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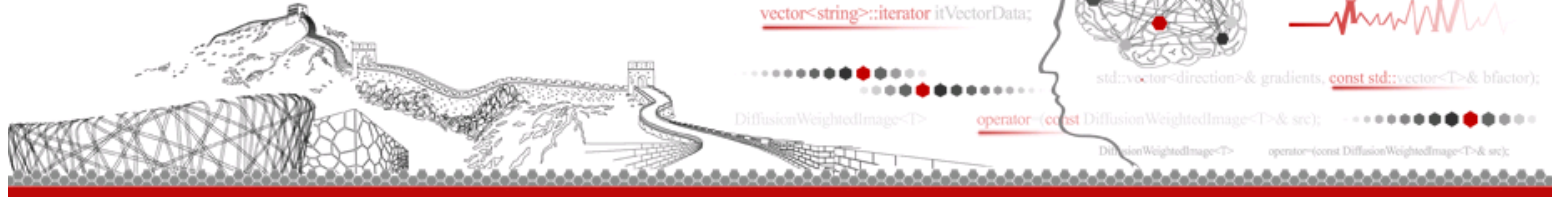
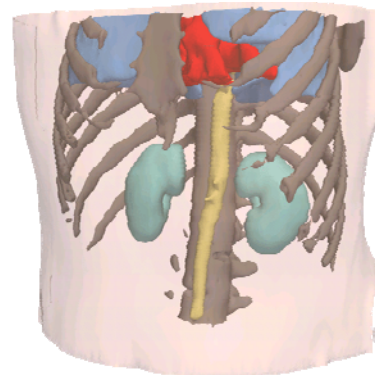
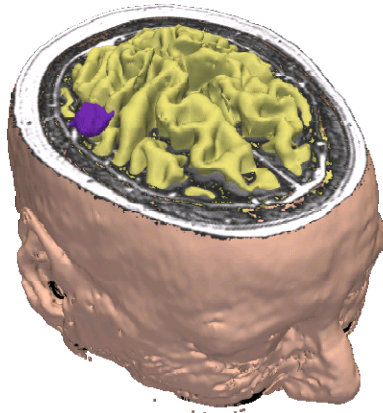


Image Segmentation: EM Segmenter

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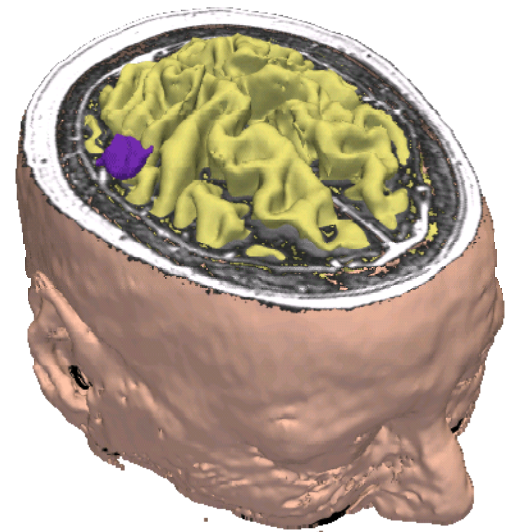
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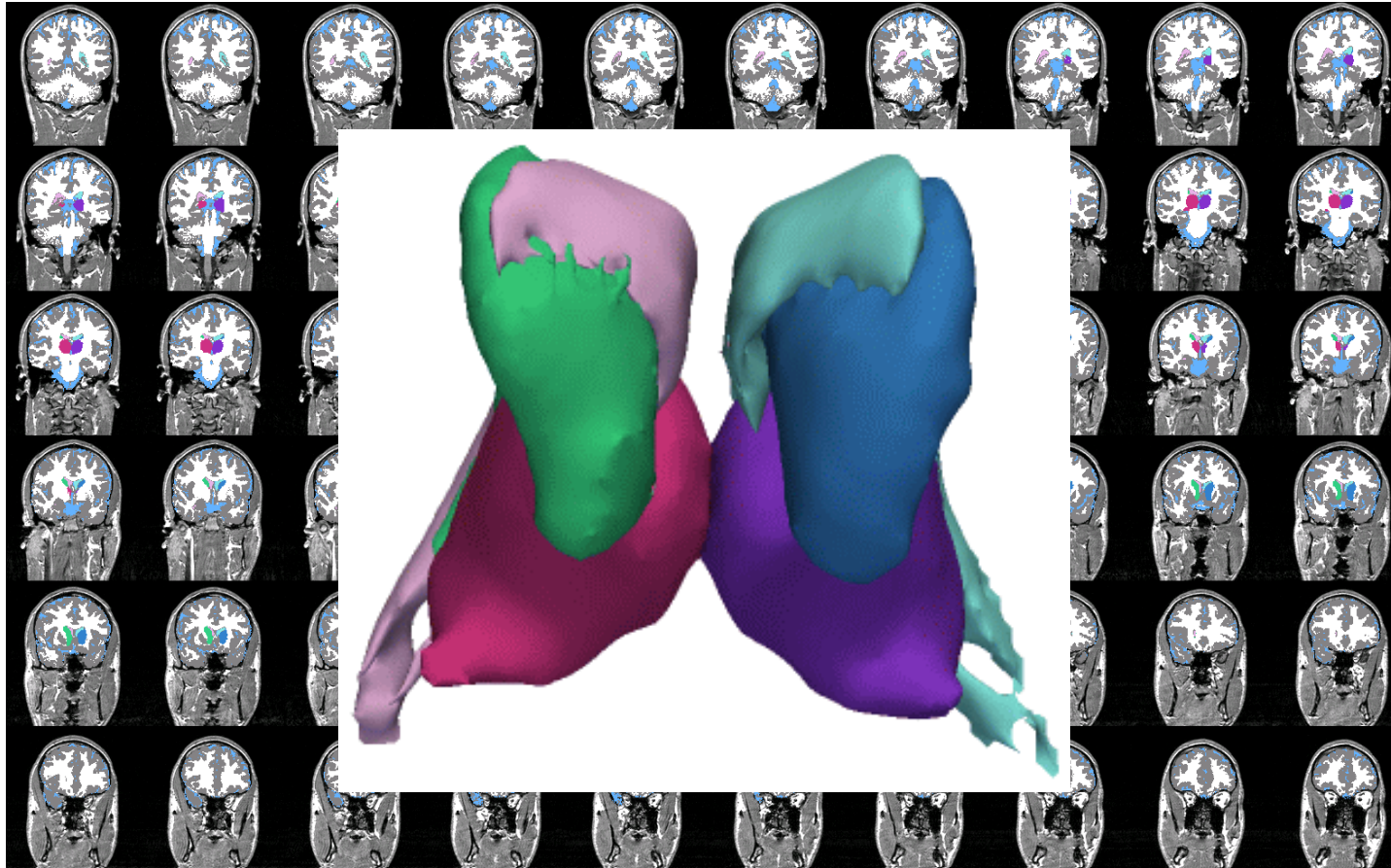
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Neuroscience Studies



Manual vs. Automatic



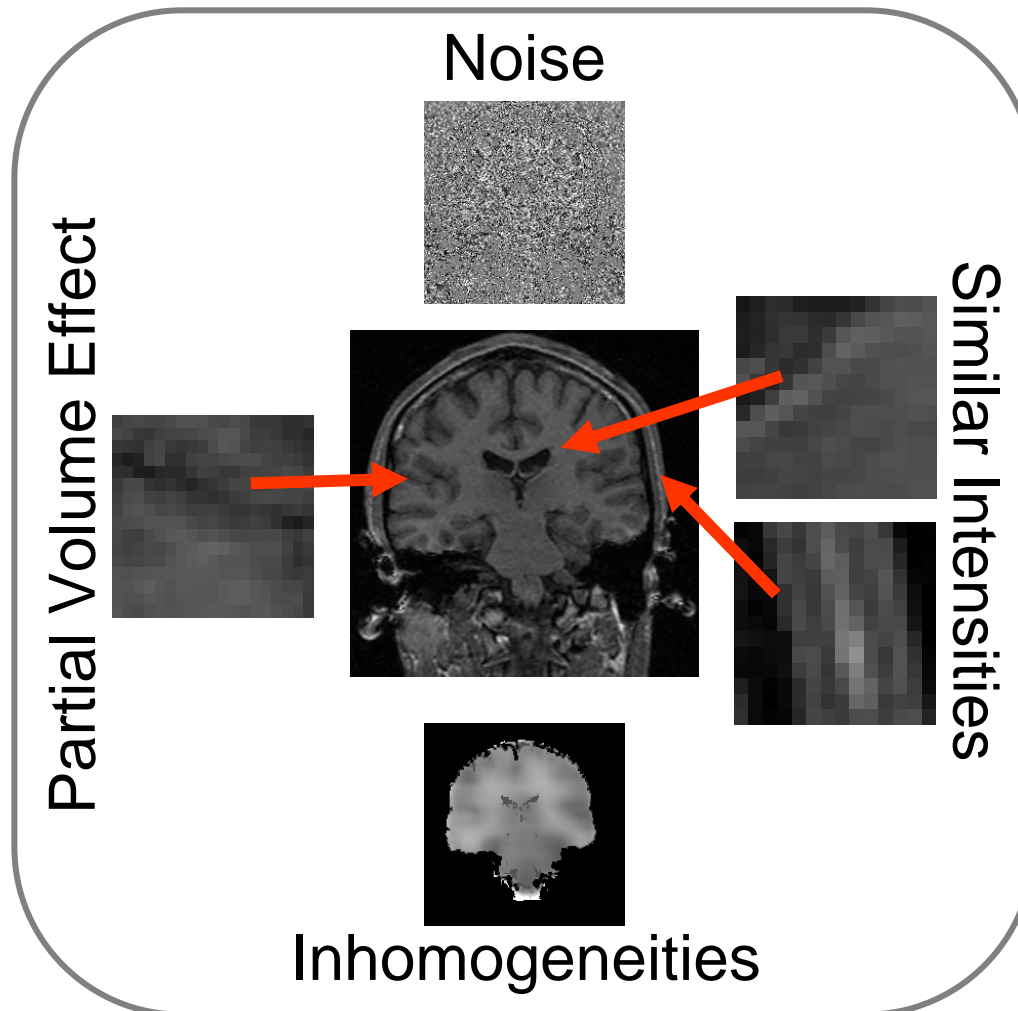
Manual Segmentation:

- Very expensive
- High risks related to observer reliability

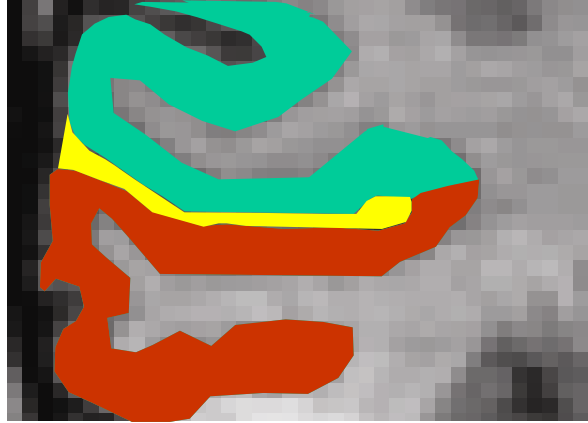
Automatic segmentation:

