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Medical Data Science

Linking Medicine and Data Science

Leipzig, 02.12.2022



PROGRAM

Medical Data Science - An Overview (~ 20 min)

Prof. Toralf Kirsten

Distributed Analysis using the Personal Health Train (~ 5 min)

Maximilian Jugl

Generation of Synthetic Data (~ 5 min)

Dr. Sina Sadeghi

Privacy-preserving Diagnostic Support for Leukodystrophy Patients (~ 5 min) Dr. Navid Shekarchizadeh

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Predicting the Length of Stay in a Hospital (~ 5 min)

Lars Hempel

Early Detection of Sepsis: The AMPEL Project (~ 5 min)

Dr. Daniel Steinbach

Discussions and Poster Session







Medical Data Science - An Overview

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CHALLENGES IN MEDICINE

- Highly specialized (precision) medicine in an aging society
 - Stratified diagnostics and continued adaptation of care processes
 - Example: Support patients with rare diseases
- Development of new methods in diagnostics and therapies
 - Early diagnostic using available biomarkers
 - Prediction of continued health / care process
- Limited budget

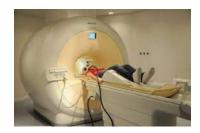
⇒ Need for efficient use of limited resources







DATA IS EVERYWHERE



Diagnostics



Intensive Care

Wearables, PROMS,



Medical Administration



Clinical Trials, Epi Studies





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GOALS

- Capture and manage the right data with the right quality at the right time
- Privacy-preserving data integration and sharing •
- Goal-driven data analysis •
 - Patient-specific diagnostic support Ο
 - Dedicated to specific medical research questions Ο
 - Administrative reporting Ο

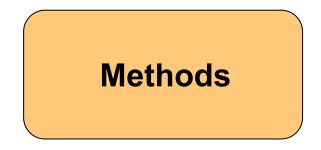


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REQUIREMENTS





Organizational and technical Infrastructures \rightarrow FAIR data

Spectrum allowing to

- capture and integrate data
- prepare and check data
- analyze data



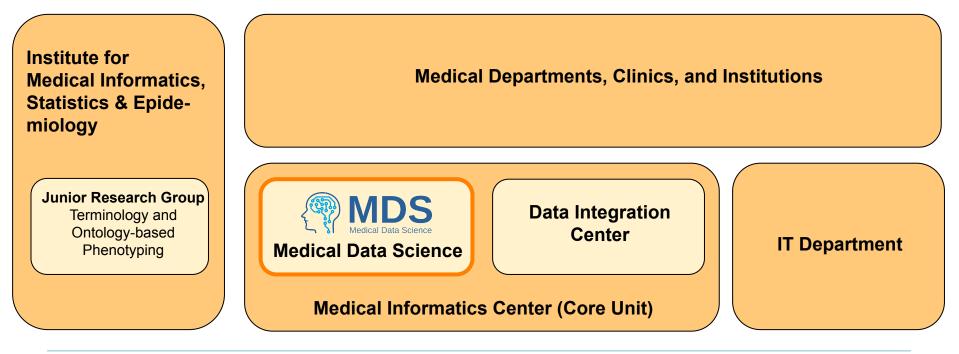
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OUR TEAM



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OUR EXPERTISE — OVERVIEW

- Infrastructure
 - Enhance data analysis in a distributed mode
 - Software applications: patient-specific guiding and diagnostic support

• Methods

- Artificial-Intelligence-based methods for
 - Early detection, prediction, and diagnosis
 - Identification and segmentation of abnormalities in images
 - Data augmentation, especially for Rare Diseases
- Privacy-preserving methods for data sharing

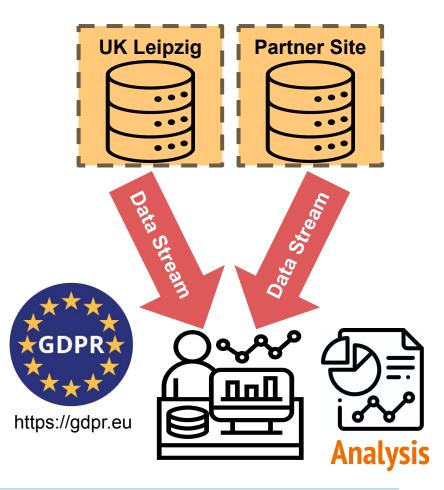






HOW TO RUN THE ANALYSIS?

- Centralized (pooled) vs. distributed data analysis
- Influencing factors
 - Number of sites
 - Trust in partner sites
 - Analysis goal and plan
 - Amount and type of data
 - Legal aspect: Consent available?
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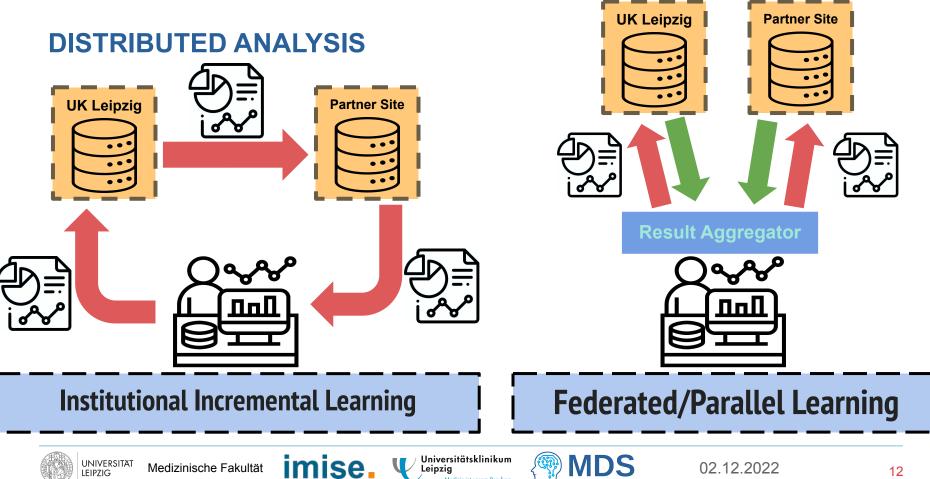








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PERSONAL HEALTH TRAIN

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- **Key idea**: Bring the analysis to the data
- No direct data access for scientists: Upload the analysis script and run at each involved partner site
- Keep the control over own data at each location
- Strong cooperation with RWTH Aachen, Fraunhofer Institute for Applied Information Technology, Univ. of Cologne, Univ. of Tübingen

⇒ Pitch Maximilian Jugl









CHALLENGES IN DISTRIBUTED ANALYTICS



- Infrastructure
 - Computational resources depending on data volume, type and analysis tasks (algorithms) at each location

⇒ Need to have physical resources or involve further partners

- Analysis (methods)
 - Impact of routing on final result
 - Catastrophic forgetting: potential drop in accuracy with every new location
 - Unbalanced data: different cohort sizes & class imbalances at different sites, in particular for small data volumes (Rare Diseases)

