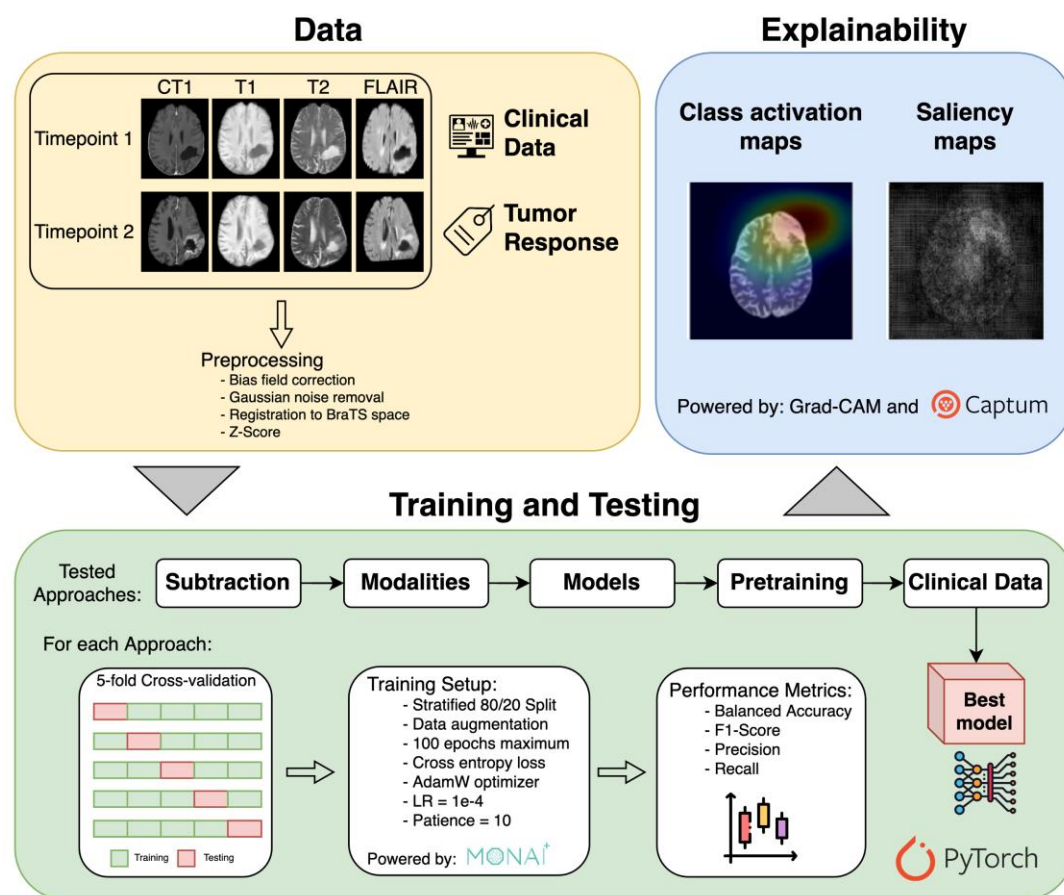


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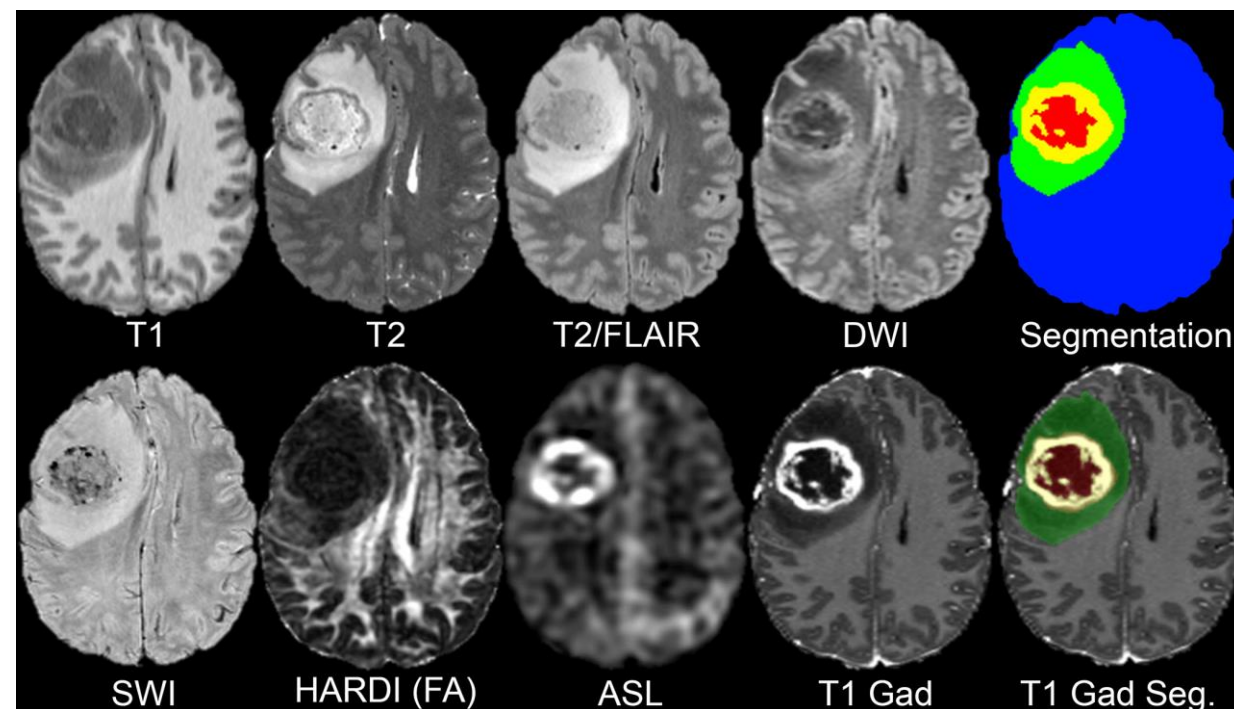


# Introduction

## Glioblastoma

Glial cells Tumor

- ➡ Prevalence: ~3/100 000 per year
- ➡ Poor prognosis
  - Average survival: 9 months
  - 41% survival after 1 years
  - 13% survival after 2 years
- ➡ Frequent MRI scans to assess treatment



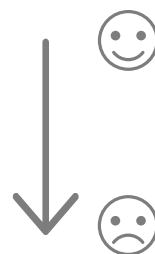
Glioblastoma on different MRI modalities



