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Modified U-Net Based Covid-19 Lesion Segmentation Using CT Scans

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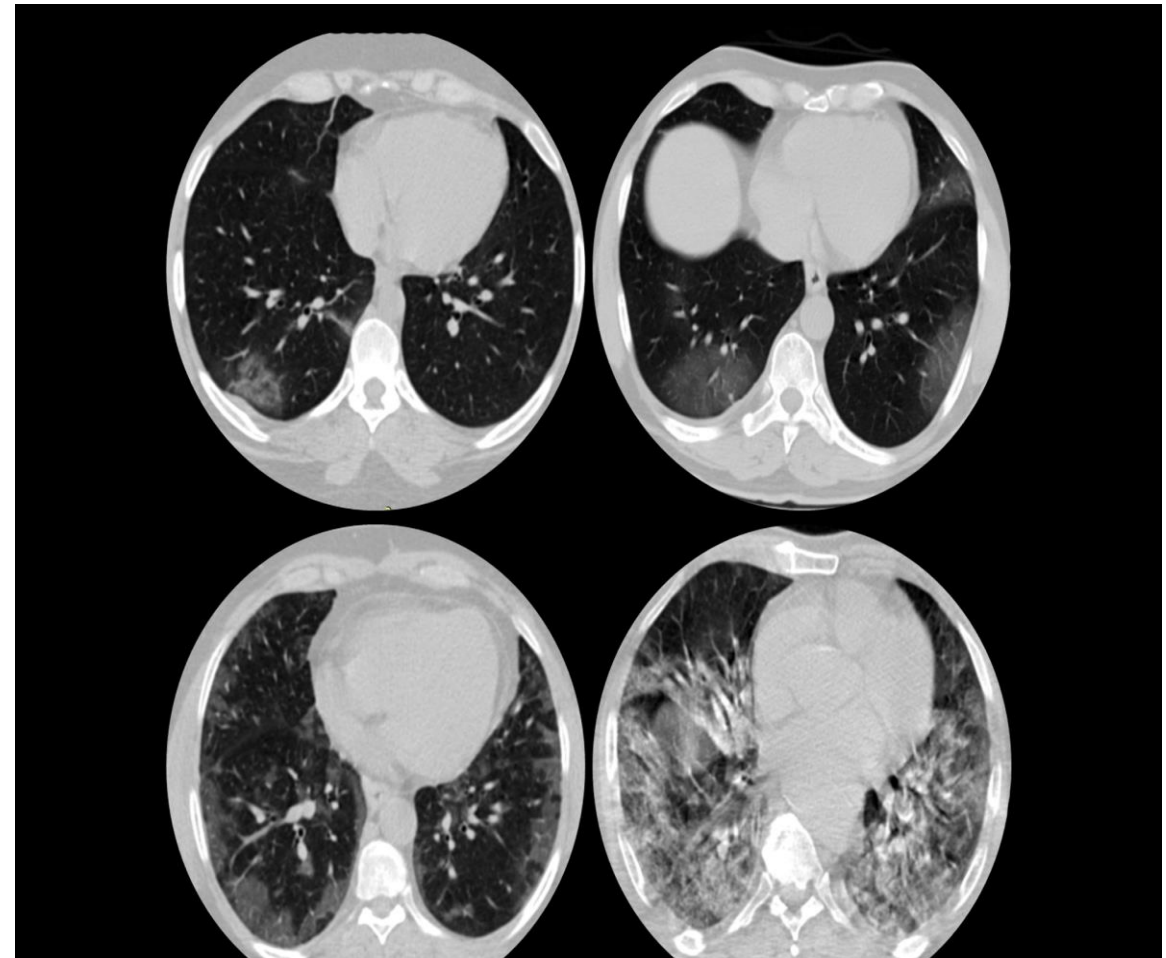
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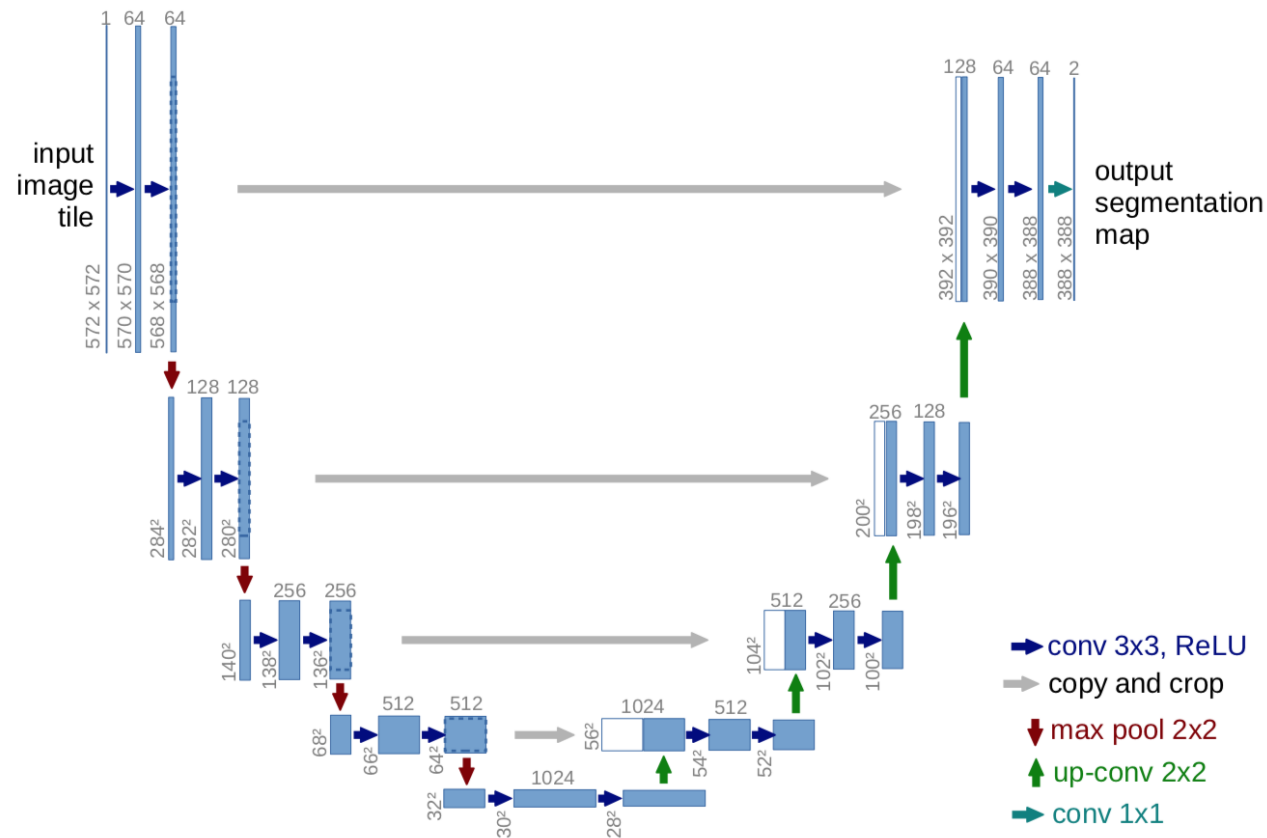
Covid-19 Lesions – CT Scans

