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NeuroPictor: Refining fMRI-to-Image Reconstruction via Multi-individual Pretraining and Multi-level Modulation

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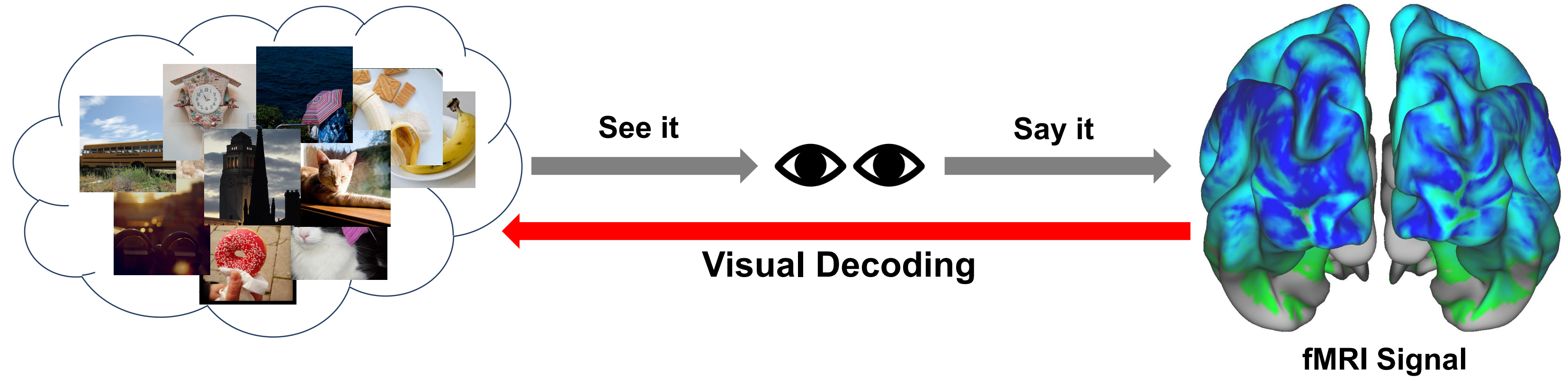


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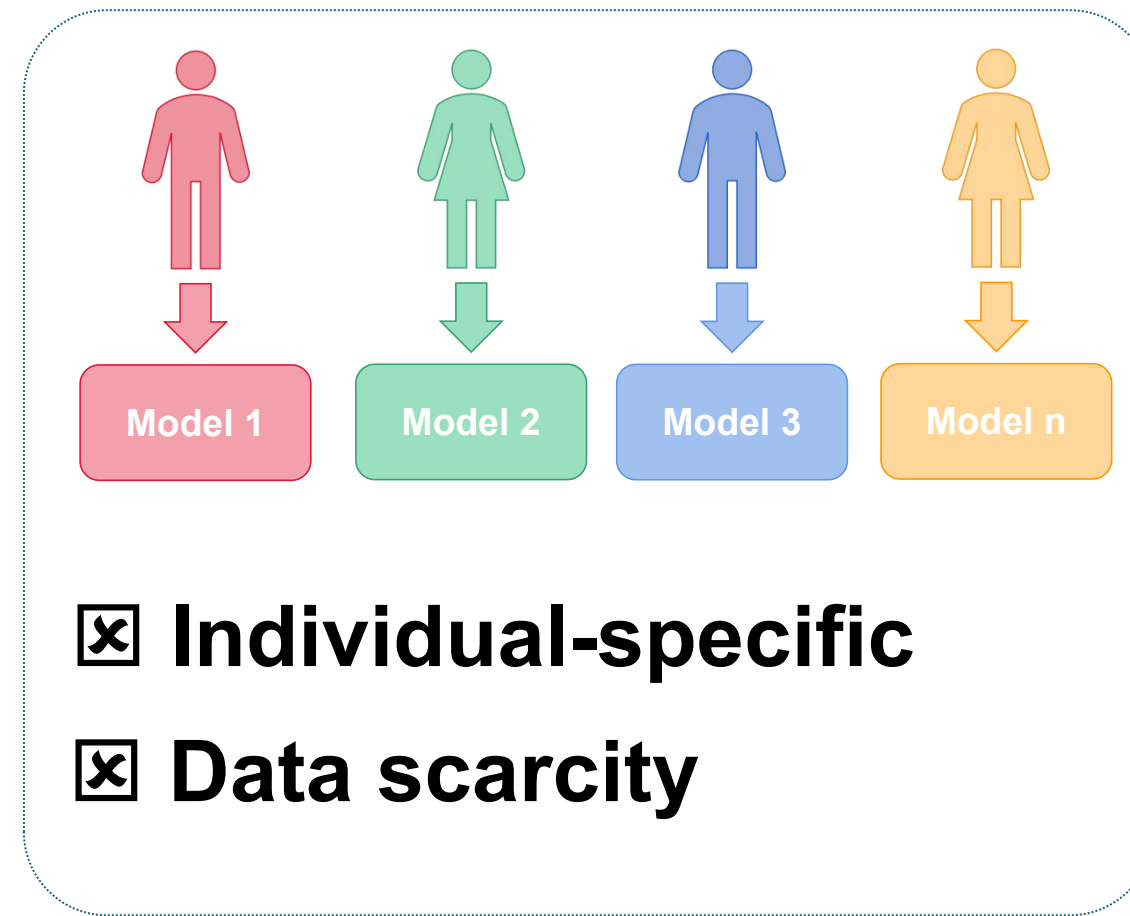
Task

