

Lunar Surface Image Segmentation



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Going to the Moon!!

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- Tasked to help land a lunar lander on the surface of the moon
- Many factors to consider in finding a safe landing location
 - Be nice to **not crash into rocks**
- Can we use ML/CV to help with this?

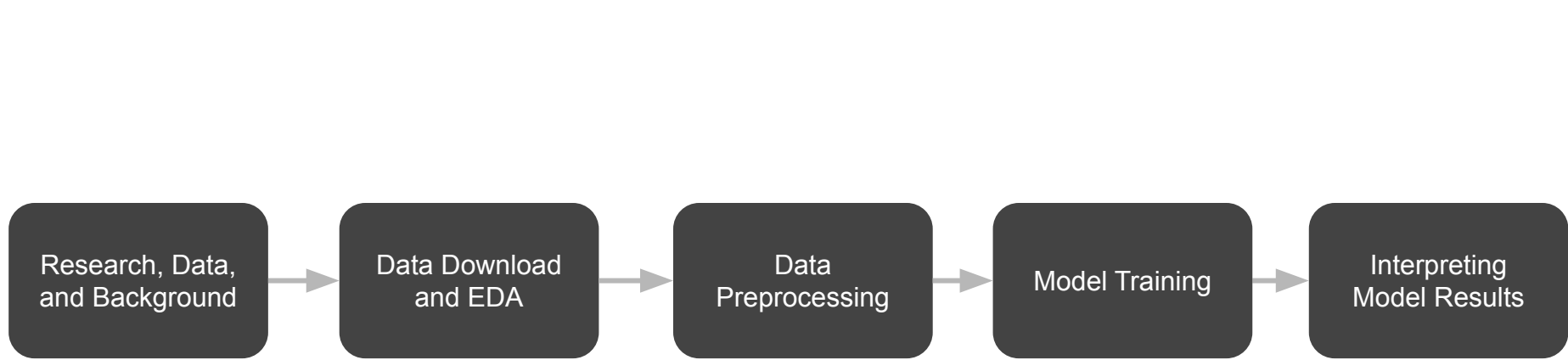


Figure 1: Lunar Surface⁴



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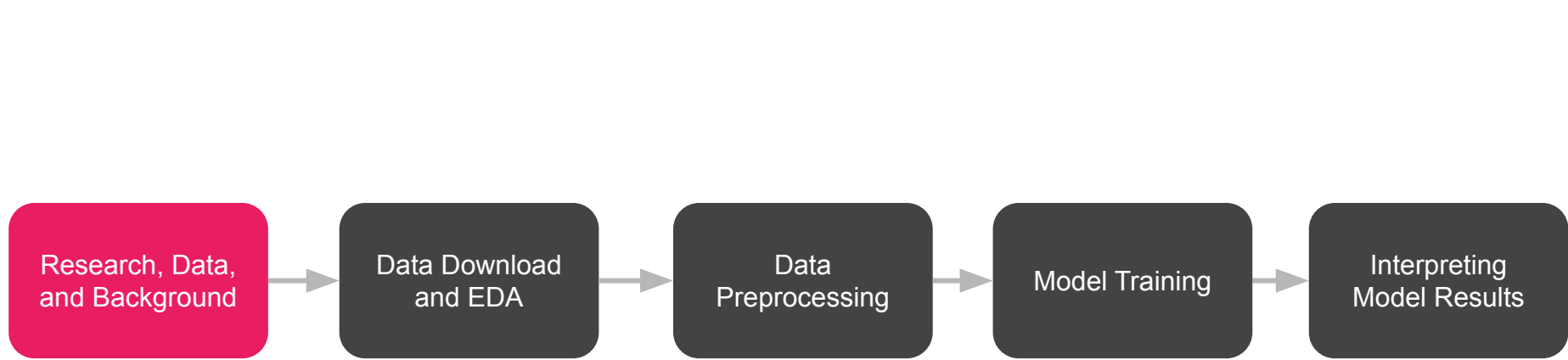
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Background

- Semantic Segmentation: **Classifying the class per pixel**

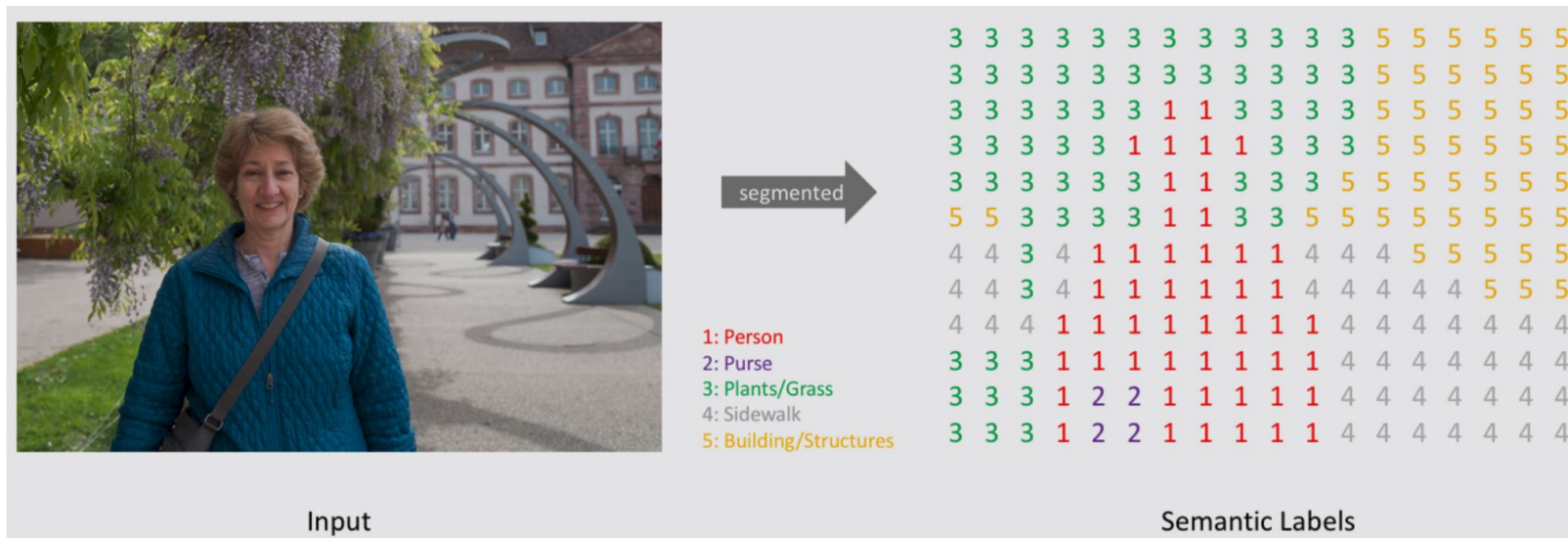


Figure 2: Overview of Semantic Segmentation⁵



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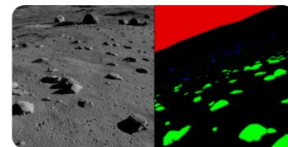
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New Notebook

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Artificial Lunar Landscape Dataset

Photorealistic images of the Moon's surface with ground truth rock segmentation



Data Code (10) Discussion (1)

About Dataset

Context

It is often difficult to conduct any kind of machine learning experiment on lunar images because of their scarcity and lack of annotation. The goal of this dataset is to provide the general public with a sample of artificial yet realistic lunar landscapes, which can be used to train rock detection algorithms. Those trained algorithms can then be tested on actual lunar pictures or other pictures of rocky terrain.

Usability ⓘ

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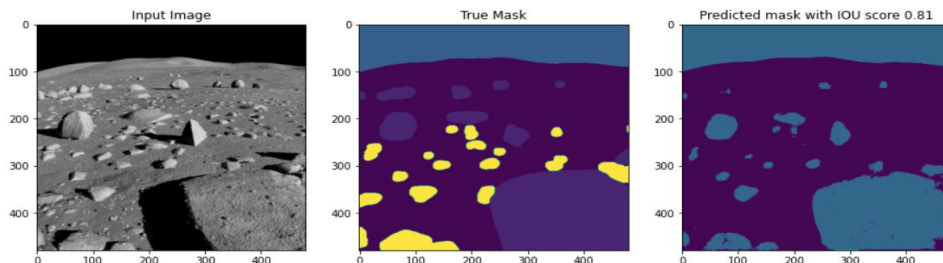
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Figure 3: Artificial Lunar Landscape Dataset from Kaggle³

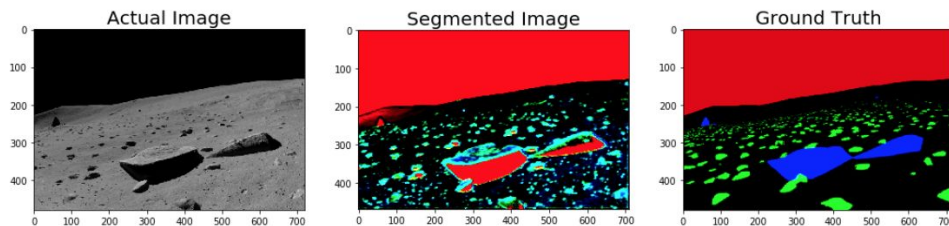


Prior Work on Dataset - Kaggle Notebooks⁷

- Gold: Tried VGG16 model



- Silver: Tried VGG16 model





Objectives and Contribution Goals

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To build and train our **own U-Net** based architecture then compare results against a few **pretrained networks**



