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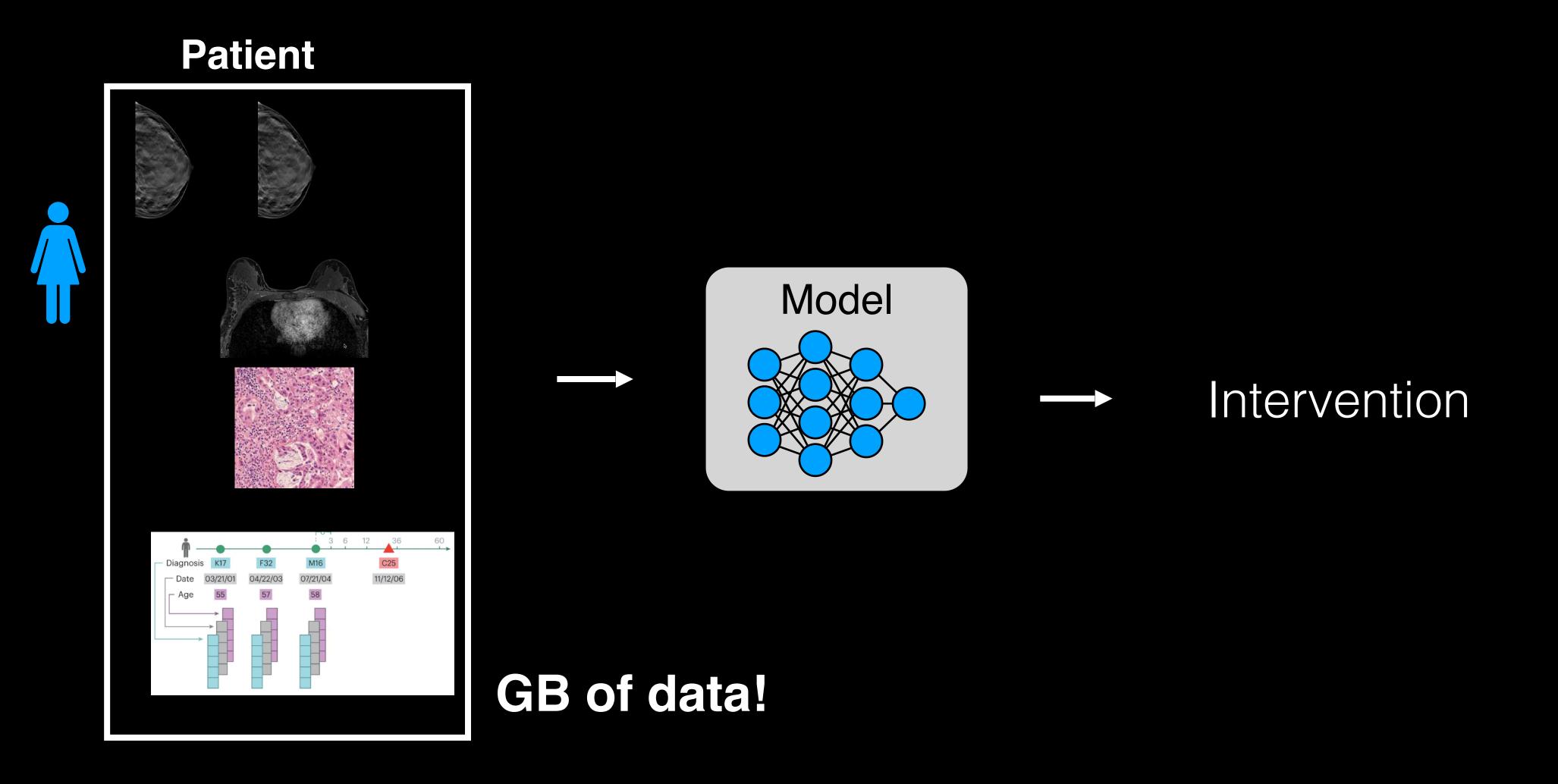
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### Personalized care as a computational problem



Question: How do we use everything to recommend right intervention at right time?

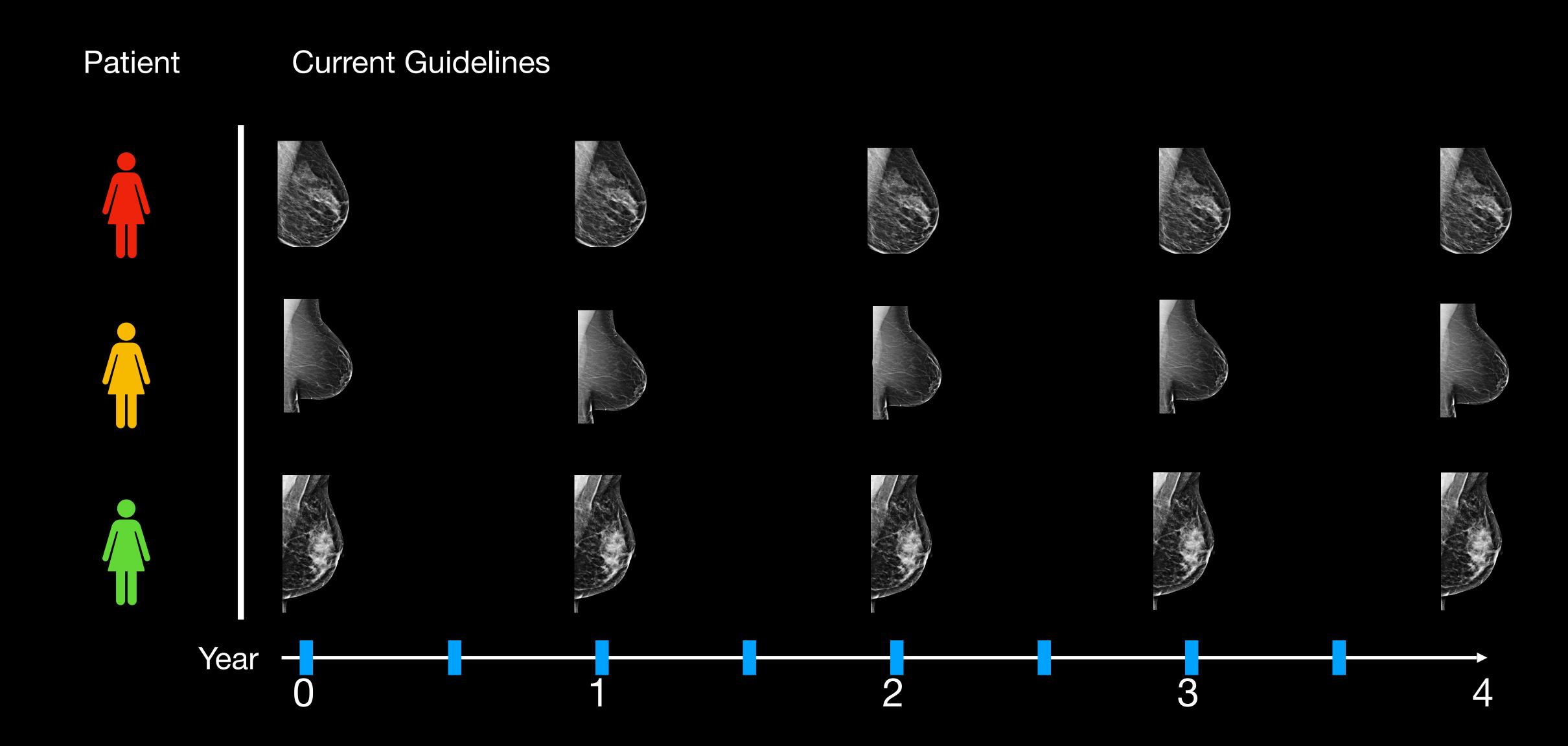
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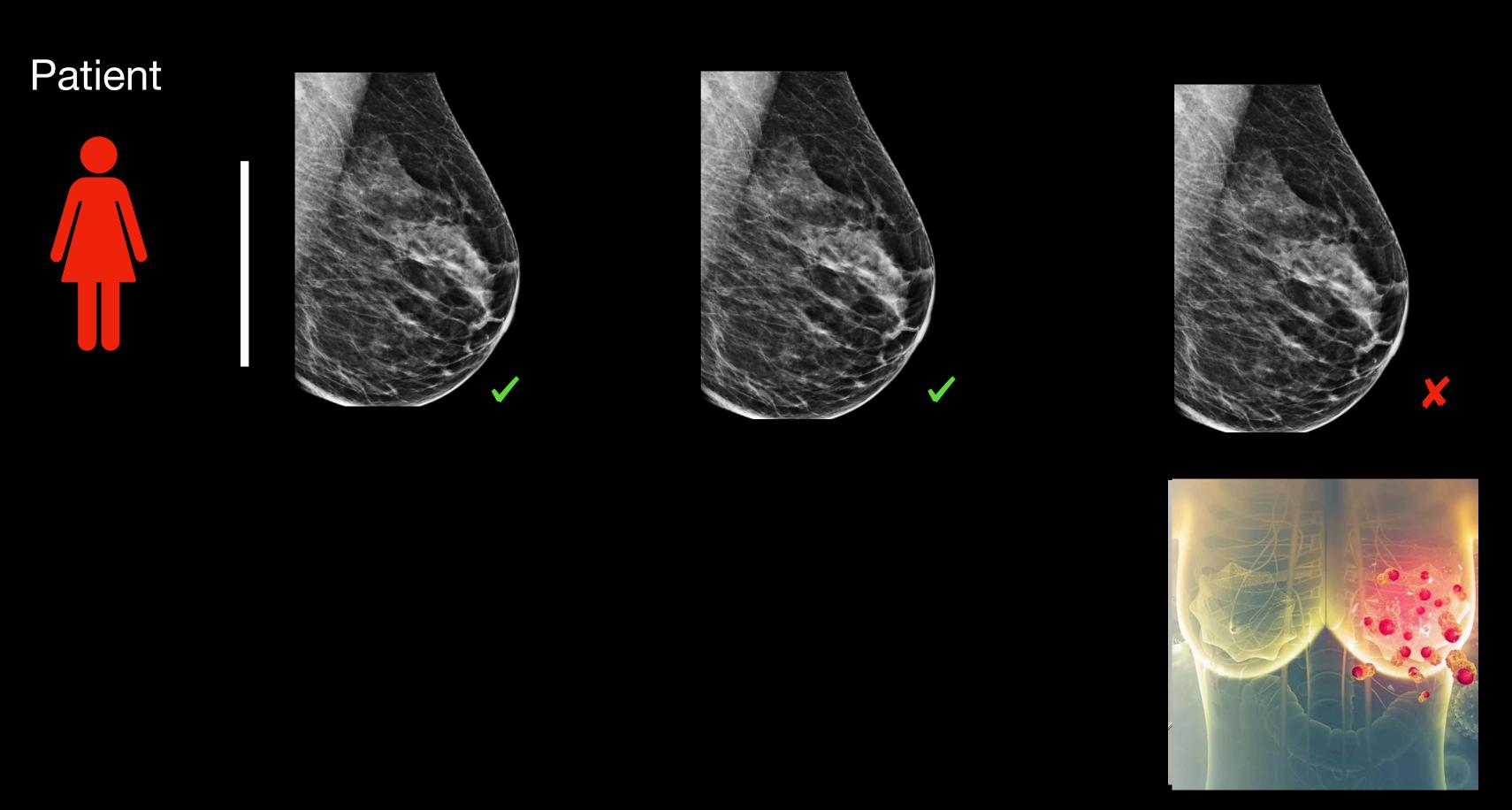
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Prediction

#### Motivating example: Screening today - one size fits all

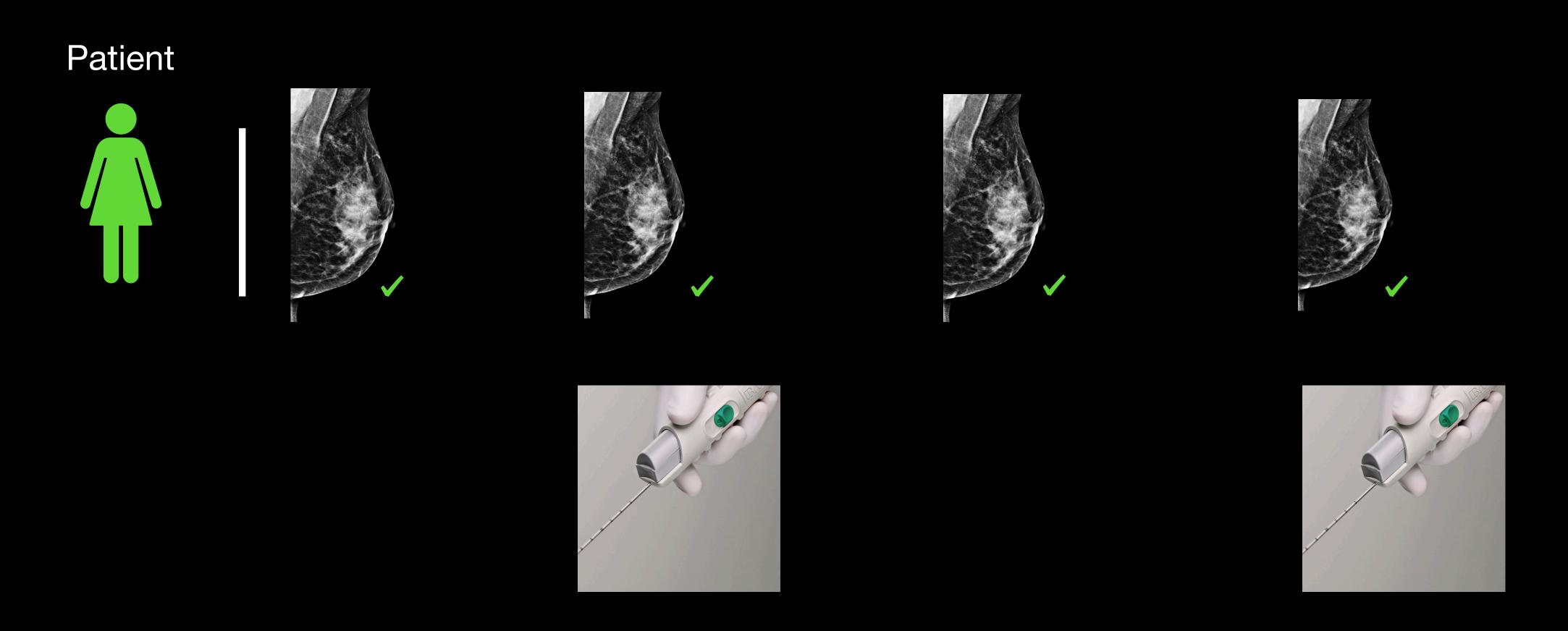


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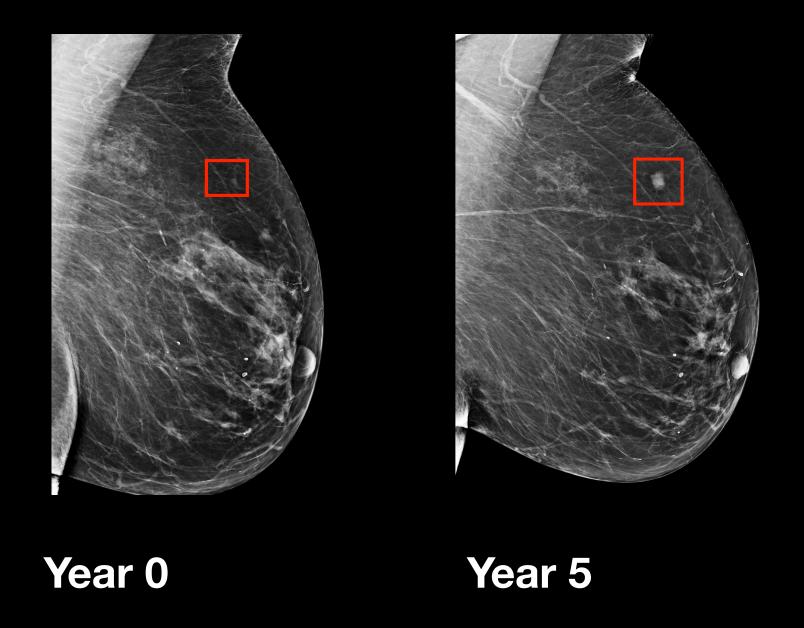
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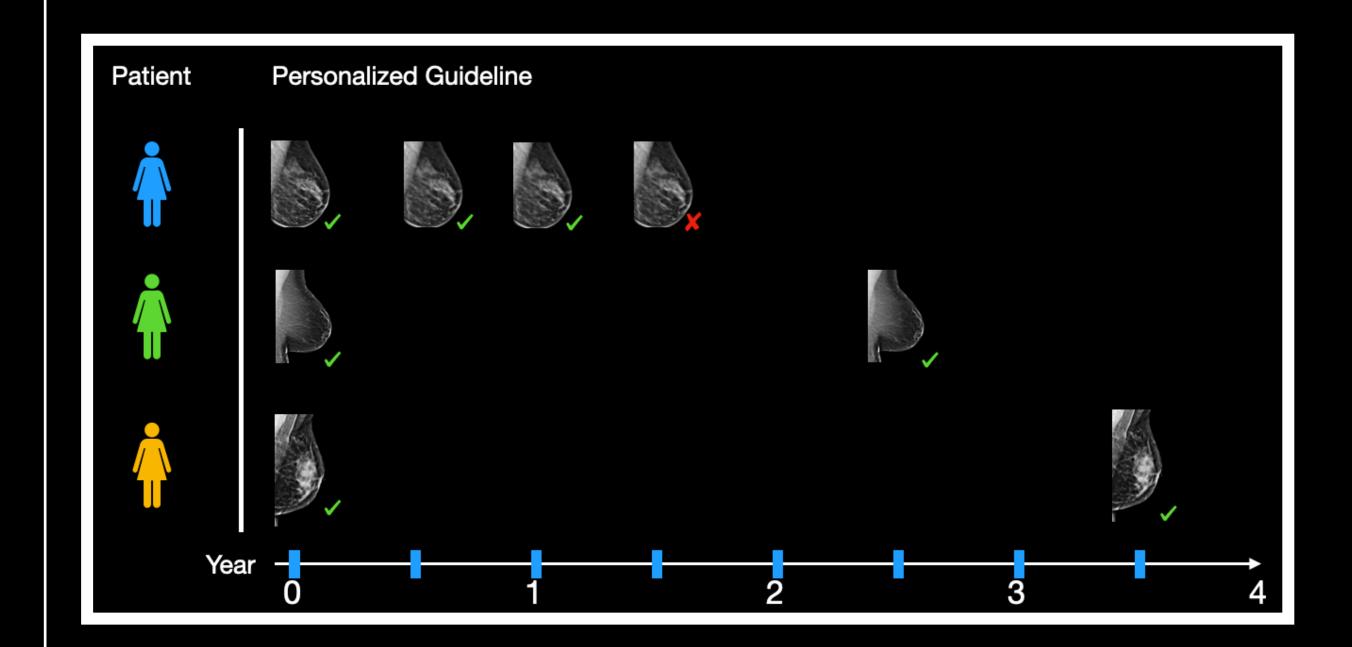
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## How to catch cancer earlier

#### **Predict Cancer Risk**



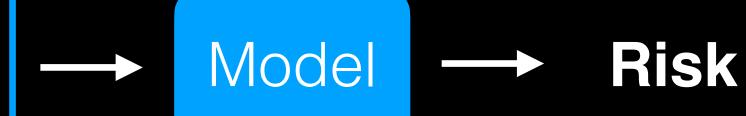
#### Create personalized screening policy



#### Obstacle: Current clinical tools are insufficient

Questionnaire based (<< 1KB of data per patient)

Family History
Prior Breast Procedure
Breast Density

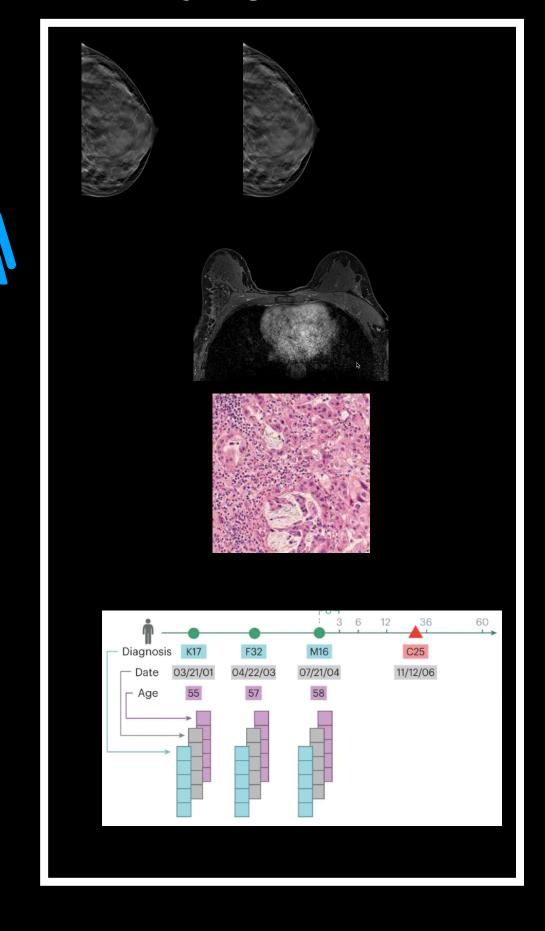


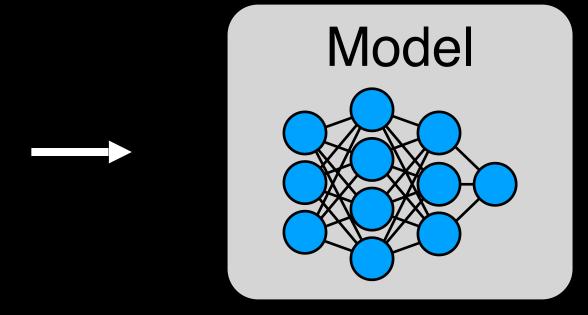
Identify <25% of future cancers as "high risk"

>95% of "high risk" patients won't get cancer

#### Personalized screening as a computational problem

#### **Patient**

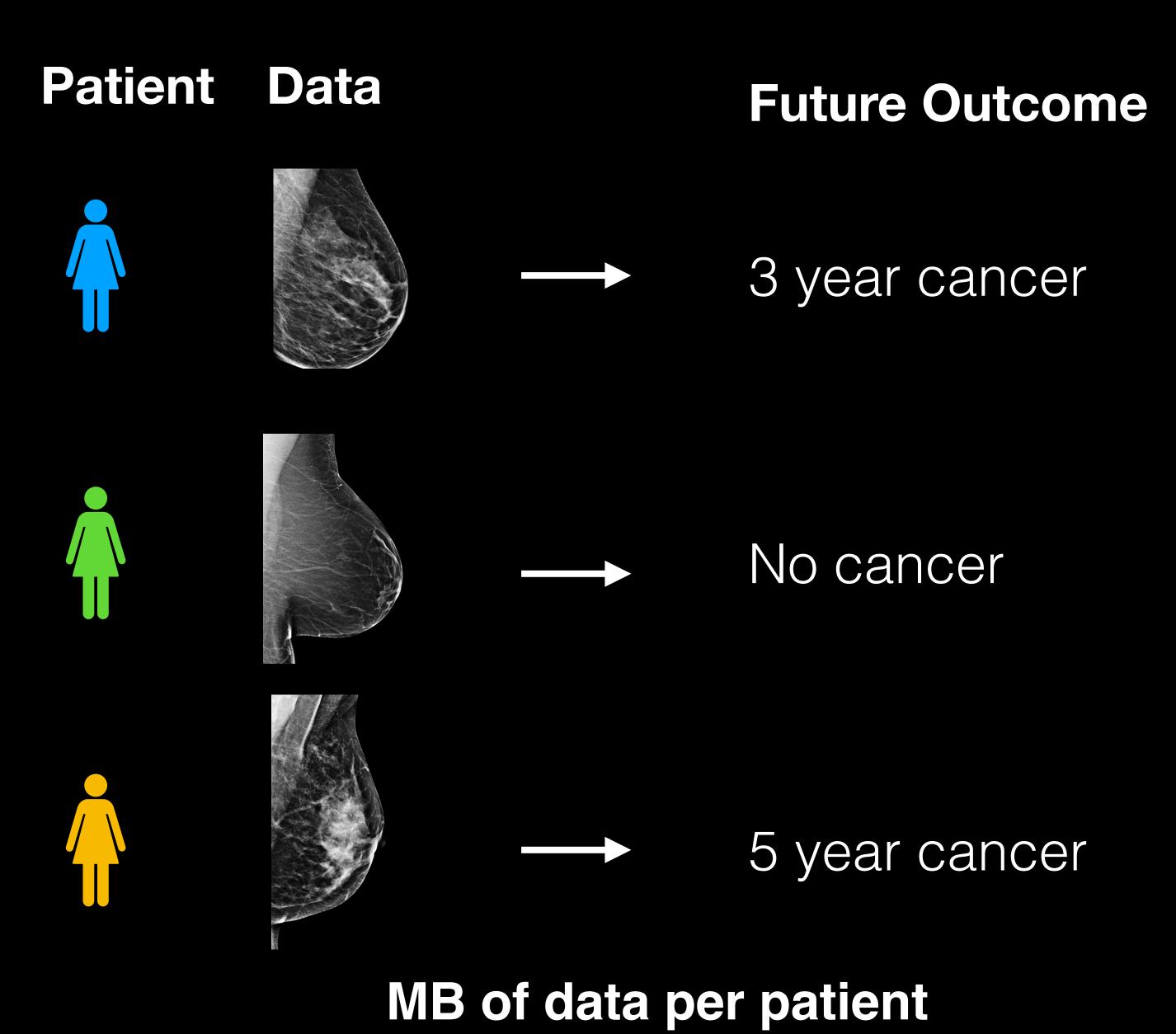




Screening plan

GB of data!

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#### Aside: How can we curate outcomes at scale?

#### **Data Curation**

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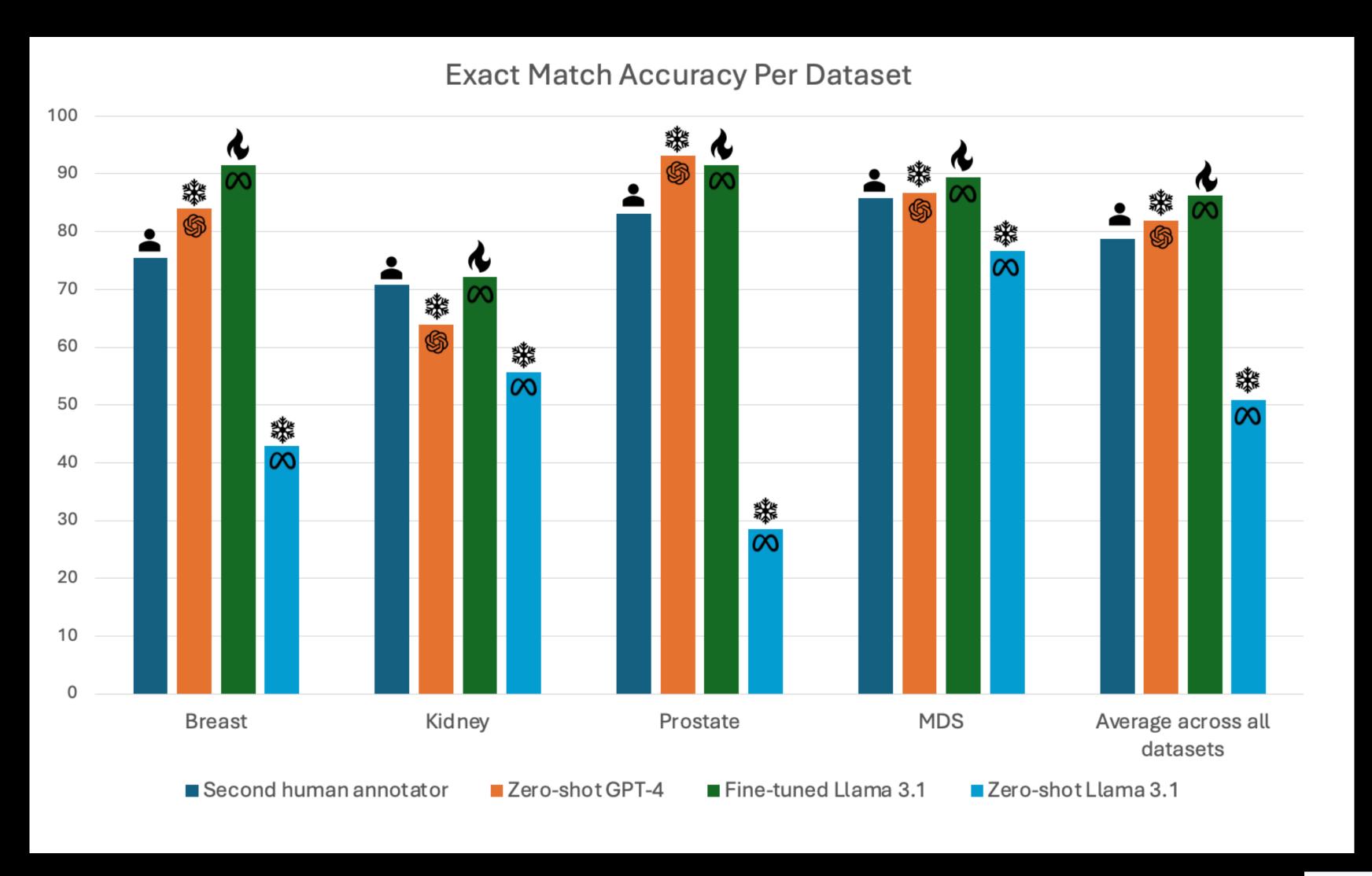


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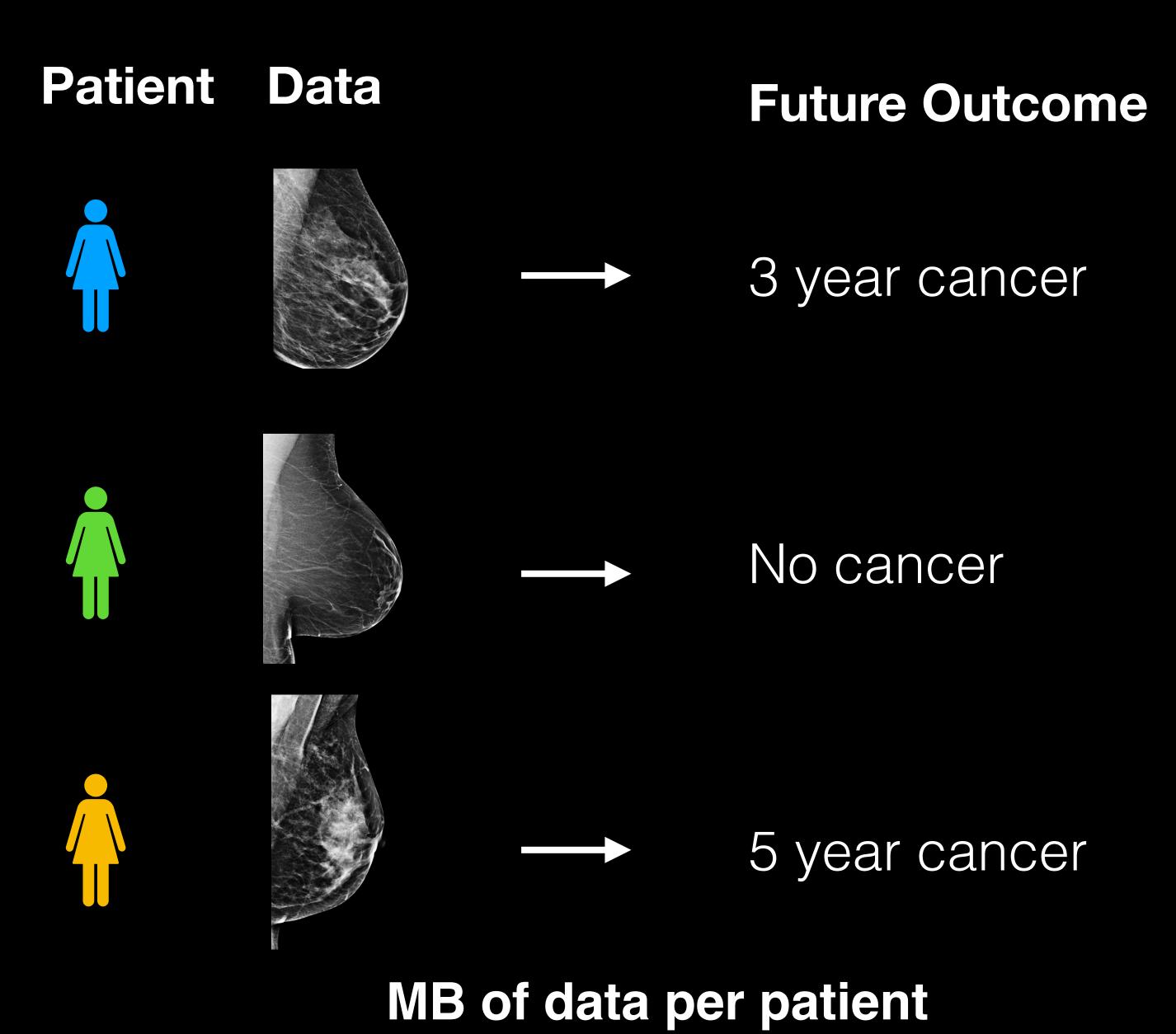
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#### Strata: Human-level performance for less than 5\$ of compute





