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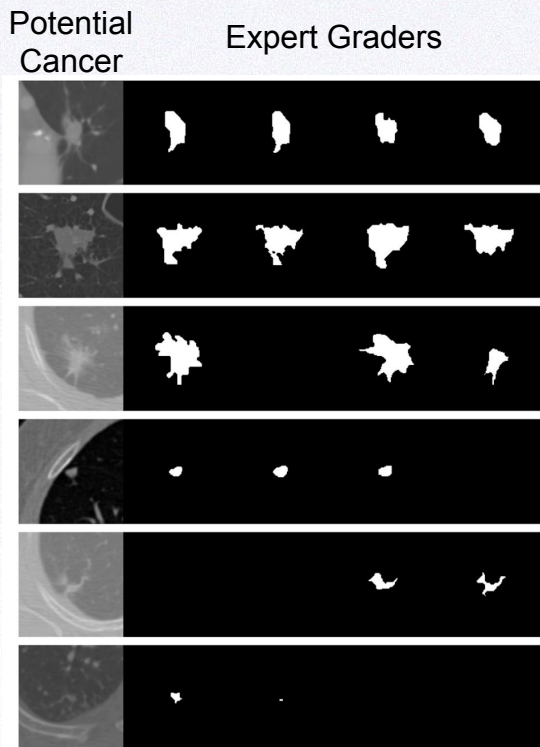
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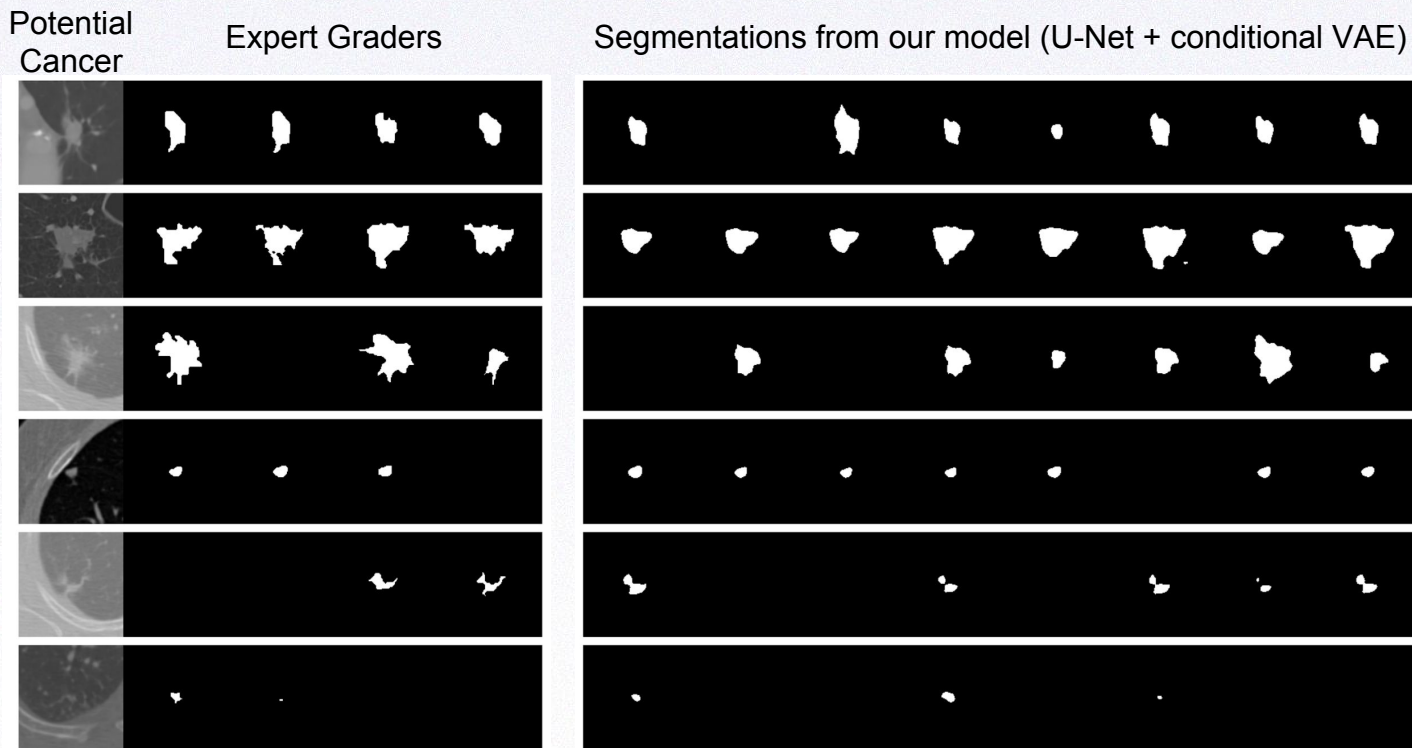
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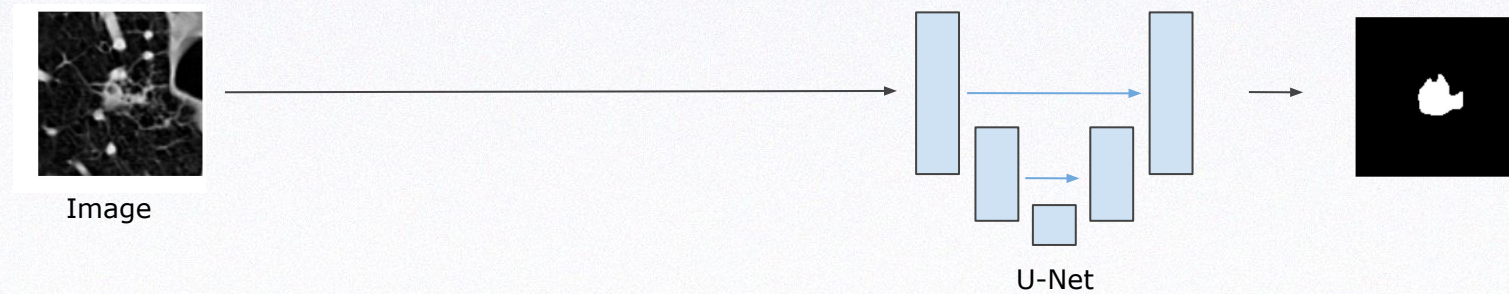
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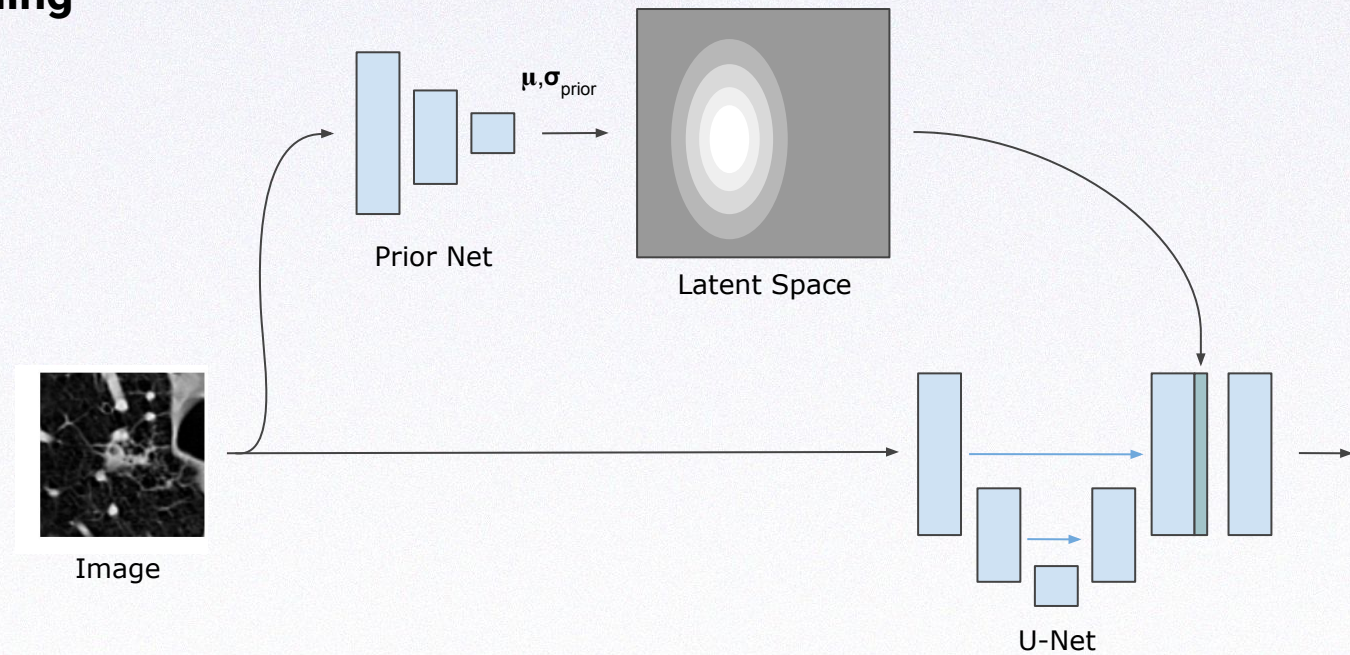