- Lesions Detection & Segmentation – Extend and Severity of the disease
- Manual Segmentation of lesion CT – Tedious
- Objective → Automated Segmentation of lesions in CT slices
 - 2D framework – Less computational complexity



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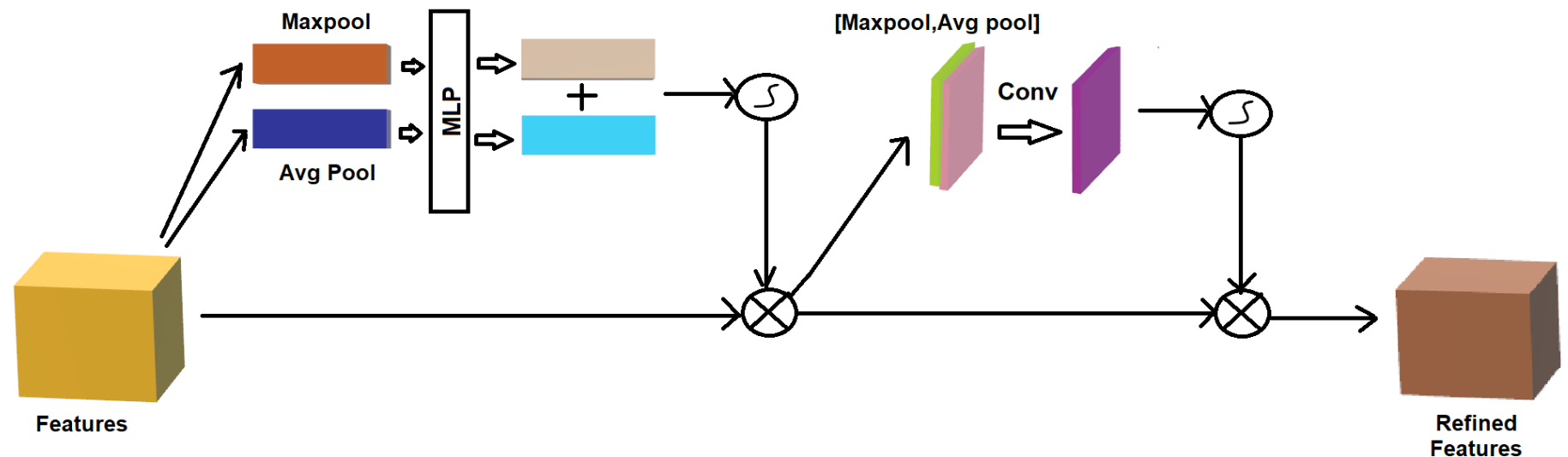


