# Harnessing Large Al Models for Transforming Healthcare

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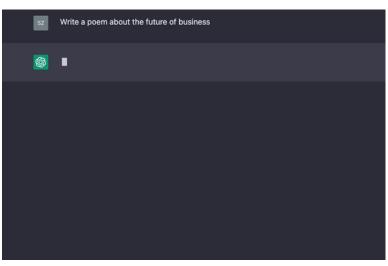


## **Background and Impact**

**Computer Vision** 



### **Natural Language Processing**

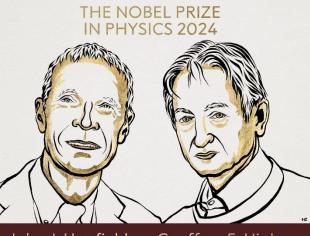


**Robotics** 



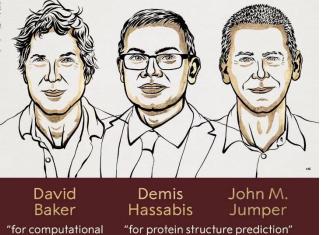
**Biology and Medicine** 





John J. Hopfield Geoffrey E. Hinton "for foundational discoveries and inventions that enable machine learning with artificial neural networks"

THE NOBEL PRIZE



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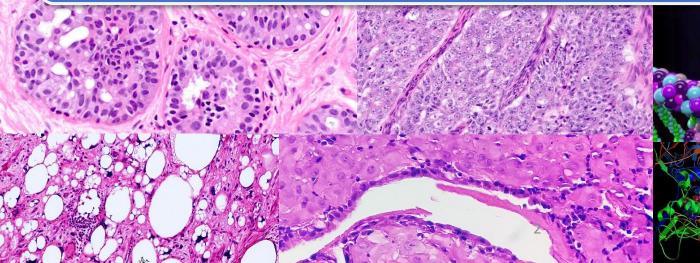
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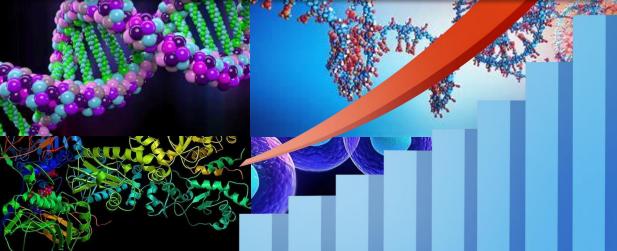
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## **Bigger Data, Larger Model**



## Dramatic data growth is demanding large AI models for analysis!





## **HKUST SuperPOD**



### **HKUST SuperPOD**: State-of-the-art AI Supercomputing Facility

	Number of H800 GPUs	1000+						
	Total CPU Cores	6,160						
	Total GPU Accelerator Cores	8,110,080						
Supercomputing speeds up large AI model development!								
	Node Interconnect Bandwidth	400 Gb/s InfiniBand Connections Per Node						
	Storage	<ul><li>500 TB DDN AI400X2 Storage System</li><li>2.7 PB Dell Power Scale Storage System</li></ul>						
	Storage Floating Point Performance	<b>o</b> ,						

## Smart Lab: Large and Trustworthy AI for Healthcare

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## Multimodal Foundation Model

- One multimodal large language model for versatile modalities and tasks.
- Different vertical foundation models.

### Explainable AI (XAI)

- Human-understandable explanations for decision-making.
- Enhance the trust and confidence of users.

## Scalable and Sustainable Deployment

- Compress large models without compromising performance.
- Hardware-software co-design.
- Sustainably deploy models under low computing resources.













Radiology Ophthalmology

Dentistry Endoscopy

Pathology Genomics

## Large AI Models for Advancing Healthcare

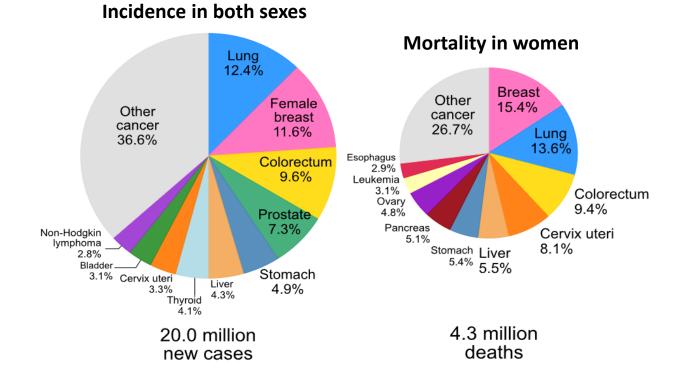




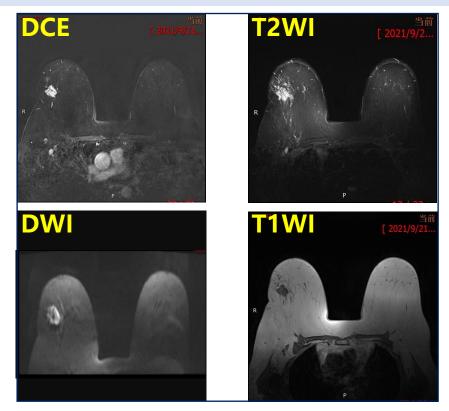
## **MRI Foundation Model**



Breast cancer **ranks No. 1** regarding cancer incidence worldwide and is **leading cause** of cancer-related deaths in women.



## Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is with the **highest sensitivity** for detecting breast cancer.



