



Identifying Opacities in Lung X-Rays for Covid-19 Detection

A Multi-Classification and Bounding Box Regression Problem

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Kaggle Challenge: Covid-19 detection



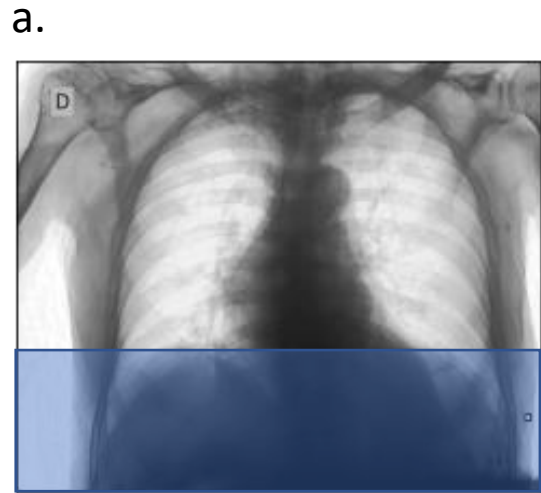
Labels:

1. No Pneumonia
2. Typical Pneumonia
3. Atypical Pneumonia (Covid-19)
4. Indeterminate

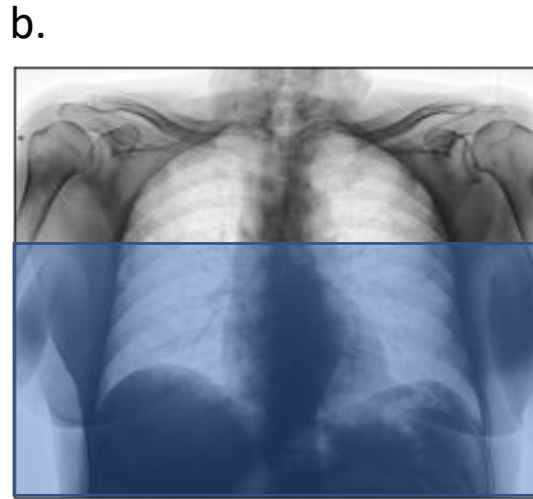
Hint:

- Pneumonia → Fluid build up in the alveoli
- Scatter X-rays more
- Darker regions

Problem Introduction: Classification AND Regression



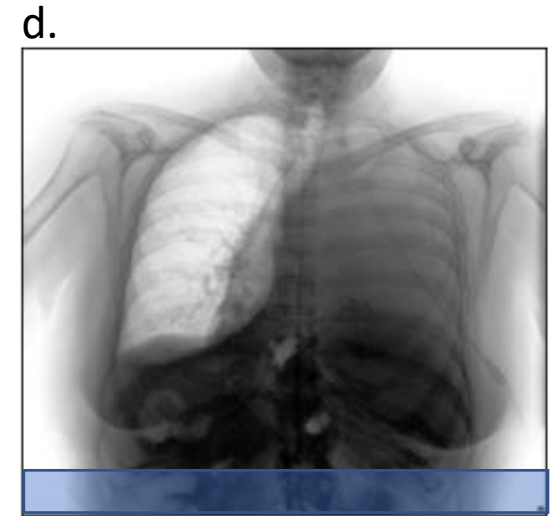
No Pneumonia



Typical



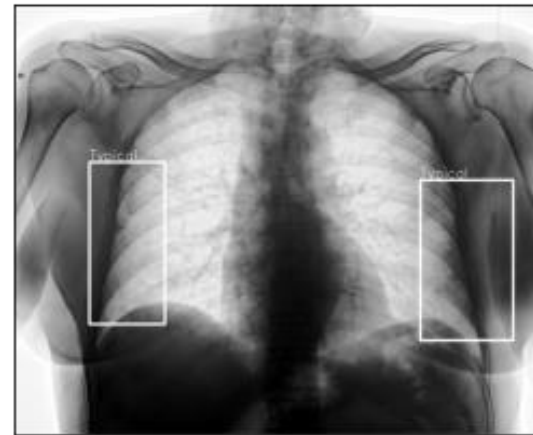
Atypical



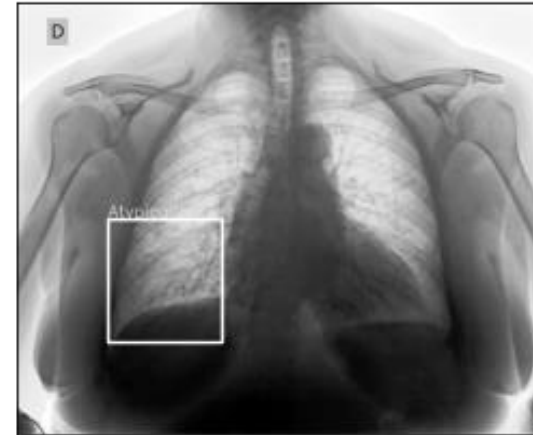
Indeterminate



1736 (27%)



3007 (48%)



1108 (17%)

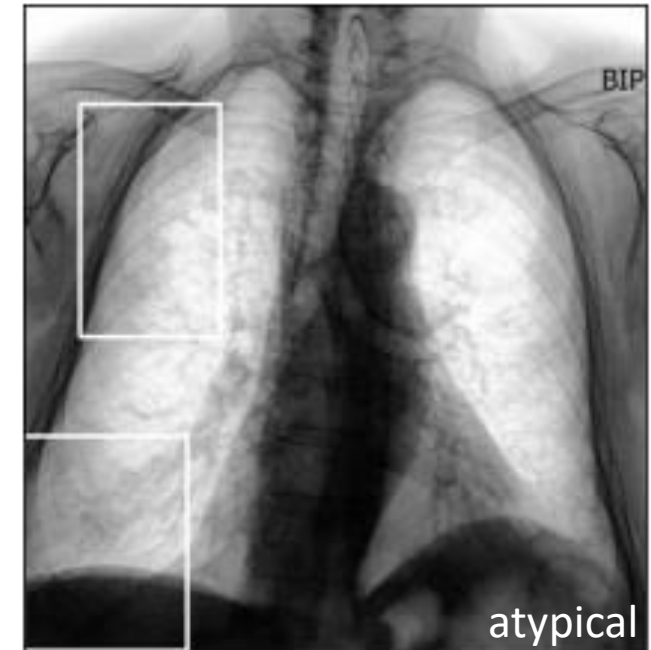
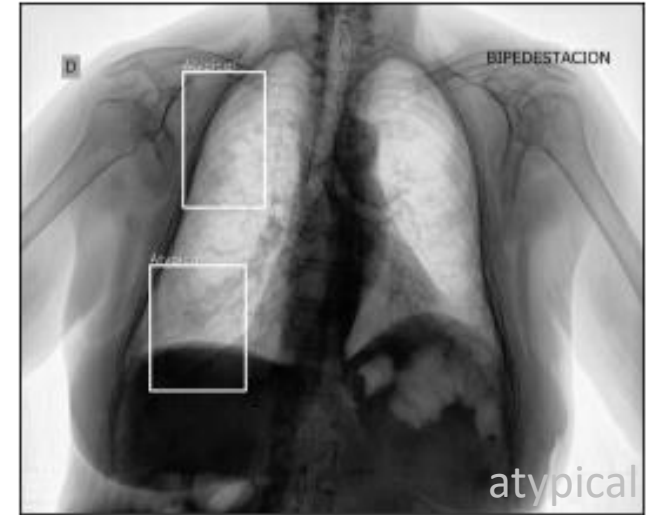