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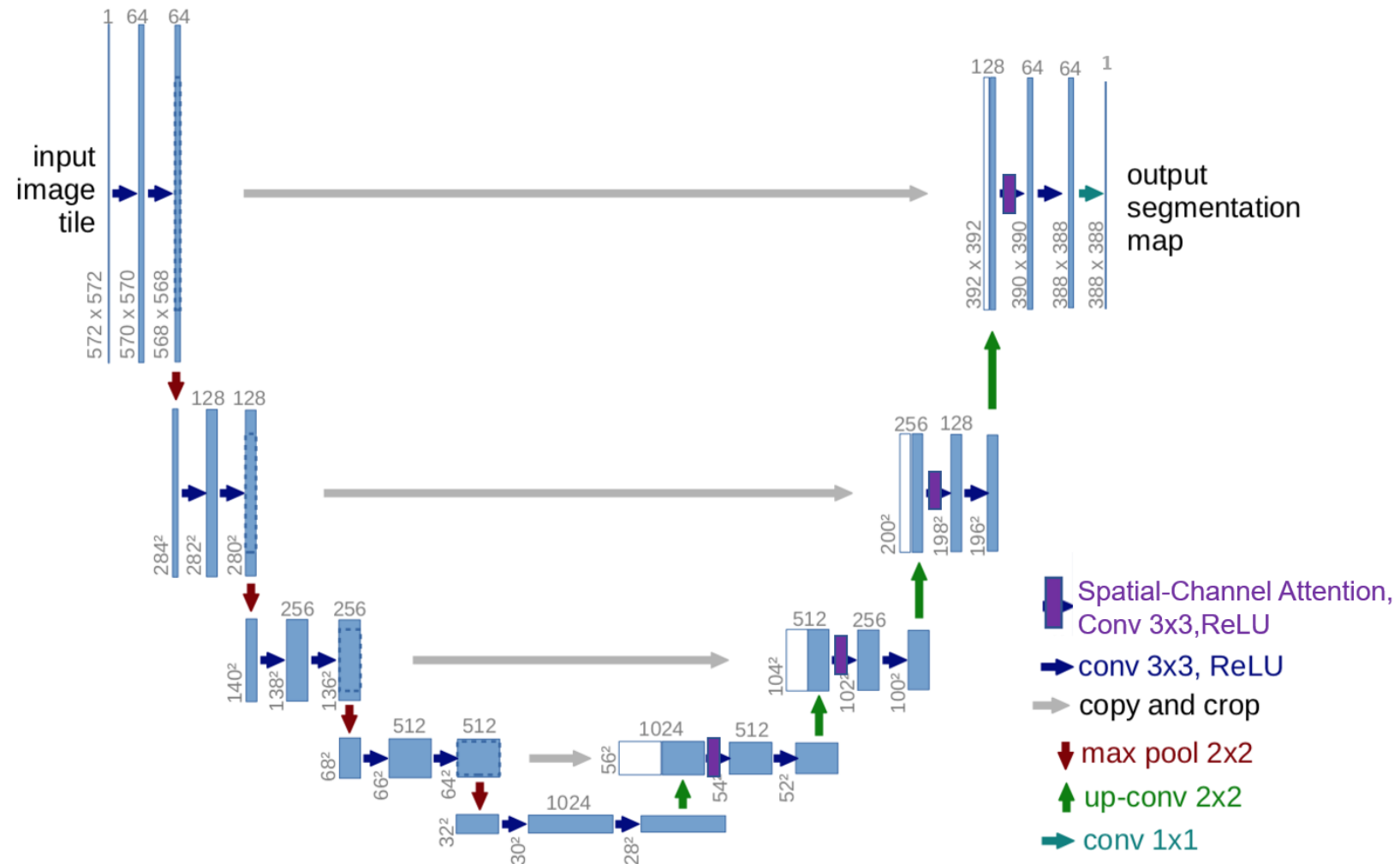
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