Decoding visual stimuli perceived by humans using fMRI.

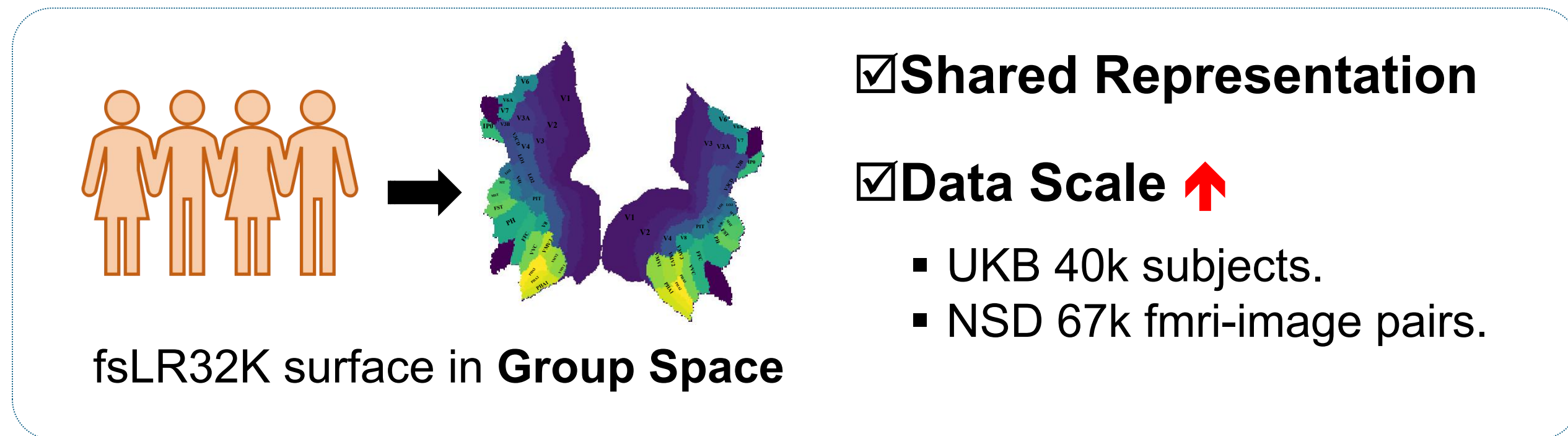


Motivation

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