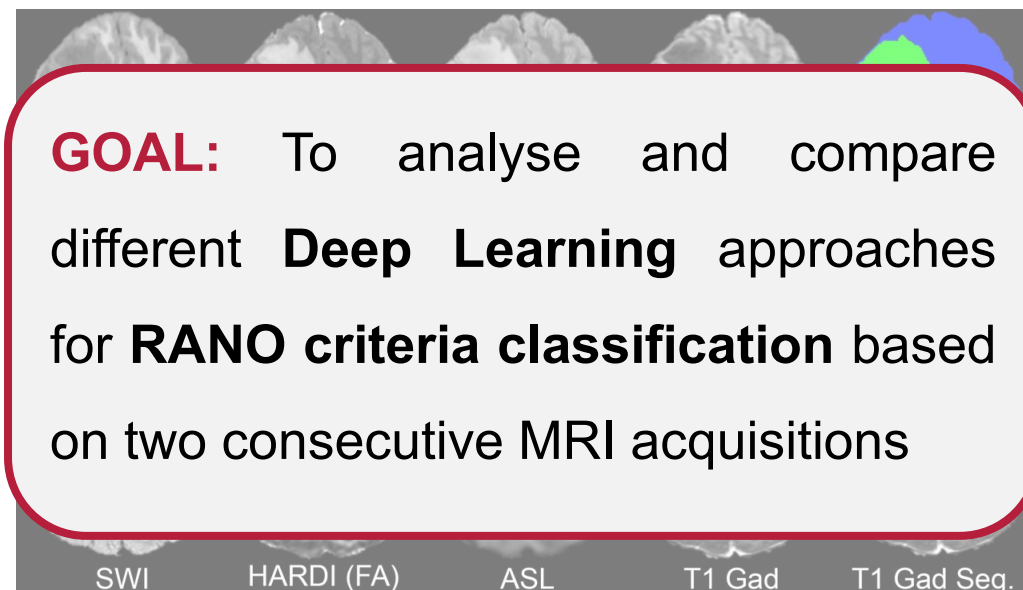
# Motivation

Response Assessment  
in Neuro-Oncology  
(RANO) criteria

Complete Response  
Partial Response  
Stable Disease  
Progressive Disease



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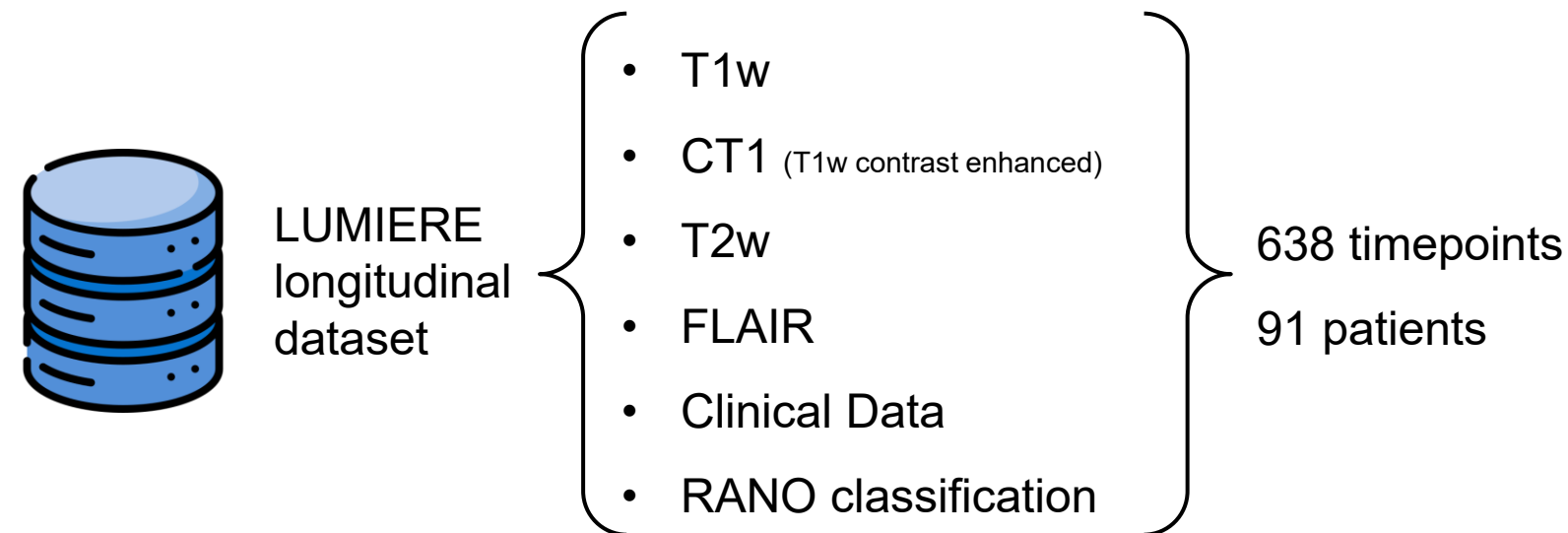


	Complete Response	Partial Response	Stable Disease	Progressive Disease <sup>a</sup>
T1-Gd+	None	≥50% ↓	<50% ↓ <25% ↑	≥25% ↑*
T2/FLAIR	Stable or ↓	Stable or ↓	Stable or ↓	↑*
New lesion	None	None	None	Present*
Corticosteroids	None	Stable or ↓	Stable or ↓	NA
Clinical status	Stable or ↑	Stable or ↑	Stable or ↑	↓*
Requirement for response	All	All	All	Any*

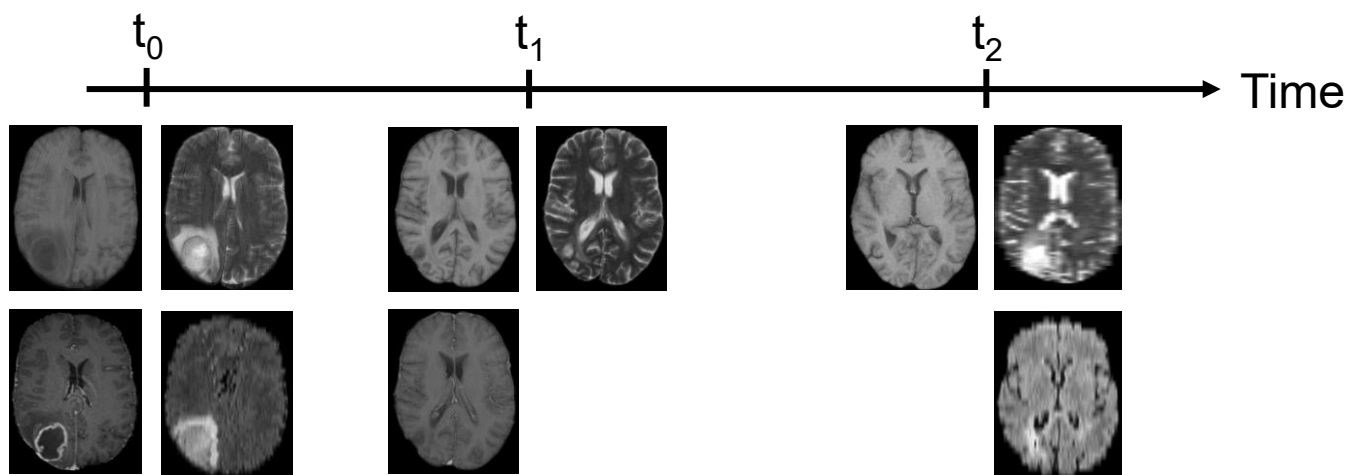




# Methods – Data



Class	Prevalence
Progressive Disease (PD)	67%
Stable Disease (SD)	20%
Progressive Response (PR)	6%
Complete Response (CR)	7%

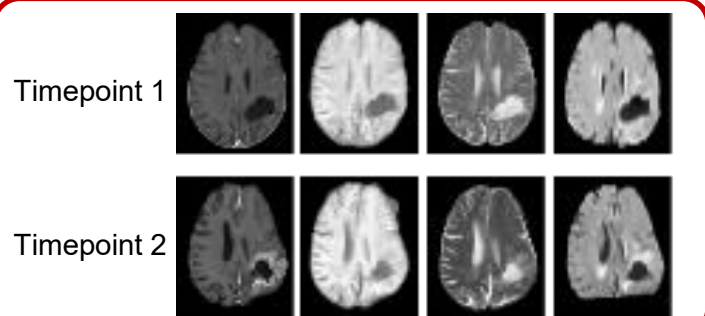


# Methods – Pipeline

LUMIERE dataset



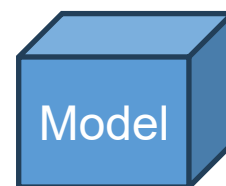
Data



5-fold Cross Validation  
80/20 Stratified Split

Model Training

Weight  
Initialization

$$\begin{Bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$


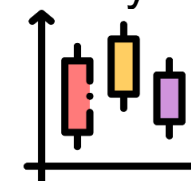
Training Setup:

