

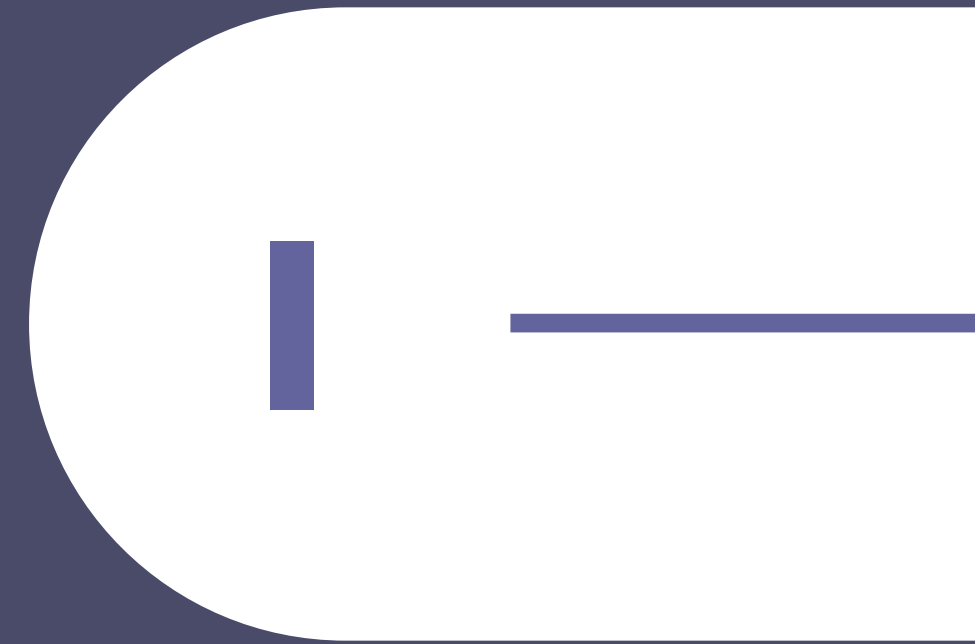
# Brain tumor detection using Selective Search and Pulse-Coupled Neural Network feature extraction

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# INTRODUCTION



## Why are computer-aided tumor diagnosis systems needed ?

Increasing amount of worldwide cases, high mortality caused by brain tumors [1]

3-5 % day-by-day radiologist error rate [2][3]

Time consumption and cancer care cost [4]

**Improving early detection to anticipate therapy and reduce costs**

## Which methods are considered ?

Local and global feature extractions

All sorts of neural networks [5]

Machine learning algorithms and radiomic features extraction [6]

**The state-of-the-art clearly tends towards deep learning models**

## What are the limits of state-of-the-art methods ?

Heavy computational and energy costs [7]

Dependency to GPU hardware [8]

Require a large amount of labeled data [9]

Lack of explainability [10]

**Do not fit health-care providers requirements**

## State-of-the-art propositions to tackle the aforementioned issues

### **Cost / Hardware**

Compress deep neural networks  
Use neural computation

### **Data ethics and privacy**

Rely on unsupervised / non-trainable methods and benchmark datasets  
Use generative models

### **Explainability**

Open up the blackbox nature of neural networks (layerwise relevance propagation)  
Rely on bio-plausible models

