

# Boosting Semantic Segmentation of Historical Maps with Self-Supervised Vision Transformers

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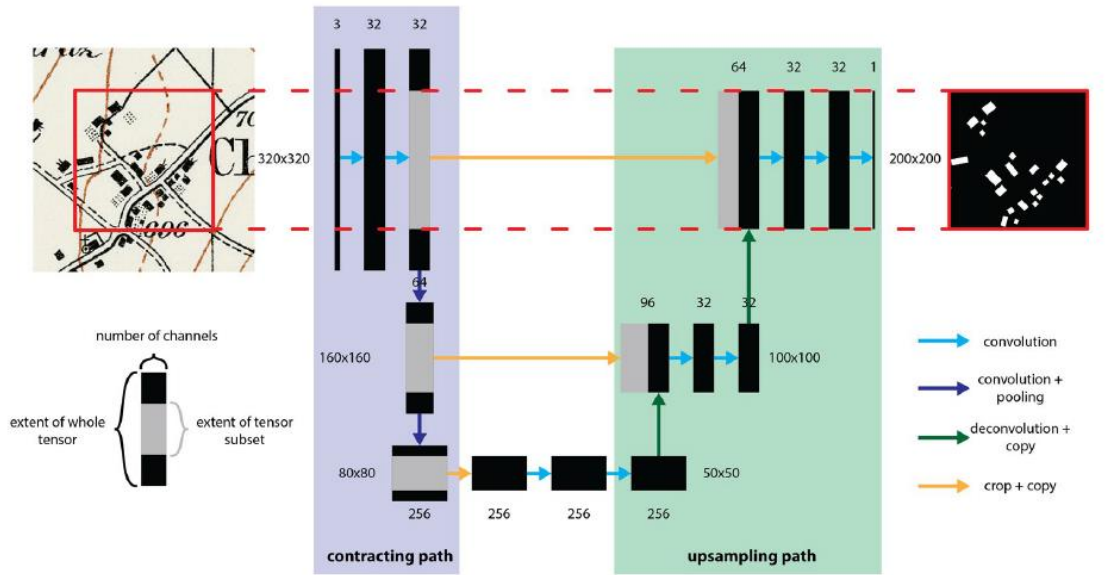
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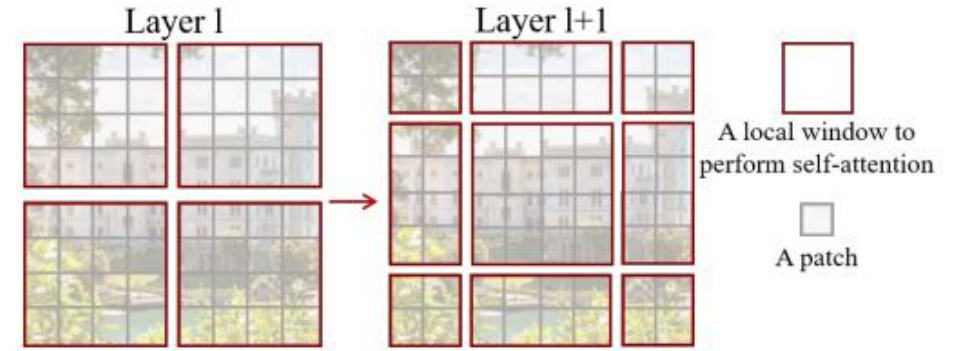
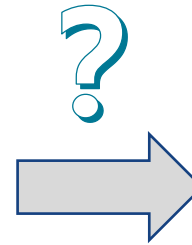


# Background and goals



(Heitzler & Hurni, 2020)

## CNNs



(Liu et al., 2021)

