

# 5/28 Presentation

# Cross-stain Model Robustness: changing test data

	precision	recall	f1-score
0	0.75	0.87	0.81
1	0.93	0.86	0.89
accuracy			0.86
macro avg	0.84	0.87	0.85
weighted avg	0.87	0.86	0.87

	precision	recall	f1-score
0	0.76	0.89	0.82
1	0.94	0.86	0.90
accuracy			0.87
macro avg	0.85	0.88	0.86
weighted avg	0.88	0.87	0.87

## Initial run

	precision	recall	f1-score
0	0.77	0.83	0.80
1	0.92	0.90	0.91
accuracy			0.88
macro avg	0.85	0.86	0.85
weighted avg	0.88	0.88	0.88

# Cross-stain Model Robustness: adding data

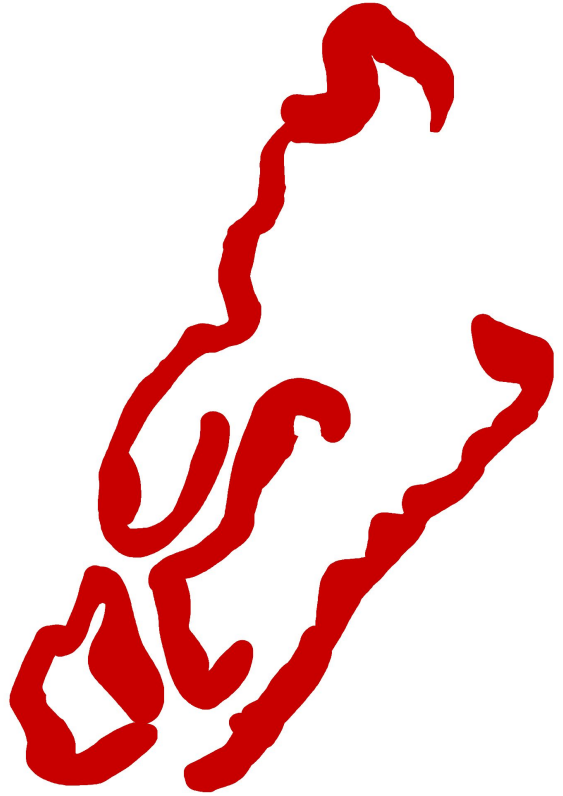
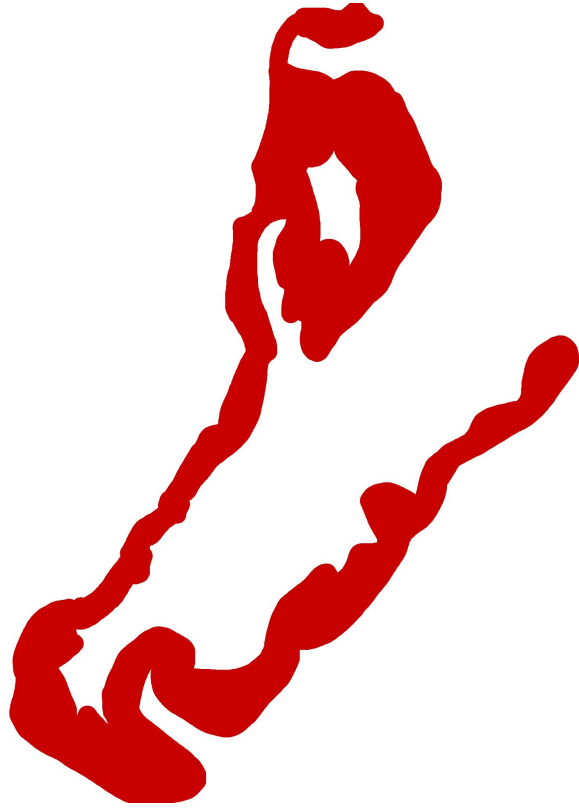
More data

	precision	recall	f1-score
0	0.69	0.87	0.77
1	0.92	0.80	0.85
accuracy			0.82
macro avg	0.81	0.83	0.81
weighted avg	0.84	0.82	0.83

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Case 34, match 1 (B)



# Final Presentation Workflows

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# Undersampling

- Undersample for high grade
- Subsample from slides with lots of patches

# Promising Models So Far

## AlexNet

Serial number	#Patch-level recall: Benign	#Patch-level recall: High-grade
33	92.9	90.8
34	0.83	0.9

## ResNet with CBAM

Serial number	#Patch-level recall: Benign	#Patch-level recall: High-grade
27	0.7	0.79

## CoAtNet

Serial number	#Patch-level recall: Benign	#Patch-level recall: High-grade
16	0.55	0.93

# Resizing Workflow

1. Determine the best model for each stain type
  - a. We test
    - i. 3 most promising models per stain
    - ii. Also resizing and pooling per stain
  - b. 18 models total
2. Find the best-performing model for each stain and ensemble them



