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A Study on Posterior Extraocular Muscles Segmentation in CT Image of Dysthyroid Optic Neuropathy Patients

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Introduction

Thyroid-Associated Ophthalmopathy and Dysthyroid Optic Neuropathy

- Thyroid-Associated Ophthalmopathy (TAO), an autoimmune eye condition associated with thyroid dysfunction, is characterized by the presence of deformation in the extraocular muscles, which can lead to diseases such as Dysthyroid Optic Neuropathy (DON) [1,2,3].
- DON, a complication of TAO where early diagnosis is important, involves swelling of the Extraocular muscles and Orbital fatty connective tissue, leading to optic nerve compression and subsequent loss of the Retinal Nerve Fiber Layer (RNFL) [3,4].

TAO & DON patient's images

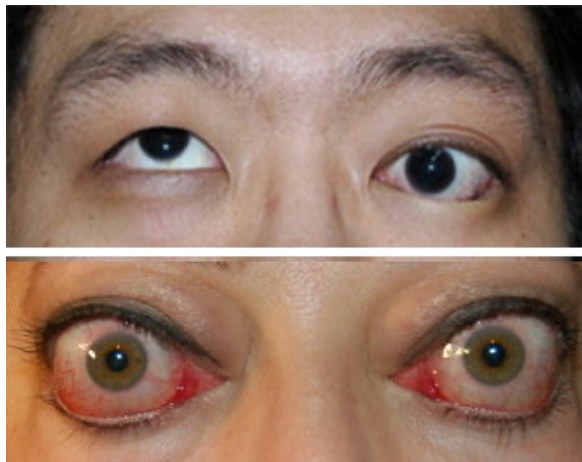


Fig. (a) TAO patients



Fig. (b) DON patients

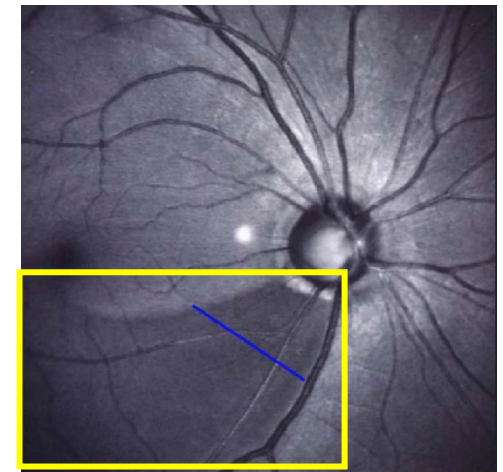


Fig. (c) DON patient's RNFL impairment

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Compression of the Optic nerve

- Symptoms of Optic nerve compression, including decreased visual acuity, visual field defects, and abnormal color vision, can be identified with ocular imaging technology, but definitive diagnosis requires radiologists' expertise, emphasizing the need for prompt treatment [5].
- DON-induced Optic nerve compression is primarily influenced by volumetric expansion of the posterior part of the Extraocular muscles at Orbital apex, and various treatment methods such as Ophthalmic decompression are performed [3,5,6].

Axial view of the Optic nerve & Extraocular muscles

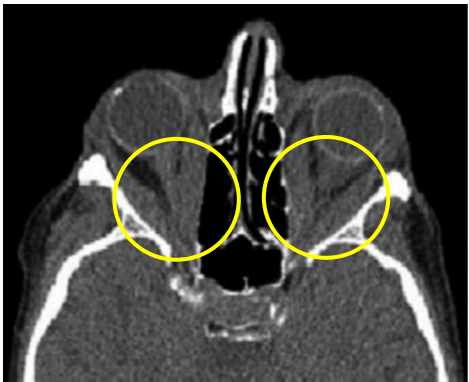


Fig. (a) Optic nerve compression from a swollen Extraocular muscles



Fig. (b) Normal Optic nerve & Extraocular muscles

Orbital tissues in Orbital apex

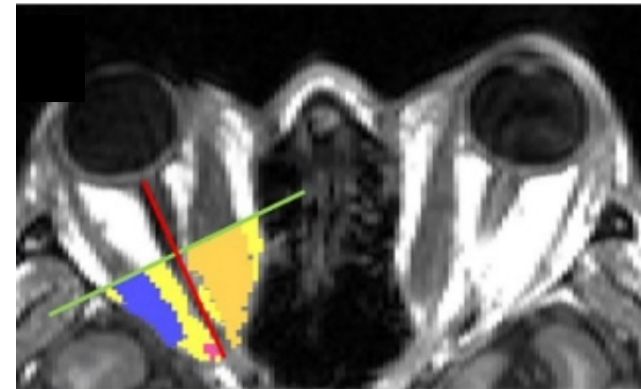


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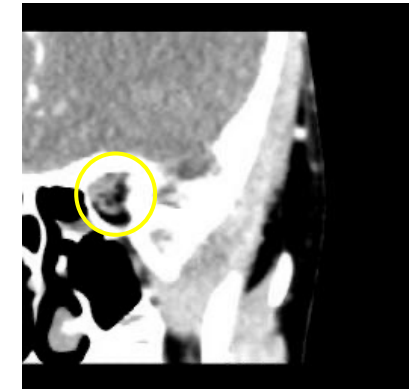


Fig. (d) Extraocular muscles in Orbital apex

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Objectives and Standard Procedure

- We aim to provide sophisticated segmentation masks for the Posterior Extraocular muscles of the Orbital apex, with the obtained masks also usable for volume measurement to disease detection and treatment planning in DON diagnosis [3,5,7].
- Using Computed Tomography (CT) images of the Posterior Extraocular muscles at the orbital apex as input data, the neural network for segmentation outputs masks that identify structurally significant regions of the target muscles.

Coronal view CT images of the extraocular muscles

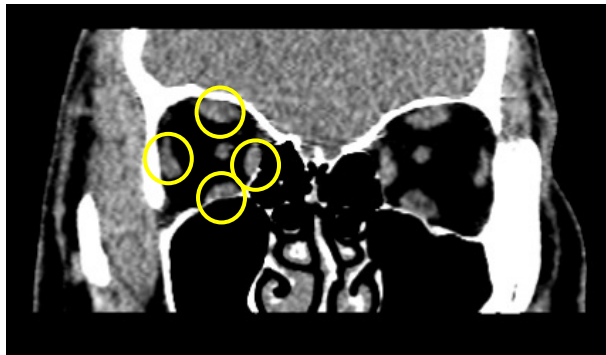


Fig. (a) Extraocular muscles

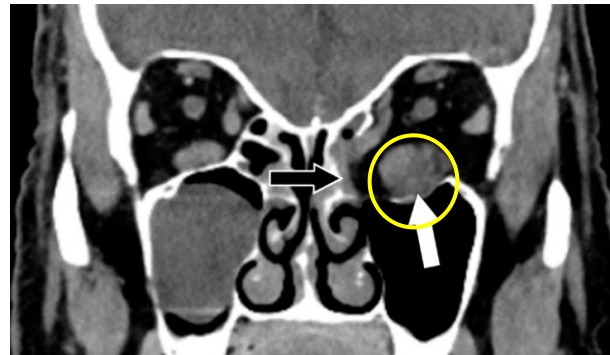
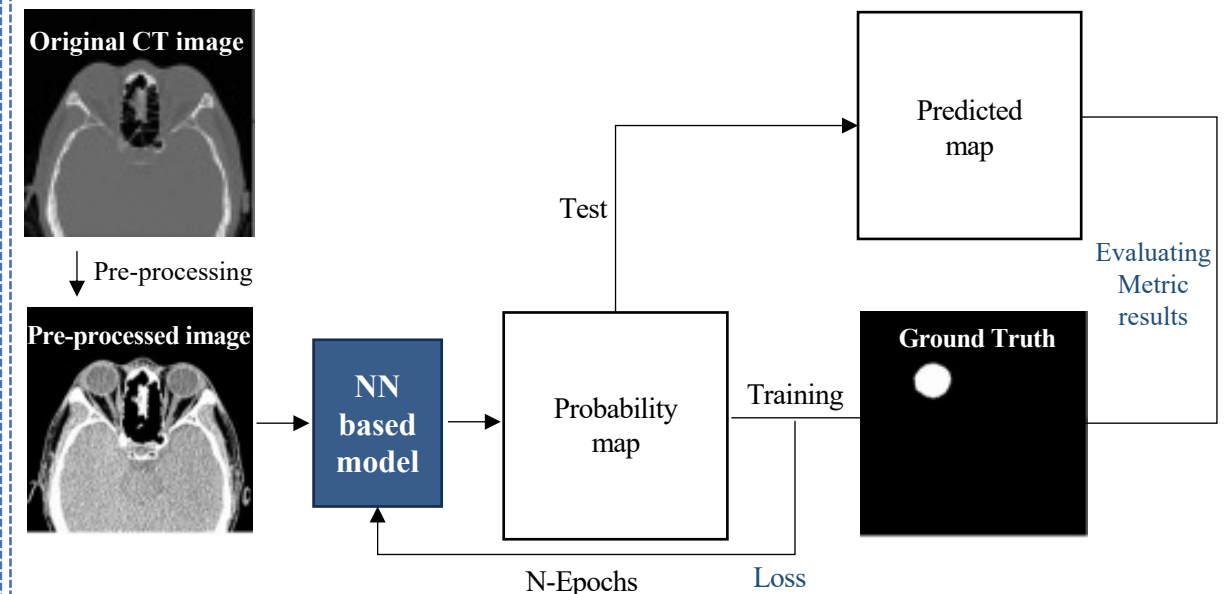


Fig. (b) CT image of swollen Inferior Rectus (Part of Extraocular muscles)

Overview of segmentation procedure based on neural networks



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Introduction

Problem and Strategy

- The Orbital apex, where the Posterior Extraocular muscles are located, has a complex structure that is difficult to distinguish from each other due to the small size of the tissues, making it difficult to learn neural networks for identifying Optic nerve compression [5].
- Accurately segmenting small-sized tissues requires an encoding process that properly preserves and effectively extracts features from small receptive fields, particularly low-level semantic information such as edges.

