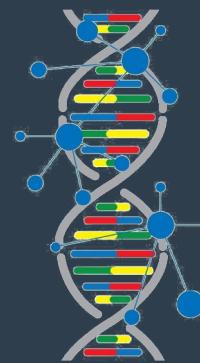
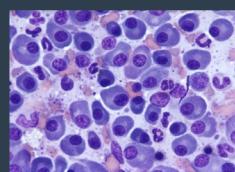
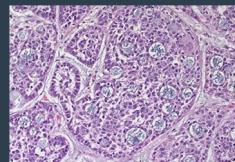
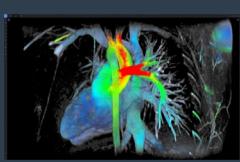
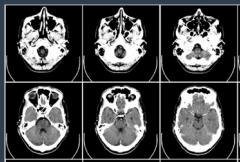
"Up to three-to-five years ago all that [medical] data was just sitting there. Now it is being analyzed and interpreted. It is the most radical change happening in healthcare."

-- Eric Topol

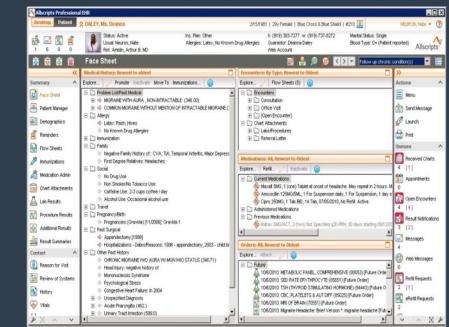
AI IN MEDICINE



27K Medical AI papers - ~30 FDA Approved products
~7 Billion USD investment by 2021



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RADIOLOGY
CT, MR, US, X-RAY

PATHOLOGY
TISSUE & CELL

GENETICS

DERMATOLOGY
OPHTHALMOLOGY

ELECTRONIC HEALTH
RECORDS

HOW FAR COULD WE GO?



No more human errors in medicine?

Best outcome for each patient?

Affordable care?

No bias due to small demographics?

Automated diagnosis for most diseases?

Instantaneous diagnoses and wide screenings?

Ability to deal with rare diseases?

Two worlds



Public-health &
epidemiological Research
Observational studies
Clinical-quality data



Academic Research Studies
Randomised Clinical Trials
Research-quality data

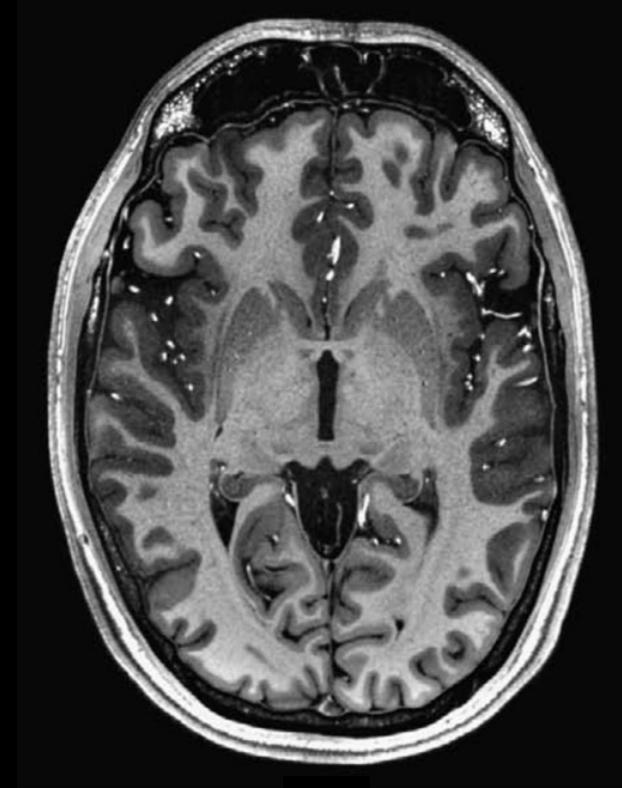
Neuroimaging for Research Data

Classic Methods

Imaging modalities

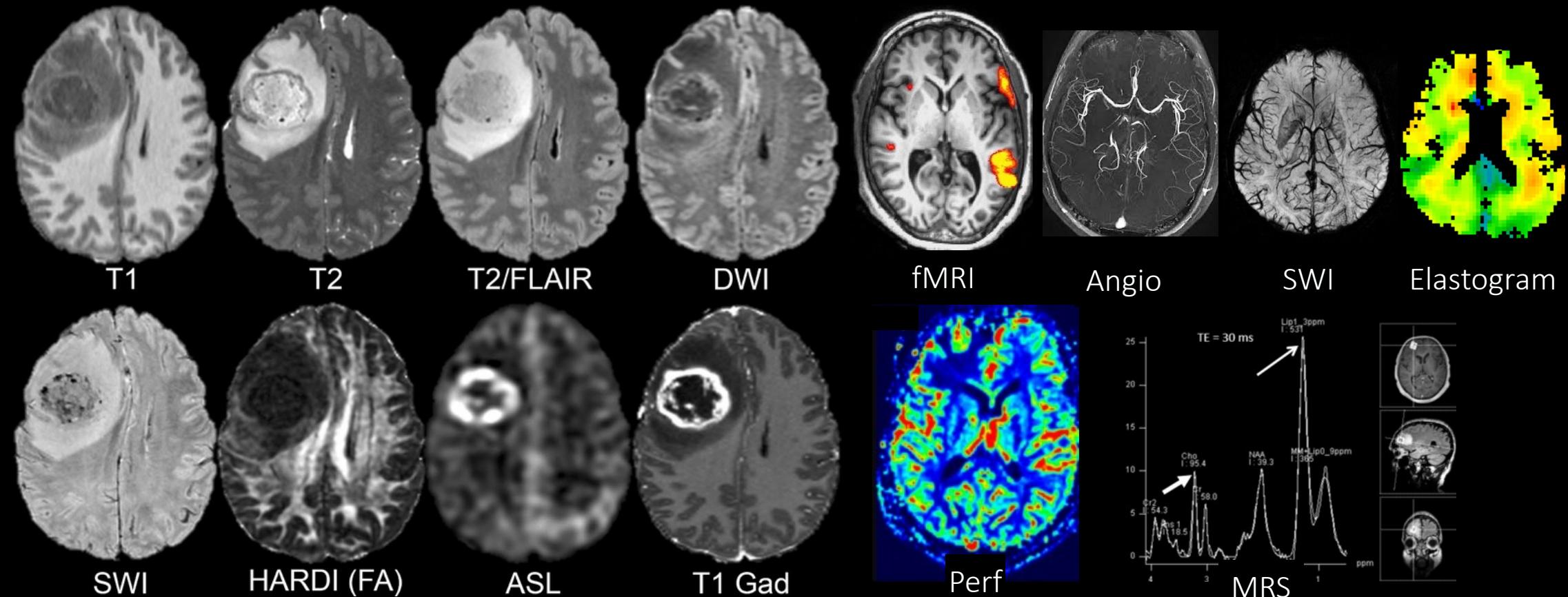


CT

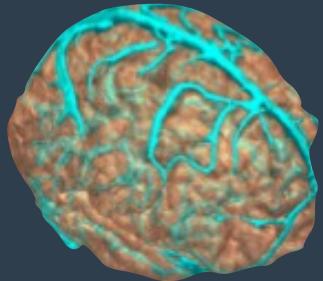


MRI

Imaging Sequences - MRI



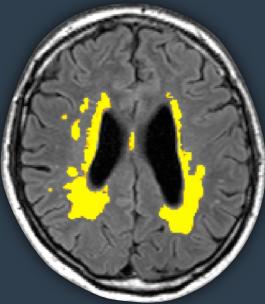
Quantifying the brain



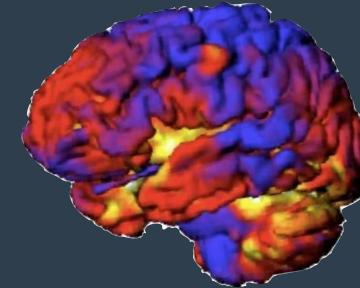
Vessel Extraction



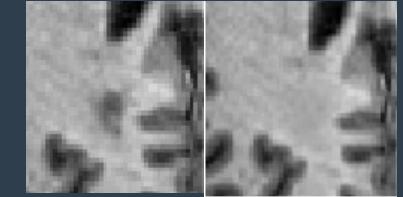
Atrophy Estimation



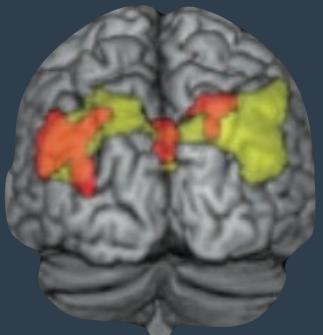
Lesion Segmentation



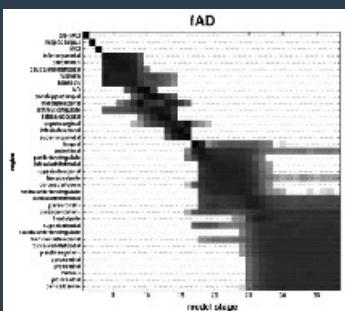
Cortical Thick.



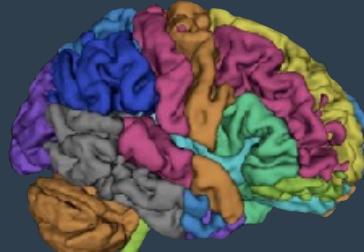
Inpainting



Functional Connectivity



Disease Progression Modelling



Tissue Segmentation & Parcellation

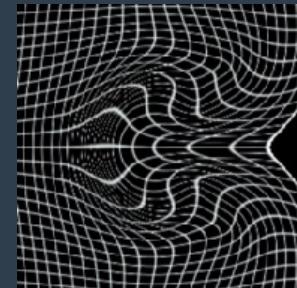


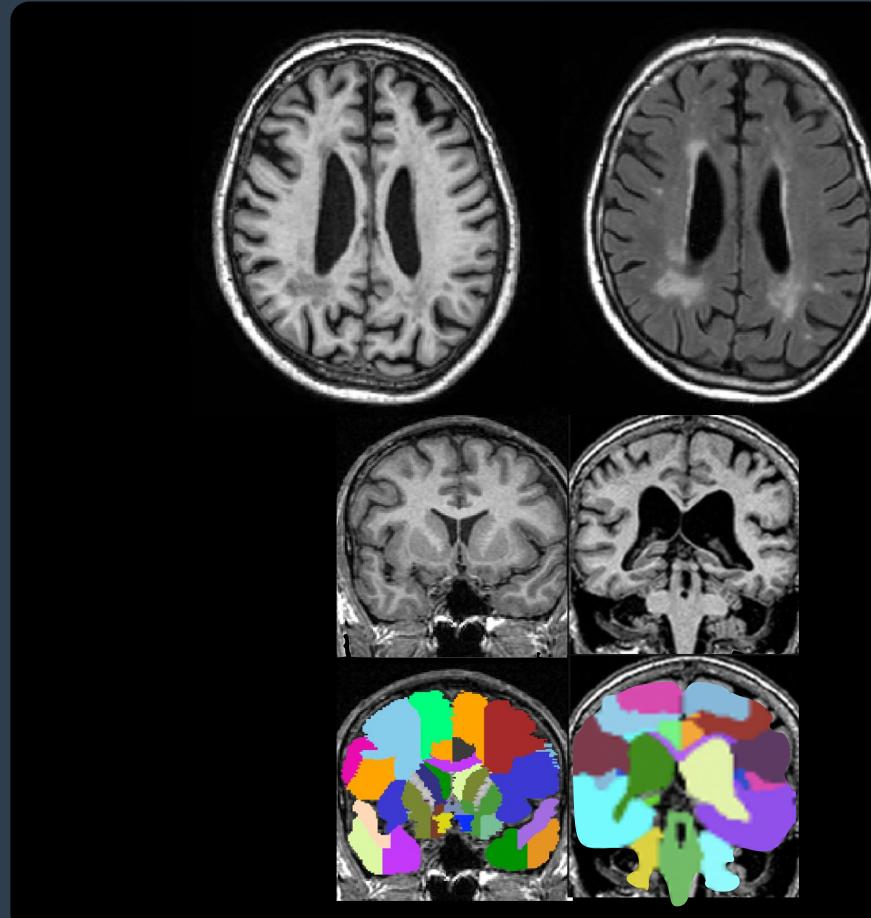
Image Registration



Network Analysis

Clinical Research - Challenges in Neuroimaging

- Small datasets (normally)
- Very variable input data
- Accuracy is paramount
- Speed is not important (with exceptions)
- Ability to extrapolate
- Problem specific solutions
- No ground truth



Classic strategies and aims



Quantify the brain

Surrogate Biomarkers

Group Analysis

Volume
Size
Shape
Thickness

Pathologies
lesions
(counts, locations,
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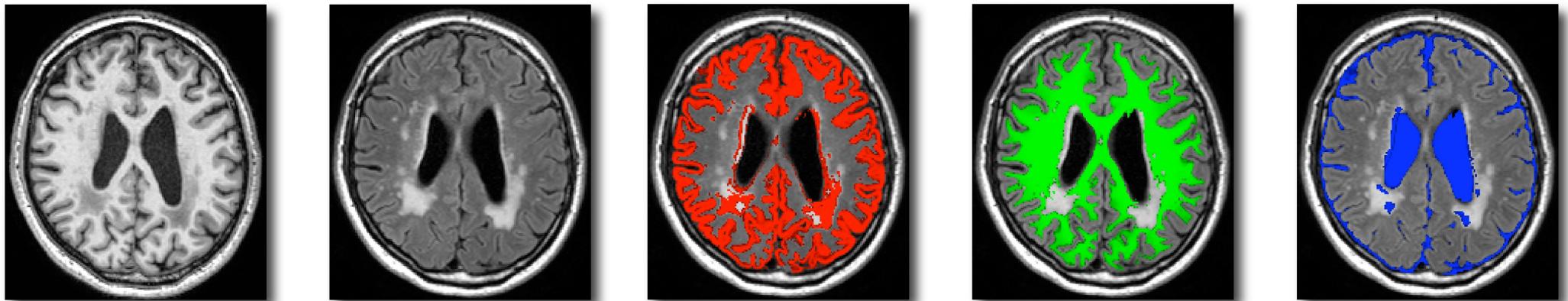
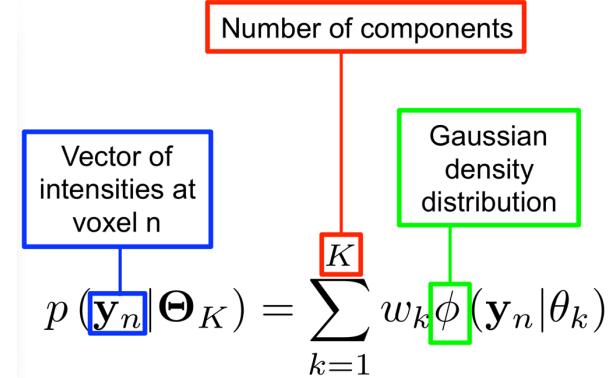
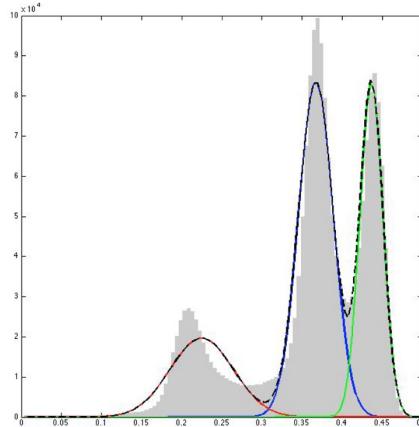
Quantitative
measures
(flow, perfusion,
R1/R2, diffusion)

Network
graph
(connectivity,
functional)

Regions/Voxels
(VBM, TBM)

Surfaces/skeleton
(Freesurfer, TBSS)

Model based – Mixture of Gaussians



Classic strategies and aims



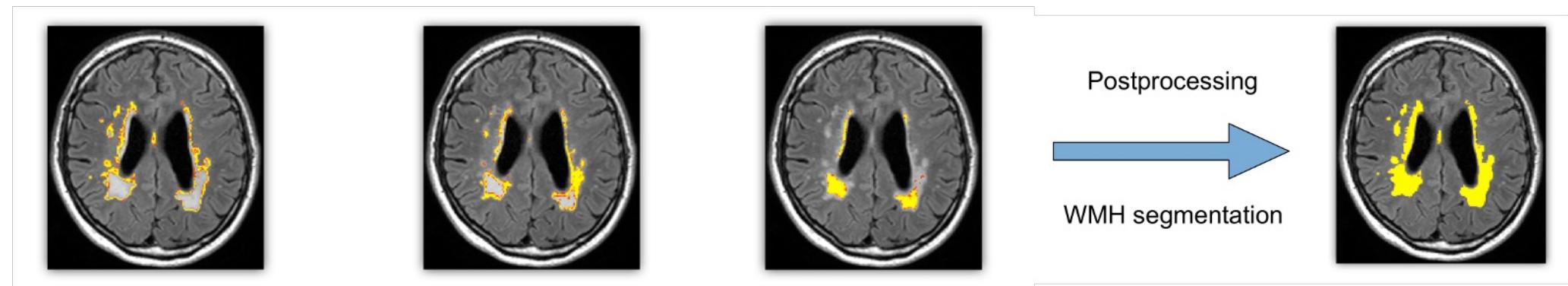
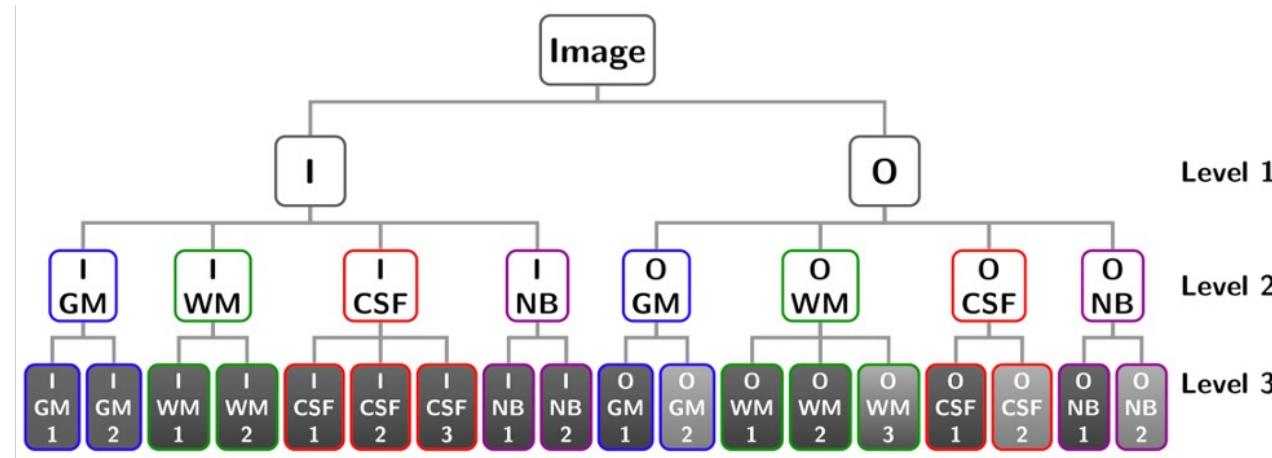
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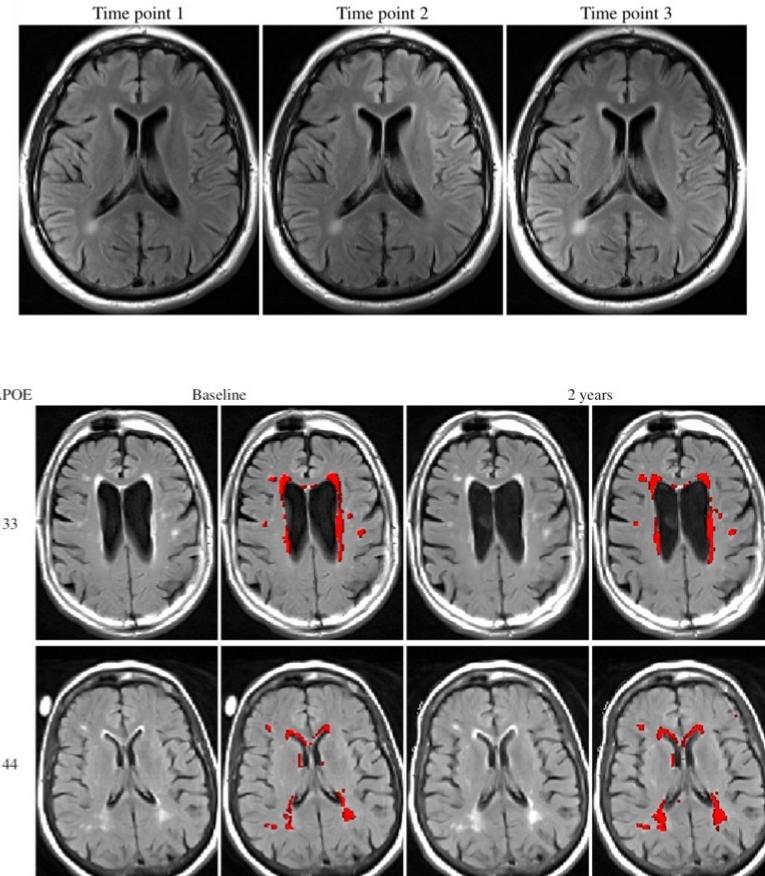
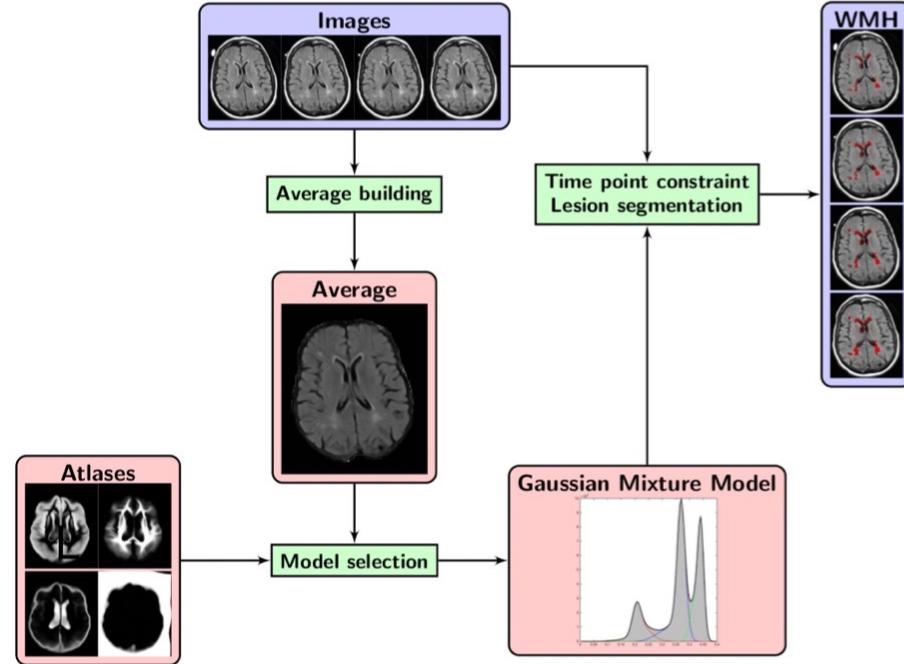
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Model based – Modelling Outliers



Model based – Longitudinal Modelling



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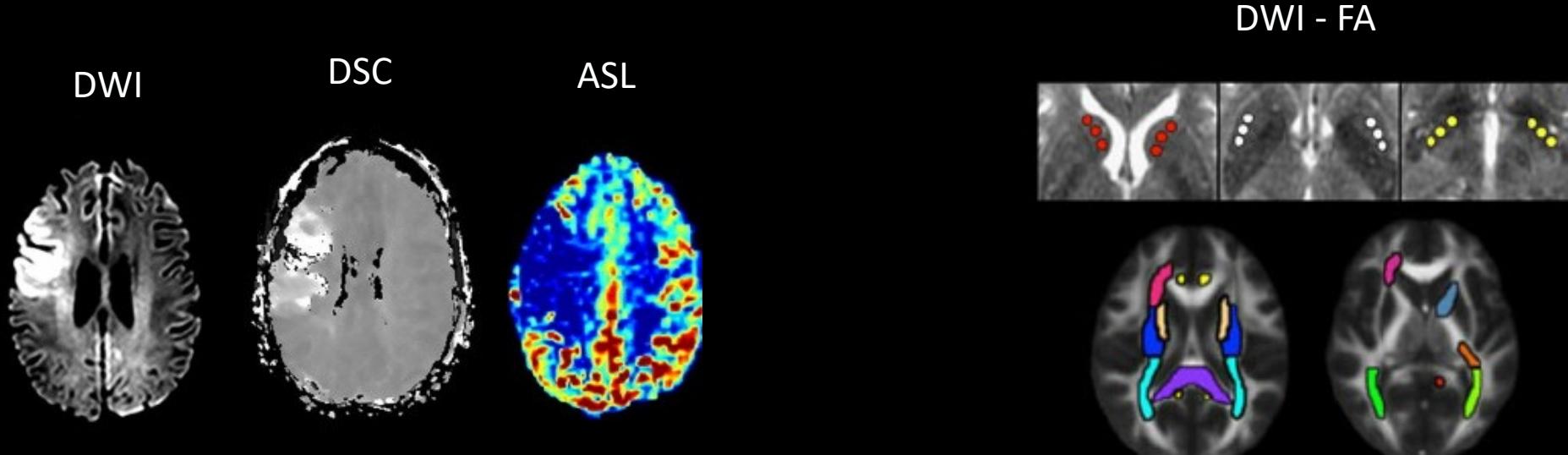
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Quantitative parametric maps



(Quantitative Value, Region of interest) => Regional measurement

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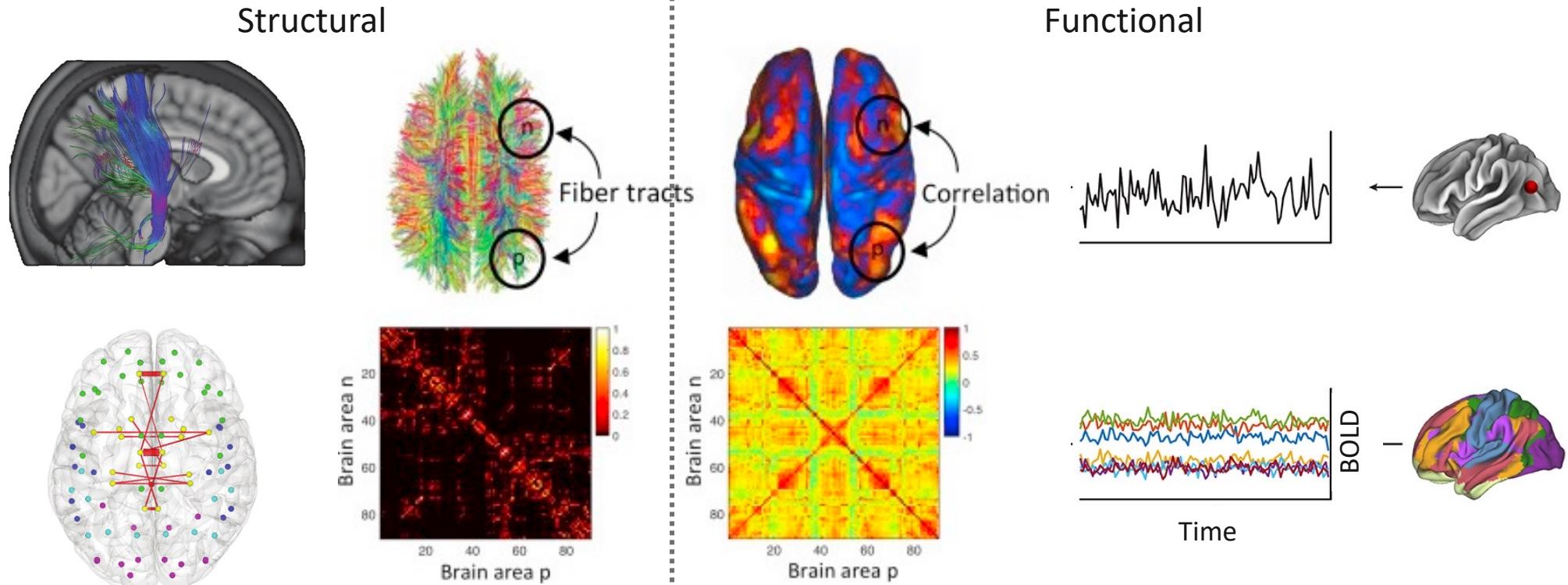
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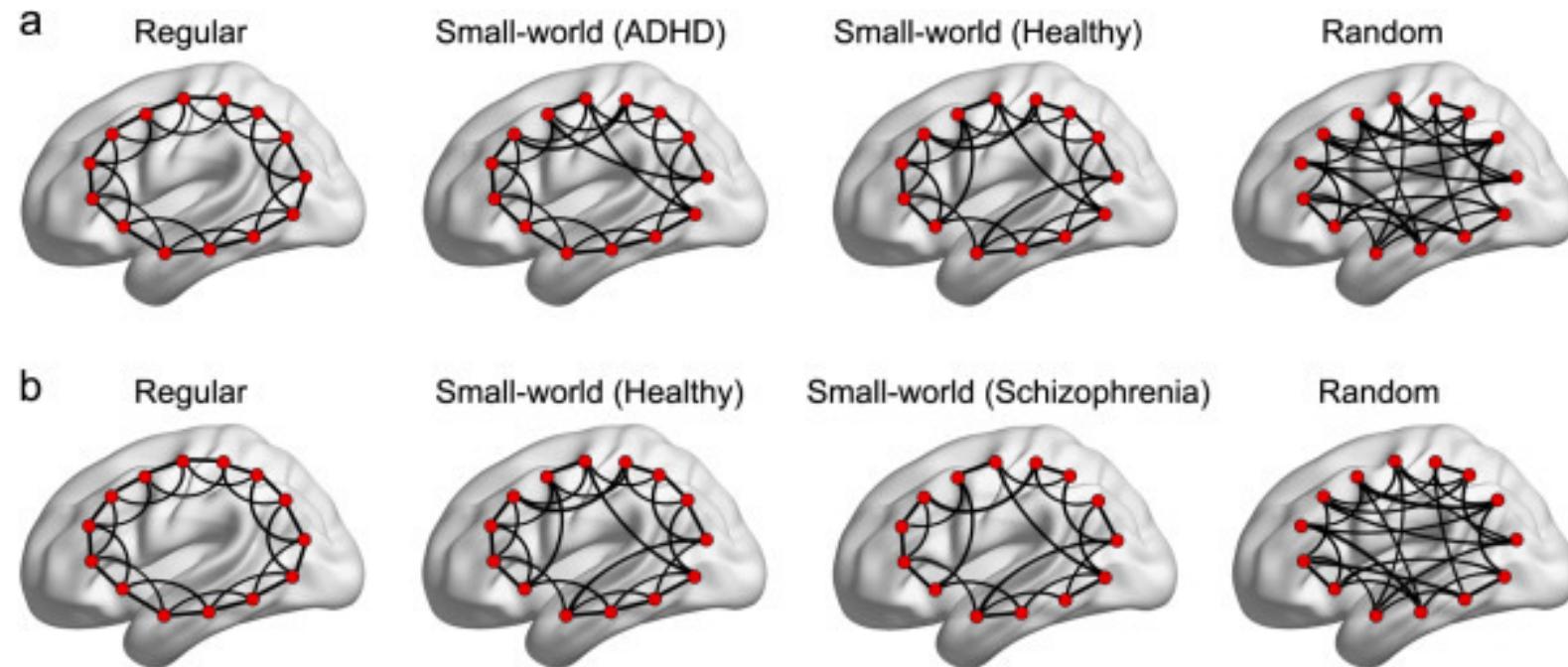
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Structural and functional connectivity



Understanding how the brain is organised



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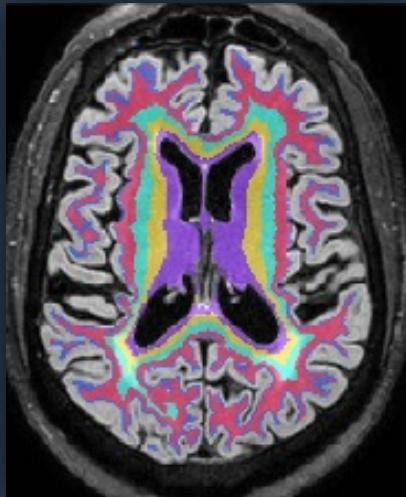
Surfaces/skeleton
(Freesurfer, TBSS)

Regional Data Representation

Layers

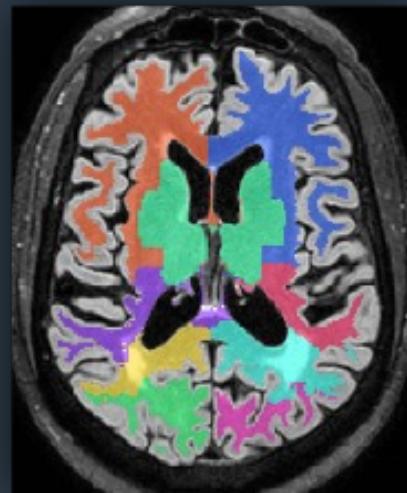
Laplace equation between ventricular and cortical surface

