Applications of Deep Learning for High-Throughput Imaging

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High-Throughput Imaging (HTI)

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Experimental perturbation → Imaging-based cellular assay → Phenotypic change

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Automated liquid handling

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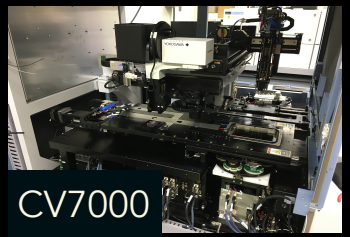
High-throughput microscopy



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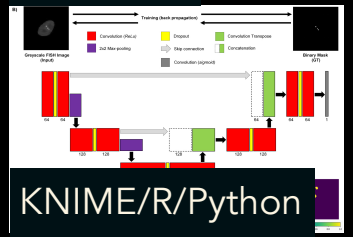
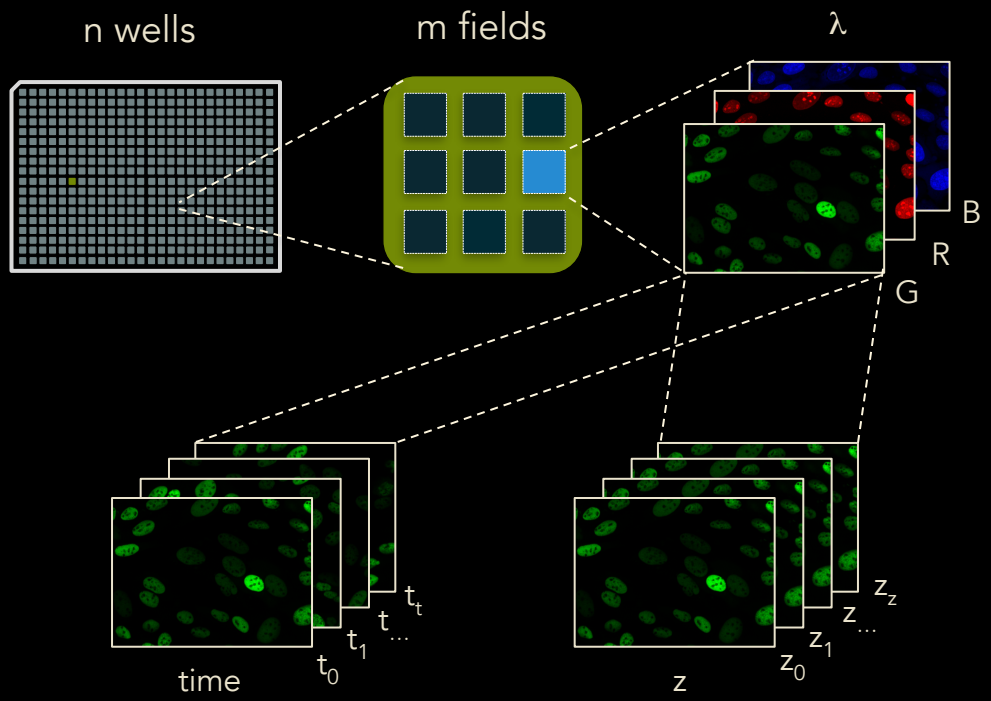
High-content image analysis



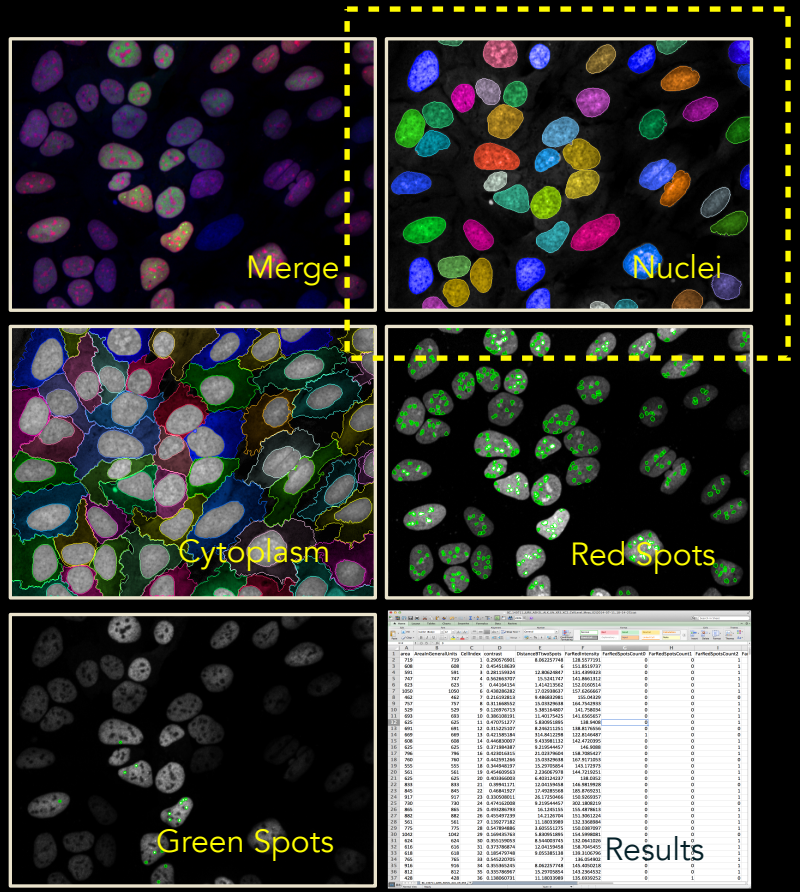
Up to:

- 10^4 Wells
- 10^4 Cells/Well
- 10^2 Feat./Cell

High-Throughput Acquisition and Analysis



2D images/day = n * m * λ * z * t ≈ *up to 2*$*10^5$

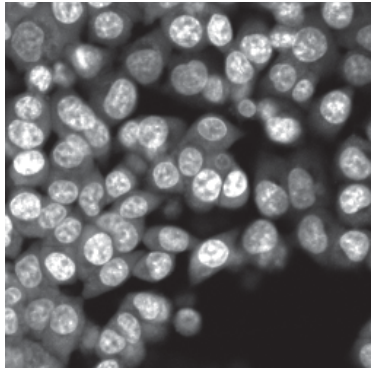


Deep Learning for Nucleus Segmentation

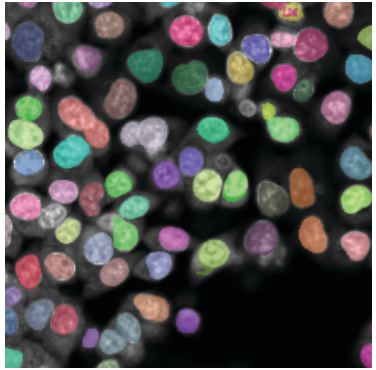
- Accurate Detection:
  - 90%-95% accuracy
- Practical:
  - Trainable with ~ 10 FOVs (~500 - 1,000 objects)
  - Fast inference (~ 1s/FOV)
- Robust and Generic:
  - Different cell types
  - Different magnifications
  - Different confluency