- Relatively cheap
- Quality is often lower than manual segmentations

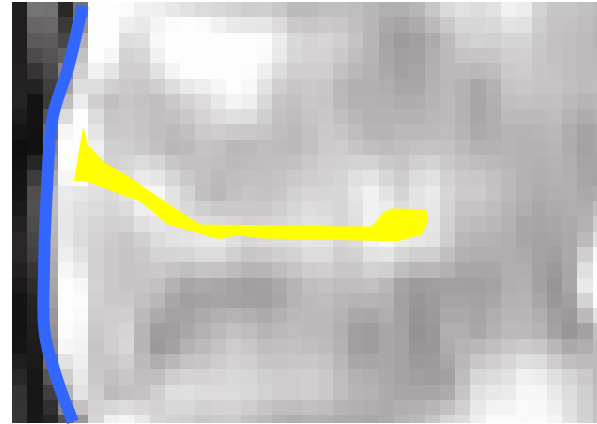
Image Artifacts



Different Evidence of Boundaries



T₁-weighted

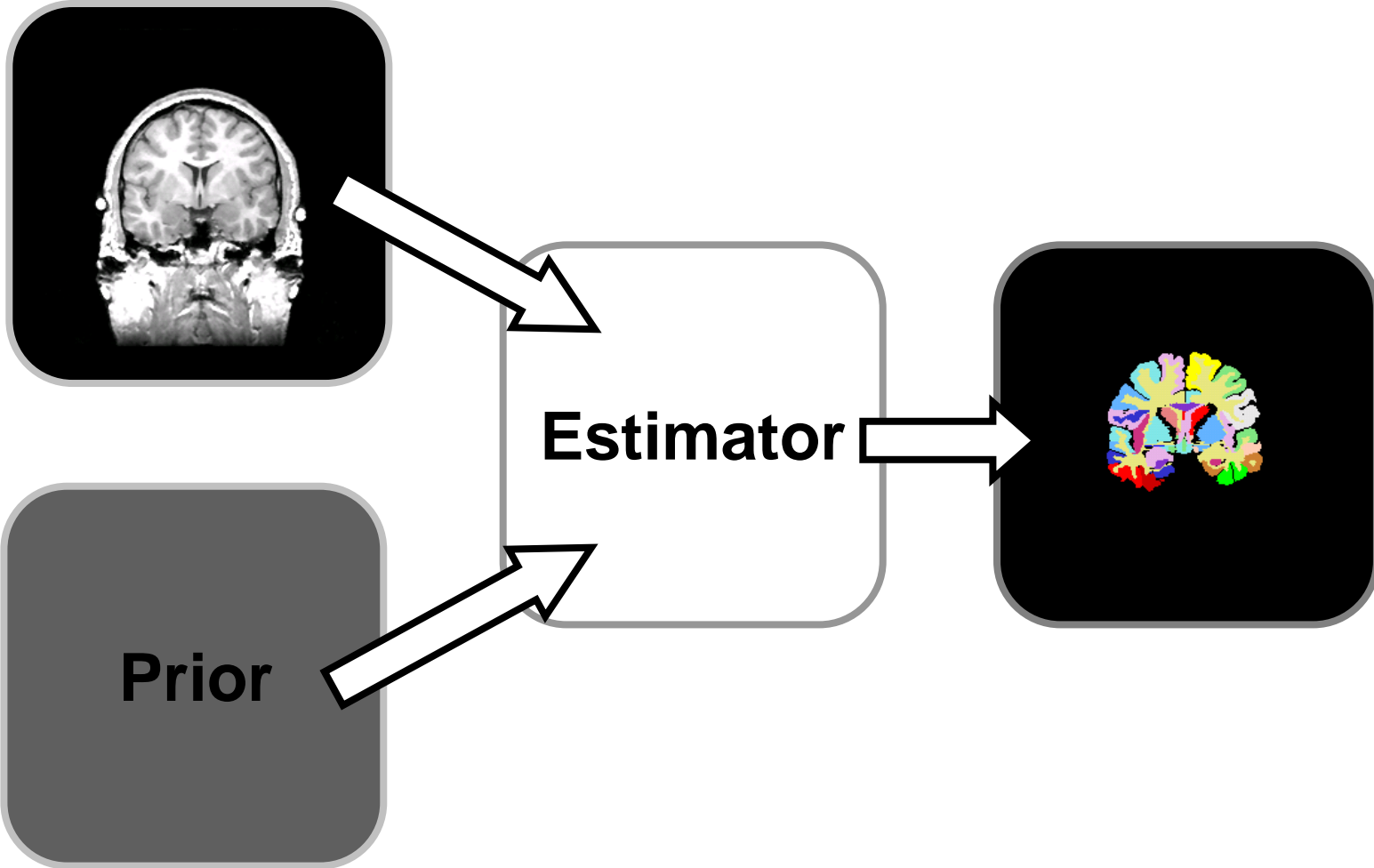


T₂-weighted

Some anatomical compartments

- are visible in multiple input channels
- are visible only in one input channel
- have boundaries not based on image contrast

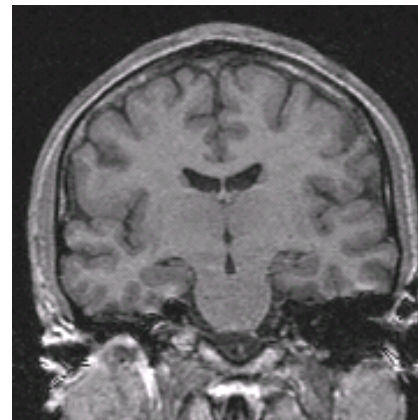
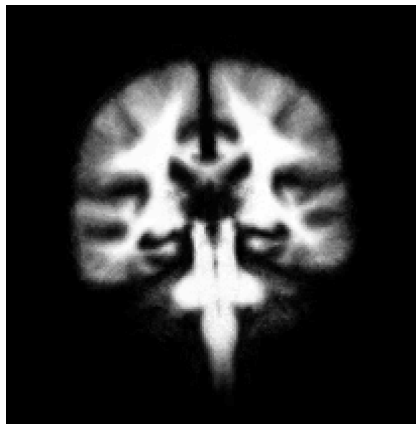
Mission



Goal

Develop a general purpose segmenter based on a modular framework:

- fast and flexible
- requiring minimal amount of training effort
- uses probabilistic atlas as prior



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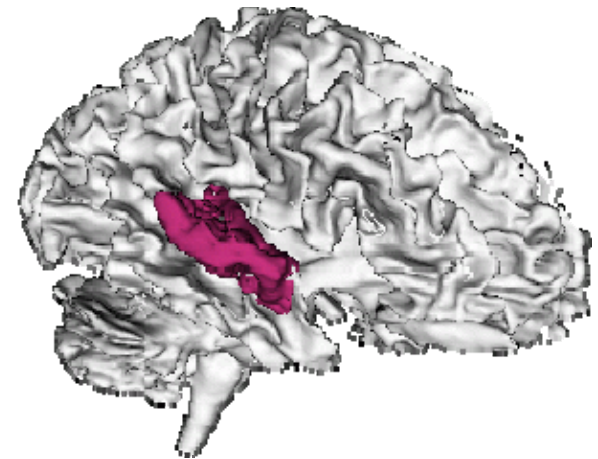
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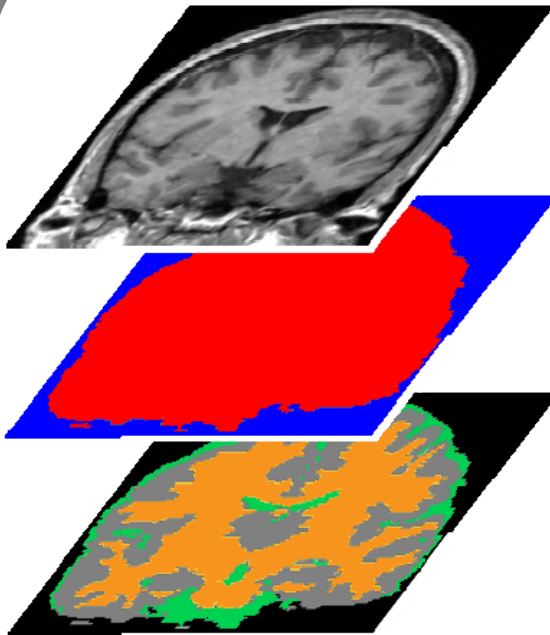
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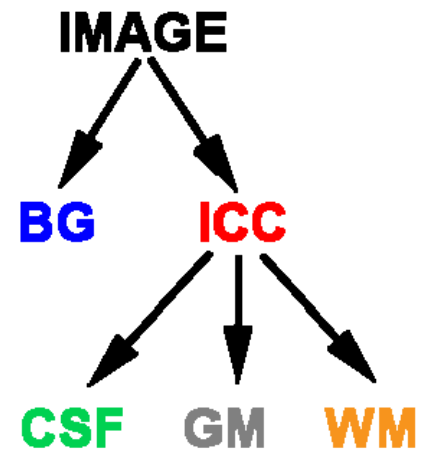


