

# Ultrasound Image Auto-Segmentation: Trainable Weka Segmentation

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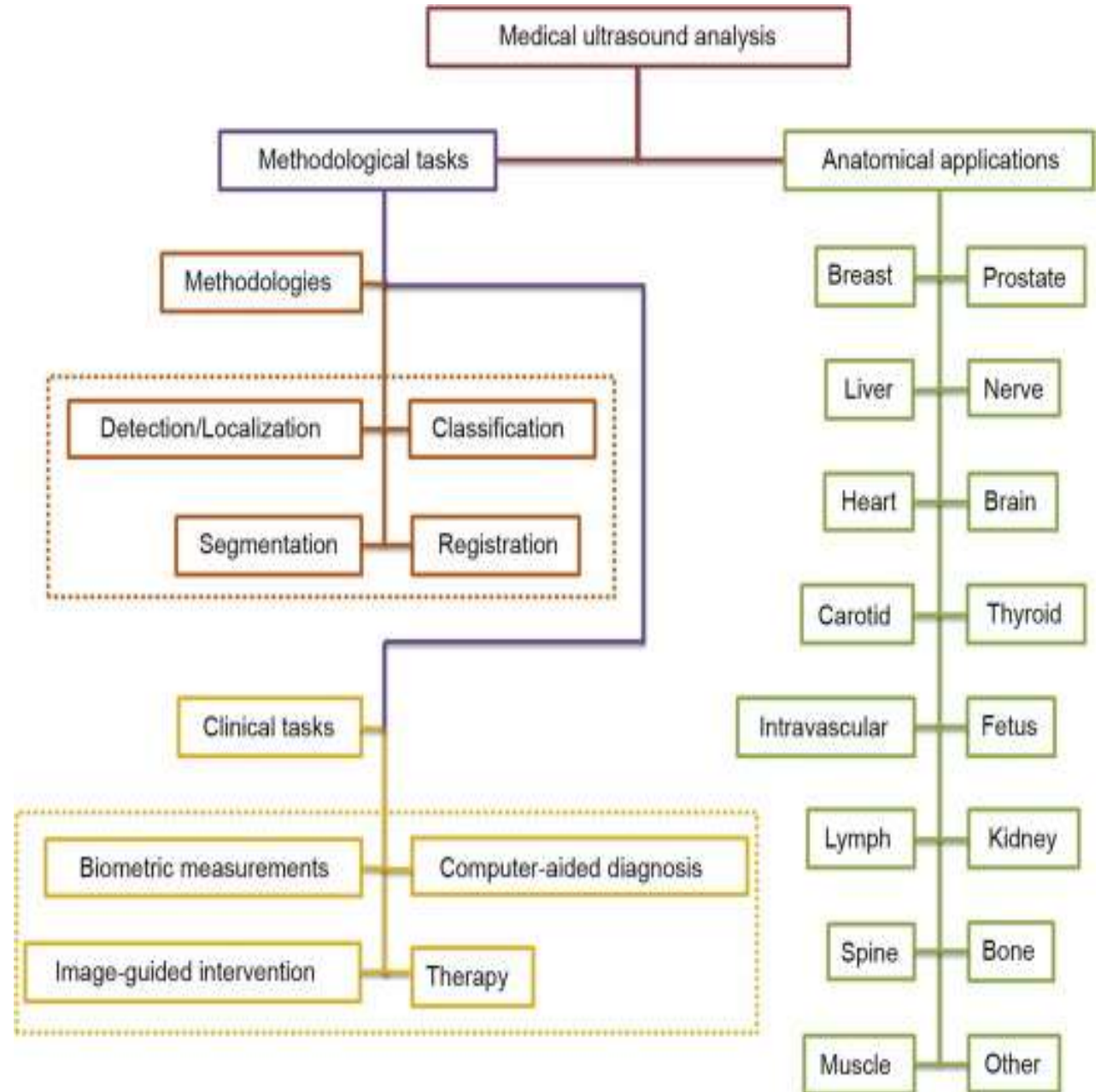