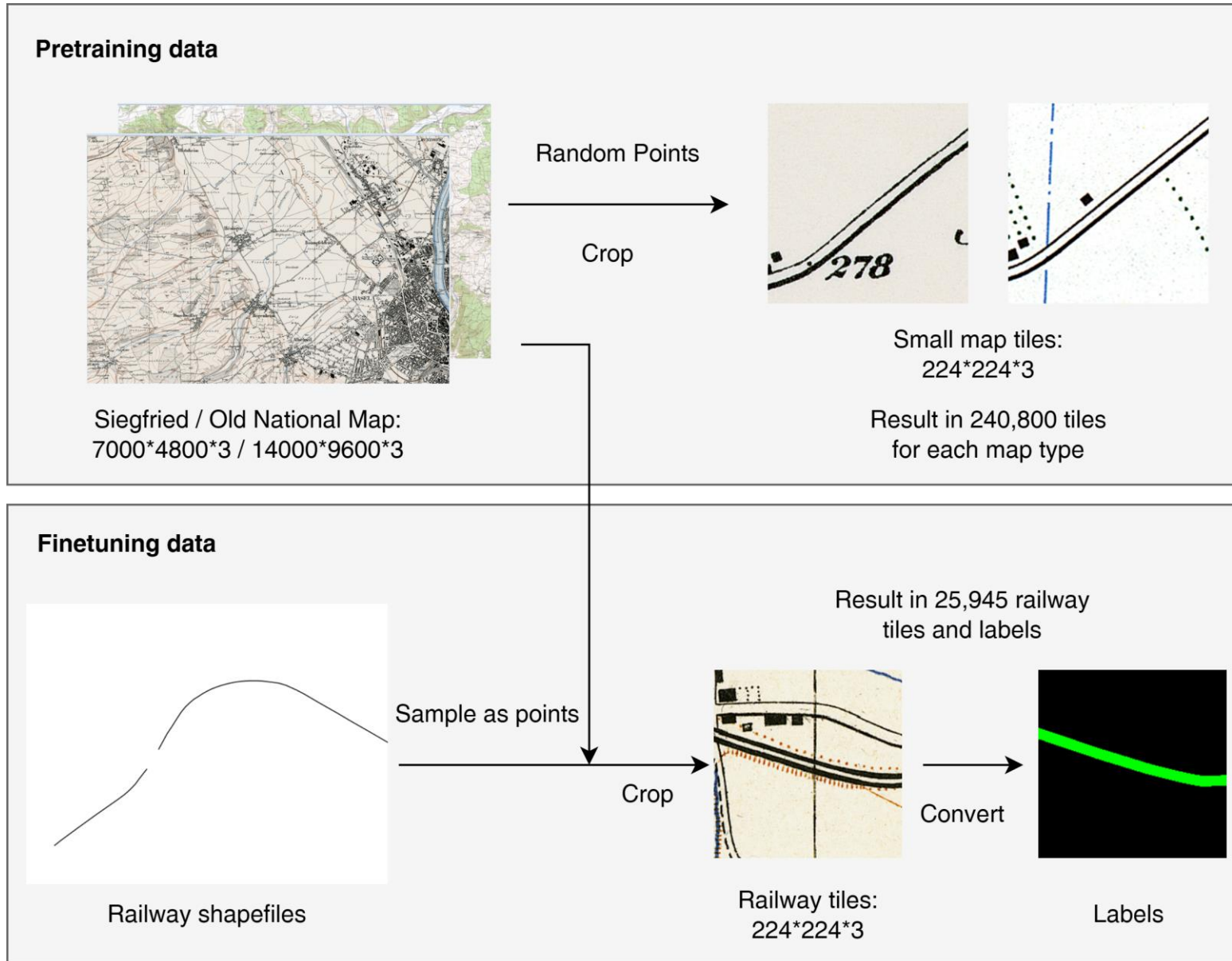
## Swin Transformer



(Understanding Contrastive Learning)