Neural Computation + non-trainable method + bio-plausible model



**Pulse-Coupled Neural Network (PCNN)**

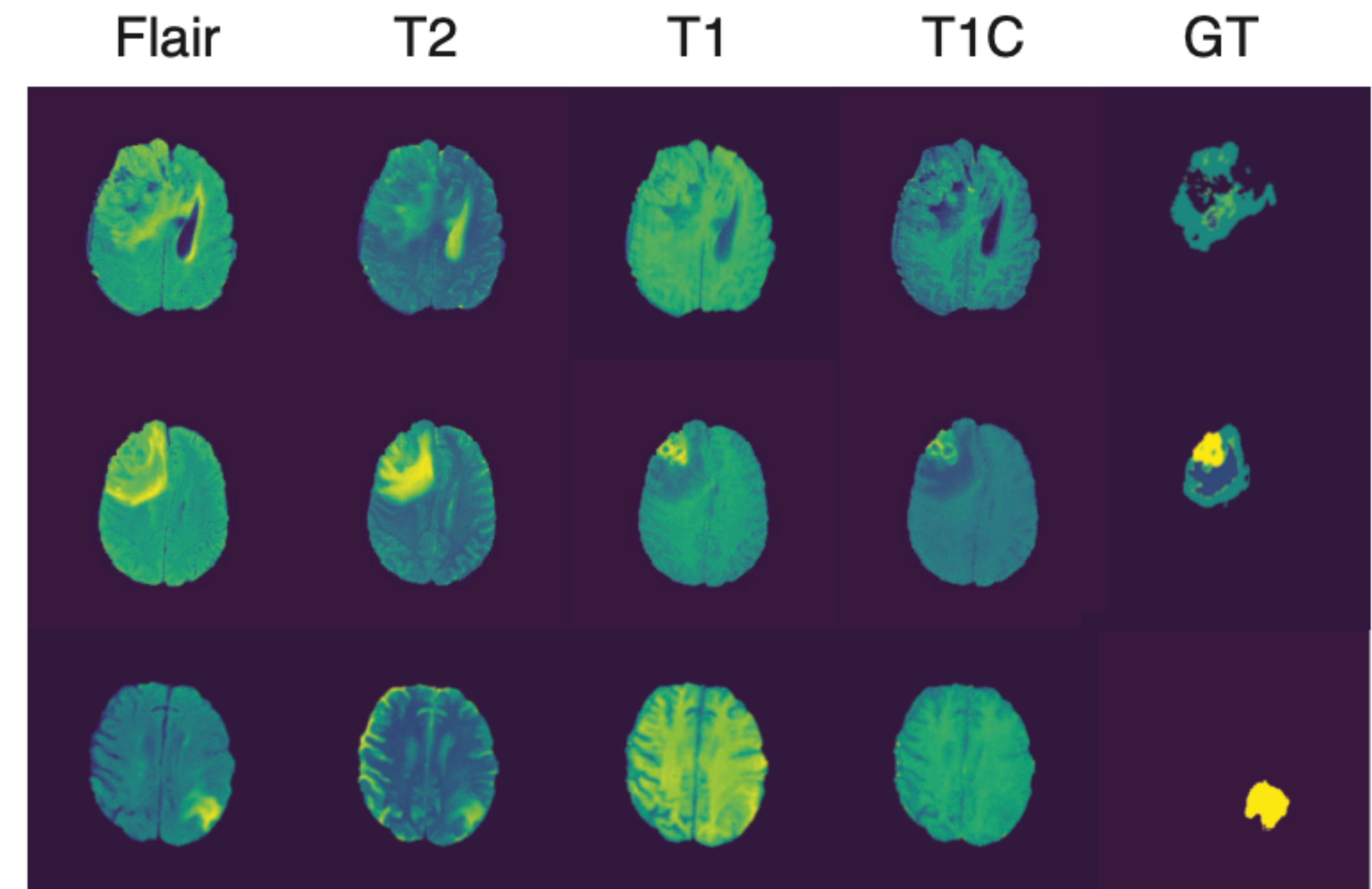
# METHODS

Dataset | Model | Application to tumor detection





- BraTS Dataset
- Pre-operative MRI scans
- **Manually** segmented by 1-4 raters
- Four MRI sequences : **Flair, T2, T1, T1C**
- Automatically extended with bounding boxes
- No pre-processing -> low computational workload



**Fig 1.** Cases from the BraTS dataset. Source : Niepceron et al. 2020.

Pulse-Coupled Neural Network (PCNN)