Semi-automated GT Label Generation

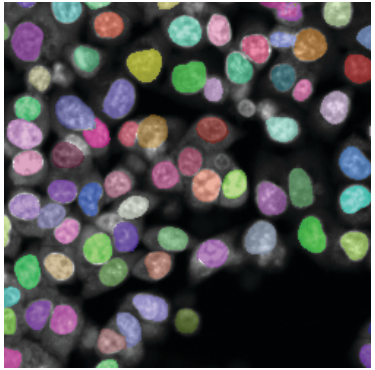
Greyscale Images



Preliminary Labels



Ground Truth (GT) Labels

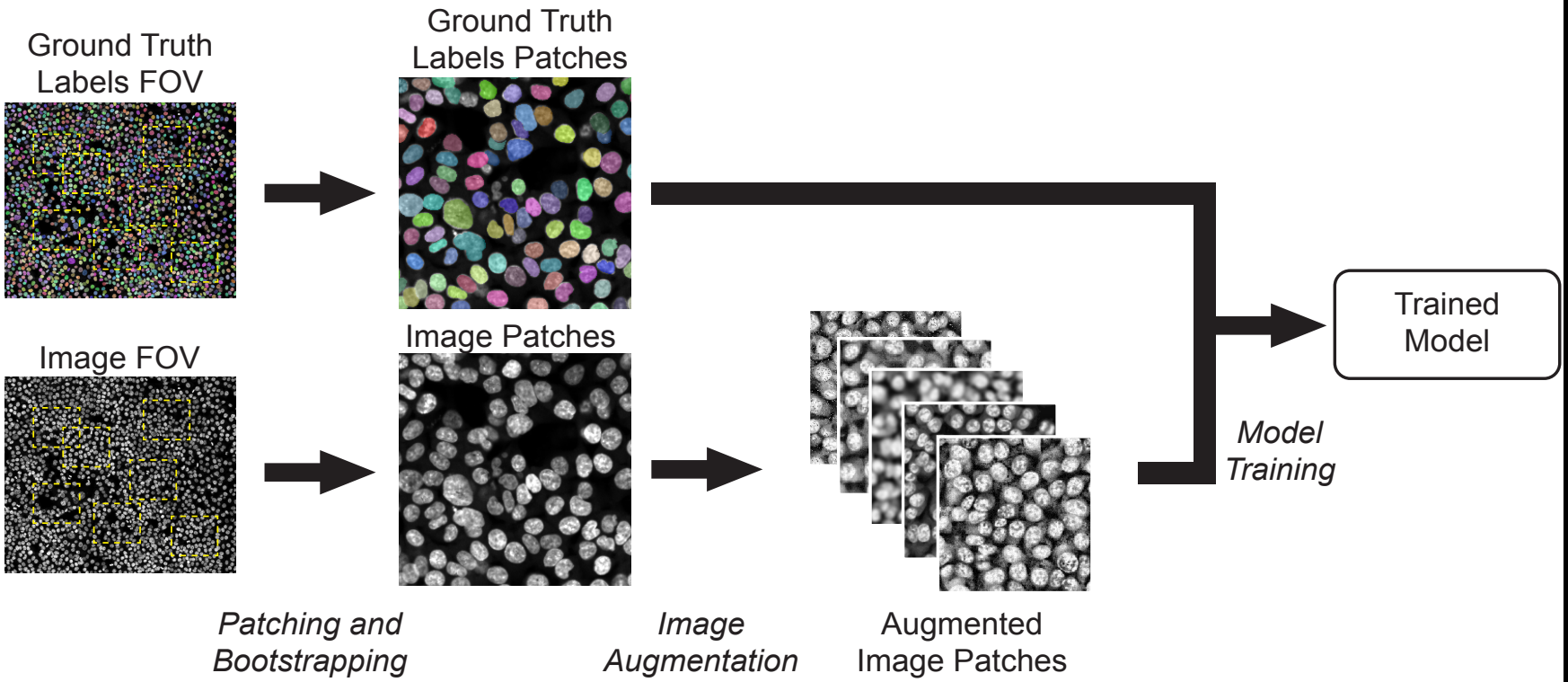


Automated Label Generation

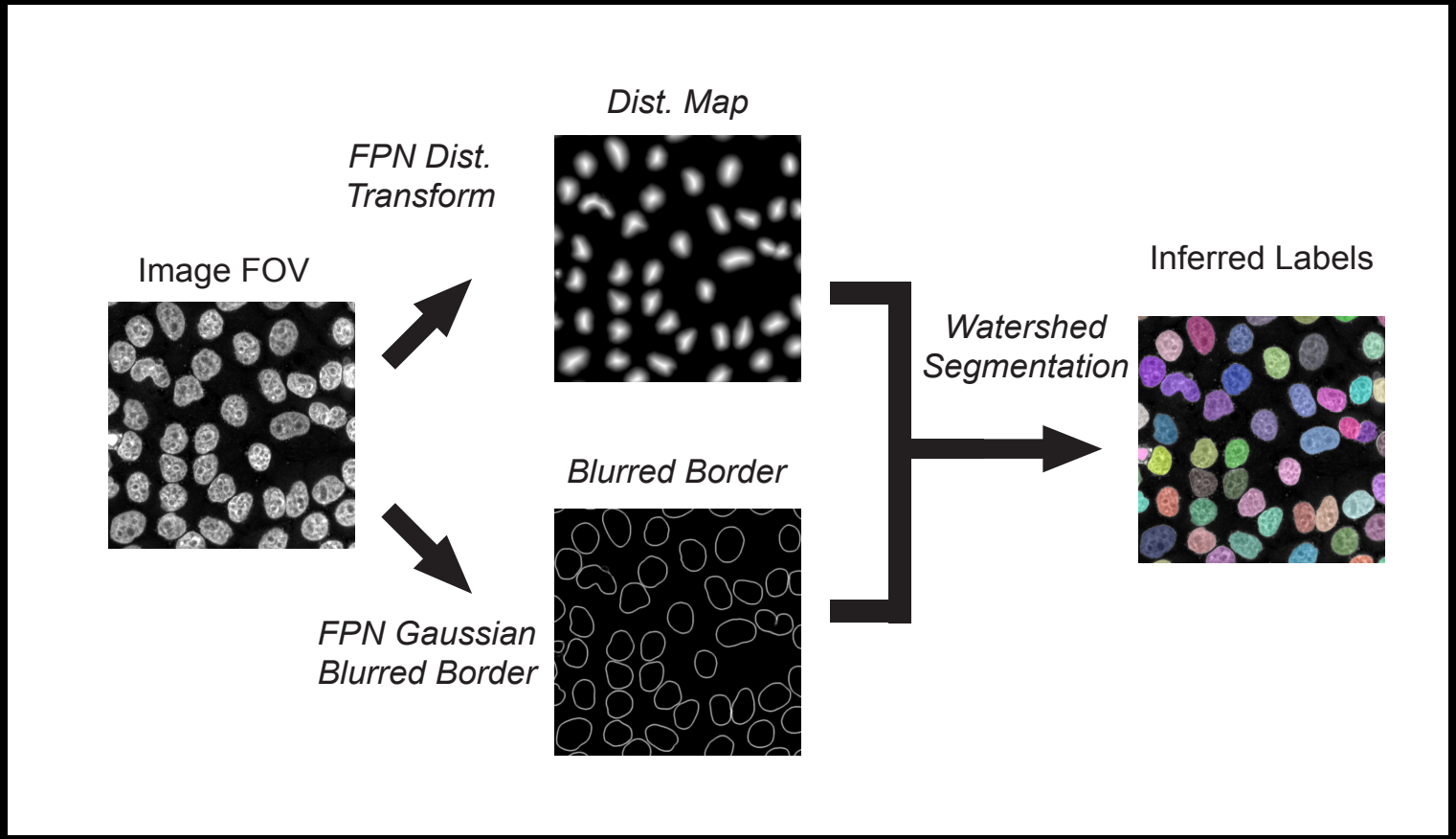
Expert-driven Label Editing

G. Zaki, Gudla P., et al., Cytometry A, 2020

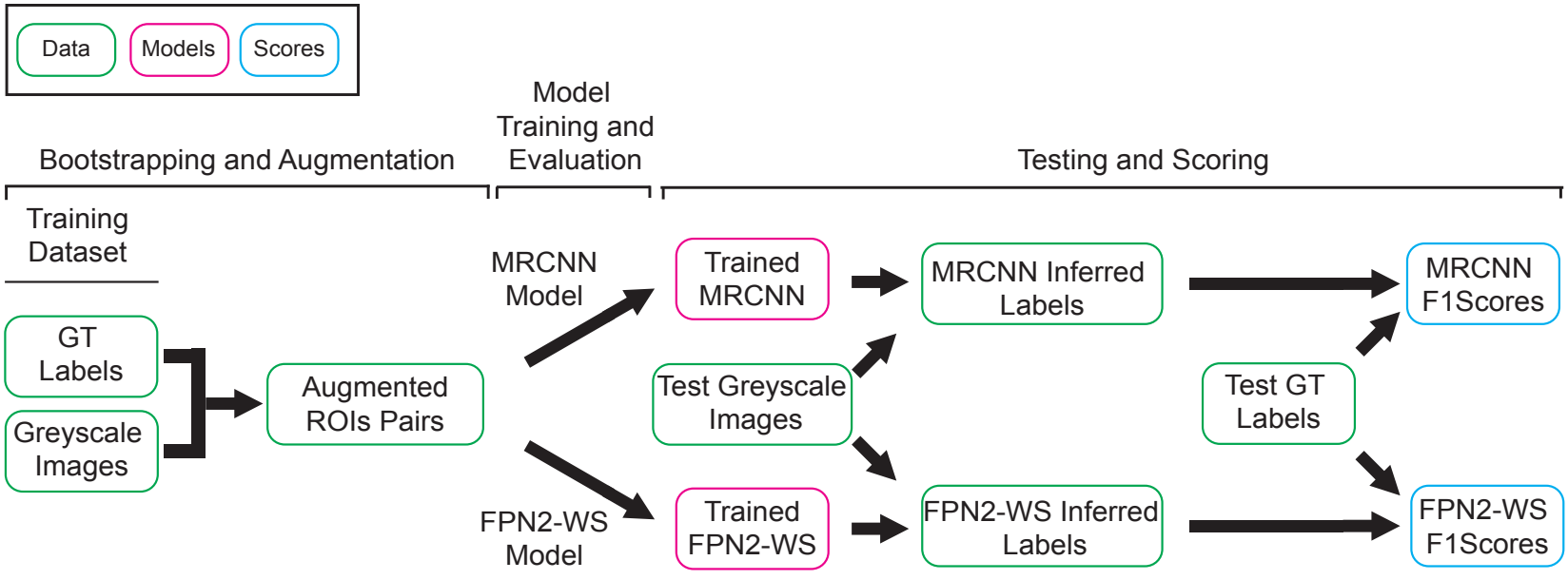
Image Augmentation and Bootstrapping