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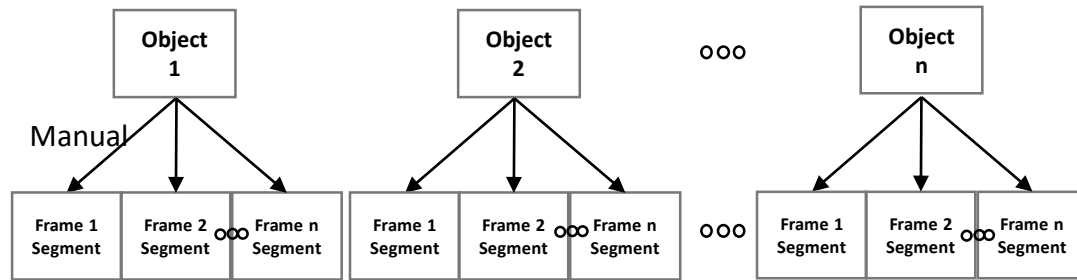
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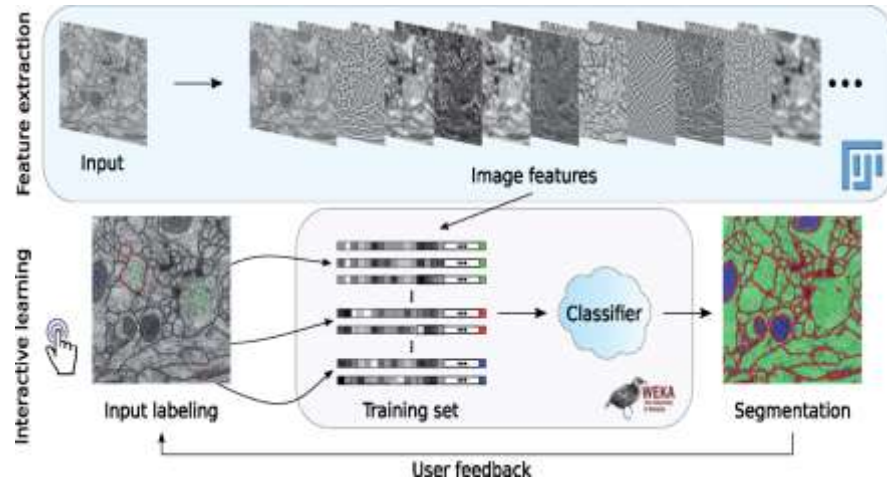
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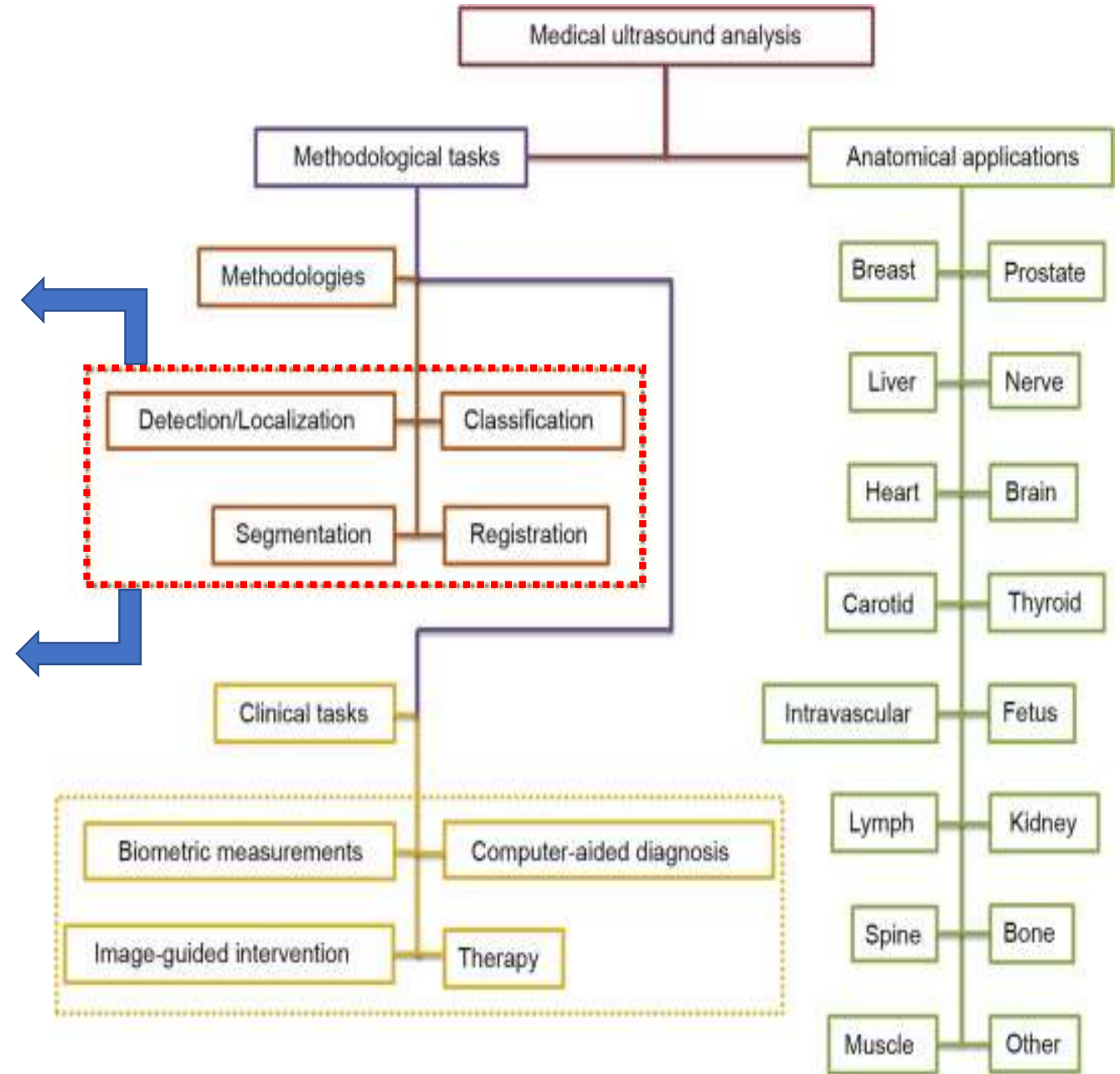
## Manual Operation



## Automatic Operation (Trainable Weka Segmentation)



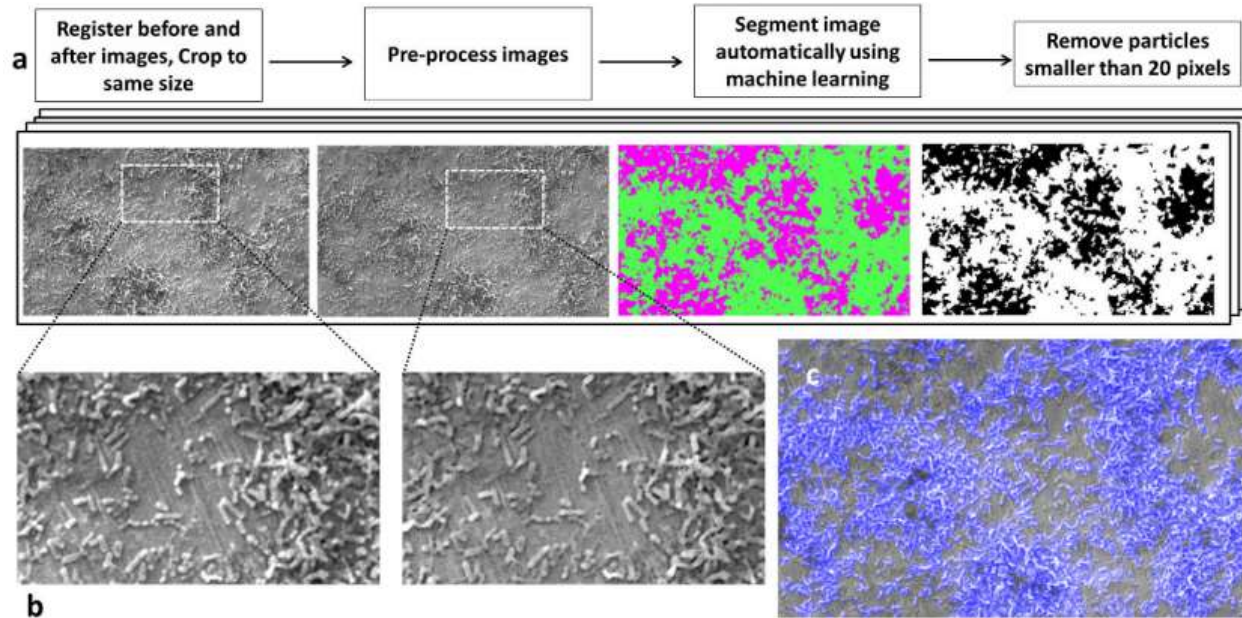
(Carreras et al., 2016)



