

Object Segmentation for Lung CT Scans Capstone Project

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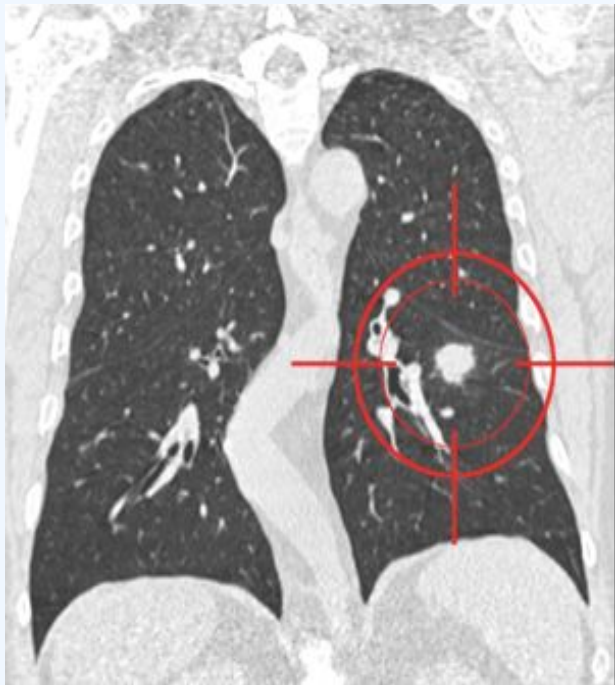
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Introduction






Total U.S. Cancer Deaths: 748,440

2022 Estimated Cancer Deaths:

<https://www.cancer.org/research/cancer-facts-statistics/all-cancer-facts-figures/cancer-facts-figures-2021.html>



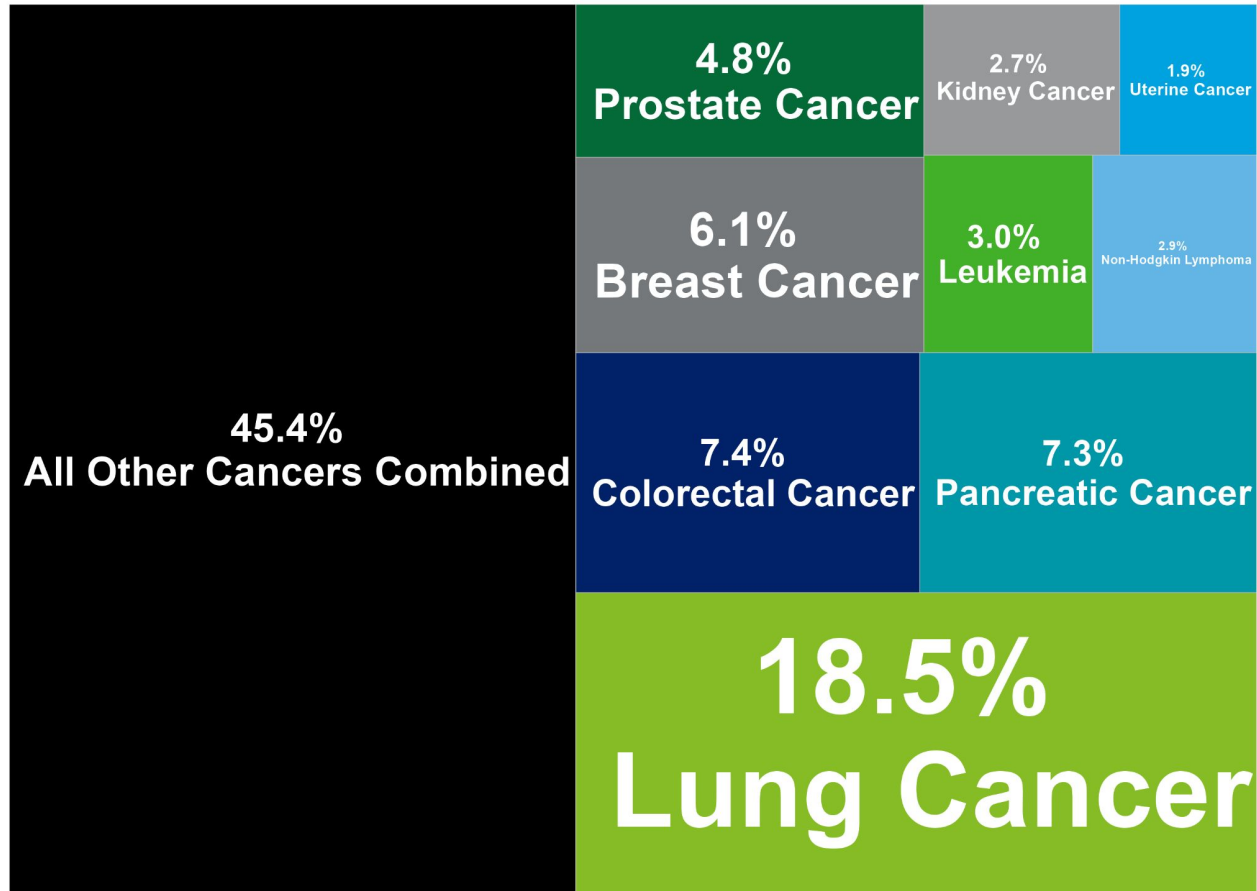
U.S. Lung Cancer Deaths: 131,880

2022 Estimated Cancer Deaths:

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2022 Estimated Cancer Deaths in the US

