



GAN for Unsupervised Learning in Inverse Problems

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Deep Learning Era in Medical Imaging

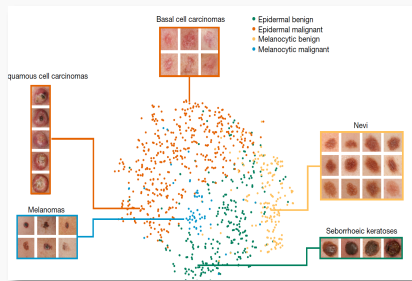
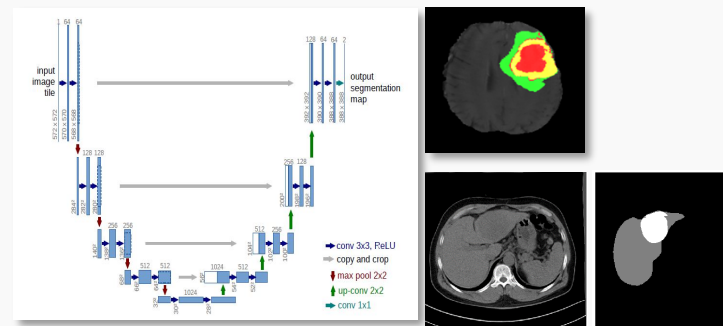
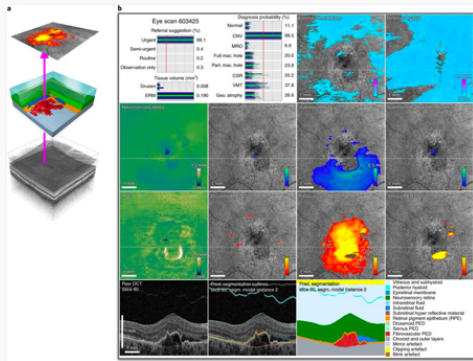


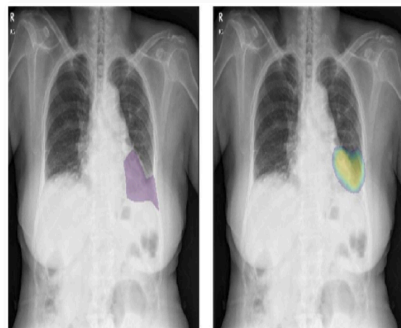
Image segmentation



Ronneberger et al, MICCAI, 2015

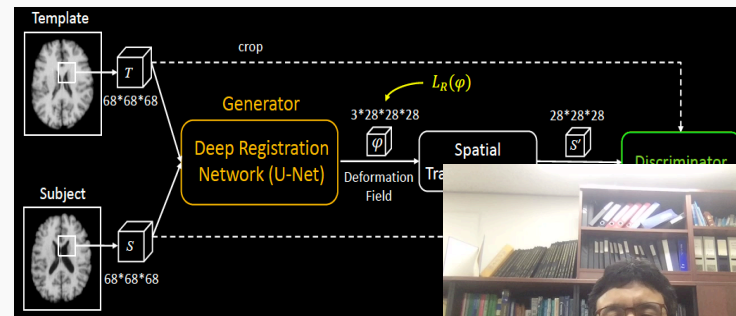


Chest X-ray



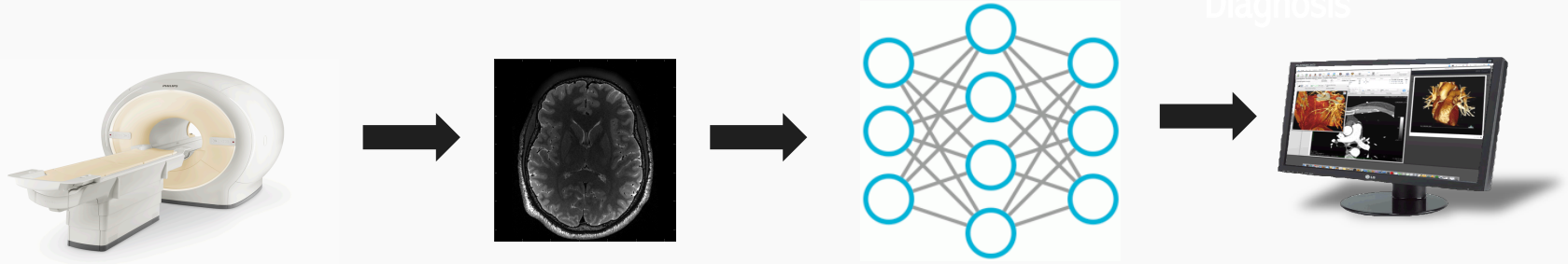
Courtesy of Kyu Hwan Jung @Vuno

Image registration

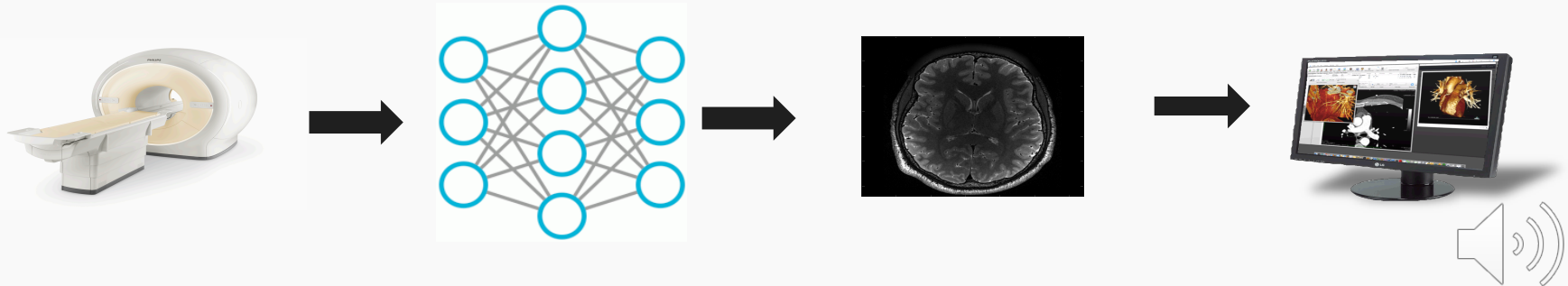


Deep Learning for Inverse Problems

Diagnosis & analysis



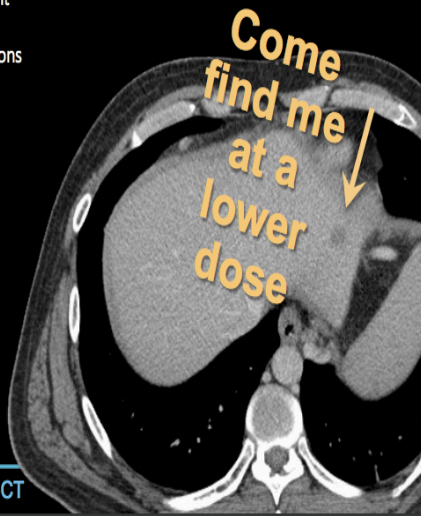
New trend of deep learning: **inverse problems**



Low Dose CT Grand Challenge



- Radiologist-selected abdominal CT patient cases (10 training, 20 testing) with noise inserted to simulate lower dose acquisitions
- Projection data converted into an open format (user manual and reading tools provided)
- Apr 2016: Participants submit reconstructed images or denoised images to AAPM website
- Jun 2016: Images read by radiologists at the host site
- Aug 2016: Winners announced at AAPM Annual Meeting





See through the noise

World's 1st Deep Learning
Reconstruction for CT



GE Healthcare

TrueFidelity

How the best see better.



**What if we do not have
label data for training ?**



Yann LeCun's Cake Analogy

■ "Pure" Reinforcement Learning (cherry)

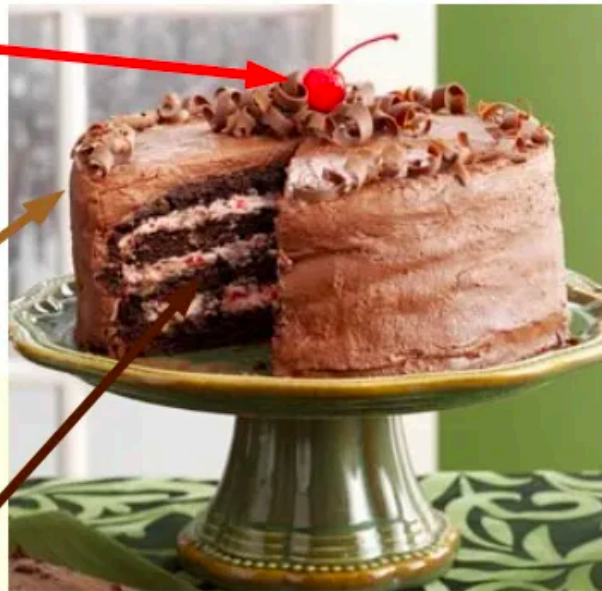
- ▶ The machine predicts a scalar reward given once in a while.
- ▶ **A few bits for some samples**

■ Supervised Learning (icing)

- ▶ The machine predicts a category or a few numbers for each input
- ▶ Predicting human-supplied data
- ▶ **10→10,000 bits per sample**

■ Unsupervised/Predictive Learning (cake)

- ▶ The machine predicts any part of its input for any observed part.
- ▶ Predicts future frames in videos
- ▶ **Millions of bits per sample**



■ (Yes, I know, this picture is slightly offensive to RL folks. But I'll make it up)



Deep Image Prior (DIP)

Ulyanov et al, CVPR, 2018

$$\min_{\Theta} \|y - HQ_{\Theta}(z)\|^2$$

- CNN architecture as a regularization
- Unsupervised learning
- Extensive computation >> PLS



Generative **Adversarial Networks**



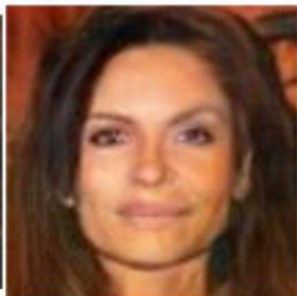
GAN in 4 years



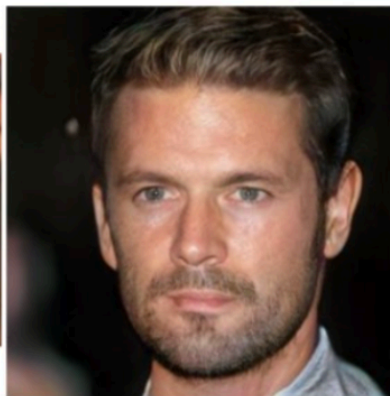
2014



2015



2016



2017



2018

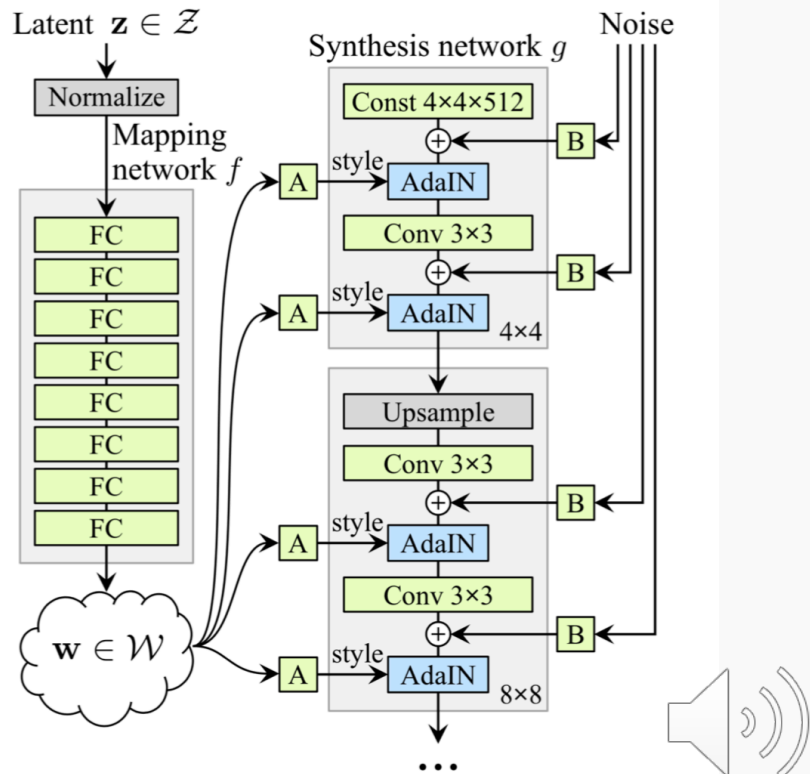
Figure from Ian Goodfollows Twitter



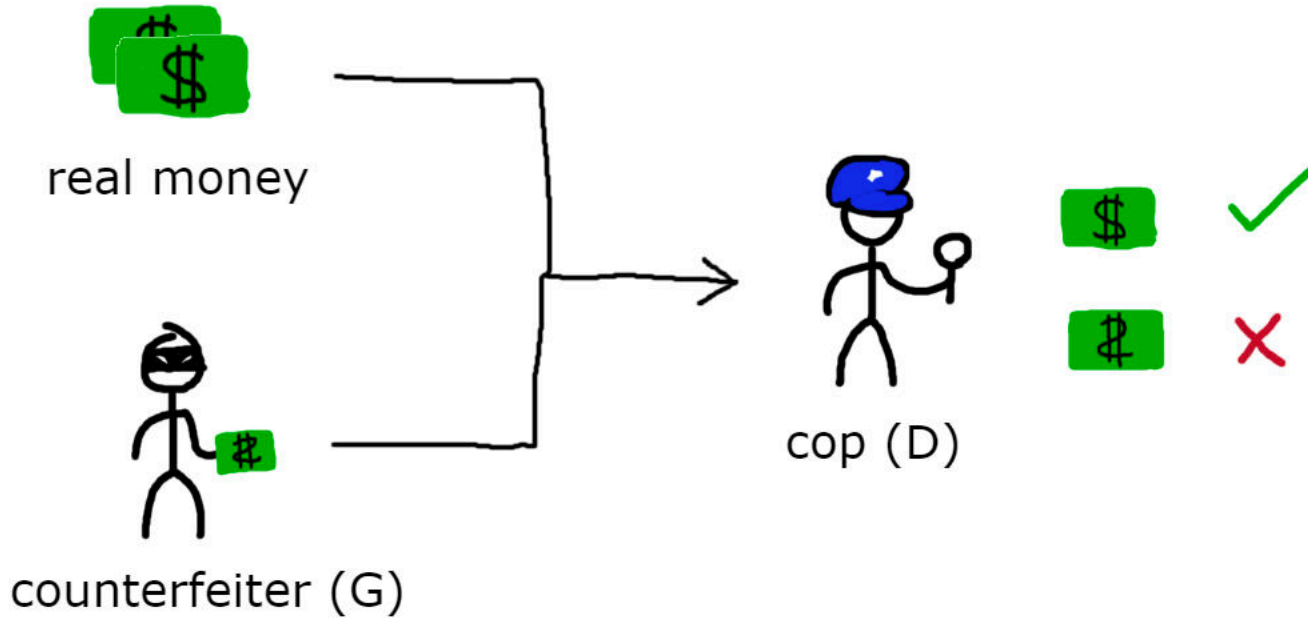
StyleGAN



Karras et al, *CVPR, 2019*



Generative Adversarial Nets (GANs)



https://www.cfml.se/blog/generative_adversarial_networks/



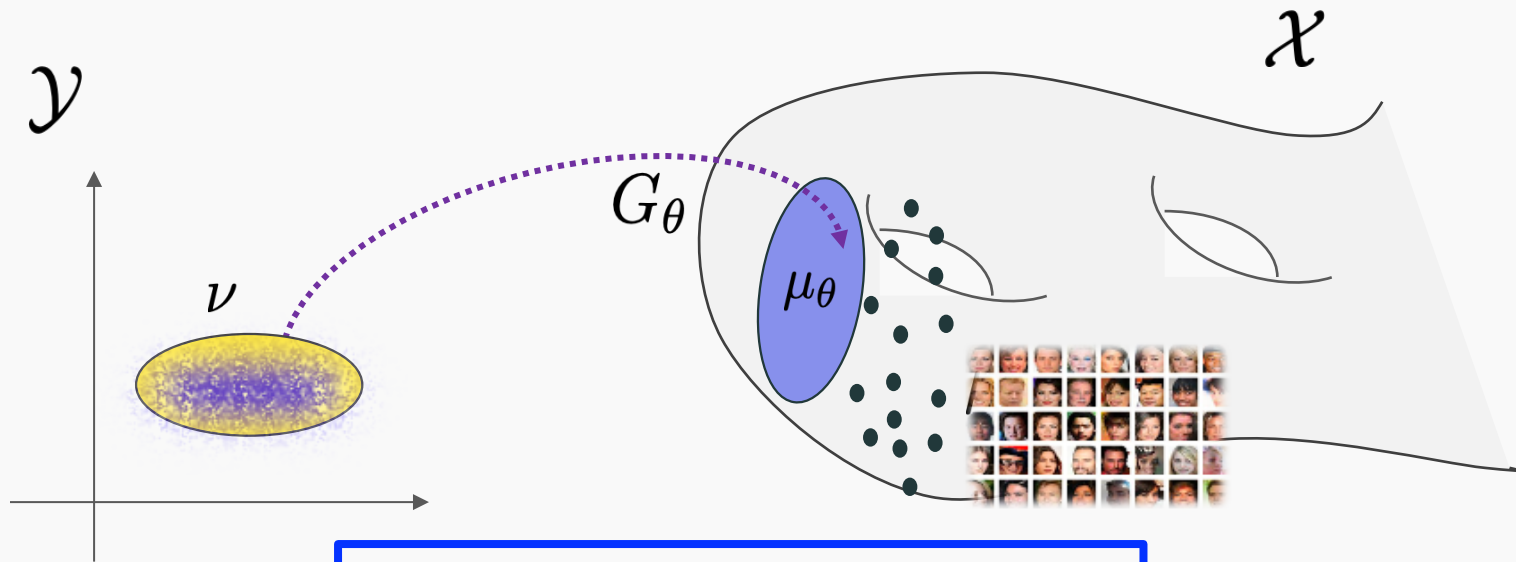
Wasserstein GAN

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_{W-GAN}(G; \varphi) \\ = \left(\int_{\mathcal{X}} \text{discriminator} \varphi(x) d\mu(x) - \int_{\mathcal{Z}} \varphi(\text{generator } G(z)) d\zeta(z) \right) \end{aligned}$$



