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# Dynamic Snake Convolution

based on Topological Geometric Constraints for Tubular Structure Segmentation

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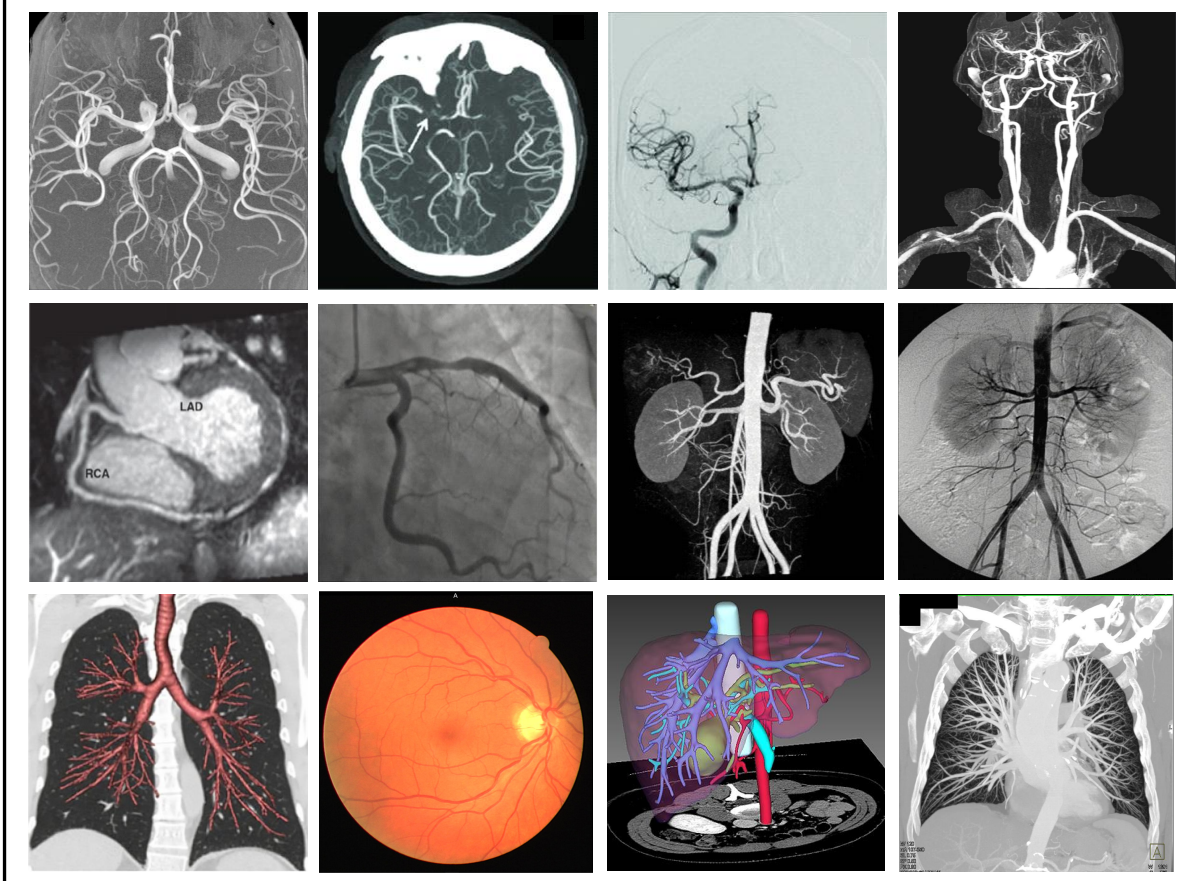
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# I Background — Tubular Structure



