



Multitask Universal Lesion Analysis Network

for Joint Lesion Detection, Tagging, and Segmentation

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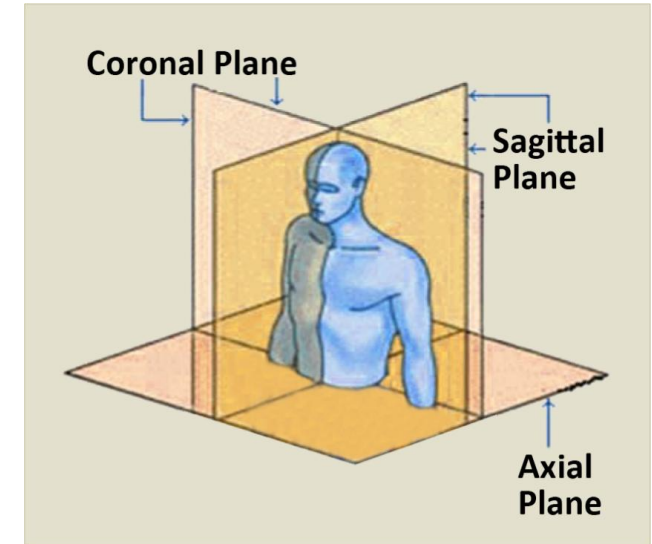
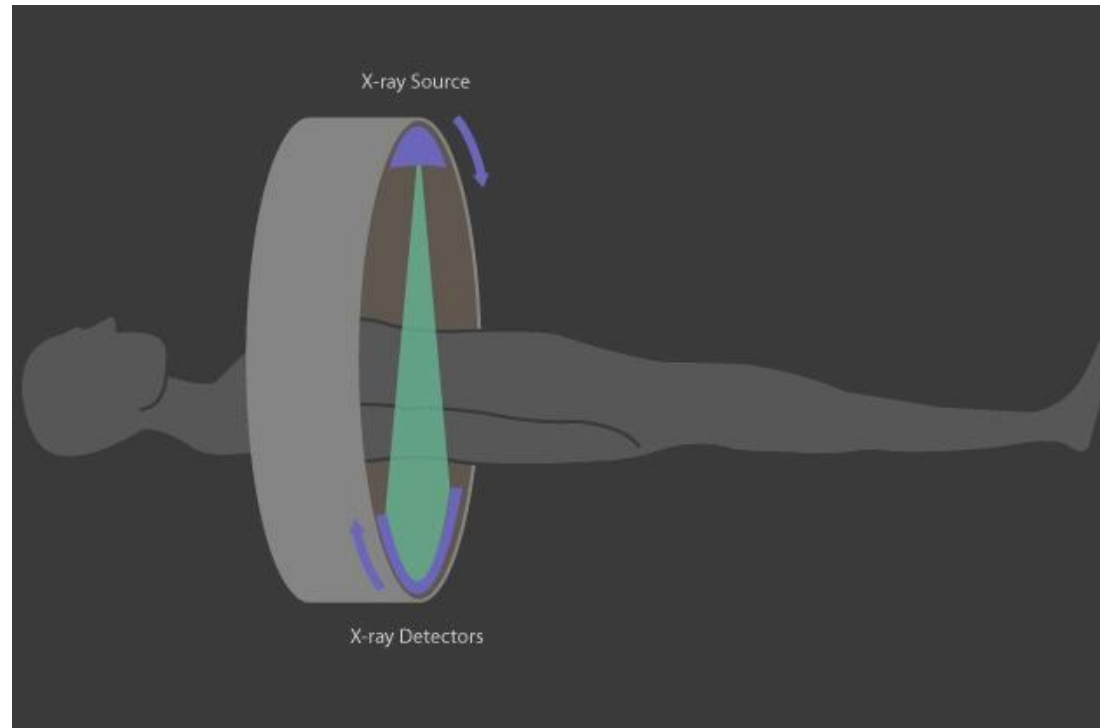
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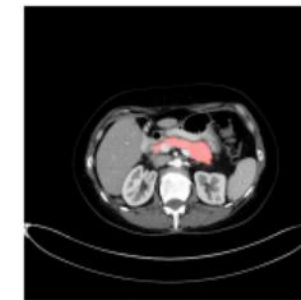
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NIH Case #001



axial view (z-axis)



coronal view (x-axis)



sagittal view (y-axis)