- 100 Epochs
- Cross Entropy Loss
- AdamW Optimizer
- LR = 1e-4
- Patience = 10

Model Testing

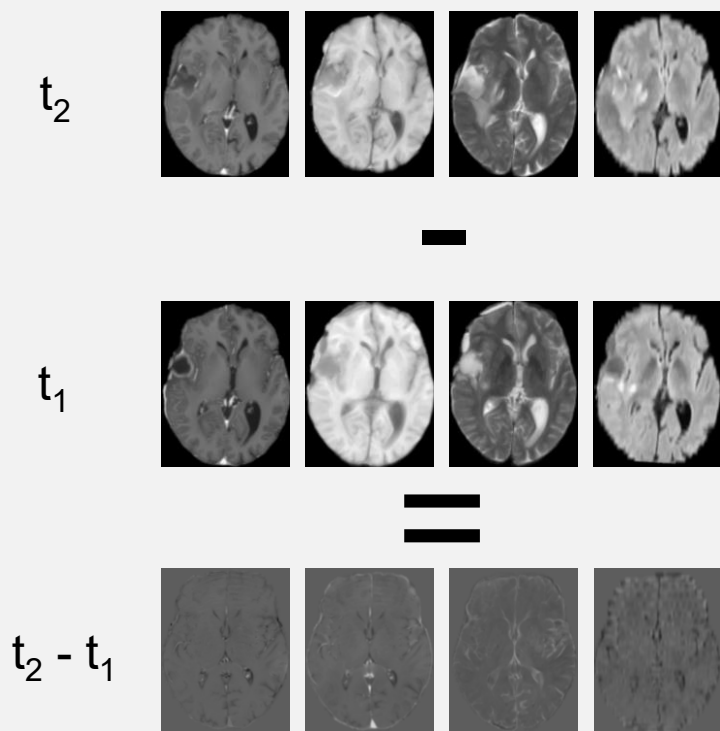
Performance Metrics:

- Balanced Accuracy
- F1-Score
- Precision
- Recall

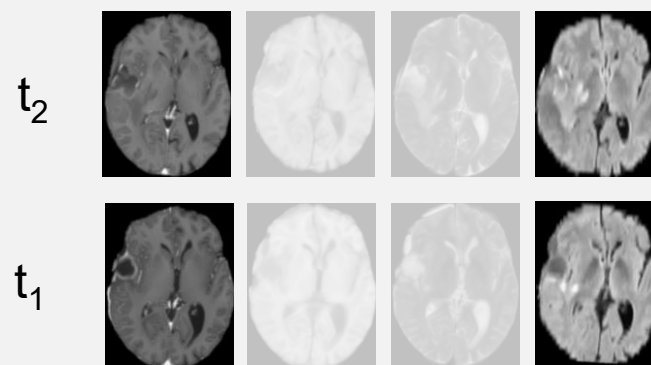


# Methods – Tested Approaches

## 1. Subtraction of timepoints



## 2. Combinations of modalities



Combination of Modalities	Size of Dataset
CT1+T1+T2+FLAIR	337
CT1+FLAIR	344
T1+T2+FLAIR	338
CT1	355
T1+FLAIR	338

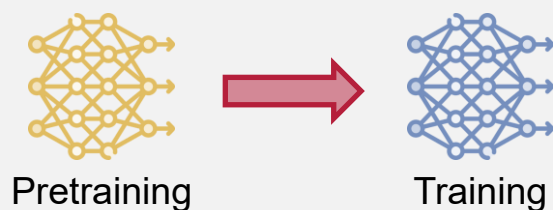
## 3. Model Architectures

- DenseNets:
  - DenseNet 121
  - DenseNet 169
  - DenseNet 264
- Vision Transformer (ViT)
- AlexNet3D



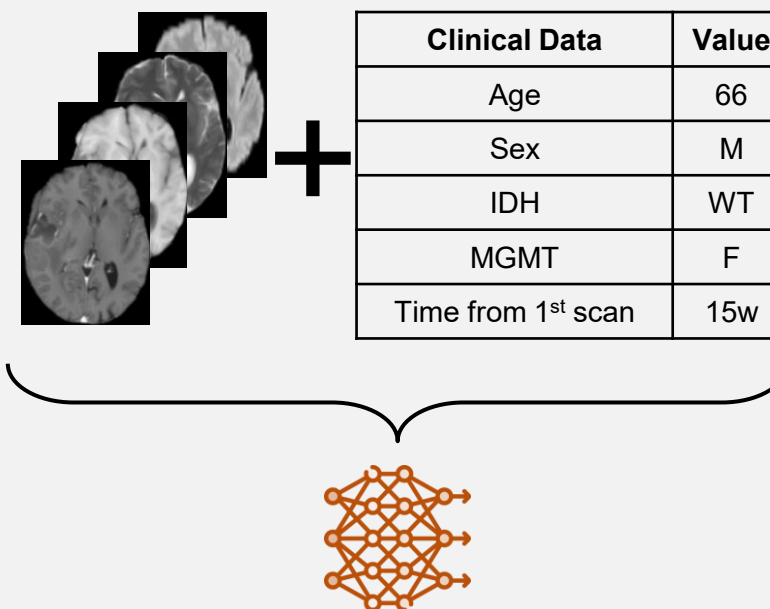
# Methods – Tested Approaches

## 4. Pretraining



- Self-Supervised Rotation Classifier
- MedMNIST Organ Classifier
- MedicalNet Segmentation Encoder

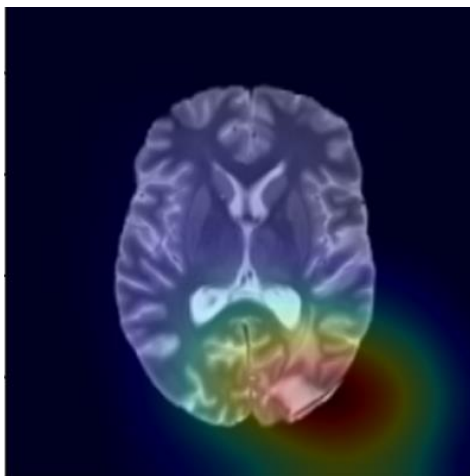
## 5. Use of Clinical Data



# Methods – Explainability

## Class Activation Maps

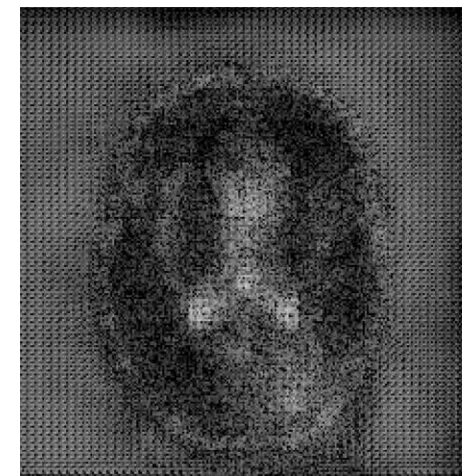
- Weighted Average of Feature Maps by the gradients
- Coarse heatmap



