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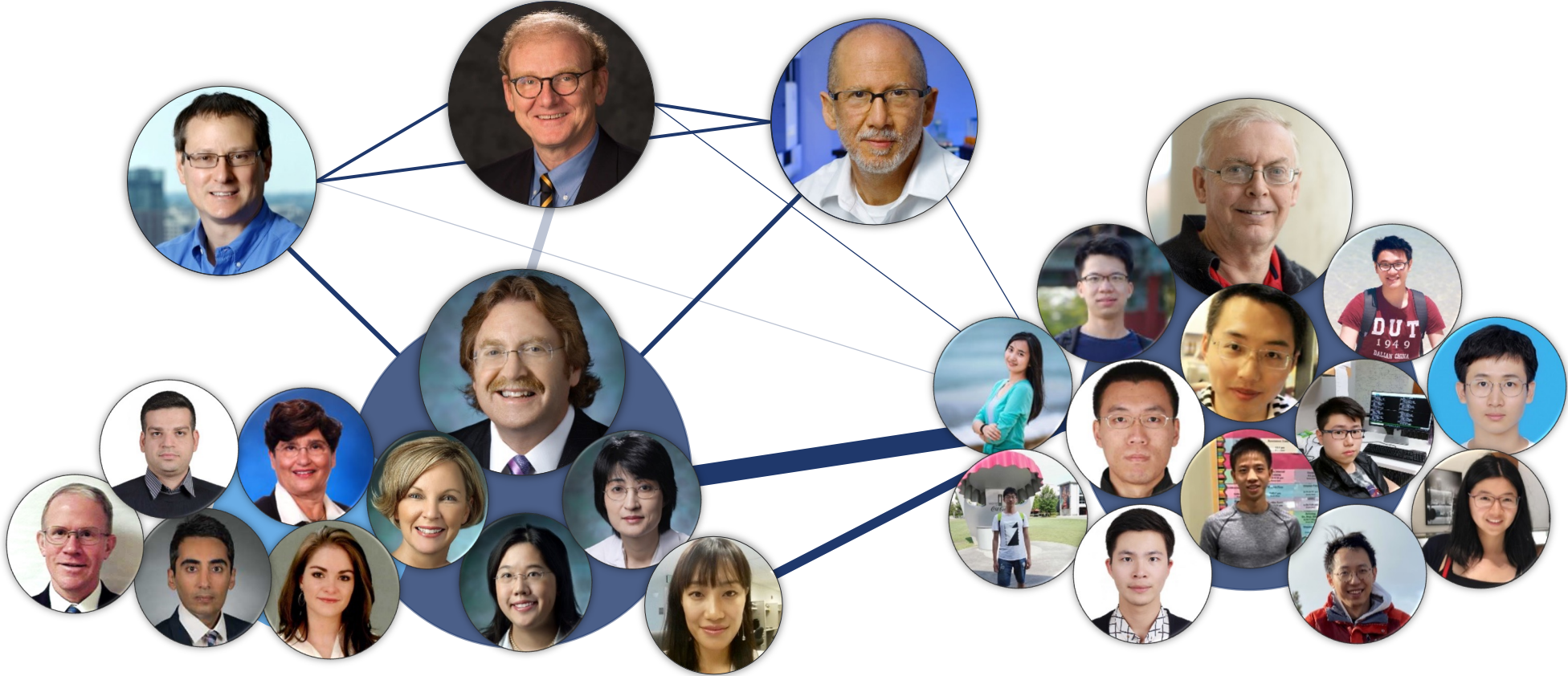
# Medical Image Analysis: Scaling Annotations, Datasets, and Algorithms

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Medical School

Engineering School

# Objective

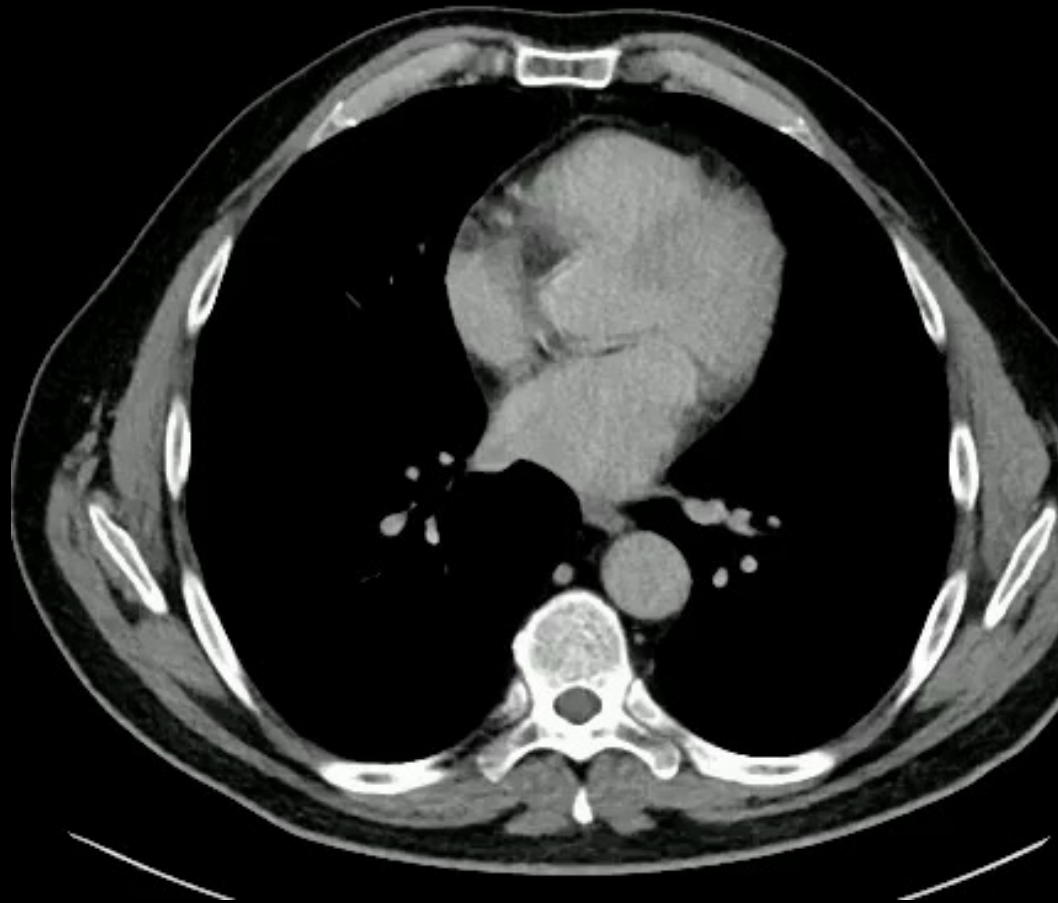
Early Cancer Detection  
*Pancreatic Cancer (FELIX)*

## High-performance AI algorithms

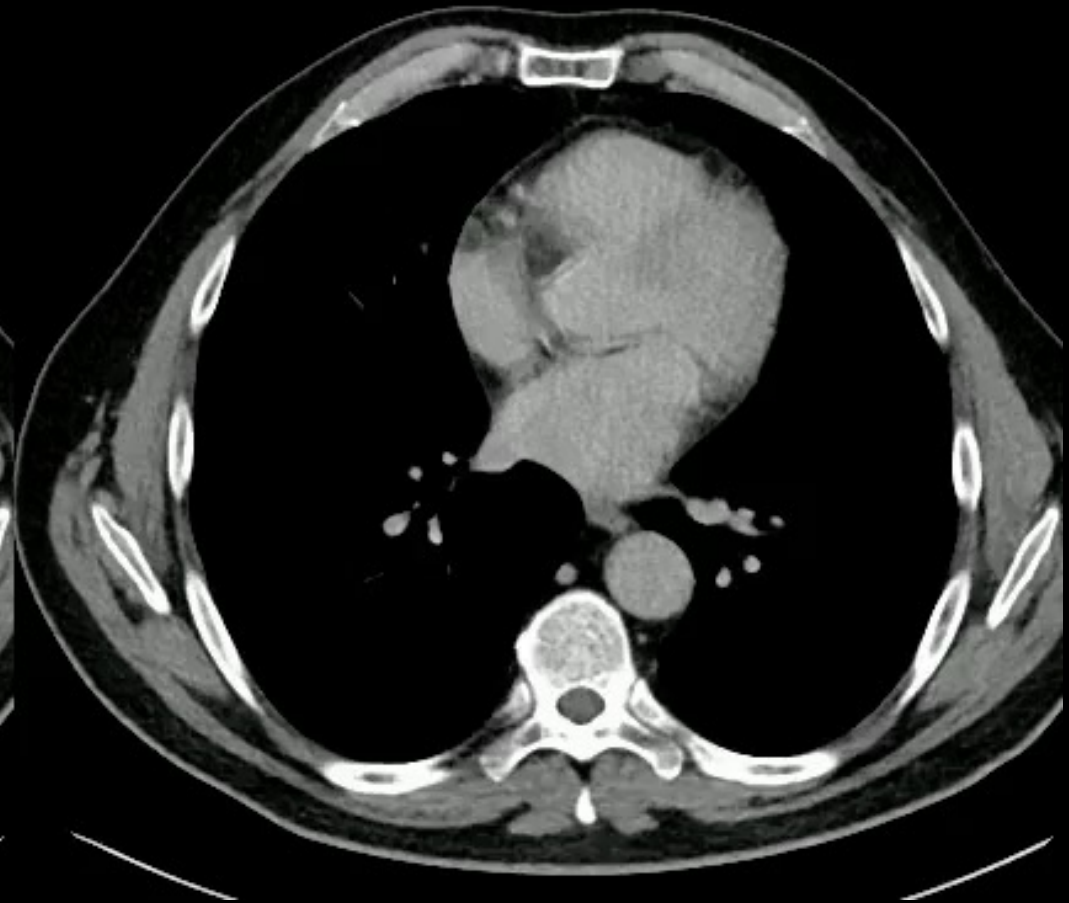
- + Sensitivity = 97%, Specificity = 99%
- + Performance similar to radiologists
- + Generalizable to multiple hospitals
  - 5,038 annotated CT volumes
    - 15 human-year to create
    - Only for pancreatic tumors

Radiologists hate annotation, but computer scientists love it.

