

Attività basate su Intelligenza Artificiale (AI) per applicazioni Mediche

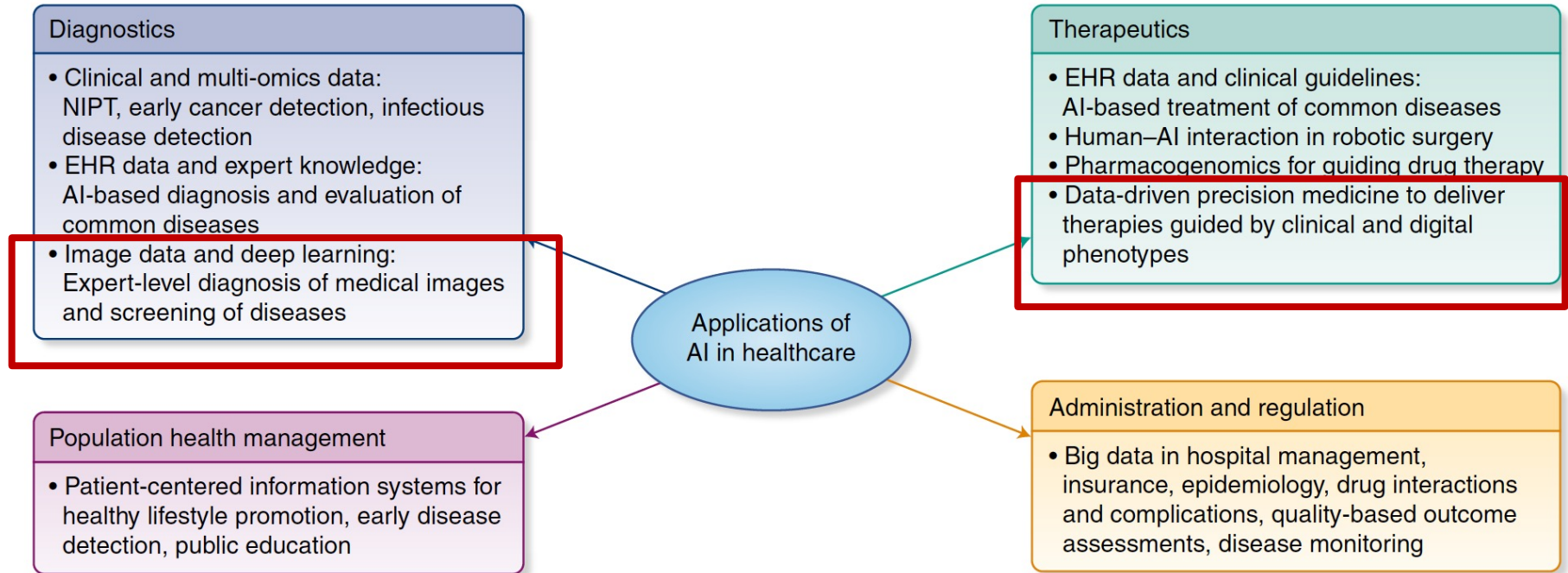


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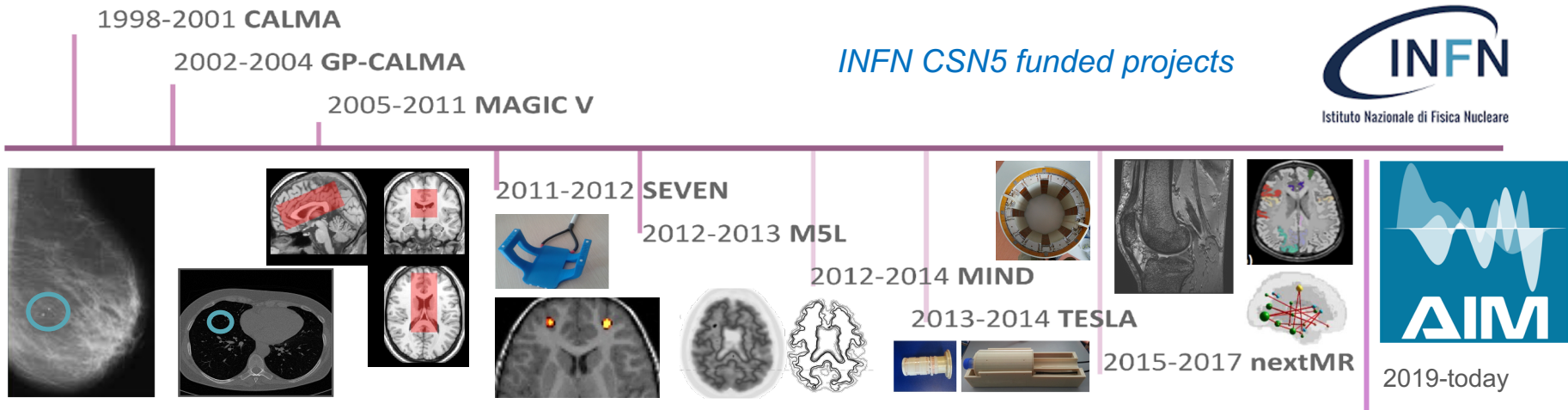
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Applicazioni dell'Intelligenza Artificiale (AI) in ambito sanitario



