

# Back to Rectal Cancer

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AUTOMATIC SEGMENTATION OF RECTAL CANCER FOR THE ORIGINAL DATASET

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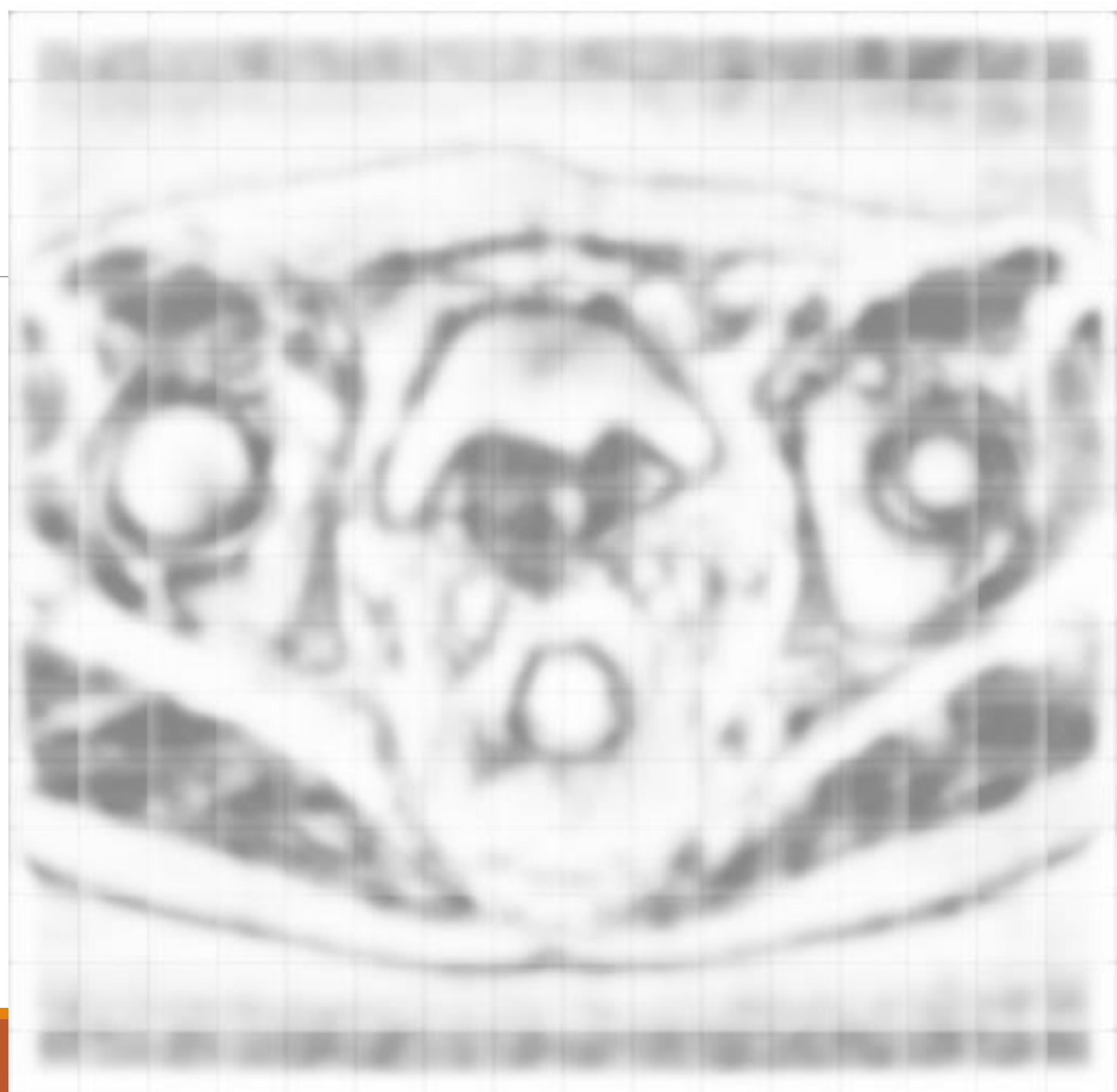
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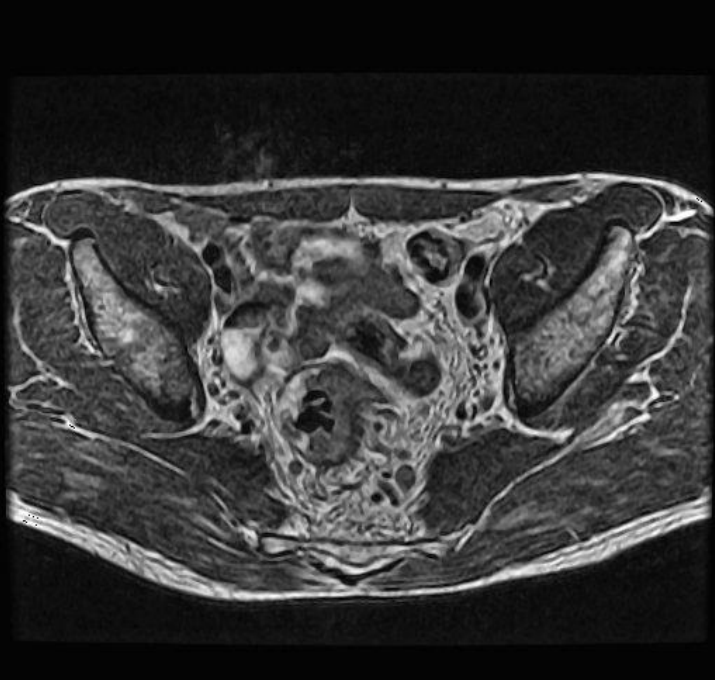
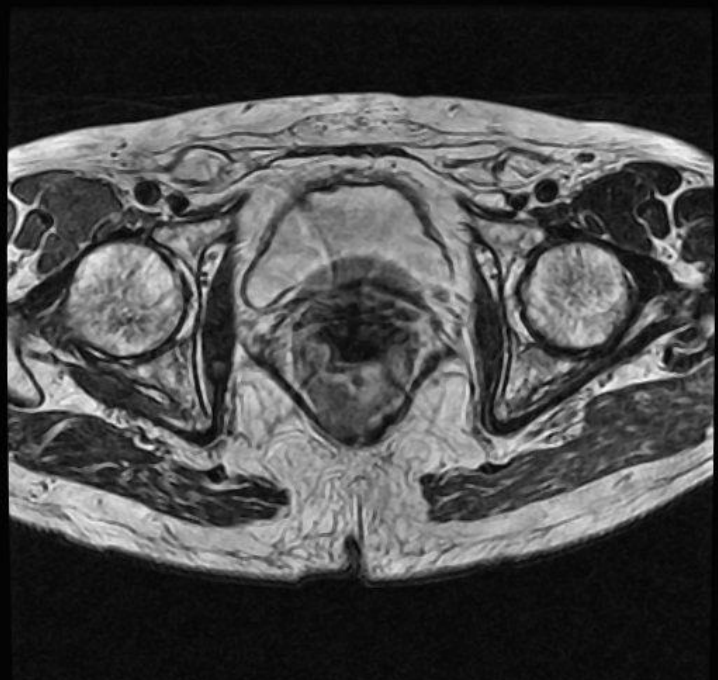
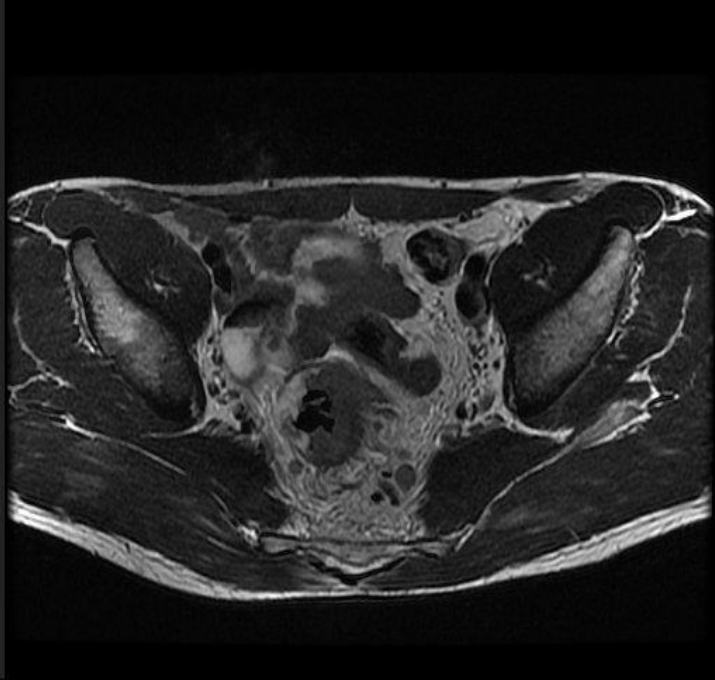
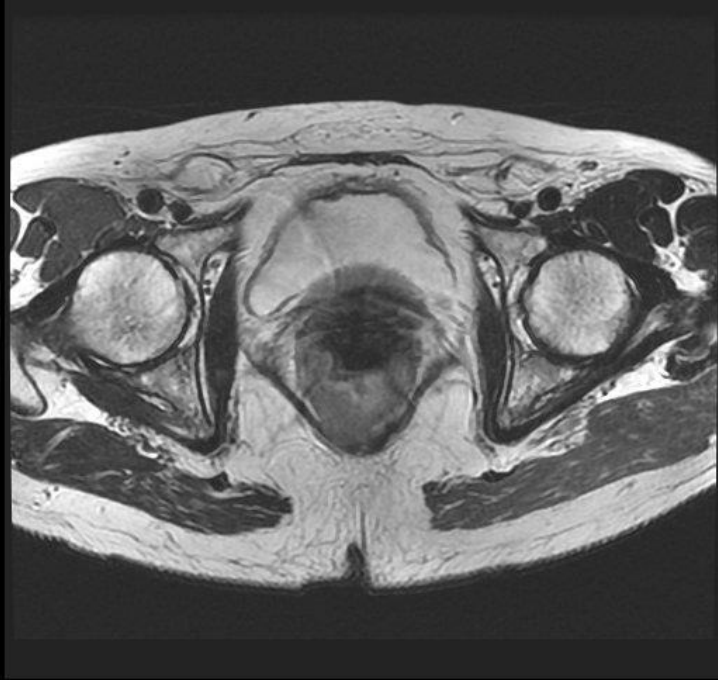
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## Evaluation of prostate segmentation algorithms for MRI: The PROMISE12 challenge