Normalised distance
Discretised = 4 layers



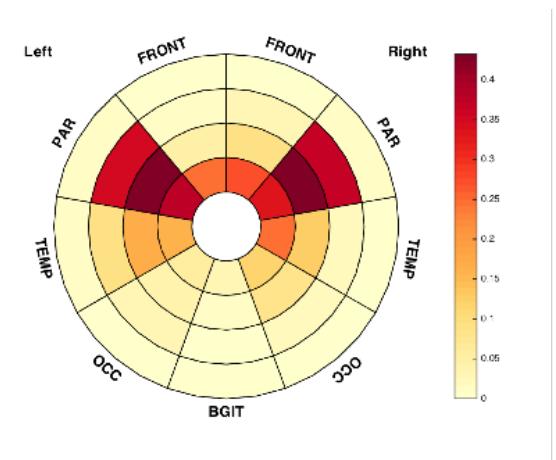
Lobes

Cortical parcellation
Aggregation of regions
Minimum Euclidean distance



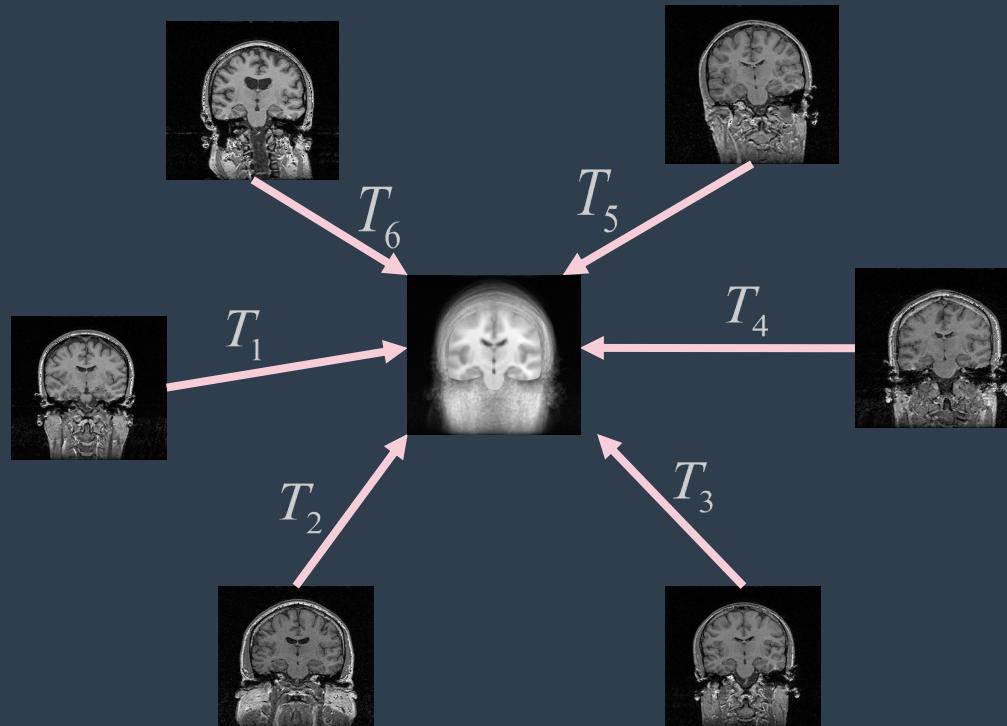
- **Lesion frequency:** Proportion of a region occupied by WMH

- **Lesion distribution:** Proportion of the WMH volume localised in a region



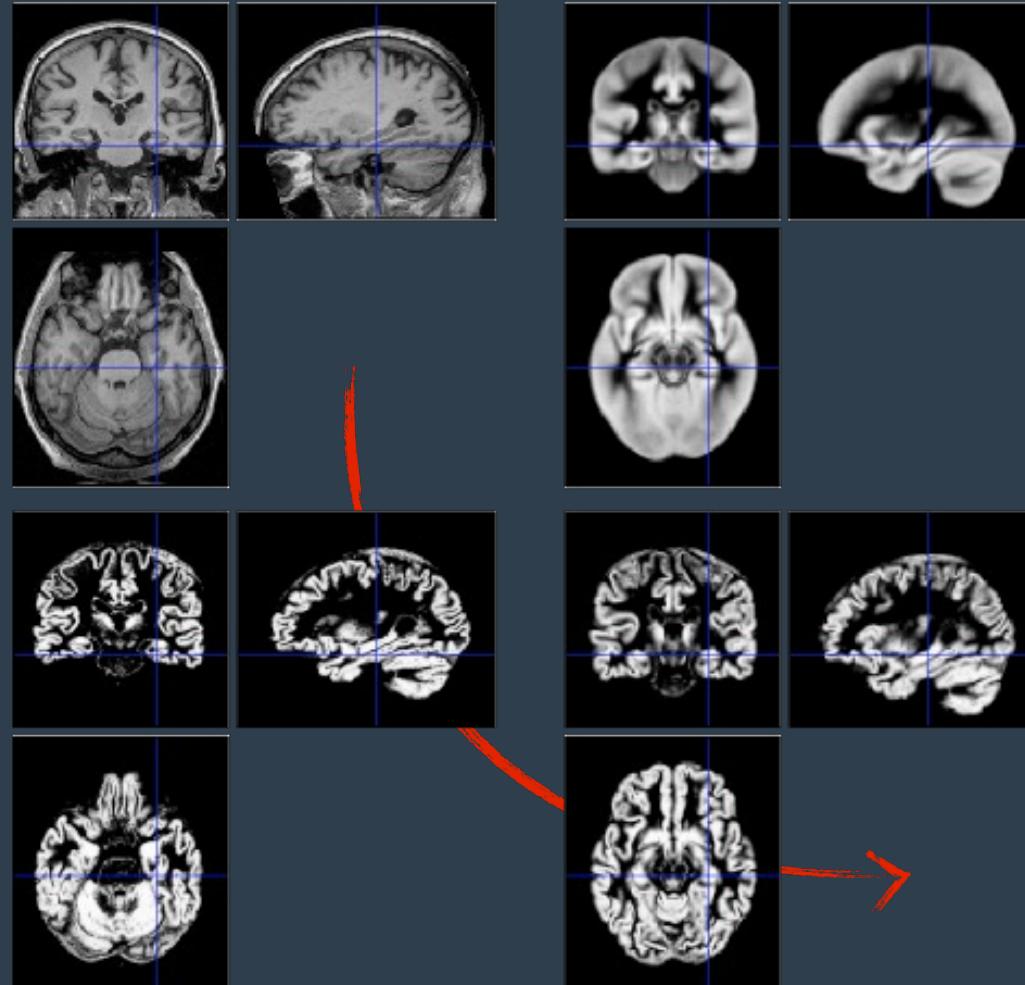
Group Alignment - Voxel-wise

- Non-Rigid Alignment + Conealing



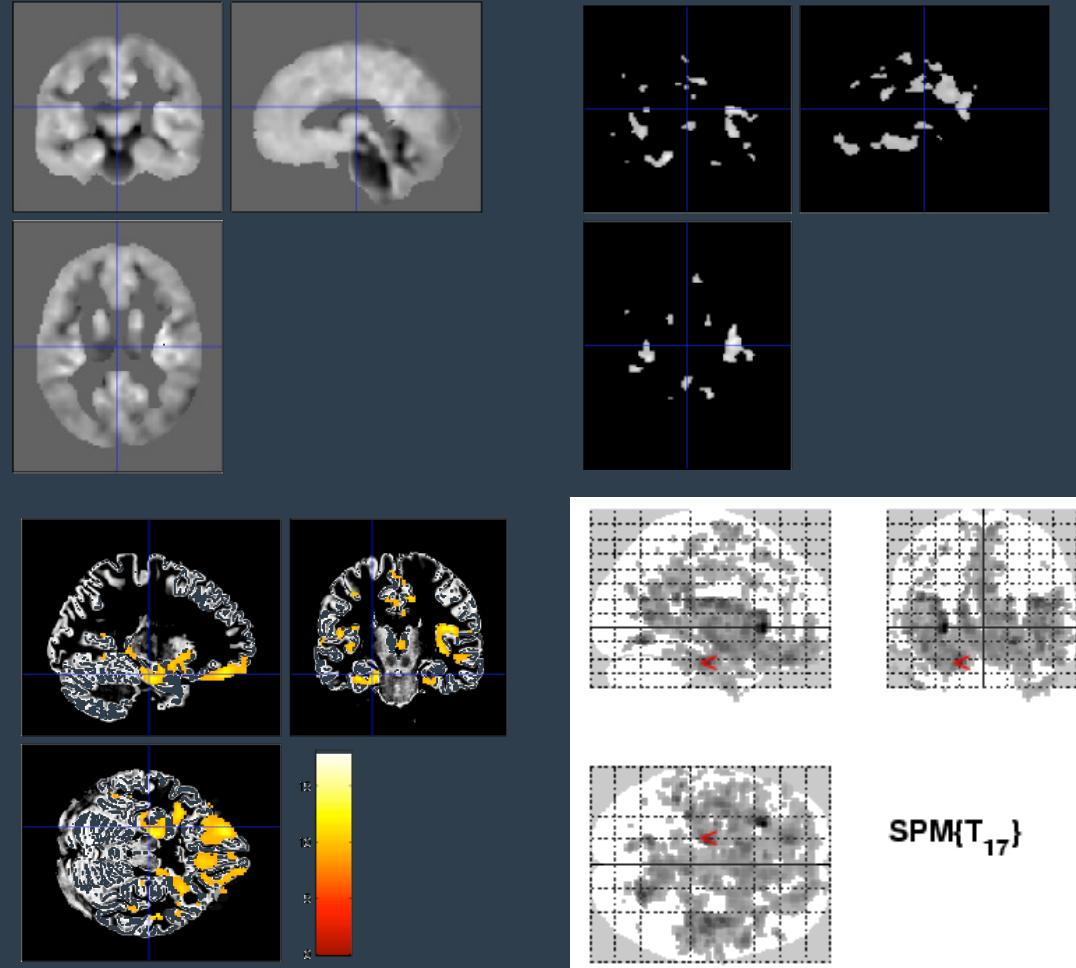
Group Alignment – VBM

- Segment
- Normalise
- Modulate (?)
- Smooth



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- Normalise
- Modulate (?)
- Smooth
- Voxel-wise statistics



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Predict/Infer targets

Surrogate Biomarkers

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Linear Models

Non-linear
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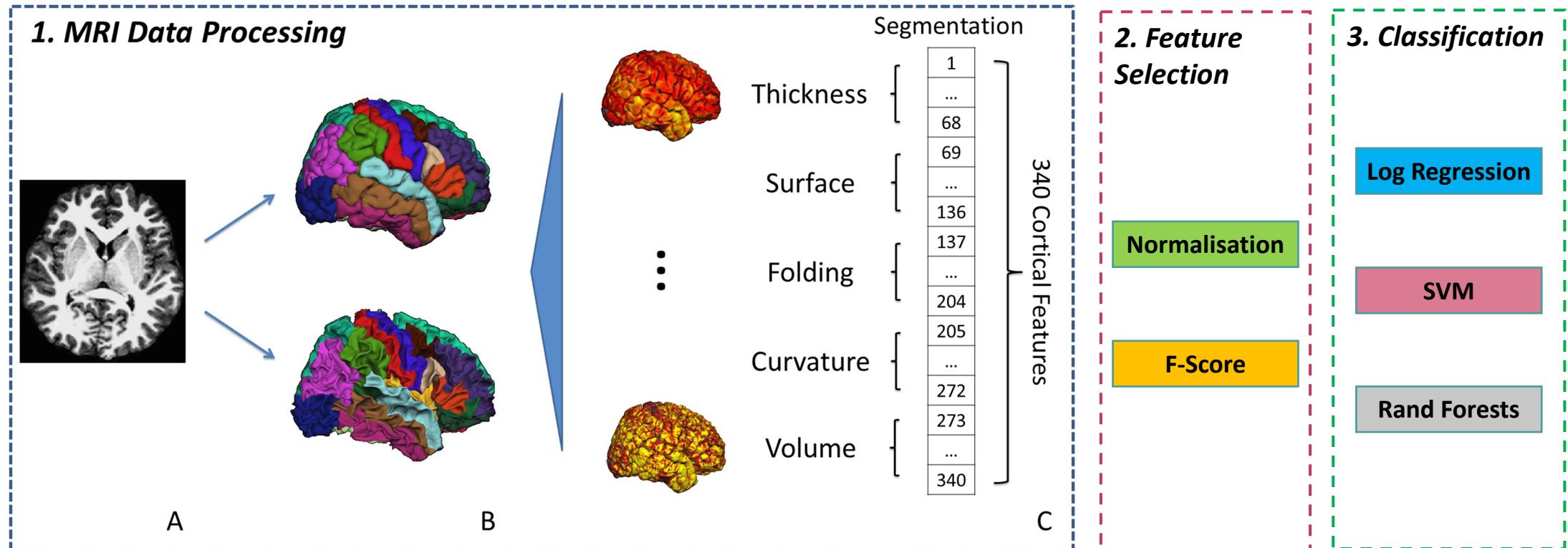
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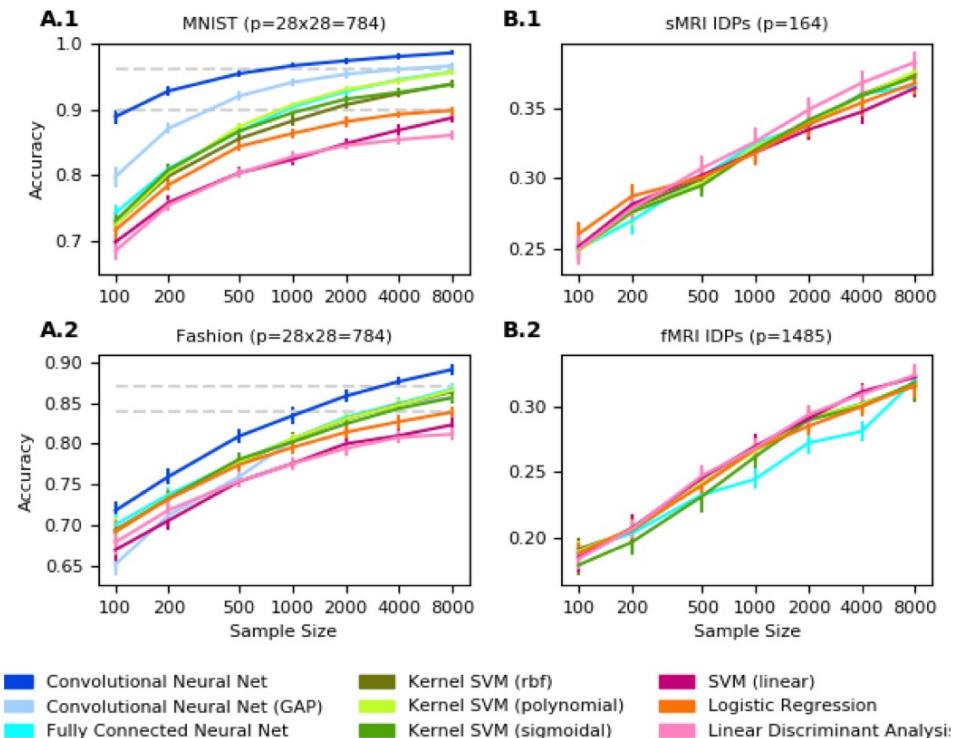
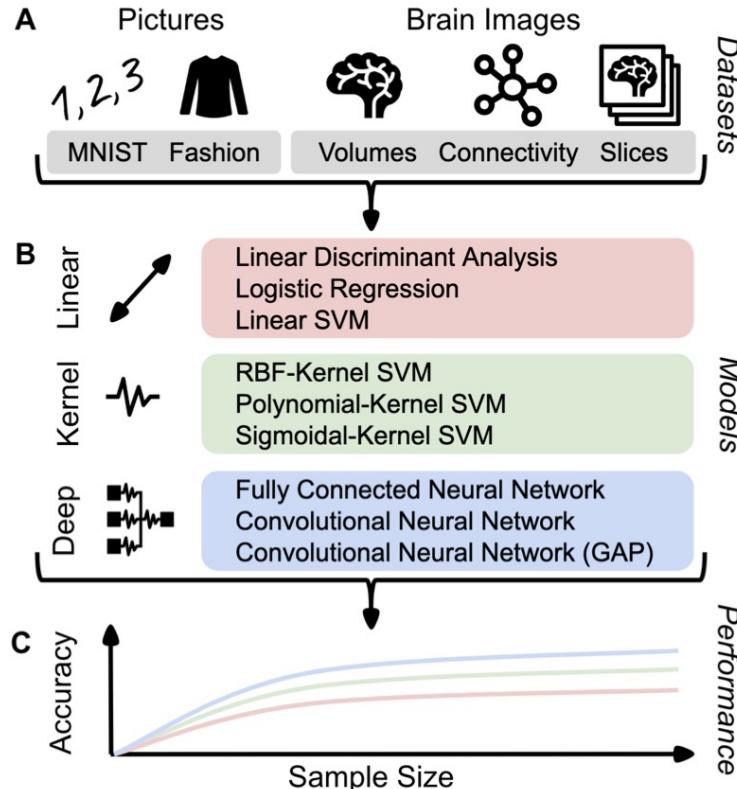
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Classic ML classification “pipeline”

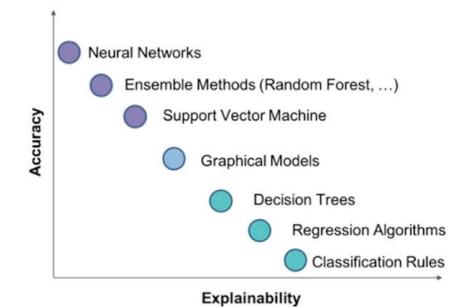
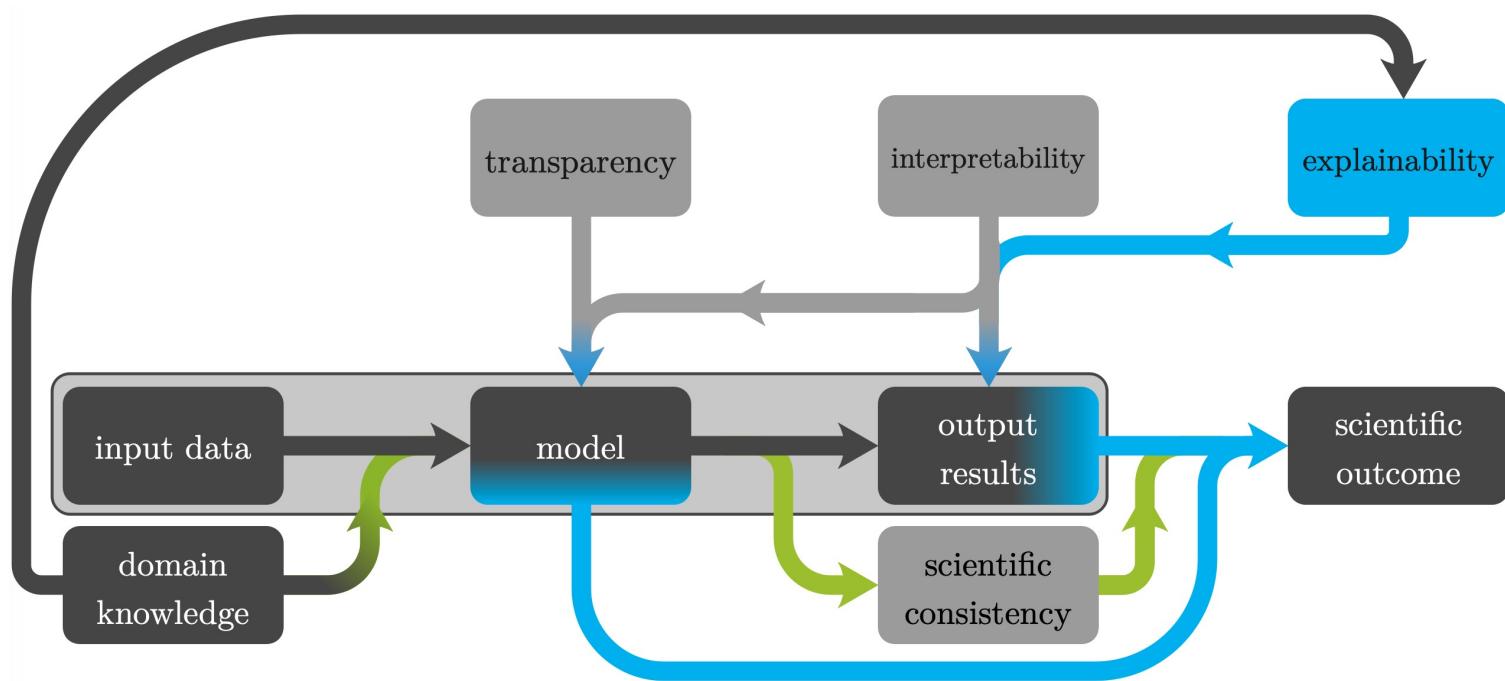


Linear vs Non-linear methods

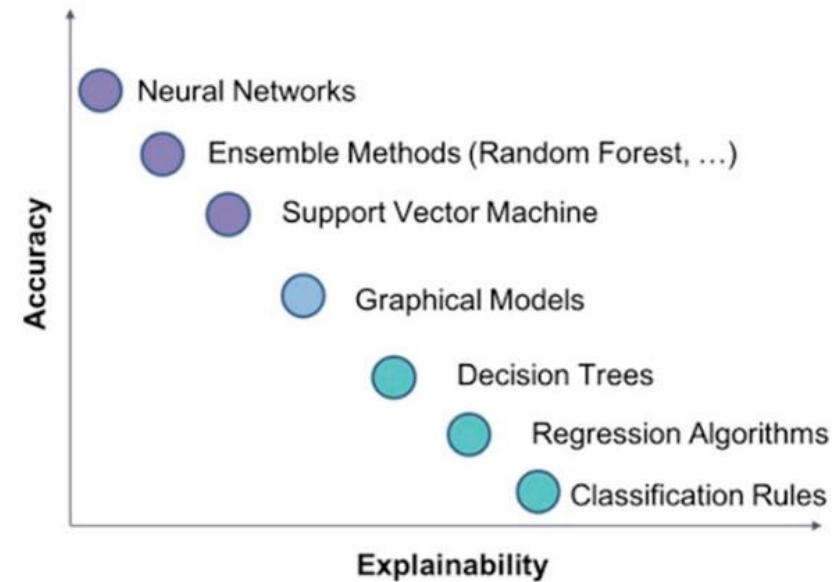
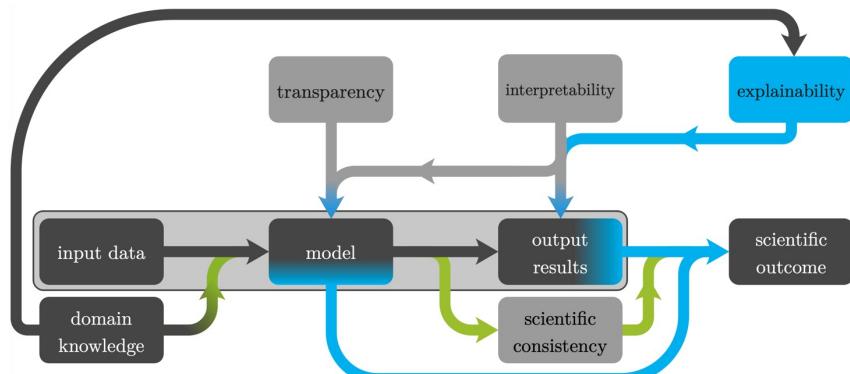


- Schulz et al. Nature Communications 2020

Explainability and discovery



Explainability and discovery



From Explicit Models to Deep Learning

“A computer program is said to learn from experience E with respect to some class of tasks T and performance measure P, if its performance at tasks in T, as measured by P, improves with experience E”

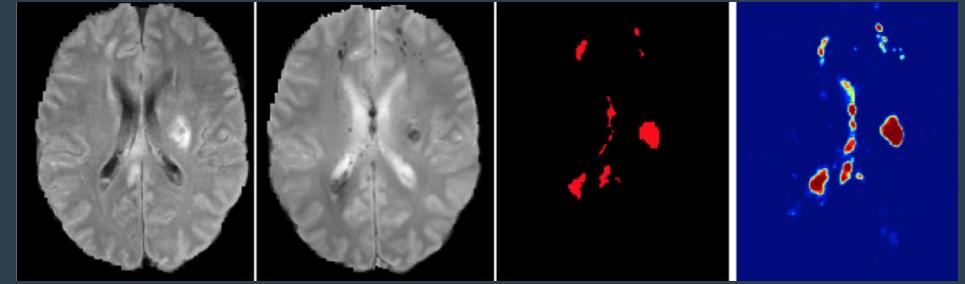
- *Classification: Map input to one of k classes* $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \{1, \dots, k\}$
- *Regression: Map input to a continuous value* $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- *One-class Classification: Find a distance d from a compact distribution* $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \{d\}$
- *Segmentation: Map input to one of k classes per input element* $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{nk}$
- *Encoding-Decoding: Learning the structure of the data* $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^z \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

From Explicit Models to Deep Learning

- Classification



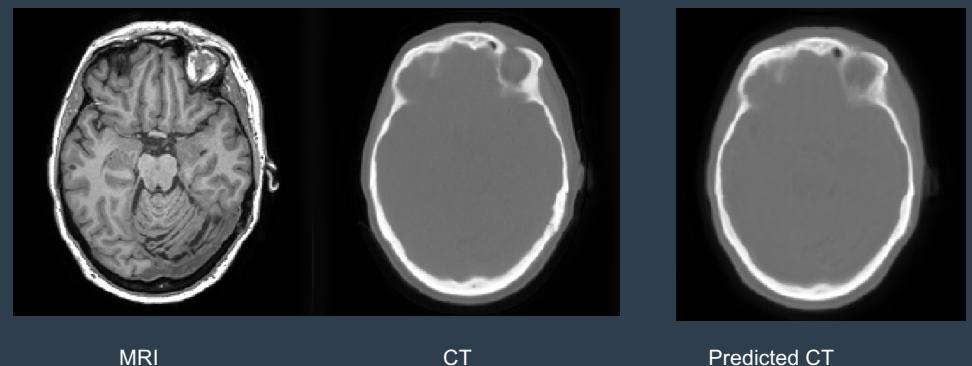
- Segmentation



- Dimensionality Reduction



- Regression



Conclusions - Part 1

- Uses primarily advanced and good quality data
- Models with simplifying assumptions tend to work
- Classic models/methods/tools tend to be problem specific
- Historical focus on discovery and understanding the brain
- Classic models have slowly been replaced with ML models even for simple tasks
- Lack of translation
 - Models trained on research data tend to fail in real-world patient care

Scaling up

Two worlds



Public-health &
epidemiological Research
Observational studies
Clinical-quality data



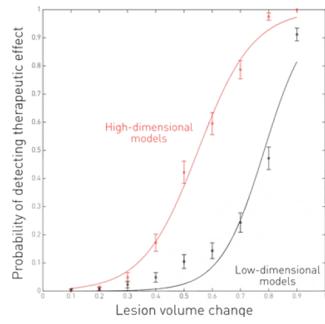
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Randomised Clinical Trials
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The Big Data opportunity

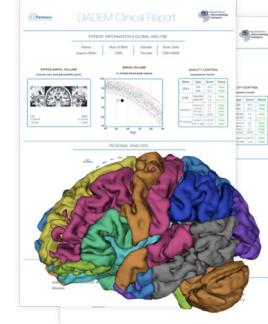
- Exploring & exploiting retrospective data
- Data-driven improvements of quality of care
- Improve patient happiness and outcomes
- Inform operational and administrative decisions



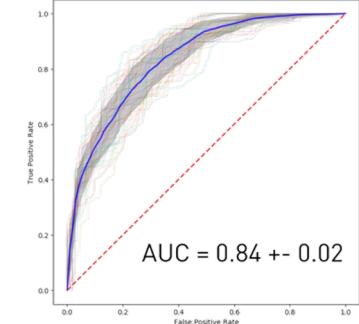
AI in Healthcare



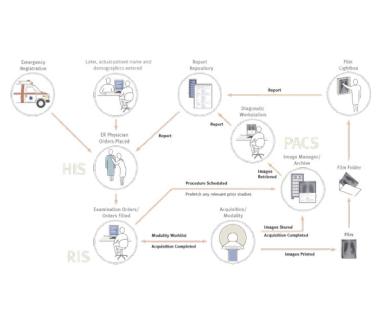
Patient Care



Clinical Efficiency



Live Auditing



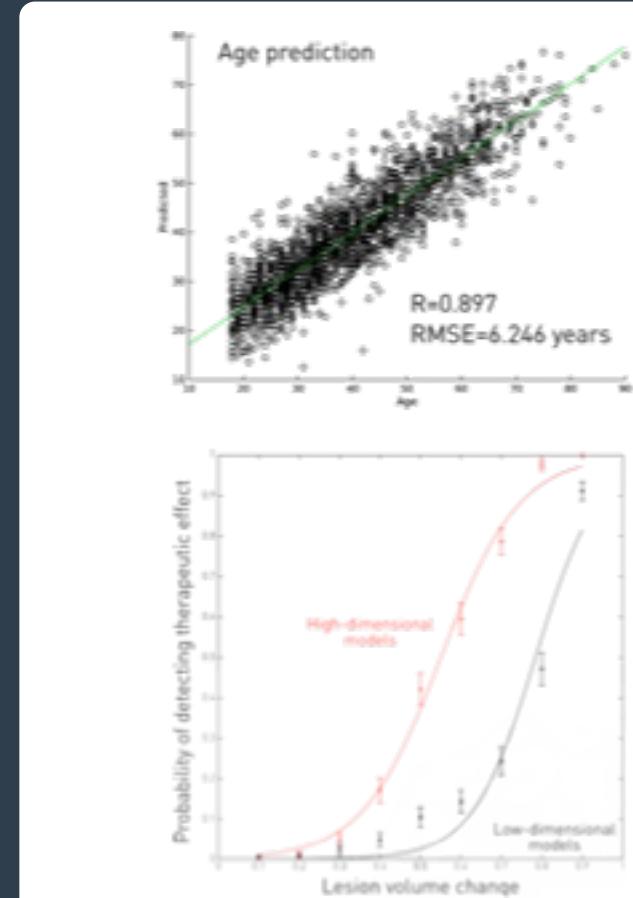
Operational Efficiency



Value Based Healthcare

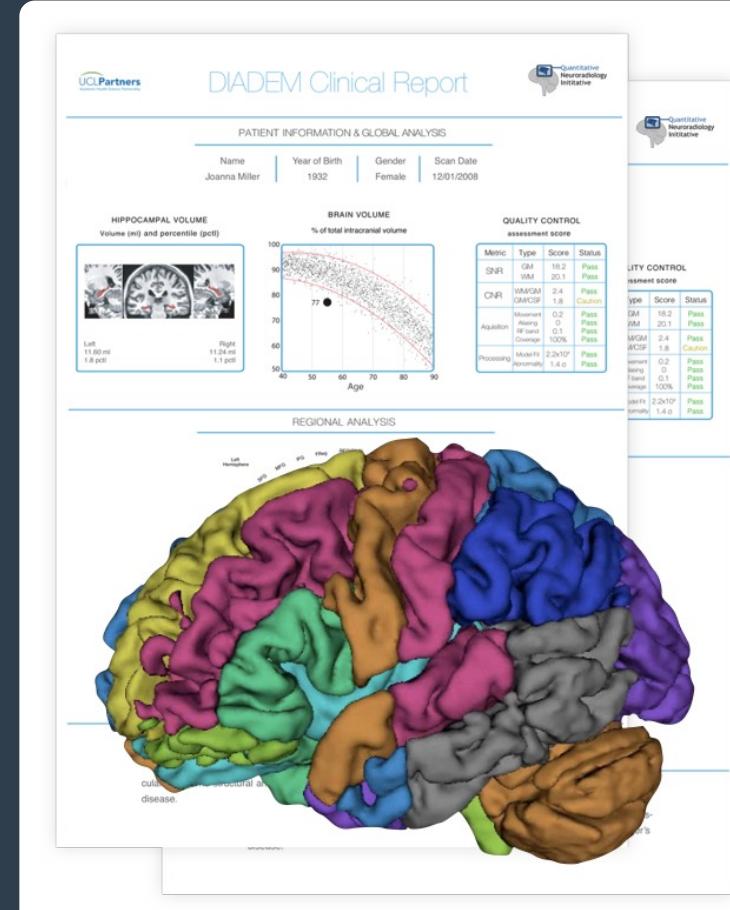
AI for Improving Patient Care

- Task:
 - Extract measurement or predict outcomes given some input data
- Data:
 - Radiological/Blood/Genetic Data
- Application examples:
 - Baseline Diagnosis
 - Prognosis
 - Drug response
 - Intervention Response



AI for Clinical Efficiency

- Task:
 - Automate labour-intensive tasks
- Data:
 - Radiological/Blood/Genetic/Clinical Data
- Application examples:
 - Data Preparation
 - Automated Quantification
 - Prioritisation
 - Software Integration



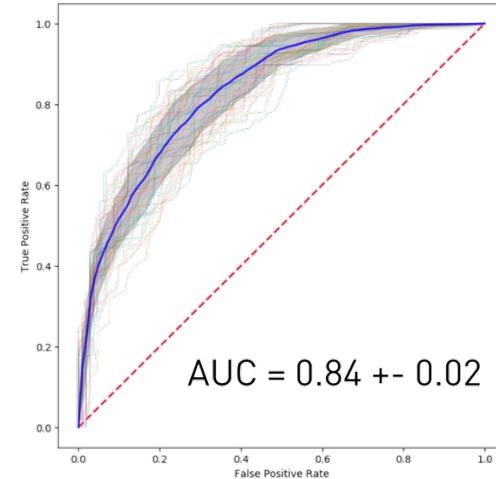
AI for Value Based Care

- Task:
 - Optimise the value (outcome/cost) of the full neurological care pipeline
- Data:
 - Medical events, clinical tasks, cognitive assessments, patient accessions, etc
- Application examples:
 - Optimise for outcomes
 - Maximise value of the full care pipeline
 - Optimise hospital-specific care pathways
 - Optimise for recovery or sustainability of health



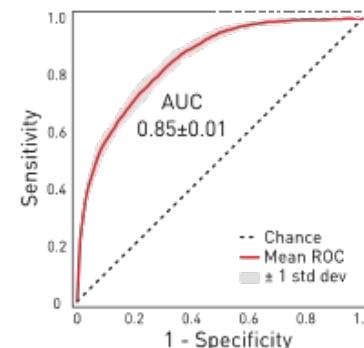
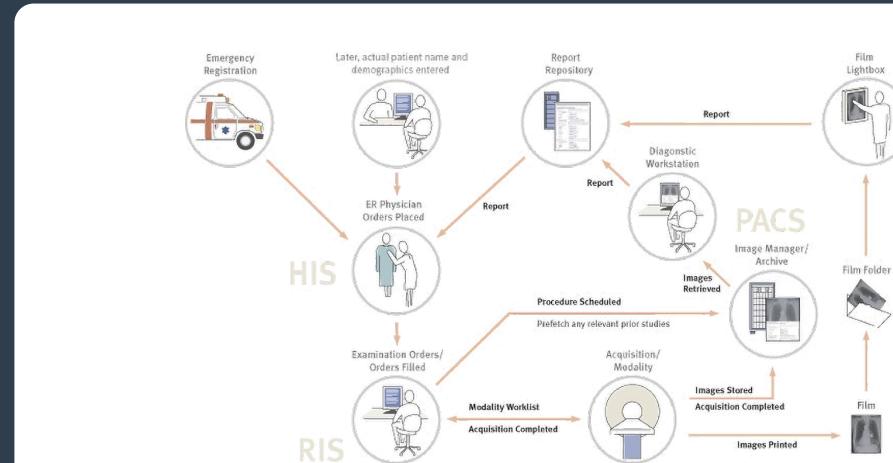
AI for Clinical Auditing

- Task:
 - Continuous assessment of quality of care
- Data:
 - Medical events, outcomes, costs, etc
- Application examples:
 - Live audit of clinical service delivery
 - Automated drug efficacy characterisation
 - Help achieve local CCG standards
 - Dashboarding of NHS performance targets



AI for Operational Efficiency

- Task:
 - Clinical data can inform administrative decisions
- Data:
 - Interventions, costs, bed usage, load, throughput, etc
- Application examples:
 - Predict hospital length of stay
 - Predict missed appointments
 - Balance staffing requirements given throughput
 - Optimise the cost/charge codes



