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Deep Learning Segmentation for Nucleus Detection

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2. Instance and Semantic segmentation - application to the problem
3. U-Net and Mask R-CNN architecture
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6. Summary



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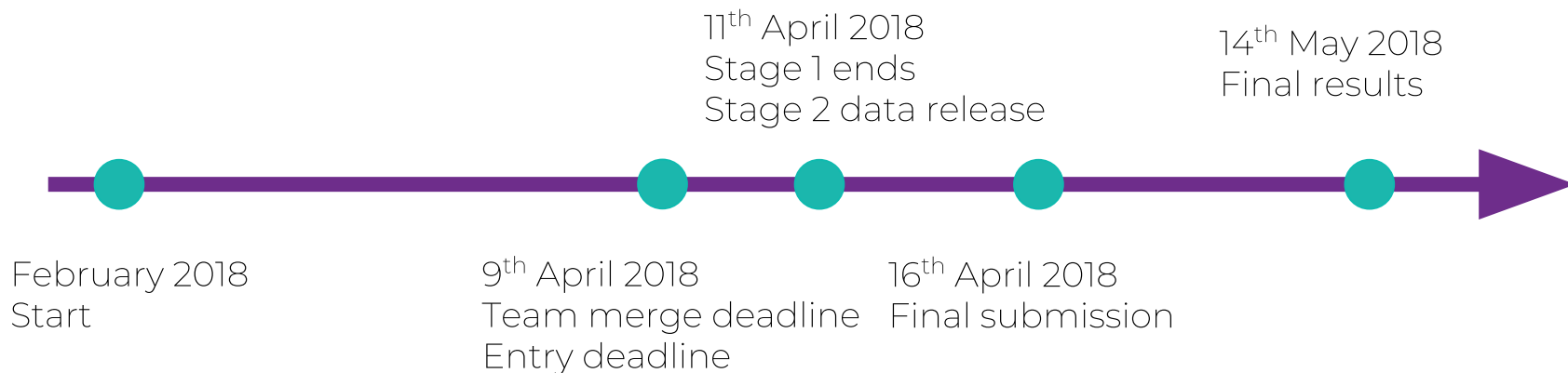
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Timeline

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Nucleus detection problem

Motivation

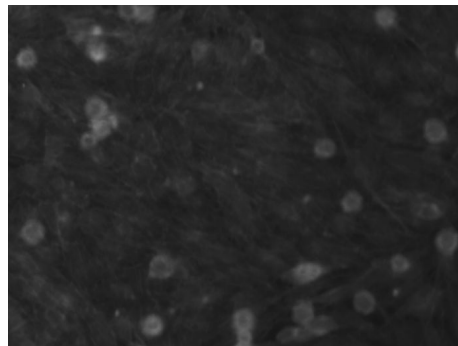
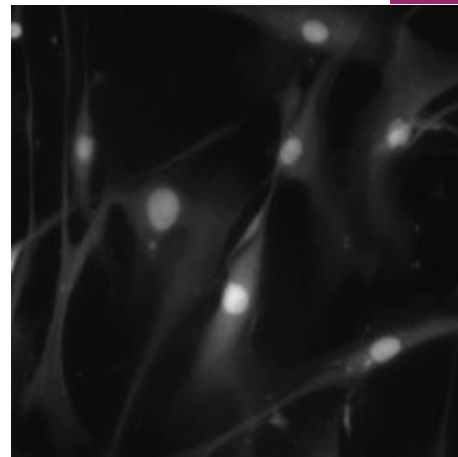
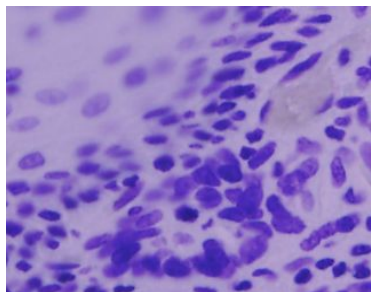
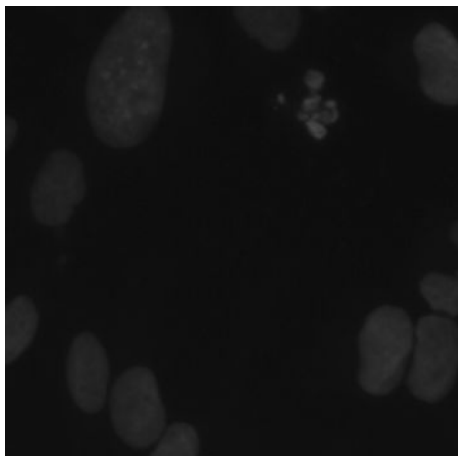
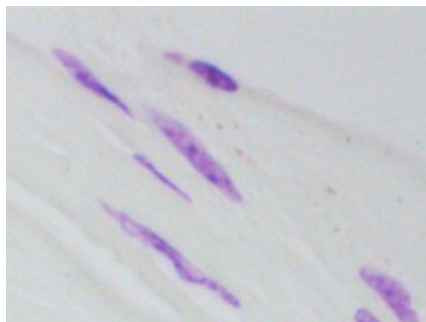
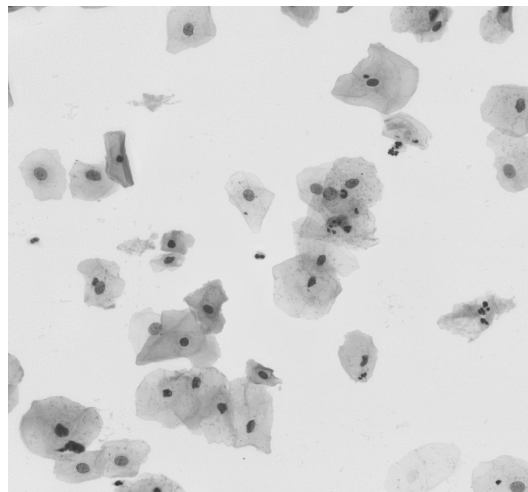


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Nucleus detection problem

Dataset: 670 images for training

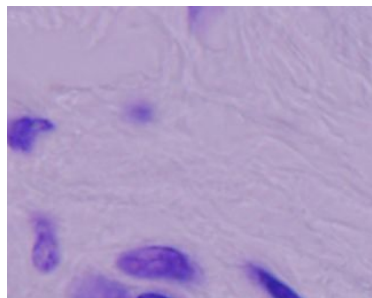
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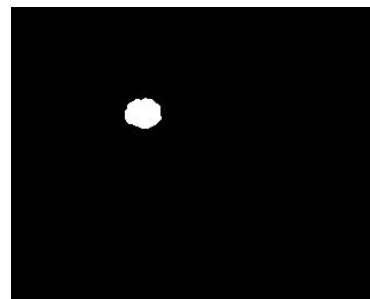
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Definition



Where is the nuclei? Which pixel corresponds to it?



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Evaluation

Mean Average Precision at different Intersection over Union (IoU) $IoU(A, B) = \frac{A \cap B}{A \cup B}$

Threshold for IoU, t : $\{0.5, 0.55, 0.6, 0.65, 0.7, 0.75, 0.8, 0.85, 0.9, 0.95\}$

For each threshold t :
$$\frac{TP(t)}{TP(t) + FP(t) + FN(t)}$$

True positive is when the IoU is above the threshold

False positive is when the predicted object has no associated ground truth object

False negative is when the ground truth object has no associated predicted object.

The average precision of a single image is then calculated as the mean of the above

precision values at each IoU threshold:
$$\frac{1}{|thresholds|} \sum_t \frac{TP(t)}{TP(t) + FP(t) + FN(t)}$$

Overall score is the mean from all images

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Semantic segmentation

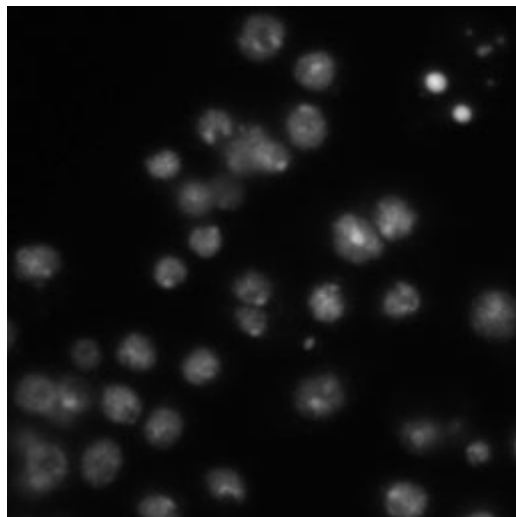


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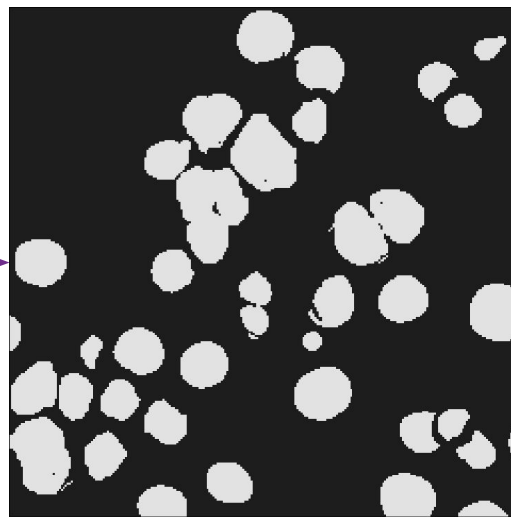
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Image



