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# MedShapeNet - A Large-Scale Dataset of 3D Medical Shapes for Computer Vision

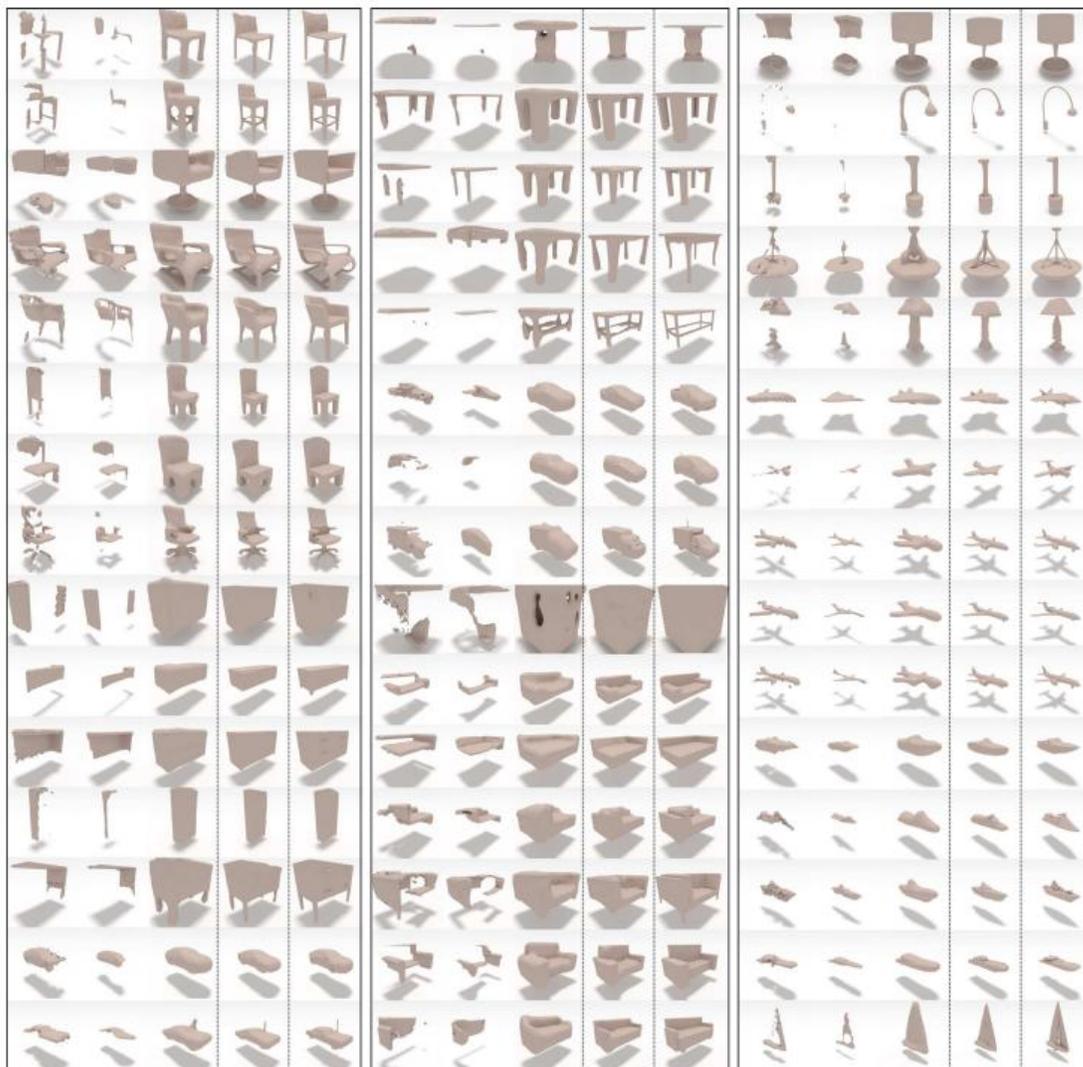
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# What's MedShapeNet?

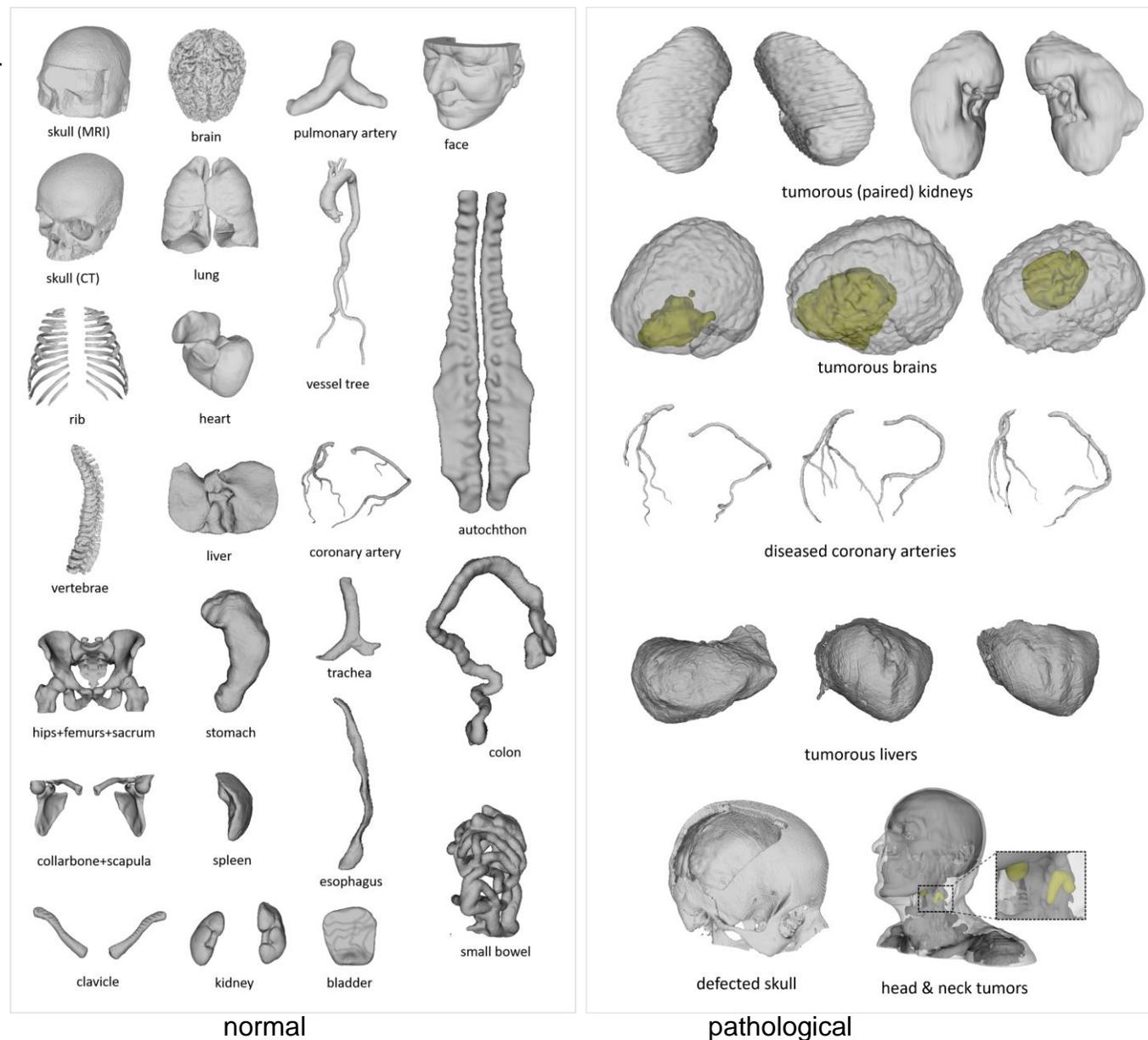
**ShapeNet:** 3D CAD models of real-world objects: chair, desk, car, airplane...



de-facto benchmark dataset: shape completion, retrieval/classification, 3D shape reconstruction...

<https://shapenet.org/>

**MedShapeNet:** (1) A medical version of **ShapeNet**. (2) A repository of 3D models of **real human anatomies**: heart, lung, liver, kidney... (3) extracted from imaging data of real patients