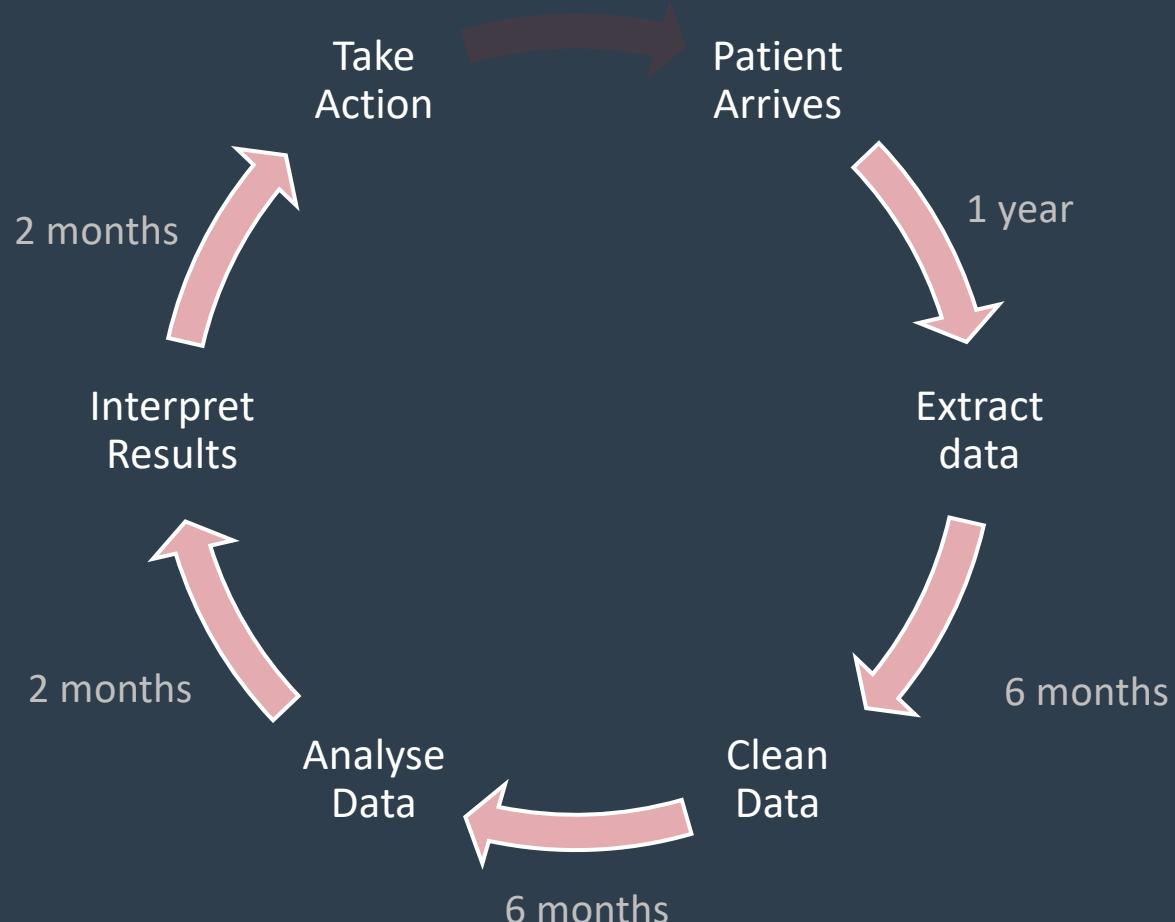
The London Medical Imaging & AI Centre for Value Based Healthcare



- UKRI + OLS funded
 - 5 years
 - £30+M funding
- Partnership
 - 5 Universities
 - 10 Hospitals
 - 20+ pathways
 - 10+ startups
 - 5 large industrial partners



From static snapshots ... to actionable analytics



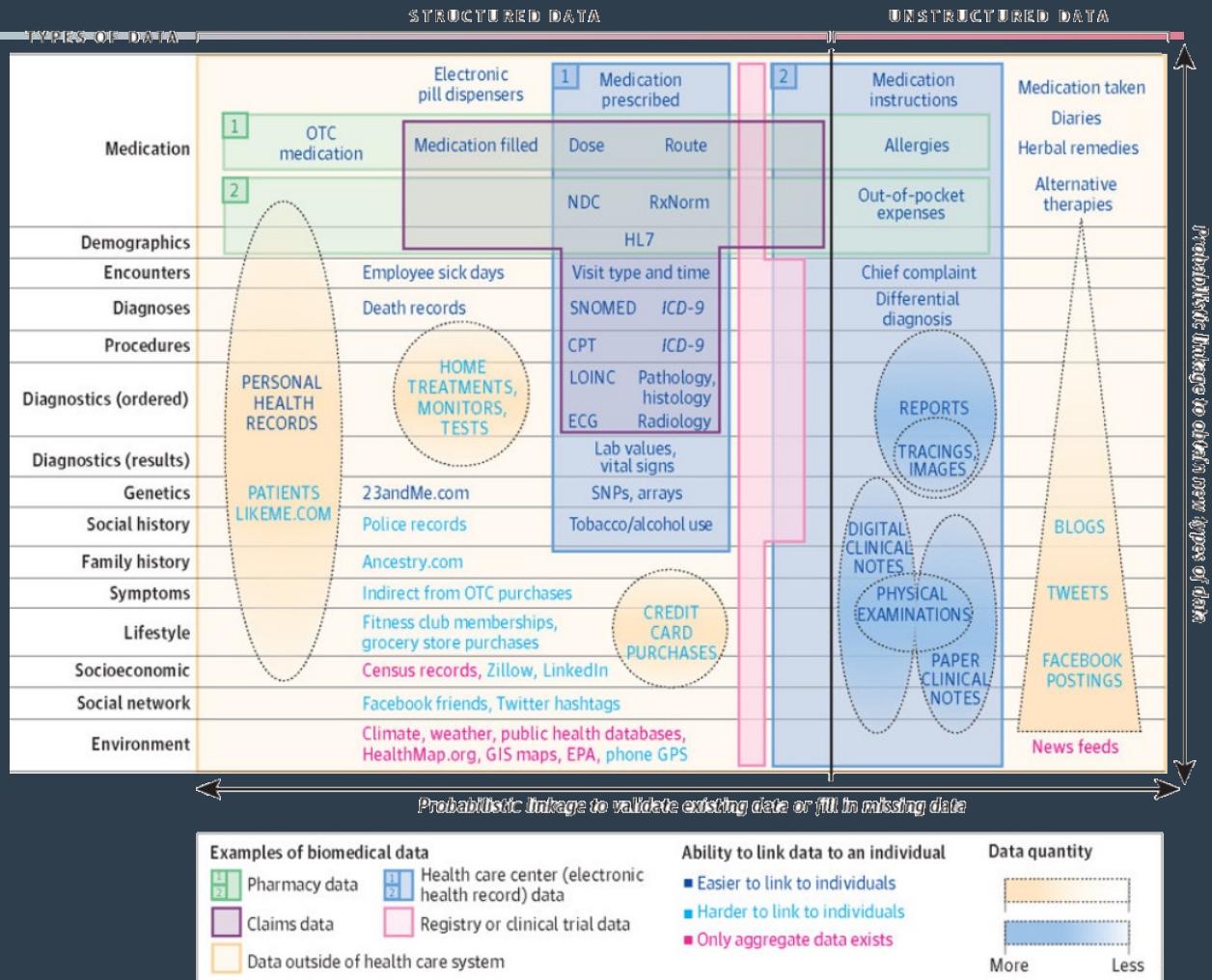
The translational challenge

- Real world data
 - Missing, causal, dirty, unstructured, and encompassing
- Data Aggregation
 - Data collection from multiple databases and EHR/PACS/RIS systems
 - Utilisation of ontologies and standards compliance
- Data Search
 - Structured + Unstructured data, large volumes
- Informatics Infrastructure and governance
 - Computing, storage, deployment
- Computational/Technical Challenges
 - Model size vs labelled data, data complexity



The width of clinical data

- Health records
 - Diagnosis, procedures, outcomes
- Images
 - MRI, CT, US, X-ray, Pathology
- Drugs
 - OTC medication
 - Hospital Pharmacy
- Costs
 - Income and costs per encounter/event
- Medical devices
- Genomic Data



Informatics Infrastructure

- Make data research ready
 - Develop data storage, curation and search
 - Aggregate data from multiple feeds
- Data governance and patient privacy
 - “Move models, not data”
 - Federated learning across hospitals
- Model/Data governance framework
 - AI model auditing to avoid data leaks
- Needs formalisation of infrastructure
 - Nvidia/IBM



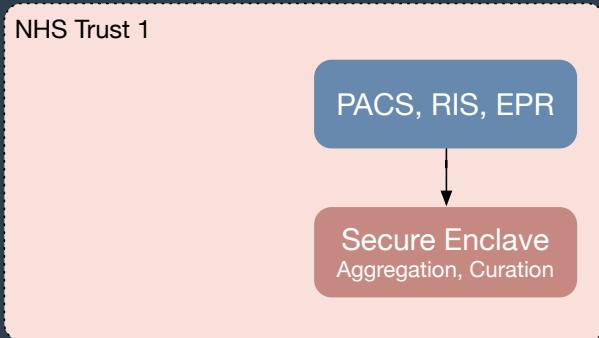
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Semantic
EHR



Infrastructure – Imaging Data Storage

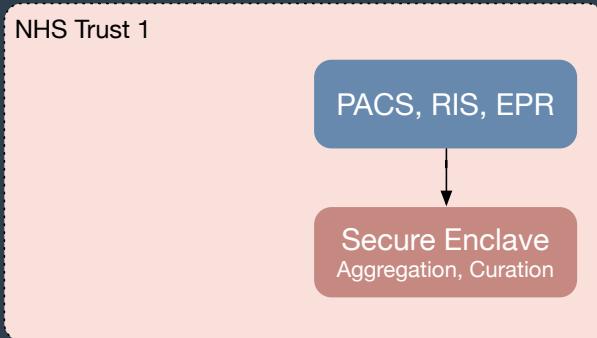


- eXtensible Neuroimaging Archive Toolkit
- Developed at WashU
- Manage, import, archive, process imaging data

The screenshot shows the XNAT Insight interface. At the top, there's a logo for 'XNAT' and a header bar with links for 'Home', 'New', 'Upload', 'Tools', and 'Help'. Below the header, a banner displays 'INSIGHT 46' and a message about the current state of the system: 'nimgt1946 currently contains 11 projects, 520 subjects, and 511 imaging sessions.' On the left, there's a sidebar with navigation links for 'Projects', 'Recent', 'Favorites', 'My projects', 'Other projects', 'Stored Searches', and 'Data'. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Projects' and 'Recent Data Activity'. The 'Projects' section lists several entries, each with a brief description and a list of associated PETMR scans. The 'Recent Data Activity' section shows a table of recent PETMR scans with their IDs and dates.

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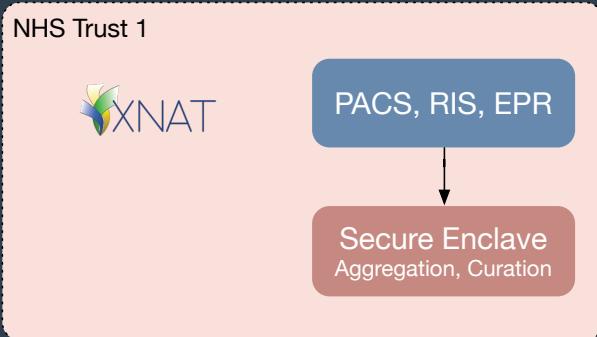
Imaging & real clinical data



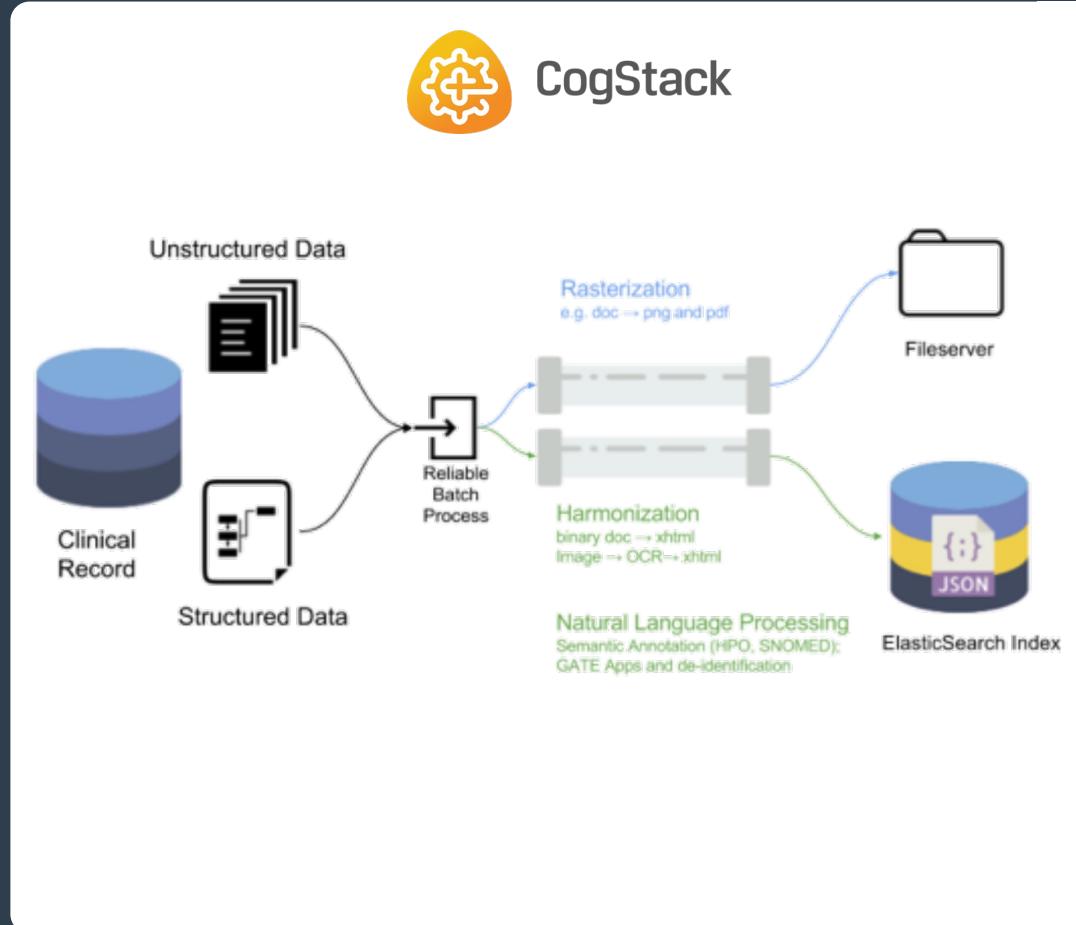
- What kinds of pathologies? General-purpose models
- Does it have an artefact and is in FOV? Need for QC tools
- Is the image of the right kind? Modality classifier
- Is all necessary data available? Deal with missing data
- How much do the models know? Uncertainty modelling



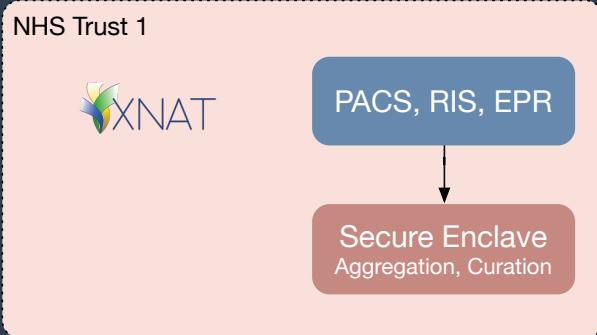
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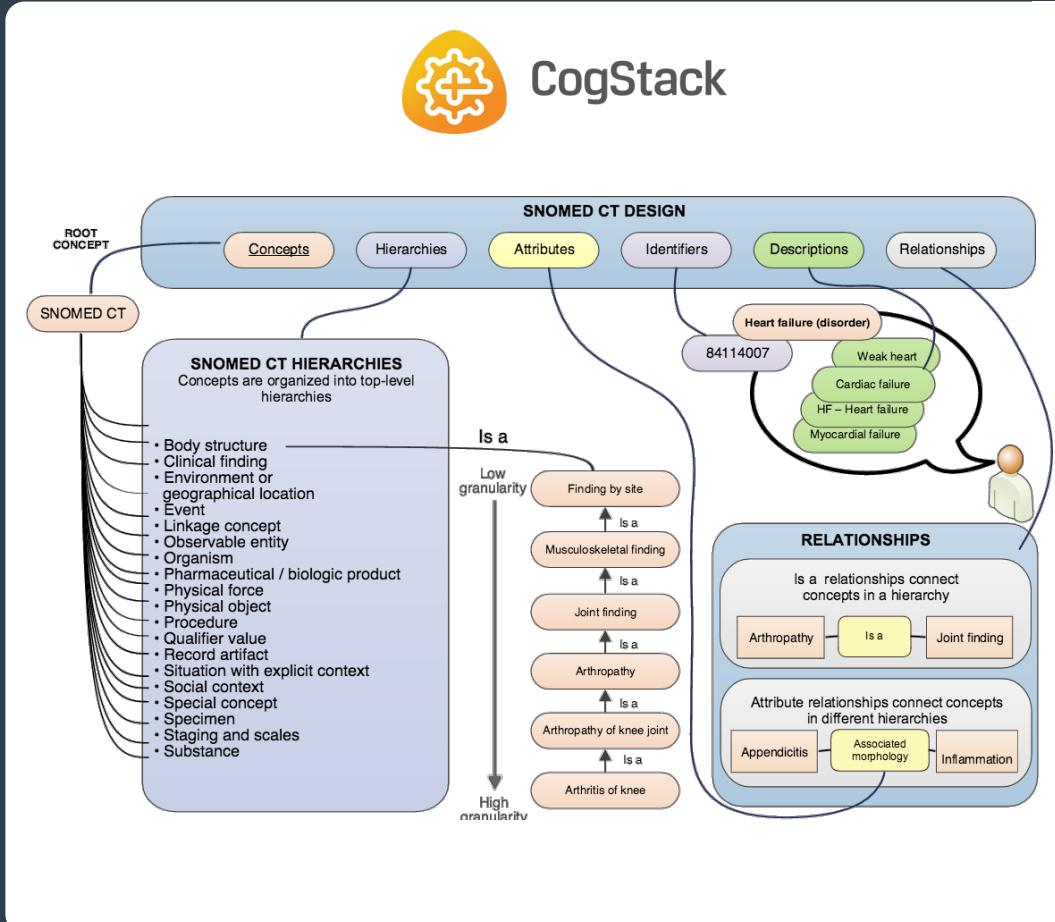
- Developed at KCL
- Manage, import, archive, process EHR data
- Convert documents (raster, pdf, word, etc) into standard XHTML files
- Harmonise data in JSON Elastic Search index



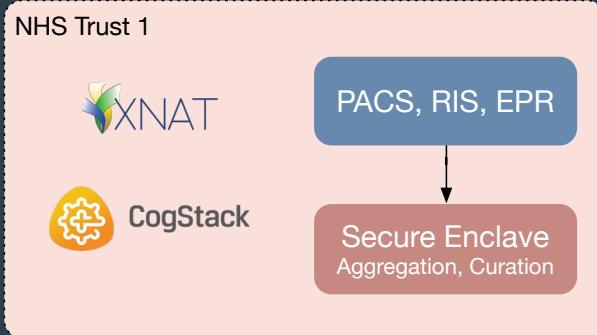
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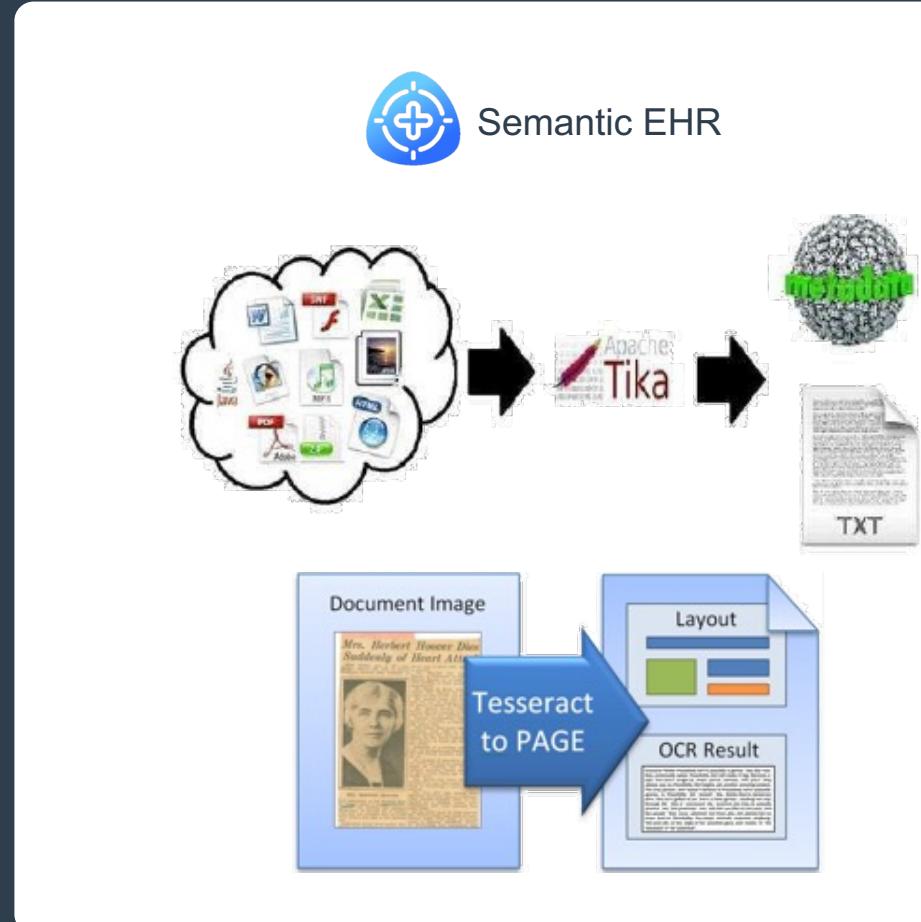
- Standards Compliance
 - HL7 FHIR
 - Data Feeds
- Ontologies
 - SNOMED CT concepts
 - LOINC codes



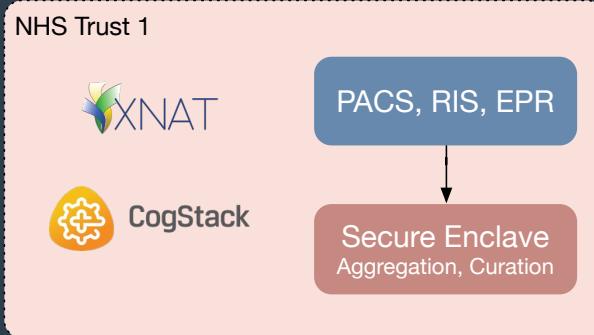
Infrastructure – Natural Language



- Apache TIKA
 - Document Conversion
 - E.g. (word, pdf, etc) → (text, html)
 - Works out of the box on thousands of file types
- Tesseract (OCR)
 - Reading scanned documents
 - Performs well on scans with reasonable quality



Infrastructure – Natural Language

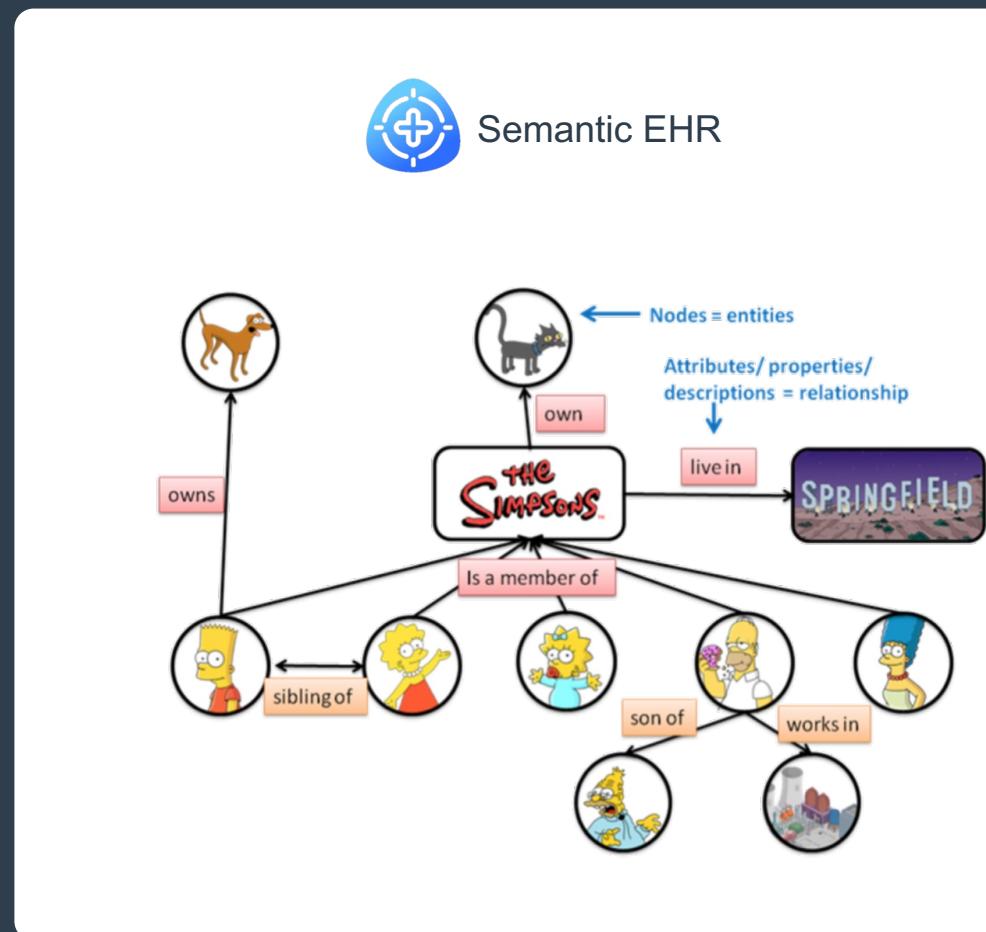
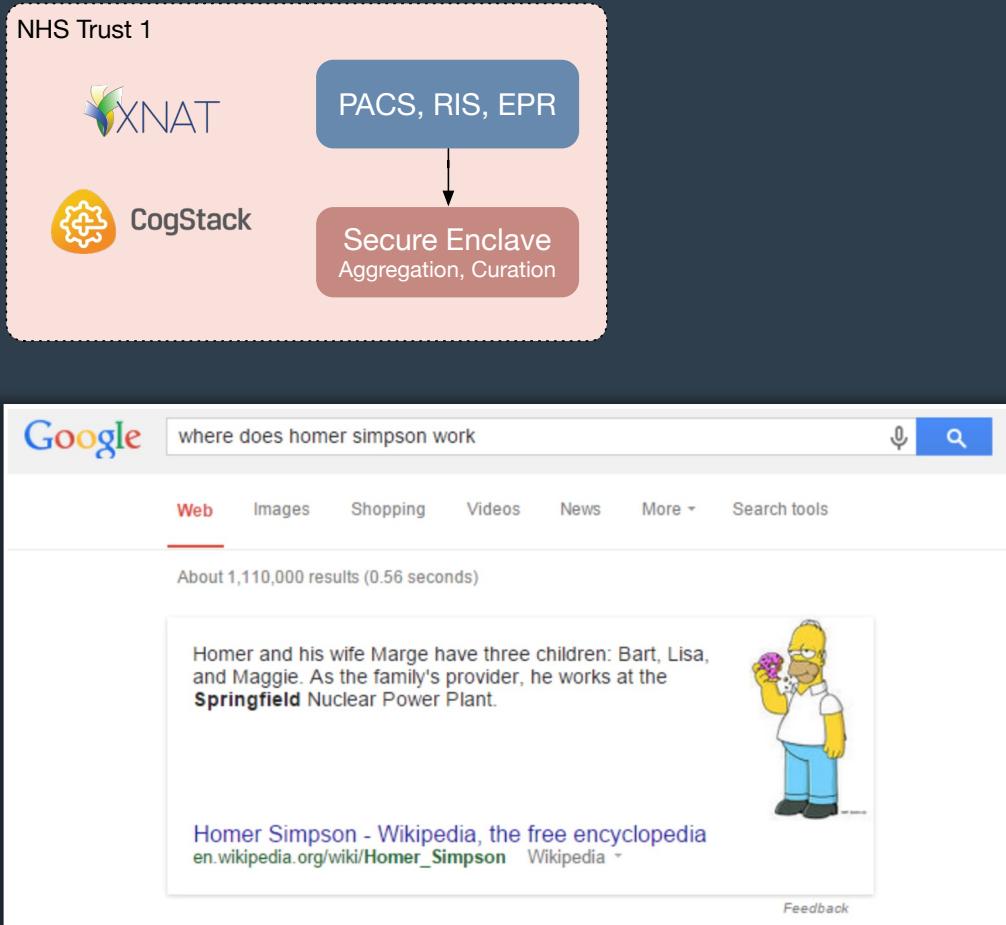


“Mrs Smith is a 65 year old woman with atrial fibrillation had a CVA in March. She had a past history of a #NOF and OA. She has a family history of breast cancer. She has been prescribed apixaban. She has no history of haemorrhage.”

