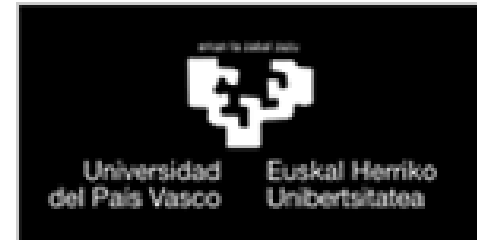


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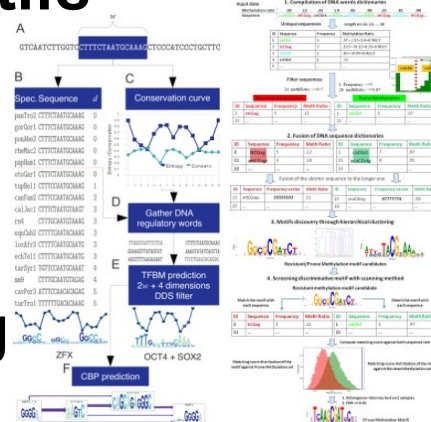
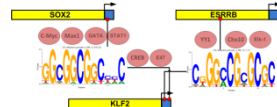
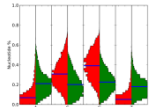
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# Big data for biomedicis: Some algorithms

## Prediction of DNA motifs

TF binding motifs

DNA methylation motifs

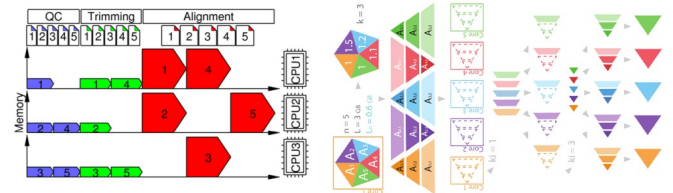


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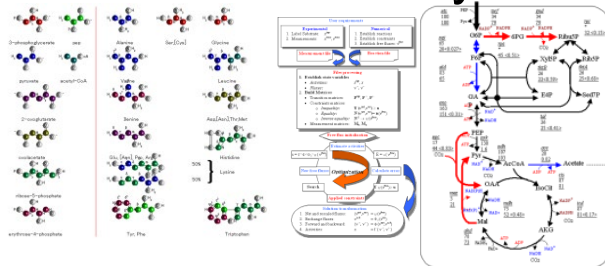
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## Metabolic engineering

Metabolic flux analysis



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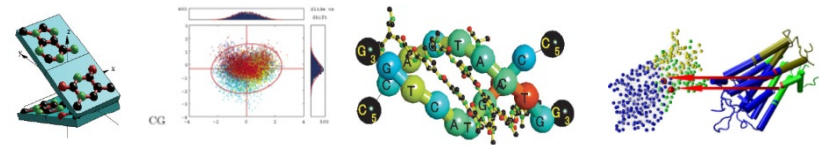
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## Structural biology

DNA proteins and drugs interactions

Protein communications



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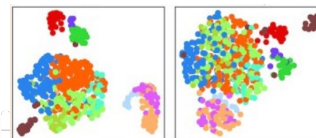
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## Single cell omics

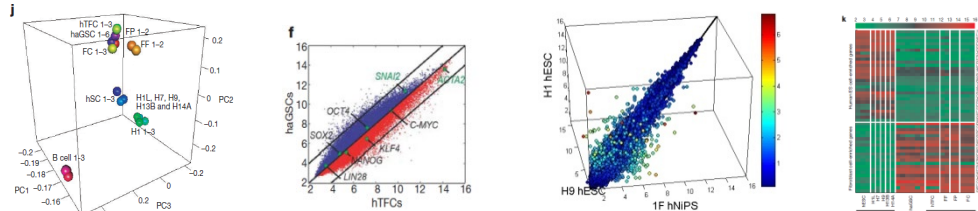
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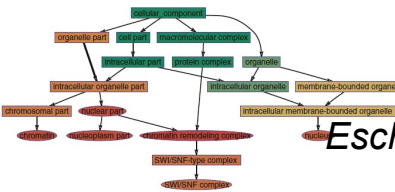
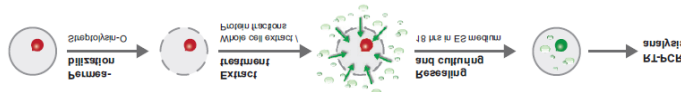
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# Big data for biomedics: Some results

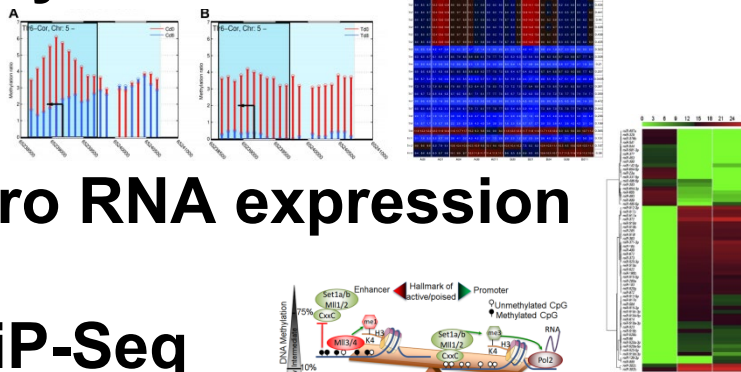
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## Proteomics



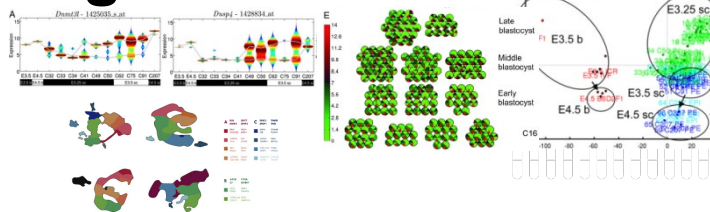
## Methylomics



## Micro RNA expression

## ChIP-Seq

## Single-cell omics



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# Some of our past and ongoing AI projects

## Examples

## Technology

## Project

## Funding

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data



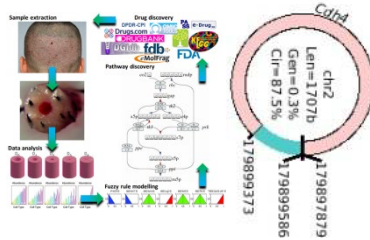
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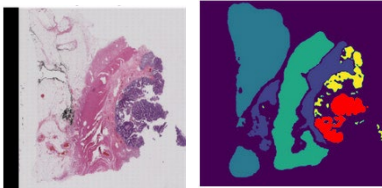
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Fuzzy Logic  
Random forest  
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Image  
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Deep Learning