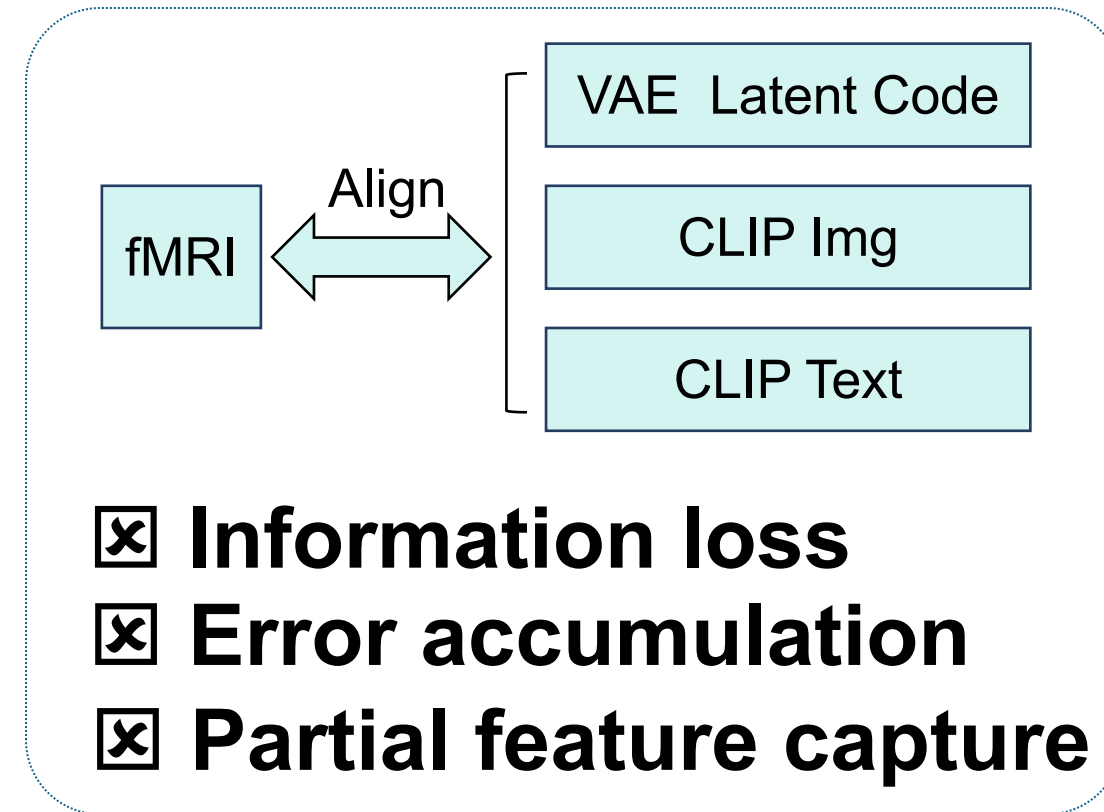


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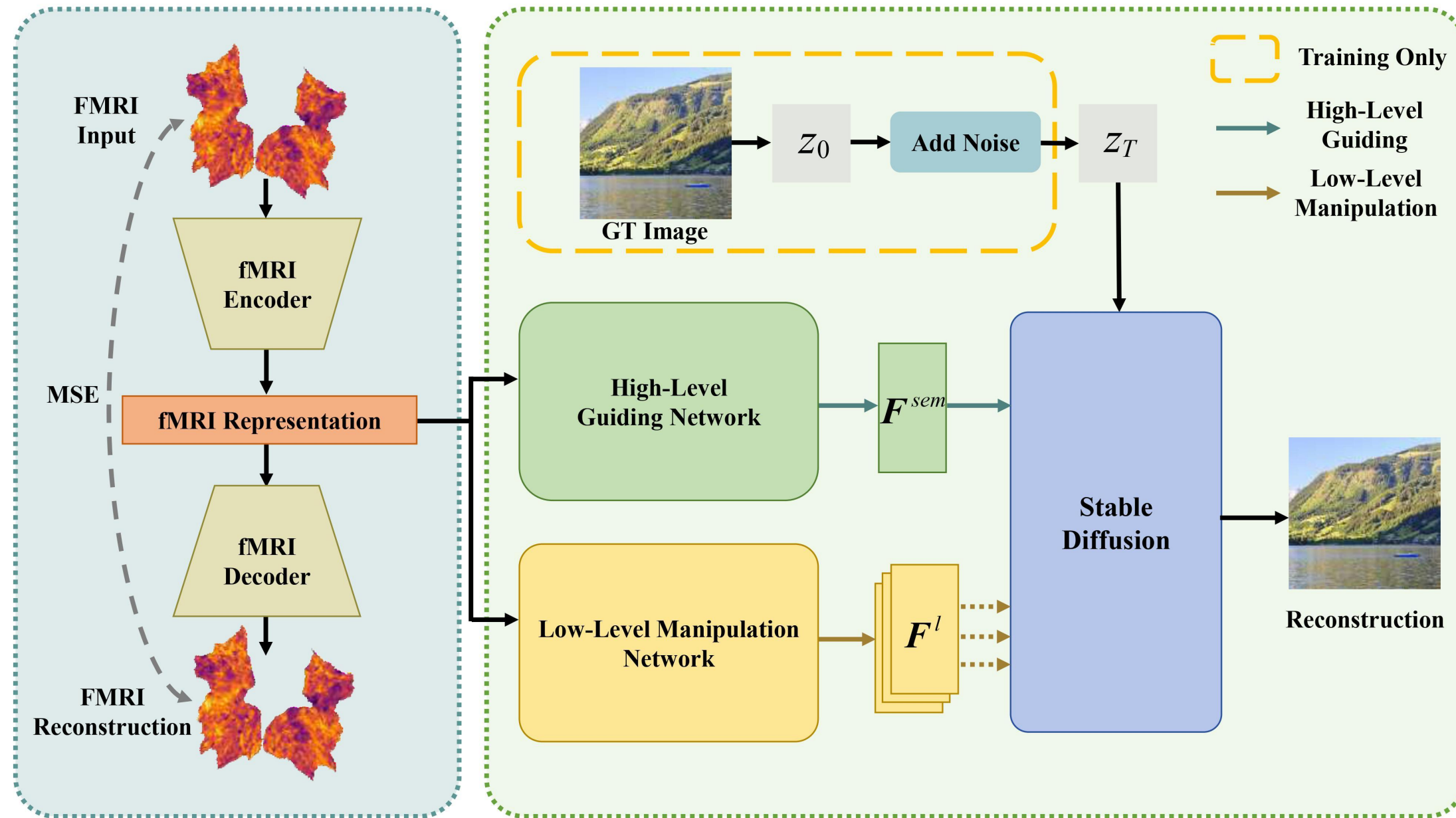