Hierarchical Tree

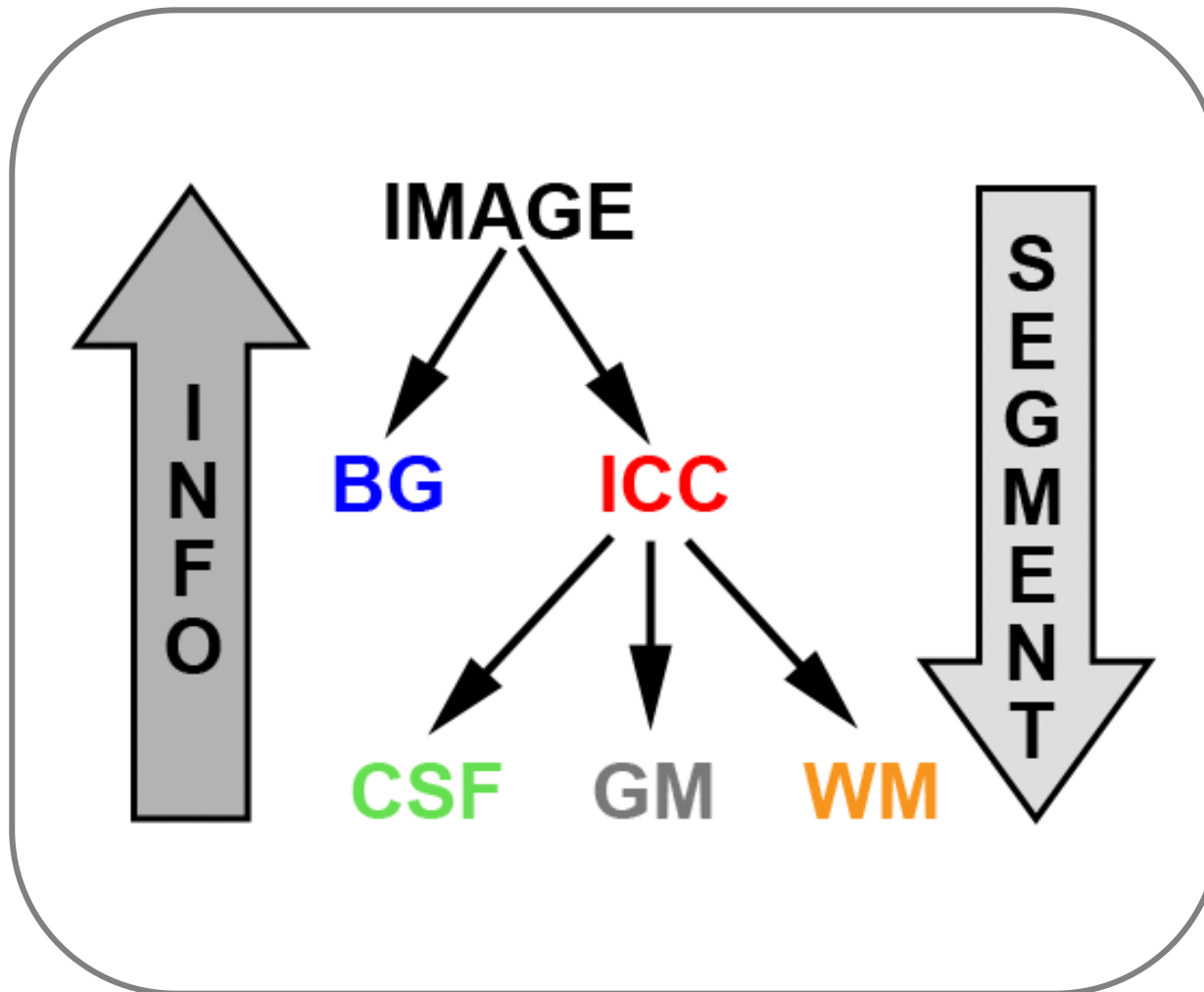


Find Cranial Cavity: **BG**

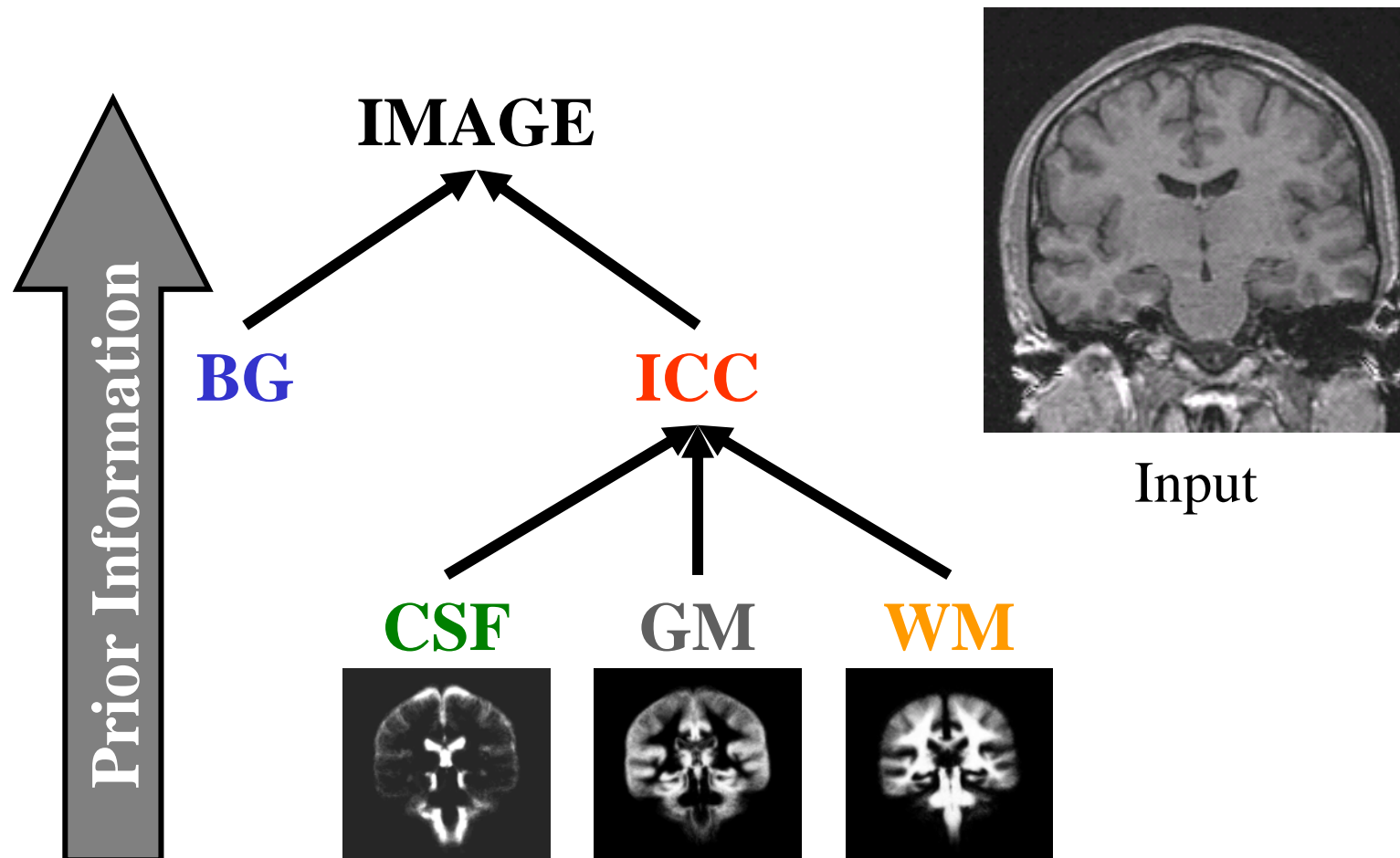
Find Tissue:



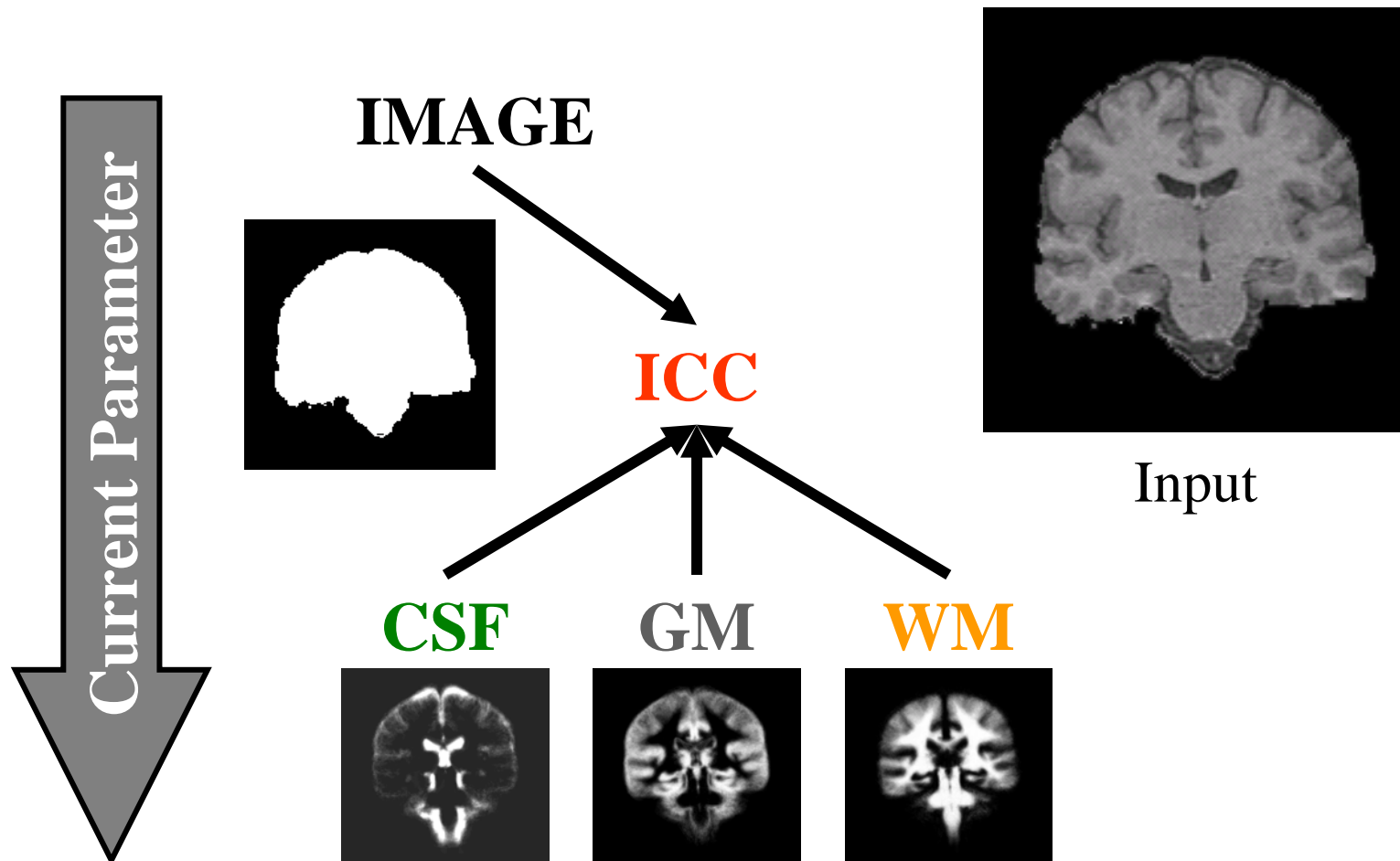
Design of Algorithm



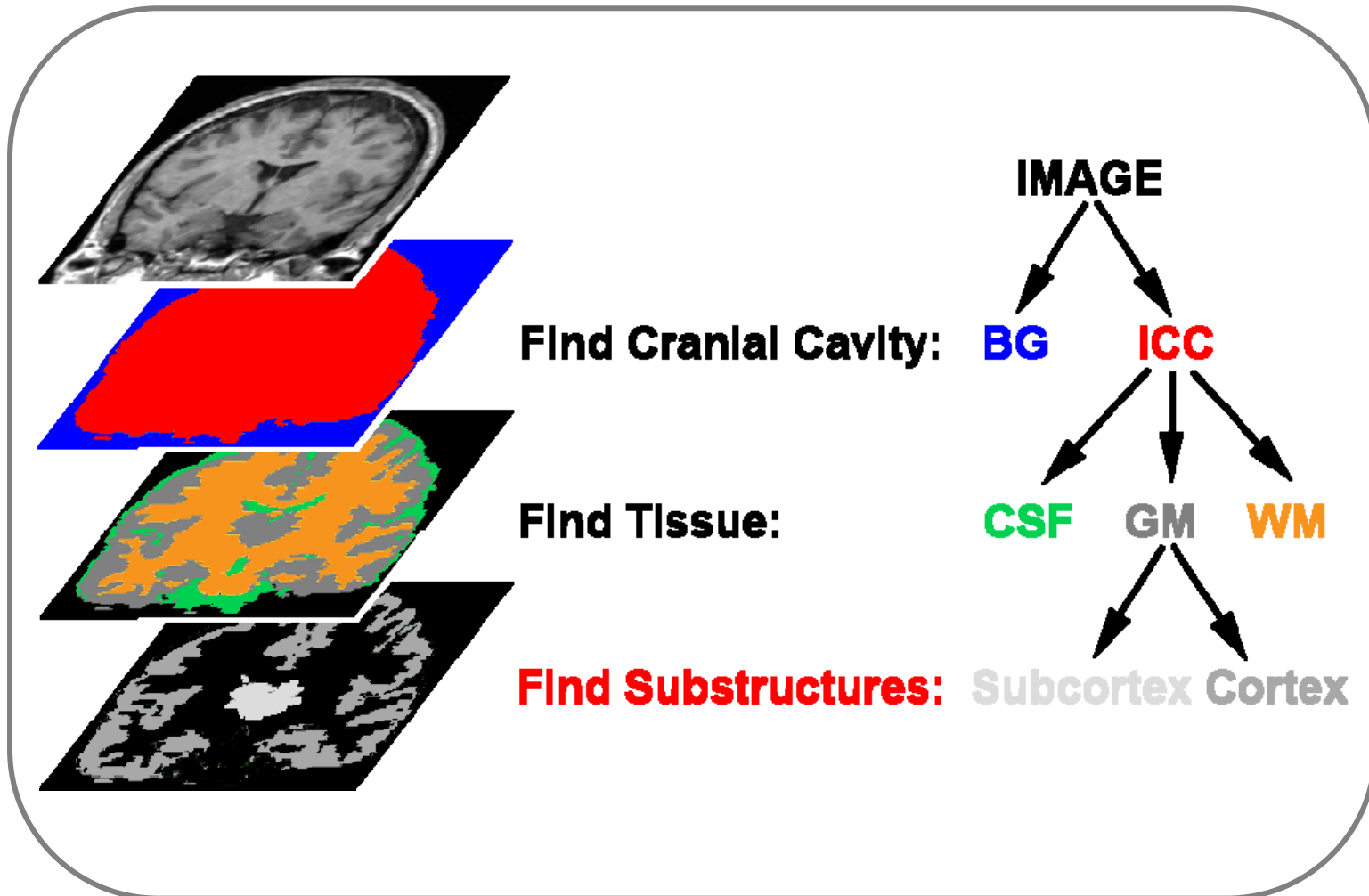
Level 1



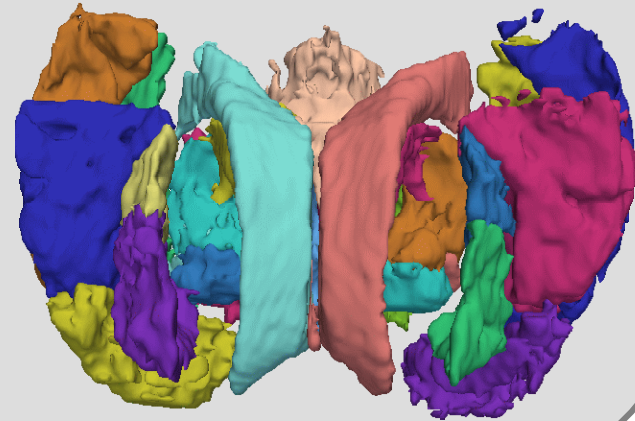
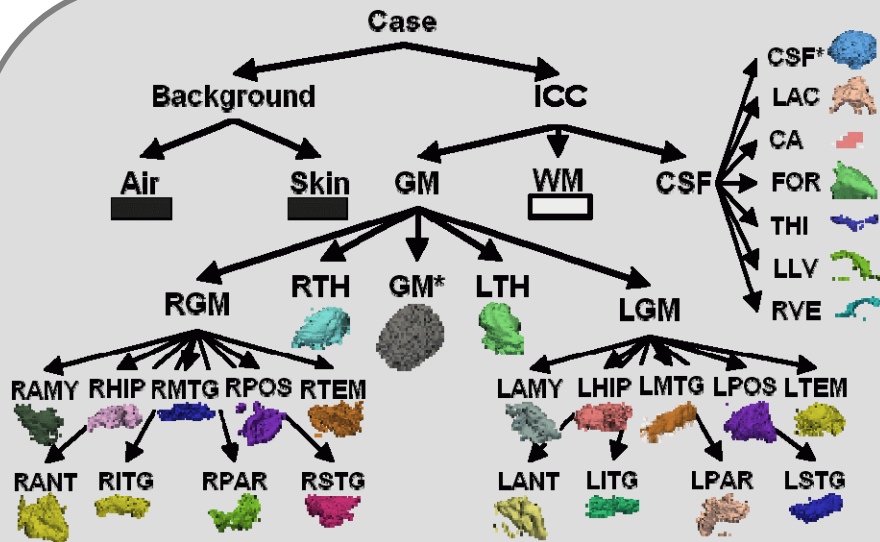
Level 2



