

ECSE-626

Statistical Computer Vision

Conditional Random Fields

Classification/Labeling Problem

- Classification - Image segmentation
- Graphical models
- Generative Vs. Discriminative
- Markov random field (MRF)
- Conditional random field (CRF)
- Some examples

Classification/Labeling Problem

- Given a set of input variables (features) denoted as X
- Estimate the probability of the output variable denoted by $Y \rightarrow P(Y|X)$
- Where Y can take values from the finite set of possible classes: $\{0,1,\dots,L\}$

Image Segmentation/Classification

- The purpose of image segmentation is to partition an image into *meaningful* regions with respect to a particular application.
- Formally:
 - To assign each pixel/super pixel/region in the image a label from a set of possible labels

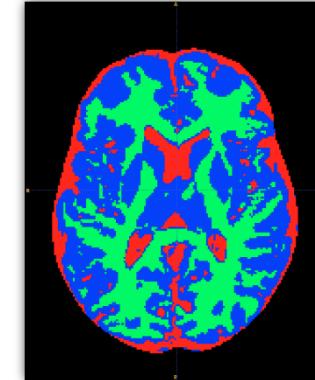
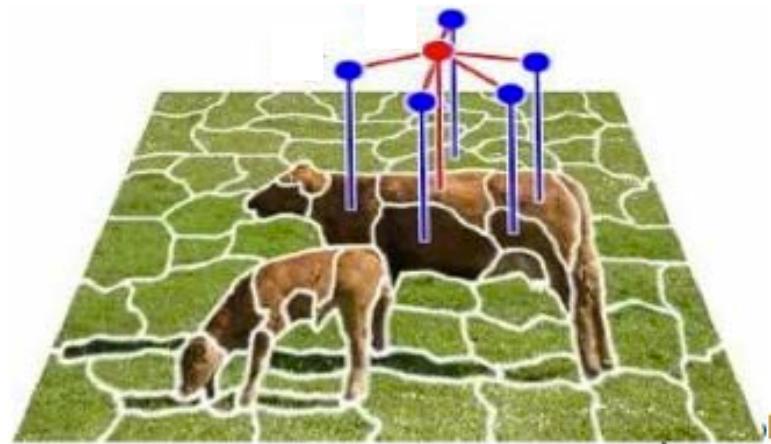
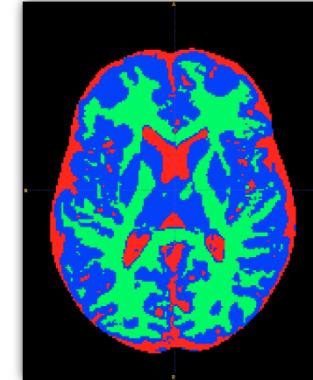
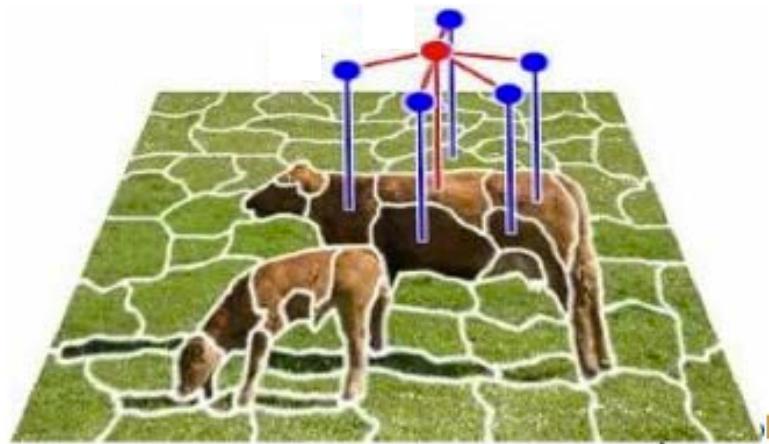


Image Segmentation/Classification

- Let x_i denote the observation (e.g. intensity at each pixel, extracted features)
- Let y_i denote the label assigned to it.
- Let's define the *posterior probability density function* on the set of all possible labelings: $p(Y|X)$

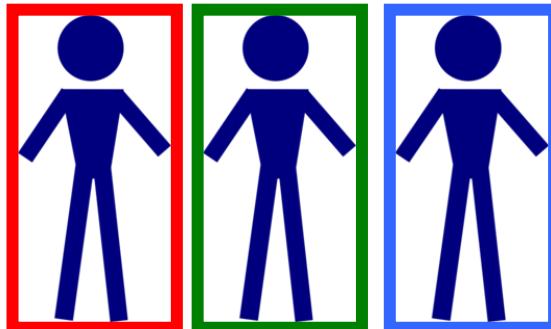


Single Variable? Random field?

- Mainly depends on the nature of the problem:
- Examples of single variable:

Patient – Disease classification

Input – Symptom (cough)



Object classification
(for 1 detected object)



Single Variable? Random field?

- Examples of dependent variables:

Part of speech tagging

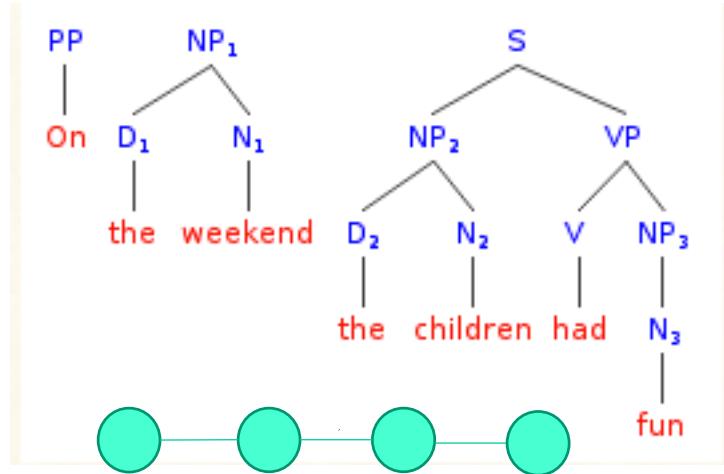
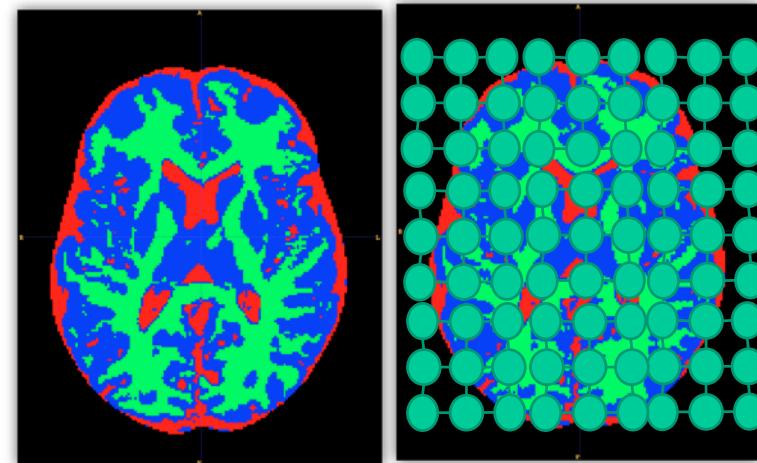


Image segmentation



When there is dependency between observation and/or labels, it is important to model these interactions instead of neglecting them.

Random Fields

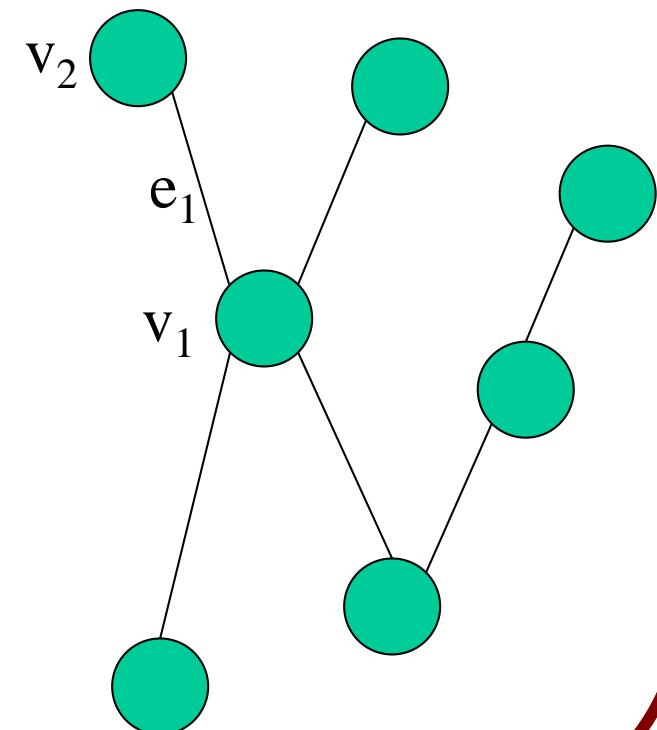
Probabilistic Graphical Models model joint probability of a set of random variables that are interdependent

In a graphical model $G(V;E)$, random variables are shown with a set of nodes:

$$V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$$

Their dependencies are presented by a set of edges:

$$E = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$$



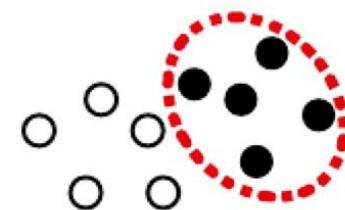
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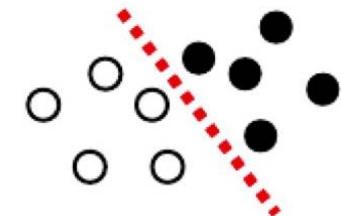
- **Generative models:**

- Probabilistic model for each class
- Good for when you can model the likelihood, prior probabilities



- **Discriminative models:**

- Focus on the decision boundary
- No attempt to model the underlying probability distributions



Generative vs. Discriminative

$X = \text{observations}$

$Y = \text{Labels}$

- Generative models:
 - Gaussians,
 - MRFs,
 - Naïve Bayes
- Discriminative models:
 - Logistic regression
 - SVM

Generative vs. Discriminative

X = observations

Y = Labels

- **Generative models:** modeling the joint distribution of X and Y $\rightarrow p(X, Y)$

$$p(Y | X) = \frac{p(Y, X)}{p(X)}$$

- **Discriminative models:** model posterior probabilities P(Y|X) from the observations directly

Independent output variables

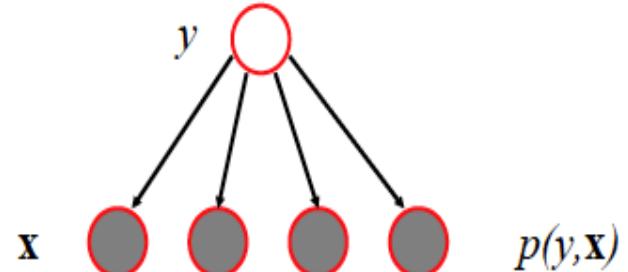
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Generative Model

$$p(X, y) = p(y)p(X|y)$$

$$= p(y) \prod_{k=1}^K p(x_k | y)$$

Naïve Bayes Classifier



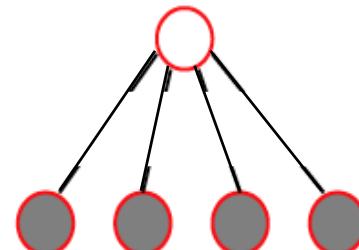
Discriminative Model

$$p(y|X) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-W^T X)} = \sigma(W^T X)$$

$$\sigma(a) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-a)}$$

$$a = W^T X$$

$$p(y/x)$$



Logistic Regression

Relationship between Logistic Regression and Naïve Bayes

$$y \in \{y1, y2\}$$

$$p(y=y1 | X) ?$$

Naive Bayse :

$$\begin{aligned} p(y=y1 | X) &= \frac{p(y=y1, X)}{p(X) = \sum_y p(y, X)} \\ &= \frac{P(X | y=y1)p(y=y1)}{p(X | y=y1)p(y=y1) + p(X | y=y2)p(y=y2)} \end{aligned}$$

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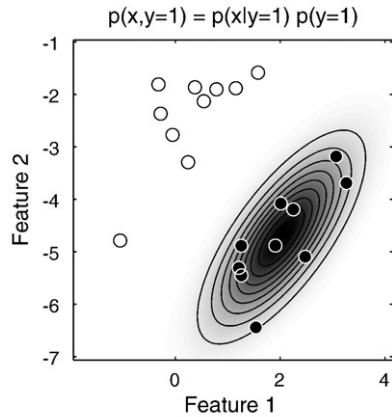
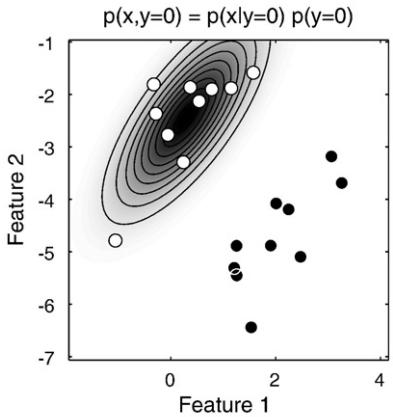
Modeling the likelihood is required

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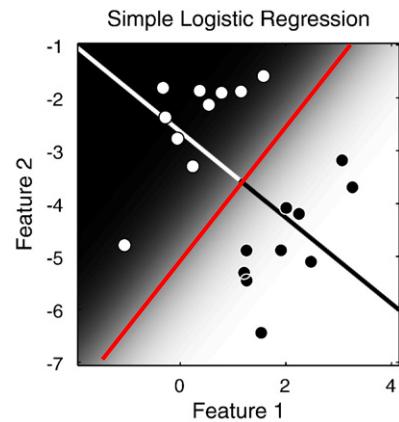
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No modeling

Generative vs. Discriminative



Generative Model



$$P(Y|X) = p(X,Y) / P(X)$$
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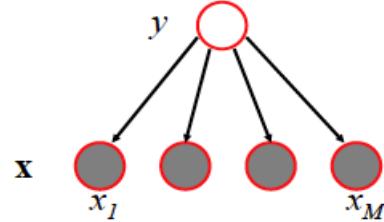
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Discriminative Model

Relationships between different graphical models

GENERATIVE

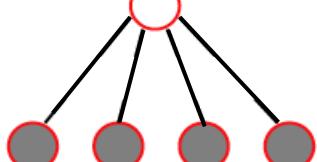
Naïve Bayes Classifier



SEQUENCE

$$p(y, \mathbf{x})$$

DISCRIMINATIVE



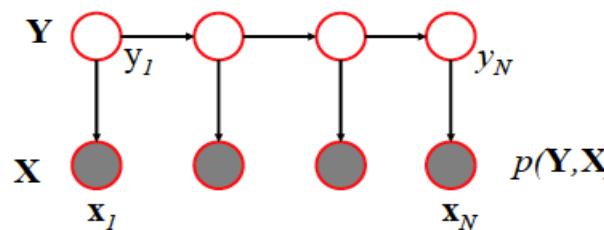
Logistic Regression

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Hidden Markov Model



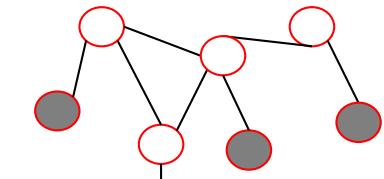
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Conditional Random Field

Markov Random Field



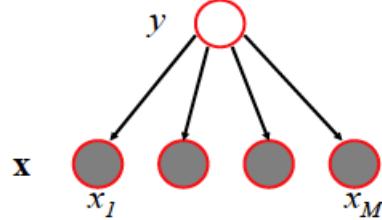
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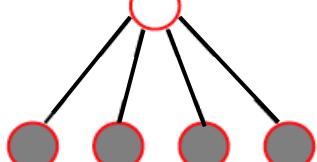
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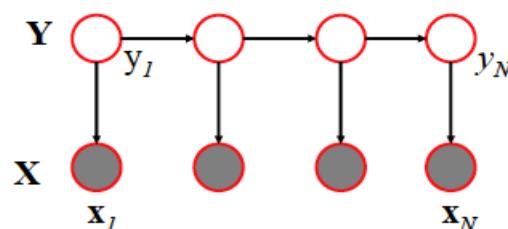
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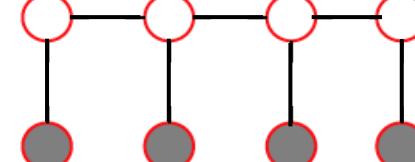
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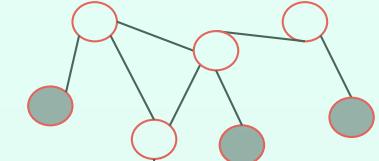
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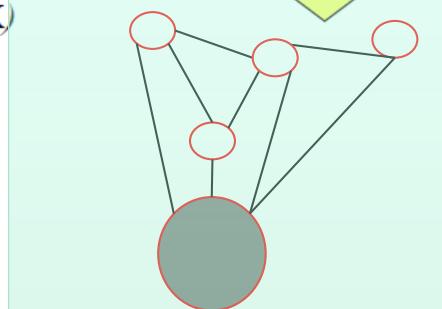