Geometry of GAN

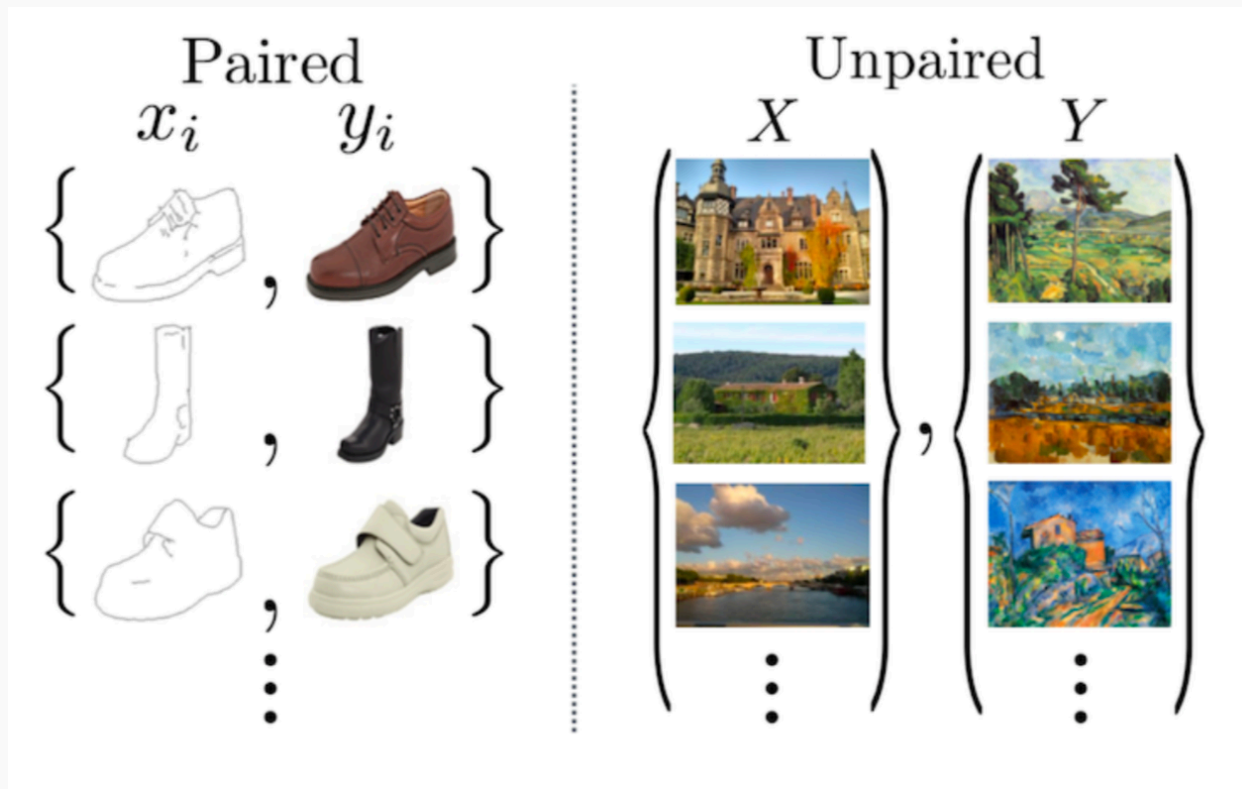
Lei, Na, *arXiv:1710.05488* (2017)



$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\theta} \text{dist}(\mu_\theta, \mu) \\ & \text{subject to } \mu_\theta = G_{\theta\#}\nu \end{aligned}$$



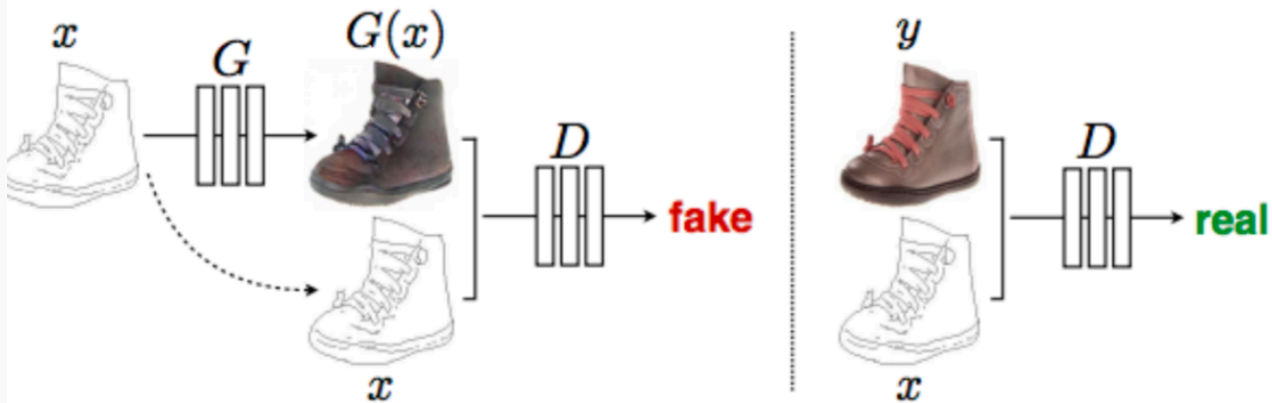
Image Translation



J.-Y. Zhu, et al, CVPR, 2017



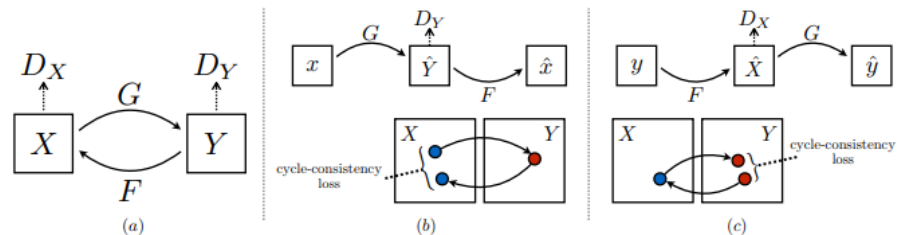
Pix2Pix



P. Isola, et al, CVPR, 2017

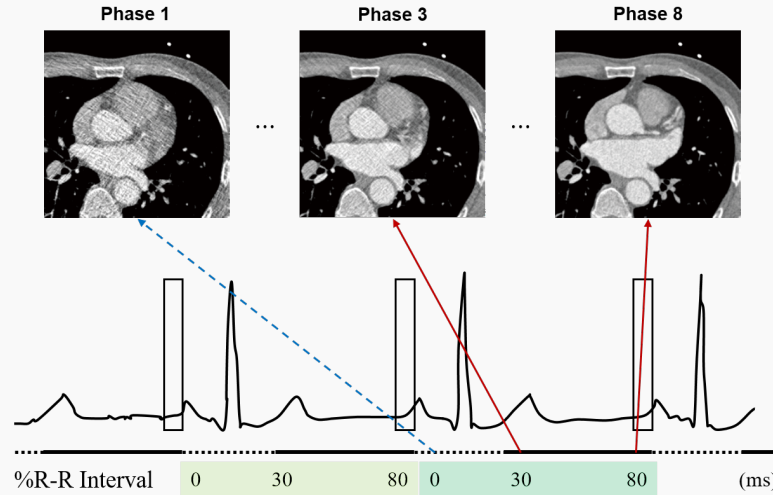


CycleGAN



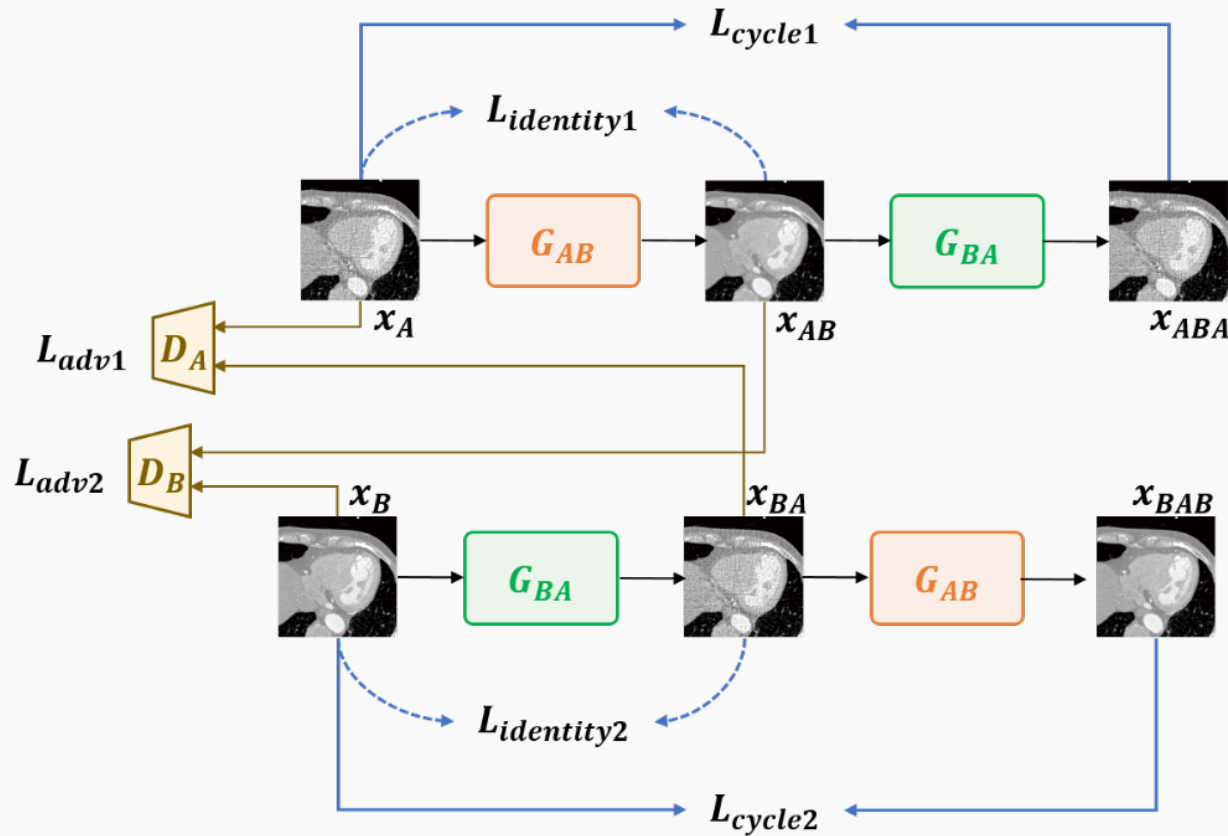
Motivation

- **Multiphase Cardiac CT denoising**
 - Phase 1, 2: low-dose, Phase 3 ~ 10: normal dose
 - Goal: dynamic changes of heart structure
 - **No reference available**