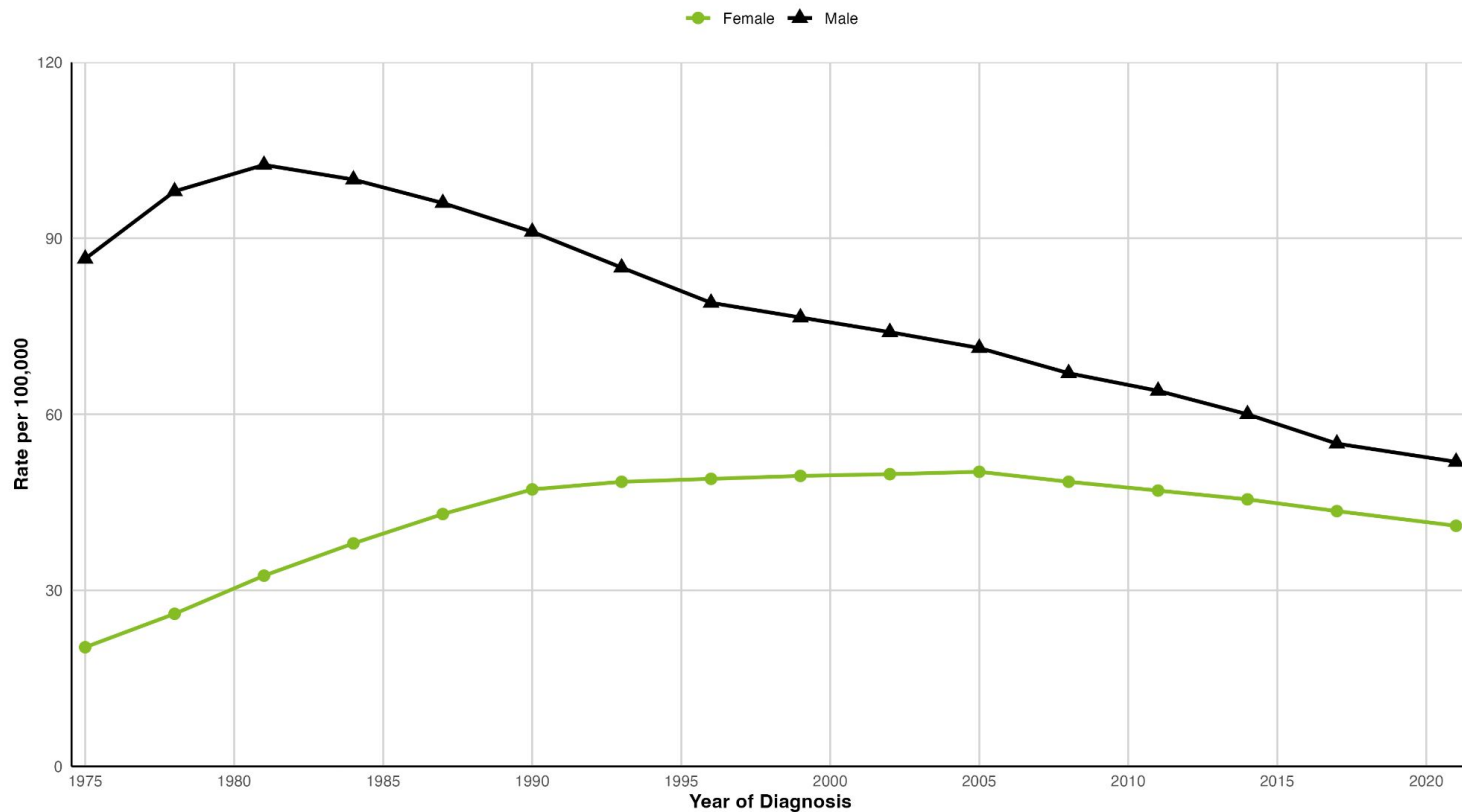
Data Source: American Cancer Society



Percentage values indicate each category's proportion of total cancer deaths.

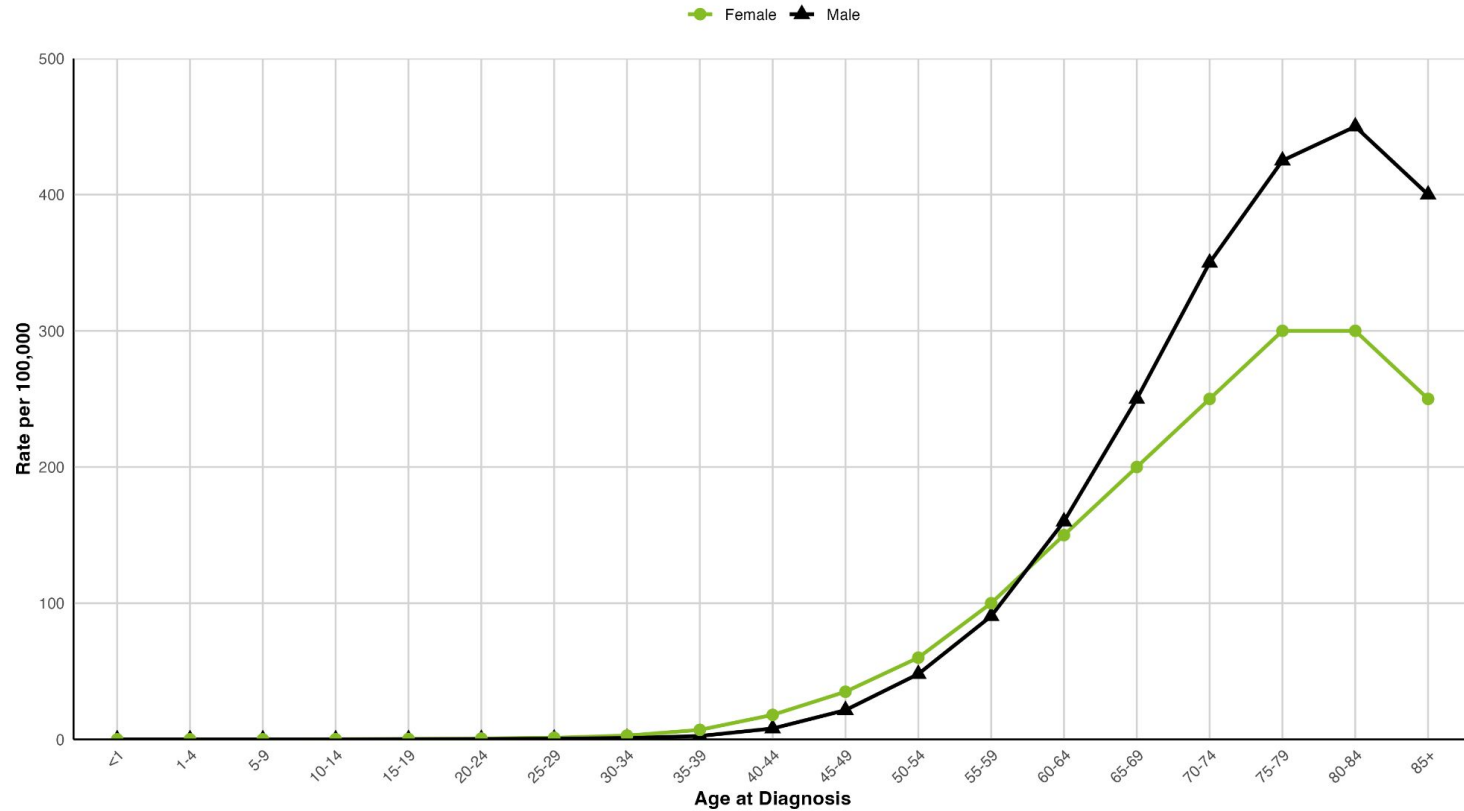
Lung and Bronchus Long-Term Trends in SEER Age-Adjusted Incidence Rates, 1975-2021

By Sex, Delay-adjusted SEER Incidence Rate, All Races / Ethnicities, All Ages



Lung and Bronchus SEER Incidence Rates by Age at Diagnosis, 2017-2021

By Sex, Delay-adjusted SEER Incidence Rate, All Races / Ethnicities



Vocabulary for Cancer Staging Detection

1. Localized

The cancer is localized and hasn't spread beyond its origin.

