

# Lyme detection with Deep Learning

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- **Task:** Detecting early-stages of Lyme disease based on images using supervised-learning model with convolutional neural networks.
- **Introduction:**
  - ① Disease cause by a bacteria called *Borrelia*
  - ② Transmitted to humans through the bite of infected ticks.
  - ③ Difficult to diagnose rapidly.
  - ④ Spreads to joints, heart and nervous system.
  - ⑤ Can take up to several months or even years to have its strongest symptoms.

## • Motivation:

- 1 Early detection helps preventing people getting health complications.
- 2 Limited public image-based research on this task.
- 3 Traditional clinician accuracy was found to be approximately 80%.
- 4 Current approaches make use of data collected from private sources.



**Figure:** Erythema Migrans rash. Image: CDC EM, 2022.

## Challenges:

- 1 Not enough publicly available datasets for Lyme disease.
- 2 Difficult to achieve a good performance. Complicate to avoid overfitting.

## Related work:

- Čuk et al., 2014
- Burlina et al., 2018
- Koduru and Zhang, 2021
- Hossain et al., 2022

# Proposed Method (I)

## Data

- Perform transfer learning with *public* datasets
- Fine-tuning phase using *public* data

### ① Fine-tuning:

- Lyme Disease Rashes (CDC EM, 2022)

### ② Transfer Learning:

- Dermnet (Dermnet, 2020)
- HAM 10000 (Skin Cancer MNIST: HAM10000, 2018)
- **Problems encountered:** The dataset IEEDataPort, 2020. Publicly available, *at a cost!*

# Proposed Method (II)

## Models:

- **ResNet50**: Best performance in previous works.
- **MobileNetV2**: Low computational, fair results for number of parameters.

## Augmentation:

- **Augmentor**: (Bloice, Roth, and Holzinger, 2019) Relevant augmentations to biomedical imaging.
  - **Torchvision**: PyTorch native. 30 types image transformations.
- Normalization. PIL image to Tensor.**

# Proposed Method (III)

- Siamese networks

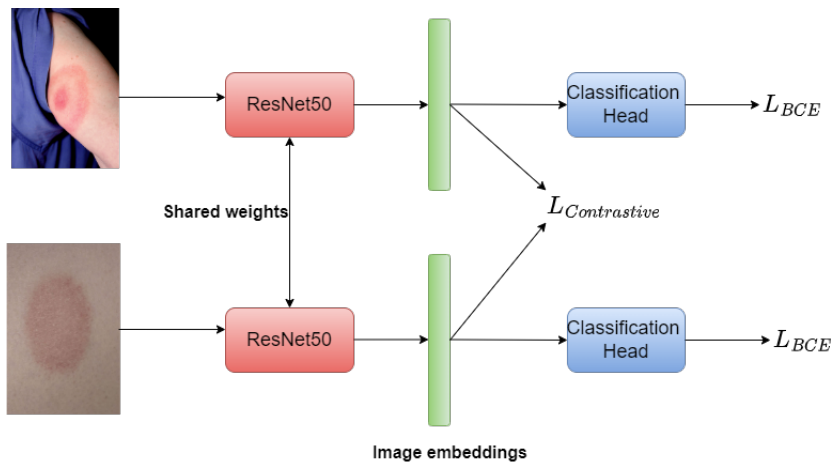


Figure: Proposed Siamese Network architecture.

- Accuracy metric

$$Accuracy = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$$

- Reported results:

Models	Accuracy
Čuk et al., 2014	69.23 to 80.42
Burlina et al., 2018	76.05±0.74
Hossain et al., 2022	84.42 ±1.36
Koduru and Zhang, 2021	91.95 (validation)

**Table:** Reported results of previous work. **Note:** some models are private and their performance cannot be tested.



# Results

Models	Pre-trained Dataset	Val. Accuracy	Test Accuracy
ResNet50	ImageNet	91.66	66.66
ResNet50	HAM1000	<b>93.05</b>	62.07
ResNet50	Dermnet	91.6	<b>67.35</b>
MobileNetV2	ImageNet	87.5	81.6
MobileNetV2	HAM1000	<b>90.27</b>	75.86
MobileNetV2	Dermnet	86.1	<b>85.0</b>
ResNet50_SN	ImageNet	100	86.20
ResNet50_SN	HAM1000	<b>100</b>	88.5
ResNet50_SN	Dermnet	99.3	<b>89.6</b>
MobileNetV2_SN	ImageNet	99.65	85.05
MobileNetV2_SN	HAM1000	<b>100</b>	<b>89.65</b>
MobileNetV2_SN	Dermnet	98.9	87.3

**Table:** Obtained results on Lyme dataset CDC EM, 2022. **Note:** SN models correspond Siamese Network implementations

- **Trouble:** very different dataset with very little data
- Transfer learning on skin data has a significant impact on performance.
- Simple transfer learning is not enough. High training, but low test. Overfitting.
- ResNet50 and MobileNetV2 have *similar* results.
- In our setting, ResNet50(non SN) is slightly worse, due to *overfitting*. More parameters than MobileNetV2(non SN) for really small dataset.

- **Solution:** Siamese Networks. Perera and Patel, 2018
- Blend of Contrastive loss and BCE loss.
- **Constractive loss:** Minimize/maximize variance between features of the same/different class.
- **BCE loss:** Minimize missclassification loss.
- It prevents overfitting. Higher validation and test than training accuracy.
- Our proposed network achieves best performance regardless of the type of the network used for pretraining.

# Analyses III

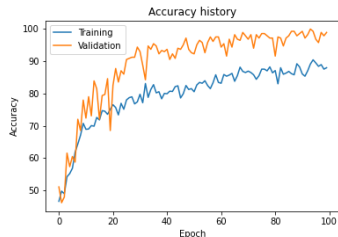
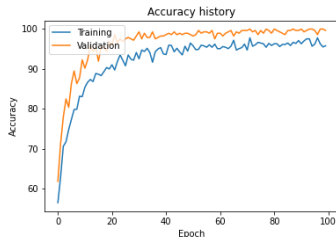


Figure: Accuracy MobileNetV2 vs ResNet50SN.

- MobileNetV2 has a faster convergence than RestNet50\_SN due to small amount of parameters.
- Thus, MobileNetV2 is more efficient and has better generalization capability. **Best** choice for our problem.

# Conclusions

- Lyme dataset is small, not enough for plain optimization.
- Adequate data augmentation for biomedical images improves performance.
- Choice of transfer learning dataset has a crucial impact on performance.
- **Siamese network** performance outperforms previous work.
- With our approaches, good accuracy is achieved using only public datasets.
- Best model: MobileNetV2 pre-trained on Skin Cancer MNIST: HAM10000, 2018.



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