

# Multimodal, Generative, and Agentic AI for Pathology

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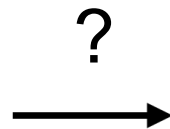
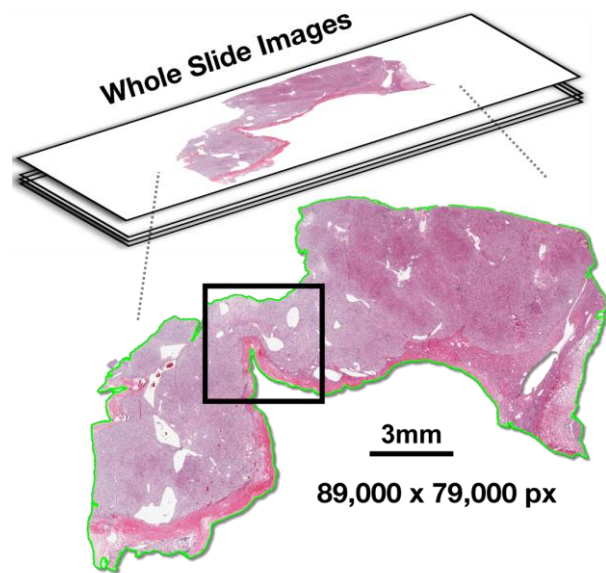
# Outline

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  - Cancers of Unknown Primary (Nature, 2021)
  - Cardiac Allograft Rejection (Nature Medicine, 2022)
- **Multimodal Data Integration**
  - Pan-cancer, fusing histology and genomics (Cancer Cell, 2022)
- **Foundation Models**
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  - Vision-language foundation model (Nature Medicine, 2024)
- **Generative AI for Pathology**
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- **Transitioning from 2D to 3D Pathology**
  - TriPath (Cell, 2024)
- **Bias and Fairness**
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# Problem Formulation

Slide-Level Task: Given  $\sim 150\text{K} \times 150\text{K}$  image (e.g. – Whole-Slide Image or WSI), predict:

- Cancer stage / subtype
- Survival outcome
- Response-to-treatment



## Integrative Clinical Outcomes

Early Diagnosis

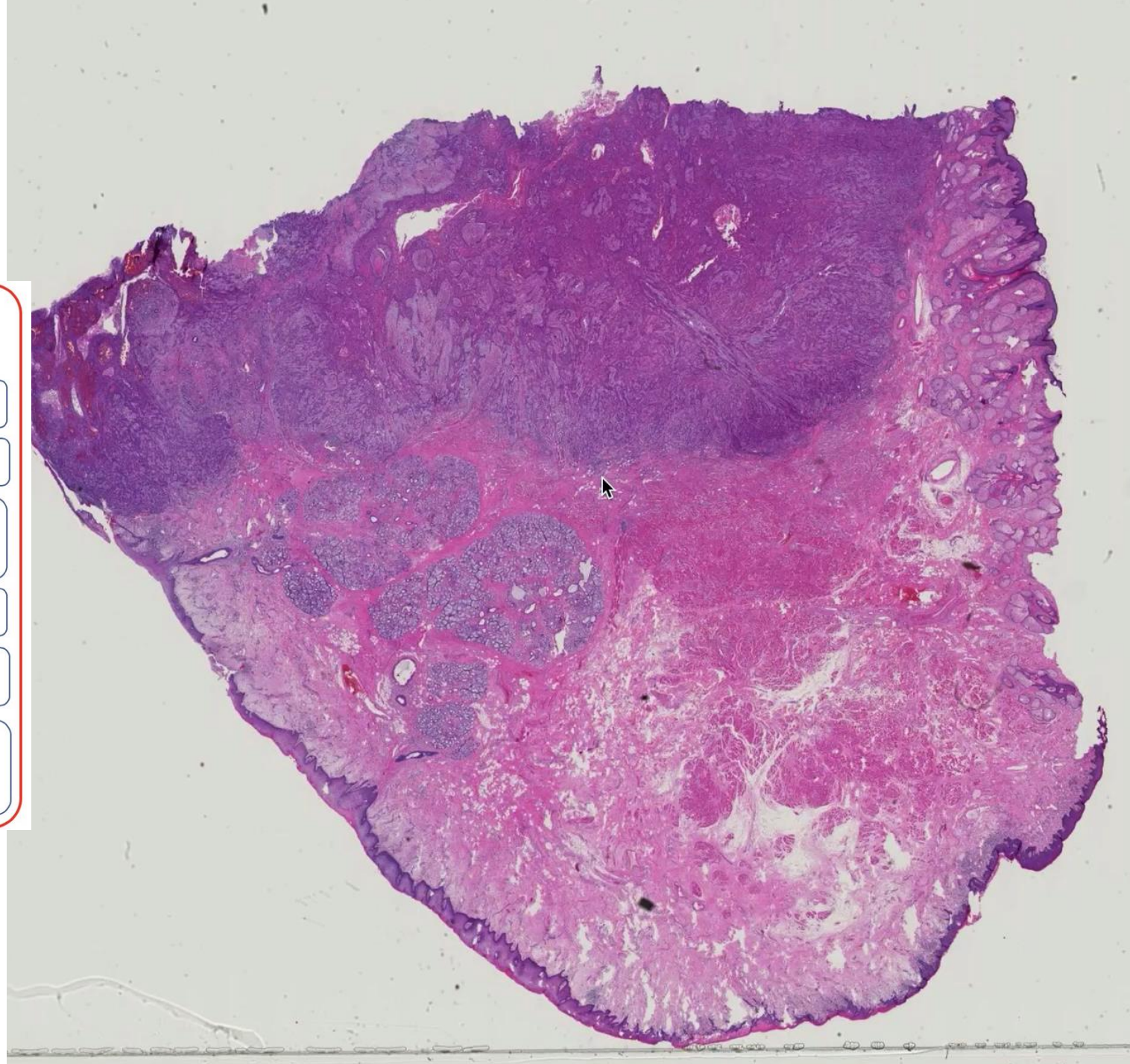
Prognosis

Response to Treatment Prediction

Survival Prediction

Patient Stratification

Integrative Biomarker Discovery





# CLAM Workflow



- Weakly supervised learning from histology whole slide images.
- Adapts Attention Based Multiple Instance Learning for Computational Pathology.
- Used pre-trained feature encoders instead of end-to-end training.
- Easy to use codebase.



(Nature Biomedical Engineering, 2021)

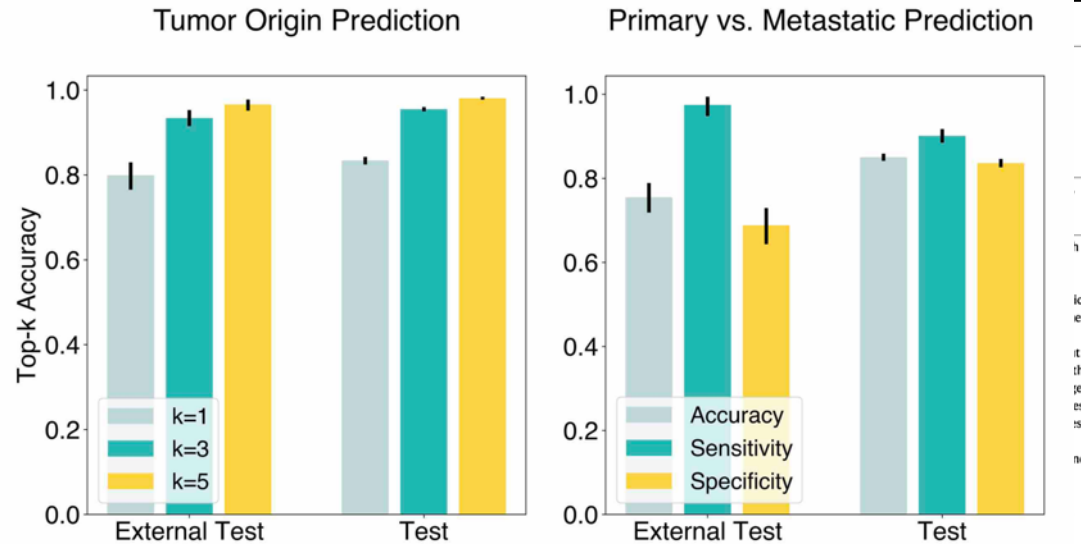
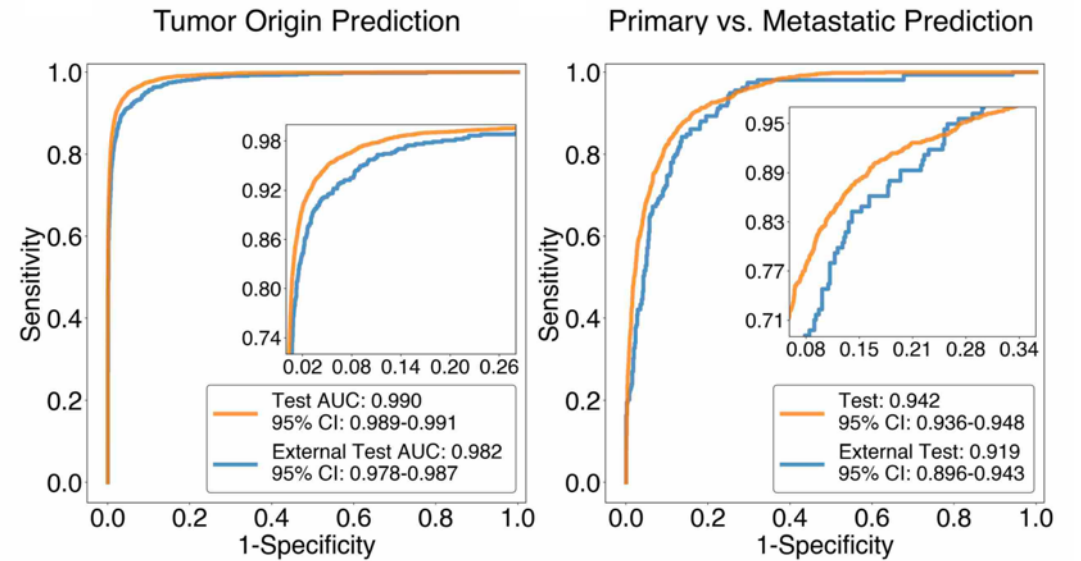


# Cancers of Unknown Primary

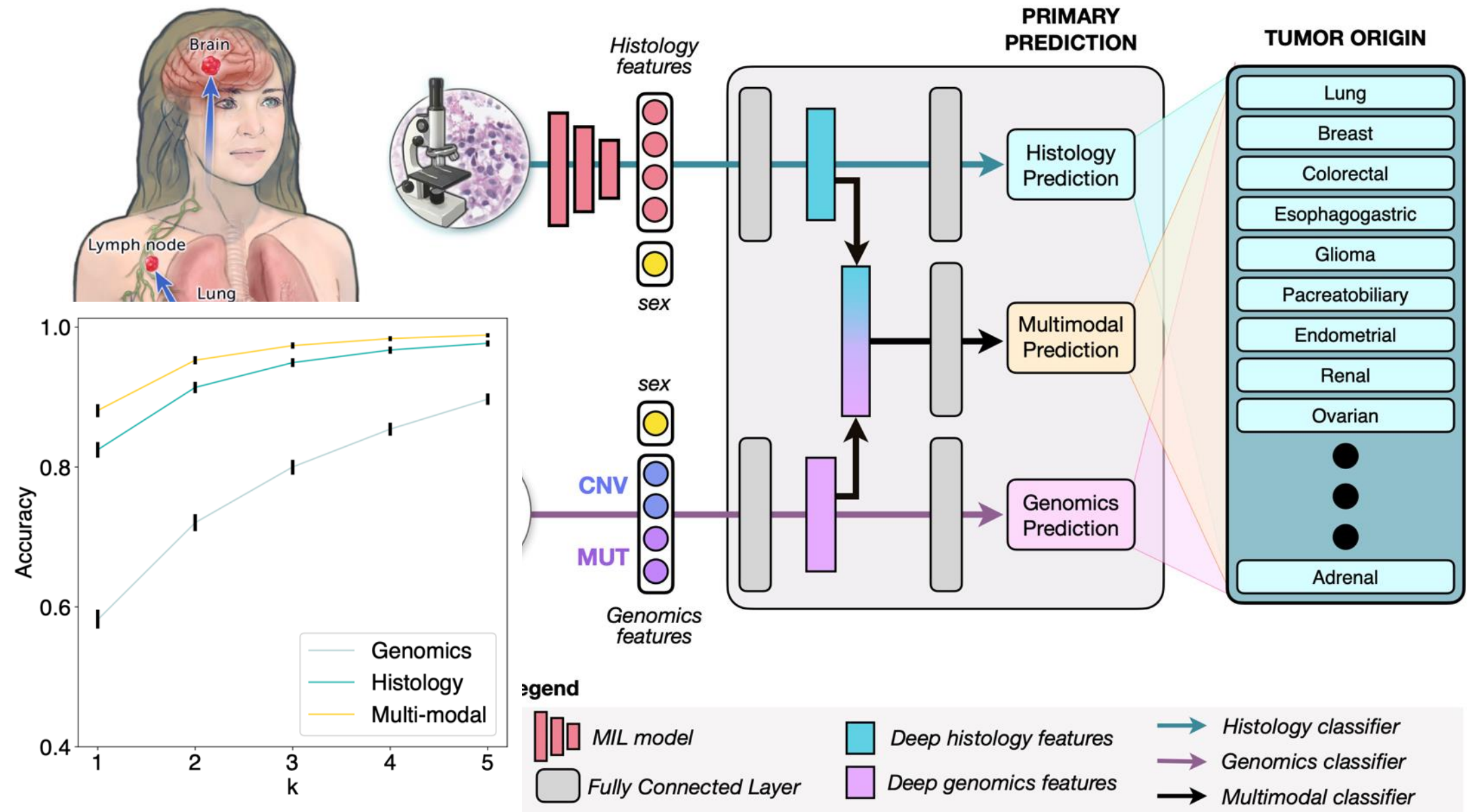
Cancers where a primary origin can not be determined.

- 1-2% of all cancers.
- **30,270** cases expected to be diagnosed in the
- Median survival **2.7-16 months**.
- 2-year survival rate: **20-25%**
- CUP patients undergo a complete workup of clinical, radiological, endoscopy, molecular tests an attempt to determine origin.

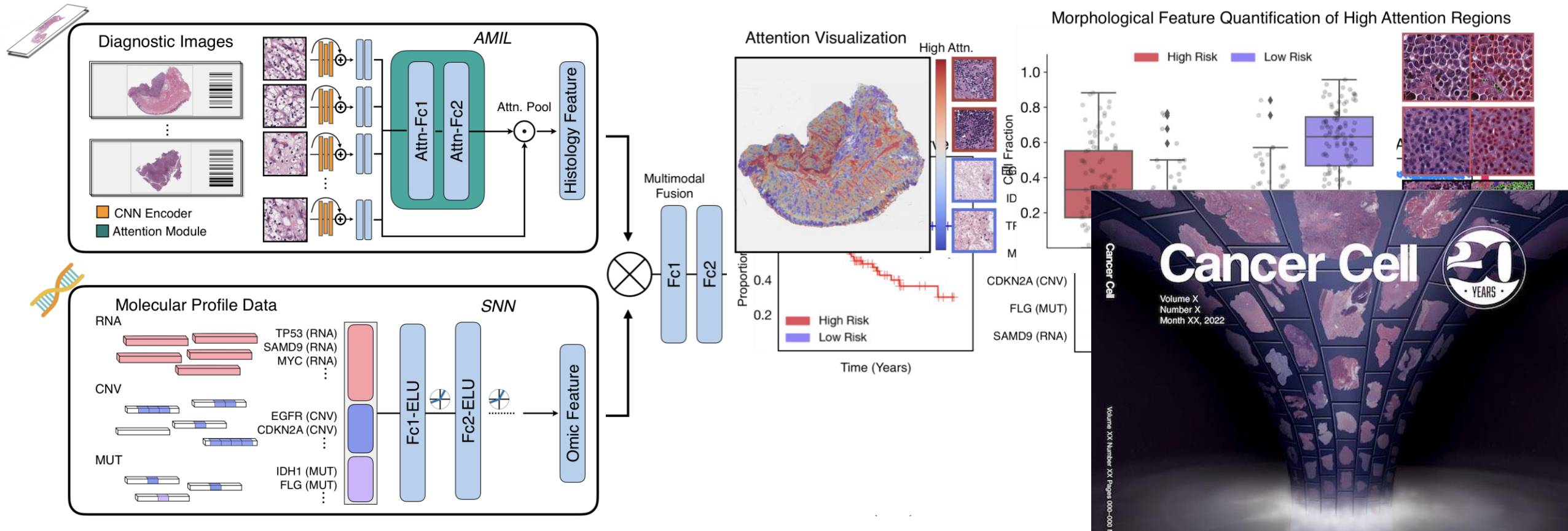
Can we use H&E whole slides to determine origins for cancers of unknown primary



# Integrating histology + genomics for origin prediction



# PORPOISE: Overview (<http://pancancancer.mahmoodlab.org>)



*Weakly Supervised Multimodal Training + Validation*

*Interpretability Analysis*

## Network Architecture

- Unimodal branch for WSIs using CLAM / ABMIL
- Unimodal branch for Mut+CNV+RNA using SNN
- Multimodal Fusion via Kronecker Product

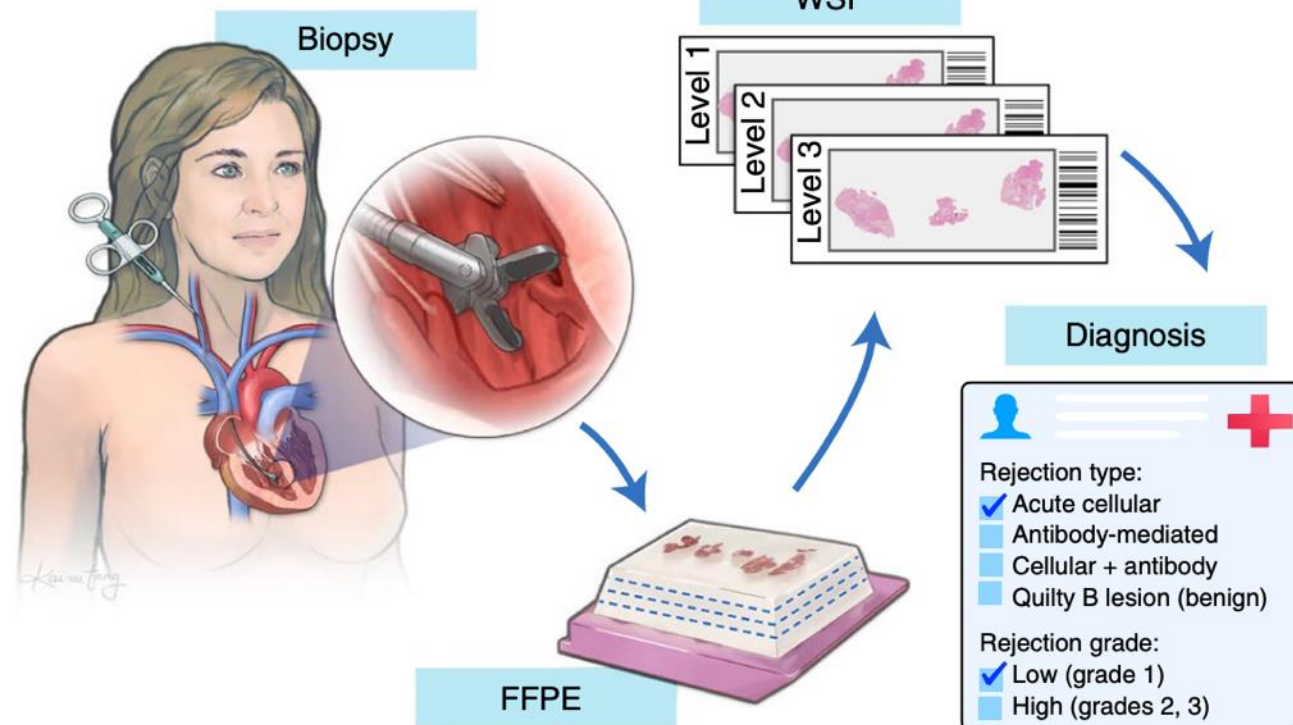
## Interpretability Strategy

- Integrated Gradients for
- Attention Weights + HIF



# Endomyocardial Biopsy Assessment

## Endomyocardial biopsy assessment



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## Deep learning-enabled assessment of cardiac allograft rejection from endomyocardial biopsies

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Endomyocardial biopsy (EMB) screening represents the standard of care for detecting allograft rejections after heart transplant. Manual interpretation of EMBs is affected by substantial interobserver and intraobserver variability, which often leads to inappropriate treatment with immunosuppressive drugs, unnecessary follow-up biopsies and poor transplant outcomes. Here we present a deep learning-based artificial intelligence (AI) system for automated assessment of gigapixel whole-slide images obtained from EMBs, which simultaneously addresses detection, subtyping and grading of allograft rejection. To assess model performance, we curated a large dataset from the United States, as well as independent test cohorts from Turkey and Switzerland, which includes large-scale variability across populations, sample preparations and slide scanning instrumentation. The model detects allograft rejection with an area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (AUC) of 0.962; assesses the cellular and antibody-mediated rejection type with AUCs of 0.958 and 0.874, respectively; detects Quilty B lesions, benign mimics of rejection, with an AUC of 0.939; and differentiates between low-grade and high-grade rejections with an AUC of 0.833. In a human reader study, the AI system showed non-inferior performance to conventional assessment and reduced interobserver variability and assessment time. This robust evaluation of cardiac allograft rejection paves the way for clinical trials to establish the efficacy of AI-assisted EMB assessment and its potential for improving heart transplant outcomes.

Cardiac failure is a leading cause of hospitalization in the United States and the most rapidly growing cardiovascular condition globally<sup>1,2</sup>. For patients with end-stage heart failure, transplantation is often the only viable solution<sup>3</sup>. Cardiac allograft transplantation is associated with significant risk of rejection<sup>4</sup>. To reduce the incidence of rejection, patients receive individually tailored immunosuppressive regimens after transplantation. Despite the medications, cardiac rejection remains the most common and serious complication, as well as the main cause of mortal-

several revisions to the official guidelines, the interpretation of EMBs remains challenging with limited interobserver and intraobserver reproducibility<sup>5-11</sup>. Overestimation of rejection can lead to increased patient anxiety, overtreatment and unnecessary follow-up biopsies, whereas underestimation may lead to delays in treatment and ultimately to worse outcomes.

Deep learning-based, objective and automated assessment of EMBs can help to mitigate these challenges, potentially improving reproducibility and transplant outcomes. Multiple studies have

# MIL Frameworks

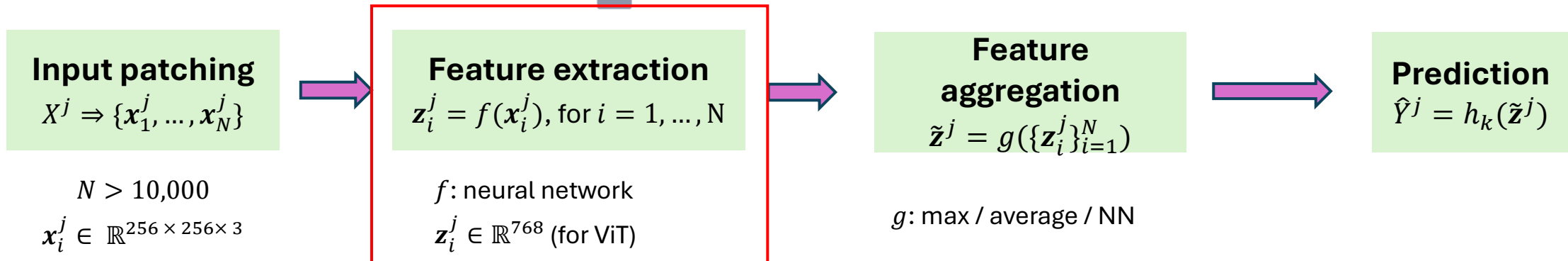
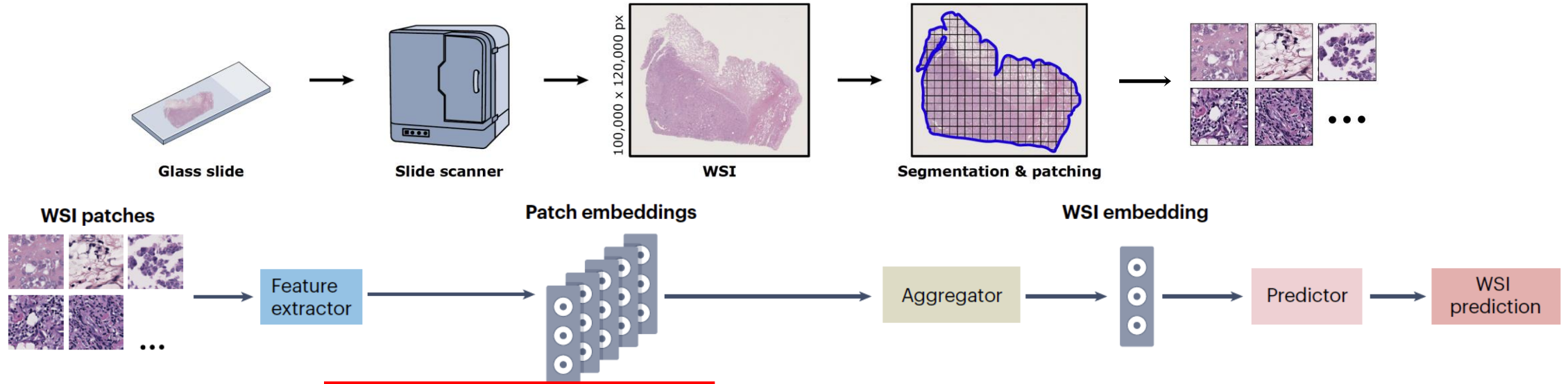


For patient  $j$ , **input:** WSI  $X^j$  **target:** clinical endpoint  $Y^j$

- Lung cancer subtype  $Y^j = \{\text{Lung squamous cell carcinoma, Lung adenocarcinoma}\}$
- Gene mutation  $Y^j = \{\text{wildtype, mutated}\}$

## Problem formulation

Classification  $P(Y^j = k | X^j) = \frac{\exp(w_k(X^j))}{\sum_{k=1}^K \exp(w_k(X^j))}$   $\rightarrow$  (Multinomial) Logistic regression!



# Why do we need foundation models for pathology?

- **Foundation models are generic models capable of generally encoding data into meaningful representations.**
- **Can be applied to many downstream tasks with minimal data (rare diseases, clinical trials etc.)**
- **Ideal for multi-task, multi-tissue models.**
- **Not necessarily meant to completely replace supervised, task specific models.**




# Towards a general-purpose foundation model for computational pathology

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**UNI**

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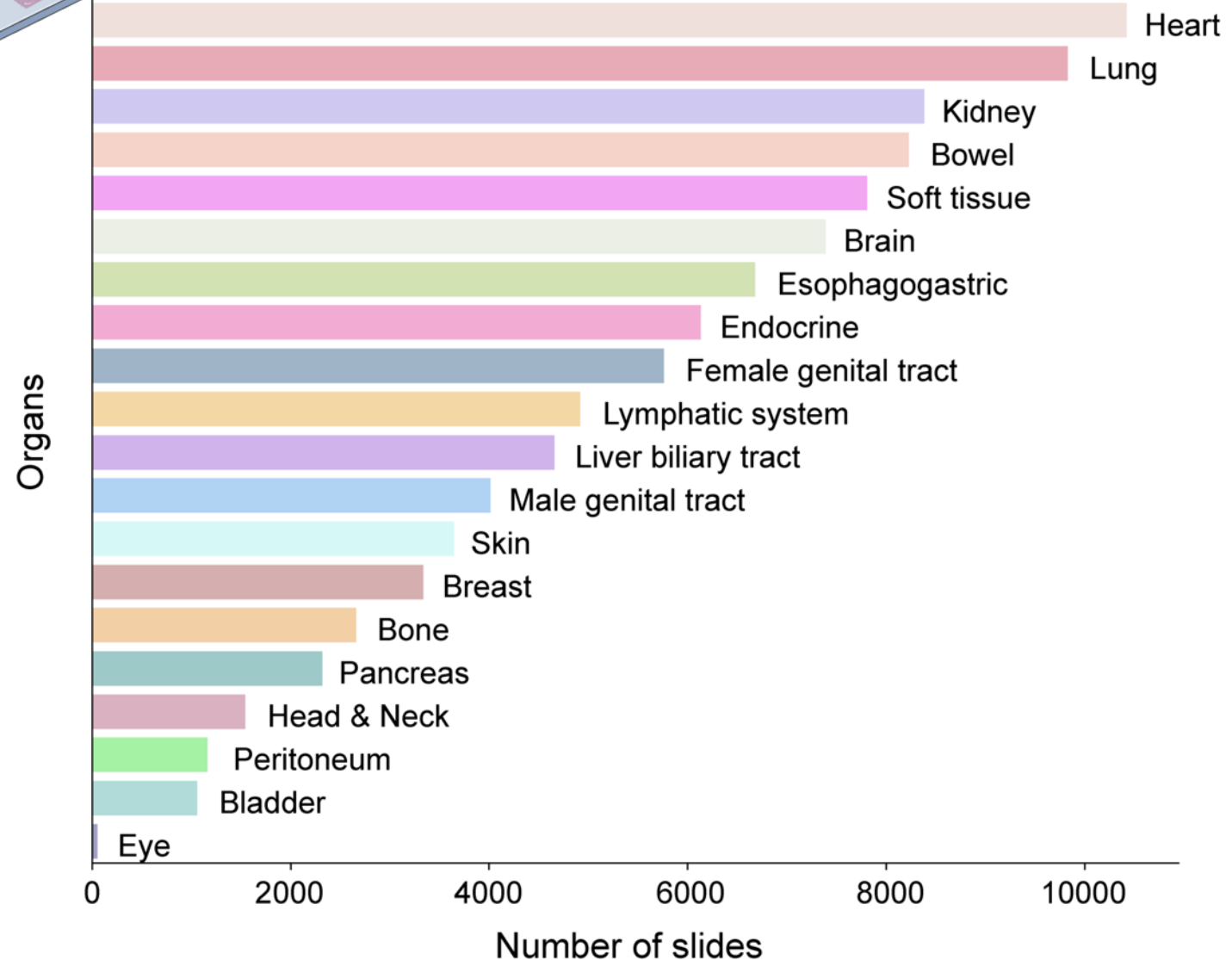
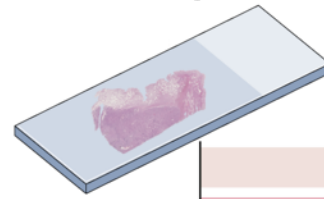
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**CONCH**

# UNI: Mass-100K - 100K WSIs for large-scale vision SSL pretraining

- 100 million patches sampled across 100,000+ WSIs
- 380+ unique OncoTree Codes and other disease labels
- WSIs from commonly used benchmarks (e.g. TCGA) are not included to avoid data leakage in downstream evaluation

**Mass-100K represents the largest and most diverse SSL pretraining dataset including neoplastic, infectious and inflammatory diseases.**

