# CycleMix: A Holistic Strategy for Medical Image Segmentation from Scribble Supervision

# Supplementary Material

Table 1. Application to different mixup methods.

Methods	LV	MYO	RV	Avg					
w/o CycleMix									
MixUp [7]	.804±.152	.715±.129	.774±.158	.765					
CutMix [5]	.767±.237	$.726 \pm .176$	$.784 {\pm} .197$	.759					
Puzzle Mix [3]	.821±.158	$.715 \pm .125$	$.806 \pm .162$	.781					
Co-mixup [2]	.709±.232	$.689 \pm .153$	$.803 {\pm} .097$	.734					
w/ CycleMix									
MixUp [7]	.849±.139	Ż61±.102	$.802 \pm .138$	.804					
CutMix [5]	.835±.183	.771±.166	$.716 \pm .206$	.774					
Puzzle Mix [3]	.880±.115	.825±.072	.860±.089	.855					
Co-mixup [2]	.797±.158	$.735 \pm .109$	.775±.171	.769					

#### A. Extra experiments

We conducted the extensive experiments on the entire training set of ACDC, which includes 70 subjects and corresponding scribble annotations. Firstly, we proved the applicability of CycleMix to various mixup methods. Then, we compared CycleMix to different mixup methods on the entire training dataset of ACDC.

#### A.1. Application to different mixup methods.

Table. 1 presents the performance of different mixup augmentation methods with and without CycleMix on ACDC dataset. CycleMix consistently improved the segmentation results of all listed mixup methods by large margins range from 1.5% to 7.4%. For MixUp, CutMix and Comixup, CycleMix obtained an obvious performance gain of 3.9%, 1.5%, and 3.5%, respectively, demonstrating the applicability of the proposed CycleMix to different mixup augmentation methods. The benefit was even more evident on the Puzzle Mix, where CycleMix boosted the Dice Score to 85.5% with an improvement of 7.4%.

#### A.2. Comparison on the entire ACDC training set

To further validate the effectiveness of proposed CycleMix, we trained CycleMix and mixup baselines on the entire ACDC training dataset of 70 objects. The experiment results are reported in Table. 2. As one can observed, our CycleMix significantly outperformed all baselines trained with scribble annotations. Compared to  $2_{nd}$ best average Dice Score, CycleMix obtained an remarkable performance gain of 5.8% (85.5% vs 79.7%), demonTable 2. Comparison with baselines on entire ACDC training dataset of 70 subjects. For weakly-supervised segmentation, **bold** denotes the best results, <u>underline</u> denotes the second best performance.

Methods	Data	ACDC						
		LV	MYO	RV	Avg			
70 scribbles								
UNet <sup>+</sup> <sub>nce</sub> [4]	scribbles	.808±.161	$.749 {\pm} .099$	.779±.133	.779			
MixUp [7]	scribbles	.804±.152	.715±.129	$.774 \pm .158$	.765			
Cutout [1]	scribbles	.815±.172	.758±.134	.817±.123	.797			
CutMix [5]	scribbles	.767±.237	$.726 \pm .176$	$.784 \pm .197$	.759			
Puzzle Mix [3]	scribbles	.821±.158	$.715 \pm .125$	$.806 \pm .162$	.781			
Co-mixup [2]	scribbles	$.709 \pm .232$	$.689 \pm .153$	$.803 {\pm} .097$	.734			
CycleMix(ours)	scribbles	.880±.115	$.825 {\pm} .072$	.860±.089	.855			
70 masks								
$UNet_F^+$	masks	.883±.130	.831±.093	$.870 {\pm} .096$	.862			
Puzzle $Mix_F$ [2]	masks	$.912 {\pm} .082$	$.842 {\pm} .081$	$.887 {\pm} .066$	.880			



Figure 1. Scribble annotations of MSCMR dataset. The first three cases show the complete heart, including LV, MYO, and RV. The last two cases present scribble annotations when only LV and MYO are visible.

strating the effectiveness of our proposed method. As Table. 2 shows, CycleMix exhibited performance matching the fully-supervised methods.

### **B. Scribble annotations of MSCMR**

On MSCMR LGE dataset, we use ITK-SNAP [6] to manually draw scribbles within the available segmentation masks of MSCMR dataset. The RV, LV and MYO are annotated separately. Considering that the LGE CMR segmentation *per se* is more complex than images from ACDC, we additionally draw a scribble of background to outline the heart. More scribble annotations are visualized in Figure. 1.

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