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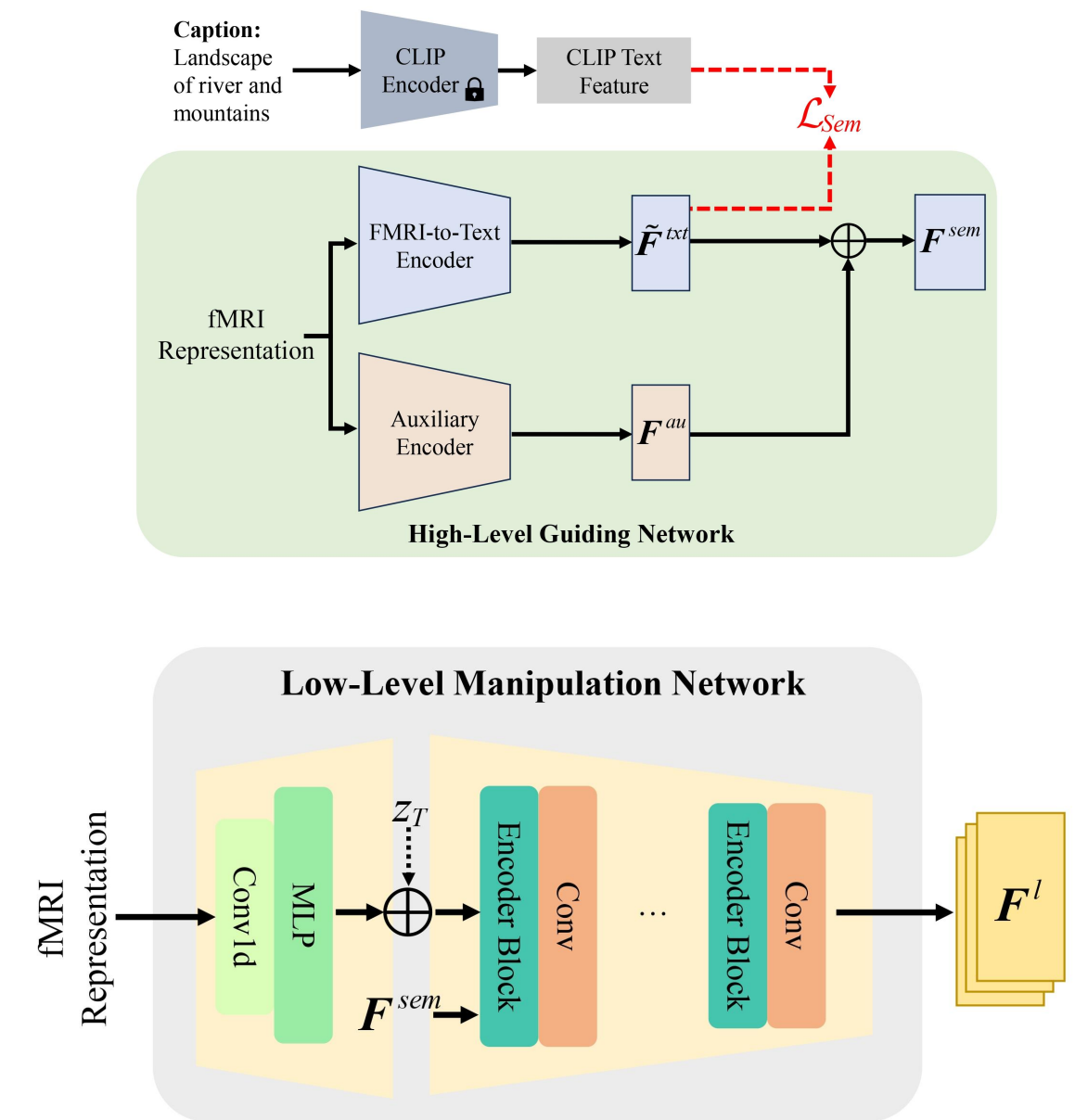
Model Design:

- Multi-level modulation.
- Incremental fine-tuning of generative models.
- Multi-individual pretraining.

Pipeline



- i. Learn a universal latent fMRI space across multi-individuals via an auto-encoder, addressing the individual differences and data scarcity.
- ii. fMRI-to-image multi-subject pre-training on 67k fMRI-image pairs.
- iii. Perform single-subject refining using the same training strategy of step ii.



- Divide neural signal information into high-level and low-level guidance to supervise the diffusion generation process.

Main Results

Table 1: Quantitative comparison of within-subject brain decoding of our NeuroPictor and the previous state-of-the-art methods on Natural Scenes Dataset.

METHOD	Low-Level				High-Level			
	PixCorr \uparrow	SSIM \uparrow	AlexNet(2) \uparrow	AlexNet(5) \uparrow	Inception \uparrow	CLIP \uparrow	EffNet-B \downarrow	SwAV \downarrow
Lin et al. [22]	—	—	—	—	78.2%	—	—	—
Takagi... [41]	—	—	83.0%	83.0%	76.0%	77.0%	—	—
Gu et al. [16]	.150	.325	—	—	—	—	.862	.465
Brain-Cap [13]	.353	.327	89.0%	97.0%	84.0%	90.0%	—	—
Brain-Diff [27]	.254	.356	94.2%	96.2%	87.2%	91.5%	.775	.423
MindEye [36]	.309	.323	94.7%	97.8%	93.8%	94.1%	.645	.367
NeuroPictor (w/o ft)	.141	.349	91.4%	95.7%	88.3%	88.9%	.722	.417
NeuroPictor	.229	.375	96.5%	98.4%	94.5%	93.3%	.639	.350