PreCCol



Clinical  
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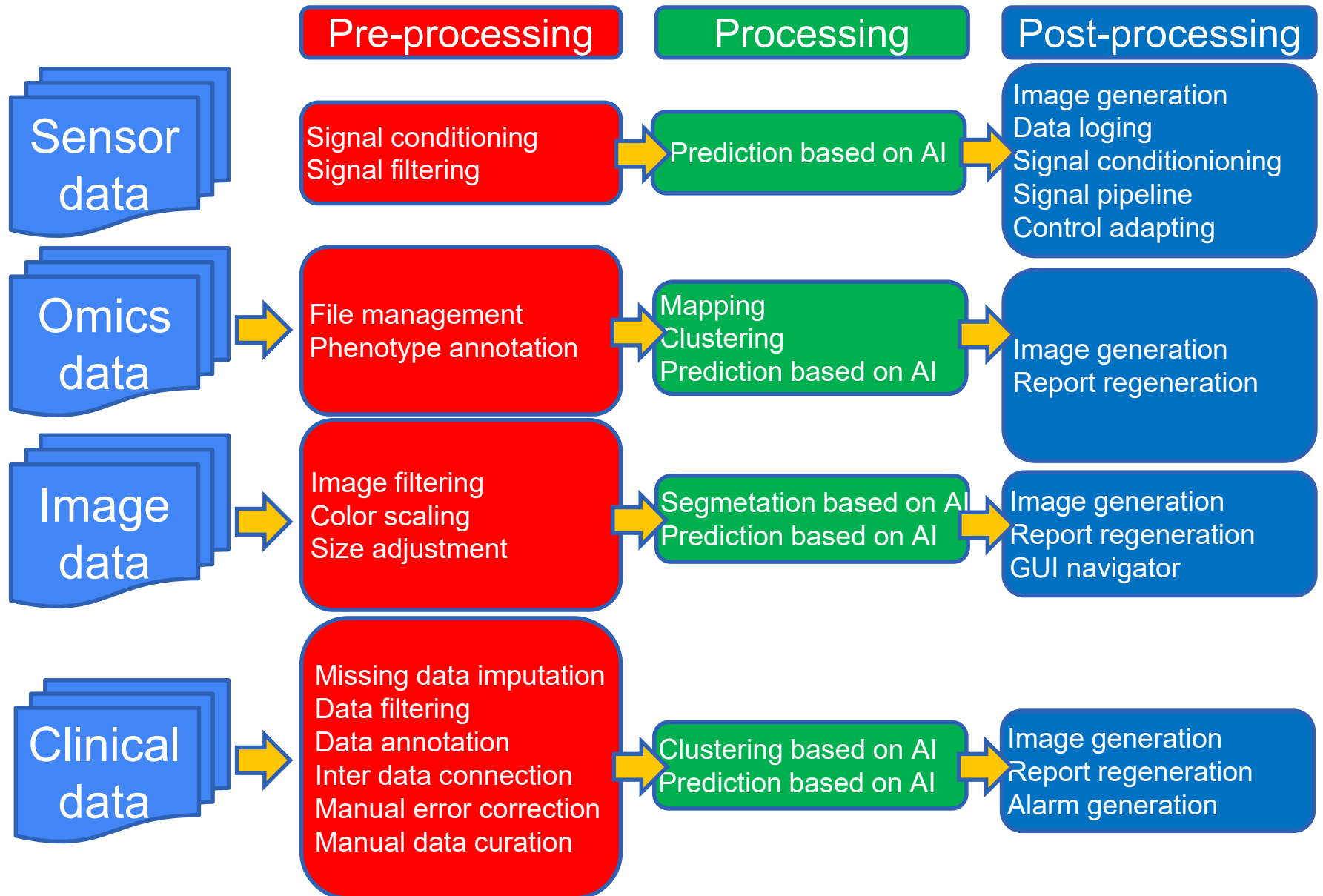
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Penelope	AL	white	Apple	4	80	3.3
Duan	AK	gray	Cheese	32	180	1.8
Christina	TX	black	Meat	33	172	9.5
Cornelia	TX	red	Bacon	69	150	2.2