Laterally-connected neurons

2D input image

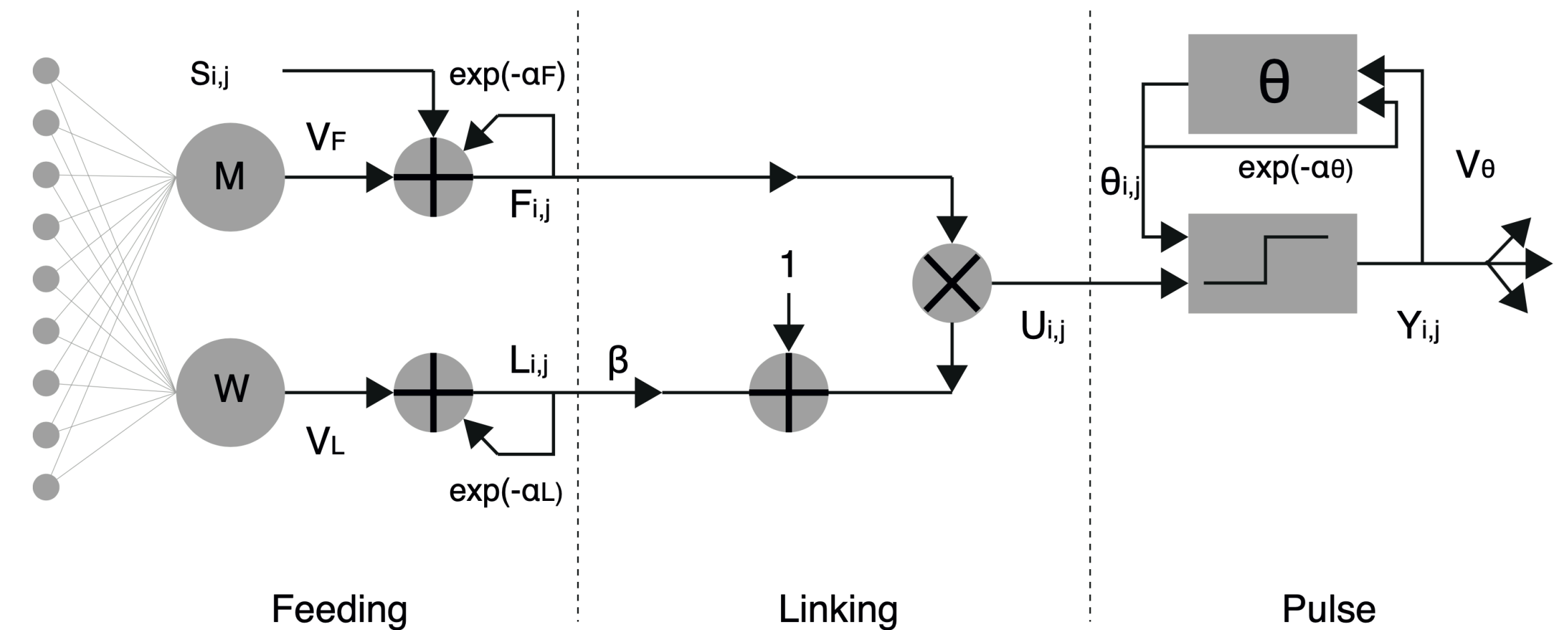
Fixed synaptic weights

Iterative, outputs a map of neuronal activity

**Feeding** : Computes voltage with input stimulus

**Linking** : Updates neuron's internal activity

**Pulse** : Fire if membrane potential exceeds threshold



**Fig 2.** Standard PCNN Model. Source : Niepceon et al. 2021.

## Considerations using PCNN

Tedious to tune

Scans are not 2-dimensional

Not originally made for detection purposes

- Fast Linking Spiking Cortical Model (FLSCM)
- Uses Spiking cortical neurons
- Fast linking synapses
- **Pulse** : Combines stimulus and synaptic modulation to charge the membrane
- Neurons fire faster



