



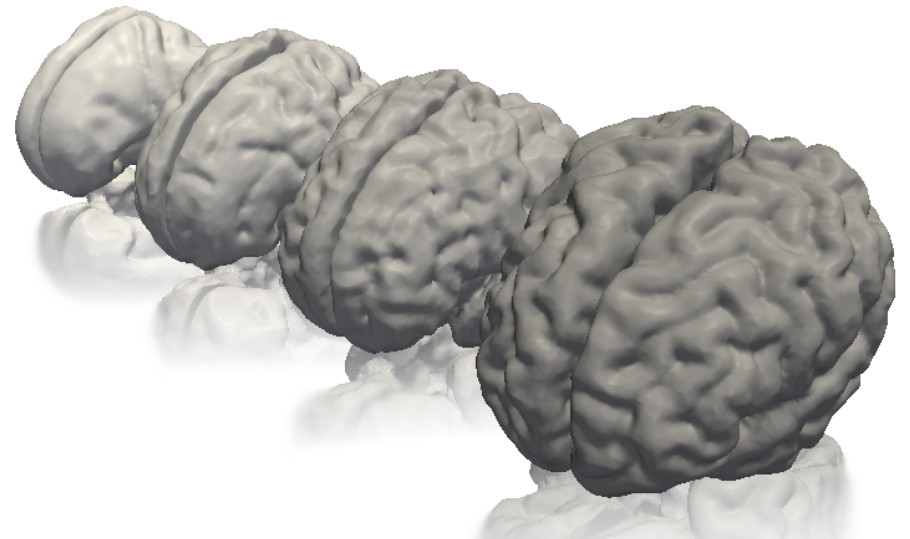
# Artificial Intelligence in medical imaging

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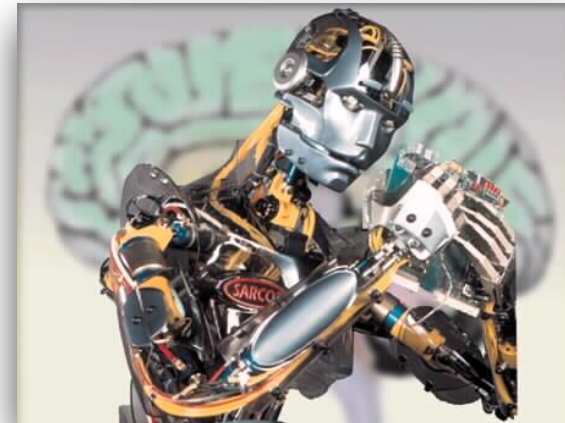


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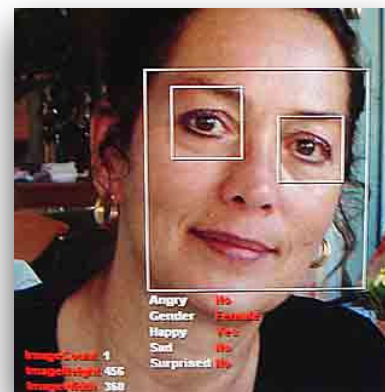


Image and speech understanding



# Artificial Intelligence: A lot has happened over the last 40 years

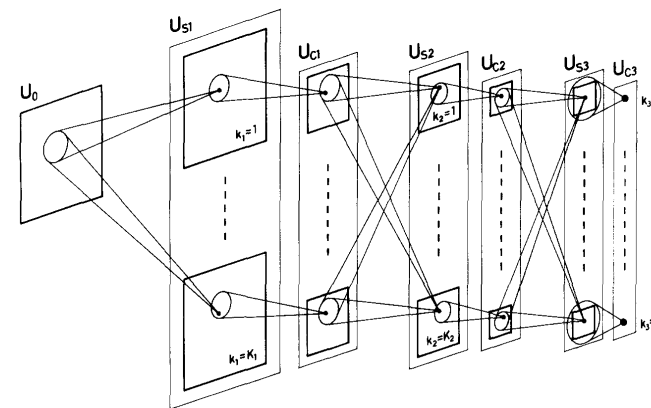
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**Neocognitron: A Self-organizing Neural Network Model  
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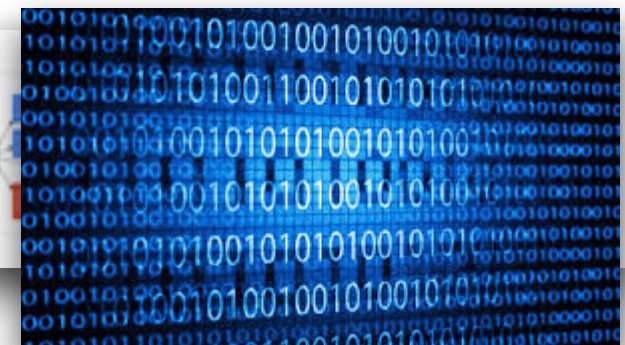
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Compute power  
(GPUs)



Engineering



C. Szegedy, CVPR 2015

Data

# What about AI in Medicine or Radiology?



AI In Medicine: Rise Of The Machines (Forbes, 2017)

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What happens when diagnosis is automated?

By Siddhartha Mukherjee





# Should we worry about AI?

“They should stop training radiologists now.”  
Geoffrey Hinton (godfather of deep learning) in 2017

"To the question, will AI replace radiologists, I say the answer is no..."

“... but radiologists who do AI will replace radiologists who don't.”  
Curtis Langlotz in 2017

RSNA News

## Machine Learning Plays Central Role at RSNA 2017

BY MIKE BASSETT

November 1, 2017

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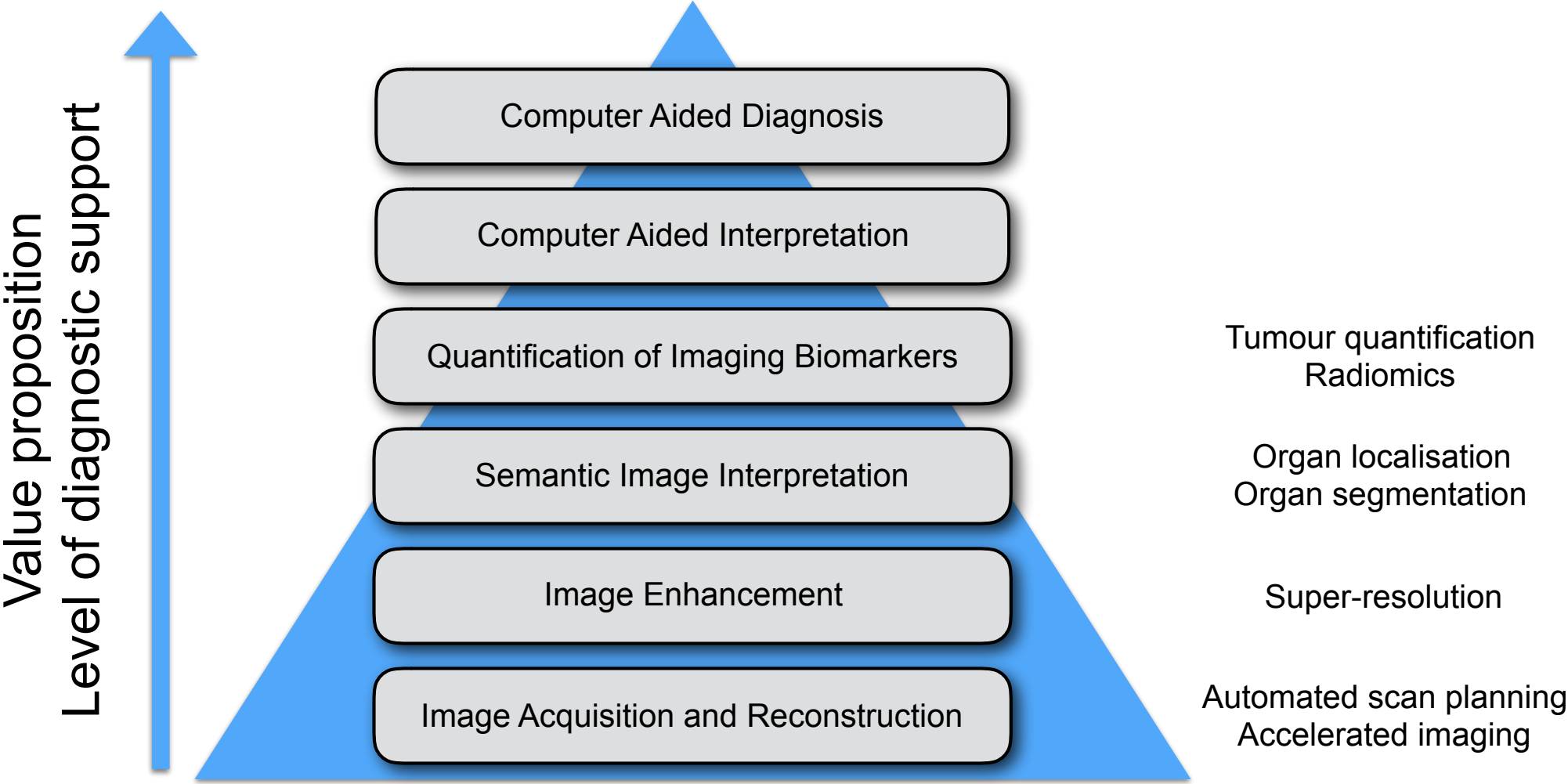
Machine Learning (ML) and the role it will play in the future of radiology will be central to a broad scope of programming at RSNA 2017.



Langlotz



# AI in Medical Imaging: Opportunities

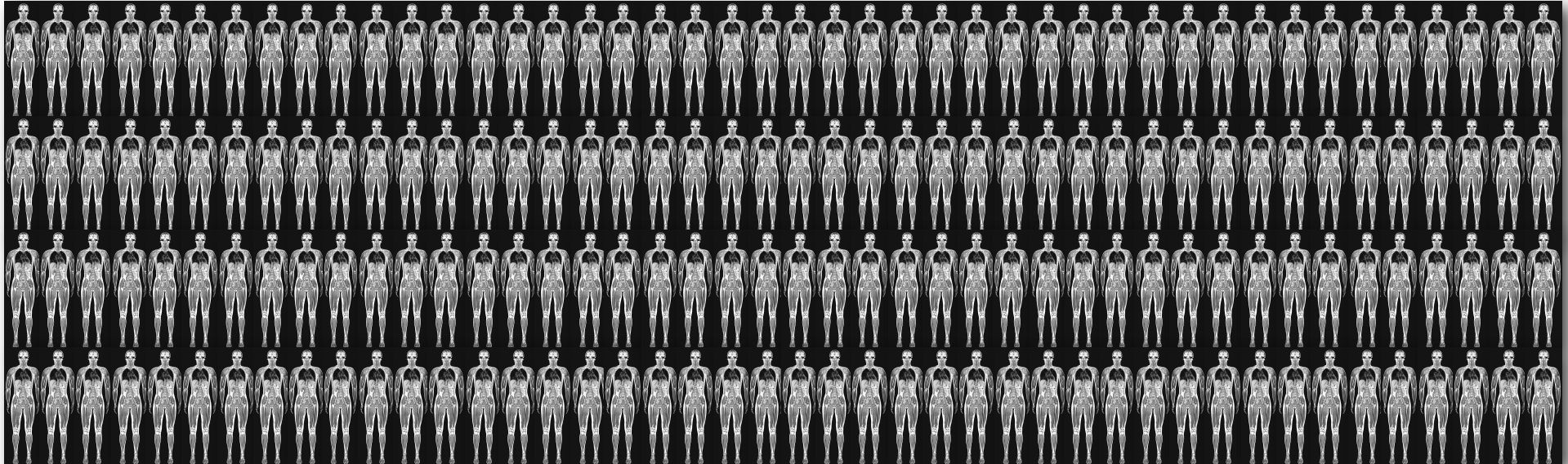




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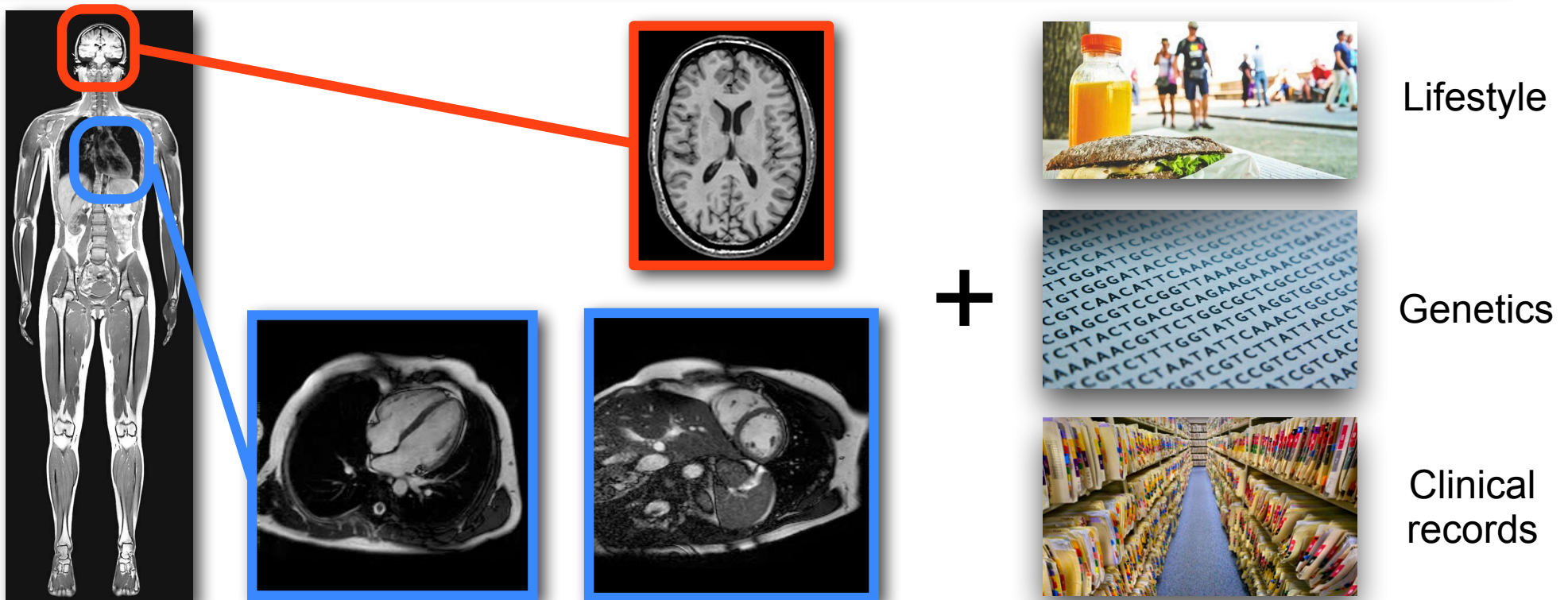