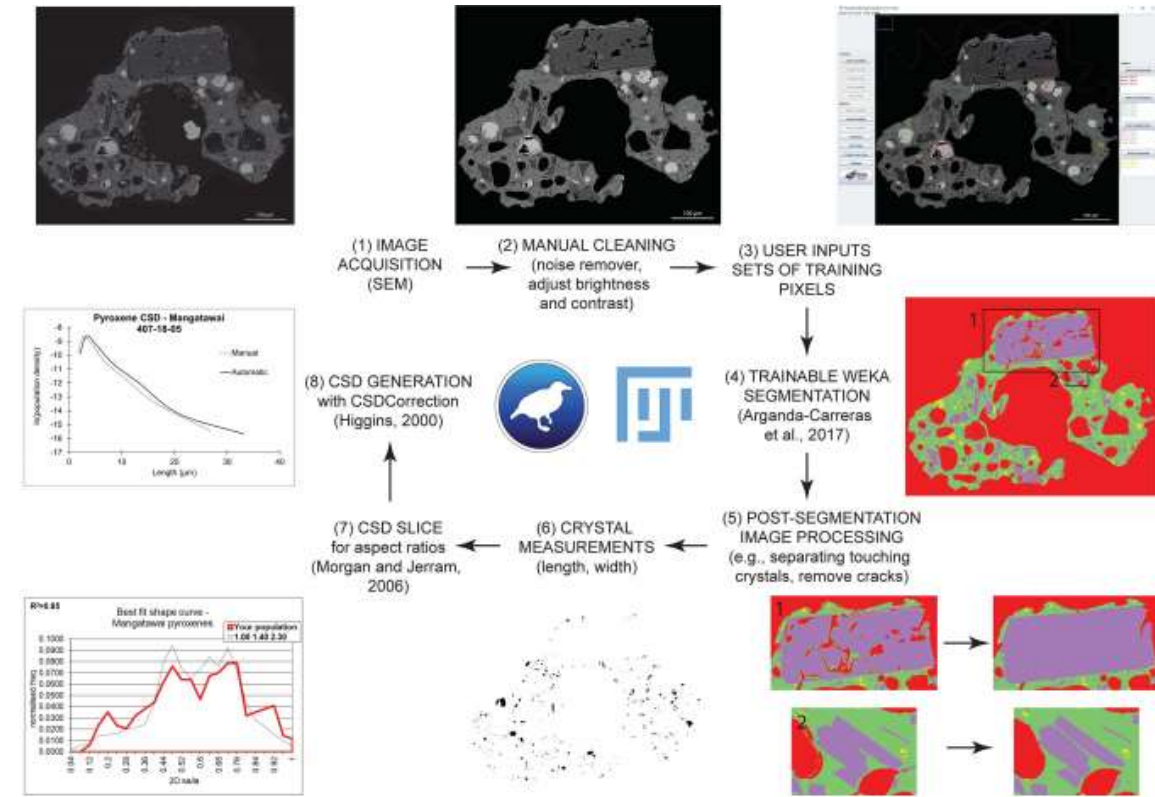
(Liu et al., 2019)



