

Image segmentation with a statistical shape prior

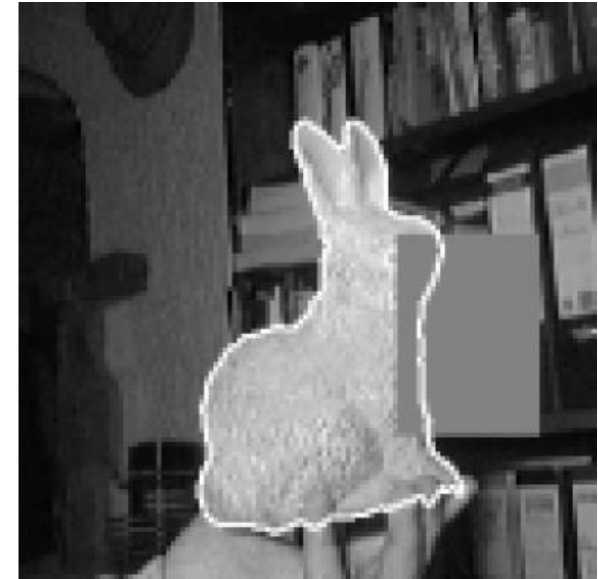
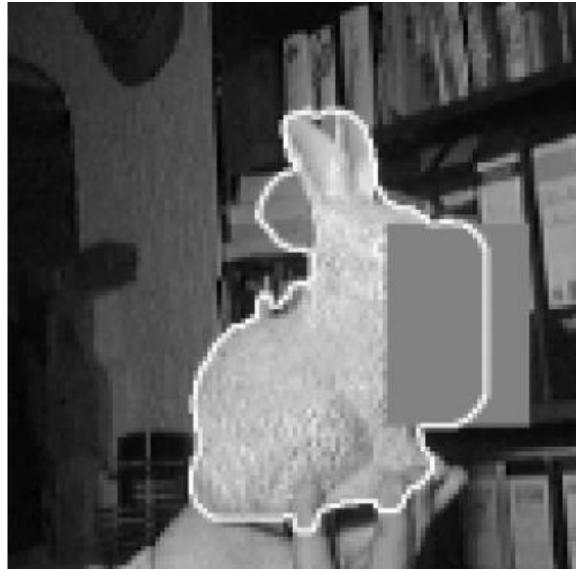
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Prior information based segmentation

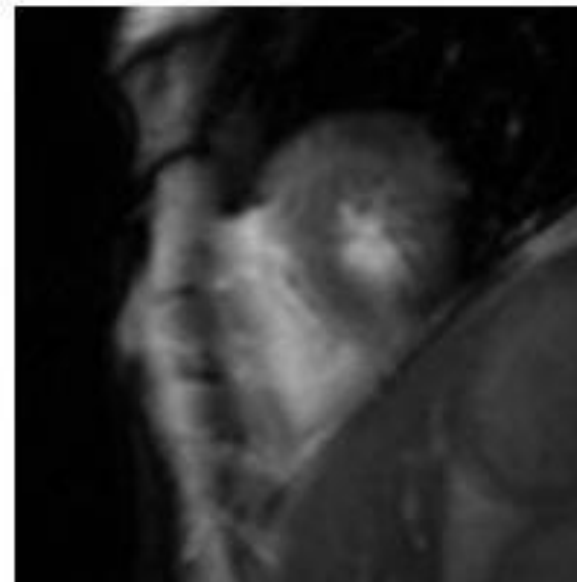
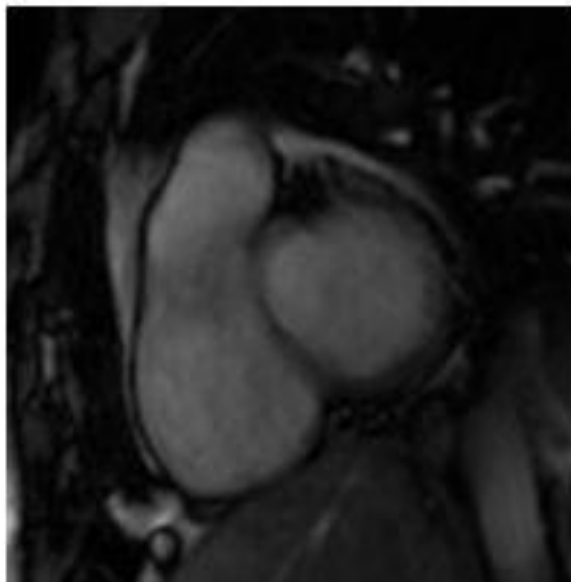
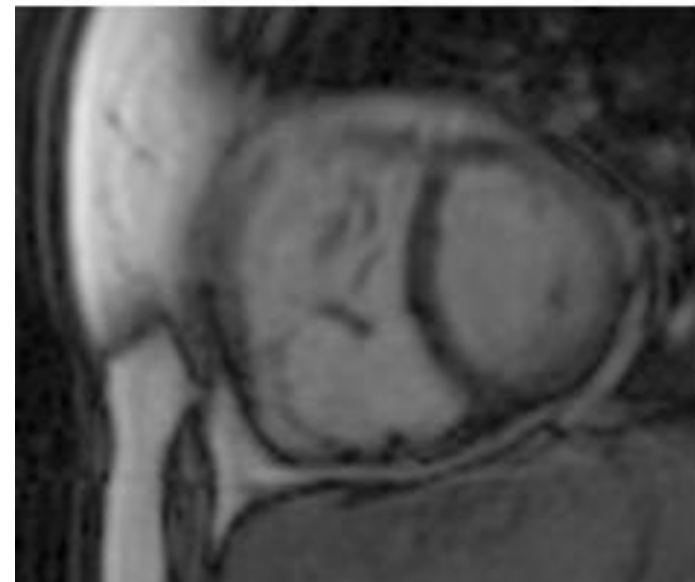
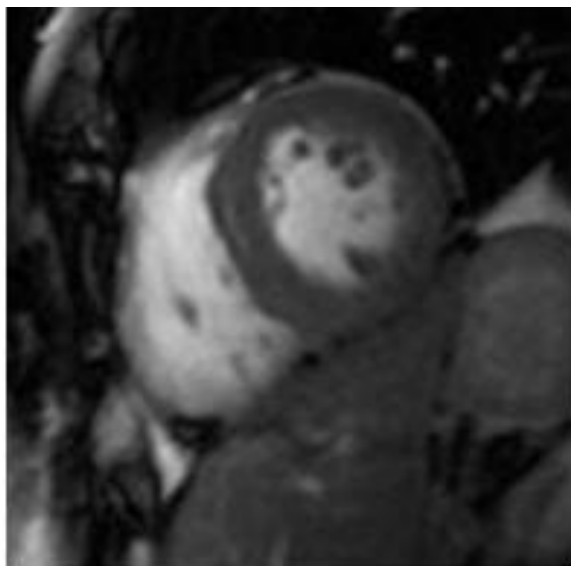
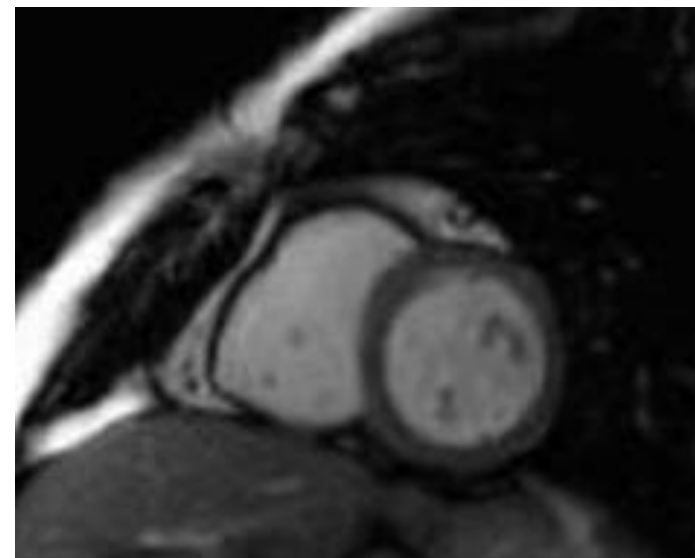


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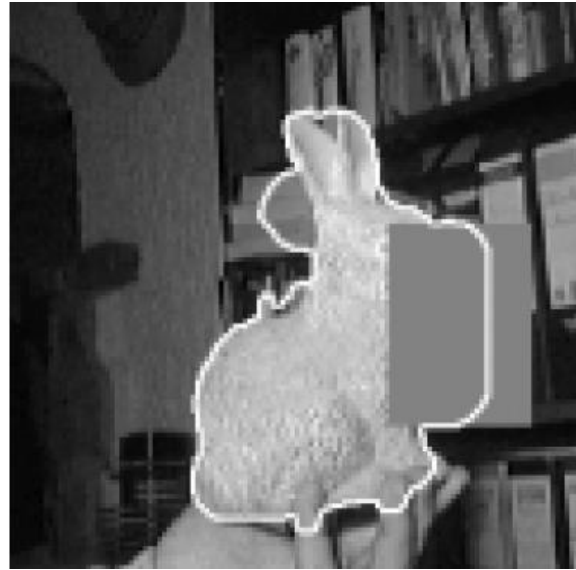
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Avec a priori

