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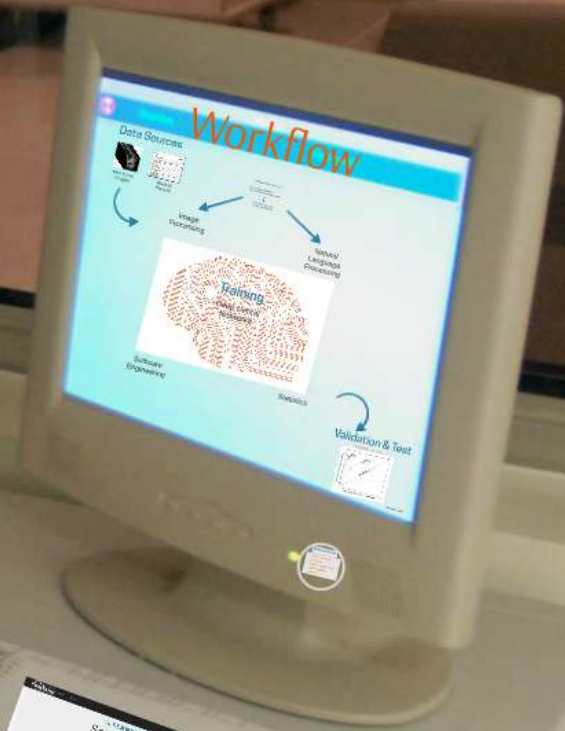
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1 MRI Exam...

Contains 570 images  
Takes at least 30 MB

*McDonald et al., 2015*

# In Switzerland

183 MRI Units

825 Radiologists

<30 new Radiologists/Year

~37,000 more MRI Exams/  
Year

>574,000 MRI Exams/Year

*BFS, 2017*

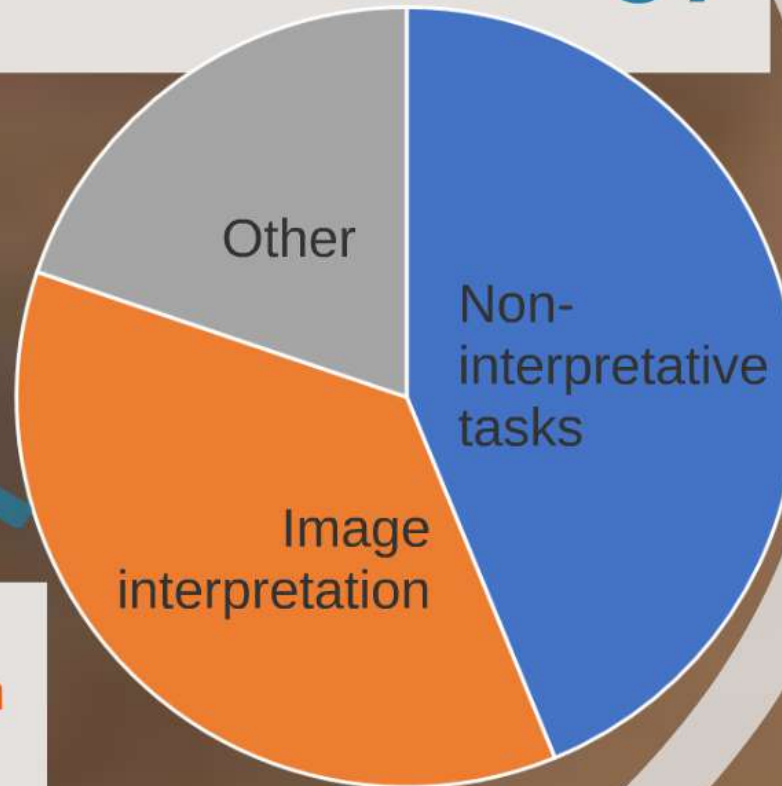
*FMH, 2016*



# Workload in Radiology

<4 Hours  
~2.7 MRI Exams/Day  
>6 Images/Minute

**1 out of 2  
radiologists burn  
out!**



*Dhanoa et al., 2013*  
*Harolds et al., 2016*

# Oops...

Error rate in the interpretation of medical images remain unchanged since 1949. The interpretive error rate in positive film is 33%, i.e. 4% real-time errors in daily radiology practice, in a mix of positive and negative analyses

