Medical Image Analysis with CNNs

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Today

- How do we train a model to classify medical images?
- How do we get labels for medical images, and what do they mean (i.e., what is “ground truth”)?
- How do we measure performance?
- Can we understand why the model makes a certain prediction?
- Later: What else can CNNs do in medicine (beyond classification)?

Identifying Skin Cancer

MEDICAL IMAGE CLASSIFICATION

nature
International journal of science

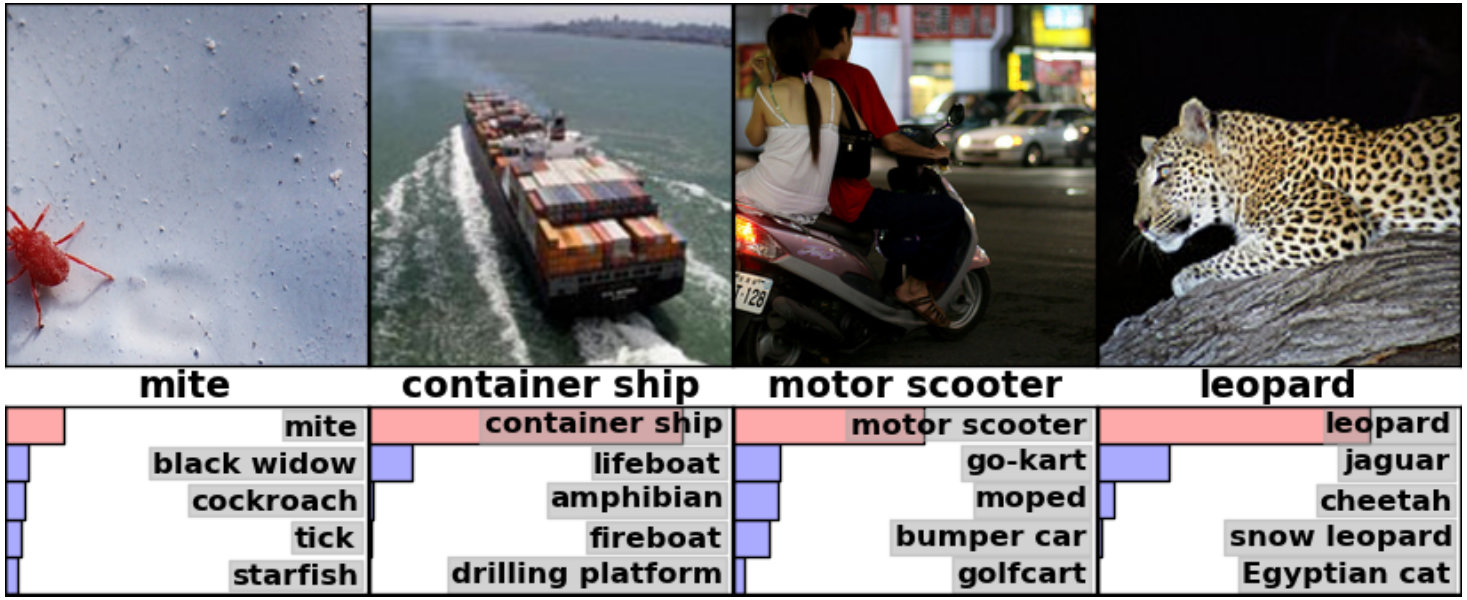
Letter | Published: 25 January 2017

Dermatologist-level classification of skin cancer with deep neural networks

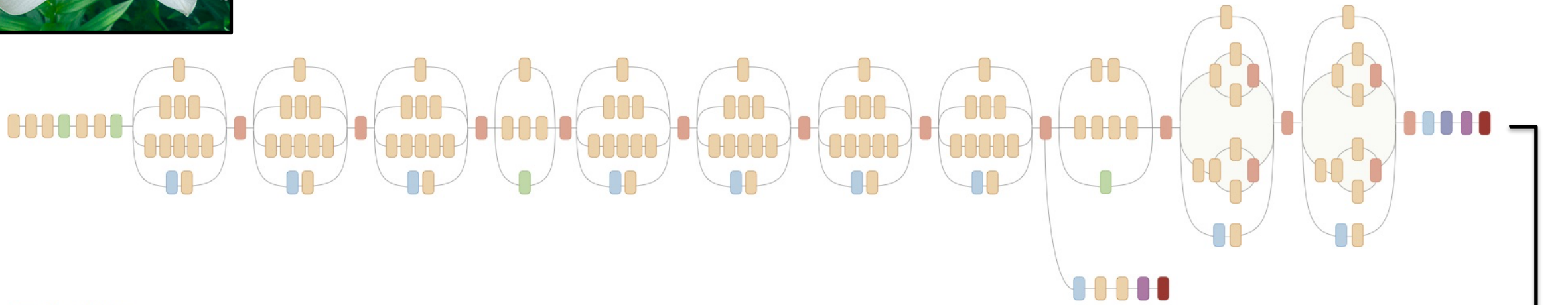
Andre Esteva, Brett Kuprel, Roberto A. Novoa, Justin Ko, Susan M. Swetter, Helen M. Blau & Sebastian Thrun

Nature **542**, 115–118 (02 February 2017) | Download Citation

Classification:
predict the label associated with each image

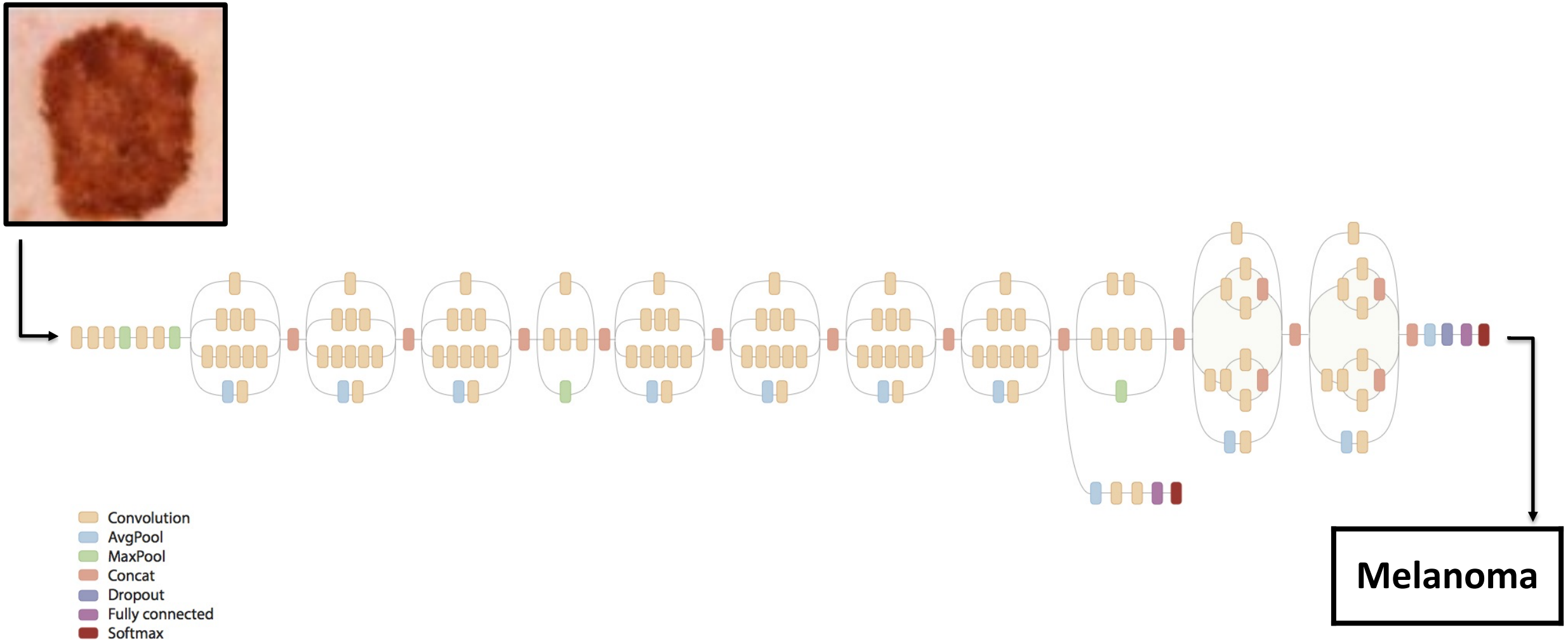


Take a model trained on naturalistic images...



Lily

…and repurpose it to evaluate medical images



Repurposing our model

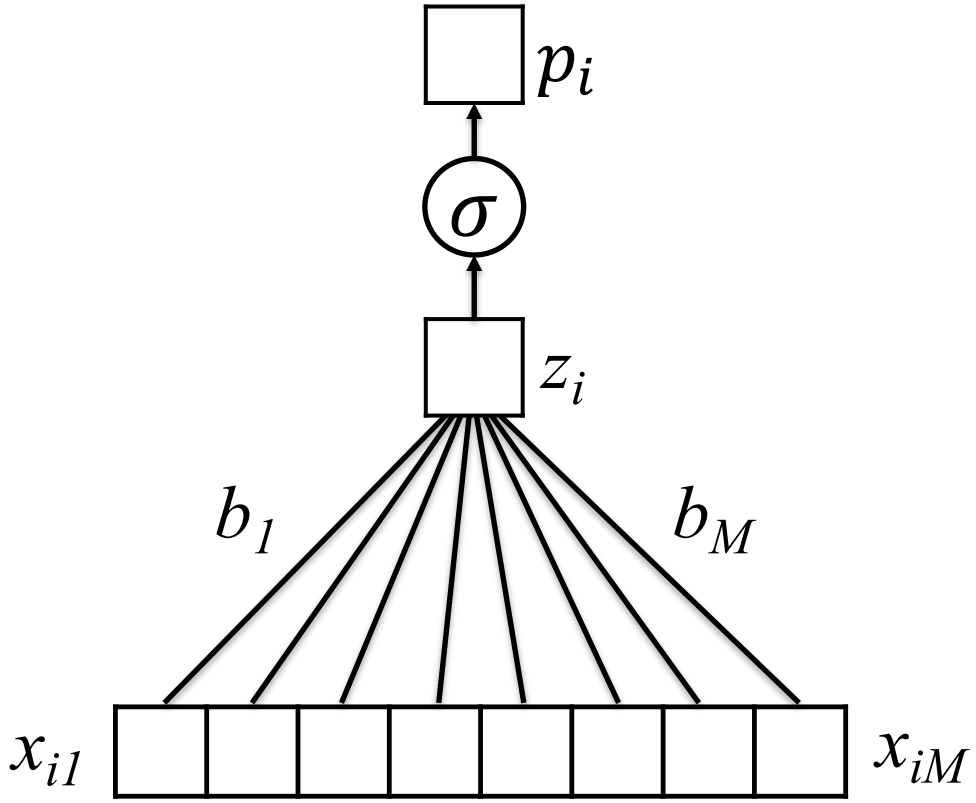
- Step 1: Modify the **architecture**
- Step 2: Fine-tune the **parameters**

Classifier Output: Two-Class (e.g. Yes/No)

Diabetic retinopathy? (Yes/No)

Gulshan et al. *JAMA* (2016)

Two-Class Predictions



$$\sigma(z_i) = \frac{e^{z_i}}{1 + e^{z_i}}$$

In logistic regression, x_i is a vector of predictor variables

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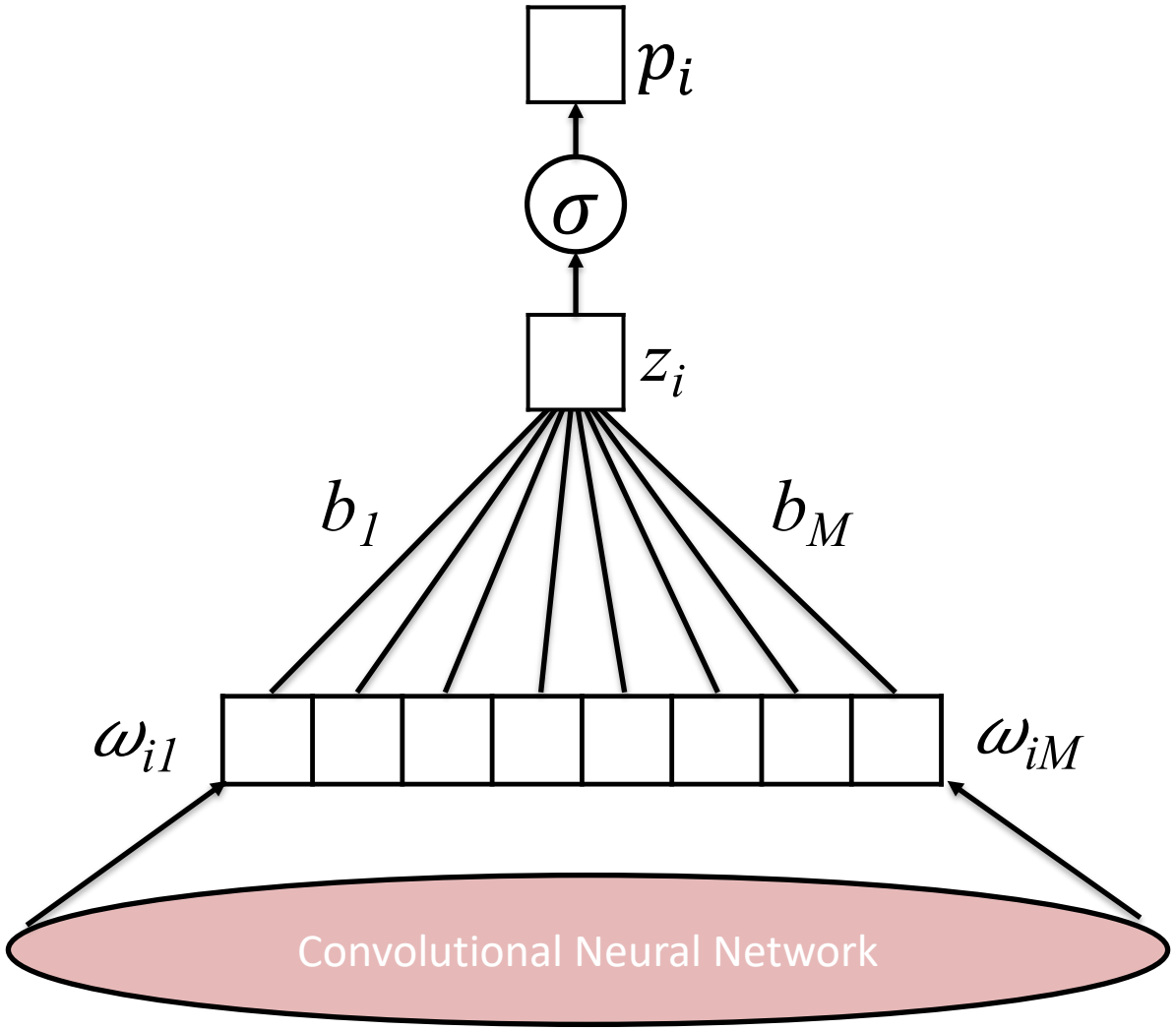