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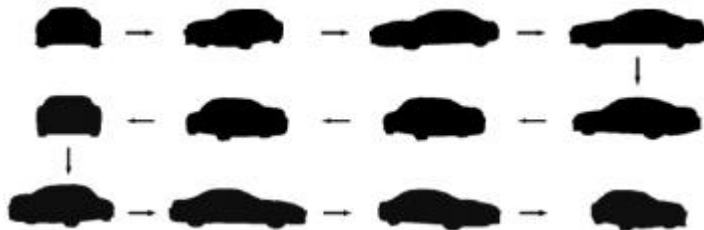
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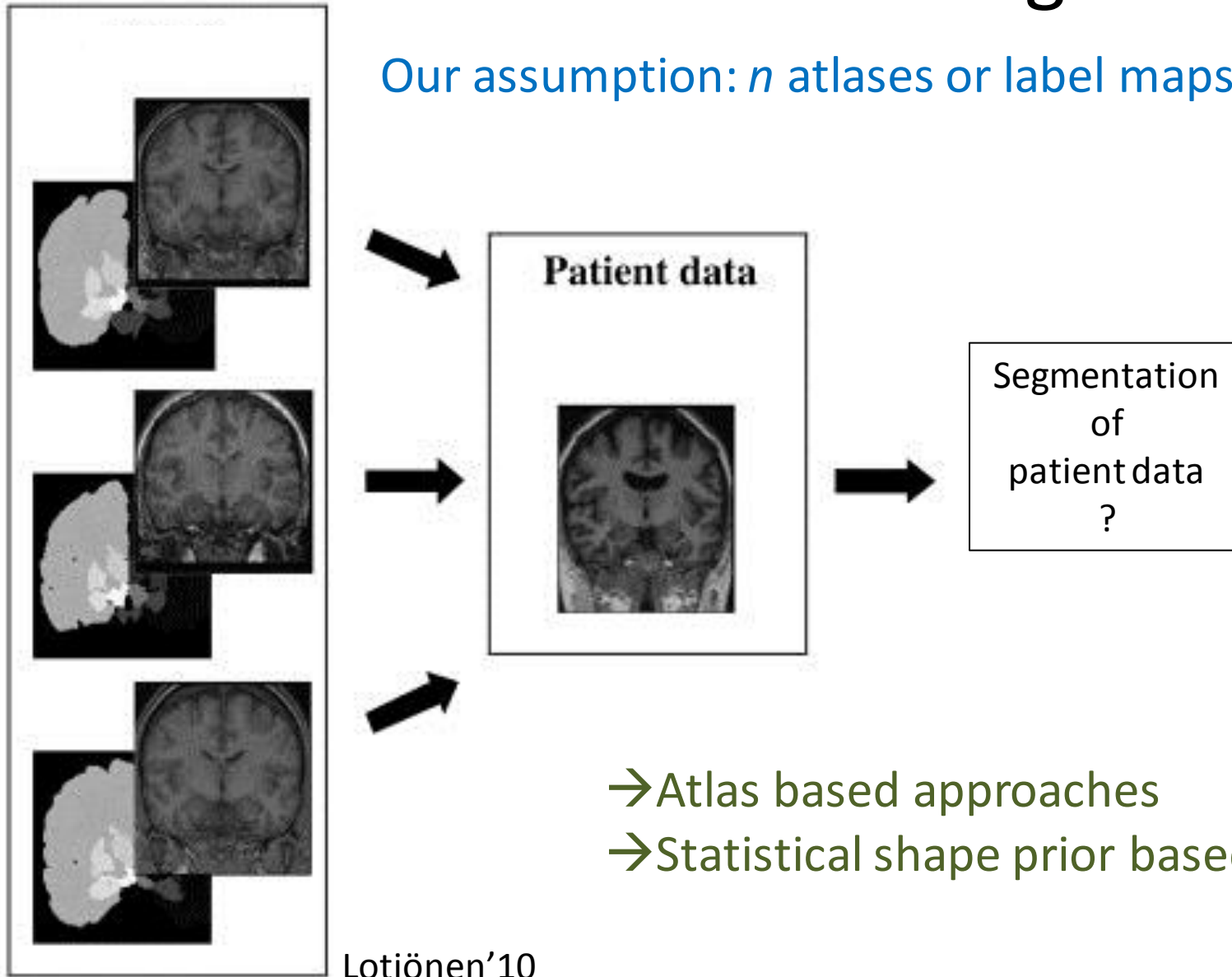


