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Enhancing Knee Osteoporosis Diagnosis through X-ray
Imaging and Explainable AI Techniques

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Problem Background

- Osteoporosis is a "**silent disease**", often **undetected until fractures occur**. Diagnosis of knee osteoporosis relies heavily on **subjective interpretation of X-ray images**, leading to late detection

(Yen et al. 2024).

- **DEXA scans**, the **gold standard** for diagnosis, are **expensive and less accessible** for early screening.

(Yen et al. 2024).

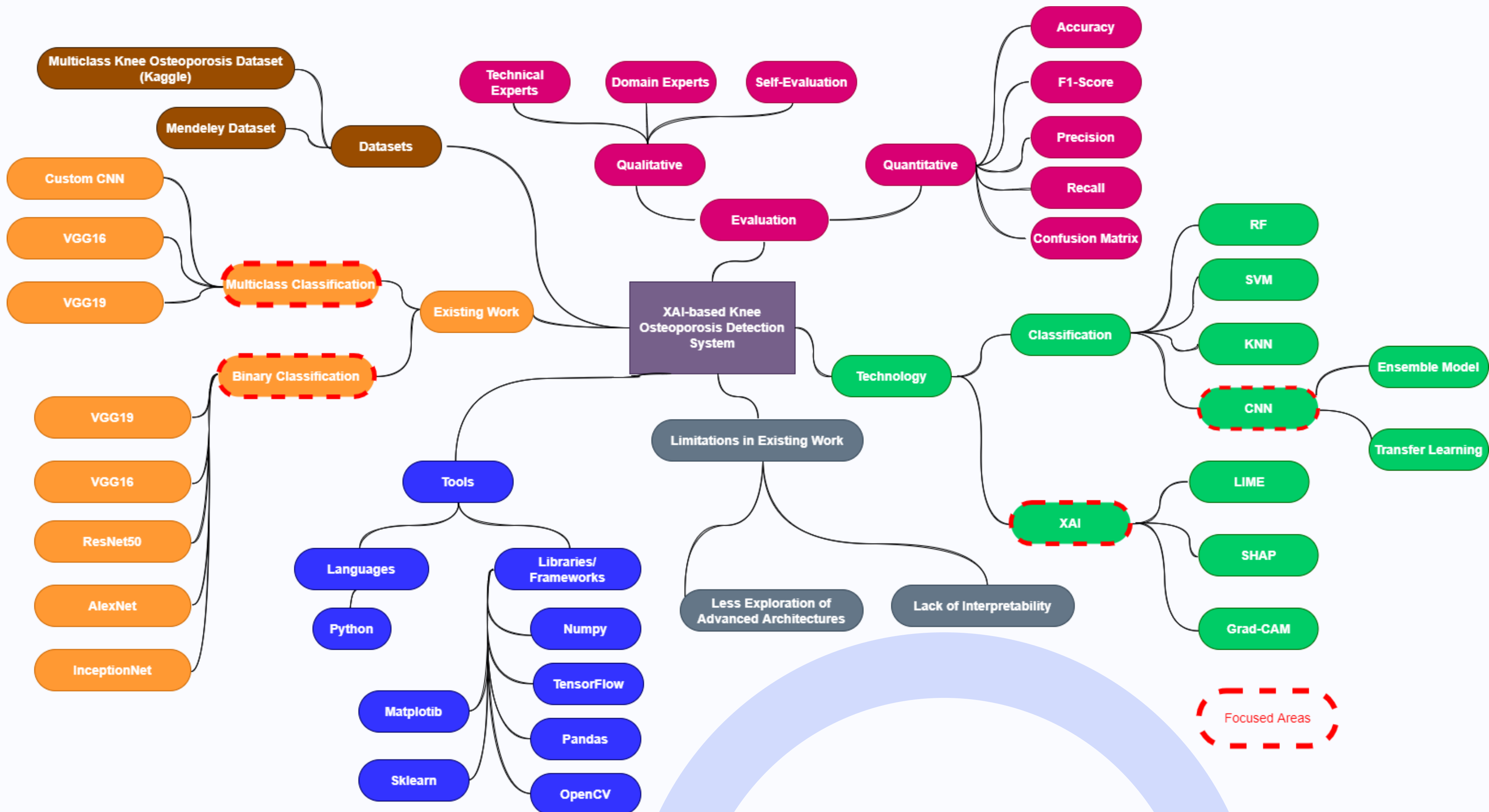
- Existing AI models often act as a **black boxes**, lacking **interpretable visualization methods**, limiting **clinical trust and adoption**.

