Tensorflow-Image-Segmentation-BUS-UC-Malignant (2025/05/14)

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This is the first experiment of Image Segmentation for BUS-UC-Malignant based on the latest Tensorflow-Image-Segmentation-API, and a pre-augmented BUS-UC-Malignant-ImageMask-Dataset.zip, which was derived by us from Mendeley Data: BUS_UC

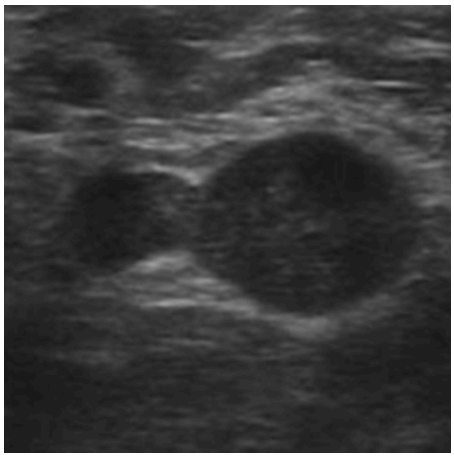
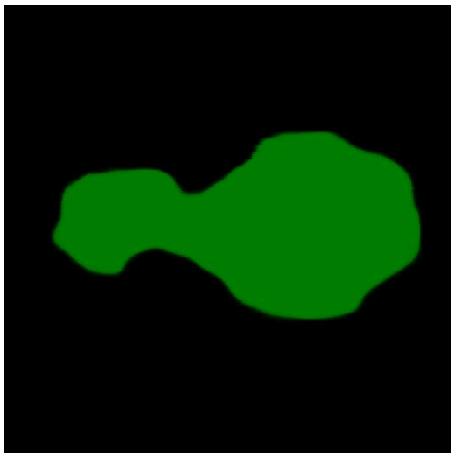
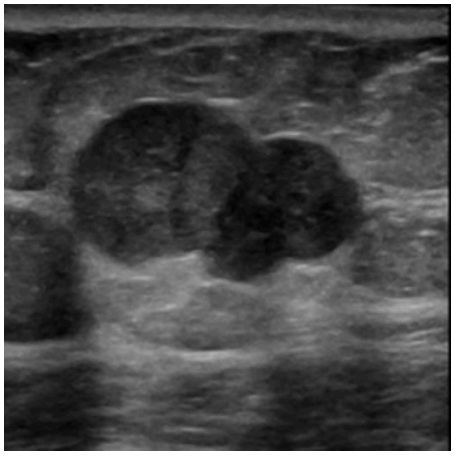
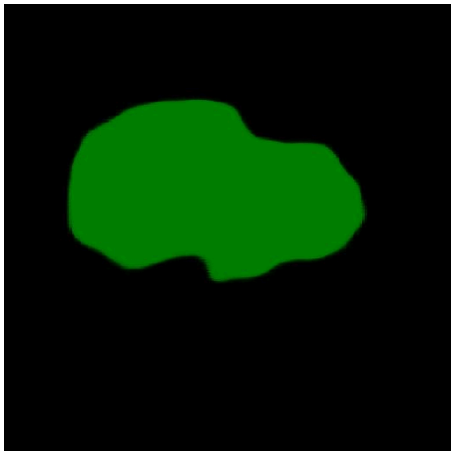
Data Augmentation Strategy:
To address the limited size of the BUS_UC,which contains 453 images and their corresponding masks in Malignant dataset, we employed an offline augmentation tool to generate a 512x512 pixels pre-augmented dataset, which supports the following augmentation methods.

- Vertical flip
- Horizontal flip
- Rotation
- Shrinks
- Shears
- Deformation
- Distortion
- Barrel distortion
- Pincushion distortion

Please see also the following tools

- Image-Deformation-Tool
- Image-Distortion-Tool
- Barrel-Image-Distortion-Tool

Actual Image Segmentation for Images of 512x512 pixels
As shown below, the inferred masks look similar to the ground truth masks.

Input: image	Mask (ground_truth)	Prediction: inferred_mask
		
		

In this experiment, we used the simple UNet Model TensorflowSlightlyFlexibleUNet for this BUS-UC-Malignant Segmentation Model.
As shown in Tensorflow-Image-Segmentation-API. you may try other Tensorflow UNet Models:

- TensorflowSwinUNet.py
- TensorflowMultiResUNet.py
- TensorflowAttentionUNet.py
- TensorflowEfficientUNet.py
- TensorflowUNet3Plus.py
- TensorflowDeepLabV3Plus.py

1. Dataset Citation

We used the following dataset in Mendeley web site
Mendeley Data: BUS_UC

Description
The BUS_UC dataset includes 358 benign tumor images and 453 malignant tumor images. The resolution of Ultrasound images is 256 × 256 pixels. All these images were obtained from the website Ultrasound Cases (ultrasoundcases.info), which does not provide ground truth images. Therefore, with the help of an experienced radiologist, benign and malignant tumor images are annotated for segmentation and classification task.

Citation
If you use this dataset, please cite :
Ahmed Iqbal, Muhammad Sharif,
"Memory-efficient transformer network with feature fusion for breast tumor segmentation and classification task ",
Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence, 2023.

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Breast Cancer, Image Segmentation, Ultrasound, Image Classification

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2 BUS-UC-Malignant ImageMask Dataset

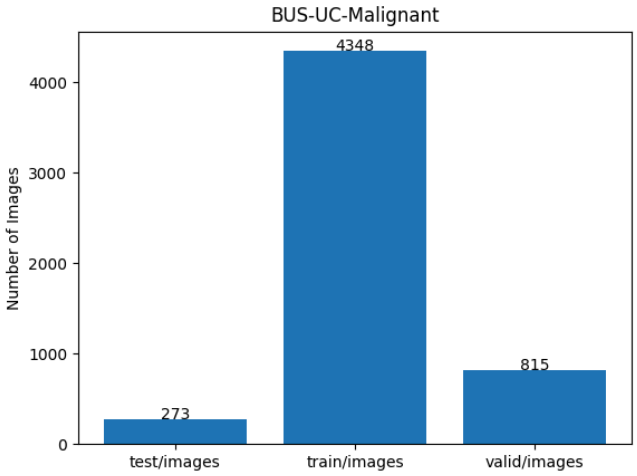
If you would like to train this BUS-UC-Malignant Segmentation model by yourself, please download the dataset from the google drive BUS-UC-Malignant-ImageMask-Dataset.zip , expand the downloaded and put it under **./dataset** folder as shown below.

```
./dataset
└─BUS-UC-Malignant
    ├─test
    │  ├─images
    │  └─masks
    ├─train
    │  ├─images
    │  └─masks
    └─valid
       ├─images
       └─masks
```