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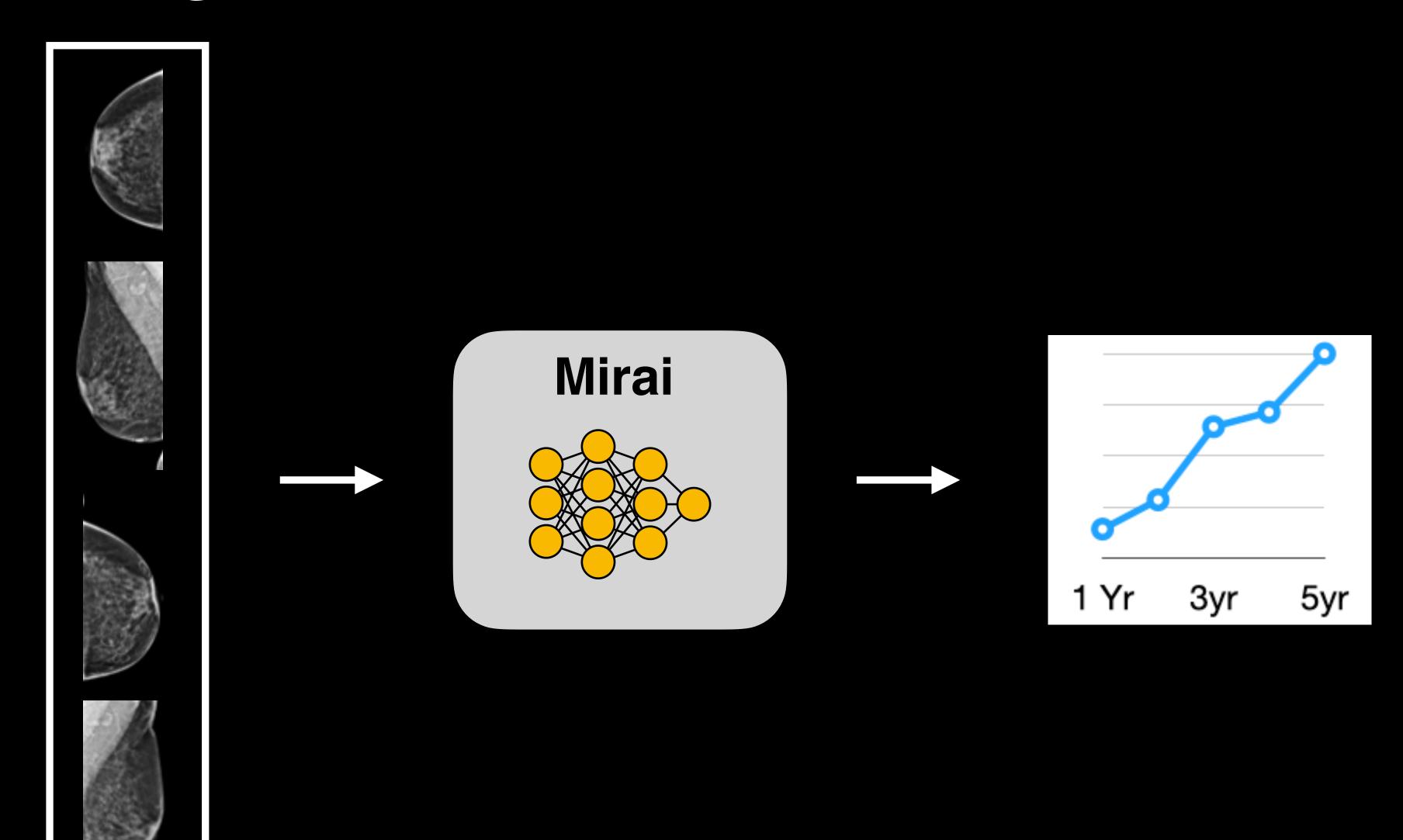
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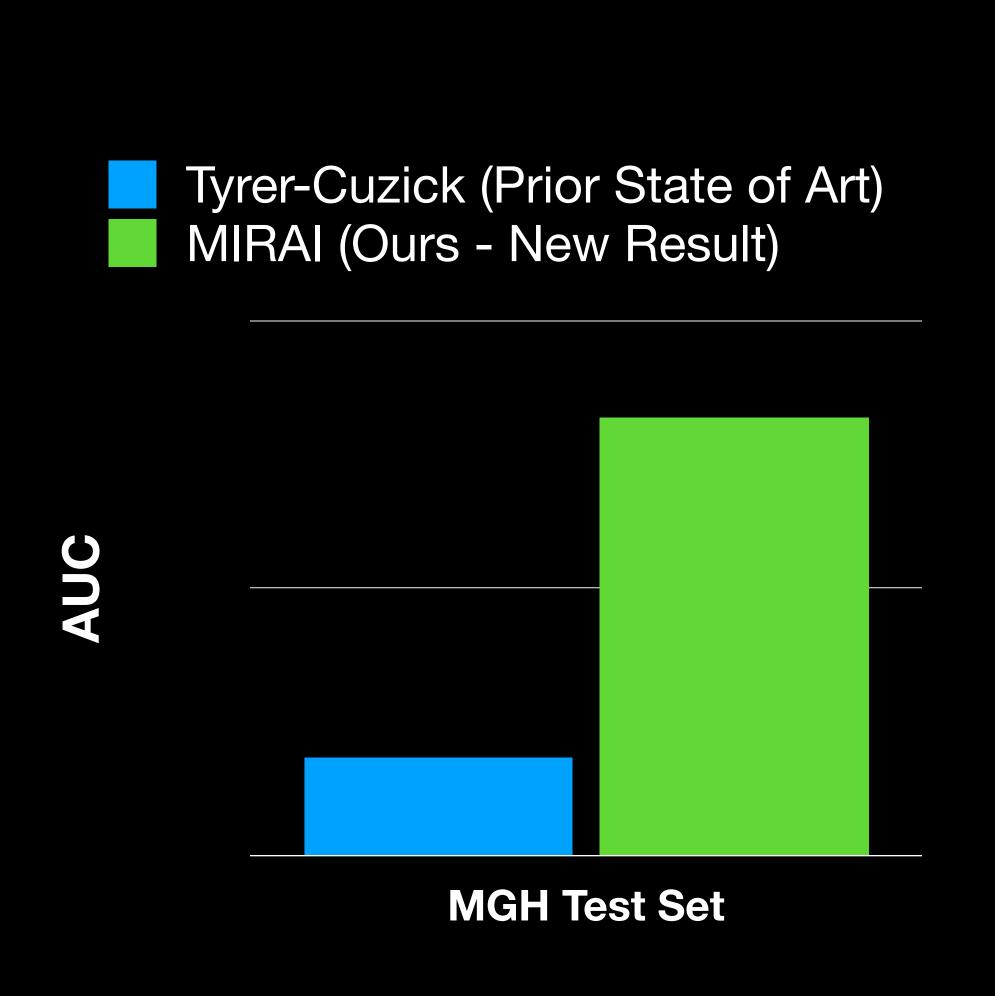
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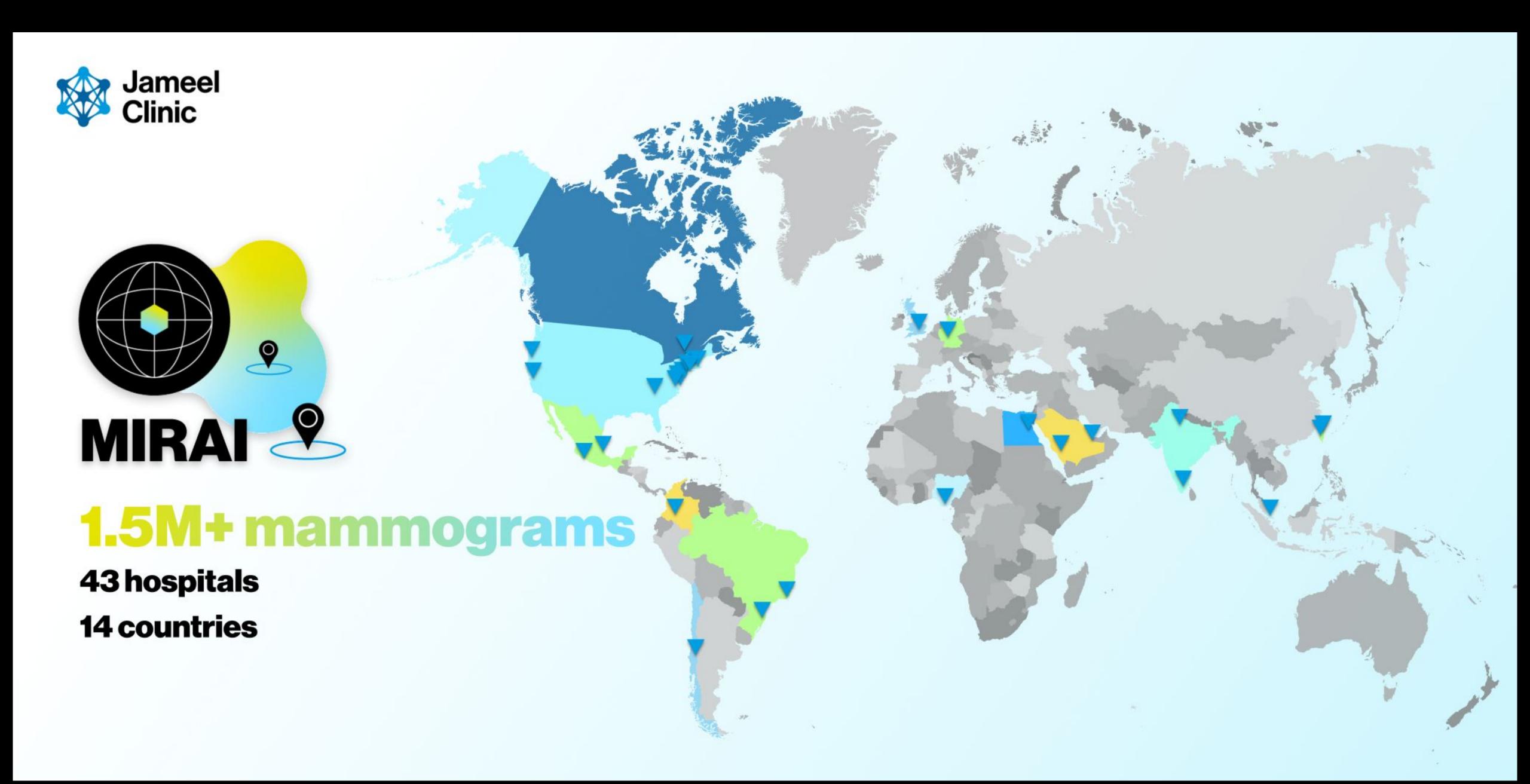


## Maintains accuracy across diverse populations

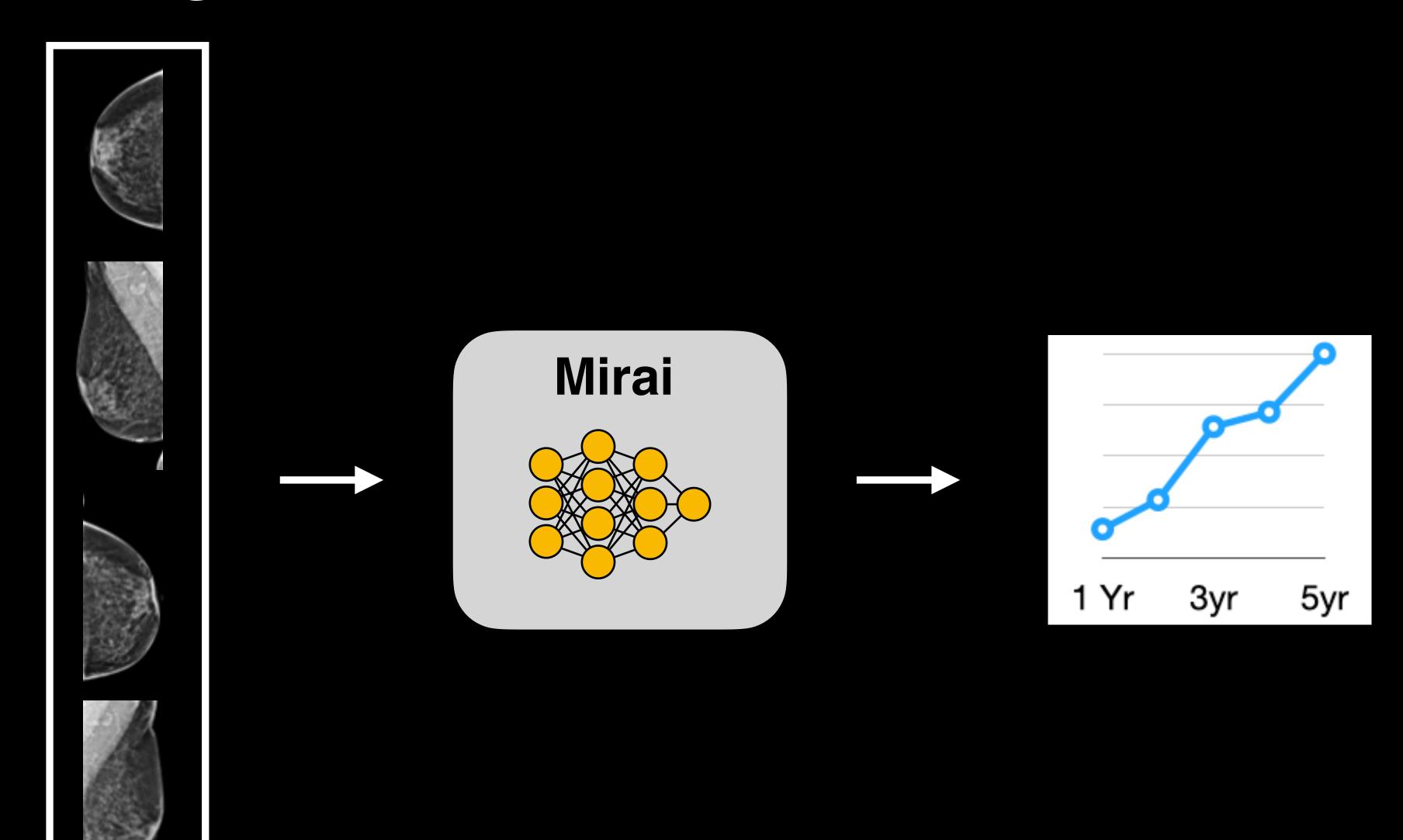






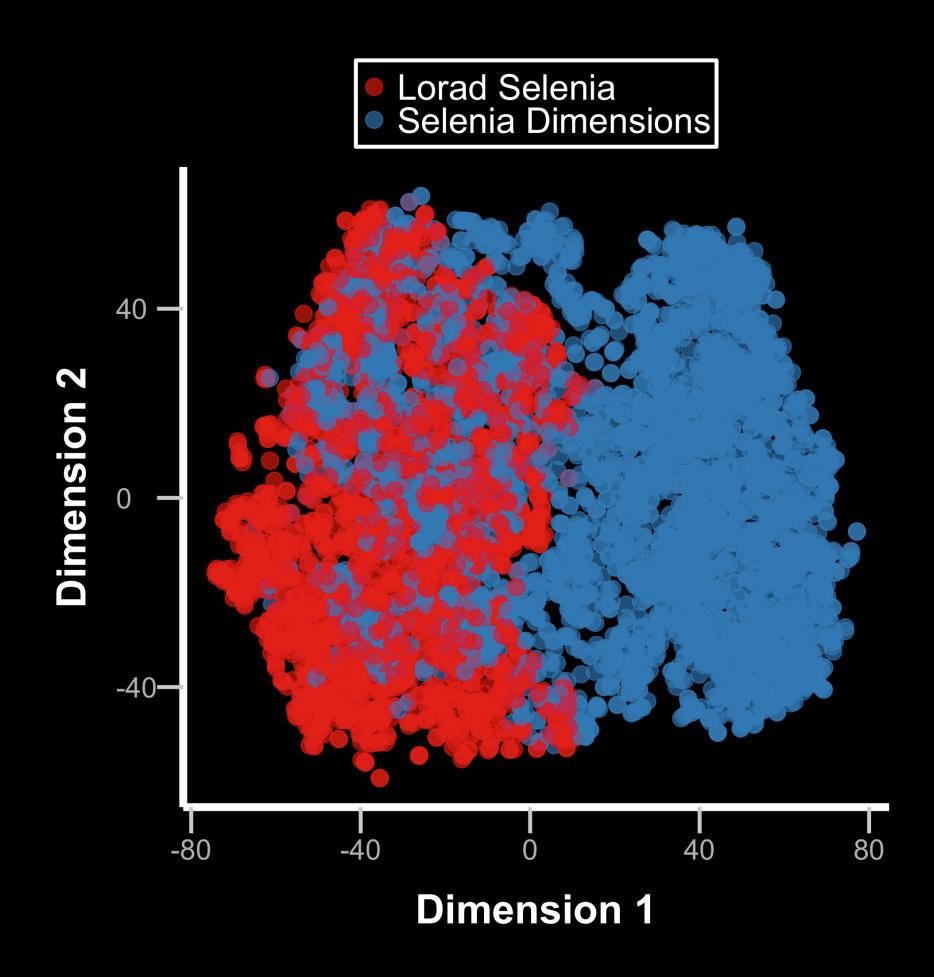


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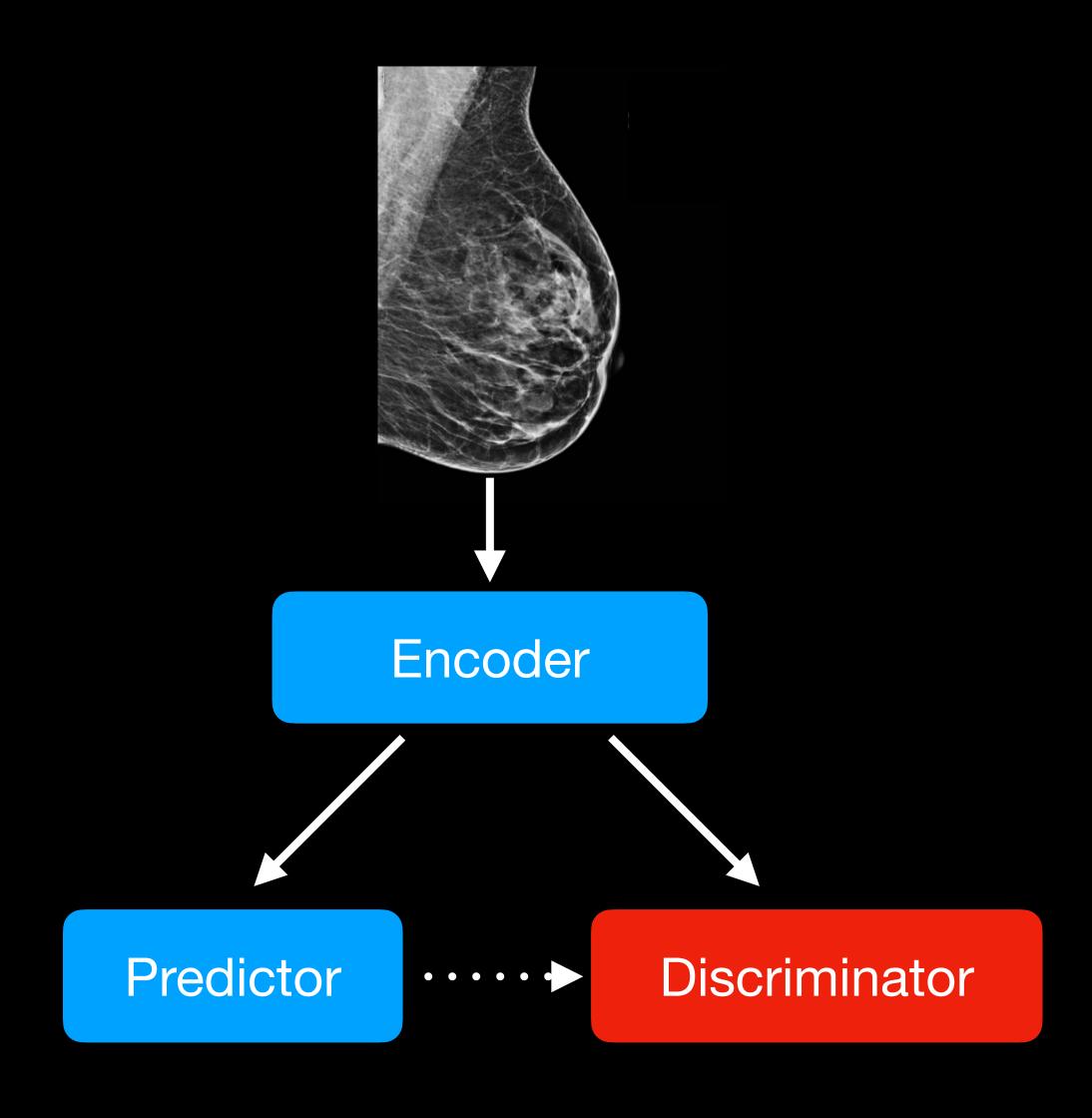




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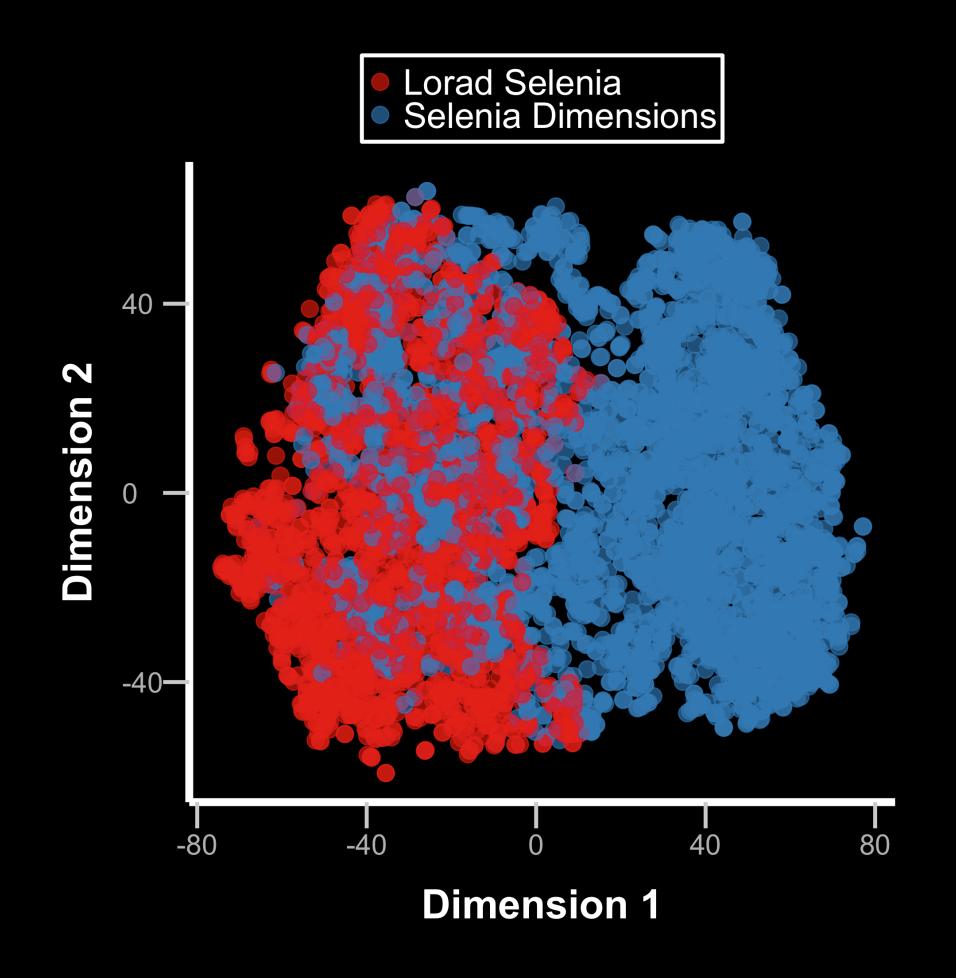


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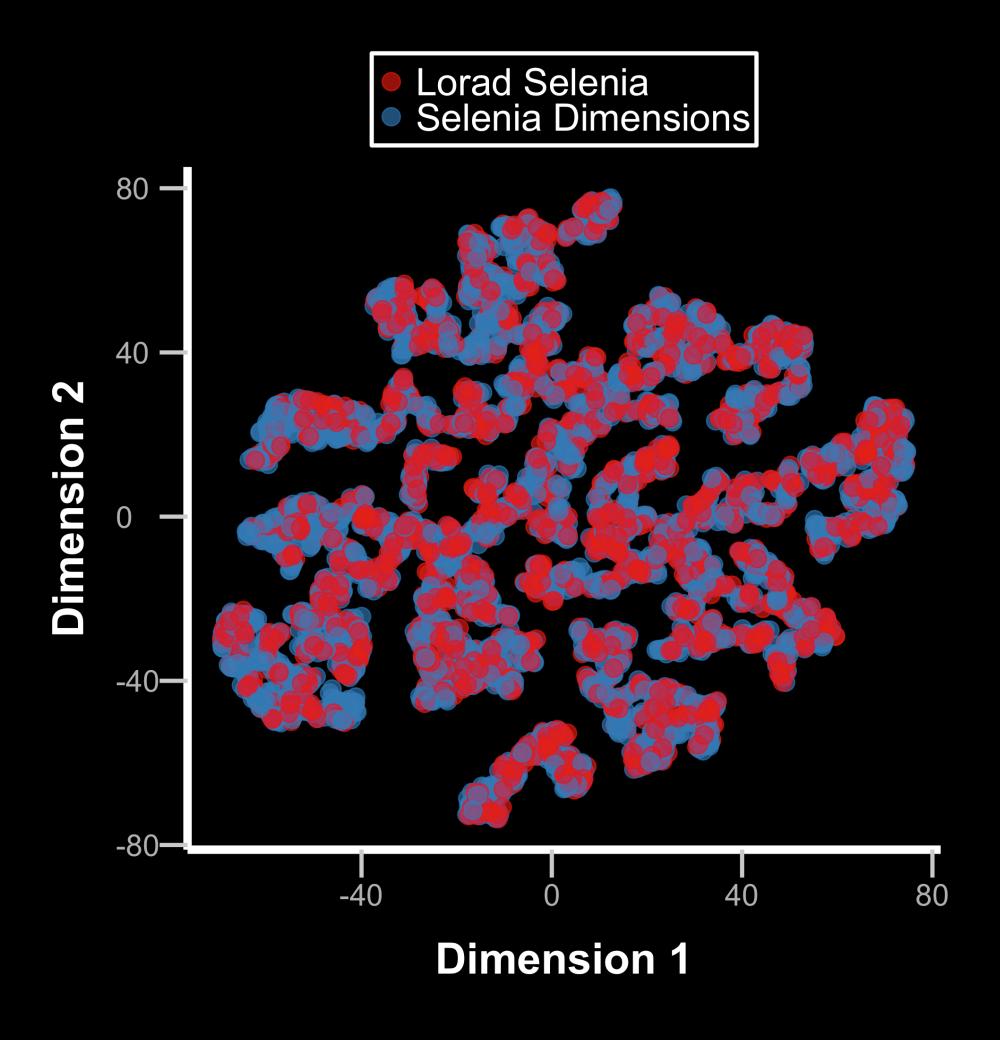
Max accuracy Predictor

Min accuracy Discriminator

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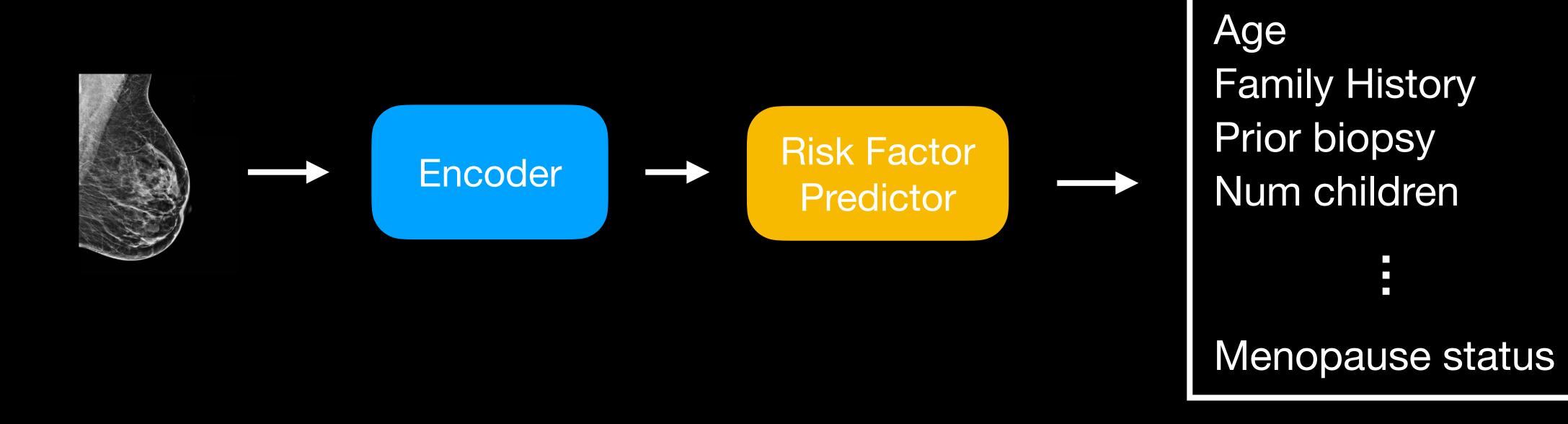


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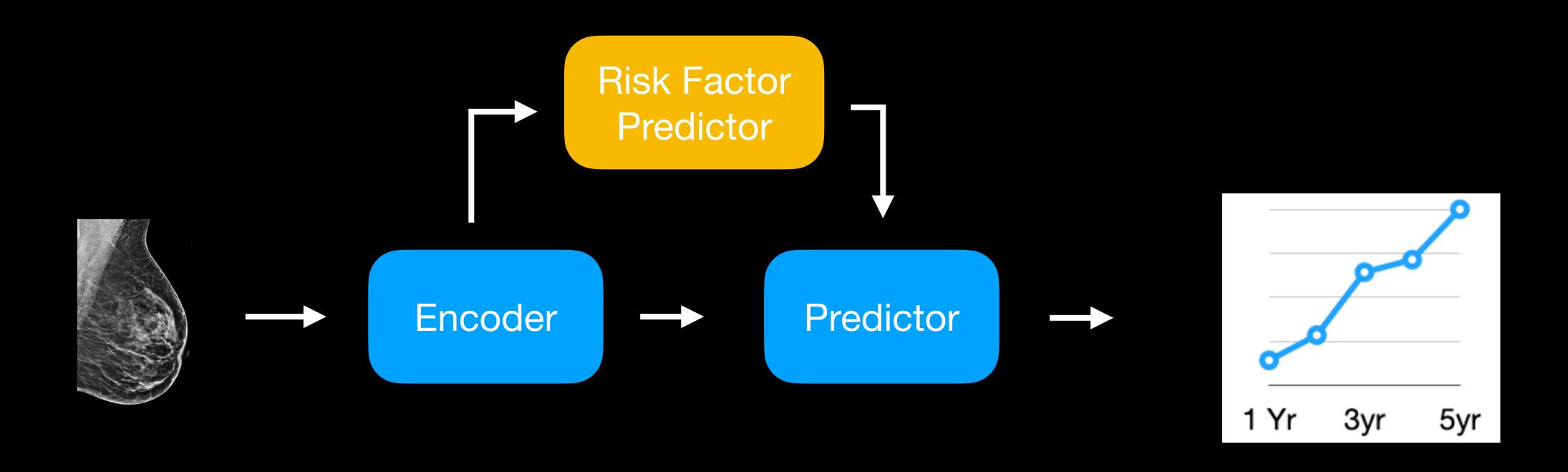
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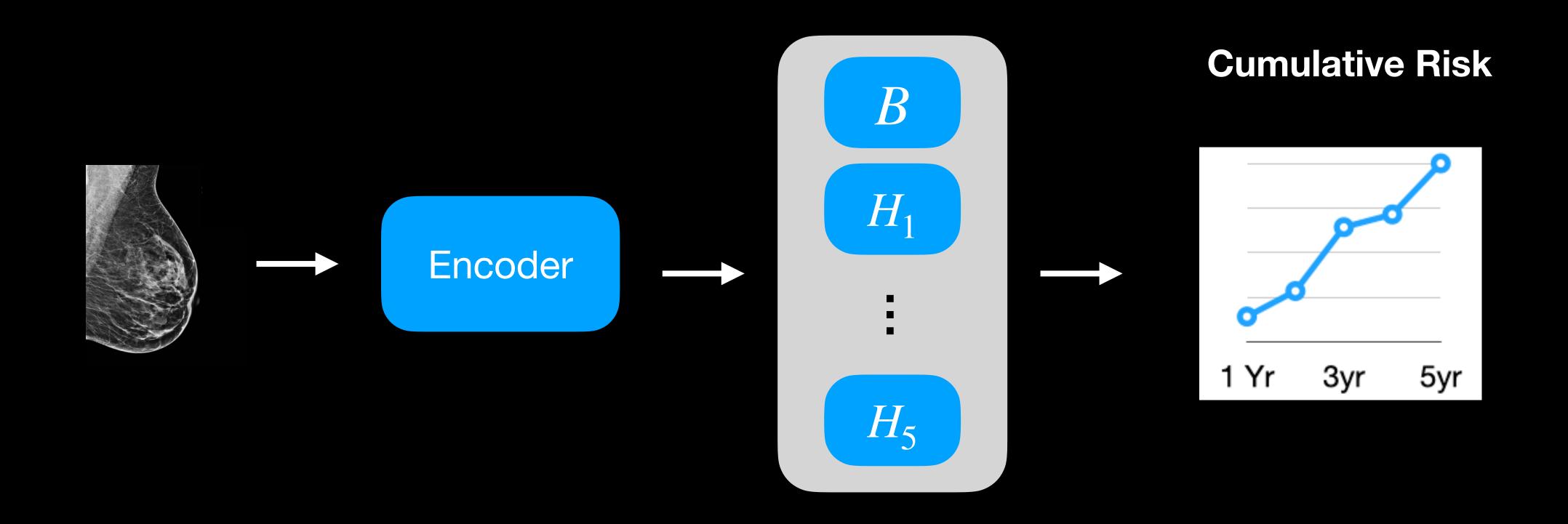


**Risk Factors** 

# Problem 2: Missing risk factor data



# Problem 3: Modeling risk over time



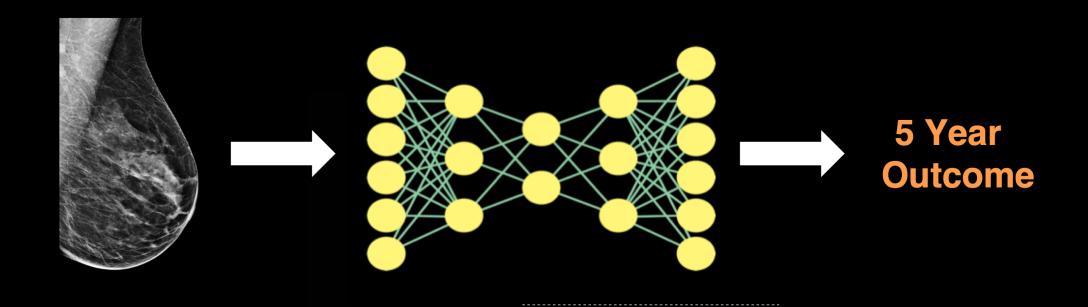
$$P(t_{cancer} = k \mid x) = B(E(x)) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} H_i(E(x))$$