Dataset

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- **Rendered Lunar Images:**

- 9,766 Images of Rendered Lunar Landscapes
- 9,766 Ground Truth Masks

- **Real Lunar Images for Testing:**

- 36 Images of Real Lunar Images
- 36 Ground Truth Masks

Dataset Split	Type	Percentage of Type
Train	Rendered	49%
Validation	Rendered	21%
Test - Rendered	Rendered	30%
Test - Real	Real	100%

Figure 4: Dataset Split



Rendered Image/Mask Example

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Original:
render0034.png



Ground Truth Mask:
clean0034.png

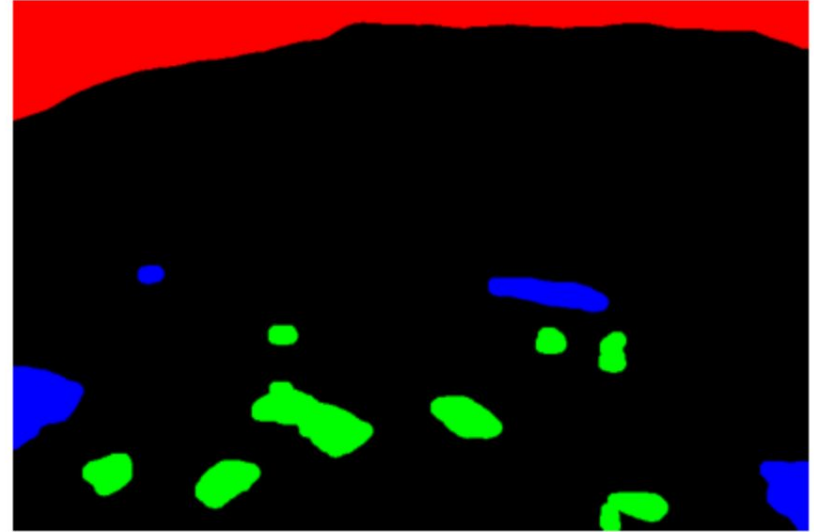


Figure 5: Rendered image and ground truth mask example³



Rendered Image/Mask Example w/ Color Key Labels

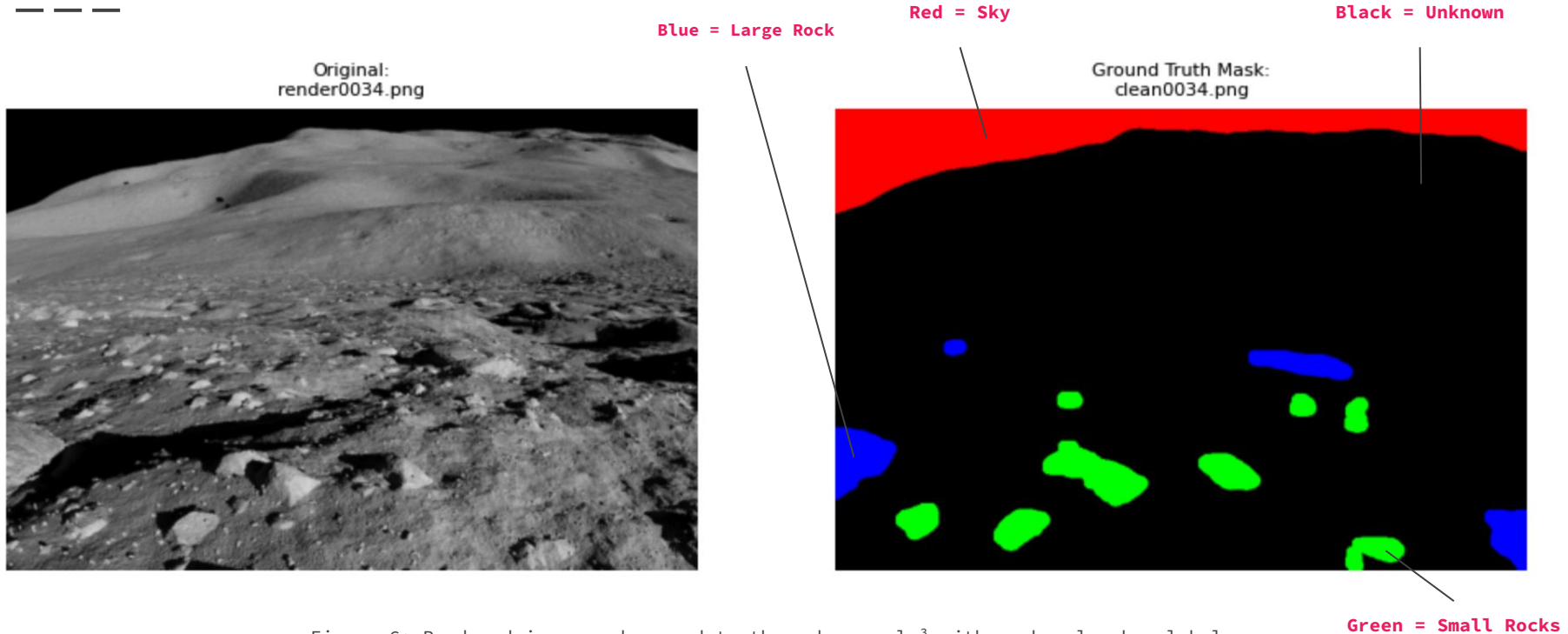


Figure 6: Rendered image and ground truth mask example³ with mask color key labels



Rendered Image/Mask Example II

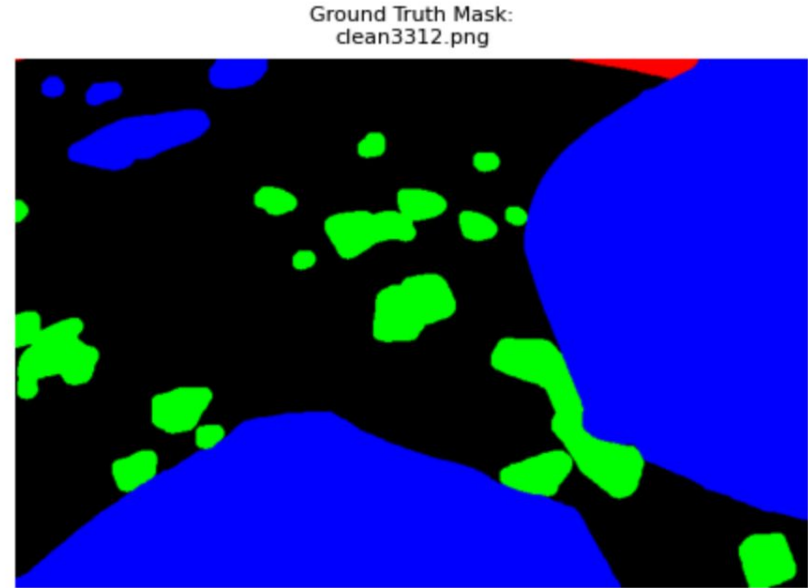
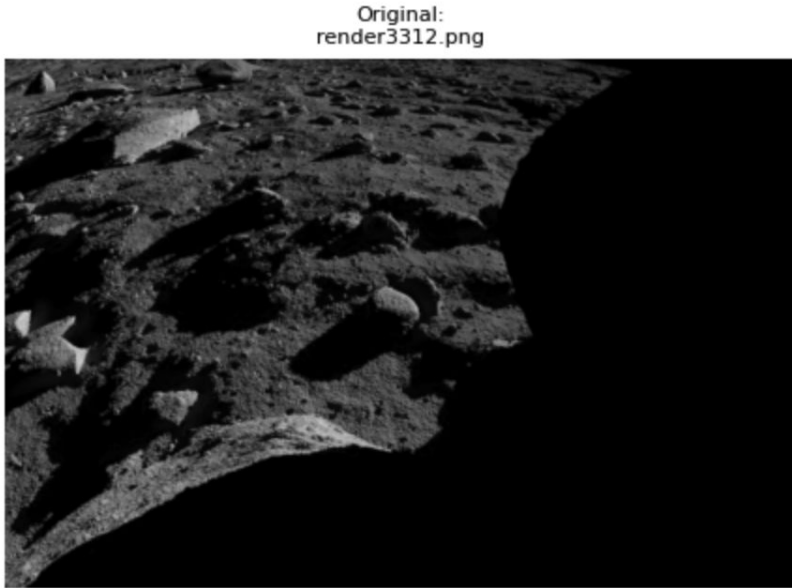


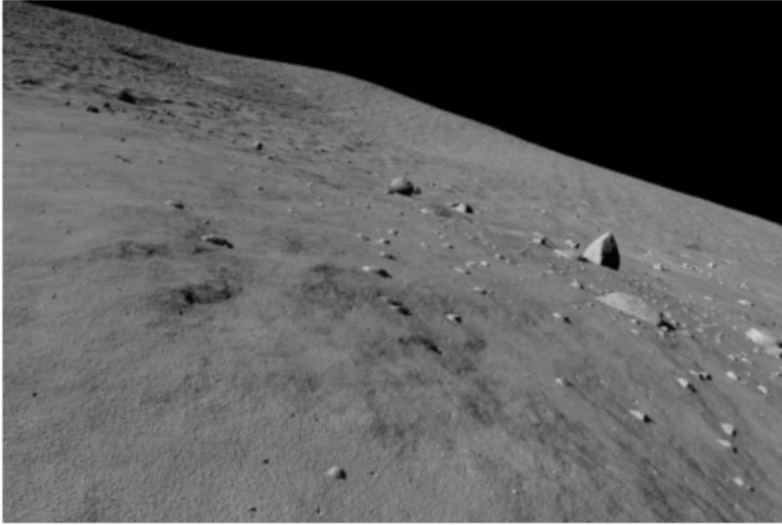
Figure 7: Rendered image and ground truth mask example³



