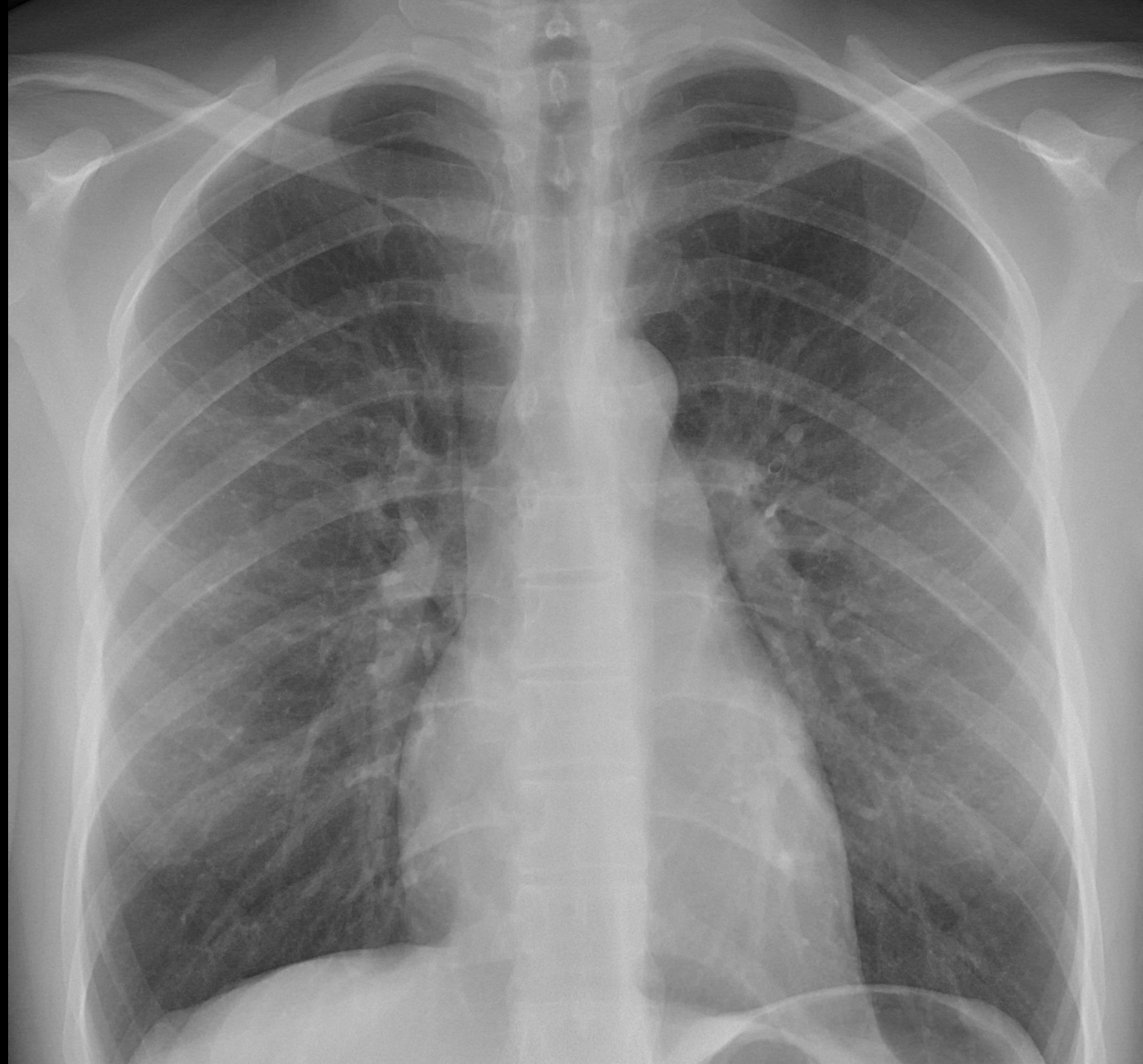

DEEP LEARNING TECHNIQUES FOR PNEUMONIA DETECTION

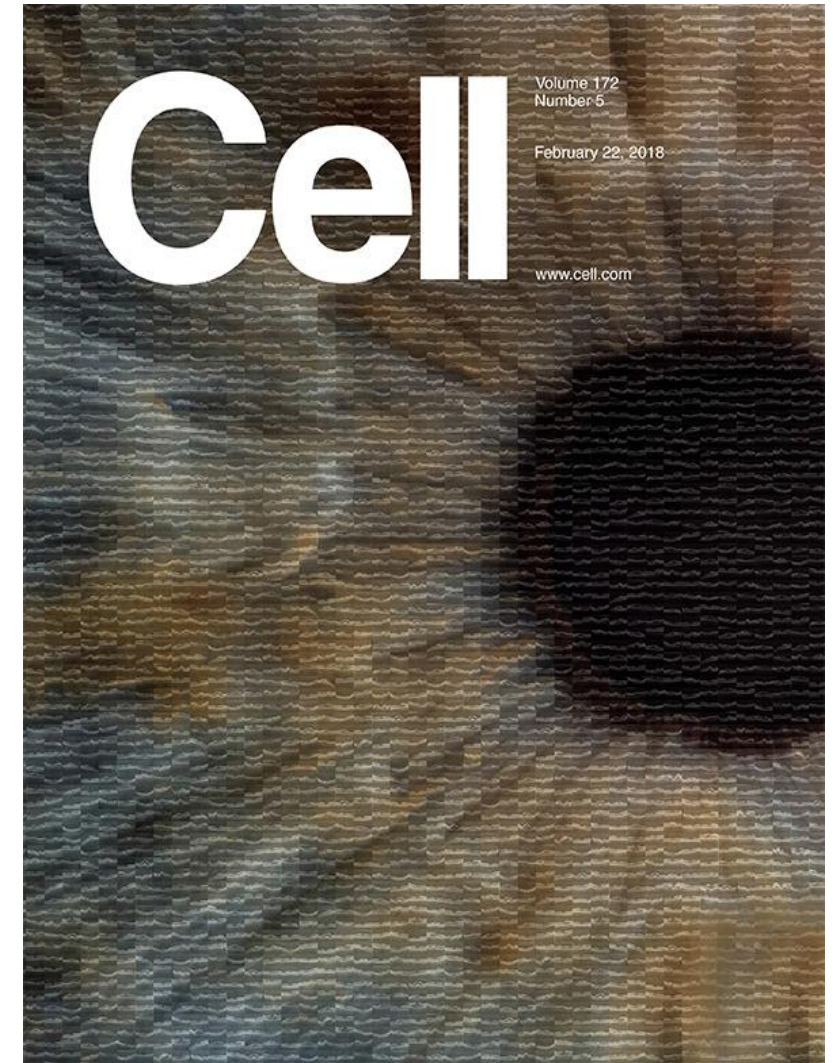
Deep Learning (A.A. 2024-2025)

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INTRODUCTION

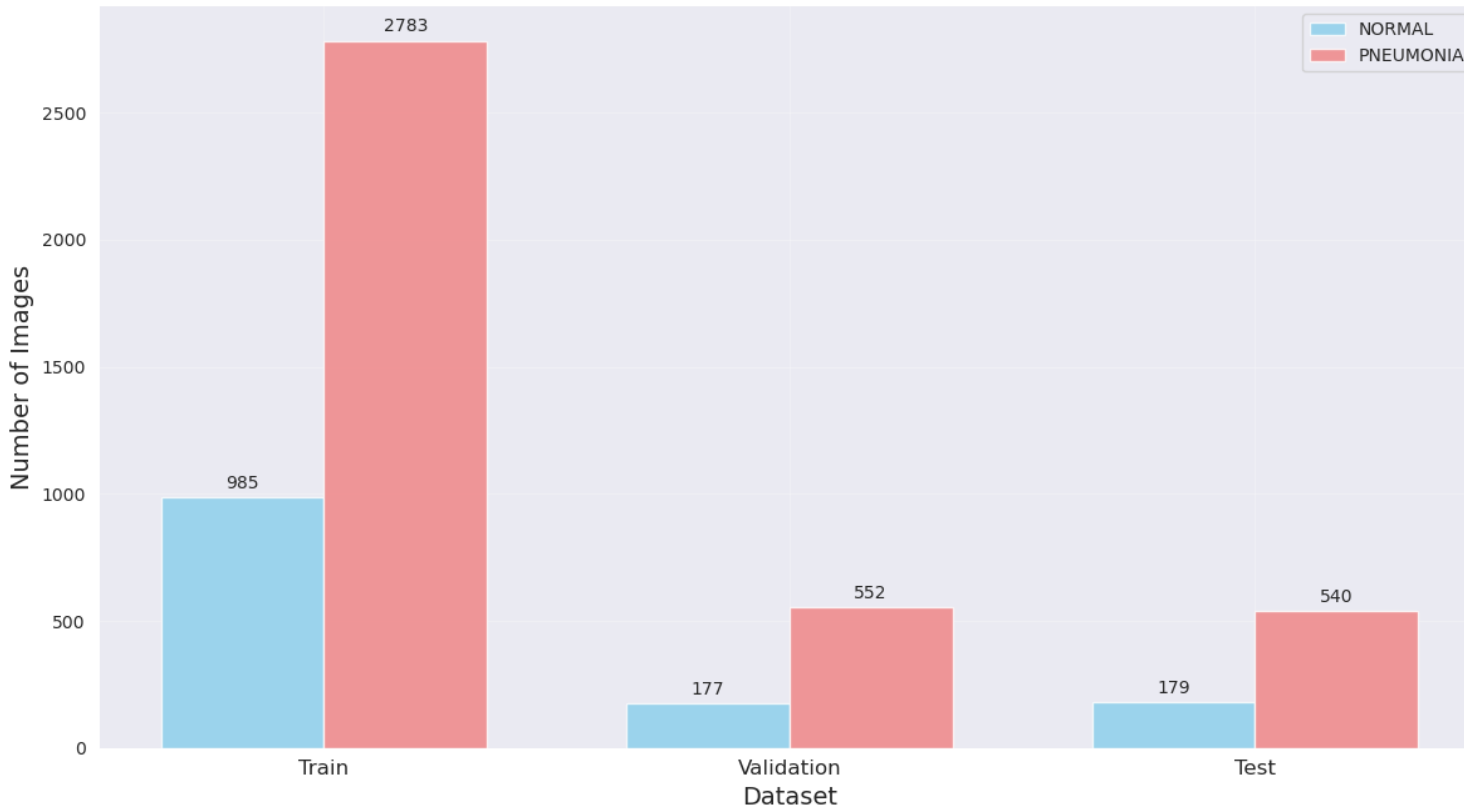
- Apply deep learning techniques to medical diagnostics
- Challenges:
 - Interpretability
 - Dataset size and generalization
 - Reliability and safety
 - Clinical validation
- Task: detect pneumonia in pediatric patients
- Use of pre-trained models improves performances^[1]