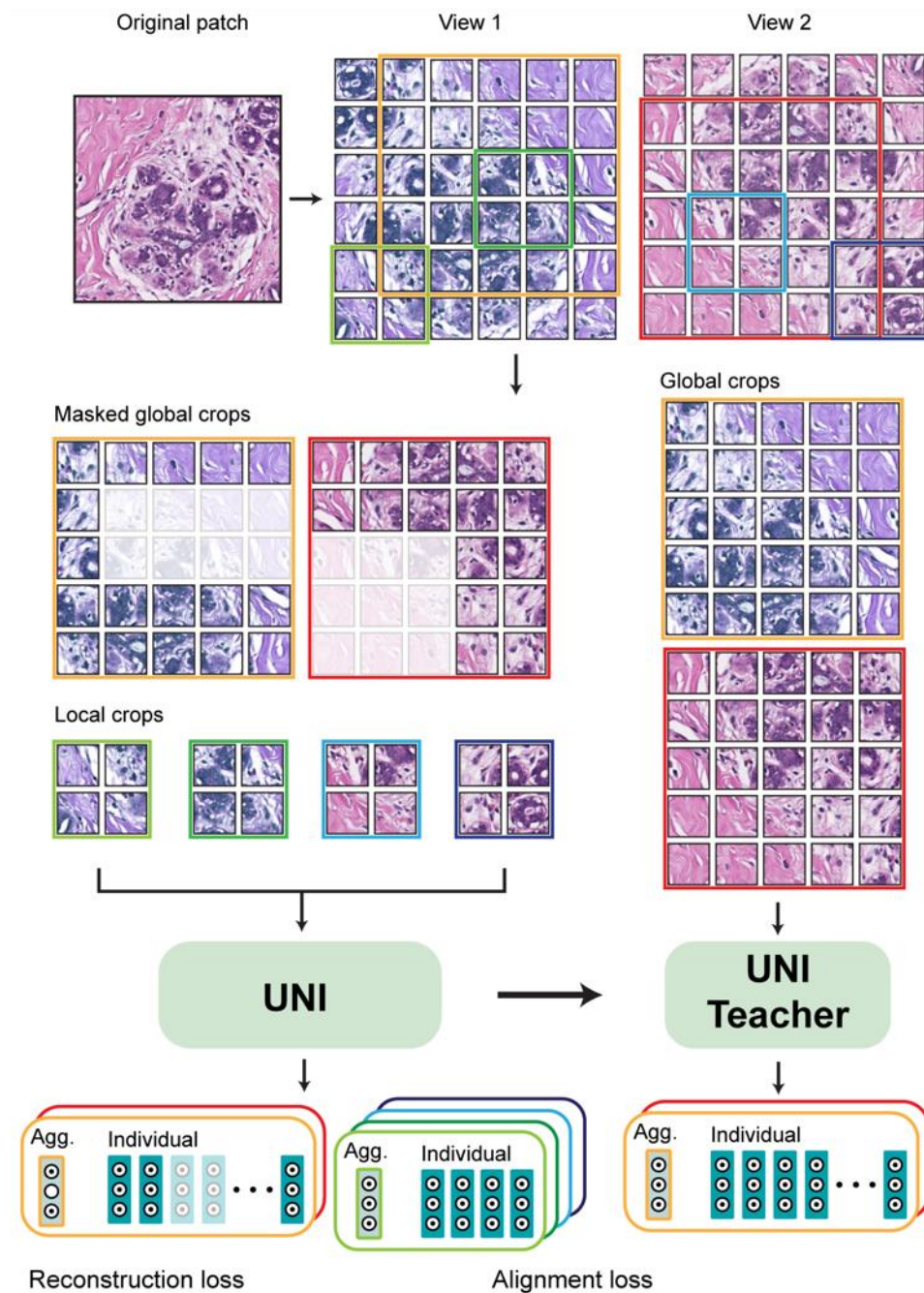


(Nature Medicine, 2024)



# UNI: Pretraining via DINOv2

- Dino v2 SSL pretraining recipe combining masked image modeling and self-distillation
- 4 x 8 A100 GPUs for multi-node training of ViT-L on Mass-100K for up to 125,000 iterations
- Compare against SOTA SSL encoders + baseline:
  - CTransPath (Wang *et al.* 2022)
  - REMEDIS (Azizi *et al.* 2023)
  - ResNet50 (transfer from ImageNet)

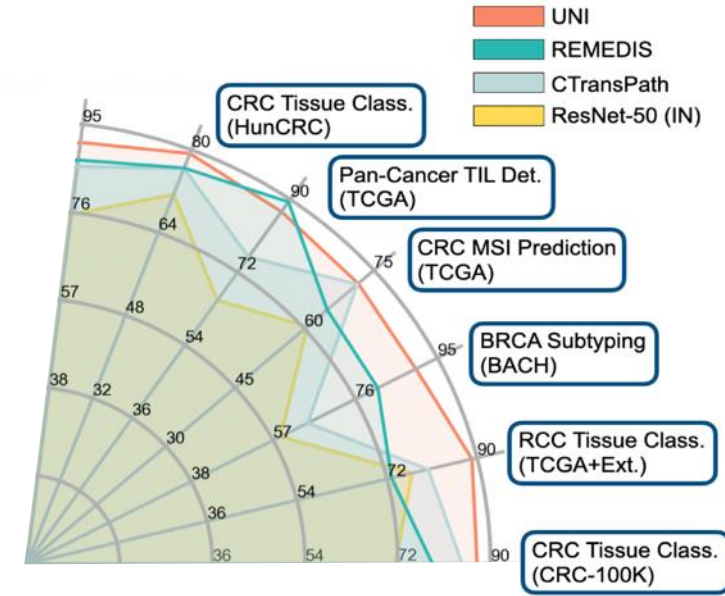
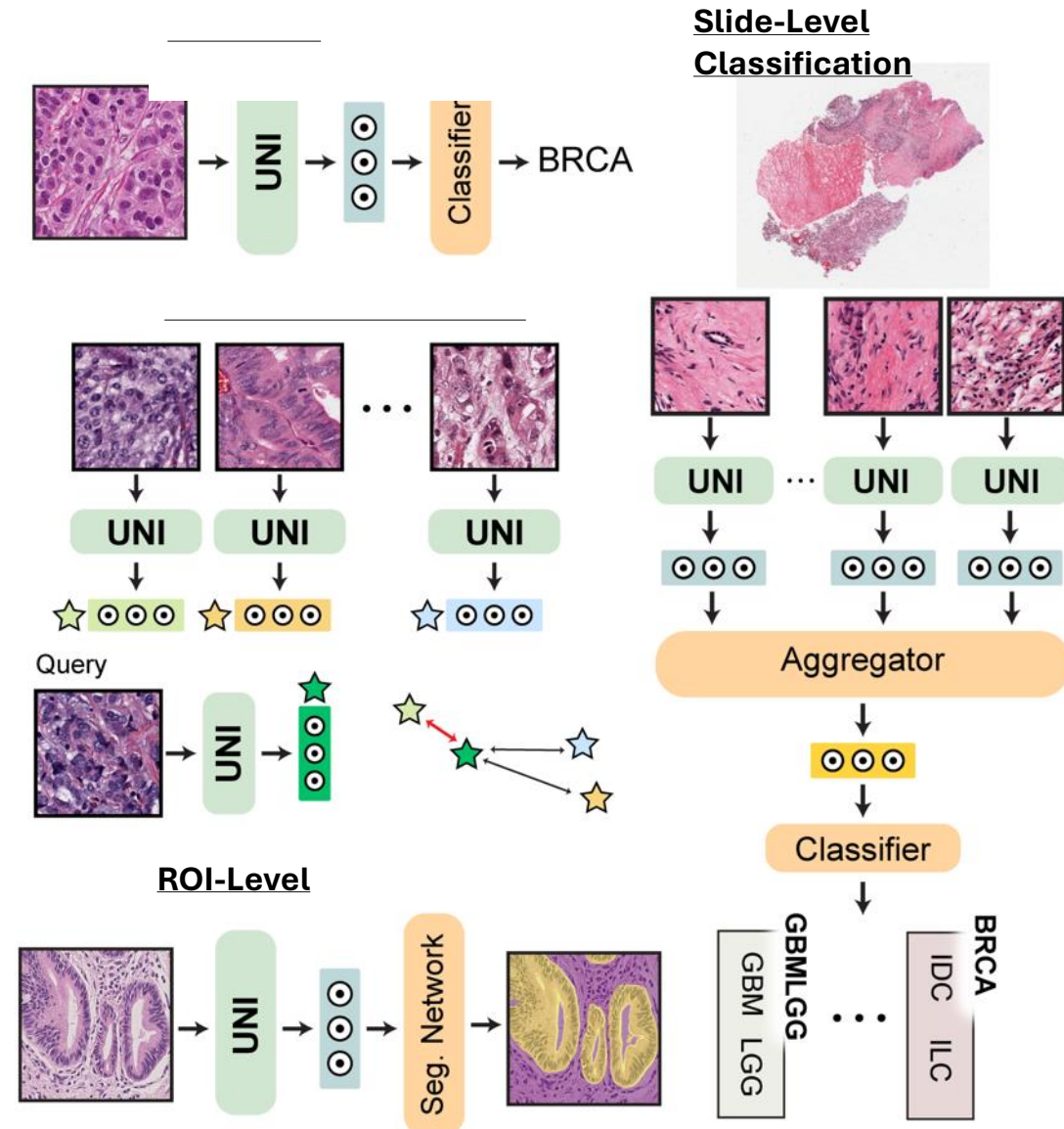


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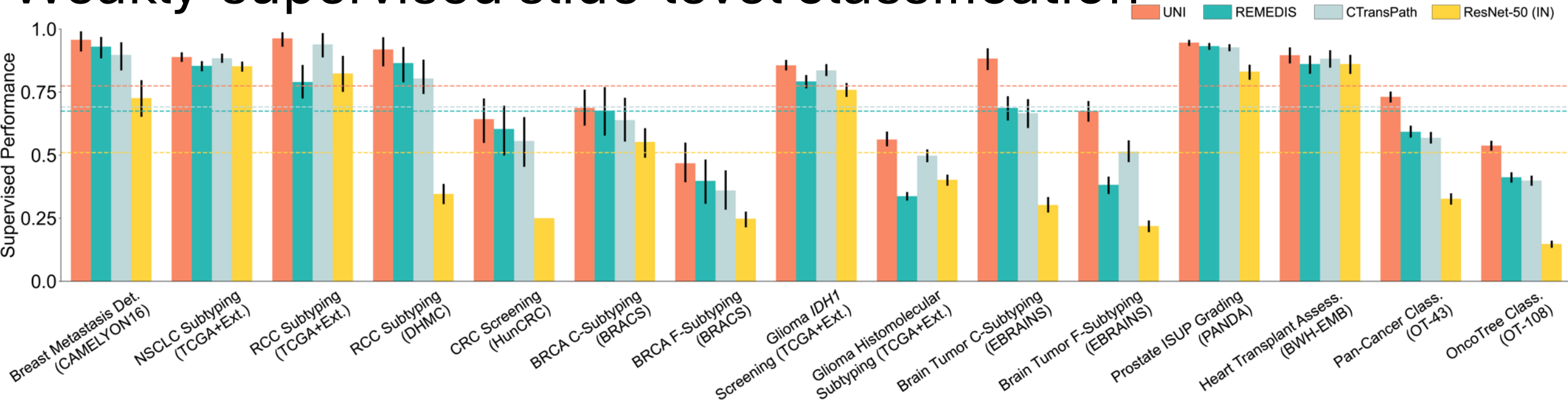
# UNI: Overview of Tasks

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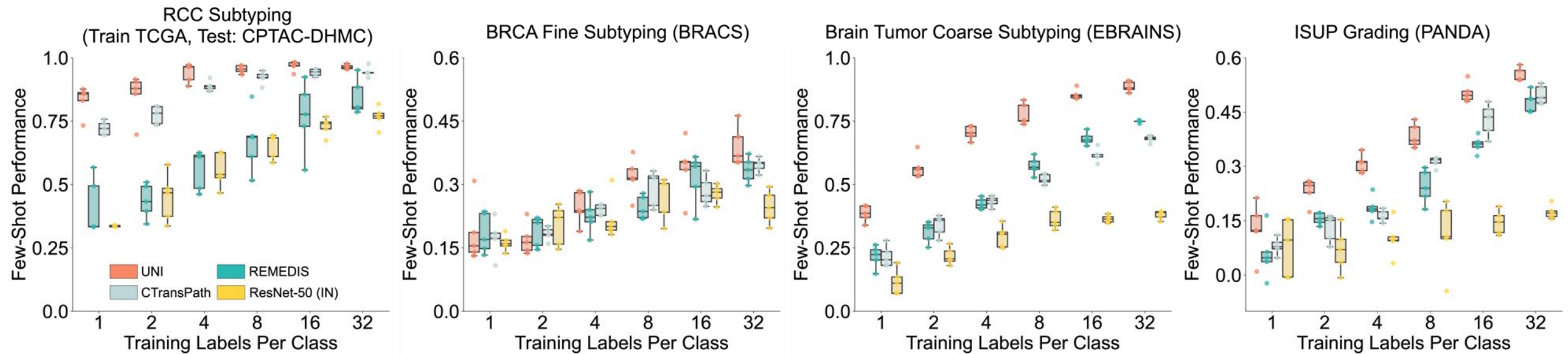


UNI outperforms other pretrained encoders on 33 clinical tasks in anatomical pathology.

# Weakly-supervised slide-level classification



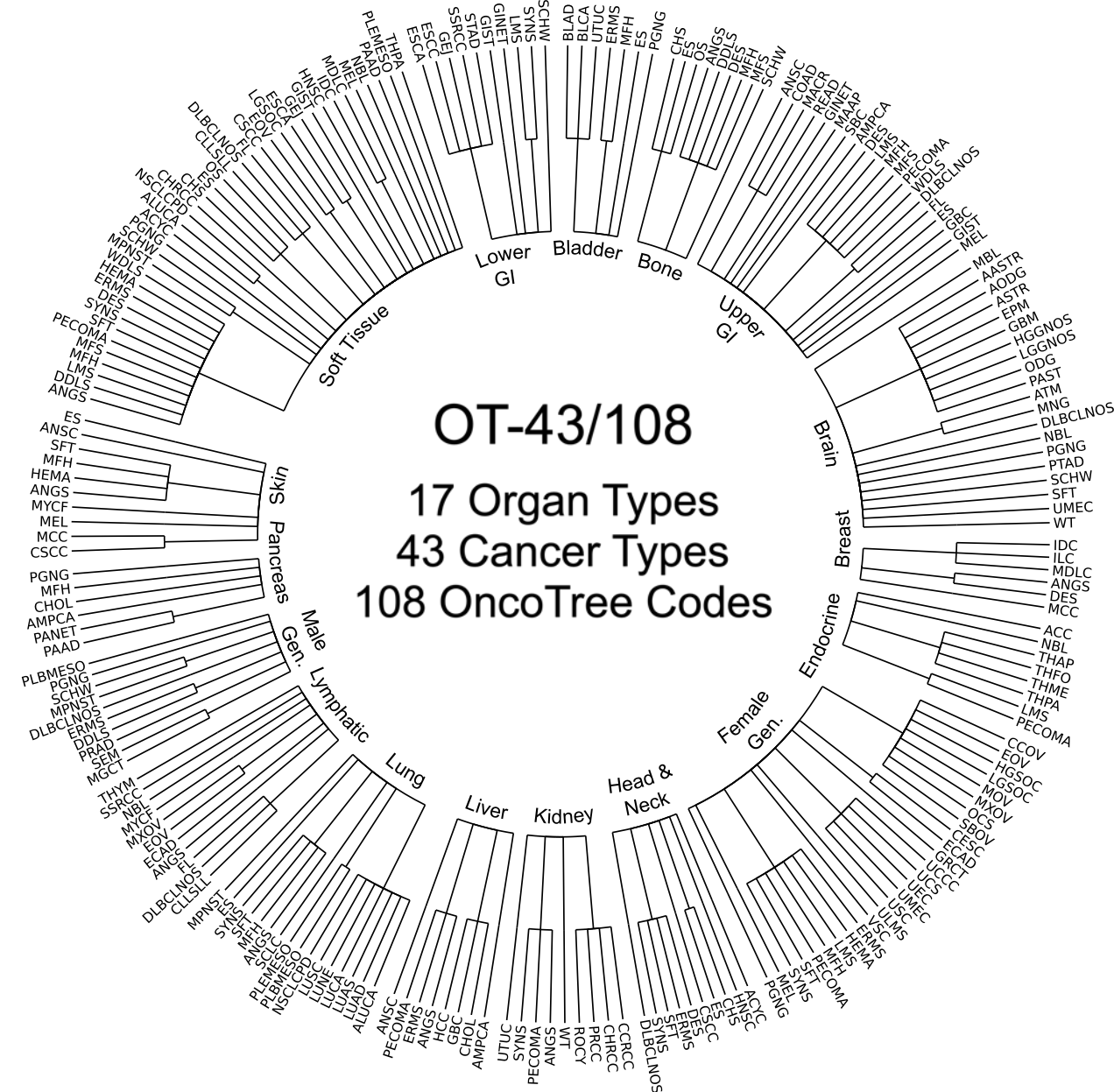
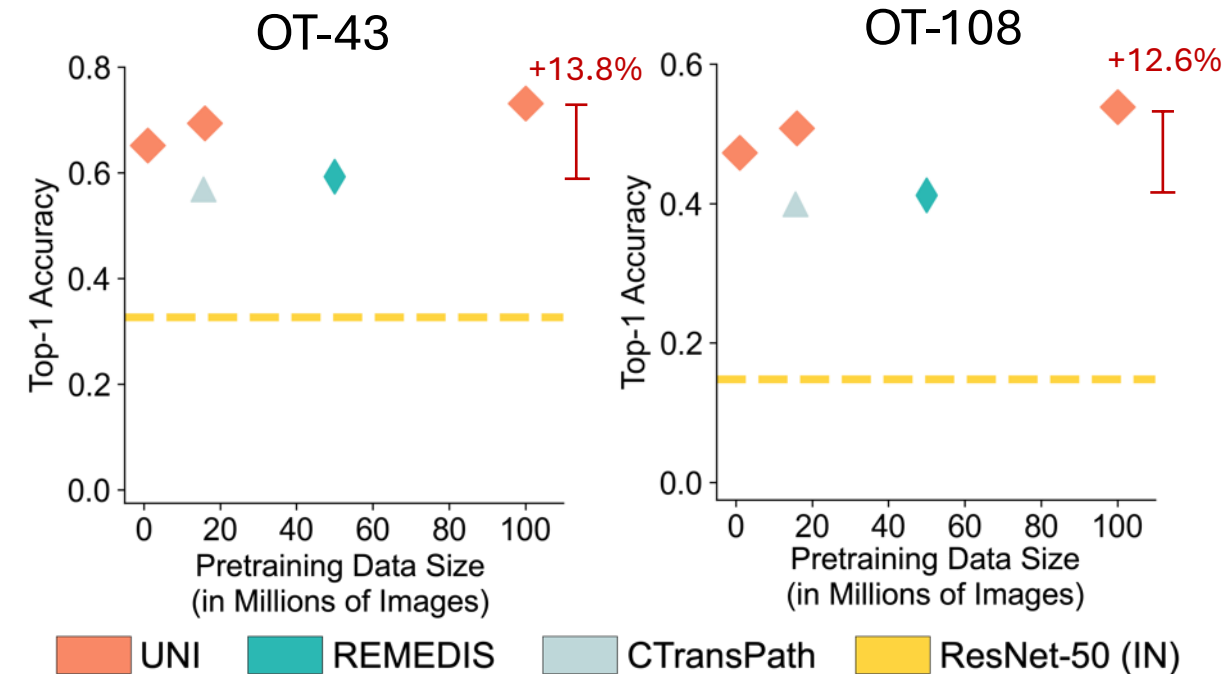
## Few-shot classification:



# UNI: OT-43/108 - A new large-scale subtyping benchmark

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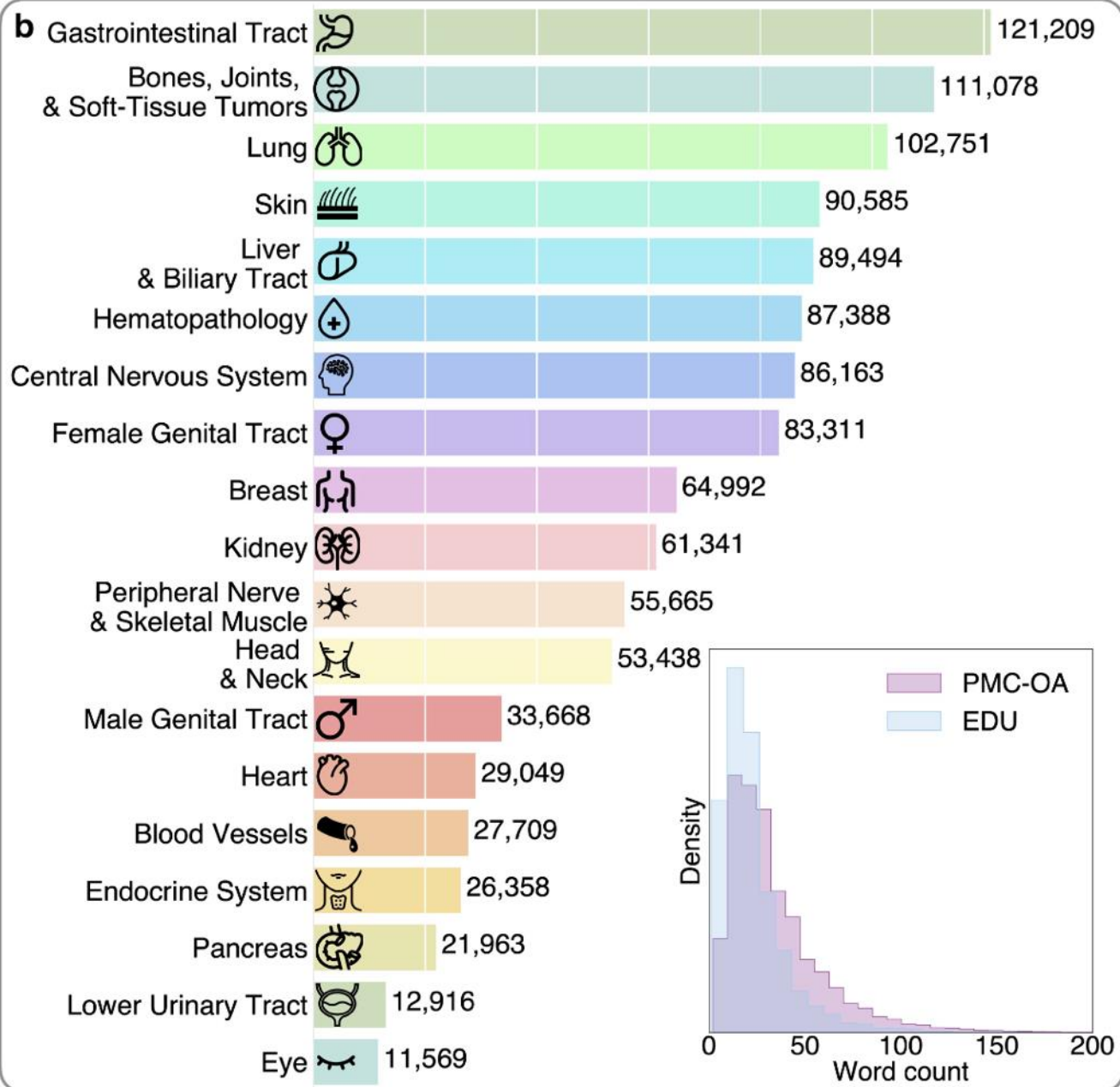
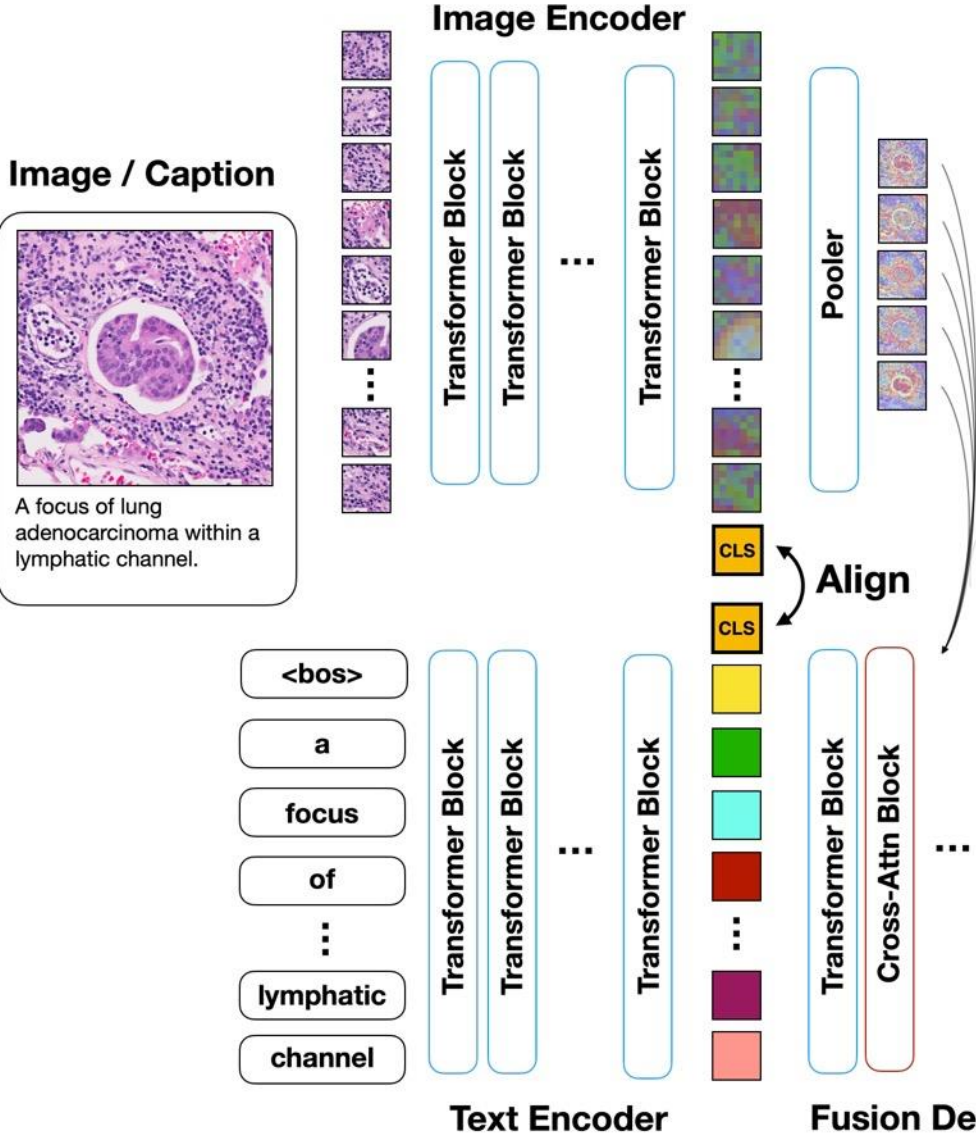
- OncoTree-43 (OT-43): 43-way cancer type classification
- OncoTree-108 (OT-108): 108-way OncoTree Code (cancer subtype) classification
- Challenging, large, representative benchmark for assessing performance of SSL pretrained encoders





# CONCH: CONTRASTIVE learning from Captions for Histopathology

(Nature Medicine, 2024)



# Zero-shot classification

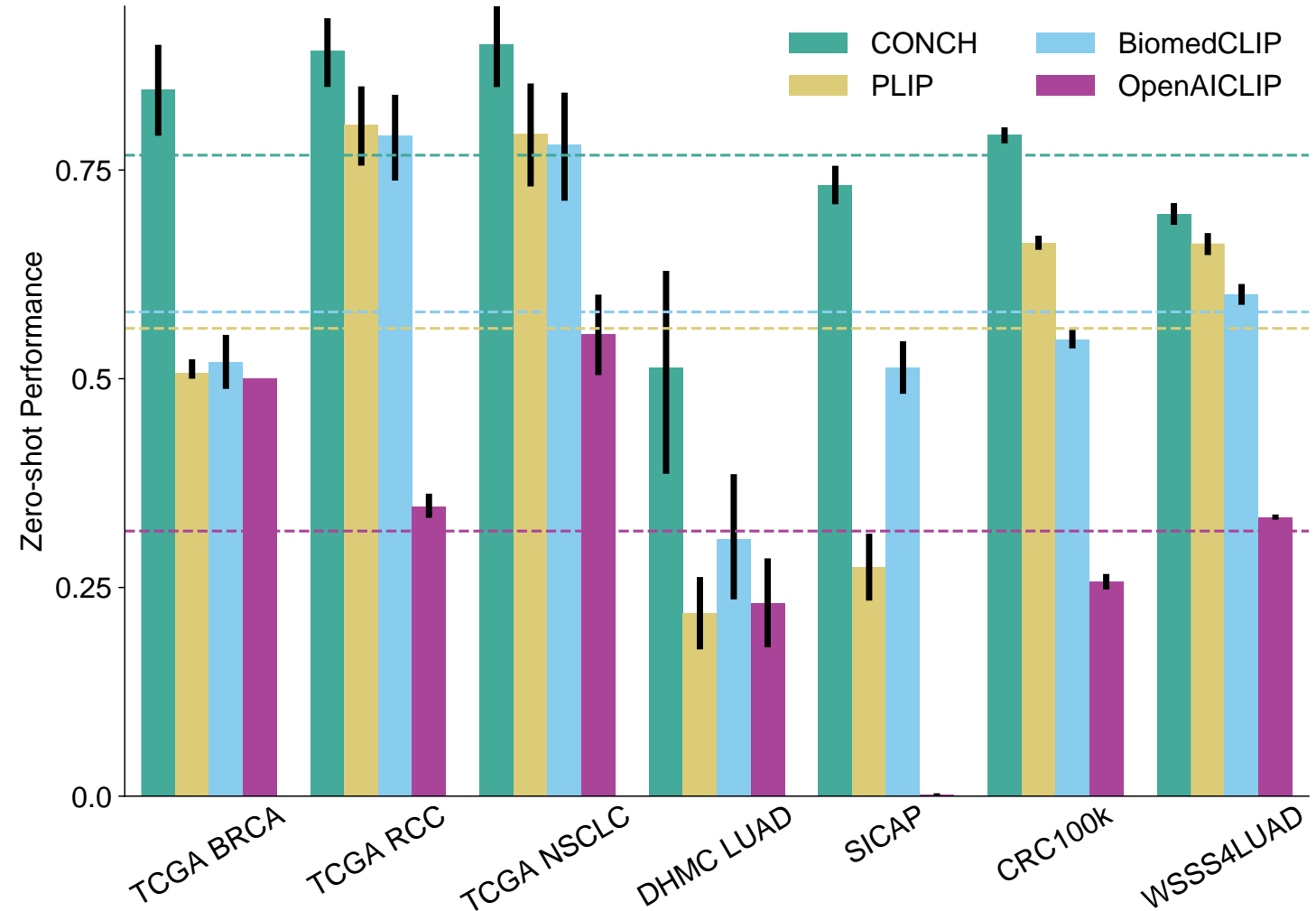
Zero shot classification through prompting!