Rendered Image/Mask Example III

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Original:
render4798.png



Ground Truth Mask:
clean4798.png

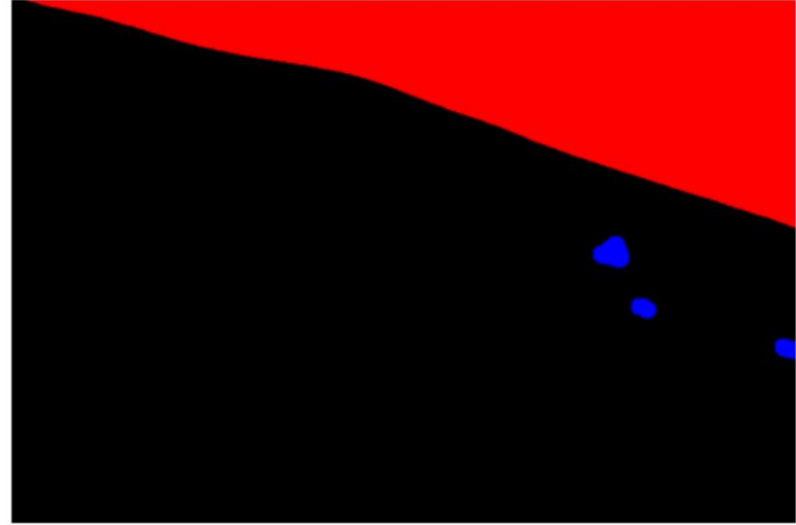


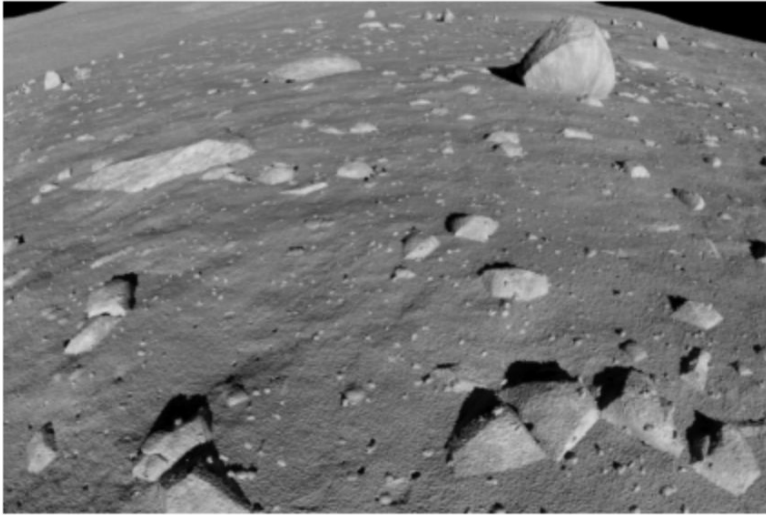
Figure 8: Rendered image and ground truth mask example³



Rendered Image/Mask Example IV

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Original:
render6182.png



Ground Truth Mask:
clean6182.png

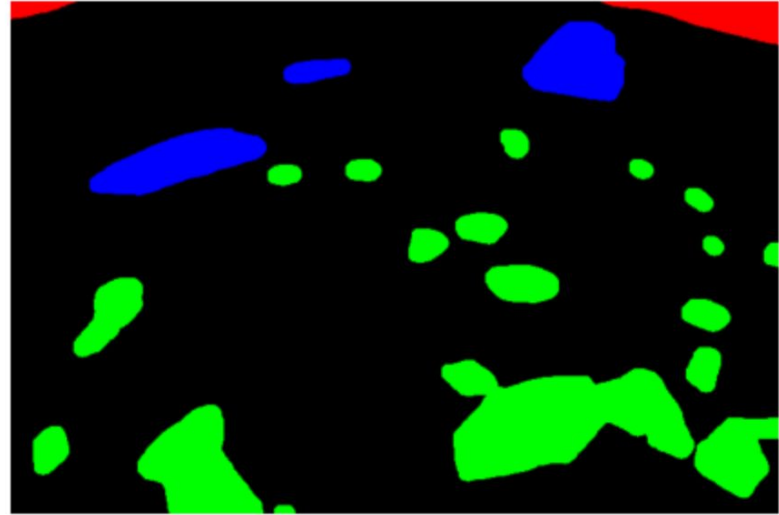


Figure 9: Rendered image and ground truth mask example³



Rendered Image/Mask Example V

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Original:
render8455.png



Ground Truth Mask:
clean8455.png

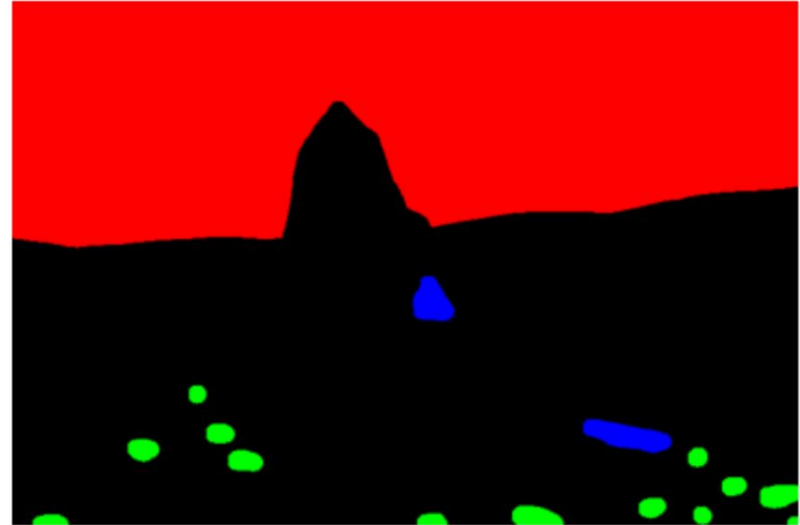


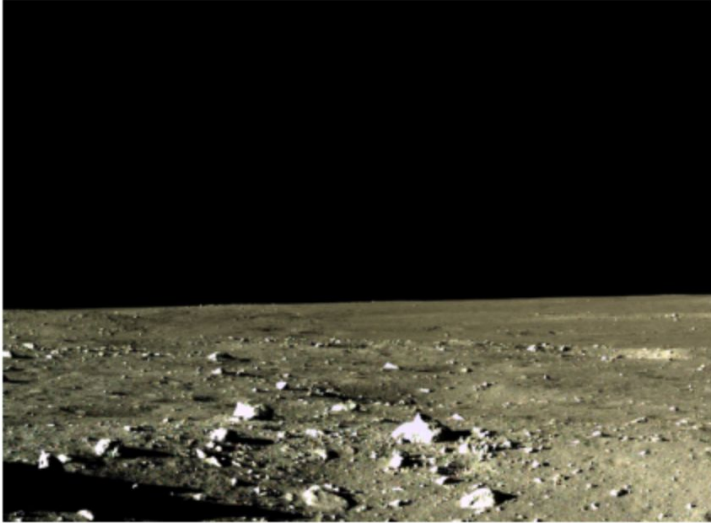
Figure 10: Rendered image and ground truth mask example³



