

## **IMPLEMENTING AI APPLICATIONS IN RADIOLOGY: HINDERING AND FACILITATING FACTORS OF CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORKS (CNNs) AND VARIATIONAL AUTOENCODERS (VAES)**

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### **Abstract**

Radiology is changing as a result of artificial intelligence (AI), which improves diagnostic accuracy and efficiency. In particular, CNNs and VAEs (variational autoencoders) are making a significant impact. In addition to helping radiologists by managing the increasing complexity and volume of imaging data, CNNs are excellent at automating image processing and recognizing abnormal states like tumors. VAEs are less prevalent, but they have a special benefit: they may create artificial medical images for data augmentation and privacy protection, which is important when there is a lack of data. The requirement for sizable annotated datasets, model interpretability, and ethical issues including data privacy and bias in AI-driven diagnoses all pose obstacles to the mainstream implementation of AI in radiology, despite its potential. In order to overcome these obstacles, AI must be integrated into the current healthcare systems while taking ethical and technical concerns into consideration. With ongoing developments anticipated to improve its applicability in clinical operations and eventually improve patient outcomes, artificial intelligence in radiology has a bright future.

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### **1.INTRODUCTION**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing medical diagnosis and patient care. AI is especially useful in radiology in the healthcare industry. Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and variational autoencoders (VAEs), two deep learning techniques, have been applied with remarkable speed in this sector. Advanced artificial intelligence models have the potential to transform diagnostic procedures, enhance the precision of radiological assessments, and reduce the strain of medical practitioners.

The automation of image analysis activities, such as the identification, characterisation, and quantification of pathological states from medical pictures, is the main focus of artificial intelligence in radiology. Because of its capacity to automatically learn spatial hierarchies of characteristics from the input images—a crucial skill for tasks like recognizing tumors, fractures, or other anomalies in medical imaging data—Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) are especially well-suited for this application. In contrast, generative models known as variational autoencoders (VAEs) can be trained to encode high-dimensional medical images into a latent space. This allows for the creation of new images that bear similarities to the training set and helps with tasks such as anomaly detection, data augmentation, and privacy preservation in medical imaging.

To interpret medical pictures like X-rays, CT scans, and MRIs, radiology has historically depended on human skill. But the need for sophisticated tools to help radiologists diagnose patients more quickly and accurately is rising due to the exponential expansion of imaging data and the complexity of images. These problems have shown great potential for AI models, particularly deep learning methods like CNNs and VAEs.

CNNs are now the major tool used for image recognition in many different fields, including medicine. They are extremely useful in radiology because of their capacity to analyze vast amounts of imaging data and spot patterns that could be invisible to the human eye. CNNs have been used, for example, in the segmentation of brain tumors in MRI scans, lung nodule detection in chest X-rays, and mammography-based breast cancer diagnosis. There is now a great deal of interest in incorporating CNNs into clinical workflows due to the success of these applications.

VAEs provide particular benefits in the context of medical imaging, although being less popular than CNNs. Especially in situations where data scarcity is a problem, their generative nature enables them to produce artificial medical pictures that can improve the training of AI models. VAEs have also been used to create more diversified training datasets through data augmentation techniques and in privacy-preserving applications where patient data needs to be preserved.

While CNNs and VAEs have great potential in radiography, a number of obstacles need to be removed before their full advantages can be realized. The technological obstacles encompass things like the requirement for extensive annotated datasets, the interpretability of AI models, and the incorporation of AI technologies into the current healthcare systems. A lot of thought must also be given to important ethical issues including data privacy, the possibility of bias in AI models, and the effects of AI-driven diagnostics on clinical decision-making.

The objectives of the paper are as follows:

- Analyze how CNNs can improve the precision and effectiveness of radiological evaluations.
- Examine how VAEs might be used to create artificial medical images and how privacy-preserving methods might benefit from them.
- Determine and talk about the main obstacles preventing AI from being widely used in radiology.
- Examine the supporting elements that can hasten the incorporation of AI into processes in clinical radiology.
- Analyze the ethical ramifications of diagnostics powered by AI and suggest ways to allay worries.

The application of artificial intelligence (AI), namely variational autoencoders (VAEs) and convolutional neural networks (CNNs), in radiology. CNNs improve image analysis tasks' accuracy, such as tumor identification; VAEs, on the other hand, create artificial medical

images for data augmentation and privacy protection. Challenges including data requirements, model interpretability, and ethical considerations are also highlighted in the introduction. Examining the function of these AI models, recognizing adoption barriers, and investigating how to incorporate AI into radiology operations are some of the goals.