CT란 x-선을 인체에 투과해 그 흡수차이를 컴퓨터로 재구성하여 인체의 단면영상을 얻거나 3차원적인 입체영상을 얻는 영상진단법

A lesion is any damage or abnormal change in the tissue of an organism

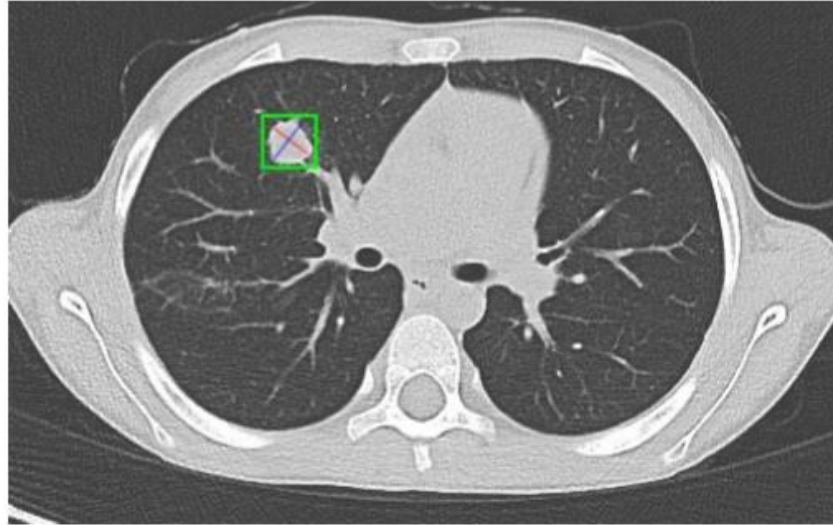
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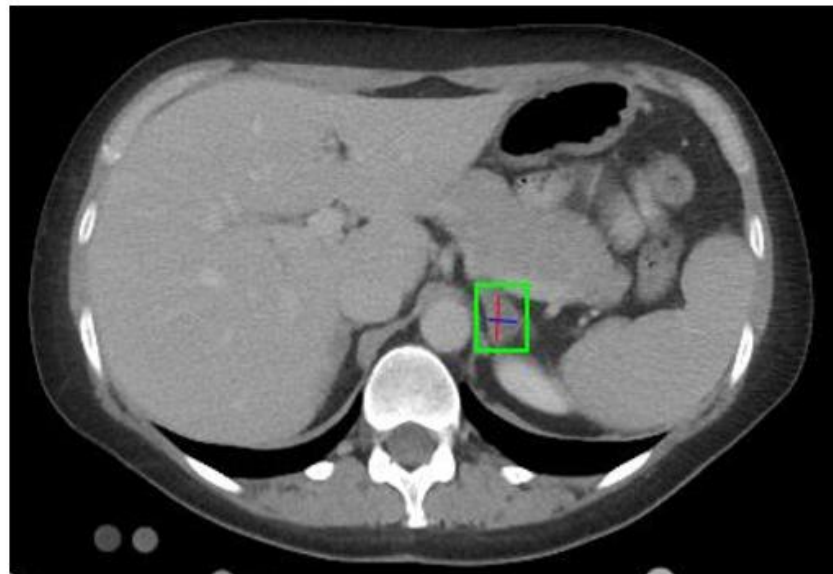
Tagging

Segmentation



Sentence: Within the right middle lobe there is a stable nodule that measures BOOKMARK.

Tags: Right mid lung, nodule



Sentence: Low density left adrenal nodule BOOKMARK, likely adenoma.

Tags: Hypoattenuation, left adrenal gland, nodule, adenoma

DeepLesion Dataset

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DeepLesion Dataset

- National Institutes of Health(NIH) Clinical Center, USA
- Contains 32,735 lesions on 32,120 **axial** computed tomography (CT) slices from 10,594 CT scans (studies) of 4,427 unique patients.
- lesions in each image with accompanying bounding boxes and size measurements, adding up to 32,735 lesions altogether.
- Semantic labels (tags) for the lesions mined from radiological reports. The labels describe the lesions' body part, type, and attributes. (2019. 4. added, the label with tags = Train : 20,266 / Valid : 1,976 / Test : 1879)
- Lesion size : 0.2mm ~ about 340 mm

