

# Addressing Practical Challenges in Artificial Intelligence from the Medical Domain to General Tasks

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Finally publish my first  
paper on clinical  
psychology in 2021.

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Crawford school of public policy. Students and friends are now working in various international organisations and national governments such as UN, WTO, etc.

From the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), regardless of technique details, **What AI could really contribute to human well-being?**

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Has a wonderful life here!!

Participate ImPACT project and work with hardware (Canon, Hitachi, ...) and doctors to design algorithms for early diagnose of breast cancer on photoacoustic imaging device.

Propose new design of camera.

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Joined RIKEN AIP under Prof.  
Harada Tatsuya's supervision.

Machine Intelligence for  
Medical Engineering Team.

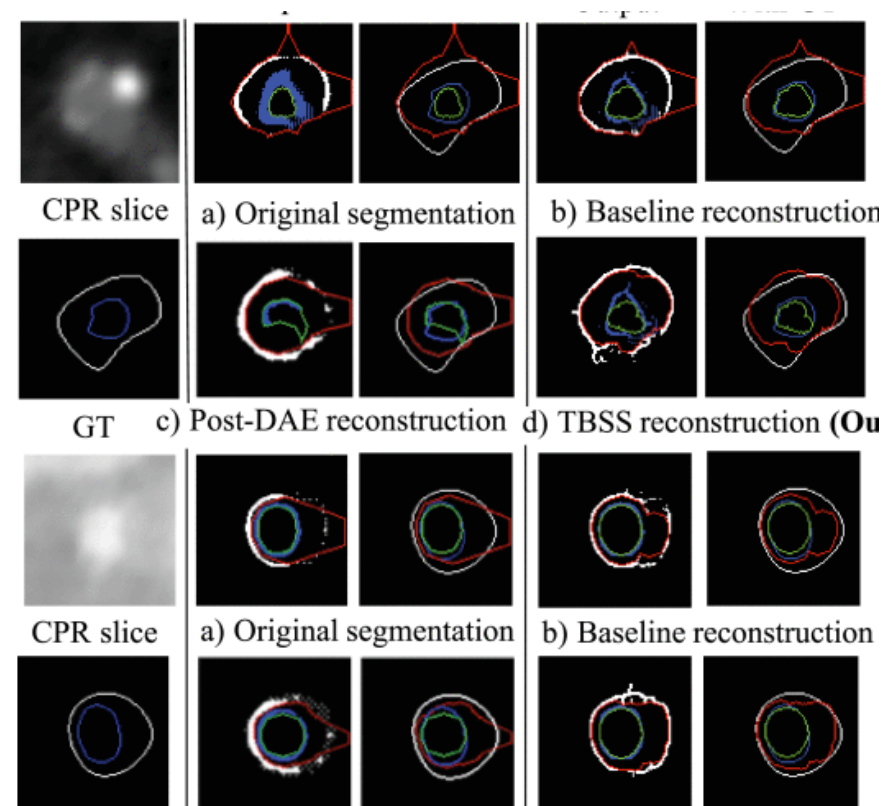
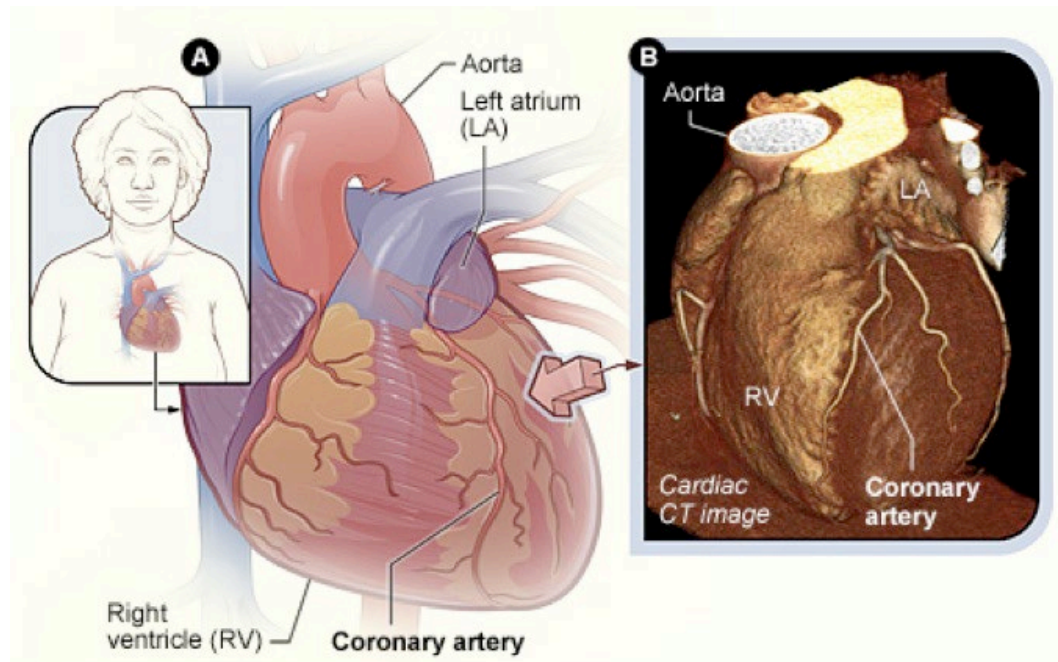
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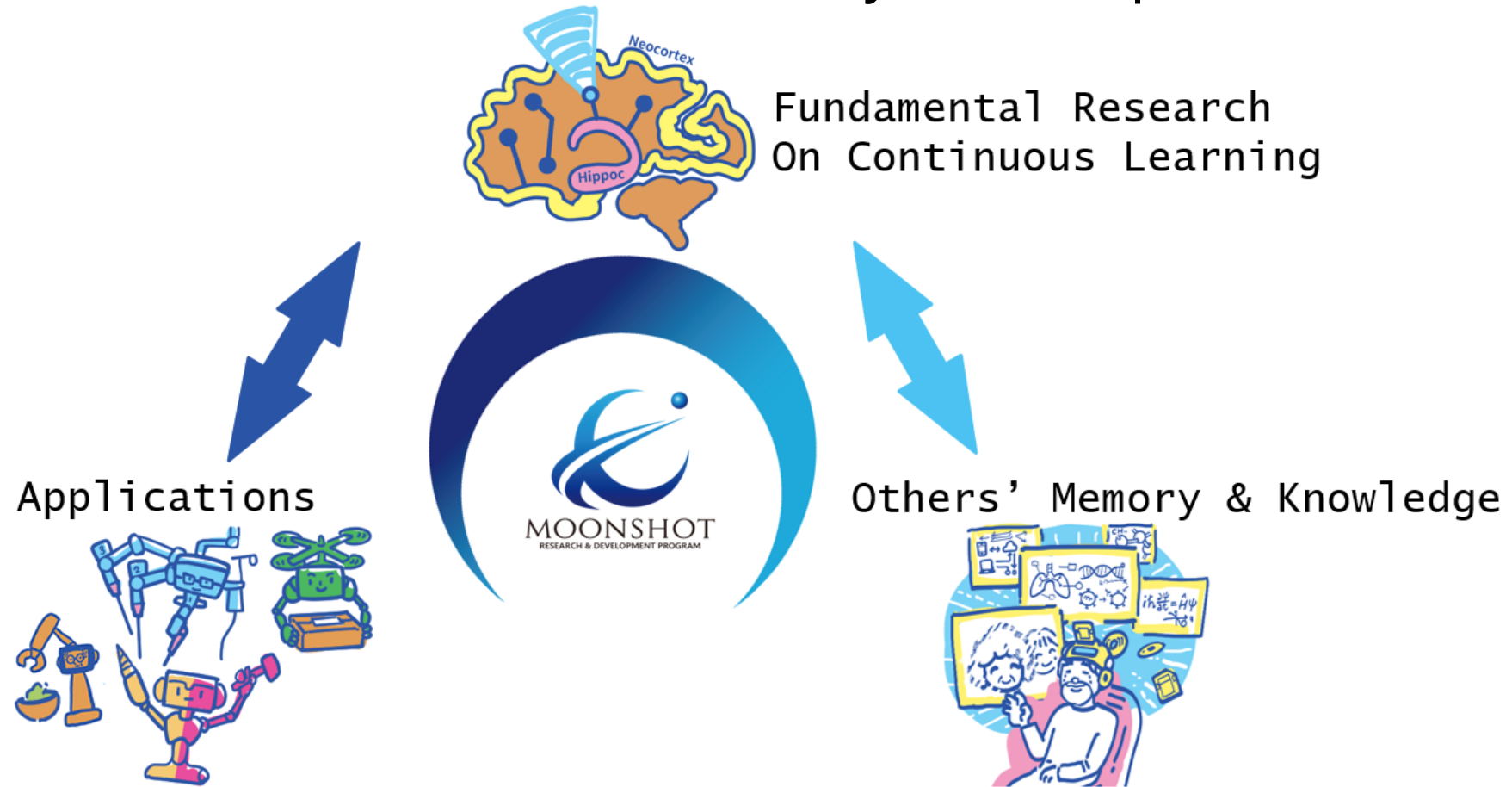
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Clinical textbook **AI in Clinical Medicine** will be published in June.

# Research ② Moonshot Project

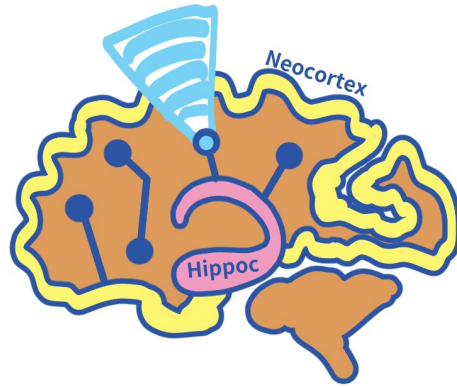
- Moonshot project led by Cabinet Office of Japan.
- Human beings can be free from limitations of body, brain, space, and time by 2050.





# Design AI techniques for deploying robots for practical usage in Osaka Expo

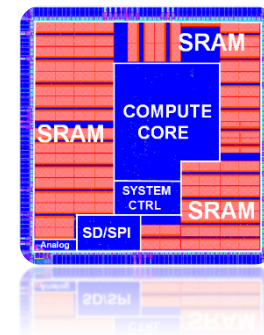




## Brain of Robot

Light weight AI architecture:  
*Towards an Effective Orthogonal Dictionary Convolution Strategy*  
AAAI 2022

High efficient AI chip inspired by neuroscience:  
*EtinyNet: Extremely Tiny Network for TinyML*  
AAAI 2022



# Eye of Robot



Recognise under different scales:

*Exploring Resolution and Degradation Clues as Self-supervised Signal for Low Quality Object Detection*

ECCV 2022

See in the dark:

*You Only Need 90K Parameters to Adapt Light*

BMVC 2022

See under noise:

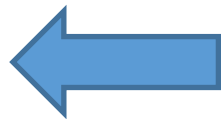
*Memory-Efficient Deformable Convolution based Joint Denoising and Demosaicing for UHD Images*

IEEE TNNLS

*DnRCNN: Deep Recurrent Convolutional Neural Network for HSI Destriping*

IEEE TNNLS





## Heart of Robot

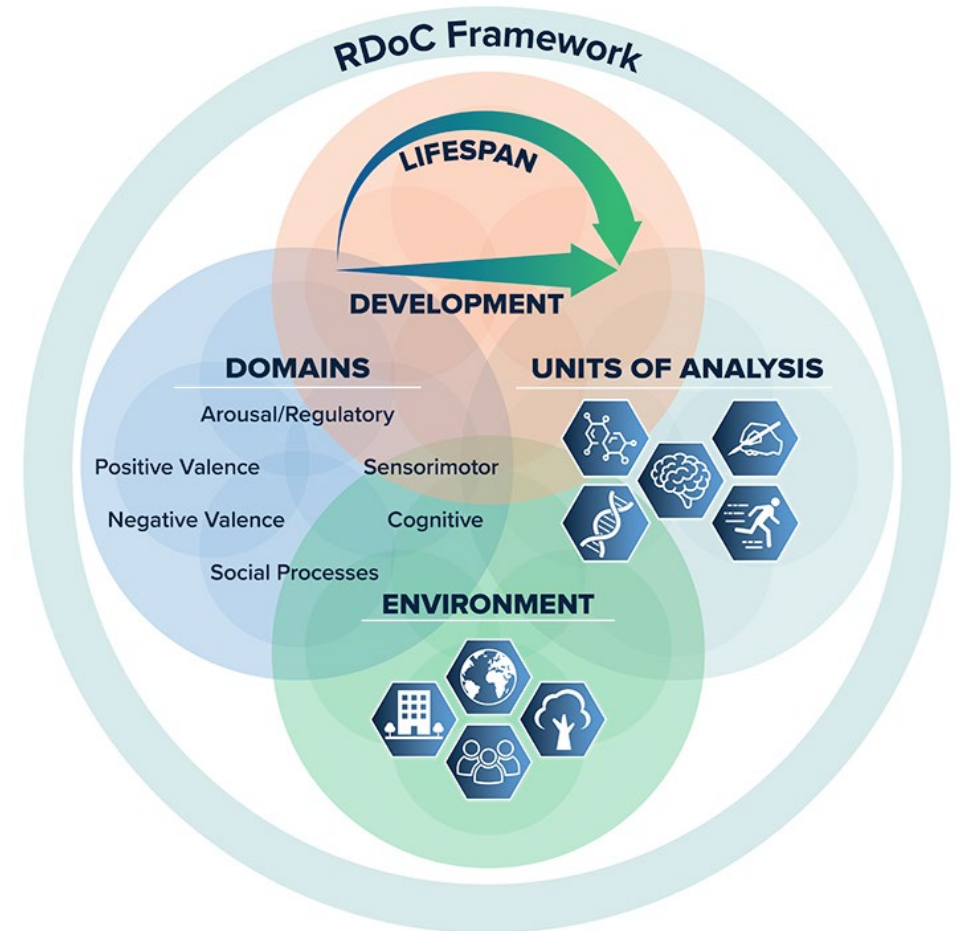
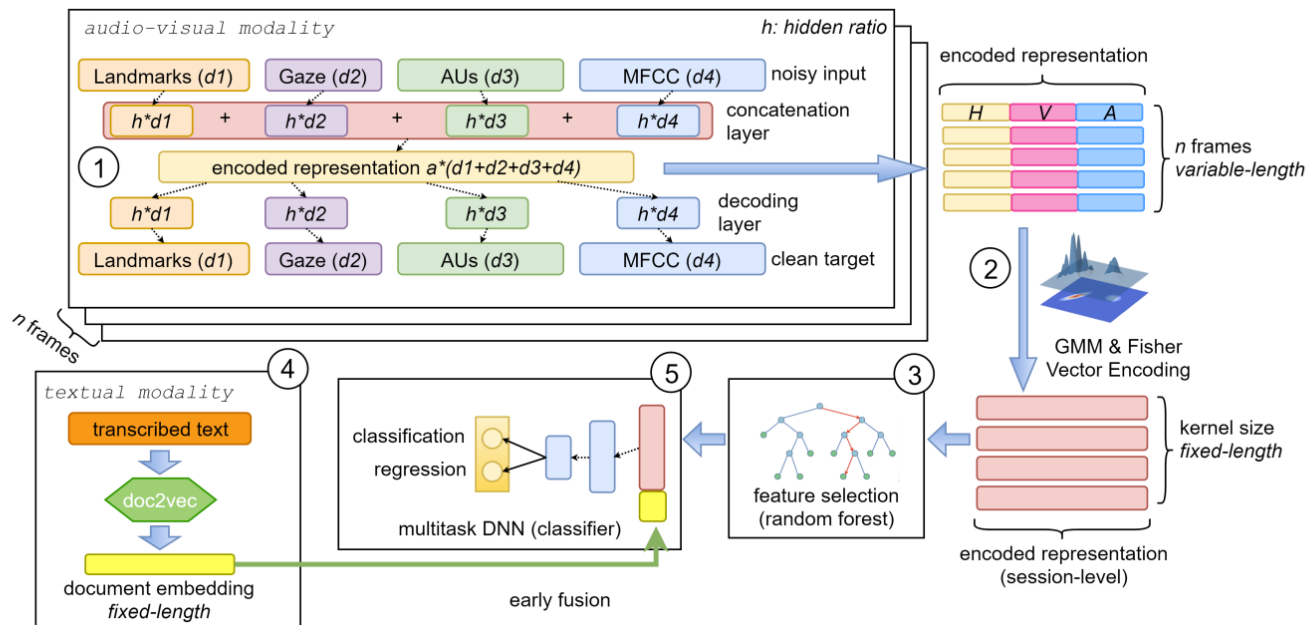
## Protect Privacy and Enhance Fairness

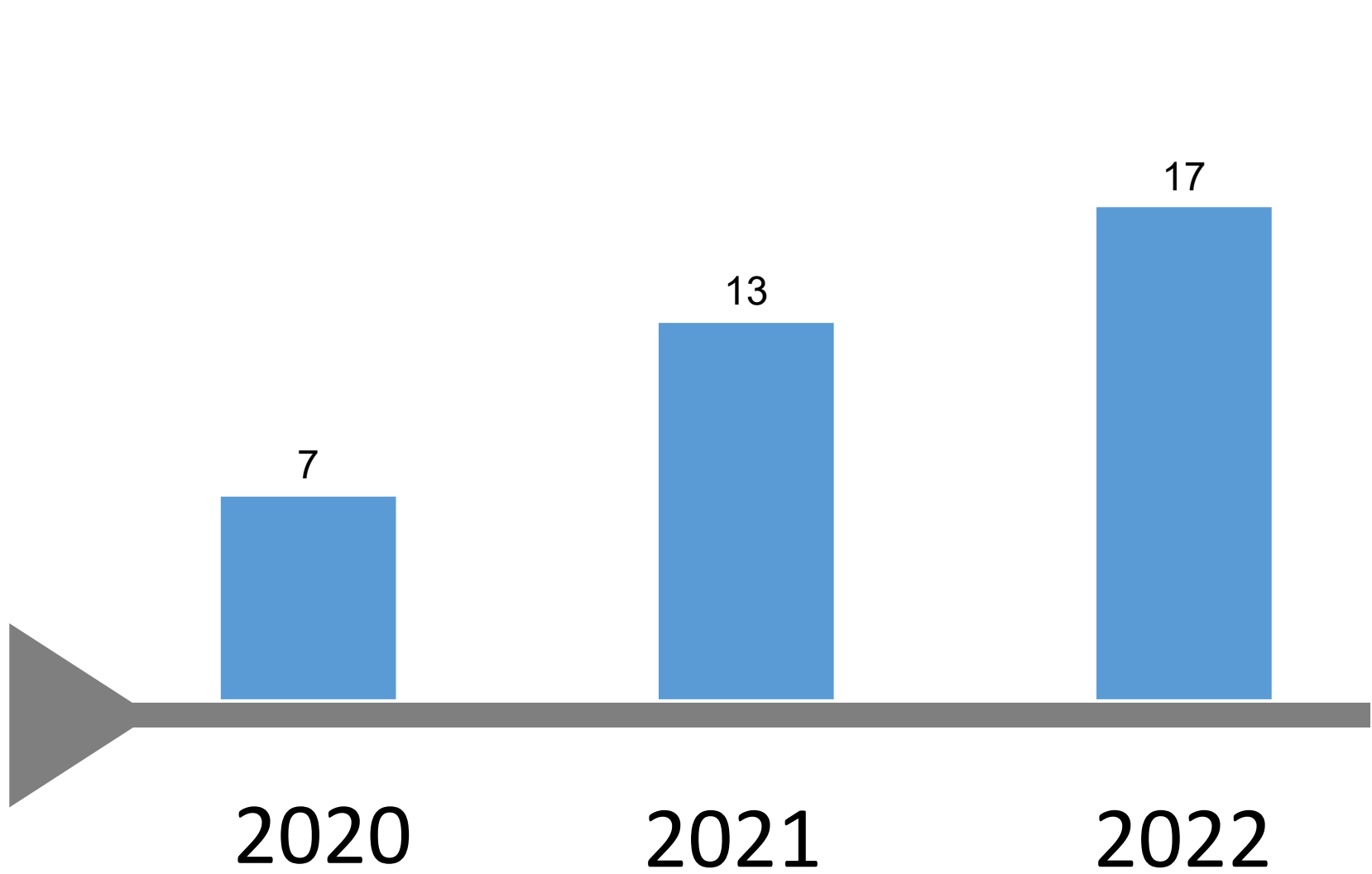
*People taking photos that faces never share: Privacy Protection and Fairness Enhancement from Camera to User*  
AAAI 2023