Mask

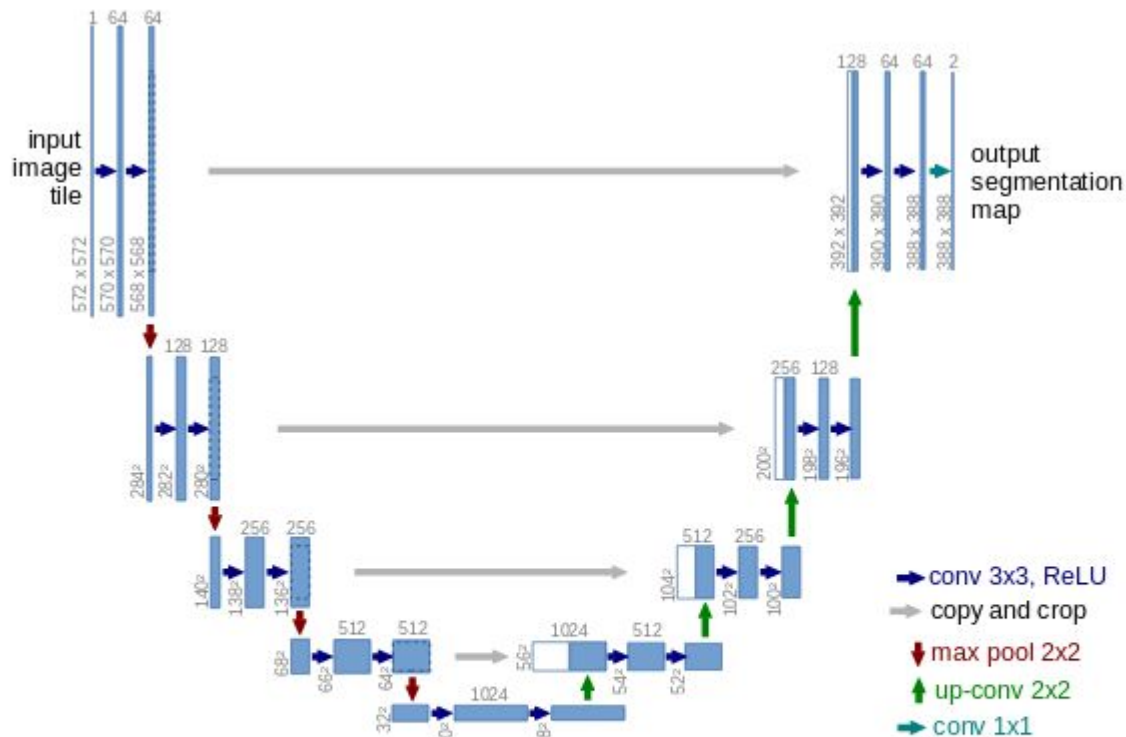


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U-Net

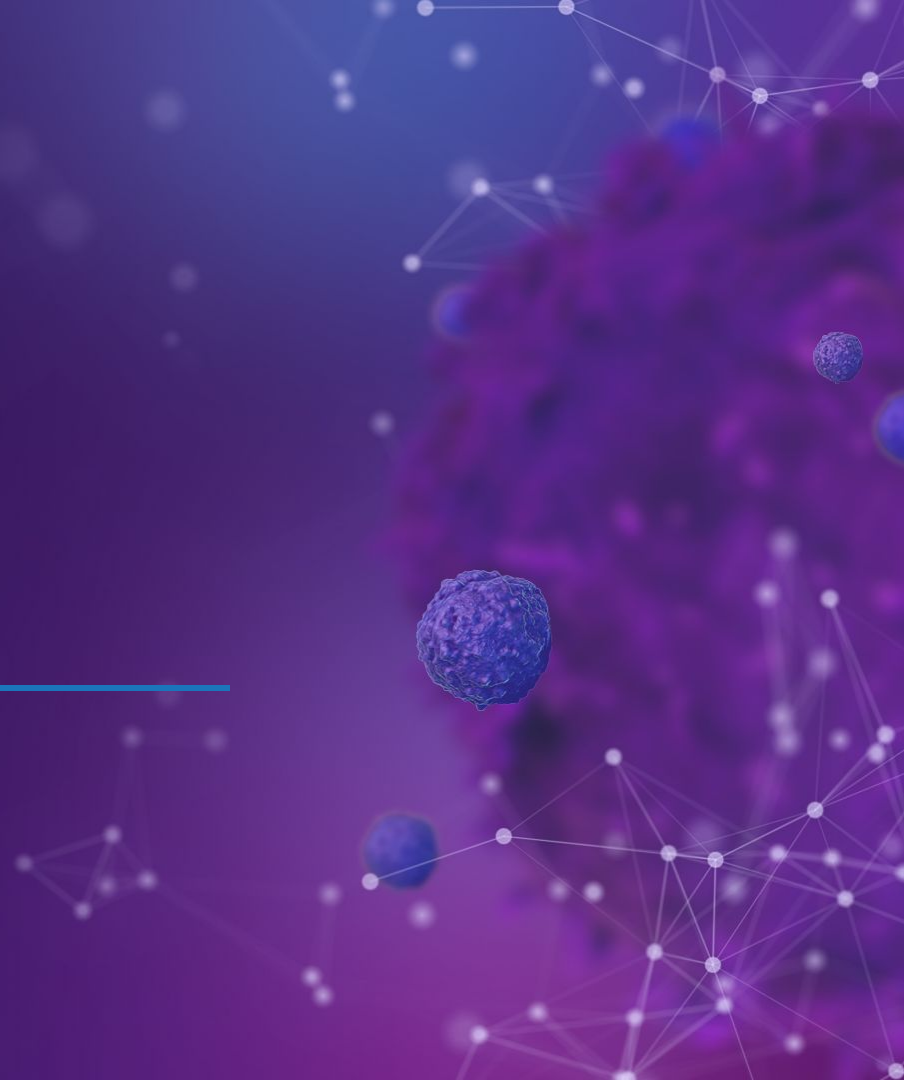
Semantic Segmentation algorithm

U-Net Architecture



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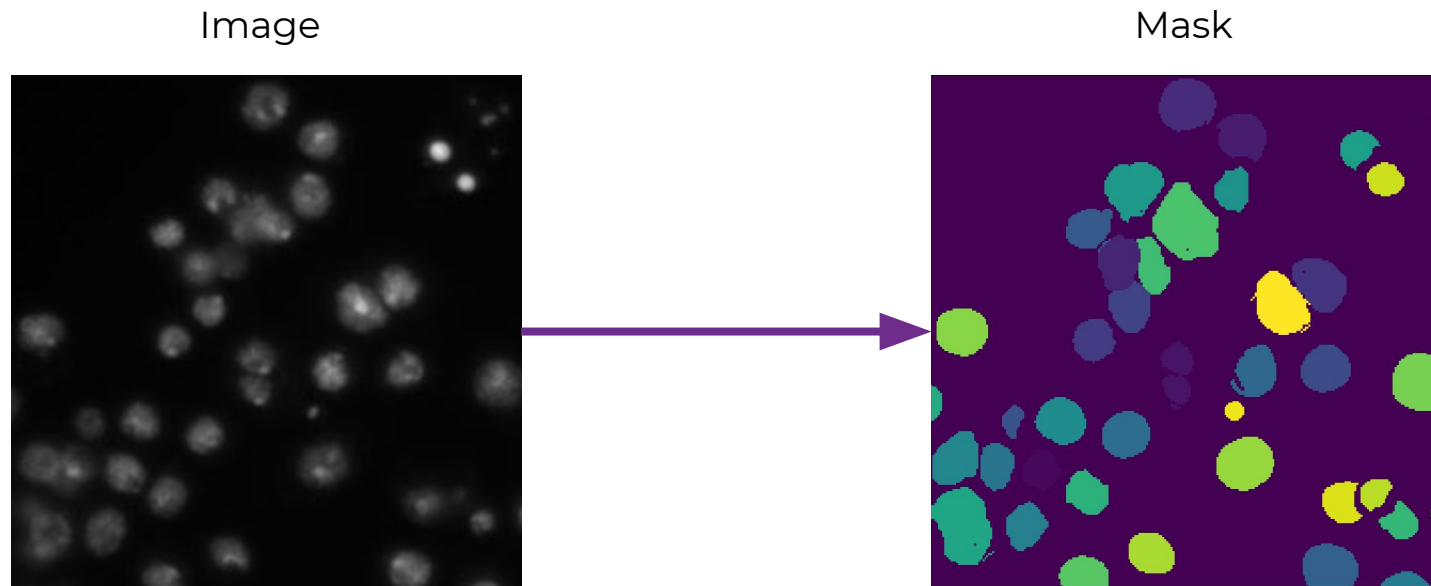
Instance segmentation



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Instance



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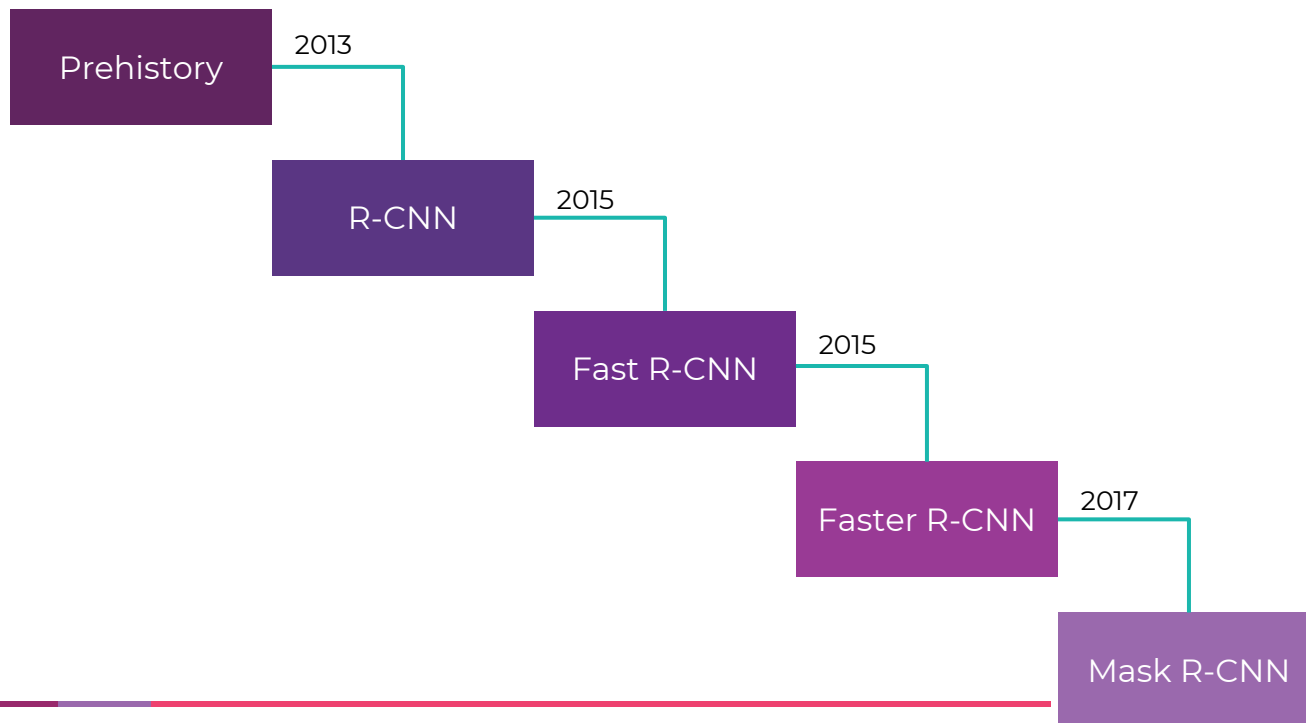
Mask R-CNN

Instance Segmentation algorithm

Mask R-CNN

History of the model

Milestones leading to Mask R-CNN developed by Facebook AI:



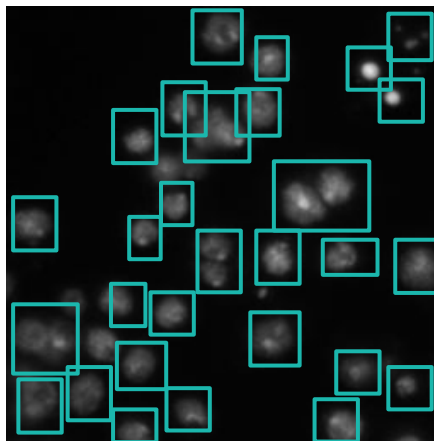
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R-CNN

Key steps of the model:

- Region proposals (Selective Search)
- Feature extraction (AlexNet)
- Classifiers (SVM)

Image with
Region
Proposals

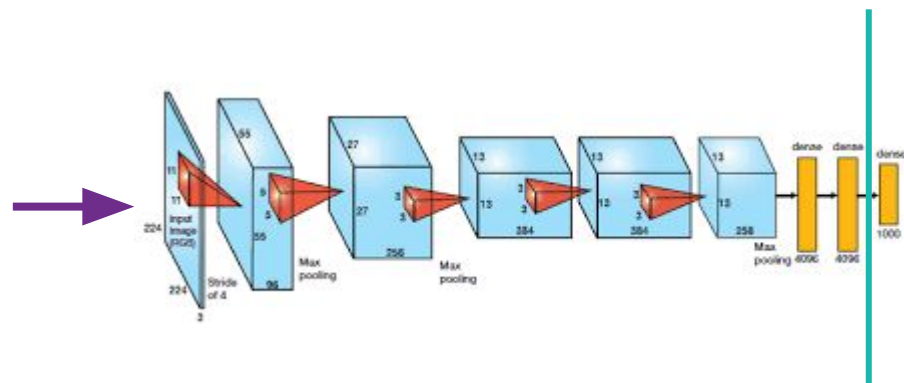
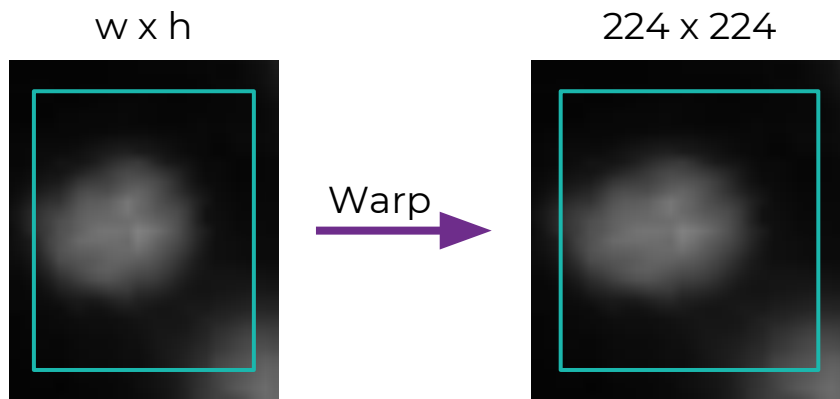


