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Domain adaptation of MRI scanners as an alternative to MRI harmonization

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Introduction

Source domain → Domain shift → Target domain

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Source domain → Domain adaptation → Adapted samples

+ Positive samples - Negative samples

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Problem

Training	Testing		Result
Source domain	↔ Similar data distribution ↔	Target domain	→ 😊 Higher accuracy
Source domain	↔ Different data distribution ↔	Target domain	→ 😞 Lower accuracy

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Problem

MRI dataset

Domain adaptation

Domain adaptation

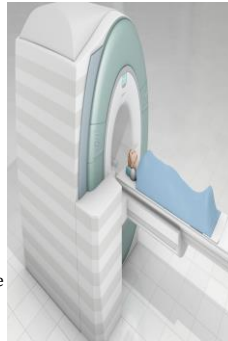
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Domain shift in MRI

✓ Factors affecting MR imaging properties :

- **Scanner manufacturer:** GE, Philips, Siemens
- **Scanner model:** Symphony, Skyra, Verio, TrioTim, Prisma, Espree
- **Acquisition orientation:** axial, sagittal, coronal
- **Magnetic field strength (T):** 1.5, 3.0
- **Coil configuration:** 8, 20, 32, 64 (number of channels per coil)
- **Slice thickness (mm):** 176, 224
- **Scan parameters:** flip angle, repetition time, echo time
- **Image processing and reconstruction methods:** different software
- **Hardware specific artifacts:** motion artifacts



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Datasets

✓ **T1-weighted structural MRI**

- **ADNI1:** 925 (429 AD, 496 HC)
- **ADNI2:** 852 (355 AD, 497 HC)
- **AIBL:** 288 (73 AD, 215 HC)
- **MIRIAD:** 69 (46 AD, 23 HC)

Classification task

Alzheimer's Disease (AD)
vs.
Healthy Control (HC)

- **CALSNIC1:** 281 (135 ALS, 146 HC)
- **CALSNIC2:** 546 (255 ALS, 291 HC)

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
vs.
Healthy Control (HC)

✓ **Pre-processing:**

- Skull-stripping
- Registration to MNI-152

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Motivation

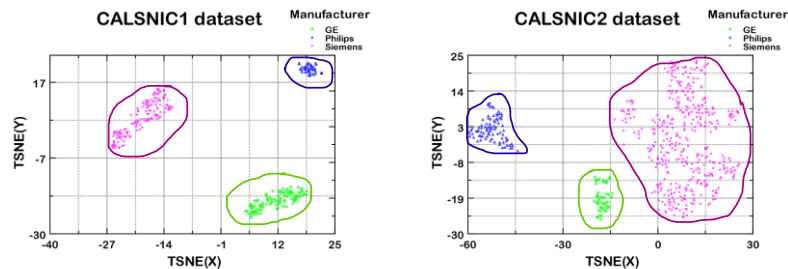


Figure: Graphs show the distribution of MRI data used in our study from CALSNIC1 and CALSNIC2 datasets generated by the features of MRQy using t-SNE. Three different colors indicate three different MRI scanner manufacturers' data which are separable from each other.

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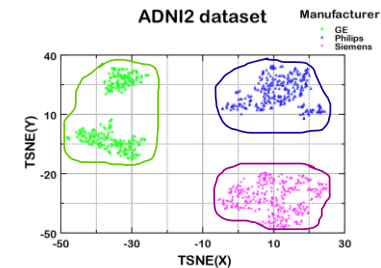
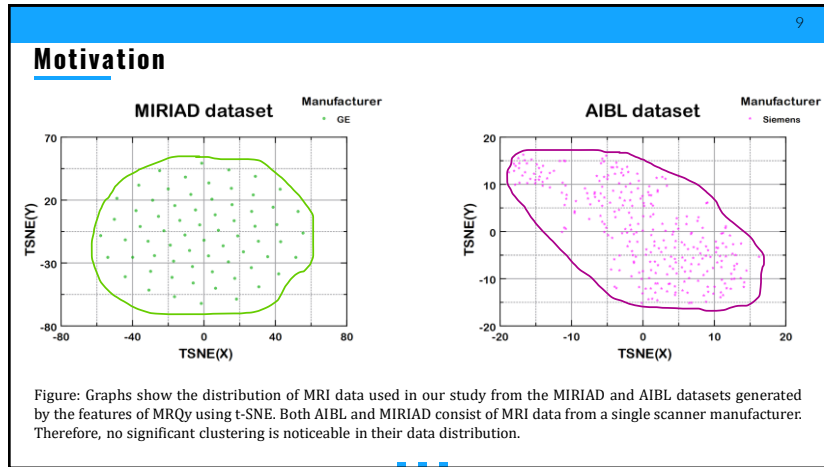
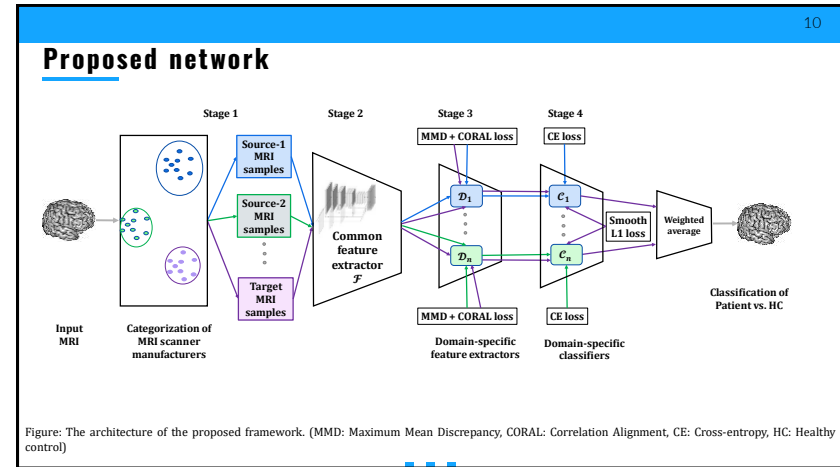


