

Cats and Crowds: Augmenting Limited Labelled Data in Medical Image Analysis

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What is the diagnosis?
Where are the abnormalities?
How large are the airways?





Data?

Representative
& annotated data



Overfitting



Complex method

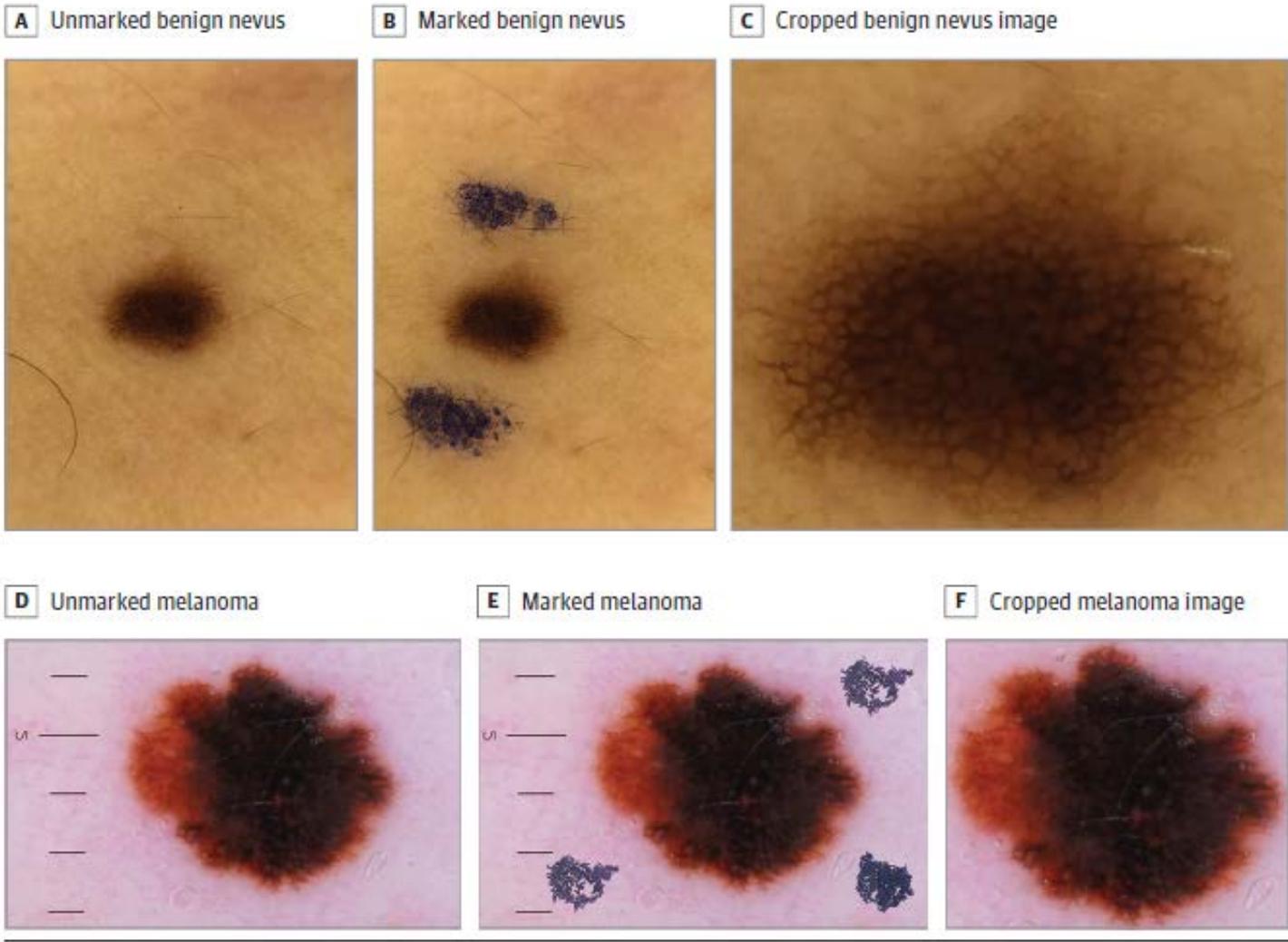
Performance

Simple method

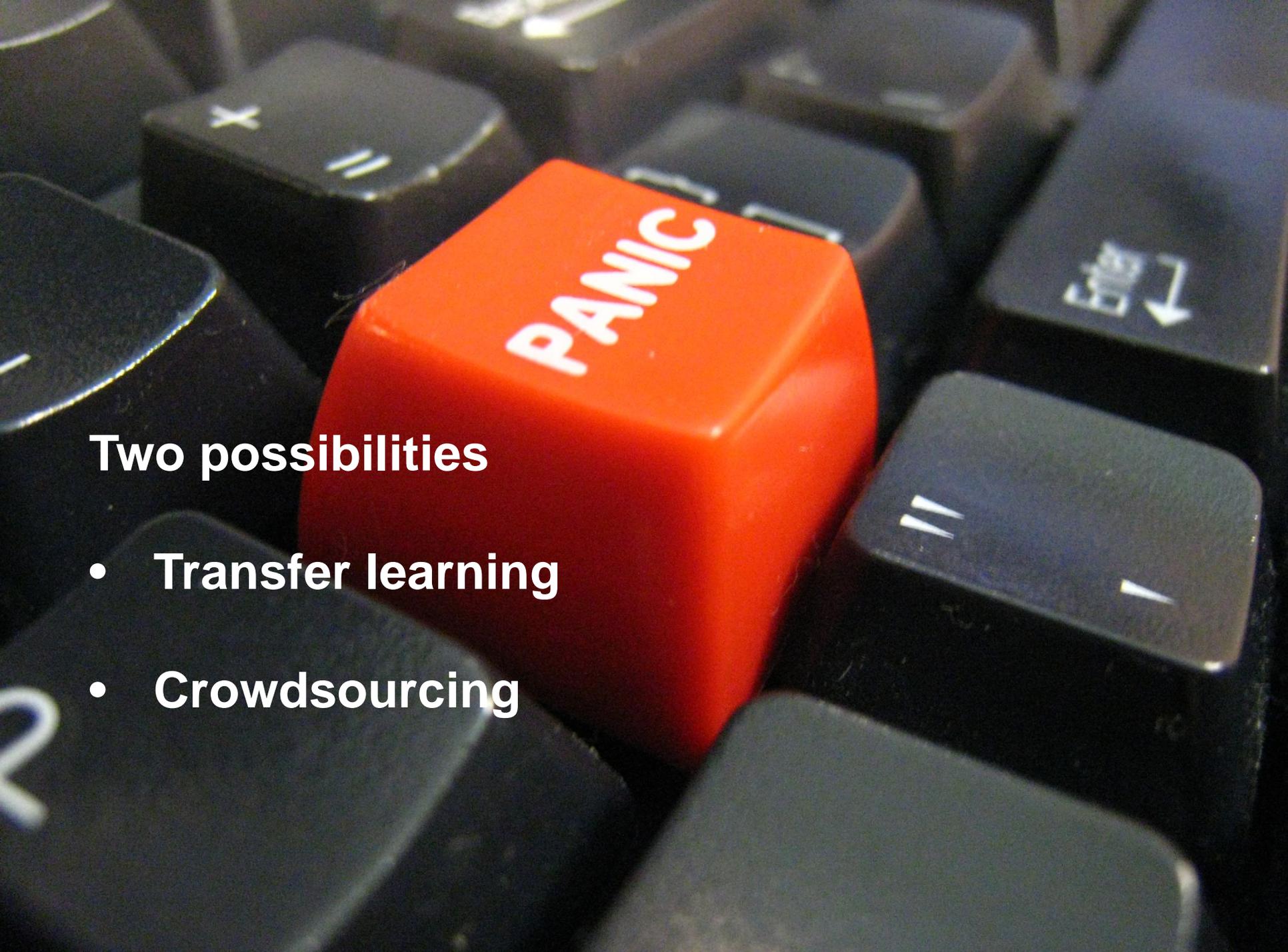


Training size

Figure 1. Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) Classification and Melanoma Probability Scores for Dermoscopic Images of Unmarked, Marked, and Cropped Benign Nevus and Melanoma



