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DL Exercise 4: PyTorch and Classification Challenge

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Part I: Classification with PyTorch - Mandatory

- Implementation & training of a PyTorch architecture
- Submission of trained models in submission system (later more)
- Code upload to StudOn
- Goal: reach a mean F1 score > 0.60
- **Deadline: TBA**

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Part II: Challenge - Optional, but highly encouraged

- Try to find & train the best architecture & model for this task!
- Compete with your colleagues!
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Source: Designed by Freepik

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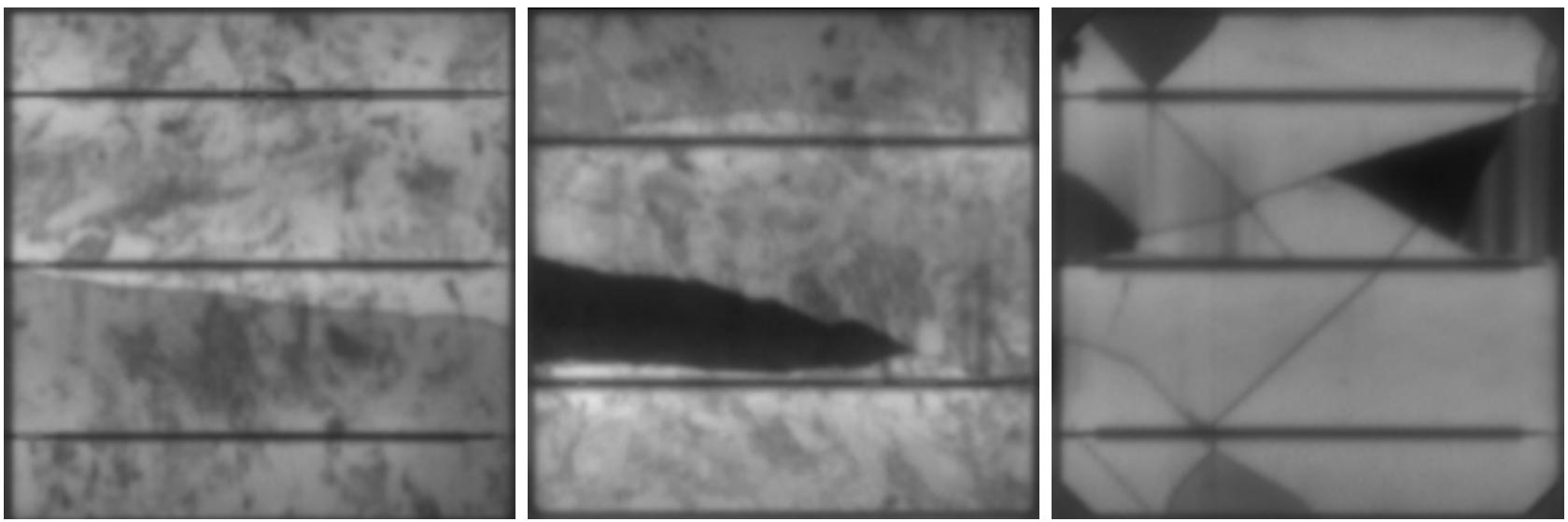


Figure: Left: Crack on a polycrystalline module; Middle: Inactive region; Right: Cracks and inactive regions on a monocrystalline module

Normalization

- The normalization of your implementation has to match the normalization of our test server
- Mean μ and standard deviation σ of the intensity over all test samples are known
- We normalize every pixel x by $x^* = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}$
- Please make sure that you implement the normalization accordingly

Deep Learning in PyTorch

We will use **PyTorch** to define and train neural network architectures.

- Developed by Facebook's AI Research lab
  - Open-source
  - Extensive Python interface
- Allows to easily define computational graphs
  - Operations based on **tensors**
  - Closely resembles NumPy API
  - Automatic differentiation to support efficient gradient computations (**Autograd**)
  - Various optimization algorithms to help training neural networks
- + GPU acceleration!