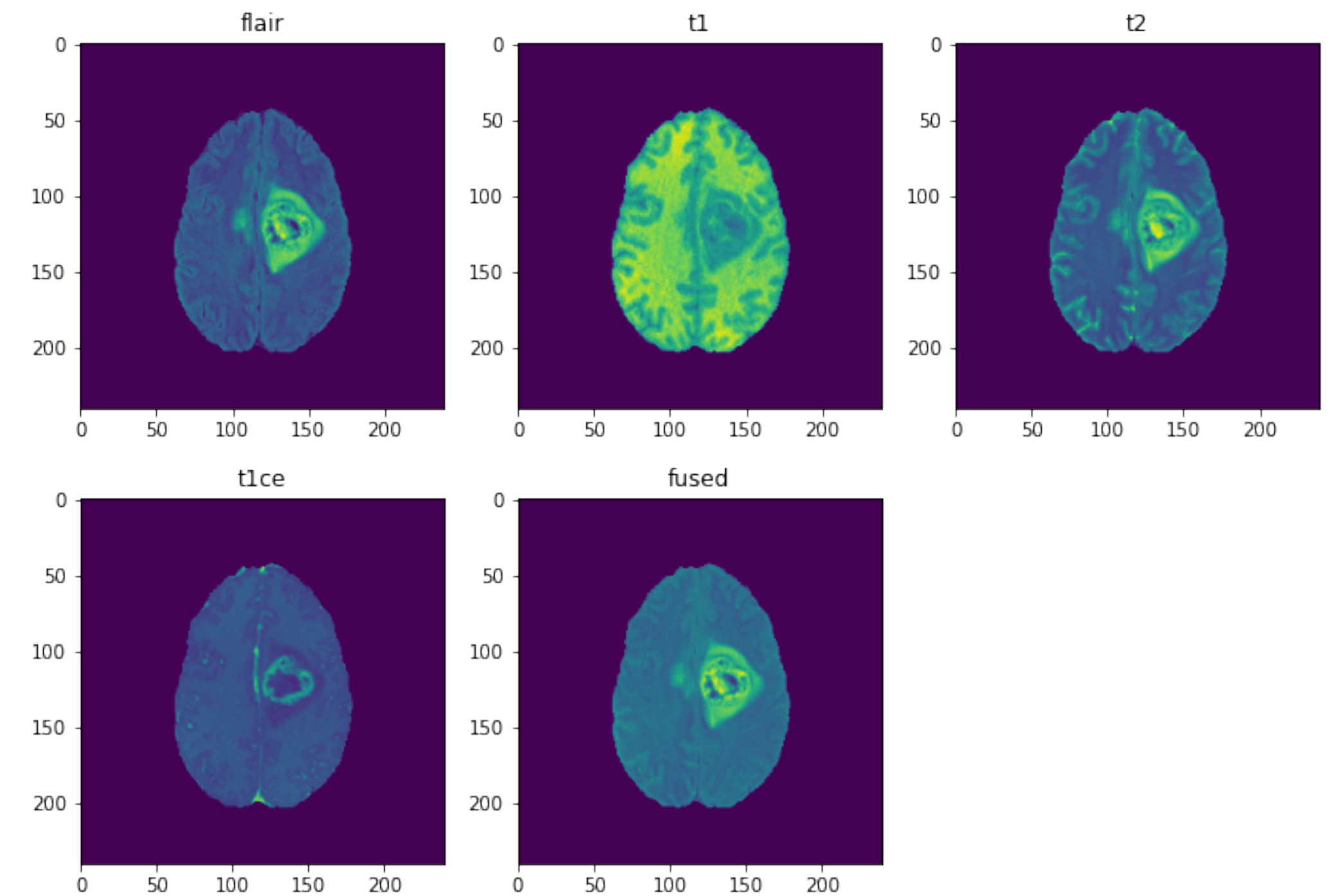
Medical image fusion with m-PCNN







Inputs are merged in the internal state

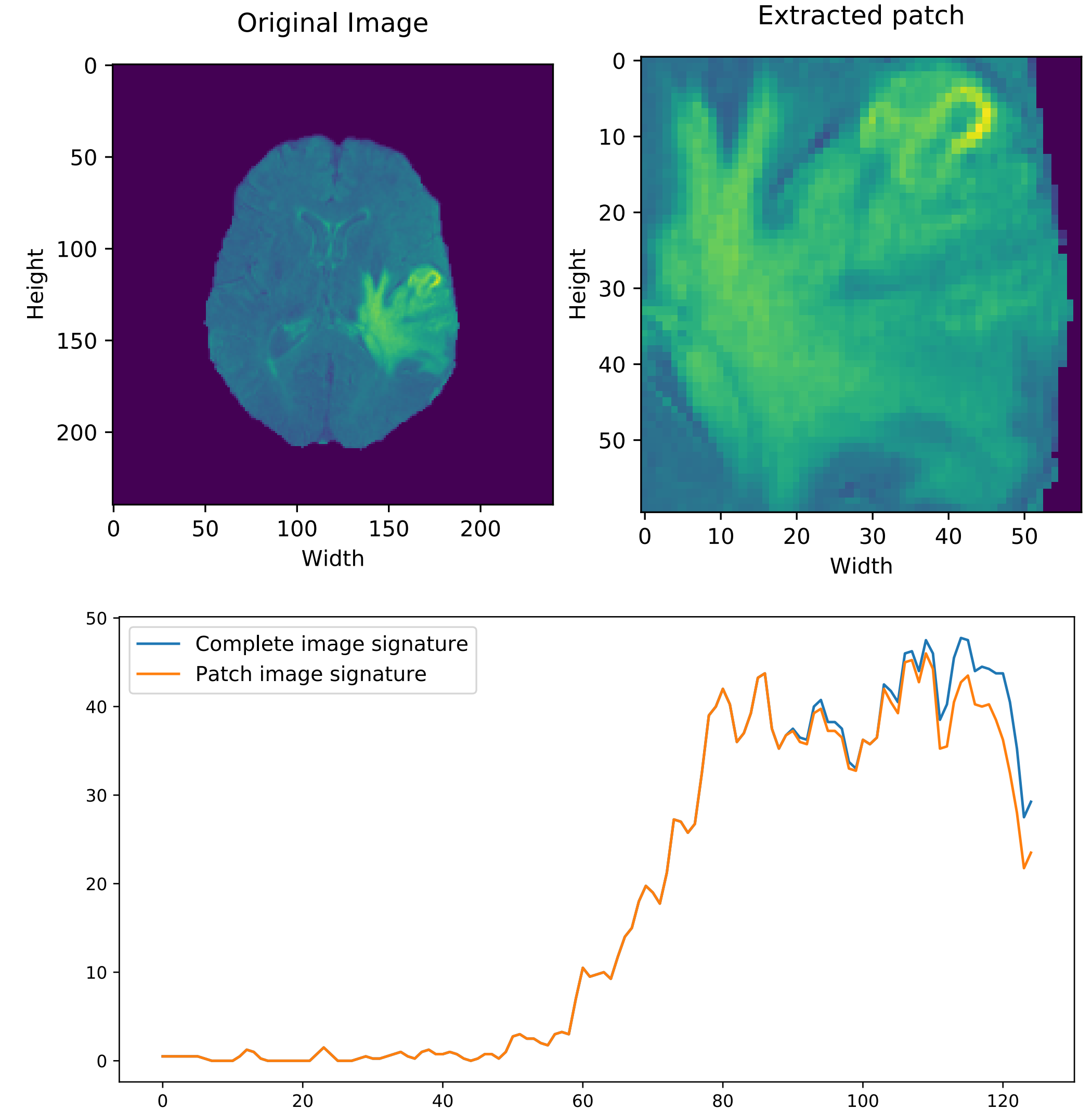


Parameter **beta** to control each sequence importance



**Fig 3.