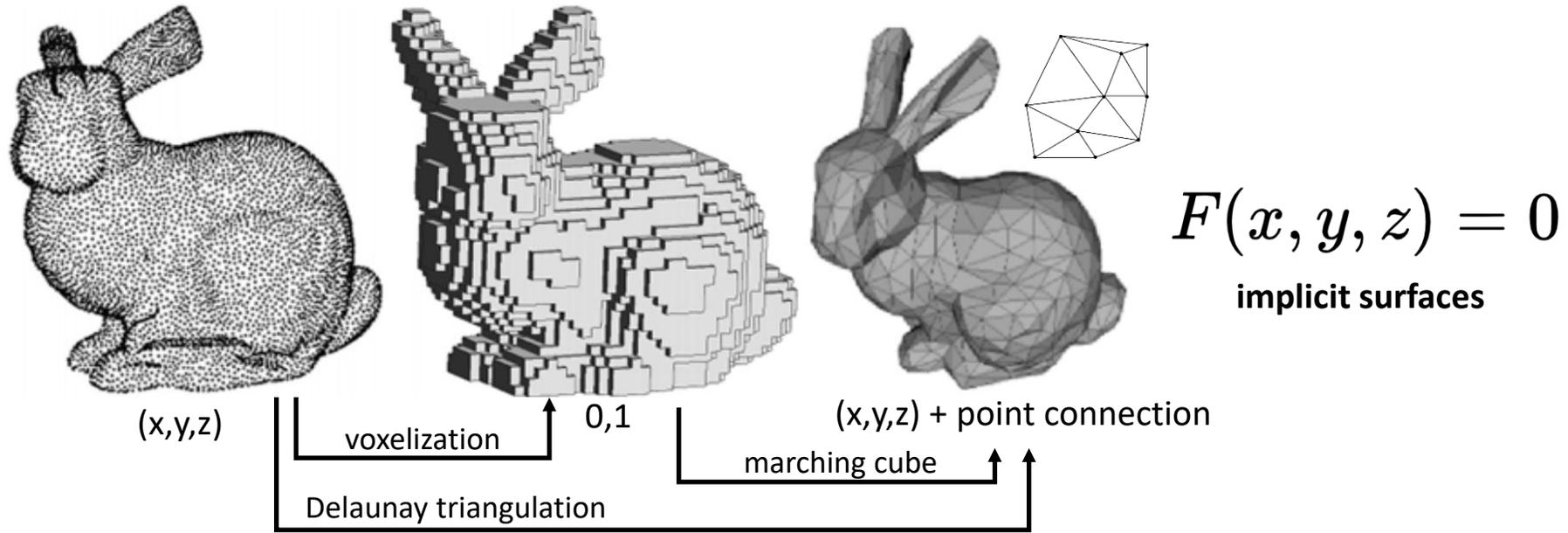


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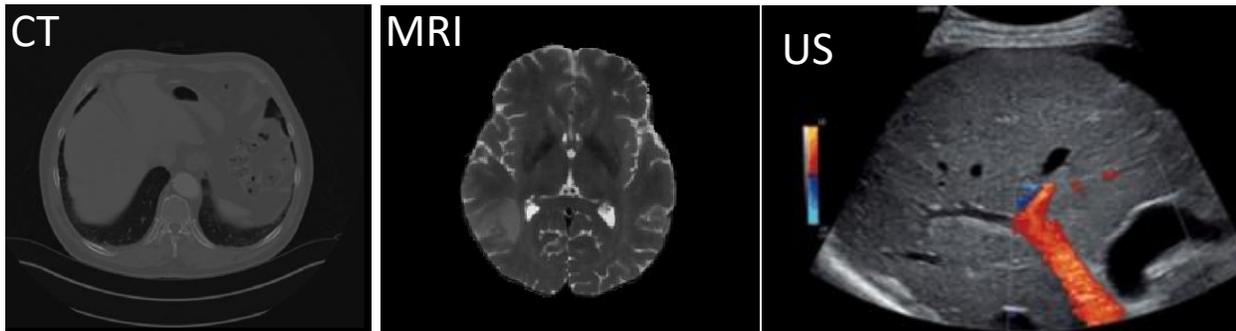
pathological

<https://medshapenet.ikim.nrw/>

# 3D Shape Representations



from left: the Stanford bunny model represented as *point clouds*, *voxel occupancy grids*, *meshes* (image from [1])



gray-scale 2D/3D medical images

- different **data structures**
- different processing **algorithms**
- **convertible** to each other

# Agenda

- I. Shape acquisition
- II. Shape annotation
- III. A web interface to browse and access the shape data
- IV. Existing use cases of *MedShapeNet*
- V. Limitations and future plans

# I. Shape Acquisition: Public Challenges and Datasets

**AMOS 2022**  
Multi-Modality Abdominal Multi-Organ Segmentation Challenge (CT&MRI, 15 organs)

**crossMoDA**

**MICCAI2022 Singapore**

**HECKTOR**

**LND B**

Grand Challenge on automatic lung cancer patient management

**MICCAI2023 Vancouver CANADA**

**TOOTH FAIRY**

**3D TEETH SEG CHALLENGE 2022**

**BraTS**

**Automated Lesion Segmentation in Whole-Body FDG-PET/CT CHALLENGE**

autoPET 2022

**VERSE**

**AutoImplant Challenge**

**MICCAI2021**

**ISLES'22**

**KITS21**

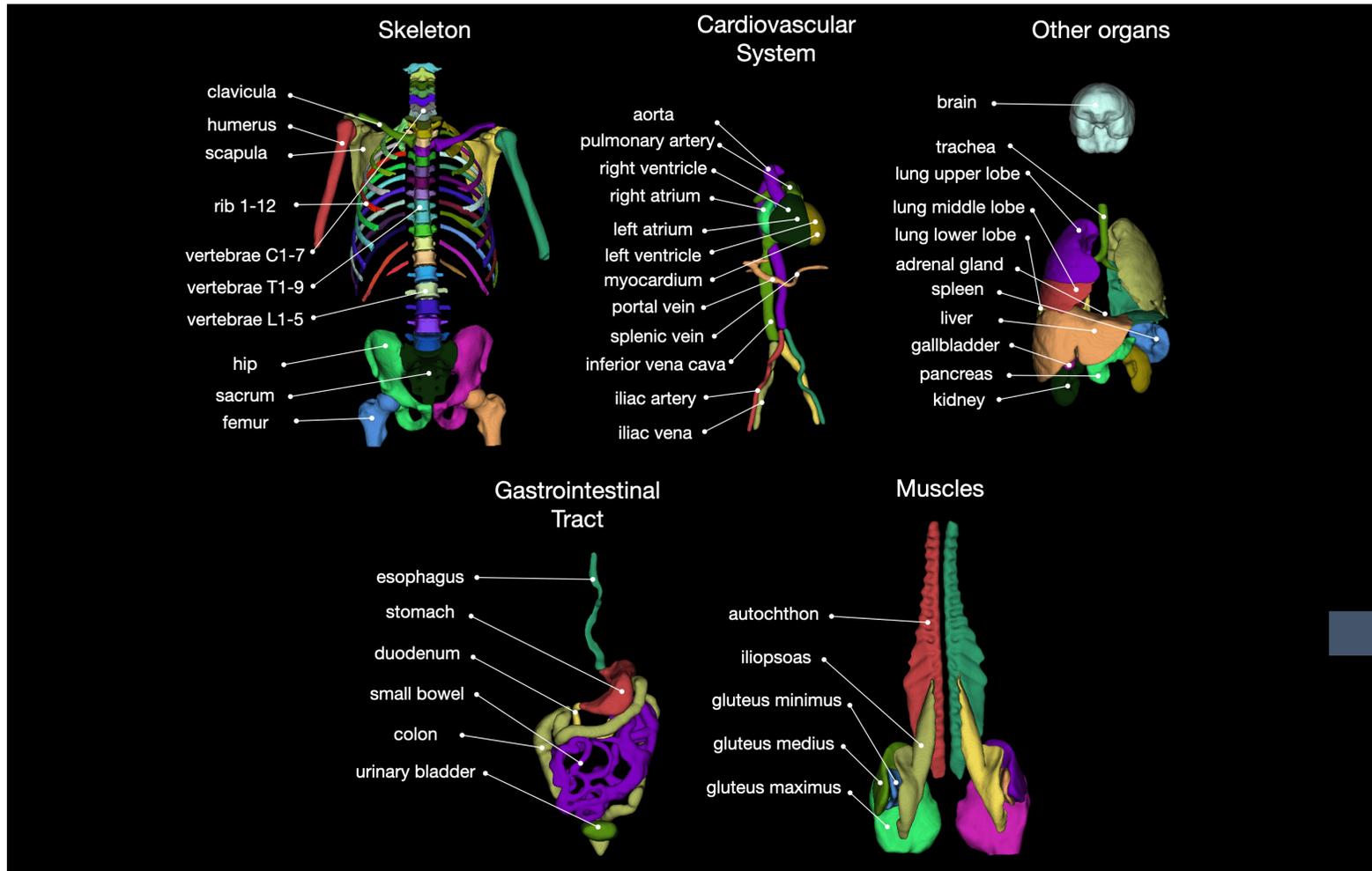
**FLARE 2022**

- Biomedical image segmentation challenges (MICCAI, ISBI)
- Publicly available datasets (e.g., TCIA, Scientific Data)
- Quality-assured ground truth segmentations, and are naturally represented as binary voxel occupancy grids

## MedShapeNet - A Large-Scale Dataset of 3D Medical Shapes for Computer Vision

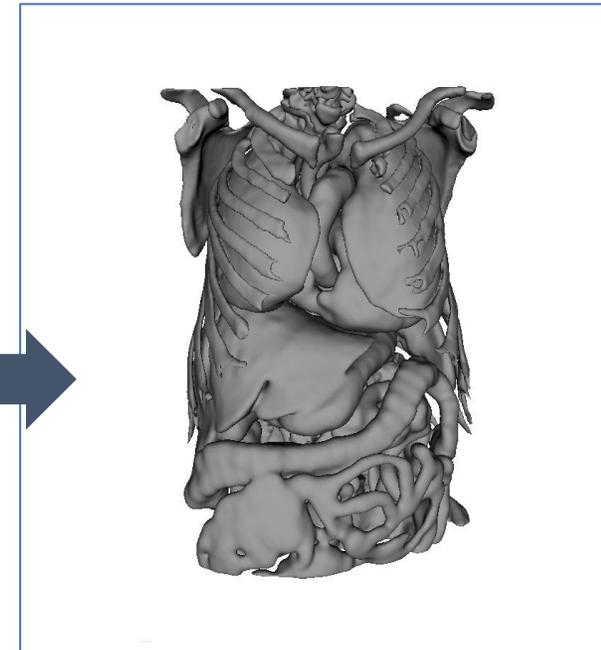
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# I. Shape Acquisition: Whole-body Segmentations



segmentations (voxel occupancy grids)

