

# Impact of Quality of Image Database on AI Performance in Skin Cancer Detection

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# Motivation

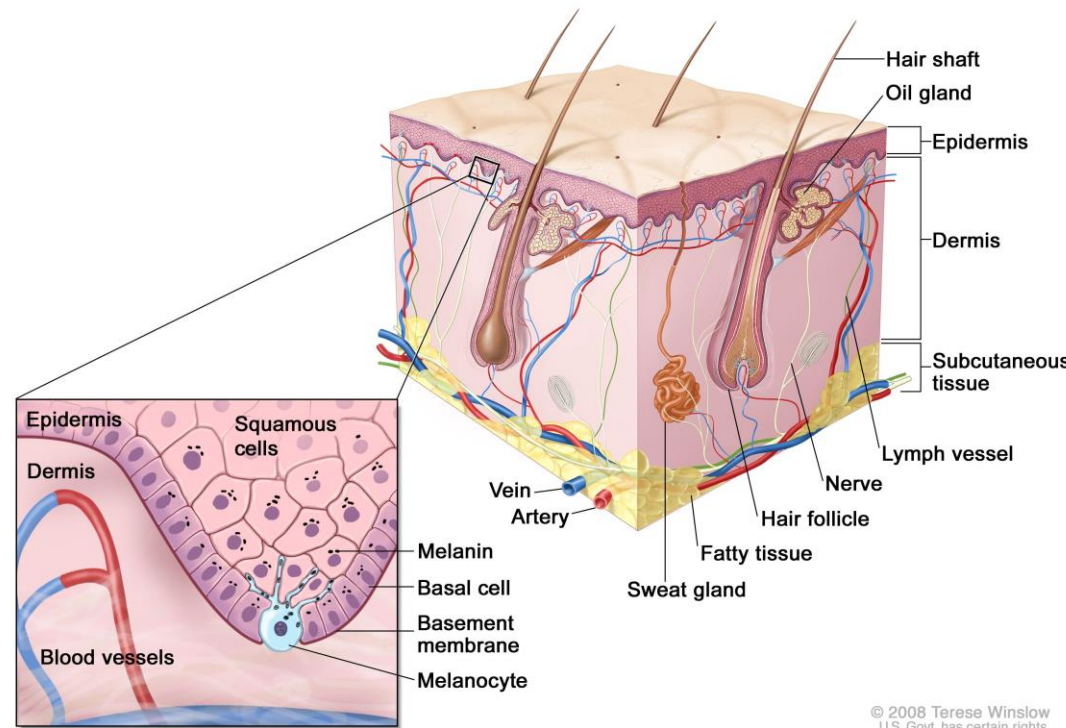
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- ❑ > 82,000 New Zealanders get skin cancer every year
- ❑ Due to depletion of ozone layer, this number is increasing 10-20% annually, accounting 80% of all new cancers in NZ.
- ❑ Melanoma is the most deadly one in all skin cancers, accounting <5% of all skin cancers, but responsible for >75% of total death.
- ❑ the highest incidence rate from melanoma NZ > Australia > European countries.
- ❑ Most skin cancers can be prevented if detected early.