CT



AI predictions



● Pancreas

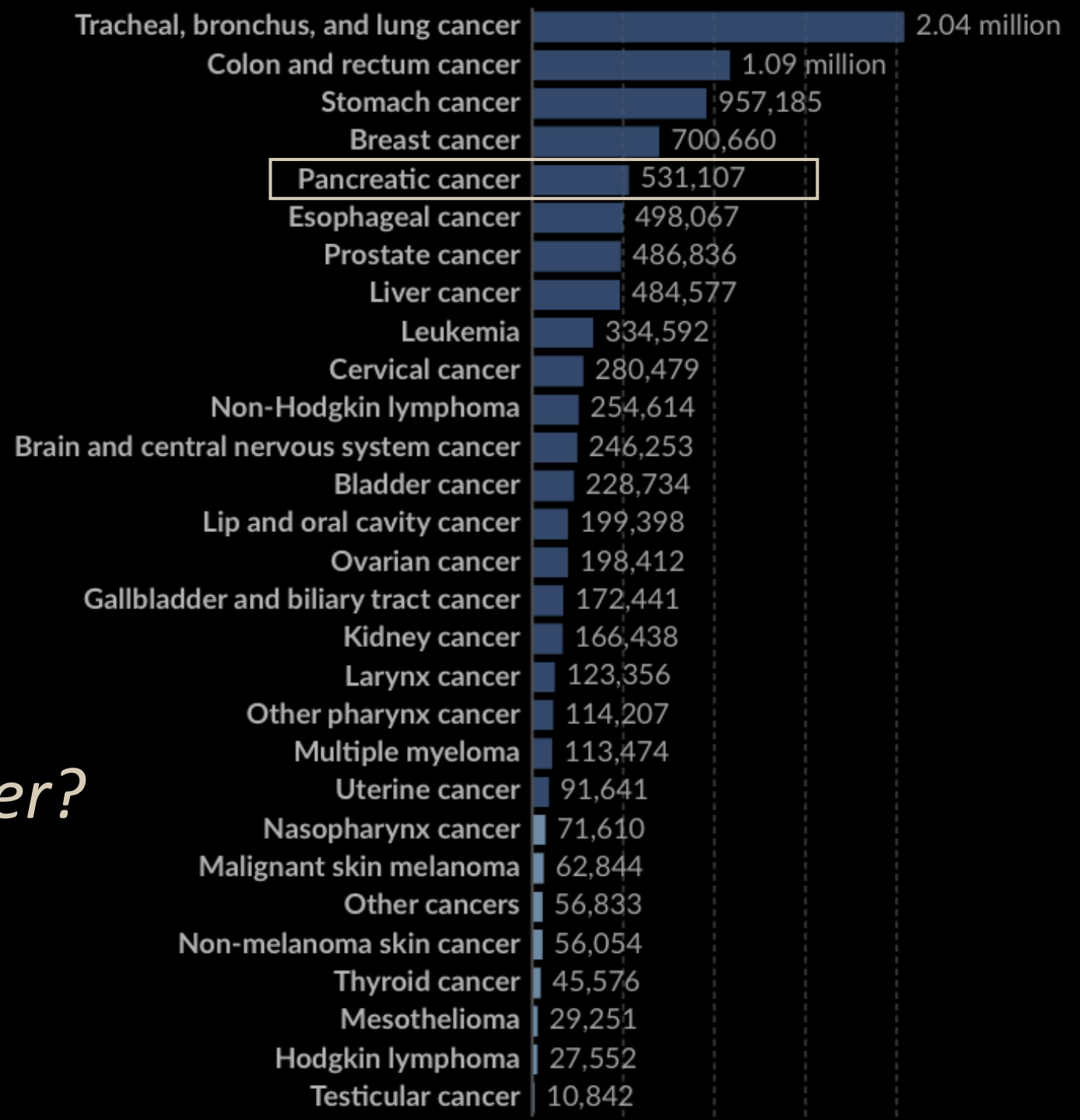
● Pancreatic tumor

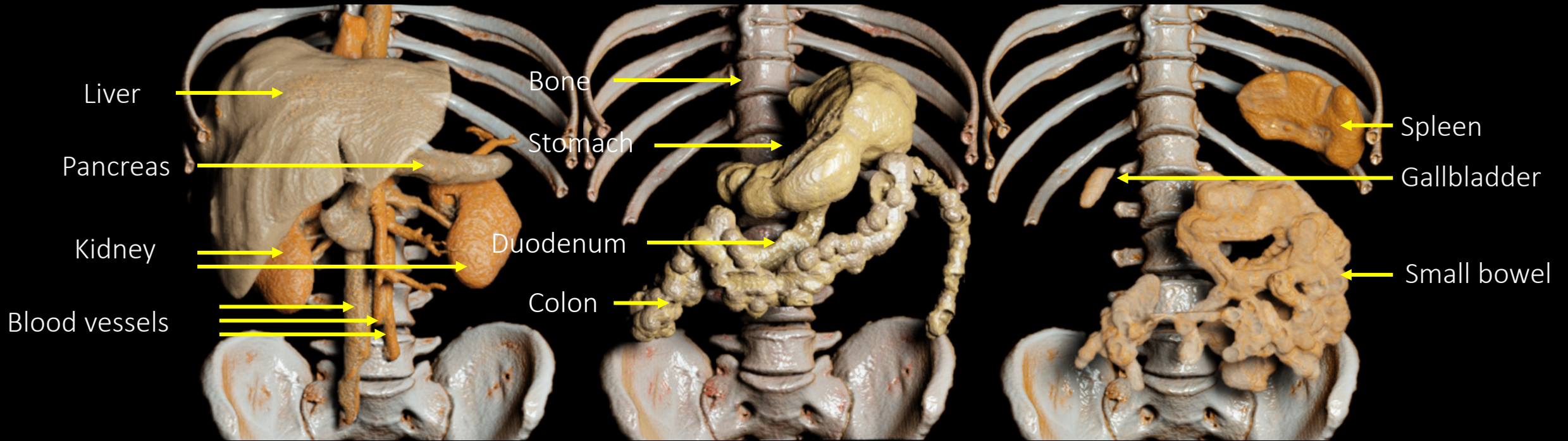
● Pancreatic duct

# Objective

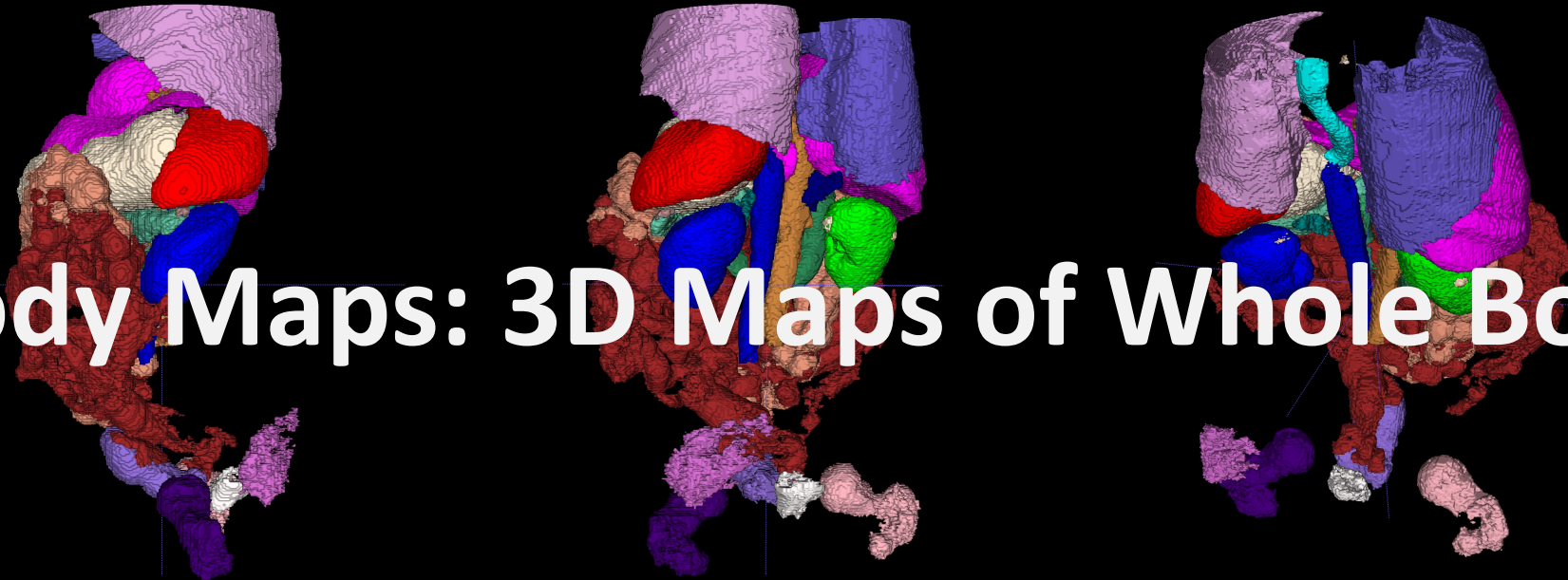
## Early Cancer Detection

*How do we deal with many other types of cancer?*



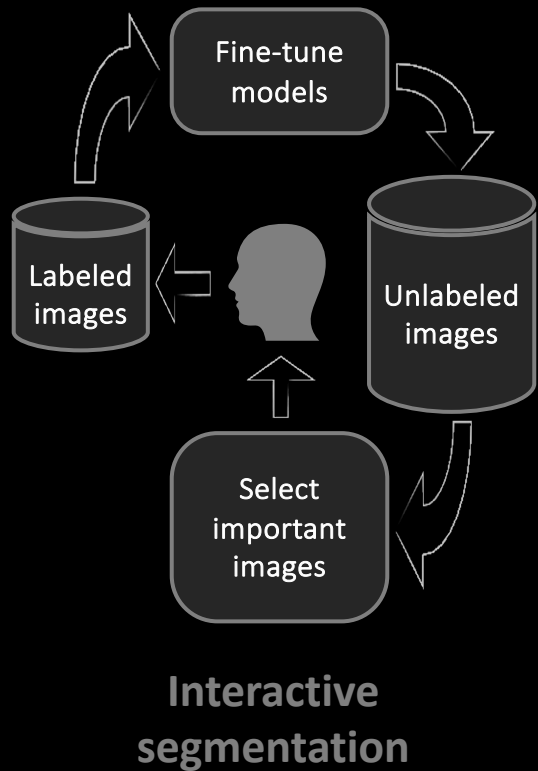


# Body Maps: 3D Maps of Whole Body



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Annotated

25

organs

Annotated

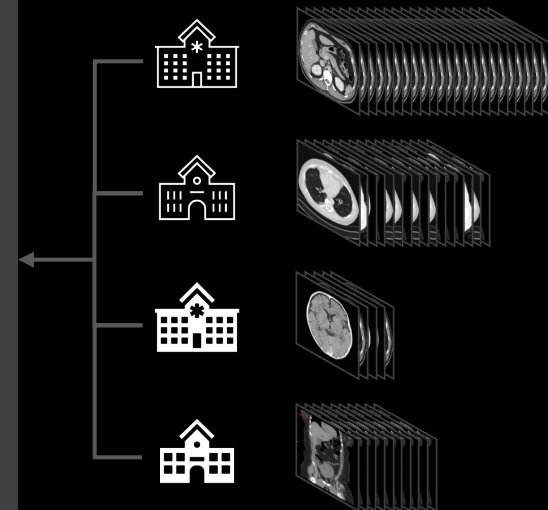
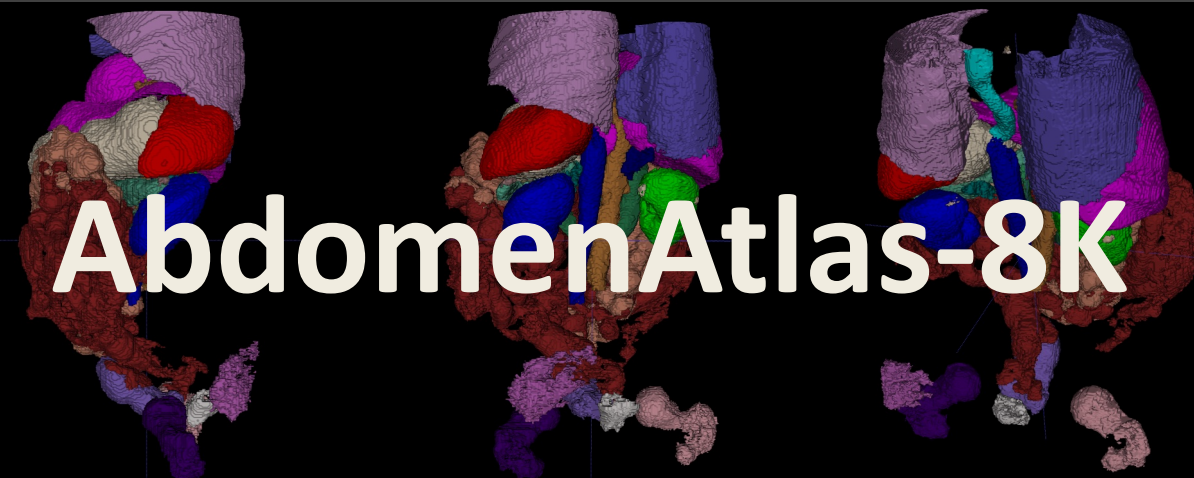
7