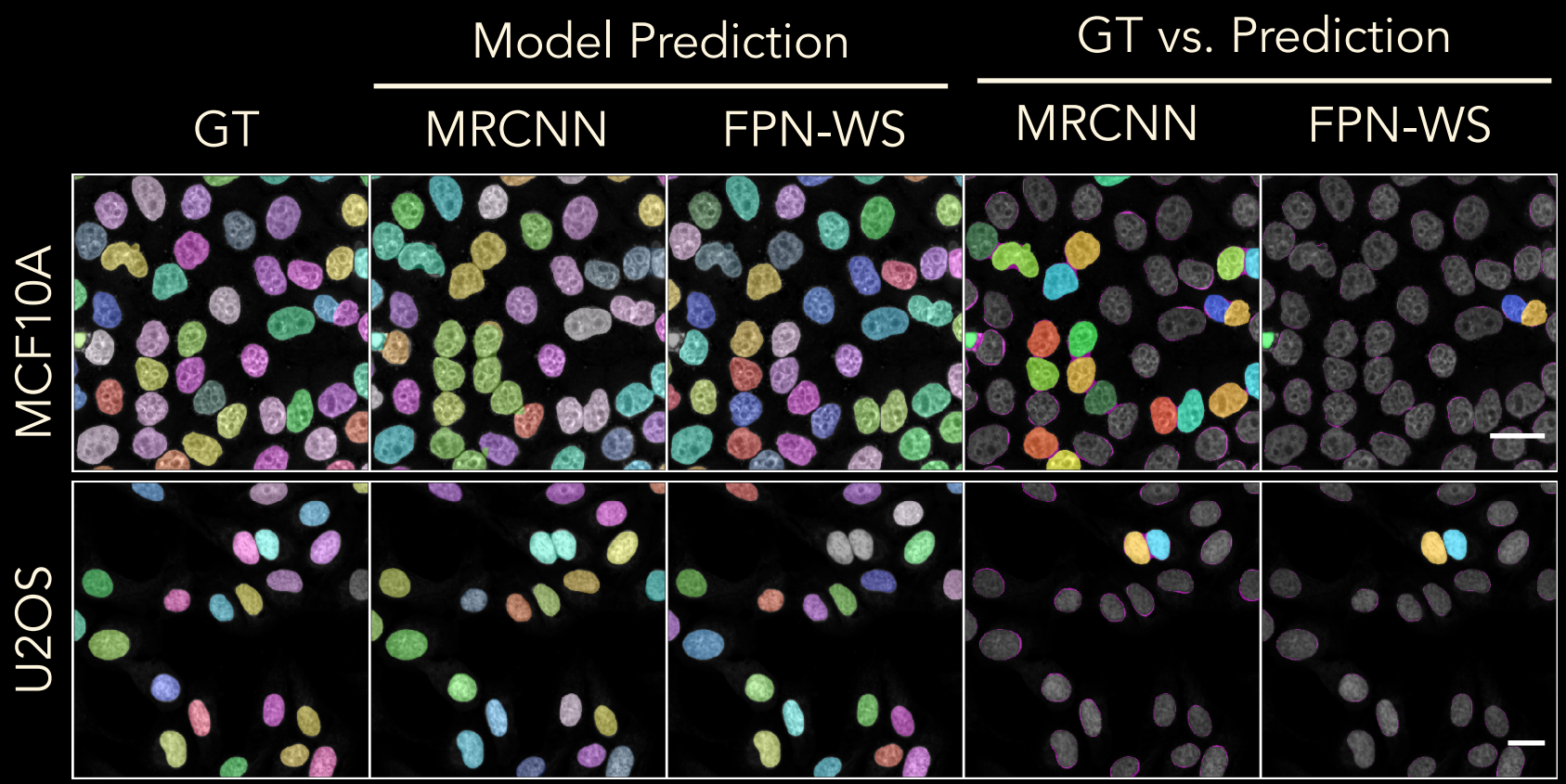
Feature Pyramid Networks (FPN)-Watershed (WS)



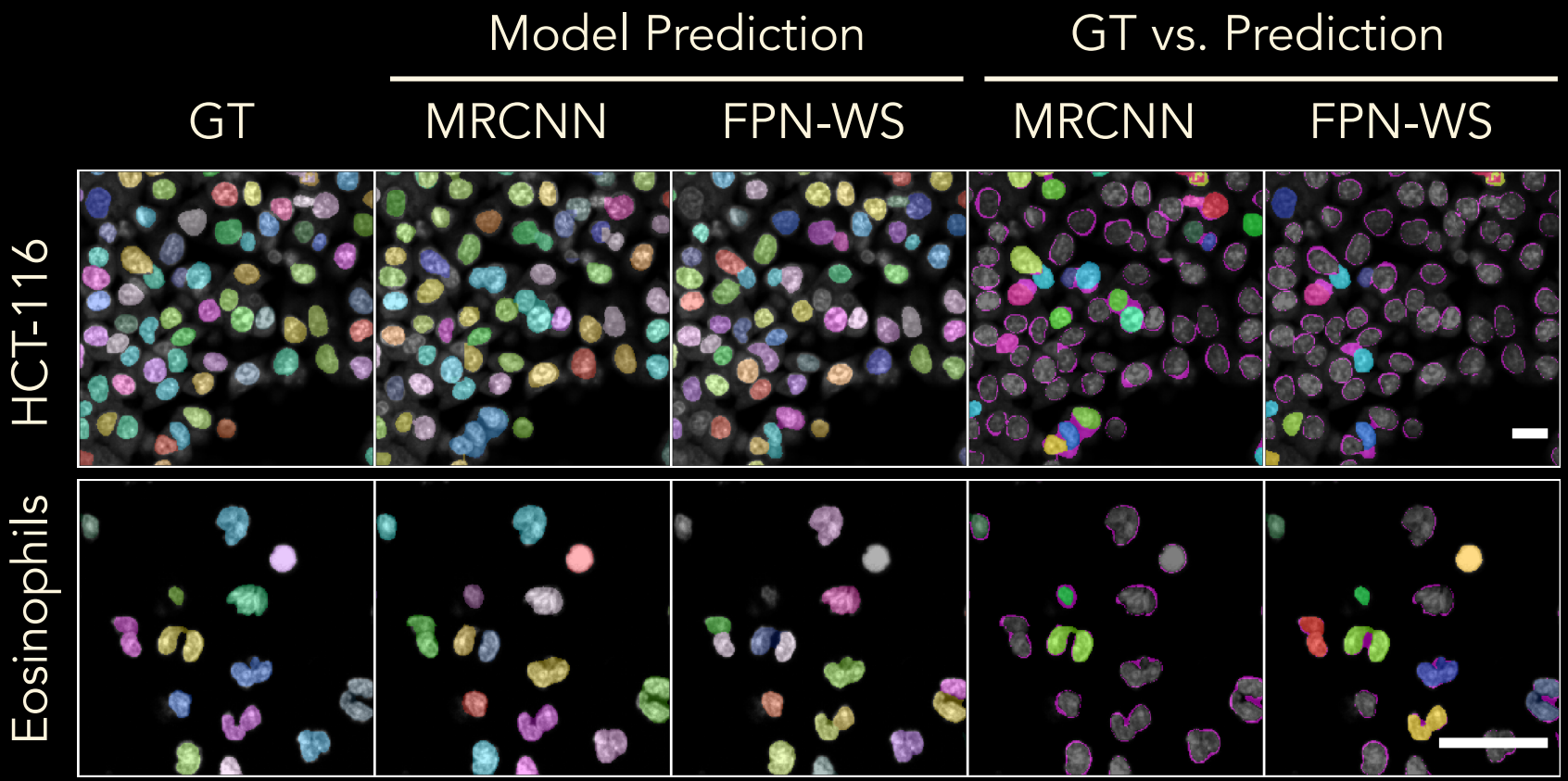
Pipeline for Training and Testing DL Models



DL Models Trained on MCF10A Images (1)



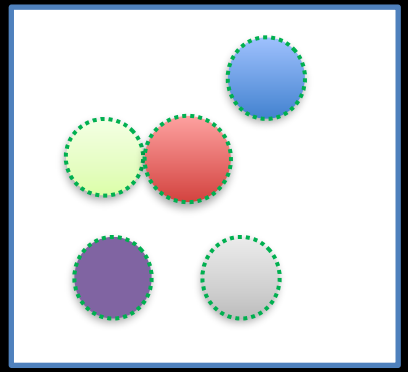
DL Models Trained on MCF10A Images (2)



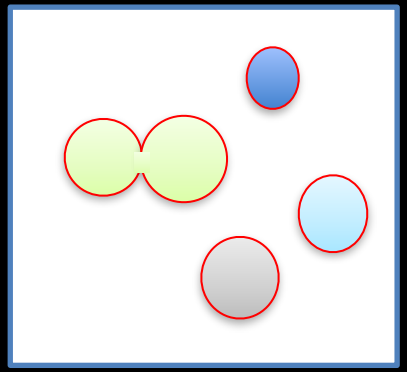
F1 Score to Measure Inference Performance

