Plug-and-Play Priors for Reconstruction-based Placental Image Registration (PnP-RR)

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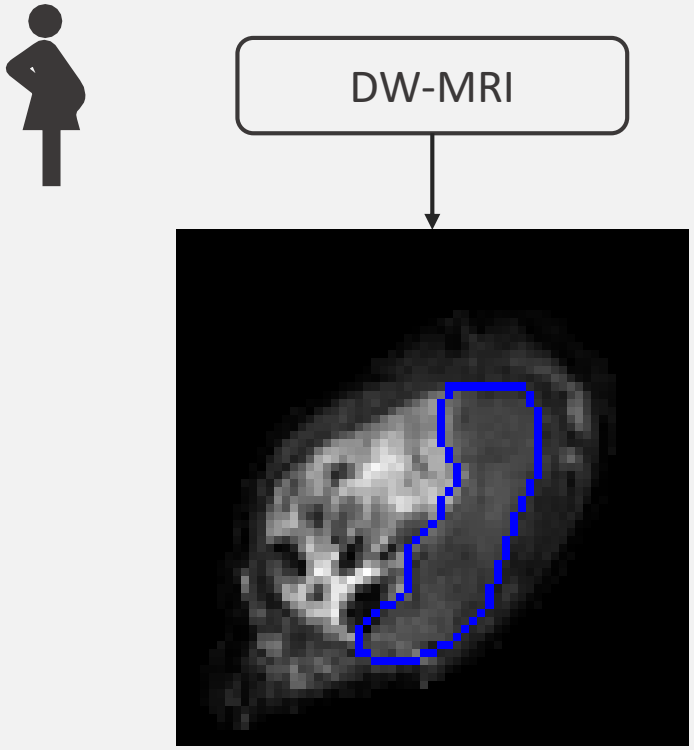
Monitoring Pregnancy Health through Diffusion-weighted MRI (DW-MRI)



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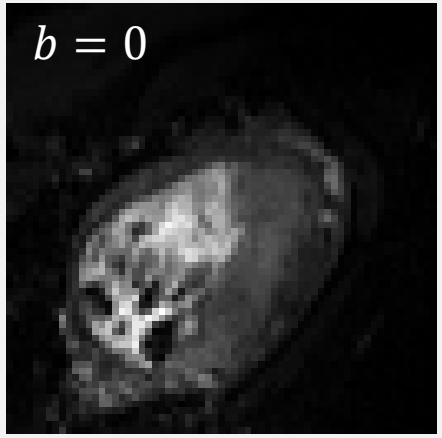

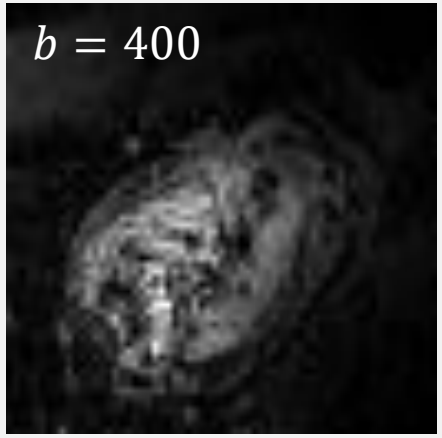

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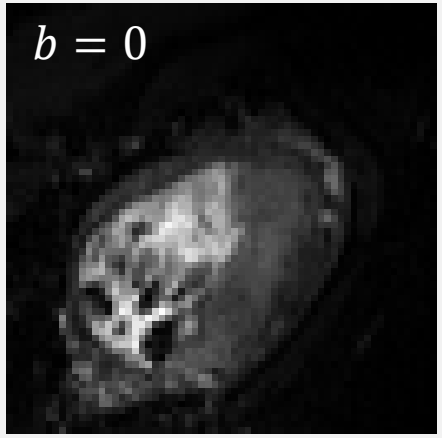

