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# Implementing Deep Learning for COVID-19 Segmentation within Low-Radiation CT Scans

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## Abstract

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## 1 Introduction

## 2 Related Work

-find a covid analysis paper -look into the facebook imaging challenge for faster ct scans -go through the ppt roarke used ans see if there are any relevant papers

One final area of related work deals with studies that have been conducted to evaluate the performance of different loss functions with semantic segmentation. Specifically, segmentation problems with unbalanced classes are of particular interest. For most of the images, the segmented Covid-19 mask only makes up a fraction of the CT scan. It has been observed that the focal loss and the dice loss perform well in cases of unbalanced classes [1].

## 3 Methods

### 3.1 Data and Pre-processing

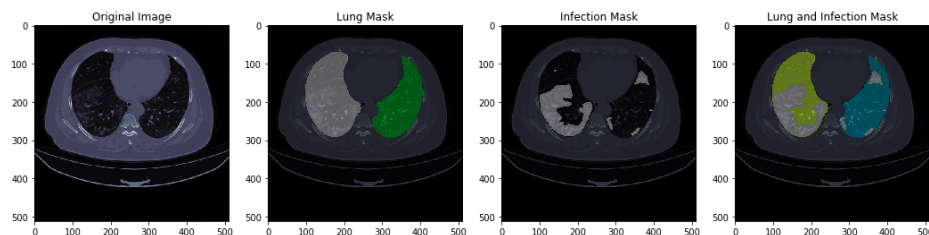


Figure 1: Examples of the images and mask labels that were provided in the data set

### 3.2 Physical Layer

### 3.3 CNN Architectures

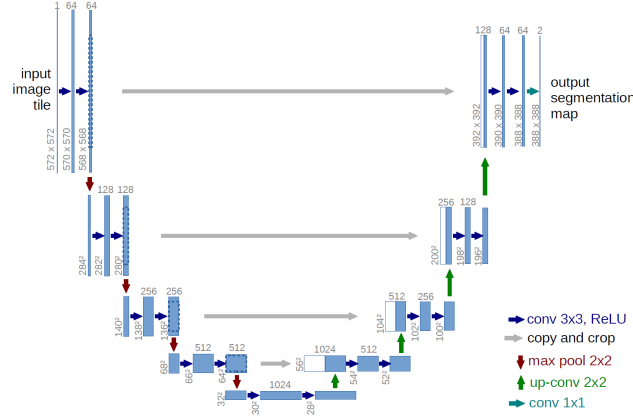


Figure 2: Visual representation of the U-Net architecture

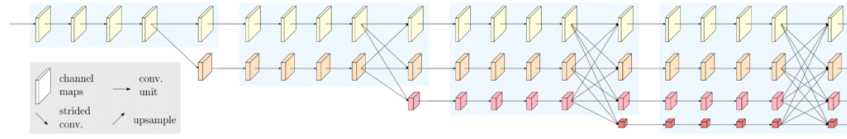


Figure 3: Visual representation of the HRNet architecture

### 3.4 Metrics

### 3.5 Training

$$-\alpha[y_i \times \log(\hat{y}_i) + (1 - y_i) \times \log(1 - \hat{y}_i)] - 2\left(\frac{y_i \times \hat{y}_i}{y_i + \hat{y}_i}\right)$$

## 4 Results

## 5 Discussion

### 5.1 Future Work

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### References

- [1] Shruti Jadon. A survey of loss functions for semantic segmentation. *arXiv:2006.14822 [cs, eess]*, September 2020. arXiv: 2006.14822.