Legend: HER, Electronic Health Records; NIPT, noninvasive prenatal test

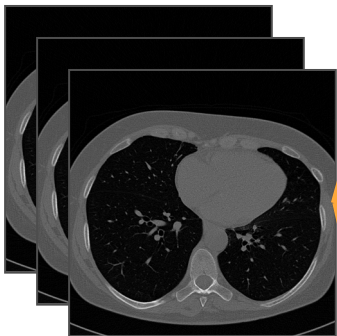


Historical overview of developments in the field of automated diagnosis

- '90 - Old-fashion systems (rule-based)
 - 2000-today - Hand-crafted feature and Machine Learning classification (Radiomics and ML)
 - since 2016 – Deep-Learning based image classification

Selection of success stories: Lung nodule detection

MAGIC-5 and ML5
INFN projects
[2005-2010]



- Enhancement of spherical objects and suppression of elongated and planar structures [Li Q, Sone S, Doi K. *Med Phys* (2003)]
- Multi-scale dot-enhancer (MSDE) filter

Internal nodule

Search for local maxima → List of internal nodule candidates

59:293:226:5:0:0:peak1
54:308:213:5:0:0:peak2
175:251:215:5:0:0:peak3
363:249:142:5:0:0:peak4
50:252:243:5:0:0:peak5
323:175:173:5:0:0:peak6
371:150:128:5:0:0:peak7
...

The list can contain many false positives

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- Enhancement of regions with extra curvature trough a gradient-based filter [Paik et al. *IEEE Trans Med Imaging* (2004)]
- Pleura Surface Normal (PSN) filter

Juxta-pleural nodule

Search for local maxima → List of juxta-pleural nodule candidates

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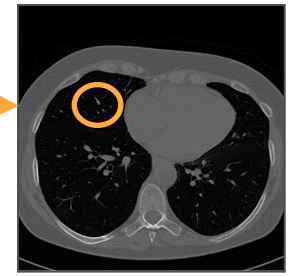
Voxel-wise classification of candidate nodules with Support Vector Machines (SVM) classifiers

internal nodule

juxta-pleural nodule

normal tissue

- Voxels classified as nodule
- Voxels classified as normal tissue



Sviluppato in collaborazione con:
- AOUP (Dott. Falaschi) e Univ. di Pisa (Prof D. Caramella)
- Bracco Imaging S.p. A.

Selection of success stories: Lung nodule detection

- Lung nodule detection SW developed by INFN MAGIC-5 and M5L projects
 - laboratory performance: 80% sensitivity to nodules @ 5 PF/exam
 - clinical validation

Assisted reading improves nodule detection by +7% in the per-patient analysis

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COMPUTER APPLICATIONS



A cloud-based computer-aided detection system improves identification of lung nodules on computed tomography scans of patients with extra-thoracic malignancies

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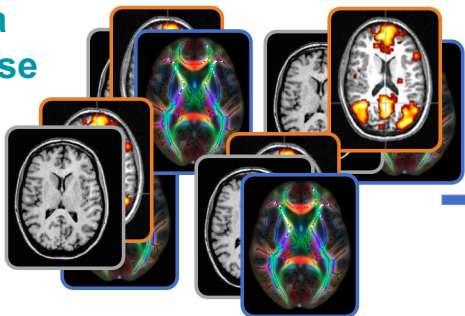
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Abstract

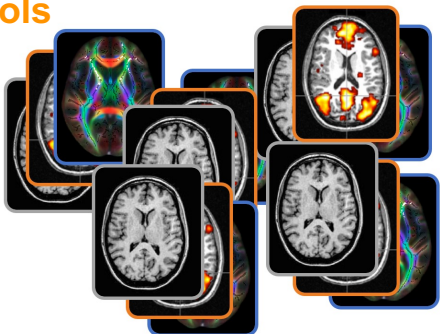
Objectives To compare unassisted and CAD-assisted detection and time efficiency of radiologists in reporting lung nodules on CT scans taken from patients with extra-thoracic malignancies using a Cloud-based system.

Human Neuroimaging: a “Big Data Challenge”

Subjects
with a
disease



Controls

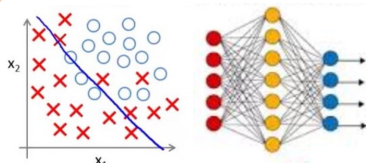


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Machine-
learning



Neuroimaging-based
biomarker of disease

*decision
function*

Prediction on unseen
examples

Predictive models based on multimodal and multidimensional data can be used either to characterize the pathology specific brain correlates (neuroimaging-based *biomarker* of a disease/condition) or to *predict* the single subject’s group membership.