\Rightarrow Creation of synthetic data by learning from real world data







TACKLING SMALL DATA VOLUME BY SYNTHETIC DATA

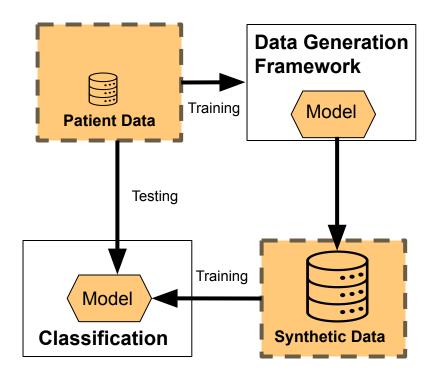
- Key Idea: Use synthetic data to train Al-based models
 - Train a generative model
 - Create synthetic data
 - Train the intended (classification) model using synthetic data
 - Test the intended model by using real world data
- **Our result:** Framework for generating and testing synthetic data

⇒ Pitch Sina Sadeghi



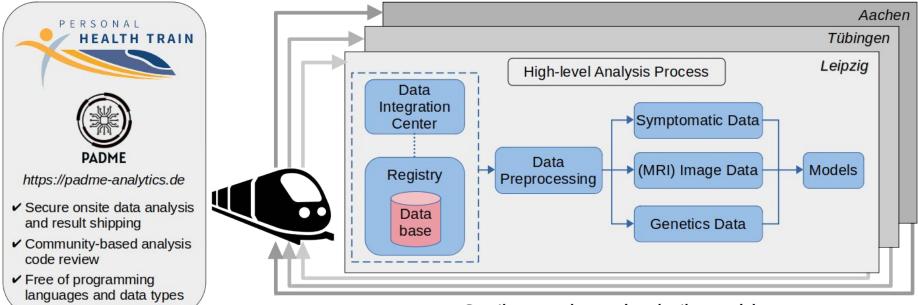


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CLASSIFICATION APPROACH FOR POTENTIAL LEUKODYSTROPHY PATIENTS

Close collaboration with local clinicians of the MZEB



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Creating, merging, and evaluating models

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Best Poster Award: BMG, Nov. 2022

Publication:

Thomas Peschel, Mengyu Wang, Toralf Kirsten, Franziska G Rauscher Tobias Elze. **A Cloud-based Infrastructure for Interactive Analysis of RNFLT Data.** Proc. E-Science-Tage. 54-67. 2021. https://doi.org/10.11588/heibooks.979

Designing Diagnostic Support Applications

- **Goal**: Bring research results into practice
- Example: RNFLT-Visualizer (Retinal Nerve Fiber Layer Thickness)
 - Generate new normative data based on a large cohort study (LIFE-Adult)
 - Web-based software application importing and visualizing OCT measurements with normative data

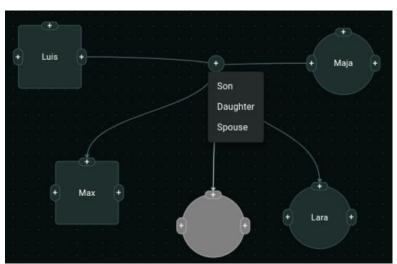


Designing Applications

- Example: Family Manager
 - Capture inheritances of study participants in a pseudonymized way
 - Join other scientific data or consider disease data within a pedigree



Family Manager application





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SCIENTIFIC PROJECTS WITH FUNDING

SMITH (01'2018 - 12'2022, 01'2023 - 12'2026)

- Goal: Establishing data integration centers 0
- Target: University hospitals 0
- NFDI4Health (10'2020 09'2025)
 - Goal: Establishing research infrastructure for study data 0
 - Target: Clinical trial centers, Large epidemiological studies Ο
- LEUKO-Expert (10'2020 09'2023)
 - Goal: Guiding support for potential Leukodystrophy patients 0
 - Target: University Hospitals Leipzig, Tübingen, and Aachen 0
- Tag-White (12'2021 11'2024)
 - Goal: Diagnostic support for Leukodystrophy patients 0
 - Target: Leipzig University Medical Center Ο
- FAIR Data Spaces (05'2021 04'2024)
 - Goal: Distributed health data analytics using Gaia-X infrastructure 0
 - Target: Univ. Leipzig & several partners Ο
- NUM CODEX+ (01'2022 12'2022)
- ScaDS.AI (01'2022 12'2027)





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Upcoming Projects

PATH (12'2022 - 11'2025)

- Goal: Secured sharing of health and 0 wellness data
- Target: Univ. Leipzig & Dresden Ο

PrivateAIM (04'2023 - 03'2027)

- Goal: Interoperable, secured distributed analytics infrastructure in Germany 0
- Target: University Hospitals & other 0 partner sites

OTHER PROJECTS

• Predicting the length of stay in a hospital ⇒ Pitch Lars Hempel

- Goal: Planning support after hospital admission (example: ICU)
- Target: Leipzig University Medical Center, but could be extended to an overarching project

• Designing and analysing patient satisfaction (questionnaire-based)

- Goal: Analysis of strengths and weakness
- Target: Leipzig University Medical Center MZEB

• DiaClusT

- Goal: Find patterns in Diabetes mellitus type 2 patients for a better and dedicated treatment
- Target: Leipzig University Medical Center (extended to all University Hospitals planned)

• Privacy-preserving record linkage

- Goal: Establishing an infrastructure for record linkage as part of the PHT
- Target: All University Medical Centers and other partners (e.g., registries)







Distributed Analysis: The Personal Health Train

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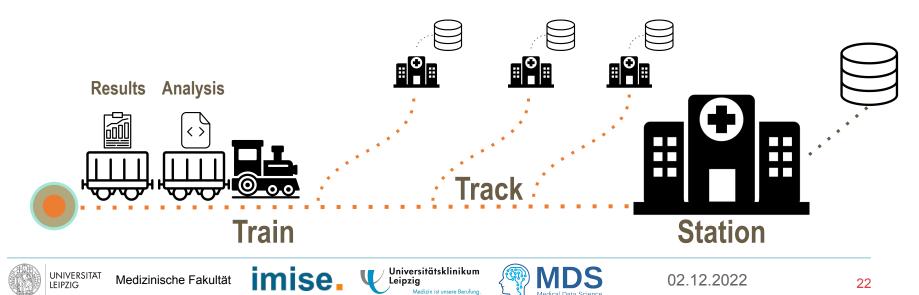


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PERSONAL HEALTH TRAIN



- **Paradigm:** Bring the analysis to the data
- The data remains under the control of the data holders (Station)
- Analysis travels between stations to update the results (Train)



PERSONAL HEALTH TRAIN — PADME

Featured Components Use our services							
Central Service Dashboard	Metadata Dashboard	Station Registry					
Here you can request new Trains and Inspect the result of finished Trains.	Here you can retrieve metadata about different components of the PHT, e.g., a currently running execution.	Here you can see all the registered Stations and onboard you own					
Visit the Train Requester 🔸 🛈	Visit Metadata Dashboard >	Visit the Station Registry >					
Train Creator	Train Store	Documentation					
The train creator allows you the build PHT Trains.	The train store views all available PHT Trains.	Find detailed information about our components here.					
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- PHT implementations are in active development (e.g. PADME, VANTAGE6)
- Web portal with access to different components for running distributed analysis tasks



padme-analytics.de



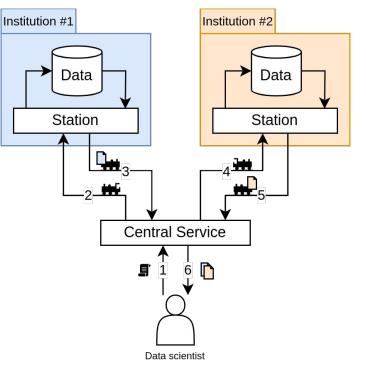
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PERSONAL HEALTH TRAIN — Procedure