## Contrastive Learning

# Data

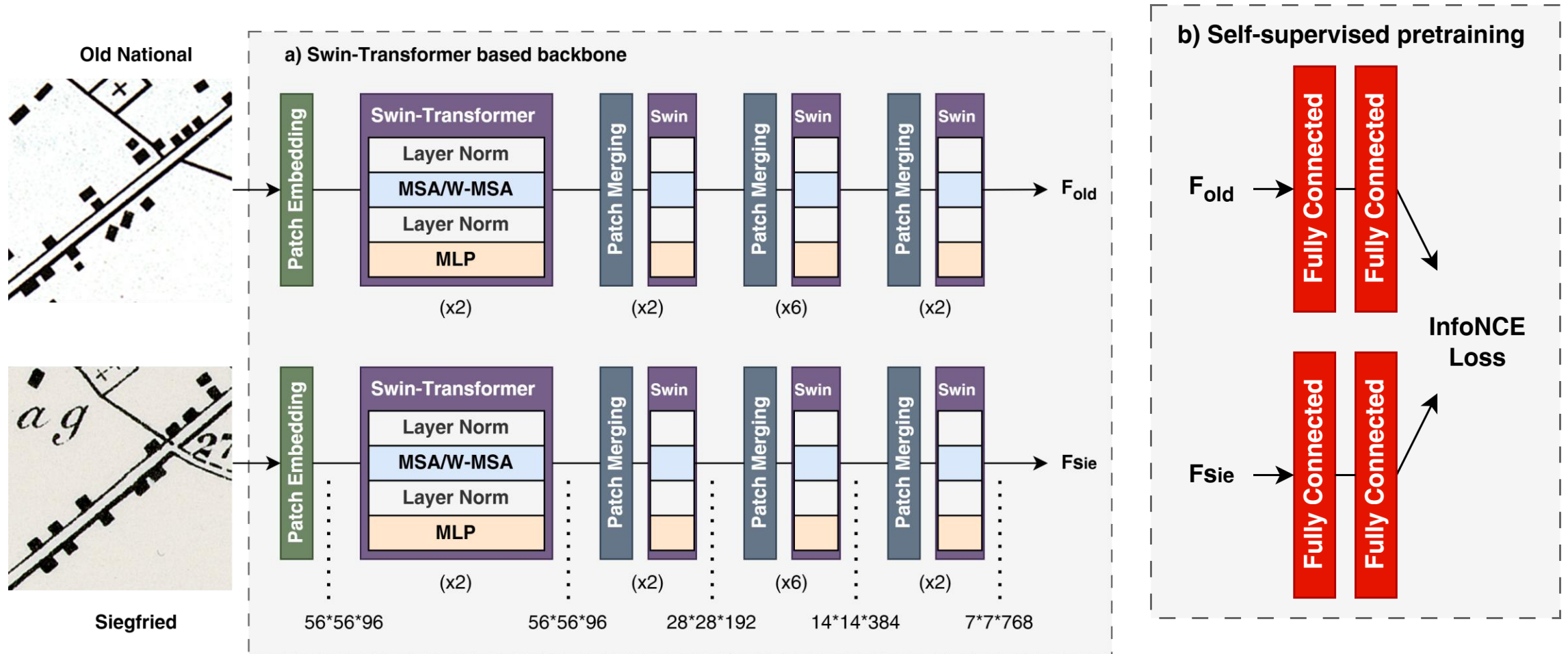


Also mixed with  
road tiles.

Small datasets are  
also prepared  
(10%, 5%, 2.5%)