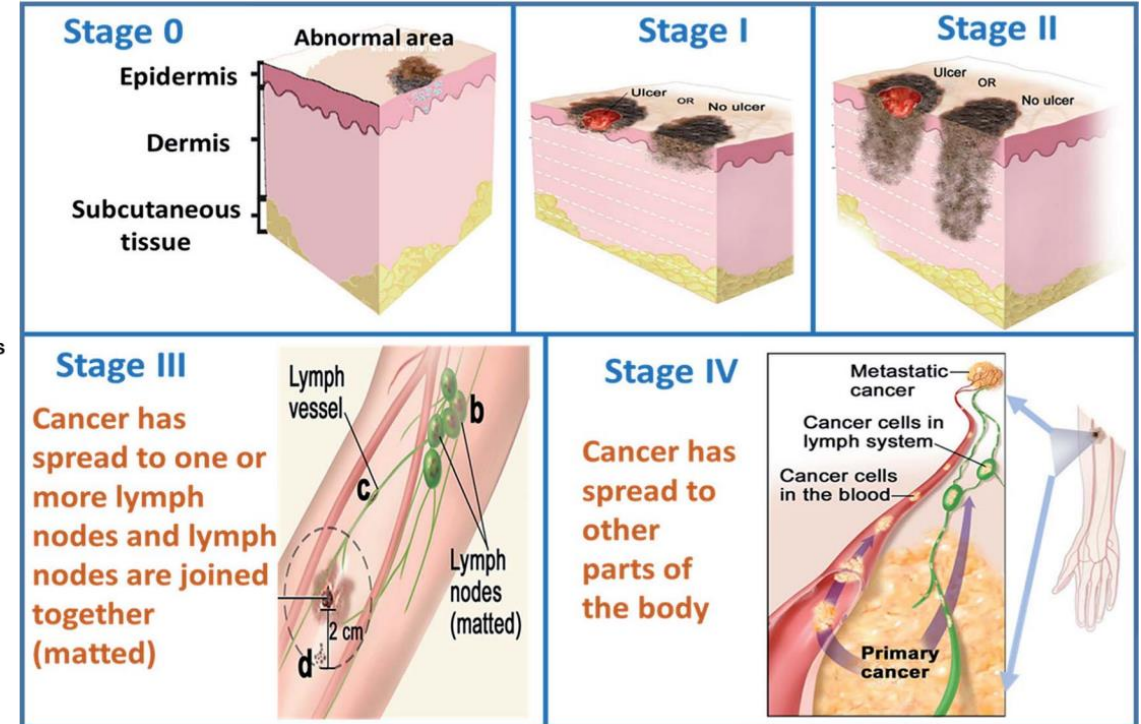
Major cause : Over-exposure of UV rays

# Introduction

- Early detection would increase Melanoma 5 years' survival rate from 15% to 99%.



Normal Skin



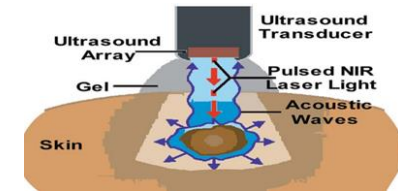
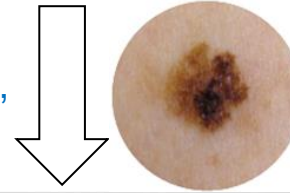
Five Stages of Skin Cancer

