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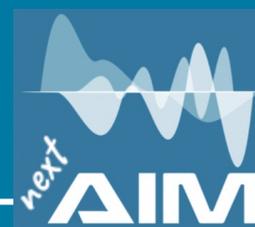
Project overview



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The Artificial Intelligence in Medicine (AIM) INFN Project



[INFN, CSN5, 2019-2021]

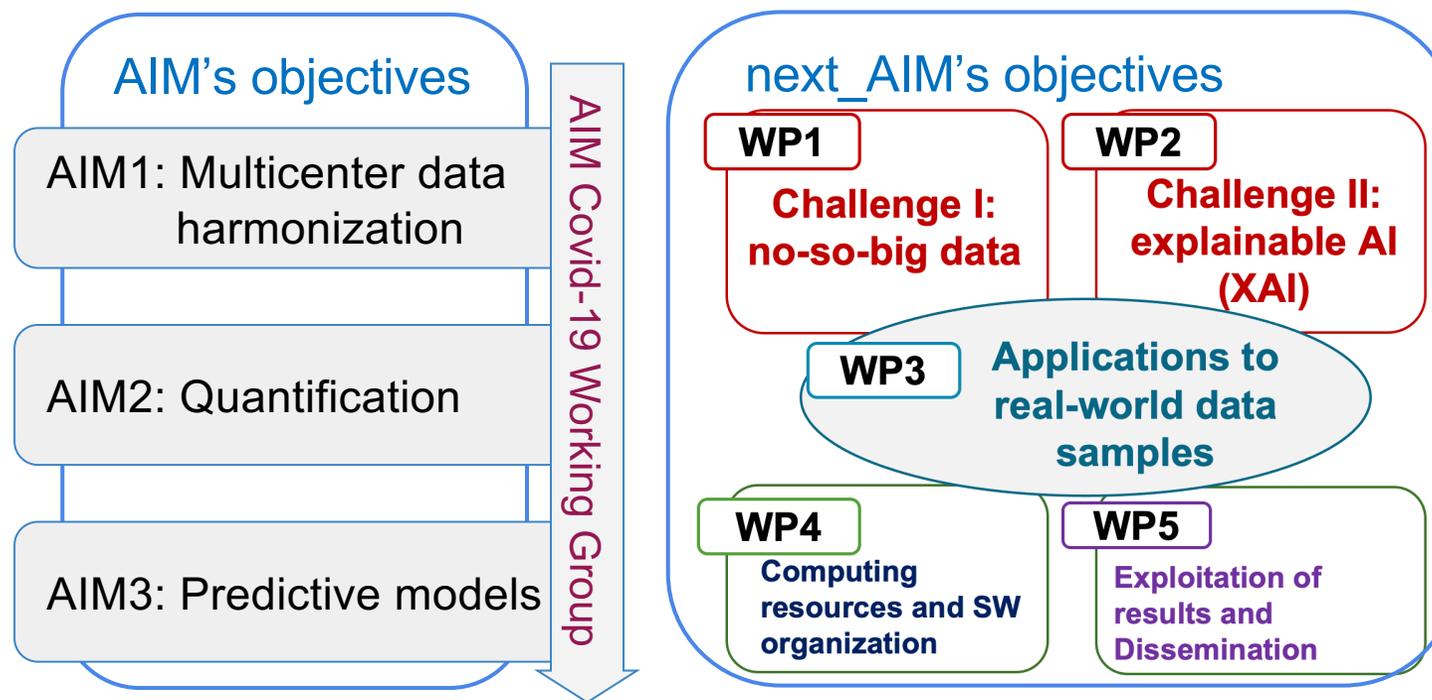
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Artificial Intelligence to become the next revolution in **medical diagnostics** and **therapy**.

- New image processing and data analysis strategies, including radiomics approaches, need to be developed and extensively validated.



Long-standing collaboration with Italian centers (hospitals / IRCCS) and with international consortia for data sharing



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Researchers from INFN divisions and University Departments collaborate closely with Radiologists, Clinicians and Medical Physicists in Clinical Centers to develop innovative solutions based on data mining and AI

