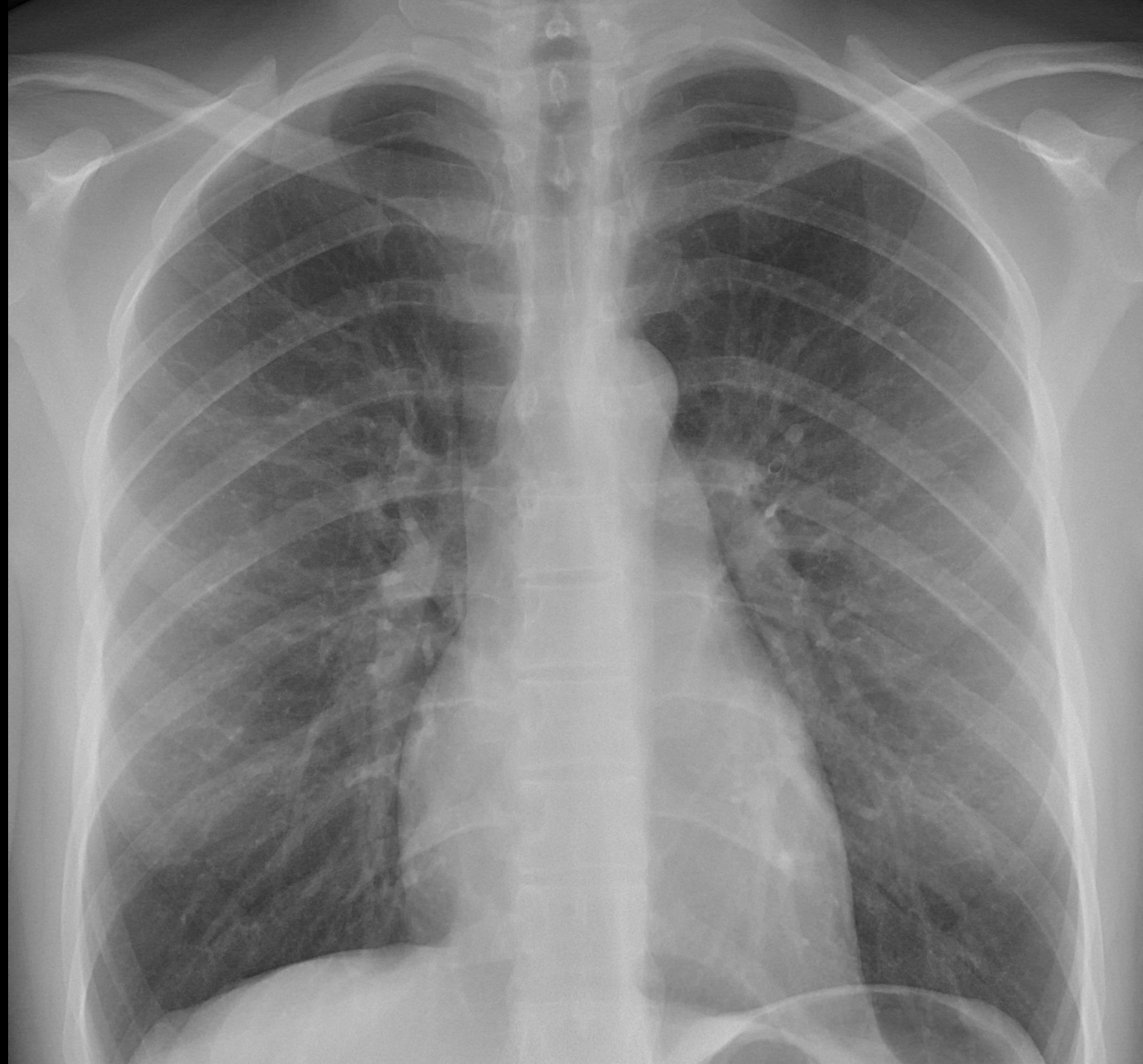


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# DEEP LEARNING TECHNIQUES FOR PNEUMONIA DETECTION

Deep Learning (A.A. 2024-2025)