$$F1(t) = TP(t)/(TP(t) + (FP(t) + FN(t))/2)$$

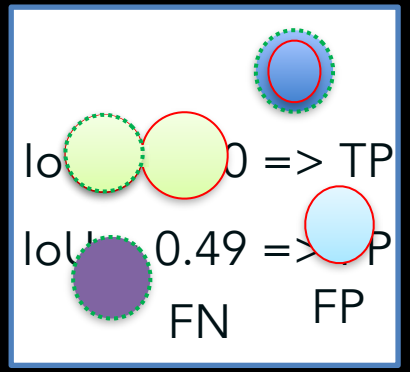
IoU(Threshold) = 0.50

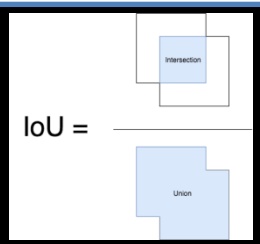


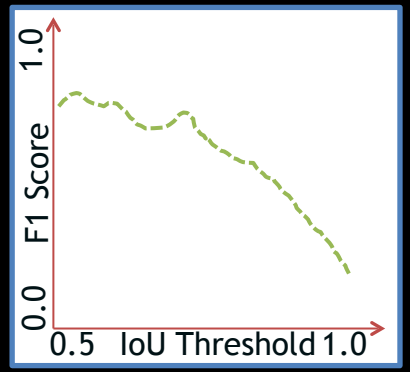
Ground Truth



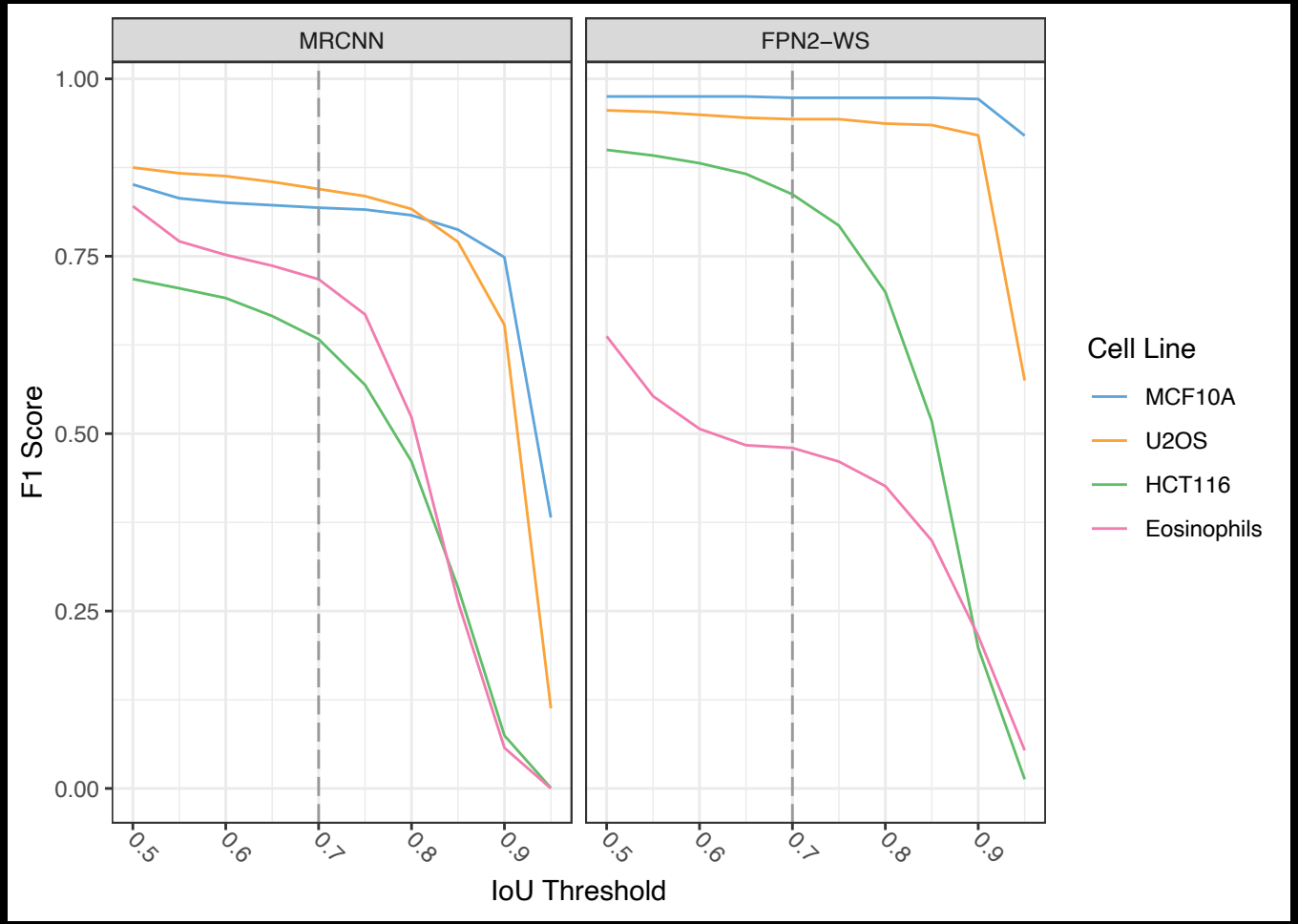
Prediction



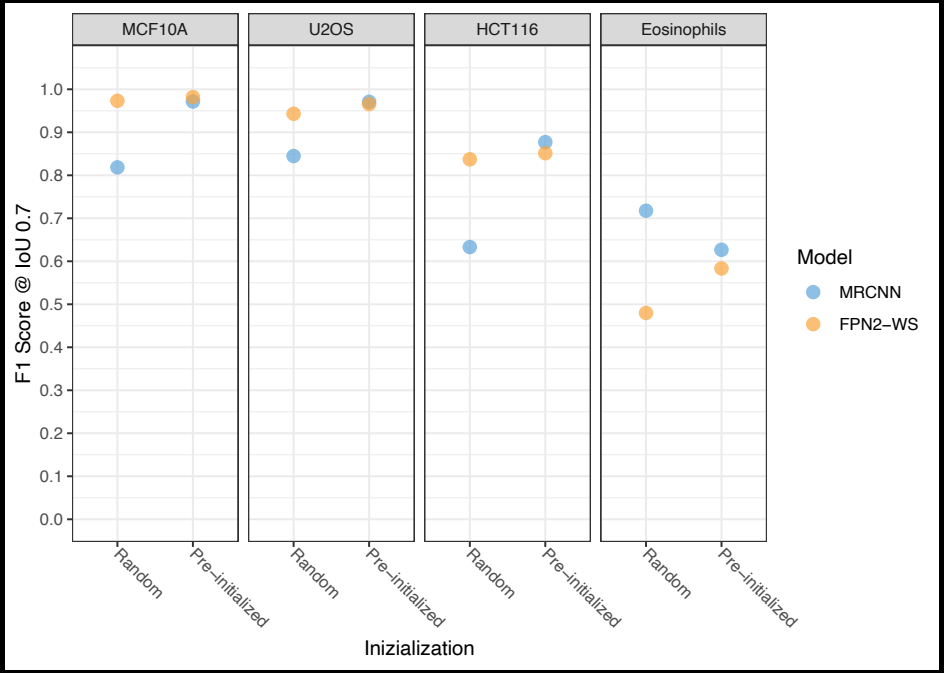


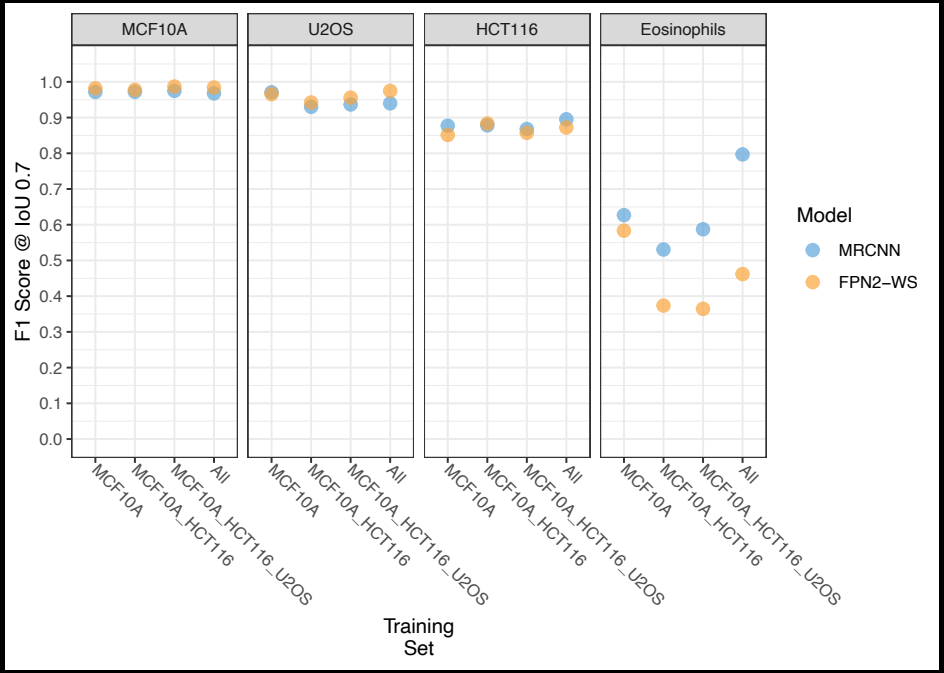


Inference Performance of Baseline DL Models



Transfer Learning Improves MRCNN Performance





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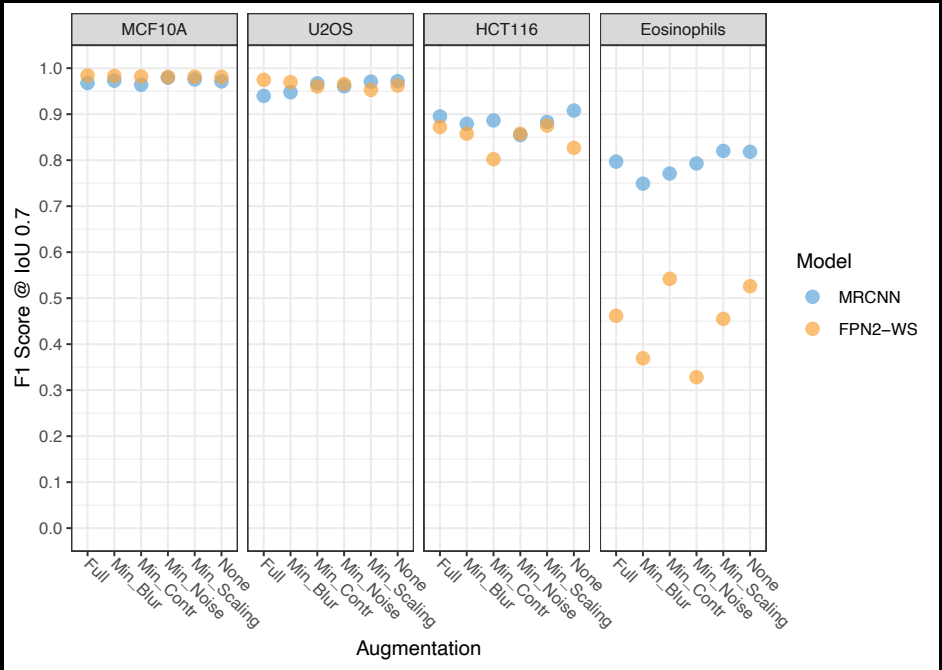