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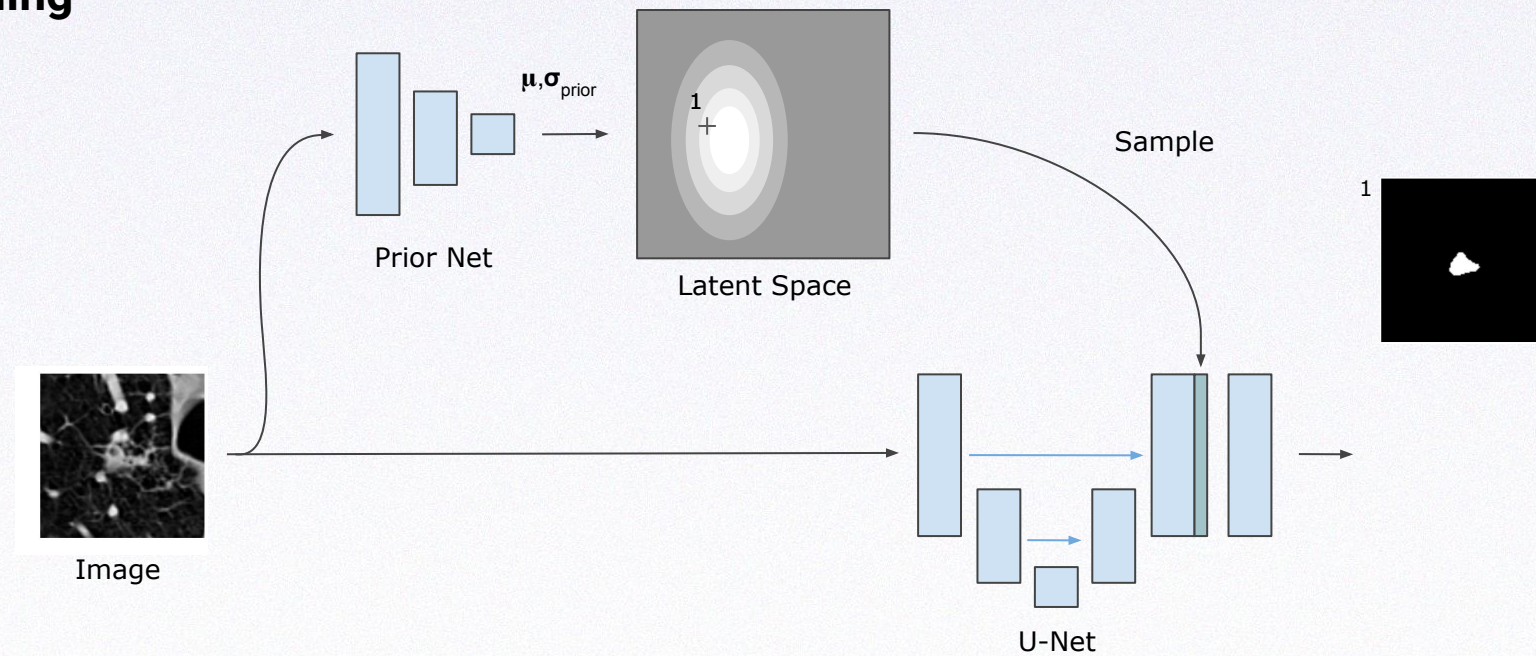
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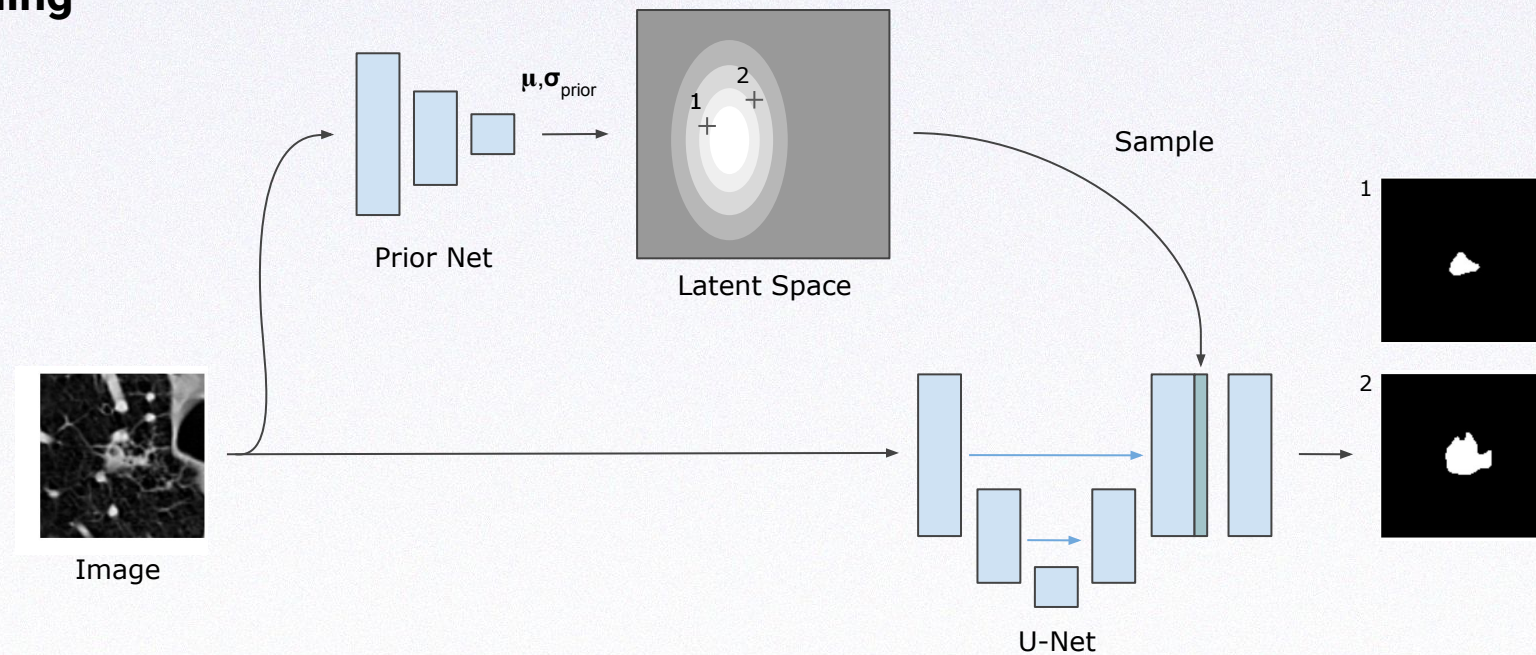
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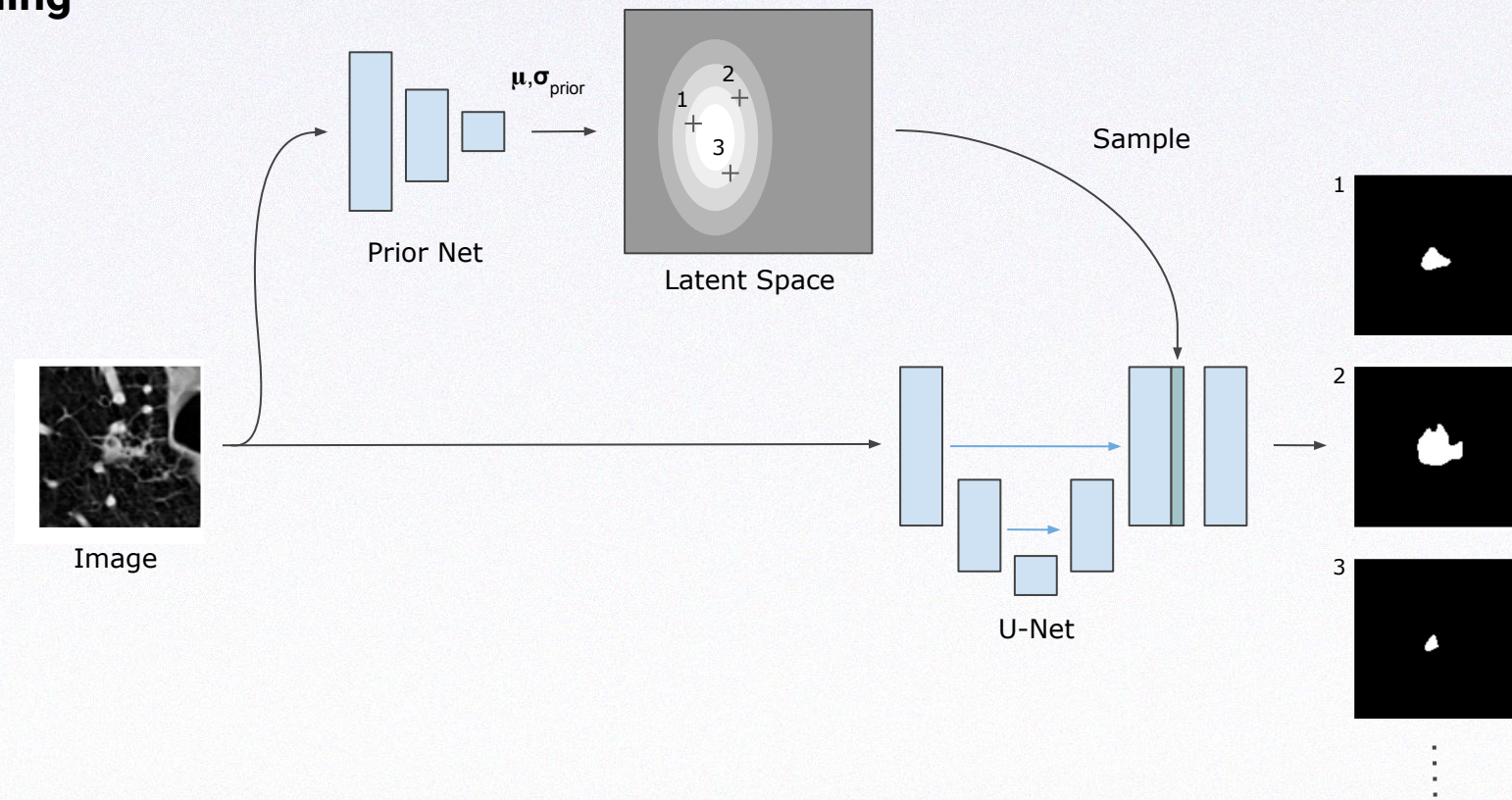
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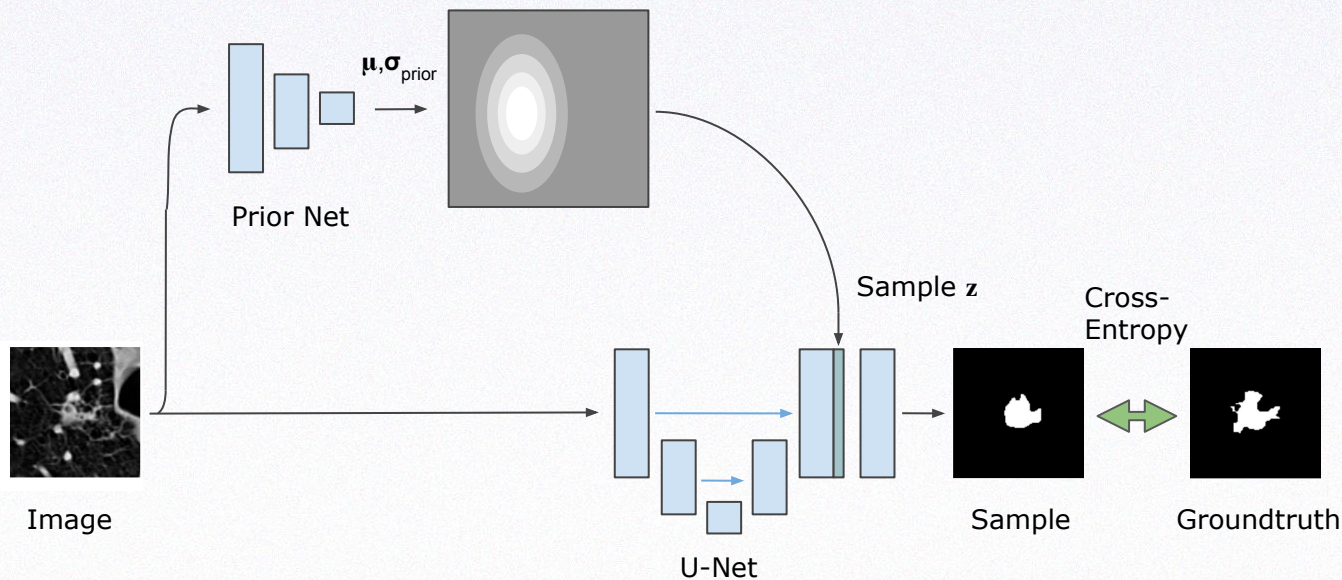
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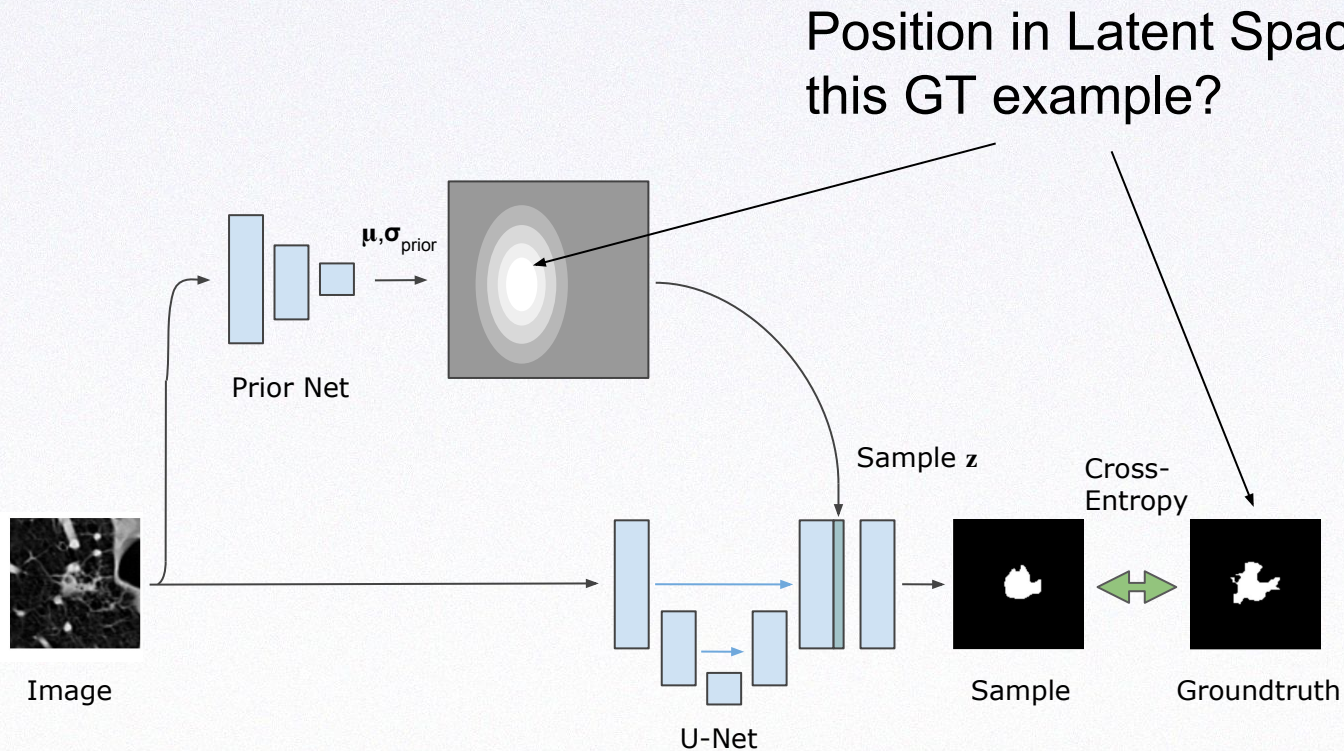