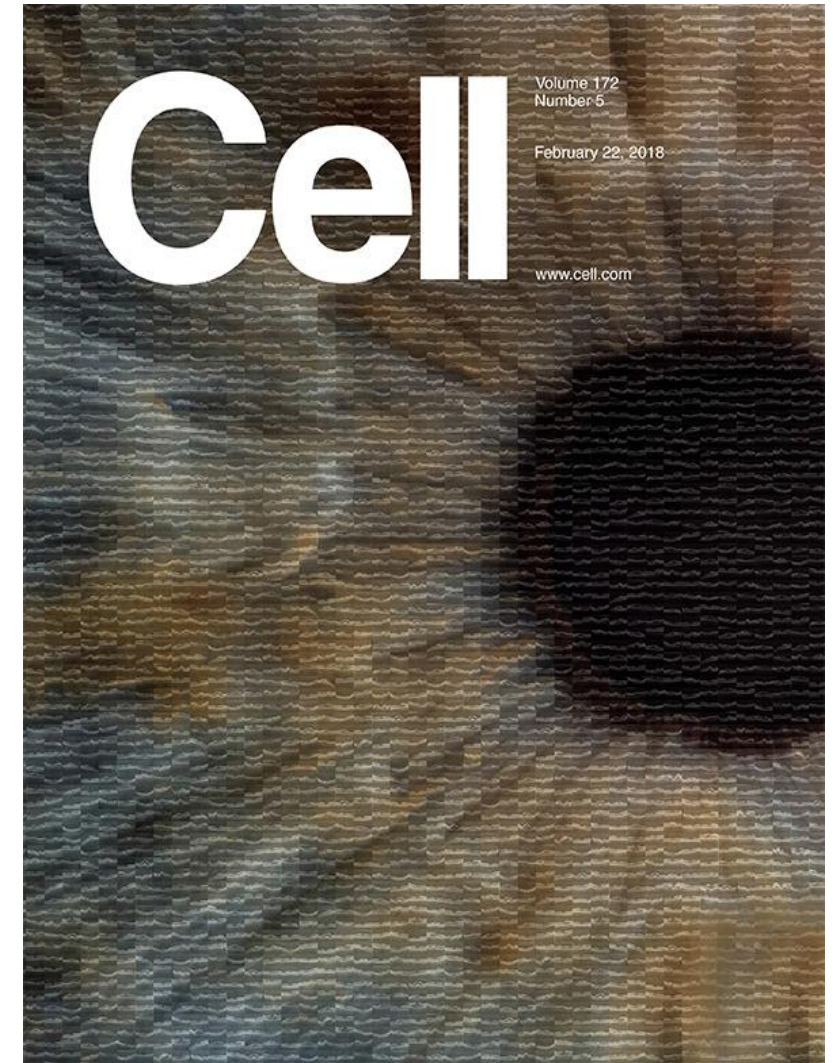
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# INTRODUCTION

- Apply deep learning techniques to medical diagnostics
- Challenges:
  - Interpretability
  - Dataset size and generalization
  - Reliability and safety
  - Clinical validation
- Task: detect pneumonia in pediatric patients
- Use of pre-trained models improves performances<sup>[1]</sup>

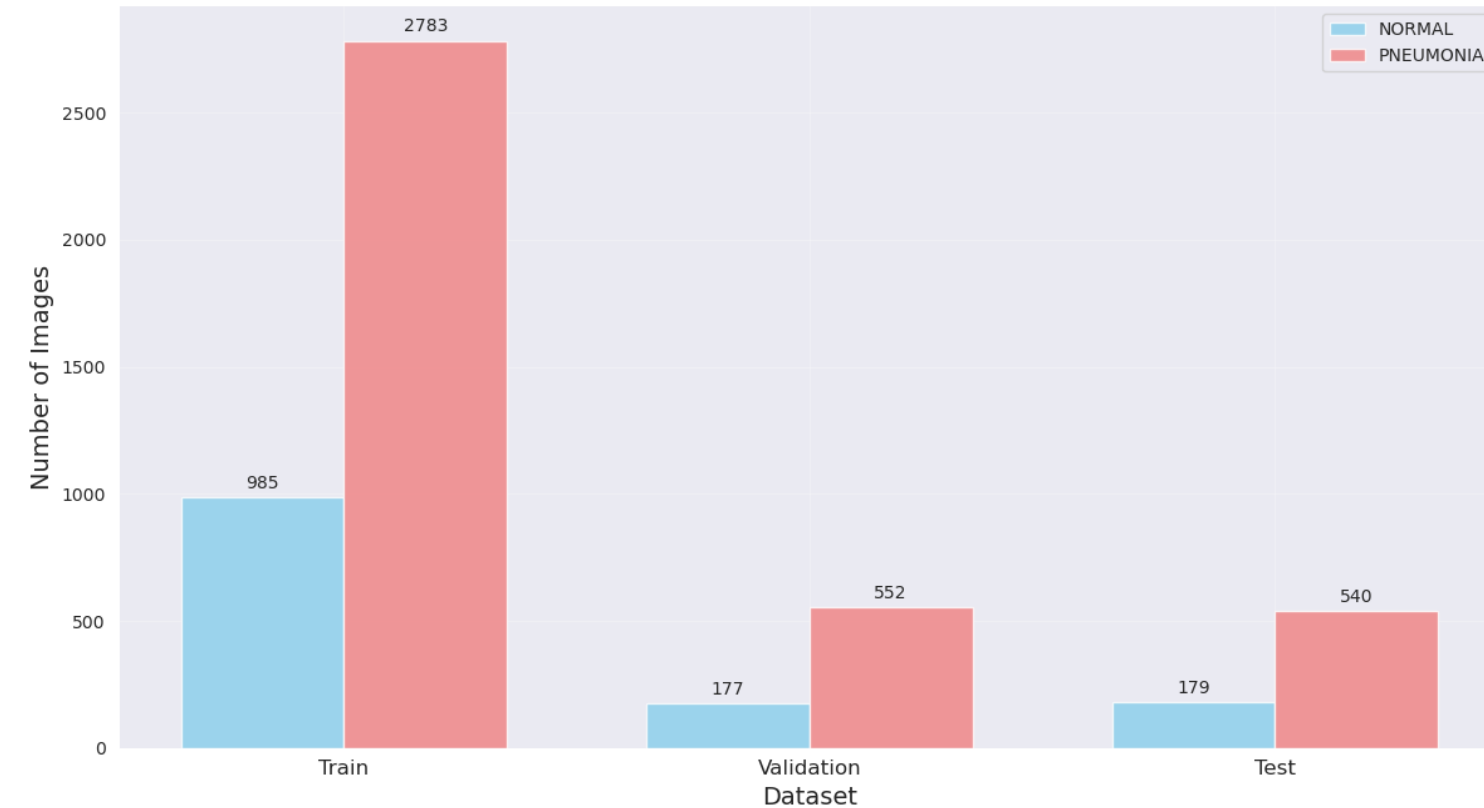


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[1] ["Identifying Medical Diagnoses and Treatable Diseases by Image-Based Deep Learning", Cell 2018](#)