- Data scientist uploads analysis script to **central service** (CS)
- CS constructs **train class**
- Data scientist selects train class and target stations
- CS sends train to selected stations
- Station administrators provide access to relevant resources to train
- Train aggregates results and provides them to data scientist when back at CS









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OTHER APPLICATION SCENARIOS

- Lesion detection for Leukodystrophies ⇒ Poster available
 - Design of an image synthesis and processing pipeline
 - Train is used for classification of annotated MRIs
- Privacy-preserving record linkage ⇒ Poster available
 - Integration of web services for PPRL into the PHT
 - Validation on synthetic data, real-world use case coming soon[™]
- Model training on skin lesions from ISIC dataset with 3 stations
- Model training on Breast Cancer Wisconsin dataset with 6 stations

Publications:

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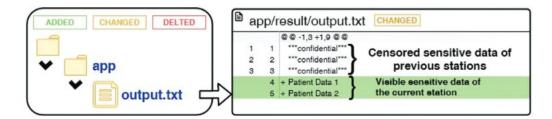






SECURITY IN THE PERSONAL HEALTH TRAIN

- Trains are encrypted between stations using public-key cryptography
- Station administrators are in control of the analysis execution
 - Define access to shared resources with train
 - Reject malicious trains
 - Inspect results after analysis execution
- Only analysis results leave the station



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Generation of Synthetic Data

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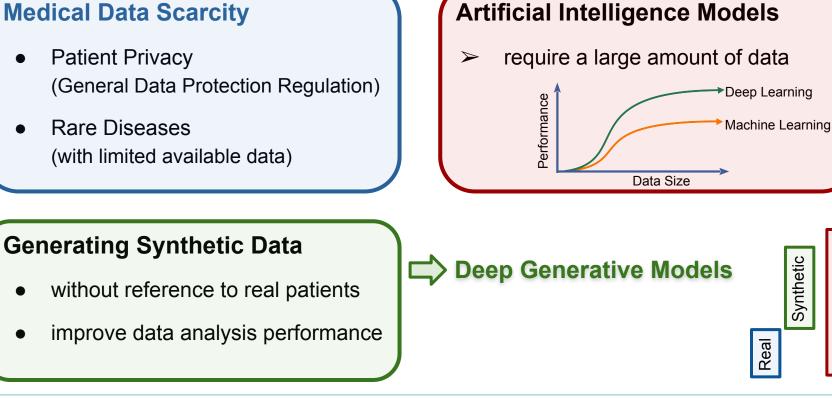
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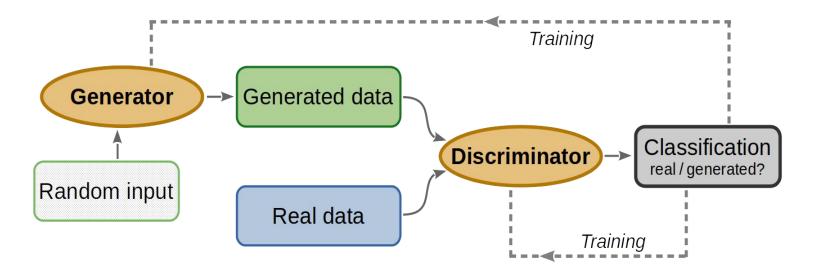
Learning

Deep

Synthetic

Real

Generative Adversarial Networks – GANs





Generating Tabular Data in the Medical Field

GANs

- Impressive results in generating images
- Challenging performance on tabular data especially in medical domain with limited data

GAN variants

- generate tabular data
- consider limited amount of data (small subsets of real data)

Breast Cancer Wisconsin Data

data patients with breast tumors

Primary task: Binary Classification (cancerous / non-cancerous tumors)

		Radius	Texture	Perimeter	Area	Smoothness	Compactness
	0	17.99	10.38	122.80	1001.0	0.11840	0.27760
	1	20.57	17.77	132.90	1326.0	0.08474	0.07864
	2	19.69	21.25	130.00	1203.0	0.10960	0.15990
	3	11.42	20.38	77.58	386.1	0.14250	0.28390
	4	20.29	14.34	135.10	1297.0	0.10030	0.13280

Wolberg, W.; Street, W.; Mangasarian, O. Breast Cancer Wisconsin (Diagnostic); UCI Machine Learning Repository. 1995.





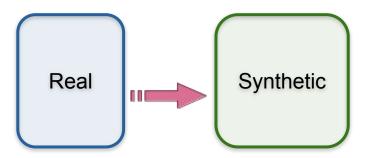


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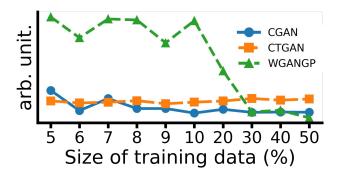
Quality of Synthetic Data

• Conventional methods

characteristics of real data captured by synthetic data







Target application: Binary Classification



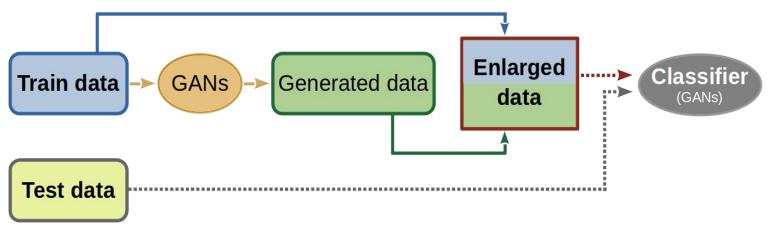
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Evaluation Framework



Classification Accuracy

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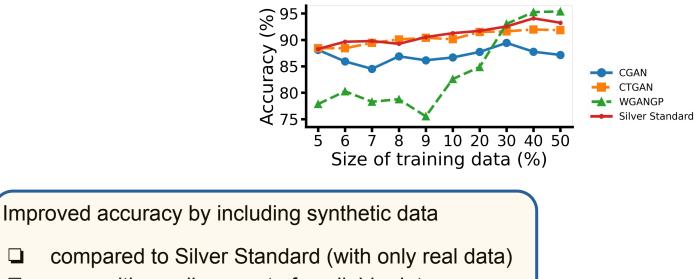


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Accuracy of Classifiers using data from GANs



even with small amount of available data

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Privacy-preserving Diagnostic Support for Leukodystrophy Patients

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LEUKODYSTROPHIES: Introduction

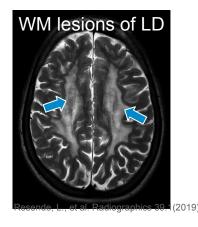
- Leukodystrophies (LD):
 - A group of genetic disorders
 - Neurodegenerative
 - Rare
 - Fatal
 - Differential diagnosis: Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
- Goal: Developing a diagnostic advisory system
 - Reusing the data of medical centers
 - Federated learning of artificial intelligence models
 - Preserving patients' privacy