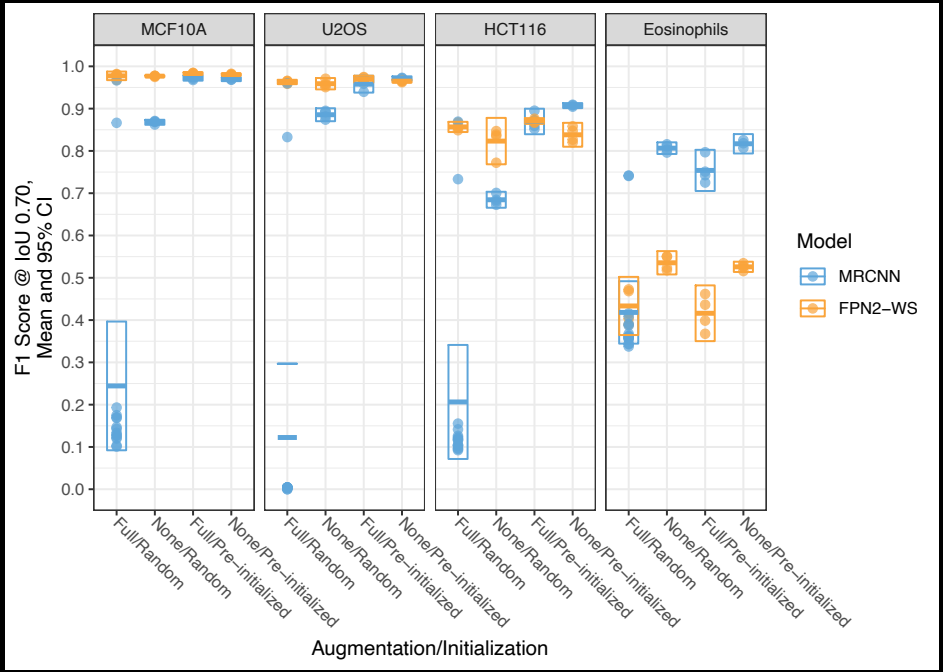

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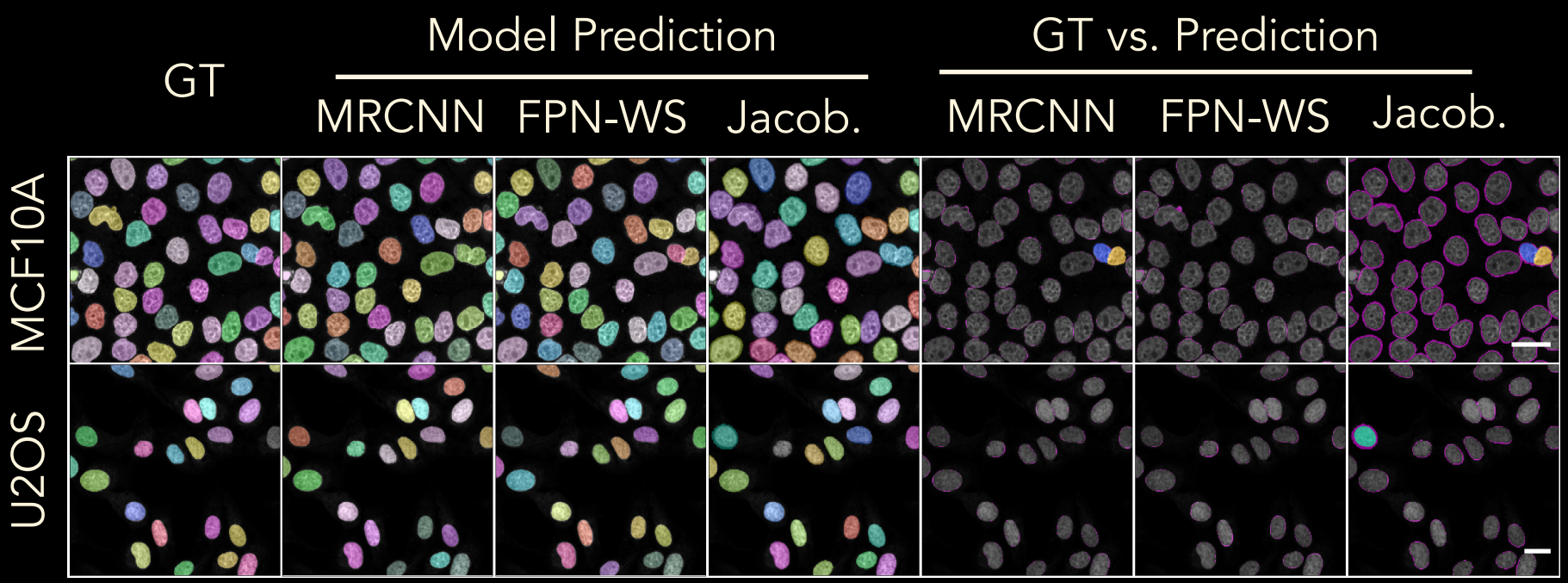

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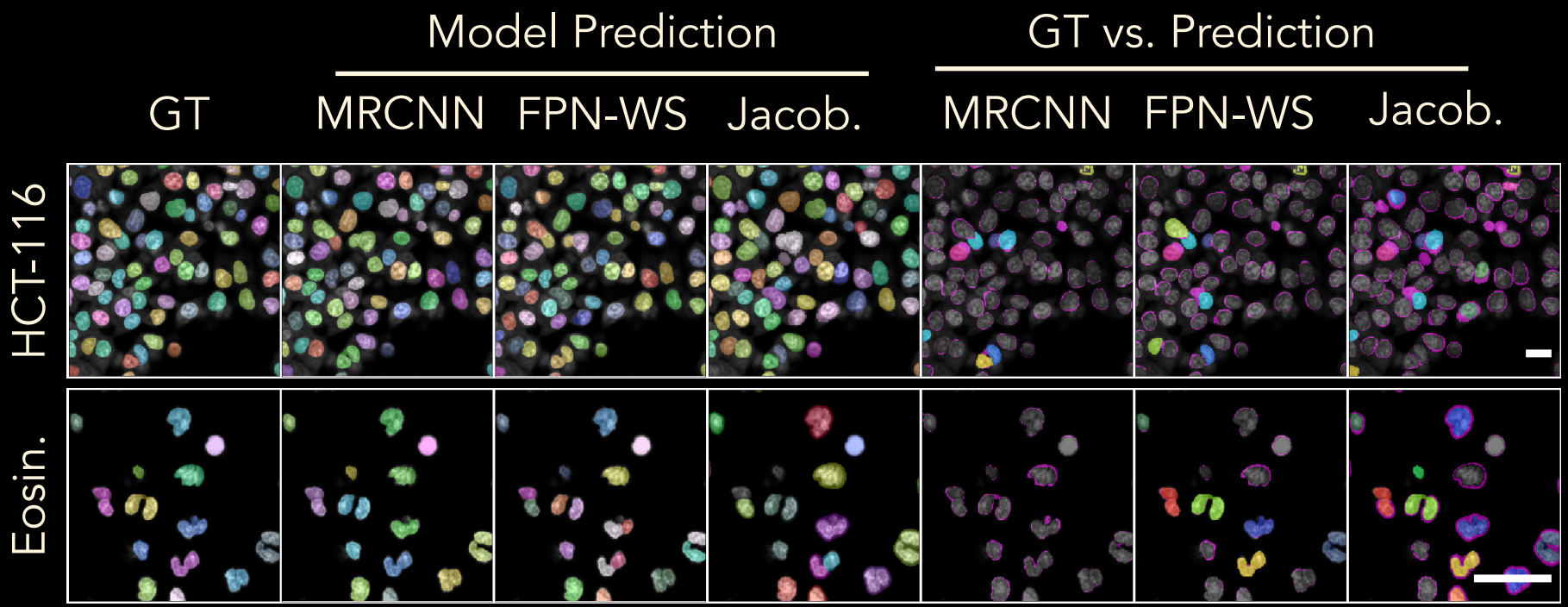
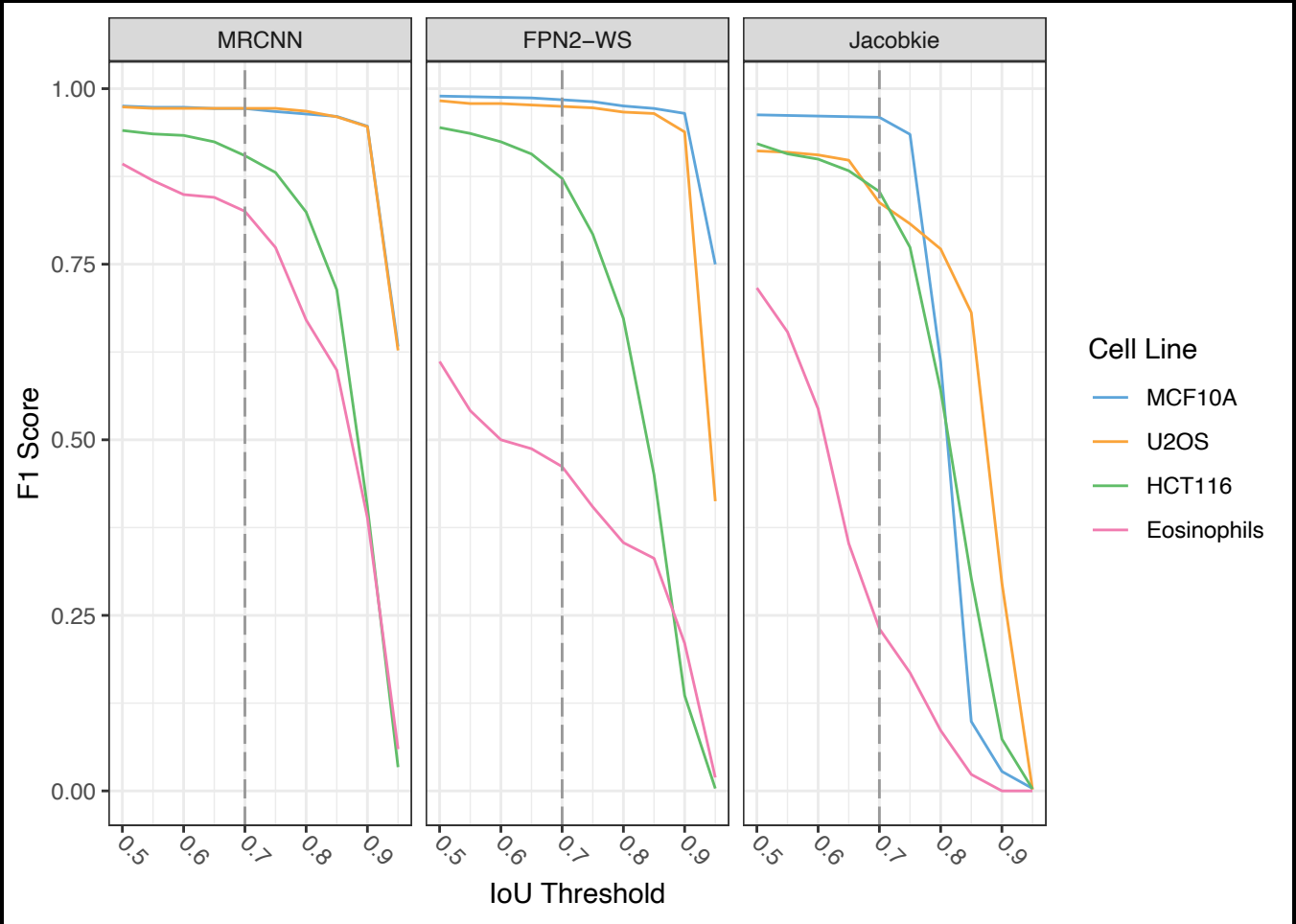