# DATA VISUALIZATION

Class Distribution Across Datasets: Normal vs Pneumonia

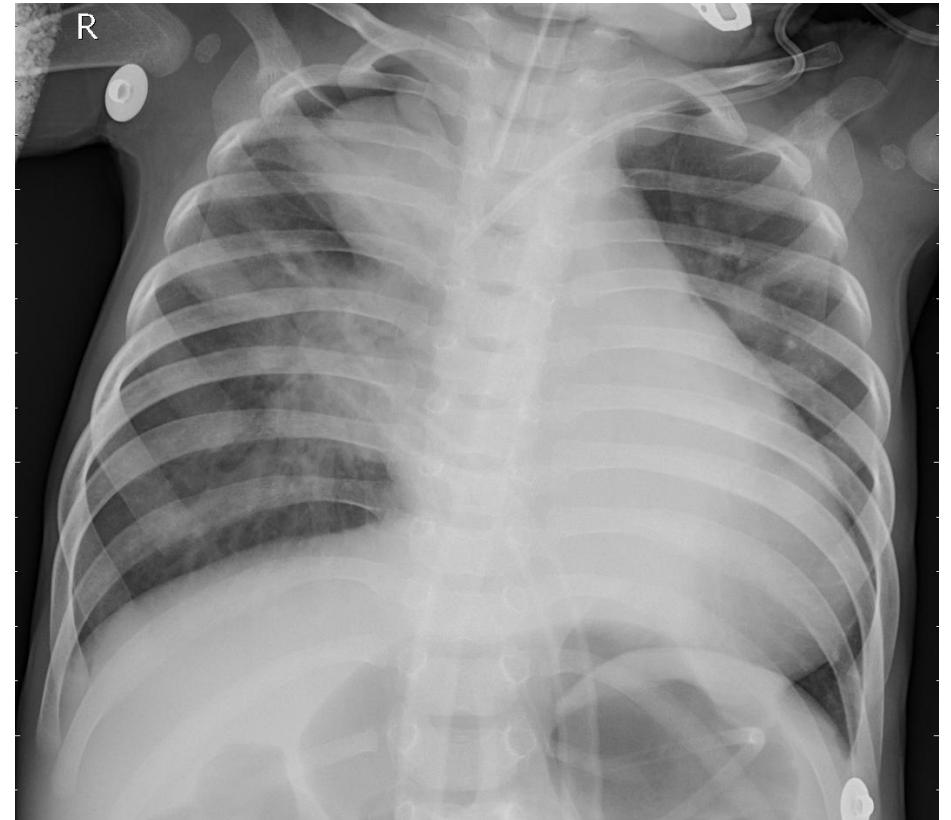


- X-rays of children chests<sup>[2]</sup>
- Dataset redistribution (total samples, 5216):
  - Train (~70%)
  - Validation (~15%)
  - Test (~15%)
- Remove duplicates between Validation and Test samples (keep in Train) to avoid overfitting
- Class imbalance: Pneumonia class (~75%) dominates over Normal class (~25%), use class weights
- Pixel values range and image dimensions

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# DATA GENERATION AND AUGMENTATION

- Choose a standard image dimension (320 x 320)
- Batch size: 32
- Normalize pixels (division by 255) and duplicate channels (from [320, 320, 1] to [320, 320, 3])
- Augmentation, useful with small datasets:
  - Rotation ( $\pm 10$  degrees)
  - Translation (up to 5%)
  - Zoom (up to 5%)
  - Brightness adjustment ( $\pm 5\%$ )
  - Fill mode (nearest)
  - Random horizontal flip
- Class weights: {'NORMAL': 1.9126903553299492, 'PNEUMONIA': 0.6769673014732304}



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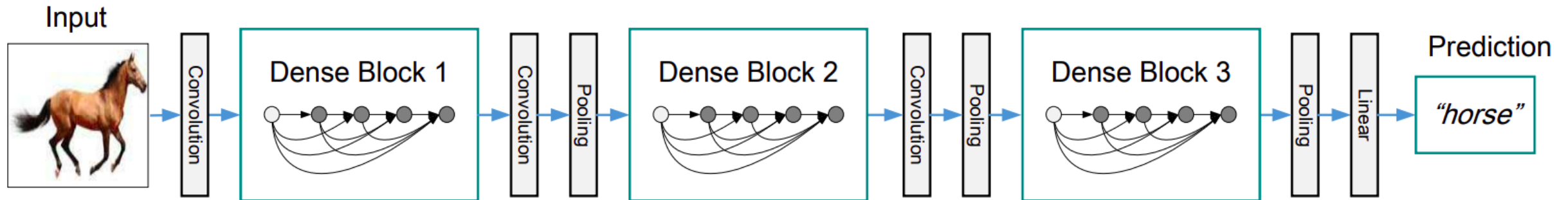
# TRANSFER LEARNING