3. Distant (Metastatic)

The cancer has metastasized beyond regional organs or lymph nodes.

2. Regional

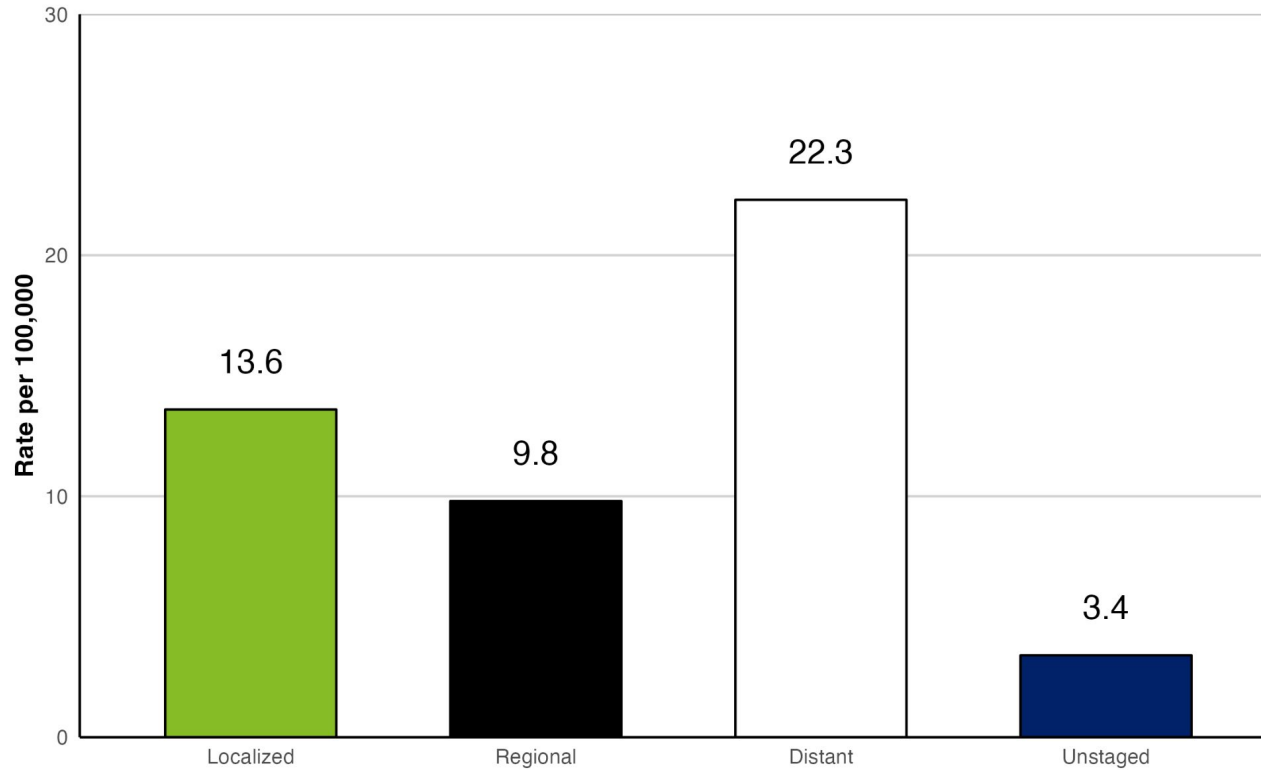
The cancer has spread beyond the original organ, potentially affecting nearby tissues, structures, or lymph nodes.


4. Unstaged

Insufficient data prevents definitive cancer staging, possibly due to incomplete testing or diagnostic limitations.