cancers

Integrated

15

public datasets



Collected from

27 hospitals

worldwide

Up to  
**533x faster**  
than previous strategies

**MONAI**

Annotated

3.2M

images

Annotated

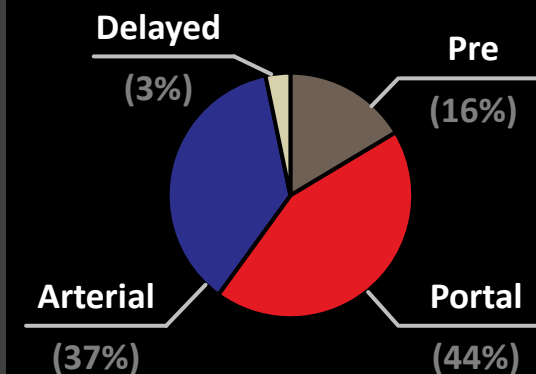
8,448

CT volumes

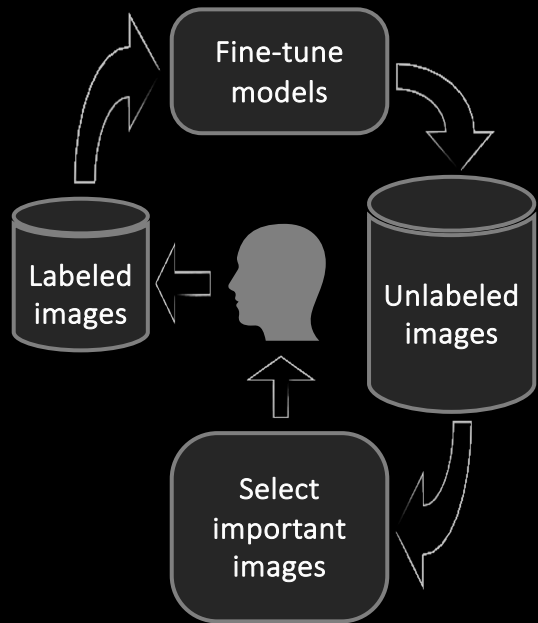
Created in

3 Weeks

by 1 annotator



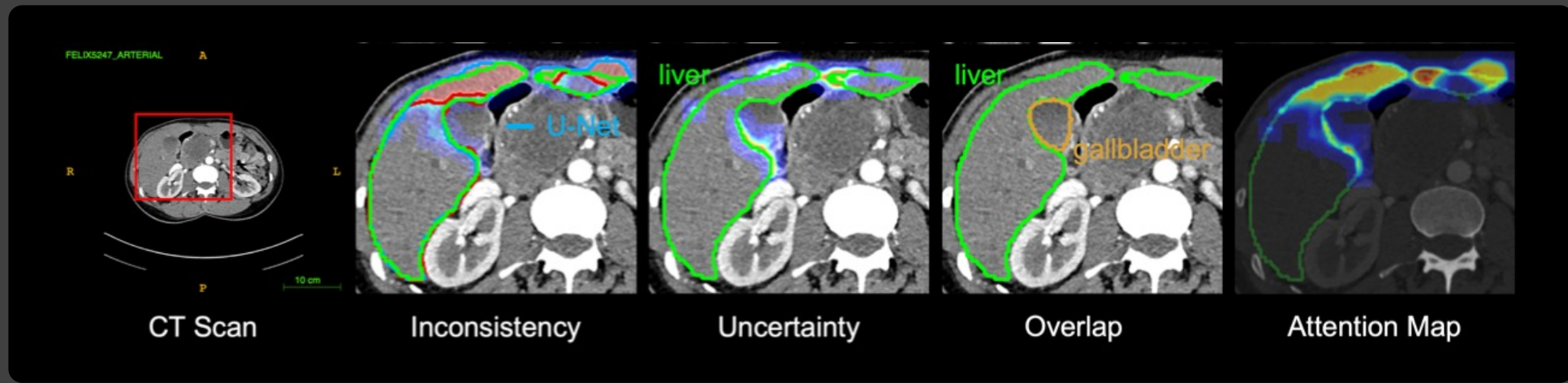




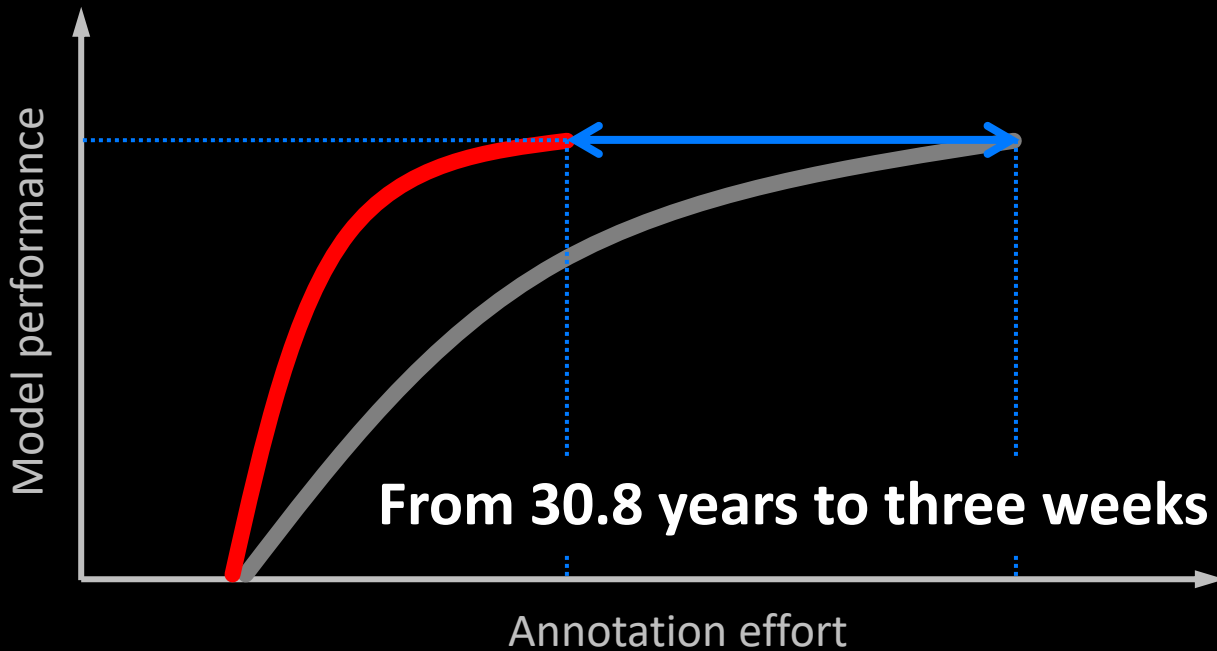
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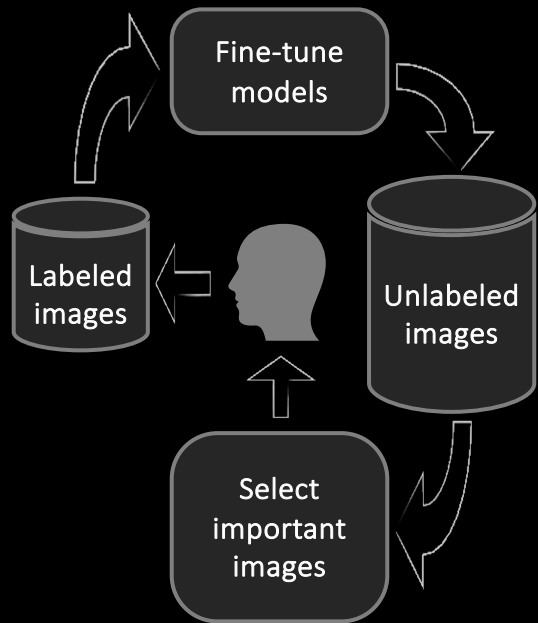
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- Active annotation  
*Entropy + Diversity*
- Random annotation

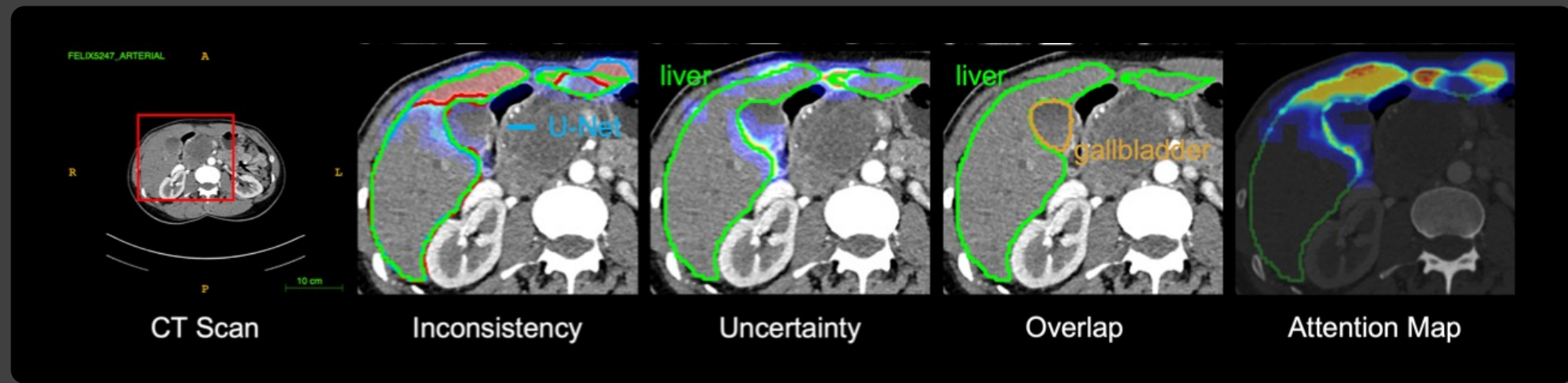




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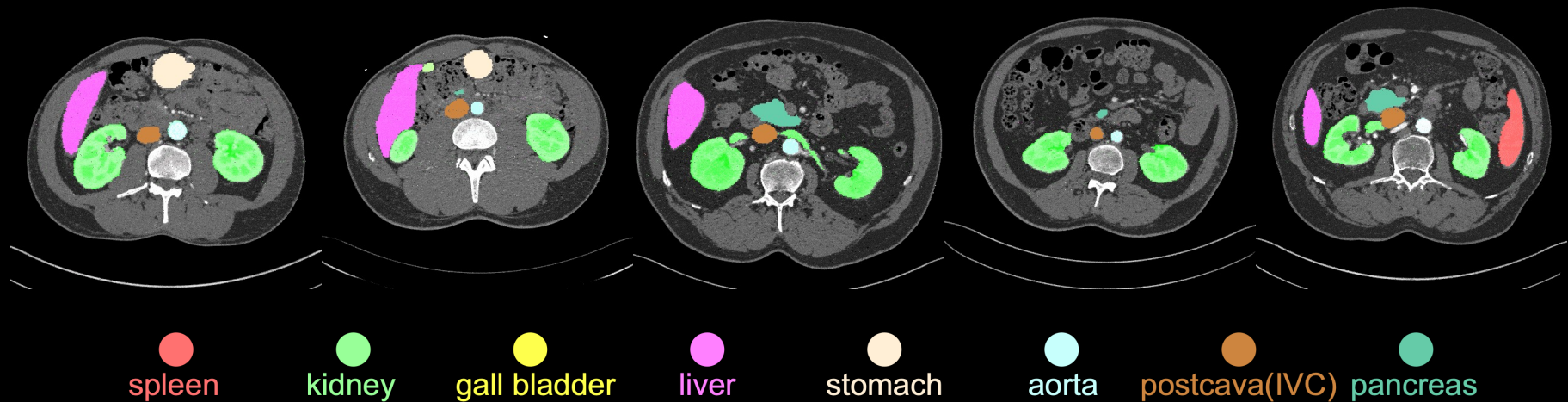
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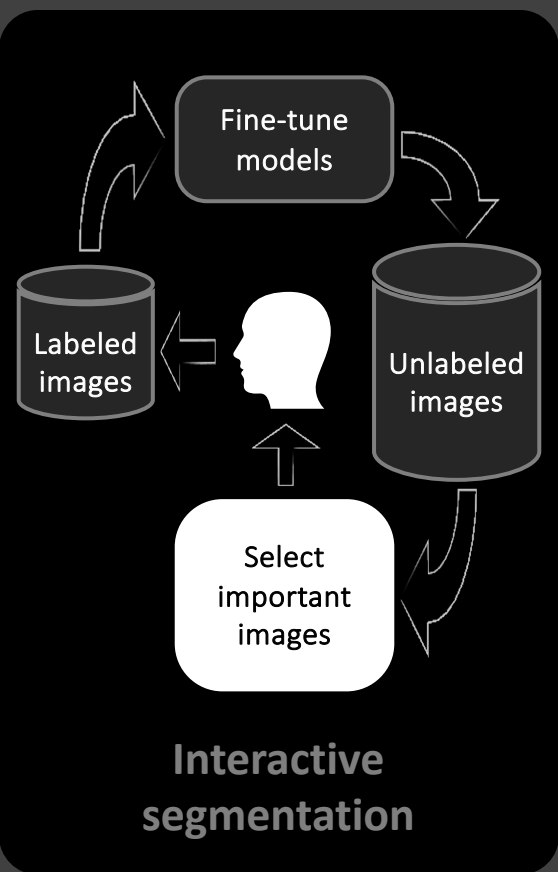
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We will release **AbdomenAtlas-8K** of  
**8,448 CT volumes, totaling 3.2 million CT slices**

[Qu et al., NeurIPS 2023]