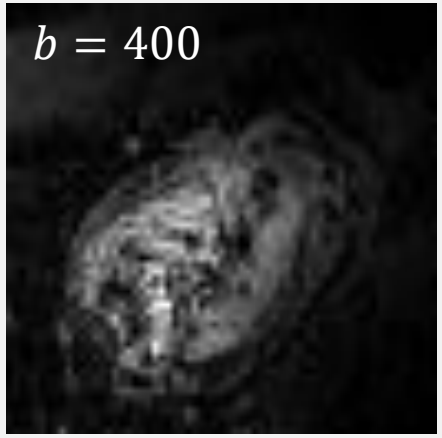

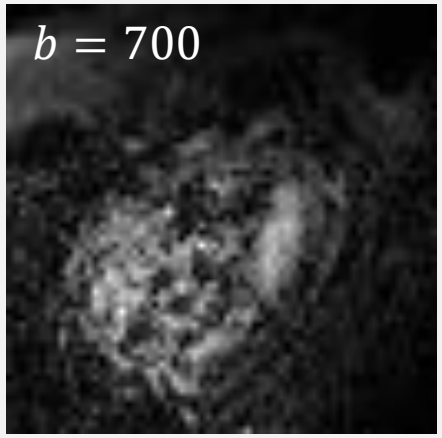

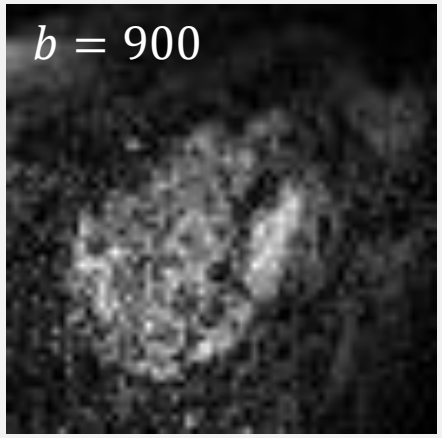

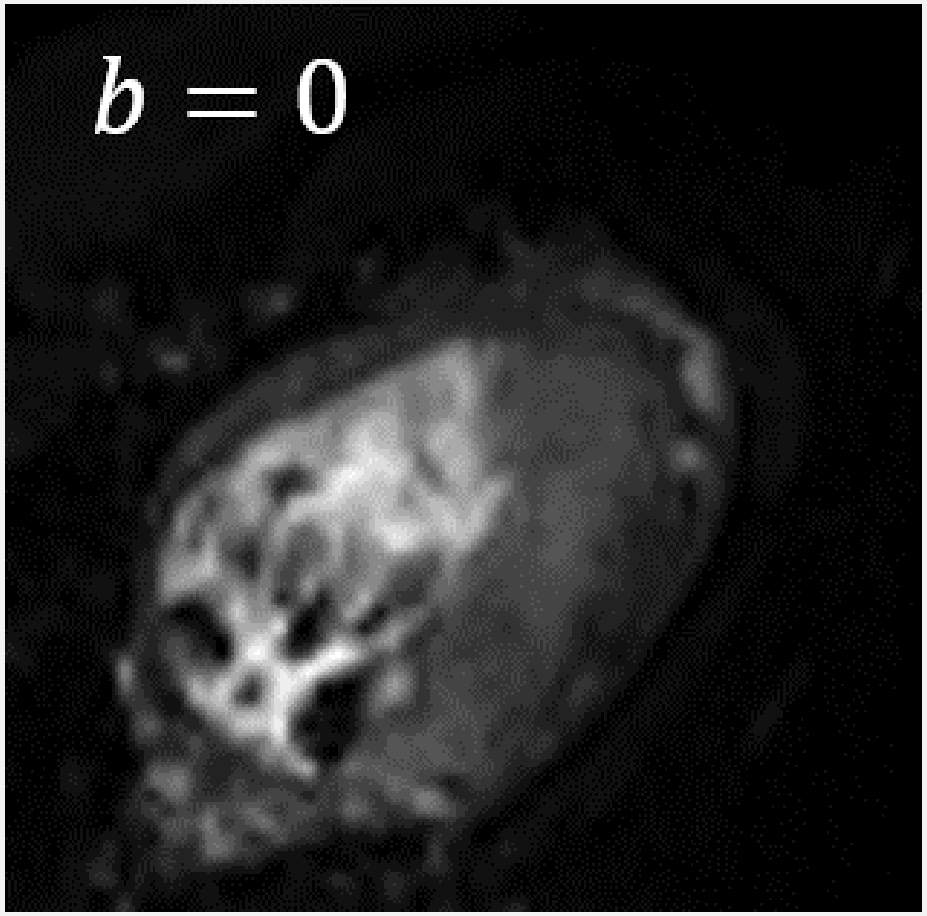