with: Grad-Cam package

## Saliency Maps

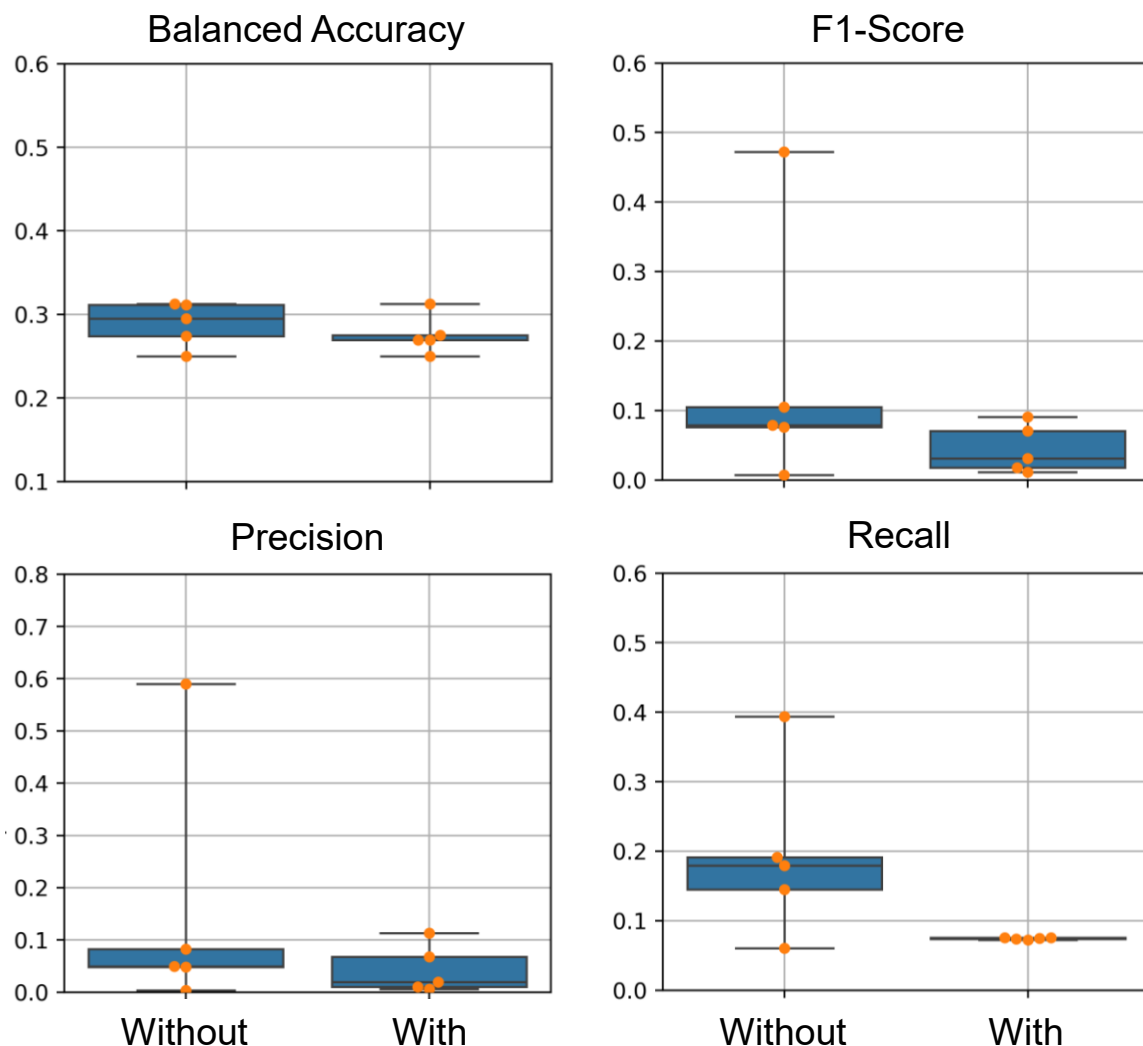
- Gradients with respect to inputs
- Granular impact of input



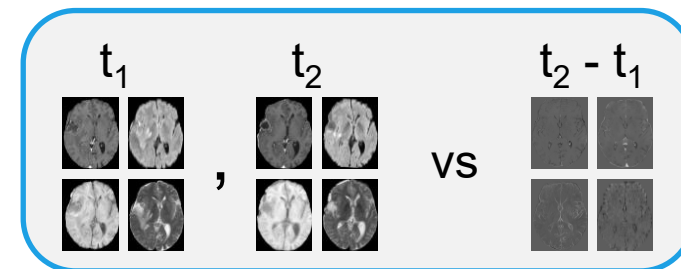
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# Results – Subtraction



## Approach

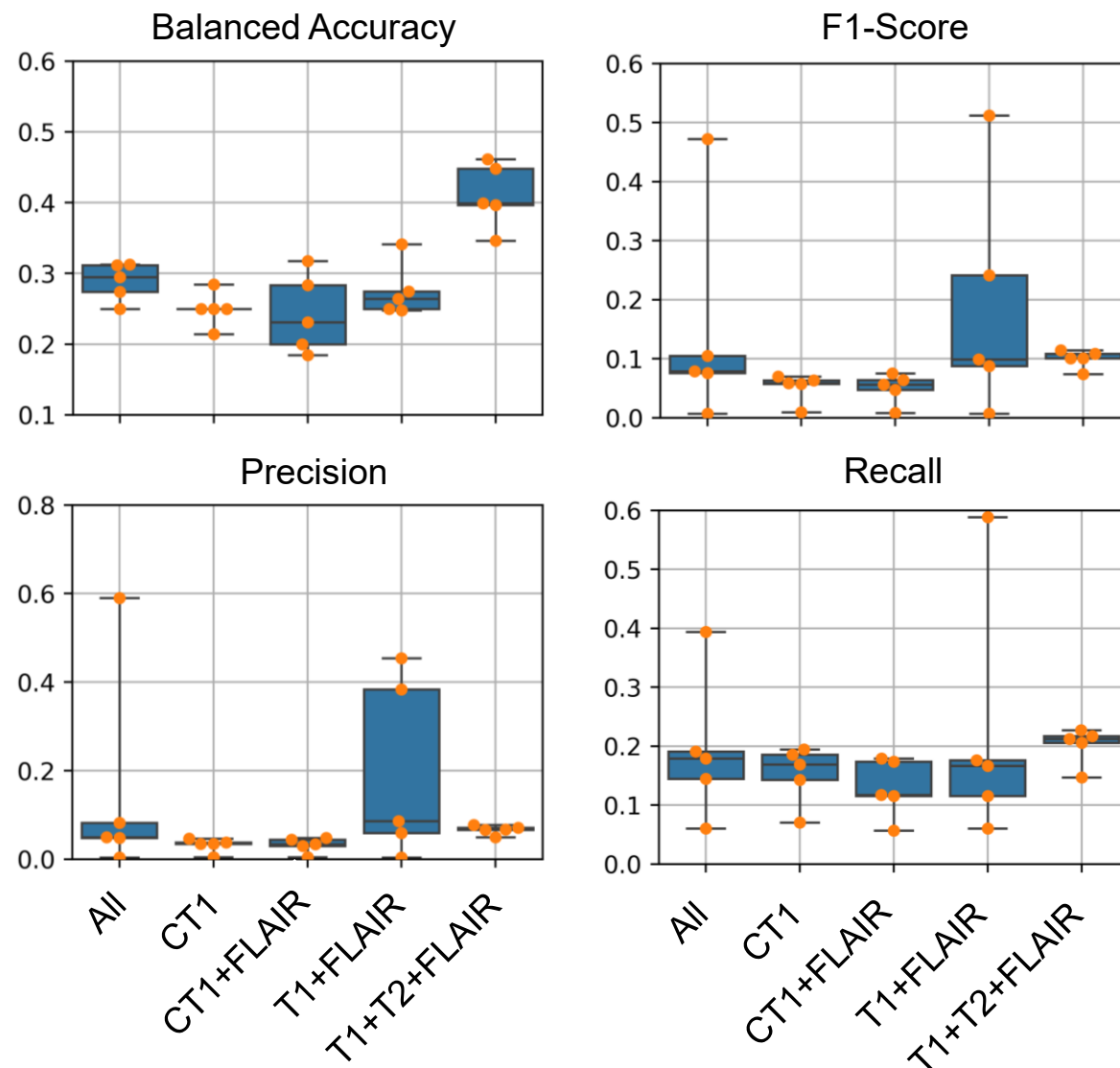


- Similar BA
  - Slight decrease in Recall and Precision
- ↓
- Decrease in F1-Score

