

## Computational Imaging and AI in Medicine

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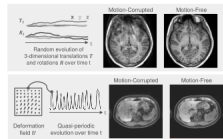
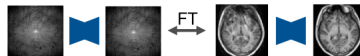
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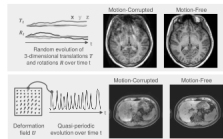
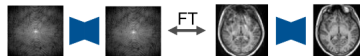
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  - acquired/filtered in frequency space
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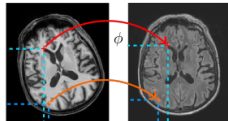
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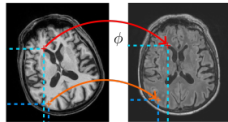
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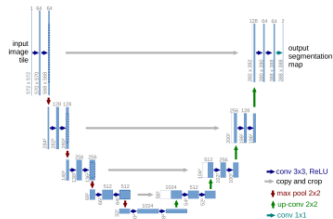
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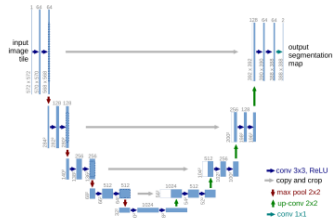
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  - identification of region of interests and organs of risk



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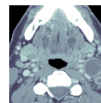
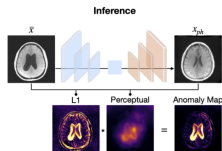
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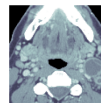
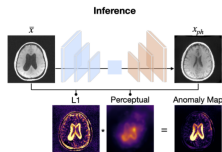
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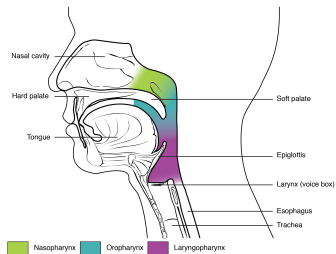
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  - replacement of invasive testing
  - development of novel markers, e.g. survival



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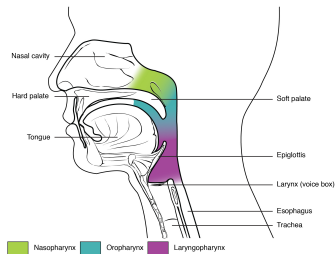


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Can we train a algorithm to classify HPV based on CT images?

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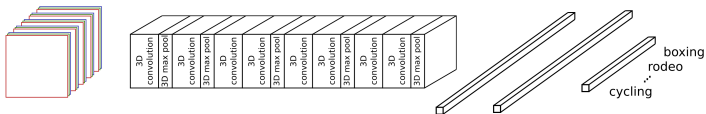
**but:** CT data is 3D (models usually pretrained on ImageNet)

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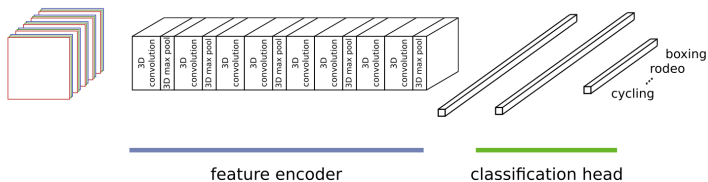


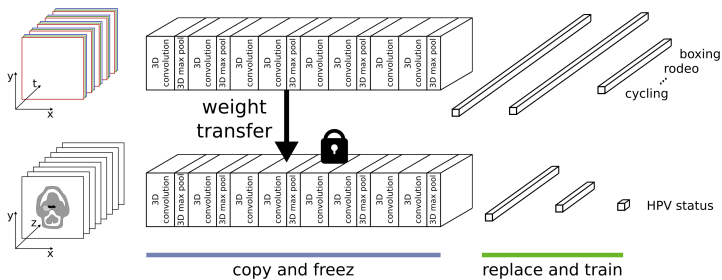
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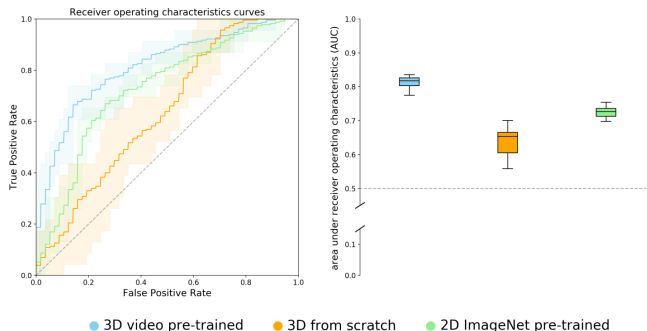
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# Results



| AUC      | C3D               | CNN               | VGG               |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| test set | 0.81 (0.77, 0.84) | 0.64 (0.56, 0.70) | 0.73 (0.70, 0.75) |