Best Poster Award: BMG, Nov. 2022







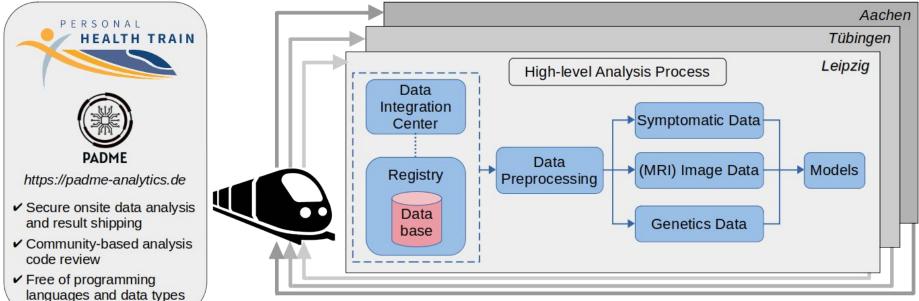


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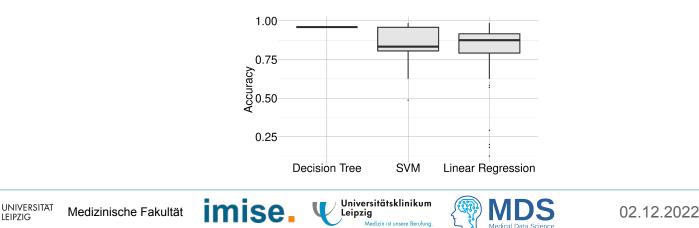
DIFFERENT DATA TYPES

• Symptomatic data

- Questionnaires and input forms
- With HPO annotations in REDCap
- Enlarged data volume by generating synthetic data

• Results

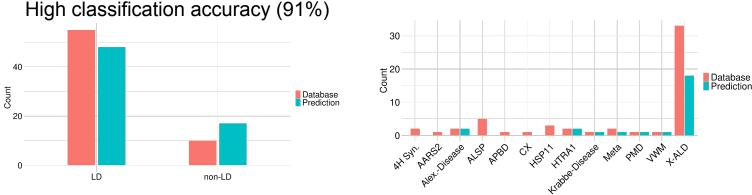
• Stable accuracy for LD / non-LD classification



DIFFERENT DATA TYPES

- Genetics data
 - Rule-based approach using PhenoMan system (TOP JRG)
 - Reuse of publicly available genetic annotations (e.g., ClinVar)
- Results

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Publication:

Uciteli A, Beger C, Wagner J, Kiel A, Meineke FA, Stäubert S, Löbe M, Hänsel R, Schuster J, Kirsten T, Herre H. Ontological Modelling and Execution of Phenotypic Queries in the Leipzig Health Atlas. Stud Health Technol Inform. 2021 May 24;278:66-74. doi: 10.3233/SHTI210052. PMID: 34042877.



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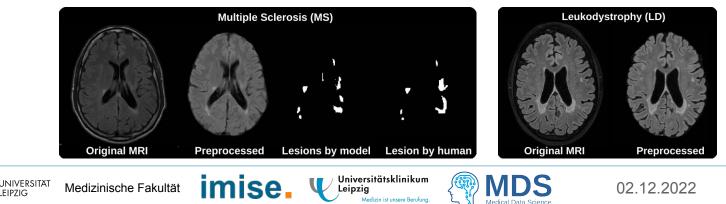
LD-Types

DIFFERENT DATA TYPES

- MRI data
 - Exported and managed by a XNAT system Ο
 - Completed pre-processing pipeline: de-identification, skull stripping, and registration Ο
 - Implemented a deep learning algorithm for MS lesion segmentation (similarity to LD) Ο
 - Challenges: Ο
 - Harmonizing the images from different MRI scanners and configurations
 - Applying the lesion segmentation algorithm to LD (rare disease)
- Results

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– Promising lesion segmentation of MS



– Preprocessing LD images

Predicting the Length of Stay in a Hospital

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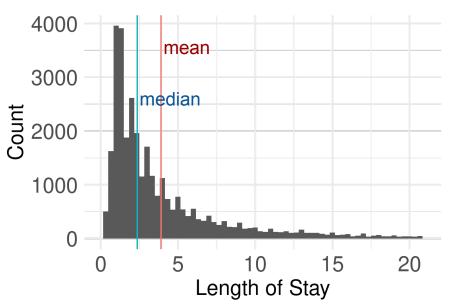




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Introduction

- Resource management
 - Indicator for hospital efficiency
 - Reducing costs
- Data: MIMIC IV
 - Demographics (e.g. Age, Sex)
 - Examination (e.g. height, weight)
 - Lab (e.g. Glucose/Potassium Concentration)



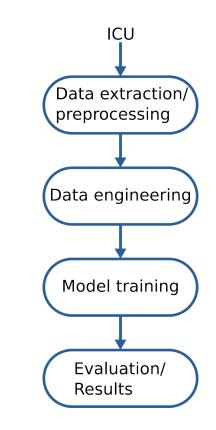






Preprocessing & Methods

- Extract from the database all ICU patients
- Remove missing data
- Filter on:
 - Only adults (age over 18) Ο
 - Weight smaller than 30 Kg Ο
 - Height bigger than 250 cm Ο
 - Exclude patients who died within the stay Ο
- Methods: mean, median, linear Regression, Support Vector Machine and Random Forest
- Split Train/Test (80/20) 10 times •
- Evaluation metrics: RMSD, MAD and R²





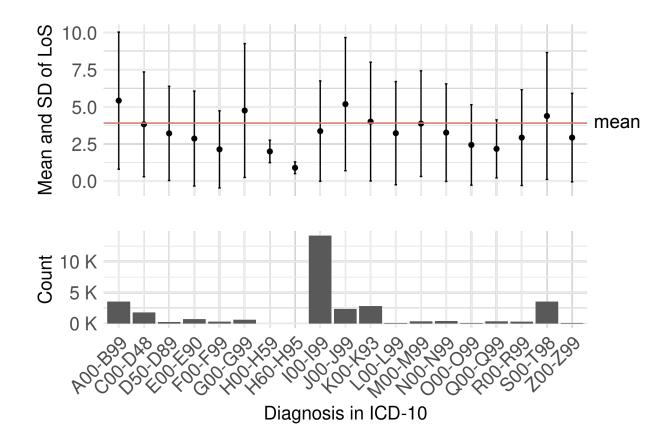


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Data exploration Diagnosis

- #stay: 31916
- #features: 20
- mean: 3.91
- median: 2.37
- ICD-10 Coding System
- 14183 in I00 to I99
 -> Cardiovascular
 Diseases



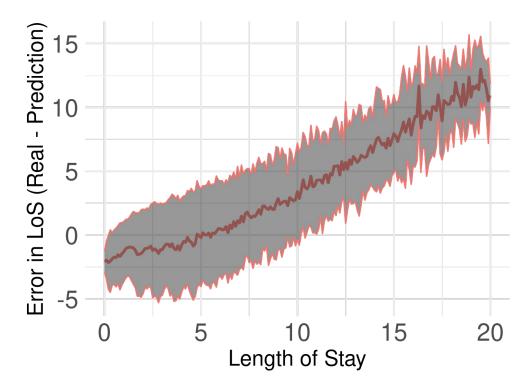






Results

- Best model: Random Forest
- Problems with larger Length of Stay in the Database
- RMSD: 2.88
- Future work:
 - Mixed models for long and short stays
 - Transfer knowledge to hospital data





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Early Detection of Sepsis: The AMPEL Project

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Early Detection of Sepsis

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Automatisch generierter Hinweis aus dem AMPEL-Meldesystem

Es handelt sich um ein Forschungssystem zur Unterstützung der Patientensicherheit. Auf Grund des Forschungscharakters und der Randomisierung kann die Verfügbarkeit und Validität der Alarme nicht zugesichert werden. Es darf nicht allein aus der Alarmierung eine medizinische Konsequenz abgeleitet werden. Die zugrundeliegenden Befunde müssen geprüft werden.