Conditional Random Field

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Conditional Random Field

Generative vs. Discriminative

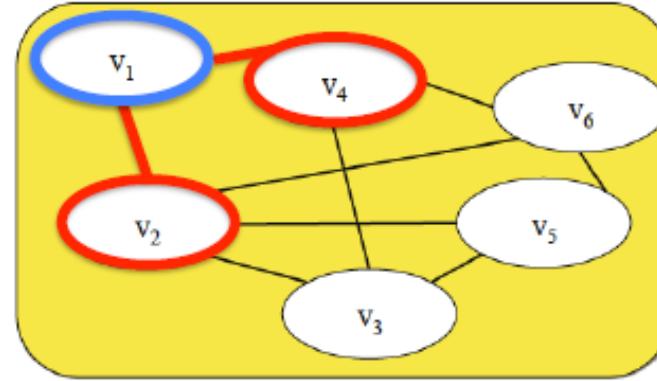
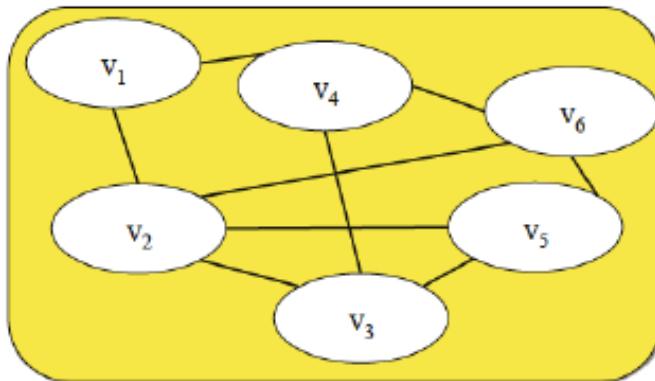
- Regions in an image are often homogenous; neighboring pixels usually have similar properties (intensity, color, texture, ...)
- A graphical random field lets us model the problem probabilistically and enables us to capture such contextual constraints
 1. Generative approach models joint distributions of X and Y
→ **Markov random field (MRF)**
 2. Discriminative approach models posterior distribution of Y given X
→ **Conditional random field (CRF)**

Markovianity

- In a Markov random field each variable is independent of others given its neighbors, i.e. :

$$p(v_i | \{V - v_i\}) = p(v_i | V_{N_i})$$

V_{N_i} = neighbours of node I
 N_i = Markovian blanket of node i



$$P(v_1 | V) = P(v_1 | v_2, v_4)$$

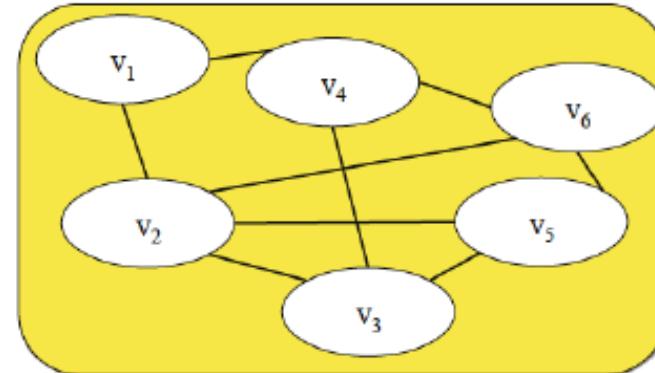
Markov Random Fields

The joint probability distribution of all random variables can be written as product of its factors:

$$p(V) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{c_j \in C} \psi_{c_j}(V_{c_j}) \quad V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$$

$$Z = \sum_V \prod_{c_j \in C} \psi_{c_j}(V_{c_j})$$

Clique: A clique is a subset of random variables (i.e. nodes in the graph that are fully connected to each other).



Potential function (also called factor): Ψ_{c_j} specifying the local interactions between the nodes in a clique c_j (i.e. V_{c_j})
 $\Psi_{c_j} : V_{c_j} \rightarrow R^+$

Assuming pair-wise cliques, $p(V)$ can be written as:

$$p(V) = \frac{1}{Z} \psi_1(v_1, v_2) \times \psi_2(v_1, v_4) \times \psi_3(v_2, v_6) \times \psi_4(v_2, v_5) \times \\ \psi_5(v_2, v_3) \times \psi_6(v_3, v_4) \times \psi_7(v_3, v_5) \times \psi_8(v_4, v_6) \times \psi_9(v_5, v_6)$$

Hammersley-Clifford Theorem

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$$P(V) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(-E(V)) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left(-\sum_{c_i \in C} E(V_{c_i})\right)$$

Field Energy Clique Energy

From before:

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Clique potential

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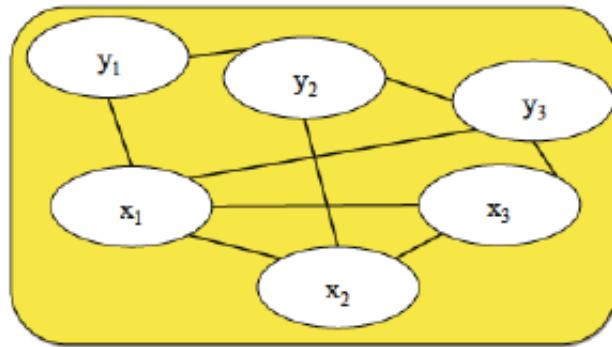
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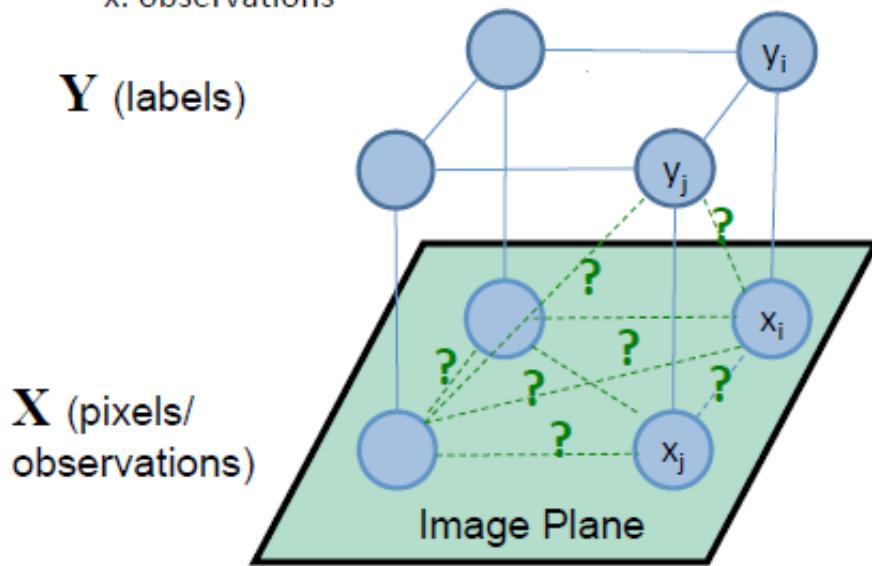
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MRF for Classification



y: labels
x: observations



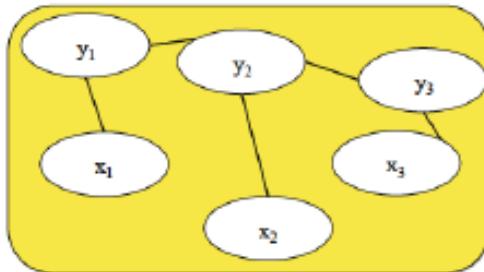
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$$p(X) = \sum_Y p(X, Y)$$

Generative

- (1) Deciding how observation should be connected is not always obvious
- (2) Modeling the joint likelihood over all of the observations makes the computation intractable.

MRF for Classification



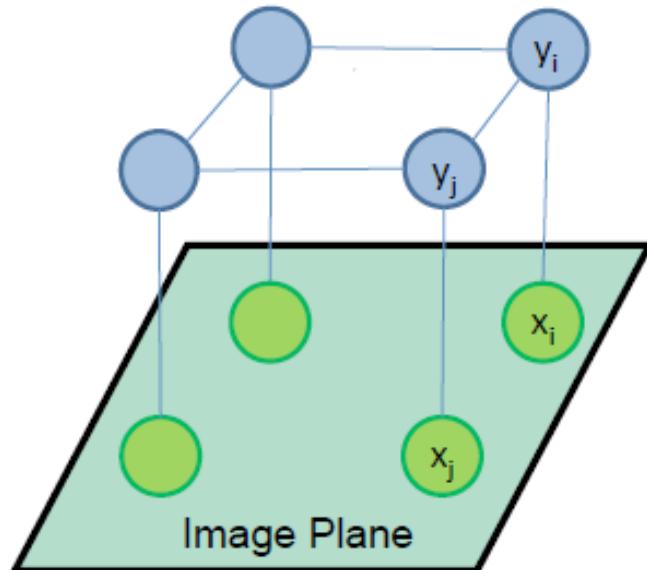
MRF assumption:

Observations are independent given their class labels

$$p(x_i|V) = p(x_i|y_i)$$

$$p(X|Y) = \prod_i p(x_i|y_i)$$

$$p(X, Y) \propto p(X|Y)p(Y) \propto \prod_{i \in V} p(x_i|y_i) \prod_{e \in E} p(y_e)$$



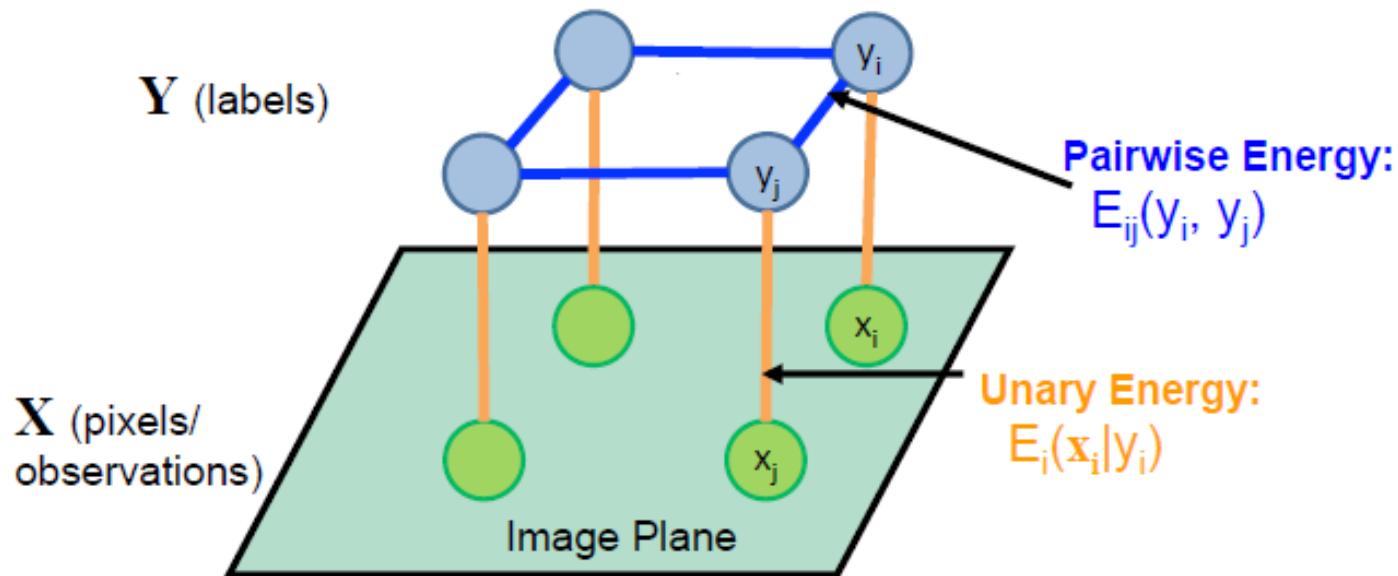
MRF

Clique potential:

- Unary: proportional to the likelihood of features given labels: $\log(p(X|Y))$
- Pairwise: favors similar labels at neighboring sites:

$$p(X, Y) \propto p(X|Y)p(Y) \propto \prod_{i \in V} p(x_i|y_i) \prod_{e \in E} p(y_e)$$

$$p(X, Y) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(-E(Y, X)) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left(-\underbrace{\sum_i E_i(x_i | y_i)}_{\text{Likelihood}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i,j} E_{i,j}(y_i, y_j)}_{\text{MRF Prior}}\right)$$

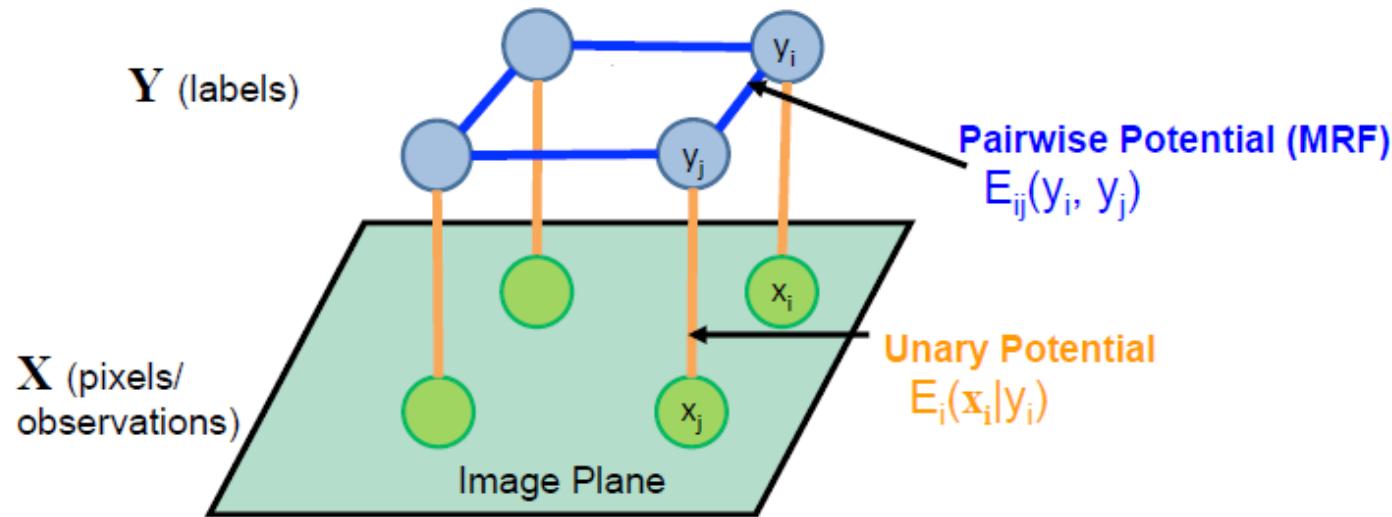


MRF

$$\exp(-(\sum_i E(x_i | y_i)) = \prod_{i \in V} p(x_i | y_i) \rightarrow E(x_i | y_i) = -\log p(x_i | y_i)$$

$$p(x_i | y_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_y} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma_y^2}(x_i - \mu_y)\right)$$

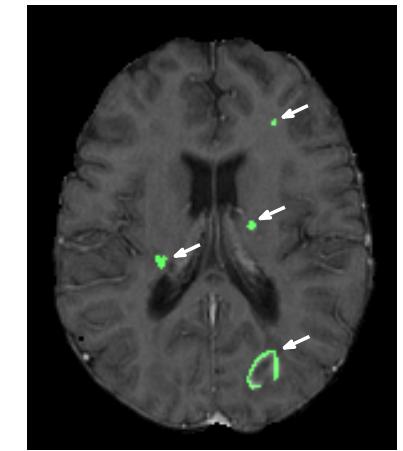
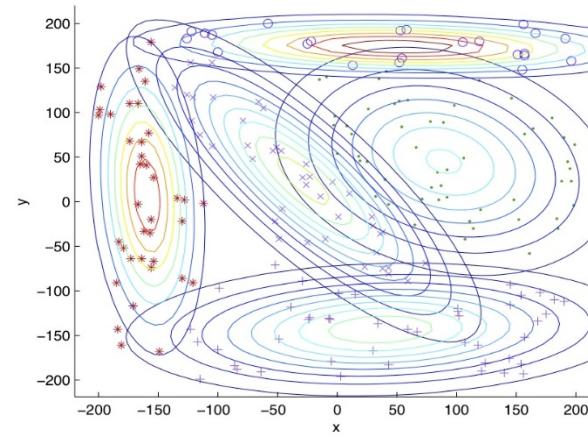
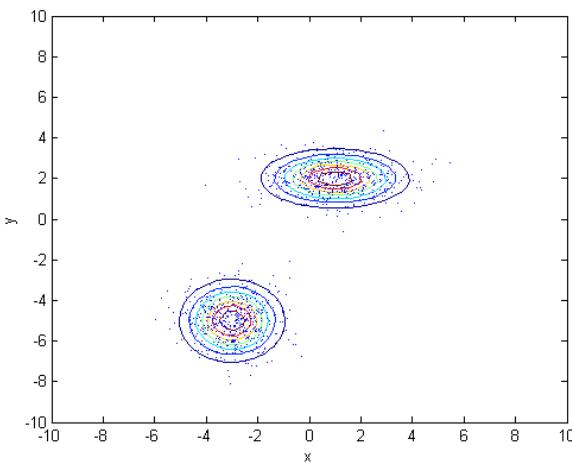
$$\exp(-\sum_{i,j} E(y_i, y_j)) = \prod_{e \in E} p(y_e) \rightarrow E(y_i, y_j) = \begin{cases} \beta & y_i \neq y_j \\ 0 & y_i = y_j \end{cases}$$



Shortcomings of MRF for segmentation

- Modeling complicated interactions between observations and labels (which is often required for most vision tasks including the segmentation) is not always straightforward.