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When identifying diabetic retinopathy, consider ω_i , a vector of high-level features extracted by the CNN

Classifier Output: Multi-Class (ImageNet)

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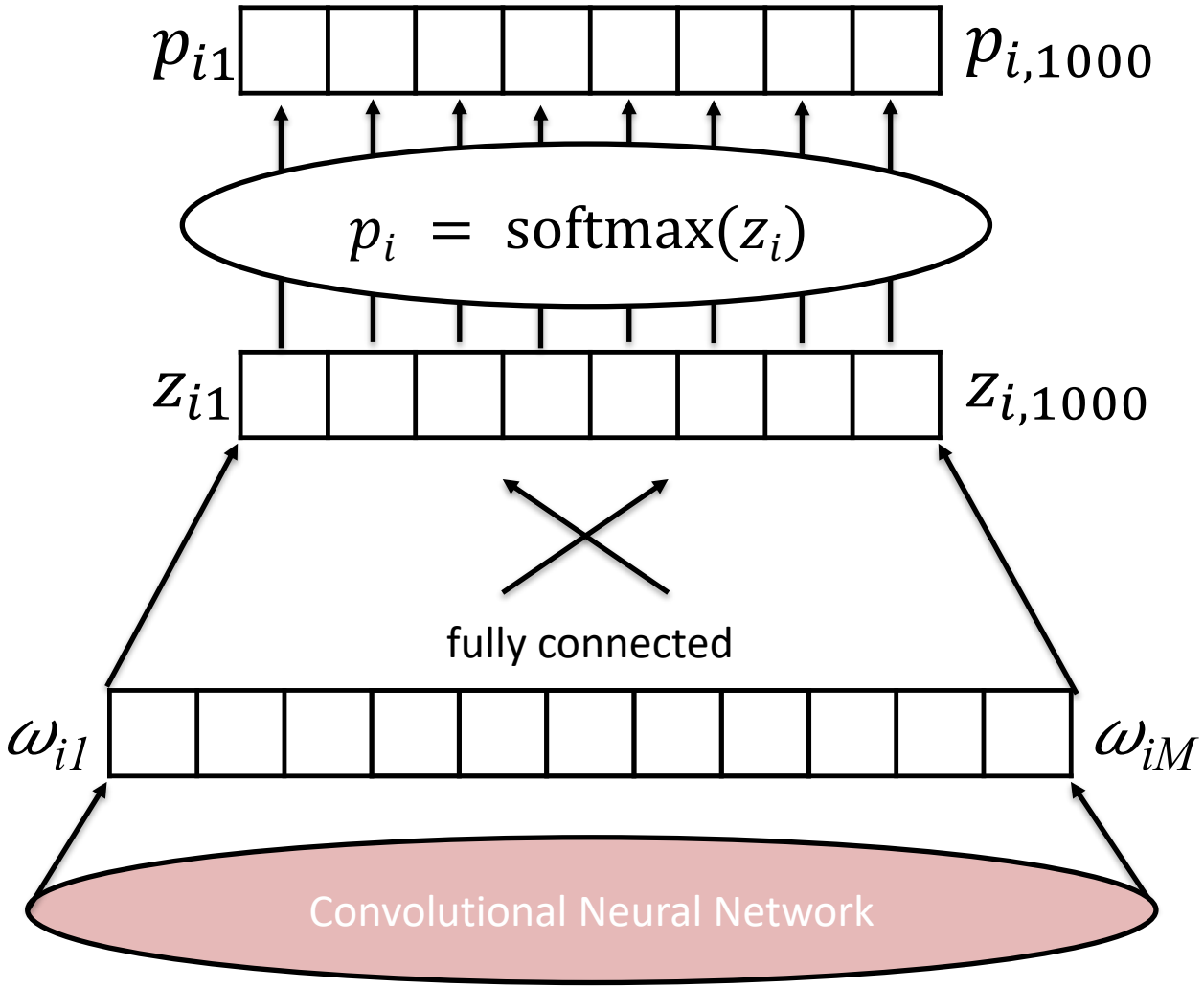

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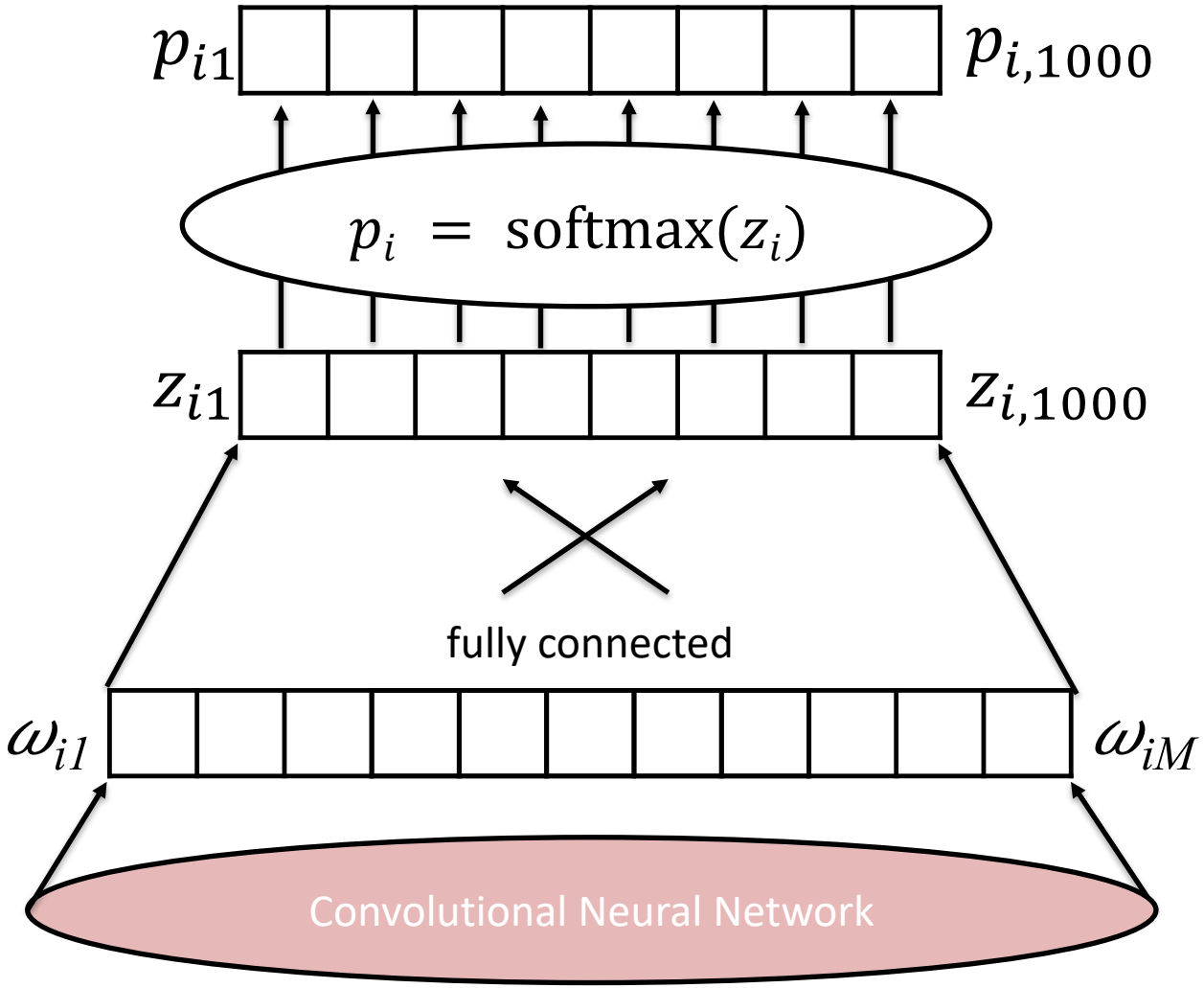

$$p_{ij} = \frac{e^{z_{ij}}}{\sum_{c=1}^{1000} e^{z_{ic}}}$$

$$\sigma(z_i) = \frac{e^{z_i}}{1 + e^{z_i}}$$

z_i are log-odds scores for each class

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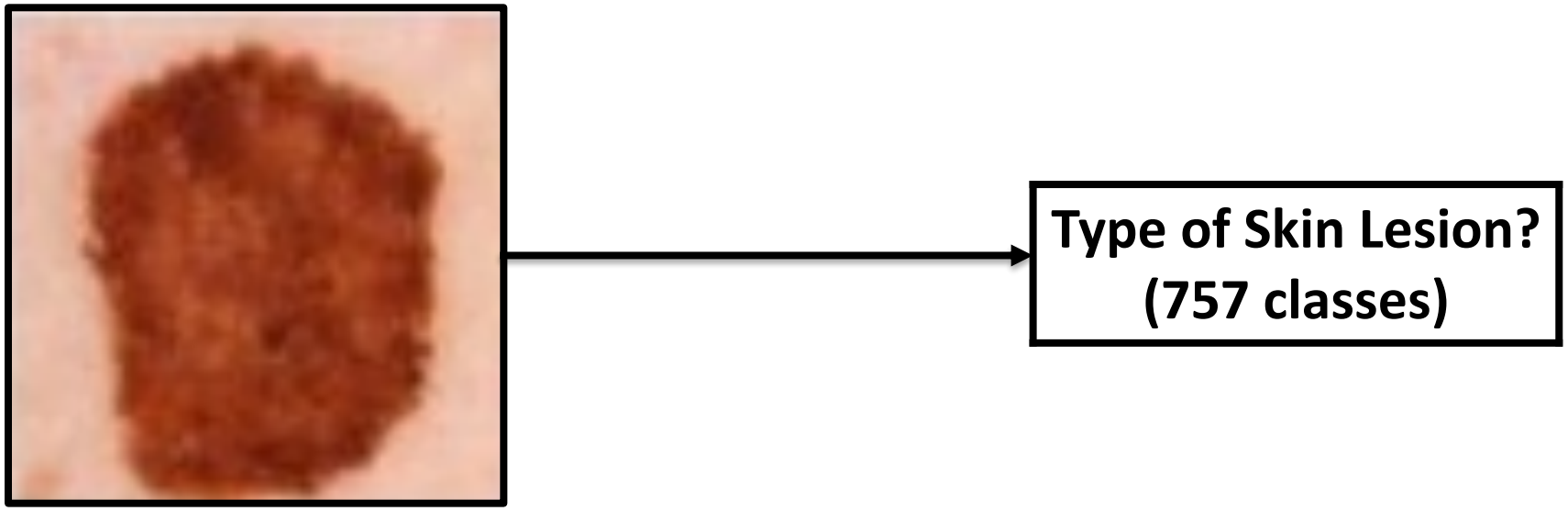
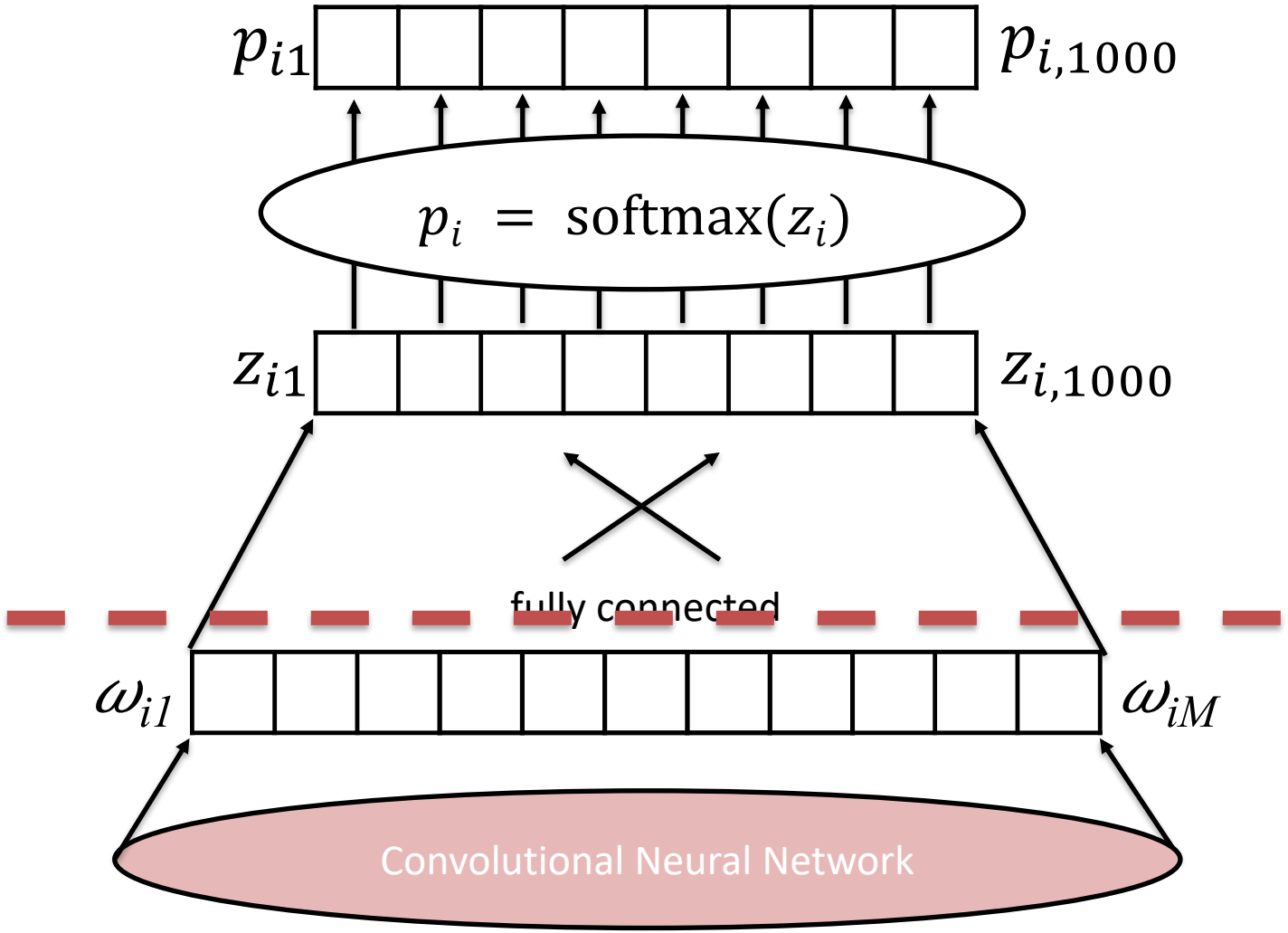
Classifier Output: Multi-Class (Lesion Type)