Website: www.ampel.care | laboratoriumsmedizinischer Dienst: 22221

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Einrichtung	Fall	Patient	Uhrzeit	AMPEL

AM-ANÄM-L

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	09.11.2022	12:42:49	Hämoglobin	2,1 mmol/l			
	07.11.2022	10:44:53	Hämoglobin	2,6 mmol/l			
	04.11.2022	11:56:47	Hämoglobin	2,4 mmol/l			
	02.11.2022	12:14:30	Hämoglobin	2,6 mmol/l			

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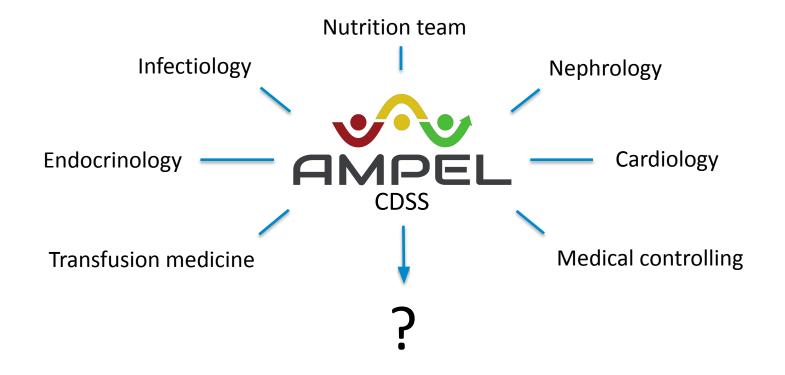
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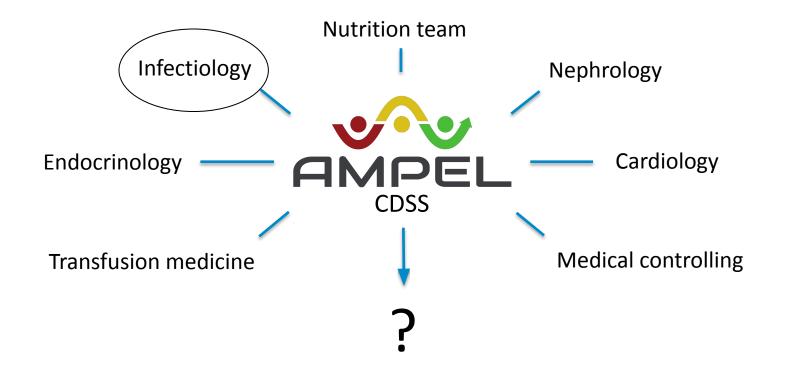
















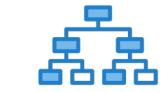
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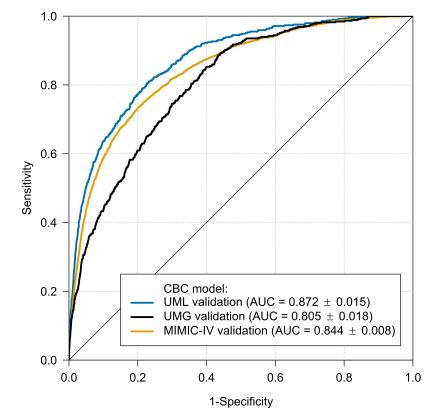
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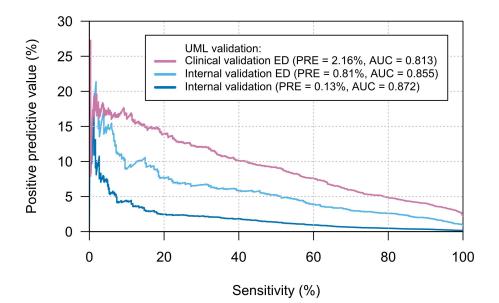
















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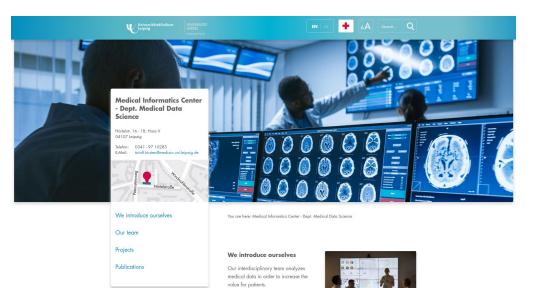




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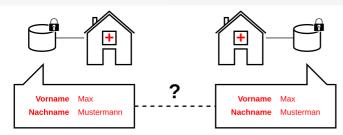


Privatsphärenschützende Datenverknüpfung in verteilten Analysen mit dem PHT

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Hintergrund



- Verteilte Datensätze und hohe Datenschutzanforderungen
- Personal Health Train (PHT) als Plattform für verteilte Analysen[1]
- Dubletten können statistische Ergebnisse verzerren
- Record Linkage (RL) zur Verbindung von Datenquellen
- Ziel: Integration von RL-Methoden (PPRL) in den PHT

Methoden

- Erweiterung der PHT-Implementierung PADME[2]
- PPRL mit Bloomfilter für Datenverknüpfung[3]
- Durchführung in zwei Zugausführungen im PHT

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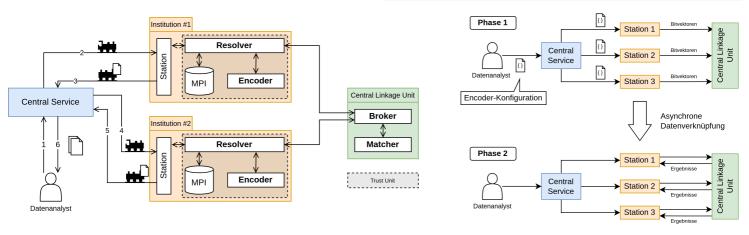
Encoder

- Vorverarbeitung von IDATs
- Maskierung von IDATs

Resolver

Auflösung von Pseudonymen Übermittlung von Bitvektoren

Architektur, Komponenten und Prozess



Ergebnisse

- Validierung des Verfahrens an zwei Datensätzen
- CORD "Private Set Intersection" \rightarrow 100 % max. F1-Score
- Synthetischer Datensatz \rightarrow 99,7 % max. F1-Score
 - \rightarrow IDATs aus öffentlichen Datenquellen
 - → Typografische Fehler für Fehlertoleranz des Verfahrens