On the derivation of this datata, please refer to the following Python scripts:

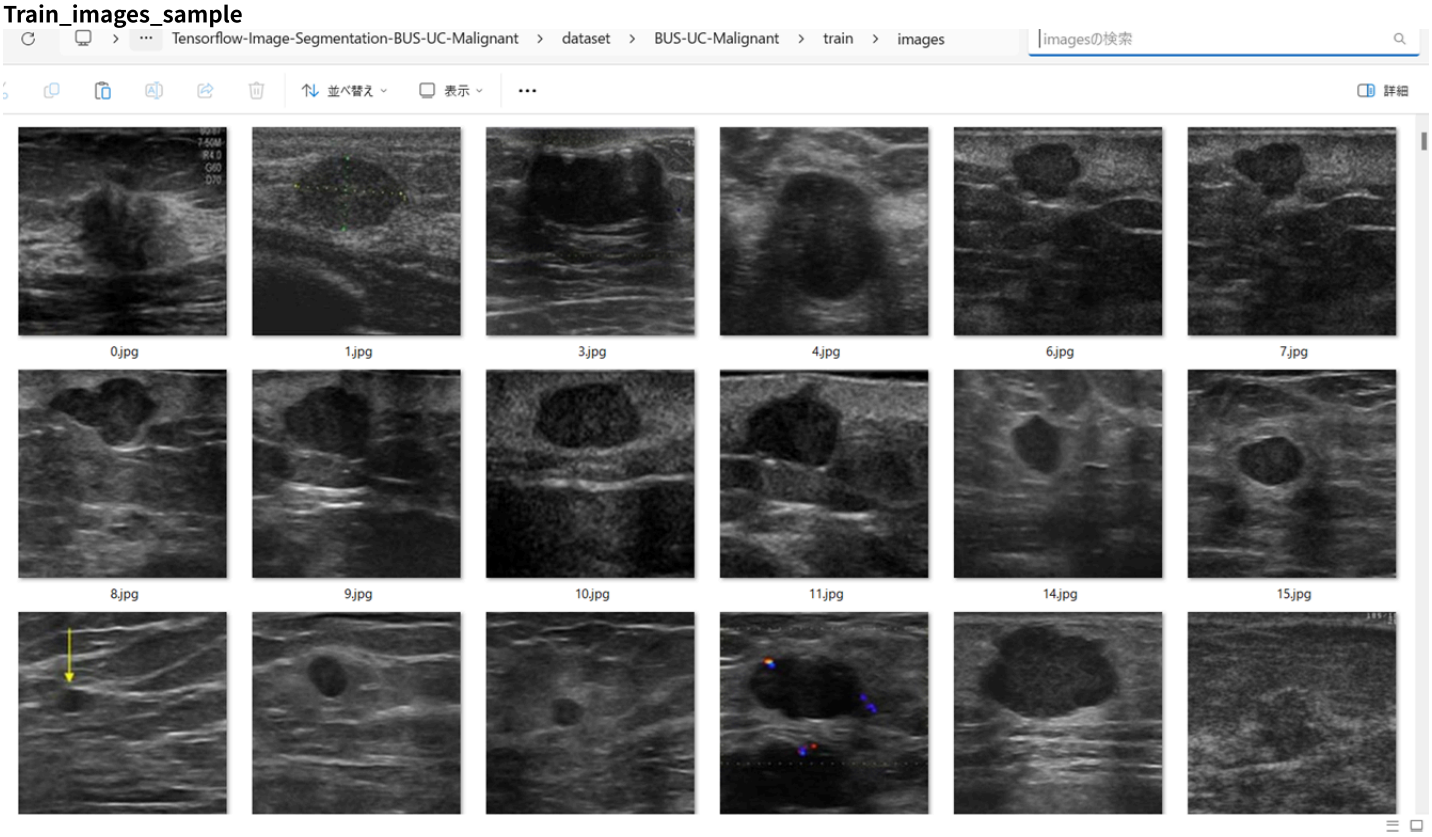
- ImageMaskDatasetGenerator.py
- split_master