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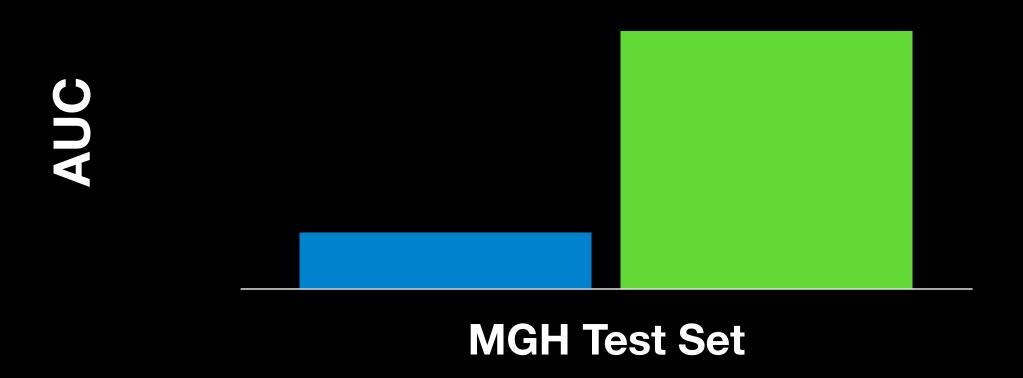
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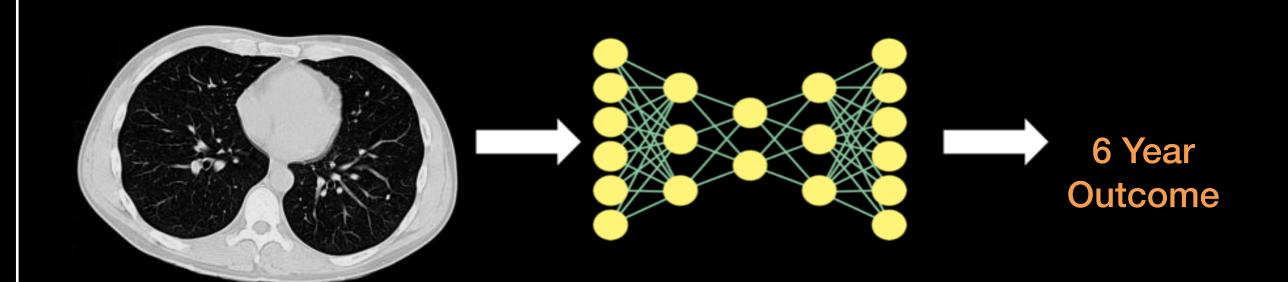
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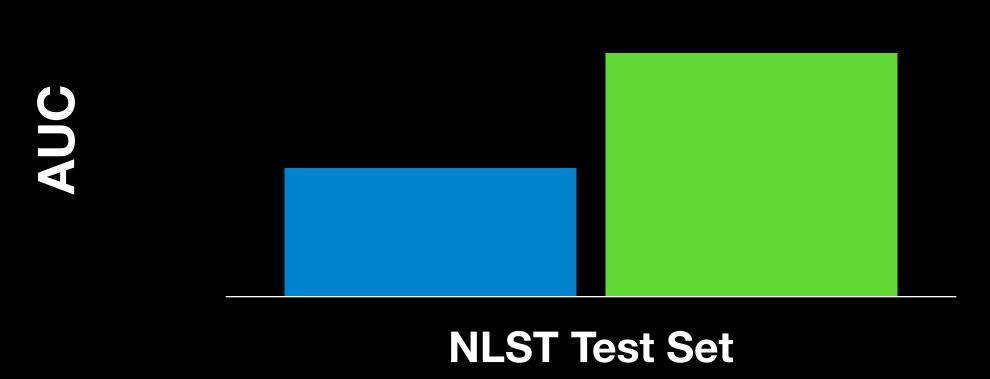
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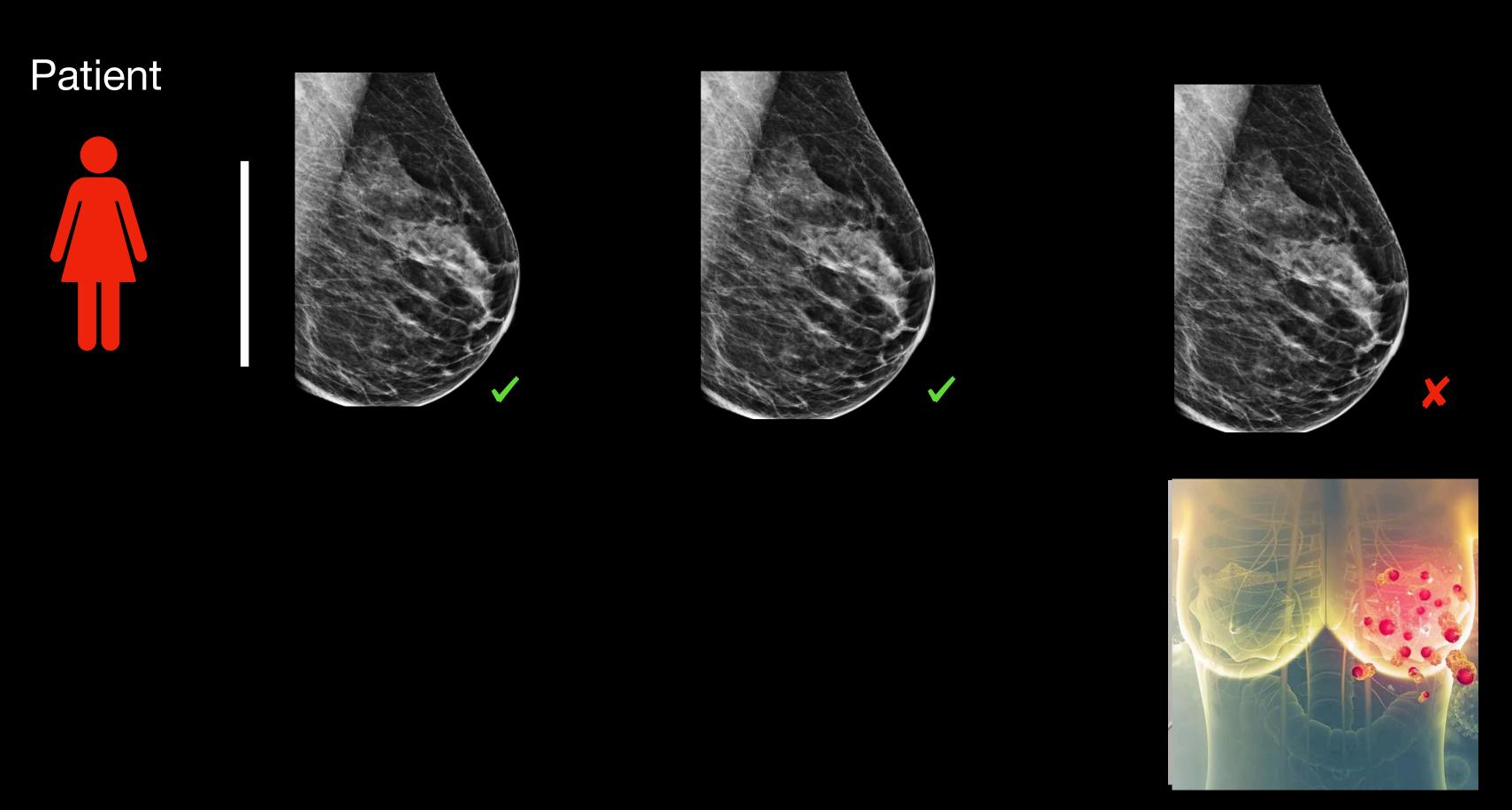


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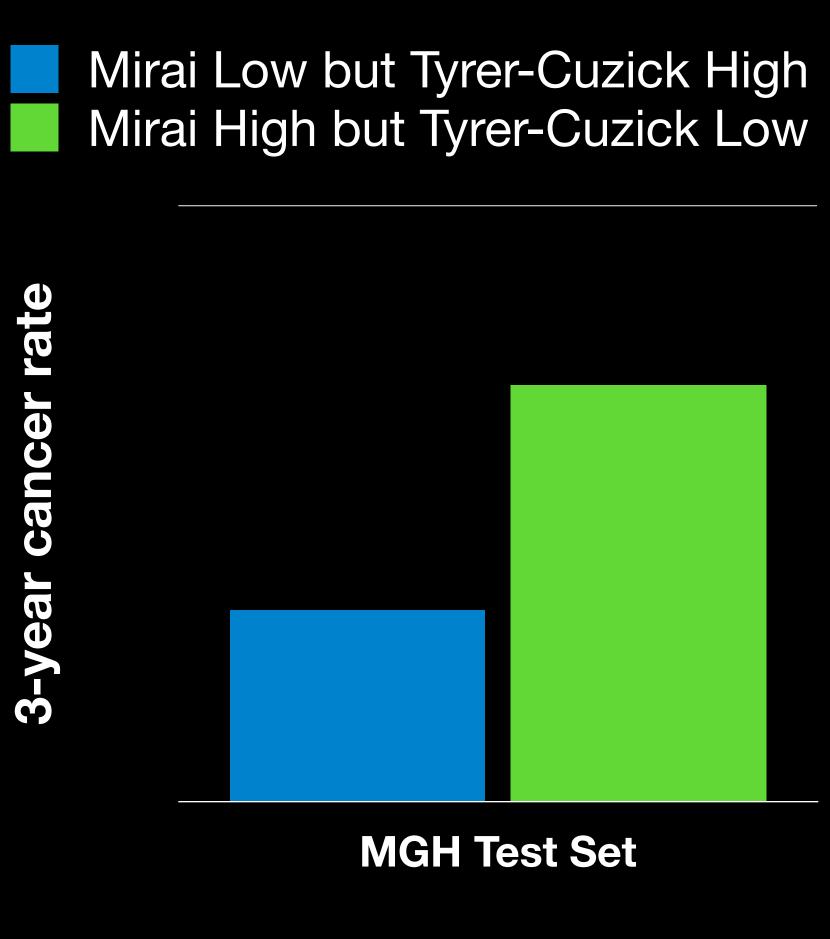


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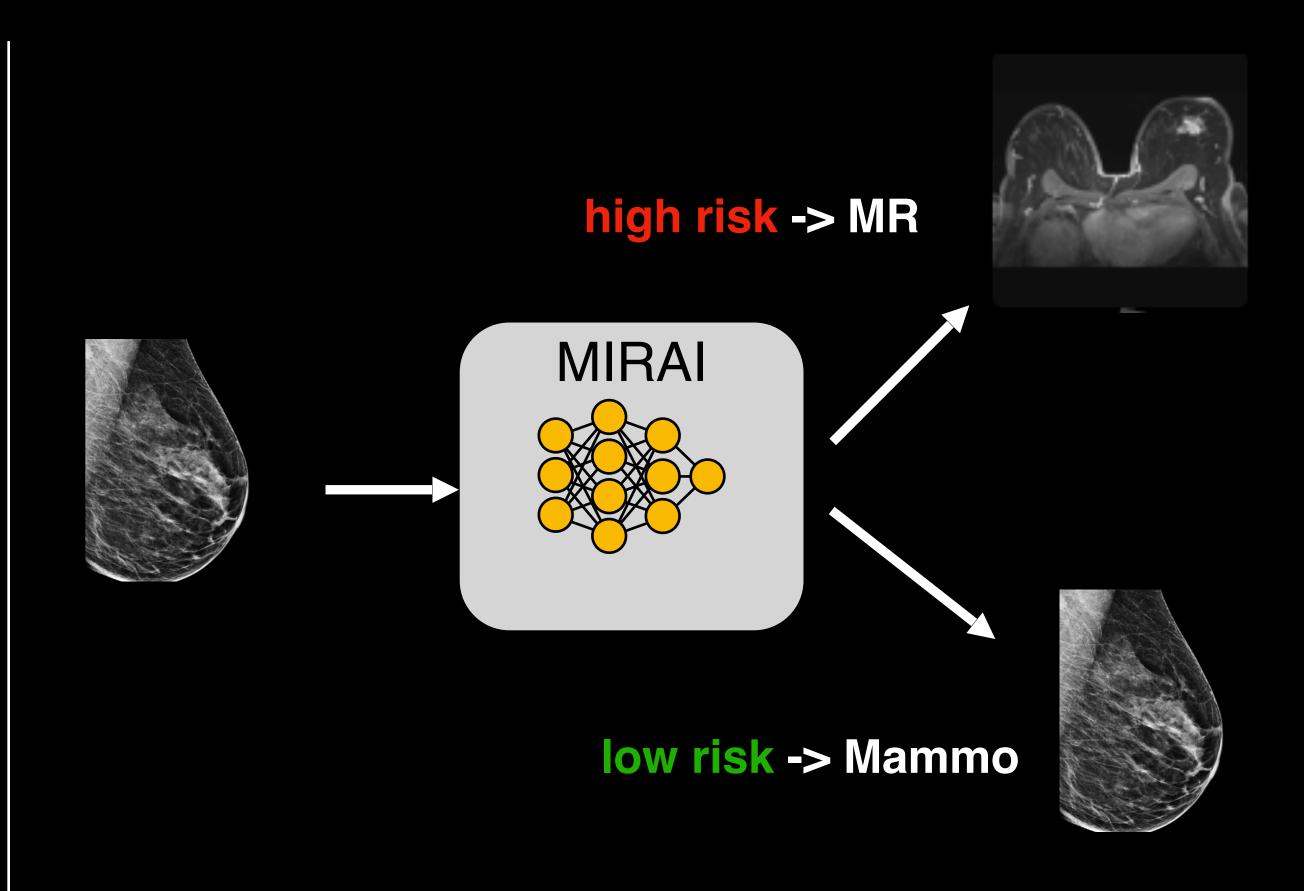


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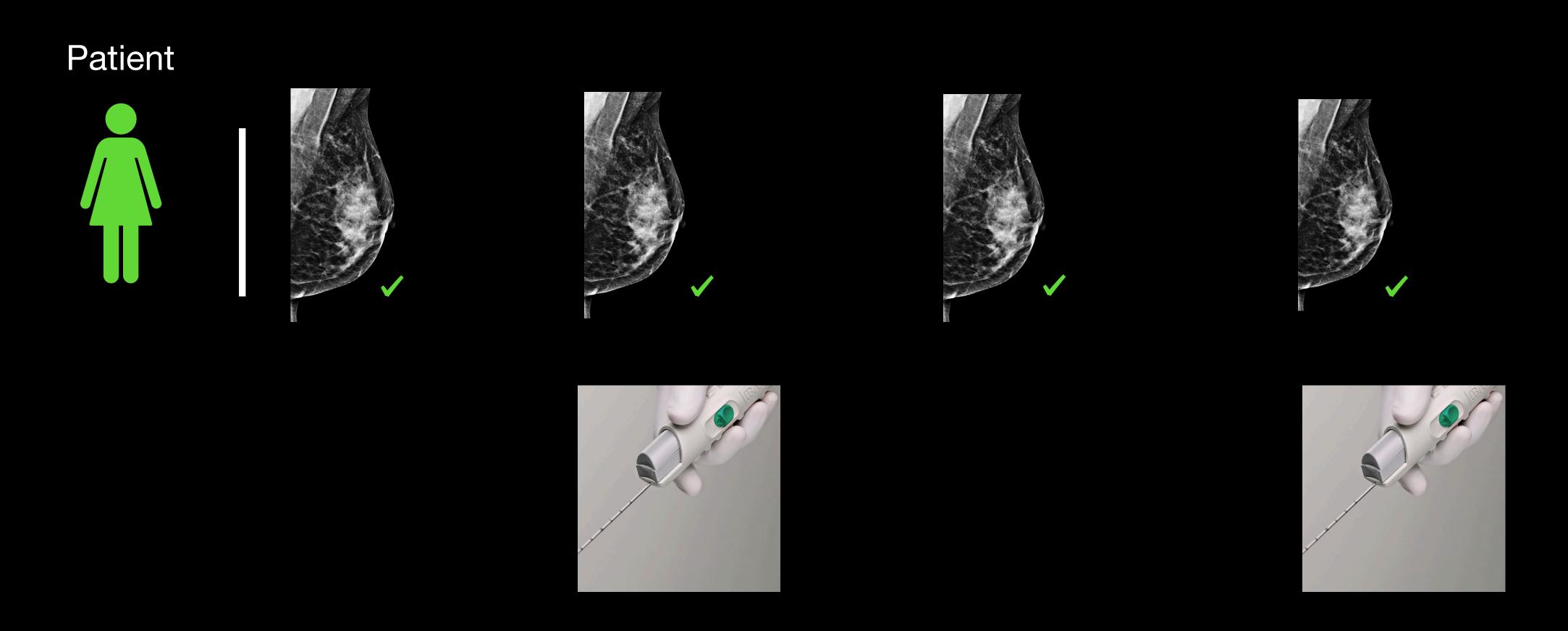


Retrospective analysis



Mirai-based Supplemental Imaging NCT 05968157

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#### Ongoing Prospective Trials: Mirai-SDA

#### SDA Workflow:

- Realtime Al-based cancer risk assessment
- Invite high risk patient for same-day diagnostic exam
- Prelim results: Reducing time to diagnosis from 38 days to 58 minutes





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Control

Both Mirai-MRI and Mirai-SDA are heuristic control algorithms.

Opportunities to design guidelines as learned algorithms!

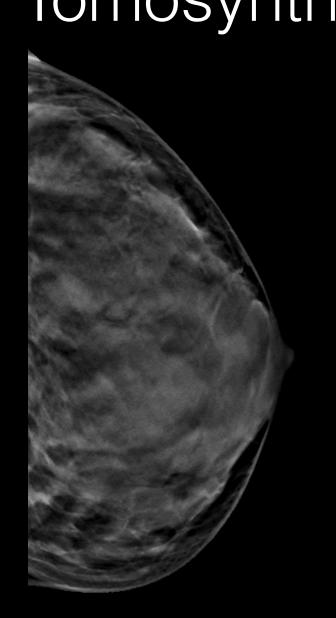


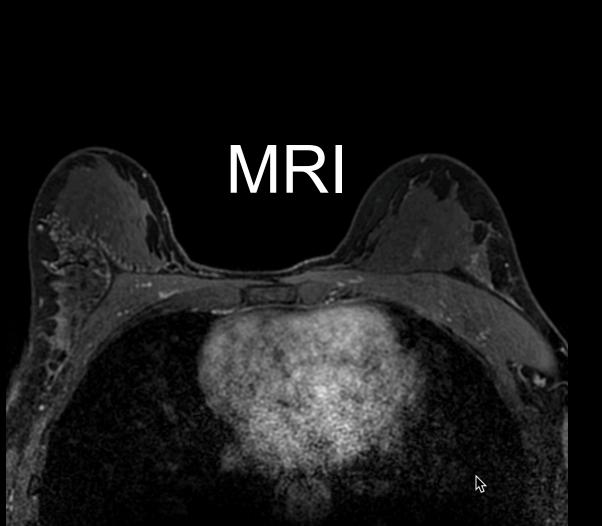
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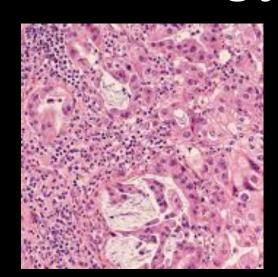
2D Mammogram

Tomosynthesis GB of data

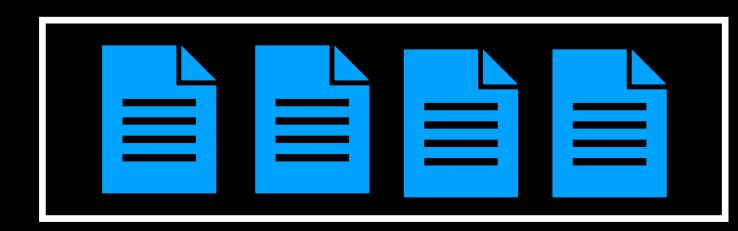




Pathology



Full care record: notes, codes and labs



### Modeling: How can we model giant inputs?

Prediction

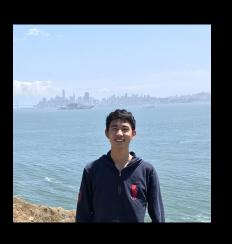
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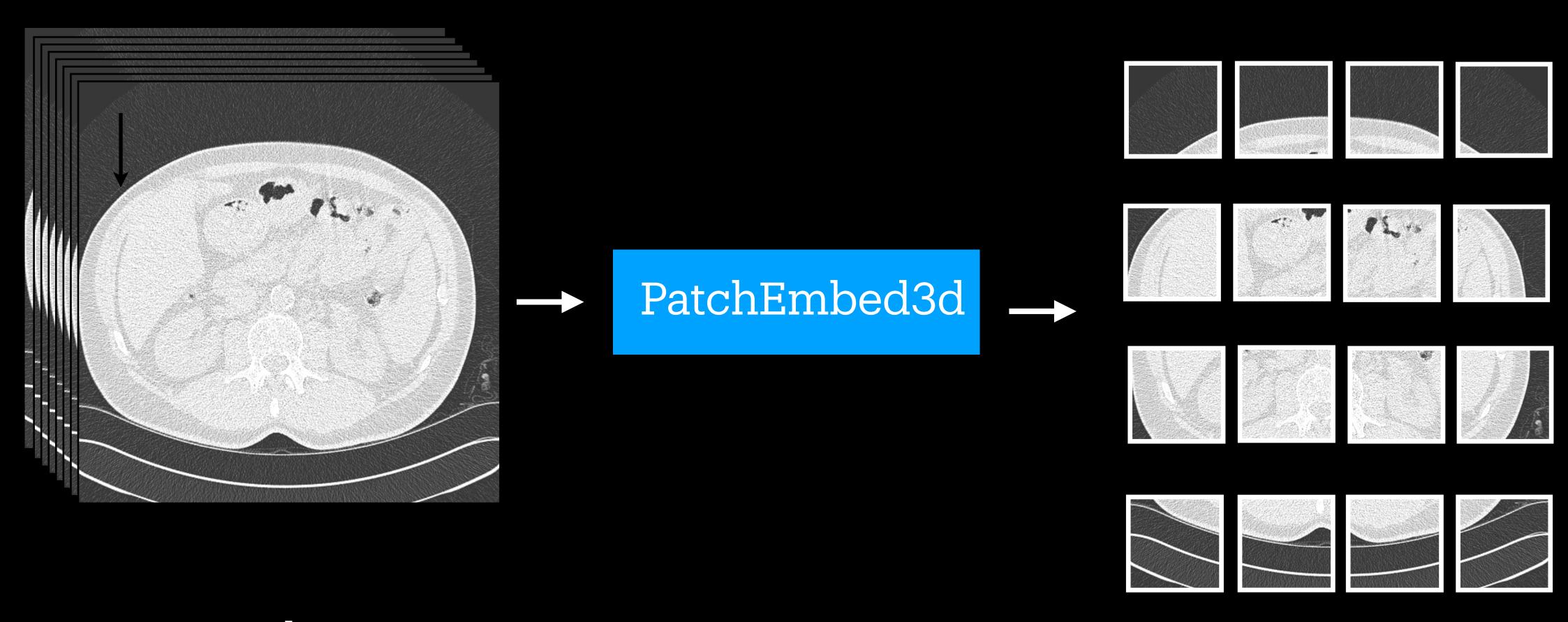


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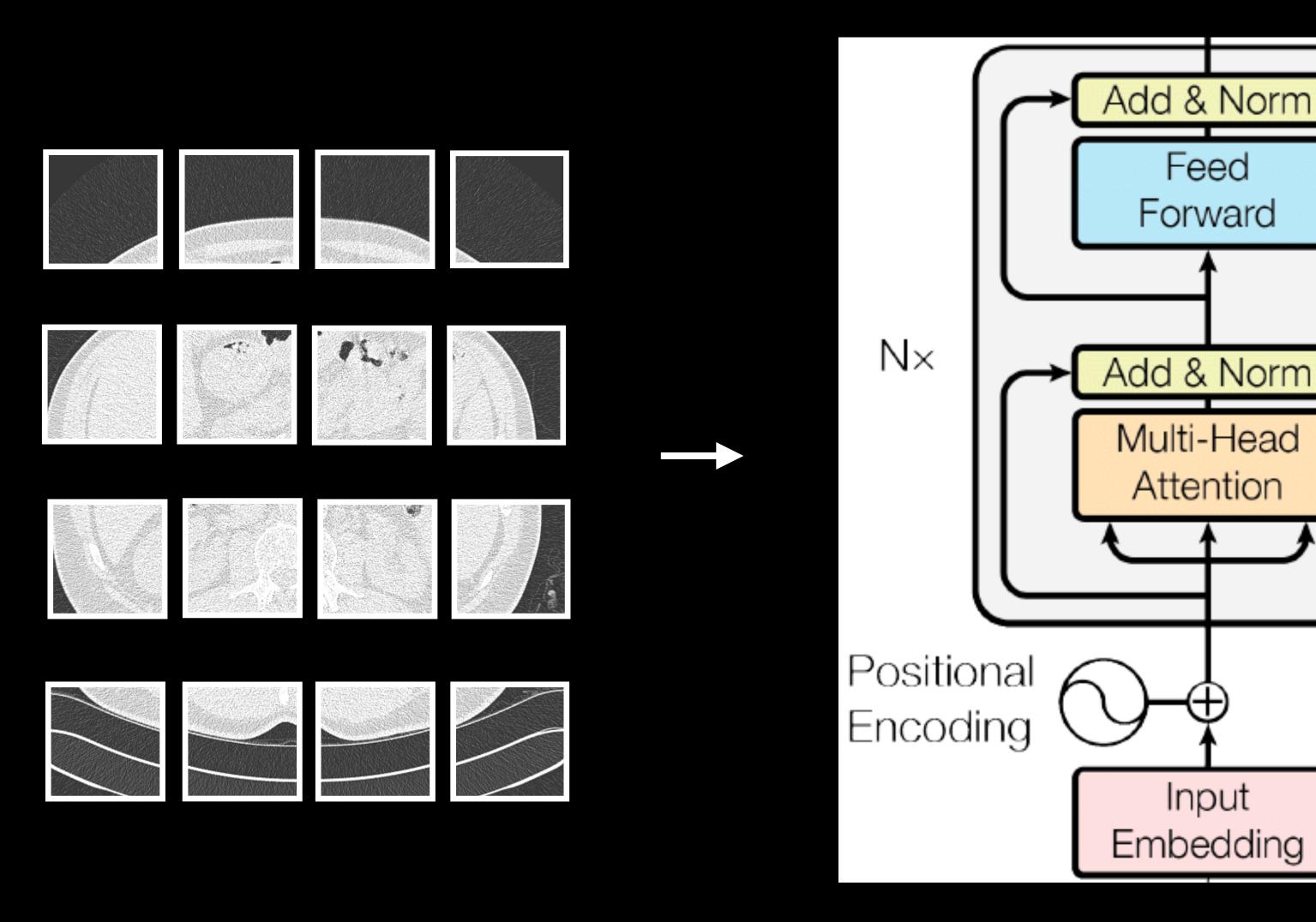
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## Prelim: Images as sequences of tokens



input resolution 200x512x512 patch-size 2x4x4 sequence-length 1.6M tokens

#### Prelim: Transformers and Self-attention

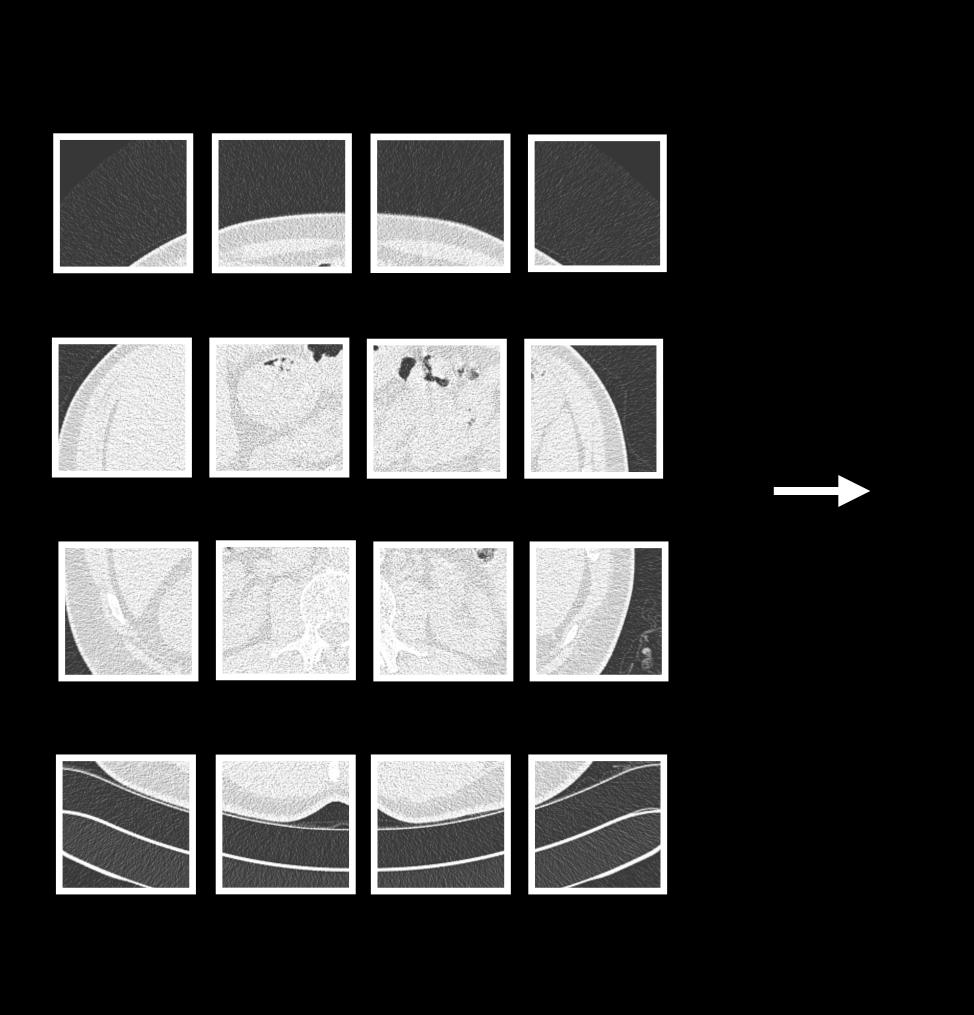


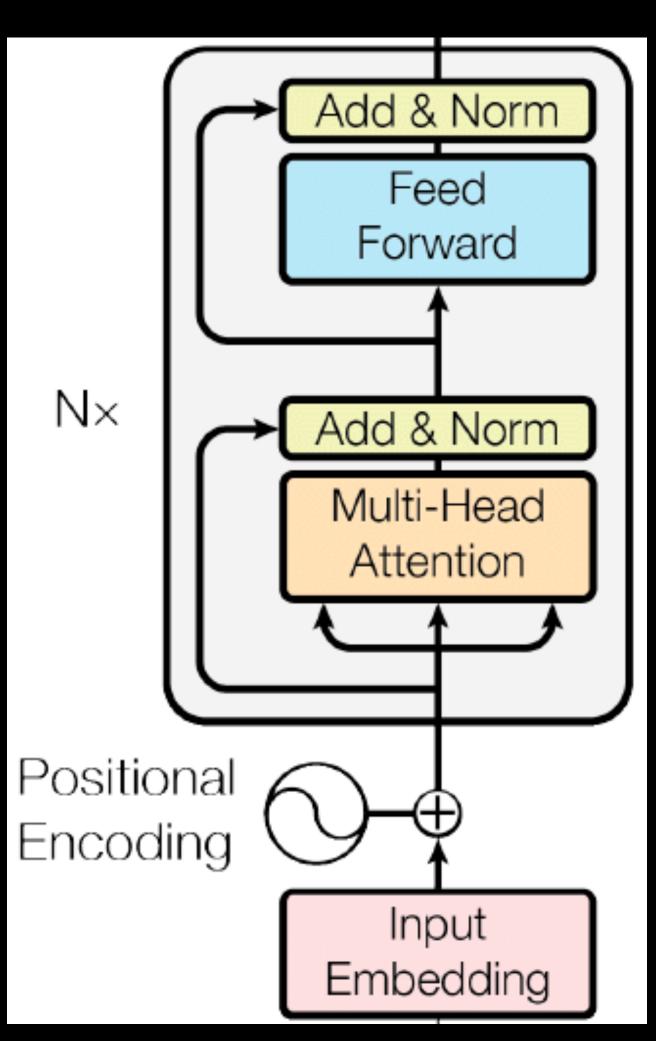
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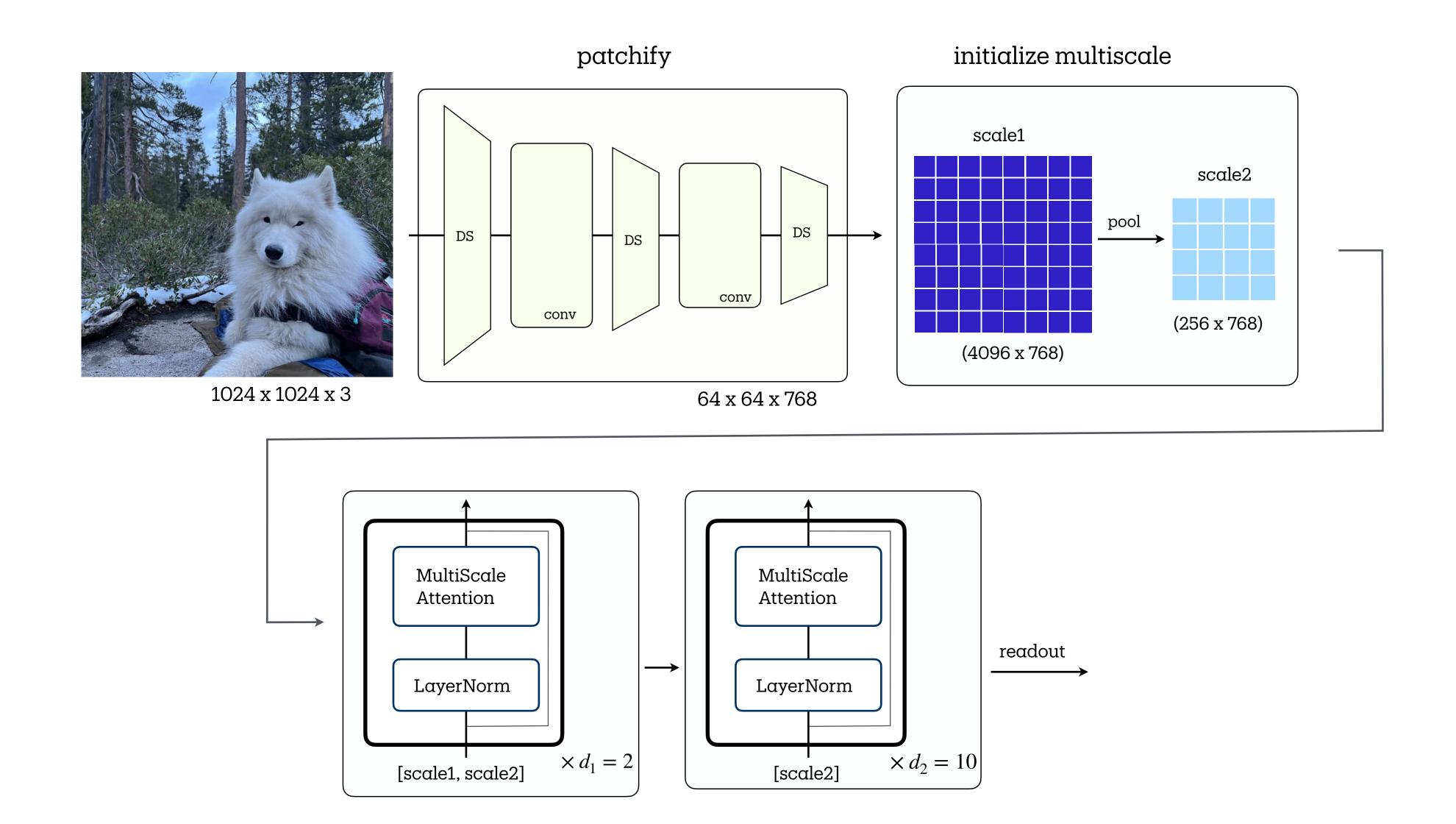
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Problem: Intractable at our scale!