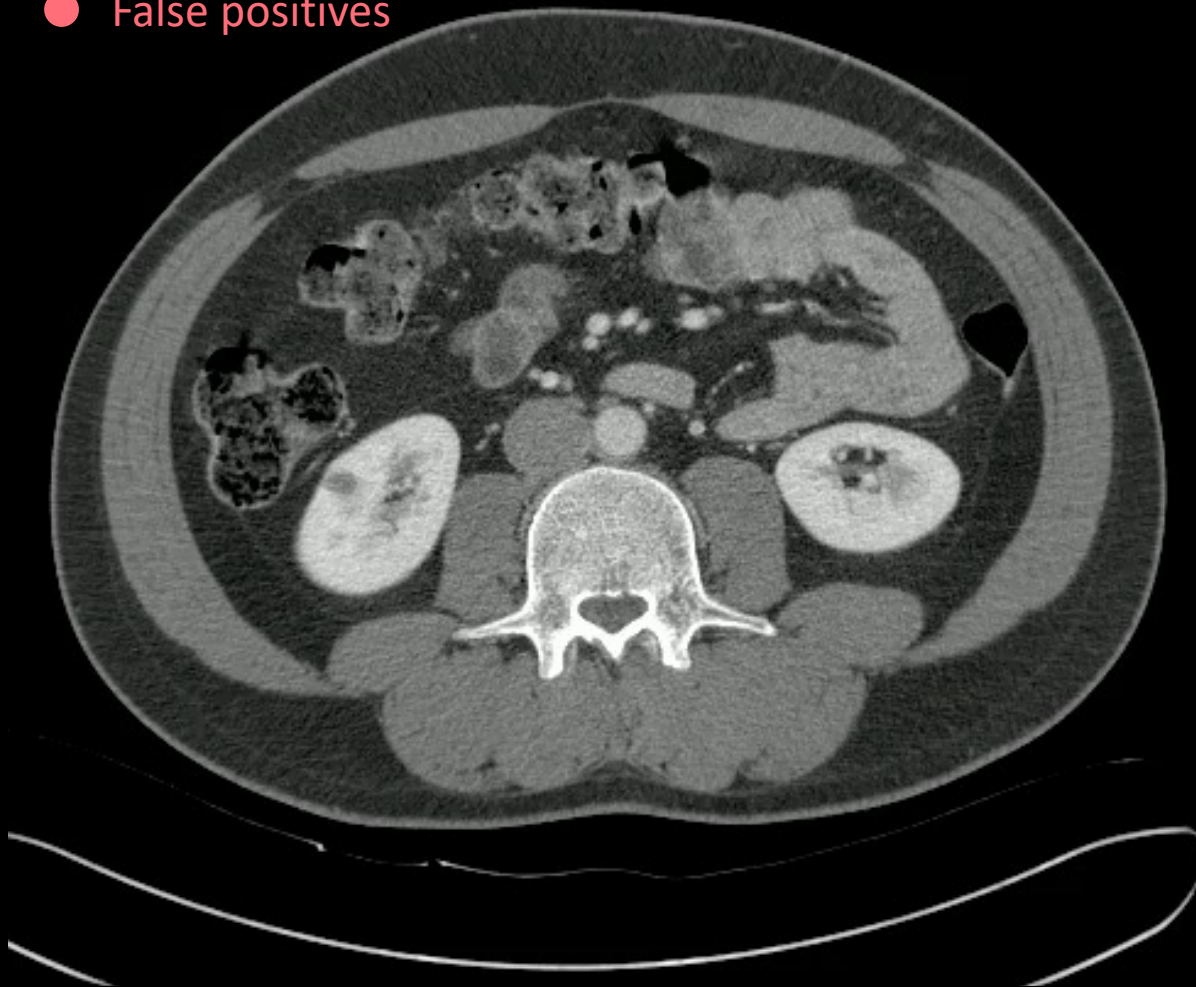
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# False positives ↓ true negatives ↑

Pathology reports

- False positives

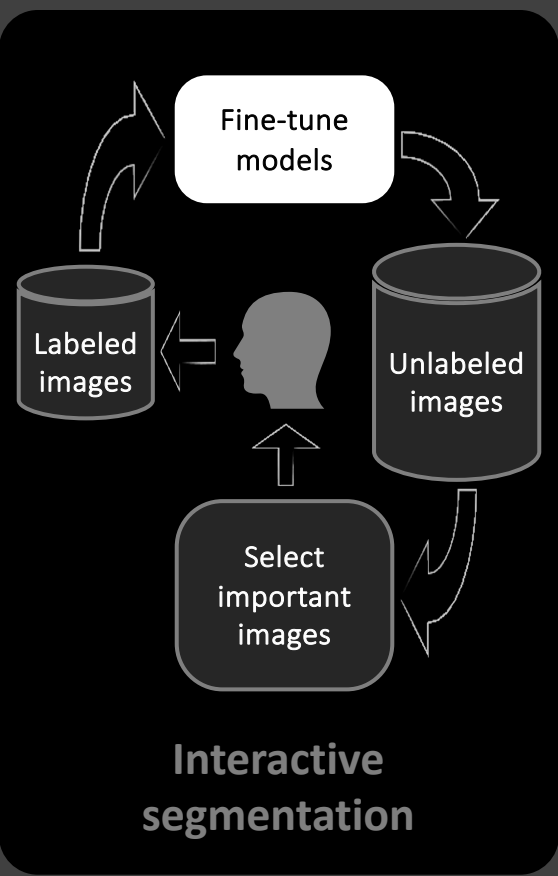


**Findings:**

The liver is normally positioned and normal in size and morphology with smooth border. Its internal structure and attenuation values are normal. No intra-hepatic biliary ductal dilatation.

**Impression:**

Normal liver

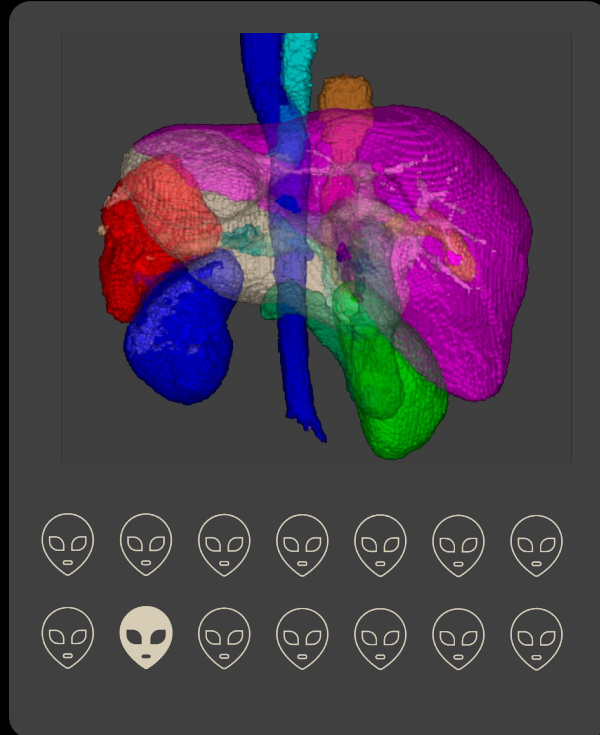


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**False negatives ↓ true positives ↑**

Manual annotations



**Anomaly detection**

*Pathology reports*

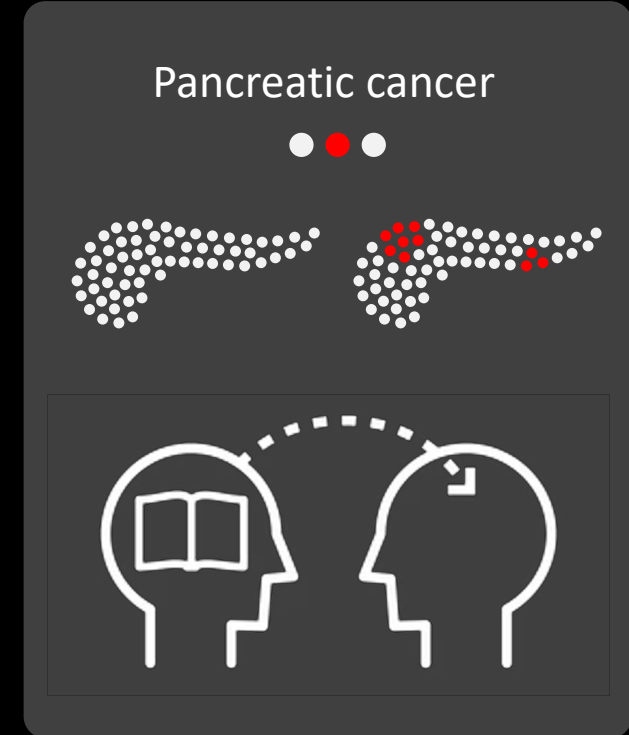
[Xiang et al., CVPR 2023]



**Weak annotation**

*Visual prompts*

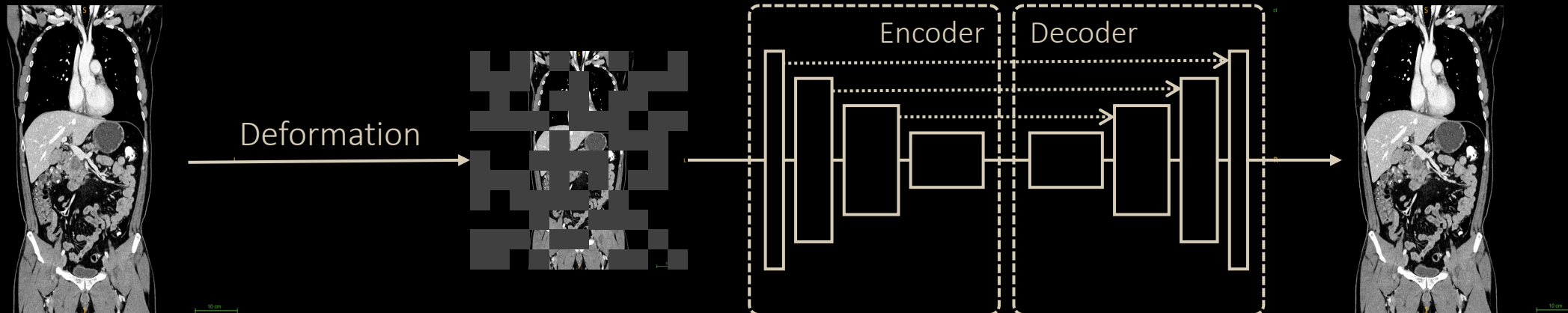
[Chou et al., MIR 2023]



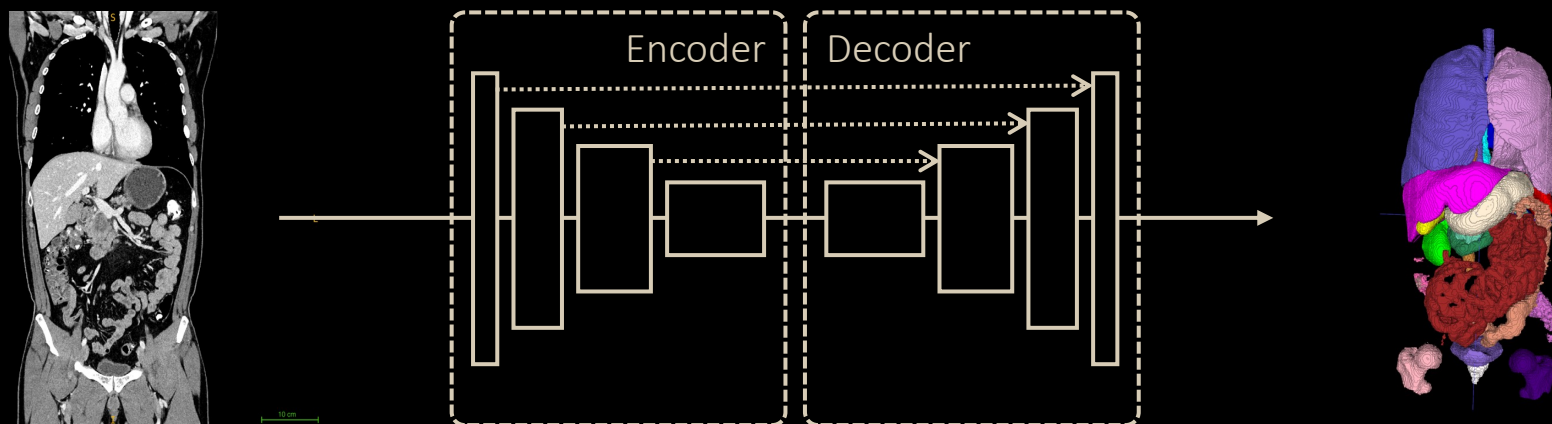
**Transfer learning**

*Per-voxel annotations*

[Li et al., under review]