Real Image Example

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Original:
TCAM5.png



Ground Truth Mask:
g_TCAM5.png

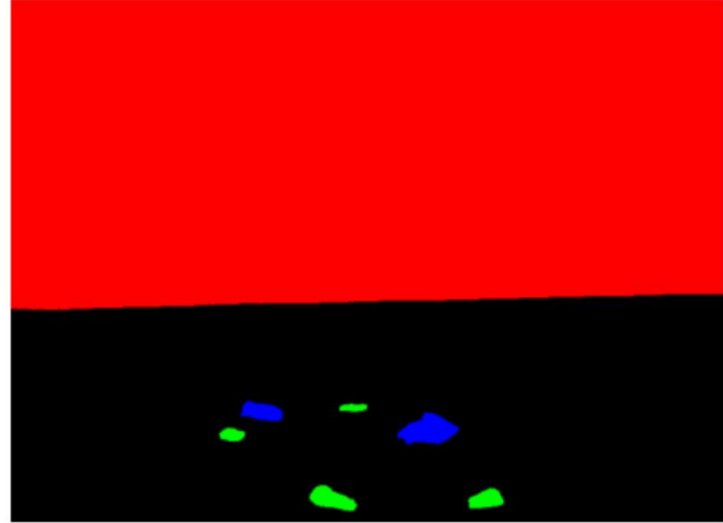


Figure 11: Real lunar image and ground truth mask example³



Real Image Example II

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Original:
PCAM11.png



Ground Truth Mask:
g_PCAM11.png

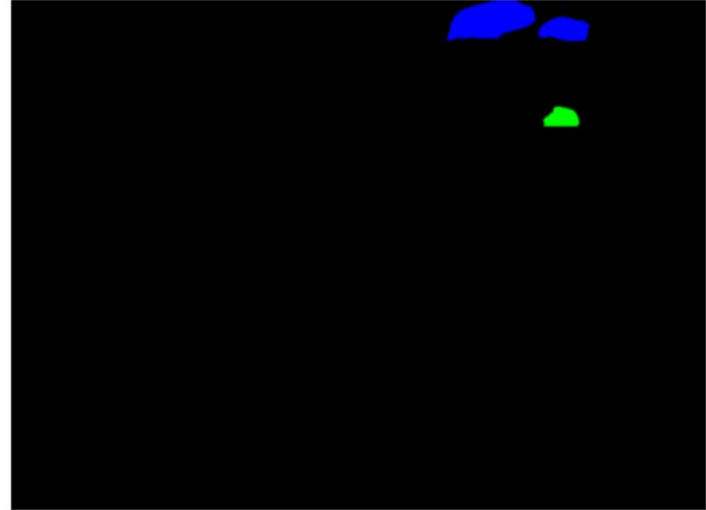


Figure 12: Real lunar image and ground truth mask example³



Real Image Example III

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Original:
TCAM3.png



Ground Truth Mask:
g_TCAM3.png

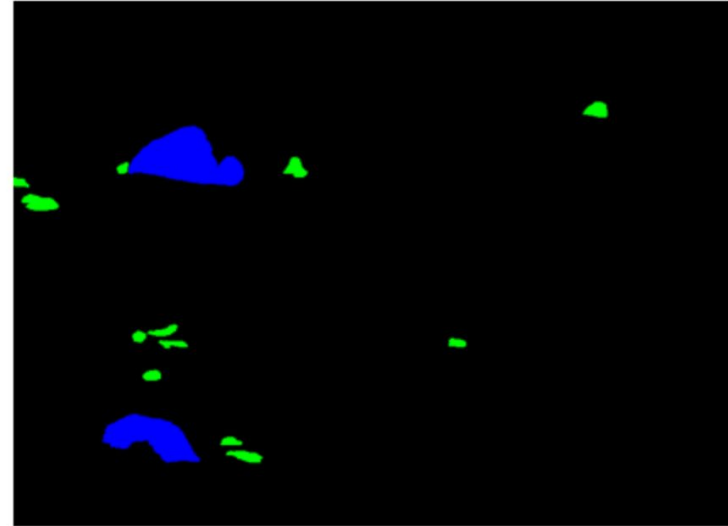
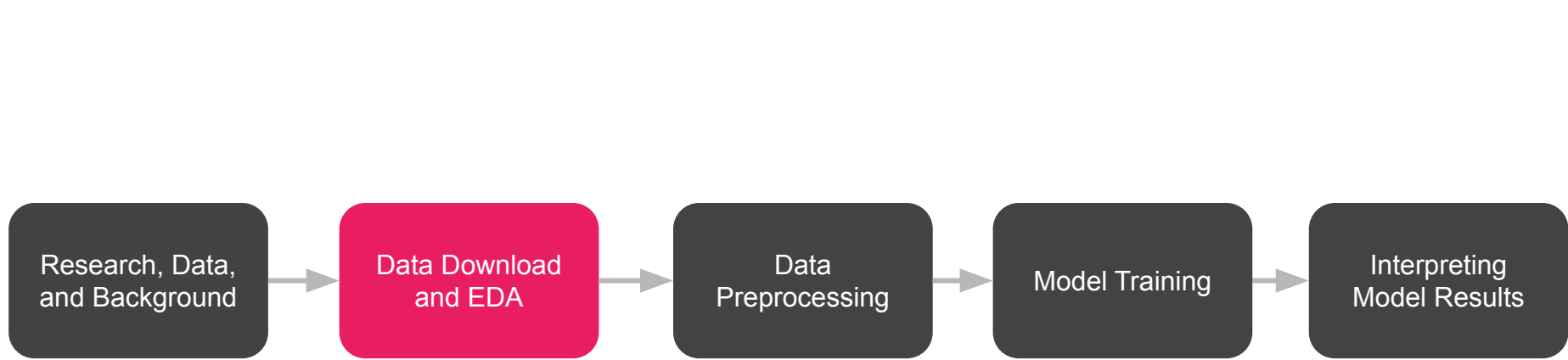


Figure 13: Real lunar image and ground truth mask example³



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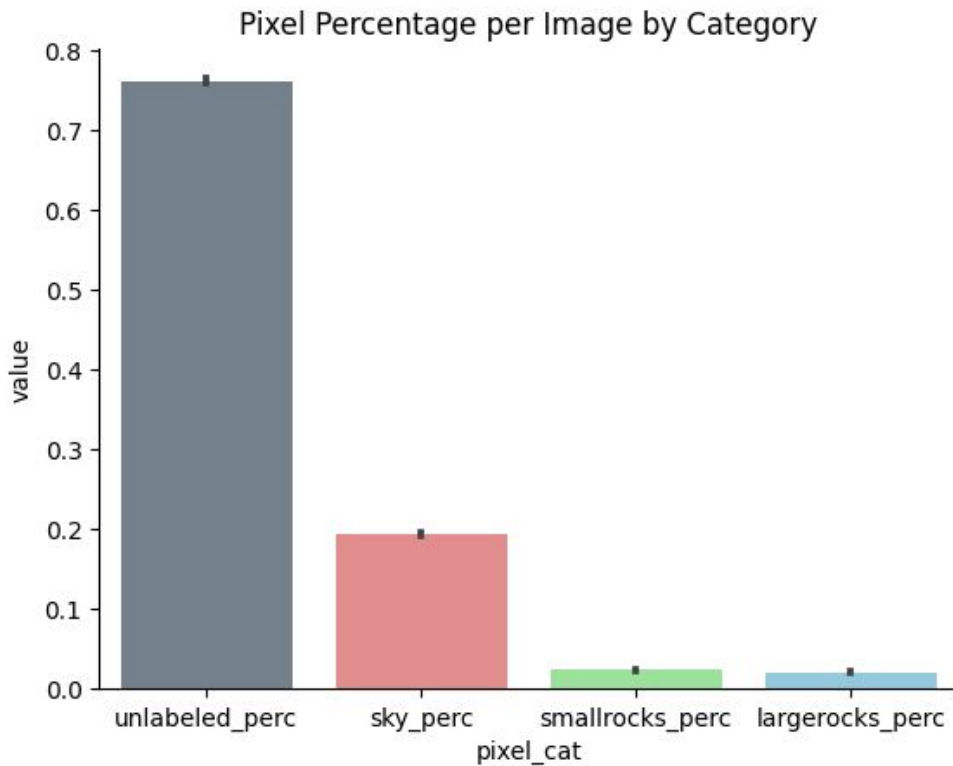