Esteva et al. *Nature* (2017)

Step 1: Modify the Architecture



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757 training classes

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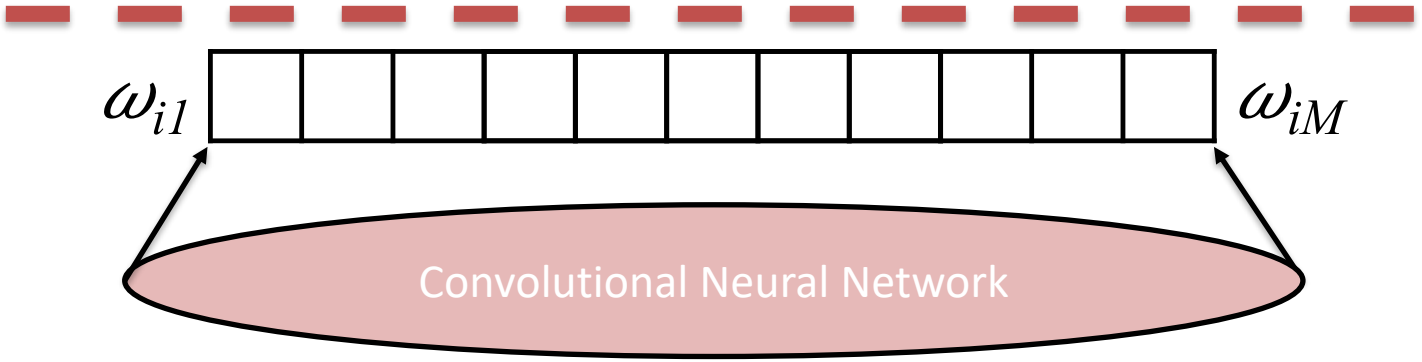

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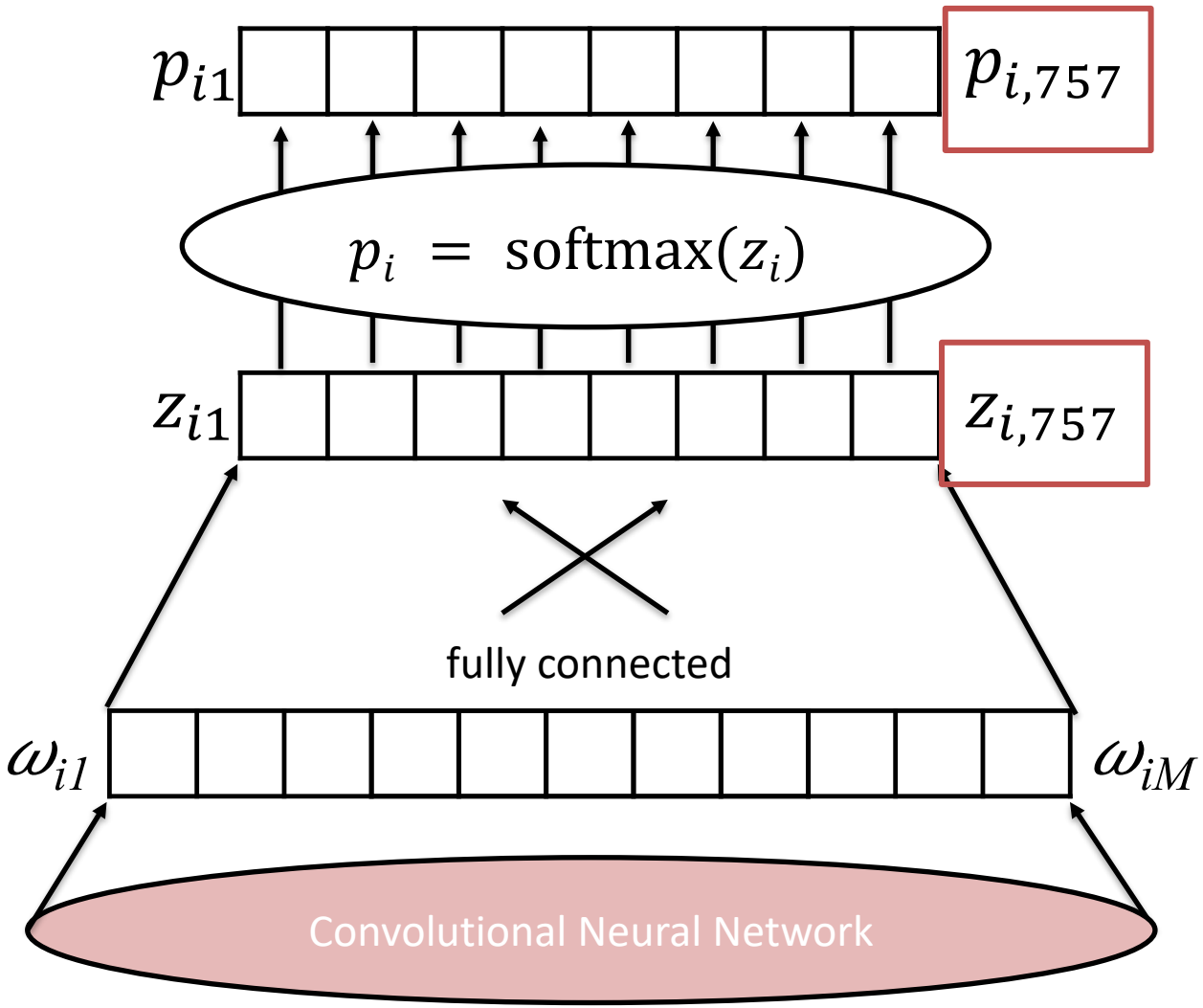

New layers with randomly initialized weights

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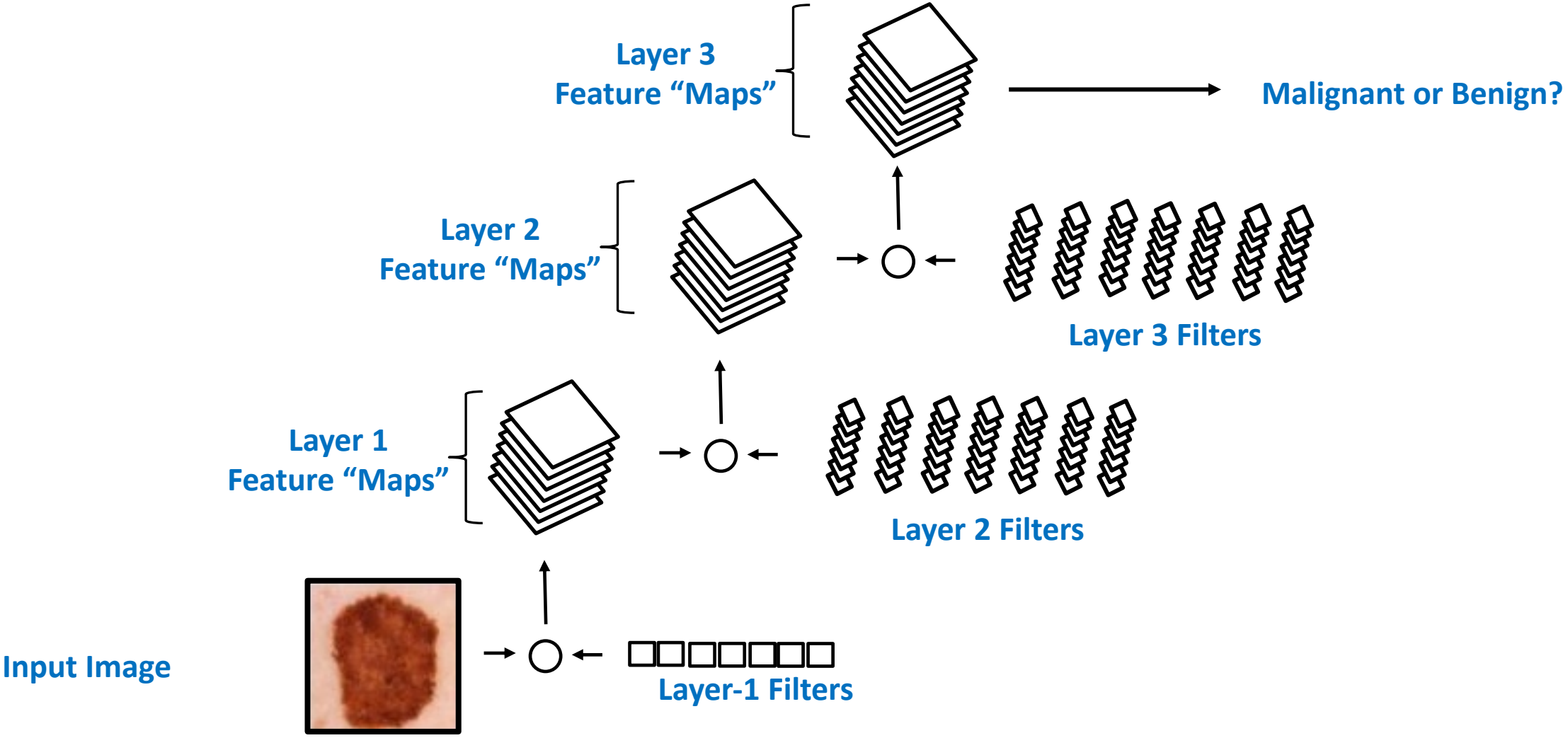
Step 2: Fine-tune the Parameters

"pre-training", or "transfer learning"



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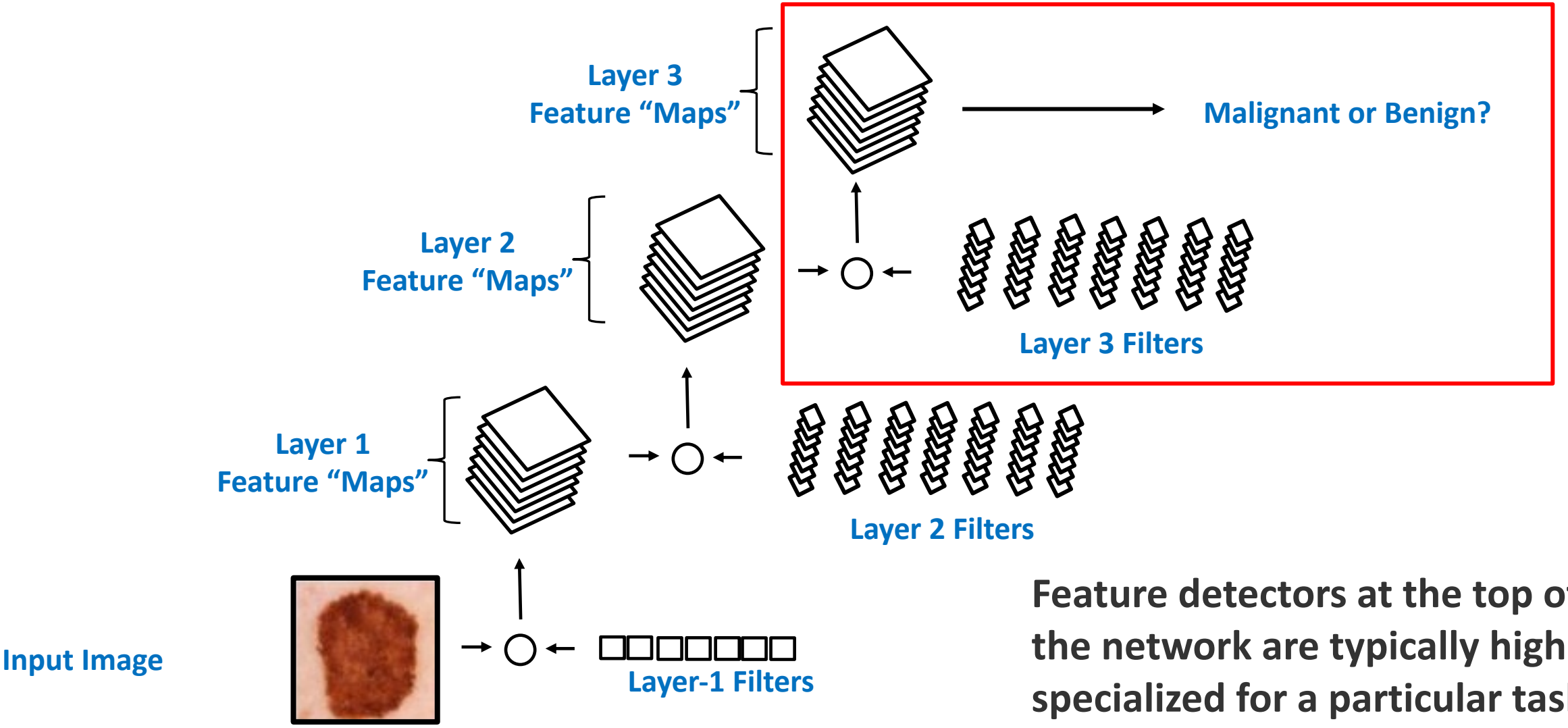

Feature detectors at the top of the network are typically highly specialized for a particular task