Etyngier'07



Prior information based segmentation

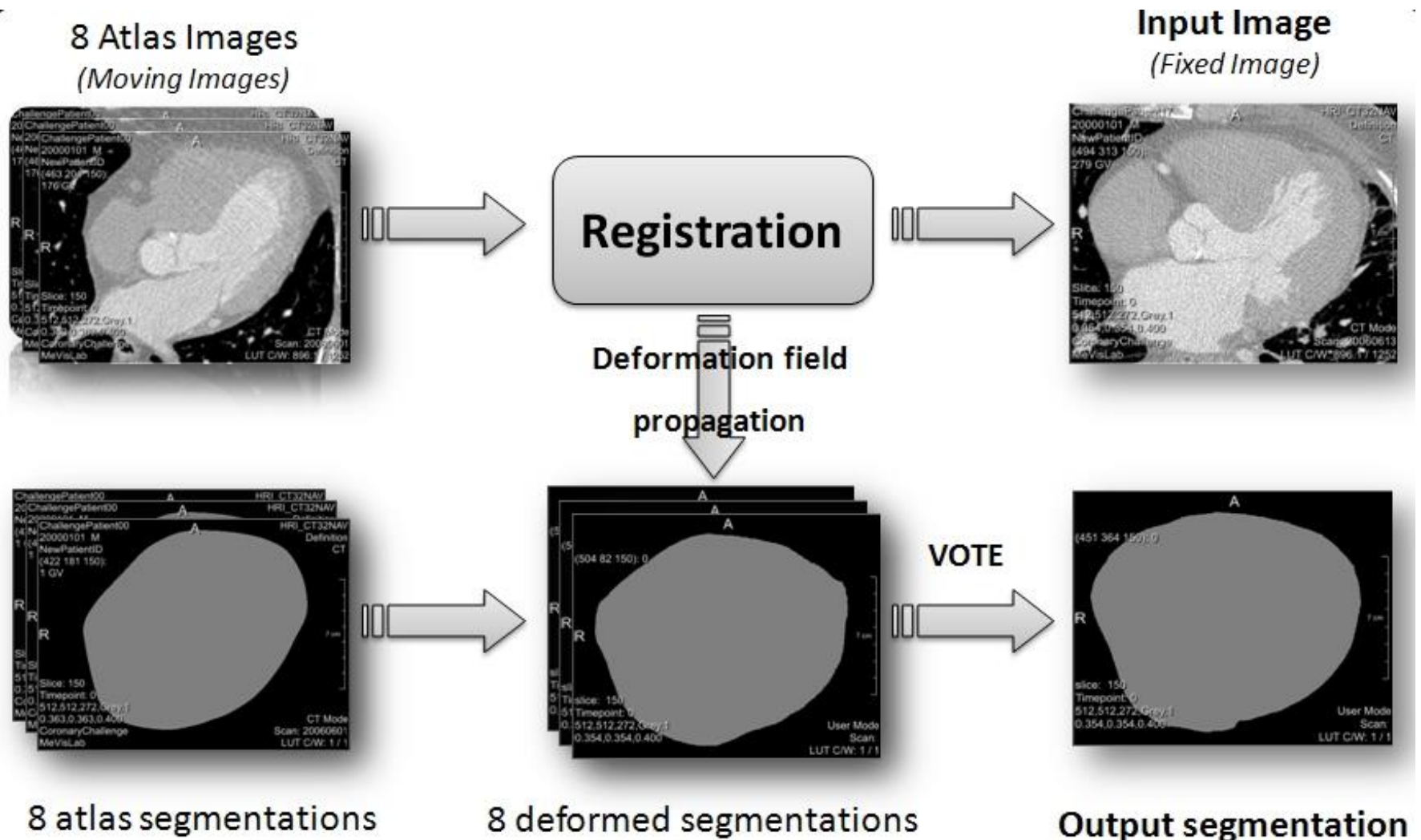
Our assumption: n atlases or label maps



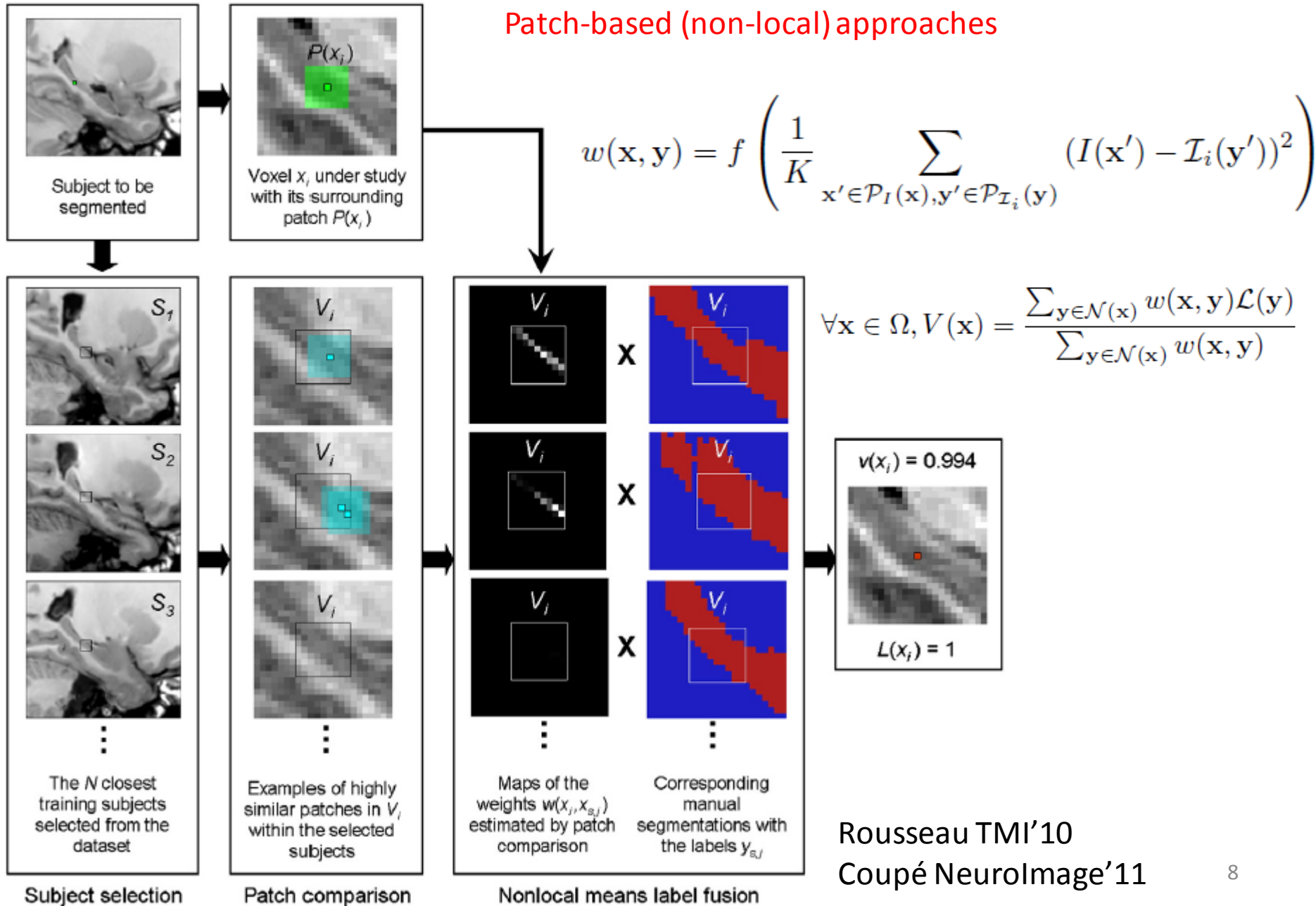
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- Related works in prior information segmentation
 - Atlas based approaches
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Multi-atlas registration for image segmentation



Multi-atlas: recent developments



Statistical shape model for image segmentation

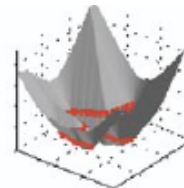
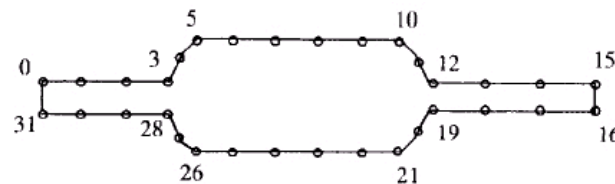
- **Objective:**

- learn the possible shape deformations of an object statistically from a set of training shapes
- restrict the contour deformation to the subspace of familiar shapes during the segmentation process

- Active Shape Models, Cootes 1995

- Leventon CVPR'00, Tsai TMI'03

- Implicit representation



Statistical shape model for image segmentation

Example: Tsai's framework

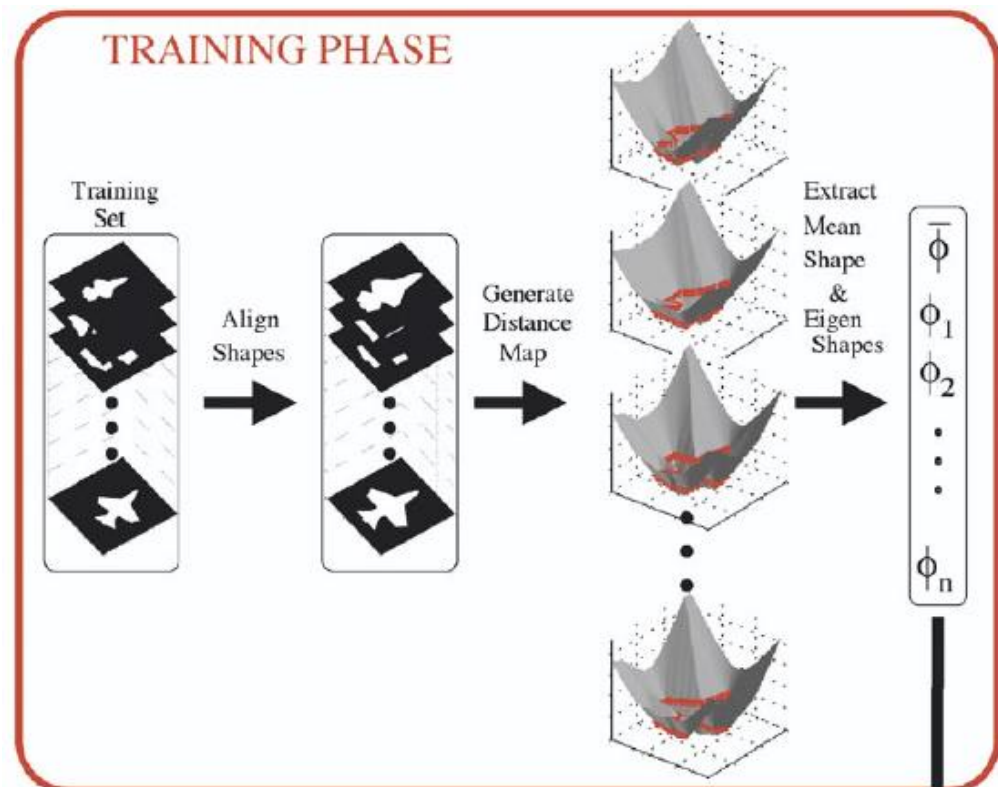
Shapes are represented as signed distance functions

$$\mathbb{D}_\gamma = \varepsilon(x) \inf_{y \in \partial s} d(x, y) \text{ with } \varepsilon(x) \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } x \in s, \\ -1 & \text{if } x \notin s \end{cases}$$

After rigid alignment:

$$\Phi[\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{p}](x, y) = \bar{\Phi}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) + \sum_{i=1}^k w_i \Phi_i(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$$

Mean shape
Eigenshapes



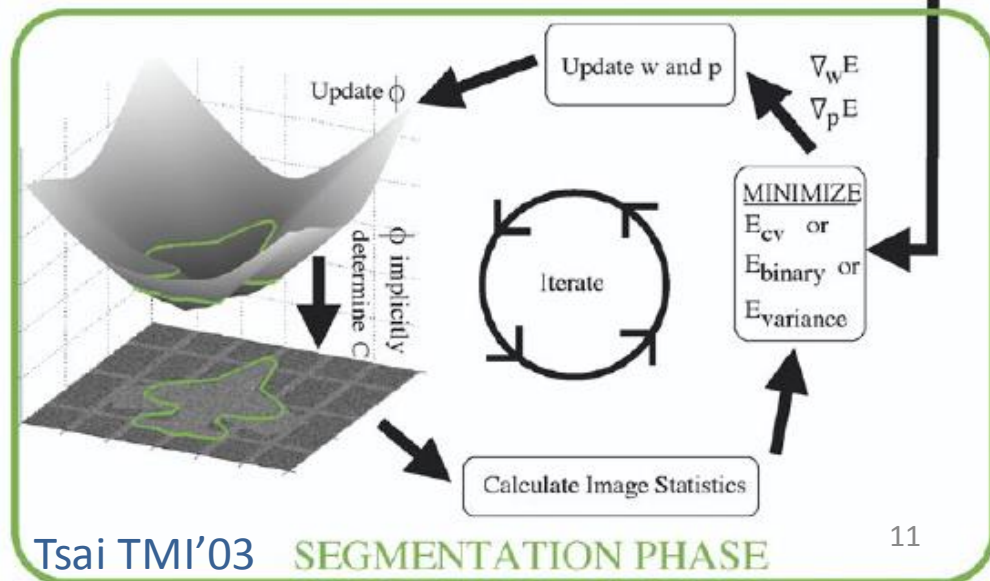
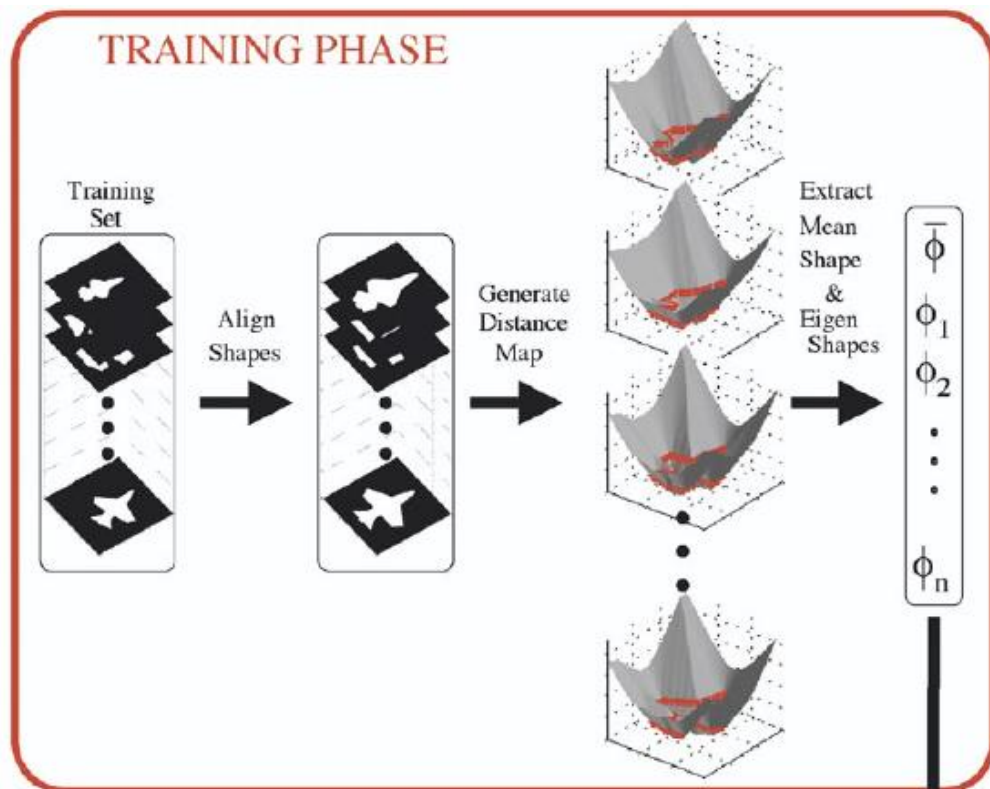
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$$E_{cv} = \int_{R^u} (I - \mu)^2 dA + \int_{R^v} (I - \nu)^2 dA$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w}^{(t+1)} &= \mathbf{w}^{(t)} - \alpha_w \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} E \\ \mathbf{p}^{(t+1)} &= \mathbf{p}^{(t)} - \alpha_p \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} E \end{aligned}$$