Modify the Tree

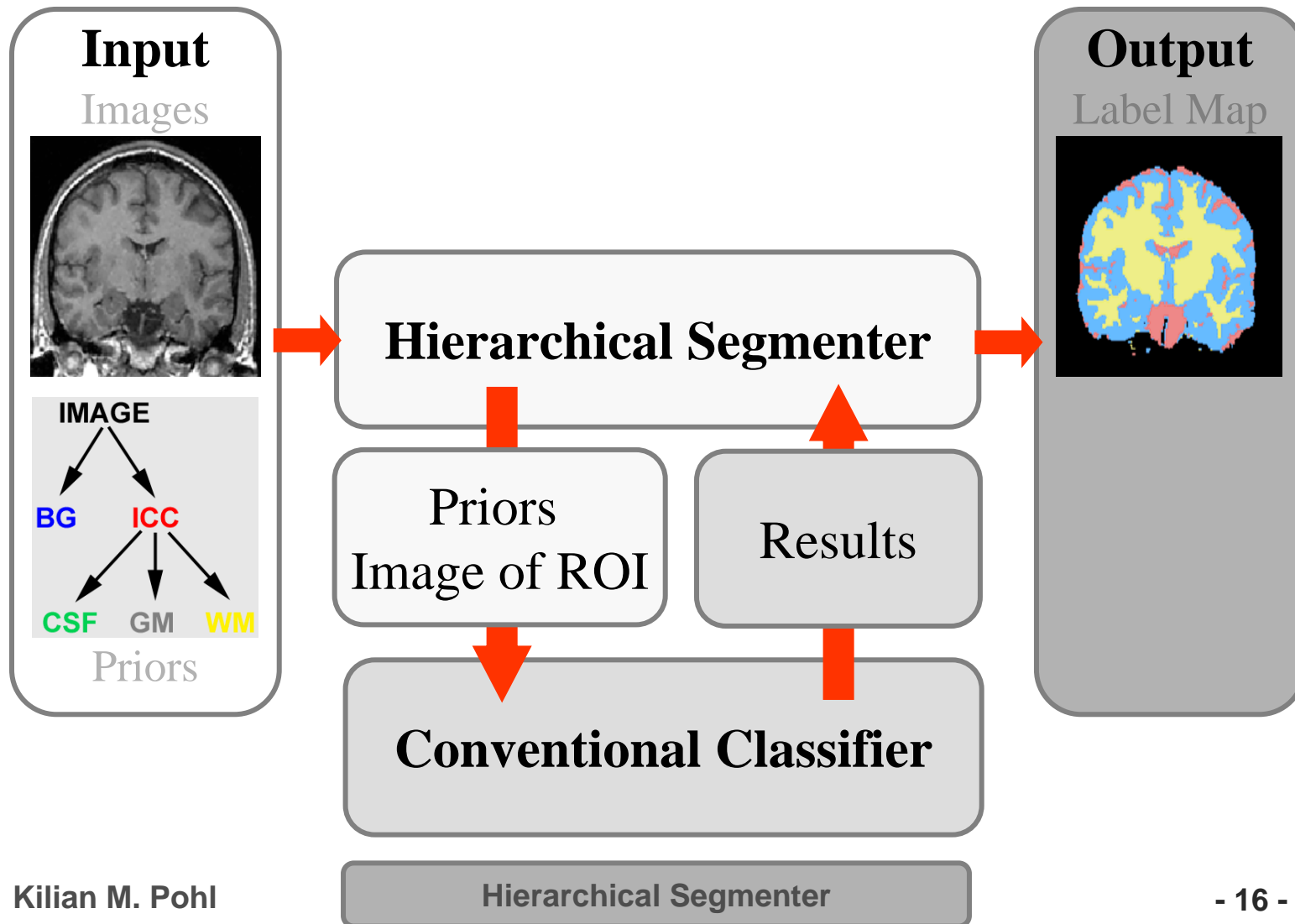


Segmentation of 31 Structures

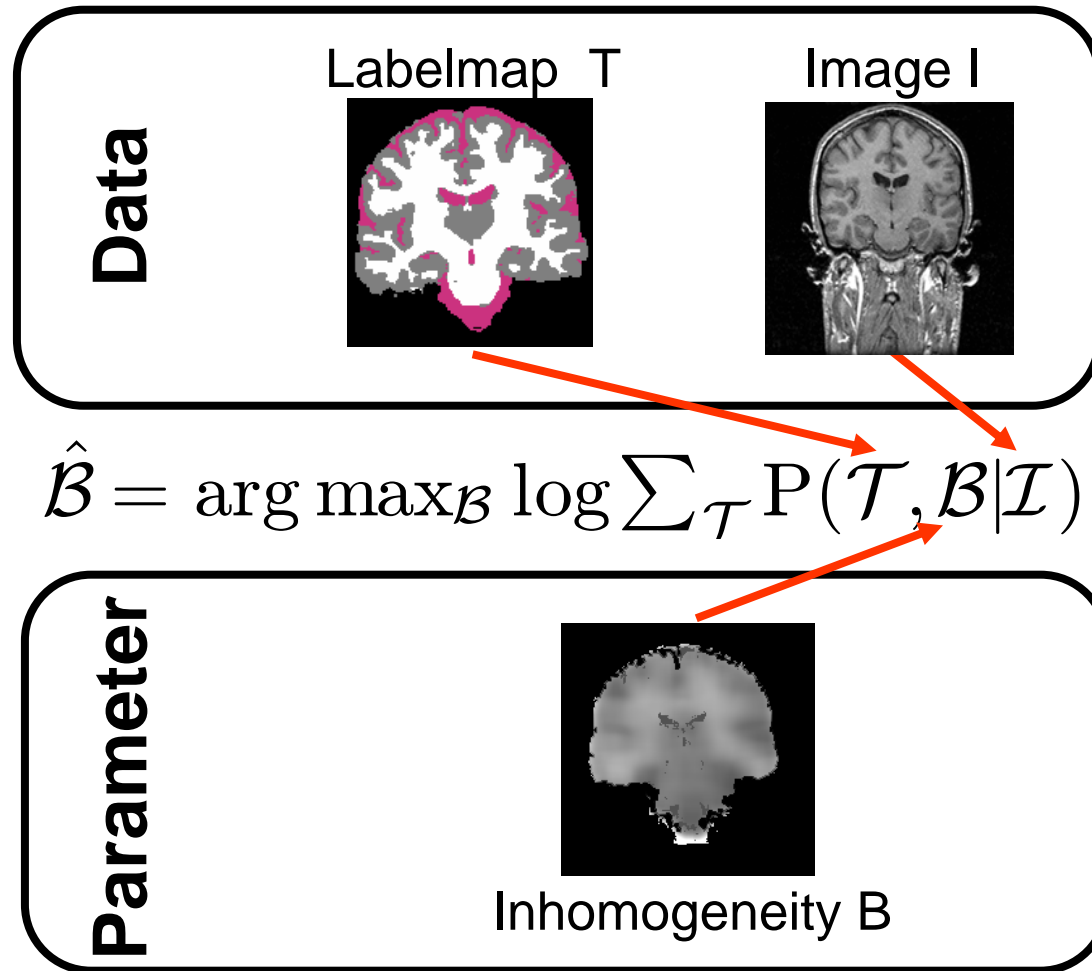


Pohl et al., ISBI 04

Hierarchical Implementation



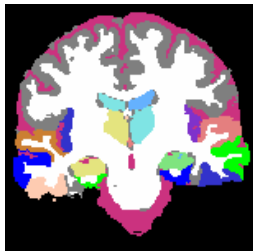
EM Segmenter (Wells et al. 96)



Extended Observed Data

Data

Labelmap T



Hierarchy H

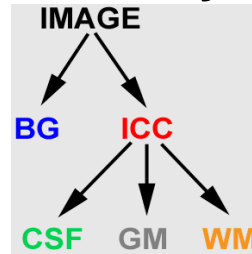
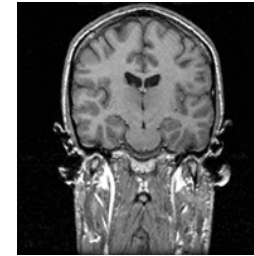
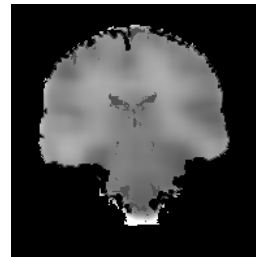


Image I



$$\hat{\mathcal{B}} = \arg \max_{\mathcal{B}} \log \sum_{\mathcal{T}} P(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{B} | \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{H})$$

Parameter



Inhomogeneity B

EM Implementation

Expectation Step: Calculate **Weights**

$$\mathcal{W} \equiv \frac{1}{Z} P(\mathcal{I}|\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{B}', \mathcal{H}) \cdot P(\mathcal{T}|\mathcal{H})$$

Maximization Step: Optimize the **estimates**

$$\mathcal{B}' \leftarrow \arg \max_{\mathcal{B}} \mathcal{W} \log P(\mathcal{B}|\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{H})$$

Definition of Weights

$$\mathcal{W} \equiv \frac{1}{Z} P(\mathcal{I} | \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{B}', \mathcal{H}) \cdot P(\mathcal{T} | \mathcal{H})$$

Intensity Model

Wells $P(\mathcal{I} | \mathcal{T} = j, \mathcal{B}') \equiv \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{I}; \mathcal{B}' + \mu_j, \Upsilon_j)$

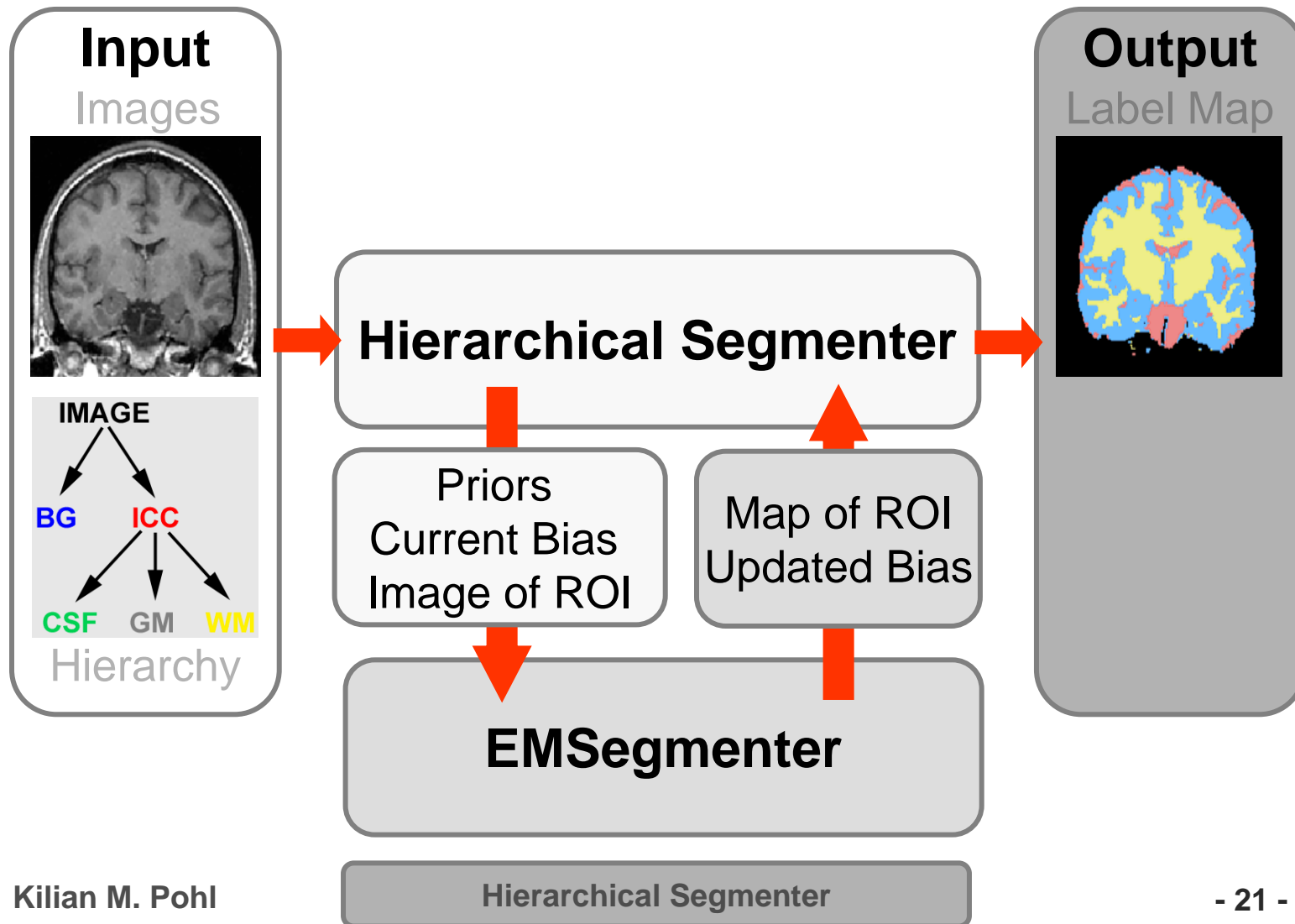
Modified $P(\mathcal{I} | \mathcal{T} = j, \mathcal{B}', \mathcal{H}) \equiv \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{I}; \zeta_{\mathcal{H}}^T (\mathcal{B}' + \mu_j), \zeta_{\mathcal{H}}^T \Upsilon_j \zeta_{\mathcal{H}})$

Spatial Prior

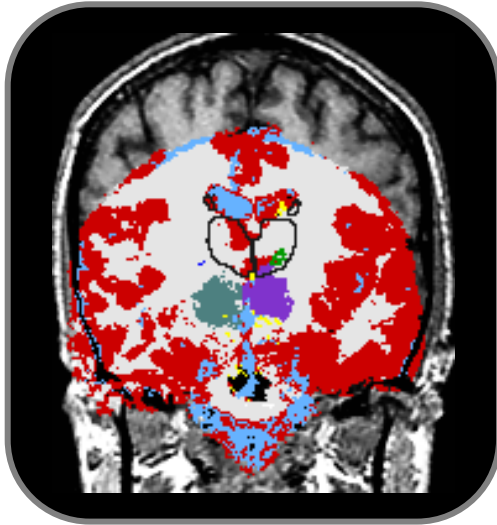
Wells* $P(\mathcal{T} = j) \equiv \mathcal{F}_j$

Modified $P(\mathcal{T} = j | \mathcal{H}) \equiv (1 - \lambda_{\mathcal{H}}) \cdot \frac{1}{d} + \lambda_{\mathcal{H}} \cdot \mathcal{F}_j$

Hierarchical Implementation



Alternative Prior Model



Simultaneous Registration and Segmentation

Pohl et al. A Bayesian Model for Joint Segmentation and Registration. *NeuroImage*, 31(1), pp. 228-239, 2006

Shape Based Segmentation

Pohl et al., "Using the Logarithm of Odds to Define a Vector Space on Probabilistic Atlases", *Medical Image Analysis*, 2007 *Media –MICCCAI Best Paper Prize 2006*

Pohl et al. Active mean fields: Solving the mean field approximation in the level set framework. *IPMI*, vol. 4584 of *LNCS*, pp. 26-37, 2007.