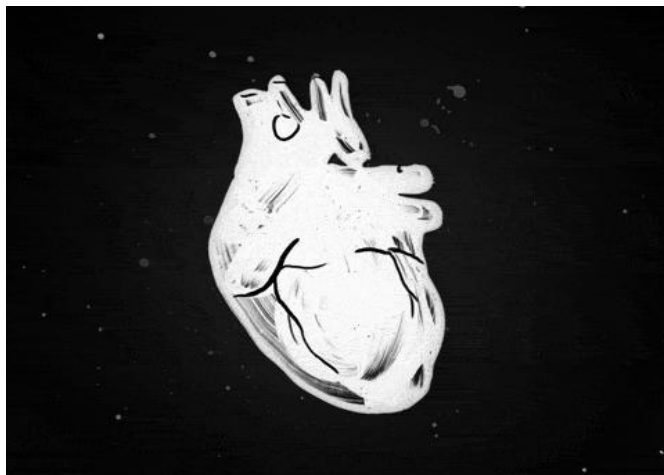
## Tubular structures in medical image



## Tubular structures in natural image



# I Importance — Segmentation

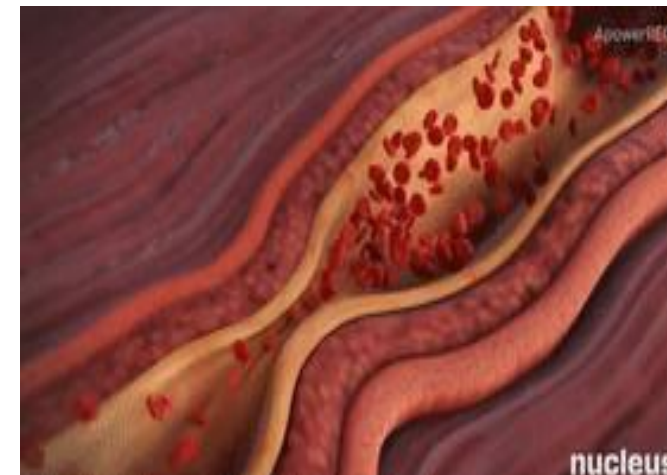


Coronary Artery Disease

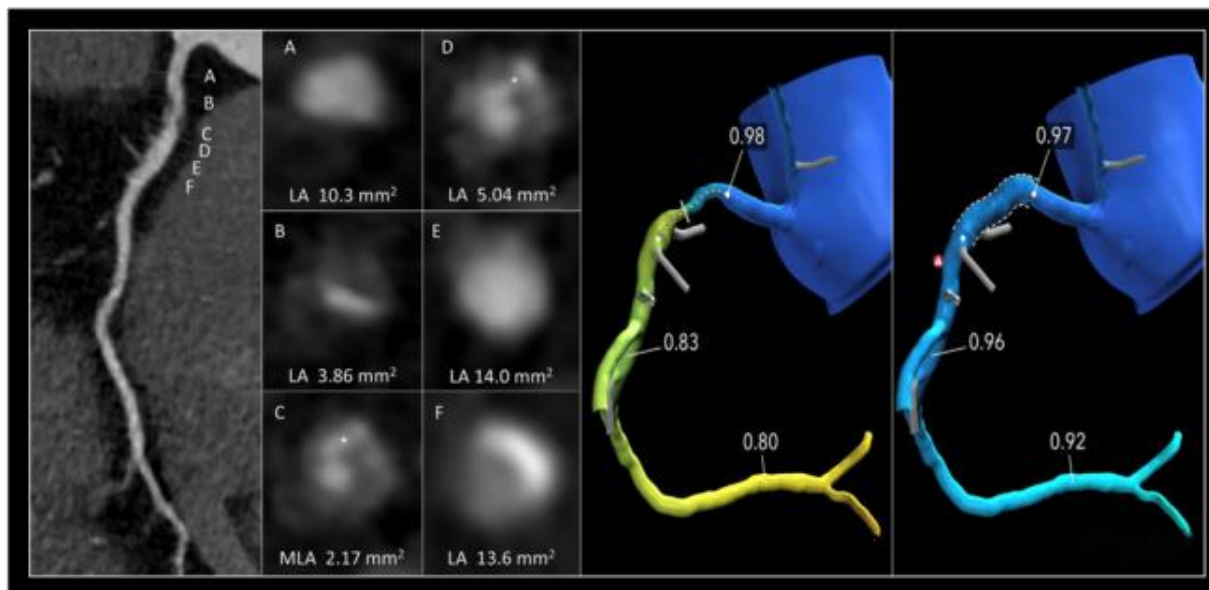
Number one in lethality

Coronary Artery Stenosis

Compress blood vessels



CT-FFR (Ko JACC 2017)

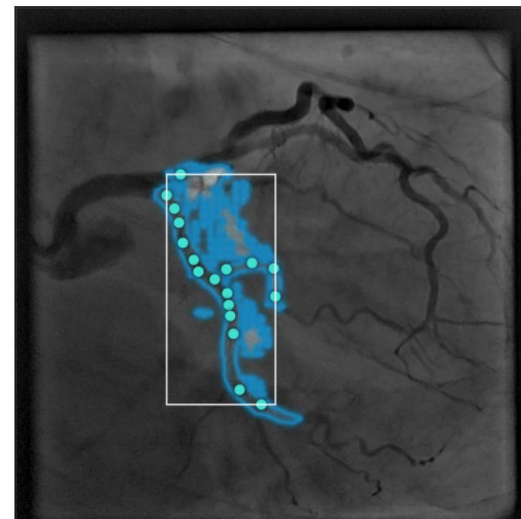
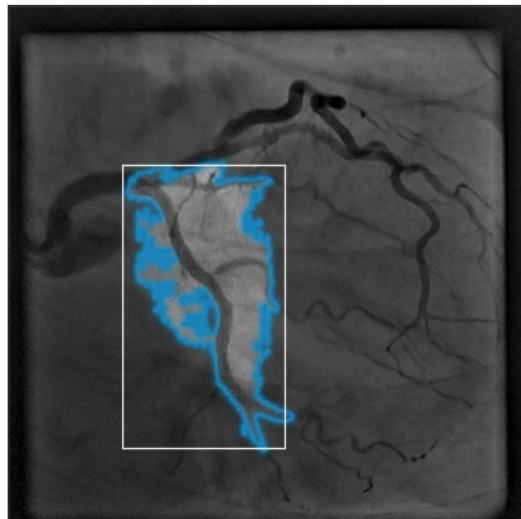


- ❑ CT-FFR can detect stenosis non-invasively
- ❑ CT-FFR depends on Computational Fluid Dynamics
- ❑ CFD relies on well-delineated coronary lumen

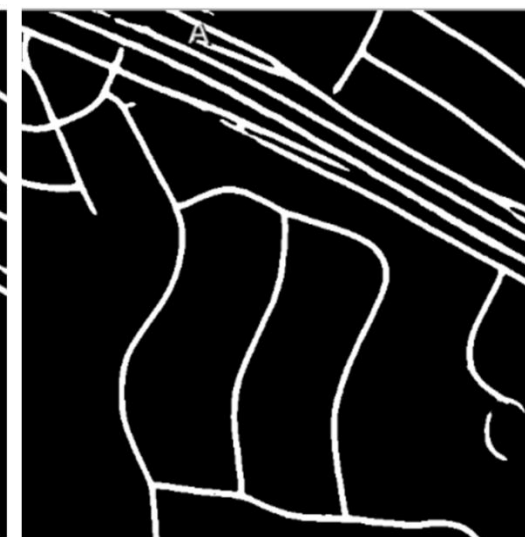
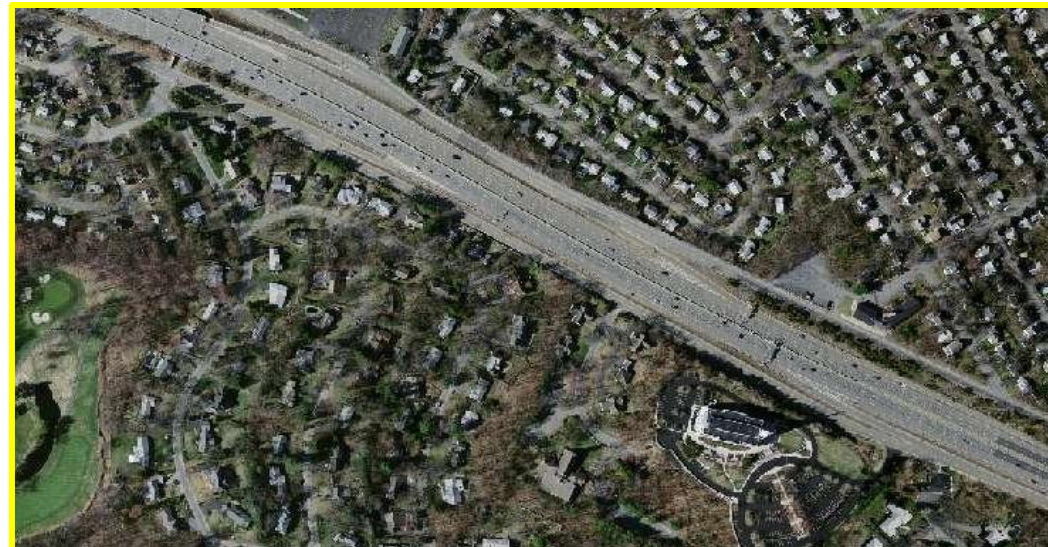
# I Challenge — Segment Anything



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# I Challenge — The inaccurate results