A gentian violet surgical skin marker was used to highlight the marked examples. A, CNN classification: benign; score, 0.001. B, CNN classification: malignant; score, 0.981. C, CNN classification: benign; score, 0.001. D, CNN classification: malignant; score, 0.999. E, CNN classification: malignant; score, 0.999. F, CNN classification: malignant; score, 0.999.



Two possibilities

- **Transfer learning**
- **Crowdsourcing**

Transfer learning

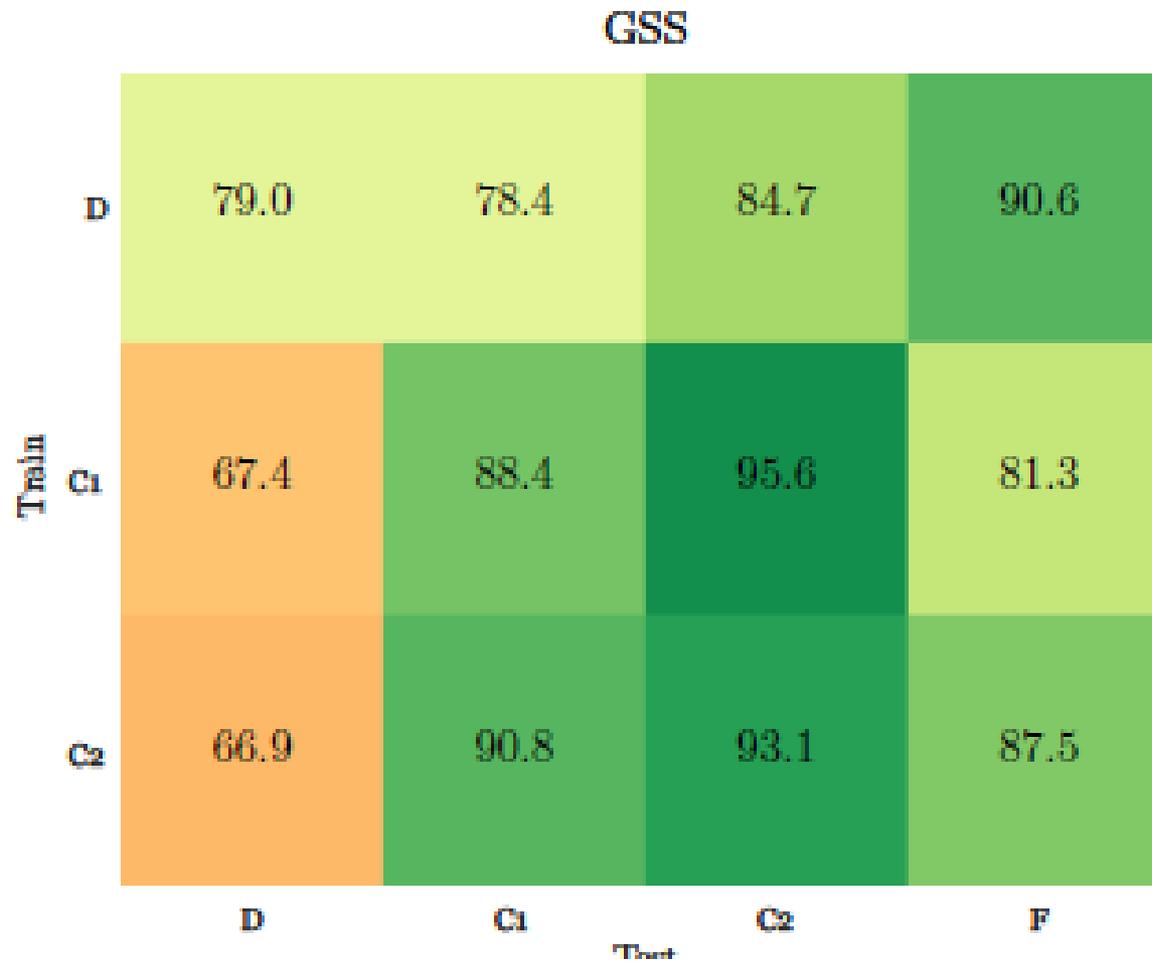
Not learning “from scratch”



Use other similar datasets

| Dataset | Subjects | Age | GOLD (1/2/3/4) | Smoking (c/f/n) | Scanner |
|---------------|----------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| DLCST | 300 + | 59 [50, 71] | 69/28/2/0 | 77/23/0 | Philips |
| | 300 - | 57 [49, 69] | | 74/26/0 | 16 rows Mx 8000 |
| COPDGene1 | 74 + | 64 [45, 80] | 21/18/19/16 | 17/57/0 | Siemens |
| | 46 - | 59 [45, 78] | | 23/20/3 | Definition |
| COPDGene2 | 42 + | 65 [45, 78] | 9/13/7/13 | 12/30/0 | Siemens |
| | 25 - | 60 [47, 78] | | 9/11/5 | Definition AS+ |
| Frederikshavn | 8 + | 66 [48, 77] | 1/3/3/1 | 1/7/0 | Siemens |
| | 8 - | 56 [25, 73] | | 1/2/5 | Definition Flash |

Performance drops across datasets



Cheplygina, V., Pena, I. P., Pedersen, J. H., Lynch, D. A., Sørensen, L., & de Bruijne, M. (2018). Transfer learning for multicenter classification of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. *IEEE journal of biomedical and health informatics*, 22(5), 1486-1496.

Performance drops across datasets



| Test set | Training set | Atelectasis | Cardiomegaly | Consolidation |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| ChestX-ray14 | ChestX-ray14 | 0.8165 | 0.8998 | 0.8181 |
| | CheXpert | 0.7850 | 0.8646 | 0.7771 |
| | MIMIC-CXR | 0.8024 | 0.8322 | 0.7898 |
| CheXpert | ChestX-ray14 | 0.5137 | 0.5736 | 0.6565 |
| | CheXpert | 0.6930 | 0.8687 | 0.7323 |
| | MIMIC-CXR | 0.6576 | 0.8197 | 0.7002 |
| MIMIC-CXR | ChestX-ray14 | 0.5810 | 0.6798 | 0.7692 |
| | CheXpert | 0.7587 | 0.7650 | 0.7936 |
| | MIMIC-CXR | 0.8177 | 0.8126 | 0.8229 |

Pooh, E. H., Ballester, P. L., & Barros, R. C. (2019). Can we trust deep learning models diagnosis? The impact of domain shift in chest radiograph classification. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1909.01940*.

