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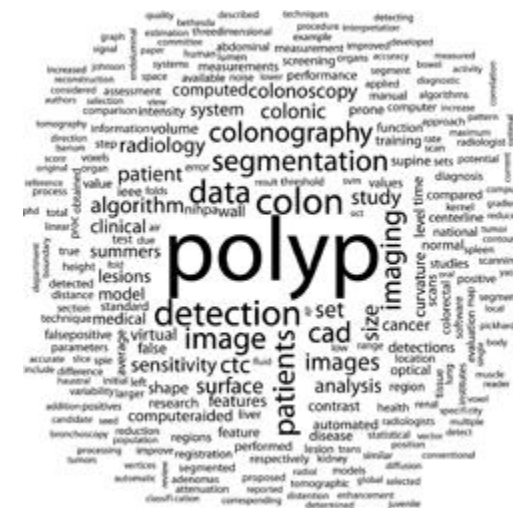
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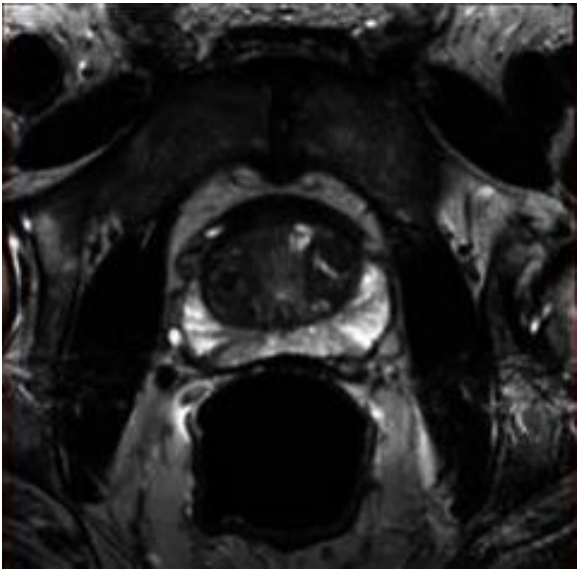
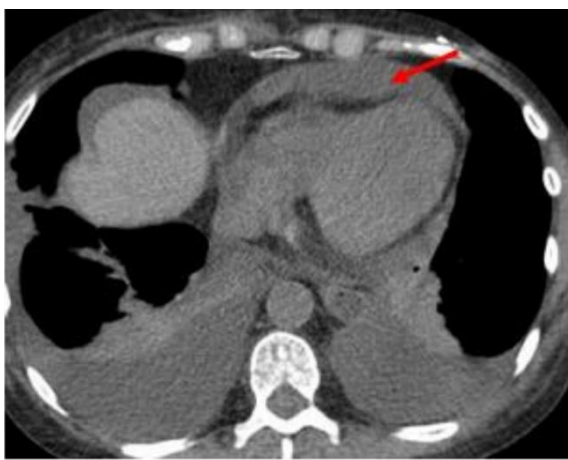
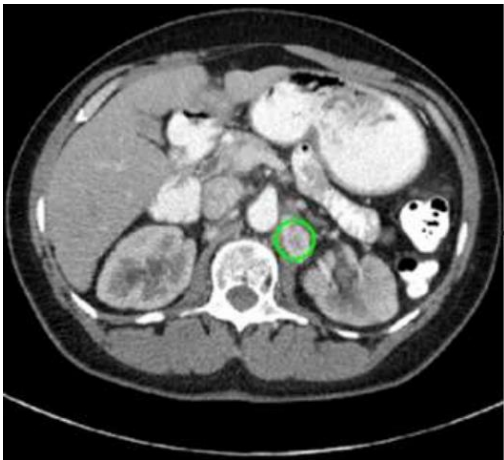
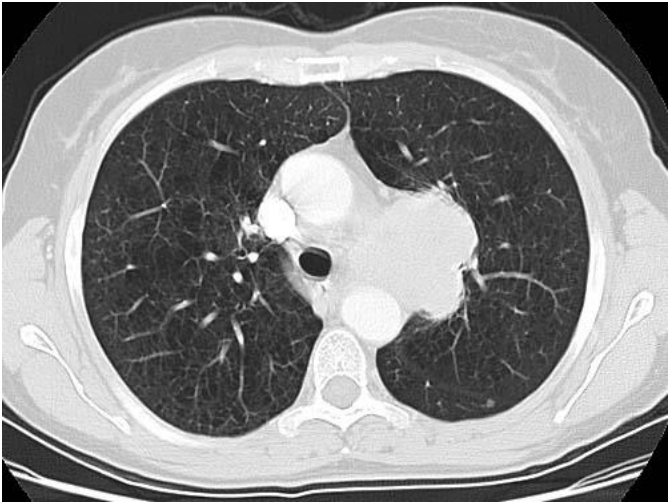
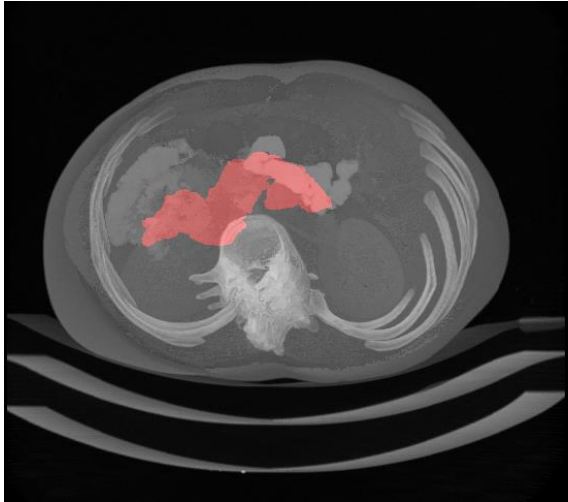
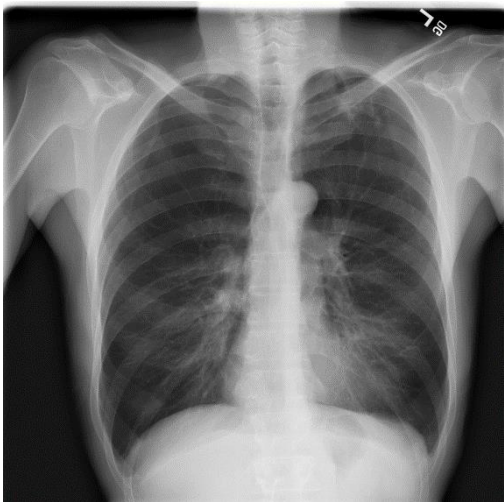
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Overview

- Background
- Previous work in our lab
- Lesion & organ segmentation
- Fully supervised vs. weakly supervised learning
- Generative adversarial networks (GANs) for data augmentation and segmentation

Computer-Aided Diagnosis



Era of Deep Learning

- No more hand-crafted features
- Large-scale annotated datasets
- **Impact:** More and varied researchers can contribute, accelerating pace of progress

Deep Learning Improves CAD

Journals & Magazines > IEEE Transactions on Medical ... > Volume: 35 Issue: 5 ?

Guest Editorial Deep Learning in Medical Imaging: Overview and Future Promise of an Exciting New Technique

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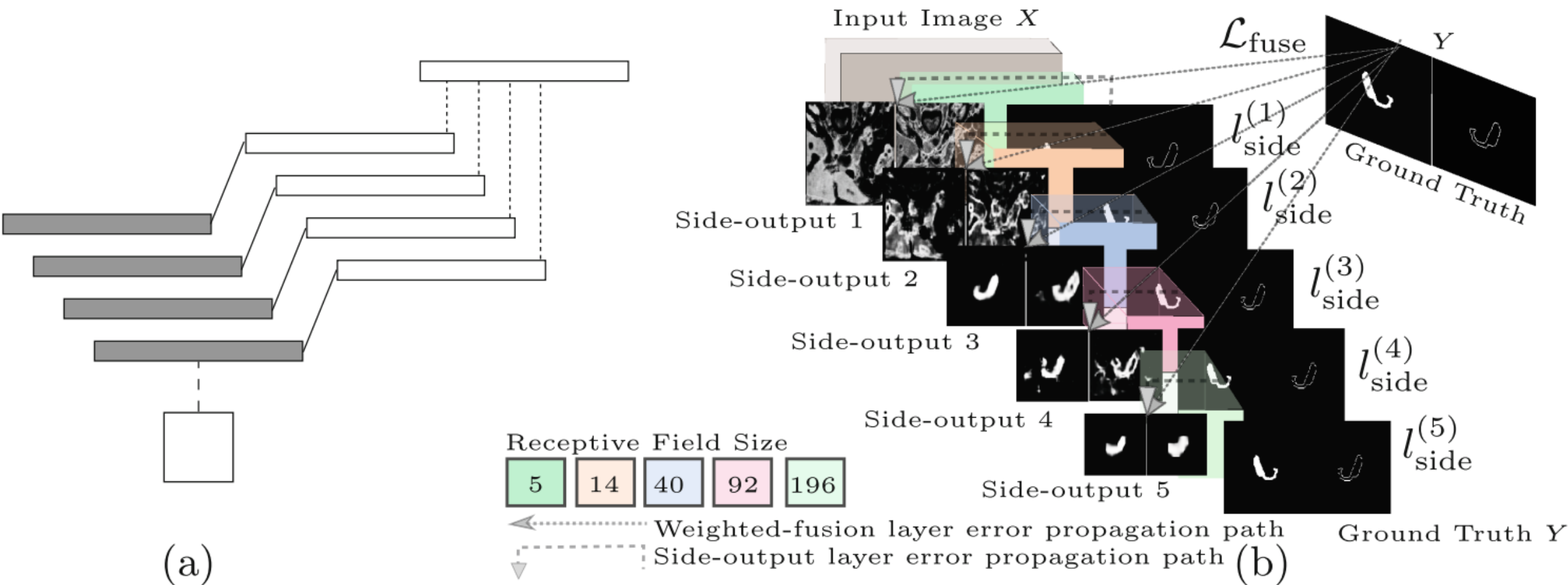
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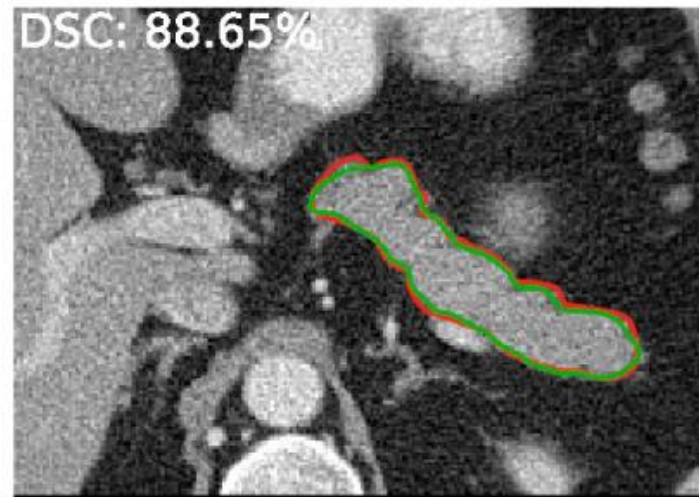
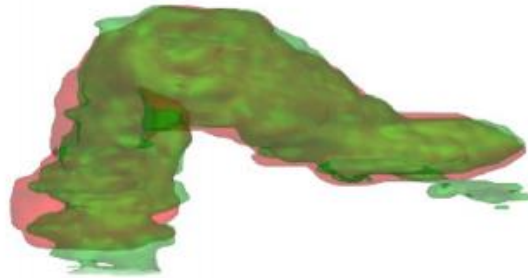
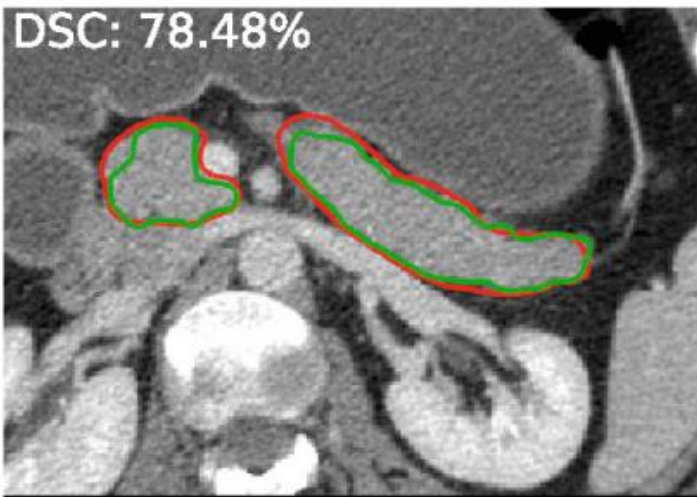