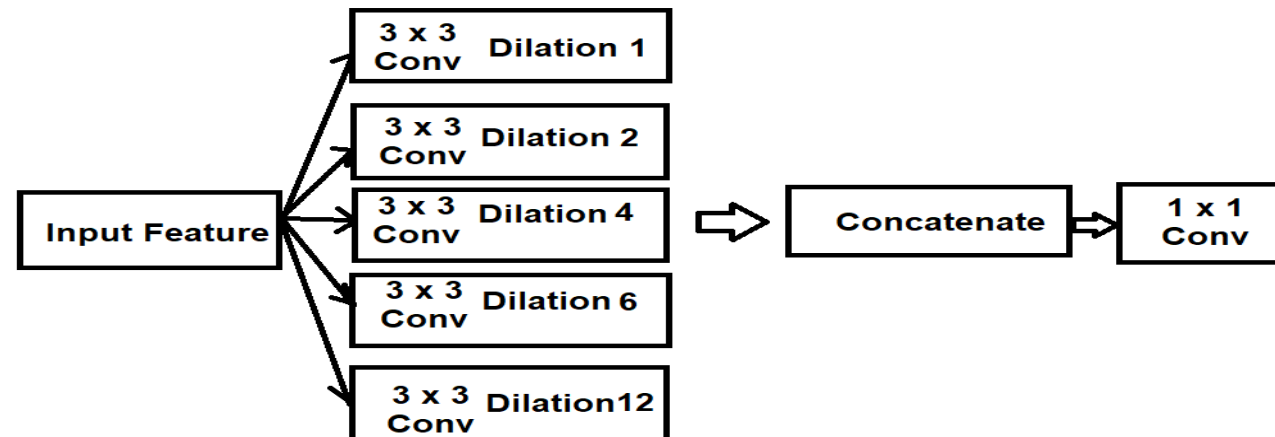
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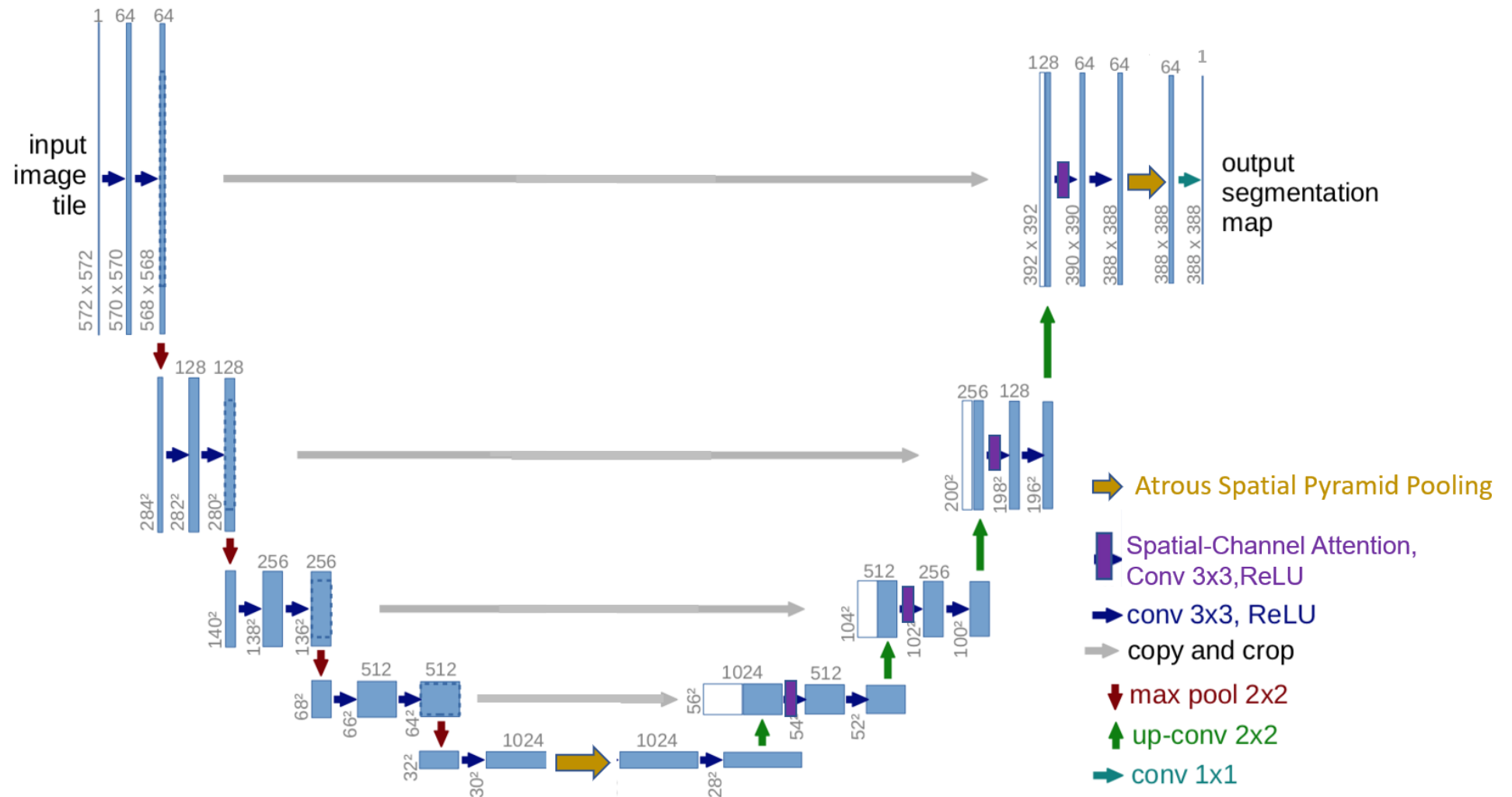
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