Coronal view CT images of Inferior Rectus of the Orbital apex by patient

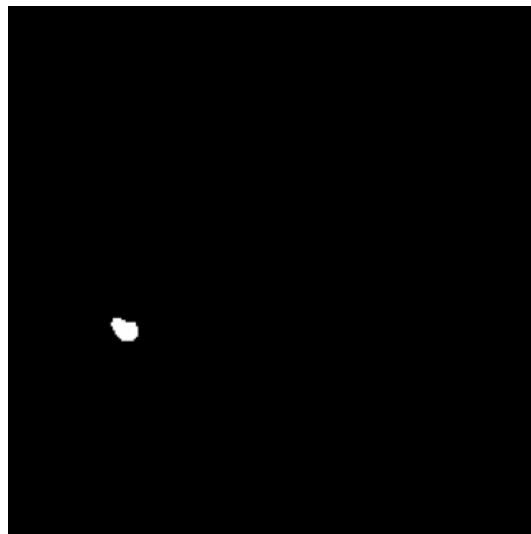


Fig. (a) Original image & Ground Truth of Patient 102

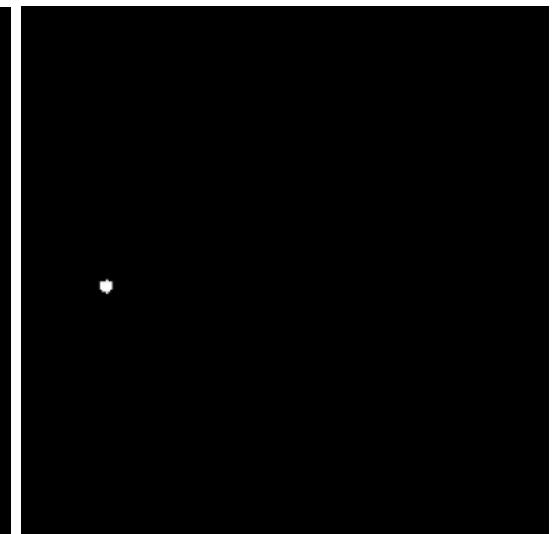


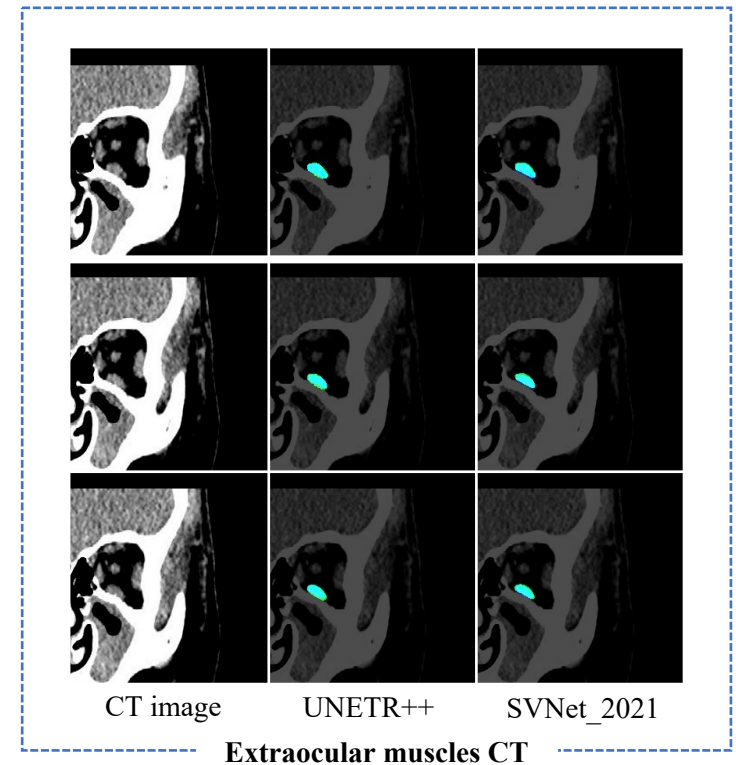
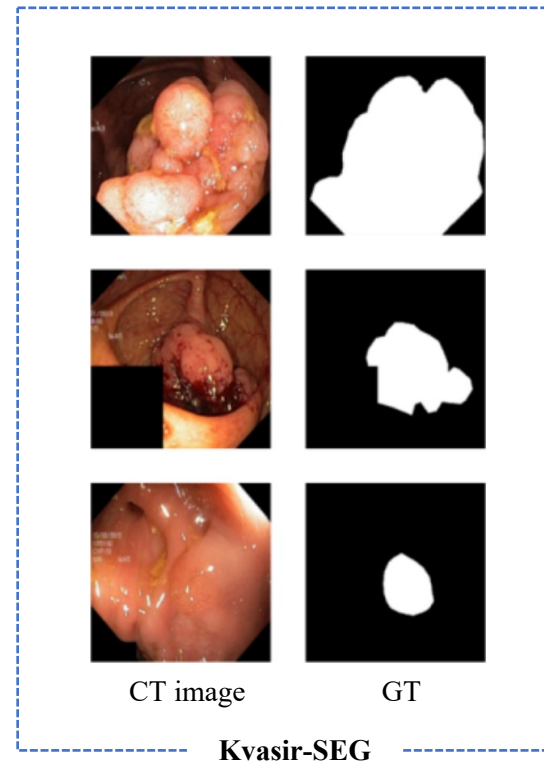
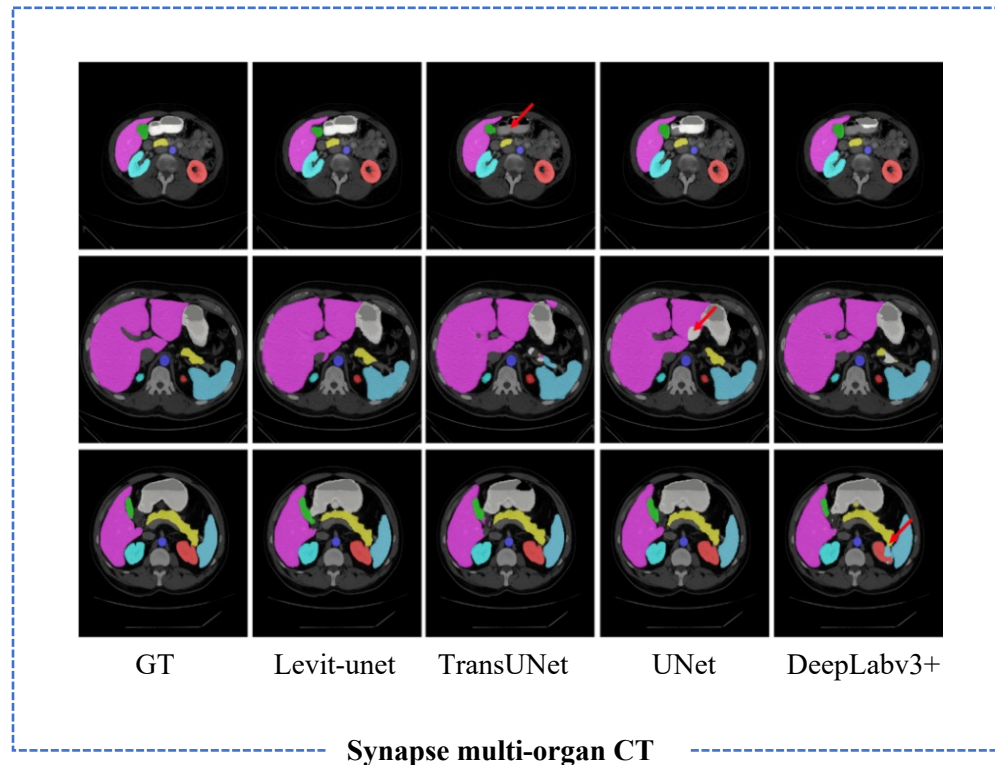
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Related Work

Medical Image Segmentation

- Medical image segmentation involves the precise, pixel-level identification of specific organs, inflamed areas, or tissue regions in medical images, including MRI and CT scans. Research in this field has significantly advanced medical diagnosis and treatment [8].
- Recently, neural networks (NNs) have been widely applied in medical diagnosis, with most studies employing Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) due to their strengths in local feature extraction, a crucial aspect in the medical field [9].



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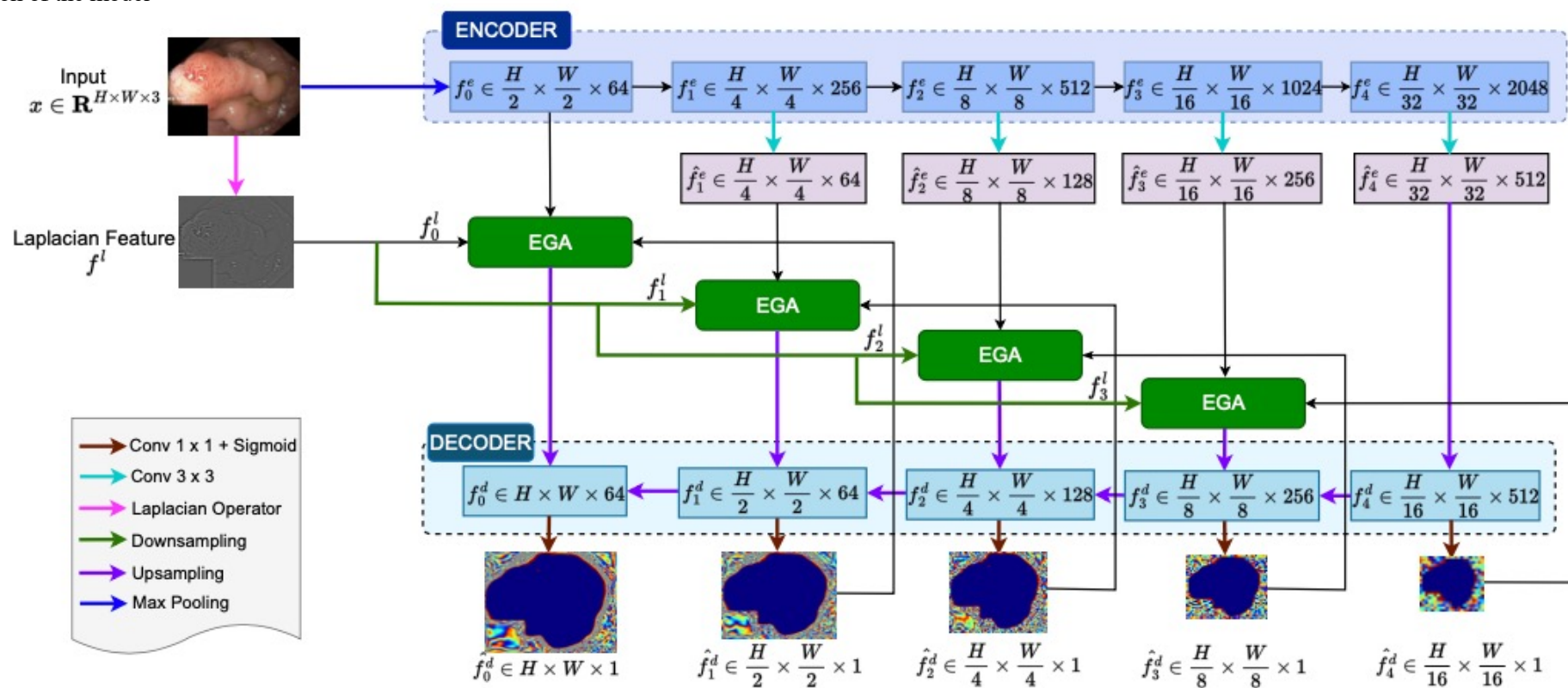
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Related Work

Meganet: Multi-scale edge-guided attention network for weak boundary polyp segmentation

- MEGANet outperforms other state-of-the-art methods in polyp segmentation on several benchmark datasets through both qualitative and quantitative evaluations. It combines edge detection and attention mechanisms to effectively preserve polyp boundaries.
- Due to the limited feature extraction capabilities of tiny receptive fields for segmenting small objects, this study is not effective in the Posterior Extraocular muscles of the Orbital apex, which is small in size and has unclear boundaries.