Lung and Bronchus Stage Distribution of SEER Incidence Cases, 2012-2021

By Age, Both Sexes, All Races / Ethnicities





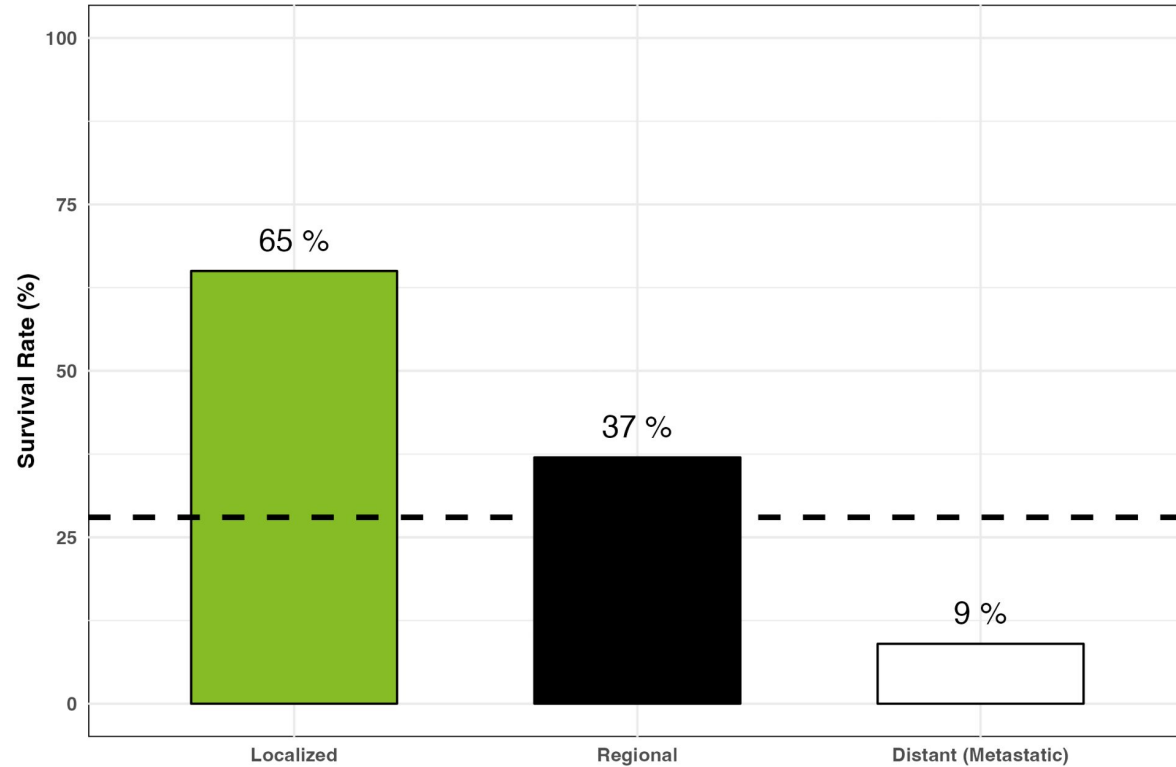
13.7%

Misdiagnosis Rate

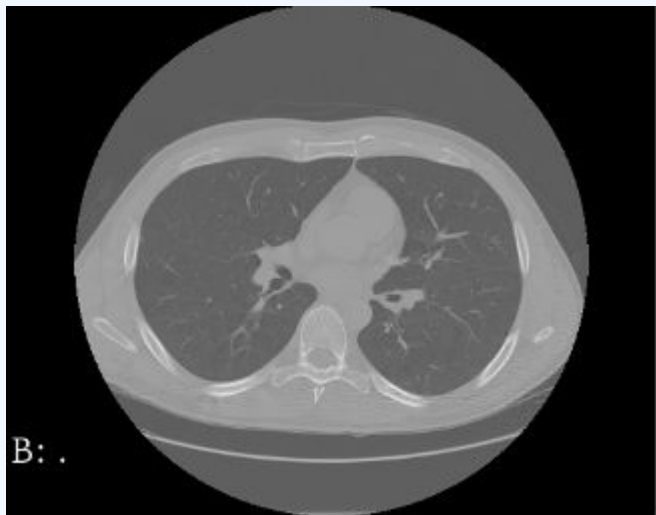
Citation: Armato III, AE, McLennan, G, Bélanger, Y, et al. (2011). Diagnosis of Subsolid Nodules by Anatomic Pathologists on Low-Dose CT Scans in the National Lung Screening Trial. Journal of Thoracic Oncology, 6(4), 737-745.

5-Year Relative Survival Rate by Staging Detection

Comparison of survival rates by cancer stage at detection



Early Detection Will Save Lives!