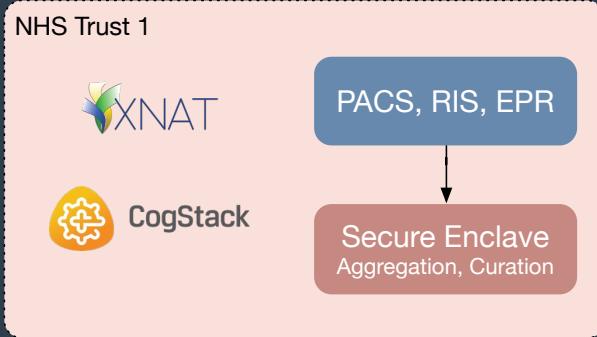


Spelling, typos , Nomenclature, Acronyms, Negations, Family history

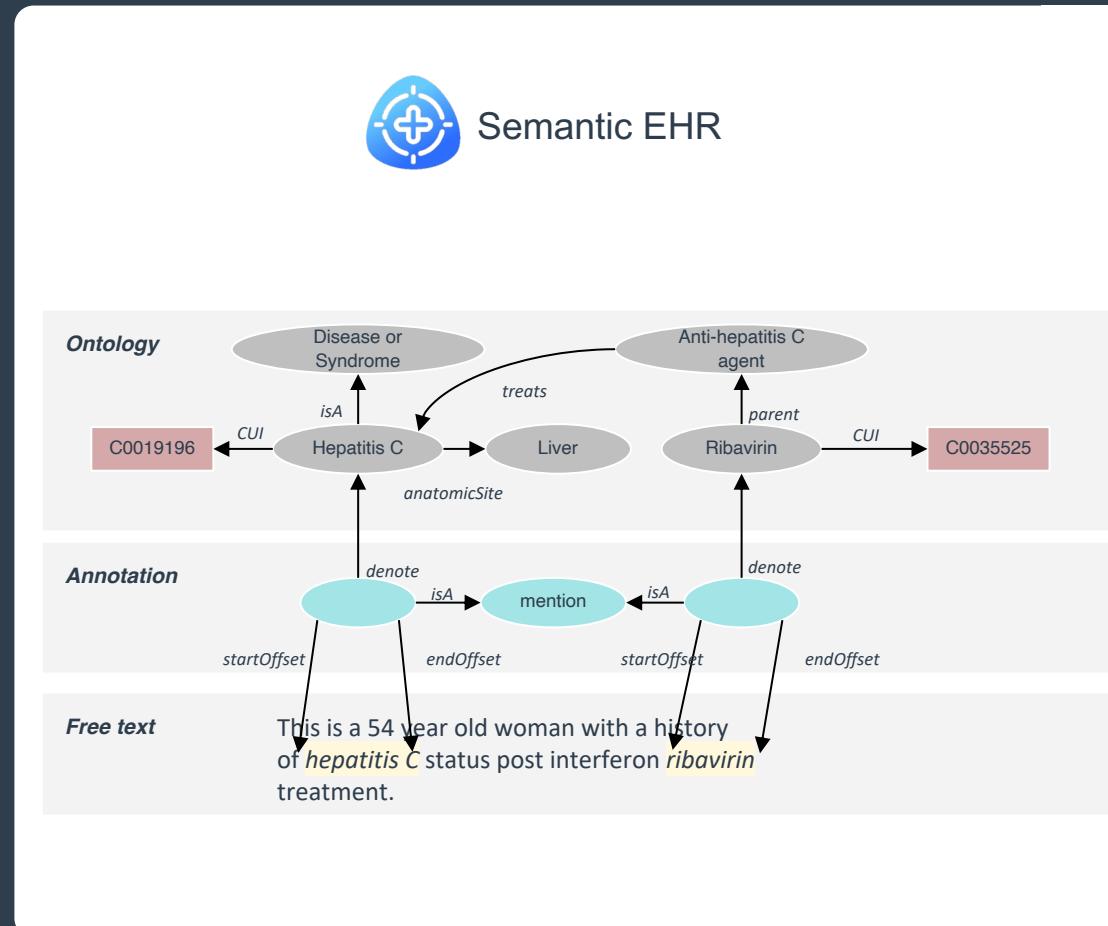
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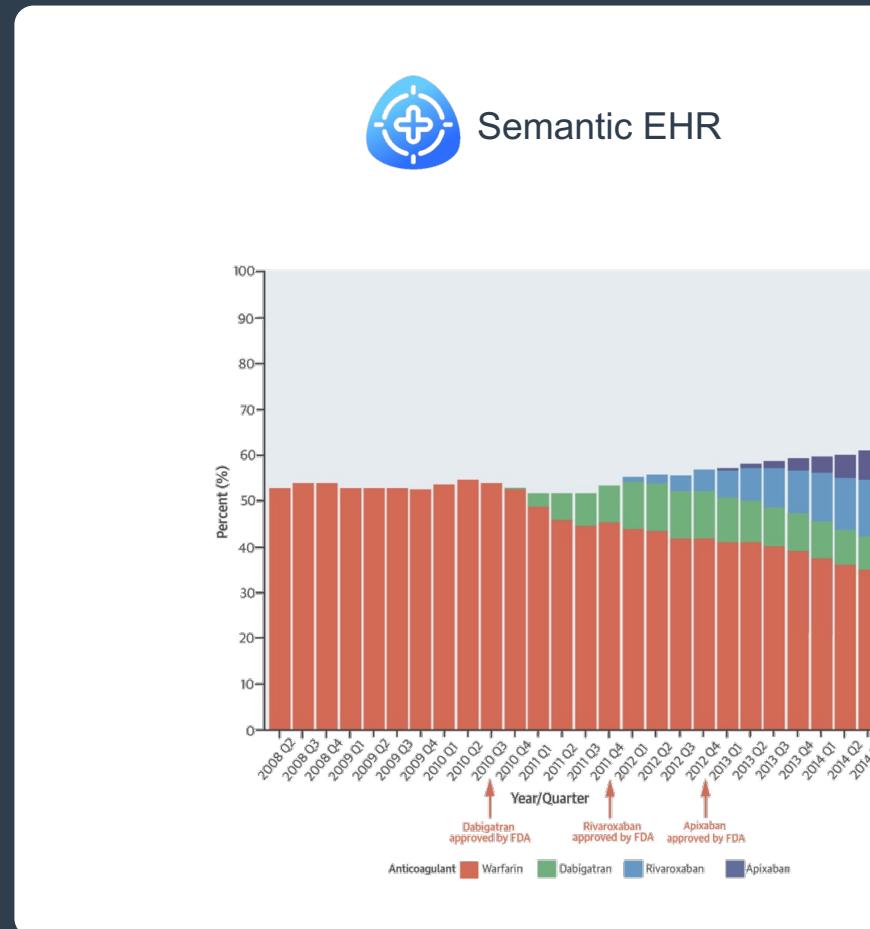
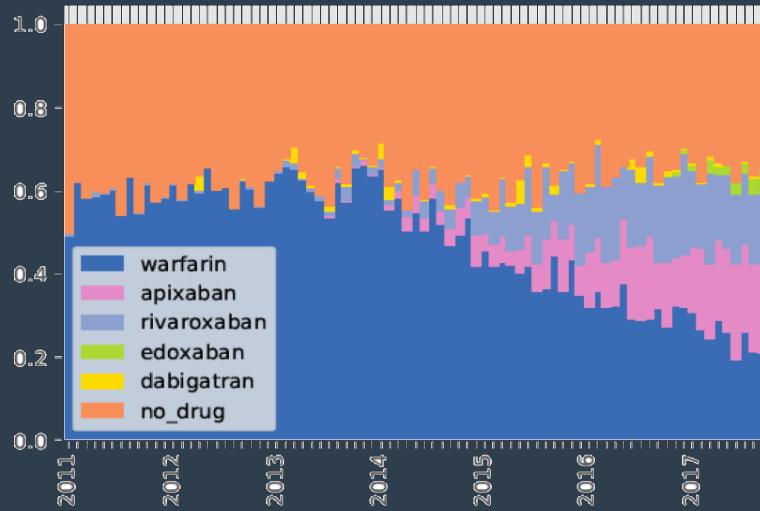
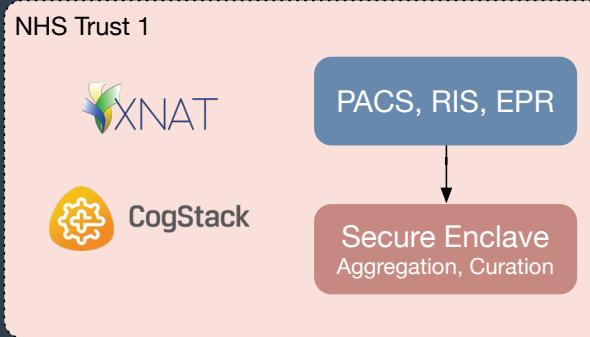
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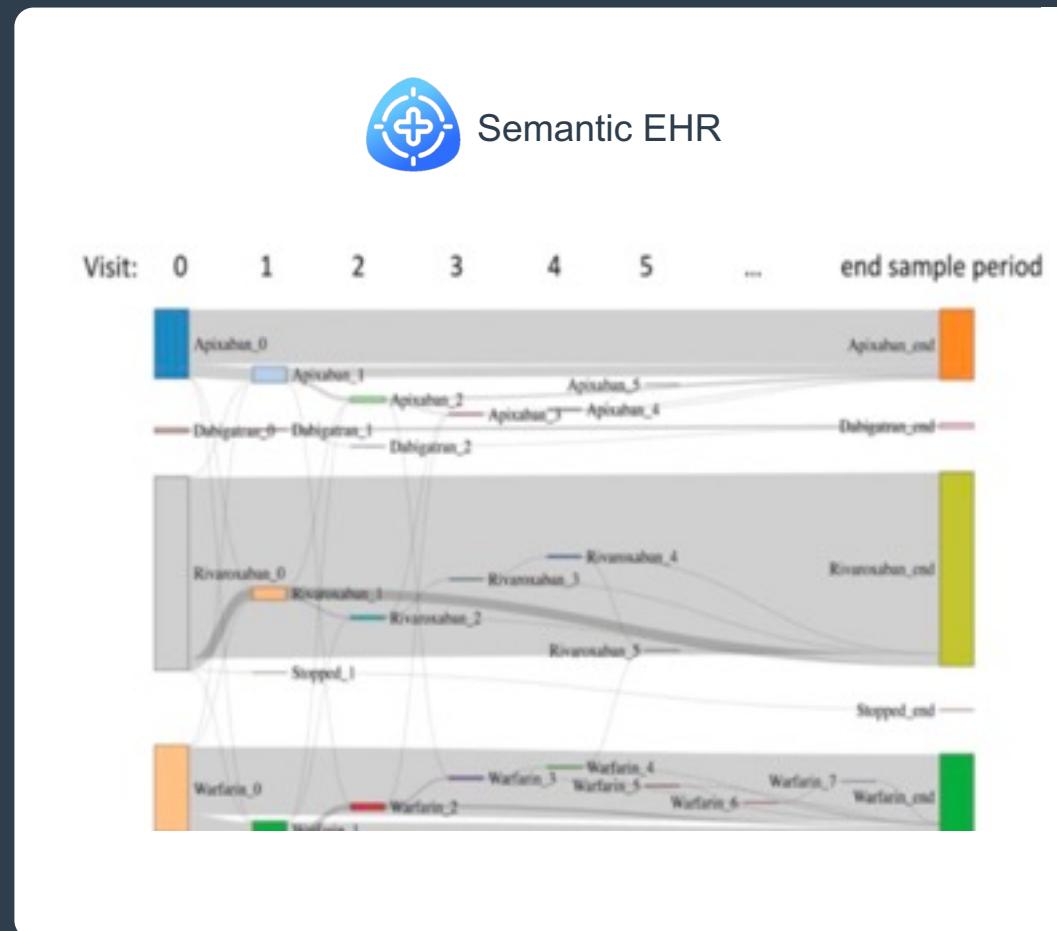
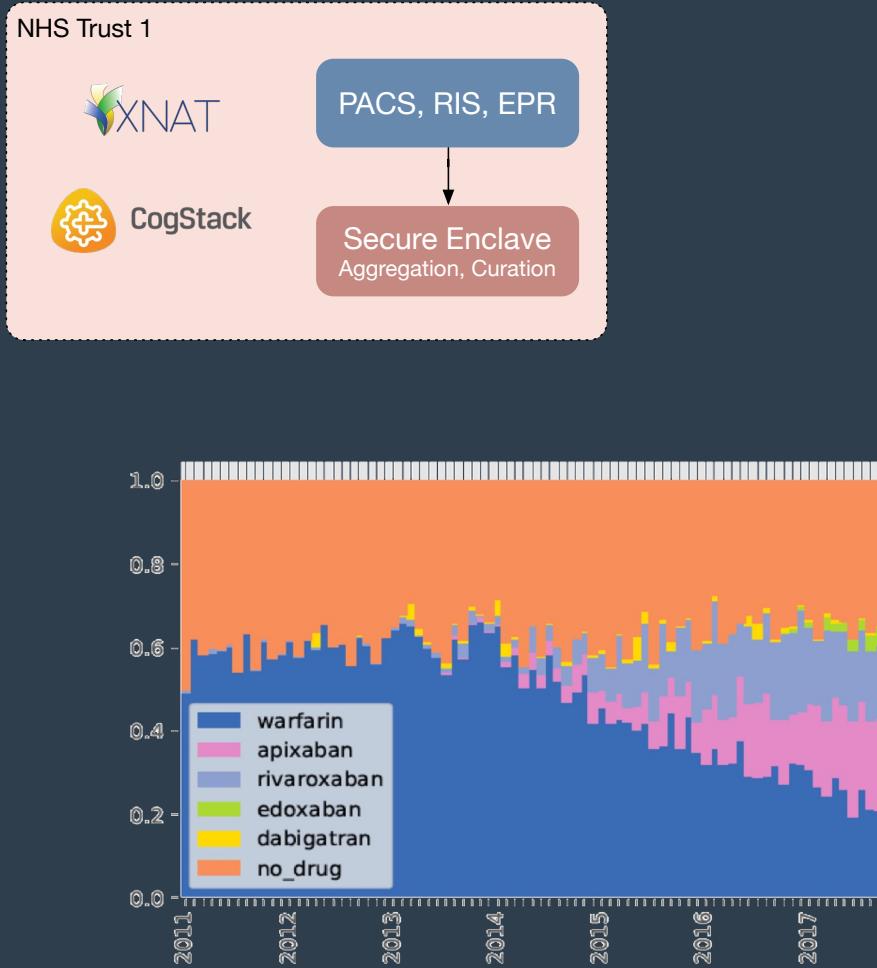
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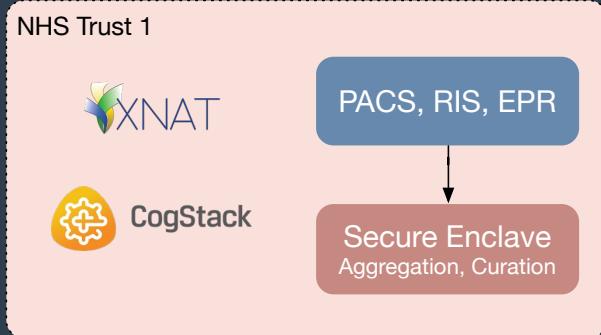
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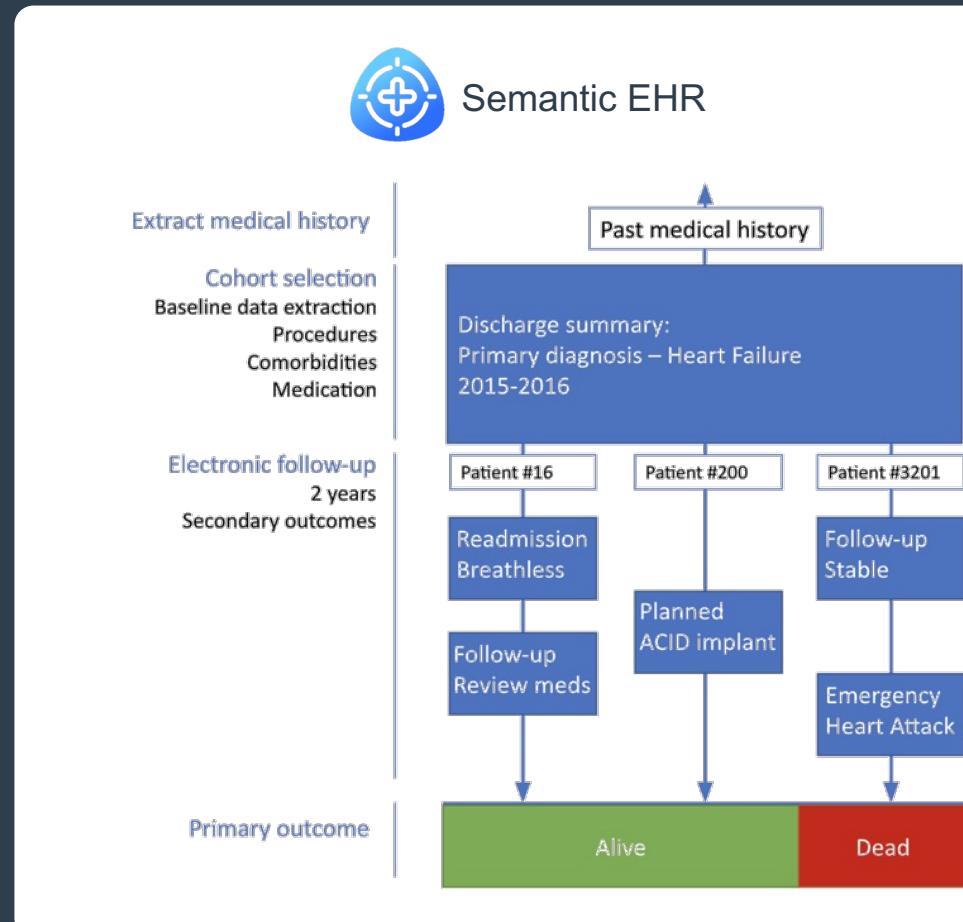
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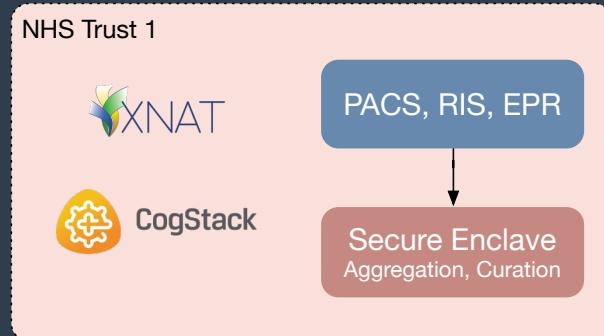
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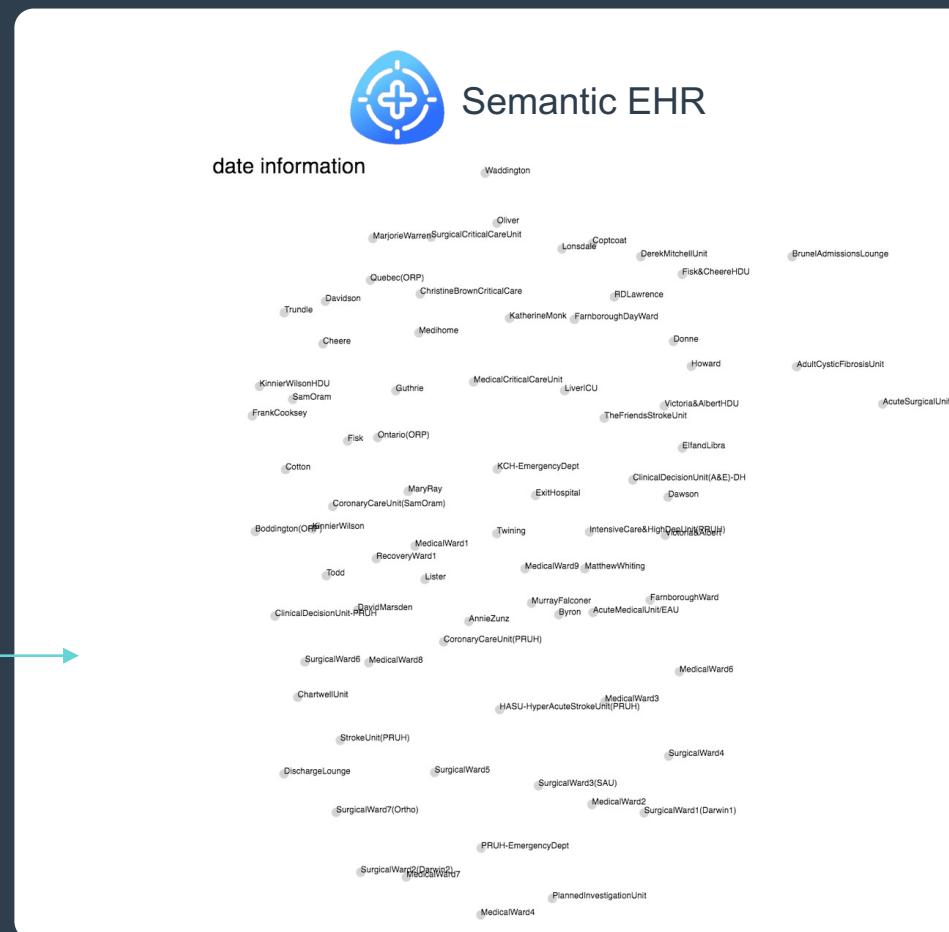
- 1st Step: Cohort Selection
- 2nd Step: Follow up
- 3rd Step: Primary Outcome



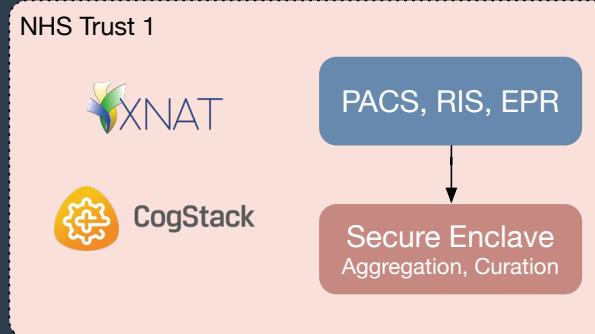
Infrastructure – Patient Flow at Scale



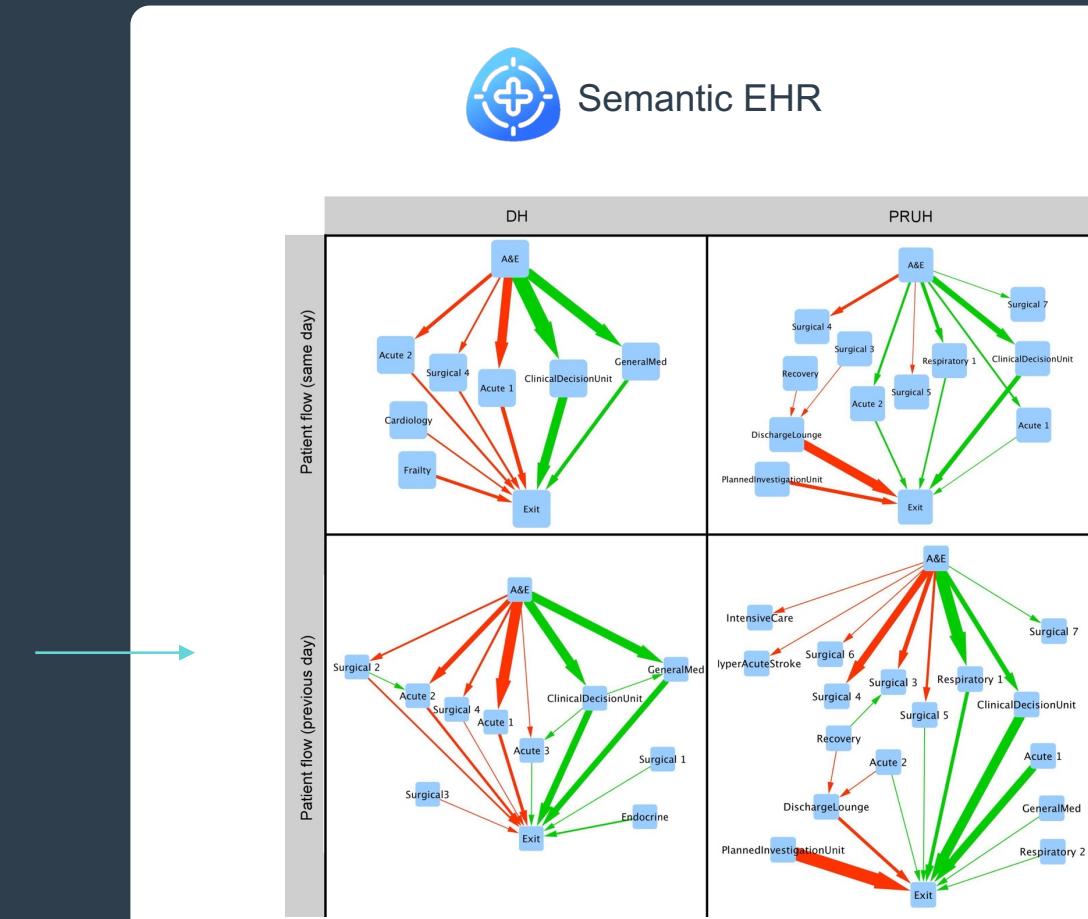
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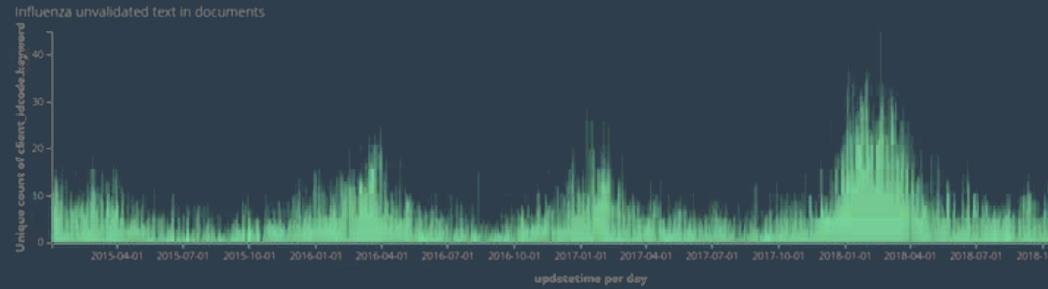
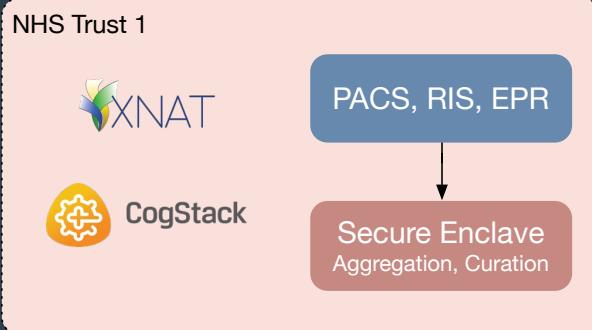
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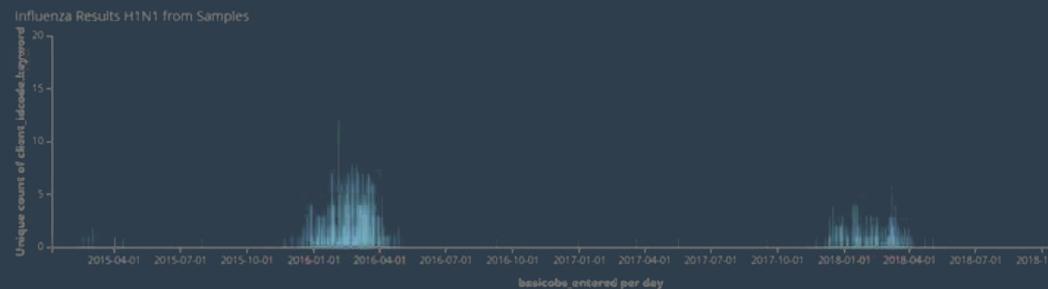
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Infrastructure – Find previously unseen patterns



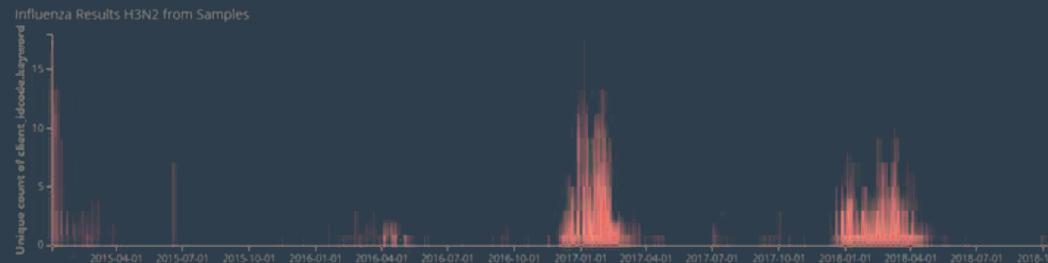
H1N1 Lab
Sample



H3N2 Lab
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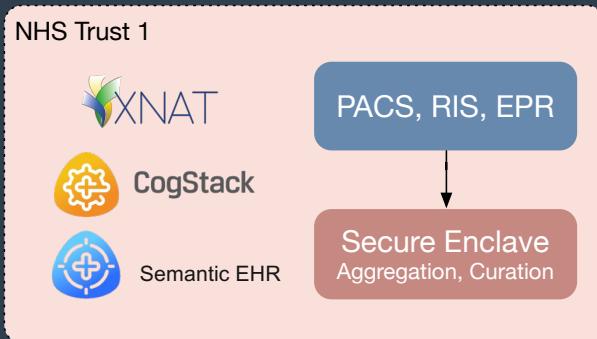


Semantic EHR



H3N2 Lab
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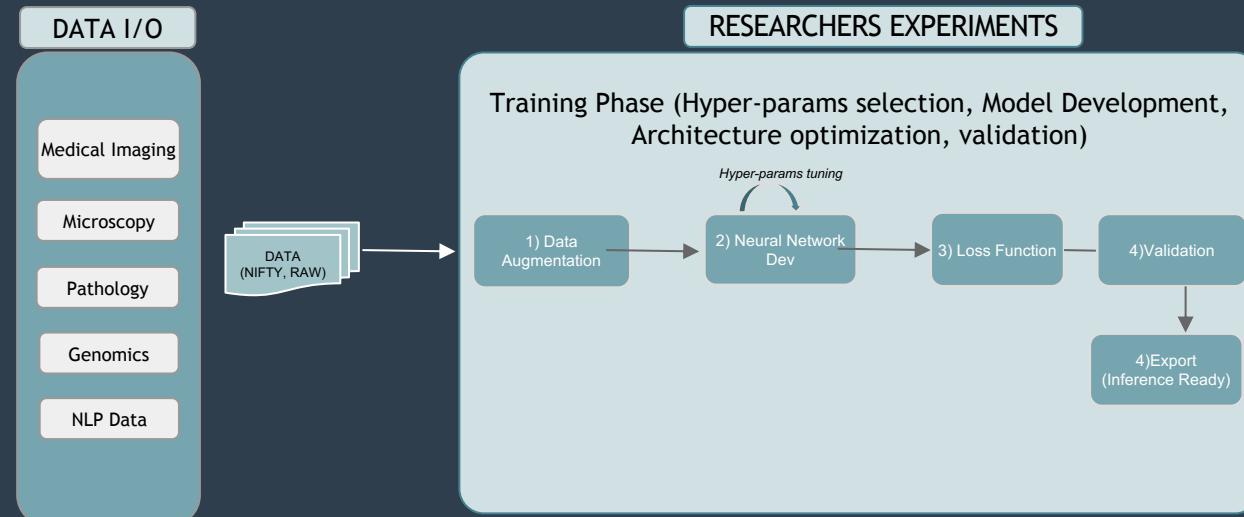
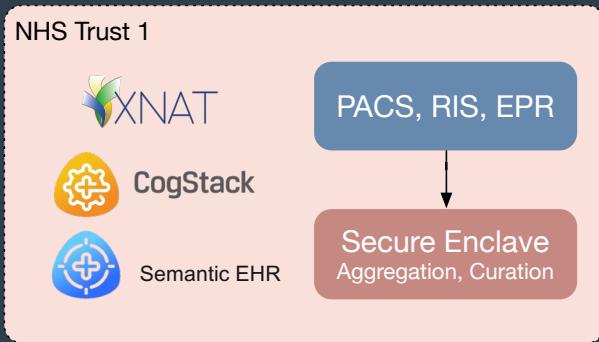
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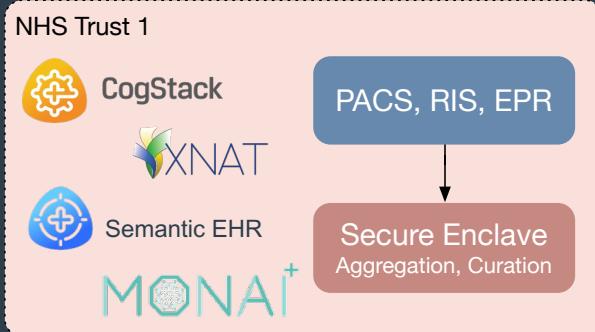
“The MONAI framework is the open-source foundation being created by Project MONAI. MONAI is a freely available, community-supported, PyTorch-based framework for deep learning in healthcare imaging. It provides domain-optimized foundational capabilities for developing healthcare imaging training workflows in a native PyTorch paradigm.” -

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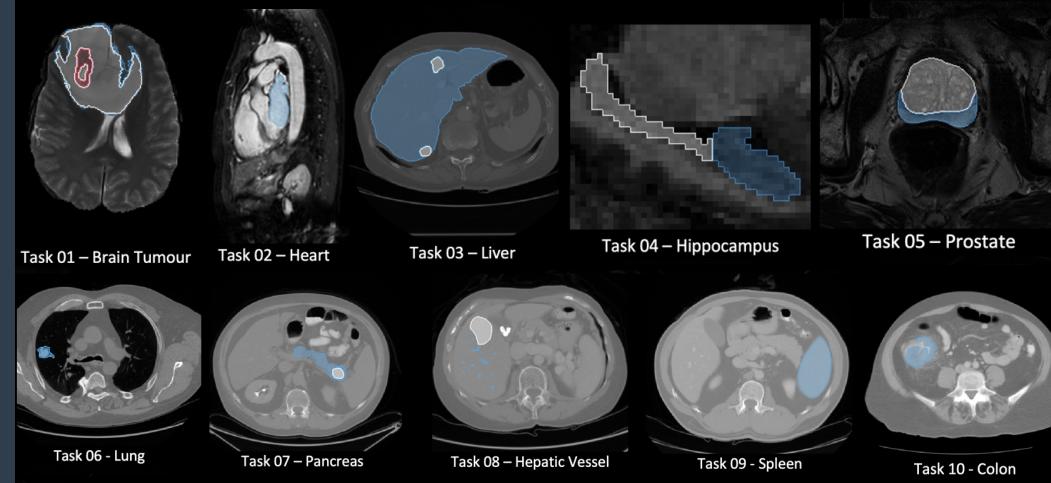
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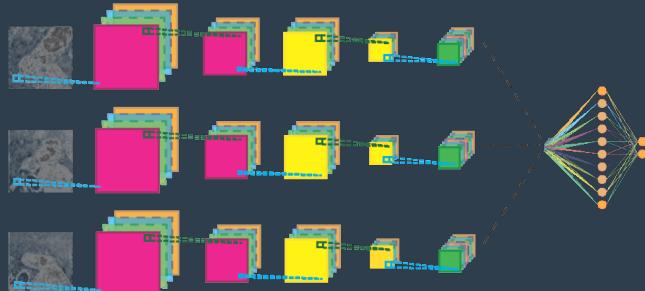
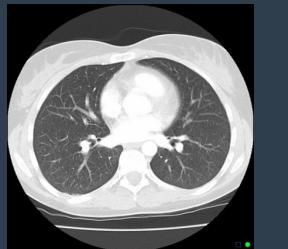
Infrastructure – Automate Expert/Expensive Tasks



Localizing and contouring regions of interest



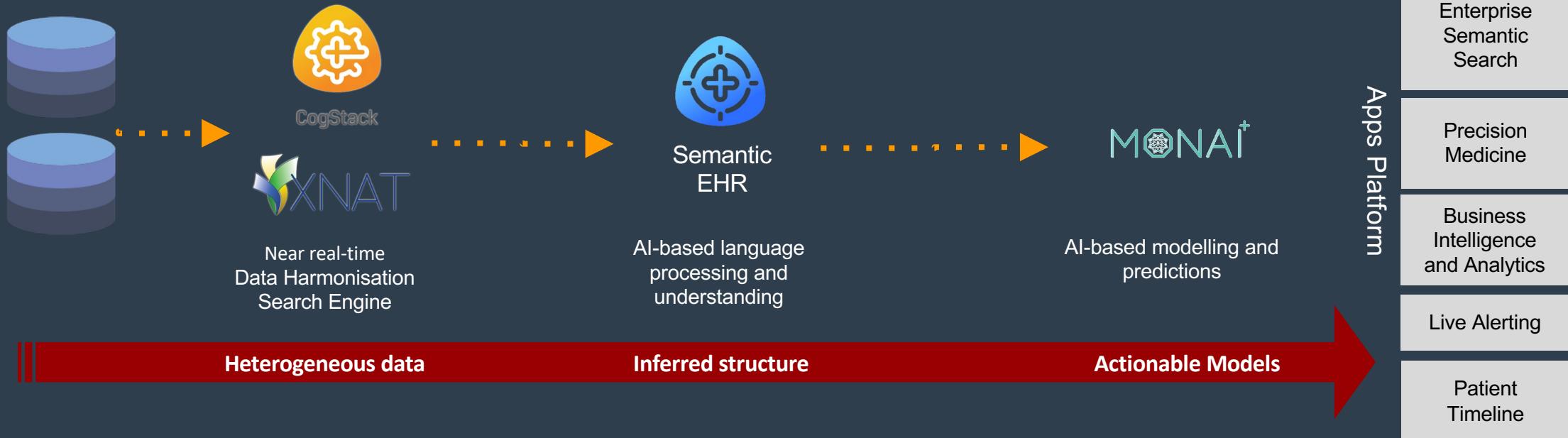
Diagnose patients from images



Automated reporting describing an image



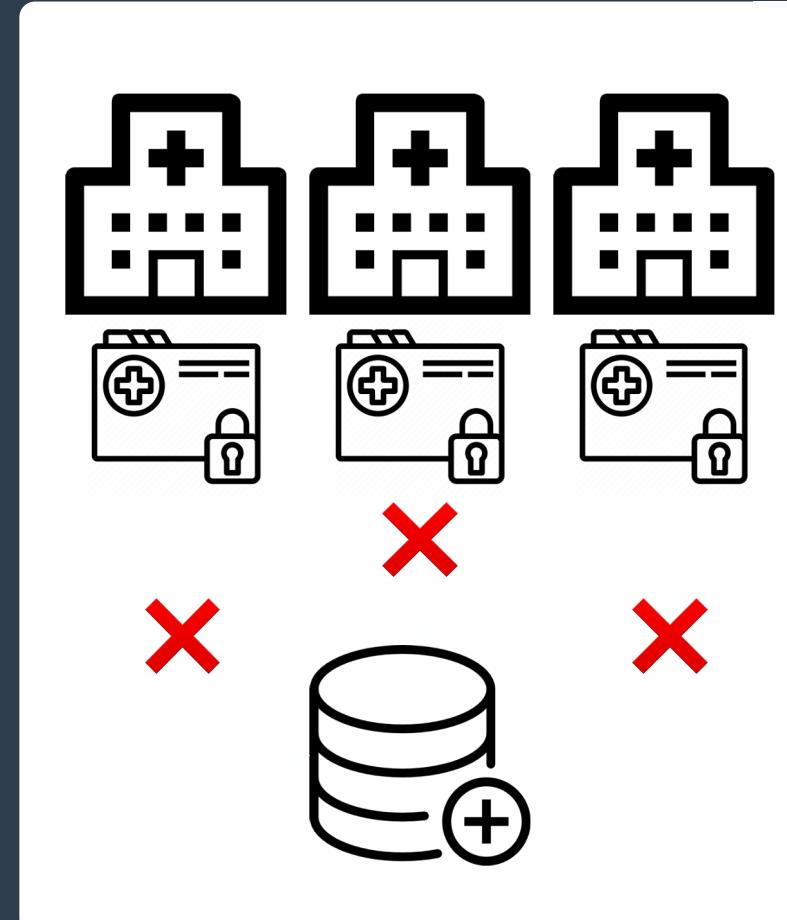
End-to-end Computational Pathway



Scaling up data access

Creating large, centralized medical dataset is challenging

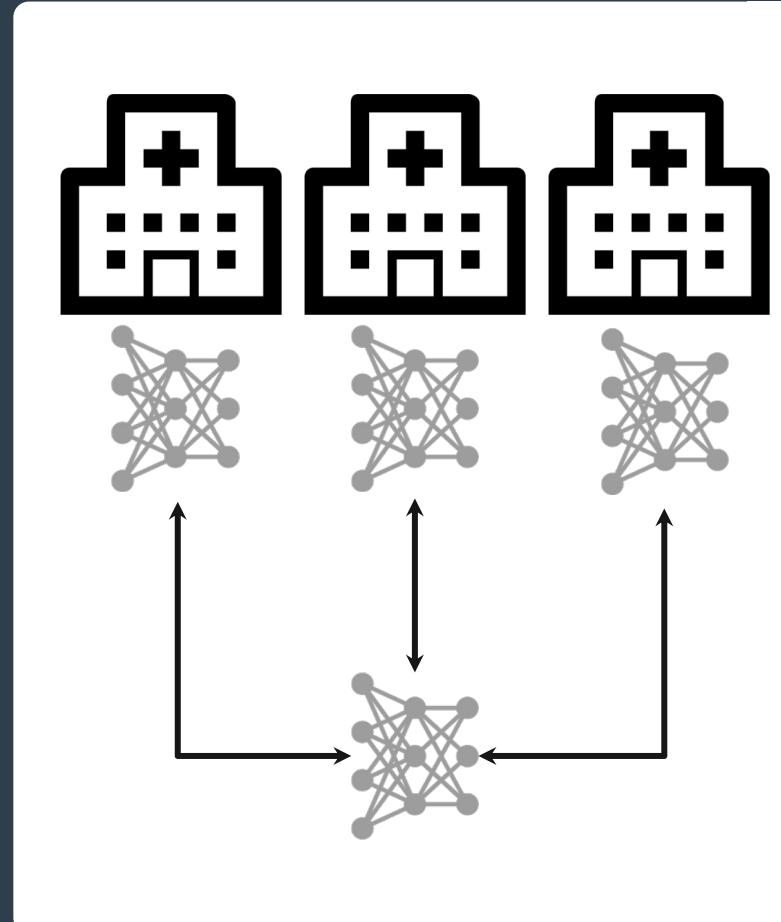
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- Bureaucracy of data sharing is complex



Scaling up data access

Collaborative learning solves crucial issues in healthcare

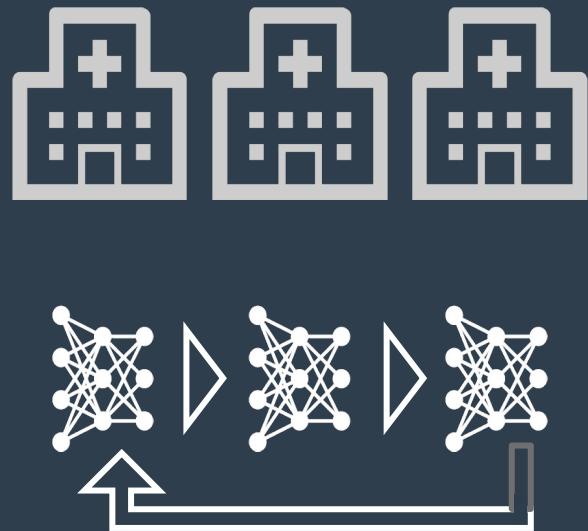
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- Share models, not data!