BUS-UC-Malignant Dataset Statistics

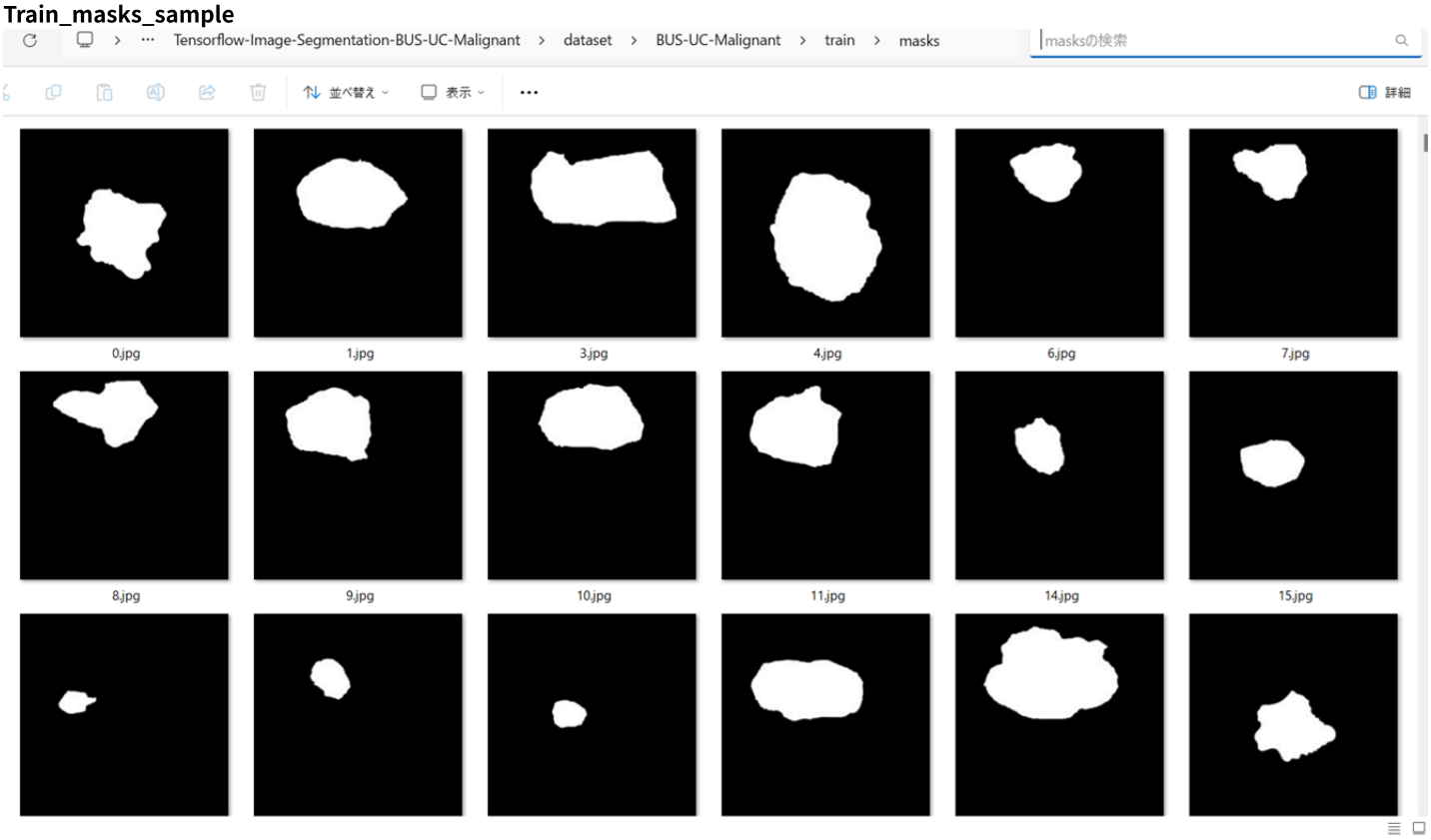


As shown above, the number of images of train and valid datasets is enough to use for a training set of our segmentation model.

Train_images_sample



Train_masks_sample



3 Train TensorflowUNet Model

We have trained BUS-UC-MalignantTensorflowUNet Model by using the following **train_eval_infer.config** file.
Please move to ./projects/TensorflowSlightlyFlexibleUNet/BUS-UC-Malignant and run the following bat file.

```
>1.train.bat
```

, which simply runs the following command.

```
>python ../../../src/TensorflowUNetTrainer.py ./train_eval_infer.config
```

Model parameters
Defined a small **base_filters** and large **base_kernels** for the first Conv Layer of Encoder Block of TensorflowUNet.py and a large num_layers (including a bridge between Encoder and Decoder Blocks).

```
[model]
base_filters   = 16
base_kernels   = (9,9)
num_layers     = 8
dilation       = (3,3)
```

Learning rate
Defined a small learning rate.

```
[model]
learning_rate  = 0.0001
```

Online augmentation
Disabled our online augmentation.

```
[model]
model          = "TensorflowUNet"
generator      = False
```

Loss and metrics functions
Specified "bce_dice_loss" and "dice_coef".

```
[model]
loss           = "bce_dice_loss"
metrics        = ["dice_coef"]
```

Learning rate reducer callback
Enabled learing_rate_reducer callback, and a small reducer_patience.

```
[train]
learning_rate_reducer = True
reducer_factor     = 0.4
reducer_patience   = 4
```

Early stopping callback

Enabled early stopping callback with patience parameter.

```
[train]
patience      = 10
```

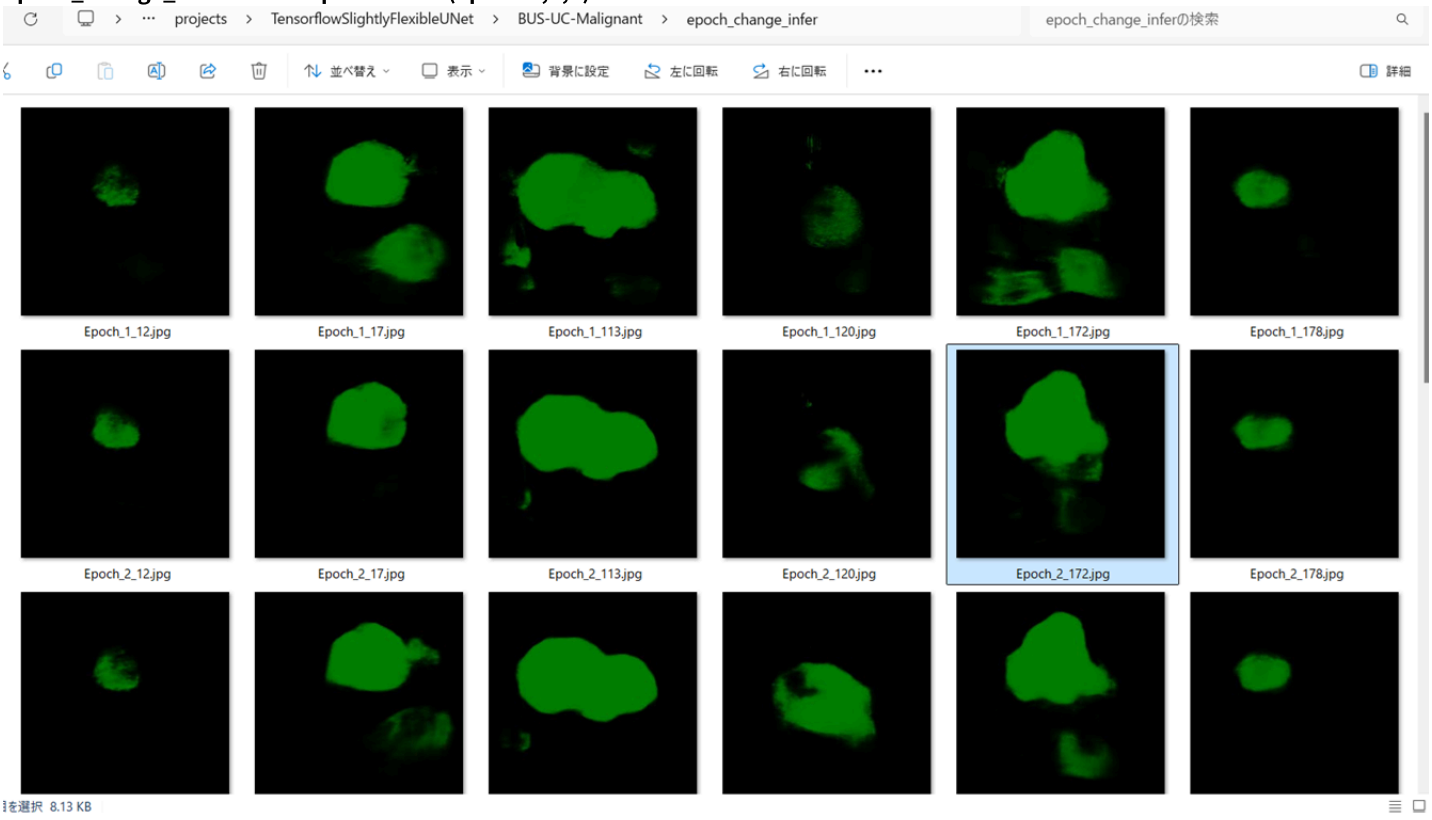
Epoch change inference callbacks

Enabled epoch_change_infer callback.