483 (8%)

Data pre-processing

Train dataset: 6334 medical DICOM images (120 GB):

- Custom pixel range → Pixel range [0,255]
- Different detectors → Invert images
- Not always centred → Cut Images
- Low contrast → Equalize histograms

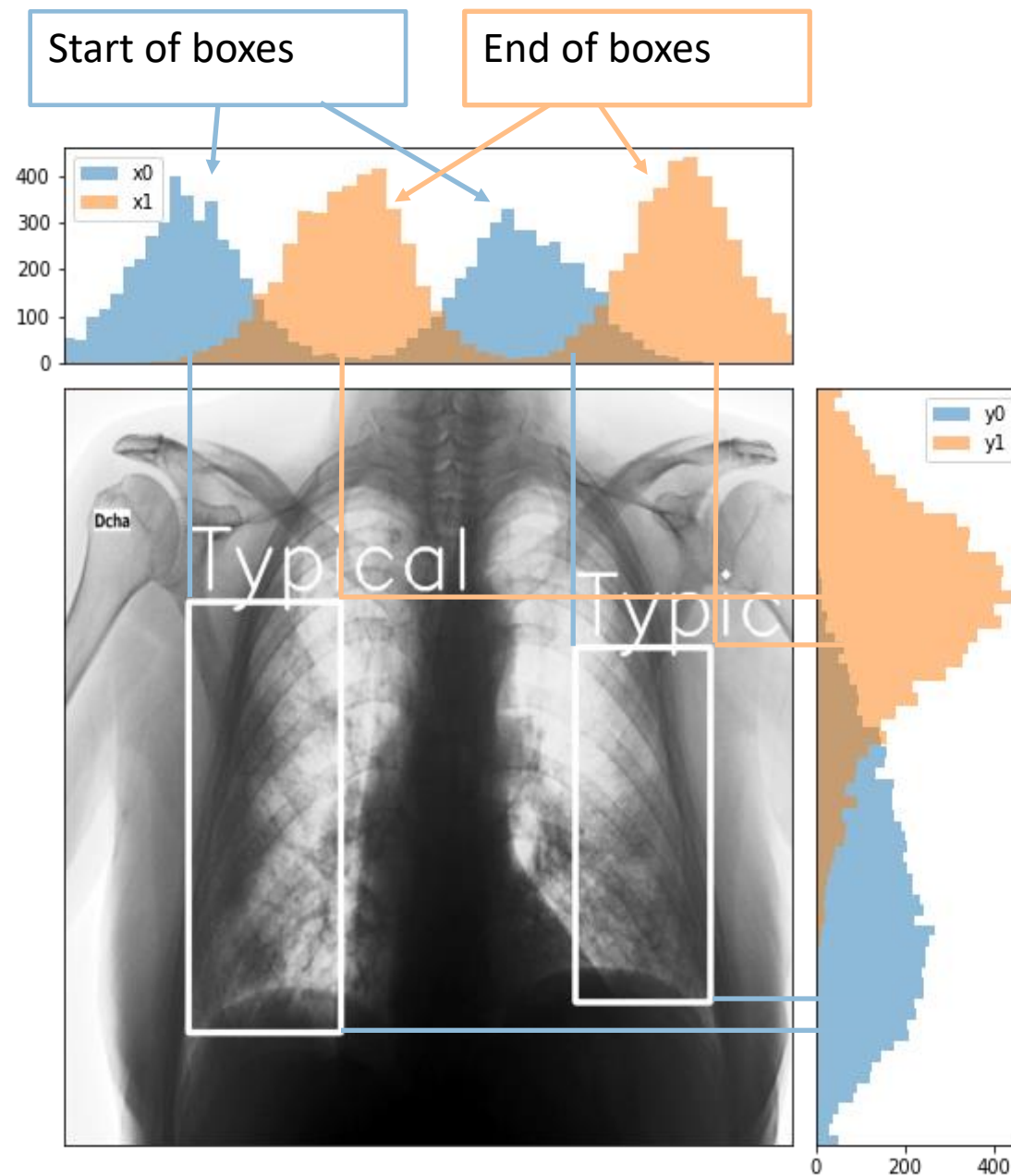


Data pre-processing

Distribution of bounding boxes



Motivate cutting images around the lungs



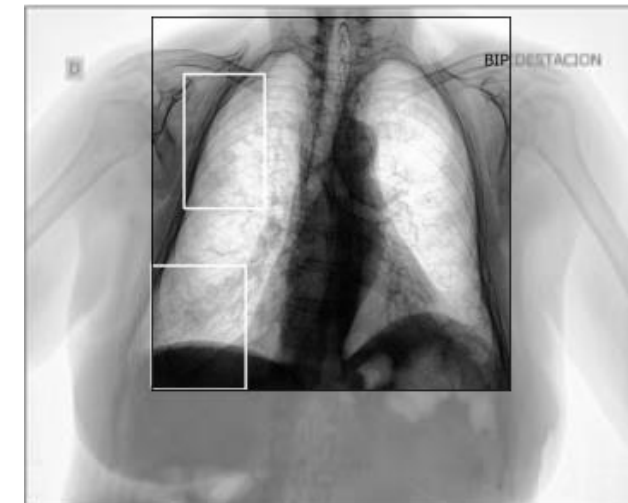
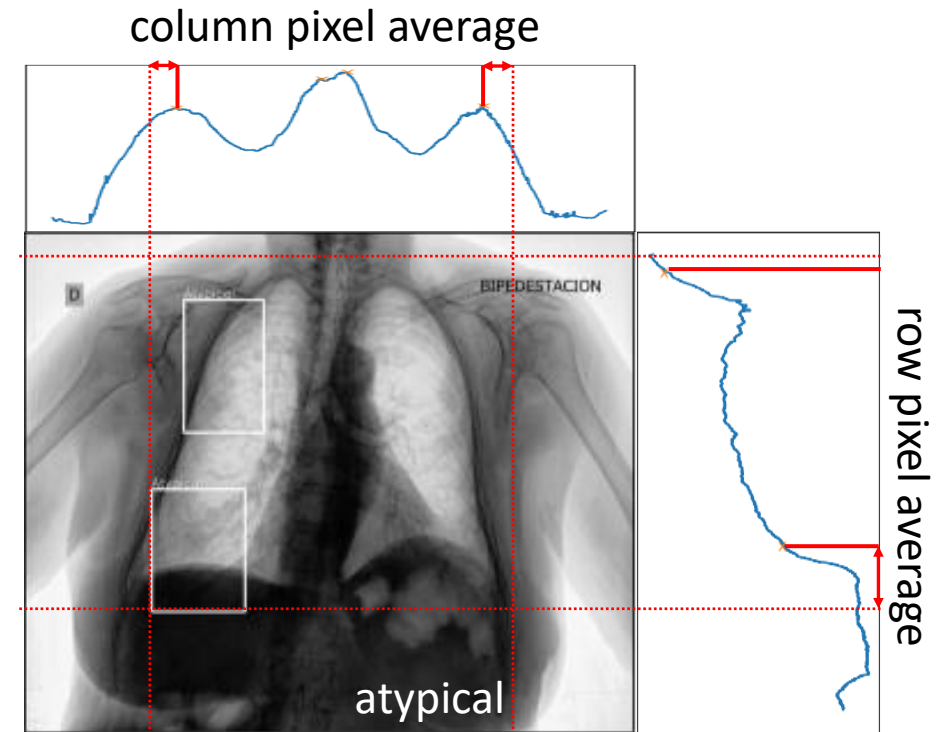
Data pre-processing

Identify lungs by the mean pixel value in the columns and rows