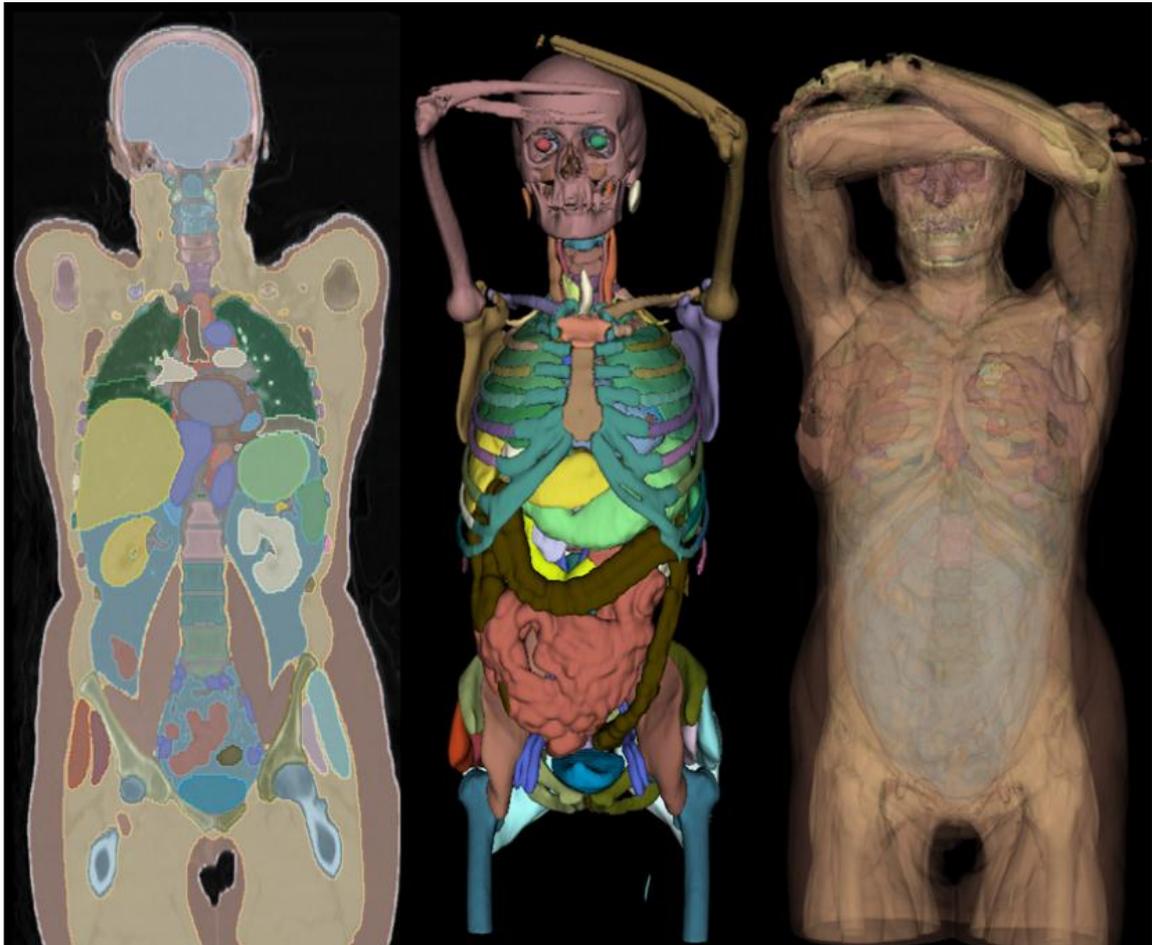
- Totalsegmentor [1]
- 1204 whole-body CT scans (90% training, 5% validation, 5% test)
- Each scan provides annotations for 104 anatomies
- Manual annotation is labor-intensive and impractical
- nnU-Net automatic segmentation + manual refinement, iteratively increase the number of CT scans
- Not all segmentations are quality-checked
- Public access: <https://zenodo.org/record/6802614>



3D models

[1] Wasserthal, J., et al., **TotalSegmentator: robust segmentation of 104 anatomical structures in CT images**. arXiv preprint arXiv:2208.05868 (2022).

# I. Shape Acquisition: Whole-body Segmentations

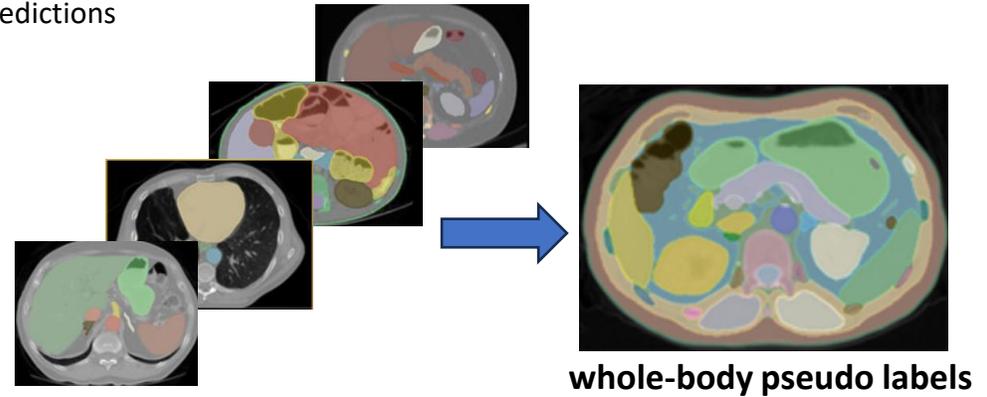


- 533 whole-body CT scans from the **autoPET challenge**
- each scan provides annotations for 142 anatomies

(1) fully automatic, nnU-Net-based **pseudo-labeling method** [1]:

- Publicly-available datasets with annotations of different anatomies
- Private dataset with privately trained models
- Train a series of nn-unet on these datasets
- Anatomical rule-based refinement

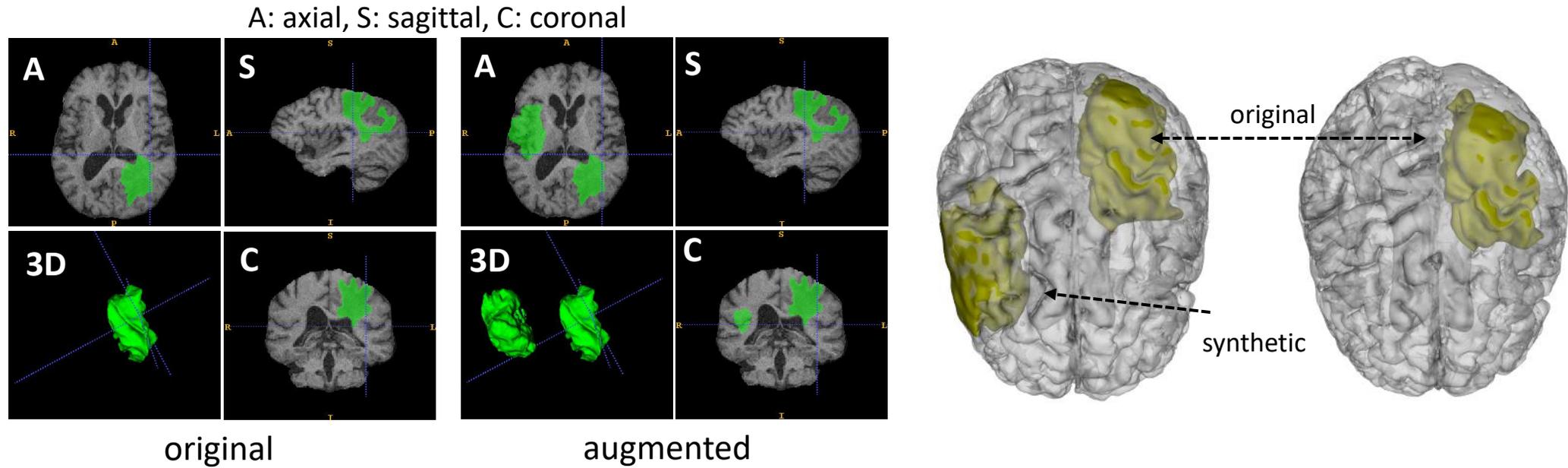
(2) **label Aggregation**: the trained models are applied on the autoPET dataset to generate labels of different anatomies, which are aggregated by taking the union of the respective predictions



(3) train another nnU-Net using the aggregated whole-body pseudo labels, and apply the trained model on the autoPET dataset again to generate uniform whole-body annotations.

acknowledgement: Constantin Seibold

# I. Shape Acquisition: Synthetic Anatomy Generation with GANs



- Synthetic data: widely used for **data augmentation** in data-driven research.
- Generate synthetic brain tumors for 27390 brains extracted from the **Brats challenge** dataset, using Generative Adversarial Networks (**GANs**).
- Future work: include the synthetic shapes of **other anatomies** in *MedShapeNet*.