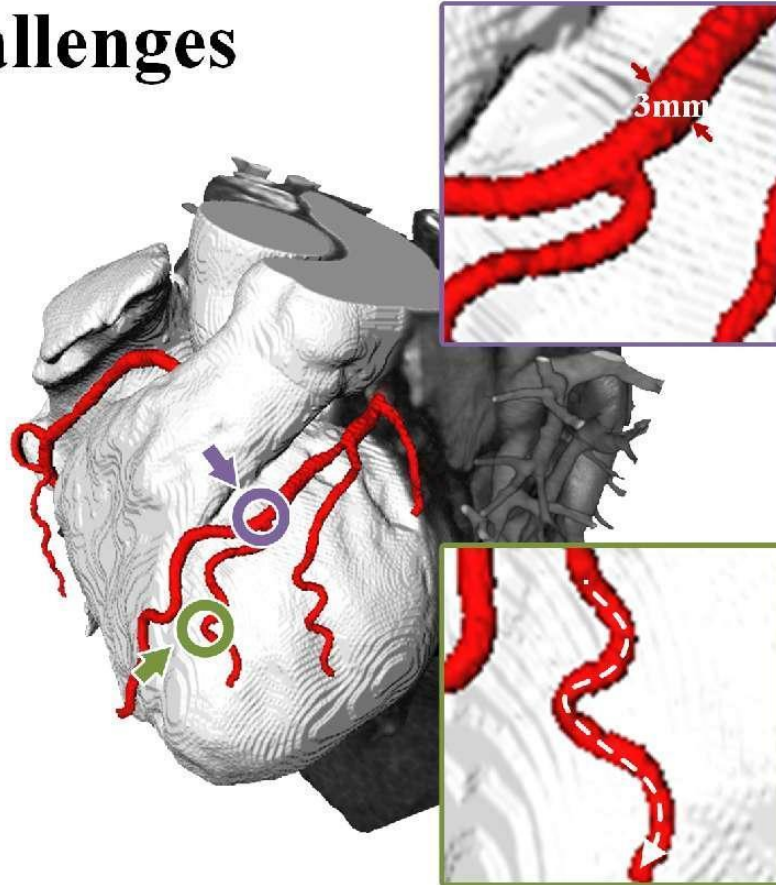


Groundtruth

DCU-Net

our DSCNet

## Challenges



### Challenge 1

Thin and fragile  
local structure



### Challenge 2

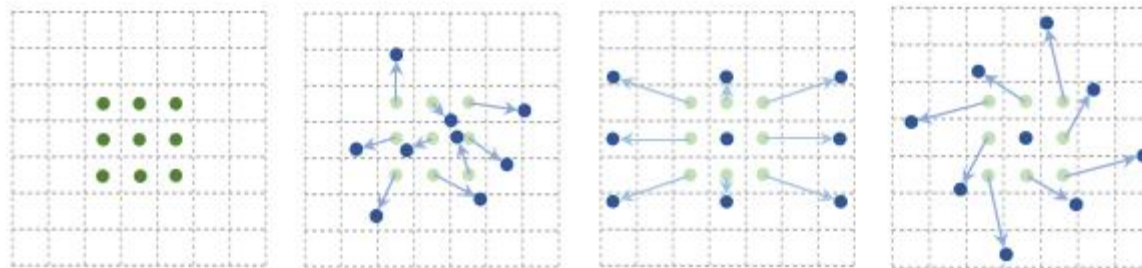
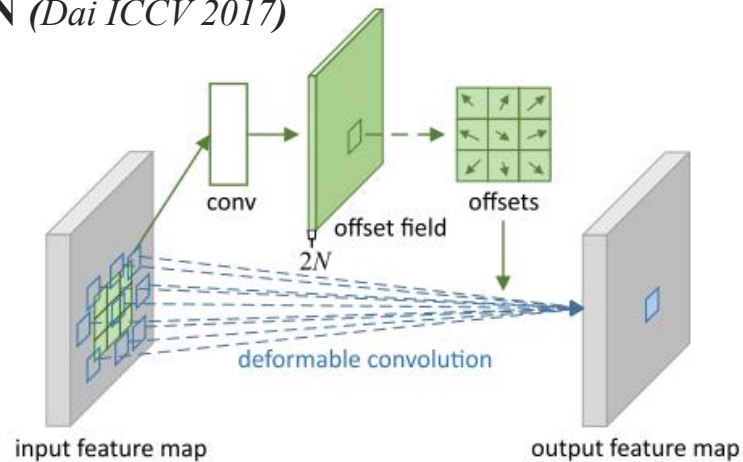
Complex and variable  
global morphology

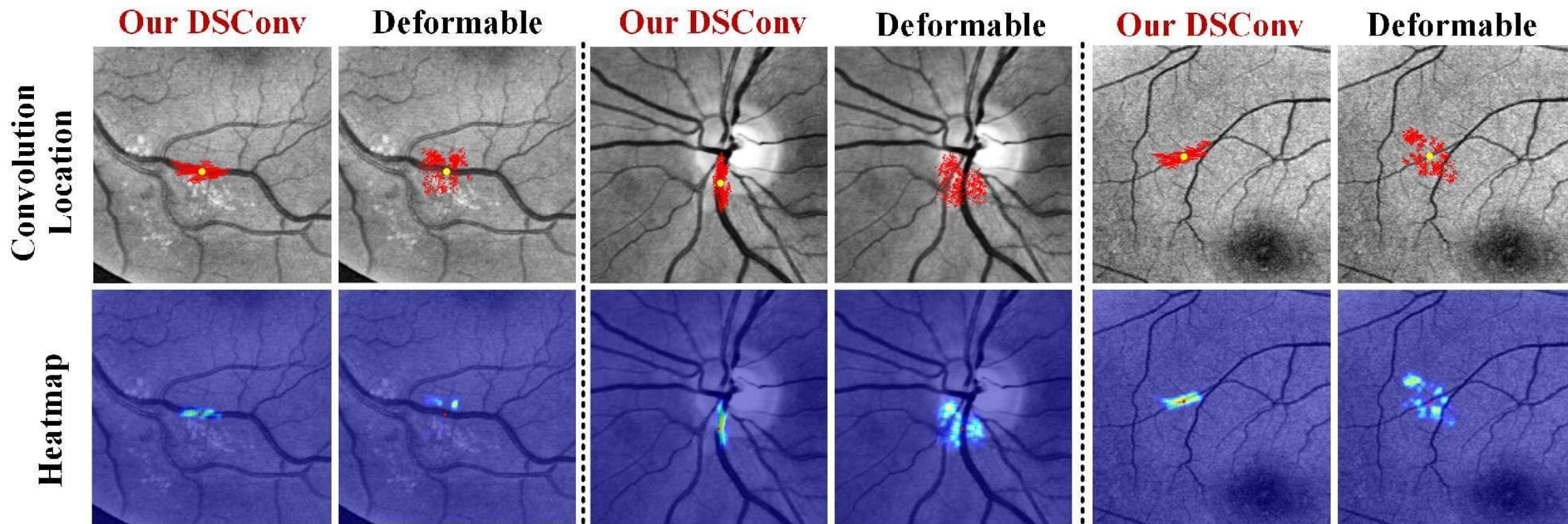


# I Motivation



DCN (Dai ICCV 2017)