DeepLesion Dataset

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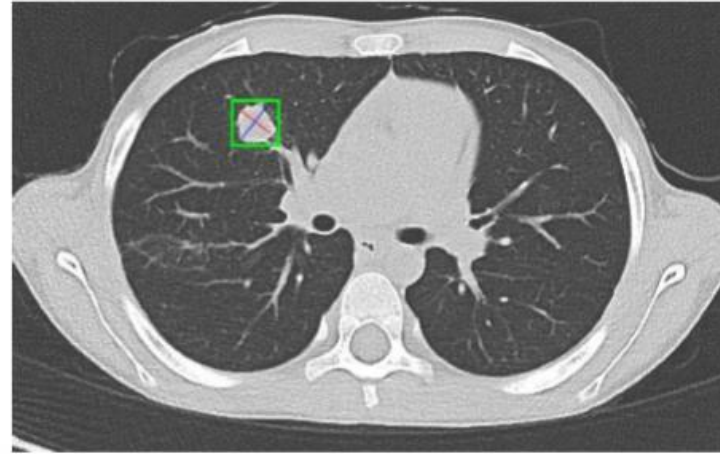
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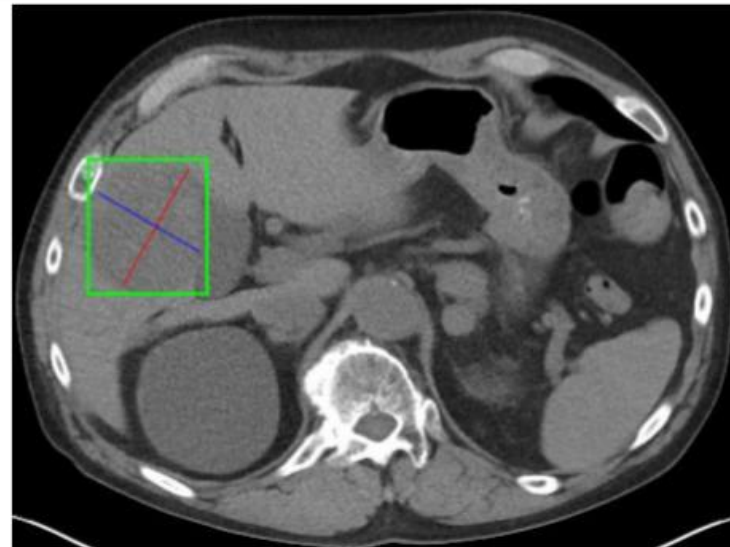
Segmentation

DeepLesion Dataset



Sentence: Within the right middle lobe there is a stable nodule that measures BOOKMARK.

Tags: Right mid lung, nodule



Sentence: A large right hepatic mass, incompletely characterized BOOKMARK.