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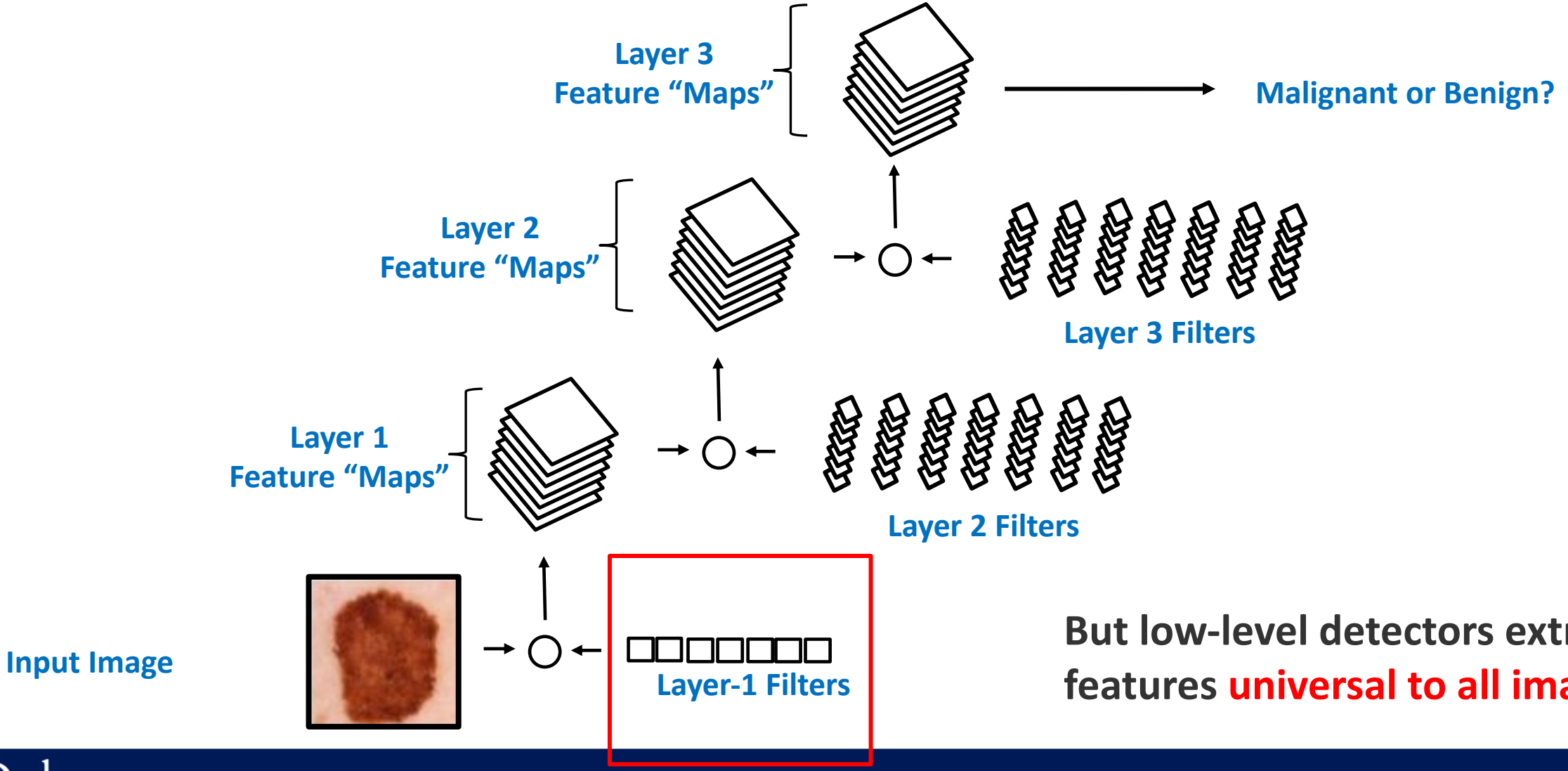


But low-level detectors extract features universal to all images

https://docs.gimp.org/en/plug-in-convmatrix.html

A filter that detects edges may be useful for many classification tasks.

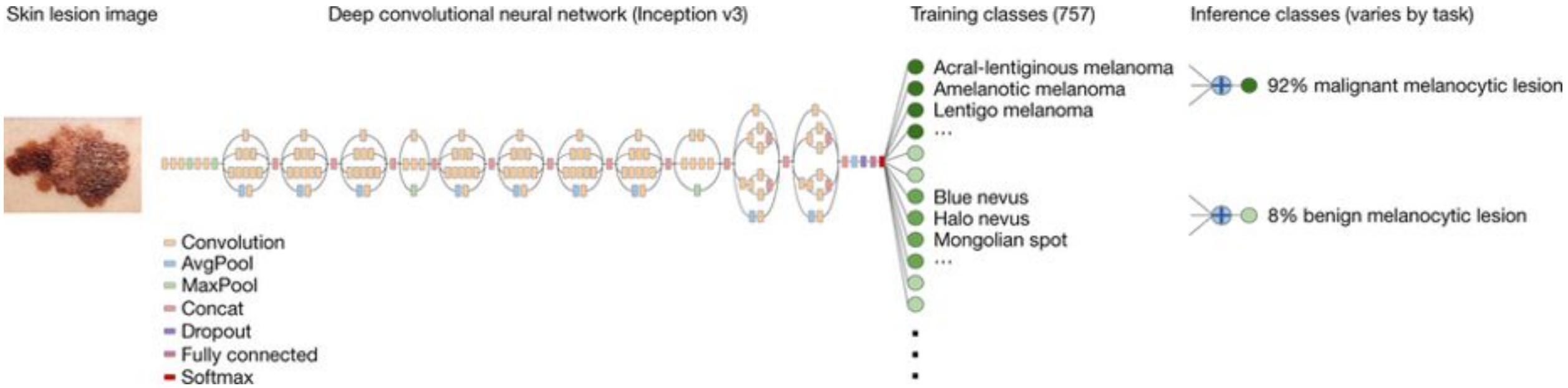
Pre-training, in brief

1) fine-tuning a pre-trained model tends to be **at least as good as learning from scratch**
(empirical result)

2) freeze early layers and fine-tune later layers
more data → fine-tune more layers

3) best tuning depth depends on the application, and should be explored

Repurposing the Inception v3 CNN



- Begin with a model trained on ImageNet (to classify everyday images)
- Modify the architecture to match the new number of training classes
- Fine-tune parameters using images of skin lesions

Inception v3 and many other models are freely available

Pre-trained Models

Neural nets work best when they have many parameters, making them powerful function approximators. However, this means they must be trained on very large datasets. Because training models from scratch can be a very computationally intensive process requiring days or even weeks, we provide various pre-trained models, as listed below. These CNNs have been trained on the ILSVRC-2012-CLS image classification dataset.

In the table below, we list each model, the corresponding TensorFlow model file, the link to the model checkpoint, and the top 1 and top 5 accuracy (on the imagenet test set). Note that the VGG and ResNet V1 parameters have been converted from their original caffe formats (here and here), whereas the Inception and ResNet V2 parameters have been trained internally at Google. Also be aware that these accuracies were computed by evaluating using a single image crop. Some academic papers report higher accuracy by using multiple crops at multiple scales.

Model	TF-Slim File	Checkpoint	Top-1 Accuracy	Top-5 Accuracy
Inception V1	Code	inception_v1_2016_08_28.tar.gz	69.8	89.6
Inception V2	Code	inception_v2_2016_08_28.tar.gz	73.9	91.8
Inception V3	Code	inception_v3_2016_08_28.tar.gz	78.0	93.9
Inception V4	Code	inception_v4_2016_09_09.tar.gz	80.2	95.2

TF-Slim Code:
Defines the model architecture

Checkpoint File:
Trained model parameters

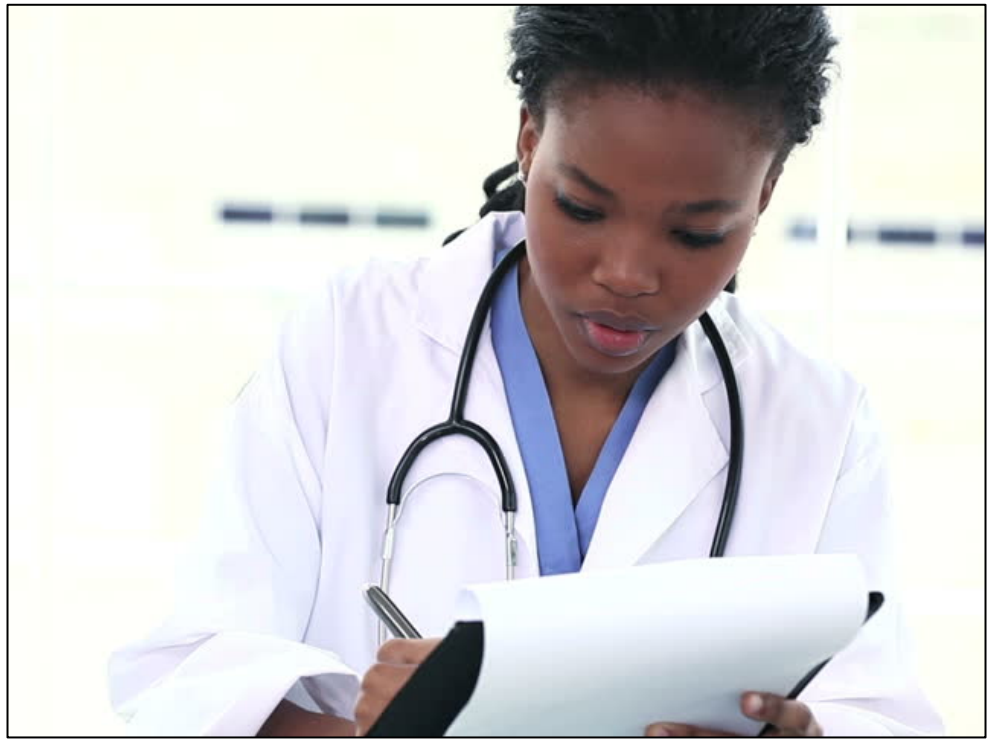
https://github.com/tensorflow/models/tree/master/research/slim#Pretrained

What are the labels?

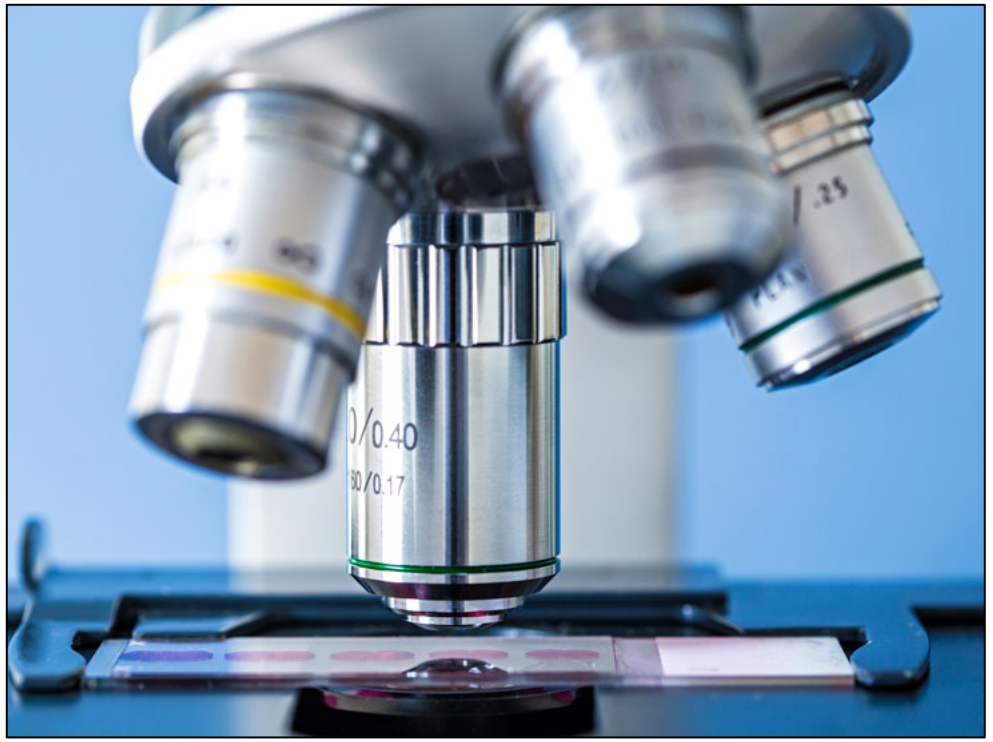
“GROUND TRUTH” IN MEDICINE

Esteva et al: Two Types of Labels

All images: dermatologists' annotations



Some images: biopsy results



Two Rounds of Evaluation

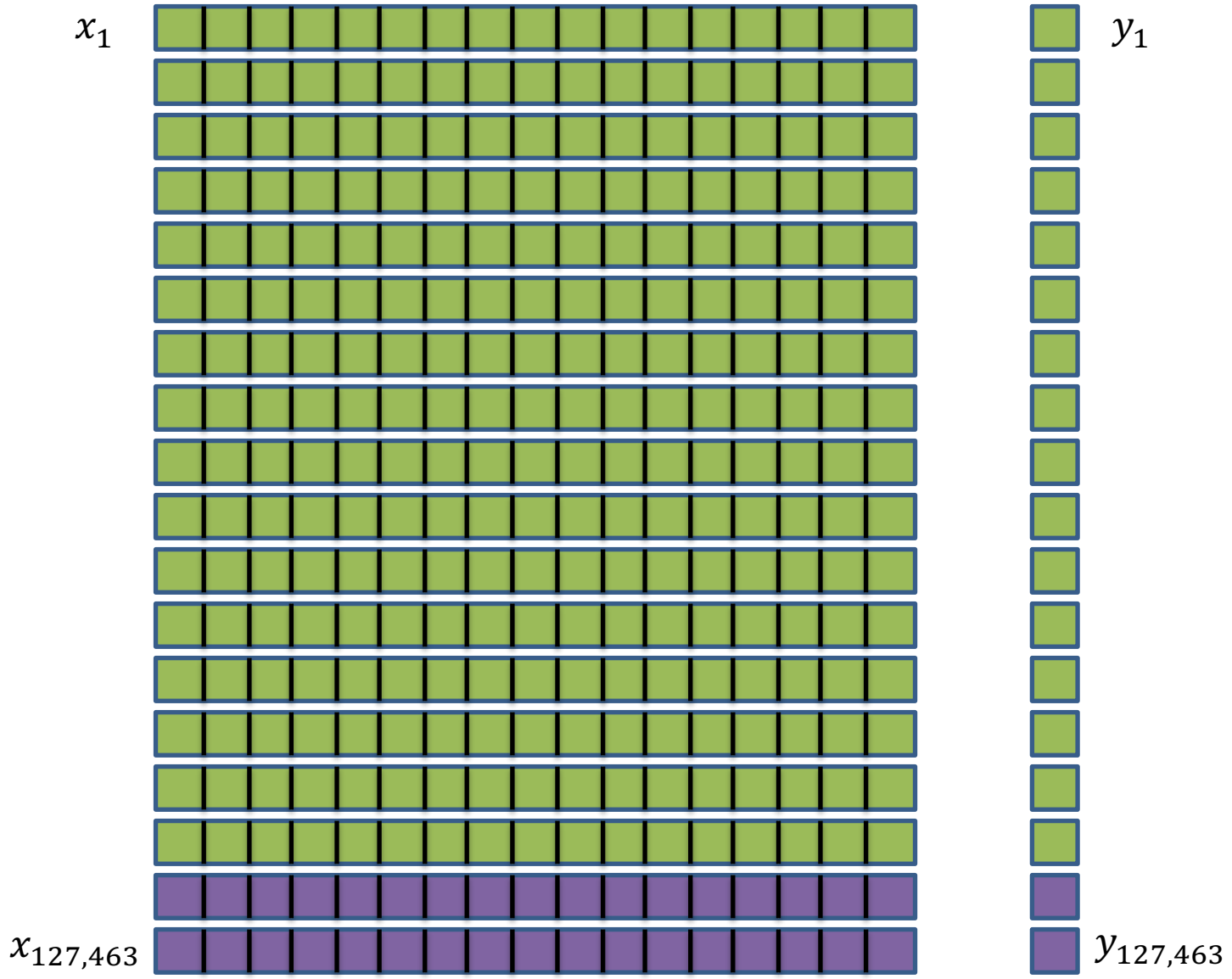
1. Model development: predict dermatologists' annotations:
   - Three-class disease partition
   - Nine-class disease partition

