# The good project start

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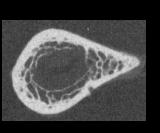
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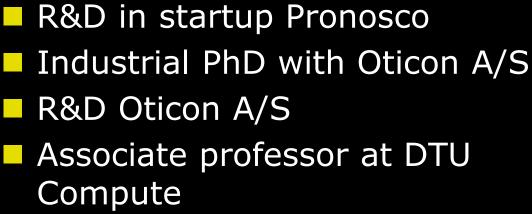


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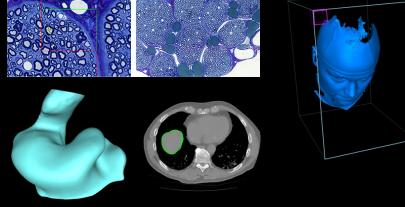




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# Choosing a project

- Find the right supervisor with the right projectAll faculty at DTU supervise students
  - BSc
  - MSc
  - PhD
- Most faculty have projects in their cupboards
  - We prefer to supervise within our research topic



## How do I do

#### Identify some supervisor candidates

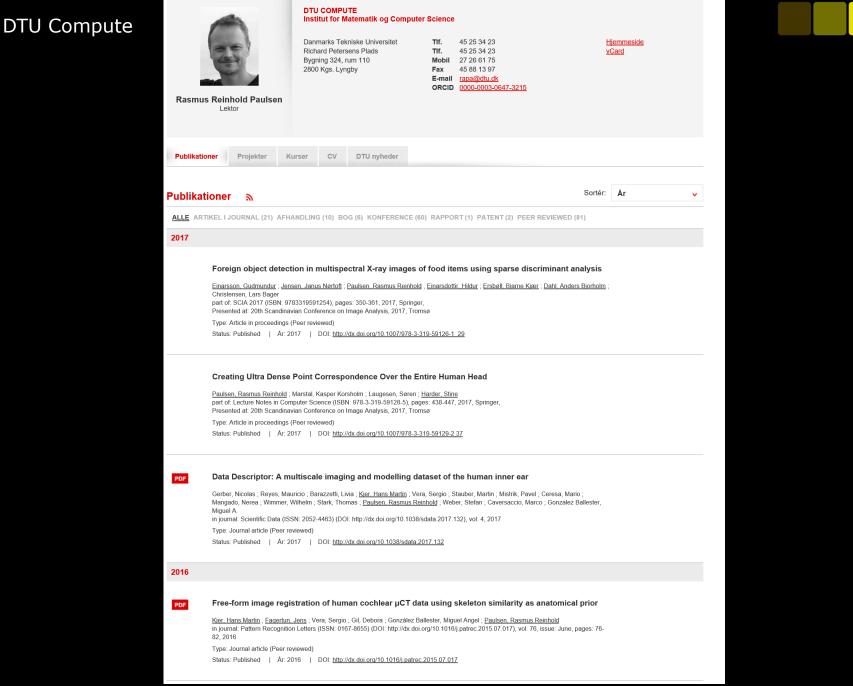
- Good teachers
- Made interesting talks
- Interesting research area

#### Look at their homepage

- Research
- Publications
- Research group
- Previous supervision



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## Write a mail

- Who you are and where you know the supervisor from
- Which courses have you taken and how did it approximately go
- What du you want to do and why do you ask this supervisor
  - ECTS
  - Project start
  - Bsc/Msc/special course
- Ask:
  - Do you have available projects or suggestions
  - Can we meet?
- It is ok to "shop around" but not too much and do not skip the project in the last moment



## What should I remember

#### Ask or find out of

- Is the project a part of a larger research project (+)
- Is it possible to be co-supervised by a PhD student (++)
- Is it realistic to write a scientific article (+)
- What kind of supervision can you expect
- How much supervision can you expect
- How many student do the supervisor have
- Can you get some articles describing the project background
- Are the necessary data in place and can you get them
- How much manual work is expected



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## Non-disclosure agreements

- Be careful!
- Attractive to work with a cool company
- You can not show your work to anyone
  - Not even potential job places

They will say

So cool to work with us – you might be able to get a job

Be skeptical!





## Most important point!

- The grade is solely based on the delivered written work – the report!
  - And the oral defense (which is mostly based on the report)

#### No matter how

- Nice you are
- Amount of data gathered
- Manual work done

It is the documentation of all this that counts!
You are/will become the expert!





## Project start

- Learn about the topic
  - Literature search and reading (based on articles supplied by the supervisor)
- Start a report from day one
  - Reference manager : Bibtex, Endnote, RefWorks, Mendeley...
- Write the introduction and problem statement very early
  - Latest three weeks after project start
  - Serve as a contract between you, the supervisor and external partners

Du not start coding/welding/mixing/experimenting

Before your problem statement is clearly written



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### More info

#### <u>http://people.compute.dtu.dk/rapa/supervision.html</u>

# Have Fun!