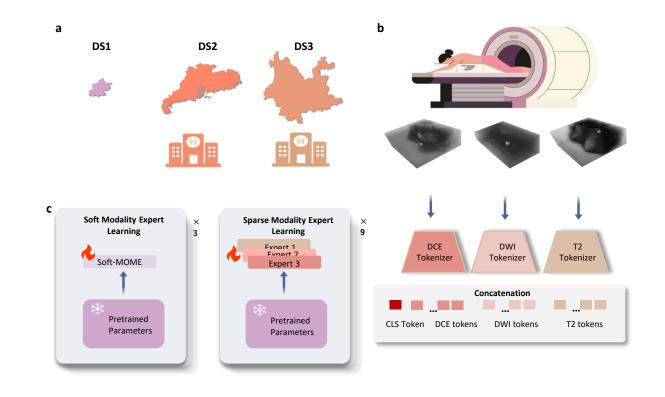
**Goal:** Developing an AI model for diagnosing breast multi-parametric MRI (mpMRI) to potentially reduce invasive biopsy and personalize patient's treatment.

Barba, et al. Breast Cancer, Screening and Diagnostic Tools: All You Need To Know. Critical Reviews in Oncology/Hematology, 2021.

## **MRI Foundation Model**

### Large Mixture-of-Modality-Experts (MOME) Model on Multiparametric MRI

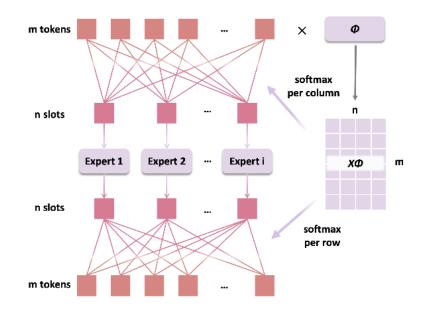
Non-invasive diagnosis and personalized patient management



Largest Chinese breast mpMRI dataset (50K+ patients)

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• First adaptation of a large foundation model with a mixture-of-modality-experts





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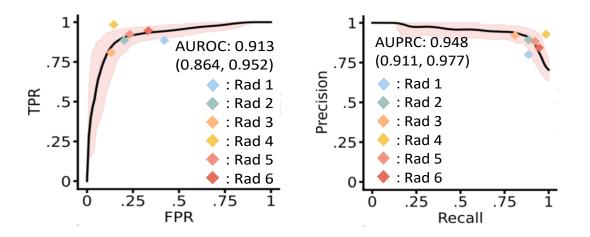
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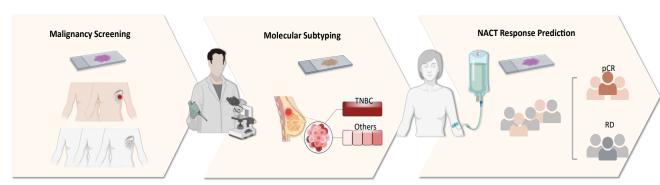
### **Comparison to radiologists**

Achieve radiologist-level accuracy in malignancy detection





### Personalized management for breast cancer patients



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## **CT Foundation Model**

- The scarcity of annotations poses a significant challenge in 3D medical image analysis
- We collect **160K** Computed Tomography (CT) volumes for large-scale 3D medical image pre-training, alleviating the scarcity of annotations and significantly improving the performances across **51** downstream tasks.

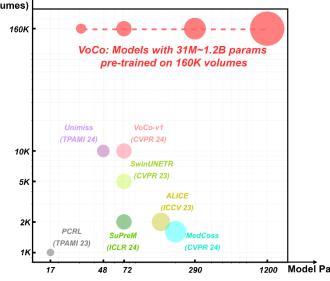
Data Scale (Volumes) 160K VoCo: Models with 31M~1.2B params pre-trained on 160K volumes 160K volumes 42M slices 100+ anatomic **TPAMI 24** structures 10 2K (ICLR 24) 1200 Model Params(M) 17 48 72 290

### **Goal:** Developing a foundation model for 3D medical image analysis.

Wu, et al. Large-Scale 3D Medical Image Pre-training with Geometric Context Priors. arXiv preprint, 2024 Wu, et al. VoCo: A Simple-yet-Effective Volume Contrastive Learning Framework for 3D Medical Image Analysis. CVPR 2024



Linshan Wu





## **CT Foundation Model**



### **Leveraging Geometric Context Priors for Contrastive Learning**

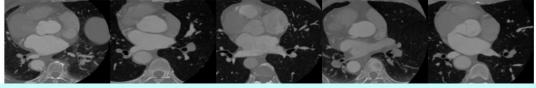
Motivation: We observe that in 3D medical images, geometric
 relations between different organs are relatively consistent.



Abdomen: The stomach is in the <u>upper</u> and the liver is in the <u>right</u>. <u>Beneath</u> the liver is the gallbladder. The spleen is on the <u>left side near</u> the stomach and the pancreas is <u>behind</u> the stomach. The kidneys are <u>located</u> on each side.

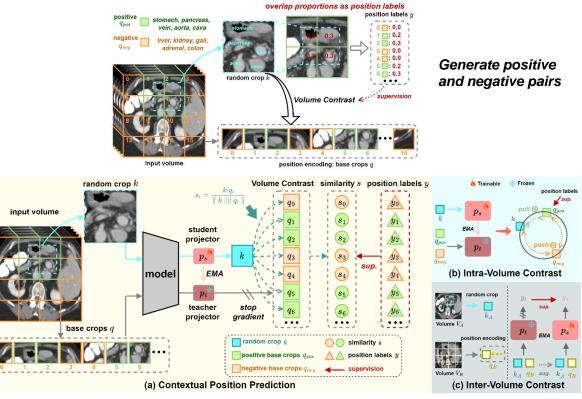


Chest: The heart is in the <u>center</u>, slightly tilted to the <u>left</u>. The lungs are <u>near</u> the heart on <u>either side</u>. The abnormalities (e.g., COVID-19) are often seen in the <u>outer regions</u> rather than the central areas.