# Methodology

## ➤ Pretraining part



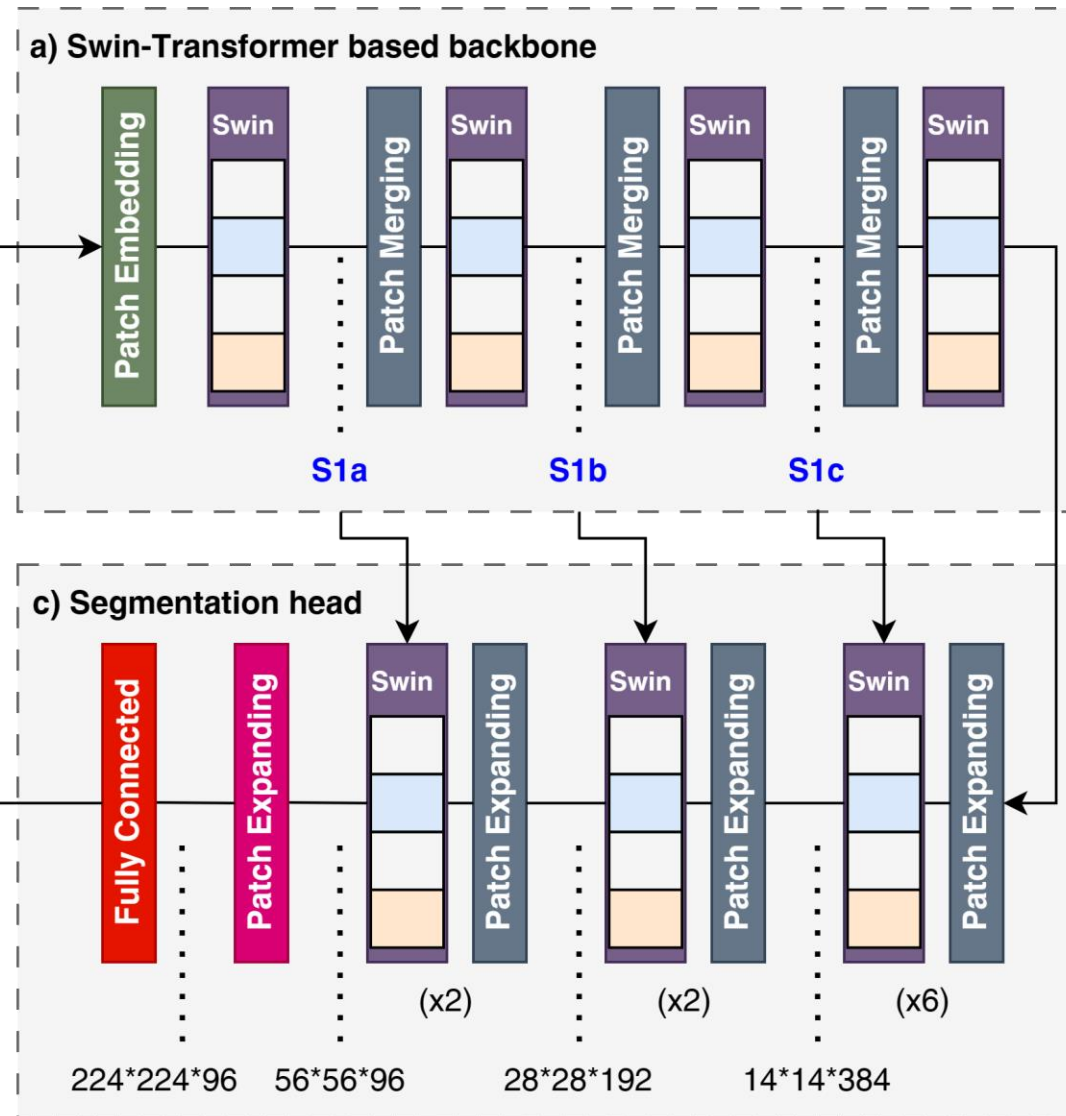
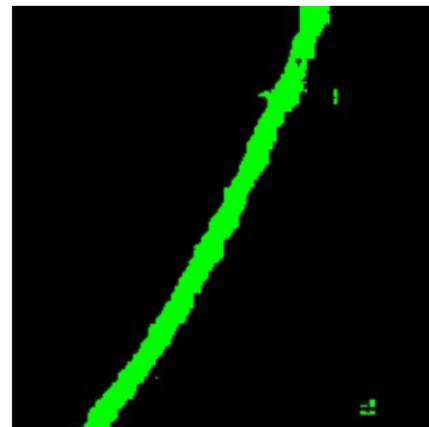
(Chen et al., 2020; Liu et al., 2021; Scheibenreif et al., 2022)