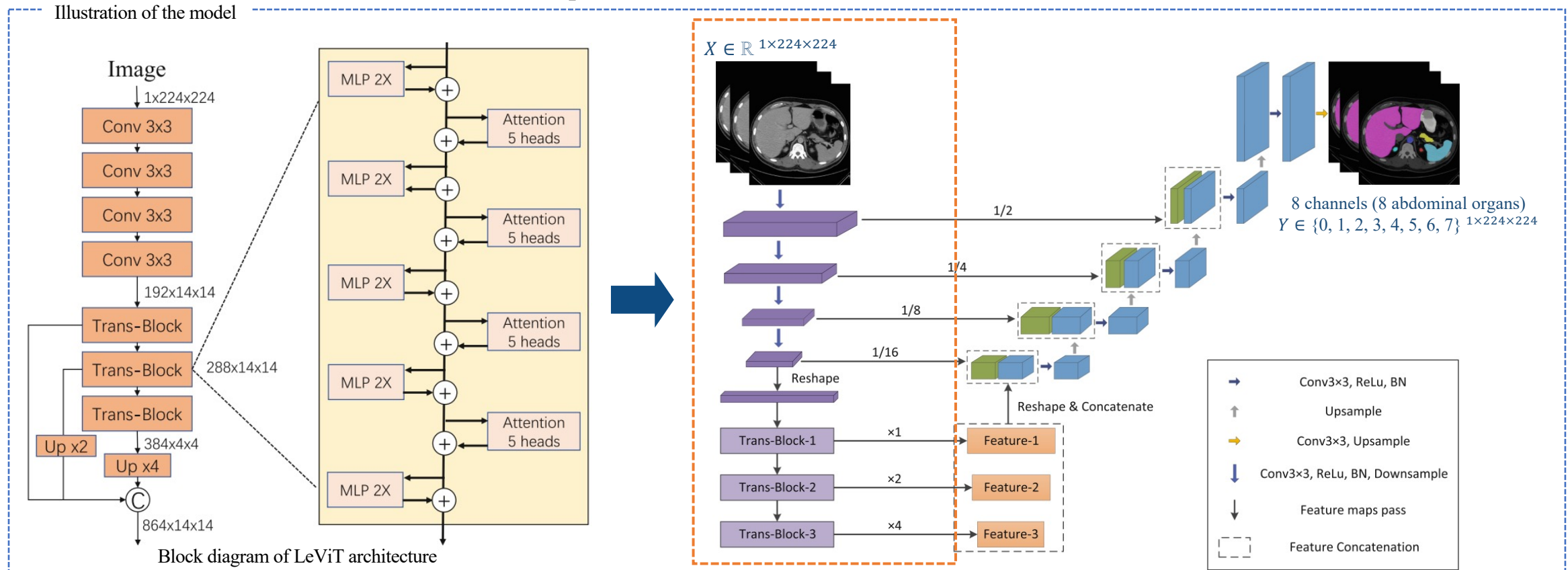
Illustration of the model



Related Work

Levit-unet: Make faster encoders with transformer for medical image segmentation

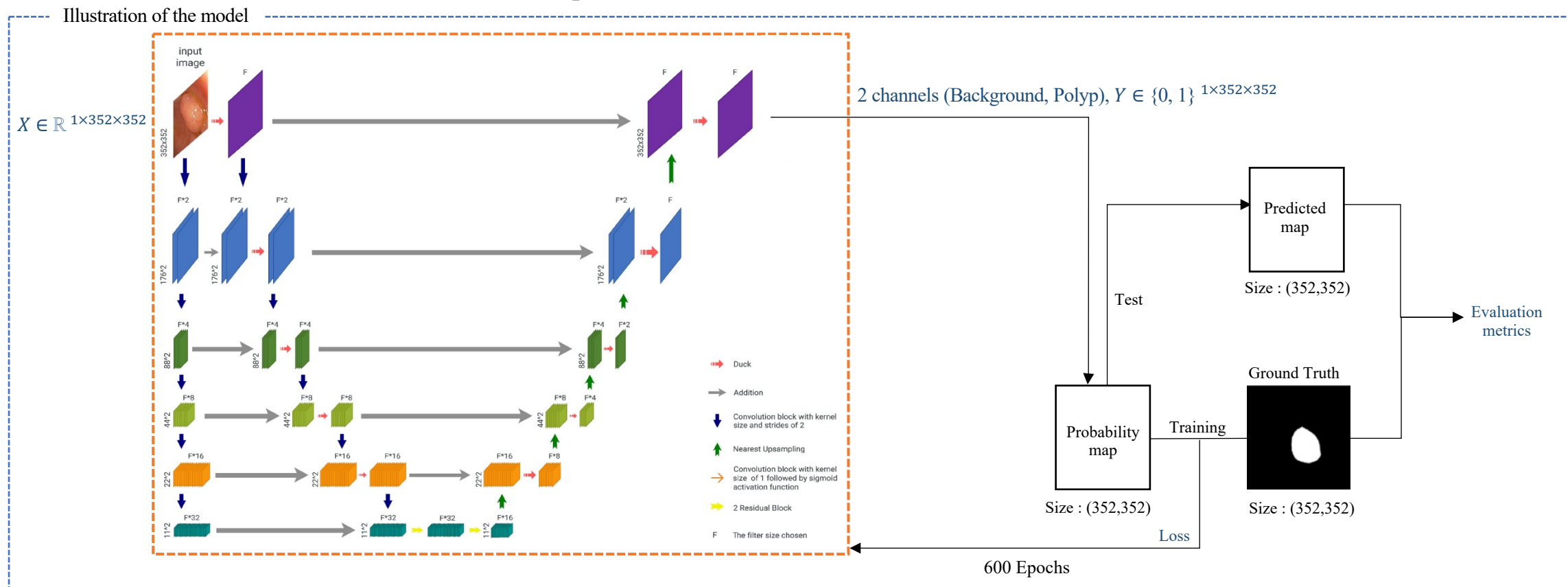
- Using LeViT as the encoder, LeViT-UNet achieves superior performance on challenging medical image segmentation benchmarks by integrating a LeViT Transformer module with the U-Net architecture.
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Related Work

Using DUCK-Net for polyp image segmentation

- DUCKNet achieves state-of-the-art results in polyp segmentation on benchmark datasets. The model utilizes an encoder-decoder structure with residual downsampling and custom convolutional blocks to effectively process image information.
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Related Work

Common Drawback and Solution

- Due to the limited feature extraction capabilities of tiny receptive fields for segmenting small objects, this study is not effective in the Posterior Extraocular muscles of the Orbital apex, which is small in size and has unclear boundaries.
- In this study, 1×1 convolution-enhanced first layer of the encoder and narrow receiving field features are effectively fused with large receiving field features to effectively extract features from small receiving fields during the entire encoding process.

Model	Author	Publication	Summary	Drawback
MEGANet	Bui et al. (2024)	IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision	MEGANet outperforms other state-of-the-art methods in polyp segmentation on five benchmark datasets through both qualitative and quantitative evaluations. The network combines edge detection and attention mechanisms to effectively preserve polyp boundaries in colonoscopy images.	
LeViT-UNet	Xu et al. (2023)	Chinese Conference on Pattern Recognition and Computer Vision (PRCV)	LeViT-UNet achieves superior performance on challenging medical image segmentation benchmarks, by integrating a LeViT Transformer module with the U-Net architecture. This model balances accuracy and efficiency by using LeViT as the encoder and incorporating multi-scale feature maps via skip connections.	Due to the limited feature extraction capabilities of tiny receptive fields for segmenting small objects, this study is not effective in the Posterior Extraocular muscles of the Orbital apex, which is small in size and has unclear boundaries.
DUCKNet	Dumitru et al. (2023)	Scientific reports	DUCKNet achieves state-of-the-art results in polyp segmentation on benchmark datasets, demonstrating excellent performance with limited training data. The model utilizes an encoder-decoder structure with residual downsampling and custom convolutional blocks to effectively process image information.	

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Proposed Method

Notation and Definition

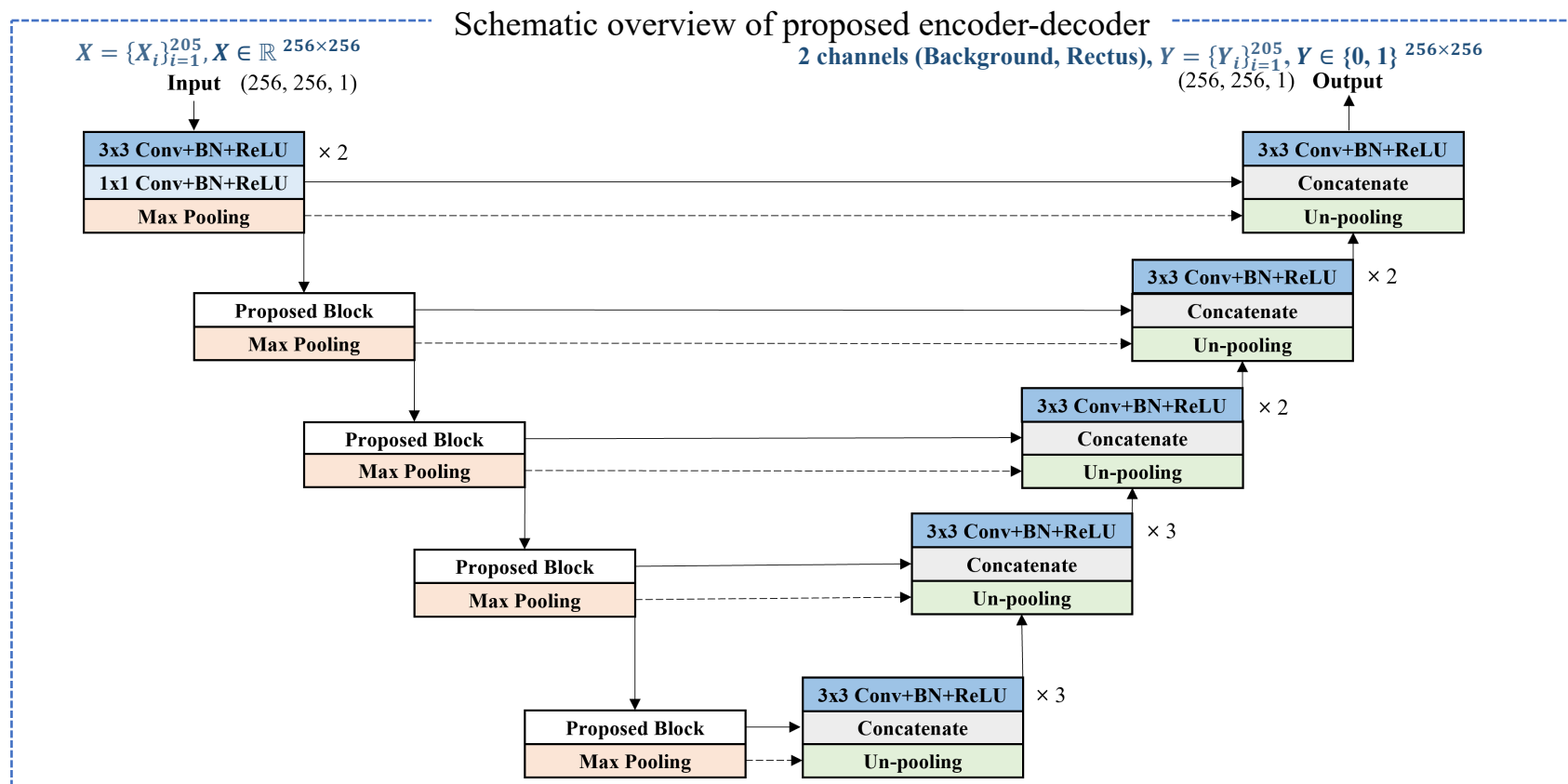
- Given input, $X = \{X_i\}_{i=1}^m$ and their corresponding Ground Truth (GT) $Y = \{Y_i\}_{i=1}^m$, consider a 2D image $X_i \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W}$ with its associated GT C-class segmentation masks, $Y_i \in \{1, 2, \dots, C\}^{H \times W}$, where H, W are height and width.
- The goal of segmentation is to design a function P so that $\hat{Y}_i = P(X_i)$ is close to Y_i , with the parameters θ_P of P that are learned to minimize the segmentation loss $L = \sum_c (1 - TI_c)^{1/\gamma}$ over the entire dataset.

Notation	Name	Definition
$X = \{X_i\}_{i=1}^m, X_i \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W}$	Input images	CT images of TAO patients as input
$Y = \{Y_i\}_{i=1}^m, Y_i \in \{1, 2, \dots, C\}^{H \times W}$	Ground Truth	Ground Truth of the Input images
$TI_c = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N p_{ic} g_{ic} + \epsilon}{\sum_{i=1}^N p_{ic} g_{ic} + \alpha \sum_{i=1}^N p_{i\bar{c}} g_{ic} + \beta \sum_{i=1}^N p_{ic} g_{i\bar{c}} + \epsilon}$ $FTL_c = \sum_c (1 - TI_c)^{1/\gamma}$	Focal Tversky Loss	Focal loss function based on the Tversky index to address the issue of data imbalance
where, p_{ic} is the probability that pixel i is of the lesion class c and $p_{i\bar{c}}$ is the probability pixel i is of the non-lesion class, $\bar{c}$. The same is true for g_{ic} and $g_{i\bar{c}}$, respectively. α and β are hyper-parameters.		

Proposed Method

Proposed network architecture

- The first layer of the encoder is enhanced by 1×1 kernels, which help it extract spatial information of small receptive field effectively, which is essential for segmenting tiny object, from a high-resolution level feature map.
- Then, Proposed Split-Attention based block enhances multi receptive field information based on hierarchical convolution layers and split attention block by effectively fusing narrow receptive field feature and large receptive field feature.

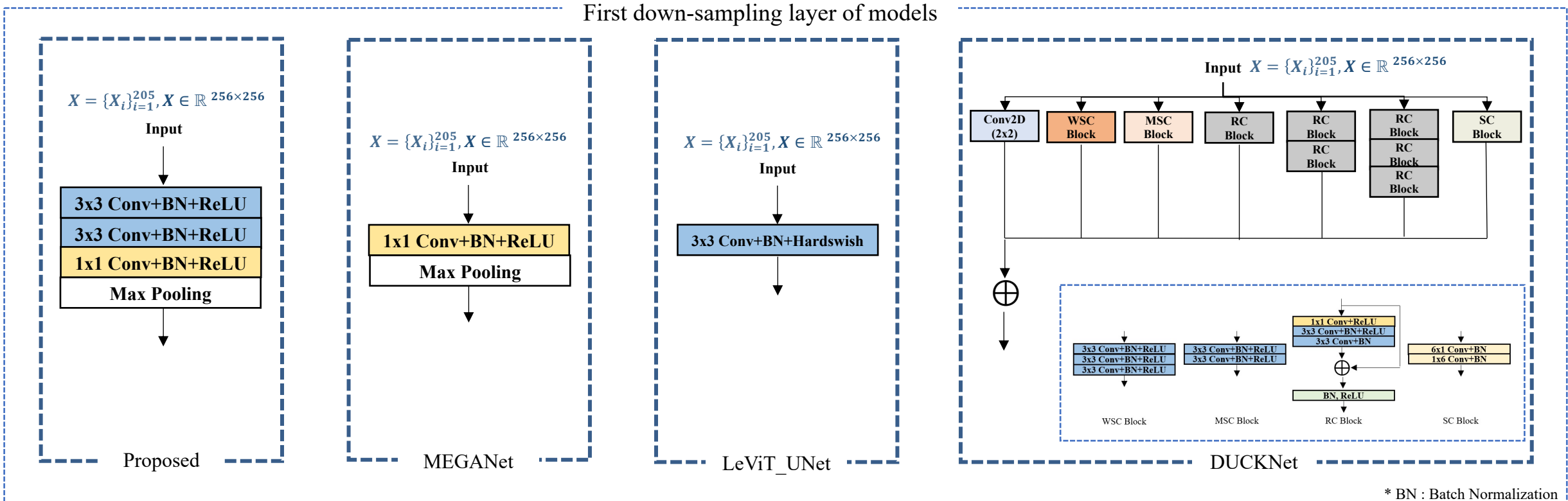


Proposed Method

Cross-Channel Feature Extraction

First layer of the encoder

- Given the small size and lack of clear boundaries in the Posterior Extraocular muscles image of the Orbital apex, we reinforced the first layer of the encoder to the extraction of low-level semantic information with high resolution features and edge information.
- By stacking the appropriate amount of convolutional layers, we added 1×1 convolutional layers following two 3×3 convolutional layers to avoid both overfitting through overly deep layers and underfitting through overly shallow layers.