# I. Shape Acquisition: 3D Scanning & Surgical Instruments

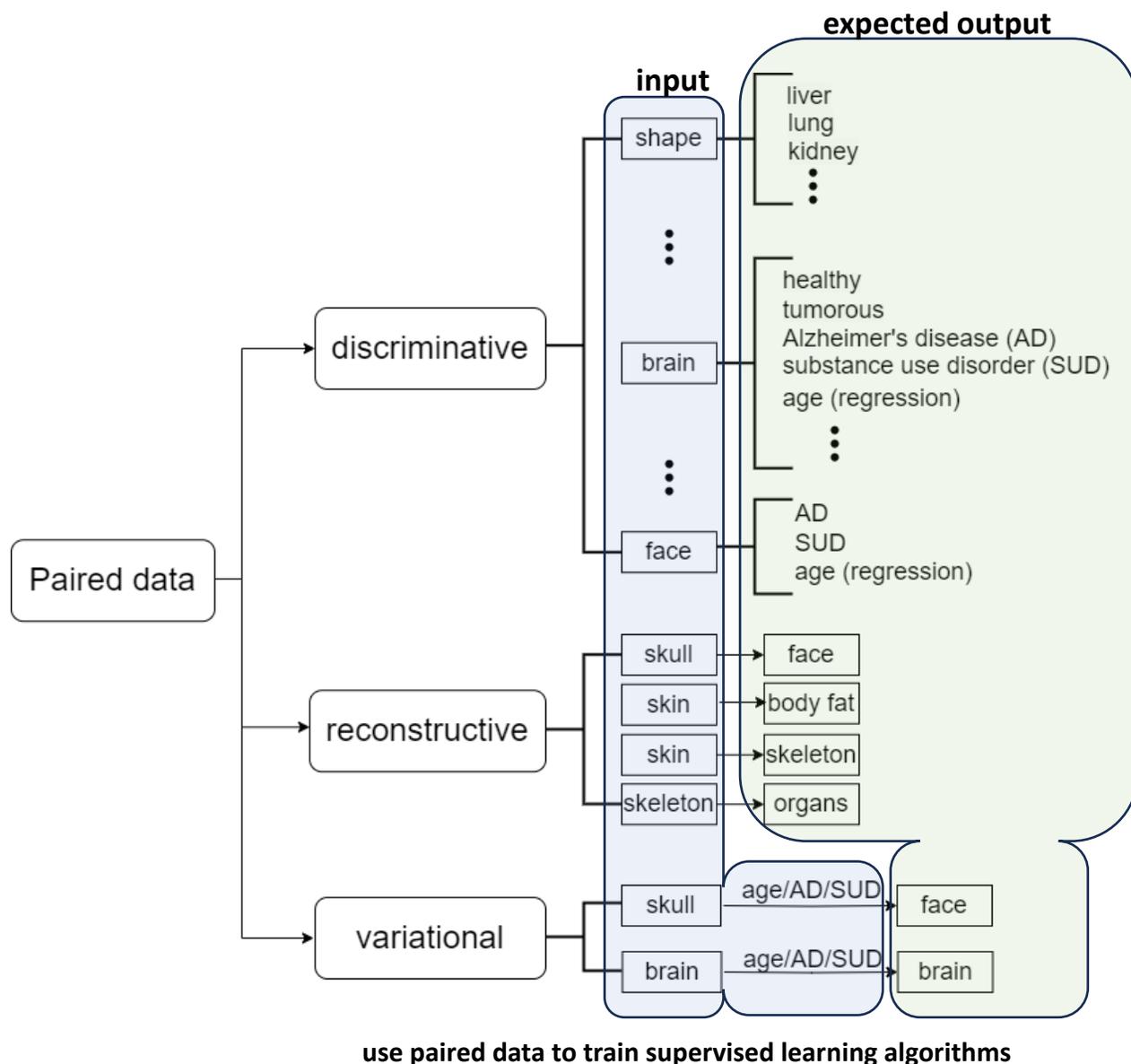


3D scanners

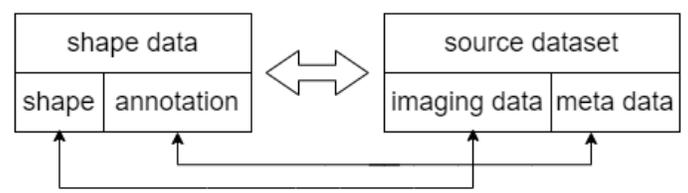


- use structured light **3D scanners** to scan (digitalize) **surgical instruments**, and create 3D instrument models
- structured light 3D scanners can also be used to scan humans (future work: build a database of **3D digital human models**)
- more details about 3D scanning: <https://xrlab.ikim.nrw/>

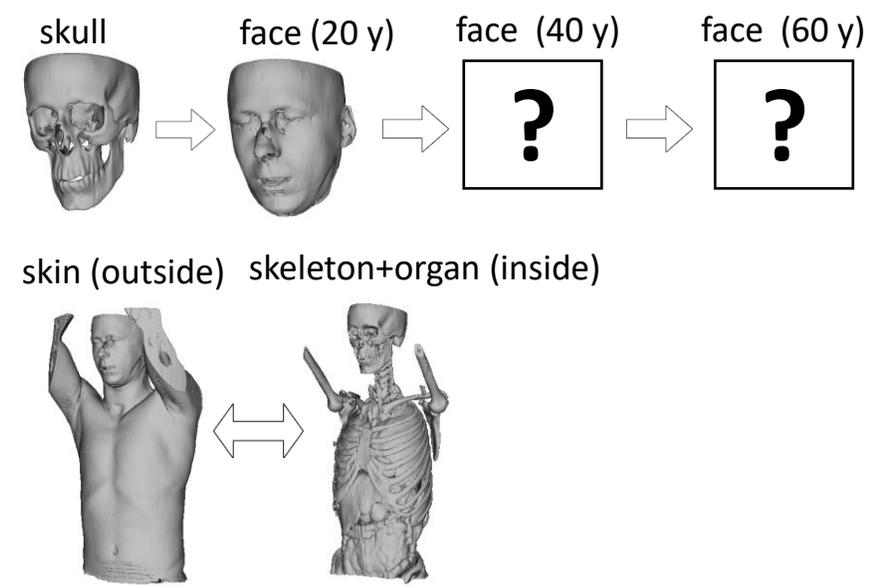
# II. How Are These Shapes Annotated?



- Annotations: expected output of a learning algorithm w.r.t a specific input (paired data)
- Two types of data: shape data and patients' meta data (pathology, age, gender, etc.)
  - **Discriminative:** shape classification (anatomy category, pathological condition)
  - **Reconstructive:** shape reconstruction
  - **Variational:** conditional shape reconstruction (conditioned on age or a pathology)



- Future work: provide more annotations by extracting more meta information from the source imaging datasets



# III. Online Interface: Shape Search, Visualization and Download

The screenshot displays the MedShapeNet online interface in four panels:

- (A) Search and View Shapes:** A search box contains the text "liver". Below it is a list of shape IDs: s1273\_liver.nii.g\_1.stl, s1272\_liver.nii.g\_1.stl, s1271\_liver.nii.g\_1.stl, s1270\_liver.nii.g\_1.stl, s1269\_liver.nii.g\_1.stl, s1267\_liver.nii.g\_1.stl, and s1264\_liver.nii.g\_1.stl.
- (B) Search and View Shapes:** A search box contains the text "s1273\_liver.nii.g\_1.stl". Below it is a 3D visualization of a liver shape. A "Download" button is located below the visualization.
- (C) Home:** A navigation menu with "Home", "Download", "Impressum", and "Terms Of Use". Below the menu is a "Select your category:" dropdown menu with "liver" selected. A "Mark category for download" button is below the dropdown. Below that is a note: "If you need a faster, more stable download, save your selection to .txt and use wget:". Below the note is a code block: `wget -i selection.txt`. An "Export selection" button is at the bottom.
- (D) Download:** A section titled "Download" with a link icon. Below the title is the text: "To download the full dataset click the button below:". Below that is a "Download dataset" button. Below that is the text: "If you prefer using wget, download the .txt and use:". Below that is a code block: `wget -i MedShapeNetDataset.txt`. Below the code block is a "Download .txt" button.

permanent url: <https://medshapenet.ikim.nrw/>, temporary url: <https://medshapenet-ikim.streamlit.app/>

- *MedShapeNet* has over 100K shapes, occupying around **2TB** of storage
- Online interface:
  - **(A)** a search box to find individual shape **by name** (e.g., instrument, liver, brain, kidney) or **by pathology** (e.g., tumor)
  - **(B)** display a selected shape in 3D, and download it
  - **(C)** download all the shapes belonging to the same anatomy category (e.g., liver) at once
  - **(D)** download the entire database (~2TB, a lot more to be uploaded)
- Separate shape storage (**sciebo**, ~2TB) from website server (free **streamlit** server, 1GB RAM)
- Disclaimer: due to **space limitation**, not all shape data described in the *MedShapeNet* paper are available for search & download on the interface

### III. Online Interface: search queries



*.html* file to view the 3D model locally

a non-inclusive list of single-word search queries

CT	mri	brain	skull	brain	vertebrae	stomach
bladder	bowel	rib	sacrum	bowel	scapula	lung
heart	ventricle	atrium	kidney	iliopsoas	iliac	artery
gland	gluteus	femur	esophagus	autochthon	colon	aorta
trachea	hip	pancreas	vein	bowel	clavicula	myocardium
humerus	vena_cava	duodenum	face	vessel_tree	glioblastoma	cranial_defect

Search shapes by name (e.g. *instrument, liver, kidney, vessel*) or pathology (e.g., *tumor*):

099815\_liver.stl

099283\_liver.stl

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099033\_liver.stl

098015\_liver.stl

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limitation: allow only one key-word (liver, heart, stomach, kidney...)

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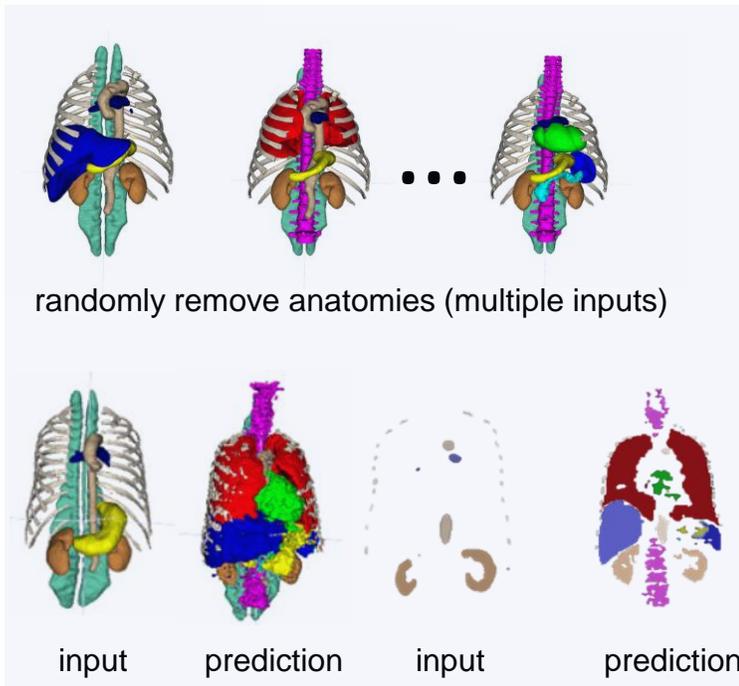
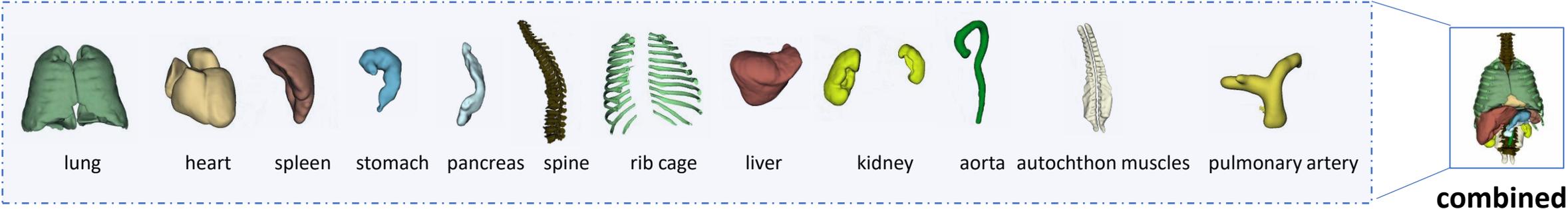
III. A web interface to browse and access the data