# Methodology

## ➤ Finetuning part



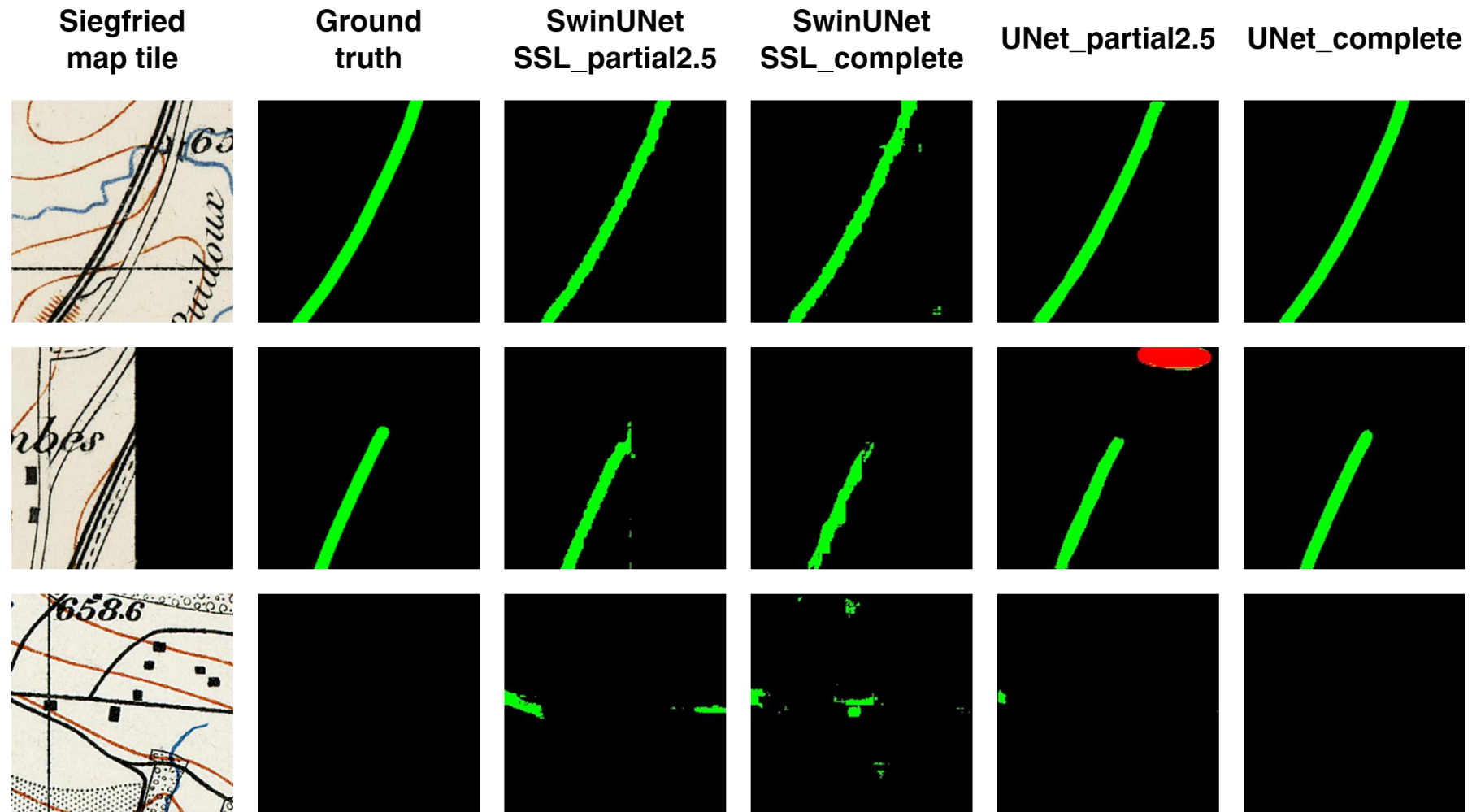
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(Cao et al., 2021)