Random forest  
Genetic algorithms  
Deep Learning

STRATOS

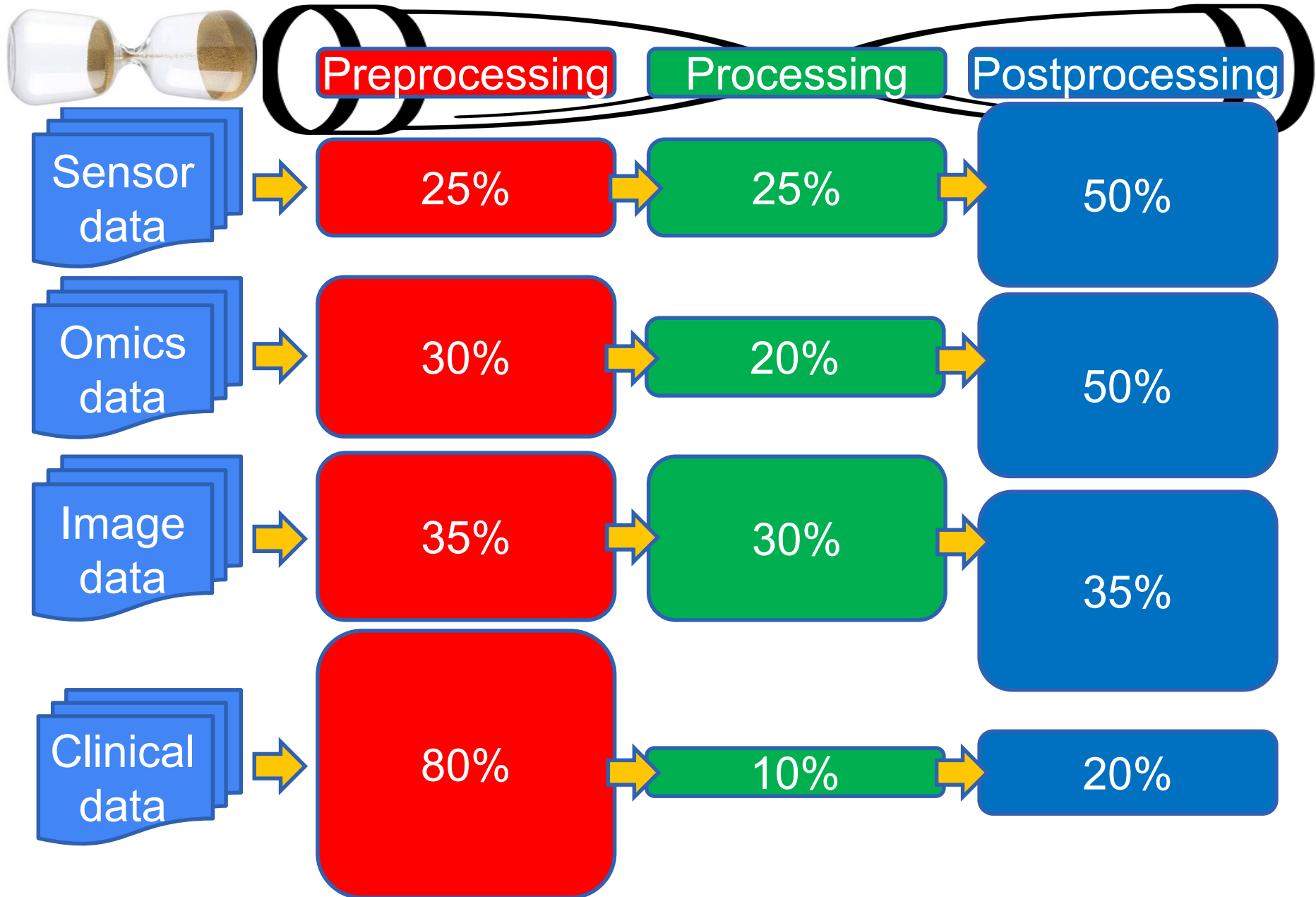


# Common steps in AI data analysis projects





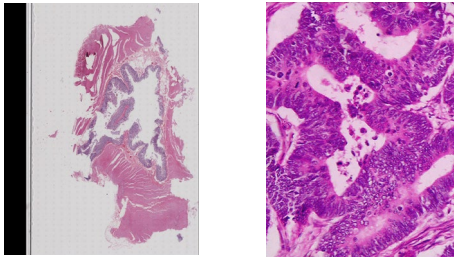
# Typical timing of AI data analysis projects



# Typical applications of AI to solve medical image problems

## Image classification

Diagnosis: Decide the patient condition



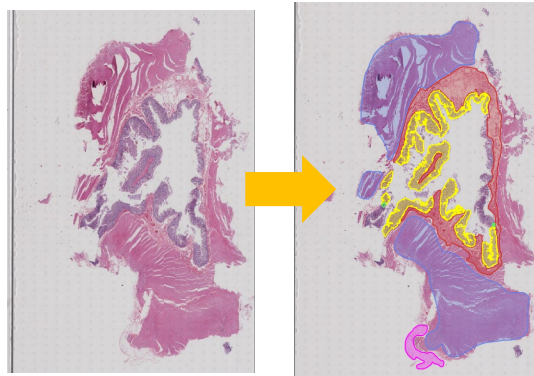
Healthy



Cancer

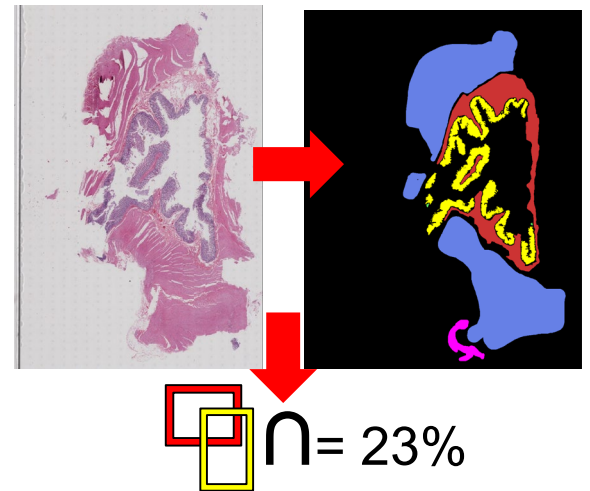
## Image segmentation

Find regions in an image



## Penetration calculation

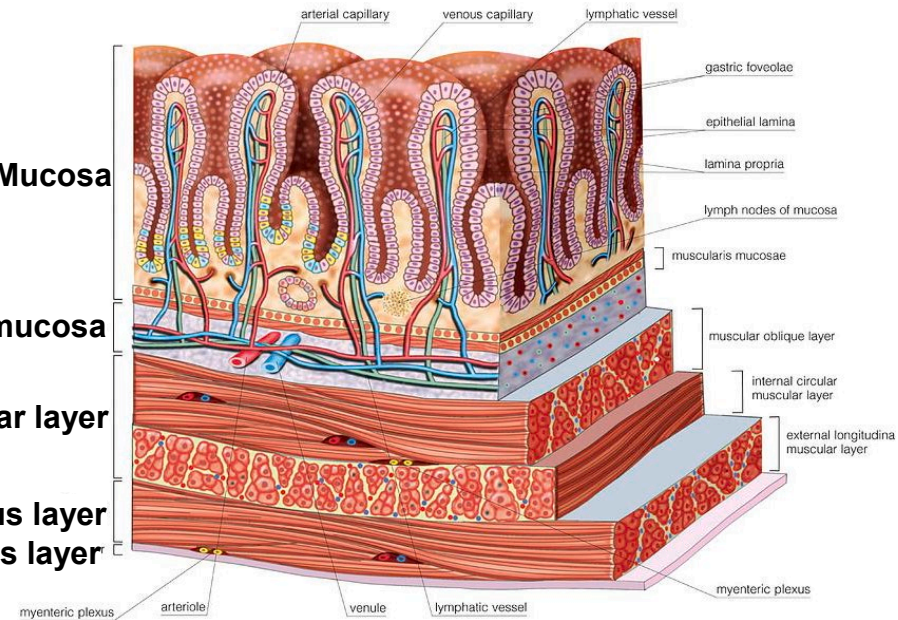
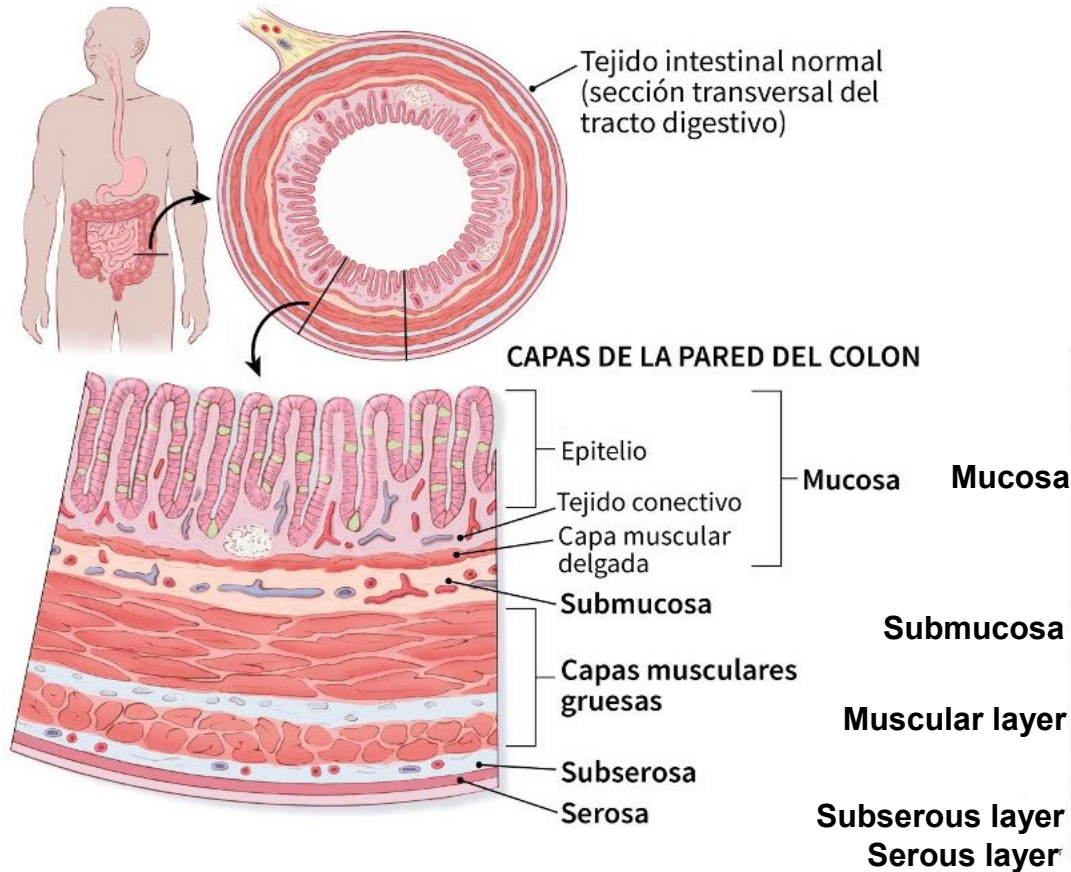
Calculate intersections of regions