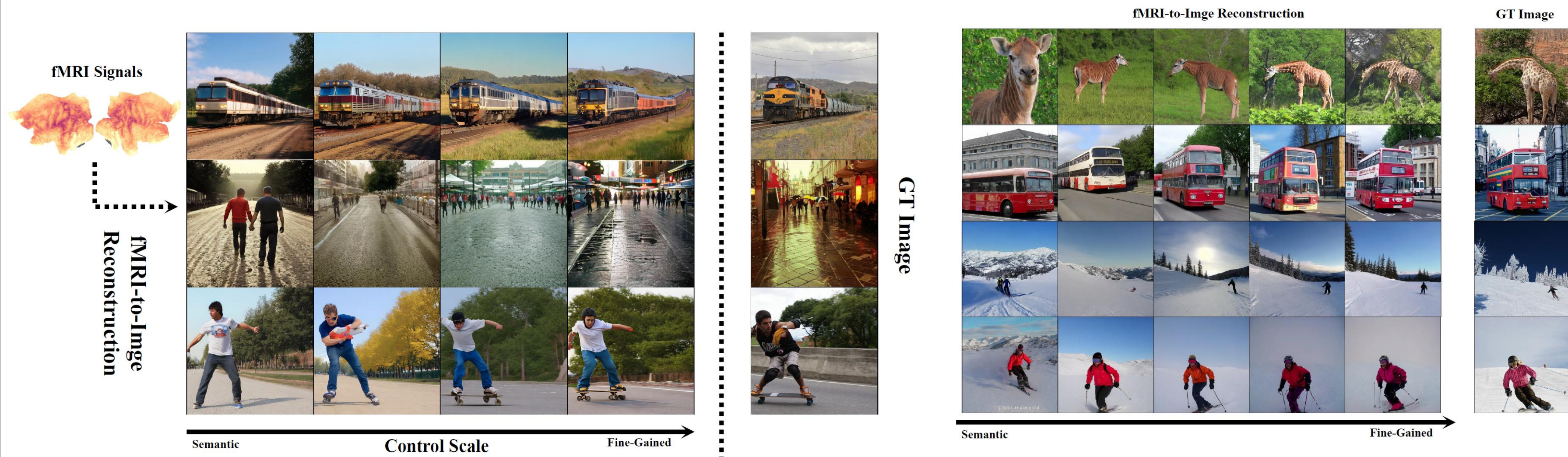
Main Results

Restore the **underlying details** of visual stimuli.



Visualization

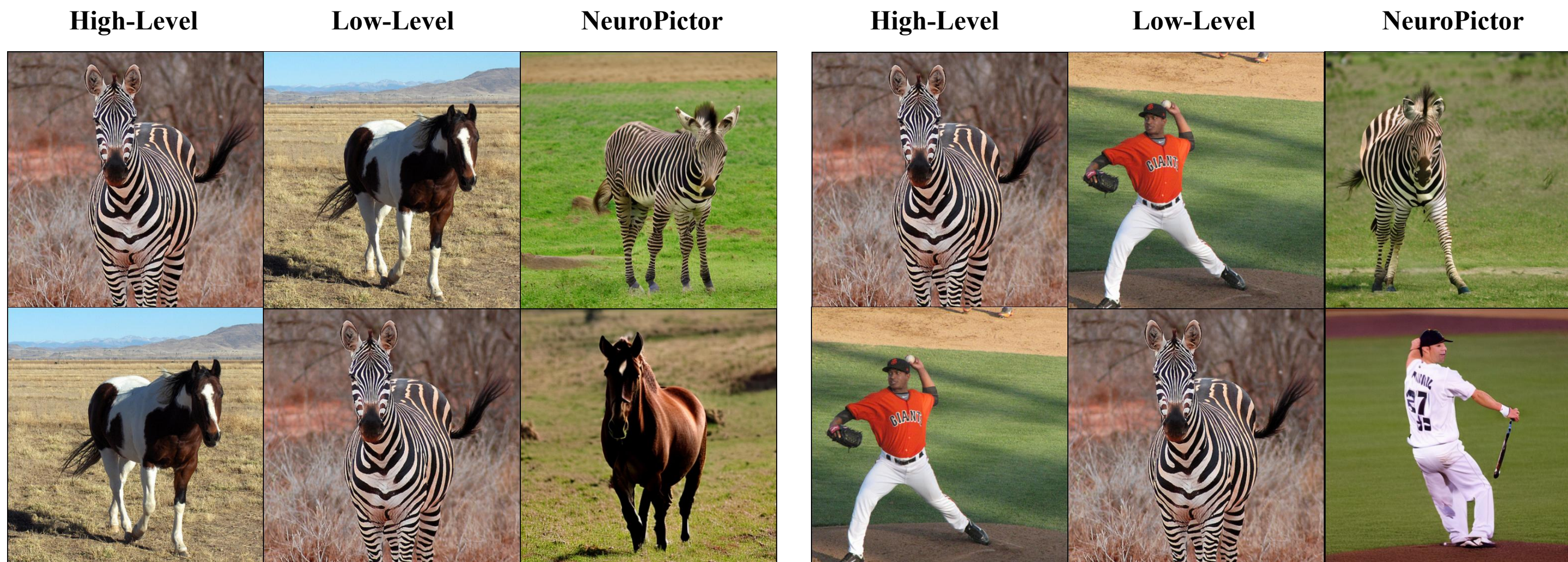
Interpolating the control scale transitions the reconstructed image from **semantic consistency** to **fine-grained control**.