(Chaddad et al. 2023, Liu et al. 2024)

Research Gap

- **Lack of interpretability** in current AI models for knee osteoporosis diagnosis, which operate as "black boxes" and fail to provide clinicians with transparent decision-making insights
(Liu et al. 2024, Chaddad et al. 2023)
- **Limited exploration of advanced models like EfficientNetB4**, which could improve diagnostic accuracy compared to older architectures (e.g., VGG16, ResNet50) but remain understudied.
(Talukder et al. 2024)





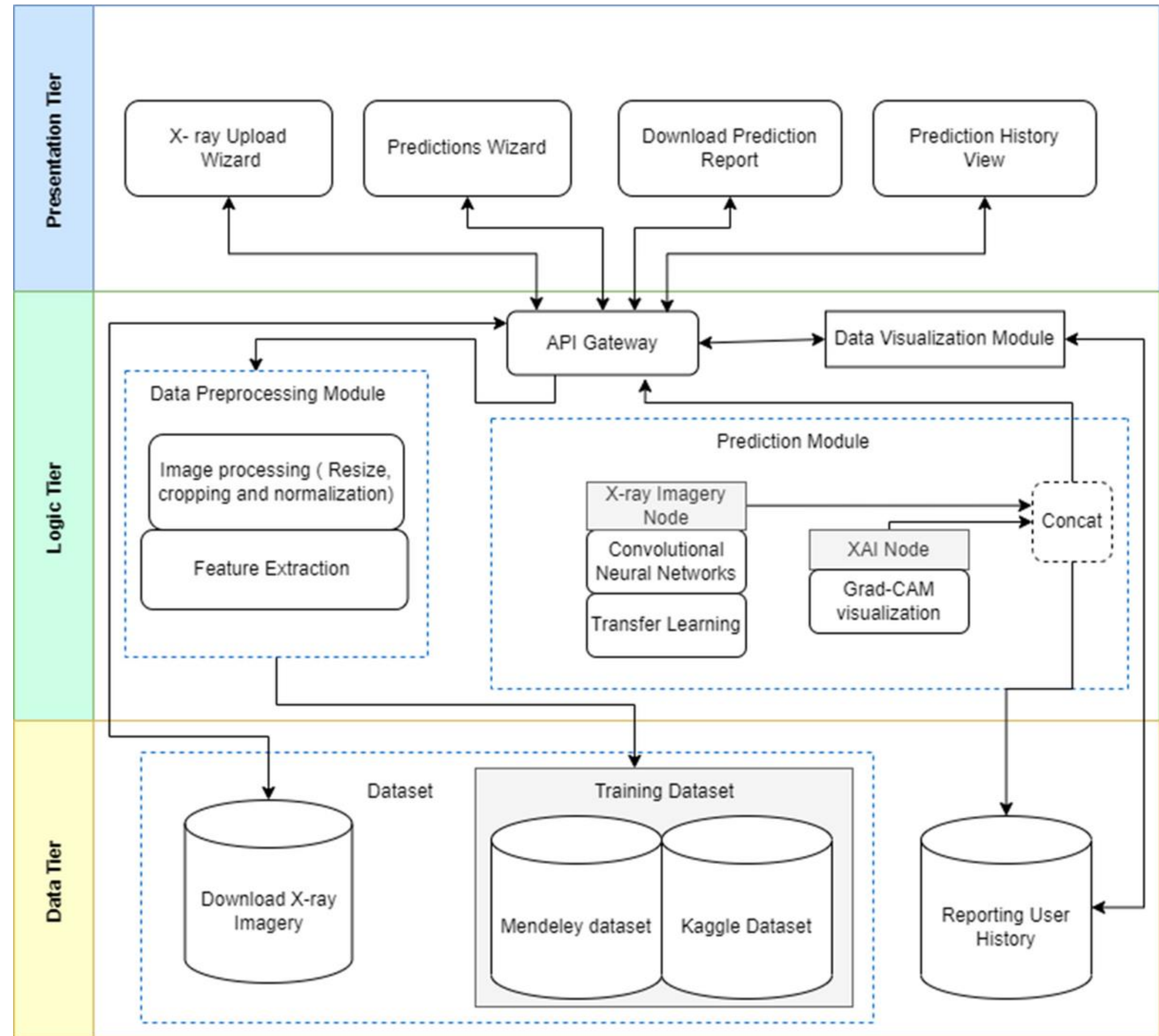
Aim of the Research

This research aims to design, develop a higher accurate knee osteoporosis diagnosis system that takes advantage of the **X-ray images** and **latest deep learning approaches** based on **XAI**, hence **making the diagnosis precise and interpretable**.

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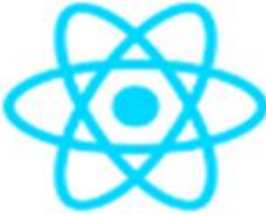

























System Design





Technology Stack

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Presentation Tier	      
Logic Tier	           
Data Tier	      