Figure 14: Class Imbalance

EDA

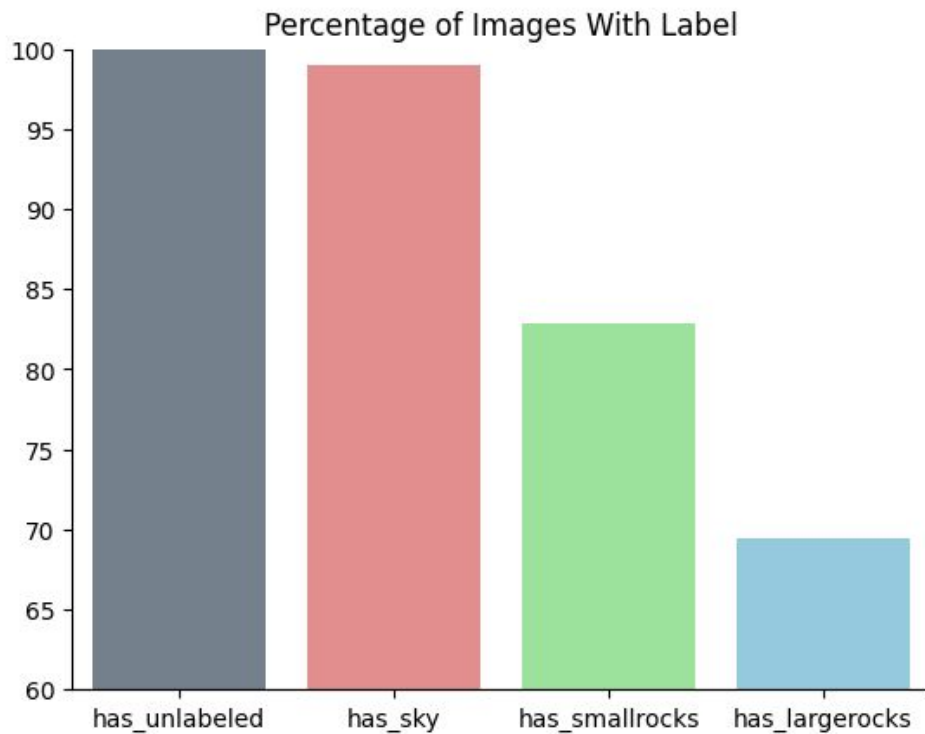


Figure 15: How Many Images Have Which Class Labels

EDA

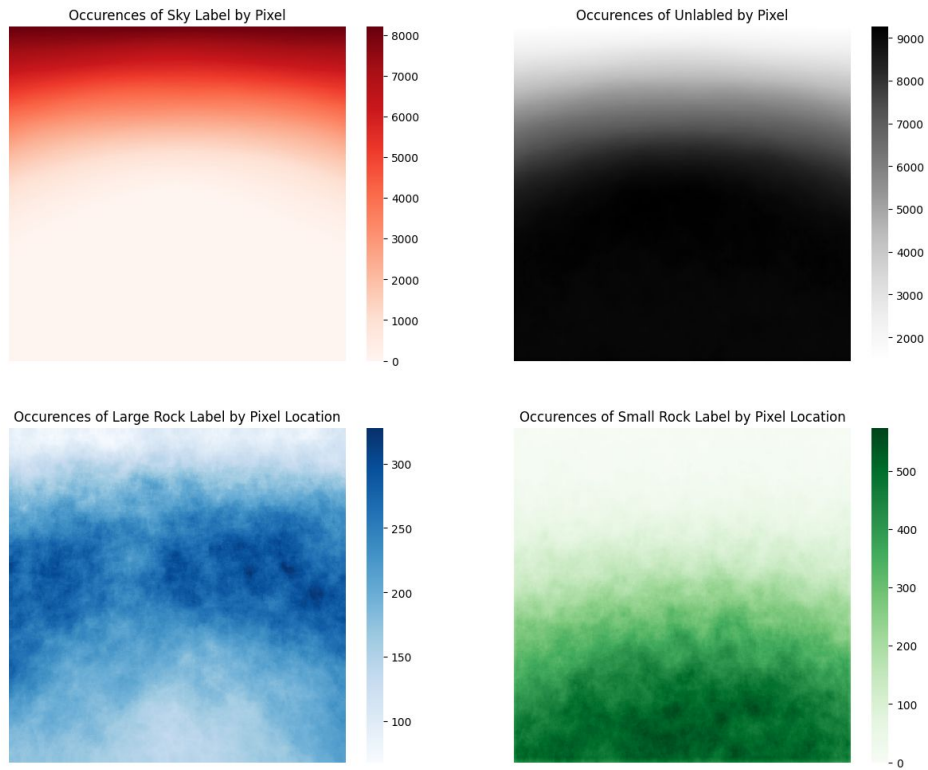
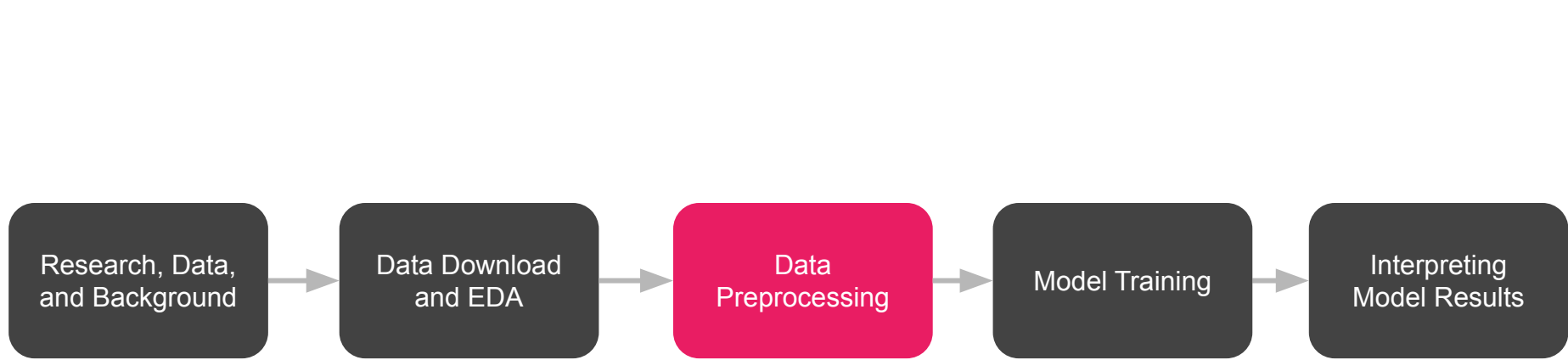


Figure 16: Overall Class Occurrence Intensity by Image Location



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Data Preprocessing

- **Custom DataLoader**
 - Loads image and mask
 - Resize to 256x256
 - Applies data augmentation
 - Rescale pixels to between 0-1
 - One Hot Encode masks
 - Change ordering of channels - image dim last
 - Convert to torch tensor
- **Torch DataLoader**
 - Batch data



One Hot Encoding the Ground Truth Mask

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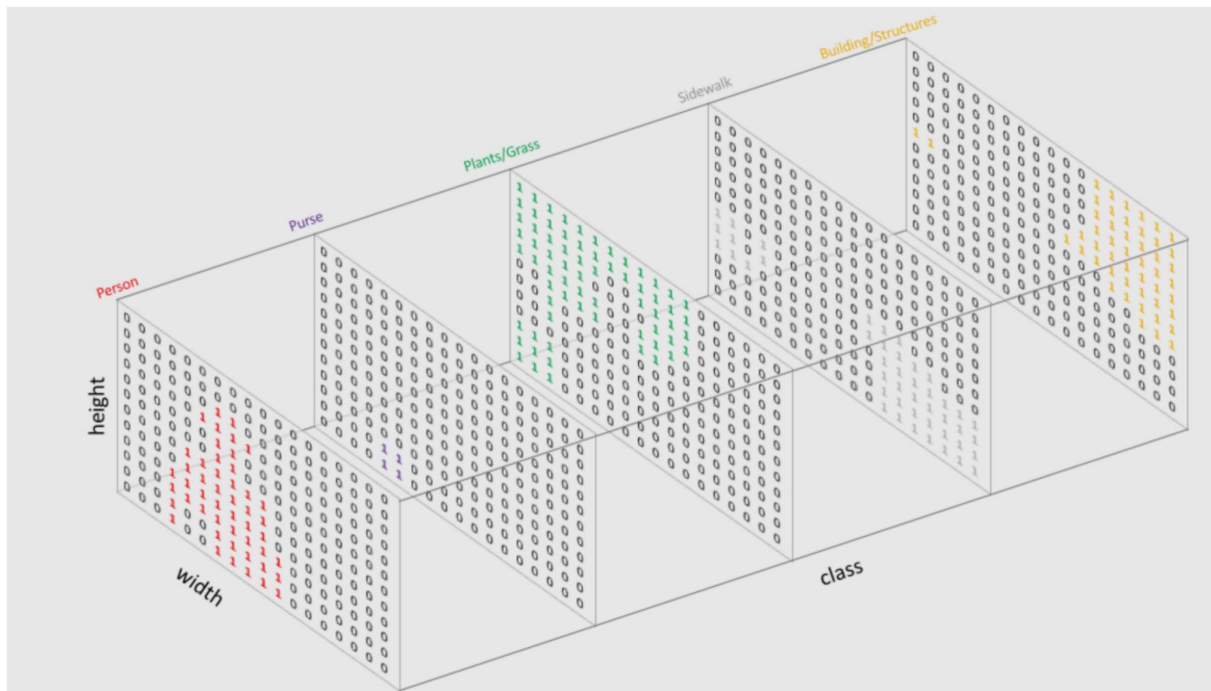


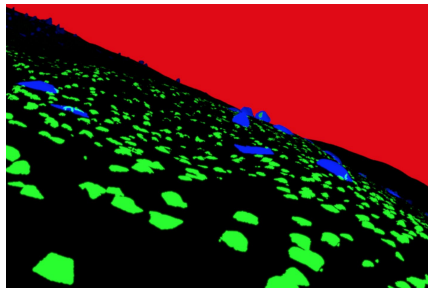
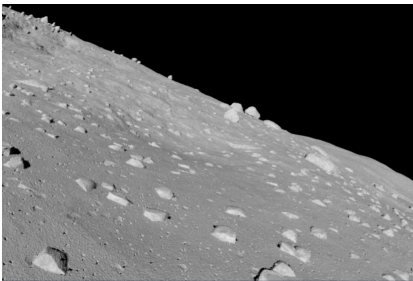
Figure 17: One Hot Encoding the Ground Truth Masks⁵



Data Augmentation

- Images & Masks
 - Random **Vertical Flip**
 - Random **Horizontal Flip**
- Images Only
 - Random **Color Jitters**
 - Brightness
 - Contrast
 - Saturation
 - Hue

