

Image Analysis (02502)

# **Advanced Topics**

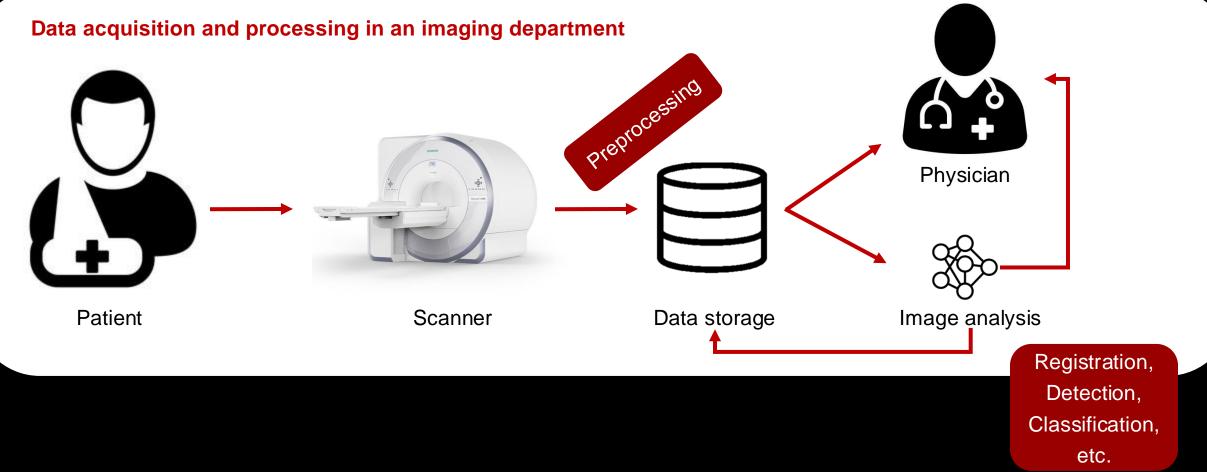
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## Preprocessing

- Data compression
- Intensity normalization
- Intensity augmentation
- Intensity mapping
- Filtering

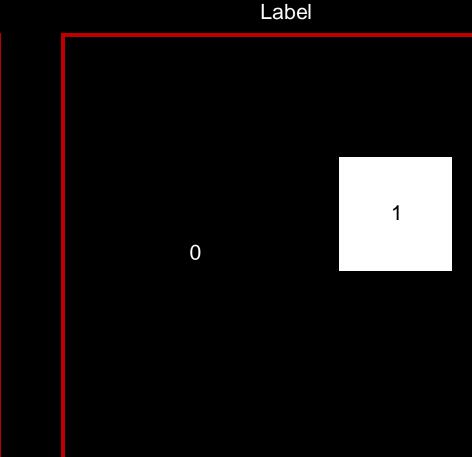
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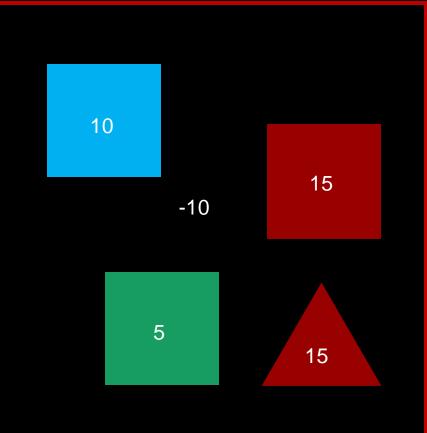


#### **Data compression**

#### Task: Store using fewest number of possitive digits

Image





1024 x 1024

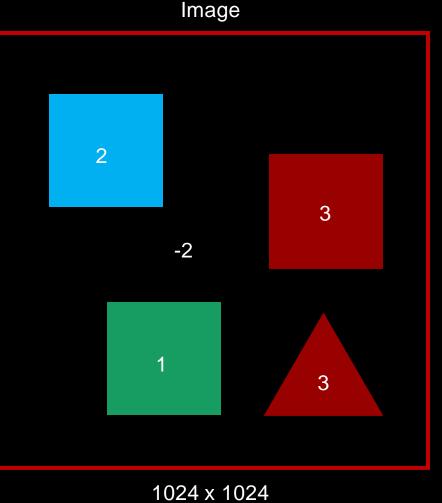
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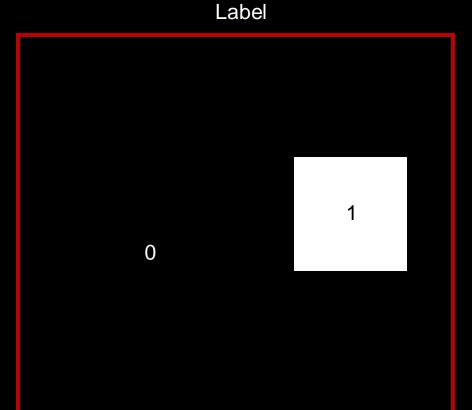


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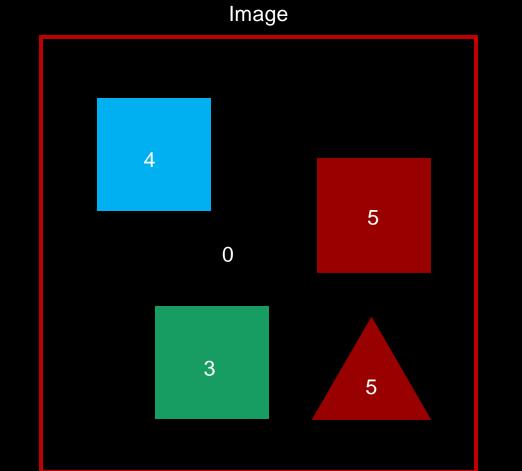


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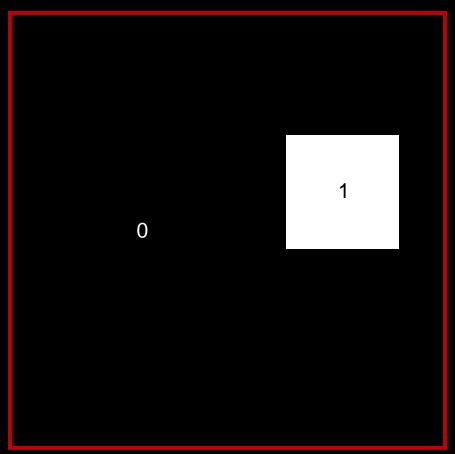
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Label

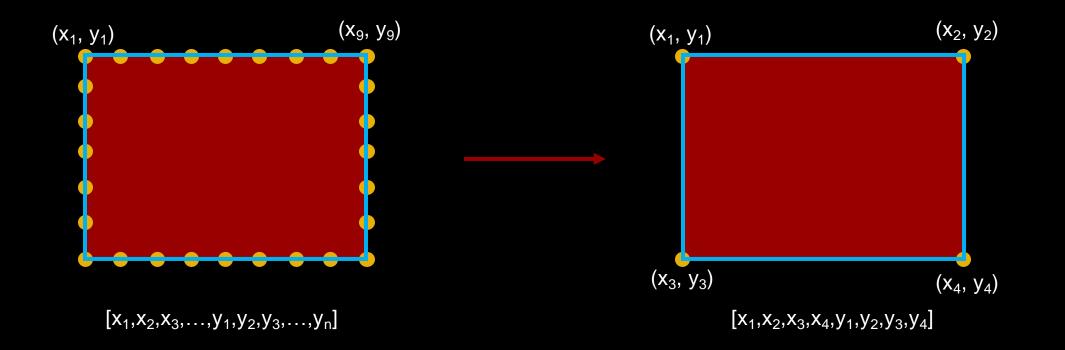


1024 x 1024



#### **Data compression**

• Representation of outlines





#### **Data compression**

Slope (a): 1

- CT values are usually defined in [-1024;3071] HU
- Values are usually stored as unsigned integer
- Large part of the volume is air (-1024 HU)

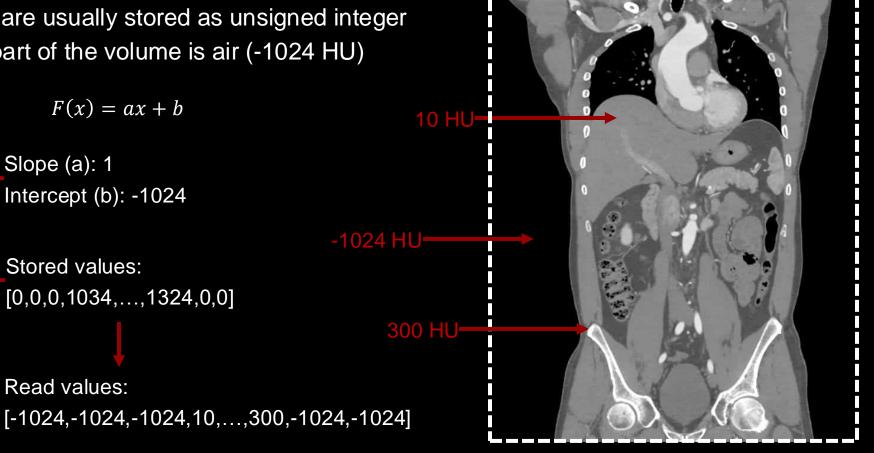
F(x) = ax + b

 $[0,0,0,1034,\ldots,1324,0,0]$ 

Intercept (b): -1024

Stored values:

Read values:



Header

2D **Pixel Array** 



### Quiz 1

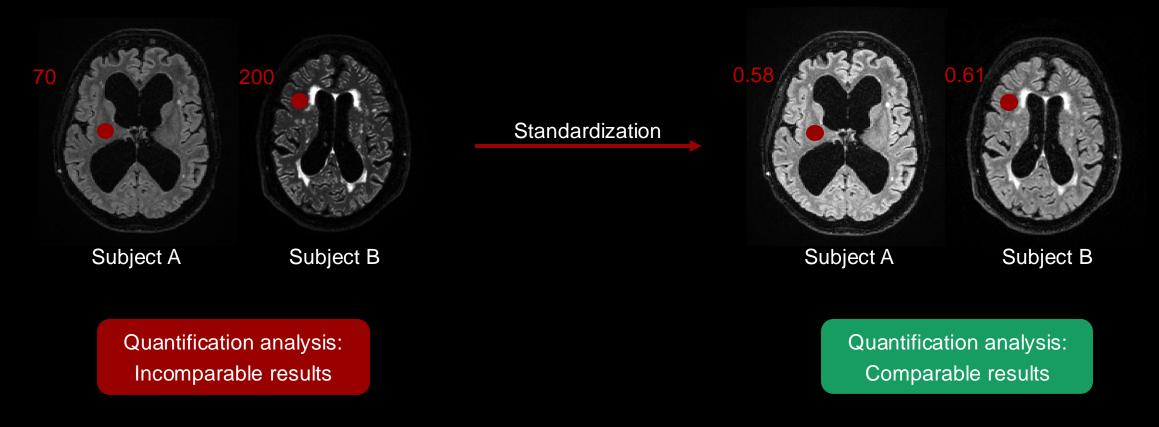
- An image containing values ranging from 0 to 52,427 needs to be stored in DICOM format
- The DICOM file has to be in the type SHORT (max value = 32,767)
- What can the slope and intercept be?
  - Slope 1.4 and intercept 1
  - Slope 1.6 and intercept 0
  - Slope 1 and intercept -19,660

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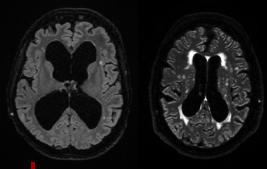


### Intensity normalization

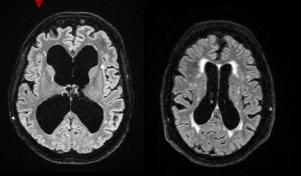
• Conventional MRI intensites (T1-w, T2-w, PD, FLAIR) are acquired in arbitrary units







Standardization



#### Some available mapping functions:

Min-max scaling

$$(x, y) = \frac{f(x, y) - v_{min}}{v_{max} - v_{min}}$$

Histogram stretching

$$g(x,y) = \frac{v_{max,d} - v_{min,d}}{v_{max} - v_{min}} (f(x,y) - v_{min}) + v_{min,d}$$

Z-normalization

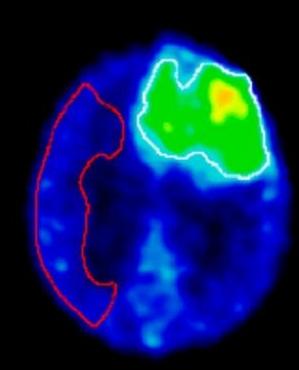
$$g(x,y) = \frac{f(x,y) - \mu}{\sigma}$$

Be aware when high intensity areas are present!

Z-normalization is the de-facto standard for most MRI-based preprocessing What about images with non-arbitrary units (CT, PET)?