Higher b-value -> stronger noise

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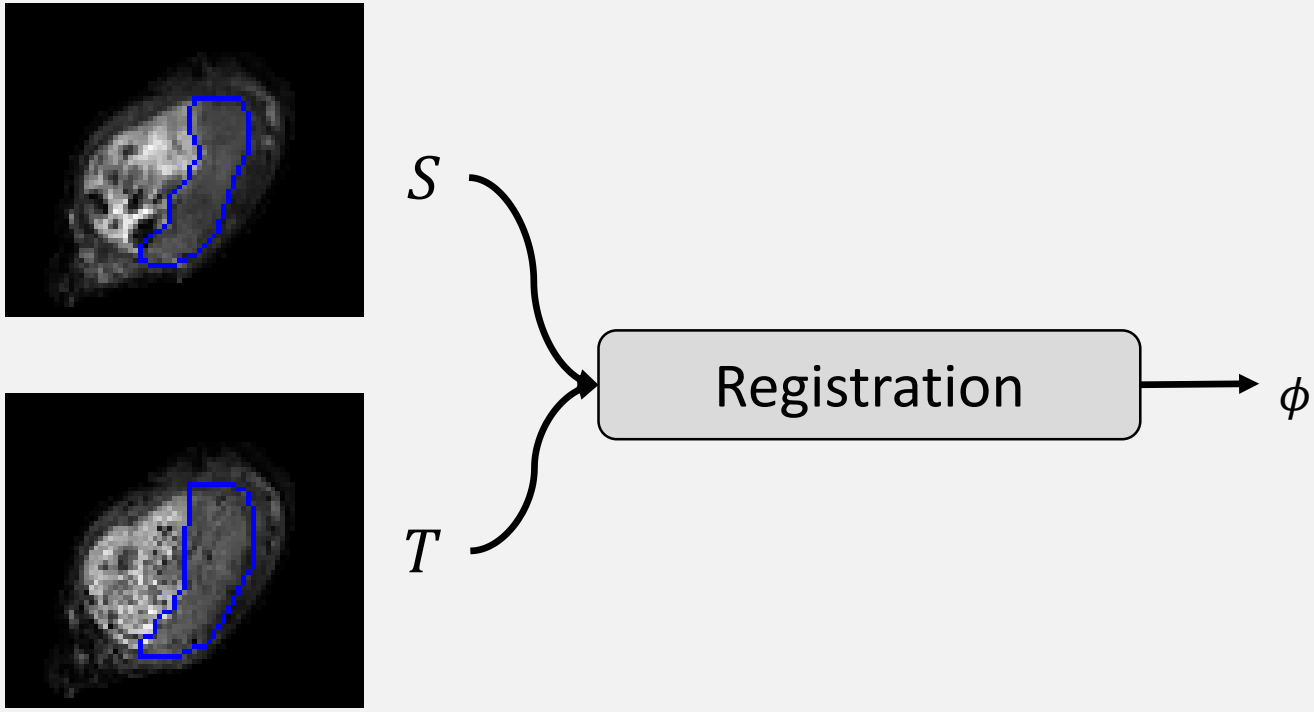