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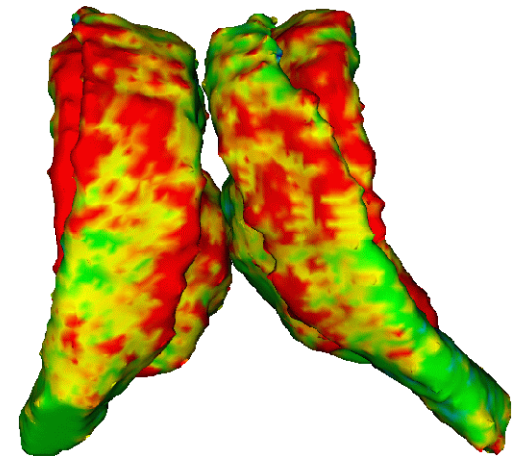
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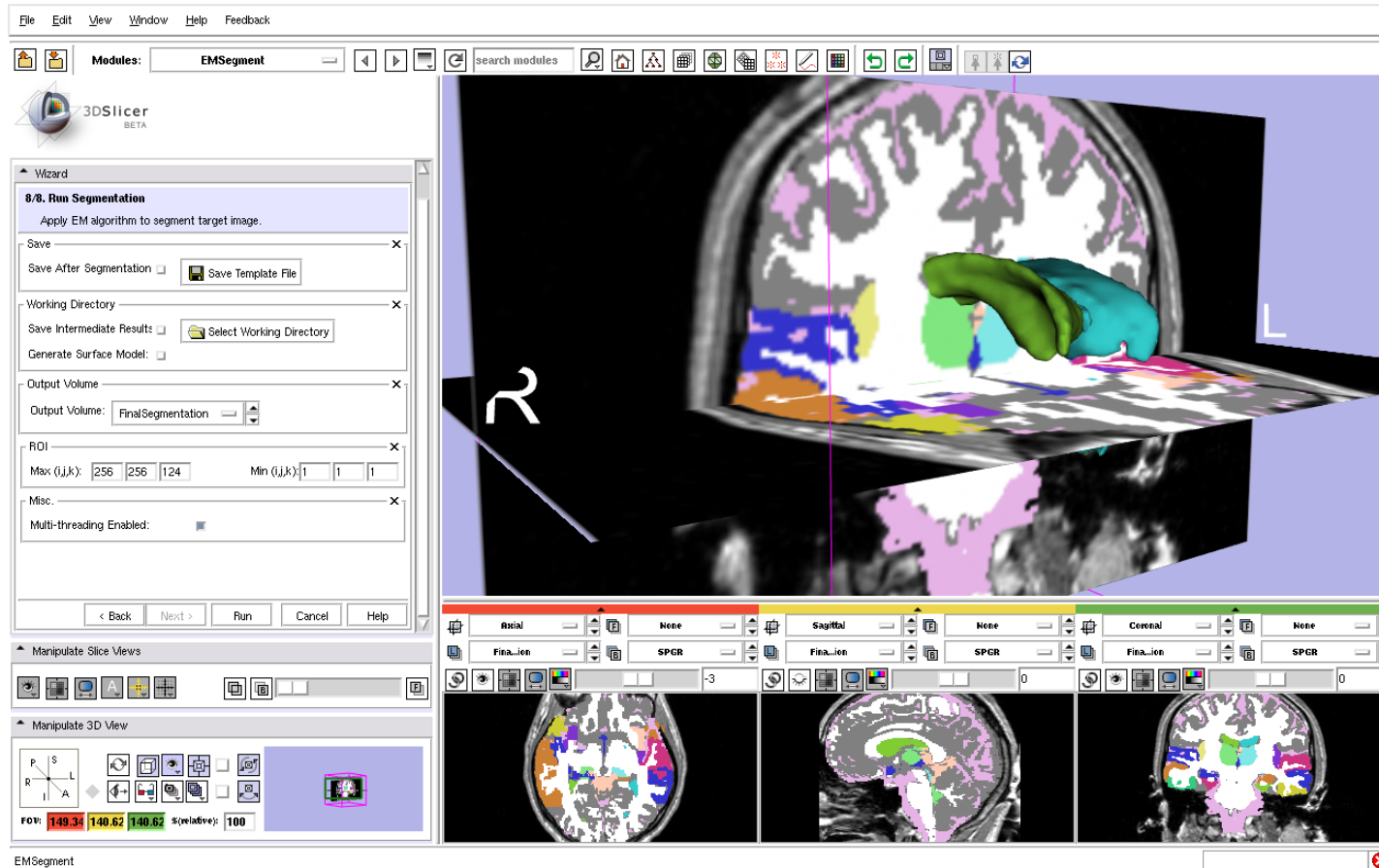
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Implementation in 3D Slicer



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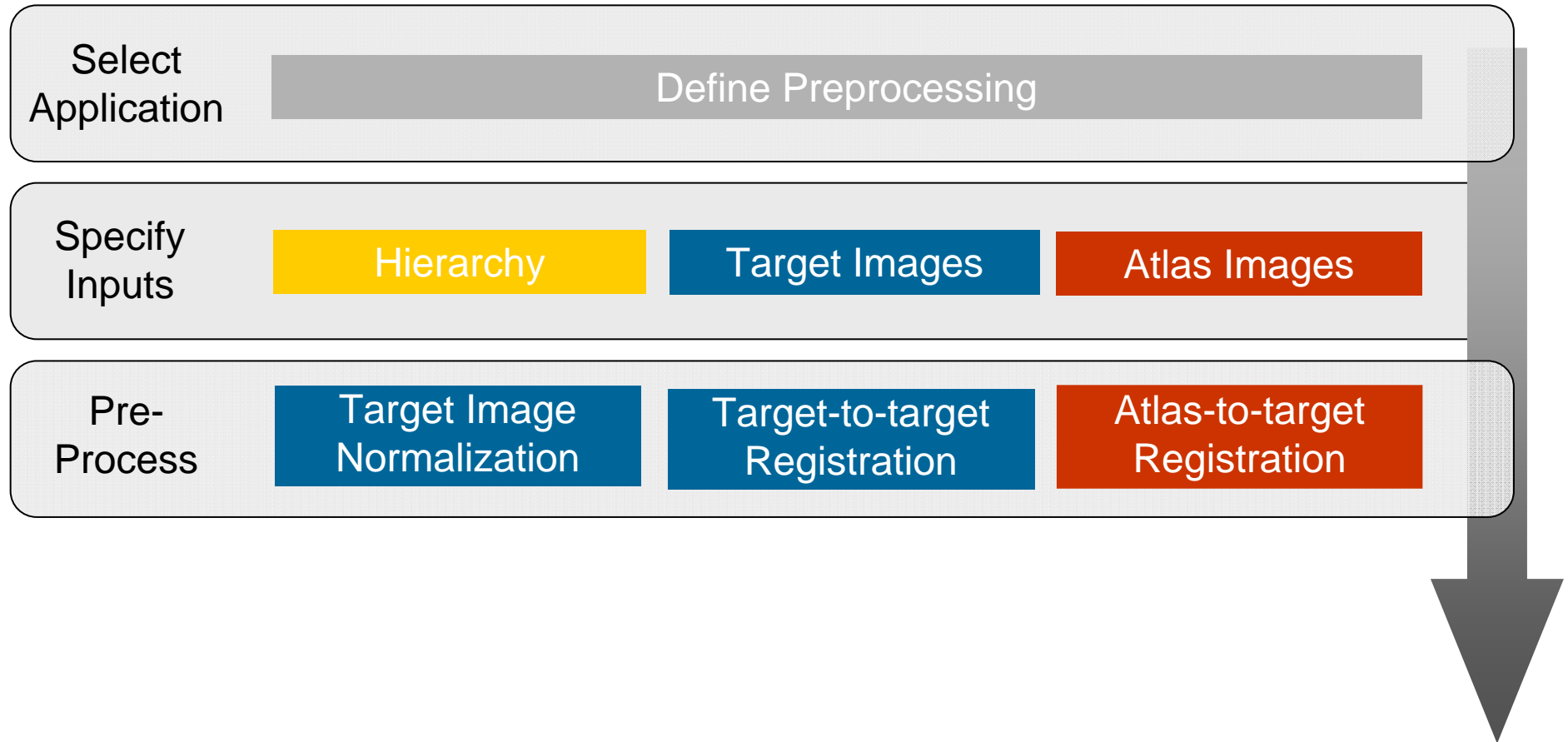
Specify
Inputs