# Ensemble Workflow

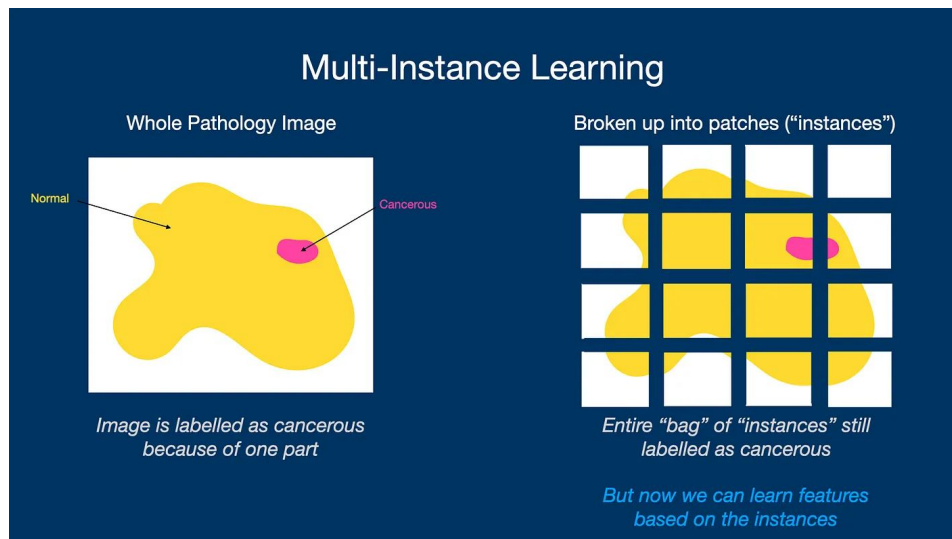
1. Pick best past models for each stain; ensemble these
  - a. The ensemble splits all cases into test, train, and validation sets
  - b. Each stain will get predicted by the best previously trained model per stain
  - c. A majority vote is used to determine the case level prediction
2. Attempt to use Akhil's SVM Case Level Classifier
  - a. Select top K confident predictions across all stains
  - b. Select top  $K/3$  confident predictions per stain
  - c. Select most confident predictions per stain proportional to total distribution
3. Compare to human level accuracy and previous results

# Multiple Instance Learning

Hannah

# What is it? Why use it here?

MIL is a form of supervised learning where the input data is organized into labeled bags containing multiple instances. Instead of each instance being labeled individually, only the bag as a whole has a label.



“Multiple Instance Learning (MIL) is designed to classify instances where class labels are associated with sets of instances, a common occurrence in biomedical data, especially when multiple images are derived from a single object measurement.”

# Data Representation

1. **Instances:** These are the individual data points within a bag. For example, in our case, instances would be the patches of the image.
2. **Bags:** Each bag is a collection of instances. In our case, the bag is the case and the patches or segments of the image are the instances within that bag.
3. **Labels:** Bags are labeled with a class label (e.g., “high grade” or “benign”).

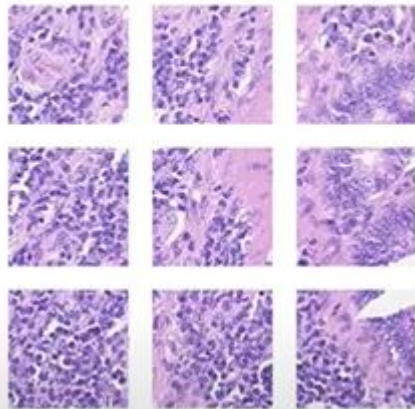
# Application Process

## 1. Data Preparation:

- each case is a bag, and each patch is an instance (bag and instance construction)

```
def group_patches_recursive(root_dir):  
    case_patches = {}  
    for root, _, files in os.walk(root_dir):  
        for filename in files:  
            match = re.search(r"case_(\d+)", filename)  
            if match and filename.endswith(".png"):  
                case_num = int(match.group(1))  
                if case_num not in case_patches:  
                    case_patches[case_num] = []  
                case_patches[case_num].append(os.path.join(root, filename))  
    return case_patches  
  
patches = group_patches_recursive(filtered_patches_dir)
```

## Patches



# Application Process

## 1. Data Preparation:

- a. It builds a dataset where each item is a case (bag) made up of image patches (instances)
- b. self.bags holds lists of patch image paths, one list per case
- c. self.labels holds the corresponding bag-level (case-level) label.
- d. emergency\_cap prevents memory issues by randomly sampling a fixed number of patches (e.g., 800) if a case has too many patches

```
class MILDataset(Dataset):
    def __init__(self, case_patches, labels_df, transform=None, emergency_cap=800):
        self.transform = transform
        self.emergency_cap = emergency_cap # only cap if massive
        self.bags, self.labels = [], []
        for case, paths in case_patches.items():
            raw = labels_df.loc[labels_df['Case'] == case, 'Class'].item()
            bag_lbl = 0 if raw == 1 else 1
            self.bags.append(paths)
            self.labels.append(bag_lbl)

    def __len__(self): return len(self.bags)

    def __getitem__(self, idx):
        paths = self.bags[idx]
        imgs = []
        for p in paths:
            try:
                img = Image.open(p).convert('RGB')
                if self.transform:
                    img = self.transform(img)
                imgs.append(img)
            except:
                continue

        if len(imgs) == 0:
            raise ValueError(f"No good patches in case {paths}")

        # Only sample if emergency_cap is set
        if self.emergency_cap is not None and len(imgs) > self.emergency_cap:
            imgs = random.sample(imgs, self.emergency_cap)

        return torch.stack(imgs), torch.tensor(self.labels[idx], dtype=torch.long)
```