# LITERATURE REVIEW: Application of TWS



***TWS on SEM image of biomaterial surfaces***  
(Vyas et.al., 2016)



***TWS on SEM image of volcanic rocks***  
(Lormand et.al., 2018)

## ***Problem Statement:***

What is the performance of TWS on Ultrasound Image Auto-Segmentation →



# OBJECTIVES



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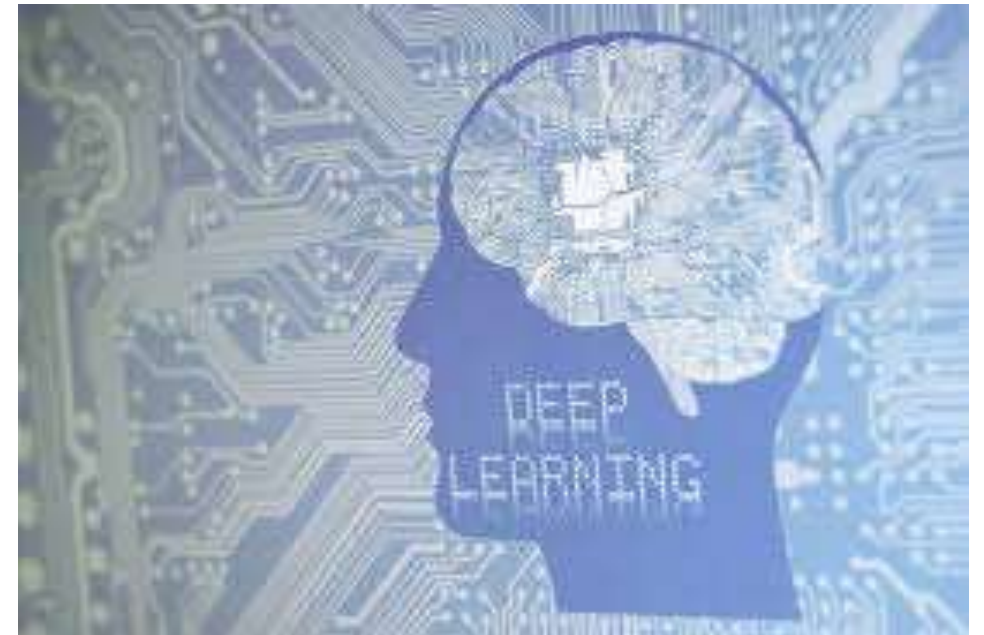
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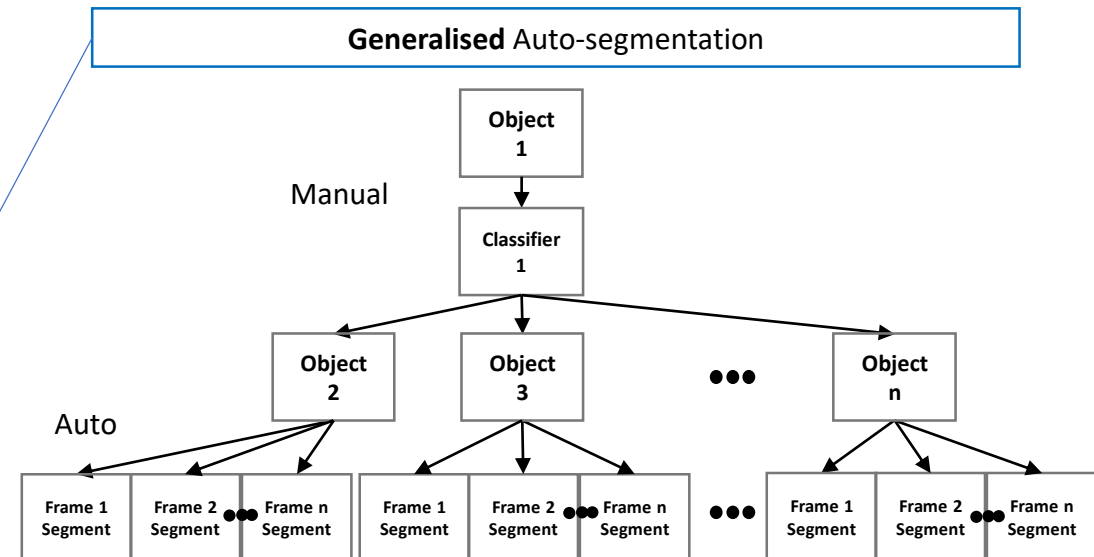
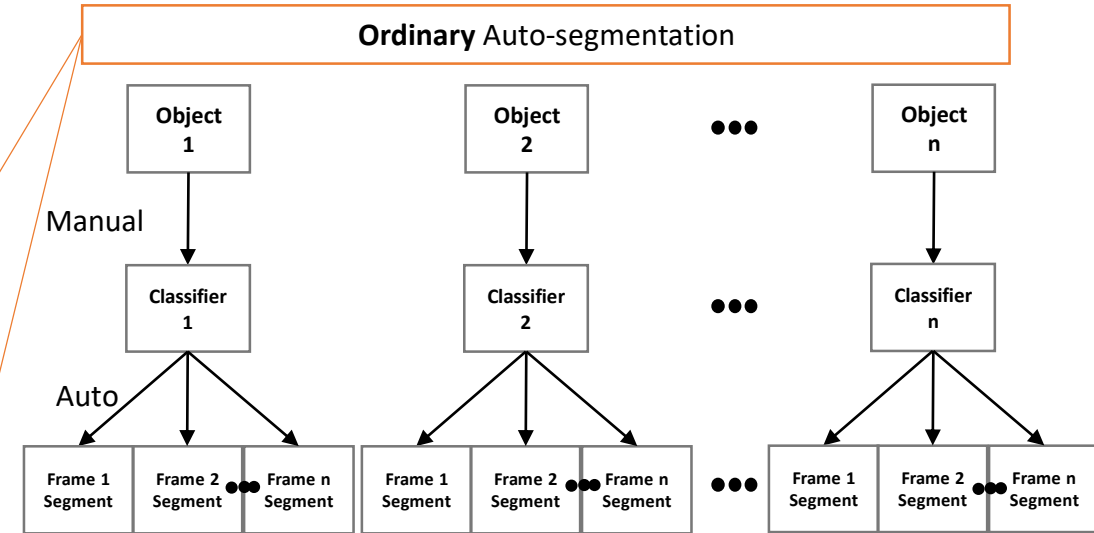
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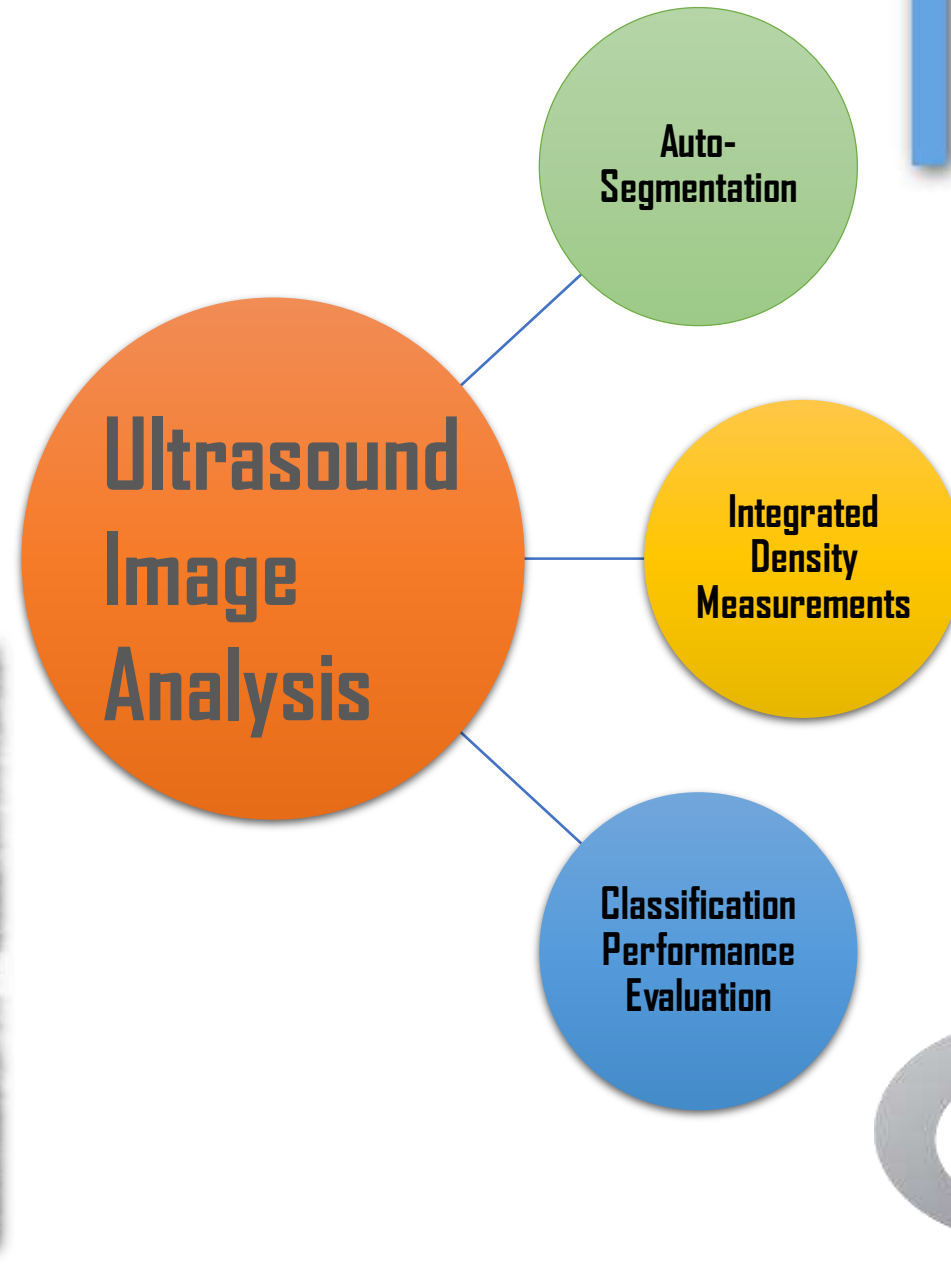
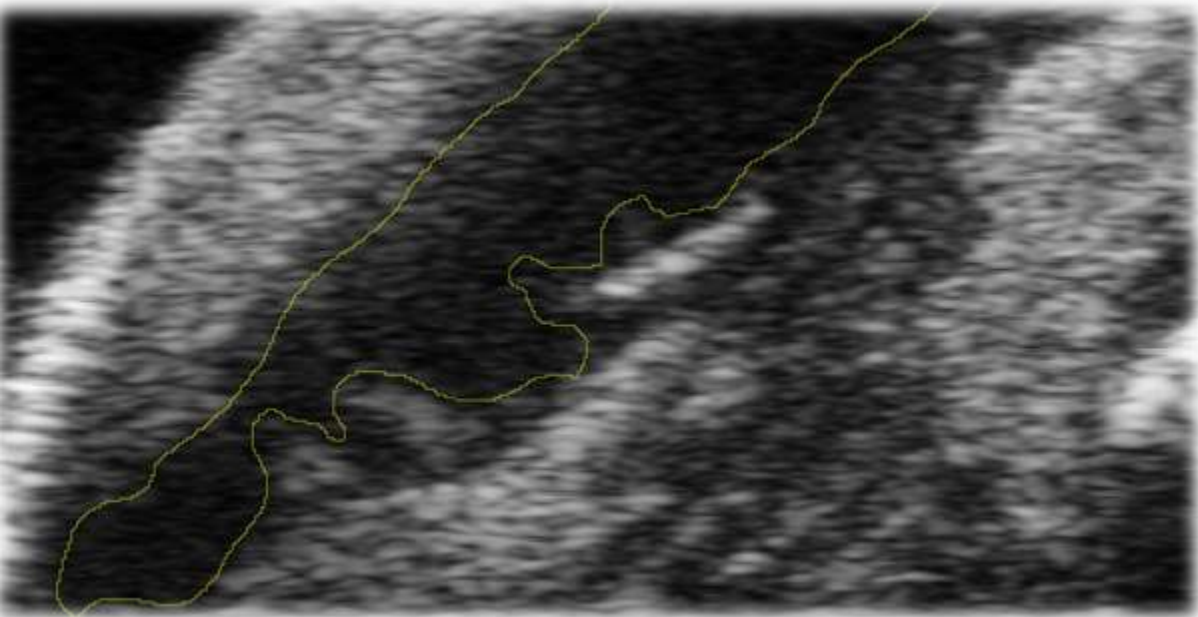


