

# CV23S Ganzin: Pupil Tracking Final Project Presentation

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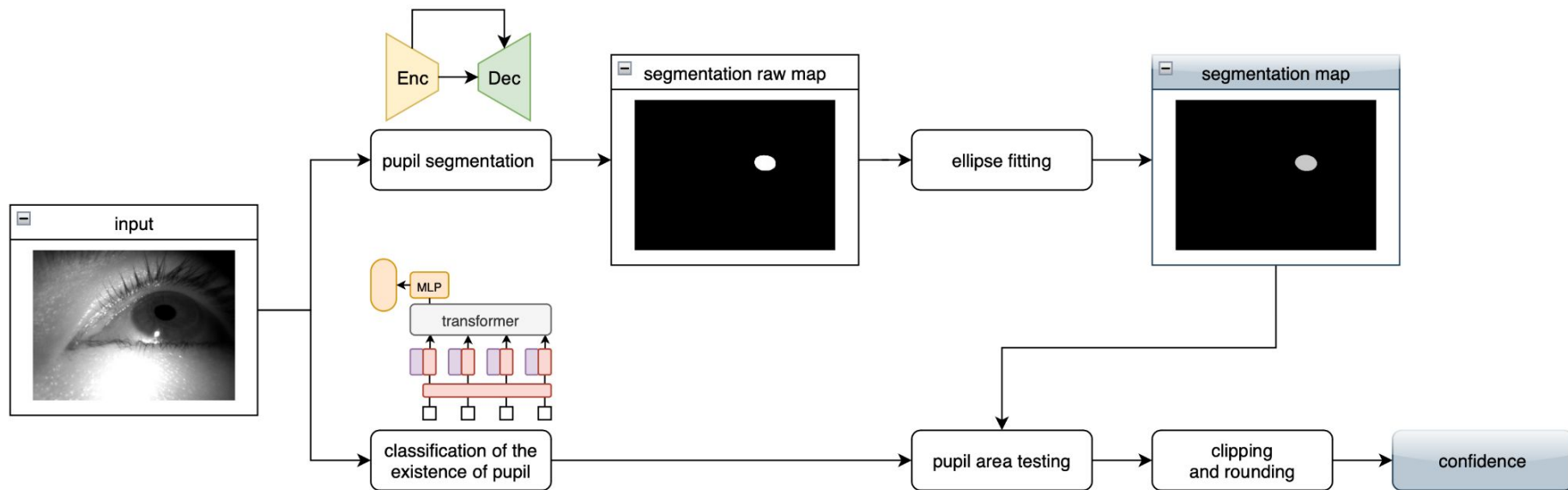
# Problem formulation

- Two goals
  - Segment pupils in eye images
  - Determine the existence of pupils
- Our proposed solution
  - Specialized semantic **segmentation** task
    - The segmentation task requires the segmentation of the entire pupil, **even when it is partially occluded**. To address this issue, specific loss functions are required to handle such cases.
  - A two-class **classification** task aimed at determining the presence pupils.
    - To address the issue of an **imbalanced dataset**, we introduce Masked Autoencoder (MAE) as a **self-supervised** training strategy. MAE enables the model to learn robust visual representations during pre-training.

# Problem solving

- Initially, we relied solely on the rules from the segmentation map to generate confidence files.
  - Unfortunately, this approach yielded unsatisfactory results.
  - Therefore, we decided to train an additional classifier.
- To the best of our knowledge, we chose a masked autoencoder-pretrained ViT-L.
  - ViT-L successfully learn how to extract features from images.
- In summary, our approach used two separate models for segmentation and confidence prediction respectively. Then, we integrated the information from both models using post-processing techniques.