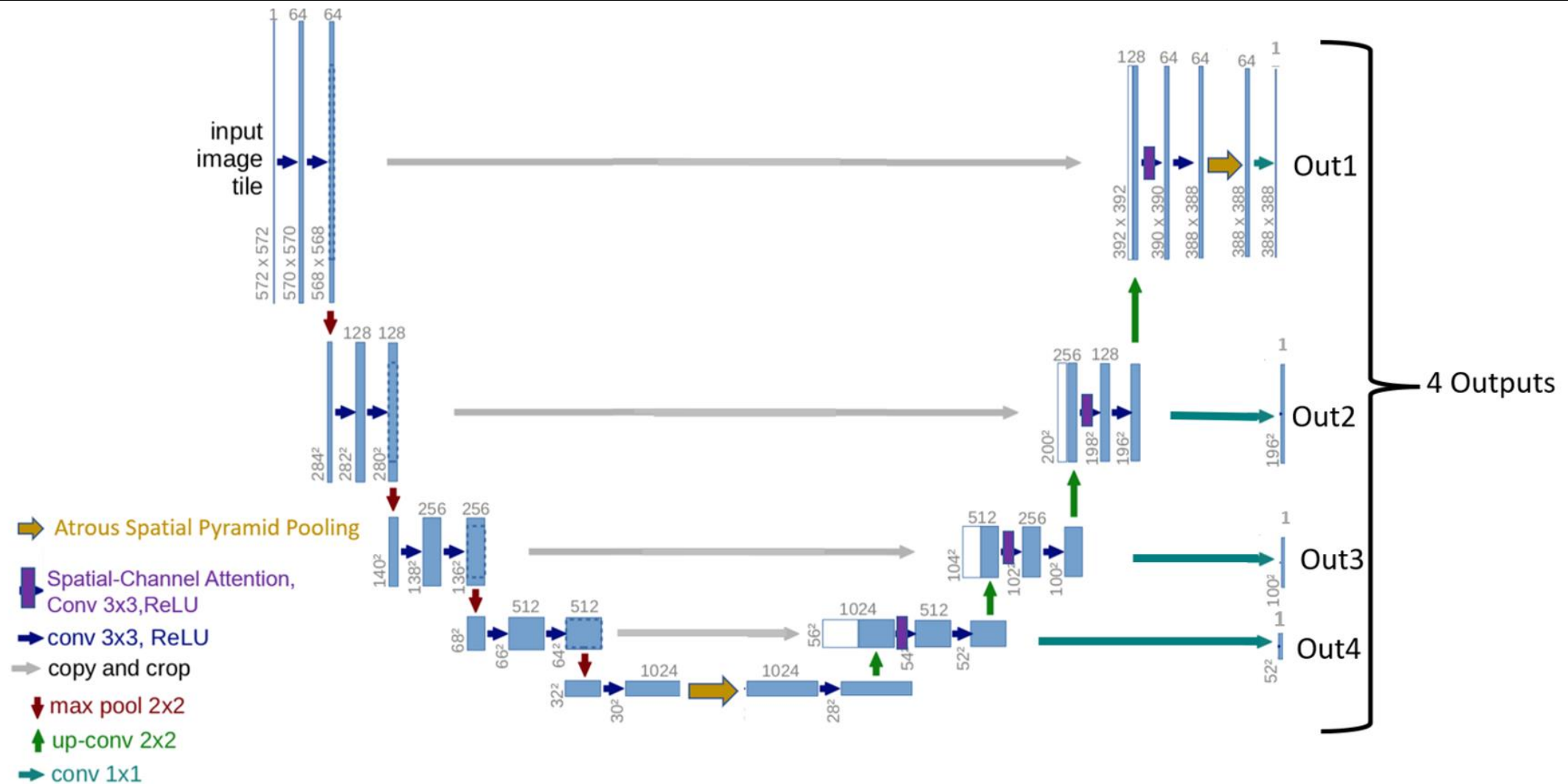
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Deep Supervision (lesion focus, less error propagation)