- AUC: probability that a randomly chosen case with a positive ground truth label is ranked with greater suspicion than a randomly chosen ground truth negative case

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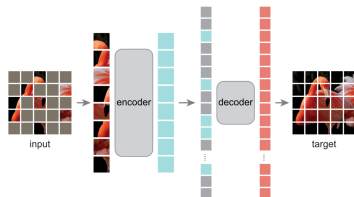
Is there no better solution? → Self-supervised Learning

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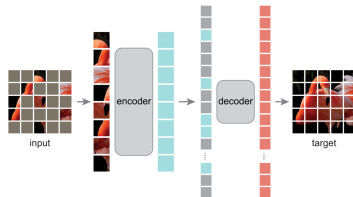


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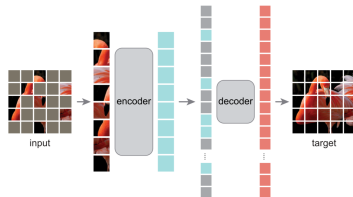
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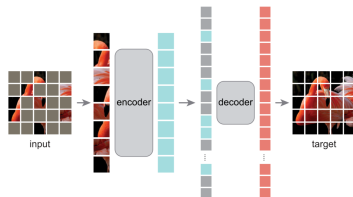
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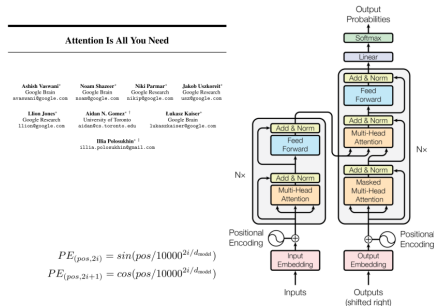
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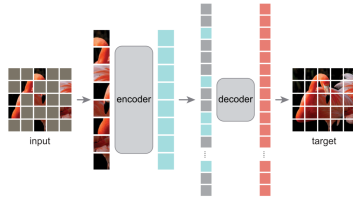


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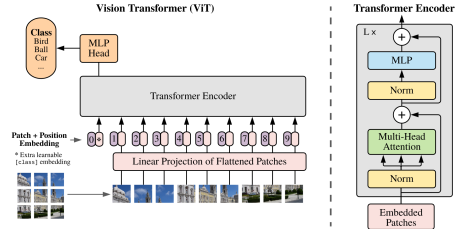
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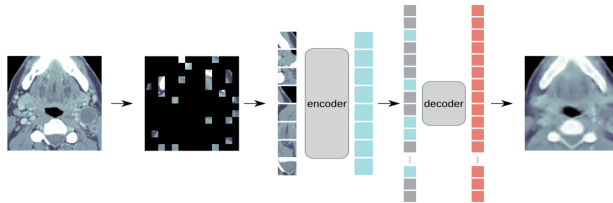
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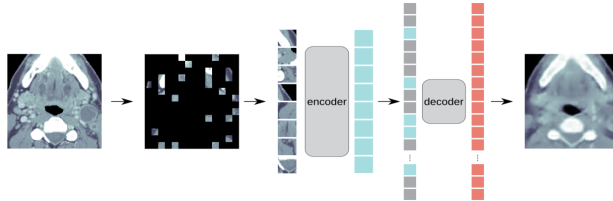
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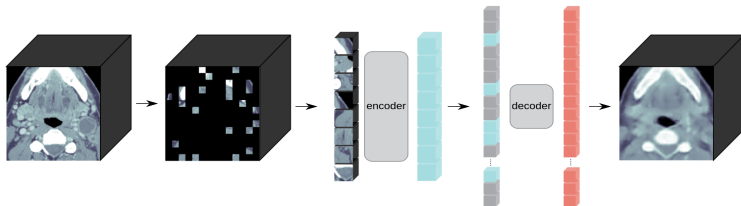
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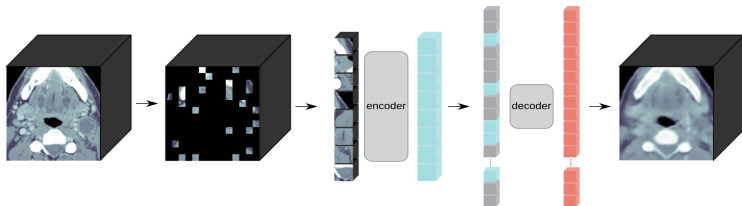