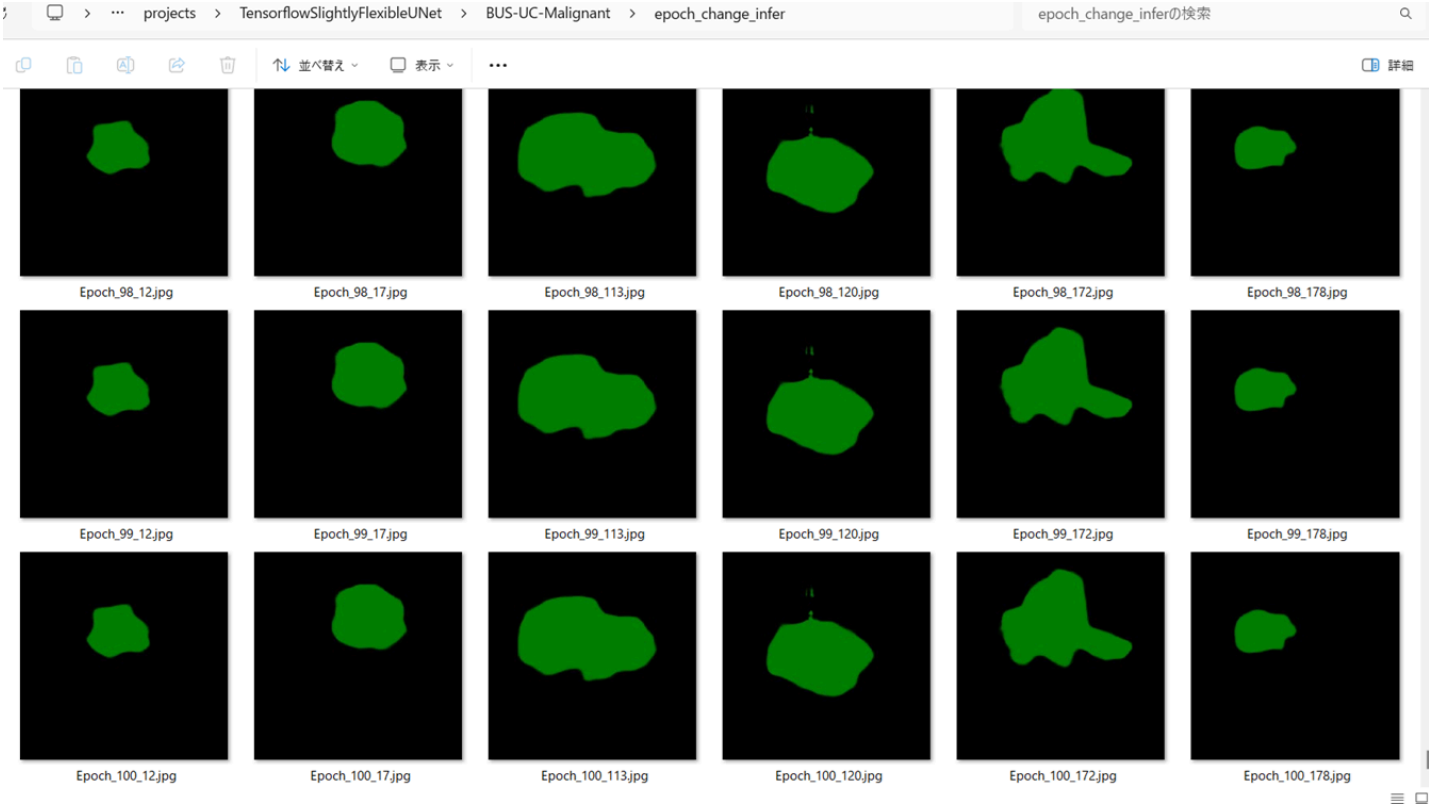
```
[train]
epoch_change_infer       = True
epoch_change_infer_dir   =  "./epoch_change_infer"
epoch_changeinfer        = False
epoch_changeinfer_dir    = "./epoch_changeinfer"
num_infer_images         = 6
```

By using this callback, on every epoch_change, the inference procedure can be called for 6 images in **mini_test** folder. This will help you confirm how the predicted mask changes at each epoch during your training process.

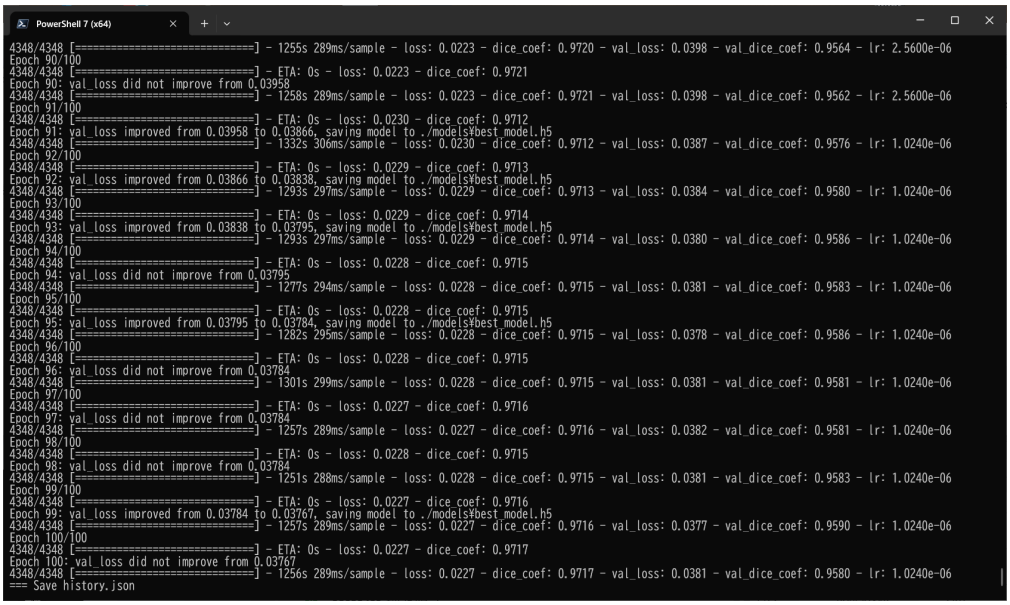
Epoch_change_inference output at start (epoch 1,2,3)