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

DATA VISUALIZATION

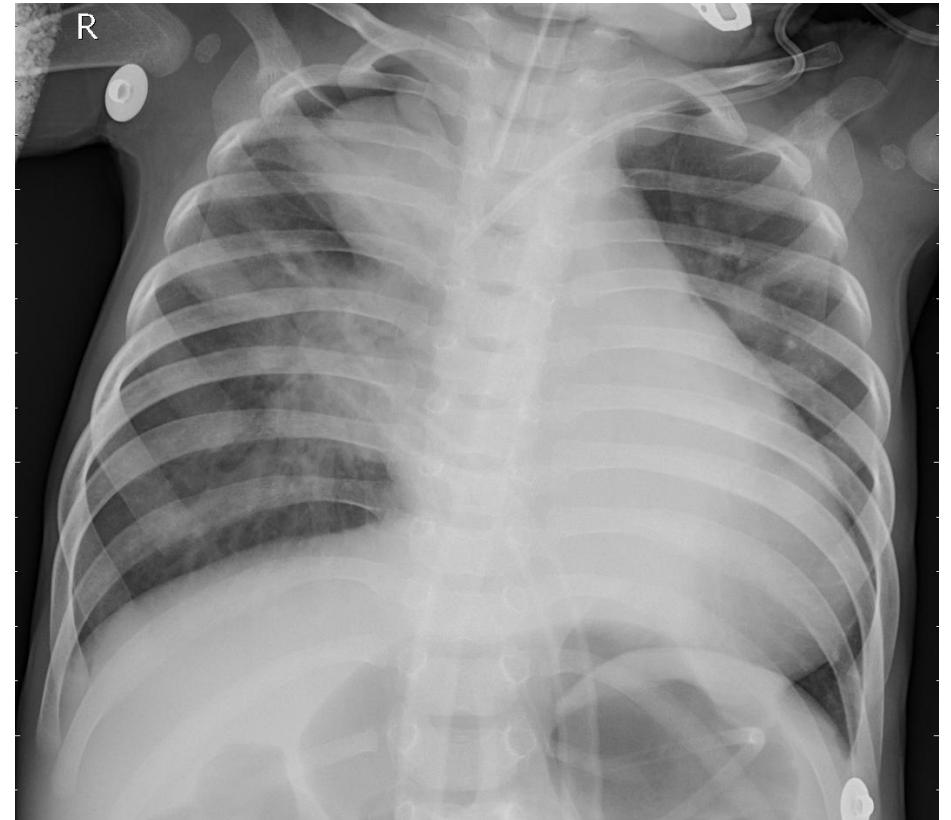
Class Distribution Across Datasets: Normal vs Pneumonia



- X-rays of children chests^[2]
- 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

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 (± 10 degrees)
 - Translation (up to 5%)
 - Zoom (up to 5%)
 - Brightness adjustment ($\pm 5\%$)
 - Fill mode (nearest)
 - Random horizontal flip
- Class weights: {'NORMAL': 1.913, 'PNEUMONIA': 0.677}