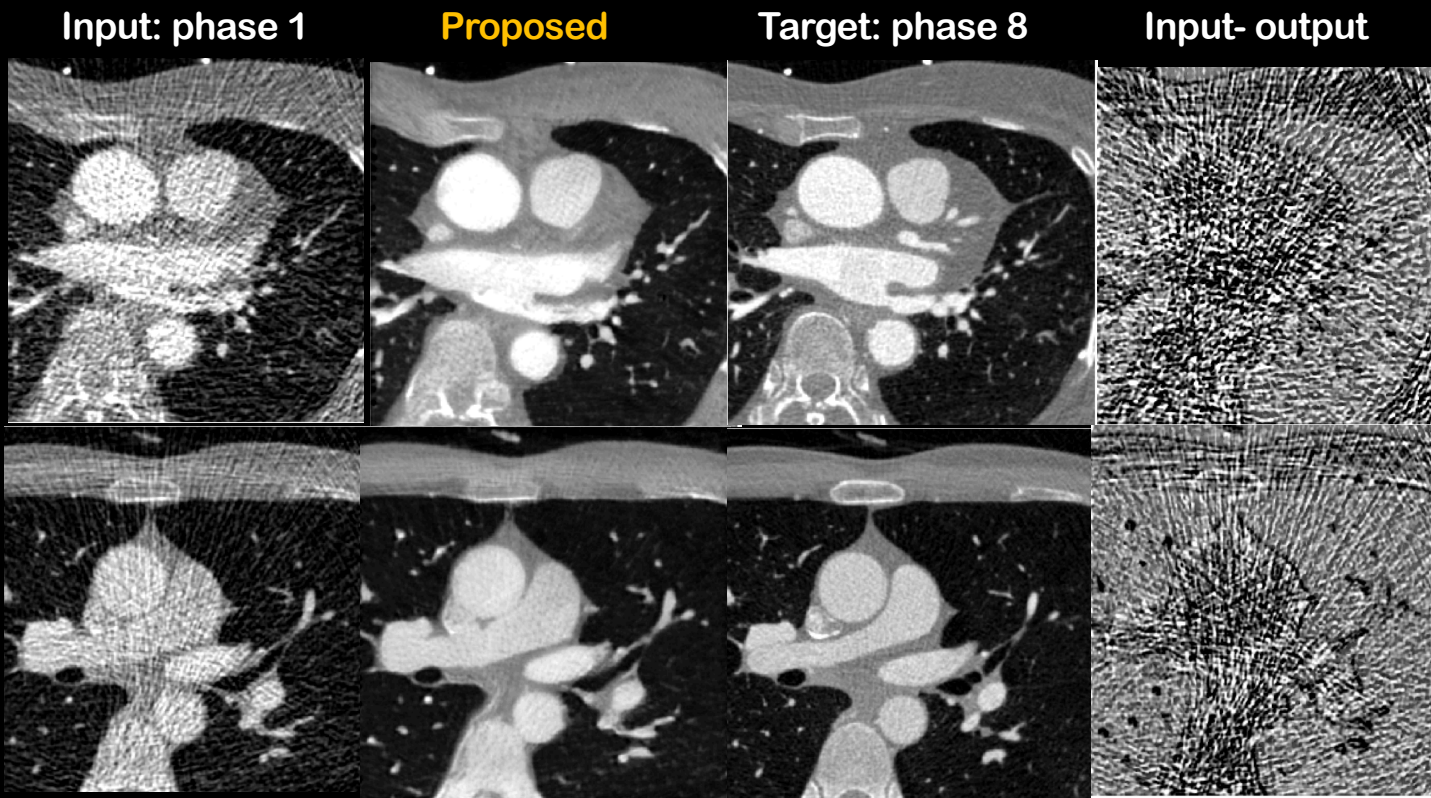


Unsupervised Denoising for Low-Dose CT

Kang et al, Medical Physics, 2018



Lose dose (5%) $\rightarrow$ high dose



Geometry of CycleGAN

Sim et al, SIAM J. Imaging Sciences, 2020

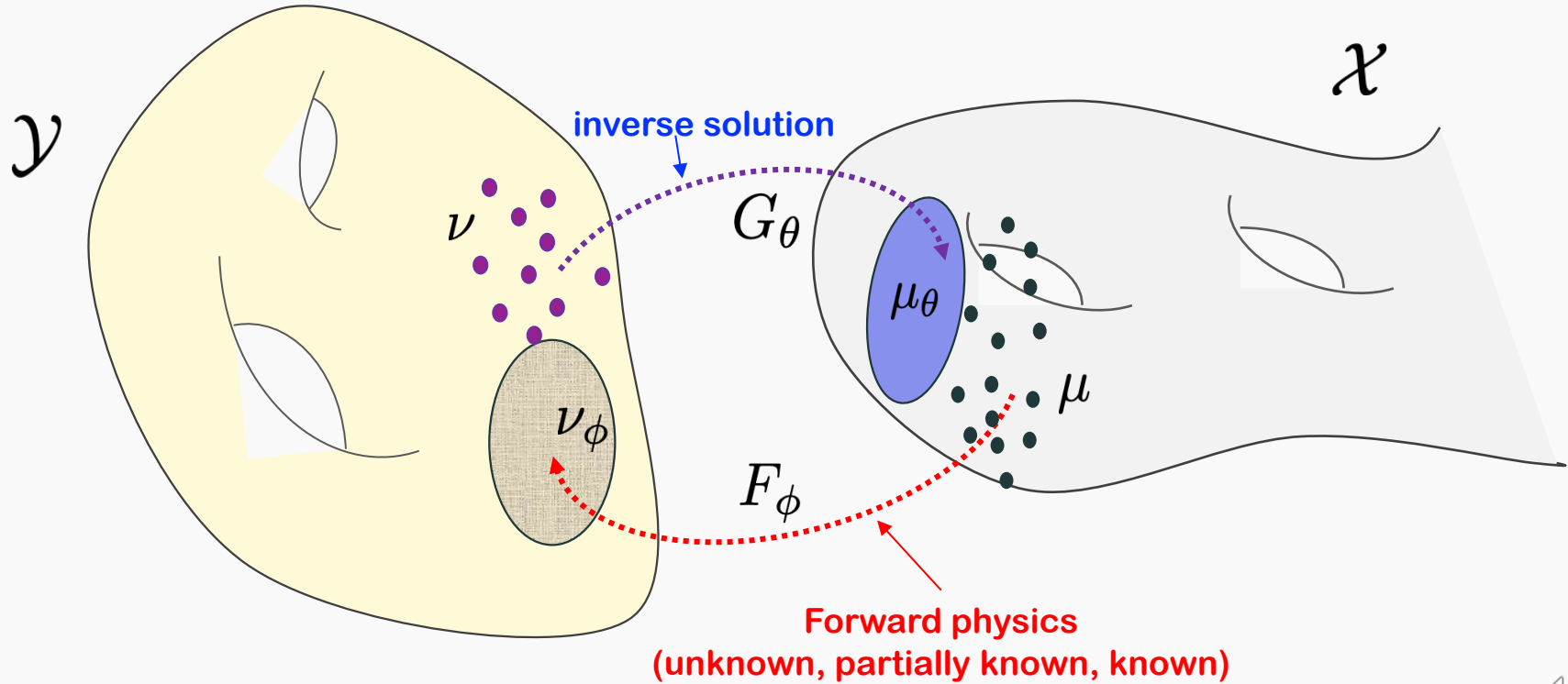
Khan et al, IEEE TUFFC, 2020

Lee et al, IEEE TCI, 2020



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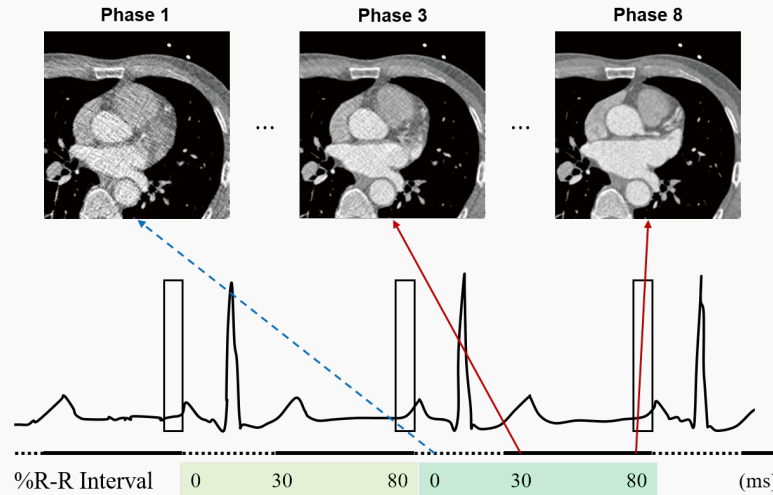


$$\min_{\theta, \phi} \text{dist}(\mu_\theta, \mu) + \text{dist}(\nu_\phi, \nu)$$



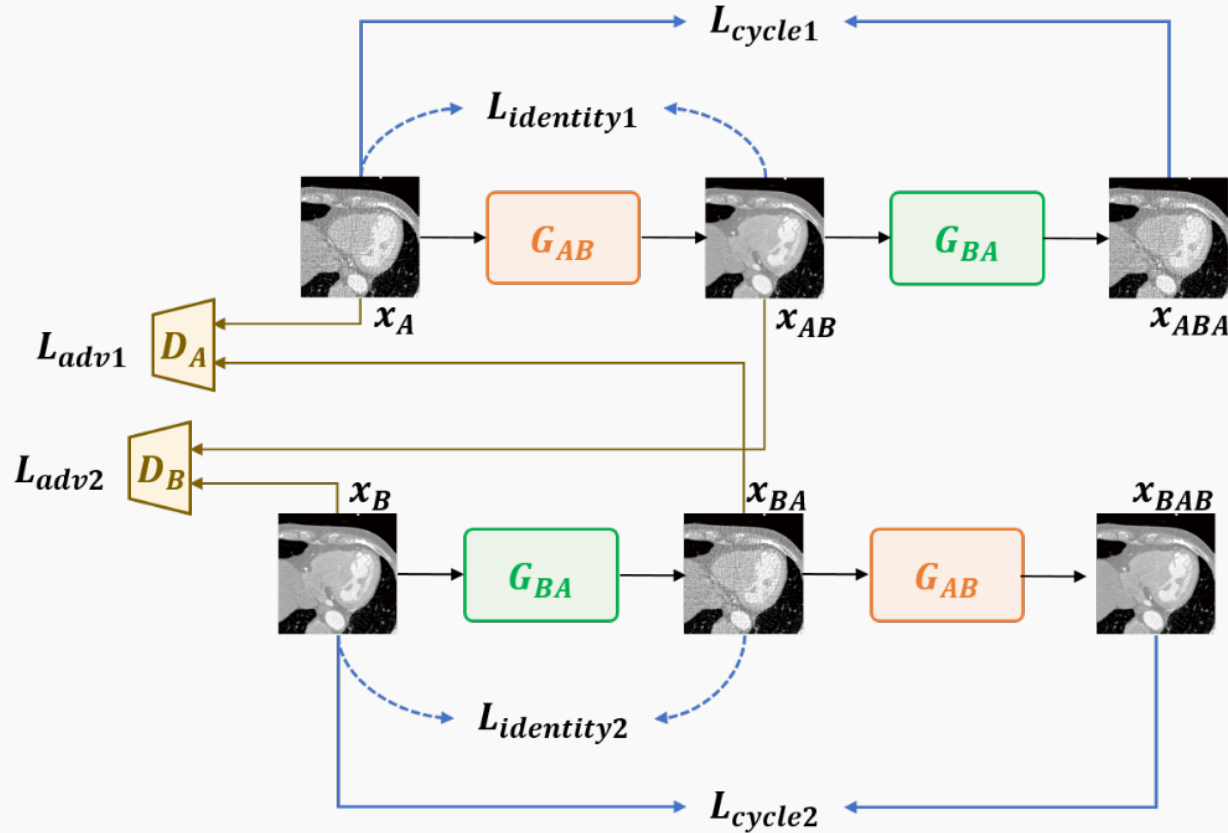
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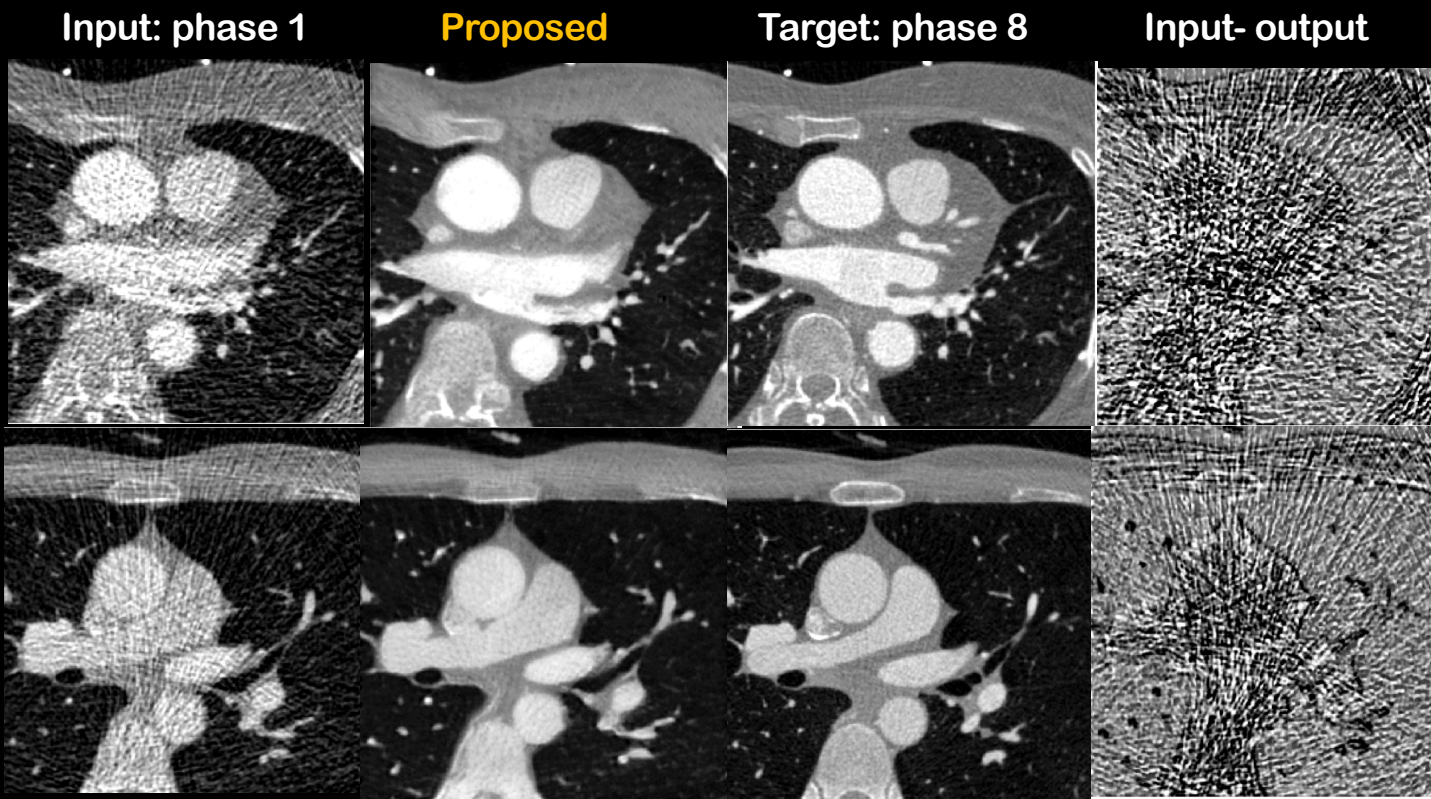


Unsupervised Denoising by CycleGAN

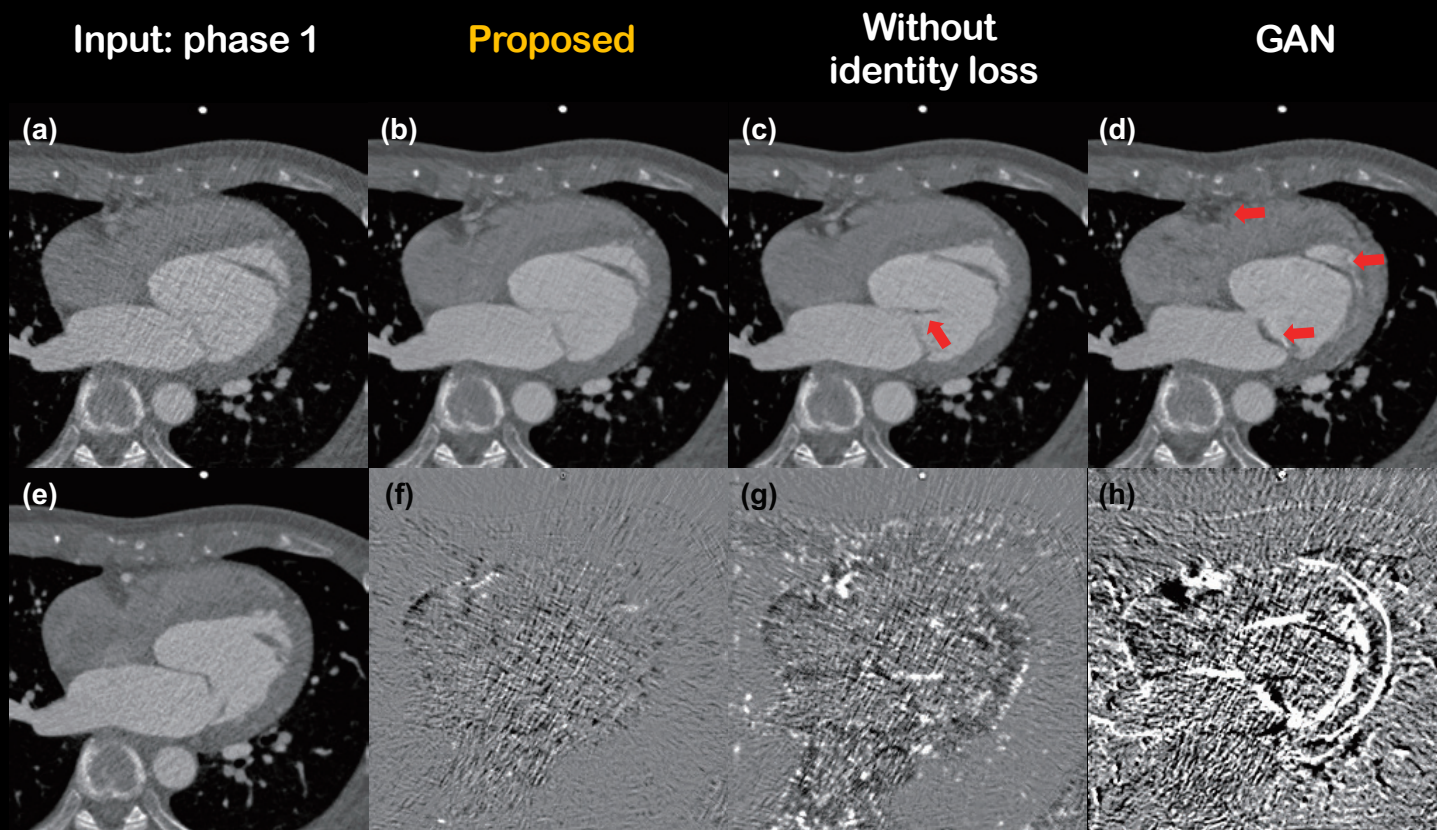
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Ablation Study