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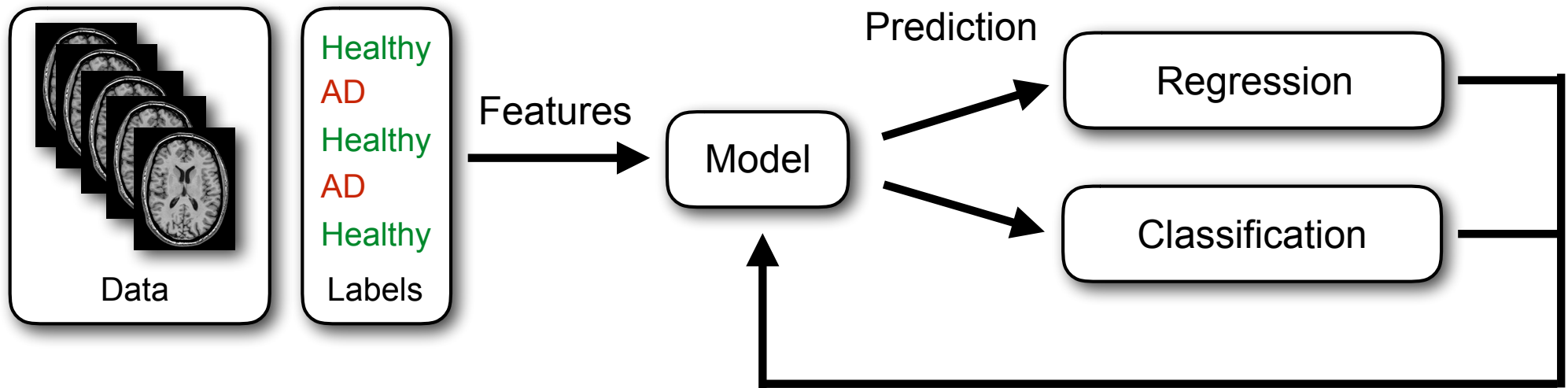






# AI in Medical Imaging: Challenges

- AI or machine learning can be classified into:
  - Unsupervised approaches
  - Supervised approaches (**most successful to date**)



**Training data is key**

Supervision - model optimisation

# AI in Medical Imaging: Challenges



- How to obtain training data?
- Training data is expensive:
  - manpower, cost, time
  - years of training and expertise required
- Training data is imperfect:
  - training data may be wrongly labelled, e.g. for diseases such as Alzheimer's confirmation requires pathology (difficult and costly to obtain)



More importantly, radiology tasks are not simple classification tasks but far more complex



# Overview

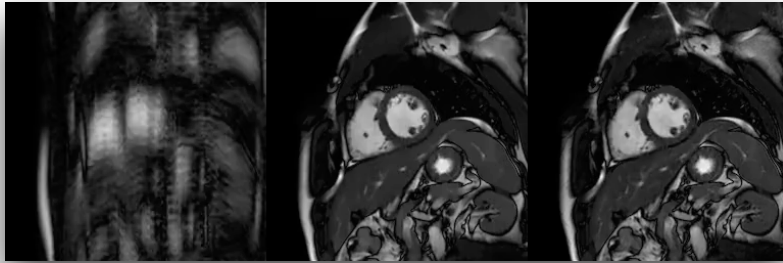


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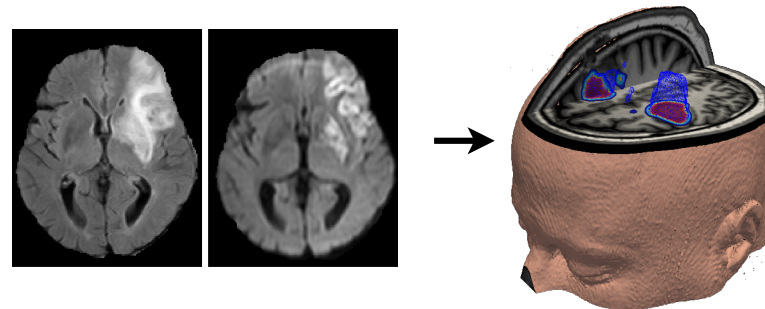


Image segmentation

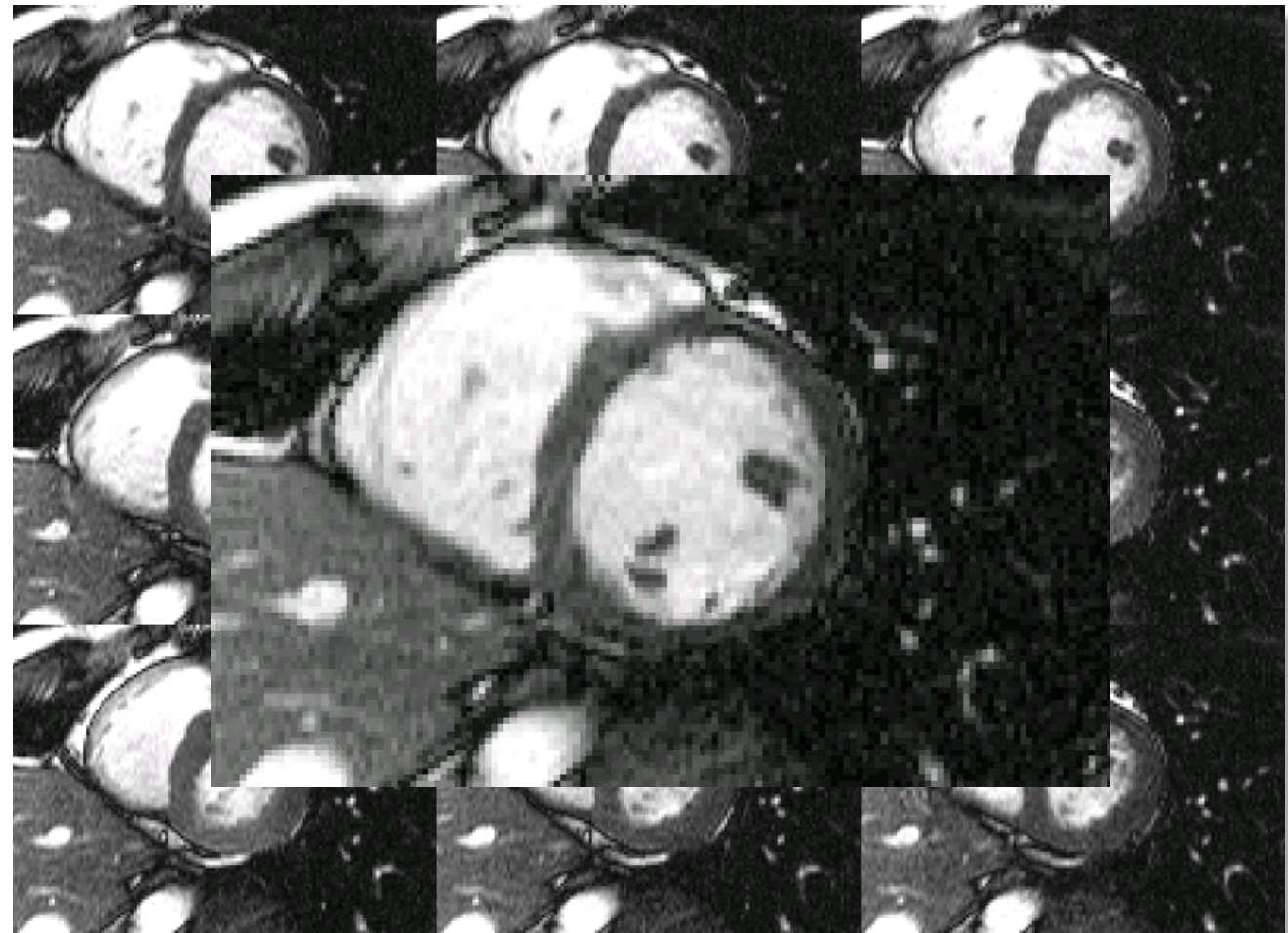
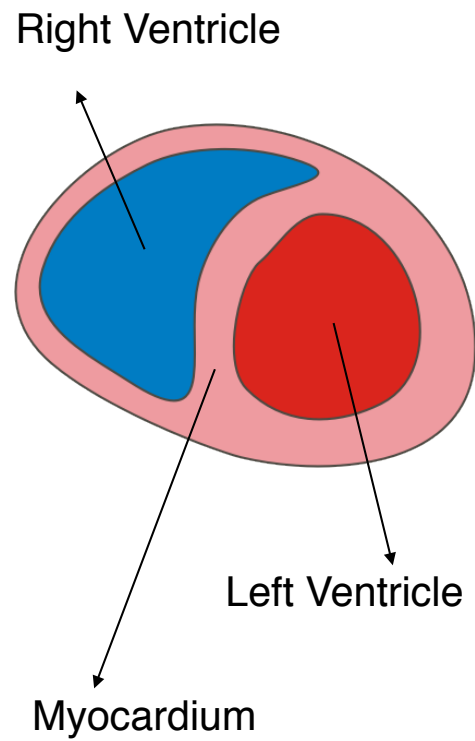


# MR image acquisition: Challenges

- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
  - MRI acquisition is inherently a slow process
  - Slow acquisition is
    - ok for static objects (e.g. brain, bones, etc)
    - problematic for moving objects (e.g. heart, liver, fetus)
  - Options for MRI acquisition:
    - real-time MRI: fast, but 2D and relatively poor image quality
    - gated MRI: fine for period motion, e.g. respiration or cardiac motion but requires gating (ECG or navigators) leading to long acquisition times (30-90 min).