Deep Learning in PyTorch

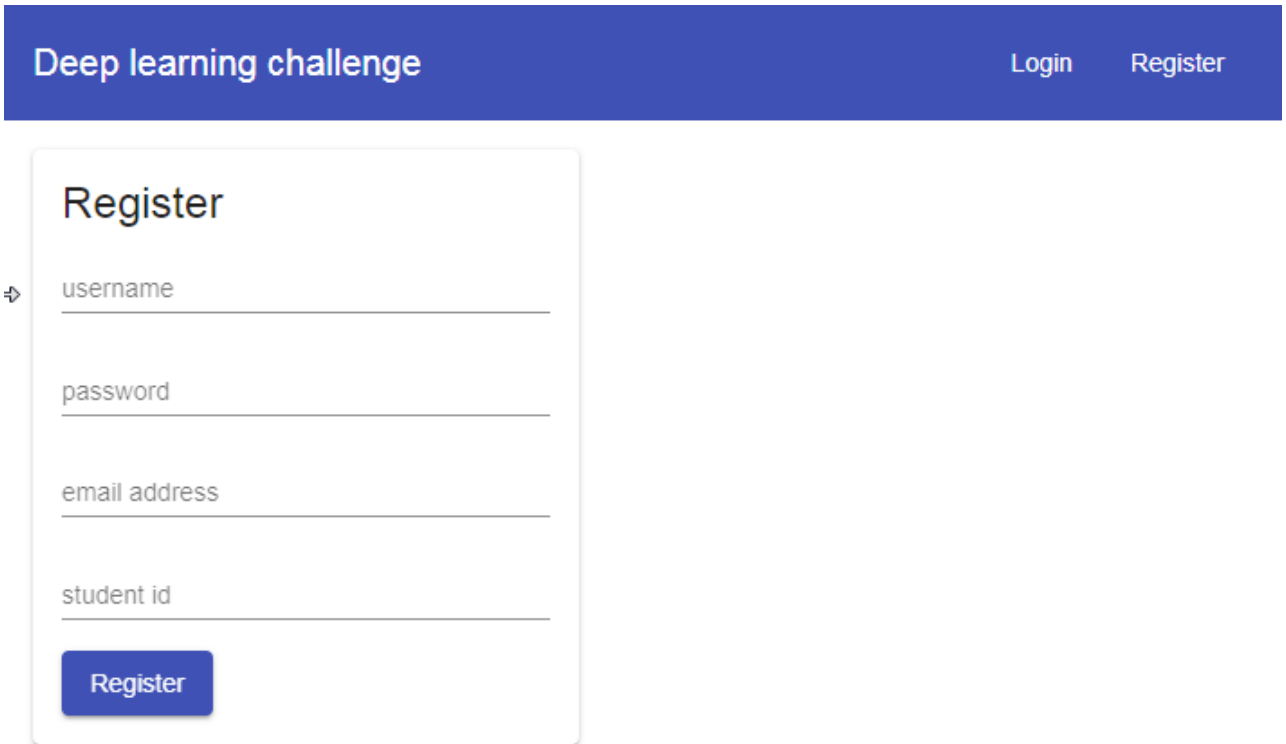
- PyTorch layer API resembles structure of our framework
- Extensive documentation and “getting started” guides
- Short Hands-On will follow after Ex. 3 submission
- Sources online e.g.:
  - 60-min blitz with Jupyter notebooks
  - PyTorch with examples
  - Overview of all tutorials

Submission to online tool

- After training, make sure to save a checkpoint of your best performing model
- Online submission tool will be made available on **TBD**
- Website: http://lme156.informatik.uni-erlangen.de/dl-challenge
- **Only available from within the university network**
- Same teams (max. 2) as before allowed

Submission to online tool: Registration

Register with your email and student id.