Hierarchy

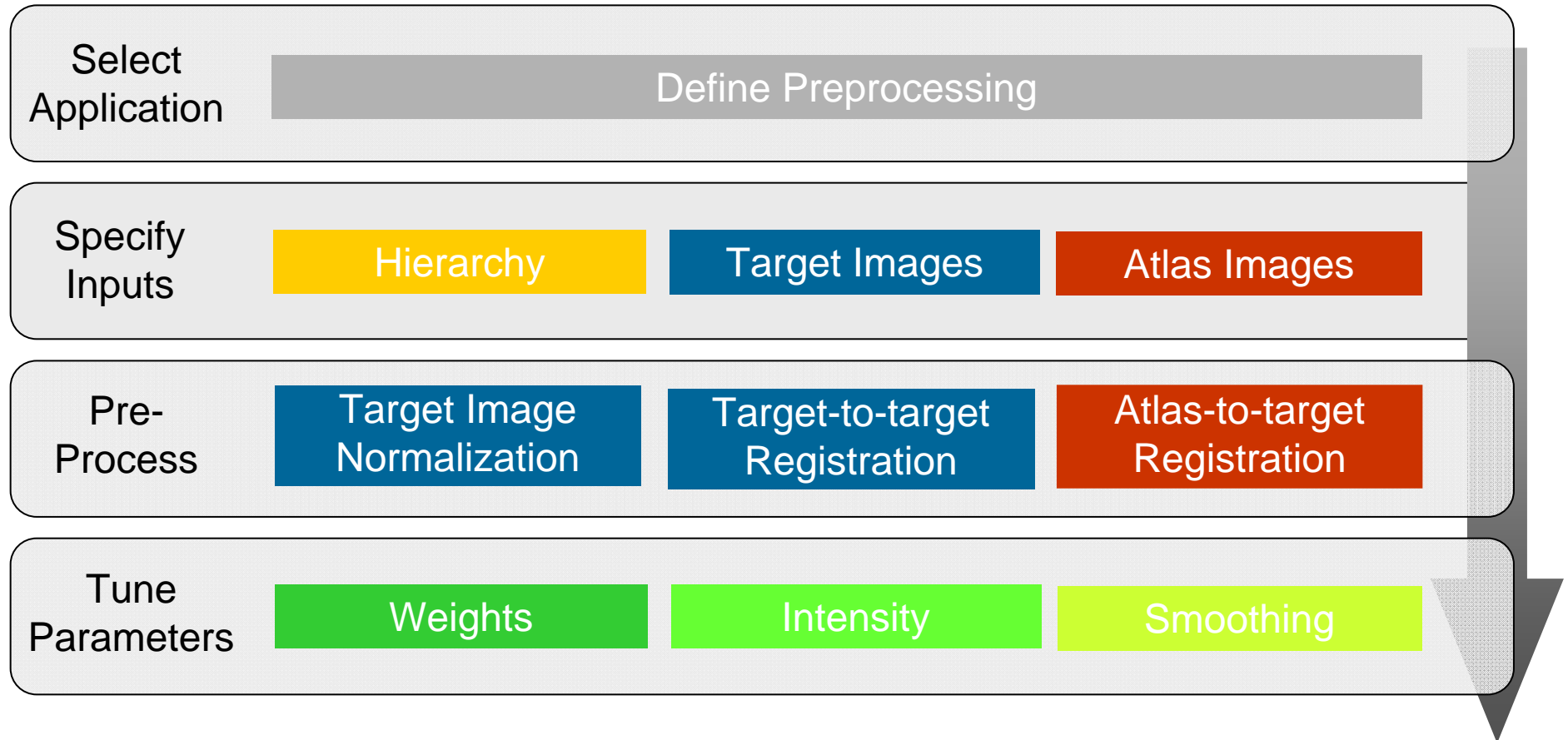
Target Images

Atlas Images

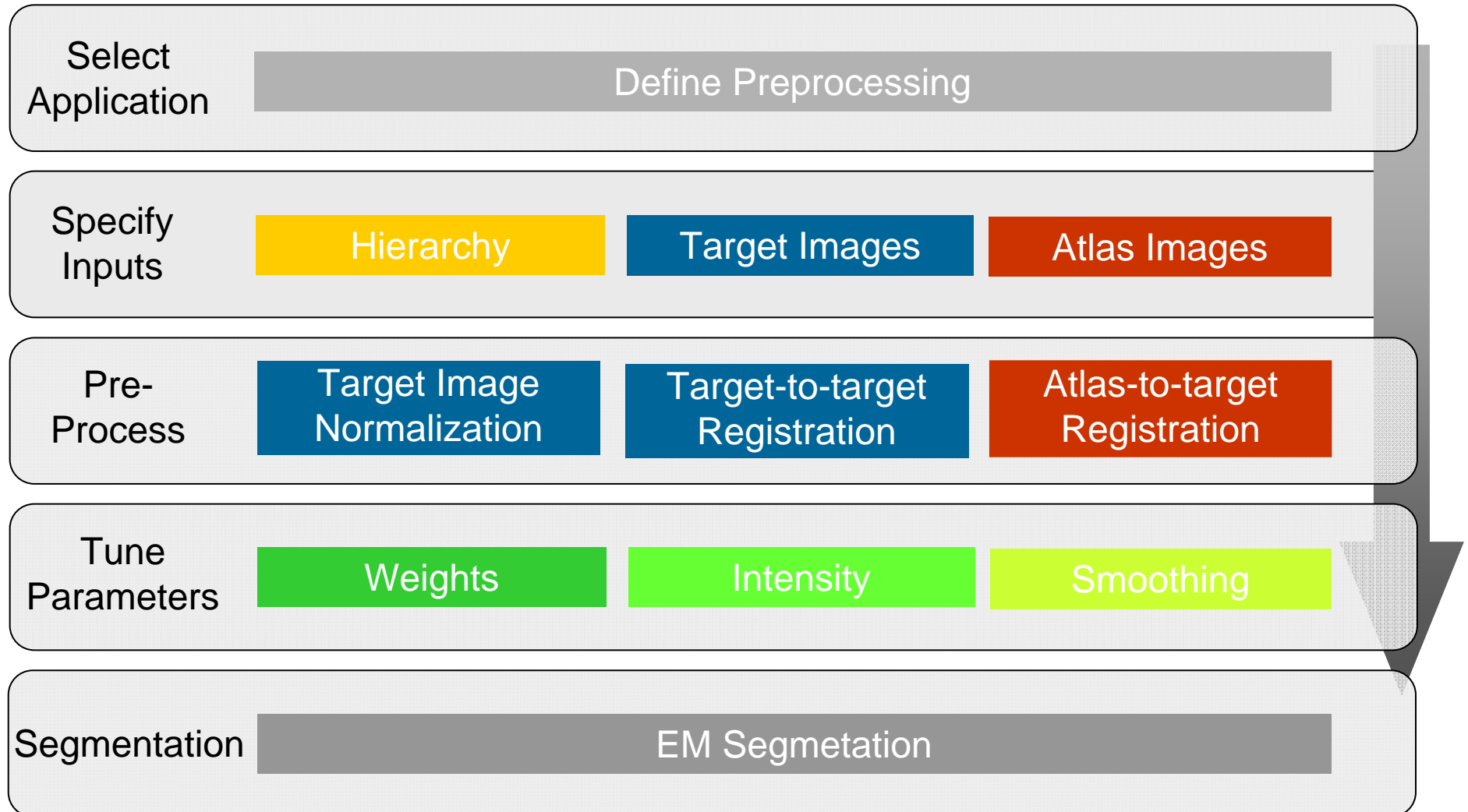
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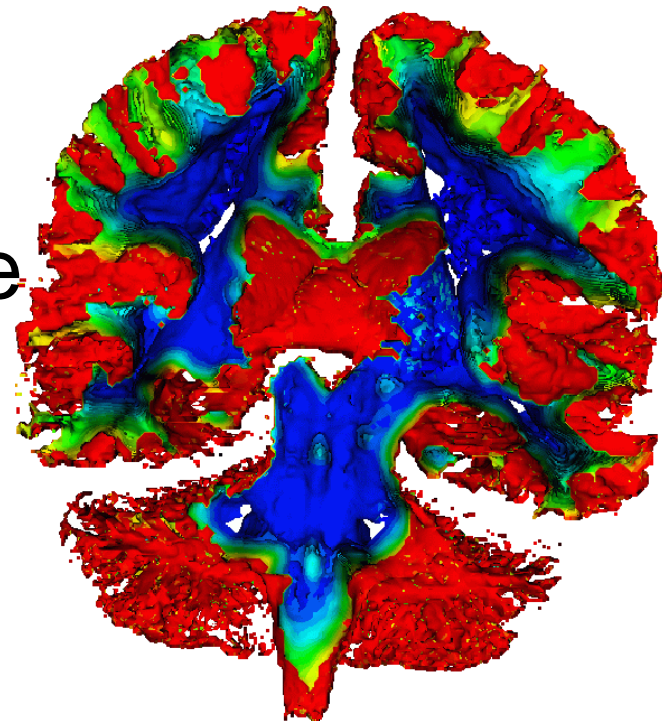


EM Segment Workflow



Interacting with EM Segmenter

- Application Builder
- Simple Mode
- Command Line Module



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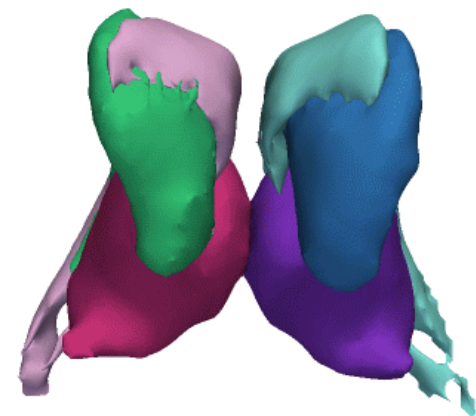
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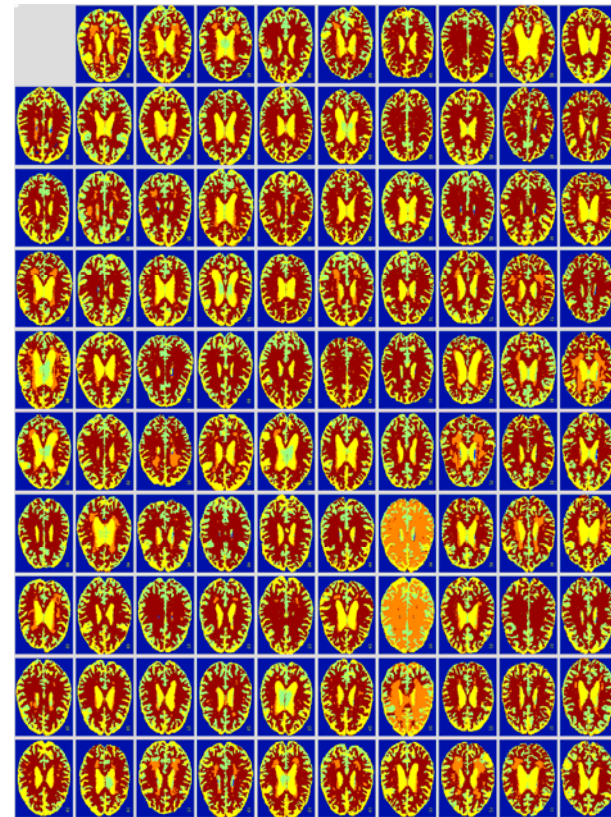
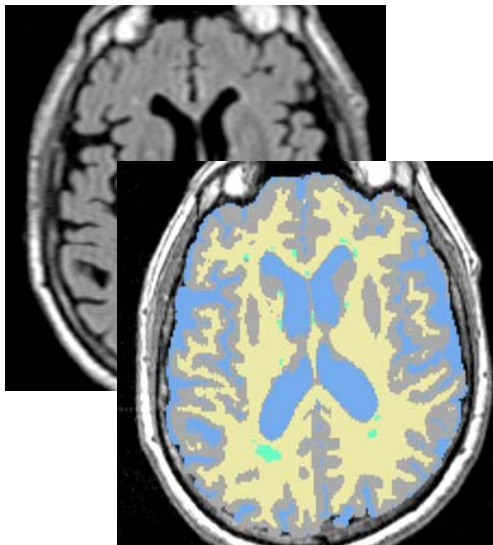
Human Brain



Psychiatry
Neuroimaging Lab
BWH



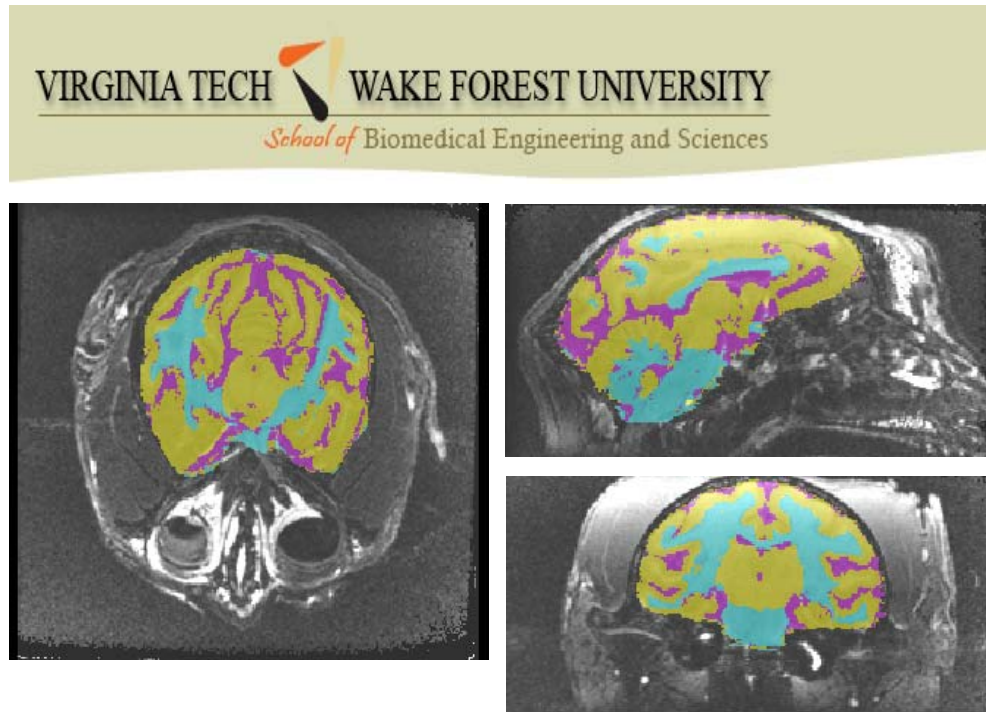
Lesion Detection



courtesy of Istvan Csapo

Progression of Multiple Sclerosis lesions

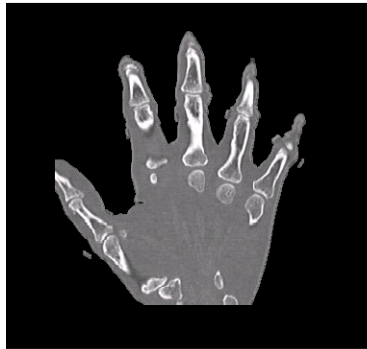
Non-Human Primates



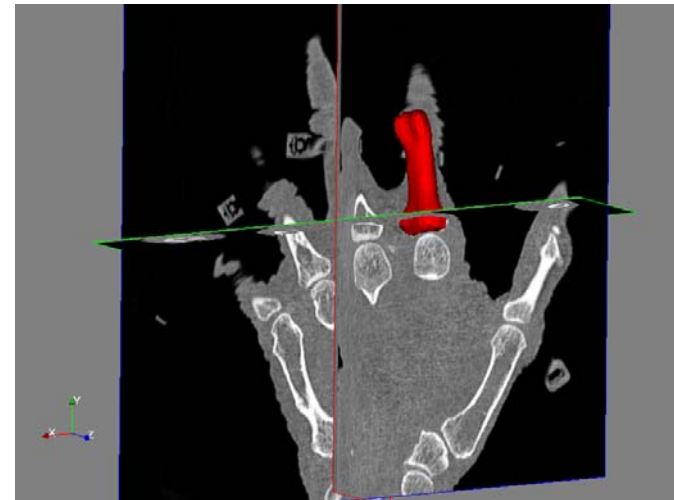
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Measuring Alcohol and Stress Interactions with Structural and Perfusion MRI