Data size reduced by almost 40 %



Model trains in 5h instead of 9!



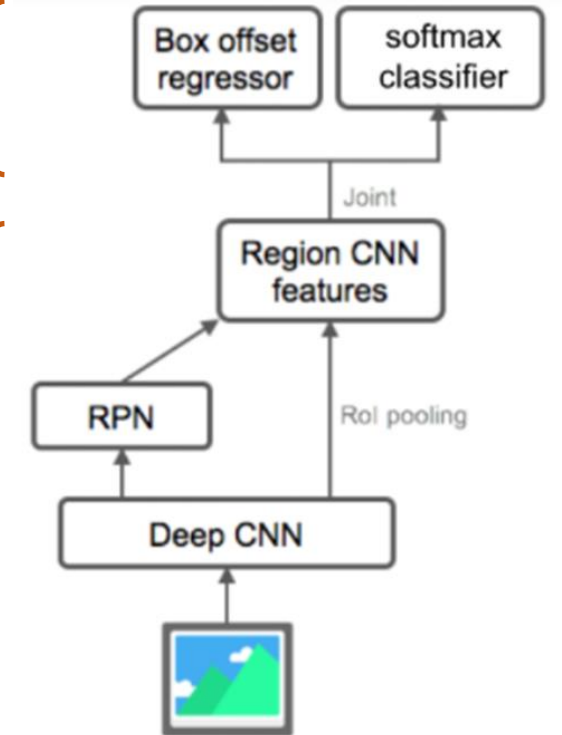
Model: `fasterrcnn_resnet50_fpn`

Parameters:

- # of Classes = 5 (4 + background)
- Optimizer: stochastic gradient descent
 - best hyperparameters:
lr=0.0001, momentum=0.9,
weight_decay=0.0005
- Ran on Kaggle GPUs

- Removed weight and biases
- Trained on specific problem!

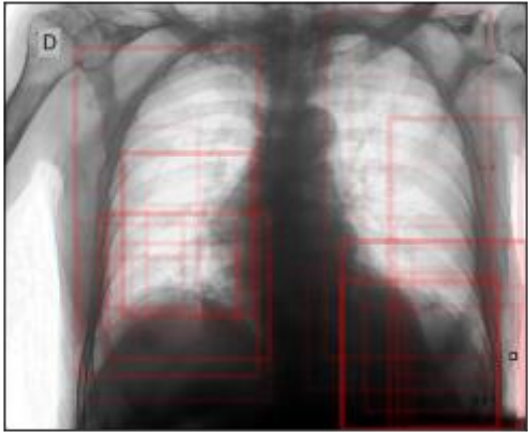
- Pretrained (transfer learning)
- Keep general feature identification