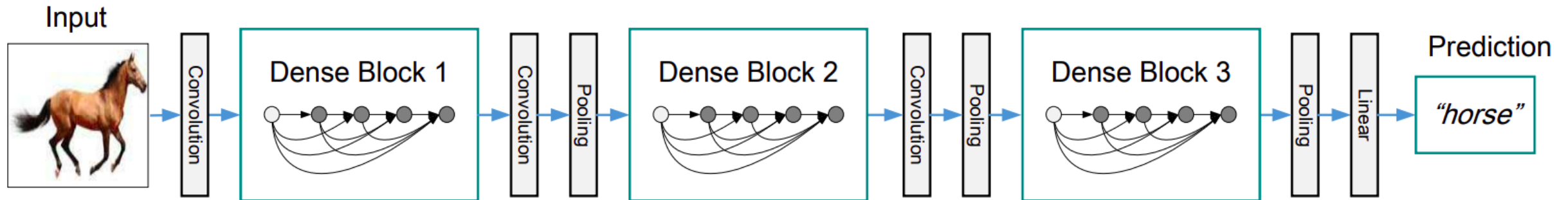


TRANSFER LEARNING

- 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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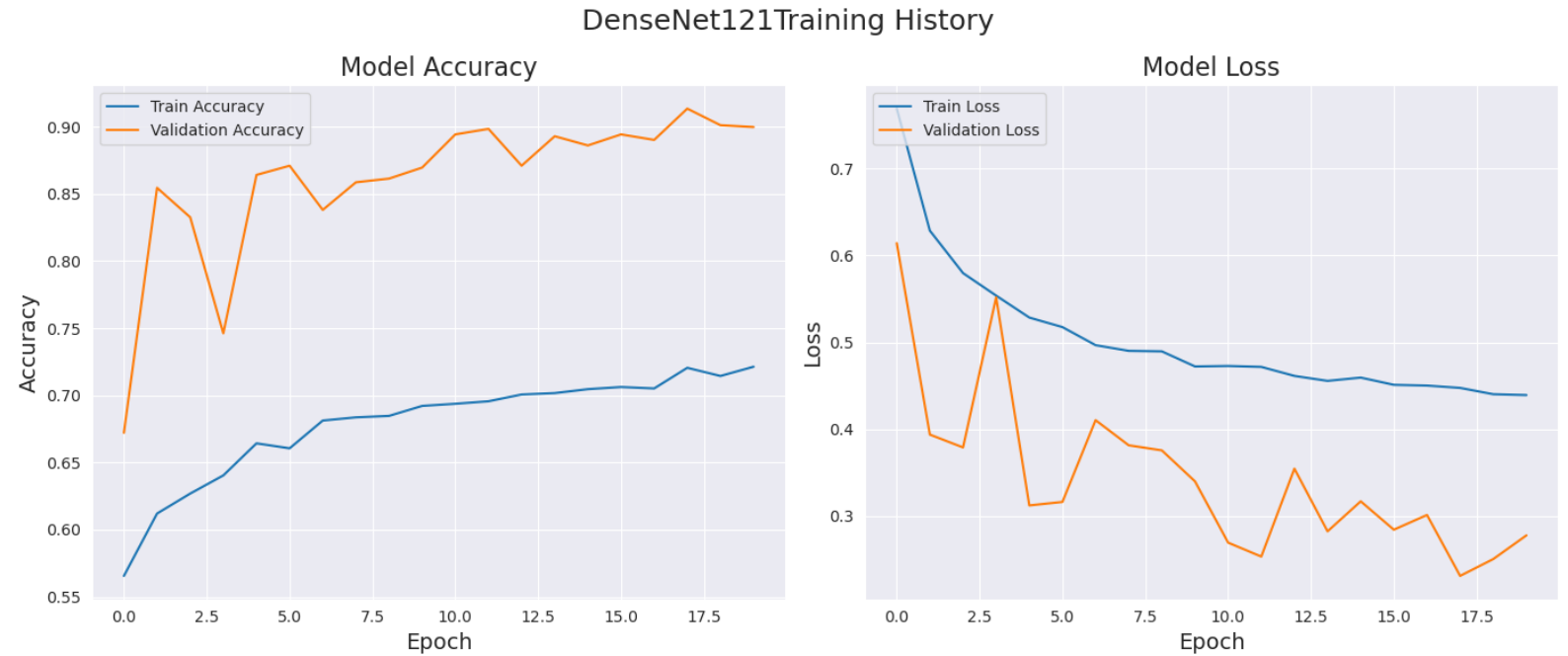
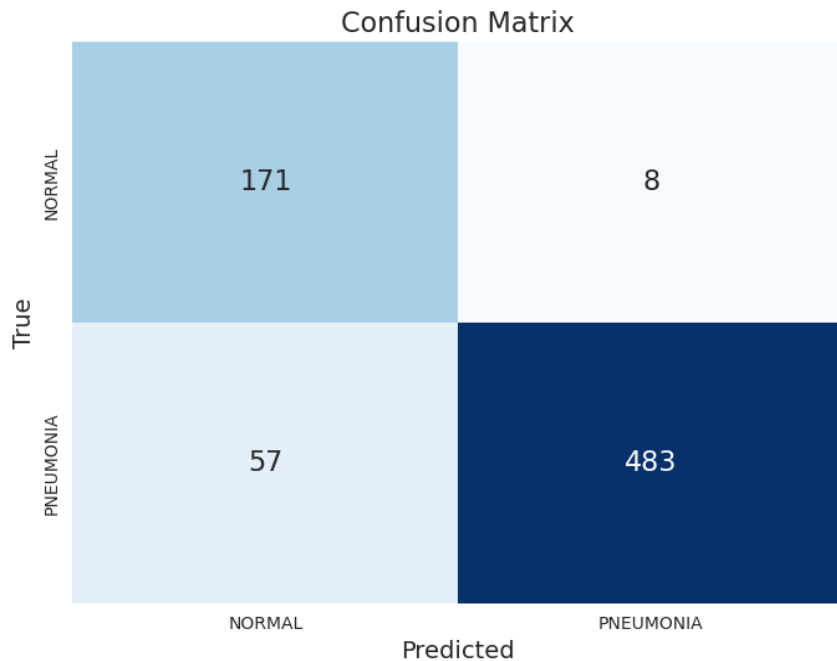
DENSENET121^[3]