4 Slide-level benchmarks (using MI-Zero):

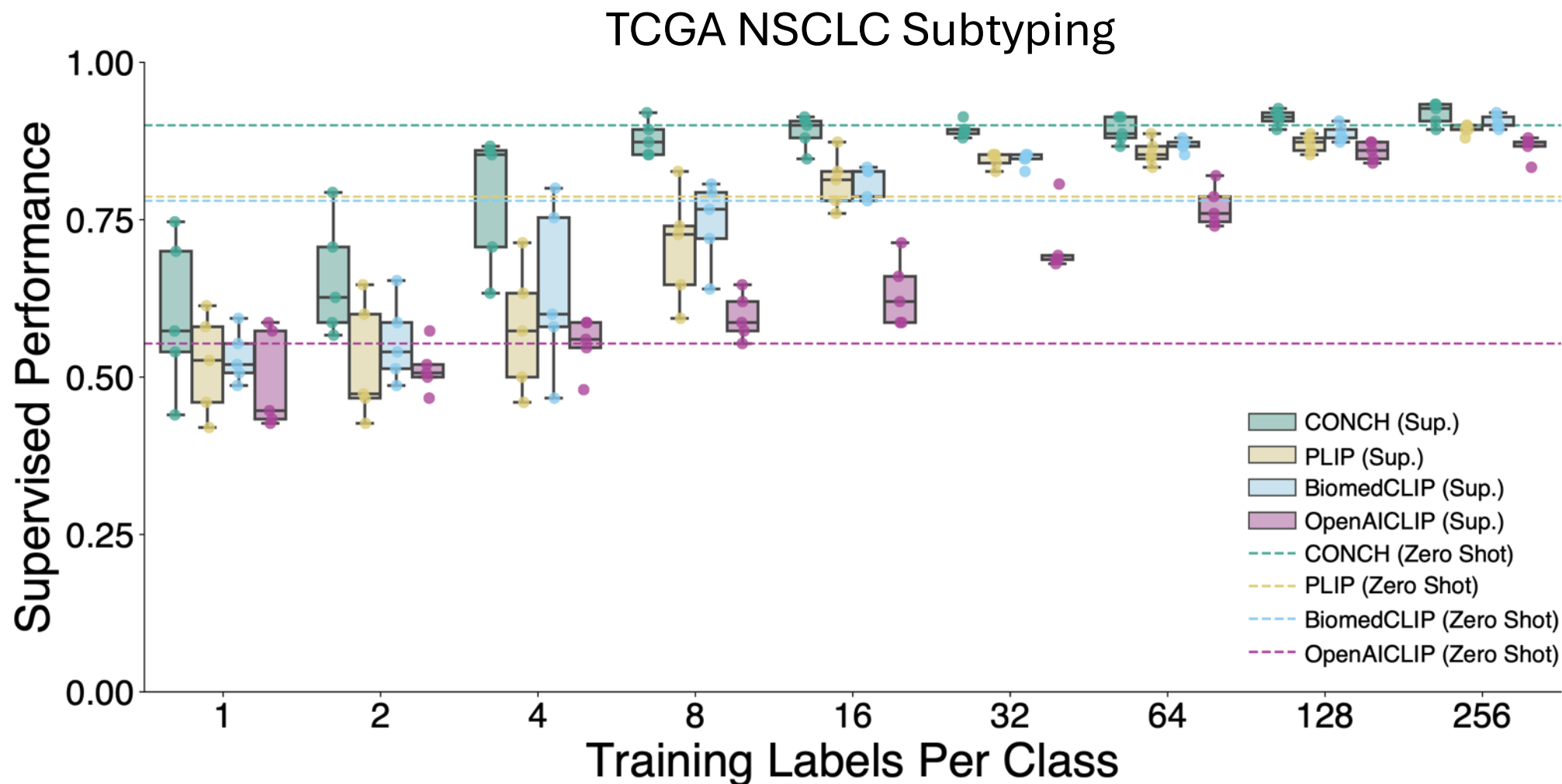
- TCGA BRCA subtyping
- TCGA RCC subtyping
- TCGA NSCLC subtyping
- DHMC LUAD pattern classification

3 Patch-level benchmarks (using CLIP-style zeroshot):

- SICAP gleason grading
- CRC100k tissue type classification
- WSSS4LUAD tissue type classification

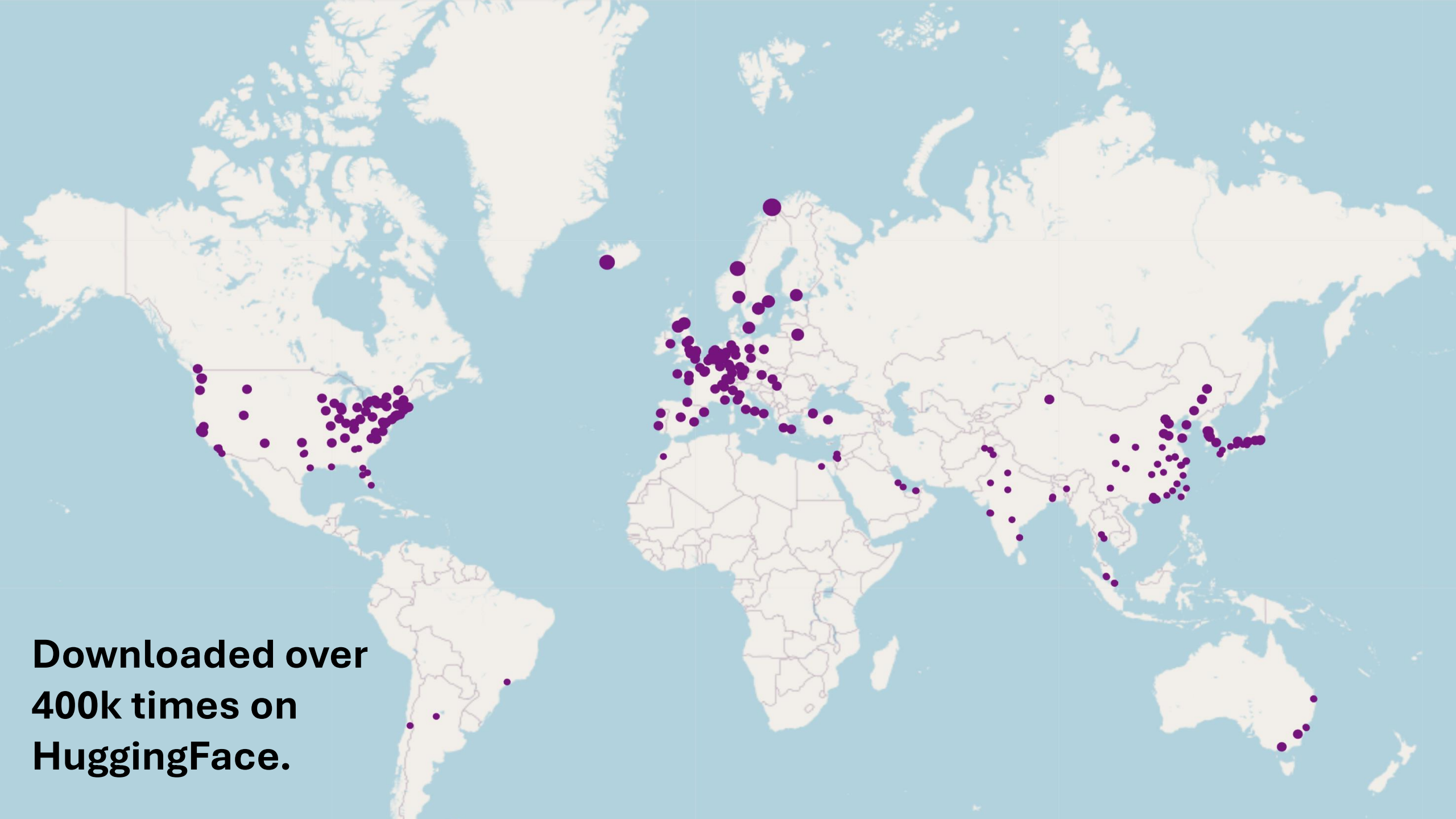


# Fewshot classification



1. CONCH zeroshot is a strong baseline for classification, competitive with supervised few-shot learning by SOTA visual language encoders.
2. CONCH image encoder is more label efficient and often requires few labels to reach competitive performance

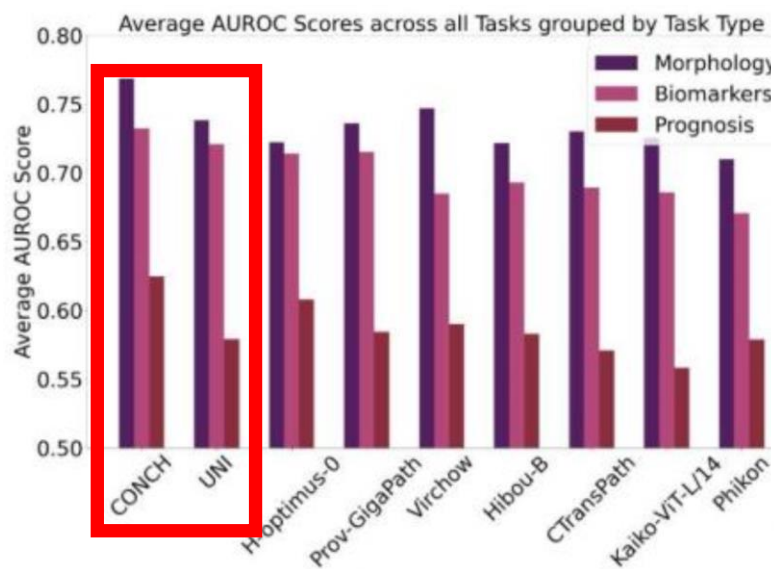
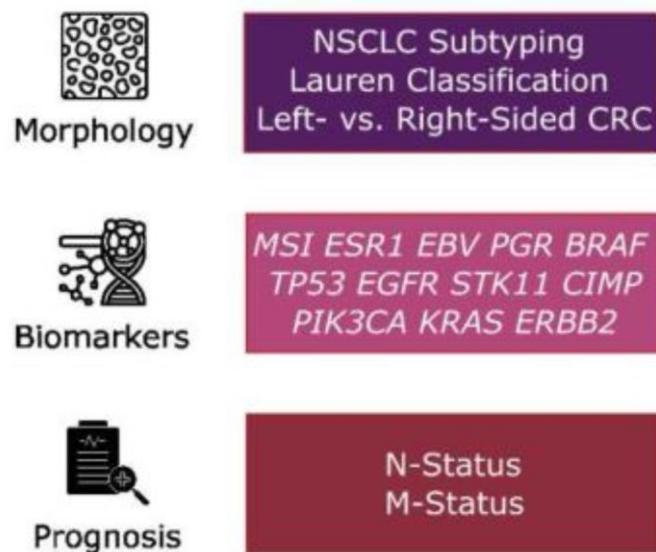




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# UNI and CONCH External Validation: Biomarker Assessment and FM Comparisons

- CONCH and UNI continues to be the top-2 SOTA ROI foundation models across 31 clinical tasks spanning morphological subtyping, biomarker prediction, and cancer prognosis

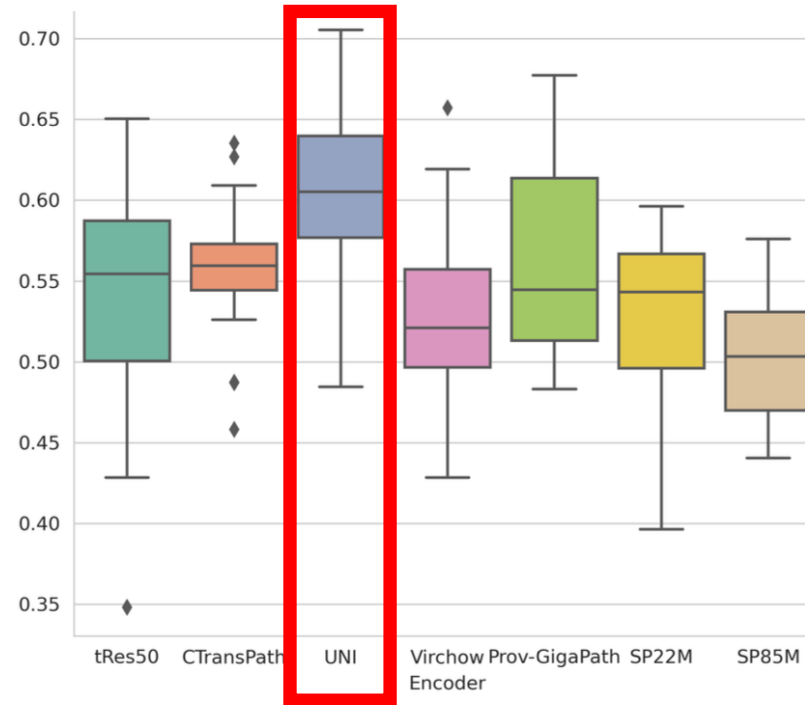


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CPTAC CRC MSI	0.91	0.92	0.90	0.88	0.86	0.86	0.87	0.86	0.85	0.85
CPTAC BRCA ESR1	0.84	0.87	0.83	0.87	0.87	0.86	0.86	0.84	0.78	0.89
KIEL STAD EBV	0.88	0.88	0.86	0.88	0.84	0.85	0.72	0.84	0.77	
DACHS CRC MSI	0.83	0.83	0.82	0.83	0.75	0.82	0.79	0.85	0.77	0.83
CPTAC BRCA PGR	0.80	0.75	0.75	0.77	0.79	0.80	0.72	0.78	0.72	0.82
BERN STAD MSI	0.73	0.75	0.77	0.78	0.72	0.68	0.75	0.74	0.70	
CPTAC CRC BRAF	0.71	0.79	0.75	0.82	0.72	0.77	0.66	0.62	0.72	0.77
DACHS CRC BRAF	0.77	0.75	0.76	0.73	0.73	0.69	0.70	0.73	0.71	0.72
KIEL STAD MSI	0.72	0.77	0.75	0.73	0.76	0.67	0.76	0.73	0.69	
CPTAC LUNG TP53	0.79	0.73	0.72	0.73	0.70	0.71	0.73	0.72	0.70	
CPTAC LUNG EGFR	0.73	0.73	0.77	0.69	0.66	0.72	0.74	0.70	0.70	
CPTAC LUNG STK11	0.77	0.73	0.74	0.79	0.70	0.61	0.73	0.55	0.61	
DACHS CRC CIMP	0.68	0.65	0.68	0.65	0.64	0.63	0.64	0.68	0.61	0.66
CPTAC BRCA PIK3CA	0.65	0.60	0.63	0.59	0.56	0.65	0.59	0.61	0.60	0.64
CPTAC CRC KRAS	0.66	0.65	0.61	0.56	0.64	0.63	0.55	0.59	0.58	0.62
CPTAC CRC PIK3CA	0.63	0.62	0.56	0.61	0.58	0.50	0.57	0.63	0.62	0.58
CPTAC BRCA ERBB2	0.69	0.56	0.58	0.56	0.59	0.58	0.58	0.57	0.50	0.61
CPTAC LUNG KRAS	0.60	0.58	0.57	0.55	0.54	0.55	0.51	0.46	0.57	
DACHS CRC KRAS	0.53	0.54	0.55	0.55	0.50	0.52	0.55	0.50	0.54	0.54
Average	0.73	0.72	0.72	0.71	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.68	0.67	0.71

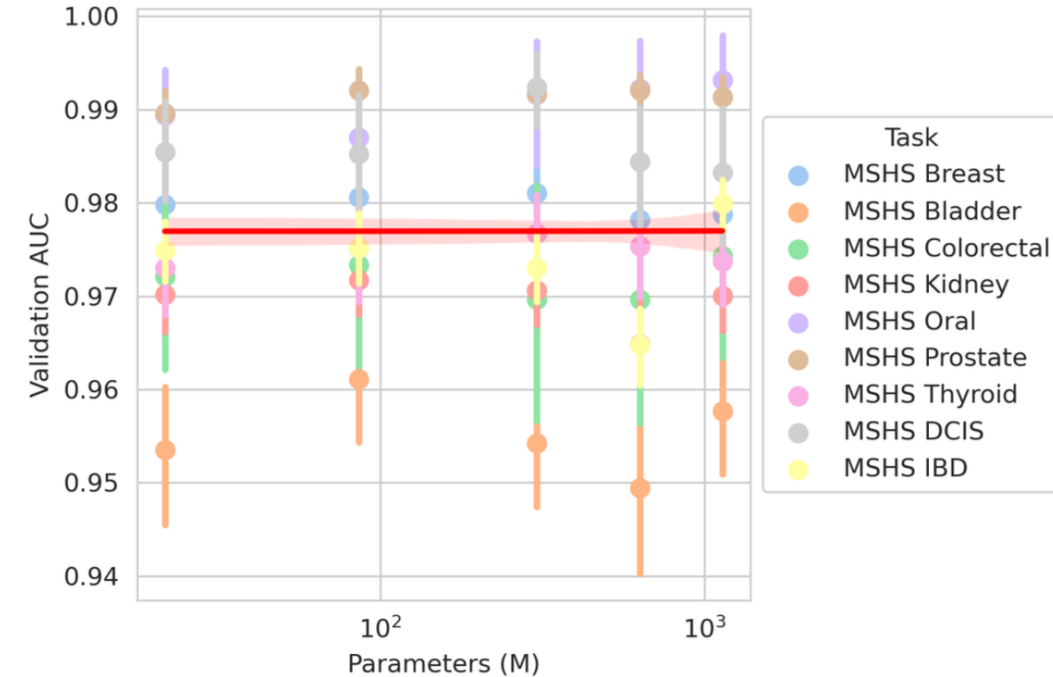
# UNI and CONCH External Validation: Performance Efficiency Assessment

- UNI continues to be the SOTA ROI foundation model on 9 disease detection and 11 biomarker prediction tasks.
- Diminishing performance gains found with larger models.
- UNI performance on NSCLC IO is attributed to training diversity

MSKCC NSCLC IO Prediction



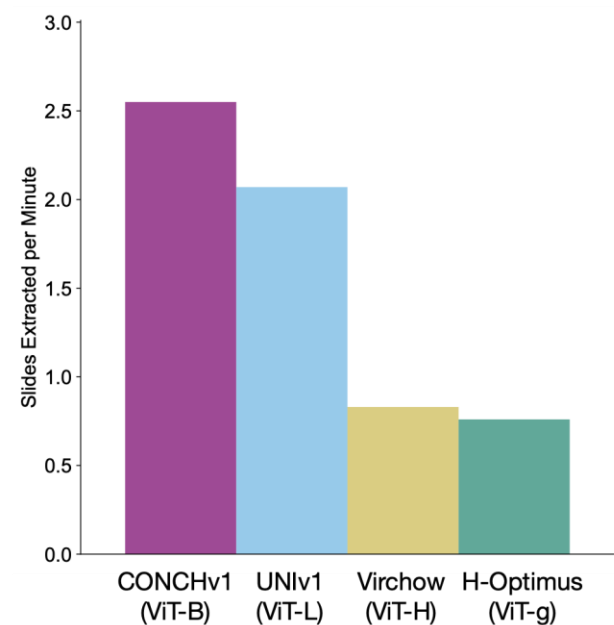
AUC Performance vs. Parameter Efficiency





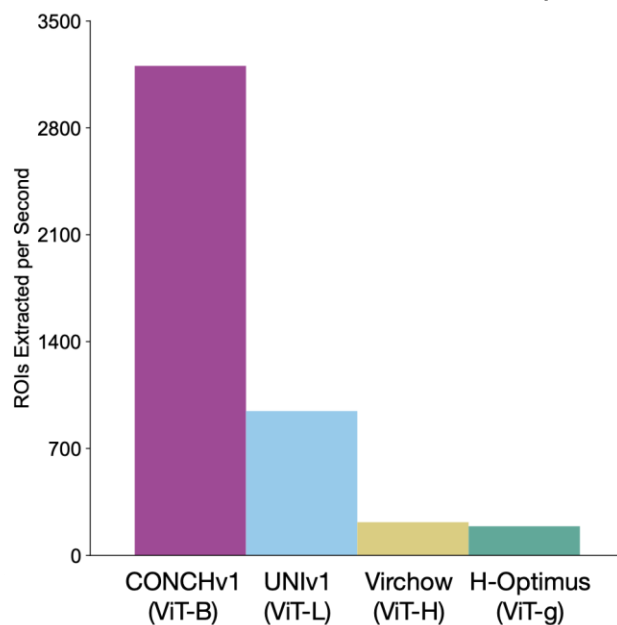
# UNI and CONCH

## Slide Feature Extraction Speed



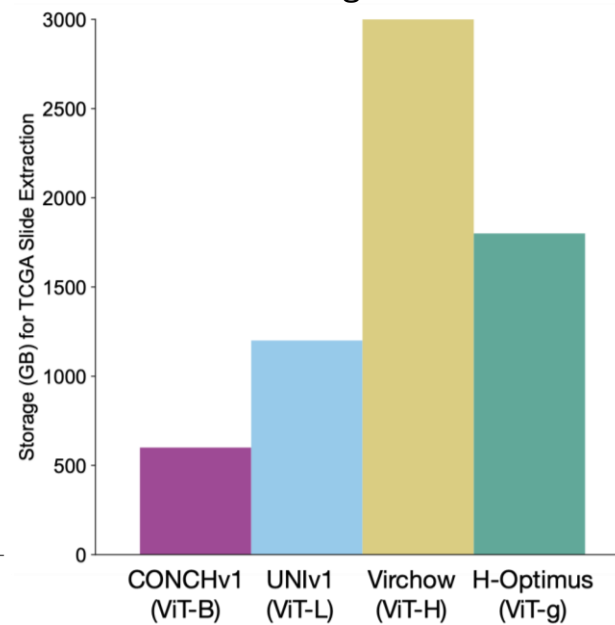
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## Patch Feature Extraction Speed

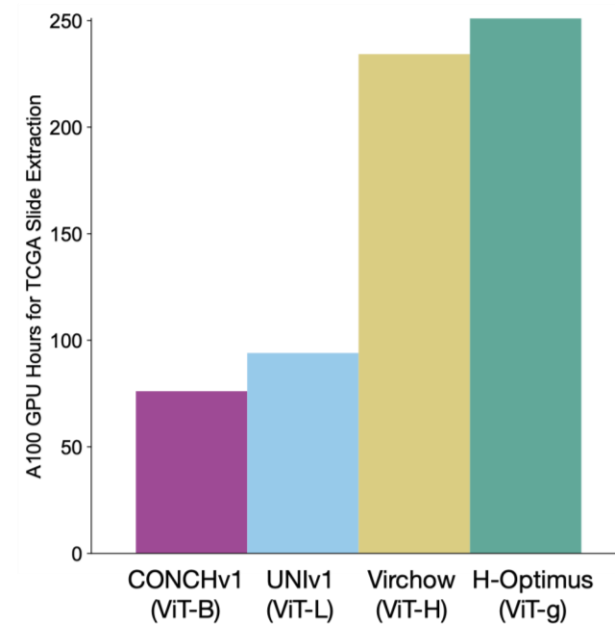


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## Storage Cost

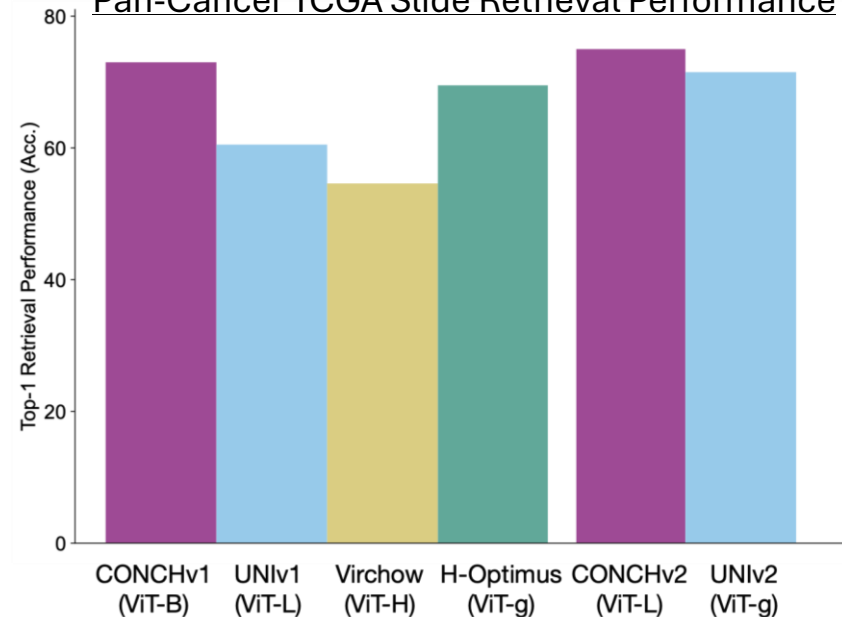


## Extraction Time Cost

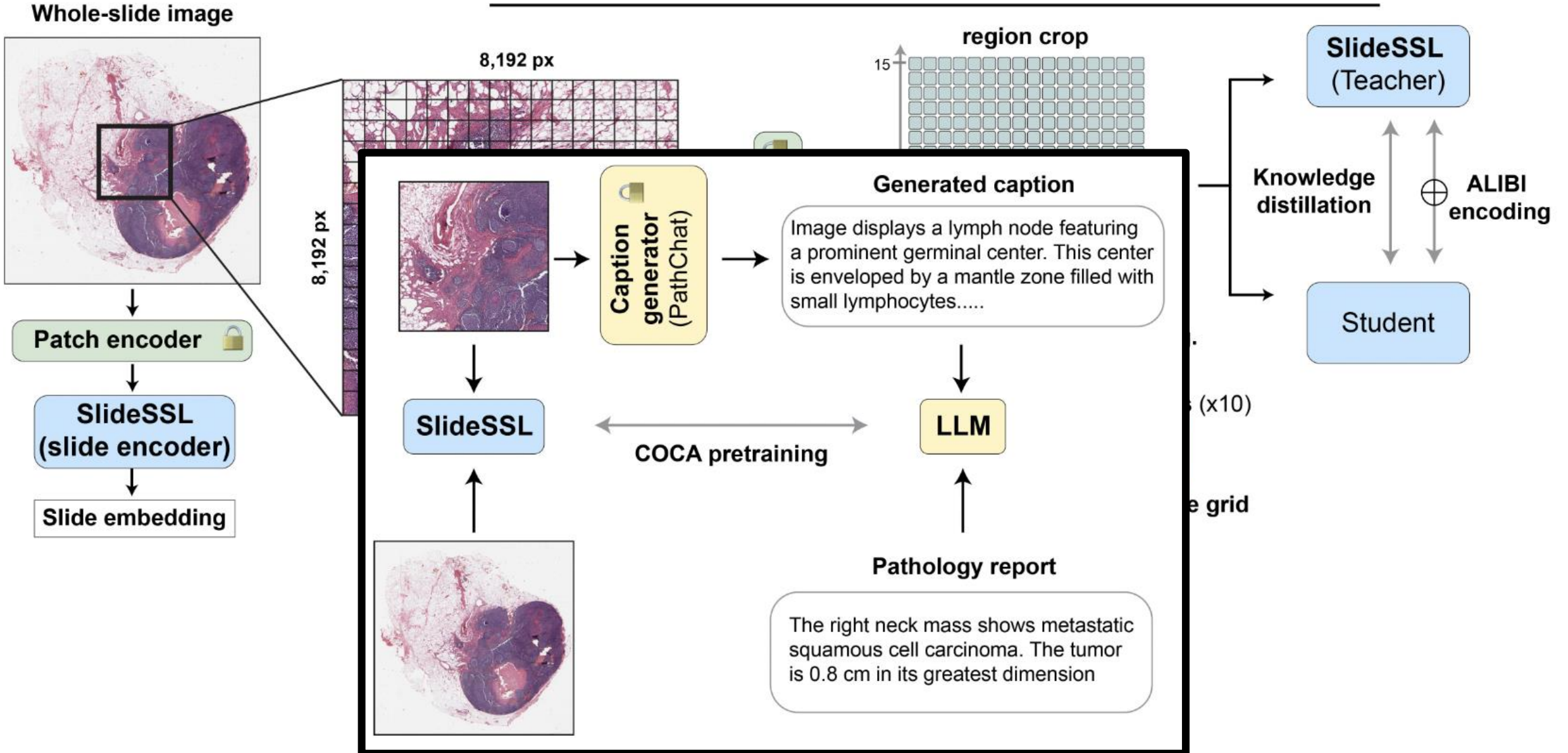


- Non-overlapping [256 x 256] patch feature extraction from 11,661 WSIs in the TCGA
- Approx. 13,353 tissue patches per WSI (155.7M tissue patches in total)
- A100 80GB SXM4 with PanFS HPC Storage
- 32-class ROI-level pan-cancer tissue retrieval evaluation in the TCGA