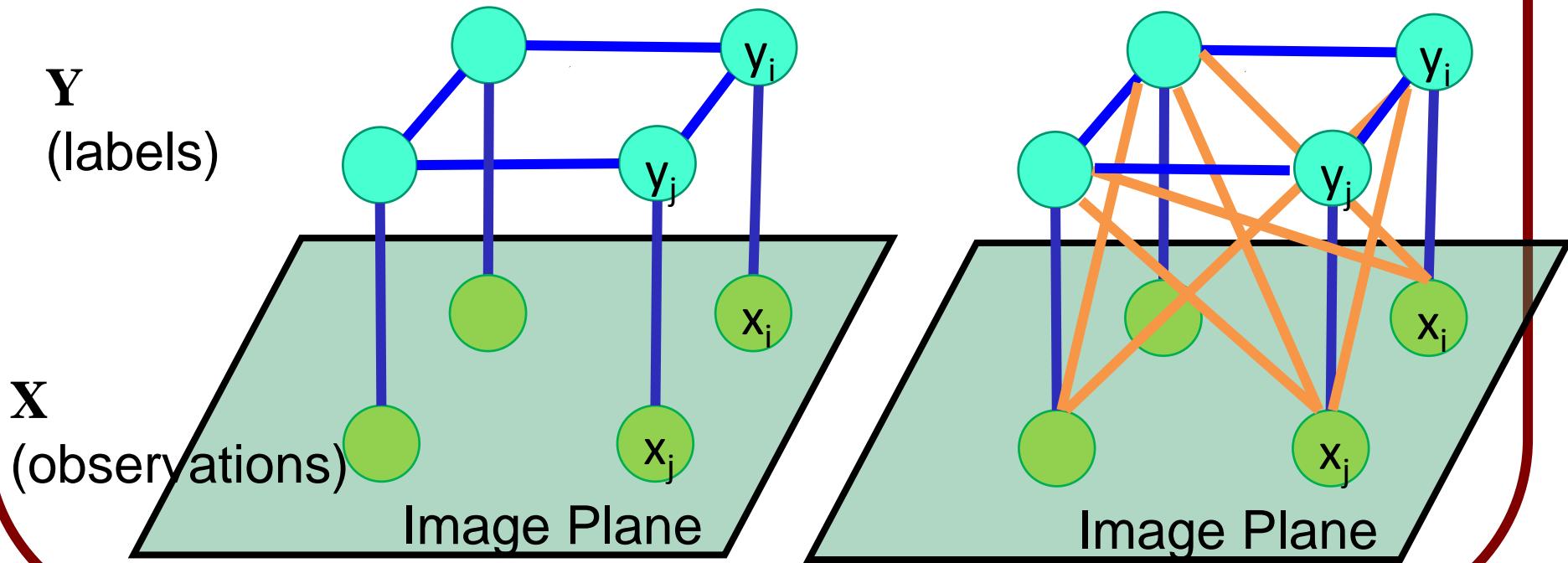
- Likelihood term is specifically challenging in binary classification
- Modeling the background class is difficult
- Needs complex models and many training samples



- Long-range complex interactions cannot be modeled so typically restricted to a series of small, local neighbourhoods.
- Another disadvantage of the traditional MRF is the typical assumption made regarding conditional independence of the observations given labels, which leads to over-smoothing of small regions.

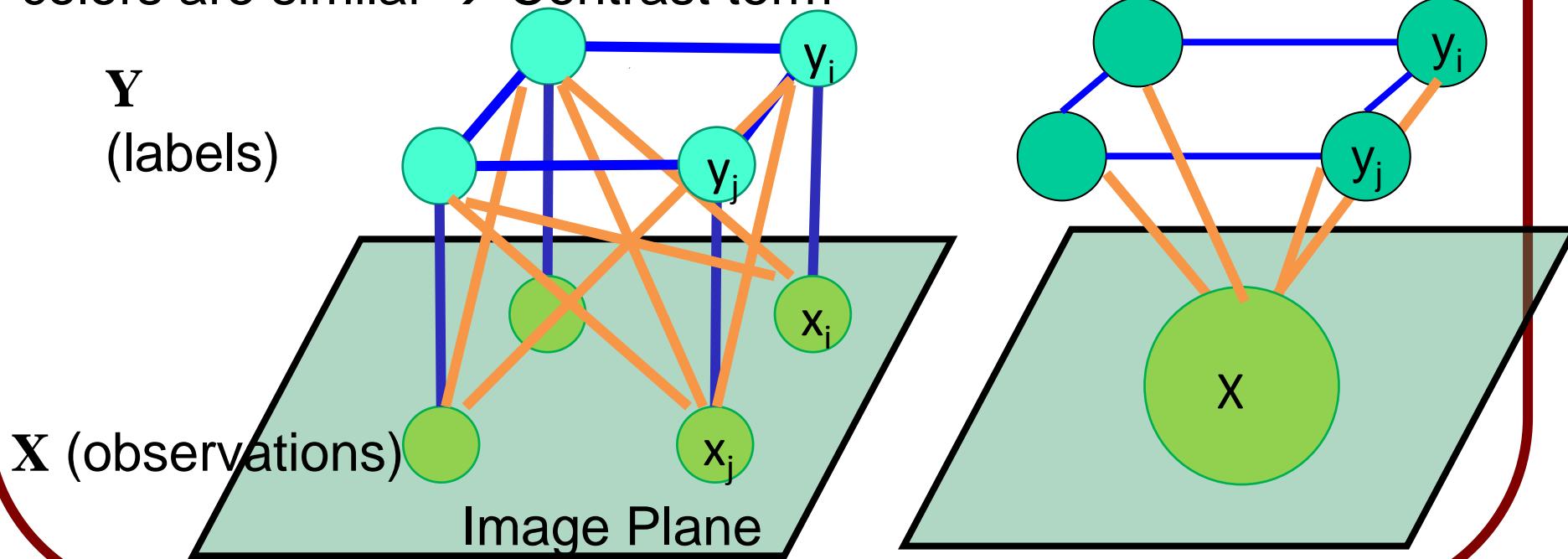
Conditional Random Fields

- Features can be very correlated with each other. For example: textures, mean value, etc.
- Not modeling the correlation may cause wrong results



Conditional Random Fields

- No simplifying assumption
- Dependency on X allows introduction of pairwise (or higher order) terms that make use of image.
- For example, neighboring labels should be similar only if pixel colors are similar \rightarrow Contrast term



Conditional Random Fields

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$$P(Y | X) = \frac{1}{Z(X)} \exp(-E(Y | X))$$

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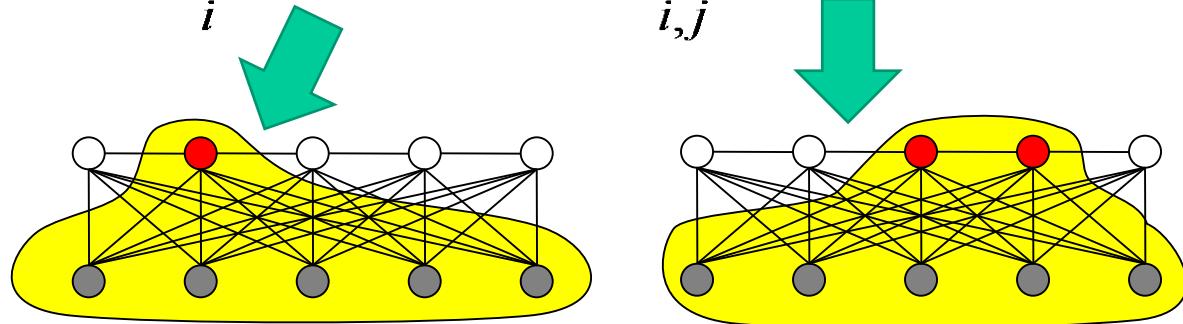
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Any discriminative classifier such as SVM/RVM/RF/LR



Conditional Random Fields

- Long-range complex interactions are modelled as ALL the observations are taken into account
- No restrictions to small neighbourhoods
- Relationships between observations and labels can be complex

Conditional Random Fields

	Observed variable x	Target variable y
Image Segmentation	Pixels/features extracted	Pixel labels
Language processing	Words in a sentence	Parts of the speech labeling

Other properties...

- Parameter learning:

$$W^* = \arg \max_w \sum_t \log p(Y_t | X_t, W)$$

- Inference:

$$Y^* = \arg \max_Y p(Y | X, W)$$

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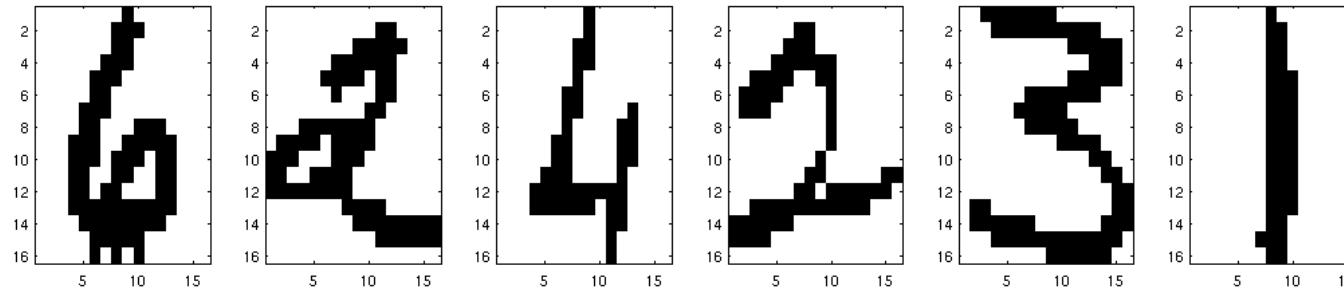
- Parameter learning in CRF can be hard.
- This is because the partition function Z , is a constant in MRF but it is a function of observation $Z(X)$ in CRF.

Some examples

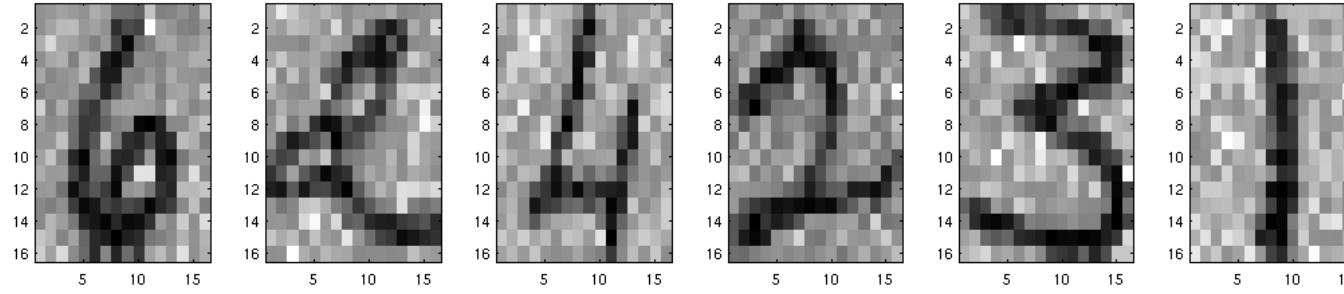
Toy example

$$p(Y|X) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left(\sum_{i \in V} U_V(y_i|X) + \sum_{i,j \in E, i \neq j} U_E(y_i, y_j|X)\right)$$

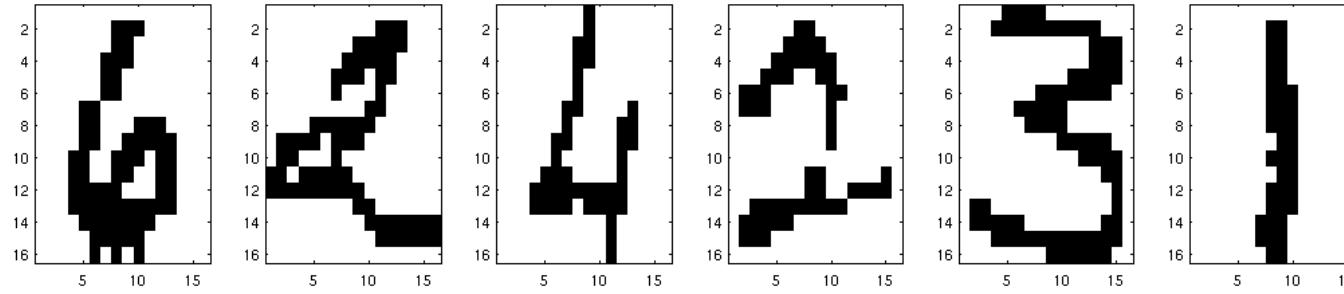
Label



Observation



Result



Sign Detection in Natural Images

Weinman, J. Hanson, A. McCallum, A. Sign detection in natural images with conditional random fields. 2004.

Calculates a joint labeling of image patches, rather than labeling patches independently and use CRF to learn the characteristics of regions that contain text.

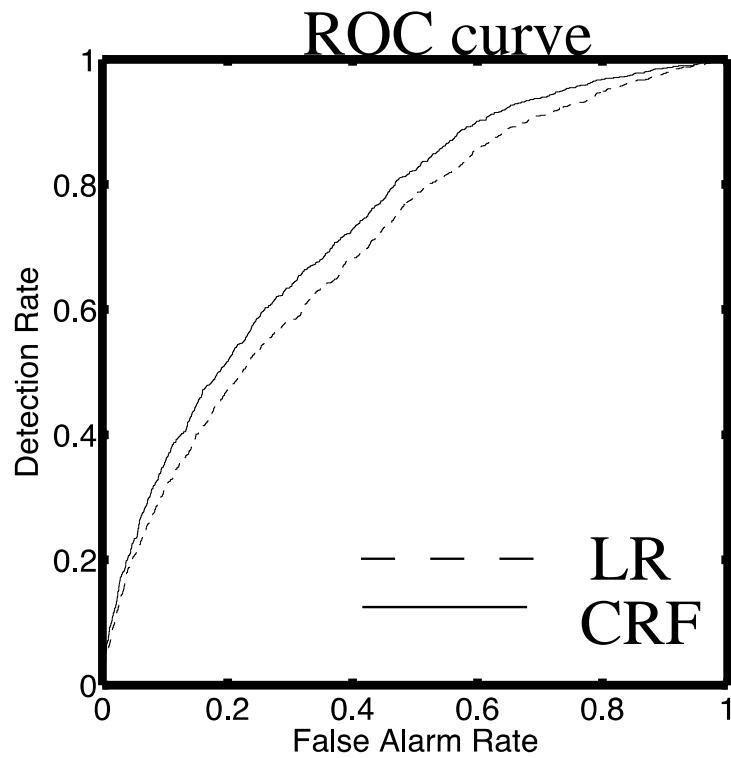


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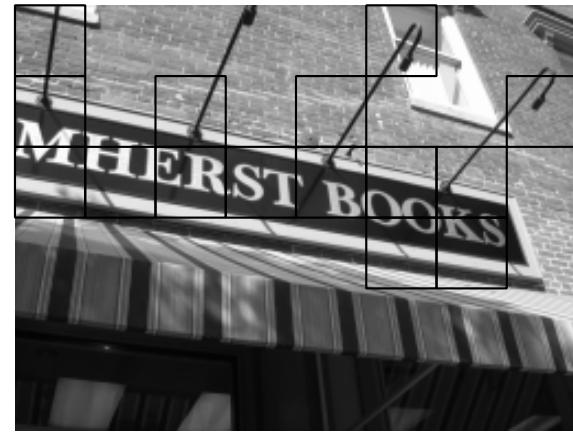
$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x}) &= \frac{1}{Z(\mathbf{x})} \prod_{v \in V} \psi_V(y_v, \mathbf{x}) \prod_{(u,v) \in E} \psi_E(y_u, y_v, \mathbf{x}) \\ &= \frac{1}{Z(\mathbf{x})} \exp \left(\sum_{v \in V} \boldsymbol{\lambda} \cdot F(y_v, \mathbf{x}) + \sum_{(u,v) \in E} \boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot G(y_u, y_v, \mathbf{x}) \right) \\ f_y^k(y_v, \mathbf{x}) &= \delta(y, y_v) f^k(\mathbf{x}) \\ g_{y,y'}^j(y_u, y_v, \mathbf{x}) &= \delta(y, y_u) \delta(y', y_v) g^j(\mathbf{x}) \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{f} = (f^k)_{k=1 \dots K}$ is a vector of node features (i.e., texture statistics of a region) and $\mathbf{g} = (g^j)_{j=1 \dots J}$ is a vector of edge features (i.e., differences between statistics of neighboring regions), so that $F = (f_y^k)_{k=1 \dots K, y \in \mathcal{Y}}$ and $G = (g_{y,y'}^j)_{j=1 \dots J, y, y' \in \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{Y}}$. Thus $\boldsymbol{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}^{K|\mathcal{Y}|}$ and $\boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^{J|\mathcal{Y}|^2}$.