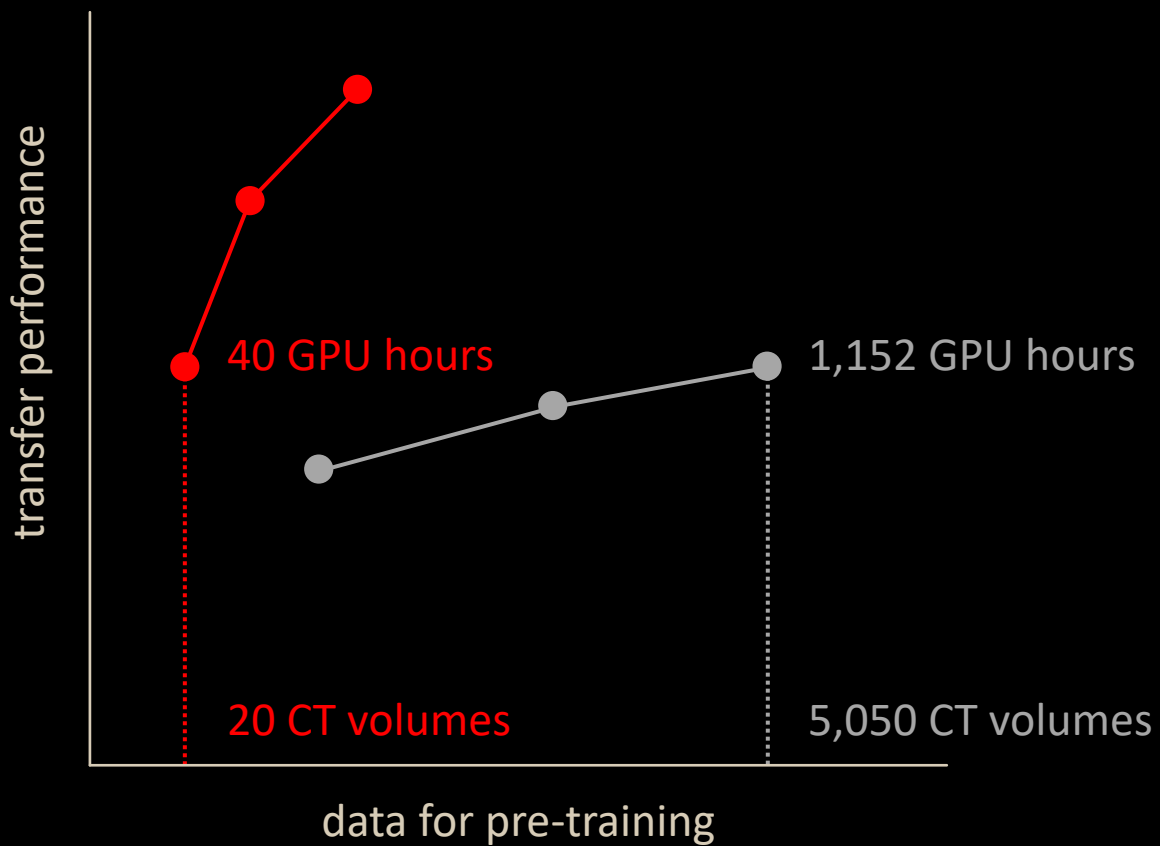


Self-supervised Pre-training  
5,000 data + 1,152 GPU hours

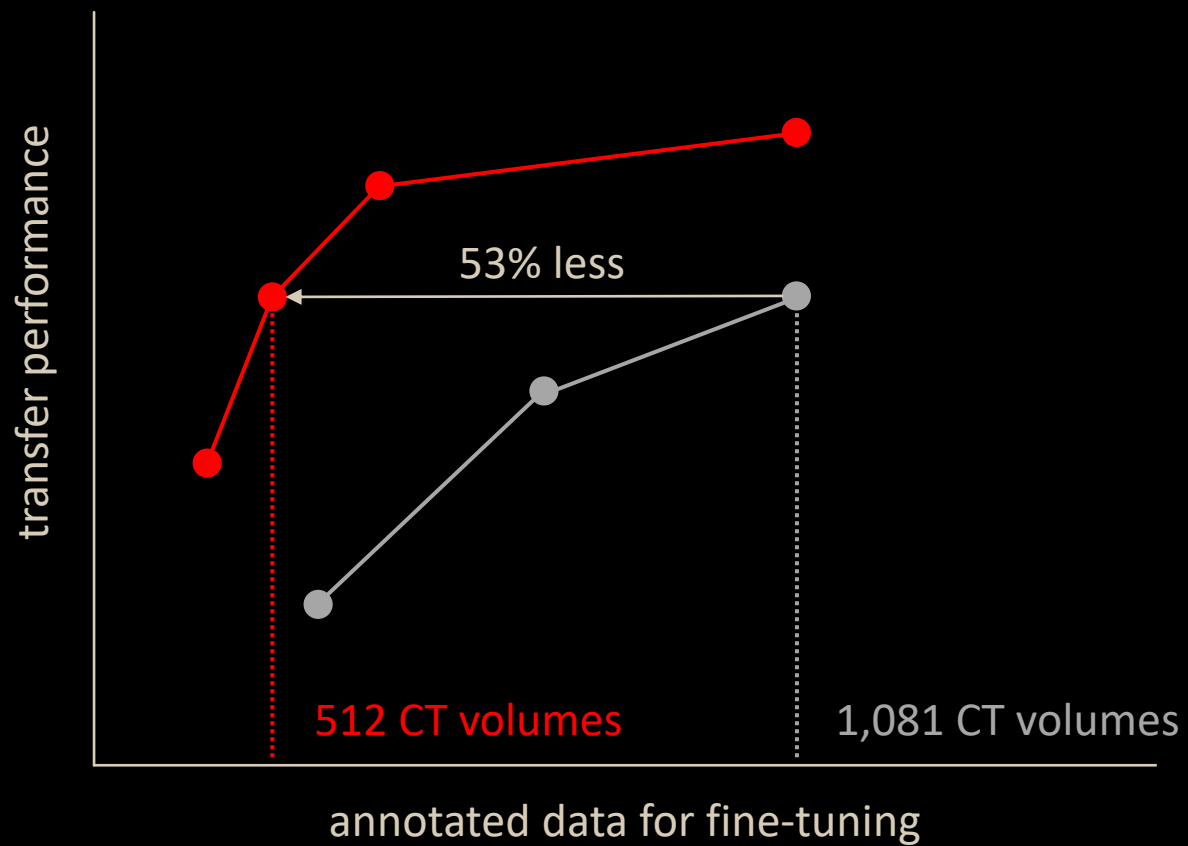


Supervised Pre-training  
20 data + 20 annotation + 40 GPU hours

## Supervised > Self-supervised data & computation efficiency



## Supervised > Self-supervised annotation & learning efficiency



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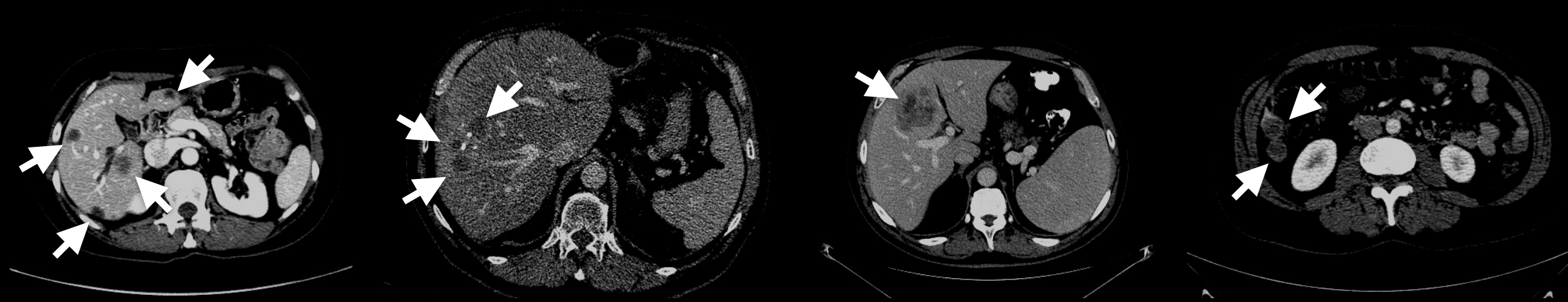
- We created AbdomenAtlas-8K for organs
- Now, scaling annotations for **cancers** is challenging
  - Pathology reports
  - Manual annotations
  - *Collaborations (academia, industry, & hospital)*

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# Medical professionals cannot tell which are real and which are synthetic tumors

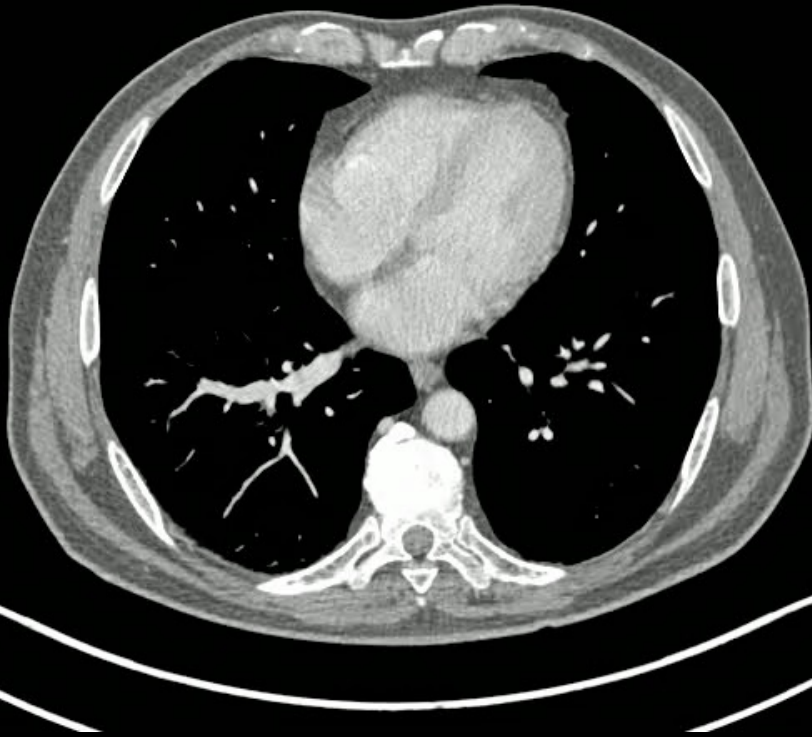


Can you?



# Training AI on synthetic tumors performs as well as training it on real tumors

CT

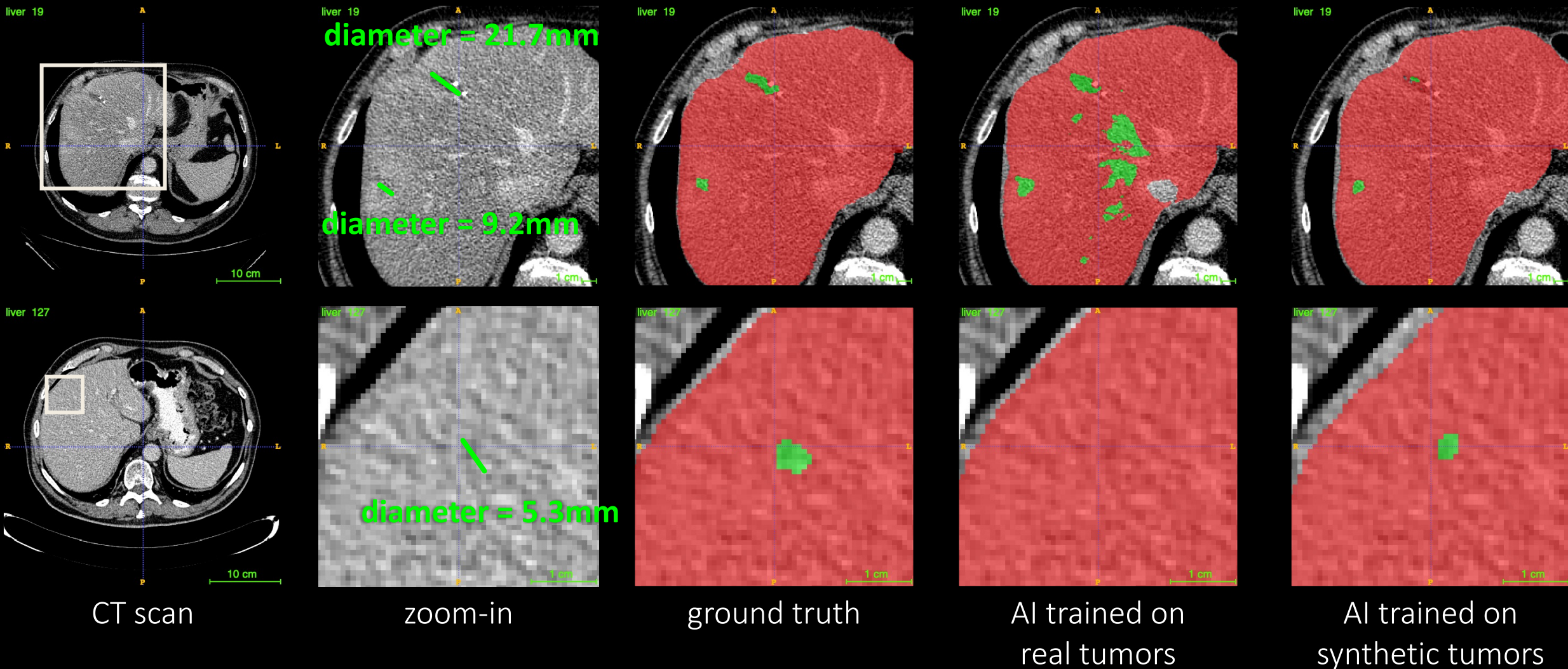


AI prediction  
trained on real tumors  
*with per-voxel annotation*  
DSC = 58% [52% - 63%]