Tags: Large, liver, liver mass, mass

Abstract

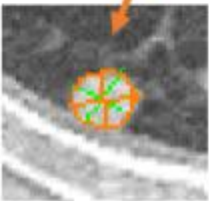
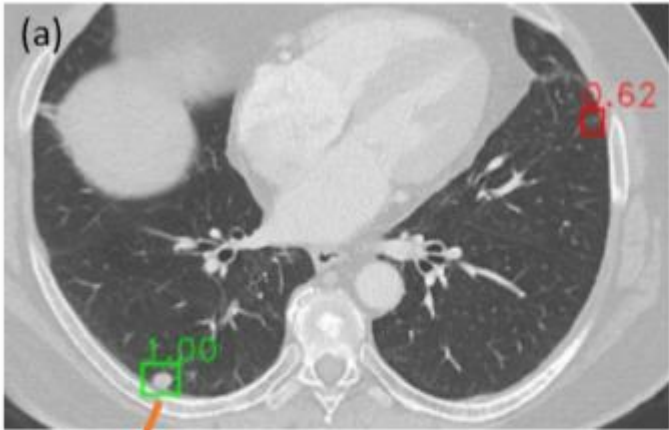
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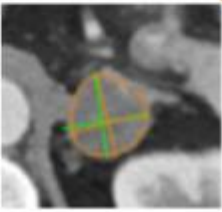
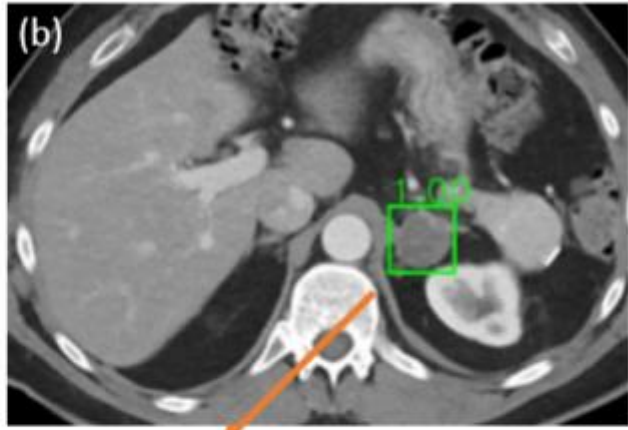
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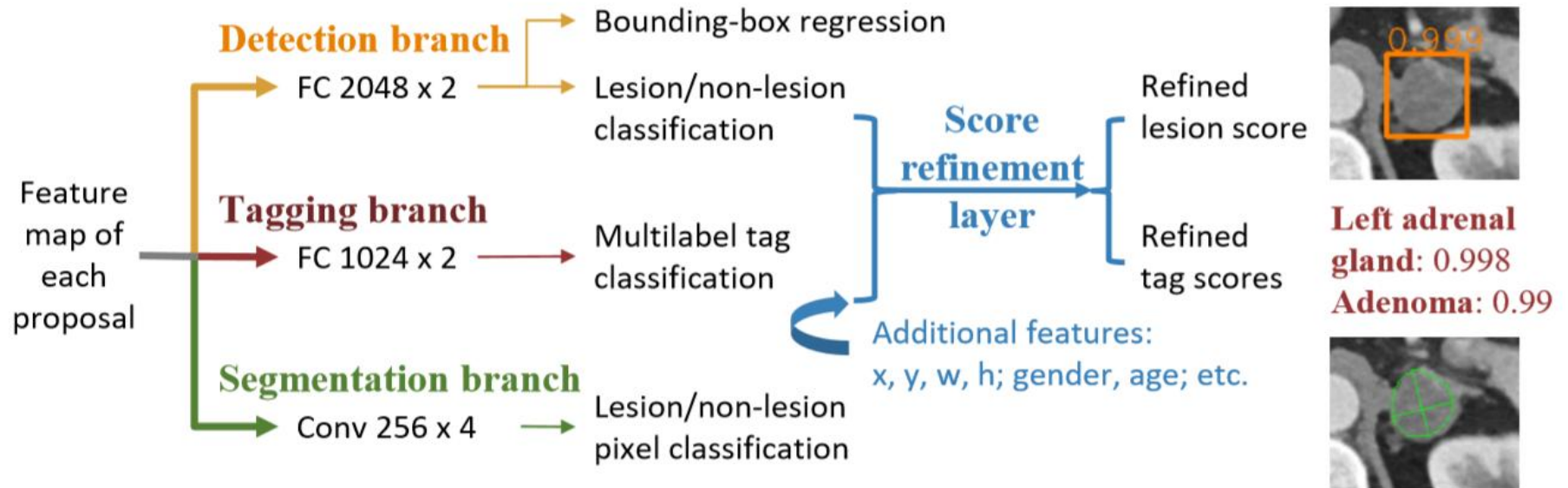
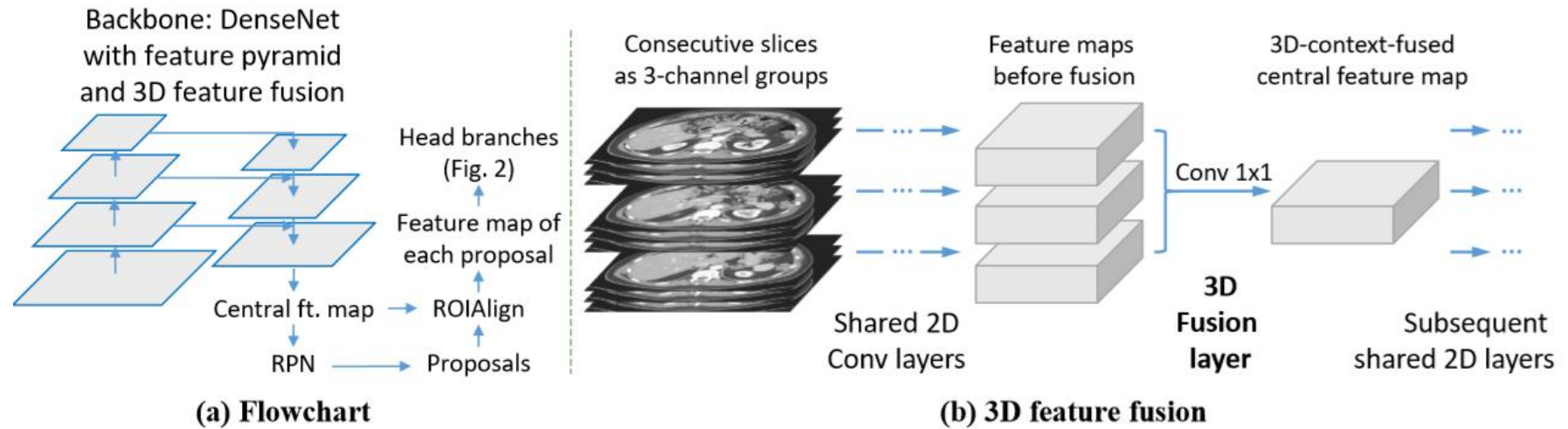
right lower lobe, lung
nodule, solid pulmonary
nodule, *noncalcified, lung
base*



left adrenal gland,
adenoma, nodule, mass

Whole Framework

- [1] Backbone
- [2] 3D feature fusion
- [3] Mask R-CNN
- [4] 3 branches
- [5] Refinement