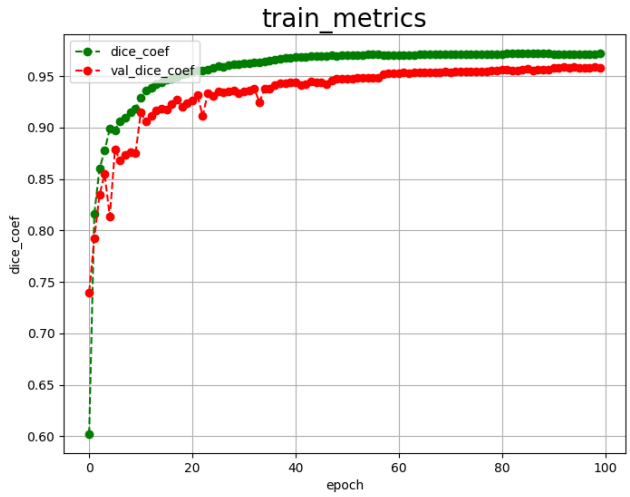
Epoch_change_inference output at end (epoch 98,99,100)



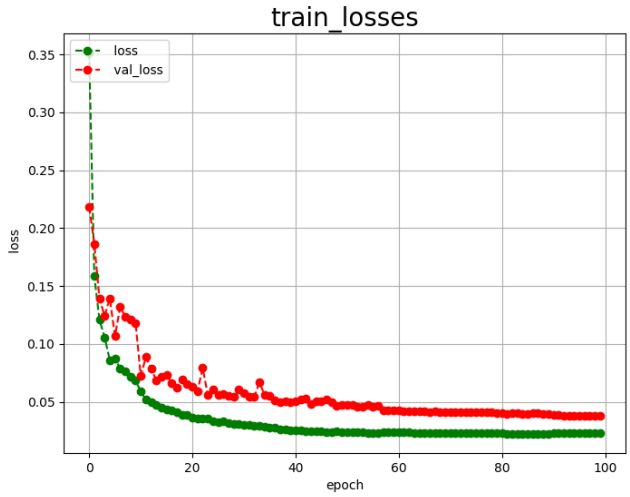
In this experiment, the training process was terminated at epoch 100.



train_metrics.csv



train_losses.csv



4 Evaluation

Please move to a **./projects/TensorflowSlightlyFlexibleUNet/BUS-UC-Malignant** folder,
and run the following bat file to evaluate TensorflowUNet model for BUS-UC-Malignant.

```
./2.evaluate.bat
```

This bat file simply runs the following command.

```
python ../../../src/TensorflowUNetEvaluator.py ./train_eval_infer_aug.config
```

Evaluation console output:

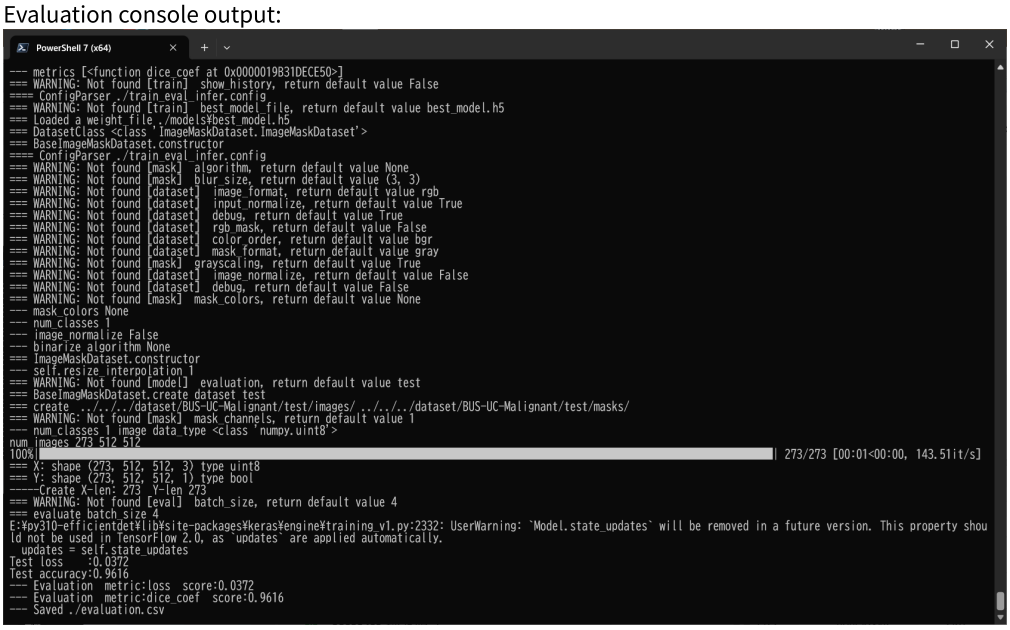


Image-Segmentation-BUS-UC-Malignant evaluation.csv
The loss (bce_dice_loss) to this BUS-UC-Malignant/test was low, and dice_coef very high as shown below.

```
loss,0.0372
dice_coef,0.9616
```

5 Inference

Please move to a **./projects/TensorflowSlightlyFlexibleUNet/BUS-UC-Malignant** folder
,and run the following bat file to infer segmentation regions for images by the Trained-TensorflowUNet model for BUS-UC-Malignant.

```
./3.infer.bat
```