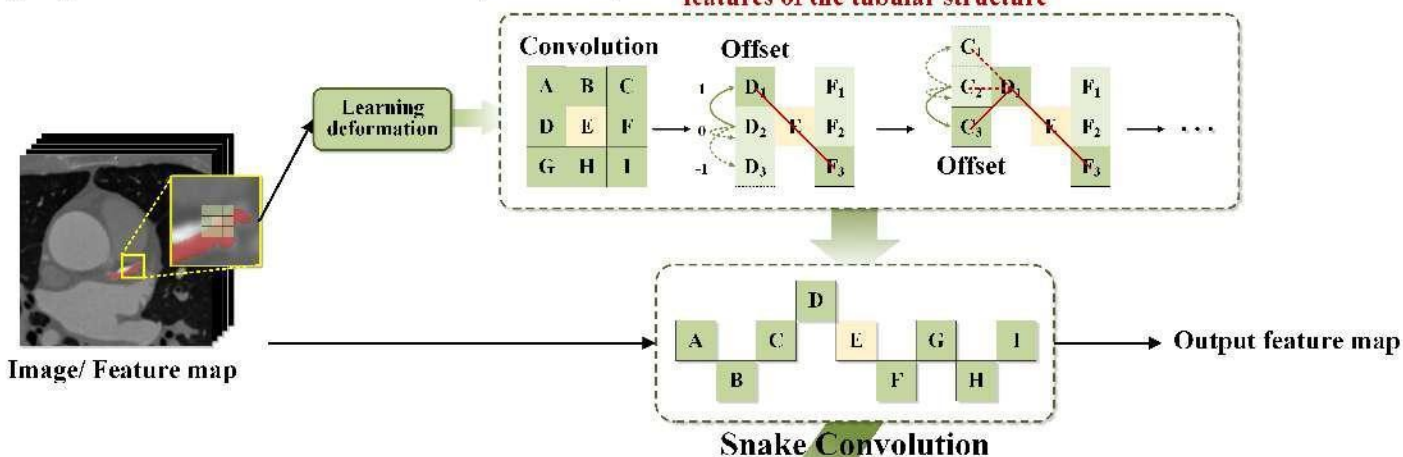
## Wandering outside the target

1. Since the `<offset>` is not constrained, which is learned completely freely
2. Due to the special features of the tubular structure, such as: **‘thin’**, **‘wide distribution’**...