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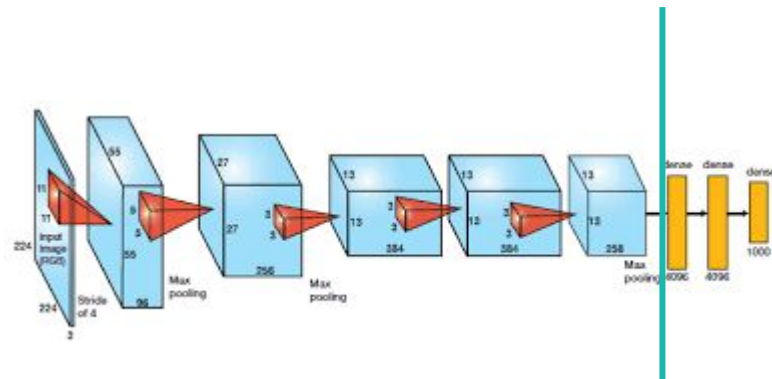
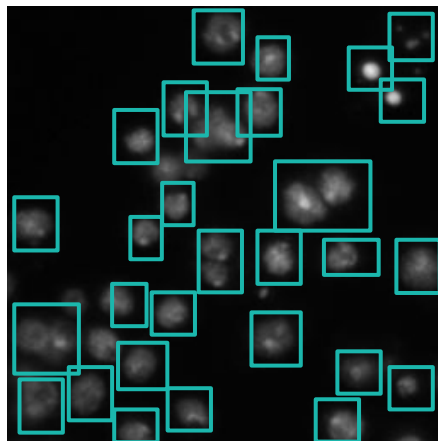
Mask R-CNN

Fast R-CNN

Enhancement:

- Whole image is passed to a network
- End to end training

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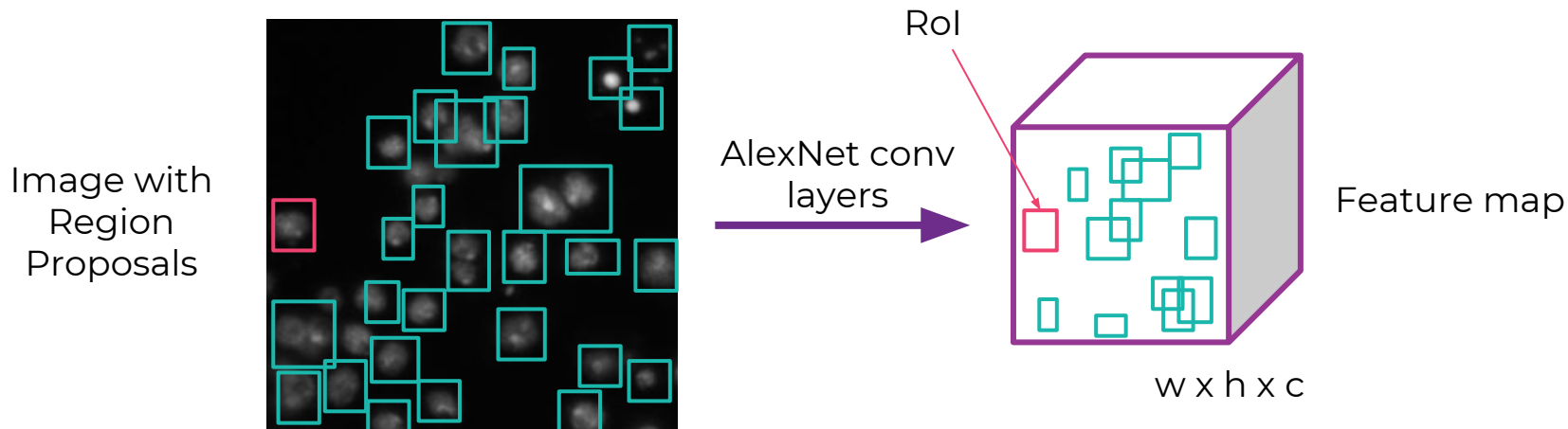


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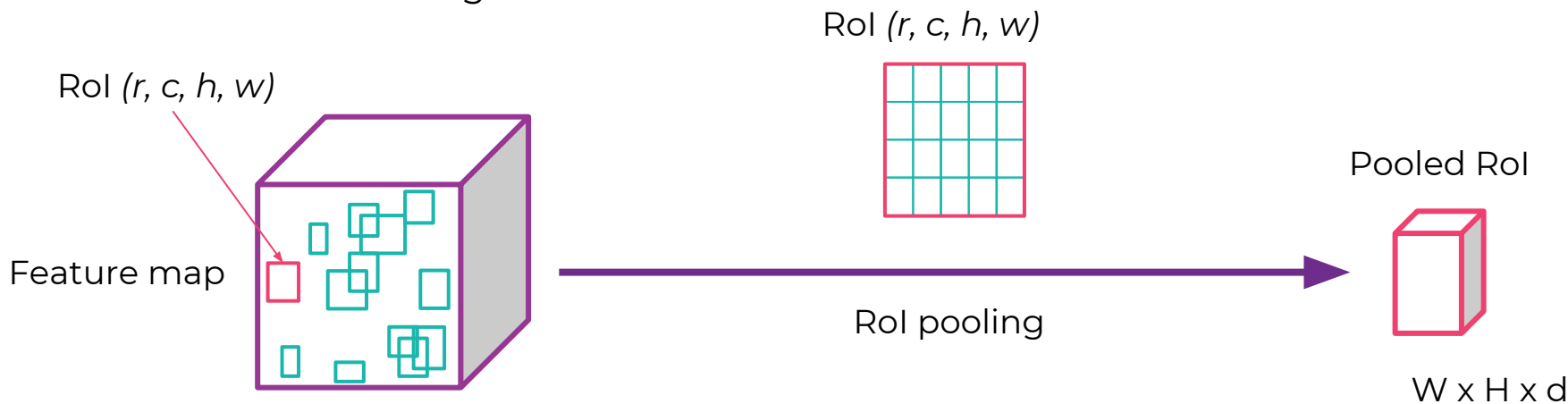
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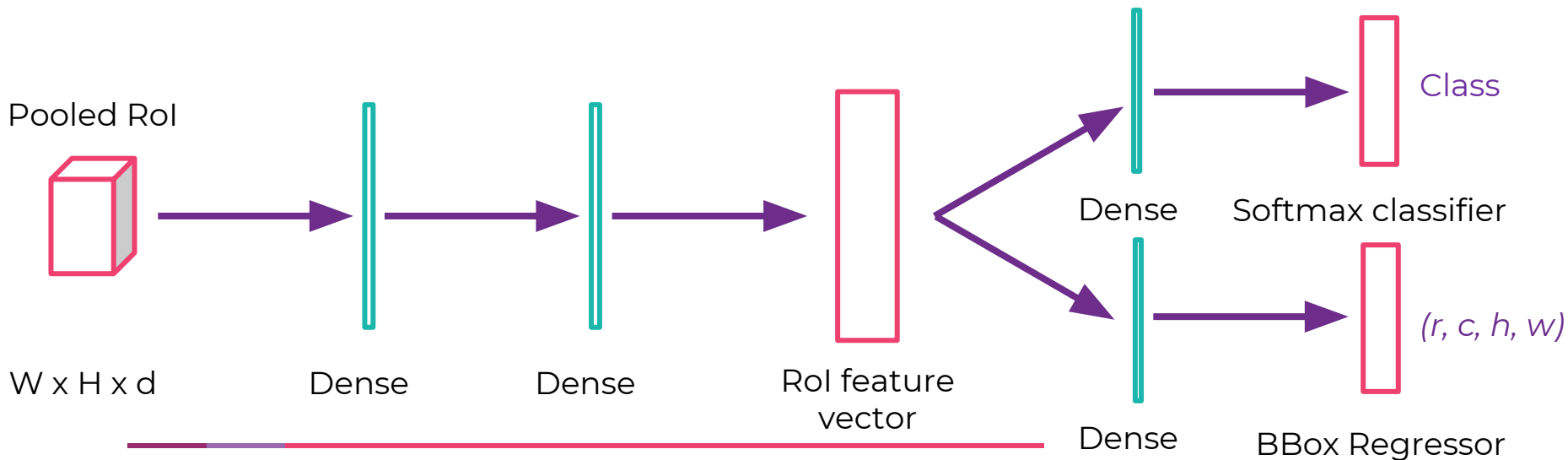
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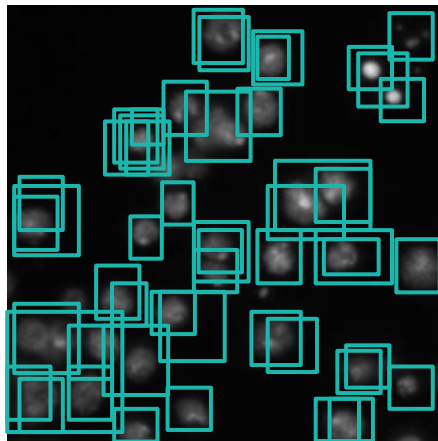
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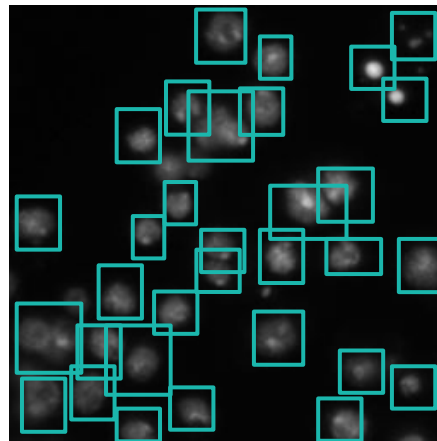
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NMS
IoU threshold



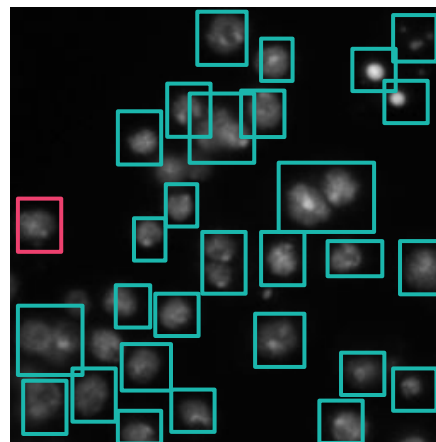
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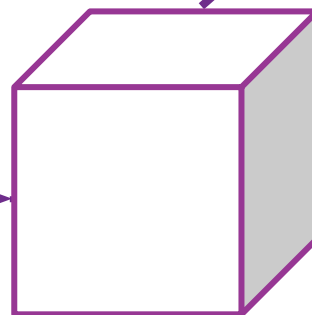
Enhancement:

- Region Proposal Network
- Anchors



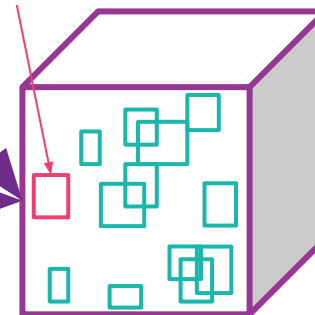
FCN

AlexNet
conv
layers



Feature map
 $w \times h \times c$

RoI



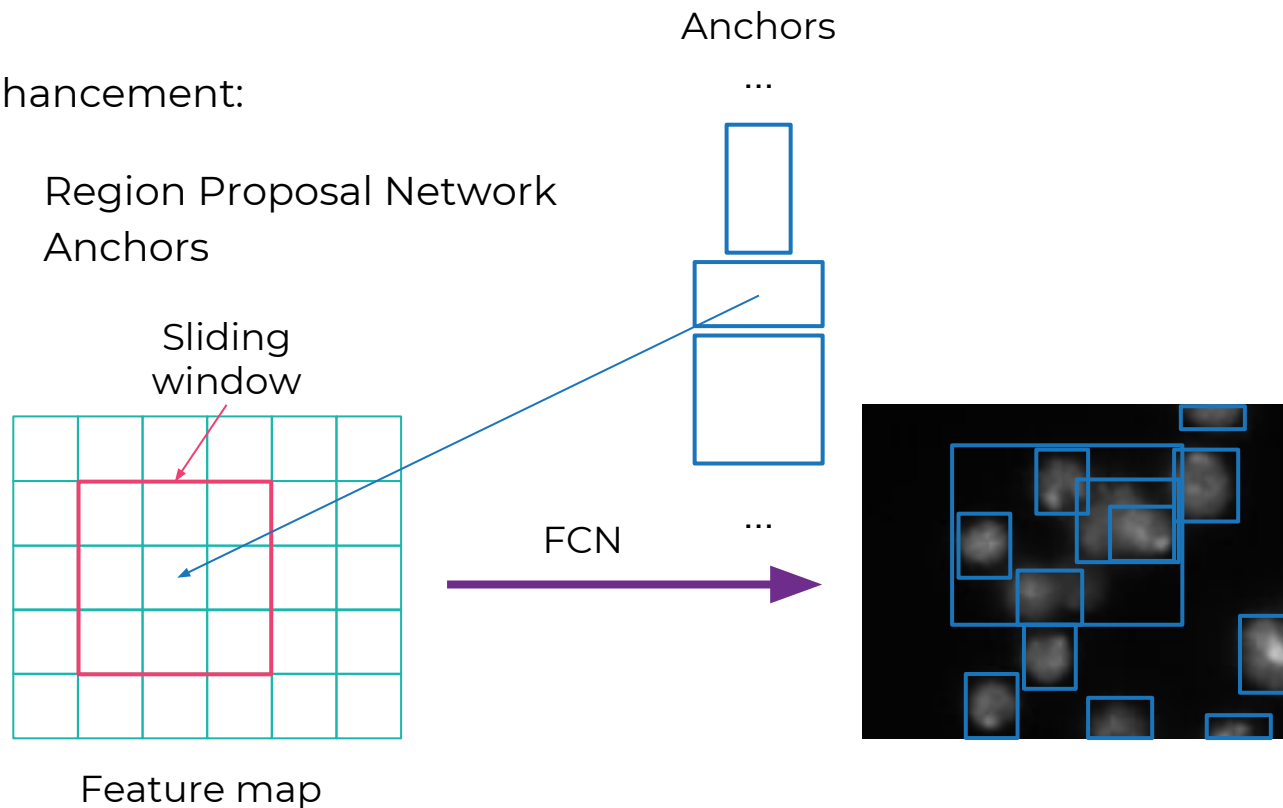
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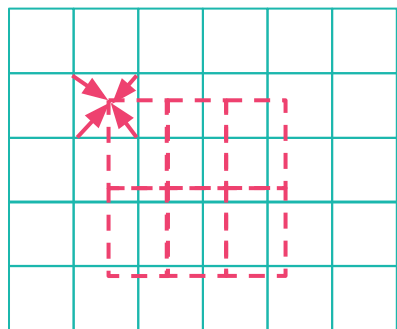


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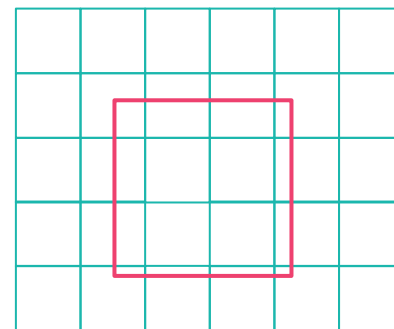
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- RoI Align



Feature map

RoI Align



RoI

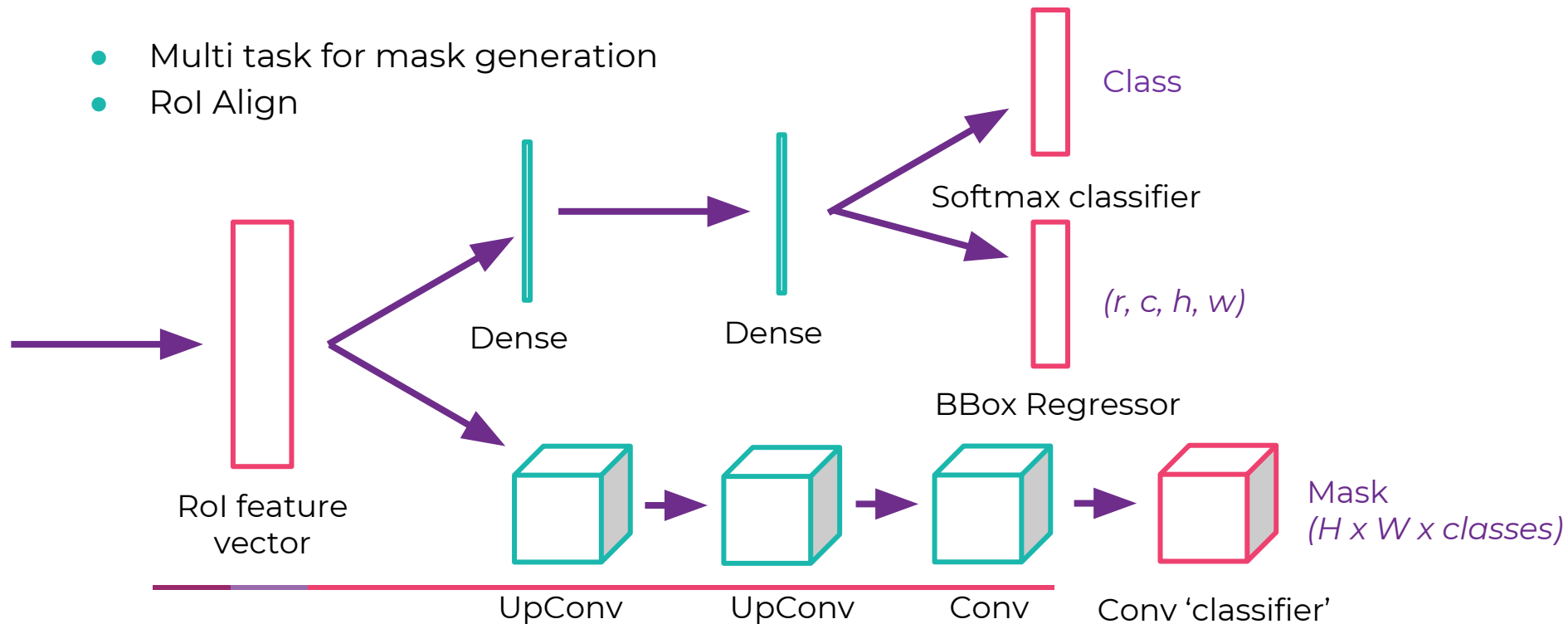
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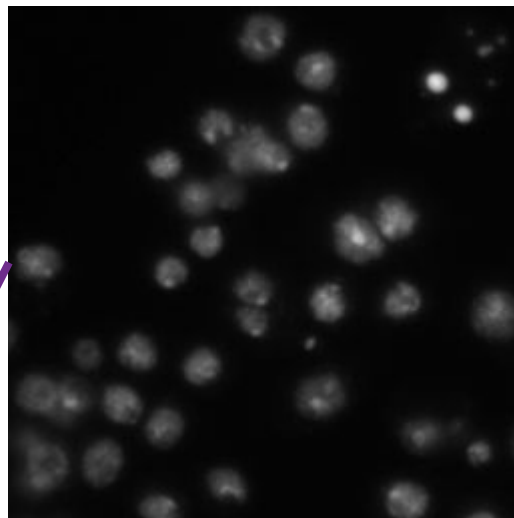
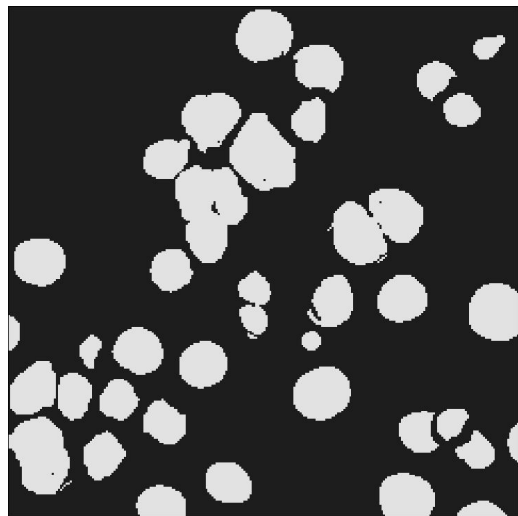


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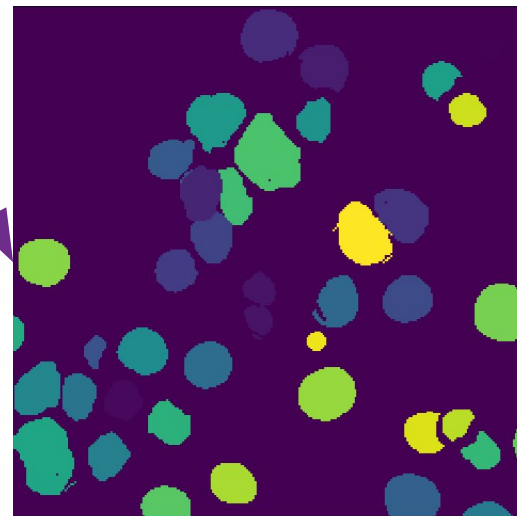
Comparison

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Semantic



Instance

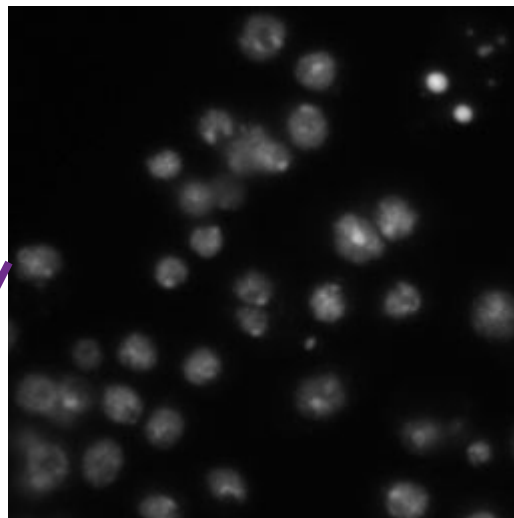
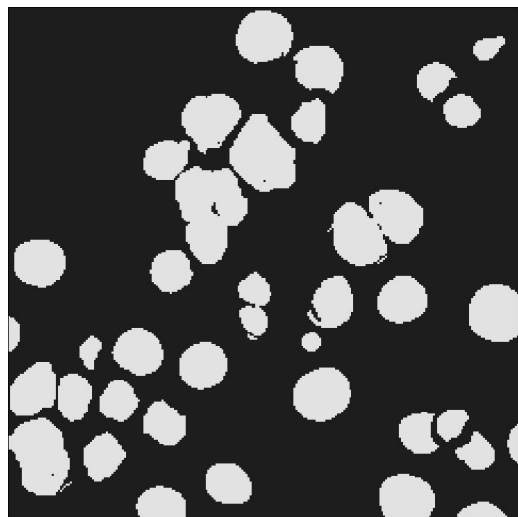