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



- 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%

XCEPTION^[4]

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

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

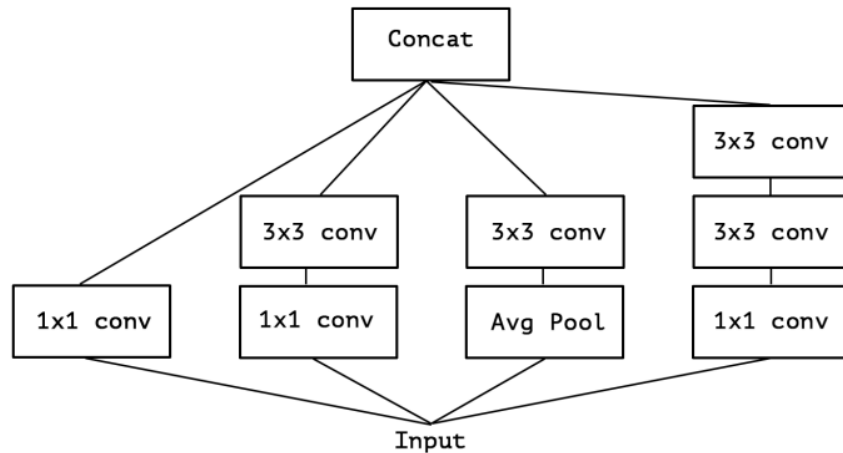
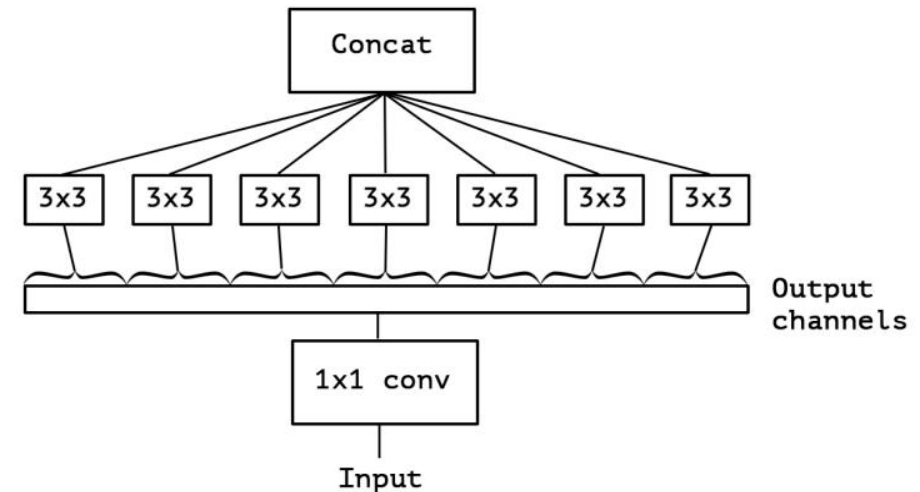
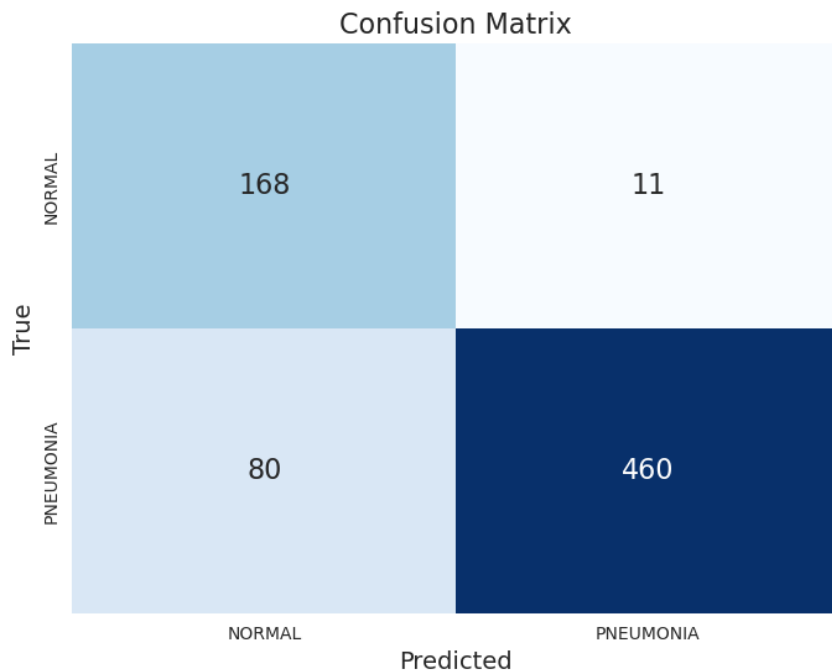