## Pan-Cancer TCGA Slide Retrieval Performance



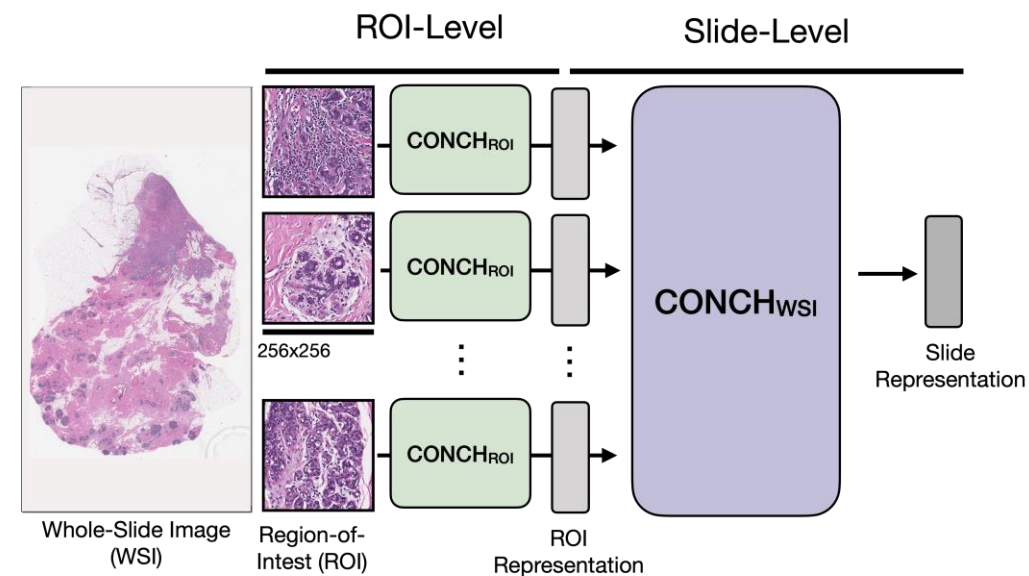
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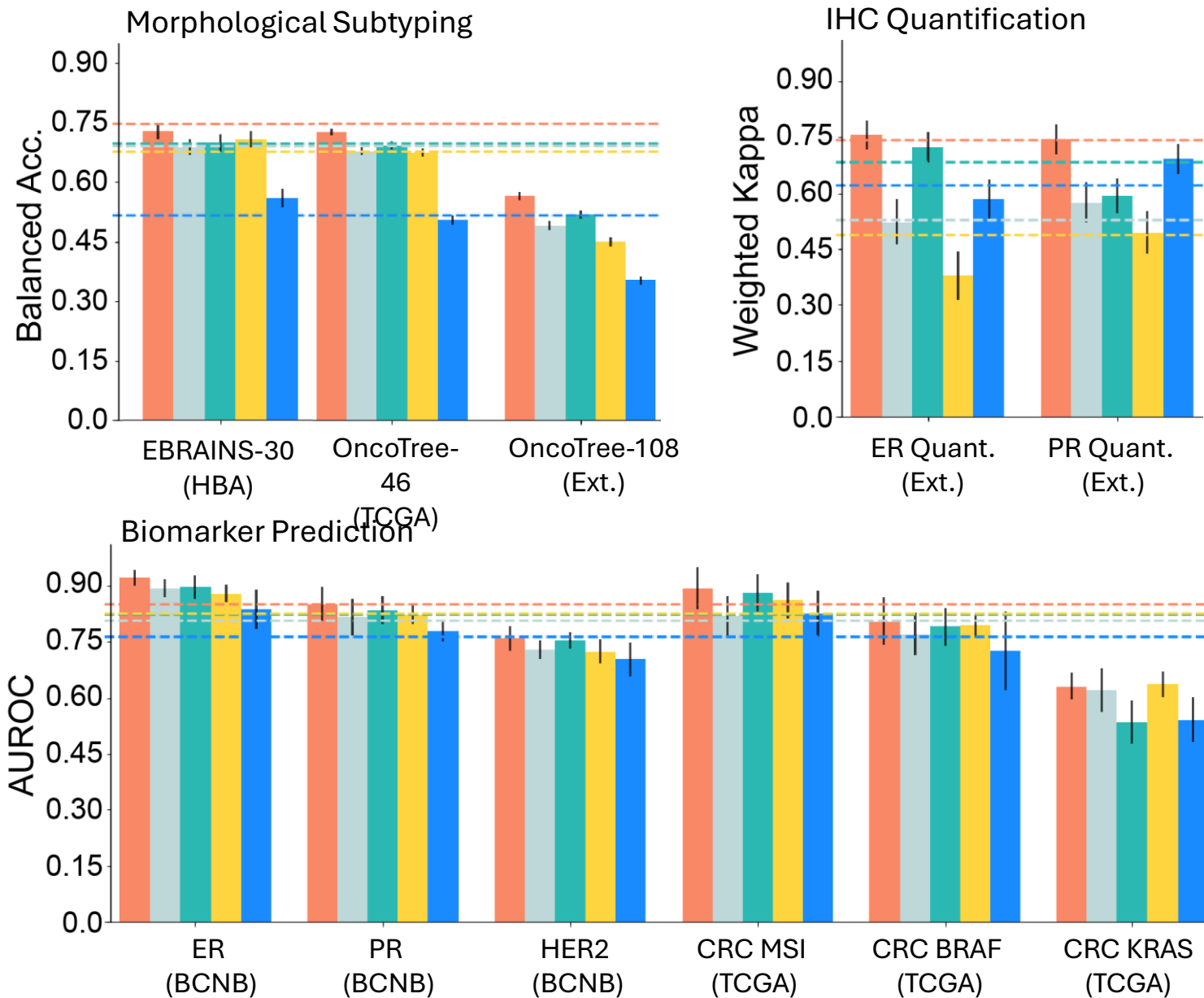
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# Slide<sub>SSL</sub>: A Vision-Language Slide Foundation Model for CPath

■ CONCH<sub>WSI</sub>
■ CONCH<sub>ROI</sub>
■ PRISM
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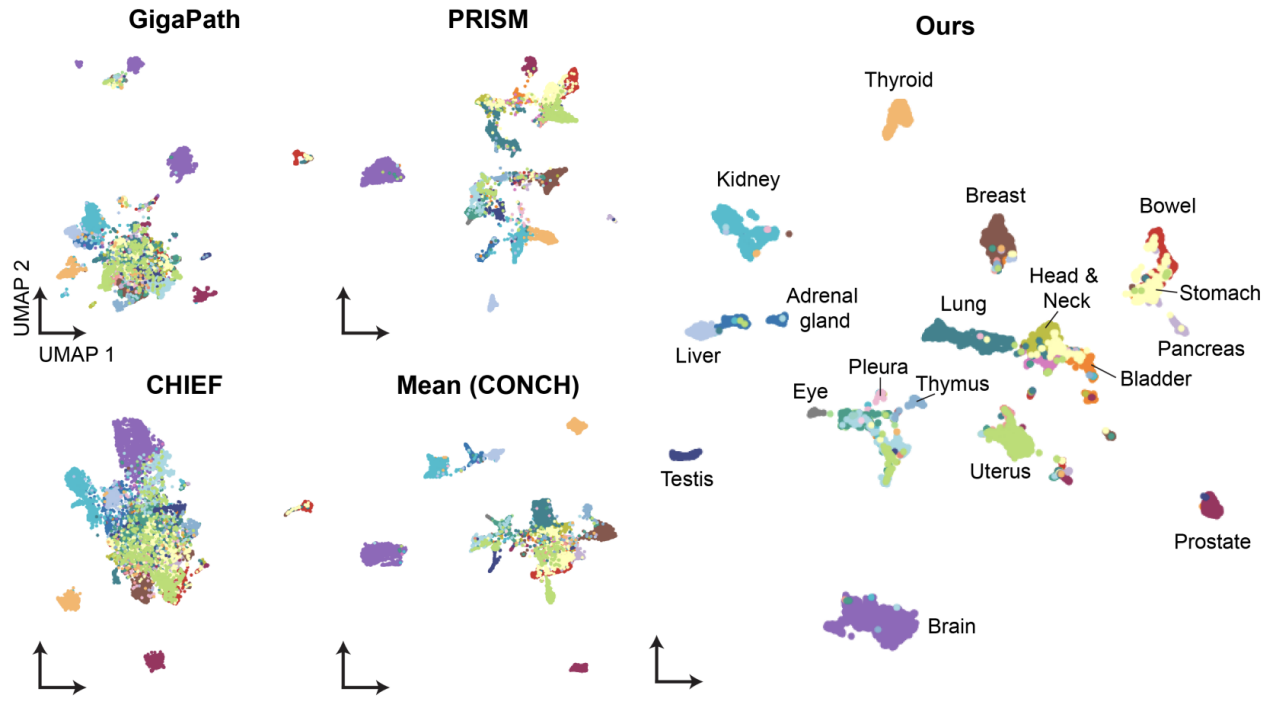
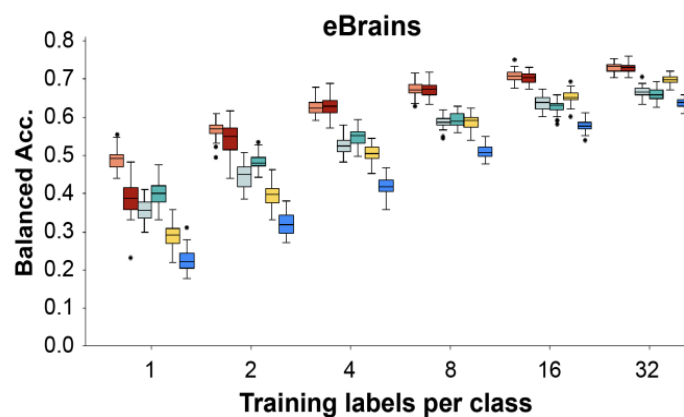
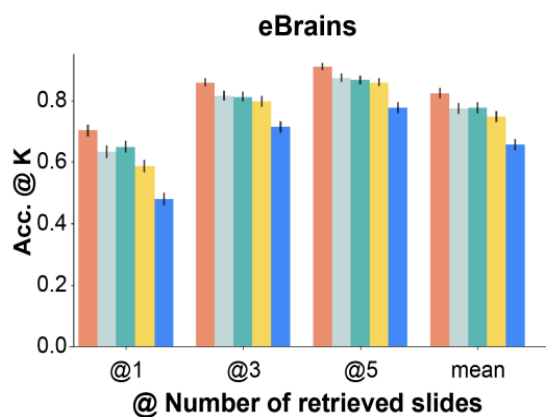
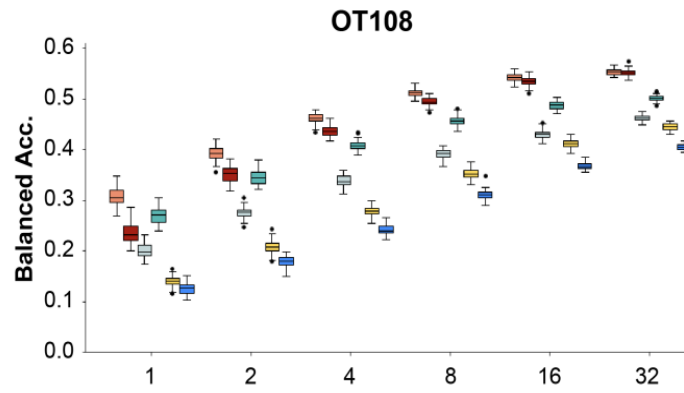
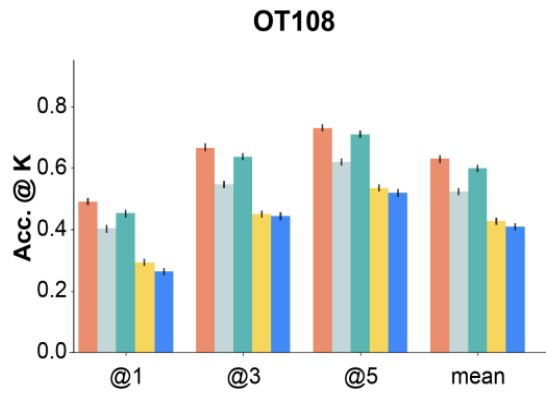
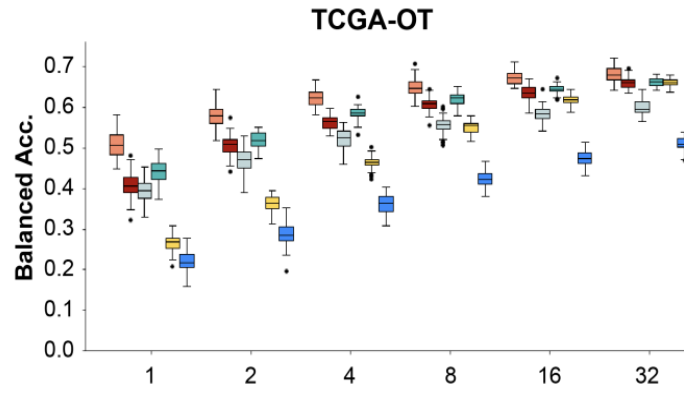
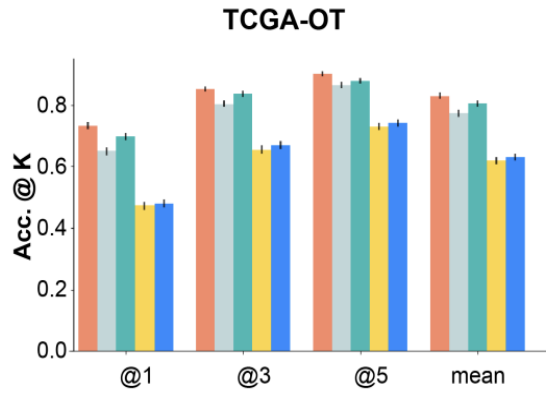
- A vision-language foundation model that scales the capabilities of CONCH to the whole slide level
- Over 400K WSIs paired with synthetic pathology reports created by PathChat
- No weakly-supervised MIL needed in directly extracting powerful slide features





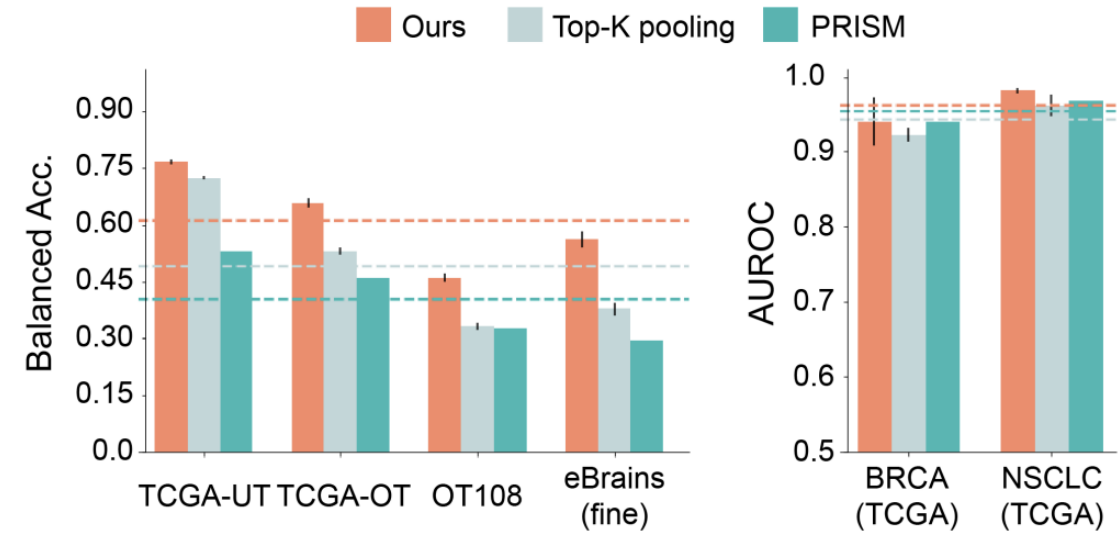
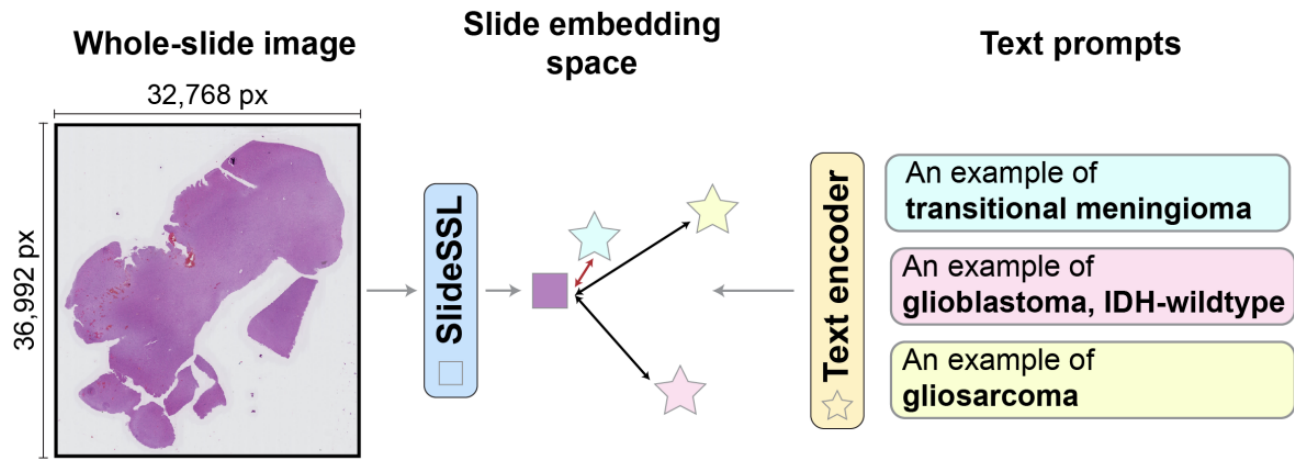
# Slide<sub>SSL</sub>: Few-Shot Performance and Human Pathology Atlas Development

■ CONCH<sub>WSI</sub>
■ Mean CONCH<sub>ROI</sub>
■ PRISM
 ■ GigaPath
 ■ CHIEF
 ■ ABMIL CONCH<sub>WSI</sub>

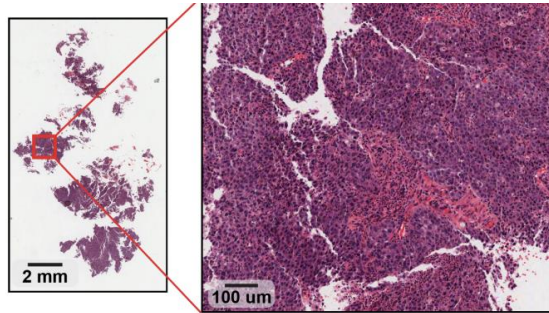


- CONCH<sub>WSI</sub> is the only slide foundation model that can outperform MIL and mean pooling baselines
- Save cost on embedding stores by saving slide features (instead of patch features)

# Slide<sub>SSL</sub>: Zero-Shot Slide Classification and Report Generation



TCGA-C5-A3HE  
(Public)



**Clinical report**

The slide from the cervix uteri shows a poorly differentiated squamous cell carcinoma.

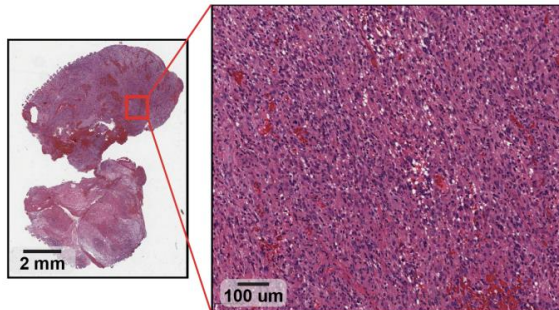
**Ours (generated)**

microscopic examination of the provided slide confirms a diagnosis of squamous cell carcinoma originating from the uterine cervix.

**PRISM (generated)**

Diagnosis: High-grade serous carcinoma of unspecified organ.

TCGA-41-3915  
(Public)



**Clinical report**

The slide from the brain shows a glioblastoma multiforme (Astrocytoma WHO Grade IV), characterized by multinucleated malignant astrocytic cells with hyperchromasia, nucleomegaly, frequent mitotic activity, neovascularity, and large areas of necrosis.

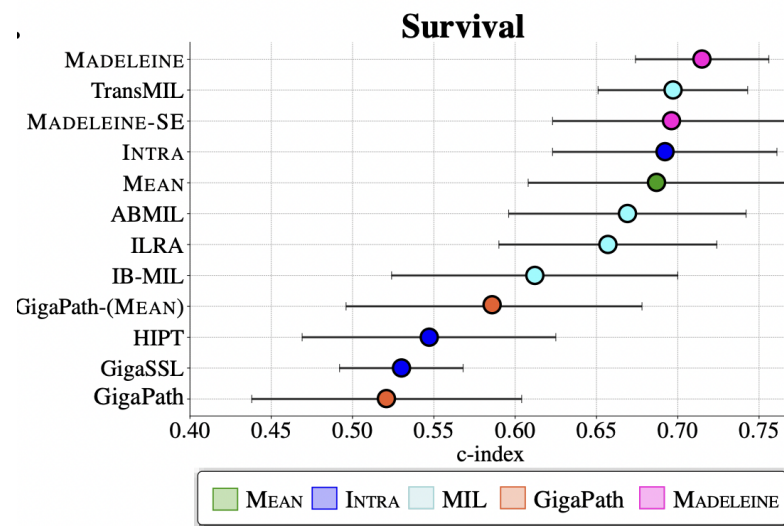
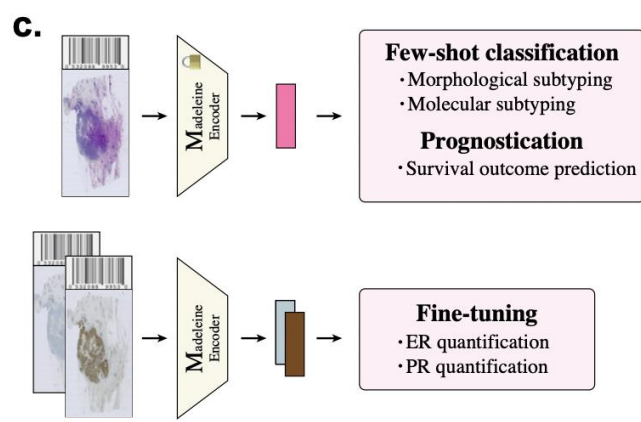
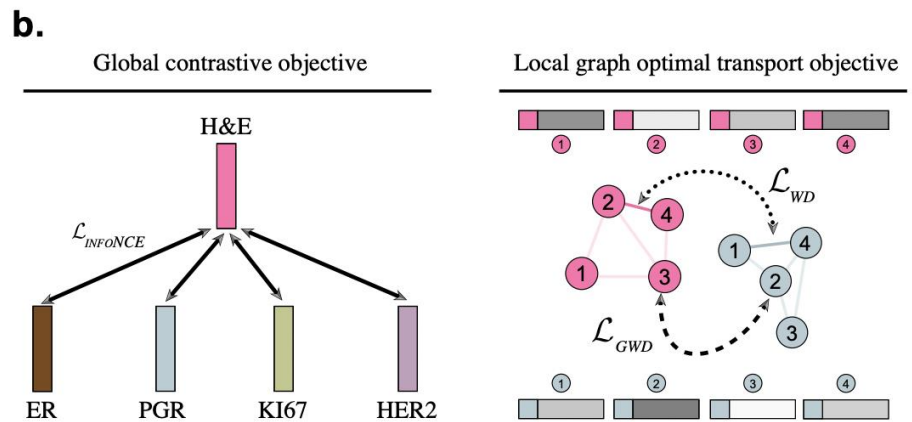
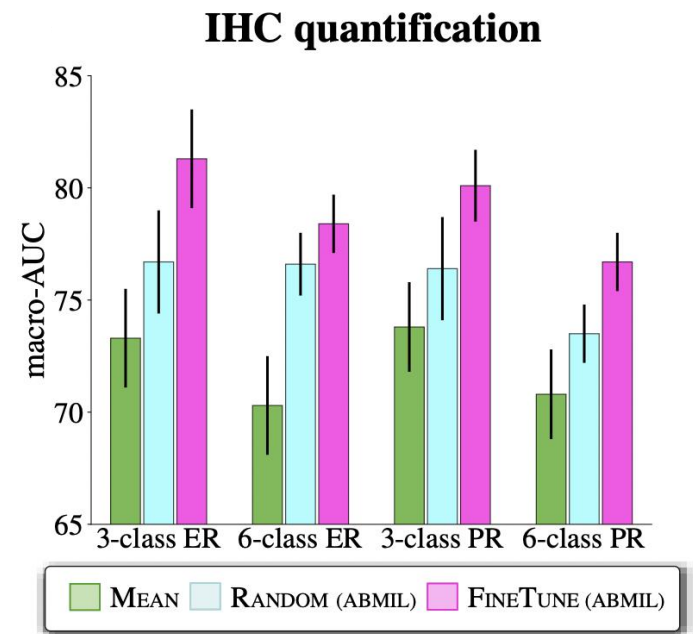
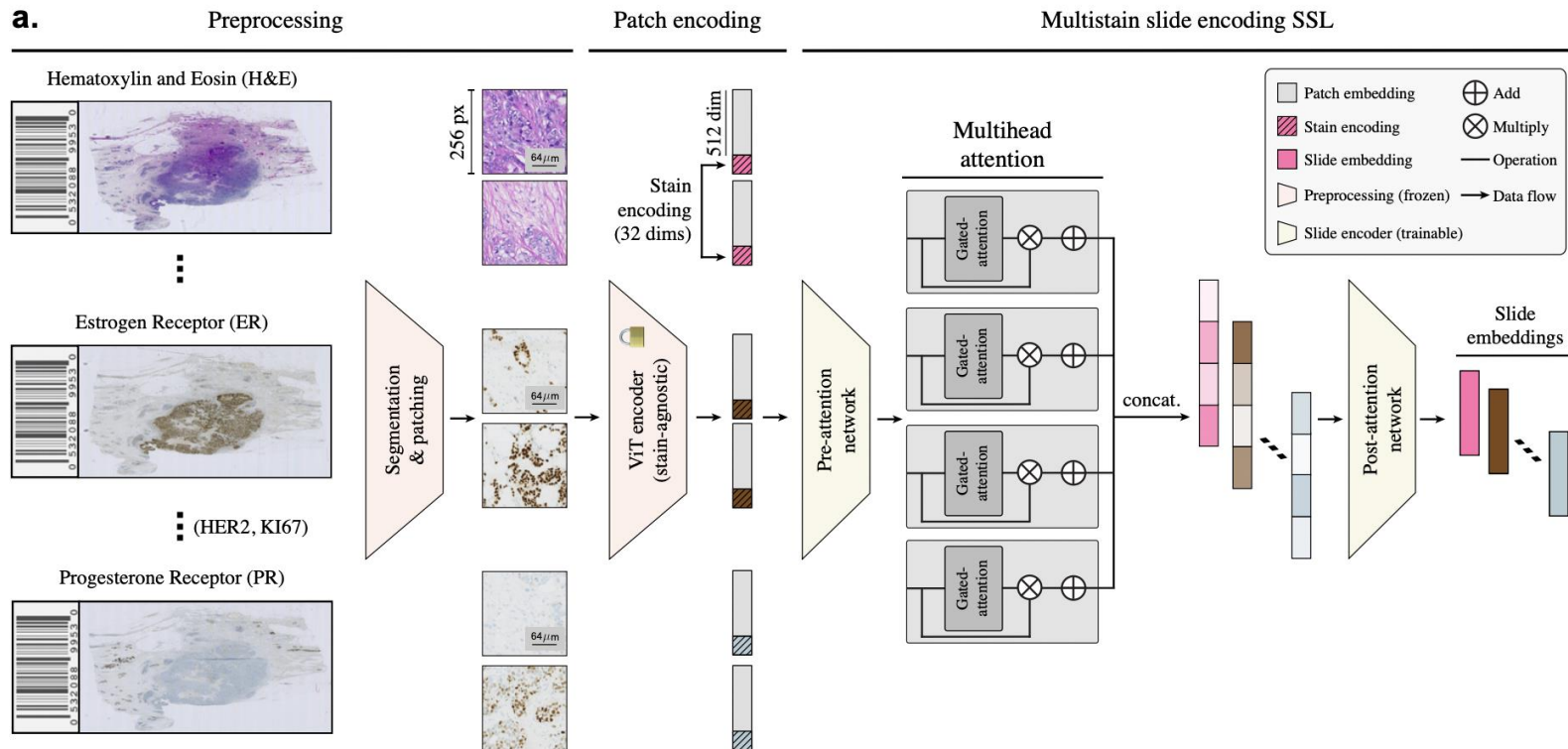
**Ours (generated)**

Microscopic analysis of the brain biopsy indicates a high-grade glioblastoma, classified as world health organization (w.h.o.) grade iv (icd-0 9440/3), characterized by high cellularity, marked atypical features, frequent mitotic activity, extensive vascular proliferation, and significant areas of necrosis.

**PRISM (generated)**

Diagnosis: High-grade myxofibrosarcoma in left frontal brain.