#### Intensity normalization

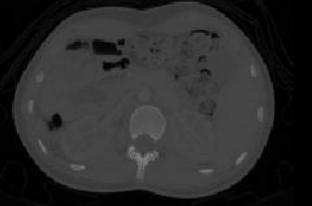


Normalize relative to a reference region before scaling

Examples:

- Background region in brain
- Liver region in whole-body imaging





[-1024;3071] HU



[-150;250] HU

E.g. by histogram stretching or intensity rescaling:

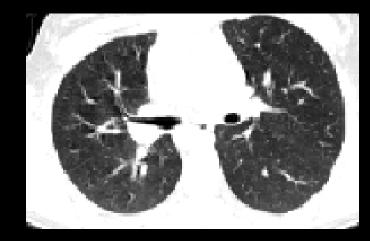
Each image is mapped from  $v_{min}$  and  $v_{max}$  to  $v_{min,d}$  and  $v_{max,d}$  (often 0-255) using:

$$g(x,y) = \frac{f(x,y) - v_{min}}{v_{max} - v_{min}} * (v_{max,d} - v_{min,d}) + v_{min,d}$$

followed by clamping values outside the range



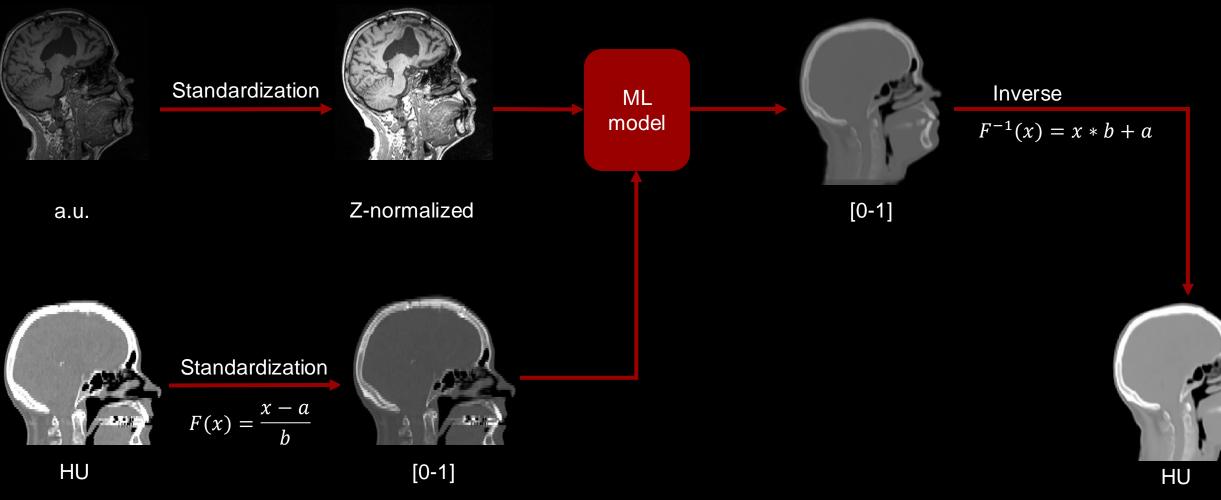
[-150;250] HU



[-1000;0] HU



#### Intensity normalization

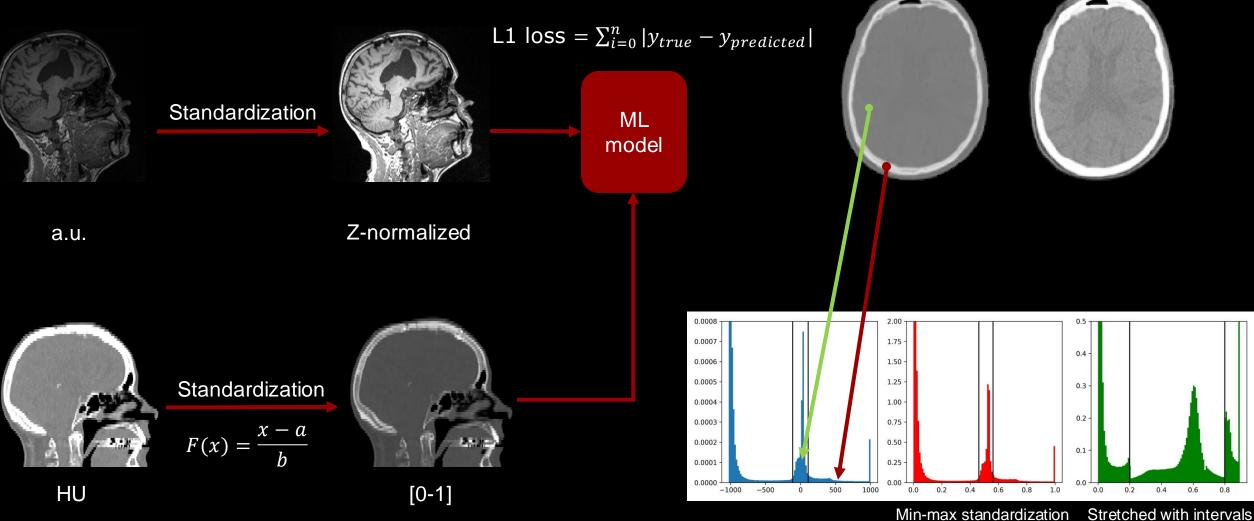


	Min-max
500 vs 600 HU	0.05
-50 vs 50 HU	0.05

with a=-1000 b=2000

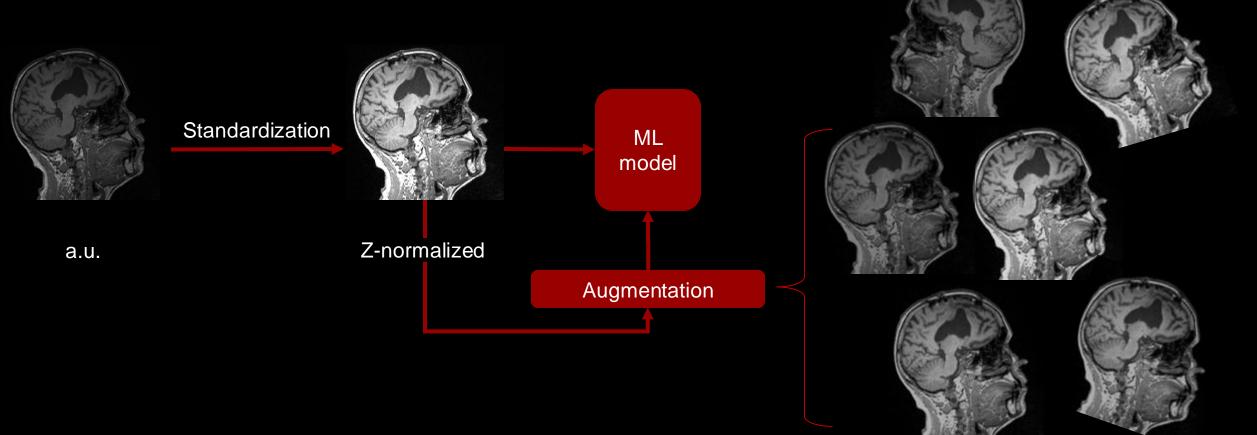
[-1000, -100, 100, 1000]

### Intensity normalization





### Augmentation



### Quiz 2

- A model is trained to predict the percieved age of a patients' brain given an MRI
- The model was trained with data containing ages of 18 to 99, so was scaled using:

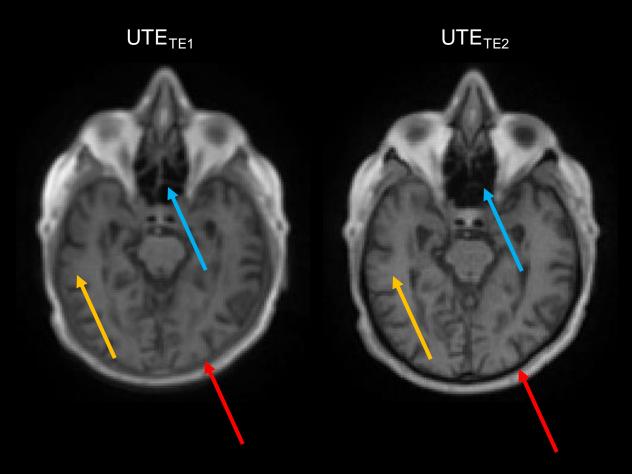
$$g(x,y) = \frac{f(x,y) - v_{min}}{v_{max} - v_{min}} * (v_{max,d} - v_{min,d}) + v_{min,d}$$

where  $(v_{min}, v_{max}) = (18, 99)$  and  $(v_{min,d}, v_{max,d}) = (0, 1)$ 

- The model predict 0.78 for a given MRI. What is the predicted age (in years) of the patient?
  - 63
  - 70
  - 81
  - 95



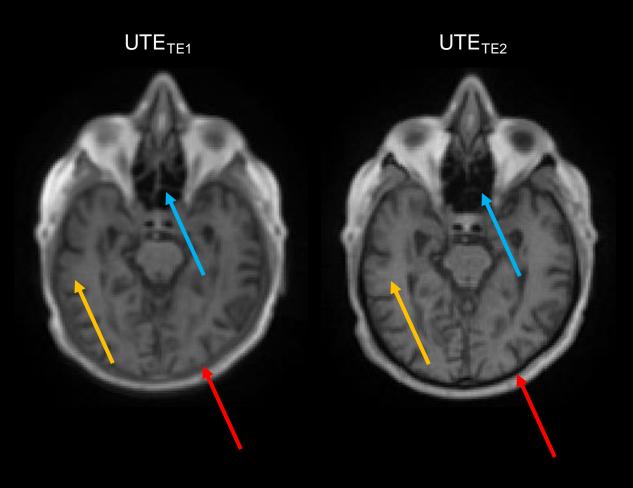
### Segmentation of air regions

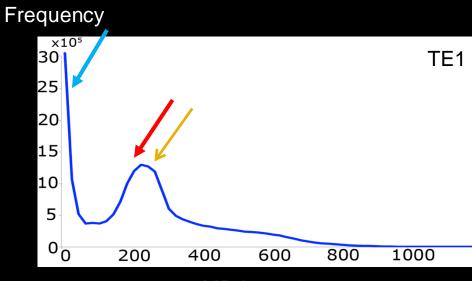


- Two MR images acquired with different echo times TE1 << TE2</li>
- Different intensities are expected in bone but not in air and tissue

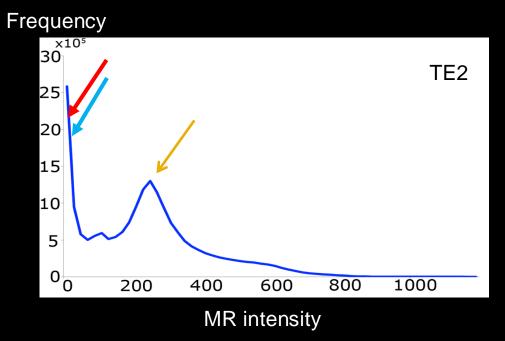


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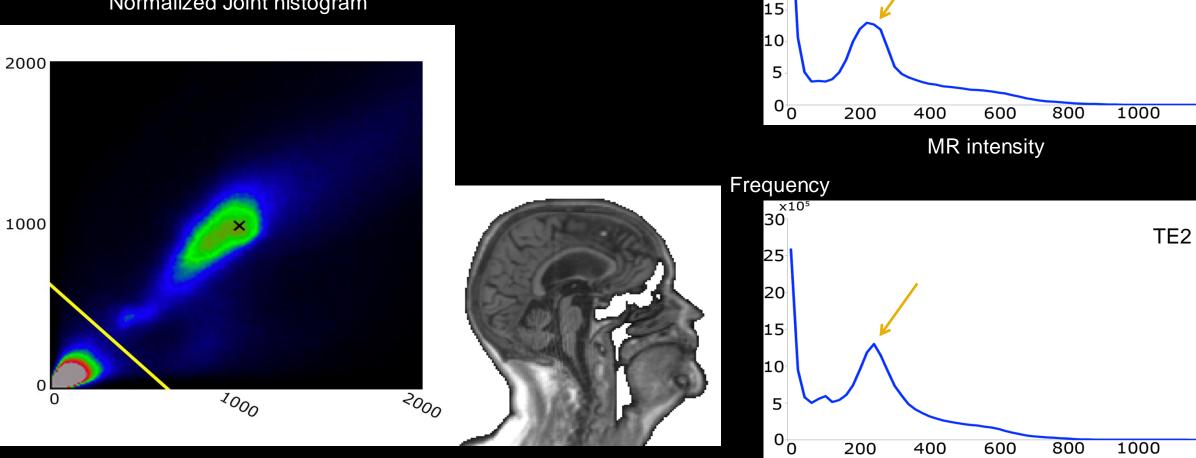
MR intensity