Problems of linear shape space

- Assumes the data lie in a linear subspace
- permissible shapes are assumed to form a multivariate Gaussian distribution

Yet: real world data sets present complex deformations

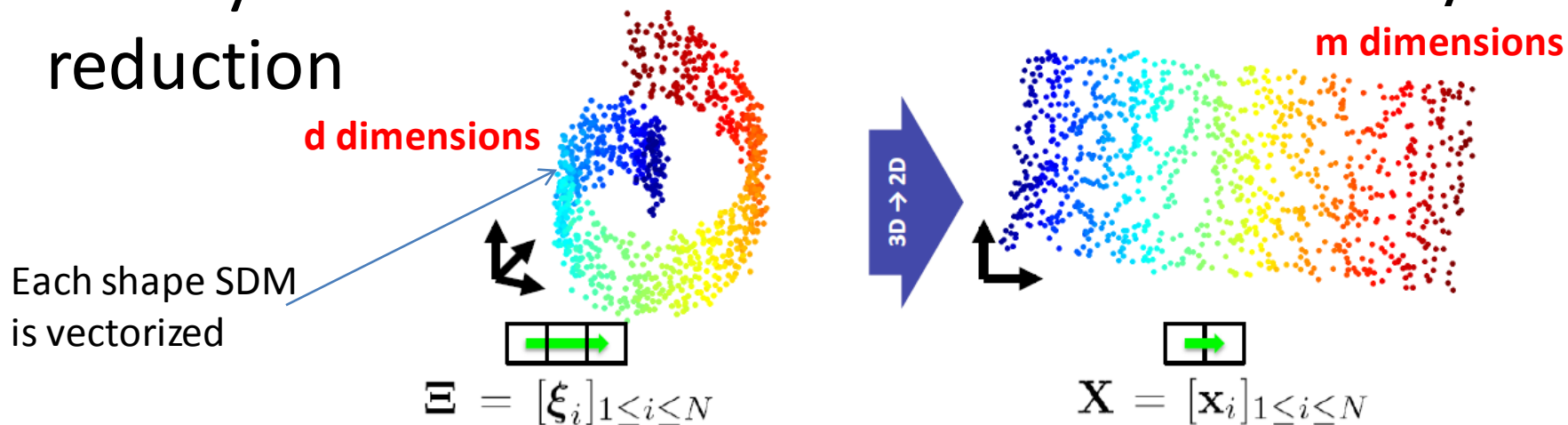
- Non linear shape statistics for image segmentation
 - introduced with kPCA in Cremers, ECCV'02
 - with manifold learning techniques: Etyngier'07, Yan'13, Moolan-Ferouze'14...

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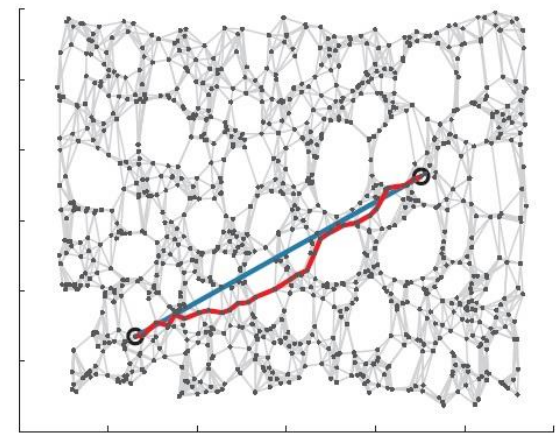
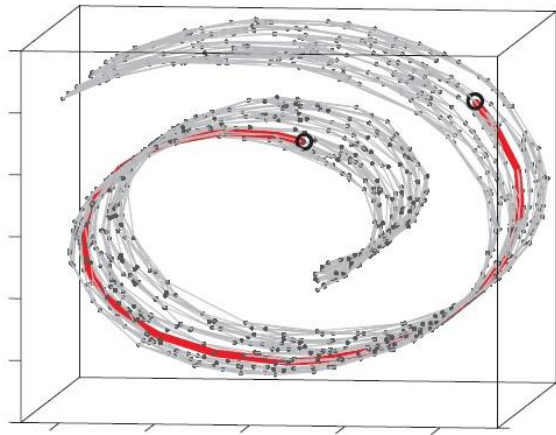
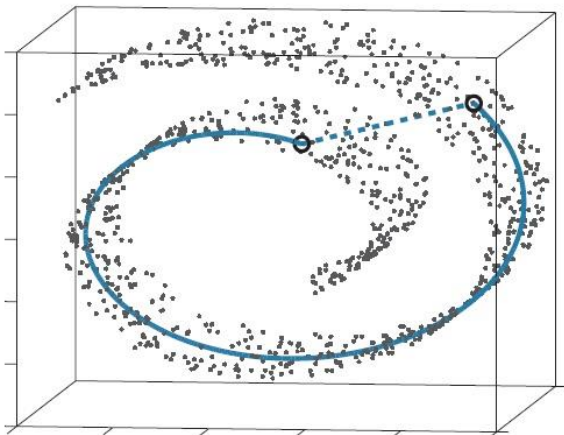
Manifold learning

- process of recovering the underlying low dimensional structure of a manifold that is embedded in a higher-dimensional space
- closely related to the notion of dimensionality reduction



Principle of spectral ML techniques

- Compute a similarity matrix \mathbf{M} ($n \times n$) between n points (= shapes for us) of the dataset
 - Goal: to connect points that lie within a common neighbourhood.
 - *k-nearest neighbour or ϵ - ball*



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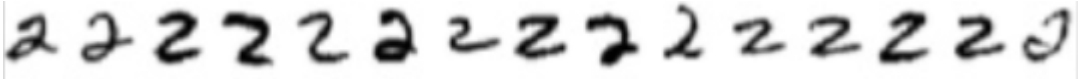
- Compute a similarity (affinity) matrix M ($n \times n$)
- From M , compute a feature matrix F :
 - size $n \times n$
 - symmetric
 - positive semi definite
- Spectral decomposition of F
- Keep the m smallest/largest eigenvectors

A diagram of a matrix represented by large square brackets. To the left of the top-left corner is the letter 'n'. To the right of the bottom-right corner is the label 'x_j'. Above the top-left corner is the label 'u_i'. Below the bottom-right corner is the text 'm eigenvectors'. The matrix is divided into a grid by a horizontal line and a vertical line, forming a 2x2 subgrid in the center.

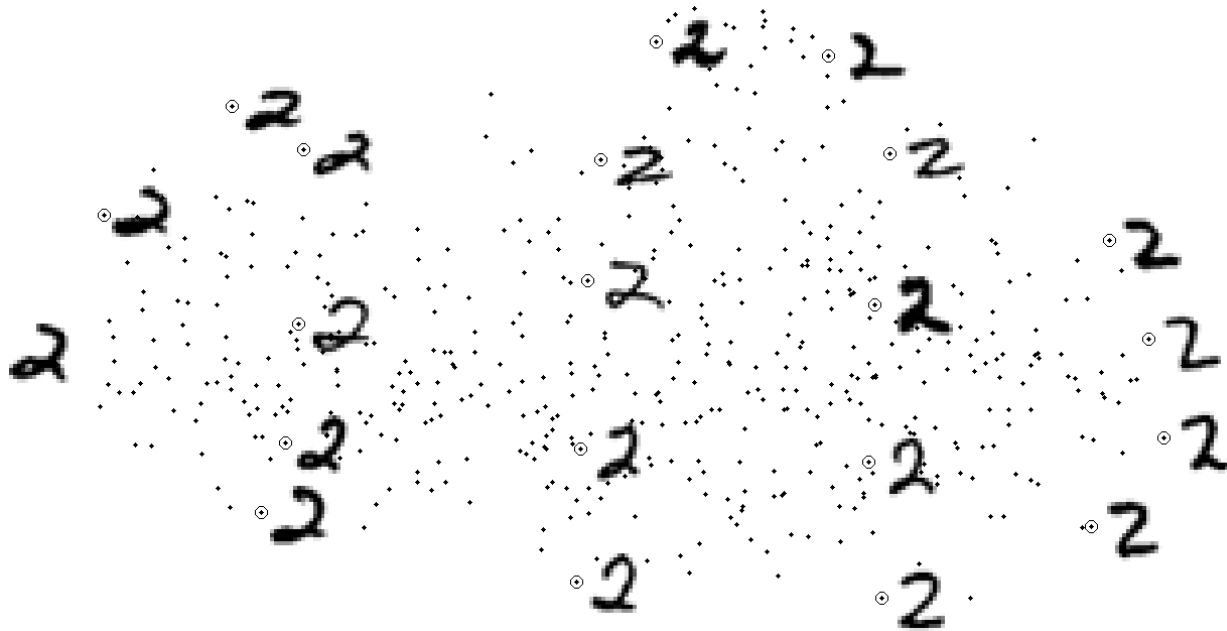
An example

- Number two in MNIST database (n=500)