# Non-Invasive Detection of Skin Cancer

## Dermatoscopy

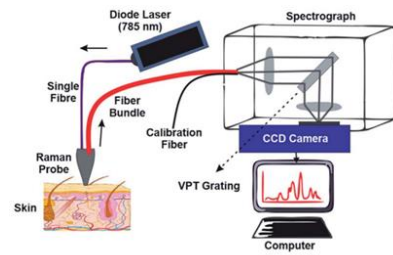


Fast, Easy  
Accessible,  
Low-cost,

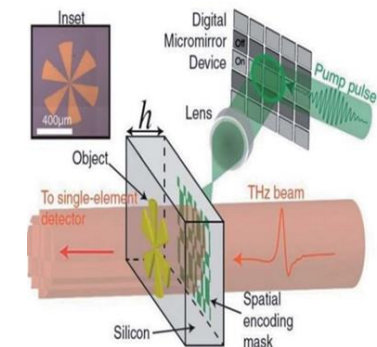
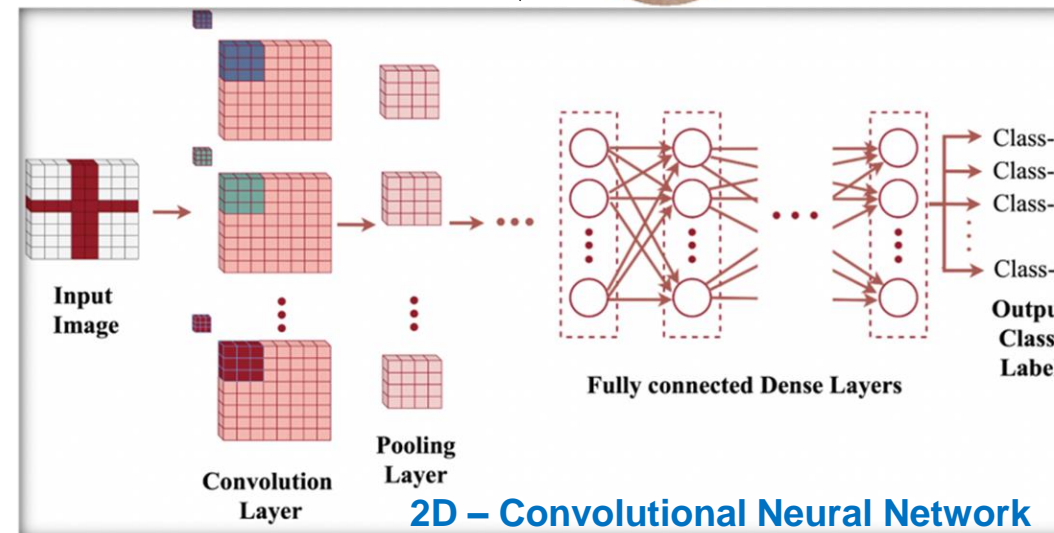


## High-frequency ultrasound

## Reflectance Confocal Microscopy



## Raman spectroscopy



## Terahertz Spectroscopy

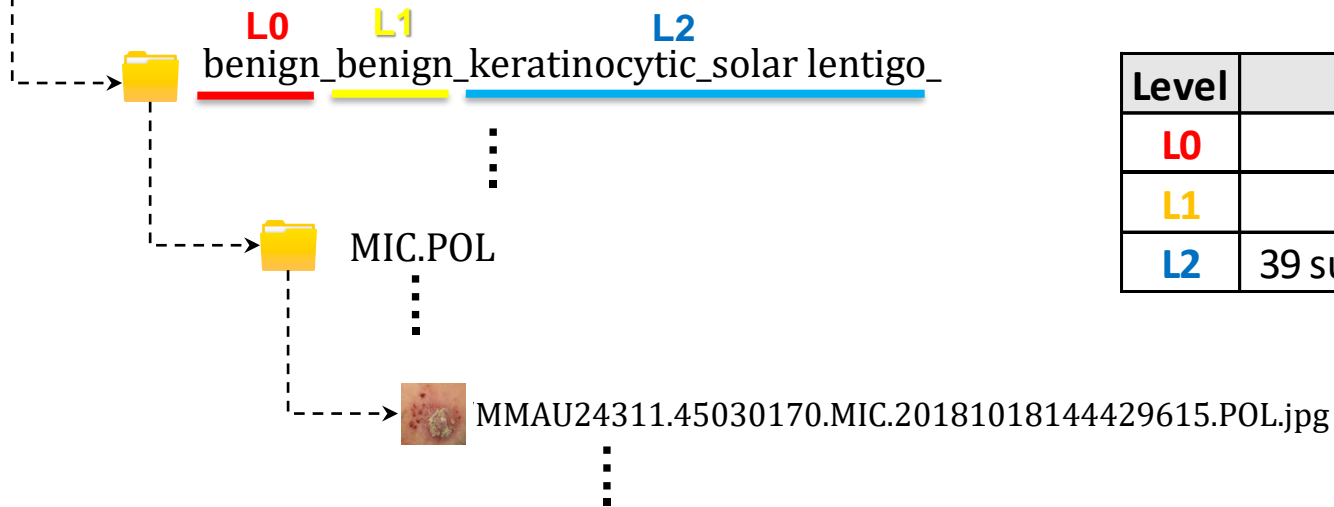
# Research Questions

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- ❑ How to track, analyze, manage image database modification
- ❑ How to track uniqueness of image files and archive them in SQL database
- ❑ What is the relationship of the quality of AI Database to the model performance