*Improving Fairness in Image Classification via Sketching*  
Neurips 2022 Workshop

# Research ③ Subtyping Schizophrenia with AI

- The joint grant between RIKEN and Zhejiang University Hospital
- 1 million USD





## 2022-2023

AAAI X 3

ECCV X 2

MICCAI X 2

CVPR

ICLR

Nature Methods (IF: 48)

Pattern Recognition (IF:7.1)

IEEE TNNLS (IF: 10.5)

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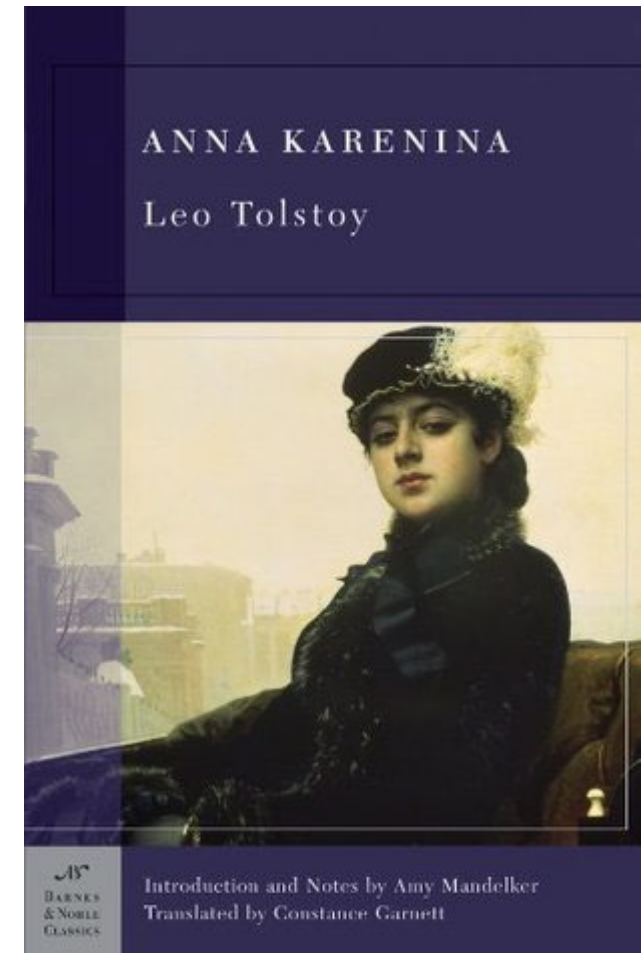


- How to make **AI for human**, in the real-world



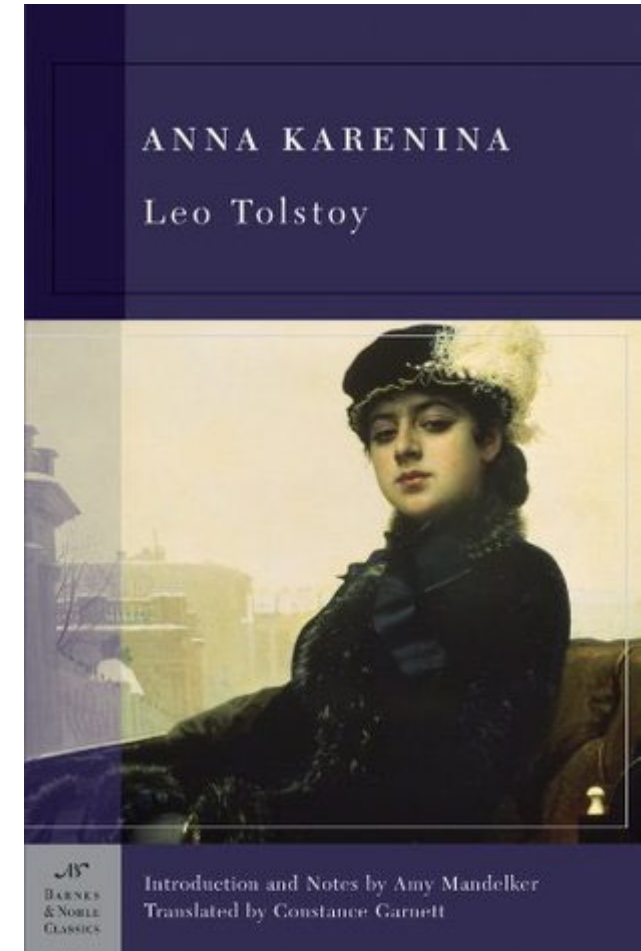
# Bottlenecks

- All happy families are alike;
  - Existing computer vision and machine learning algorithms perform well on the ideal conditions and parameters.



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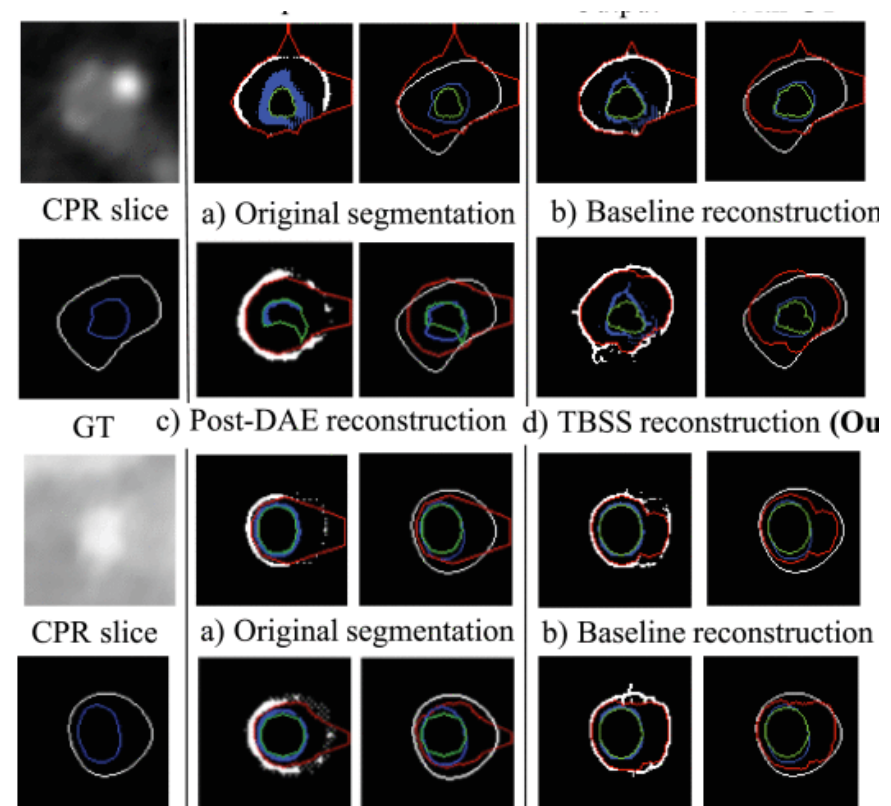
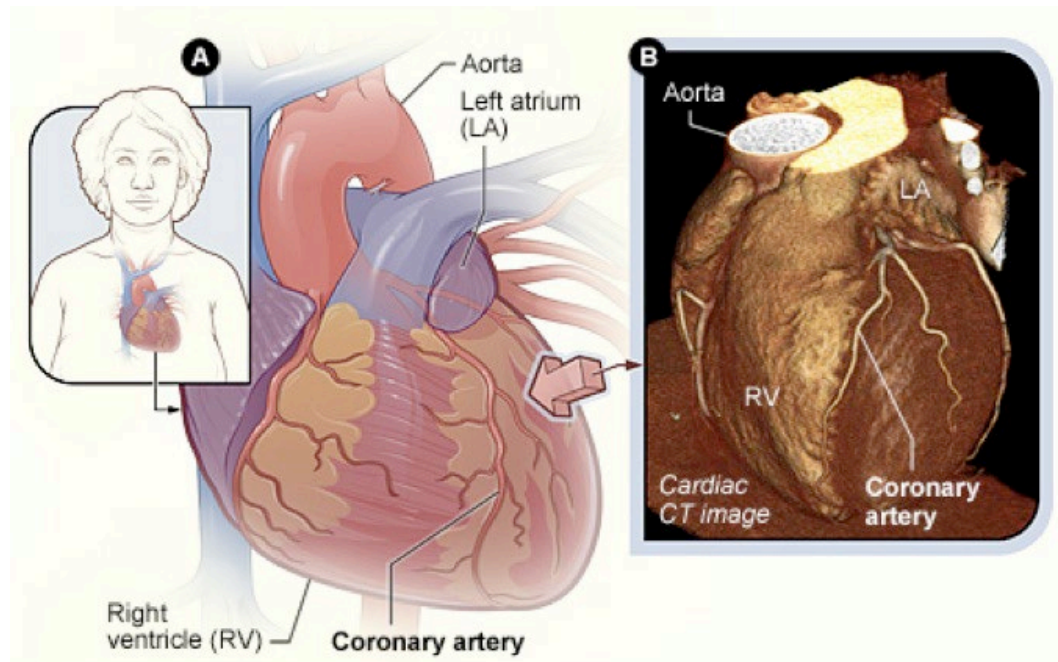
- each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.
  - Their accuracy and effectiveness can be limited or compromised in real-world scenarios that deviate from the ideal.



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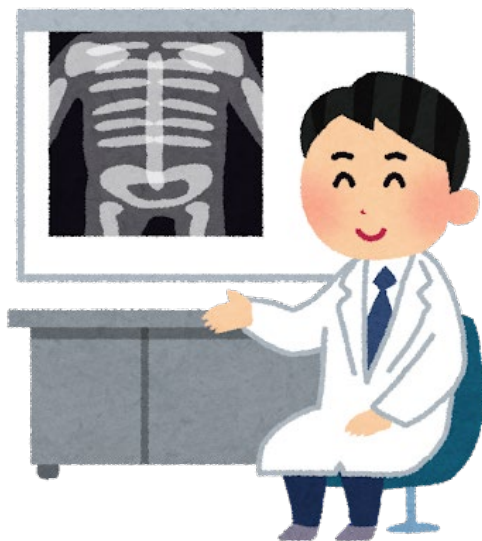
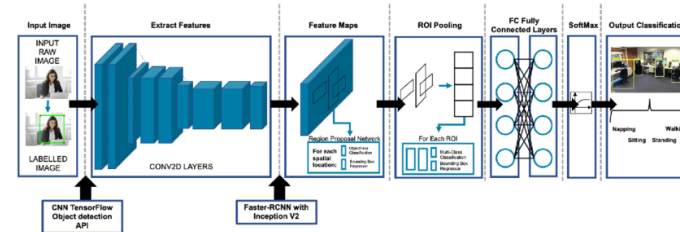
- The key for making AI for human is identifying the gap between ideal and real.
- Just like the title of our book to be released in June
- AI in Clinical Medicine: A **Practical Guide** for Healthcare Professionals

# Research ① Medical Research



# Personal Research Experience

Gap between engineering professionals and medical experts.



Tag(medical)  $\neq$  Grountruth (engineering)



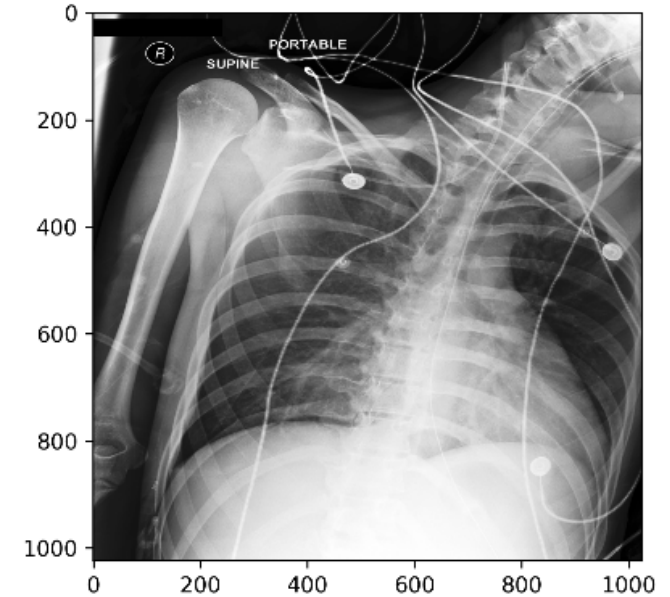
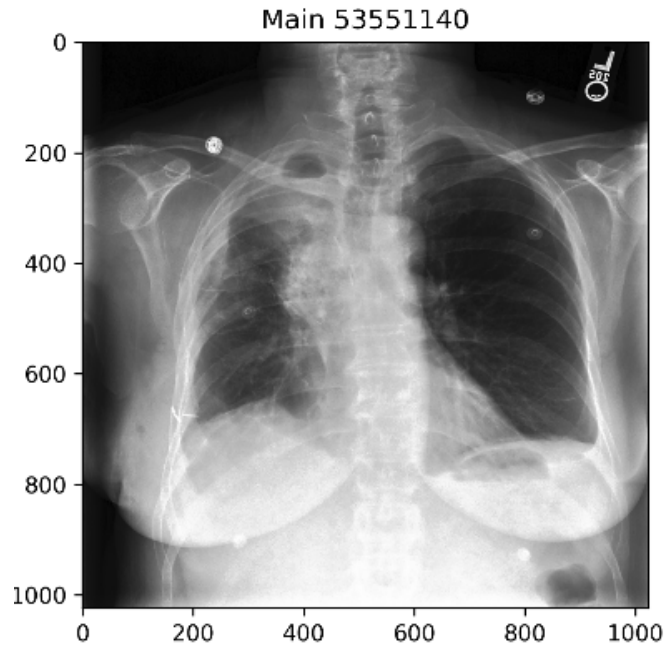
Medical:  
Imperfect, uncertainty,  
Ambiguous, real world

Engineering:  
Well defined,  
simple and elegant  
abstract is beautiful

# Medical Experts

To cure sometimes  
to relieve often  
to comfort always.

Medical world is full  
of uncertainty and  
imperfect.



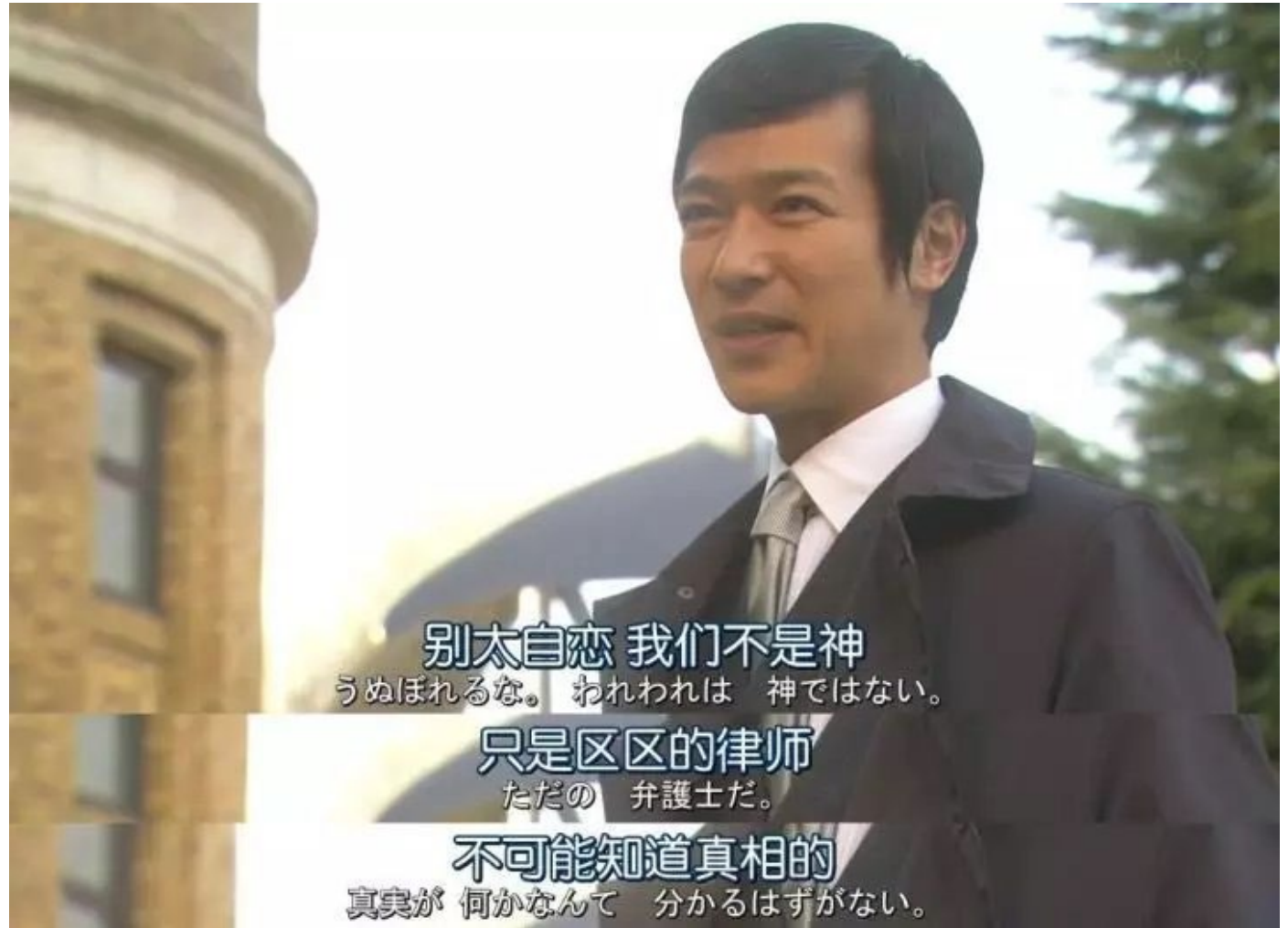
Right upper opacity is **most likely** fluid in the pleural space. It has increased from prior study. There is **probably** atelectasis in the right middle lobe.

Note is also made of a **questionable** small right basilar pneumothorax

We are not gods.