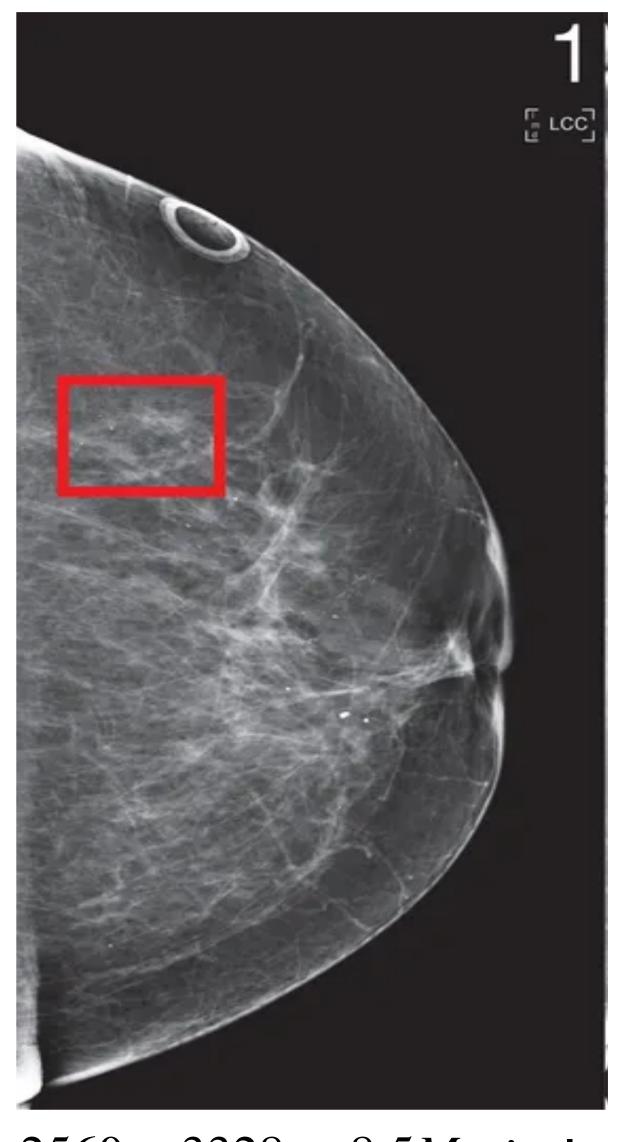
62,000 x bigger than ImageNet
3.9 billion times
more compute expensive

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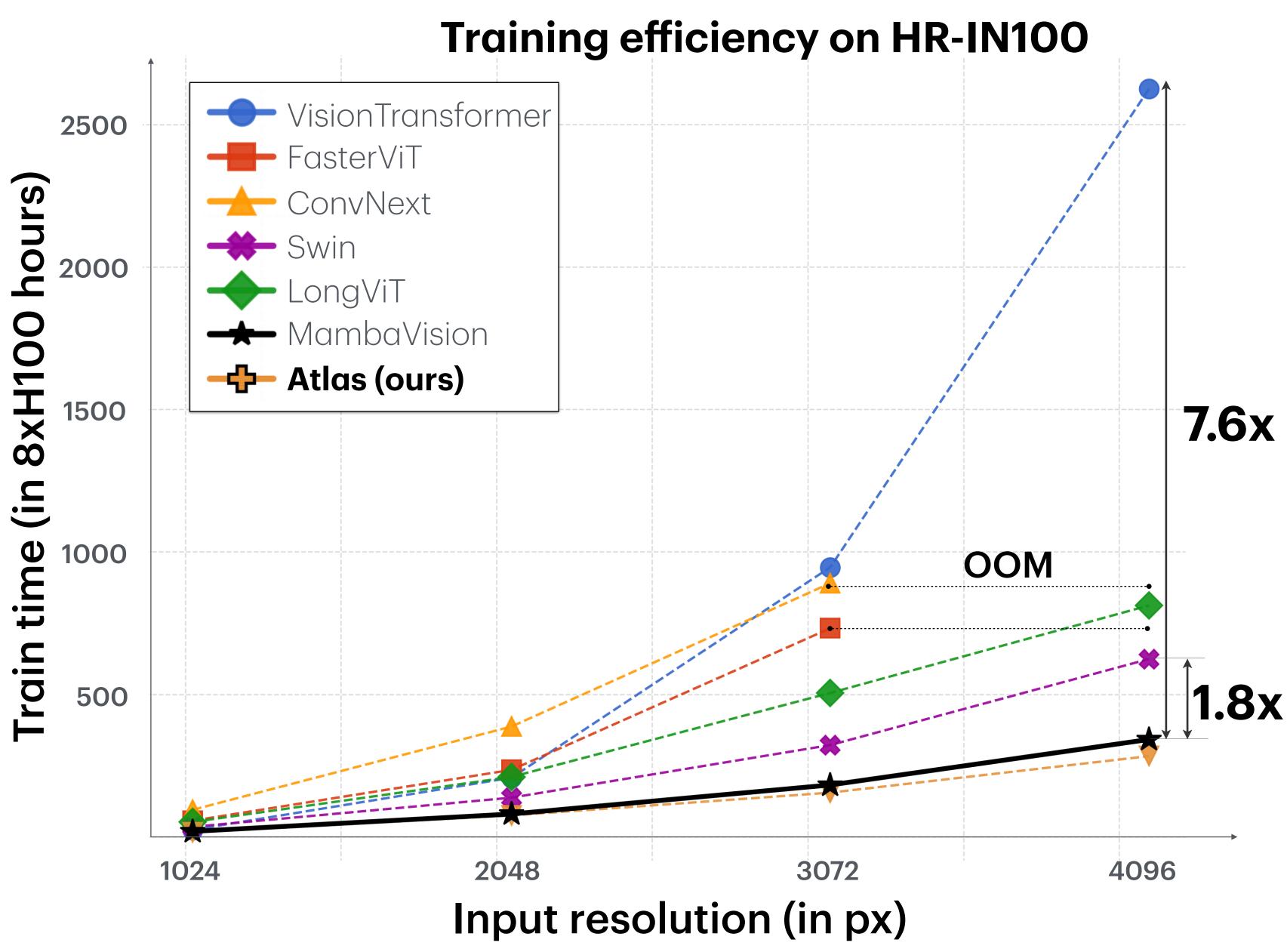
# Atlas: Overview



#### Computational Efficiency

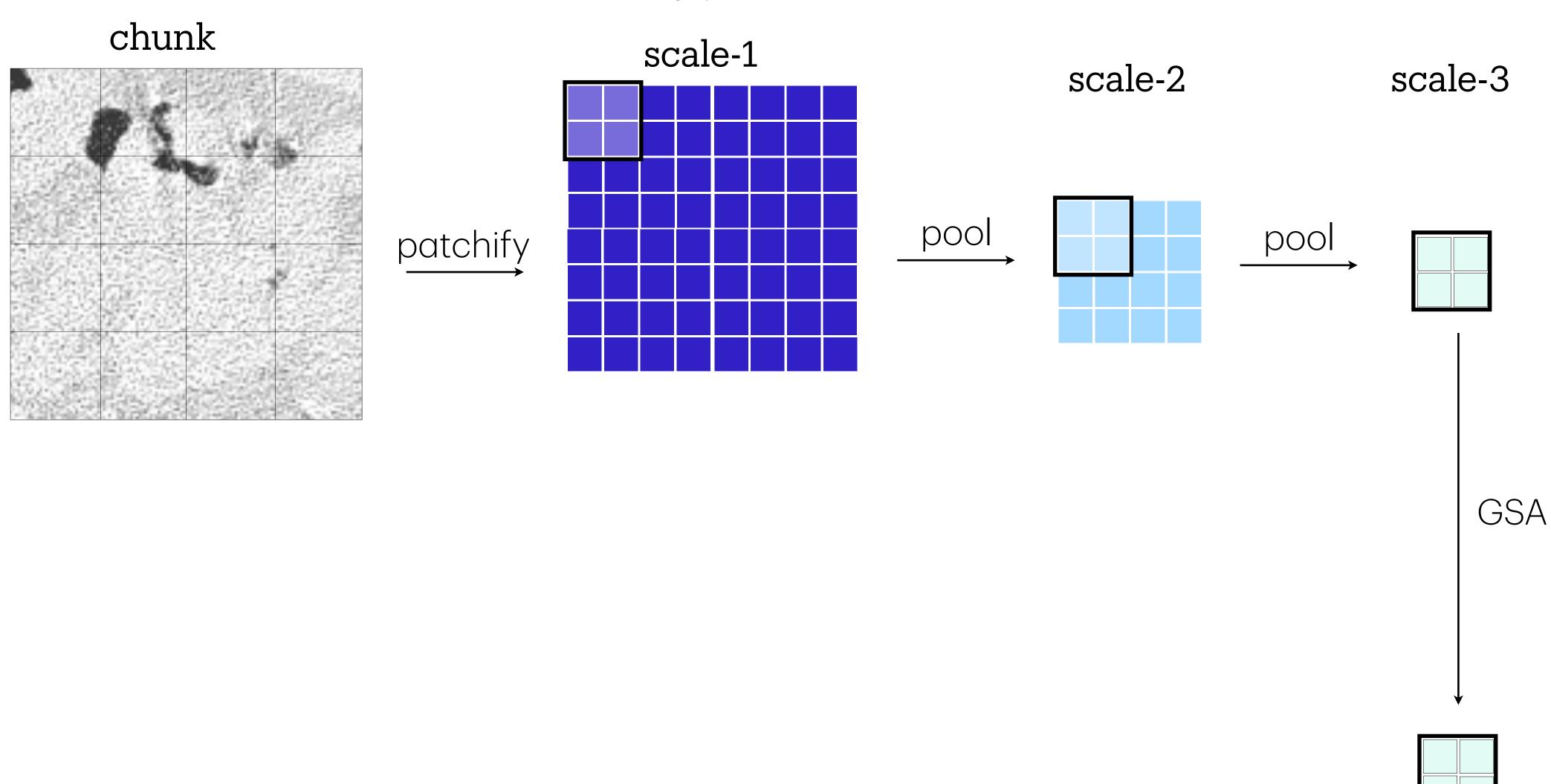


 $2560 \times 3328 \sim 8.5M$  pixels

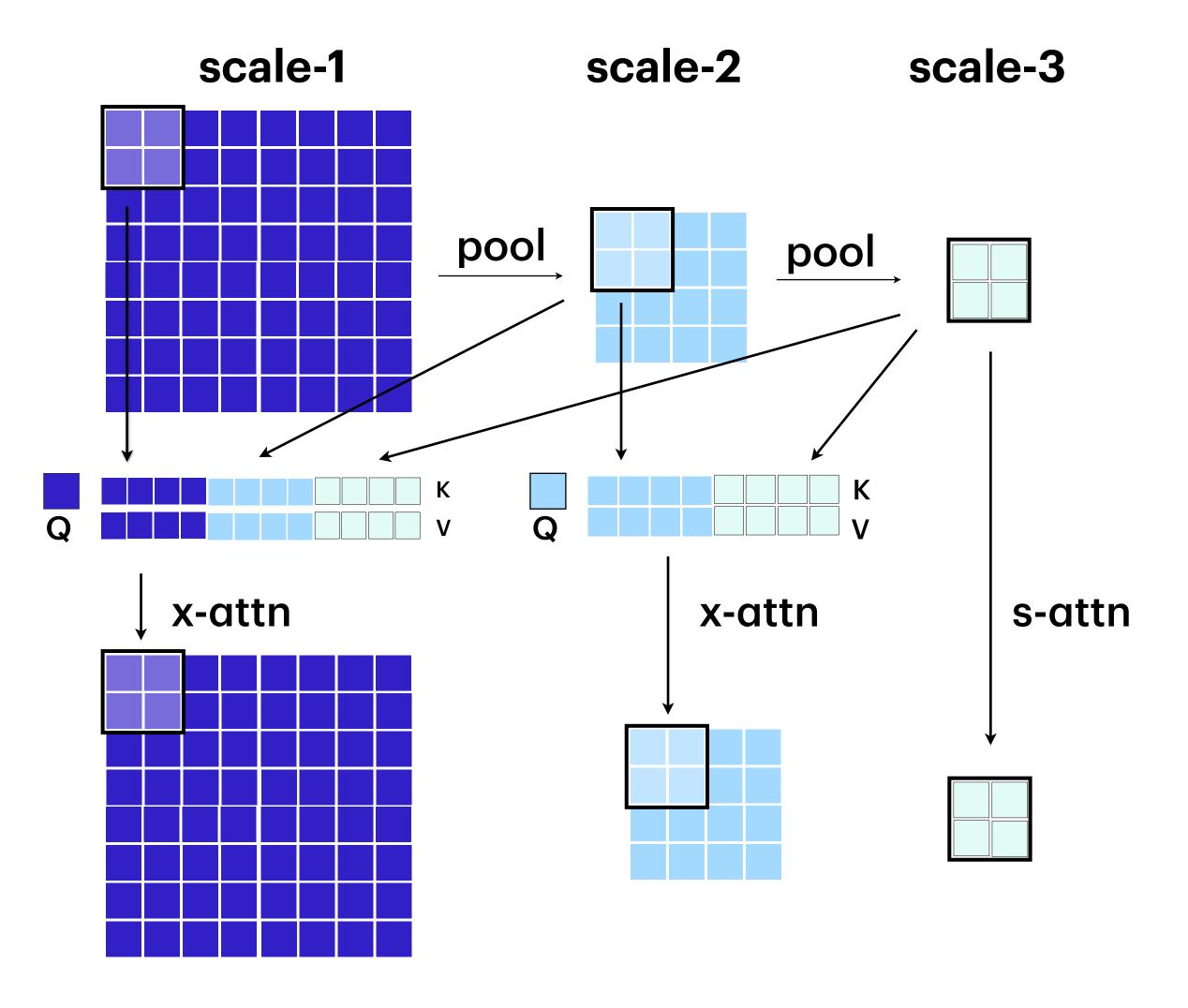


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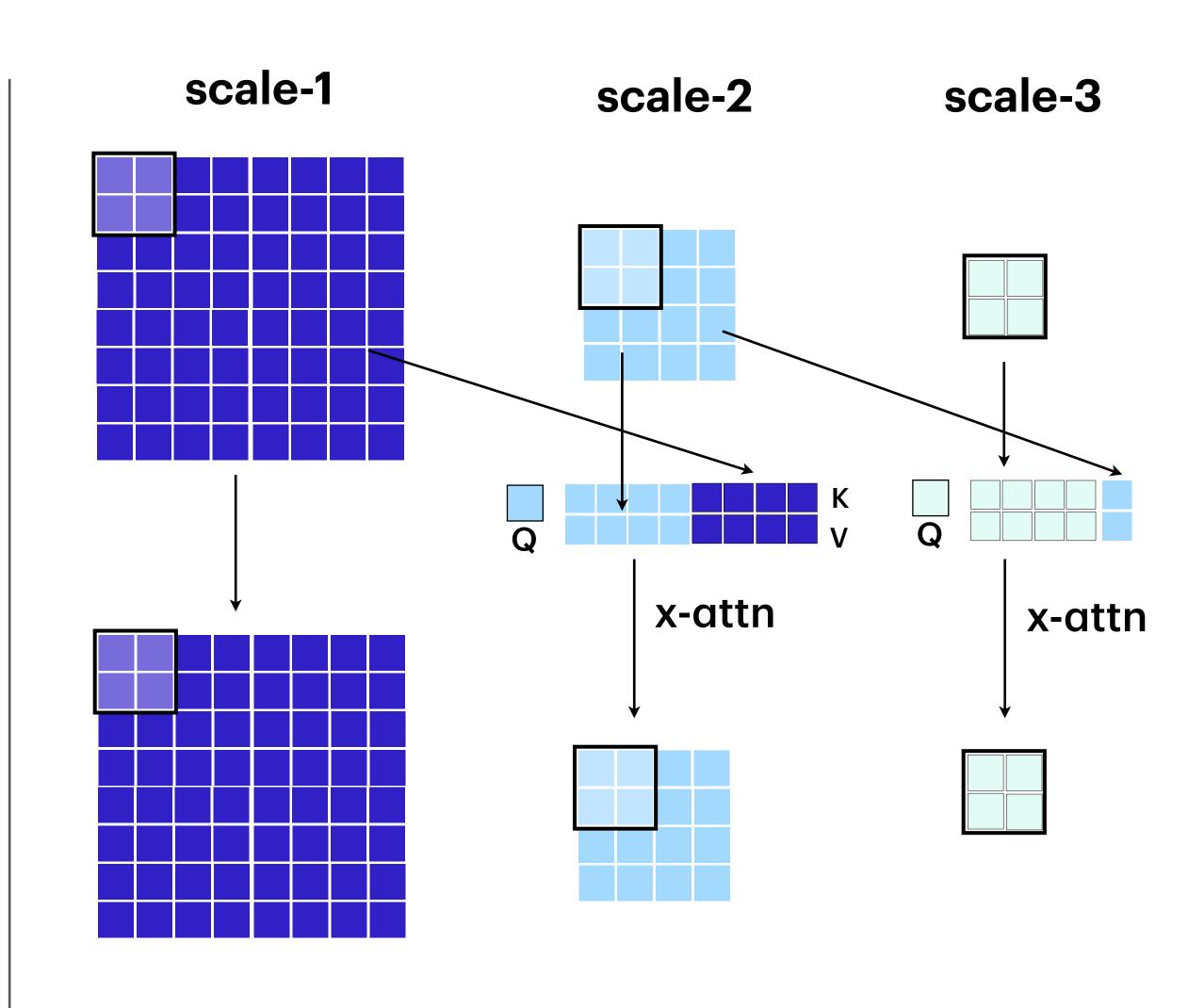
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#### Atlas with Multi-Scale Attention





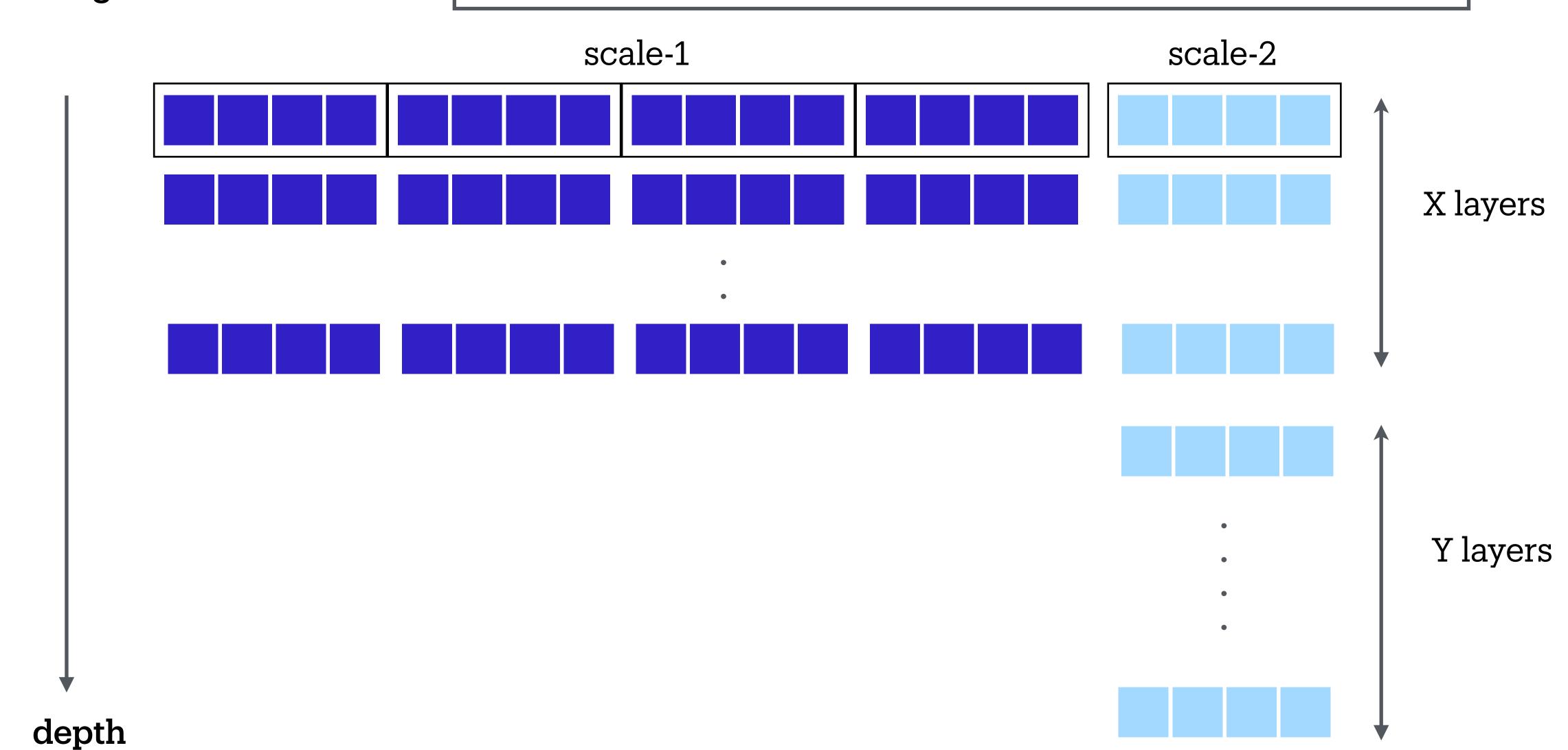


bottom-up multi-scale communication pathways

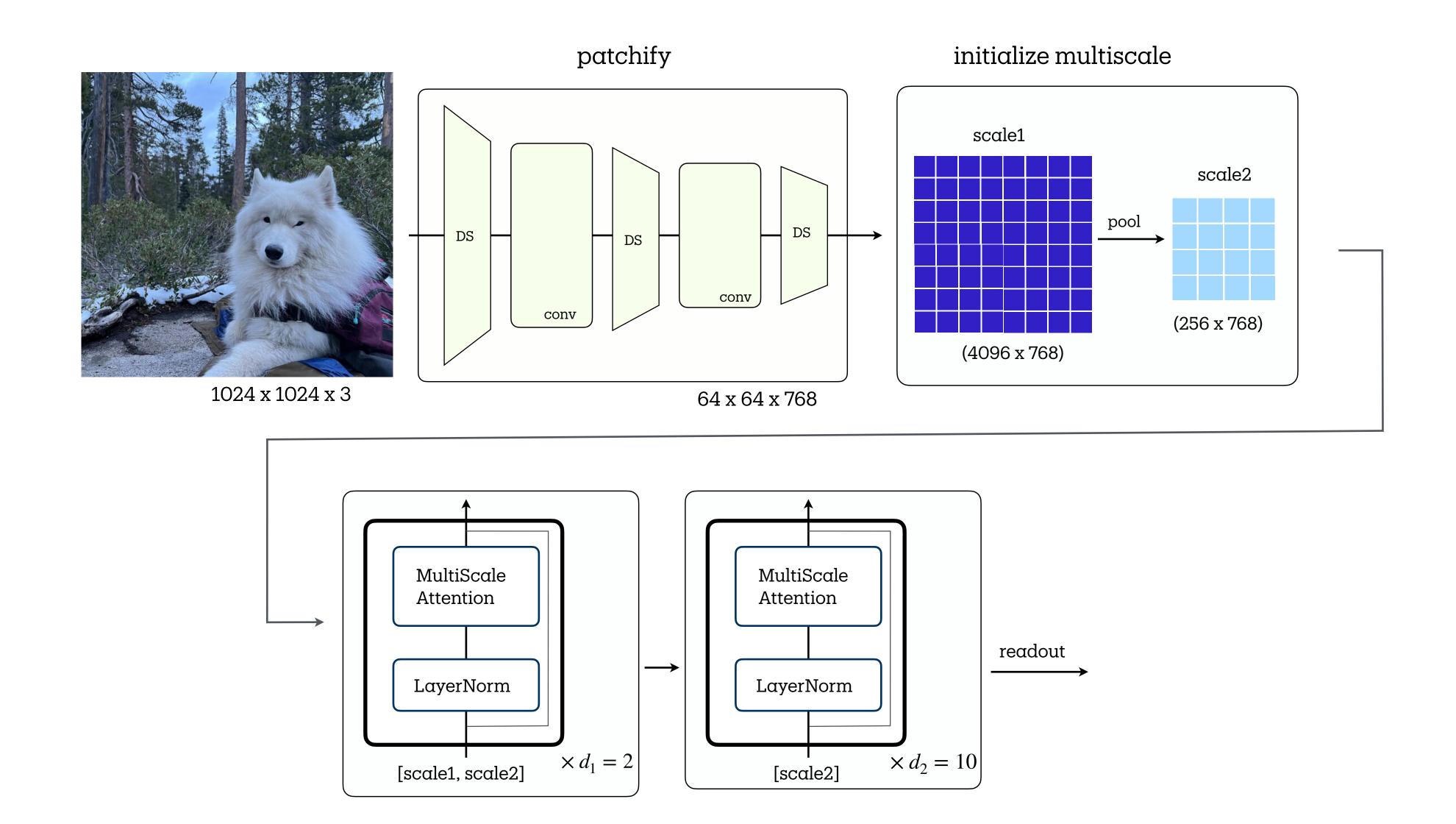
#### Atlas Architecture

configuration: dX-dY

key idea: drop early scales progressively



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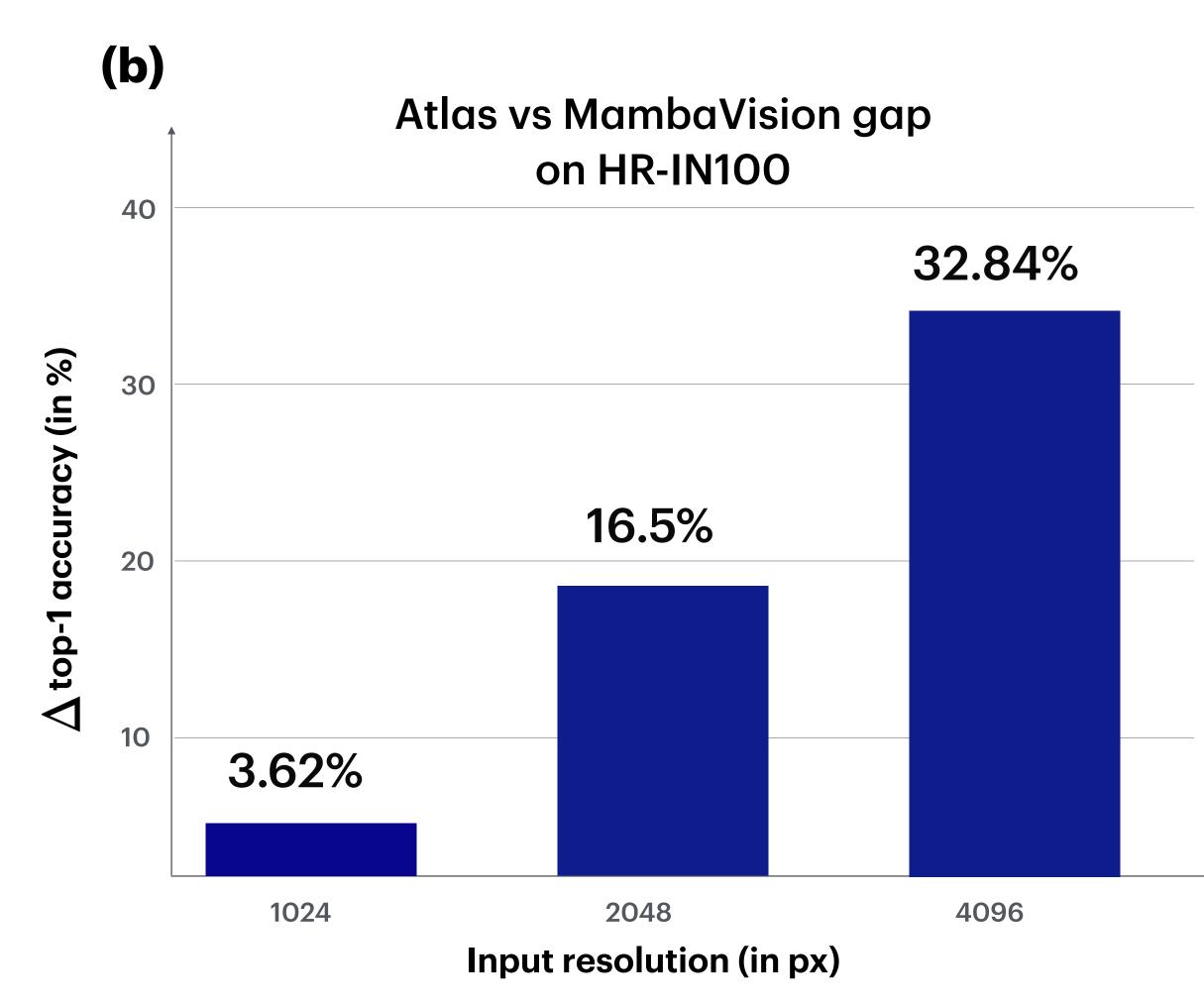


#### Performance Comparison

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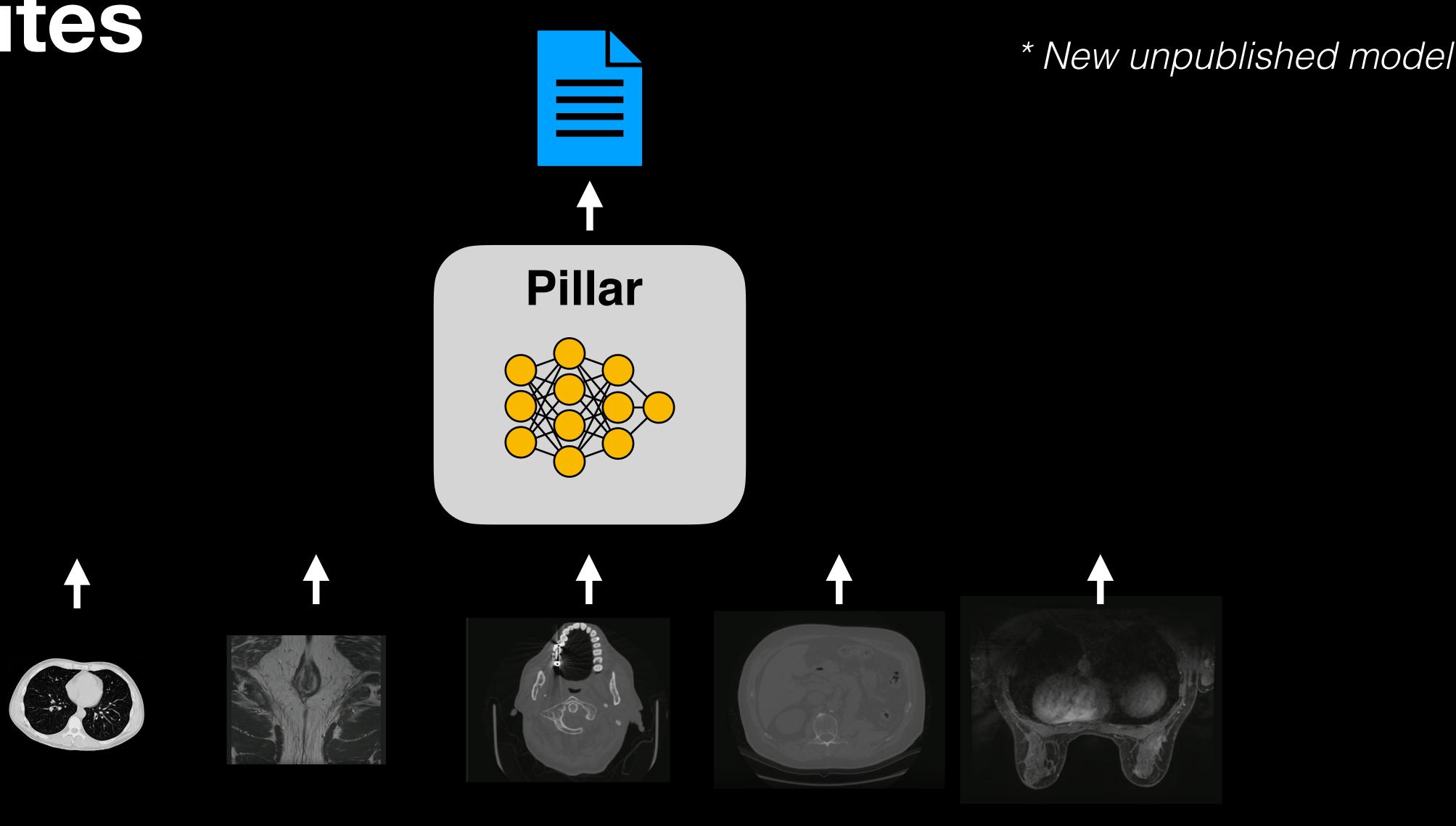
Arch	itecture	Runtime (hr) ↓	Relative speedup ↓	<b>Top-1 Acc.</b> (%) ↑
Transformer	ViT-B	26.77	1.15x	90.66
	Swin-B	37.25	1.6x	90.89
	FasterViT-4	68.31	$2.9 \times$	83.66
	LongViT-B	52.23	$2.2 \times$	86.08
Convolutional	ConvNext-B	100.11	4.3×	91.92
Mamba	MambaVision-B	22.69	0.98×	84.86
<b>Multi-Scale</b>	Atlas-B	23.12	1.00×	91.04

Comparison of vision backbones on 1024x1024 image resolution on the HR-IN100 benchmark. Each model is evaluated on runtime (in hours), relative speed compared to Atlas, and Top-1 accuracy (in %). All models are base scale and were trained for 320 epochs until convergence on single 8 × H100 GPU node.