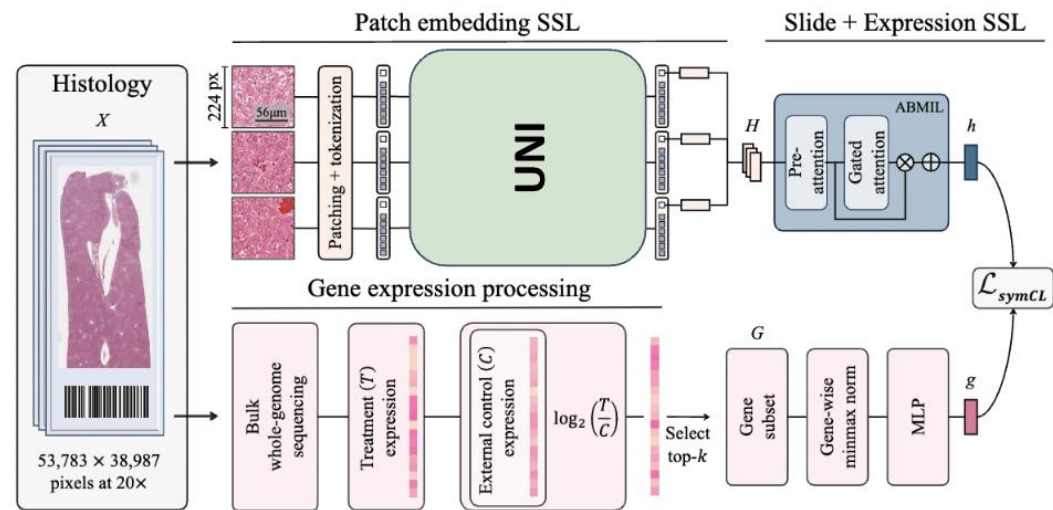
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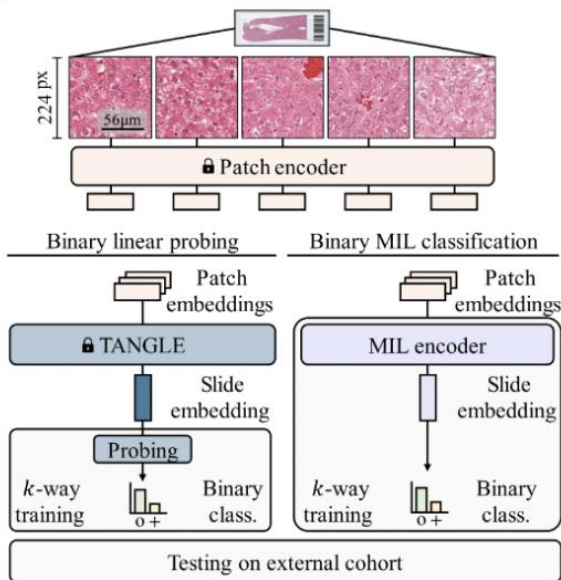


# TANGLE: A Slide-Level Foundation Model with H&E + Transcriptomics

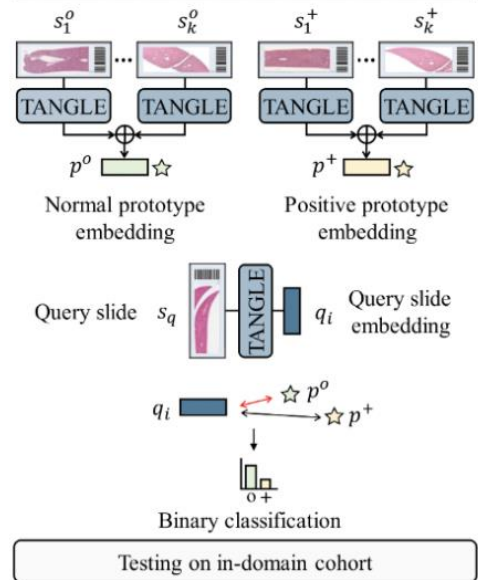
## Slide-Level Pretraining



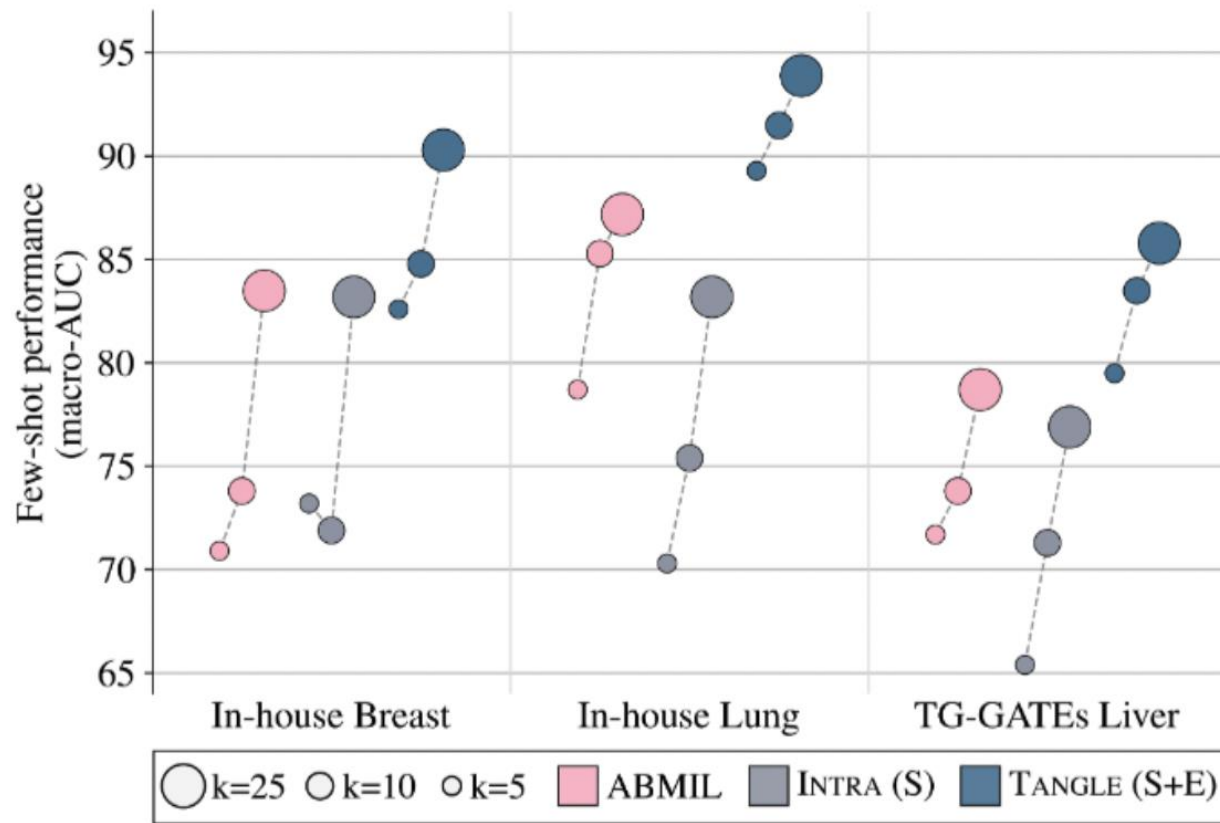
## Classifying with few-shots



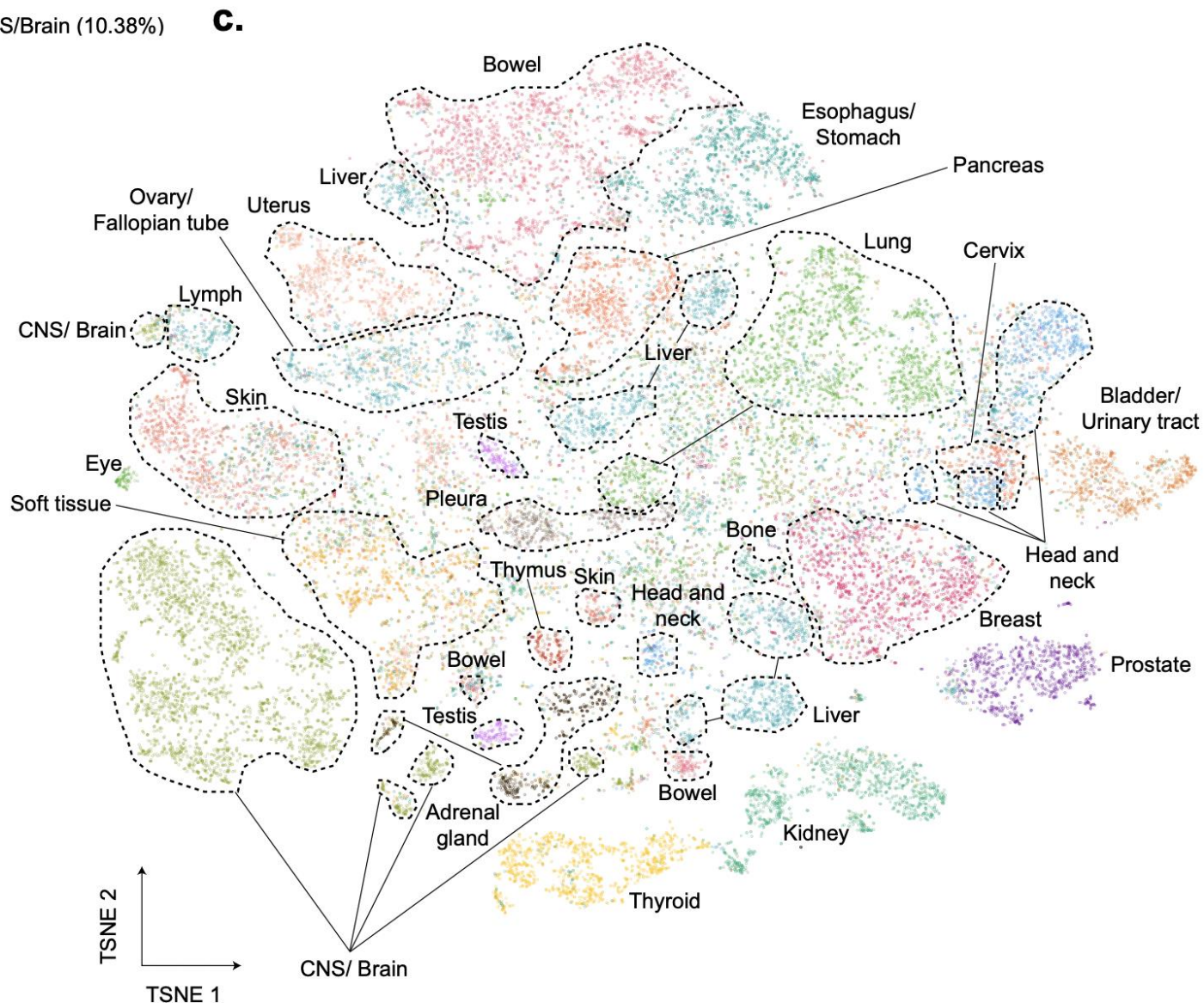
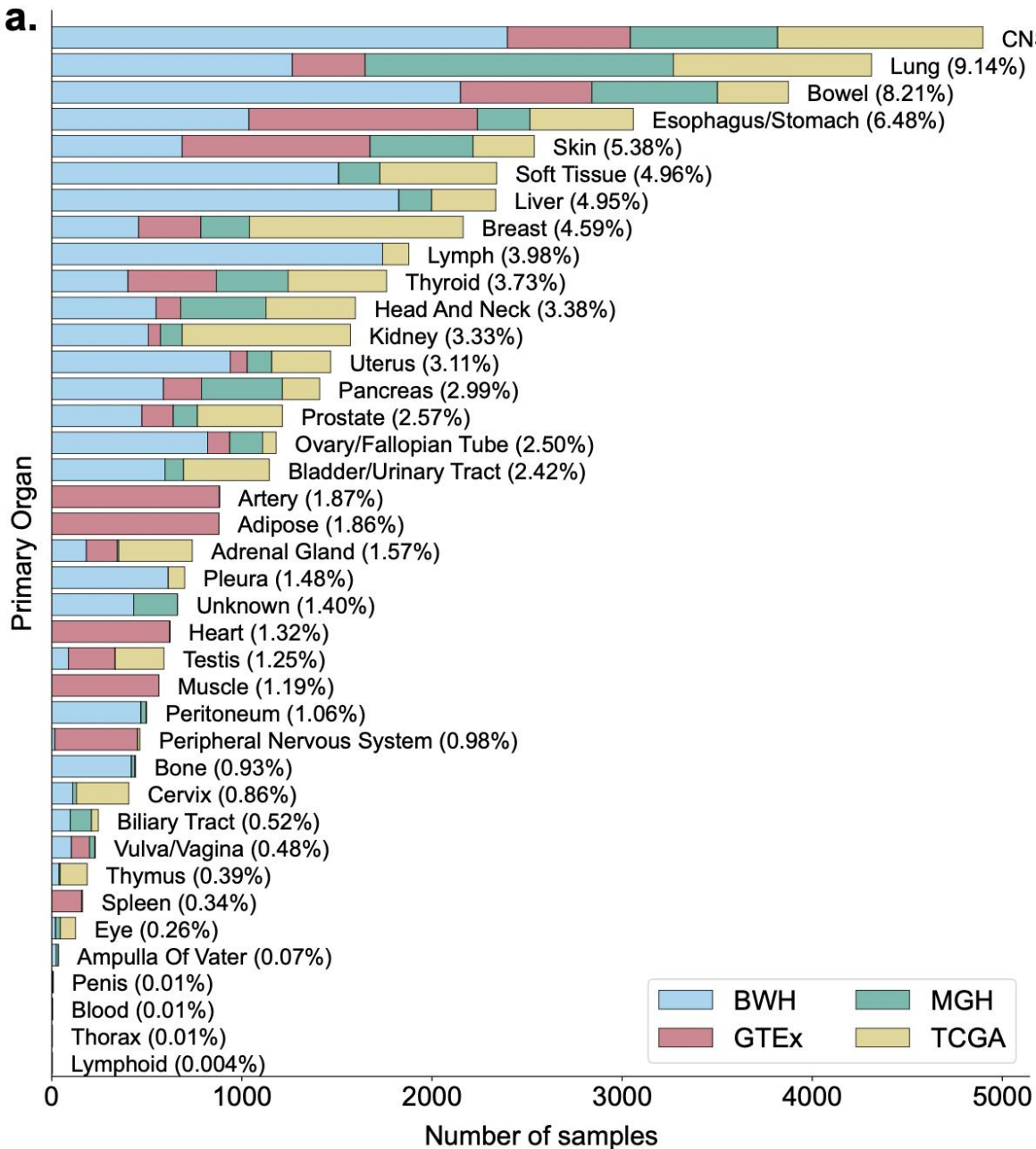
## Classifying with prototypes



## Few-Shot Slide Classification

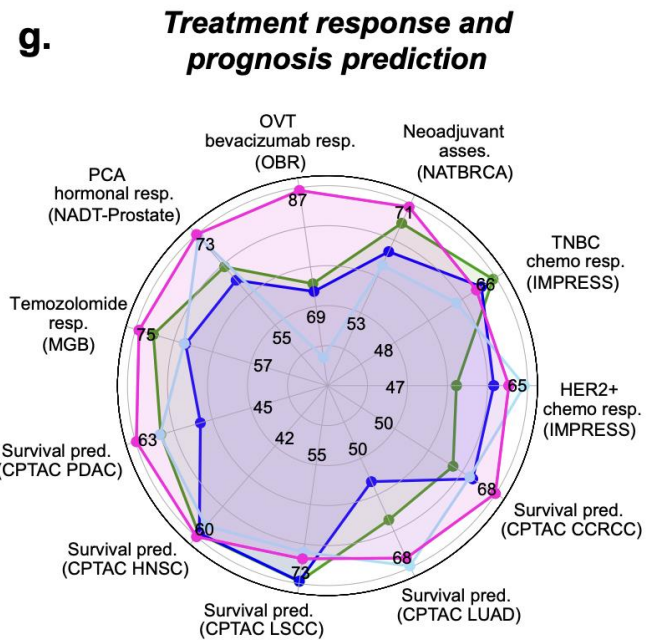
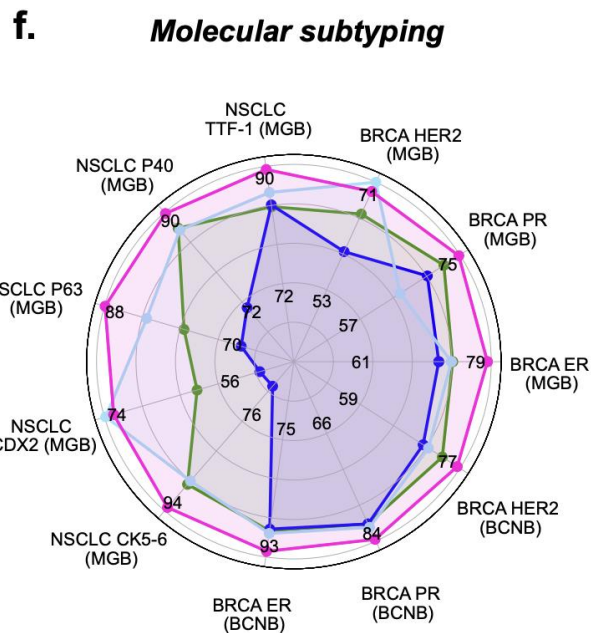
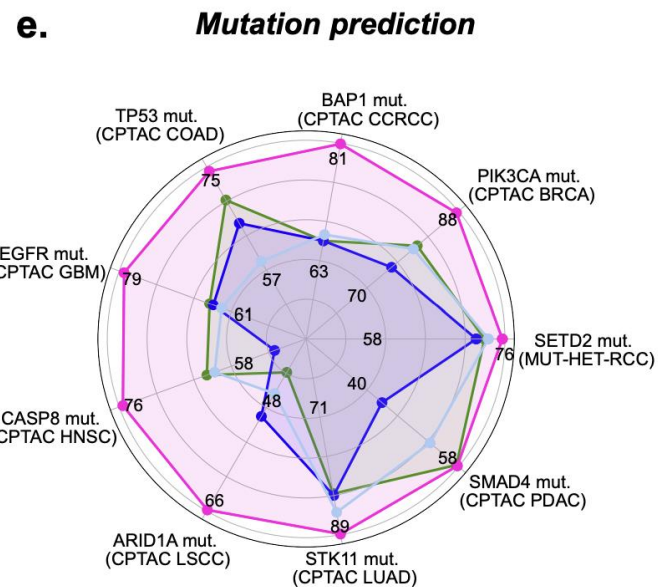
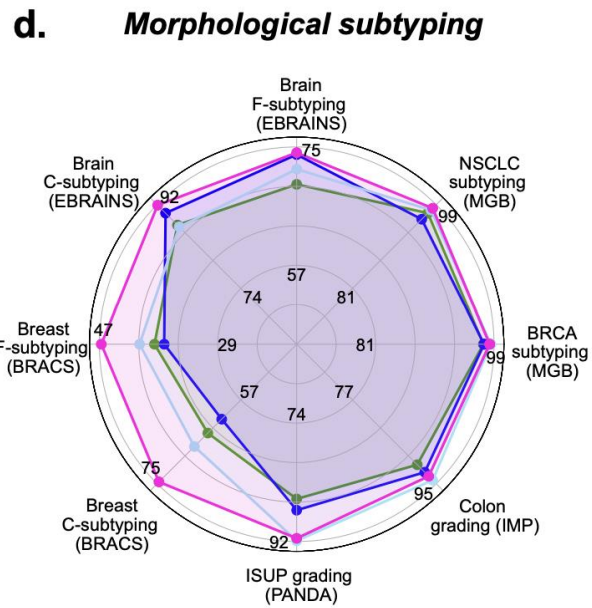
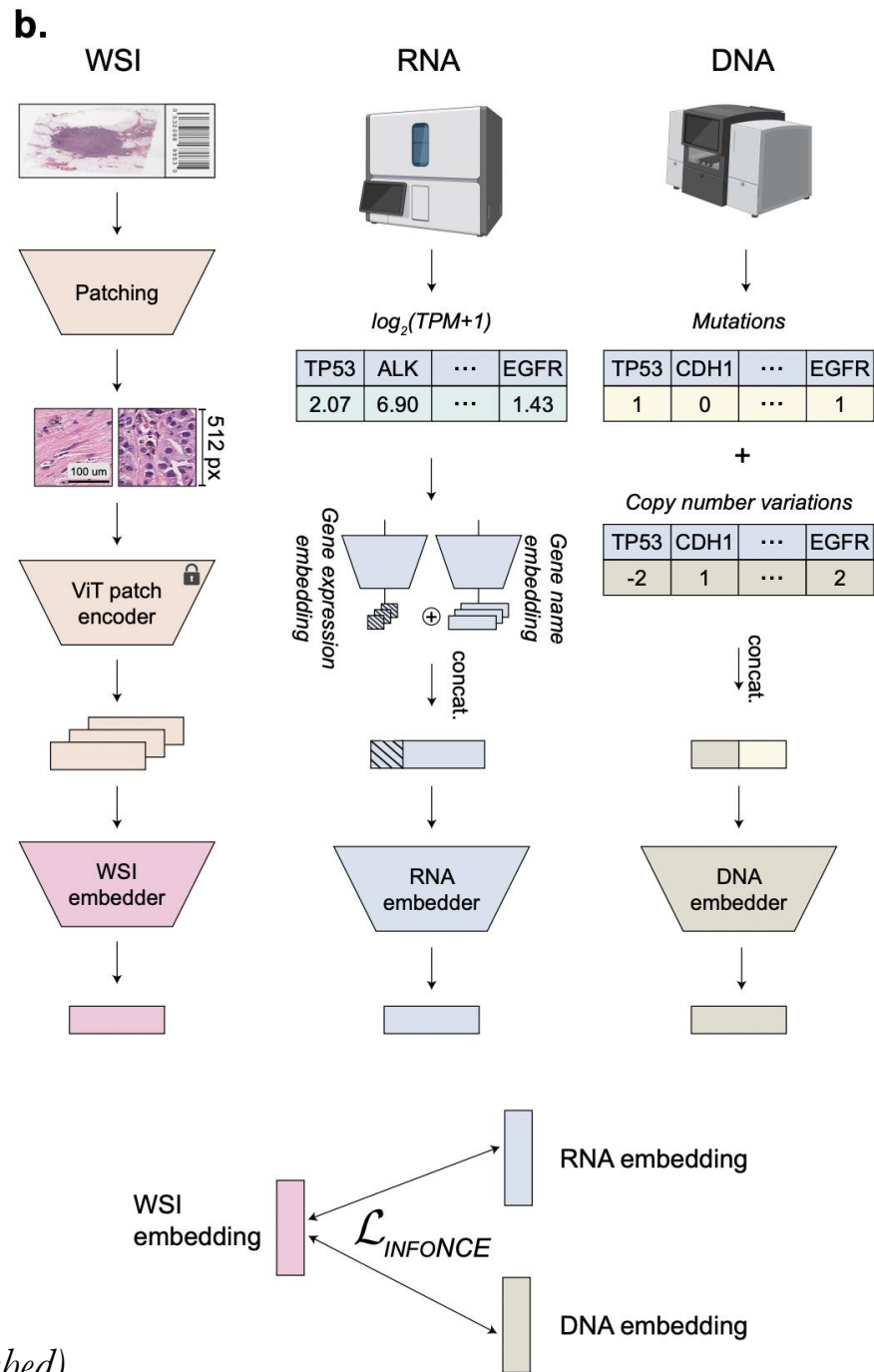


# THREADS: A contrastive foundation model with Histology + Genomics



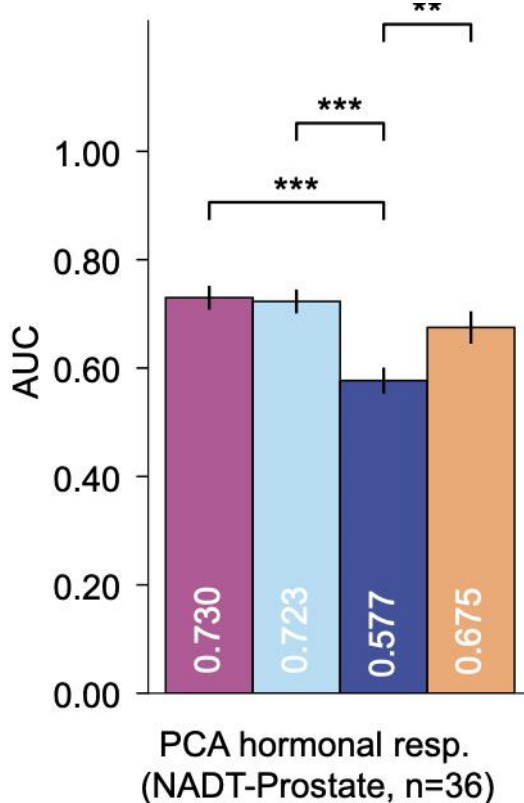
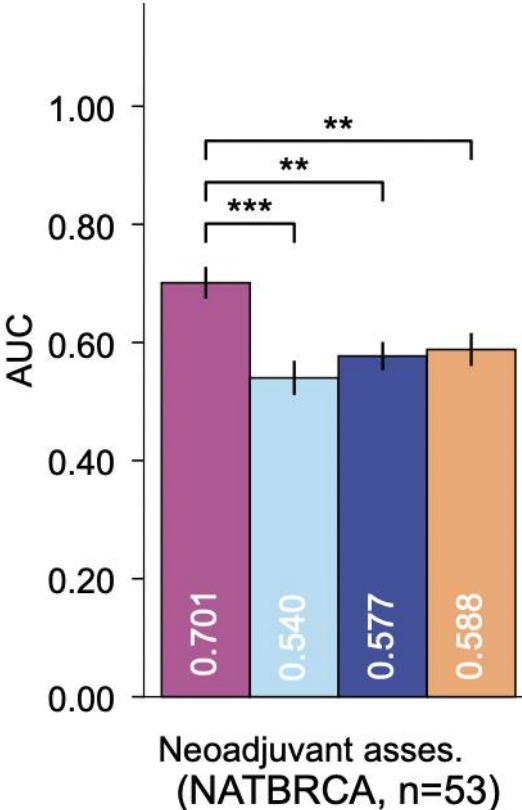
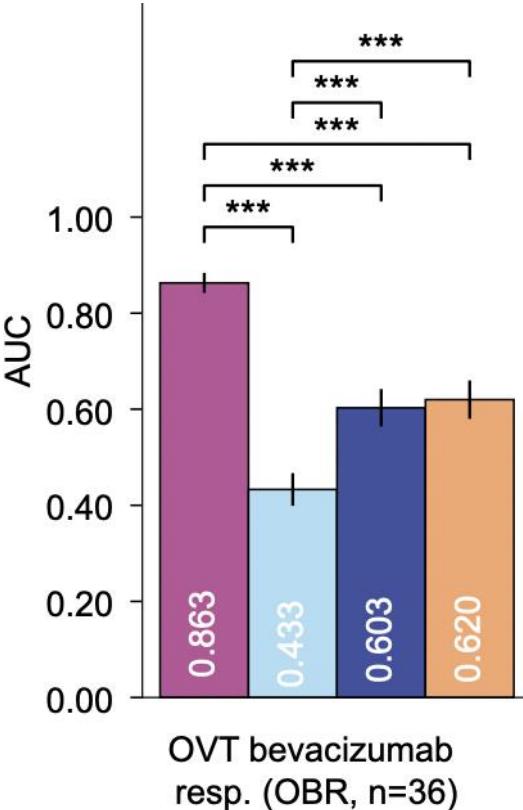
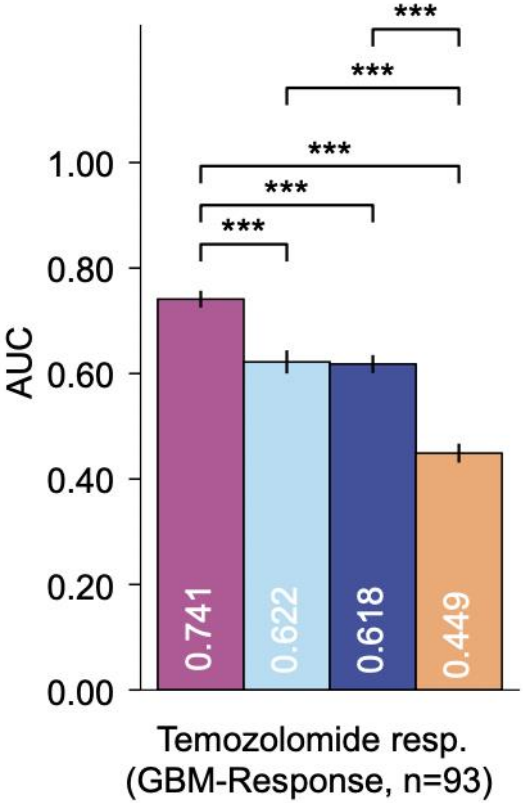
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# Treatment Response Tasks using THREADS



# Generative AI for Pathology

What do we need to build a universal multimodal chatbot for anatomic pathology?

- **A visual centric pathology foundation model.**
- **A vision-language foundation model.**
- **A large instruction dataset using with pathology images, questions and responses.**
- **Robust evaluation.**

## Article

# A multimodal generative AI copilot for human pathology

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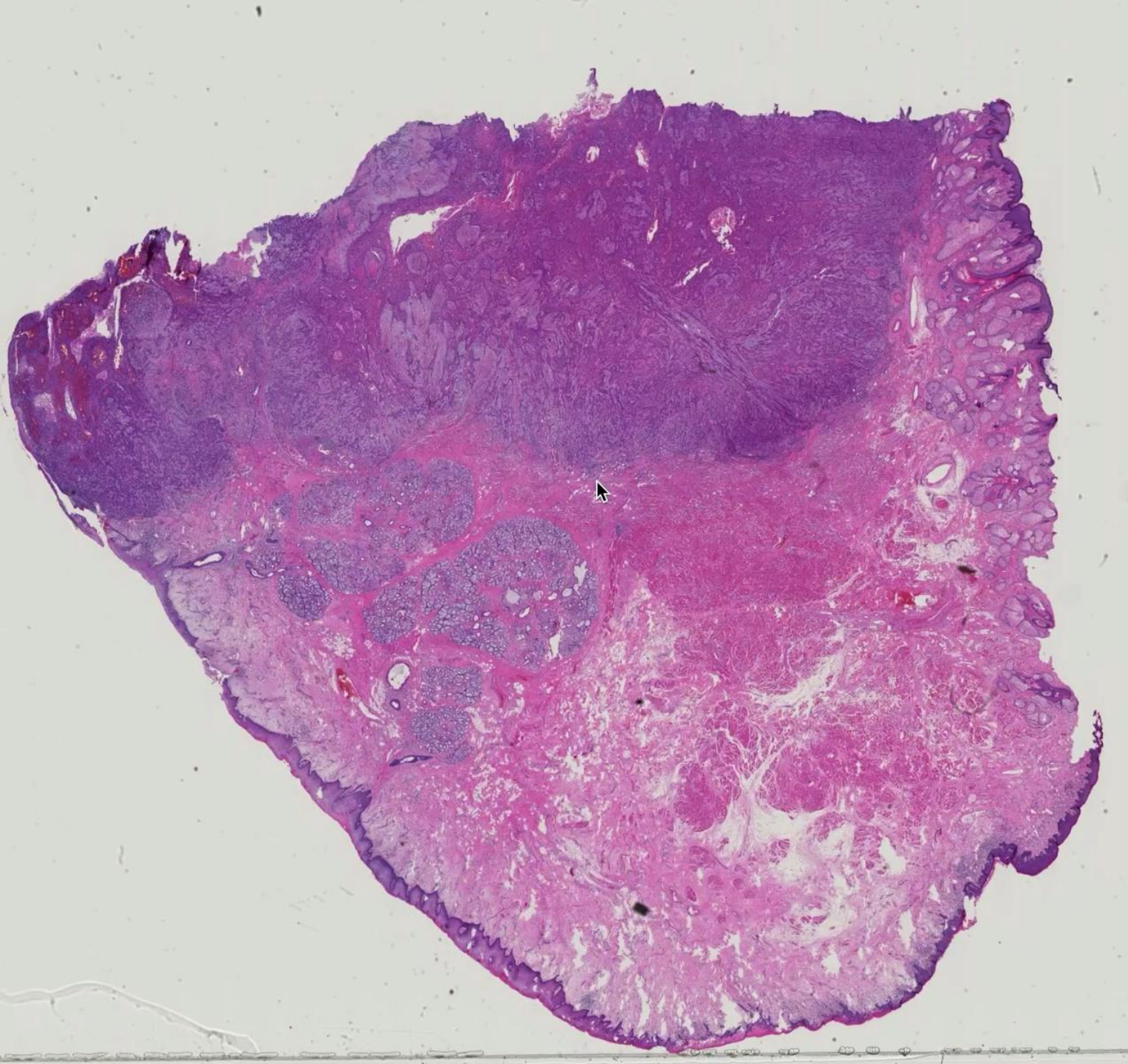
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Computational pathology<sup>1,2</sup> has witnessed considerable progress in the development of both task-specific predictive models and task-agnostic self-supervised vision encoders<sup>3,4</sup>. However, despite the explosive growth of generative artificial intelligence (AI), there have been few studies on building general-purpose multimodal AI assistants and copilots<sup>5</sup> tailored to pathology. Here we present PathChat, a vision-language generalist AI assistant for human pathology. We built PathChat by adapting a foundational vision encoder for pathology, combining it with a pretrained large language model and fine-tuning the whole system on over 456,000 diverse visual-language instructions consisting of 999,202 question and answer turns. We compare PathChat with several multimodal vision-language AI assistants and GPT-4V, which powers the commercially available multimodal general-purpose AI assistant ChatGPT-4 (ref. 6). PathChat achieved state-of-the-art performance on multiple-choice diagnostic questions from cases with diverse tissue origins and disease models. Furthermore, using open-ended questions and human expert evaluation, we found that overall PathChat produced more accurate and pathologist-preferable responses to diverse queries related to pathology. As an interactive vision-language AI copilot that can flexibly handle both visual and natural language inputs, PathChat may potentially find impactful applications in pathology education, research and human-in-the-loop clinical decision-making.