Sign Detection in Natural Images



CRF



LR

Structure detection

*Kumar, S., Hebert, M.: Discriminative Random Fields.
International Journal of Computer Vision (2006) 179–201*

- DRF: discriminative model used for classifying patterns (e.g. target vs. non-target)
- DRF is generally thought of as the first CRF where:
 - Unary (association) and pairwise (interaction) potentials designed using local discriminative classifiers

Structure detection

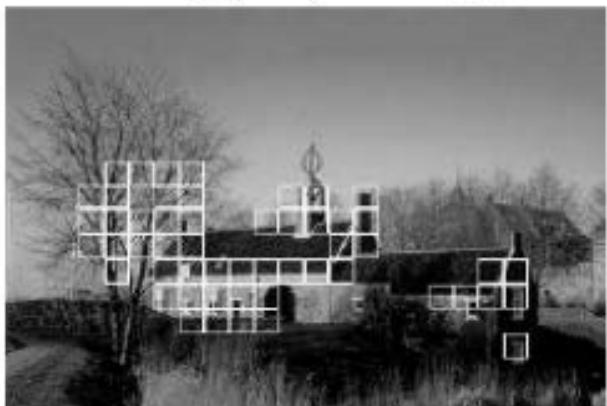
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(a) Input image



(b) Logistic



(c) MRF



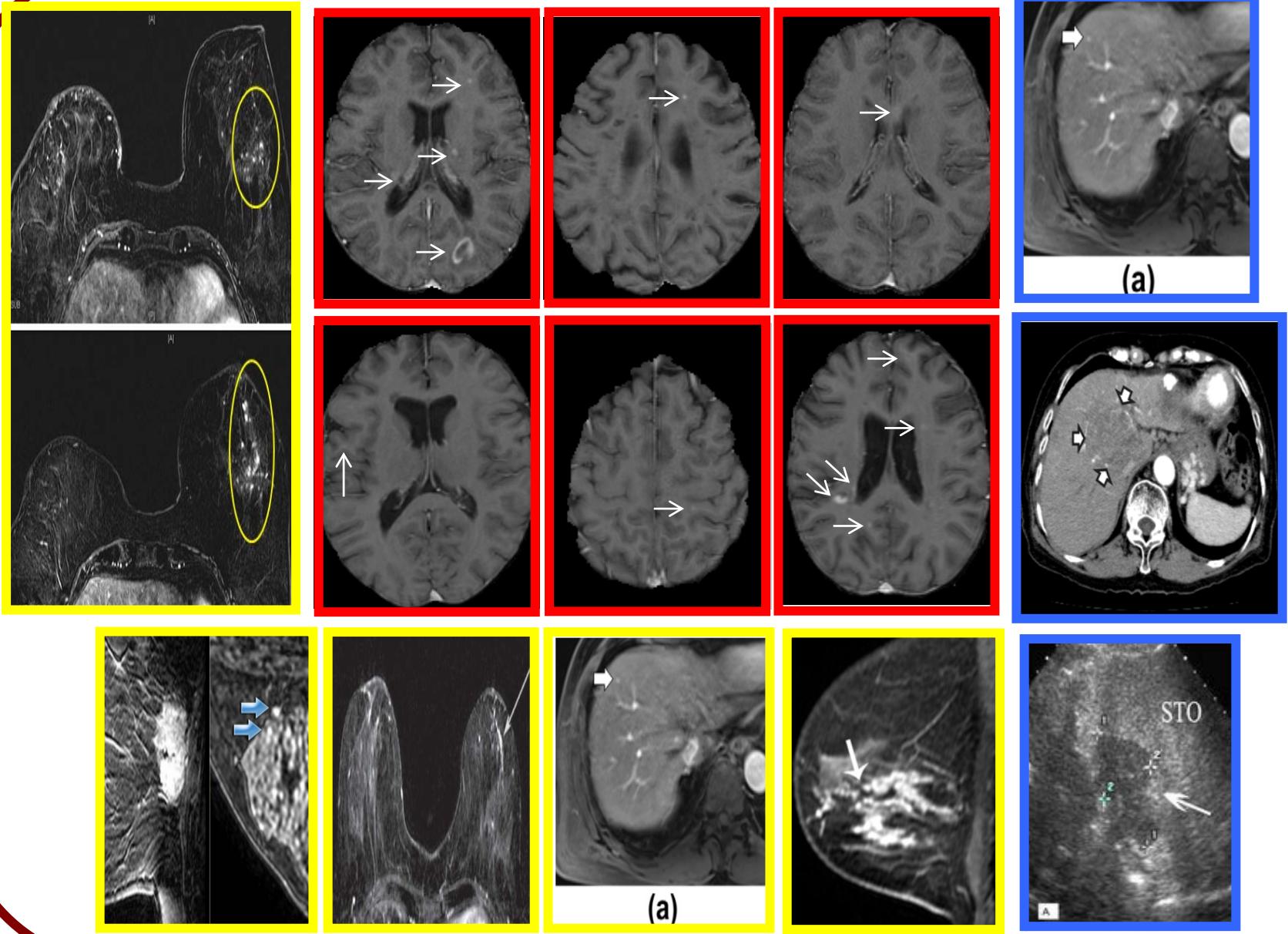
(d) DRF

structure detection by DRF

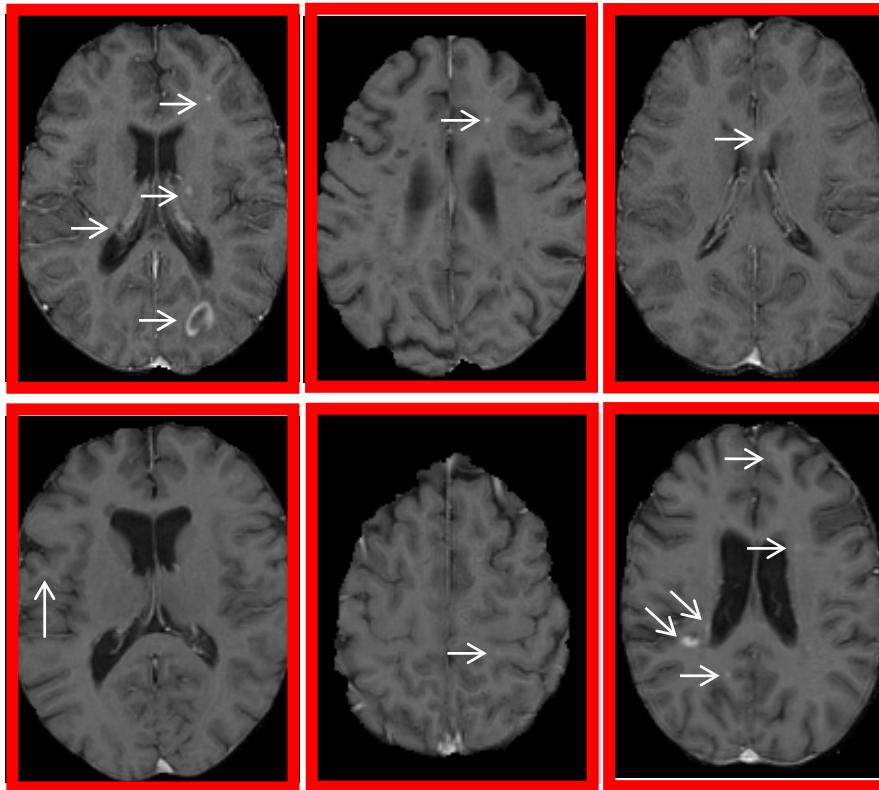
(label each image site as *structured* or *nonstructured*)

McG For similar detection rates, DRF reduces the false positives considerably. Arbel

Detection of Small Enhanced Pathologies in Medical Image Analysis

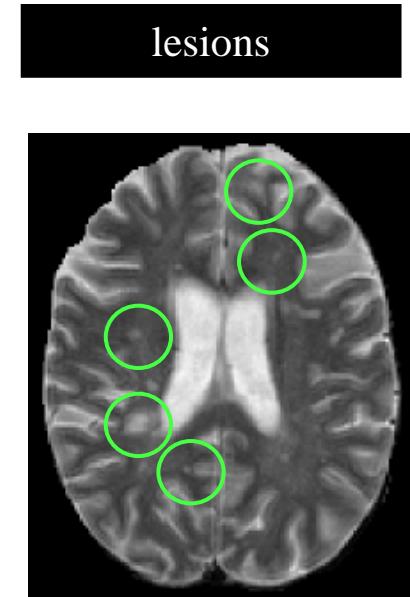


Detection of enhancing lesions in MS



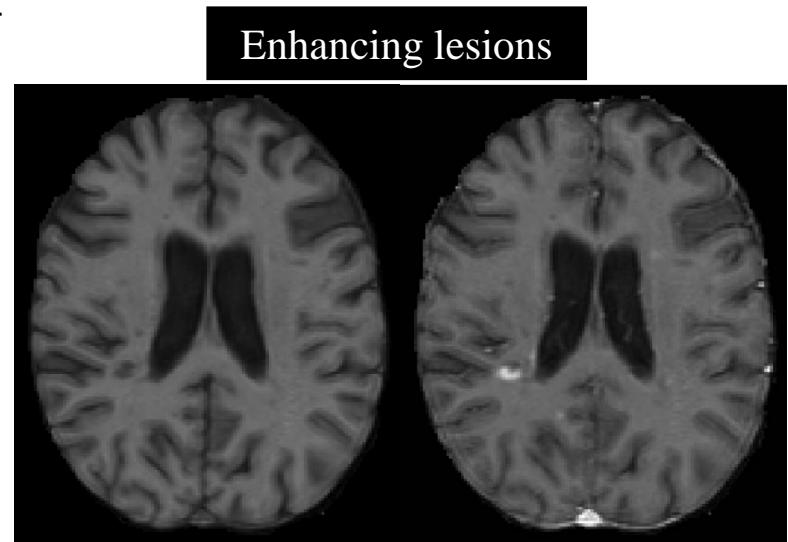
Multiple Sclerosis (MS)

- The **most common** neurological disorder in Canada and around the world, affecting **young adults**.
- There is **no cure**. It results in **disability or death**.
- Characterized by lesions appearing in brain MRI.

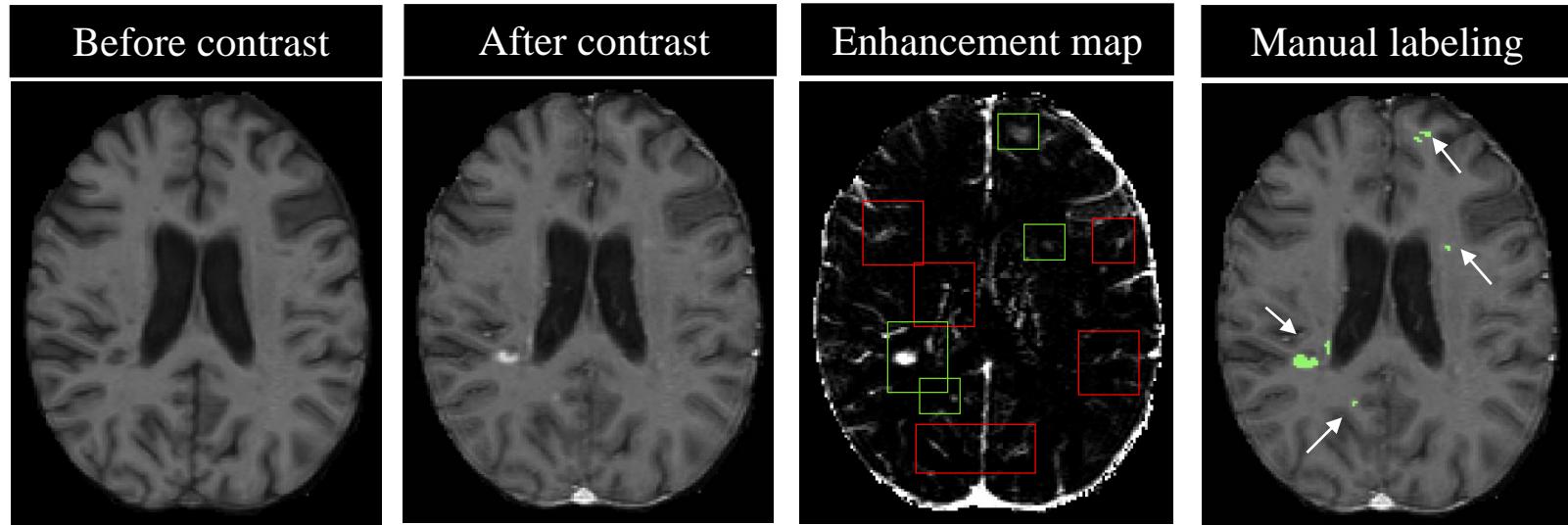


Multiple Sclerosis (MS)

- **Enhancing lesions:** enhanced after injection of a contrast agent
- **Biomarkers of disease activity**
- **Early detection is crucial**
- **Drug efficacy**
- **History and evolution of the disease**



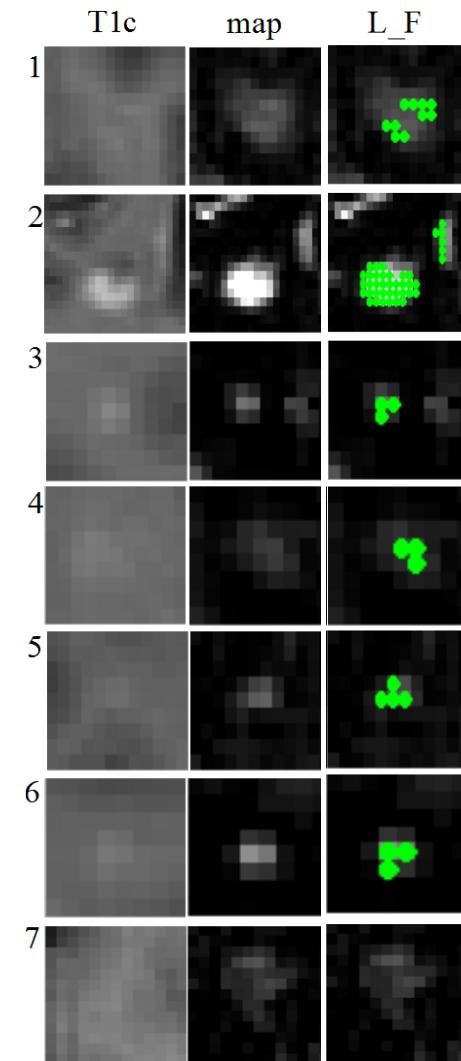
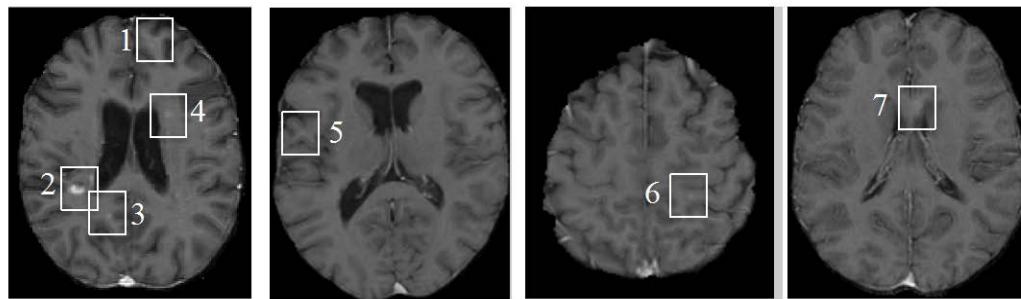
Enhancing MS Lesions



Challenges:

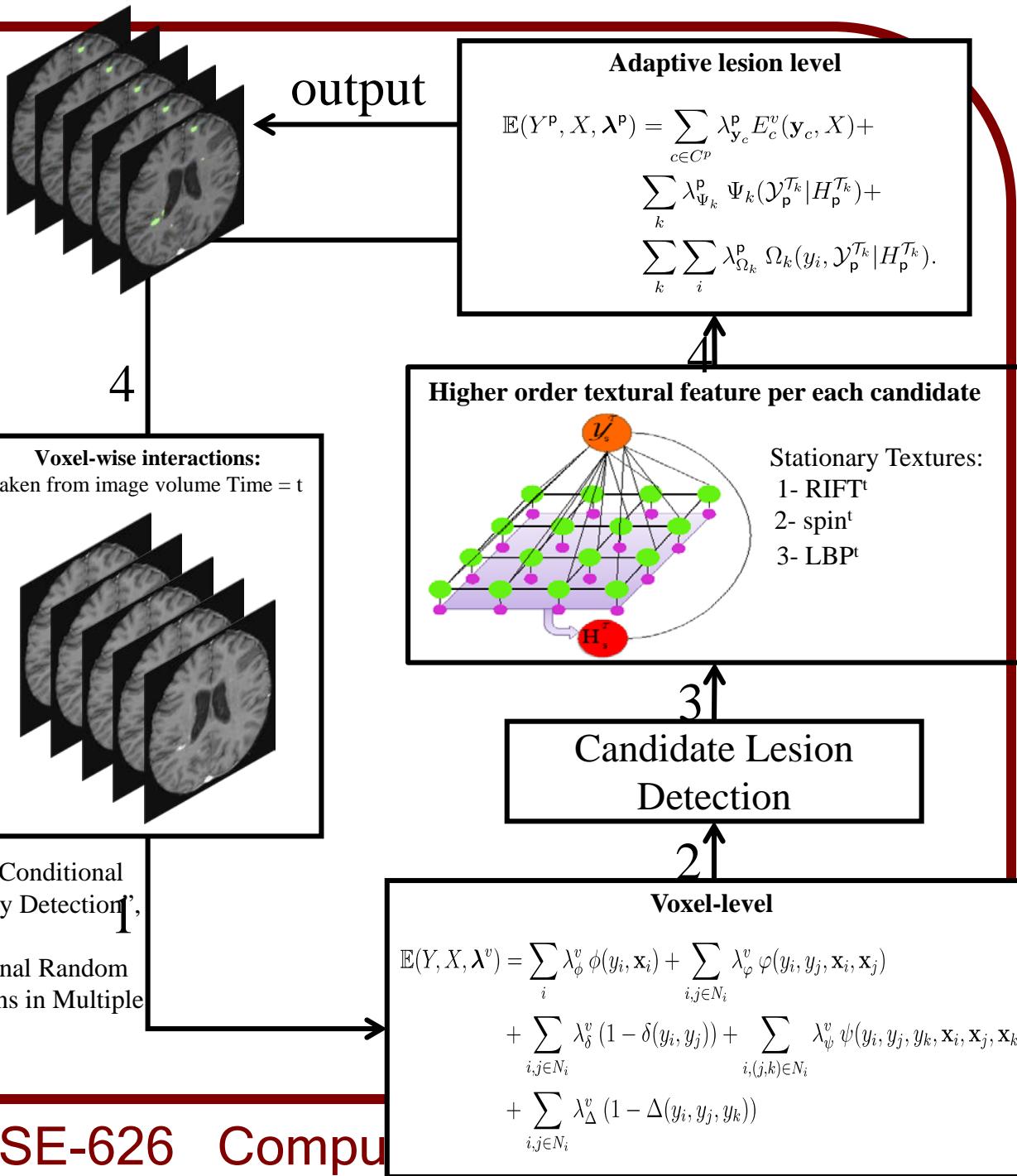
- Various shapes, location and intensity patterns,
- Small sizes,
- Large amount of non-lesional enhancements
→ Current standard: **manual labeling**

Automatic technique needed!