We are only human.  
(ἄνδρα θνητὸν)

It is impossible  
(sometimes) to know  
the ground-truth.



# Medical Pipeline



Observation  
Diagnose



Take Action



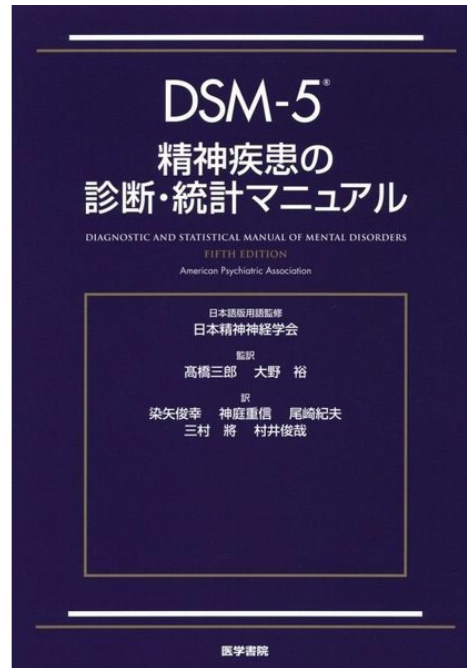
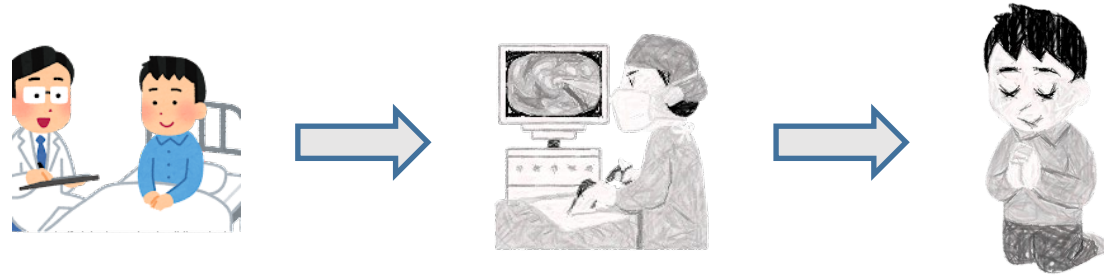
Prey for the best



# Observation and Diagnose

Observe the patient (data) and tag a label for the disease.

The reliability depends of the disease and field.



The symptoms used to define them often do not cluster neatly in the way that those of true syndromes would, and the statistical evidence for their existence is sometimes sparse. Nor, in most cases, **have the hoped-for biological markers turned up**—and to the extent that they have, **they have muddied the waters, rather than clarifying them.**

# Take Action

Observe the patient (data) and tag a label for the disease.

What shall we do for a  $> 10\%$  to  $\leq 50\%$  likelihood of malignancy?



A **BI-RADS 4** lesion under the breast imaging-reporting and data system refers to a suspicious abnormality.

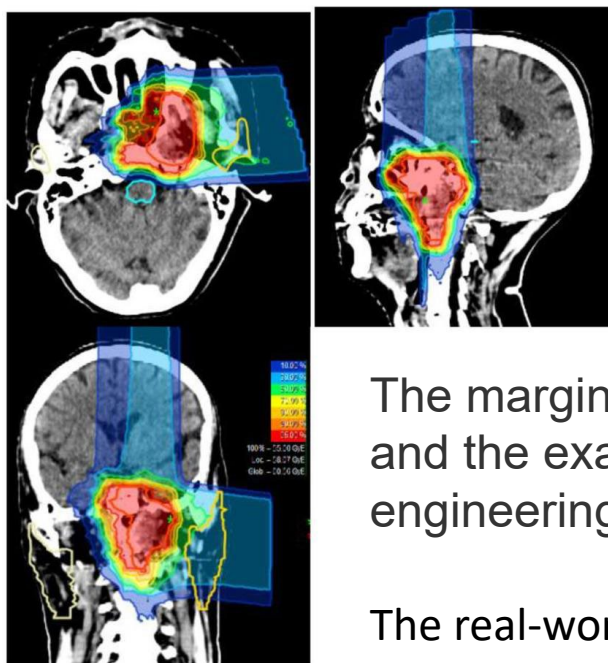
BI-RADS 4B: moderate level of suspicion for malignancy and has a  $> 10\%$  to  $\leq 50\%$  likelihood of malignancy

Such probability is rooted in past population studies and is not individualized, still rendering uncertainty in individual clinical decision-making.

# Pray for Best (Never Tell You)

After taking the procedure, doctors could only wait and hopes for the best.

The real-world result (survival rate e.g. ) will only be seen after years.

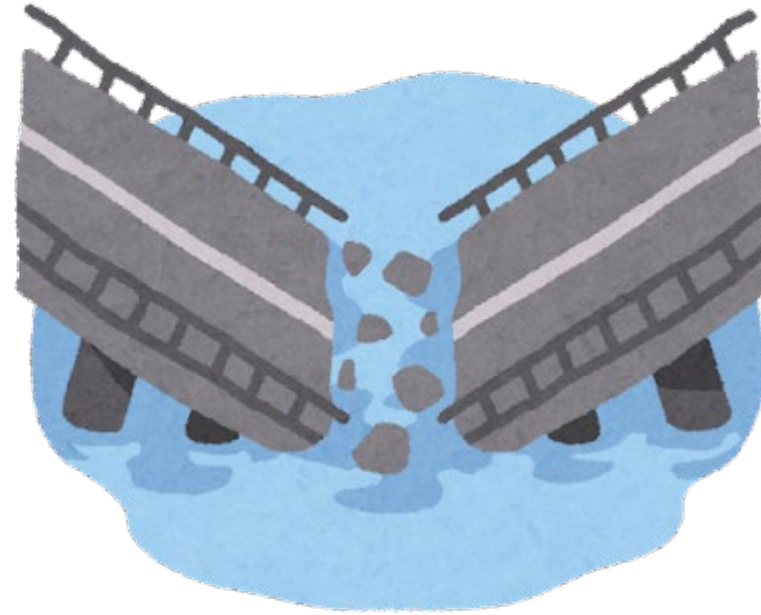


The margin of CTVp1 and CTVp2 is quite arbitrary and the exact consequences is surprisingly (for engineering professionals) unclear.

The real-world patient outcome can be probabilistic and only be seen after years.

# Gap Between Medical and Machine Learning

AI professionals will keeps on asking for grountruth label.



# Medical to Machine Learning



Observation  
Diagnose



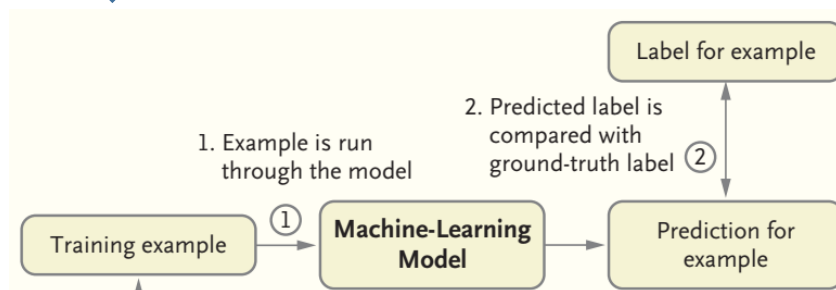
Take Action



Prey for the best

Often unreliable disease label

Survival rate after 10 years



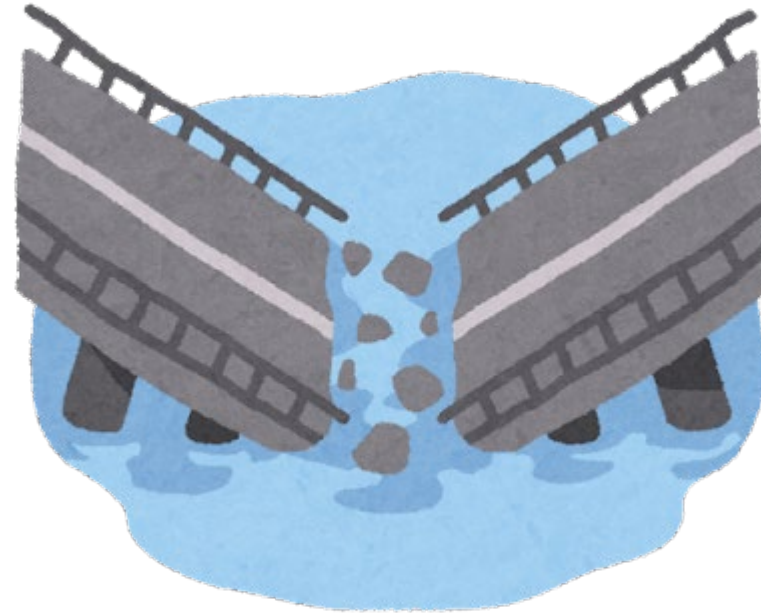
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Sometimes diseases label are meaningless

Sometimes diseases are not certain.

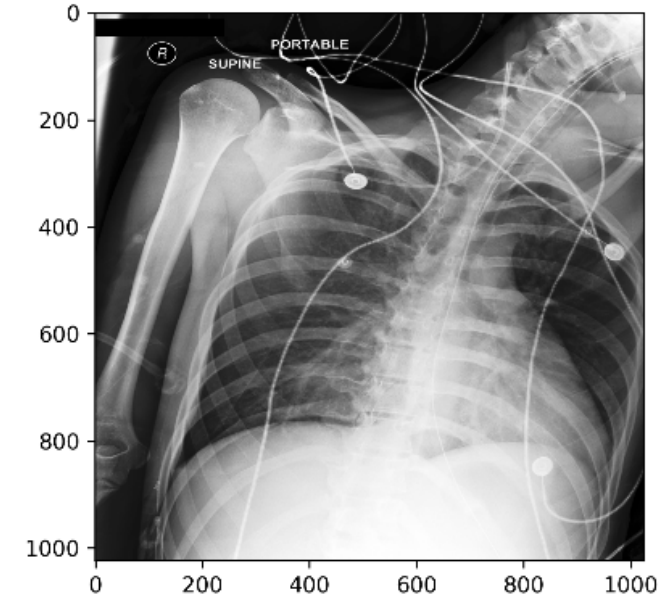
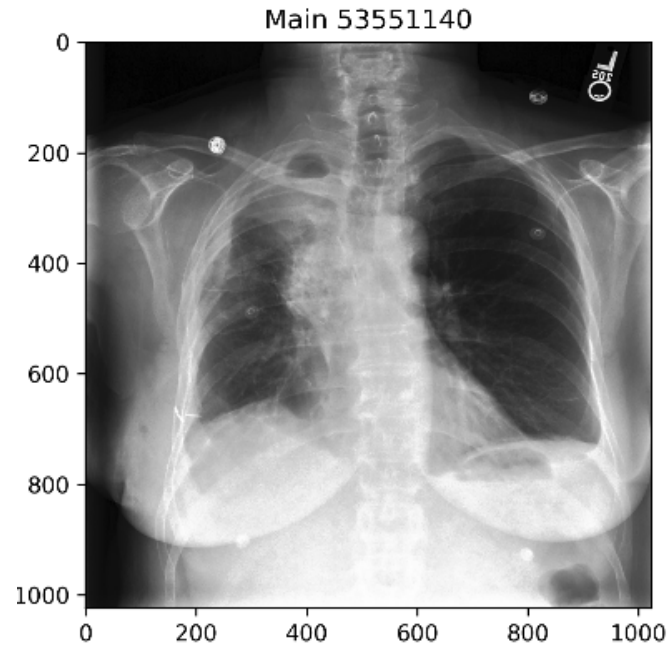
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Anyway, doctor will give a label and call it groundtruth.



# Call for Collaboration

How to define this uncertainty in machine learning?

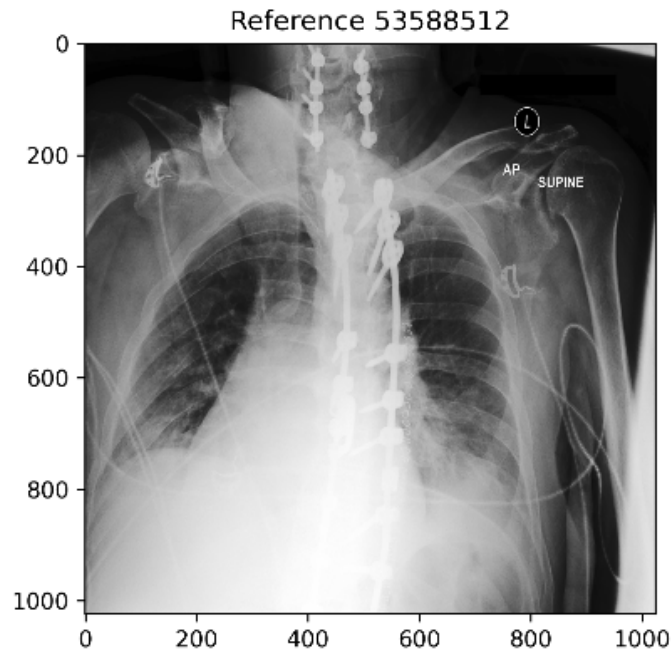


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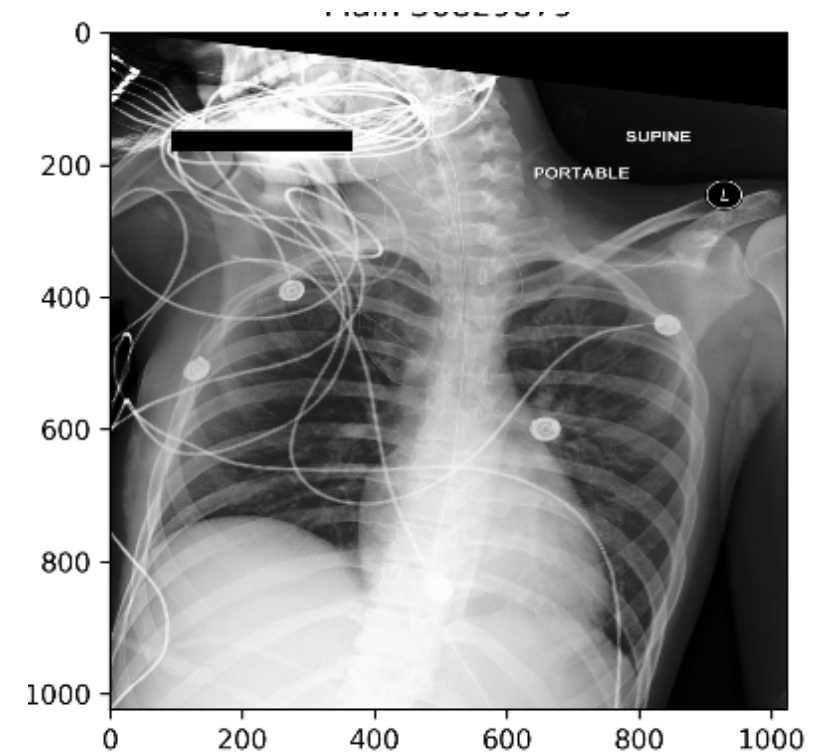
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How to reflect these descriptions in causal relation?



Low lung volumes and patient rotation limits evaluation of *cardiomediastinal contours*. Bibasilar opacities likely reflect atelectasis at, and remain more severe on the left than the right.



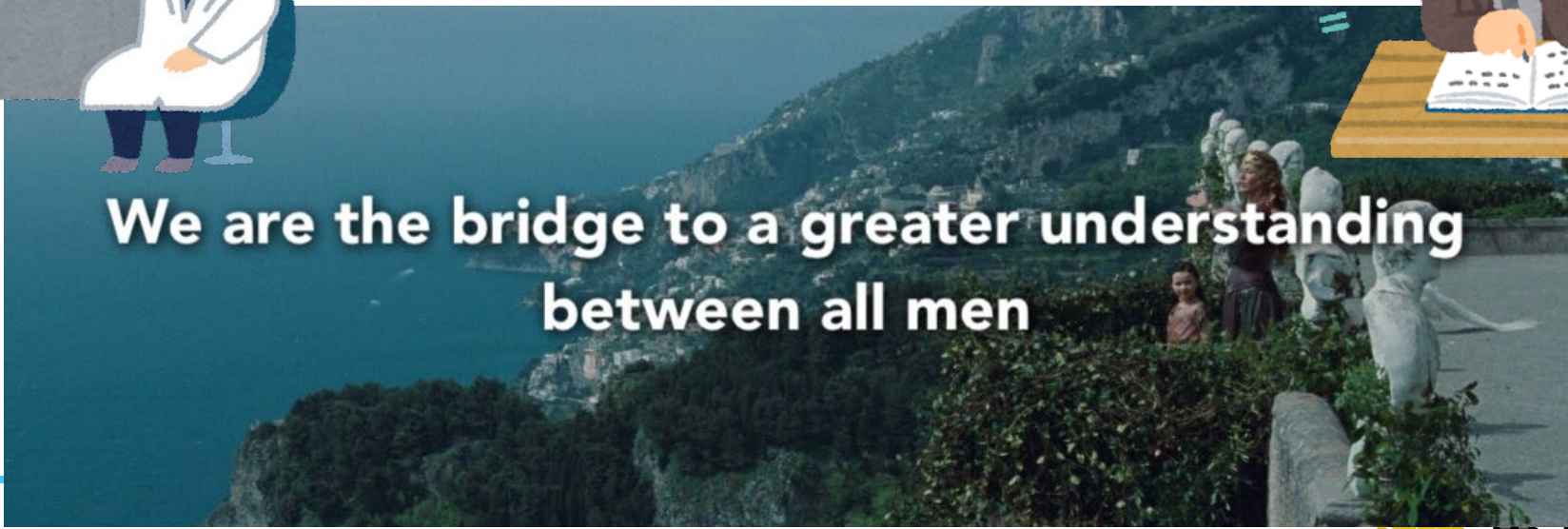
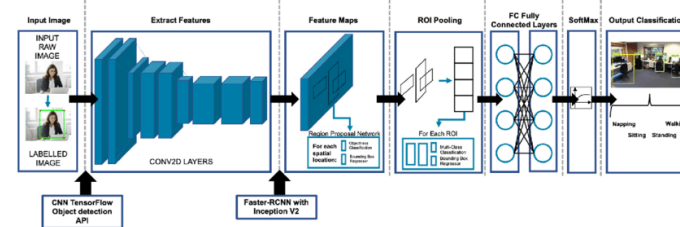
Again the left hemidiaphragm is not sharply seen, suggesting small pleural effusion and volume loss in the left lower lobe.



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# Our Mission

Deepen mutual understanding between two fields. Participate the real diagnose loop.