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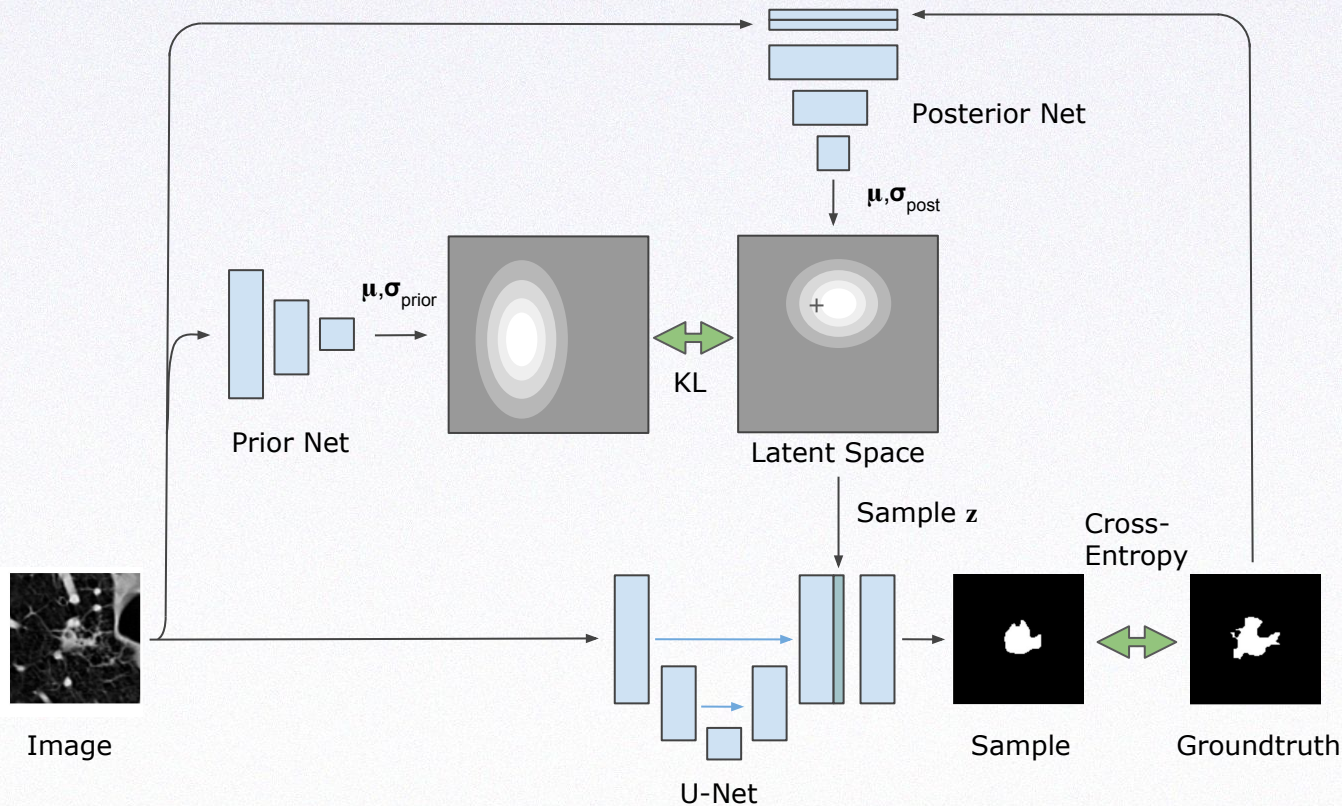