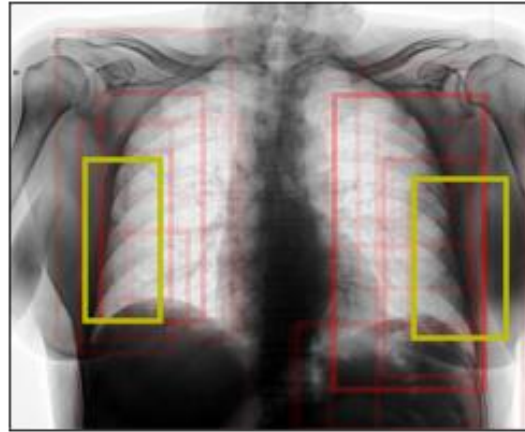
Faster R-CNN

Model Evaluation

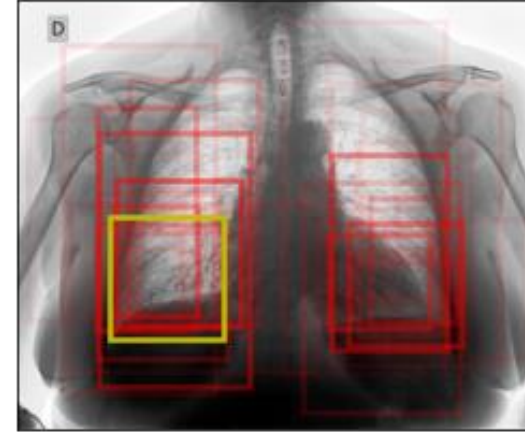
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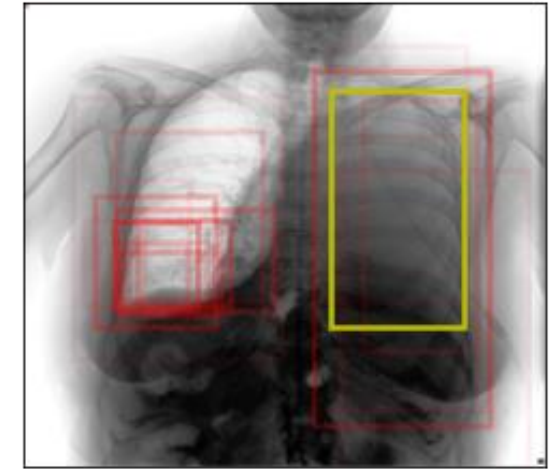
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Atypical



Indeterminate



Regression:

Bounding boxes

1. $[x, y]$ coordinates
2. Confidence
3. **Yellow** = ground truth
Red = prediction

Classification:

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} Healthy
} Not healthy

Model evaluation – classification

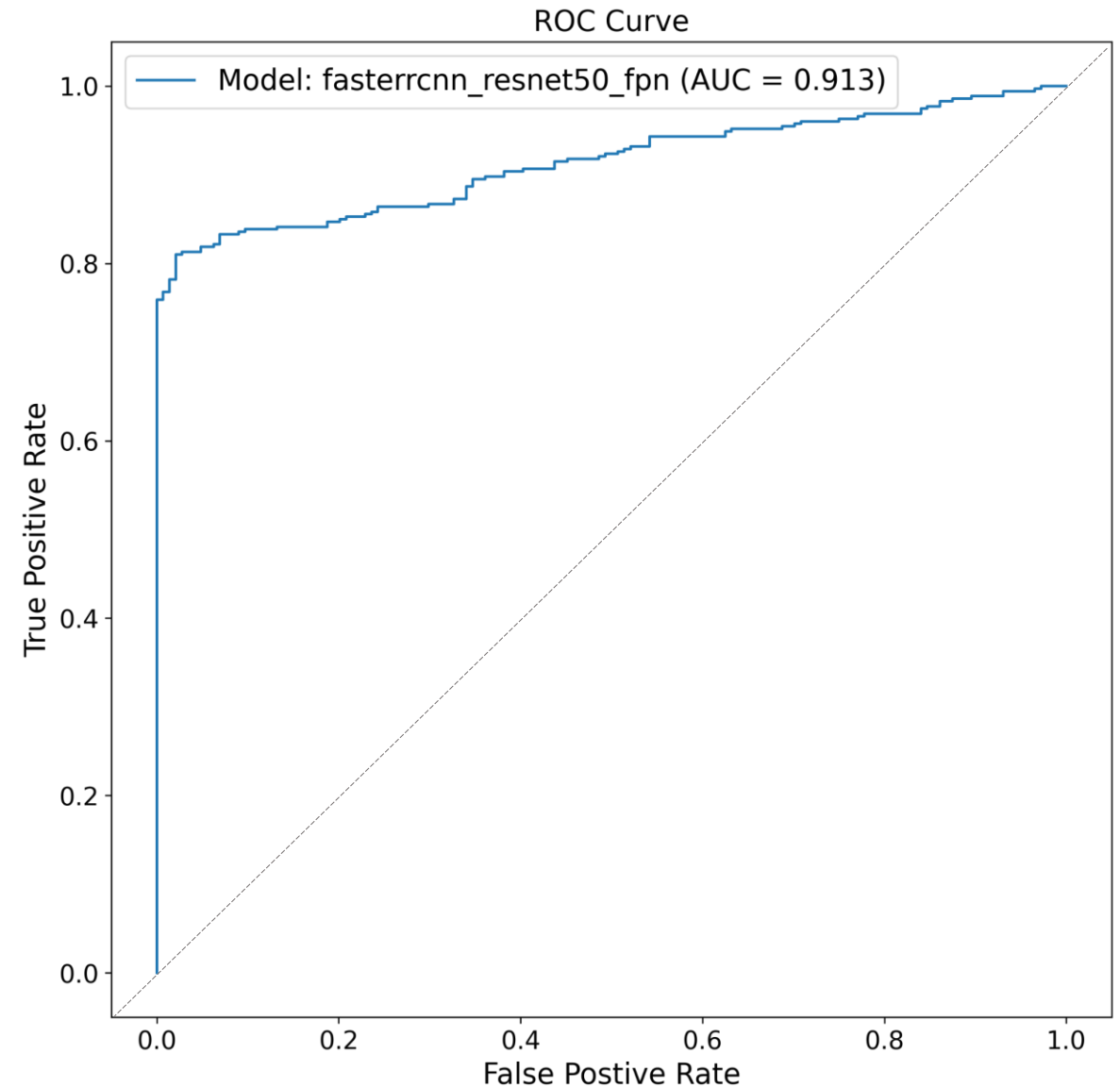
- 20% of the training data reserved for validation
- Label given by top confidence box per image
- Successfully differentiates between healthy and not healthy
- Model does not recognize labels 3 & 4
 - Low number of samples

Confusion matrix

| | | Predicted | | | | |
|------|---|---------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| True | 1 | 100% (150) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) | healthy |
| | 2 | 9% (19) | 91% (197) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) | |
| | 3 | 31% (32) | 69% (71) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) | Not healthy |
| | 4 | 17% (5) | 83% (24) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) | |