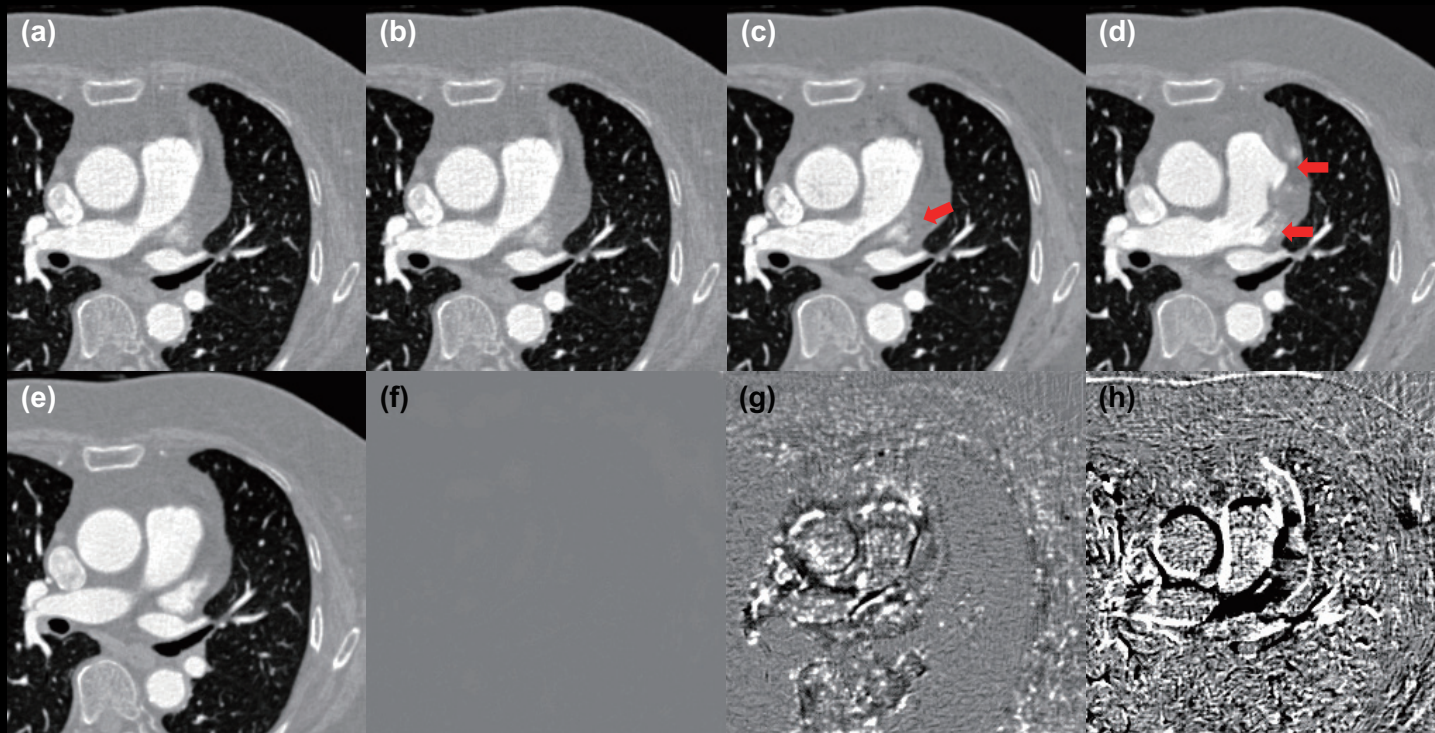
Ablation Study

Input: phase 1

Proposed

Without
identity loss

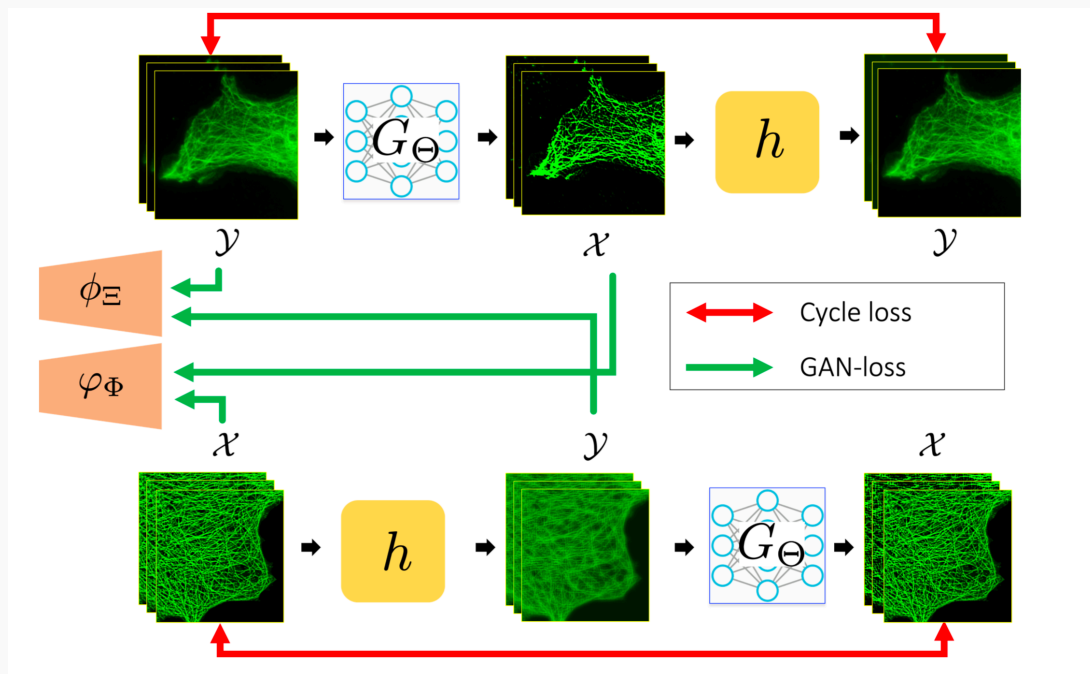
GAN



Case 2: Unsupervised Deconvolution Microscopy

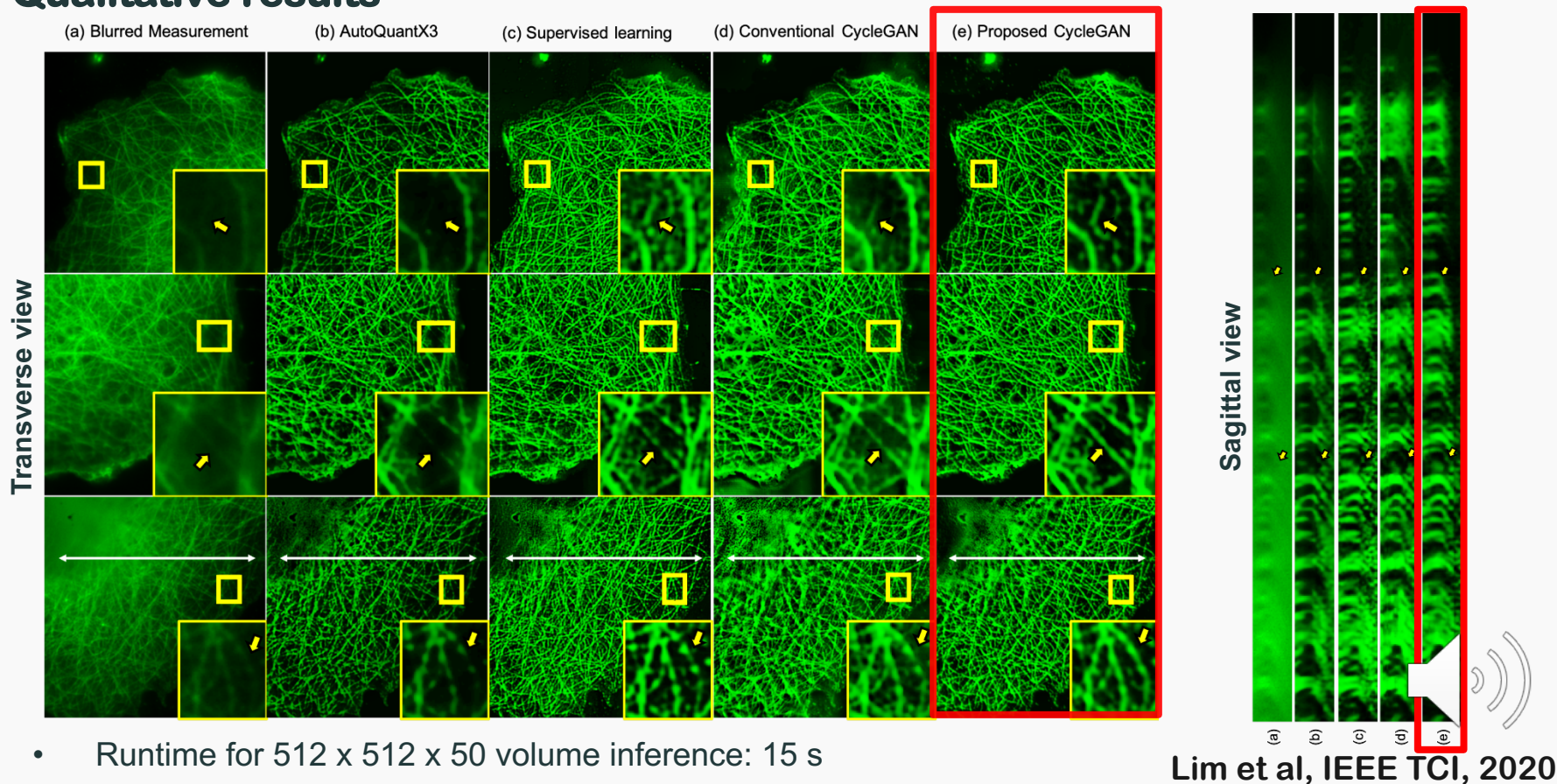
Lim et al, IEEE TCI, 2020

$$c(x, y; \Theta, h) = \|y - h * x\| + \|G_{\Theta}(y) - x\|$$



Results on Real Microscopy Data

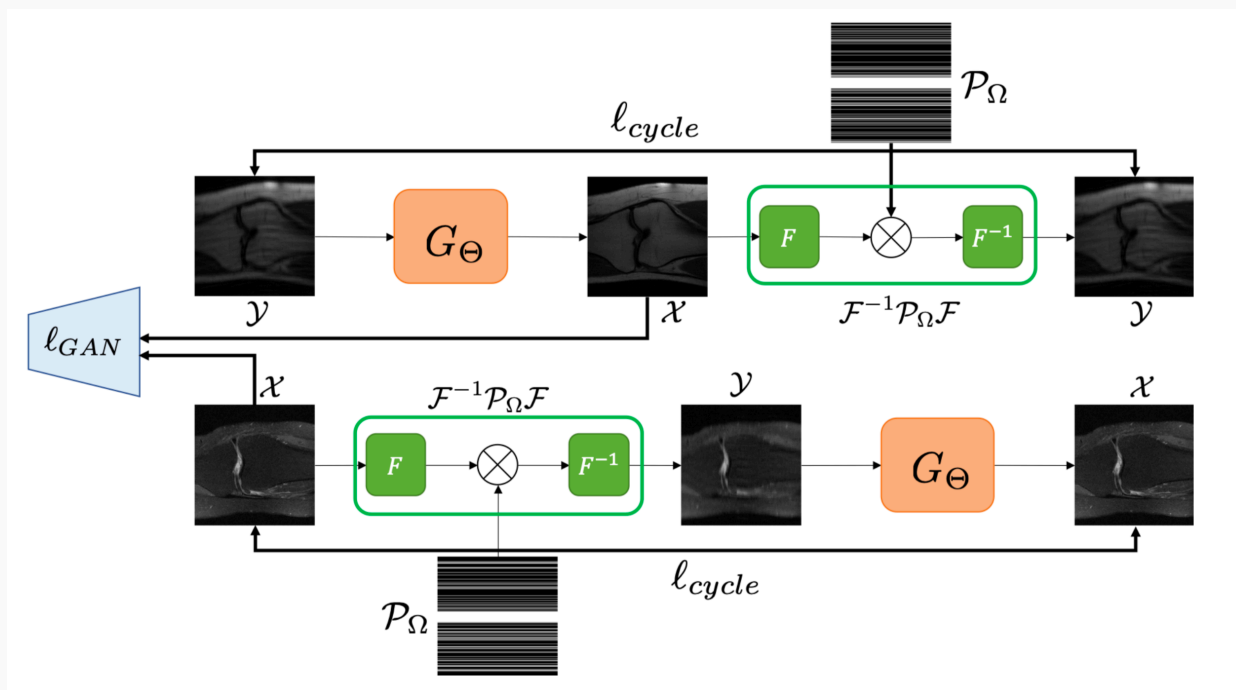
✓ Qualitative results



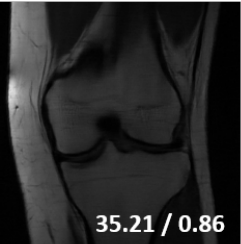
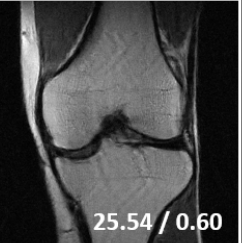
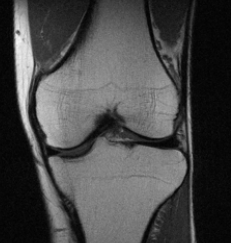
Case 3: Unsupervised Learning for Accelerated MRI

Sim et al, SIAM J. Imaging Sciences, 2020

$$c(x, y; \Theta) = \|y - \mathcal{F}^{-1} \mathcal{P}_{\Omega} \mathcal{F} x\| + \|G_{\Theta}(y) - x\|$$



Results on Fast MR Data Set

Input	Supervised Learning	Conventional CycleGAN	Proposed Method	Ground Truth
 30.26 / 0.80	 35.21 / 0.86	 31.21 / 0.78	 34.92 / 0.87	
 26.03 / 0.59	 27.17 / 0.61	 24.53 / 0.45	 27.34 / 0.61	
 25.19 / 0.64	 29.22 / 0.71	 25.54 / 0.60	 29.23 / 0.73	
 28.07 / 0.76	 32.25 / 0.83	 29.17 / 0.75	 32.09 / 0.84	

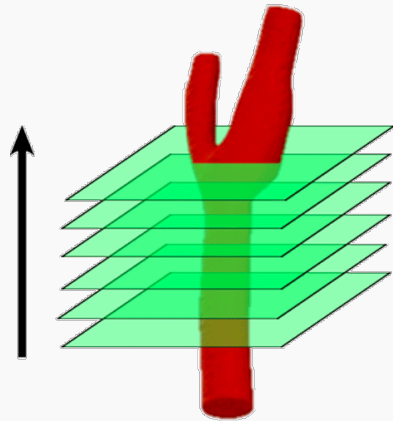
Advanced Applications



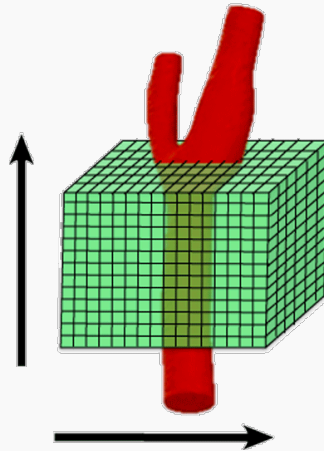
TOF-MRA

- MR angiography without contrast agent
- 3D volume data → **acquisition time is long**
- High acceleration is needed → **CS, Deep learning**

2D TOF

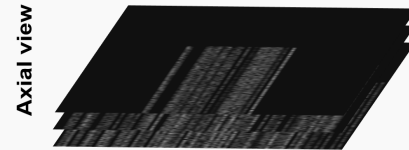
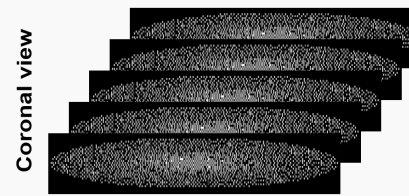