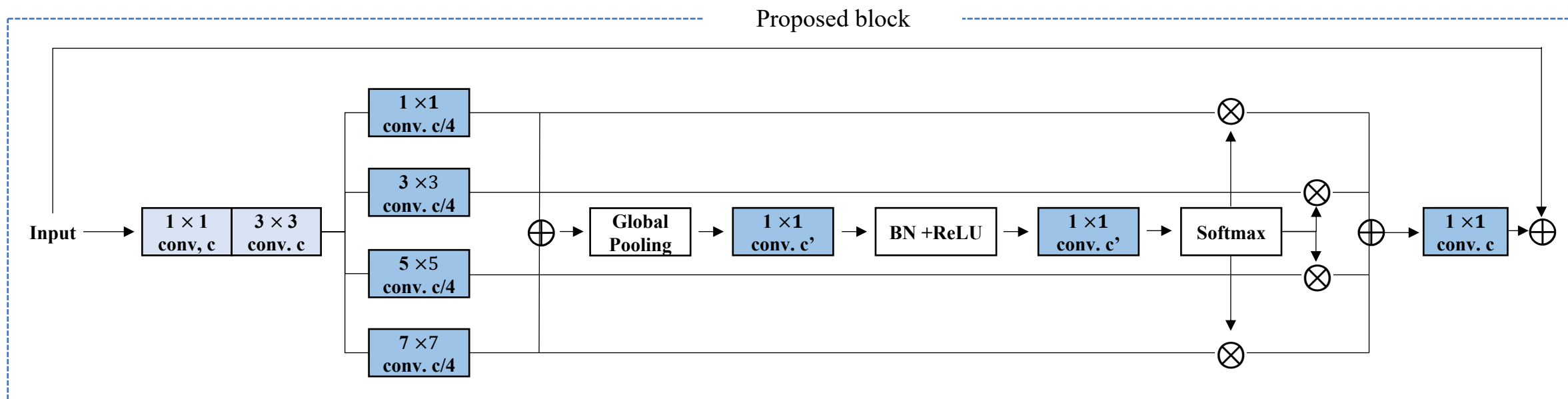


Proposed Method

Cross-Channel Feature Extraction

Proposed Split-Attention based block

- The Proposed block extracts base features using 1×1 and 3×3 convolution layers to make features suitable for conversion into pyramid features, and exploits convolution layers of different scales (i.e., 1×1 , 3×3 , 5×5 , and 7×7) to create features with different receptive fields.
- Subsequently, the split-attention block [13] calculates channel scores for each feature split, assigns them after evaluating different scales, and aggregates the recalibrated features using channel-wise summation followed by a 1×1 convolution for final fusion.



Experimental Settings

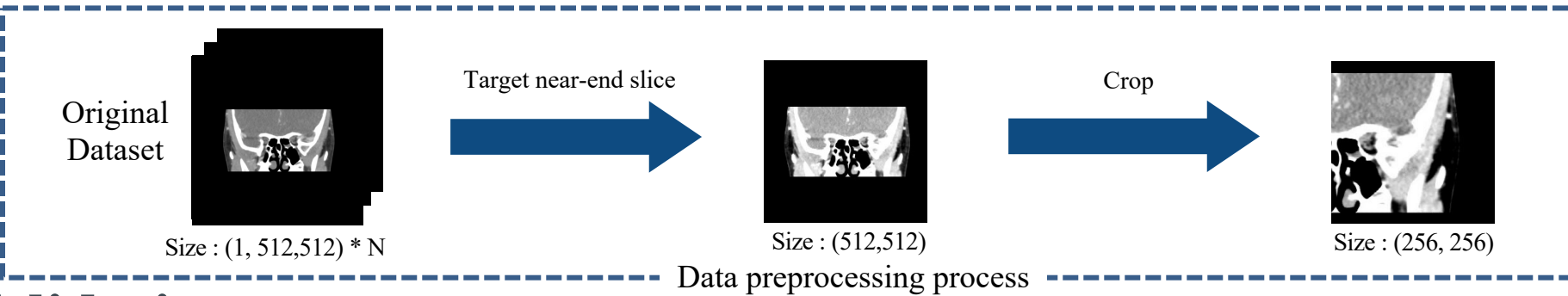
Data description

- Original dataset were obtained through CT images of 205 TAO patients and its Ground Truth was produced by manual annotation.
- Demographic statistics

Age (years, range)	Sex		Total (n, %)
	Male (n, %)	Female (n, %)	
59 and under	14 (6.8)	25 (12.2)	39 (19)
60-69	6 (2.9)	19 (9.3)	25 (12.2)
70-79	6 (2.9)	31 (15.1)	37 (18)
80-89	12 (5.9)	52 (25.4)	64 (31.2)
90 and over	9 (4.4)	31 (15.1)	40 (20)
Total	47 (22.9)	158 (77.1)	205

Dataset

- Each near-end slice from the Original dataset, where the boundaries of the Posterior Extraocular muscles are unclear, was used as input.



Cross Validation

- Number of Iterations: 10
- Data Split Ratio (Train: Validation: Test) = 0.7 : 0.15: 0.15

Experimental Settings

Hyperparameter Settings

Model	Batch size	Epochs	Loss Function	Optimizer	Learning Rate
Proposed Model	8	125	Focal Tversky Loss	AdamW	1e-3 to 1e-6 by cosine annealing scheduler
Bui et al. (2024)					
Xu et al. (2023)					
Dumitru et al. (2023)					

Evaluation Measures

- $Dice\ coefficient = \frac{2TP}{2TP+FP+FN}$, $IoU(Intersection\ of\ Union) = \frac{TP}{TP+FP+FN}$, $F1\ Score = 2 \cdot \frac{Precision \cdot Recall}{Precision+Recall}$, $Precision = \frac{TP}{TP+FP}$, $Recall = \frac{TP}{TP+FN}$ are the evaluation metrics, where TP is true positive, FN is False Negative, TN is True Negative, and FP is False Positive.
- Paired t-test was conducted to verify the statistical significance of the evaluation metrics.

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Experimental Results

Comparison to Conventional Methods

- The proposed model, which focuses on effectively extracting features of tiny receptive fields, shows better performance in Dice Coefficient, IoU, Precision, and F1 Score compared to comparative models.

The asterisk (*) indicates statistical significance with all comparison models at the 0.01 level.

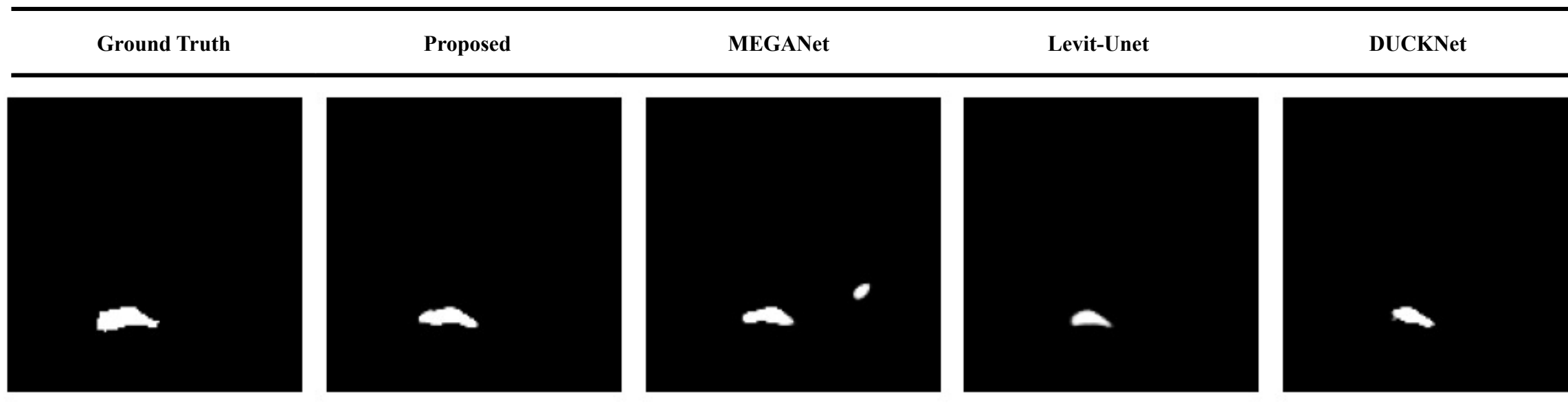
Model	Dice	p-value	IoU	p-value	Recall	p-value	Precision	p-value	F1 Score	p-value
Proposed	0.766 ± 0.027*		0.641 ± 0.026*		0.820 ± 0.046		0.767 ± 0.040		0.766 ± 0.027*	
MEGANet	0.701 ± 0.044	< 0.005	0.573 ± 0.042	< 0.005	0.763 ± 0.052	0.094	0.721 ± 0.066	0.052	0.701 ± 0.044	< 0.005
LeViT-UNet	0.643 ± 0.036	< 0.005	0.509 ± 0.030	< 0.005	0.692 ± 0.066	< 0.005	0.718 ± 0.034	< 0.005	0.644 ± 0.036	< 0.005
DUCKNet	0.638 ± 0.103	< 0.005	0.520 ± 0.092	< 0.005	0.865 ± 0.047	< 0.005	0.598 ± 0.108	< 0.005	0.638 ± 0.103	< 0.005

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Experimental Results

In-depth Analysis

- The proposed model achieves segmentation accuracy close to the ground truth, surpassing three comparison models. In contrast, comparison models often segment non-target areas or fail to produce results.
- The previous Extraocular muscles segmentation showed good performance in the 2D model on a whole basis and in the 3D model on a single slice basis. This can be found in Common Drawback of Appendix.



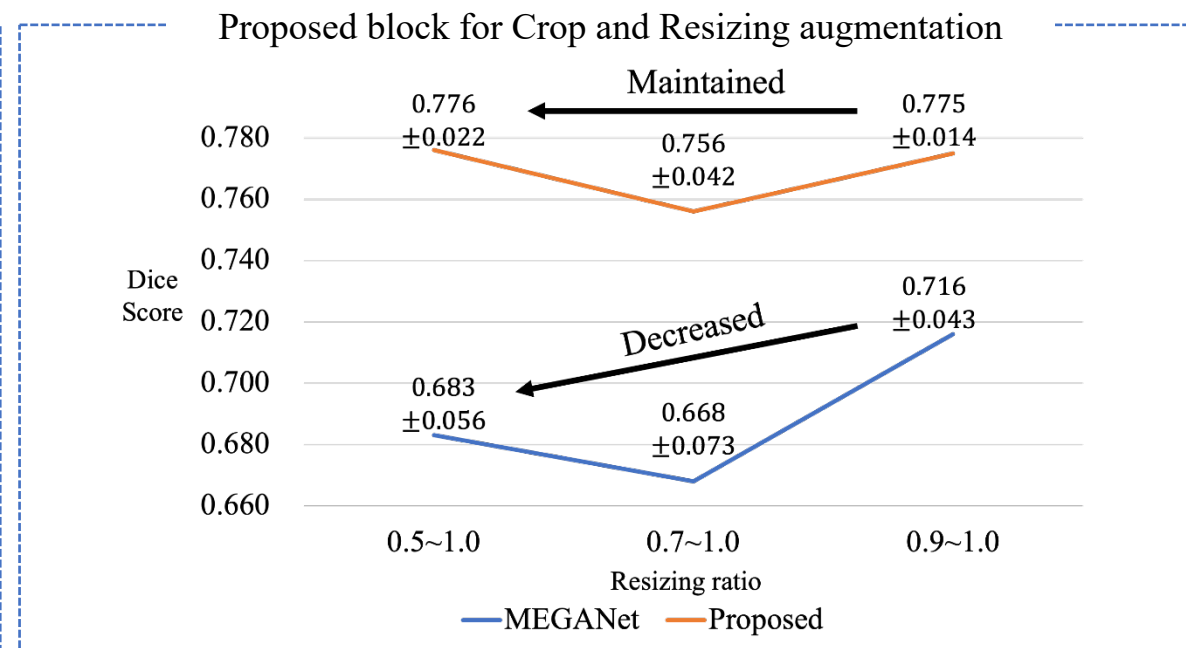
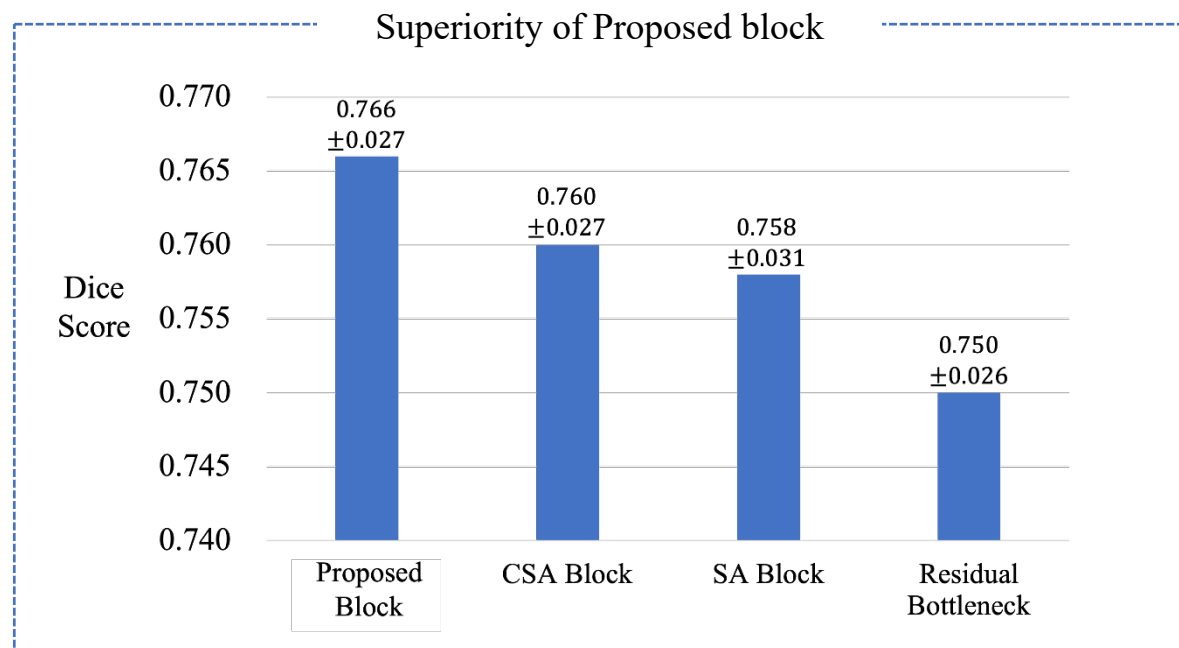
Prediction mask results for each model in comparison with the Ground Truth