NeuroPictor achieves precise control over decoding low-level structures from fMRI signals while preserving high-level semantics. The decoded images progress from reconstructing visual stimulus solely from high-level semantics to both high-level semantics and low-level structures as the influence increases from left to right.

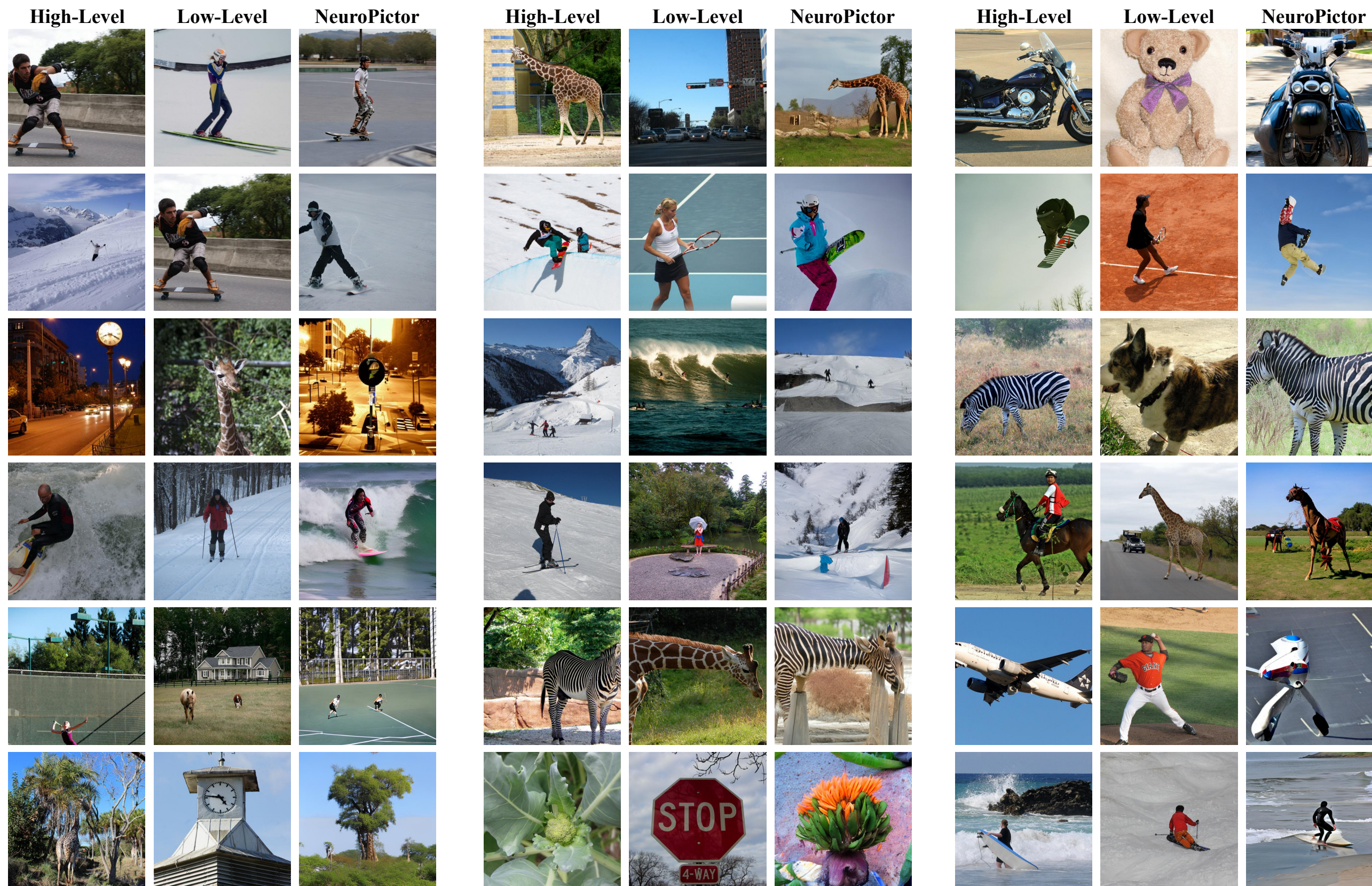
Visualization

Swap high-level fMRI features to manipulate image semantics while maintaining structural consistency.