CT Pancreas Segmentation



H. Roth et al. *Spatial Aggregation of Holistically-Nested Networks for Automated Pancreas Segmentation*, MICCAI 2016

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Pancreas CT Dataset

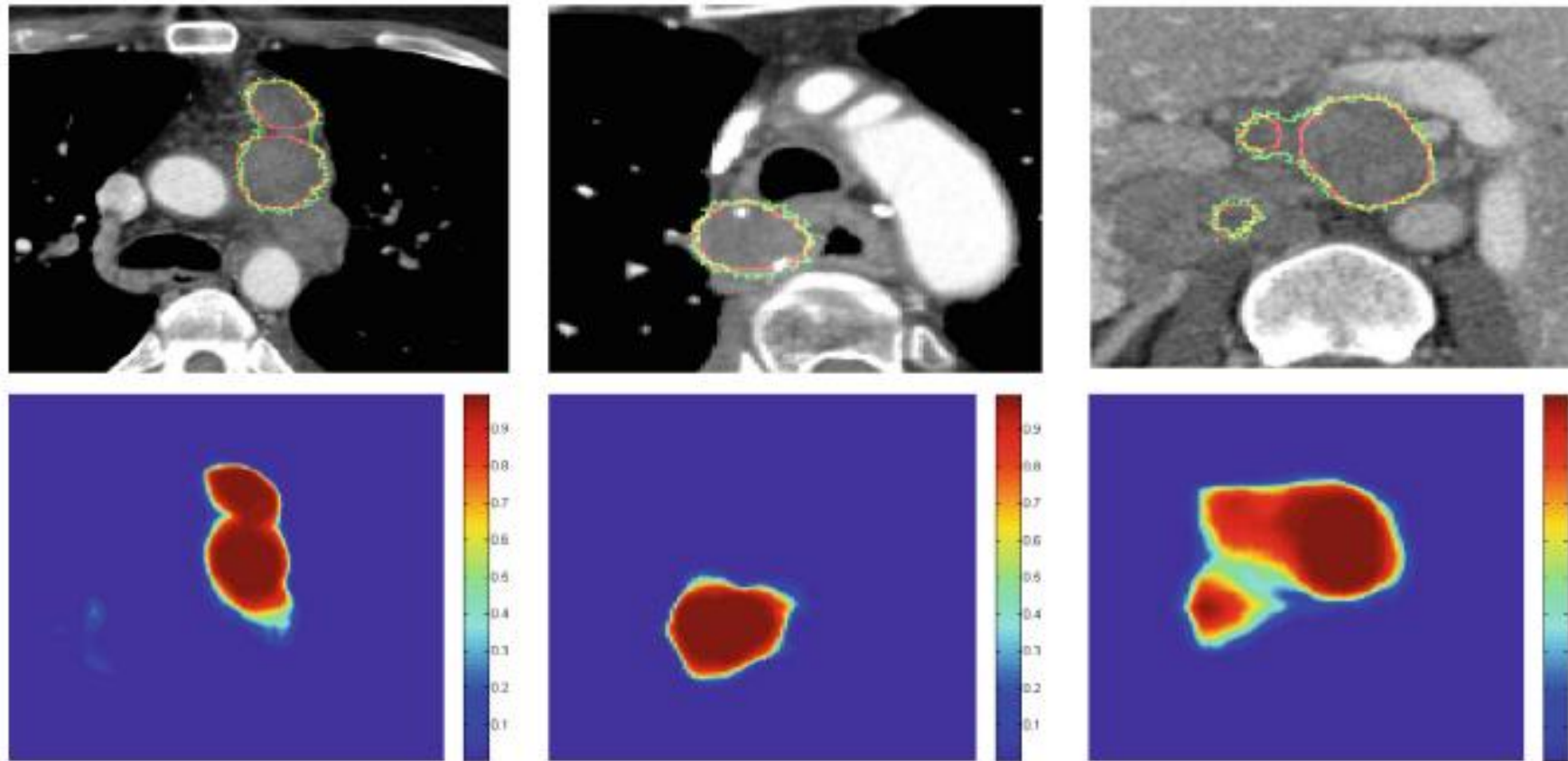
- Abdominal contrast enhanced CT scans
- 82 patients
- Manual annotations
- DICOM, 10 GB



The screenshot shows the Cancer Imaging Archive (TCIA) website. The header includes the NIH logo and the text "National Institutes of Health Turning Discovery Into Health". The main navigation bar has links for HOME, NEWS, ABOUT US, SUBMIT YOUR DATA, ACCESS THE DATA, and RESEARCH ACTIVITIES. Below this is a Confluence interface with a search bar. The left sidebar shows the "The Cancer Imaging Archive (TCIA) Public Access" logo and a list of links: Blog, SPACE SHORTCUTS (How-to articles, Troubleshooting articles), CHILD PAGES, Collections, and Pancreas-CT. The main content area displays the "Pancreas-CT" dataset page, created by smberrymann and last modified by Klingerc on Nov 20, 2018. The page includes a "Summary" section with a detailed description of the dataset: "The National Institutes of Health Clinical Center performed 82 abdominal contrast enhanced 3D CT scans (~70 seconds after intravenous contrast injection in portal-venous) from 53 male and 27 female subjects. Seventeen of the subjects are healthy kidney donors scanned prior to nephrectomy. The remaining 65 patients were selected by a radiologist from patients who neither had major abdominal pathologies nor pancreatic cancer lesions. Subjects' ages range from 18 to 76 years with a mean age of 46.8 ± 16.7 . The CT scans have resolutions of 512x512 pixels with varying pixel sizes and slice thickness between 1.5 – 2.5 mm, acquired on Philips and Siemens MDCT scanners (120 kVp tube voltage). A medical student manually performed slice-by-slice segmentations of the pancreas as ground-truth and these were verified/modified by an experienced radiologist."