## Challenges in the Design of Experiments (DoE) of medical images

- Medical information is **not always electronic**. Necessity to scan images.
- **Image inbalance**: Much more healthy than disease images.
- Pathologists have **scarce time** to electronically record their decisions.
- **Number of data adaptability**: The DoF has to be robust to a reduction of the potential number of images of some categories.

# Layers of the colon walls





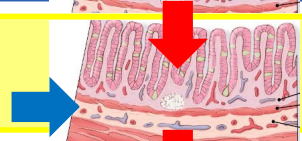
# Colon cancer stages

**Stage 0:** Cancer cells (CCs) are contained to the rectum's-colon's inner lining. Abnormal cells are found in the innermost layer (**mucosa**), but have not become cancerous.



**Stage 1:** CCs are in deeper layers (colon-rectum wall), but they haven't spread beyond the wall.

- CCs are found in the innermost layer lining the colon-rectum. They have grown into the 2<sup>nd</sup> layer of tissue (**submucosa**).
- CCs may have also spread to a nearby muscle layer (**muscularis propria**) but hasn't reached nearby **lymph nodes (LNs)**.

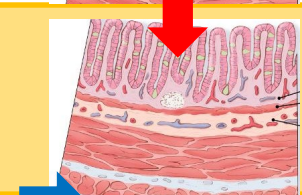


**Stage 2:** CCs have not spread to **LNs**, but have spread through and beyond the wall of the colon-rectum into nearby tissues, organs.

**Stage 2A:** CCs have spread through layers of colon-rectum wall & reached the **outermost layer**, but no farther.

**Stage 2B:** CCs have grown past outermost layer of colon-rectum wall but hasn't spread to nearby tissues or organs.

**Stage 2C:** CCs have spread past outermost layer of colon-rectum wall, grown into nearby tissues. Hasn't spread to **LNs** or distant organs.



**Stage 3:** CCs have spread to 1 $\geq$  nearby lymph nodes. Have not grown beyond **LNs**, colon-rectum wall to other parts of the body.

**Stage 3A:** CCs have spread through the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 inner layers of colon-rectum wall (**mucosa & submucosa**), may also reached the 3<sup>rd</sup> layer (**muscularis propria**).

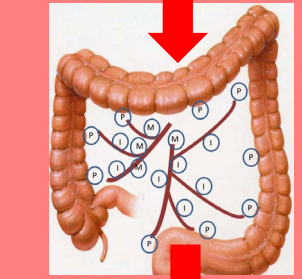
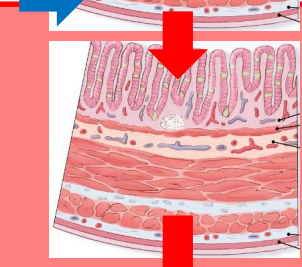
- It has also reached 1-3 nearby **LNs**.
- Or has spread through the first two layers of the colon-rectum wall & has reached 4-6 nearby **LNs**.

**Stage 3B:** CCs have reached the outermost layer (**serosa**) of the colon-rectum wall. It may have spread through the tissue that lines the abdominal organs (**visceral peritoneum**) but has not yet reached nearby organs.

- CCs are found in 1-3 nearby **LNs**.
- Or has grown into the muscle layer or the outermost layer of the colon-rectum wall & has reached 4-6 nearby **LNs**.
- Or has grown through the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 layers of the colon-rectum wall & may have reached the muscle layer. CCs are found in 7 $\geq$  nearby **LNs**.

**Stage 3C:** CCs have grown past the colon-rectum wall & has spread to the tissue that lines abdominal organs. Has not spread to nearby organs..

- CCs are found in 4-6 nearby **LNs**.
- Or has grown past the colon-rectum wall or spread through the tissue that lines abdominal organs. It's found in 7 $\geq$  nearby **LNs**.
- Or has spread past the wall of the colon-rectum & has grown into nearby organs. CCs are found in 1 $\geq$  nearby **LNs**.

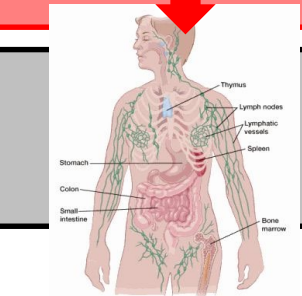


**Stage 4:** CCs have spread beyond the colon-rectum to distant areas of the body, including tissues and/or organs.

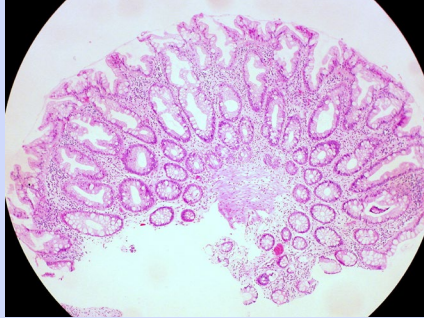
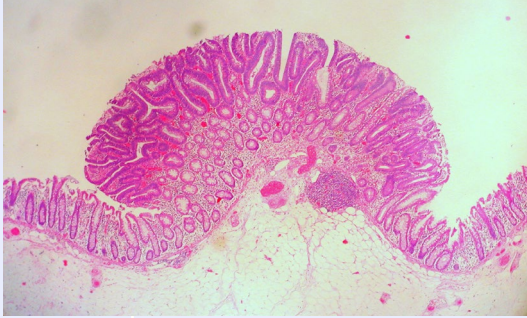
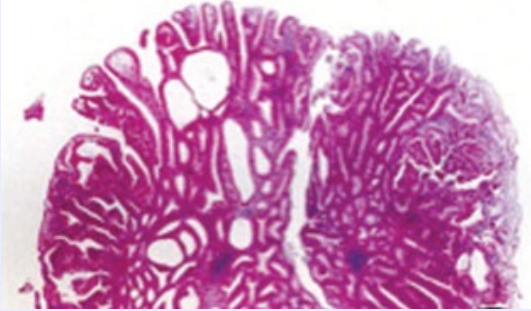
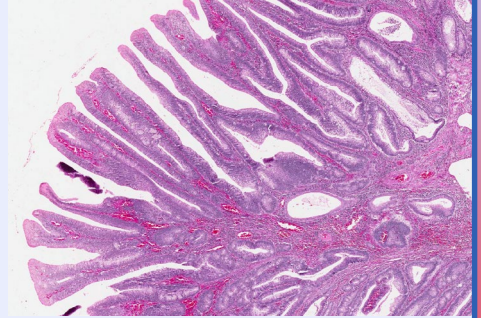
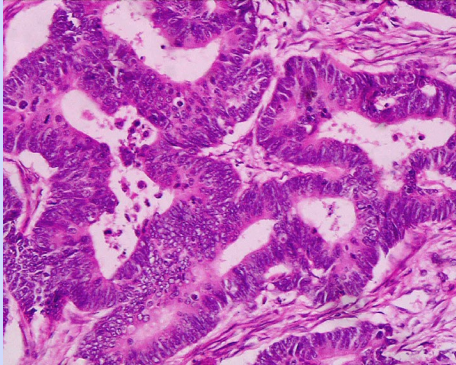
**Stage 4A:** CCs have reached one area or organ that isn't near the colon or rectum (liver, lung, ovary, faraway **LNs**).