*Waite et al., 2016*

*Garland, 1949*

*Berlin, 2007*

*Sabih et al., 2011*

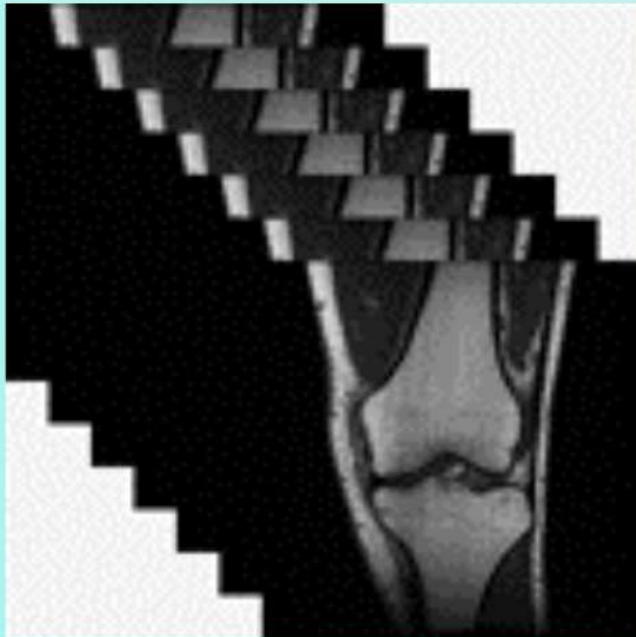
*Lee et al., 2013*

# Automate to:


- Save time and resources
- Reduce error rates, retrospective analysis



# Data Sources



MRI Exam  
Images

Untersuchungen	
MRI Knie links	
	
Befund	
85%	Diskreter Kniegelenkserguss.
87%	Keine Bakercyste.
Medial:	
78%	Schräg zur Unterfläche hinreichender, basisnaher, partieller Einriss am Hinterhorn des Meniskus.
85%	Übrige Meniskusanteile normal. Knorpel normal. Kollateralband intakt. Etwas Ödem entlang des Kollateralbandes.
Lateral:	
95%	Meniskus normal.
95%	Knorpel normal.
95%	Kollateralband normal.
95%	Proximales Tibiofemoralgelenk normal.
Intercondylär:	
92%	Die Kreuzbänder sind unauffällig.
91%	Hoffa unauffällig.
Femoropatellar:	
45%	Mässige retropatelläre Knorpelschäden vor allem an der medialen Facette mit subchondraler Reaktion.
76%	Fissur im retropatellären Knorpel.
91%	Insertionstendinose der Quadricepssehne.
95%	Patellarsehne normal.