Before



After

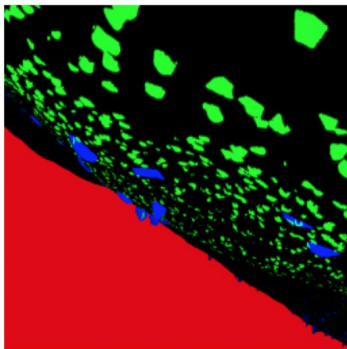
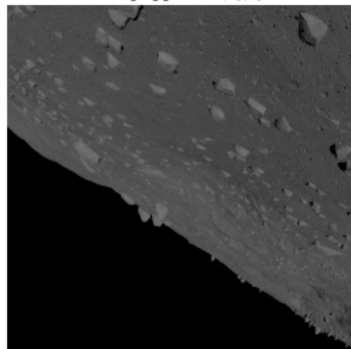
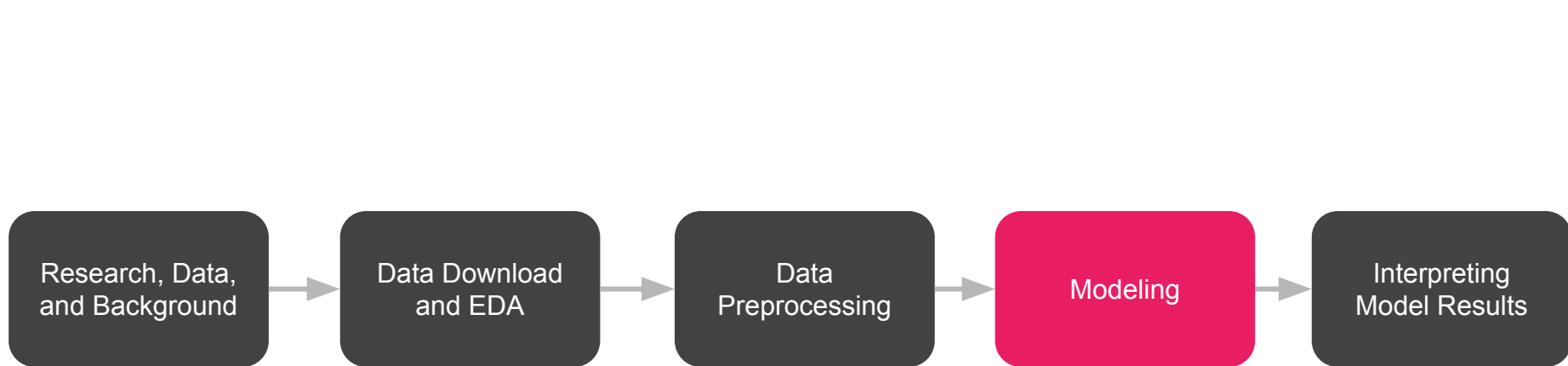


Figure 18: Before and after data augmentation



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Model Selection: U-Net

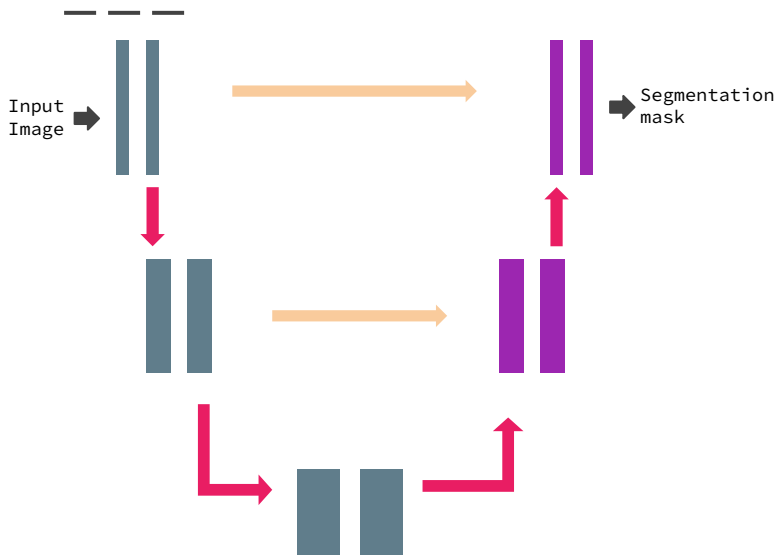


Figure 19: General U-Net.

Encoder - Decoder model

- **Encoder:**
 - Down samples the image with convolutional layers and max pooling
- **Decoder:**
 - Up samples the image with transposed convolutional layers

Feature maps from the encoder of the same level are concatenated and passed through the decoder



Our Model

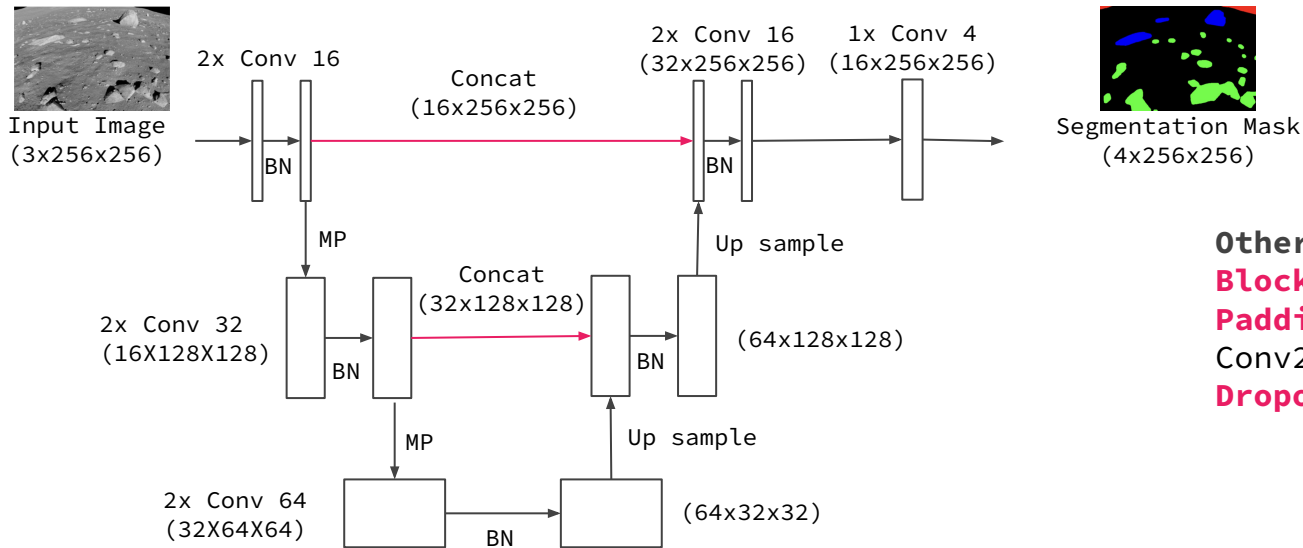


Figure 20: Our detailed U-Net diagram.

Other Notes:

Block Activation: ReLU

Padding: Same

Conv2d Filters: 3x3

Dropouts between all blocks

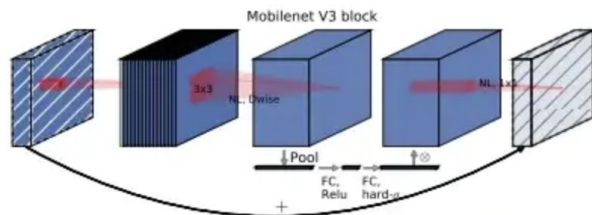
*MP = Max Pooling

*BN = Batch Norm

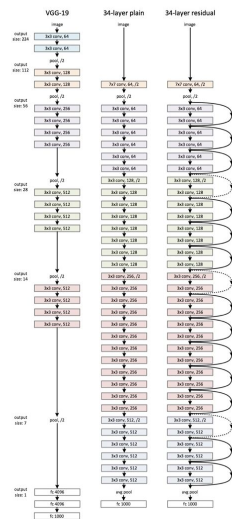


Pre-Trained Models

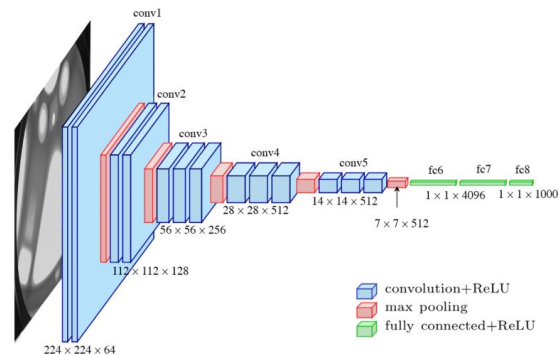
MobileNetv3 Large (Google)



ResNet18



VGG11



Parameters

5.4 M

11 M

18 M

Figure 21: 3 different pre-trained models.