# RESEARCH SCOPE



Raw Ultrasound Image Datasets: Walker et.al. (2020)

- Nanosensor Engineering Lab (NEL)
- Department of Chem.Eng., Monash Uni
- pH-responsive nanoparticle-injected lab mouse
- 4 image stacks taken at 0, 5, 10 and 15 mins
- 100 frames per image stack





# METHODOLOGY: Experimental Design



**Control Set: Manual Segmentation Results**

## Experimental Design

### Objectives

**Manual vs Auto-segmentation**

**Random Forest vs Naïve Bayesian**

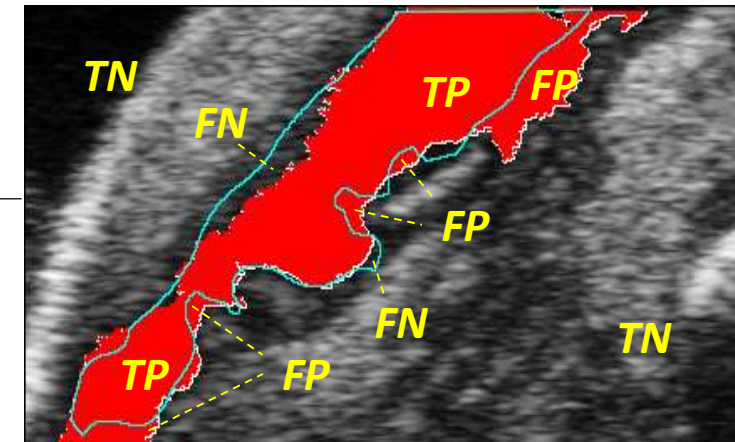
**Generalised vs Ordinary Approach**

### Methodology

Comparison of Integrated Density (APE)

- Binary Classification Features
- Receiver Operating Characteristics (ROC) Analysis

$$\text{Absolute Percentage Error (APE\%)} = \left| \frac{\text{AI IntDen} - \text{Manual IntDen}}{\text{Manual IntDen}} \right| \times 100\%$$



- Binary Features:**
- True Positive (TP)
  - True Negative (TN)
  - False Positive (FP)
  - False Negative (FN)