Final Models Performance



Summary 1)

- Semi-automated computational pipeline for DL models training/testing
- Transfer learning can improve performance by using networks weights obtained from training on everyday objects
- Training vs. out of the box: it depends…
- Other DL applications: classification, denoising, inpainting

Future Areas of Improvement for DL in Bioimaging

Datasets → GT Annotation → Model Architecture → Inference

Datasets	GT Annotation	Model Architecture	Inference
Size	Interactive	Accurate	Scalable
Variety	Easy to use	Fast	Cost effective
Quality	Train. Integrated	Generic	Easy to use

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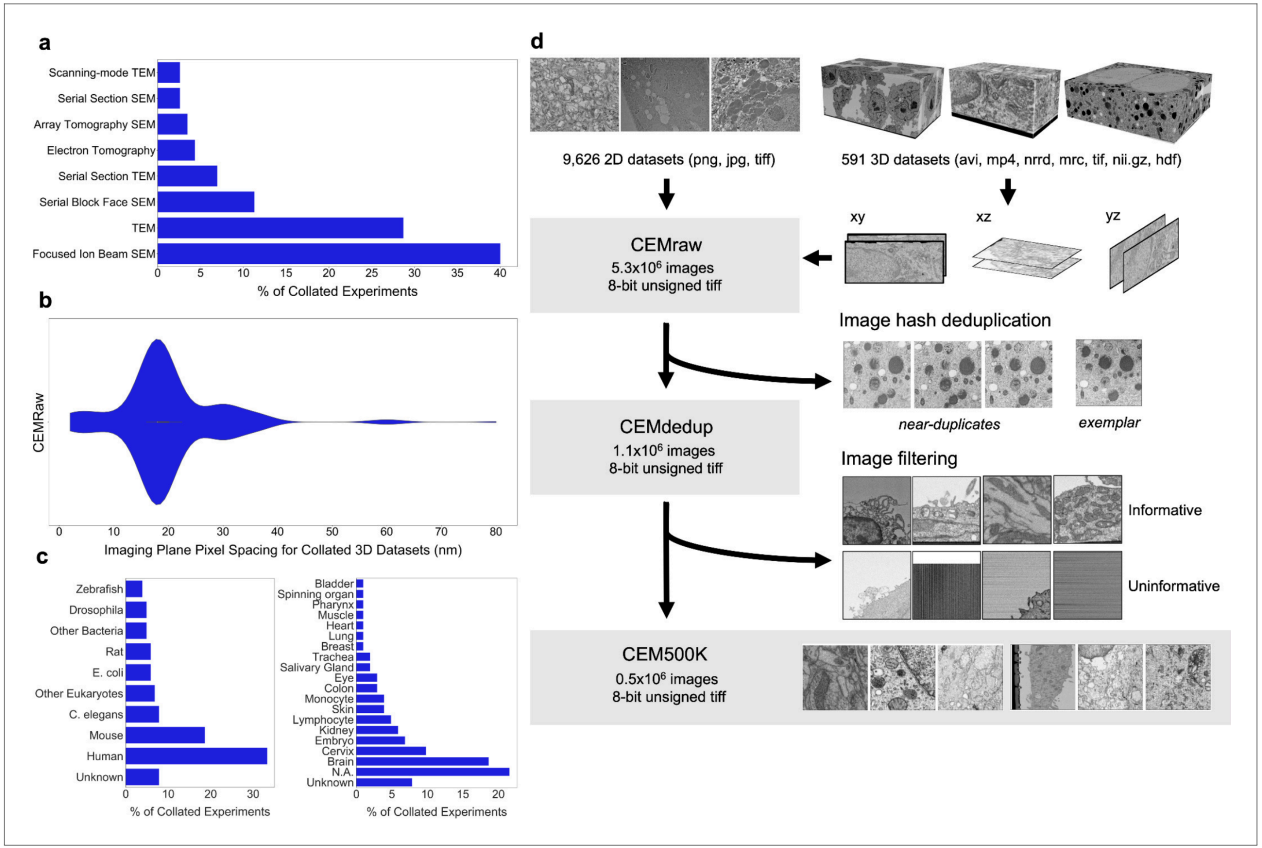
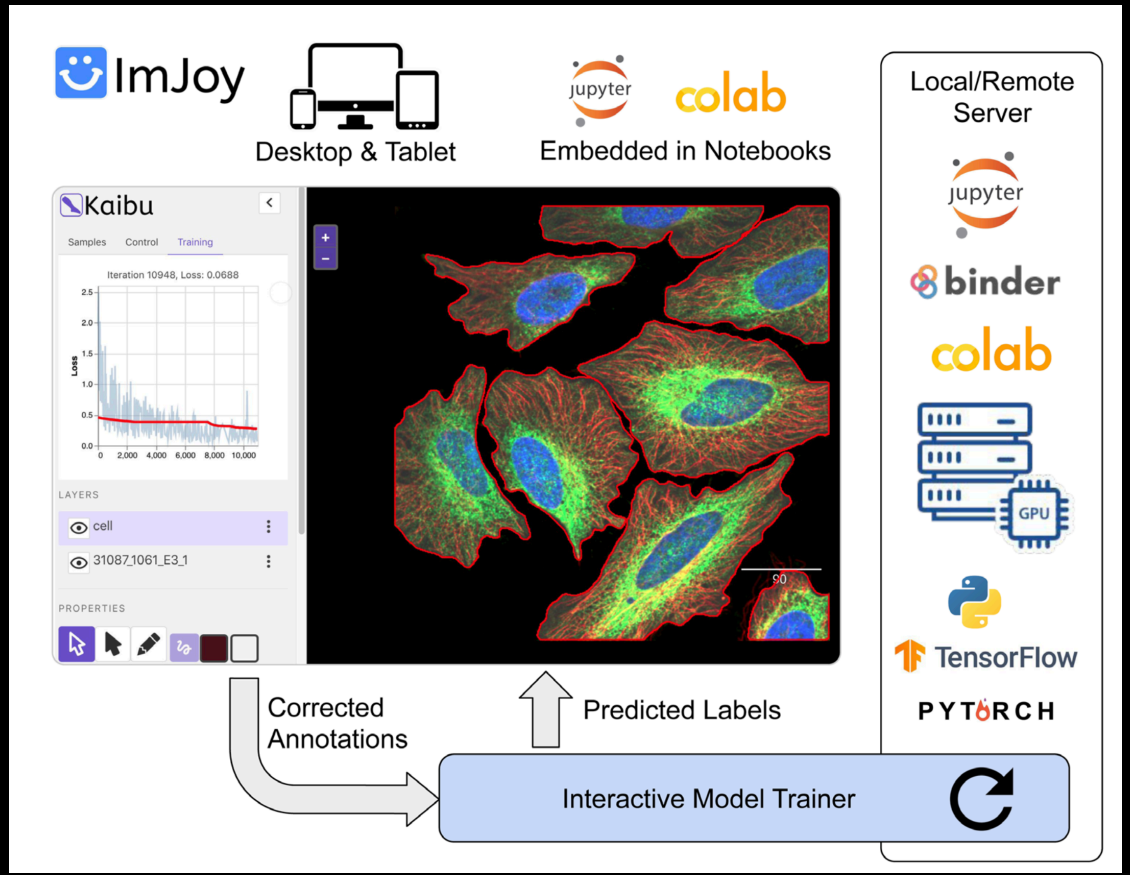
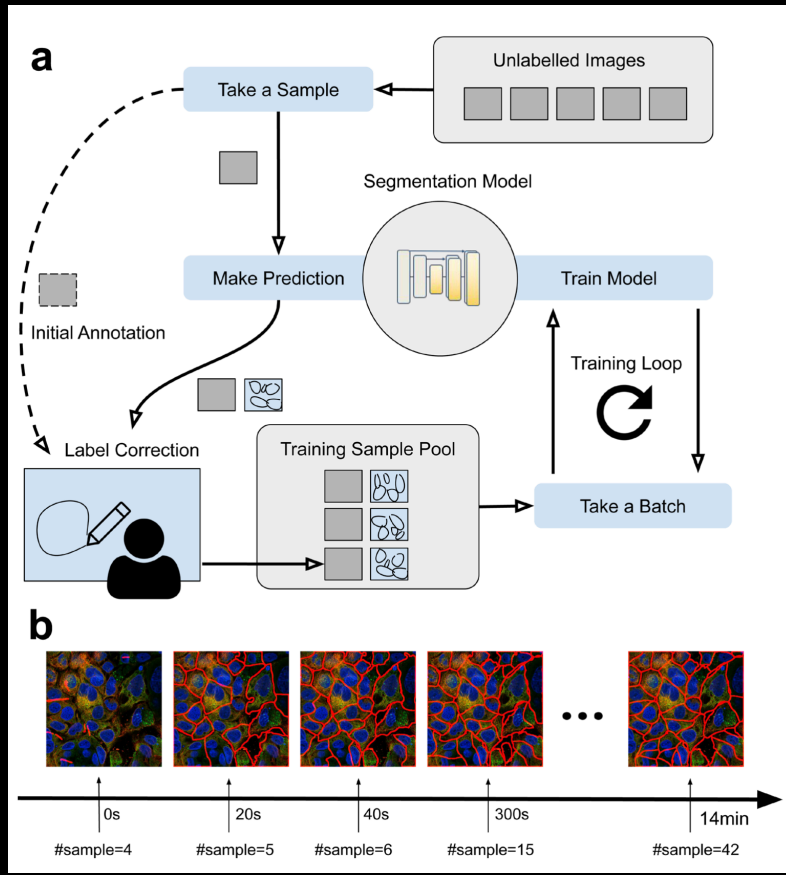