<https://wiki.cancerimagingarchive.net/display/Public/Pancreas-CT>

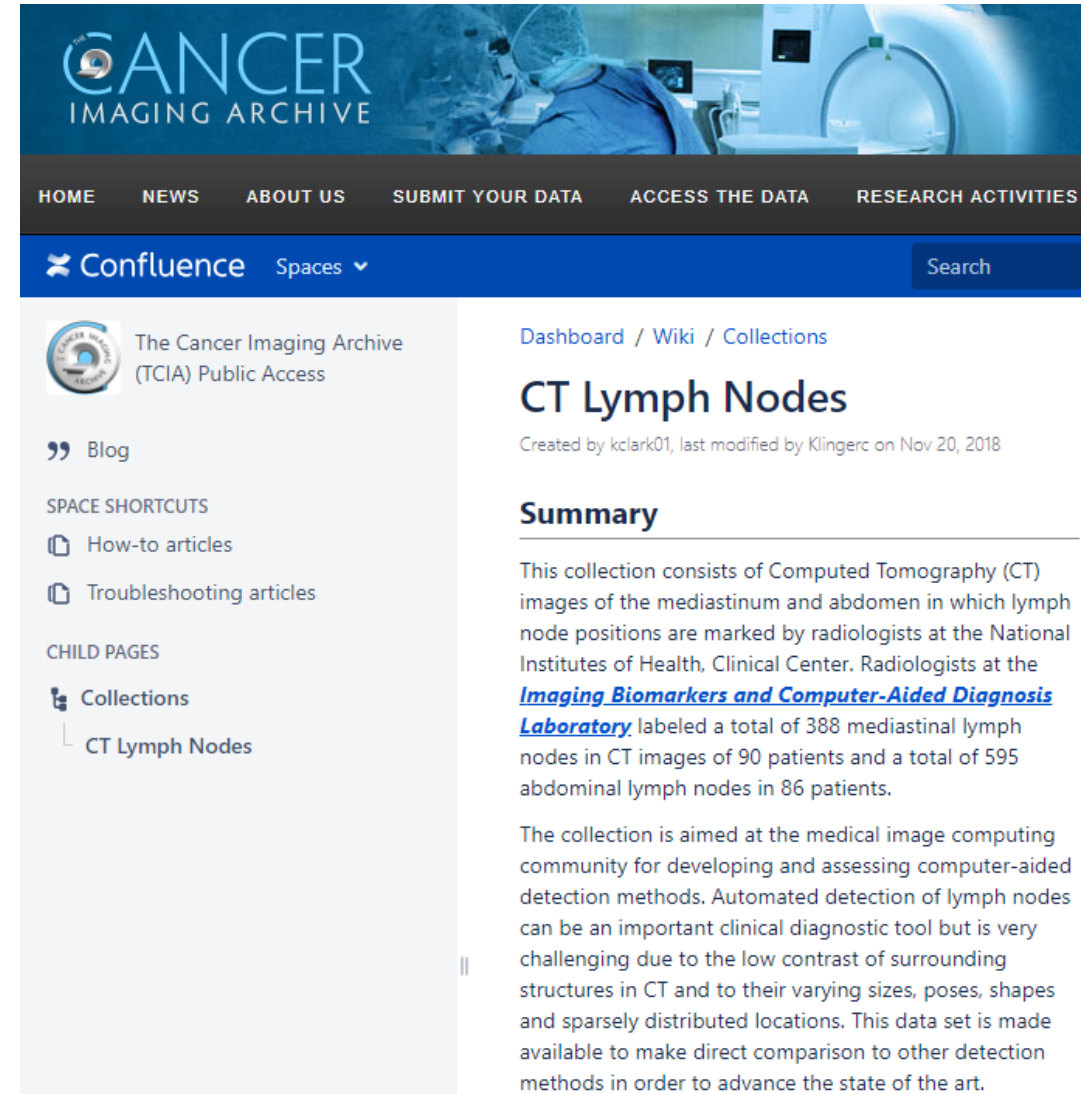
CT Lymph Node Segmentation



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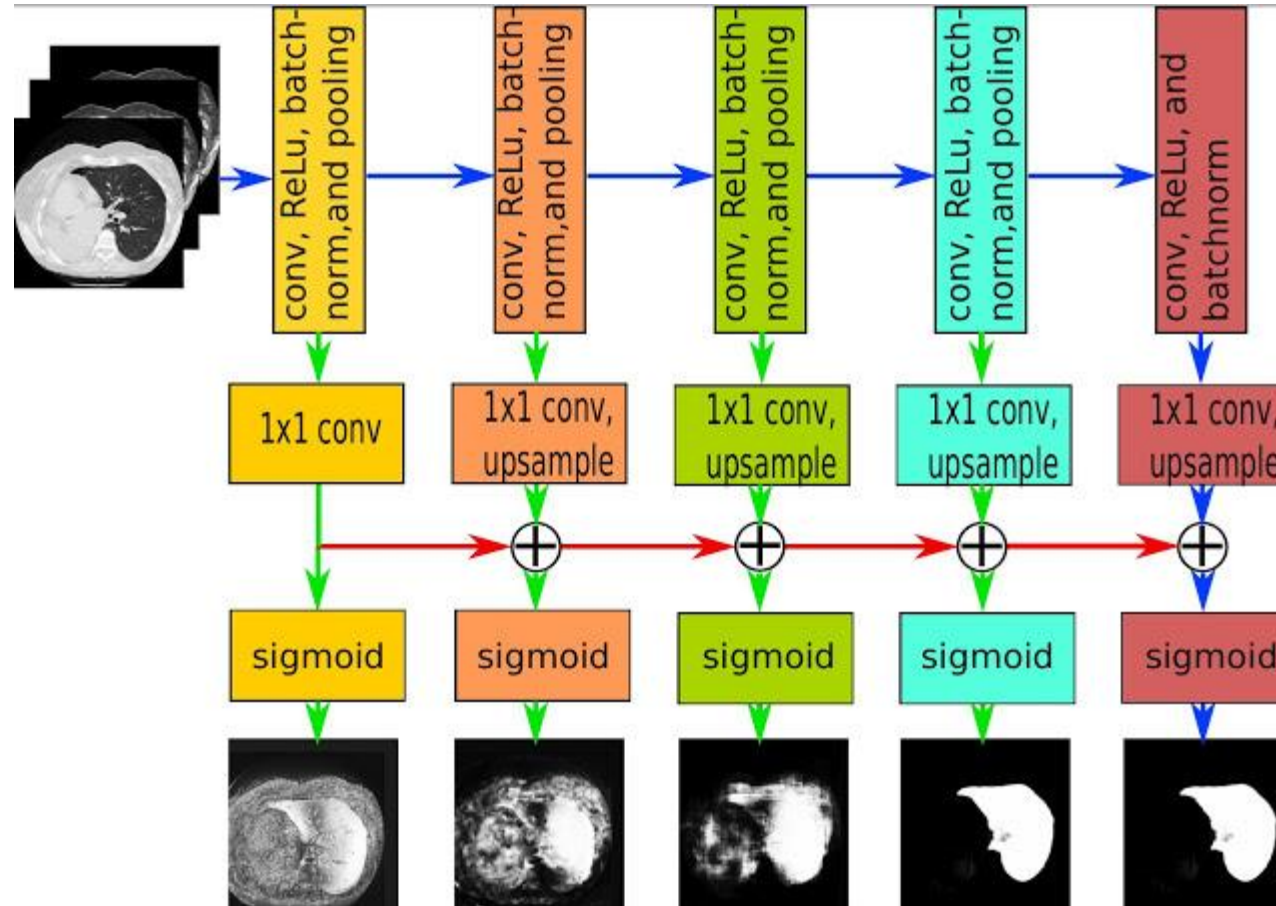
Lymph Node CT Dataset

- Computed Tomography (CT) images of the mediastinum and abdomen
- 176 patient scans
- ~1,000 lymph node masks annotated by radiologist
- DICOM, 58 GB



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Chest CT Lung Segmentation



A. Harrison et al. *Progressive and Multi-Path Holistically Nested Neural Networks for Pathological Lung Segmentation from CT Images*, MICCAI 2017

<https://adampharrison.gitlab.io/p-hnn/>

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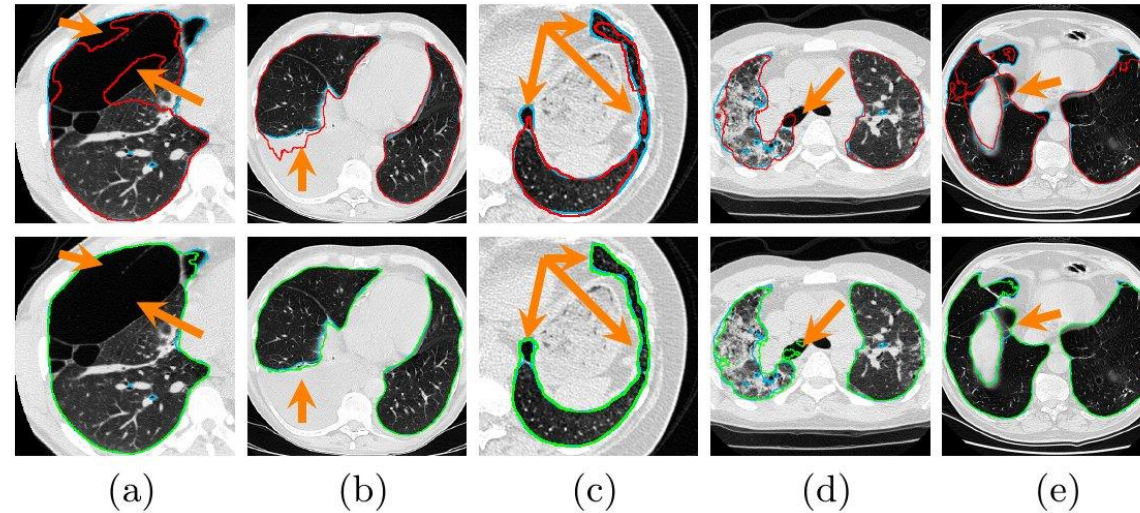
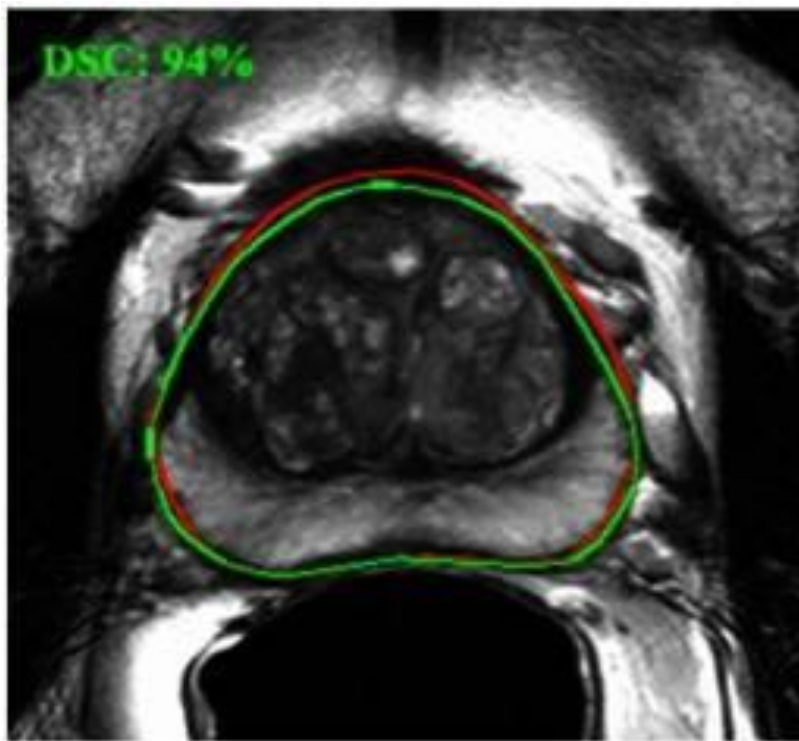


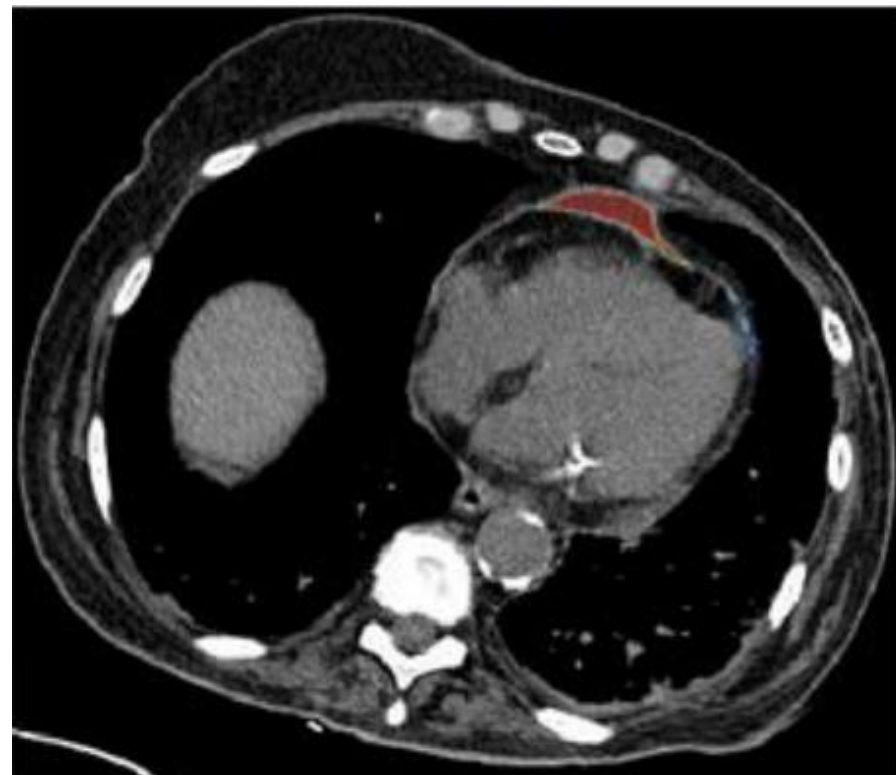
Fig. 2: Example masks of HNN and P-HNN, depicted in red and green, respectively. Ground truth masks are rendered in cyan. (a) HNN struggles to segment the pulmonary bullae, whereas P-HNN captures it. (b) Part of the pleural effusion is erroneously included by HNN, while left out by P-HNN. (c) P-HNN better captures finer details in the lung mask. (d) In this failure case, both HNN and P-HNN erroneously include the right main bronchus; however, P-HNN better captures infiltrate regions. (e) This erroneous ground-truth example, which was filtered out, fails to include a portion of the right lung. Both HNN and P-HNN capture the region, but P-HNN does a much better job of segmenting the rest of the lung.

and more ...