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Diskussion

- Kein Unterschied zur zentralisierten Datenverknüpfung
- Anwendung von Strategien zur Behandlung von Dubletten
 → Entity Consolidation und Duplicate Elimination
- Sichere Verknüpfung durch Härtung des PPRL-Verfahrens
 → Keine Rückschlüsse auf IDATs möglich



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Generating Structured Data in the Medical Domain using GANs

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Introduction

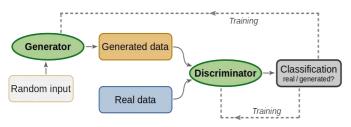
Medical data scarcity:

- * Patient privacy (data protection regulations)
- * Rare diseases with limited available data

Synthetic data generation:

- Artificial data resembling real data
 - not associated with real patients
 - improve data analysis performance

GANs - Generative Adversarial Networks



- * Impressive results in generating images
- Challenging performance on tabular data
 especially in medical domain with limited data

Methods

GAN variants for generating tabular data:

- * CGAN Conditional GANs
- * CTGAN Conditional Tabular GANs
- * WGANGP Wasserstein GANs with Gradient

Penalty

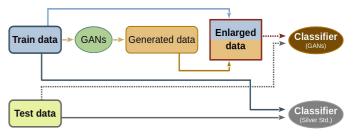
BCW - Breast Cancer Wisconsin dataset

- Differentiating into small subsets
 - effect of size of training data on model accuracy
- Regular extension sampling
 - impact of newly available on model performance

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Evaluation framework

Extended data consisting of real and synthetic data

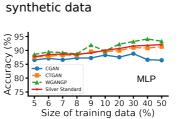


Binary (malignant/benign) classifiers:

- * SVM Support Vector Machine
- * MLP Multi-Layer Perceptron

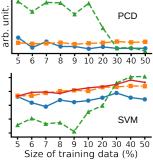
Results

PCD - Pairwise Correlation Difference



Correlation among features

in real data captured by



Improved accuracy by including synthetic data

- compared to Silver Standard (with only real data)
- even with small amount of available data

Other ratios for real and synthetic data in the extended dataset are be considered

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An Image Processing Pipeline to Detect Potential Leukodystrophy Patients

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Introduction & Methods

Leukodystrophies (LD):

- A family of neurodegenerative diseases
 ✓ Image-based diagnosis is crucial
- Rare (1 in 40,000 people worldwide)
 ✓ Synthetic data generation is necessary
- MRI data available in 3 hospitals in Germany
 ✓ Distributed & privacy-preserving data analysis

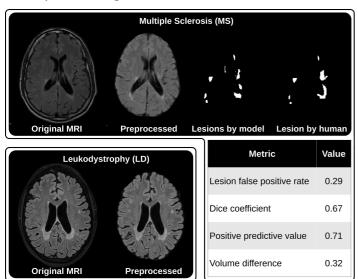
Multi-site image processing pipeline:

- Diagnostic support, education, and training
- Personal Health Train (PHT) infrastructure [1]
- White matter lesion segmentation modeling
 ✓ Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is very similar to LD
 - ✓ Annotated data from ISBI challenge 2015 [2]
 - ✓ Preprocessing

✓ Deep convolutional neural network

Results

Promising performance of the model on MS
 Preprocessing MRI of LD (data not annotated)

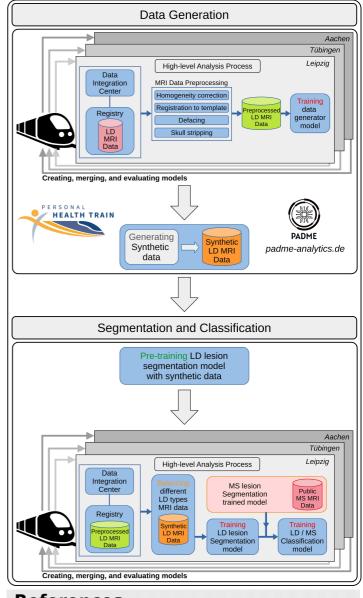


Future work

Transforming the model from MS to LD
 LD MRI data harmonization

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Multi-Site Image Processing Pipeline



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Vorhersage der Verweildauer auf einer ITS

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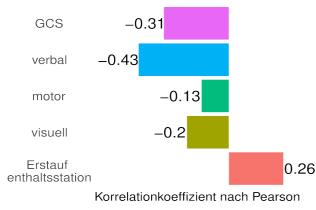
Motivation

- Ressourcenmanagement als Indikator für Effizienz und Kostenverwaltung
- Aufenthaltsdauer eines Patienten (LoS) für die Bewertung des Managements und Pflege
- Aufenthaltsdauer abhängig von Patienten, dessen Symptomatik und Kondition
- Ziel: Modellbasierte Prädiktion der LoS



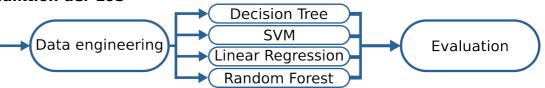
Ergebnisse

- Beste Modellprädiktion: Random Forest
- RMSD: 2,88 und R²: 0,41
- Kohortengröße: 24 148, genutze Parameter: 20
- Wichtigste Einflussgrößen: Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) und Erstaufenthaltsstation
- Viele Laborparameter mit geringem Einfluss
- Größerer Prädiktionsfehler bei steigenden LoS



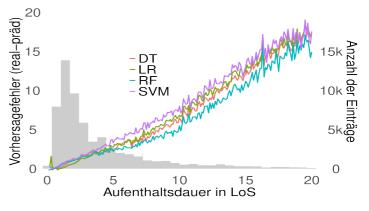
Methoden

- Datenquelle: ITS-Daten aus MIMIC IV
- Datenqualität: Konservative Kuration auf Basis von Literatur und med. Experten
- Methoden zur Prädiktion: Decision Tree, SVM, Linear Regression und Random Forest
- Evaluationsmetriken: RMSD, MAD, MAPE, R²



Diskussion

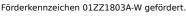
- Ansatz: Prädiktion auf der Basis der Erstanamnese mit akzeptablen Ergebnissen
- Prädiktionfehler bei großen LoS auf Grund von kleinen Fallzahlen und ggfs. ungeplanten Ergebnissen
- Zukünftige Ausrichtung: Kontinuierliche Adaption der LoS Prädiktion unter Beachtung longitudinaler Diagnostik



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Retinal layer thickness as a biomarker for monitoring the progression of

diseases of the central nervous system -

Medical Data Science using OCT and MRI imaging

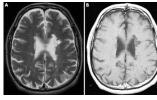
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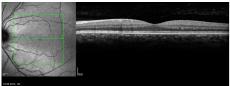
The eye is a window to the brain. There is promising evidence of correlations between retinal layer thickness from optical coherence tomography (OCT) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) markers. → This results in the potential for science-based clinical application of OCT and MRI in combination for

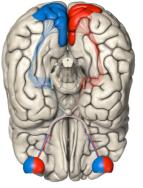
diagnosis and follow-up of various diseases of the central nervous system.