Characterization of subjects with Autism Spectrum Disorders



<https://arianna.pi.infn.it> [2016-2018]

ARIANNA project
 Ambiente di Ricerca Interdisciplinare per l'Analisi di Neuroimmagini Nell'Autismo



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FAS Fondo Aree Sottoutilizzate 2007-2013



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ARIANNA: A research environment for neuroimaging studies in autism spectrum disorders

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The effect of age, sex and clinical features on the volume of Corpus Callosum in pre-schoolers with Autism Spectrum Disorder: a case-control study

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frontiers in psychiatry

Evaluation of Altered Functional Connections in Male Children With Autism Spectrum Disorders on Multiple-Site Data Optimized With Machine Learning

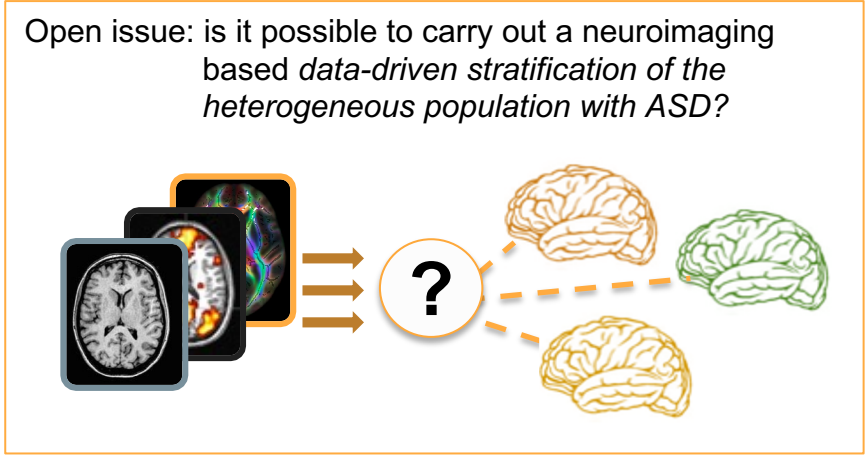
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Brainstem enlargement in preschool children with autism: Results from an intermethod agreement study of segmentation algorithms

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Abstract: The intermethod agreement between automated algorithms for brainstem segmentation is investigated, focusing on the potential involvement of this structure in Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Inconsistencies highlighted in previous studies on brainstem in the population with ASD may in part be a result of poor agreement in the extraction of structural features between

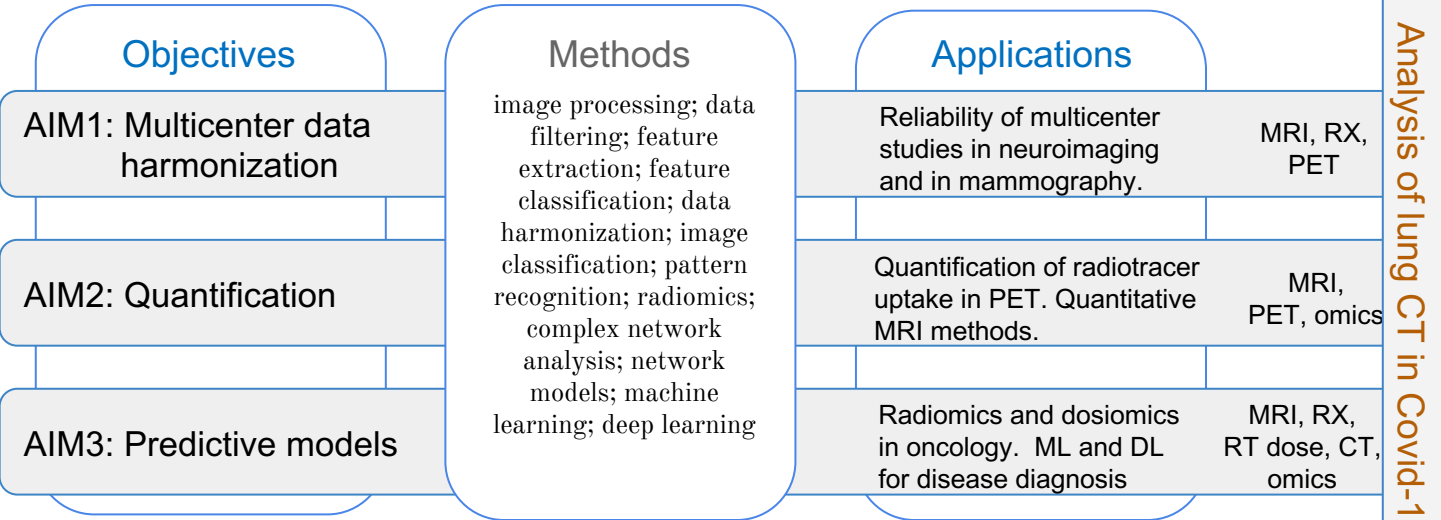




L'Intelligenza Artificiale sarà alla base della prossima rivoluzione nella diagnostica e nella terapia medica