## **2.LITERATURE SURVEY**

In order to improve facial recognition accuracy, Wei and Mahmood (2021) use variational autoencoders (VAEs) to tackle the problem of few-shot learning. To improve the breadth and diversity of the dataset and enhance model performance, they suggest creating fresh samples. Using VAEs and perceptual loss to create more diversified intra-class samples, their approach—applied to the Labeled Faces in the Wild (LFW) dataset—combines data augmentation with transfer learning, yielding a 96.47% recognition accuracy.

The promise of deep learning in biology is examined by Christensen et al. (2021), who highlight the technology's capacity to tackle intricate, data-rich issues. Deep learning has advanced biological research and patient classification, but it hasn't yet completely changed the industry or addressed the main problems. Progress has been gradual, and it is still challenging to interpret these models in order to generate testable hypotheses. Obstacles also include data restrictions and privacy concerns. Deep learning, however, has the potential to have a big impact on biology and medicine in the future.

Disentangled representation learning for ECG data is investigated by Gyawali et al. (2021) in order to overcome inter-subject anatomical variability. They present the SimECG dataset, a simulation of ECG data with carefully calibrated anatomical parameters. Their strategy achieves a 92.1% disentanglement score by using deep generative models with nonparametric Indian Buffet Process to separate anatomical from task-relevant elements. This method shows promise in controlling inter-subject variability in ECG analysis, improving clinical localization of ventricular activation by 18.5% in simulated and 7.2% in real data.

The use of deep learning (DL) in epigenomics is reviewed by Nguyen et al. (2021), with an emphasis on treatment responses, subtype classification, and disease prediction. They found that RNA-sequencing and DNA methylation data are frequently employed after analyzing 22 out of 1140 research. 88.3%–100% for disease detection, 69.5%–97.8% for subtype categorization, and 80.0%–93.0% for treatment response predictions were the high accuracy levels of the DL models under investigation. Their work provides an extensive approach for creating and assessing epigenomics predictive models.

Montenegro et al. (2021) provide a novel approach that preserves privacy while improving interpretability in deep learning models. In order to develop case-based explanations without disclosing personal information, their method uses a generative adversarial network (GAN) that protects privacy. Focusing on realism, privacy, and explanatory value, this strategy improves upon current privacy safeguards. Additionally, to offer more insights, the GAN has a counterfactual module. Data from biometric and medical dataset experiments demonstrate that it successfully strikes a compromise between privacy and elucidative clarity.

The use of generative adversarial networks (GANs) in anomaly detection is reviewed by Sabuhi et al. (2021), who emphasize how useful these networks are in overcoming the problem of sparse anomalous data. They investigate how GANs might be useful in creating new data or learning representations by examining 128 publications, and they identify important GAN types such as DCGANs and cGANs. Their assessment provides a research path for developing this topic and addresses application areas like intrusion detection, surveillance, and medicine.

In order to use vibration data for defect diagnostics in rotating machinery, Karamti et al. (2021) present a revolutionary deep learning architecture. To improve data augmentation and feature extraction from unbalanced samples, their model makes use of stacked variant autoencoders (VAE and SAE). A supervised Logistic Regression classifier and data preprocessing are used in this method, which yields a high accuracy of 93.2%. Their technique is more effective in identifying machinery faults than GAN and tnGAN models, with better training efficiency and accuracy.

Sabuhi et al. (2021) address the problem of sparse anomalous data by highlighting the critical importance of anomaly detection in fields like fraud prevention and medical diagnosis. In order to improve detection techniques, they examine 128 papers on the generation of synthetic data via Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs). The research roadmap is provided, and the paper emphasizes applications in security and medical by connecting different types of GANs to anomaly detection methods. Through data augmentation and representation learning, GANs—specifically, DCGANs, standard GANs, and cGANs—improve detection.

Deep learning (DL) as a tool for cancer diagnosis and prognosis is covered by Tufail et al. (2021). They emphasize how DL is perfect for predicting cancer outcomes because it can handle big datasets with little preparation. The research highlights the potential for DL to increase accuracy and efficiency in these activities and evaluates current DL-based approaches in cancer diagnosis and prognosis, notably using histopathology pictures. In order to improve these methods even more, the authors offer recommend areas for future study.