This simply runs the following command.

```
python ../../../src/TensorflowUNetInferencer.py ./train_eval_infer_aug.config
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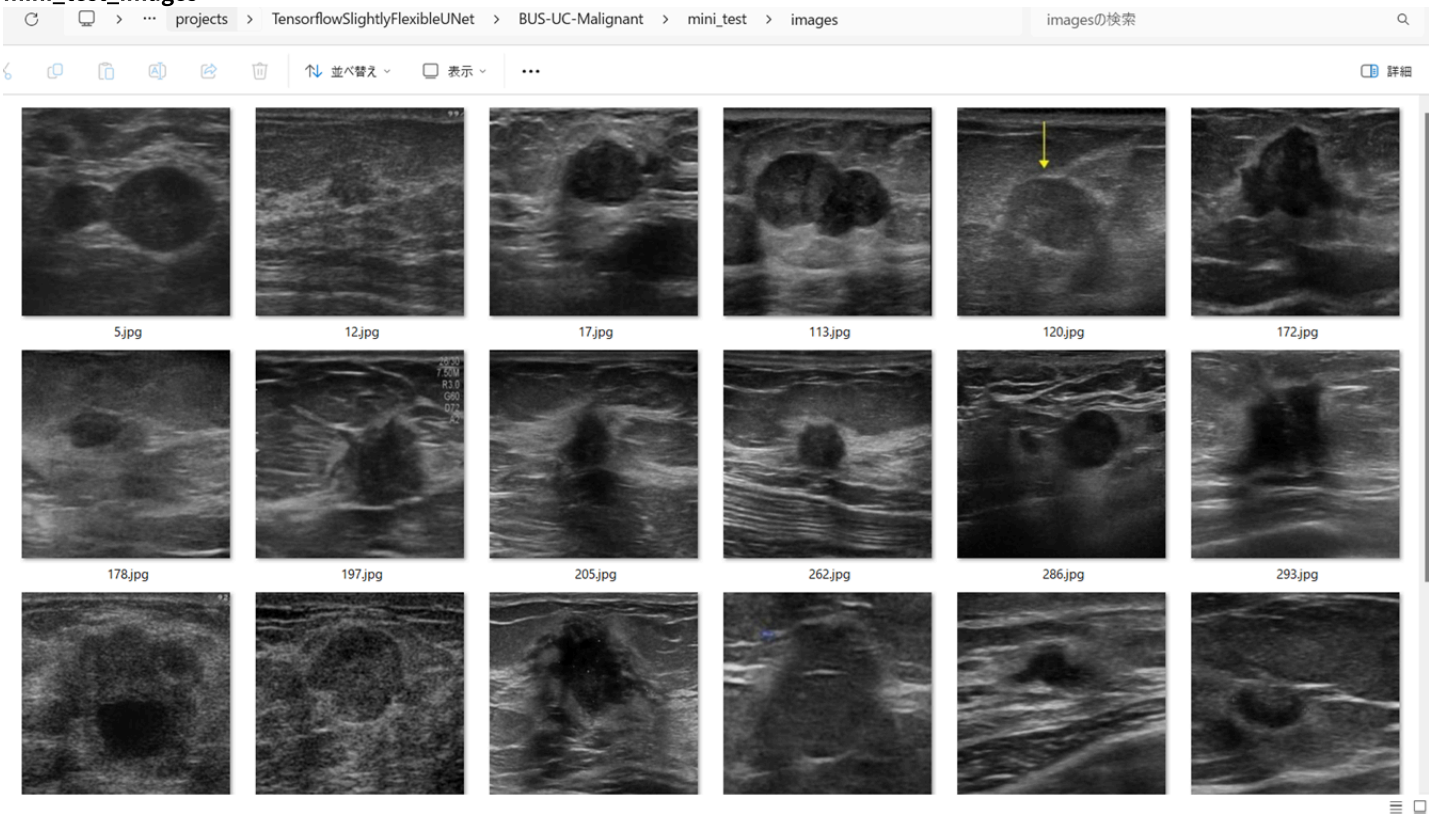