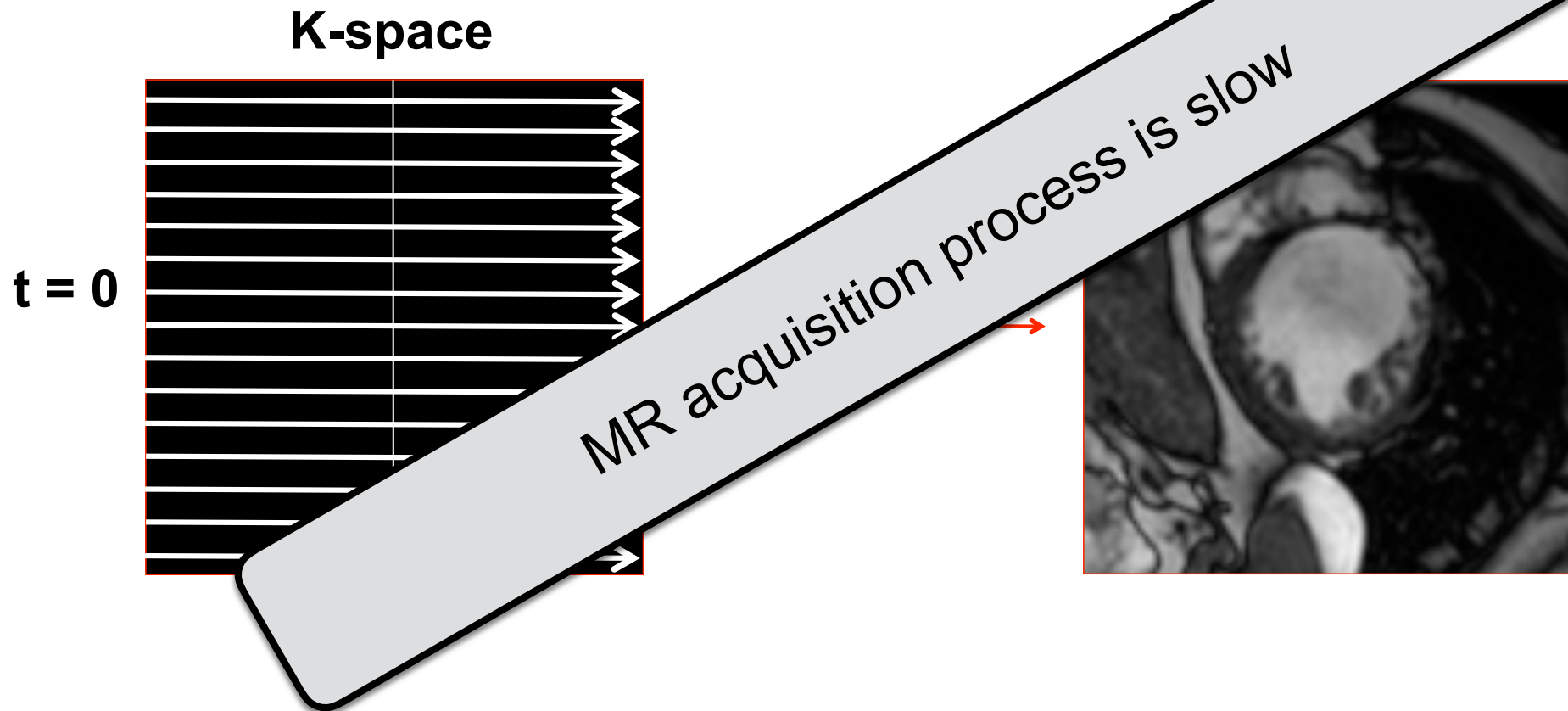
# Example: Cardiac imaging





# MR full acquisition

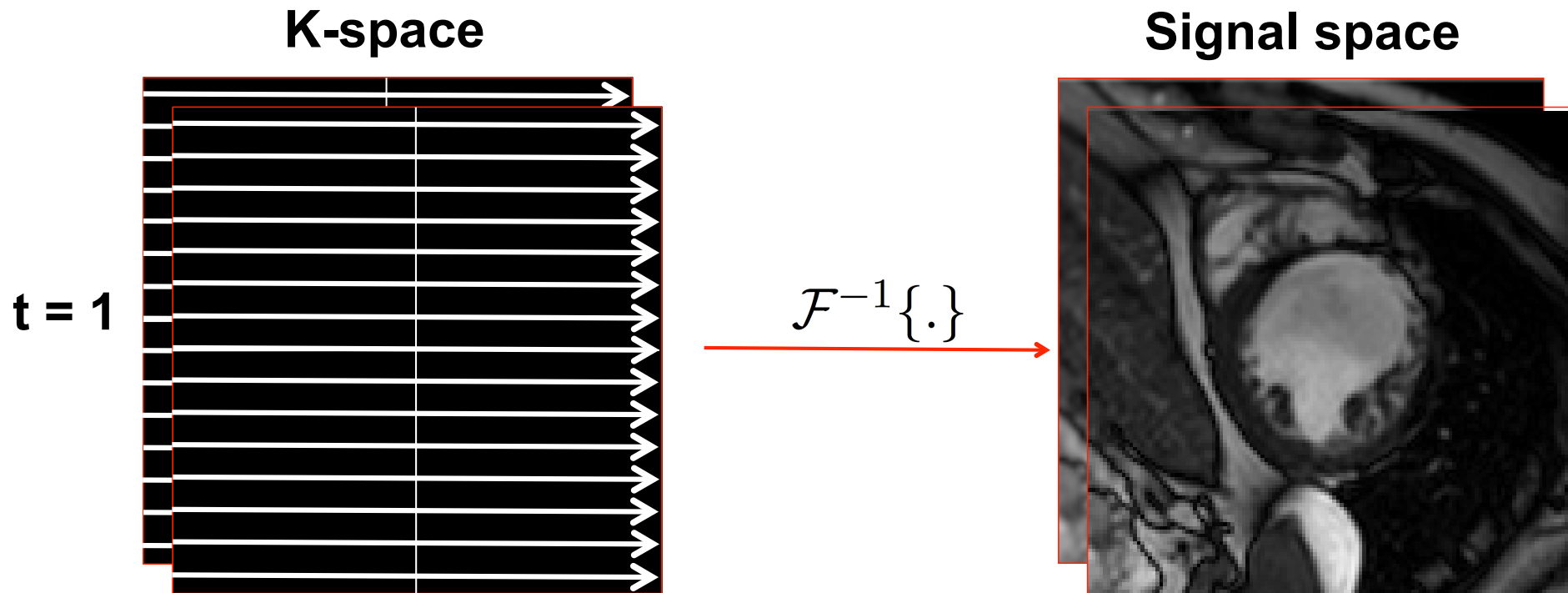
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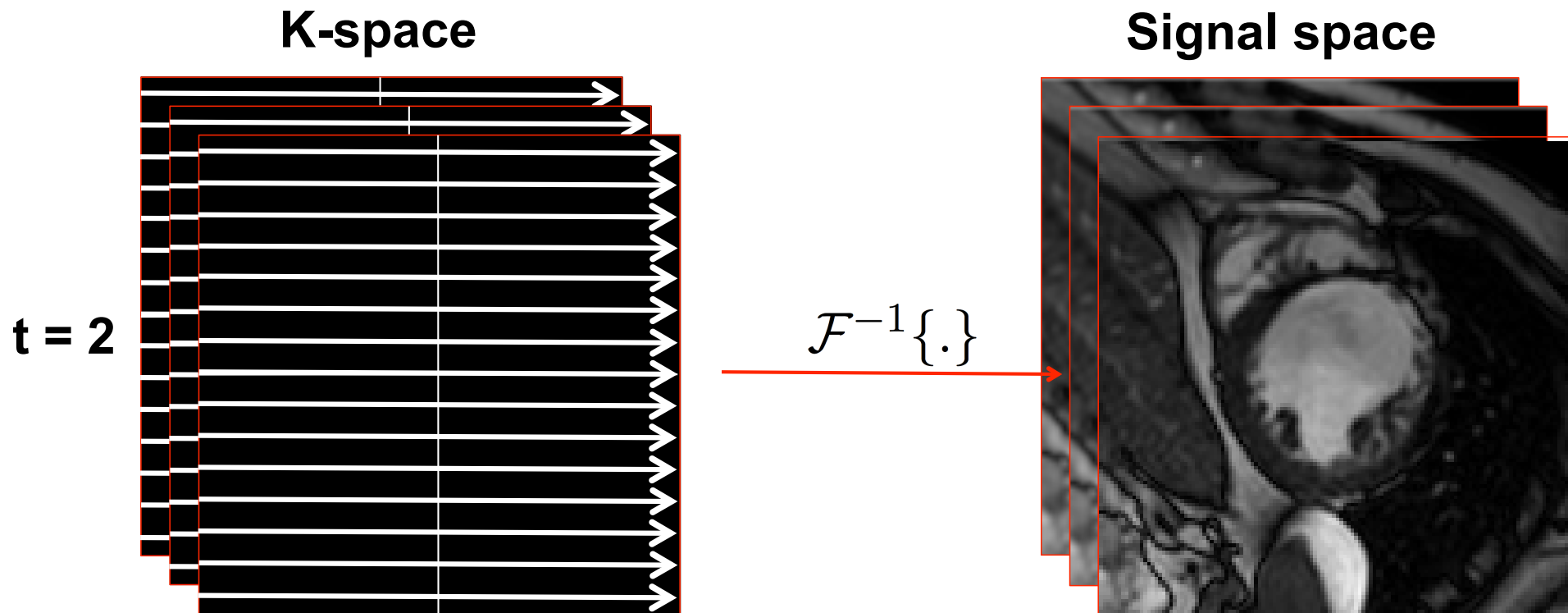
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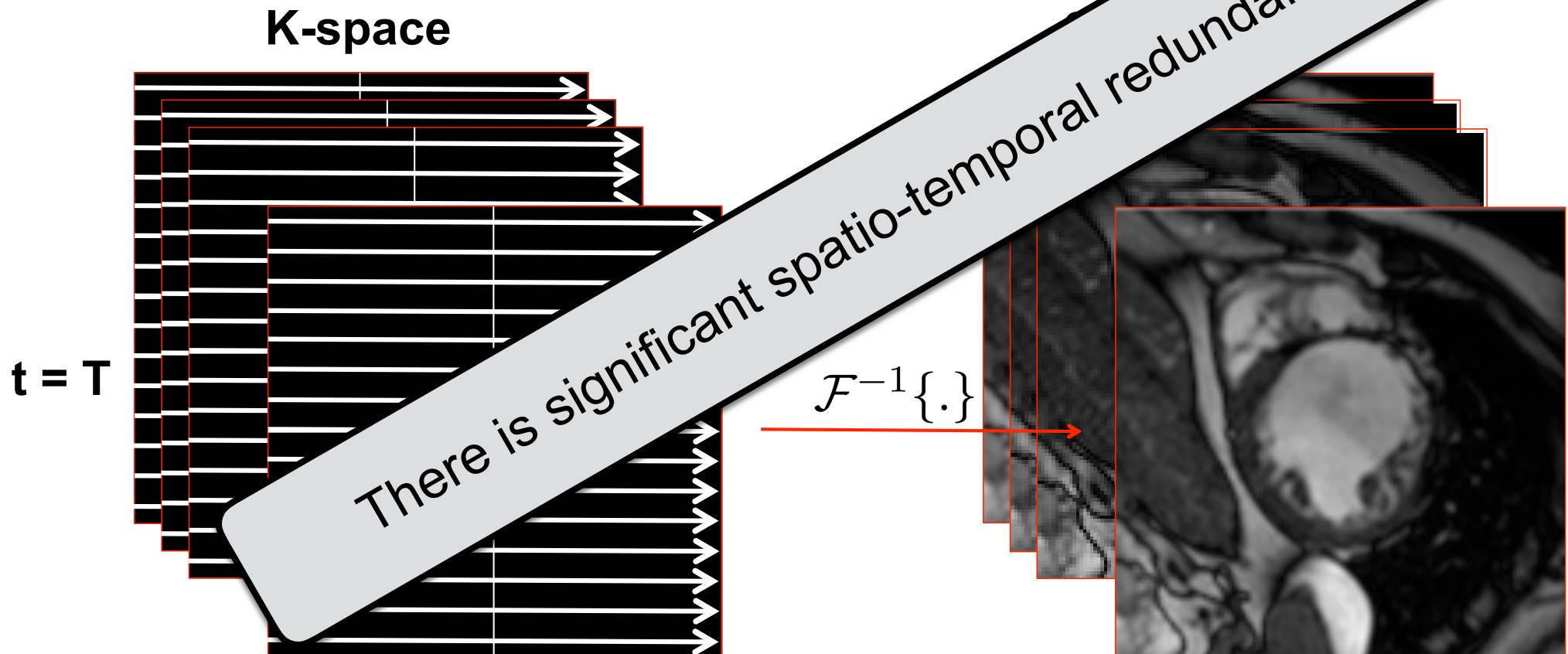






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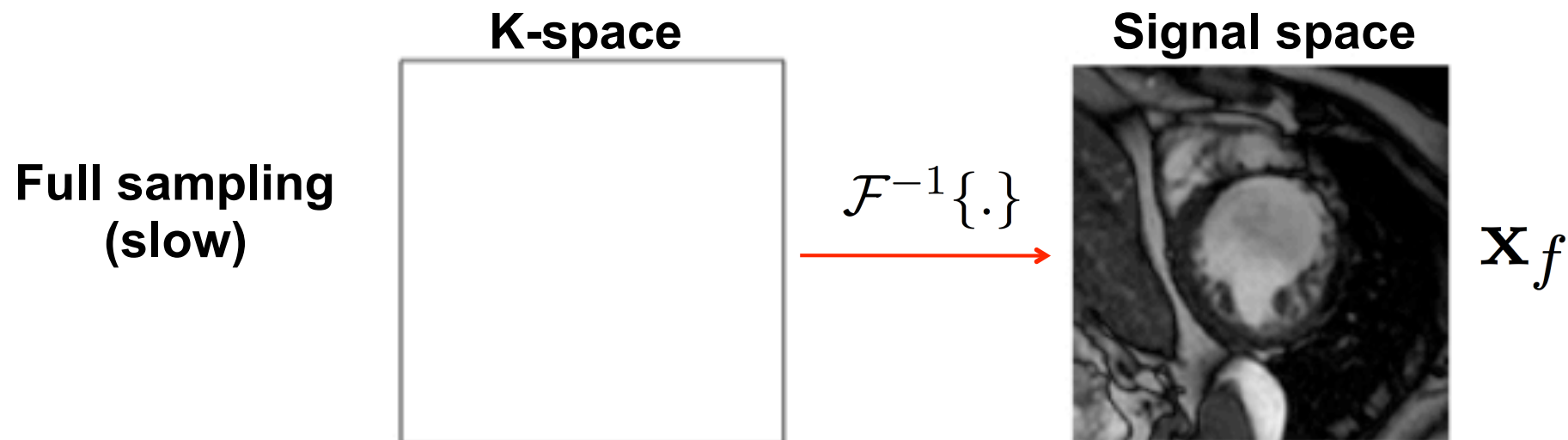
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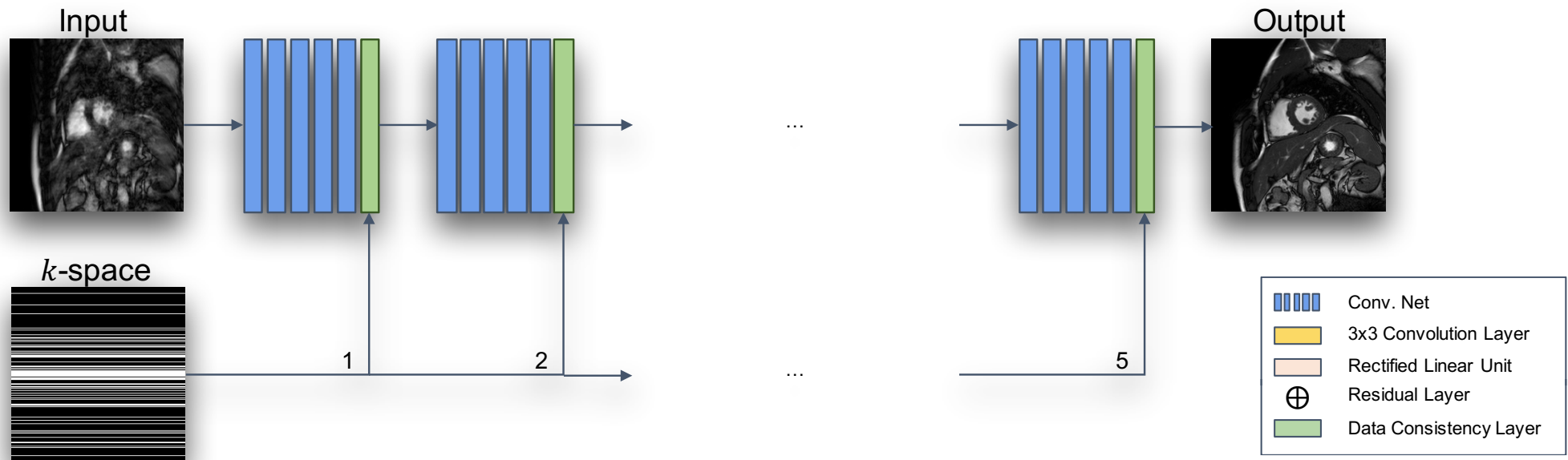