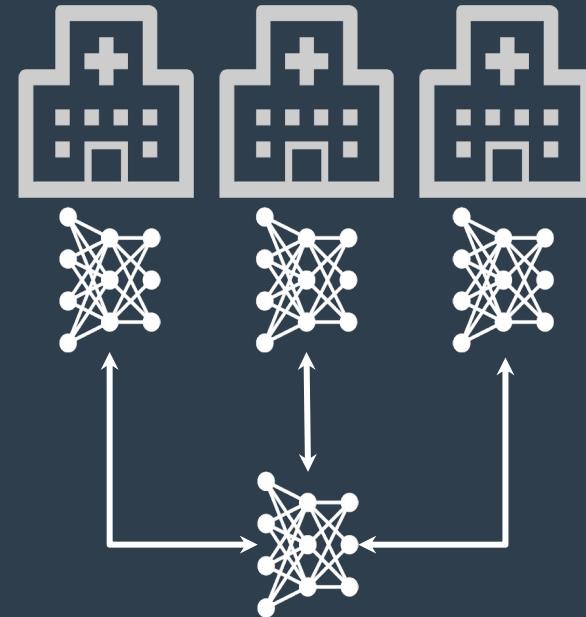
Collaborative learning methods

Obtaining strong models without pooling data

CYCLICAL LEARNING

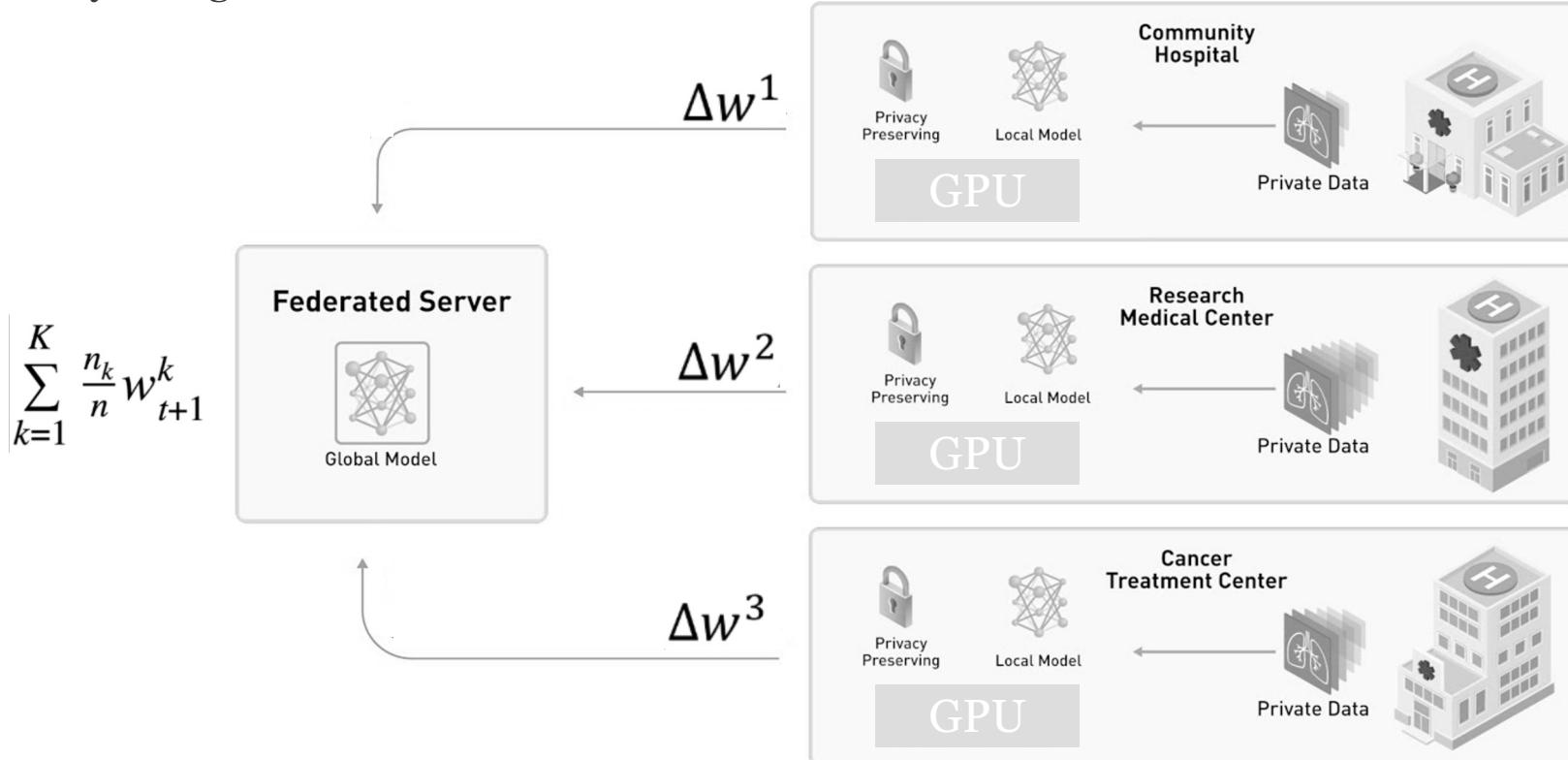


FEDERATED LEARNING



Server-client Federated Learning

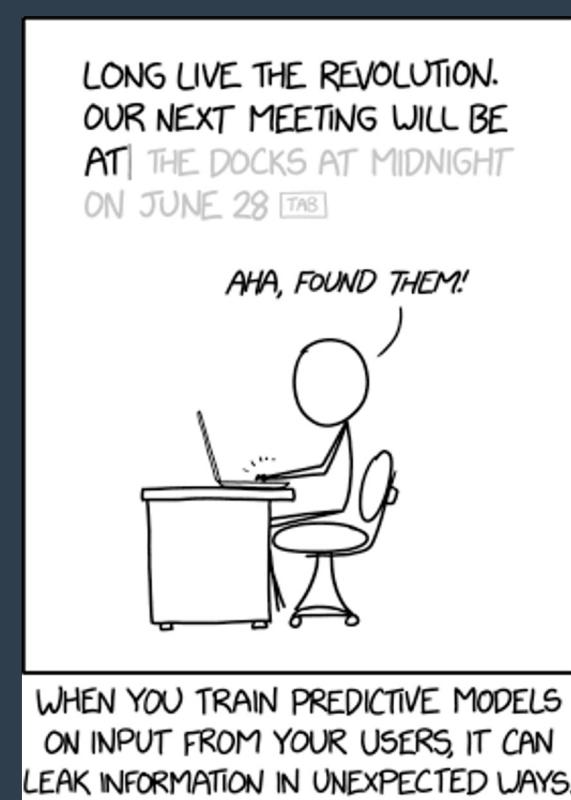
Changing the way AI algorithms are trained



Privacy Preserving FL

Building differential privacy for collaborative training

- Federated privacy baseline
 - No direct data sharing
 - Authentication, authorisation, secure connection
- Private information can still leak out...
 - Network may memorize data in its parameters
 - Additional privacy mechanisms need to be enforced
 - Literature proposes various strategies for FL privacy



Current Challenges



SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

Local training in each institution requires computational infrastructure available on-site. Computational requirements for training shift from centralized data-centers attached to data lakes to single institutions or even edge devices.

TRACEABILITY & ACCOUNTABILITY

Data is the new oil! Due to the value and cost of data, it is necessary to trace how different participant to FL training contribute to the final model. A system to link back contributions to the model to participants is also needed.

INITIATIVES & CONSORTIA

Defining collaborations and initiatives leveraging federated learning requires rethinking current agreements between institution. Even though data governance issues are solved, institutions share models that might correspond to IP.

PRIVACY & SECURITY

Deep learning models have a large number of parameters, this may cause parts of the training set to be memorized in their parameters. In federated learning this mechanism determines a possible leakage of private information.

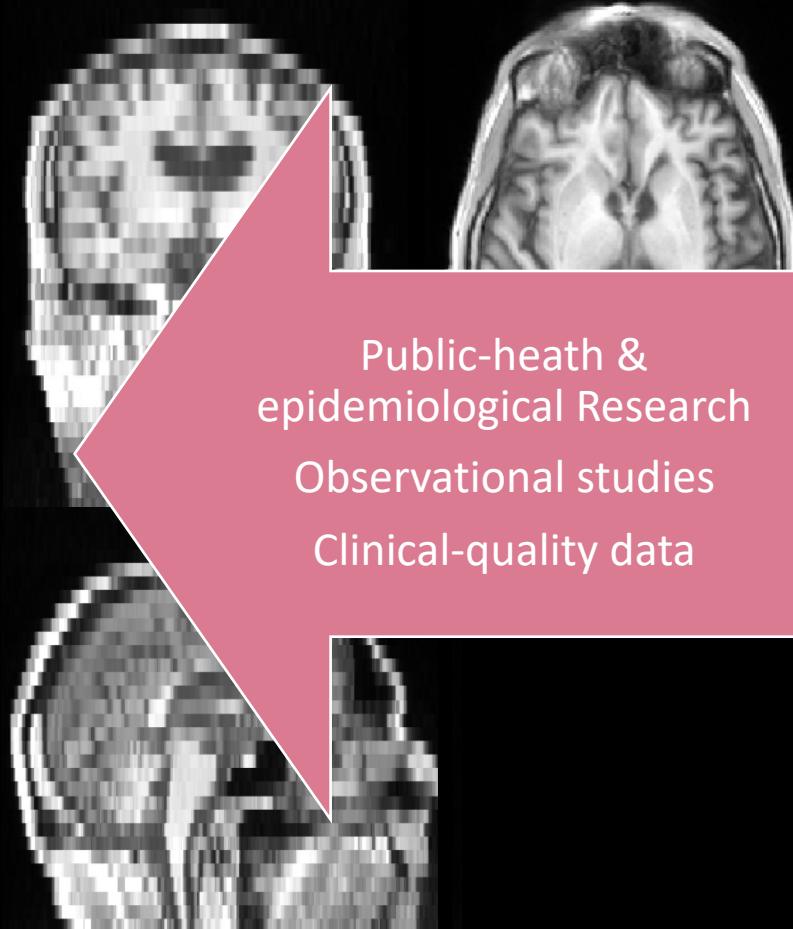
Conclusions - Part 2



- The real world is hard
- Data is complex and dirty
- Integration is a challenge
- Governance/privacy barriers
- Regulatory barriers
- If solved, impact can be massive

Neuroimaging at Scale

The real world vs Research data



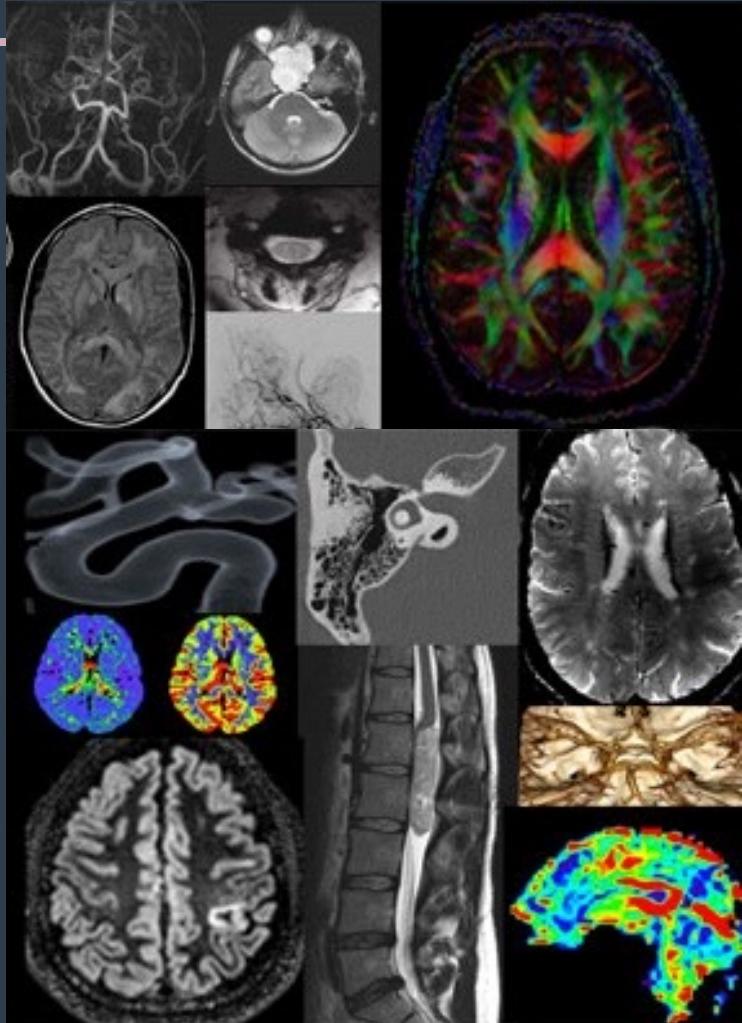
Public-health &
epidemiological Research
Observational studies
Clinical-quality data



Research Studies
Randomised Clinical Trials
Research-quality data

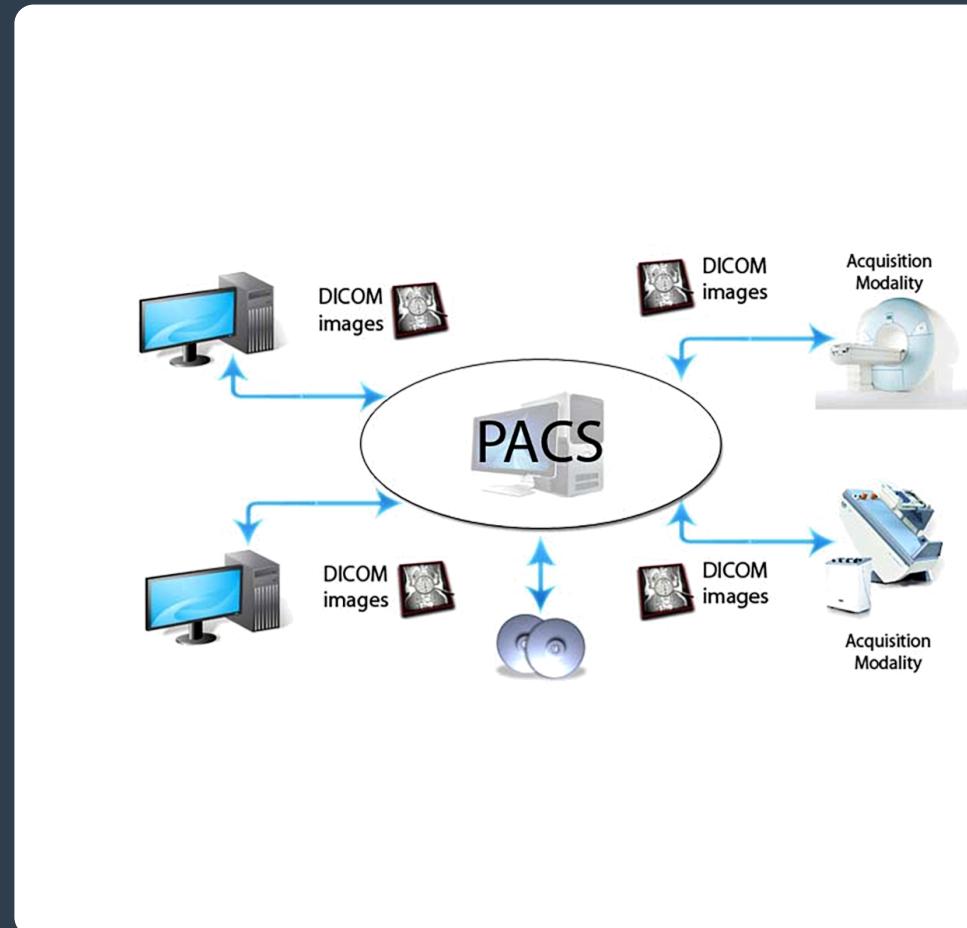
AI-enabled Neuroimaging

- Neurology is dependent on imaging for differential diagnosis
 - (Neuro)radiology is in “trouble”
 - Imaging increases at 10-12%/y
 - But (neuro)radiologists increase at 1-3%/y
 - Limited health provider funding & training rates
 - Improving neurological care requires predictive models
 - Data is not being properly utilised
 - Neurological and radiological care is not integrated
 - Operations/admin is mostly non data driven



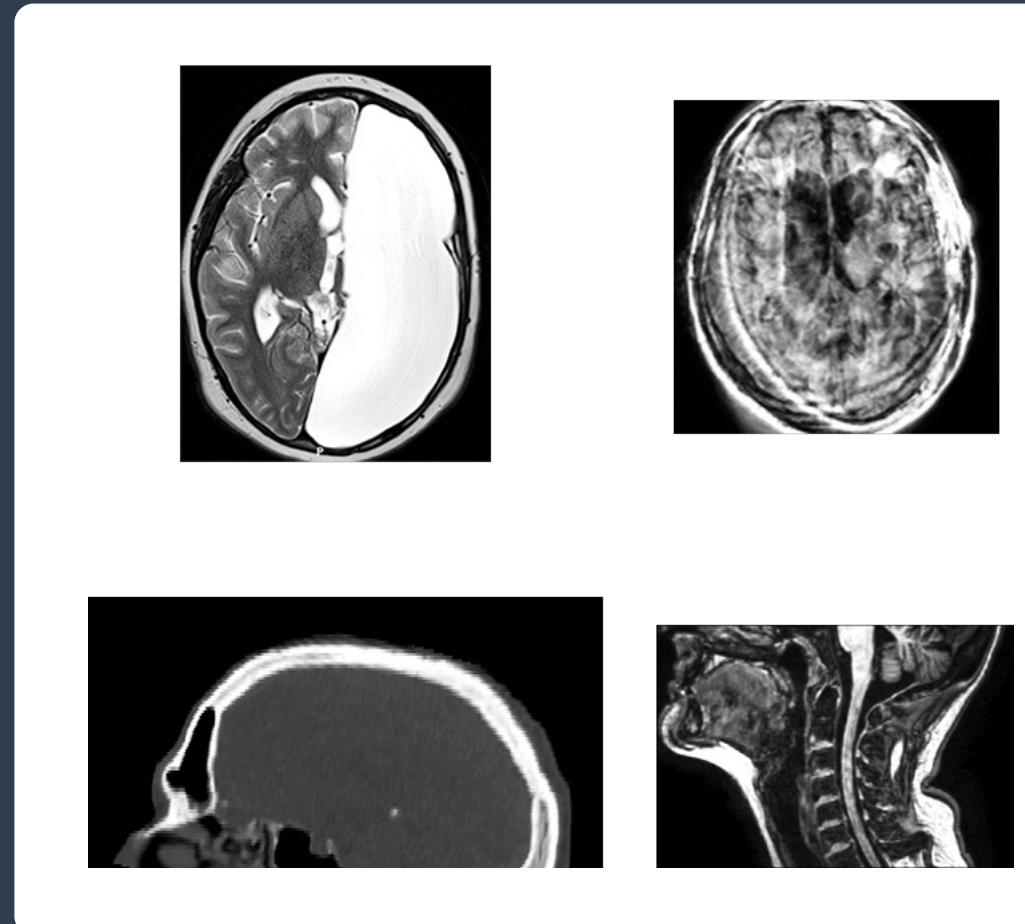
Imaging Big Data - The Raw Data

- +2Ms Volumes - ~150.000 sessions
 - Many images & follow-up data
 - 14k “different” sequences
 - 15+ different scanners
 - Mostly 1.5T and 3T
- RIS - Radiological reports
- CDR - ICD-10 codes
- Blood tests



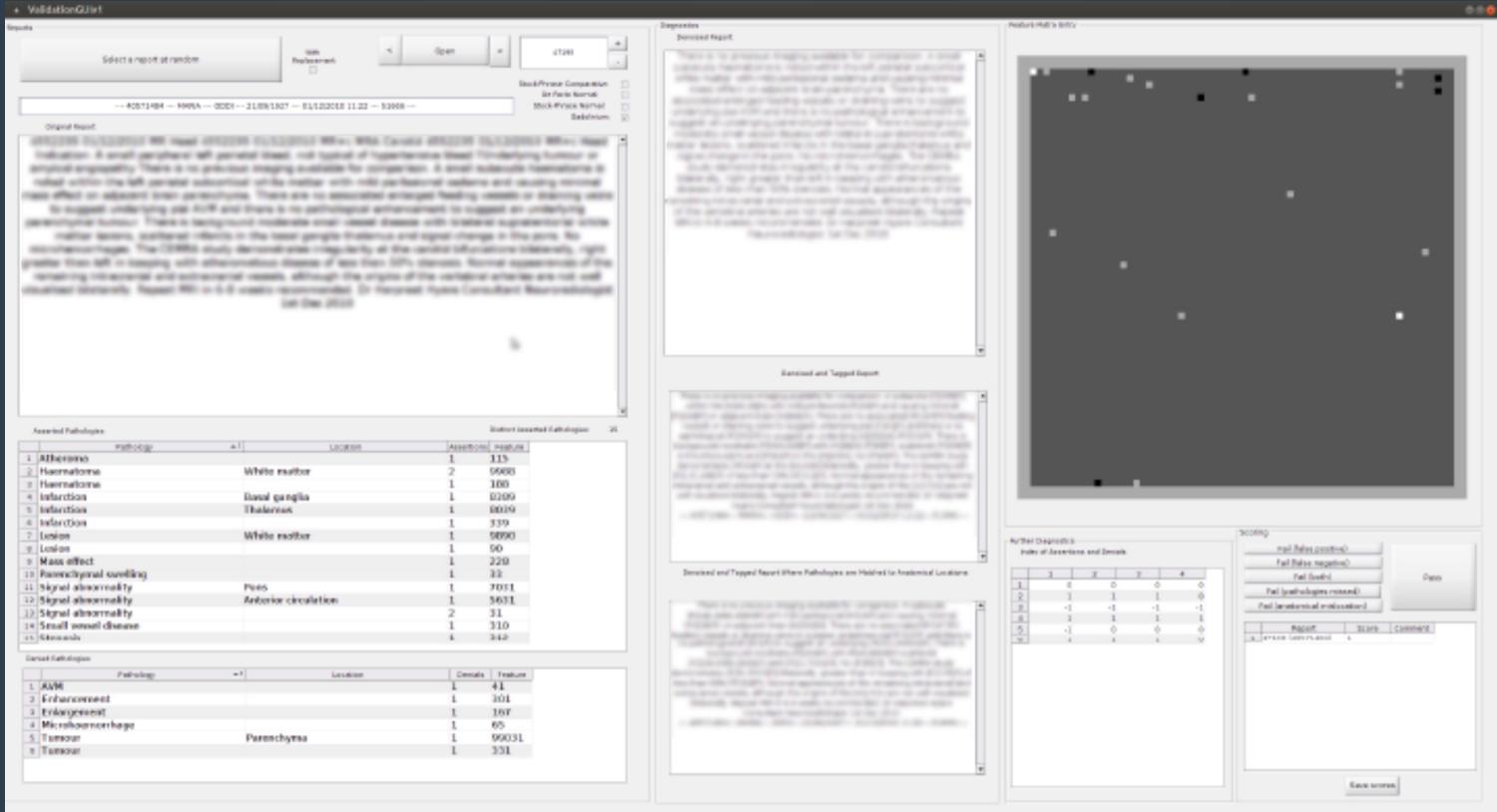
The challenges of the real world

- What kinds of pathologies?
 - Task-specific vs. general-purpose
- Does the image have an artefact? In FOV?
 - Need for QC tools and robust algorithms
- What are the acquisition differences?
 - Knowledge of acquisition physics
- Is all necessary data available?
 - Deal with missing data
- Is the image of the right kind?
 - Modality and body part classifier



Where do we start?

Problem: Where do we start?

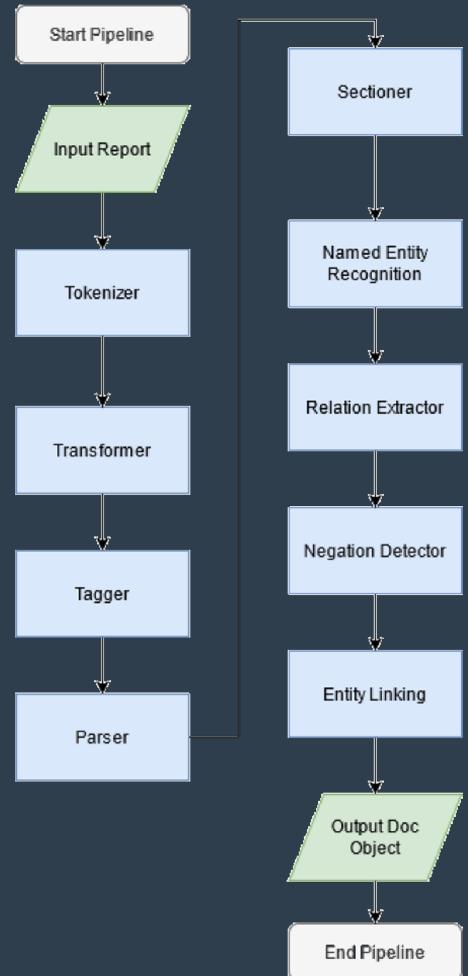


The screenshot displays a medical software interface with several windows:

- Top Left Window:** "ValidationGUIQt" window titled "Report". It shows a "Digital Report" section with a long text about stroke risk factors and a "Reported Pathology" table.
- Top Right Window:** "Diagnostics" window titled "Detailed Report". It contains a large amount of text and a "Postural MRI" image.
- Middle Left Window:** "Assessed Pathology" table.
- Middle Right Window:** "Detailed and Tapped Report" window.
- Bottom Left Window:** "General Pathology" table.
- Bottom Right Window:** "Author Diagnostic" table and a "Scoring" table.

Radiological report blurred for confidentiality purposes

NLP Pipelines applied to Radiological text



SECTION: INDICATIONS
 Clinical Indications: Post-op tumour excision PATHOLOGY . ?residual tumour PATHOLOGY .

SECTION: METAREPORT
 pre and post contrast MRI head please on Thursday. Findings: Comparison is made with the previous MR studies dated 16/02 17 and 09/01/2018.

SECTION: REPORT BODY
 There has been interval resection PATHOLOGY of the previously shown enhancing tumour PATHOLOGY centred on the superior aspects of the posterior ethmoid and sphenoid sinuses LOCATION , with involvement of the anterior cranial fossa LOCATION . Heterogeneous signal DESCRIPTOR is demonstrated within the surgical bed, along with areas of faint T1 shortening DESCRIPTOR and curvilinear enhancement DESCRIPTOR , which are likely postsurgical PATHOLOGY in nature at this stage. Allowing for these changes, no residual or recurrent tumour PATHOLOGY is convincingly demonstrated, although this will be clarified on subsequent follow-up imaging. Note is made of mild thickening DESCRIPTOR and enhancement DESCRIPTOR of the anteroinferior aspect of the falx cerebri LOCATION . The remaining intracranial appearances LOCATION are stable. The previous left frontal resection cavity PATHOLOGY is again shown. Note is also again made of a few non-specific foci of T2 hyperintensity DESCRIPTOR within the cerebral white matter LOCATION . Postsurgical changes PATHOLOGY are noted in the paranasal sinuses LOCATION .