E' necessario sviluppare e validare estensivamente nuove strategie di elaborazione e analisi di dati e immagini, compresi gli approcci radiomici

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Il progetto AIM si fonda sulla collaborazione di lunga data con centri clinici italiani (ospedali / IRCCS) ed europei e con consorzi internazionali per la condivisione dei dati (EADC, ADNI, ABIDE, ENIGMA)

AIM1: Armonizzazione dei dati multicentrici

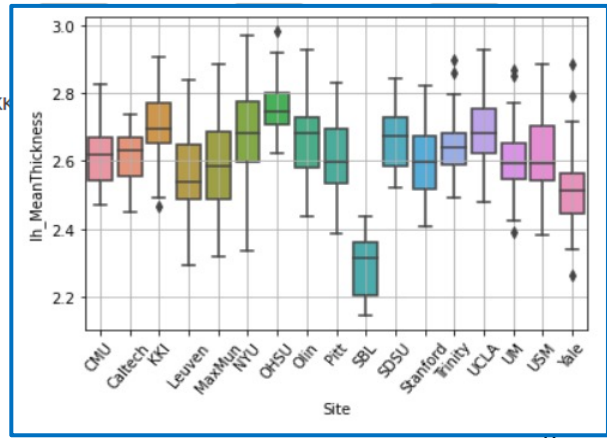
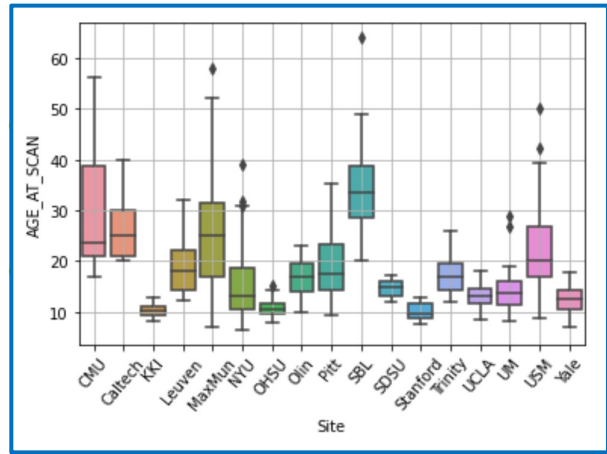
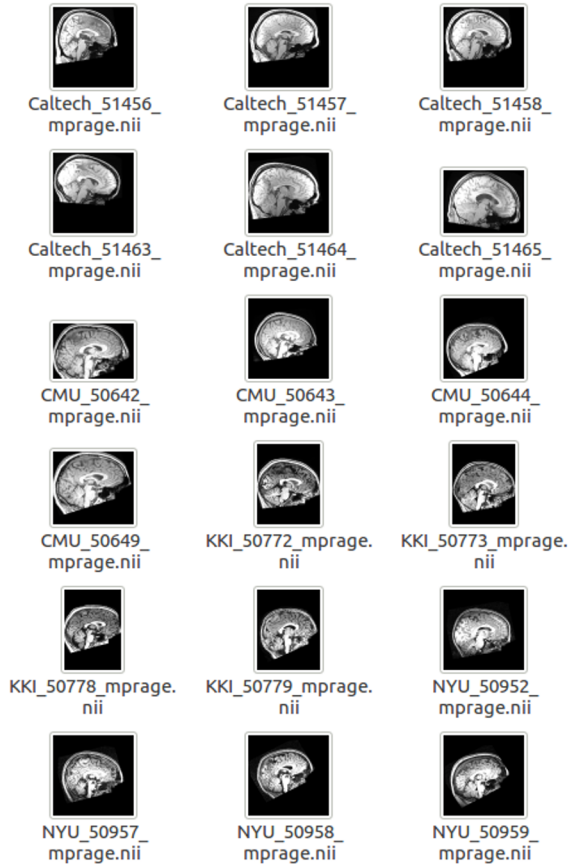
I dati raccolti da diversi siti e / o sistemi di acquisizione contengono "impronte digitali" locali, che possono nascondere le informazioni di interesse.