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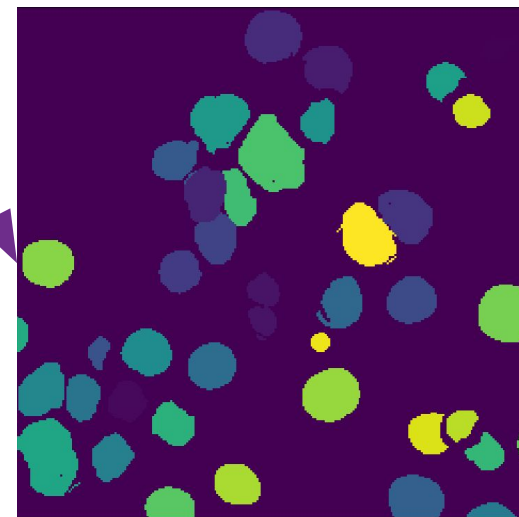
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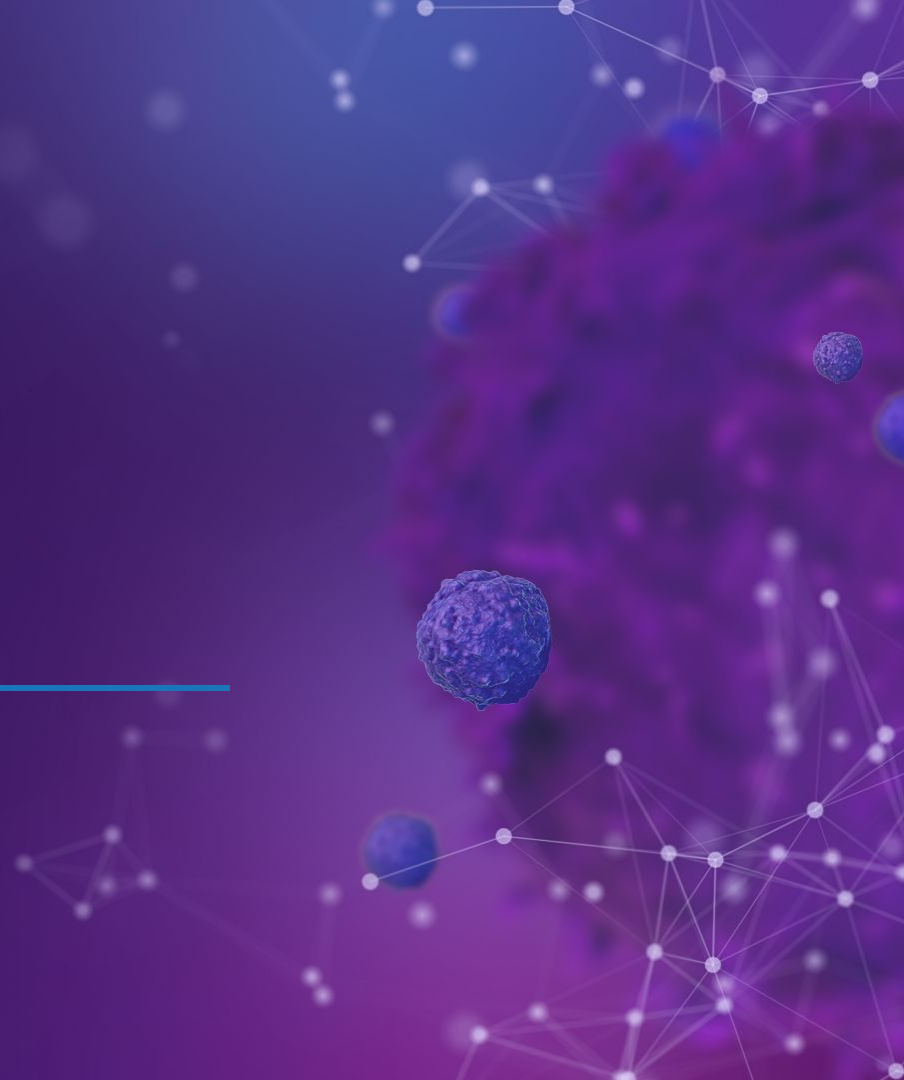
Instance



Which approach was the winning one?

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General enhancements

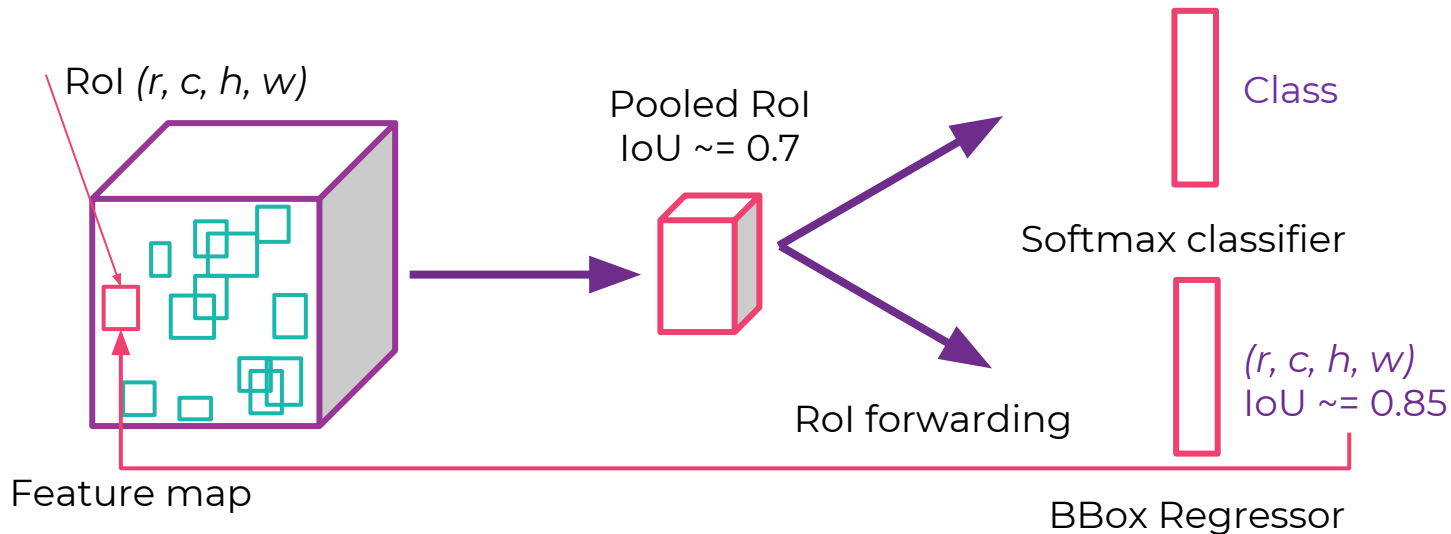


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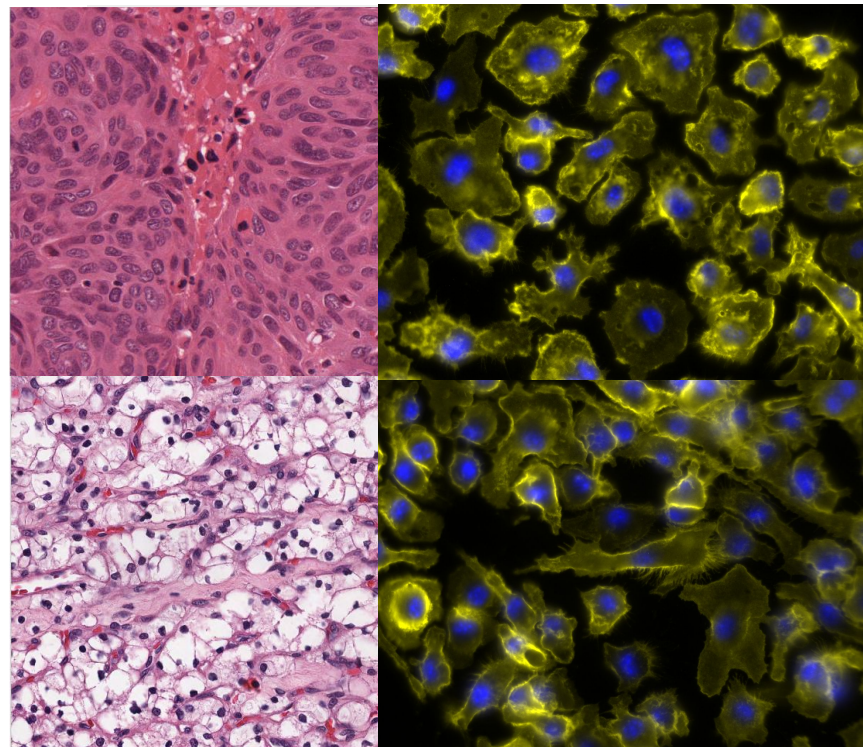
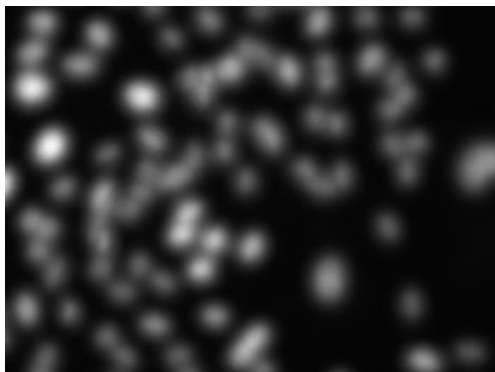
Cascade R-CNN

Enhancement:

- Prevention of overfitting for different IoU threshold



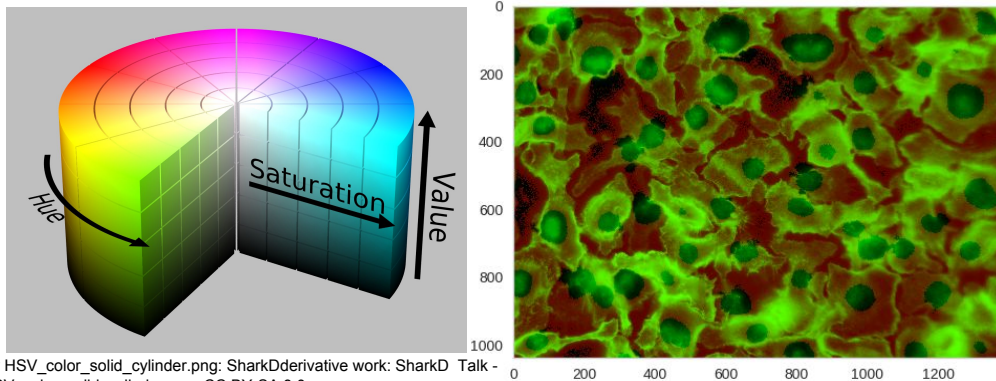
- Hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) stain
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- Broad Bioimage Benchmark Collection
[\[https://data.broadinstitute.org/bbbc/image_sets.html\]](https://data.broadinstitute.org/bbbc/image_sets.html)
 - Human U2OS cells (out of focus)
 - Bone-marrow derived macrophages from C57BL/6 mice



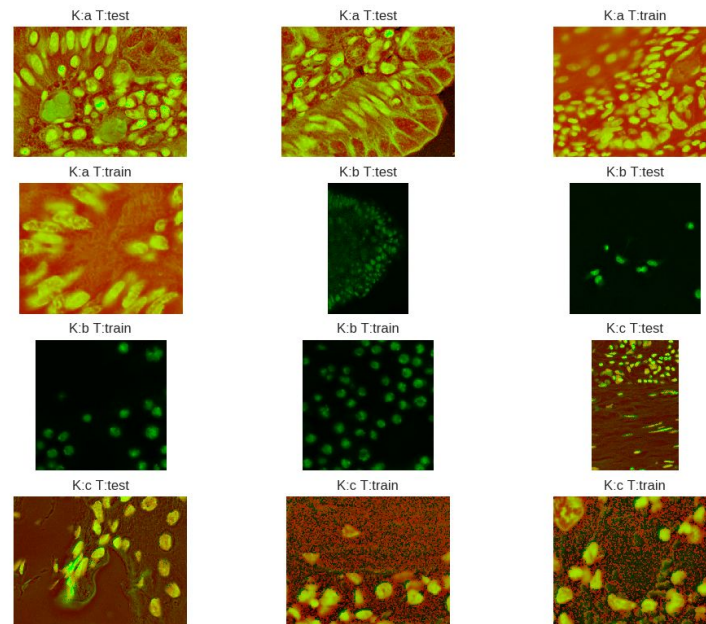
NORMALIZATION

How **not** to train a separate NN for each image type

- Use CLAHE (Contrast Limited Adaptive Histogram Equalization):
 - BGR → LAB (L - lightness)
 - CLAHE on L channel
 - Use only the L channel
- Add H-channel from HSV to account for the contrast in color