Clinical partners

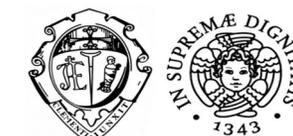
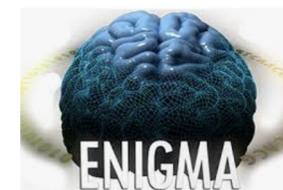
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- IRCCS Stella Maris (PI)
- IRCCS Gaslini (GE)
- IRCCS Centro S. G. di Dio (BS)
- IRCCS G. Paolo II (BA)
- IRCCS Mondino (PV)
- IRCCS SDN (NA)
- IRCCS IRST Meldola (FC)
- IRCCS Bellaria (BO)
- IRCCS S. Orsola (BO)
- IMAGO7
- Azienda Osp. Univ. Pisana (PI)
- Azienda Osp. Univ. Careggi (FI)
- Osp. Pediatrico Meyer (FI)
- Ospedale Cardarelli (NA)
- Azienda Sanitaria Cuneo 1 (CN)
- IFO-Ist. Naz. Tumori Regina Elena (RM)
- ASST Niguarda (MI)
- Policlinico di Bari
- Policlinico di Palermo
- Policlinico Univ. di Napoli
- Policlinico San Matteo (PV)

EU / consortia

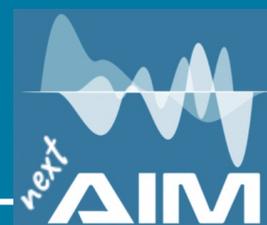
- EADC (EU)
- EDLBC (EU)
- ADNI (US)
- ABIDE (EU/US)
- ENIGMA (WW)

Scientific associations

- Italian Association of Medical Physics (AIFM)



Project timeline

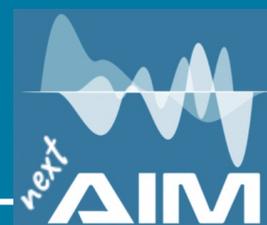


								2022	2023	2024	
WP1	Methodological approaches to handle limited datasets	BO				FI		■	■	■	■
		GE			PD	PI	PV				
WP2	Explainable techniques for biomedical data	BA	BO					■	■	■	■
						PI					
WP3	Applications to real data	BA	BO	CA	CT	FE	FI	■	■	■	■
		GE	LNS	MI	NA	PD	PI				
WP4	Computing resources and SW repository organization	BA	BO					■	■	■	■
							PI				
WP5	Exploitation of research results and communication	BA	BO	CA	CT	FE	FI	■	■	■	■
		GE	LNS	MI	NA	PD	PI				

In **bold** sono indicate le sedi degli attuali conveener dei WP

Sedi partecipanti										Task	Topic		
			FE			LNS		NA		PI	T1	Radiomics in Digital Breast Tomosynthesis (DBT)	
	BO		FE					NA			T2	Super-Resolution in DBT	
	BO		CT								T3	Radiomics in prostate cancer	
	BO		CT								T4	Radiomics and DL in tcMRgFUS	
	BO					GE	LNS				T5	Nuclear Neuro Imaging Quantification and Radiomics	
BA		CA	CT						PD	PI	T6	Connectivity in functional MRI and EEG	
		CA	CT	FE	FI	GE		MI		PI	PV	T7	Radiomics and Deep Learning analysis of CT and patients' data in COVID-19
										PI	PV	T8	Radiomics and ML-segmentation on Facio-Scapulo-Humeral dystrophy (FSHD) and lung tumor
BA											PV	T9	ML on Imaging data of 10B uptake tracks and dose monitoring by Compton cameras
					FI					PI		T10	Artificial intelligence for monitoring RT response in soft-tissue sarcomas
				FE						PD		T11	Machine Learning techniques for cardiological applications
					FI					PD	PI	T12	Application of NLP techniques to clinical notes towards the automated reading of instrumental data

Milestones



2022		
31 Dec	M1.1	Identification of methodological pitfalls in case of small datasets
31 Dec	M2.1	Identification of explainability requirements for medical applications
31 Dec	M3.1	Identification of data samples for practical use cases and fist tests
30 Jun	M4.1a	Identification of available resources and usage instructions
31 Dec	M4.1b	SW package release instructions
31 Dec	M5.1	Workshop organization: " AI methods and applications in Medical Physics " →
2023		
31 Dec	M1.2	Definition of robust pipelines for efficient model training on small datasets
31 Dec	M2.2	Customization of explainability pipelines to AI models for medical imaging
31 Dec	M3.2	Implementation of robust pipelines and explainability algorithms in at least three different use cases
31 Dec	M4.2	Integration of at least 1 application per site in nextAIM SW package repository
31 Dec	M5.2	Workshop organization: " The right to explanation " →
2024		
30 Jun	M2.3	Definition of optimal explainability methodology for medical problems
31 Dec	M3.3	Result evaluation for the practical use case and reporting
31 Dec	M4.3	Integration of all analysis pipelines trained for the use cases of WP3 in the nextAIM SW package repository
31 Dec	M5.3a	Submission of at least 1 scientific publication per use case
31 Dec	M5.3b	Workshop "The right to explanation"

WS AI@INFN, Bologna 2-3 Maggio 2022
<https://agenda.infn.it/event/29907/>

Workshop "AI methods and applications in Medical Physics"