** Example of fusion on one MRI slice. Source : Niepceron et al. 2021.

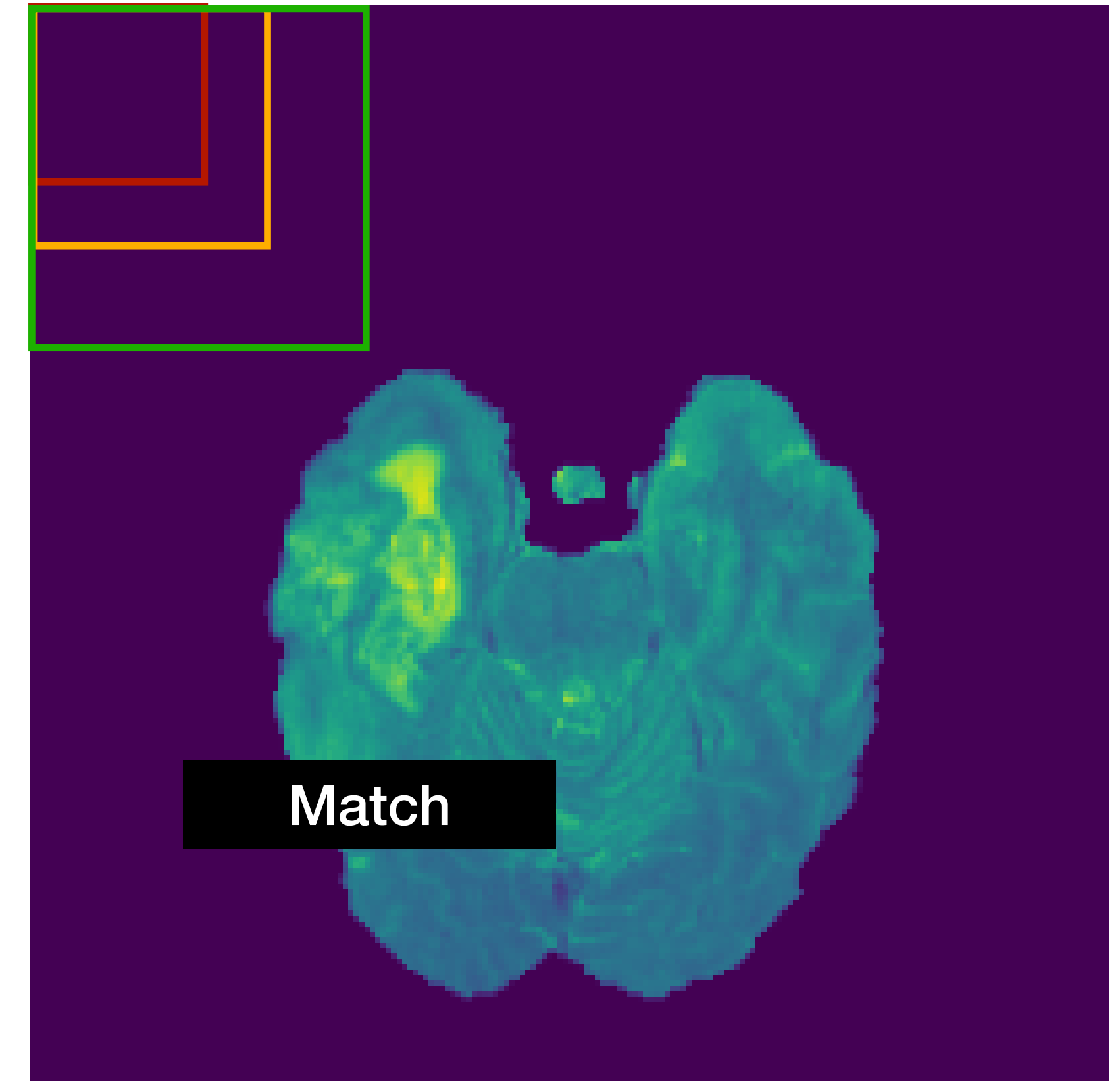
-  Feature extraction with FLSCM
-  PCNN image signature theory
-  Gets the firing activity as a time-series
-  Any sub-structure signature is contained in the original image signature