Method

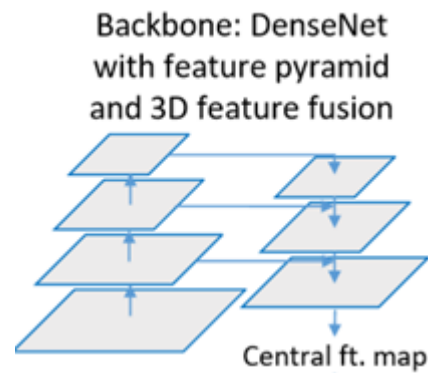
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- DenseNet-121 with the last dense block and transition layer removed
- ImageNet pretrained
- Feature pyramid strategy (increase the size of final feature map, which will benefit the detection and segmentation of small lesions)
- Attach the head branches only to the finest level

Method

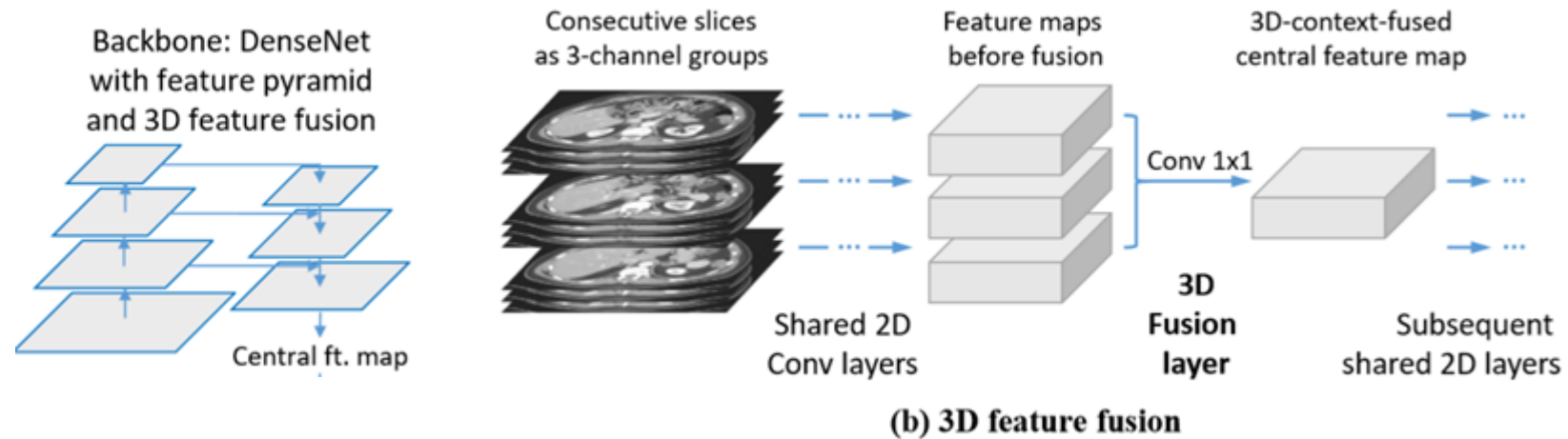
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- **3D context information is very important!!**

- First, group consecutive axial slices in a CT volume into 3-channel

- With a 1x1 Conv layer (3D fusion layer)

- Fuse features of multiple slices(9) in earlier Conv layers. (after dense block 2 and the last layer of the feature pyramid)

- All FMs are fed to subsequent Conv layer, with Central FM is replaced by the FM(feature map)s are fused with the 3D fusion layer, upper FM and lower FM.