Probabilistic U-Net Training



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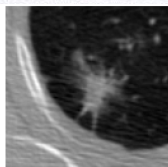
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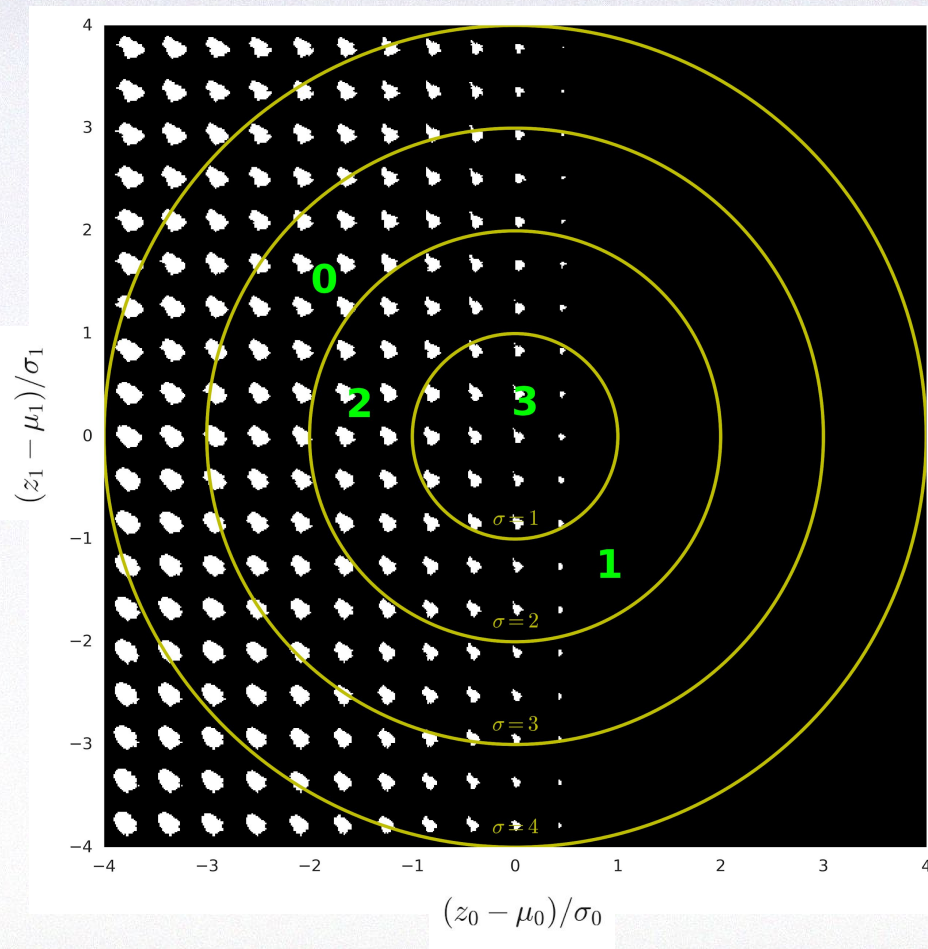
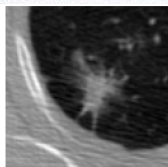
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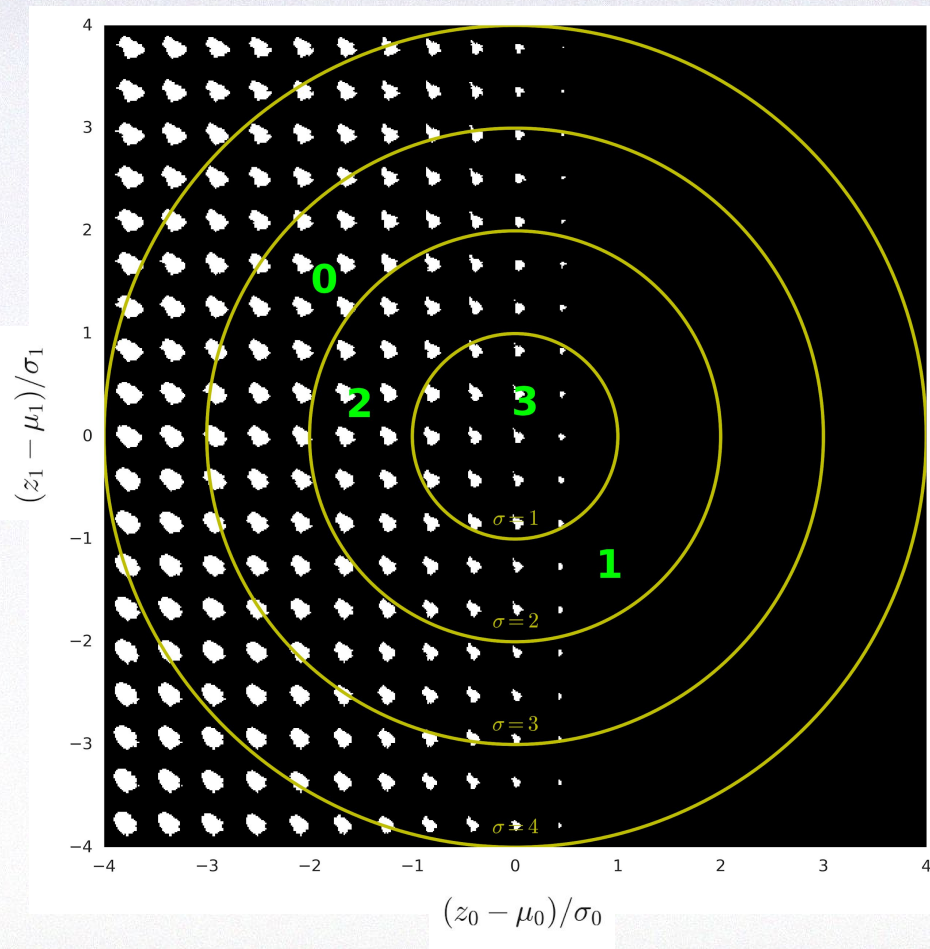
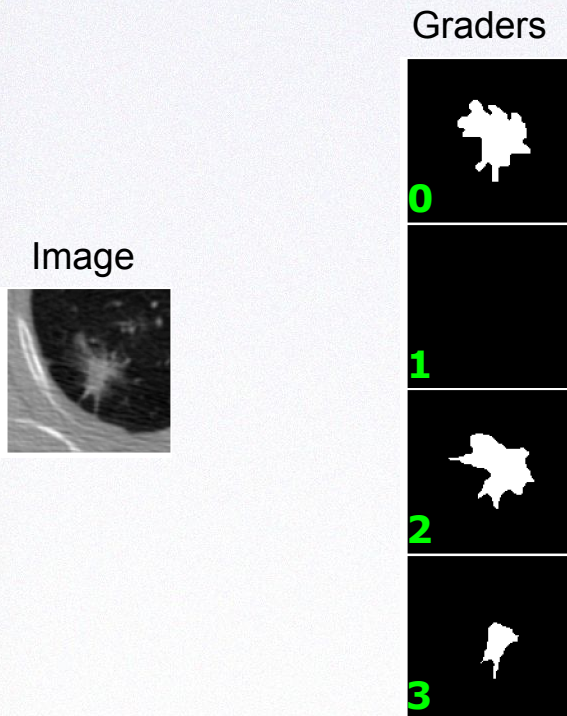
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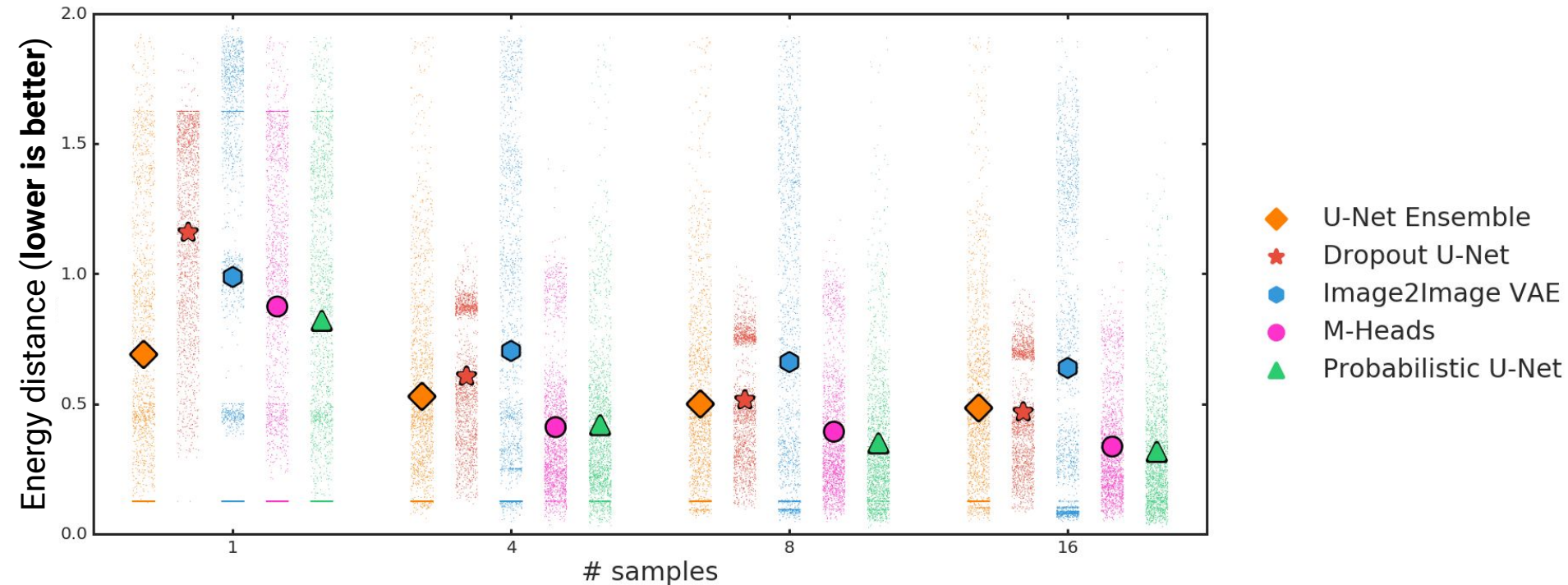