### **Segmentation of air regions**

#### Normalized Joint histogram



Frequency

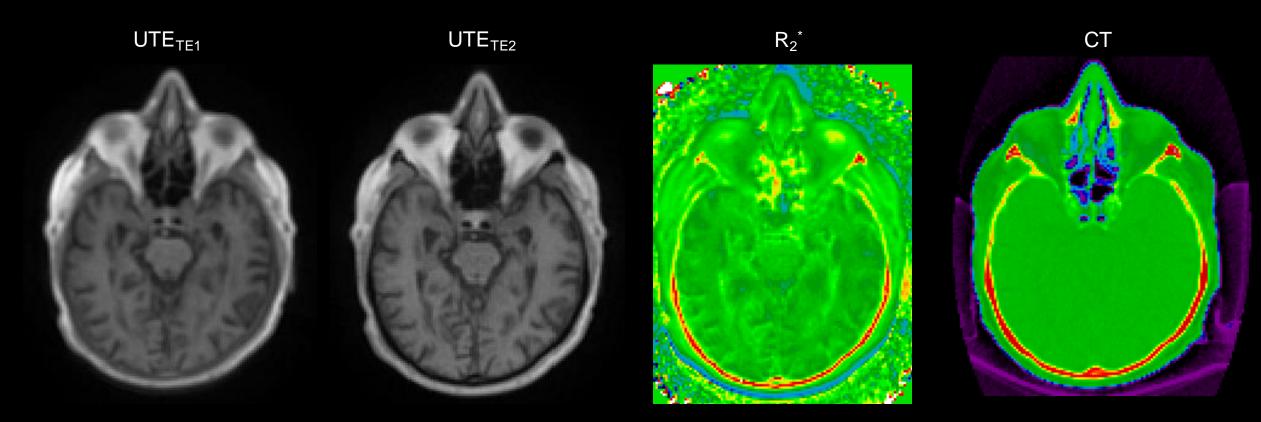
x10<sup>5</sup> 301

25

20

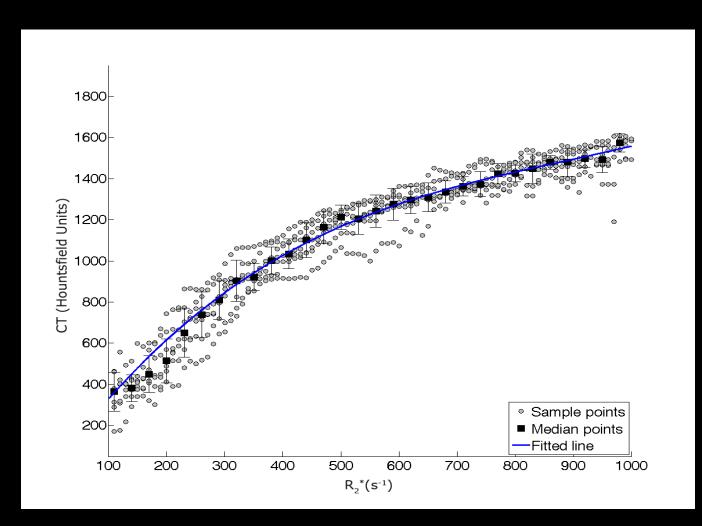
TE1



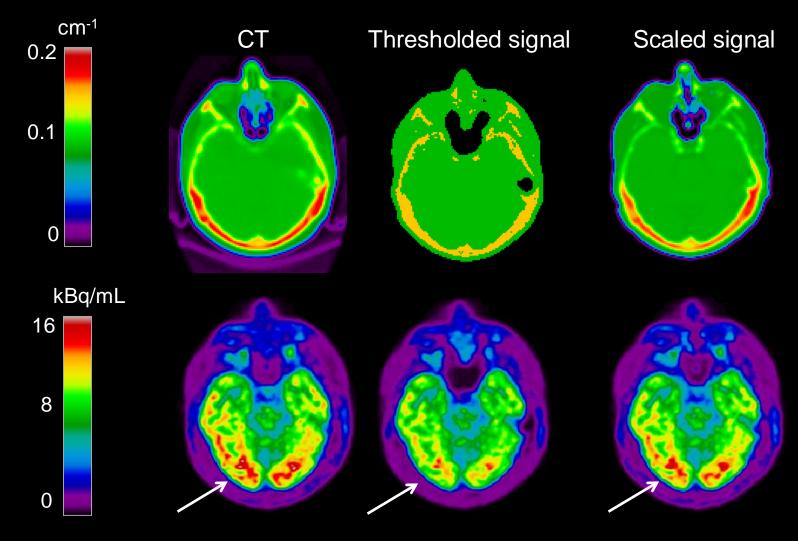


$$R_2^* = \frac{\ln(UTE_{TE1}) - \ln(UTE_{TE2})}{TE2 - TE1}$$

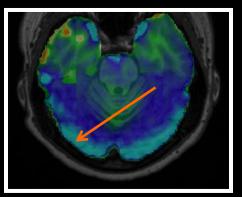




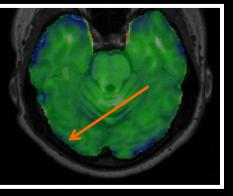




% difference w/ Thresholded signal



% difference w/ Scaled signal





Interpolation

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- Intra subject registration
  - Same session
  - Between sessions
- Inter subject registration



### Interpolation

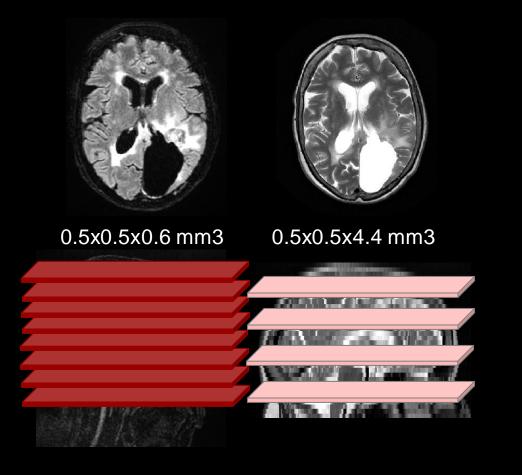
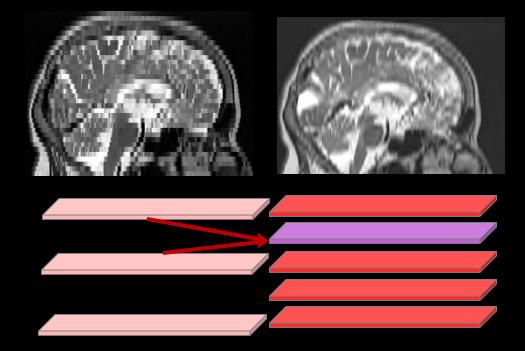
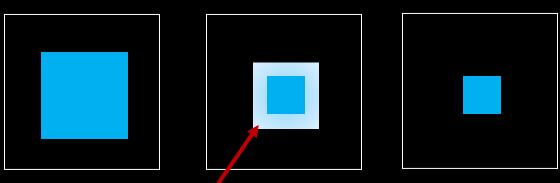


Image interpolation  $\rightarrow$  Trilinear (or similar)



#### Label interpolation $\rightarrow$ Nearest Neighbour

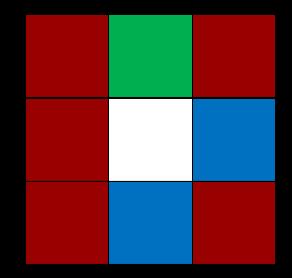


Nearest neighbour ensures integer (e.g. 0 and 1) values



### Quiz 3

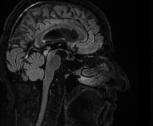
- In a 4-connectivity setting, what would the color of the white center pixel be assigned when using nearest neighbour interpolation?
  - Green
  - Blue
  - Red

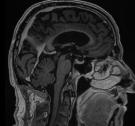




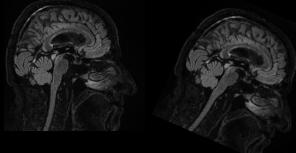
• Intra subject

#### Between two similar modalities



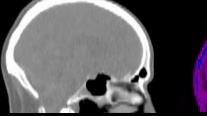


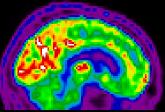
#### Between two timepoints



#### Different transformations: Translation Rotation Scaling Sheering

#### Between two different modalities

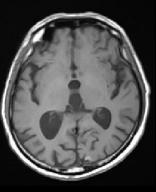


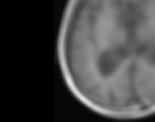


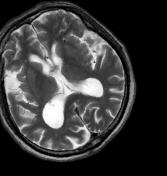
Translation and rotation are used for intra subject registration Scaling mainly used for inter subject registration

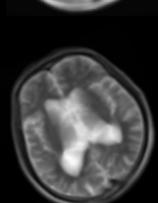


Global step:







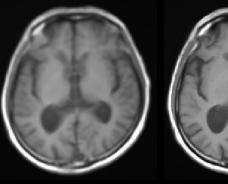


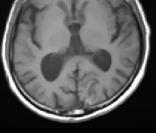
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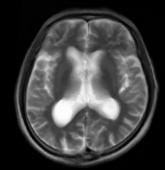
#### Search for overlap at low-to-high resolution

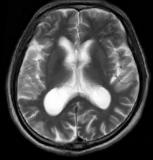


Course search grid to find optimal translation and rotation







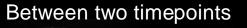


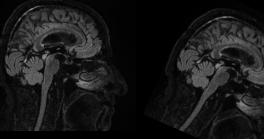
4mm

2mm

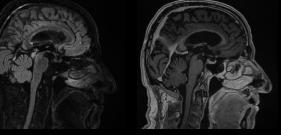


Similar modality cost function: Least squares Normalized correlation



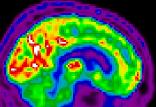


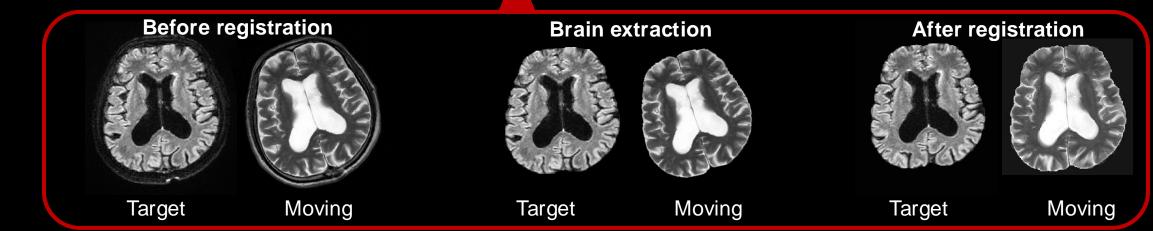




#### Between two different modalities





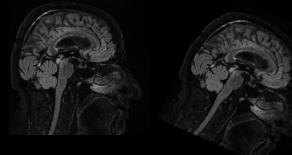




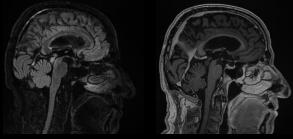
Different modality cost-function: Mutual information

After registration

#### Between two timepoints

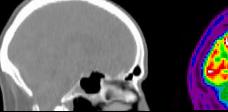


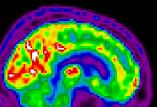
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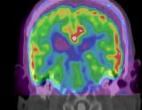
Sagittal

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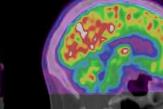




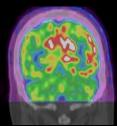
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Coronal



Sagittal



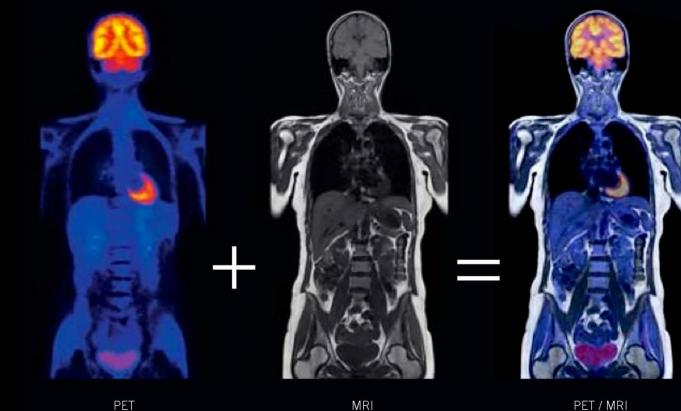
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### **Design a motion-compensated PET/MRI system**