# Framework



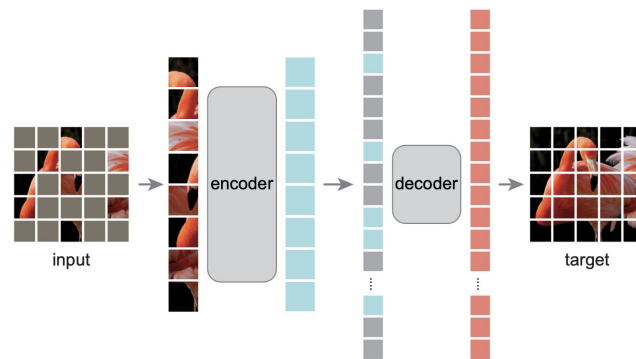
# Related work — segmentation

- EllSeg: An Ellipse Segmentation Framework for Robust Gaze Tracking
  - Author Aayush K.Chaudhary, Rakshit Kothari, Manoj Acharya, *et.al.*
  - Journal 2021 IEEE Transactions on VCG
  - Affiliation Rochester Institute of Technology, USA
- EllSeg enables prediction of the pupil as *full elliptical structures* despite the presence of occlusions.

# Related work — classification

- Masked autoencoder (MAE)

- Author Kaiming He, Xinlei Chen, *et.al.*
- Conference 2022 CVPR
- Affiliation Facebook AI Research



- MAE allows for learning high-capacity models that generalize well.
- Self-supervised learning has demonstrated its superiority in learning robust features, thereby enhancing knowledge transfer to downstream tasks.

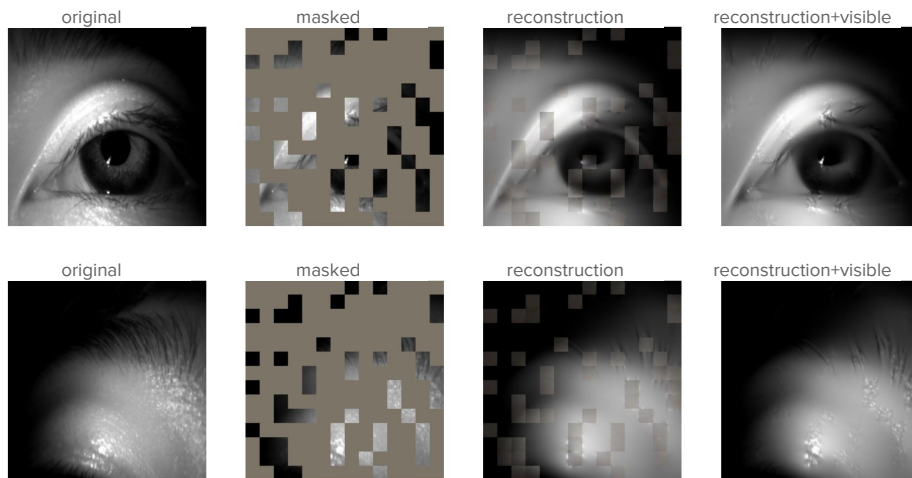
# Method

- Segmentation

- Use RITnet\_v3 pre-trained model of EllSeg on OpenEDS, NVGaze, RITEyes, LPW, Fuhl and PupilNet.
- Fine-tune RITnet\_v3 on S1-S4 dataset.

- Classification

- Use MAE pre-trained model on ImageNet-1k.
- Random augmentation
  - Perspective warping
  - Brightness
  - Horizontal flipping