IV. Medically-oriented use cases of *MedShapeNet*

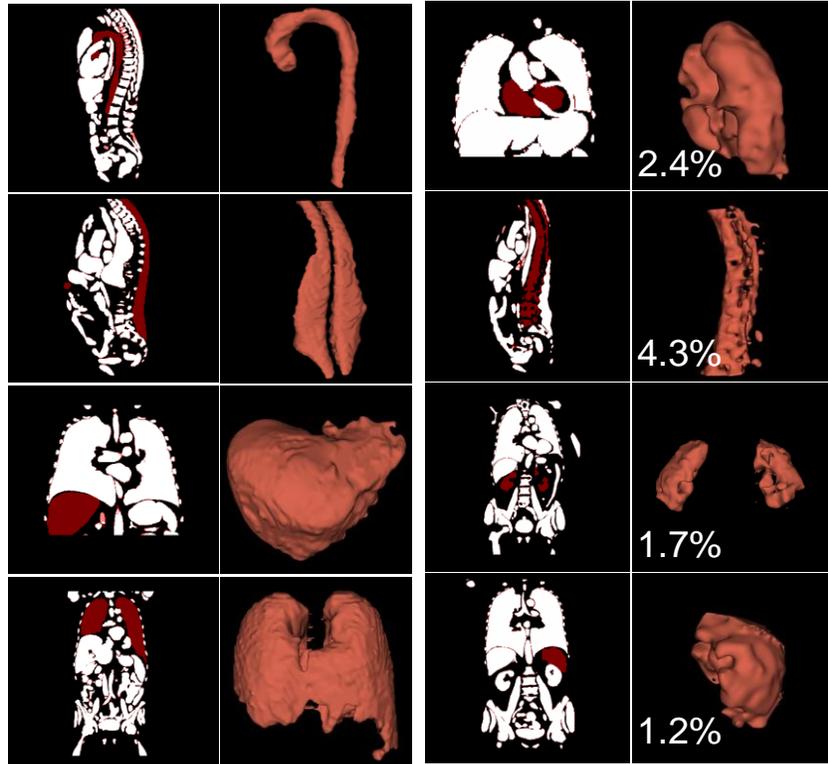
- Multi-class anatomy completion (*shape completion / inpainting*)
- Forensic facial reconstruction (*shape completion / inpainting*)
- Skull reconstruction (*shape completion / inpainting*)
- Brain tumor screening (*shape classification*)
- Anatomy education in augmented reality (AR)

V. Limitations and future plans

# IV. Use Cases 1: Multi-class Anatomy Completion



*several random anatomies are missing*

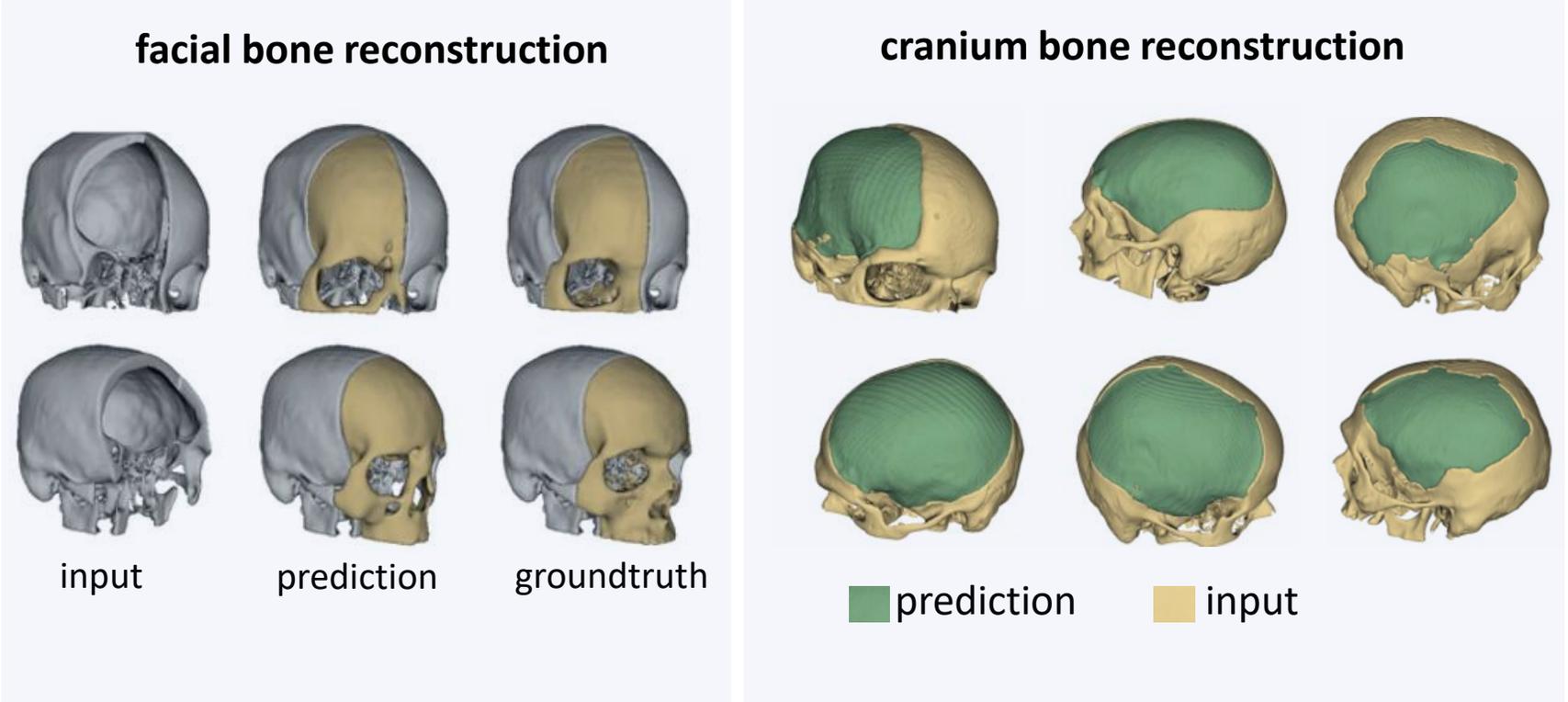


*one specific anatomy is missing*

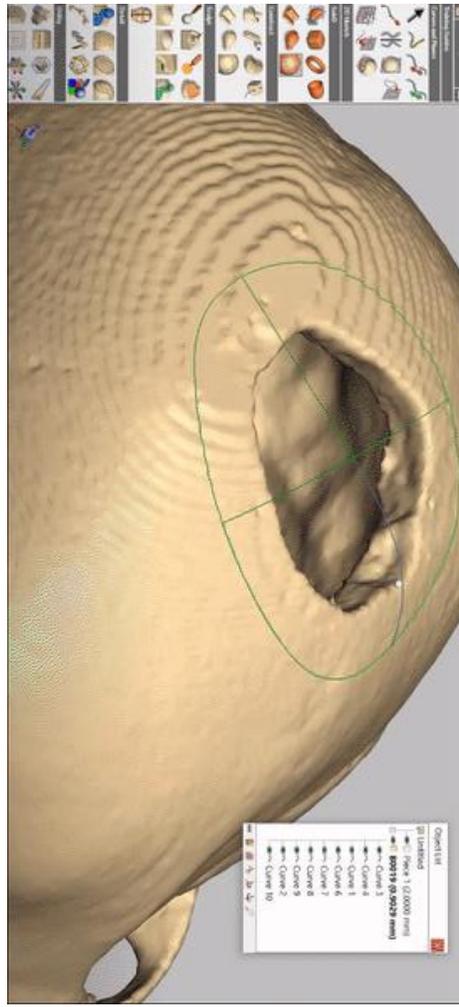
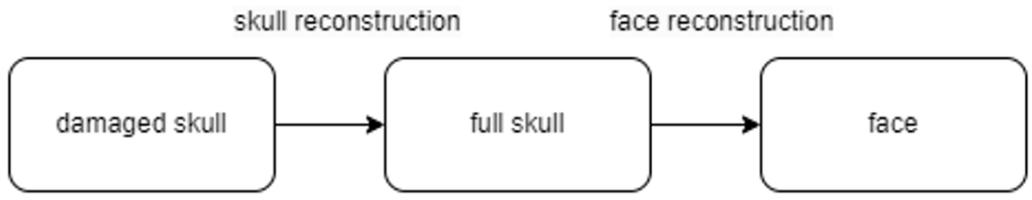
- 12 anatomies (12 classes): lung, heart, spleen ...
- Learn a many-to-one mapping (3D auto-encoder)
- Reconstruct several missing anatomies, or a specific one
- Applications:
  - generate pseudo labels for whole-body segmentation
  - automatic 3D organ modeling
- More details: [1]
- MICCAI workshop: October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Vancouver, Canada

[1] Li, J., et al., *Anatomy Completer: A Multi-class Completion Framework for 3D Anatomy Reconstruction*. arXiv preprint [arXiv:2309.04956](https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.04956) (2023)

# IV. Use Cases 3: Skull Reconstruction



*automatic skull repair: fast and data-driven (aesthetic)*

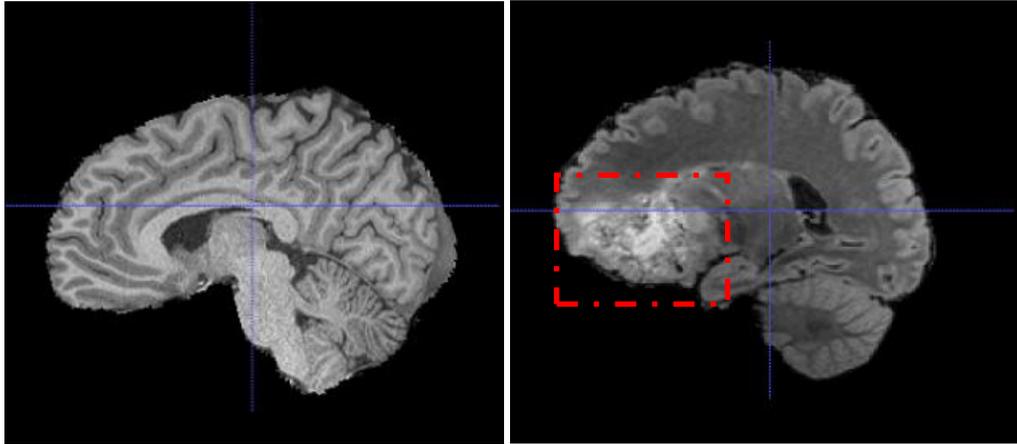


- manual skull repair (cranial implant design)**
- highly subjective
- requires costly 3D software
- time-consuming