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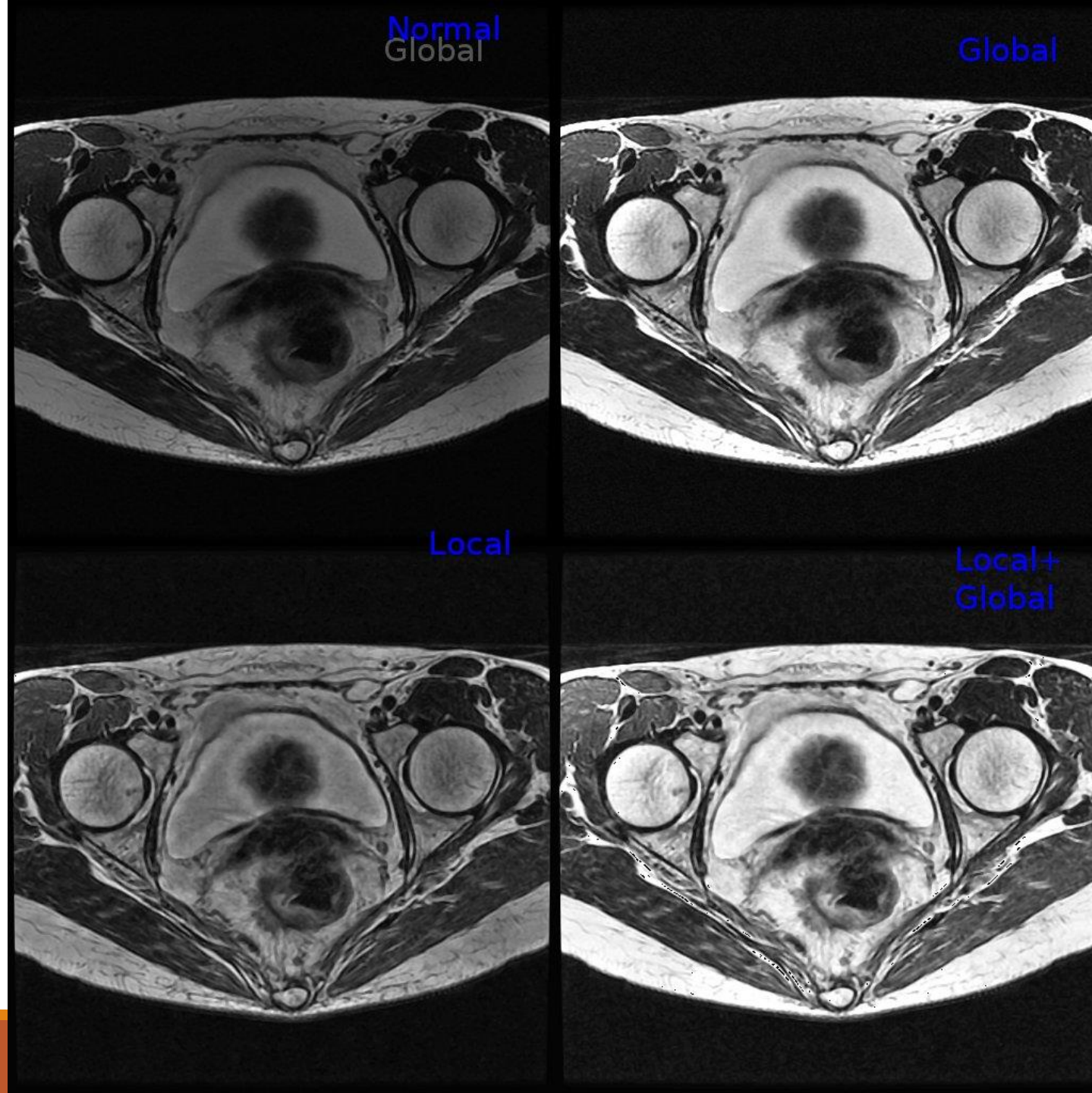
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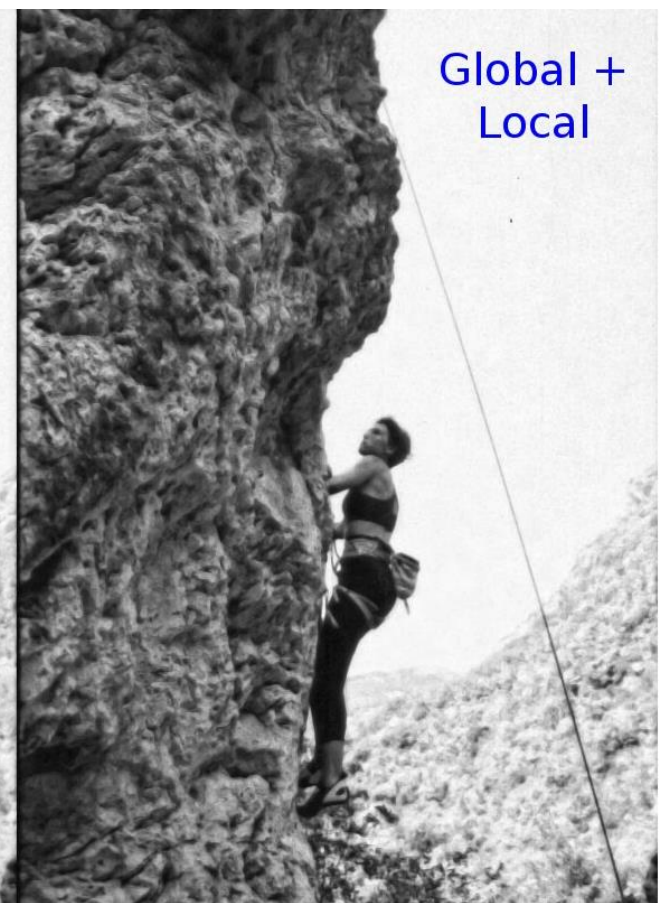
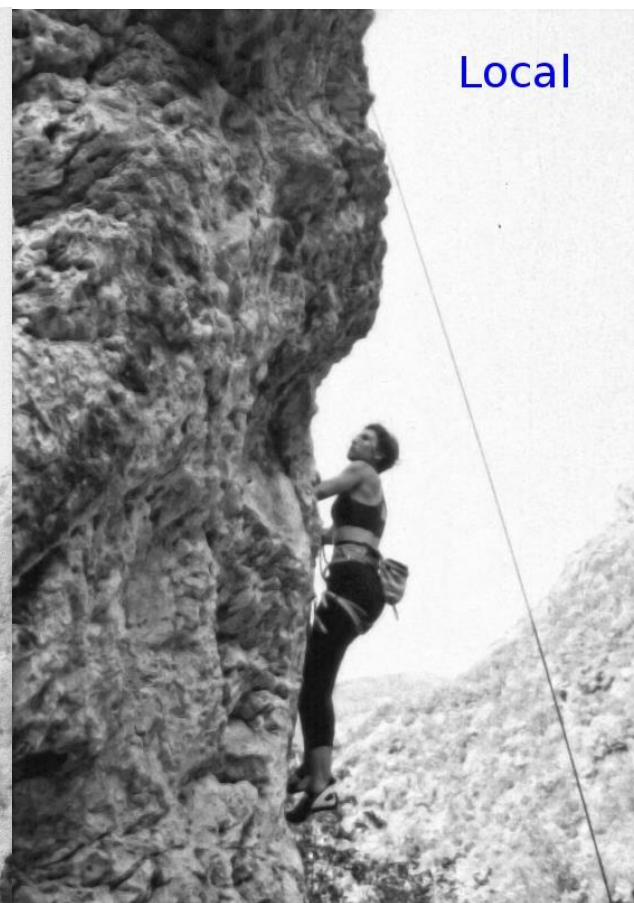
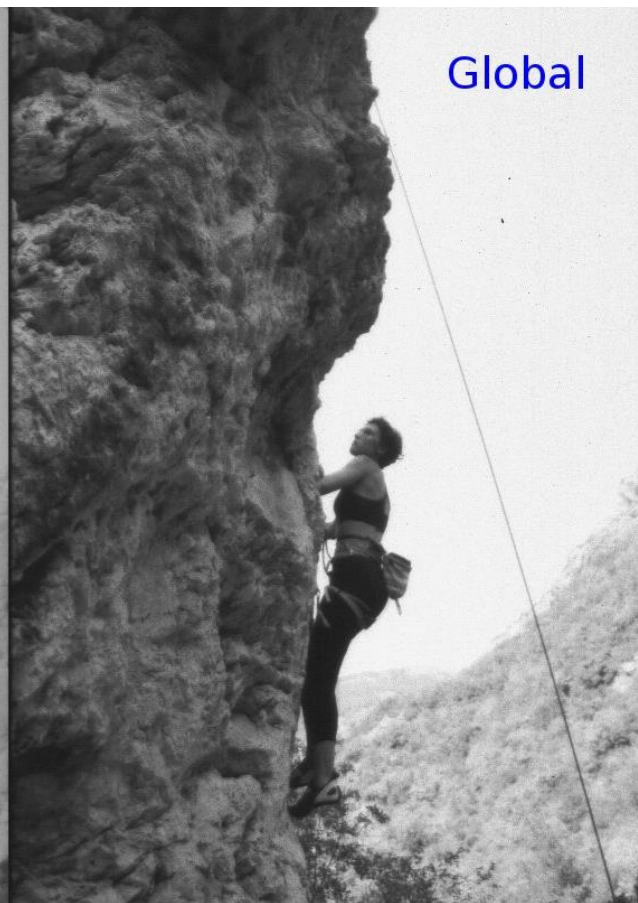




# Contrast Limited Adaptive Histogram Equalization (CLAHE)

- Used to improve Local contrast and enhance definition of edges
- Histogram equalization for each section of the image
- Each pixel is transformed depending on the intensity of its neighbors (in a window of a given size)
- Contrast amplification is limited to avoid noise amplification

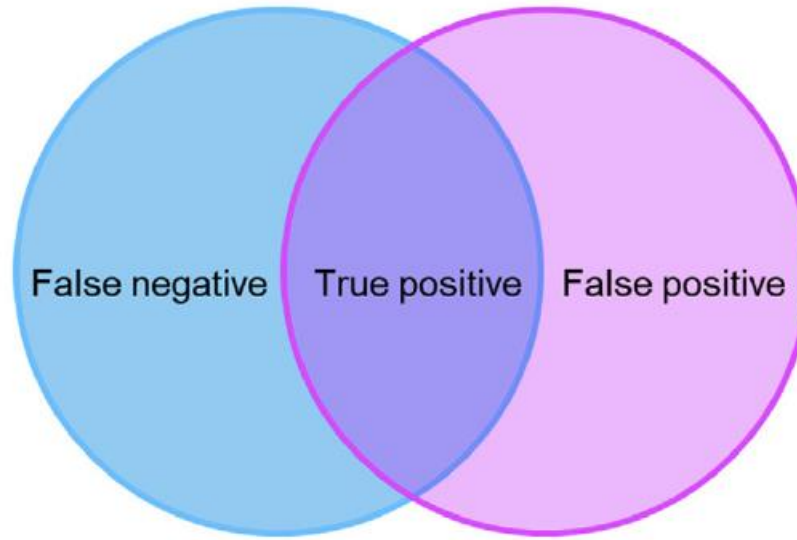






# Accuracy vs. DSC

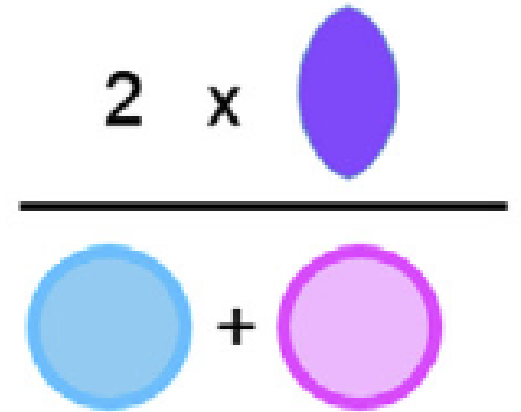
1. The tumor is small.  
2% of Total Area
2. An hard coded “no tumor” classifier has  
98% accuracy
3. Different cost of  
Errors?