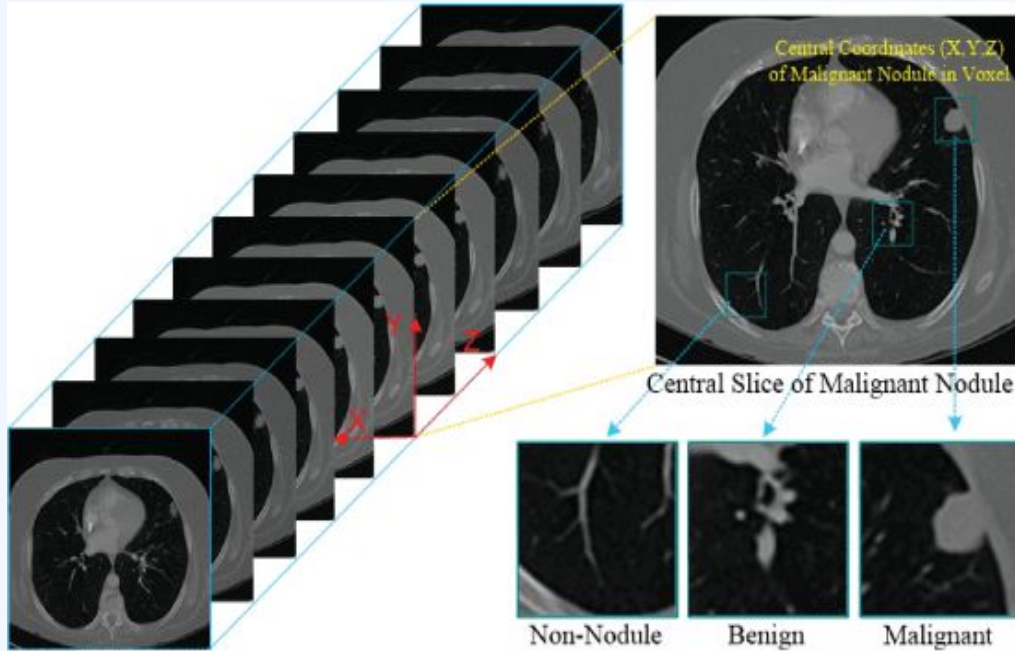


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Dataset Breakdown



Dataset

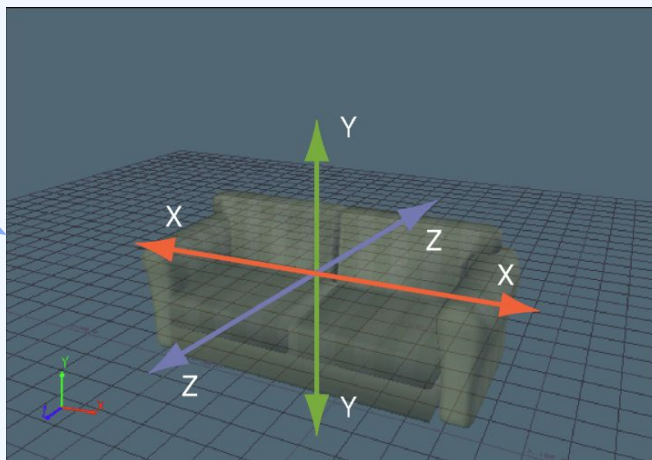


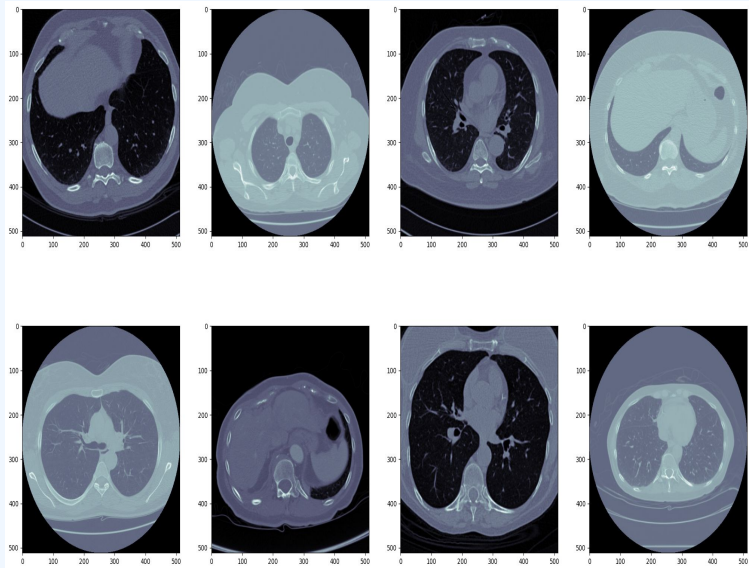
Our .RAW Data

- 888 CT Scans.
- CT images are stored in MetalImage(mhd/raw)
- Each .mhd file is stored with a separate .raw binary file for the pixel data.

Dataset

| <i>File Name</i> | <i>X Coordinate</i> | <i>Y Coordinate</i> | <i>Z Coordinate</i> | <i>Diameter (mm)</i> |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 0 | -129.7 | -175.3 | -298.4 | 5.65 |
| 1 | 103.8 | -211.9 | -277.1 | 4.22 |
| 2 | 69.6 | -140.9 | 876.4 | 5.79 |





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Lung Segmentation



Preprocessing

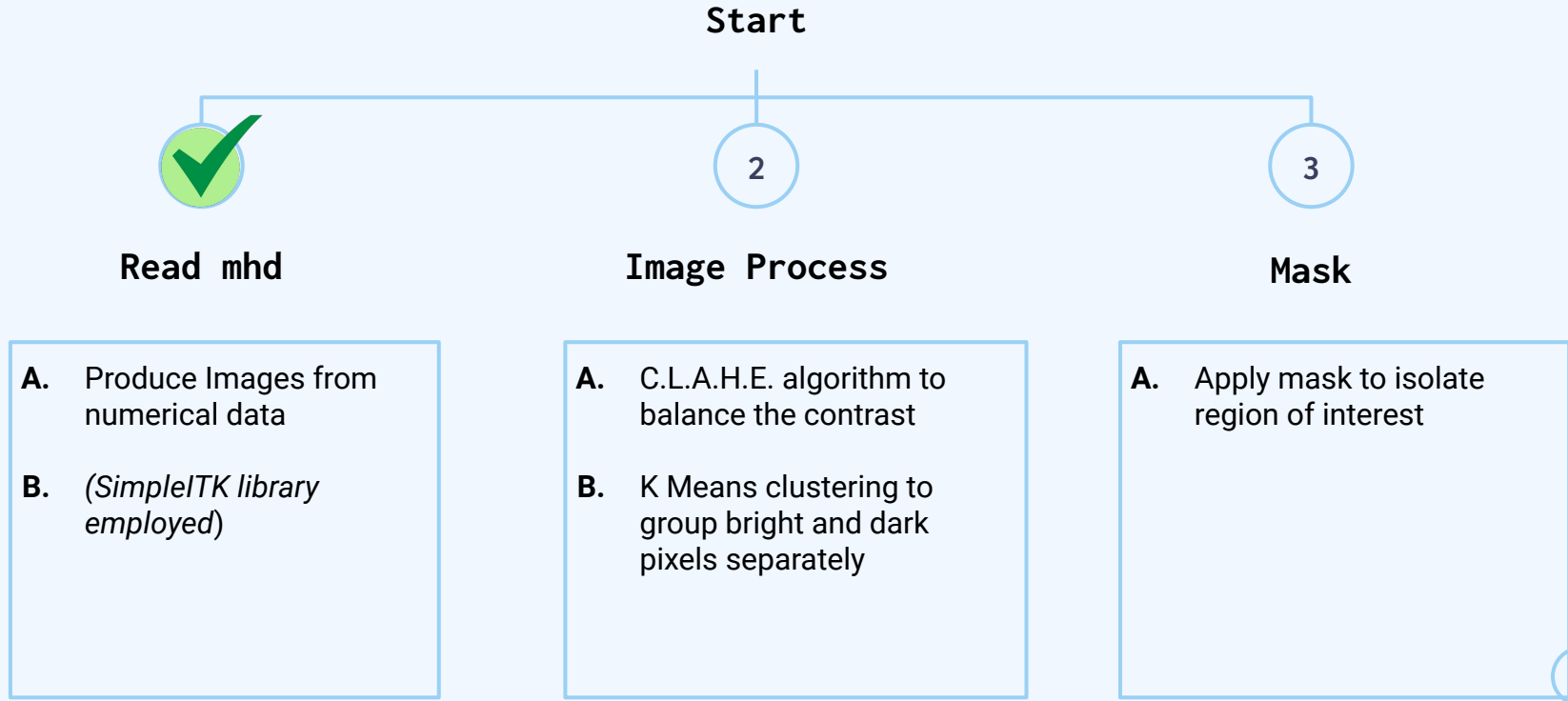


Image Preprocessing - C.L.A.H.E.