Cardiac: The ascending aorta (AA) is <u>located</u> at the top. The left atrium blood cavity (LAC) is <u>below</u> the AA. <u>Adjacent</u> to the LAC is the left ventricle blood cavity (LVC). The myocardium of the left ventricle <u>surrounds</u> the LVC.

**Method:** Leveraging the consistent geometric context, we generate positive and negative pairs of organs for contrastive learning



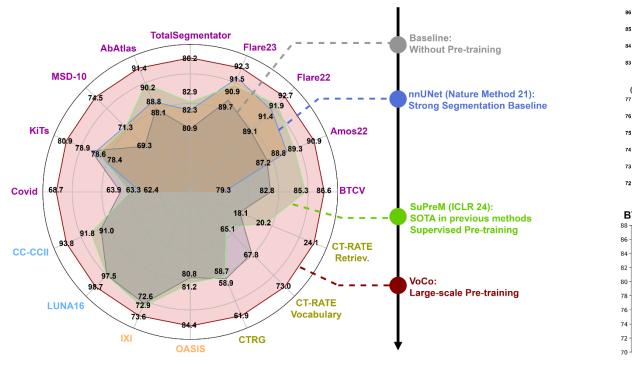
**Contrastive Learning** 

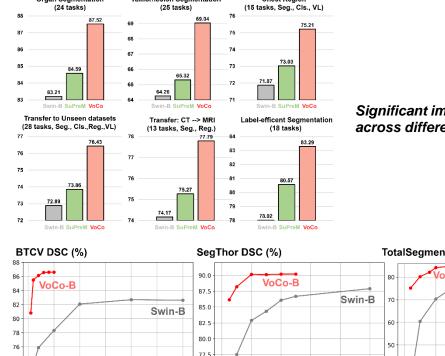
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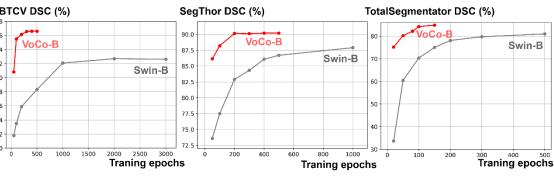
### Significant improvements on 50+ downstream tasks

Extensive experiments on 50+ downstream tasks across segmentation, classification, registration, and vision-language demonstrated the effectiveness of large-scale pre-training. Organ Segmentation Tumor/lesion Segmentatio Chest Regior





Significant improvements across different tasks



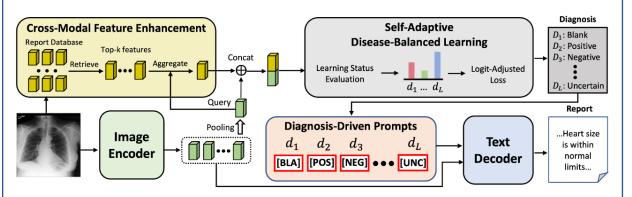
Faster Finetuning Convergence

## Vision-Language Model for Report Generation



### **Diagnosis-driven Prompts for Report Generation**

 Diagnosis-driven prompts for medical report generation with cross-modal feature enhancement and self-adaptive disease-balanced learning.

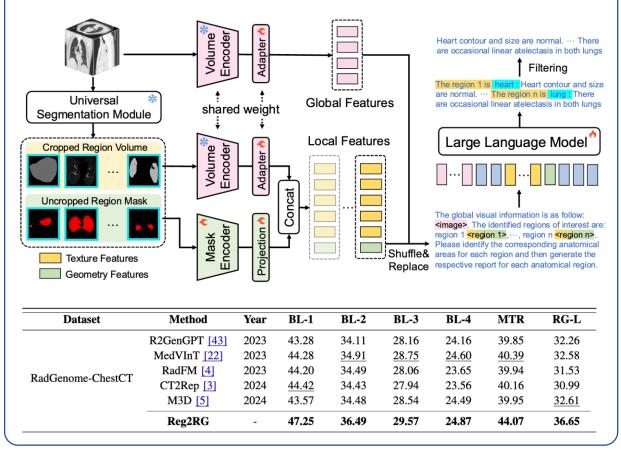


### The proposed PromptMRG covers most key descriptions

erne Portrate	Ground-Truth Comparison is made to the prior study performed two hours earlier. Interval placement of a nasogastric	In comparison with the study of the monitoring and support devices remain in place. Continued	As compared to the previous radiograph there is no relevant change. The monitoring and	0.423
	tube whose distal tip and sideport are below the gastroesophageal junction. Endotracheal tube and right ij central line are in unchanged position. There is persistent cardiomegaly. There is a left retrocardiae opacity. There is prominence	silhouette with pulmonary vascular congestion and bilateral pleural effusions with compressive atelectasis at the bases. In the appropriate clinical setting supervening pneumonia	constant position. The bilateral parenchymal opacities are constant in extent and severity. Also constant are the small pleural effusions and moderate cardiomegaly with mild-to-moderate	CONDUCTOR OF LOOD CARD AND THE ADDRESS OF LOOD AND ADDRESS OF LOOD ADDRESS OF
	of the pulmonary vascular markings consistent with mild pulmonary edema. There is some atelectasis at the left lung base.	considered. The right ij catheter extends to the	pulmonary <u>edema</u> Mĩnimal atelectasis at the left lung bases.	