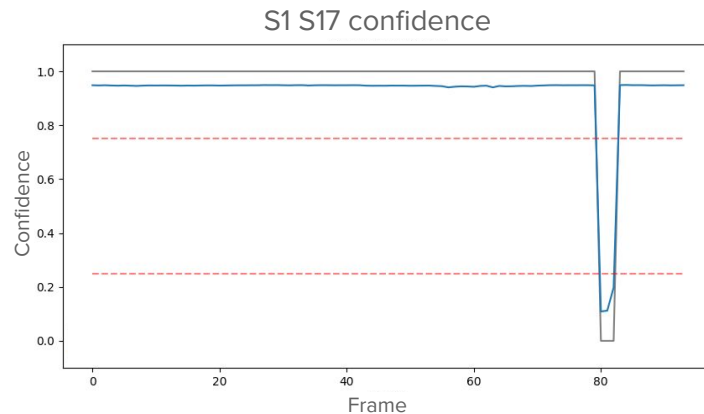
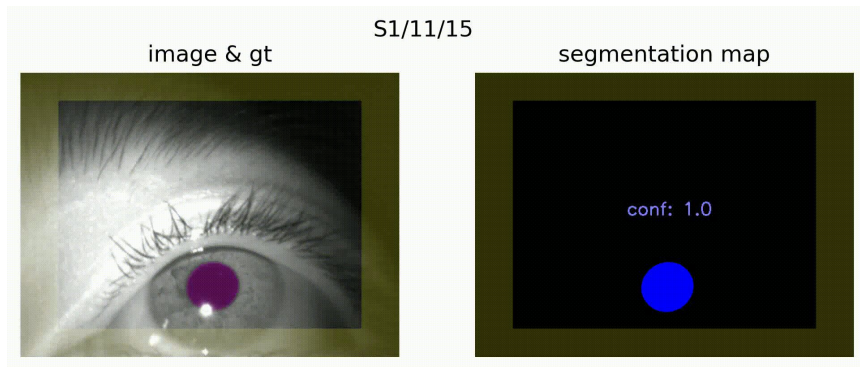




# Method — post-processing

- Area testing: using segmentation map to correct “marginal” tasks.
  - The variation in pupil area within the same folder is not significant.
- Clipping and rounding
  - The confidence values passing the thresholds are clipped to either 0 or 1.

■ w/o rounding  
■ w/ rounding  
— thresholds



# Experiment

- Ellipse fitting video visualization and 數據
- MAE
  - t-SNE結果圖
  - augmentation
    - 亮度
    - 透視旋轉
    - 旋轉
    - 對比度
    - randomcrop
- RIT
  - fine-tune前後的比較 (0.66->0.67)
- Adding visualization of video of segmentation and confidence

# Experiment

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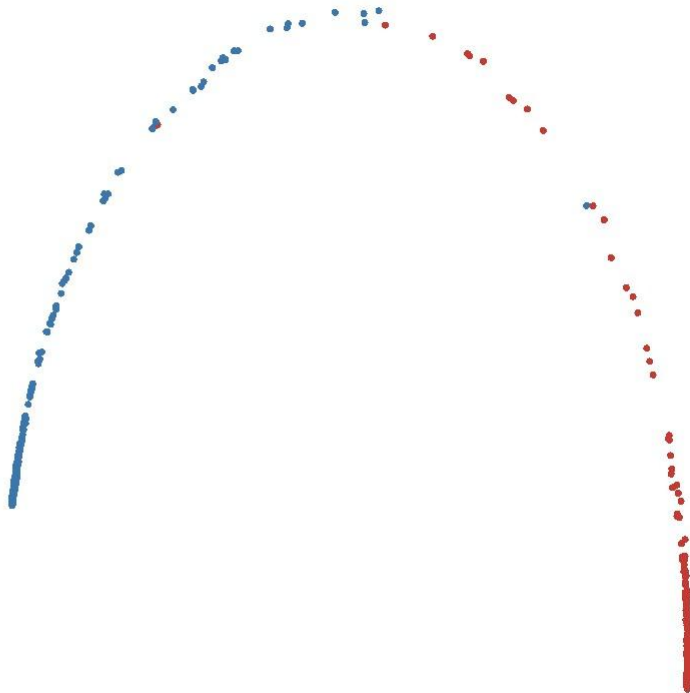
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Component #3

PCA is approximate.

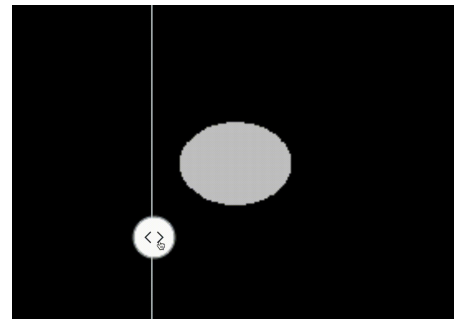
Total variance described: 99.2%.



Focus Look

# Experiment — Segmentation

- To improve the performance in terms of mIoU,
  - a. Fine-tune on the competition dataset on the base of the pretrained model.
  - b. Replace the original output with the smooth ellipse.