3D TOF

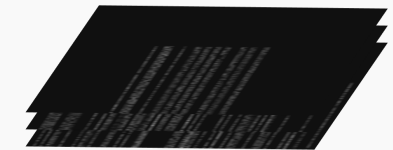


<http://mri-q.com/2d-vs-3d-mra.html>

Acceleration x4



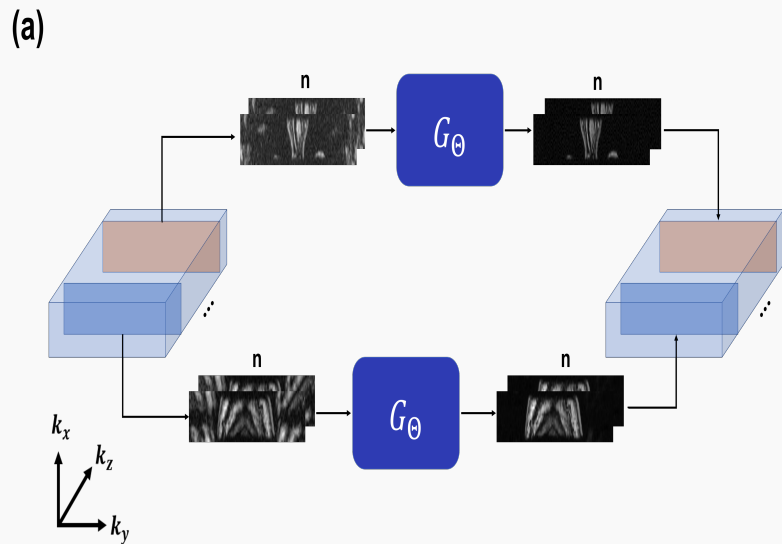
Acceleration x8



Two-Step Unsupervised Learning for TOF-MRA

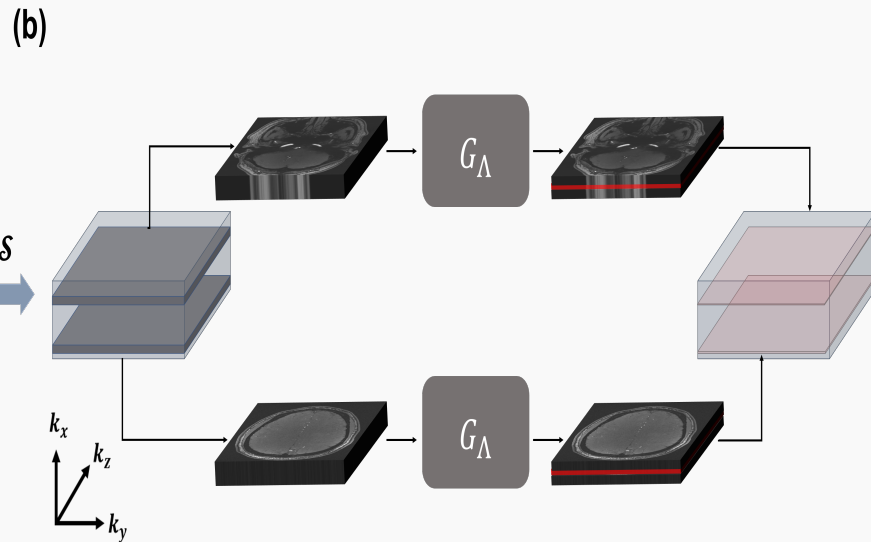
Chung et al, arXiv:2008.01362 , 2020

Coronal reconstruction



resize, $\mathcal{S}$

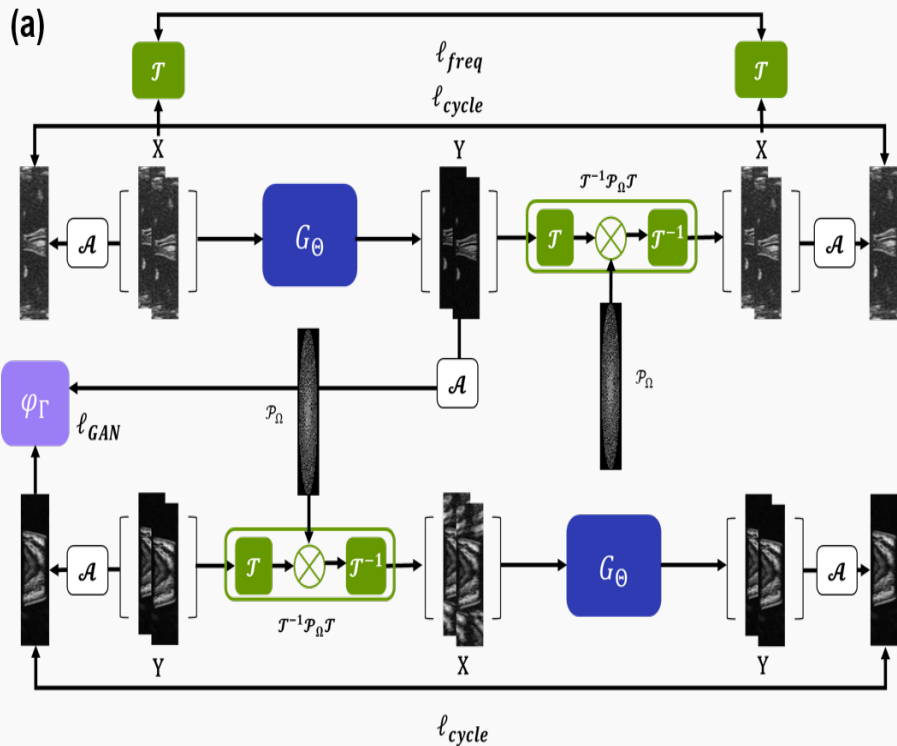
Axial reconstruction



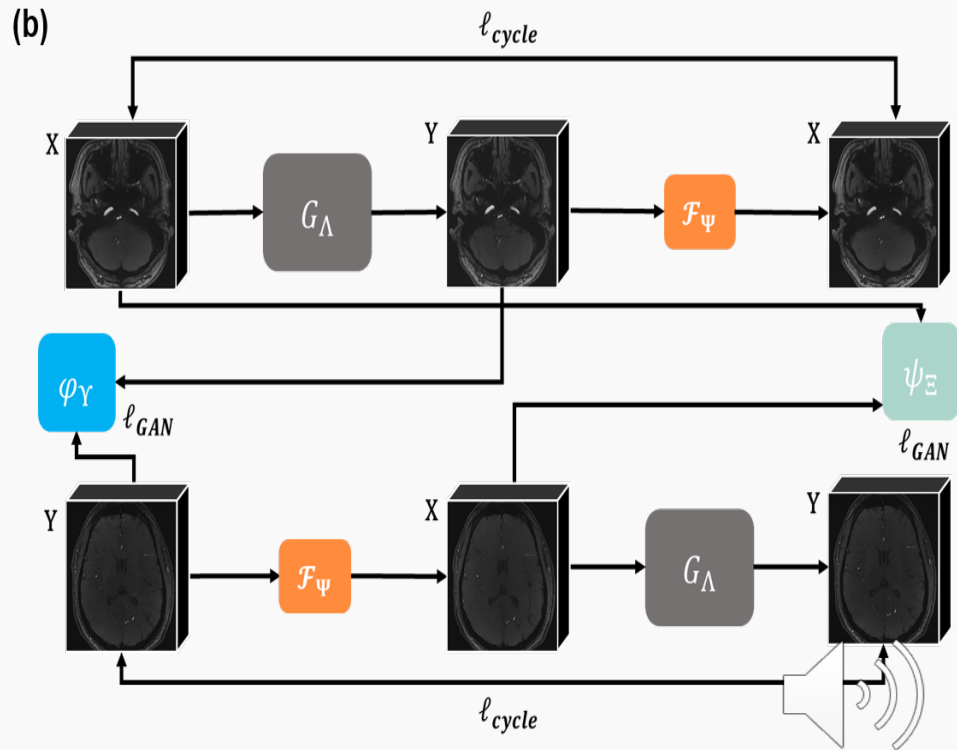
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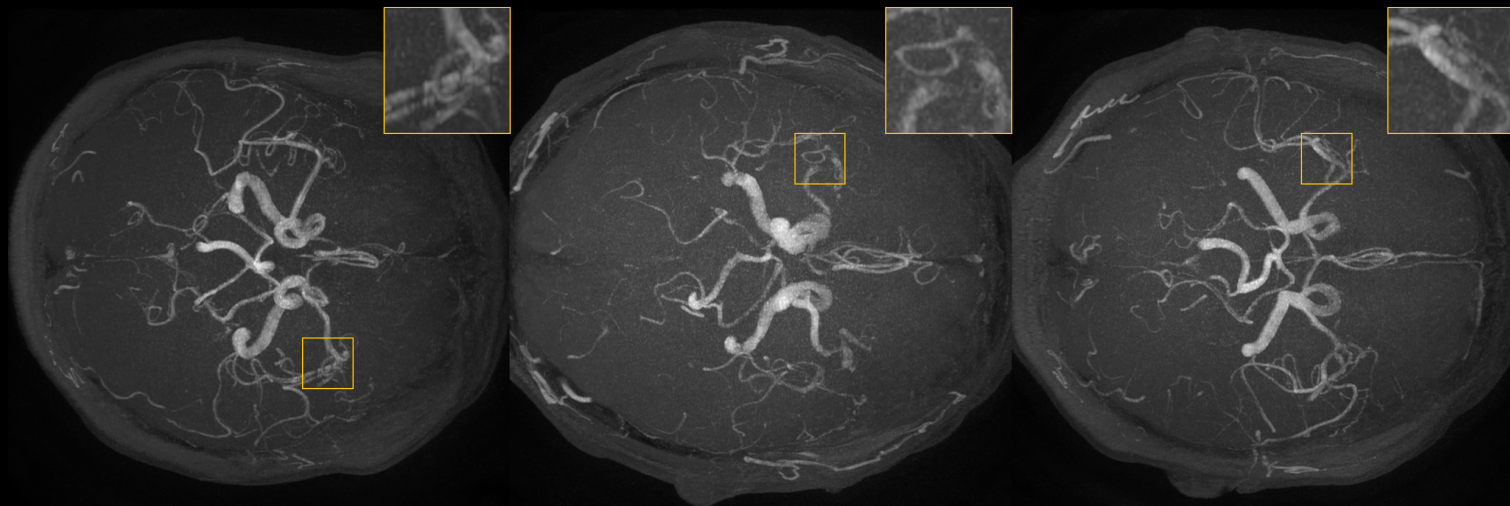
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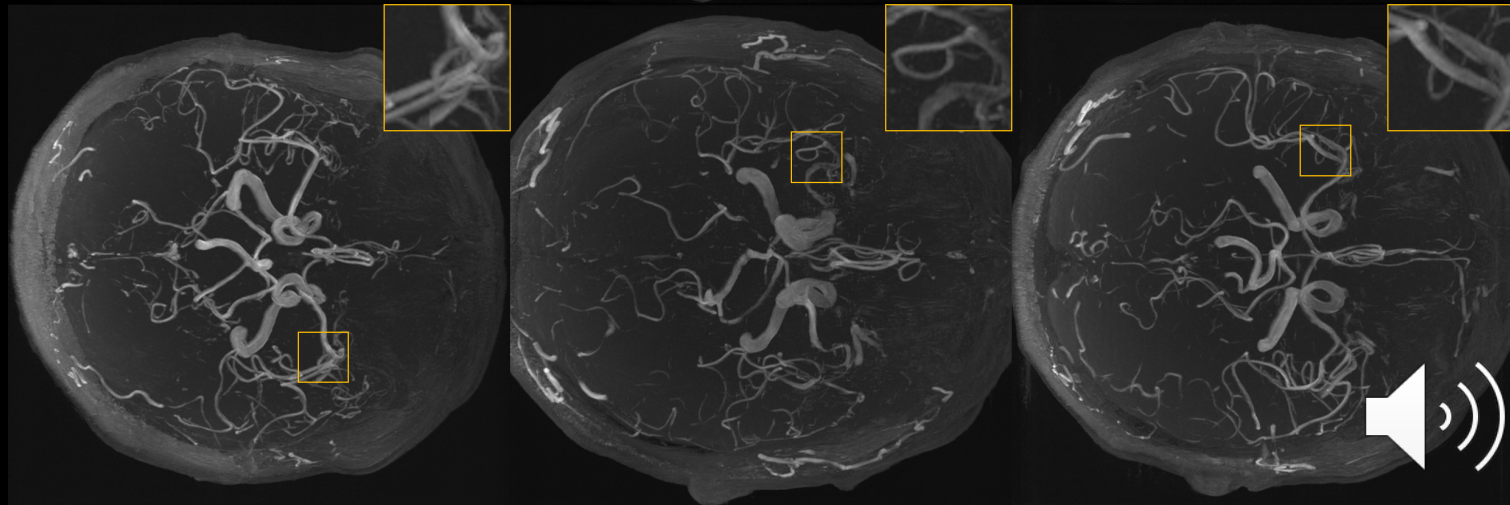
Axial reconstruction



**Compressed
Sensing
(vendor)**



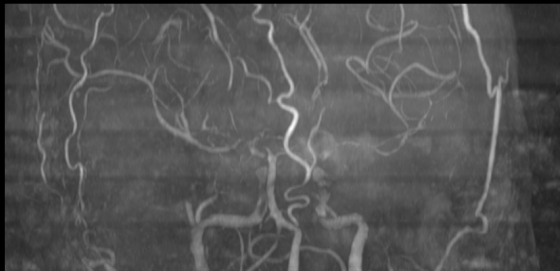
Ours



Raw data

Compressed Sensing
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Ours

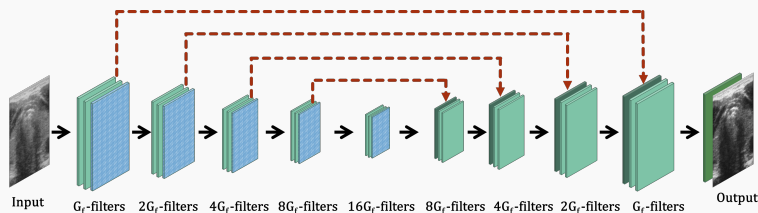
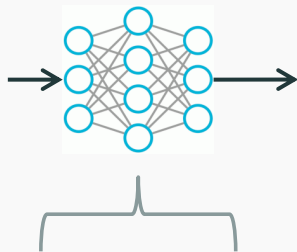