AI prediction  
trained on synthetic tumors  
*with no annotation*  
DSC = 60% [55% - 65%]

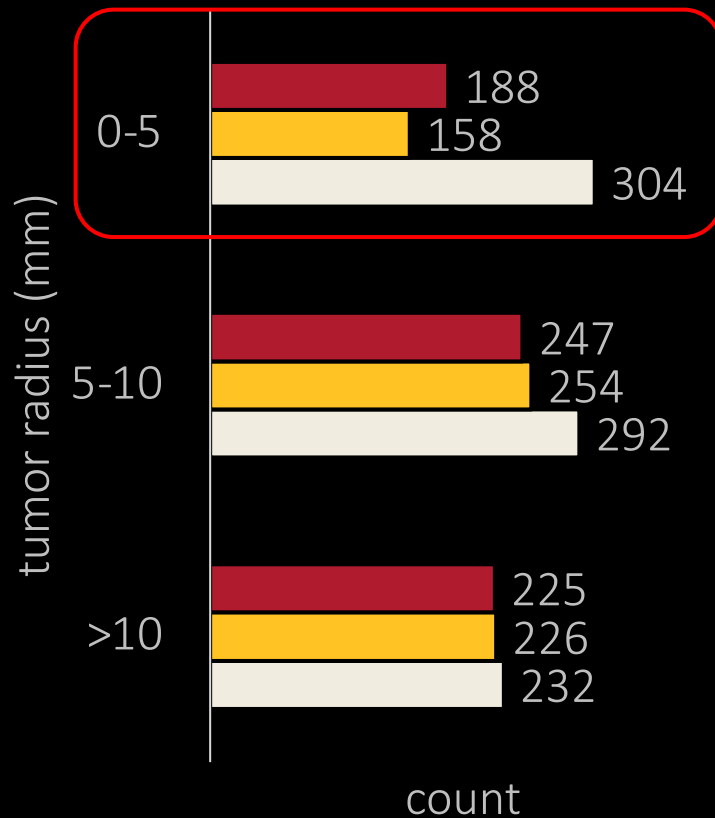
- Liver
- Liver tumor

# [Qualitative] Generating enormous small tumors for training AI models



# [Quantitative] Generating enormous small tumors for training AI models

- AI trained on synthetic tumors
- AI trained on real tumors
- ground truth



Observation: Compared with real tumors, AI trained on synthetic tumors improves Sensitivity from 52% to 62% for detecting small tumors (0-5mm).

- Needed for early detection
  - Early signs of cancer can be subtle
  - 1/2 of liver cancer are missed by radiologists
- Needed for AI development
  - CT scans with early cancer are limited
  - Annotations for early cancer are hard
- Needed for medical education
  - Junior radiologists have an Accuracy of 20%
  - Senior radiologists have an Accuracy of 78%

# [Application] Not only for training, but also for validation



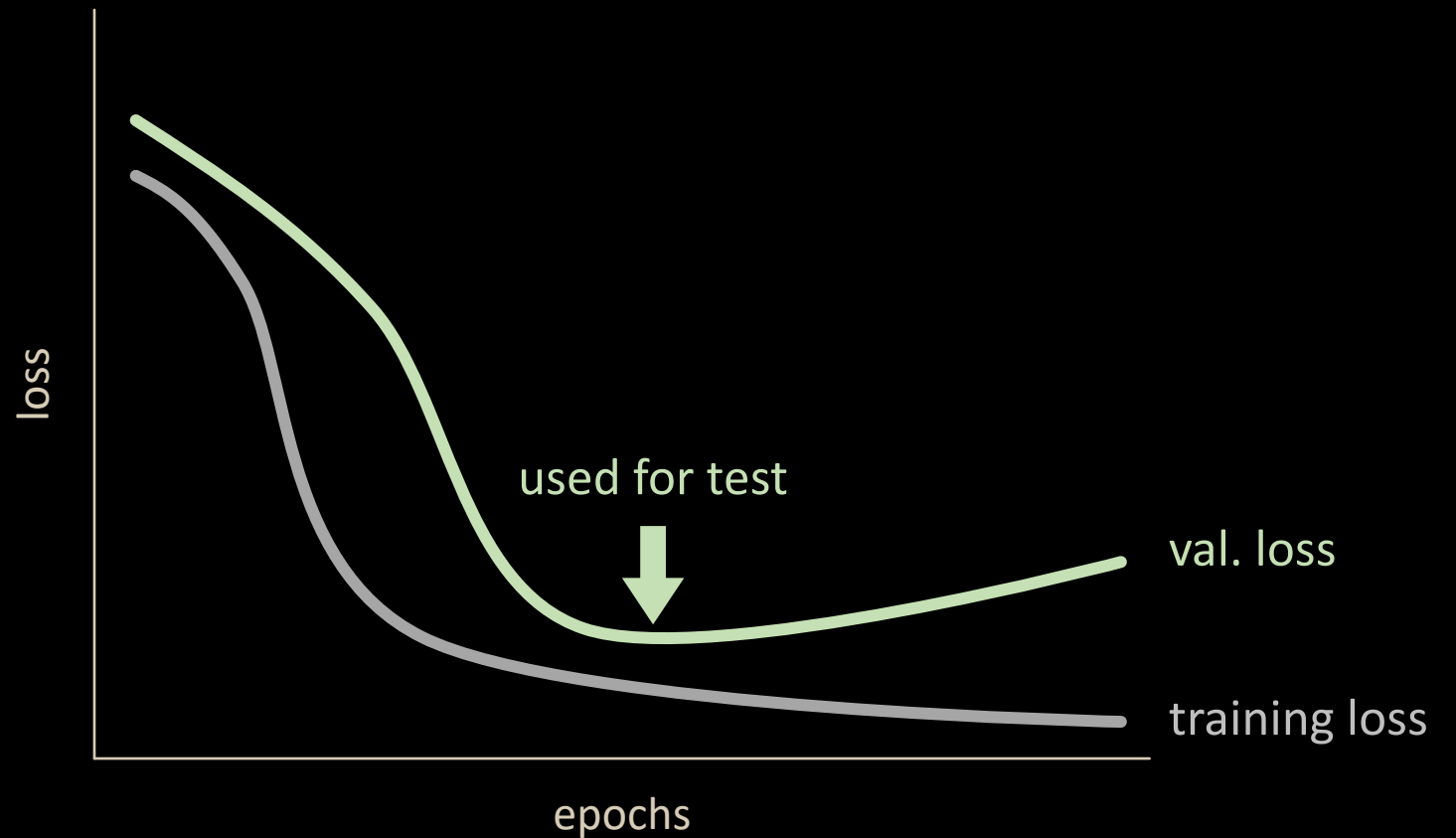
## Problem

*The total number of data is fixed*

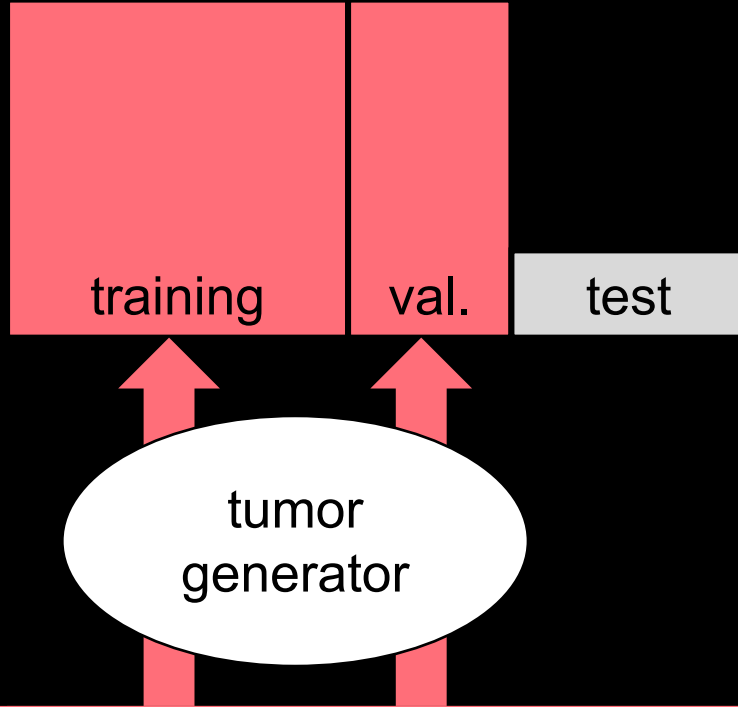
*More for training, less for validation*