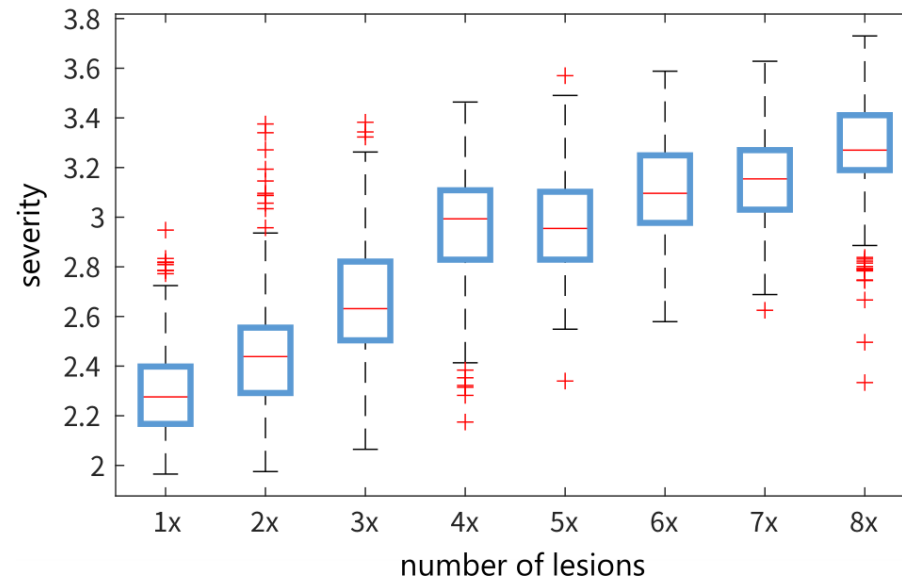
We are the bridge to a greater understanding  
between all men

# Our Solutions

- Explain how DL works from clinical aspect.
  - Pathological Evidence Exploration in Deep Retinal Image Diagnosis Niu et al. AAAI 2019
  - Explainable Diabetic Retinopathy Detection and Retinal Image Generation Nie et al. IEEE JBHI 2021

# Koch's Postulates

- Double blind test on licensed ophthalmologists
- Quantity manipulation can result different severity diagnose



# Gaze as External and Free Resource

Human gaze is a cost-efficient physiological data.

The selective attention mechanism helps the cognition system focus on task-relevant visual clues.

Human beings (and thus network) can efficiently learn from a very limited number of training samples.

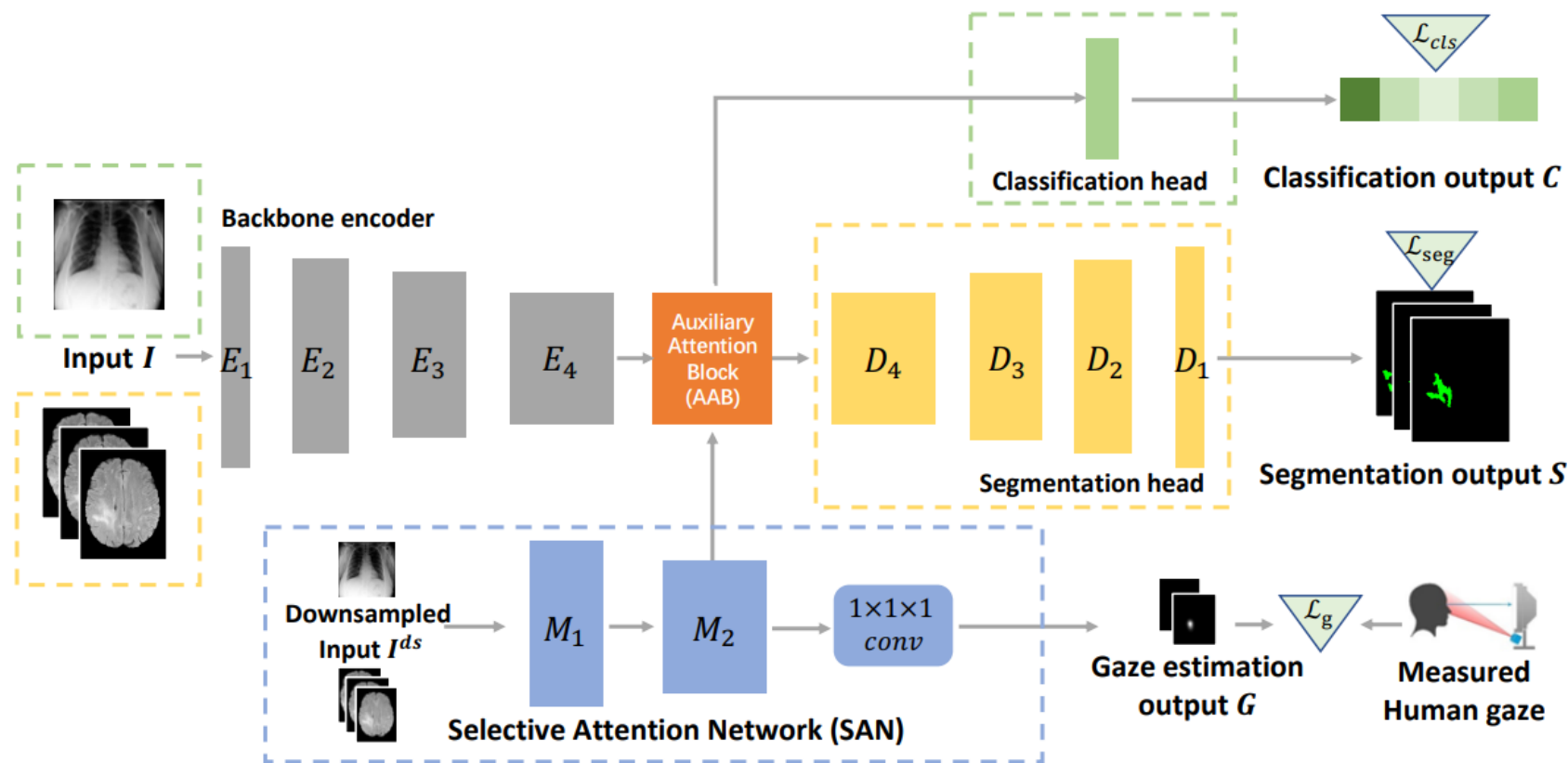
Goal-oriented gaze estimation for zero-shot learning  
Liu et al. CVPR 2021

Where to Focus: Investigating Hierarchical Attention Relationship for Fine-Grained Visual Classification  
Liu et al. ECCV 2022

Leveraging Human Selective Attention for Medical Image Analysis with Limited Training Data  
Huang et al. BMVC 2021

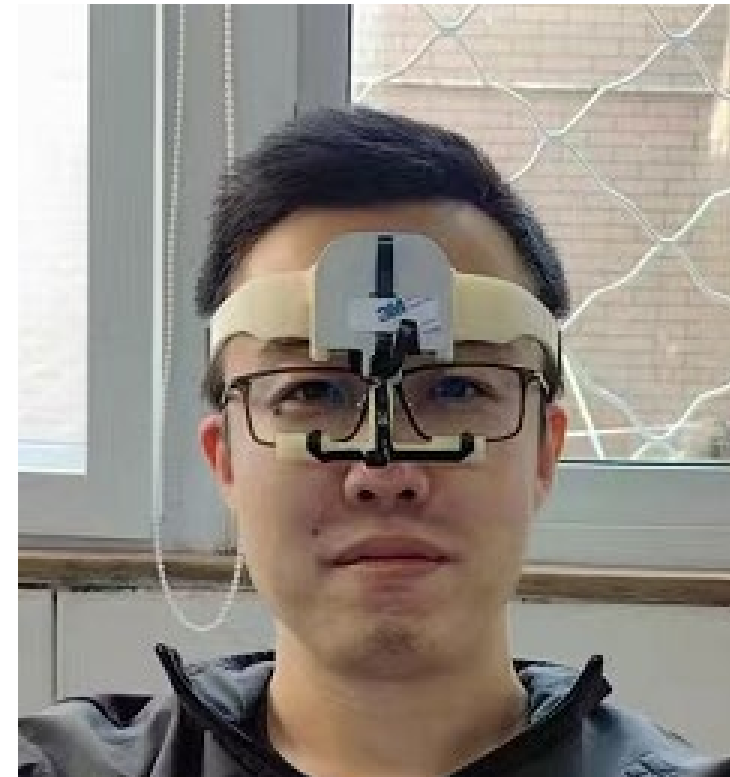
# Gaze for 2D and 3D Medical Images

We propose a novel memory mechanism to simulate the cognition of radiologists when reading brain scan images. It could enhance arbitrary CNN based segmentation.



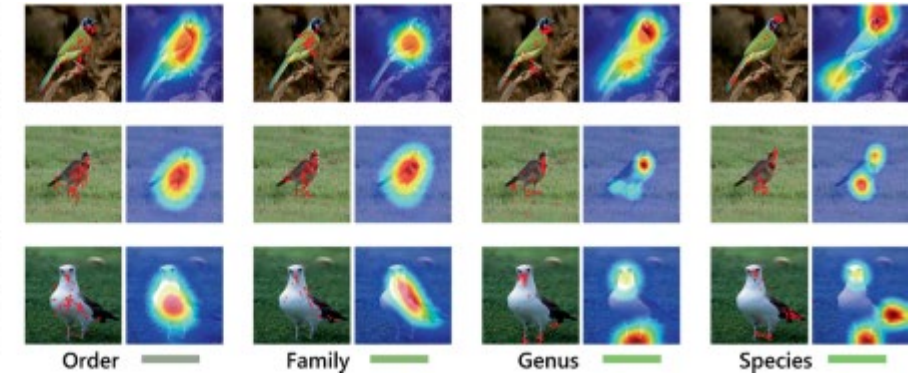
# Gaze Tracking Hardware Platform

- Now we have developed our own gaze tracking hardware platform.
- More accurate and more energy efficient.
- Pave the way for other physiological signal collection.



# Gaze for Hierarchical Classification

- Collect and release a human gaze dataset on the Caltech-UCSD birds (CUB) dataset at different category hierarchies.
- Propose a cross-hierarchical region feature (CHRF) learning framework to mimic human attention behaviour at different granularities.

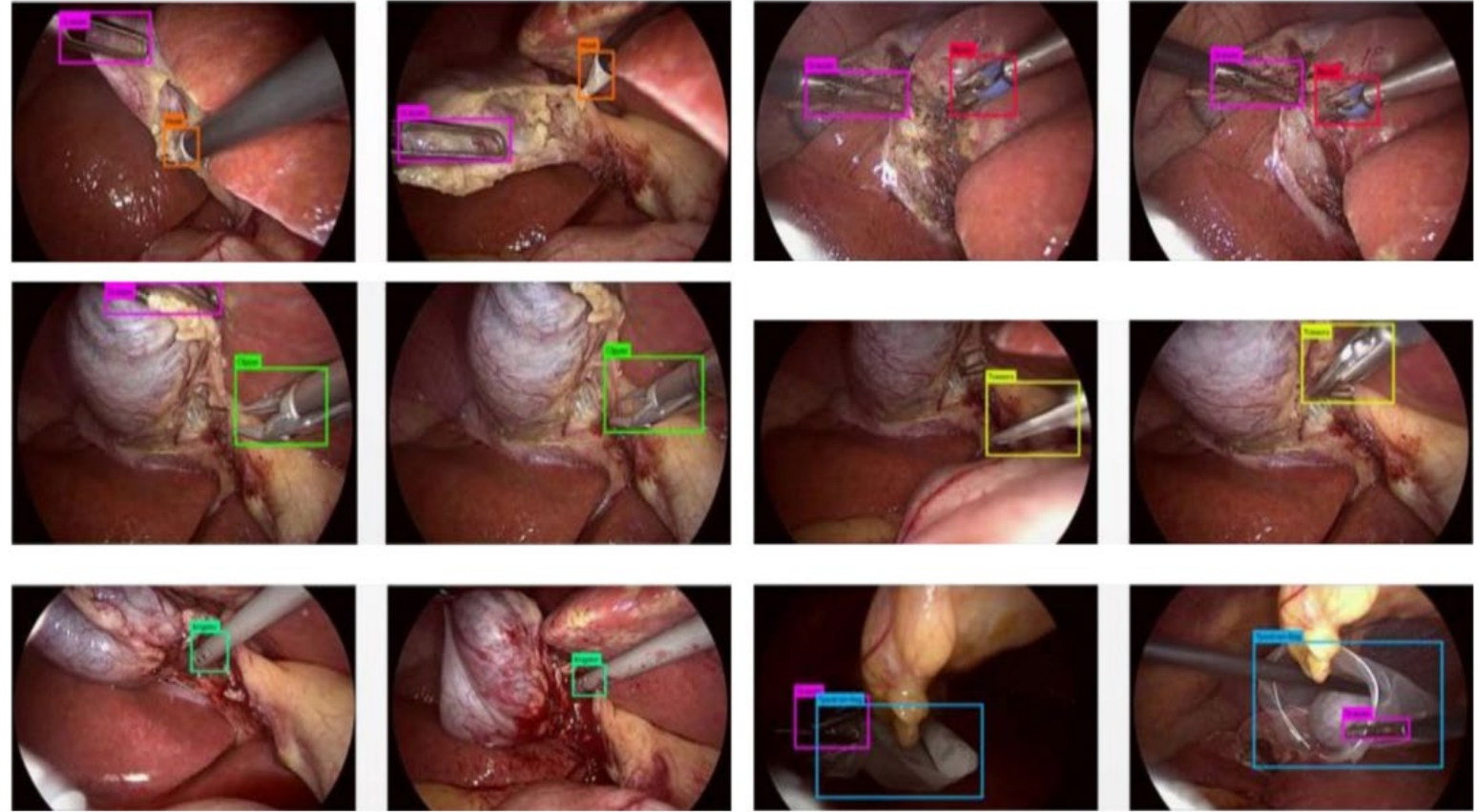
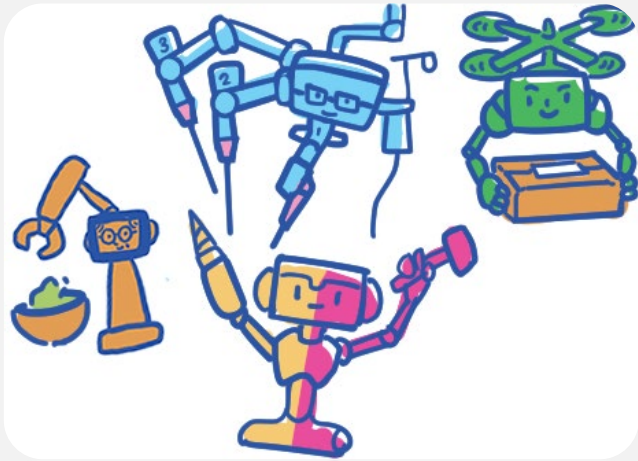


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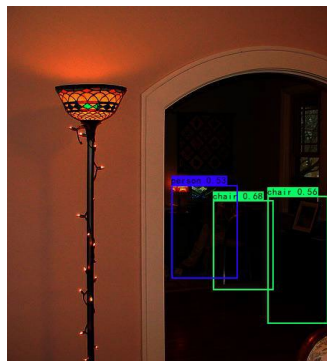
# Surgery Assistance

## Assist robotic surgery



Surgical Skill Assessment via Video Semantic Aggregation  
Li et al. MICCAI 2022

# Gap in Vision



Low light



Over exposed



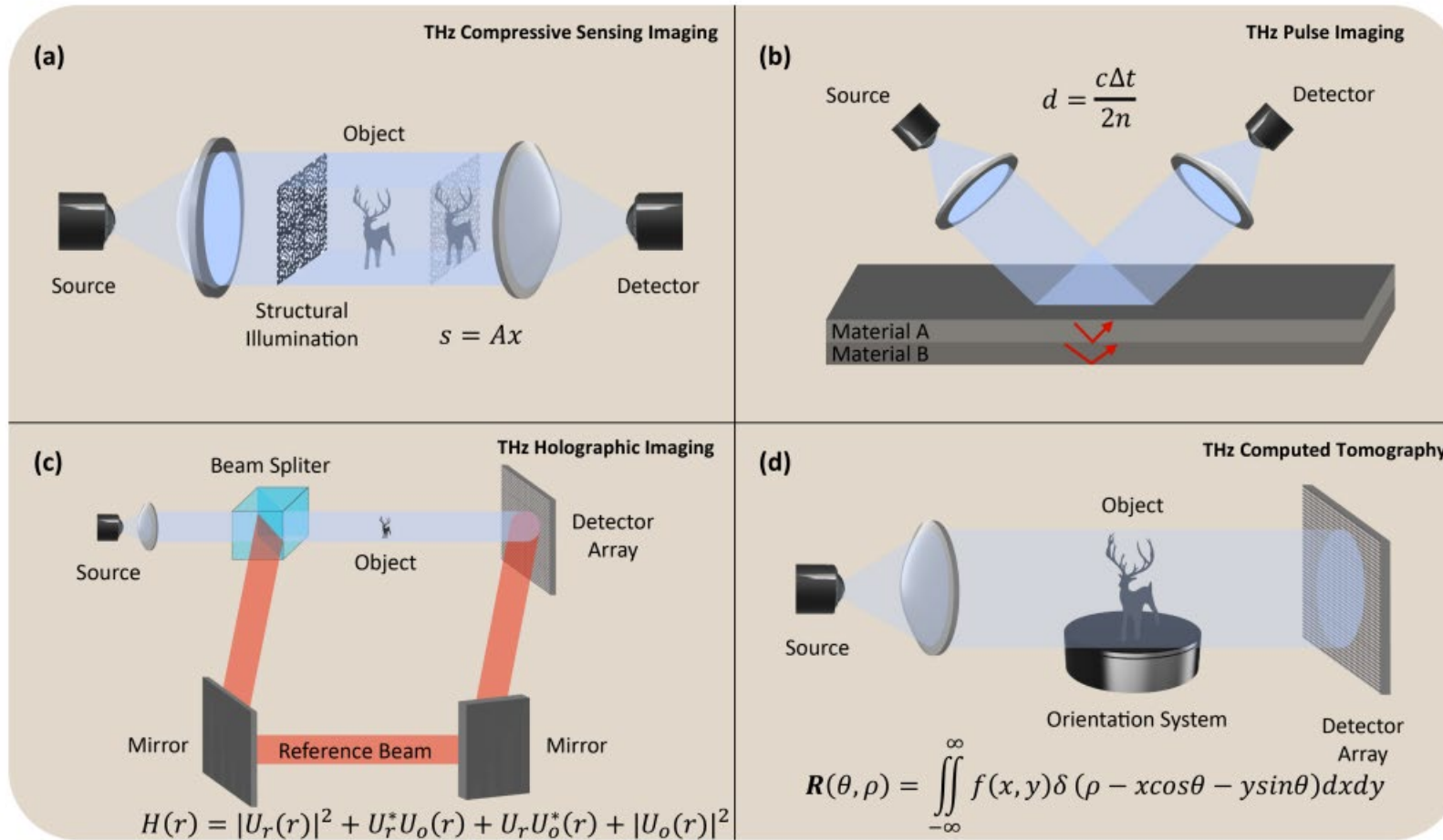
Hazy



Rainy

etc.