### Large Language Model-driven CT Report Generation

• Adapt LLaMA2-7B for Fine-grained CT report generation via the region-guided referring and grounding.

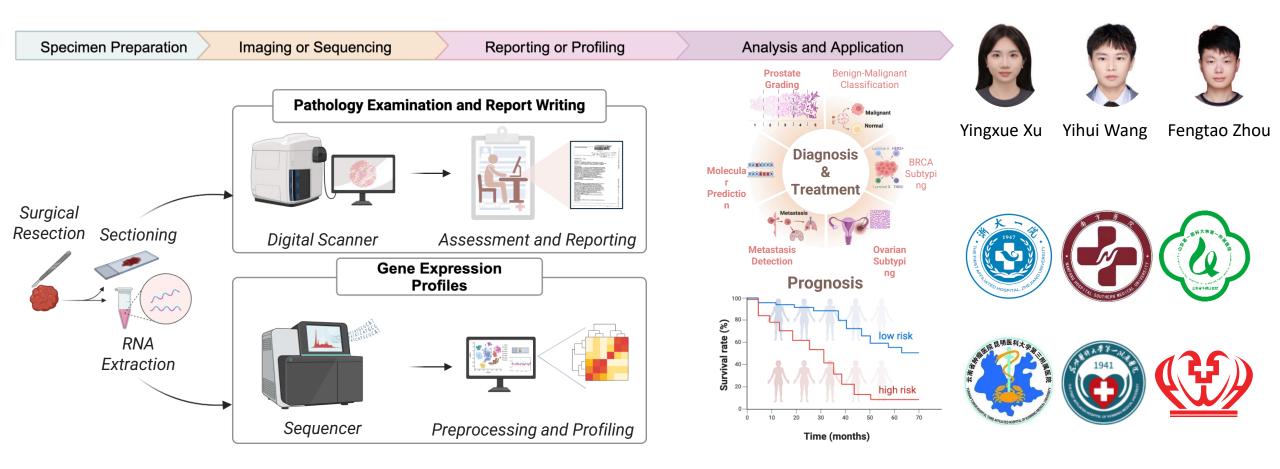


Jin et al. PromptMRG: Diagnosis-Driven Prompts for Medical Report Generation. AAAI 2023.

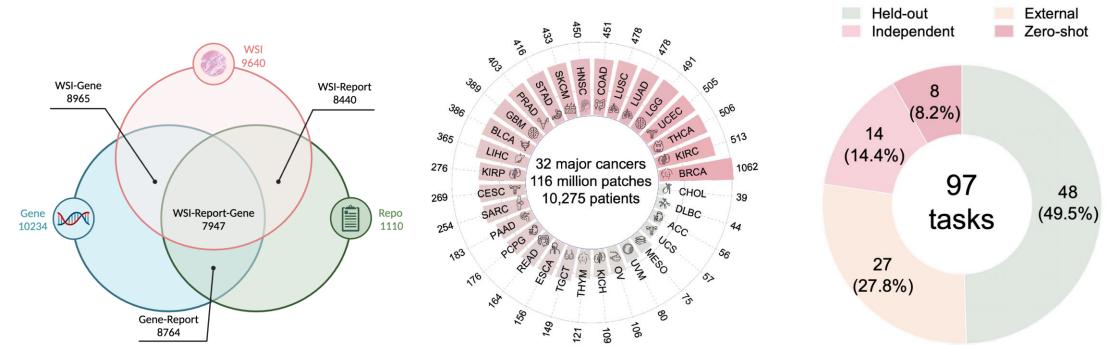
Chen et al. Large Language Model with Region-guided Referring and Grounding for CT Report Generation. IEEE TMI 2025.



mSTAR: The First Multimodal Knowledge-enhanced Whole-slide Pathology Foundation Model



### **Dataset Construction**



The largest multimodal pretraining dataset

**10,275** patients, **32** major cancer types over **116 million** pathology images

### The largest spectrum of downstream tasks

97 diverse diagnostic and prognostic tasks

**4** evaluation strategies

## A new slide-level pathology pretraining paradigm. • Overall oncolog

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Slide

Similarity

2. Patch-level Self-Taught Training

Slide-level Contrastive Learning

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Text Encoder RNASea

Pathology Report

**Pathology Foundation Model** 

 The first endeavour to inject multimodal knowledge at the wholeslide context into pathology foundation models.

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• Establish the largest spectrum of oncological downstream benchmark.