Learn from any dataset

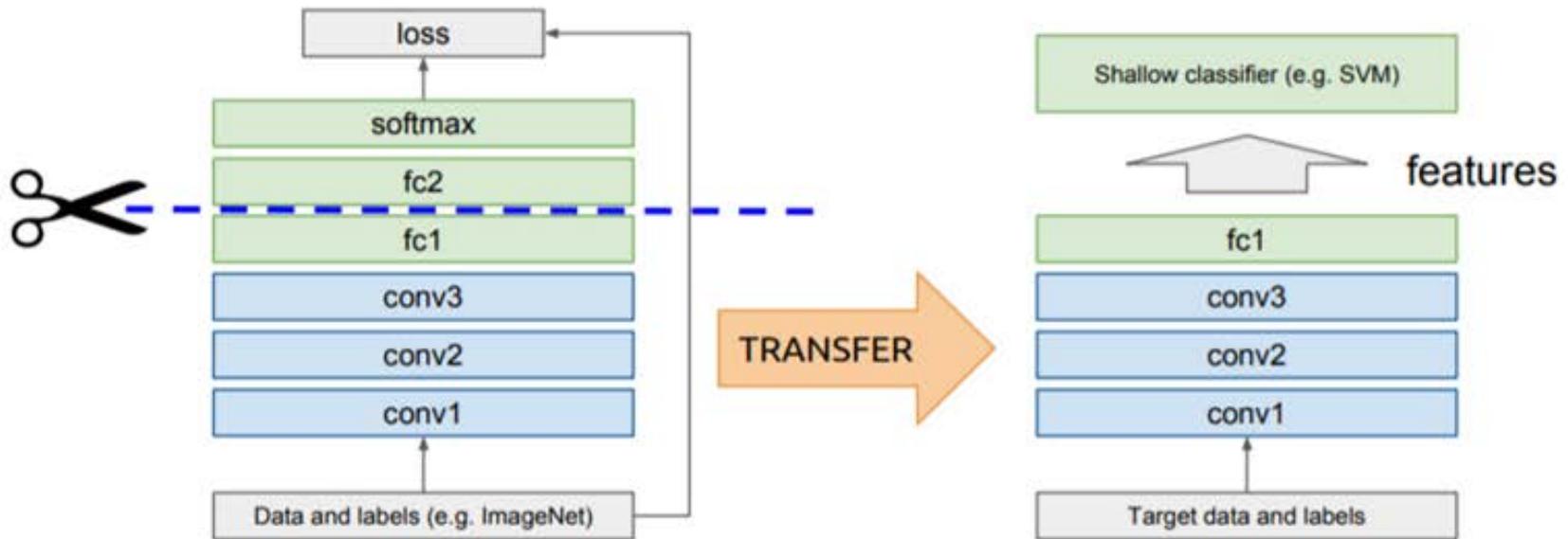
ImageNet Challenge



- 1,000 object classes (categories).
- Images:
 - 1.2 M train
 - 100k test.

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Learn from any dataset



```
import keras
```

```
import numpy as np
```