Medical  
Reports



**Training**

Deep Neural  
Networks

# Why Deep Learning?

- No programming, but teaching
- It continuously learns
- The older, the smarter



# Intelligent Pre-Processing

MRI Images: identify ROI

Medical Reports: extract labels



Train, Validate, Test  
the Neural Networks

Image  
Processing

Natural  
Language  
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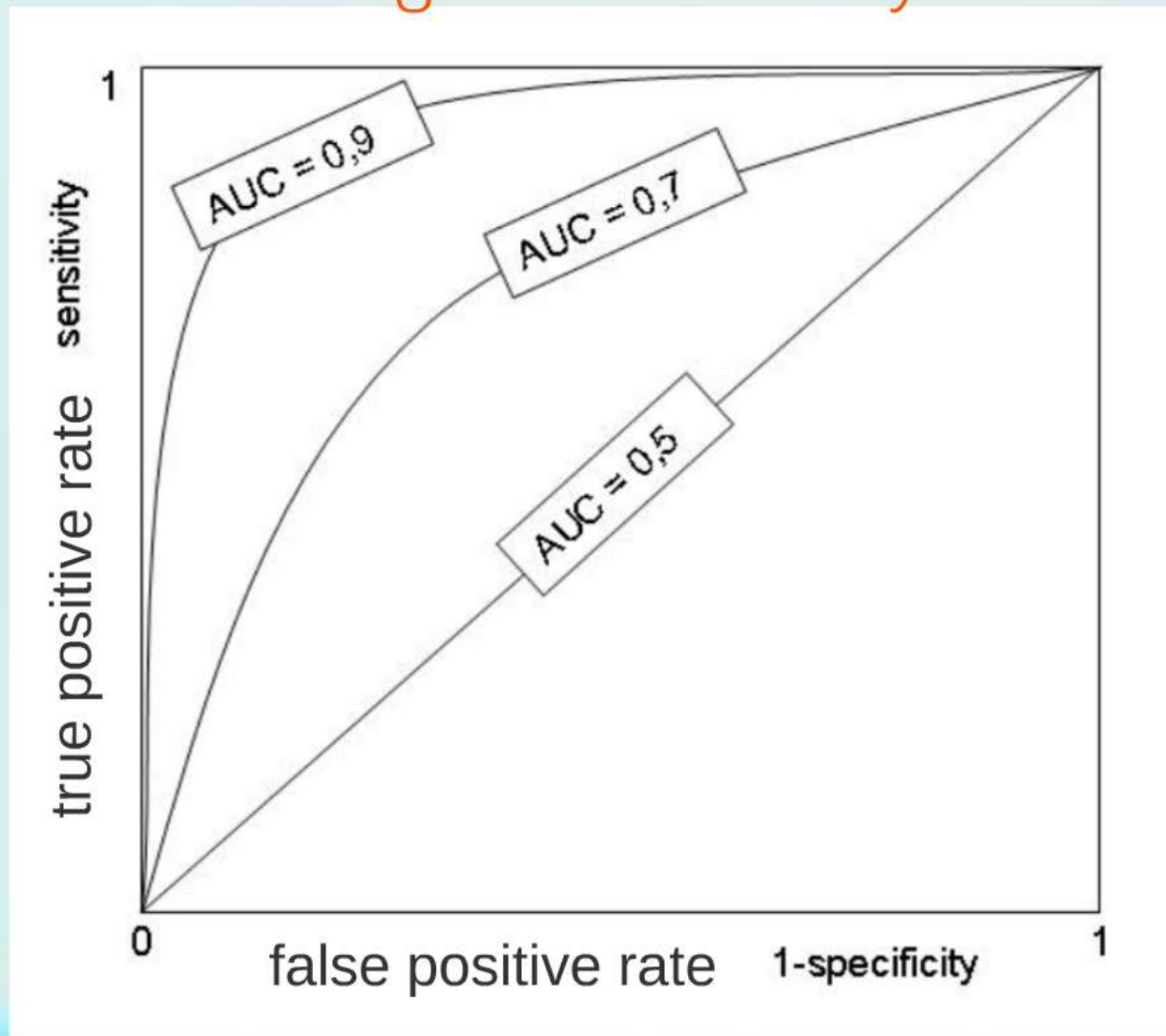