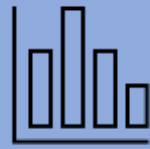


**TWS Segmentation**

**Manual Segmentation**



# METHODOLOGY: Statistical Analysis



## *Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Analysis*

Binary Performance Metrics

level of **under-  
prediction** of  
**desired** pixels

**Sensitivity**

$$\frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

Level of **under-  
prediction** of  
**undesired** pixels

$$\frac{TN}{TN + FP}$$

**Specificity**

**Precision**

$$\frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

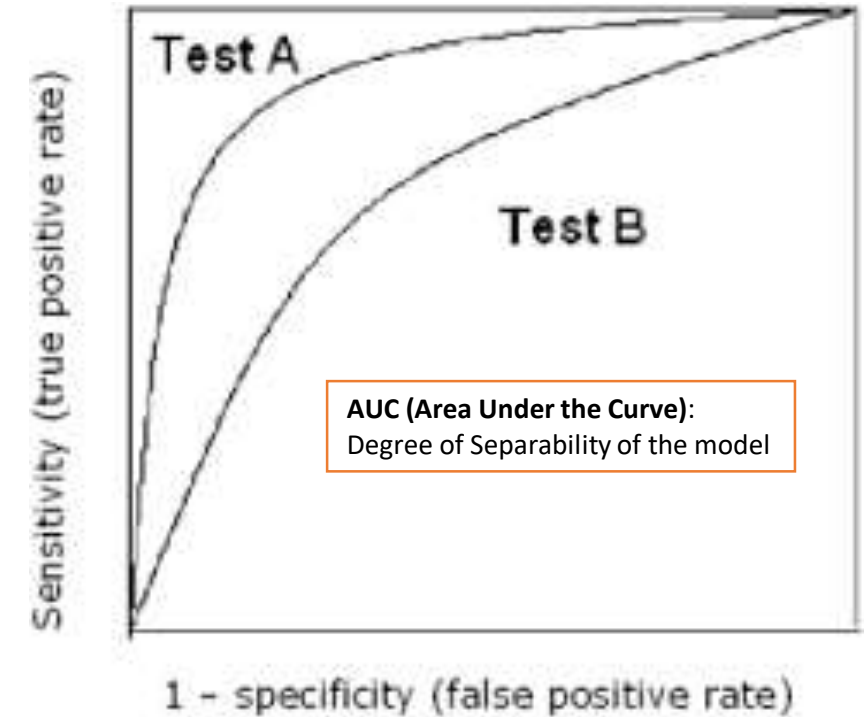
level of **over-  
prediction** of  
**desired** pixels

$$\frac{1}{\frac{0.5}{Prec} + \frac{0.5}{Sens}}$$

**F-score**

Harmonic mean of  
sens. and prec.  
**Overall Performance**

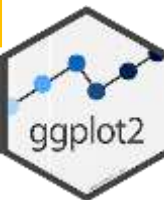
ROC Curve



'ROCR' Package in R (Sing, 2005)

**ROCR** v1.0-7

'ggplot2' Package in R (Wickham, 2016)



# METHODOLOGY: Image Segmentation



*Auto-Segmentation*

*Undesired  
Region*

*Desired  
Region*

*Binary  
Classification*

Segmentation settings

Training features:

- ☒ Gaussian blur
- ☒ Hessian
- ☒ Membrane projections
- ☐ Mean
- ☐ Maximum
- ☐ Anisotropic diffusion
- ☐ Lipschitz
- ☐ Gabor
- ☐ Laplacian
- ☐ Entropy
- ☒ Sobel filter
- ☒ Difference of gaussians
- ☐ Variance
- ☐ Minimum
- ☐ Median
- ☐ Bilateral
- ☐ Kuwahara
- ☐ Derivatives
- ☐ Structure
- ☐ Neighbors

Membrane thickness: 1

Membrane patch size: 19

Minimum sigma: 1.0

Maximum sigma: 16.0

Classifier options:

Choose FastRandomForest -I 200 -K 2 -S 1259616

Trainable Weka Segmentation v3.2.34

1/100 (slice:1): 428x223 pixels: RGB: 36MB

Training

- Train classifier
- Toggle overlay
- Create result
- Get probability
- Plot result

Options

- Apply classifier
- Load classifier
- Save classifier
- Load data
- Save data
- Create new class
- Settings

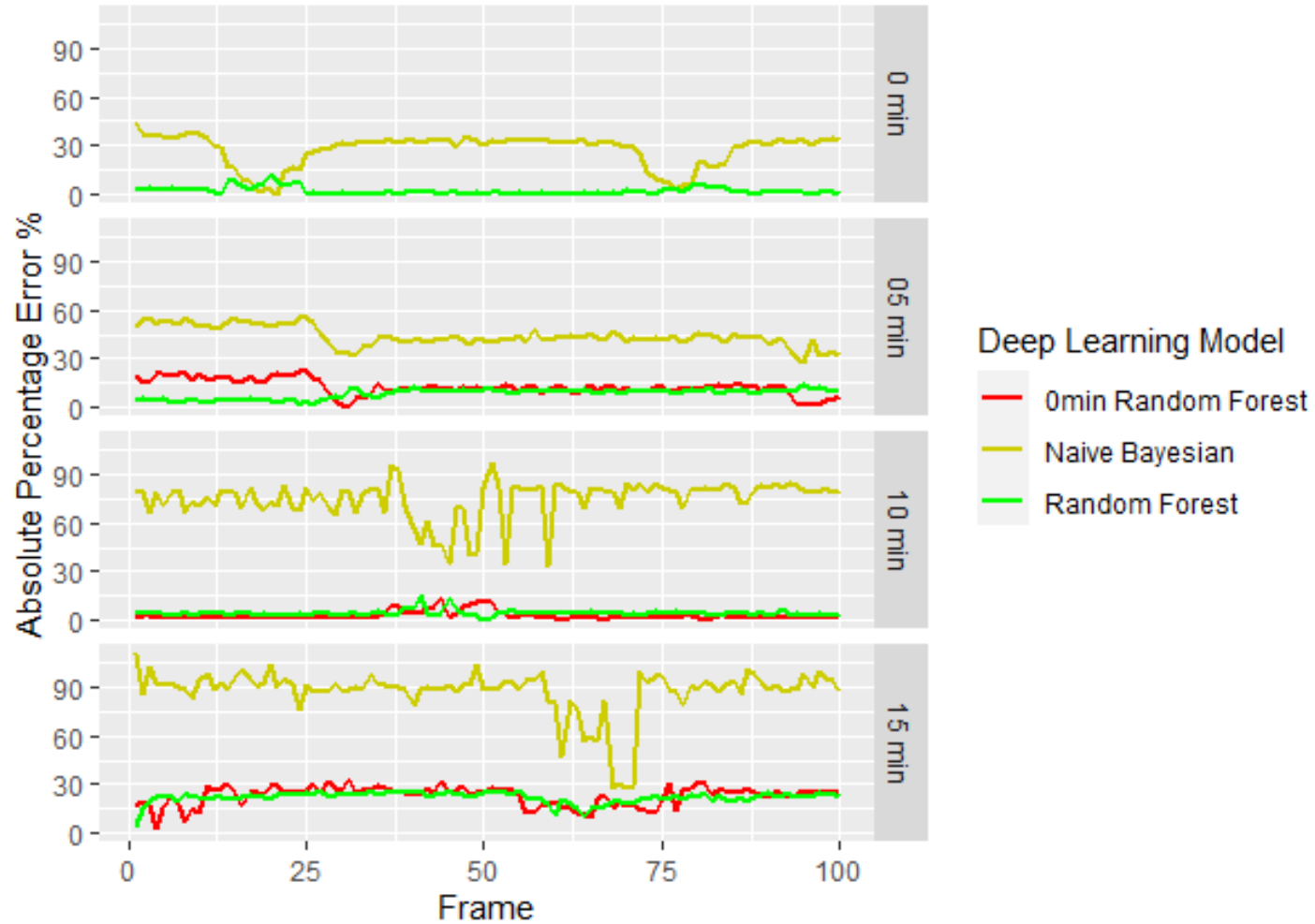
Labels

- Add to class 1
- trace 0 (Z=1)
- Add to class 2
- trace 0 (Z=1)
- trace 1 (Z=1)
- trace 2 (Z=1)
- trace 3 (Z=1)
- trace 4 (Z=1)