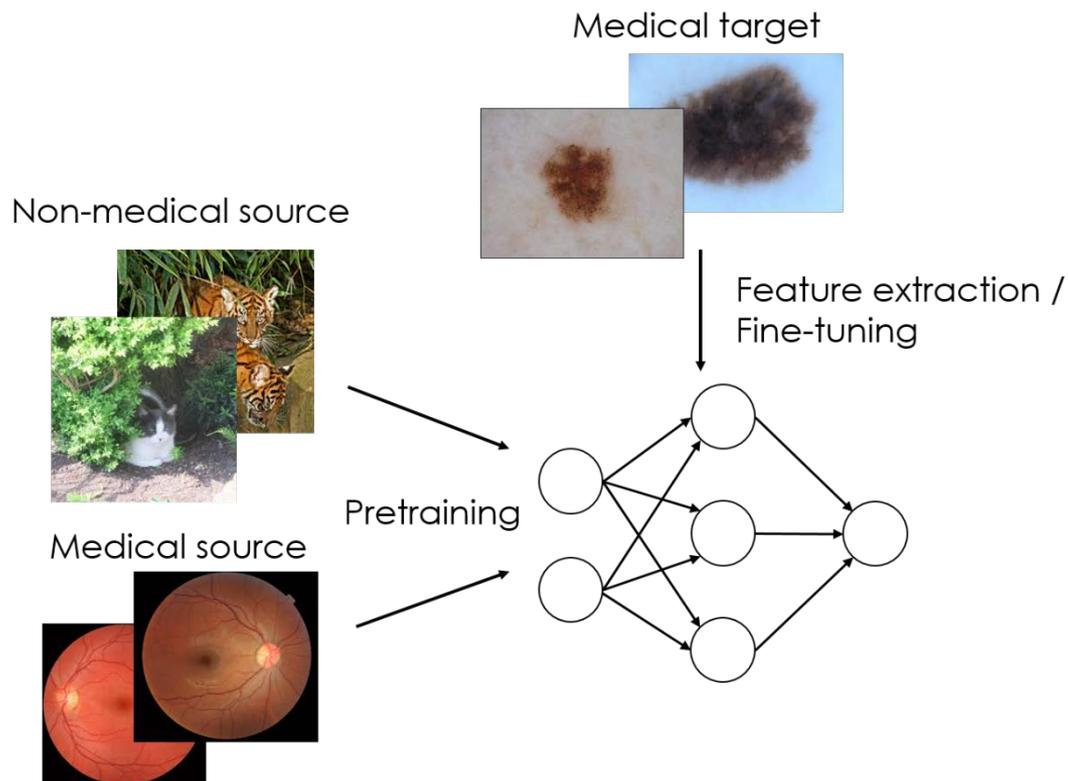
```
from keras.applications import vgg16
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#Load the VGG model
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vgg_model = vgg16.VGG16(weights='imagenet')
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Image: towardsdatascience.com

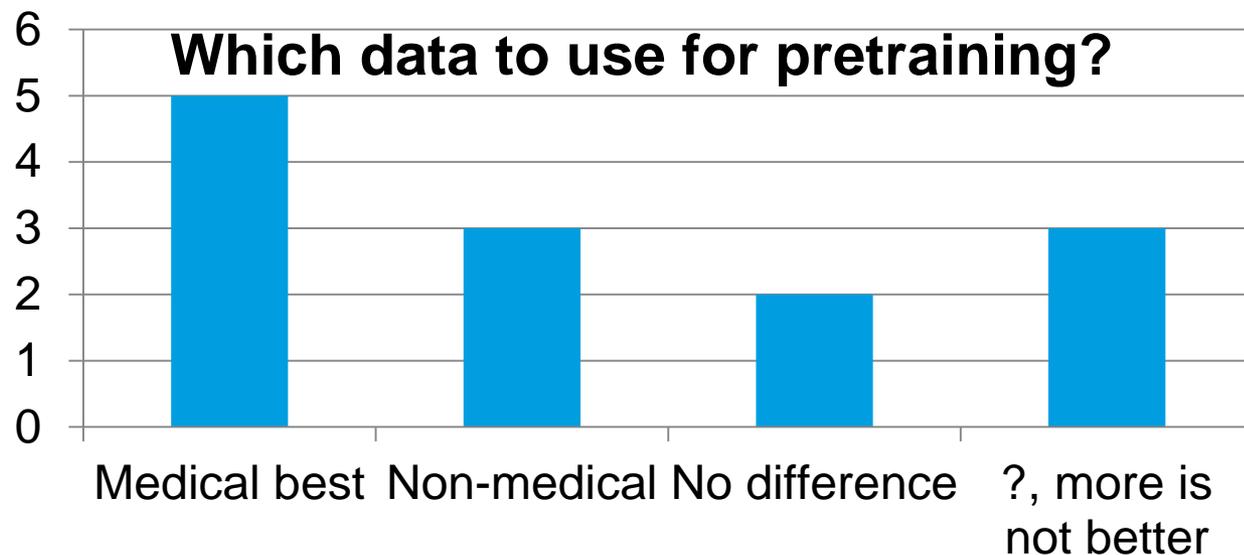
Learn from any dataset – medical or non-medical?



Cats or CAT scans: transfer learning from natural or medical image source datasets?

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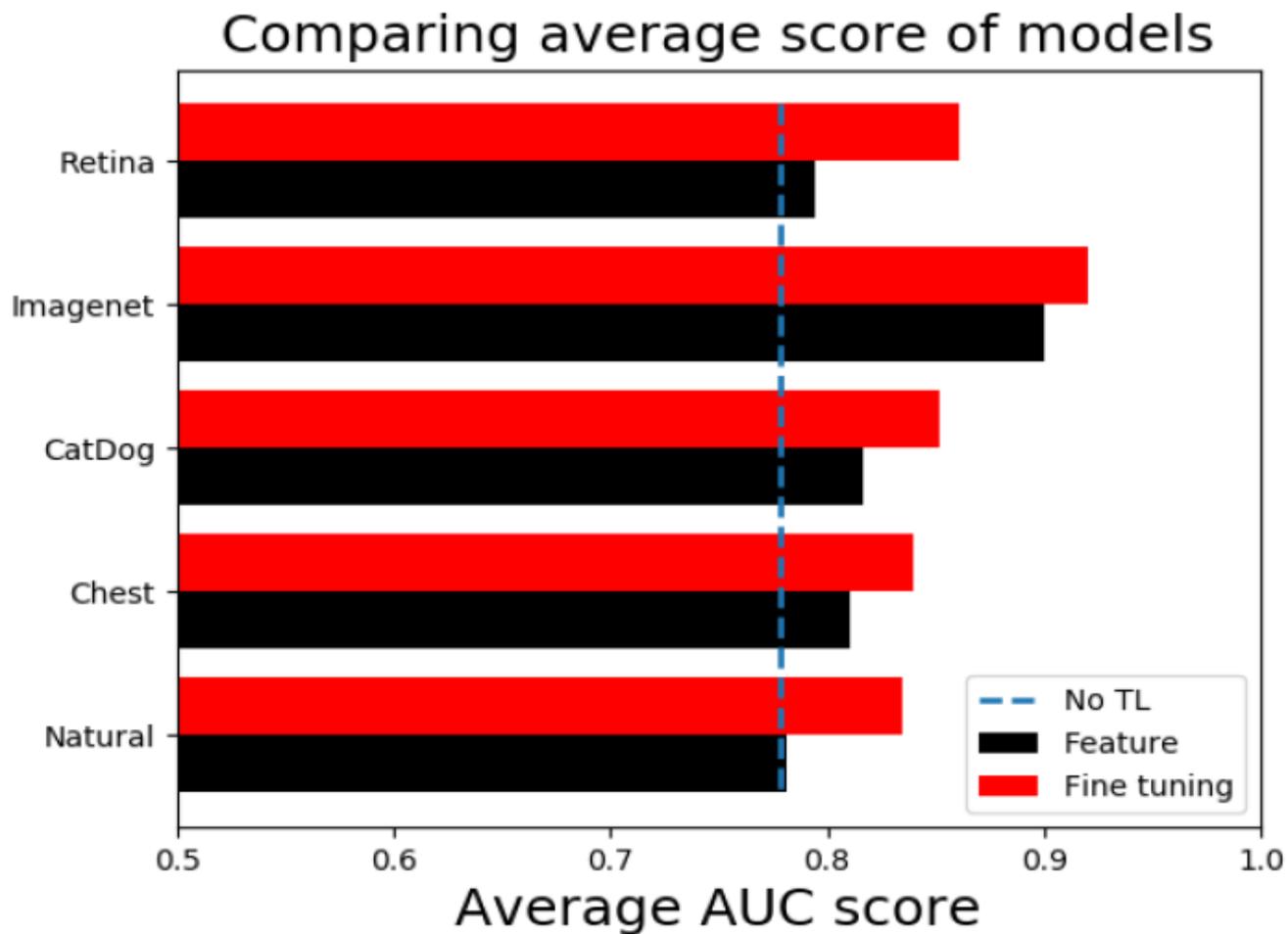
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Non-medical vs medical data

ImageNet best as source data

BUT

is ImageNet is much larger



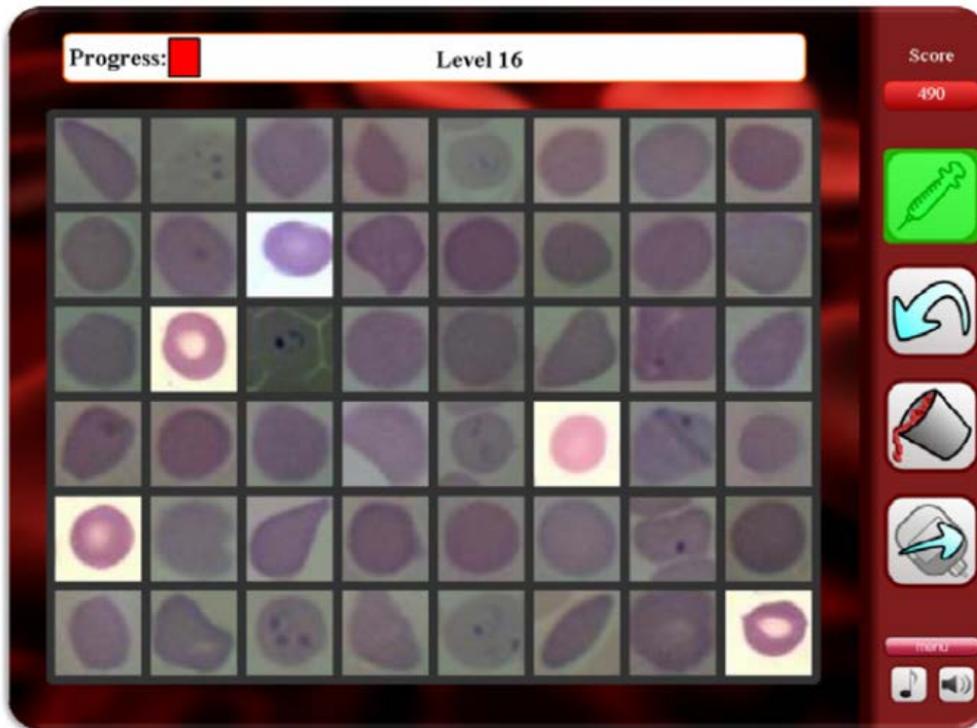
Crowdsourcing



You do it all the time!



2012: Malaria diagnosis



Completing this game [...] took on average less than one hour for each gamer

accuracy [...] is within 1.25% of the diagnostic decisions made by the infectious disease expert.

Surgical instrument segmentation

Can Masses of Non-Experts Train Highly Accurate Image Classifiers?