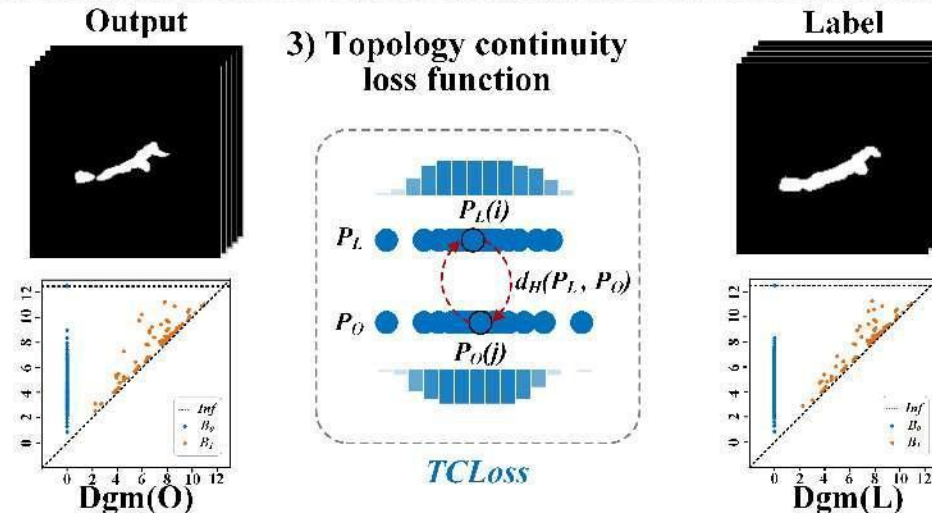


## 1) Dynamic Snake Convolution (DSConv)

Deformation conform to the features of the tubular structure

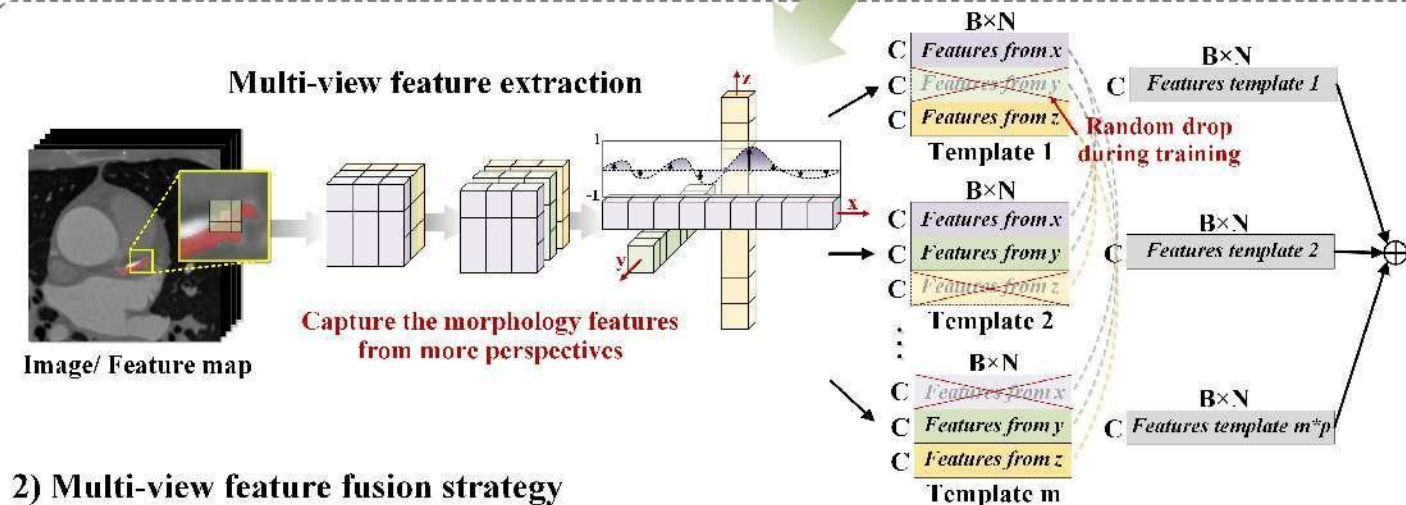


## 3) Topology continuity loss function

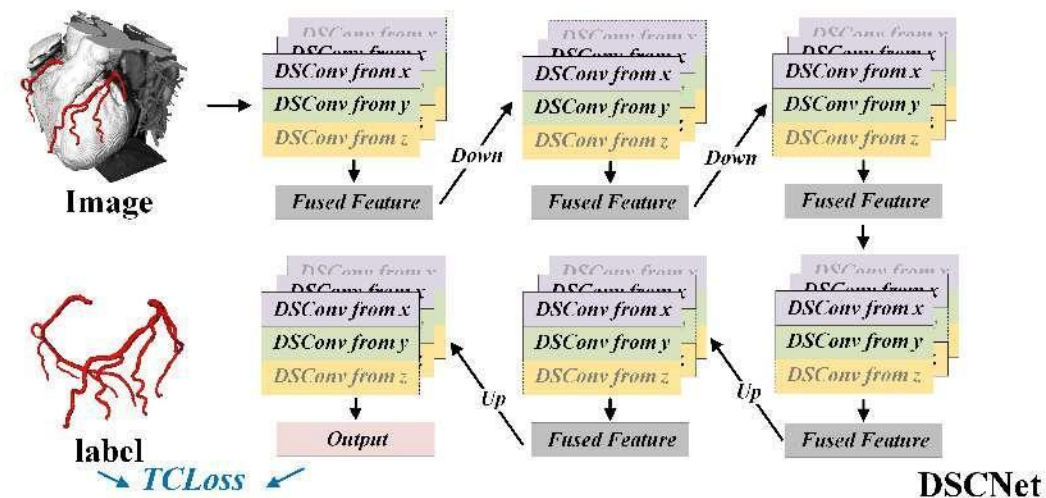


## Multi-view feature extraction

Capture the morphology features from more perspectives



## 2) Multi-view feature fusion strategy

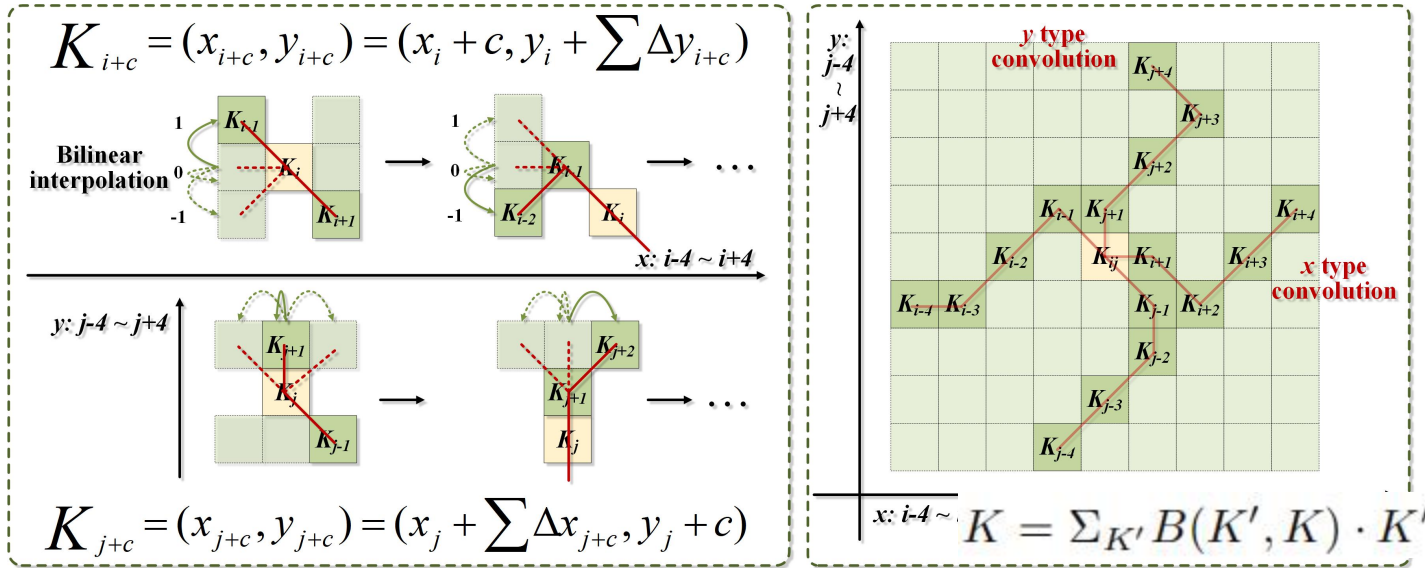


DSCNet

原文链接 <https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.08388>

知乎解析 <https://zhuanlan.zhihu.com/p/644206121>

# II Dynamic Snake Convolution



## 1. Dynamic Snake Convolution:

- Dynamically adapt to the tubular structure

## 2. Multi-view Feature Fusion Strategy:

- Fuse Feature from multi perspective

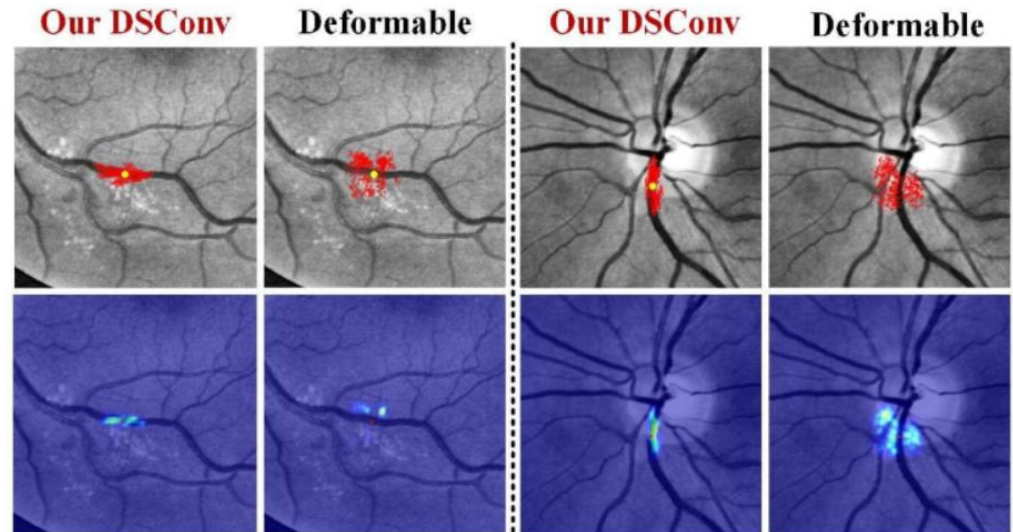
## 3. Topological Continuity Constraint Loss:

- Use Persistent Homology to constrain continuity

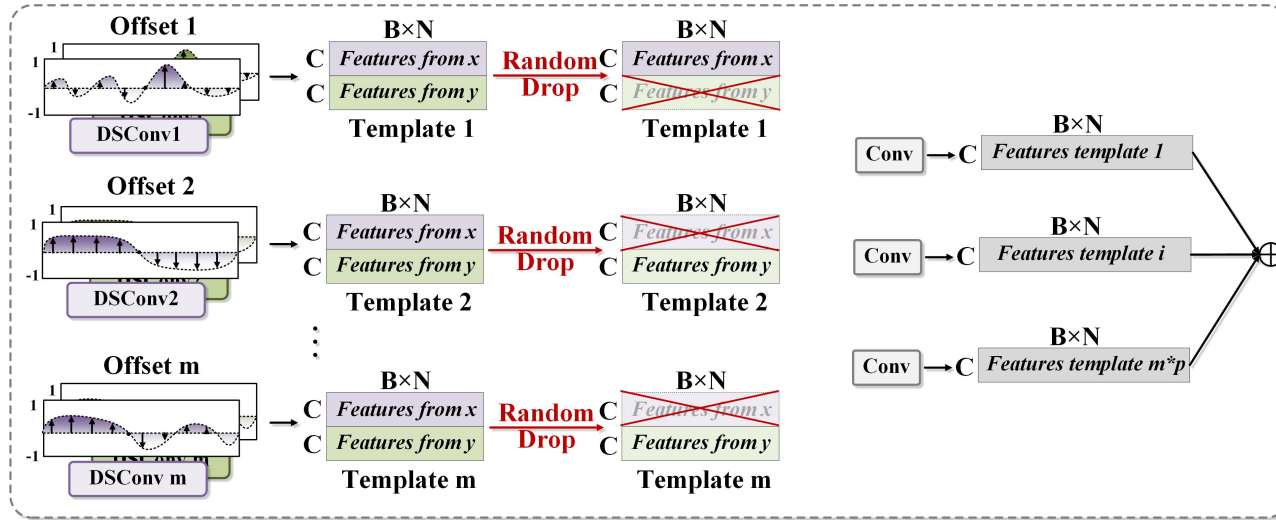
$$K = \{(x - 1, y - 1), (x - 1, y), \dots, (x + 1, y + 1)\} \quad (1)$$

$$K_{i\pm c} = \begin{cases} (x_{i+c}, y_{i+c}) = (x_i + c, y_i + \sum_{i-c}^{i+c} \Delta y), \\ (x_{i-c}, y_{i-c}) = (x_i - c, y_i + \sum_{i-c}^i \Delta y), \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

$$K_{j\pm c} = \begin{cases} (x_{j+c}, y_{j+c}) = (x_j + \sum_j^{j+c} \Delta x, y_j + c), \\ (x_{j-c}, y_{j-c}) = (x_j + \sum_{j-c}^j \Delta x, y_j - c), \end{cases} \quad (3)$$



# II Multi-view Feature Fusion



## 1. Dynamic Snake Convolution:

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- Fuse Feature from multi perspective

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$$f^l(K) = \underbrace{\{\sum_i w(K_i) \cdot f^l(K_i)\}}_{f^l(K_x)}, \underbrace{\{\sum_j w(K_j) \cdot f^l(K_j)\}}_{f^l(K_y)} \quad (6)$$

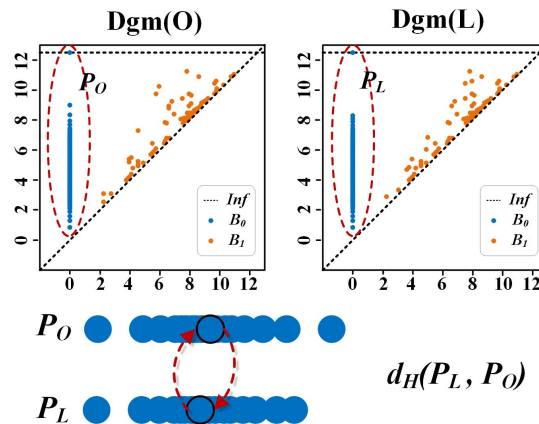
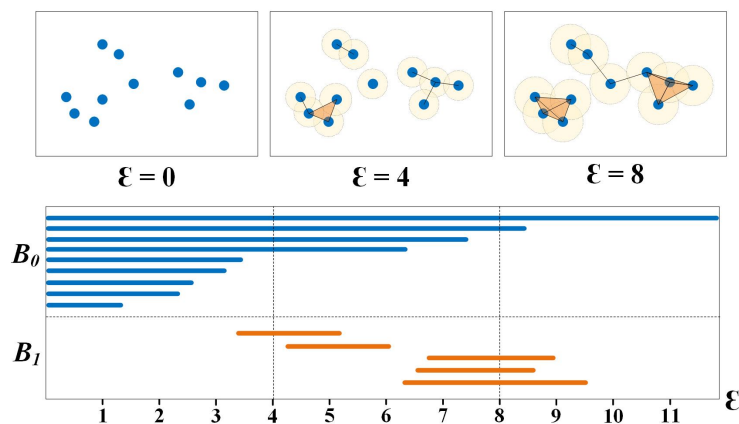
$$T^l = \underbrace{(f^l(K_x), f^l(K_y))}_{T_1^l}, \underbrace{(f^l(K_x), f^l(K_y))}_{T_2^l}, \dots, \underbrace{(f^l(K_x), f^l(K_y))}_{T_m^l}$$

$$\begin{cases} r^l \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p) \\ \hat{T}^l = r^l \cdot T^l \\ f^{l+1}(K) = \sum^{[m \times p]} \hat{T}_t^l \end{cases}$$

# II Persistent Homology



## Persistent Homology



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- Dynamically adapt to the tubular structure

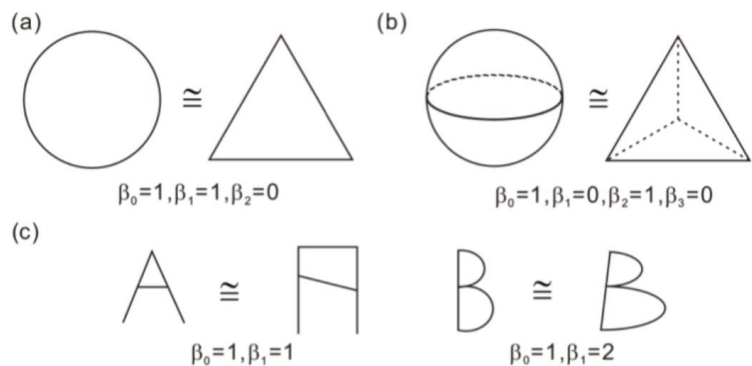
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## Betti Data



$$\begin{cases} d_H(P_O, P_L) = \max_{u \in P_O} \min_{v \in P_L} \|u - v\| \\ d_H(P_L, P_O) = \max_{v \in P_L} \min_{u \in P_O} \|v - u\| \\ d_H^* = \max\{d_H(P_O, P_L), d_H(P_L, P_O)\} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{TC} = \mathcal{L}_{CE} + \mathcal{L}_{PH} = \mathcal{L}_{CE} + \sum_{n=0}^N d_H^*$$