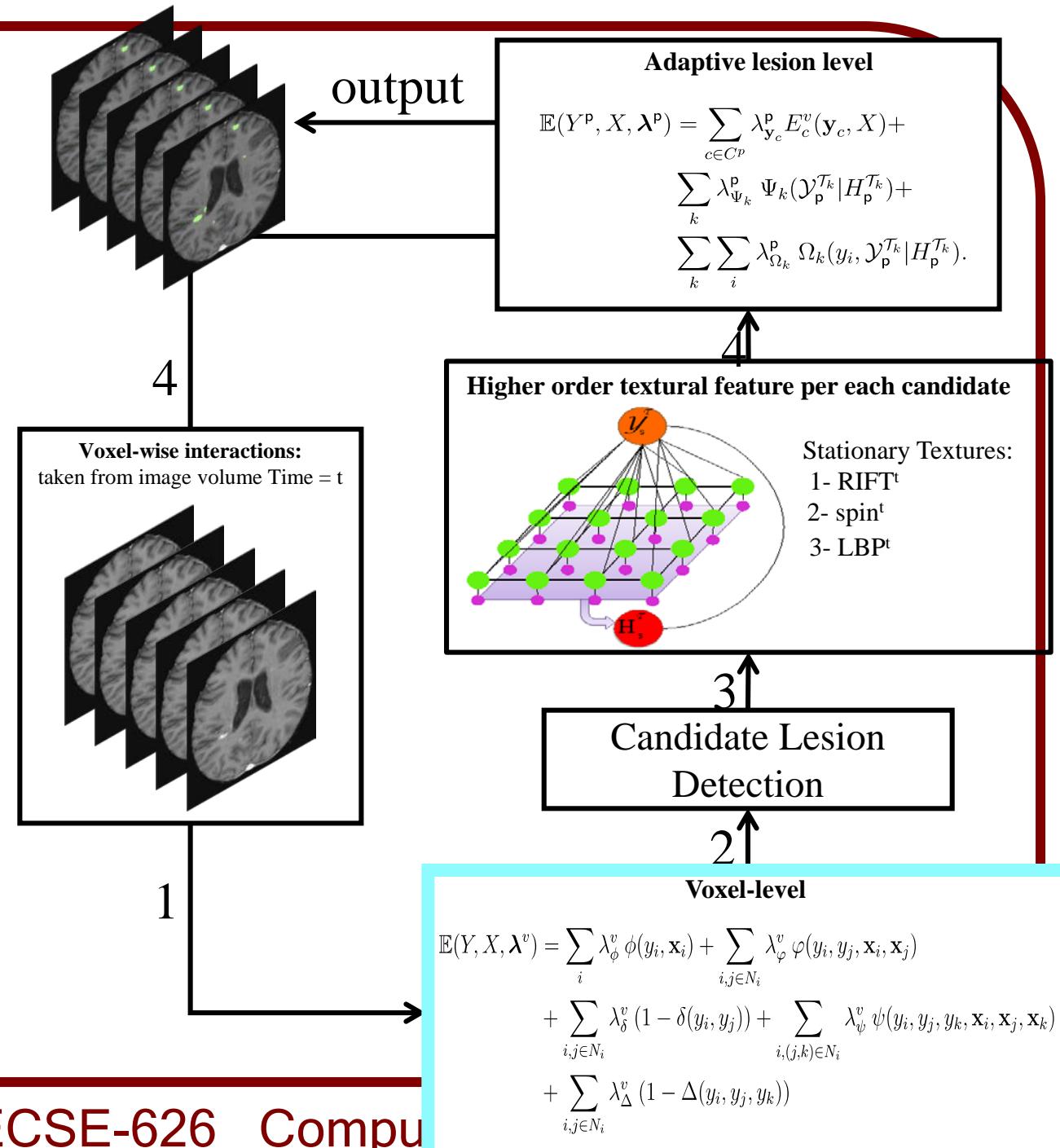
Hierarchical Adaptive Texture CRF : HAT- CRF

HAT-CRF

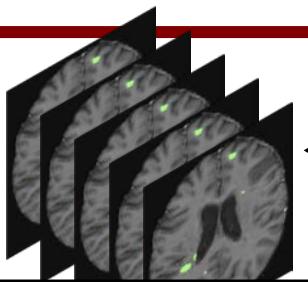


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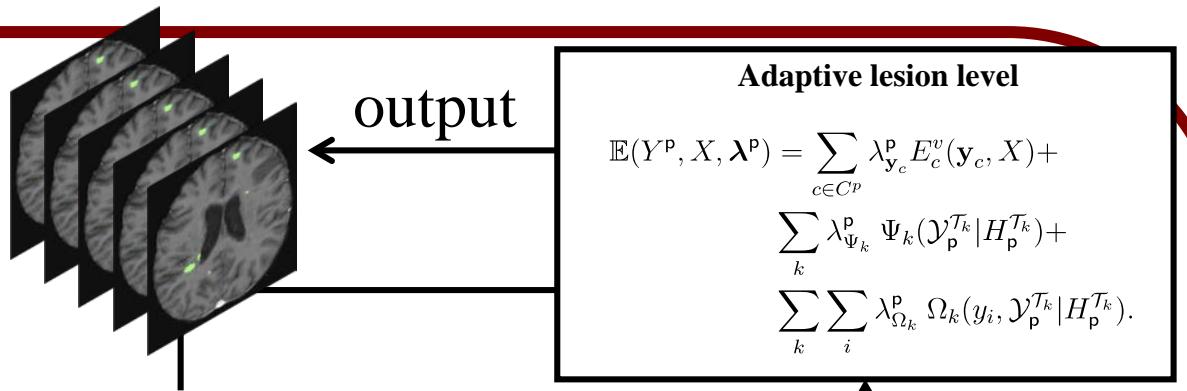


output

Adaptive lesion level

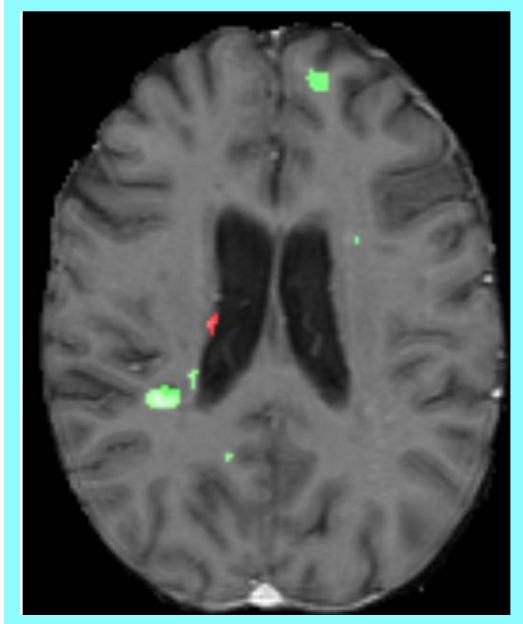
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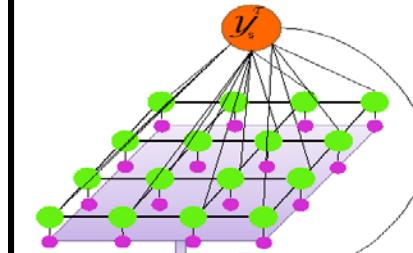
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- True
- Positive
- False
- Positive

Higher order textural feature per each candidate



Stationary Textures:
 1- RIFT^t
 2- spin^t
 3- LBP^t

Candidate Lesion Detection

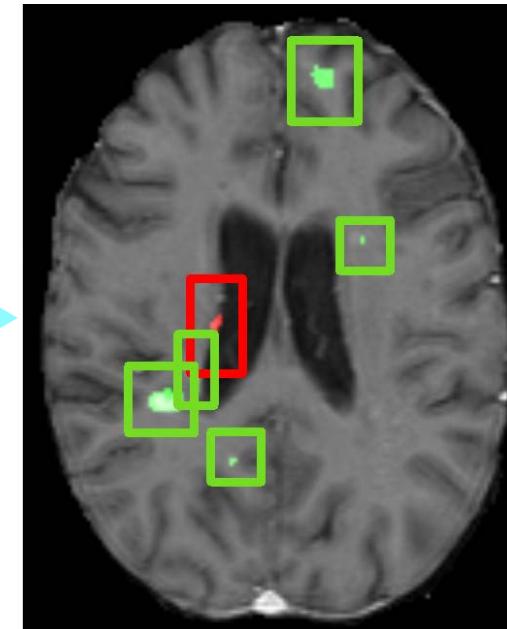
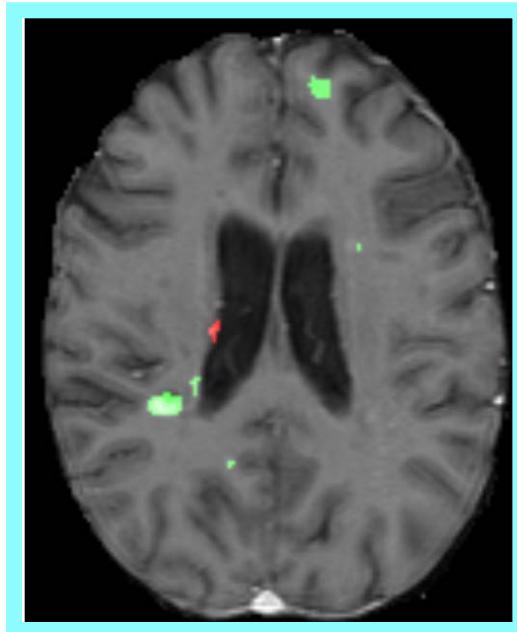
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Voxel-level

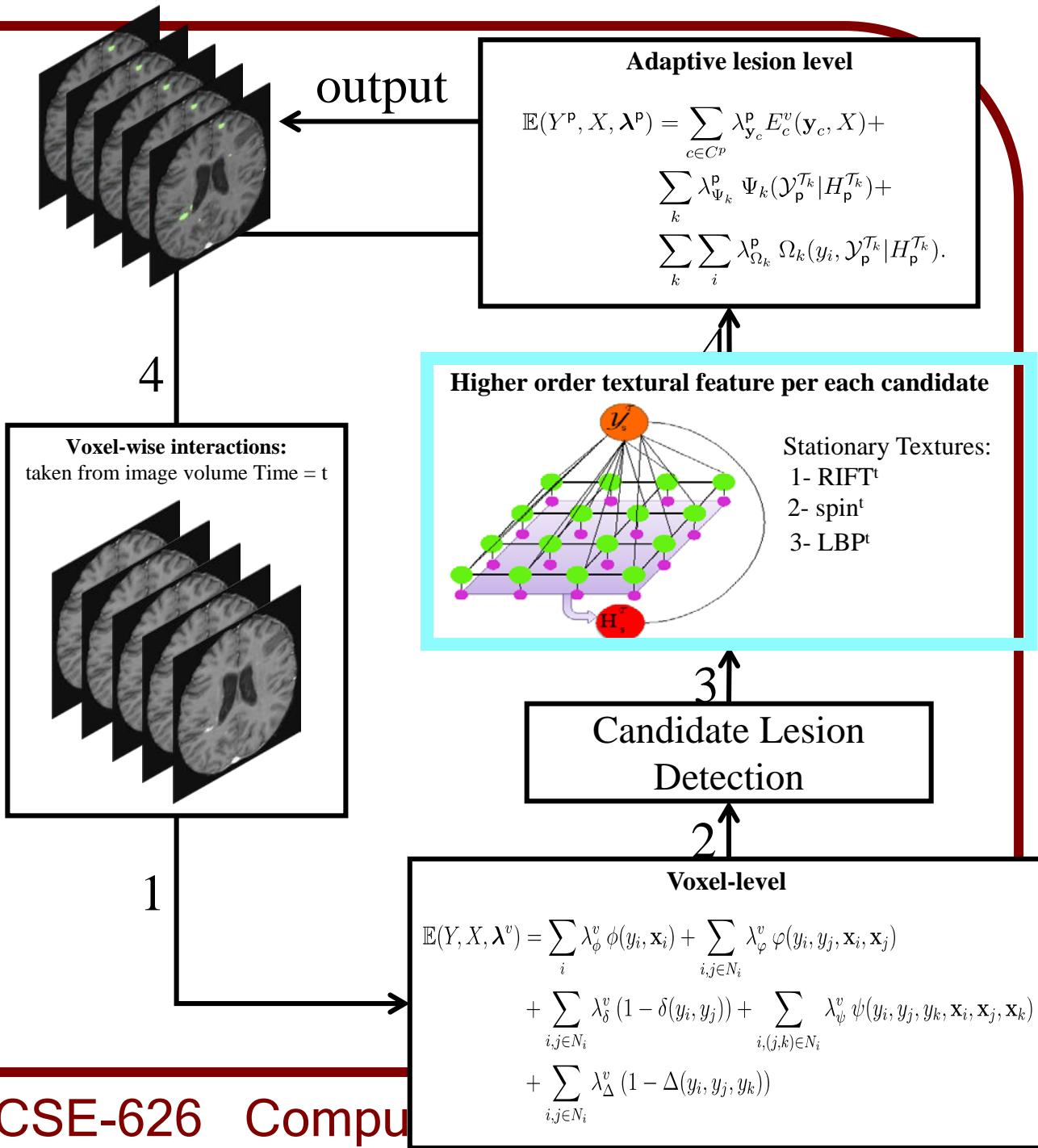
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Candidate lesions

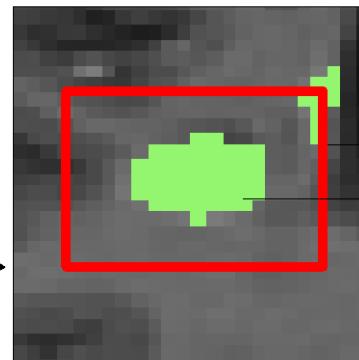
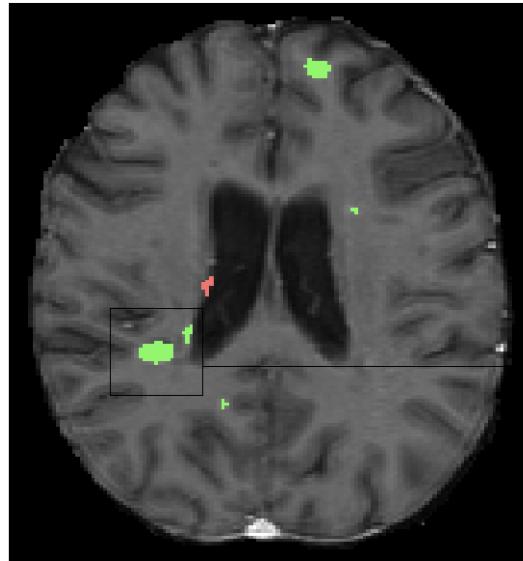
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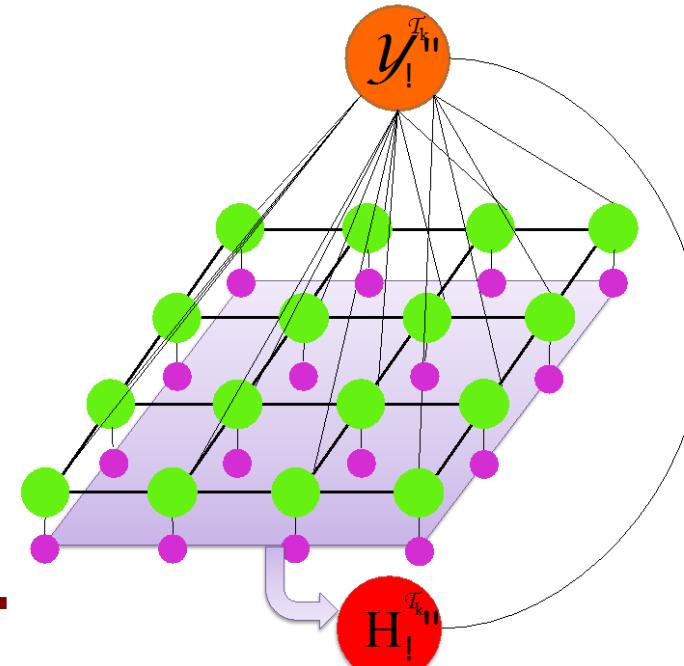
Higher Order Textures



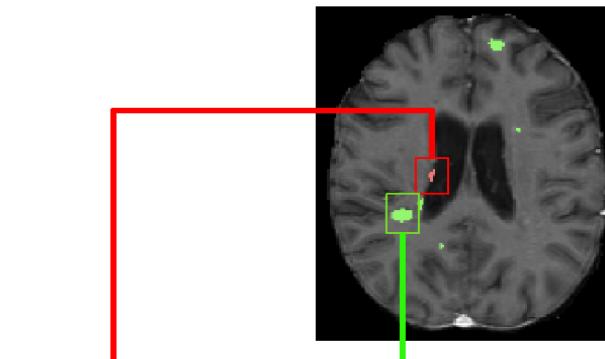
(b)

$H_p^{T_k}$: k^{th} texture extracted for the region inside the patch p

Higher order
graphical model

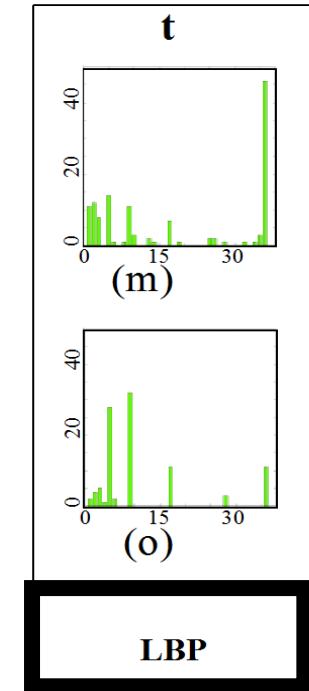
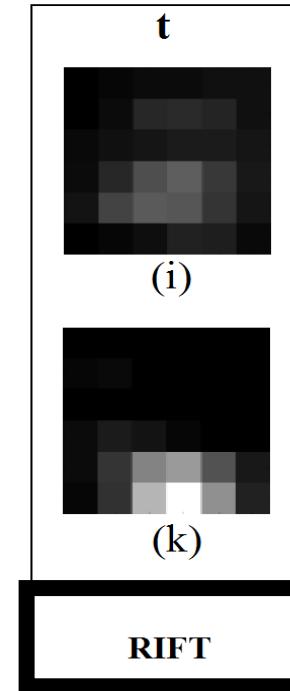
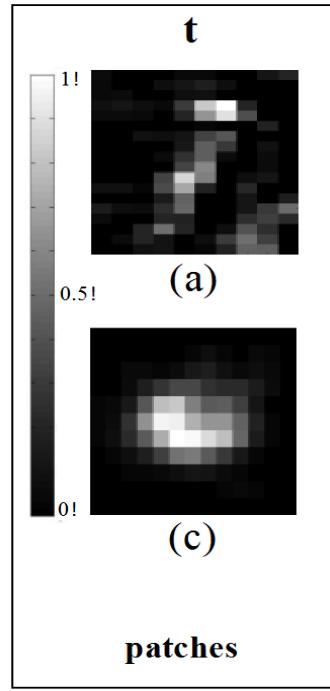