- Widely used for image classification: allows to have good performance on small datasets
  - Complex models (Convolution-based) trained on ImageNet datasets (large datasets)
  - Good accuracy and generalization ability
  - Developed by Keras, Google, Facebook, etc., stored in [Keras 3 API Application](#)
  - Model's choice factors (student with PC):
    - Reduced number of parameters and low RAM/GPU usage
    - Good trade-off between accuracy and efficiency
    - Strong performance on high-resolution grayscale medical images
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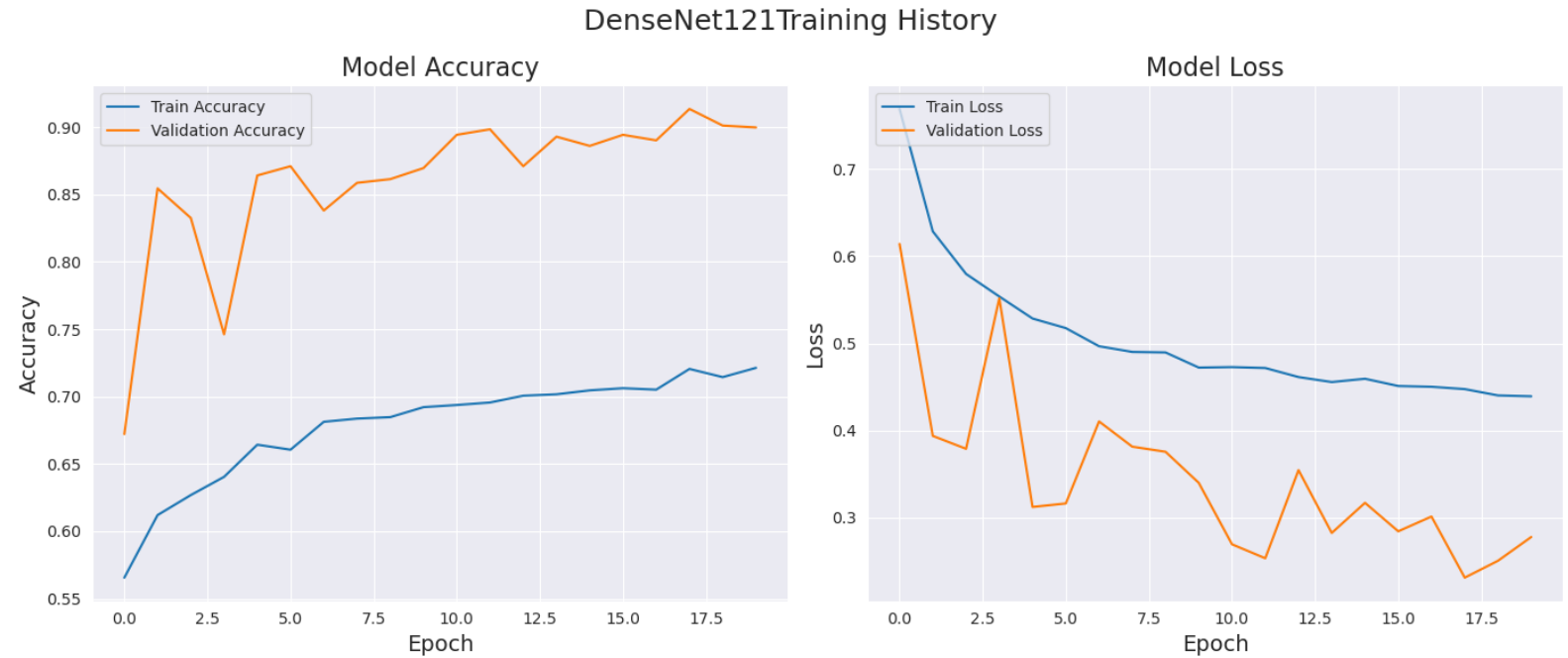
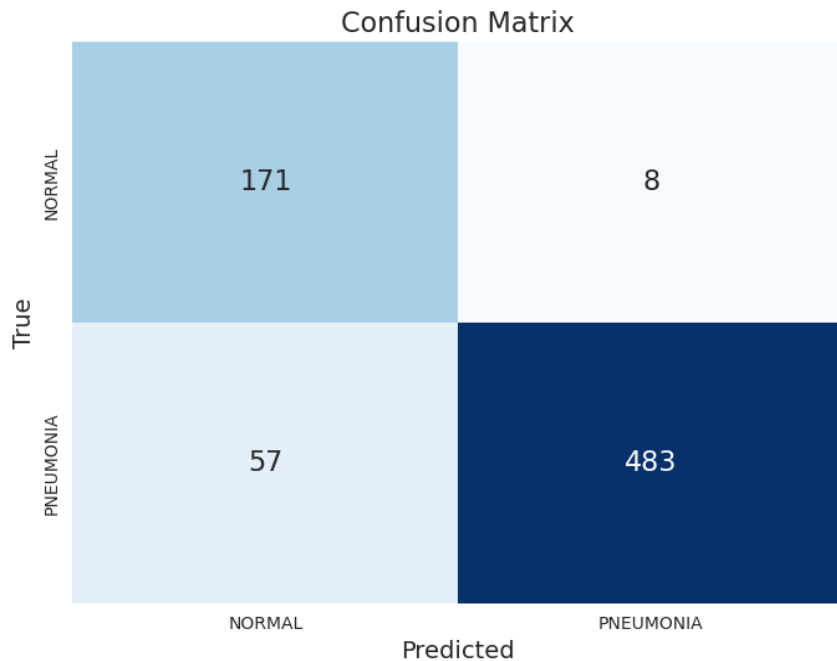
# DENSENET121<sup>[3]</sup>