Metrics

Jaccard's Index (IOU):

- Measures how much overlap exists between the predicted mask and the true mask

$$J(A, B) = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|} = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A| + |B| - |A \cap B|}$$

$$\text{IoU} = \frac{\text{Area of Overlap}}{\text{Area of Union}}$$

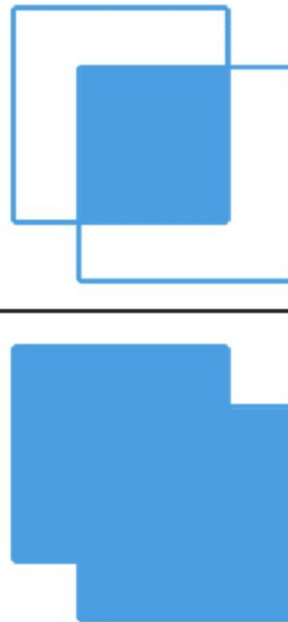
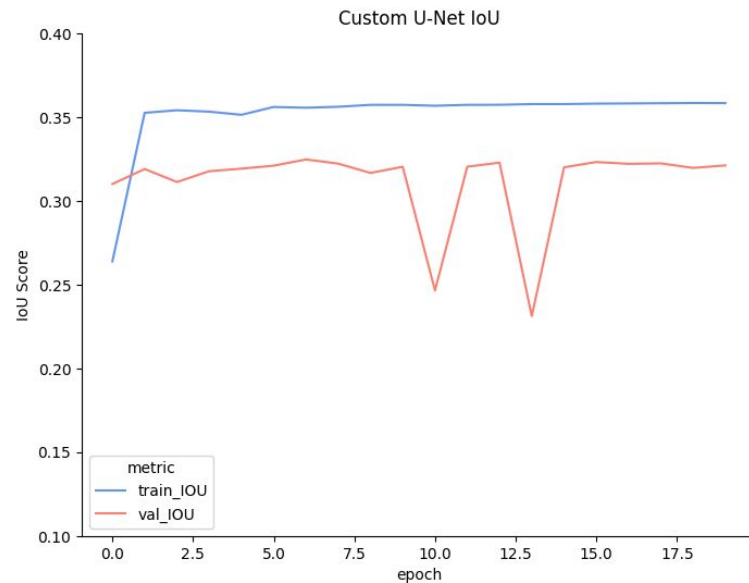
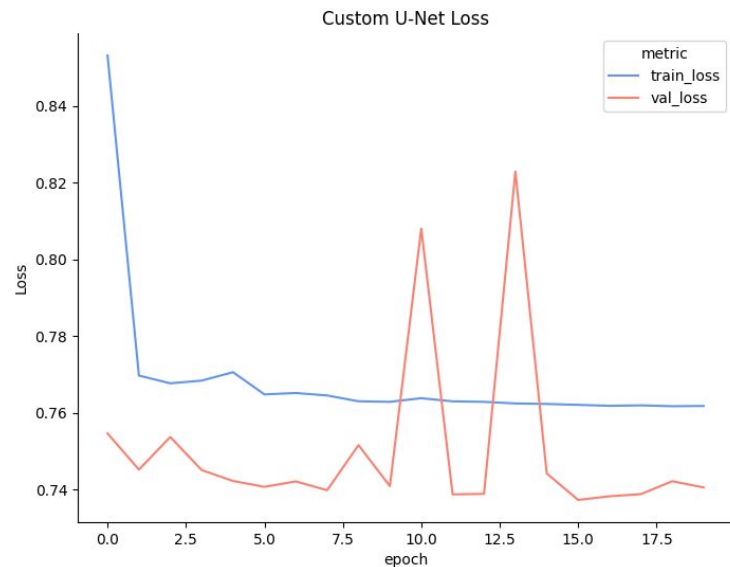


Figure 22: IOU calculation.



Model Training: Custom U-Net



Epochs - 20

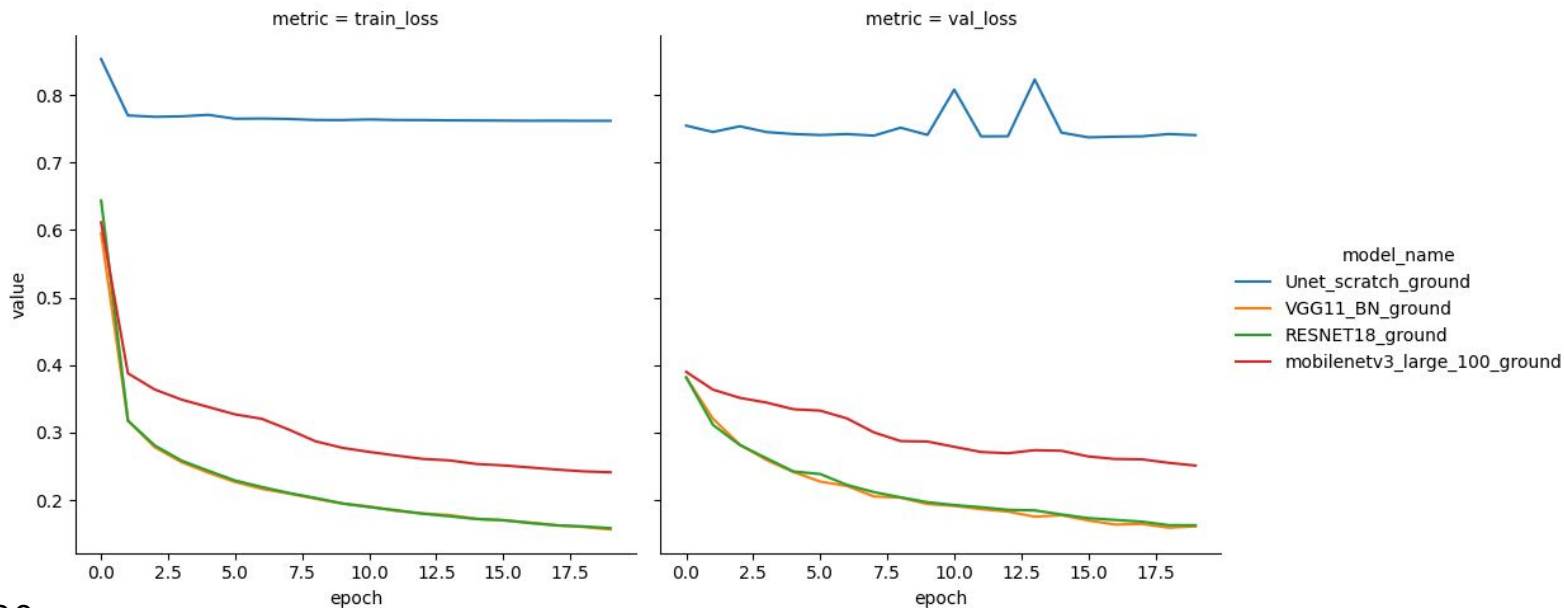
Optimizer - Adam

Loss - Cross Entropy Loss

Figure 23: Custom U-Net training curves.



Model Training: Pre-trained U-Nets



Epochs - 20

Optimizer - SGD

Loss - Cross Entropy Loss

Figure 24: Pre-trained models training curves - loss.



Model Training: Pre-trained U-Nets

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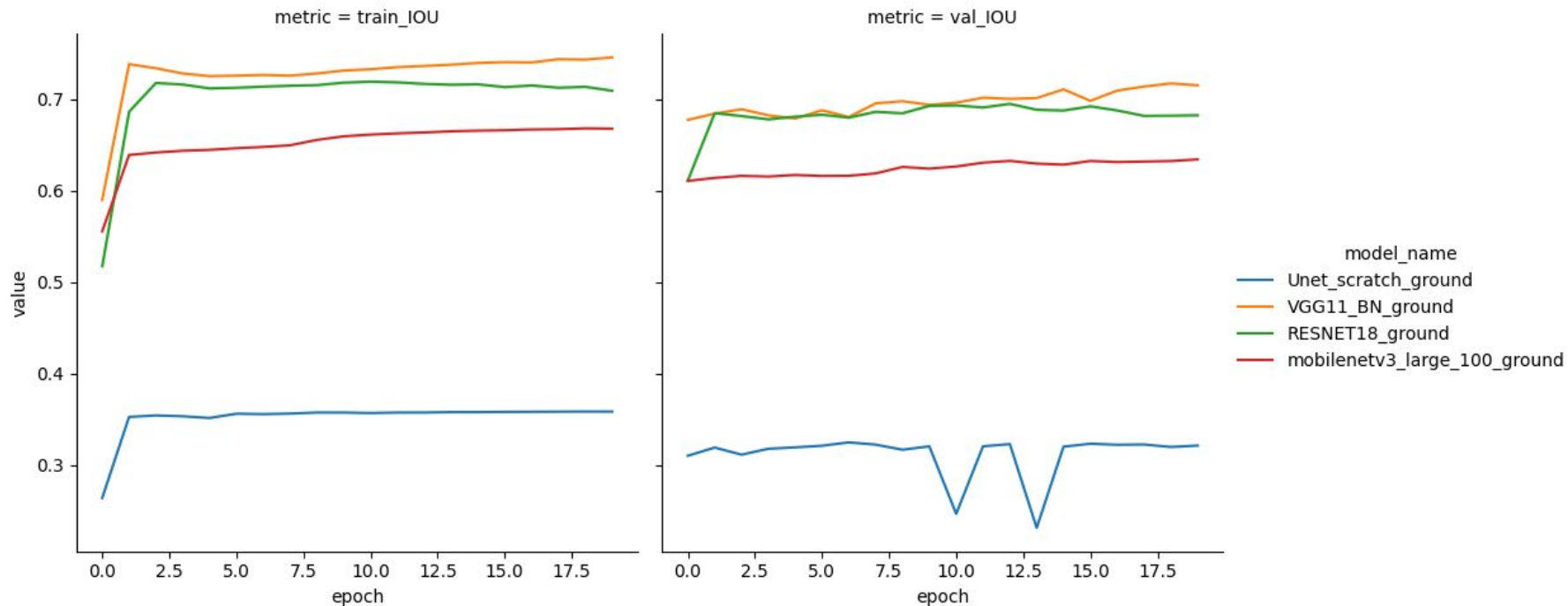


Figure 25: Custom U-Net training curves - IOU.