SECTION: TAIL
 WM/ Dr Sachit Shah Consultant Neuroradiologist neurorad@uclh.nhs.uk

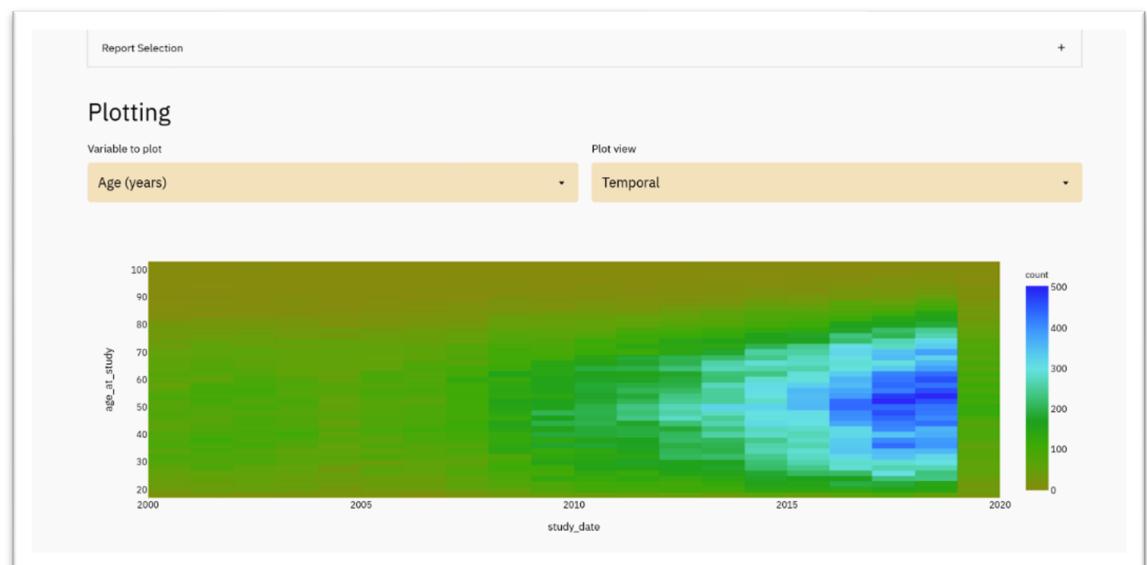
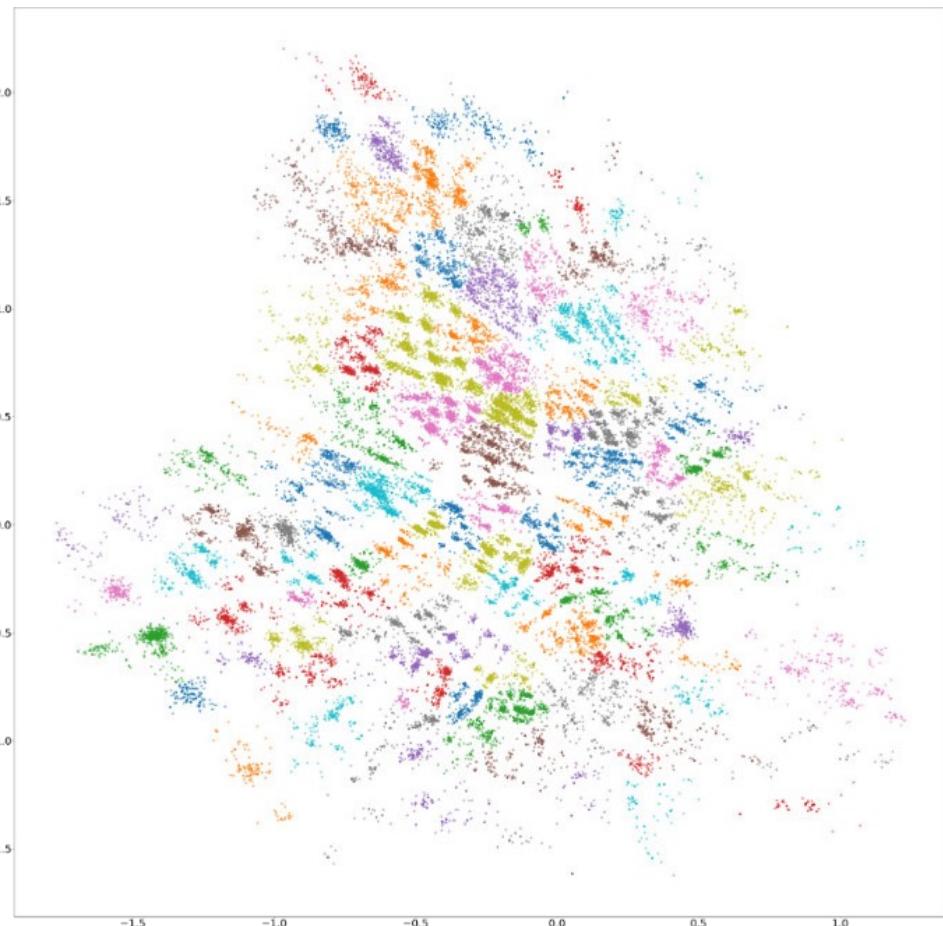
NEGATED PATHOLOGICAL OR DESCRIPTOR ENTITIES IN REPORT BODY

resection ASSERTED	tumour ASSERTED	Heterogeneous signal ASSERTED	faint T1 shortening ASSERTED	curvilinear enhancement ASSERTED
post surgical ASSERTED	residual or recurrent tumour DENIED	thickening ASSERTED	enhancement ASSERTED	left frontal
resection cavity ASSERTED	foci of T2 hyperintensity ASSERTED	Postsurgical changes ASSERTED		

ENTITY RELATIONS

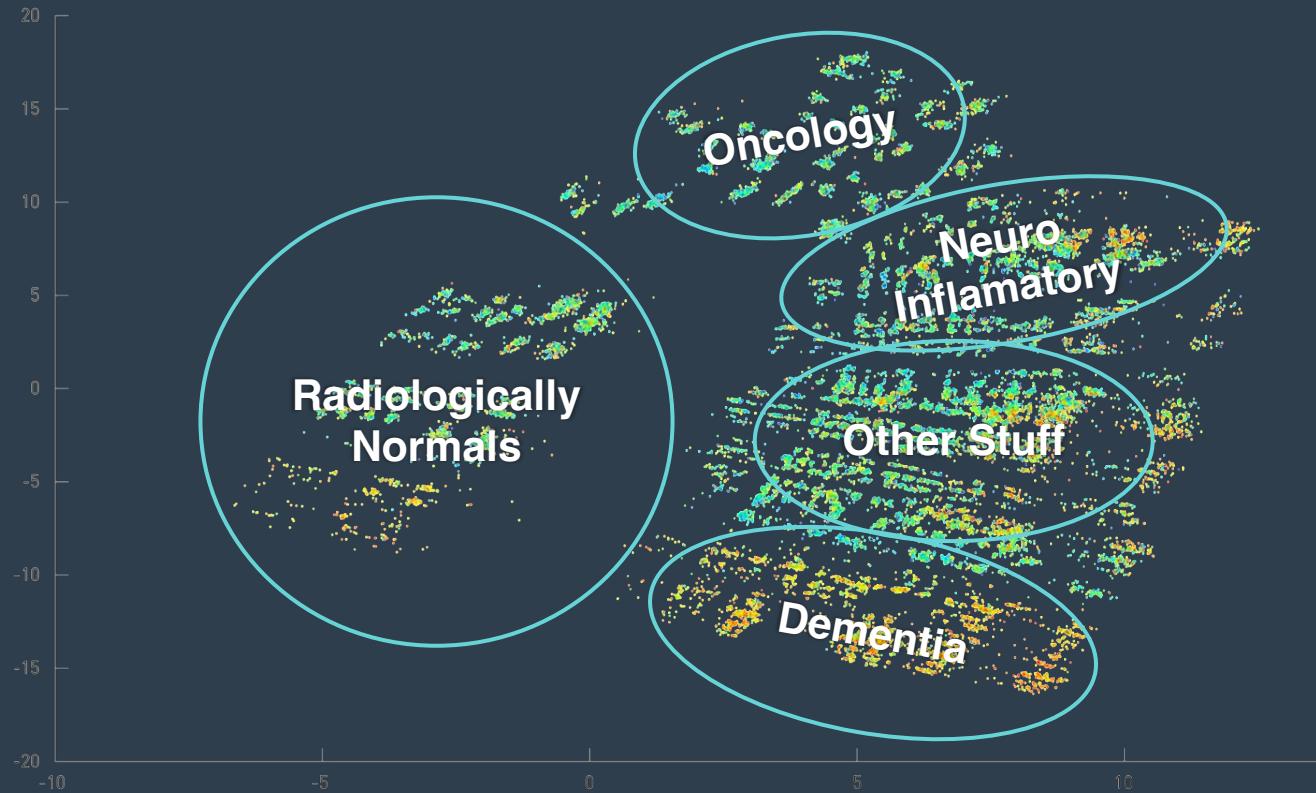
tumour PATHOLOGY	:	superior aspects of the posterior ethmoid and sphenoid sinuses LOCATION	anterior cranial fossa LOCATION
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foci of T2 hyperintensity DESCRIPTOR	:	cerebral white matter LOCATION	

Clustering and Inspecting Reports

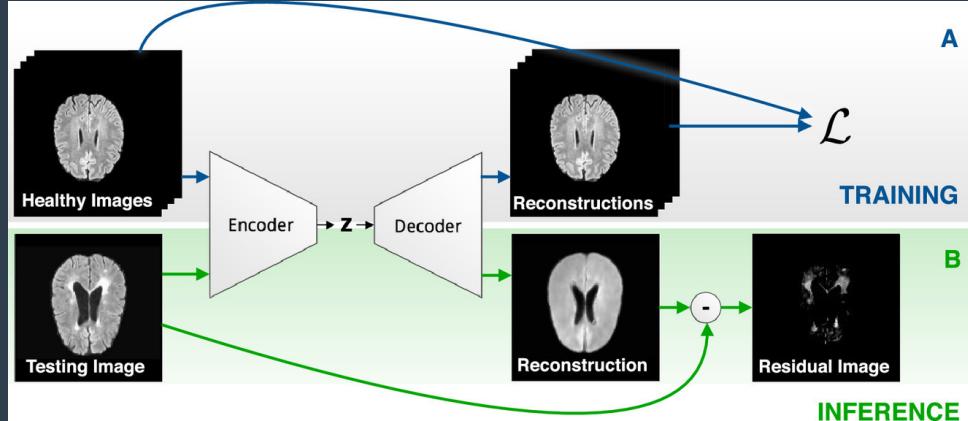


Clustered Reports

- 40k radiological normals, with 6k asserted normals



Variational autoencoders



Baur, et al. (2020). ArXiv:2004.03271

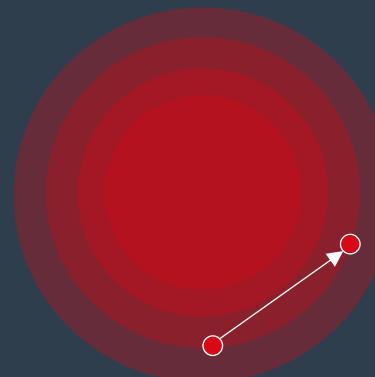
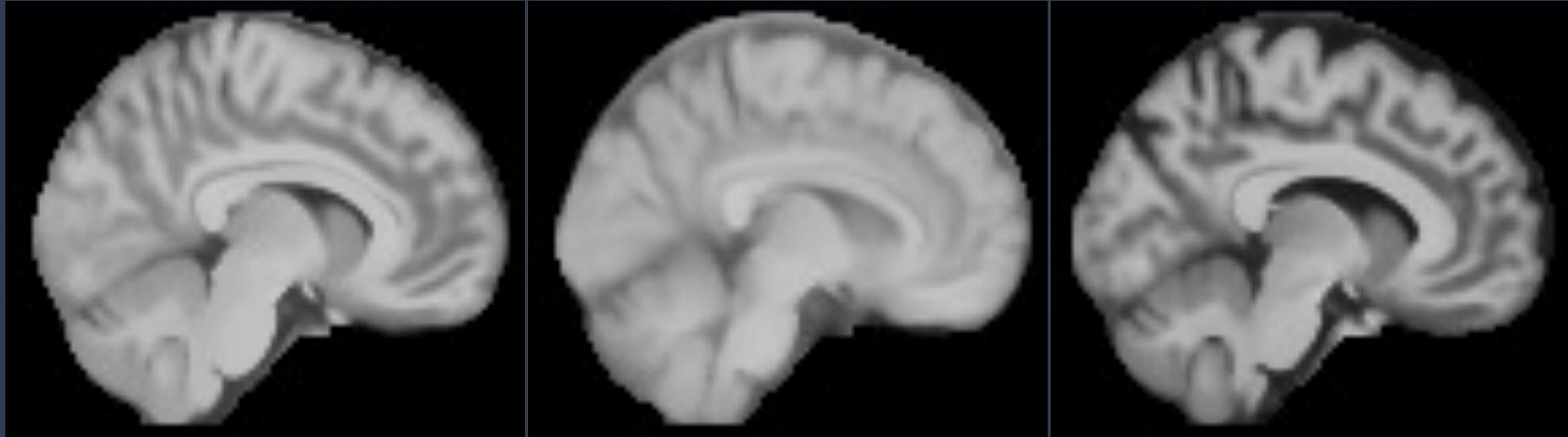
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Limited by VAE expressivity

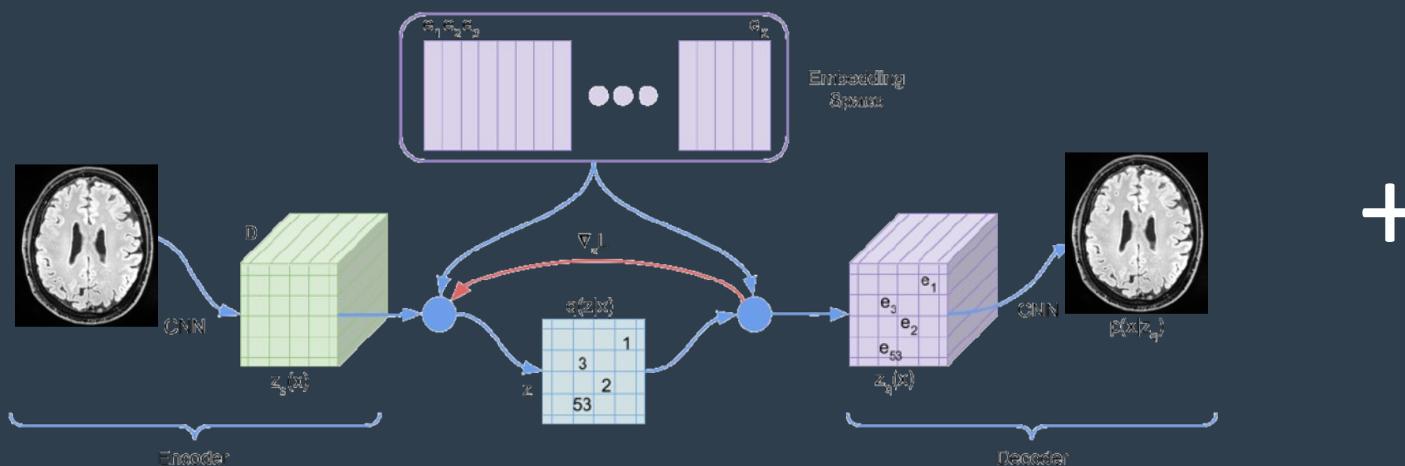
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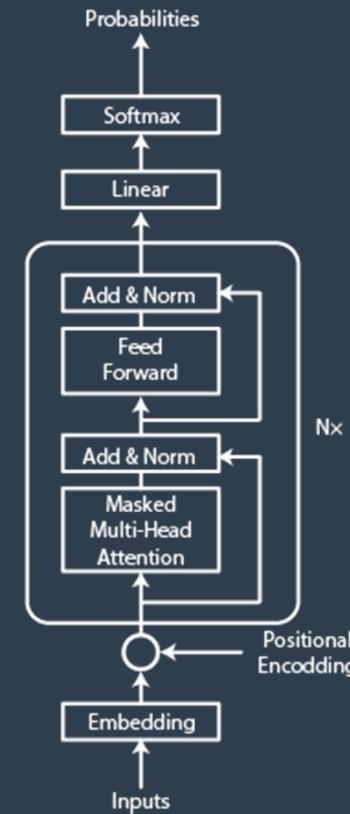
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VQ-VAE + Transformers



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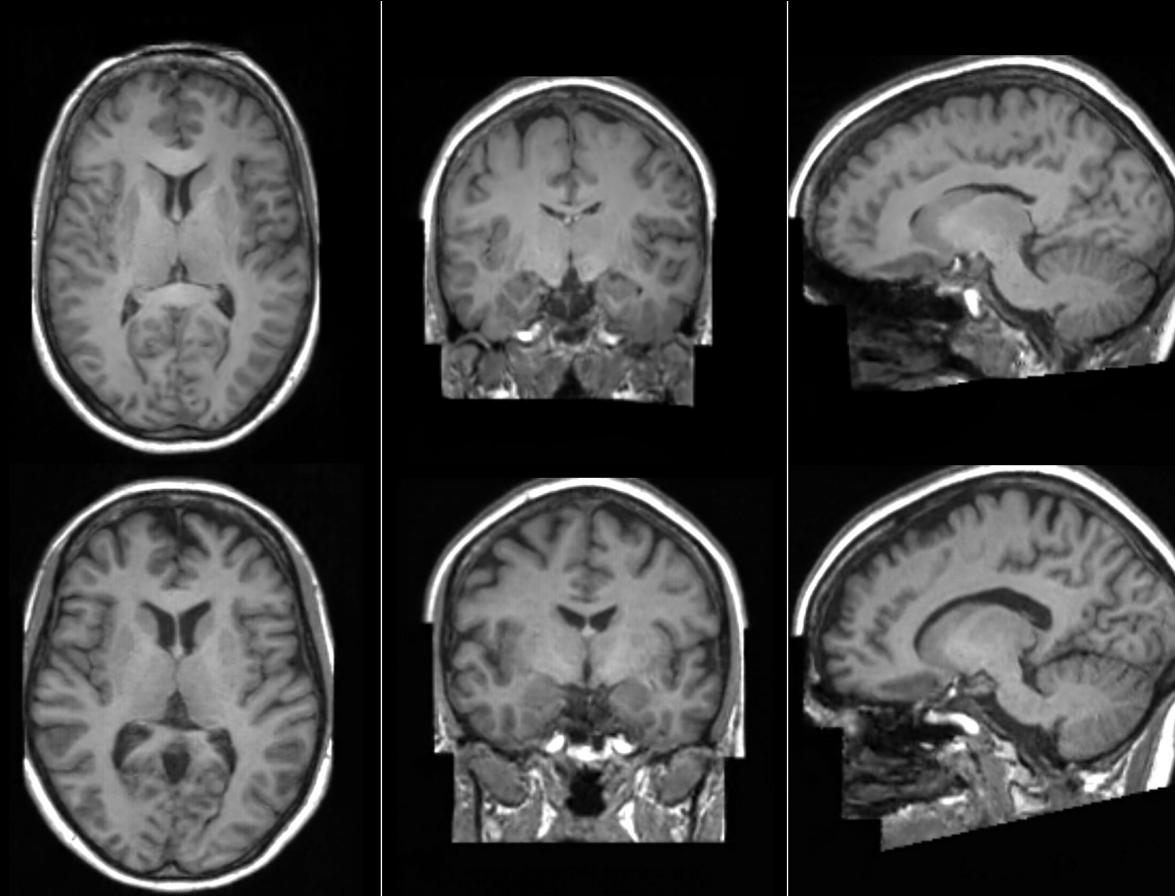


*Combines expressivity with compactness
Scaling to 3D is hard*

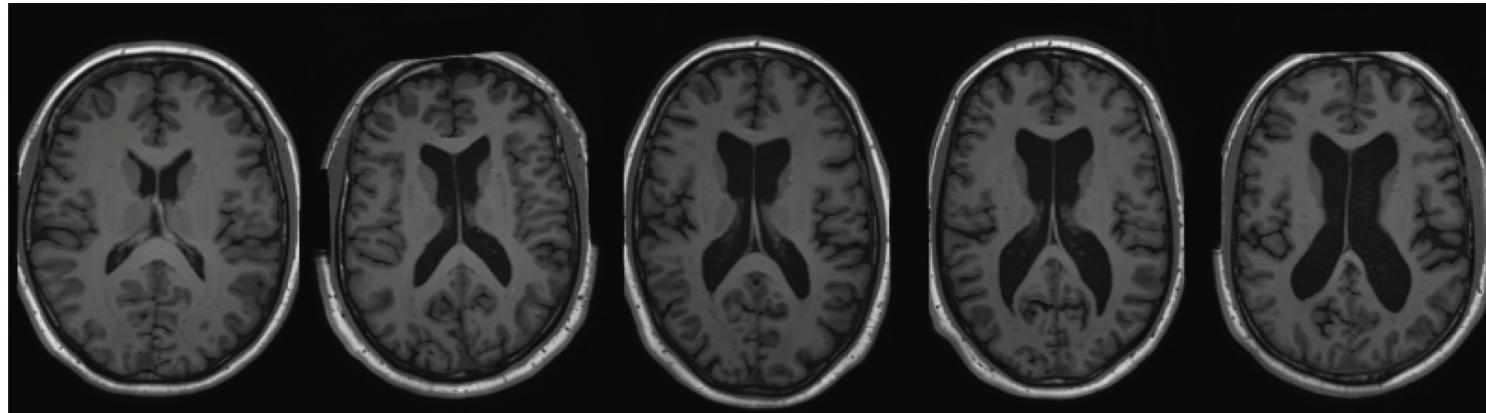
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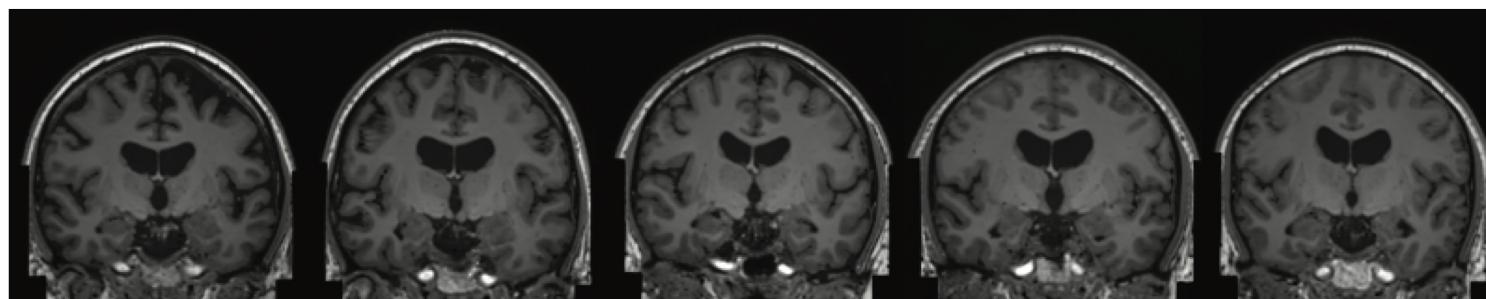
Real vs fake?



Conditional generative modelling.

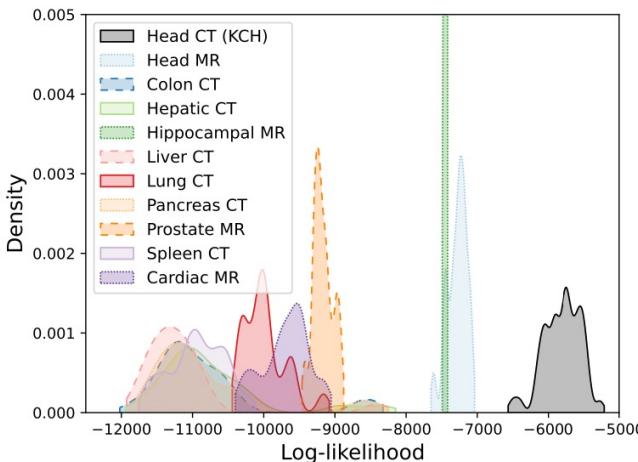


Ventricular Volume



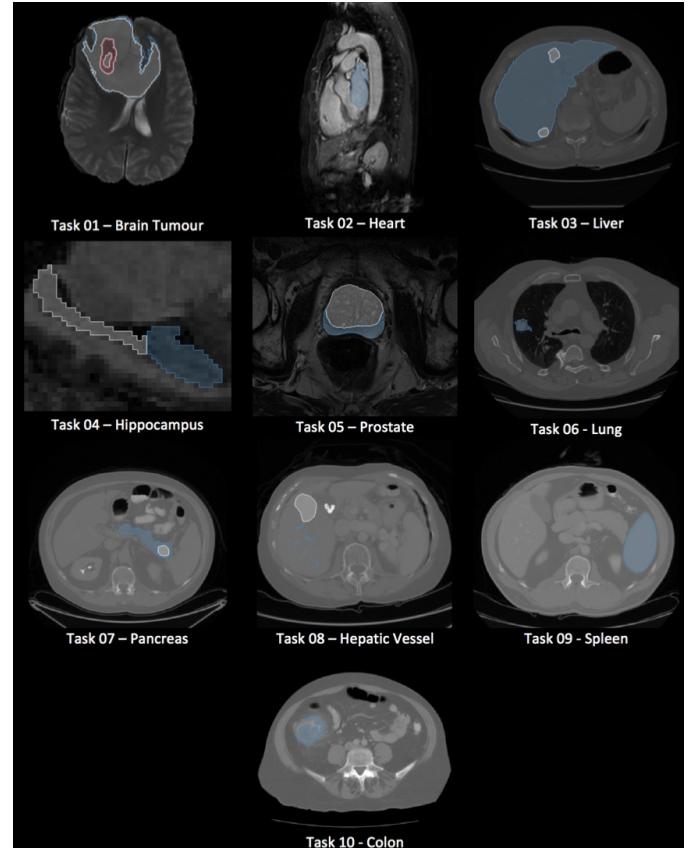
Brain volume normalize for head size

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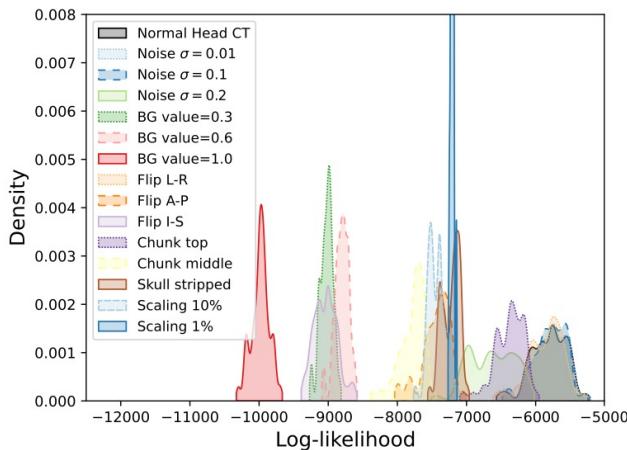


Dataset	Likelihood	AUC
Head MR	-7288 (134)	1.00
Colon CT	-10809 (789)	1.00
Hepatic CT	-10712 (763)	1.00
Hippocampal MR	-7465 (20)	1.00
Liver CT	-11116 (658)	1.00
Lung CT	-9957 (289)	1.00
Pancreas CT	-10798 (791)	1.00
Prostate MR	-9140 (134)	1.00
Spleen CT	-10895 (382)	1.00
Cardiac MR	-9661 (318)	1.00

- Graham et al. MIDL 2022

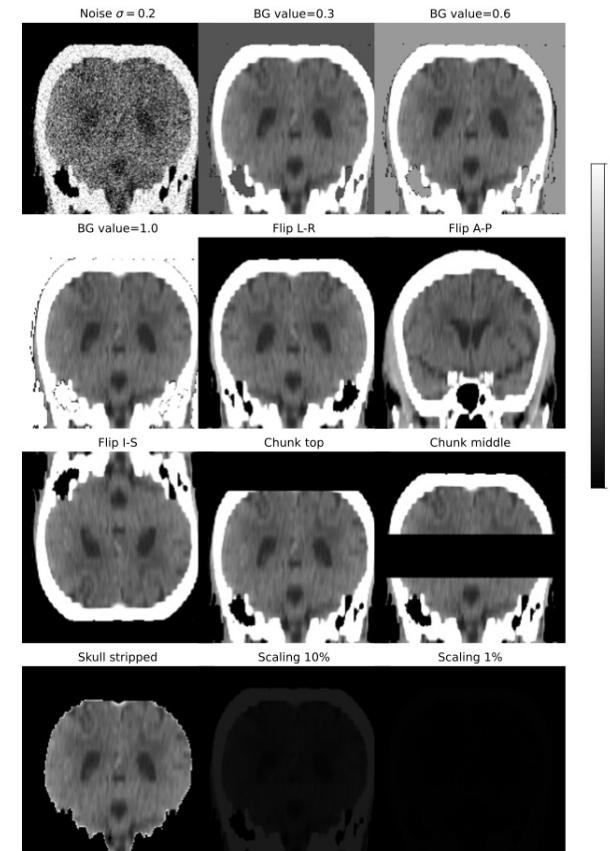


How do we detect wrong data?



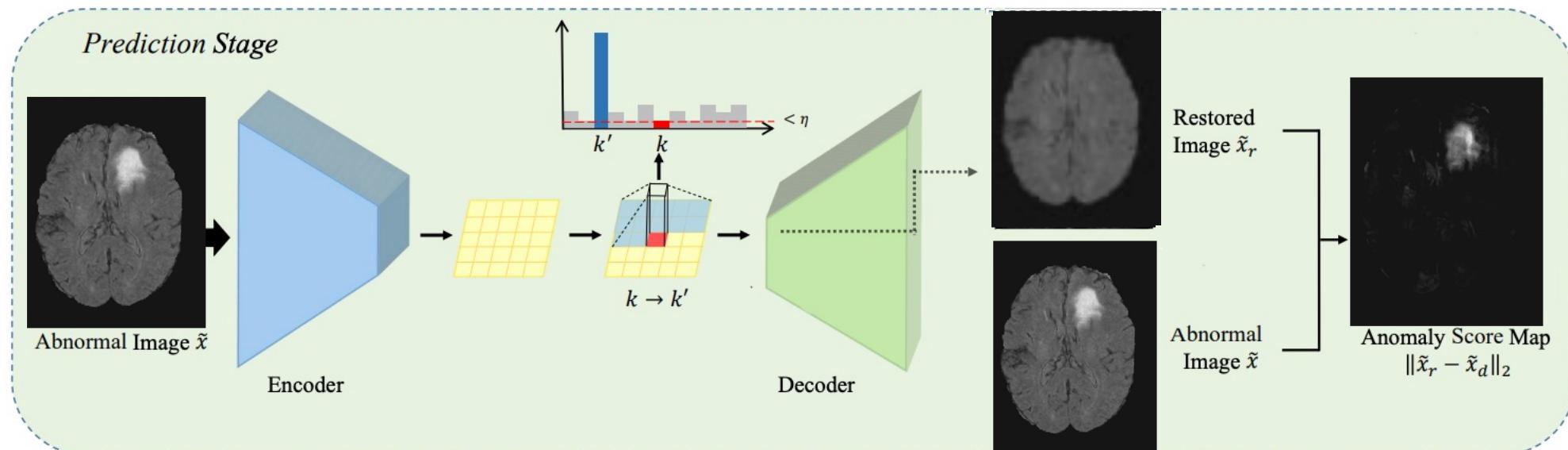
Corrupted Head CT

Dataset	Likelihood	AUC
Noise $\sigma = 0.01$	-5796 (253)	0.49
Noise $\sigma = 0.1$	-5793 (237)	0.49
Noise $\sigma = 0.2$	-6637 (324)	0.98
BG value=0.3	-9022 (89)	1.00
BG value=0.6	-8803 (100)	1.00
BG value=1.0	-9979 (127)	1.00
Flip L-R	-5850 (253)	0.55
Flip A-P	-7435 (205)	1.00
Flip I-S	-9036 (165)	1.00
Chunk top	-6382 (214)	0.96
Chunk middle	-7784 (179)	1.00
Skull stripped	-7226 (125)	1.00



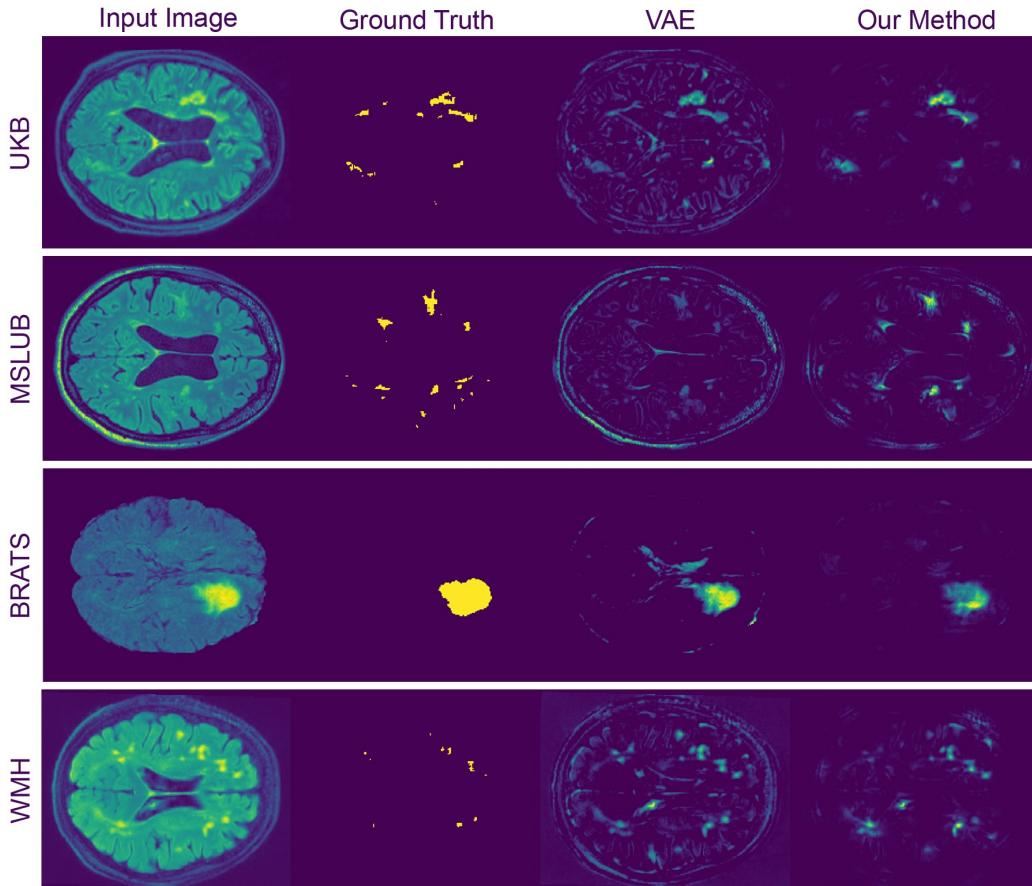
- Graham et al. MIDL 2022

Problem: How do we detect outliers?



- Lopez Pinaya et al. MIDL 2021

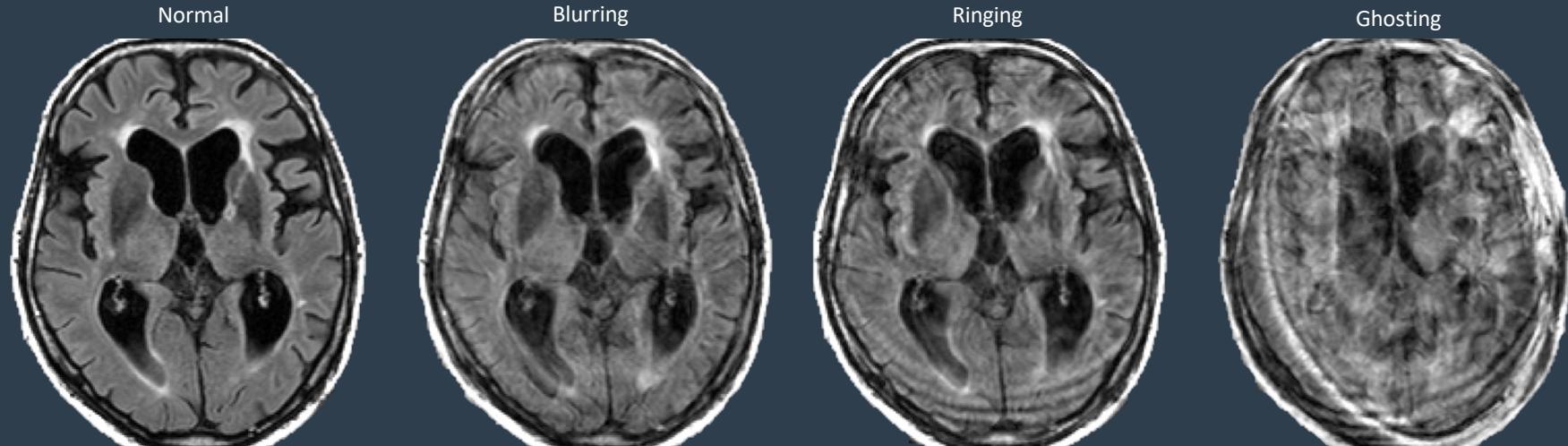
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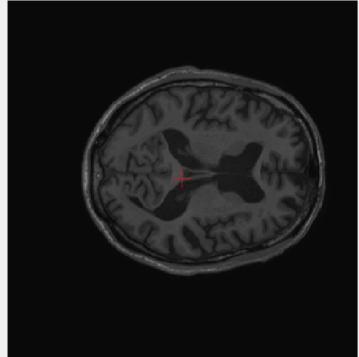
	[DICE]
AE (Dense) (Baur et al., 2020a)	0.016
AE (Spatial) (Baur et al., 2020a)	0.054
VAE (Dense) (Baur et al., 2020a)	0.016
VQ-VAE (van den Oord et al., 2017)	0.028
VQ-VAE + Transformer + Masked Residuals + Different Orderings (Ours)	0.232
MSLUB Dataset	
AE (Dense) (Baur et al., 2020a)	0.041
AE (Spatial) (Baur et al., 2020a)	0.061
VAE (Dense) (Baur et al., 2020a)	0.039
VQ-VAE (van den Oord et al., 2017)	0.040
VQ-VAE + Transformer + Masked Residuals + Different Orderings (Ours)	0.378
BRATS Dataset	
AE (Dense) (Baur et al., 2020a)	0.276
AE (Spatial) (Baur et al., 2020a)	0.531
VAE (Dense) (Baur et al., 2020a)	0.294
VQ-VAE (van den Oord et al., 2017)	0.331
VQ-VAE + Transformer + Masked Residuals + Different Orderings (Ours)	0.759
WMH Dataset	
AE (Dense) (Baur et al., 2020a)	0.073
AE (Spatial) (Baur et al., 2020a)	0.150
VAE (Dense) (Baur et al., 2020a)	0.068
VQ-VAE (van den Oord et al., 2017)	0.100
VQ-VAE + Transformer + Masked Residuals + Different Orderings (Ours)	0.429

Problem: What to do when data has artifacts?