~ 10-20 min





~ 0.5 - 3 min

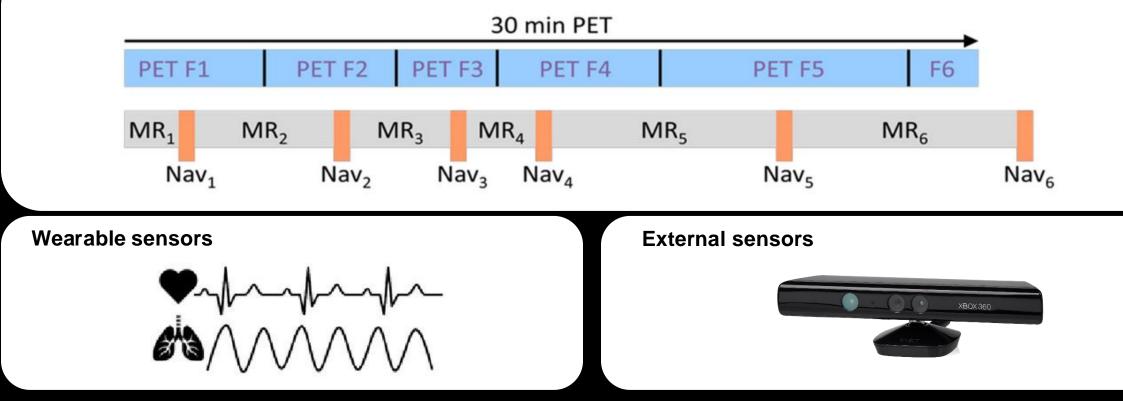
MRI

PET / MRI



• Intra-scan motion correction usually requires sensors

#### Part of the acquisition



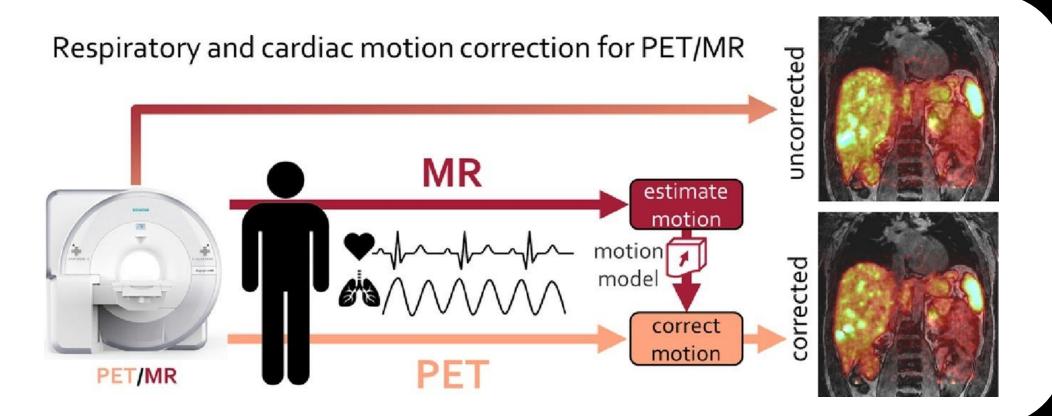
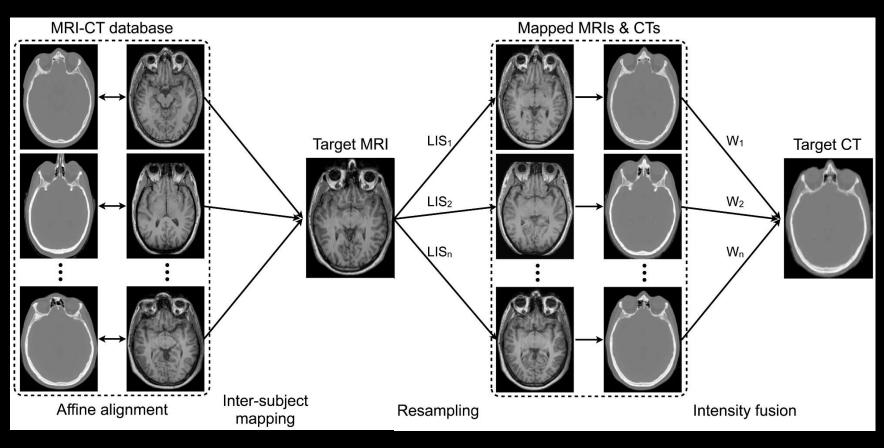


Figure: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.media.2017.08.002



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#### • Goal is to obtain a synthetic CT based on a patient's own MRI



#### Simplest solution:

Find best matching warped MRI

$$NCC_{n} = \frac{1}{N} \frac{\langle I^{MRI} - \overline{I^{MRI}}, J_{n}^{MRI} - \overline{J_{n}^{MRI}} \rangle}{\sigma(I^{MRI})\sigma(J_{n}^{MRI})}$$

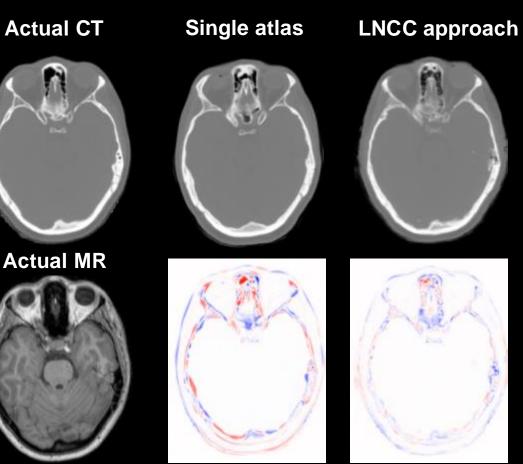
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**Difference to CT** 

# Detection

- Segmentation
- Detection

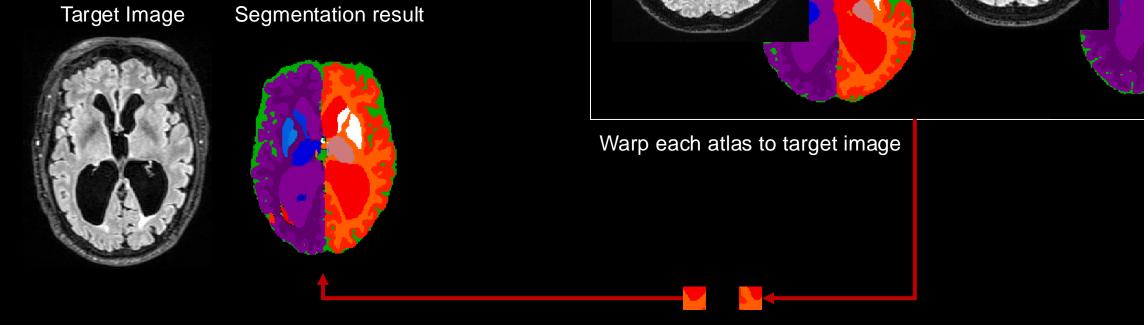
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Tracking



## Segmentation

Label fusion



Fuse labels to final class (e.g. by majority voting) for each patch

Atlas 1

Atlas N

. . .



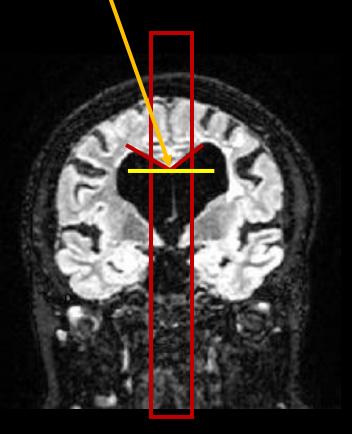
## Quiz 4

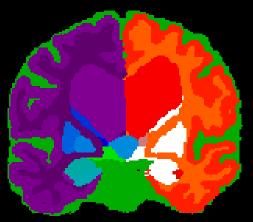
- The 10 estimates for a class label are found after registration.
  - [1, 5, 2, 1, 2, 5, 4, 5, 2, 2]
- Using majority voting, what is the final predicted class?
  - Answers:
    - 1
    - 2
    - 4
    - 5



## Detection

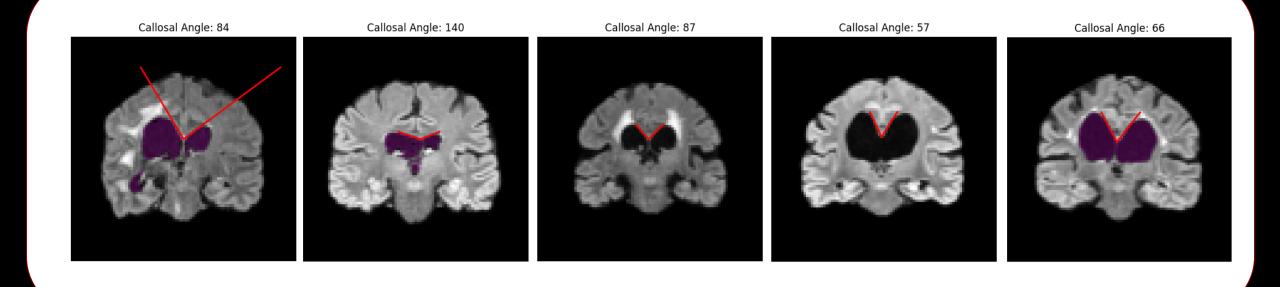
- Determine the Callosal angle
- Steps
  - 1. Align MRI to standard space to select standard center slice
  - 2. Determine first row without brain tissue in center columns
  - 3. Fit a line to brain tissue points for each side
  - 4. Determine angle between lines







## Detection



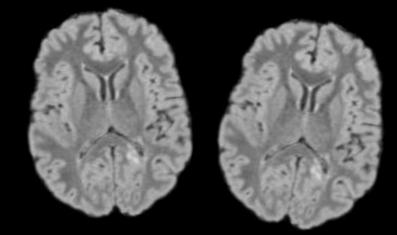


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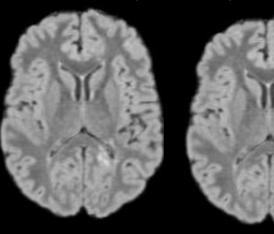
• Tracking of objects over time to detect progression



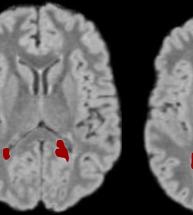
Follow-up

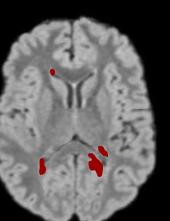


Step 1 Register images

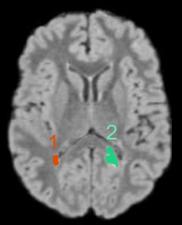


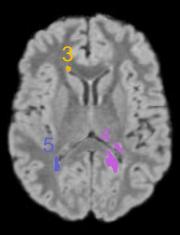
Step 2 Segment lesions





Step 3 Connected component analysis







# Step 4 Tracking Global remapping New cluster **Overlapping clusters**

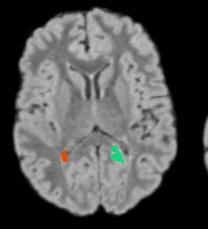


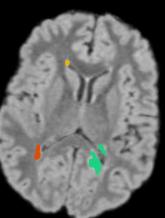
# Tracking

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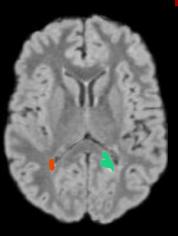


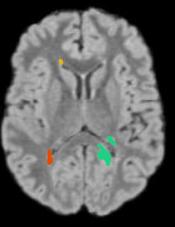
Follow-up





Invert transformation



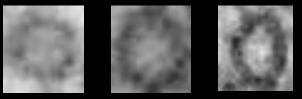


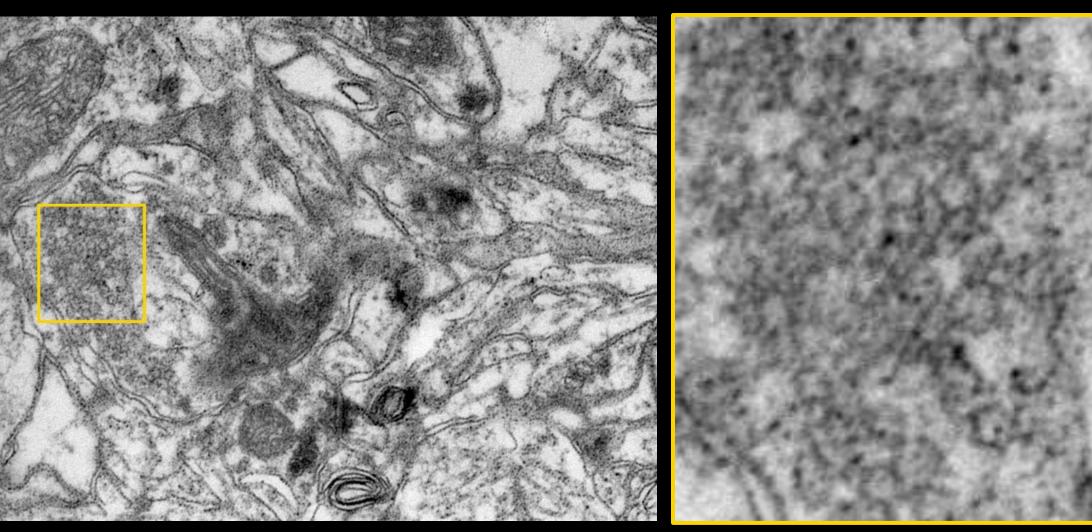
# **Classification (and more)**

- Template matching
- Feature engineering
- Random Forest
- Active Shape Models
- Active Contours

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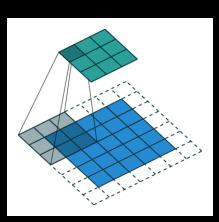






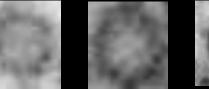


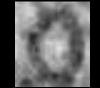
# **Template matching**

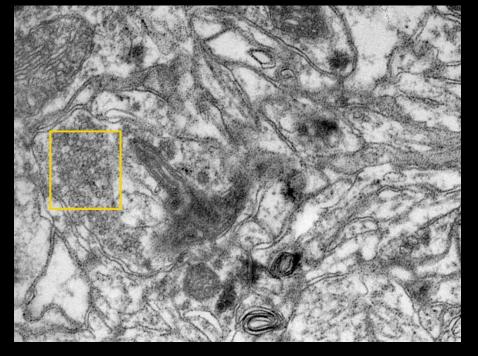


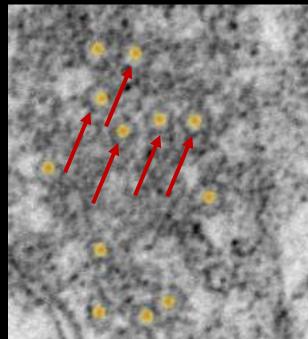
$$g(x,y) = \sum_{j=-R}^{R} \sum_{i=-R}^{R} h(i,j) \cdot f(x+i,y+j)$$

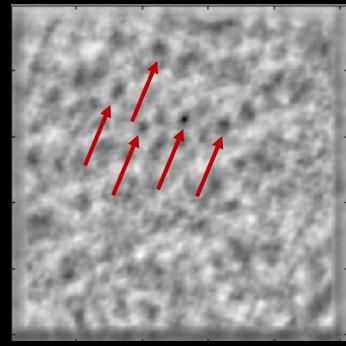
#### Examples of h:











#### Reference





## Feature engineering

What is relevant to know about this image to classify each voxel/pixel?