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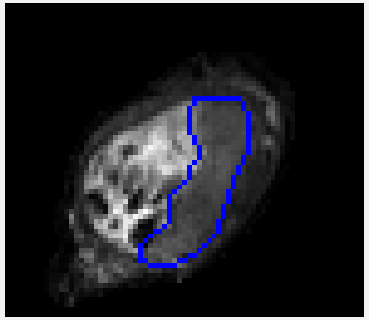

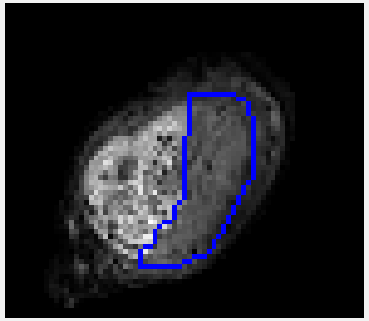

S

T

Registration

ϕ

$$\underset{\phi}{\operatorname{argmin}} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \operatorname{dist}(S \circ \phi^{-1}, T) + \mathcal{R}(\phi)$$

Noise variance

Image dissimilarity

Regularization for smooth transformation

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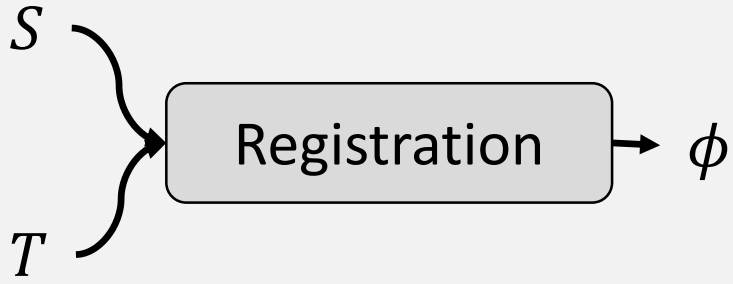

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- Idea: Denoising + Registration

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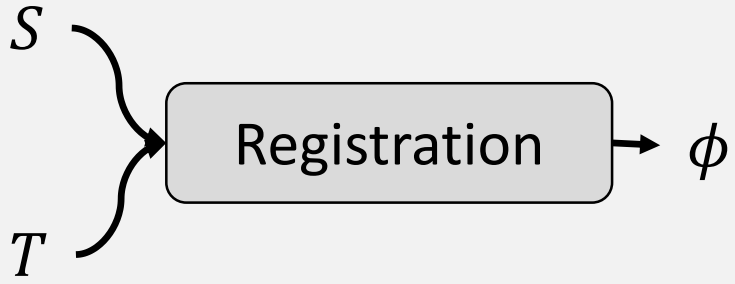

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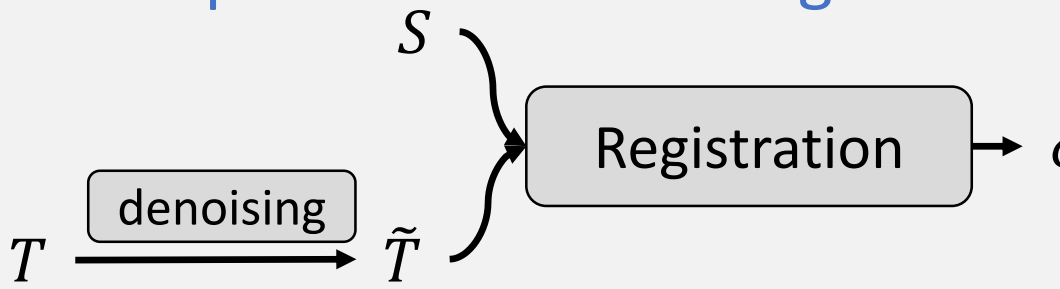