Figure 4. An “extreme” version of our Inception module, with one spatial convolution per output channel of the 1x1 convolution.



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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%

HYPERPARAMETERS OPTIMIZATION

- Define a search space

```
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),  
}
```

- 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)

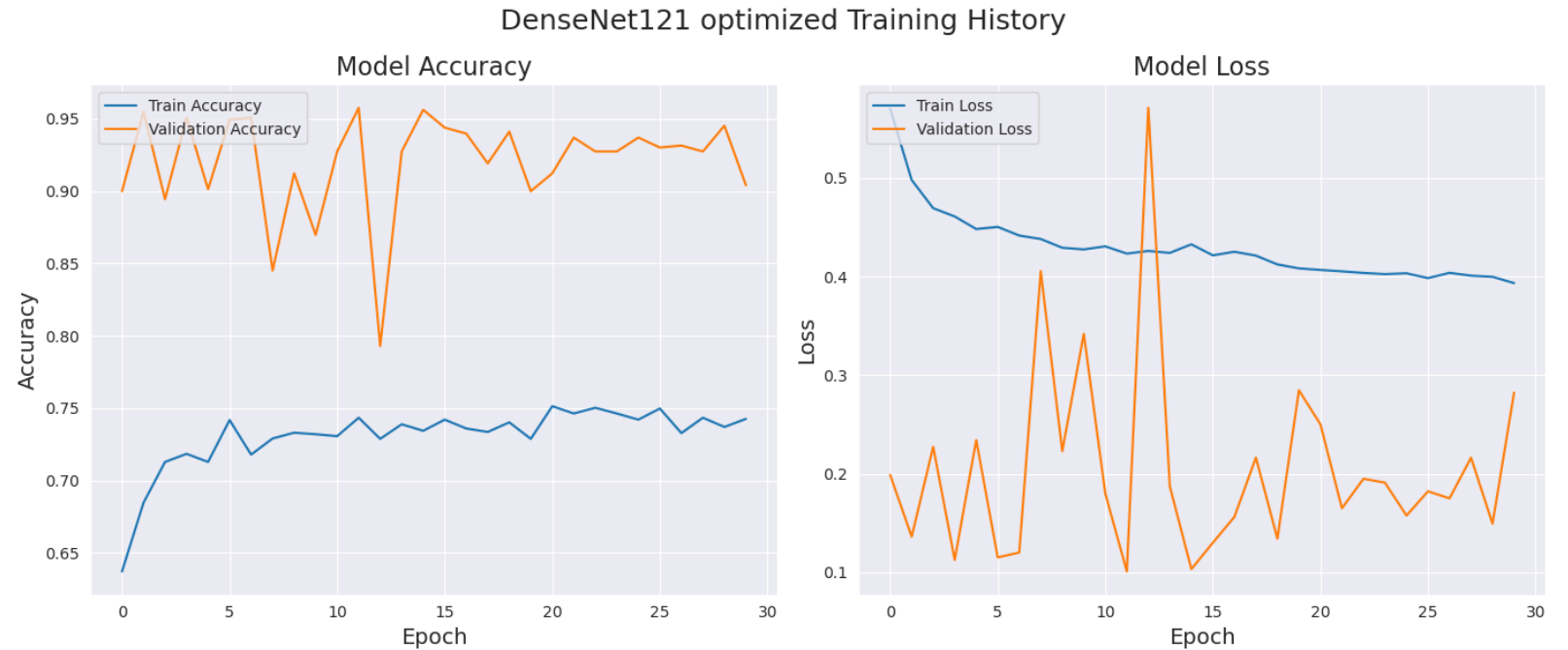
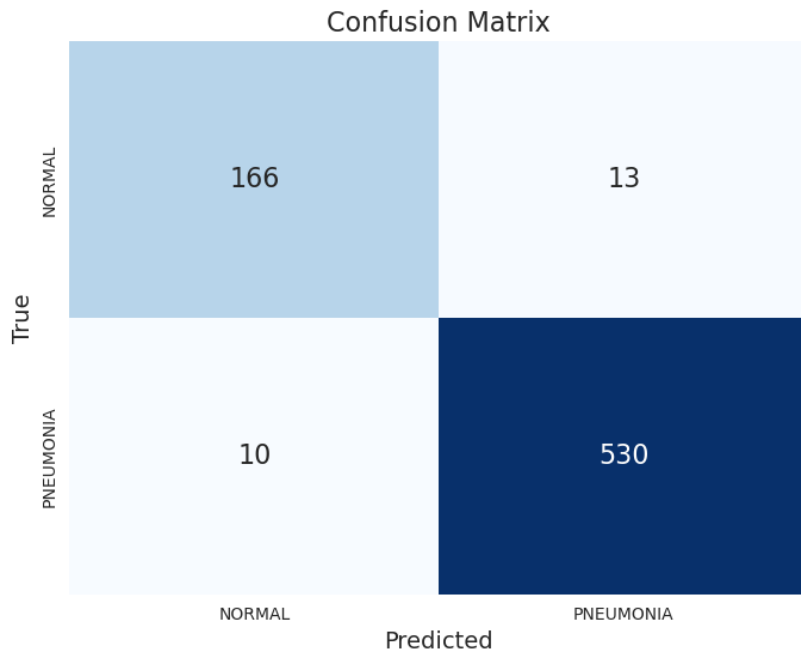
DenseNet121