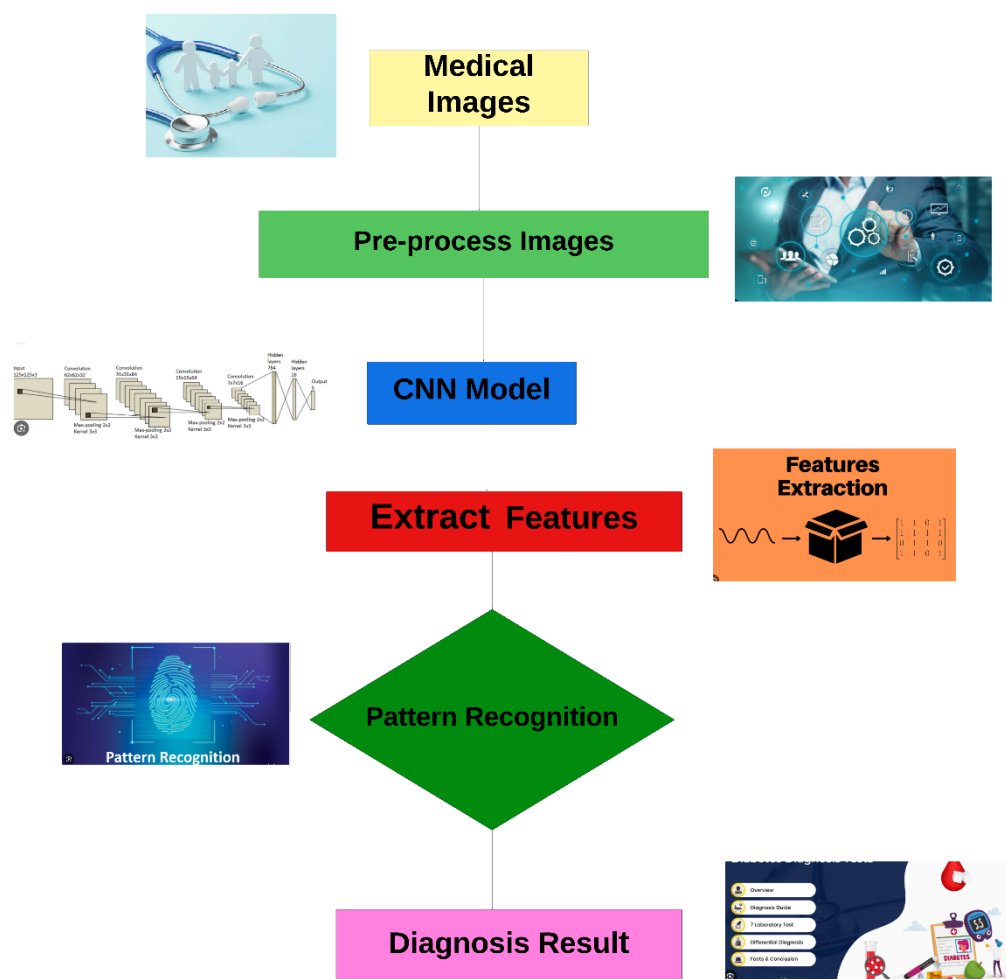
Using deep learning to overcome changes in morphology, staining, and scanner differences, De Biase (2019) investigated ways to enhance prostate cancer diagnosis. Style transfer across images from various scanners was accomplished by using conditional GANs, more precisely CycleGANs. On tests using images from both scanners, a segmentation model trained on one performed better thanks to GANs. Maintaining tissue shape, CycleGANs with extensive dataset training increased segmentation accuracy. With an AUC increase of up to 16%, the improvement was statistically significant.

Puentes et al. (2020) draw attention to the difficulty in combating antibiotic resistance and suggest antimicrobial peptides (AMPs) as a substitute. They present a novel method of creating AMPs by fusing molecular dynamics, surface-display in microbes, artificial intelligence, and microfluidics. Using chemical simulations and deep learning, this approach finds interesting AMPs in the genomes of bacteria. Next, the efficacy of the peptides is examined by sophisticated microfluidic screening. Finding bioactive peptides for many applications could potentially be accomplished through this multidisciplinary approach.

According to Warr (2020), the Dial-a-Molecule program aims to make it possible to create any requested molecule using safe, sustainable, and commercially feasible methods in 20–40 years. Predicting the results of reactions is a significant challenge that is hampered by a lack of data, particularly on failure reactions. The Network has concentrated on enhancing data collection and automating response procedures since 2011. The creation of the ROAR center at Imperial College for quick online reaction analysis is a noteworthy accomplishment.

### 3.METHODOLOGY

Variational autoencoders (VAEs) and convolutional neural networks (CNNs) are the main subjects of this study on the application of AI methodology in radiography. Evaluation of these deep learning models' effects on data augmentation, privacy protection in medical imaging, and diagnosis accuracy are the main objectives of the project. Using CNNs for image identification tasks and VAEs for creating artificial medical images are two aspects of the methodology that are examined. Ethics, interpretability of the model, and data requirements are among the challenges that are discussed.



