

Bachelor Project

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Multiscale\ Brain\ MRI\ Segmentation\ with\ Deep\ Generative\\ Models \end{tabular}$

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Introduction

Recent advances in medical image segmen- consistency [1]. lenges in modeling ambiguity [4] and 3D tive spatiotemporal sampling. Test.

The advent of diffusion tation have been propelled by the synergy models has introduced paradigm-shifting of UNet-based architectures [2,8] and diffuapproaches for uncertainty quantification. sion models [3, 5]. While traditional CNNs Concurrently, hybrid frameworks like Medlike UNet++ [8] addressed feature hierar- SegDiff [6] and its transformer-enhanced chy limitations through nested skip connec- variant [7] integrate diffusion steps ditions, subsequent innovations such as UNet rectly into segmentation pipelines, achiev-3+ [2] expanded this framework with full- ing state-of-the-art performance on benchscale aggregation. These architectures laid mark datasets. For volumetric data, [1] incritical foundations for handling anatom- troduces diffusion-embedded 3D UNets, adical complexity but faced persistent chaldressing memory constraints through adap-

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