2. Model evaluation: predict biopsy result (benign vs malignant)
   - Keratinocyte carcinoma vs benign seborrheic keratosis
   - Malignant melanoma vs benign nevus
     - Standard images
     - Dermoscopy

Model Development:

Predict dermatologists' annotations

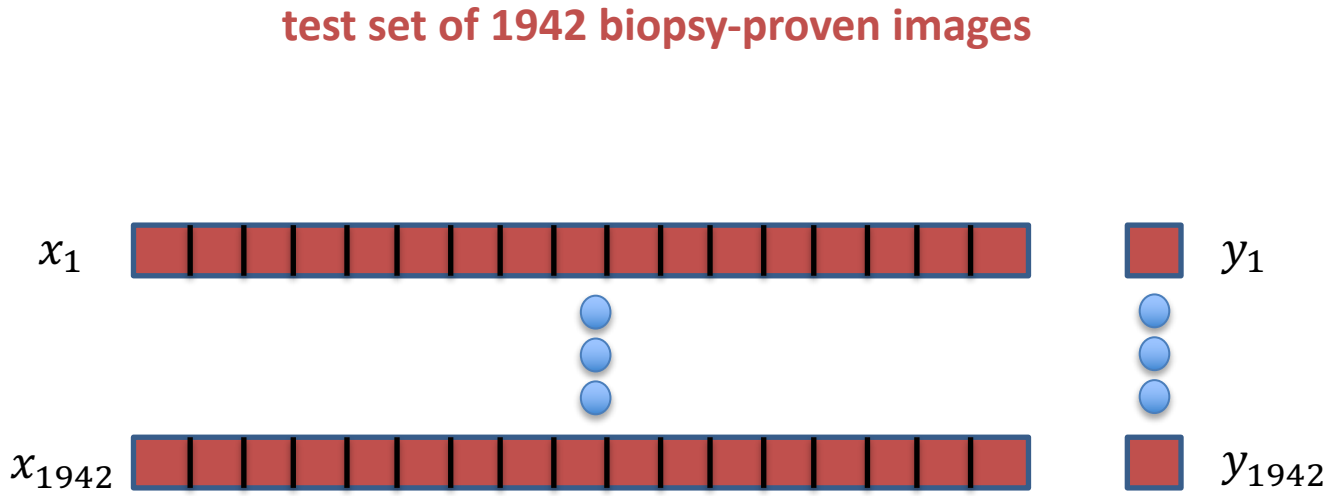
- 9-fold cross-validation
  - 757 training classes derived from dermatologists' annotations
  - 3 and 9-class validation partitions
  - two dermatologists



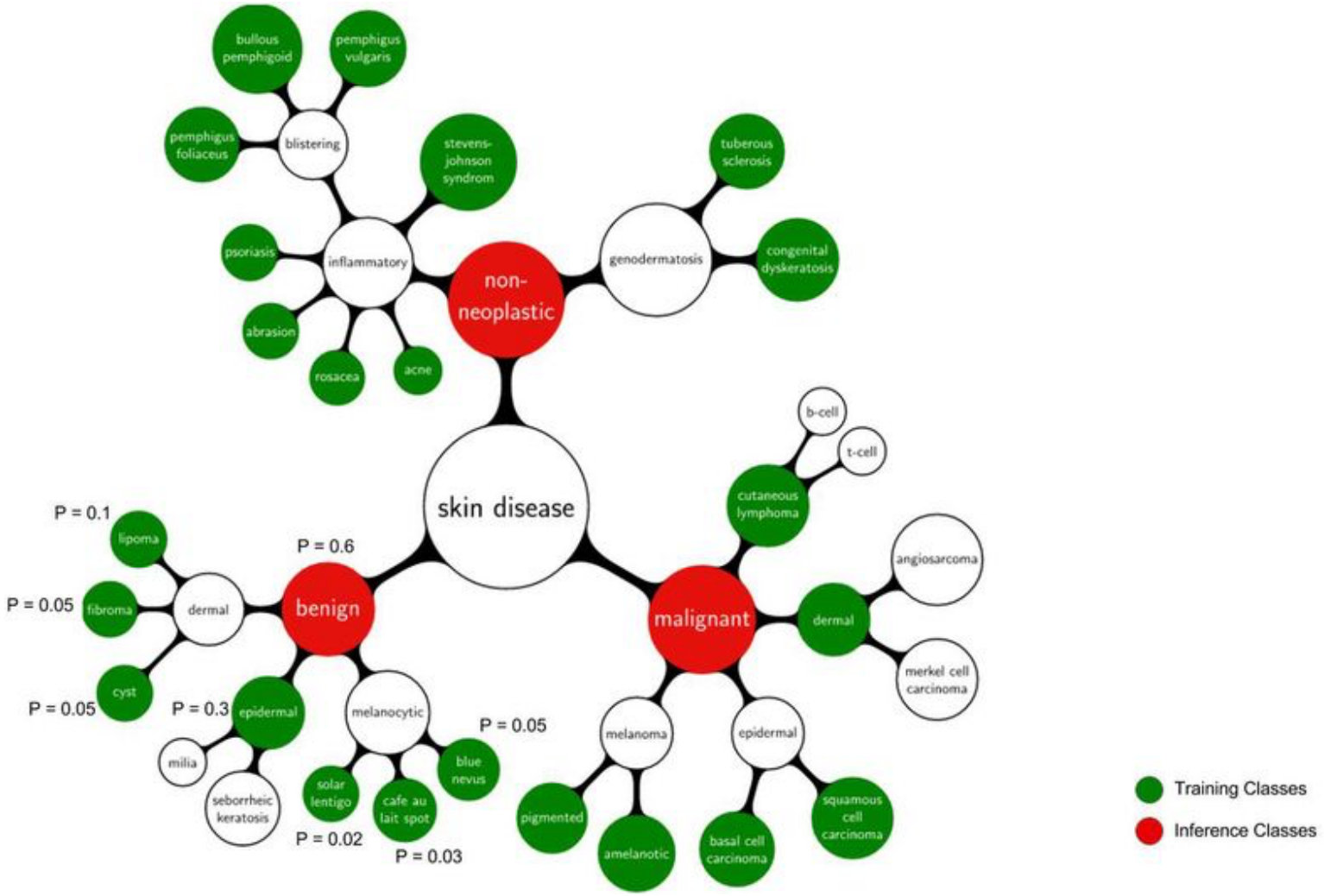
training set **validation set**

Model Evaluation: Predict Biopsy Result

Performance of the trained model is compared to 21 dermatologists on a test set of biopsy-proven images

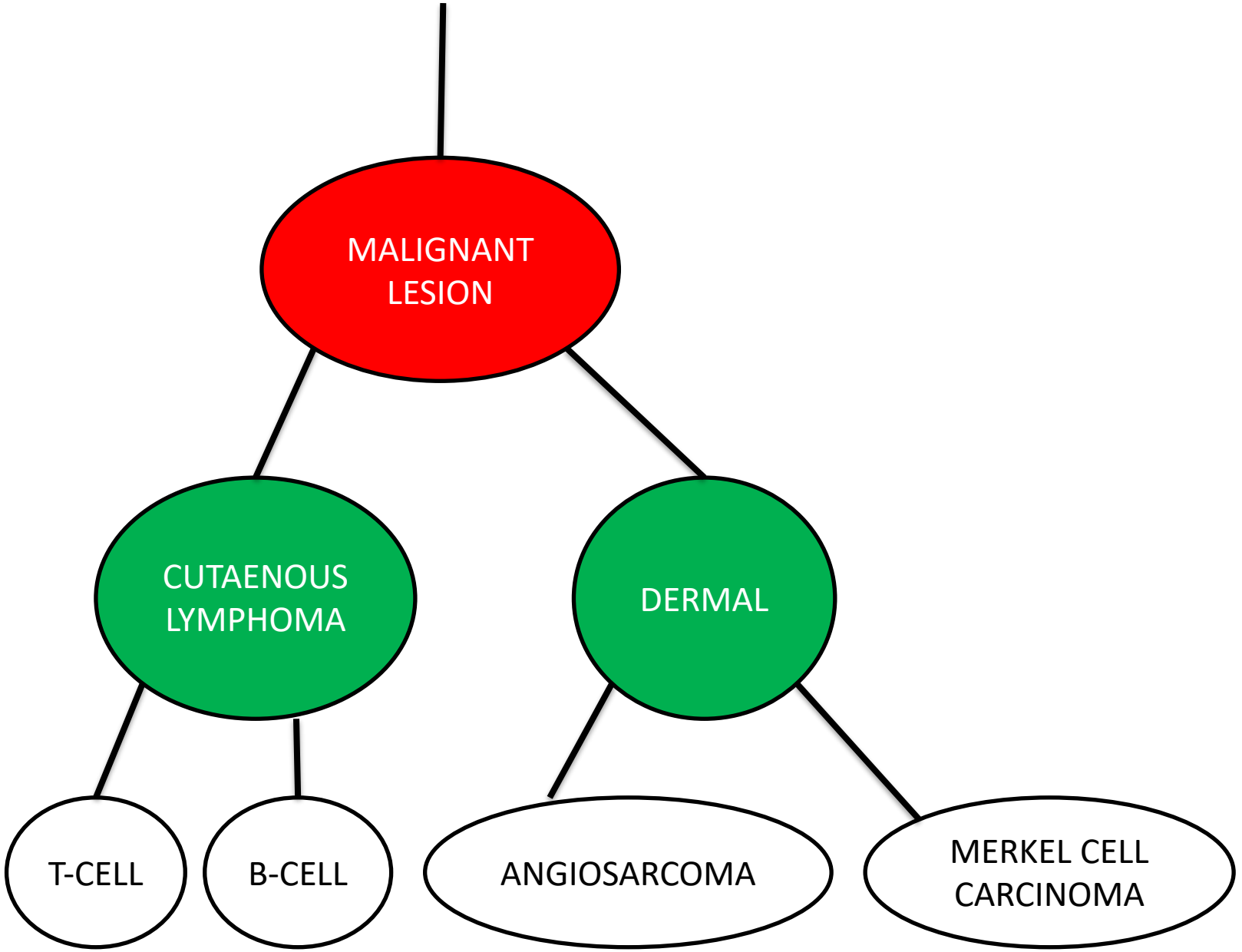


Specifying training classes based on taxonomy of lesions

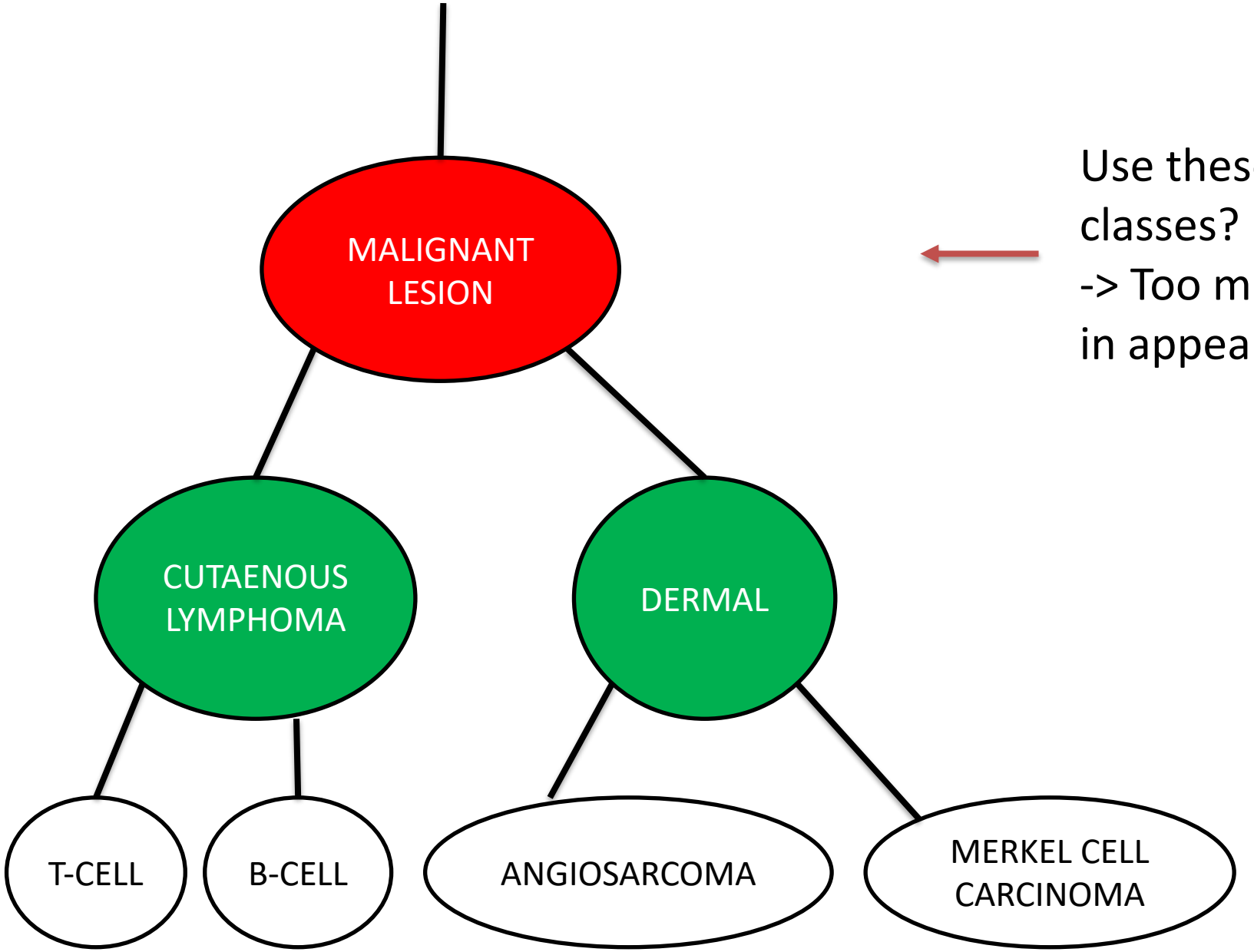


Disease Partitioning Algorithm:

