

## Automated Dendritic Spine Detection Using Learning Based Segmentation and Classification Approach

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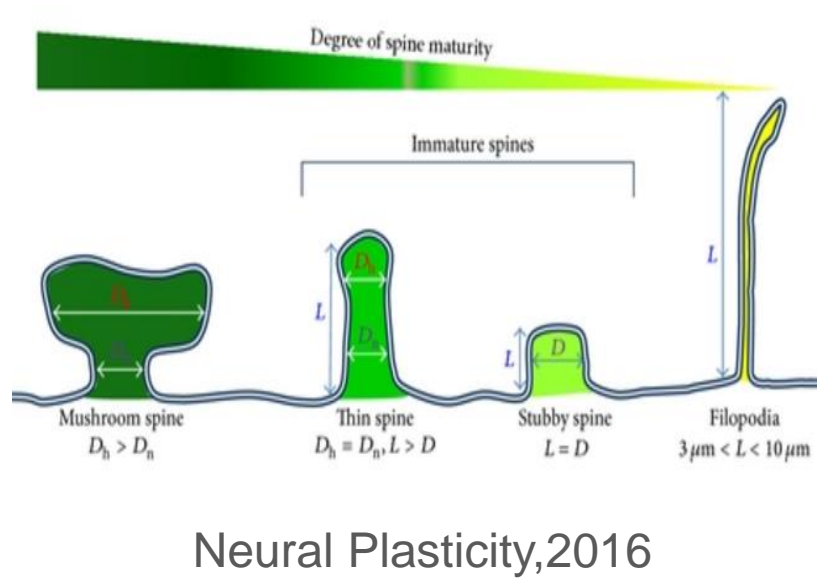
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### Introduction

#### Background

Analysis of morphology and composition of dendritic spines are important for studying the neuronal function. However, analysis of dendritic spines is a highly time-consuming manual task and it may prone to bias due to human subjectivity. As a result, we created a total automatic process for spine detection and classification.

#### Four types of spine



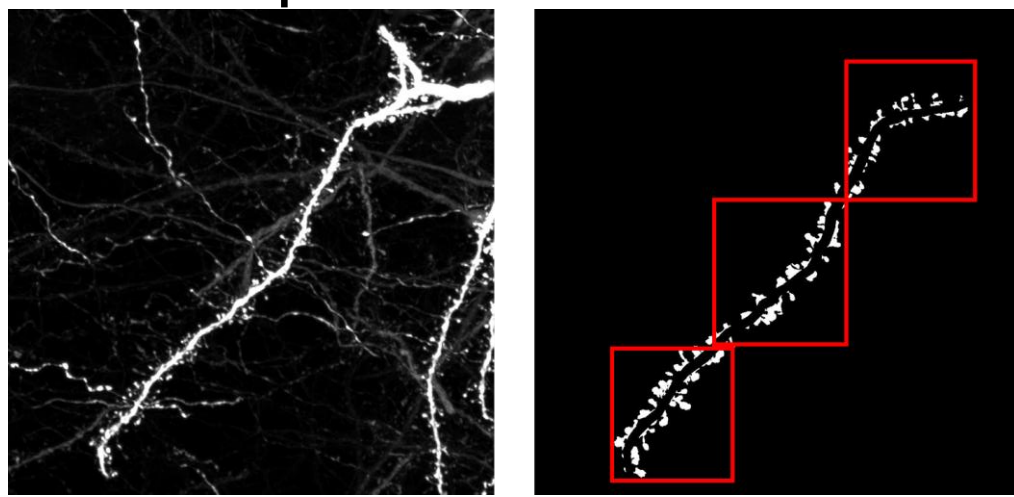
#### Dataset

- Sample: cortical neurons from embryonic mice brain tissue
- Image acquisition: 3D confocal microscope
- Number of images: 84 images
- Image size: x-y 1024×1024; z-stacks 30~50
- Resolution: x-y 0.078 μm/pixel; z-step 0.42 μm