$$\text{DSC} = \frac{2TP}{2TP + FP + FN}$$

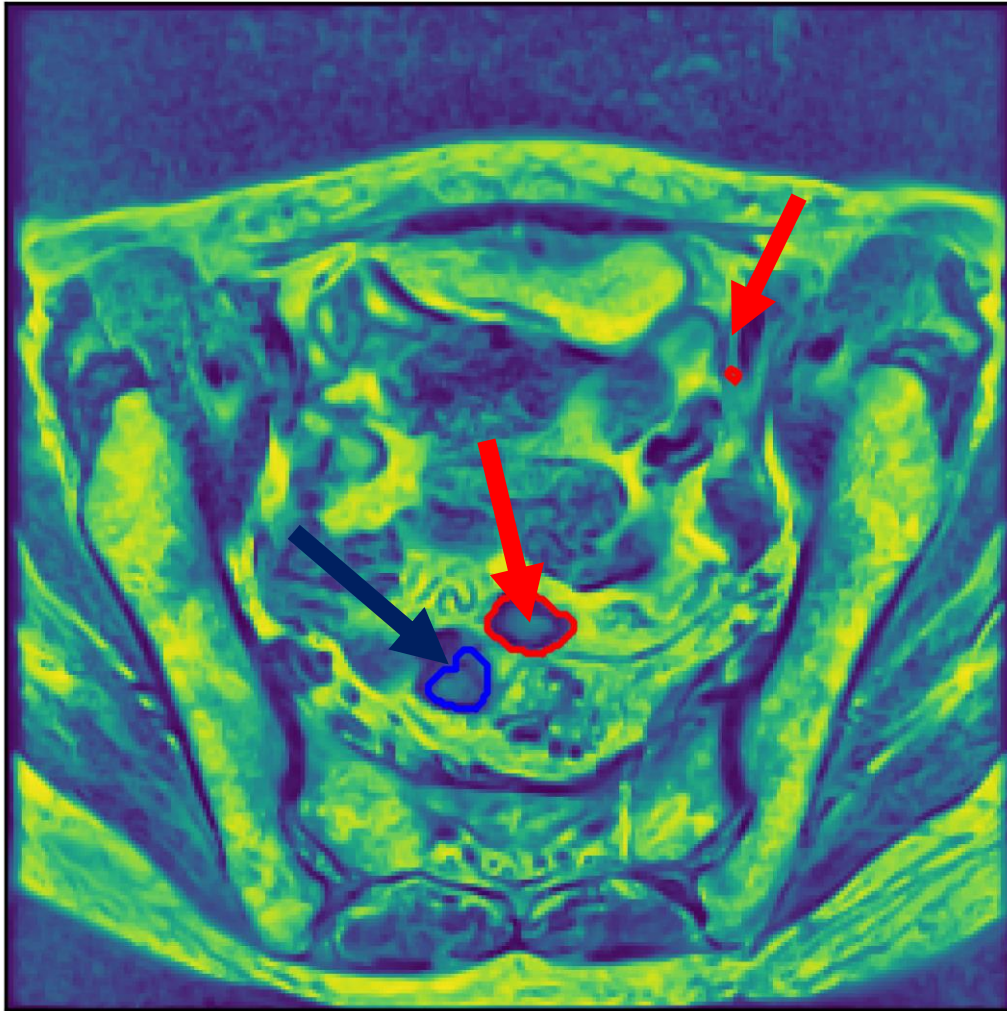
$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$$

DICE Sorensen coefficient



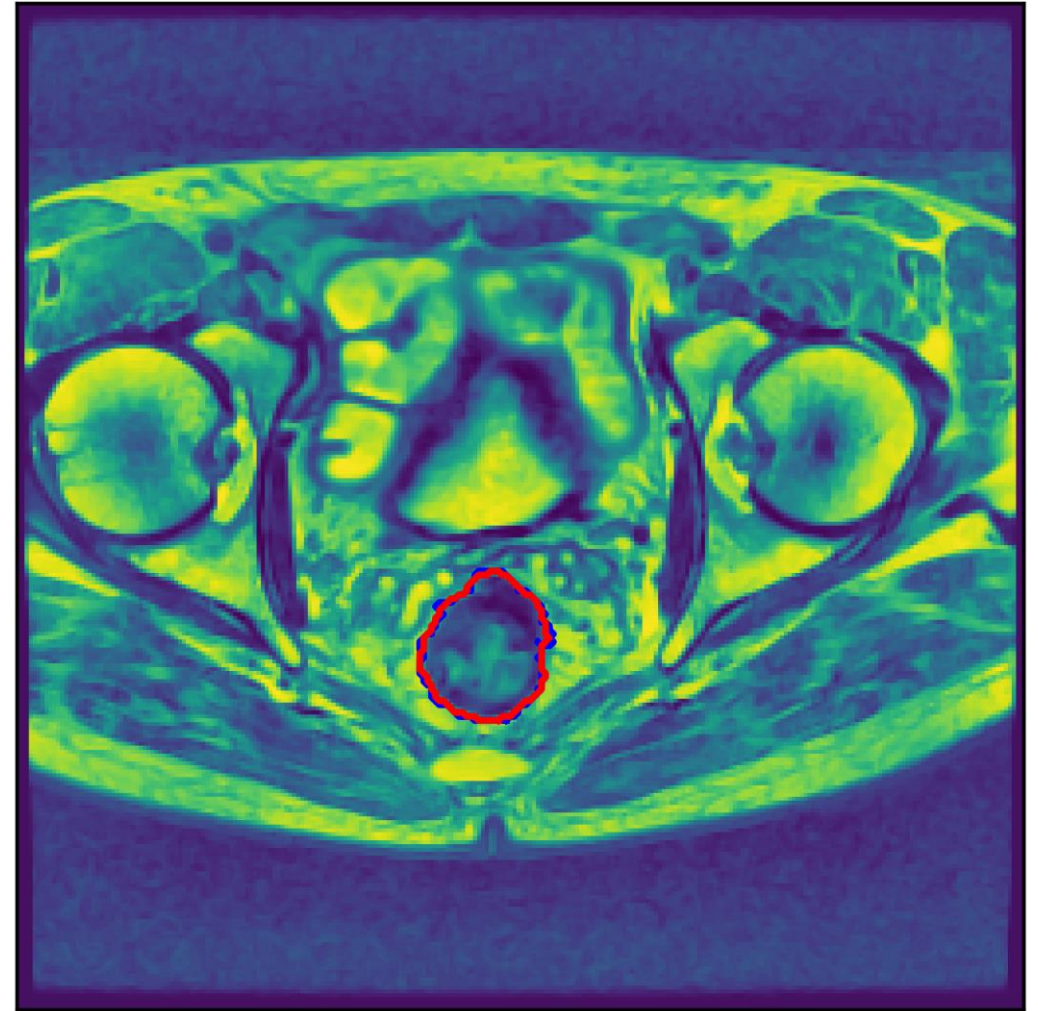
Low Score: separate Areas

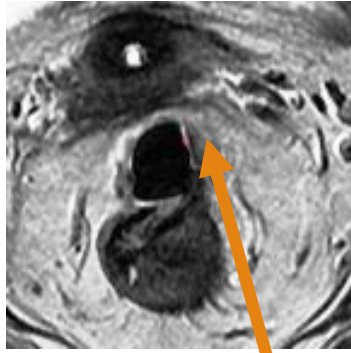
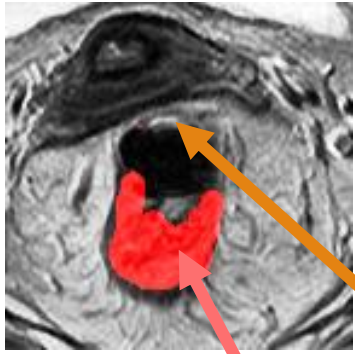
DICE: 0.0



High Score: good intersection

DICE: 0.9



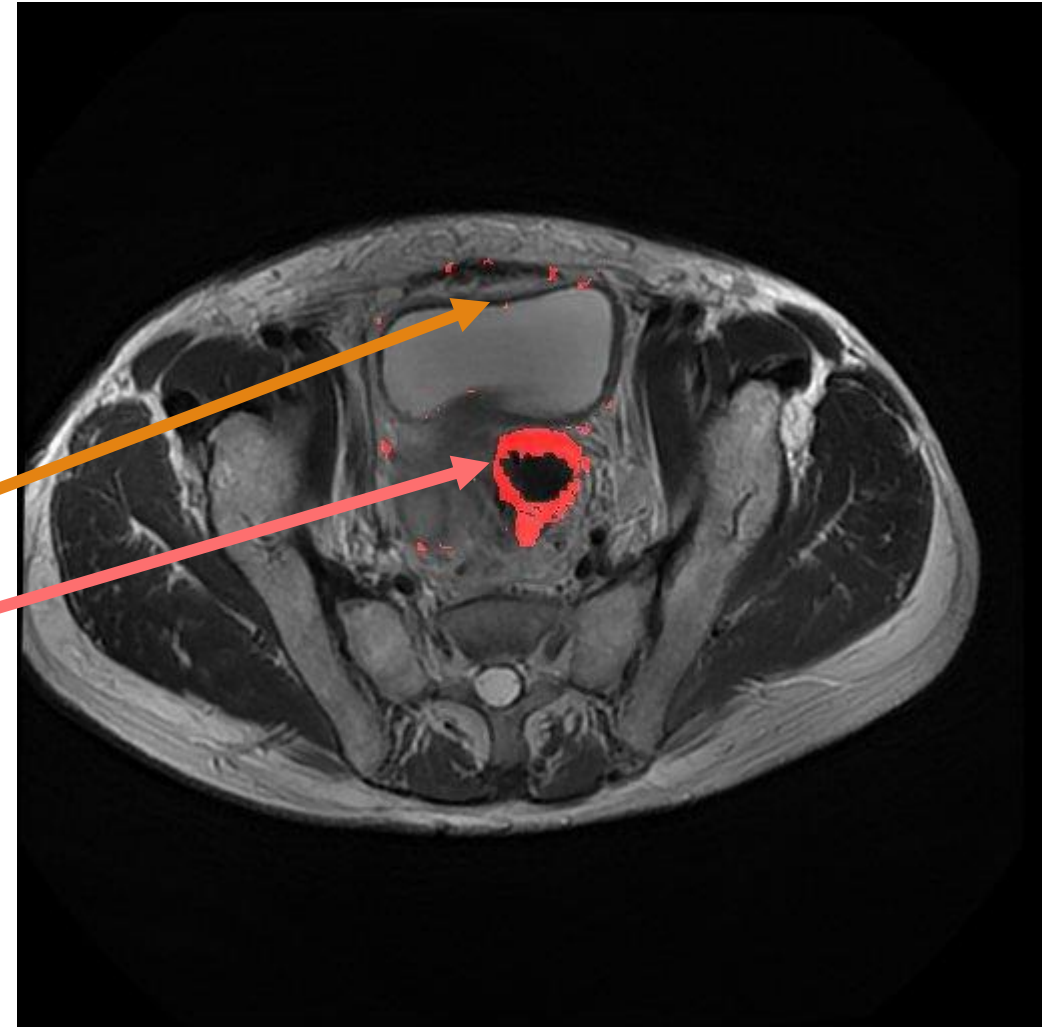


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Tumor Area

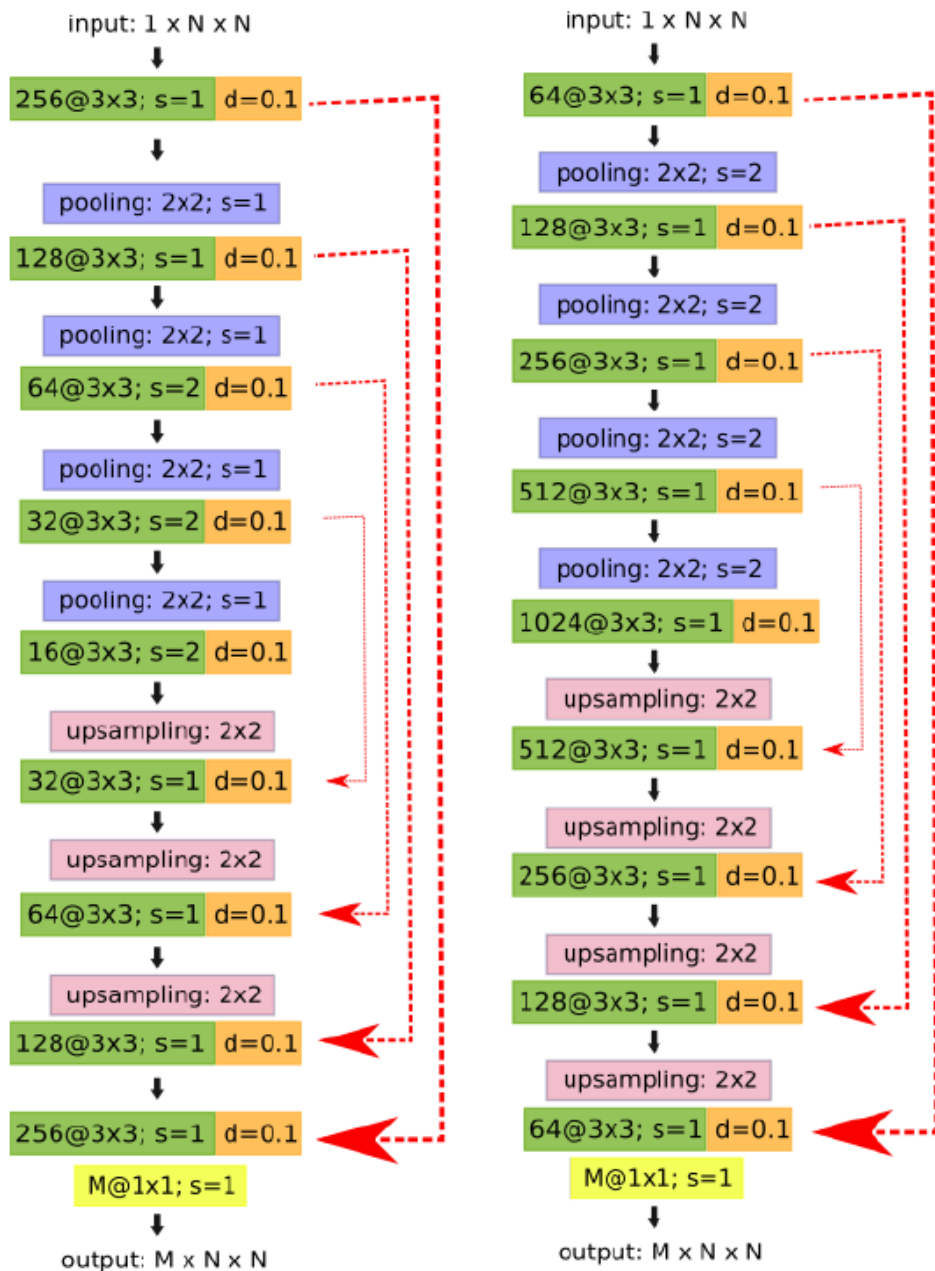
Lone pixels are difficult to treat when the measure is normalized to the tumor Area.  
Slices with lone pixels are removed from BOTH the training and TEST set.