Questo problema è simile alla gestione degli **errori sistematici** degli esperimenti di Fisica

Autism Brain Imaging Data Exchange
 Dati MRI di piu' di 2000 soggetti



NITRC Neuroimaging Tools & Resources Collaboratory
<http://fcon.1000.projects.nitrc.org/indi/abide>



AIM3: Modelli Predittivi

- Le immagini e/o le loro caratteristiche radiomiche vengono analizzate con metodi di Machine Learning o Deep Learning per sviluppare modelli predittivi di diagnosi, prognosi o esito di trattamento.
- Alcuni esempi:
AIM3.T1: Modelli predittivi di esito di trattamento radioterapico basati su Radiomica e Dosiomica (PI,FI)
 (Task leader: C. Talamonti, Univ. e INFN FI)



Talamonti C et al., *Radiomic and dosimetric profiling of paediatric Medulloblastoma tumours treated with Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy*, Proc VIMABI2019

AIM3: Modelli Predittivi

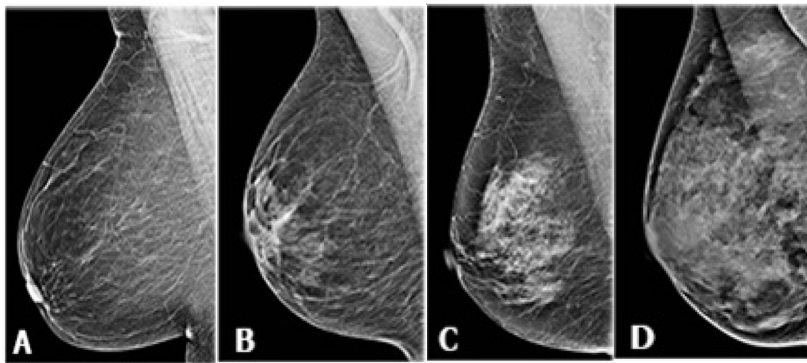
AIM3.T2: Modelli predittivi in mammografia, CESM, DBT, BCT, and MRI (PI, CA, BA, NA)
 (Task leader: M.E. Fantacci, Univ. e INFN PI)



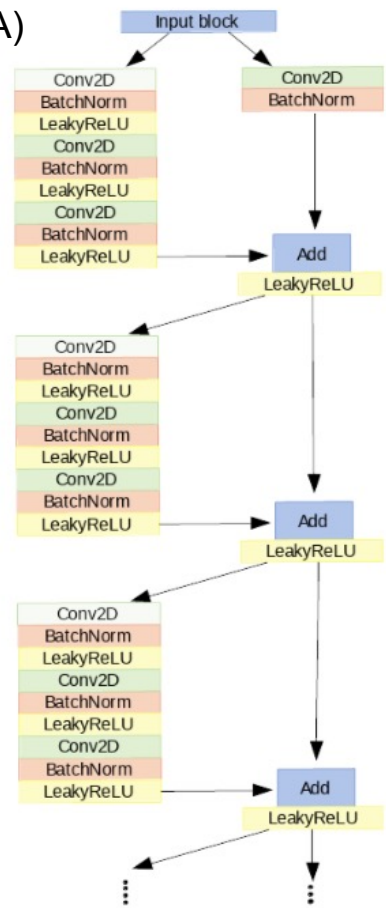
Sinergia con il Progetto **RAIOM**

Goal: To contribute to develop a new personalized **dose index**, significant for each patient and each mammographic exam.

Automated identification of tissue density with residual CNN (R-CNN)

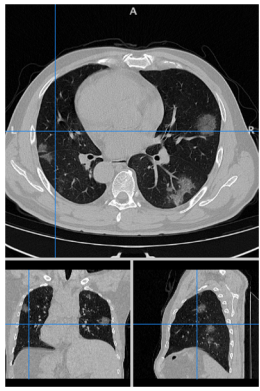


Dense/Non-dense	Left (%)	Right (%)	All (%)	BI-RADS	Left (%)	Right (%)	All (%)
Accuracy	84.4	88.8	89.4	Accuracy	73.3	76.7	77.3
Recall	82.3	89.9	90.0	Recall	72.1	79.2	77.1
Precision	85.5	87.7	88.9	Precision	76.6	75.2	78.6

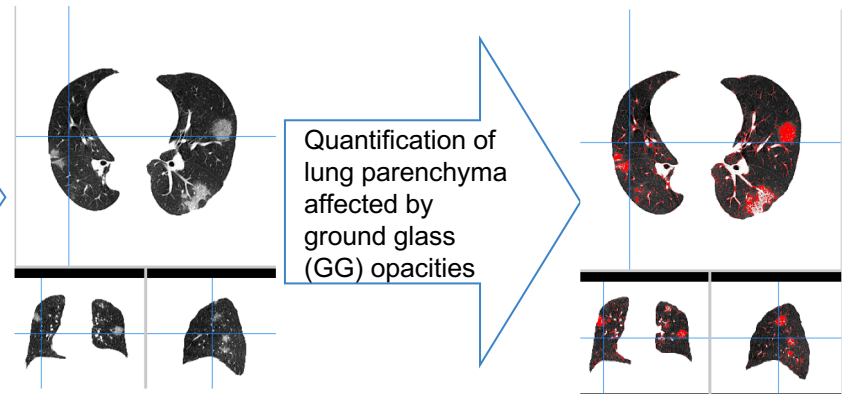


The AIM working group on lung CT analysis (AIM-Covid19-WG)