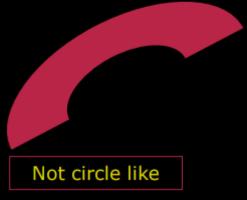
• Edges?



• Shapes?







Week #5, Blob features

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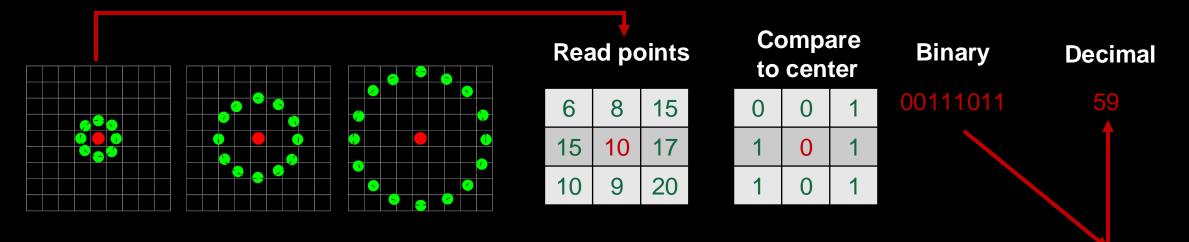
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Week #4, Filtering

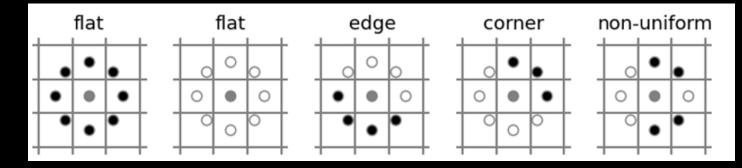


## Feature engineering – Local Binary Patterns

Tunable parameters include radius (distance between center and points) and number of points on grid



 $0x2^7 + 0x2^6 + 1x2^5 + 1x2^4 + 1x2^3 + 0x2^2 + 1x2^1 + 1x2^0$ 

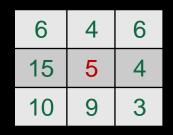




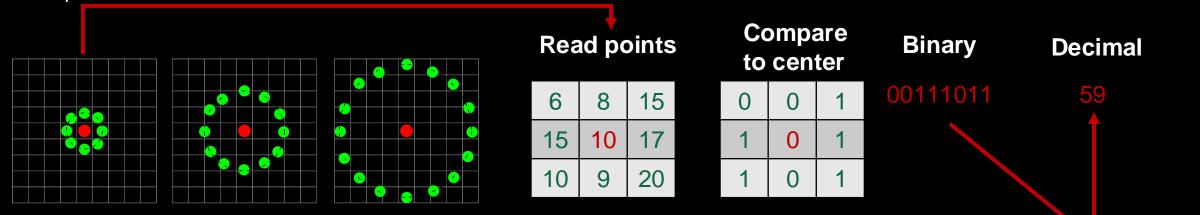
## Quiz 5

- Given the read matrix, what is the calculated LBP value
  - 163
  - 167
  - 171
  - 180

### **Read matrix**



#### From previous slide:



 $0x2^7 + 0x2^6 + 1x2^5 + 1x2^4 + 1x2^3 + 0x2^2 + 1x2^1 + 1x2^0$ 



## Quiz 5

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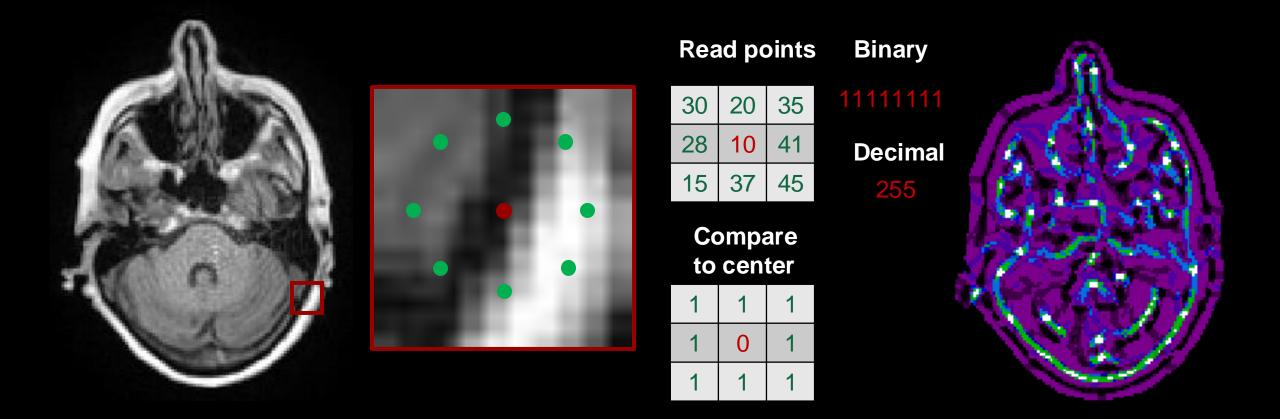
#### **Read matrix**

6	4	6
15	5	4
10	9	3

## 1 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 = 128 + 32 + 4 + 2 + 1 = 167

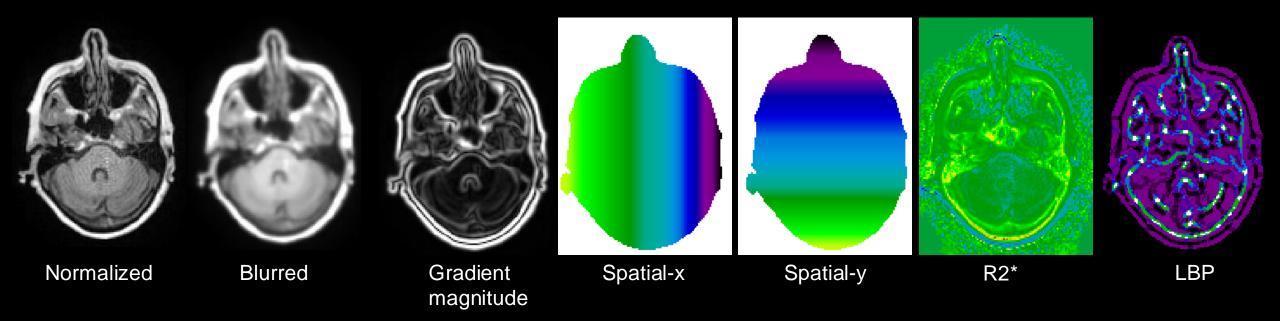


## Feature engineering – Local Binary Patterns





## **Feature engineering**



How to we combine these into a voxel classification model?



## Which features are relevant for image classification?





## **Image features**

### Roundness



VS



## Size (Largest diameter > 10 cm)









## Convex (yes or no)







## Color (is\_yellow)



VS





VS



### is\_round From features to decision trees yes **Available features:** Roundness (is\_round) is\_yellow Color (is\_yellow) $\bullet$ Size (diameter>10cm) no yes **Rules:** yes Yes means you go left • Leaves cannot be empty $\bullet$

no

diameter>10cm

no



## **Build your own decision tree**

**GROUP A** 





HAS\_FUR EATS\_MEAT HAS\_MANE LIVES\_IN\_WATER HAS\_TEETH

(Birthdate is odd)

**Rules:** 

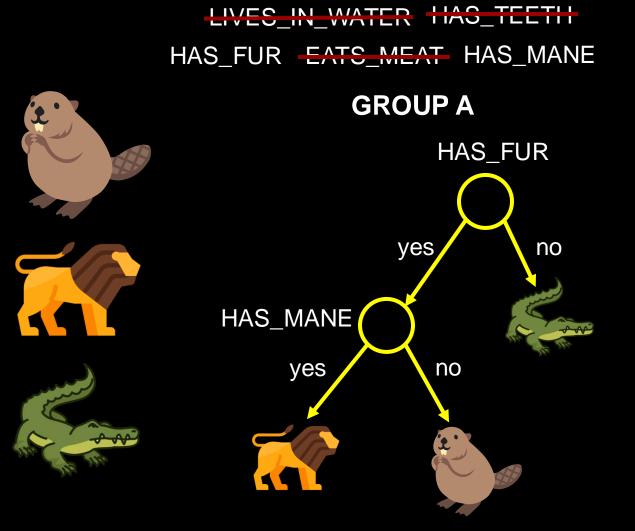
- Yes means you go left
- Leaves cannot be empty

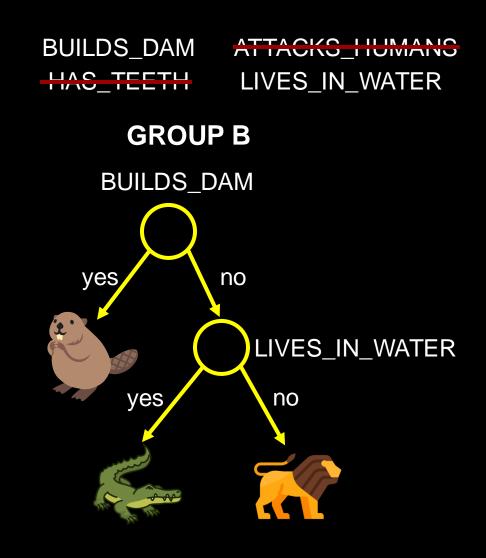
**GROUP B** (Birthdate is even)

BUILDS\_DAM ATTACKS\_HUMANS HAS\_TEETH LIVES\_IN\_WATER



## **Build your own decision tree**

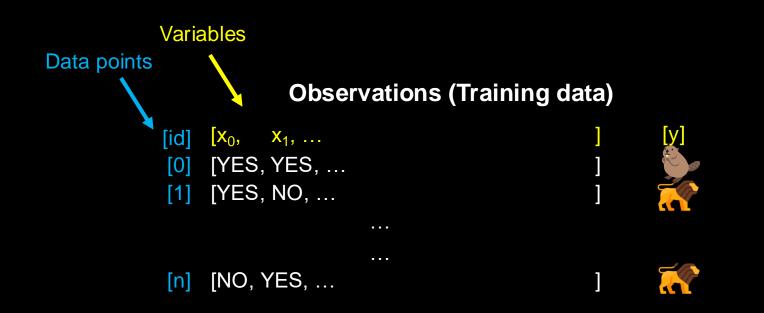




# FROM TREES TO A (RANDOM) FOREST

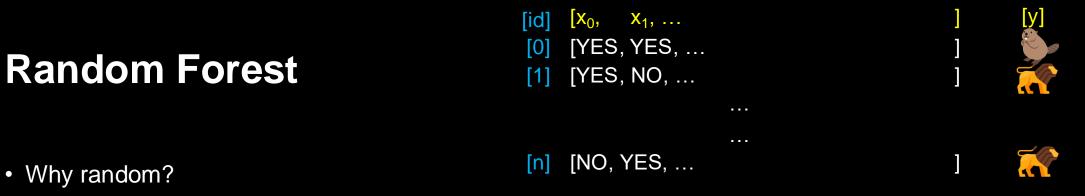


## **Random Forest**



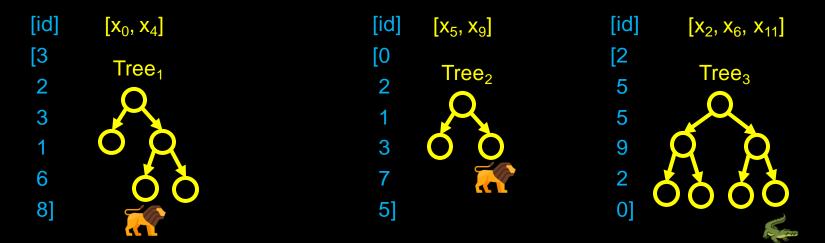


#### **Observations (Training data)**



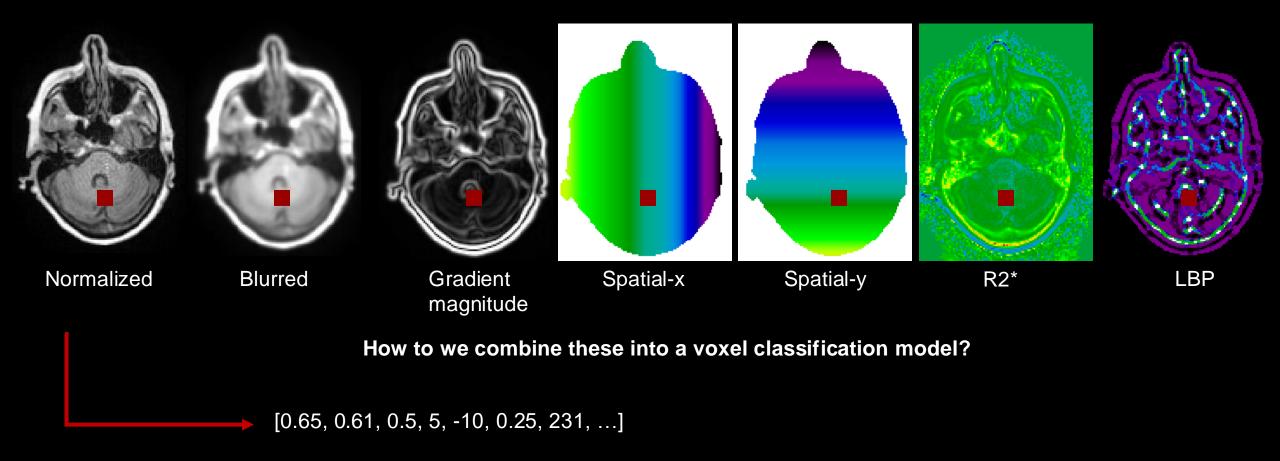
- Each tree sees a random subset of the variables
- Each tree sees a random subset of the data points with replacement (Bootstrap)
- Multiple trees make a forest

Majority voting of result



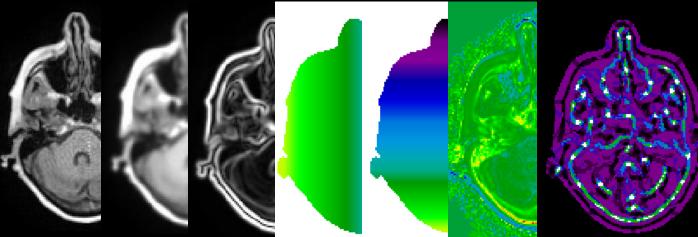


## Feature engineering





## **Feature engineering**



Reference value for each voxel

[0.65, 0.61, 0.5, 5, -10, 0.25, 231, ...] [0.45, 0.66, 0.4, 6, -12, 0.24, 251, ...]