Prostate MRI

R. Cheng et al. JMI 2017

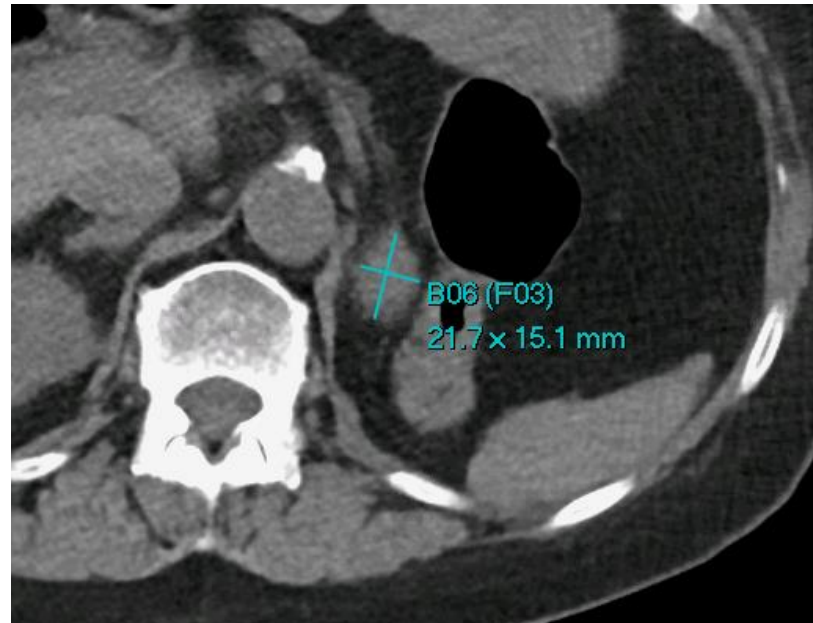


Pericardial effusion CT

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Manual Annotation vs. Weak Supervision

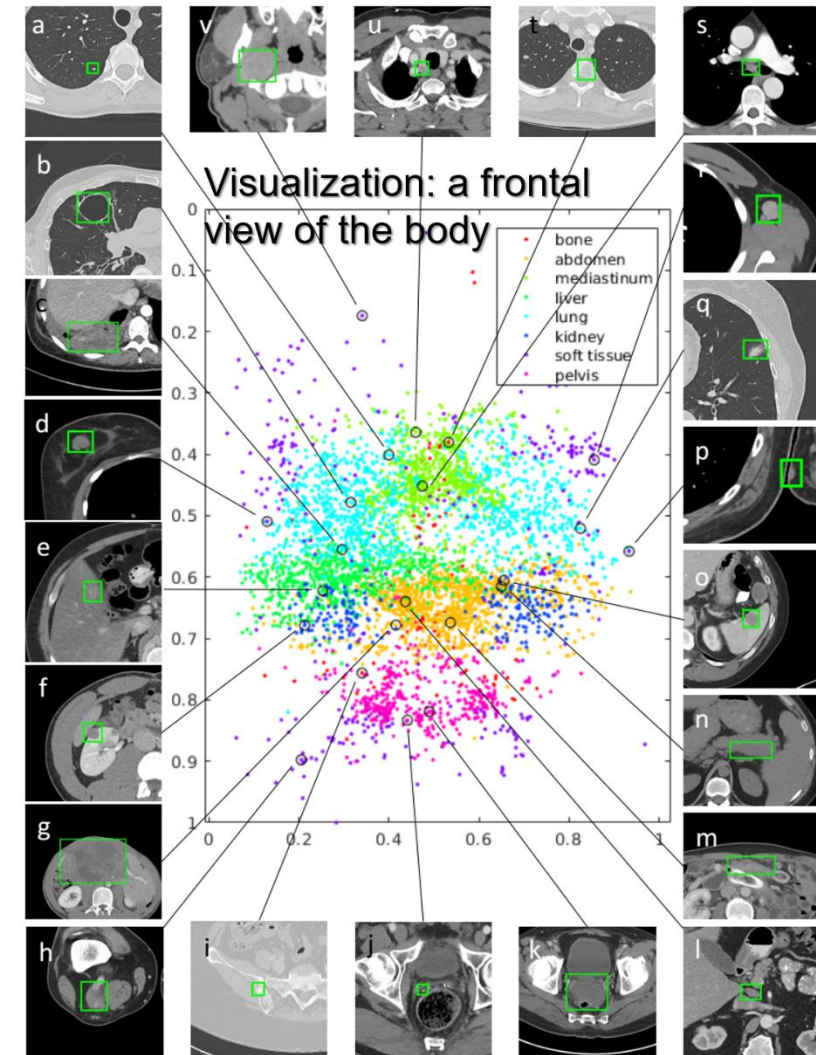
- Pixel-wise annotation: laborious, time consuming
- Coarse annotation?
 - RECIST (Response evaluation criteria in solid tumors)



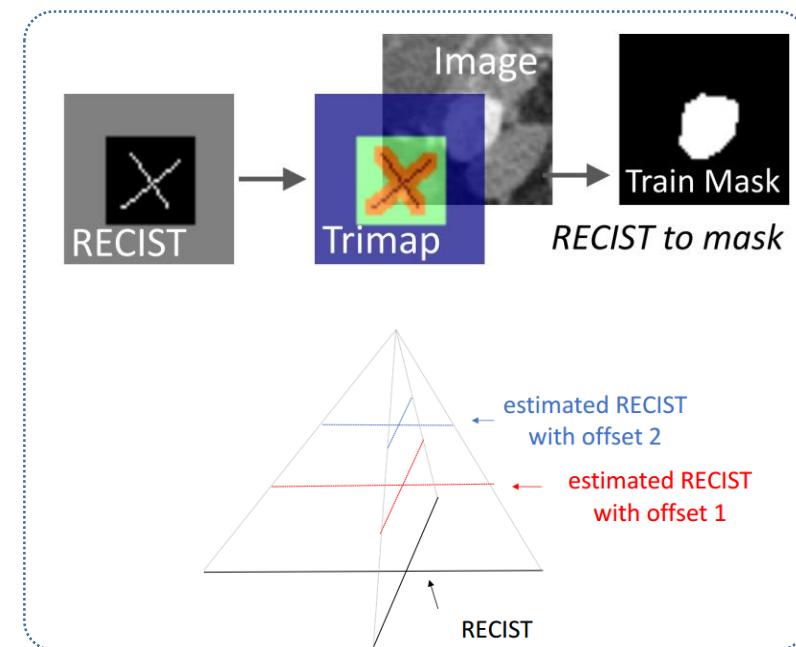
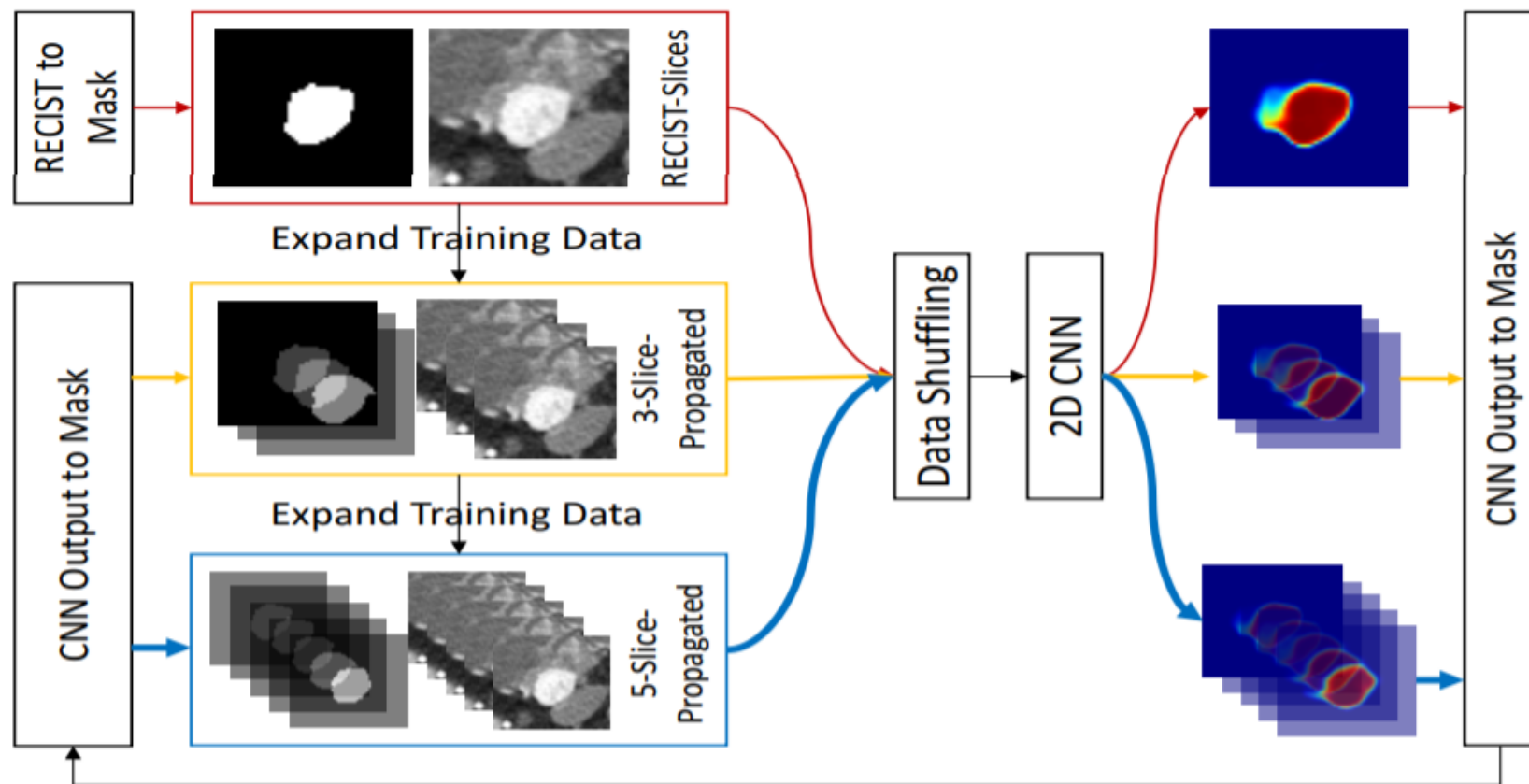
long-axis and short-axis

DeepLesion Dataset

- Mined from bookmarks (RECIST diameters) in NIH CC's PACS 32,120 axial CT slices from 10,594 studies of 4,427 unique patients
- 1–3 lesions in each image with size measurements (long-axis and short-axis)
- 32,735 lesions altogether