A Crowdsourcing Approach to Instrument Segmentation in Laparoscopic Images

Lena Maier-Hein^{1,*,**}, Sven Mersmann¹, Daniel Kondermann²,
Sebastian Bodenstedt³, Alexandro Sanchez², Christian Stock⁴,
Hannes Gotz Kenngott⁵, Mathias Eisenmann³, and Stefanie Speidel³

Save lives by adjusting the outline of a tool!

You can leave your feedback here (Optional)

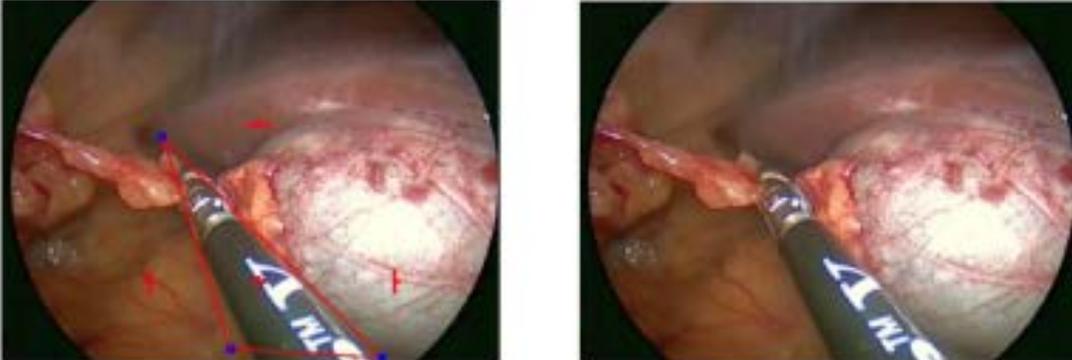
The polygon in the bottom left corner contains a medical tool. Improve this polygon by adding and moving points until its shape perfectly matches the tool. Controls:

- Zoom using your mouse wheel or the zoom slider.
- Double click to add or remove points on the polygon.
- Click and drag to stretch or move the polygon, individual points or to pan the image.

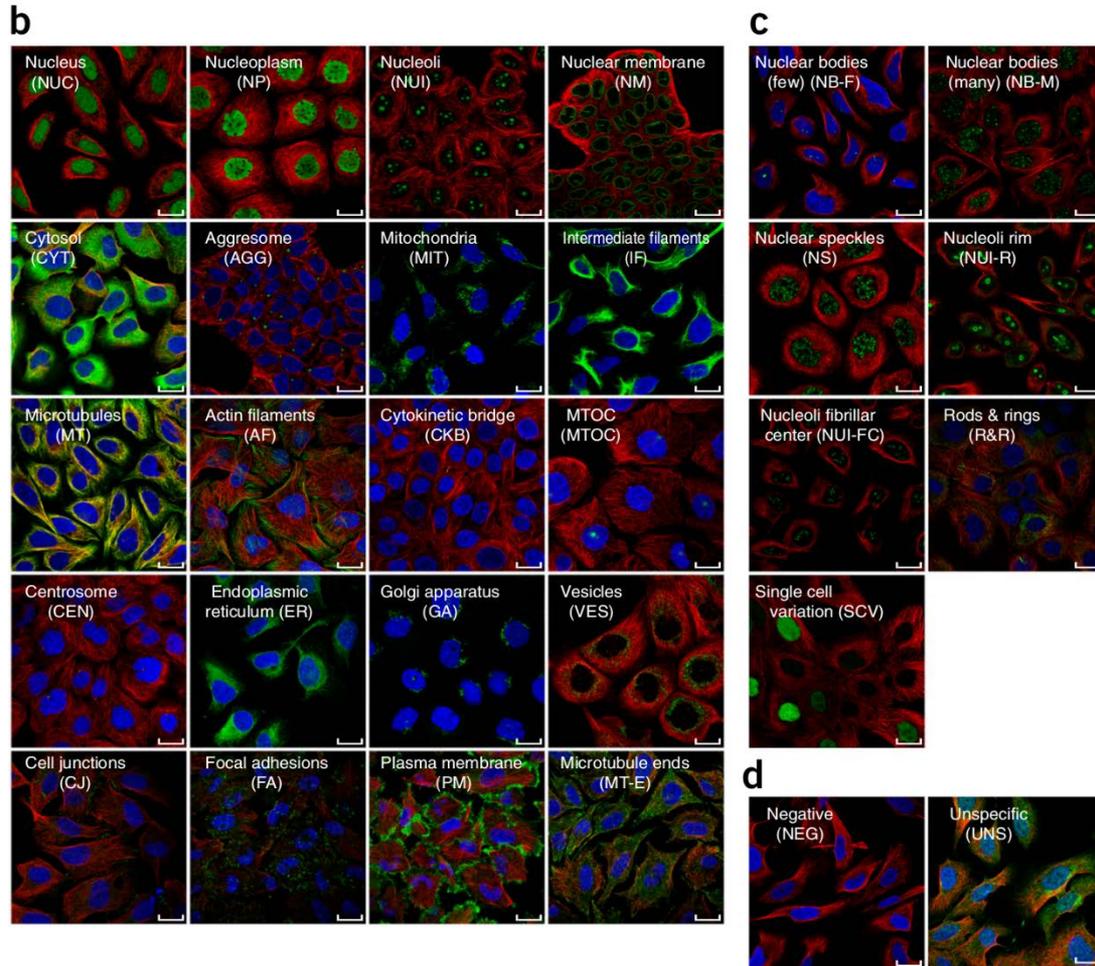
Once you are finished, use the form above to send us the results.

Change contrast Status:

Transform this:  (Start) → Into this:  (End)



Cell pattern classification



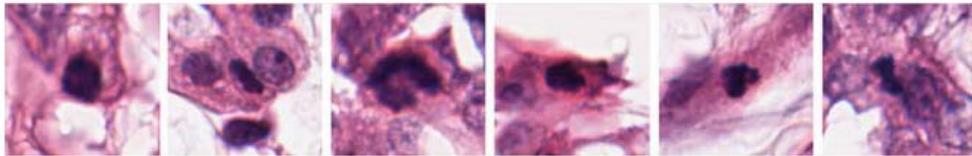
Sullivan et al. Deep learning is combined with massive-scale citizen science to improve large-scale image classification, 2018

Mitosis detection in histopathology