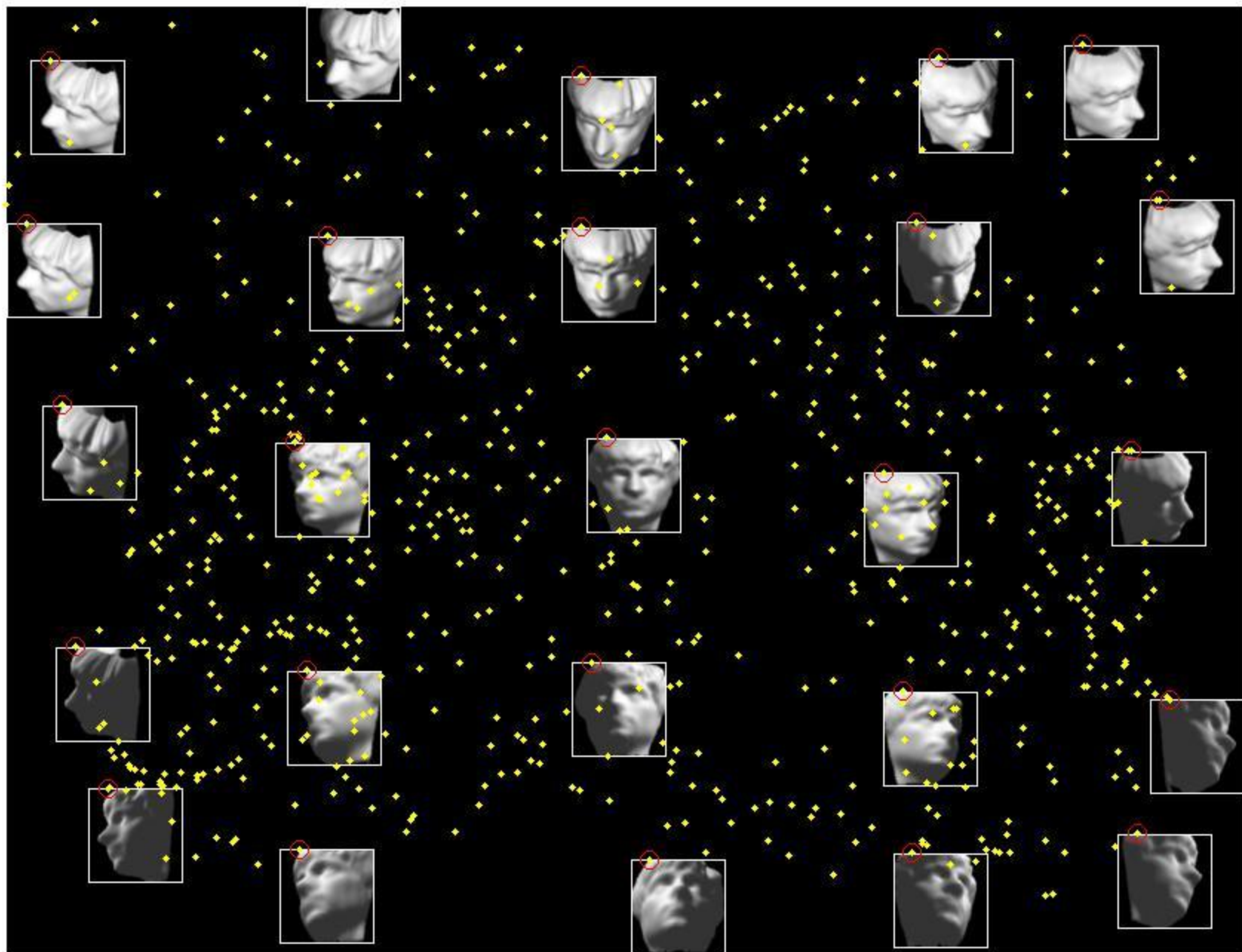
- Images: 28 x 28



- $d = 400 \rightarrow m = 2$



Up-down Pose



Left-right Pose

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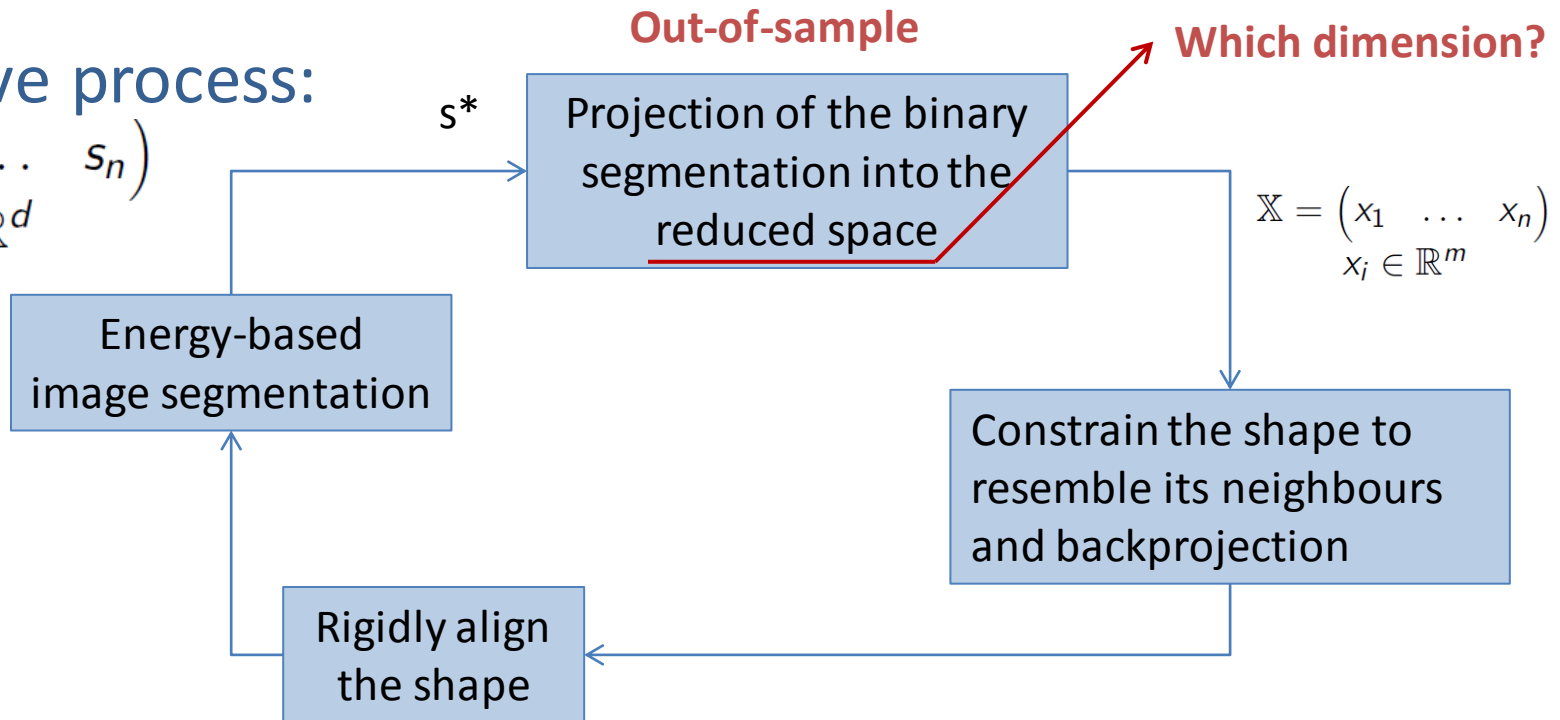
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- Iterative process:

$$\mathbb{S} = \begin{pmatrix} s_1 & \dots & s_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$s_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$



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\mathbf{x}^* : shape of the segmentation result in the reduced space