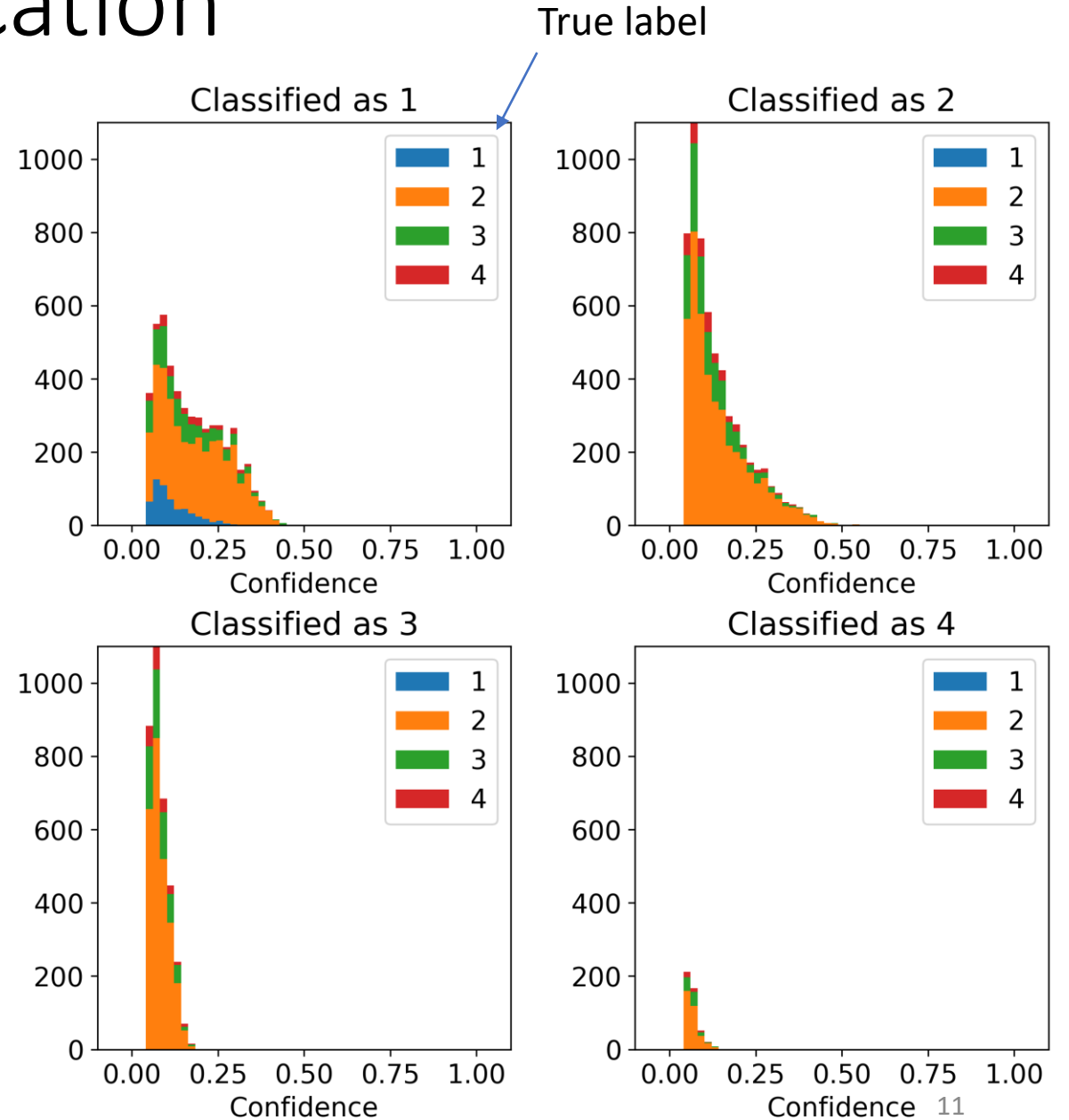
Model evaluation- classification

- Model is good at classifying healthy / not healthy images
- True positive: correctly identified healthy lungs
- Labels 2, 3, 4 grouped together