[1] Li, J., et al., AutoImplant 2020-first MICCAI challenge on automatic cranial implant design. IEEE TMI (2021)  
[2] Li, J., et al., Towards clinical applicability and computational efficiency in automatic cranial implant design: An overview of the AutoImplant 2021 cranial implant design challenge. Medical Image Analysis (2023)

## IV. Use Cases 4: Brain Tumor Screening

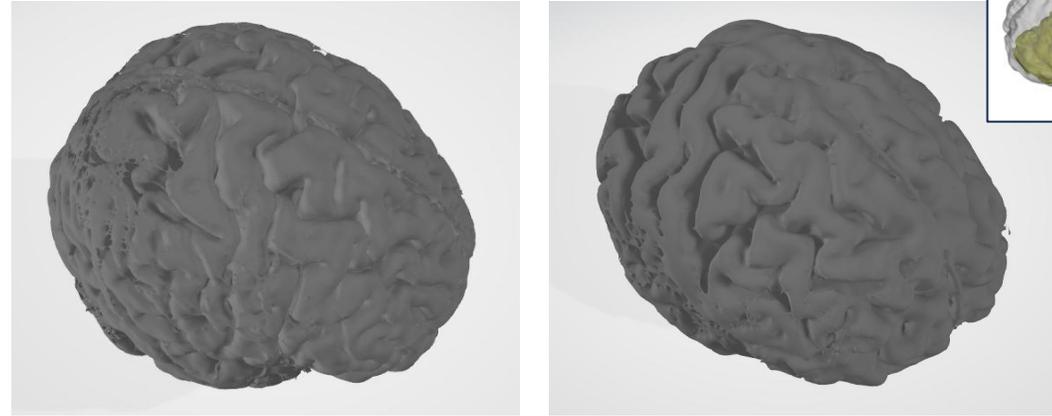
gray-scale (skull-stripped) brain MRIs



healthy

tumorous

brain shapes (binary voxel occupancy grids)



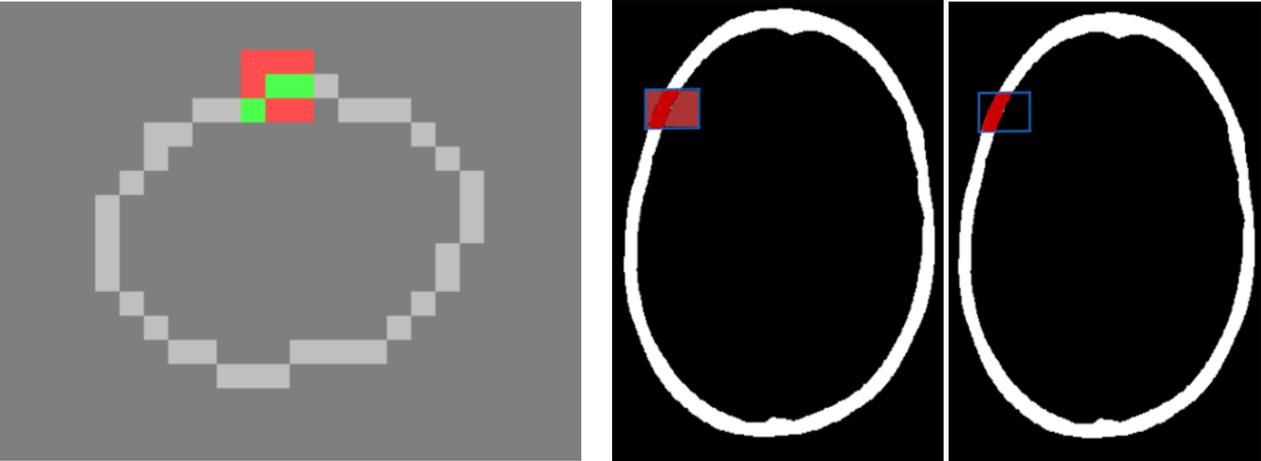
healthy

tumorous

- It is possible to distinguish between healthy and tumorous brains **without voxel information**
- Tumors can induce changes of some **shape features** of the brains
- Healthy versus tumorous brains (**volume differences are statistically significant**)
- Male versus female brains (**volume differences are statistically significant**)

# Benefits of using shape data over imaging data: computational efficiency

spatial sparsity of manifold/shape data



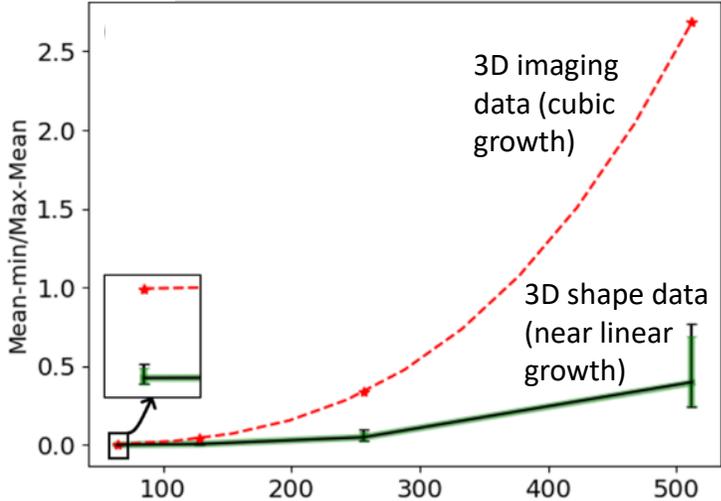
sparse convolutions [1]

dense convolution

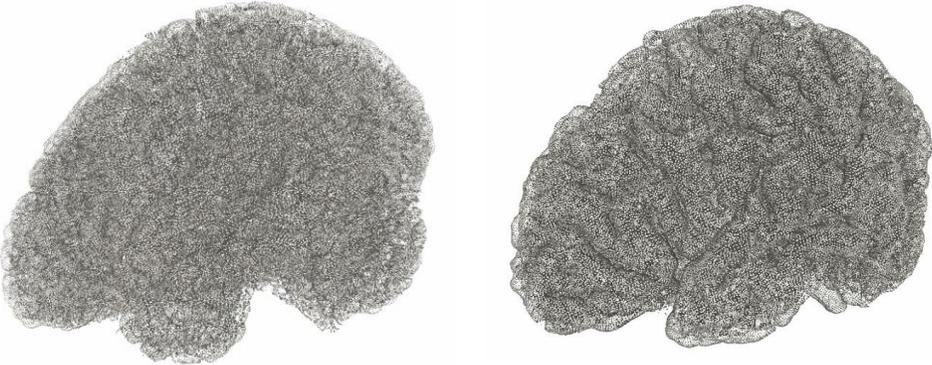
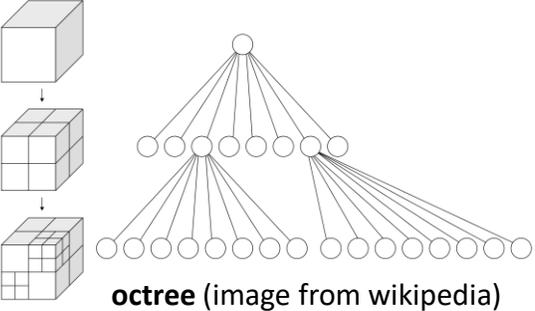
sparse convolution

axial view of a skull (most voxels are empty)

memory occupancy (y-axis) w.r.t. resolution (x-axis) [2]



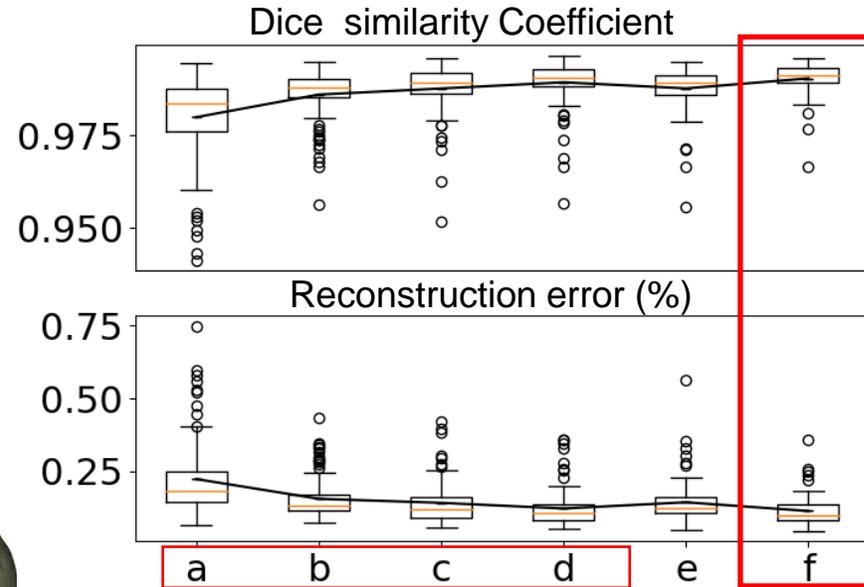
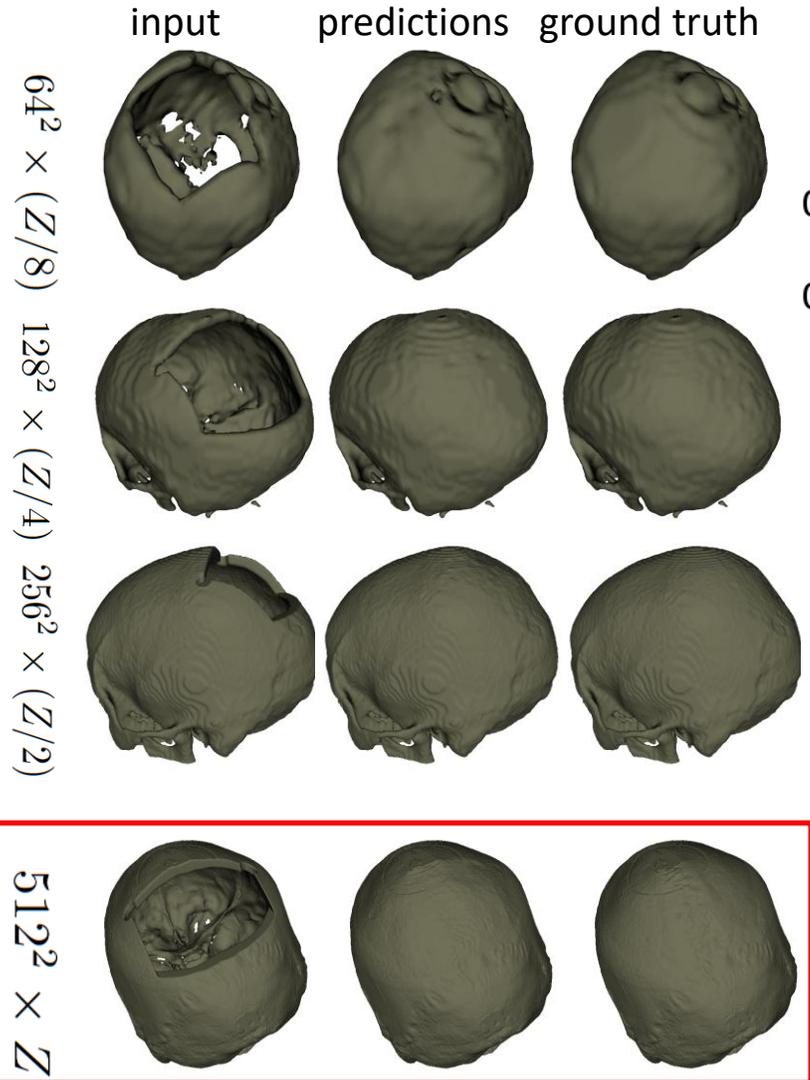
- **Skull reconstruction:** sparse convolutional neural networks (SCNN) [2]
- **Forensic facial reconstruction:** SCNN
- **Brain shape classification:** SCNN, PointNet, PointCNN
- **Other computationally efficient algorithms:** O-CNN [3], OctNet [4]