# Application Process

## 2. Feature Extraction

- base\_model.features:  
Convolutional layers from DenseNet extract features from each patch
- AdaptiveAvgPool2d((2,2)):  
Each feature map is pooled into a 2×2 grid (4 vectors per patch)
- patch\_projector: Those 4 vectors are flattened and projected into a shared embedding space of dimension 512 (i.e., your embed\_dim)

```
class AttnMIL(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, base_model, num_classes=2, embed_dim=512):
        super().__init__()
        # grabbing the convolutional feature extractor from the pretrained model
        self.features = base_model.features
        # applying adaptive average pooling to compress to feature map of 2x2 grid
        # you get 4 spatial vectors per patch
        self.pool = nn.AdaptiveAvgPool2d((2,2)) # richer than (1,1)
        # meaning that you'll get 4 vectors per patch which will then be flattened
        self.patch_projector = nn.Linear(base_model.classifier.in_features * 4, embed_dim)
        self.attention_pool = AttentionPool(embed_dim)
        self.classifier = nn.Linear(embed_dim, num_classes)

    def forward(self, x, return_patch_logits=False, return_attn_weights=False):
        if x.dim() == 4:
            x = x.unsqueeze(0)
        # typically after CNN you get 3D tensor with num channels, height and width of image
        # but we packed the patches into a bag by case (the tensor), so B is batch size, M is number of patches per bag
        B, M, C, H, W = x.shape
        x = x.view(B*M, C, H, W)

        features = self.features(x) # extracting cnn features for each patch
        pooled = self.pool(features).view(B*M, -1) # pool each feature map to a 2x2 grid and flatten
        embedded = self.patch_projector(pooled).view(B, M, -1) # project each patch into shared embedding space --
        # just ensuring all the patches are transformed into vectors of the same length for attention

        # in order to get patch level predictions
        if return_patch_logits:
            logits = self.classifier(embedded) # (B, M, 2)
            return logits

        # returning attention weights for visualization
        if return_attn_weights:
            bag_emb, attn_weights = self.attention_pool(embedded, return_weights=True)
            logits = self.classifier(bag_emb)
            return logits, attn_weights # bag prediction + per-patch attention scores

        # applying attention
        # computing a weighted sum of the patch embeddings using attention, and then is passed through the classifier to get bag level prediction
        bag_emb = self.attention_pool(embedded)
        logits = self.classifier(bag_emb)
        return logits
```

# Application Process

## 3. Attention pooling

- Learns importance weights for each patch
- Applies softmax to normalize across patches
- Uses weighted average to get a single bag embedding
- Outputs interpretable attention scores per patch

```
# this pools the patch level features into single bag level representation for MIL
class AttentionPool(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, input_dim, hidden_dim=128):
        super().__init__()
        # creates small neural network to compute attention scores for each patch
        # each patch embedding is passed through a linear layer, tanh for nonlinearity, and another linear layer to get a scalar score
        self.attention = nn.Sequential(
            nn.Linear(input_dim, hidden_dim),
            nn.Tanh(),
            nn.Linear(hidden_dim, 1)
        )

    def forward(self, x, return_weights=False):
        # x is of shape (B, M, D) where B is batch size or number of cases,
        # M is number of patches per bag, and D is the embedding dimensions for each patch
        weights = self.attention(x) # (B, M, 1)
        weights = torch.softmax(weights, dim=1)
        # outputs attention scores for each patch and normalized with softmax
        # D is the embedding dimension which is size of feature vector for each patch after going through the patch classifier
        weighted_x = (weights * x).sum(dim=1) # (B, D)
        # returning the raw attention weights per patch just to help with visualization of the weights for each patch
        if return_weights:
            return weighted_x, weights.squeeze(-1) # (B, D), (B, M)
        return weighted_x
```

$$\text{Bag embedding} = \sum_{i=1}^5 \alpha_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_i$$

where:

- $\mathbf{x}_i$  is the feature vector for the  $i$ -th patch
- $\alpha_i$  is the attention weight for the  $i$ -th patch (from softmax)
- $\sum \alpha_i = 1$



# Next steps: Grouping by Slice instead of Case

1. Treat each slice as a bag during MIL
  - a. I.e. case\_9\_unmatched\_1 is one bag, case\_9\_unmatched\_2 is another
2. Use MIL as usual: attention to get slice-level prediction
3. Aggregate slice predictions into case level prediction
  - a. Average slice softmax probabilities
  - b. Max probability for high-grade
  - c. Majority vote over slices