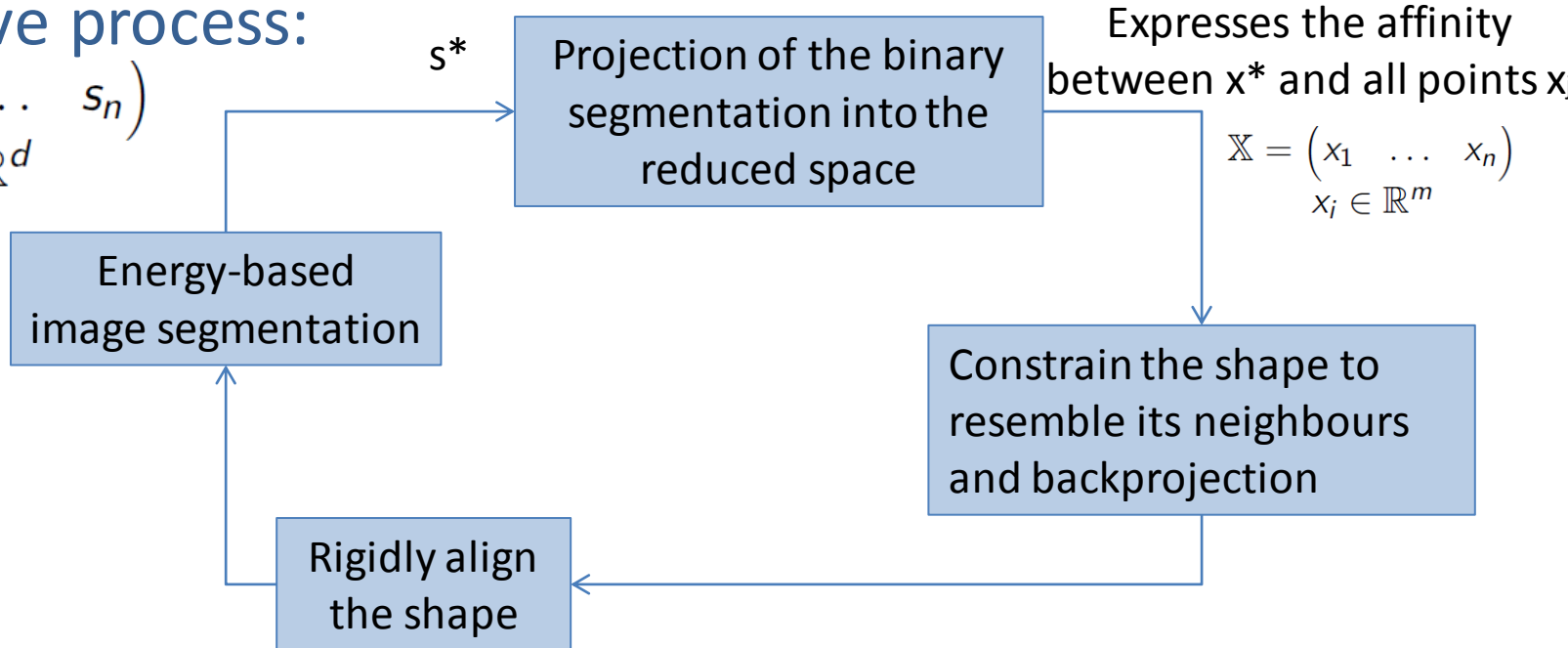
$$\mathbf{x}^* = \frac{1}{\lambda_k} \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{u}_{kj} K(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{x}_j)$$

Out-of-sample

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Constrain the shape in the embedding

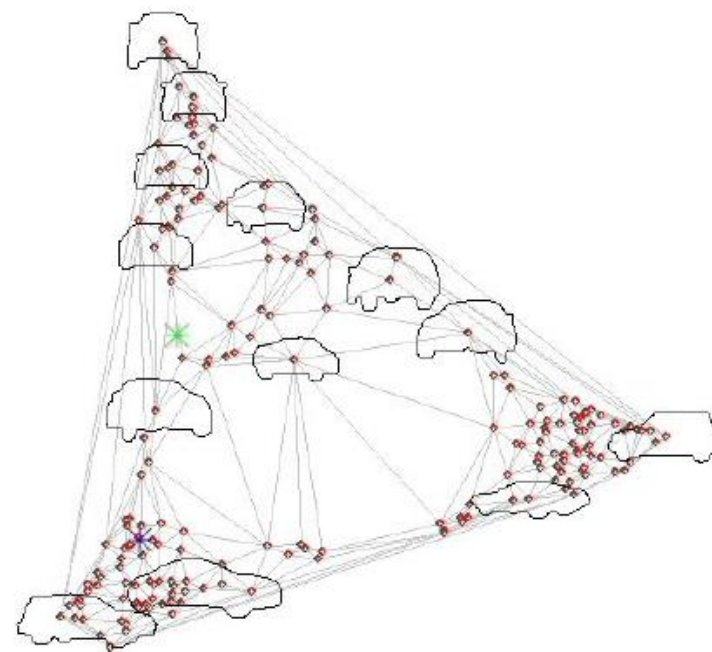
Moolan-Ferouze '14

- Find the shape's nearest neighbors (NN)
- The shape \hat{s} is a linear combination of its NN:

$$\hat{s} = \sum_{i=0}^m \theta_i s_i \quad \text{with } \sum_{i=0}^m \theta_i = 1 \text{ and } \theta_i \geq 0, \forall i = 0, \dots, m$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \min d(s^*, \hat{s})$$

with $d(s^*, \hat{s}) = \sum (H(s^*) - H(\hat{s}))^2$

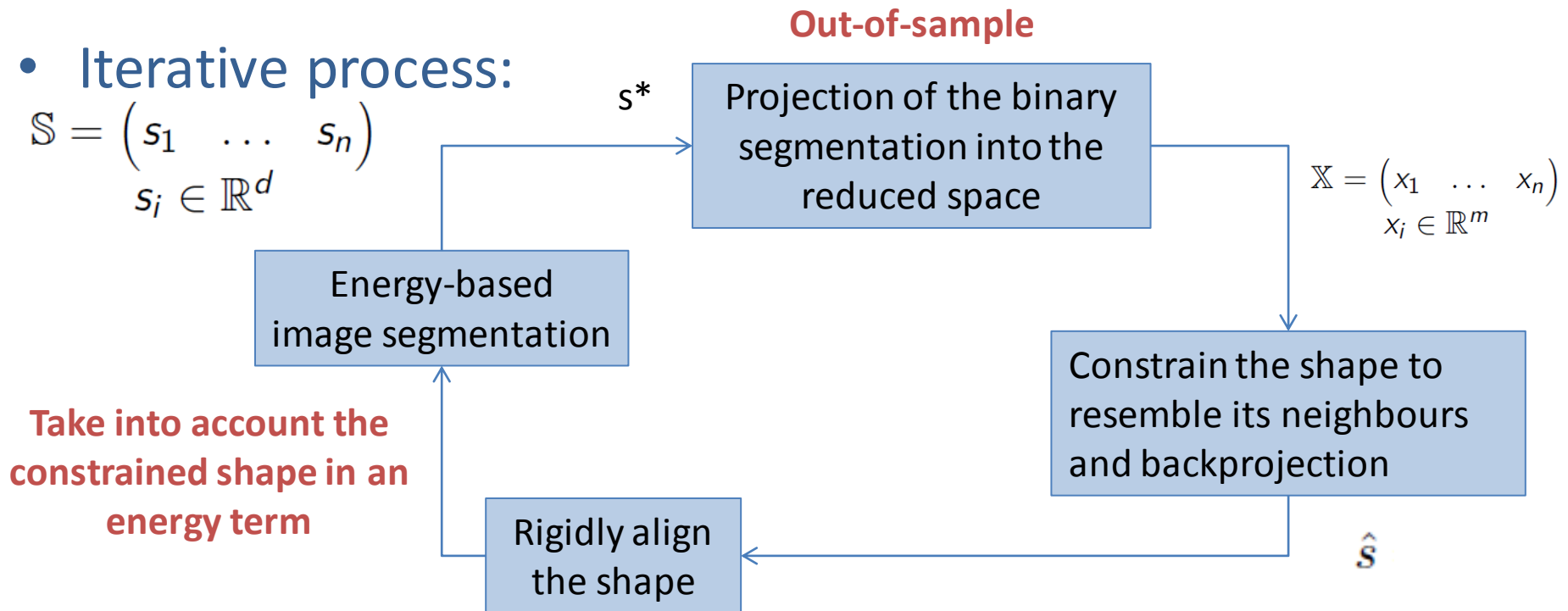


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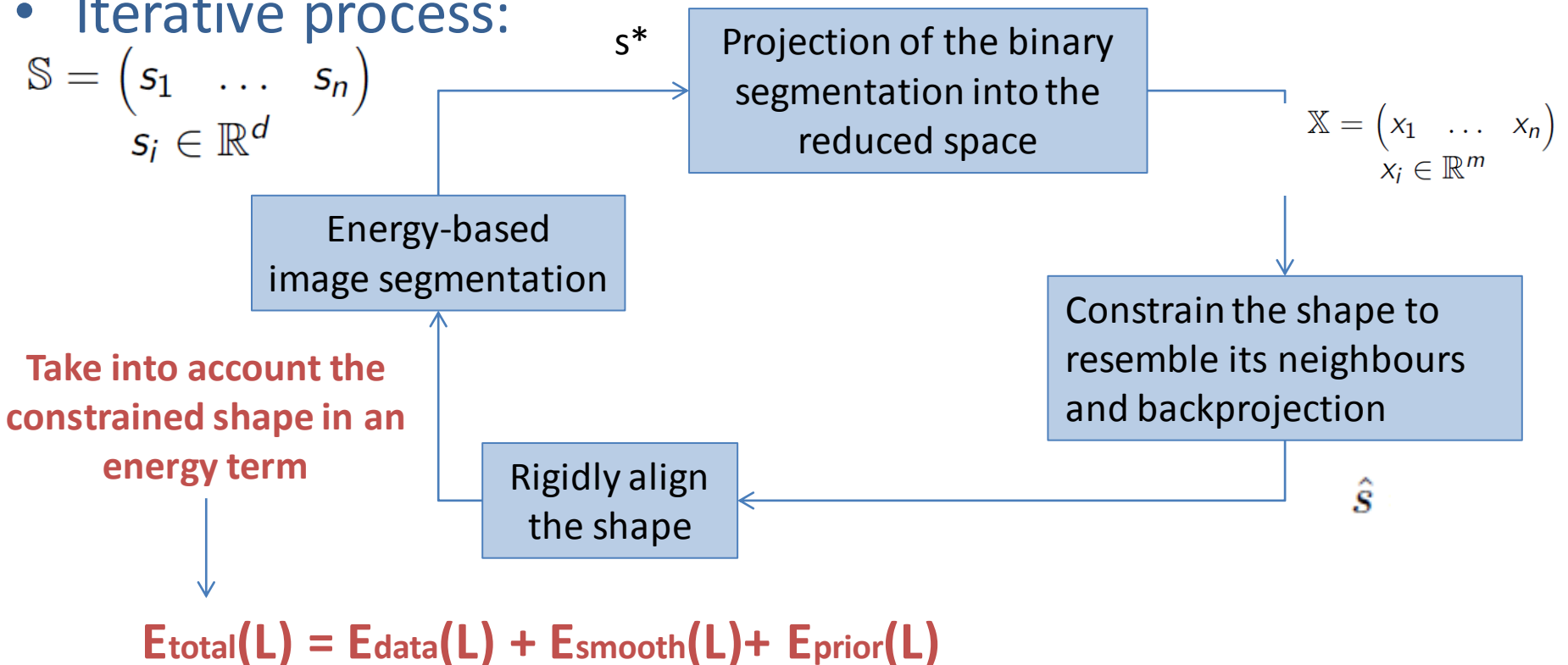
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Based on Etyngier ICCV'07 &
Moolan-Ferouze MICCAI'14