Method

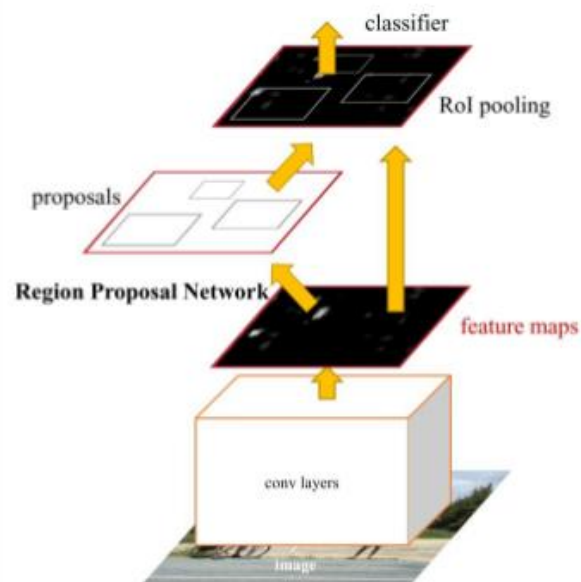
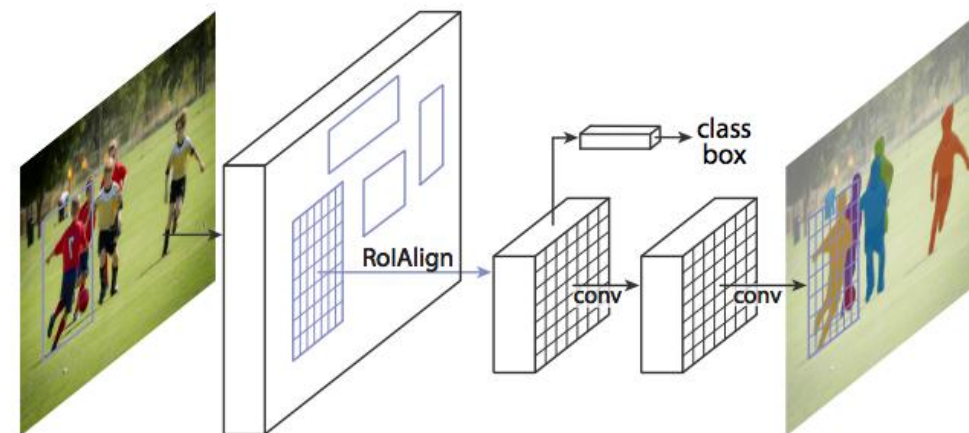
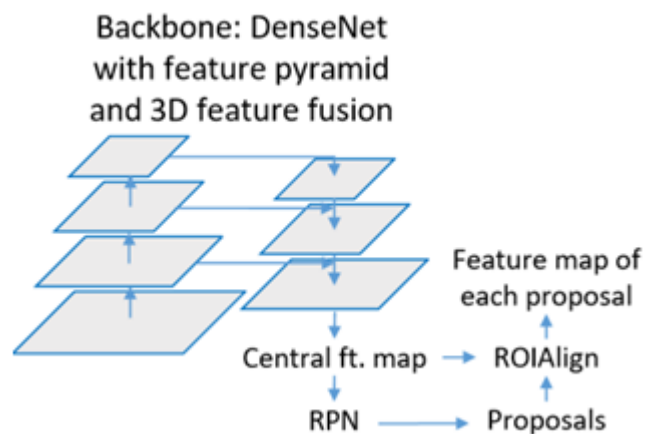
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1. Faster R-CNN : bbox + class \rightarrow bbox + class + seg

2. ROI Pooling 대신 ROI Align 을 사용함

3. Mask prediction 과 class prediction 을 decouple 함 (클래스 상관없이 masking)

출처: <https://mylifemystudy.tistory.com/82> [ENCAPSULATION]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RtSZALC9DIU>