lr: 0.001
Dense units: 128
Dropout rate: 0.362

Xception

lr: 0.001
Dense units: 256
Dropout rate: 0.343

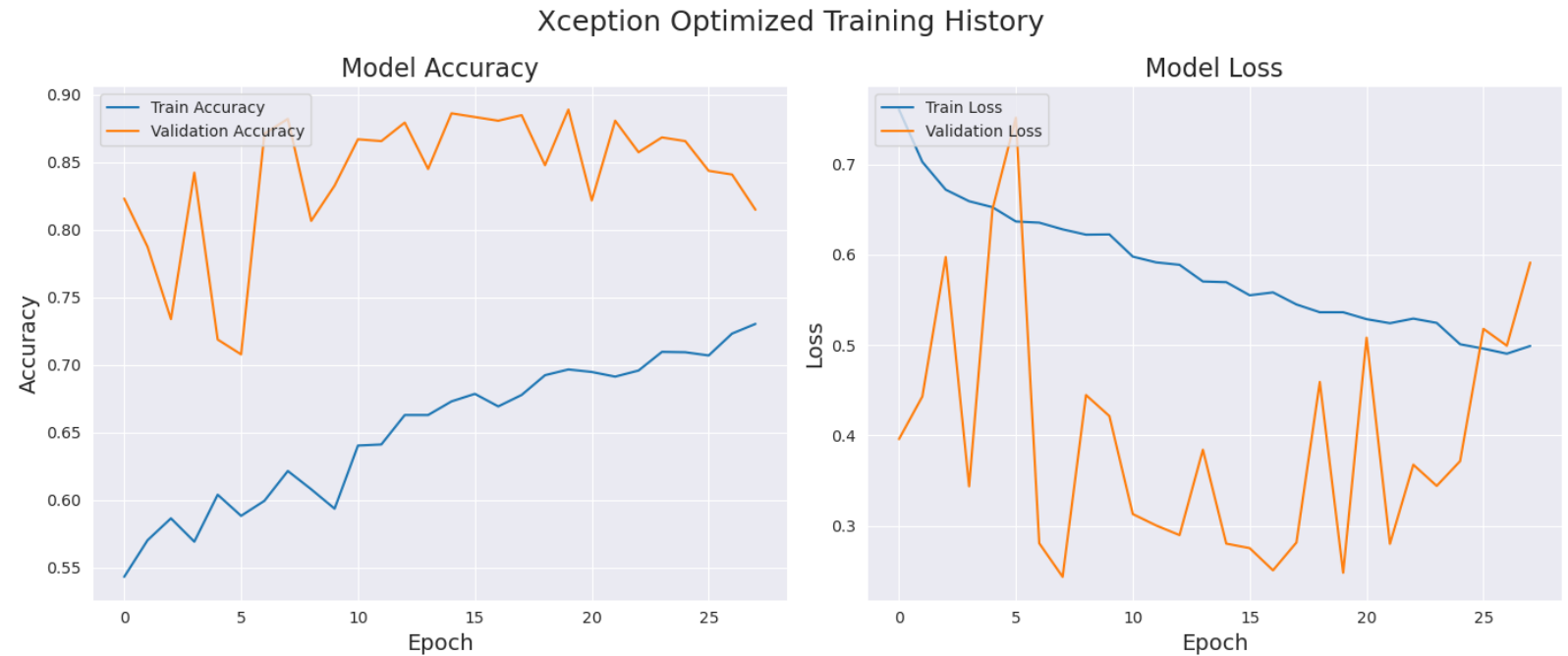
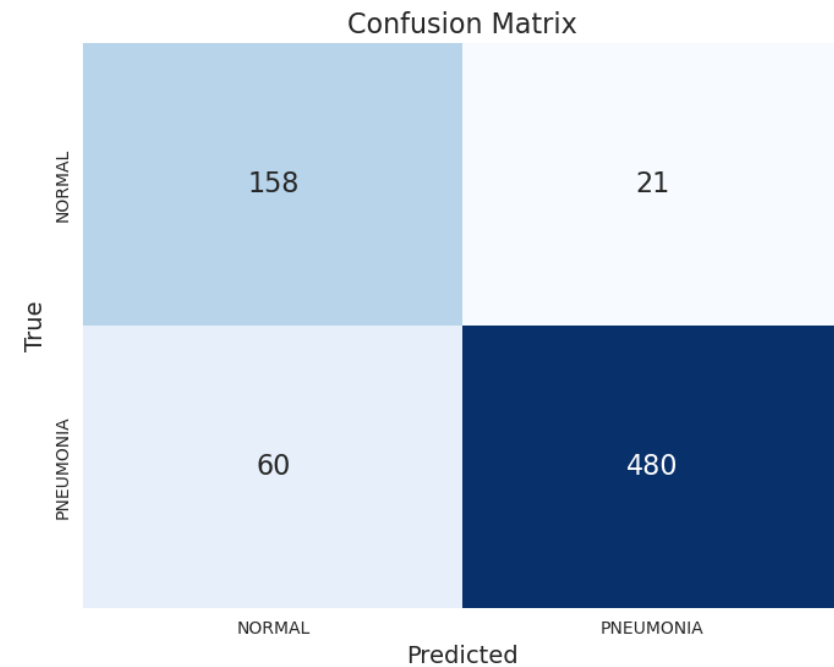
DENSENET121 OPTIMIZED