# Terahertz Imaging



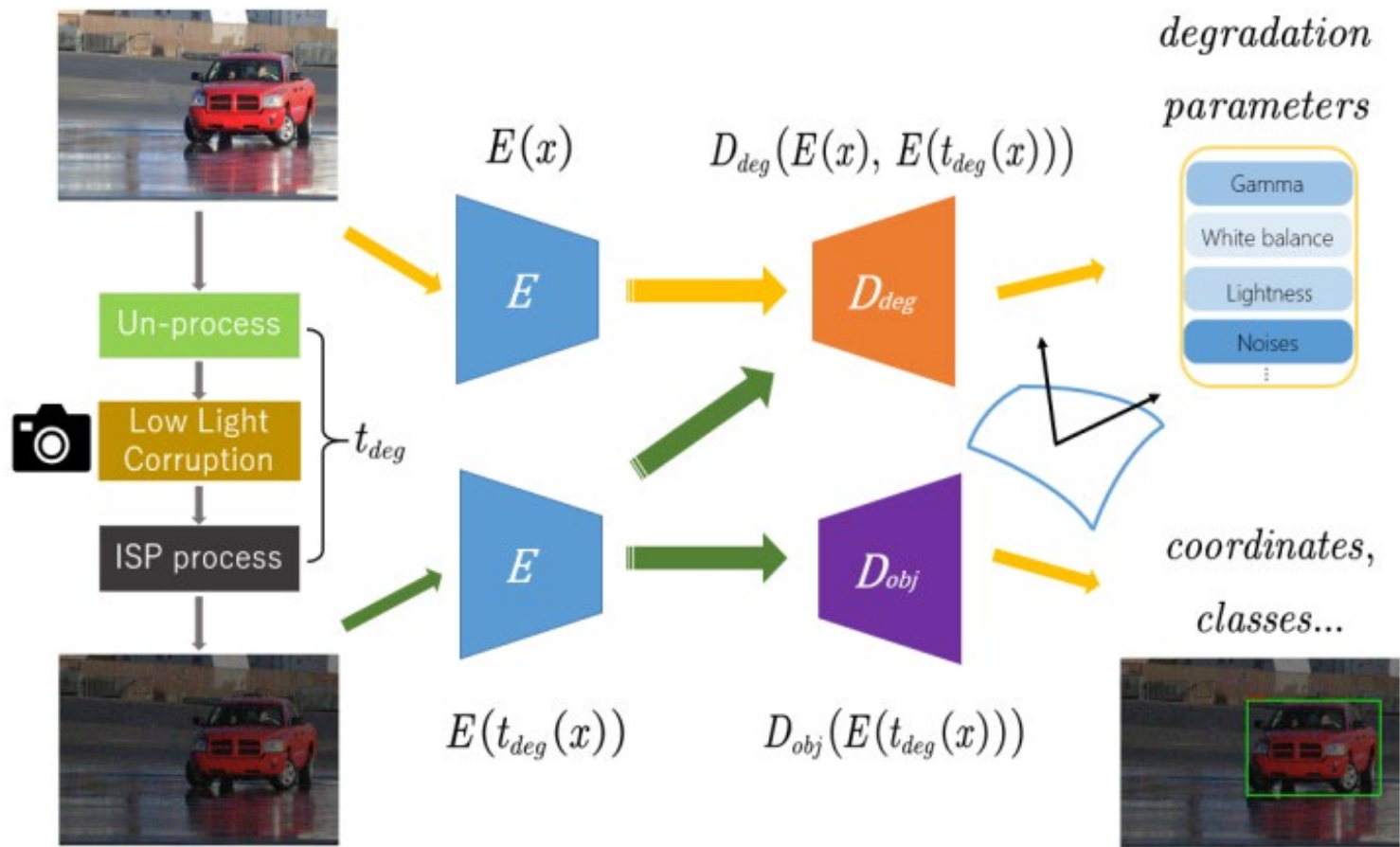
[Physics-guided Terahertz Computational Imaging Hung et al.](#)

# Object Detection in Dark

Object detection in challenging conditions like dark place, rainy days.

Key for autonomous vehicle.

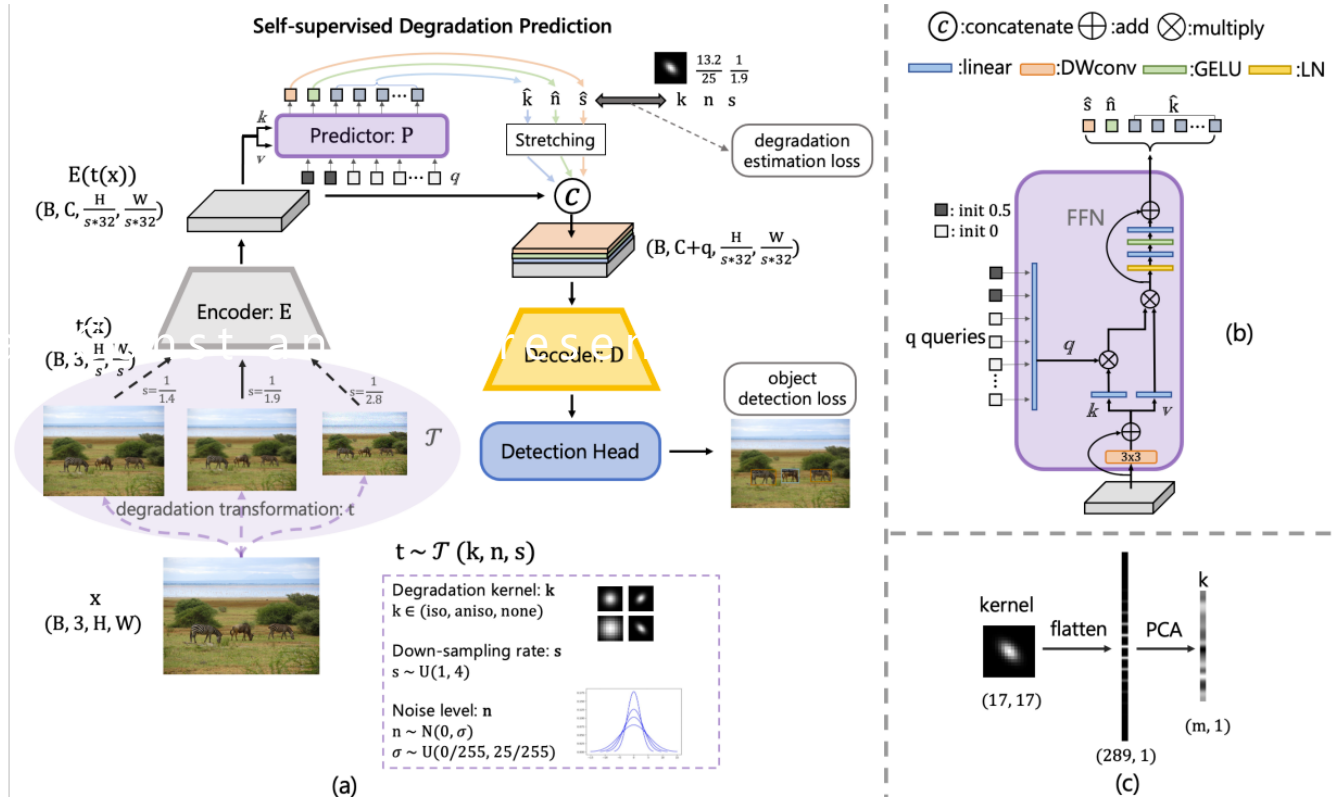
## Perceptual Constant Representation



# Perceptual Constant Representation

We have extended this model for scale invariant recognition.

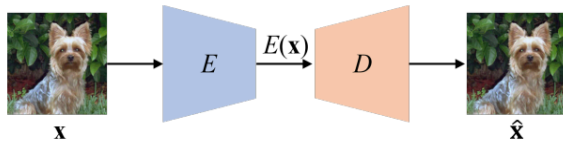
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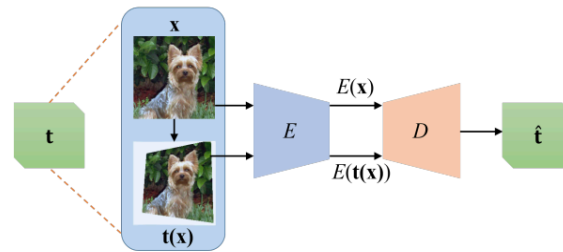
# Illumination Invariant

- From AET to MAET: Per aspera ad astra

AET (Auto-Encoding Transformation). Zhang *et al.* 2019



(a) Auto-Encoding Data (AED)



(b) Auto-Encoding Transformation (AET)

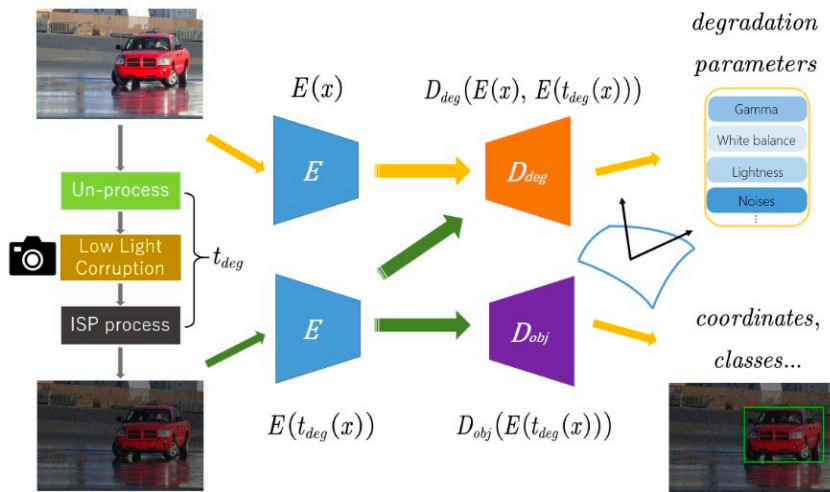
**Encoder:**  $x \rightarrow E(x), t(x) \rightarrow E(t(x))$

**Decoder:**  $D(E(x), E(t(x))) \rightarrow \hat{t}$

Auto-Encoding Transformations Rather Than Data

Auto-Encoding Transformations and Detection Results

MAET Ours.



**Encoder:**

$x \rightarrow E(x), t_{deg}(x) \rightarrow E(t_{deg}(x))$

**Transformation Decoder :**

$D_{deg}[E(x), E(t_{deg}(x))] = \hat{t}_{deg}$

**Detection Decoder:**

$D_{obj}[E(t_{deg}(x))] \rightarrow \text{detection feature}$

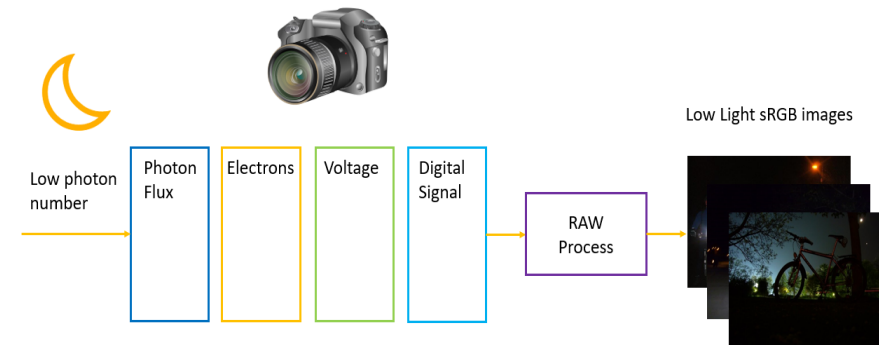
Multitask AET with Orthogonal Tangent Regularity for Dark Object Detection  
Cui et al. ICCV 2021

# Practical Physics Model

- Photo does not directly reflect physical world.

## In-Camera Low-Lit Degradation:

Light photons project through a lens on a capacitor cluster, each capacitor develops an electric charge corresponding to the lux of illumination of the environment.



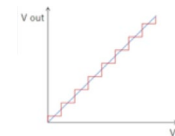
## Low-Lit & Shot Noise & Read Noise:

Shot and read noises are common in a camera imaging system, thus, we model the noisy measurement on the sensor:

$$x_{noise} \sim N(\mu = kx, \sigma^2 = \delta_r^2 + \delta_s kx)$$

$$y_{noise} = kx + x_{noise},$$

## Quantisation Step (ADC):

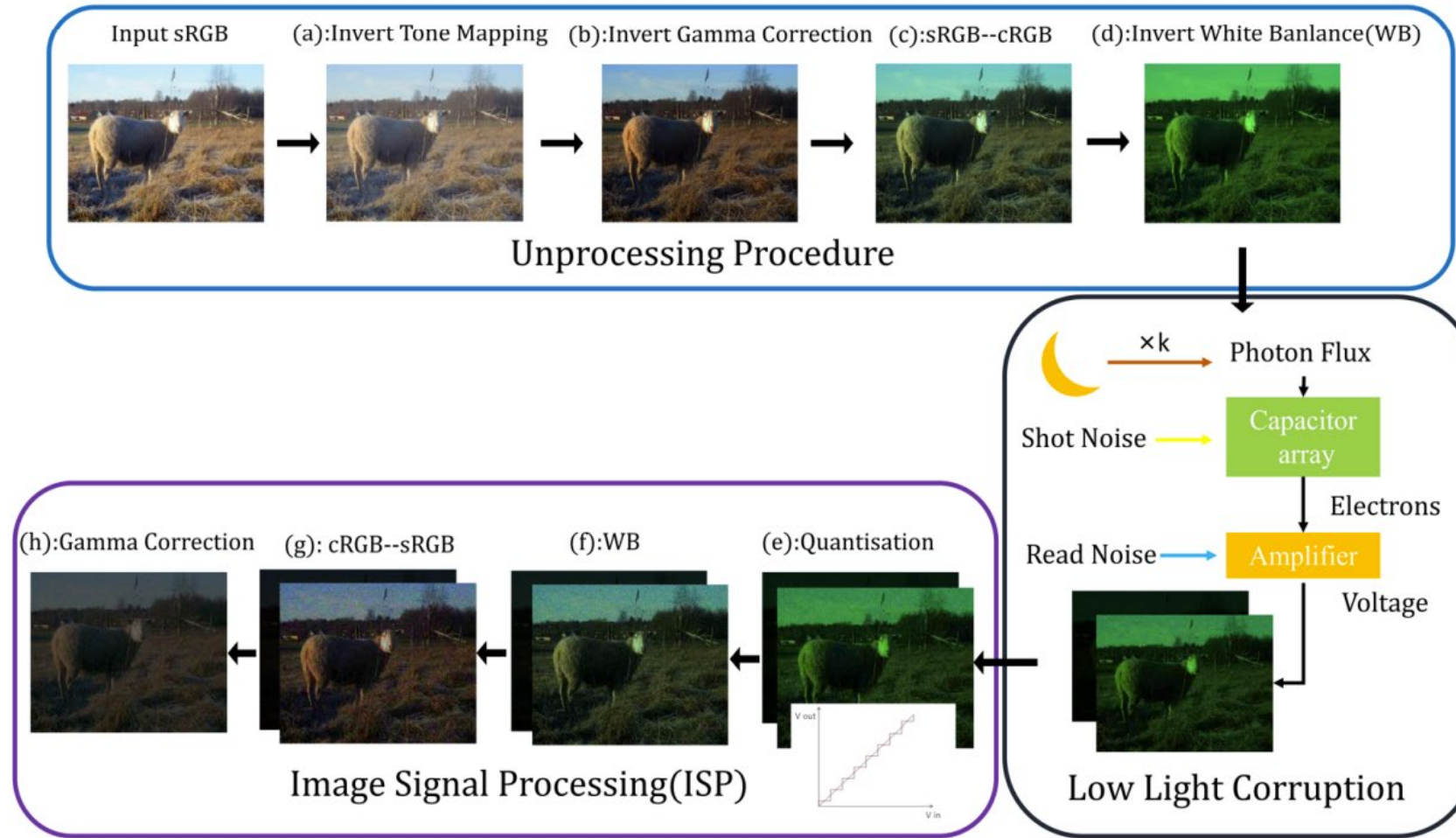


$$x_{quan} \sim U\left(-\frac{1}{2B}, \frac{1}{2B}\right)$$

$$y_{quan} = x + x_{quan}.$$

# Practical Physics Model

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- Enhance the real world dark image by integrating ISP in camera.
- ~90k parameters
- ~0.004s processing speed
- State-of-The-Art (SOTA)



*Original*



*Our IAT*

Nature lay hid in Night, apply our IAT, and all was light.

You Only Need 90K Parameters to Adapt Light: a Light Weight Transformer for Image Enhancement and Exposure Correction BMVC 2023

# Scale Variance Bottleneck

- Scale variance bottleneck haunts deep learning society.

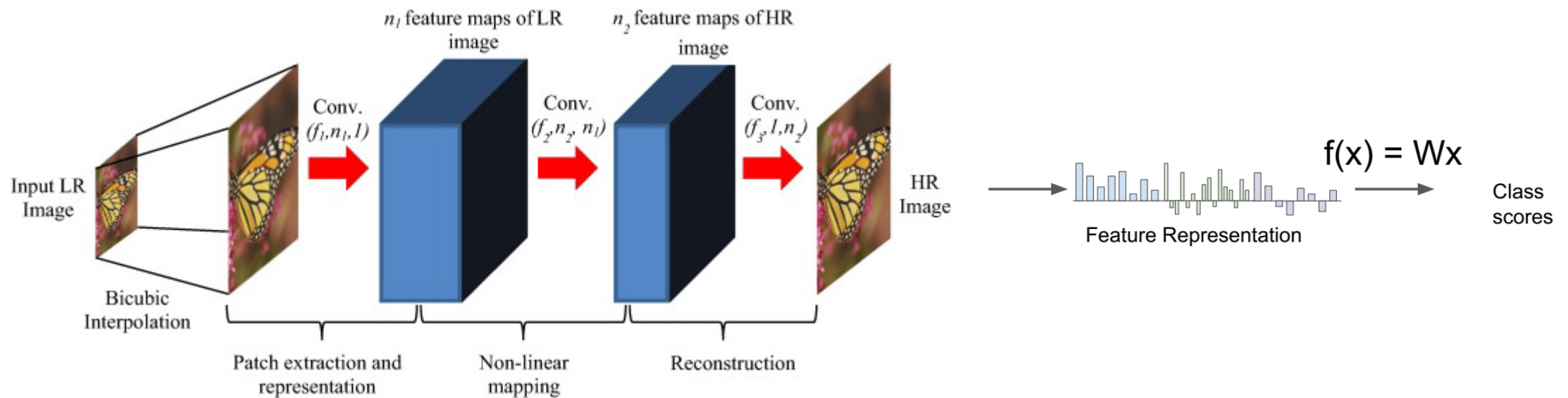


resolution: (667, 400)

resolution: (2666, 1600)

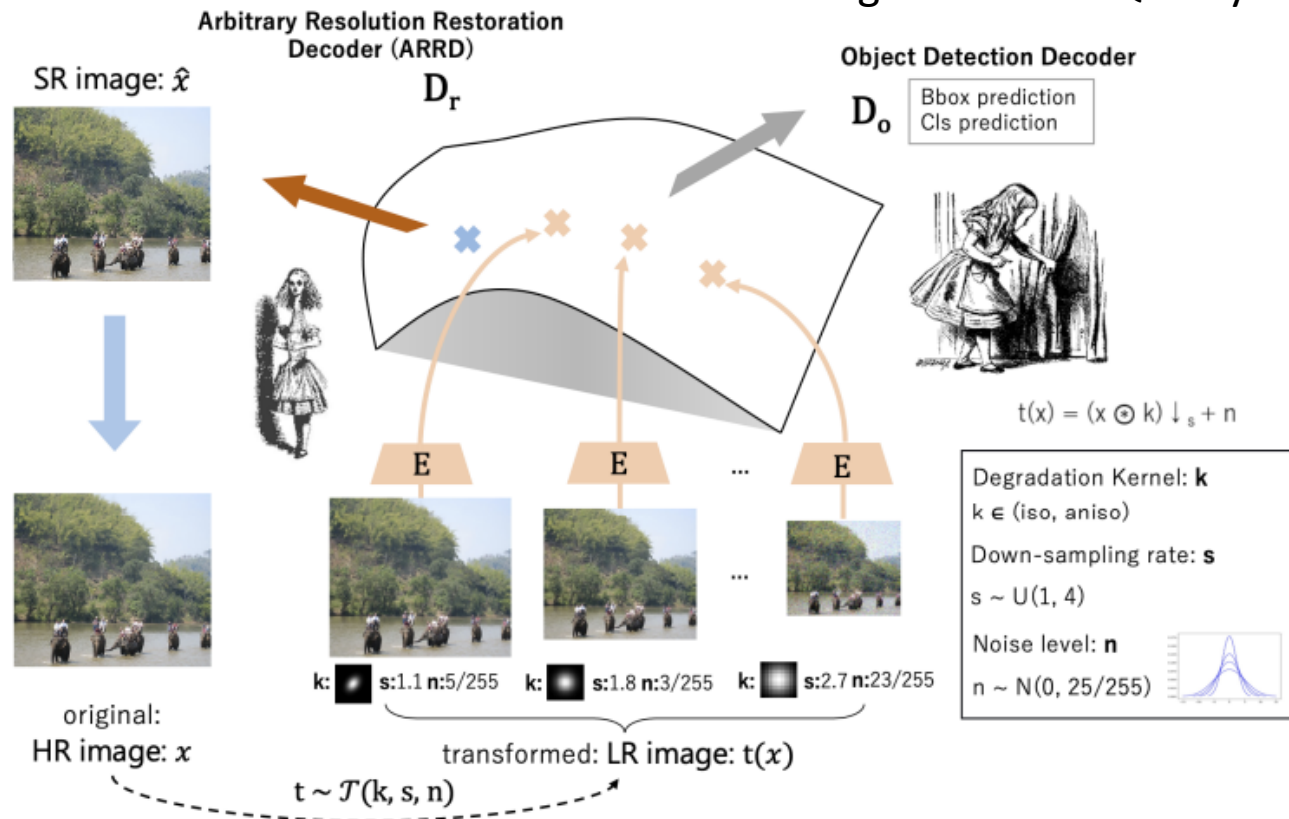
# Existing Solution: Super Resolution

- Super resolution costs much resources, especially in inference stage.
- The optimal up sampling ratio is not known.