Method and Experiments

Patching

Forward Propagation

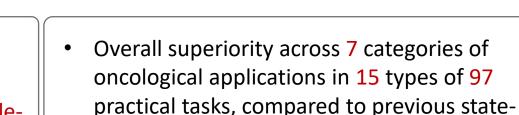
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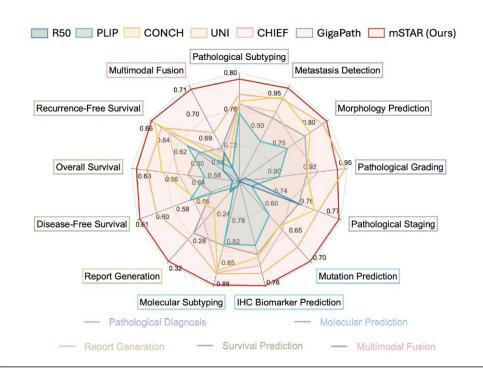
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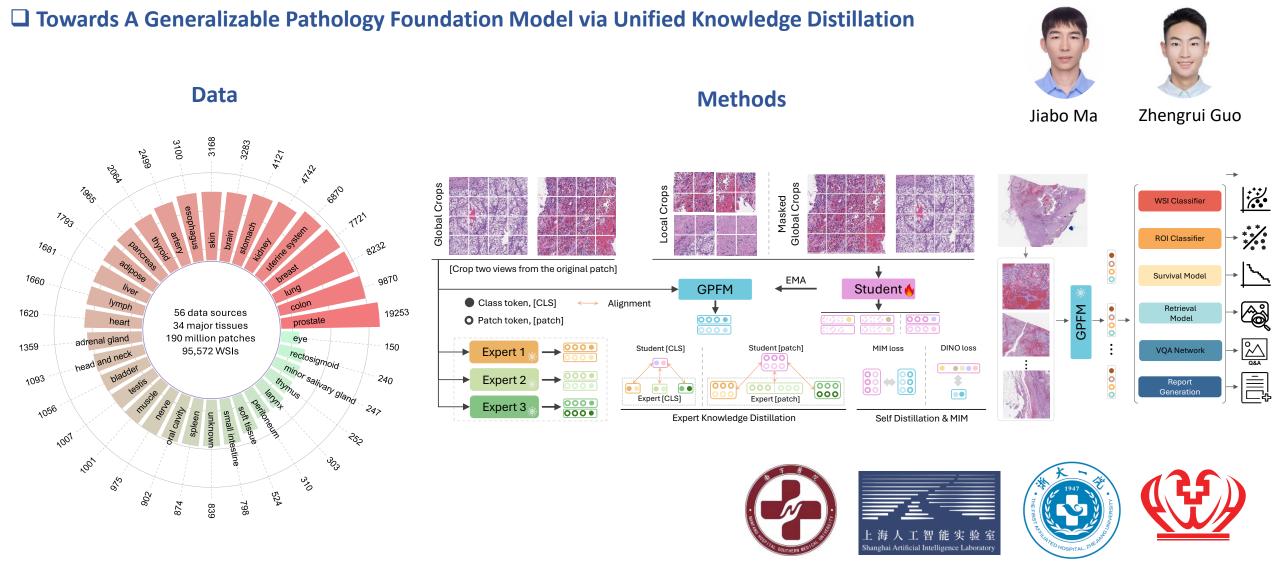
Patch Extractor



of-the-art FMs.



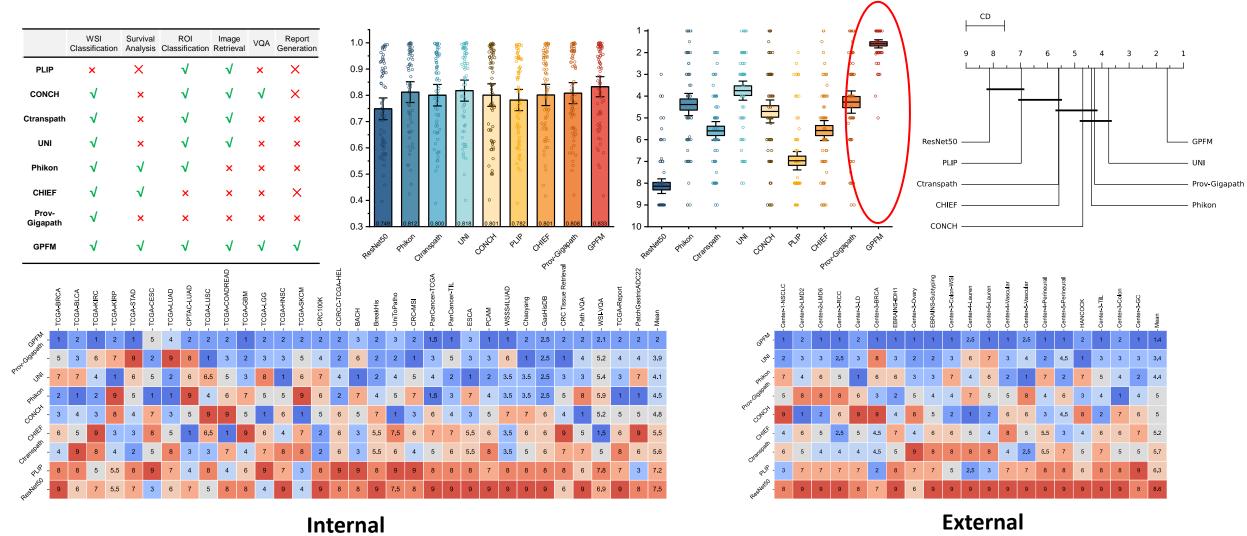




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Ma et al. Towards A Generalizable Pathology Foundation Model via Unified Knowledge Distillation. Nature Biomedical Engineering, 2025.