## Pillar: Unified pre-training across 5

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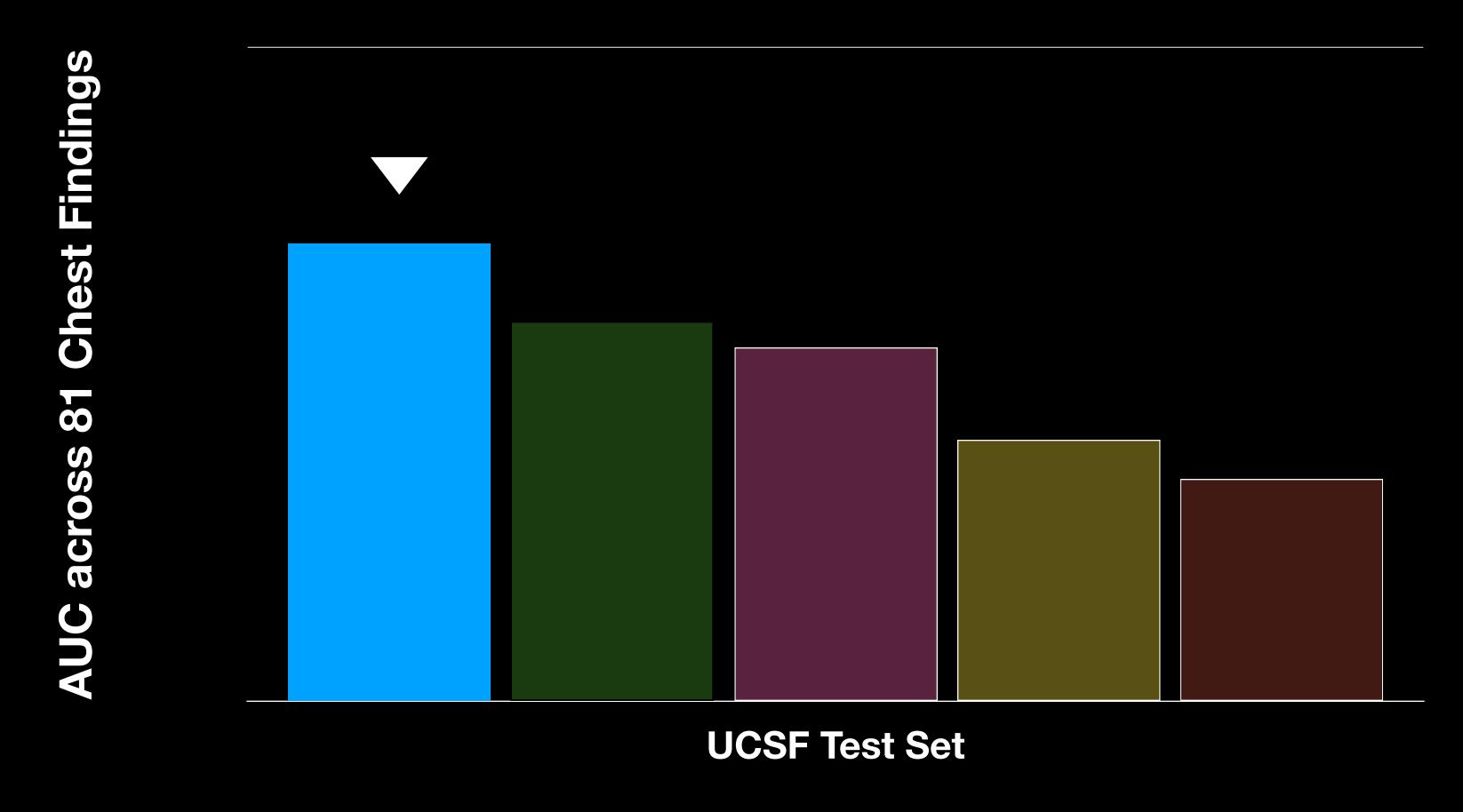


# Leaps in performance 80+ abdomen CT findings

- Pillar (Ours Berkeley/UCSF)
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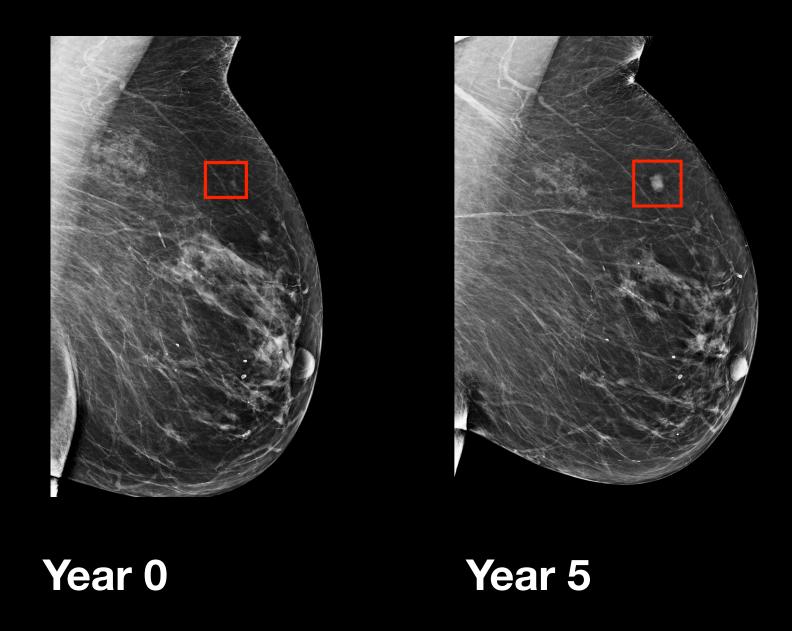
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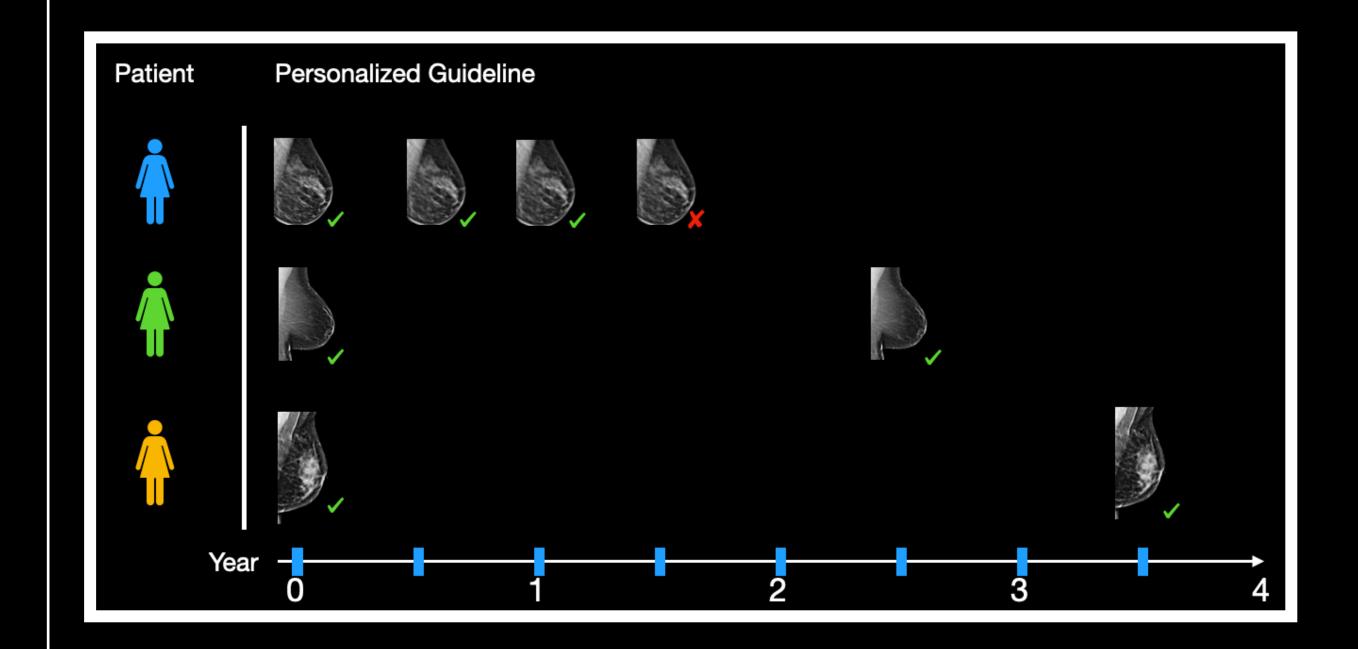
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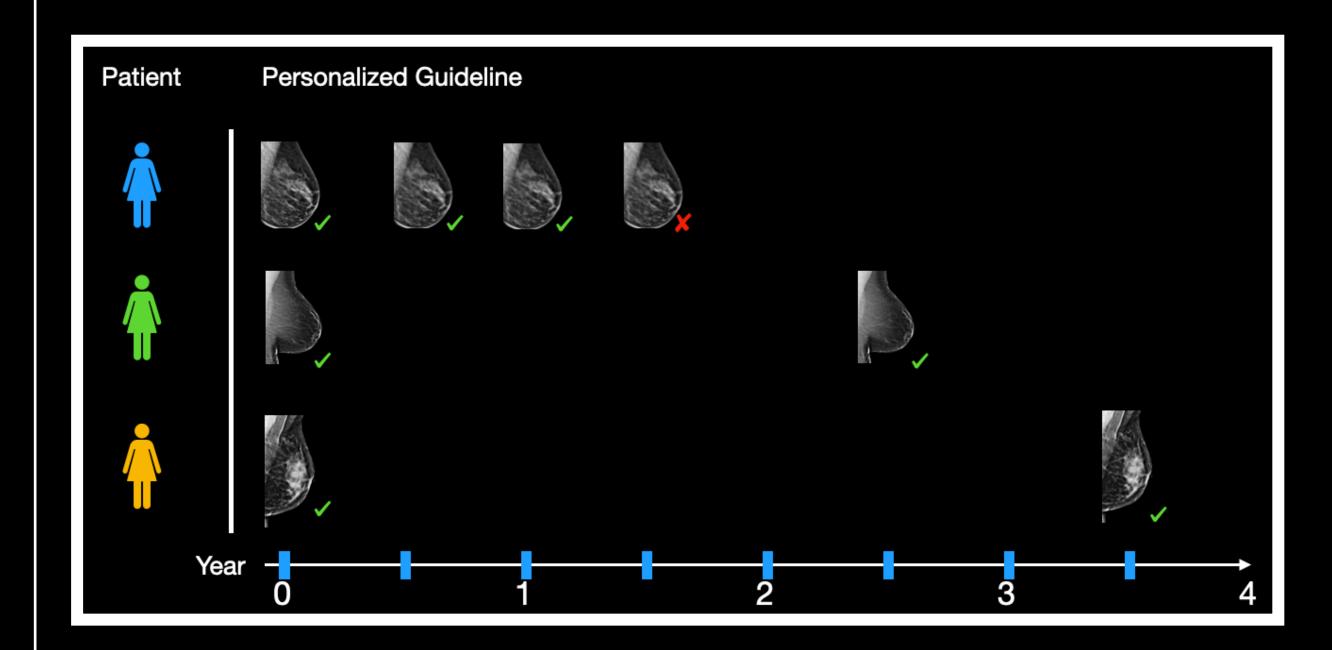
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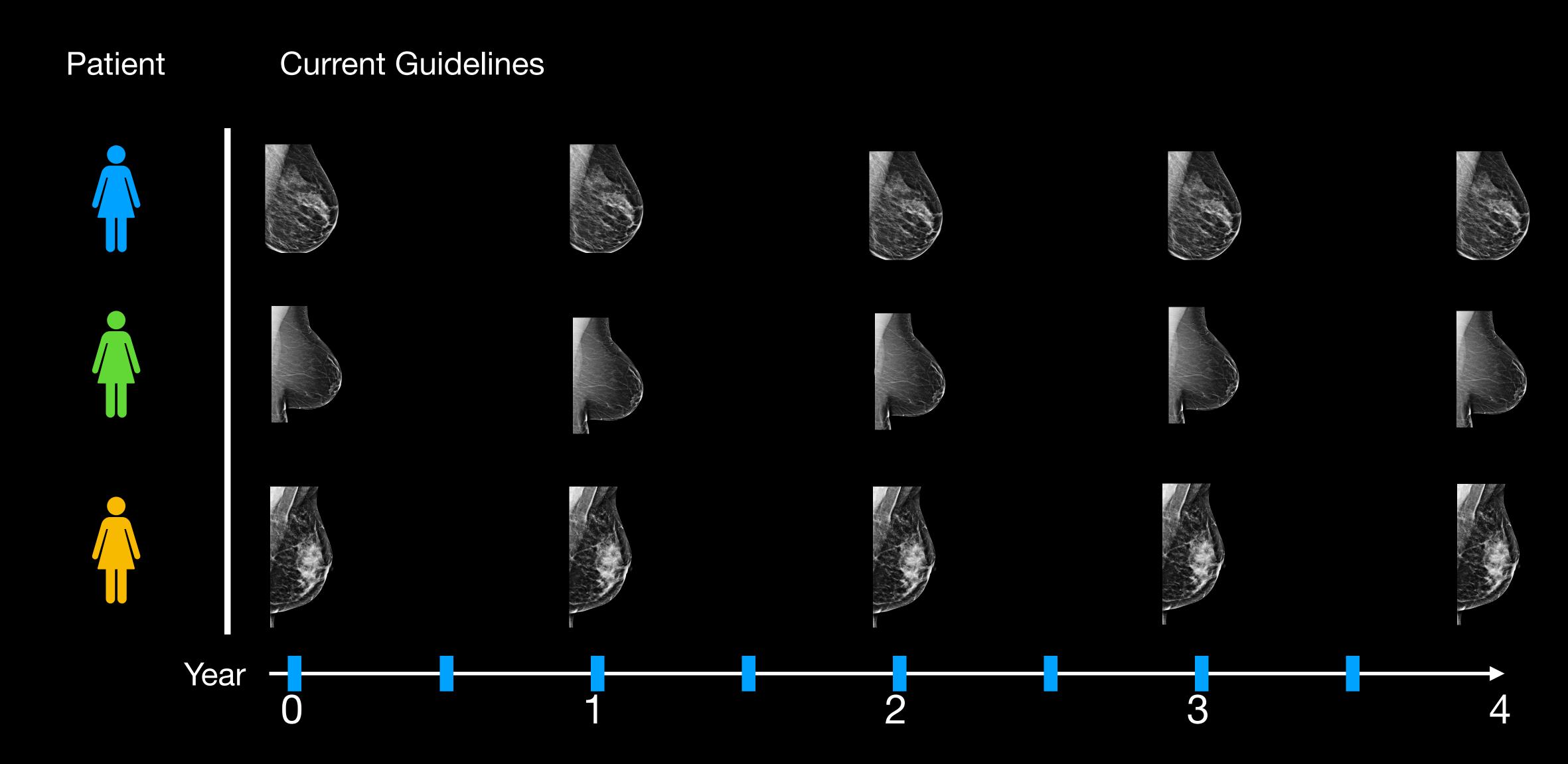
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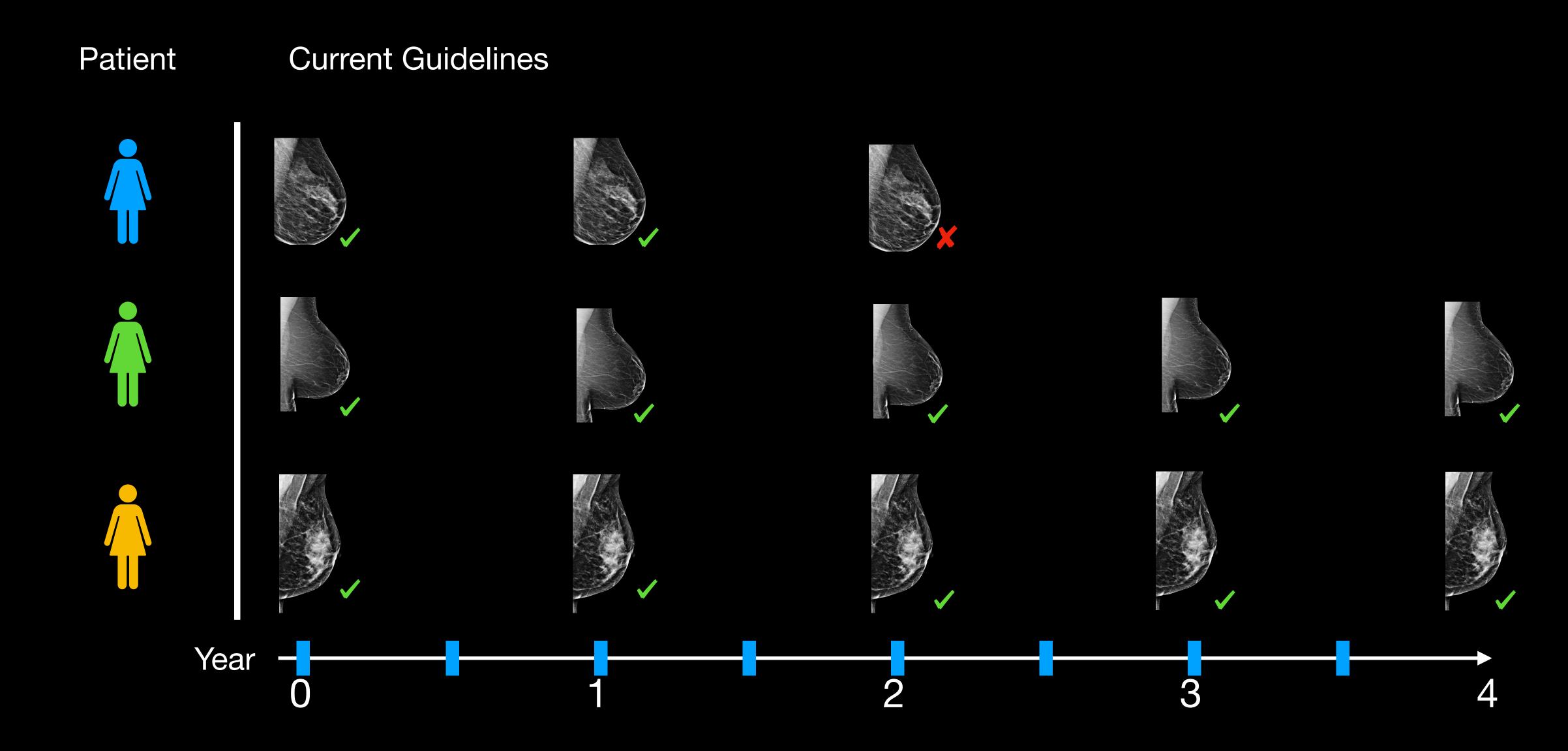
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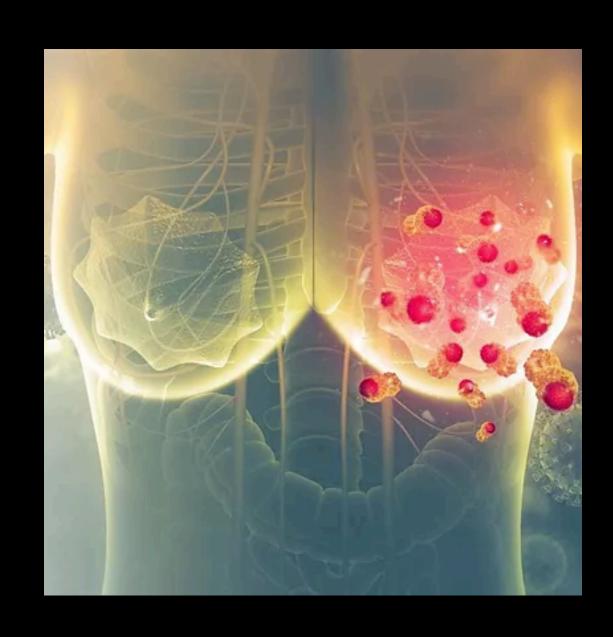
## Screening today



### Same screening, different outcomes



#### Challenges in current screening



**Late Detection** 

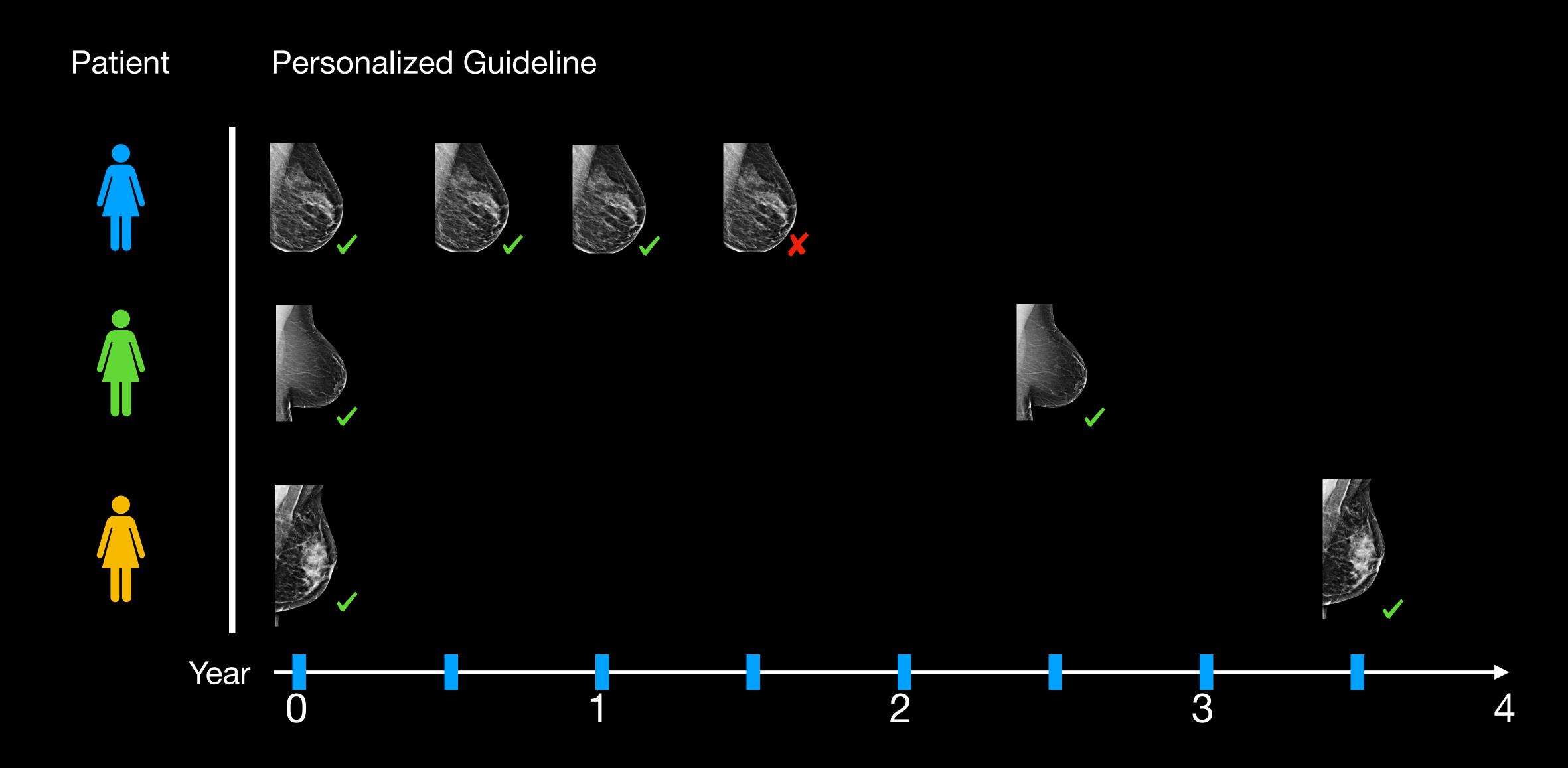


Over Screening



**Health Disparities** 

#### Tailor screening regime to patient need



#### Current processes for policy design







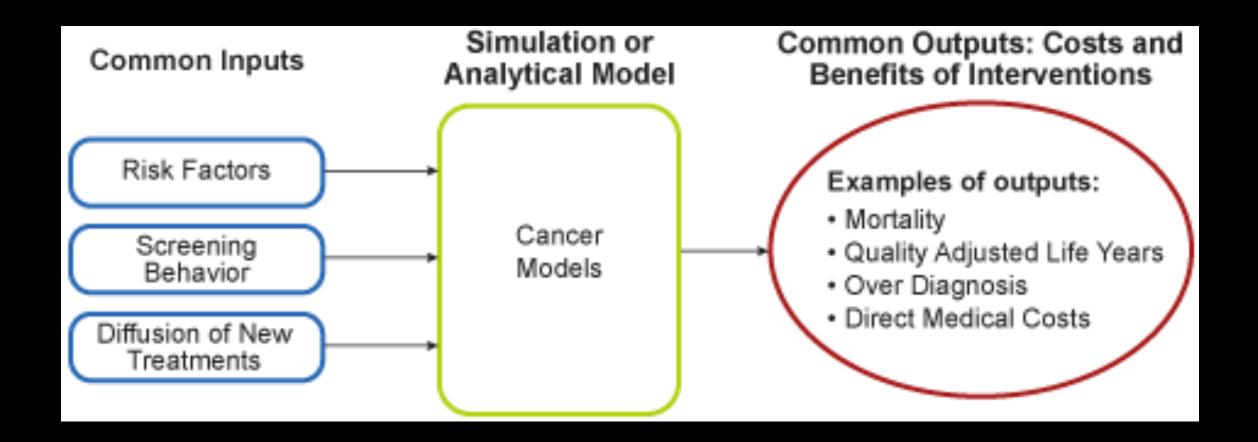
Expert panel meetings by physician organizations

Most meet every five years

Multiple conflicting one-size fits all guidelines

No explicit validation across populations. Health disparities grow

#### Modeling for clinical guidelines



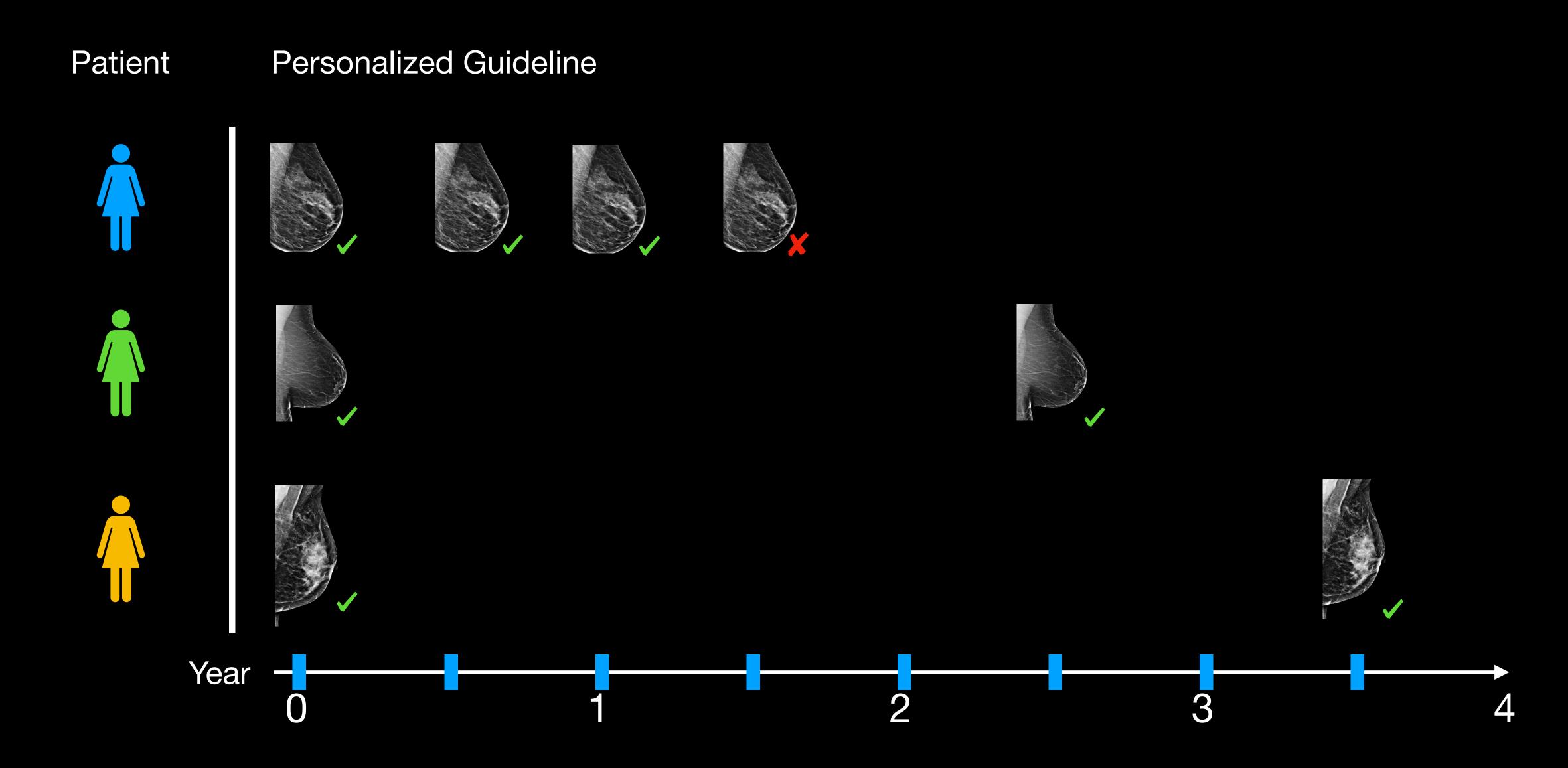
Assume full probabilistic models of disease