**This surely introduces a BIAS in the results**



A question to the clinician: What are you exactly marking in the segmentation?

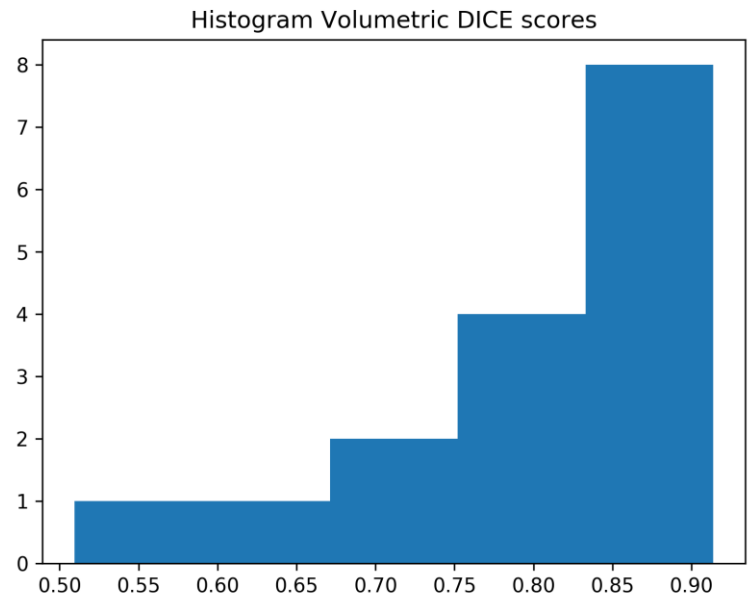
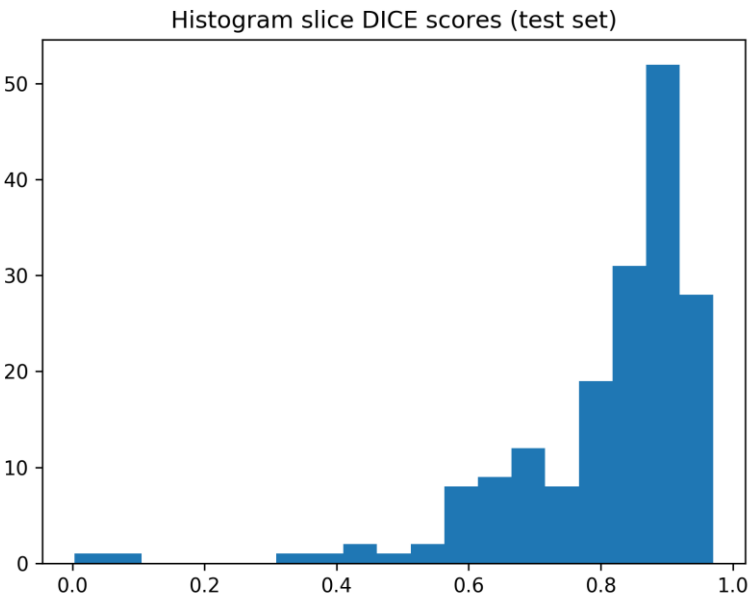
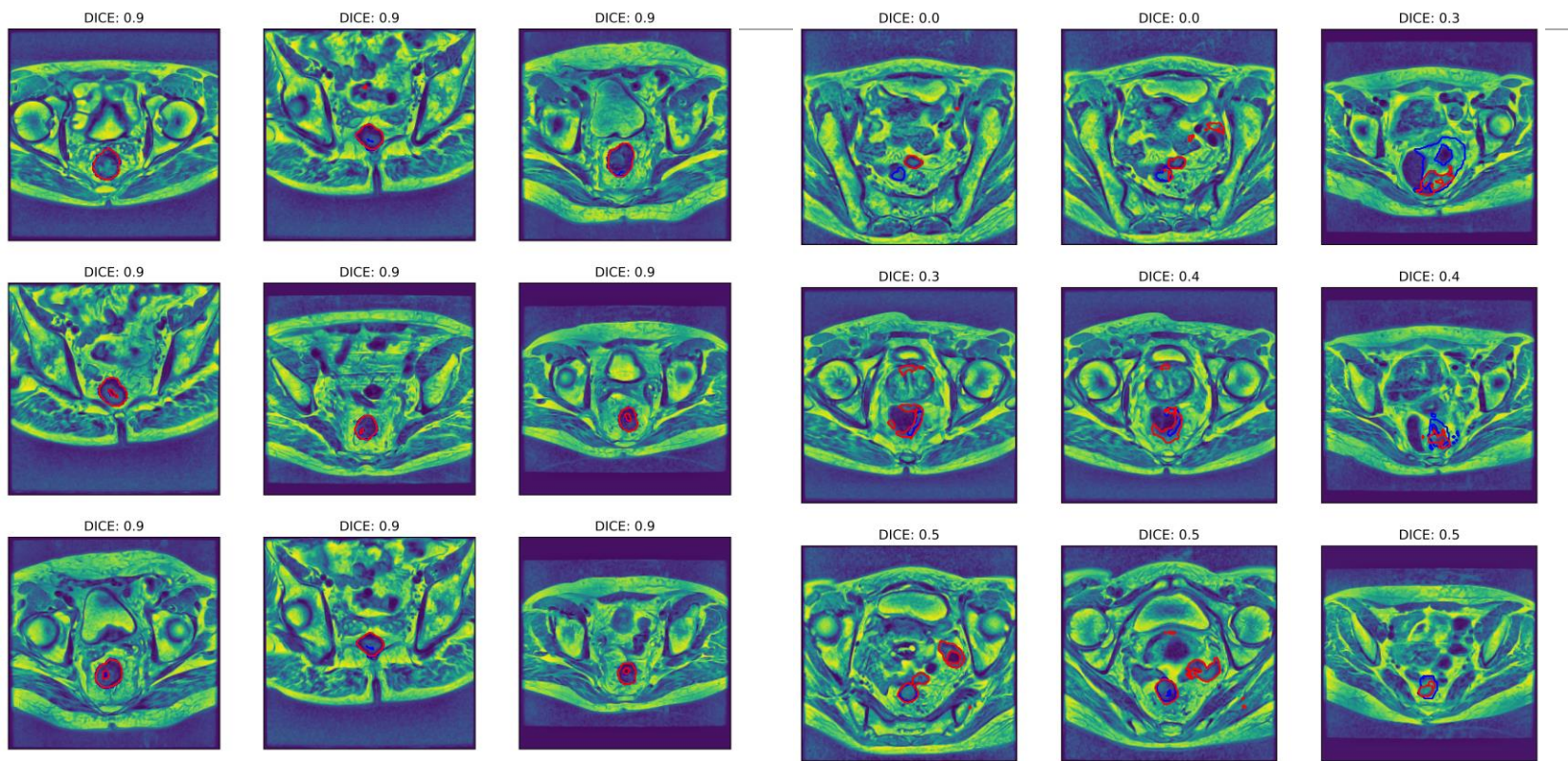