### **Results**



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## PATHBench: Pathology Foundation Benchmark

### The Most Comprehensive Benchmark for Pathology Foundation Models



Join the World's First Open, Multi-Task, and Multi-Organ Benchmark for Pathology Foundation Models

Models

Overview Leaderboard Performance

**Overall Performance** 

Task Name	Source	ResNet50	PLIP	UNI	CONCH	CHIEF	Prov-GigaPath	mSTAR
HER2 Level Prediction for Breast Cancer	ZJ1	0.733	0.737	0.776 🍝	0.763 🍝	0.743	0.761	0.795 🍈
Molecular Subtyping for Breast Cancer	ZJ1	0.589	0.711	0.784 🍝	0.724	0.792 🍝	0.701	0.795 🍝
HER2 Status Prediction for Breast Cancer	ZJ1	0.386	0.628	0.615	0.652 🥇	0.643 🍝	0.621	0.643 🍝
Pathological Subtyping for Gastric Cancer	YN3	0.552	0.566 🍝	0.592 🍝	0.501	0.541	0.505	0.605 🍝
ER Level Prediction for Breast Cancer	ZJ1	0.701	0.762	0.789 🍝	0.783	0.786 🍝	0.785	0.802 🍝
Vascular Invasion Detection for Gastric Cancer	NFH	0.625	0.757	0.789 🍝	0.765	0.713	0.766 🍝	0.797 🥉
Metastasis Detection and Primary Site Prediction for Lung Cancer	NFH	0.894	0.938	0.955	0.970 🍝	0.960 🍝	0.950	0.974 🥉
Metastasis Detection for Lung Cancer	QFS	0.657	0.728	0.925 🍝	0.927 🍐	0.878	0.844	0.950 🍝
Metastasis Detection and Primary Site Prediction for Lung Cancer	QFS	0.722	0.856	0.913 🍝	0.907 🍝	0.882	0.853	0.921 🍝
Perineural Invasion Detection for Gastric Cancer	NFH	0.867	0.892	0.975 🍝	0.976 🍝	0.953	0.945	0.978 🥉
PR Status Prediction for Breast Cancer	ZJ1	0.424	0.524	0.549 🍐	0.545 🍝	0.545	0.490	0.567 🍝
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Pathological Subtyping for Gastric Cancer	NFH	0.519	0.592 🍝	0.585	0.582	0.637 🍝	0.574	0.620 🍝
Metastasis Detection for Lung Cancer	NFH	0.904	0.965	0.966	0.970	0.981 🍝	0.977 🍝	0.988 ŏ
ER Status Prediction for Breast Cancer	ZJ1	0.668	0.735	0.834	0.835 🍝	0.831	0.846 🍝	0.853 🍝
Pathological Subtyping for Gastric Cancer	YN1	0.550 🍝	0.516	0.553 🍝	0.538	0.531	0.519	0.567 ǒ



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## Welcome to Join us!



**10+** Organs

**19** Foundation Models

**20+** Hospitals

**200+** Oncological Tasks



### 500k+ Whole Slide Images

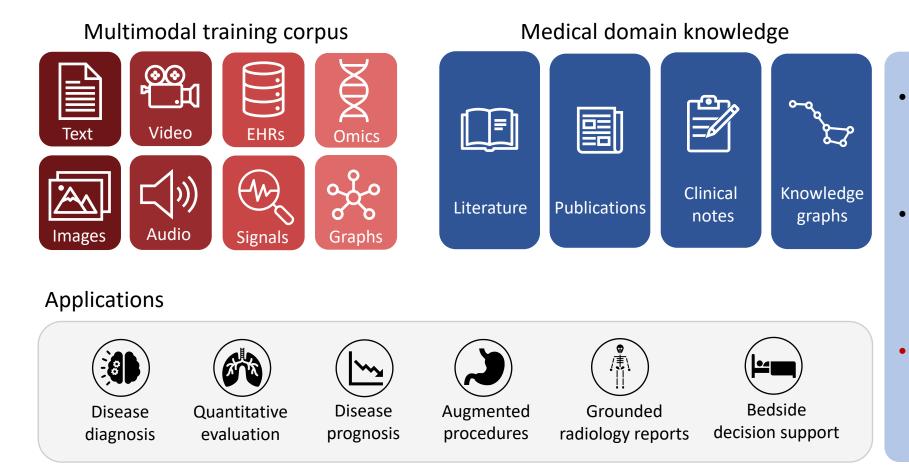
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## SmartPath Demo



## **Multimodal Medical Foundation Model**





• Modality-specific foundation models excel in precision.

 Multimodal generalist foundation model exhibit superior generalizability.

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Generalist-specialist
collaboration to explore the
synergy between two models.
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Moor et al. Foundation Models for Generalist Medical Artificial Intelligence. Nature 2023. Tu et al. Towards Generalist Biomedical AI. NEJM AI 2024.

