

## Deep learning for AI-based diagnosis and treatment planning in medicine

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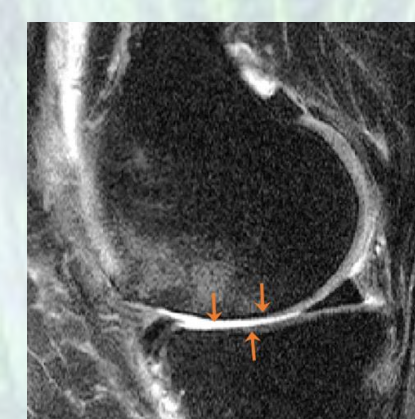
### Radiomics for Knee Osteoarthritis (KOA)

Established OA scores:

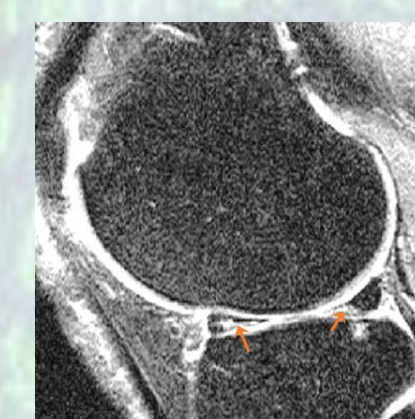
❖ WOMBS, BLOKS, MOAKS ❖ Kellgren-Lawrence ❖ WOMAC

**HOAKS: A novel holistic and extendable OA score for the knee:**

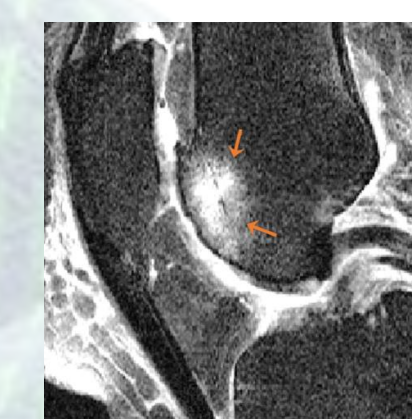
The project will contribute to the emerging field of radiomics by identifying novel deep learning-based biomarkers from various kinds of medical image data. A novel and generalized, image-based KOA score is to be developed in a data-driven manner. Clinically applicable algorithms employing such a score will be developed for diagnostic and therapeutic decision support. The novel score may also help selecting appropriate imaging for different phases of the onset and the progression of KOA.