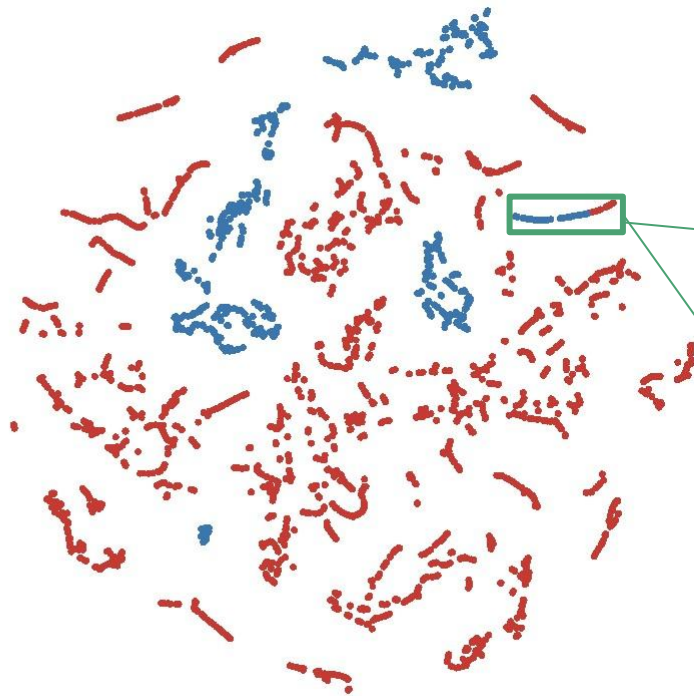
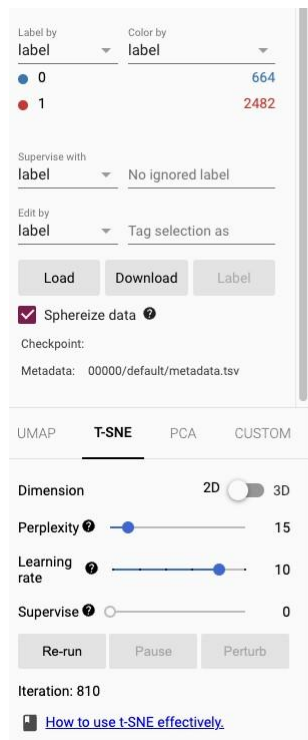


- The comparisons on the testing dataset.
  - mIoU increases 1.2% with fine-tuning.
  - Score increases 0.3% with ellipse fitting.

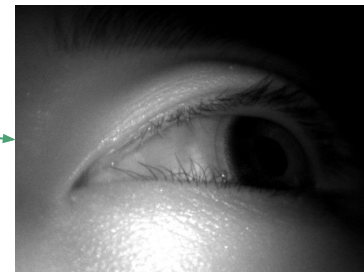
	w/o fine-tuning	w/ fine-tuning
mIoU	0.664	<b>0.676</b>

	w/o ellipse fitting	w/ ellipse fitting
score	0.929	<b>0.932</b>

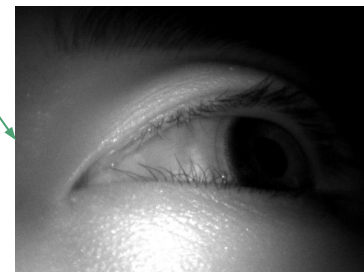
# Experiment — Classification



label 0: S4/01/81.jpg



label 1: S4/01/80.jpg



The t-SNE visualization of features extracted by MAE-trained ViT-L on the given S4 dataset