Stationary Textures

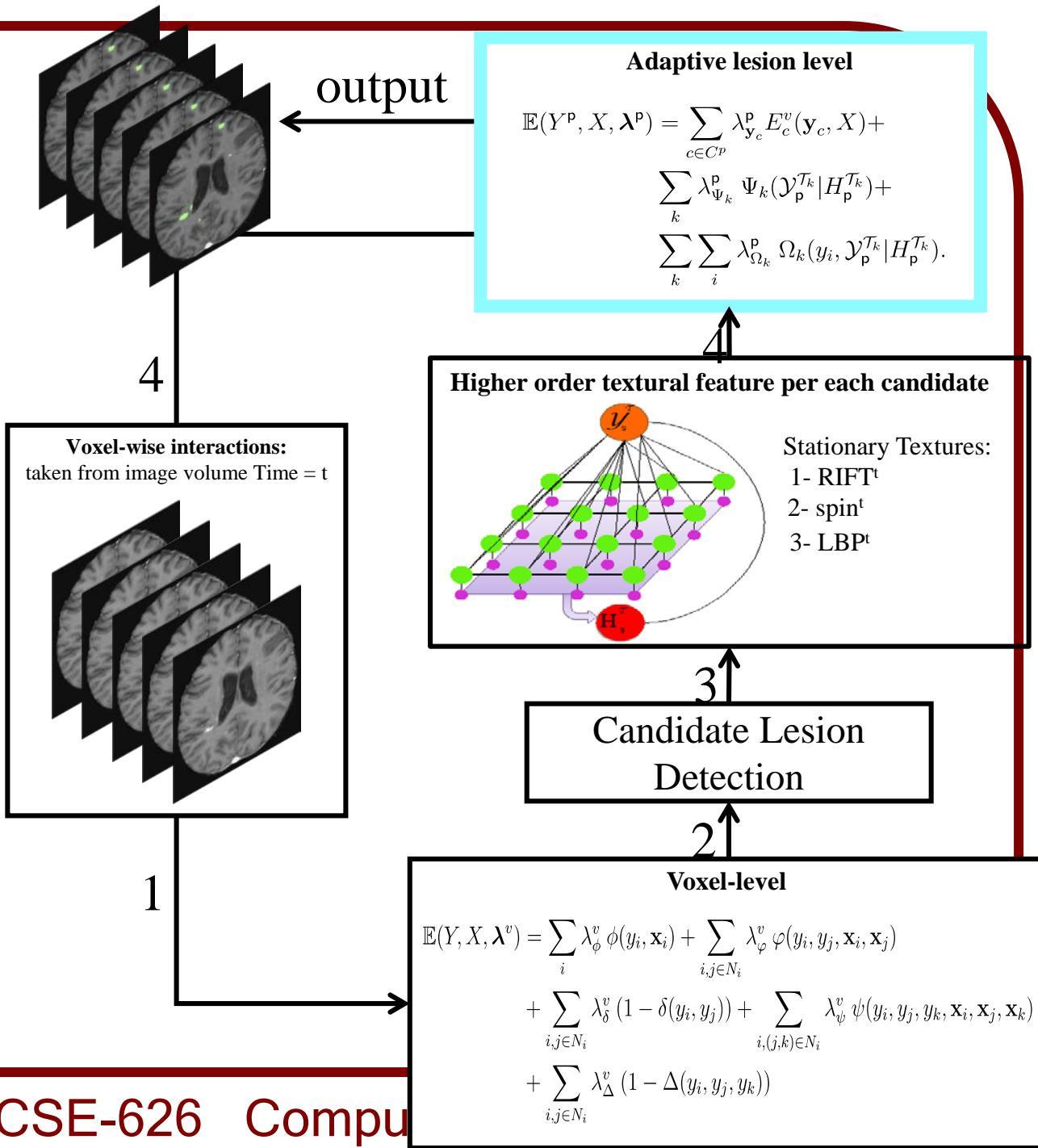


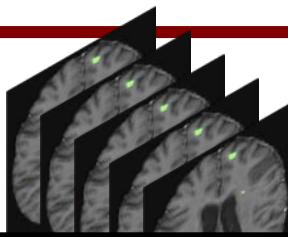
Higher order textures:
Histogram based features
encoding the intensity pattern
and gradient orientations
inside the patches

Non-lesional
enhancement
lesional
enhancement



HAT-CRF





output

Adaptive lesion level

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ary Textures:

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t^t

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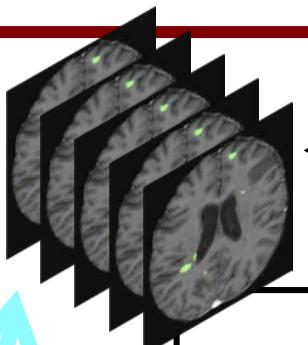
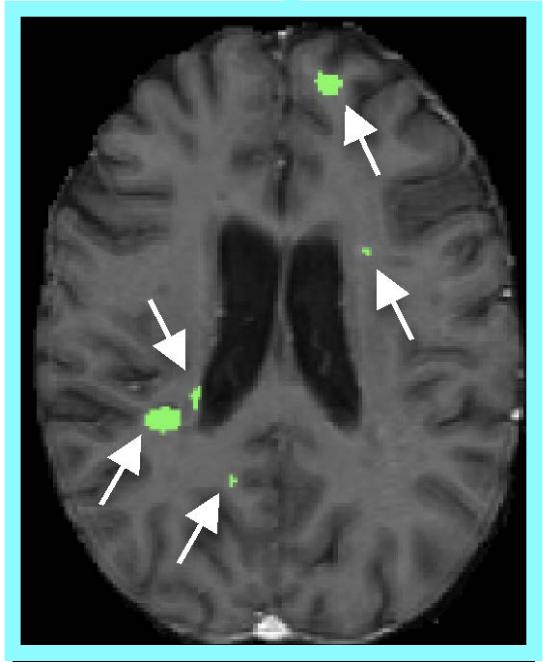
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Voxel-level

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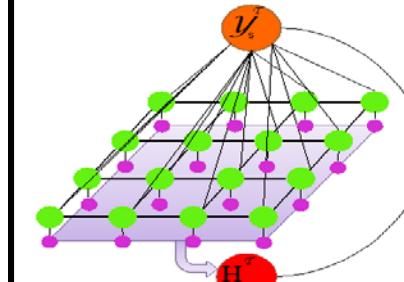


output

Adaptive lesion level

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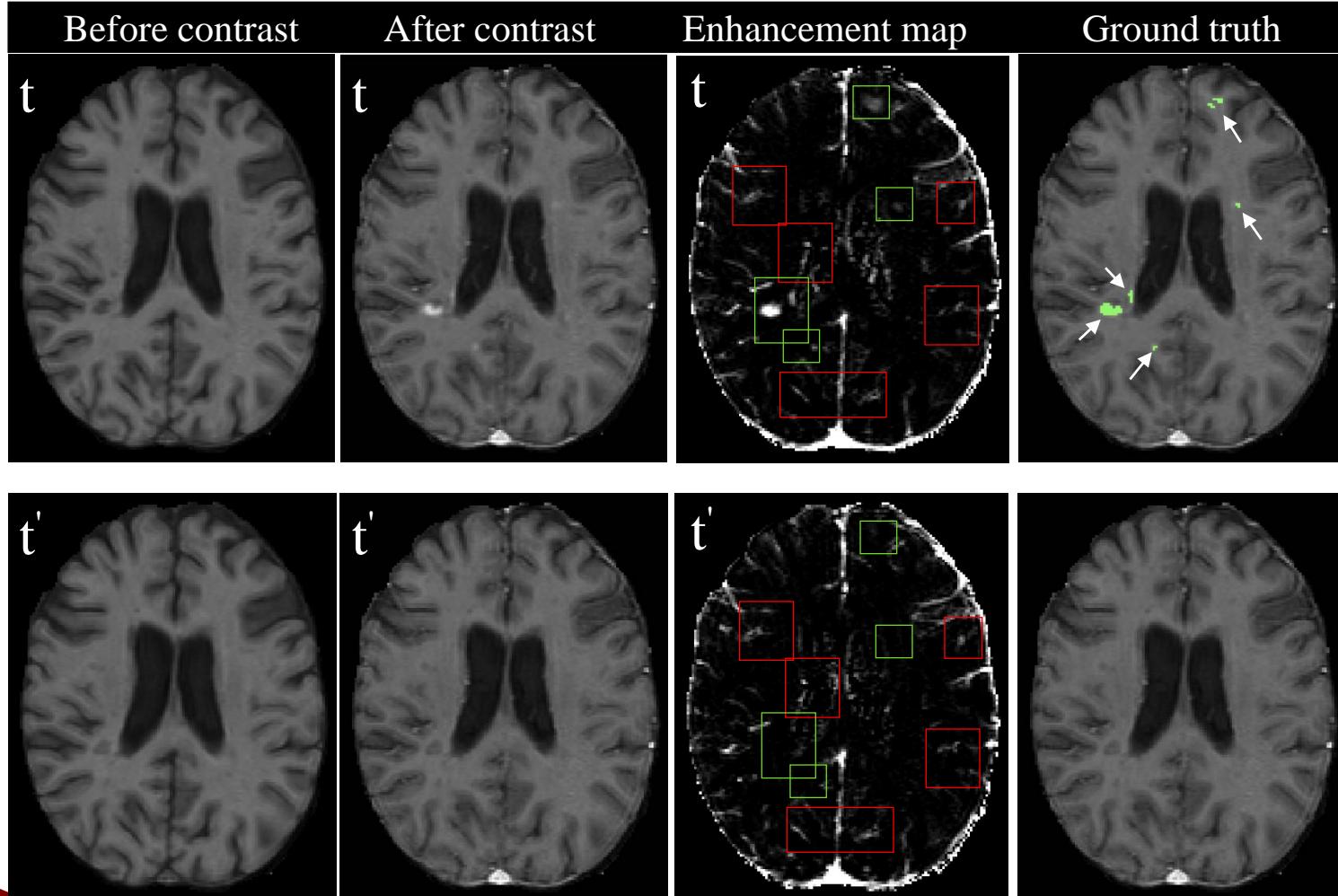
Candidate Lesion Detection

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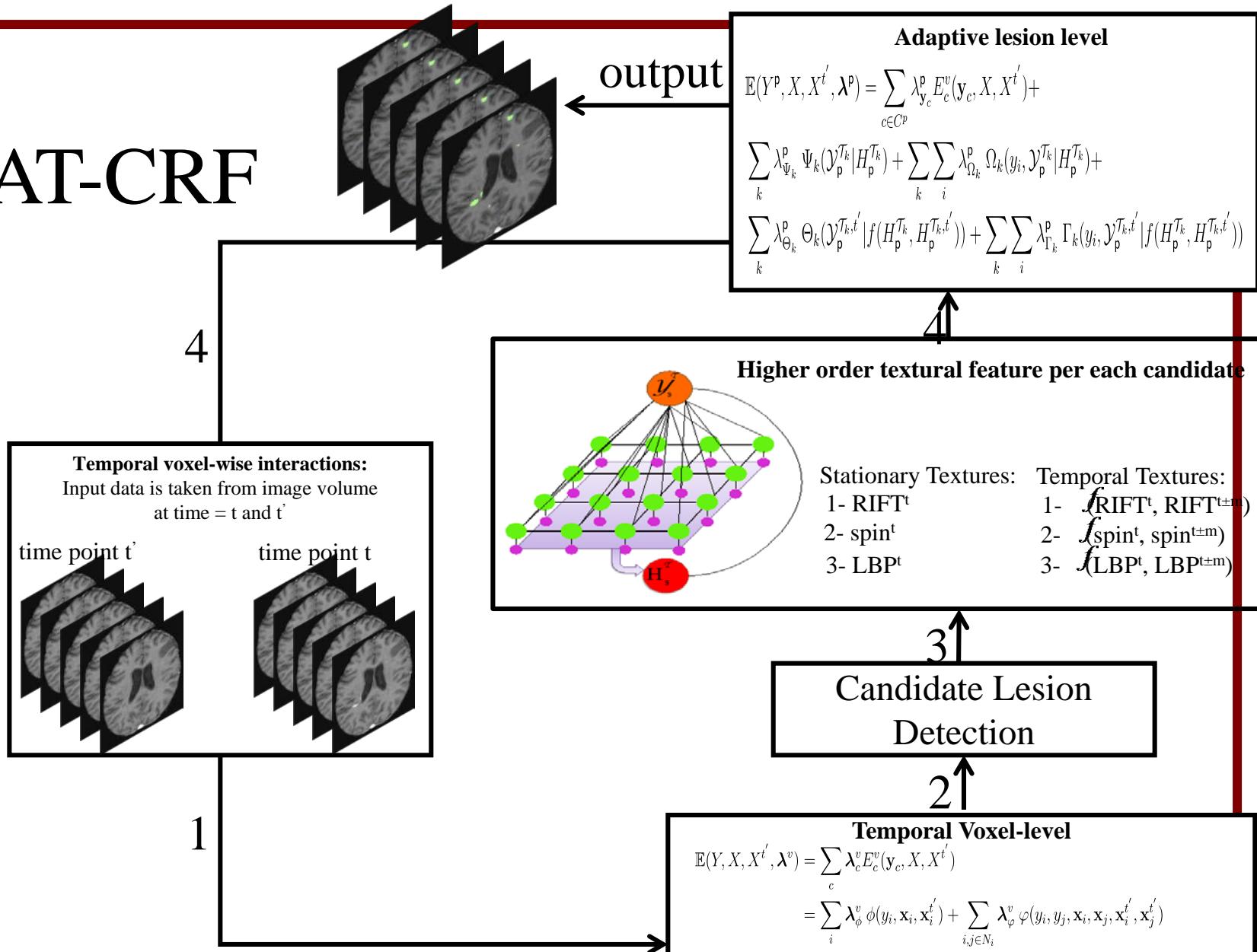
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Temporal Hierarchical Adaptive Texture CRF : THAT - CRF



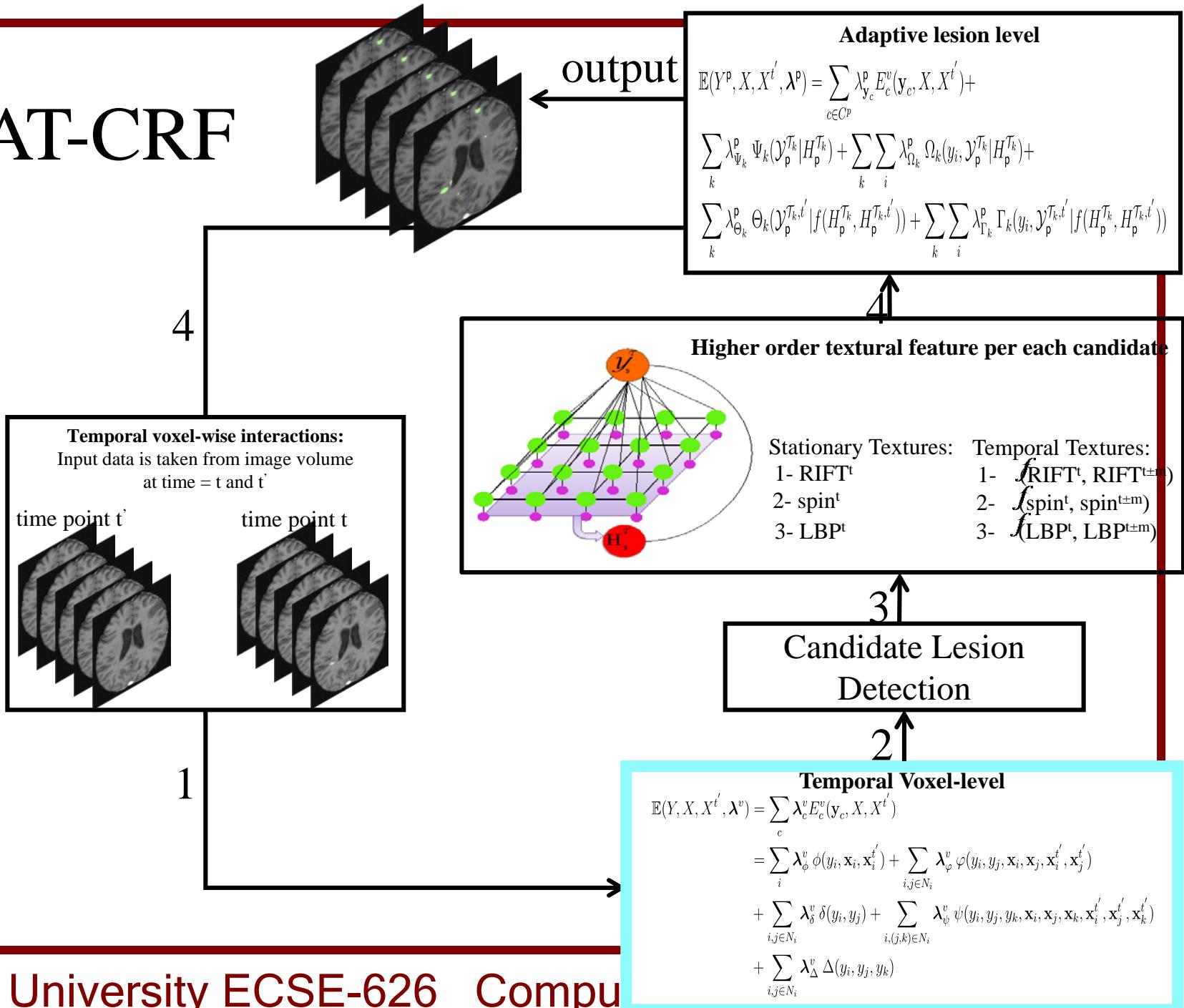
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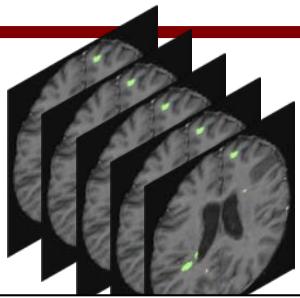
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THAT-CRF