Learning from Low Quality to High Quality US

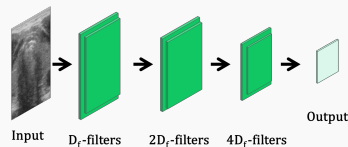
NPUS050 low-cost
portable US system



Alpinion ECUBE 12R
high-quality US system



(a) Generator network



(b) Discriminator network

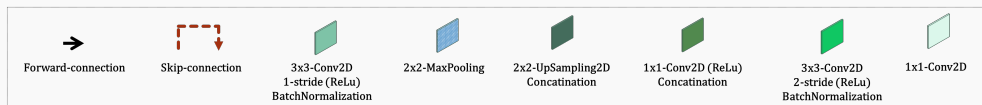
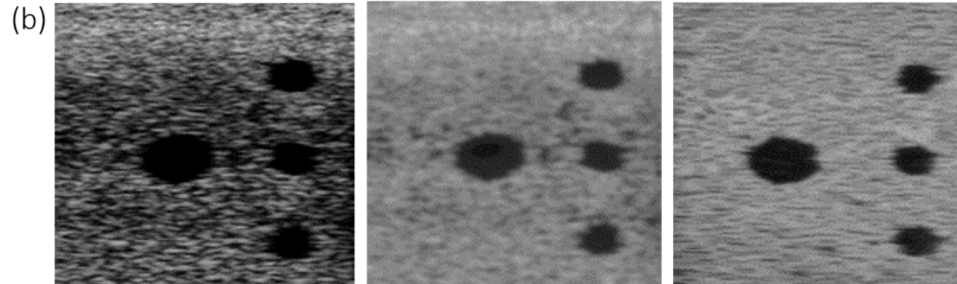
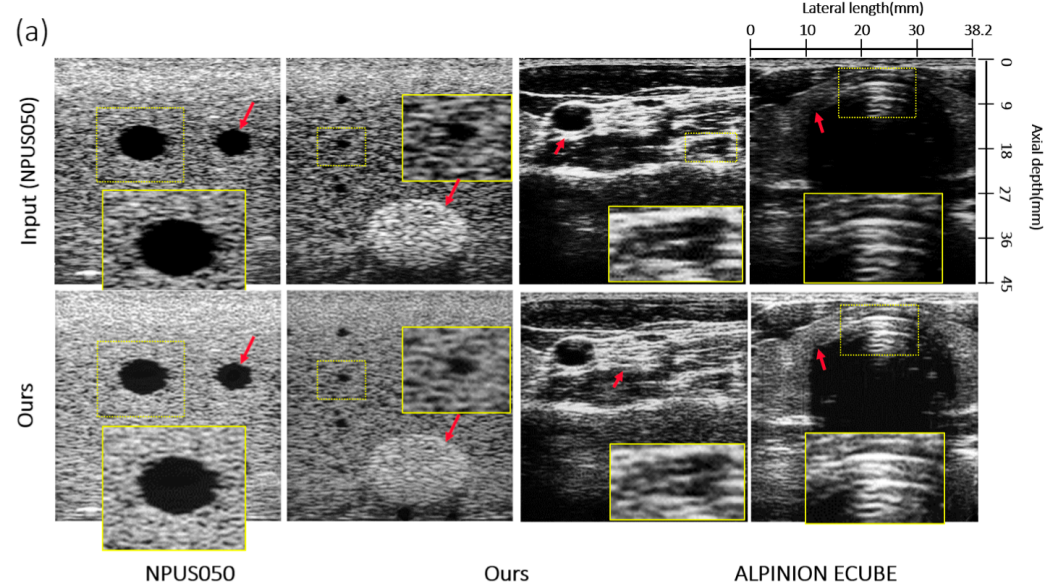
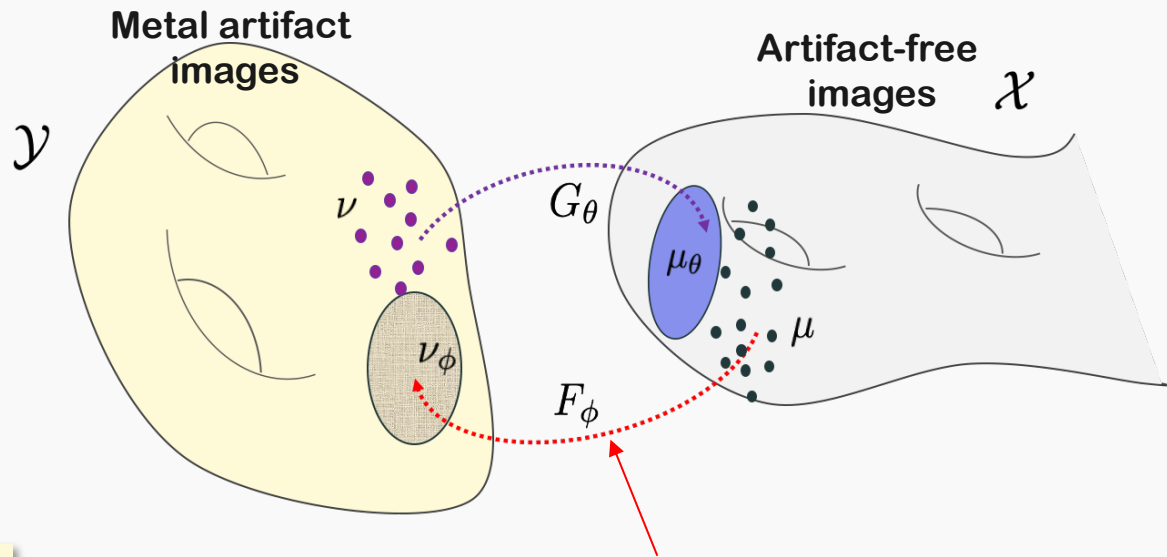
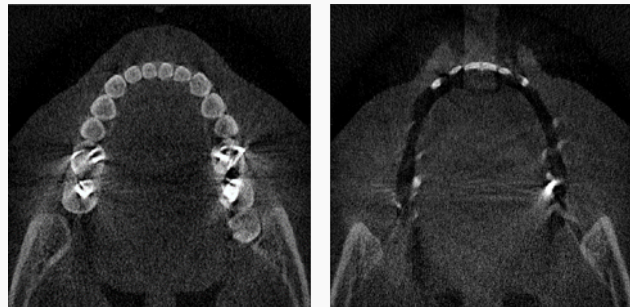


Image translation from low quality to the high-quality system



β -CycleGAN for Unsupervised Metal Artifact Reduction

Lee et al, arXiv:2007.03480, 2020

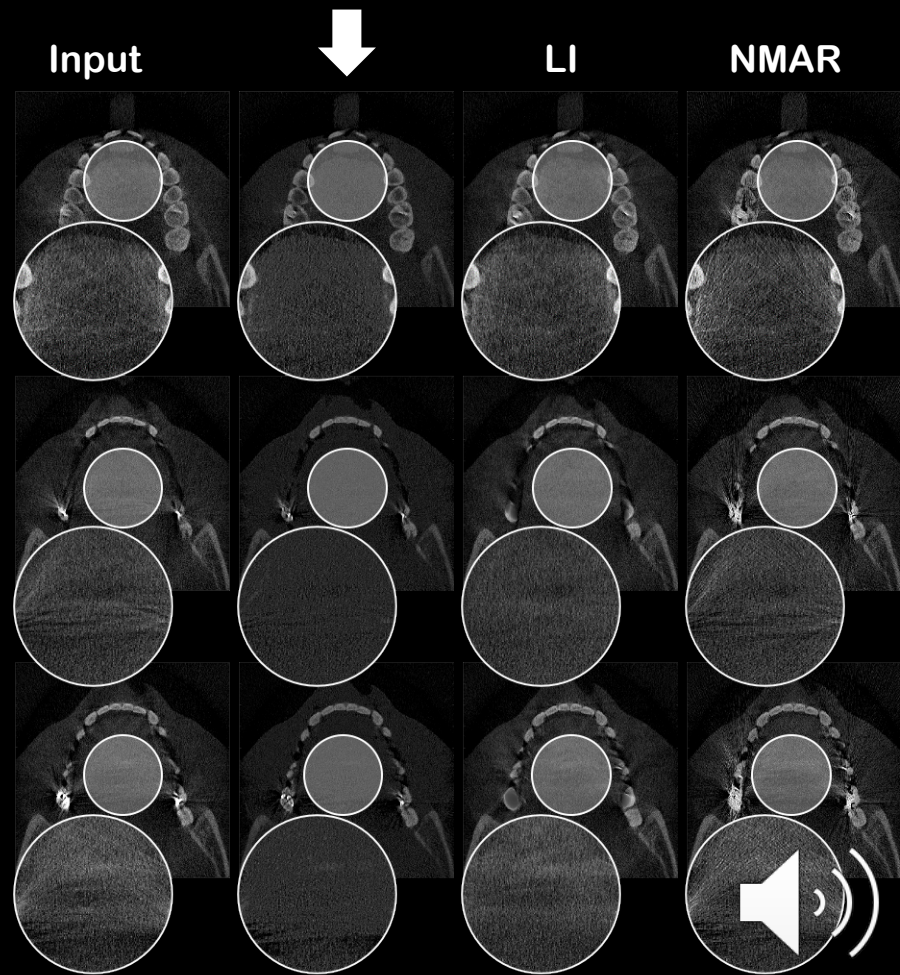
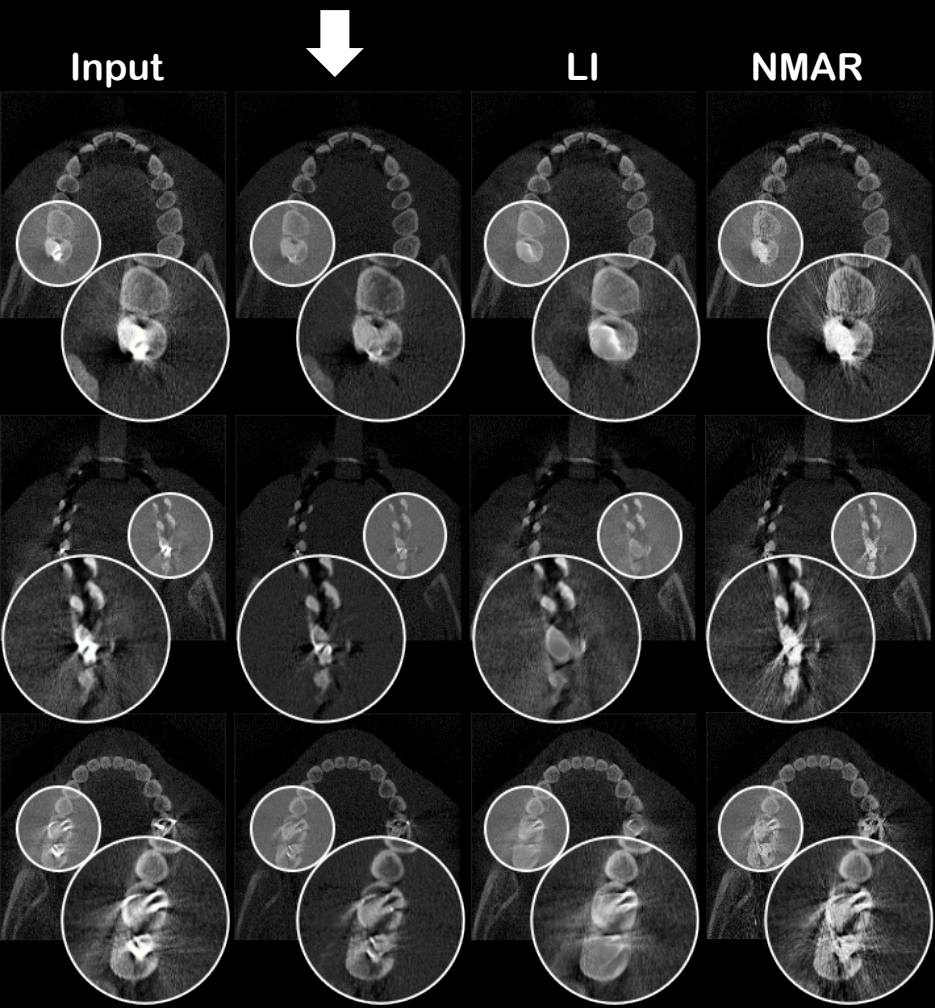


Motivation

- **Less** focus on the artifact generation
- **More** emphasis on MAR

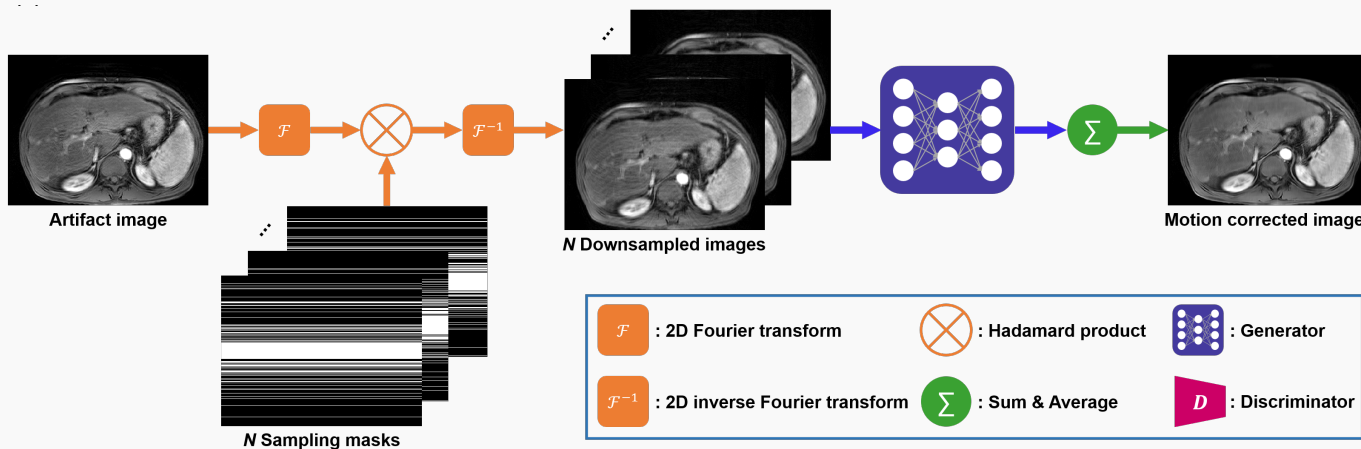
Metal artifact generation physics
(beam-hardening, photon starvation, etc.)
→ **Highly complicated to learn**