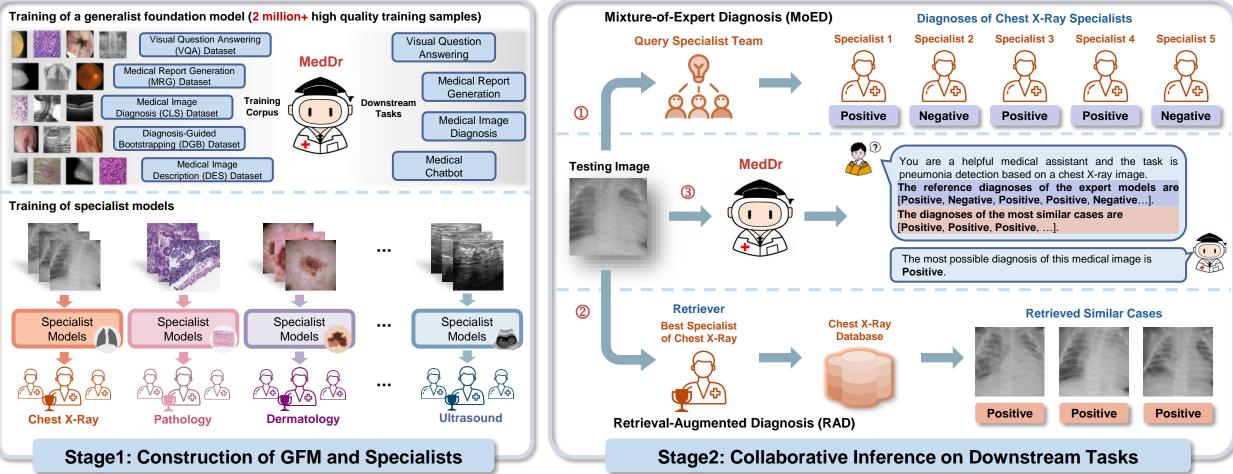
## **Generalist Foundation Model**



Sunan He Yuxiang Nie

### **Towards Generalizable AI in Medicine via Generalist-Specialist Collaboration**

- MedDr: one of the largest open-source generalist foundation models for medicine.
- Generalist-Specialist Collaboration (GSCo): explore the synergy between the GFM and specialists.

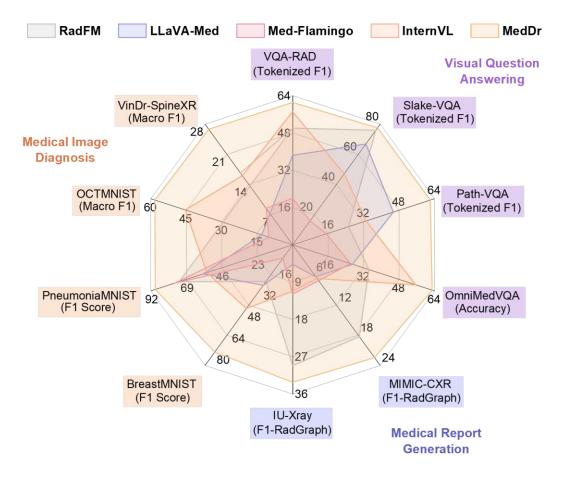


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## **Generalist Foundation Model**

### **Experiments on Downstream Datasets**

• MedDr consistently outperforms state-of-the-art GFMs on downstream datasets.



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## **SmartCare for Patient-centered Care**





### **Pre-Consultation Module**

SmartChat Voice Input Medical Chatbot

Intelligent voice interaction system collects preliminary symptoms and medical history, enhancing pre-consultation experience.

SmartTriage Customizable Triage System

Intelligently allocates medical resources based on clinical environment, optimizing patient flow and waiting times.



### **Consultation Module**

SmartConsult Intelligent Transcription

Real-time transcription of doctor-patient conversations, allowing physicians to focus on patient interaction rather than documentation.



Dr. Justin Cheng



### **Post-Consultation Module**

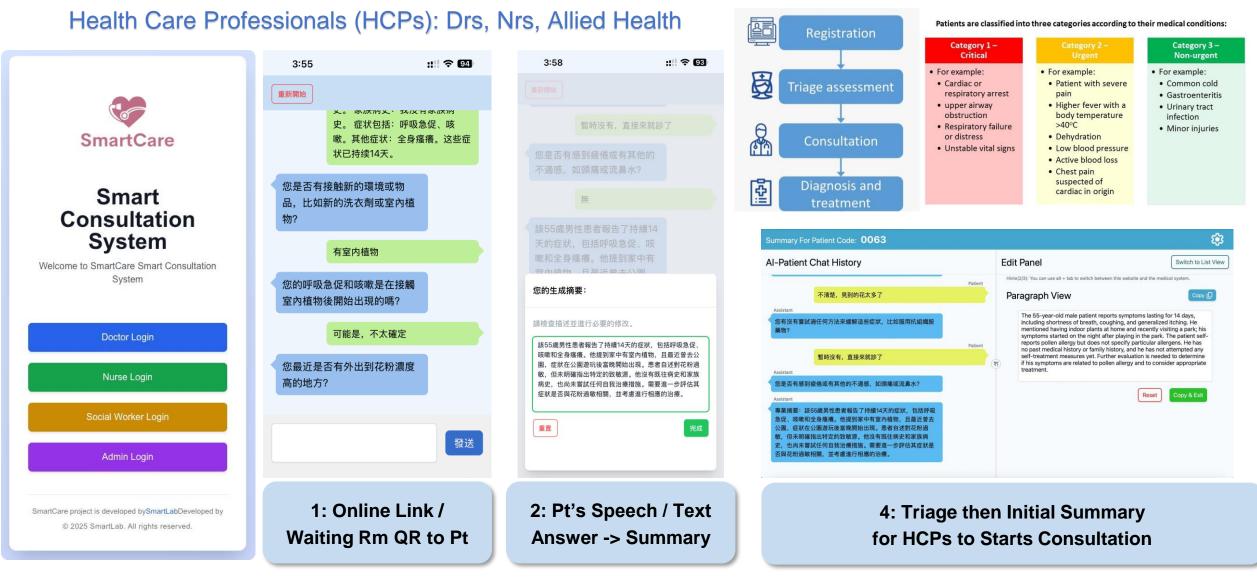
### SmartDoc Automated Documentation

Automatically generates 30+ types of medical documents, significantly reducing administrative burden and accelerating overall service process.