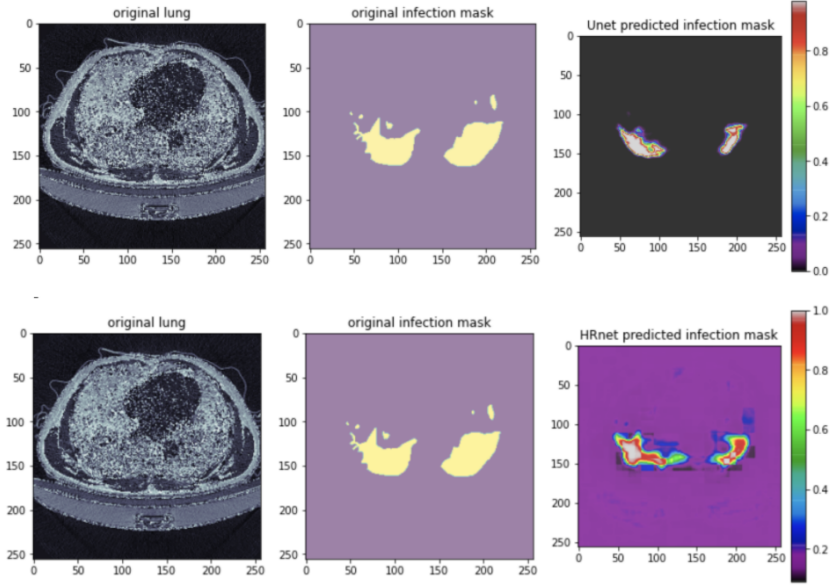


Figure 4: The predicted infection masks for both U-Net and HR-Net on the unmodified data set. HR-Net has a wider mask while U-Net predicts values closer to the binary extremes, 0 and 1.

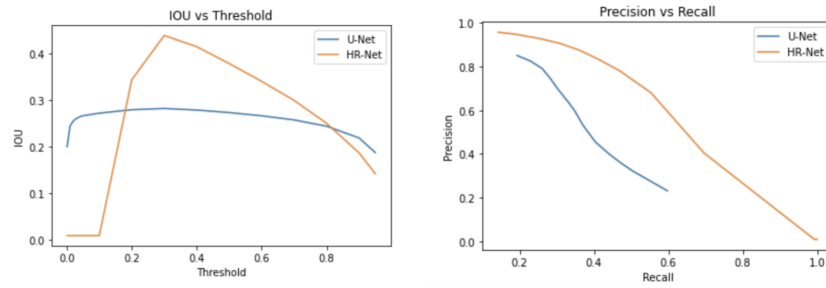


Figure 5: The IOU vs Threshold (left) and Precision vs Recall (right) plots for U-Net and HR-Net on the unmodified data set.

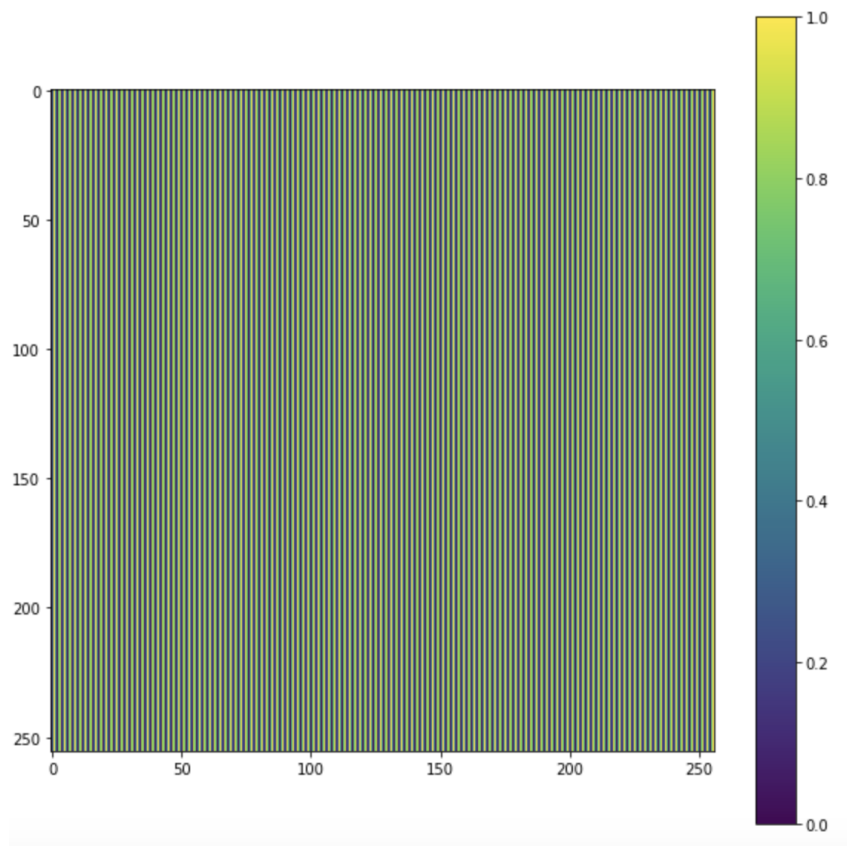


Figure 6: HR-Net Fourier Transform column weights for optimized physical layer with HR-Net.