Submission to online tool: Team

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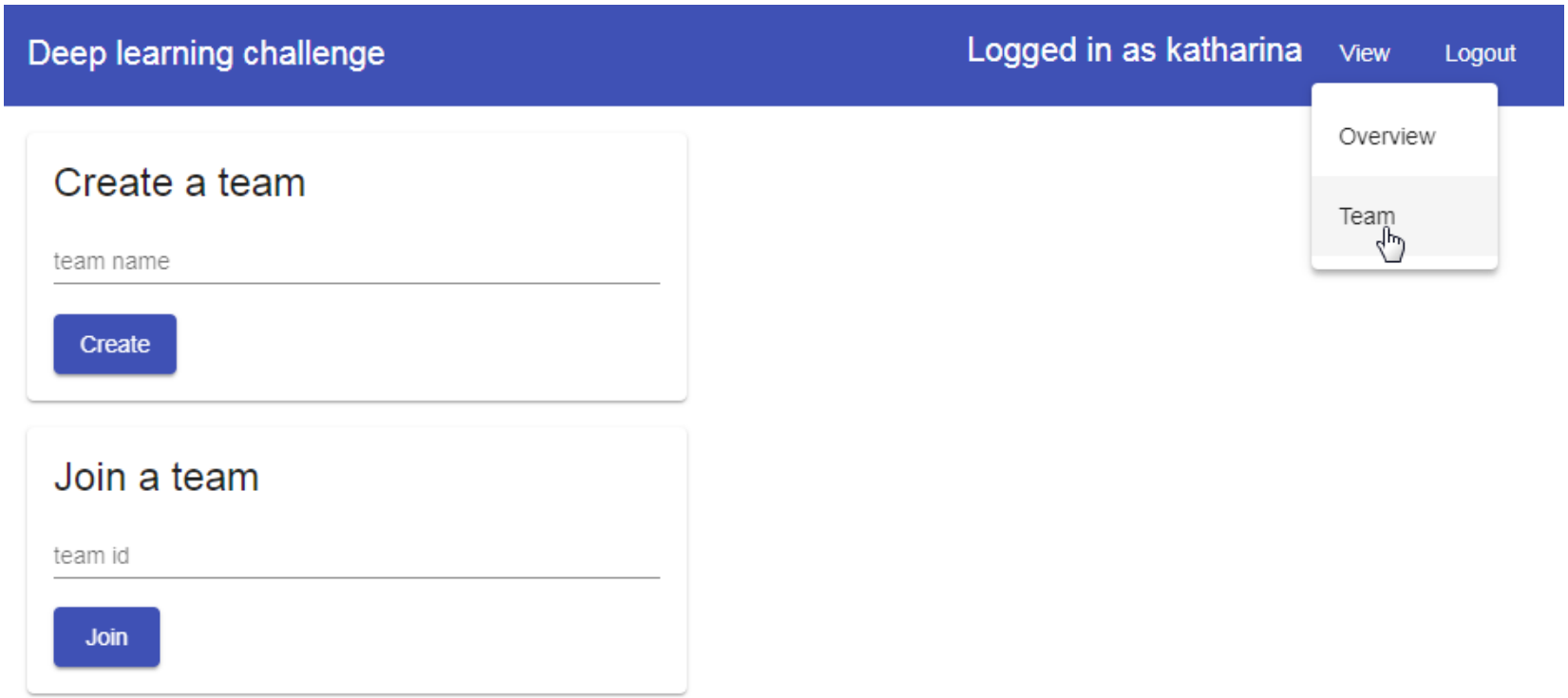
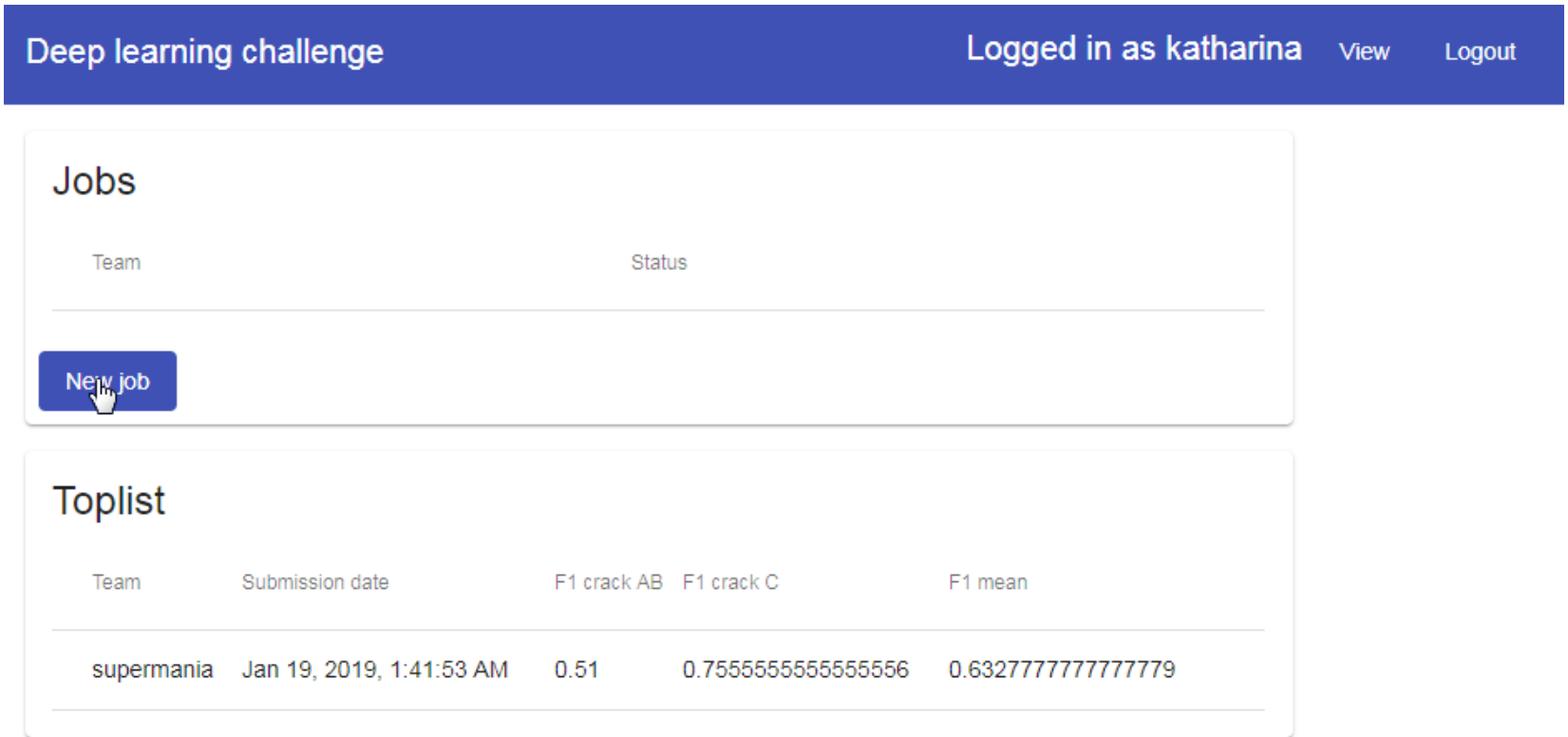


Submission to online tool: Submit model

Submit trained models (zip-file generated by train.py) by uploading them. You may submit multiple models.



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