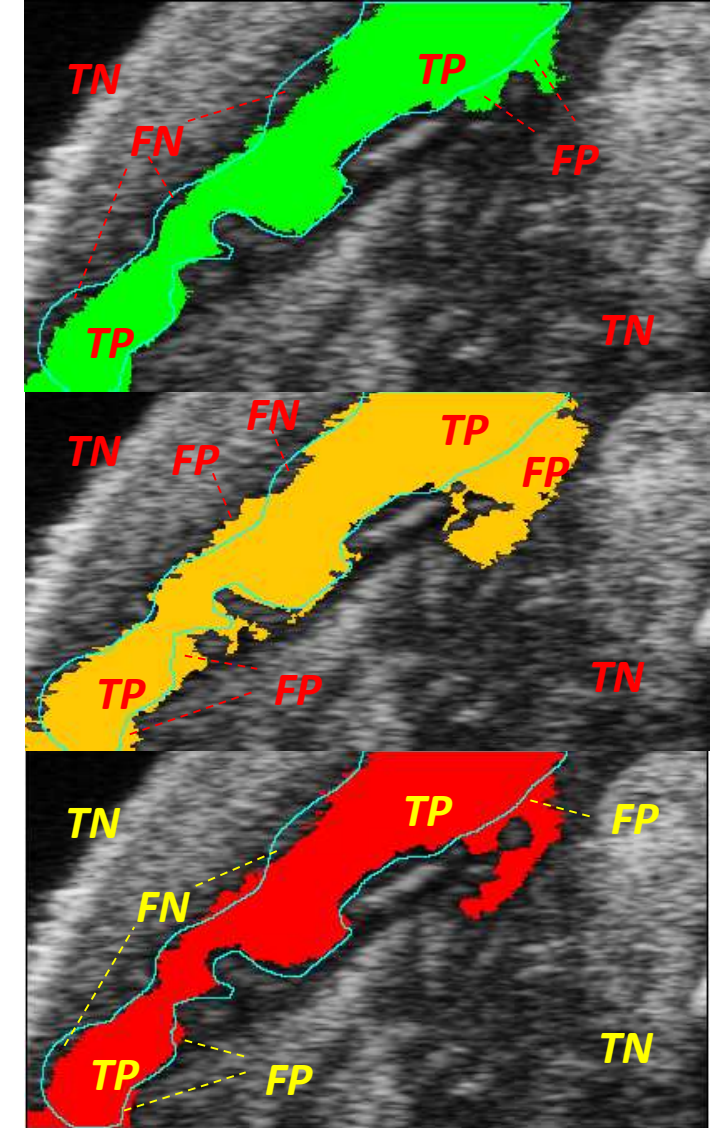
# Results & Discussion: Integrated Density



Absolute Percentage Error on Integrated Density Measurements



- Random Forest: Better flexibility and Good generalisation ability



- Random Forest**
- Naive Bayesian**
- Generalised Random Forest**
- Manual Segmentation**



# Results & Discussion: Performance Metrics



Model	Average Sensitivity*	Average Specificity*	Average Precision*	Average F-score*
Random Forest	0.854 $\pm$ 0.045	0.972 $\pm$ 0.010	0.878 $\pm$ 0.036	0.865 $\pm$ 0.022
Naïve Bayesian	0.948 $\pm$ 0.016	0.988 $\pm$ 0.042	0.661 $\pm$ 0.079	0.776 $\pm$ 0.052
Generalised RF	0.886 $\pm$ 0.011	0.944 $\pm$ 0.016	0.791 $\pm$ 0.054	0.834 $\pm$ 0.031

**Sensitivity:** Level of under-prediction of desired region

**Specificity:** Level of under-prediction of un-desired region

**Precision:** Level of over-prediction of desired region

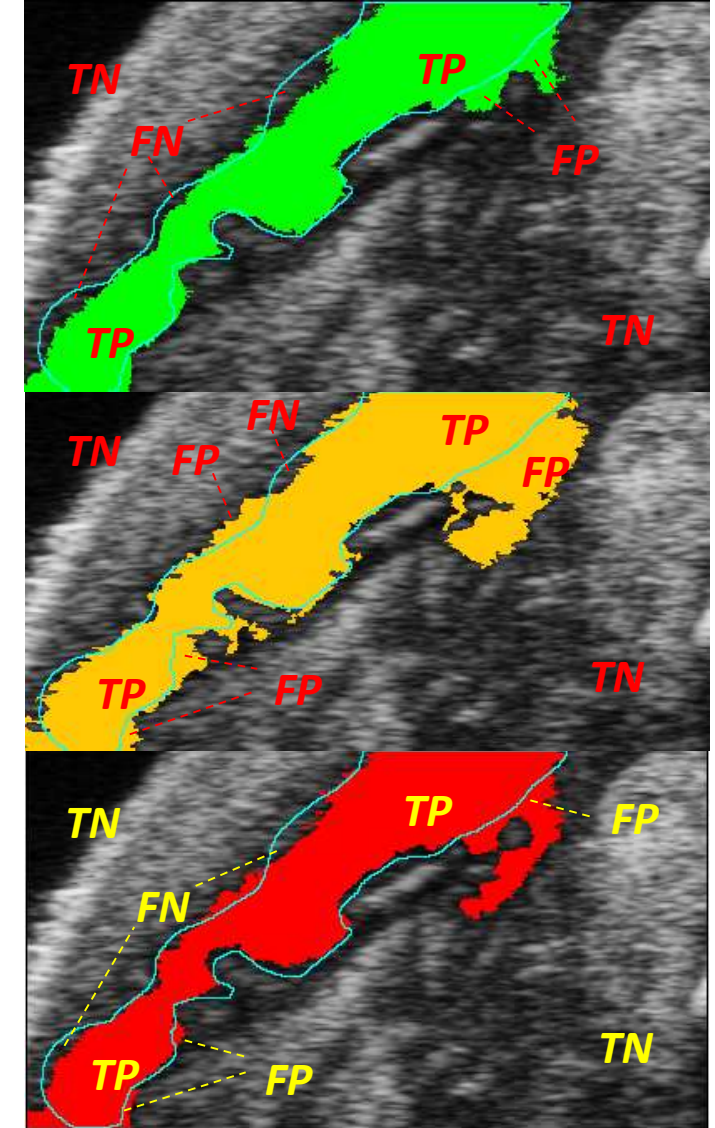
**F-score:** Overall Performance

Random Forest: In general, Best **F-score:** 0.865 (Overall Performance)