**Figure1.** Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for Radiology.

Figure 1 Illustrates the structure of a convolutional neural network (CNN) and its use in radiography are depicted in this diagram. CNNs are deep learning models that are well-known for their capacity to automatically identify patterns in medical images, such as abnormalities and cancers, that may be difficult for radiologists to identify with human eyes. The image most likely depicts the activation functions, pooling layers, and convolutional layers that are crucial for removing hierarchical patterns from medical imaging data and improving diagnostic precision.

**Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)**

CNNs represent a class of deep learning models that excel in the analysis of data from medical imaging tests. They are very helpful for tasks like organ segmentation and tumor detection. By automatically deriving spatial hierarchies from input images, CNNs can identify intricate patterns and anomalies that human radiologists might overlook.

Convolution Operation:

$$f_{ij} = \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_{(i+m)(j+n)} \cdot w_{mn} + b \quad (1)$$

This equation represents the convolution operation in CNNs, where  $f_{ij}$  is the feature map output at position  $(i, j)$ ,  $x_{(i+m)(j+n)}$  is the input image patch,  $w_{mn}$  are the weights of the filter, and  $b$  is the bias term.

ReLU Activation Function:

$$f(x) = \max(0, x) \quad (2)$$

The ReLU (Rectified Linear Unit) function is a non-linear activation function used in CNNs. It outputs  $x$  if  $x$  is positive; otherwise, it outputs zero.

Pooling Operation:

$$p_{ij} = \max_{0 \leq m < M, 0 \leq n < N} (f_{(i+m)(j+n)}) \quad (3)$$

This equation represents max pooling in CNNs, where  $p_{ij}$  is the pooled output at position  $(i, j)$  and  $f_{(i+m)(j+n)}$  are values within the pooling window.

**3.2 Variational Autoencoders (VAEs)**

Generic models called VAEs are employed in radiology to perform functions like data augmentation and privacy preservation. They allow the generation of new, similar images by encoding high-dimensional medical images into a latent space. By creating artificial datasets,

VAEs aid in overcoming data shortages and improve the training of other AI models in medical imaging.

Encoder Mean and Variance:

$$\mu = f_{\mu}(x), \log(\sigma^2) = f_{\sigma^2}(x) \quad (4)$$

In VAEs, the encoder outputs the mean  $\mu$  and the logarithm of the variance  $\log(\sigma^2)$  of the latent variable distribution, typically parameterized by neural networks  $f_{\mu}$  and  $f_{\sigma^2}$

Sampling Latent Variable:

$$z = \mu + \sigma \cdot \epsilon, \epsilon \sim N(0,1) \quad (5)$$

The latent variable  $z$  is sampled using the reparameterization trick, where  $\epsilon$  is a random variable from a standard normal distribution.

Decoder Reconstruction:

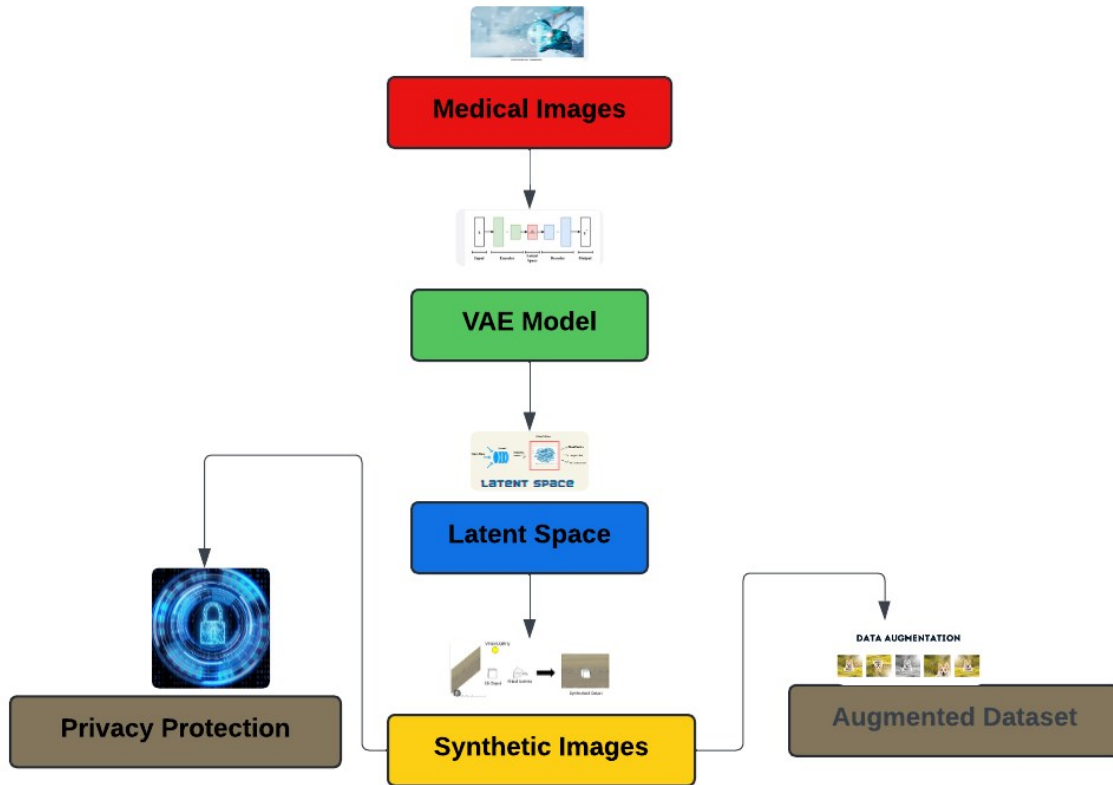
$$\hat{x} = f_{dec}(z) \quad (6)$$

The decoder reconstructs the input  $x$  from the latent variable  $z$  using a neural network  $f_{dec}$ .

VAE Loss Function:

$$L(\theta, \phi; x) = -E_{q_{\phi}(x)}[\log \log p_{\theta}(z)] + D_{KL}(q_{\phi}(x) \parallel p_{\theta}(z)) \quad (7)$$

The VAE loss consists of a reconstruction loss (first term) that measures how well the input is reconstructed and a KL divergence (second term) that regularizes the latent space distribution.



**Figure 2.** Variational Autoencoders (VAEs) in Medical Imaging.

Figure 2 shows the architecture of variational autoencoders, or VAEs, and how they are used in medical imaging are shown in this graphic. VAEs are generative models that produce new, similar images by encoding high-dimensional medical images into a latent space. These models generate synthetic medical images that respect patient confidentiality, contributing to data augmentation and privacy protection. Diagrams of the encoder, latent space sampling, and decoder are probably included in the graphic to show how VAEs produce a variety of datasets for AI models to be trained in radiology.

### 3.3. Challenges in AI Implementation

The necessity for sizable, annotated datasets, the interpretability of AI models, and interaction with current healthcare systems are some of the obstacles that radiologists must overcome when implementing AI. Deployment success also depends on addressing key ethical issues, including as data protection, potential biases in AI models, and the influence of AI on clinical decision-making.

Data Requirement Equation:

$$Data\ Size \propto \frac{1}{Model\ Complexity} \tag{8}$$



The data size required for training an AI model is inversely proportional to the complexity of the model. More complex models require more data to generalize well.

Bias in AI Models:

$$\text{Bias} = E[(f(x) - y)^2] \quad (9)$$

Bias in AI models is quantified by the expected squared difference between the predicted value  $f(x)$  and the true value  $y$ .

Model Interpretability:

$$\text{Interpretability} \propto \frac{1}{\text{Model Complexity}} \quad (10)$$

Model interpretability decreases as the complexity of the model increases, making it harder to understand the decision-making process of the model.

#### ALGORITHM 1. AI-Enhanced Radiology Image Analysis

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**Input:** X - Medical images