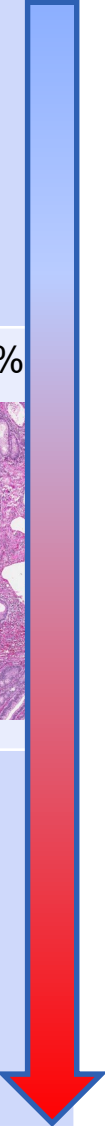
**Stage 4B:** CCs have reached more than one area or organ that isn't near the colon-rectum.

**Stage 4C:** CCs have spread to distant parts of the tissue that lines the abdominal wall & may have reached other areas or organs.



# Images of a possible history of a colon cancer

Type	Subtype (risk of containing malignant cell)		
Hyperplastic polyp	(0%)		
Adenoma	Tubular adenoma(2%) Tubulovillous adenoma(20%-25%) Villous adenoma(15%-40%)		
			
Colorectal adenocarcinoma	(100%)		



# Image Codification



Input

Segmentation

1: Person

2: Purse

3: Plants/Grass

4: Sidewalk

5: Building/Structures

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Semantic Input

- The image must be codified with a **number code**: Each pixel has the value of the **class** it belongs to.
- This create a **mask of integers**.
- This mask is used as **supervision information during the training phase**,
- and as **output prediction during the validation phase**.