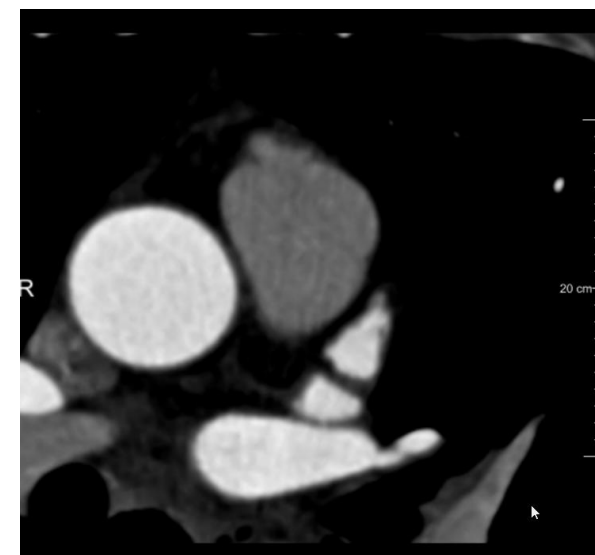
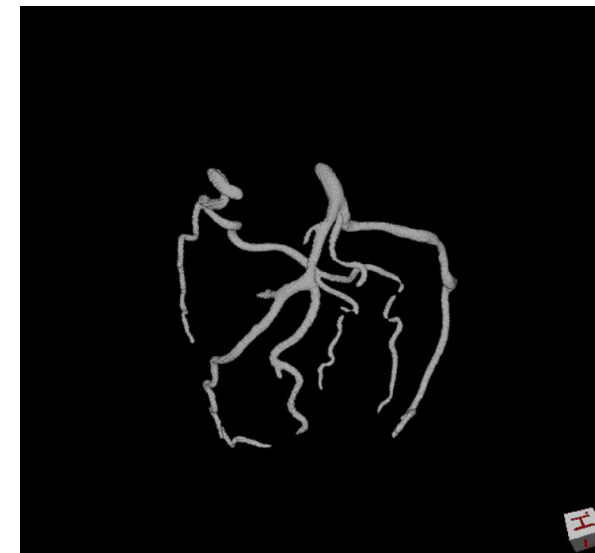
[1] Xiaoling Hu, Fuxin Li, Dimitris Samaras, et al. Topology preserving deep image segmentation. Advances in neural information processing systems, 32, 2019.  
 [2] Chi-Chong Wong and Chi-Man Vong. Persistent homology based graph convolution network for fine-grained 3d shape segmentation. In Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), pages 7098–7107, Oct 2021.



# III Results



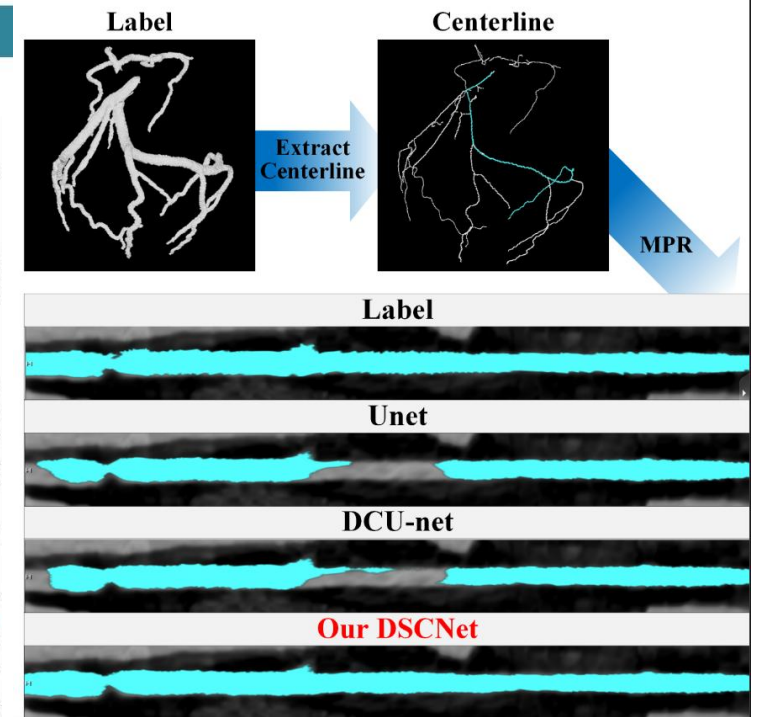
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# III Results