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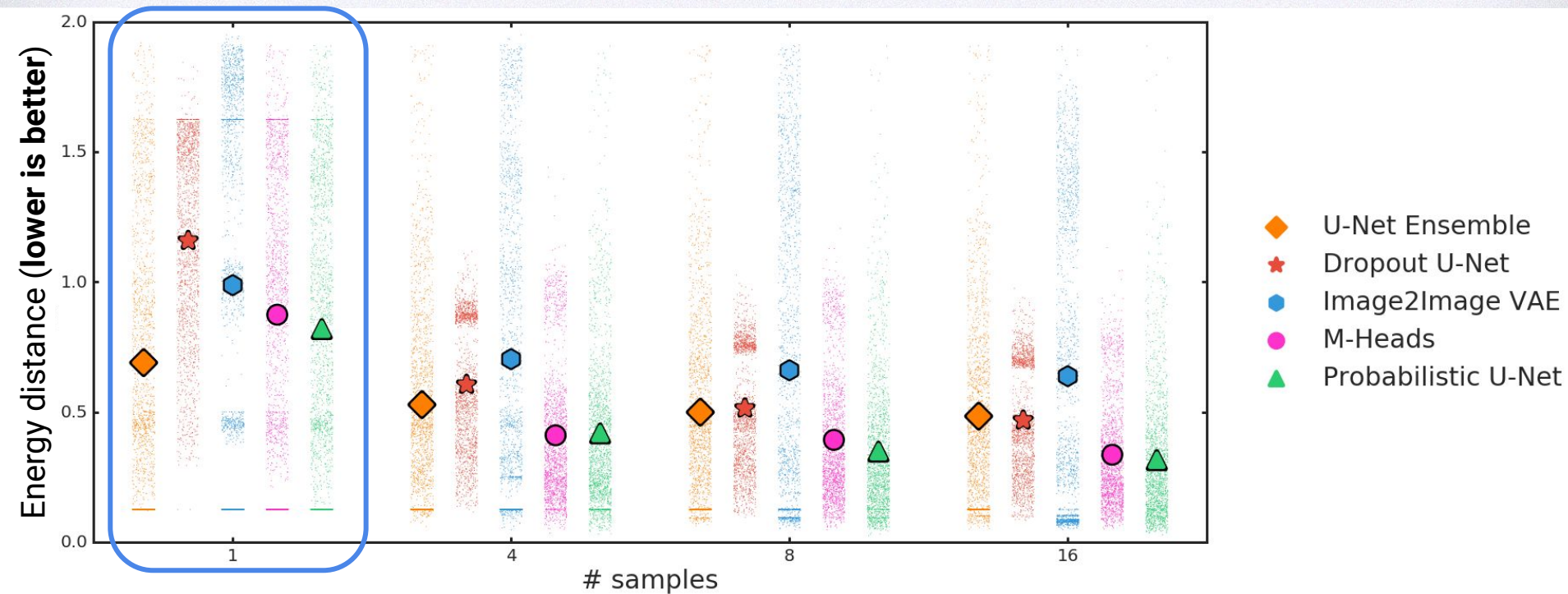
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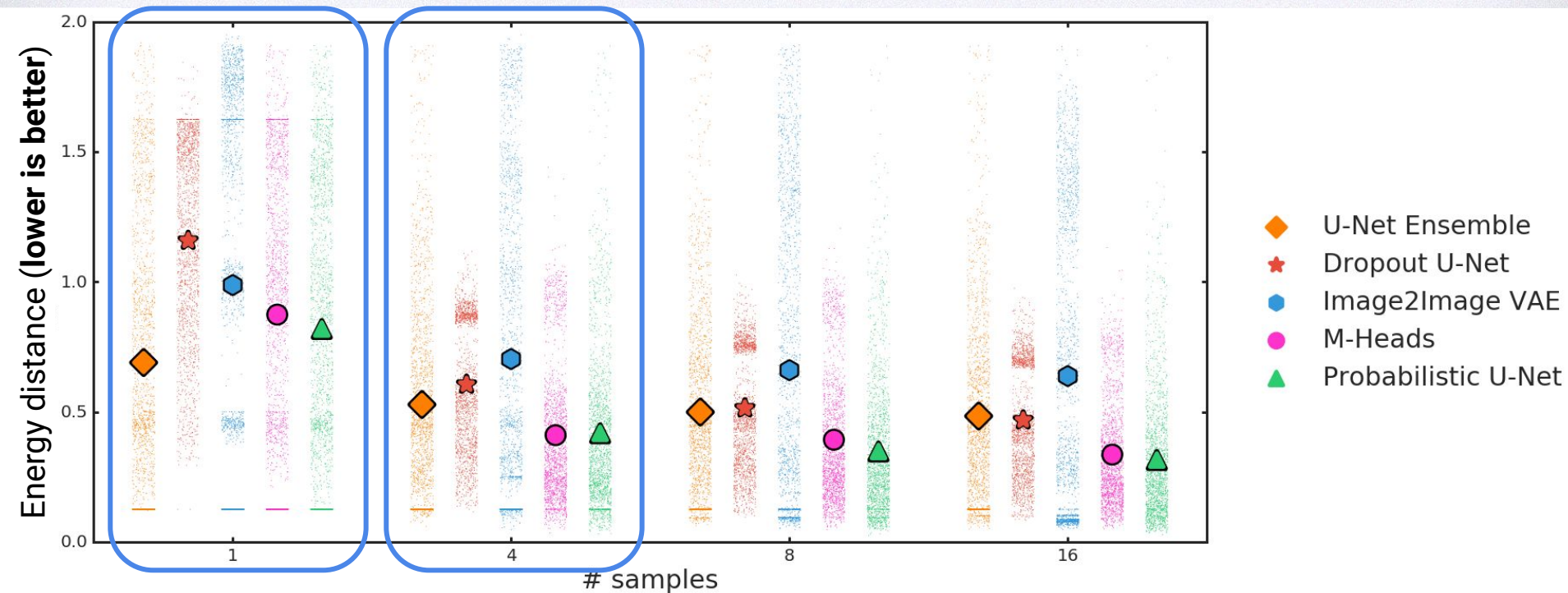