Simulate hypothetical patients under screening strategies

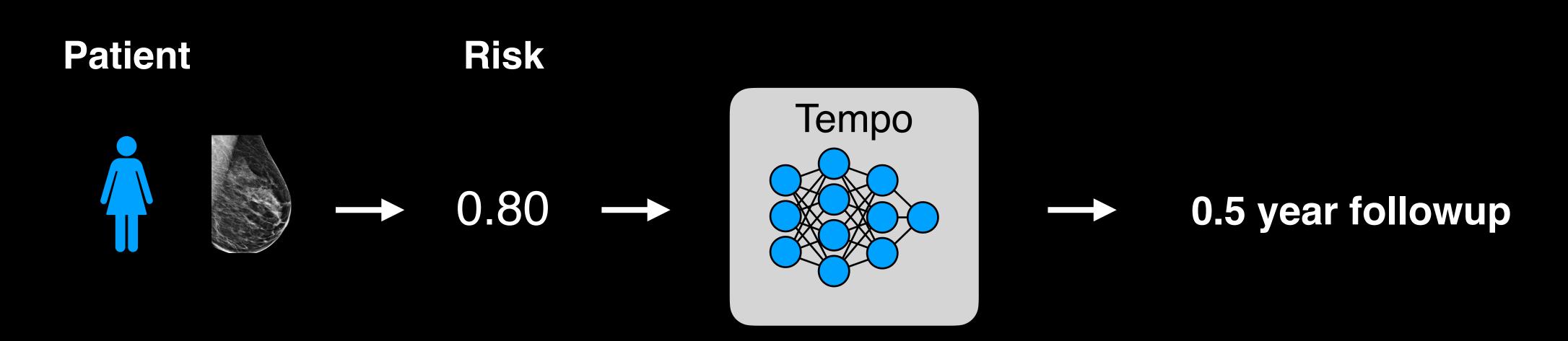
Suggest "correct" trade-off

Cannot incorporate new risk models or evaluated on real patients

#### Tailor screening regime to patient need



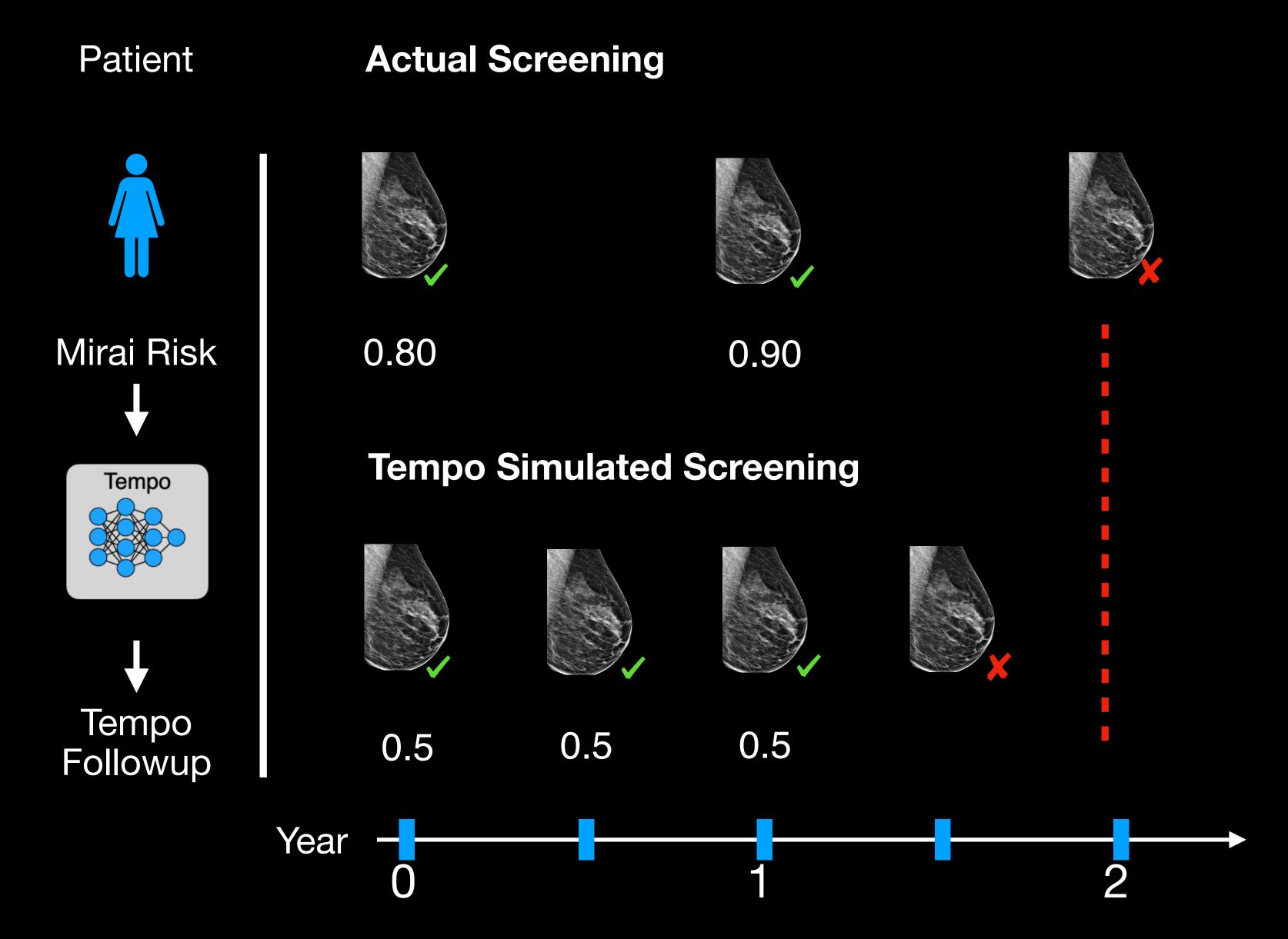
#### Policy Design as a Learning Task



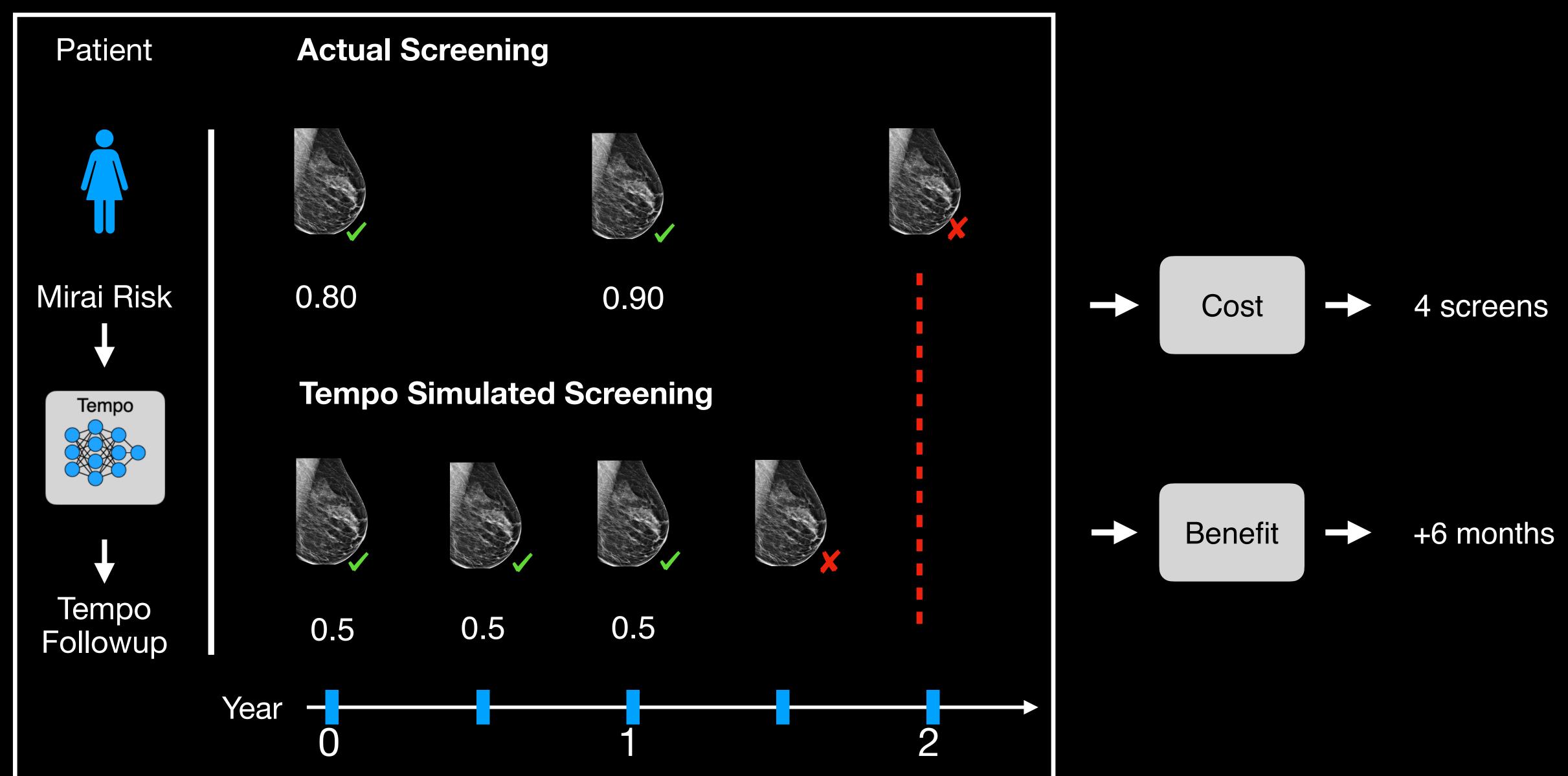
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Desiderata: Testable, Adaptive, Flexible

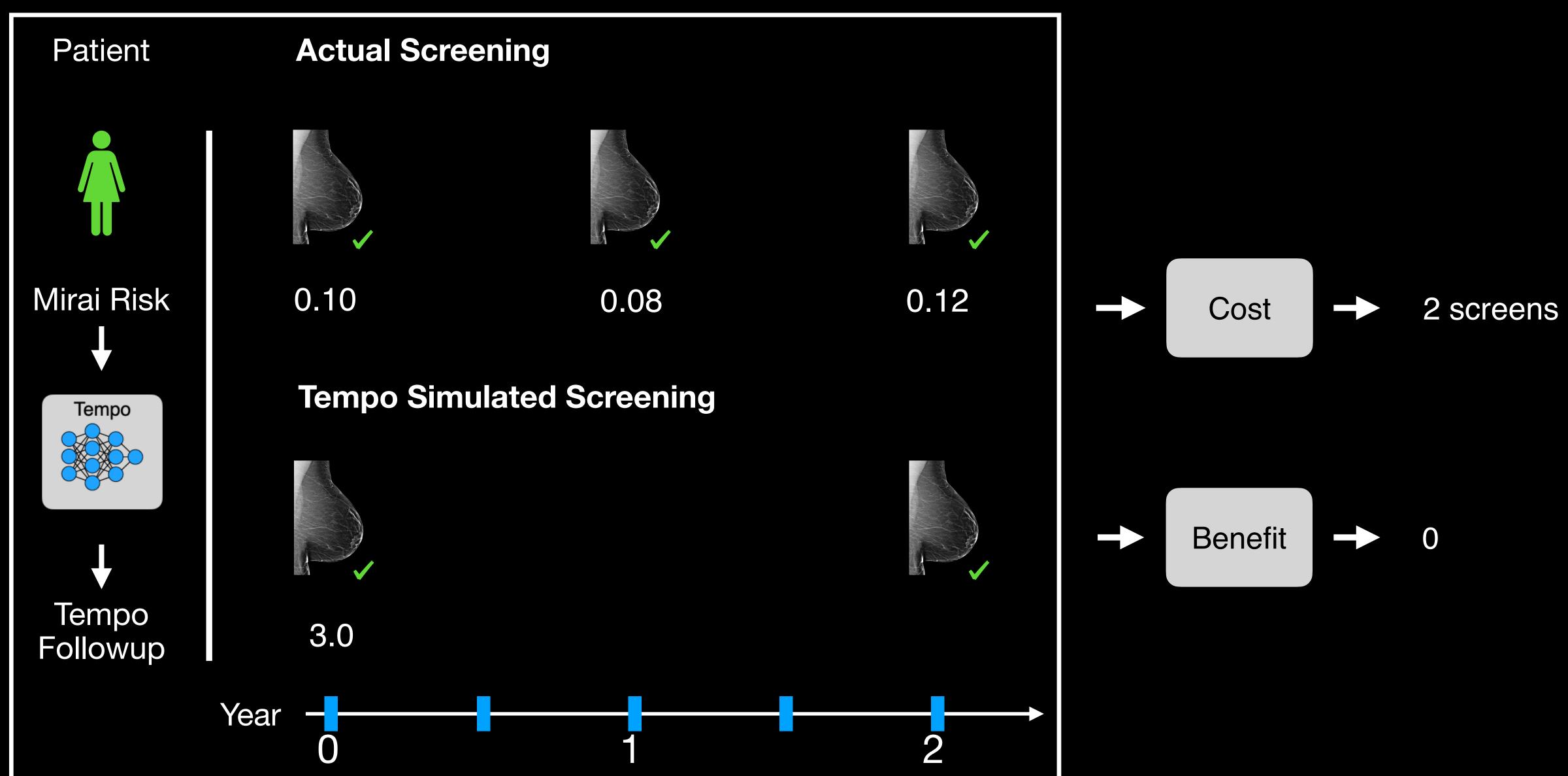
#### Simulate patient trajectories



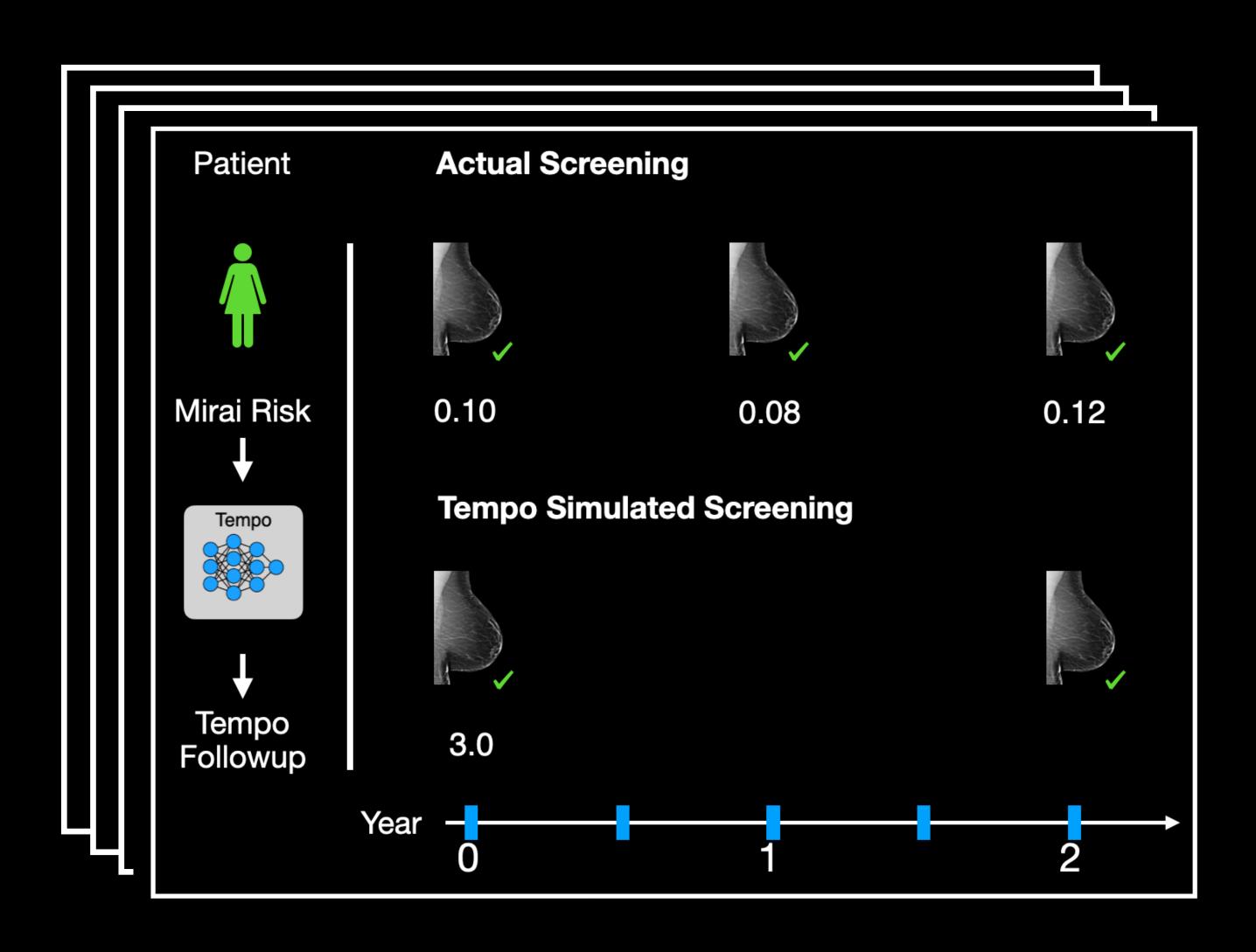
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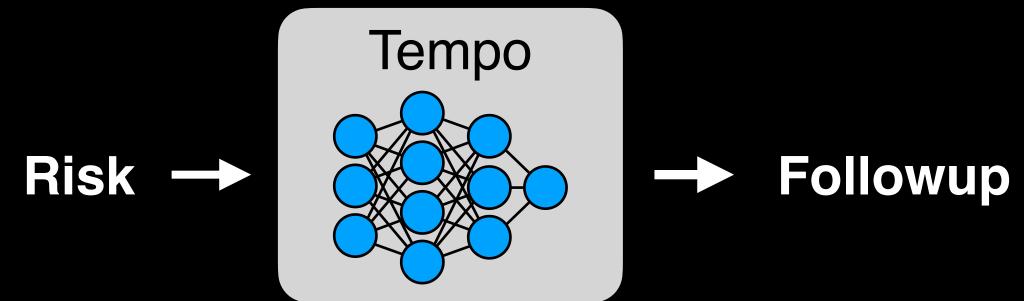


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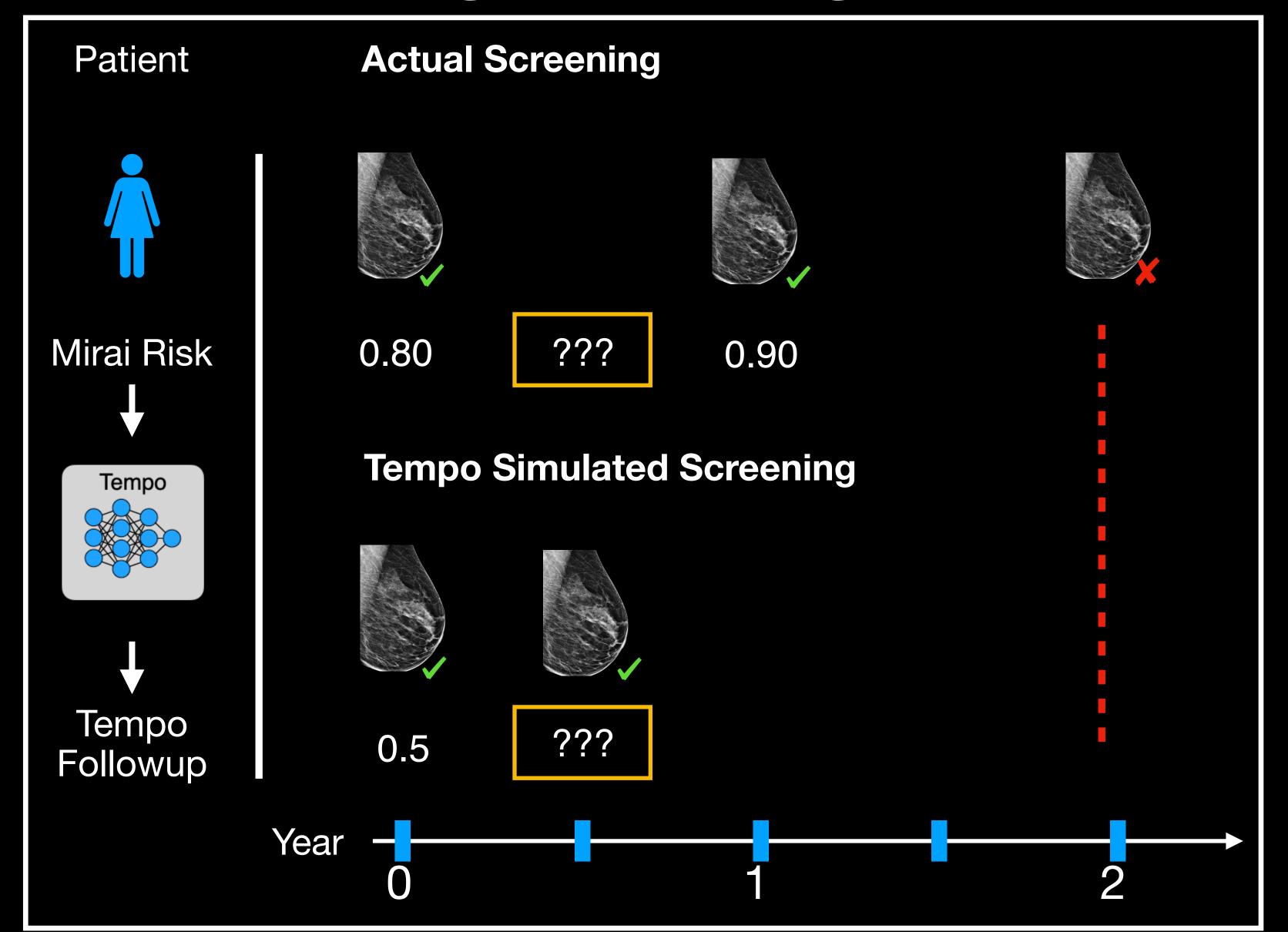


#### Optimized over population screening

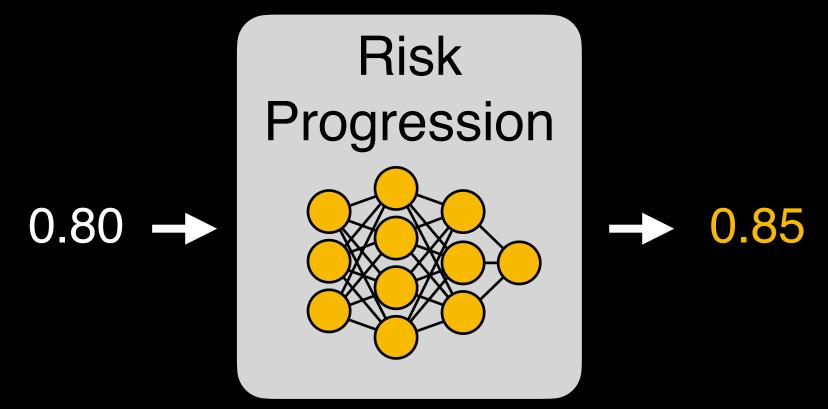




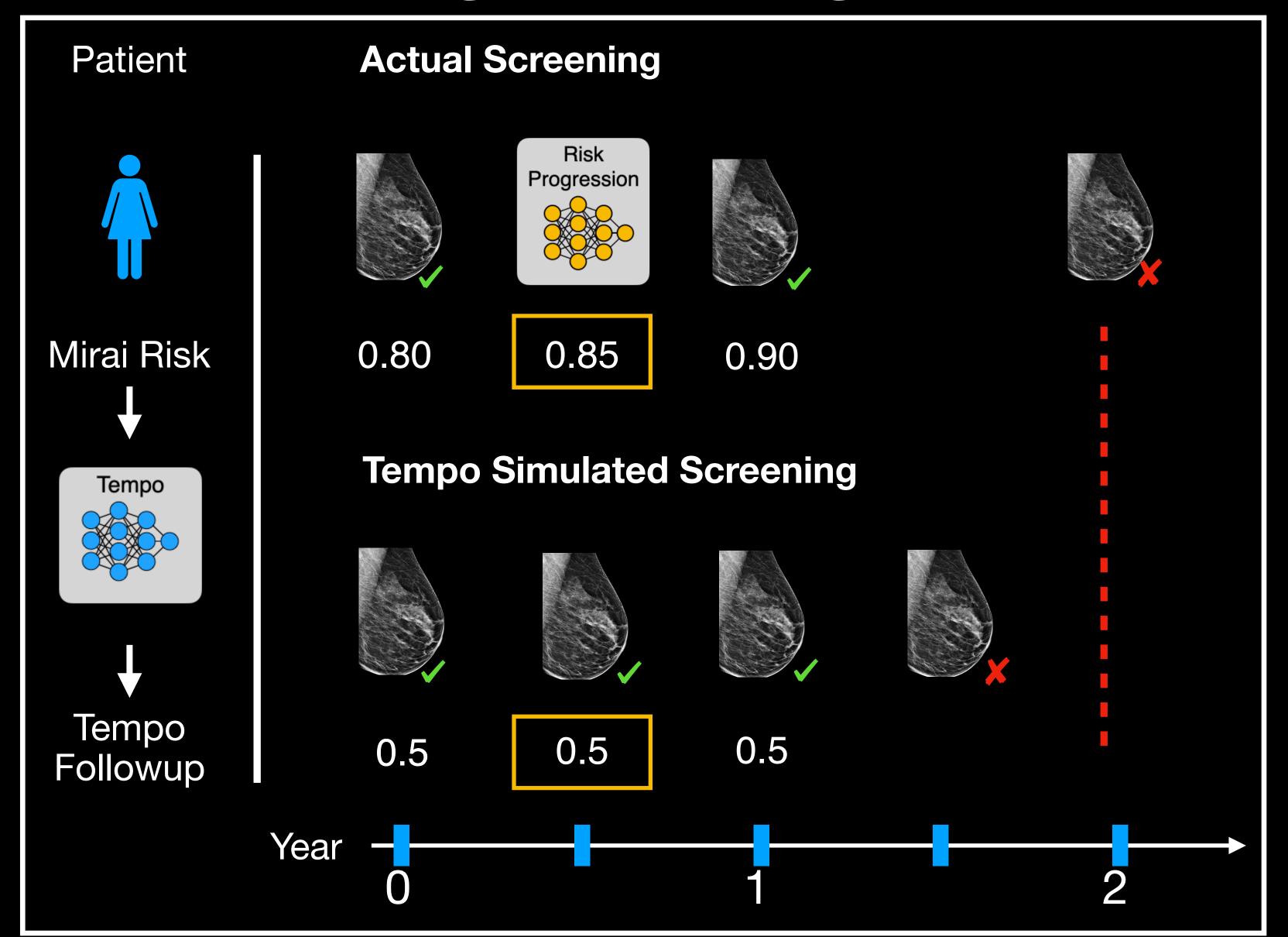
#### Estimating missing risk assessments



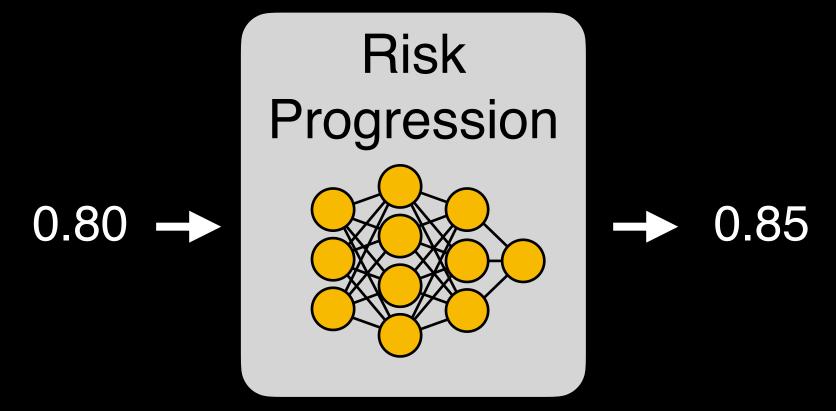
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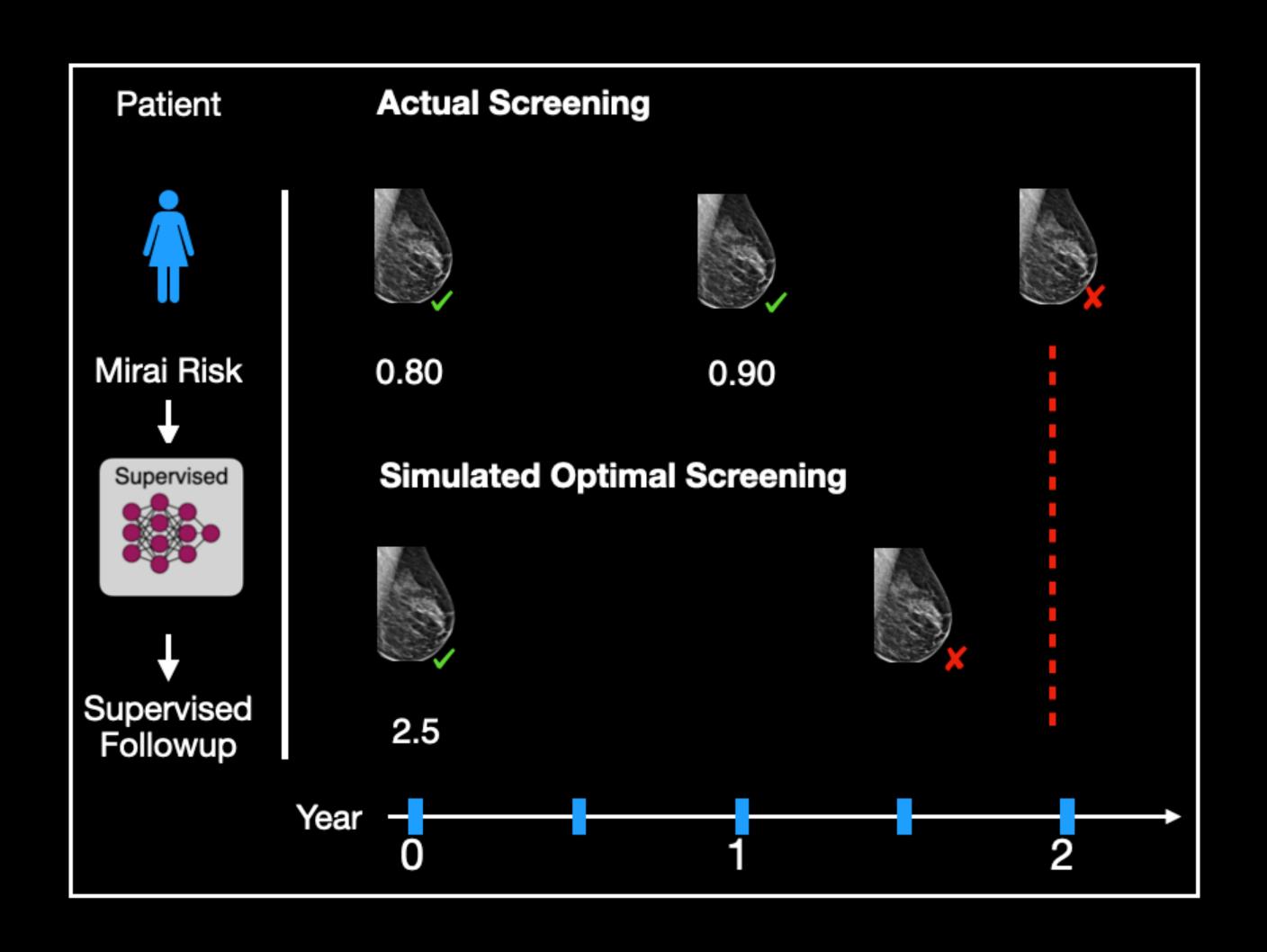
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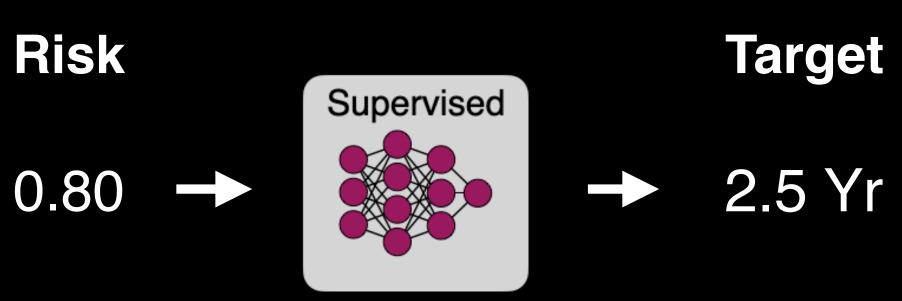


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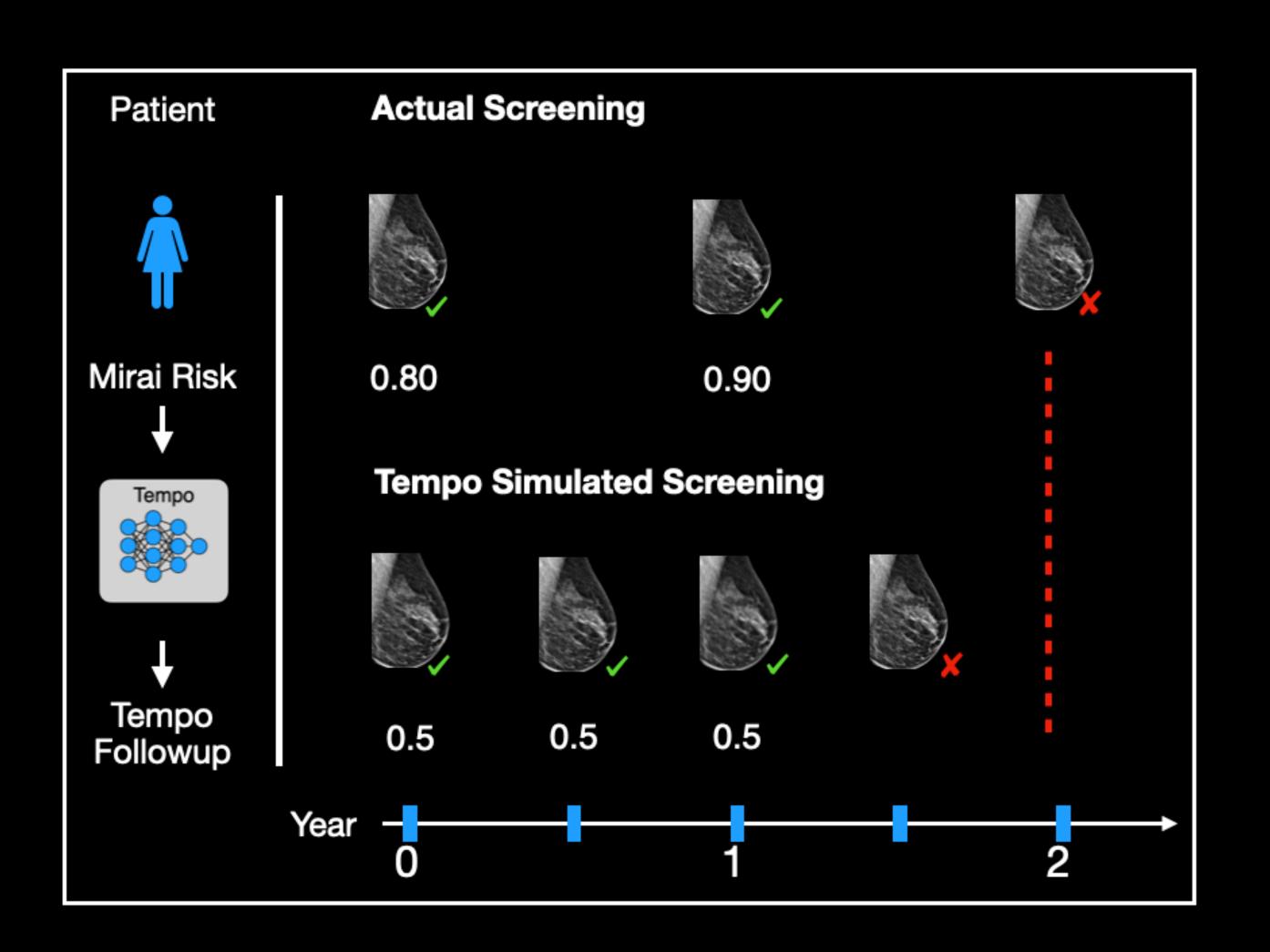
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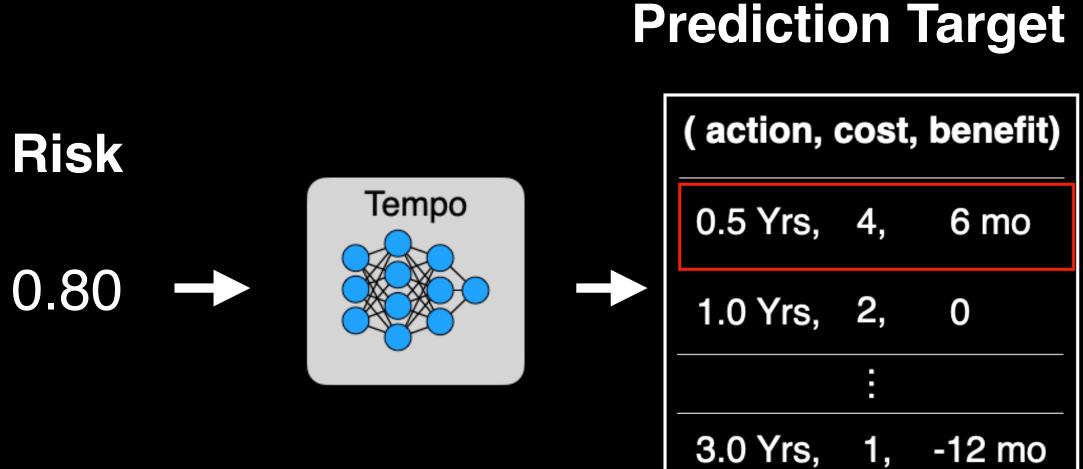




Reward = - | Prediction - Target |

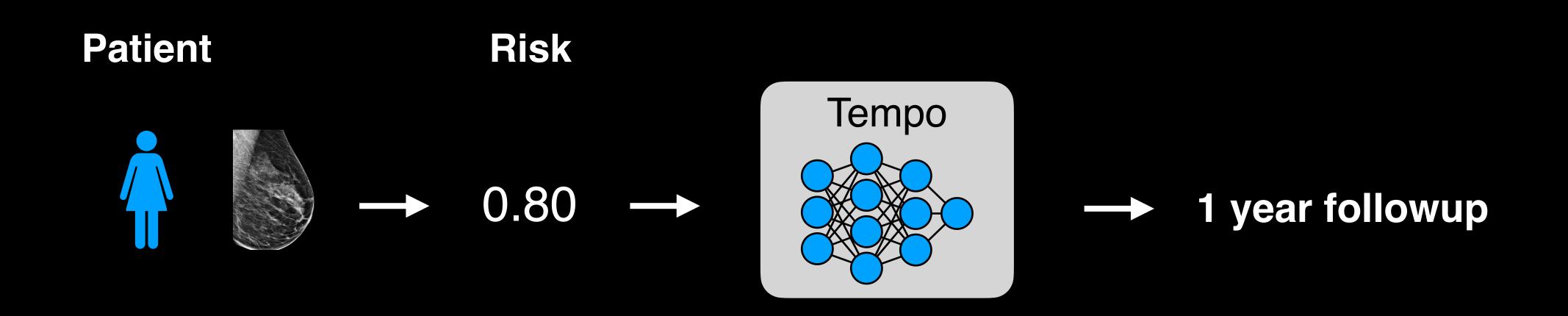
#### Tempo: Policy Design as Reinforcement Learning