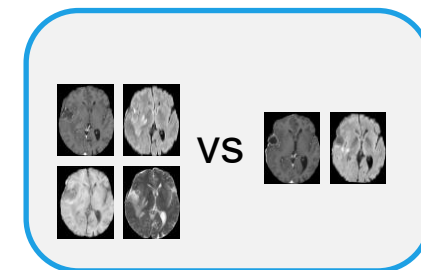
→ No subtraction was done in the next stages



# Results – Modalities



## Approach



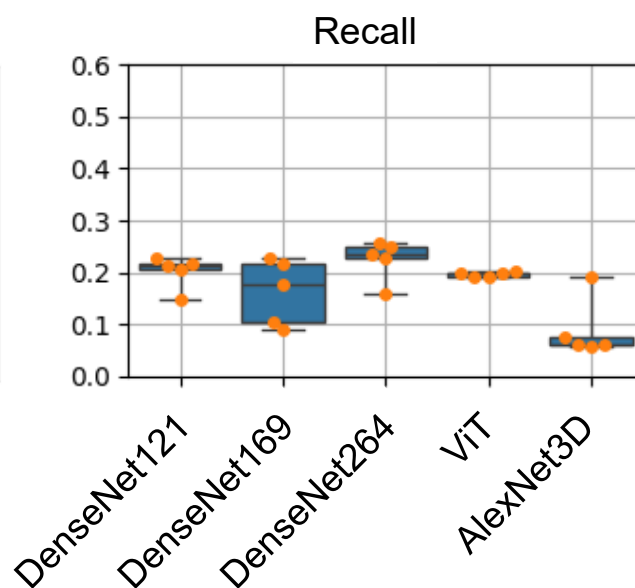
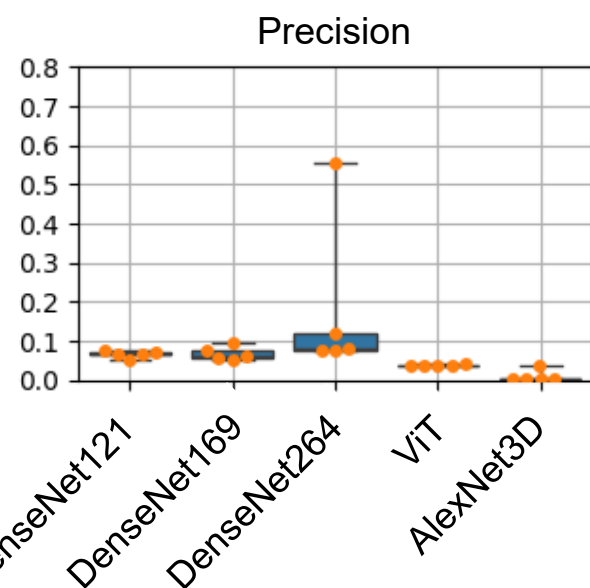
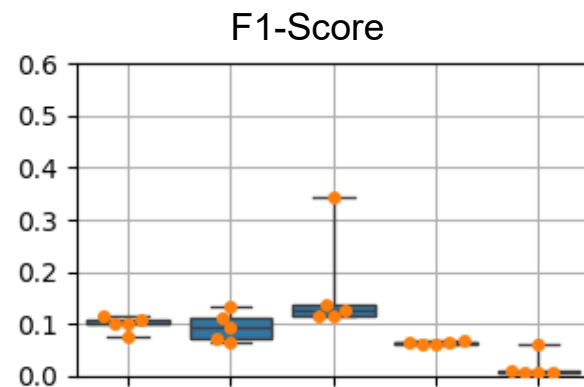
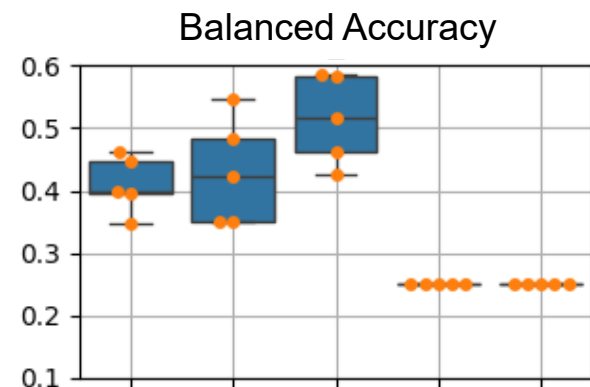
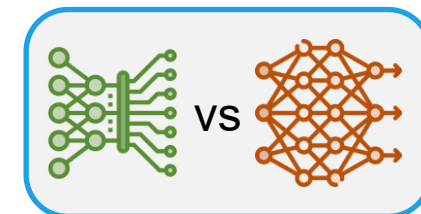
- Higher BA in T1+T2+FLAIR
  - Higher Precision in T1+FLAIR
- ↓
- Increased F1 Score in T1+FLAIR

→ The combination that uses T1 + T2 + FLAIR was used henceforth



# Results – Architectures

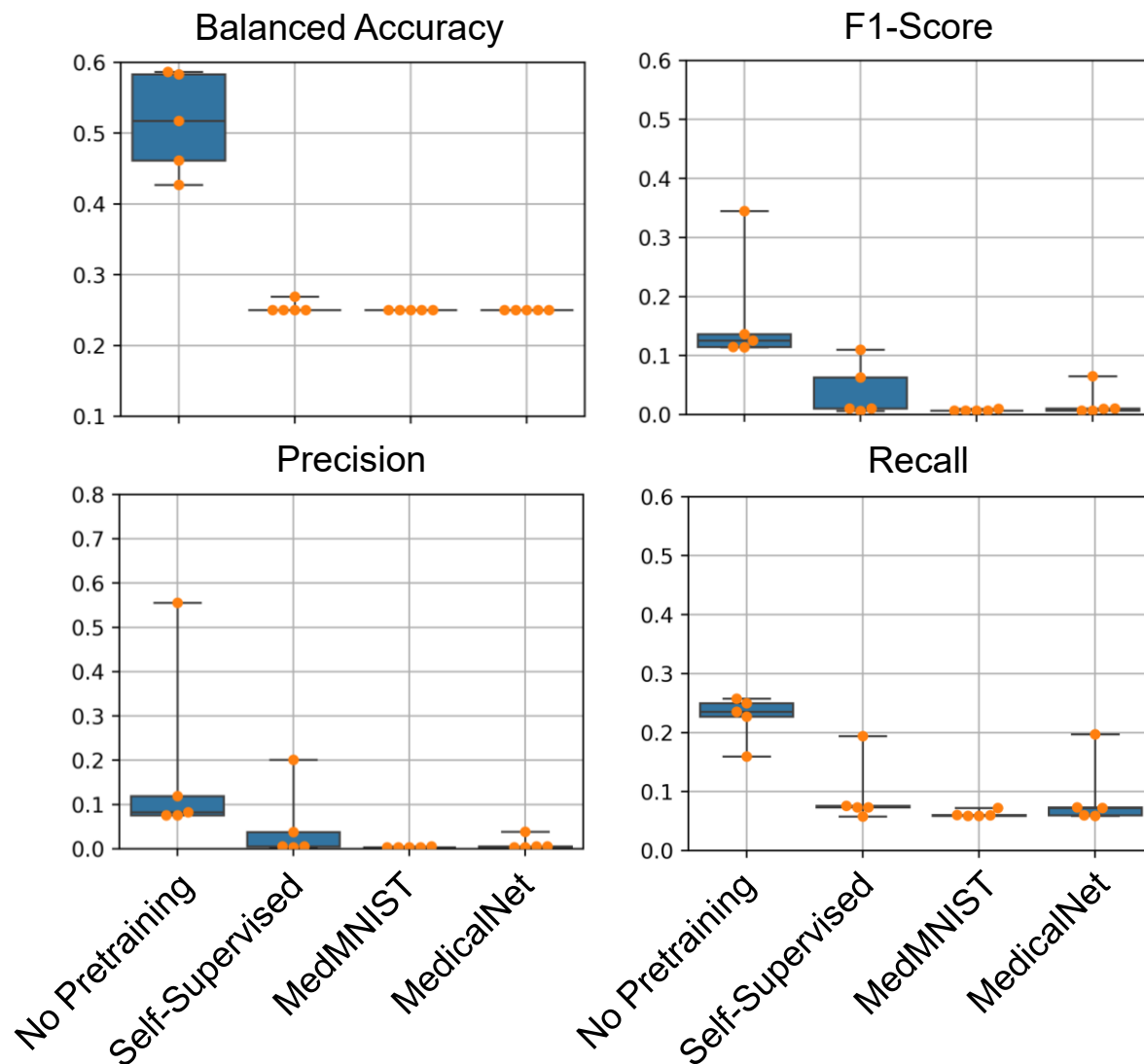
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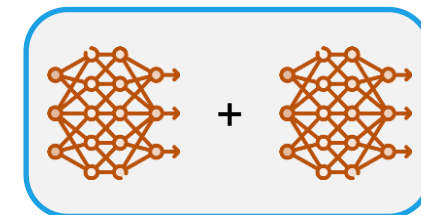
- DenseNets performed better than ViT and AlexNet3D
- More complex DenseNets improve performance