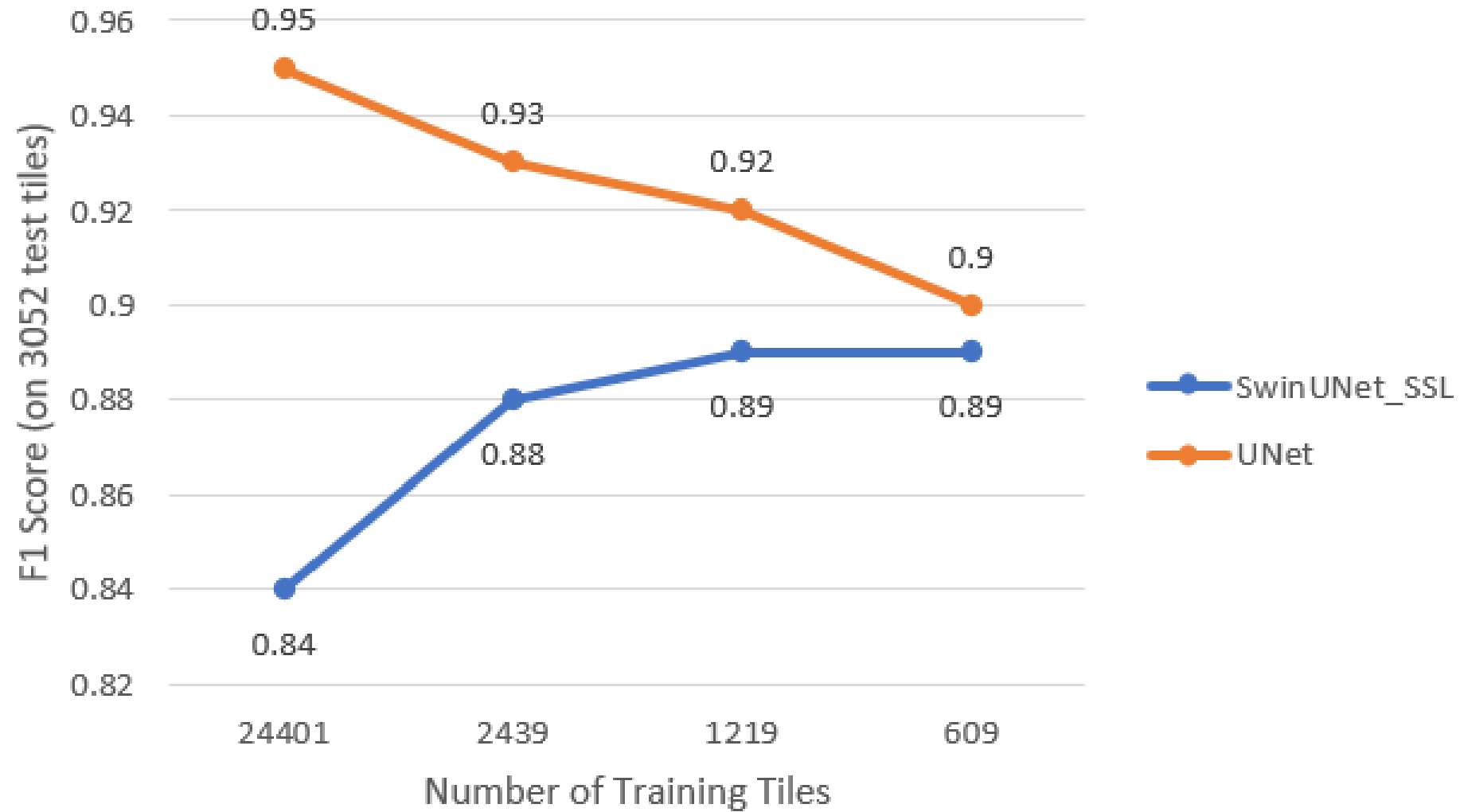


# Result and discussion



Model performance on the semantic segmentation of normal railways

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# Conclusion and future directions

## Strength

- Good performance with small training dataset
- Efficient training speed

## Limitation

- Fair performance with large training dataset
- Difficulty in handling imbalanced training classes

## Future directions

- Improve SimCLR performance (batch size + data augmentation)
- Explore alternative pretraining strategies (BEiT or MAE)
- Adopt different loss functions during finetuning (focal loss)

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