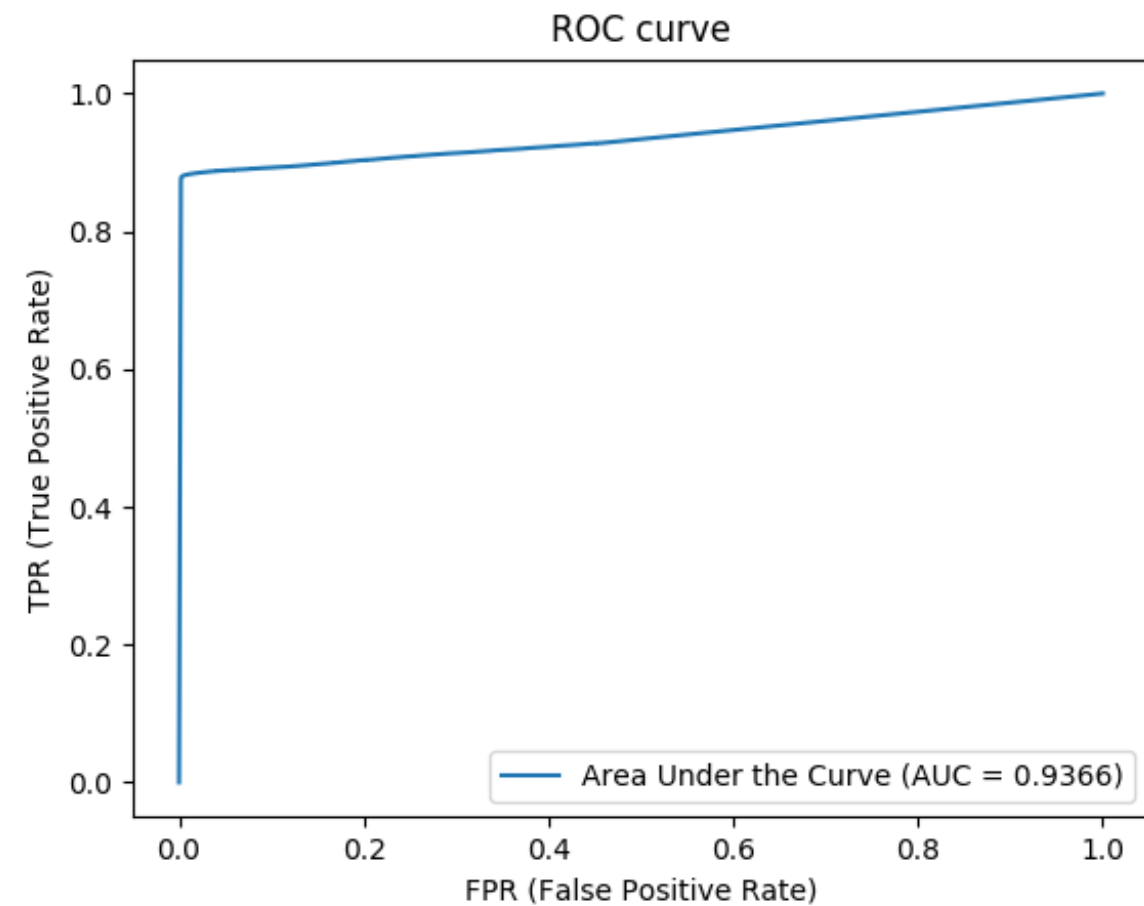


# InvertedNet vs. All Drop-Out

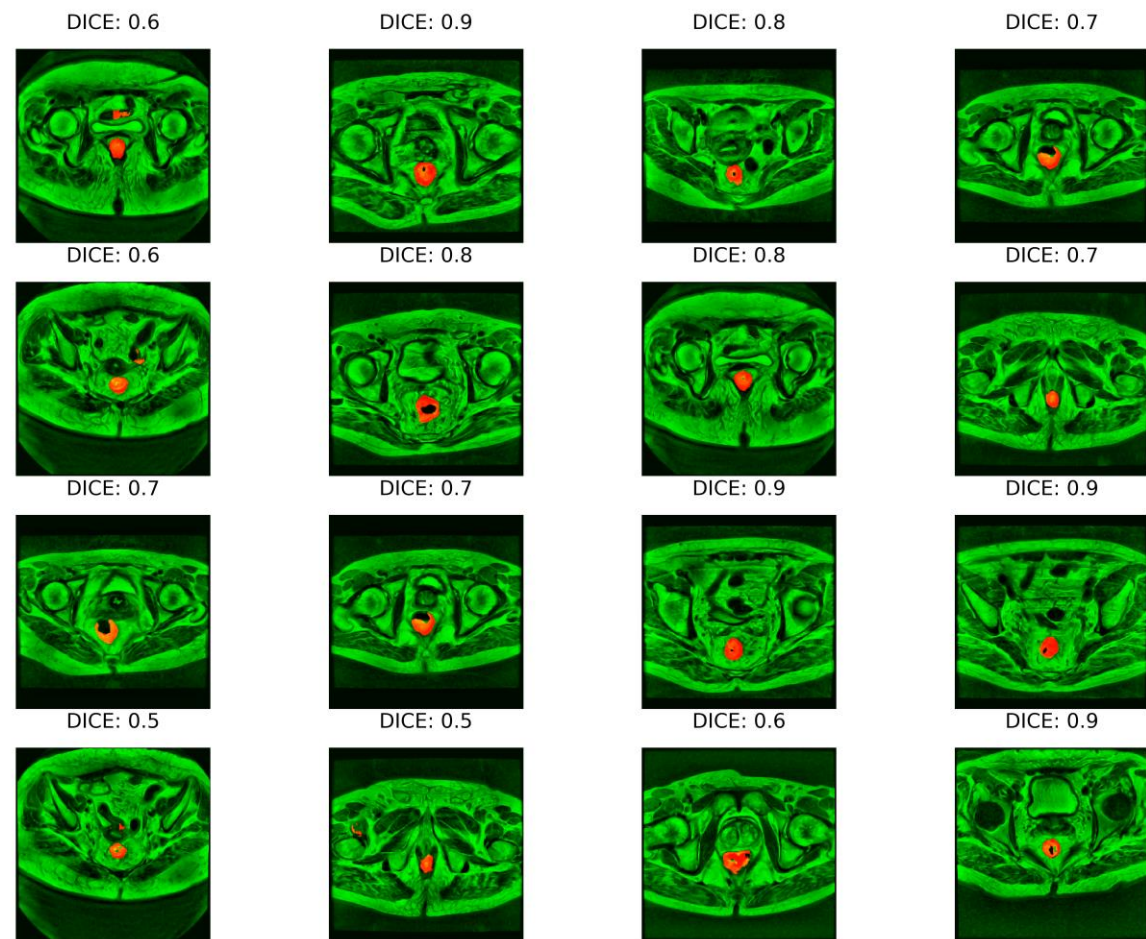
	InvertedNet	All Drop-Out
Parameters	1.4 M	31 M
AUC	0.93	0.90
Mean Dsc	0.82	0.83
Mean Volumetric Dsc	0.80	0.82
Volumetric Dsc std	0.1	0.09

# Inverted Net (1.4 M parameters)



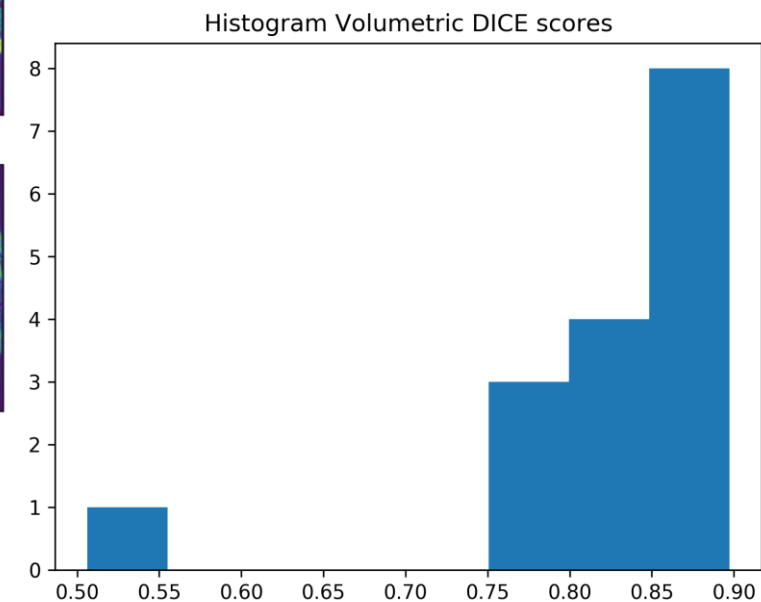
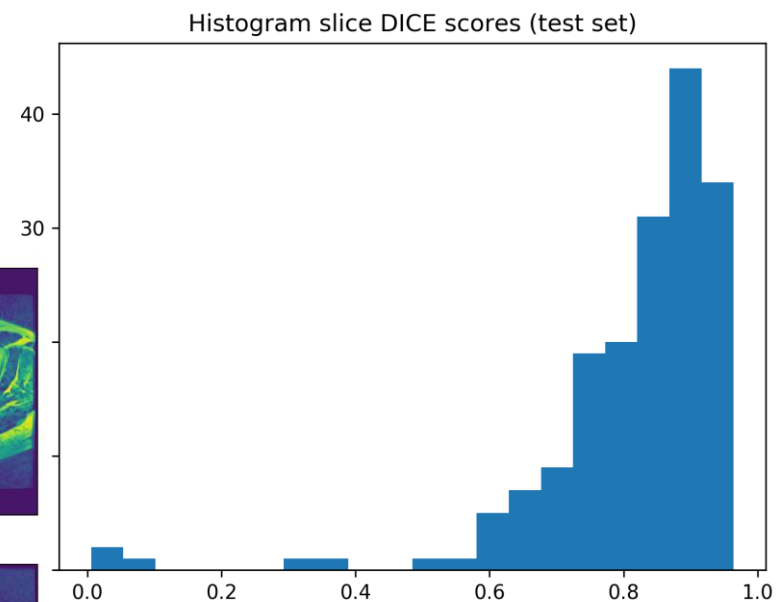
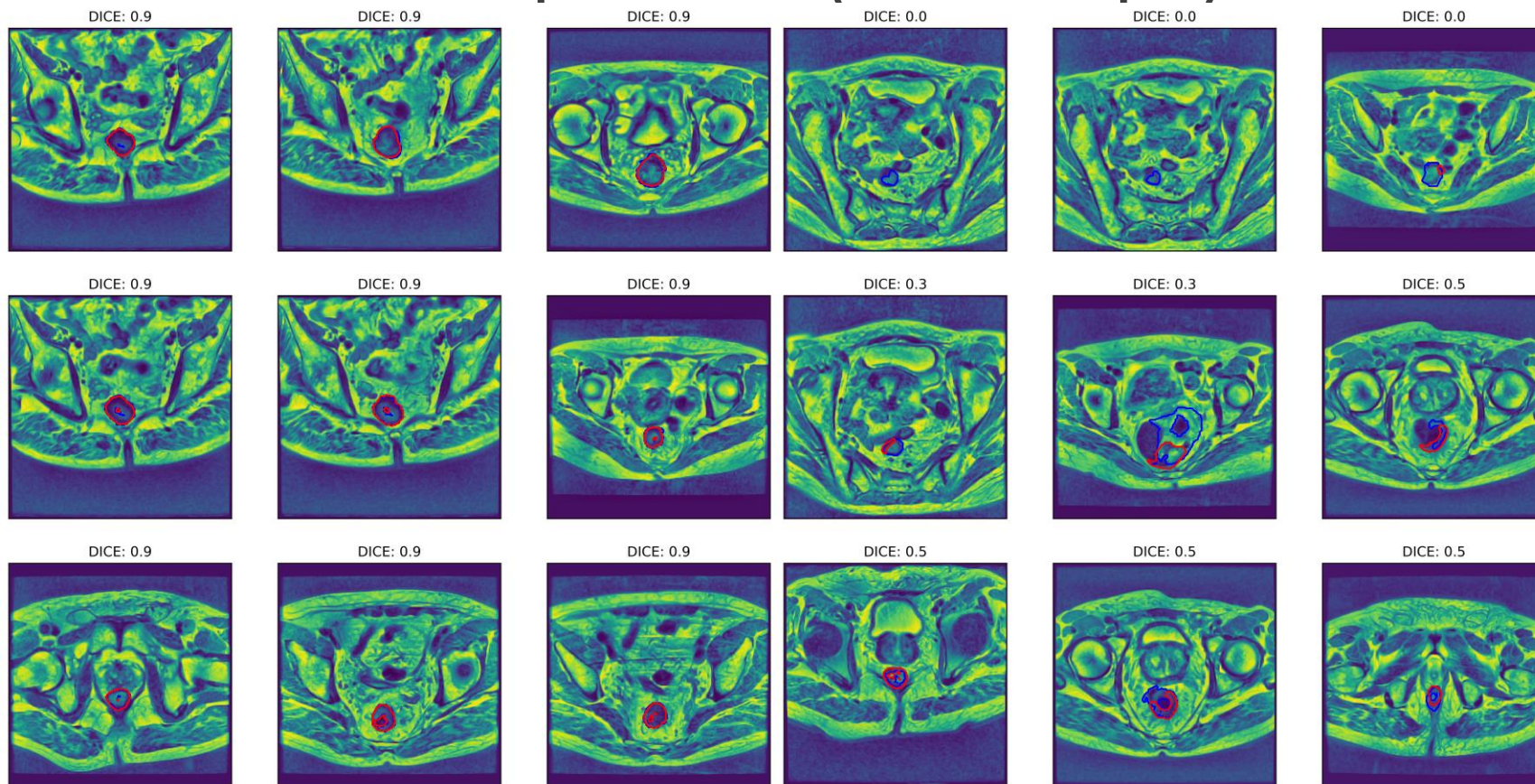