31 Dec | M5.3b | Workshop "The right to explanation"



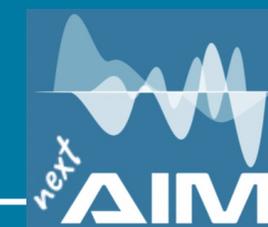
Project meetings:

- Kick-off meeting 2022 e general meeting 2023 su <https://agenda.infn.it/category/1377/>
- Meeting mensili (su zoom) tra responsabili locali e conveners dei WP
 - Minute su [drive](#)
- Meeting organizzati in autonomia all'interno dei gruppi di lavoro (WP e Task) su piattaforme diverse
 - Se lo riteniamo utile possiamo riattivare il Gruppo Teams che avevamo creato in precedenza

Project status reporting:

- Consuntivi 2022: da completare per inizio aprile
- Aggiornamento referee: luglio e settembre 2022, report da preparare in vista dei consuntivi
- Aggiornare il sito web <https://www.pi.infn.it/aim/>
 - e.g. sezioni “Highlights” e “Publications”

People and budget 2023



SEZIONE	RICERCATORI		TECNOLOGI	
BA (13 PERSONE - 3.25 FTE)	2.8 fte	11 pers.	0.45 fte	2 pers.
	3.25 fte / 13 pers. (media 0.25)			
BO (9 PERSONE - 3.65 FTE)	3.5 fte	7 pers.	0.15 fte	2 pers.
	3.65 fte / 9 pers. (media 0.41)			
CA (6 PERSONE - 2.5 FTE)	2.4 fte	5 pers.	0.1 fte	1 pers.
	2.50 fte / 6 pers. (media 0.42)			
CT (4 PERSONE - 2.15 FTE)	2.15 fte	4 pers.	0 fte	pers.
	2.15 fte / 4 pers. (media 0.54)			
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	2.35 fte / 4 pers. (media 0.59)			
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	2.10 fte / 4 pers. (media 0.53)			
MI (8 PERSONE - 1.2 FTE)	1.2 fte	8 pers.	0 fte	pers.
	1.20 fte / 8 pers. (media 0.15)			
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	1.75 fte / 4 pers. (media 0.44)			
PI (11 PERSONE - 4 FTE)	3.75 fte	8 pers.	0.25 fte	3 pers.
	4.00 fte / 11 pers. (media 0.36)			
PV (13 PERSONE - 2.9 FTE)	2.3 fte	10 pers.	0.6 fte	3 pers.
	2.90 fte / 13 pers. (media 0.22)			
TOTALE (92 PERSONE - 31.55 FTE)	29.8 FTE	80 PERS.	1.75 FTE	12 PERS.

92 persone, 31.55 FTE nel 2023
[82 persone, 27.95 FTE nel 2022]

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64 kE per il 2023
[46 kE nel 2022]

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14:00 → 14:30	Project overview Speaker: Alessandra Retico (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)	🕒 30m
14:30 → 16:00	WP1 - Methodological approaches to handle limited datasets Conveners: Andrea Chincarini (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare) , Daniel Remondini (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)	
14:30	Synthetic images generation from small datasets Speaker: Lorenzo Di Meo	🕒 20m
14:50	Low-dimensional signatures from high-dimensional data: the DNetPRO algorithm Speaker: Nico Curti	🕒 20m
15:10	How to deal the small data issue in artificial intelligence within medical image classification: a systematic review ¶ Speaker: Leonardo Ubaldi (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)	🕒 20m
15:30	A bootstrap method to model small datasets with survival outcome Speaker: Elena Ballante	🕒 20m
16:00 → 16:30	Coffee break	🕒 30m
16:30 → 18:00	WP2 - Explainable techniques for biomedical data Conveners: Alessandra Retico (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare) , Sabina Tangaro (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)	
16:30	Established XAI techniques Speaker: Alessandro Fania	🕒 30m
17:00	A holistic and analytical approach to assess Trustworthy AI: Z-inspection® project Speaker: Francesca Lizzi (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)	🕒 30m
17:30	Effectiveness of biological inspired neural network models in learning and patterns memorization Speaker: Nico Curti	🕒 30m
18:00 → 20:00	Aperitivo	🕒 2h

Agenda: 14/02/2023

08:50 → 10:30 WP3 - Applications to real data

Convener: Piernicola Oliva (University of Sassari and INFN Cagliari)

08:50 **A python framework for classification of DBT slices through Deep Learning (WP3.T1)** ¶

Speaker: Gianfranco Paternò (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)

09:15 **An explainable unified approach for mass detection and classification in DBT (WP3.T1)**