**Fig 4.** Comparison of the local and global PCNN signatures.  
Source : Niepceron et al. 2021.



- Simple object detection [1 1]
- Sliding window
- Comparing local signature to global signature
- Proven to work with clear background
- Computationally expensive
- Do not fit tumor shapes





**Fig 5.** The Selective Search algorithm. Source : arthurdouillard.com.



- Step 1 :** Compute Selective Search on  $M$  to create  $B_{ij}$  bounding boxes
- Step 2 :** Remove boxes with area greater than threshold  $\theta$
- Step 3 :** Extract image patches  $P_{ij}$  from the boxes
- Step 4 :** Convert each  $P_{ij}$  to signature  $S_{ij}$
- Step 5 :** Compute the Euclidean distance between each  $S_{ij}$  and the signature  $M_{sign}$  obtained from  $M$
- Step 6 :** Retain  $B_{min}$  the box that gives the smallest distance  $D_{min}$  as the complete tumor detection box

**Fig 6.** Tumor detection algorithm based on PCNN feature extraction. Source : Niepceron et al. 2021.

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## 3.1. Experiments



Experiment details



Ran on CPU



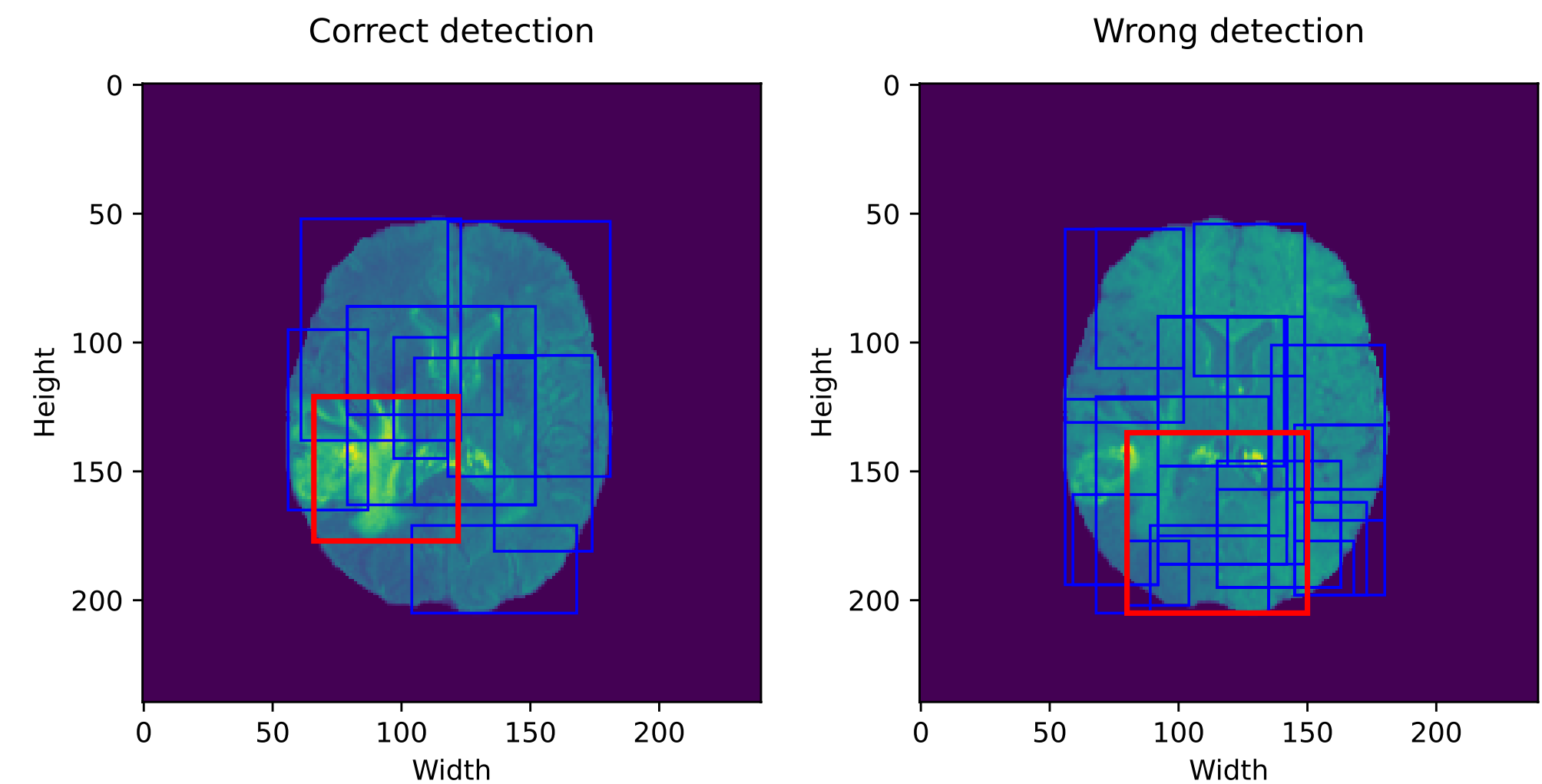
Model evaluated by Intersection over Union (IoU)