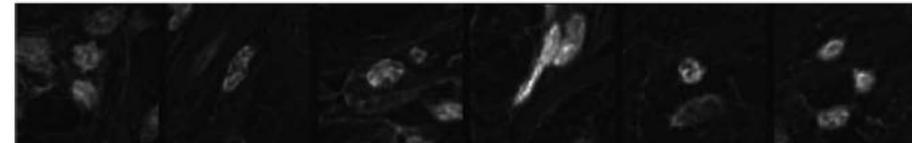
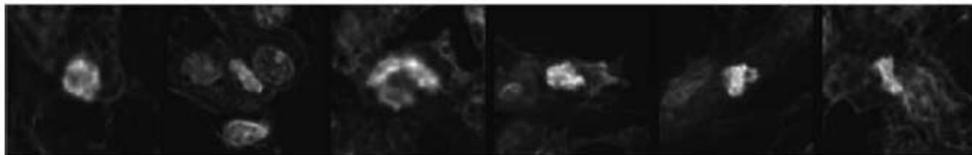
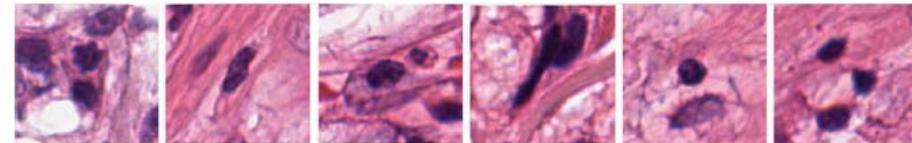
AggNet: Deep Learning From Crowds for Mitosis Detection in Breast Cancer Histology Images

Shadi Albarqouni*, *Student Member, IEEE*, Christoph Baur, Felix Achilles, *Student Member, IEEE*, Vasileios Belagiannis, *Student Member, IEEE*, Stefanie Demirci, and Nassir Navab, *Member, IEEE*

Mitosis:



Non-Mitosis

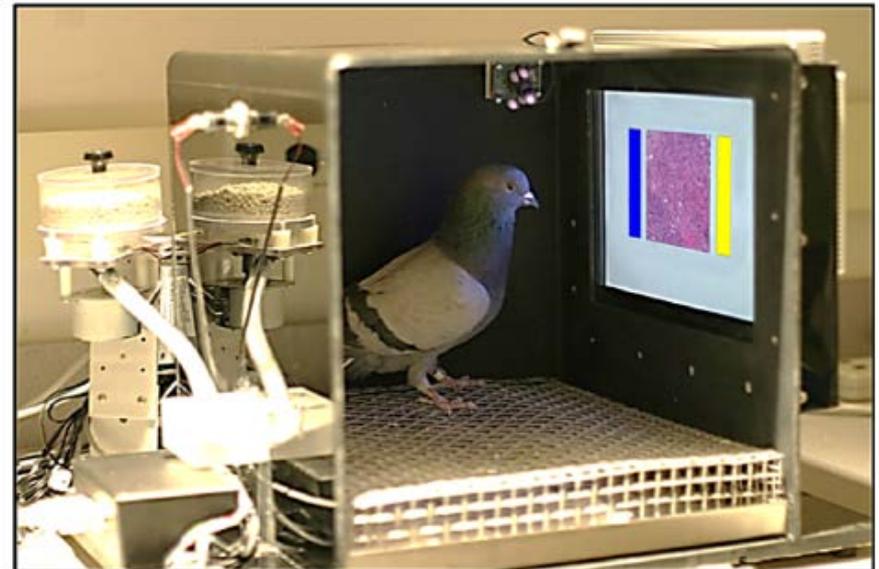
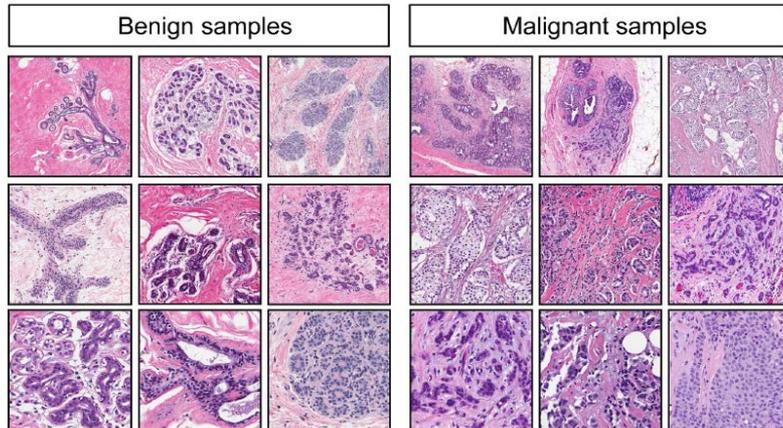


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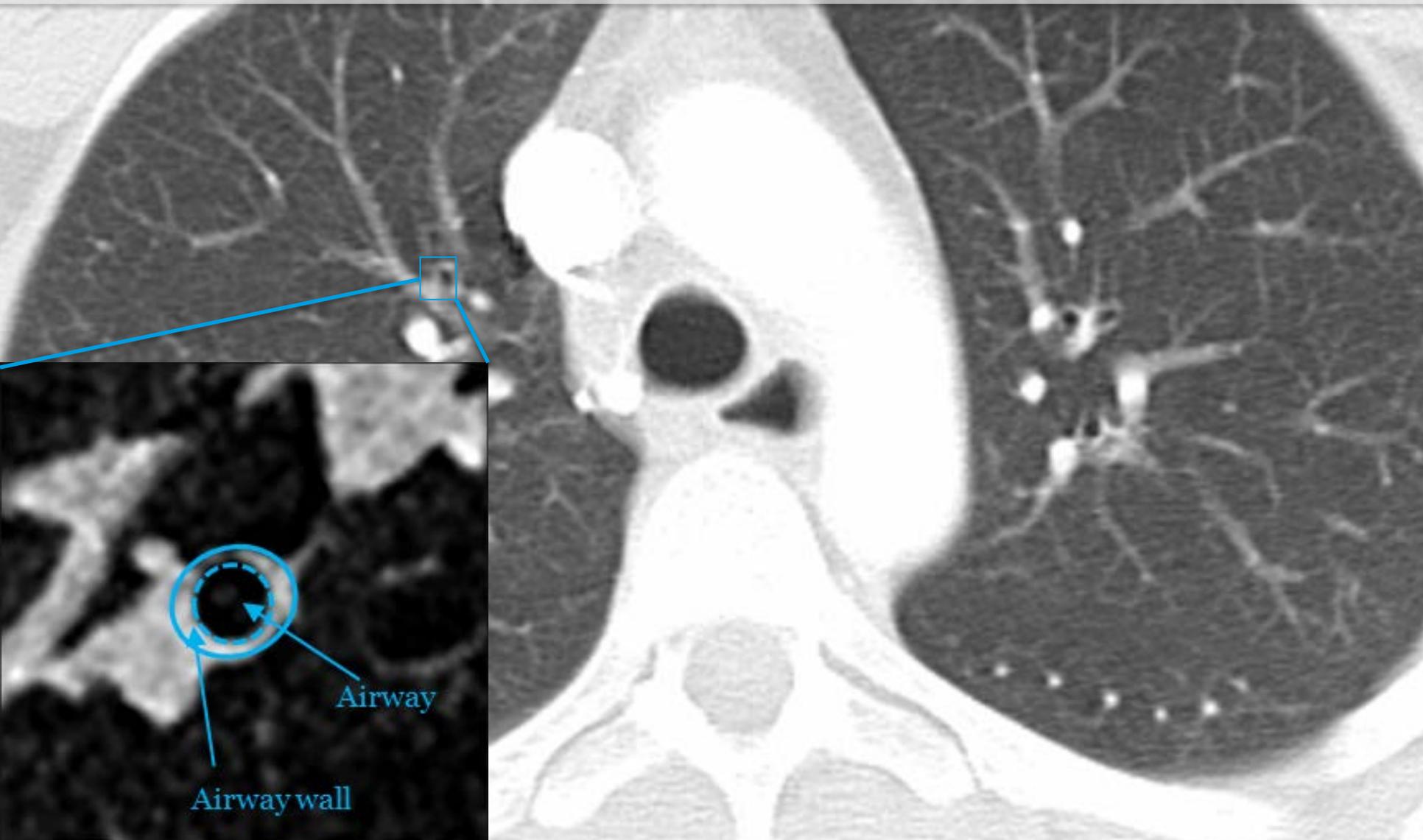
The second row shows the corresponding so called "blueRatio" representation of the non-mitotic figures. Note how they do not have such bright spots as the mitotic blue ratio representations!

Pigeons (*Columba livia*) as Trainable Observers of Pathology and Radiology Breast Cancer Images

Richard M. Levenson^{1*}, Elizabeth A. Krupinski³, Victor M. Navarro², Edward A. Wasserman^{2*}



Airways in chest CT



Melanoma classification

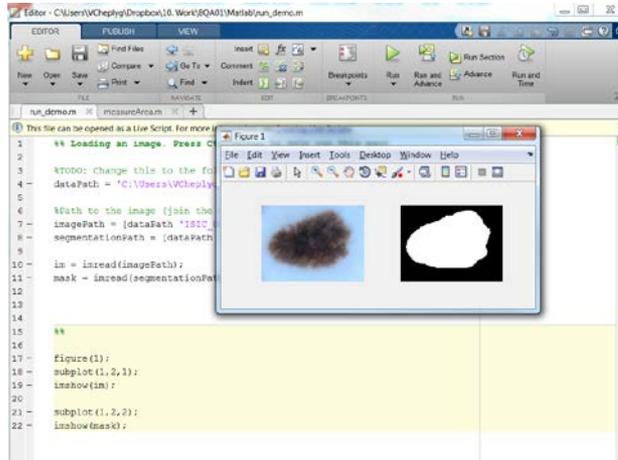
A – Asymmetry

B - Border

C – Color