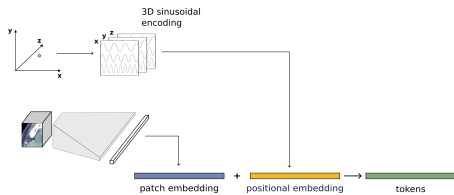
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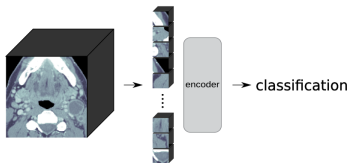


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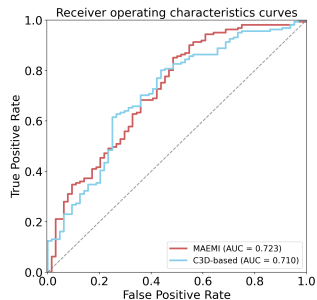
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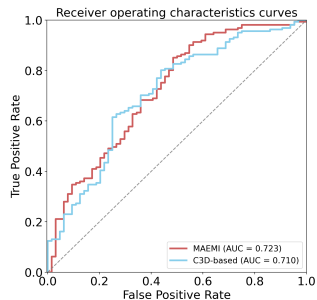
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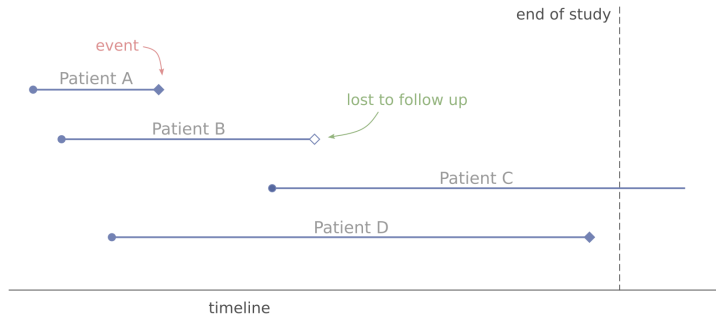
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$$S(t) = \Pr(T > t), \quad (1)$$

probability to survive beyond time  $t$ , event at  $T$

hazard function

$$h(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Pr(t \leq T < t + \Delta t | T \geq t)}{\Delta t}, \quad (2)$$

momentary rate of occurrence at time  $t$

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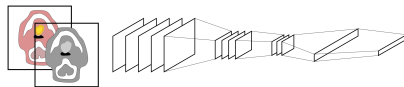
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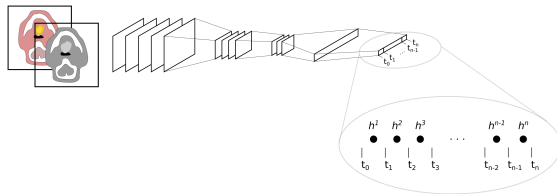
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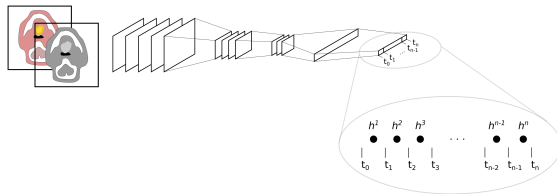
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with