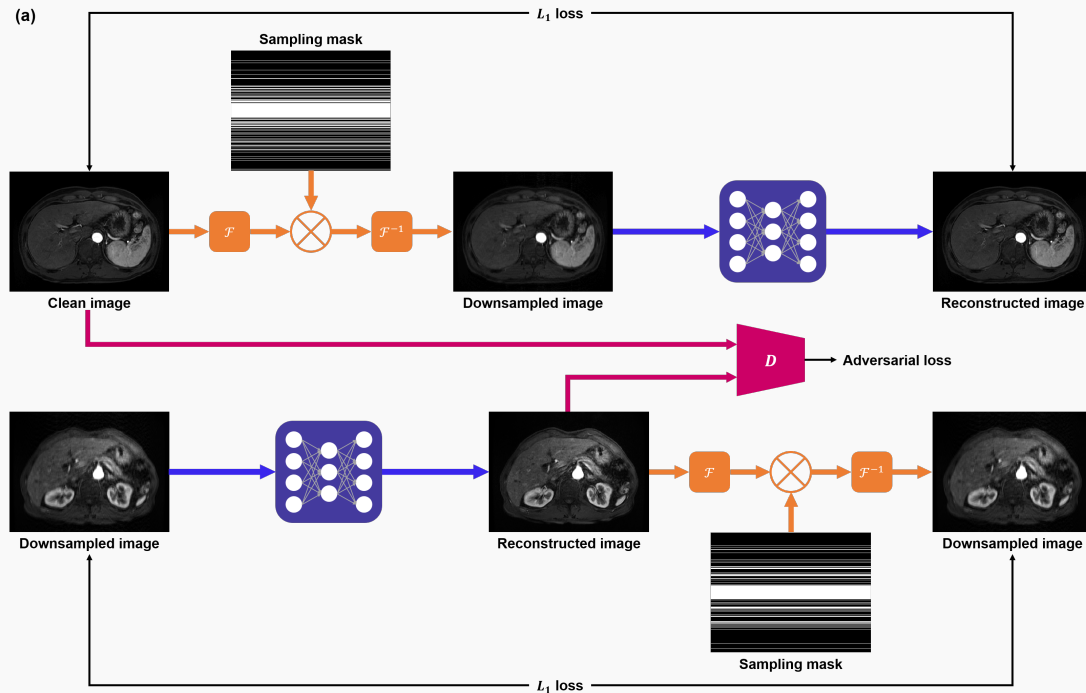
Unsupervised MR Motion Artifact Removal

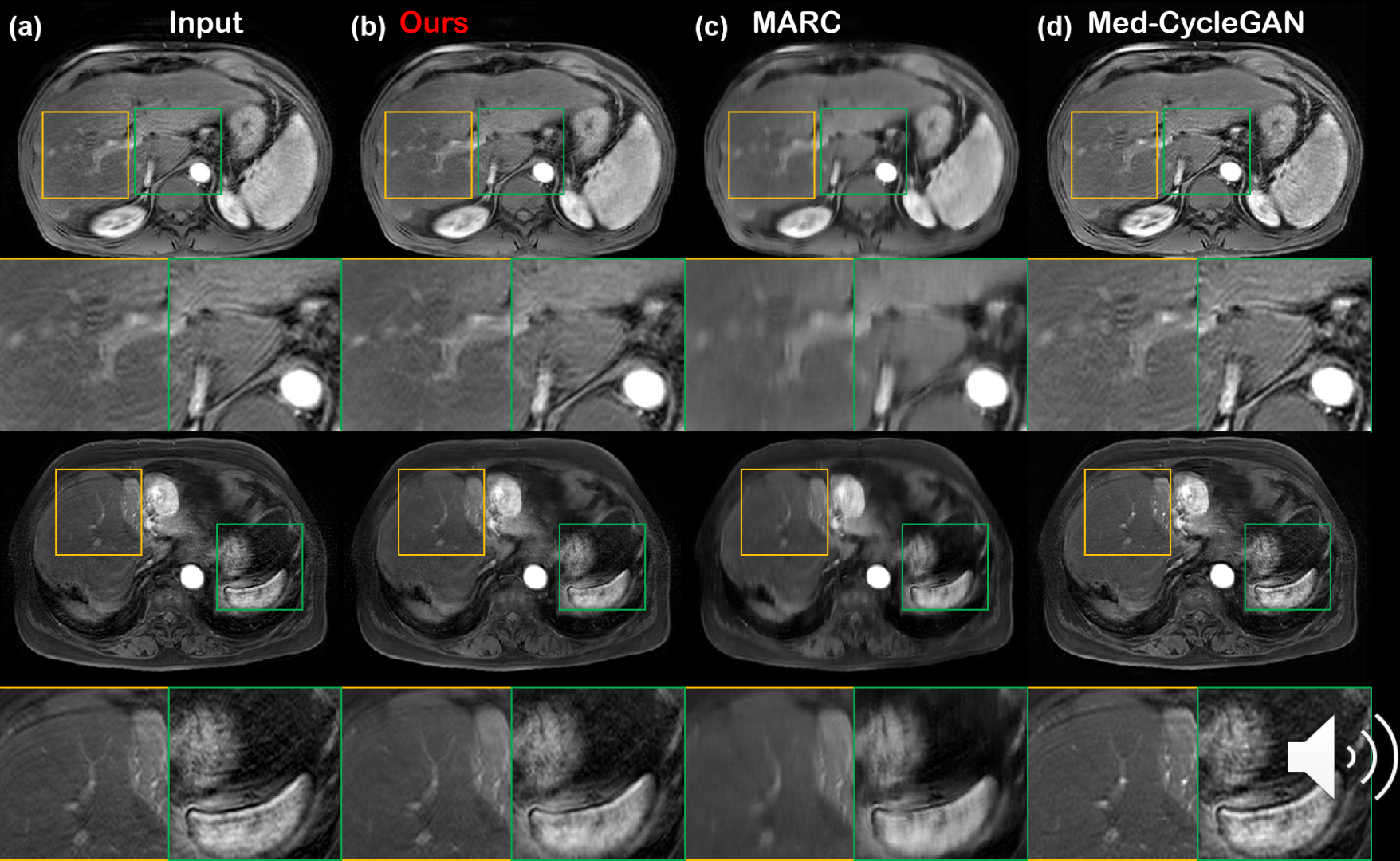
Oh et al, arXiv, 2011.06337.pdf



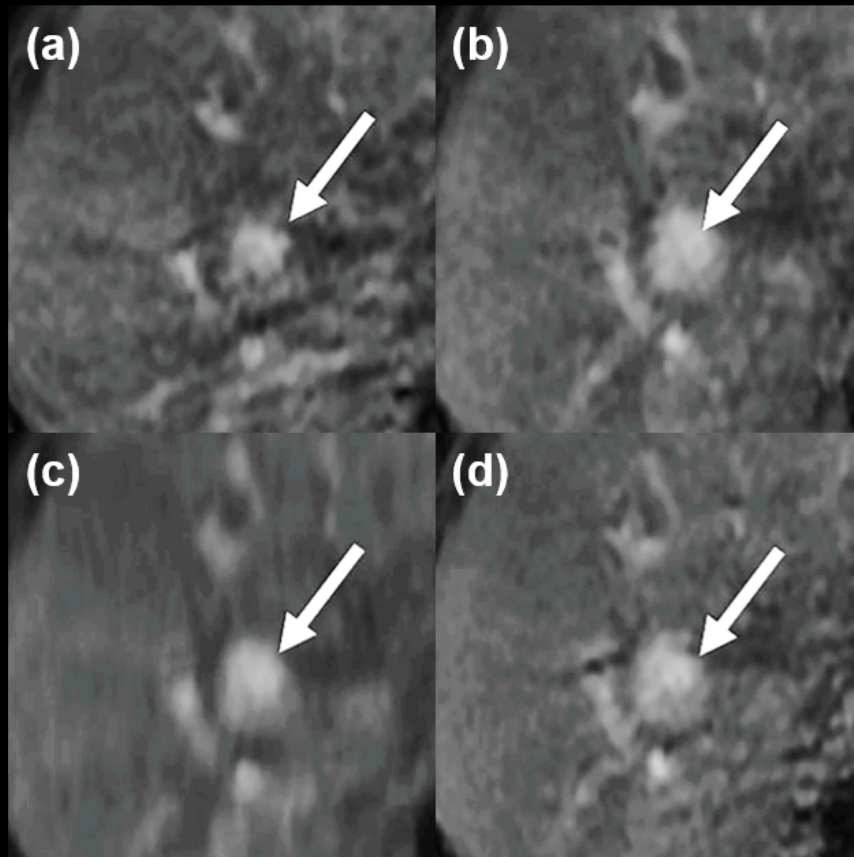
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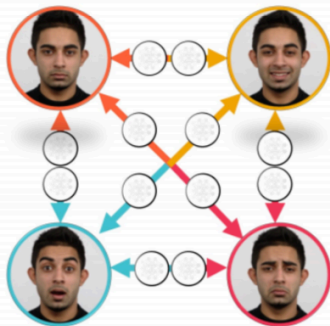
(a) Input (b) **Ours** (c) MARC (d) Med-CycleGAN



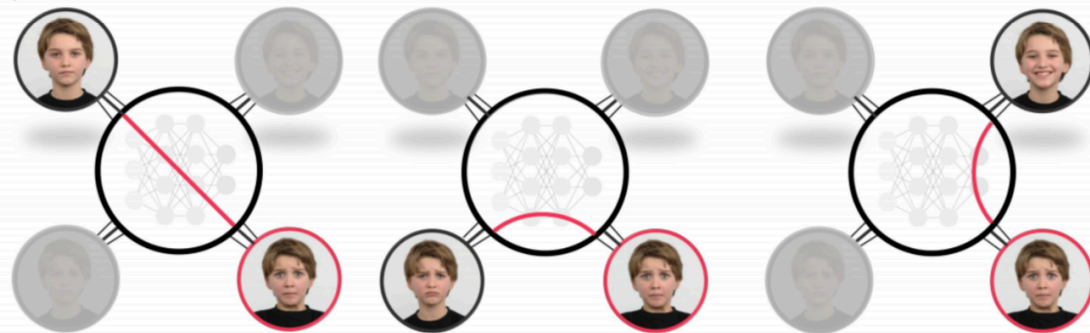
Collaborative GAN (CollaGAN)

Lee et al, *CVPR*, 2019

(a) Cross-domain models



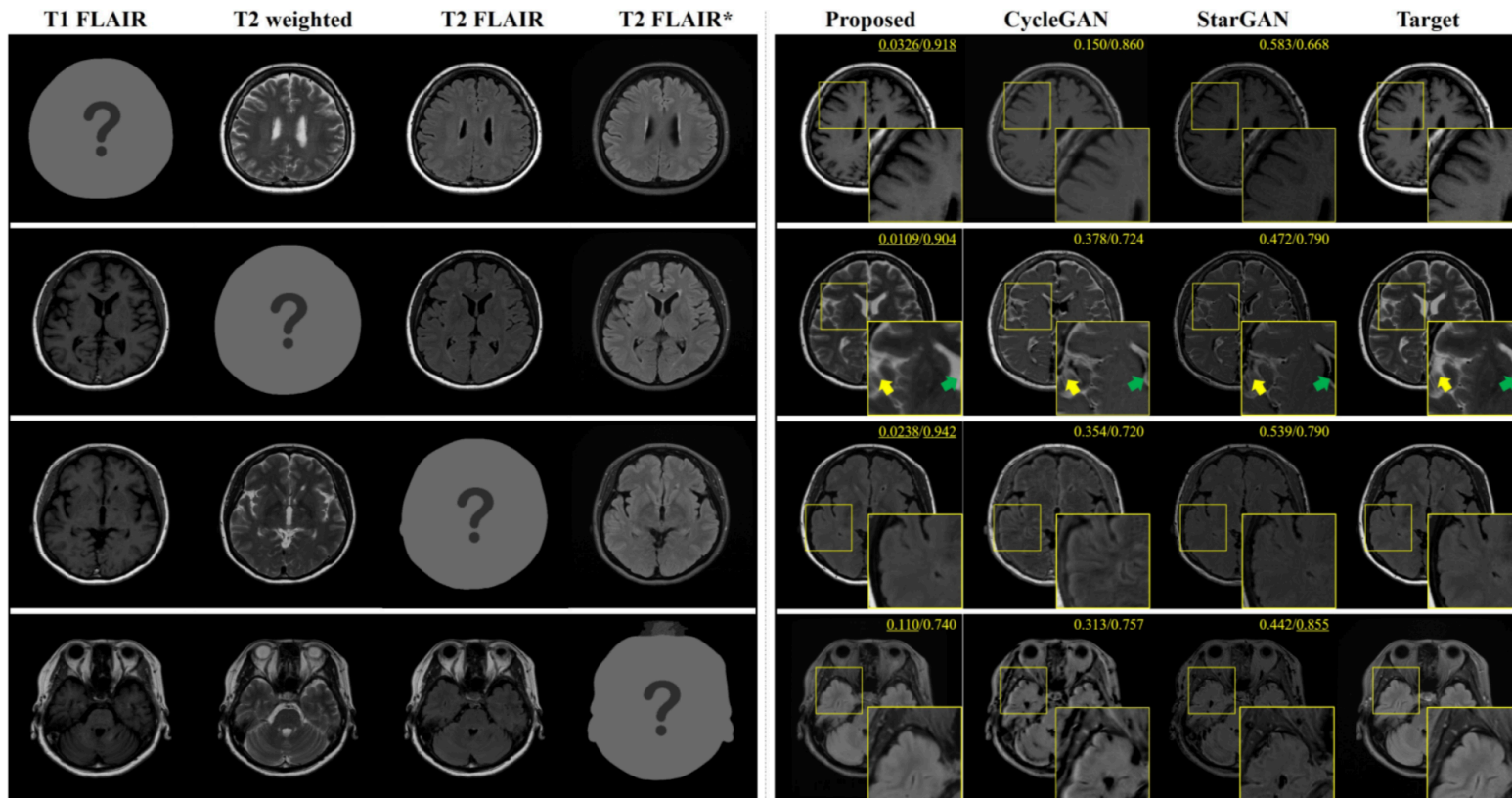
(b) StarGAN



(c) Collaborative GAN



Collaborative GAN (CollaGAN)



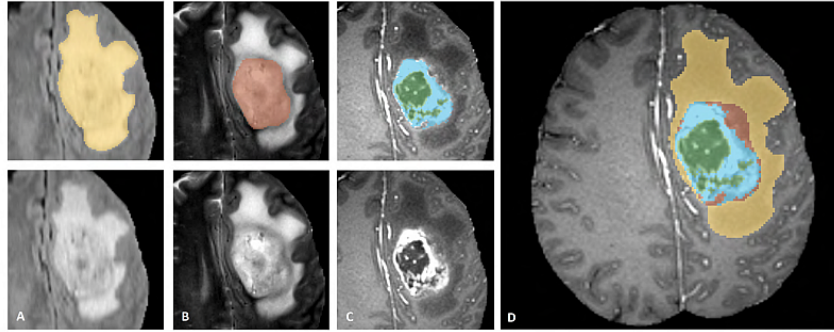
Which Contrast Does Matter ?

Lee et al, *Nature Mach. Intell*, 2020



Quantitative evaluation

- **Segmentation** performance on **BRATS**^[1-2]
 - **BRATS** : Multi modal Brain Tumor image segmentation benchmark^[1-2]

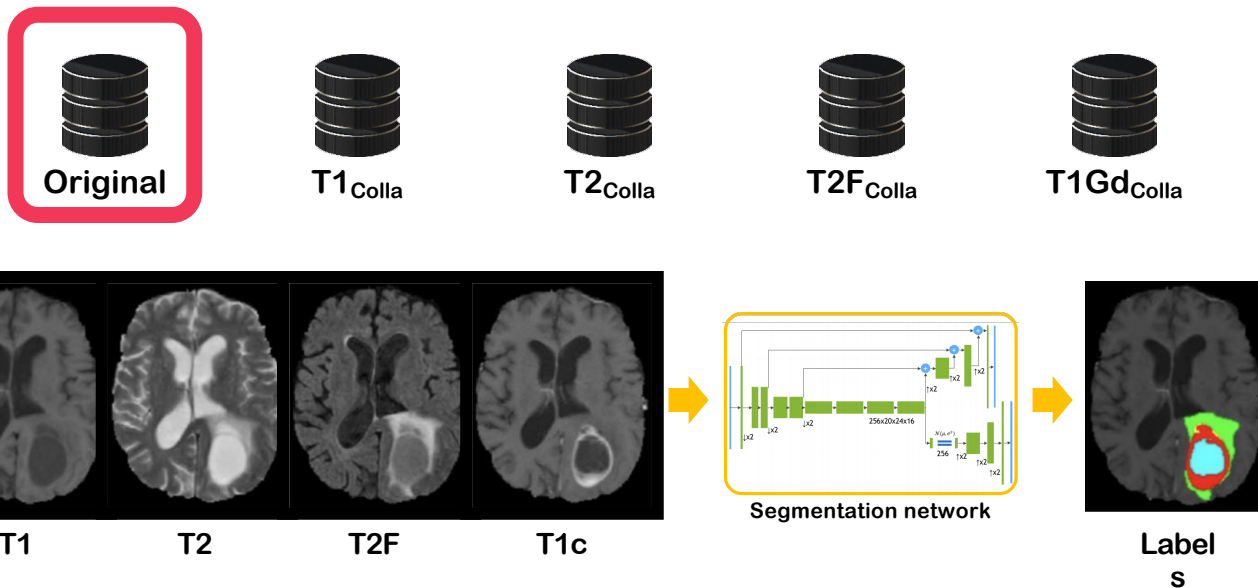


- If the segmentation network works well on the reconstructed image,
→ the reconstruction performance is good.
- **Segmentation** performance = Quantitative measure for **CollaGAN**



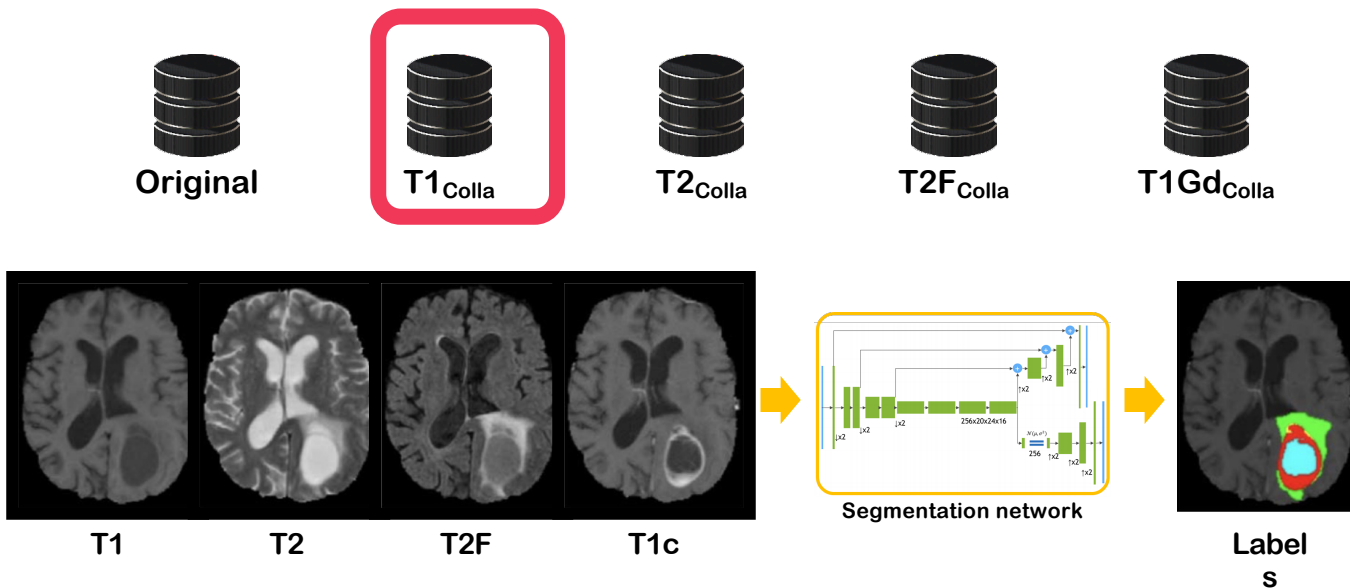
Quantitative evaluation

- **Five different databases**
 - Original BraTS
 - Substitution by the reconstructed images