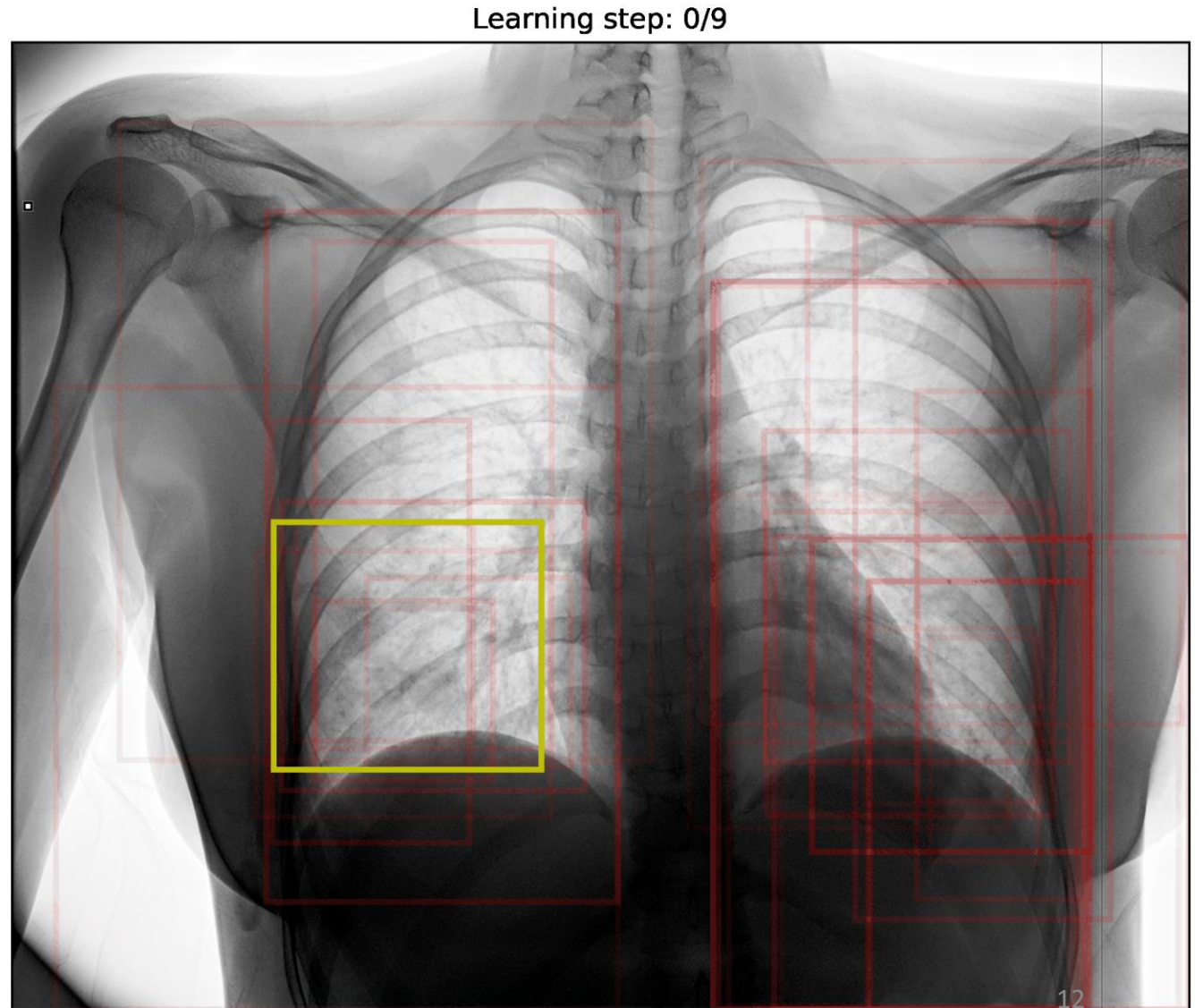
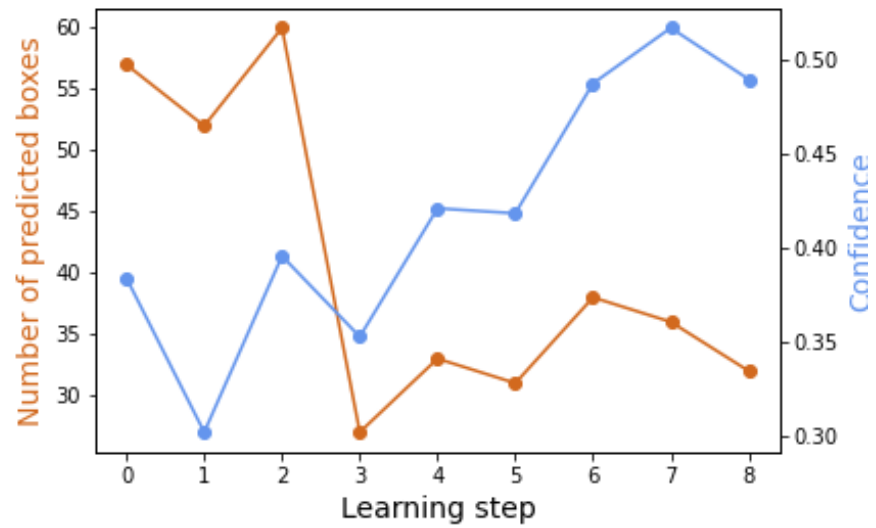


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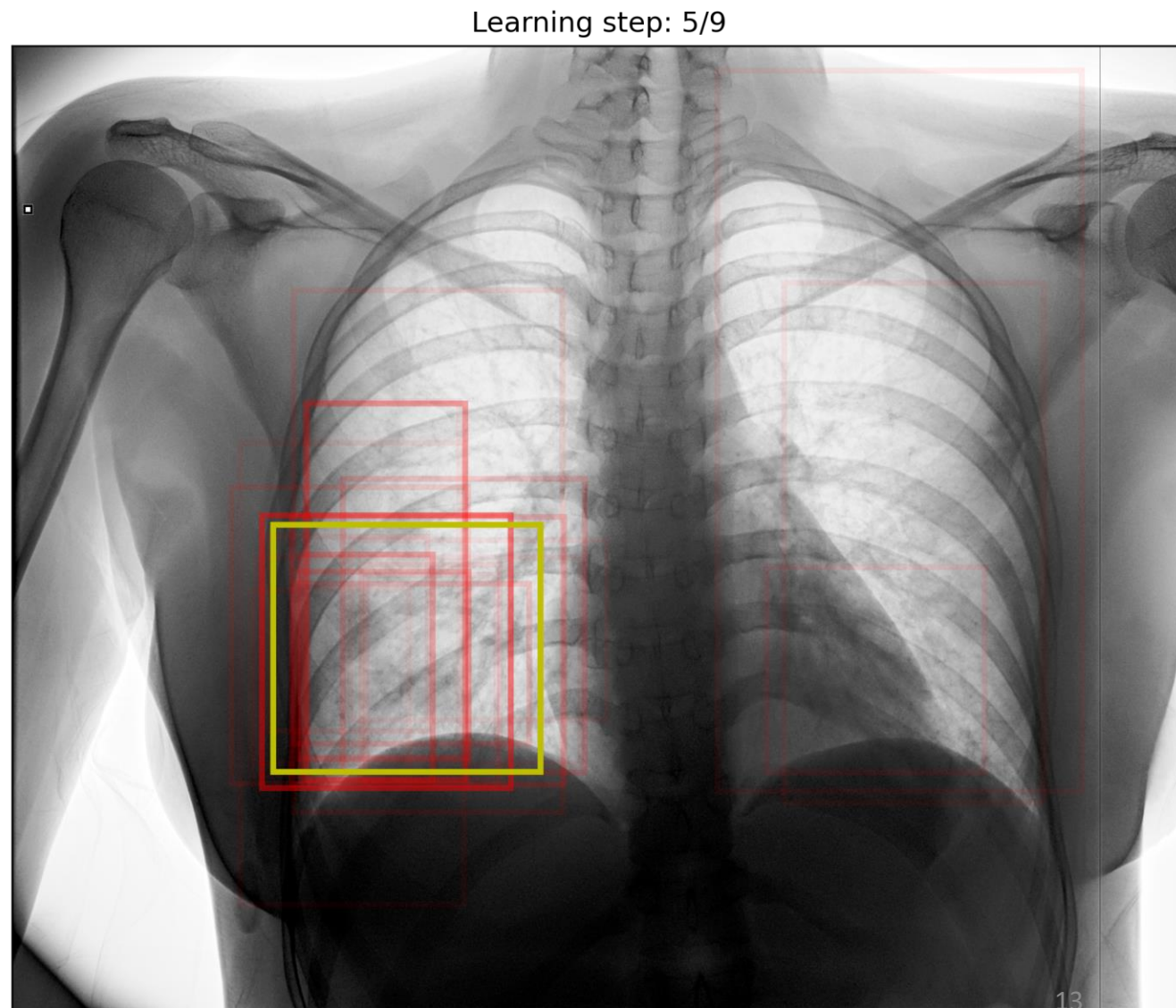