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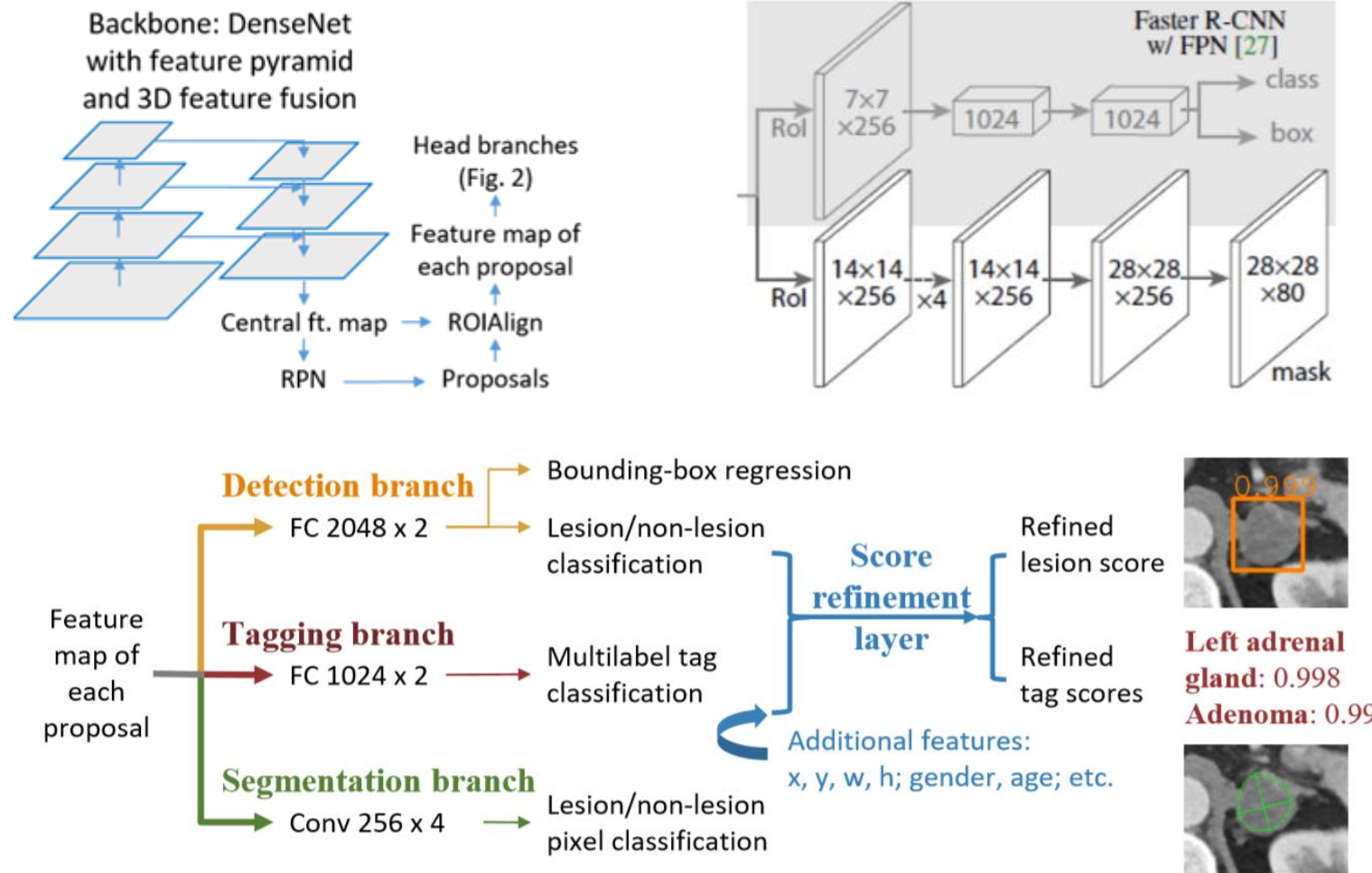
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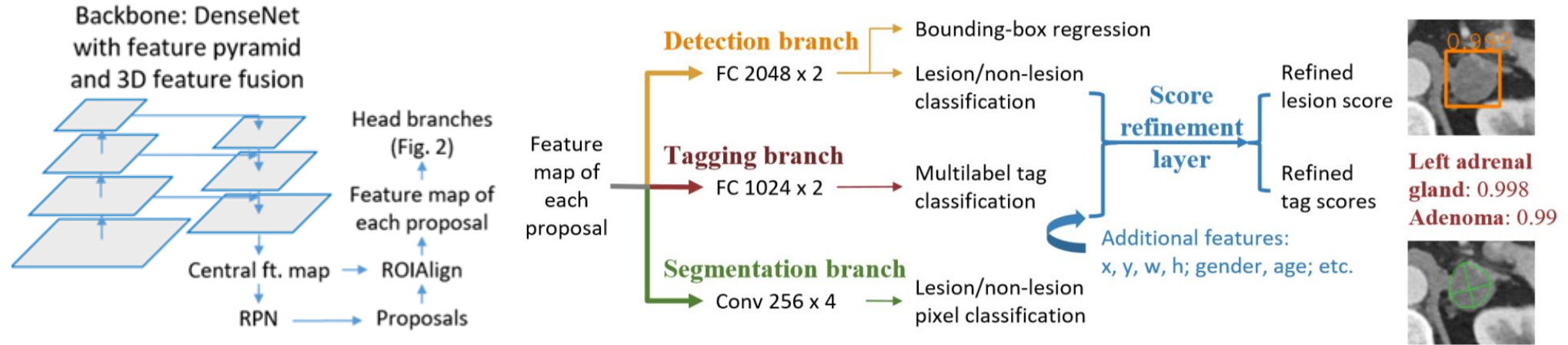
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$$L = L_{\text{det,seg}} + L_{\text{tag,WCE}} + L_{\text{tag,RHEM}} + L_{\text{cls,SRL}} + L_{\text{tag,WCE,SRL}}$$

$$L_{\text{det,seg}} = L_{\text{RPN,cls}} + L_{\text{RPN,box}} + L_{\text{det,cls}} + 10L_{\text{det,box}} + L_{\text{seg,dice}}$$

$$L_{\text{tag,WCE}} = \sum_{i=1}^B \sum_{c=1}^C (\beta_c^p y_{i,c} \log \sigma_{i,c} + \beta_c^n (1 - y_{i,c}) \log (1 - \sigma_{i,c}))$$