# Image Exporting Script: Define the dictionary of classes

```
def labelServer = new LabeledImageServer.  
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  .downsample(downsample) // Choose  
  .addLabel('Mucosa', 1) // Choose  
  .addLabel('Linfocitos', 2)  
  .addLabel('Immune cells', 2)  
  .addLabel('Submucosa', 3)  
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  .addLabel('Muscular', 4)  
  .addLabel('Subserosa', 5)  
  .lineThickness(0) // Optiona  
  .setBoundaryLabel('Boundary*', 0) //  
  .multichannelOutput(false) // If true  
  .build()
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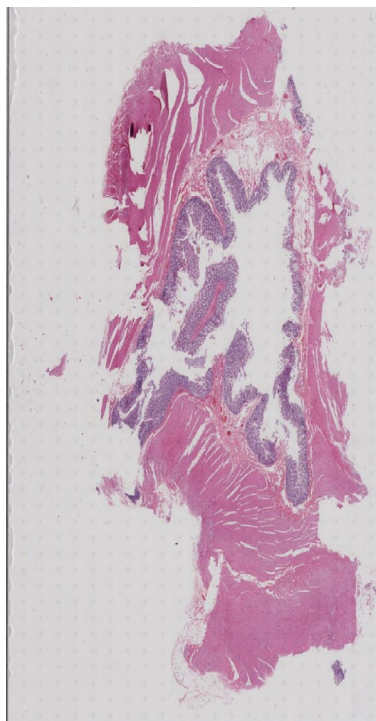
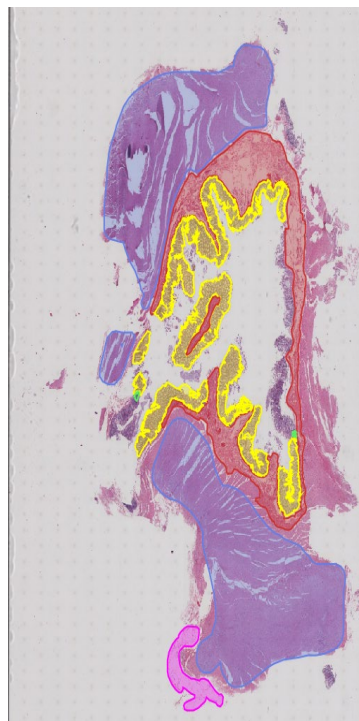
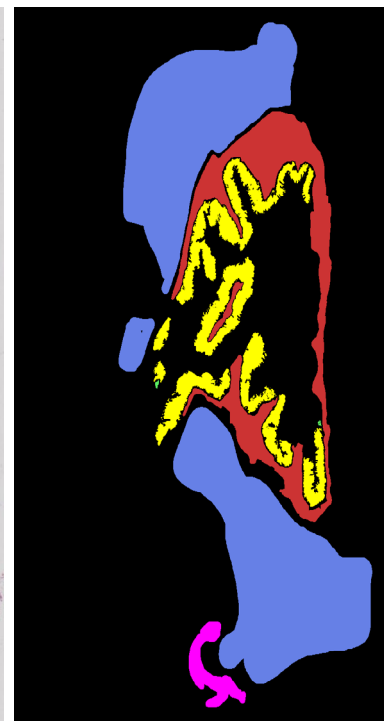


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QuPath view



resulting mask

0: Background

1: Mucosa

2: Linfocites

3: Submucous

4: Muscular

5: Subserous

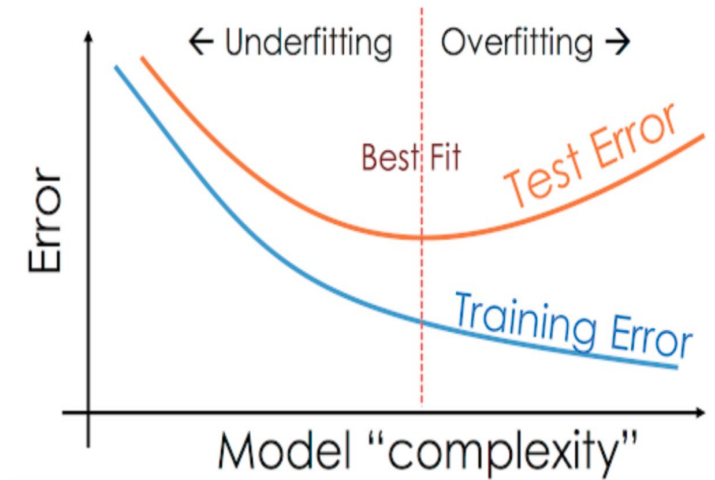
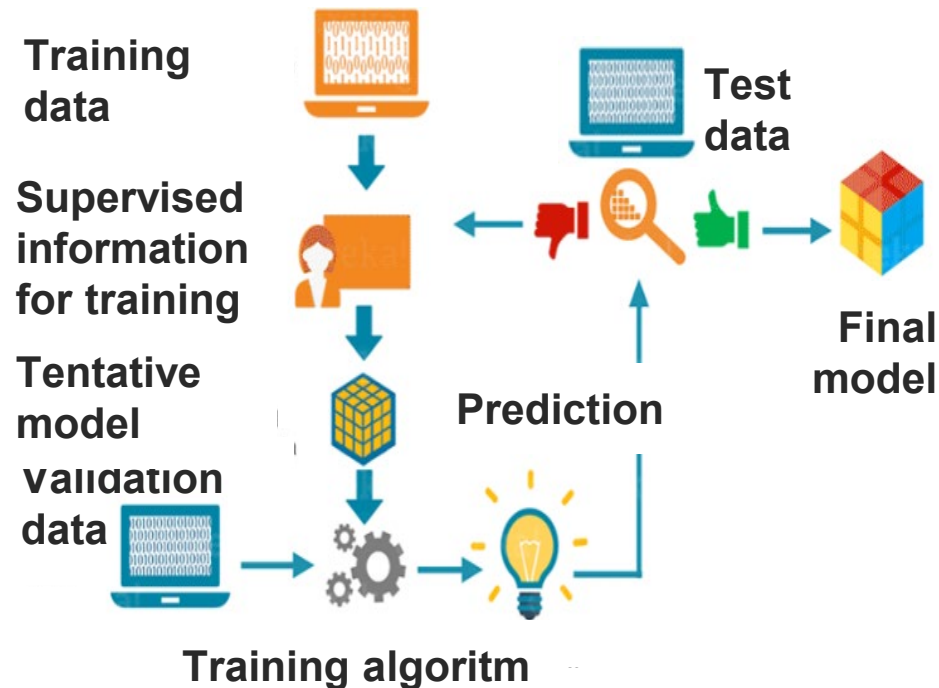
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❑ Define the dictionaries in coordination with the pathologists, with such information will be create the supervsion information of the network.

- **More than one tissue type can be labelled with the same number** but **all the possibilities have to be defined in advance**.
- If there is any **overlap only the last exported** tissue will appear in th mask.



# Training Process



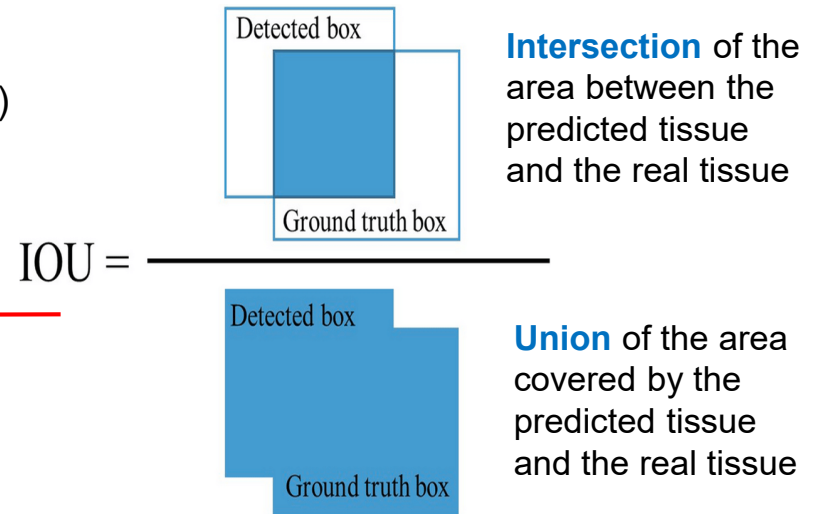
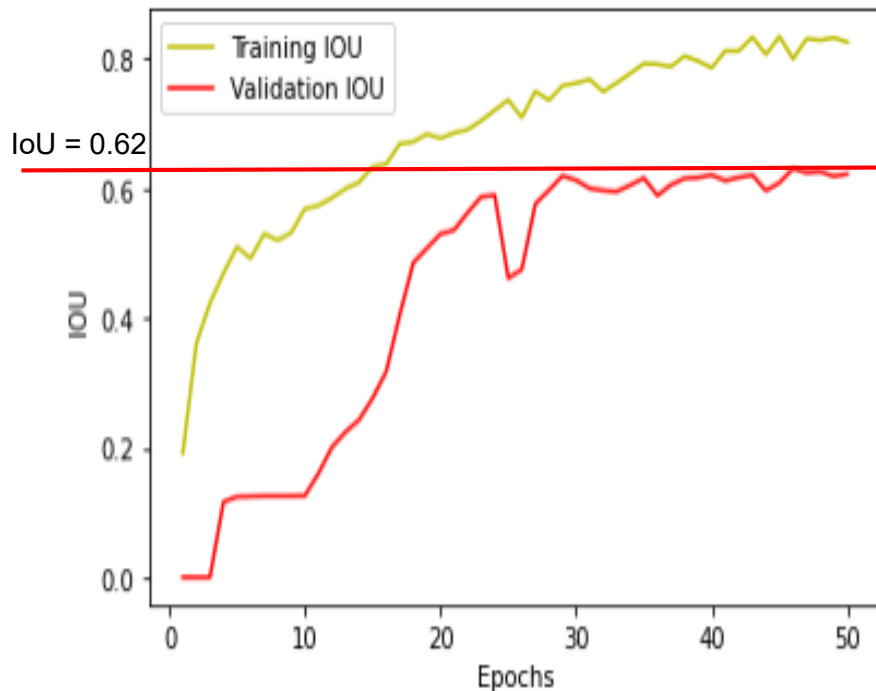
To have the opportunity to learn hidden information it could be interesting to increase the image resolution.

- ❑ **Learning drawbacks:** However, this could increase the **overfitting** if we do not include additional images for training.
- ❑ **Hardware drawbacks:** Increase computational demand (**GPU & storage**) in proportion to the square of the resolution.

To split the data in **training**, **validation** and **test** sets reduce the available data for training. Possible solution: **Jack-knife**: Train with  $n-1$  images  $n$  models.