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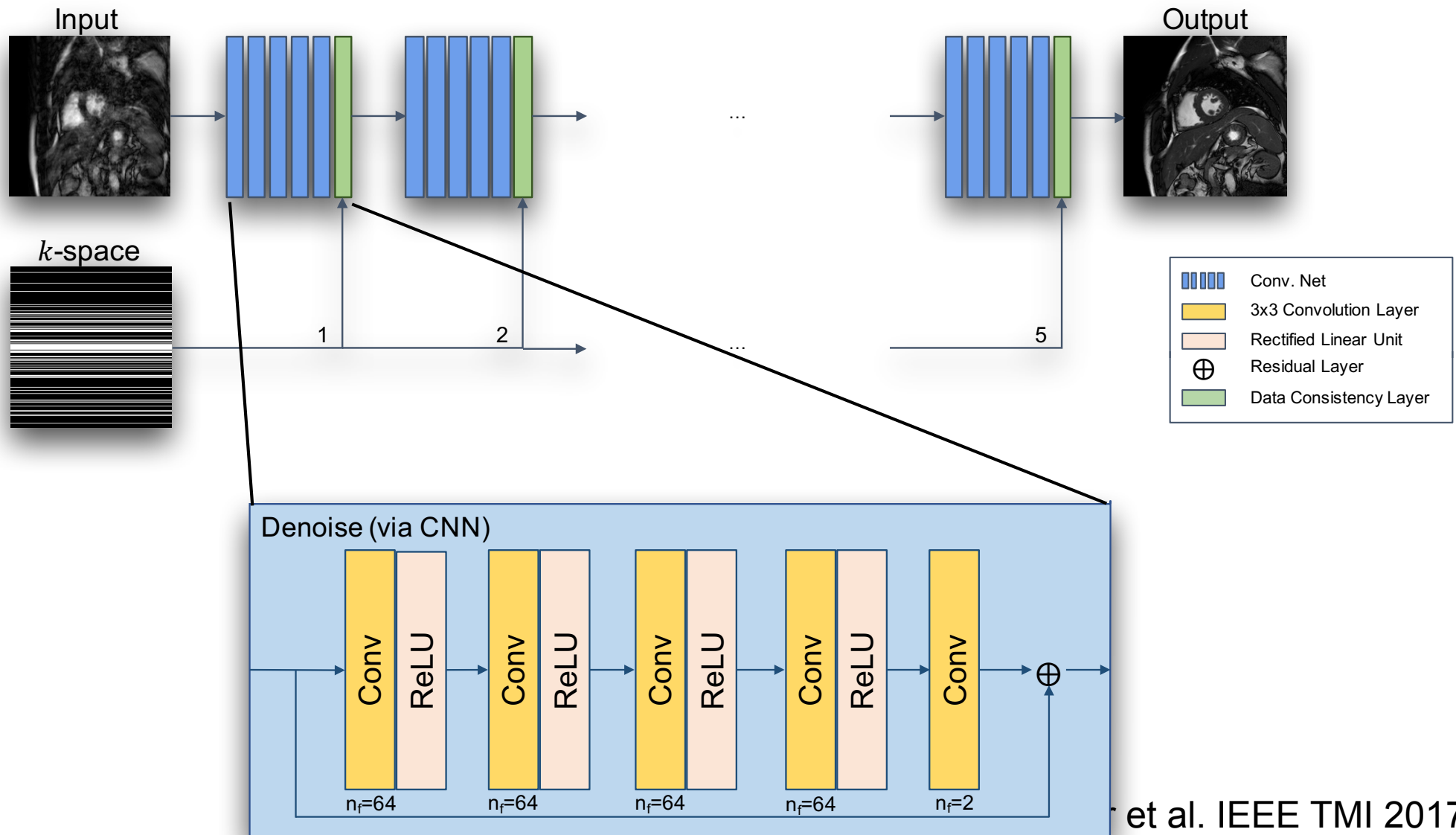


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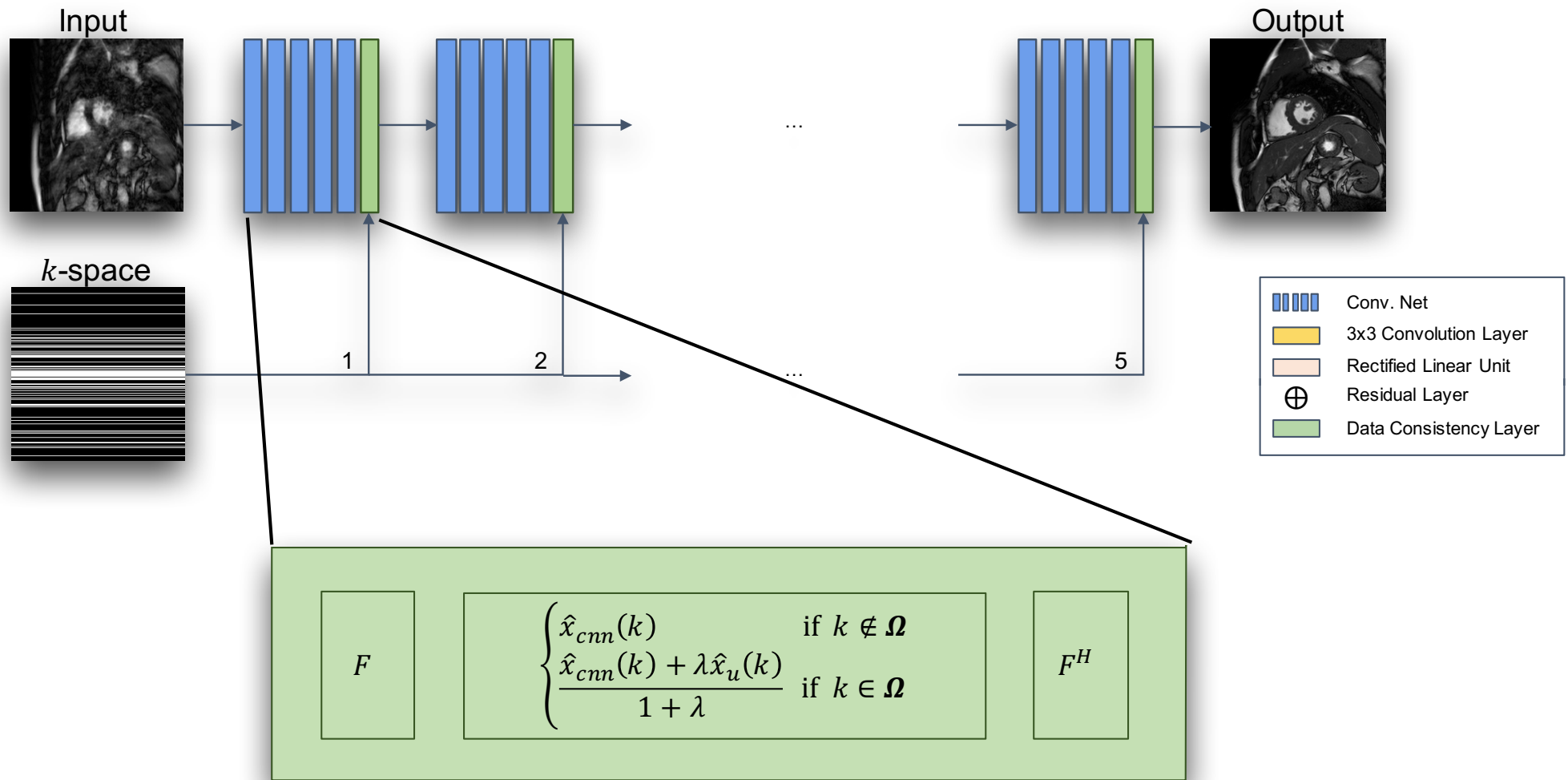


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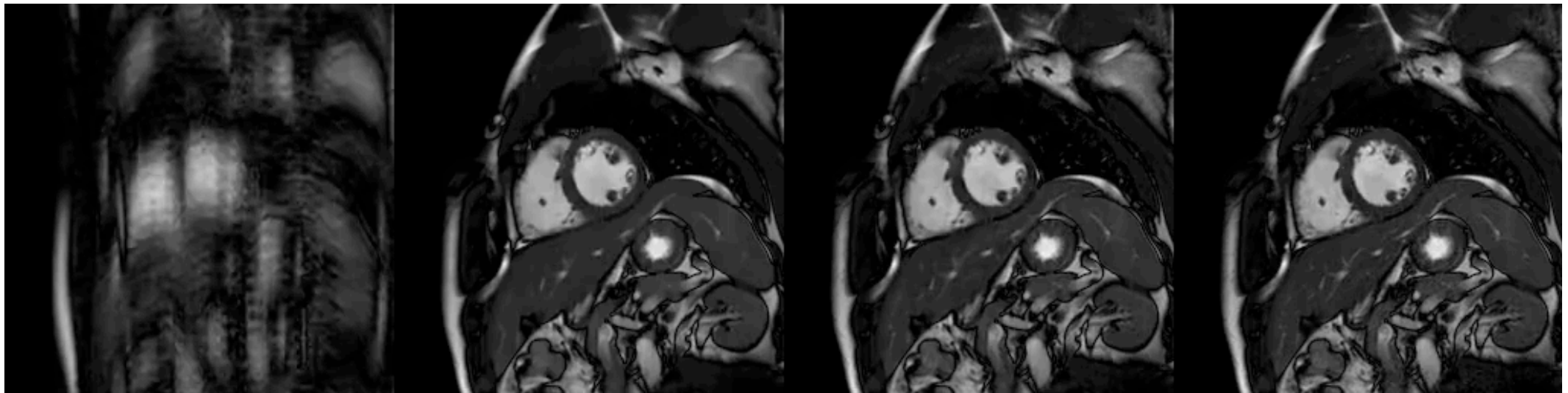




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# Magnitude reconstruction (6-fold)



(a) 6x Undersampled

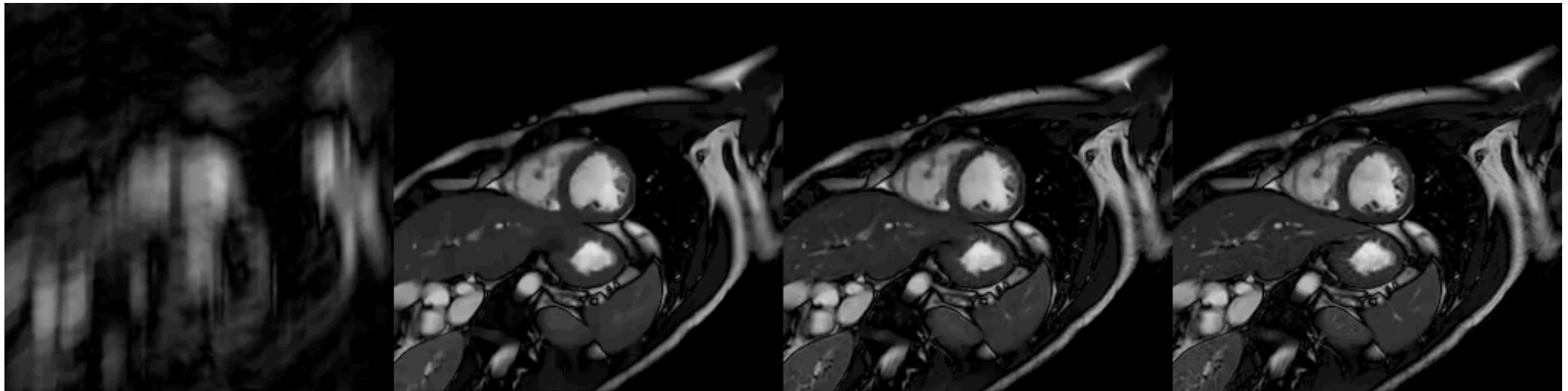
(b) DLTG

(c) CNN

(d) Ground Truth

Reconstructions using ML

# Magnitude reconstruction (11-fold)



(a) 11x Undersampled

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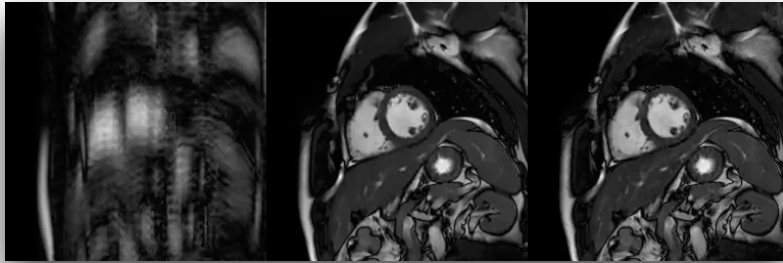