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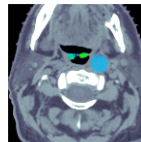
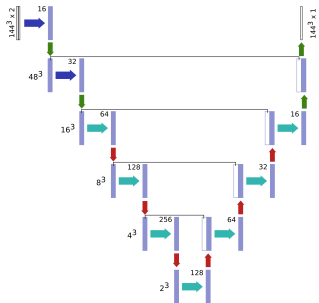
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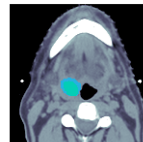
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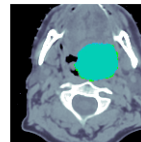
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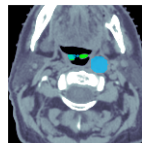
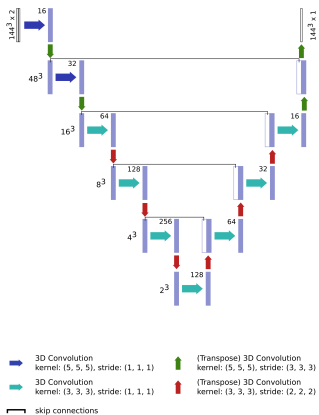
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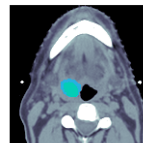
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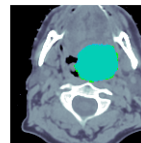
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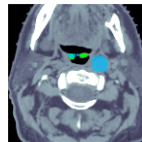
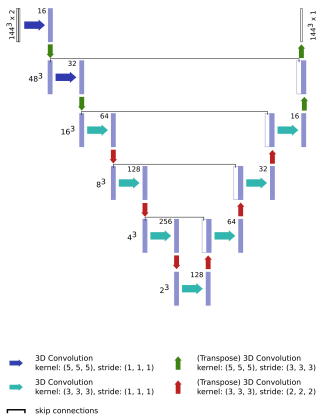
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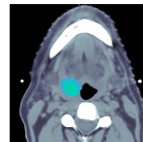
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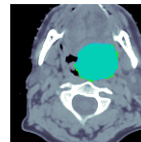
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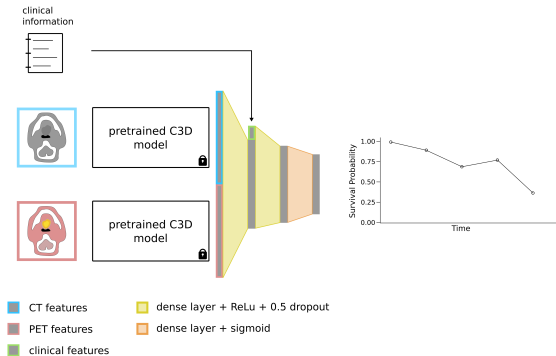
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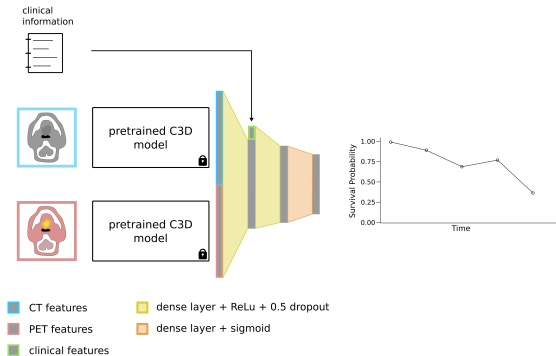
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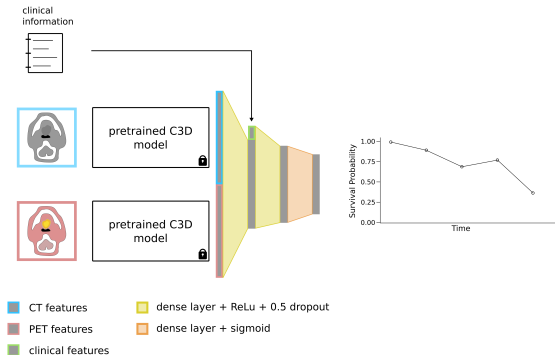


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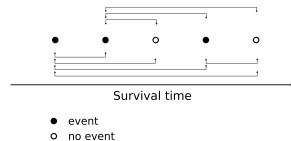
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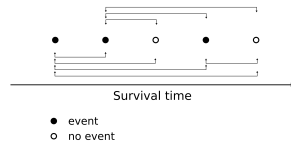
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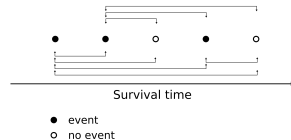
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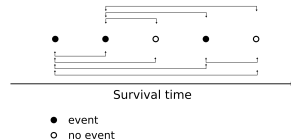