# Our Solution: Self-supervision

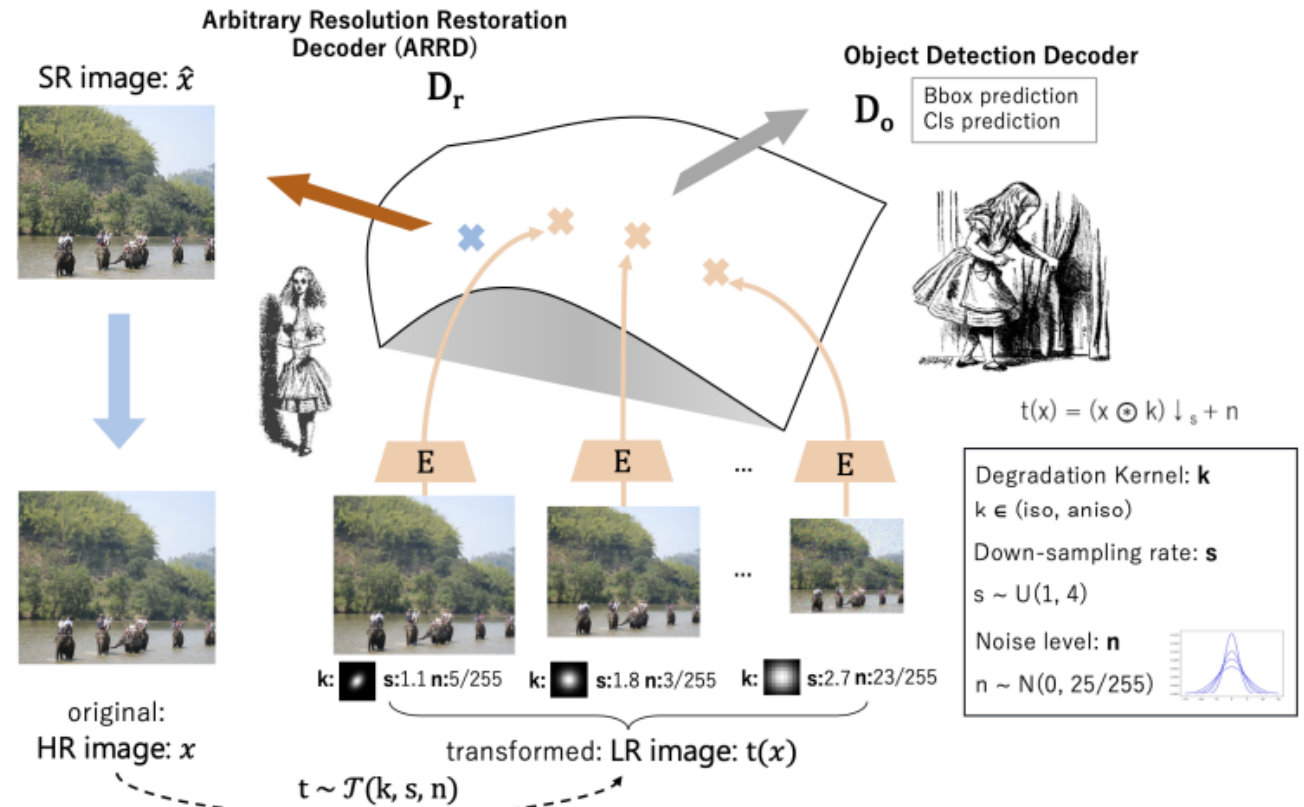
Exploring Resolution and Degradation Clues as Self-supervised Signal for Low Quality Object Detection  
ECCV 2022



Either being small enough to squeeze through the door (small resolution) or so big to shed a pool of tears (large resolution), Alice is what she is in the world.

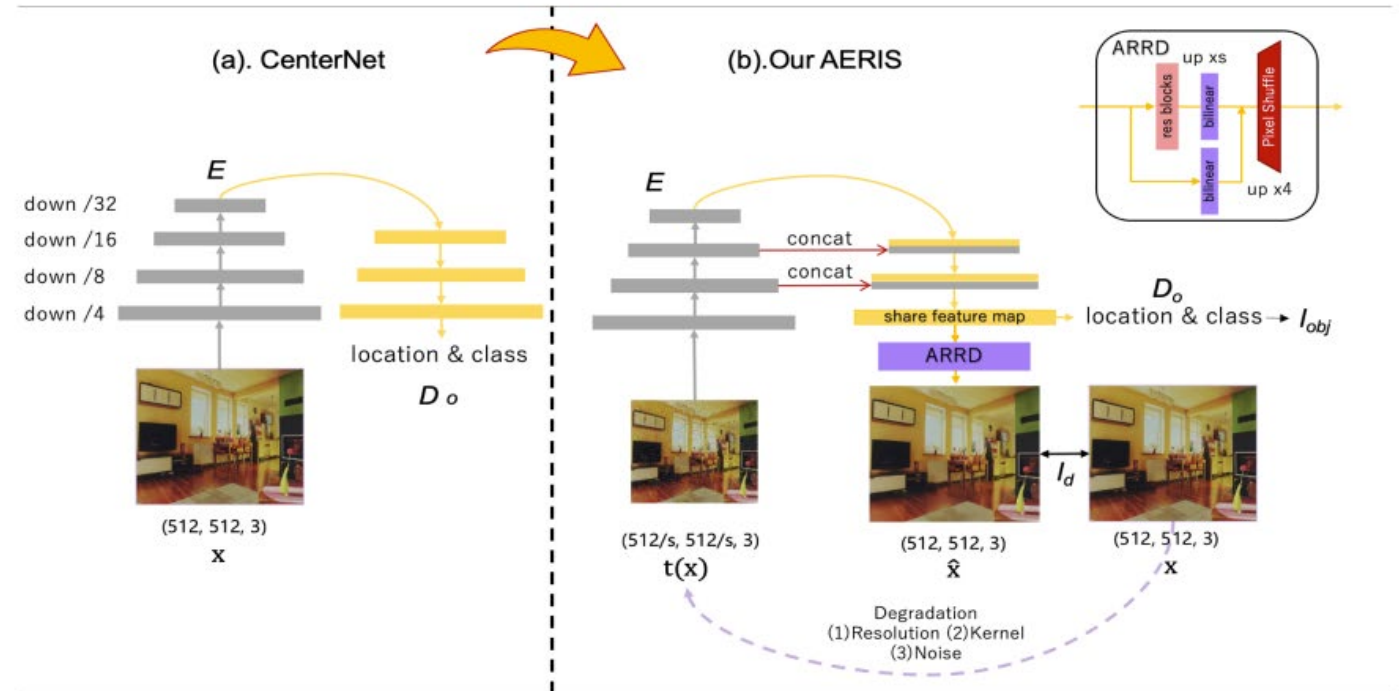
# Resolution as Self-supervision Signal

- Solution: Resolution as self-supervised signal.
- Scale invariance manifold.



# Resolution as Self-supervision Signal

- Work on main stream CNN and Transformer architecture
- Minimal modification during training.
- Inference stage: unchanged!!!



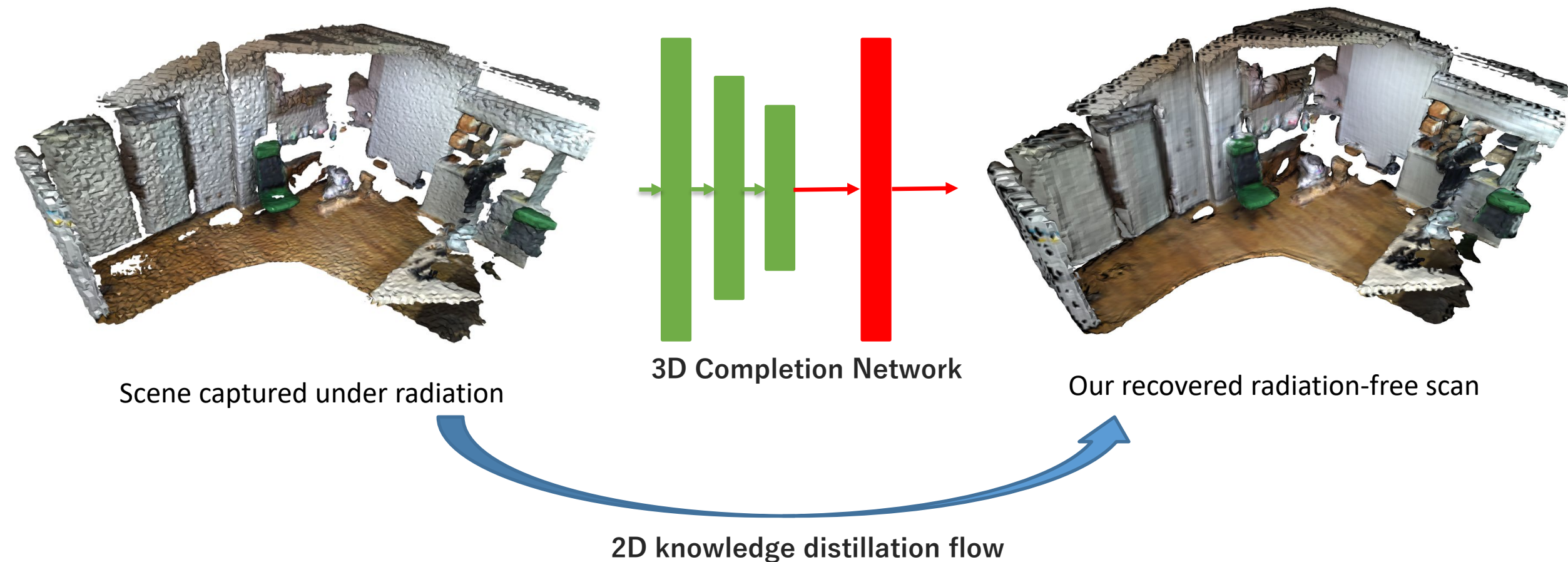
## Auto Encoding Resolution in Self-supervision (AERIS)



Exploring Resolution and Degradation Clues as Self-supervised  
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ECCV 2022

# 3D Vision Under Radiation



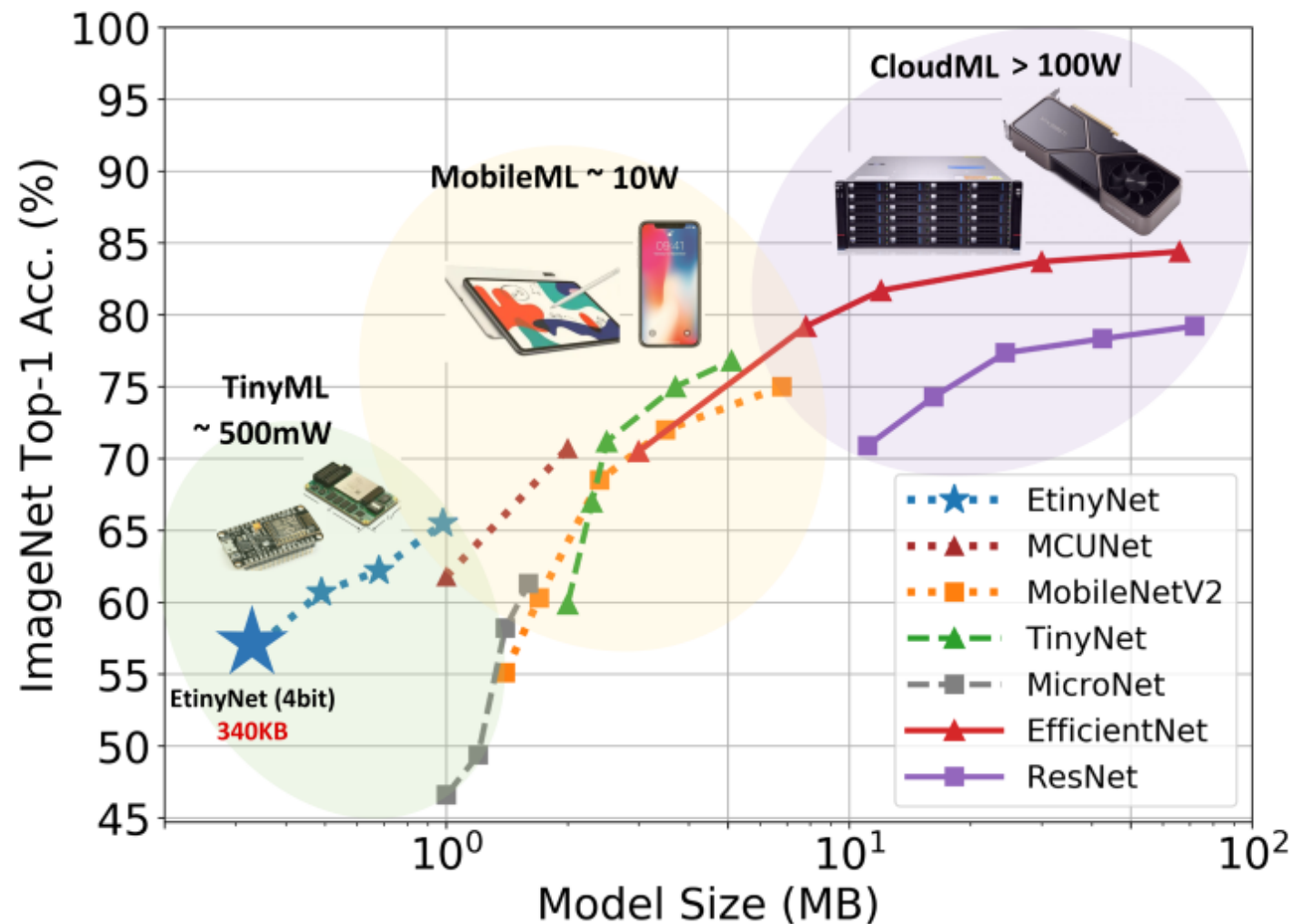


# Gap Among Human

Existing AI implementation depends on expensive GPU cards (~2000\$) and reliable power supply (200W).

It is **difficult** to be implemented on robot and in resource poor countries.

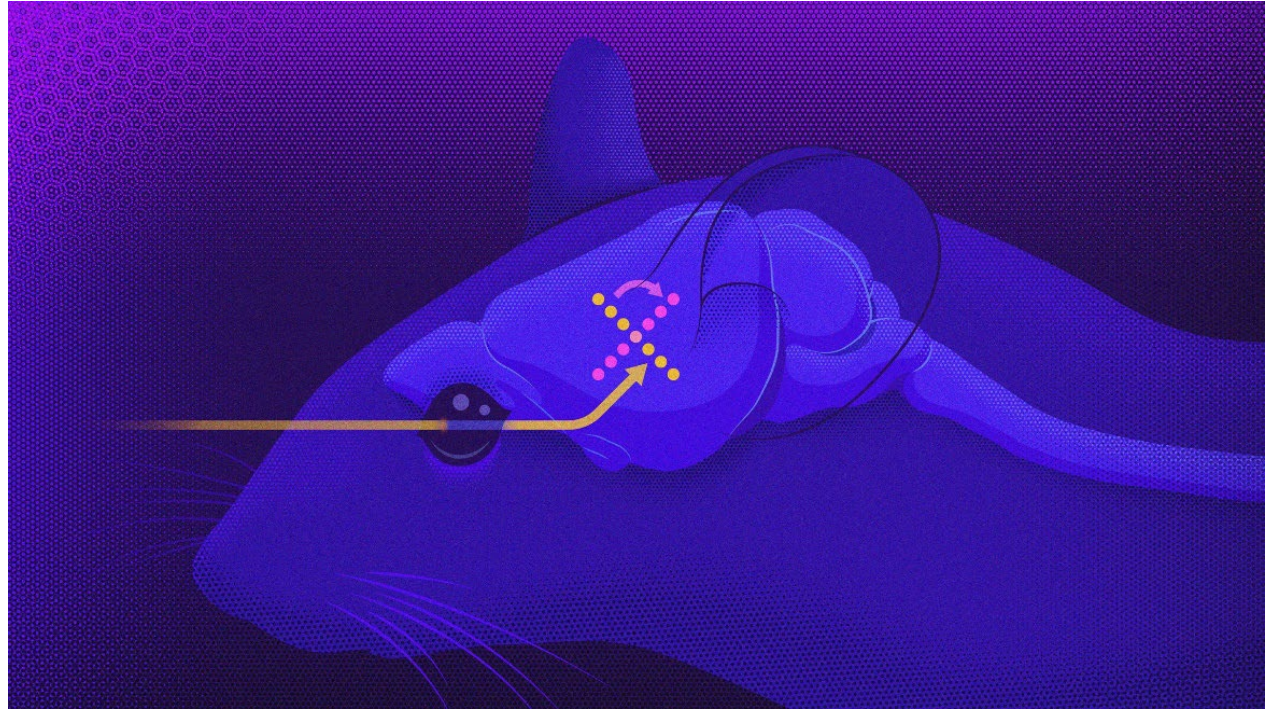
## CNNs for TinyML, MobileML and CloudML



# Inspired by Neuroscience

Brain rotates sensory representations into orthogonal memory representations over time.