- At different stages of decoder path
- Helps prevent error propagation from lower layers of decoders to higher layers and help in tuning the lower layers of decoder to focus on the lesions

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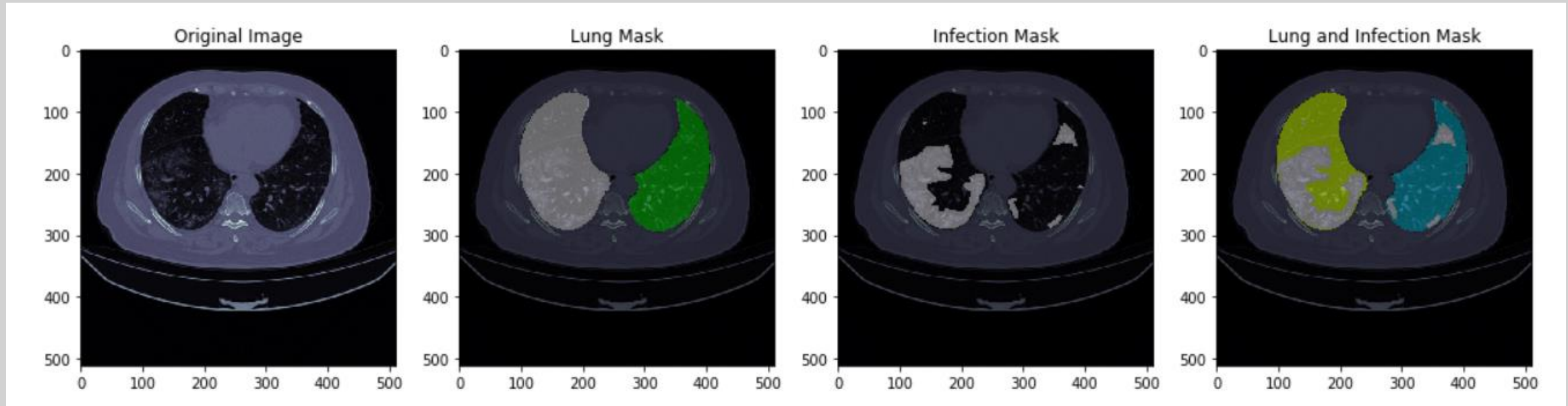