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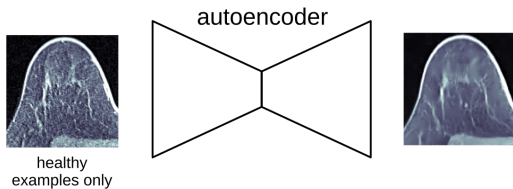
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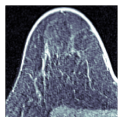
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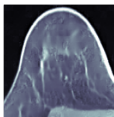
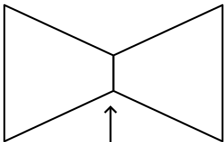
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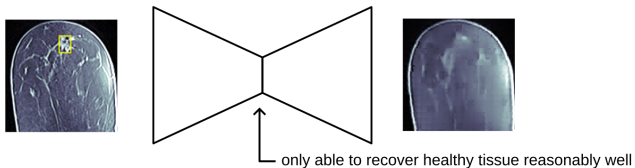


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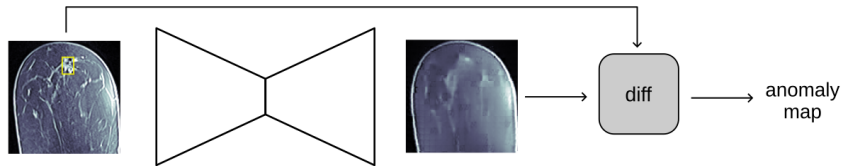
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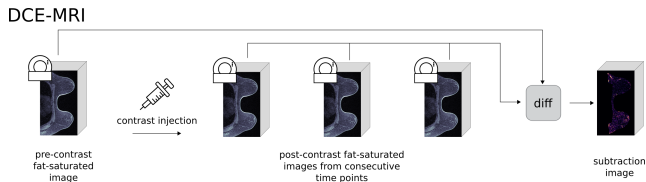


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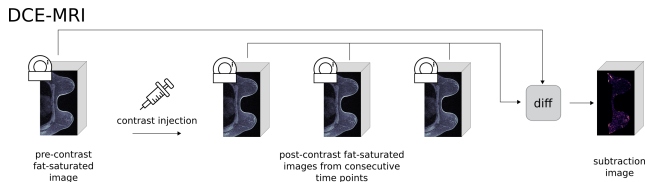
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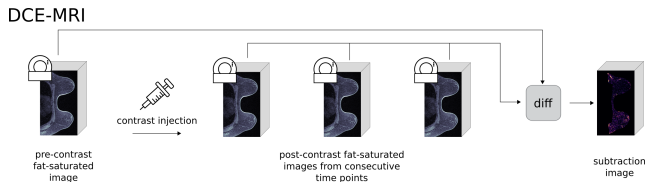
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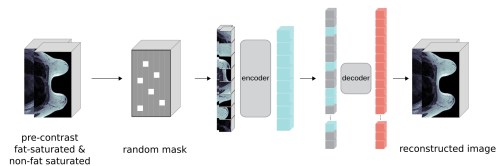
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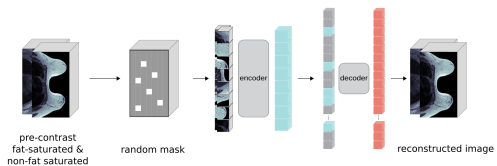
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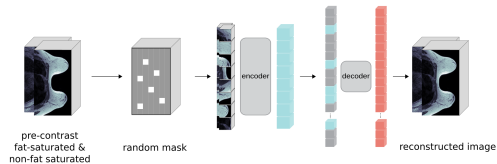