CONTRAST LIMITED ADAPTIVE HISTOGRAM EQUALIZATION

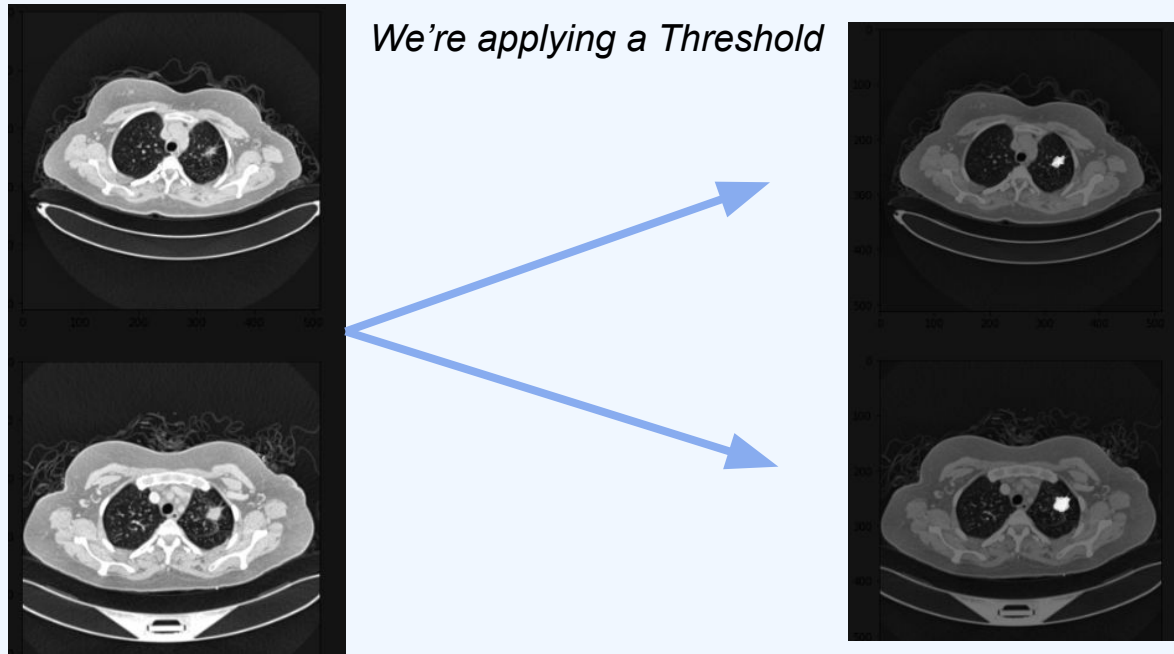
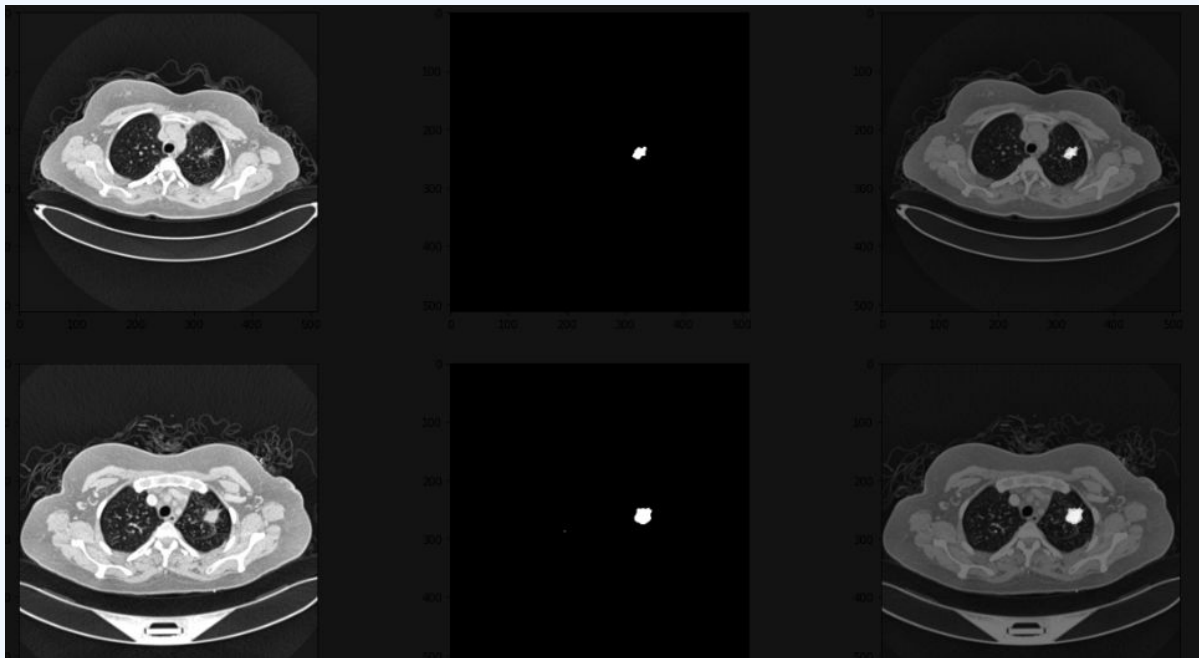


Image Preprocessing - *Masking*

- C.L.A.H.E.
 - *Preprocessing the images has made the darks darker and the lights lighter*
 - *The difference between dark and light is much sharper*
- Masking
 - *We can now trust the computer to reliably isolate what's important from what isn't*
 - *and it will do so with a much greater accuracy*

Image Preprocessing - *Results*



Original

Masked Object

C.L.A.H.E. Object

File Preprocessing

Start



Read mhd

- A. Produce Images from the numerical data
- B. *(SimpleITK library employed)*



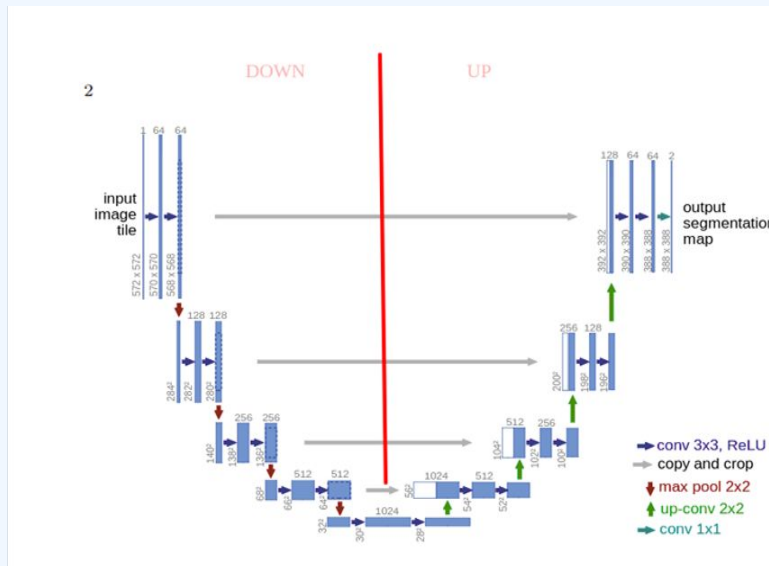
Image Process

- A. CLAHE algorithm to balance the contrast
- B. Kmeans clustering to group bright and dark pixels separately