### Spine Detection

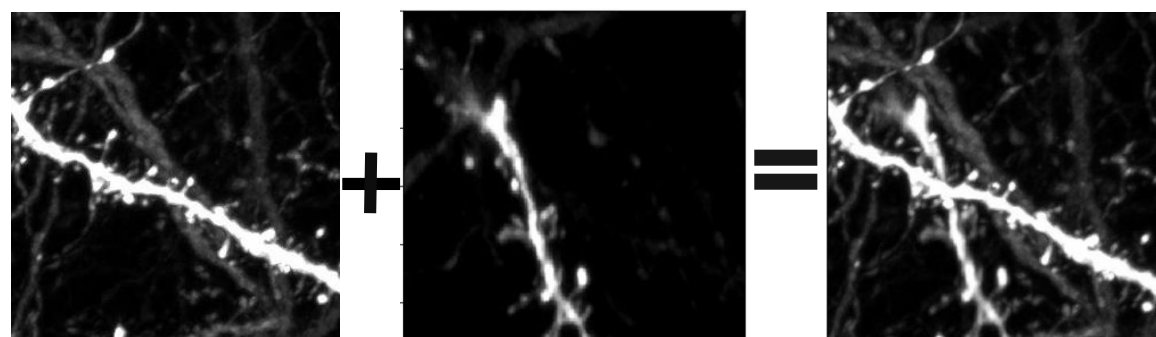
#### Major Problem: Imprecise labels

- Extract patch images centered at True pixel in label mask



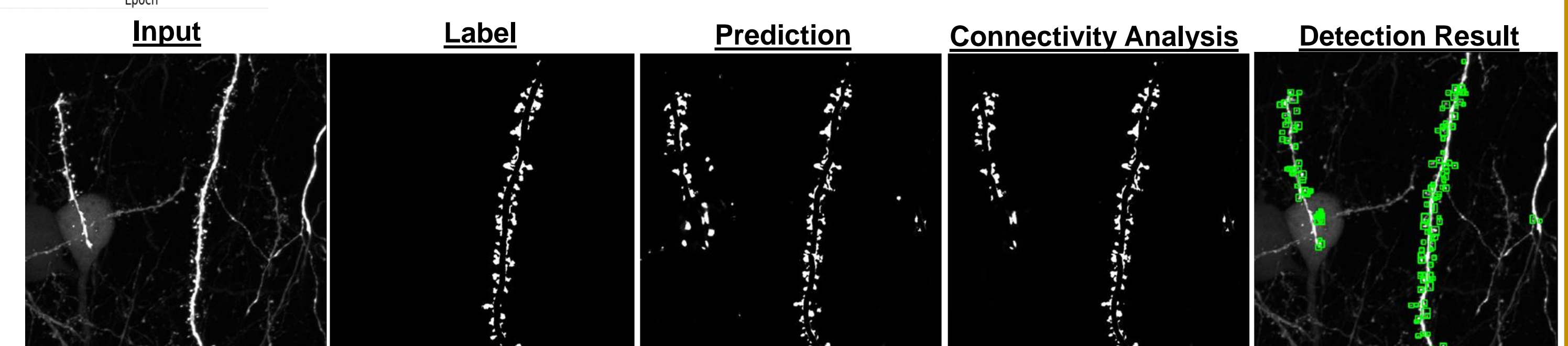
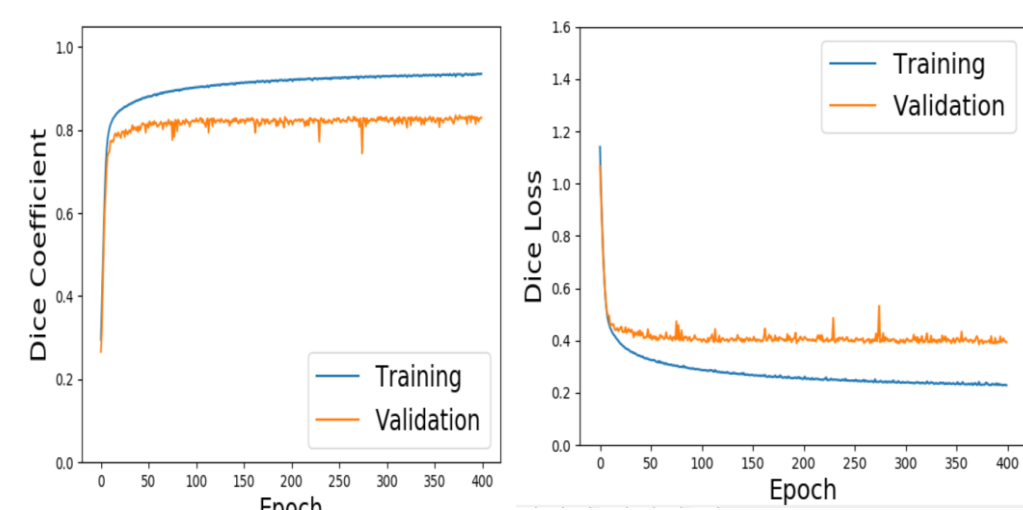
#### Data augmentation