Sample prediction, G = image, R = prediction

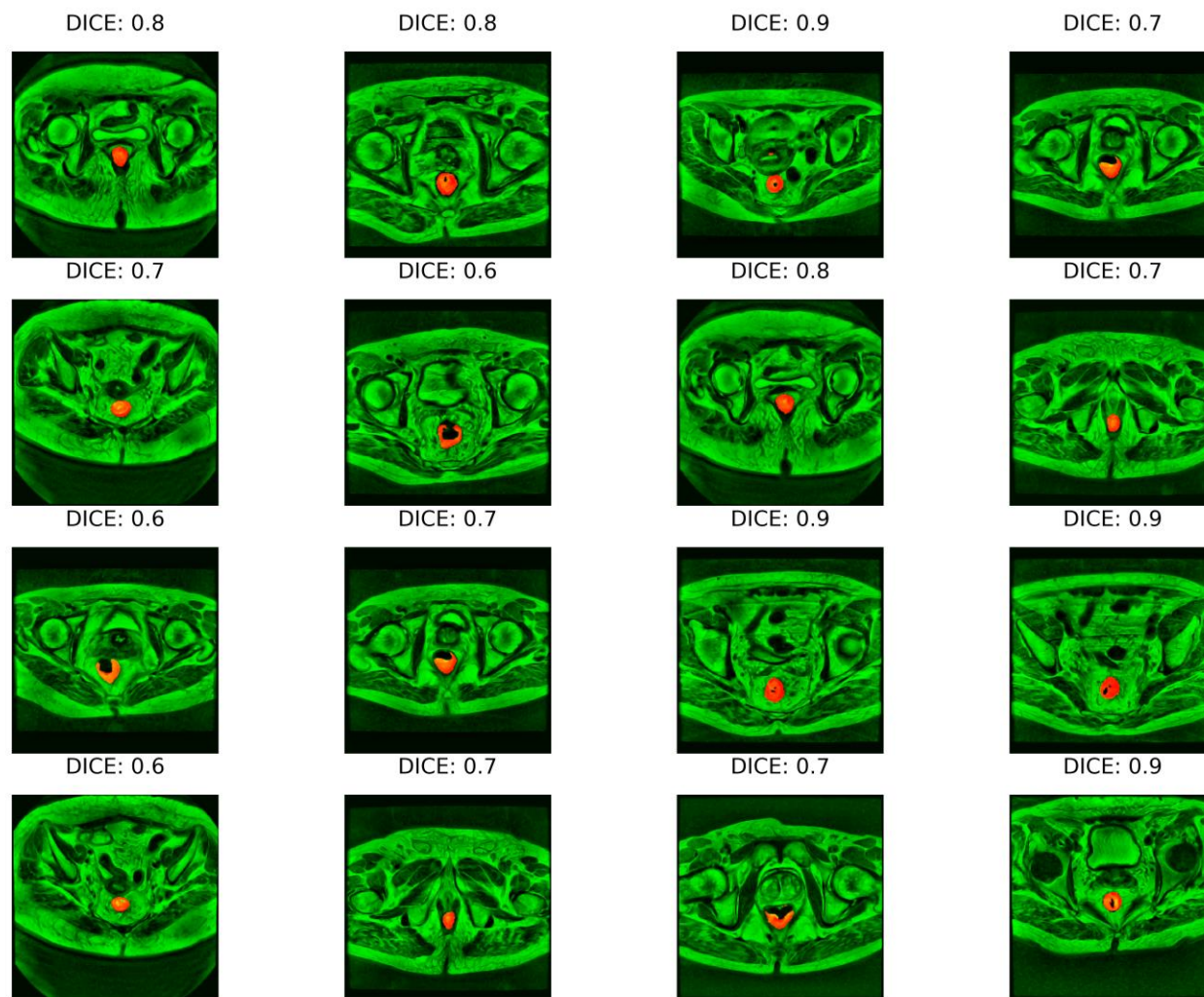
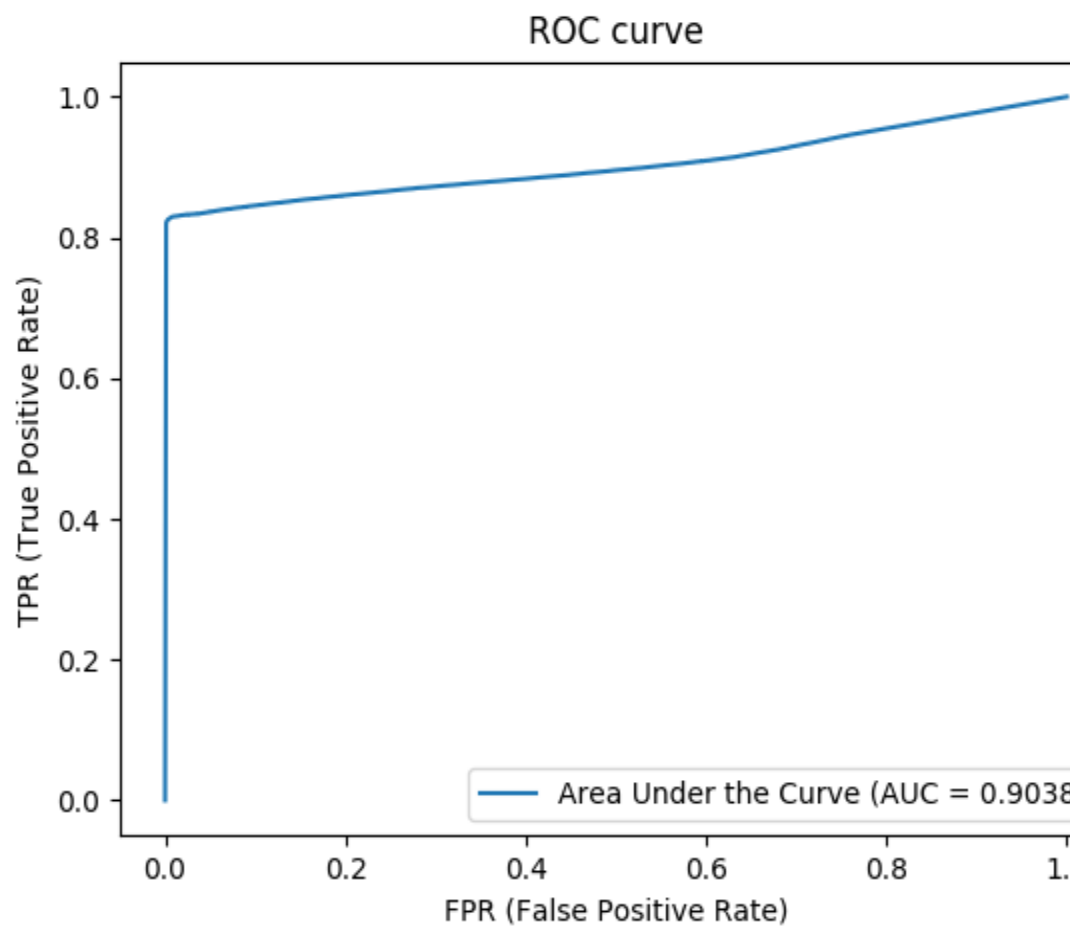




# All Drop-Out (30 M p.)

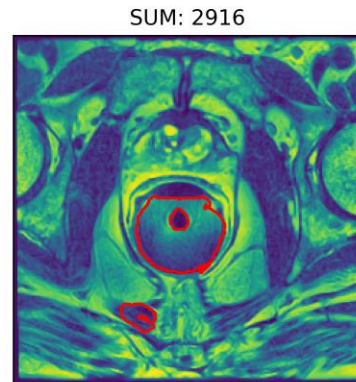
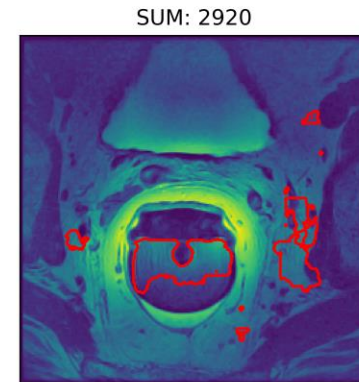
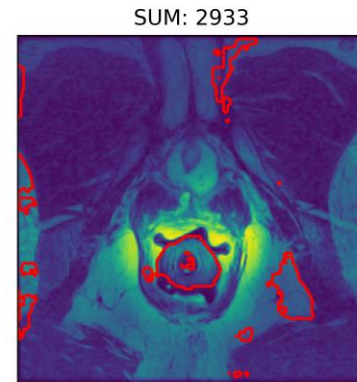
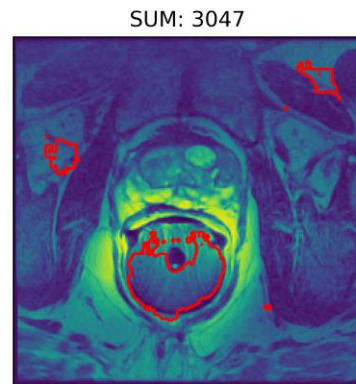
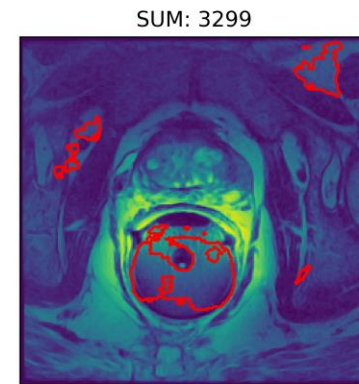
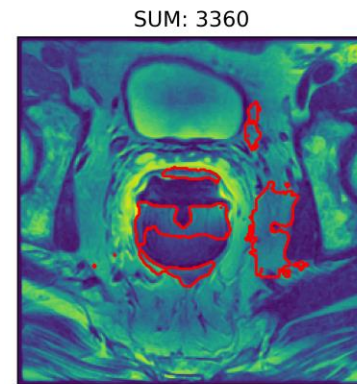
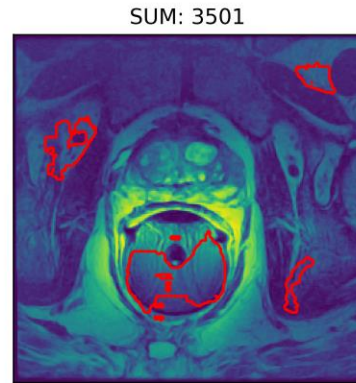
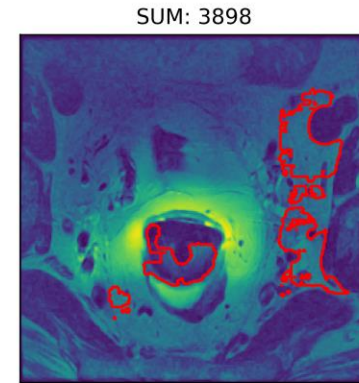
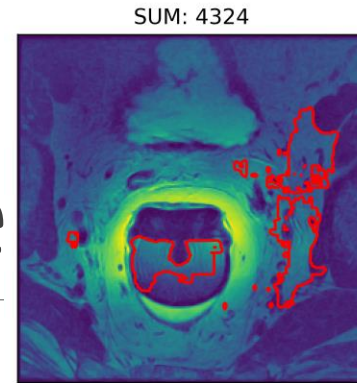
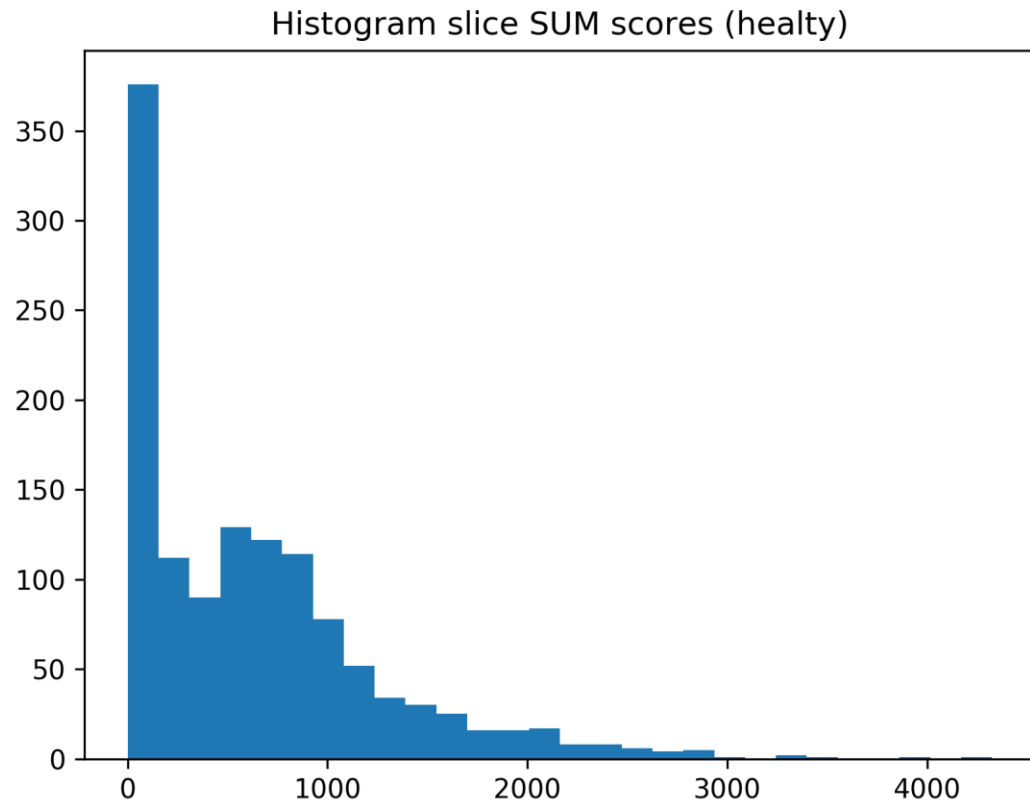