Dataset	Network	Loss	Volumetric (%) $\uparrow$					Topology $\downarrow$		Distance $\downarrow$	
			Dice	RDice	clDice	ACC	AUC	$\beta_0$	$\beta_1$	HD	
DRIVE	UNet	$\mathcal{L}_{CE}$	80.73 $\pm$ 1.77	87.94 $\pm$ 3.32	79.66 $\pm$ 4.00	96.74 $\pm$ 0.28	88.57 $\pm$ 2.44	1.209 $\pm$ 0.342	0.883 $\pm$ 0.135	6.86 $\pm$ 0.56	
	Transunet	$\mathcal{L}_{CE}$	80.56 $\pm$ 2.14	87.14 $\pm$ 3.82	79.02 $\pm$ 5.05	96.75 $\pm$ 0.32	88.02 $\pm$ 2.79	1.210 $\pm$ 0.309	0.844 $\pm$ 0.157	6.83 $\pm$ 0.52	
	CS <sup>2</sup> -Net	$\mathcal{L}_{CE}$	77.53 $\pm$ 2.94	82.55 $\pm$ 4.10	74.88 $\pm$ 5.27	96.46 $\pm$ 0.36	84.73 $\pm$ 2.82	1.391 $\pm$ 0.331	0.906 $\pm$ 0.177	6.90 $\pm$ 0.48	
	DCU-net	$\mathcal{L}_{CE}$	80.83 $\pm$ 1.99	87.73 $\pm$ 3.60	80.19 $\pm$ 4.80	96.77 $\pm$ 0.31	88.45 $\pm$ 2.67	1.104 $\pm$ 0.327	0.817 $\pm$ 0.166	6.84 $\pm$ 0.58	
	<b>DSCNet(ours)</b>	$\mathcal{L}_{CE}$	<b>81.85</b> $\pm$ 1.74	<b>88.93</b> $\pm$ 3.36	<b>81.16</b> $\pm$ 4.54	<b>96.91</b> $\pm$ 0.28	<b>89.38</b> $\pm$ 2.54	<b>1.094</b> $\pm$ 0.301	<b>0.780</b> $\pm$ 0.162	<b>6.68</b> $\pm$ 0.49	
	UNet	$\mathcal{L}_{TC}$ (ours)	80.93 $\pm$ 1.97	88.00 $\pm$ 3.41	80.28 $\pm$ 4.41	96.78 $\pm$ 0.30	88.63 $\pm$ 2.56	1.117 $\pm$ 0.286	<b>0.797</b> $\pm$ 0.151	6.88 $\pm$ 0.53	
	Transunet	$\mathcal{L}_{TC}$ (ours)	80.79 $\pm$ 2.11	87.78 $\pm$ 3.80	79.86 $\pm$ 4.90	96.76 $\pm$ 0.32	88.48 $\pm$ 2.82	1.176 $\pm$ 0.295	0.818 $\pm$ 0.176	6.83 $\pm$ 0.51	
	CS <sup>2</sup> -Net	$\mathcal{L}_{TC}$ (ours)	79.69 $\pm$ 2.31	86.14 $\pm$ 3.82	77.72 $\pm$ 5.09	96.64 $\pm$ 0.32	87.25 $\pm$ 2.76	1.308 $\pm$ 0.334	0.848 $\pm$ 0.160	6.93 $\pm$ 0.45	
	DCU-net	$\mathcal{L}_{TC}$ (ours)	81.18 $\pm$ 1.90	87.89 $\pm$ 3.43	80.60 $\pm$ 4.54	96.83 $\pm$ 0.31	88.59 $\pm$ 2.57	1.076 $\pm$ 0.313	0.817 $\pm$ 0.167	6.80 $\pm$ 0.56	
	UNet	clDice	80.77 $\pm$ 1.92	87.53 $\pm$ 3.42	79.93 $\pm$ 4.48	96.77 $\pm$ 0.31	88.29 $\pm$ 2.52	1.199 $\pm$ 0.303	0.833 $\pm$ 0.157	6.93 $\pm$ 0.54	
	UNet	$\mathcal{L}_{WTC}$	80.89 $\pm$ 1.95	87.85 $\pm$ 3.55	80.03 $\pm$ 4.75	96.78 $\pm$ 0.29	88.53 $\pm$ 2.64	1.144 $\pm$ 0.339	0.814 $\pm$ 0.176	6.79 $\pm$ 0.47	
	<b>DSCNet(ours)</b>	$\mathcal{L}_{TC}$ (ours)	<b>82.06</b> $\pm$ 1.44	<b>90.17</b> $\pm$ 3.04	<b>82.07</b> $\pm$ 4.35	<b>96.87</b> $\pm$ 0.24	<b>90.27</b> $\pm$ 2.32	<b>0.998</b> $\pm$ 0.312	0.803 $\pm$ 0.179	<b>6.78</b> $\pm$ 0.51	
	ROADS	UNet	$\mathcal{L}_{CE}$	76.90 $\pm$ 6.30	84.07 $\pm$ 6.46	86.87 $\pm$ 6.59	97.97 $\pm$ 1.27	98.29 $\pm$ 1.24	1.107 $\pm$ 0.551	1.505 $\pm$ 0.467	8.11 $\pm$ 2.42
		Transunet	$\mathcal{L}_{CE}$	75.82 $\pm$ 6.83	81.50 $\pm$ 6.65	86.04 $\pm$ 7.40	97.97 $\pm$ 1.28	98.23 $\pm$ 1.15	1.105 $\pm$ 0.615	1.570 $\pm$ 0.663	8.11 $\pm$ 2.53
DCU-net		$\mathcal{L}_{CE}$	77.24 $\pm$ 6.30	84.26 $\pm$ 6.37	86.98 $\pm$ 6.53	98.03 $\pm$ 1.14	98.34 $\pm$ 1.19	1.085 $\pm$ 0.653	1.474 $\pm$ 0.497	8.04 $\pm$ 2.53	
UNet		$\mathcal{L}_{TC}$ (ours)	77.70 $\pm$ 6.07	84.80 $\pm$ 5.96	87.47 $\pm$ 6.31	98.03 $\pm$ 1.23	98.41 $\pm$ 1.13	1.072 $\pm$ 0.631	1.401 $\pm$ 0.496	8.04 $\pm$ 2.72	
UNet		clDice	77.37 $\pm$ 5.57	84.18 $\pm$ 5.99	87.05 $\pm$ 6.34	98.03 $\pm$ 1.22	98.40 $\pm$ 1.12	1.079 $\pm$ 0.613	1.407 $\pm$ 0.603	8.08 $\pm$ 2.46	
<b>DSCNet(ours)</b>		$\mathcal{L}_{CE}$	78.04 $\pm$ 5.77	85.35 $\pm$ 5.42	<b>87.74</b> $\pm$ 6.02	98.05 $\pm$ 1.21	98.39 $\pm$ 1.19	1.118 $\pm$ 0.641	1.441 $\pm$ 0.523	7.96 $\pm$ 2.43	
<b>DSCNet(ours)</b>		$\mathcal{L}_{TC}$ (ours)	<b>78.21</b> $\pm$ 5.77	<b>85.85</b> $\pm$ 5.56	87.64 $\pm$ 5.99	<b>98.05</b> $\pm$ 1.21	<b>98.46</b> $\pm$ 1.08	<b>1.053</b> $\pm$ 0.523	<b>1.396</b> $\pm$ 0.456	<b>7.34</b> $\pm$ 2.48	

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			Dice	RDice	clDice	LAD	LCX	RCA	HD
CORONARY	UNet	$\mathcal{L}_{CE}$	76.87 $\pm$ 5.38	84.48 $\pm$ 4.55	81.43 $\pm$ 6.02	0.806 $\pm$ 0.252	0.847 $\pm$ 0.239	0.849 $\pm$ 0.267	7.727 $\pm$ 3.30
	Transunet	$\mathcal{L}_{CE}$	76.70 $\pm$ 6.65	83.23 $\pm$ 6.72	78.71 $\pm$ 6.93	0.810 $\pm$ 0.274	0.694 $\pm$ 0.307	0.816 $\pm$ 0.303	8.580 $\pm$ 4.11
	DCU-net	$\mathcal{L}_{CE}$	78.33 $\pm$ 5.00	85.67 $\pm$ 4.29	82.29 $\pm$ 5.31	0.833 $\pm$ 0.219	0.746 $\pm$ 0.296	0.835 $\pm$ 0.300	7.331 $\pm$ 3.06
	UNet	clDice	77.86 $\pm$ 5.25	84.42 $\pm$ 4.65	82.37 $\pm$ 5.54	0.817 $\pm$ 0.256	0.845 $\pm$ 0.234	0.859 $\pm$ 0.265	7.412 $\pm$ 3.68
	<b>DSCNet(ours)</b>	$\mathcal{L}_{CE}$	79.92 $\pm$ 5.26	85.98 $\pm$ 4.60	84.95 $\pm$ 5.76	0.858 $\pm$ 0.198	0.853 $\pm$ 0.241	0.862 $\pm$ 0.267	6.326 $\pm$ 2.85
	<b>DSCNet(ours)</b>	$\mathcal{L}_{TC}(\text{ours})$	<b>80.27</b> $\pm$ 4.67	<b>86.37</b> $\pm$ 4.16	<b>85.26</b> $\pm$ 4.98	<b>0.866</b> $\pm$ 0.195	<b>0.885</b> $\pm$ 0.210	<b>0.882</b> $\pm$ 0.250	<b>5.787</b> $\pm$ 2.99



<https://github.com/YaoleiQi/DSCNet>

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[NEWS!]This paper has been accepted by ICCV 2023!

[NOTE!!]The code will be gradually and continuously opened!

 YaoleiQi DSCNet for 2D segmentation

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S3_Dataloader.py	DSCNet for 2D segmentation
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