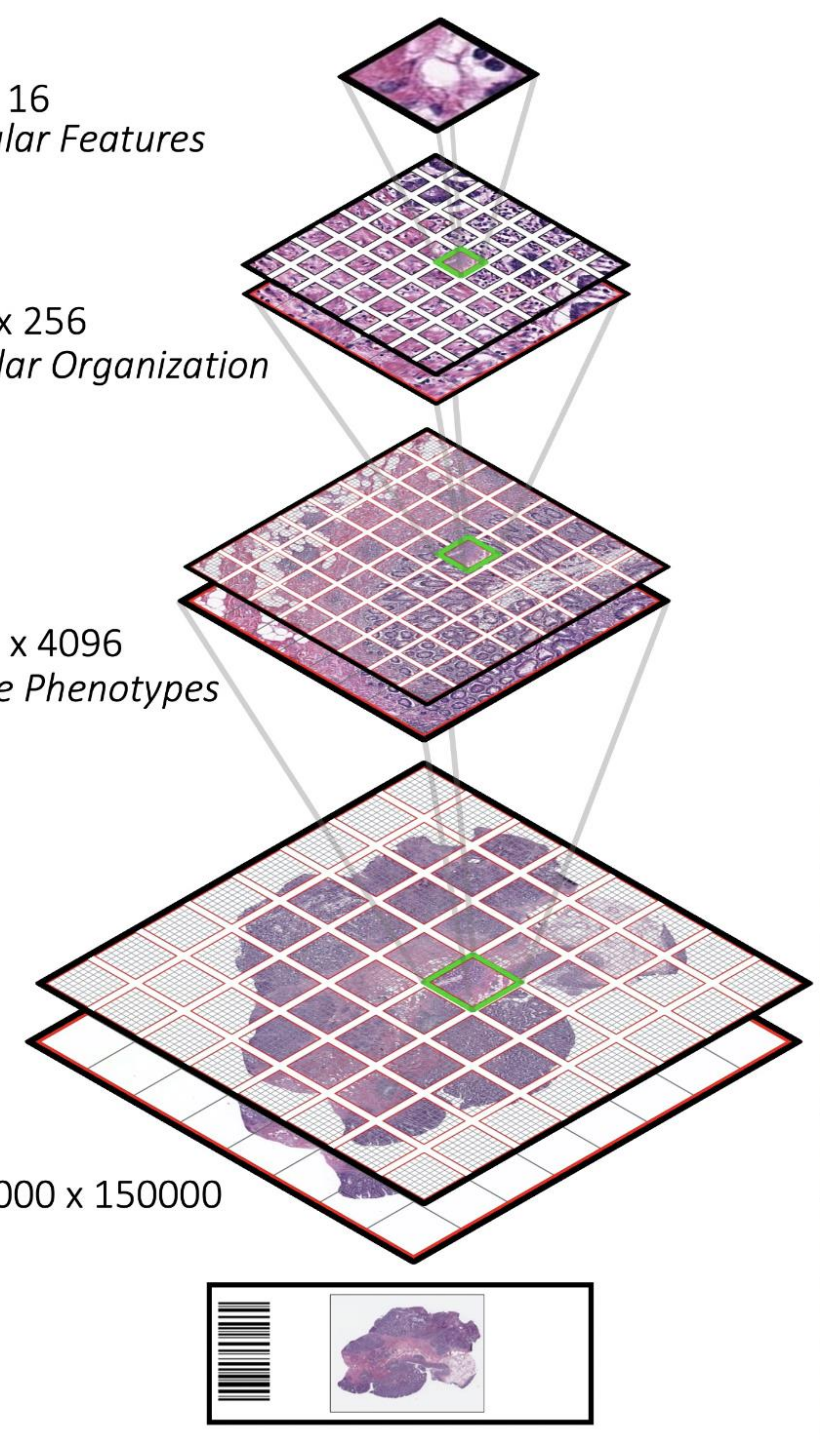


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*Cellular Features*

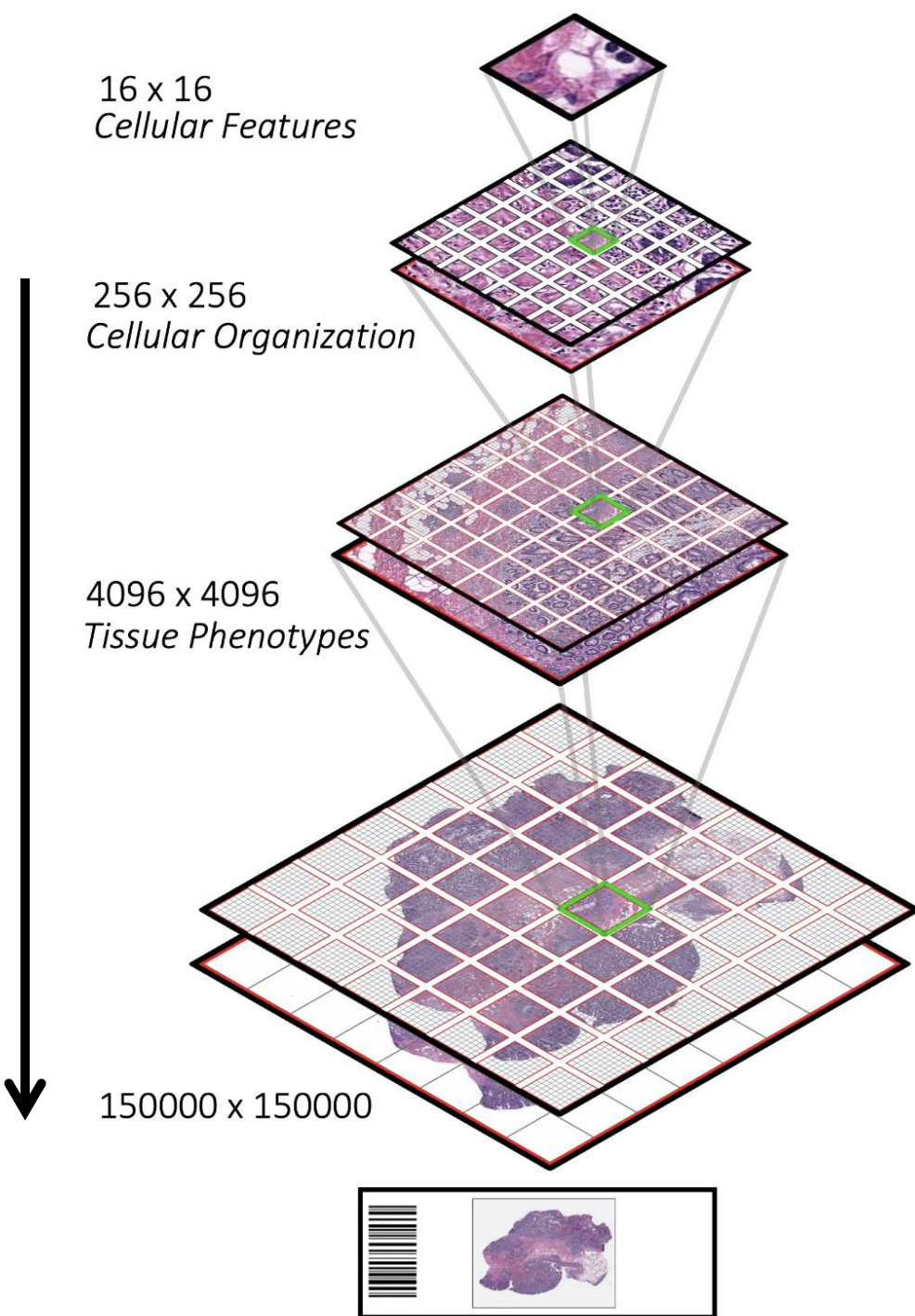
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*Cellular Organization*

4096 x 4096  
*Tissue Phenotypes*

150000 x 150000





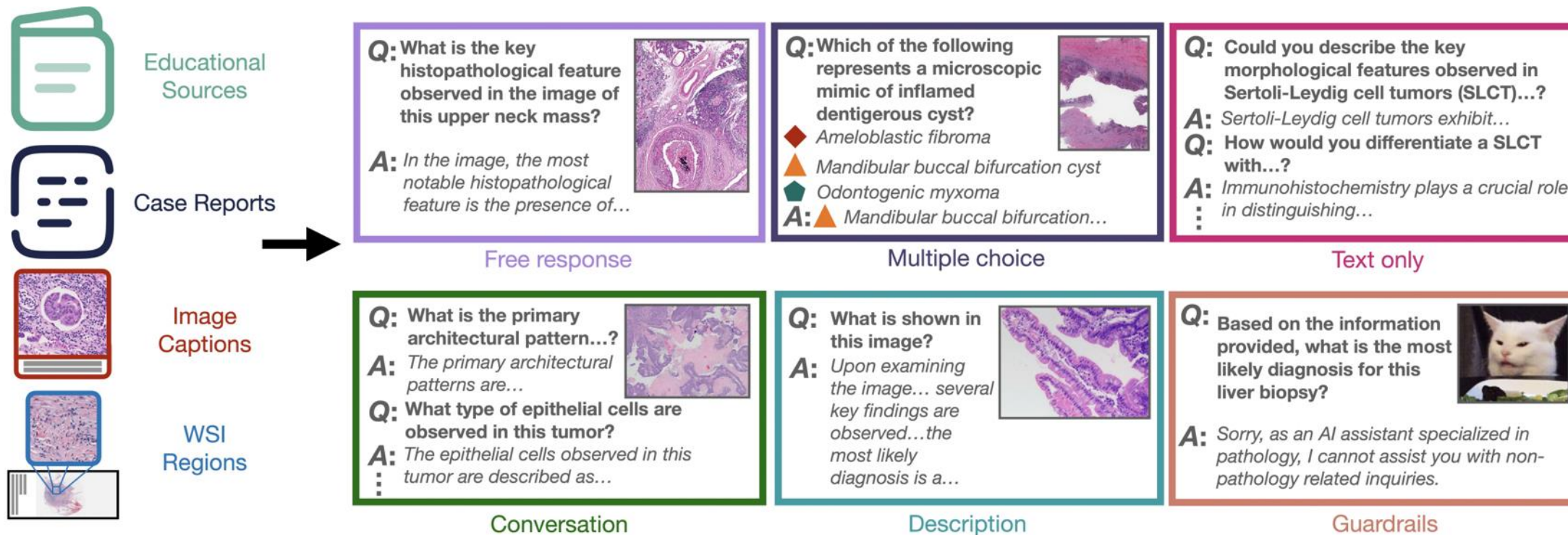


**Fine grained understanding of pathology regions at the cellular leads to slide level and patient level descriptions.**

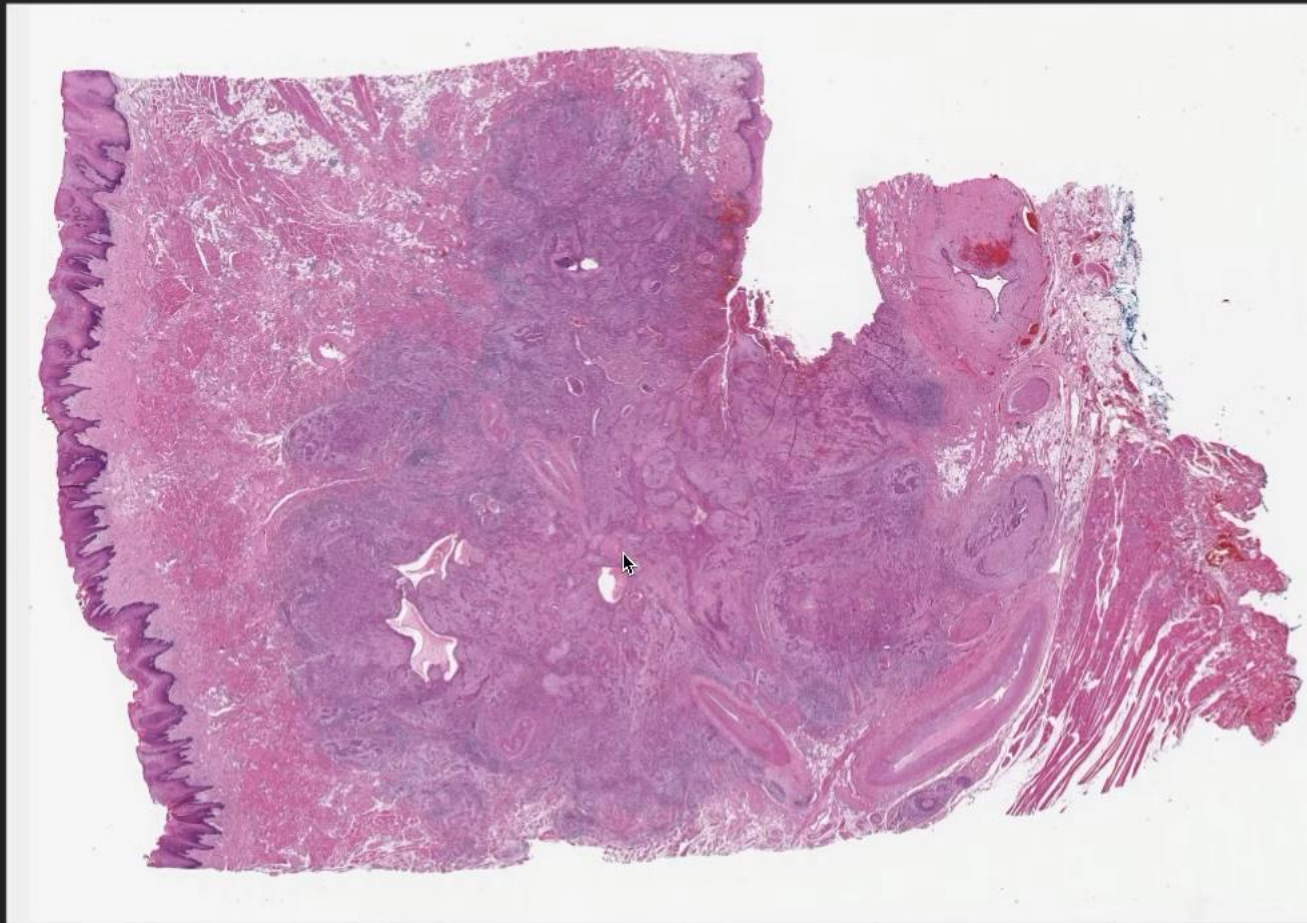
**Pathology reports are at the level of the slide or patient and don't have fine grained morphologic details.**

**We need fine grained morphologic details at the level of cellular organization and tissue phenotypes to have a close relation between text-image pairs which can be used to train PathChat.**

# Building PathChat







Welcome to PathChat!

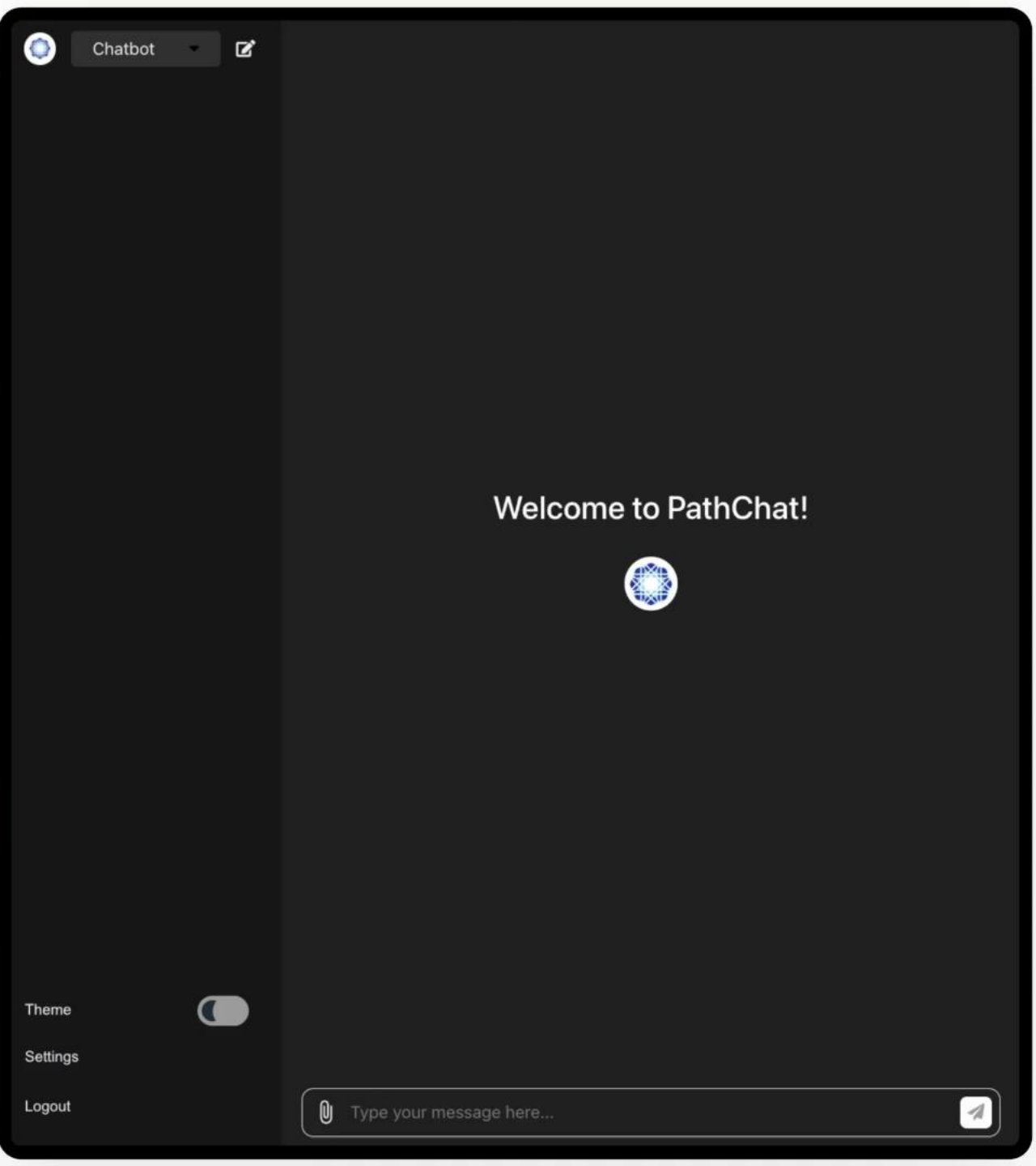
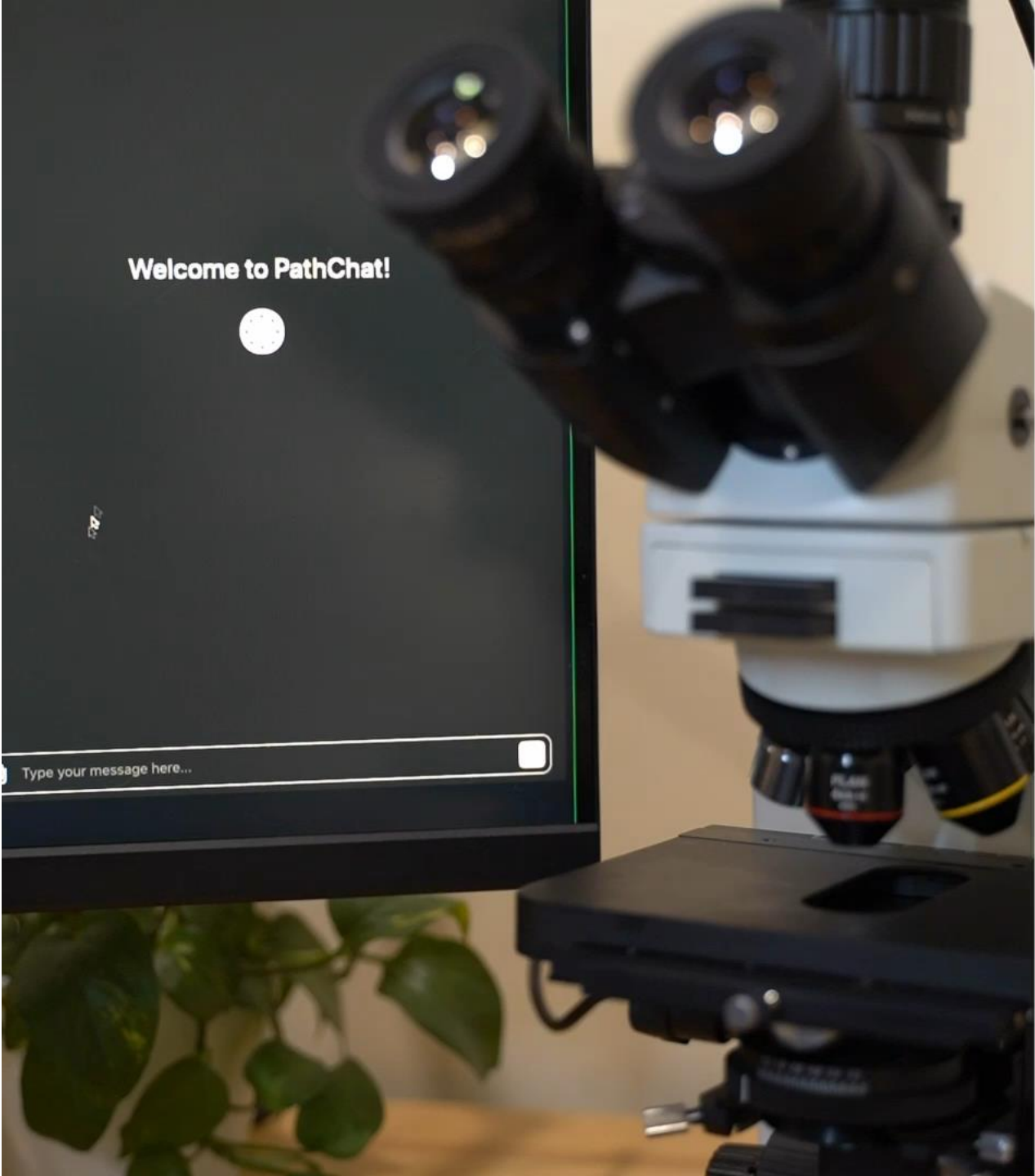


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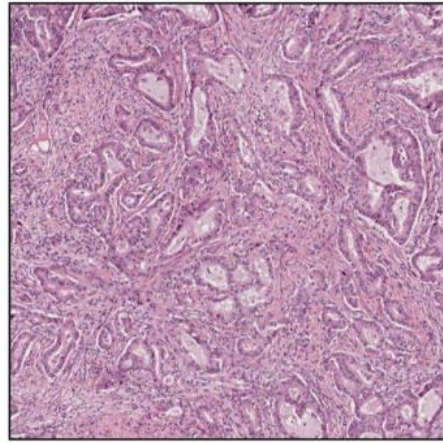








**a**



**Image**

*A 63-year-old male presents with chronic cough and unintentional weight loss over the past 5 months. Chest X-ray shows a dense, spiculated 3 cm mass.*

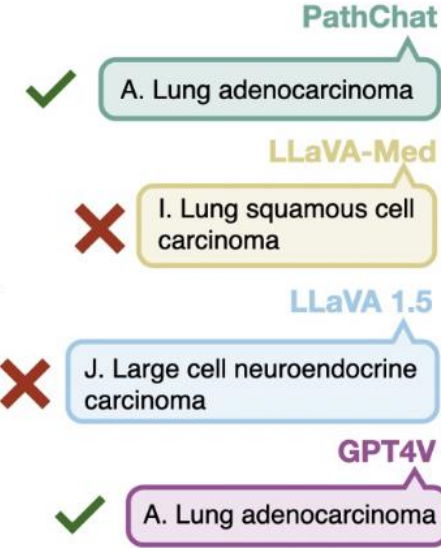
**What is the most likely diagnosis?**

- A. Lung adenocarcinoma
- B. Typical carcinoid tumor
- C. Atypical carcinoid tumor
- D. Hamartoma of lung
- E. Meningothelial-like nodule
- F. Pneumocytoma
- G. Small cell carcinoma
- H. Large cell carcinoma
- I. Lung squamous cell carcinoma
- J. Large cell neuroendocrine carcinoma

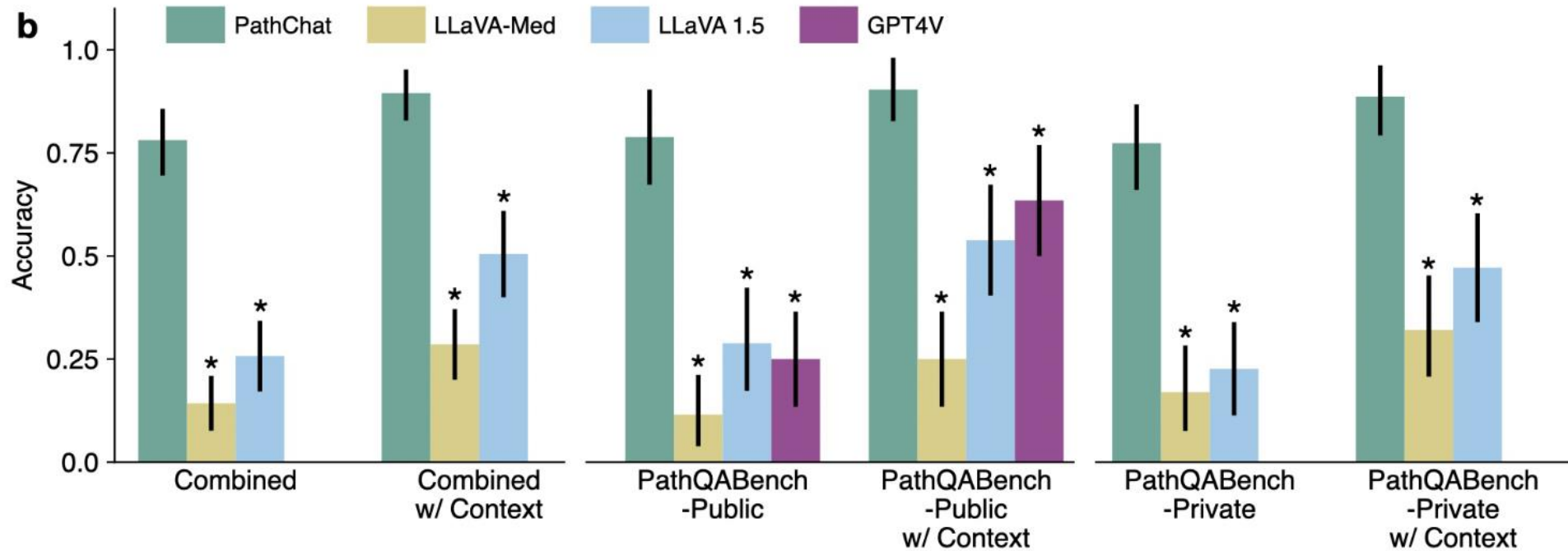
**Answer with the option's letter from the given choices directly.**

Context

Prompt



**b**





**a**

Panel of 7 pathologists



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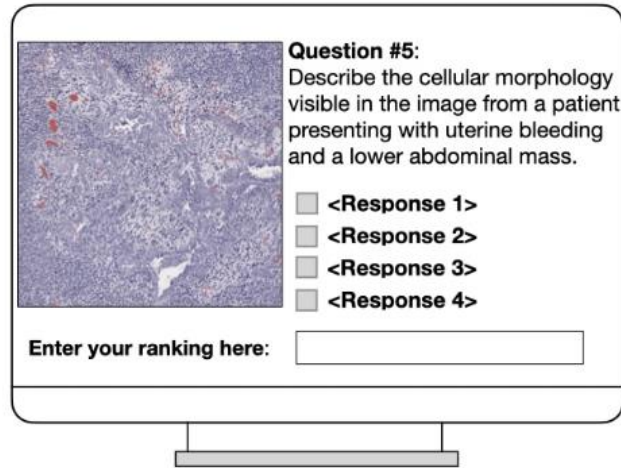
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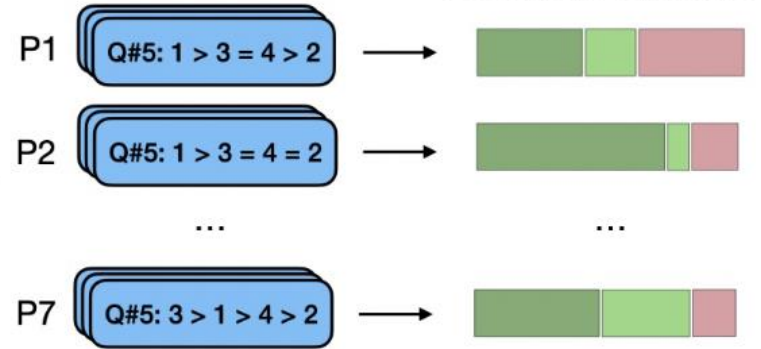
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260 open-ended questions

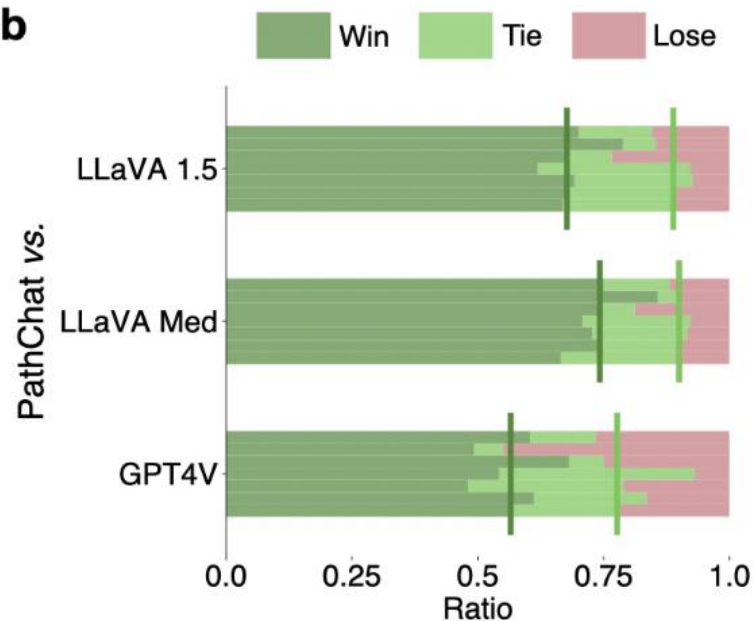
Shuffled and de-identified responses ranked by each expert



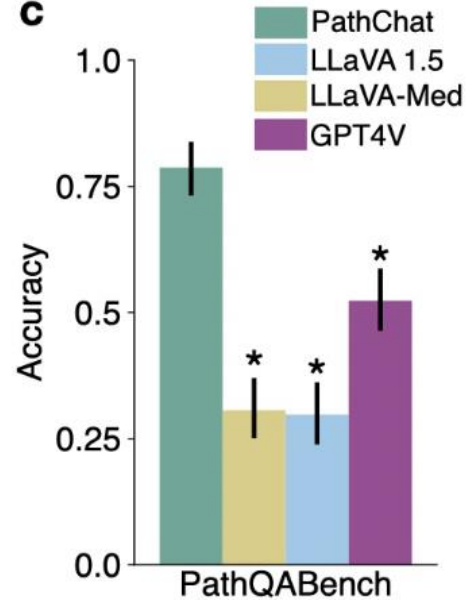
Expert rankings



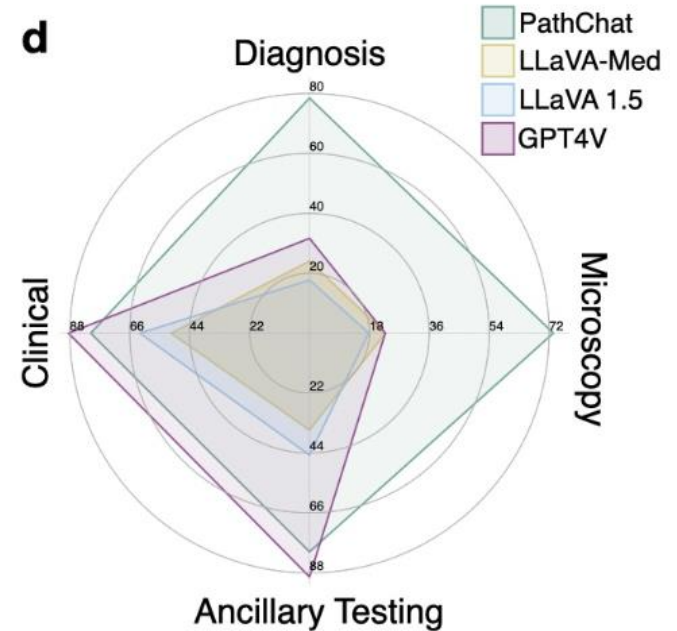
**b**



**c**



**d**



# AI Agent for Computational Pathology - Preview



- AI agents do things for you!
- **What if AI agents could do all biomedical data analysis for you?**
- ***What if an AI agent could develop, assess, and explain AI models for pathology?***
- ***What if an AI agent could write code, run experiments and test hypothesis?***
- ***What if an AI agent could continuously run in the background attempting to find common morphologic features across patient cohorts and correlate with outcome?***

agent.modella.ai

Shell

Planner

Hi, I am Judith!