We simulate this into the CNN.



Rotational dynamics reduce interference between sensory and memory representations  
Libby et al. Nature Neuroscience April 05, 2021

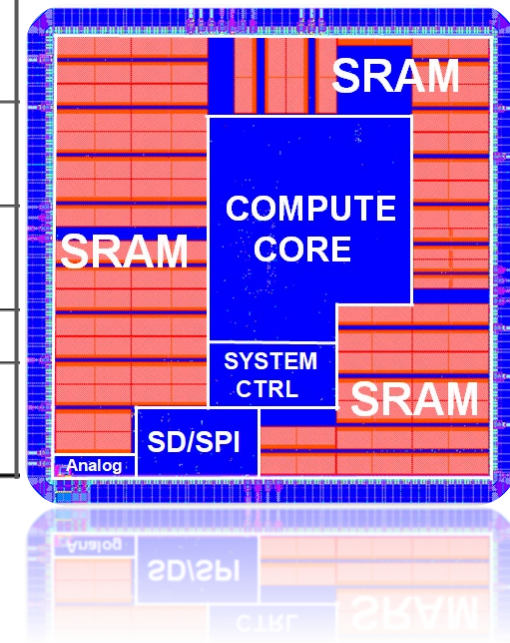
# To Leave No One Behind

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Our solution achieves roughly 10 × processing efficiency gains

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On-chip RAM used (KB)	385	1483	576
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ImageNet accuracy (%)	67.72	-	56.0
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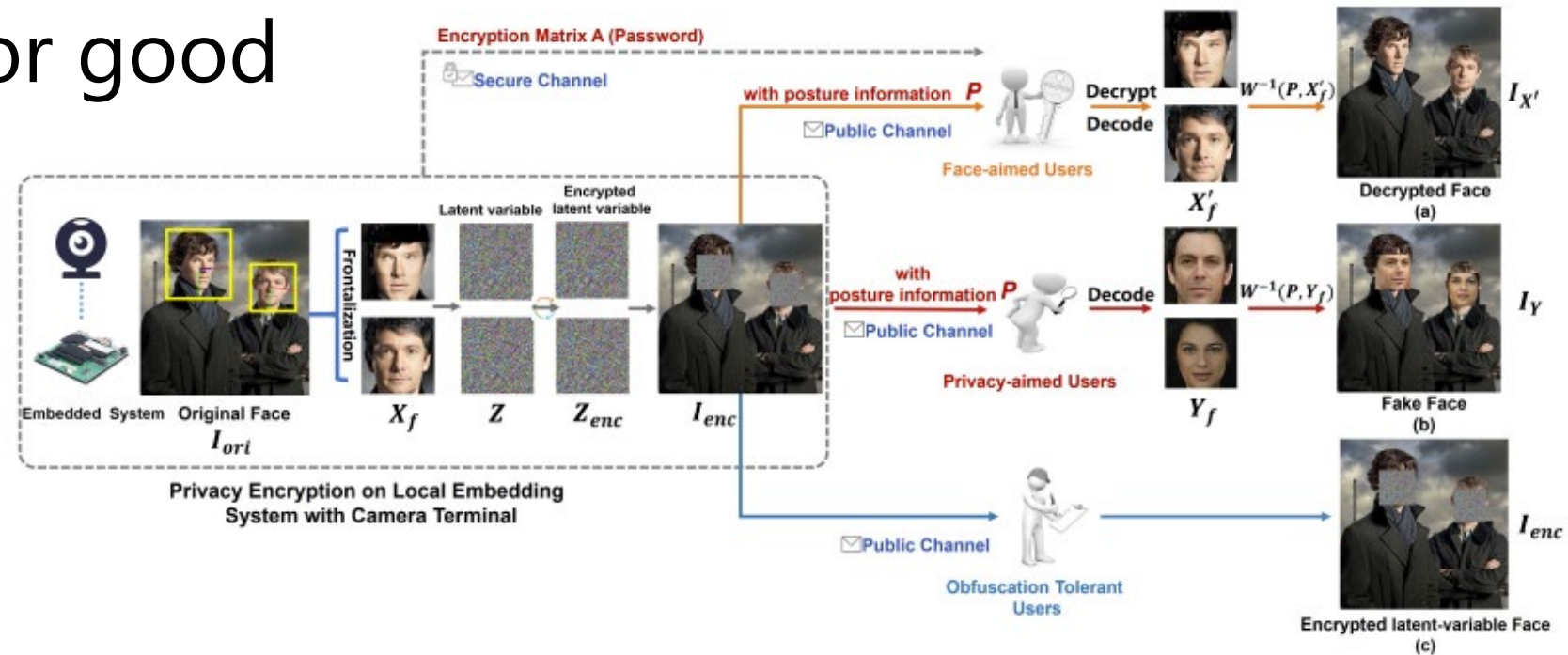
# Gap in Heart

- Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Transparency
- Privacy and Data governance
- Diversity, non-discrimination and fairness



# Privacy and Fairness

- Propose systematic solution to protect the privacy and enhance fairness from the camera to the end users.
- Deepfake for good



People taking photos that faces never share: Privacy Protection and Fairness Enhancement from Camera to User

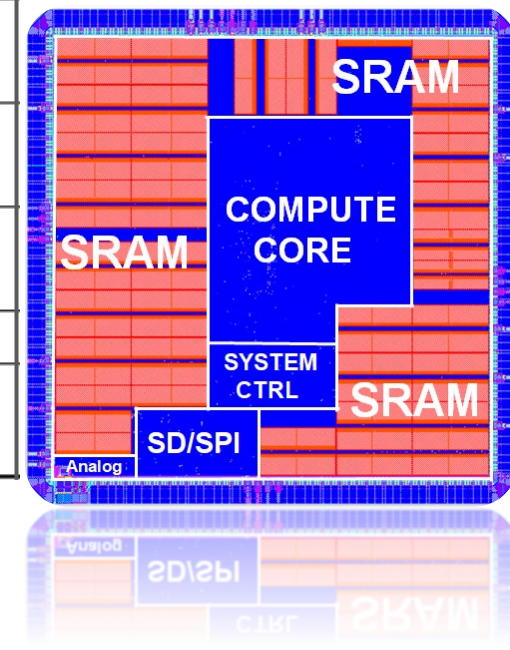
- All of the codes are available online.
- Thank you for listening.
- [lin.gu@riken.jp](mailto:lin.gu@riken.jp)

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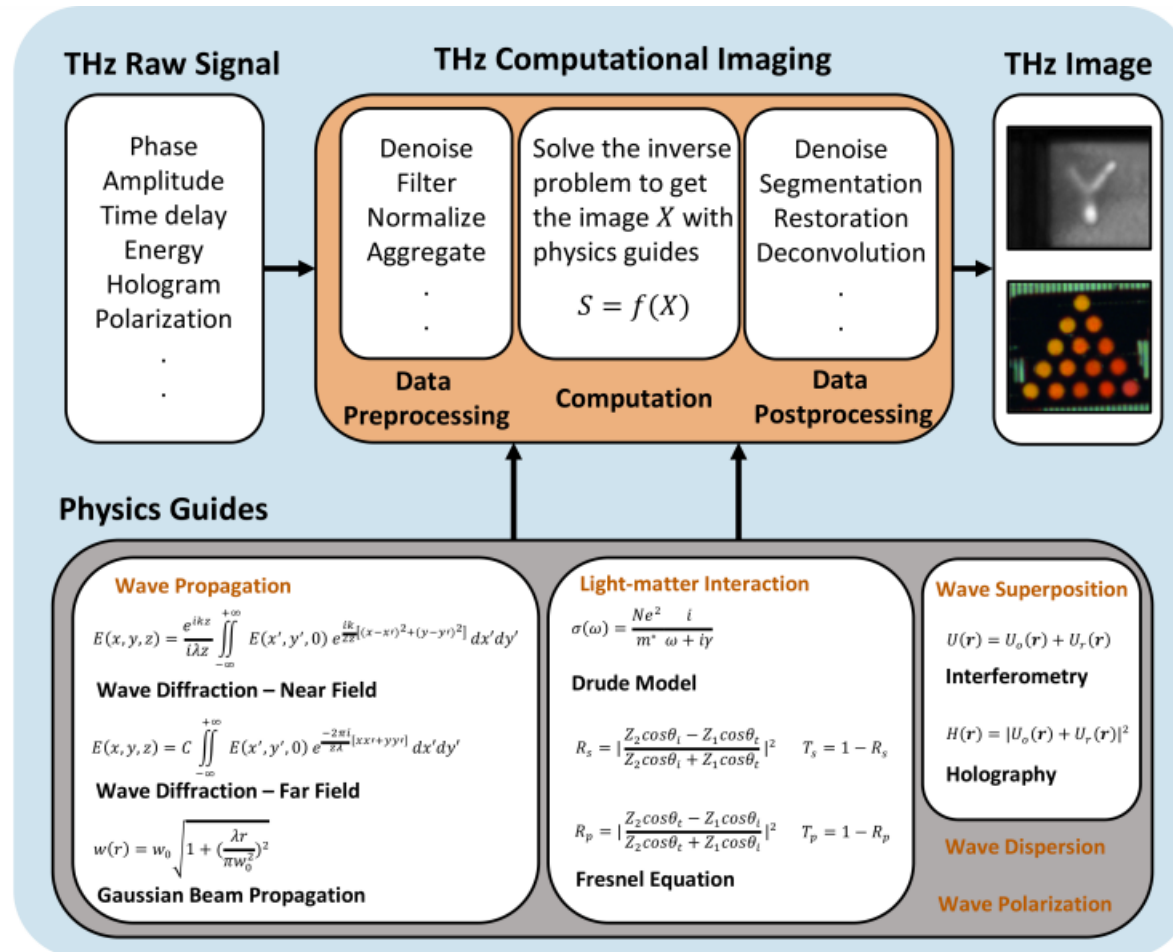
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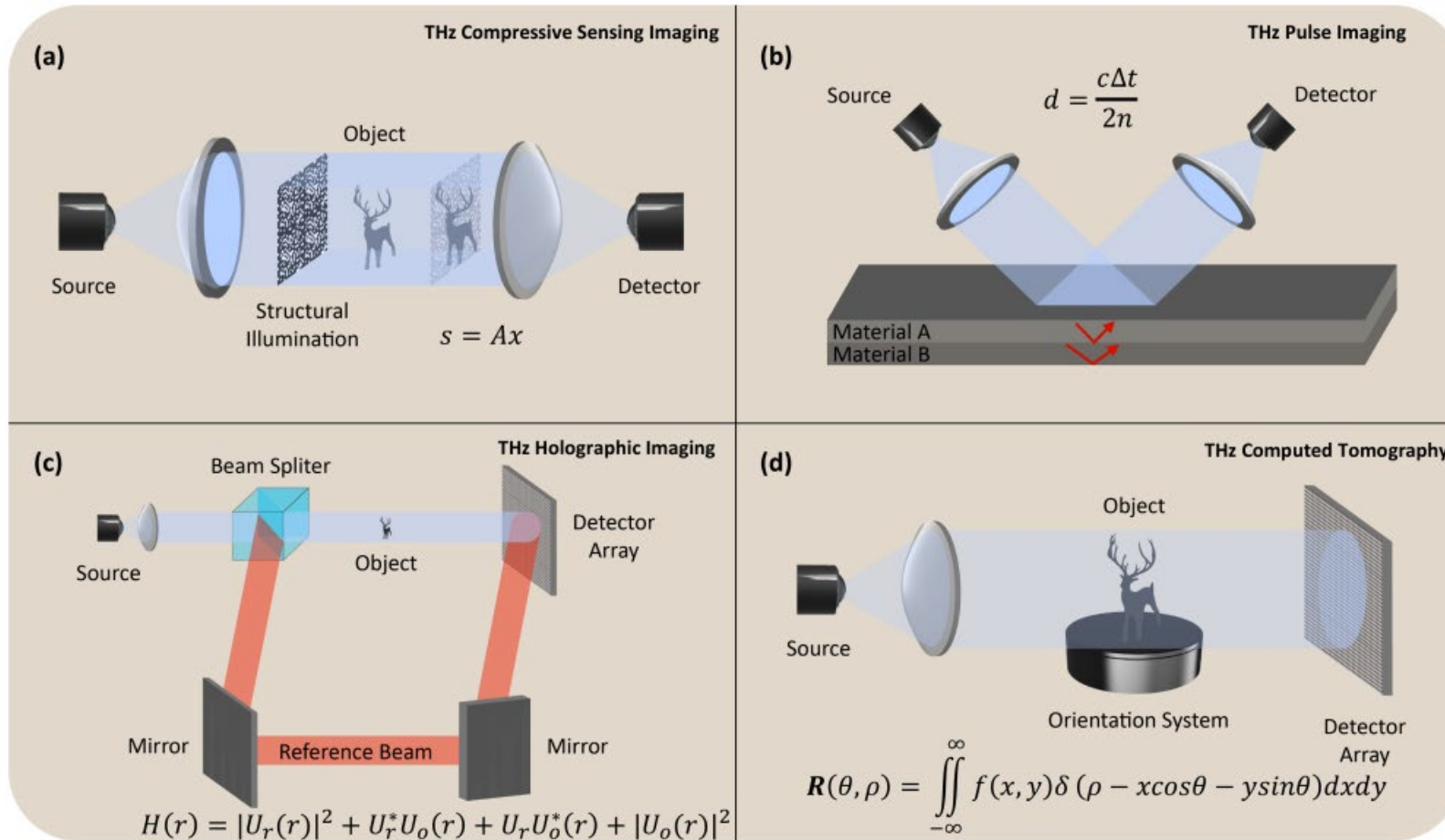
# Terahertz Imaging



[Physics-guided Terahertz Computational Imaging et al.](#)

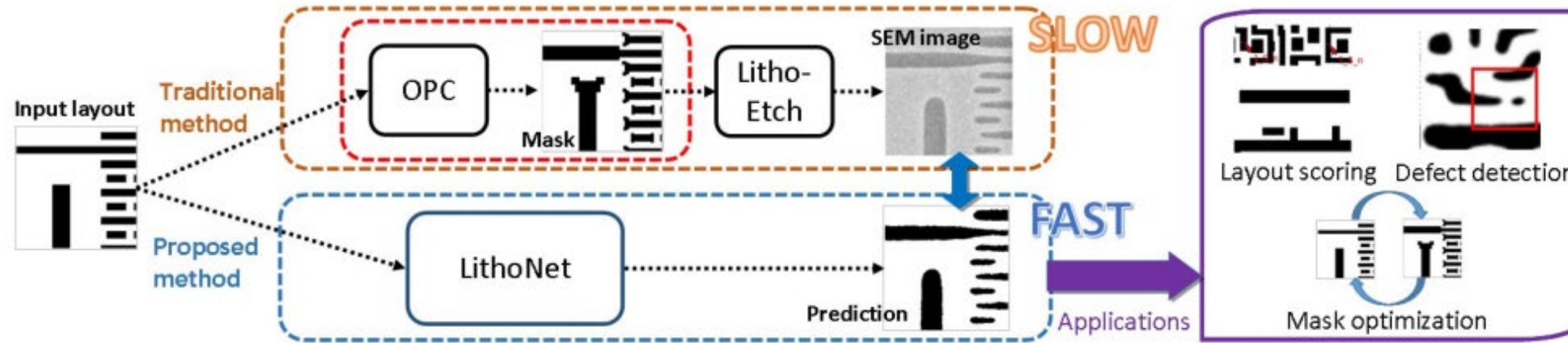


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# Semi-conduct Manufacturing

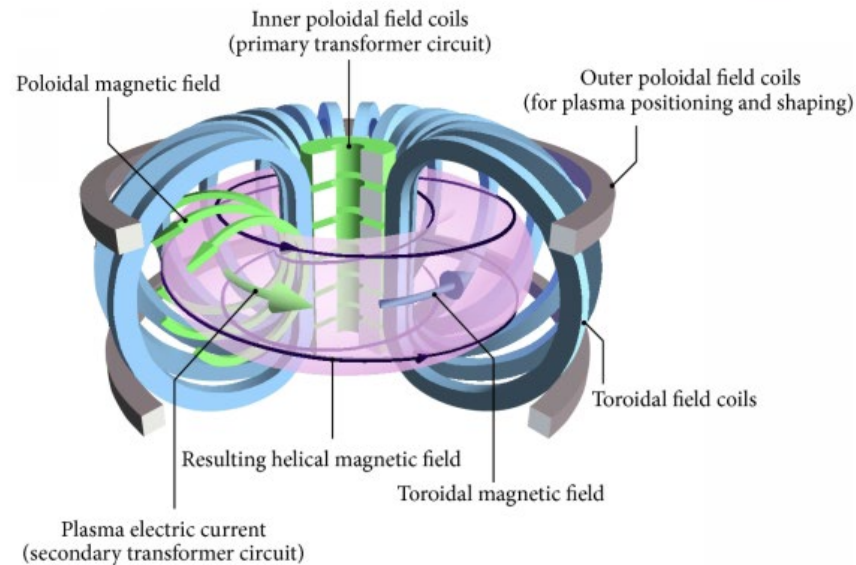
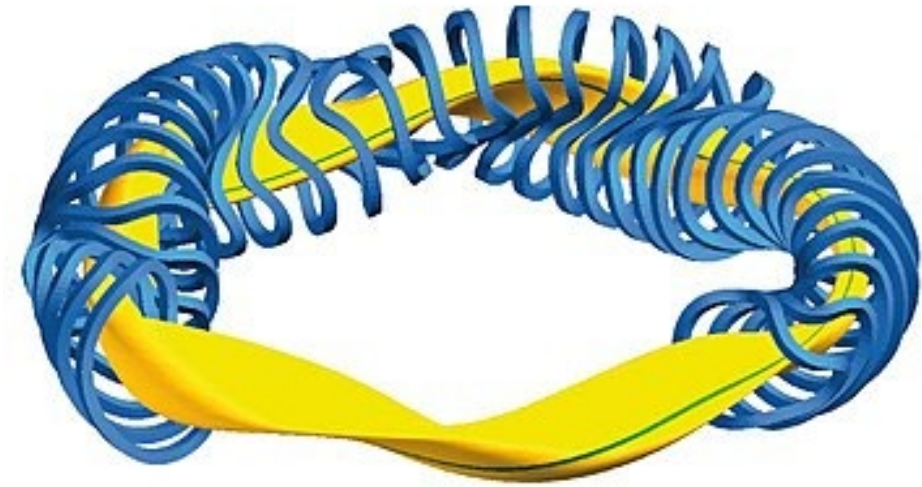


The OPC step, highlighted by the red dashed lines, suggests modifications of a layout mask so that the fabricated IC could have nearly the same shape as the original layout pattern. The proposed LithoNet and its applications are highlighted by purple contours.

From IC Layout to Die Photograph: A CNN-Based Data-Driven Approach  
Shao et al. IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN OF INTEGRATED  
CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS,

# Nuclear Fusion

- Collaborating with A\*STAR and NTU in Singapore on designing parameters for nuclear fusion device including stellarator and Tokamak.
- Will visit Singapore in December to discuss the details.