Demonstration



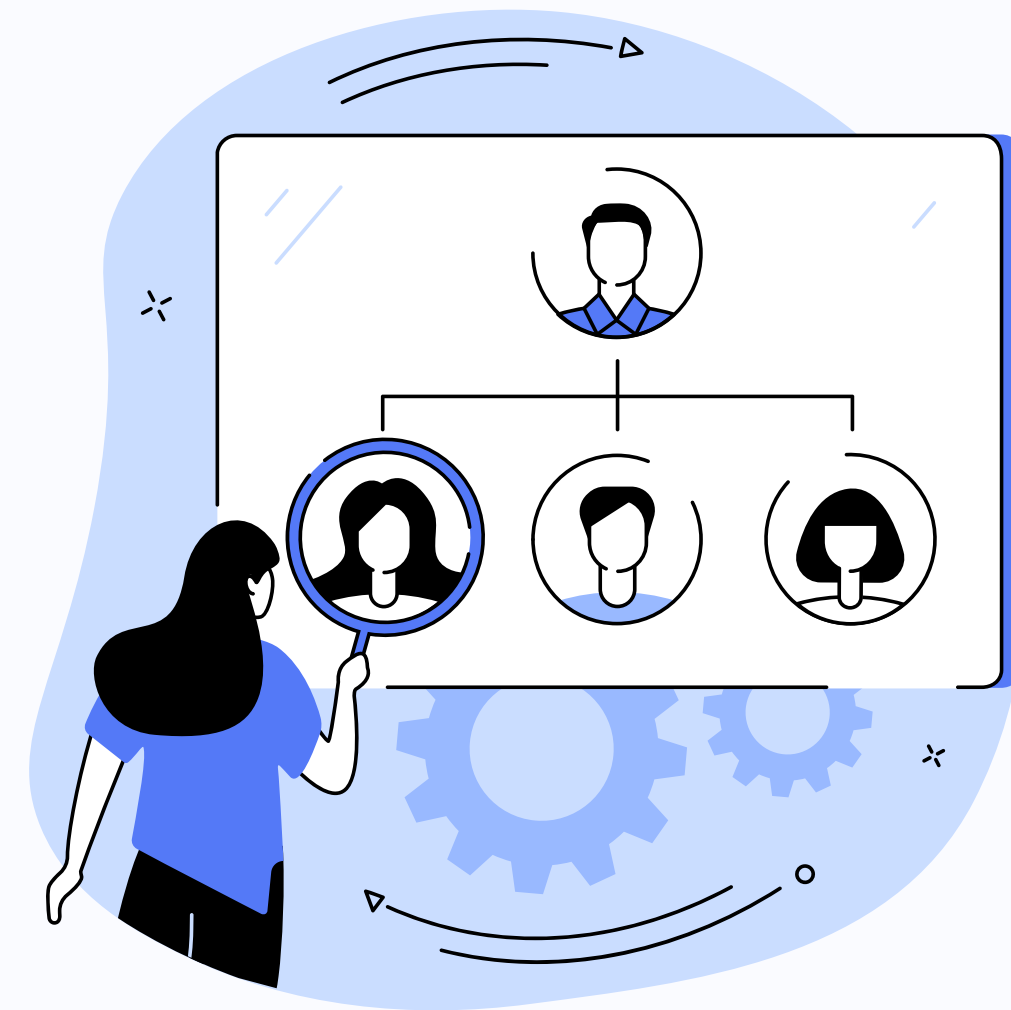
Benchmarking

Research	Architecture	Accuracy %
Proposed Osteo-vision system	Ensemble (VGG19 + EfficientNetB4)	98.52
Gobara et. al 2024	VGG-19	97.5
Kumar et al.,2023	ResNet	91.4
Wani & Arora, 2022	AlexNet	91.0
Abubakar et al., 2022	GoogLeNet	90



Evaluations - Domain Experts

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Dr. Nidhan Perera	Consultant Orthopedic Surgeon @ National Hospital Colombo
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Evaluations - Technical Experts

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Mr Aditha Pinsara	ASE @ H2Compute - Sri Lanka



Key Highlights from Evaluations

“... the research clearly addresses a real clinical gap. **Manual X-ray interpretation is subjective.** By **automating detection** and adding **explainability**, the project **bridges the gap between technology and real-world clinical practice quite effectively...**”

“...medical imaging diagnosis with AI, and the timing is excellent. Many models **focus only on performance** without considering **clinical applicability** but this project try to address both...”

“... **ensemble model's ability to push accuracy even further** than the individual models shows **solid experimentation and tuning.** This iterative improvement is crucial...”

“...**Grad-CAM integration** is highly appropriate for this kind of application. It **transforms the black-box model** into something **visually understandable...**”

“...Exploring model ensembling with **more diverse CNN architectures** could be a good next step...”

Contributions & Novelty

Research Domain Contributions :

- Introduced a **novel ensemble model** combining EfficientNetB4 and VGG19 for knee osteoporosis diagnosis.