Conrad R. and Narayan K., eLife, 2021

Datasets

Imjoy

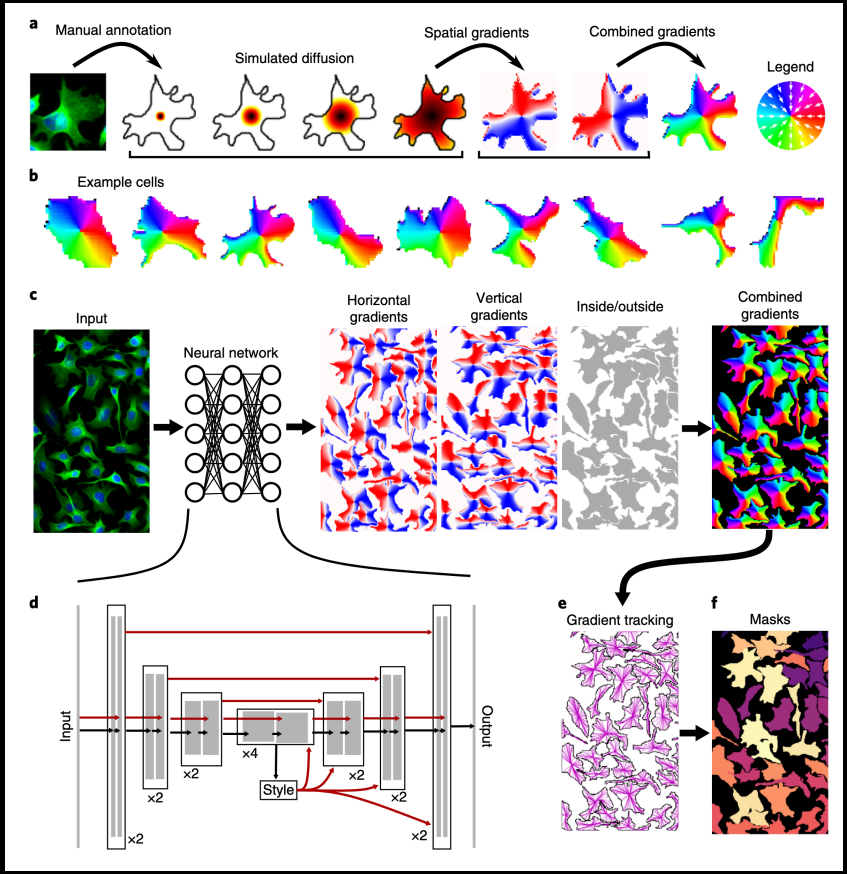


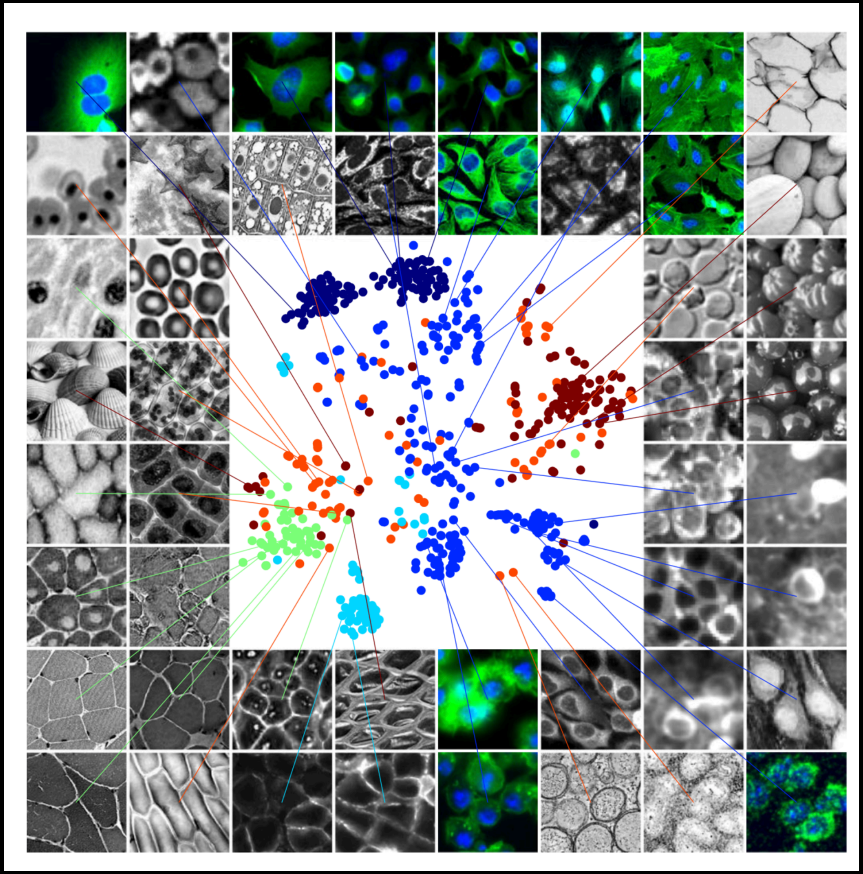


Ouyang W., Nat. Meth., 2019; Ouyang W., F1000Res, 2021

Annotation

CellPose: 2D Segmentation





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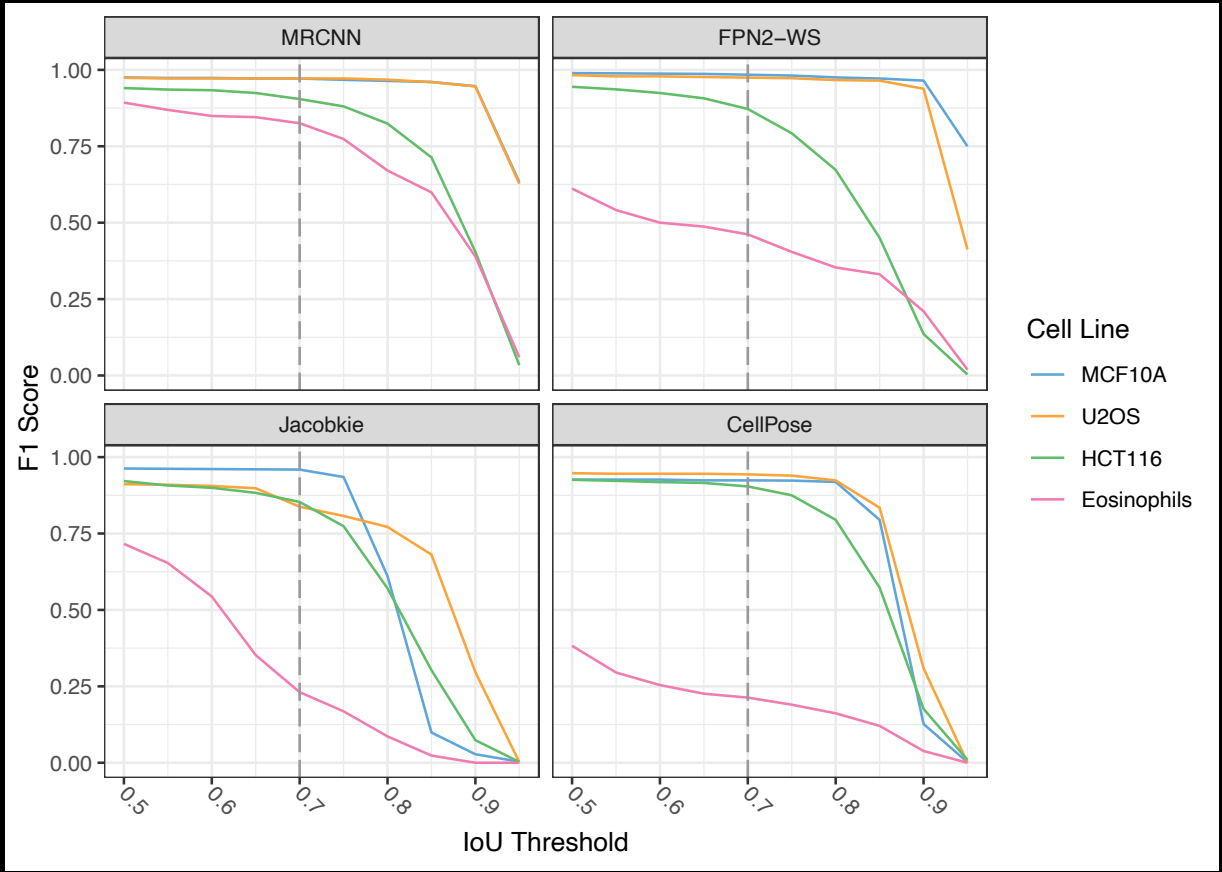
Model