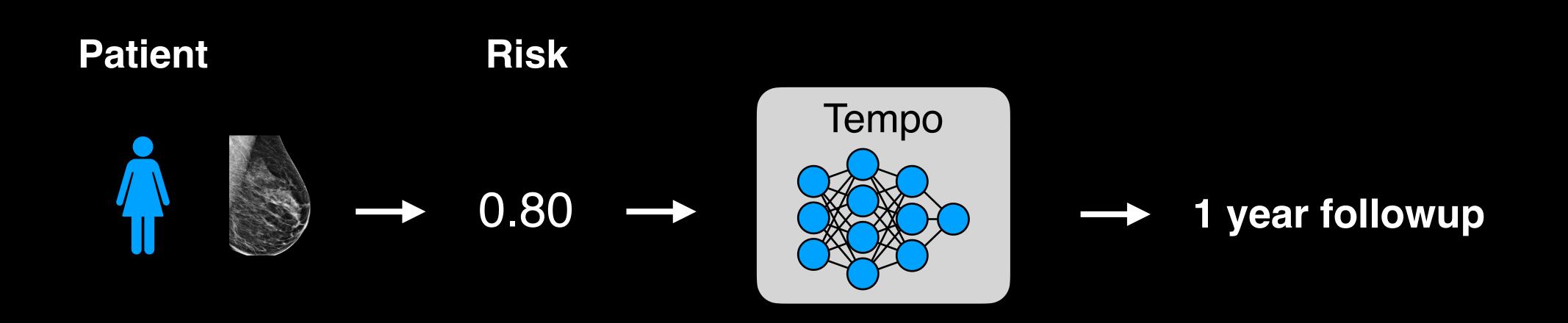
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#### Learning for a fixed preference



Reward =  $\lambda_1$  Early Detection Benefit -  $\lambda_2$ Screening Cost

#### Learning for a fixed preference: Q Learning

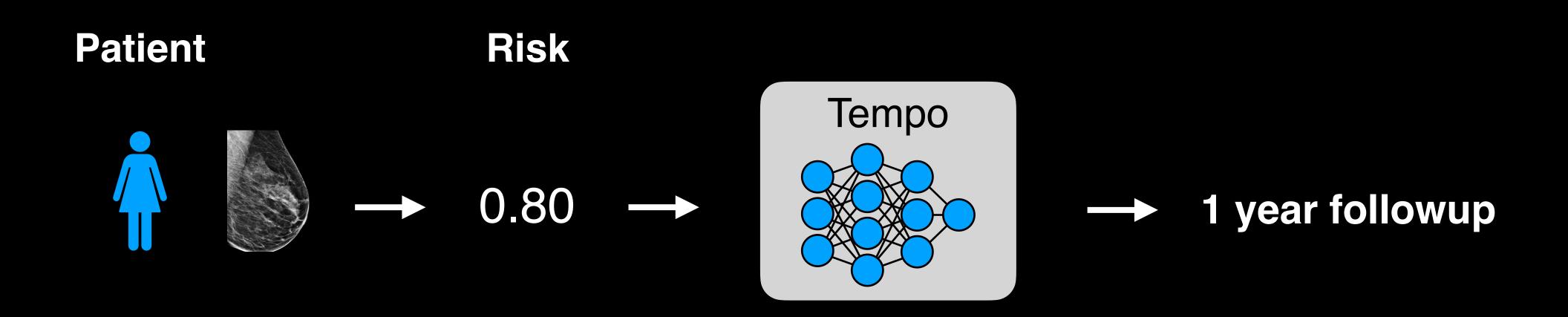


Reward =  $\lambda_1$  Early Detection Benefit -  $\lambda_2$ Screening Cost

$$Q(s, a) = R(s, a) + \gamma \max_{a} Q(s', a)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(s, a) = ||R(s, a) + \max_{a} Q(s', a) - Q(s, a)||^{2}$$

#### Tricks for stable training

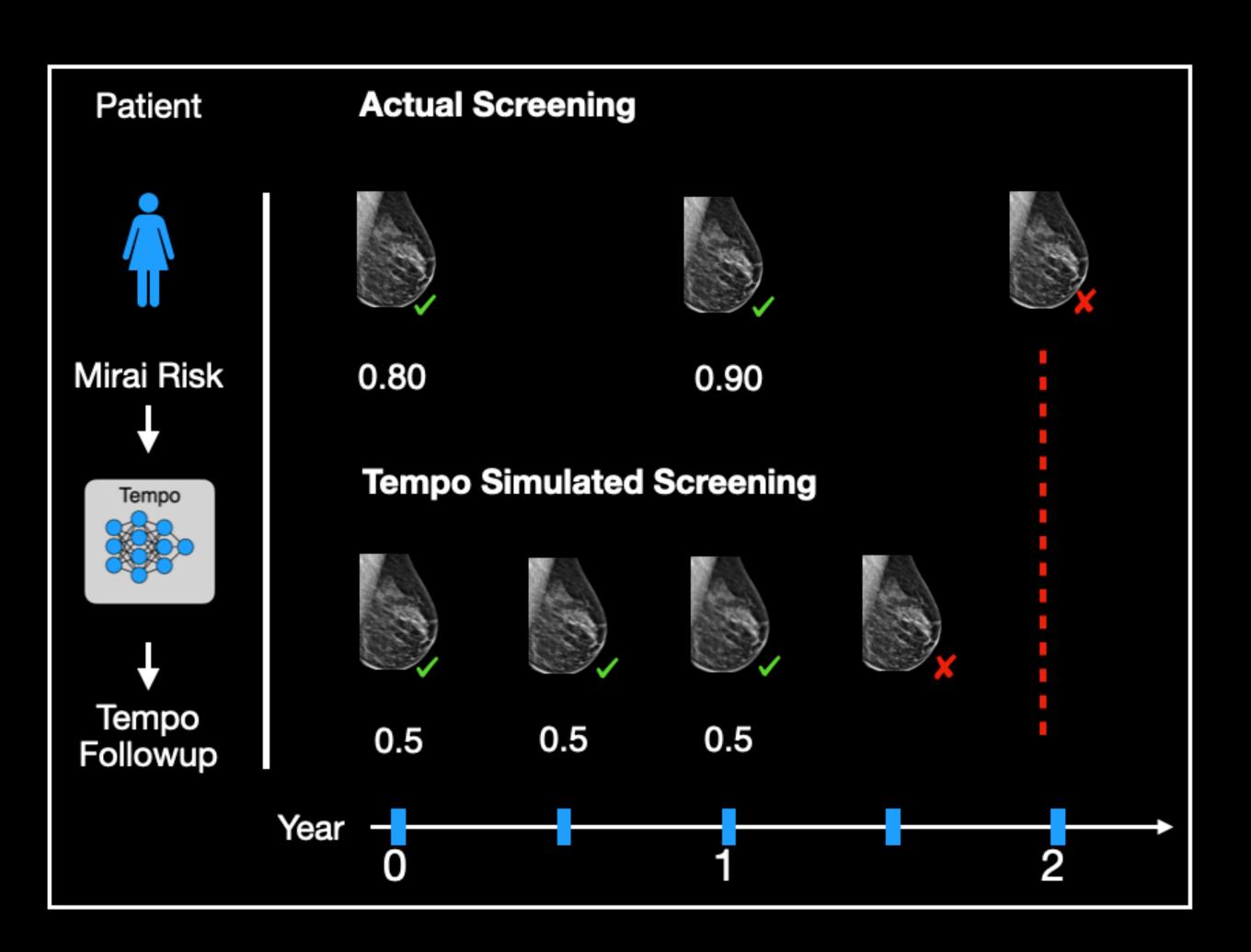


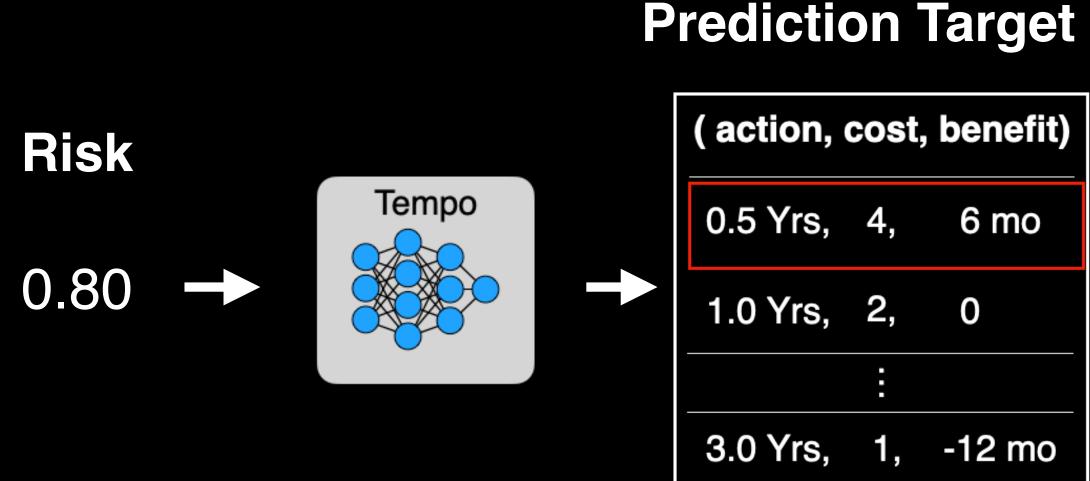
Randomly sample transitions from Experience Replay Buffers

Use slowly updated target network (i.e. copy Q every 100~ steps)

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#### Scaling to unknown preferences

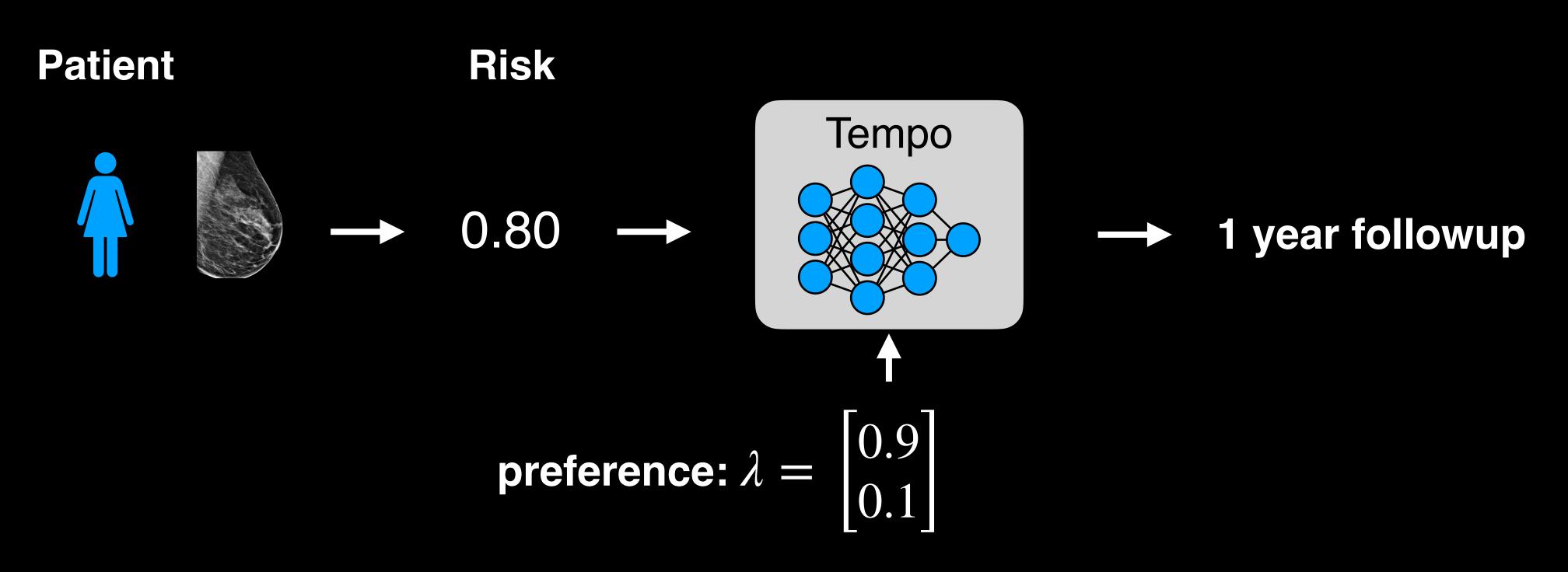




Reward =  $\lambda_1$  Benefit -  $\lambda_2$ Cost

- 1 unknown at training time
- + We have access to [Benefit, Cost]

#### Supporting diverse clinical requirements

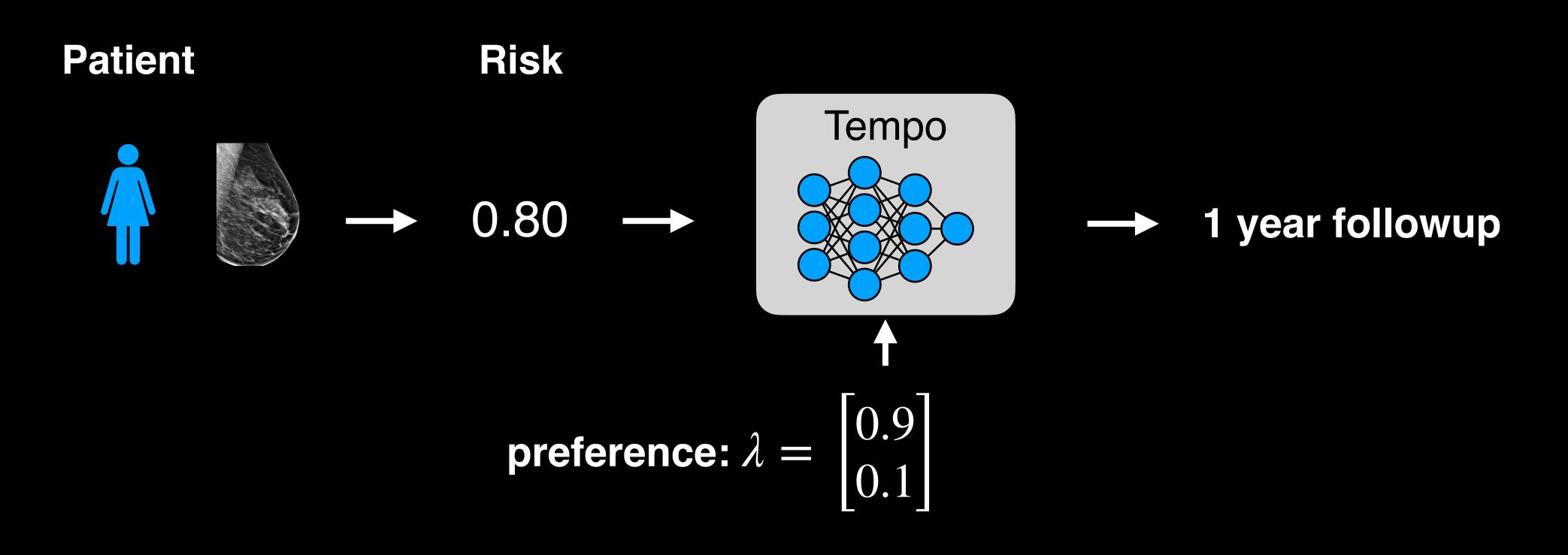


 $\vec{r}(s, a) = [Early Detection, Screening Cost]$ 

Trained across possible  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$  to maximize:

 $\lambda \cdot \vec{r} = \lambda_1$  Early Detection Benefit -  $\lambda_2$ Screening Cost

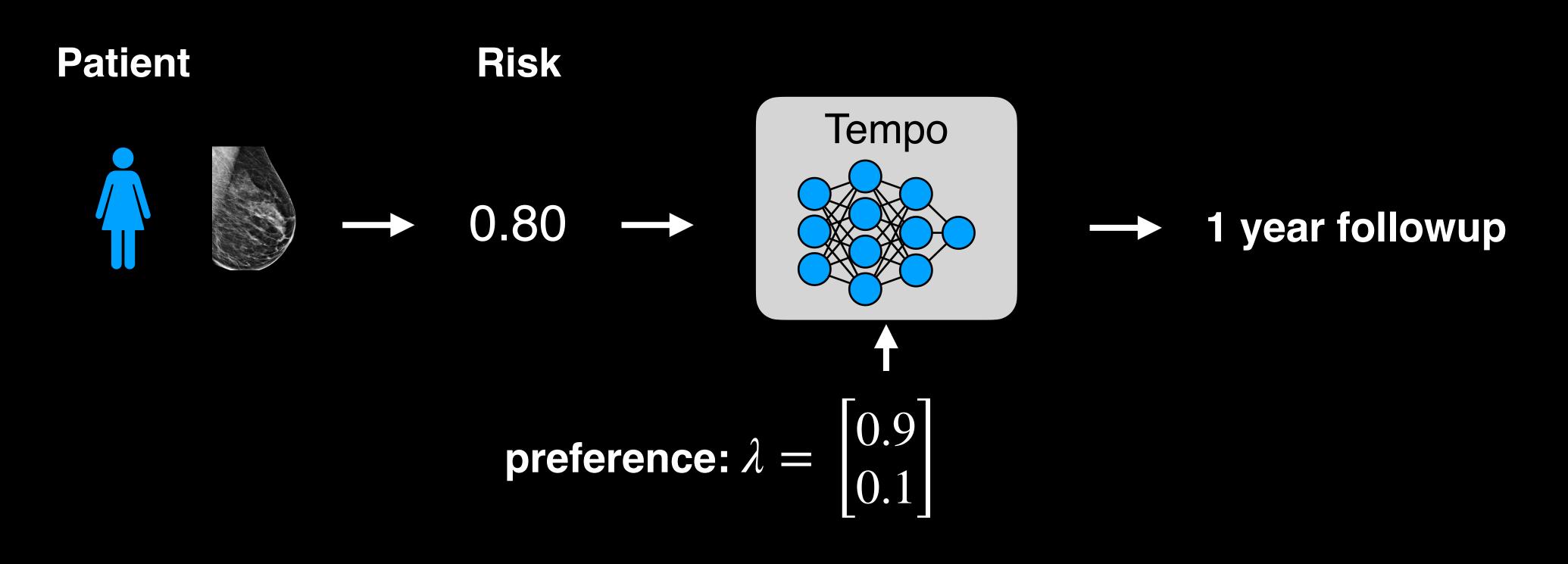
#### Towards multi-objective RL: Scalarized updates



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$$Q(s, a, \lambda) = \lambda \vec{r}(s, a) + \gamma \lambda \max_{a} Q(s', a, \lambda)$$

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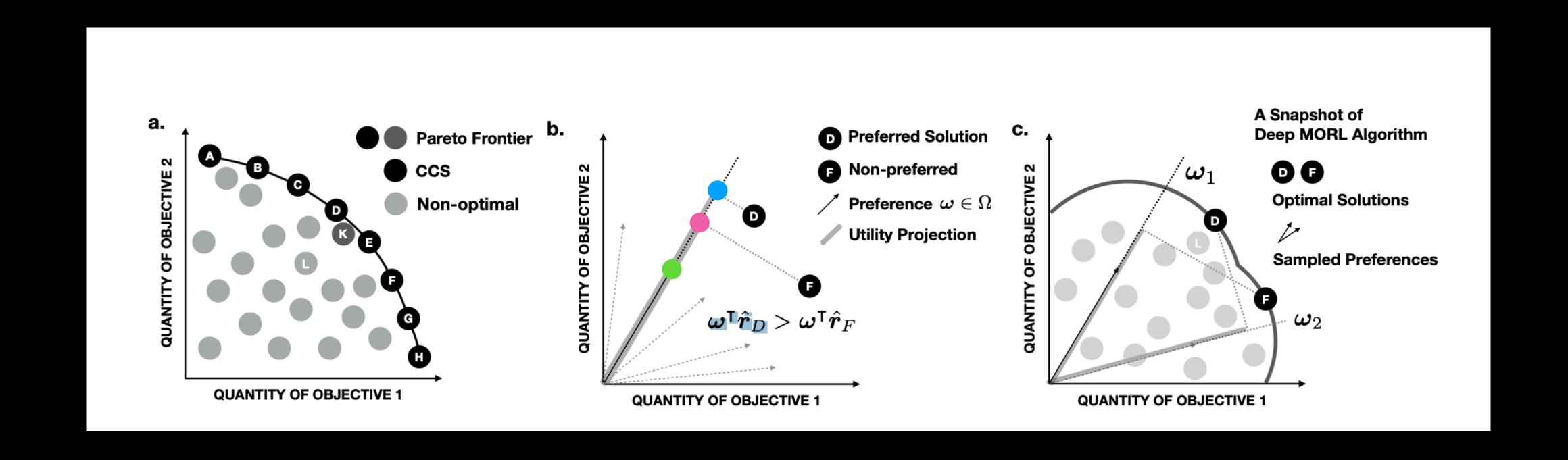


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$$Q(s, a, \lambda) = \lambda \vec{r}(s, a) + \gamma \lambda \max_{a} Q(s', a, \lambda)$$

Doesn't use relationship between  $\lambda$ 

#### Envelope Q-Learning



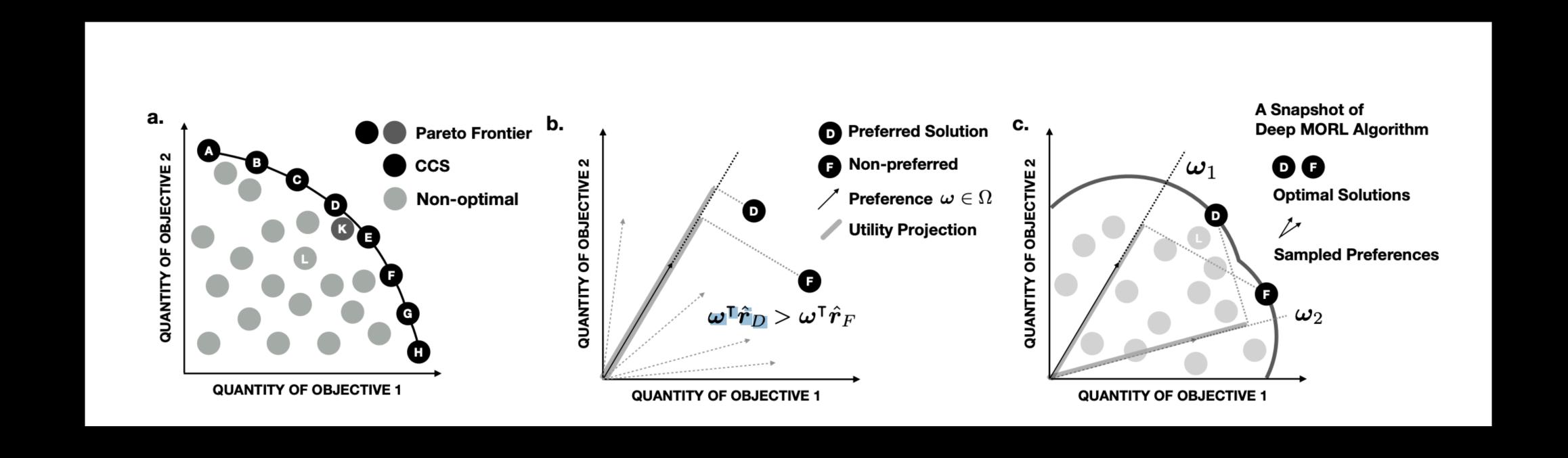
Search envelope of policy:

Identify  $\lambda'$  more effective for true target  $\lambda$ 

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## Envelope Q-Learning



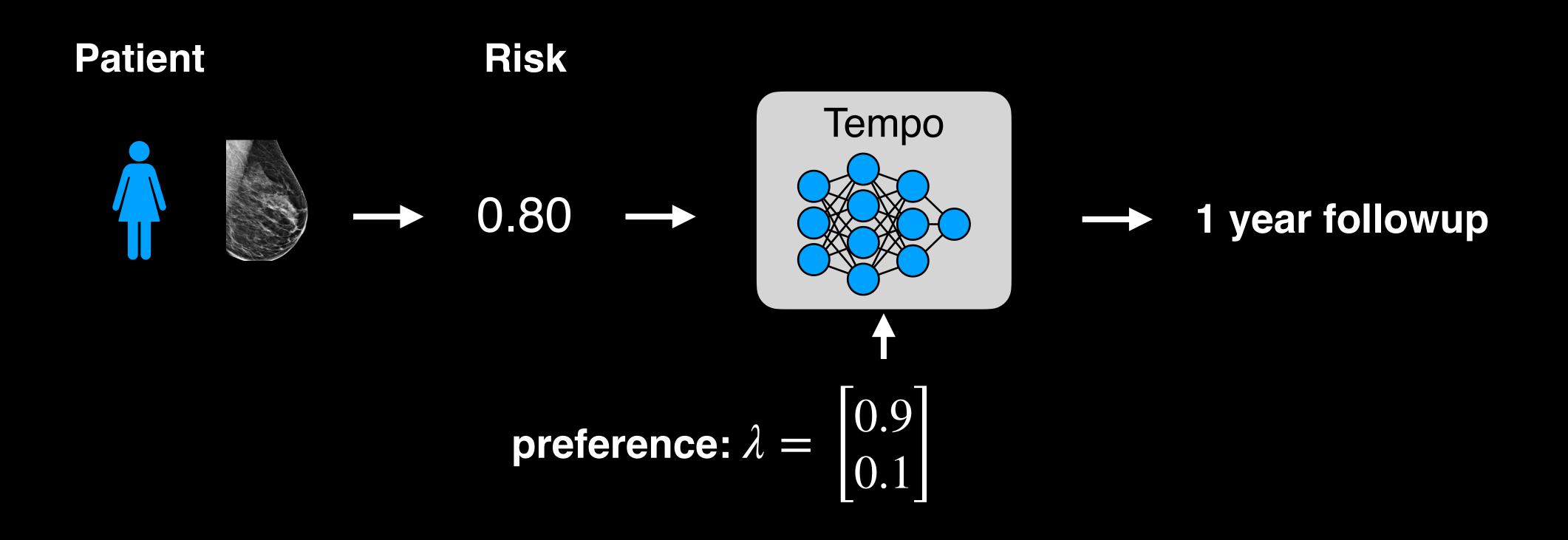
$$y = \vec{r}(s, a) + \gamma \arg_{Q} \max_{a, \lambda'} \lambda^{t} Q(s', a, \lambda')$$

$$\mathcal{L}(s, a, \lambda) = ||y - Q(s, a, \lambda)||^2$$

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## Supporting diverse clinical requirements



Trained across possible  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$  to maximize:

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# Experimental Setup

Train all models on MGH training set

Test on MGH, Emory, Karolinska, and CGMH

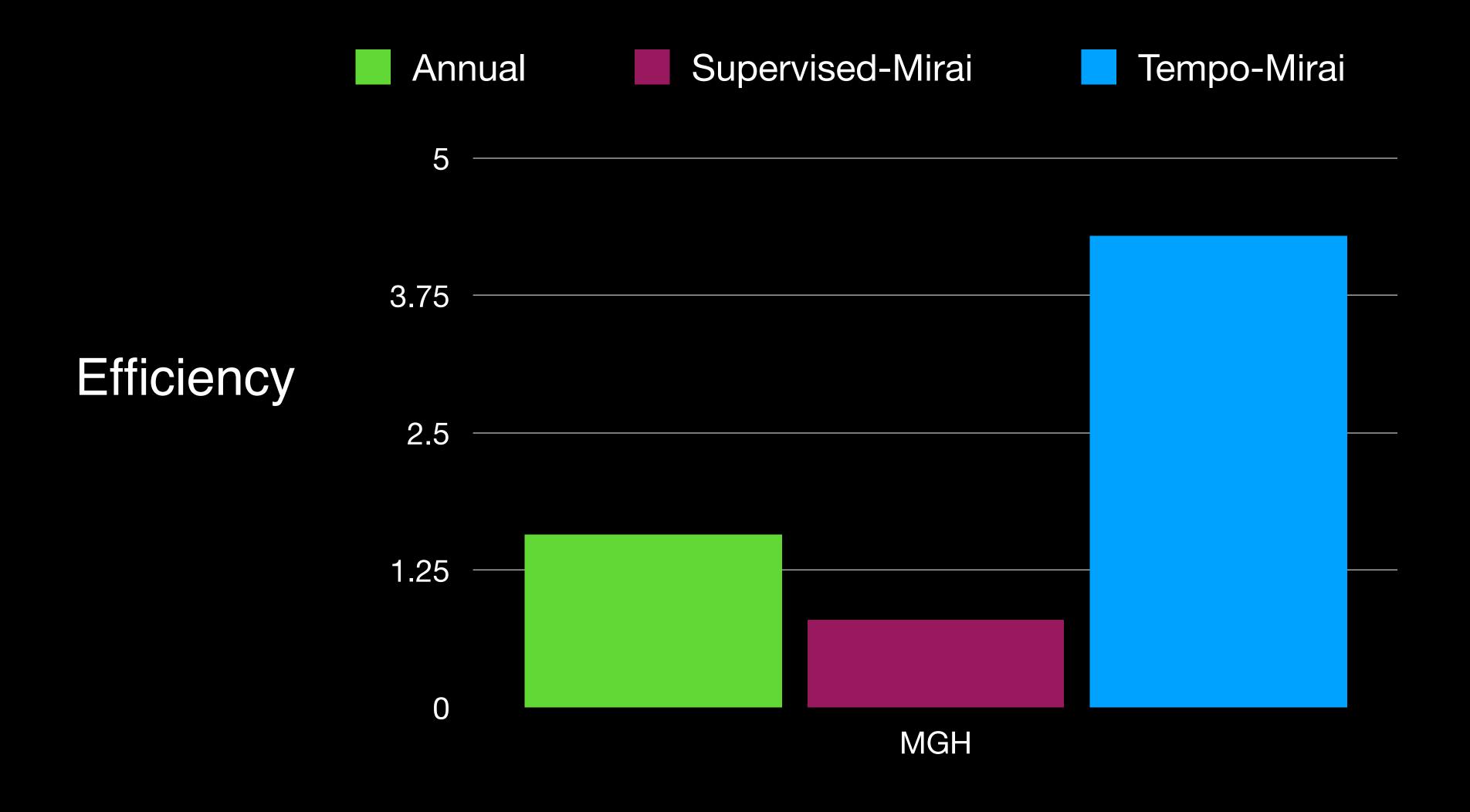


Evaluate Screening Efficiency:

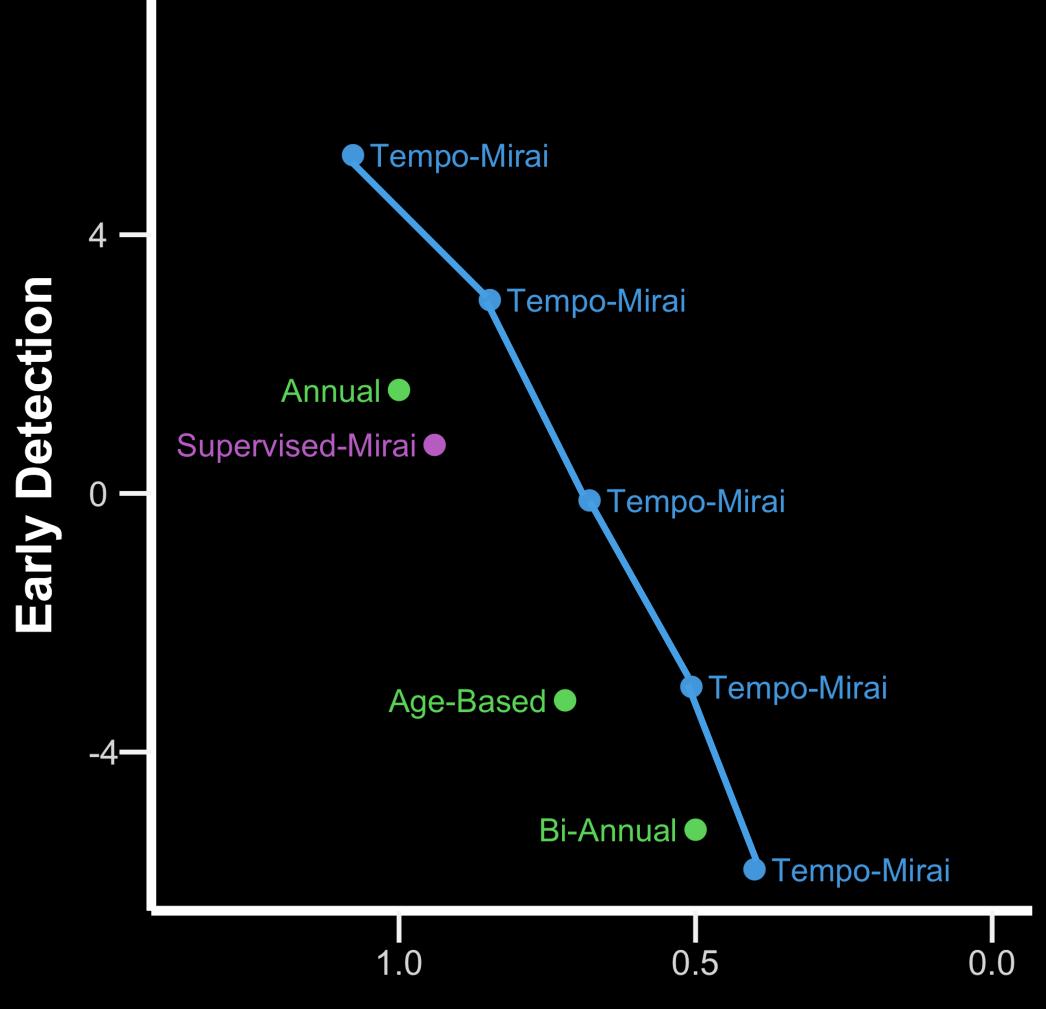
**Early Detection** 

Avg Mammo per Year

# Results: MGH Screening Efficiency



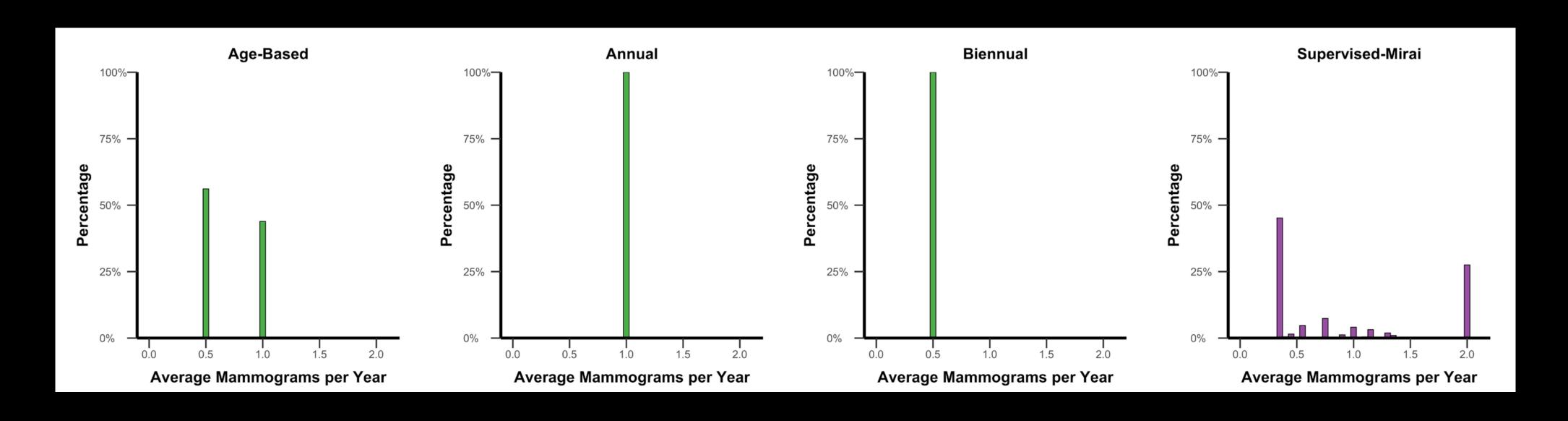
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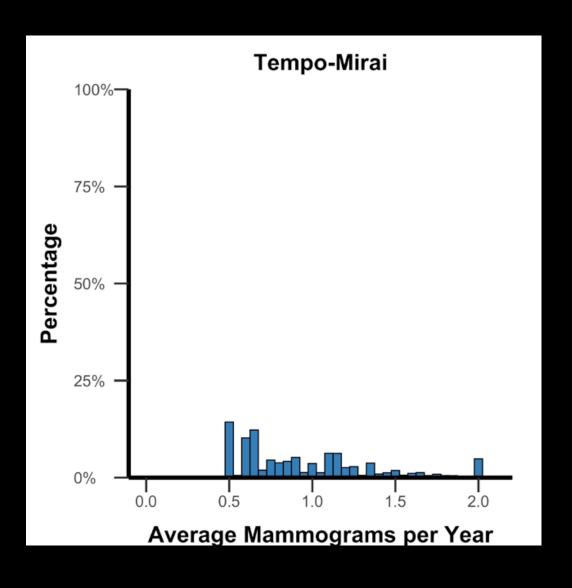