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# Motivation Transitioning from 2D to 3D pathology

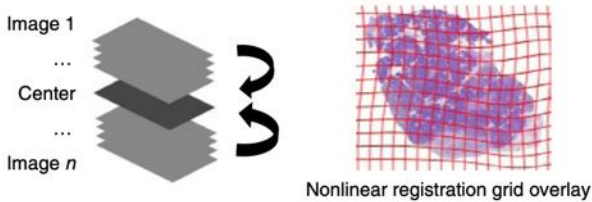
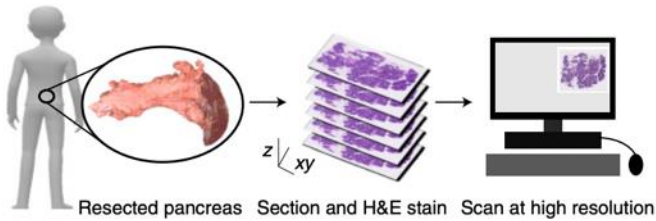


## Human tissue is inherently 3D

=> Current clinical practice - microscopic analysis of thinly-sliced 2D tissue section

## Active development of 3D tissue imaging modality

### CODA – serial sectioning & registration

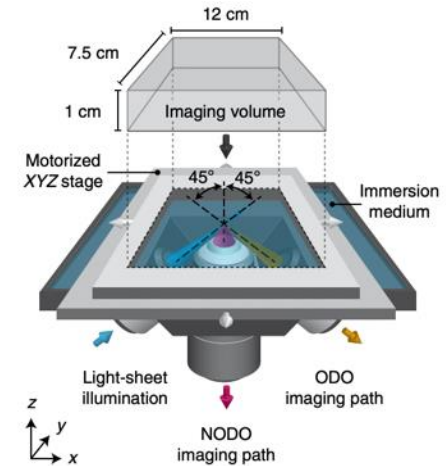


Kieman A. et al., *Nature Methods*, 2022

### Microcomputed tomography (microCT)



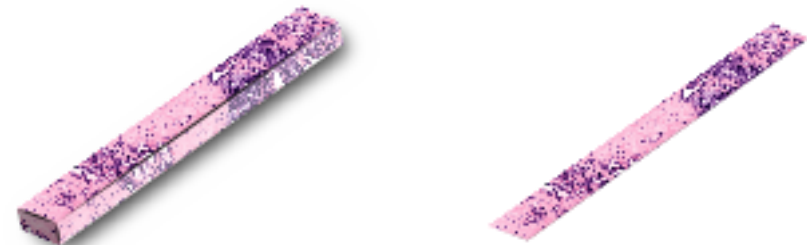
### Open-top light-sheet microscopy (OTLS)



Glaser K. et al., *Nature Methods*, 2022

- ▶ Infeasible for pathologists to manually examine 3D data
- ▶ There **does not exist** AI pipeline to process the volumetric data

**Whole volume** > Portion of volume





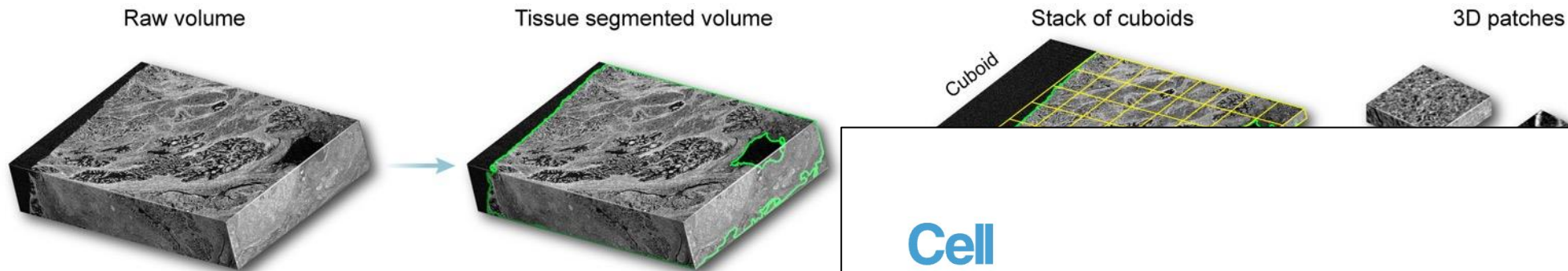


# Whole-block AI-based computational pipeline

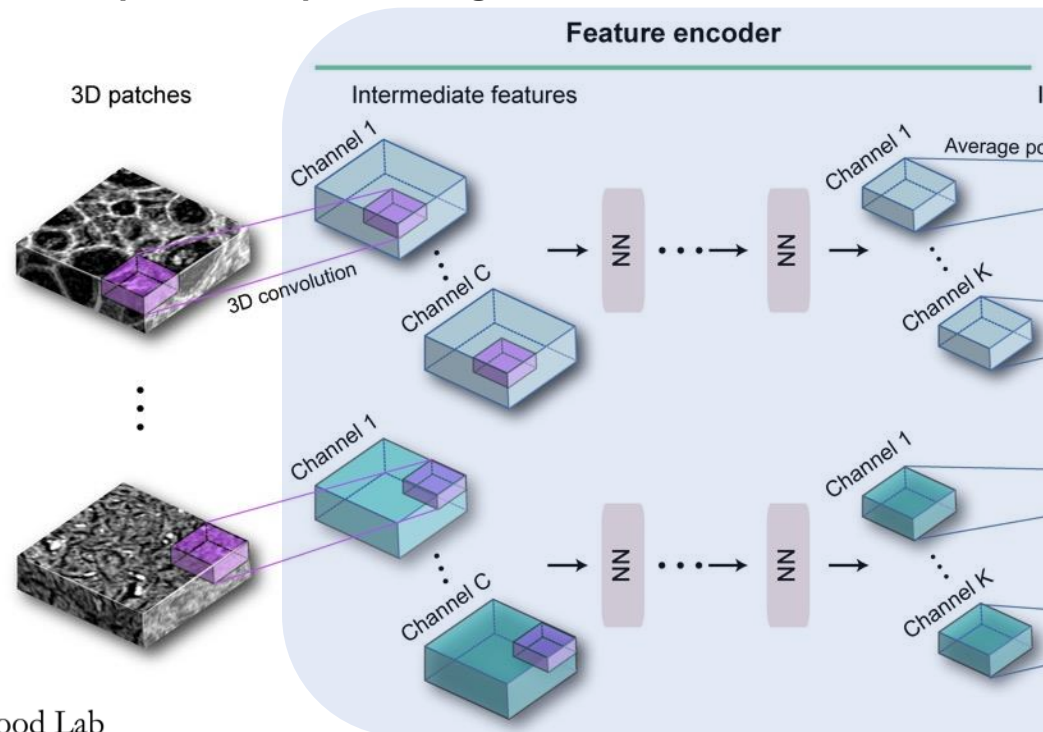
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## Data preprocessing



## AI-based Computational processing



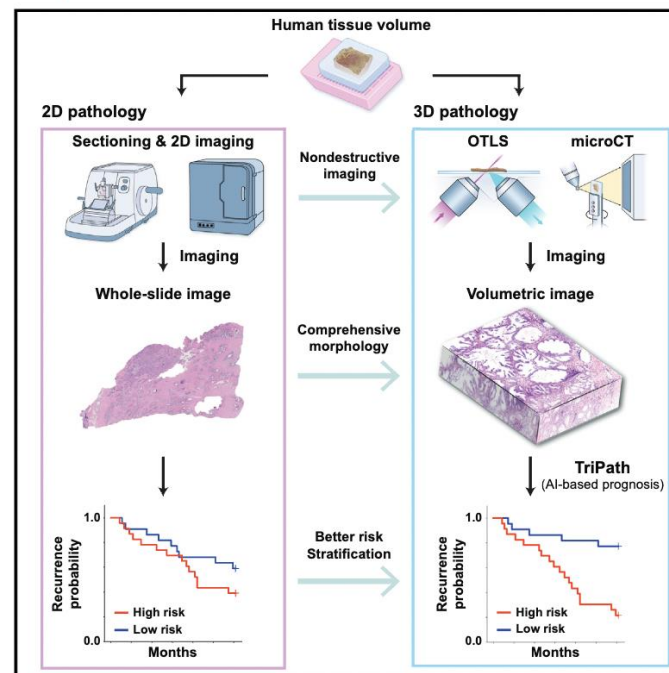
AI pipeline

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Article

## Analysis of 3D pathology samples using weakly supervised AI

### Graphical abstract



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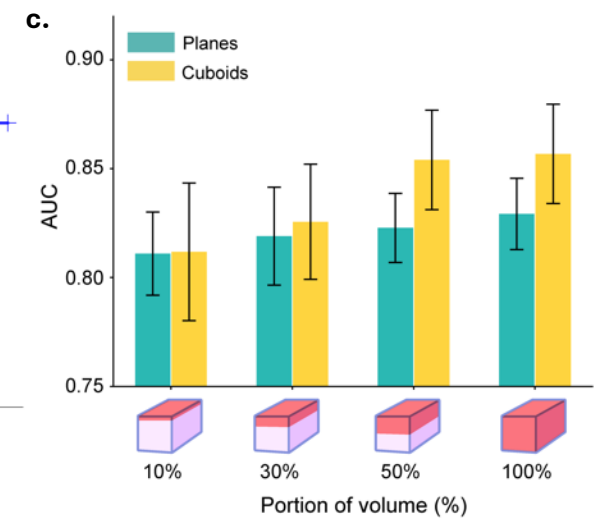
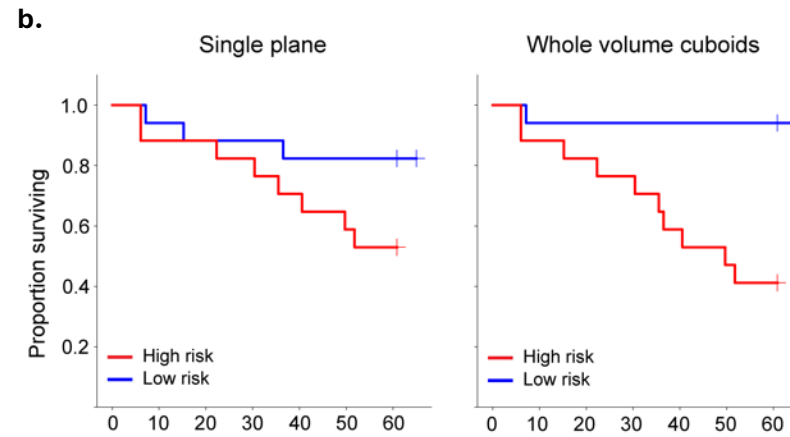
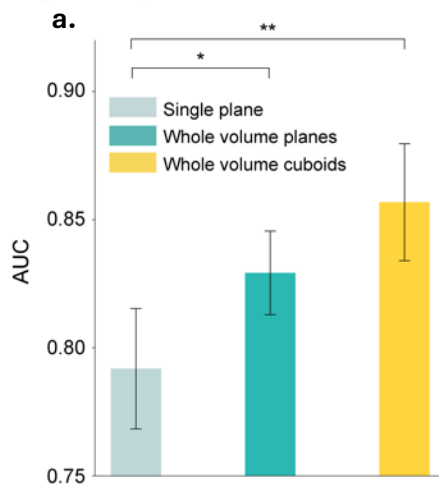
Patient prognostication based on 3D pathology yields superior performance to traditional 2D histopathology due to vastly improved sampling of heterogeneous tissues and the ability to extract 3D morphological features.

# Performance

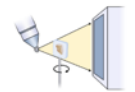
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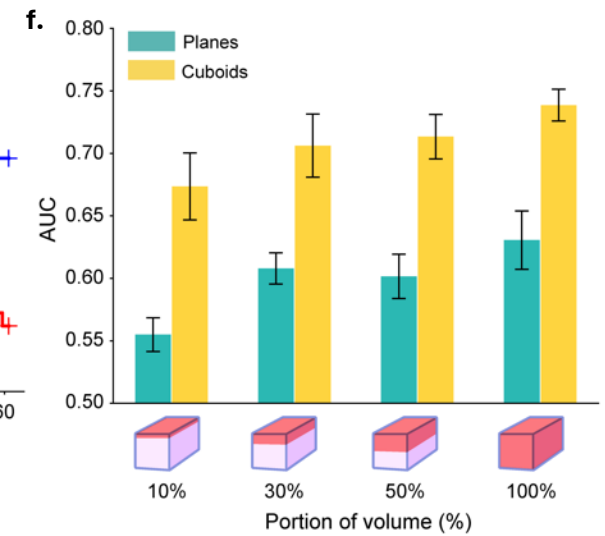
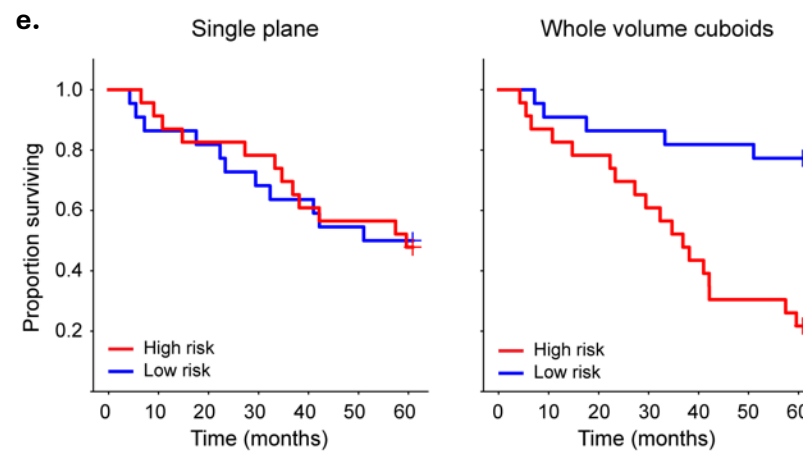
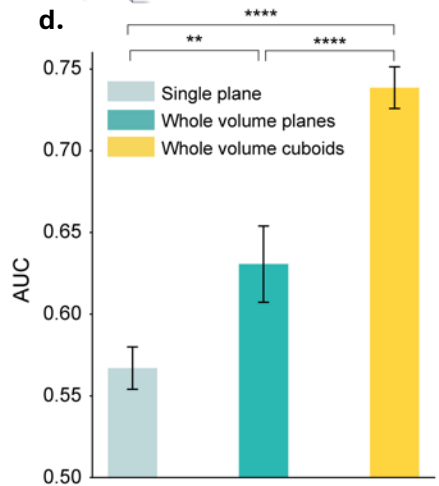
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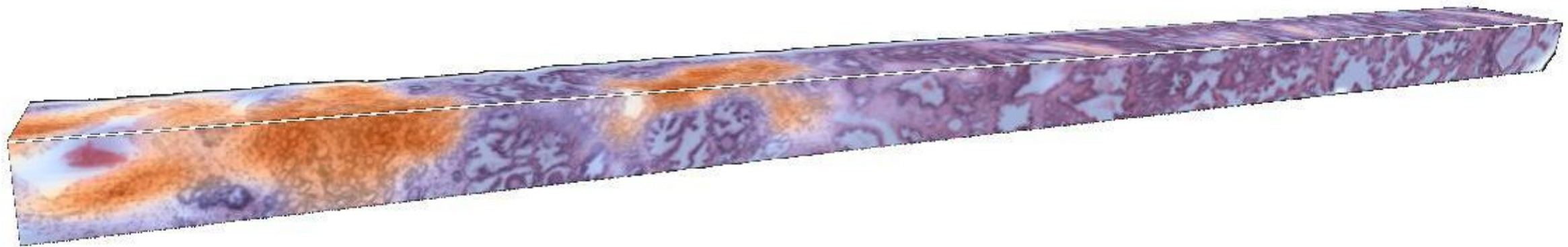
- Single**  
(single 2D slice + 2D AI)
- Whole volume planes**  
(Whole volume + 2D AI)
- Whole volume cuboids**  
(Whole volume + 3D AI)



## Microcomputed tomography



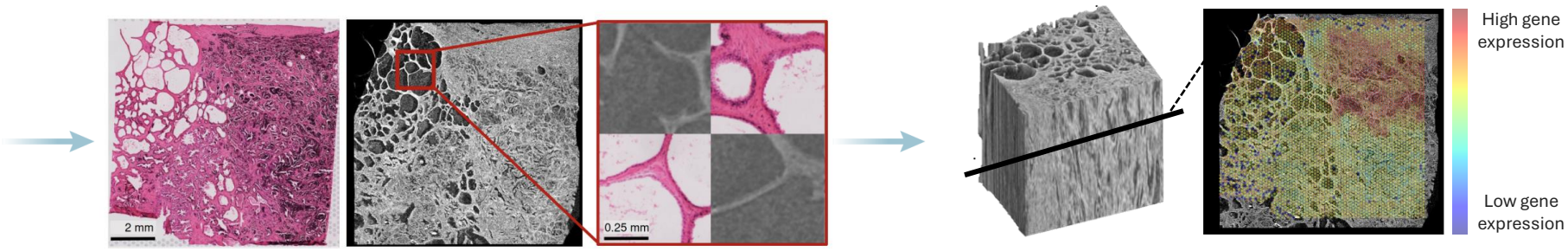
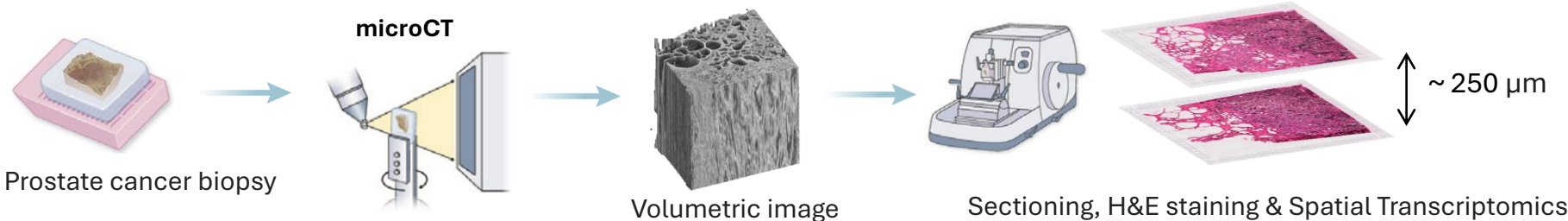
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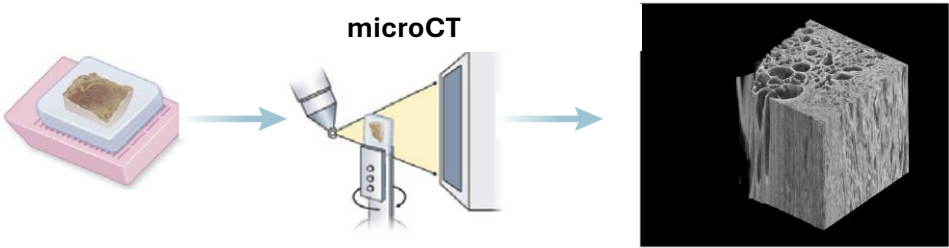
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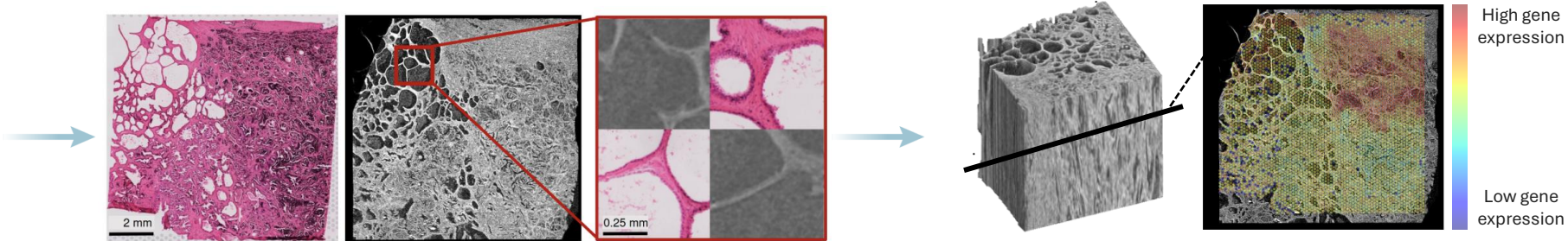
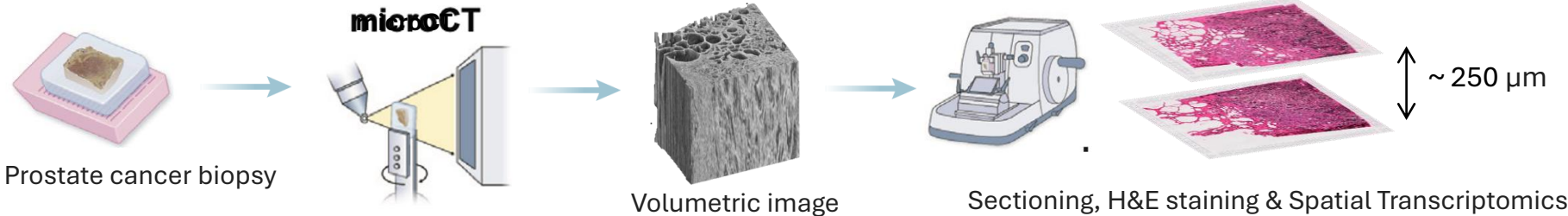
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After model training...

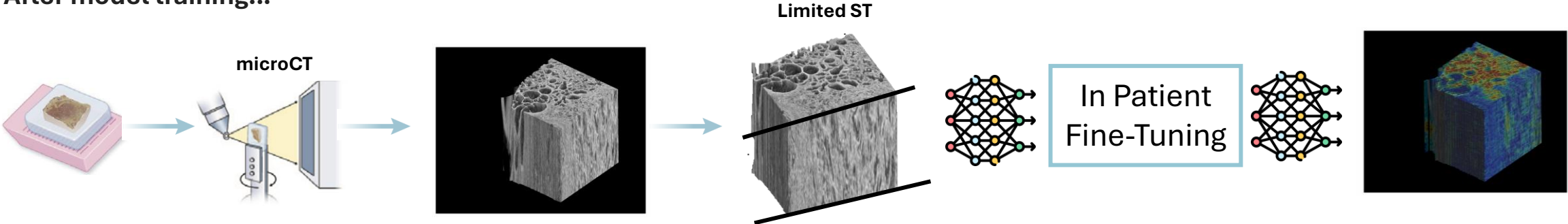


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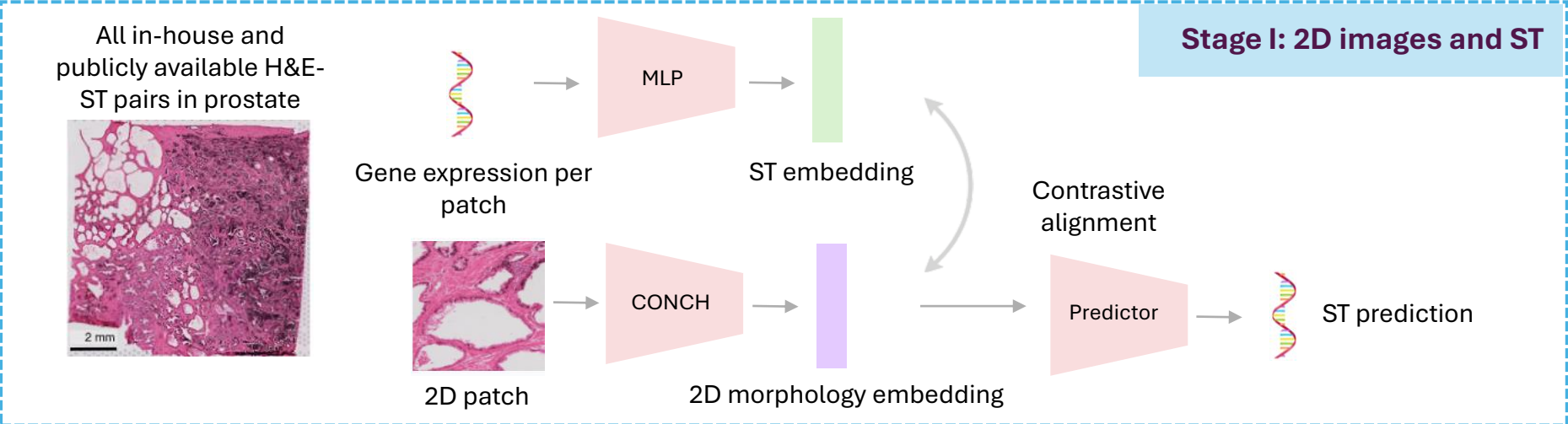
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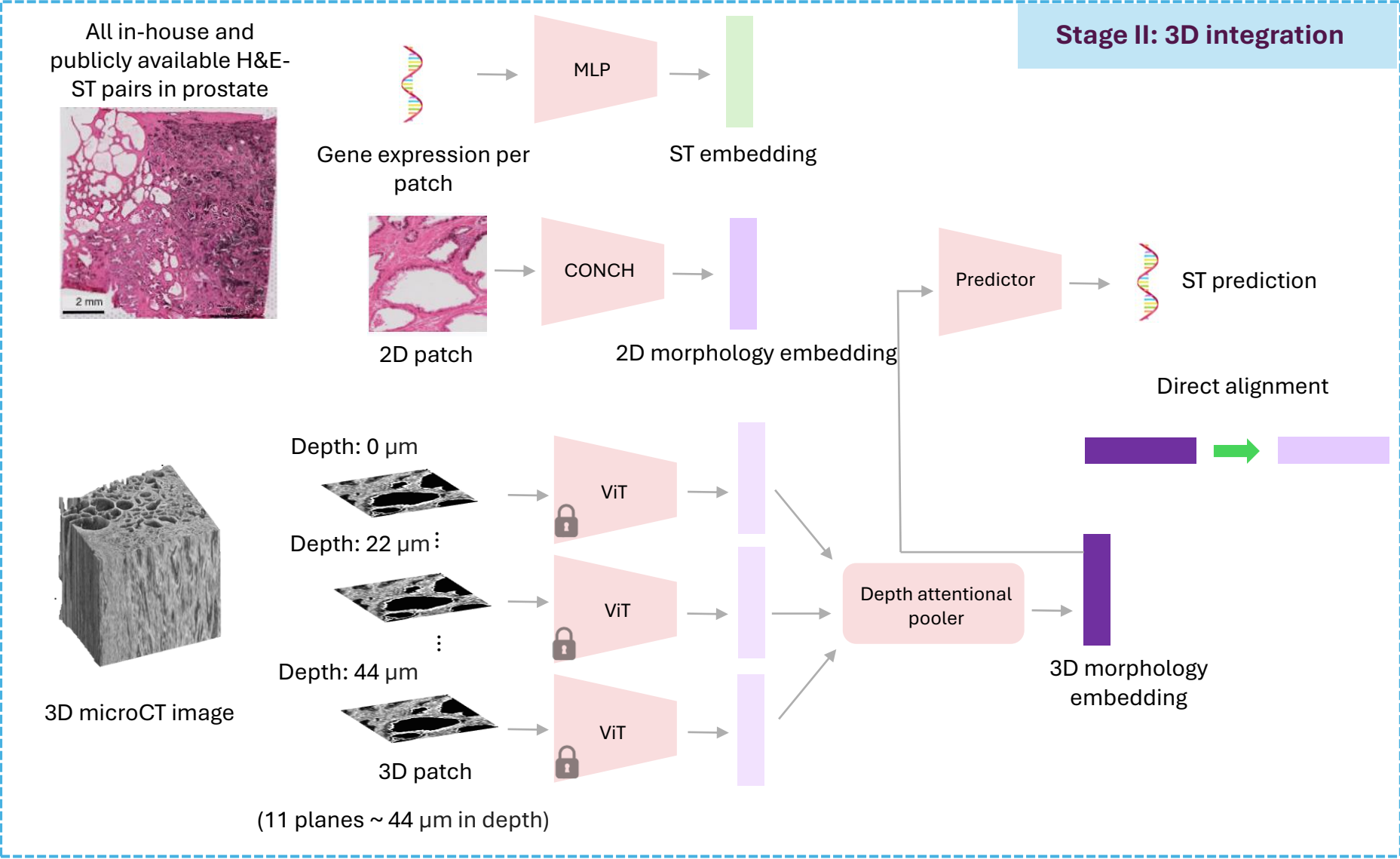


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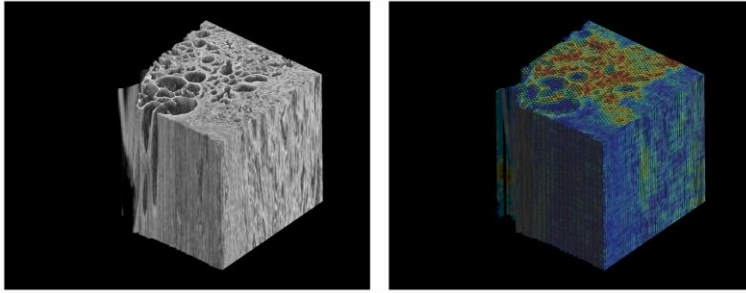




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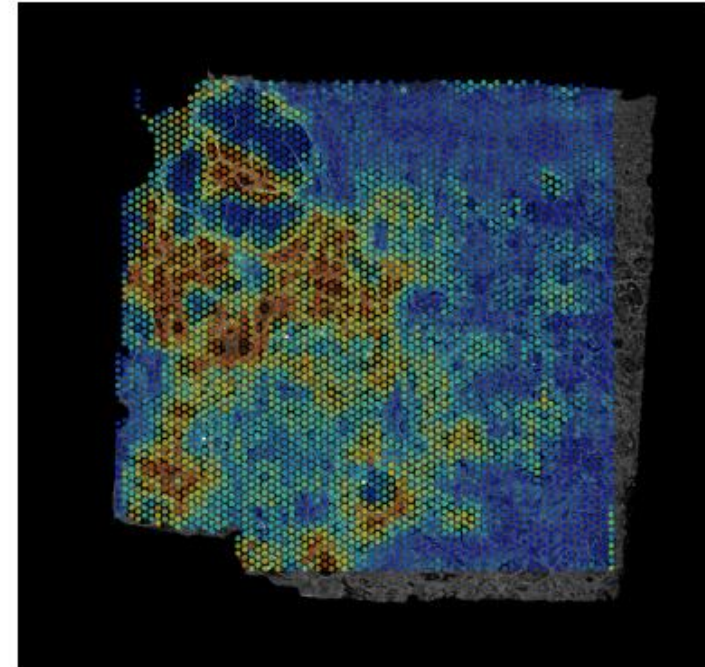
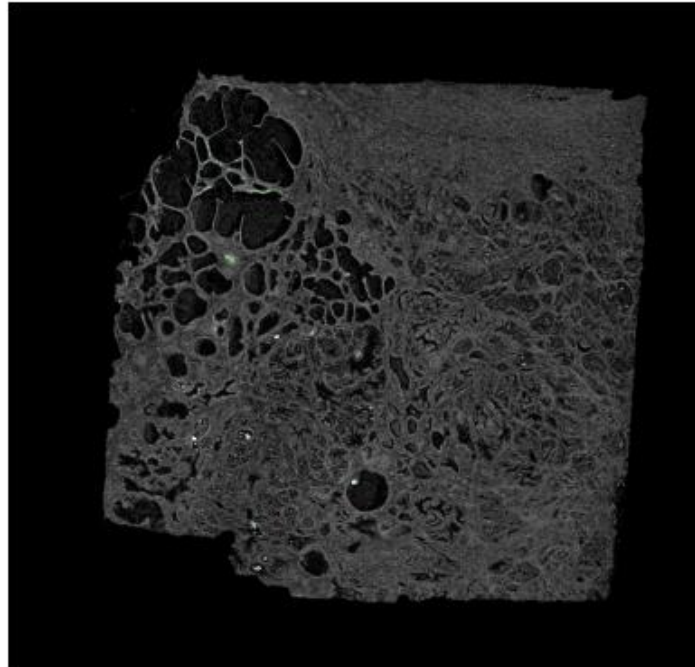


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**MSMB** gene, a prostate cancer marker, is known to be downregulated in cancerous cells compared with benign prostate epithelium.