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output

Adaptive lesion level

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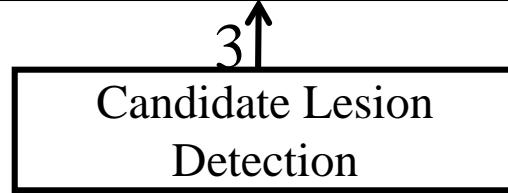
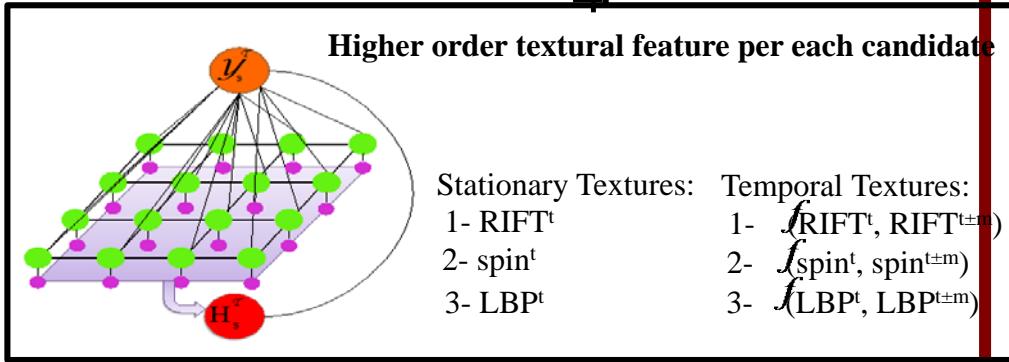
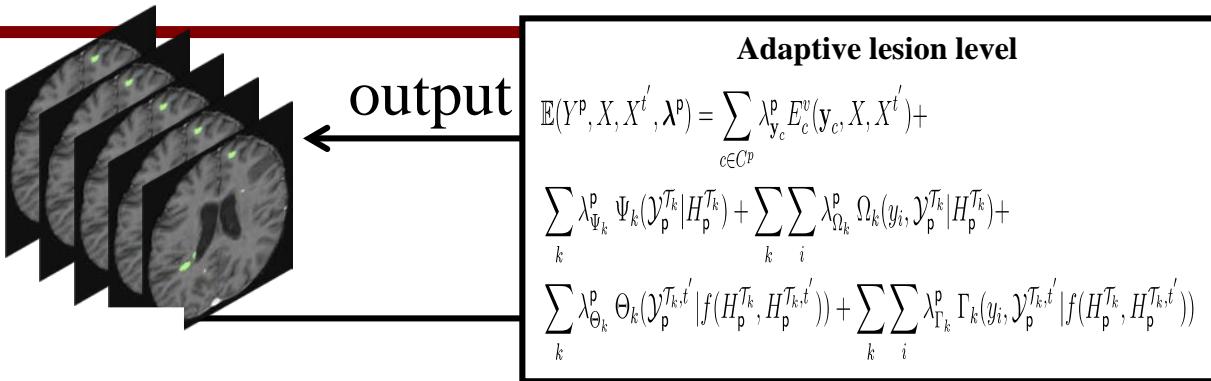
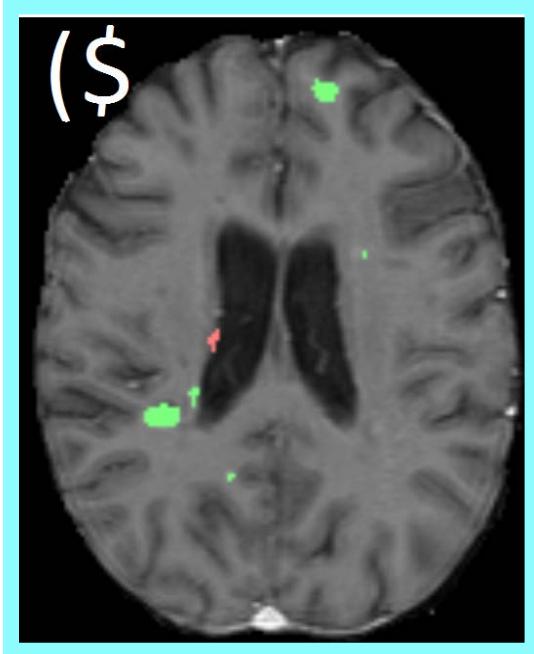
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Temporal Voxel-level

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Temporal Voxel-level

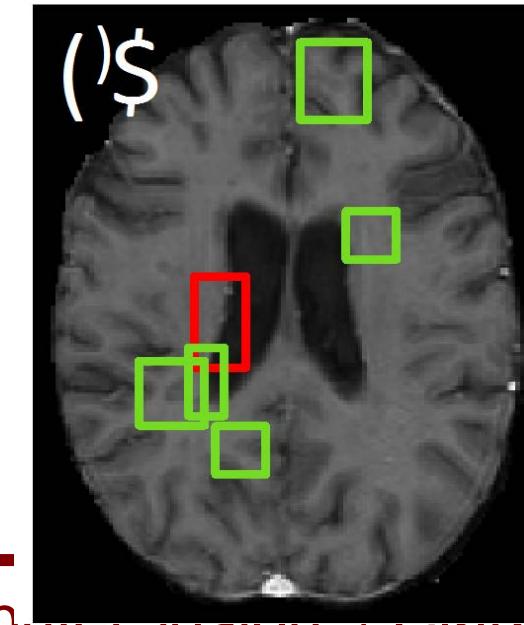
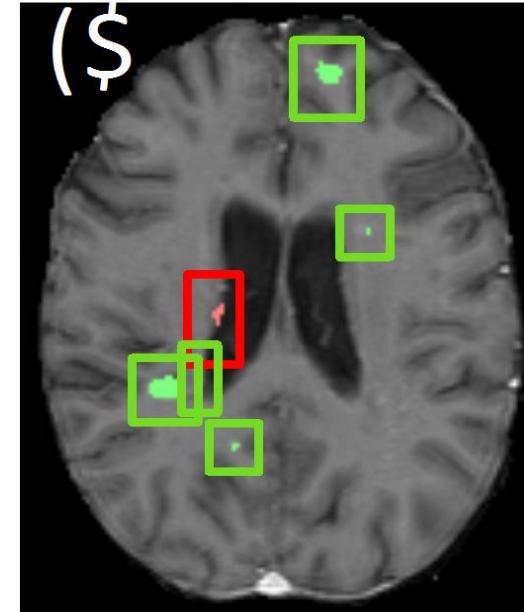
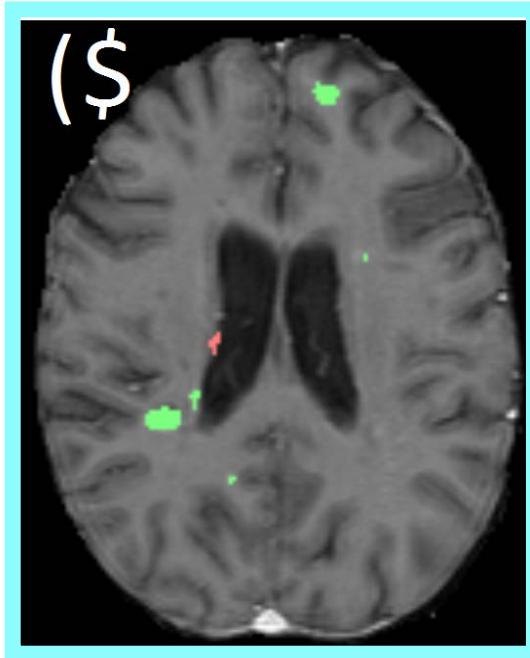
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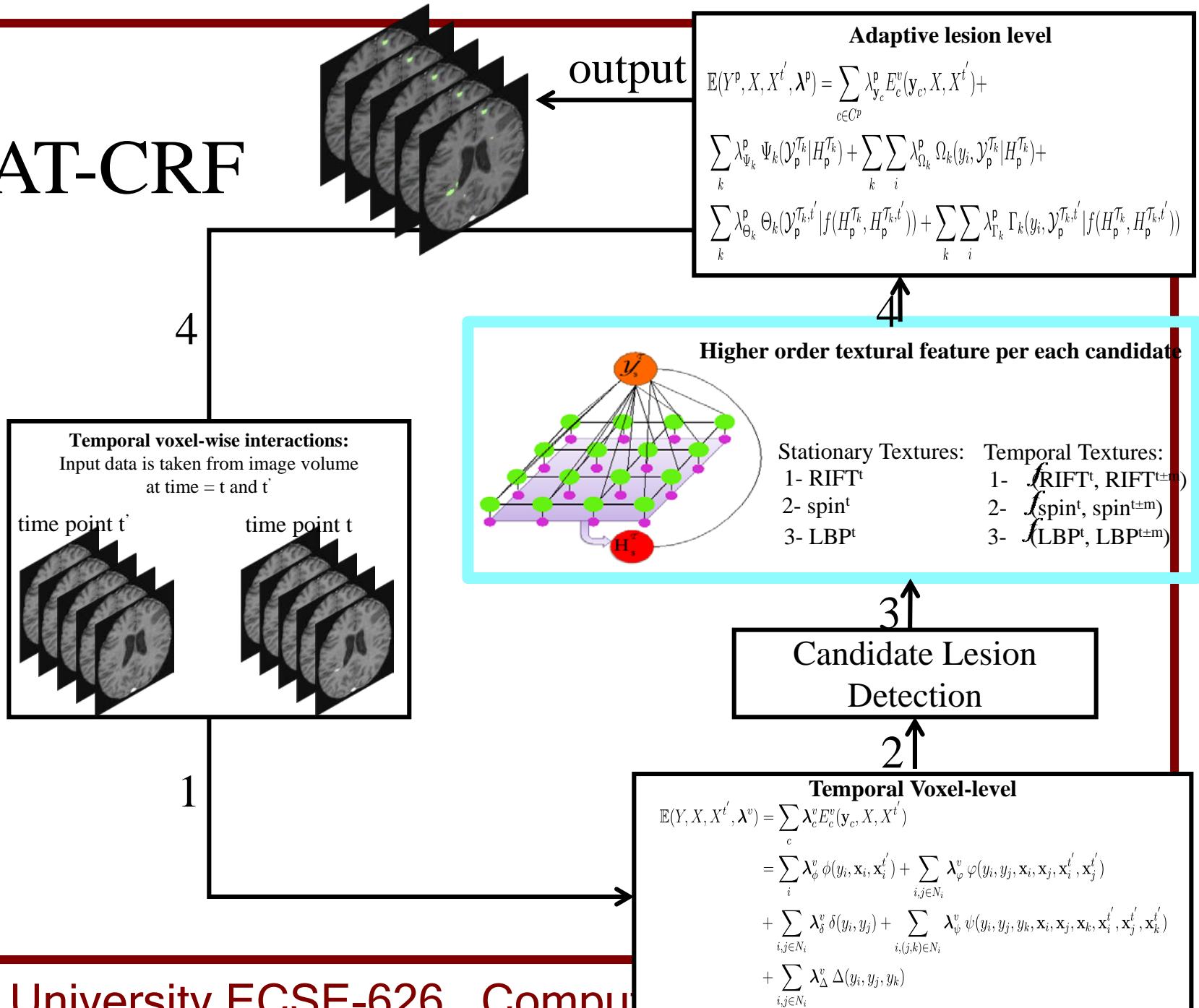
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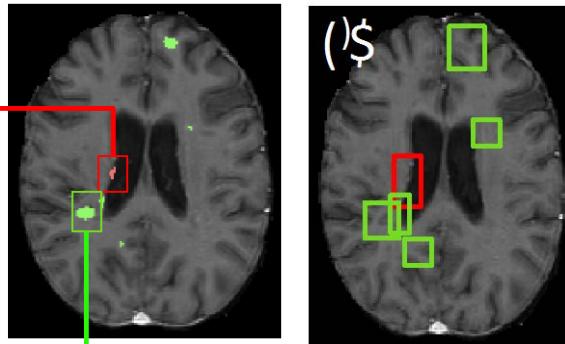
Candidate lesion detection



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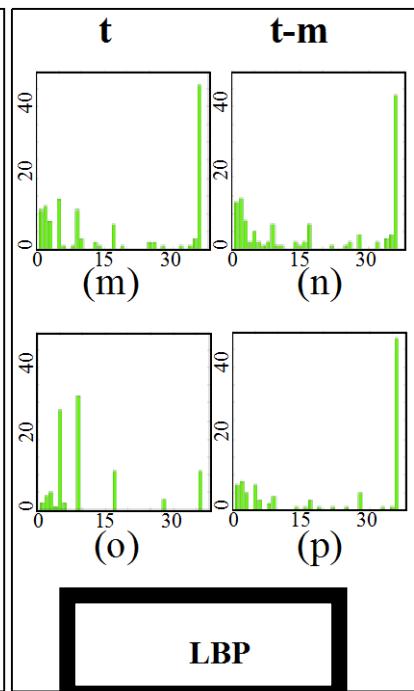
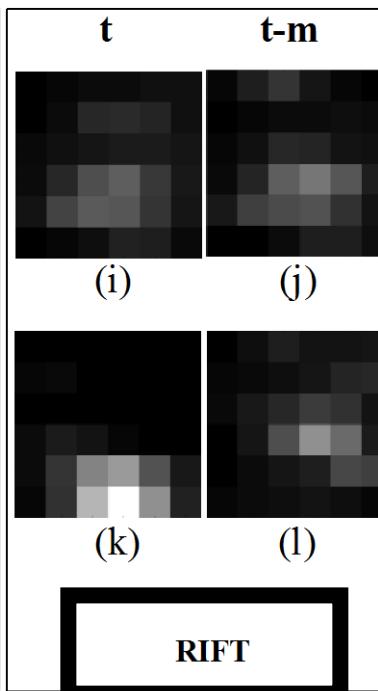
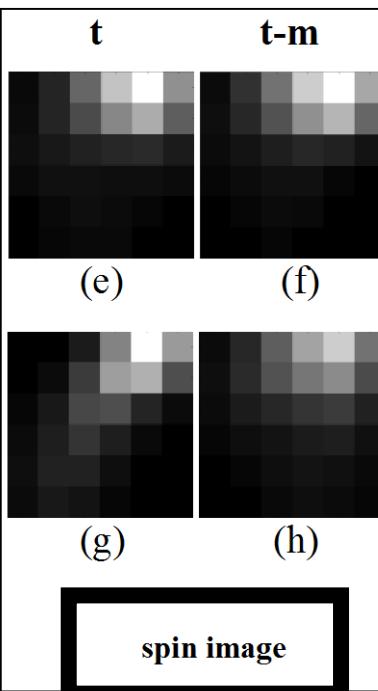
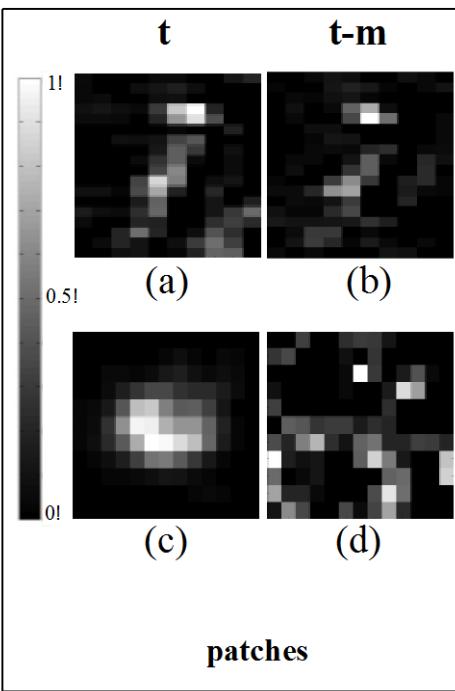