# Intersection over Union (IoU) segmentation metric

Training and validation IoU (Higher is better)



## Some initial results


Mean IoU using Unet = 0.6225018


IoU for background is: 0.88536507  OK

IoU for Submucosa is: 0.6202935

IoU for Subserosa is: 0.64352524

IoU for Muscular is: 0.7652983

IoU for Lincocitos is: 0.2872879 

IoU for Mucosa is: 0.5332408 

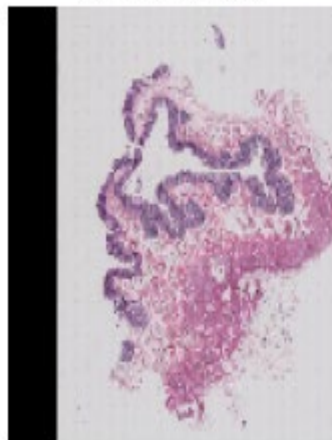
- ❑ The **overfitting** happens if the performance index, Intersection over Union (IoU) **decrease with the number of training epochs**.
- ❑ By the moment we do not observe overfitting, however it is **very important to include additional images for training**.

# Initial results on Healthy tissue detection

Resolution:  
128x128 pixels



Original image



Ground truth mask



Predicted mask



image: 10-  
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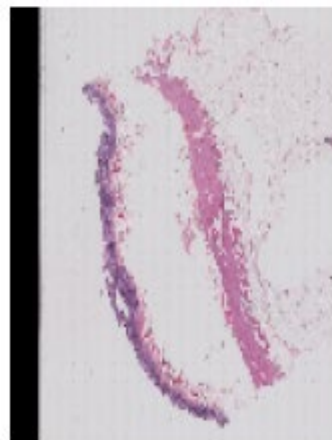


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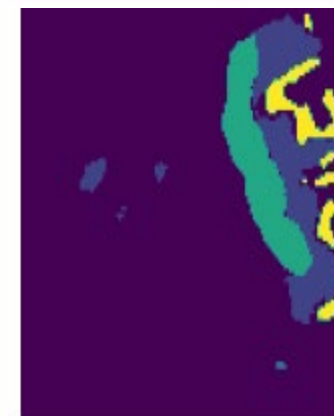
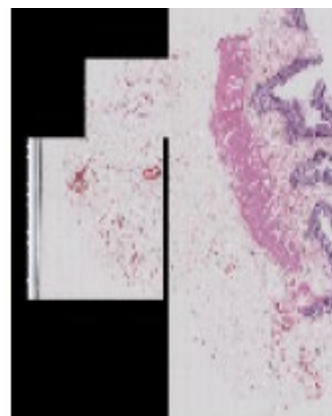


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# Results with higher resolution

Resolution:  
512x512 pixels

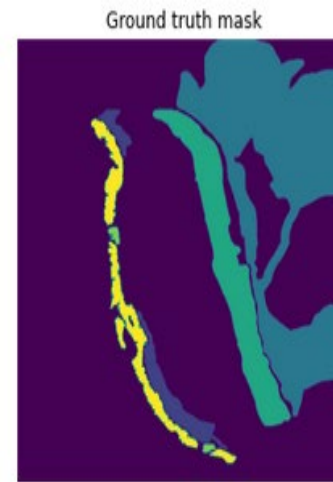
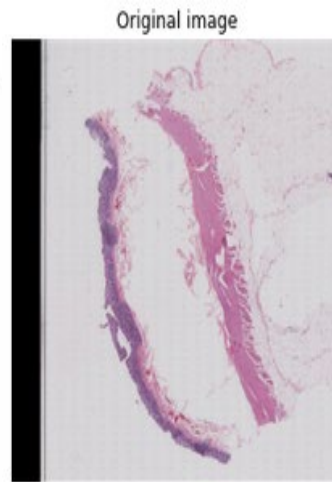
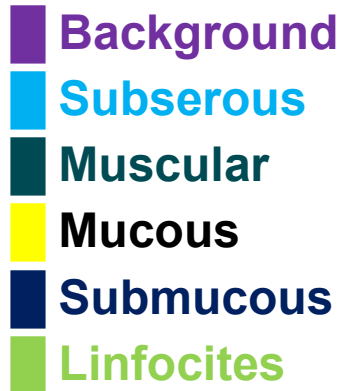


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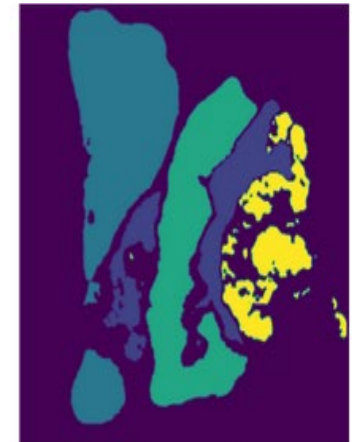
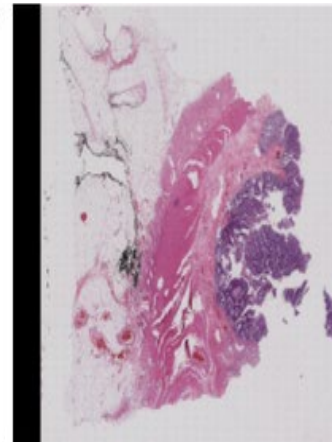


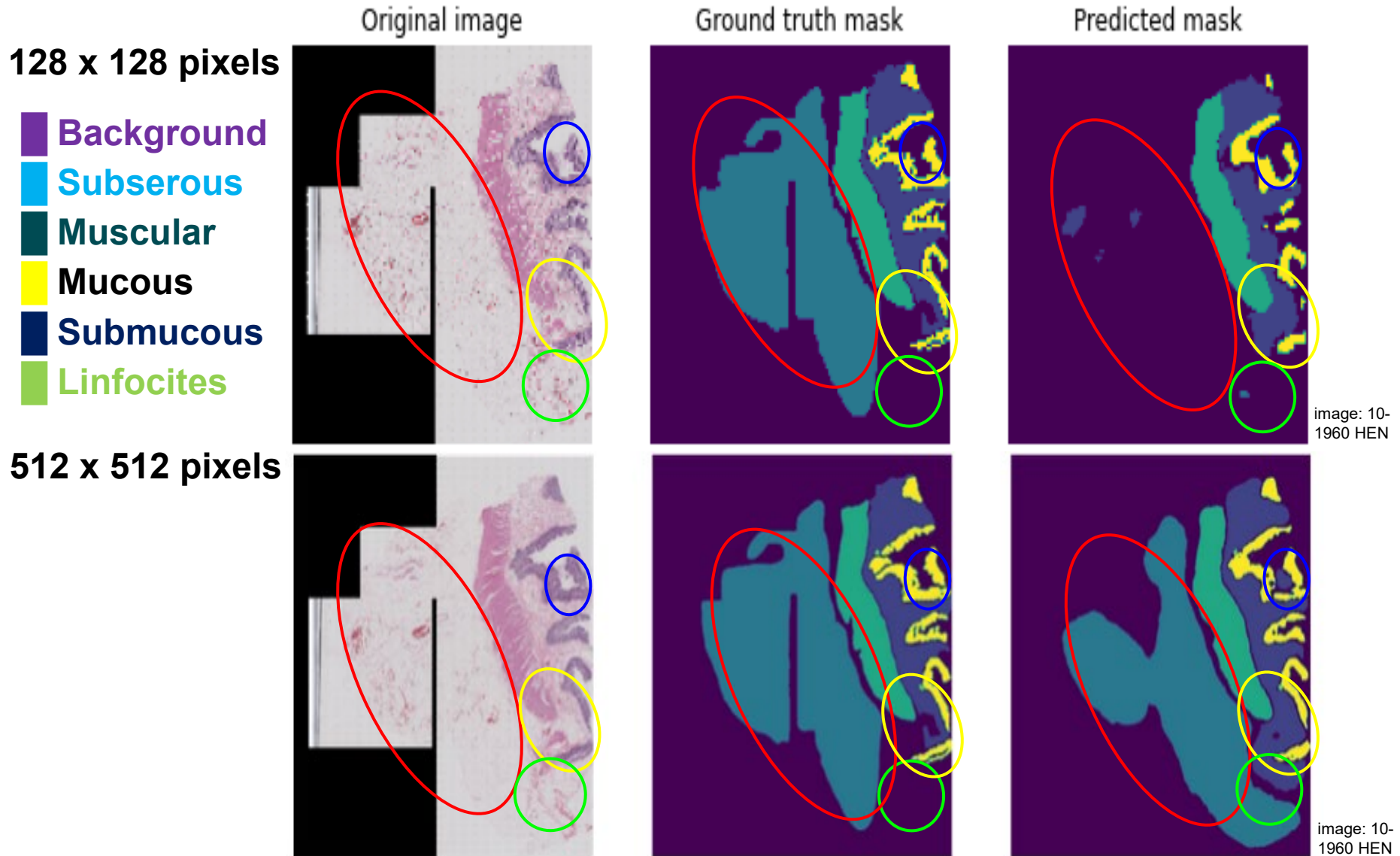
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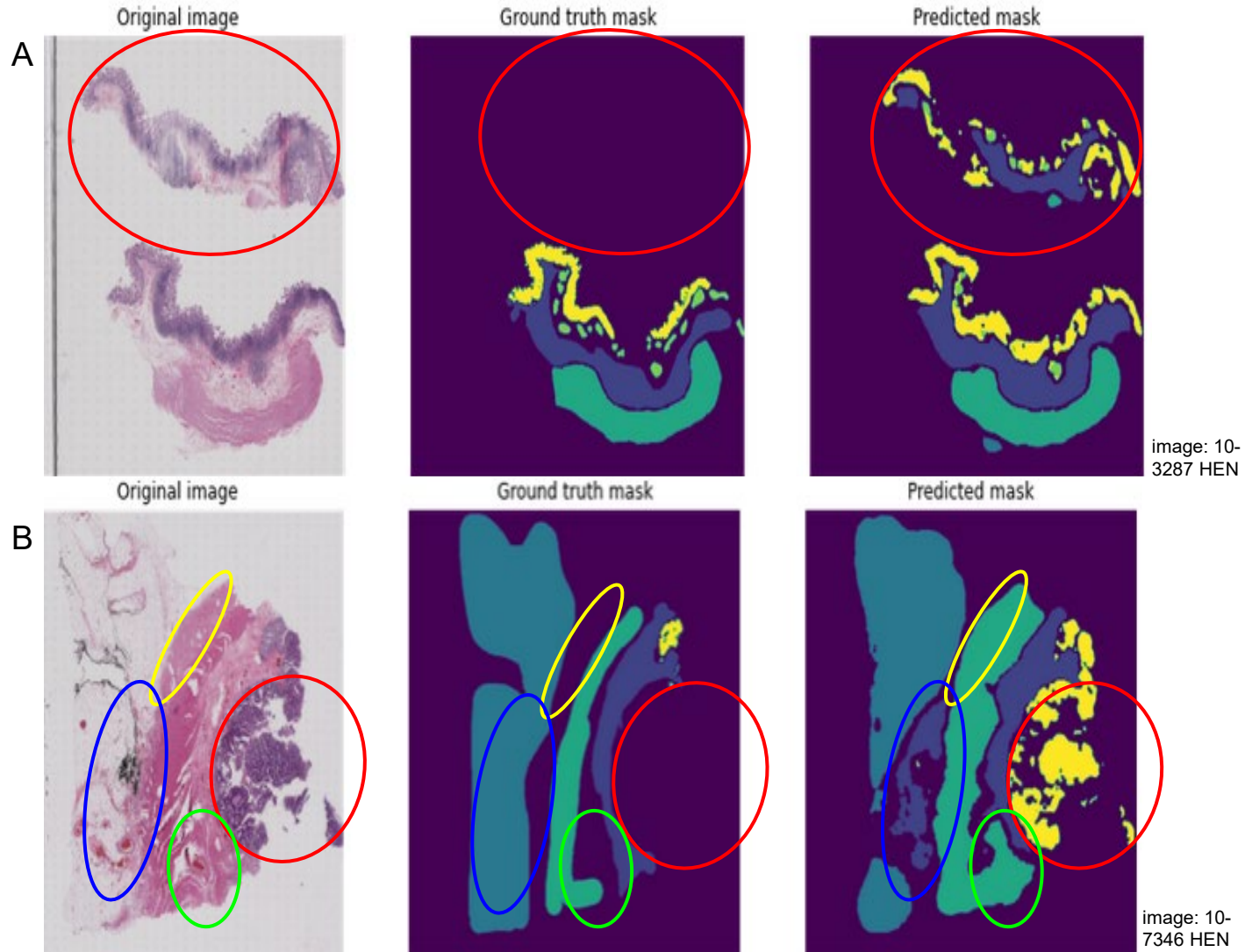
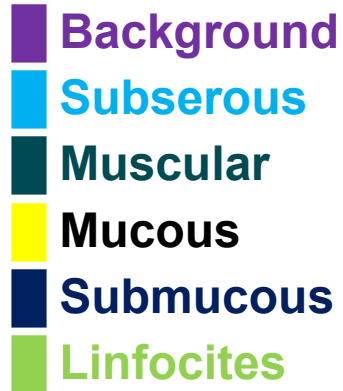
# Resolution Comparison



❑ Higher resolution discover **Muscular** tissues

# New no marked detections

Resolution:  
512x512 pixels



- A. Discovering **whole regions** not marked by the pathologists.  
B. Discovering of **Mucous**.