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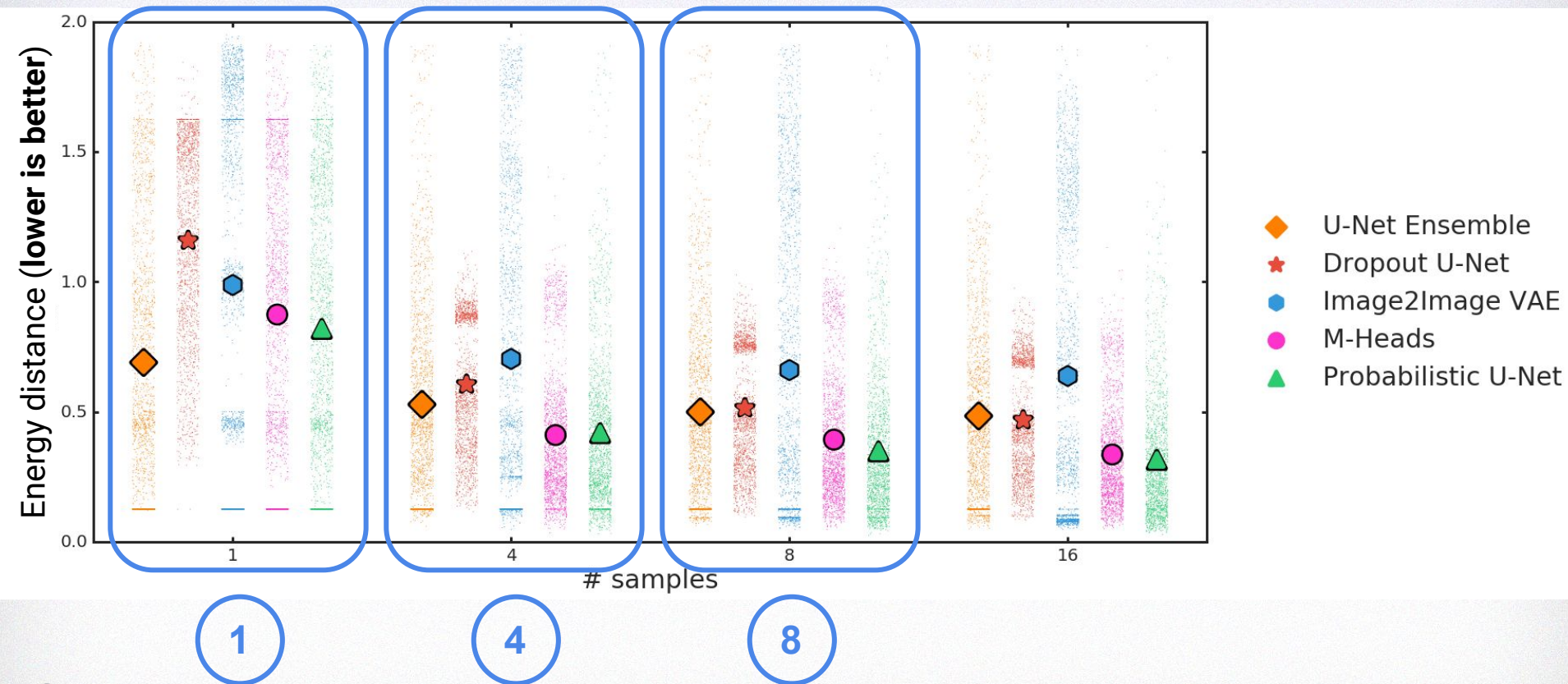
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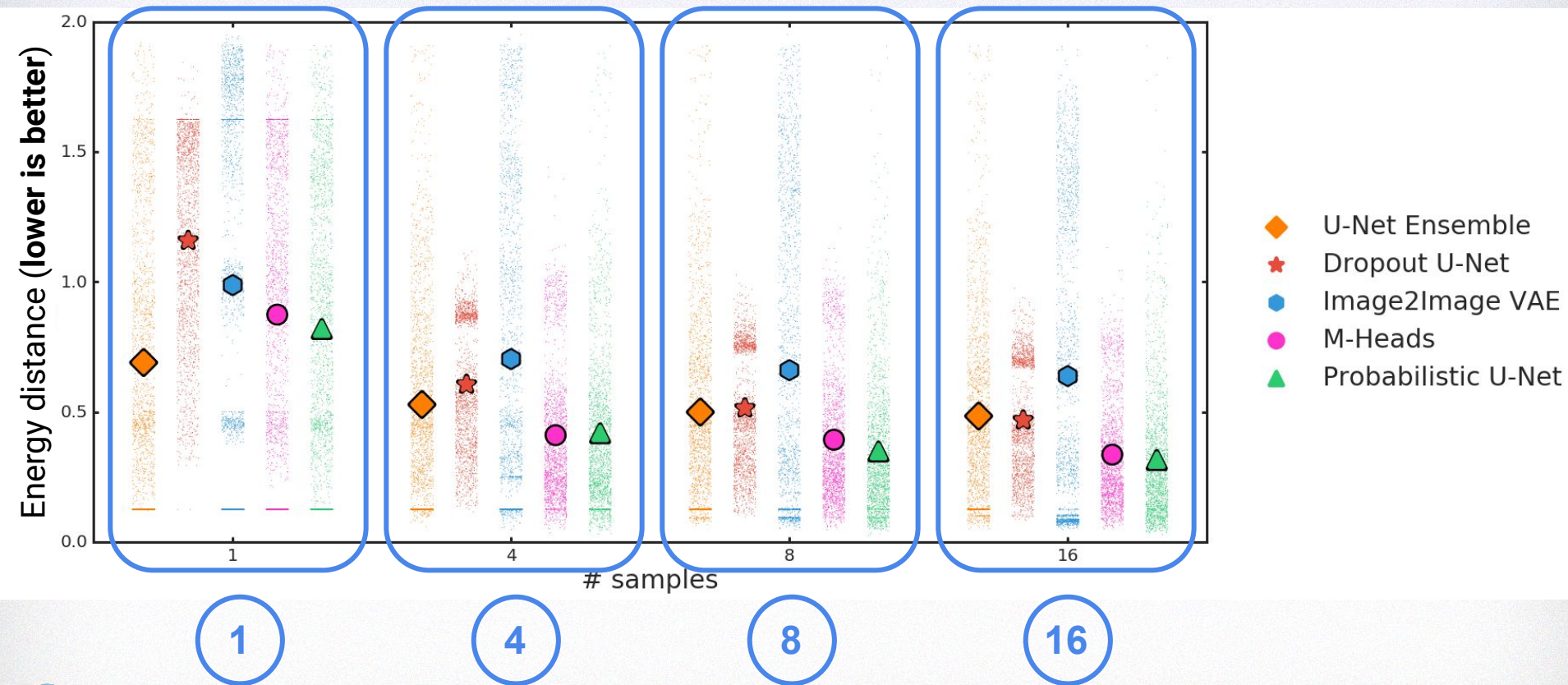
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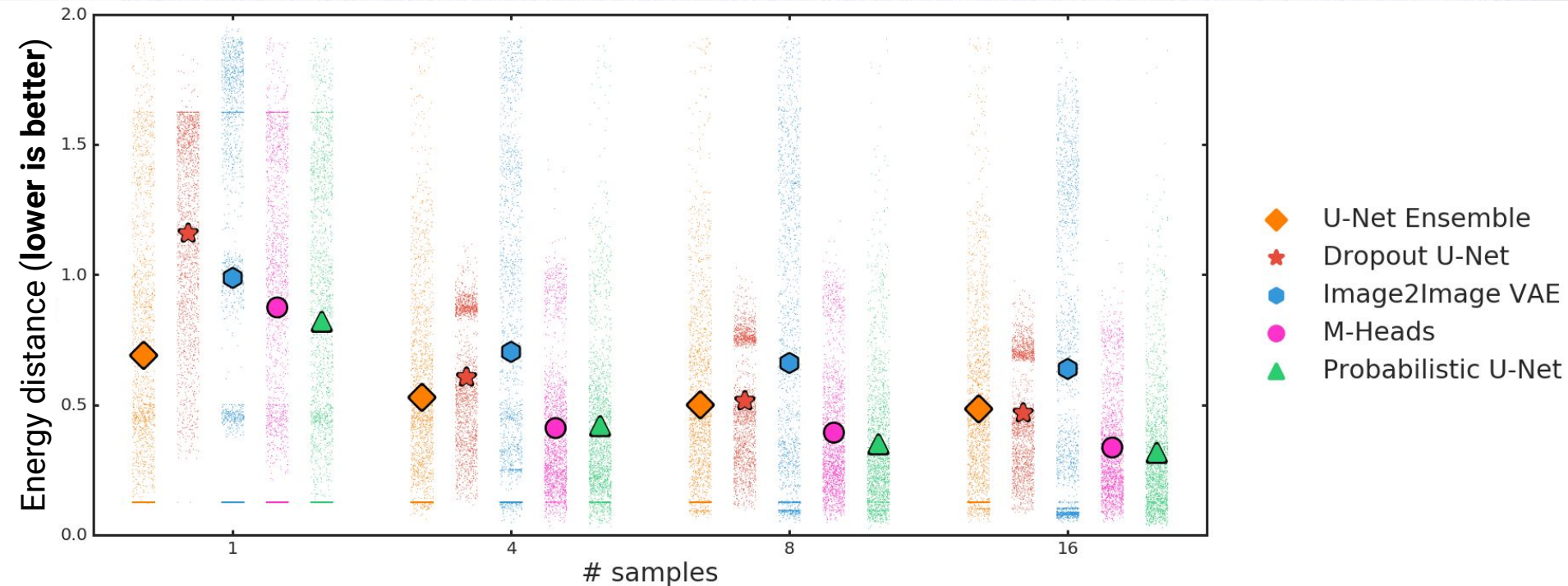