- In the present study, retinal structures (measured with OCT) are compared with intracerebral structures and pathologies from available MRI examinations. In addition, their correlations to cognitive functions will also be investigated.
- For this purpose, existing OCT, MRI and data from neuropsychological and cognitive examinations (partly under EEG) of patients of the ZKN and test persons of the ZKN and KJP will be used (retrospective study design).



Axial MRI of a 46 year old man with secondary progressive MS: large left sided periventricular lesion A.] hyperintense with T2 weighted imaging and B.] hypointense with T1 weighted imaging

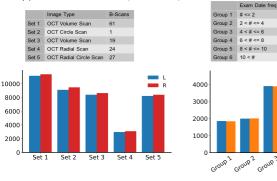




Results

Standardised SD-OCT imaging at the Multiple Sclerosis Centre Dresden, Centre of Clinical Neuroscience, Department of Neurology, Carl Gustav Carus Faculty of Medicine, Technical University Dresden, Germany was analyzed for fixed scan-settings.

- Horizontal volume scans with 61 B-Scans, vertical volume scans with 19 B-Scans and one version of circumpapillary Retinal Nerve Fibre Layer scan (either ONH-RC(APS) or one circular B-scan, sometimes combined with 24 radial scans) were present in combination in 1,659 patients for 1,640 right eyes and 1,600 left eyes.
- Of those, 1,379 (right eye) and 1,347 (left eye) presented with the ideal imaging by the Glaucoma Module (PPoleH(APS), PPoleV(APS) and ONH-RC(APS)). For 422 right eyes and 408 left eyes comparable scan combinations were obtained.
- In total, 64,925 records of a final sample of 1,659 patients were imported into the analysis pipeline. This clinical dataset consists of routine visits of 1,630 patients (60,233 records) as well as 53 specific study patients with 4,702 records (7% of records).



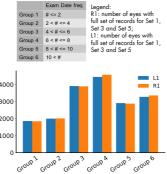
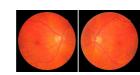


Figure 1 Frequency of desired image settings; Legend: R: right eye; L: left eye

Figure 2 Frequency of examinations with the combination of desired settings: per eye



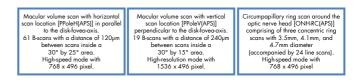


Methods

complete dataset: 316,681 clinical images from existing documentation of clinical routine for 2,662 individuals (including data and information collected during clinical routine in connection with the OCT and/or MRI examinations)
removal of duplicates
study population: 85,167 clinical images for 2,659 patients of the ZKN as well as for subjects who received OCT and/or MRI examinations at the ZKN and KJP of the University Hospital Carl Gustav Carus Dresden, Germany
exclusion of 4,293 records of 1,047 patients with non-standardised image settings (excluded scans belong to 9 patients who additionally also possess all standardised scans [=records not lost]; or to 1,032 patients with only some of the required imaging; and further to 6 patients not included in the standardised sample).
analysis subset: 64,925 clinical images for 1,659 patients imported into the analysis pipeline

 Cross-sectional and longitudinal analyses for three key OCT scan types of the Glaucoma Module by Spectralis spectral-domain Optical Coherence Tomography (SD-OCT), Heidelberg Engineering, Heidelberg, Germany

Scan settings were:



 \rightarrow These three scan patterns were matched by regular volume and circular scans of the same resolution settings to increase the number of analyzed patients, when possible.

Discussion

At ZKN, in combination with joint studies by ZKN and KJP, 80,874 images were obtained in the aforementioned volume and circular scan settings, Set 1, Set 3, and Set 5 or comparable (right eye: 40,985; left eye: 39,889)). This points to a very high level of standardisation of imaging in this clinical setting. This unprecedented dataset is of high value to the research questions of KZN and KJP and will serve as the ideal basis for cross-sectional and longitudinal analyses of diseases of the central nervous systems. A substantial number of patients had standardized imaging by the Spectralis Glaucoma Module, for the desired scan settings, 64,925 records of 1,659 patients were available. Inside this sample, 53 specific study IDs were counted, some of which could be the topic of a separate analysis.

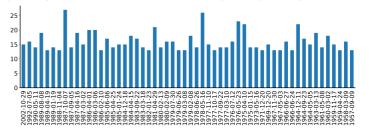


Figure 3 Frequency of exams per patient in Group 6, sorted by birthdate for longitudinal analysis

Outlook: The 1,659 patients with available 64,925 OCT records will be stratified into clinical research questions to focus on cross-sectional and longitudinal analyses of diseases of the central nervous system, this will include data from MRI and other clinical information. The research will centre on Multiple Sclerosis (MS), with investigations on disease progression, and therapy, with a specific focus on relapsing and remitting MS.

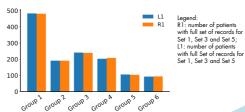


Figure 4 Number of patients with frequency of examinations with the combination of desired settings



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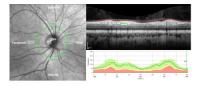
Circumpapillary Retinal Nerve Fiber Layer Thickness

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Motivation

- Early diagnosis of eye disease is of increased importance in an ageing population
- Normative data serve as the backbone for comparison with individual cases
- Such norms need to be accessible directly in clinics to support ophthalmological care
- Ocular optical coherence tomography (OCT) manufacturers aim to mark abnormalities in patient measurements based on their own, typically proprietary norms based on small samples
 - Several different visualizations (e.g. sectors and continous plots) of normative data may help to improve decision-making for clinicians



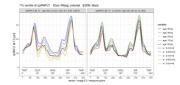
- Circumpapillary Retinal Nerve Fiber Layer Thickness (cpRNFLT) was measured by 768 A-scans on a 360° circle around the optic nerve head of the human eye
- Sectors are commonly used in the clinical context
- Sectors consist of 45° and 90° sections of the scan



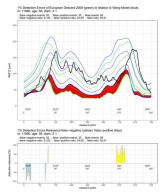
Normative data calculated from 5637 healthy eves

Methods

- OCT-measurements of the LIFE-Adult-Study population
- Analysing detection errors as a way to judge the
- improvements of the model by Wang et al. in comparison to the so called "European Descent 2009" (ED09) model used in the OCT device
- Counting false-positive and false-negative detection events assuming the higher accuracy of Elze-Wang's cpRNFLT model



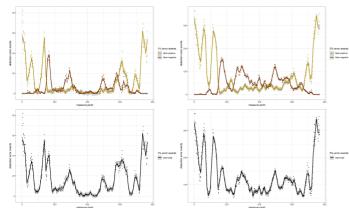




- cpRNFLT 768 measurement points are modelled by a Gaussian distribution
- cpRNFLT-Sectors are modelled by an averaged Gaussian distribution
- cpRNFLT(D) 768 measurement points are modelled by a Box-Cox-T distribution
- cpRNFLT(D)-Sectors-points are modelled by an averaged Box-Cox-T distribution
- Novel cpRNFLT-norms by Wang et al. are modelled as linear dependent on measure diameter and age

Results - Discussion - Outlook

- Influencing factors of the model (e.g. age, measurement diameter) need to be accounted for
- Adjusting for such factors in the model is of direct clinical significance for cpRNFLT as a diagnostic tool
- Dependency of the model on age and diameter are reflected by false-positive and false-negative events
- Thus the RNFLT(D)-Visualizer represents an additional value for clinical decision making in Ophthalmology