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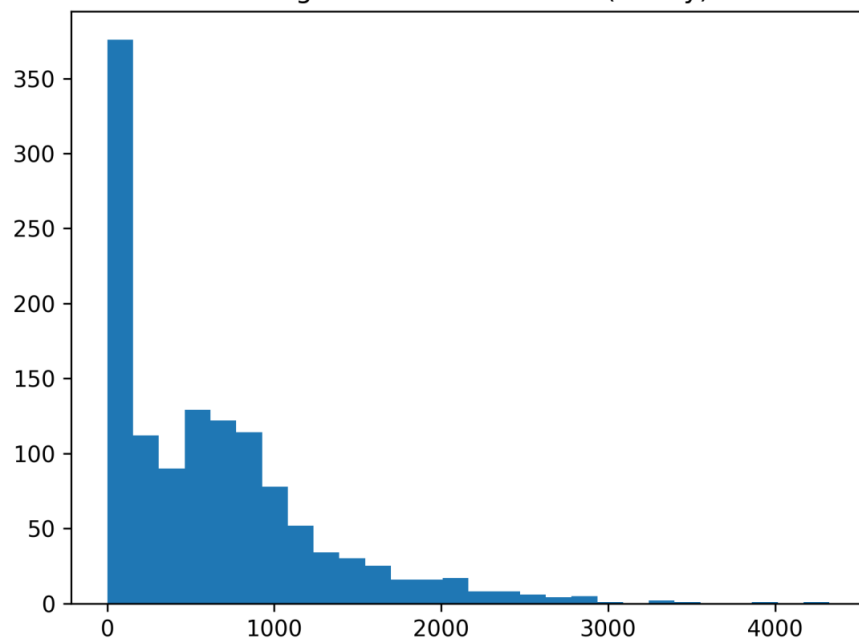
# Test on Healthy tissue



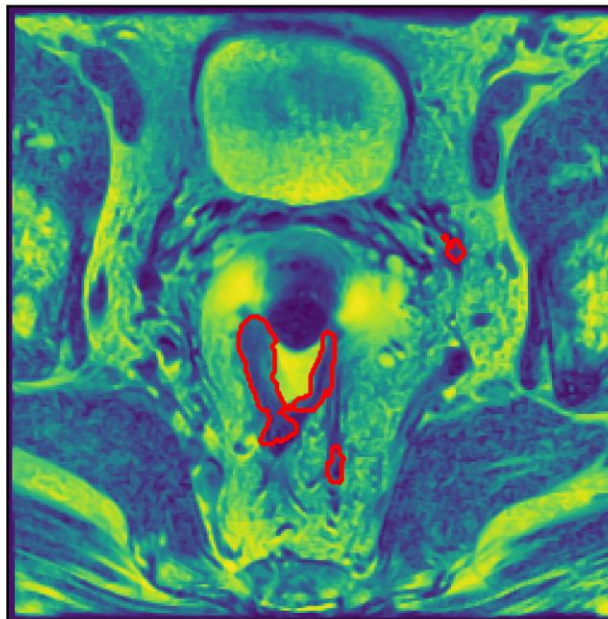


# What the Net is Learning?

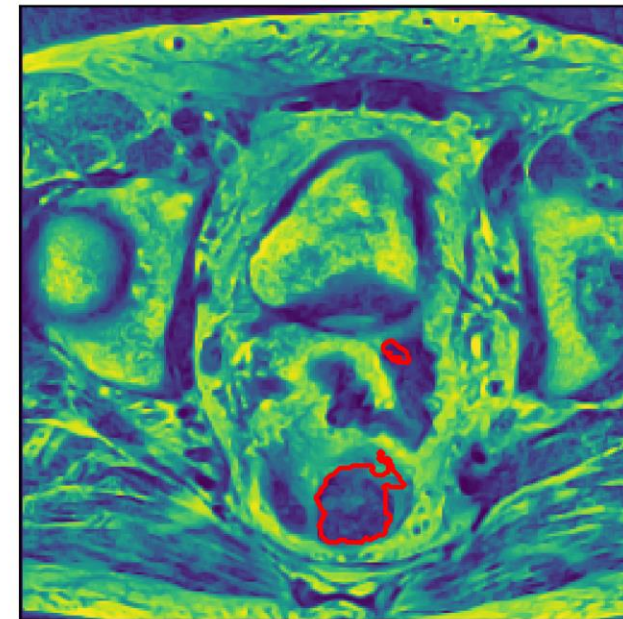
Histogram slice SUM scores (healty)



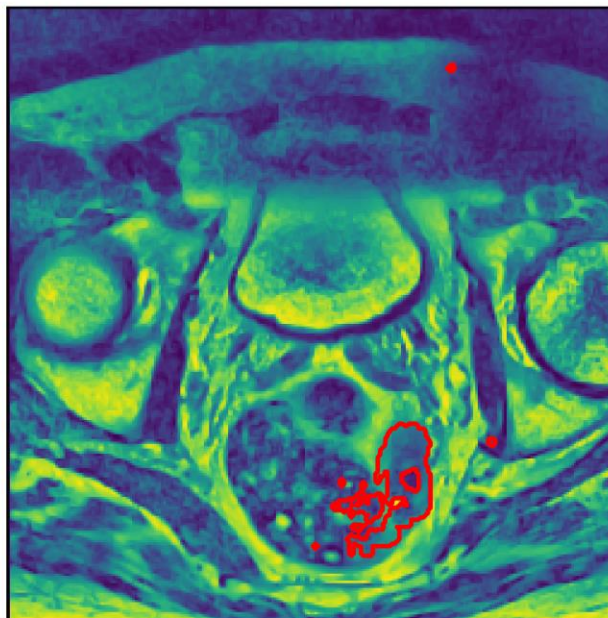
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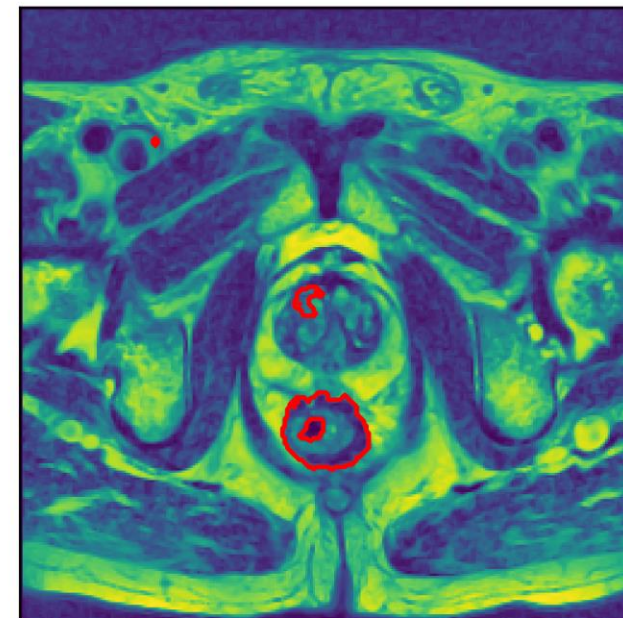
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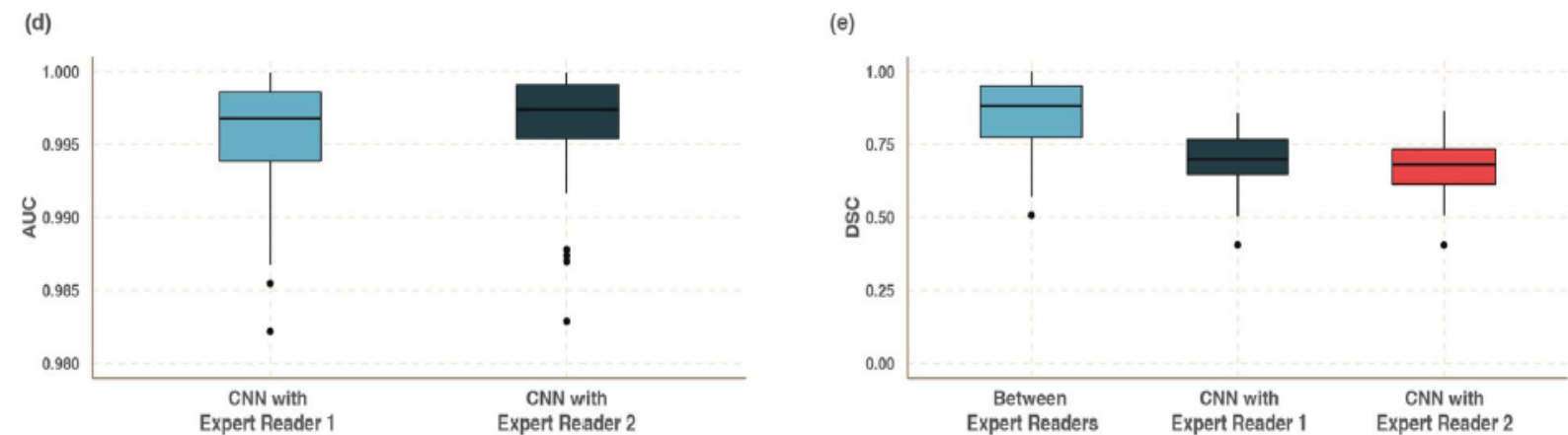


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# Deep Learning for Fully-Automated Localization and Segmentation of Rectal Cancer on Multiparametric MR

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**Figure 3.** CNN Training and Validation. *Performance of the CNN on the discovery dataset: (a) accuracy, (b) cross entropy and (c) improvement ( $\Delta$  cross entropy). Improvement shown in panel (c), in computed on the test set only, preventing the model from overfitting. Performance of the CNN on the validation dataset: (d) the Area under the ROC curve (AUC) of the probability map with respect to the reader segmentation, and (e) Dice Similarity Coefficient (DSC) of the generated segmentations.*

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# Conclusions

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We have a robust method to segment anatomical structures in the pelvis area.

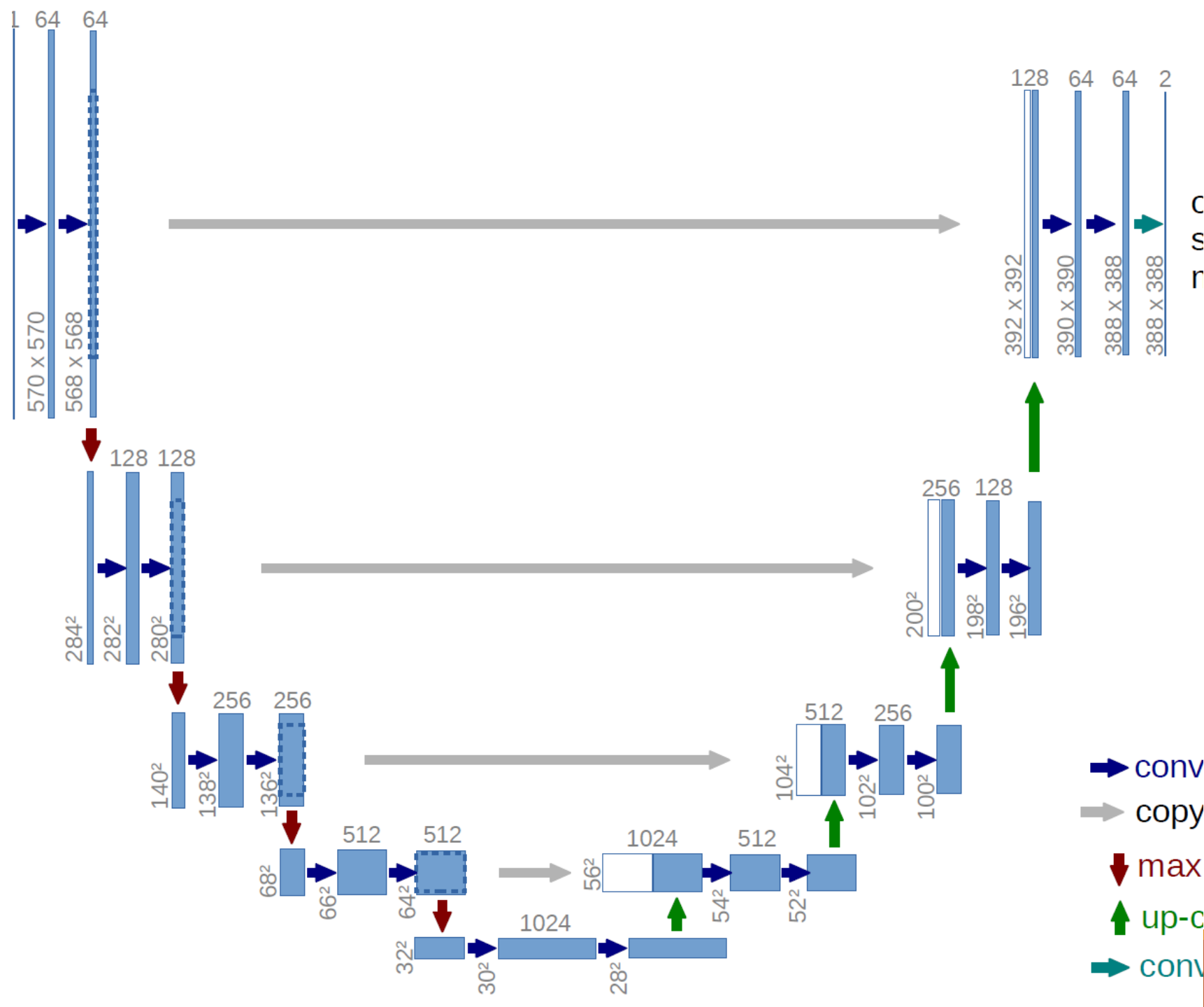
This is our BASELINE model. Any development should perform better with comparable computational costs.