Software  
Engineering

Statistics

# Validation & Test

Diagnostic accuracy





# Workflow

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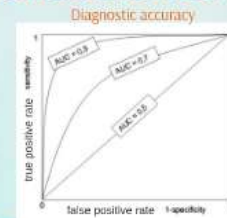
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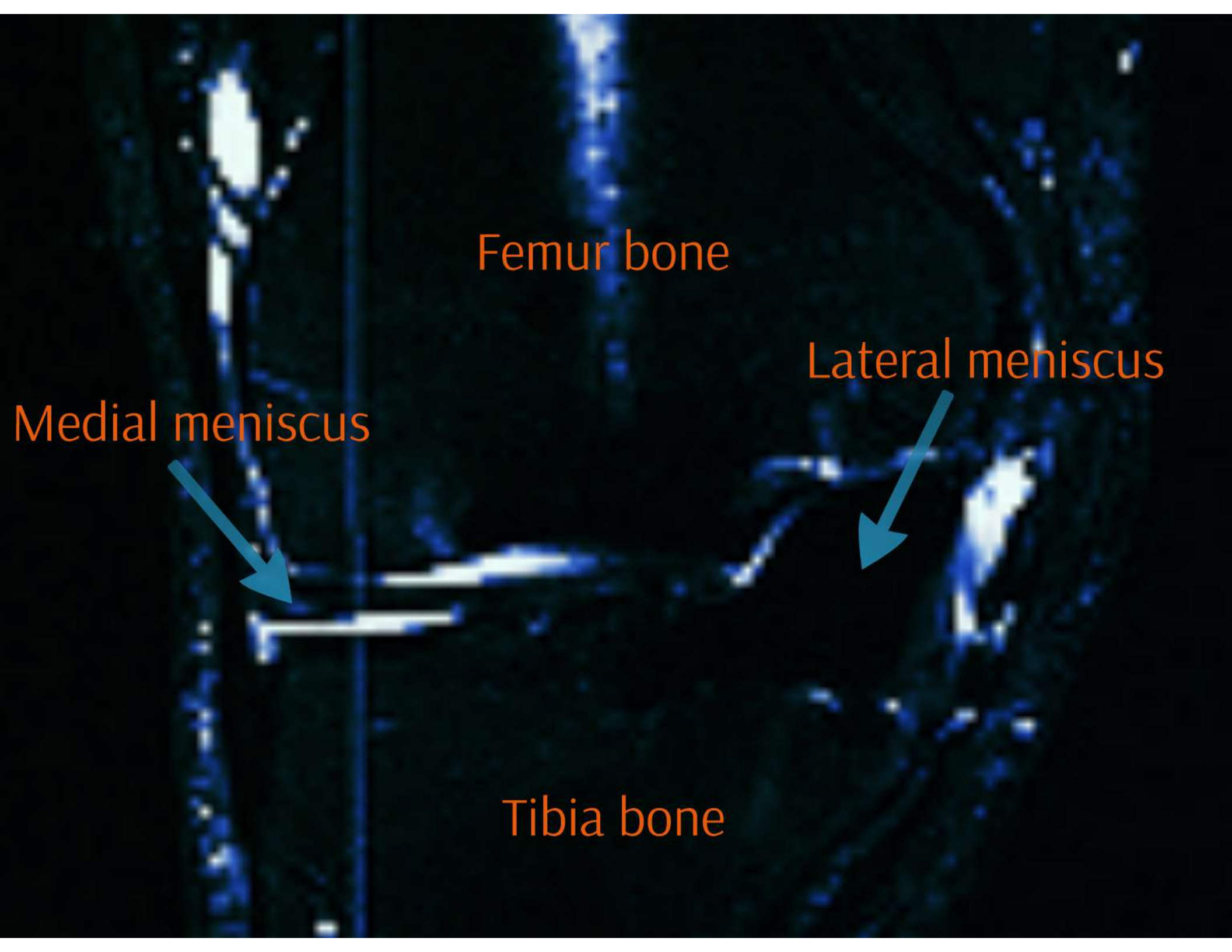
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>20% MRIs performed on joints, particularly knees  
Meniscus tear: most common injury