→ Best Model in terms of Performance Metrics

Generalised RF: Good **F-score:** 0.834 (Overall Performance)

→ Satisfactory Performance



**Random Forest**



**Naïve Bayesian**



**Generalised Random Forest**



**Manual Segmentation**

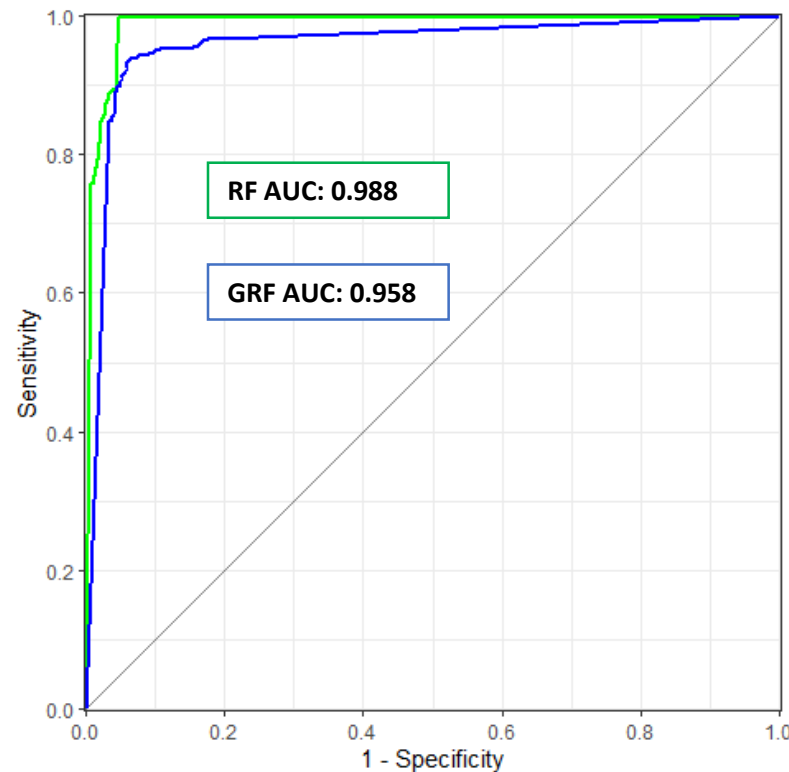
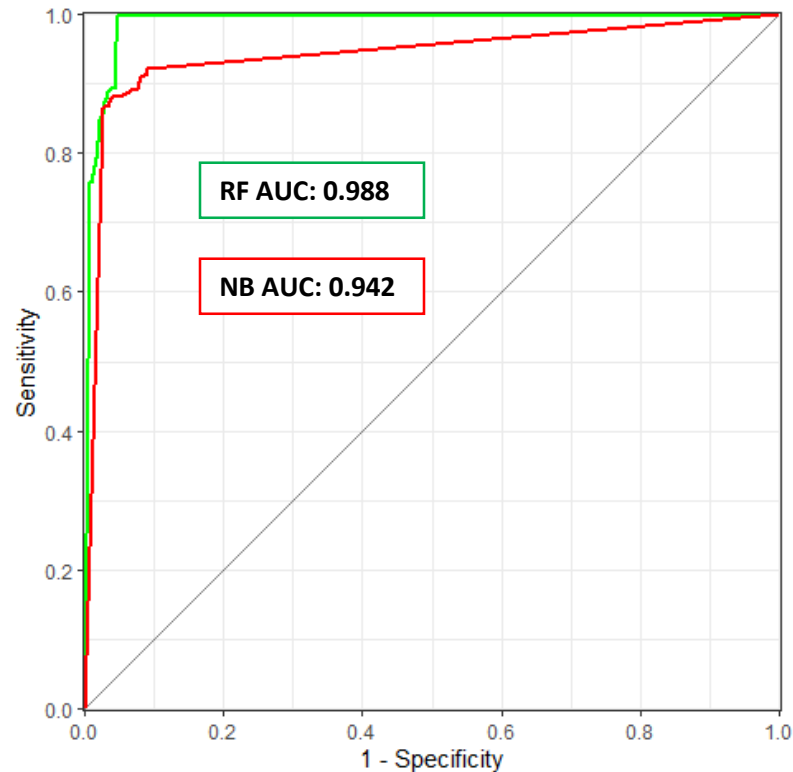


# Results & Discussion: ROC curves & AUC



Model	Random Forest	Naïve Bayesian	Generalised RF
Time			
AUC*	0.988	0.942	0.958

AUC (Area Under the Curve): Degree of Separability of the model



— *Random Forest*  
— *Naïve Bayesian*  
— *Generalised RF*

- Random Forest: higher **Area Under Curve** (0.988) than NB (0.942) → Better Model in terms of AUC
- Generalised RF: Slightly lower **Area Under Curve** (0.958) than RF (0.988) → Satisfactory Performance

# **LIMITATION & FUTURE PRESPECTIVE**



**Reproducibility**

**Technological Limitation**



**3D Ultrasound Image**

**Poor Interpretability**



**Better algorithms to be developed**

**Limited Sample Images**



## CONCLUSION

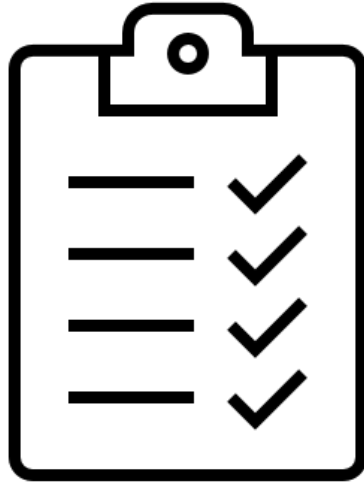


TWS gives satisfactory auto-segmentation results

Random Forest >>> Naïve Bayesian

Generalised Model is viable, but less reliable

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