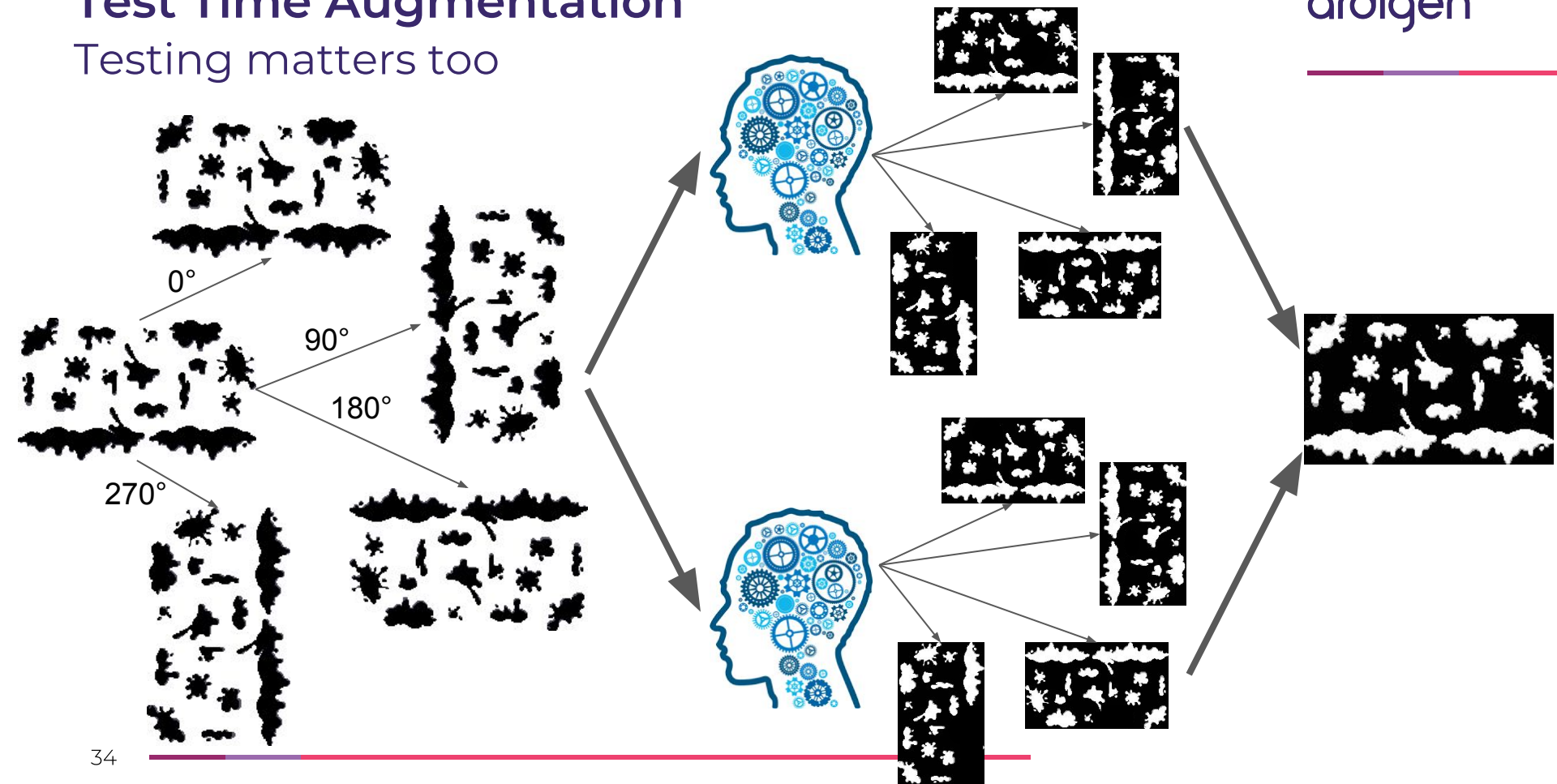
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Test Time Augmentation

Testing matters too

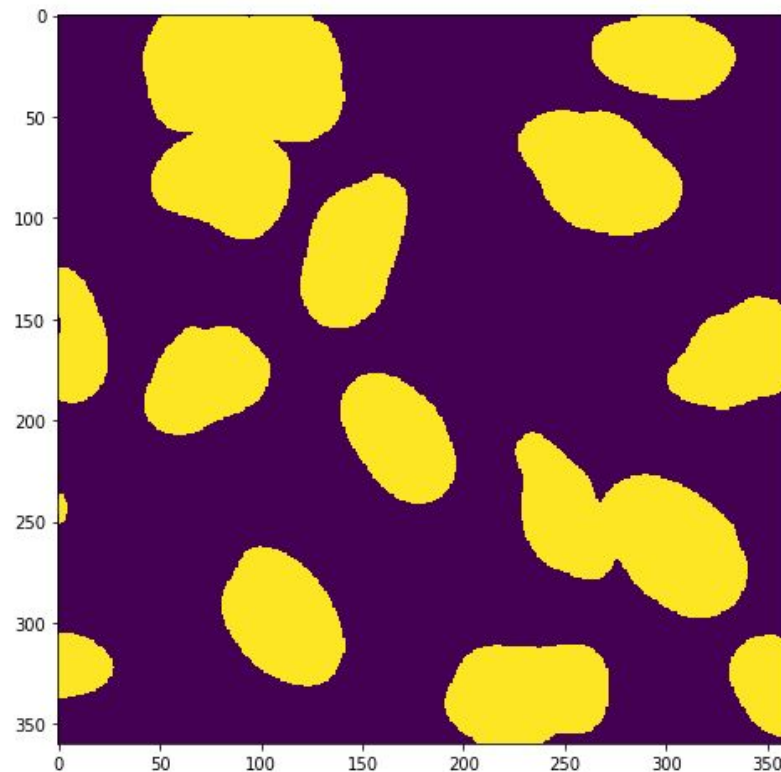
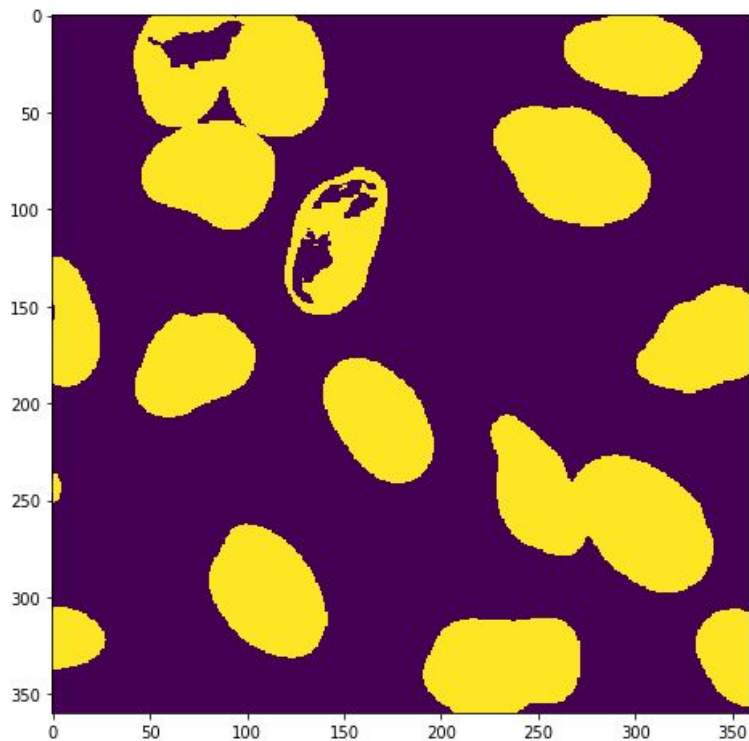
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Post Processing

Filling holes and closing

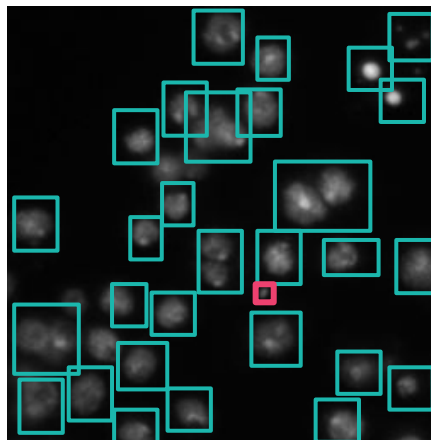
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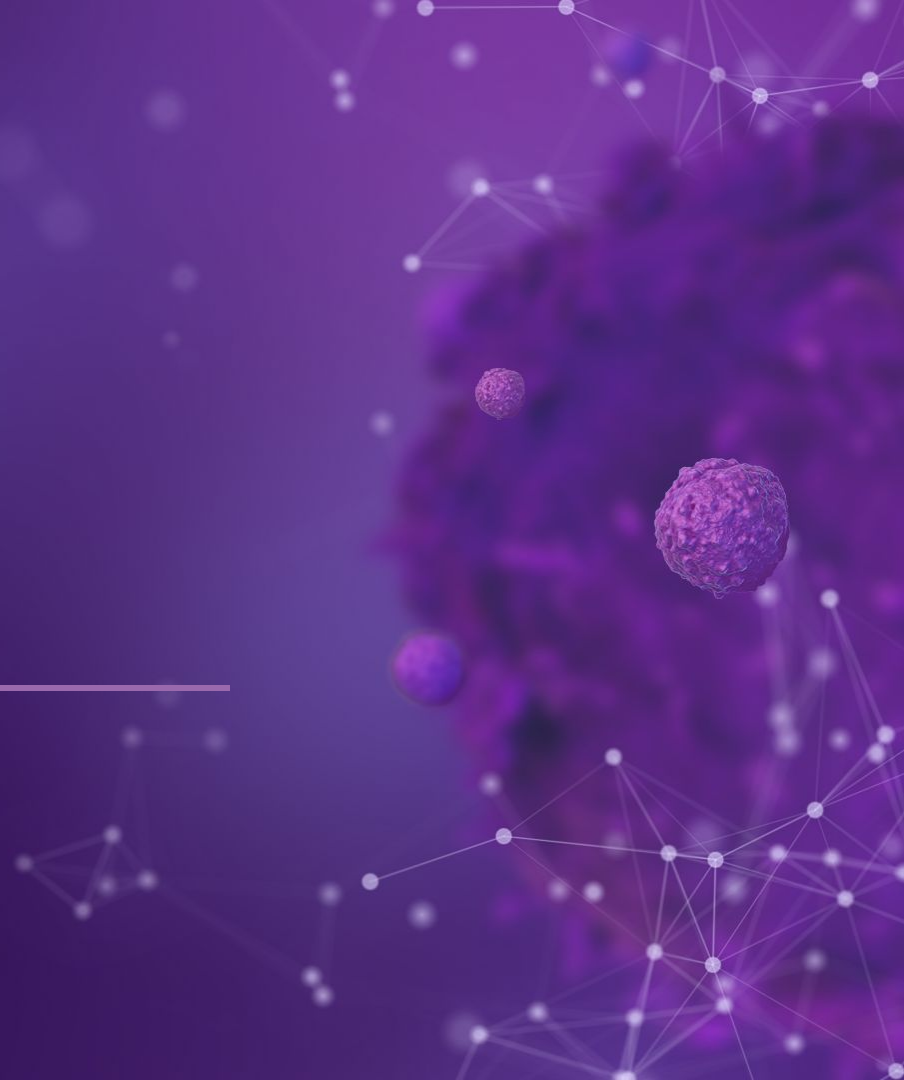
Other

1. Effective use of dilated convolutions
2. Focal Loss function
3. Different mask sizes
4. Data balancing
5. Auxiliary tasks
6. Data augmentation