- First application of this ensemble approach in the domain, achieving superior performance over existing models.
- Integrated **XAI techniques** (Grad-CAM & LIME) to address the black-box issue, enhancing model transparency

Problem Domain Contributions :

- Enabled visual interpretation of predictions for clinicians, improving trust and adoption in real-world settings.
- Bridged the gap between high-accuracy AI models and clinical usability through explainability-focused design.



Limitations & Future Enhancements

Limitations:

- **Interpretability Limitations:** Grad-CAM and LIME offer visual insights but lack pixel-level precision and quantitative validation, limiting clinical reliability.
- **Dataset and Environment Constraints:** The model was trained and tested on a limited, non-diverse dataset using a single hardware setup, affecting generalizability and real-world testing.

Future Enhancements:

- **Dataset & Model Expansion:** Incorporate more diverse datasets and explore advanced XAI methods for improved anatomical alignment and clearer visual explanations.
- **Clinical & Multimodal Integration:** Integrate DEXA scans for multimodal diagnosis and conduct supervised clinical trials for real-world feedback and validation.



Conclusion



Existing Skills Applied

Full Stack Development
using Python and Next.js

Machine Learning

UI and UX design

New Skills Gained

Deep learning and Transfer
Learning

XAI techniques (Grad-CAM,
LIME)

FastAPI, TensorFlow, Docker

Problems & Challenges Faced

Hardware Resources

Package Version Issues

Lack of Experts

Longer Model Training Time

Thank you So Much!

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