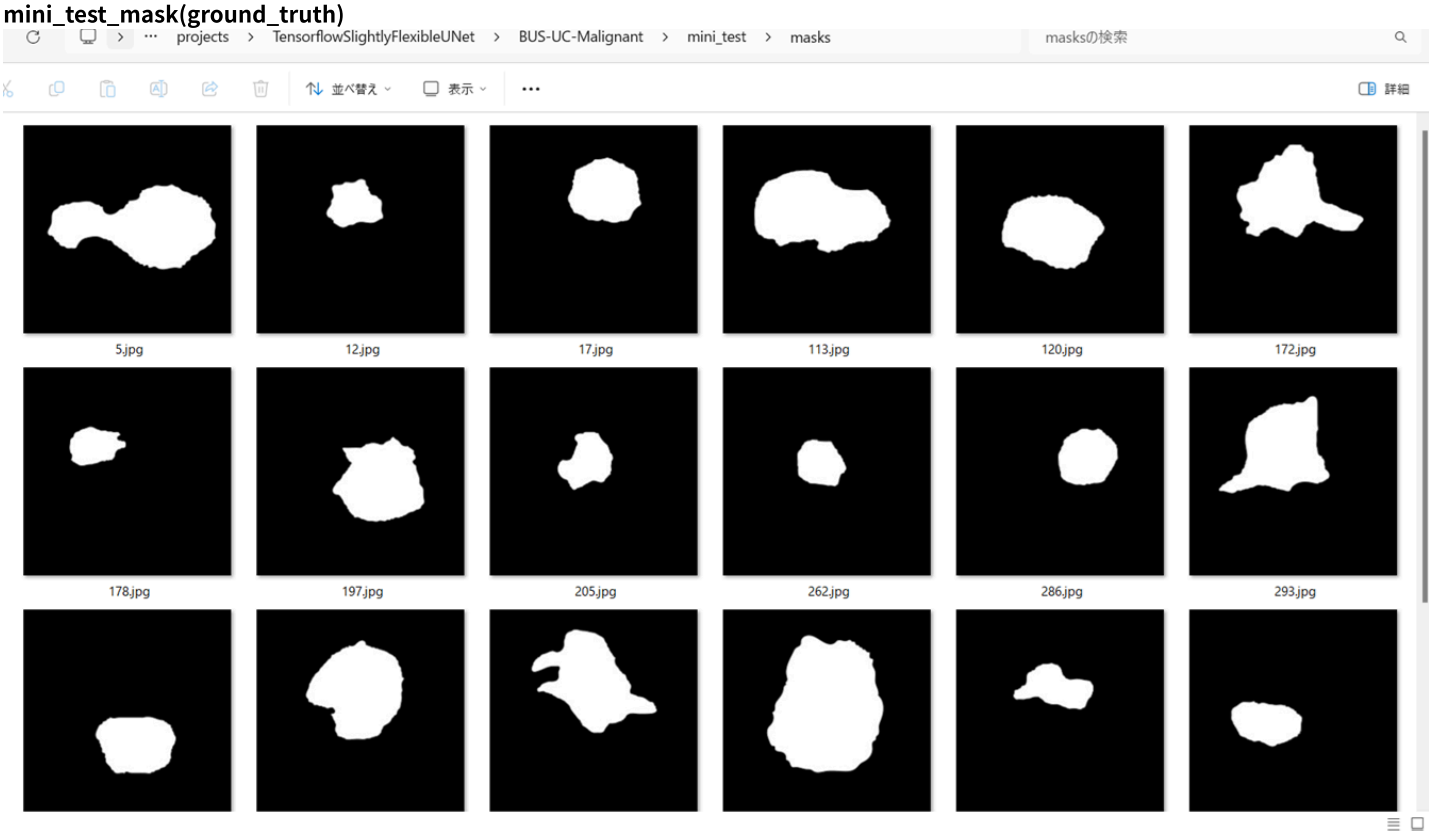
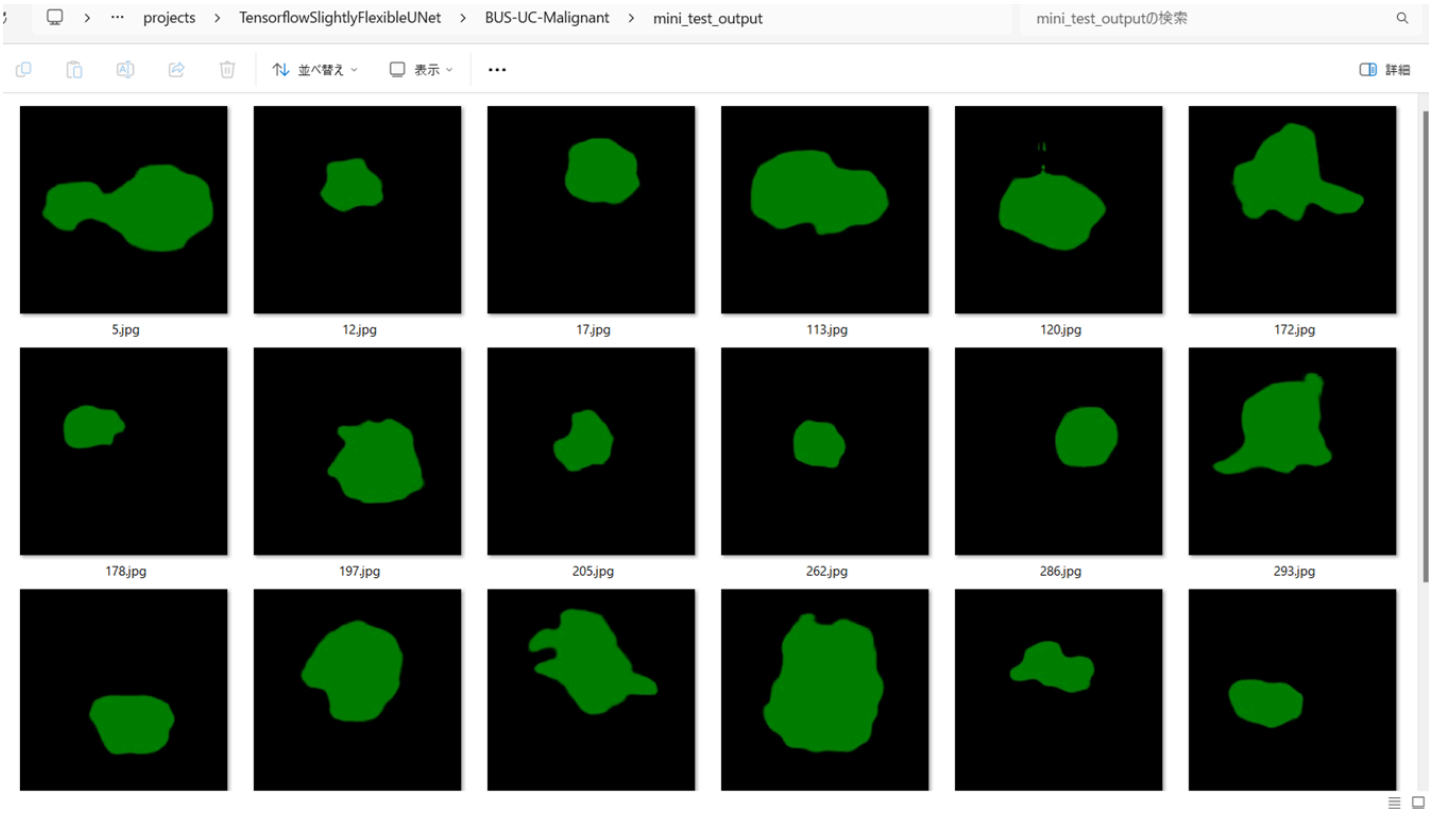
mini_test_images



mini_test_mask(ground_truth)

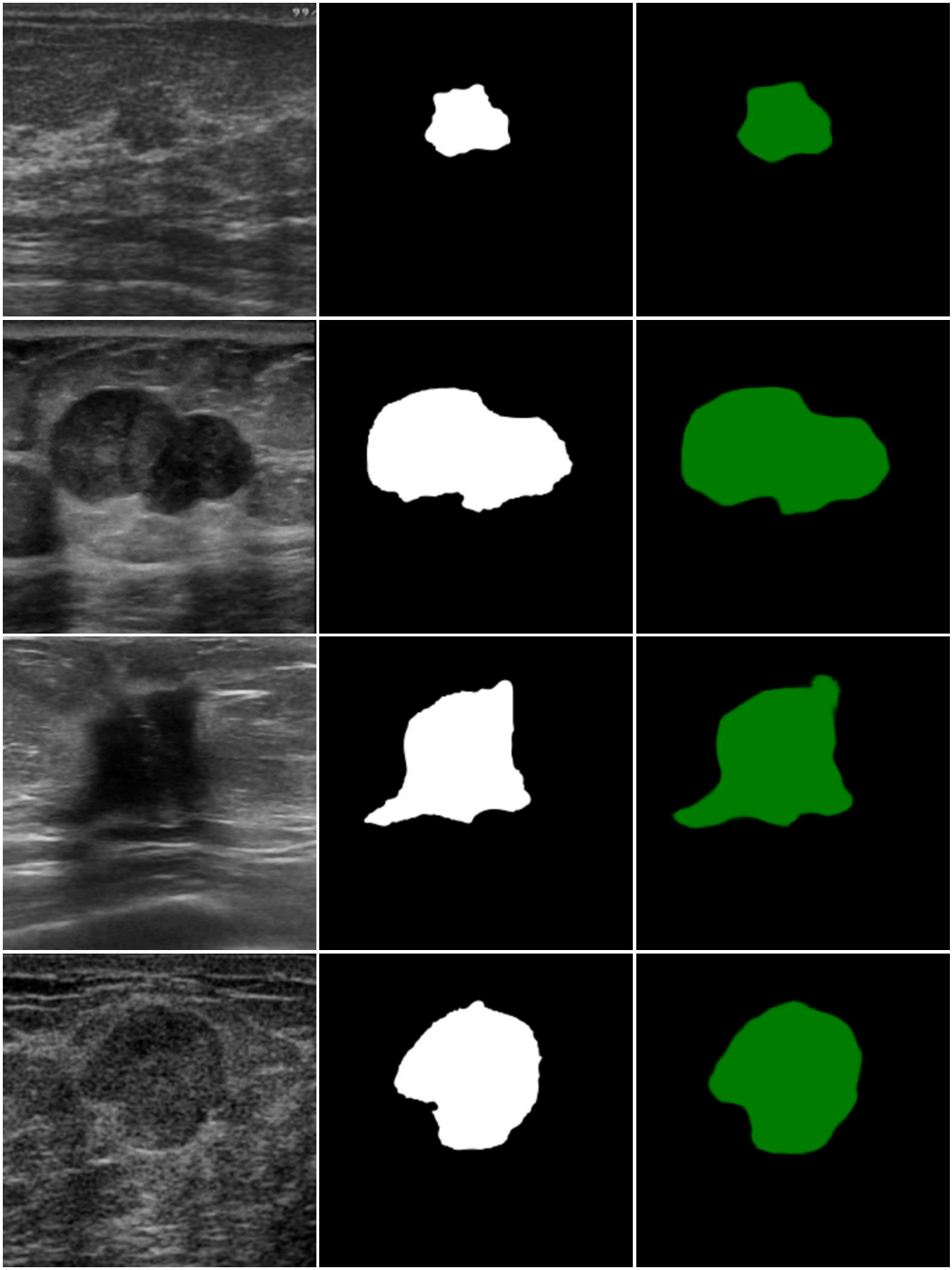


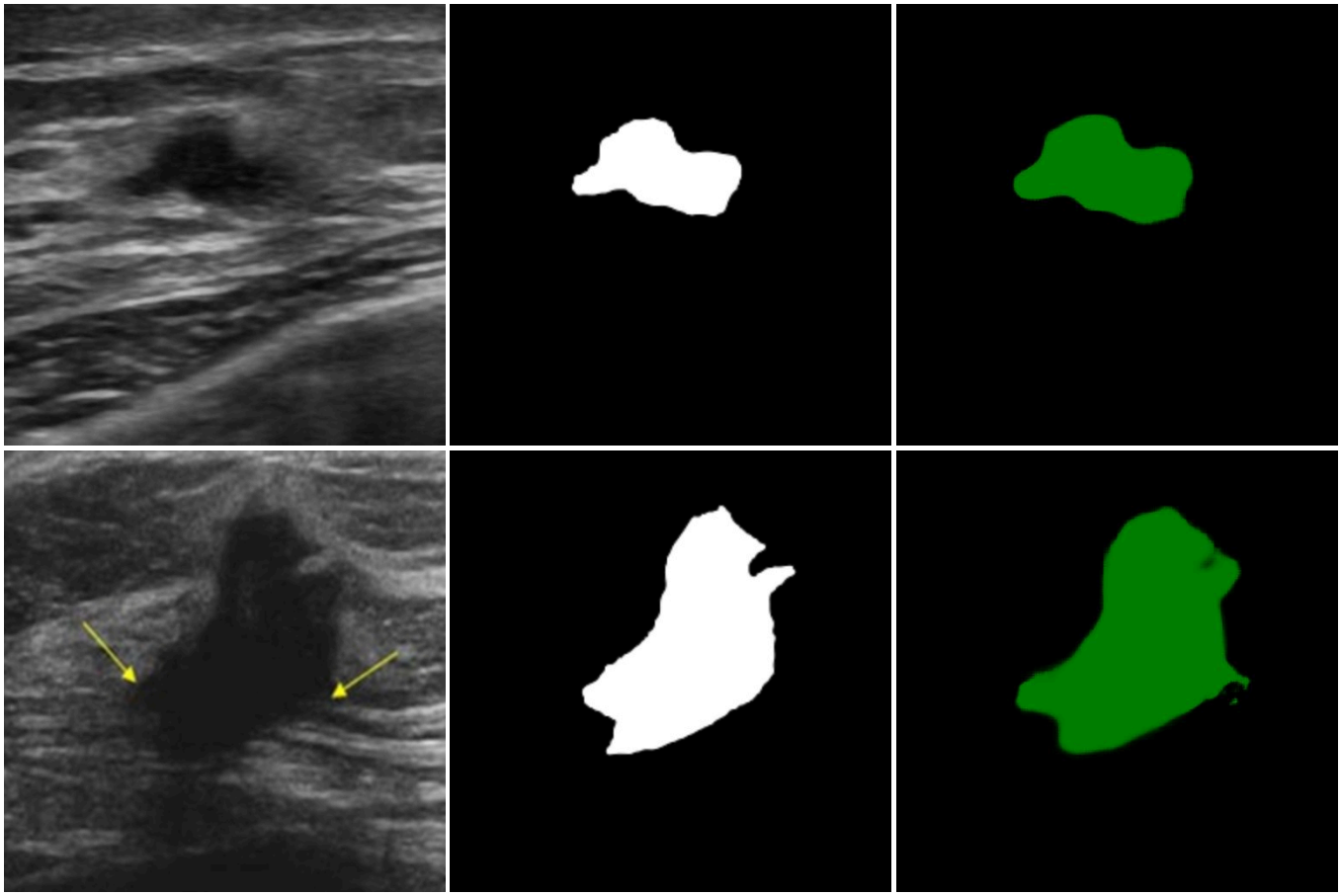
Inferred test masks



Enlarged images and masks

Image	Mask (ground_truth)	Inferred-mask





References

1. BUS_UC - Breast Ultrasound Dataset

https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/orvile/bus-uc-breast-ultrasound/code