Experimental Results

In-depth Analysis

Ablation study

- The Proposed block was compared to the Residual Bottleneck, Split Attention (SA), and Compact Split Attention (CSA) blocks to evaluate its capability, achieving the highest average Dice score.
- Medical images vary widely, requiring data augmentation due to limited datasets. The Proposed block effectively handles diverse resizing ratios through pyramid convolutions with different kernel sizes.



Conclusion and Contribution

- The segmentation performance was improved for the difficult Posterior Extraocular muscles in Orbital apex, which have unclear boundaries and are too small in size.
- We proposed a new neural network that has an effective encoding process for tiny receptive fields to accurately segment small-sized tissues.
- The proposed model demonstrated the highest performance compared to other counterpart models when evaluated on a dataset of 205 TAO patients and significantly better than prior.

Contribution

- Conferences
 - Performance comparison of encoder-decoder for orbit tissue segmentation in CT images, *IEIE*, 2023
 - A Simple Localization and Classification Framework Based on Template Matching and Self-Attention for TAO Treatment Diagnosis, *ICCE*, 2024
- Other
 - Medical Technology for Patients with Thyroid-associated Ophthalmopathy, AI Technology-based Employment and Start-up Workshop, 2023, 3rd Prize
 - Internship (AI Researcher/Multimodal AI Image Generation), *NCSoft*, Seongnam, Korea (2023.09 – 2024.02)

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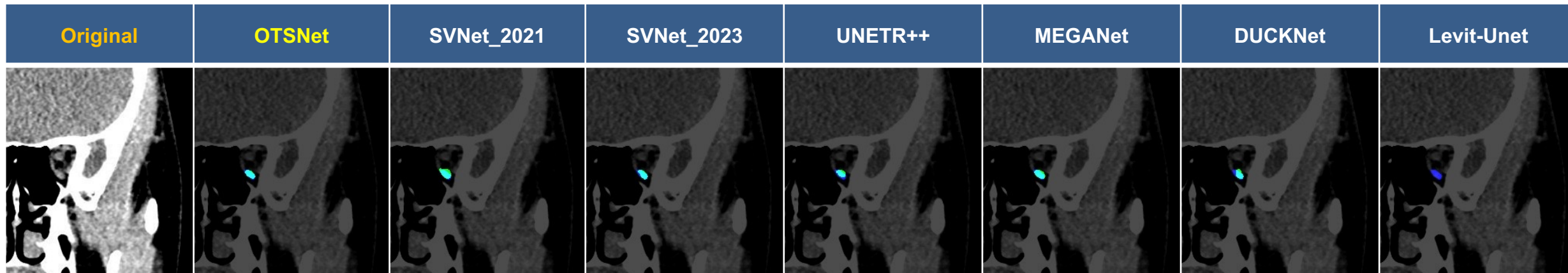
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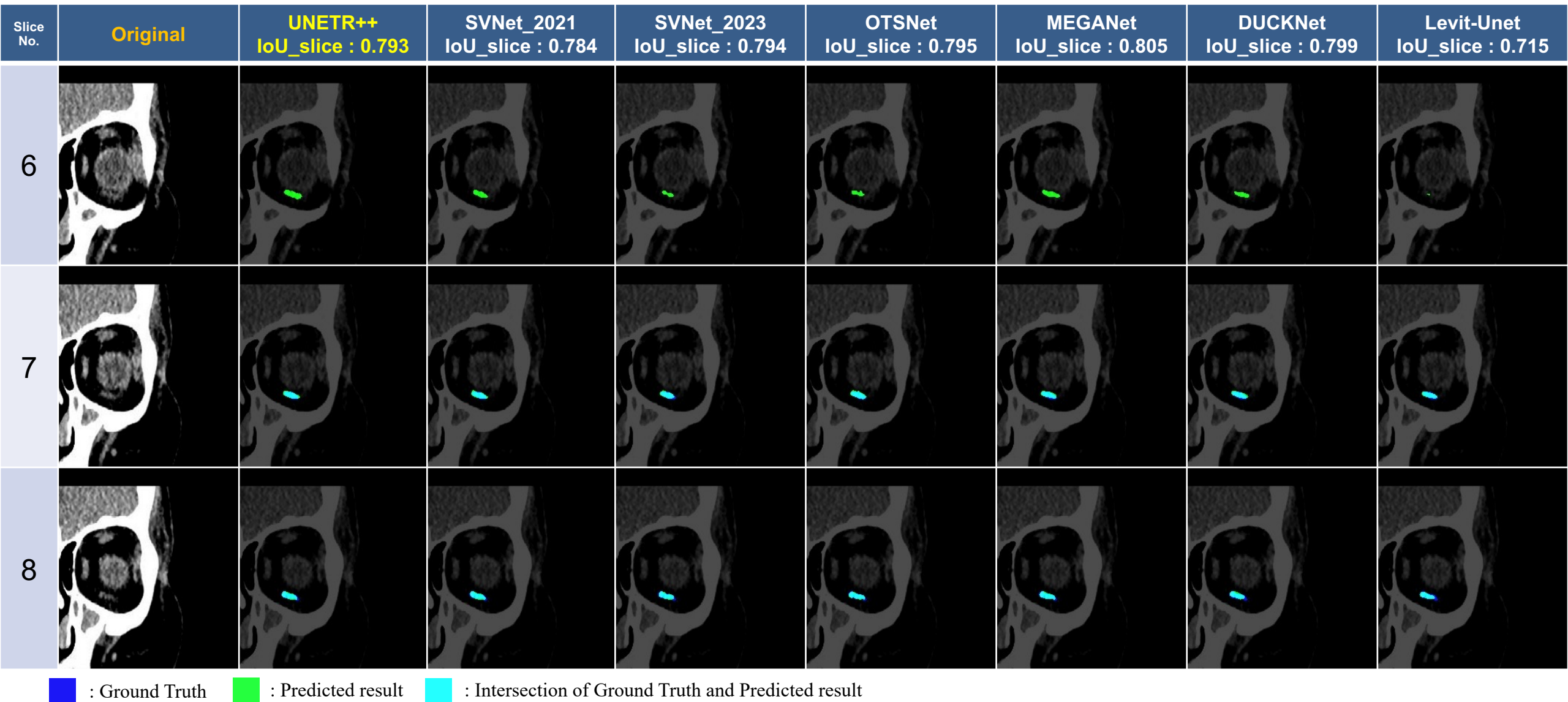
Common Drawback of Conventional Methods

- Best Model
 - Slice : UNETR++
 - Whole : OTSNet
- Best case & Worst case
 - Based on the metric results of patients in the test set, the patients with the highest iou and dice values were designated as best, and the opposite was designated as worst.
- Examples of Visualization



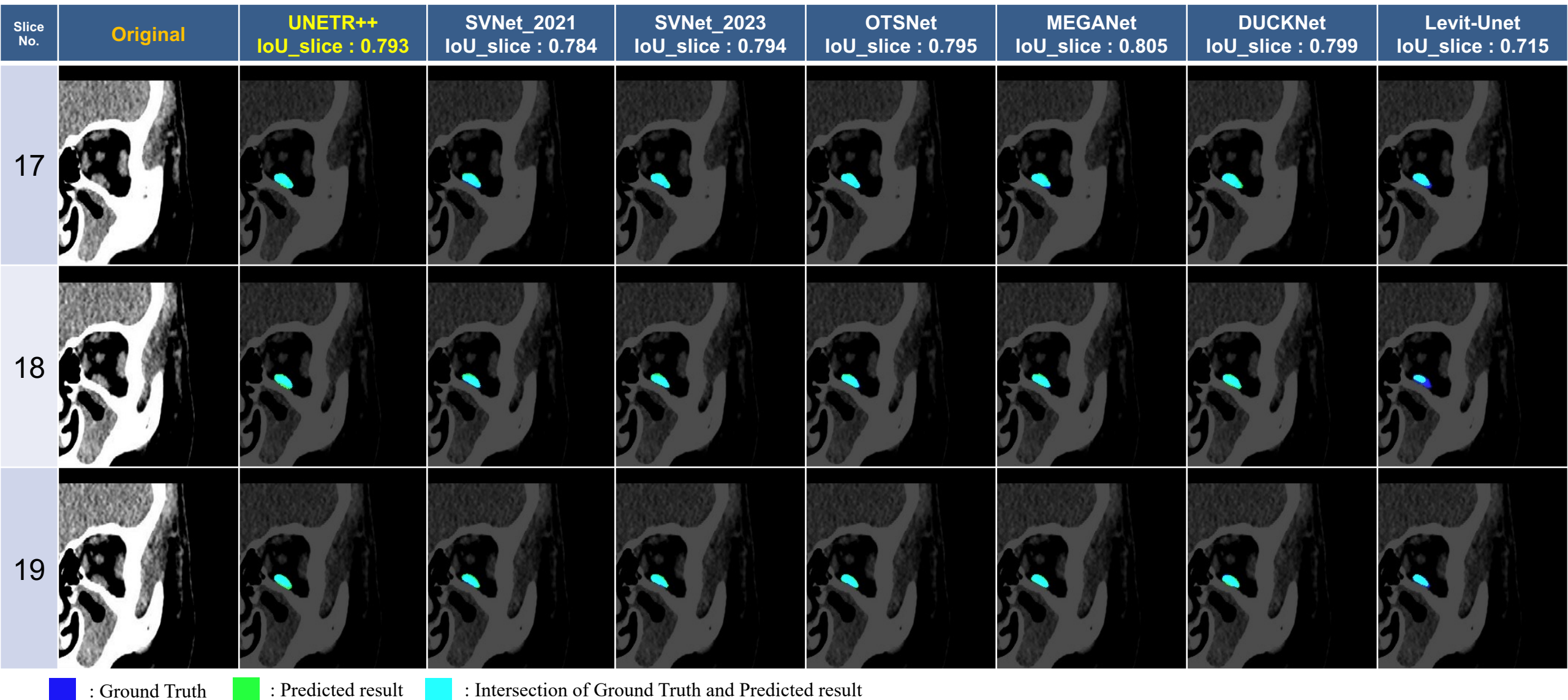
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Common Drawback of Conventional Methods – Best case (UNETR++)