*Validation may not be reliable*

*Overfitting / underfitting!*



# [Application] Not only for training, but also for validation

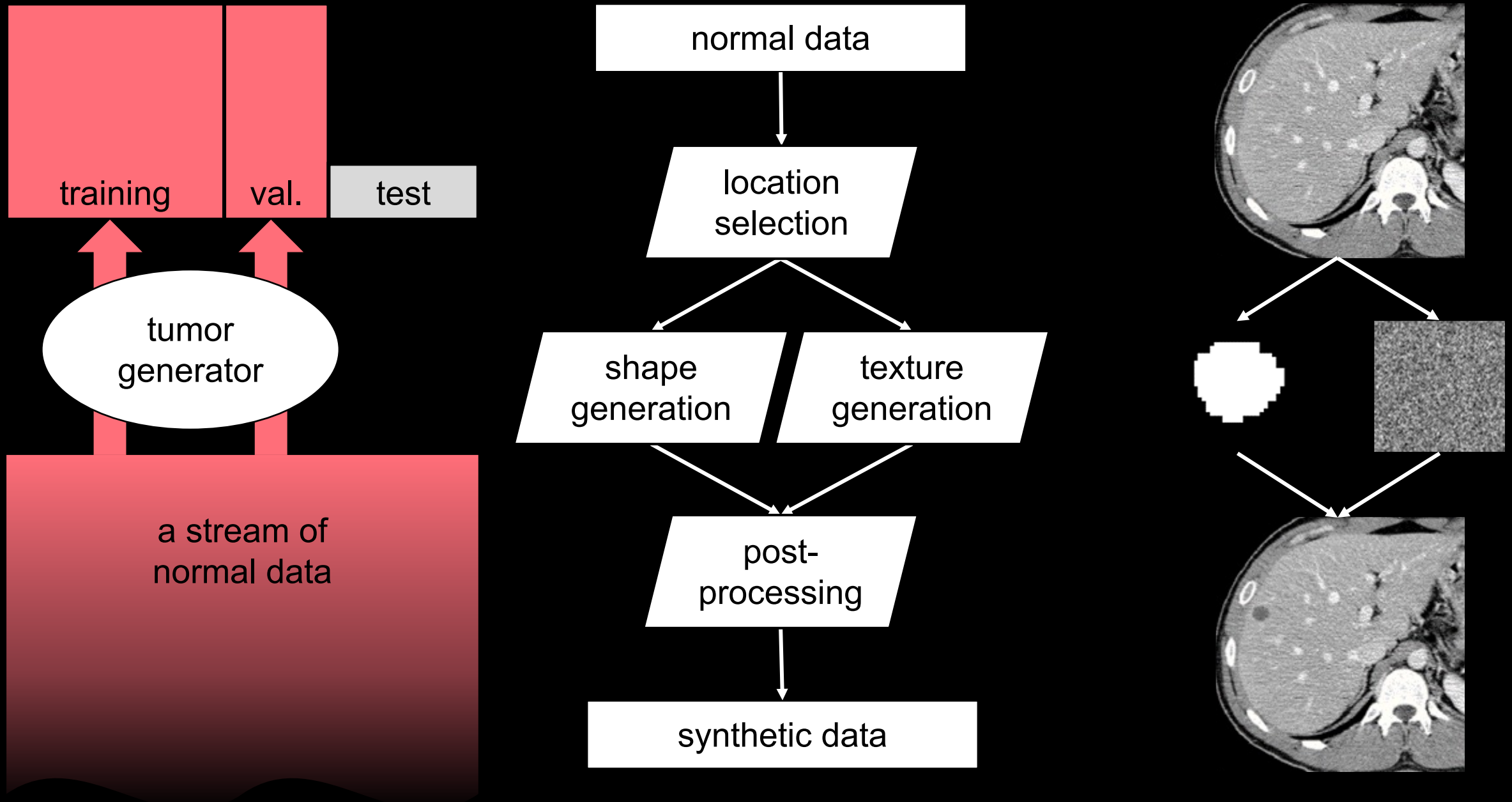


Over **80 million** CT scans are performed in the United States each year

a stream of normal data

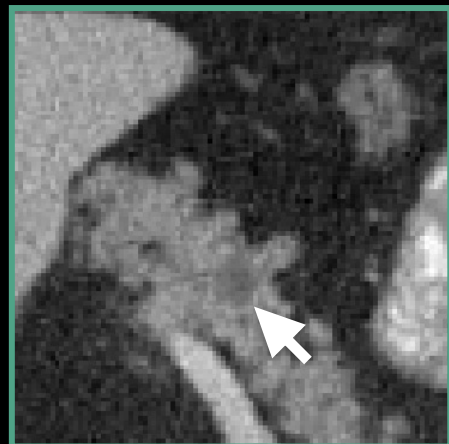


# [Application] Not only for training, but also for validation



# Towards generalizable tumor synthesis

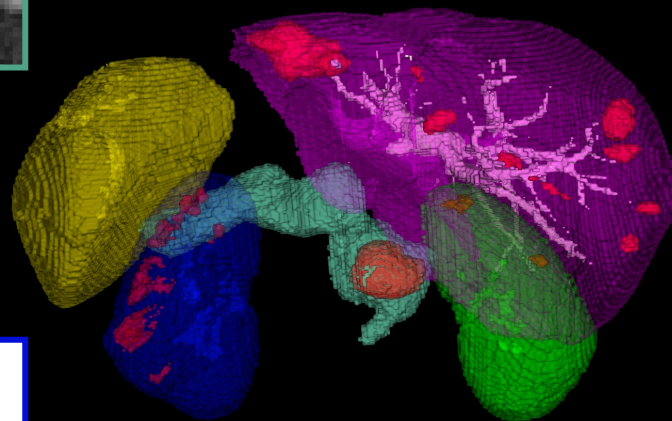
## *Early tumors*



pancreas



liver



left kidney



right kidney





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- Tumor synthesis for the liver and pancreas
- Now, **generalizable** tumor synthesis is challenging
  - Training, validation, and *evaluation* (?)
  - Similarity in early tumors

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“While GPT-4V demonstrates proficiency in distinguishing between medical image modalities and anatomy, it faces significant challenges in **disease diagnosis** and **generating comprehensive reports.**”



**GPT-4V**

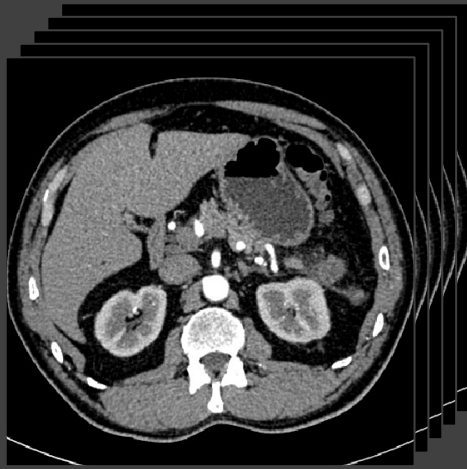
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<sup>1</sup>Shanghai Jiao Tong University    <sup>2</sup>Shanghai AI Laboratory

<sup>3</sup>University of Science and Technology of China



**GPT-4V**

Is there any abnormality (e.g., tumor) in this abdominal CT scan?



I'm not a radiologist, and this platform isn't equipped to provide medical diagnoses. It's important to consult with a medical professional for a reliable interpretation of any medical image. If you have concerns, please reach out to a healthcare provider.

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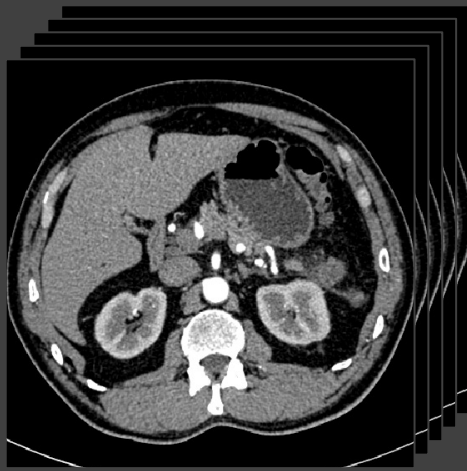
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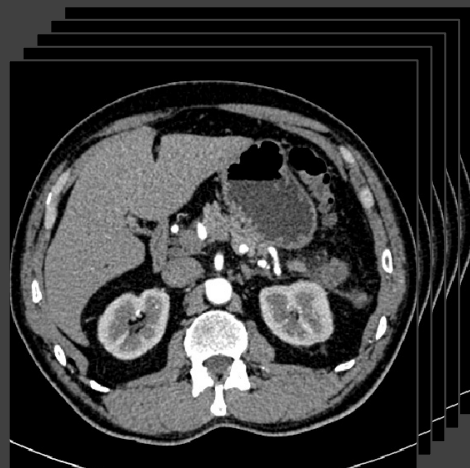
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Segment the liver.

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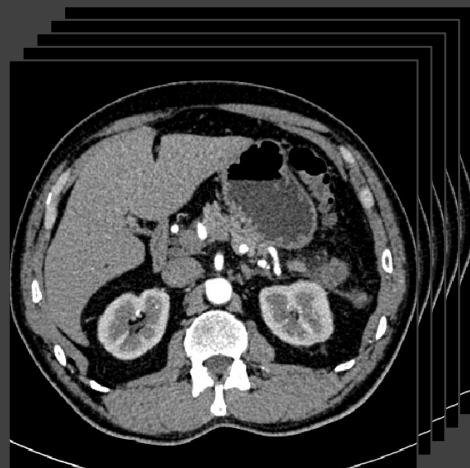
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Segment the left kidney.

Text Encoder



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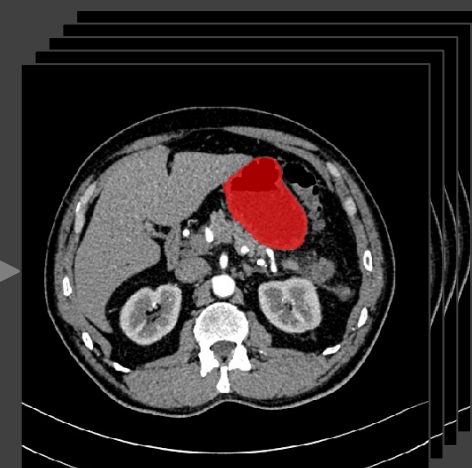
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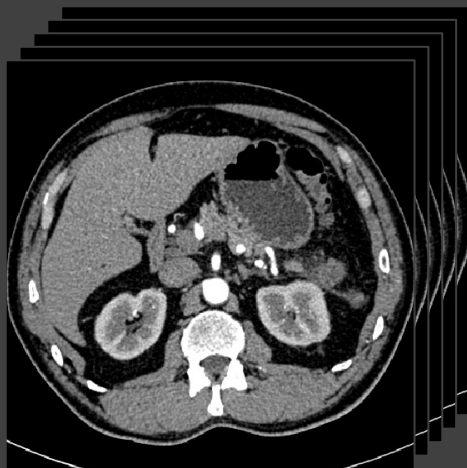
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Segment the stomach.

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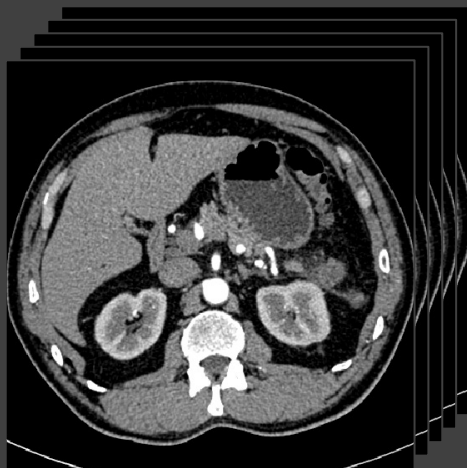
Segment pancreatic tumors, if any.

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BTCV

LiTS

KiTS

AMOS

MSD

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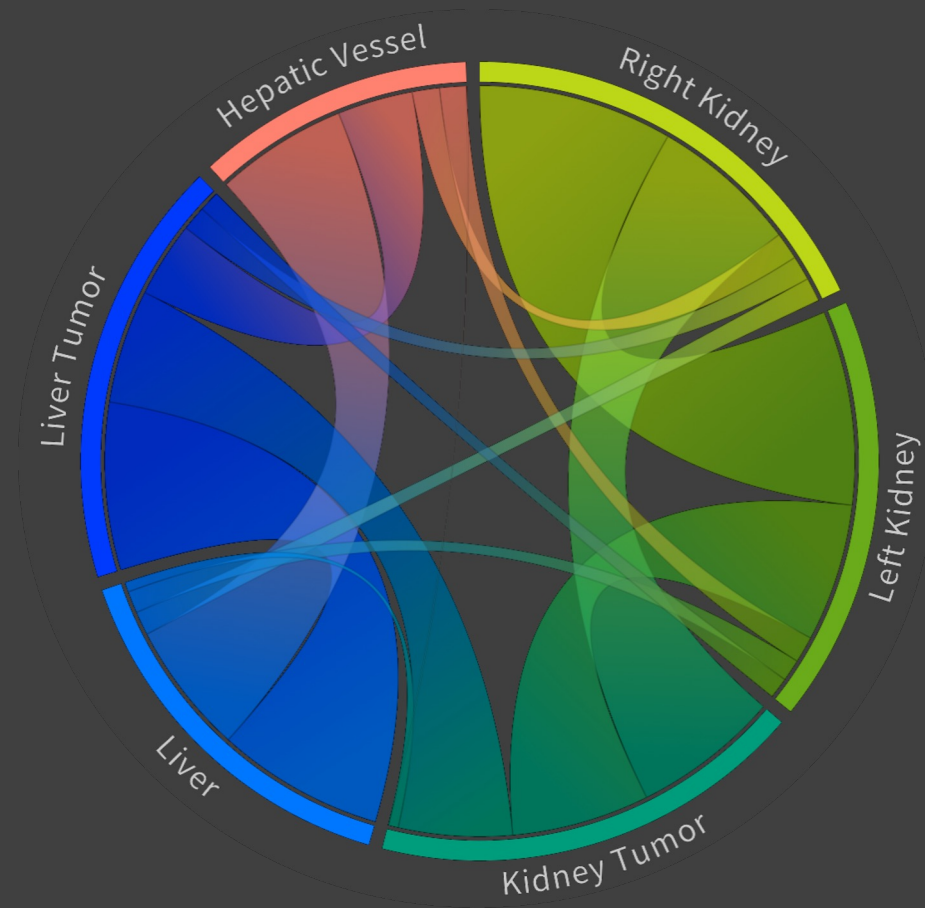
Text Encoder



## One-hot embedding

1. *No semantic meaning*
2. *Not extendable to new classes*

liver:	[1,0,0,0,0,0]
liver tumor:	[0,1,0,0,0,0]
left kidney:	[0,0,1,0,0,0]
right kidney:	[0,0,0,1,0,0]
kidney tumor:	[0,0,0,0,1,0]
hepatic vessel:	[0,0,0,0,0,1]



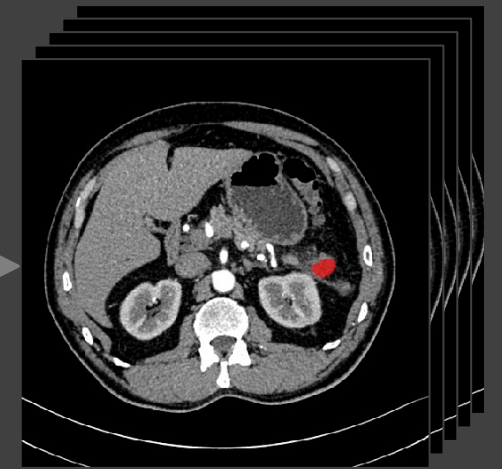
## Language embedding

1. *Hierarchical relationship*
2. *Flexible to new classes*


e.g.,  
Contrastive Language-Image  
Pre-training (CLIP)