## [0.87, 0.41, 0.1, 2, 25, 0.55, 131, ...]

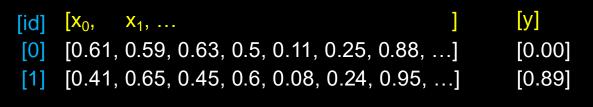
. . .

Normalize to 0-1 range	
[0.61, 0.59, 0.63, 0.5, 0.11, 0.25, 0.88,]	[0.00]
[0.41, 0.65, 0.45, 0.6, 0.08, 0.24, 0.95,]	[0.89]

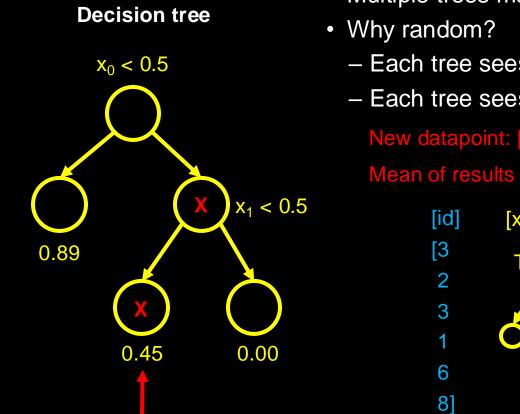
[0.81, 0.38, 0.12, 0.2, 0.31, 0.55, 0.45, ...] [0.45]



## **Random Forest**



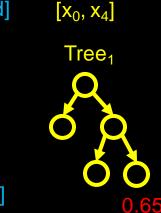
[0.81, 0.38, 0.12, 0.2, 0.31, 0.55, 0.45, ...] [n] [0.45]

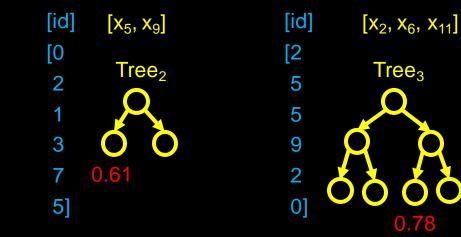


- Multiple trees make a forest
  - Each tree sees a random data sample with replacement (Bootstrap)
  - Each tree sees a random subset of the variables

New datapoint: [0.65, 0.33, ..., ]

Mean of results (Aggregating):  $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i} \bar{y}_{i} = \frac{1}{3} (0.65 + 0.61 + 0.78) = 0.68$ 

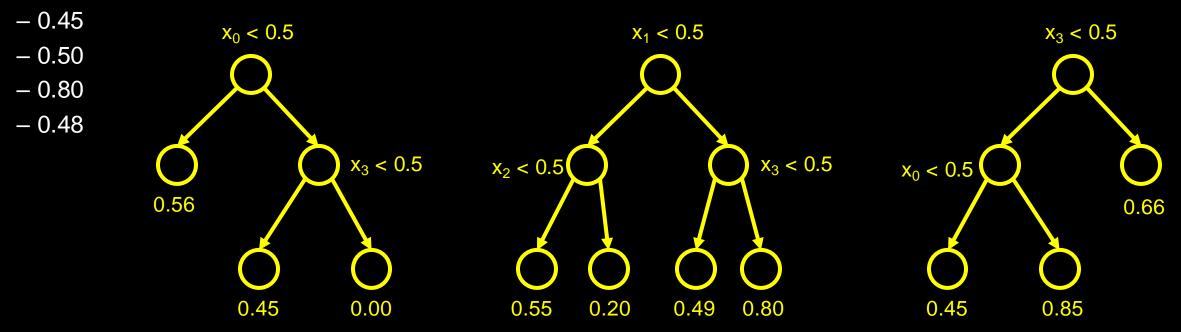






## Quiz 6

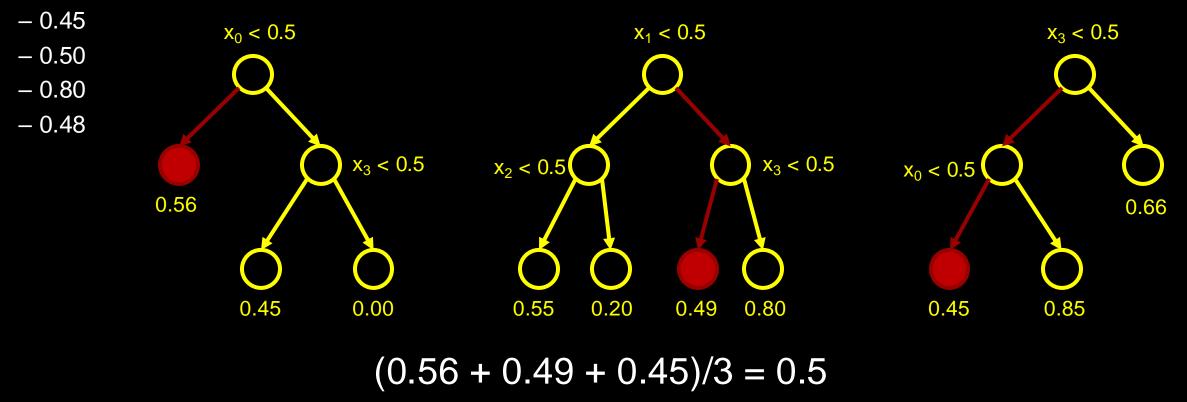
- Using the 3 trained trees below, what is the predicted value after aggregating the output?
- Input data: [0.49, 0.56, 0.99, 0.32]
- Options:





## Quiz 6

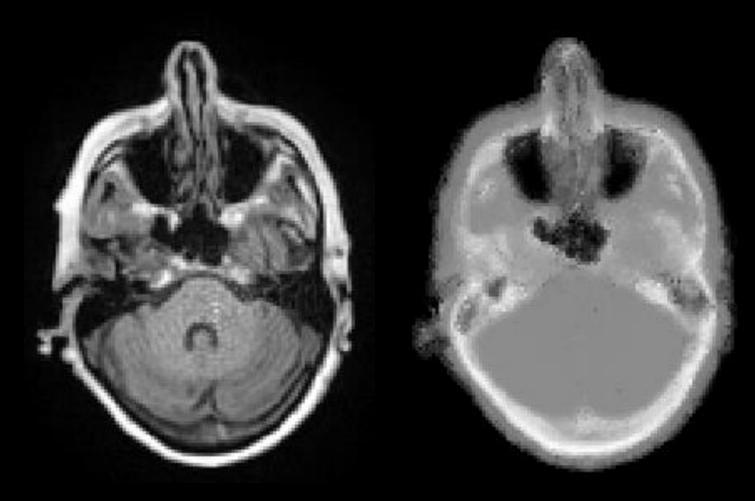
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## **Random forest**

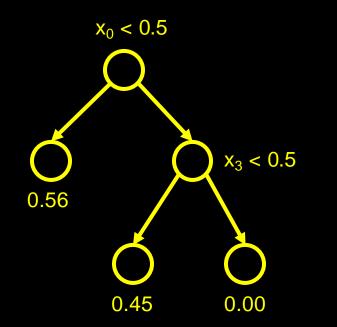
- Example output:
  - 100 trees
  - n=25 patients
  - Features from
    - Original and filtered images
    - Edge enhanced
    - R2\*
    - LBP
- Trained with RandomForestRegressor from sklearn





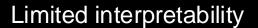
## Increasing complexity..

#### **Random Forest**



(Potential for) high level of interpretability

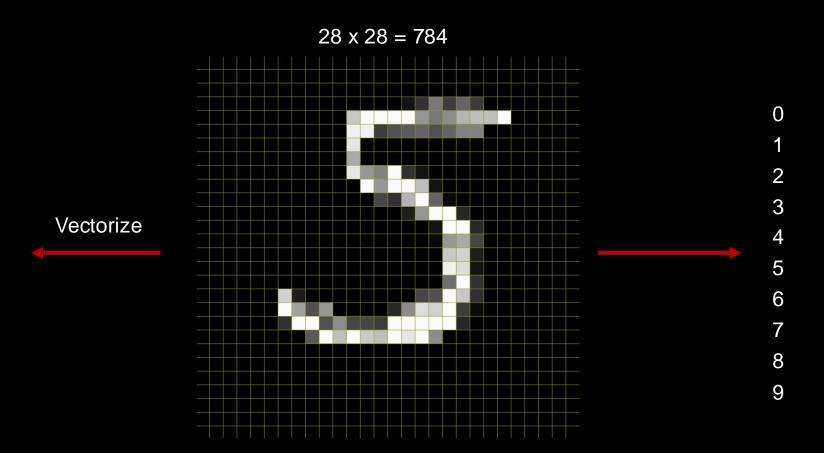
Neural network





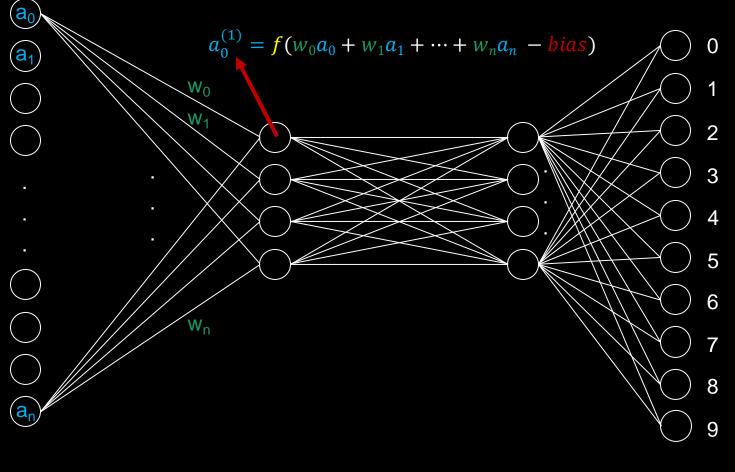
## **Neural Networks**







## **Neural Networks**



- Each neuron contain a value, its "activation"
  - The values in the input are the pixel values
  - The value at the last output layer represents the likelihood of that digit
  - f is an activation function (e.g. sigmoid)

# weights: 784x4+4x4+4x10
# biases: 4 + 4 + 10
Total parameters: 3,210

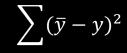
Input layer

Hidden layers

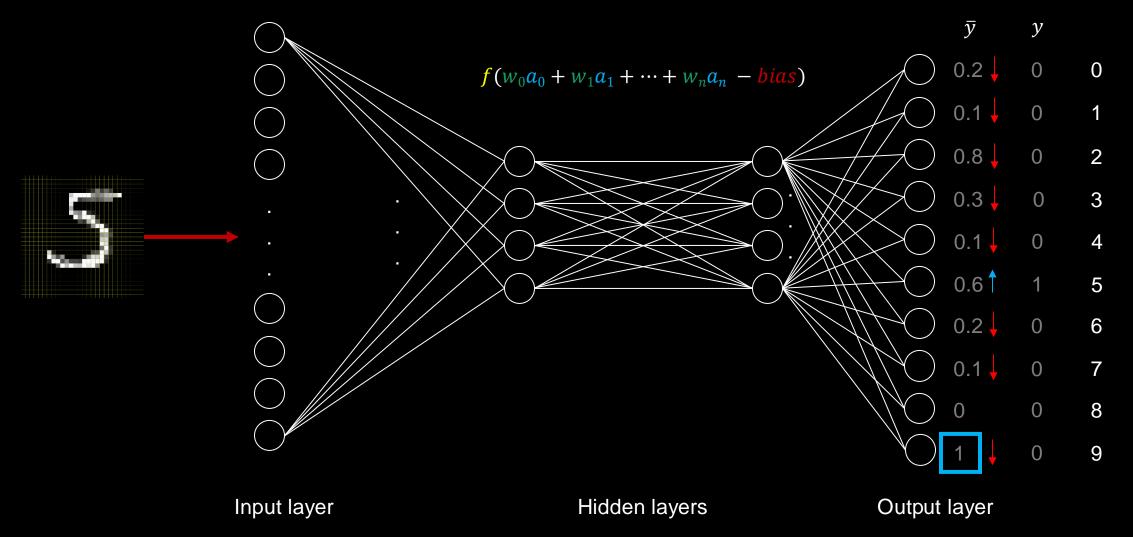
Output layer



"Cost" of the difference:

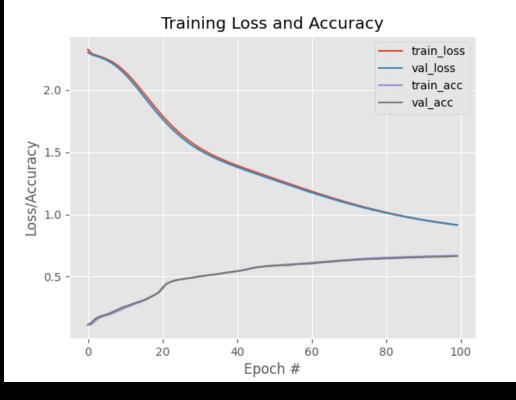


## **Neural Networks**





## **Neural Networks**



#### Load and prepare data

from tensorflow.keras.datasets import mnist
((trainX, trainY), (testX, testY)) = mnist.load\_data()

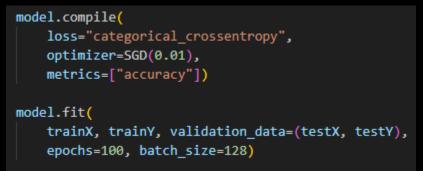
#### # Vectorize

trainX = trainX.reshape((trainX.shape[0], 28 \* 28 \* 1))
testX = testX.reshape((testX.shape[0], 28 \* 28 \* 1))
# scale data to the range of [0, 1]
trainX = trainX.astype("float32") / 255.0
testX = testX.astype("float32") / 255.0

#### Define model

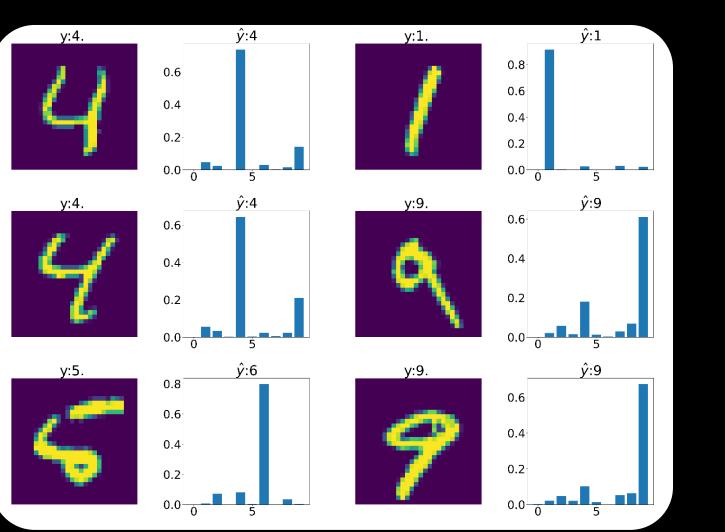
model = Sequential()
model.add(Dense(4, input\_shape=(784,), activation="sigmoid"))
model.add(Dense(4, activation="sigmoid"))
model.add(Dense(10, activation="softmax"))

#### Train model





#### **Neural Networks**



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model.compile(
 loss="categorical\_crossentropy",
 optimizer=SGD(0.01),
 metrics=["accuracy"])

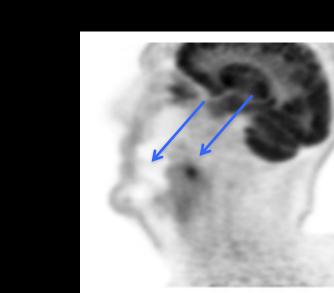
model.fit(
 trainX, trainY, validation\_data=(testX, testY),
 epochs=100, batch\_size=128)



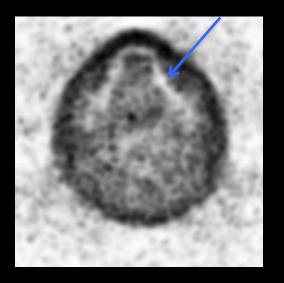
Motivation: Artifacts in umaps result in loss of quantitative accuracy



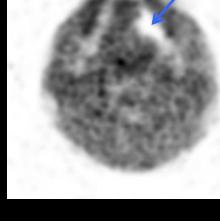
µ-map





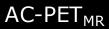




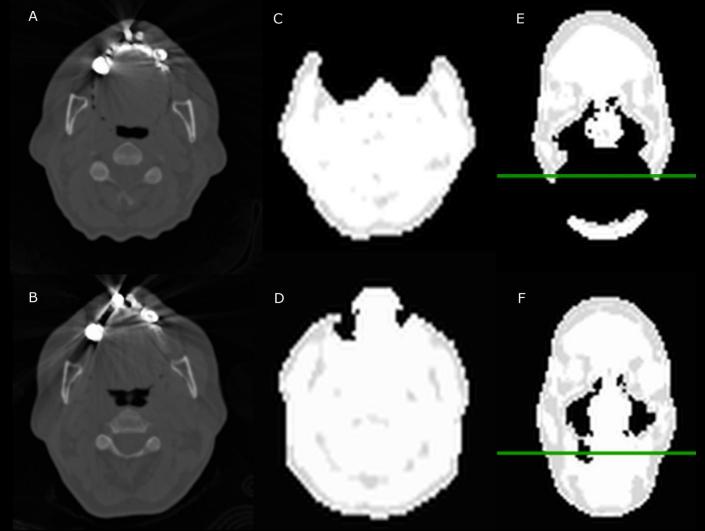


 $\mathsf{NAC}\operatorname{-}\mathsf{PET}_{\mathsf{MR}}$ 

µ-map

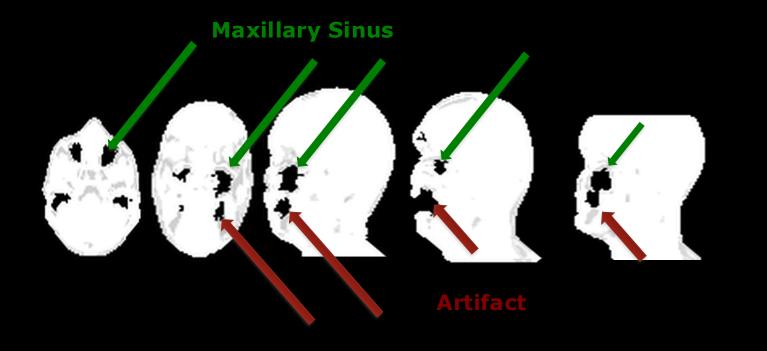






26th of November 2024 DTU Compute, Technical University of Denmark Artifacts can not be predicted just by knowing the amount of metal

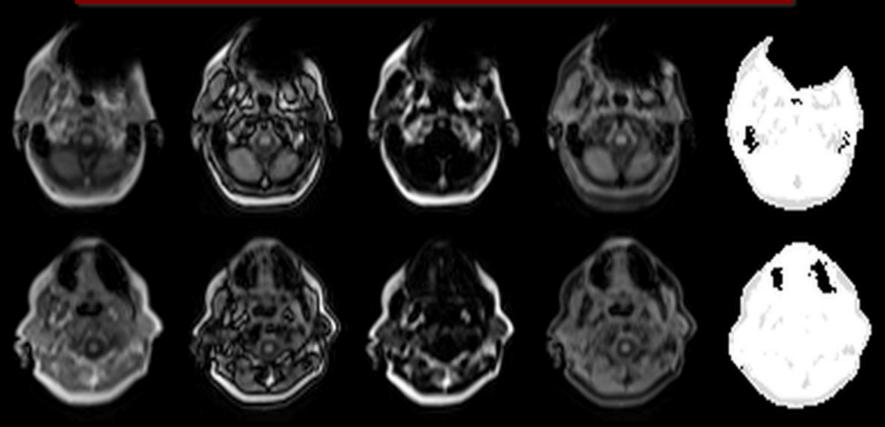




Artifacts can be connected artificially with sinuses or background



Outer holes = Signal voids breaching the anatomical surface



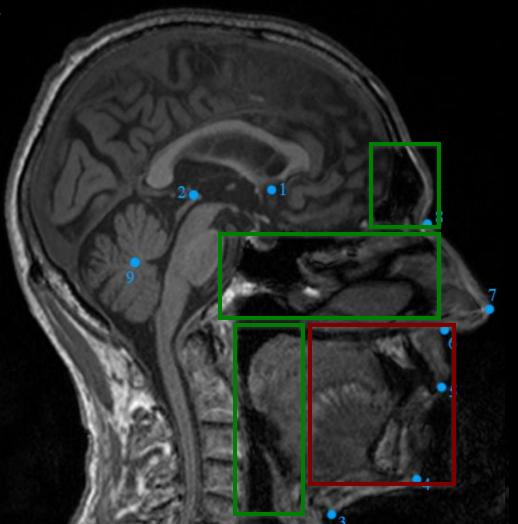
Inner holes = Signal voids within the anatomical surface



Artifacts can be separated from actual signal voids

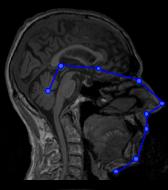
How?

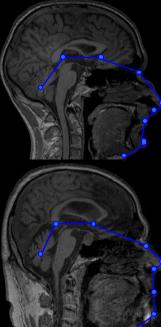
By the offset to a set of landmarks in 2D



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Procrustes analysis:

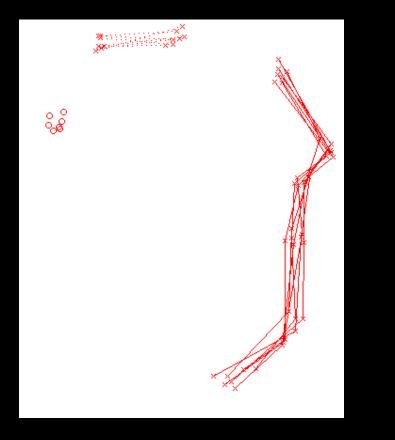
#### Transformation

 $X_i \otimes \Gamma_i X_i H_i + T_i$ 

- $\rho$  : scaling H : rotation
- T : translation

#### Minimization problem

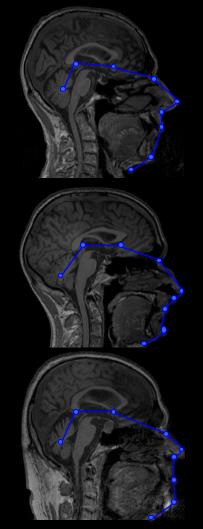
$$\overset{s}{\overset{s}{\underset{i < s}{\otimes}}} \left\| \left( \varUpsilon_{i} X_{i} H_{i} + T_{i} \right) - \left( \varUpsilon_{s} X_{s} H_{s} + T_{s} \right) \right\|_{F}^{2}$$



#### Landmarks on 7 patients



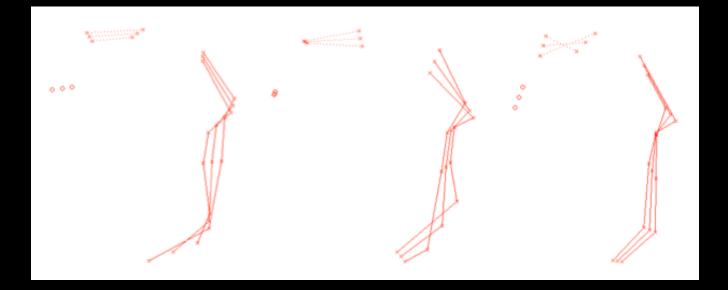
Eigenvalue	$rac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_T}  imes 100\%$
$\lambda_1$	41%
$\lambda_2$	25%
$\lambda_3$	19%
$\lambda_4$	8%
$\lambda_5 \ \lambda_6$	5%
$\lambda_6$	2%