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$$E_{\text{total}}(\mathbf{L}) = E_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{L}) + E_{\text{smooth}}(\mathbf{L}) + E_{\text{prior}}(\mathbf{L})$$

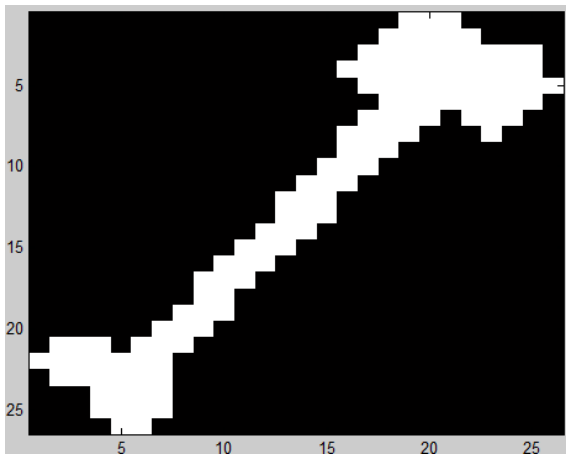
Find the labeling \mathbf{L} such that $E(\mathbf{L})$ is minimum

Shape prior energy term

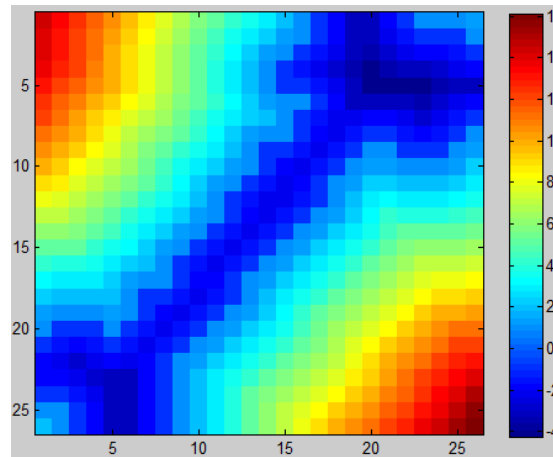
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$E_{\text{prior}}(\text{O})$ $E_{\text{prior}}(\text{B})$ } designed to be small for pixels likely to be labelled as $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{object} \\ \text{background} \end{array} \right.$

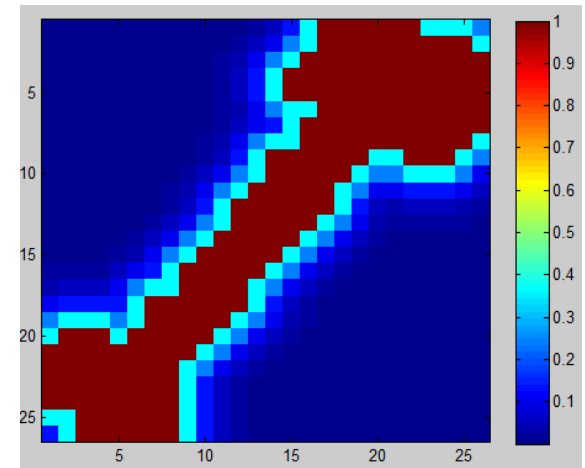
From \hat{s} , let's define a probability atlas



Binary shape



Signed distance map



$$M(i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \hat{s}(i) \leq 0 \\ e^{-\hat{s}(i)/\gamma_{f(i)}} & \text{if } \hat{s}(i) > 0 \end{cases}$$

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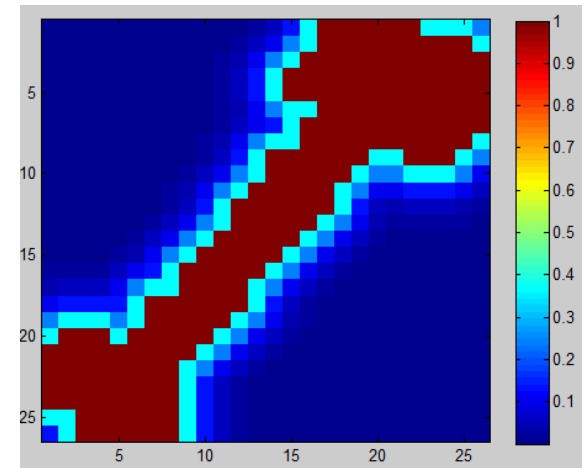
Shape prior term:

$$E_{\text{prior}}(O) = - \sum_i \log(M(i))$$

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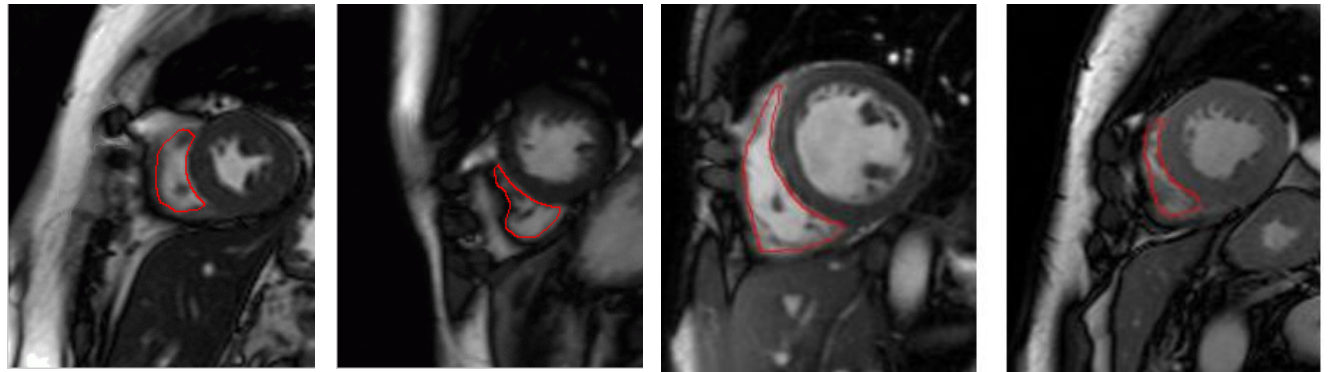
E_{total} is minimized with the mincut – maxflow algorithm [Boykov+Kolmogorov'04]



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Experimental results

- Application: segmentation of the right ventricle in cardiac MRI



- Implementation:

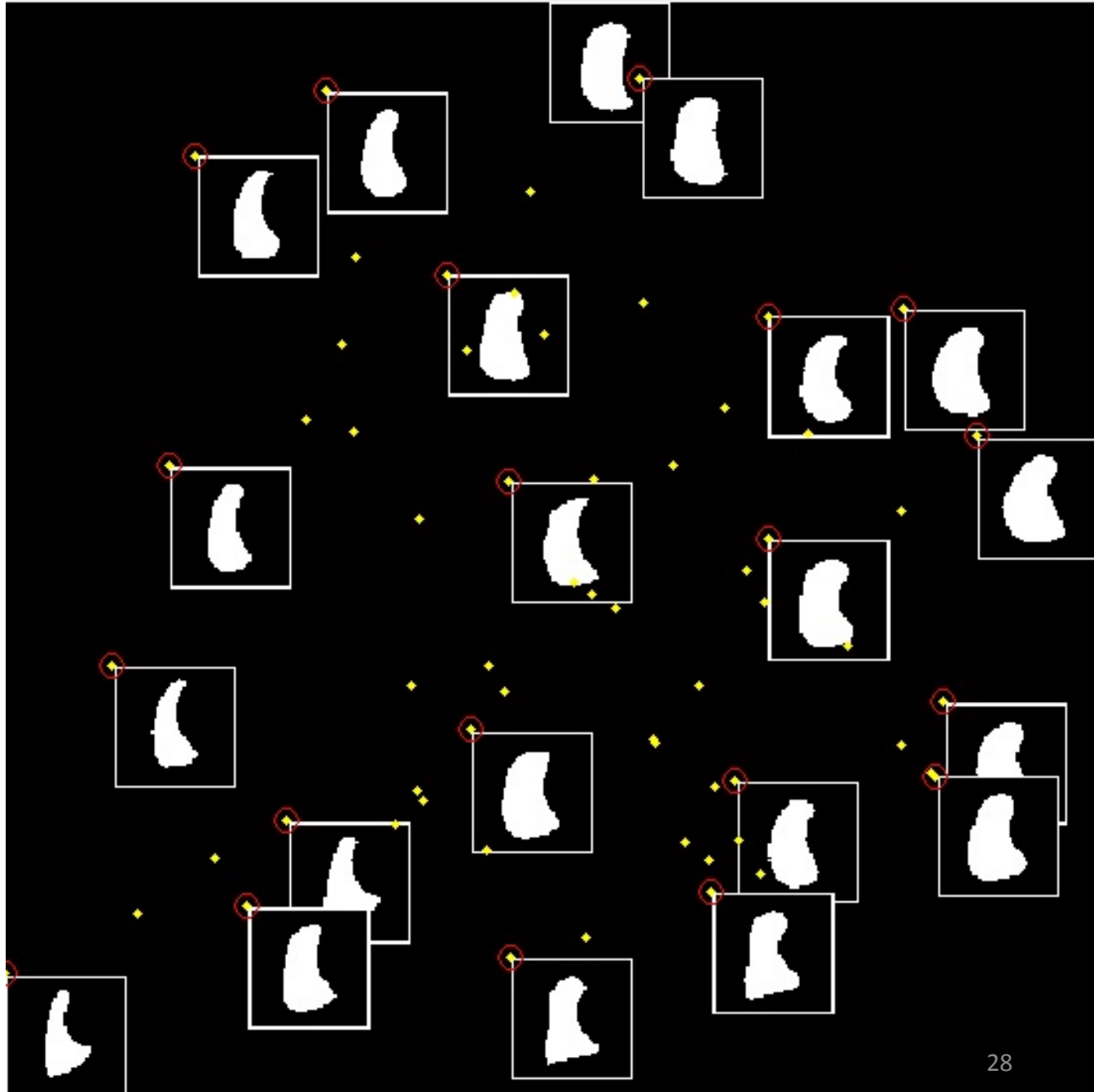
(travail réalisé avec Arturo Mendoza Quispe, étudiant M2 STIM)