- Parameters: ~8M, Top-1 accuracy: 75.0%
- Feature maps processed as a sequence:  $x_i = H_i([x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}])$
- $H(\cdot) = \text{BN} + \text{ReLU} + 1 \times 1 \text{ Conv (bottleneck)} + \text{BN} + \text{ReLU} + 3 \times 3 \text{ Conv}$



- Callbacks: {EarlyStopping (10 epochs), ModelCheckpoint, ReduceLROnPlateau (2 epochs)}
- Hyperparameter set: {lr: 0.0001, dropout layer rate: 0.50, final dense layer units: 128}

# RESULTS



- Accuracy: 90.96%
- Precision: 98.37%
- Recall: 89.44%
- F1-score: 0.94
- MCC: 0.79
- ROC AUC: 98.30%



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# XCEPTION<sup>[4]</sup>

- Parameters: ~23M, Top-1 accuracy: 79.0%
- Evolution of InceptionV3, through Depthwise Separable Convolution

Figure 1. A canonical Inception module (Inception V3).

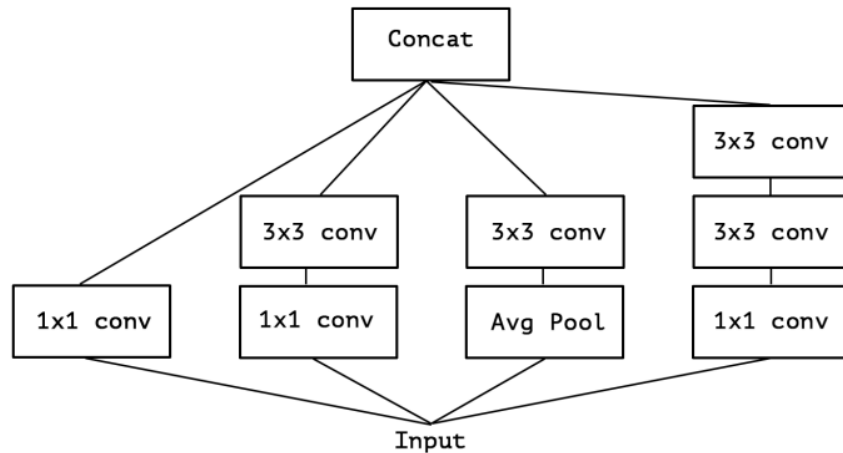
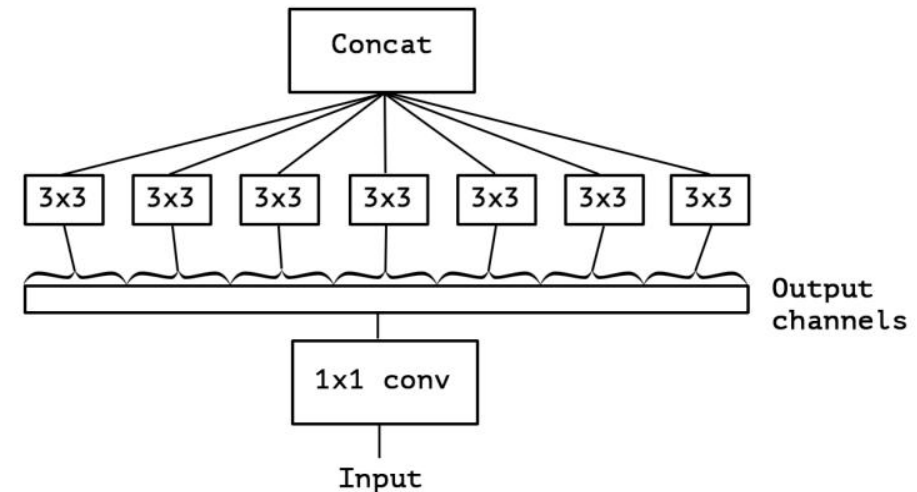


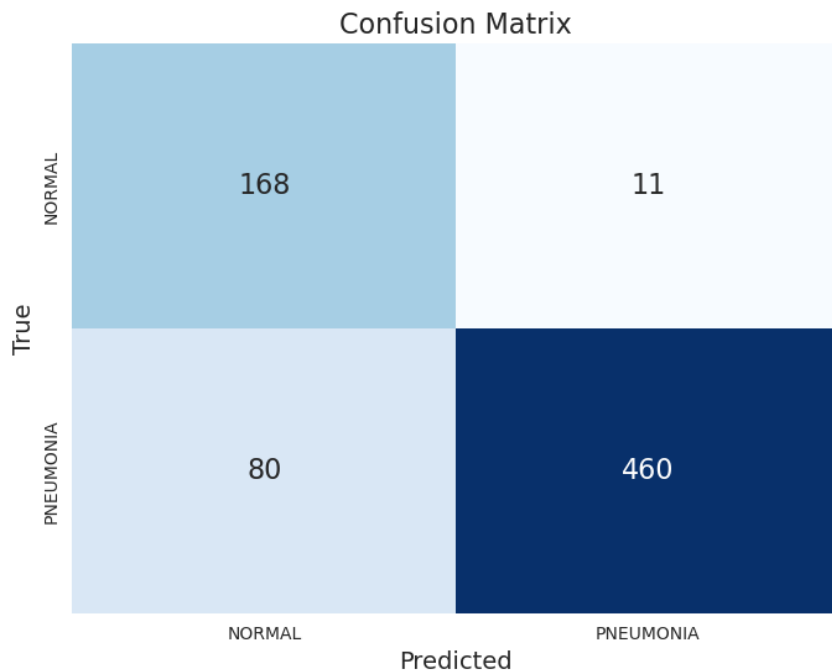
Figure 4. An “extreme” version of our Inception module, with one spatial convolution per output channel of the 1x1 convolution.