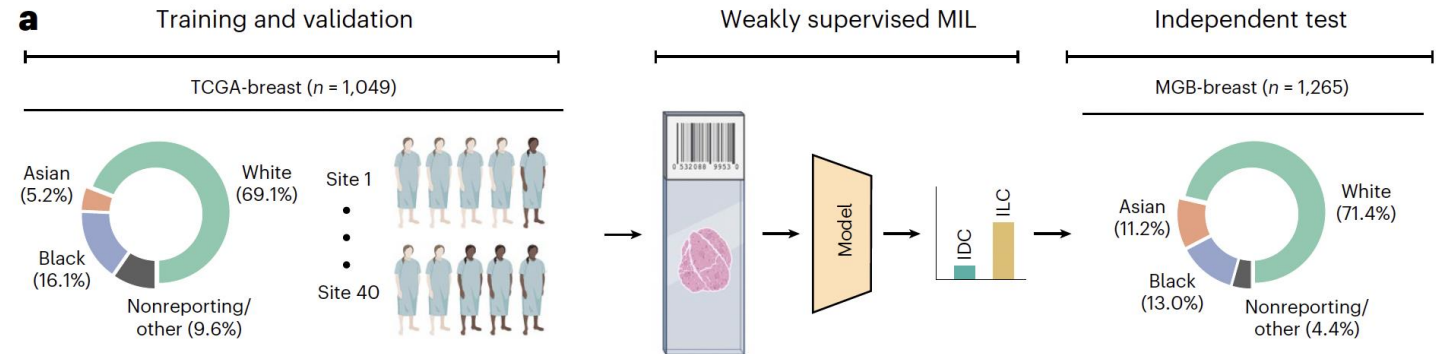
Scrolling up in the Z dimension ...



# Bias is computational pathology datasets



- ▶ Common datasets over-represent patients from certain demographics
- ▶ Real world populations are diverse
- ▶ Are there biases in algorithms trained for cancer subtyping and mutation prediction tasks?



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## Demographic bias in misdiagnosis by computational pathology models

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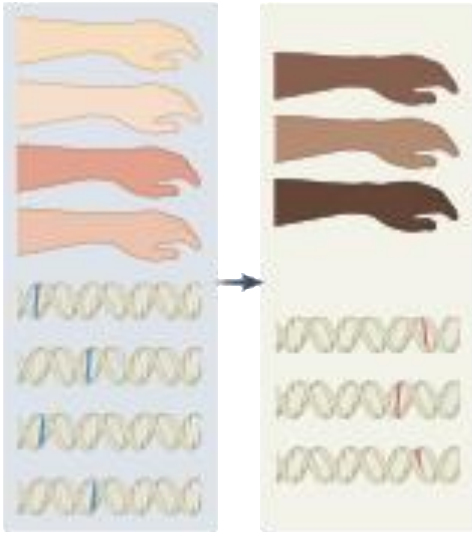
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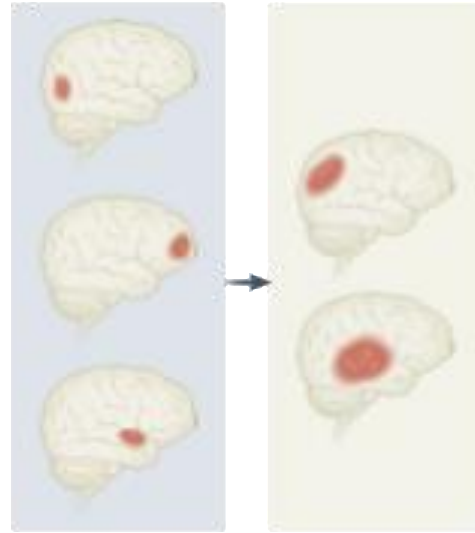


# Algorithm Fairness in Healthcare and Medicine

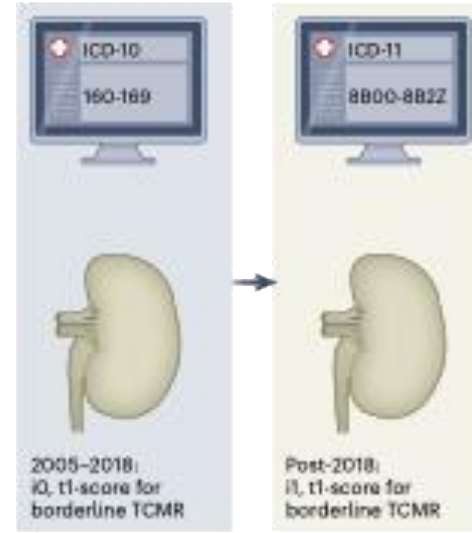
Demographic Shift



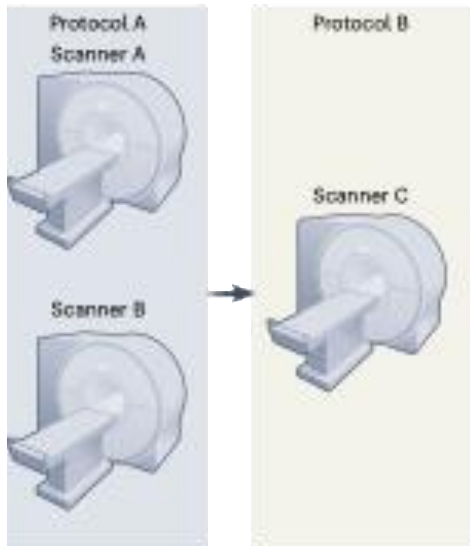
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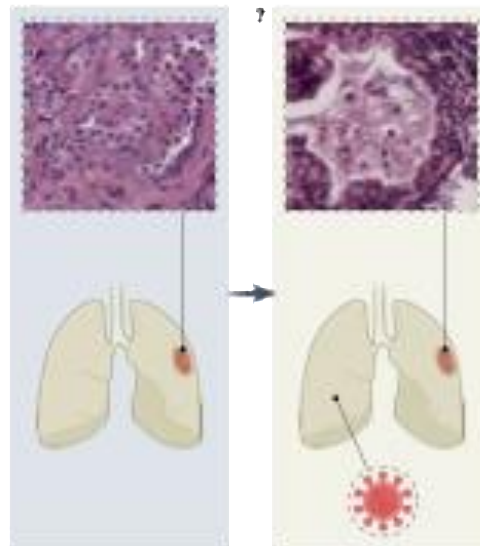
Concept Shift



Acquisition Shift



Open Set Label Shift



Resource Shift



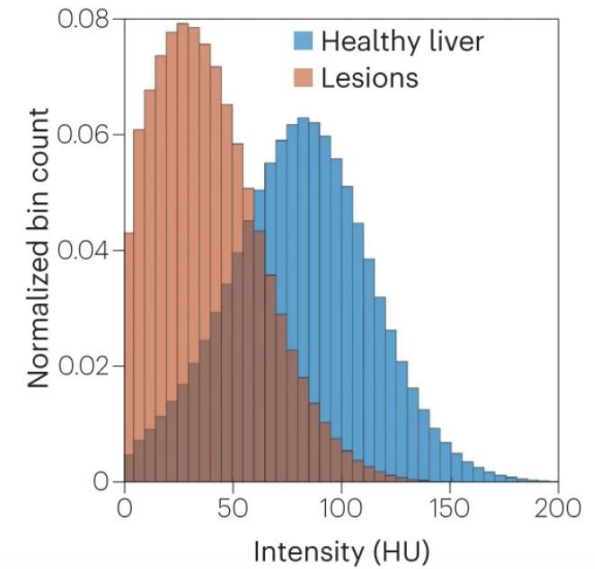
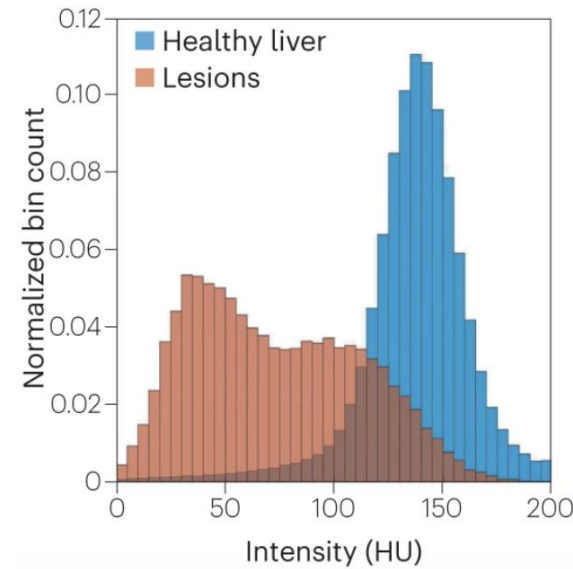
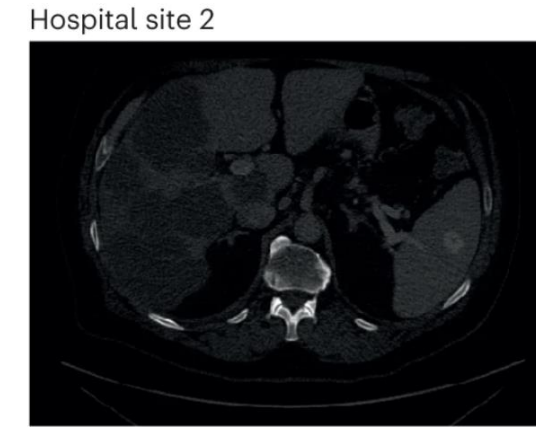
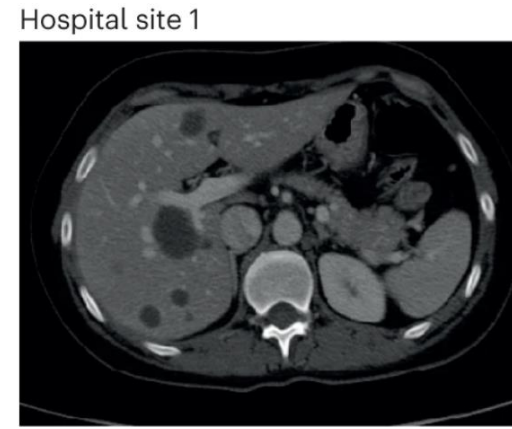
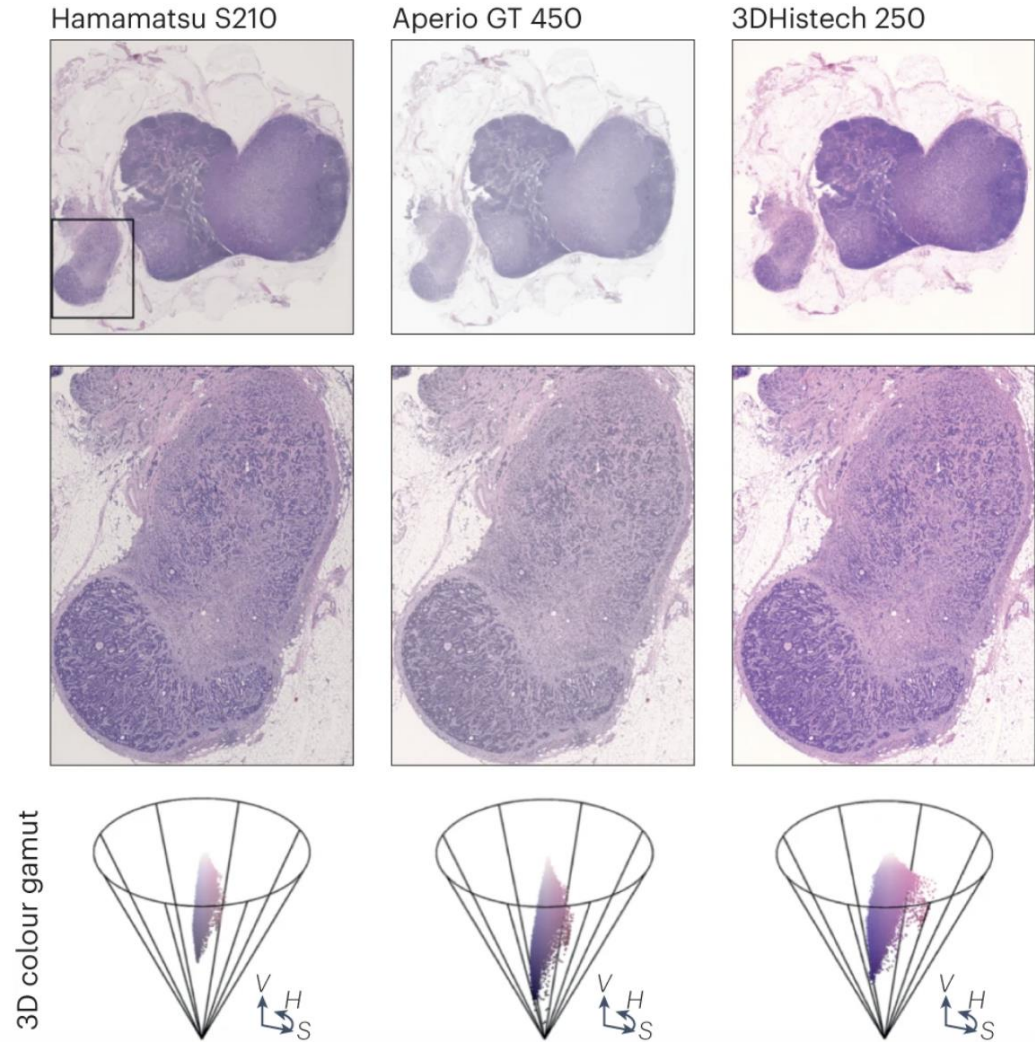
- Many healthcare disparities in medical AI can be understood as arising from dataset shift, e.g.

$$P_{\text{train}}(X) \neq P_{\text{test}}(X)$$

$$P_{\text{train}}(Y) \neq P_{\text{test}}(Y)$$

■ ■ Model development ■ ■ Model deployment

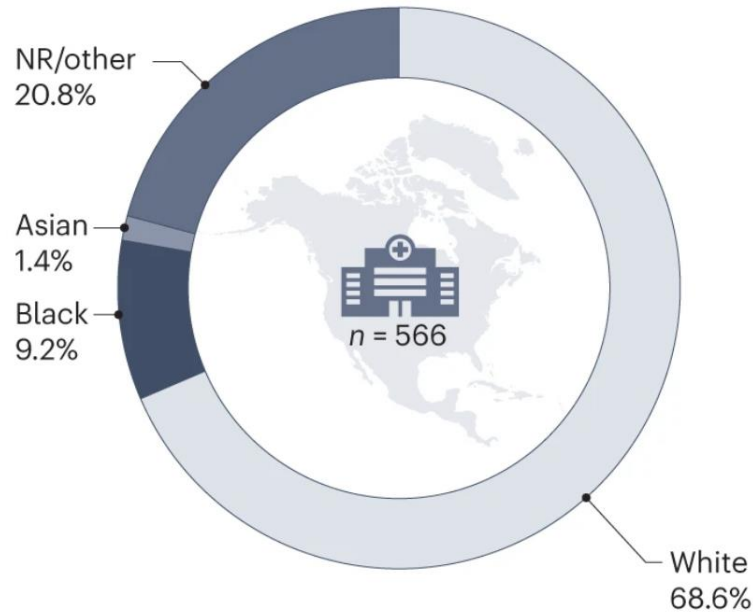
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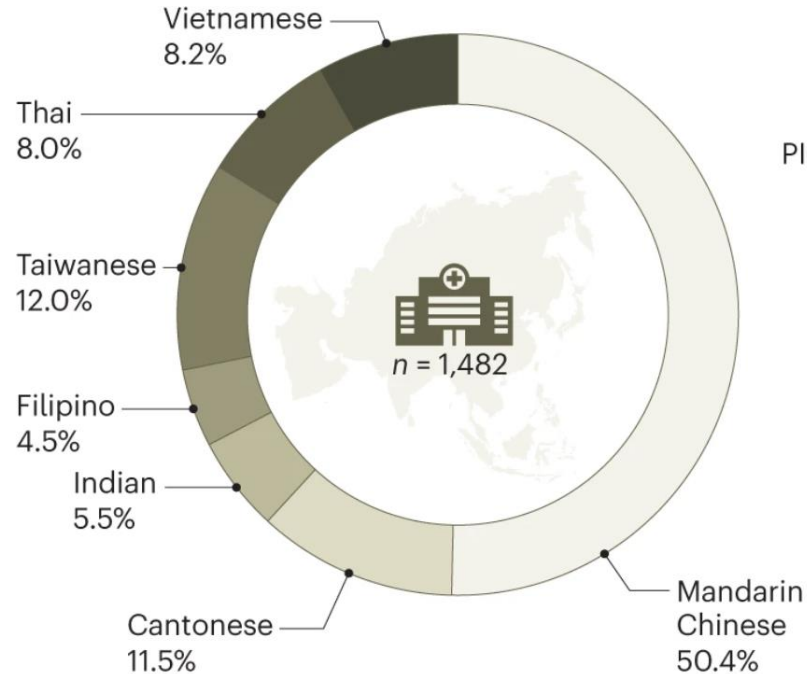
- Image acquisition shift in H&E pathology images (stain variability) and CT (radiointensity variability)

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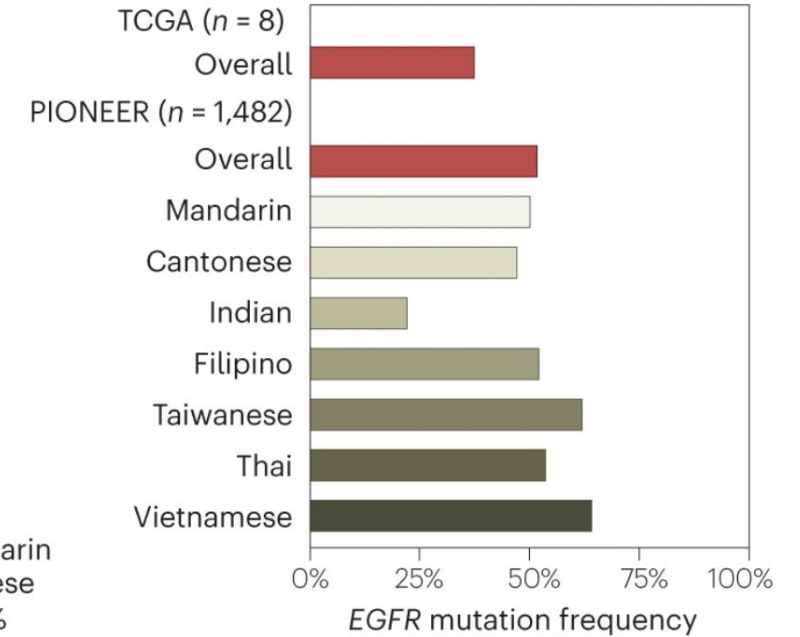
TCGA-LUAD cohort (North America)



PIONEER cohort (Asia)



Disparities in *EGFR* mutation frequency in Asian populations



- **The majority of models are trained on datasets that over-represent individuals of European ancestry,** often without the consideration of algorithm fairness
- 82.0% of all cases in the TCGA are from patients with European ancestry – how do AI models behave when trained on predominantly White patients and tested on under-represented minorities?



# Demographic Bias in Computational Pathology AI models

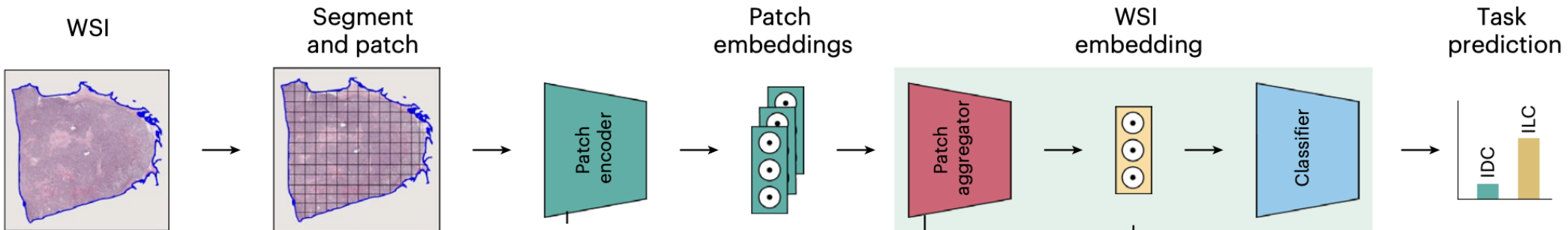
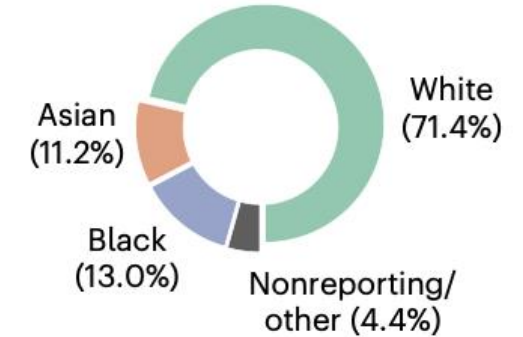
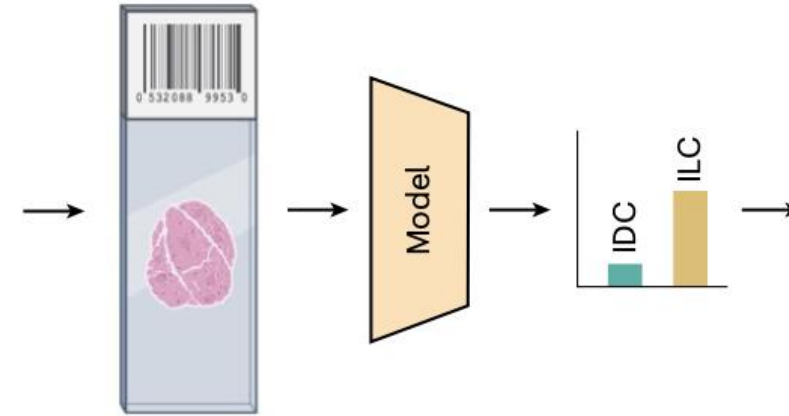
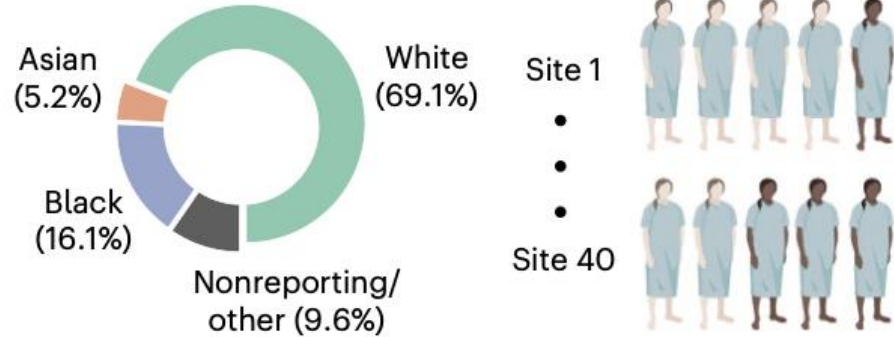
Training and validation

Weakly supervised MIL

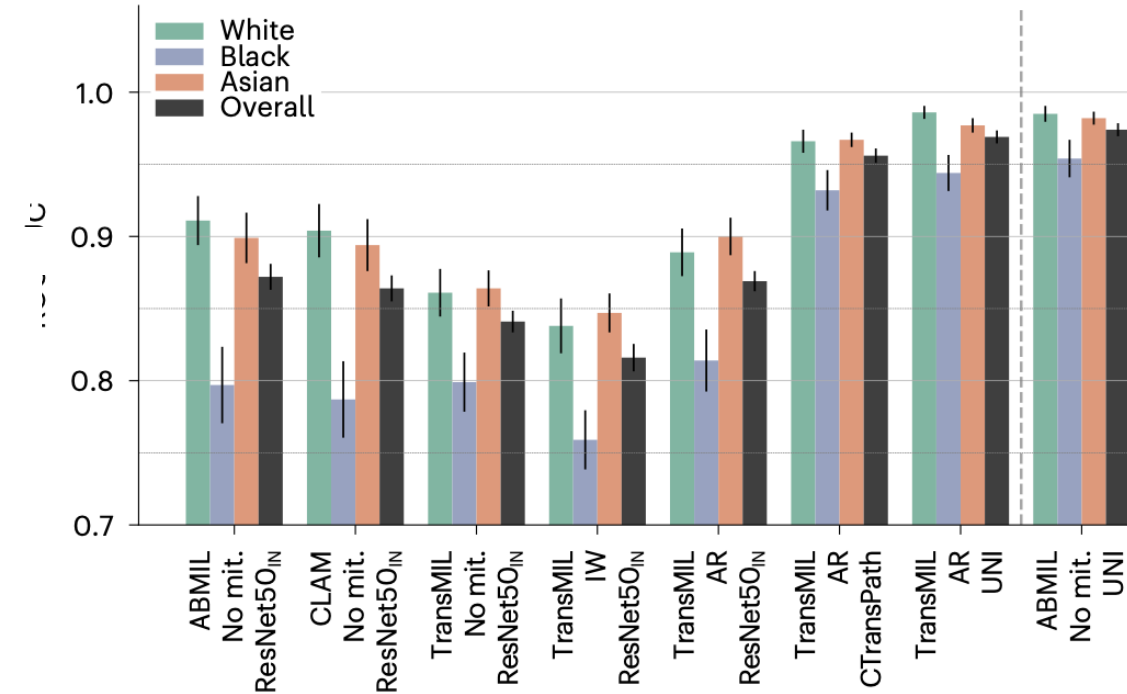
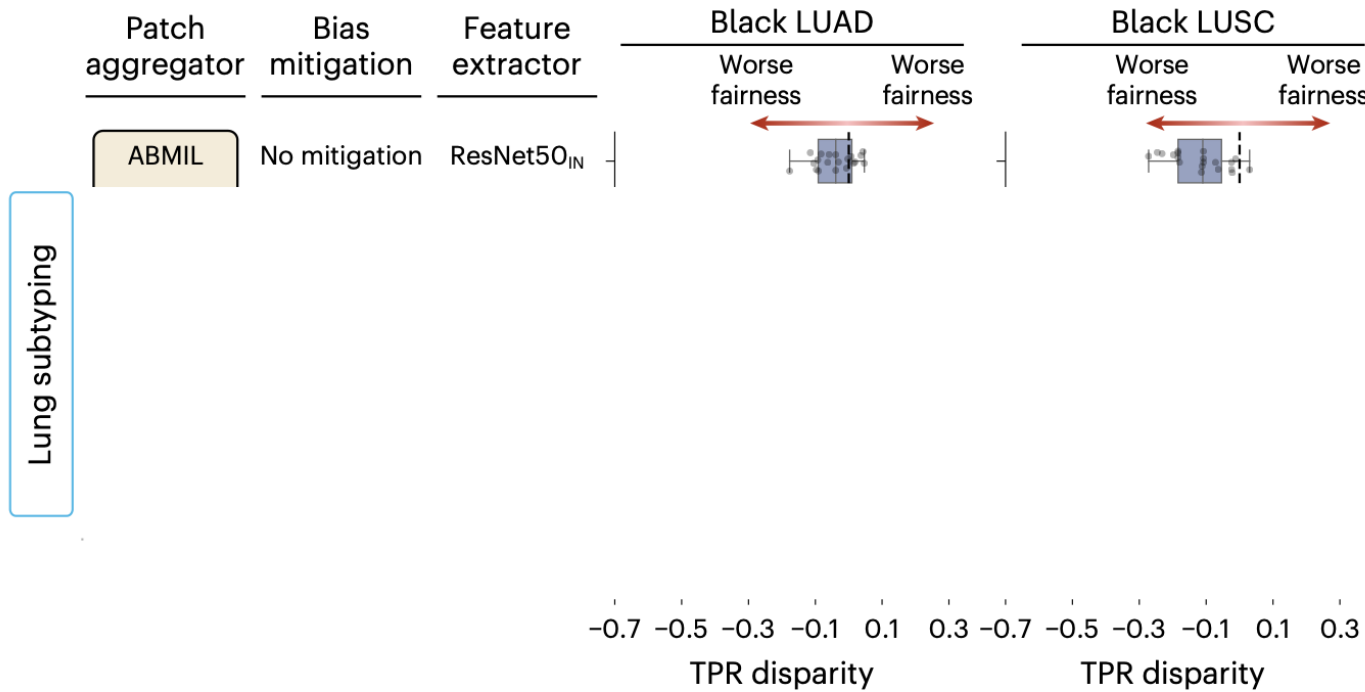
Independent test

TCGA-BRCA ( $n = 1,049$ )

MGB-breast ( $n = 1,265$ )



# Demographic Bias in Computational Pathology AI models



- Self-supervised pathology encoders (UNI) help mitigate performance disparities in cancer subtyping and biomarker prediction

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This paper, written in the form of a scientific poem, reviews the current status of automated intelligent microscopes based on computer technology. The basic concepts of image analysis for cytology and histology are presented and illustrated. Limitations of commercial devices and research endeavors are examined, and remedies are suggested.

### I. The Biological Milieu

First it is fundamental to realize  
No two of anything may be alike.  
That dawn out there that paints those loitering skies  
Around St. Ceil's pale lemon, and tints white  
Pilasters on its spire the tastiest lime,  
Cannot come up the same another time . . .

*L. E. Sissman  
String Song  
Dying: An Introduction, 1967*

### II. Cells

The differential blood cell count's a test with many  
uses,  
Not the least of them being the income it produces.  
Cervical (Papanicolaou) smears also contain a wealth  
Of information about gynecologic status and health.

Urine and sputum cytology and aspiration biopsies too  
Are clinical pathology sources for a diagnostic clue.  
Laboratories which examine many specimens might  
well invest  
In instruments which do a more cost-effective test.

Optical illusions can deceive the subjective eye,  
But objective measurements and algorithms are assumed  
not to lie.

It's often said that medicine could use such objectivity,  
And thought that this justifies machine intelligence  
activity.

Artificial intelligence is another current craze  
That uses computers to cope with the diagnostic maze.  
Though criteria for intelligence have never been re-  
solved,  
Paper after paper claims the problem has already been  
solved.

or dye them.





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