# Directly Correct Illumination

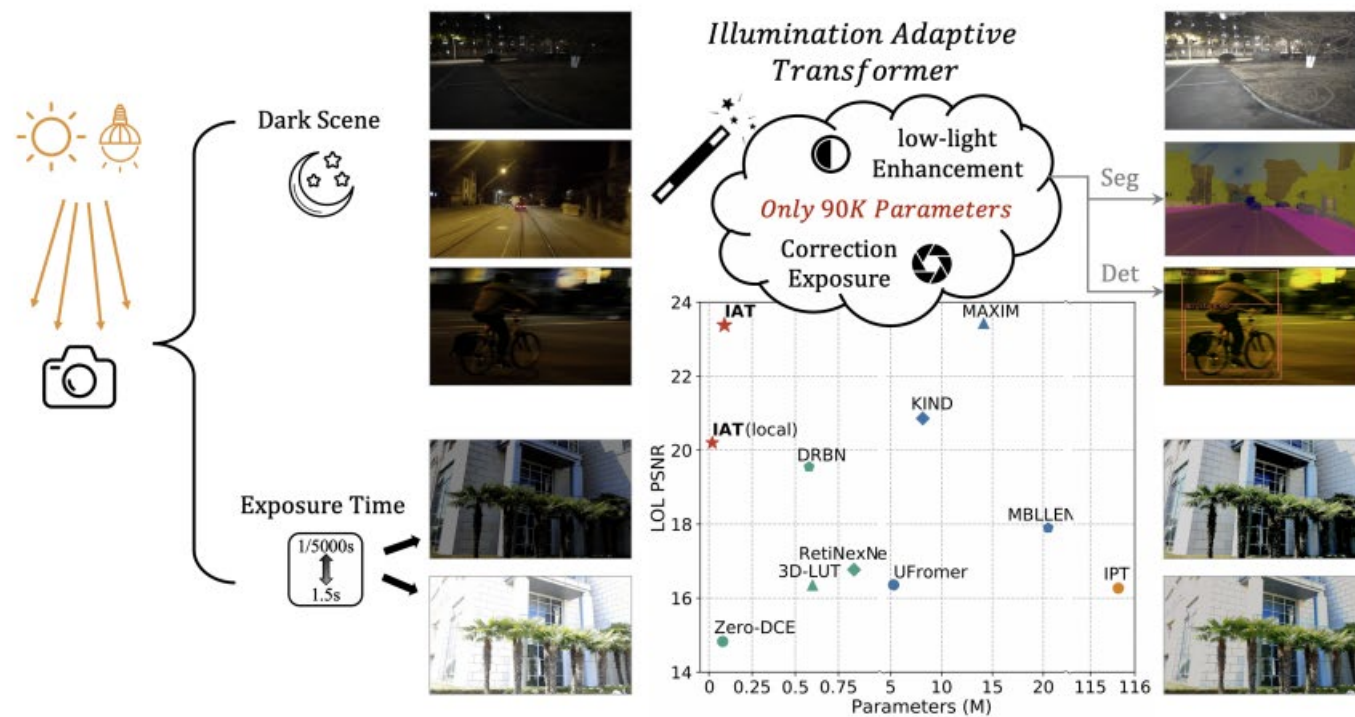
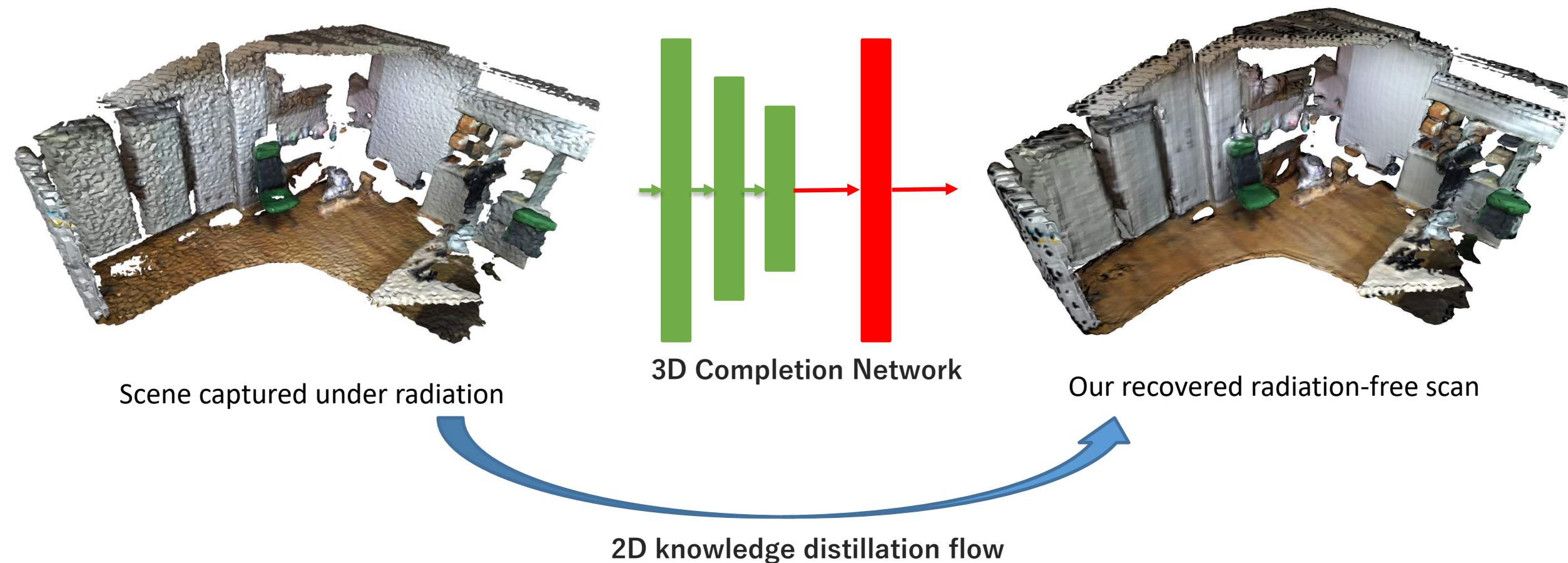


Figure 1: *Nature lay hid in Night, apply our IAT, and all was light*, middle figure shows our results compared with other SOTA methods on LOL-V1 dataset [64].

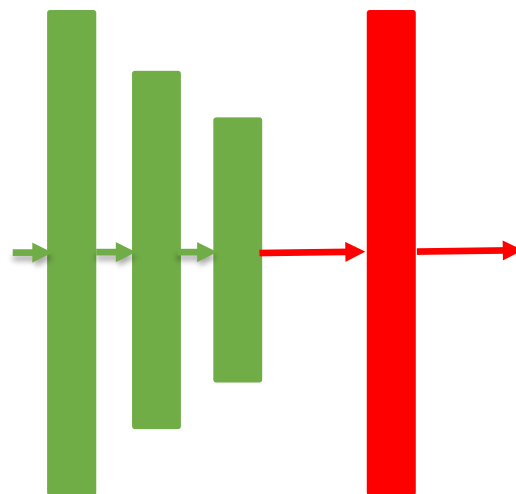
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# 3D Vision Under Fire



Scene captured under random synthetic fire



3D Completion Network



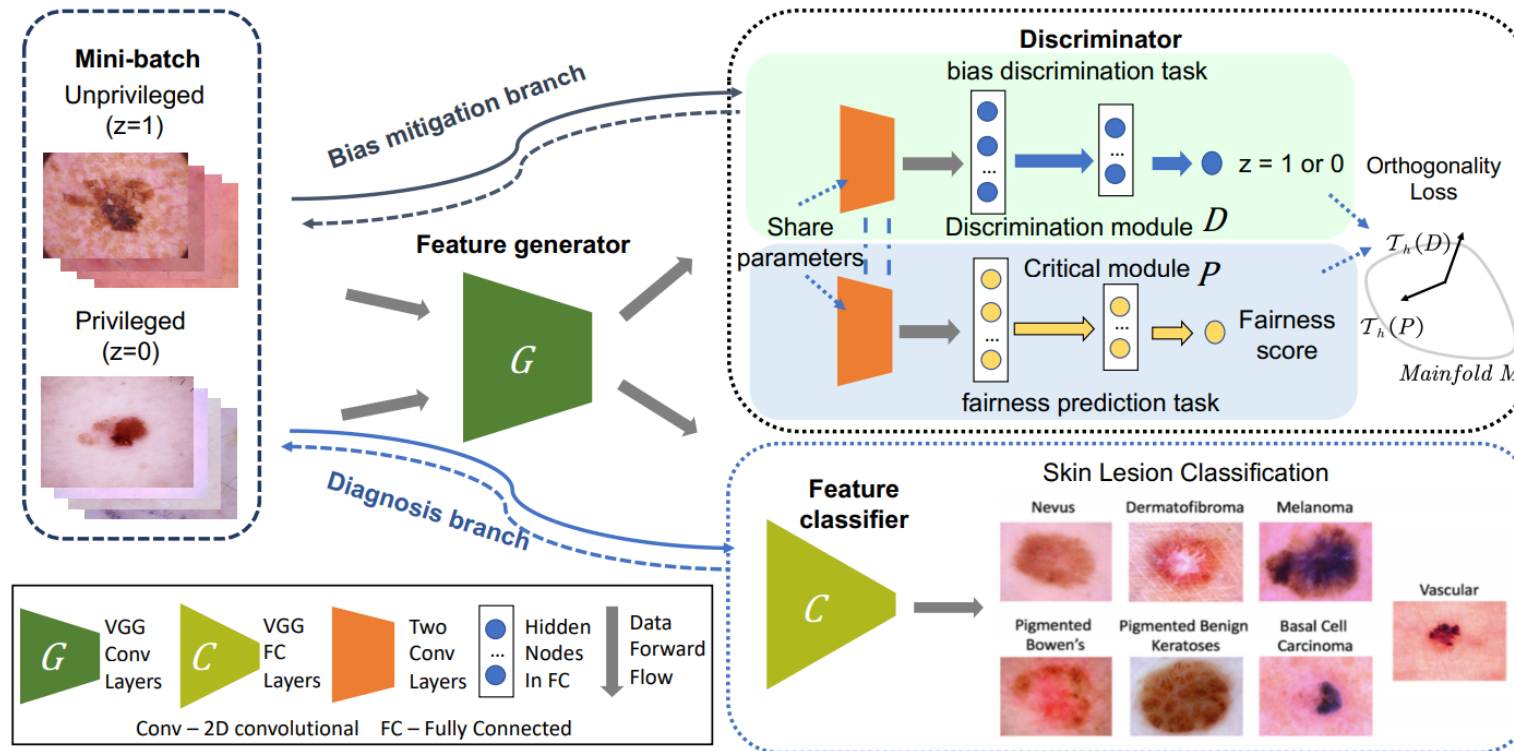
Our recovered fire-free scan



2D knowledge distillation flow

# Fairness Enhancement

- Simultaneously mitigate and detect biases

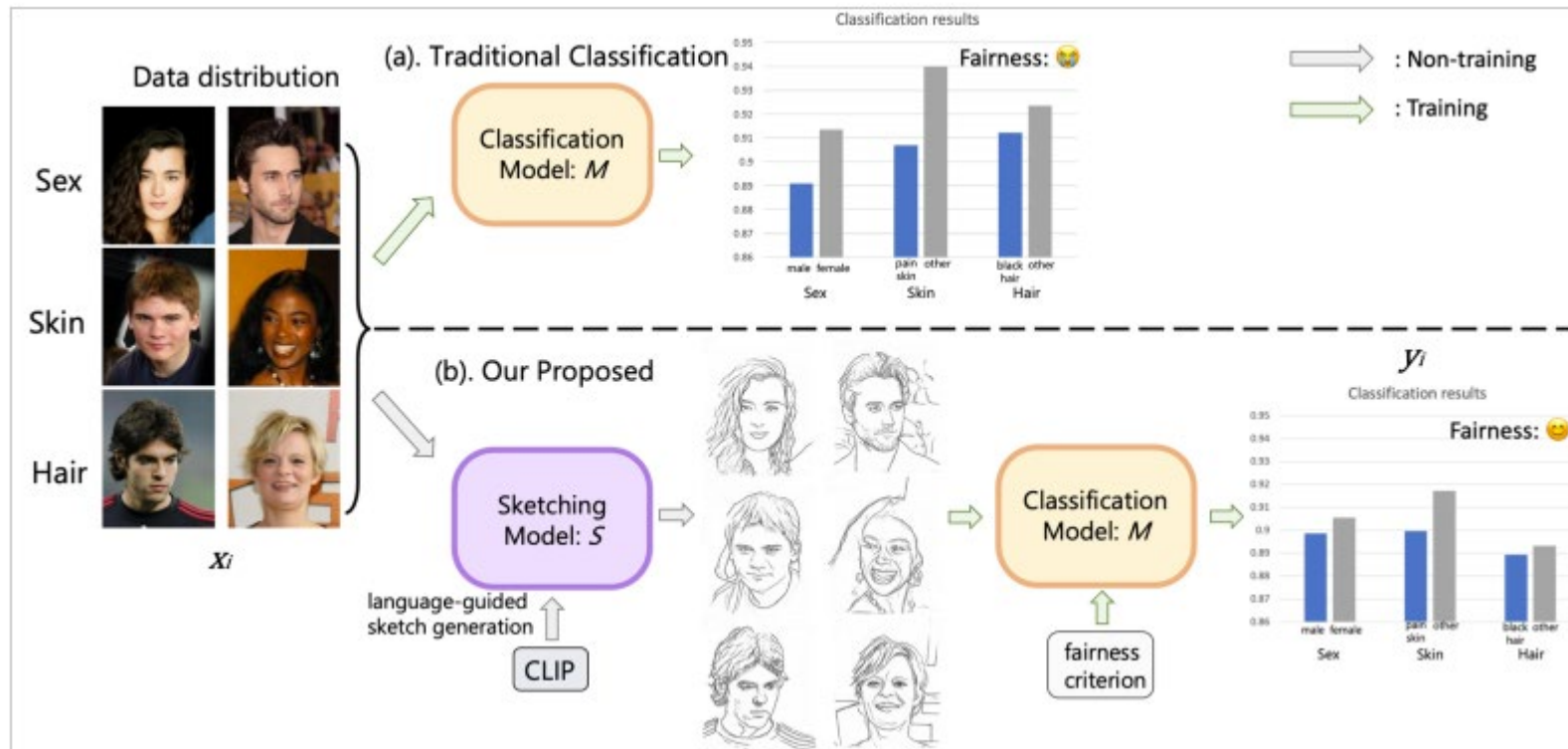


Estimating and Improving Fairness with Adversarial Learning

Li X, et al. arXiv:2103.04243

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- Explore the image-to-sketching that maintain useful semantic information for classification while filtering out the useless bias information.

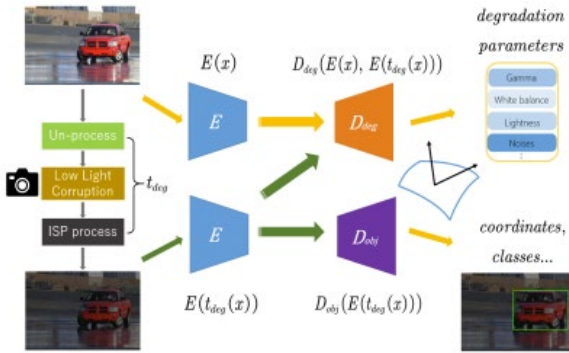


Improving Fairness in Image Classification via Sketching  
Yao R, et al. Neurips 2023 workshp

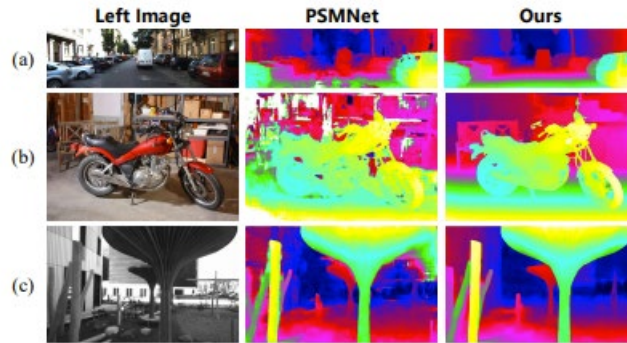


- Fairness and accountability are two essential pillars for trustworthy Artificial Intelligence (AI).

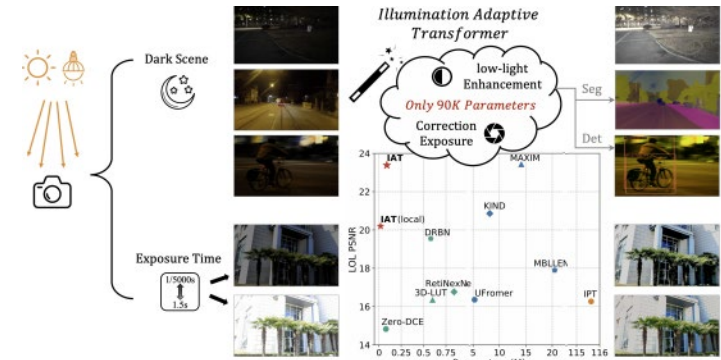
- Low light enhancement, super resolution, denoising, deblurring, ....



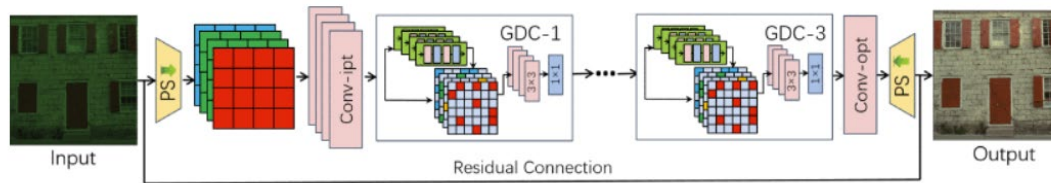
Multitask AET with Orthogonal Tangent Regularity for Dark Object Detection ICCV 2021



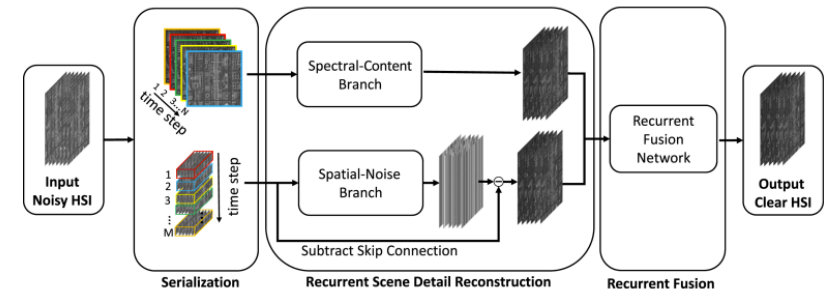
Revisiting Domain Generalized Stereo Matching Networks from a Feature Consistency Perspective CVPR 2022



You Only Need 90K Parameters to Adapt Light: A Light Weight Transformer for Image Enhancement and Exposure Correction BMVC 2022



Memory-Efficient Deformable Convolution Based Joint Denoising and Demosaicing for UHD Images TNNLS 2022



DnRCNN: Deep Recurrent Convolutional Neural Network for HSI Destriping TNNLS 2022