brain point clouds

[1] Graham, B. and Van der Maaten, L., 2017. **Submanifold sparse convolutional networks**. arXiv preprint arXiv:1706.01307.  
 [2] Li, J., Gsaxner, C., Pepe, A., Schmalstieg, D., Kleesiek, J. and Egger, J., 2022. **Sparse Convolutional Neural Networks for Medical Image Analysis**. TechRxiv techrxiv.19137518.  
 [3] Wang, P.S., Liu, Y., Guo, Y.X., Sun, C.Y. and Tong, X., 2017. **O-cnn: Octree-based convolutional neural networks for 3d shape analysis**. ACM Transactions On Graphics (TOG)  
 [4] Riegler, G., Osman Ulusoy, A. and Geiger, A., 2017. **Octnet: Learning deep 3d representations at high resolutions**. In Proceedings of the IEEE conference on computer vision and pattern recognition

# Sparse CNN - 3D skull shape reconstruction (shape completion)



**voxel grid resolutions** (Z: axial dimension):

(a)  $64^2 \times (Z/8)$  (model1)

(b)  $64^2 \times (Z/8)$  (model2)

(c)  $128^2 \times (Z/4)$  (model1)

(d)  $128^2 \times (Z/4)$  (model2)

(e)  $256^2 \times (Z/2)$

(f)  $512^2 \times Z$

model1 (0.435M params)

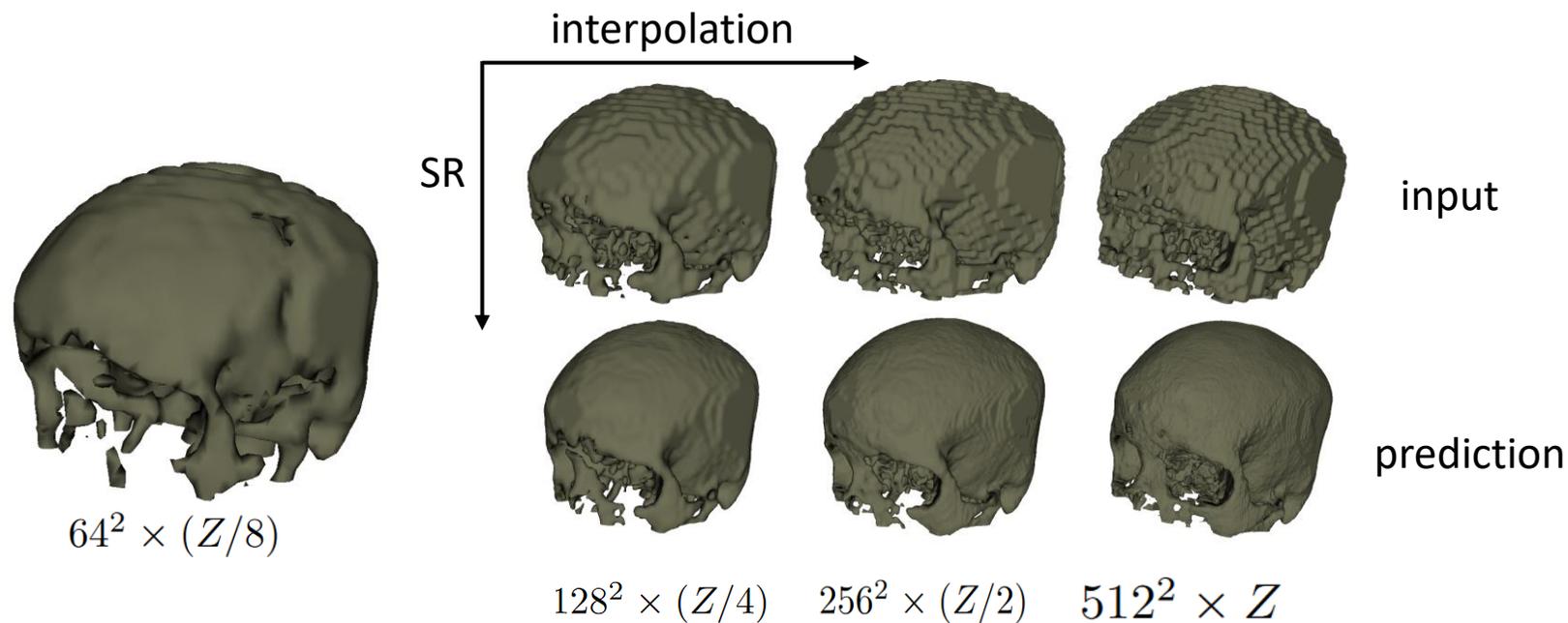
model2 (18.14M params)

comparison: memory usage wrt. resolution

cat. \ $I_s$	64	128	256	512
sparse train	1.5119	1.6256	2.7341	11.3049
sparse test	1.4519	1.5097	1.8905	2.7993
dense train	1.6543	1.9043	4.8145	-
dense test	1.6699	1.8184	2.6934	-

Hardware: standard desktop GPU with 24GB RAM

# Sparse CNN - 3D shape super-resolution (SR)



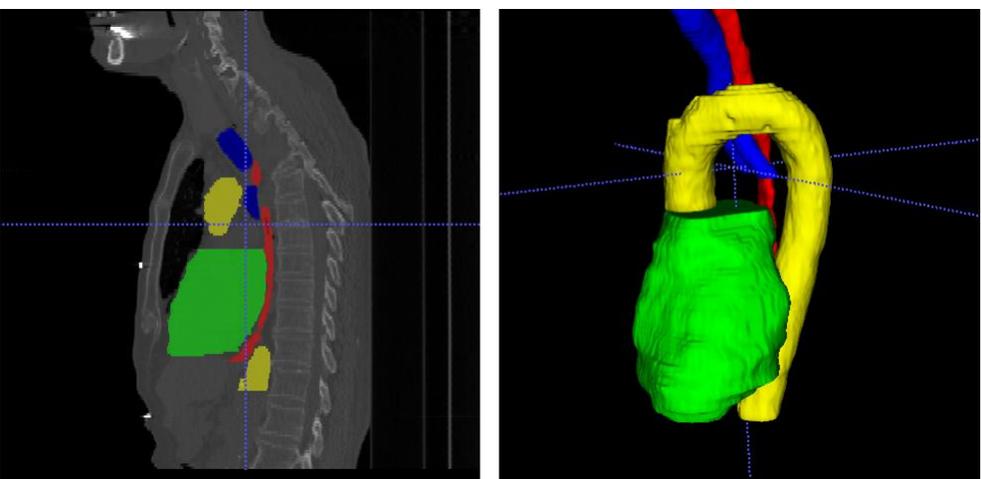
	64→128	64⇒128	64→256	64⇒256	64→512	64⇒512	128→256	128⇒256
<b>DSC</b>	0.8750	0.8359	0.8779	0.8359	0.6640	0.6402	0.9372	0.9146
<b>reconstruction error (%)</b>	1.3821	1.8685	1.3589	1.8942	3.7850	4.2358	0.7187	0.9867

→ SR  
⇒ interpolation

- increase the resolution of the low-resolution shapes
- train a sparse-CNN based SR network to learn a mapping between low- and high-quality skull shapes
- the reconstruction quality can be substantially improved with an additional SR step after interpolation