# Data augmentation

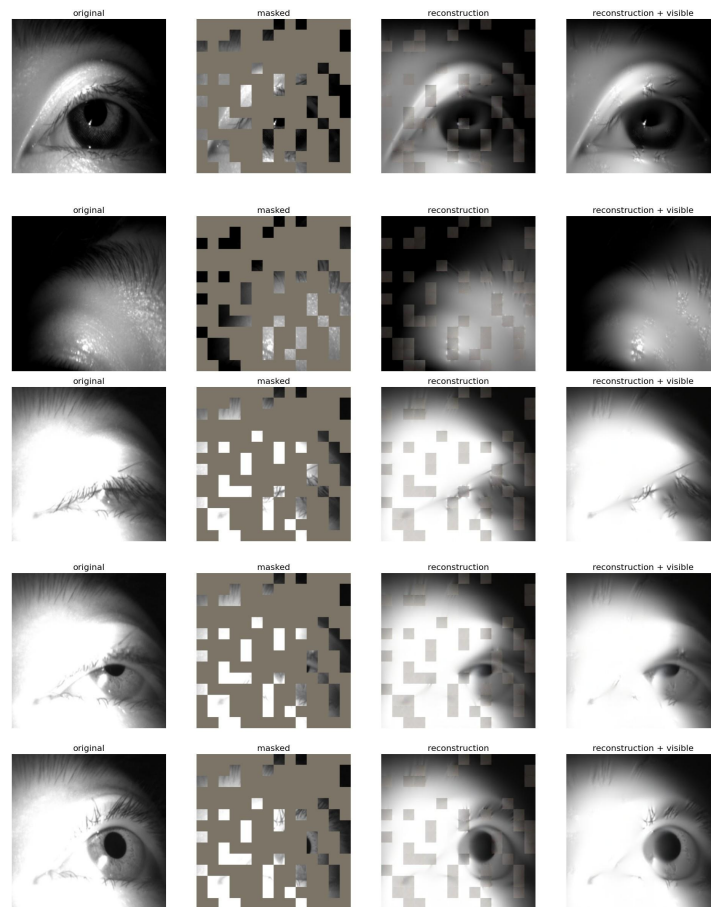
	Performance	Reason
Brightness	↑	Randomly change the brightness improves robustness in the dataset due to its varying levels.
Contrast	↓	Unauthorized modification of image contrast may expose previously undetected content to the model.
Rotation	↓	Increasing the diversity of the data can be achieved without affected the ground truth on confidence
Perspective	↑	Increasing the diversity of the data can be achieved without change the existence of the pupil
RandomCrop	↓	There is a possibility that it may disrupt the label.

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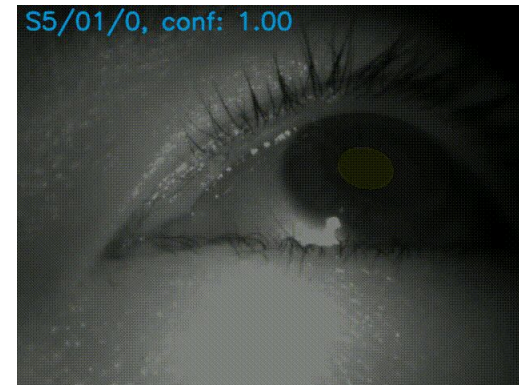
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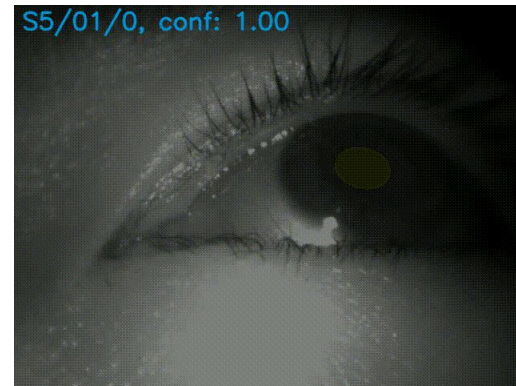
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# Conclusion

- With RITnet\_v3 pretrained weights and fine-tuning, we achieved an mIoU of 0.965 on the testing set.
- With pretrained weights from MAE and sensible augmentation techniques, we achieved 0.950 on the leaderboard.
- By applying suitable post-processing, we can detect some corner cases of the pupil existence based on the raw segmentation map.



# Q&A

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Thanks for your attention.

# Future work

- To utilize the robust features learned by MAE, SegViT (NIPS 22) can be used to perform the segmentation task.
- Leveraging the shared ViT structure enables multi-task learning, allowing a single model to simultaneously perform pupil segmentation and occlusion classification.