- Perspective transform
- MIP of random patch images



#### Segmentation Result(U-net)

Validation accuracy: 0.84

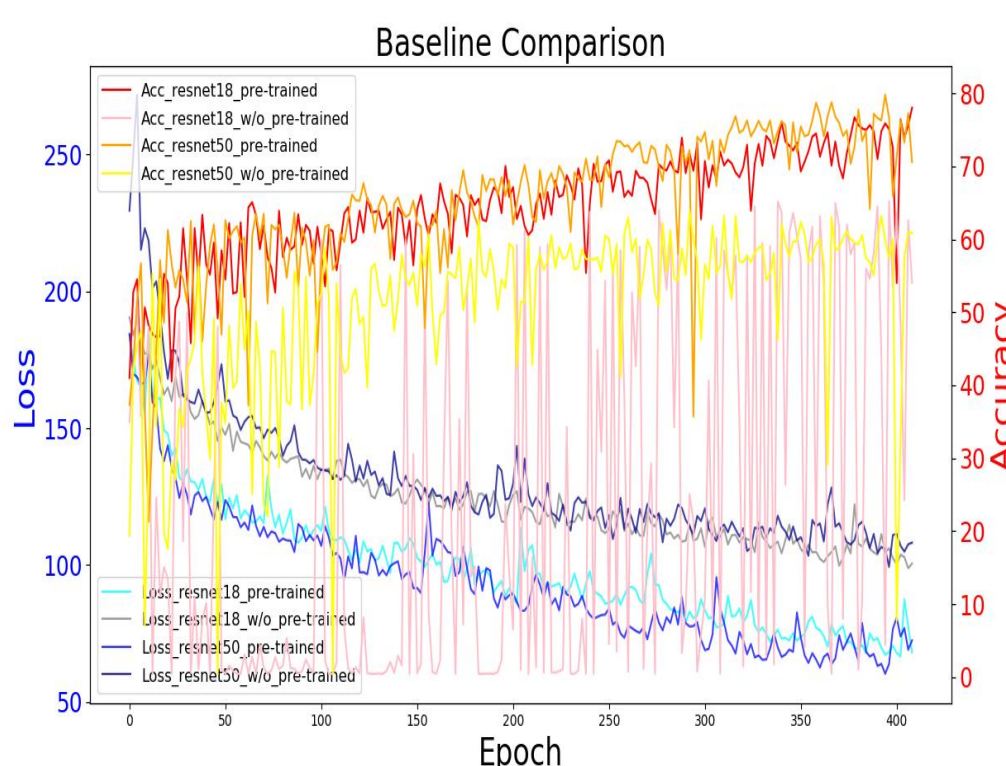


#### Inference on Complex scenes

### Spine Classification

#### 1. Baseline model

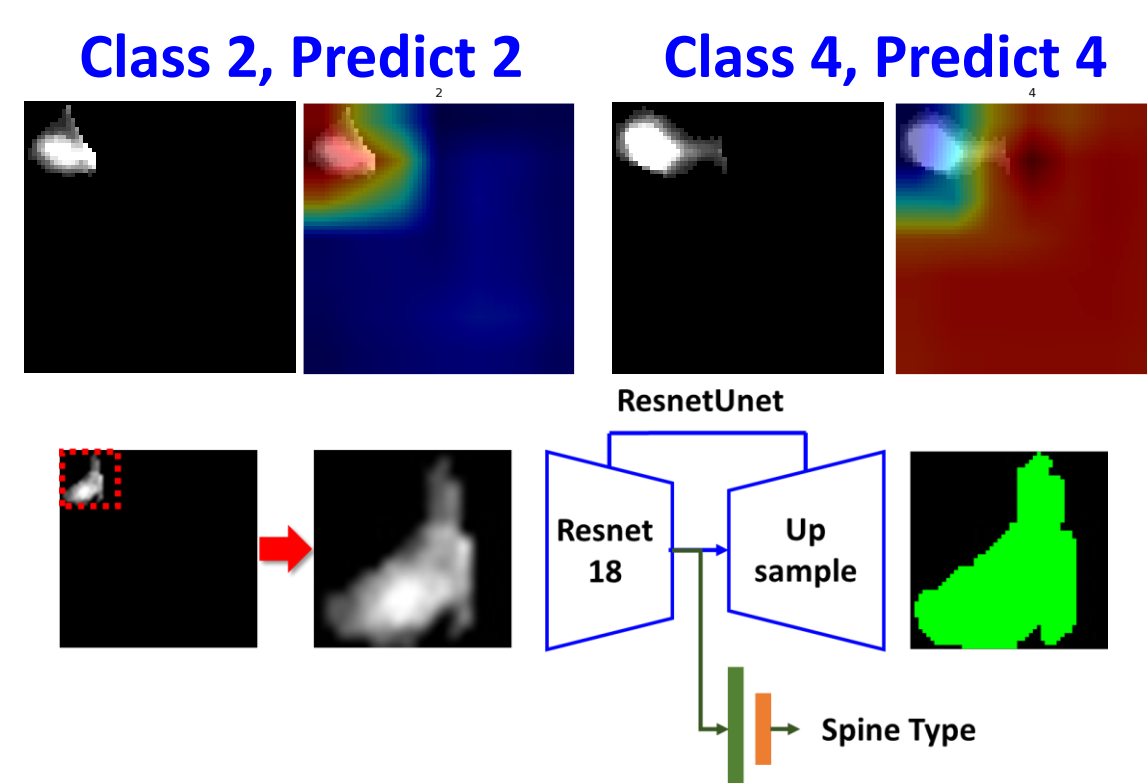
- Resnet 18 with pre-trained (transfer learning) is the best
- Test accuracy: 72.48 %