Mask

- A. Apply mask
- B. Region of interest is now isolated



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CNN

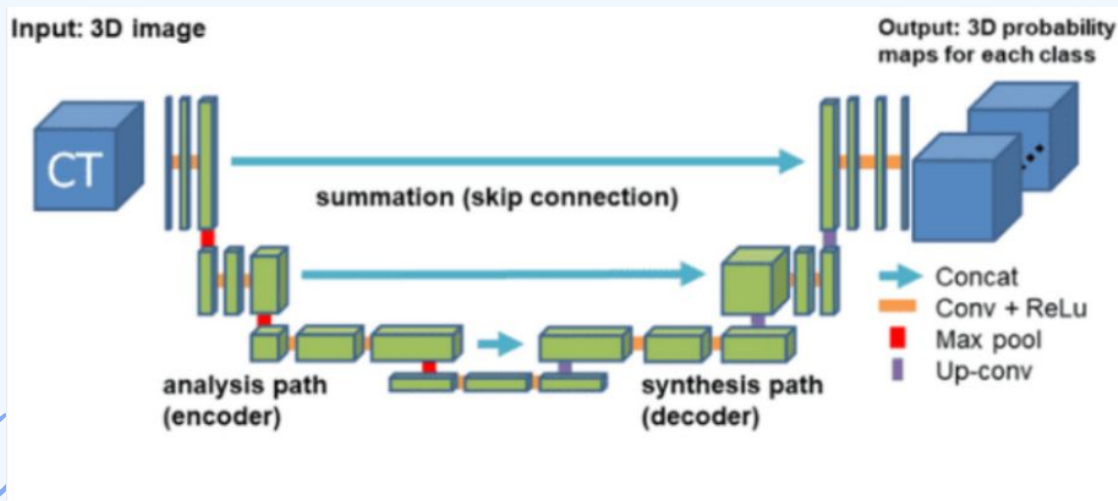
Architecture

Intro to CNN (Convolutional Neural Network)

- Introduction
 - CNNs: Advanced algorithm for processing structured visual data.
- Key Features
 - Leverage layers for automatic feature extraction, inspired by human visual system.
- Why CNNs?
 - Vital for tasks like image classification, object detection, and medical image analysis.
- U-net Architecture
 - Specialized CNN architecture for precise image segmentation

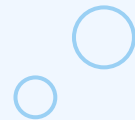


2D UNet CNN architecture



- Encoder-decoder deep learning model with skip connection
- Feature extraction
- Reconstruct spatial information using unsampling and concatenation
- Connect encoder and decoder layers

Training Process



- Data processing
 - Preprocess CT scans and annotations for input to the network
- Loss Function
 - Employ Dice coefficient loss to measure the discrepancy between predicted and actual segmentation labels.
- Optimization
 - To Adjust the network's parameters to minimize the loss function