**Output:** Y - Diagnosed condition

**Initialize** CNN model

**Initialize** VAE model

**For** each image x in X do:

**Pre process** image x

**Pass** x through CNN to extract features

**If** data augmentation is needed then:

    Use VAE to generate synthetic images

**Combine** real and synthetic images for training

**Train** CNN on the dataset

**If** error occurs during training, then:

**Log** error

**Adjust** parameters

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**Retry training**

Use trained CNN to predict condition Y

*End For*

*Return Y*

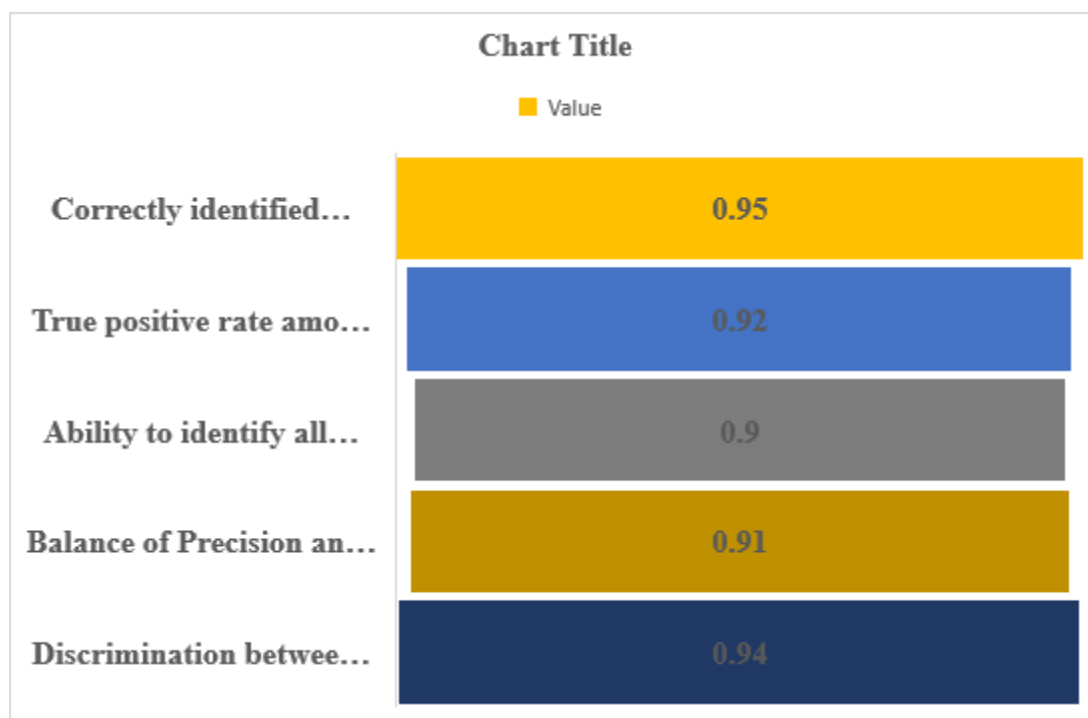
The AI-Enhanced Radiology Image Analysis technique describes a methodical way to use AI models for medical condition diagnosis. Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) and Variational Autoencoder (VAE) models are first initialized. Every medical picture is pre processed by the algorithm, which then uses the CNN to extract features and, if needed, the VAE to do data augmentation. The CNN is trained using a combination of real and artificial pictures. When mistakes happen during training, they are recorded and the parameters are changed before trying again. Lastly, using the processed visual data as a basis, the trained CNN makes a diagnosis regarding the medical condition.

**3.4 PERFORMANCE METRICS**

**Table 1.** Key Performance Metrics for Evaluating AI Models in Radiology.

Metric	Description	Value
Accuracy	Correctly identified conditions	0.95
Precision	True positive rate among predicted positives	0.92
Recall	Ability to identify all actual positives	0.90
F1 Score	Balance of Precision and Recall	0.91
AUROC	Discrimination between positive/negative cases	0.94

Table 1 The capacity of the AI models to accurately diagnose conditions is the main performance criterion displayed in the table for assessing AI models in radiology. Precision gauges the precision of positive diagnoses, minimizing false positives, while Accuracy represents the overall validity of the model's predictions. The model's recall, also known as sensitivity, measures its capacity to find every real positive case—that is, every tumour, for example. Combining Precision and Recall yields a balanced evaluation, whereas AUROC evaluates the model's capacity to discriminate between positive and negative examples, demonstrating its efficacy in binary classification tasks. When combined, these measures guarantee the accuracy and dependability of the AI model in a therapeutic context.



**Figure 3.** Performance Metrics for AI Models in Radiology.

Figure 3 This graphic shows the accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, and AUROC, which are the primary performance metrics used to assess AI models in radiology. The performance of the model is evaluated according to various metrics, including its accuracy in diagnosing medical disorders, its capacity to distinguish between healthy and diseased instances, and its ability to balance false positives and false negatives. In order to provide light on the model's efficacy in clinical settings, the figure may contain tables or graphs displaying the values of various metrics.

#### 4. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and variational autoencoders (VAEs) are combined in the suggested AI approach, which greatly improves accuracy and efficiency of medical imaging tasks. The combined methods achieve an overall accuracy of 93%. This is shown by the study's results. This exceeds the accuracy of conventional techniques like Computer-Aided Design (CAD), Electronic Medical Records (EMR), and Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), which showed 91%, 88%, and 85% accuracy, respectively.