$$IoU = \frac{B \cap G}{B \cup G}$$



Optimized fusion parameter tuning with differential evolution

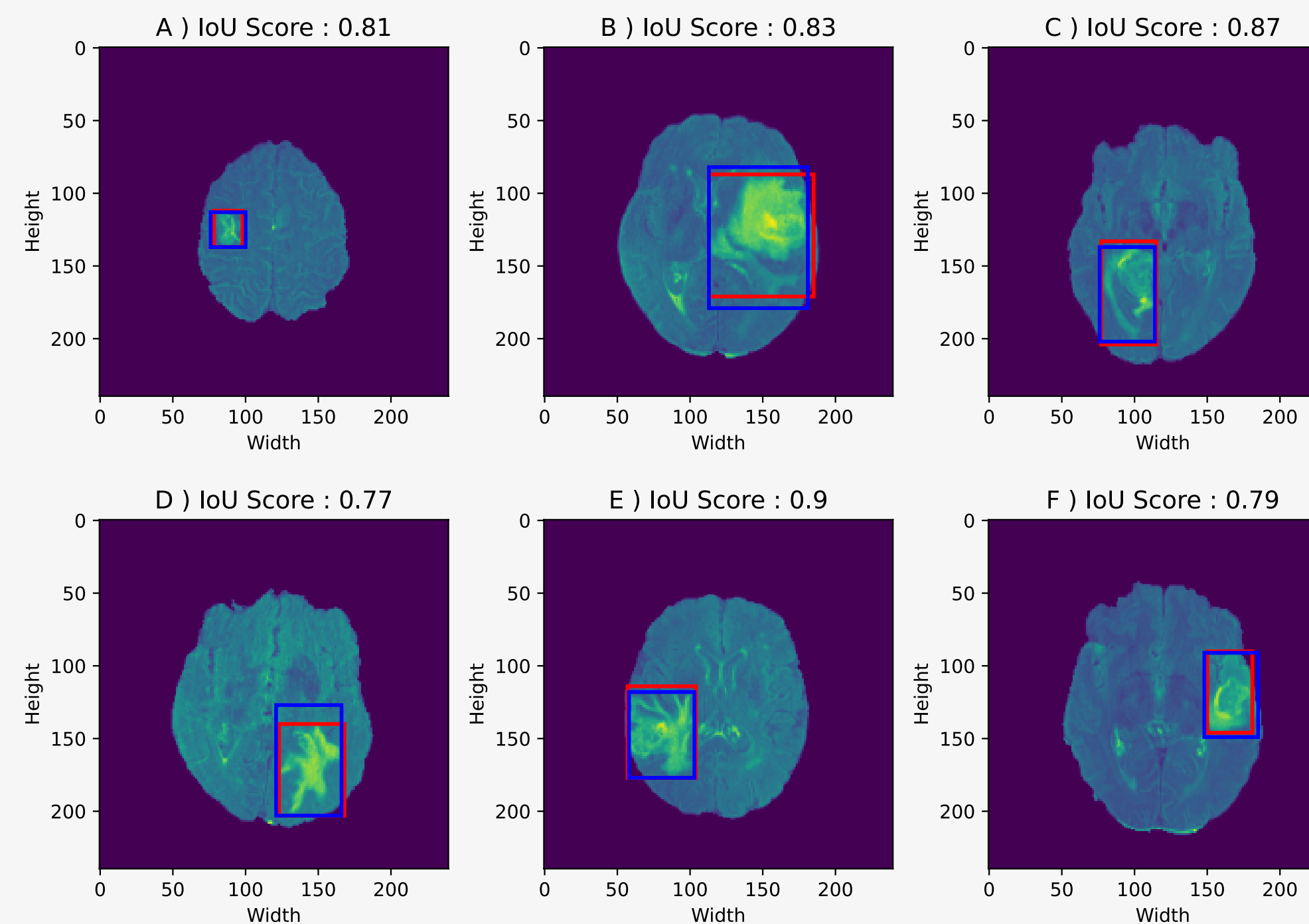
- Entropy / Standard Deviation



**Fig 7.** Comparing detection accuracy with different fuse parameters.  
Source : Niepceron et al. 2021.

## RESULTS

Average 0.78 IoU score  
3 to 8 seconds per slice

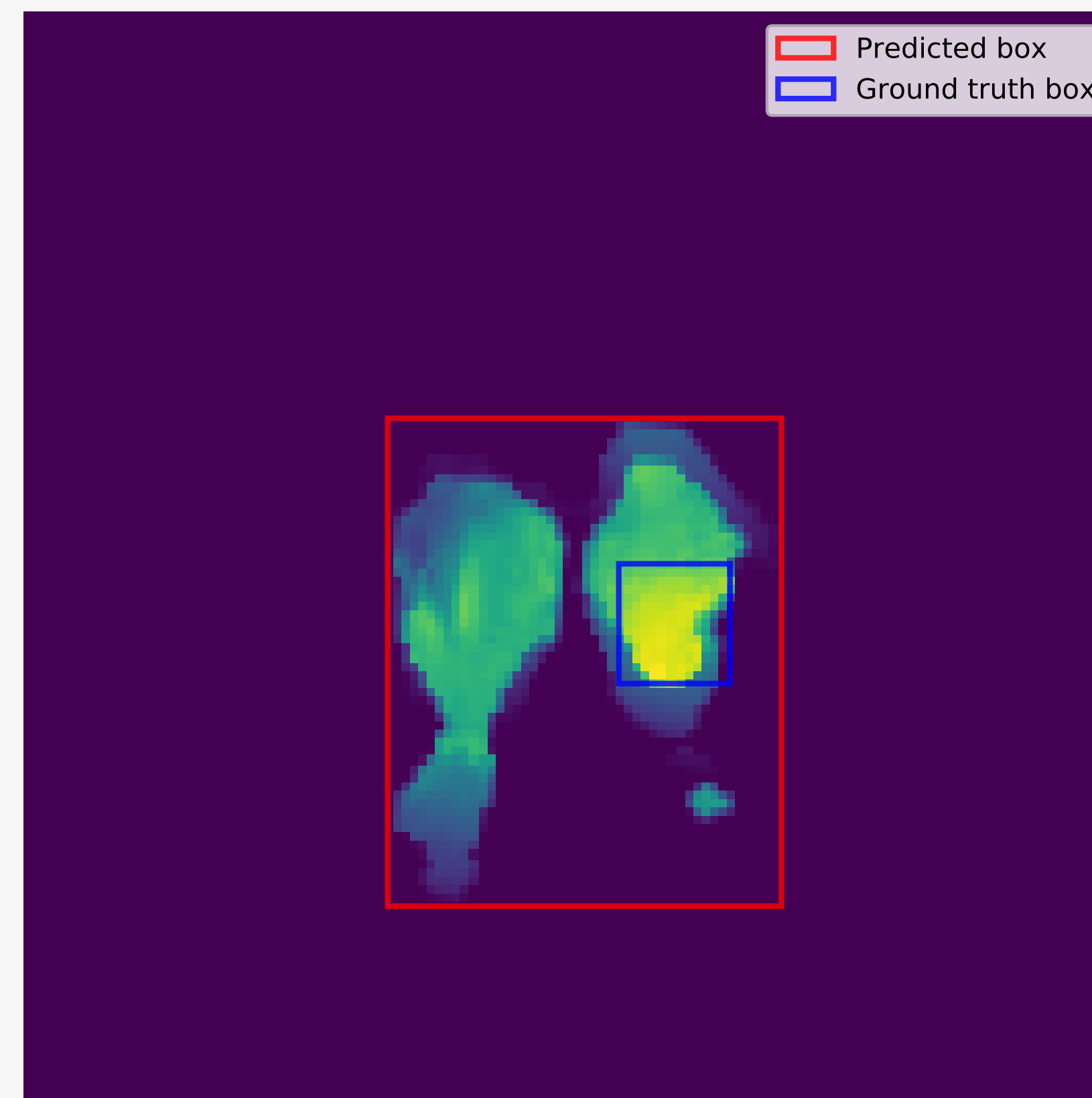


**Fig 8.** Results of PCNN tumor detection. Source : Niepceron et al. 2021.

## LIMITS

Selective Search param.  
Small tumorous regions  
Whole tumor

IoU Score : 0.08



**Fig 9.** Example of poor early detection. Source : Niepceron et al. 2021.

# DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

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### **Extension to multi-label detection**

Tuning the fusion for one particular label detection

Run the algorithm on the detected patch

Use image pre-processing to ease the region proposal

Add a classifier (SVM) for full recognition

## Highlights

Promising results using neural computation

Proof of PCNN efficiency in medical image analysis

Not relying on trainable synapses

Fast and efficient alternative to deep learning methods



# Thank you.

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