## **SmartCare for Patient-centered Care**



### □ Pre-consultation (online booking at home, or at the Waiting Room)



## **SmartCare for Patient-centered Care**

Dr:

**頭痛**, 晚晚**瞓唔好** 

下有冇咩問題



### Large Language Model (LLM) in the "Research Consultation Room" Dr: 您好, 陳女士。 Name: CHAN Ming Yu. Age: 67 years old. Gender: Female Medical Record Number: 9384987937. Date of Visit: 5 March 2025 Pt: 唉,醫生,最近又頭暈又無力,仲有少少胸口痛, •Chief Complaint: Headache, fatigue, chest pain 成日都覺得唔舒服 Subjective: Dr: 頭暈、無力同胸口痛呢啲情況持續咗幾耐? •Patient reports dizziness, fatigue, and mild chest pain for the past month. 差晤多有**一個月**啦,每日都覺得好辛苦,**行路**唔方便 •Difficulty walking and performing daily activities. Γ 之前有有睇過其他醫生?佢哋有有比過咩意見您? Reduced appetite and overall weakness. Referral Reply •Multiple chronic conditions including hypertension, diabetes, and arthritis. Pt: 之前睇過兩個醫生,但食嗰啲藥有乜效,我都唔知點好 Difficulty sleeping due to joint pain. Dr: 除咗頭量、無力同胸口痛, 仲有冇其他症狀或病呀? Letter Letter Ŋ Objective: Pt: 有呀,我仲有高血壓、糖尿病同關節炎,成日都腰痛、膝 Appears tired and in mild discomfort. Generated Prescription Medical Regular heart sounds, slight rhythm irregularity Dr: 咁多種問題, 真係辛苦您喇, 有有人幫您照顧下? Moderate swelling in both ankles Cert Pt: 我個**女**會偶爾嚟**幫手**,但佢自己都有啲忙,成日都唔喺度。 Letter Significant pain and limited range of motion in both knees Dr: 我明白,我會幫您檢查下身體嘅情況,再安排做一啲檢查,睇 No focal neurological deficits Suggested Assessment: Pt: 唔該晒醫生, 真係麻煩您喇, 我**好擔心**自己嘅健康。 **Pre-Approval** Fitness Hypertension (poorly controlled) Letters Dr: 唔使擔心,陳女士,我哋會全力幫您揾出問題所在,再制定一 Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus to Work Form 個適合您嘅治療計劃 Questions SOAP Osteoarthritis of the knees Pt: 多謝您,醫生,我希望盡快可以好返啲。 Reminder Editor Mild Heart Arrhythmia Patient Claim Š 1: Transcription (Pt - HCPs Convers.) 3: LLM Generated Medical Record (MR) Forms Instructions Forms Suggested Plan: 1. Order blood work to evaluate glucose levels, kidney function, and electrolytes. "BP Pulse stable, no fever" "Pupils equal reactive, no jaundice no 2.Perform an ECG to investigate the rhythm irregularity. Medical Follow-up Downstream pallor, thyroid normal." "Regular heart sounds, slight irregular rhythm 3. Prescribe medication adjustments for hypertension and diabetes management. Appt Letter Report 4.Refer to a specialist for arthritis management. irregular." "Clear clear" "Abdomen non-tender, normal bowel sounds, 5.Schedule a follow-up appointment in 2 weeks to review test results and adjust treatment no masses, liver and spleen not enlarged." "Moderate ankle swelling" plan as needed. Suggested Instructions to Patient: Imaging Labs Both knees tender, limited motion, other joints NAD" "Reflexes intact, •Monitor blood pressure and blood sugar levels at home. no focal deficits, sensation normal, mild lower limb weakness." Forms Forms •Take prescribed medications as directed. 2: Transcription (Physical Exam) 4: LLM Recommendations added to MR 27

## Challenges



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### Data

- How to get *large-scale high-quality medical data* for foundation model training?
- Challenges include ethical issue, ۲ heterogeneity, cost, etc.

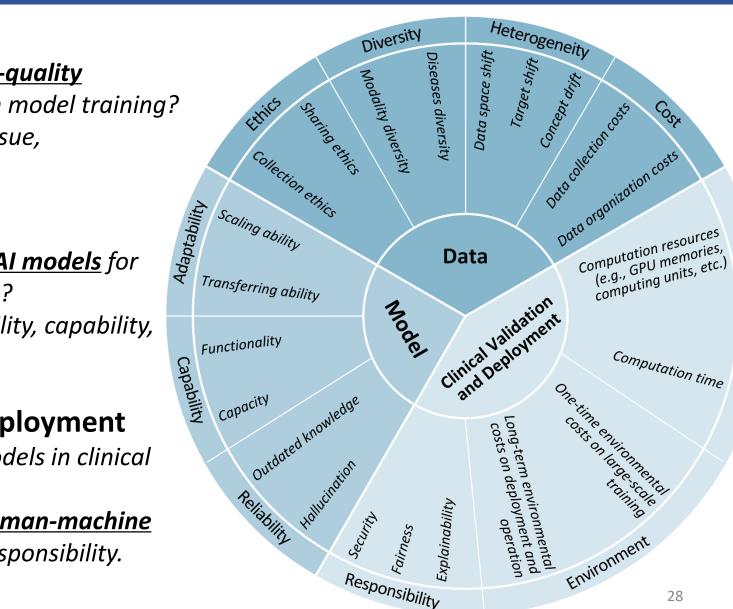
### Model

- How to construct **powerful AI models** for • medical knowledge learning?
- Challenges include adaptability, capability, reliability, etc.



### **Clinical Validation and Deployment**

- How to *widely deploy* AI models in clinical settings?
- It is essential to establish human-machine ۲ collaboration and ensure responsibility.



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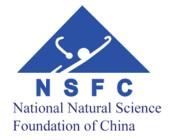


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