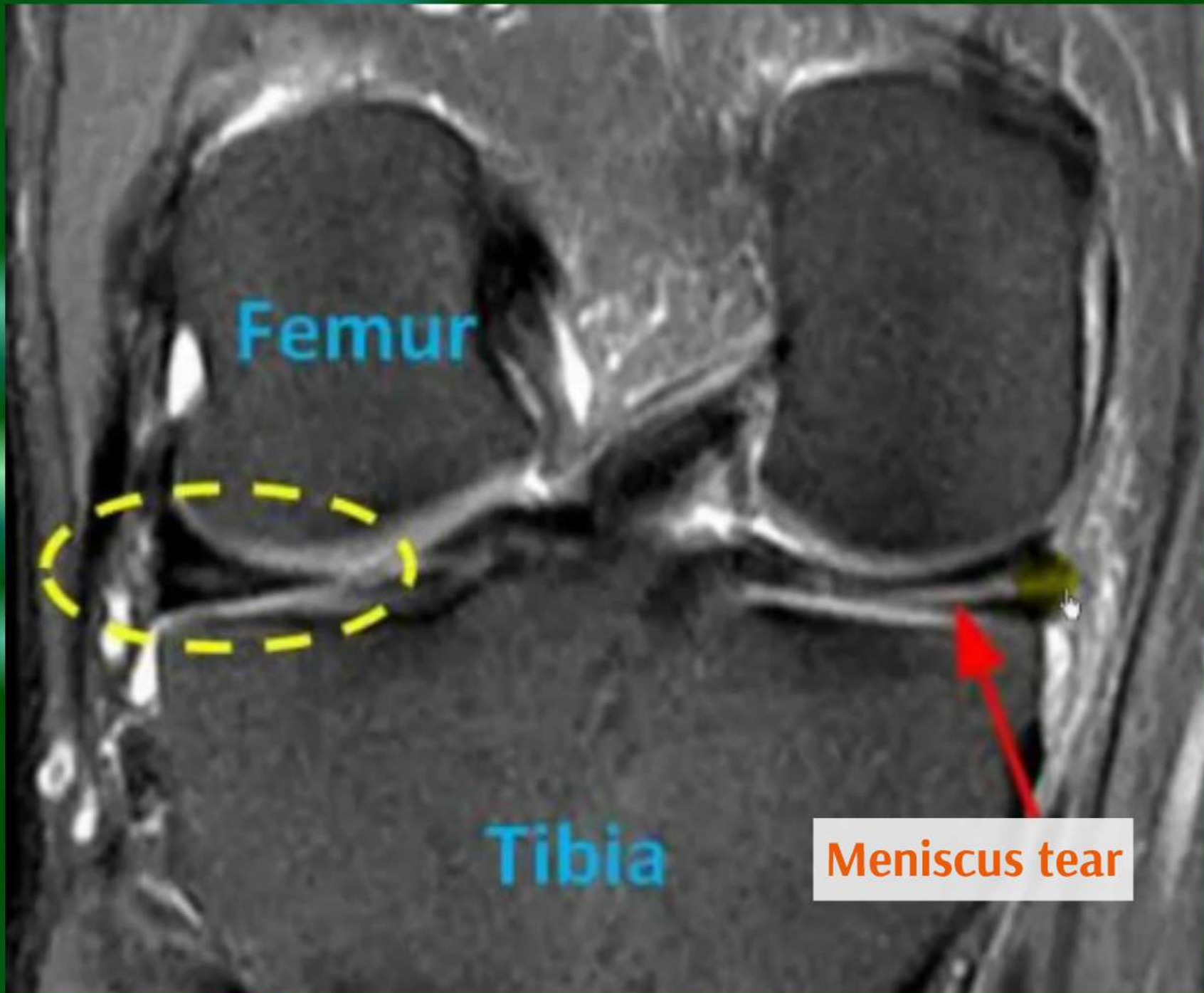
Femur bone

Lateral meniscus

Medial meniscus

Tibia bone





Radiologists' diagnostic  
accuracy in  
the detection of (medial and  
lateral) meniscus tear

Accuracy: 81-77%

Sensitivity: 83-62%

Specificity: 69-88%

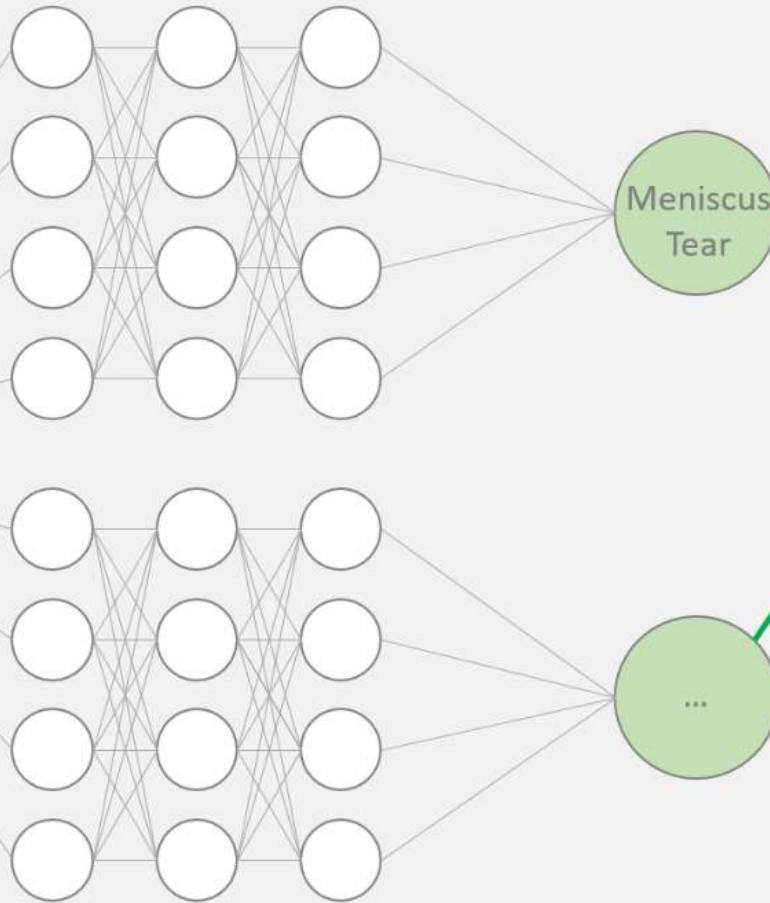
AUC: 0.75-0.752

# Operation

## Input



## Neural Network



## Output

### Automatically Generated Report

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### Meniscus Tear Localization







# Scan Results

Meniscus tears probability: 87.006 %

Batch Process 0496f727-abc0-4976-81cc-a469f1607849

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## Input Images

View Original Input Images

[View details »](#)

## Meniscus Detection

Highlight Meniscus images

[View details »](#)

## Meniscus Images

View Meniscus Images

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Any questions?

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