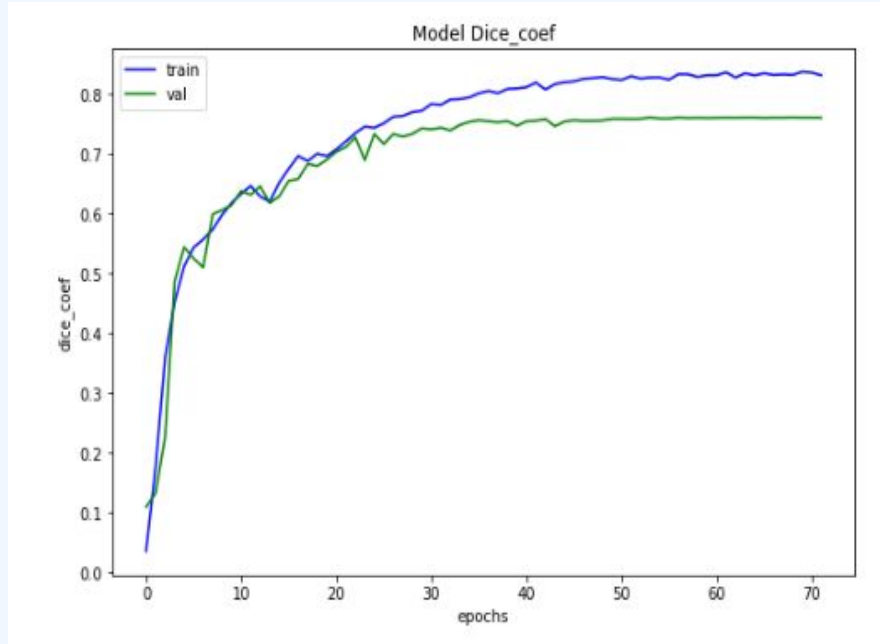


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Result



Project Impact

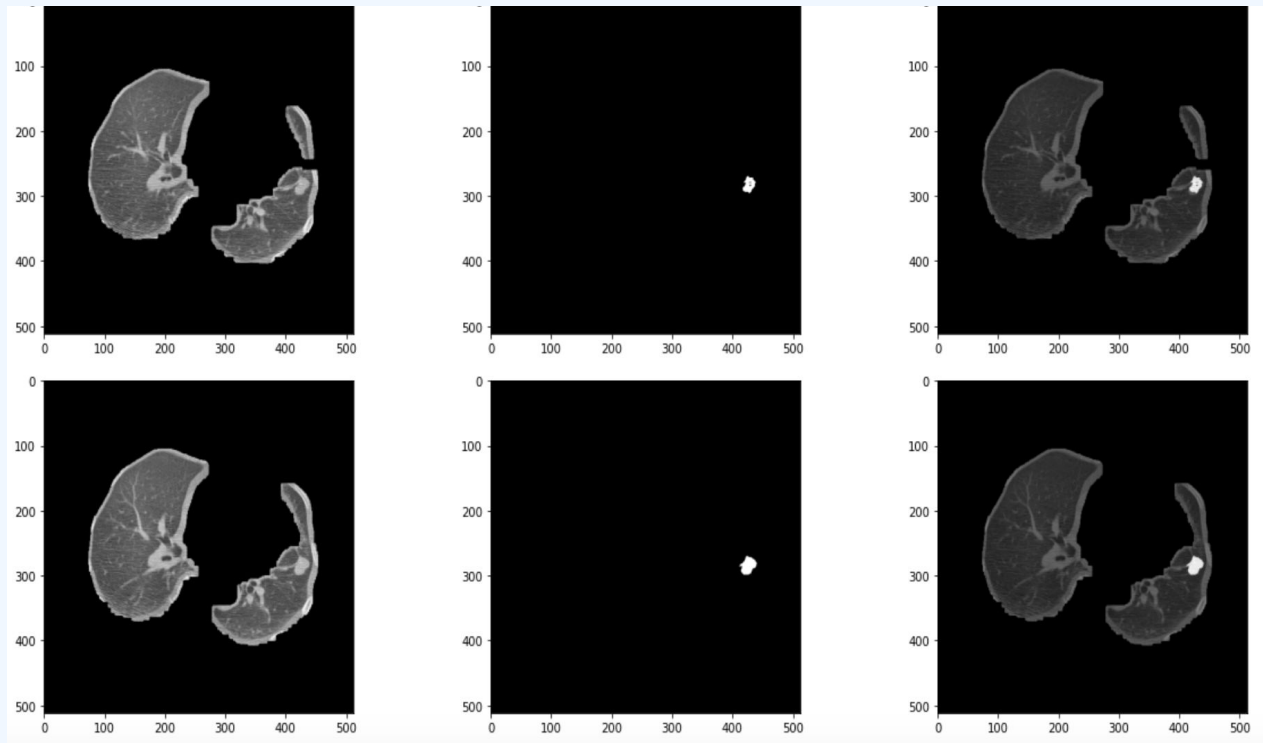


- Leveraging the CT scans of 888 patients cases with annotated lesions
- The average score of the model performance is 0.83 on the training dataset
 - A score of 1 indicates perfect
 - A score of 0 indicates no overlap

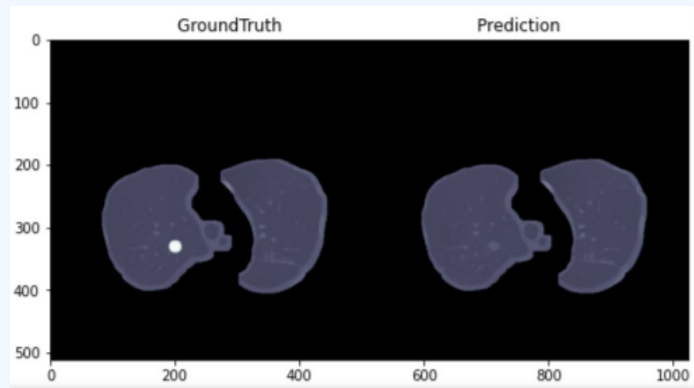
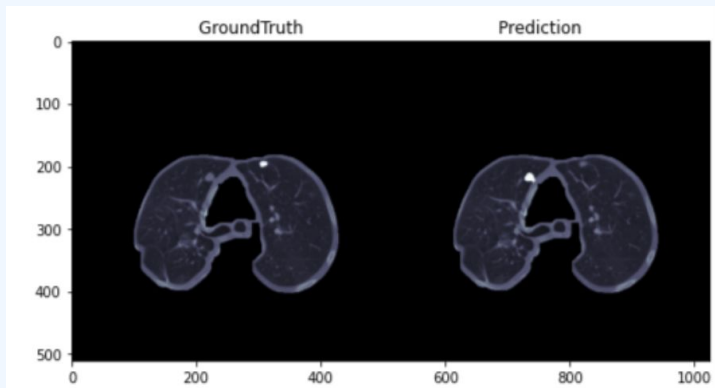
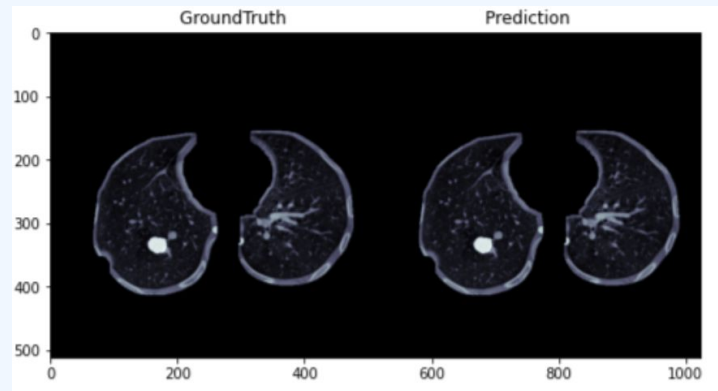
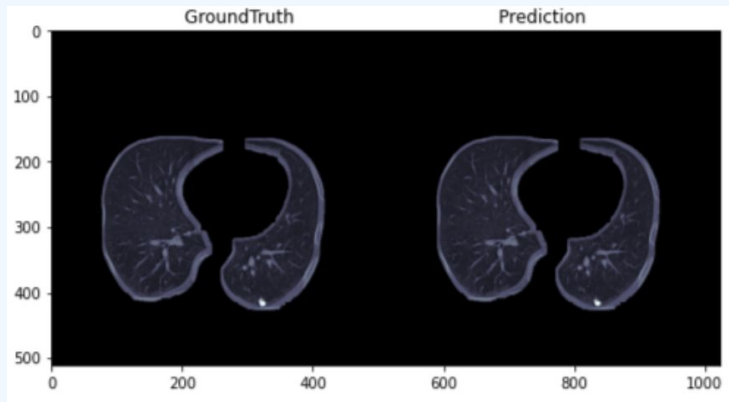
Dice coefficient :

$$\frac{2 \times (|Y_{\text{true}} \cap Y_{\text{pred}}| + 1)}{|Y_{\text{true}}| + |Y_{\text{pred}}| + 1}$$

Original vs. Masked



Prediction





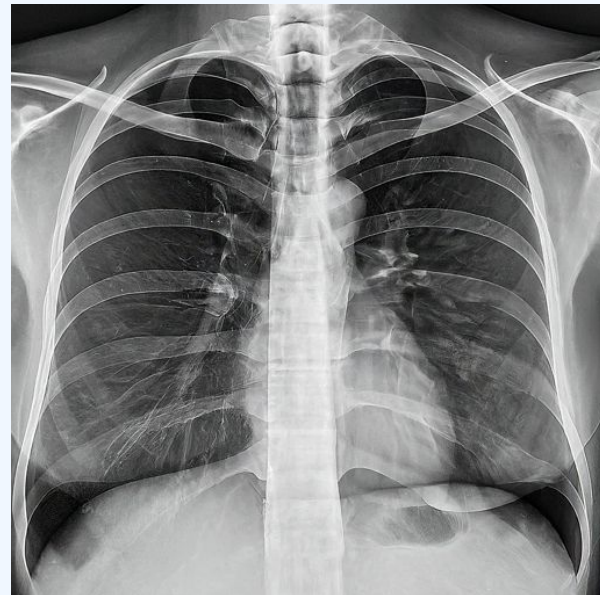
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Conclusion



Clinical Significance

- Early Detection : Enable earlier diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer
- Impact on Patient Care
 - Enhanced accuracy and reliability
 - Reduce the risk of misdiagnosis
- Cost-effectiveness by reducing manual interpretation
- Future Prospects





Thanks

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