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# RESULTS



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- Accuracy: 87.34%
  - Precision: 97.66%
  - Recall: 85.19%
  - F1-score: 0.91
  - MCC: 0.72
  - ROC AUC: 96.68%

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# HYPERPARAMETERS OPTIMIZATION

- Define a search space

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space = {  
    'lr': hp.choice('lr', [1e-3, 1e-4]),  
    'dense_units': hp.choice('dense_units', [64, 128, 256]),  
    'dropout': hp.uniform('dropout', 0.25, 0.5),  
}
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- Train the model using different hyperparameters combination (5 epochs)
- Use TPE search to select better combinations
- Select the combination that yields the best performance (i.e. has the best val\_acc)

## DenseNet121

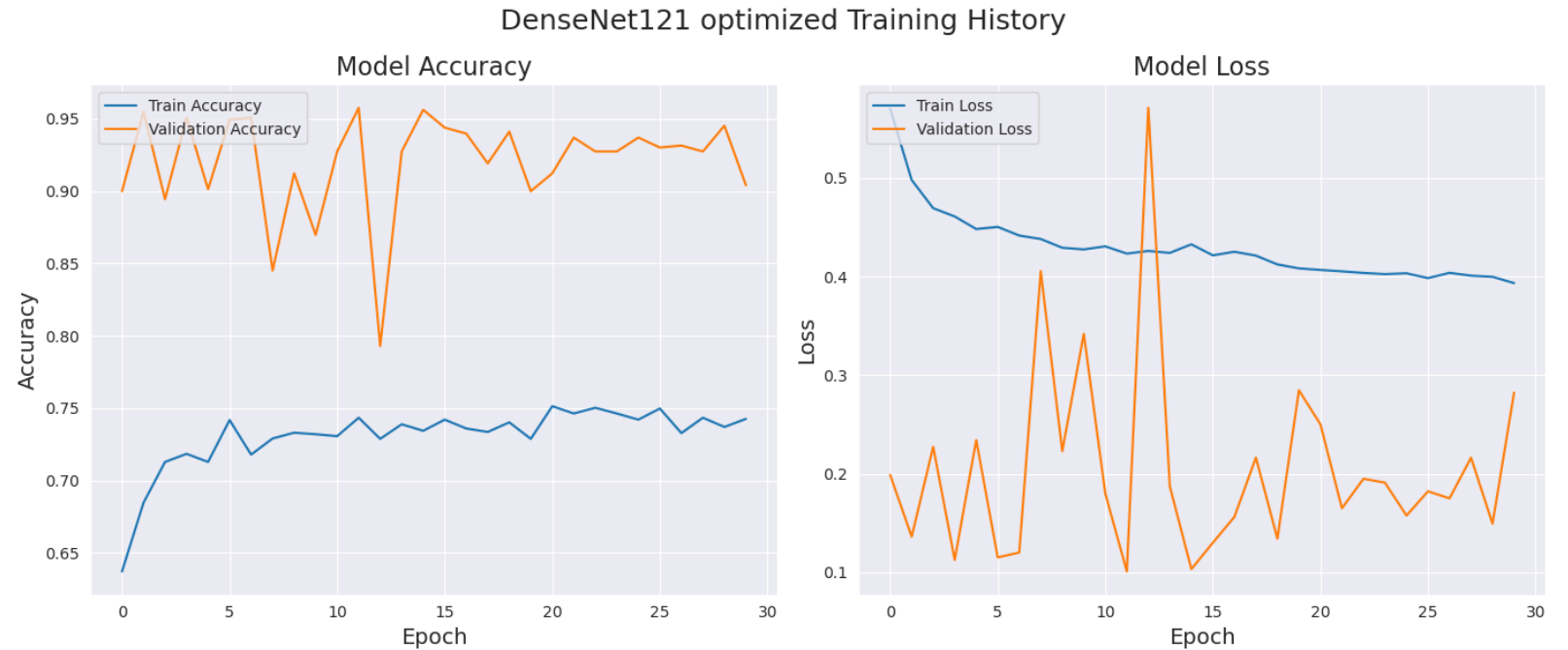
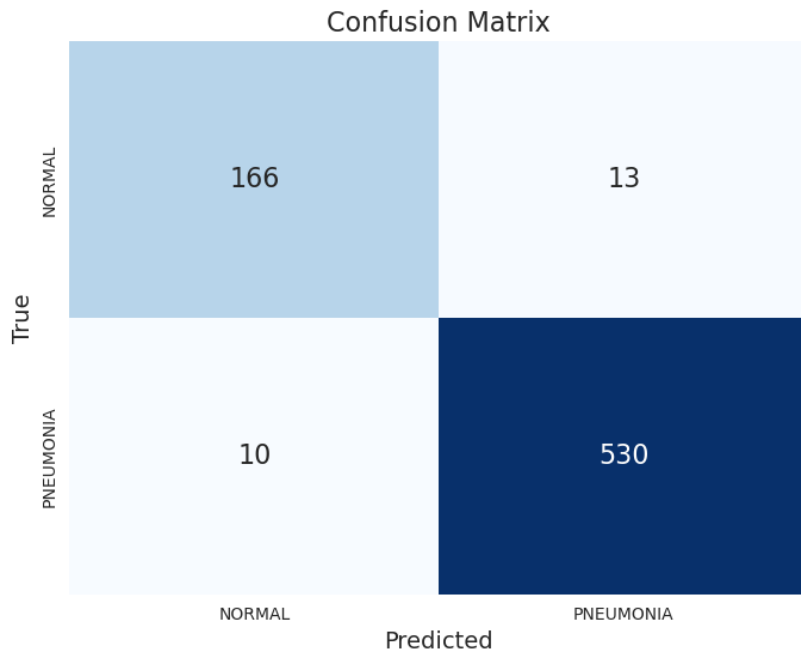
lr: 0.001  
Dense units: 128  
Dropout rate: 0.362