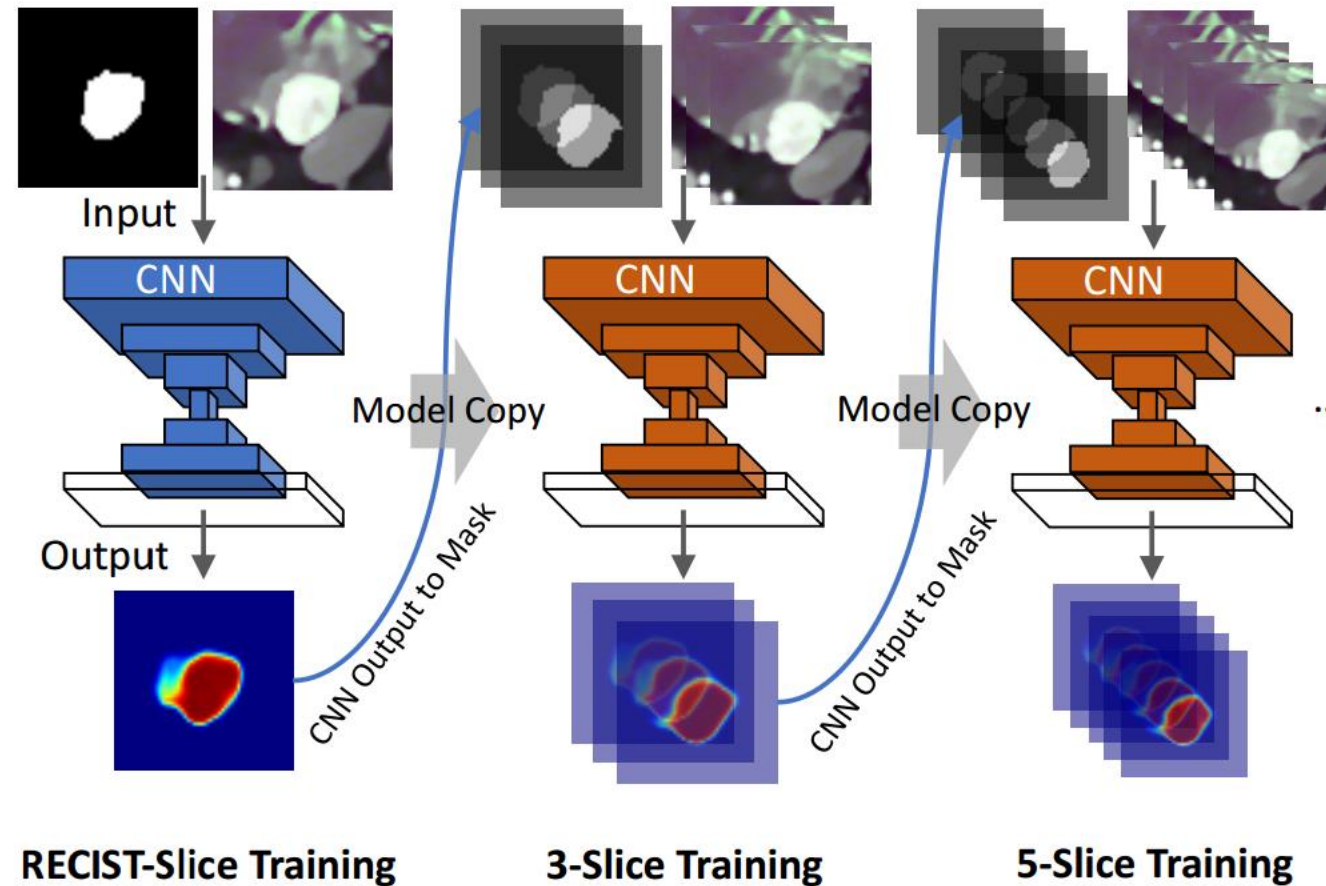


Weakly Supervised Lesion Segmentation



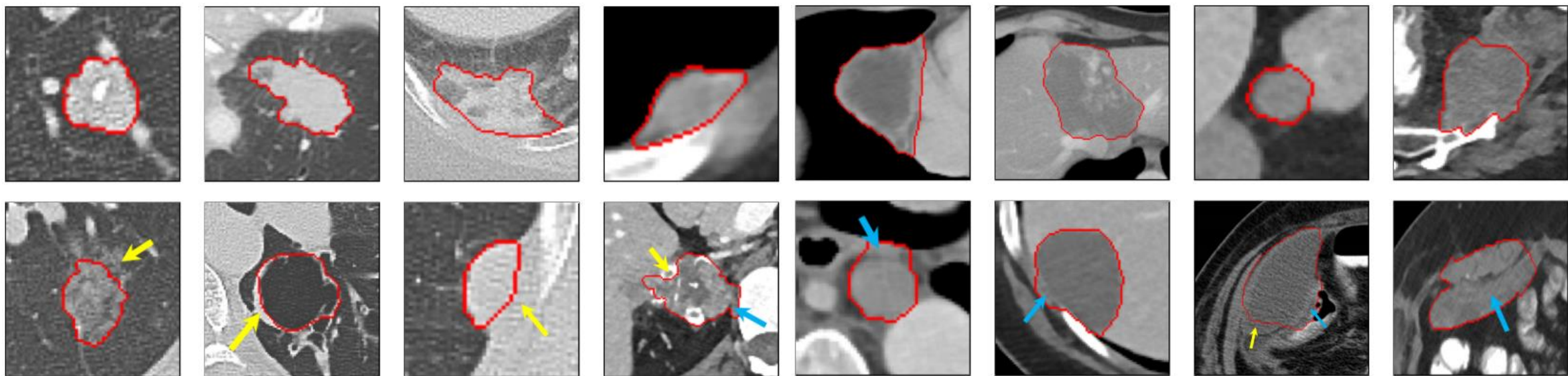
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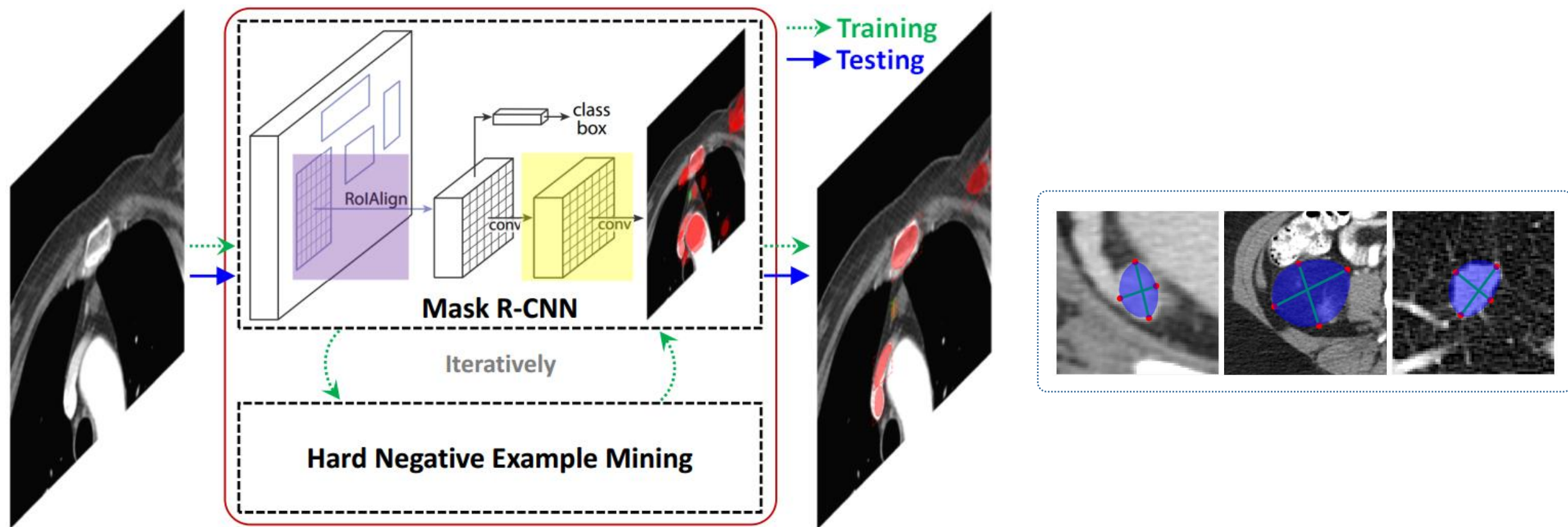
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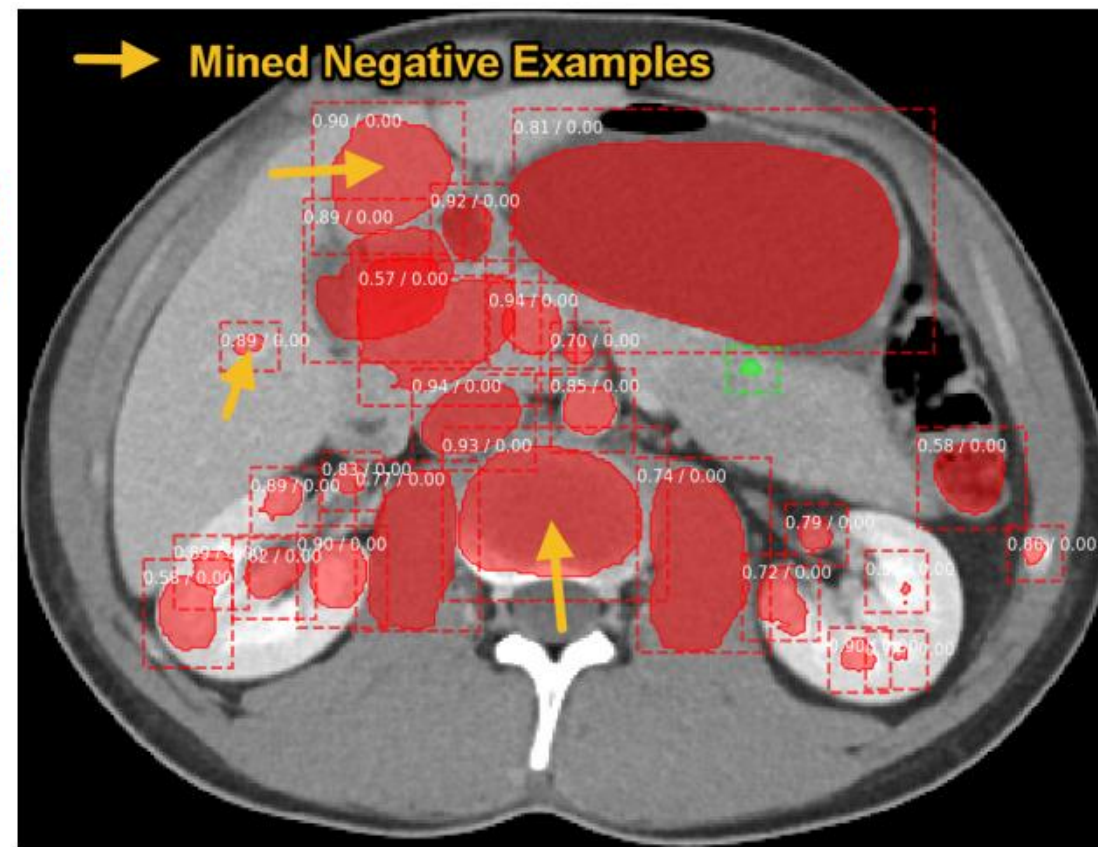
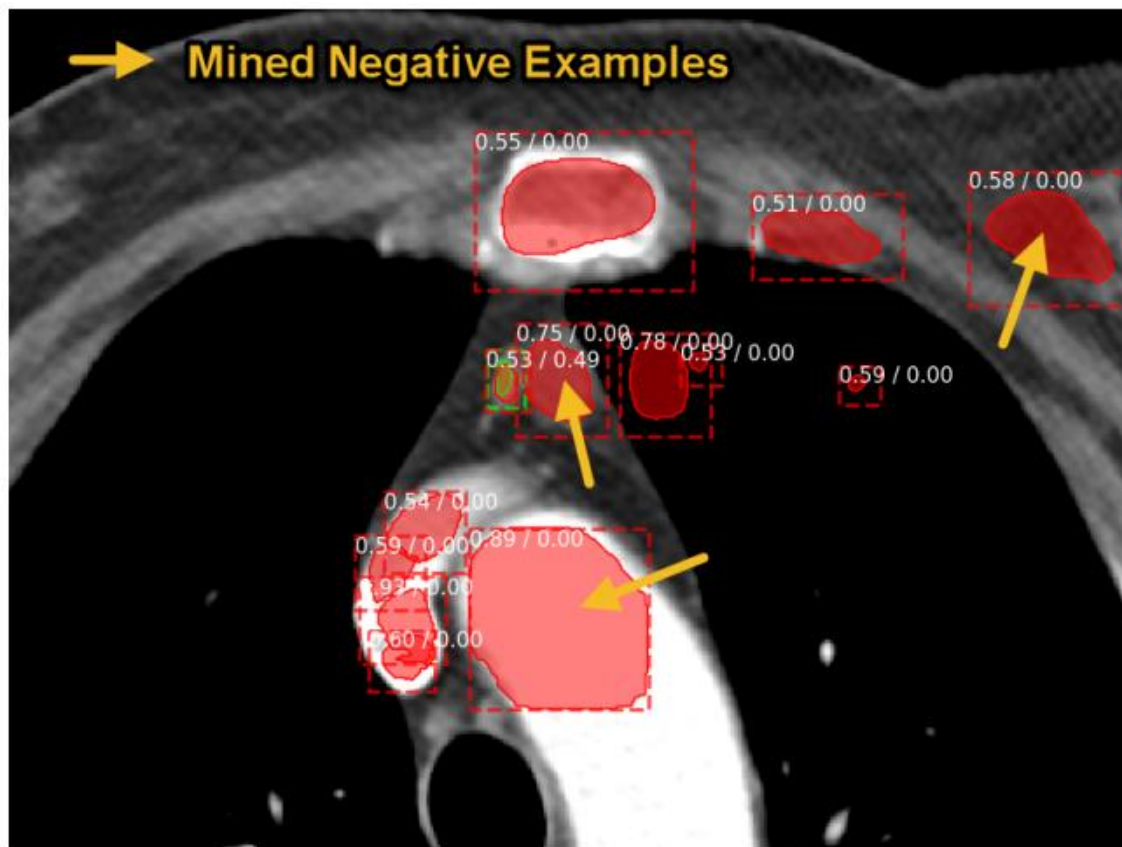
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Weakly Supervised Lesion Detection and Segmentation