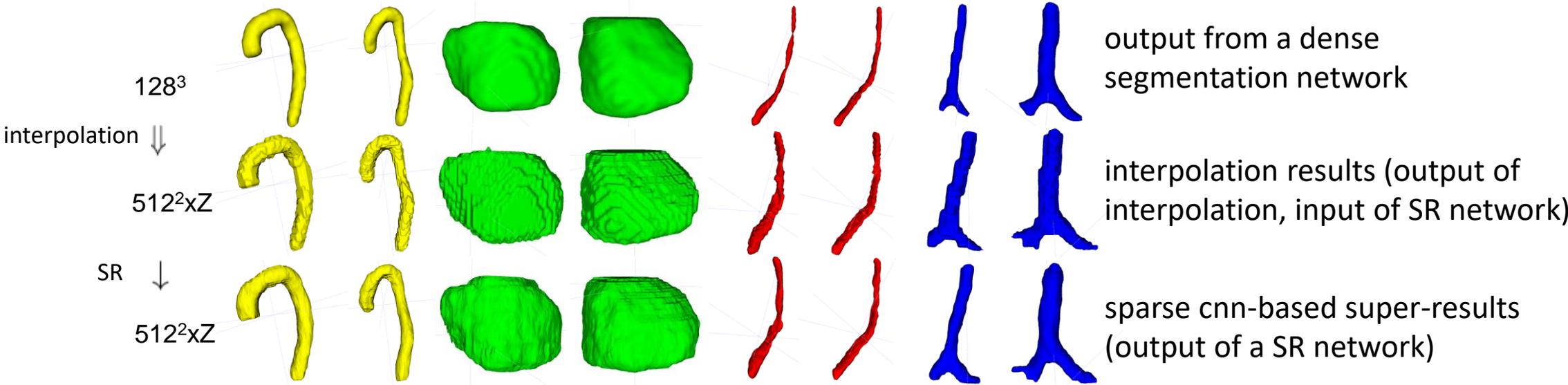
# Sparse CNN - 3D shape super-resolution (SR) in medical image segmentation

heart (green), aorta(yellow), trachea (blue) and esophagus (red)  
from the *SegTHOR* challenge. **CT scan resolution: 512x512xZ**



voxel occupancy rate (VOR) and the memory usage (in GB) during training and inference of a SR network

organ	train	test	VOR (%)
aorta	2.05	1.75	0.20
heart	2.46	2.38	0.79
trachea	1.73	1.64	0.04
esophagus	1.77	1.64	0.05

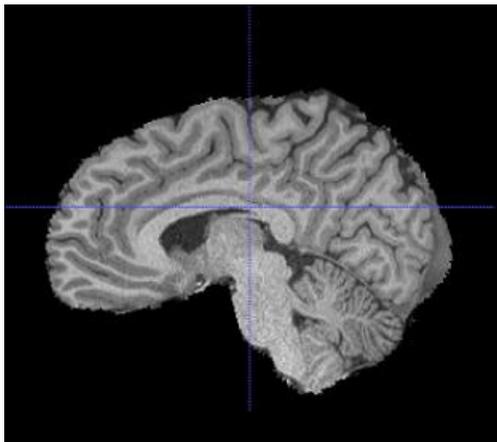


# Shape/Geometric features and voxel features

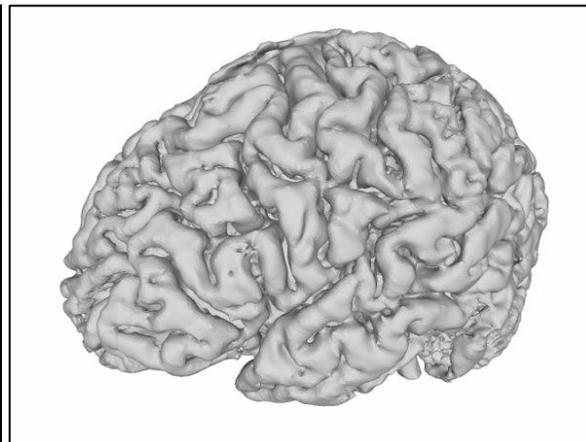
**Shape feature:** jaggedness, volume, elongation, curvature, boundary, (surface, curve) continuities/smoothness, etc.

**Voxel features:** voxel intensity (gray-scale), etc

- **Gray-scale voxel features might be redundant for some applications:** (brain) tumor screening

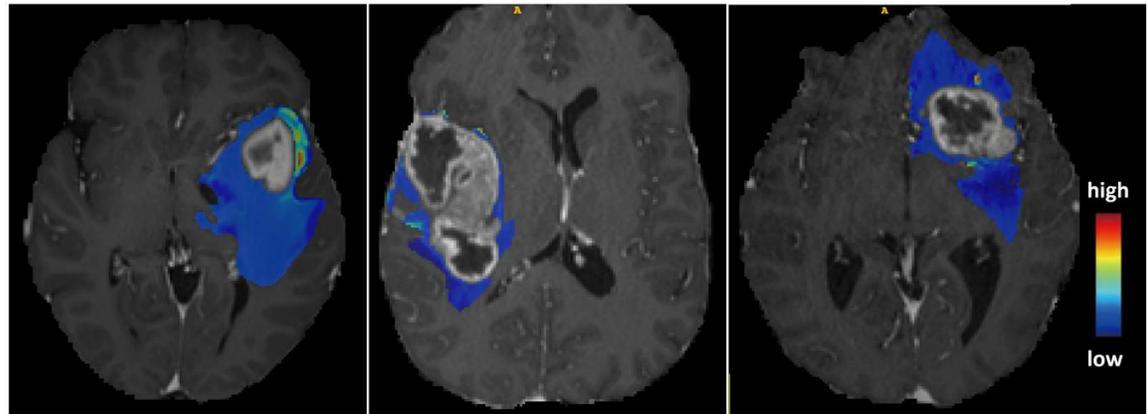


gray-scale brain voxels



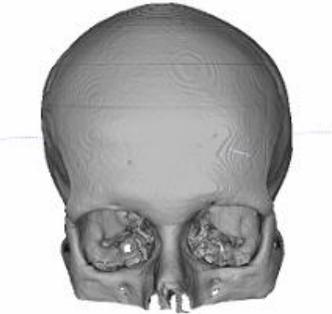
geometric shape of a brain

- Voxel features can be indispensable for some applications: **tumor infiltration maps**



predictive maps calculated over gray-scale MRIs, indicating probability of tumor infiltration

- **Some applications do not require gray-scale voxel information:** skull reconstruction, facial reconstruction



- The role voxel and shape features play remains to be investigated
  - **substance use disorder:** cocaine use disorder, alcohol use disorder
  - **cognitive impairment:** mild cognitive impairment, Alzheimer's disease
  - a combination of voxel and shape features?

## IV. Use Cases 5: Anatomy Education in Augmented Reality (AR)



*first-person*



*third-person (teachers') view*

- Import whole-body anatomies (from a **whole-body segmentation**) into an augmented reality environment
- Anatomies can be disassembled and reassembled (like a lego puzzle), by articulated **hands** or **hand rays**
- Multiuser mode: students (**first-person view**) and teachers (**third-person view**) can share the **same scene**, which makes the teaching experience more realistic
- More details about AR/VR: <https://xrlab.ikim.nyu/>

# IV. Limitations and Future Plans

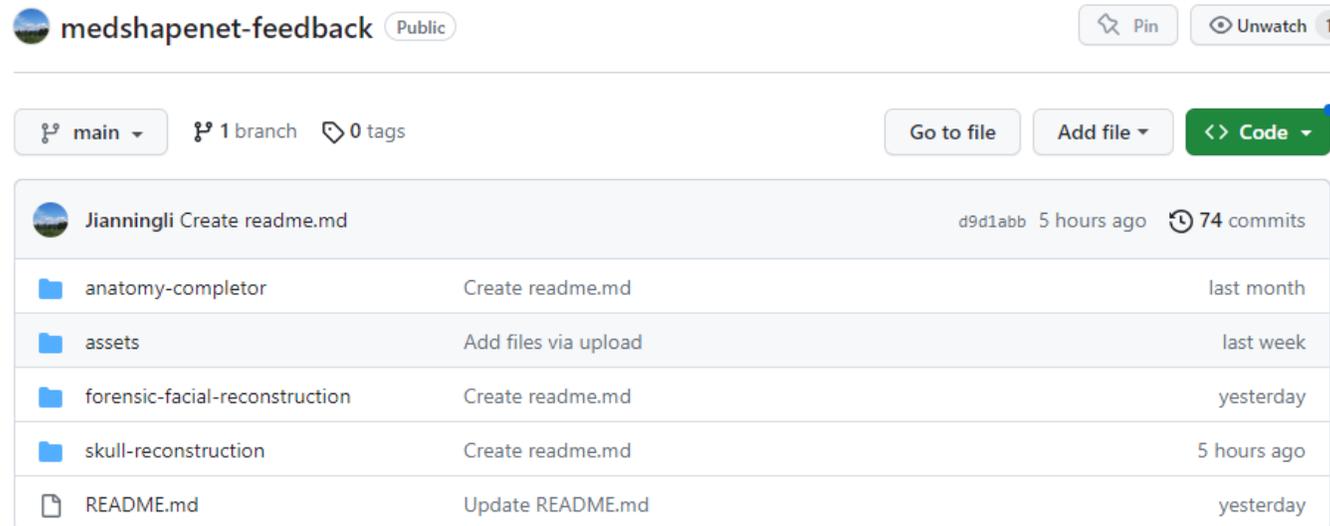
## 1. Shape acquisition & annotation

- Collect more shapes: quality-check of shape data
- Provide more annotations: consistency check
- Redesign the naming convention of the shape files: more compact, informative and descriptive

## 2. Hardware & online interface

- Increase storage to upload more shapes
- Upgrade the hosting server of the online interface to allow larger traffic
- Refine the shape search function: precise search with multiple key words, e.g., “male” + “brain” + “tumor”
- Improve user interface: better appearance and more user-friendly

## 3. Usecases: Establish more use cases and benchmarks



The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the repository 'medshapenet-feedback'. At the top, there's a profile picture, the repository name, and a 'Public' badge. To the right are 'Pin' and 'Unwatch' buttons. Below this, there are navigation options: 'main' (selected), '1 branch', and '0 tags'. There are also buttons for 'Go to file', 'Add file', and 'Code'. The main content area shows a list of files and folders:

File/Folder	Action	Time
anatomy-completor	Create readme.md	last month
assets	Add files via upload	last week
forensic-facial-reconstruction	Create readme.md	yesterday
skull-reconstruction	Create readme.md	5 hours ago
README.md	Update README.md	yesterday

<https://github.com/Jianningli/medshapenet-feedback>

## Community involvement is vital:

- Report corrupted shape data for removal
- Contribute shapes
- Showcase your own research featuring *MedShapeNet*
- Request features of the online interface
- Codes and benchmark datasets of the previously mentioned use cases will be released on this Github repository



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