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

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

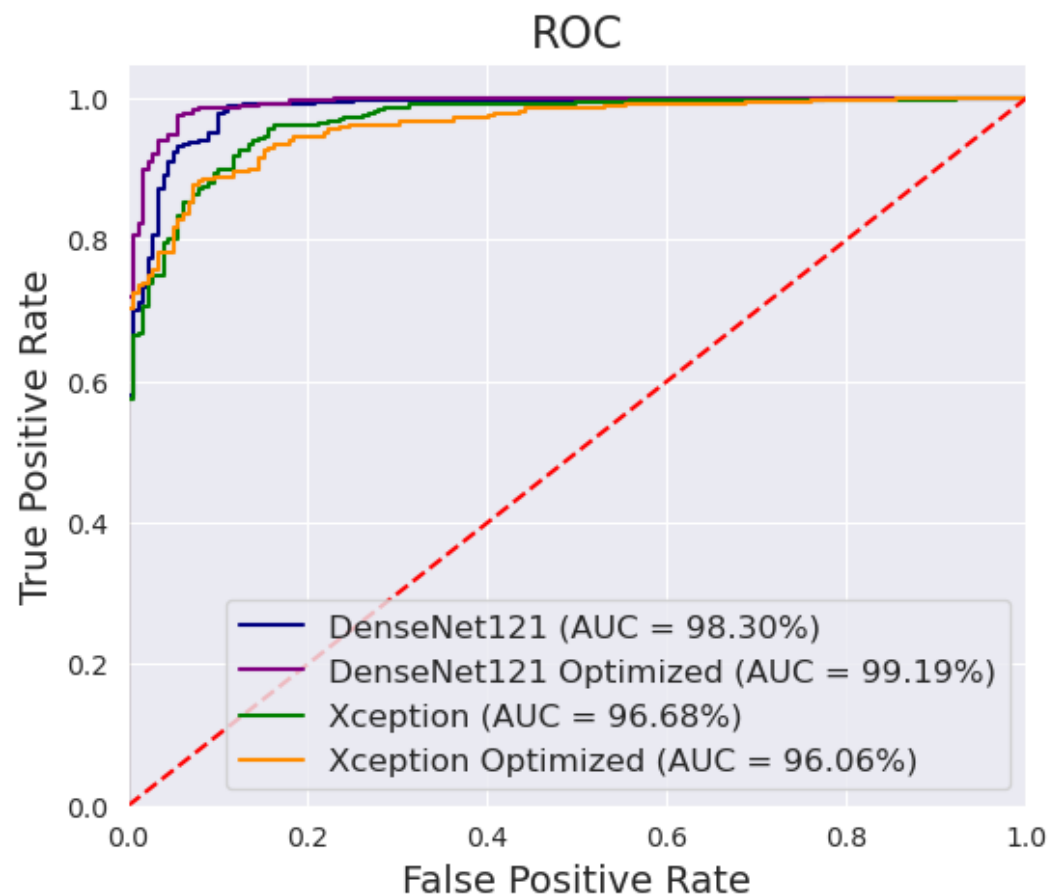
XCEPTION OPTIMIZED



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

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%



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
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