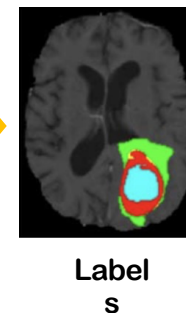
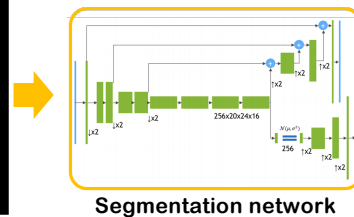
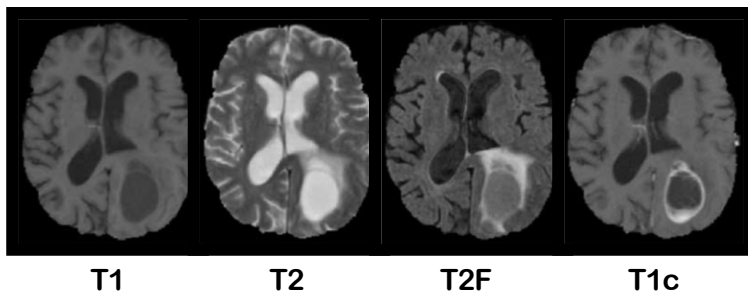
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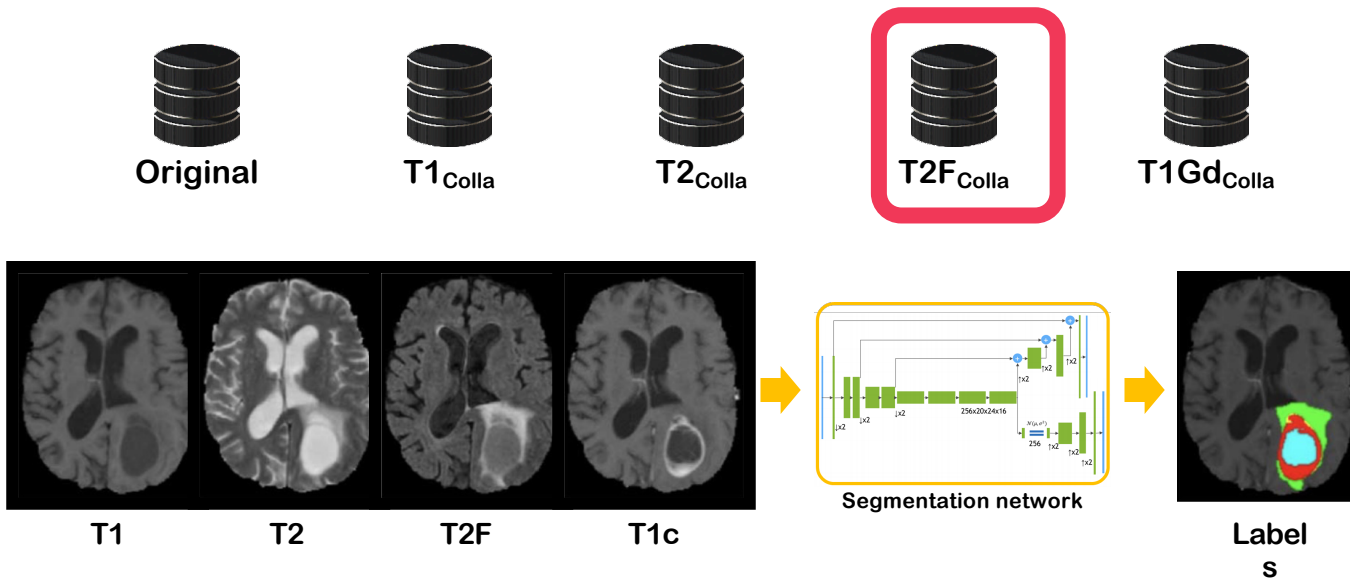
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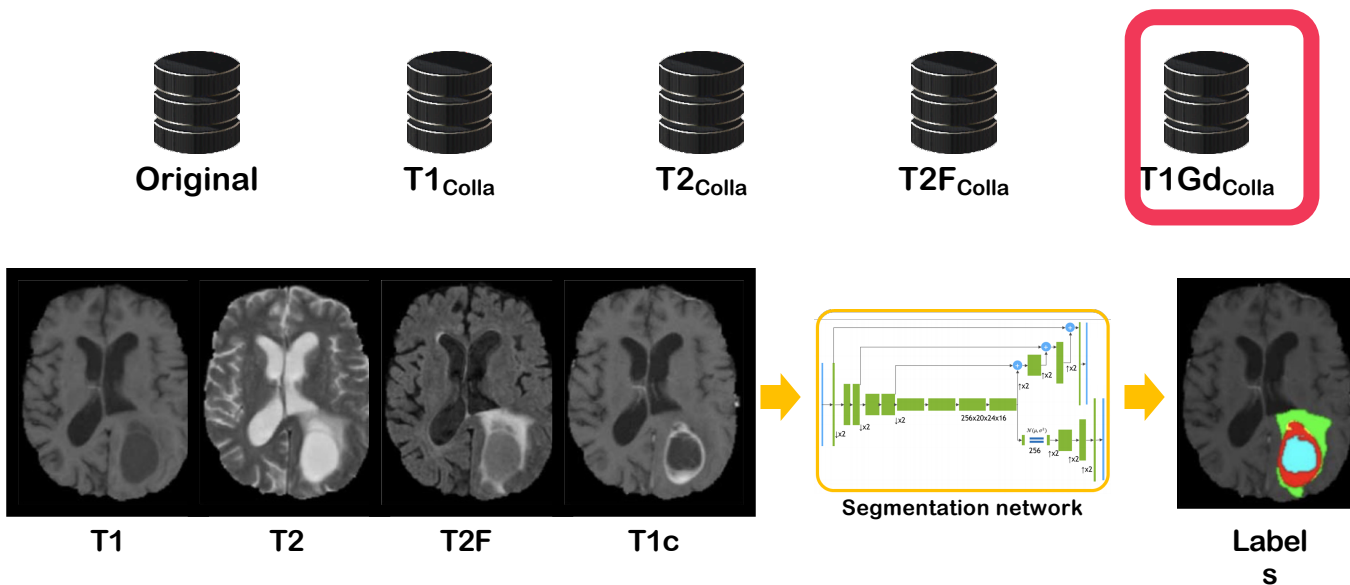
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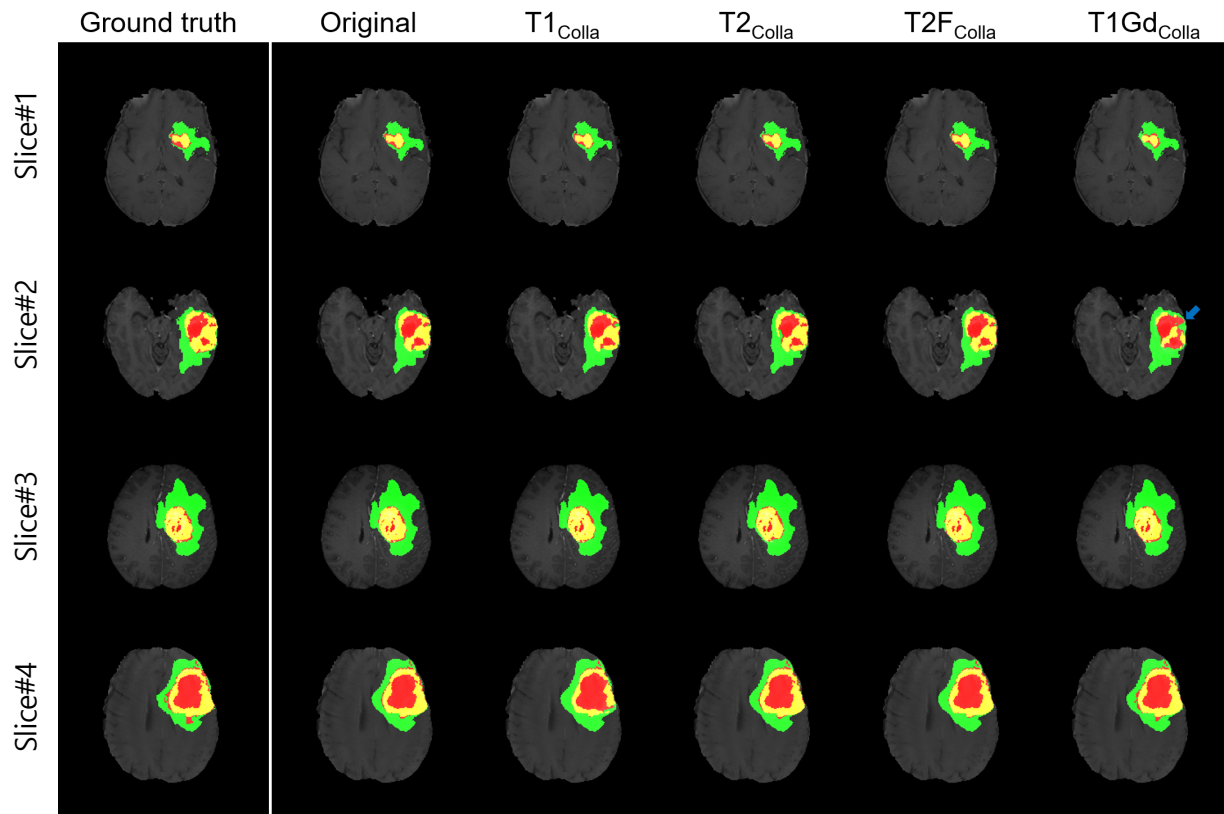
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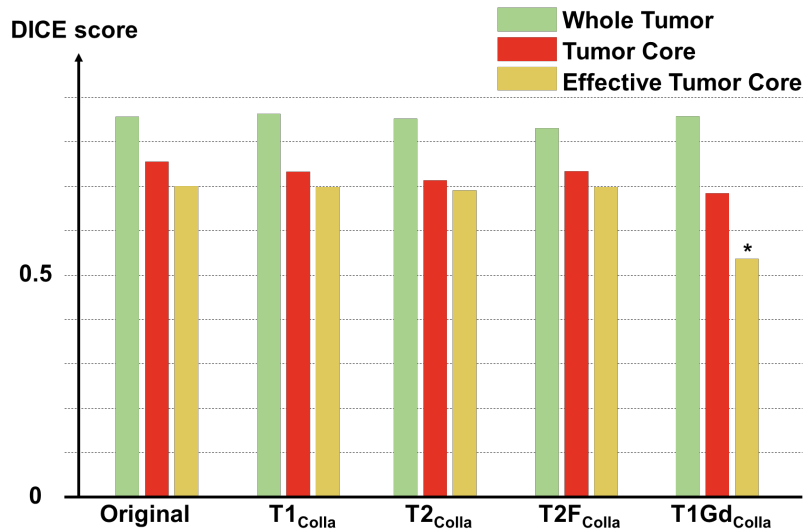


Quantitative evaluation

Whole Tumor
Tumor Core
Effective Tumor Core



Quantitative evaluation



$$Dice(Y_{gt}, Y_{pred}) = \frac{2|Y_{gt} \cap Y_{pred}|}{|Y_{gt}| + |Y_{pred}|}$$

- * Inferior performance on Effective Tumor Core from T1Gd_{Colla}
- due to the lack of information from the contrast agent

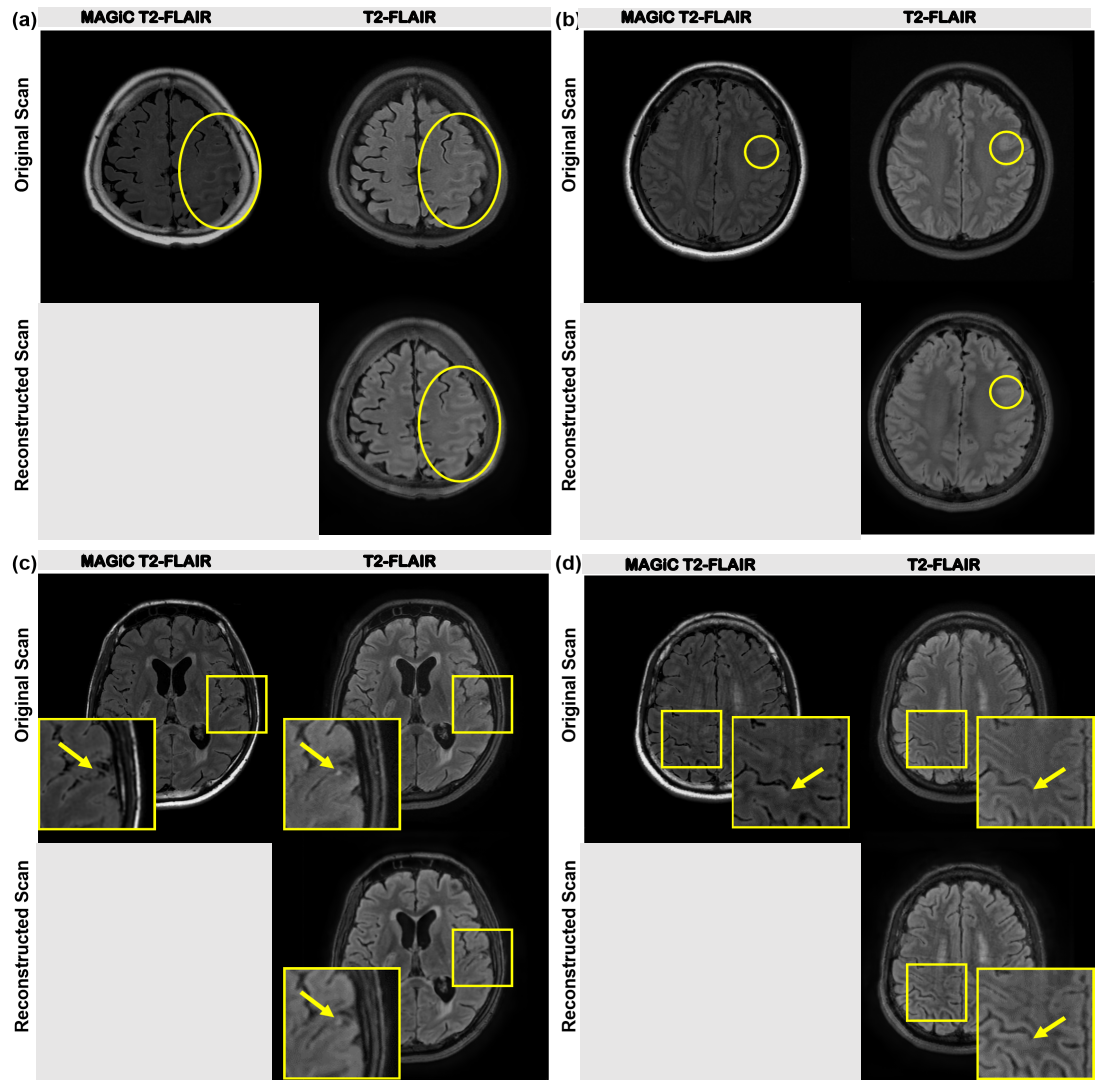
- **CollaGAN reconstructs the missing contrast images very well, quantitatively.**



MAGiC Artifact Corrections

Lee et al, *Nature Mach. Intell*, 2020





Summary

- GAN is an important topic in AI
- GAN becomes very important topics in medical image reconstruction
- Our theoretical findings
 - CycleGAN is important for unsupervised learning
 - CollaGAN can be used for multi-contrast MR studies
- Geometric view can be generalized for other problems