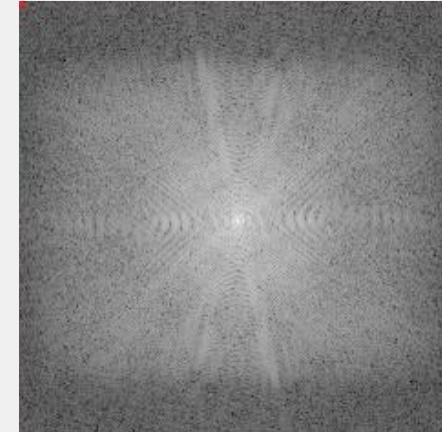
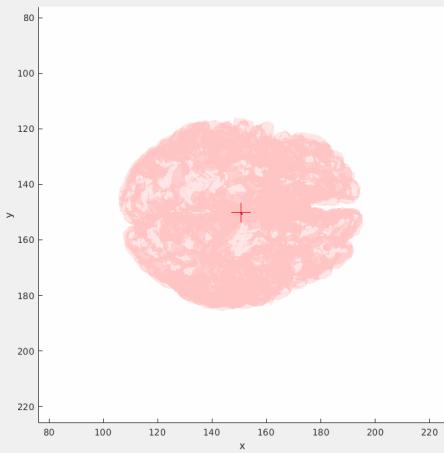
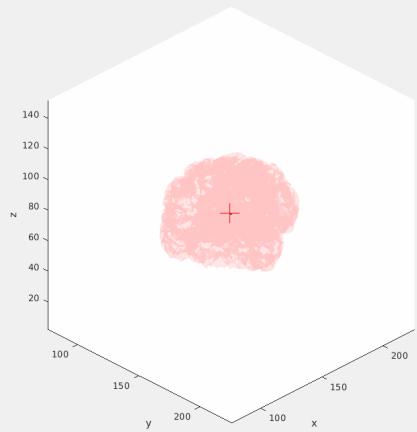
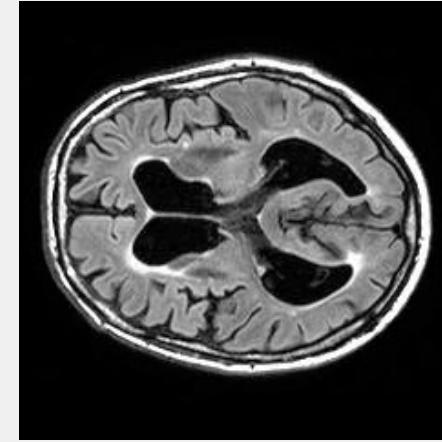
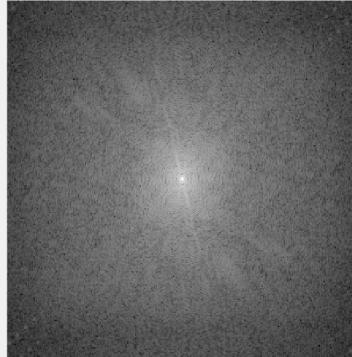
- Artefacted data is common
- Problematic data is normally not labelled
- Deep learning systems are bad at extrapolating
- Realistic augmentation can improve ability to deal with artefacts



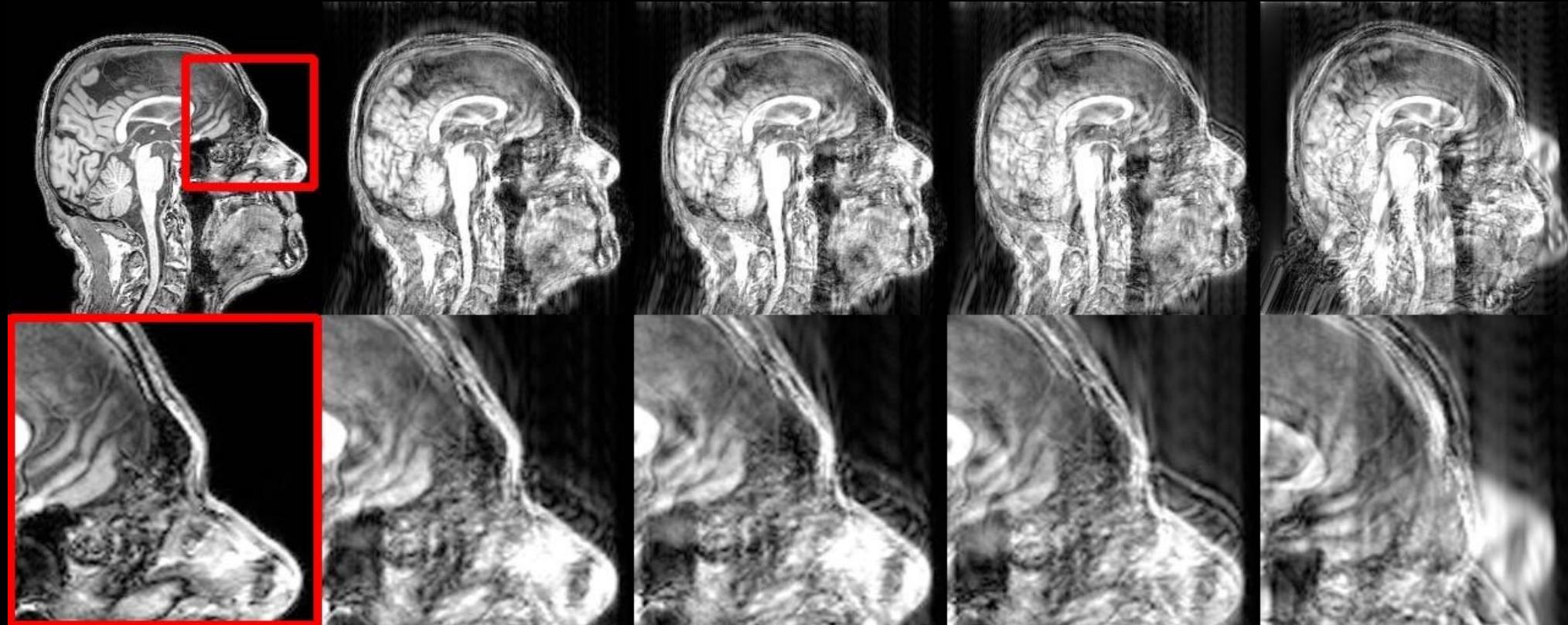
Movement model



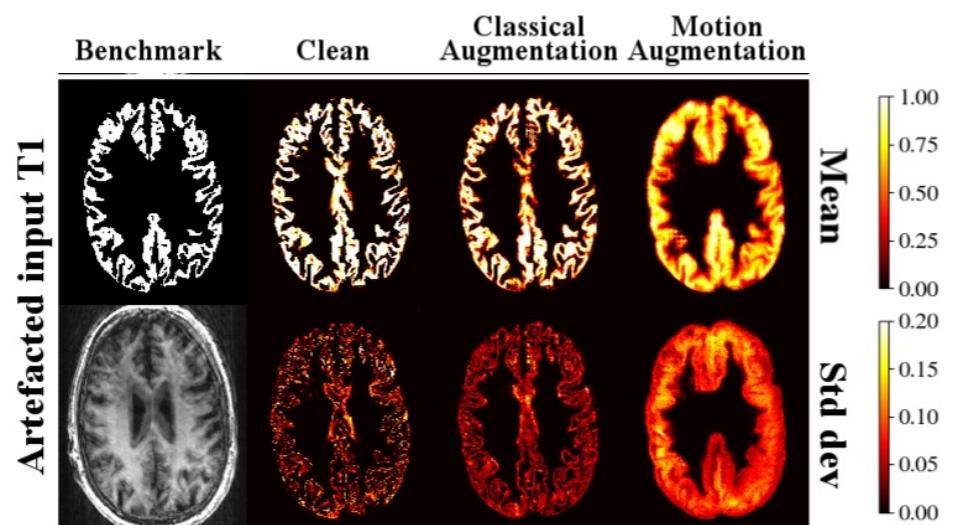
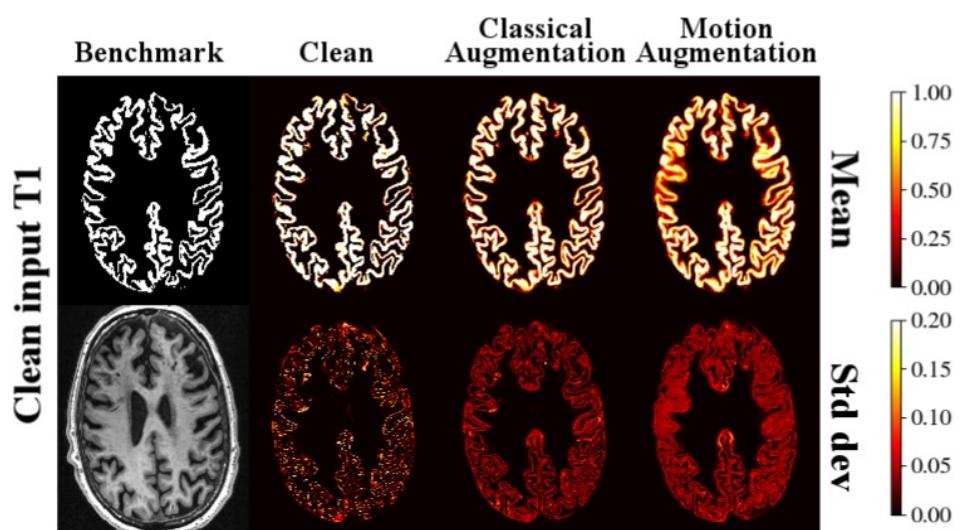
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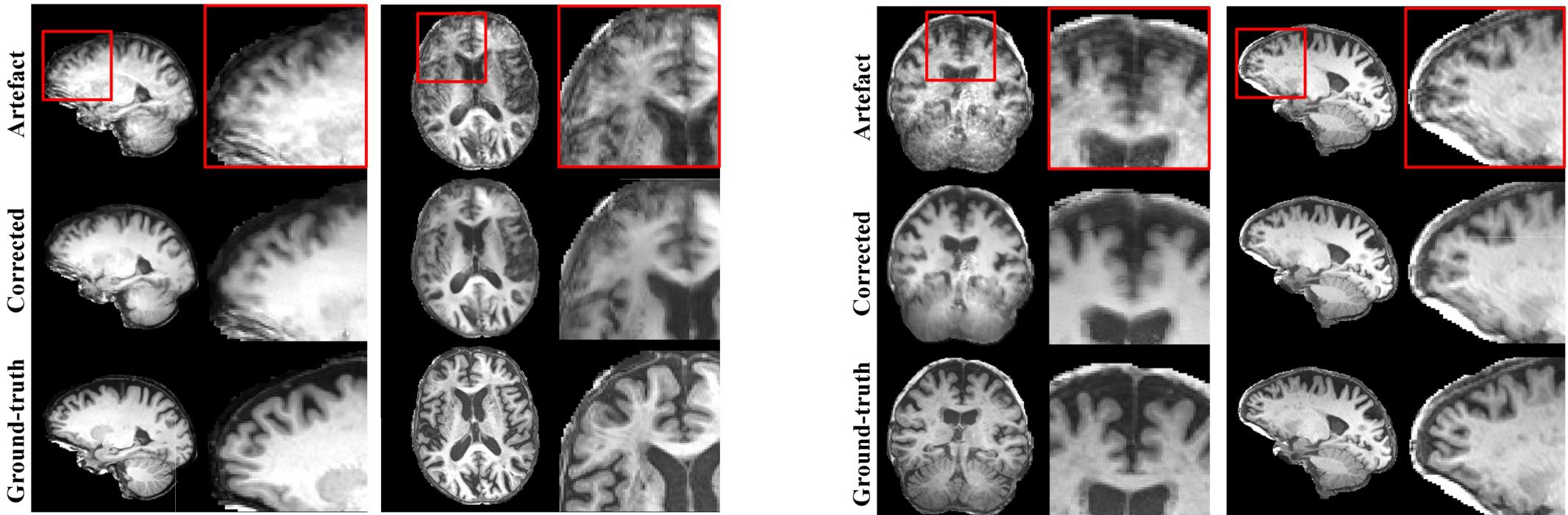
Simulated artefacts



Robustness to artefacts

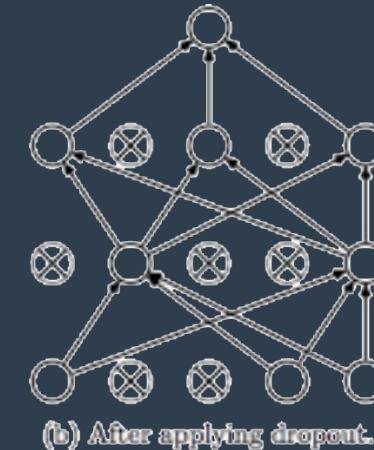
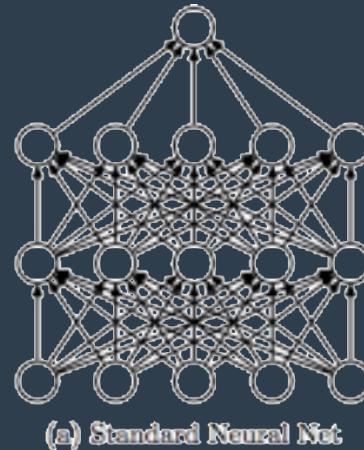


Removal of artefacts

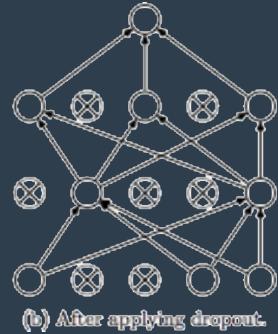
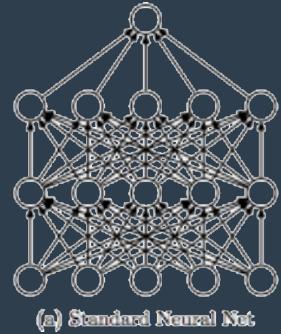


Problem: Can you trust your results?

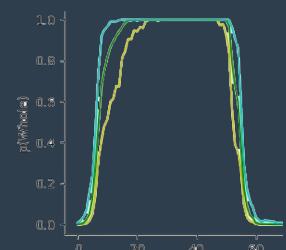
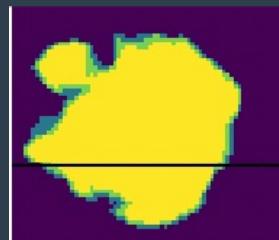
- Solution: Don't make one prediction, but predict a distribution
- Sampling sub-models of a network approximates the Epistemic uncertainty
- Dropout during inference can be used to sample from these sub-models and approximate the uncertainty



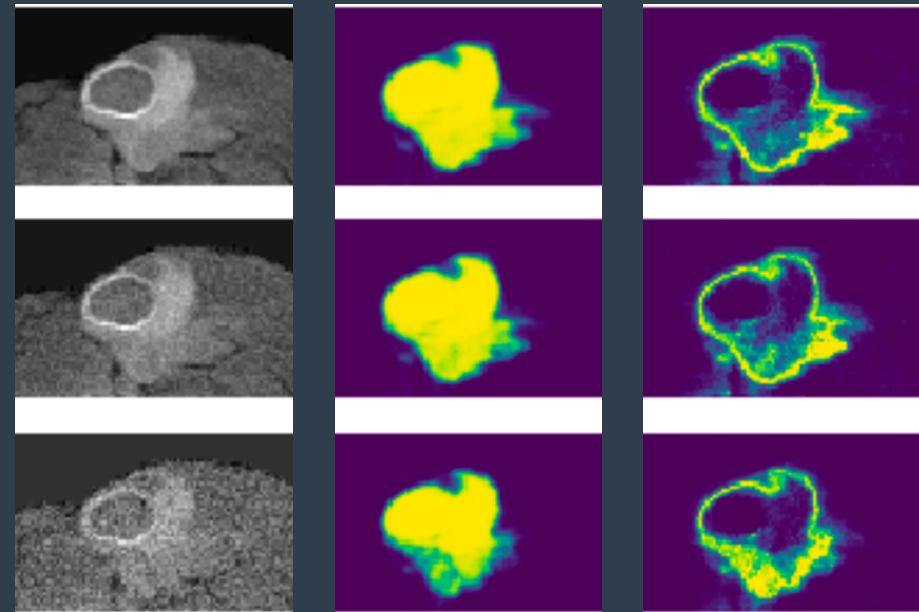
Uncertainty – Behaviour in the presence of noise



Distribution over contours

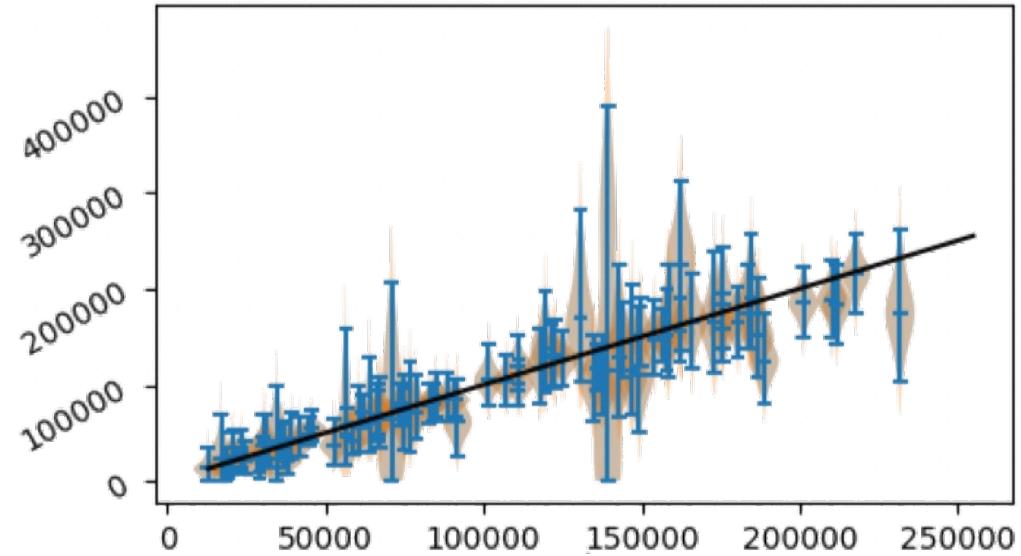
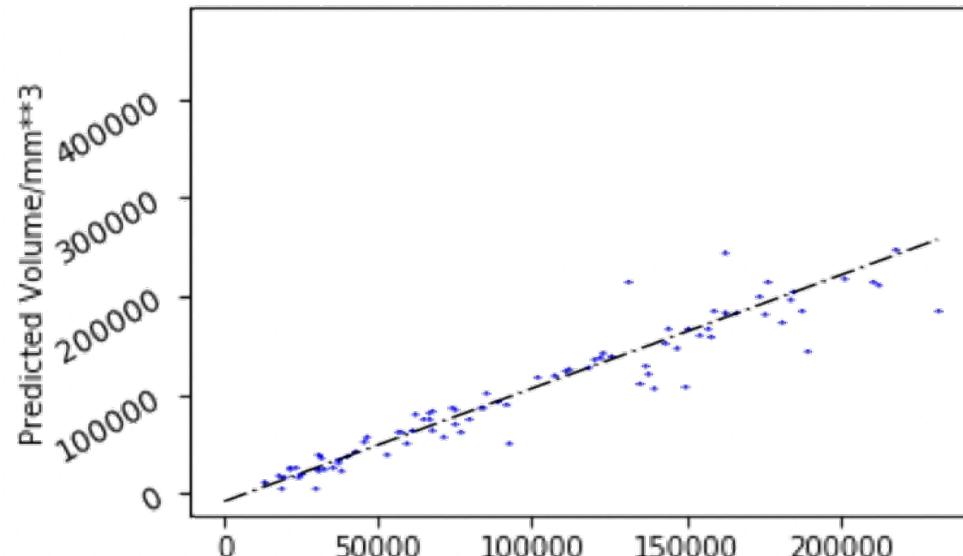


Relationship between uncertainty and image noise



Uncertainty – Safe Biomarkers

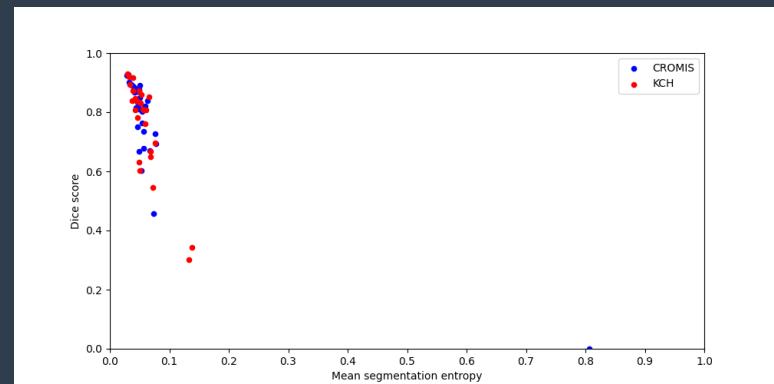
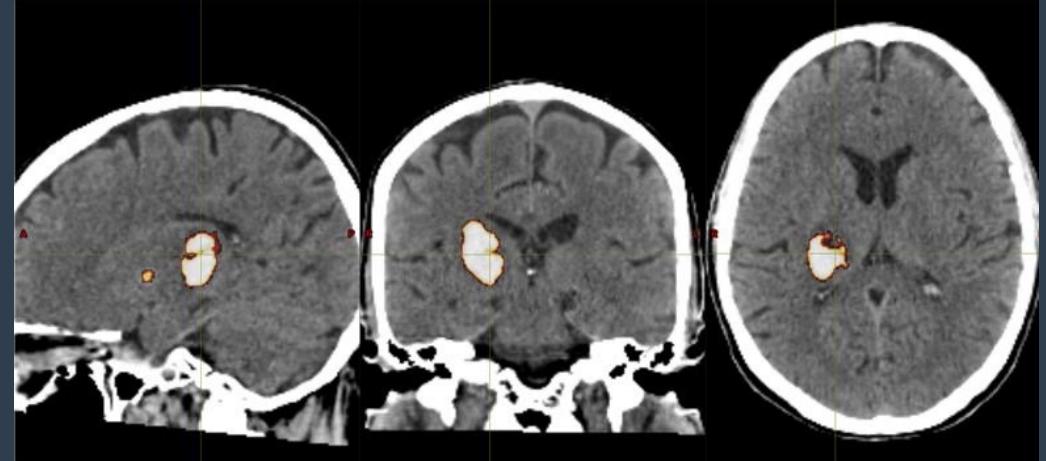
Calibrated whole tumour volume prediction uncertainty



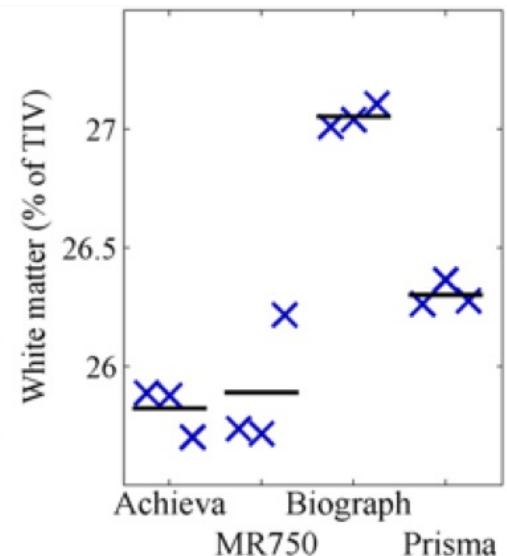
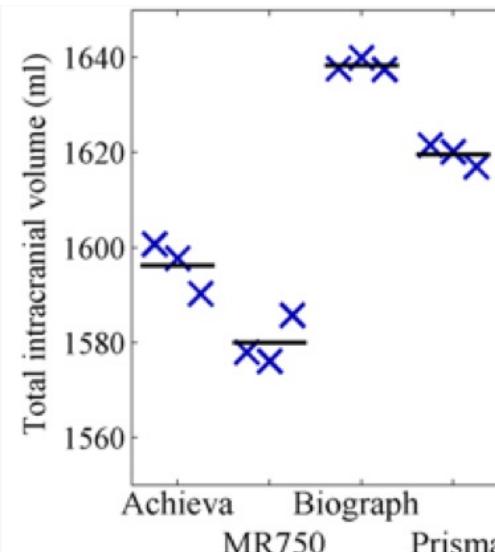
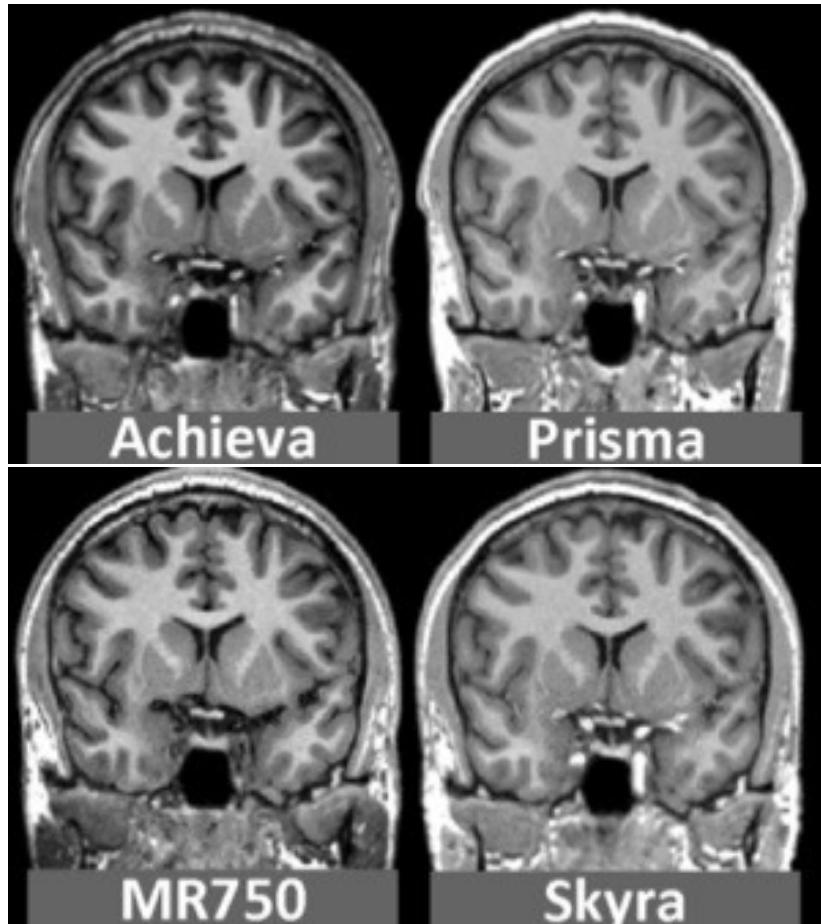
Uncertainty – Ensemble-based

- Can we combine task-specific uncertainty with OOD detection to provide a comprehensive, clinically useful measure of our ML model's uncertainty?
- Can calculate the per-voxel entropy for an ensemble of models, $i=1 \dots N$

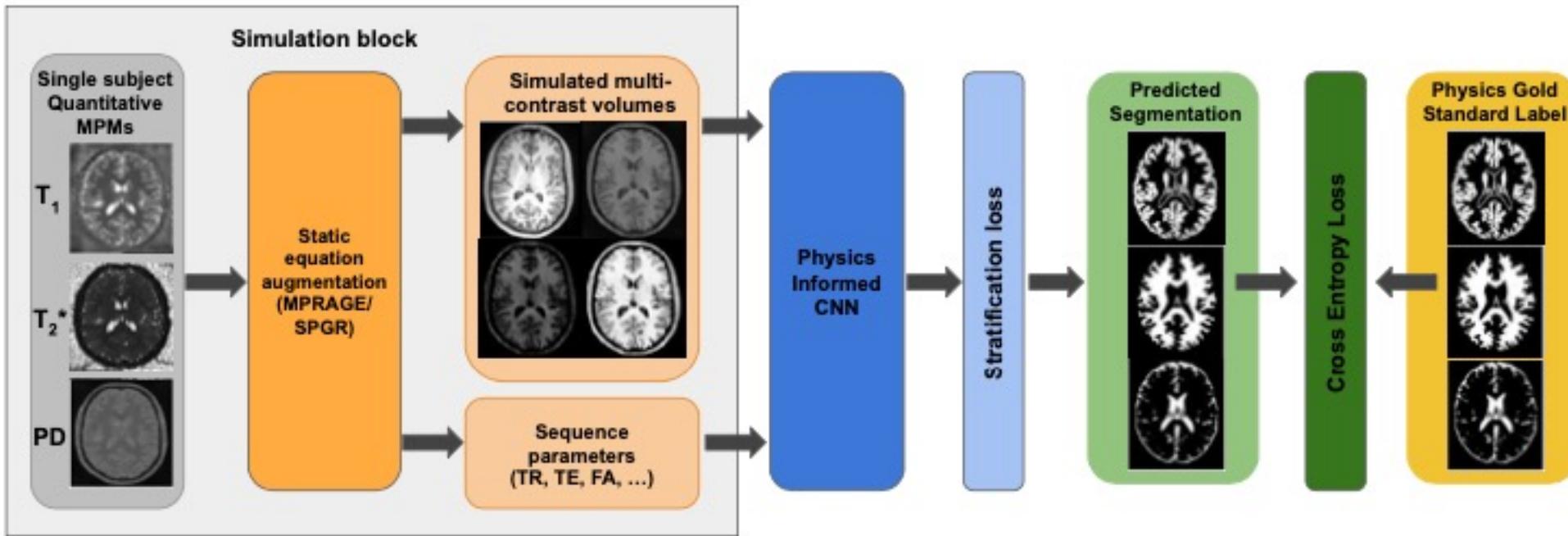
$$U_s(\mathbf{x}) = - \sum_{i=1}^N p_s^i(\mathbf{x}) \log(p_s^i(\mathbf{x})).$$



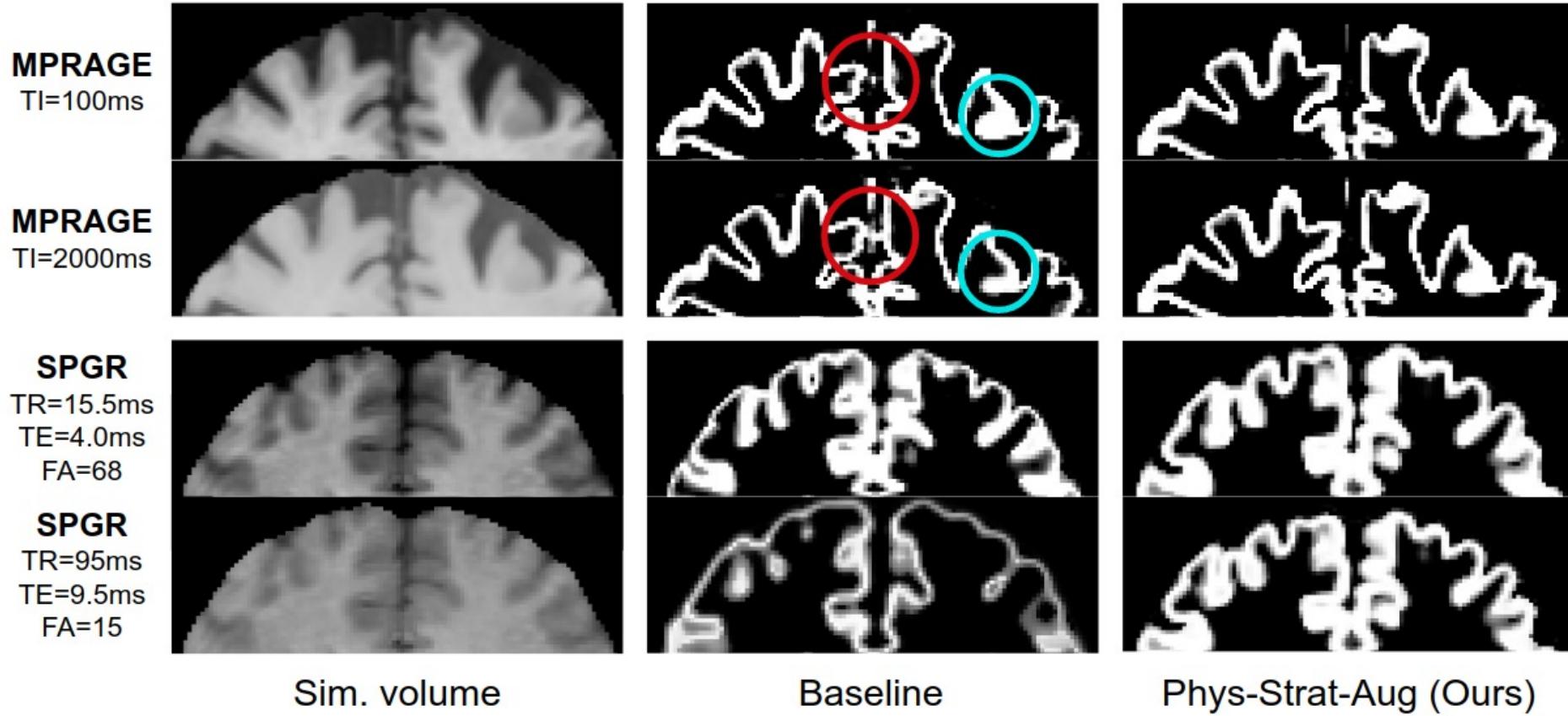
Problem: Different acquisitions → Different results