- AIM1: Multicenter Data Harmonization
- AIM2: Quantification
- AIM3: Predictive Models

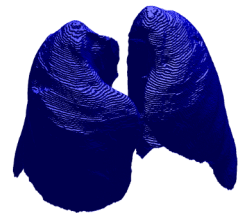


Lung volume segmentation



Quantification of lung parenchyma affected by ground glass (GG) opacities

Classical algorithms for lung segmentation fail when lung appearance is strongly affected by interstitial pneumonia



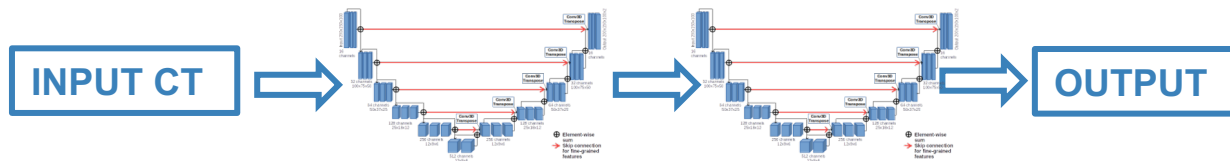
==> Deep learning segmentation methods need thousands of annotated cases to be "transferred" to accomplish this task

- Quantitative information on the amount of Covid-19 related lesions and their distribution, possibly combined with clinical and epidemiological patient's information, may be relevant to set up predictive models for patients' stratification, prognosis prediction, etc.
- Even only pure quantification modules, once properly validated, could be valuable tools for clinicians to set up large-scale population studies based on Radiomics

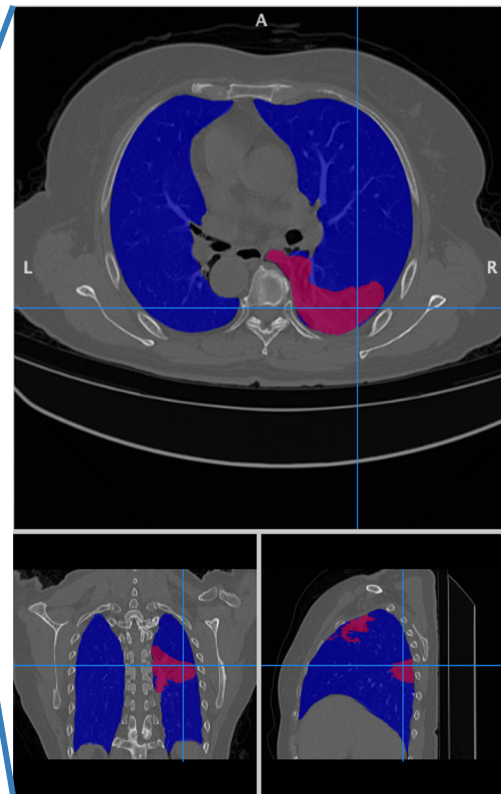
LungQuant: a Deep-Learning based quantification system

- A cascade of two trained U-nets for lung and lesion related to Covid-19 segmentation provides:

- Lung mask
- Lesion mask



- The percentage of affected volume and the CT Severity Score (CT-SS)
- U-nets were trained on (limited!) publicly available datasets
- Computing resources available at INFN-Pisa, CINECA, EOS cluster of Department of Mathematics at Univ. of Pavia have been exploited
 - GPUs with at list 16 GB of RAM were necessary
 - Each run required ~12h to complete 100 epochs
 - ... Test to improve the performances still in progress!

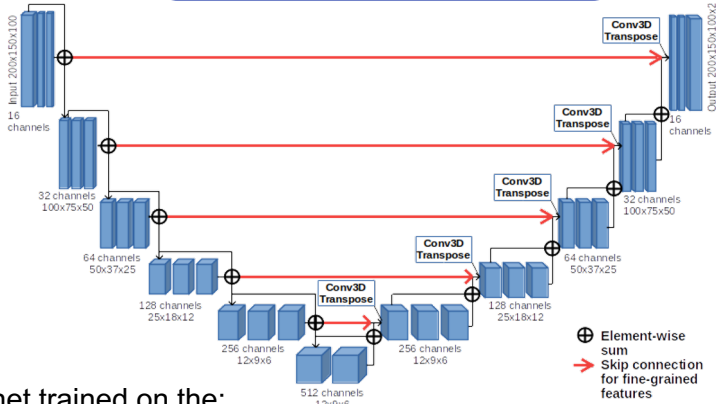
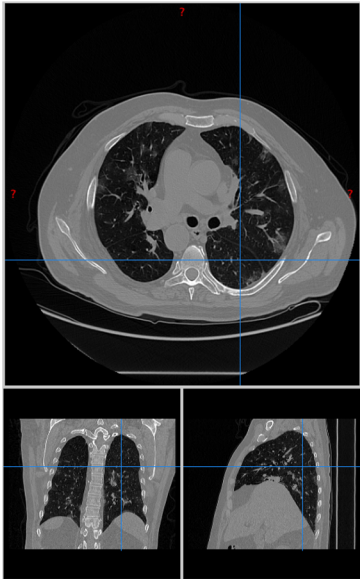