Overall Loss function

- Focal Tversky loss
- Overall Loss = $0.5 * D1 + 0.2 * D2 + 0.2 * D3 + 0.1 * D4$
- D1 – TL of Final output (Out1) of the model
- D2 – FTL of Out2
- D3 – FTL of Out3
- D4 – FTL of Out4

COVID-19 CT Lung and Infection Segmentation Dataset

- Two data → .nii
 - 1) Coronacases – 512*512 (160~250 slices)
 - 2) Radiopedia – 630*630 (60~160 slices)
- Labels : a) right lung, left lung
b) infection



MOSMED CT-Scan data (Russian database)

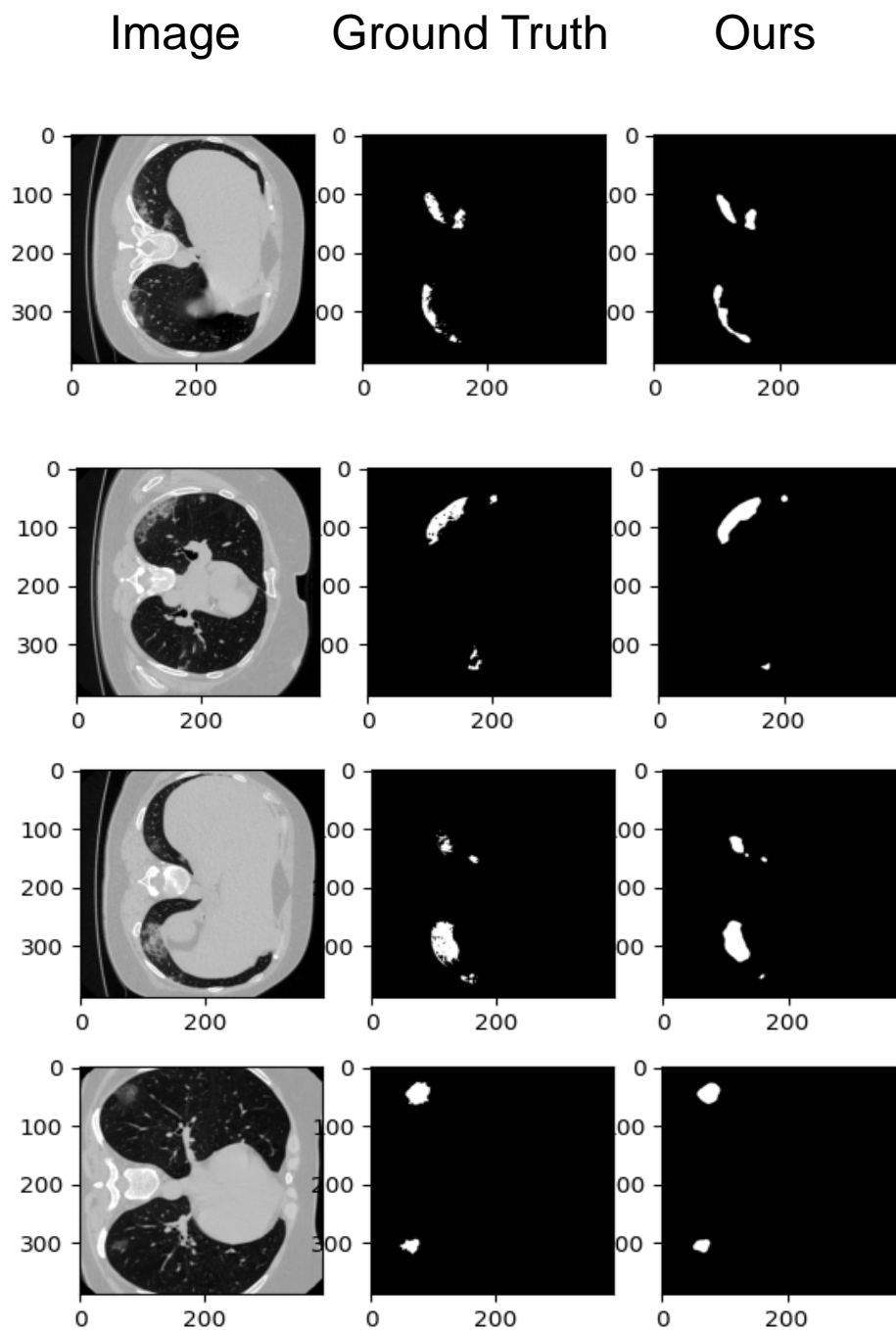
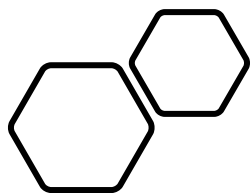
- MOSMED data → .nii format, 1100 subjects
 - CT-0 : Normal CT scan of 254 subjects
 - CT-1 : 684 positive subjects with Ground Glass Opacity (GGO), <25% involvement of lung parenchyma (50 subjects annotated for lesions)
 - CT-2 : 125 positive subjects with GGO, 25% - 50% involvement of lung parenchyma
 - CT-3 : 45 positive subjects with GGO and consolidation, 50%-75% involvement of lung parenchyma
 - CT-4 : 2 positive subjects with GGO, Consolidation and reticular changes, >75% involvement of lung parenchyma