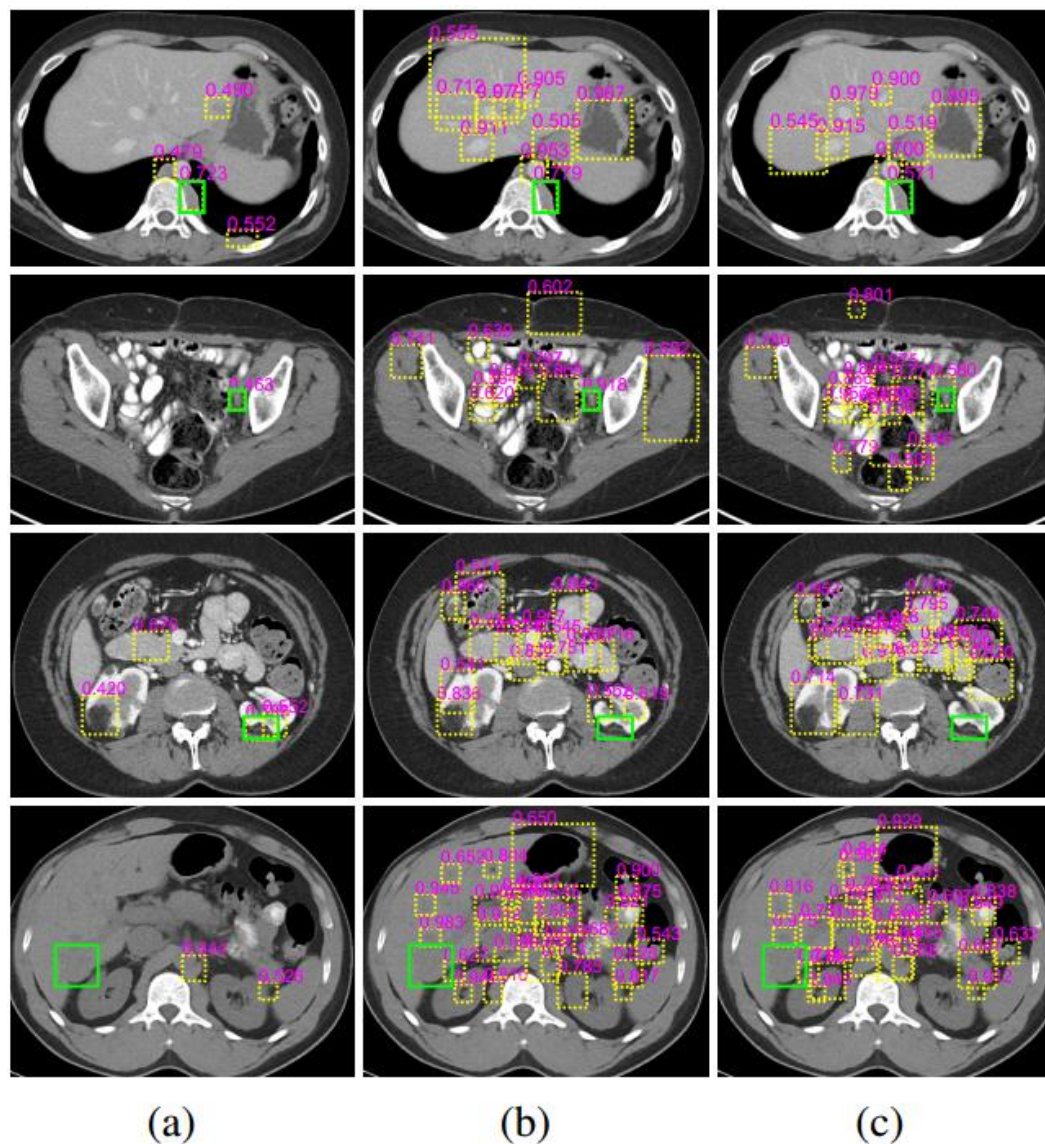
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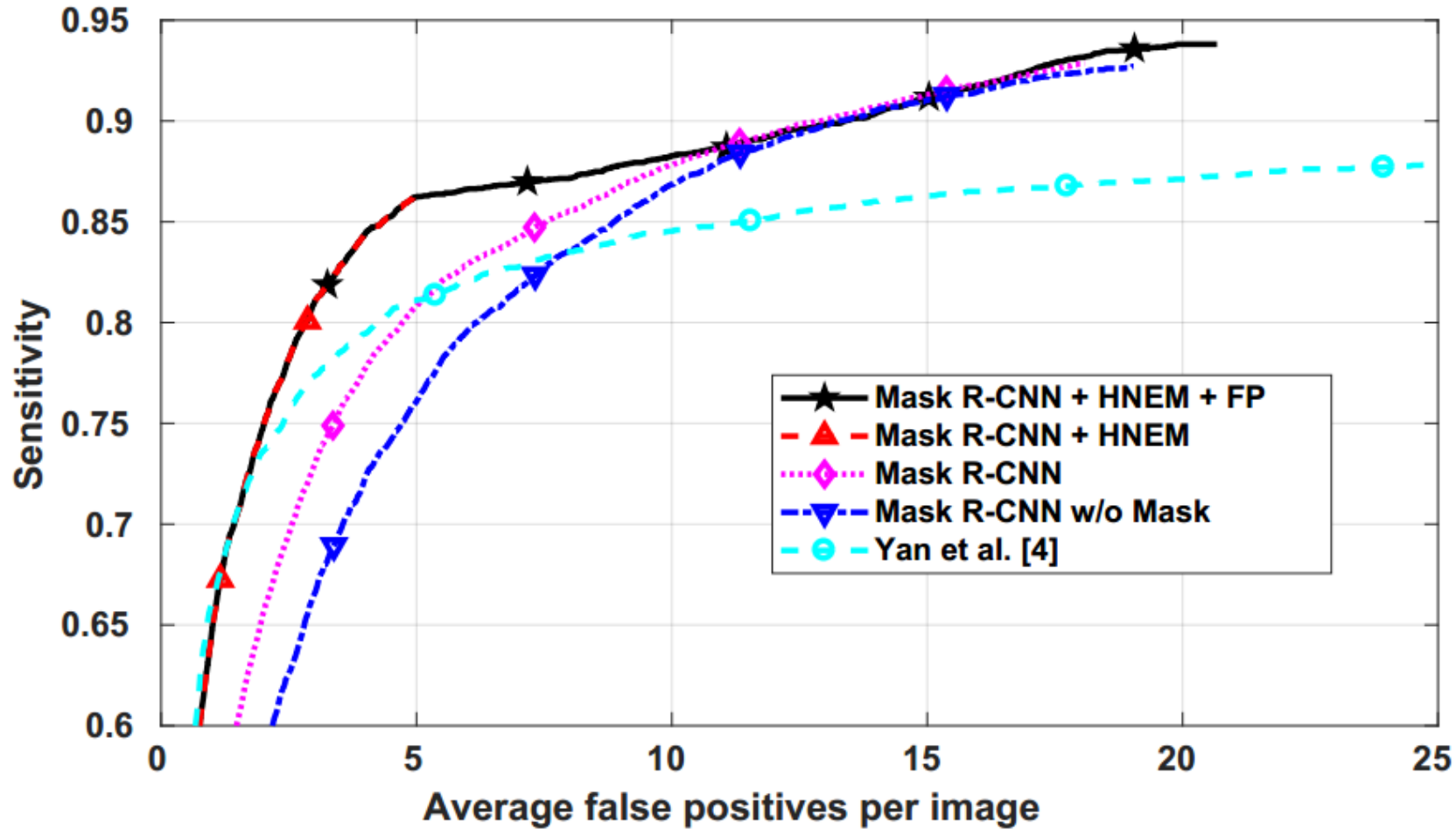
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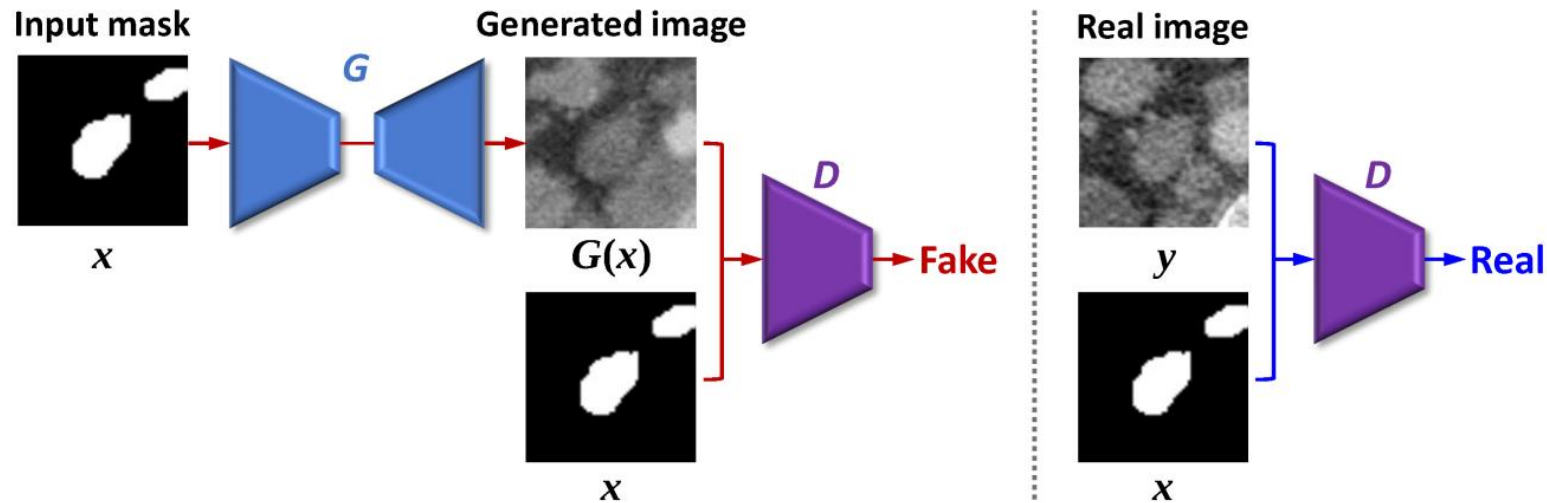
(a) Mask R-CNN + HNEM
(b) Mask R-CNN
(c) Mask R-CNN w/o Mask