Successful practical implementation as the RNFLT(D)-Visualizer Shiny-Web-App as part of the Leipzig Health Atlas:

- Opportunity to upload clinical data to enable analysis of this individual level data on the new Wang et al. norms, taking into account age and measurement diameter for the first time
- Importing and loading pdf documents of cpRNFLT measurements and its meta data
- Scanning of OCT print-out of patient measurement plots and read out meta data
- Various presentations and analyses of patient data with device implemented norms and norms from models by Wang et al. via continuous 360° circle plots or sector plots
- Opportunity to download the result graphs and tables in several common formats

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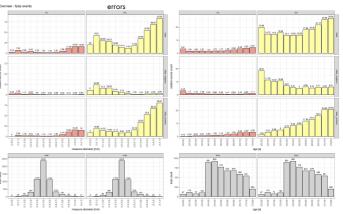
- Box-Cox-T, Box-Cox-Green, Box-Cox-Power-Exponential
- sex dependency
- ocular laterality dependency
- higher order dependencies

- events for the 1st (red) and the 5th (yellow) percentile with reference to age and measure diameter
- Analysis of relative frequencies of false



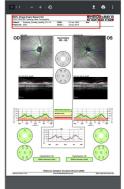
Large diameters and high ages lead to small thicknesses Consequently, the rate of false positive errors produced by the built-in ED09 model increases

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Retinal layer thickness as a biomarker for monitoring the progression of

diseases of the central nervous system -

Medical Data Science using OCT and MRI imaging

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Background

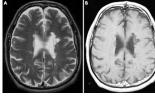
The eye is a window to the brain. There is promising evidence of correlations between retinal layer thickness from optical coherence tomography (OCT) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) markers. ightarrow This results in the potential for science-based clinical application of OCT and MRI in combination for

diagnosis and follow-up of various diseases of the central nervous system

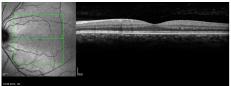
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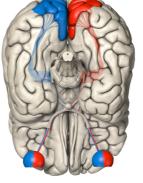
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- In the present study, retinal structures (measured with OCT) are compared with intracerebral structures and pathologies from available MRI examinations. In addition, their correlations to cognitive functions will also be investigated.
- For this purpose, existing OCT, MRI and data from neuropsychological and cognitive examinations (partly under EEG) of patients of the ZKN and test persons of the ZKN and KJP will be used (retrospective study design)



Axial MRI of a 46 year old man with secondary progressive MS: large left sided periventricular lesion periventricular tesion A.) hyperintense with T2 weighted imaging and B.) hypointense with T1 , nted imaging

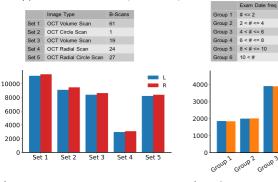




Results

Standardised SD-OCT imaging at the Multiple Sclerosis Centre Dresden, Centre of Clinical Neuroscience, Department of Neurology, Carl Gustav Carus Faculty of Medicine, Technical University Dresden, Germany was analyzed for fixed scan-settings

- Horizontal volume scans with 61 B-Scans, vertical volume scans with 19 B-Scans and one version of circumpapillary Retinal Nerve Fibre Layer scan (either ONH-RC(APS) or one circular B-scan, sometimes combined with 24 radial scans) were present in combination in 1,659 patients for 1,640 right eyes and 1,600 left eyes.
- Of those, 1,379 (right eye) and 1,347 (left eye) presented with the ideal imaging by the Glaucoma Module (PPoleH(APS), PPoleV(APS) and ONH-RC(APS)). For 422 right eyes and 408 left eyes comparable scan combinations were obtained.
- In total, 64,925 records of a final sample of 1,659 patients were imported into the analysis pipeline. This clinical dataset consists of routine visits of 1,630 patients (60,233 records) as well as 53 specific study patients with 4,702 records (7% of records).



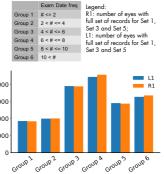
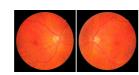


Figure 1 Frequency of desired image settings; Legend: R: right eye; L: left eye

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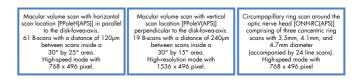


Methods

	complete dataset: 316,681 clinical images from existing documentation of clinical routine for 2,662 individuals (including data and information collected during clinical routine in connection with the OCT and/or MRI examinations)
	removal of duplicates
-	study population: 85,167 clinical images for 2,659 patients of the ZKN as well as for subjects who received OCT and/or MRI examinations at the ZKN and KJP of the University Hospital Carl Gustav Carus Dresden, Germany
	exclusion of 4,293 records of 1,047 patients with non-standardised image settings (excluded scans belong to 9 patients who additionally also possess all standardised scans [=records not lost]; or to 1,032 patients with only some of the required imaging; and further to 6 patients not included in the standardised sample).
	analysis subset: 64,925 clinical images for 1,659 patients imported into the analysis pipeline

Cross-sectional and longitudinal analyses for three key OCT scan types of the Glaucoma Module by Spectralis spectral-domain Optical Coherence Tomography (SD-OCT), Heidelberg Engineering, Heidelberg, Germany

Scan settings were:



ightarrow These three scan patterns were matched by regular volume and circular scans of the same resolution settings to increase the number of analyzed patients, when possible.

Discussion

At ZKN, in combination with joint studies by ZKN and KJP, 80,874 images were obtained in the aforementioned volume and circular scan settings, Set 1, Set 3, and Set 5 or comparable (right eye: 40,985; left eye: 39,889)). This points to a very high level of standardisation of imaging in this clinical setting. This unprecedented dataset is of high value to the research questions of KZN and KJP and will serve as the ideal basis for cross-sectional and longitudinal analyses of diseases of the central nervous systems. A substantial number of patients had standardized imaging by the Spectralis Glaucoma Module, for the desired scan settings, 64,925 records of 1,659 patients were available. Inside this sample, 53 specific study IDs were counted, some of which could be the topic of a separate analysis.

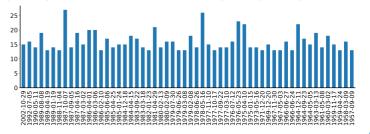


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Outlook: The 1,659 patients with available 64,925 OCT records will be stratified into clinical research questions to focus on cross-sectional and longitudinal analyses of diseases of the central nervous system, this will include data from MRI and other clinical information. The research will centre on Multiple Sclerosis (MS), with investigations on disease progression, and therapy, with a specific focus on relapsing and remitting MS.

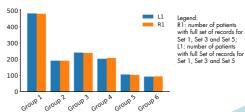


Figure 4 Number of pa ation of desired setting





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- Semantic integration of medical data
- Privacy-preserving distributed analysis of medical data
- Applications of novel artificial intelligence methods in medicine and healthcare
- Generation of synthetic data for medicine and healthcare applications
- Current application domains:
- Leukodystrophies (rare diseases)
- Ophthalmology
- Diabetes

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