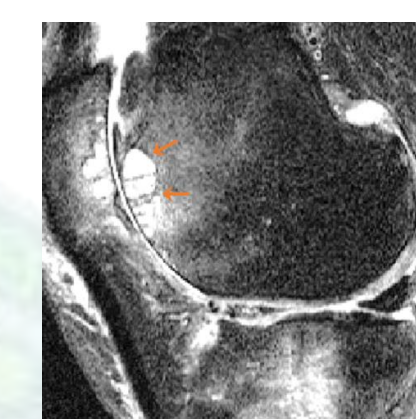
Cartilage defects



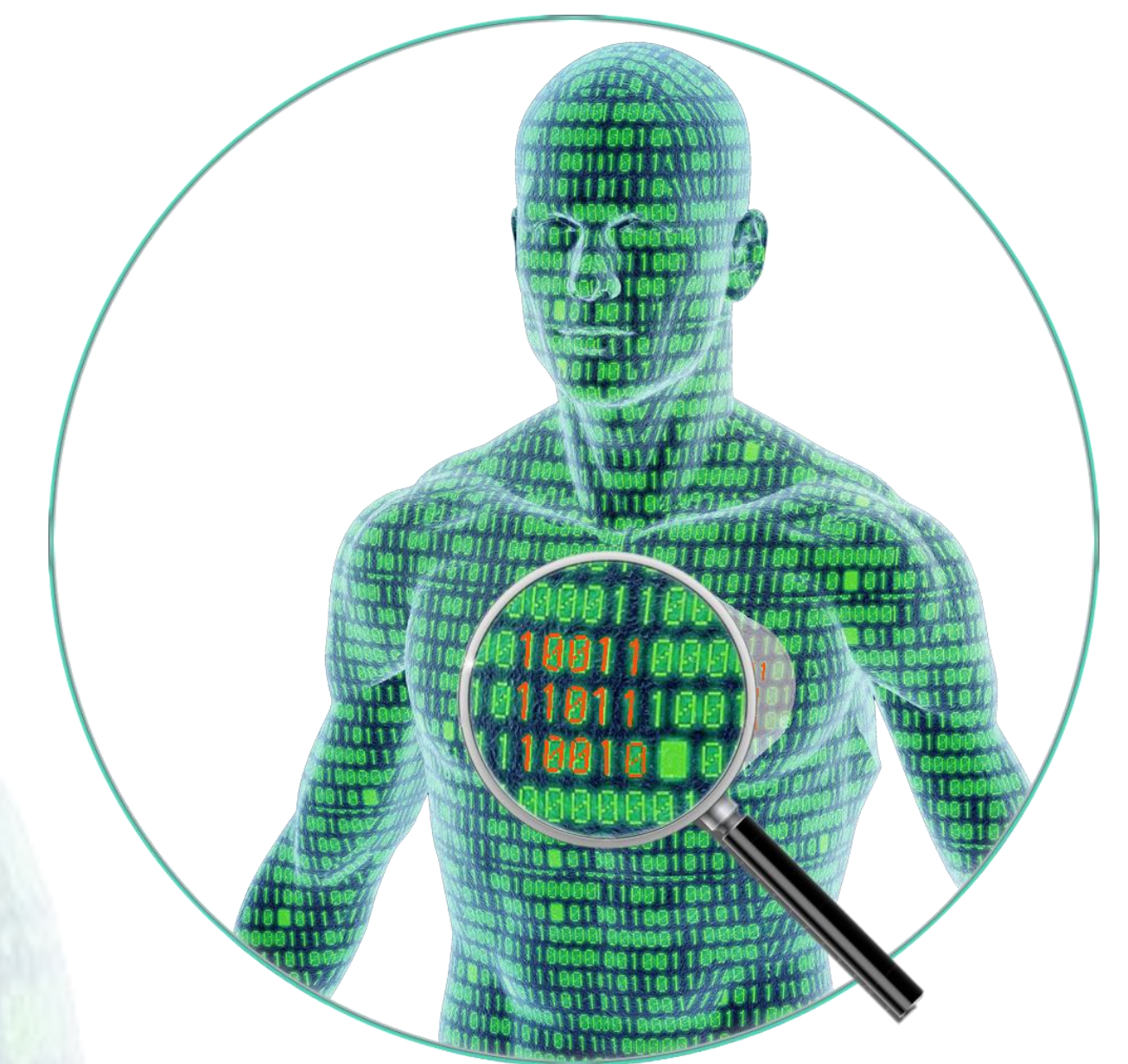
Meniscal lesions



Bone marrow lesions

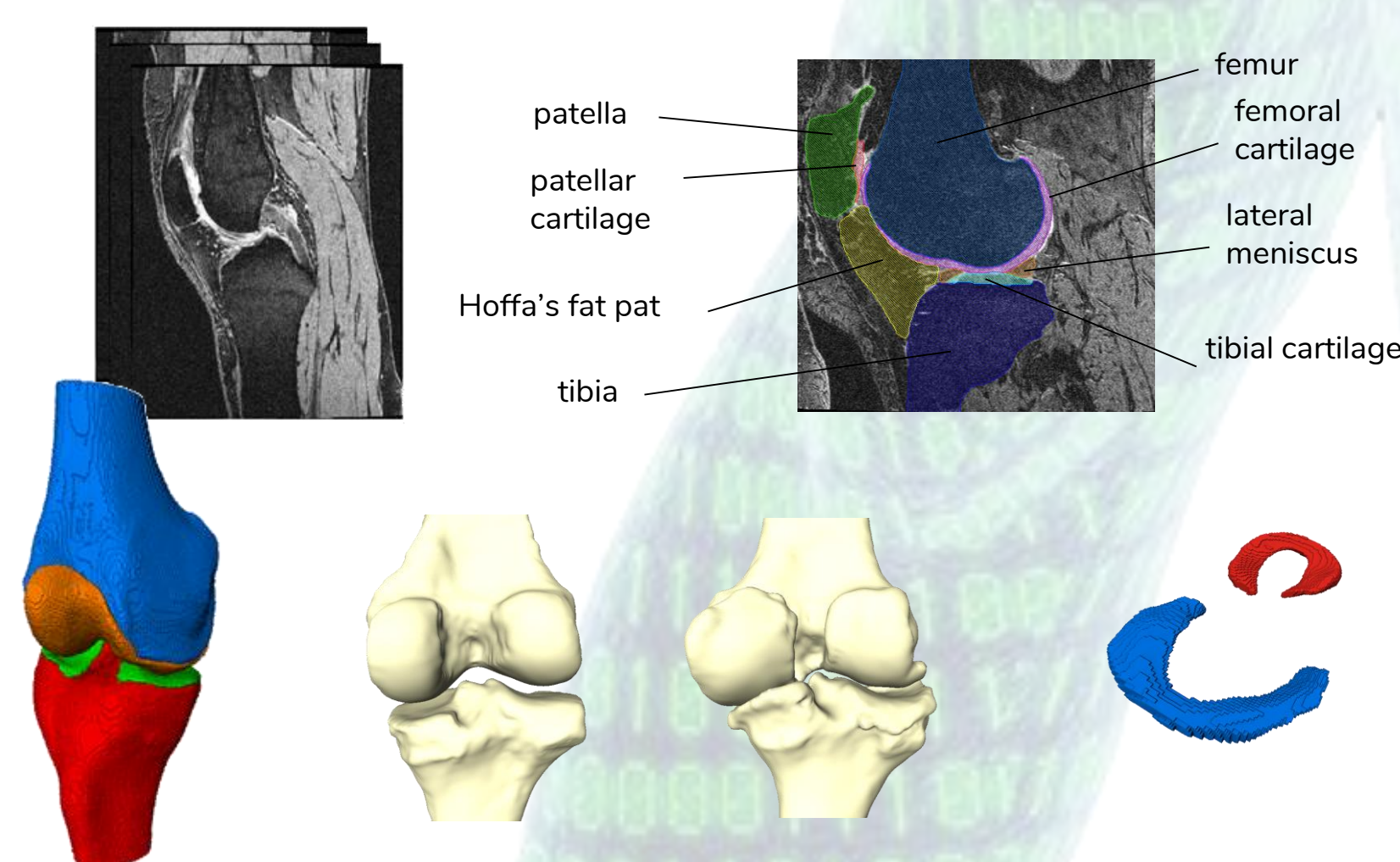


Subarticular cysts

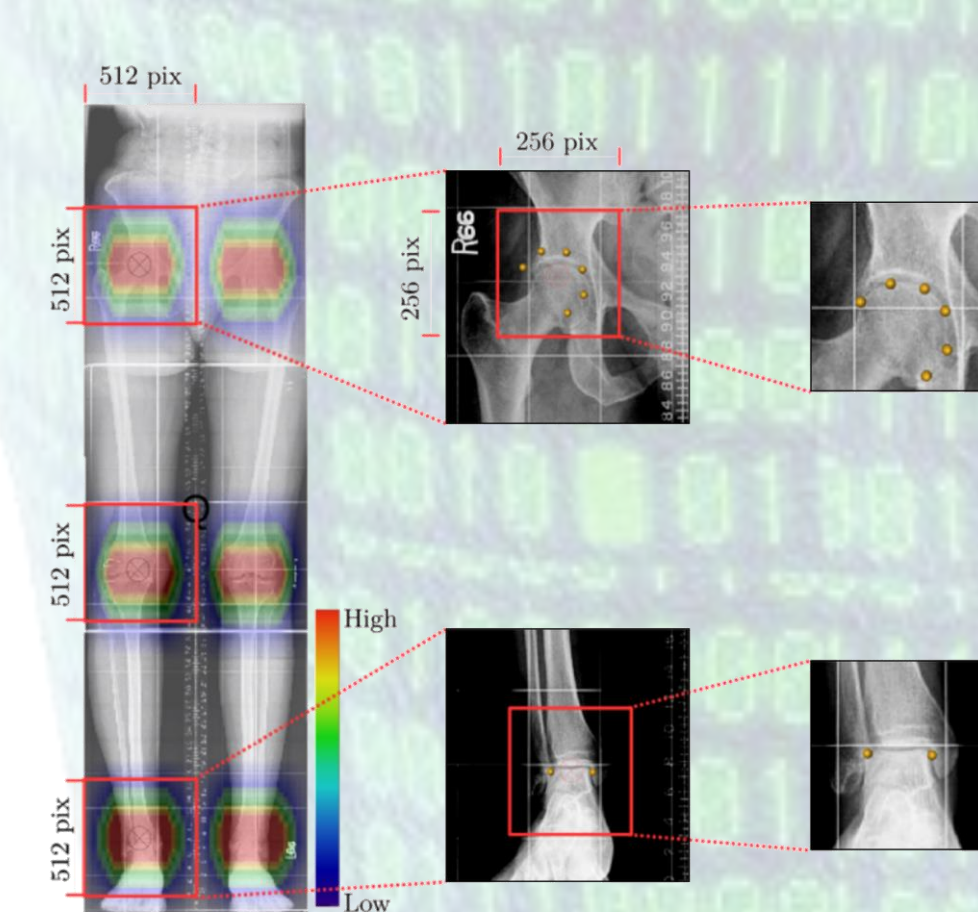


### Medical Image Analysis

A prerequisite for the computation of quantitative image features is the segmentation of the anatomy of interest. State-of-the-art methods for segmentation of different knee structures from MRI have been developed [5]. Preliminary image-based biomarkers, i.e. mechanical leg axes (varus/valgus), meniscal tears, and meniscal extrusion [2], are being investigated.