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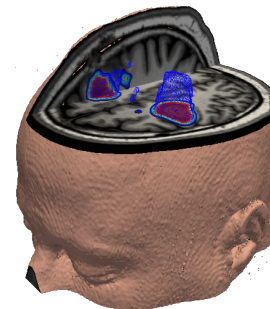
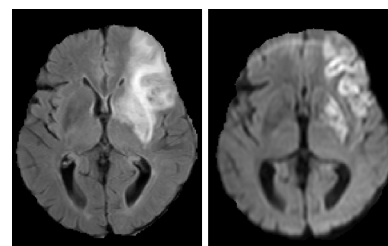


Image segmentation

# Automatic Standard Scan Plane Detection



**Abdominal View**  
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**Lips View**  
Confidence: 96%

**Goal:** Do this in real-time on images straight from US machine

# Automatic Standard Scan Plane Detection



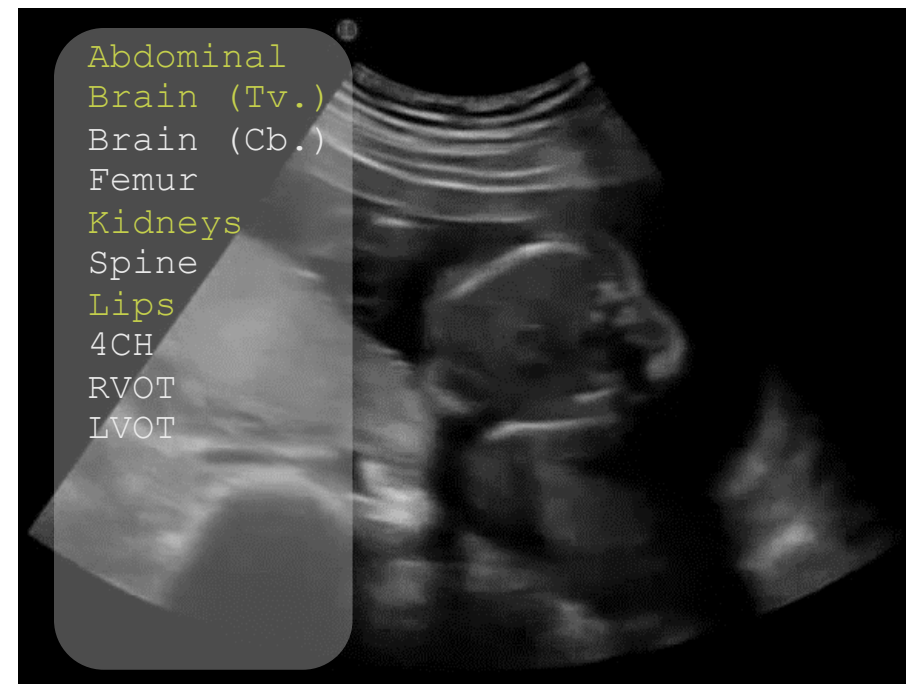
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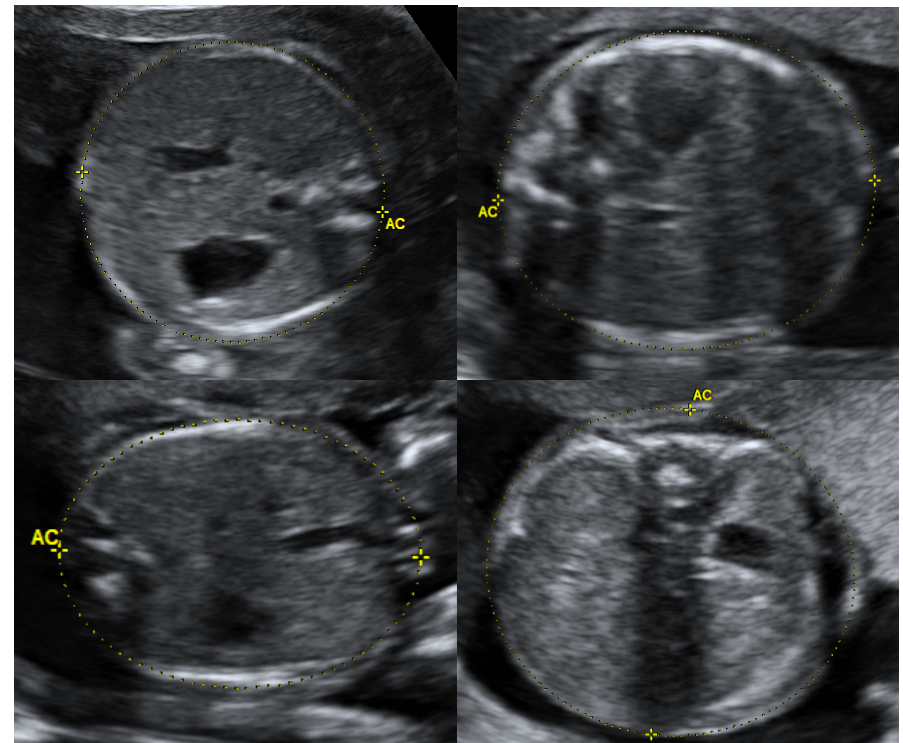
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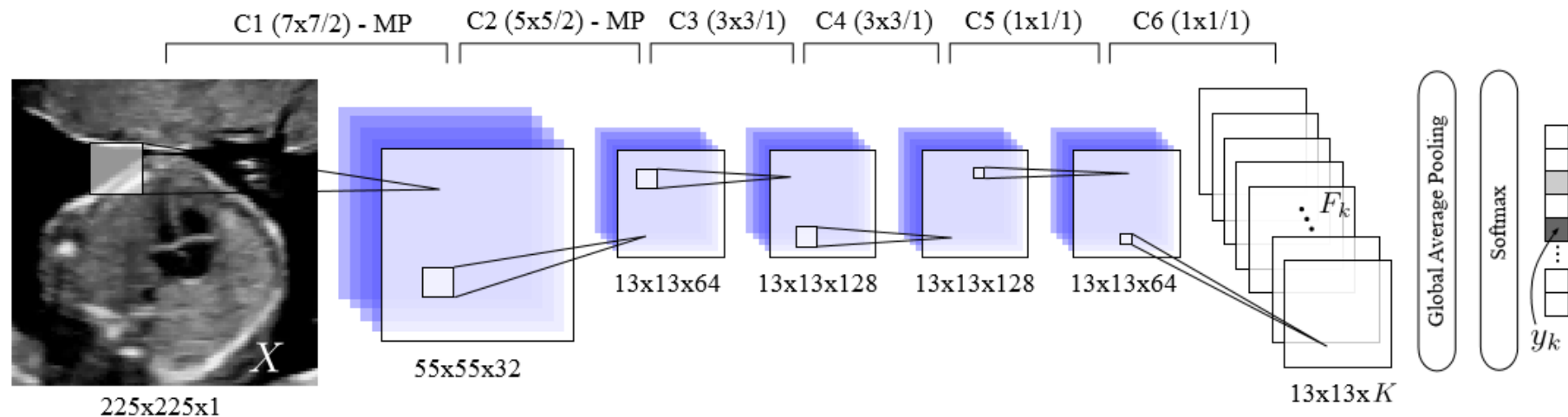
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  - Reproducibility: Reduce variability between operators





# Automatic Standard Scan Plane Detection: Method

- Fully convolutional neural network:



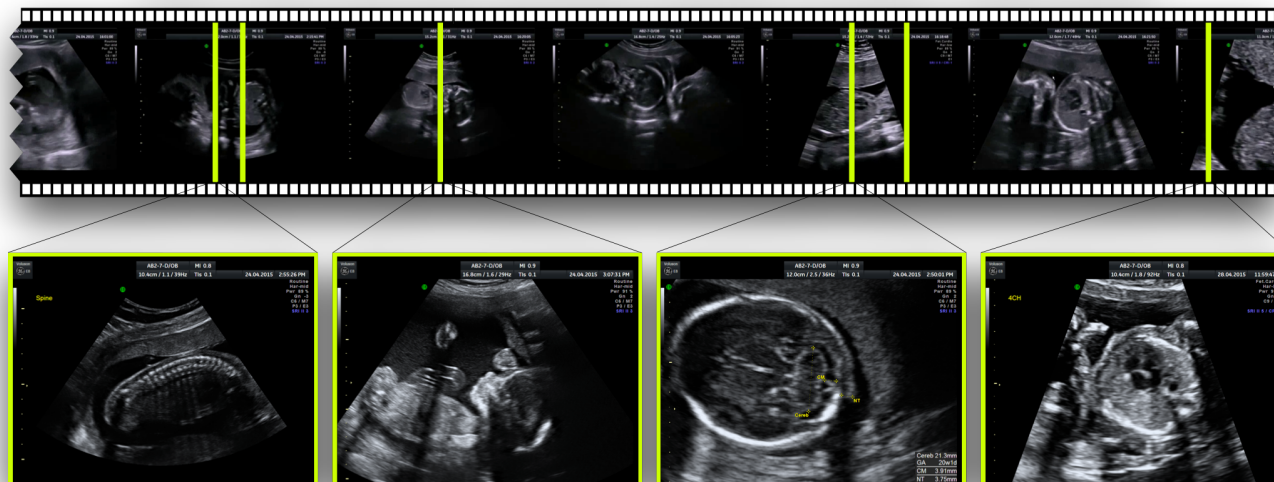
- Very fast
- Very accurate



# Automatic Standard Scan Plane Detection: Data

- We use very large 2D ultrasound dataset consisting of *images* of standard views and *videos*

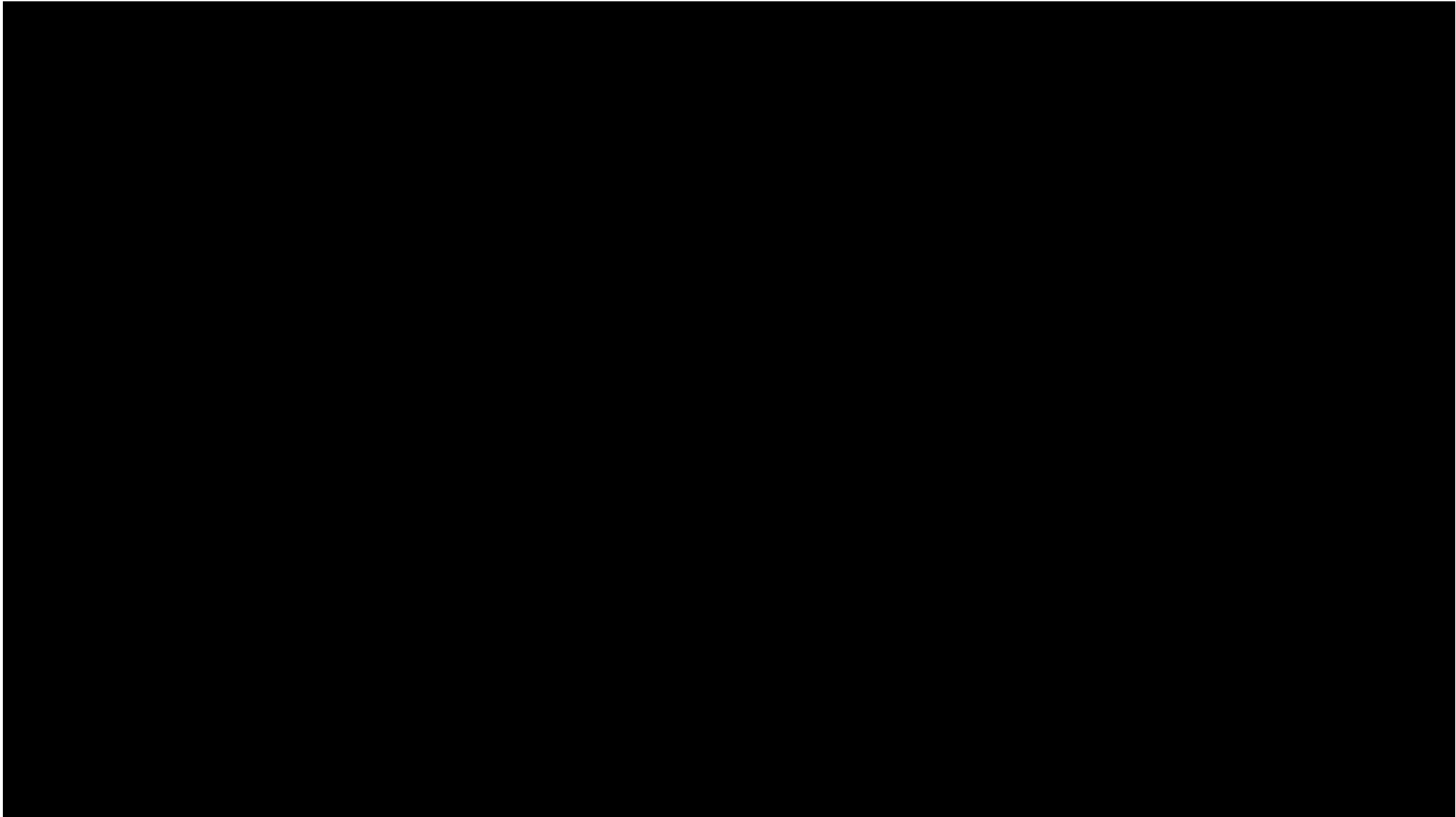
Video of fetal ultrasound examination (typically 20 minutes, 30'000 frames)