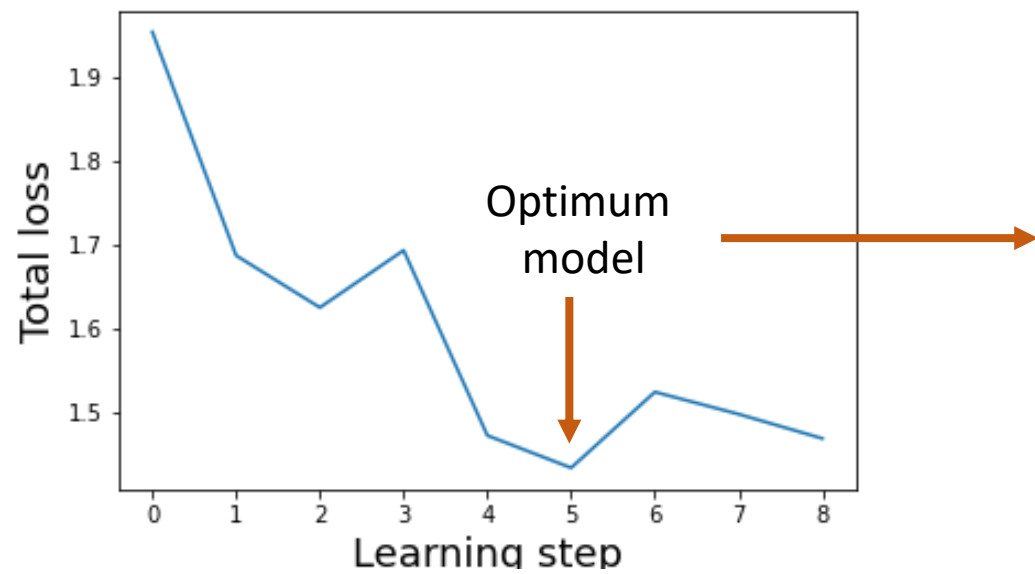
- Top 5 boxes of highest confidence per figure.
- Quantification of the confidence of the boxes
- Cannot use the confidence to classify images