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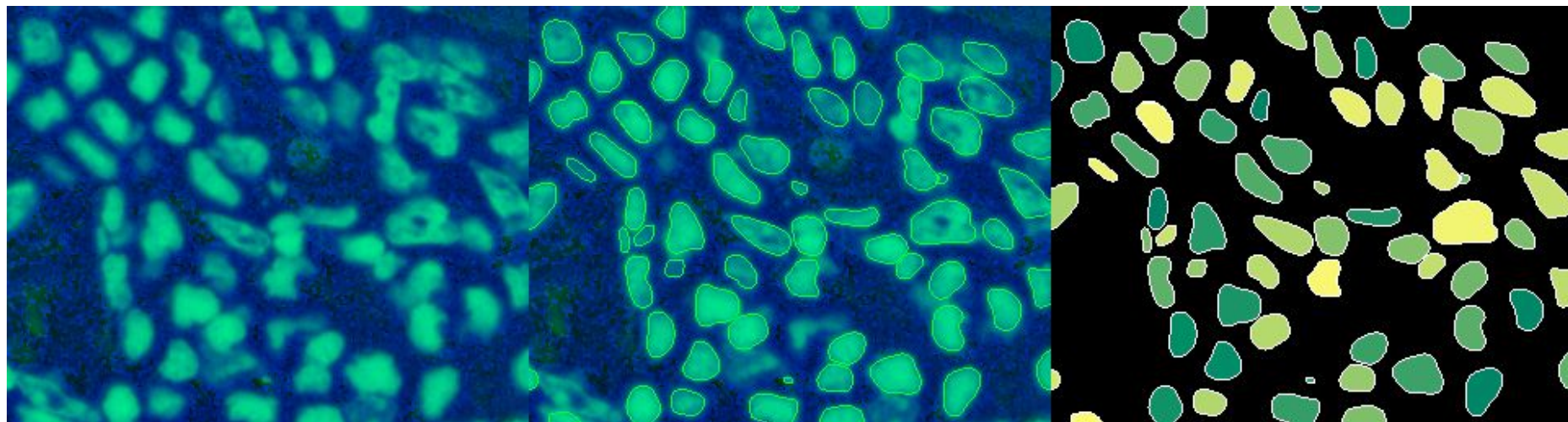
Examples of results



Our results

Visualization

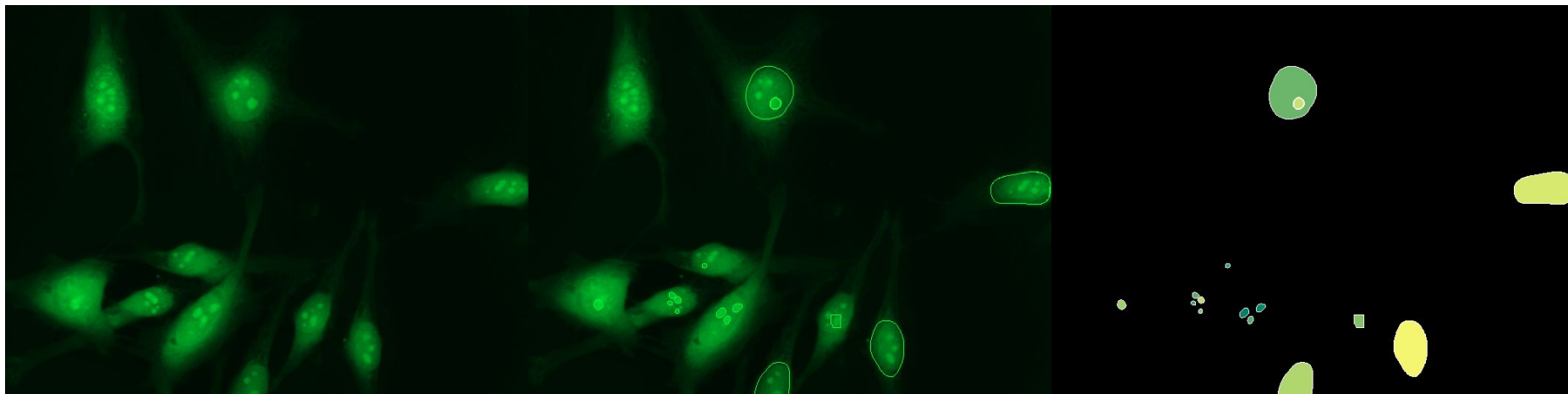
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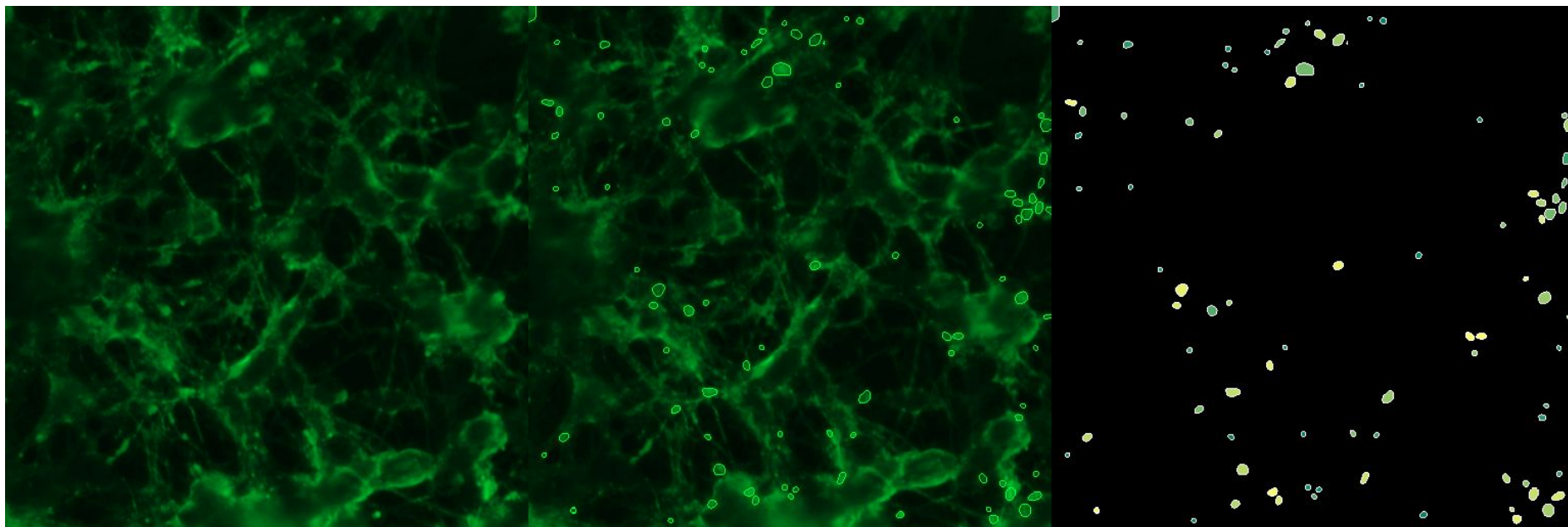
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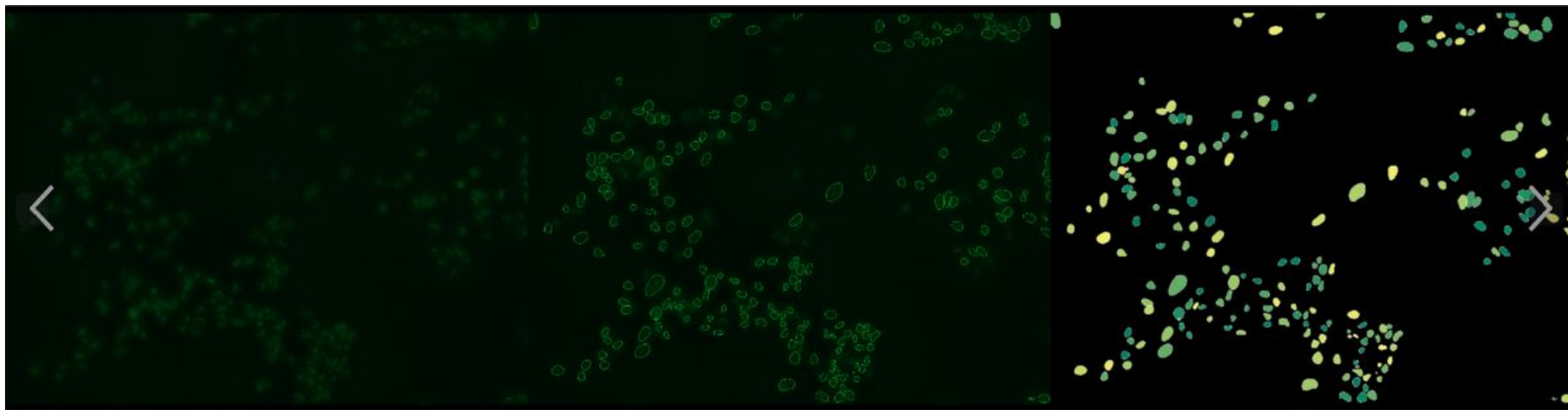
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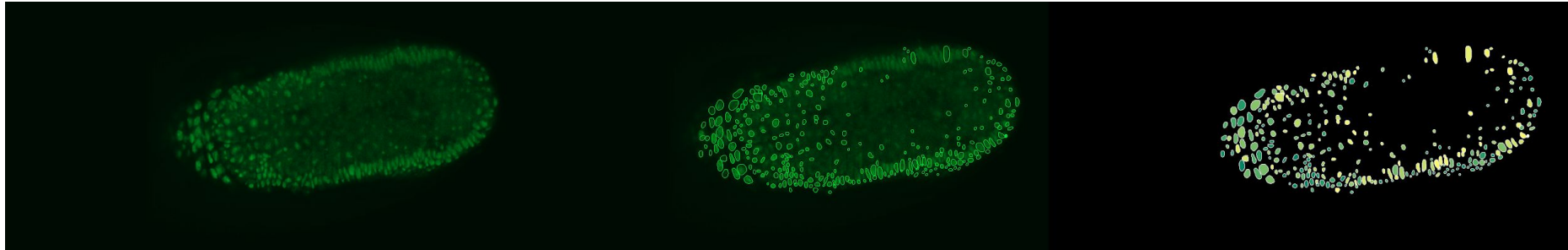
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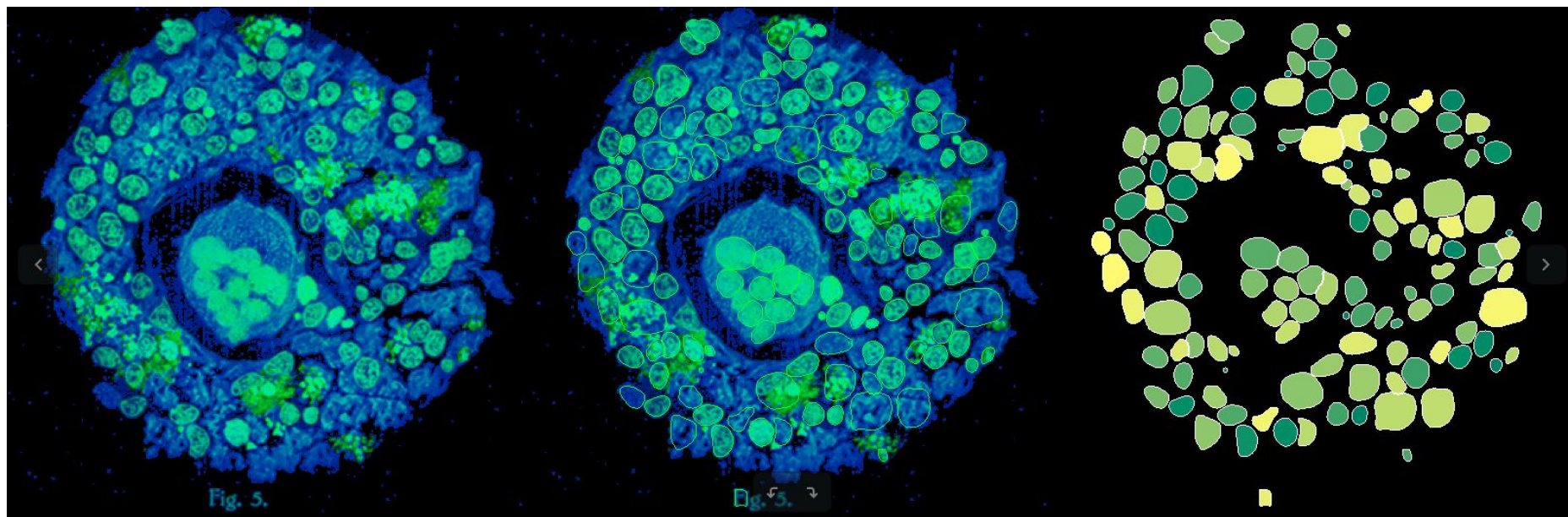
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An abstract graphic in the top-left corner consisting of a network of white dots connected by thin white lines, resembling a molecular or data structure, set against a dark purple background.

