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Attention based multiple instance learning for the real-world scenario leukemia diagnosis

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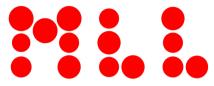
Chromosome analysis Leukemia diagnostic process **DNA** sequencing **Medical check-up Blood sample** Cytomorphology Cytomorphology **Chromosome analysis Bone marrow aspiration DNA** sequencing **HELMHOLTZ MUNICI**

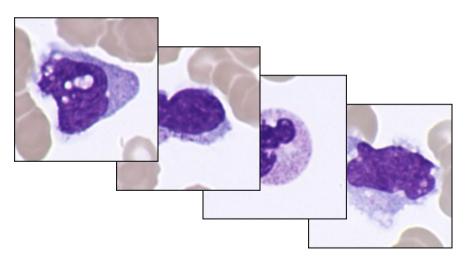
Labor intensive Leukemia diagnostic process **Expensive** Labor intensive, limited information **Labor intensive Labor intensive Painful Expensive HELMHOLTZ MUNICI**

MLL Beluga data set

- 6757 patients + 495 healthy controls
- 160 different diagnoses
- Several modalities available, currently training on peripheral blood smears
- 500 single cell images per patient (over 3 mio images!)
- Label only on the patient level







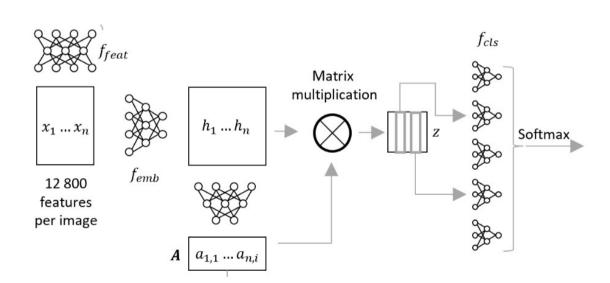
Attention based multiple instance learning

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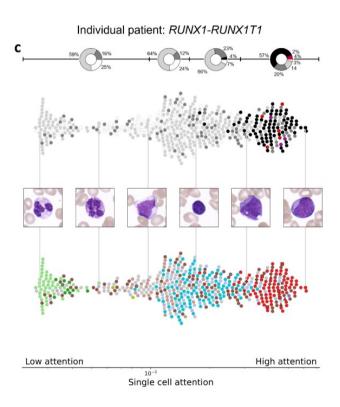
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$$z = \sum_{k=1}^{N} A_{i,k} h_k, \ \forall c_i \in C$$

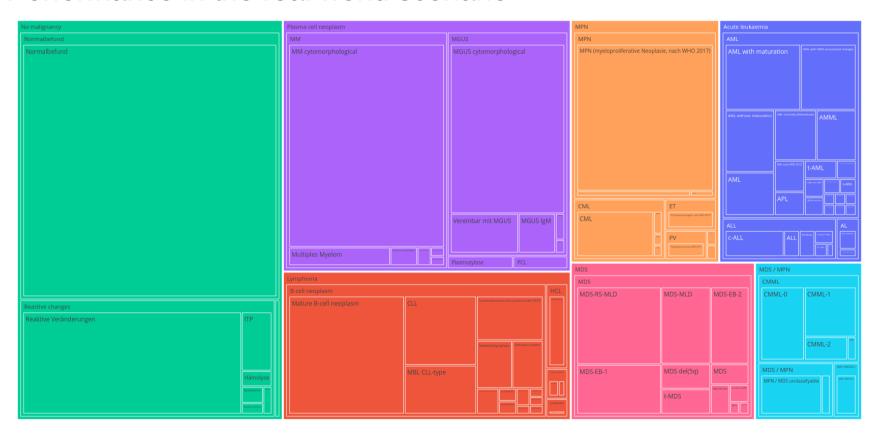
$$\alpha_{i,k} = \frac{\exp\{W^{T}\tanh(V_{i}h_{k}^{T})\}}{\sum\limits_{j=1}^{N}\exp\{W_{i}^{T}\tanh(V_{i}h_{k}^{T})\}}, \forall c_{i} \in C$$