Model evaluation – regression

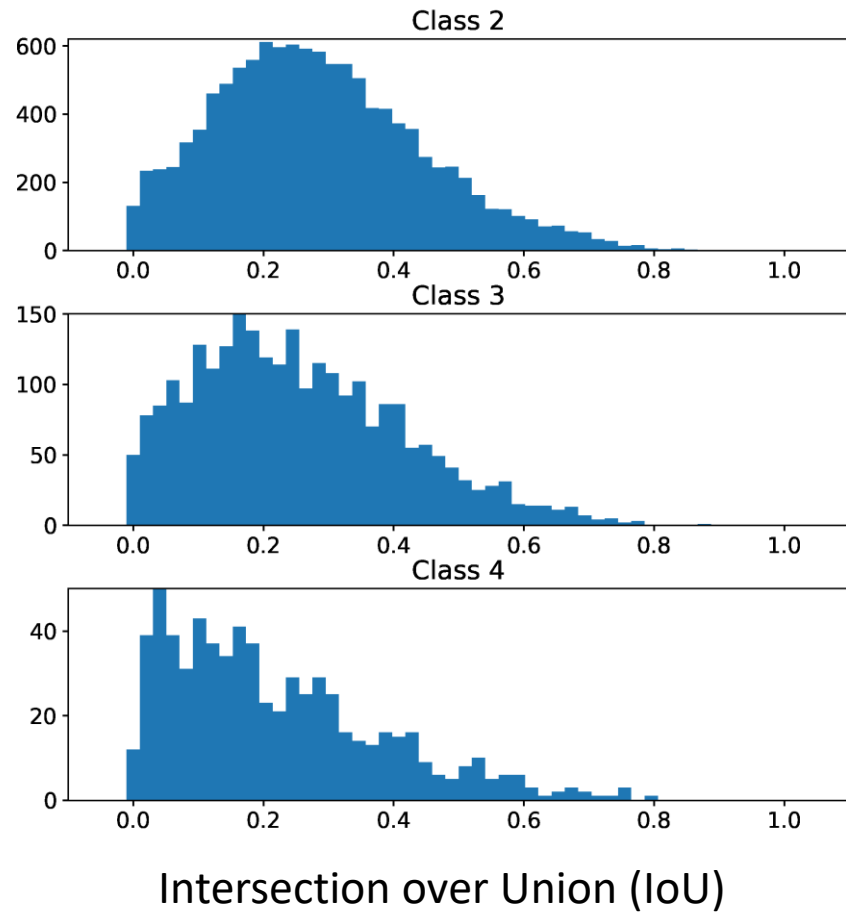


Model evaluation – regression

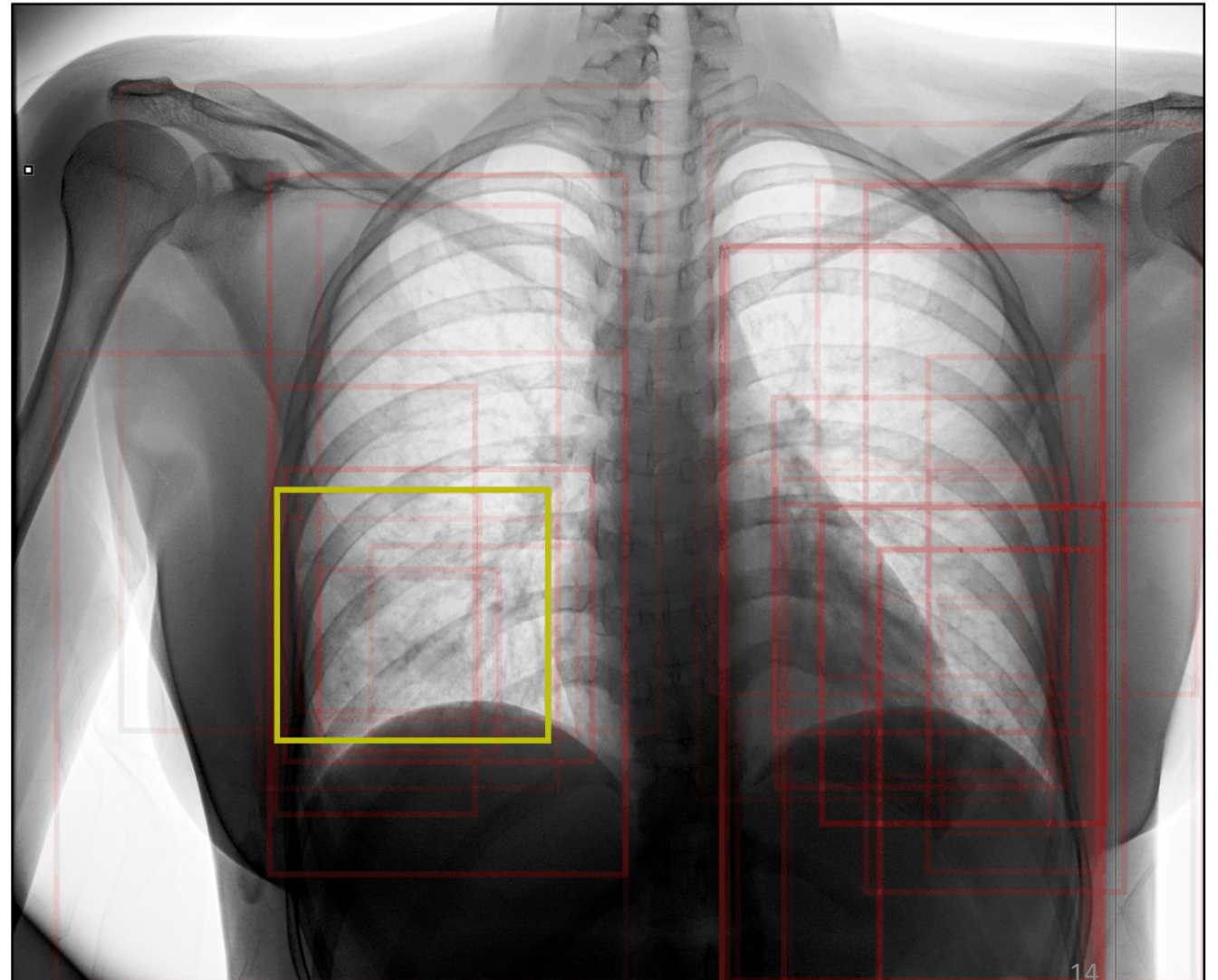


Model evaluation – regression

Evolution of IoUs across all validation dataset:

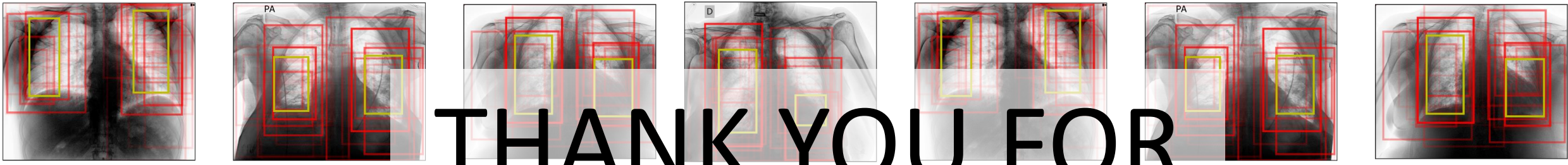
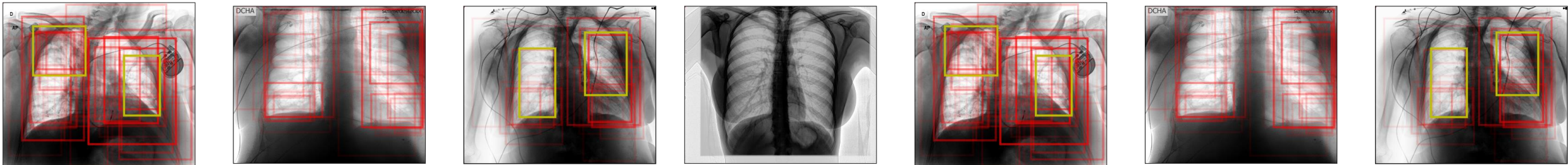


Learning step: 0/9

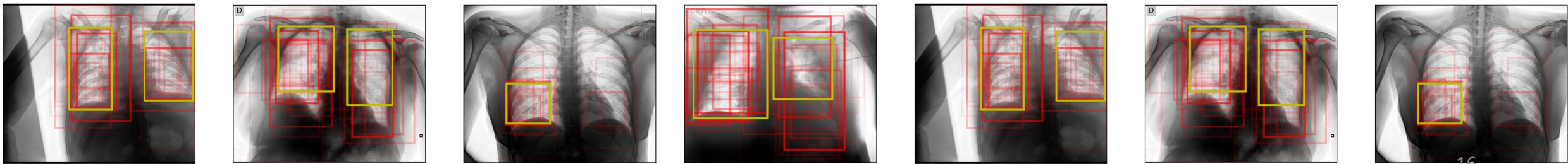


Summary

- Implementation of R-CNN model `faster_rcnn_resnet50_fpn`
- Successful classification of healthy/not healthy lungs X-rays
- Somewhat meaningful boxing of sick areas
- Built a number of tools to characterize the model
- 150 h of Tesla P100 GPU time = 7.88 kg CO₂ eq. (= 32 km by car)



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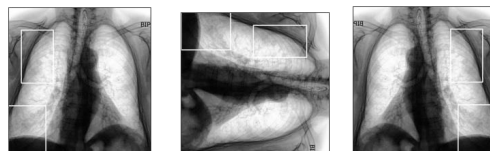
Appendix

Training the model

Imbalanced dataset:



Data augmentation (albumentation)



Use `groupKfold` splitting to feed the data

Do `n` epochs in each fold

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losses =  
sum([ 1 * loss_objectness,  
      10 * loss_classifier,  
      10 * loss_rpn_box_reg,  
      0.5 * loss_box_reg**2 ])
```