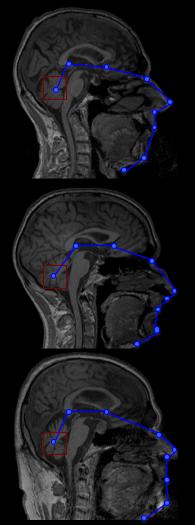
Mode 1: Mouth, horizontal & cerebellum

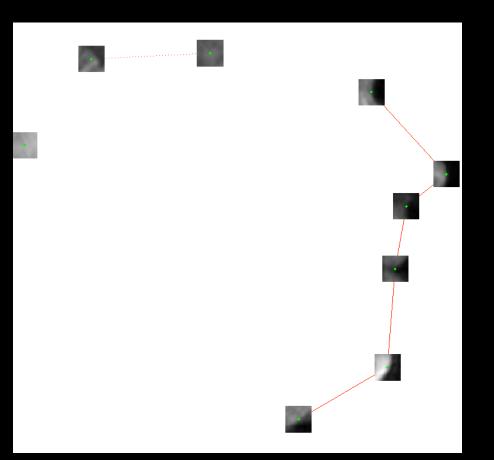
Mode 2: Chin

Mode 3: Aterior-posterior landmarks in respect to each other & cerebellum





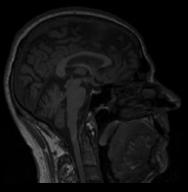




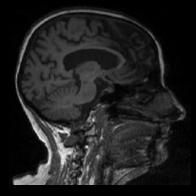
#### Mean patches from 5 patients

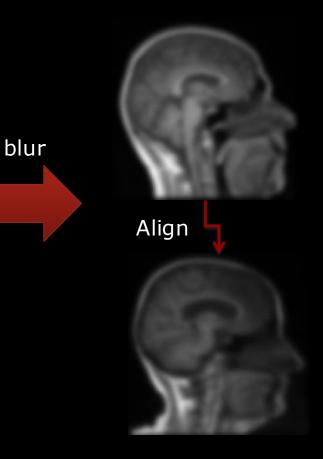


MRI



New patient MRI





- 1. Blur MRI images from "atlas" patient and new patient
- 2. Align the two using rigid transformation
- 3. Apply the same transformation to the shape of the atlas patient

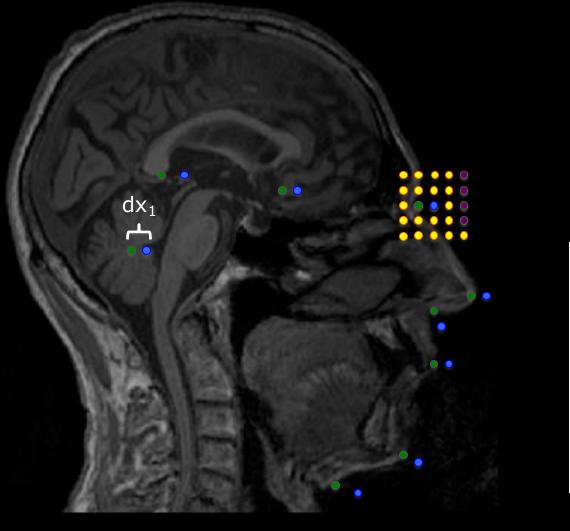


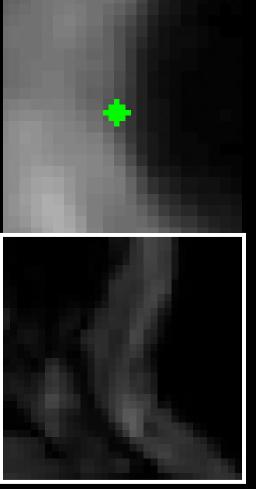
Cootes & Taylor, Comp. Vis. and Img. Under. 1995

### Active Shape Models – and more

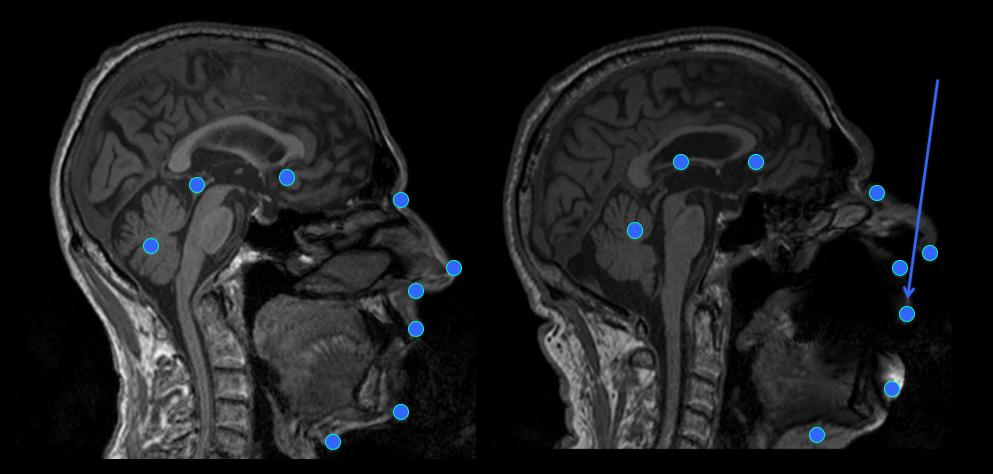
Offset to mean shape:  $d\mathbf{x} = (dx_1,...,dx_n)$ 

Projected to legal shape space:  $d\mathbf{y} = \phi^T d\mathbf{x}$ 

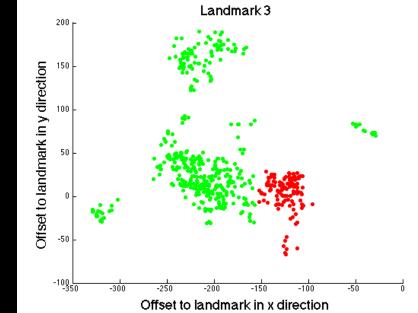


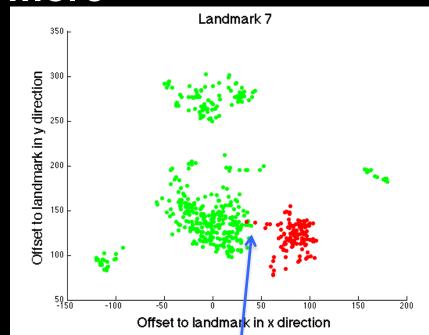












#### 5 patients 650 non-artifact pixels 210 artifact pixels



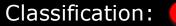


Offsets to a landmark in the training set

x-offset

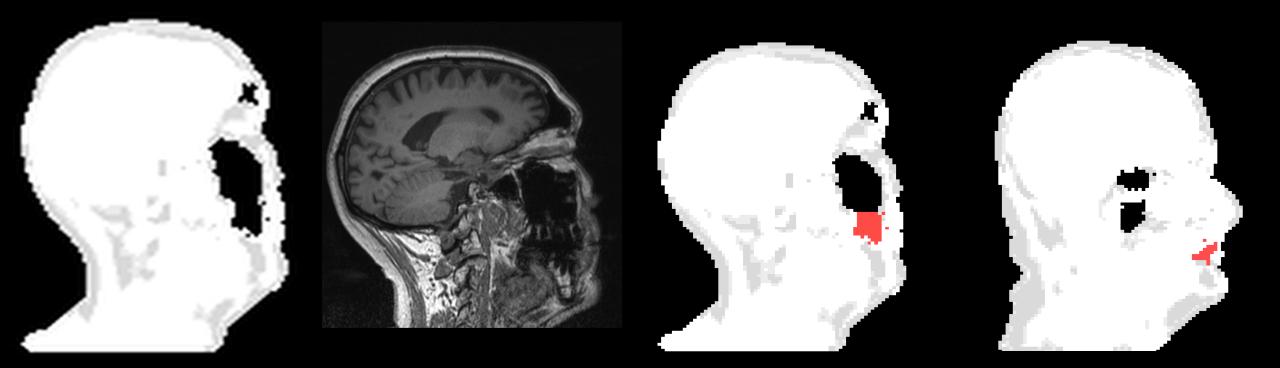
□ Classify using kNN

- For each pixel in a signal void
  - Find the offset to each landmark
    - Find 5-Nearest-Neighbors
    - Majority of neighbor-labels decides the landmark
  - Majority of landmark-labels decides the class



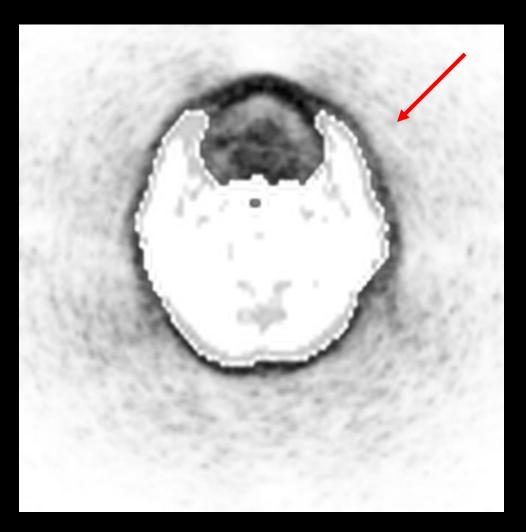
y-offset





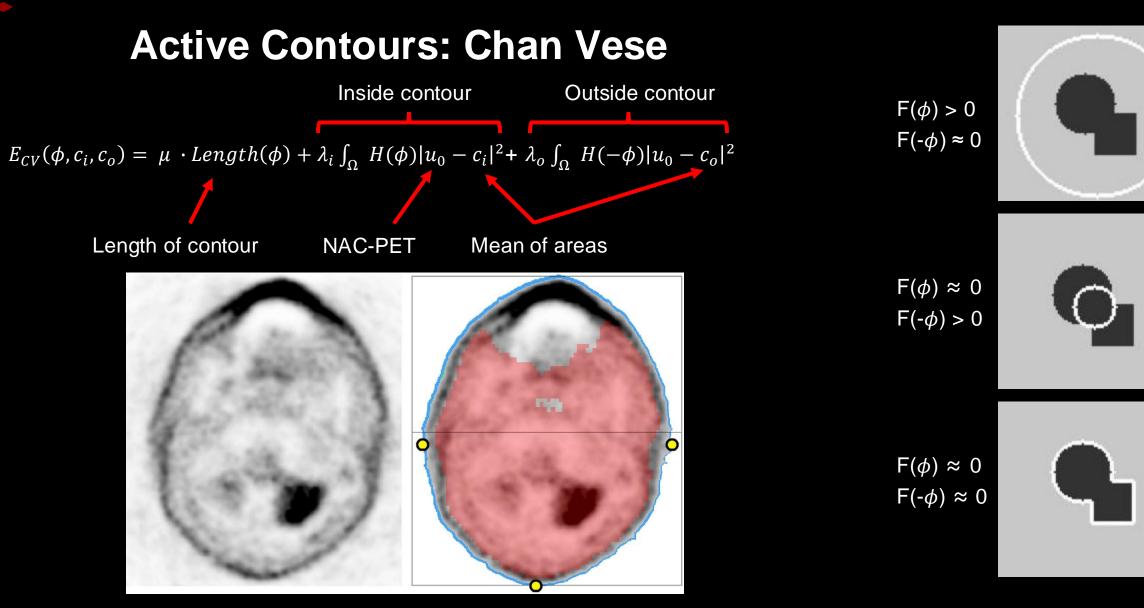


#### **Active Contours: Chan Vese**



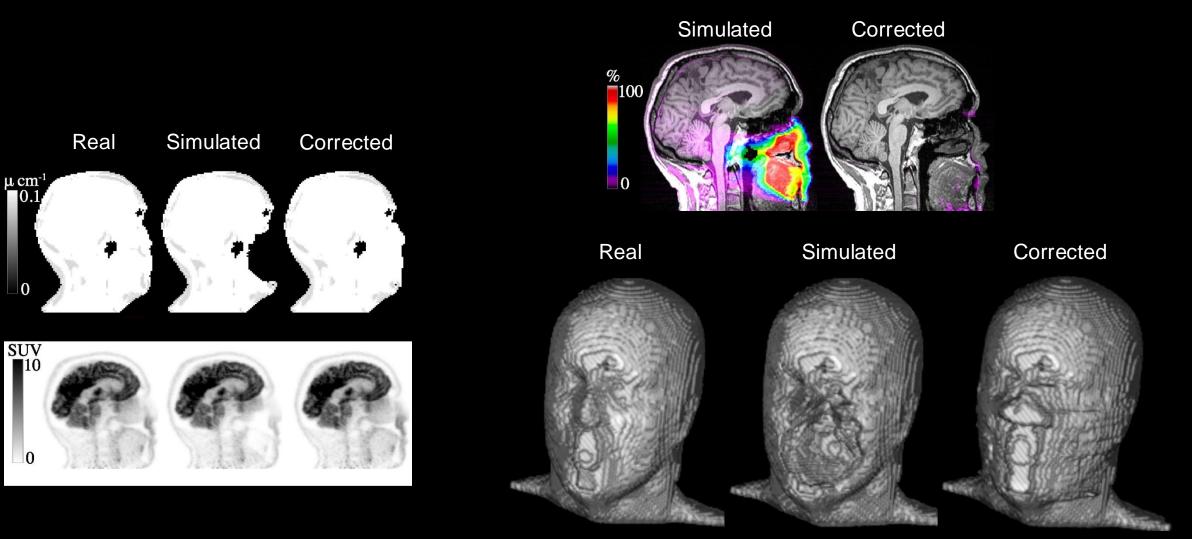
- "Outer holes" cannot be corrected easily by MRI
- NAC-PET holds information about outer contour
- ... but contains noise and needs to be delineated







### **Active Contours: Chan Vese**





### What did you learn today

- Many of the topics taught during this course can be useful for image analysis at an imaging department in a hospital
- Topics like preprocessing are always used before any imaging project
- Registration are used to align scans within a patient examination, and across examinations
- Simple tools are often wanted as it
  - Works well with limited data
  - Strengthens the explainability of a method