## Xception

lr: 0.001  
Dense units: 256  
Dropout rate: 0.343

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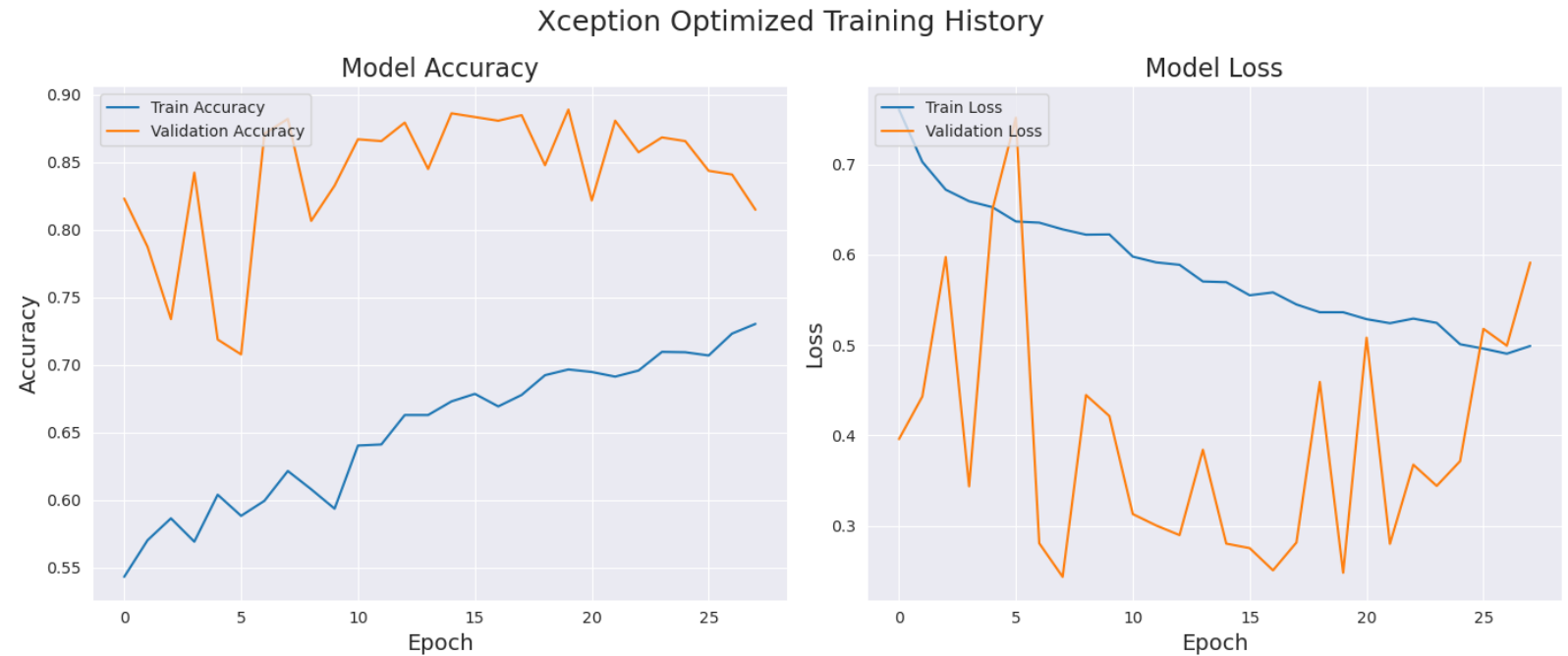
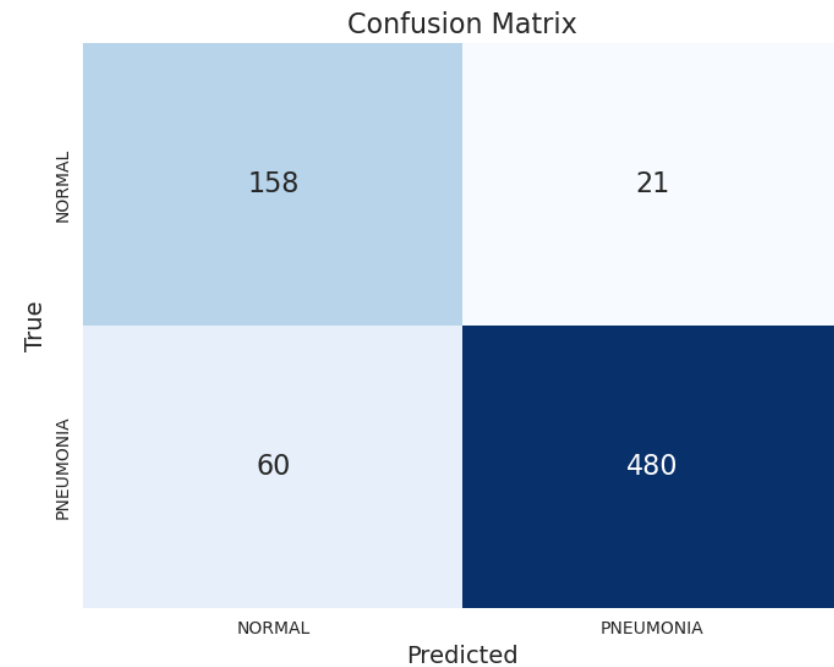
# DENSENET121 OPTIMIZED