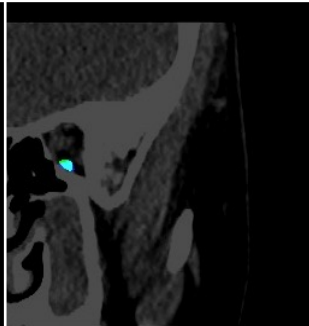
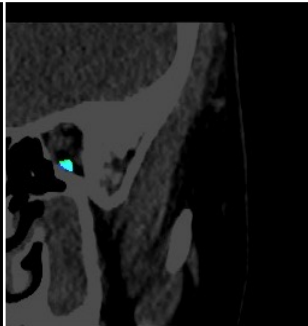
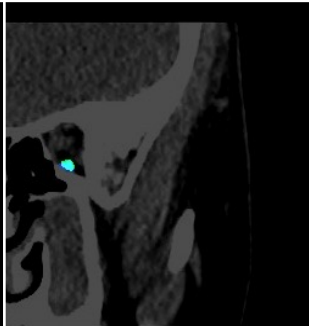
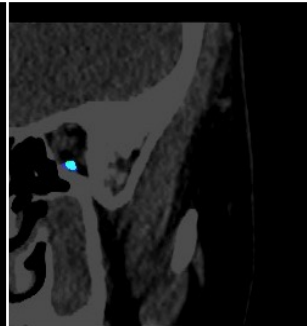
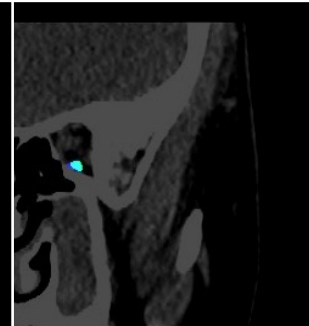
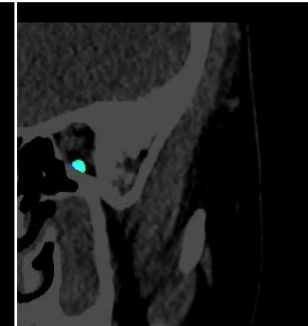
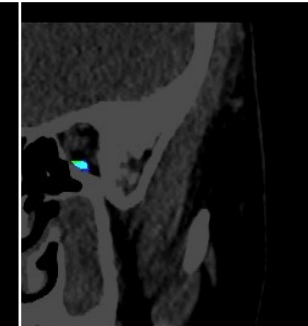
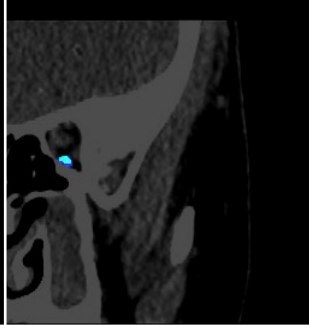
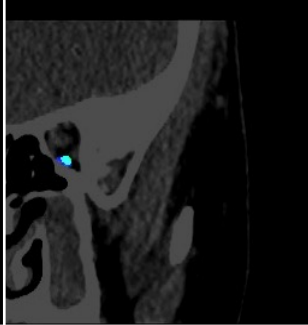
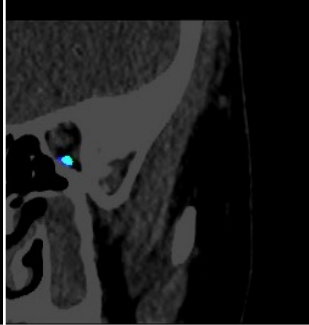
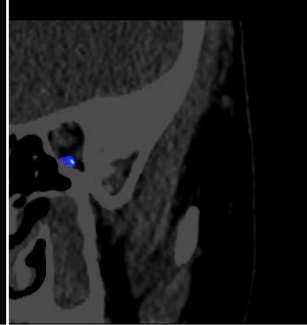
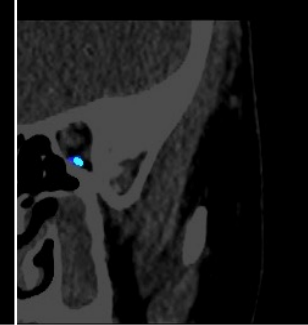
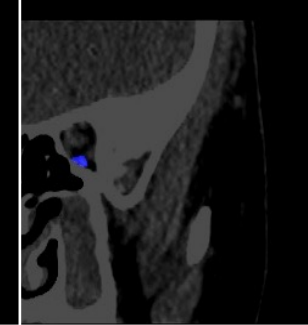
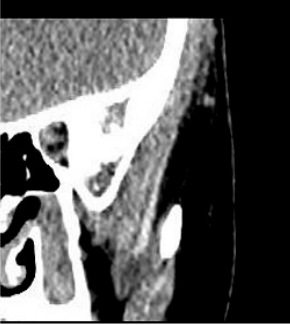
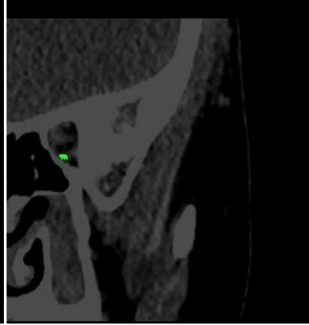
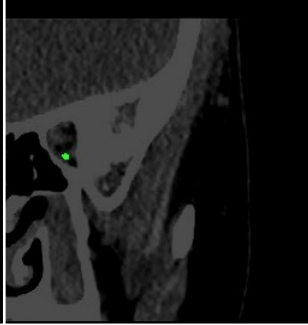
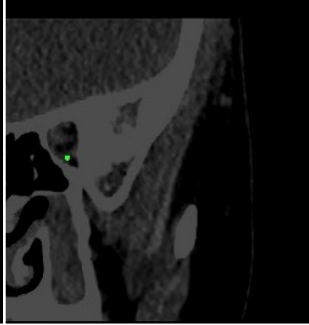
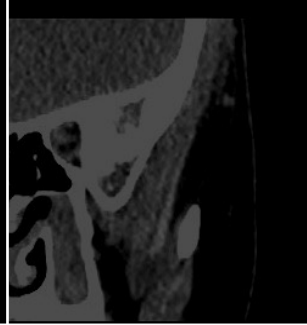
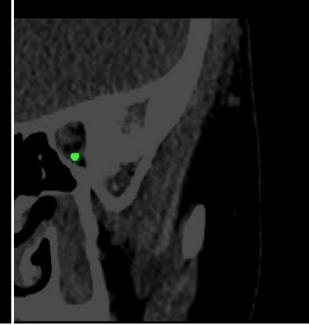
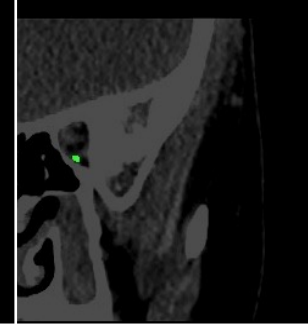
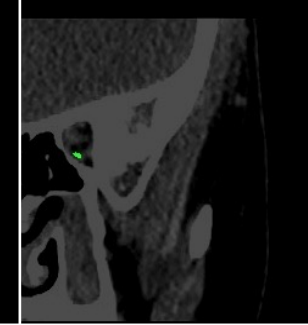
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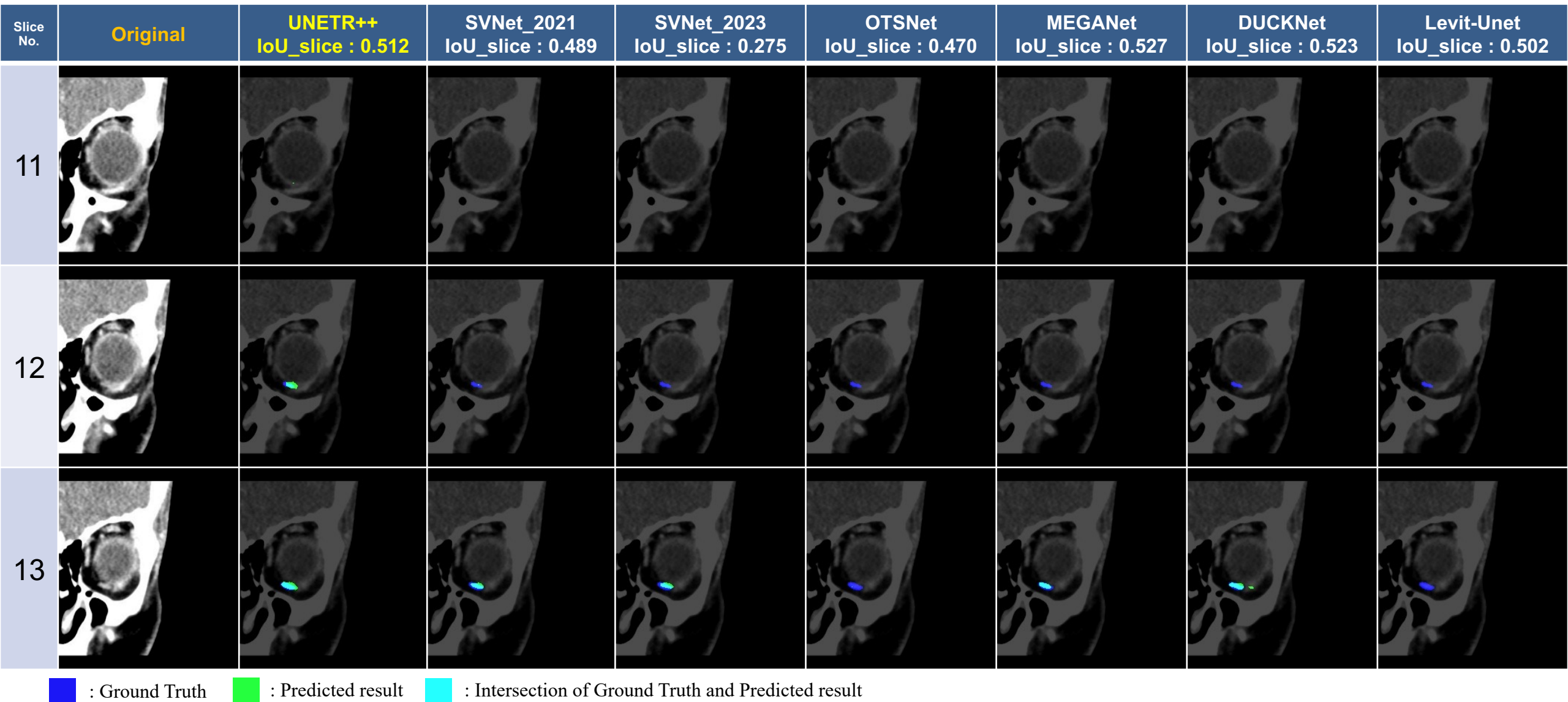
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Common Drawback of Conventional Methods – Best case (UNETR++)