# Methods

- Structure of AI database: three-level labeling system



Level	Classes
L0	Benign , Malignant
L1	Benign, IEC, Melanoma, NMSC
L2	39 subclasses, e.g., Dermatofibroma, Keratinocytic

- Image-hashing to track uniqueness of images

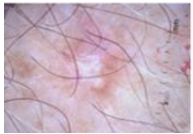




# Statistical Analysis on AI database

Three kinds of errors in AI database:

1, 0.15% Redundancy due to multi-upload error Deleted + some re-labellings



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2, 0.22% Cross-labelling

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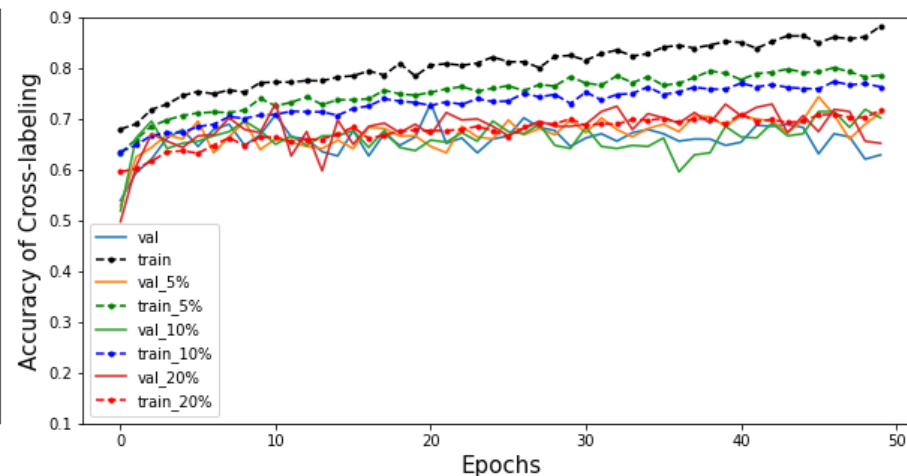
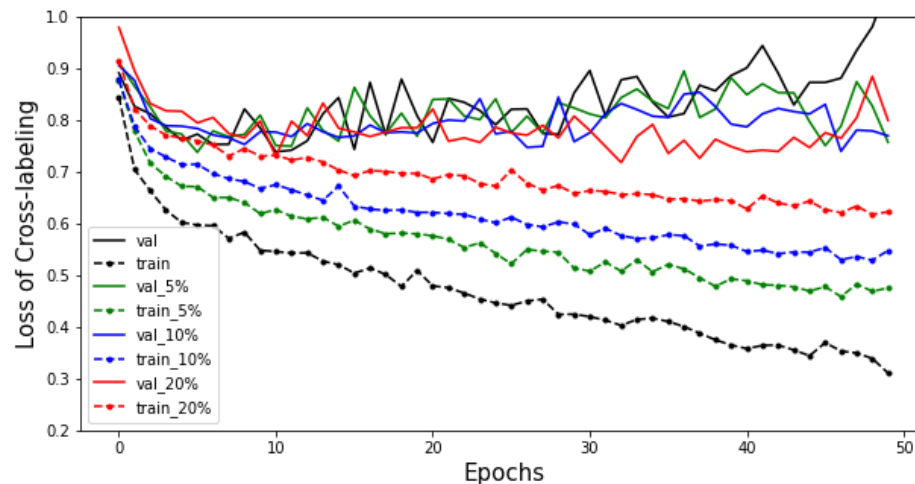
3, 22.56% Repetitive - labelling