- Manifold learning: [diffusion maps](#) (Etyngier'07)
- [Graphcut](#) based image segmentation
- Shapes are described with [signed distance maps](#)

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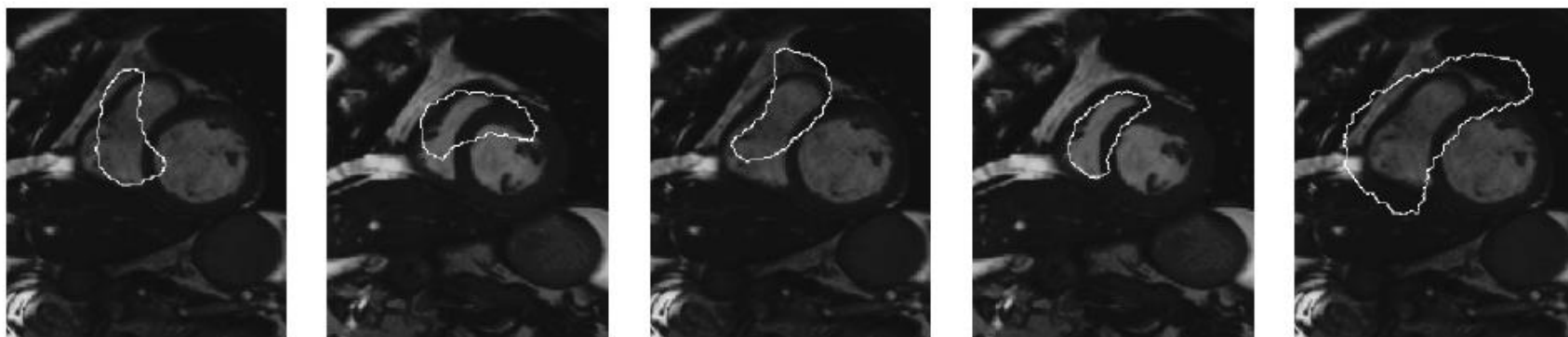
RV shape
in 2D space

(intrinsic dim ≈ 3)

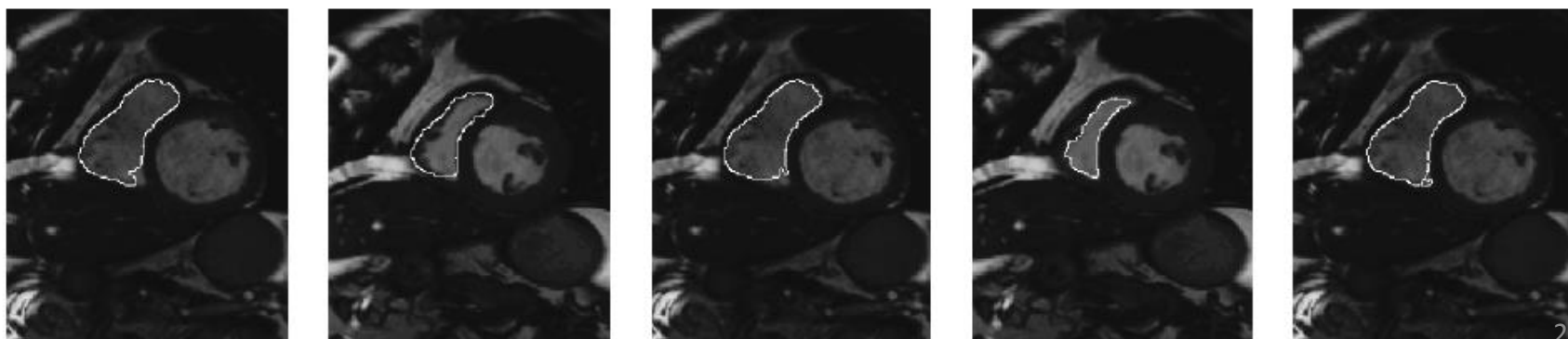


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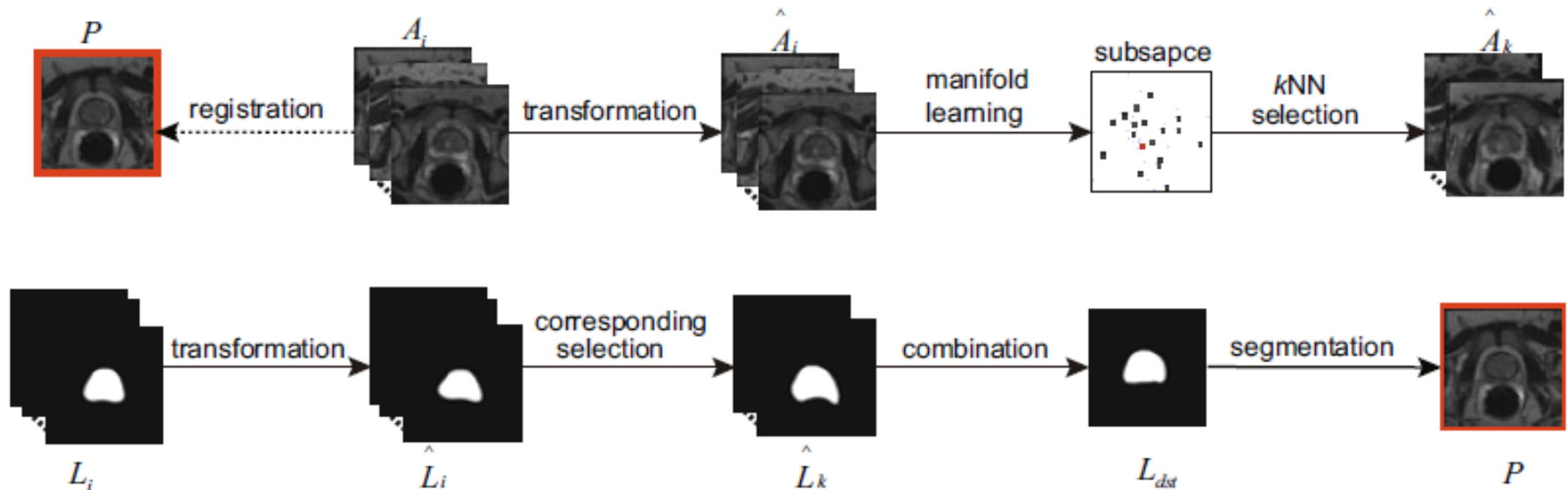


Final segmentations



Some perspectives with ML techniques

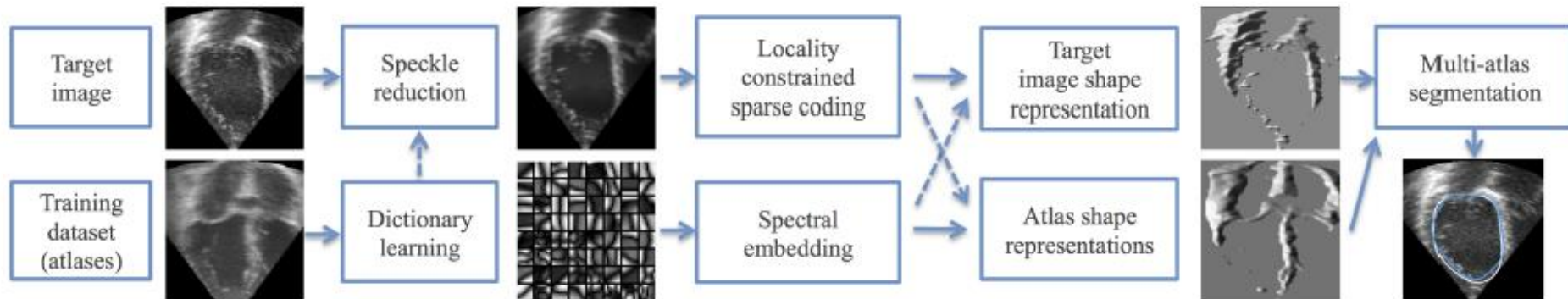
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Cao MICCAI'11

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 - **Patch-based approaches** [Shi et al MICCAI'14, Oktay et al MICCAI'14]
 - Sparse representation and dictionary learning



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Merci !

- ... pour votre attention.
- Commentaires ? Questions ?
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