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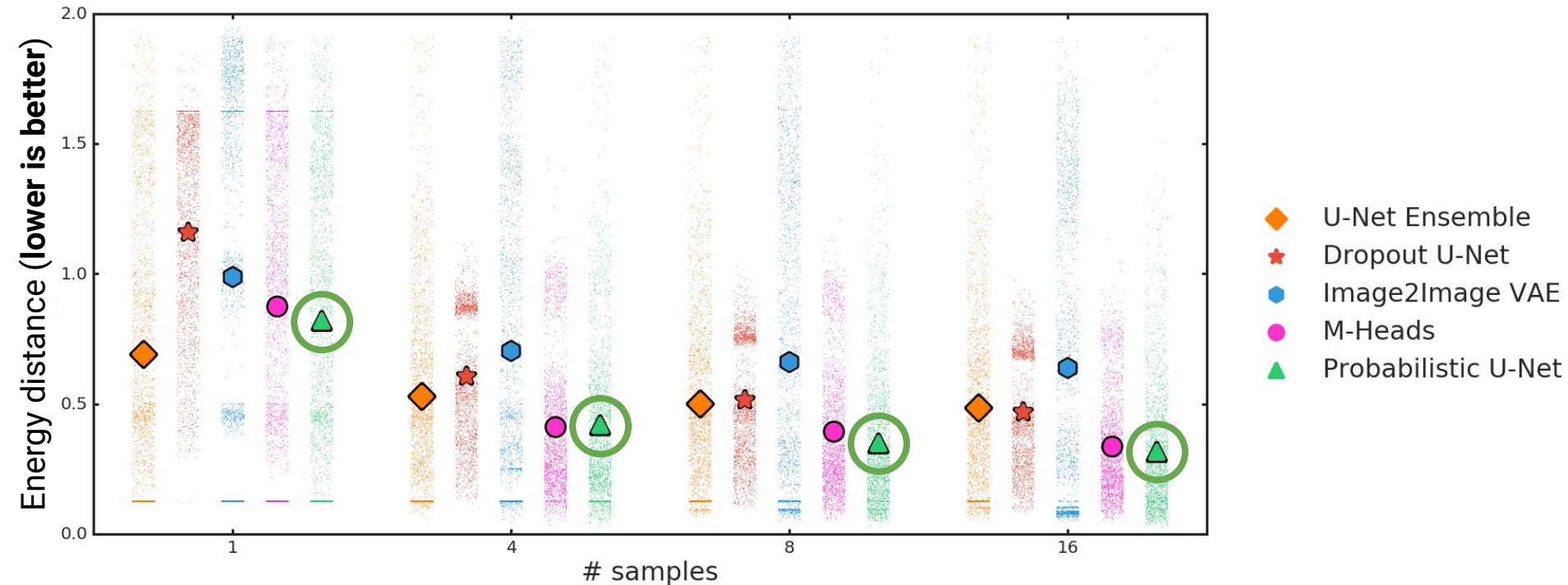
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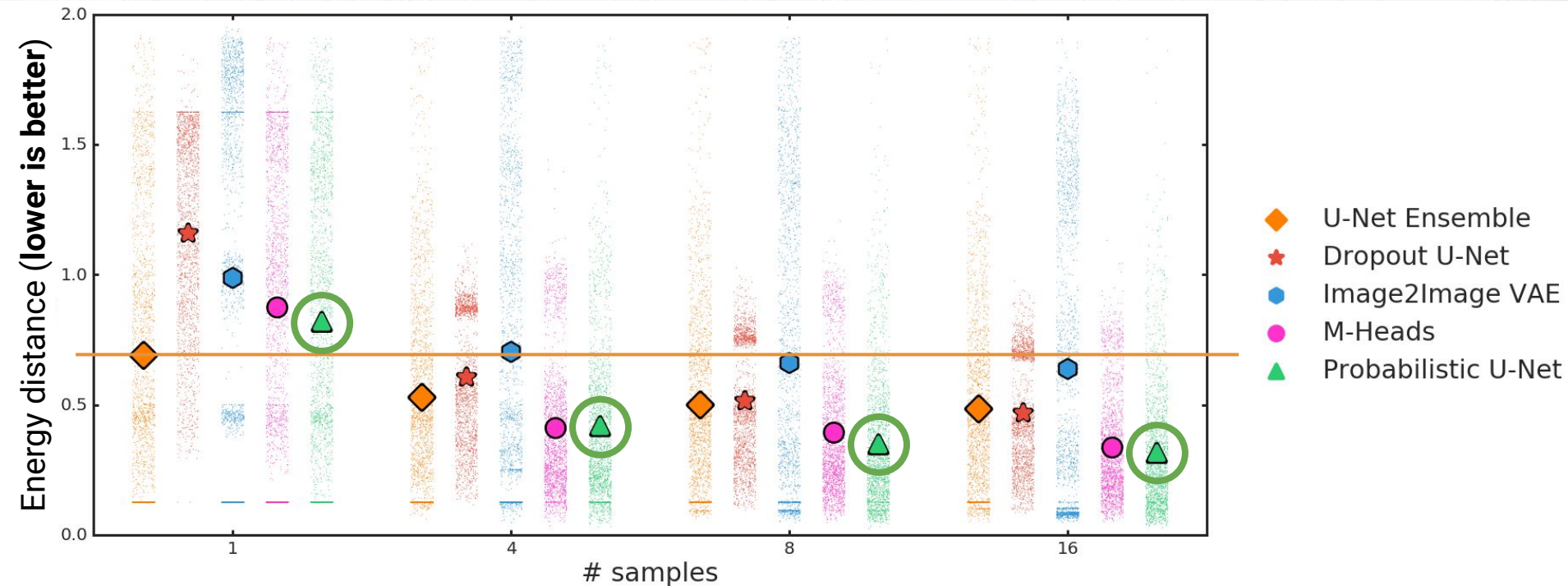
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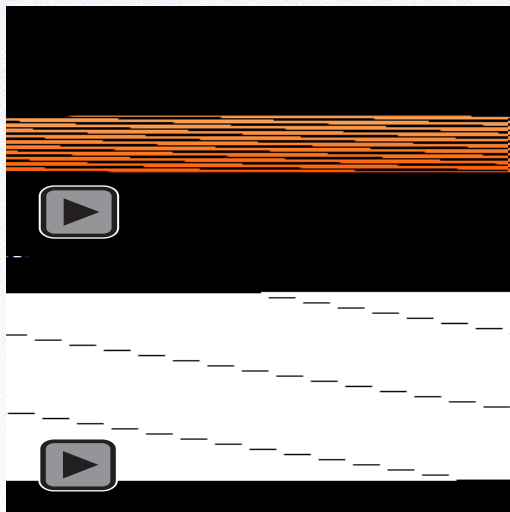