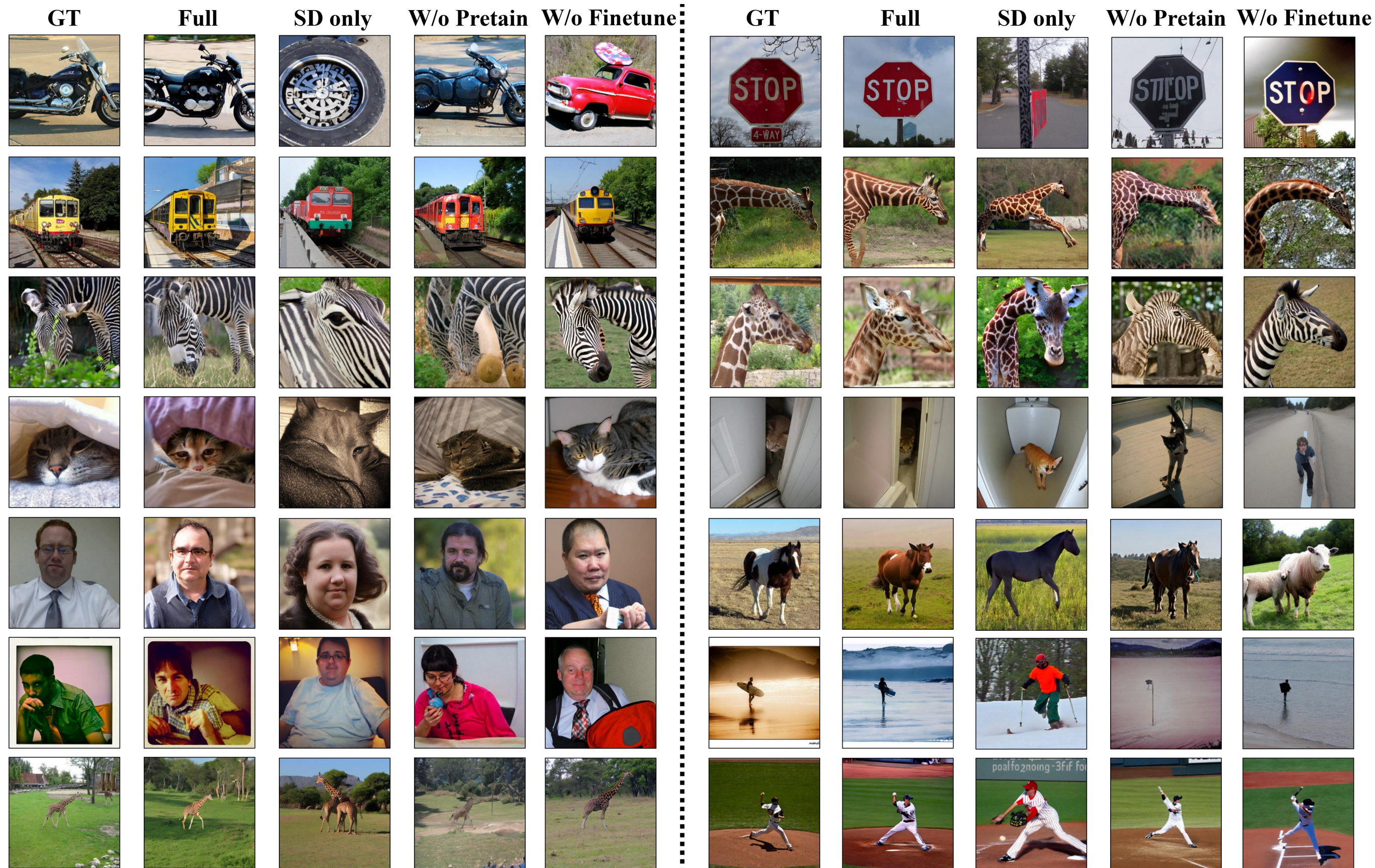


Visualization

Mismatched high-level and low-level features from different fMRI sources.



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