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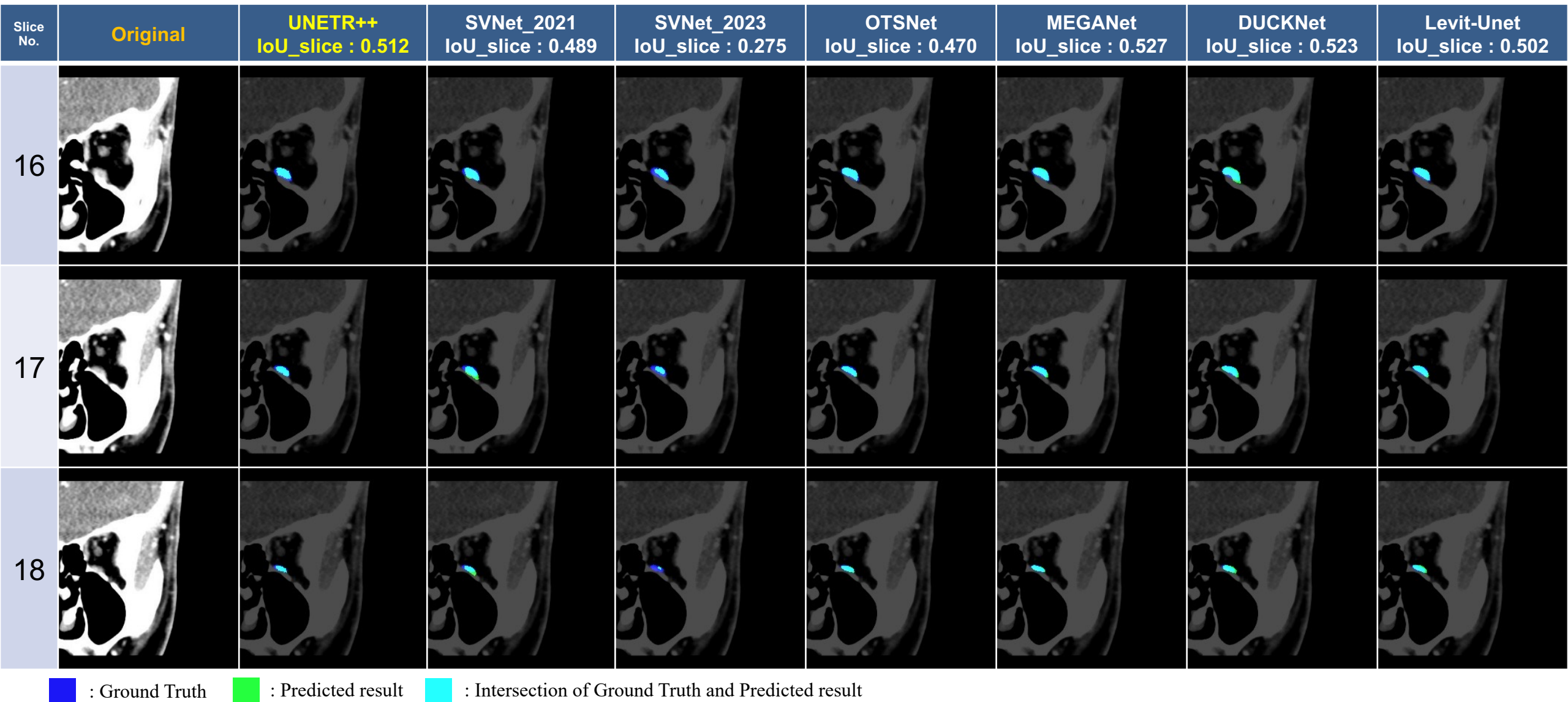
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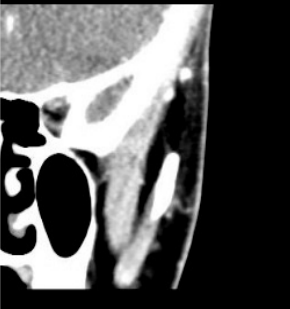
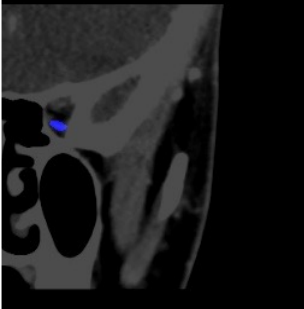
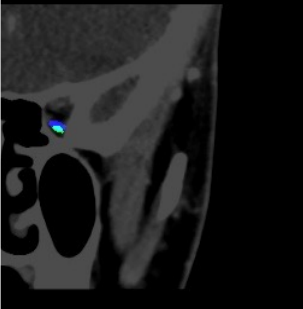
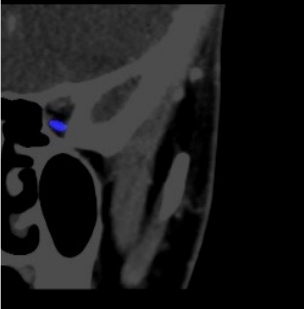
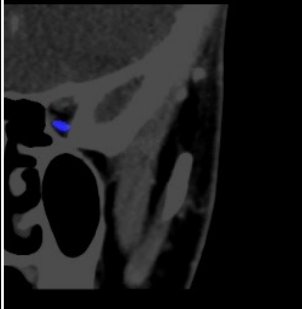
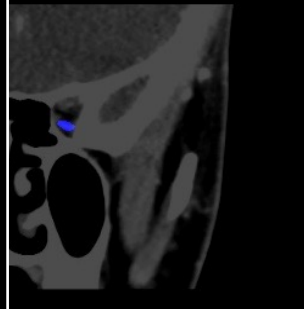
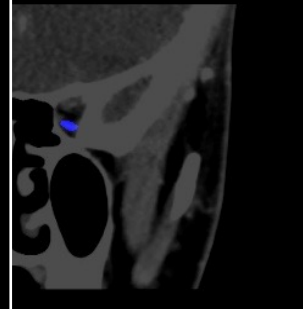
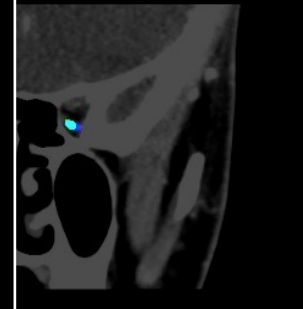
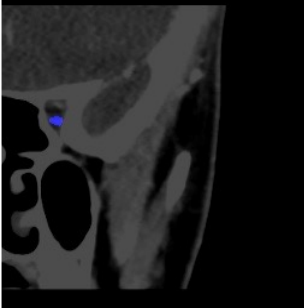
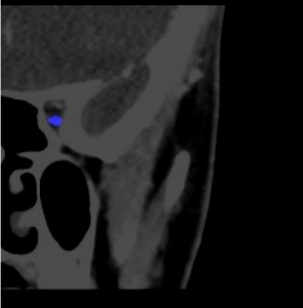
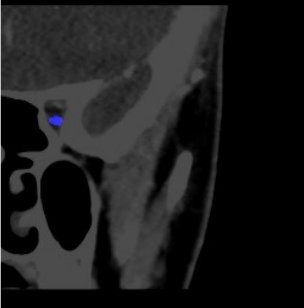
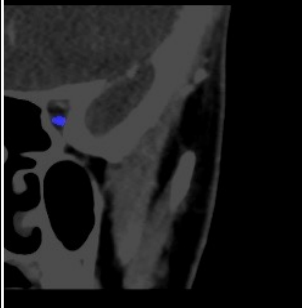
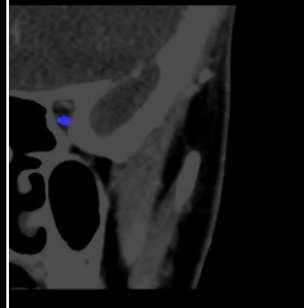
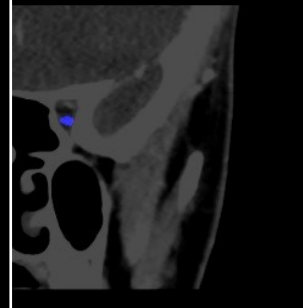
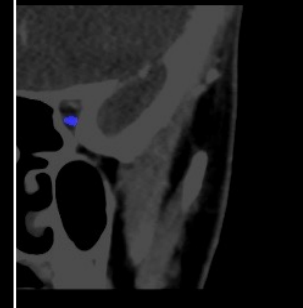
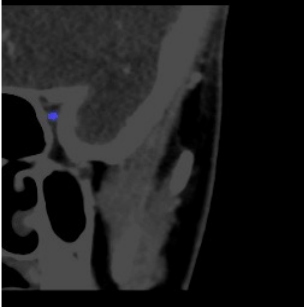
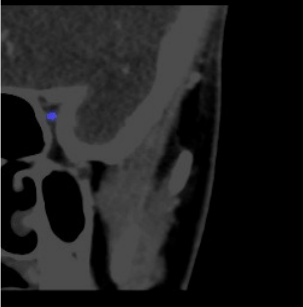
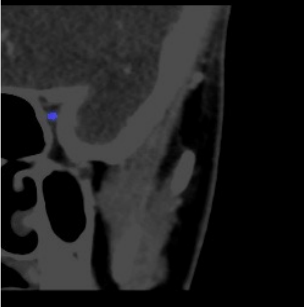
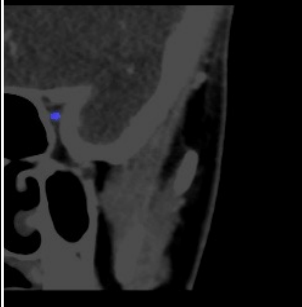
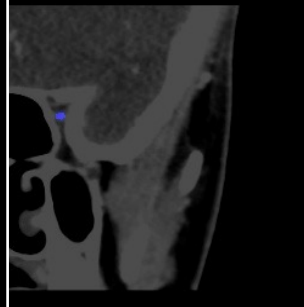
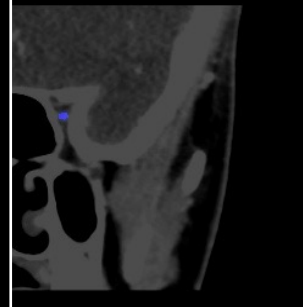
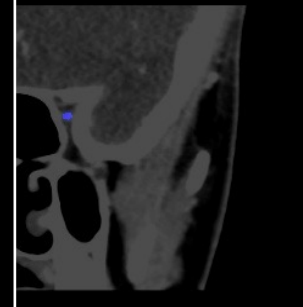
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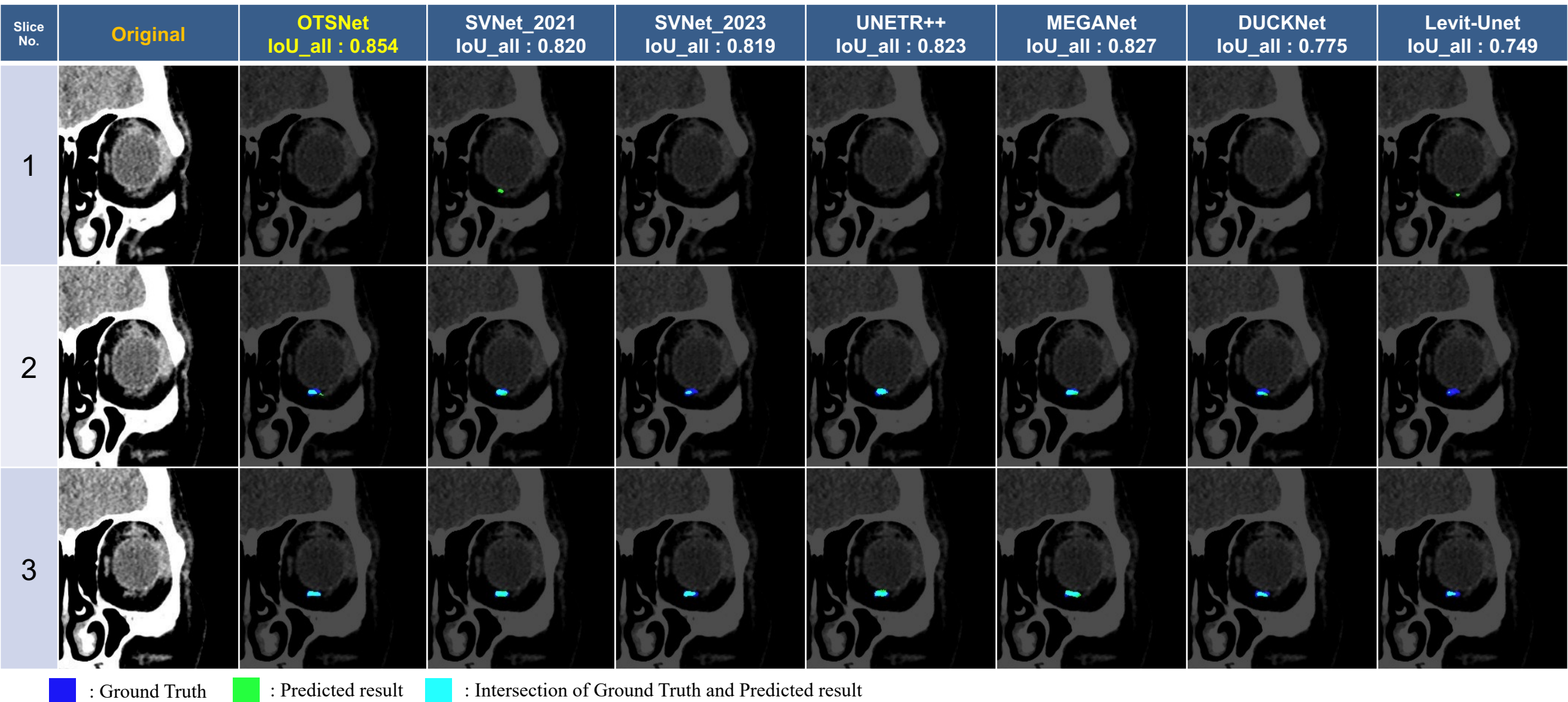
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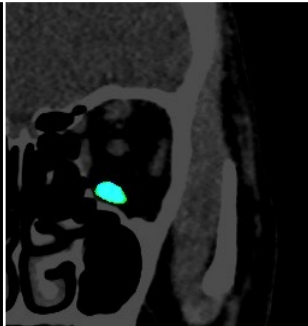
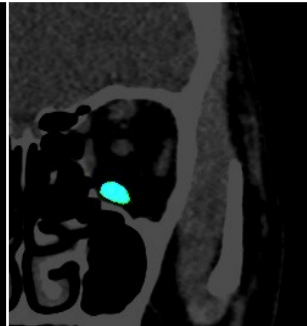
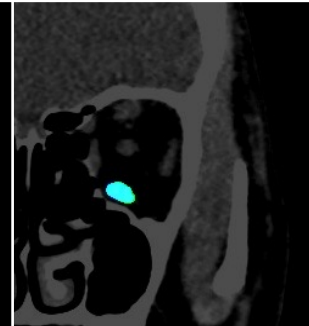
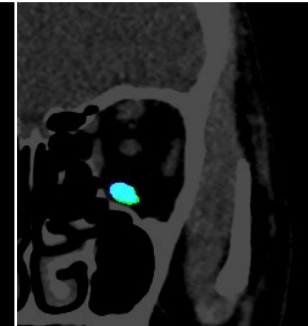
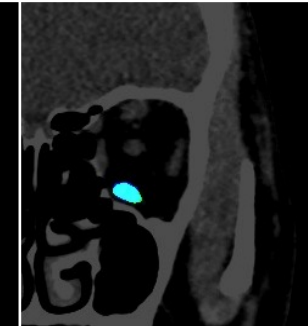
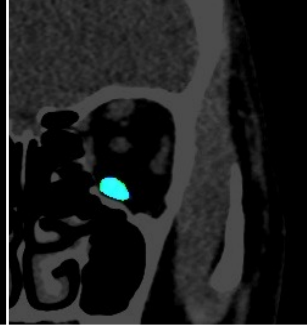
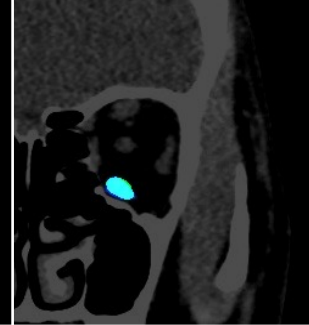
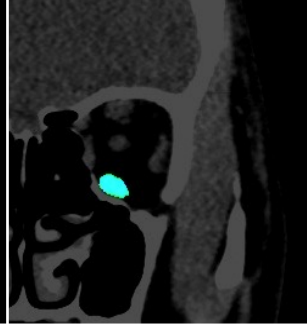
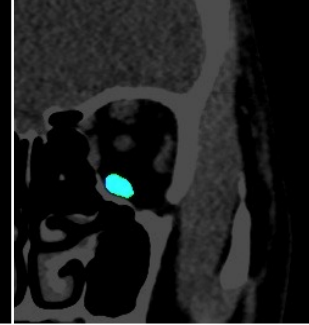
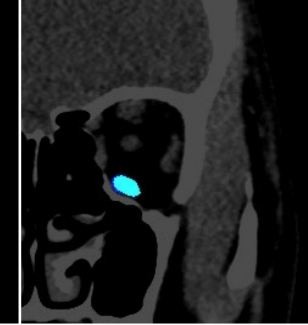
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Common Drawback of Conventional Methods – Best case (OTSNet)