Unet₁ for lung segmentation

Windowing
[-1000, 1000] HU
Resample to
200x150x100 array

U-net training and
validation

Lung mask prediction

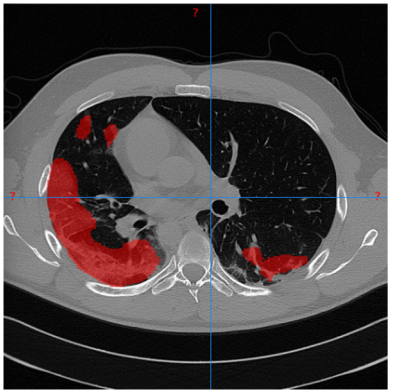
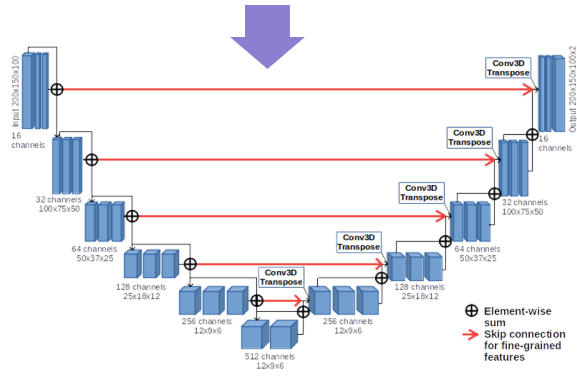
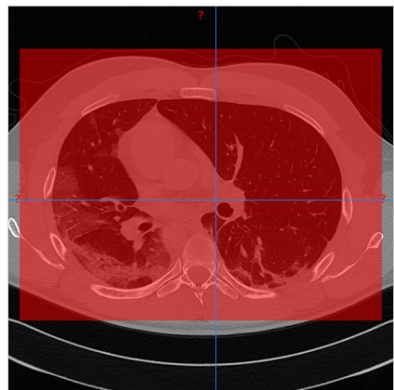
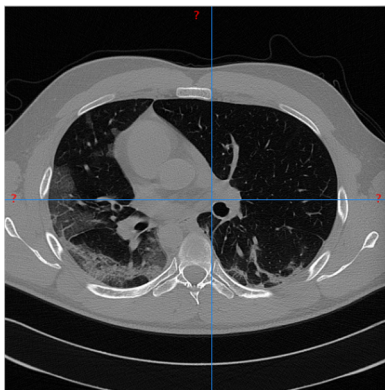
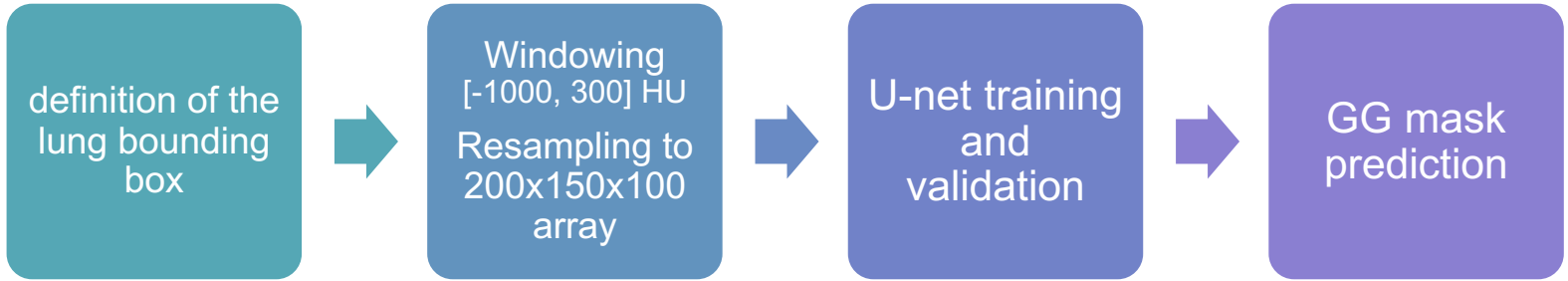


U-net trained on the:

- TCIA PleThora dataset (402 annotated CTs with lung masks)
- TCIA Lung CT Segmentation Challenge (60 CT, taken for dosimetry)
- MosMed CT0 subset (91 CT with normal lung, in-house lung segmentation SW to generate the reference lung masks)

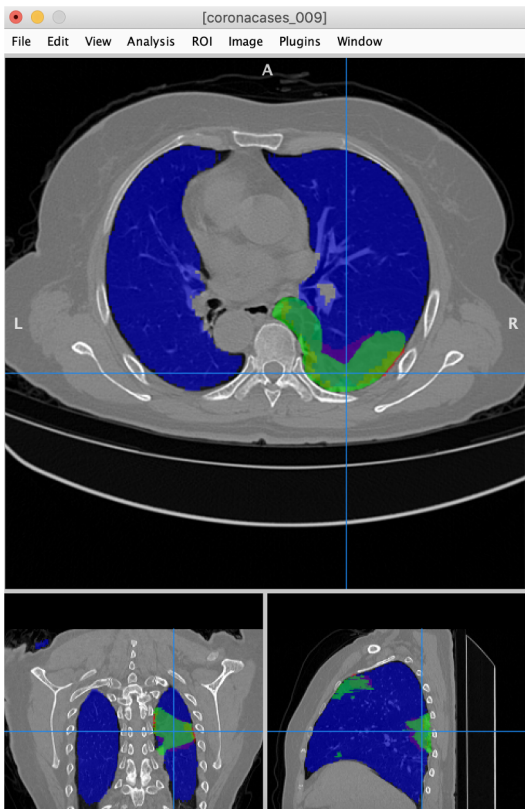


Unet₂ for lesion segmentation



U-net trained on: the <https://covid-segmentation.grand-challenge.org/> dataset (199 annotated CTs with COVID lesions, MICCAI endorsed event) and MosMed CT-1 (50 annotated CTs with COVID lesions)

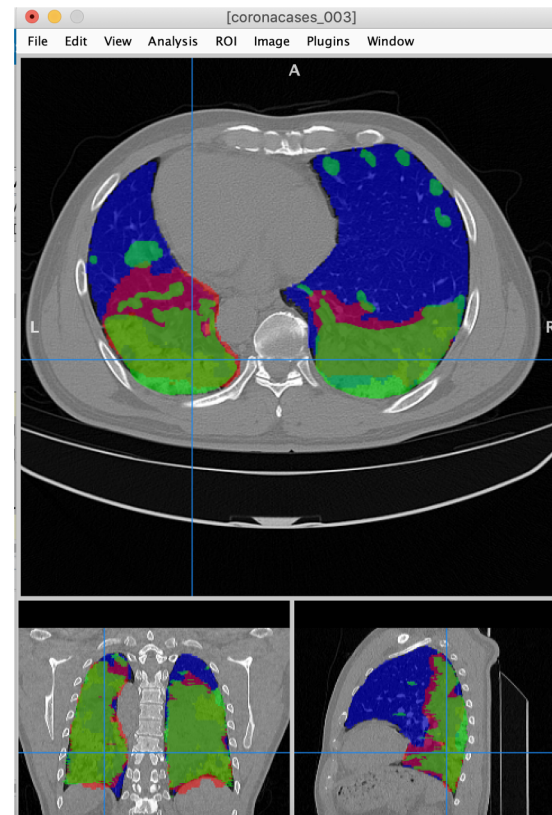
The *LungQuant* system performance



LungQuant system validation on the fully annotated (lungs and lesions) public benchmark dataset **COVID-19-CT-Seg**, <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3757476> which is limited to 10 cases

Lung segmentation (Dice coefficient)	Infection segmentation (Dice coefficient)
0.95 ± 0.01	0.66 ± 0.13

Blue: U-net lung mask
Red: U-net lesion mask
Green: reference lesion segmentation



best

worst

- L'imaging medico genera quotidianamente un'incredibile quantità di informazioni digitali (Big Data) che non vengono ancora sfruttate appieno:
 - E' necessario sviluppare strategie automatizzate per il controllo della qualità dei dati e strategie di armonizzazione dei dati multicentrici
 - Sono necessari nuovi approcci computazionali per integrare le informazioni da dati multimodali (imaging, genetica, clinici, demografici, ecc.)
 - I dati della Ricerca devono essere FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable) [proposal **FAIR-AIM** inviato per **Bando GiovaniSi 2021** in collaborazione con EBIT S.r.L.]
- Le analisi di dati medici basate su AI presentano diversi livelli di complessità, e necessitano di competenze multidisciplinari:
 - È auspicabile uno sforzo sinergico da parte di diversi professionisti, inclusi medici, fisici medici e informatici per raggiungere risultati rilevanti nel settore

Grazie per l'attenzione!



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