Annotated "freeze frames" saved by operator (typically 30 images)

- Data from
  - 2700 patients
  - Between 1200 and 4800 images for each standard plane

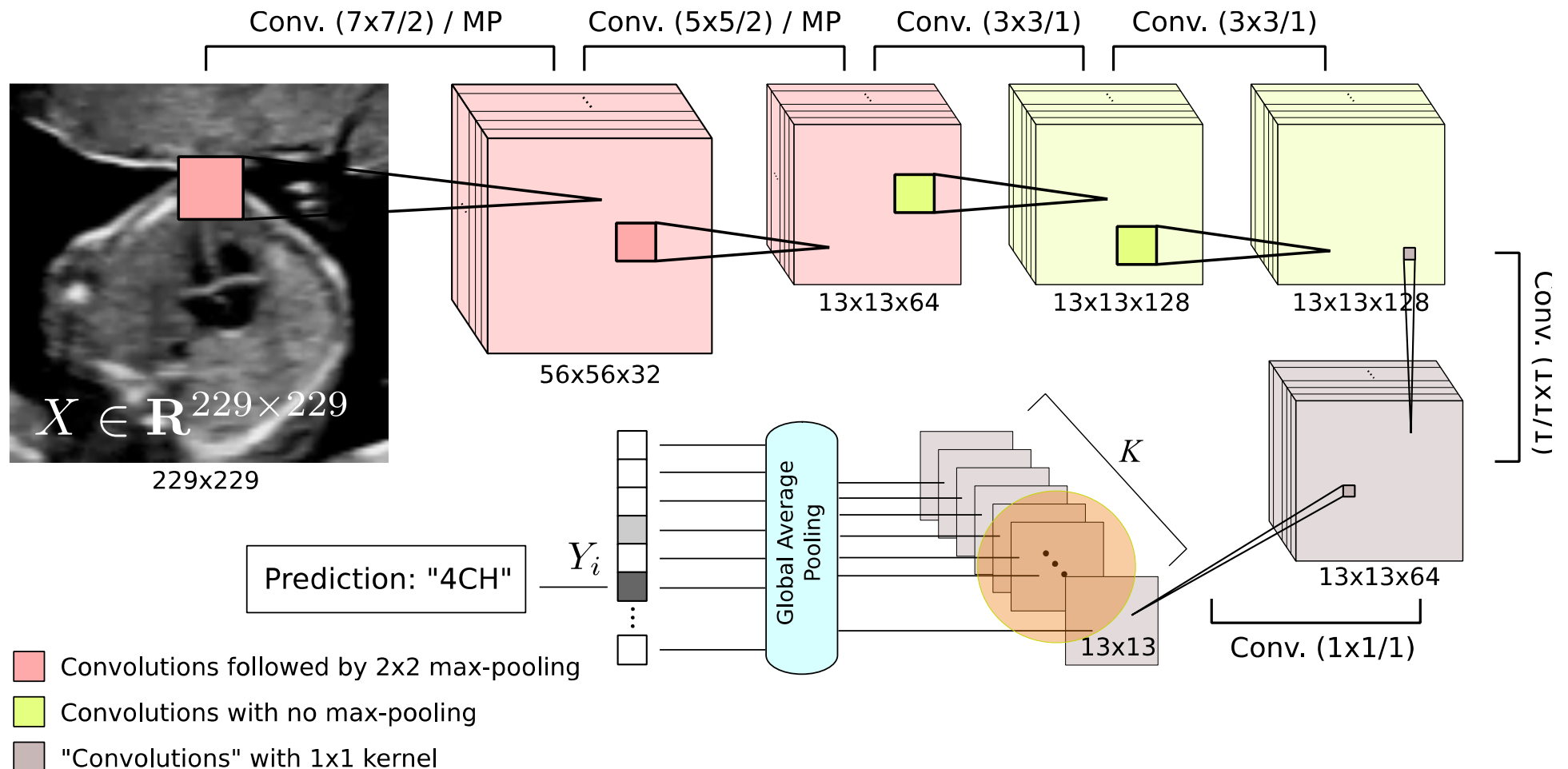
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# Automatic Standard Scan Plane Detection: Localisation

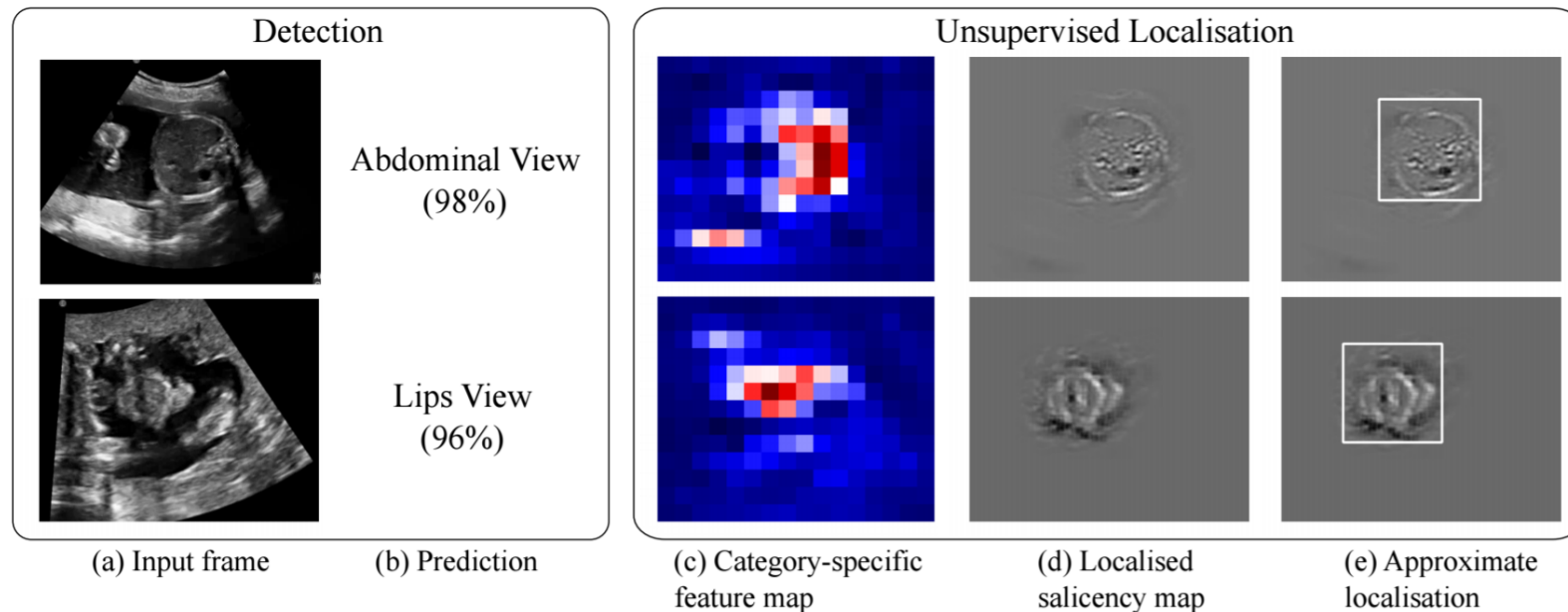


Localisation is (almost) for free in this framework!



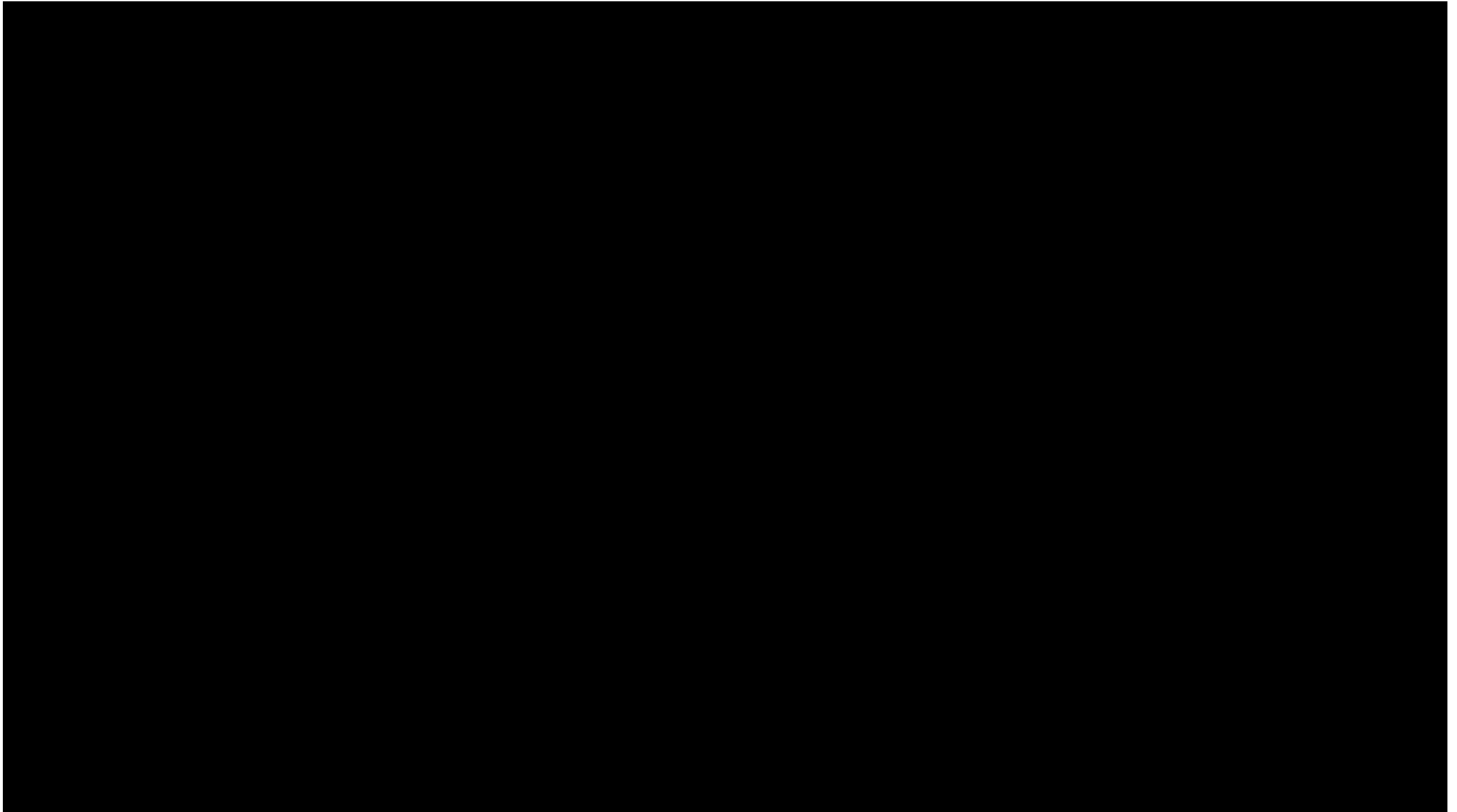
# Automatic Standard Scan Plane Detection: Localisation

- Can also identify which regions of a frame caused it to make a particular prediction



- This can be used for localisation of the fetal anatomy without having bounding boxes for training

# Demo





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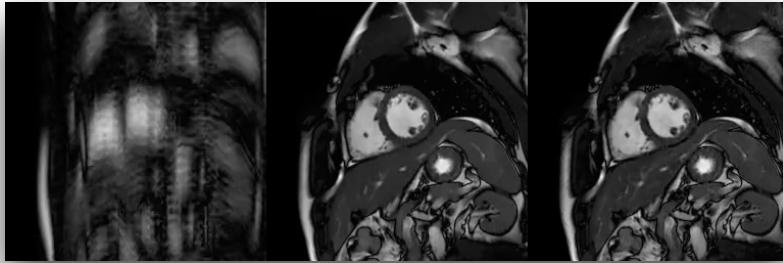