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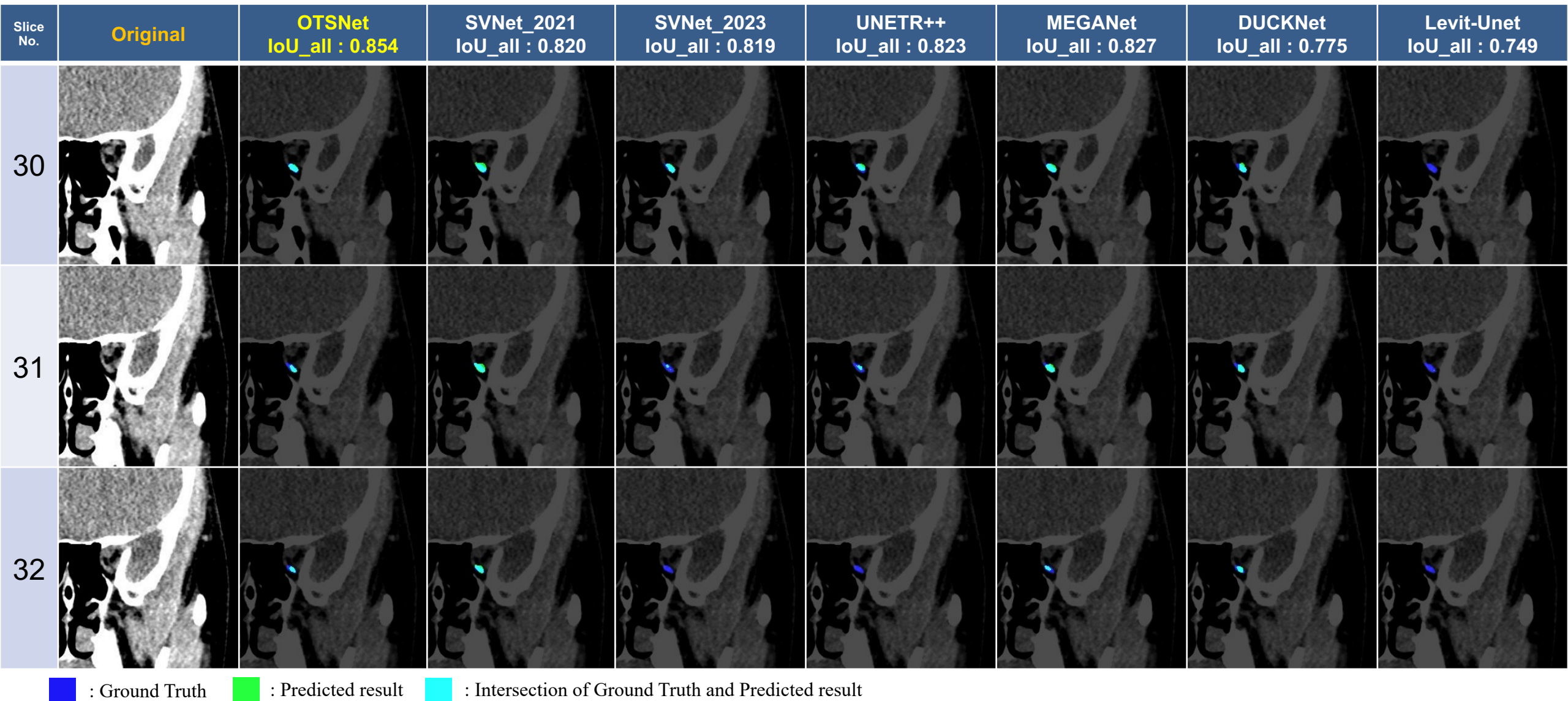
Common Drawback of Conventional Methods – Best case (OTSNet)

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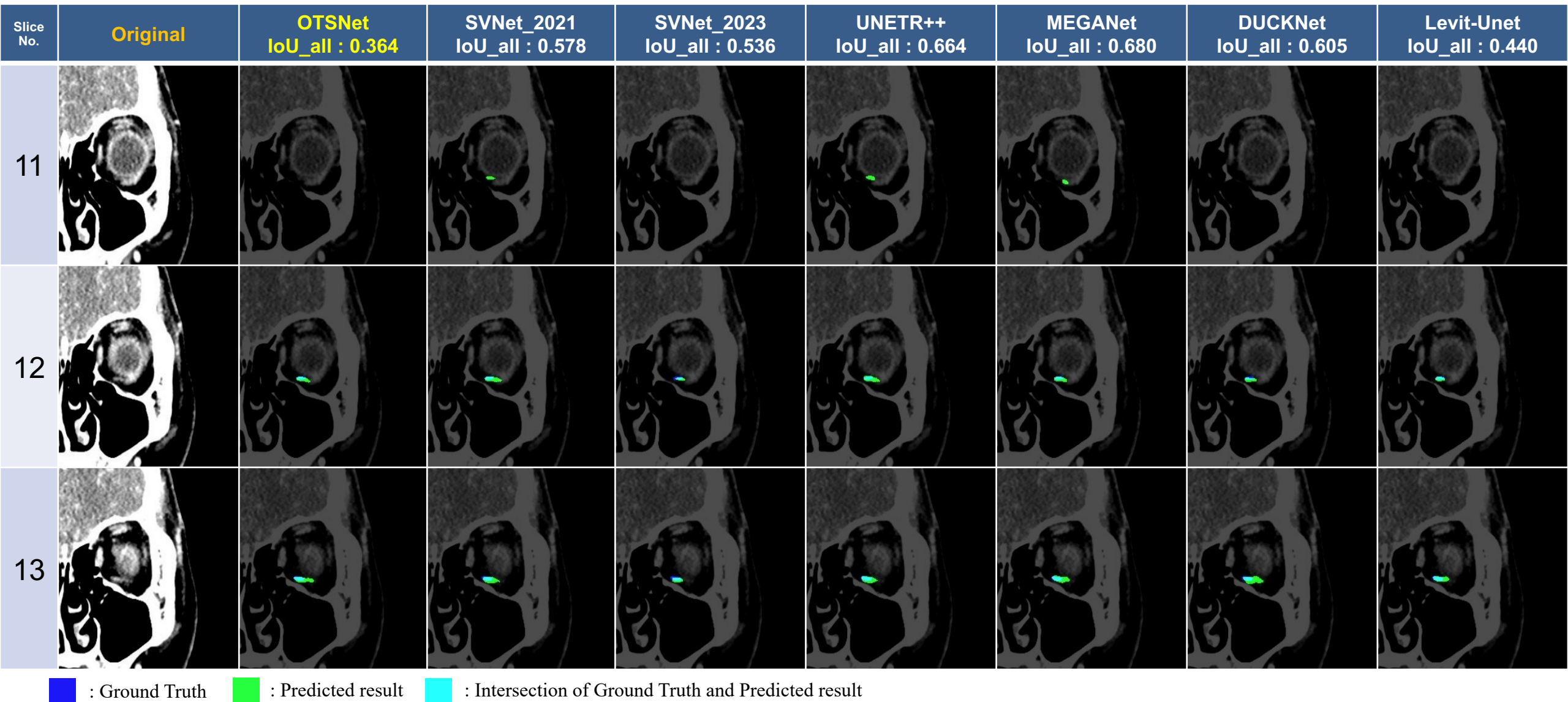
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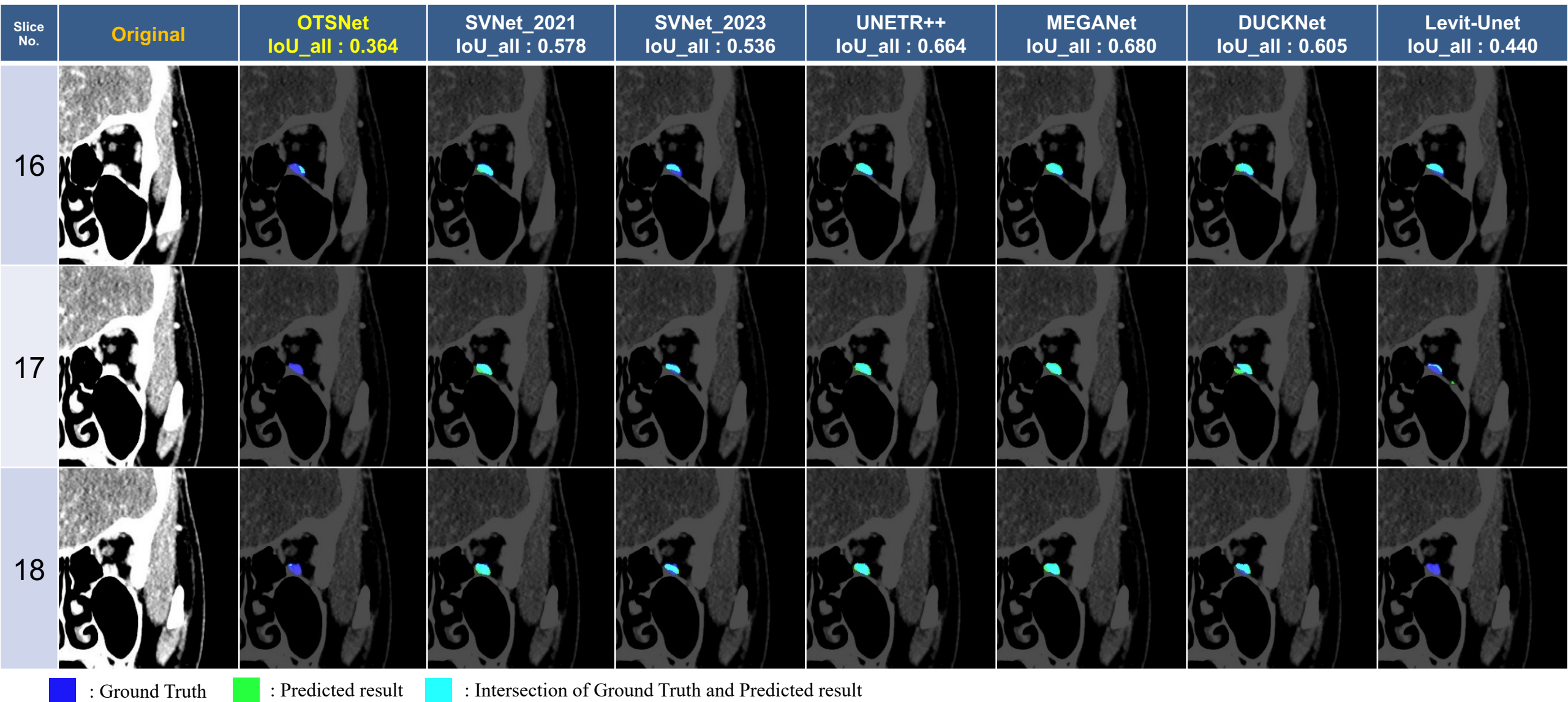
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