Automated segmentation of tissue structures of the knee from MRI, such as bones and articular cartilage [1], as well as menisci [2]



Automated classification of leg alignment in X-ray using CNNs

### High Performance Computing

Deep learning requires large datasets for training neural networks. We therefore investigated the suitability of different hardware systems for performing high throughput 3D segmentations ...

Segmentation of **500 MR image data sets** (384 x 384 x 160) using 100 Nodes of ZIB HLRN HPC facility **within 6 hours**



ZIB/HLRN HPC: 1872 nodes, each equipped with 2 Intel CPUs consisting of 12 cores. 120 TB of main memory



NVIDIA DGX-1 Deep Learning System  
8x NVIDIA V100 GPU, 128 GB GPU Memory



**Training** **Inference**

13 hours 8 hours  
↓ x9 faster! ↓ x16 faster!  
1.5 hours 0.5 hours

... as well as training and application of CNNs in the context of **AI radiomics**.



NVIDIA DGX-2 Deep Learning System  
16x NVIDIA V100 GPU, 512 GB GPU Memory

### Holistic OA Knee Score (HOAKS)

Data from large-scale longitudinal cohorts with several follow-ups will be analysed to derive hypotheses for biomarkers related to the onset and progression of KOA. Selection, annotation, and segmentation in close collaboration of radiologists at Charité and computer scientists at ZIB will lead to data ready for being trained with CNNs. Open source software packages, such as TensorFlow, PyTorch, and PyRadiomics will be employed for training image- and shape-based biomarkers. A combined correlation analysis of a wide range of biomarkers with symptoms and disease patterns will lead to a novel holistic and extendable OA score (HOAKS). This score will be evaluated on clinical patient data (BMBF Overload/PrevOP) to assess its predictive quality. Based on such a classification, diagnosis recommendations can be derived to propose a therapy or suitable behavior for the avoidance of fast KOA progression.

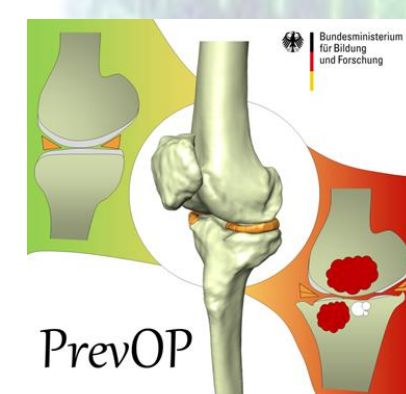
#### Data



≤ 30.000 subjects,  
2 time points,  
3T MRI sequences [6]



≈ 5.000 subjects,  
7 time points,  
T2 map, IW TSE, 3D DESS,  
T1 3D FLASH



≈ 240 subjects,  
4 time points,  
T2 map, IW TSE, 3D DESS,  
T1 3D FLASH, T1p

#### Work Programme

##### Charité

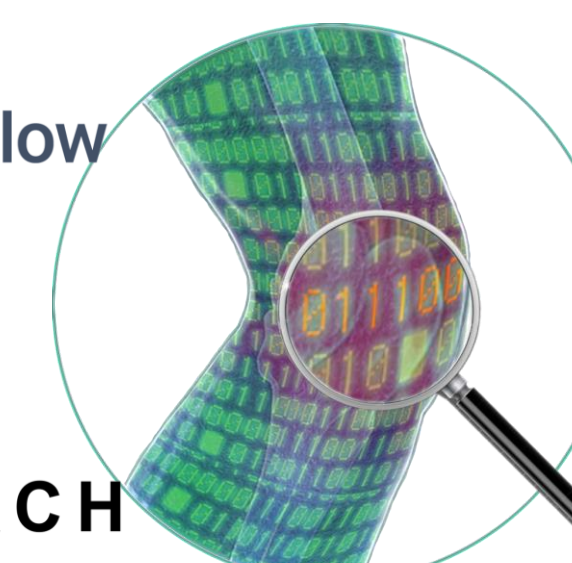
- ❖ Data selection
- ❖ Radiological annotations
- ❖ Evaluation of HOAKS

##### ZIB

- ❖ Data Segmentation
- ❖ AI Training of image- and shape-based biomarkers
- ❖ Development of HOAKS

#### HOAKS

TensorFlow



PYTORCH

**PyRadiomics**  
Open-source toolbox for radiomic feature extraction

Development of HOAKS using **Open Source Toolkits**

### Publications

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