→ DenseNet264 has overall better performance

# Results – Pretraining



## Approach

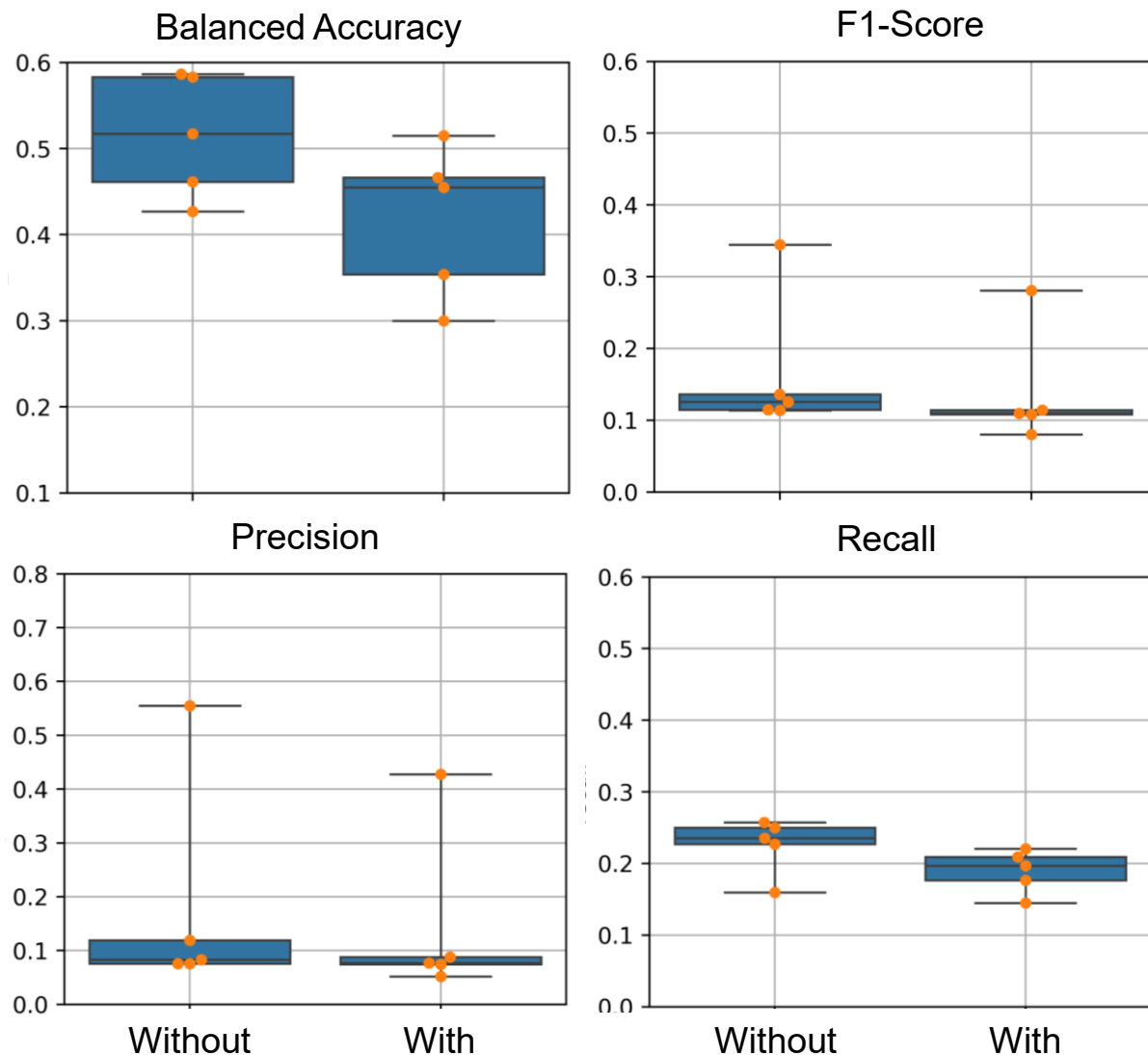


None of the pretraining options improved the results over doing no pretraining

→ No pretraining was done

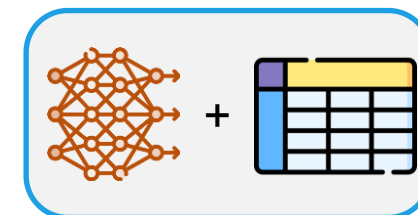


# Results – Clinical Data



- BA is higher when clinical data is not used

## Approach



→ Clinical Data was not inputted

# Best Results

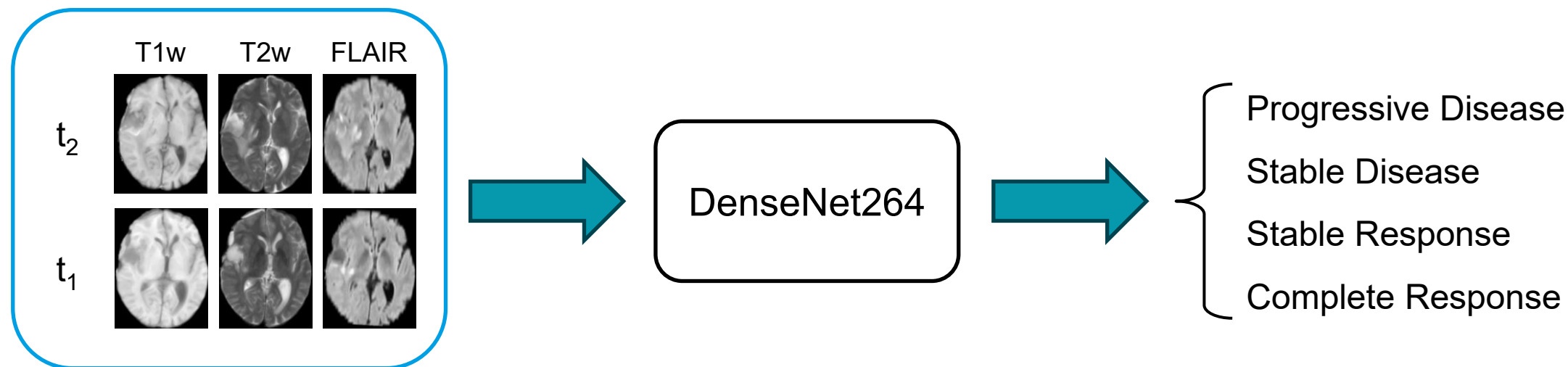
No subtraction of timepoints

T1+T2+FLAIR

DenseNet264

No pretraining

No Clinical Data Inputted



# Results – Explainability

Ground Truth

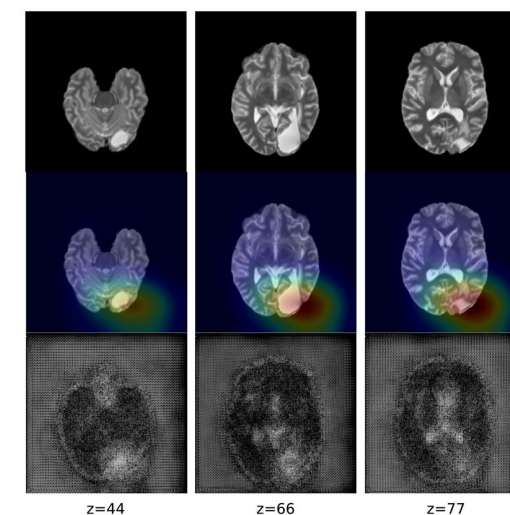