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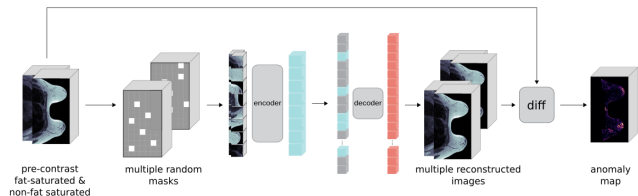
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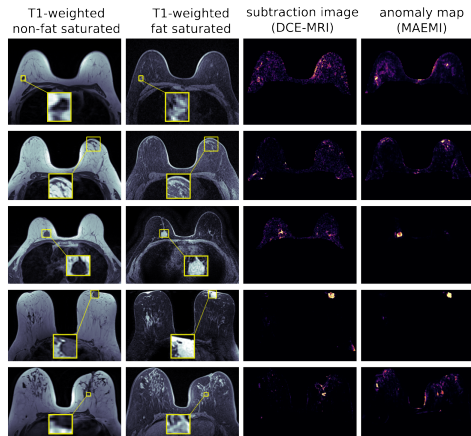
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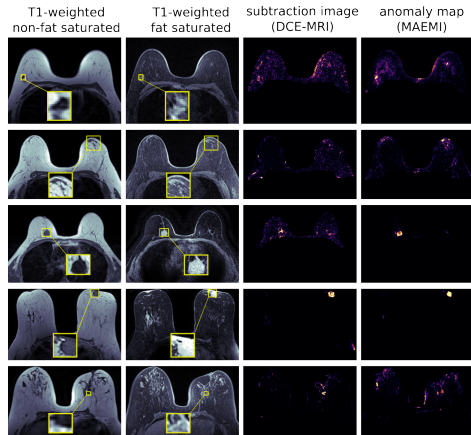


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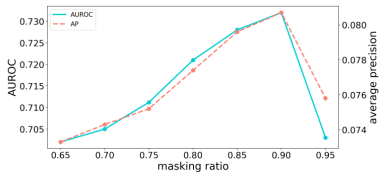


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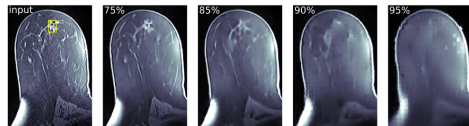
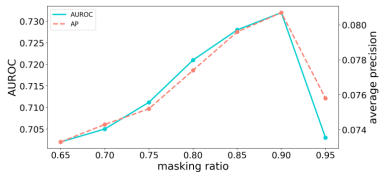


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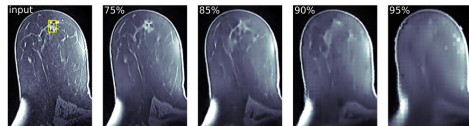
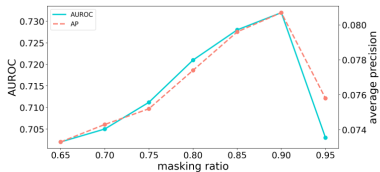
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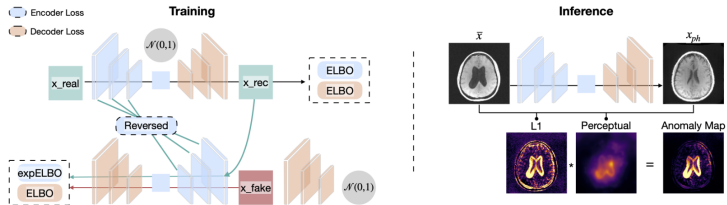
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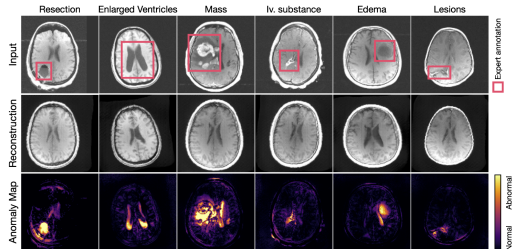
## Future work:

- train/test on larger external dataset
- further validation with radiologists

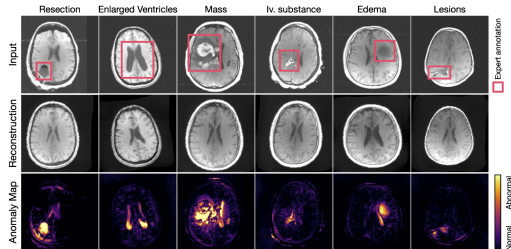
# Reconstruction of pseudo-health examples



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Current limitations:

- bounding boxes as ground truth labels
- no healthy examples

# Thank you!



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