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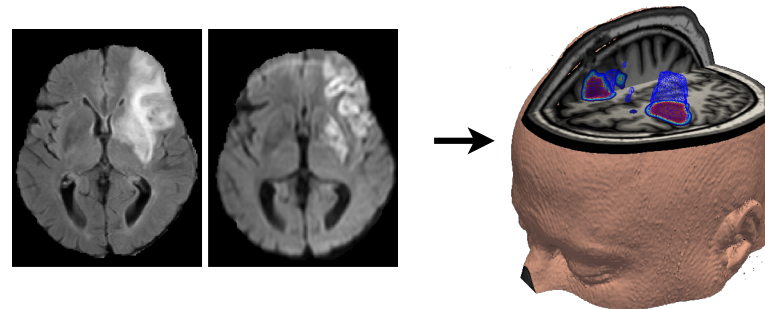
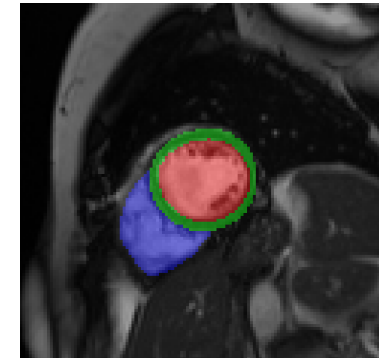
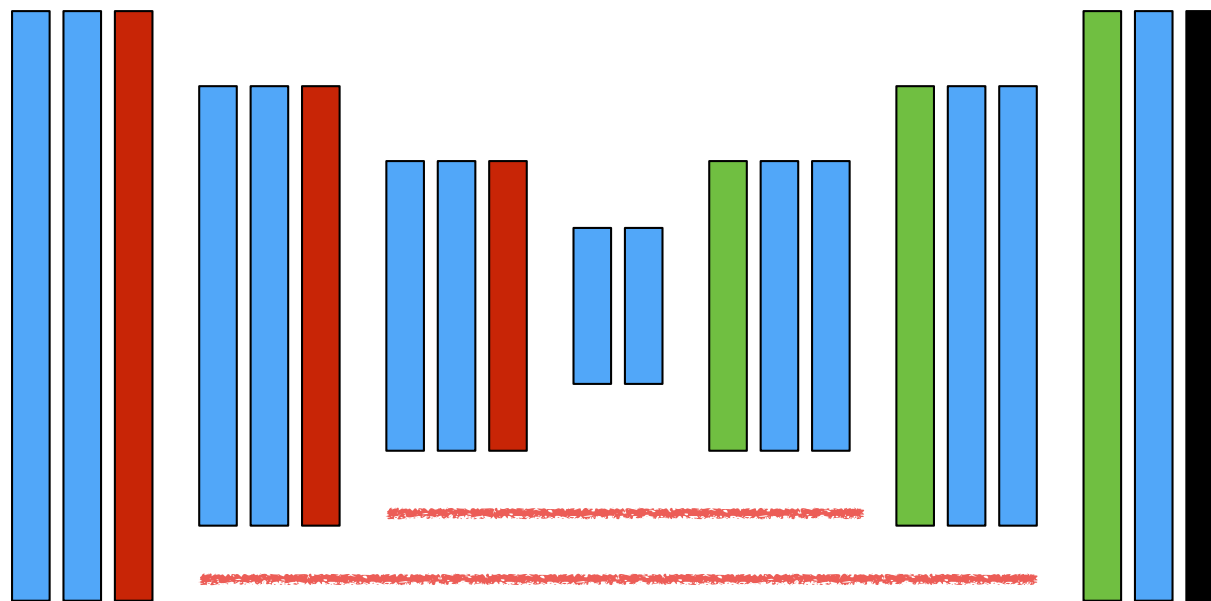
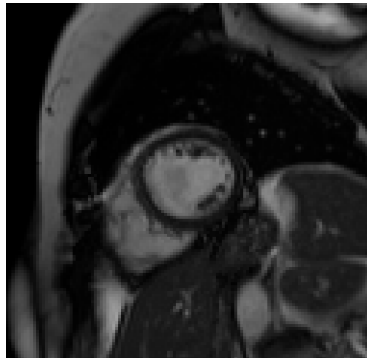


Image segmentation



# Convolutional Neural Networks for Image Segmentation



- Convolution + RELU
- Max pooling
- Transposed convolution
- Softmax
- Skip layers



# Image segmentation as a machine learning problem

- Fully connected networks (Long et al., 2015)
- Manual annotations of **4,872 subjects** (QMUL/Oxford) with **93,128 pixelwise annotated 2D images** slices
- Divided into training/validation/test: 3,972/300/600

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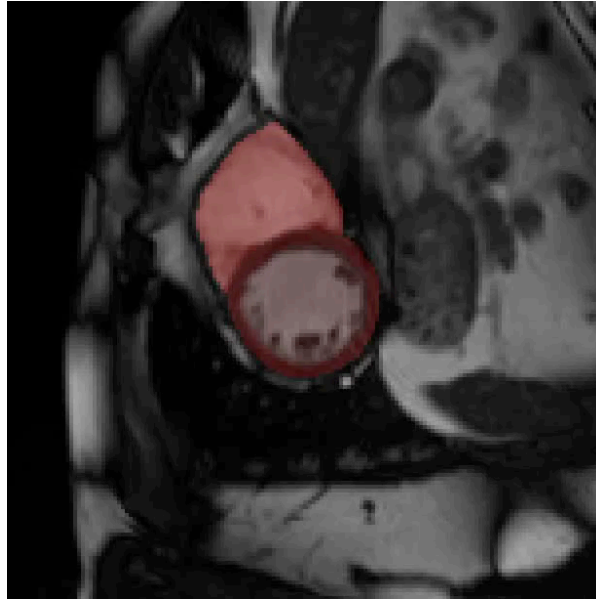


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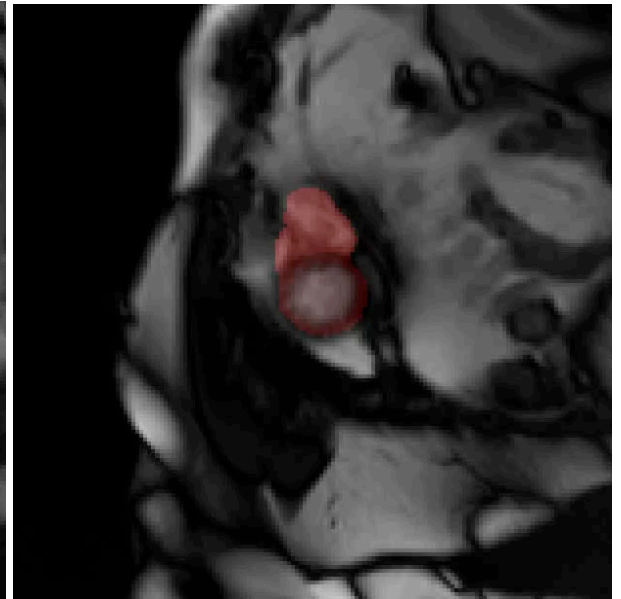
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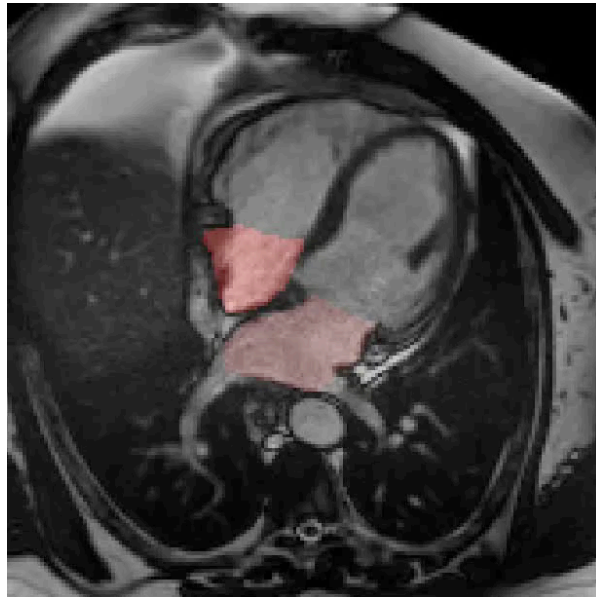
SA, mid-ventricular



SA, apical



LA, 2 chamber



LA, 4 chamber

# Evaluation of segmentation accuracy

## Comparison to expert observers



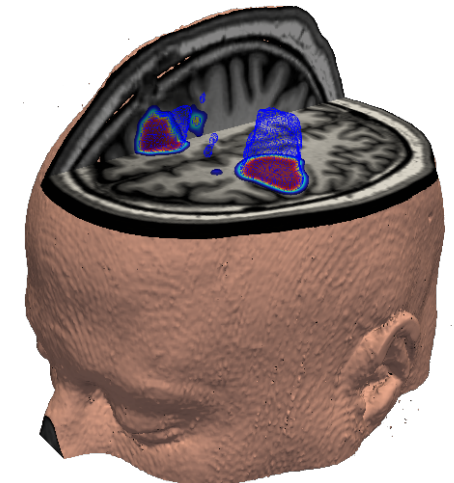
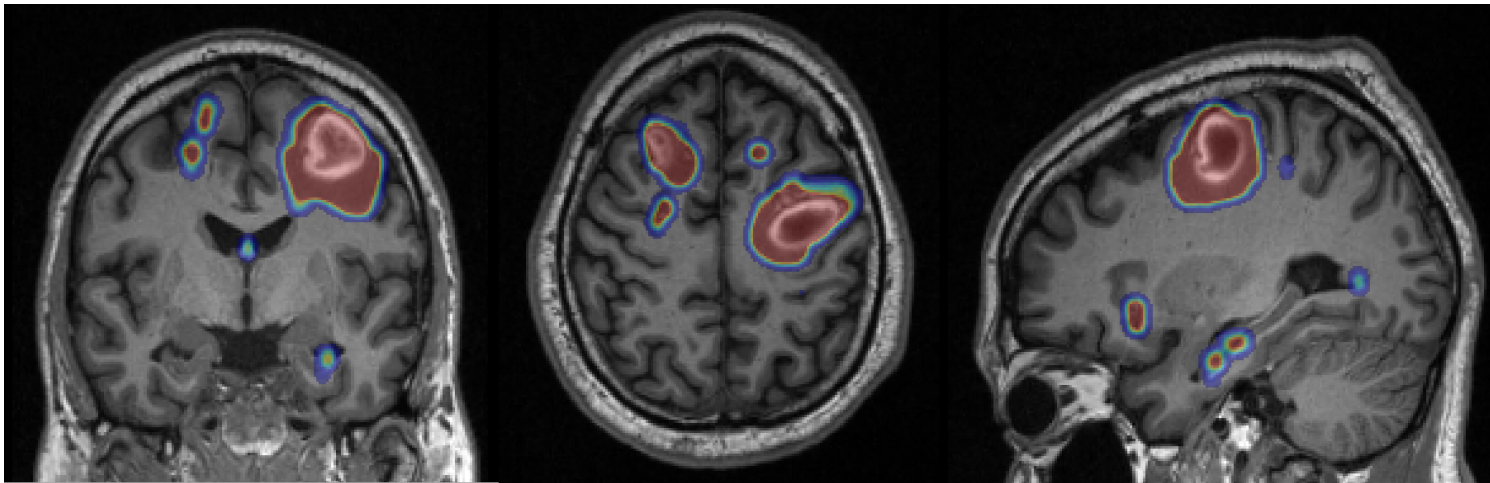
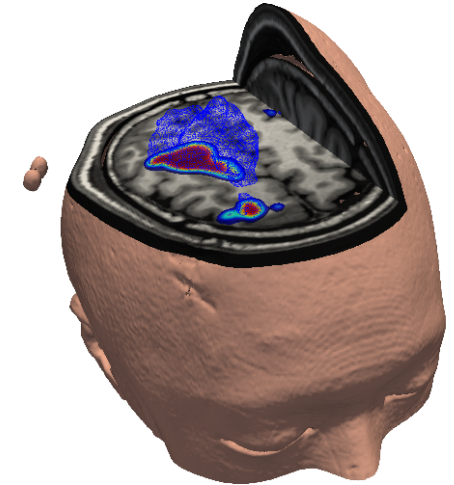
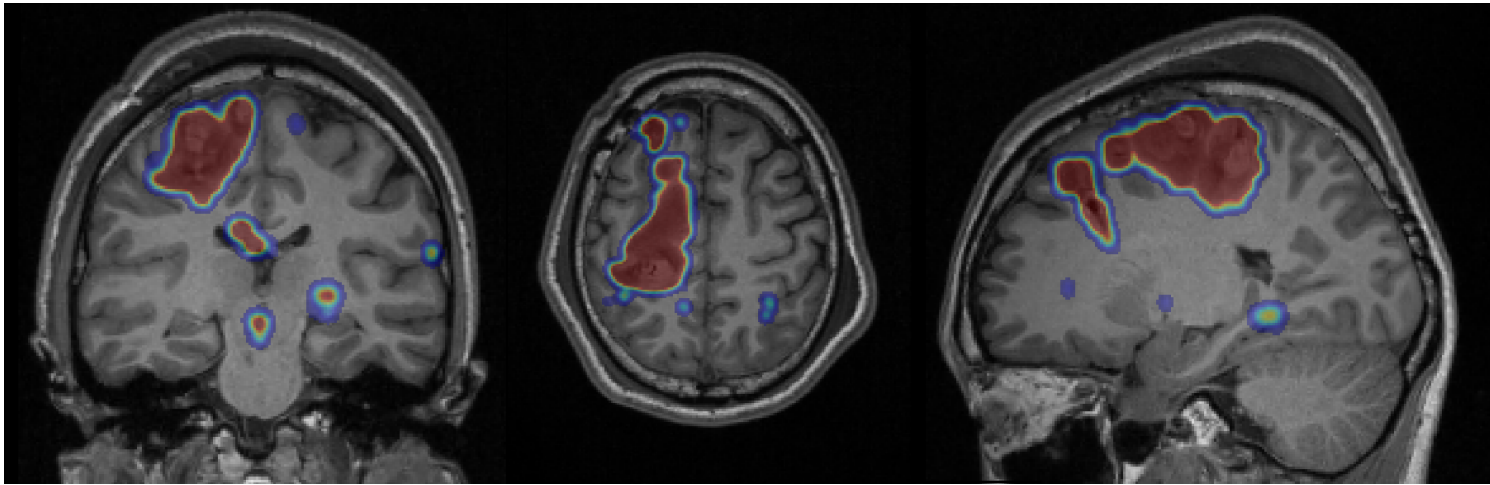
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LVM (gram)	6.9±5.5	4.2±3.2	6.6±4.9	6.5±4.8
RVEDV (mL)	8.5±7.1	11.1±7.2	6.2±4.6	8.7±5.8
RVESV (mL)	7.2±6.8	15.6±7.8	6.6±5.5	11.7±6.9
(b) Relative difference				
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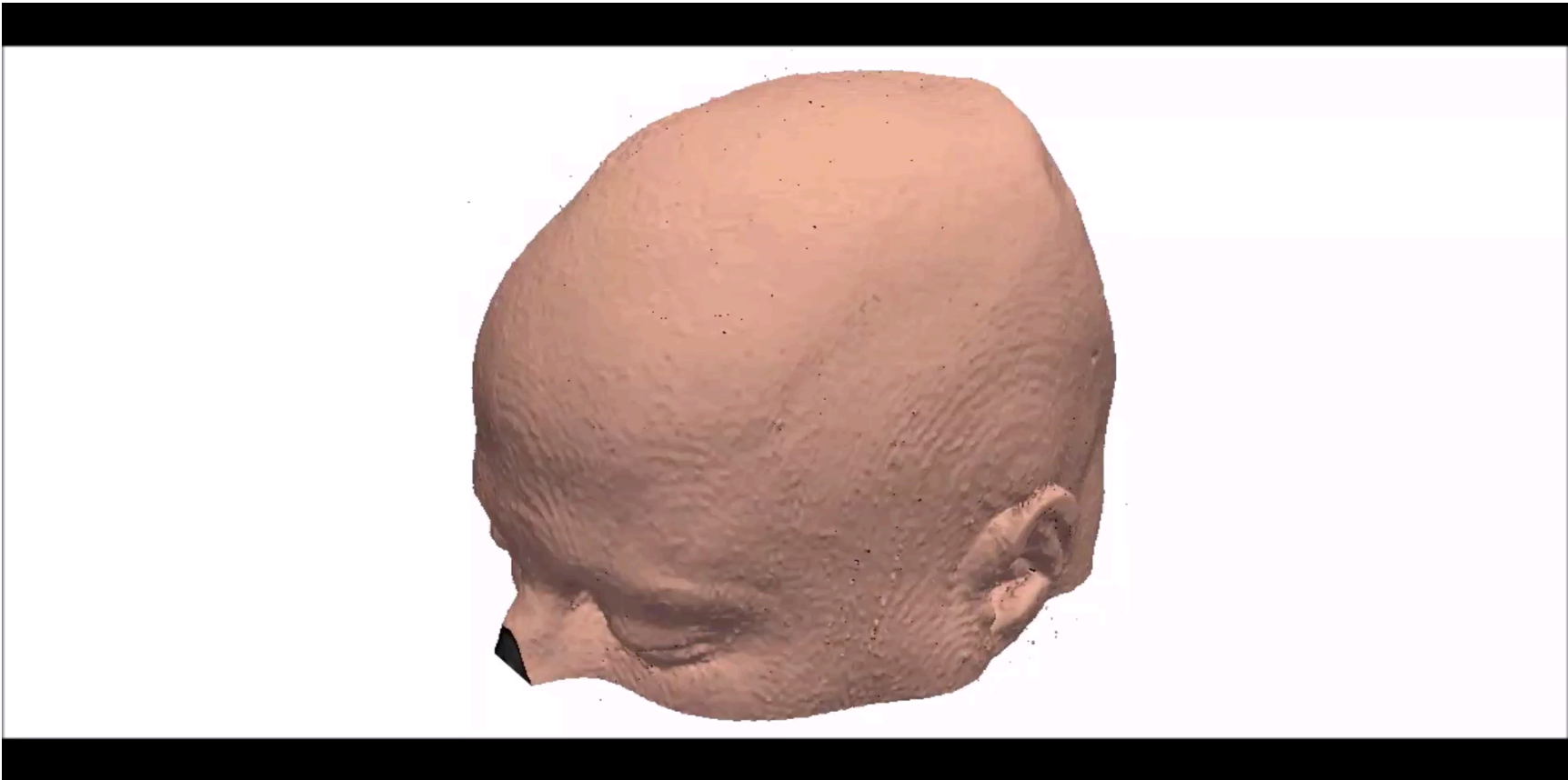