Literature Results on Mosmed data

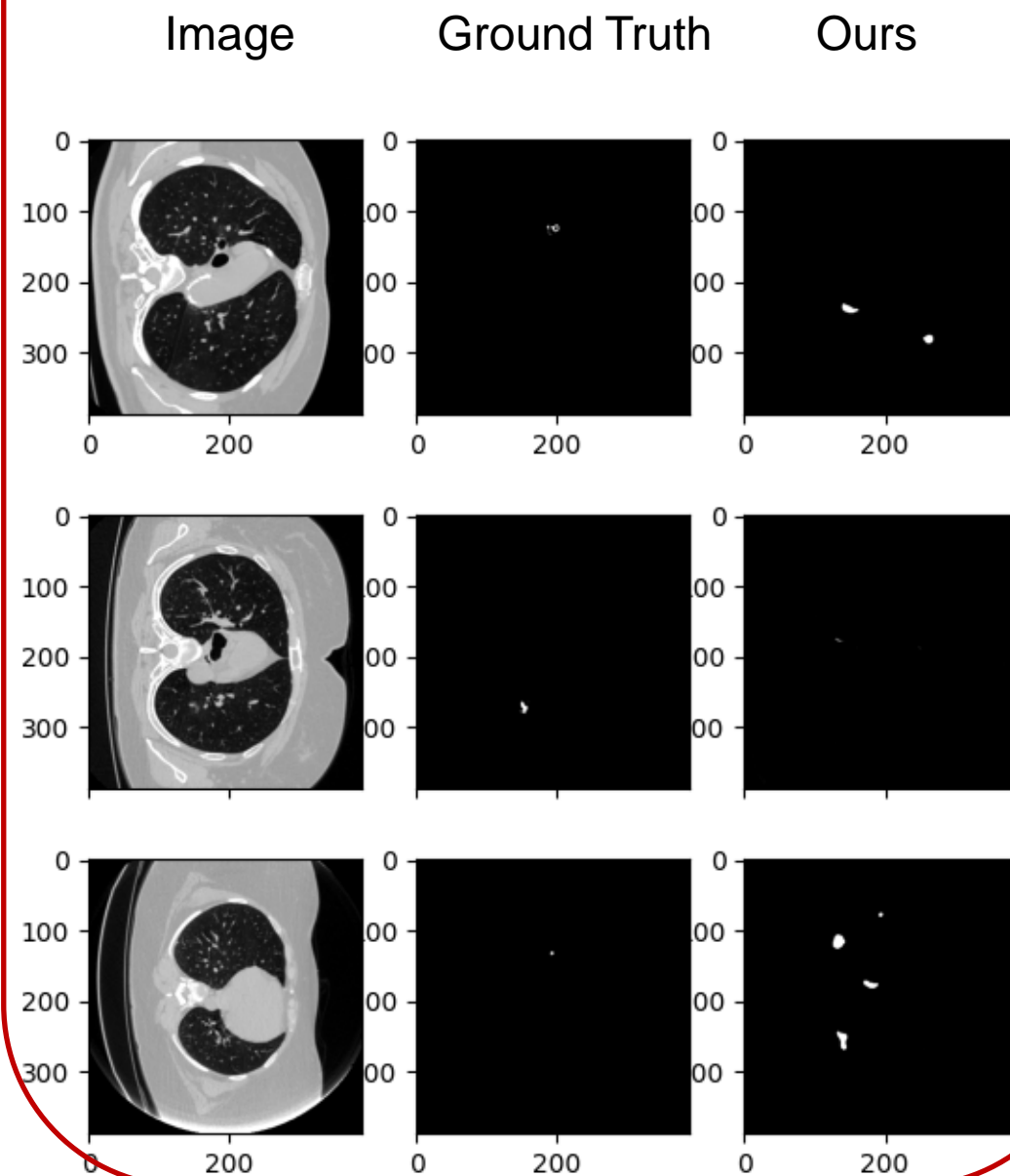
- Challenges – too small lesions, easily missed by most algorithms
- Limited works test on Mosmed data due to its difficult to segment lesions

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- All images are contrast adjusted
- Augmentation:
 - Horizontal and vertical flip
 - Rotation 90 (Clockwise/anti-clockwise)



Failed Cases



Abalation Studies

Network	Mean Dice Score
Unet + Attn	0.52
Unet+Attn+ASPP	0.54
Unet + Attn+DS	0.55
Ours (Unet+Attn+ASPP+DS)	0.57

Weights in Loss Function



- $0.5 * D1 + 0.2 * D2 + 0.2 * D3 + 0.1 * D4 \rightarrow$ Dice Score of 0.57
- $0.25 * D1 + 0.25 * D2 + 0.25 * D3 + 0.25 * D4 \rightarrow$ Dice Score of 0.51
- $0.9 * D1 + 0.05 * D2 + 0.03 * D3 + 0.02 * D4 \rightarrow$ Dice Score of 0.55

Comparison
with other
works

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Proposed	U-Net + Attention+ASPP + Deep Supervision	0.57

Conclusion

- Work presents a U-Net based segmentation framework incorporating Spatial-Channel Attention to extract rich contextual information and Atrous Spatial Pyramid Pooling to provide a wider receptive field to enhance localization of lesions.
- Deep Supervision is used to tune the decoder to focus on the lesions.
- Mean Dice score of 0.57 → effectiveness of the framework in segmenting hard ROIs of Mosmed data.
- The framework needs to be analyzed further using patch based and volumetric segmentation to improve the overall performance.

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