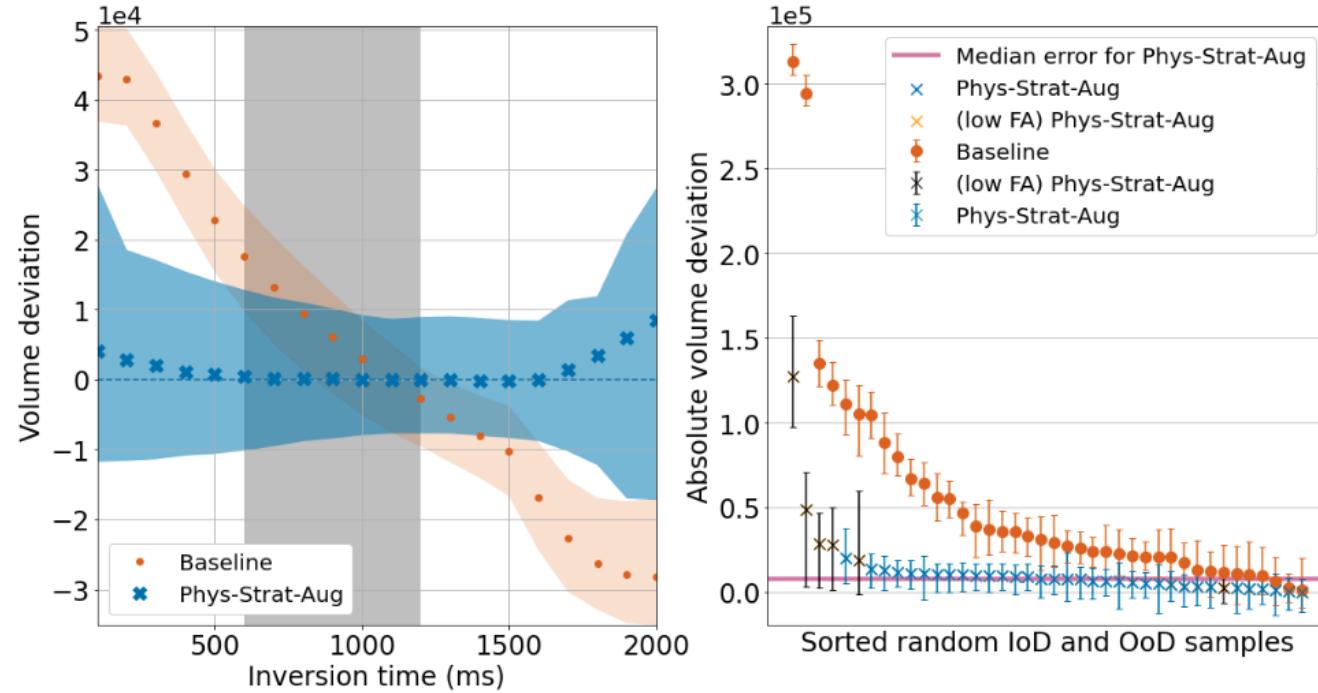
Physics Invariance



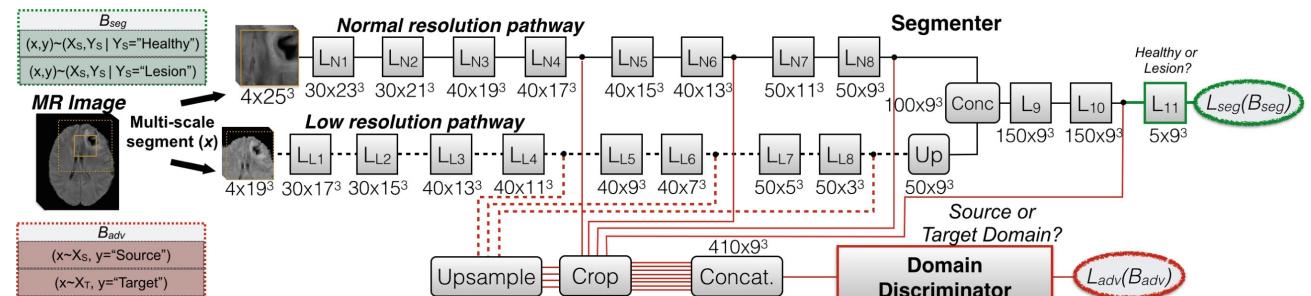
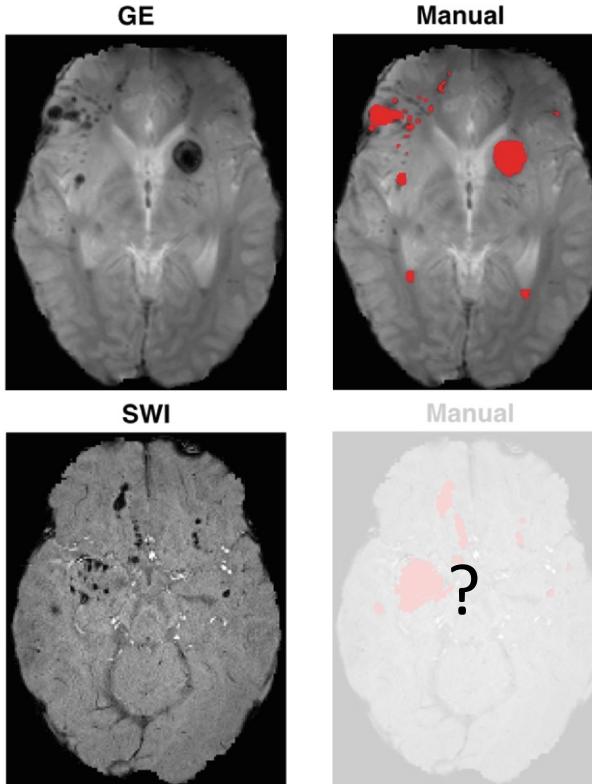
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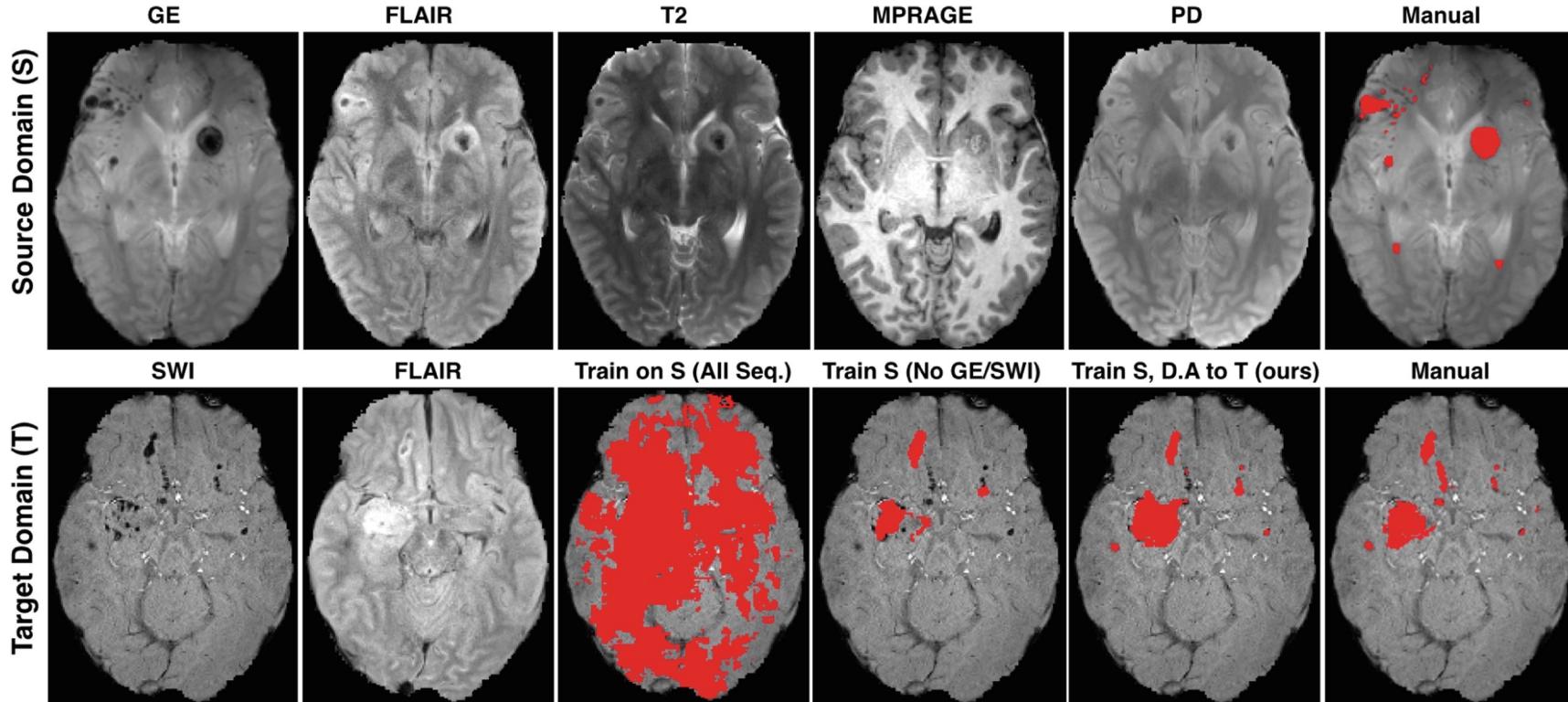
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Problem: How to bridge large domain gaps?



Domain Adaptation GE->SWI

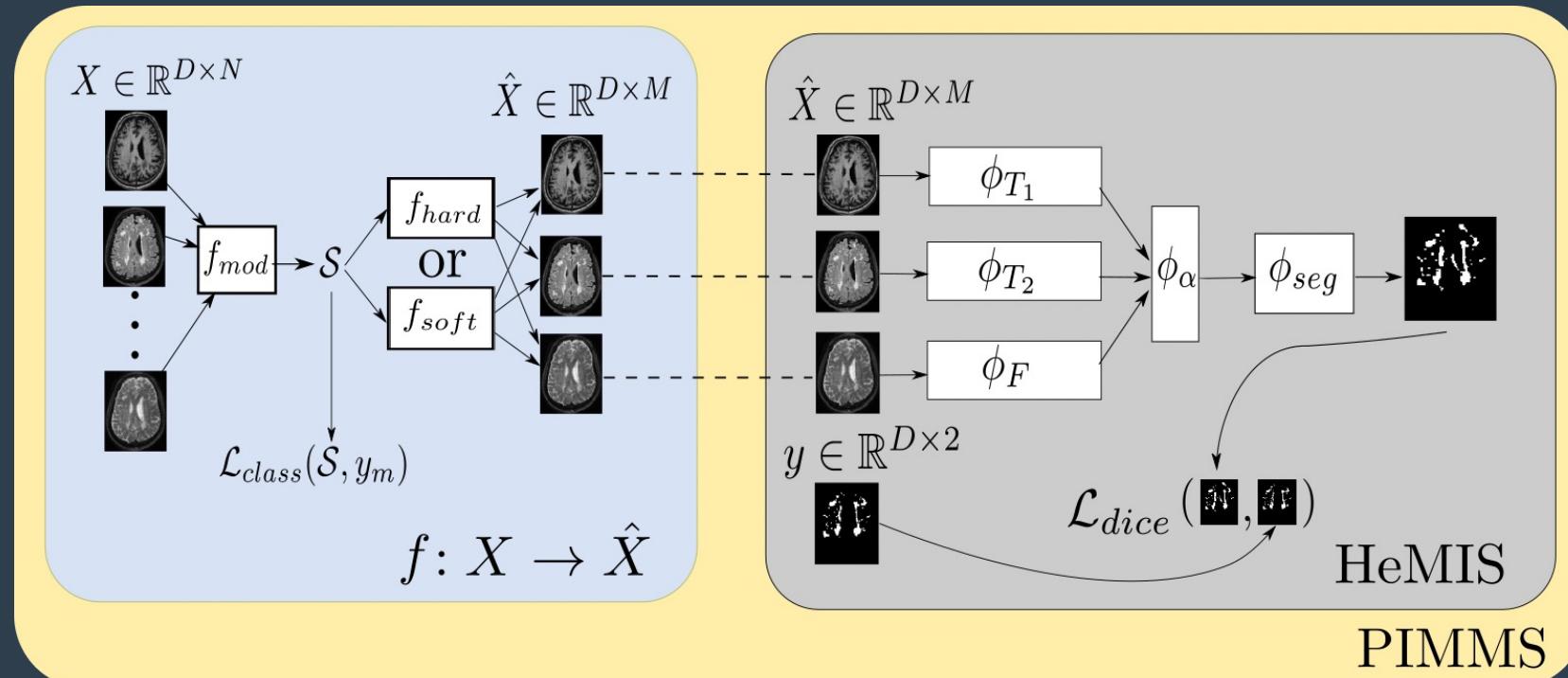


Problem: How to learn from missing and unlabelled images?

- Almost every patient has a unique set of sequences/parameters
 - Humans can do their task with what they are given (and know when they likely can't)
 - Algorithms should do too...
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- MRI sequences are not standardized (no DICOM tag)
 - When radiologists receive images from a MRI session, they don't know which image is which
 - This does not affect humans, but does affect algorithms

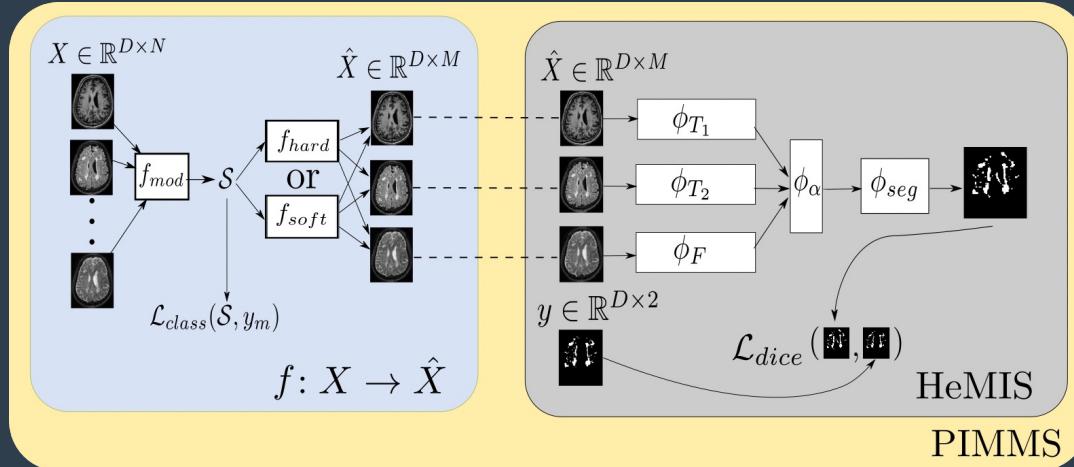
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- Solution: Make algorithms invariant to permutation and missing data



Permutation Invariant Segmentation

- Solution: Make algorithms invariant to permutation and missing data



Mixed Holdout											
Modalities			Dice Score			Avg. Symmetric Distance					
T_1	T_2	F	HeMIS	Soft	Hard	Online	HeMIS	Soft	Hard	Online	
•	•	•	0.47	0.51	0.48	0.54	0.71	0.65	0.71	1.9	
•	•	◦	0.3	0.39	0.3	0.24	2.32	1.92	2.36	4.21	
◦	•	•	0.26	0.32	0.26	0.4	0.77	0.82	0.76	3.32	
•	◦	•	0.44	0.45	0.45	0.52	0.61	0.63	0.62	2.06	
•	◦	◦	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.19	3.42	3.76	3.51	4.48	
◦	•	◦	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.09	4.07	4.13	4.53	7.48	
◦	◦	•	0.16	0.18	0.16	0.41	0.56	0.61	0.54	3.31	

Silver Protocol Holdout											
T_1	T_2	F	HeMIS	Soft	Hard	Online	HeMIS	Soft	Hard	Online	
•	◦	•	0.48	0.46	0.46	0.44	0.68	0.72	1.12	3.52	
•	◦	◦	0.11	0.11	0.08	0.21	0.79	0.79	1.63	5.17	
◦	◦	•	0.25	0.16	0.24	0.5	0.69	0.68	0.8	2.77	

Gold Protocol Holdout											
T_1	T_2	F	HeMIS	Soft	Hard	Online	HeMIS	Soft	Hard	Online	
•	◦	•	0.59	0.64	0.62	0.61	0.76	0.57	0.72	1.18	
•	◦	◦	0.41	0.35	0.42	0.47	0.8	0.44	0.77	2.18	
◦	◦	•	0.38	0.38	0.26	0.45	1.01	1.75	20.75	3.63	

What have we discussed so far?



- Unsupervised learning of text allows the detection of normal vs abnormal
- Unsupervised learning of images allows the localization of abnormalities
- Corrupting data realistically (e.g. artefacts) increases robustness to these problems
- Uncertainty is a way to get around information limits and convey risk-calibrated predictions
- Models can be made robust to missing and unlabeled data

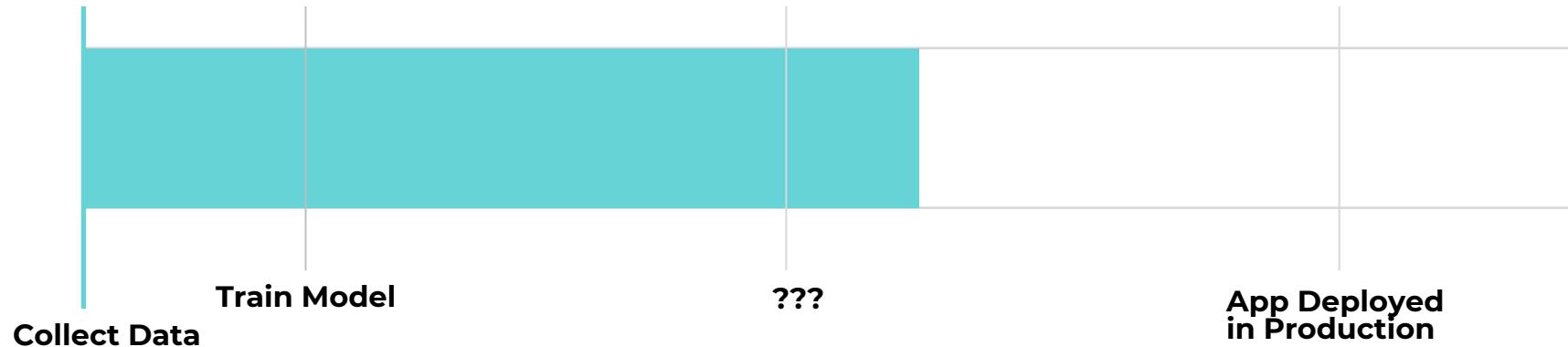
- We did not discuss
 - “Is it the right body part?”
 - “Is it in the field of view?”
 - “Does it have sufficient quality?”

How do we reach patients?

Why is it hard?

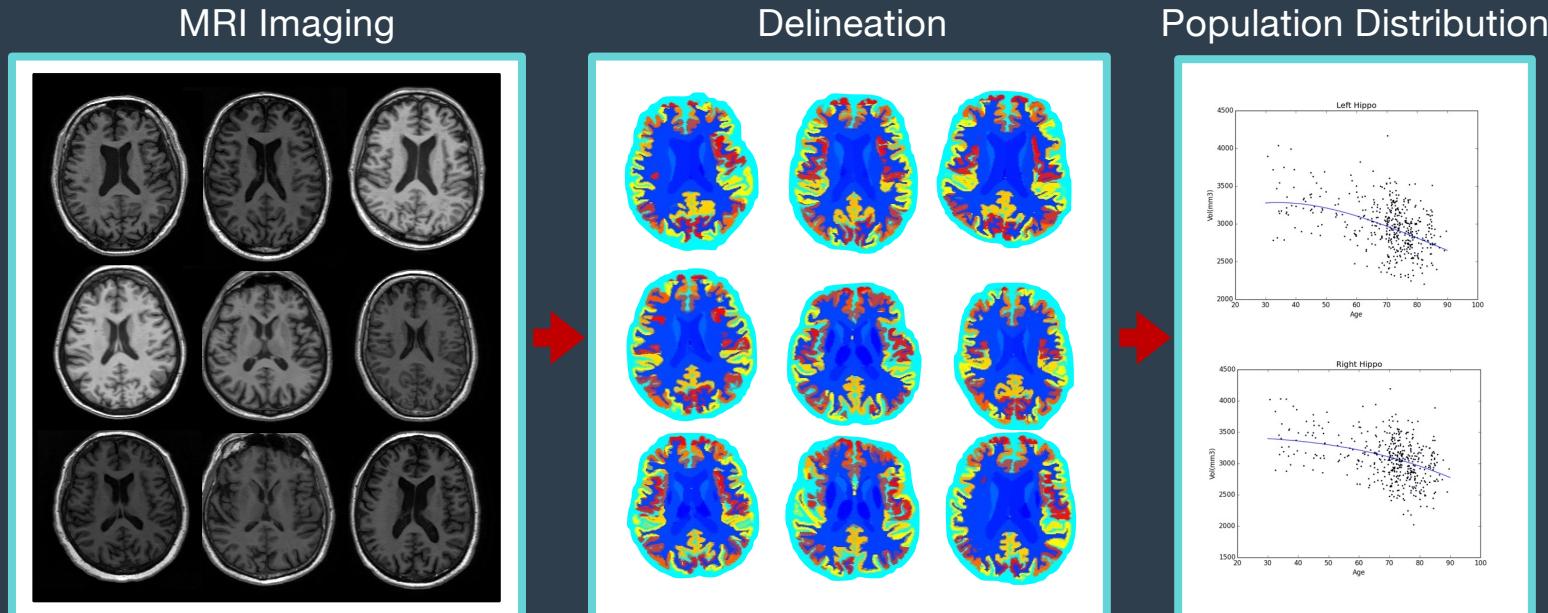
More than 87% of data science projects never make it to production.

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Selecting the right DICOM datasets | Visualizing inference results |
| Loading DICOM Datasets | Performance Optimization |
| Pre / Post processing Input Images | Resource Utilization |
| Performing Inference | Monitoring |
| Exporting AI results to DICOM | |



Detecting atrophy in the train

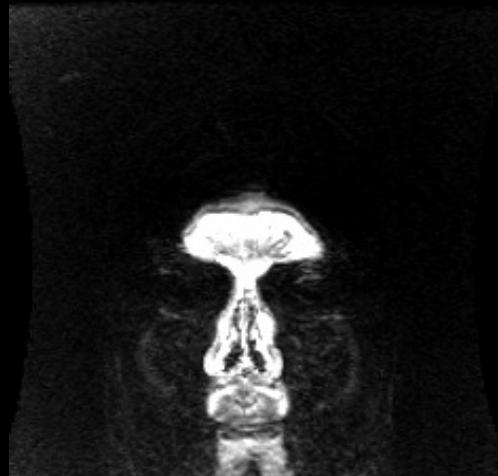
- Atrophy is a deviation from normality (volume wise)
- Select radiologically normal subjects – ~40k
- Estimate regional statistics per age, sex, etc



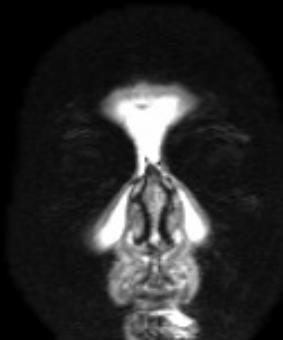
Detecting atrophy in the brain



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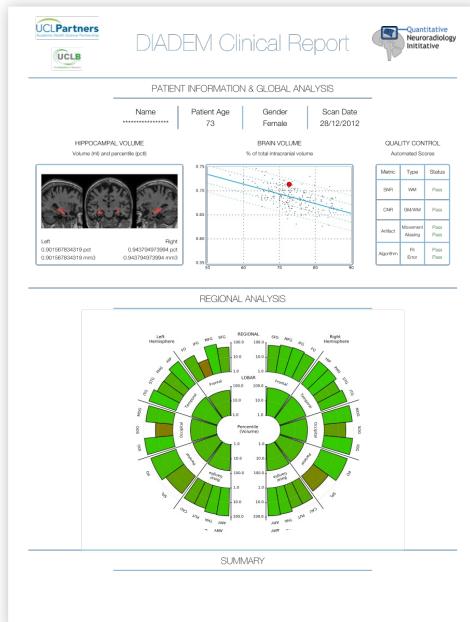


Early Alzheimer's
Disease

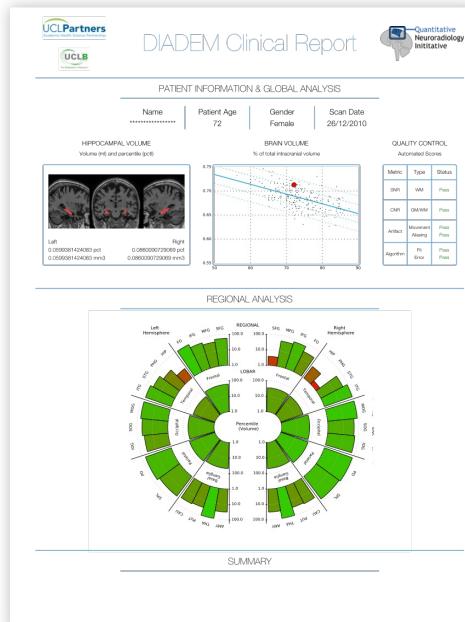


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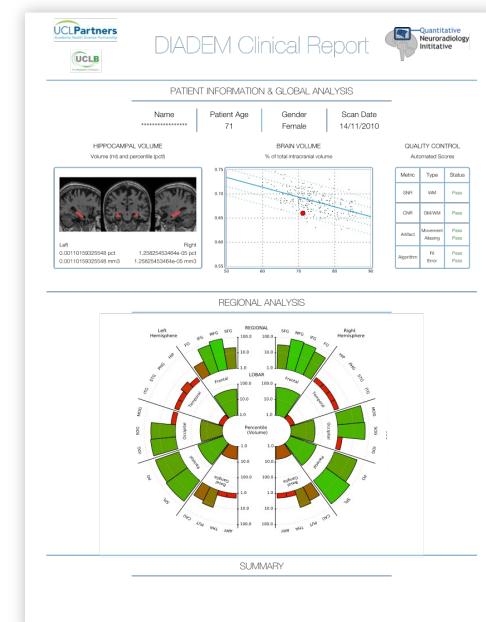
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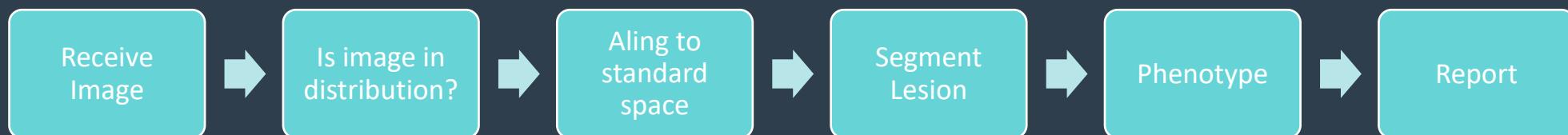
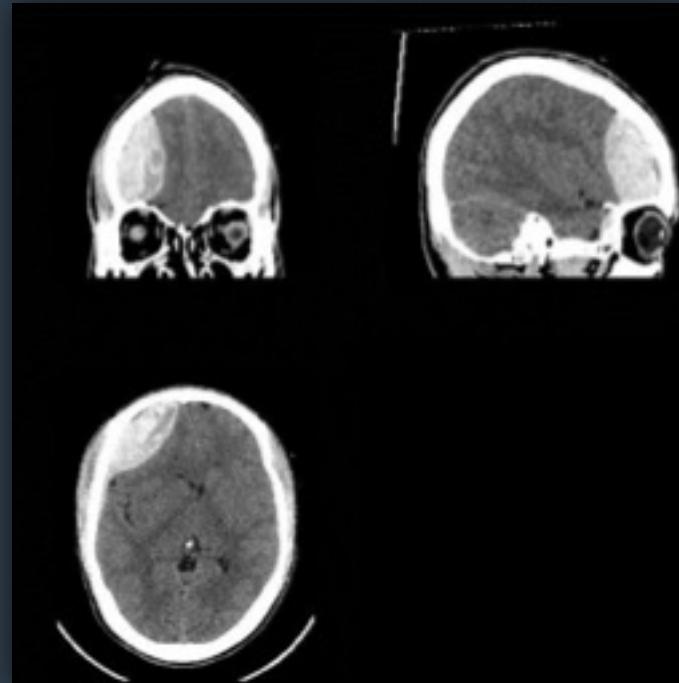


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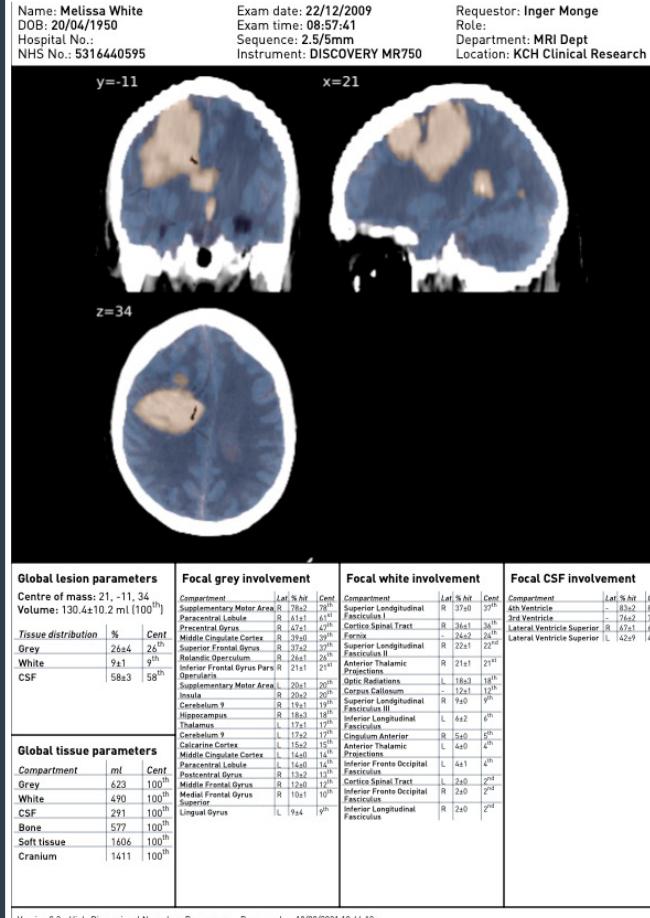
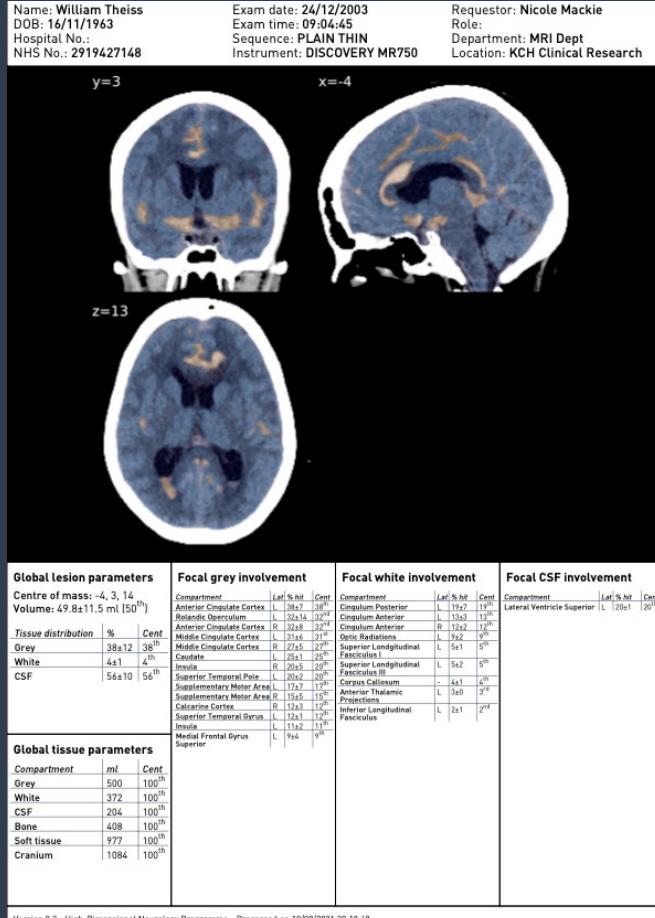


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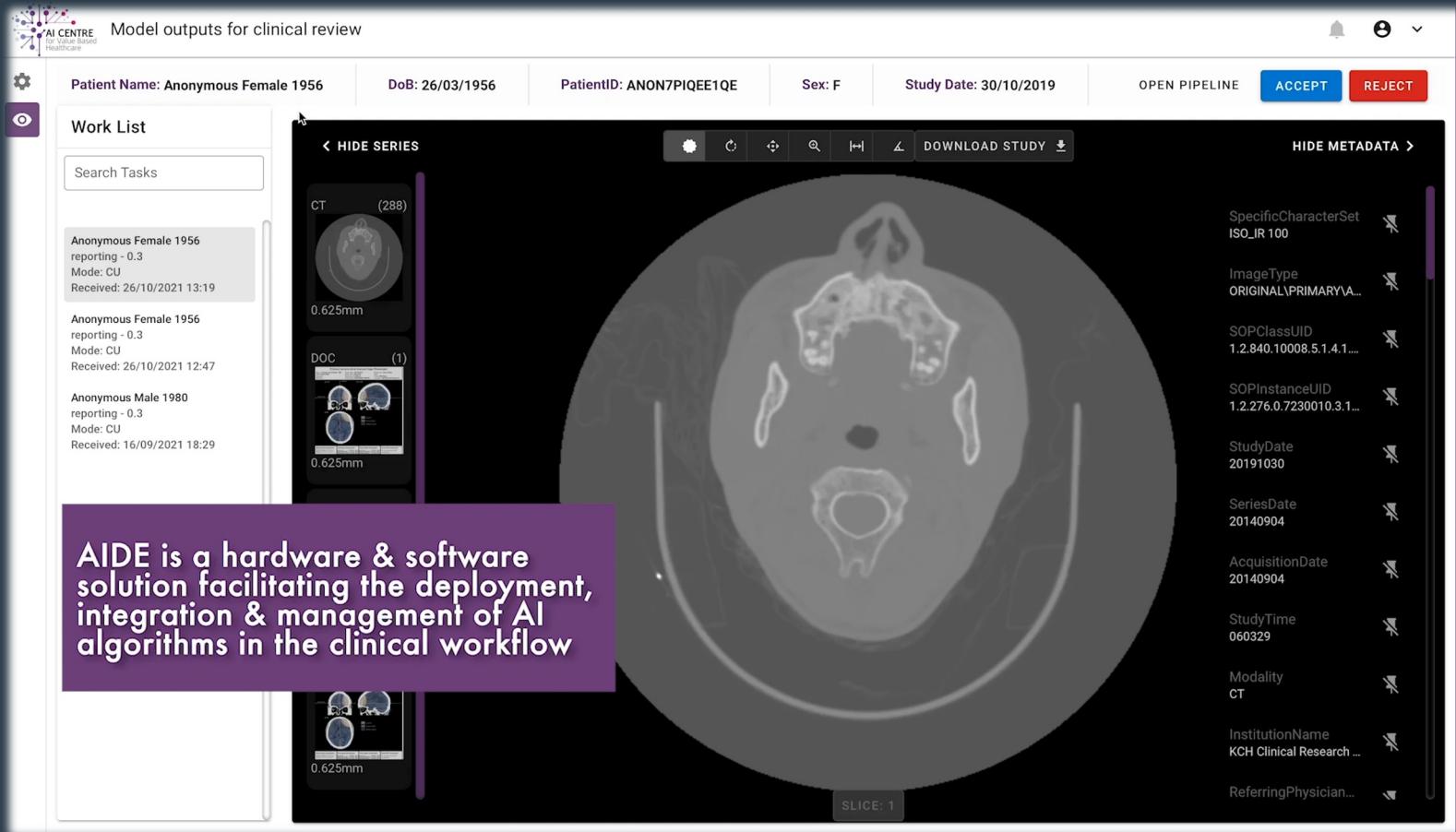
What will happen after a stroke?



What will happen after a stroke?



Let's see it in action...



Conclusions – Part 3



- Real world data is hard, and what can go wrong will go wrong
- We (rarely) can change how data is collected
- Many techniques are needed to handle the mess and make AI safe in clinical care
- Solving real world problems are be very rewarding
- AI in neurology/neuroimaging is now a reality

THANK YOU!
QUESTIONS?