Cityscapes segmentation: Qualitative Results

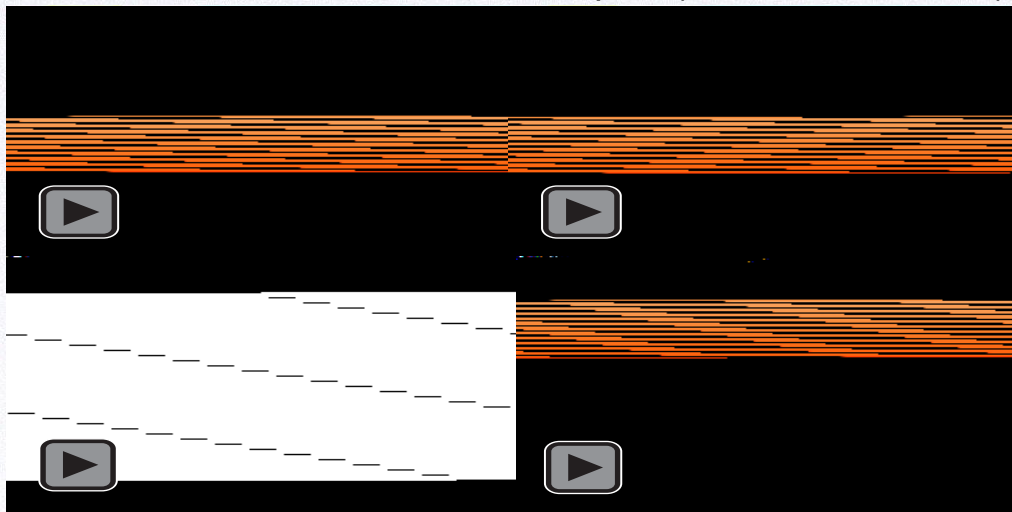
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Ground-truth Grader



Samples (Probabilistic U-Net)



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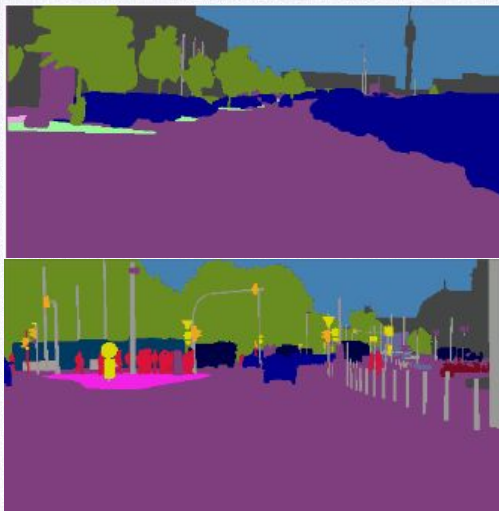
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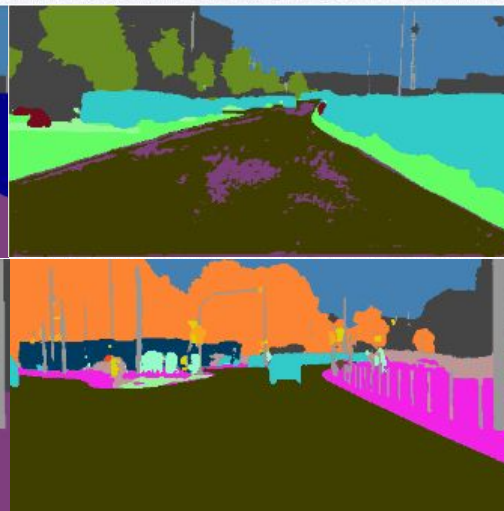
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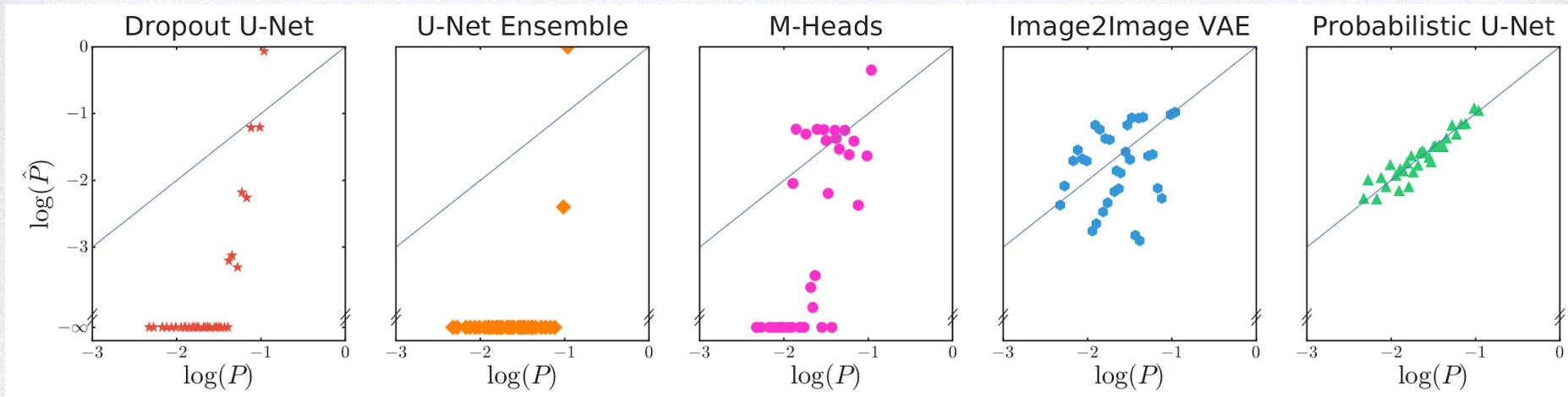
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Conclusions

- Learn conditional probability over segmentation maps
- Each sample is a valid & consistent segmentation
- The likelihoods are well calibrated
- Works on large-scale, real-world data
- Can also be trained with a uni-modal GT
- Can be used to assess annotations under the model

code: github.com/SimonKohl/probabilistic_unet

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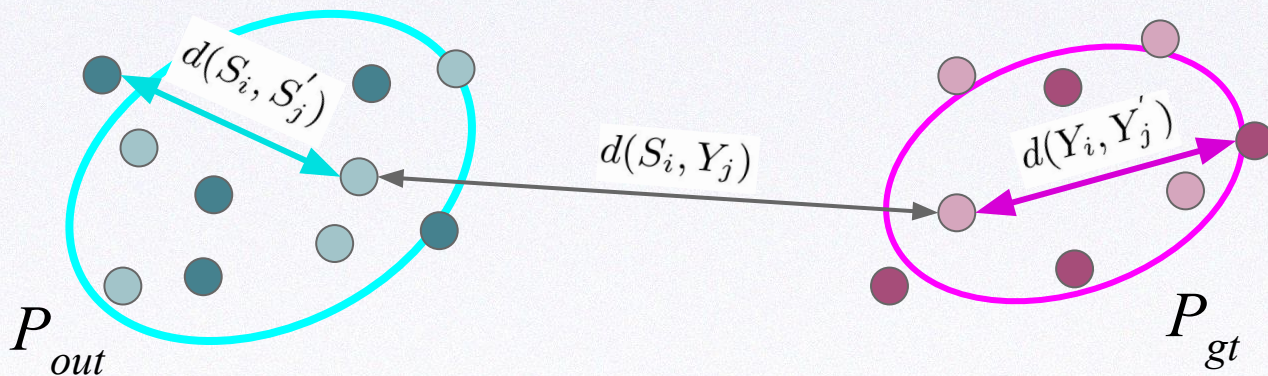
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Probabilistic Segmentation: Clinical Use-Cases

- Best-fit could be picked by clinician and adjusted if necessary.
- Hypotheses could be propagated into next diagnostic pipeline steps.
- Hypotheses could inform actions to resolve ambiguities.

Evaluation Metric for Quantitative Comparison

We use the Energy Distance¹ statistic (aka MMD):



$$\hat{D}_{GED}^2(P_{gt}, P_{out}) = \frac{2}{nm} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m d(S_i, Y_j) - \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n d(S_i, S'_j) - \frac{1}{m^2} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m d(Y_i, Y'_j)$$

where $d(x,y) = 1 - \text{IoU}(x,y)$ and

¹ Székely, G.J., Rizzo, M.L.: Energy statistics: A class of statistics based on distances. Journal of statistical planning and inference 143(8) (2013) 1249–1272

Baselines