# DeepMedic in Action





# DeepMedic in Action





# Practical challenges in many AI scenarios: Deployment in the clinic

- AI-based solutions often degrade when deployed in clinical scenarios
- This is caused by differences between training and deployment environments

- different sensors
- different patient populations

Transfer learning problem



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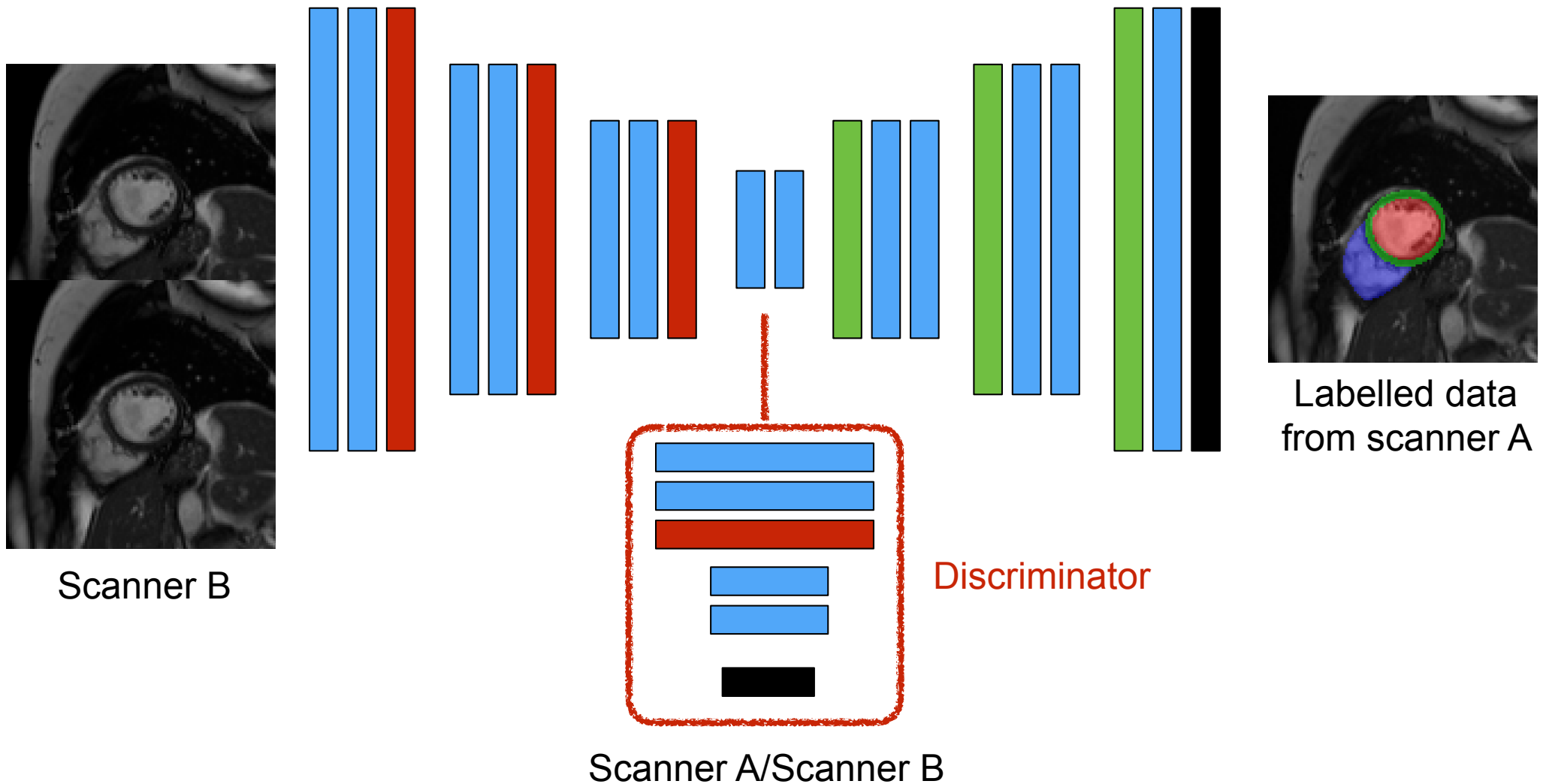
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# Transfer learnings for CNNs Using adversarial learning





# Summary and Conclusions

- AI already plays a crucial role in  
Image acquisition and reconstruction

Validation is challenging

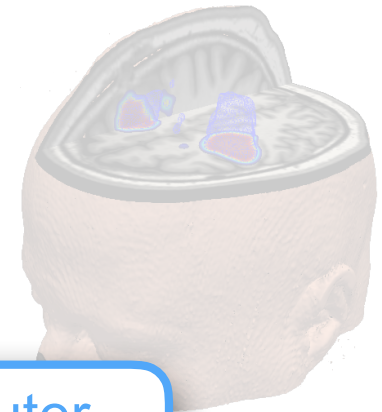
- Applications of AI in computer-aided  
detection and decision support have  
been limited

Requires collaboration between computer  
scientists, engineers and clinicians

- Truly intelligent computer-aided  
diagnosis requires

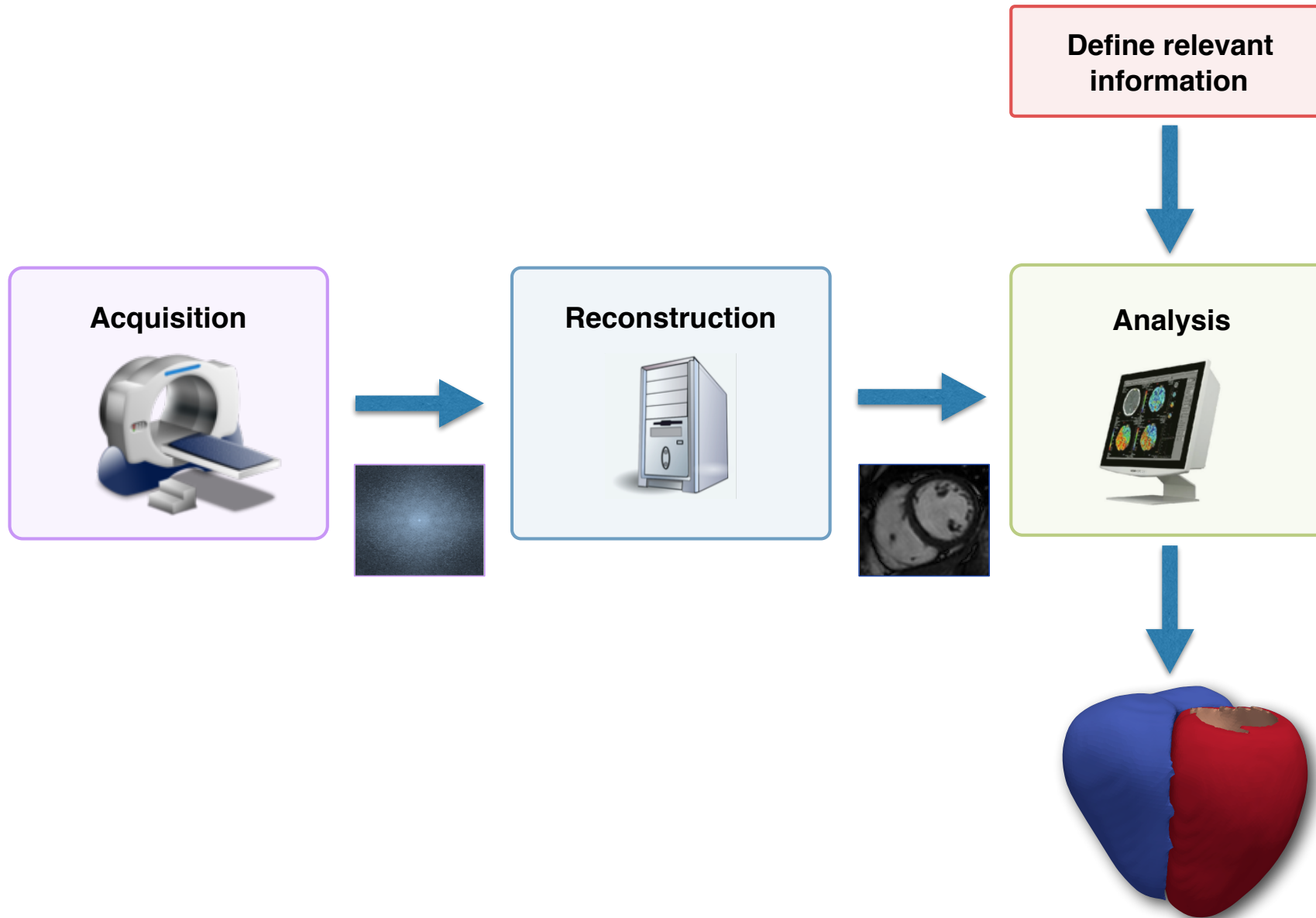
- Learning from unlabeled  
population data
- Integration of imaging and non-imaging  
information, e.g. clinical records and genetics

Optimisation of imaging pipeline with respect  
to clinically useful information





# Current state-of-the-art

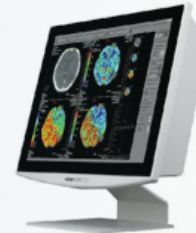
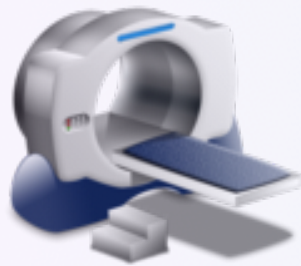


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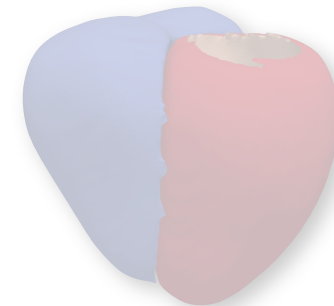


Define relevant information

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**End-to-end optimisation of acquisition, reconstruction, analysis & interpretation via deep learning**



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**Big data (population data)**



**Multi-modal data**





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