# Next steps that we are implementing now

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- **Train deep layers** with biomedical images to fine tune the **U-Net** segmentation architecture using the **ResNet34** backbone pre trained for the **ImageNet** dataset.
- **Quantify the percentage of predicted tissue** in each imagen.
- Define the **degree of confidence** on each predicted class, now we are using the Shannon's entropy.
- Define and represent the **performance indexes** (% of confidence in each class)
  - In order to compare the performance between different implementations, topologies, parameters etc.
- **Open the CNN black box**: Show neurons activity involved in each prediction using tools such as **Microscope**.
- **Software distribution** (predictor, not learner) by a Graphic User interface (GUI).  
Several ways of distribution:
  - Python
  - Java
  - Python or Java inside a container (Docker)
  - Inside server (in case of slow predictor)

Even the predictor is very computational demanding for the typical computer of a pathologist



# Conclusions

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- The non annotated tissue parts could be classified as “**non classified**” class.
  - Anyway, could be interesting to evaluate how the system is performing at predicting this unclassified tissue, since the main property of neural networks is being able to perceive patterns people can't.
- Since image full annotation is a very time consuming task for the pathologists (~30 minutes/image), in cancer images could **only be annotated the cancer tissue**.
  - However, having a part of the cancer images fully annotated (all tissue types) could help the system to “understand the context” and therefore improve the performance.
- **Grade the tissues** that are most important in cancer invasion, so we focus more on the prediction performance of the more **critical tissues**.
- The main factor to improve the system performance is to have the **maximum amount of example images** for training from both healthy tissue and cancer.



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