Figure: Graphs show the distribution of MRI data used in our study from the ADNI dataset generated by the features of MRQy using t-SNE. Three different colors indicate three different MRI scanner manufacturers' data which are separable from each other. The right panel shows that among three manufacturers, two can be regarded as source domains and the other as the target domain.

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Multi-center intra-study classification results

Study	Source domain	Classification accuracy on source domain	Target domain	Classification accuracy w/o domain adaptation	Classification accuracy with proposed method	
					Accuracy	Improvement
ADNI1	GE+Siemens	0.90	Philips	0.80	0.88	↑ ~9%
	GE+Philips	0.91	Siemens	0.80	0.91	
	Siemens+Philips	0.89	GE	0.81	0.87	
ADNI2	GE+Siemens	0.89	Philips	0.79	0.89	↑ ~10%
	GE+Philips	0.92	Siemens	0.81	0.88	
	Siemens+Philips	0.92	GE	0.82	0.92	
CALSNIC 1	GE+Siemens	0.75	Philips	0.56	0.68	↑ ~13%
	GE+Philips	0.75	Siemens	0.65	0.77	
	Siemens+Philips	0.77	GE	0.60	0.68	
CALSNIC 2	GE+Siemens	0.77	Philips	0.60	0.74	↑ ~10%
	GE+Philips	0.69	Siemens	0.54	0.65	
	Siemens+Philips	0.75	GE	0.68	0.80	

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Multi-center intra-study classification results

Study	Source domain	Target domain	Classification accuracy with		Classification accuracy with proposed method	Classification accuracy with	
			MMD	CORAL		M3SDA	MFSAN
ADNI1	GE+Siemens	Philips	0.83	0.86	0.88	0.82	0.82
	GE+Philips	Siemens	0.90	0.91	0.91	0.85	0.87
	Siemens+Philips	GE	0.87	0.85	0.87	0.84	0.85
ADNI2	GE+Siemens	Philips	0.89	0.87	0.89	0.86	0.87
	GE+Philips	Siemens	0.87	0.87	0.88	0.84	0.87
	Siemens+Philips	GE	0.91	0.90	0.92	0.87	0.86
CALSNIC 1	GE+Siemens	Philips	0.64	0.62	0.68	0.63	0.64
	GE+Philips	Siemens	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.72	0.73
	Siemens+Philips	GE	0.65	0.66	0.68	0.63	0.63
CALSNIC 2	GE+Siemens	Philips	0.73	0.72	0.74	0.71	0.70
	GE+Philips	Siemens	0.59	0.65	0.65	0.62	0.59
	Siemens+Philips	GE	0.80	0.76	0.80	0.71	0.76

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Multi-center inter-study classification results

Source domain	Classification accuracy on source domain	Target domain	Classification accuracy w/o domain adaptation	Classification accuracy with proposed method
ADNI1	0.89	ADNI2	0.81	0.90
		AIBL	0.75	0.84
		MIRIAD	0.78	0.88
ADNI2	0.91	ADNI1	0.79	0.88
		AIBL	0.74	0.82
		MIRIAD	0.75	0.87
CALSNIC1	0.75	CALSNIC2	0.61	0.73
CALSNIC2	0.73	CALSNIC1	0.64	0.77

~ 10% ~ 9%
~ 12% ~ 12%

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Multi-center inter-study classification results

Source domain	Target domain	Classification accuracy			Classification accuracy with proposed method	Classification accuracy with	
		w/o TDH	with MMD	CORAL		M3SDA	MFSAN
ADNI1	ADNI2	0.83	0.88	0.89	0.90	0.87	0.87
	AIBL	0.84	0.83	0.82	0.84	0.80	0.83
	MIRIAD	0.88	0.88	0.85	0.88	0.85	0.88
ADNI2	ADNI1	0.84	0.87	0.87	0.88	0.84	0.85
	AIBL	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.80	0.81
	MIRIAD	0.87	0.87	0.85	0.87	0.82	0.87
CALSNIC1	CALSNIC2	0.69	0.70	0.73	0.73	0.68	0.69
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Conclusion

- ✔ Techniques in neuroscience research are required to be robust, efficient and reliable.
- ✔ They must be sensitive to biological factors but resistant to non-biological sources.
- ✔ This study proposes a new perspective in solving the domain shift issue for MRI data by identifying and addressing the dominant factor causing heterogeneity in MRI dataset.

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