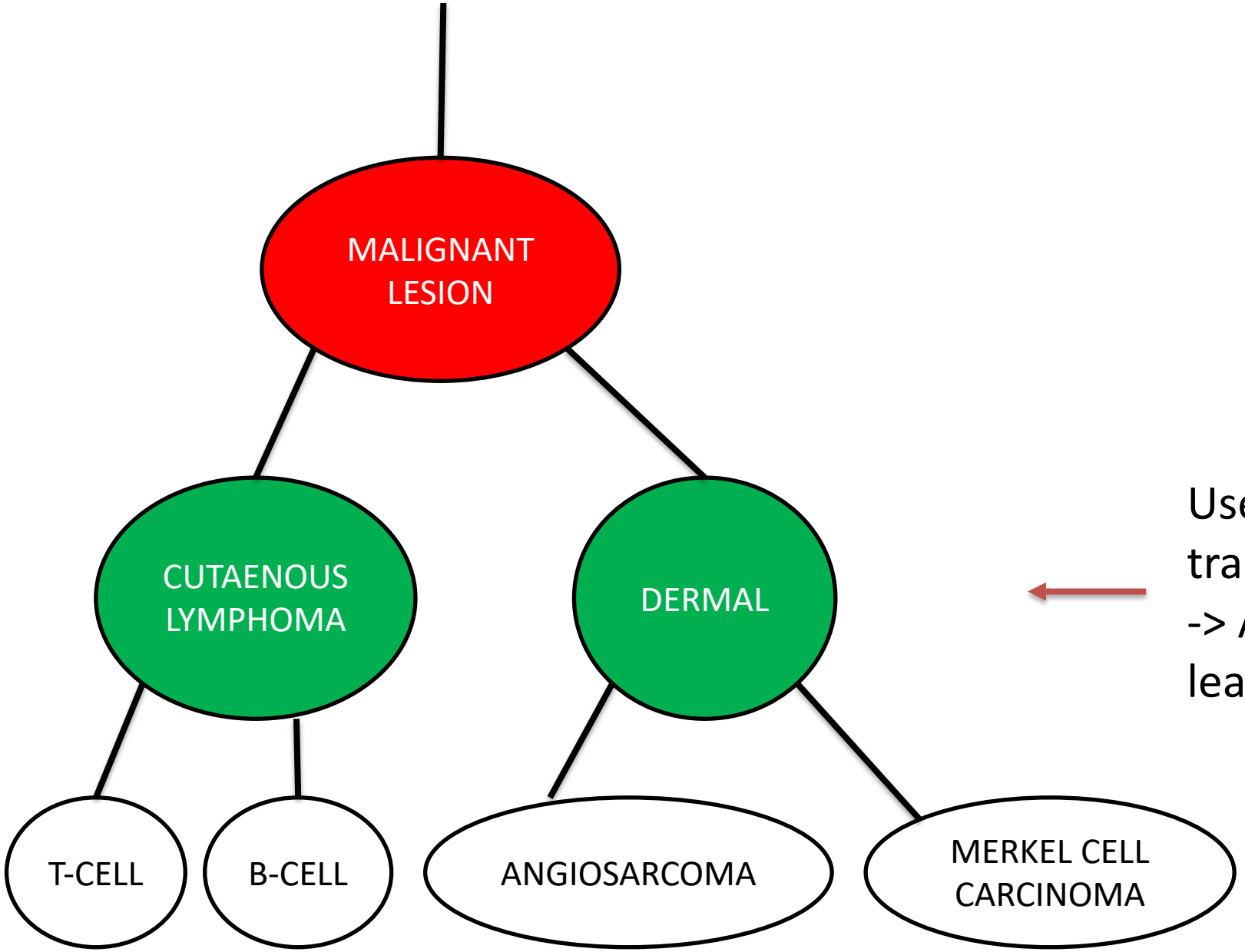
- Ascend the tree until the current node contains <1000 images across all child nodes. Add these images as a distinct training class.
- This resulted in 757 training classes.
- However, performance was assessed based on higher-level nodes.



Use these as training classes?
-> Too few examples to learn effectively



Use these as training classes?
-> Too much variability in appearance



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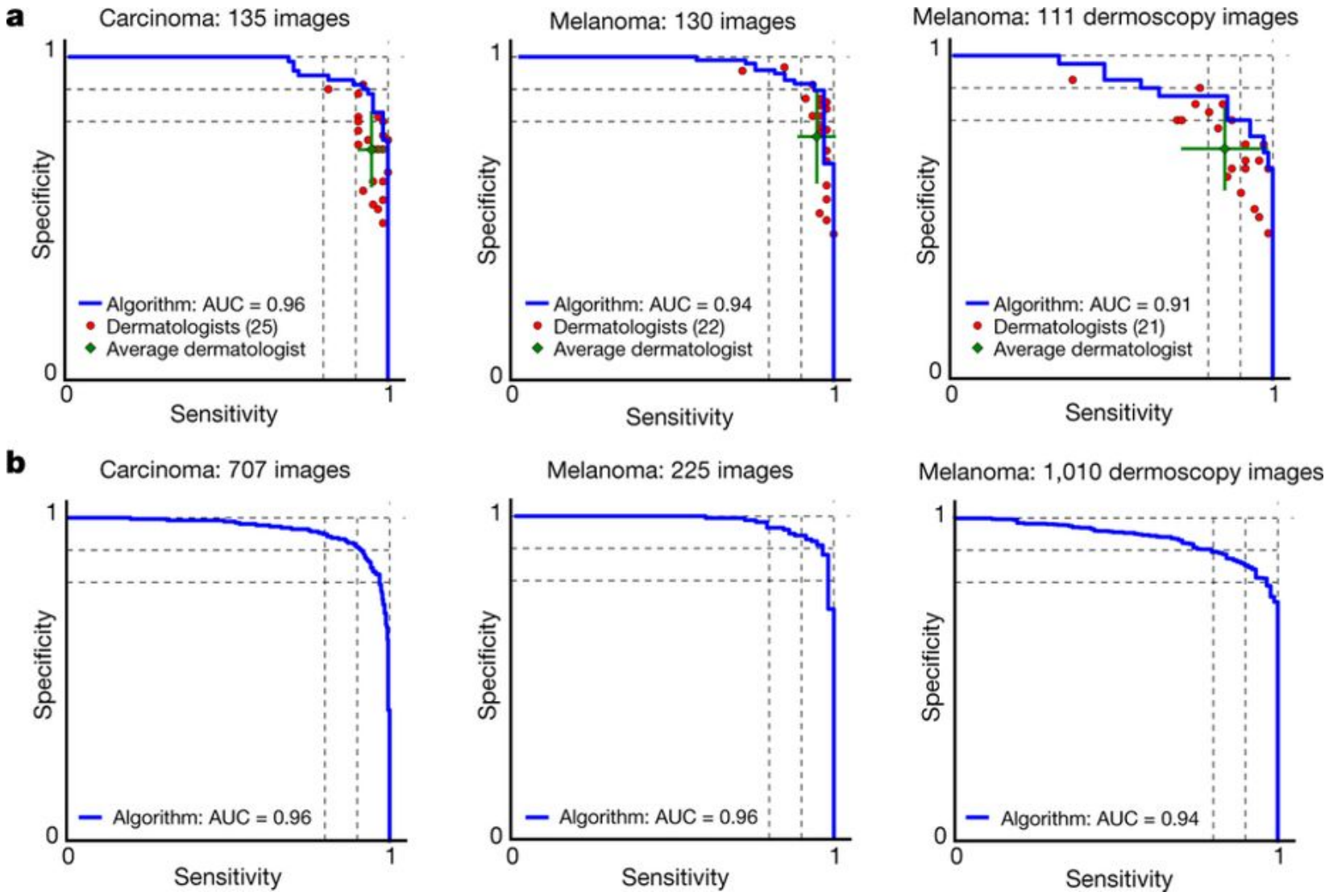
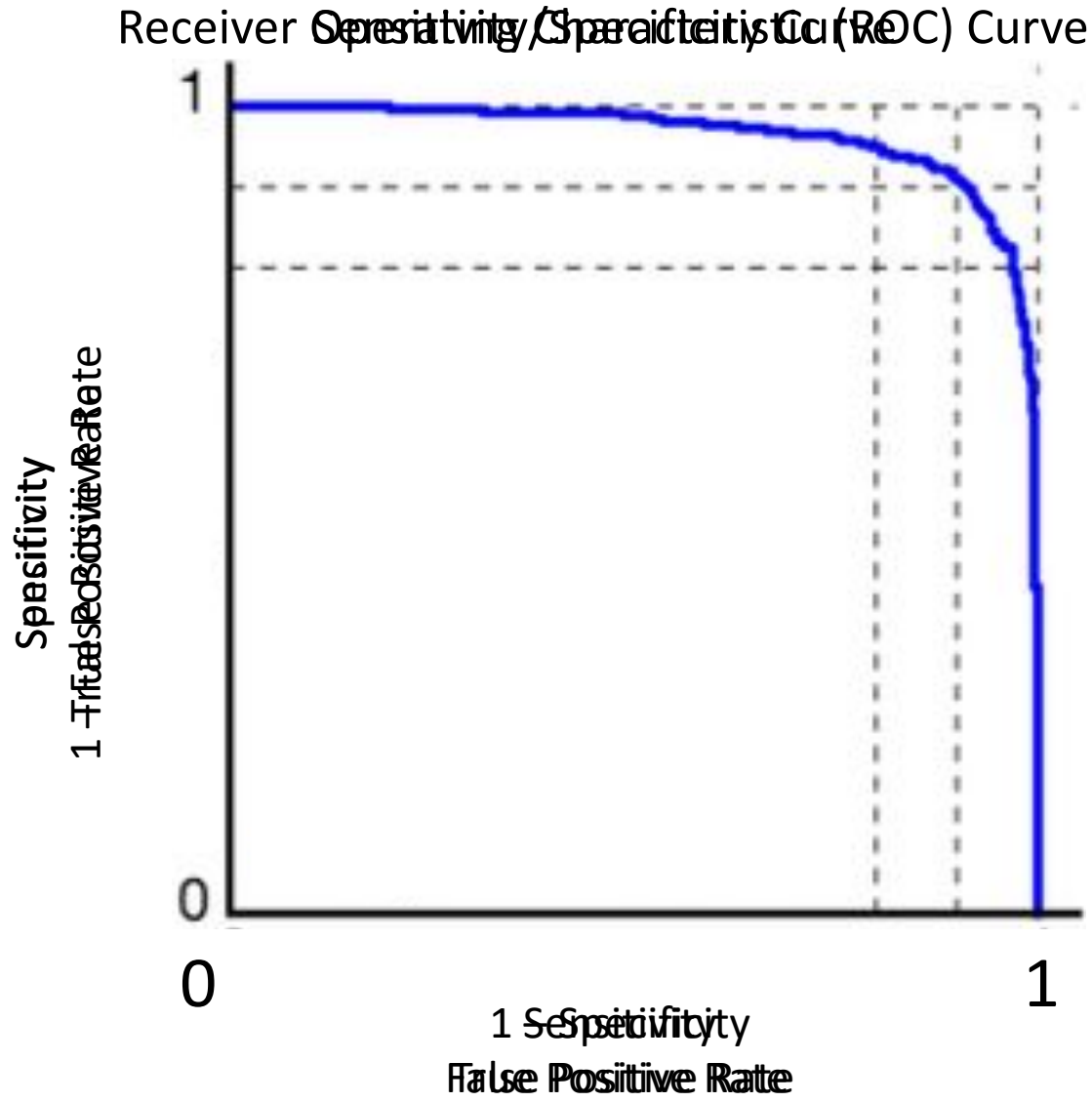
Interpreting the ROC Curve