At the moment TRANSFER LEARNING is the best candidate to improve our results. This is what we will try next.

New data is always welcome. Improving the number of examples to address biological variance is the best strategy.

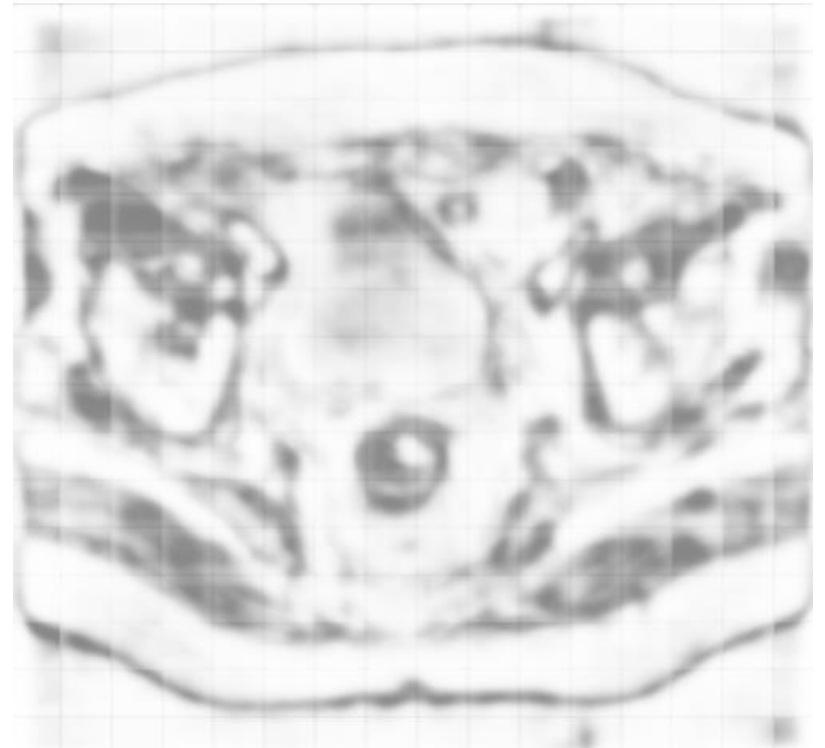


• Standard U-net architecture





- Bad errors
- Lots of false positives
- Incorrect use of anatomy (colon usually is in the center)
- Lack of generalization
- Rule probably based on grey intensity (very bad). Like a Pass-Band filter



# Details – what is the same

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Similar to what I was already doing

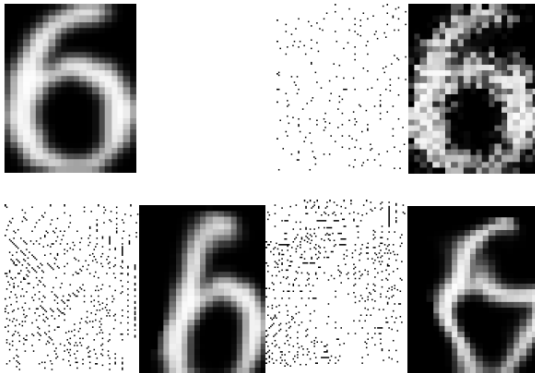
- FCNN with skip connection (U-net like) to use information at different level of detail
- Data augmentation
- Early stopping to avoid overfitting
- Full image training



# Details – What is new

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Data augmentation – Elastic deformation



DSC as loss function

$$DSC(y, \hat{y}) = \frac{2 \sum_i^N y_i \cdot \hat{y}_i}{\sum_i^N y_i + \sum_i^N \hat{y}_i} .$$

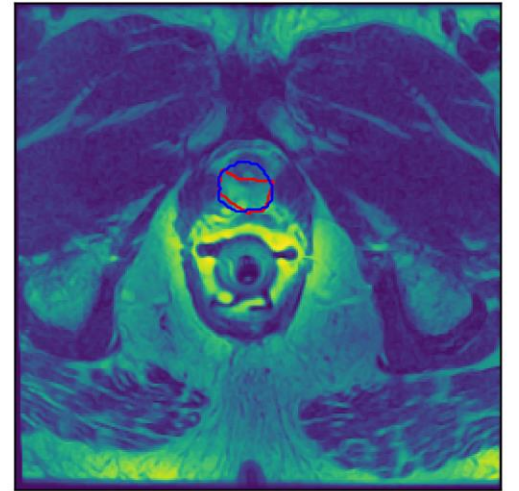
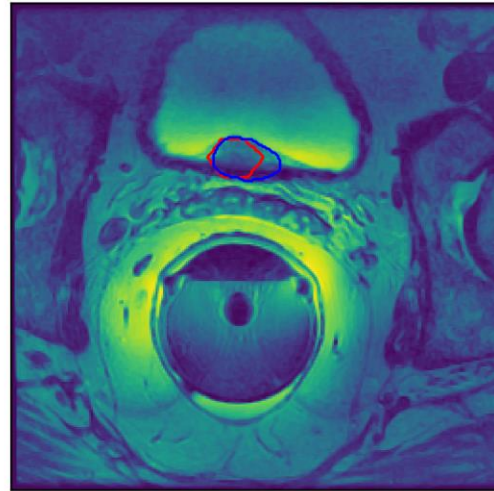
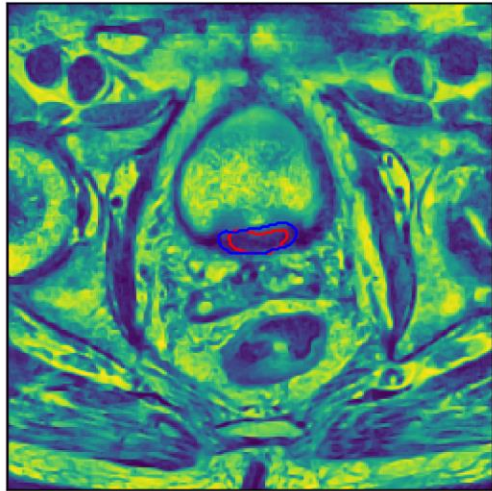
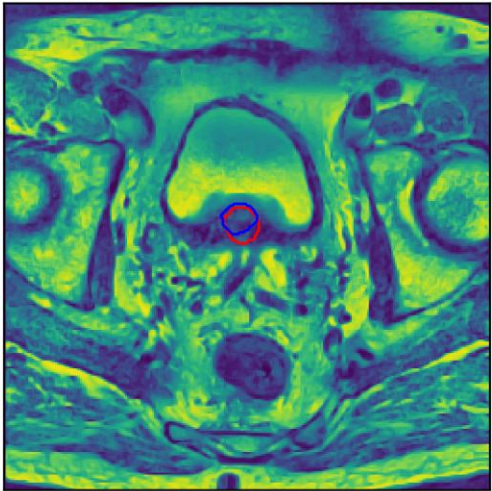
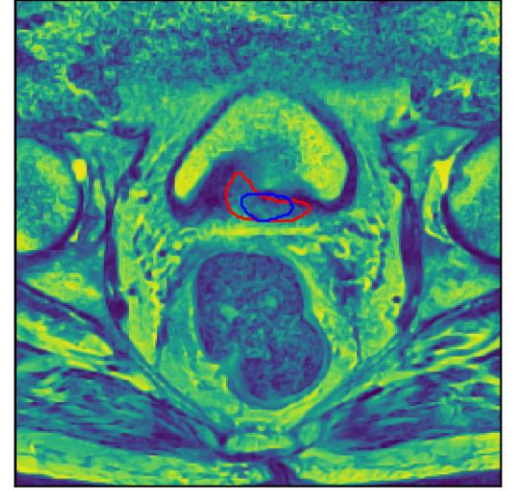
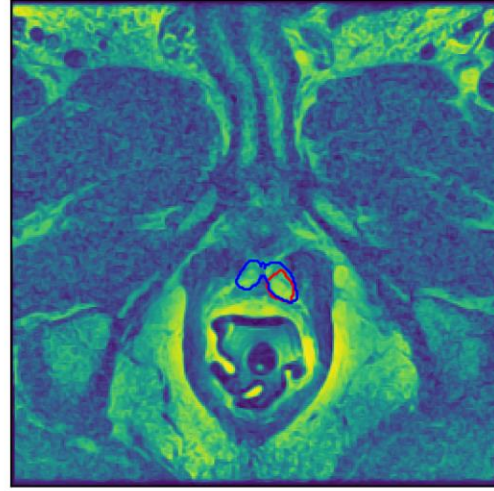
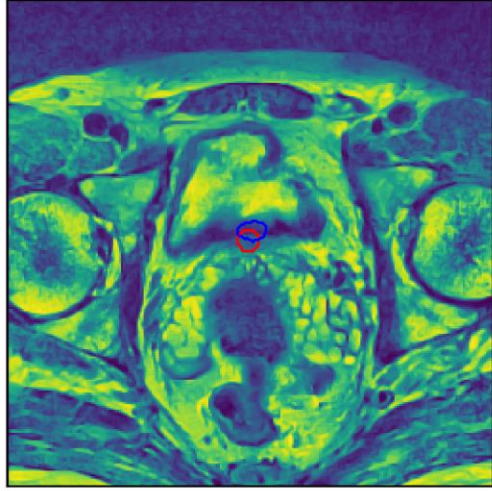
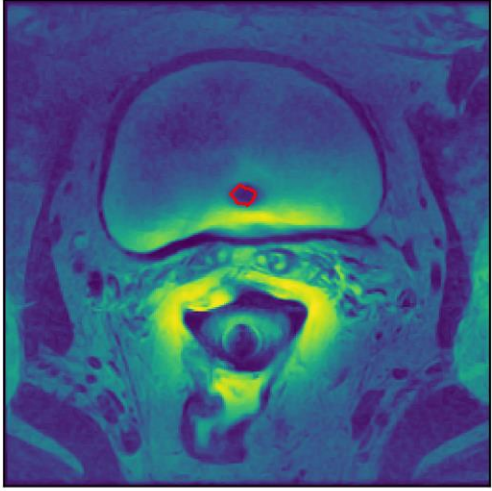
- Many more free parameters to fit:
- $5 \cdot 10^7$  (all of them necessary?)
- Dropout at each convolutional Block
- No split and stitch approach! (not needed)
- Down-sampling of the image

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Results on validation set	Big Net	Small Net	Results on training set	Big Net	Small Net
Total params	55,114,432	3,284,442	Total params	55,114,432	3,284,442
Accuracy	0.867	0.880	Accuracy	0.955	0.965
Mean volumetric DSC	0.873	0.623	Mean volumetric DSC	0.944	0.726
Median volumetric DSC	0.862	0.722	Median volumetric DSC	0.945	0.735
Std volumetric DSC	0.037	0.140	Std volumetric DSC	0.013	0.136

Training times	Big Net	Small Net
Training epochs	20 (1.5 hours per epoch)	25 (0.6 hours per epoch)

# Results small net – Error types





Result Big net