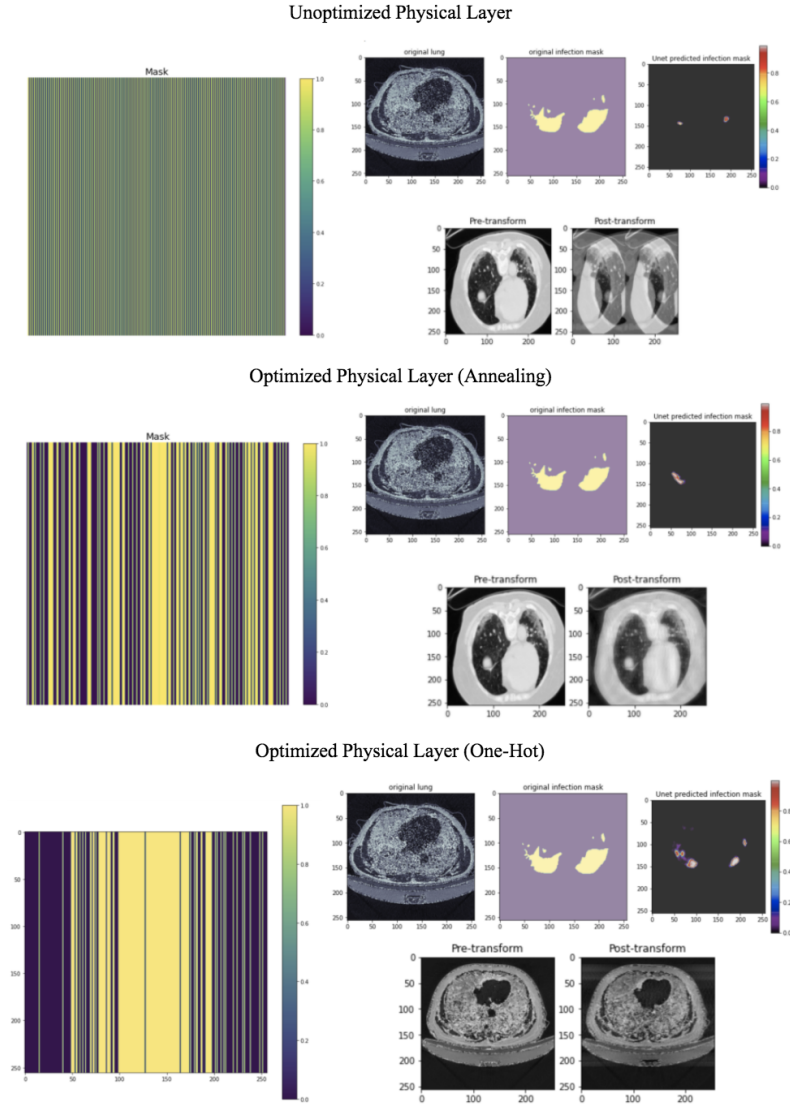


Figure 7: The mask (left), mask predictions (upper right), and transformed images (lower right) are shown for the unoptimized, annealing-optimized, and One-Hot-optimized scenarios.

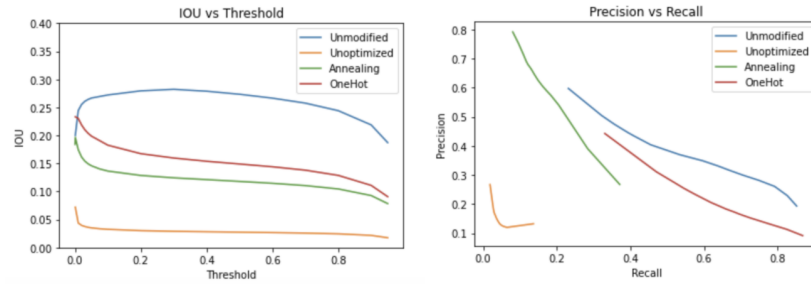


Figure 8: The precision-recall (left) and IOU plots for the unmodified data set, unoptimized physical layer, annealing, OneHot scenarios.

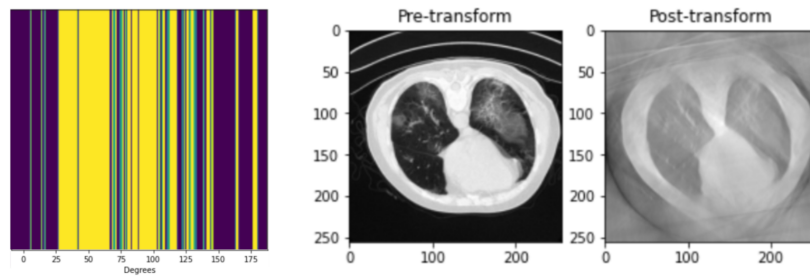


Figure 9: Learned radon transfer mask (left) and sample physical layer transformation using the experimental projection selection.