Results:

Top 9%

Bronze Medal

0.445

A faint, abstract network graphic in the bottom-right corner, similar to the one in the top-left, consisting of white dots and lines on a dark purple background.

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Winning solution

And other interesting one

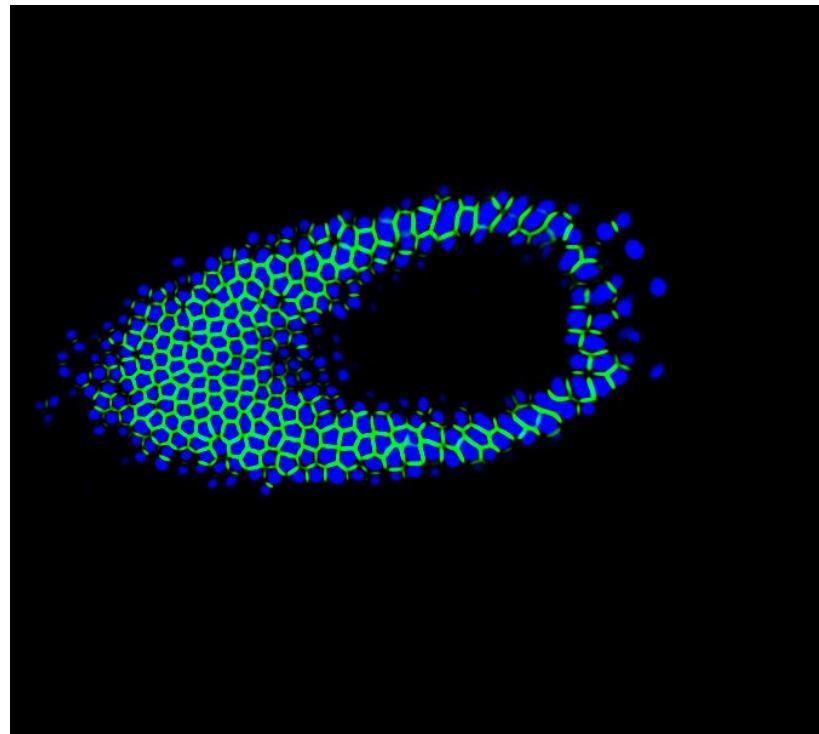


1st place U-Net on steroids LB: 0.631

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Auxiliary tasks and post processing, deep model and augmentations:

- Clahe, Sharpen, Emboss
- Gaussian Noise
- Color to Gray
- Inverting
- Remapping grayscale to random color images
- Blur, Median Blur, Motion Blur
- contrast and brightness
- random scale, rotates and flips
- Heavy geometric transformations
- Random HSV
- Channel shuffle
- Nucleus copying on images.



- Strong **scaling augmentation**, a lot of zooming in and out and aspect ratio changes.
- Test time augmentation: **15 different augmentations** at test time with different rotations, scalings, channel color shifts, etc. This takes a loooong time (aprox. 2 days for the stage_2 test set) and a **binary dilation post-processing** actually gives a very similar score,
- Matterport's TensorFlow implementation with pretrained weights from ImageNet.

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**Why U-Net and not Mask R-CNN?
Why Mask R-CNN and not U-Net?**



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QA

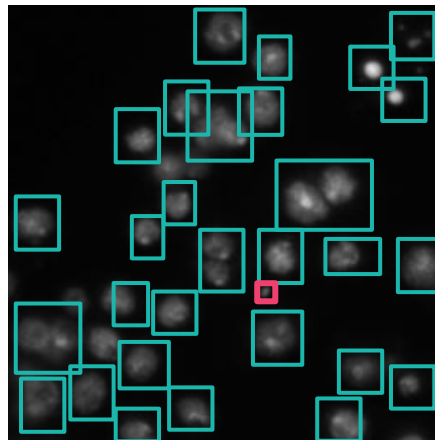
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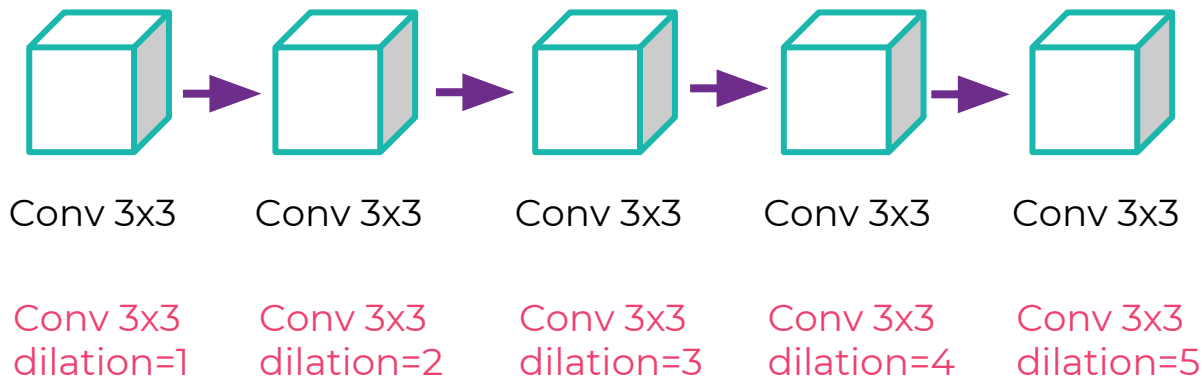
Effective use of dilated convolutions

Enhancement:

- Get more context and detect micro nucleus



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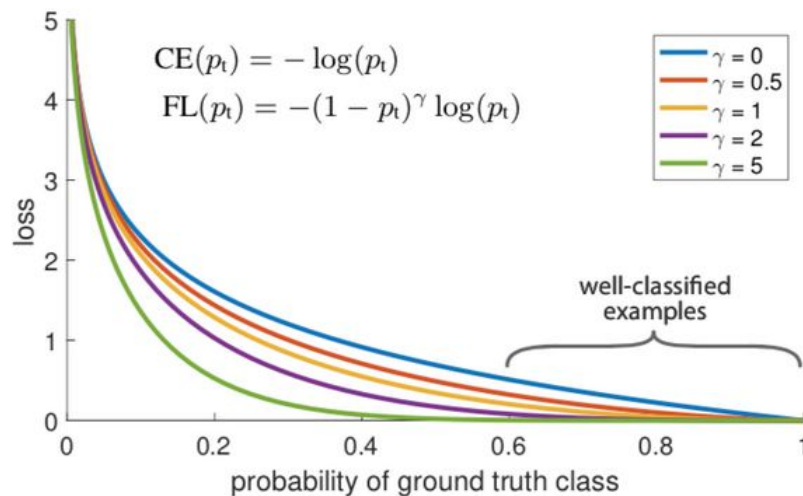


General enhancements

Focal Loss Function

Enhancement:

- Pay more attention to tricky examples

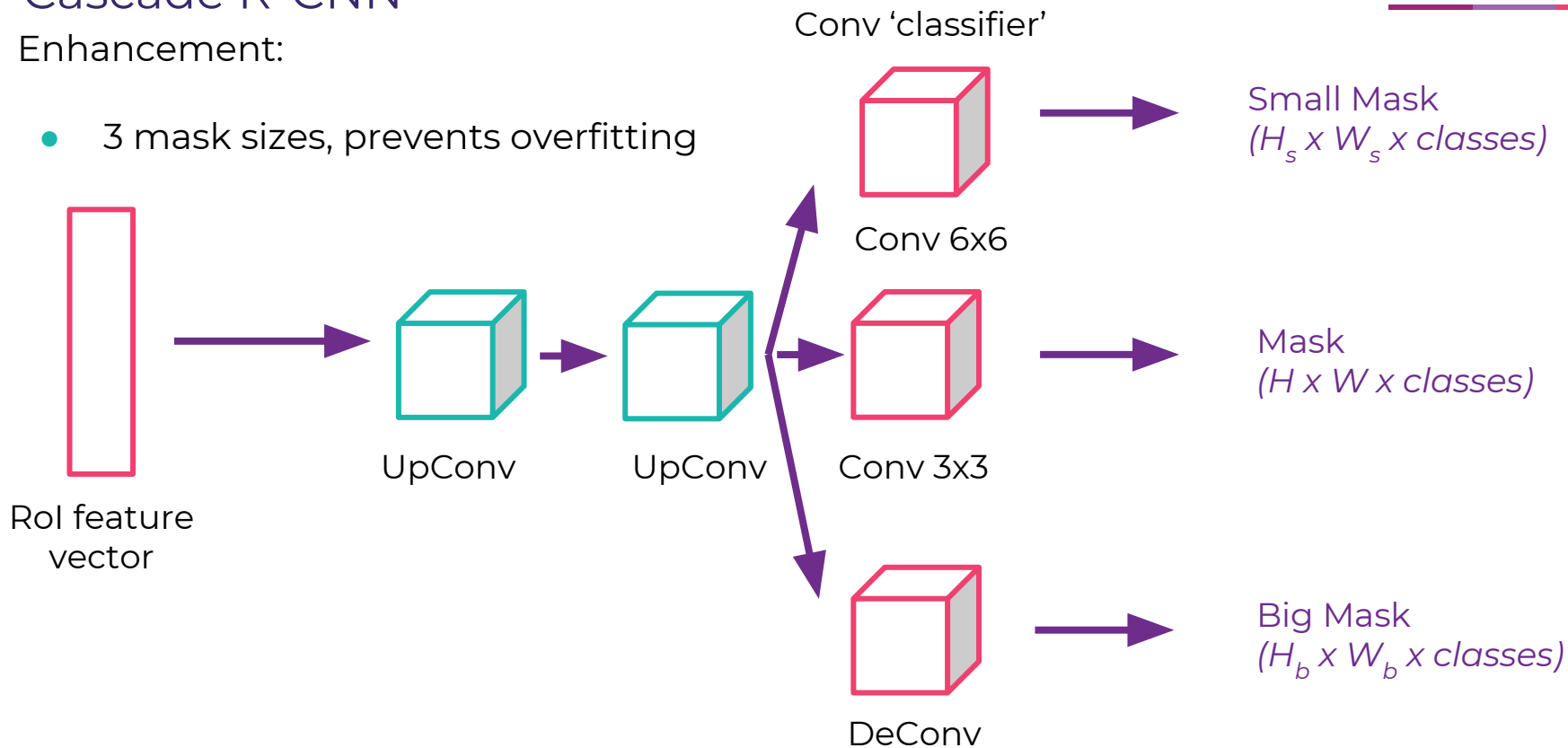


General enhancements

Cascade R-CNN

Enhancement:

- 3 mask sizes, prevents overfitting



Data balance

1. Training data were highly imbalanced
2. Moreover we used external data (that was a little bit different than training data)
3. We wanted to create the algorithm that could generalise well, in order to do that we decided to create weighted sampler
 - a. Weight of every class from the training data was set to the square root of number of class samples
 - b. Weight of every class from external data was set to the smallest weight from training data