Speaker: Andrea Berti

09:40 **Use of GradCAM map for mass localization in DBT (WP3.T1)**

Speaker: Roberta Ricciardi (Università degli studi di Napoli "Federico II")

10:05 **Super-resolution for DBT imaging (WP3.T2)**

Speaker: Nico Curti

10:30 → 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 → 12:40 WP3 - Applications to real data

Convener: Alessandro Lascialfari (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)

11:00 **Radiomics in prostate cancer (WP3.T3)**

Speaker: Maurizio Marrale (University of Palermo)

11:25 **Deep learning models for targeting of tc-MRgFUS for essential tremor (WP3.T4)**

Speaker: M Romero

11:50 **Multi-algorithm approach for real-life clinical applications (WP3.T5)**

Speaker: Francesco Sensi

12:15 **Nuclear Medicine Neuroimaging Quantification (WP3.T5)**

Speaker: Enrico Peira (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)

12:40 → 14:00

Lunch

14:00 → 16:05 WP3 - Applications to real data

Convener: Maurizio Marrale (University of Palermo)

14:00 **High pathological grade prediction in prostate cancer patients undergoing 18F-PSMA PET/CT using matRadiomics (WP3.T5)**

Speaker: Giovanni Pasini

14:25 **Correct approach to multicentric data harmonization (WP3.T6)**

Speaker: Piernicola Oliva (University of Sassari and INFN Cagliari)

14:50 **Brain Connectivity with rs-EEG (WP3.T6)**

Speaker: F Cuna

15:15 **ML applications for MRI, ECG, and Plethysmography (WP3.T6 + WP3.T11 + WP3.T12)**

Speaker: Alberto Zucchetto (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)

15:40 **Track detection on CR39 for 10B cell uptake measurements (WP3.T9)**

Speaker: Ian Postuma (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)

16:05 → 16:30

coffee break

16:30 → 18:35 WP3 - Applications to real data

Convener: Maurizio Marrale (University of Palermo)

16:30 **COVID-19 severity prediction based on radiomics features obtained by exploiting the LungQuant segmentation output (WP3.T7)**

Speaker: Camilla Scapicchio (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)

16:55 **Radiomics and ML for biomarker prediction in Facioscapulohumeral dystrophy (WP3.T8)**

Speaker: Leonardo Barzaghi

17:20 **Radiomics and ML-segmentation on lung tumor, the Blue Sky project (WP3.T8)**

Speakers: Francesca Brero (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare), Ian Postuma (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare), Raffaella Cabini (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)

17:45 **A software for extracting quantitative metrics and radiomic features in CT images of the lung: development of a practical tool and clinical applications (WP3.T8)**

Speaker: Luca Berta

18:10 **Soft tissue sarcoma: transfer learning and fine-tuning for prediction of distant metastasis based on multimodal imaging (WP3.T10)**

Speaker: Stefano Piffer (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)

20:00 → 22:00

Social Dinner

Osteria il Gran Burrone, <https://www.osteriailgranburrone.it/>

08:50 → 10:30 WP5 - Exploitation of research results and communication

Conveners: Andrea Chincarini (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare), Cinzia Talamonti (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare), Maria Evelina Fantacci (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)

08:50 The D0lab_research environment

Speaker: Paolo Bosco (INFN - Pisa)

09:10 Working with clinicians: the DORIAN Tech. experience

Speaker: R Gianeri

09:30 R4I Deeplook

Speaker: Giovanni Mettievier (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)

09:50 Collaboration with AIFM

Speakers: Cinzia Talamonti (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare), Maria Evelina Fantacci (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)

10:10 Regolare l'IA: tra etica e normativa

Speaker: G Gozzi

10:30 → 11:00

coffee break

🕒 30m

11:00 → 12:45 WP4 - Computing resources and SW repository organization

Conveners: Francesca Lizzi (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare), Ian Postuma (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)

11:00 Update on WP4 status: available resources and SW repository

Speaker: Francesca Lizzi (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)

11:30 AI-MIGHT and computing resources

Speaker: Setareh Fatemi (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)

11:50 Software management @INFN: from git repository to licensing

Speaker: Francesco Giacomini (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)

12:20 Discussion

🕒 25m

12:45 → 14:00

Lunch

🕒 1h 15m

14:00 → 15:30 WP4 - Computing resources and SW repository organization

Conveners: Francesca Lizzi (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare), Ian Postuma (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)

14:00 Hands-on: tutorial on next_AIM repository

Speakers: Francesca Lizzi (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare), Ian Postuma (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)

🕒 1h 30m

15:30 → 16:00 Discussion and Closing Remarks

Speaker: Alessandra Retico (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)

🕒 30m

Buon lavoro!