Model Results: Model Testing

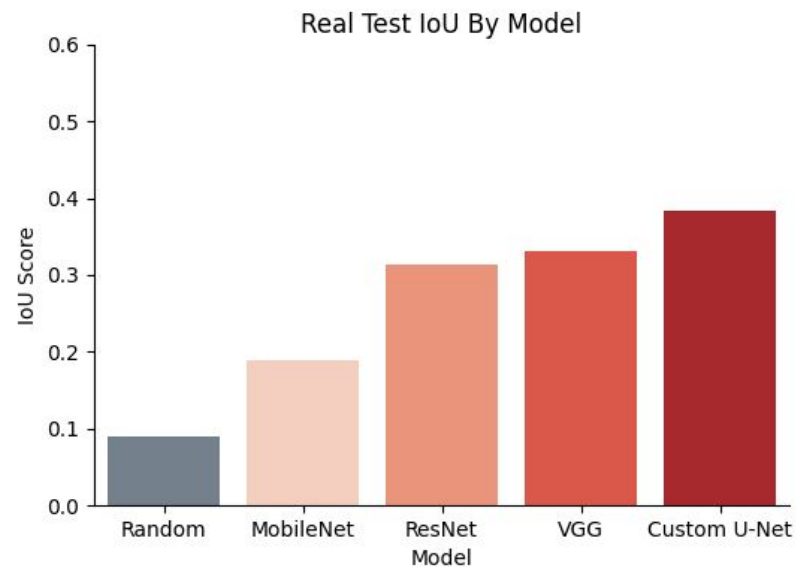
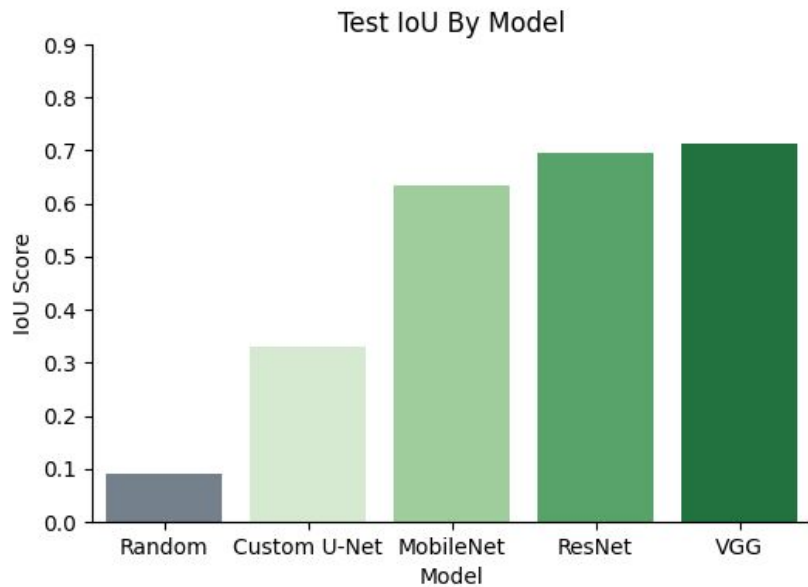


Figure 26: Testing evaluation comparison.



Model Results: Example Rendered Segmentations

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VGG11

Custom Model

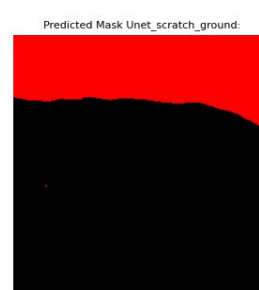
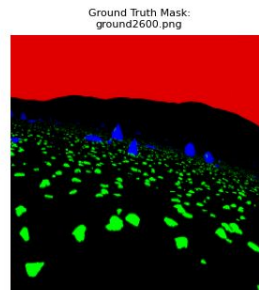
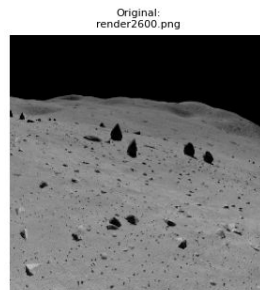
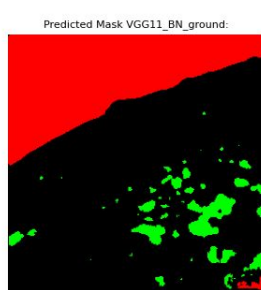
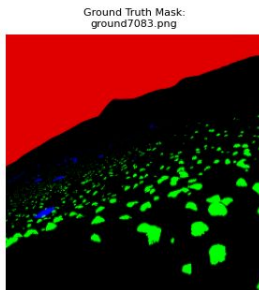
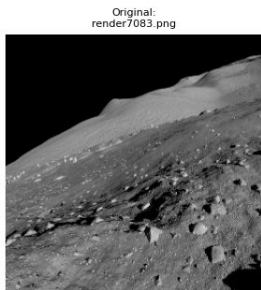


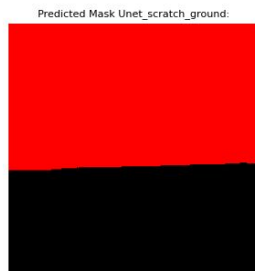
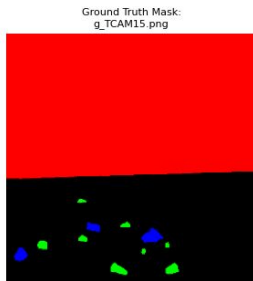
Figure 27: VGG11 vs custom U-Net testing results.



Model Results: Example Real Image Segmentation

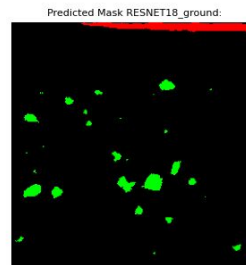
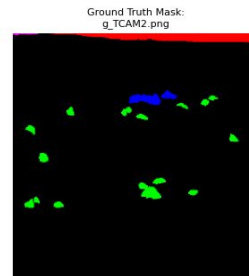
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Custom Model



IOU: 0.48

ResNet



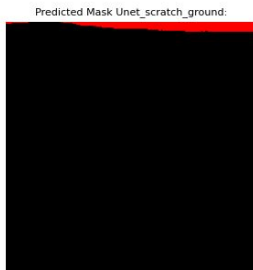
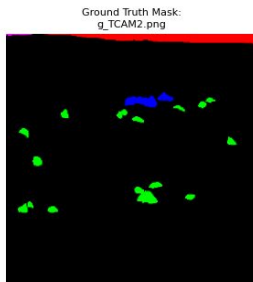
IOU: 0.46



Model Results: Example Real Image Segmentation

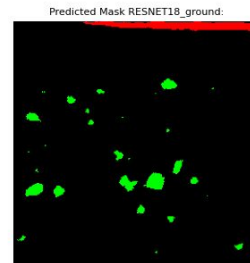
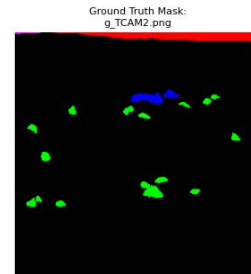
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Custom Model



IOU: 0.44

ResNet



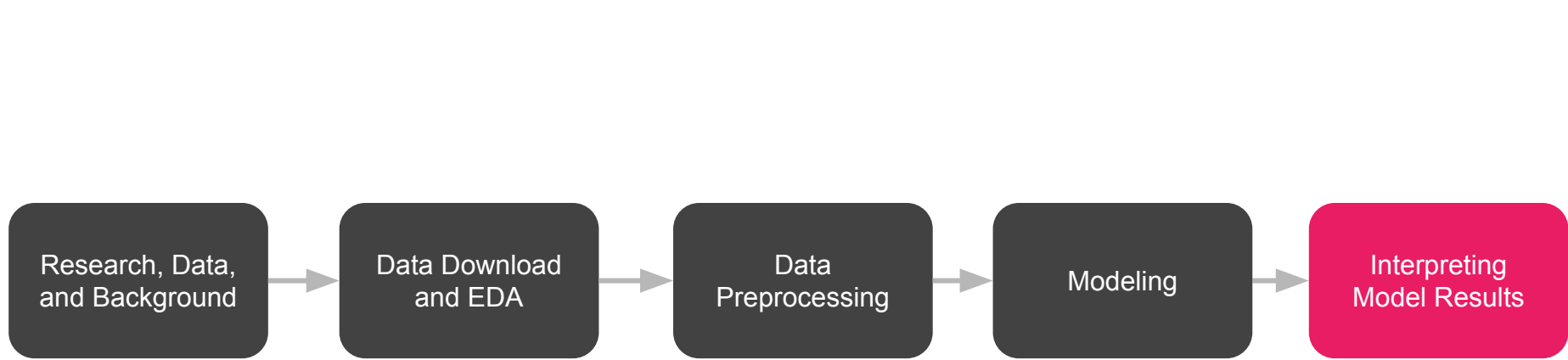
IOU: 0.46

Figure 28: ResNet vs custom U-Net testing results.



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Interpreting Results

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- The **VGG11 Model** was the strongest model we trained
 - This is likely due to being the largest model
- Our custom model underfit the dataset
- None of the models performed well on the real lunar images



Final Words and Areas of Improvement

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- We succeeded in **comparing multiple different pre-trained U-Nets**
 - Although the conclusion we came to was consistent with previous attempts to solve this problem
- In the future:
 - Run full hyperparameter grid-search
 - Attempt adding attention to the models
 - Increase the complexity of the scratch model to attempt and compete with the pre-trained models

Conclusion

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We are **not** getting hired by NASA.

QUESTIONS?



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