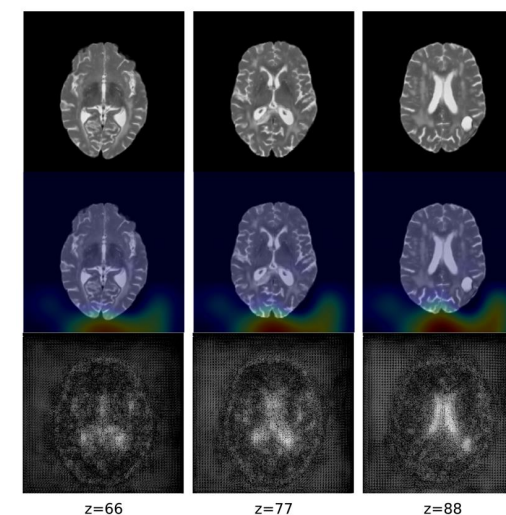
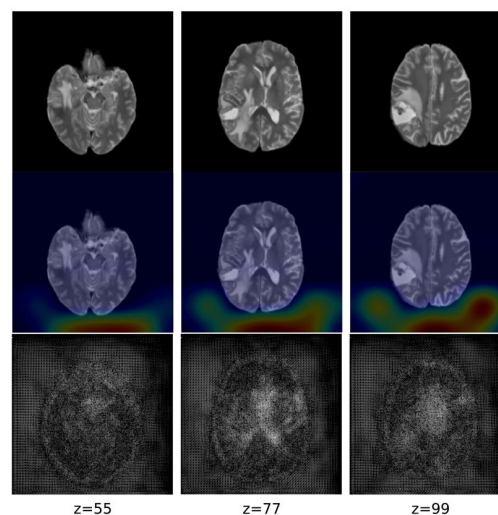
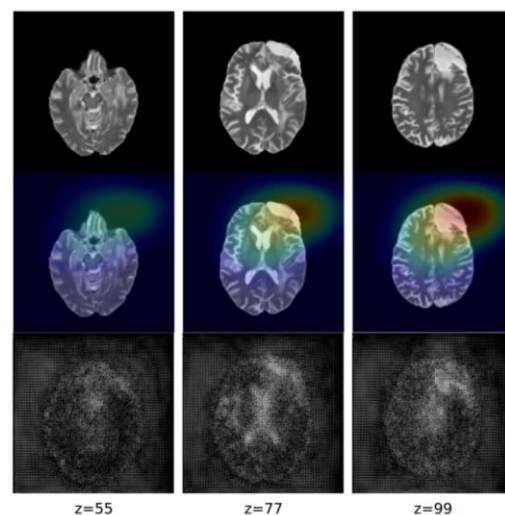
Class PD

Class SD

Class PR

Class CR

T2 image



Grad-CAM  
(Predicted class)

Saliency Map  
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Probability  
Predicted | Ground Truth

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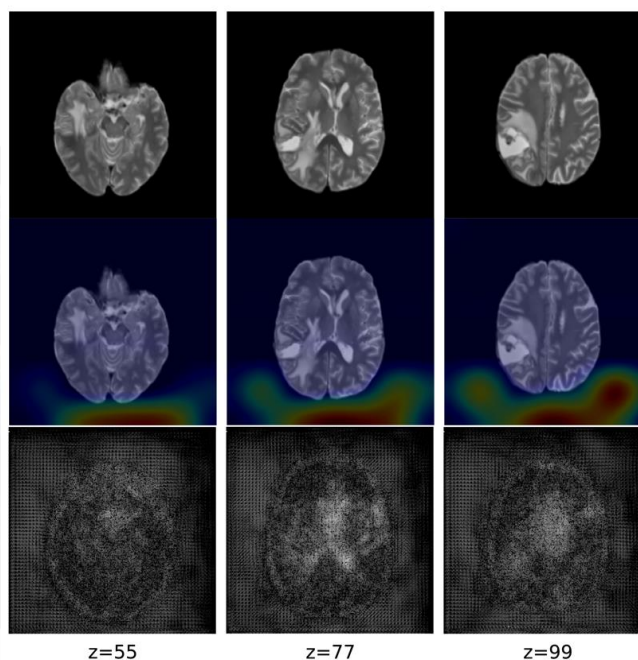
Class PR

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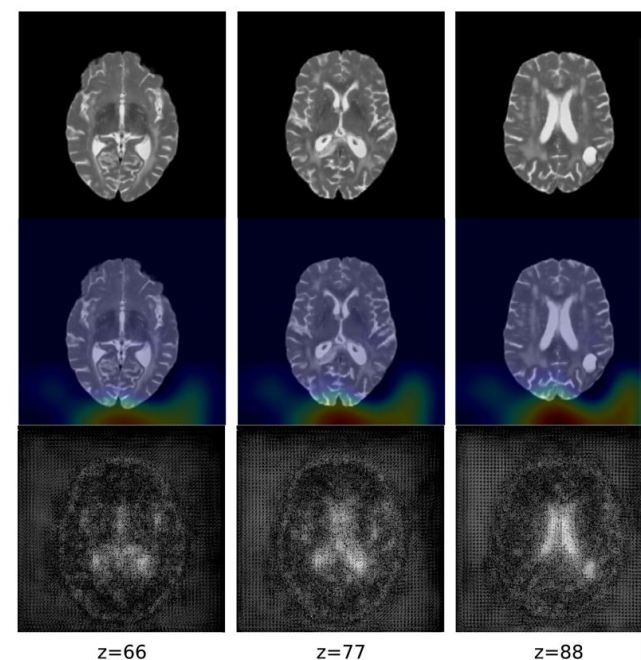
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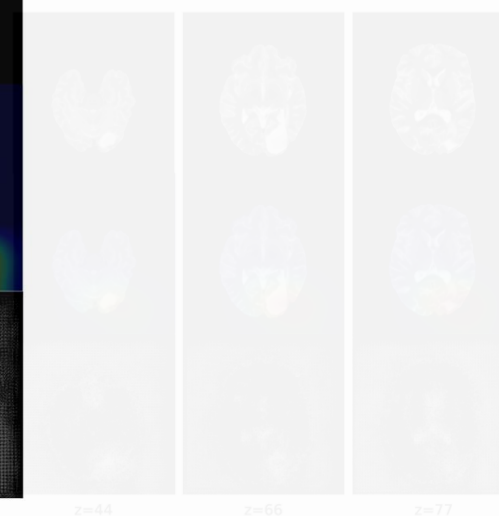