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Text Encoder




# Medical Segmentation Decathlon


 Info

 Teams

 Submit

 **Leaderboard**

 Statistics



















 Challenge

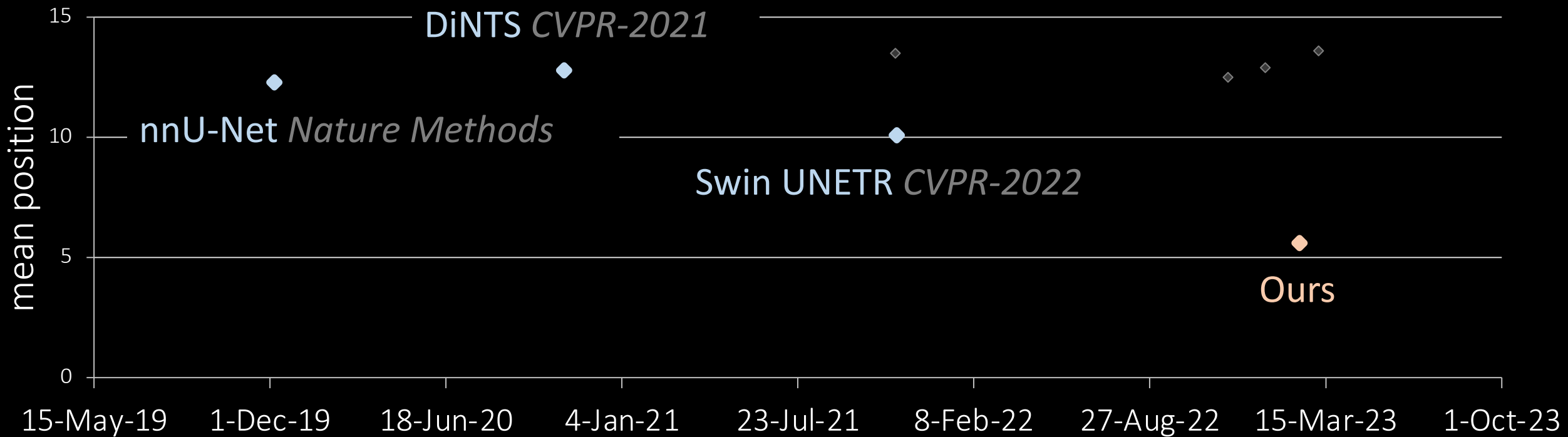
## Challenge Leaderboard

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4th	 lsensee 	6 Dec. 2019	12.3	
5th	 AndyL	24 Nov. 2022	12.5	
6th	 heyufan1995	30 Oct. 2020	12.8	
7th	 qsyeung 	5 Jan. 2023	12.9	
8th	 vishwesh.nath 	11 Nov. 2021	13.5	

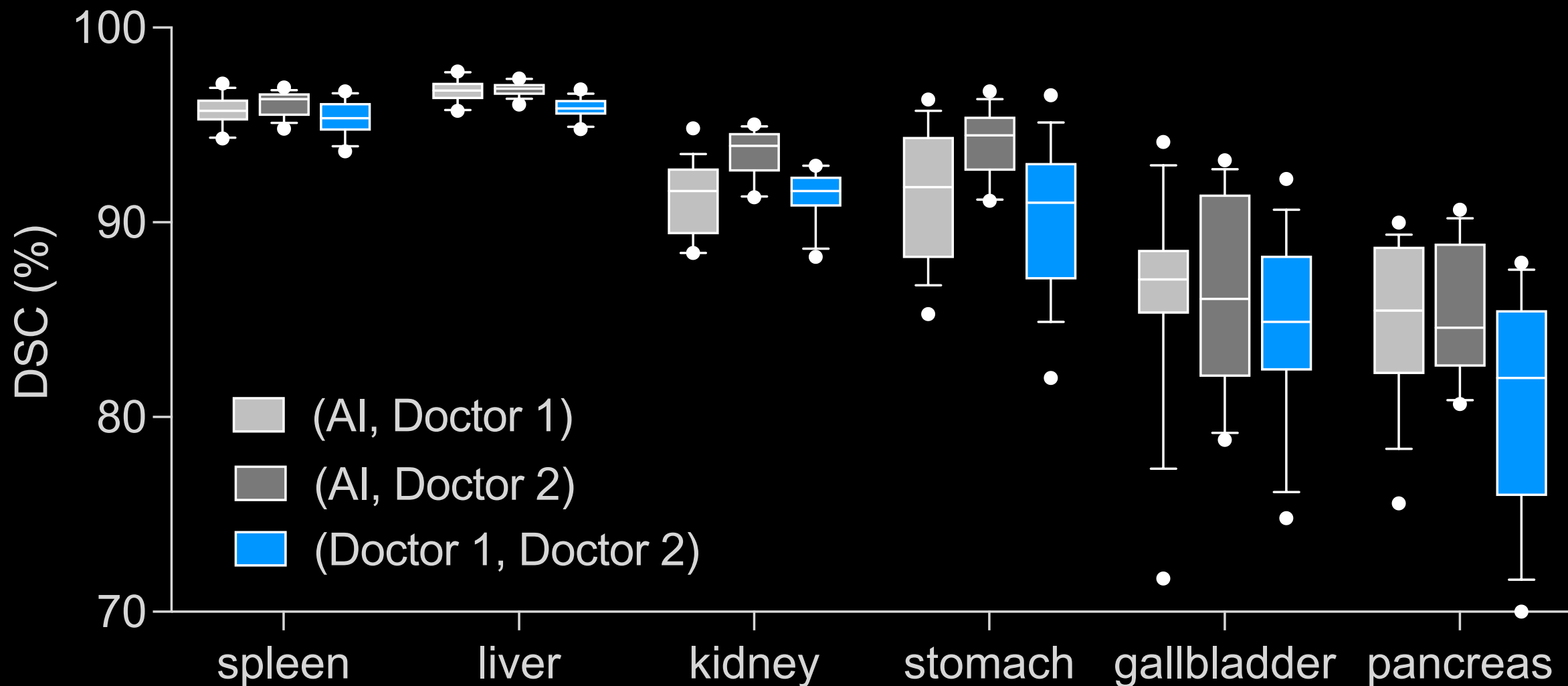


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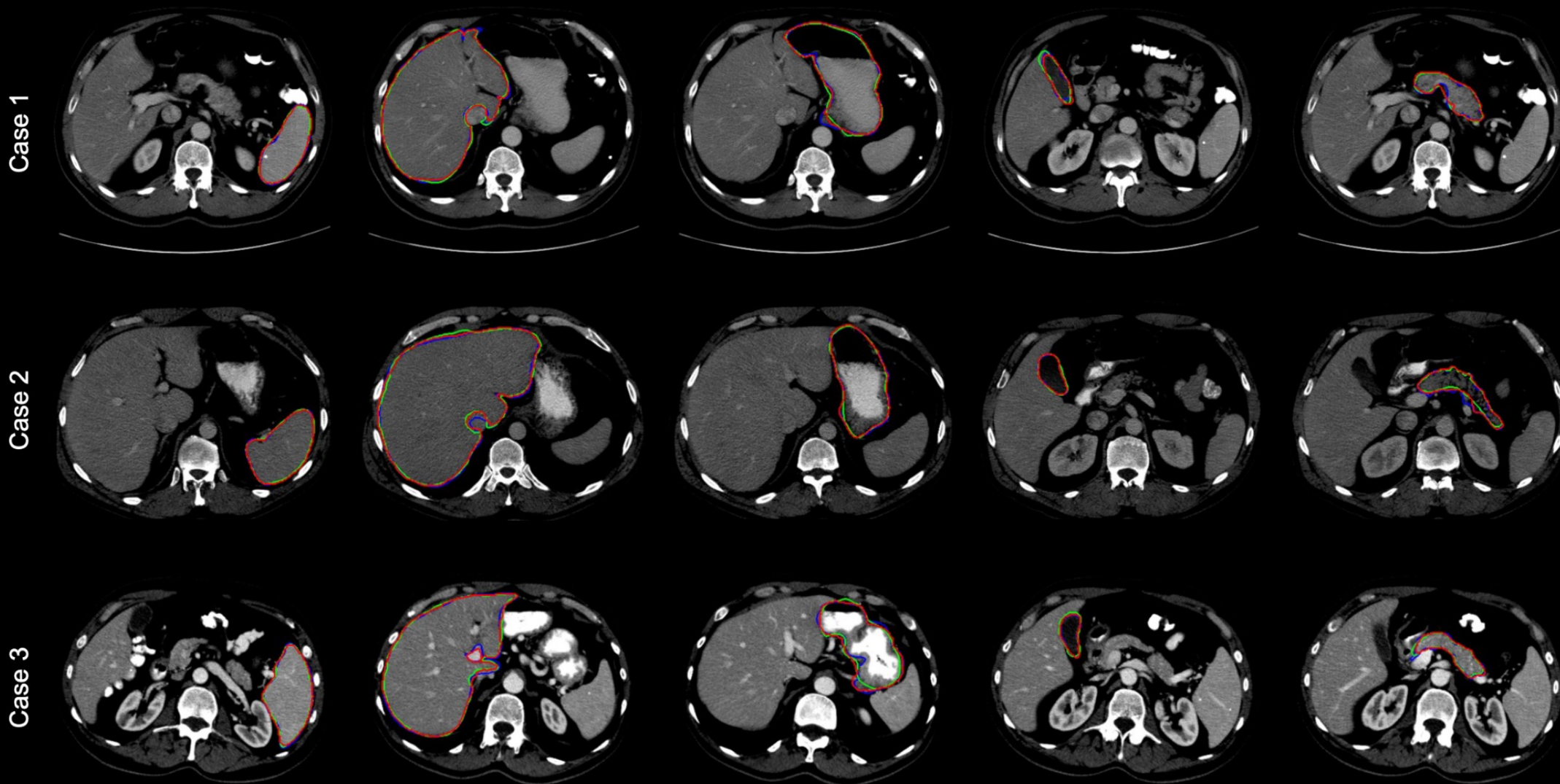
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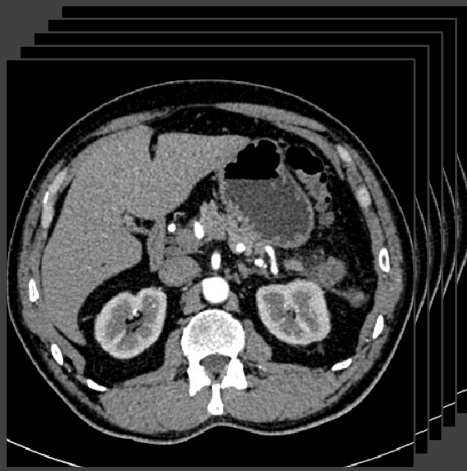
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Vision Encoder

# Universal Model

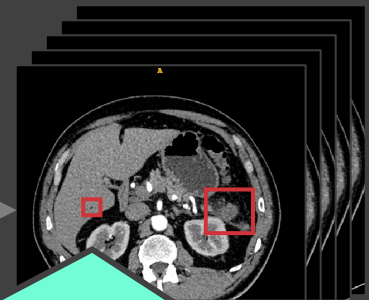
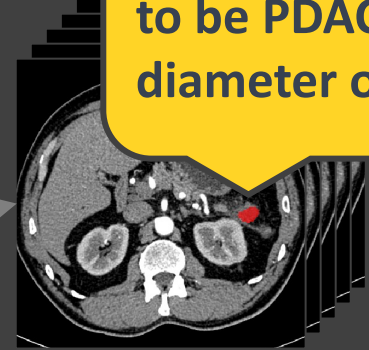
Text Encoder

Please segment the tumor in the tail of the pancreas and then measure its size.

Take a look at these CT scans and mark the suspected tumor region.

Generate a report

This tumor is likely to be PDAC with a diameter of 25mm.



Two potential tumors are framed in bounding boxes.

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- **Hierarchical annotations for organs/tumors**
- **Towards Foundation Models in healthcare**
  - High-performance & generalizable
  - Accommodating varied annotations and datasets
  - Vision-language, Multi-task capability



## Scaling annotations

Efficient annotation  
Human in the loop  
Pathology reports

## AbdomenAtlas-8K

8,448 annotated CT volumes

### Code & Dataset

[https://github.com/  
MrGiovanni/AbdomenAtlas](https://github.com/MrGiovanni/AbdomenAtlas)  
NeurIPS 2023

## Scaling datasets

Multiple modalities  
Diverse institutes  
IRB approval

## Tumor Synthesis

Annotation-free deep learning

### Code & Turing Test

[https://github.com/  
MrGiovanni/SyntheticTumors](https://github.com/MrGiovanni/SyntheticTumors)  
CVPR 2023

## Scaling algorithms

Vision-language  
Lifelong learning  
Reader study

## Universal Model

25 organs and 7 cancers

### Code & Model

[https://github.com/  
ljwztc/CLIP-Driven-Universal-Model](https://github.com/ljwztc/CLIP-Driven-Universal-Model)  
ICCV 2023

Thank you!

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