- Accuracy: 96.80%
- Precision: 97.61%
- Recall: 98.15%

- F1-score: 0.98
- MCC: 0.91
- ROC AUC: 99.19%

# XCEPTION OPTIMIZED

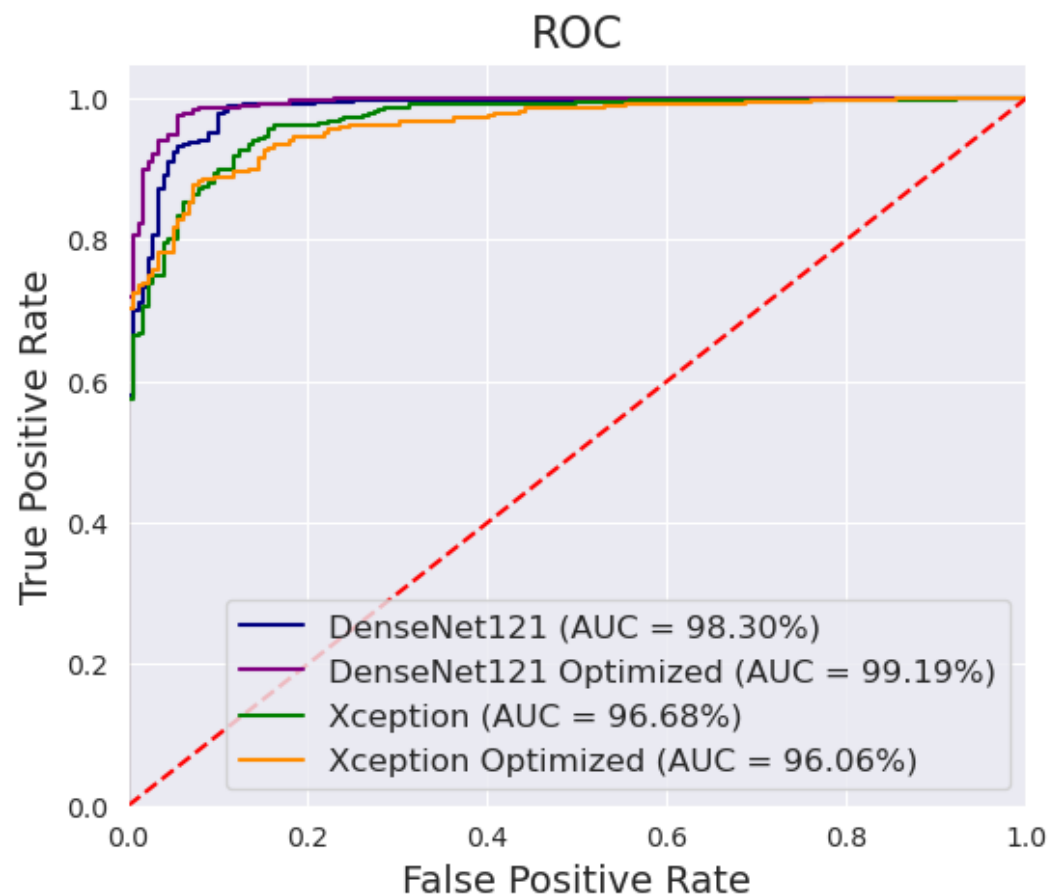


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- Accuracy: 88.73%%
  - Precision: 95.81%
  - Recall: 88.89%
  - F1-score: 0.92
  - MCC: 0.73
  - ROC AUC: 96.06%

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# CONCLUSION

- Zhang et al. with InceptionV3:
  - Accuracy: 92.8%
  - Recall: 93.2%
  - ROC AUC: 96.8%
- Best model is DenseNet121 optimized:
  - Accuracy: 96.80%
  - Recall: 98.15%
  - ROC AUC: 99.19%



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# FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- Significantly increase the number of training epochs (requires more powerful resources)
  - Expand the hyperparameter optimization search space (requires more powerful resources)
  - Use versions of DenseNet with more features (e.g., DenseNet169, DenseNet201 - requires more powerful resources)
  - Apply the same model to detect whether pneumonia is caused by a virus or by bacteria
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THANK YOU FOR  
LISTENING