Restnet	Acc. train	Acc. test
18 with	78.00 %	67.19 % (72.48 %)
18 w/o	65.23 %	63.67 %
50 with	79.79 %	66.64 % (70.05 %)
50 w/o	63.91 %	62.47 %

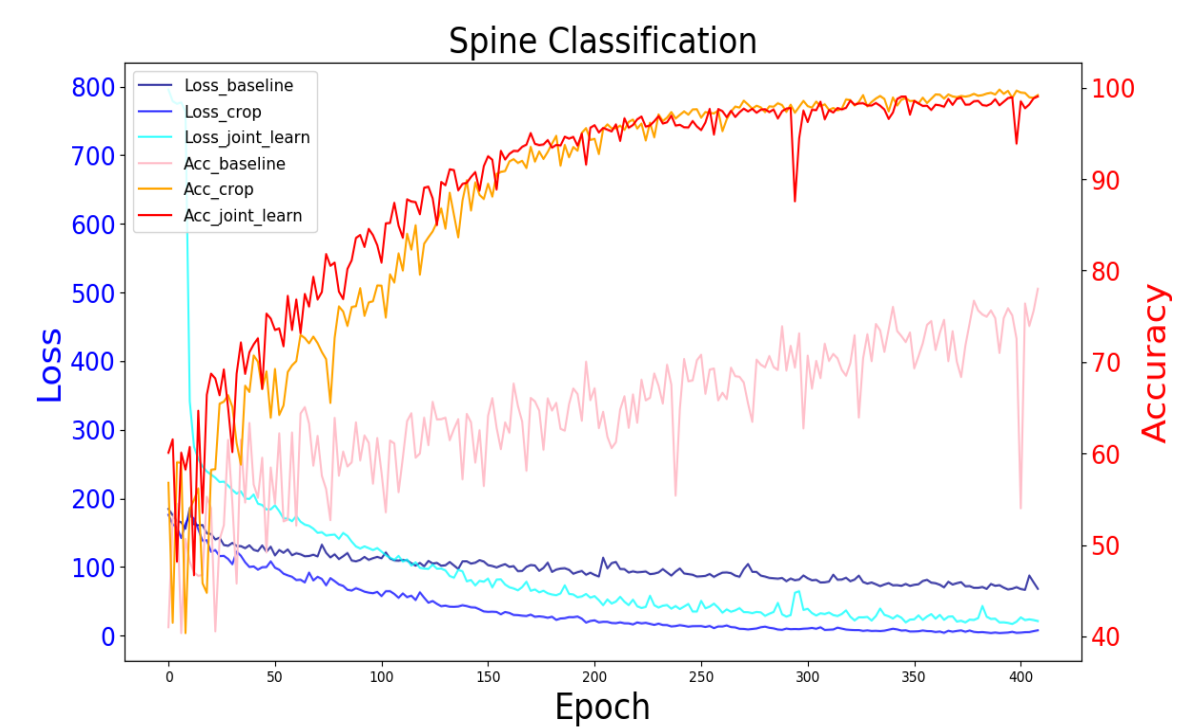
#### 2. Grad-CAM heatmap analysis

- Wrong focused area caused by redundant background



#### 3. Proposed method

- Background removed
- Joint learning
- Test Accuracy: 92.72 %



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