Weakly Supervised Lesion Detection and Segmentation



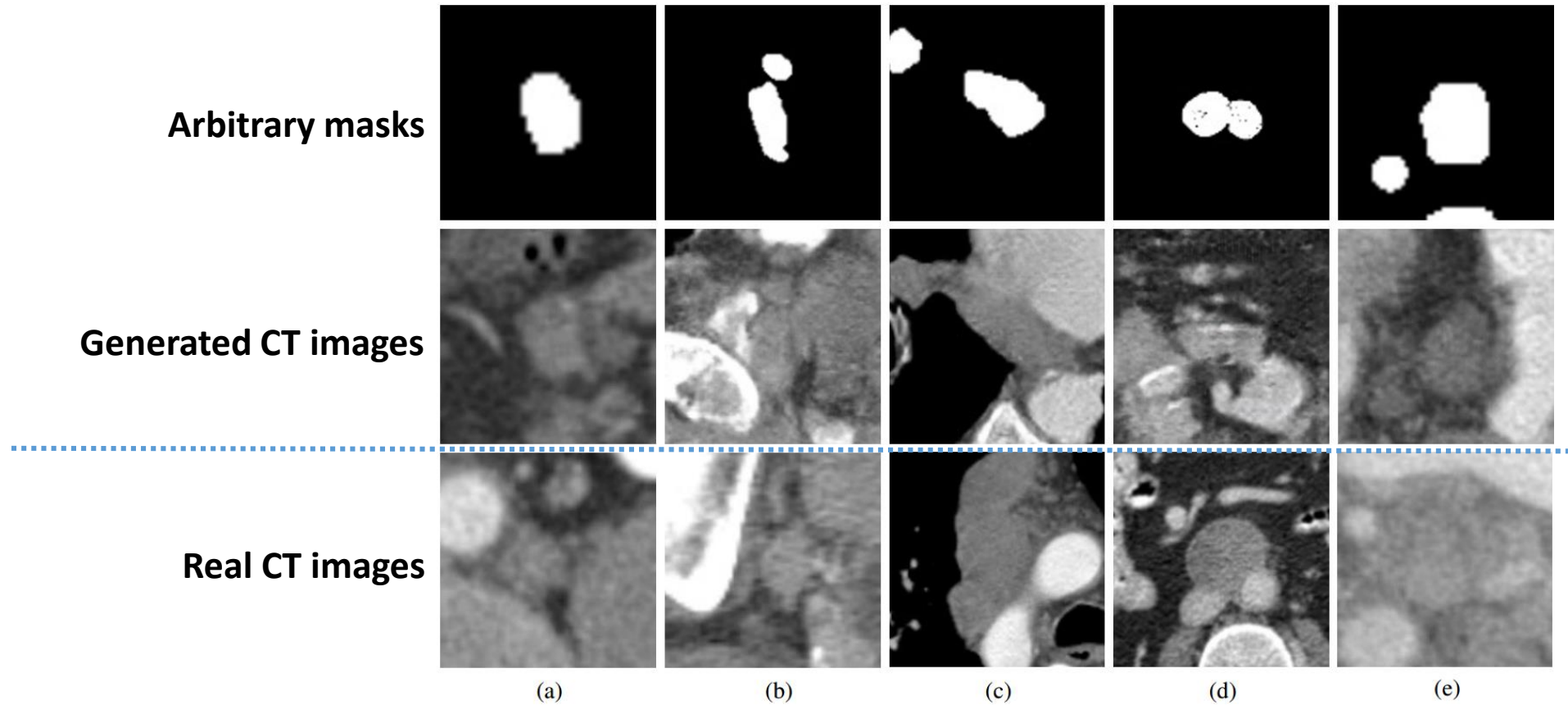
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Data Augmentation Using GANs

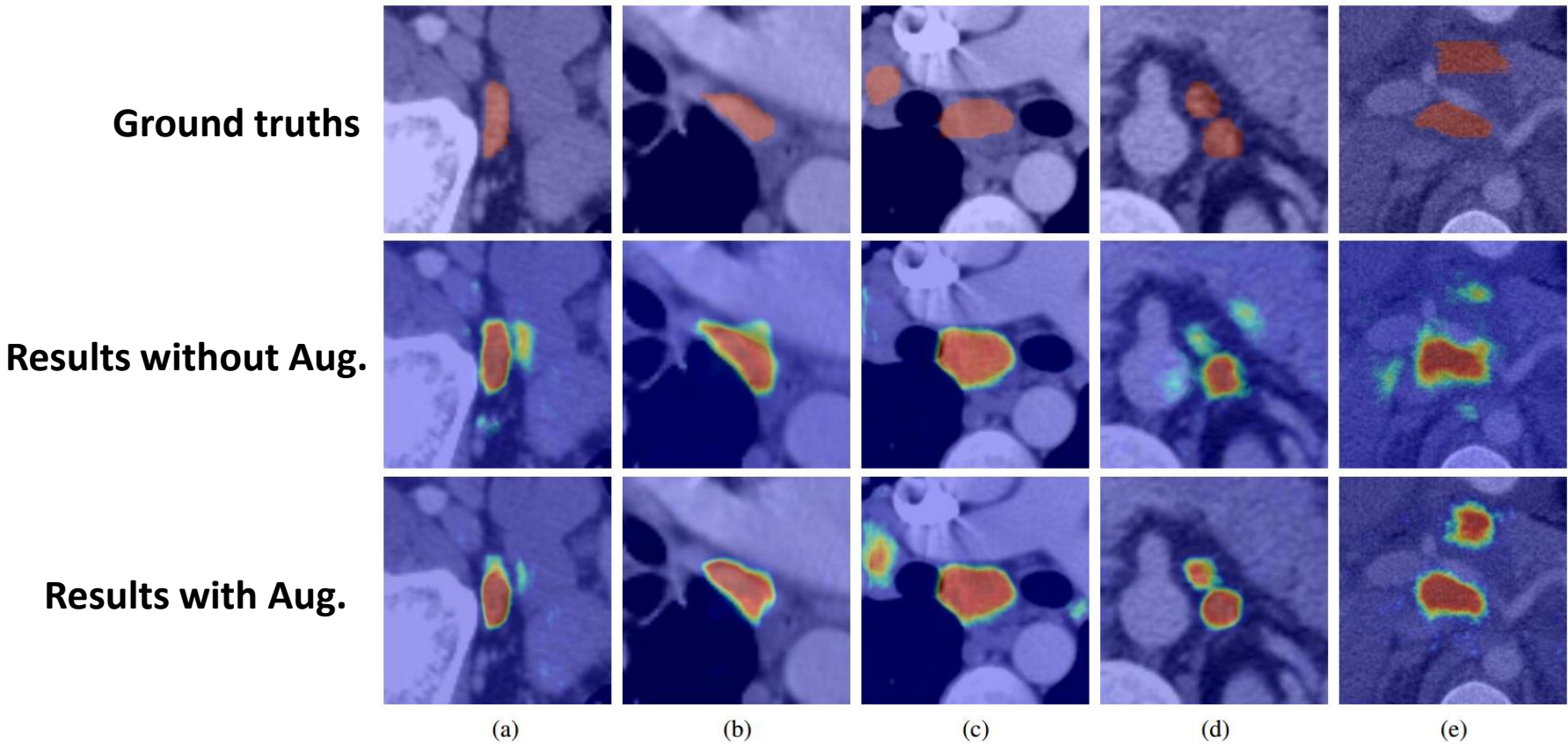


- CT-Realistic data augmentation (pix2pix GAN)
 - Training: real image & mask pairs as input
 - Inference:
 - Input: arbitrary lymph node masks (pseudo masks)
 - Output: synthesized (generated) CT images with “lymph nodes”

Data Augmentation Using GANs



GANs Generated Images Improve Segmentation



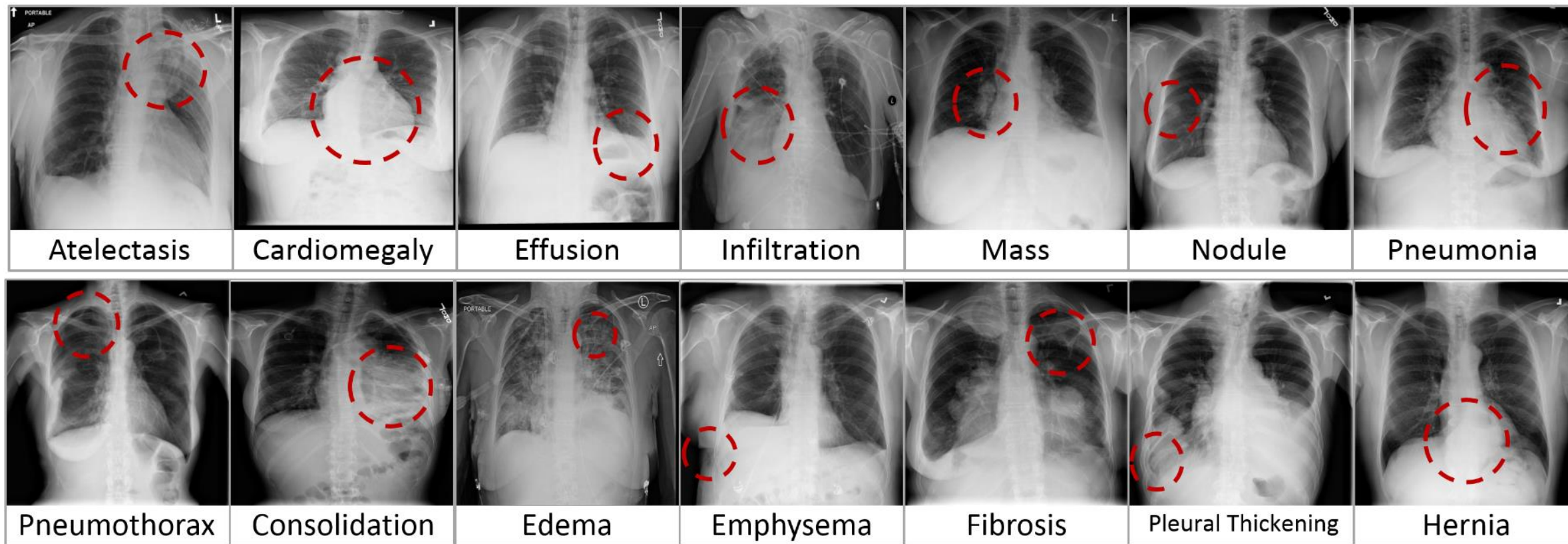
Strategy	Recall	Precision	Dice	AVD	VS
Without AAD	0.856 ± 0.128	0.783 ± 0.166	0.803 ± 0.130	2.306 ± 4.192	0.892 ± 0.113
With AAD ₁	0.857 ± 0.120	0.803 ± 0.151	0.817 ± 0.118	1.957 ± 3.741	0.906 ± 0.096
With AAD ₂	0.827 ± 0.125	0.845 ± 0.138	0.825 ± 0.112	1.883 ± 3.531	0.912 ± 0.091

Lung Segmentation on Chest Radiographs



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NIH ChestX-ray14 Dataset



- 112,120 frontal-view chest X-ray images of 30,805 unique patients
- text-mined 14 disease image labels
- each image can have multiple labels

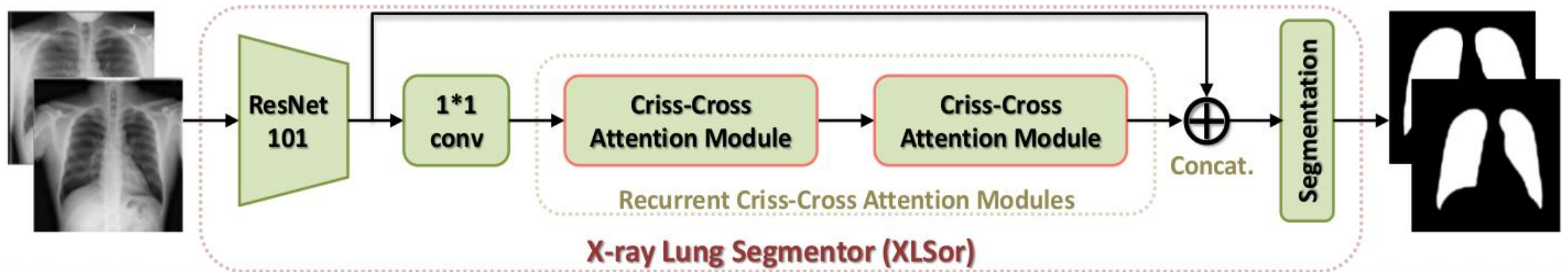
Pathological Lungs are Harder to Segment

- To capture **richer global contextual information** for robust and accurate lung segmentation
- Especially for pathological lungs with less clear lung boundaries.