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➤ Tumor is not highlighted in some cases





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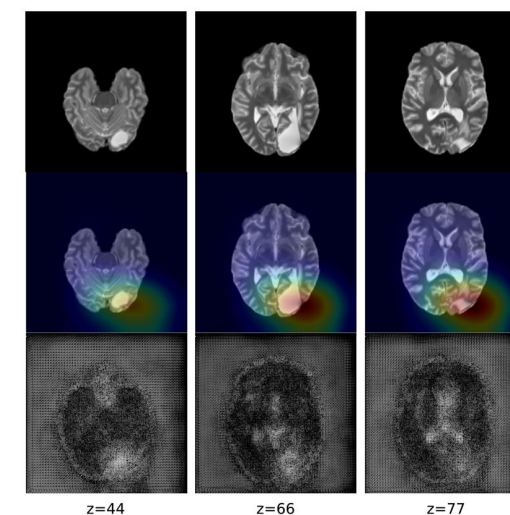
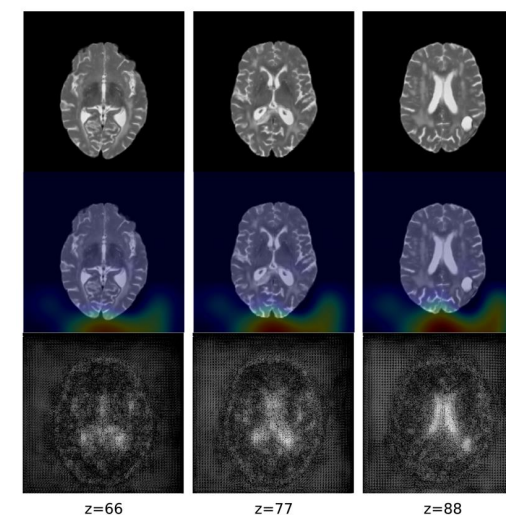
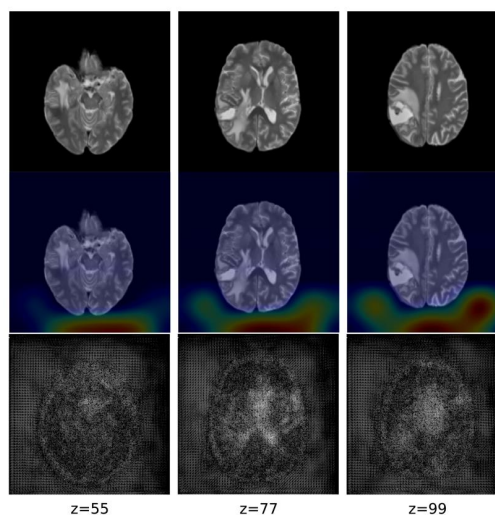
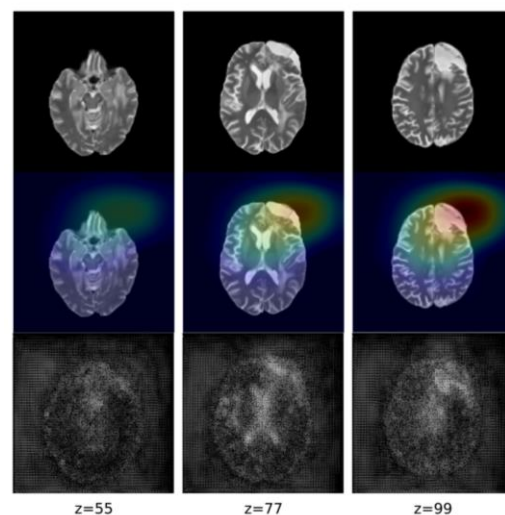
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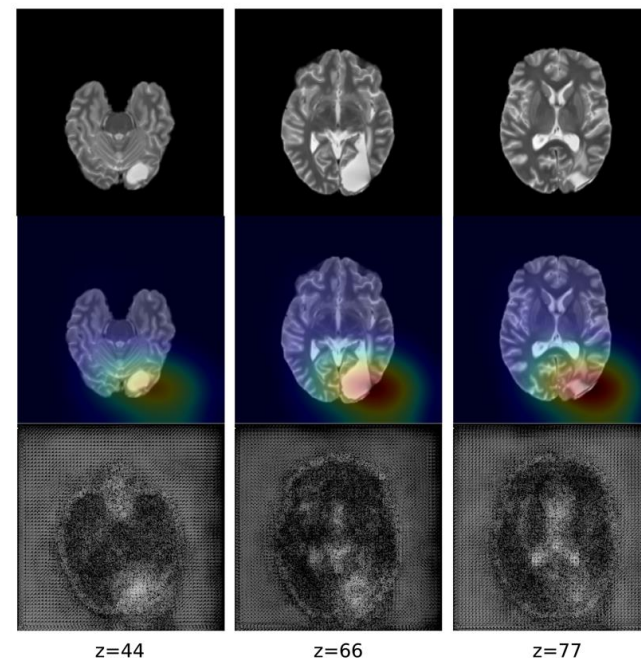
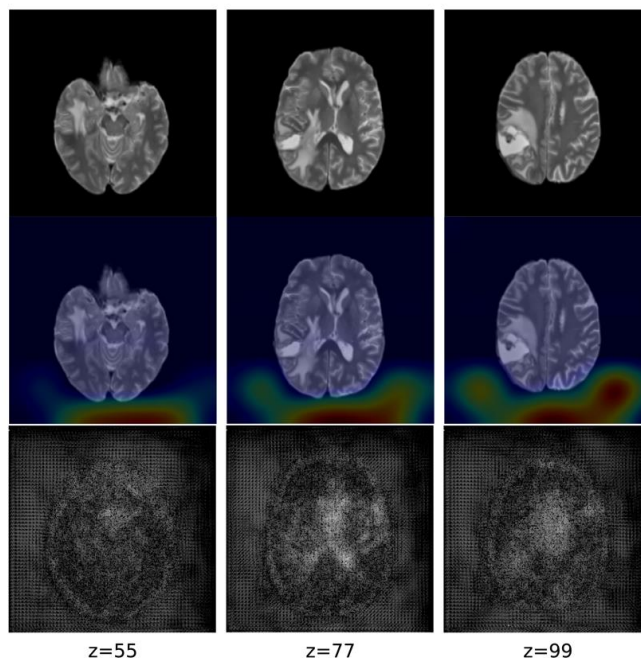
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➤ Correct prediction with  
unexpected highlighted region

➤ High probability of being CR





# Conclusion

-  Models tested have poor performance
-  Test other approaches to increase performance
-  Complex problem
-  Need for Open Access Datasets
-  Small dataset size hinders learning
-  Importance of Explainability in Healthcare

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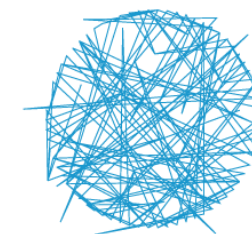
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