CLASSIFICATION RESULTS

Results: CNN Performance vs Dermatologists



Evaluation Measures: Classification



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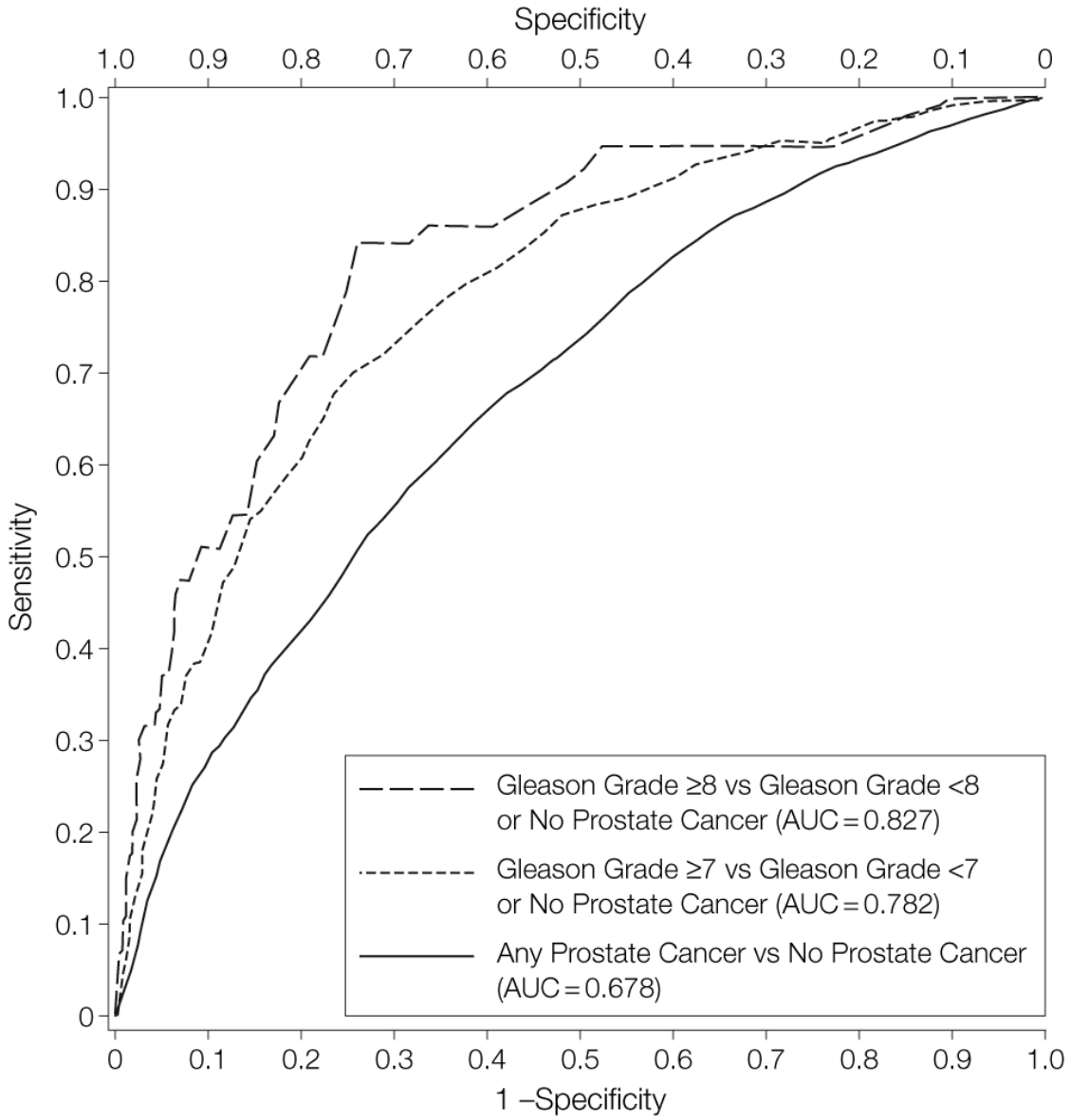
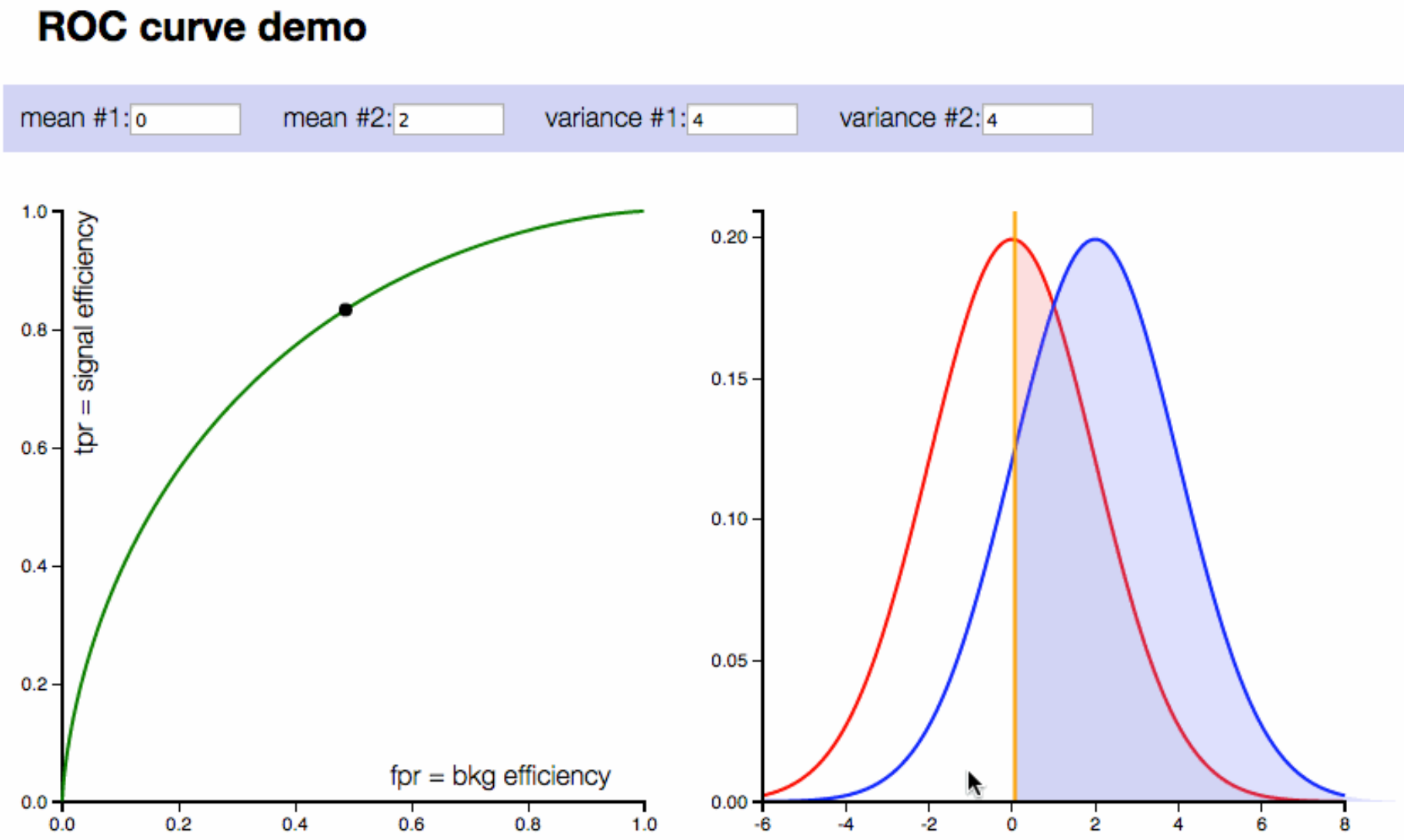


Receiver Operating Characteristic Curve for Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA)

Thompson IM, Ankerst DP, Chi C, et al. Operating Characteristics of Prostate-Specific Antigen in Men With an Initial PSA Level of 3.0 ng/mL or Lower. *JAMA.* 2005;294(1):66–70. doi:10.1001/jama.294.1.66

Set a “classification threshold” to distinguish between groups



http://arogozhnikov.github.io/2015/10/05/roc-curve.html

Once a threshold is set, we get a “confusion matrix”

	Condition Positive	**Condition Negative**
Prediction Positive	True Positive	False Positive
Prediction Negative	False Negative	True Negative

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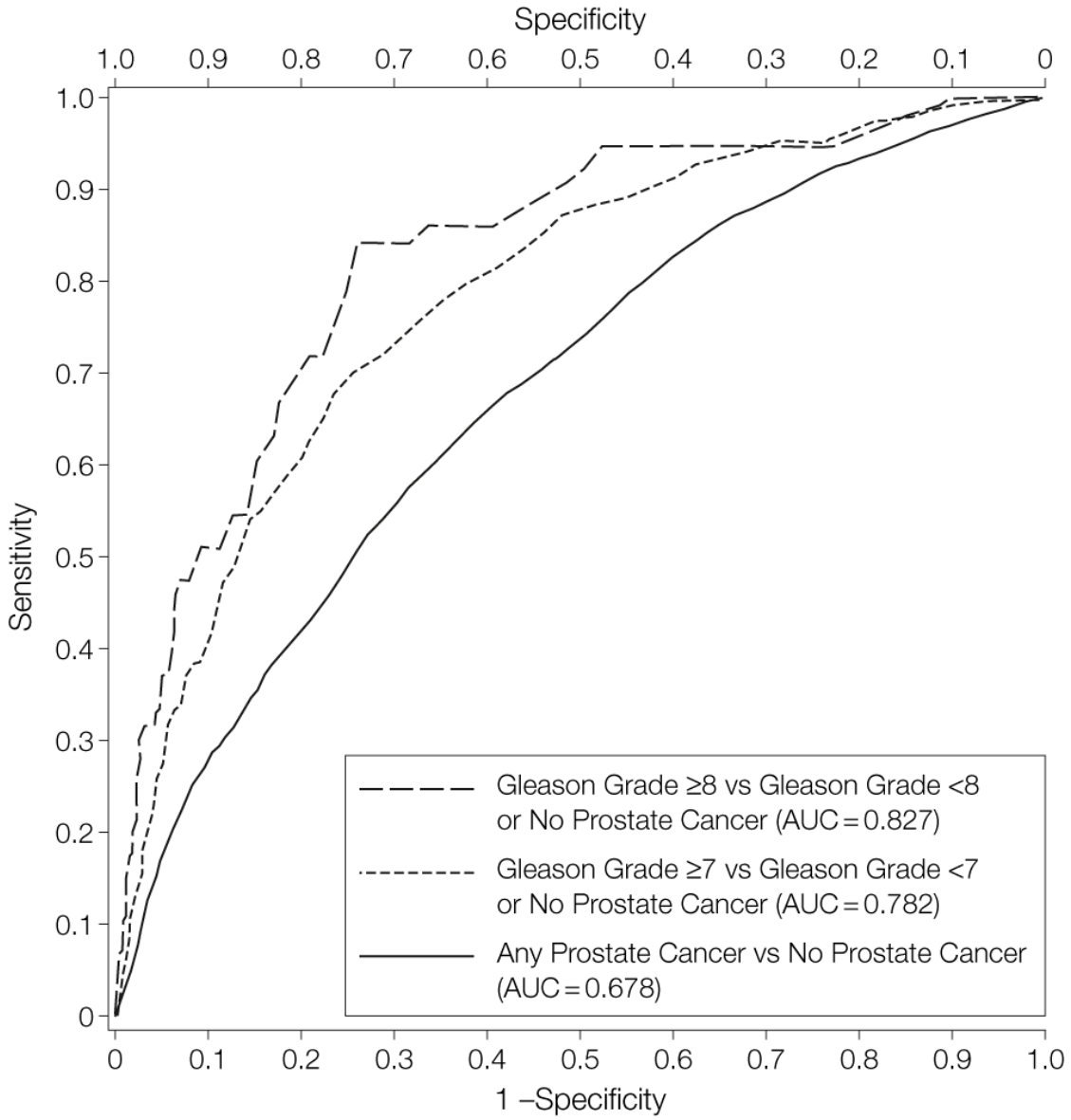
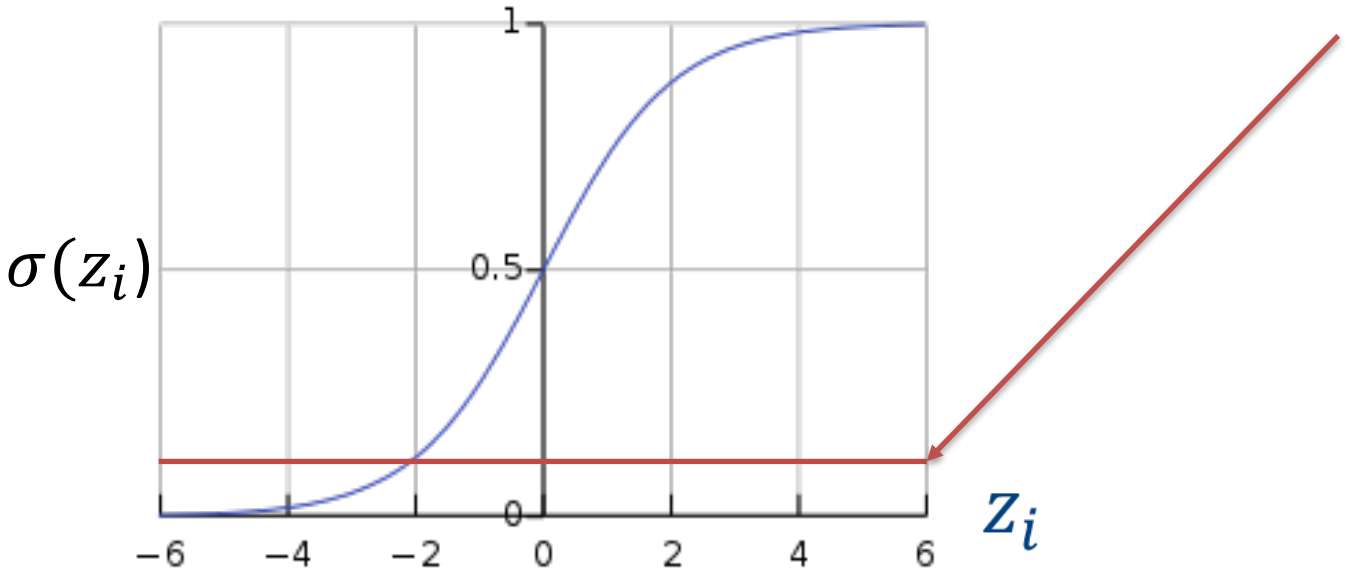


1) Set a threshold on PSA
2) Make predictions:
   - Above threshold: cancer-positive
   - Below threshold: cancer-negative
3) Count true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives
4) Calculate sensitivity and specificity
5) Plot point and repeat

Set a threshold on classifier predictions

$$p(y_i = 1|x_i) = \sigma(z_i)$$



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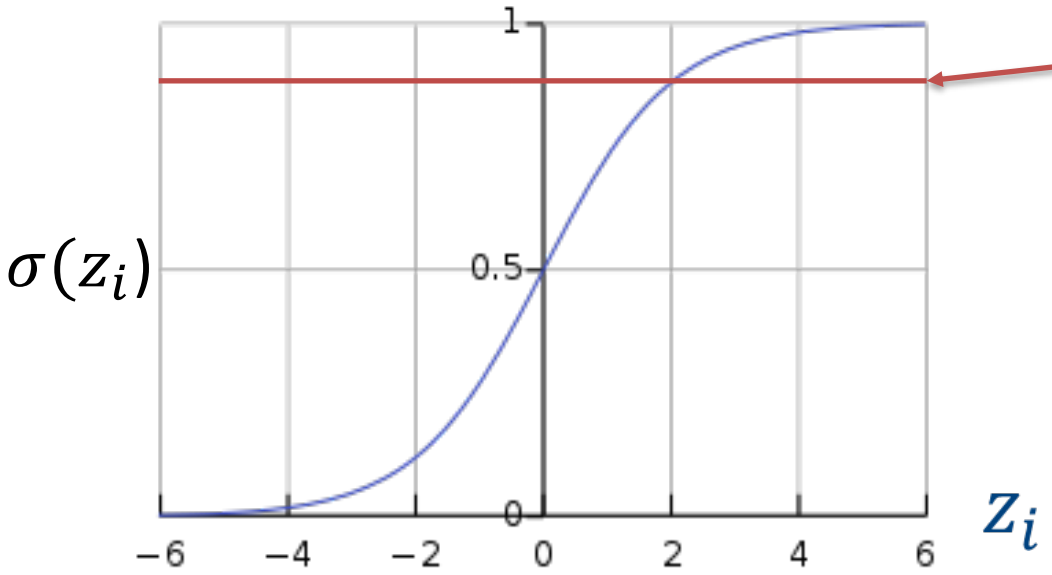