Derivations	L0	L1 melanoma	L2 melanoma
Sensitivity(TPR)	0.95	0.95	0.95
Specificity(TNR)	0.72	0.69	0.69
Precision (PPV)	0.74	0.17	0.18
Distribuion of lesion(1/PPV)	1.36	5.77	5.70
Negative predictive value NPV	0.95	1.00	1.00
pevalence threshold(PT)	0.35	0.37	0.36
F1-score	0.83	0.29	0.30
Accuracy(ACC)	0.82	0.70	0.71
After cleaning			
Sensitivity(TPR)	0.95	0.95	0.95
Specificity(TNR)	0.72	0.69	0.70
Precision (PPV)	0.74	0.20	0.21
Distribuion of lesion(1/PPV)	1.36	4.93	4.86
Negative predictive value NPV	0.95	0.99	0.99
pevalence threshold(PT)	0.35	0.36	0.36
F1-score	0.83	0.34	0.34
Accuracy(ACC)	0.82	0.71	0.72

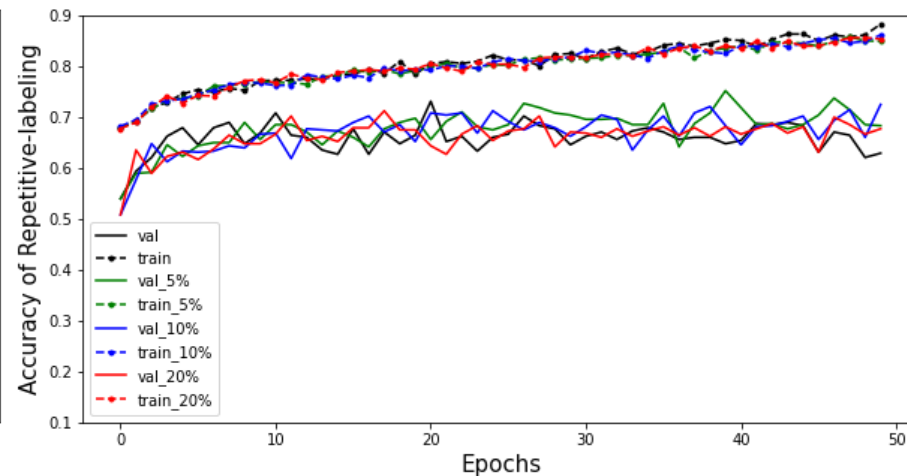
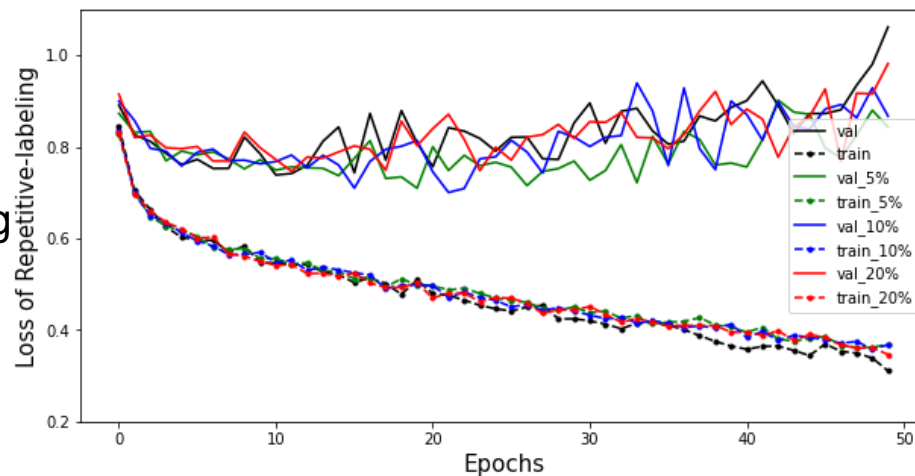
# Simulation with Melanoma Dataset

Use EfficientNet CNN model on ISIC Melanoma Detection Dataset with 5%, 10% and 20% redundancy of both

Cross-labelling



Repetitive-labelling



Cross-labelling would potentially damage AI performance, while unclear in repetitive-labelling.



# Future Prospects

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- ❑ Boost accuracy via pre-processing (e.g., ESRGAN) and post-processing (e.g., Xgboost)
- ❑ Manage class imbalance and skin-color bias of AI database and their connection to AI performance
- ❑ Incorporate CNN model with metadata ML models

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Thank you!  
Questions?