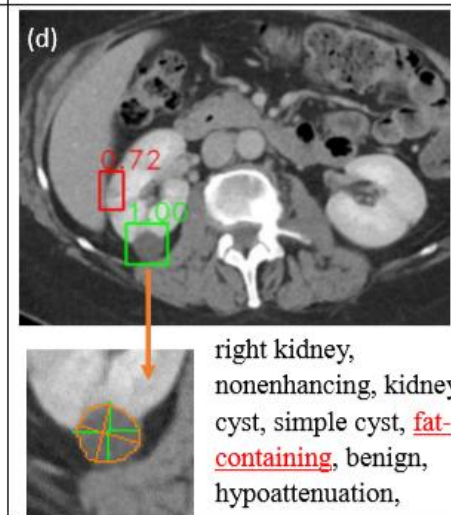
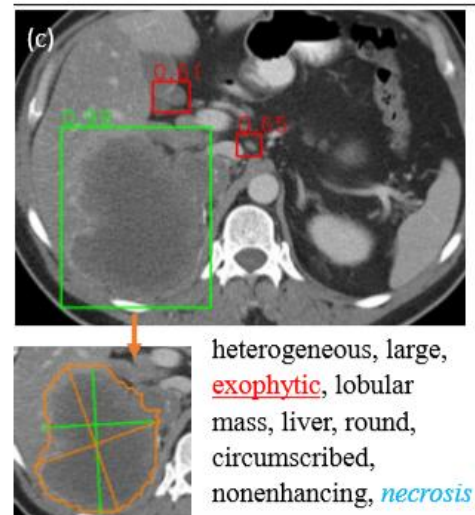
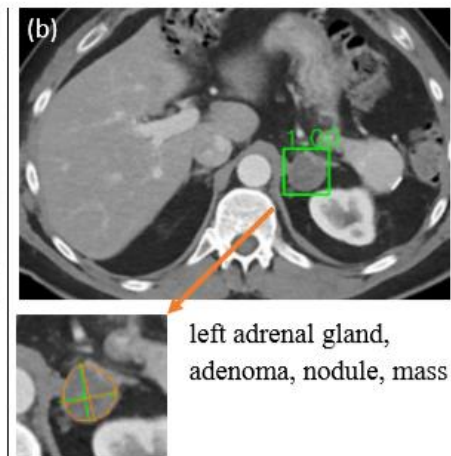
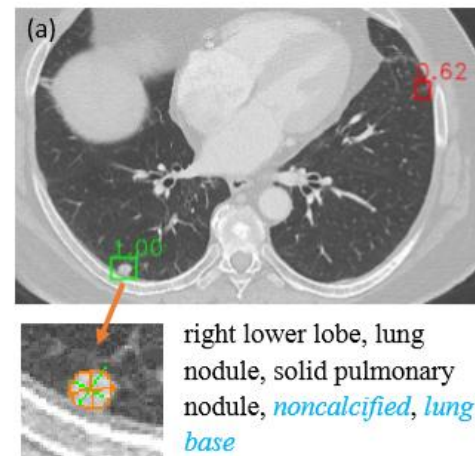
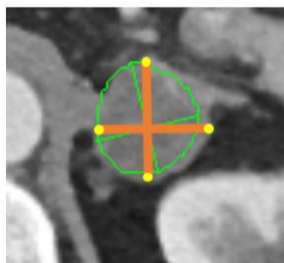
*relational hard example mining (RHEM)

Result

	Detection (%)	Tagging (%)		Segmentation (mm)	
	Avg. sensitivity	AUC	F1	Distance	Diam. err.
ULDor [13]	69.22	—	—	—	—
3DCE [15]	75.55	—	—	—	—
Lesanet [16] (rerun)	—	95.12	43.17	—	—
Auto RECIST [11]	—	—	—	—	1.7088
MULAN	86.12	96.01	45.53	1.4138	1.9660
(a) w/o feature pyramid	79.73	95.51	43.44	<u>1.6634</u>	<u>2.3780</u>
(b) w/o 3D fusion	<u>79.57</u>	95.88	44.28	1.4120	1.9756
(c) w/o detection branch	—	<u>95.16</u>	<u>40.03</u>	1.2445	1.7837
(d) w/o tagging branch	84.79	—	—	1.4230	1.9589
(e) w/o mask branch	85.21	95.87	43.76	—	—
(f) w/o score refine. layer	84.24	95.65	44.59	1.4260	1.9687

Table 3. Sensitivity (%) at various FPs per image on the test set of DeepLesion (the 171 tags were used for training MULAN).

Fps per image	0.5	1	2	4	8	16	Avg. of [0.5,1,2,4]
3DCE [15]	62.48	73.37	80.70	85.65	89.09	91.06	75.55
ULDor [13]	52.86	64.80	74.84	84.38	87.17	91.80	69.22
MULAN	76.12	83.69	88.76	92.30	94.71	95.64	85.22



Conclusion

2 stage Object detection algorithm – **MASK-RCNN**

An effective **3D feature fusion** strategy

Jointly learning to automate radiologists' process

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THANK YOU