**Average Mammograms Per Year** 

MGH Test Set

# How do the policy behave?



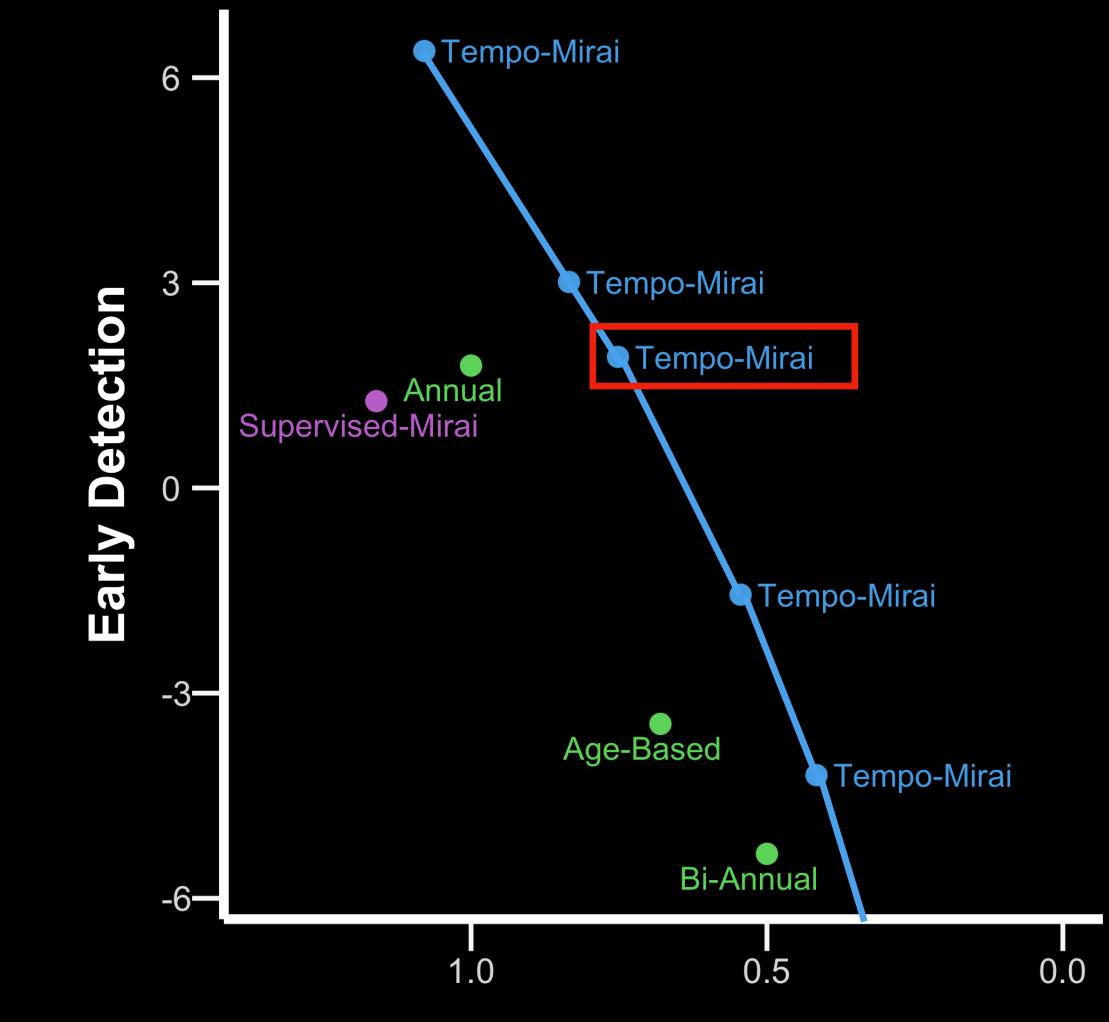


## How to Deploy?

Validate on retrospective data

Choose desired operating point

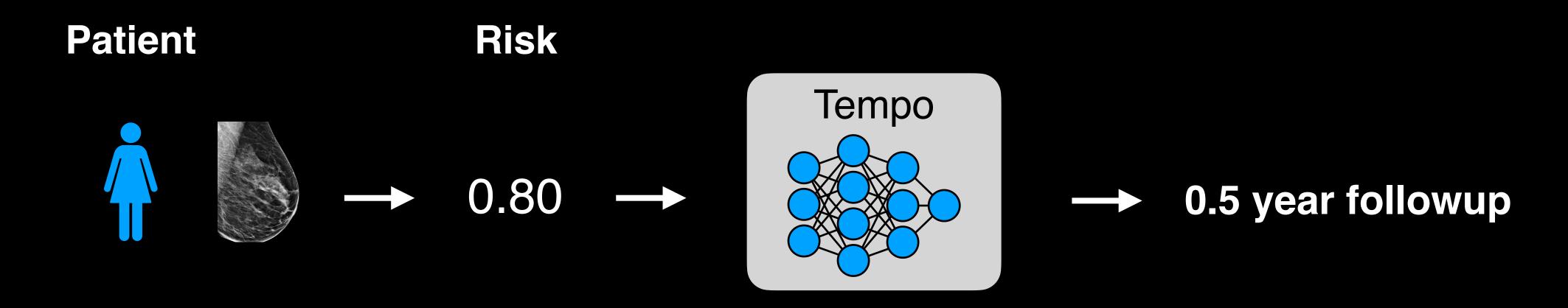
Run prospective trials



**Average Mammograms Per Year** 

**Emory Test Set** 

## Summary

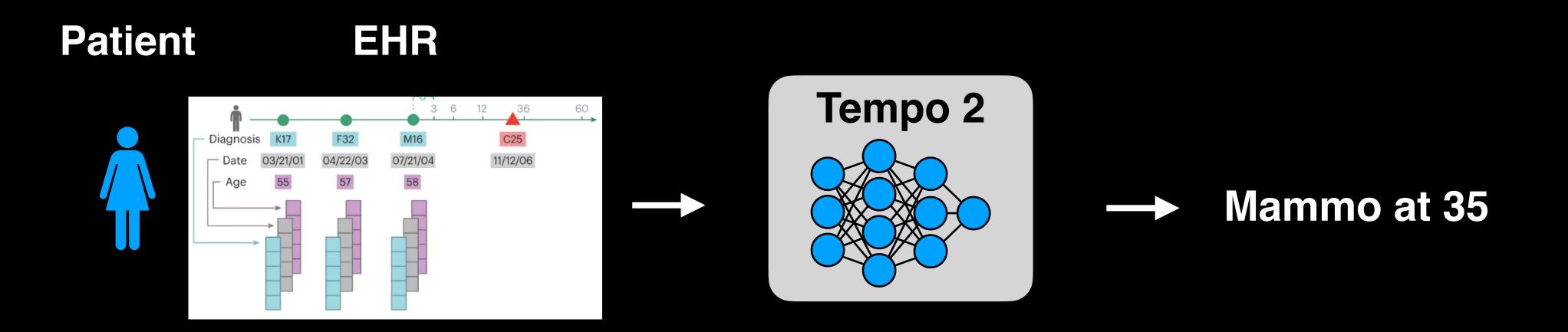


Learn personalized screening policies by modeling individuals

Applicable with arbitrary reward design / choice of risk model

Better early detection and less overscreening

### Ongoing Work: Al to start cancer screening



Model all disease codes in EHR + EHR of Parents

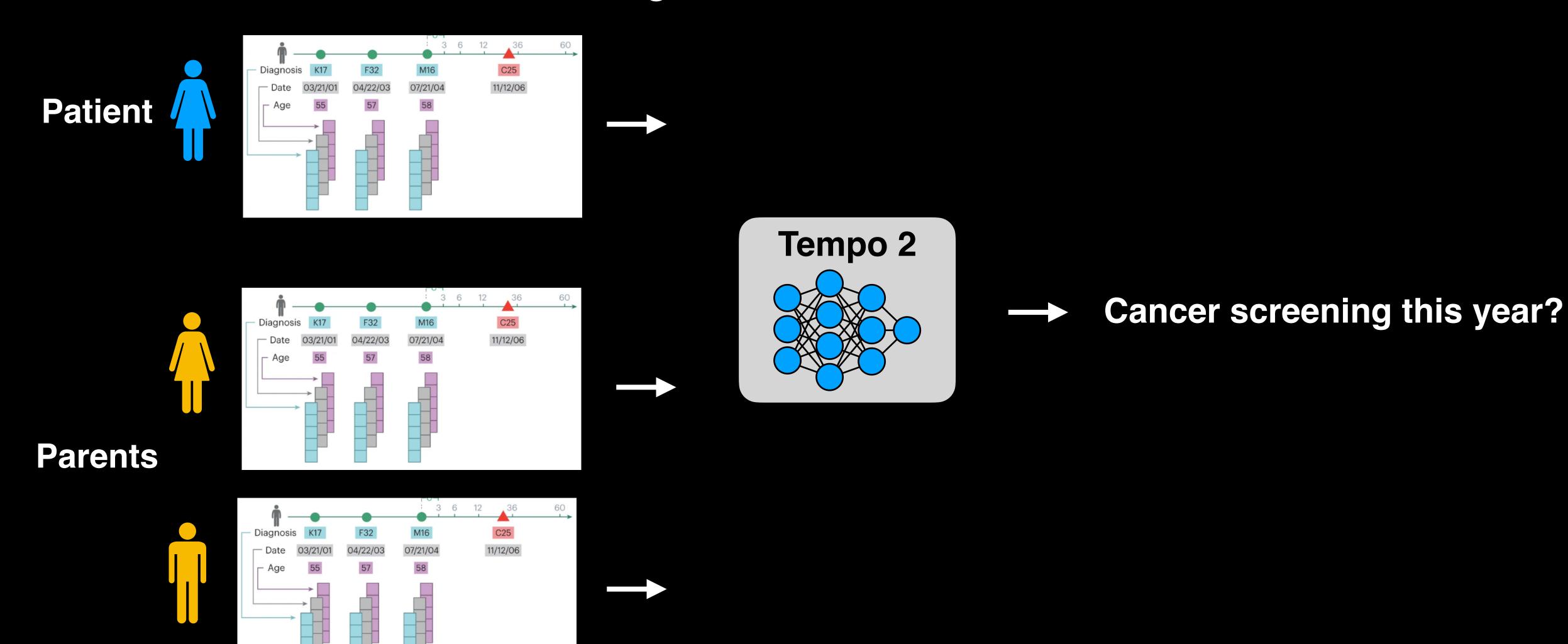
At each year, Al predicts if to screen for cancer [mammo, LDCT, etc]

Goal: Help women < 40, non-smokers who get lung cancer, etc.

Led by: Mikkel Odgaard

### Ongoing Work: Al to start cancer screening

EHR Records + Info in Danish Registries



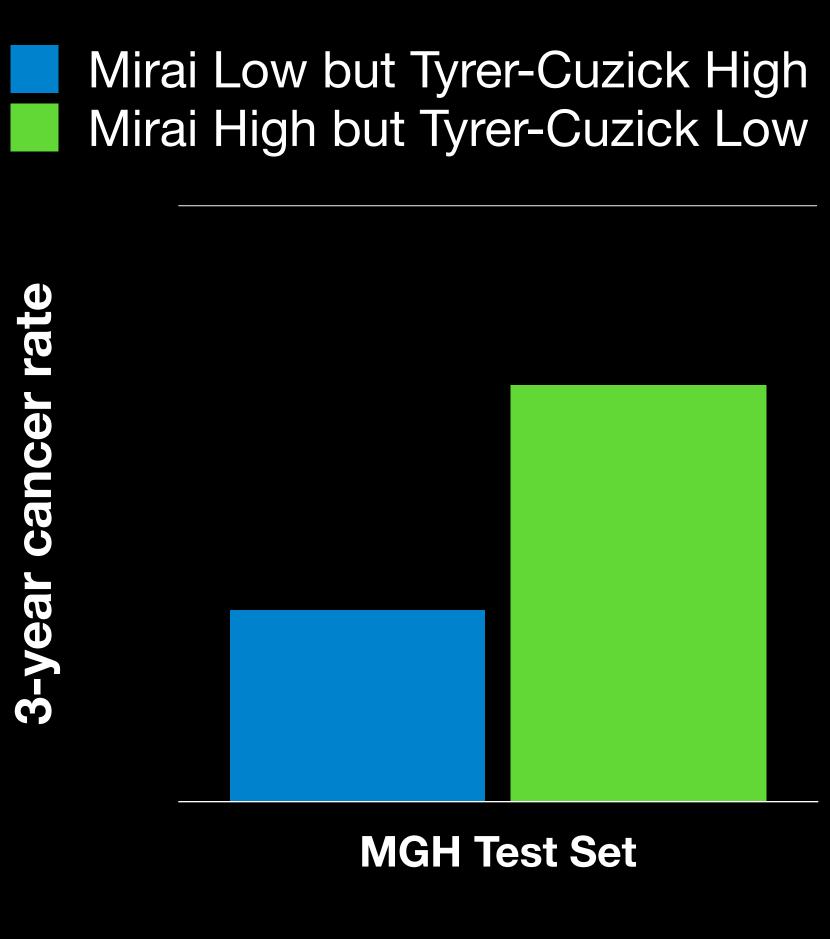
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Prediction Control Translation

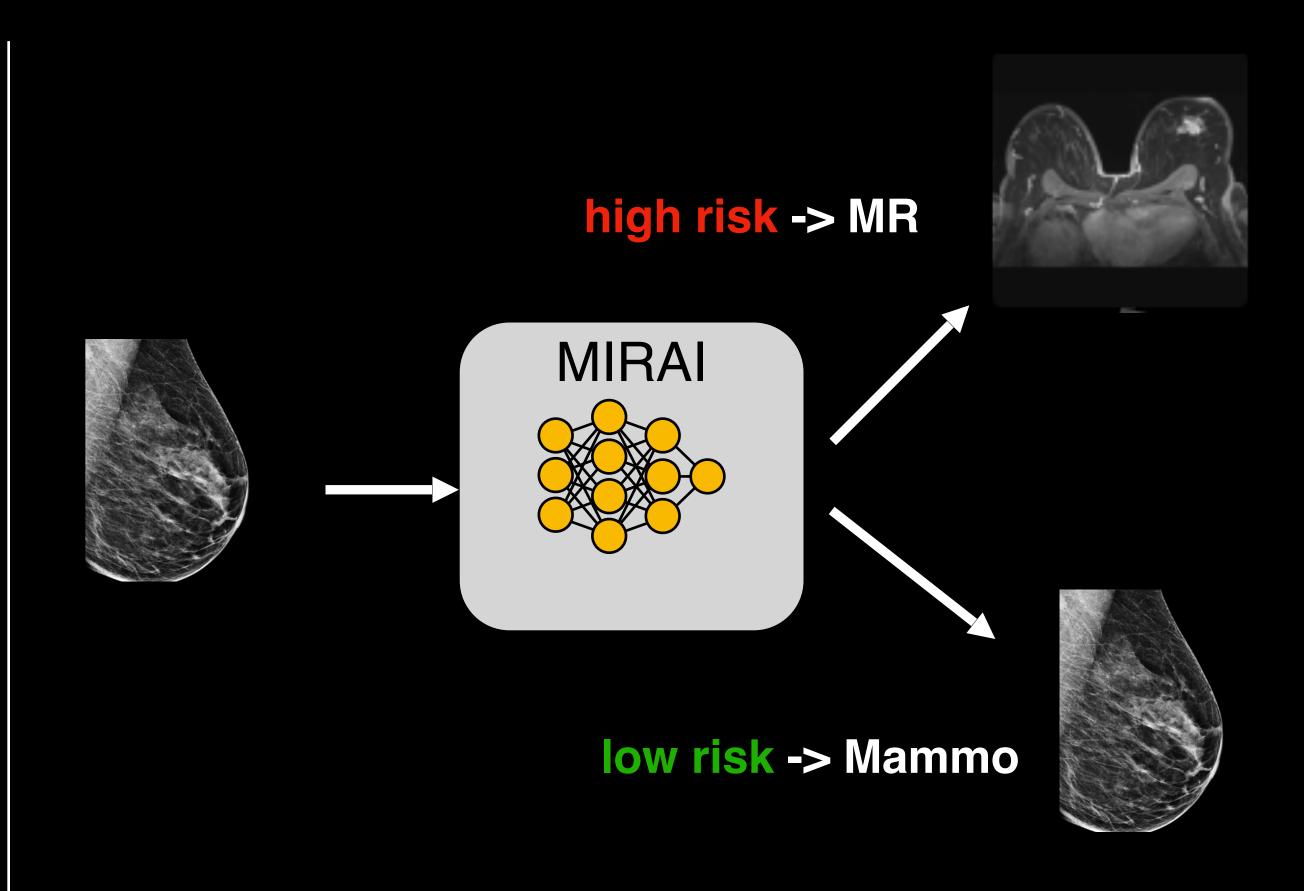
# Today: Towards Al-driven care

**Translation** 

### Ongoing Prospective Trials: Mirai-MRI



Retrospective analysis



Mirai-based Supplemental Imaging NCT 05968157

### Ongoing Prospective Trials: Mirai-SDA

#### **SDA Workflow:**

- Realtime Al-based cancer risk assessment
- Invite high risk patient for same-day diagnostic exam
- Expectation: >50% of cancer cases will receive same-day diagnostic
- 100% enrollment so far!

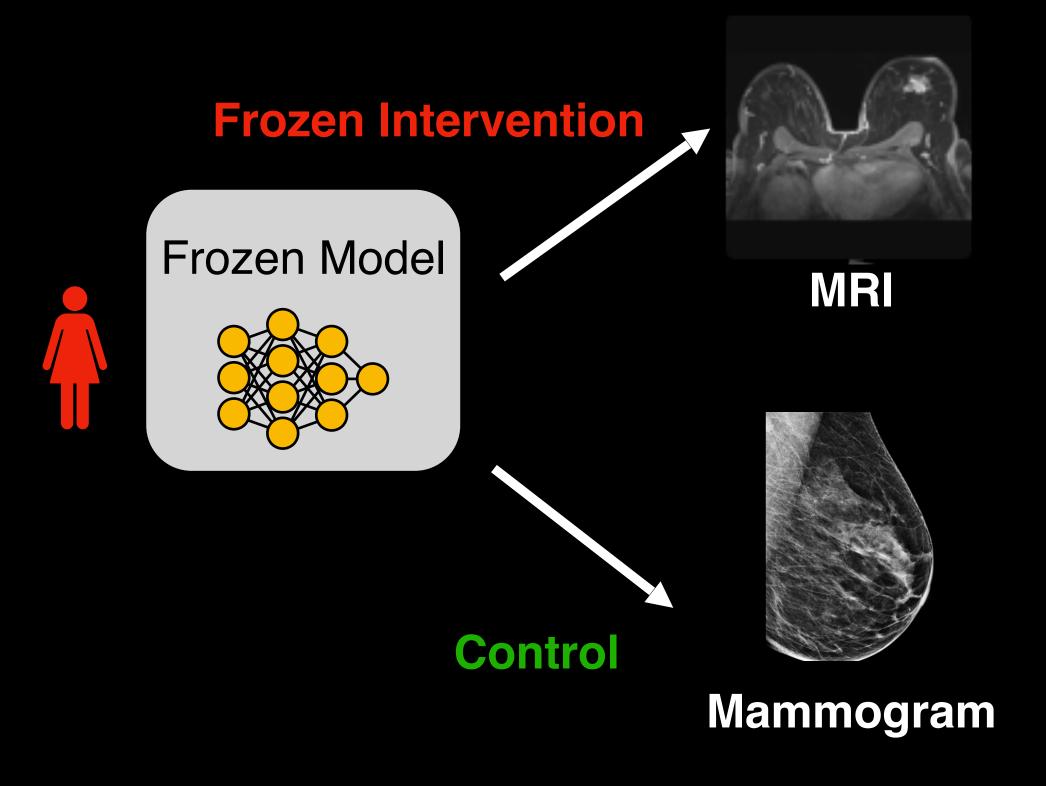




#### How do we evaluate constant evolving Al tools?







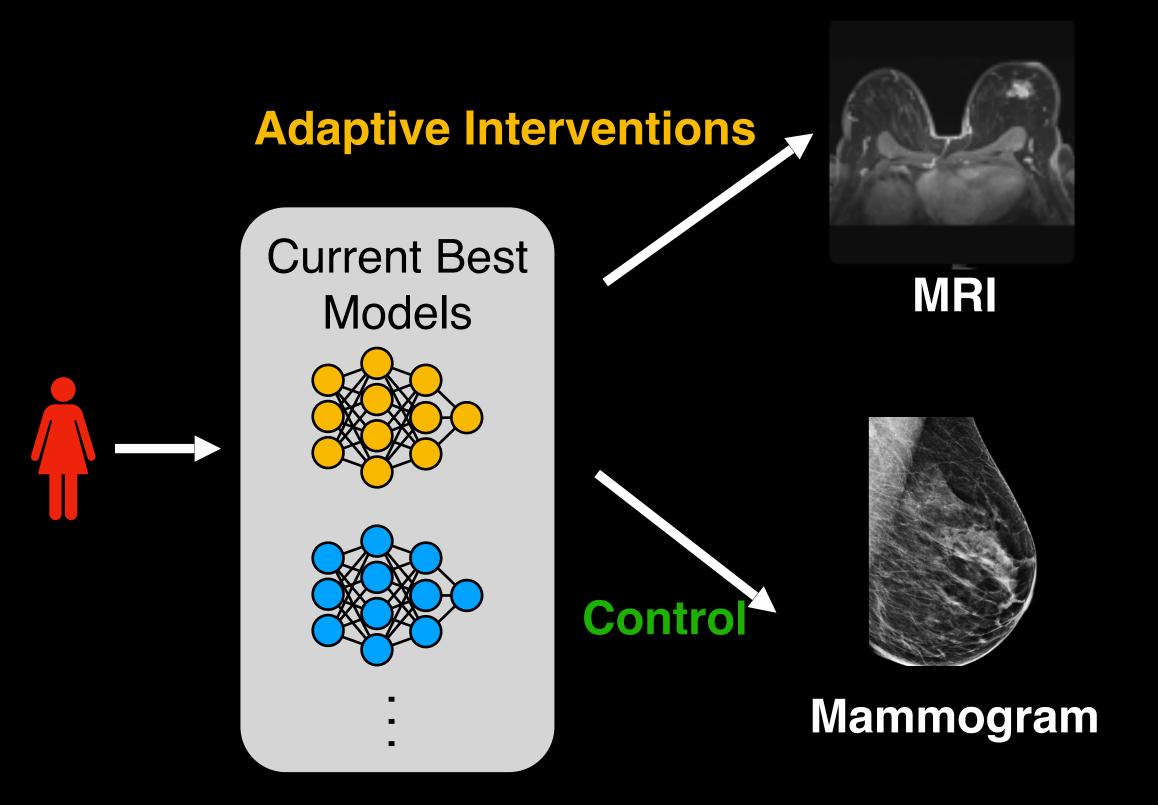
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Al **obsolete** by end of trial..

Incompatible with rapid model innovation

### Ongoing work: Reusable and Al-Adaptive RCTs

#### **Adaptive Al-Platform Trials + RWE**



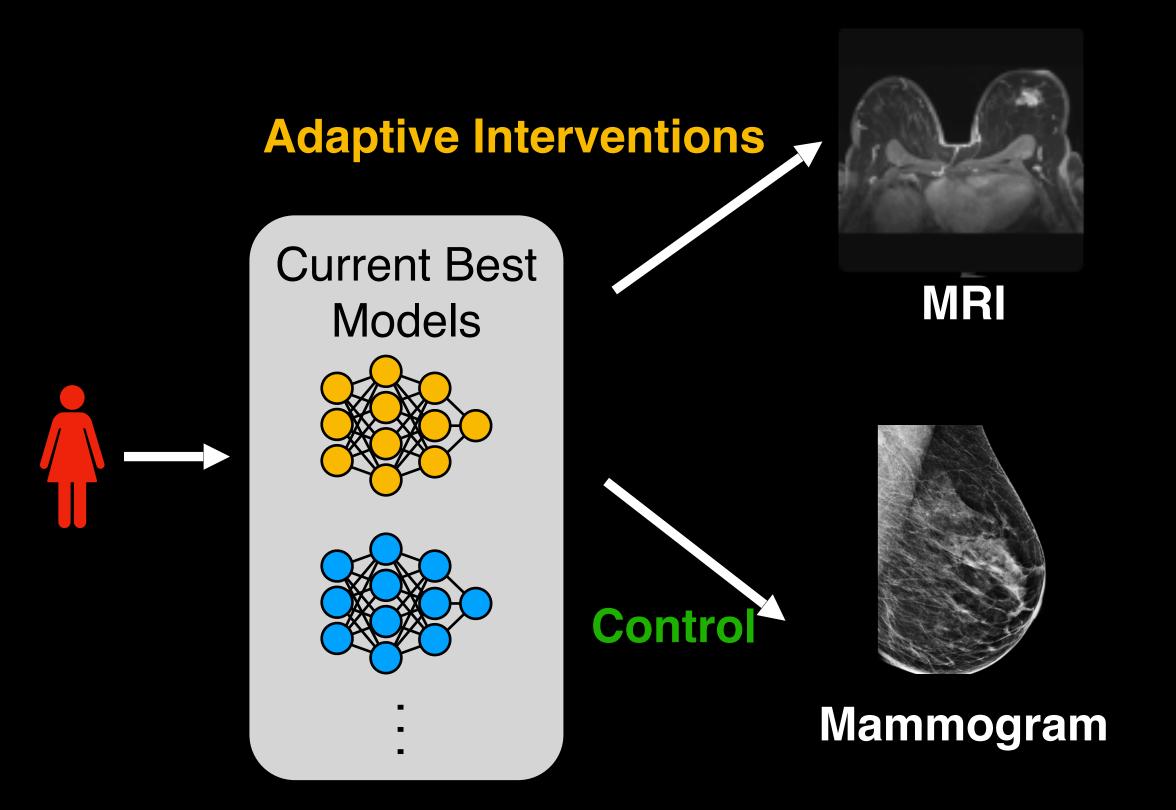
Continuous **platform trials** for improving Al Combine evidence across all models + historical data (RWE). **Fast** 

#### **Key Ideas:**

- Al model allocates intervention
- Models generations overlap in decisions
- Re-use data and do adaptive enrollment

#### Simulation: Mirai-SDA

#### **Adaptive Al-Platform Trials + RWE**



Continuous **platform trials** for improving Al Combine evidence across all models + historical data (RWE). **Fast** 

#### Mirai-1 Trial:

- Enroll 100 patients

#### Mirai-1.5 Trial

- Naive trial: 100 new patients
- -70% patients high risk by M1.5 and M1.0
- With data-reuse: 30 new patients

Trials will only get faster and easier

## Ongoing work: BRIDGE Adaptive RCTs

Clinic		Legacy model	New model	Same training dataset?	Same input features?	Same model endpoint?	Top-5% Overlap (%)
Breast cancer		AI-Density	Mirai	✓	1	_	2.5
	st cancer	ImgOnly DL	Mirai	<b>√</b>	1	1	46.6

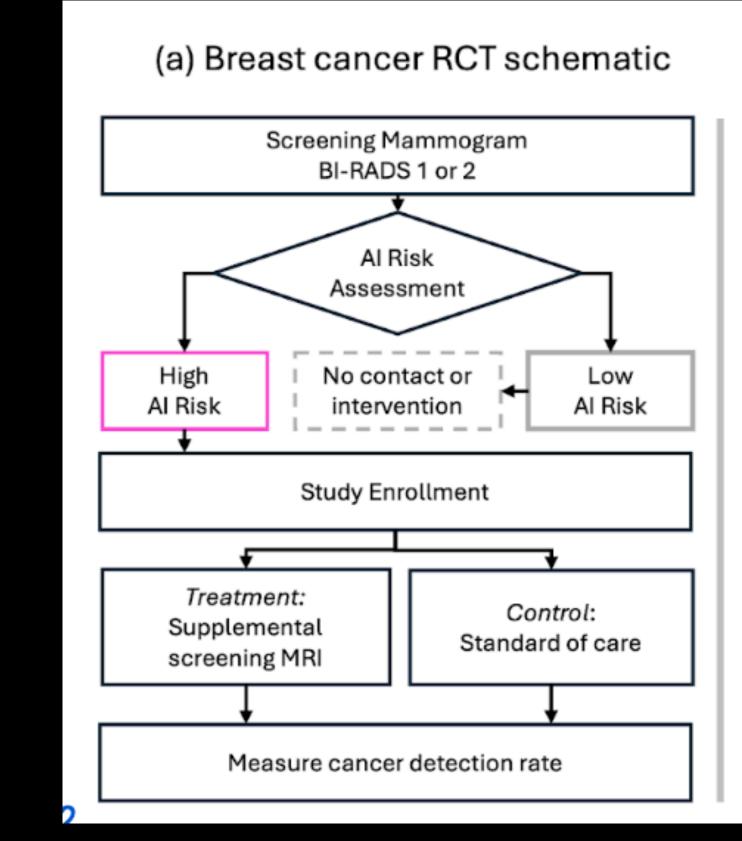
Cardiovascular disease	SEER	S4-ECG	_	/	_	14.2
	ResNet	S4-ECG	1	1	1	49.6
Sepsis	LSTM- Dynamic	LSTM-Full	1	_	1	49.3
•	LSTM-Full	GRU-Full	1	1	1	52.3

Overlaps are common!

**Examples across:** 

- breast cancer (Mammo)
- cardiovascular disease (ECG)
- sepsis (EMR)

## Ongoing work: BRIDGE Adaptive RCTs



(b) Conventional and subsequent BRIDGE-enabled RCT

#### ImgOnly DL Trial

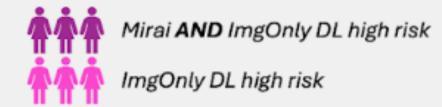
1. Identify high-risk patients



Enroll 21,765 trial participantsTotal trial cost: \$6.5M USD

#### Mirai Trial with BRIDGE

Deploy on legacy trial participants



Re-use data where model predictions overlap

2. Identify additional high-risk patients

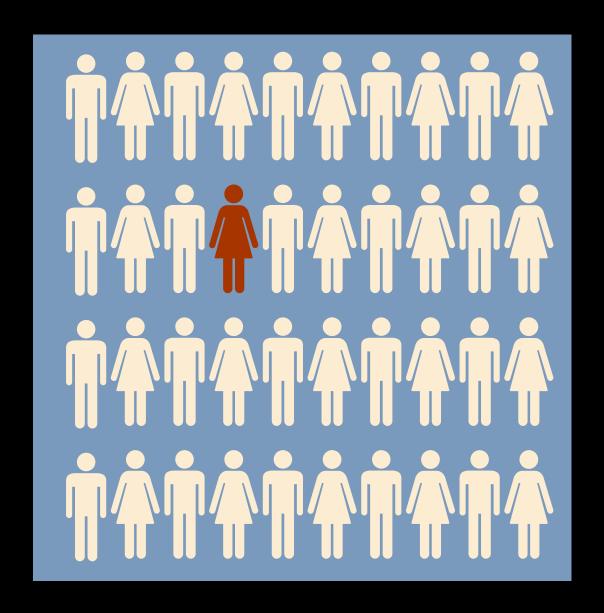


3. Enroll additional 11,190 trial participants
Total trial cost: \$3.4M USD

# Recap: Towards Al-driven care

Prediction Control Translation

### What if it all works?



Rethink screening criteria / guidelines across diseases

New doors for prevention and therapeutic development

### Questions?