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A high threshold favors specificity, because more points are predicted to be zeros

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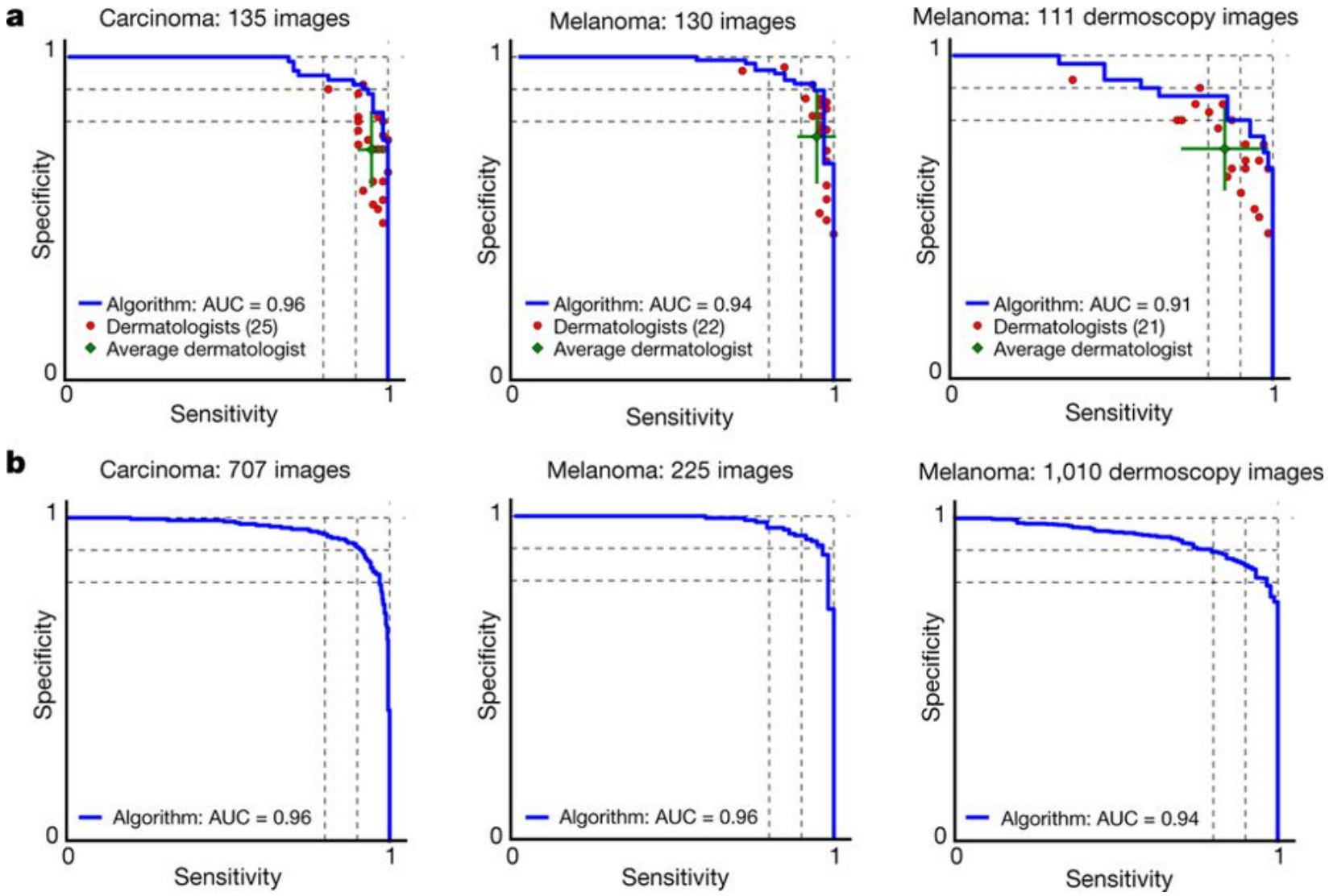
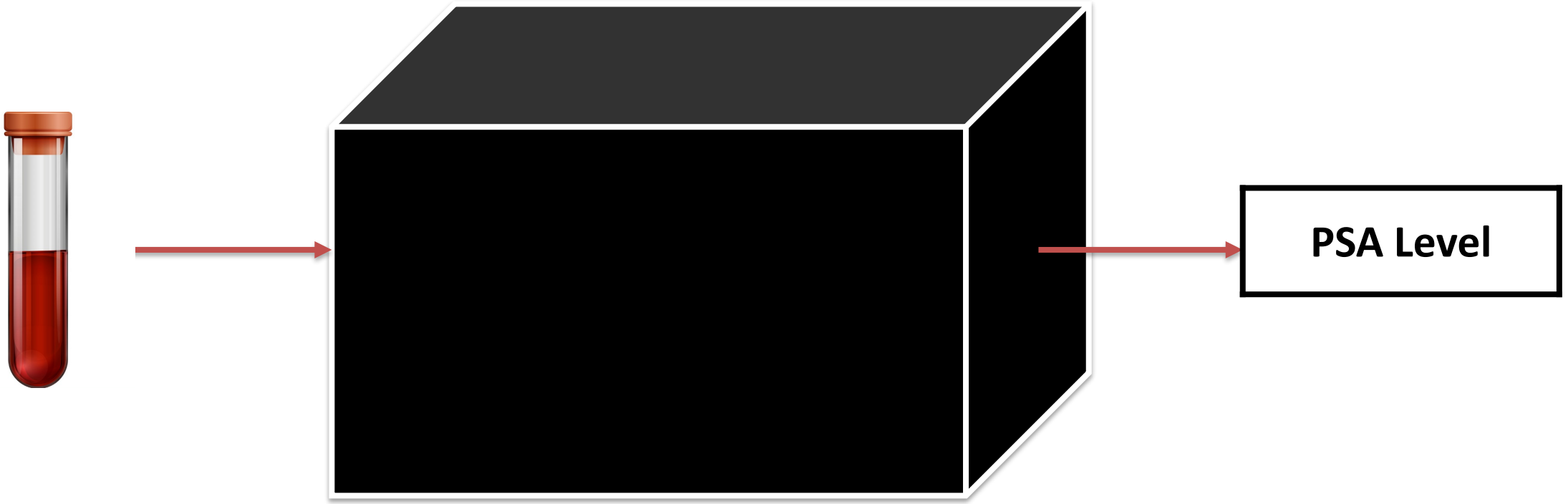


How do the authors attempt to look inside the “black box”?

MODEL INTERPRETATION

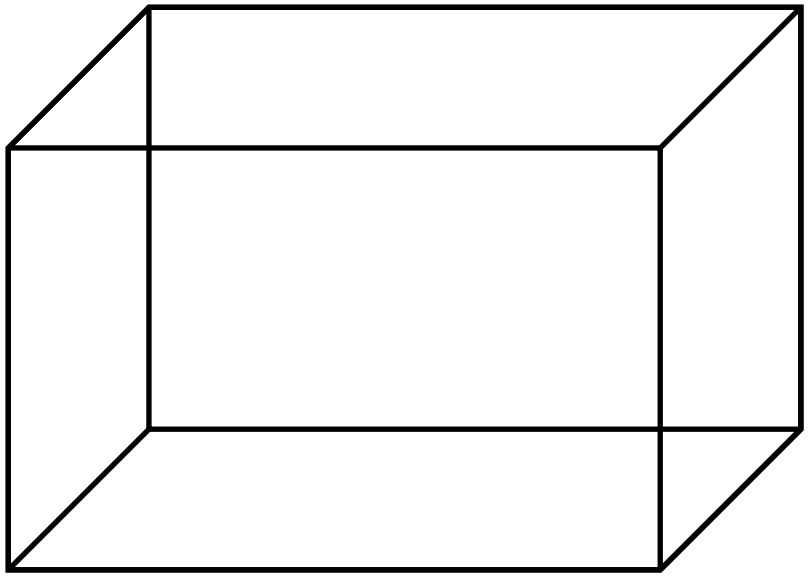
Machine Learning: A Black Box?

Prostate-specific antigen measurement: A Black Box?

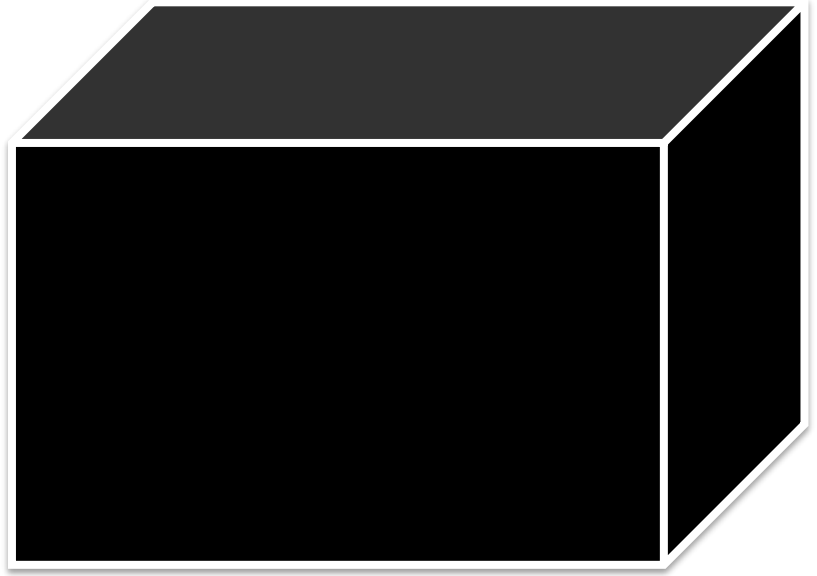


Two competing perspectives

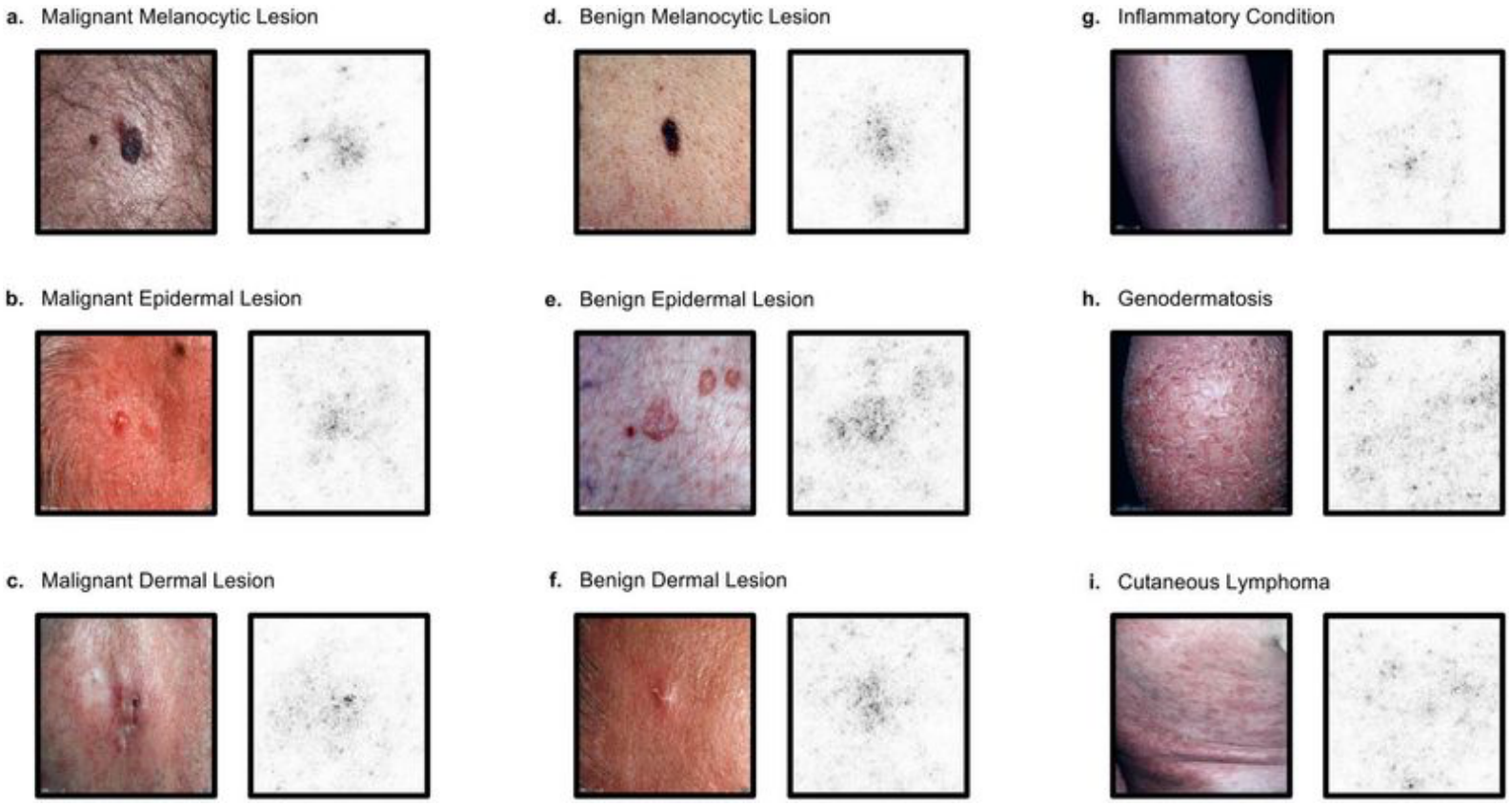
Clinicians must fully understand how their diagnostic tools work



Clinicians must be sure these tools are *valid* and *reliable*



Saliency maps for example images



Saliency maps show gradients for each pixel with respect to the CNN's loss function. Darker pixels represent those with more influence.

Q: How much does this visualization help us understand the model?