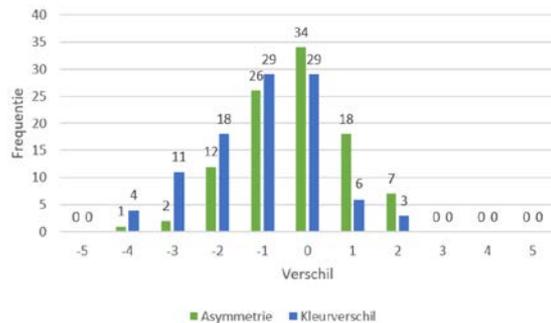
1. Measure features with algorithms



2. Measure features yourself

| | A | B | C | D |
|----|--------------|---------------|-----------|------------|
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3. Evaluate

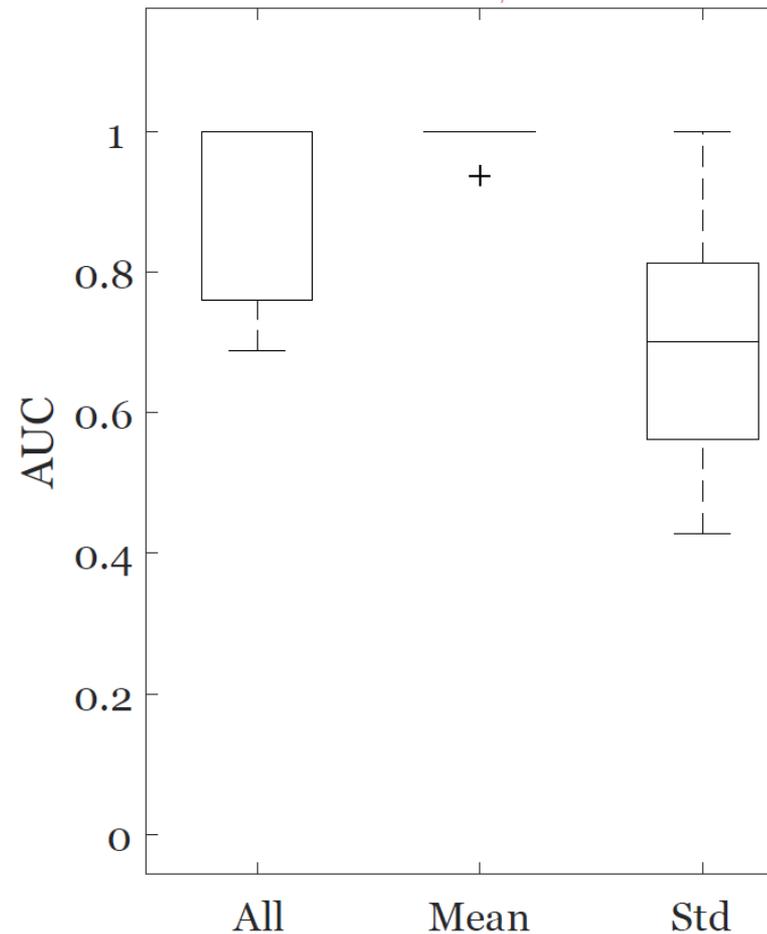


Grafiek 1: De frequenties van de verschilwaardes tussen de metingen in Matlab en de metingen op het oog

Crowdsourcing!

Crowd annotations predict diagnosis

- 100 images, 5 features x 6 people = 30 features
- Averaging annotators best
- Disagreement also informative

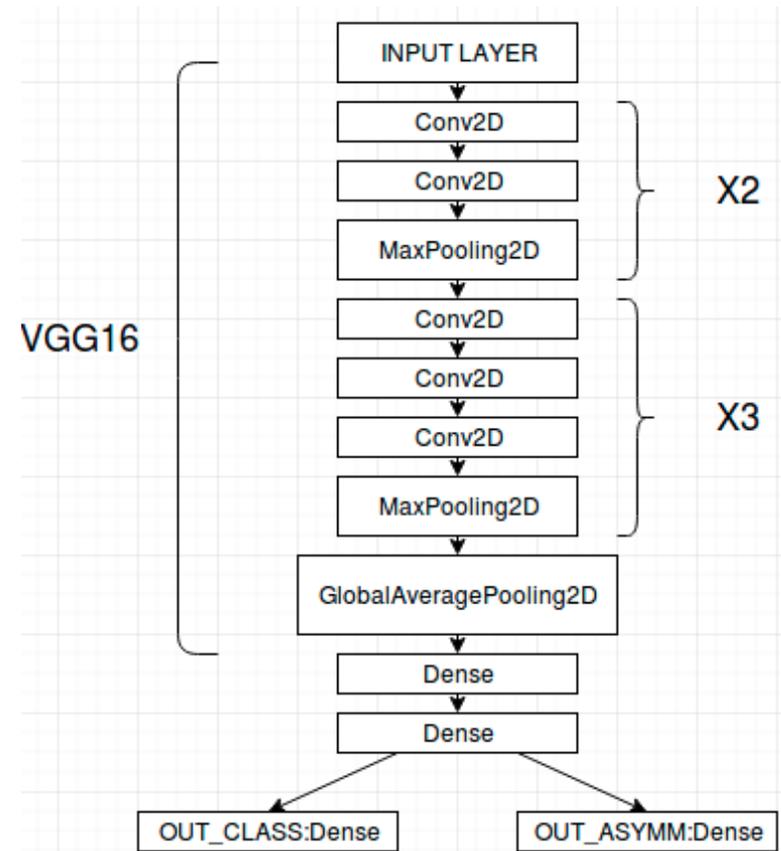
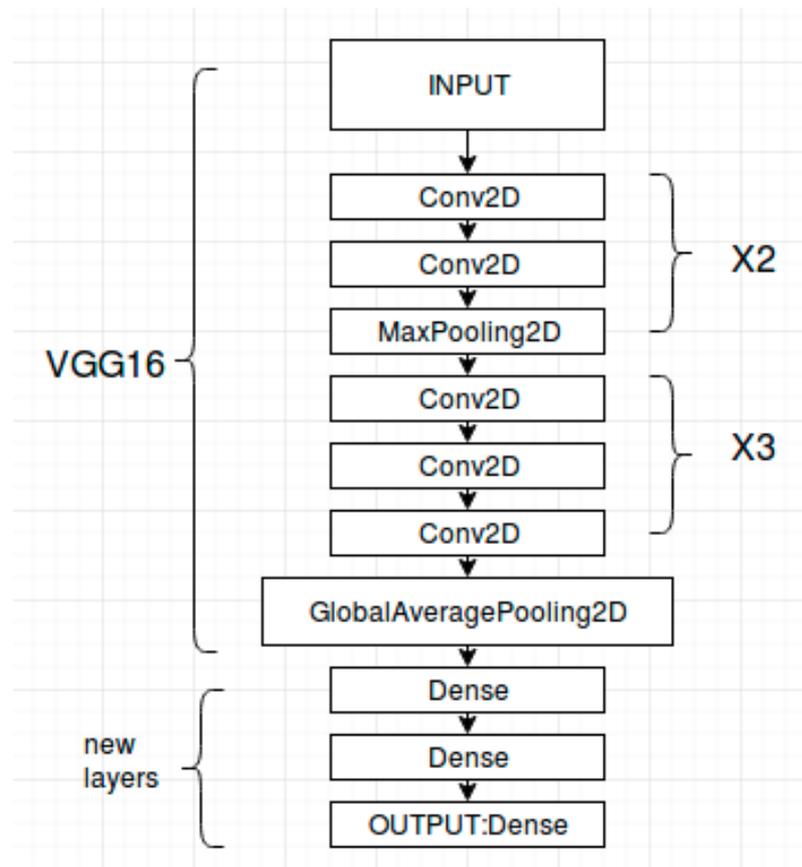


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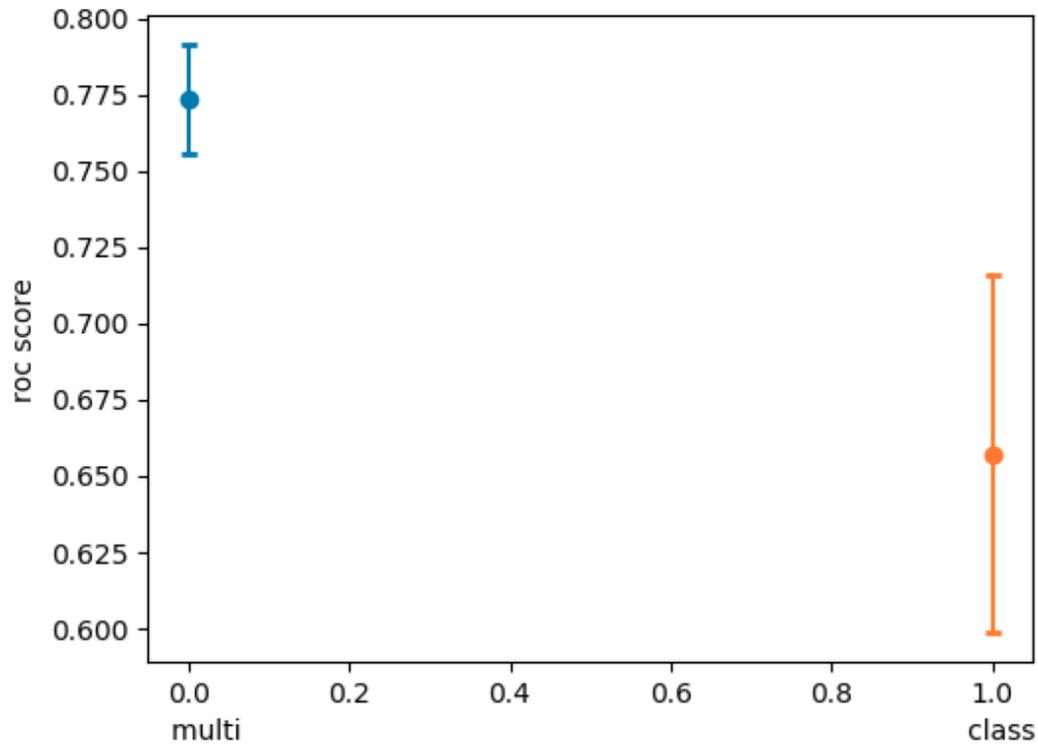
Same network

- Single-task with class label
- Multi-task with class label and asymmetry



Work by Elif Kubra Contar

Multi-task network with crowd annotations outperforms single-task network



A Survey of Crowdsourcing in Medical Image Analysis

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Survey of crowdsourcing – take-aways

- Often 2D images, rating entire image
- Almost all papers report successes

| Application | This survey | Cheplygina et al. [2018] | Litjens et al. [2017] |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Brain | 9% | 21% | 18% |
| Eye | 15% | 4% | 5% |
| Lung | 9% | 13% | 14% |
| Breast | 0% | 6% | 7% |
| Heart | 2% | 4% | 7% |
| Abdomen | 22% | 14% | 9% |
| Histo/Micro | 29% | 17% | 20% |
| Multiple | 7% | 12% | 4% |
| Other | 7% | 10% | 16% |

TABLE I

COMPARISON OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF APPLICATIONS IN THIS SURVEY AND TWO OTHER RECENT SURVEYS IN MEDICAL IMAGE ANALYSIS.

Survey of crowdsourcing - take-aways

- Setup ad-hoc / details missing
 - Platform, number of annotators, compensation...
- Different use of labels
 - Create labels vs improve/filter labels
 - Compare to experts vs train ML
 - Discover novel patterns
- Discussion of implications?

- Transfer learning
 - Train on similar datasets – performance can drop
 - Transfer weights from any dataset
 - Factors affecting success not 100% clear
- Crowdsourcing
 - Collect labels from the crowd for medical tasks
 - When is it successful?
 - Different ways of using crowd input



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