Temporal Textures

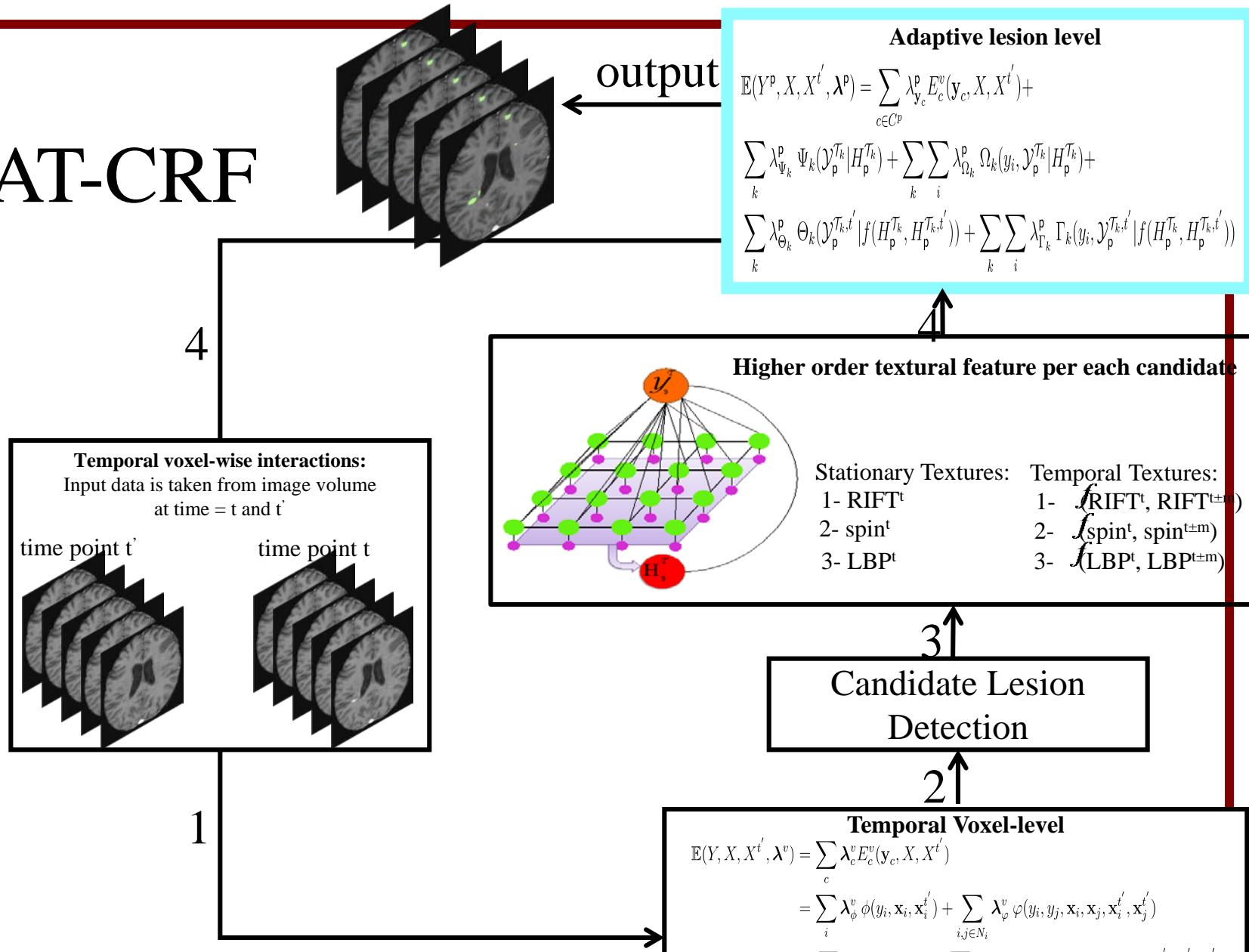


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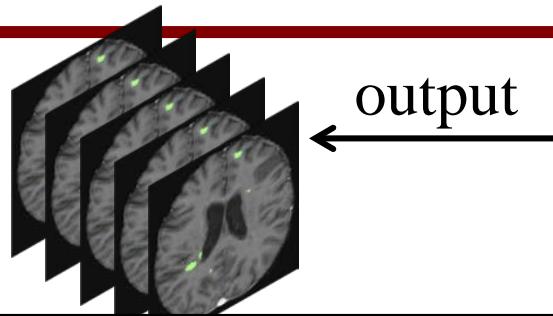
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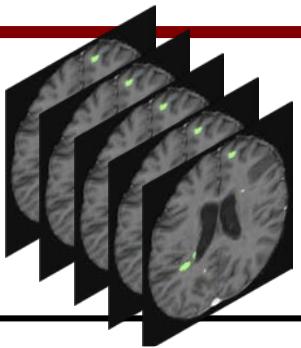
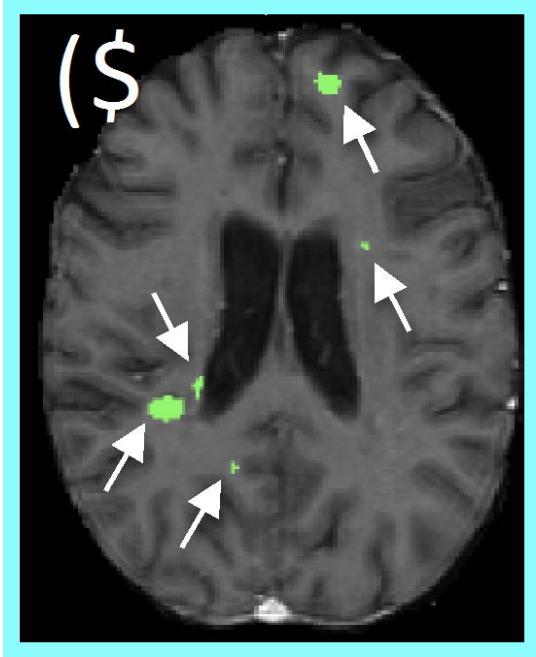
$$\sum_k \lambda_{\Theta_k}^p \Theta_k(\mathcal{Y}_p^{\mathcal{T}_k, t'} | f(H_p^{\mathcal{T}_k}, H_p^{\mathcal{T}_k, t'})) + \sum_k \sum_i \lambda_{\Gamma_k}^p \Gamma_k(y_i, \mathcal{Y}_p^{\mathcal{T}_k, t'} | f(H_p^{\mathcal{T}_k}, H_p^{\mathcal{T}_k, t'}))$$



Temporal Voxel-level

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(Y, X, X^{t'}, \lambda^v) &= \sum_c \lambda_c^v E_c^v(y_c, X, X^{t'}) \\ &= \sum_i \lambda_\phi^v \phi(y_i, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_i^{t'}) + \sum_{i,j \in N_i} \lambda_\varphi^v \varphi(y_i, y_j, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{x}_i^{t'}, \mathbf{x}_j^{t'}) \\ &+ \sum_{i,j \in N_i} \lambda_\delta^v \delta(y_i, y_j) + \sum_{i,j,k \in N_i} \lambda_\psi^v \psi(y_i, y_j, y_k, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{x}_i^{t'}, \mathbf{x}_j^{t'}, \mathbf{x}_k^{t'}) \\ &+ \sum_{i \in N_i} \lambda_\Delta^v \Delta(y_i, y_j, y_k) \end{aligned}$$

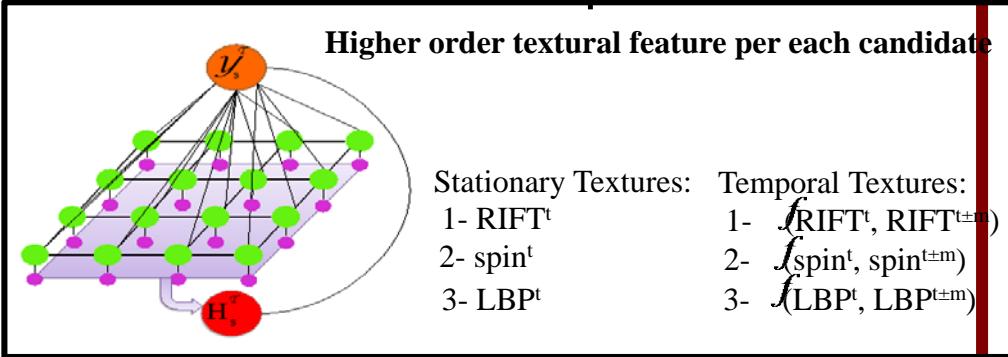
THAT-CRF



output

Adaptive lesion level

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(Y^p, X, X^{t'}, \lambda^p) = & \sum_{c \in C^p} \lambda_c^p E_c^v(y_c, X, X^{t'}) + \\ & \sum_k \lambda_{\Psi_k}^p \Psi_k(\mathcal{Y}_p^{\mathcal{T}_k} | H_p^{\mathcal{T}_k}) + \sum_k \sum_i \lambda_{\Omega_k}^p \Omega_k(y_i, \mathcal{Y}_p^{\mathcal{T}_k} | H_p^{\mathcal{T}_k}) + \\ & \sum_k \lambda_{\Theta_k}^p \Theta_k(\mathcal{Y}_p^{\mathcal{T}_k, t'} | f(H_p^{\mathcal{T}_k}, H_p^{\mathcal{T}_k, t'})) + \sum_k \sum_i \lambda_{\Gamma_k}^p \Gamma_k(y_i, \mathcal{Y}_p^{\mathcal{T}_k, t'} | f(H_p^{\mathcal{T}_k}, H_p^{\mathcal{T}_k, t'})) \end{aligned}$$



Candidate Lesion
Detection

3↑
2↑

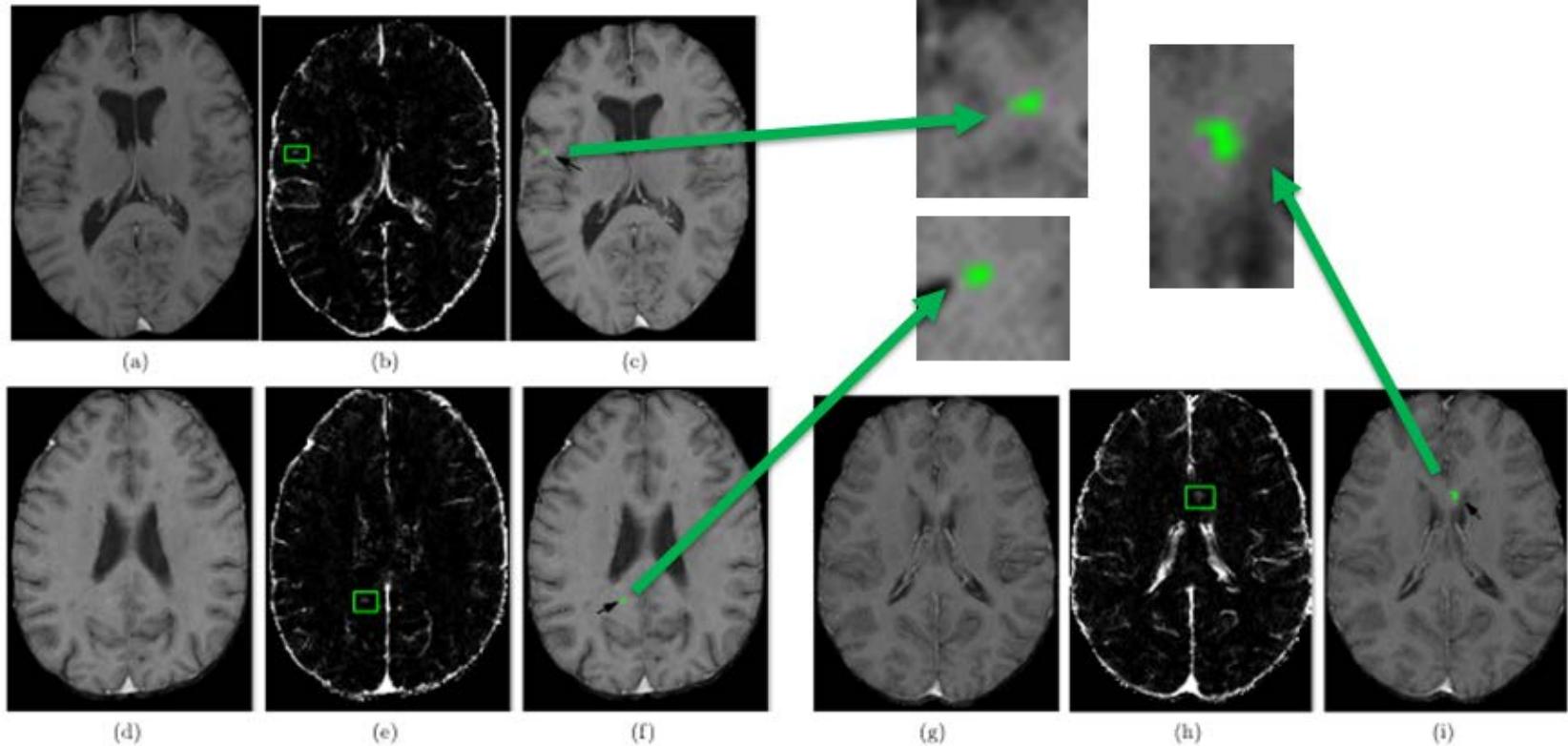
Temporal Voxel-level

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(Y, X, X^{t'}, \lambda^v) = & \sum_c \lambda_c^v E_c^v(y_c, X, X^{t'}) \\ = & \sum_i \lambda_\phi^v \phi(y_i, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_i^{t'}) + \sum_{i, j \in N_i} \lambda_\varphi^v \varphi(y_i, y_j, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{x}_i^{t'}, \mathbf{x}_j^{t'}) \\ + & \sum_{i, j \in N_i} \lambda_\delta^v \delta(y_i, y_j) + \sum_{i, j, k \in N_i} \lambda_\psi^v \psi(y_i, y_j, y_k, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{x}_i^{t'}, \mathbf{x}_j^{t'}, \mathbf{x}_k^{t'}) \\ + & \sum_{i, j \in N_i} \lambda_\Delta^v \Delta(y_i, y_j, y_k) \end{aligned}$$

“Big Clinical Data” and Experiments

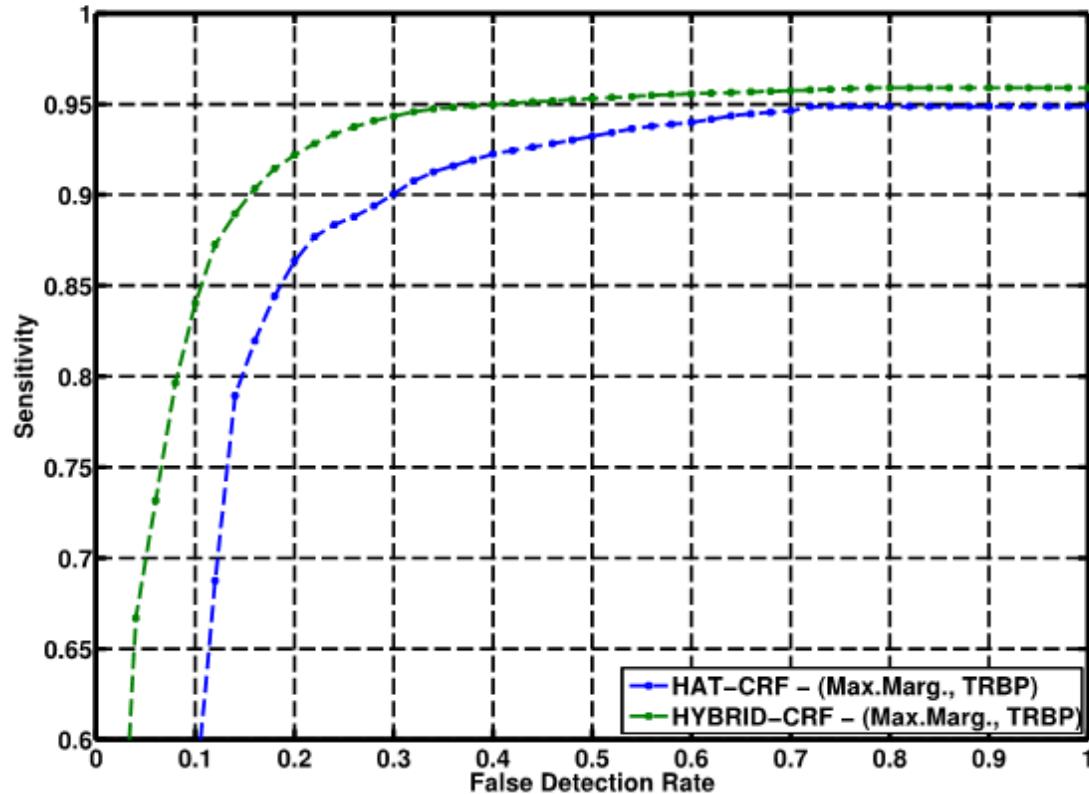
- Trained on a large multi-center clinical trial consisting of **2380 scans from 247 different centers**.
- Tested on two separate clinical trials consisting of **813 scans from 27 centers and 2770 scans from 142 centers**.
- Various number of lesions per scan (0 to 100^+) and with different sizes (3 to 100^+) at various stage of the disease.
- Ground truth: manual labeling from two trained experts with consensus (might contain errors).
- Further assessment is performed in some cases by an expert MS neuroradiologist.

Qualitative Results



Quantitative Results

THAT vs HAT ROC Curve



Sensitivity:

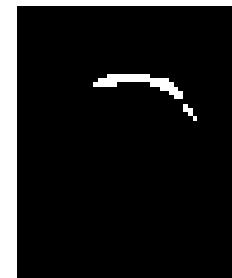
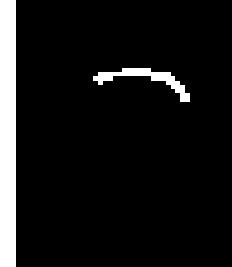
$$\text{TP}/(\text{TP}+\text{FN})$$

False Detection Rate:

$$\text{FP}/(\text{TP}+\text{FP})$$

Myocardium segmentation in heart

Z. Karimaghloo, et. al. "Hierarchical Conditional Random Fields for Myocardium Detection". MICCAI Workshop 2012, Nice, France.



(h) Complete
HCRF

Fig. 2. The performance of the different components of the proposed HCRF classifier shown for two example slices from pig data. The shown images are: the delayed MRI (a), the delayed MRI only showing the myocardium tissue (b), Nyul intensity normalization of the myocardium (c), the manual labels of myocardium infarction (d), the classification results using only the unary potential (e), the classification result using the complete CRF model (Unary, pairwise and triplet potentials) at the first level (f), the classification result of the second level with using only the unary potential (g), the classification result of the complete HCRF model (h).