Datasets

CellPose Works "Out of the box"



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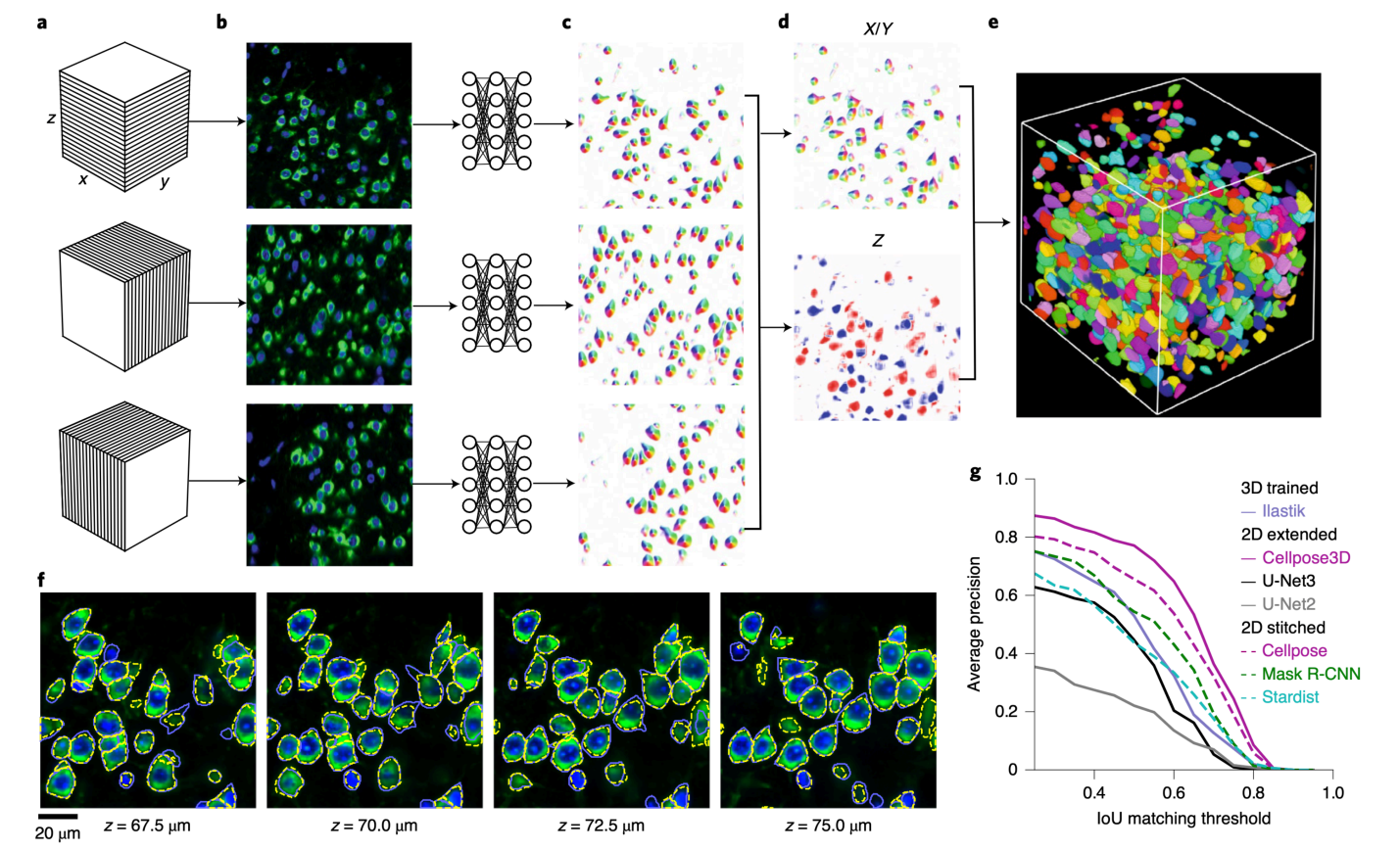
CellPose: 3D Segmentation



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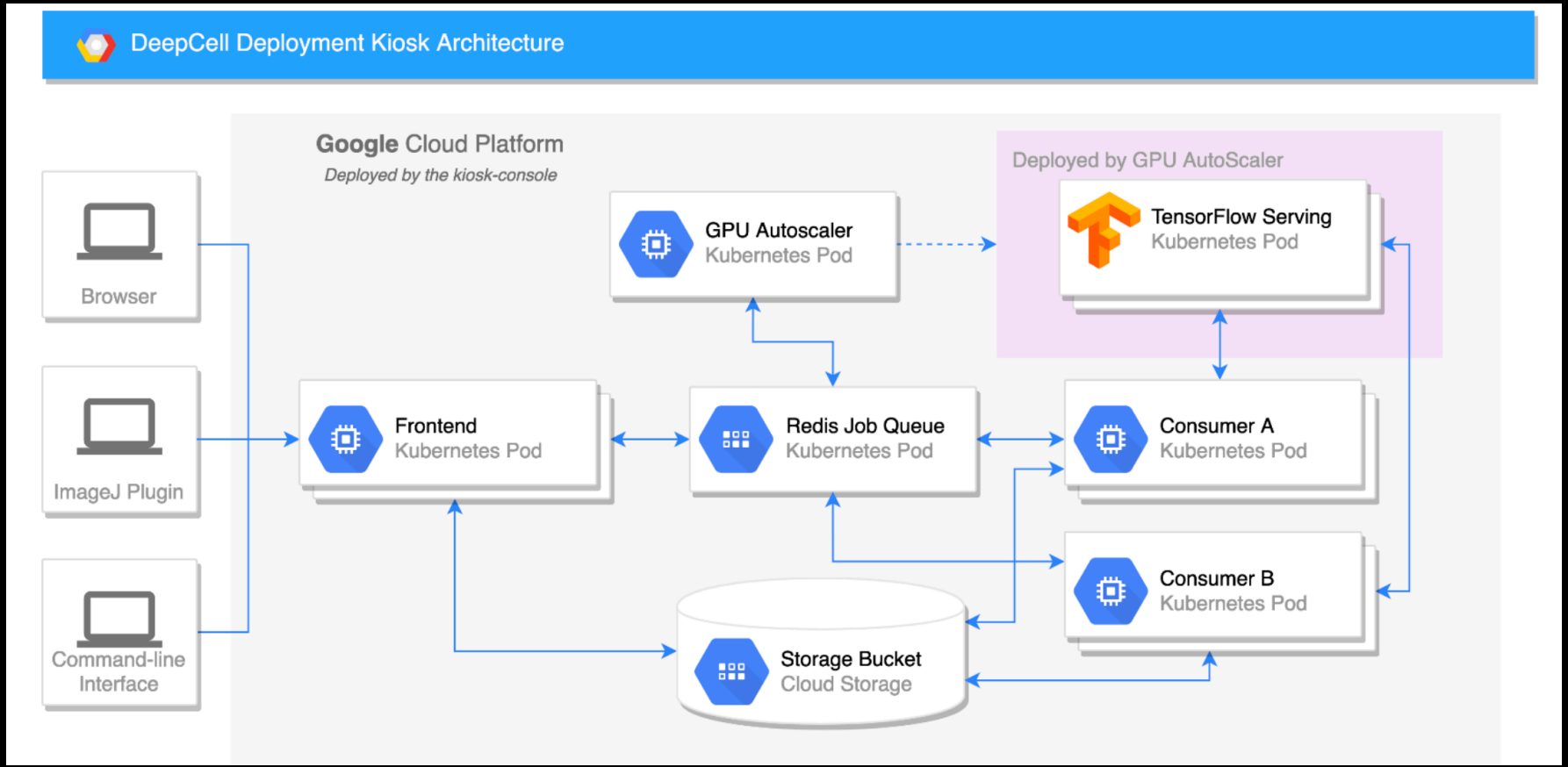
Model

Better Tools to Serve Models: Deep Cell Kiosk



Bannon D., Nat. Meth., 2021

Inference

Summary 2)

- Rapid improvements in making DL more accessible for biologists, larger curated datasets, better model architectures, higher-throughput at inference
- Biologists should pair up with ML/DL experts

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