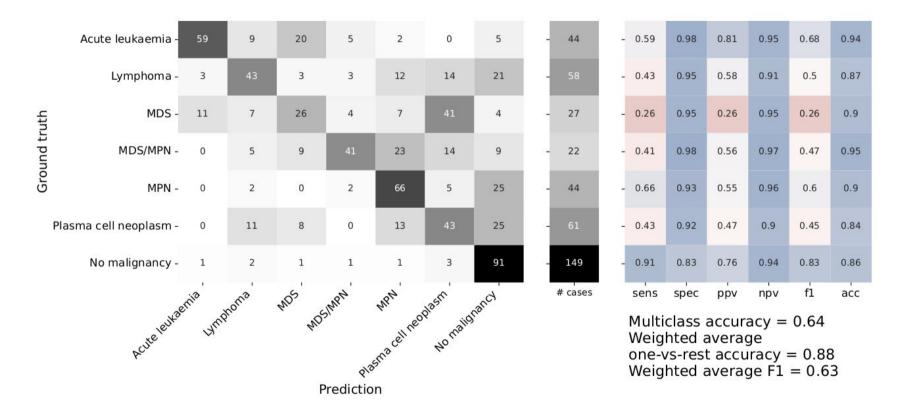
The model successfully identifies relevant cells



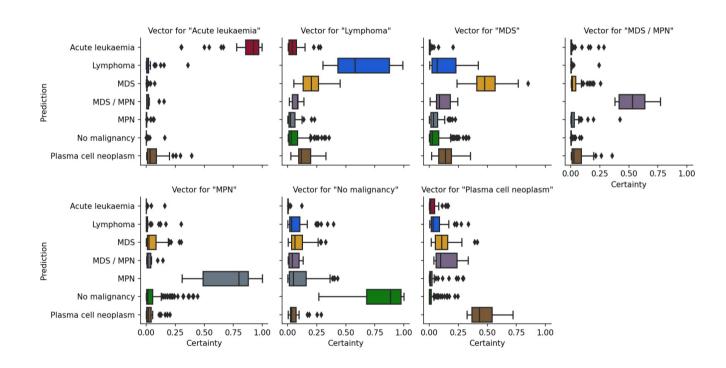
Performance in the real world scenario



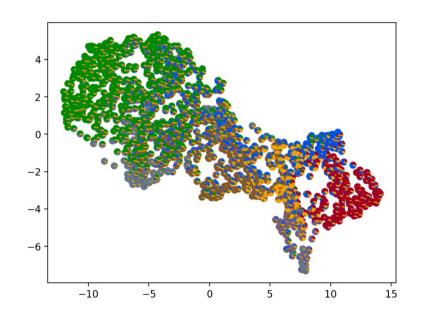
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Prediction probabilities



Patient embedding

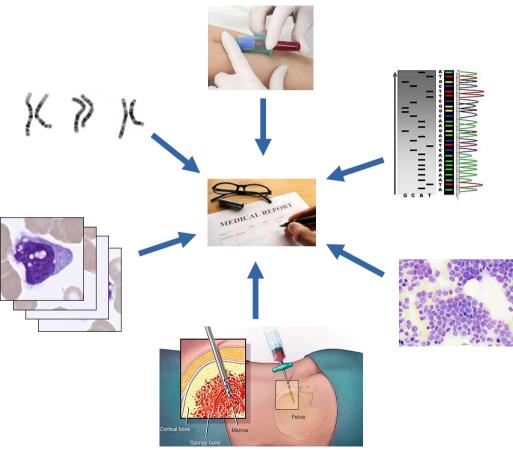


prediction

- Plasma cell neoplasm
- MPN
- No malignancy
- Lymphoma
- MDS / MPN
- Acute leukaemia
- MDS

Future research directions

- Self supervised learning
- Full multi modal leukemia diagnostics
- Implementation in the diagnostic procedure in the MLL



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