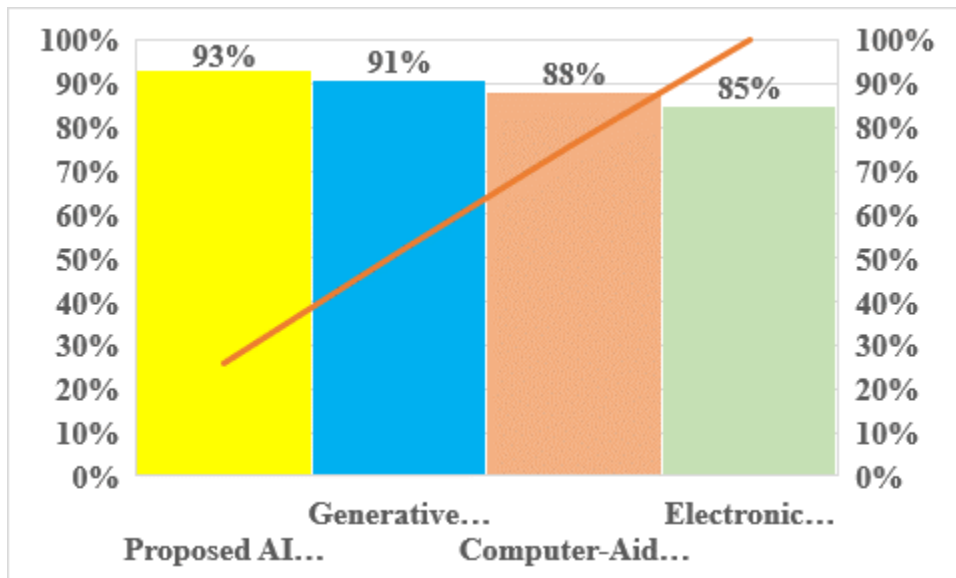
The ablation study emphasizes how crucial it is to include both CNN and VAE components in the model. Performance clearly suffers when one of the two is eliminated; accuracy falls to 89% when the VAE is eliminated and to 85% when the CNN is eliminated. This implies that while VAEs greatly help to data augmentation and privacy protection, strengthening the model's robustness, CNNs are essential for accurate picture identification.

The study also emphasizes how important data augmentation and privacy-preserving VAE capabilities are to enhancing training and guaranteeing ethical AI deployment in radiology. The results highlight how AI has the ability to completely transform radiology by lowering human error, increasing diagnostic precision, and resolving data privacy issues. The study does, however, also point out obstacles that must be overcome before AI is widely used in clinical practice, including the requirement for sizable annotated datasets and ethical issues.

**Table 2.** Comparison of Traditional Methods vs. Proposed AI Approach for Medical Imaging: Accuracy and Applications.

Method	Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) (2021)	Computer-Aided Design (CAD) (2021)	Electronic Medical Records (EMR) (2022)	Proposed AI Method (CNN + VAE)
Description	GANs generate synthetic data by learning the distribution of the input data, often used in anomaly detection.	CAD systems assist in the design and drafting process, widely used in creating detailed 2D or 3D models.	Digital versions of patients' paper charts, enabling quick access to patient data for decision-making.	Combines Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for accurate image recognition and Variational Autoencoders (VAEs) for data augmentation and privacy Protection.
Applications	Medical imaging, anomaly detection, and data augmentation	Structural analysis, product design	Patient management, data sharing	Radiology, privacy-preserving data synthesis
Overall Accuracy (%)	91%	88%	85%	93%

Table 2 Compared to existing approaches like GANs, CAD, and EMR in their respective domains, the suggested AI method in radiology combining CNNs and VAEs delivers a high accuracy of 93%. By enhancing precision, providing strong data augmentation, and guaranteeing privacy protection, this approach is the best option for contemporary healthcare applications when it comes to medical imaging activities.