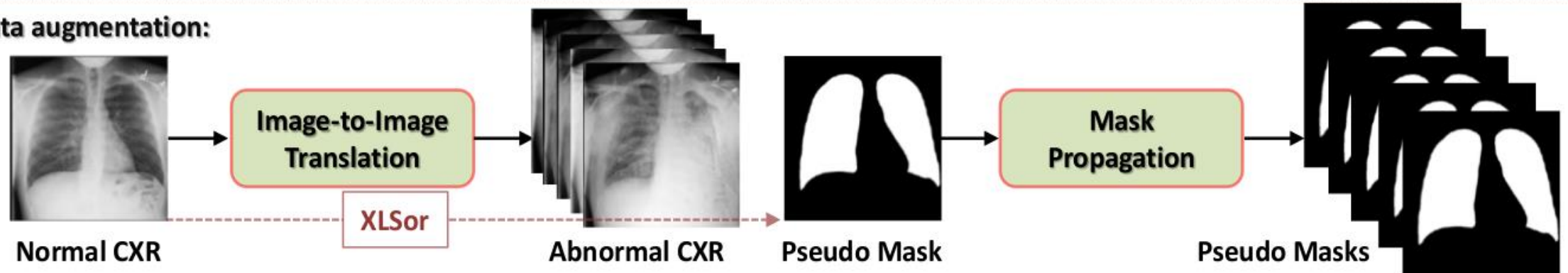


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Lung Segmentation with Data Augmentation

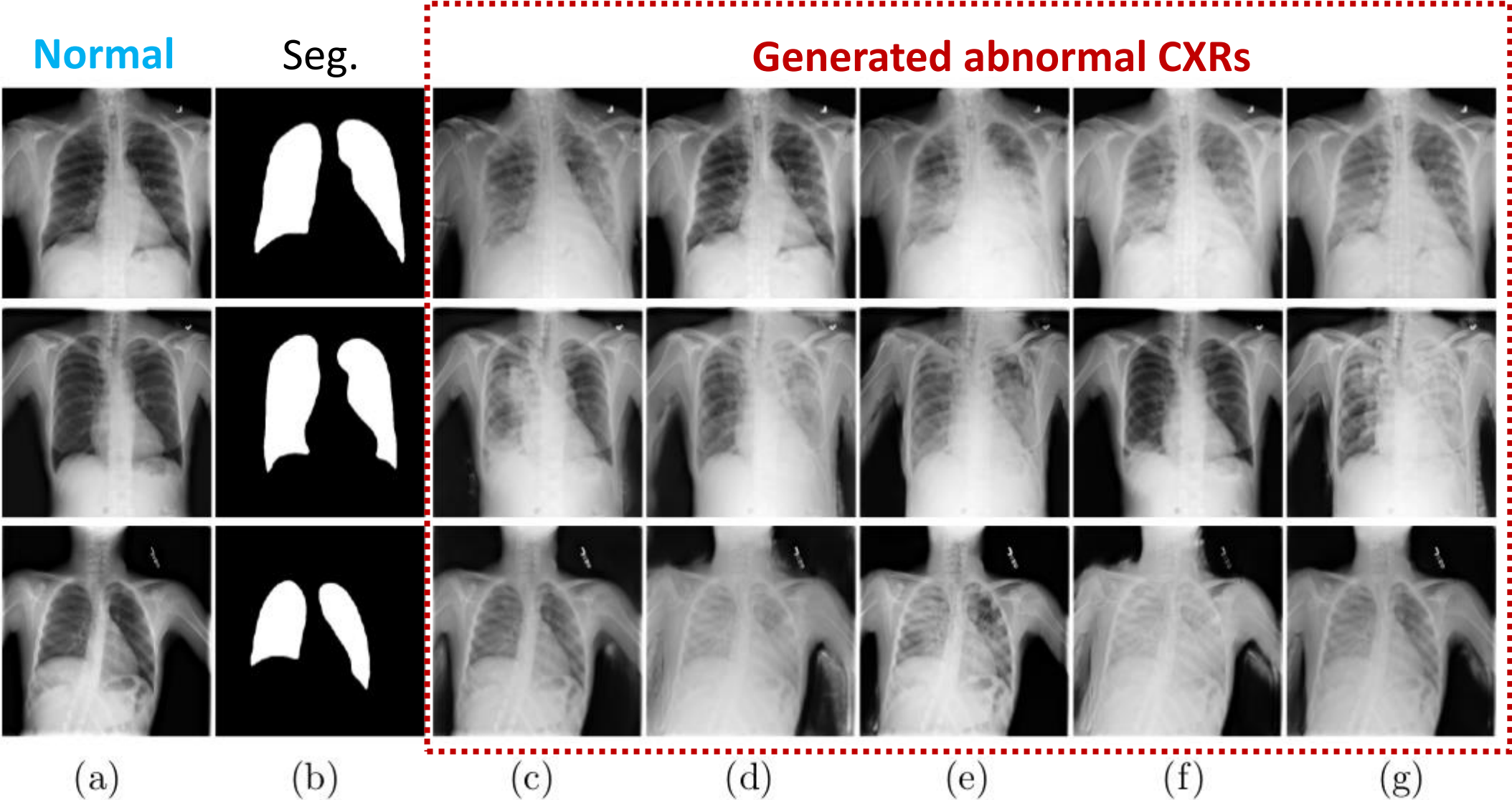


Data augmentation:



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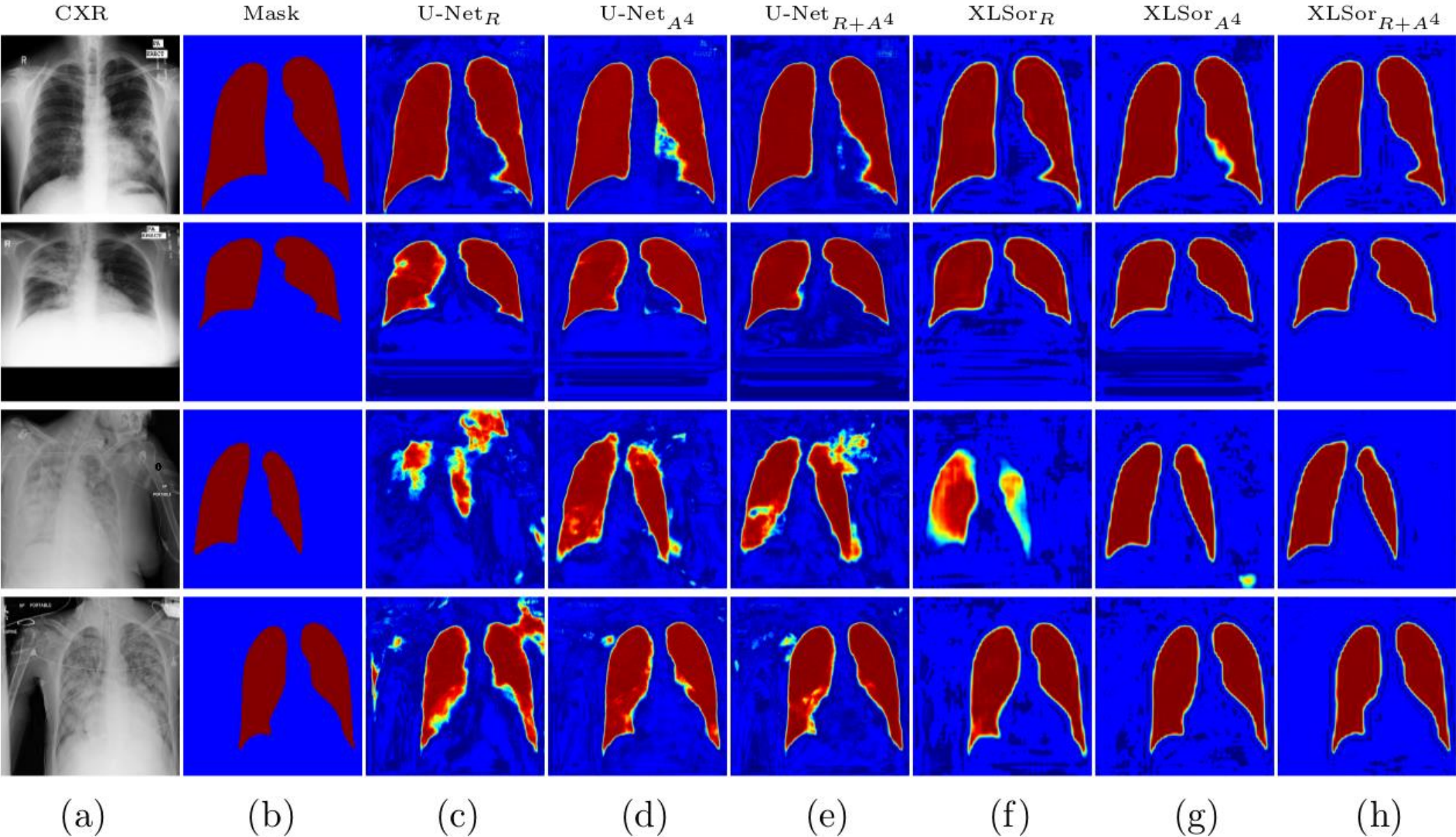


Segmentation Results on the NIH Dataset

Method	REC \uparrow	PRE \uparrow	DICE \uparrow	AVD \downarrow	VS \uparrow
XLSor _R	0.966 \pm 0.02	0.927 \pm 0.09	0.943 \pm 0.05	0.669 \pm 1.64	0.966 \pm 0.05
XLSor _{R+A¹}	0.958 \pm 0.03	0.973 \pm 0.02	0.965 \pm 0.02	0.172 \pm 0.26	0.985 \pm 0.01
XLSor _{R+A²}	0.962 \pm 0.02	0.980\pm0.01	0.971 \pm 0.01	0.097 \pm 0.08	0.989 \pm 0.01
XLSor _{R+A³}	0.967 \pm 0.02	0.978 \pm 0.02	0.973 \pm 0.01	0.089 \pm 0.07	0.990 \pm 0.01
XLSor _{R+A⁴}	0.974\pm0.01	0.976 \pm 0.01	0.975\pm0.01	0.078\pm0.06	0.993\pm0.01
XLSor _{A⁴}	0.964 \pm 0.02	0.983 \pm 0.01	0.973 \pm 0.01	0.098 \pm 0.13	0.988 \pm 0.01
U-Net _R	0.938 \pm 0.07	0.761 \pm 0.20	0.823 \pm 0.16	5.231 \pm 9.02	0.869 \pm 0.15
U-Net _{R+A¹}	0.926 \pm 0.05	0.960\pm0.03	0.942 \pm 0.03	0.832 \pm 1.29	0.971 \pm 0.02
U-Net _{R+A²}	0.947 \pm 0.04	0.950 \pm 0.04	0.948 \pm 0.03	0.500 \pm 1.03	0.981 \pm 0.02
U-Net _{R+A³}	0.950 \pm 0.03	0.954 \pm 0.03	0.951 \pm 0.02	0.393 \pm 0.58	0.983 \pm 0.02
U-Net _{R+A⁴}	0.943 \pm 0.04	0.958 \pm 0.03	0.950 \pm 0.03	0.454 \pm 0.73	0.982 \pm 0.02
U-Net _{A⁴}	0.952\pm0.03	0.959 \pm 0.03	0.955\pm0.02	0.315\pm0.47	0.983\pm0.02

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Lung Segmentation with Data Augmentation



Take Home Messages

- Deep learning is powerful but data hungry
- Pixel-wise manual annotation on medical images is tedious
- Weak supervision is an alternative way (e.g., image level label, RECIST, etc.)
- Data augmentation using generative models can be helpful

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