CT Hand Bone Segmentation

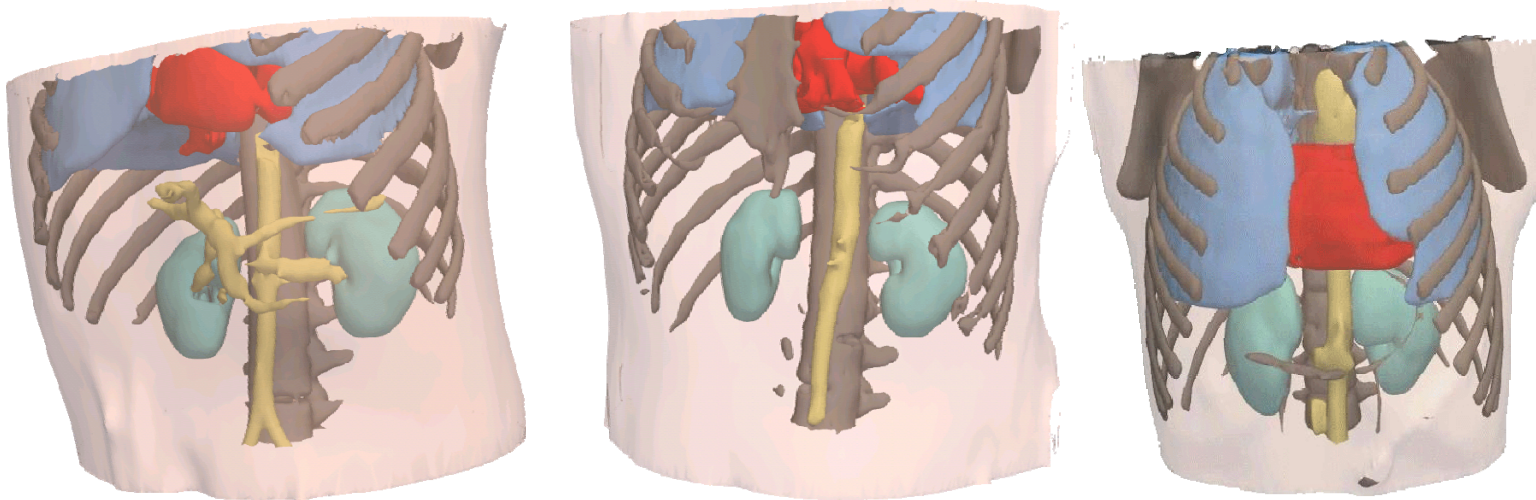


Developing patient-specific kinematic models



courtesy of Austin Ramme
and Vince Magnotta

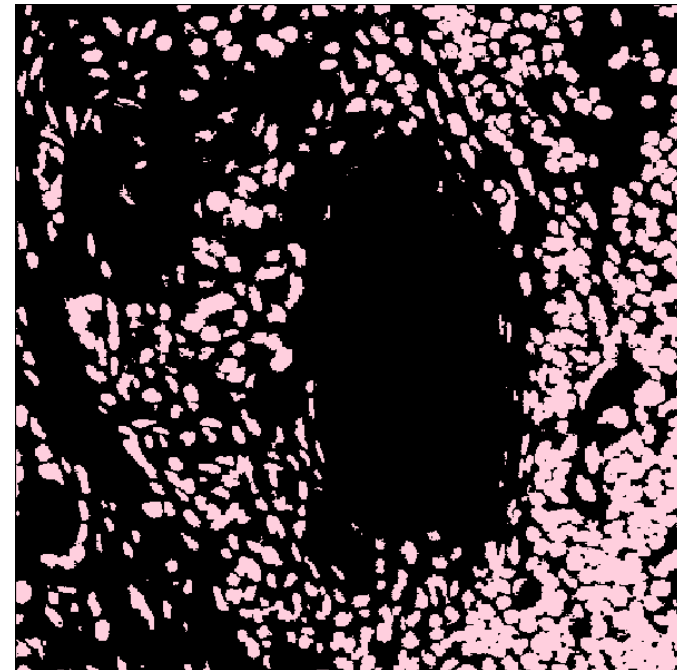
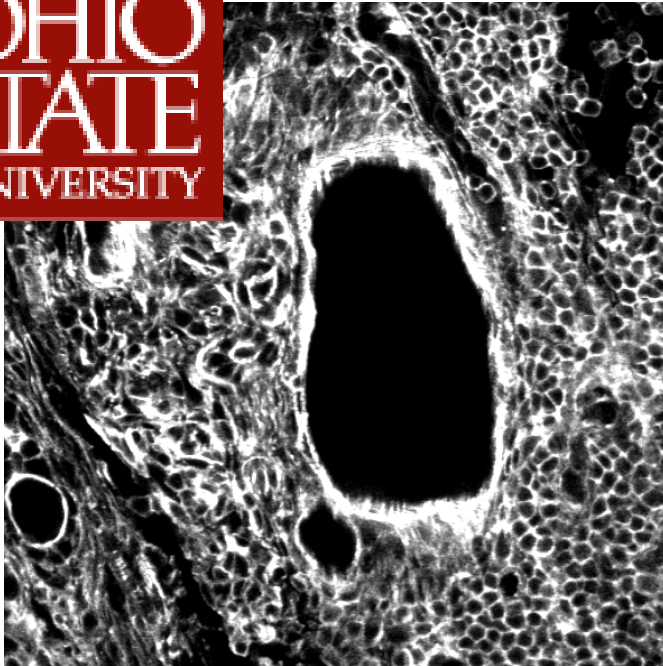
CT Torso Segmentation



Detect internal hemorrhage
in the field setting



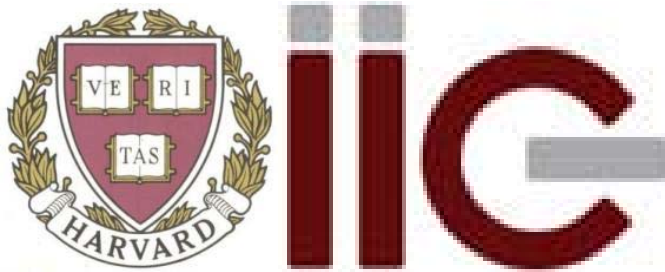
Segmentation of Microscopy Images



courtesy of Brad Davis

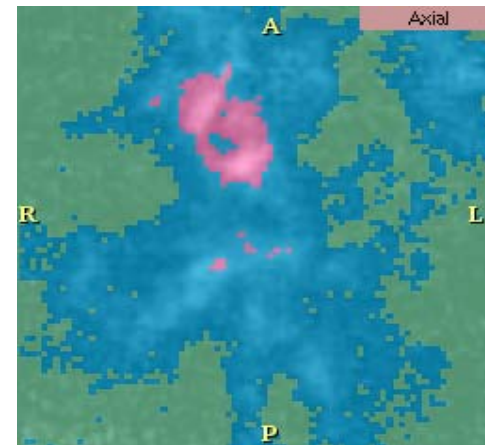
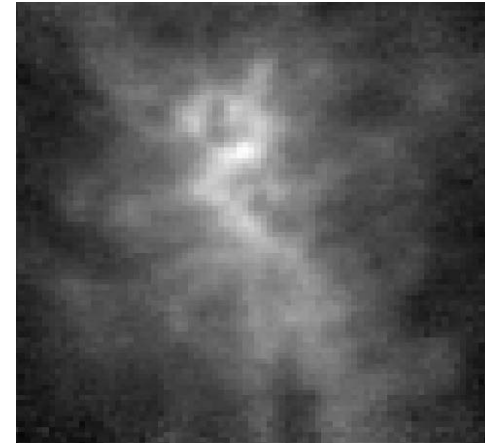
Detecting patterns in biology

Astronomy Images



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Detecting Star Forming
Regions



courtesy of Michelle Borkin

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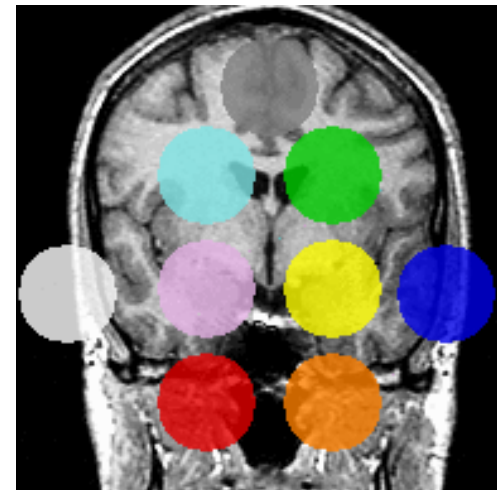
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- Koo et al. Smaller neocortical gray matter and larger sulcal CSF volumes in neuroleptic-naive females with schizotypal personality disorder. Archives of General Psychiatry, 63, pp. 1090-1100, 2006.
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- Pohl et al. Anatomical Guided Segmentation with Non-Stationary Tissue Class Distributions in an Expectation-Maximization Framework, In Proc. ISBI'2004, pp. 81 – 84, 2004.

Papers are accessible through
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Slicer3 Documentation

- **Documentation**

[http://www.slicer.org/slicerWiki/index.php/
Modules:EMSegmentTemplateBuilder3.6](http://www.slicer.org/slicerWiki/index.php/Modules:EMSegmentTemplateBuilder3.6)

- **Developer Page**

[http://wiki.na-mic.org/Wiki/index.php/
Projects:ARRA:SlicerEM:Developer](http://wiki.na-mic.org/Wiki/index.php/Projects:ARRA:SlicerEM:Developer)

- **NIH Progress Report**

<http://wiki.na-mic.org/Wiki/index.php/Projects:ARRA:SlicerEM>

- **Bug Report**

<http://www.na-mic.org/Bug/>

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