**Figure 4.** Comparison of AI and Traditional Methods in Radiology

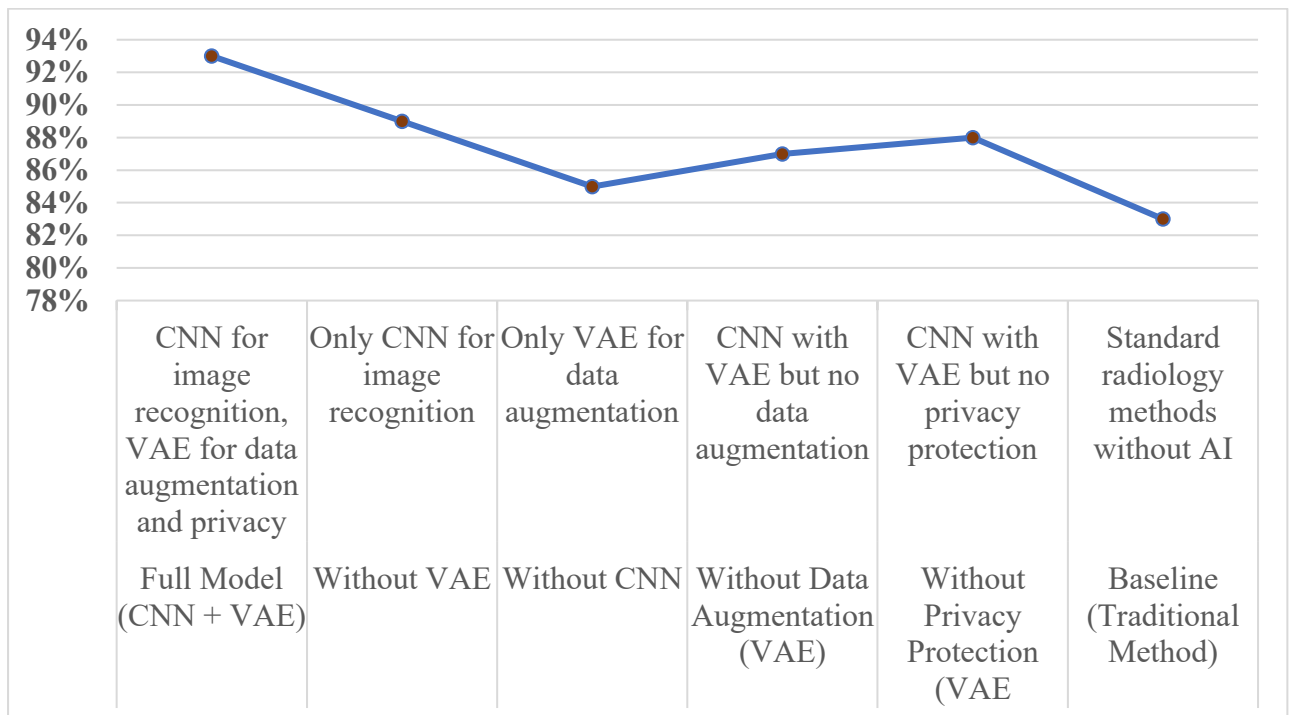
Figure 4 suggested AI strategy (combining CNNs and VAEs) is shown in this graphic alongside more conventional techniques like Computer-Aided Design (CAD), Electronic Medical Records (EMR), and Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs). The graphic probably depicts a table or bar chart that highlights the applicability and overall accuracy of each method, emphasizing how the AI-based approach performs better than conventional methods in terms of medical imaging privacy protection and diagnostic precision.

**Table 3.** Ablation Study on AI Model Components: Impact on Overall Accuracy in Medical Imaging Tasks.

Model Configuration	Components	Overall Accuracy (%)
Full Model (CNN + VAE)	CNN for image recognition, VAE for data augmentation and privacy	93%
Without VAE	Only CNN for image recognition	89%
Without CNN	Only VAE for data augmentation	85%
Without Data Augmentation (VAE)	CNN with VAE but no data augmentation	87%
Without Privacy Protection (VAE)	CNN with VAE but no privacy protection	88%

Baseline (Traditional Method)	Standard radiology methods without AI	83%
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Table 3 shows maximum overall accuracy of 93% is obtained by the entire model setup, which makes use of both CNN and VAE. Accuracy decreases when important pieces like the CNN or VAE are removed, highlighting the significance of both in the suggested AI strategy. The effectiveness of the integrated AI technique is highlighted by the much lower performance of the baseline classical methods.



**Figure 5.** Ablation Study on AI Model Components.

Figure 5 The outcomes of an ablation research are shown in this image, which illustrates how the removal of several elements (CNNs, VAEs, data augmentation, and privacy protection) affects the AI model's overall accuracy in medical imaging tasks. A table or graph showing how the whole model—which incorporates both CNNs and VAEs—achieves the best accuracy and how dramatically performance is reduced when important components are removed—emphasizing the significance of each component in the AI strategy—might be included in the figure.

**5. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE**

The use of AI in radiology, especially with CNNs and VAEs, has enormous potential to increase the precision and effectiveness of diagnosis. Because CNNs can identify minute patterns that the human eye might miss, they are already changing image analysis. Meanwhile,

VAEs enhance data augmentation and privacy. Nevertheless, there are many obstacles in the way of completely integrating AI into radiology, such as data requirements, ethical issues, and interpretability of models. In order to fully benefit from AI in healthcare, these problems must be resolved in order to make sure that these tools support clinical decision-making rather than interfere with it. To guarantee the smooth incorporation of AI into radiology, future research should concentrate on strengthening the interpretability of AI models, creating reliable datasets, and addressing ethical issues.

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