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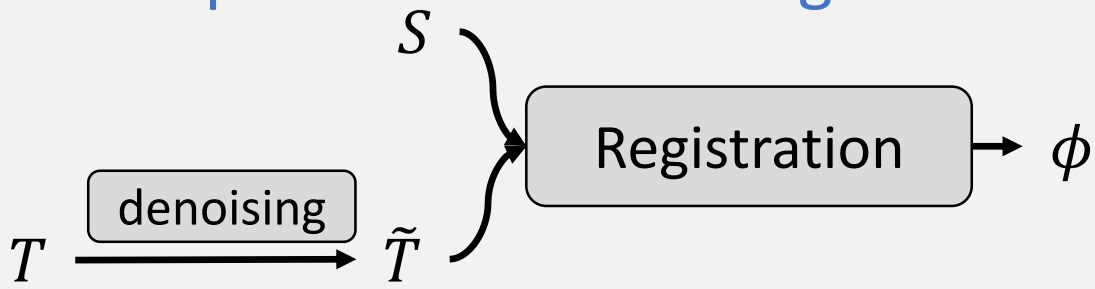

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- Joint Optimization Method

→ Requires explicit objective function
-> LIMITED CHOICES for denoisers

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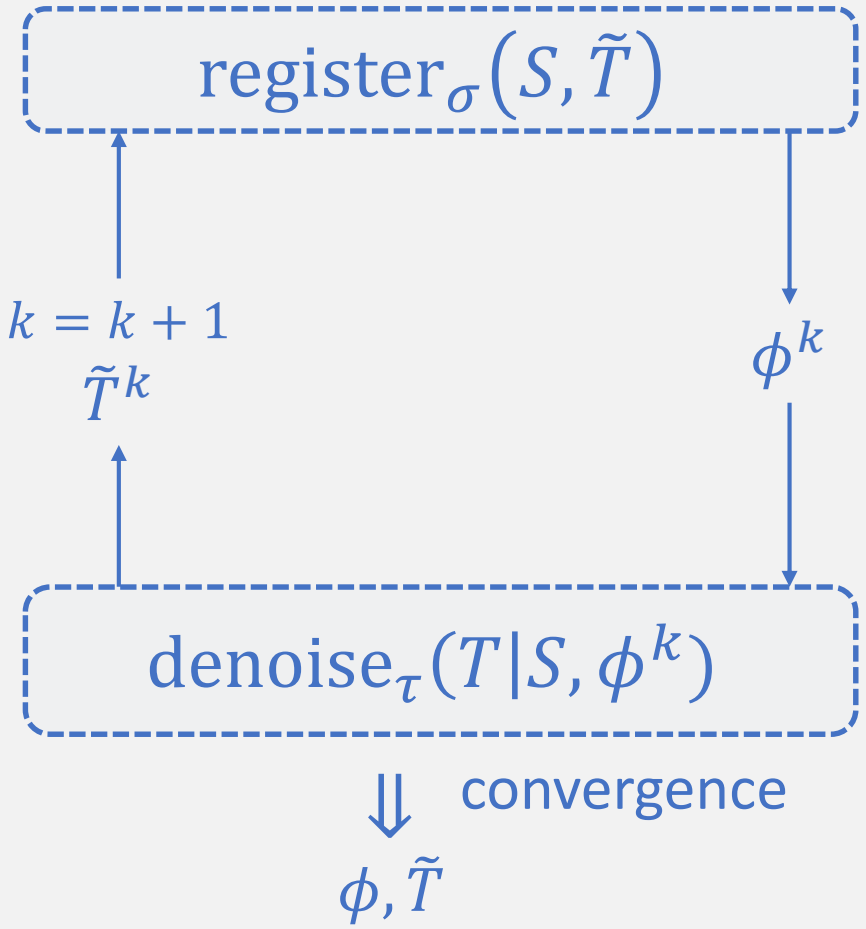

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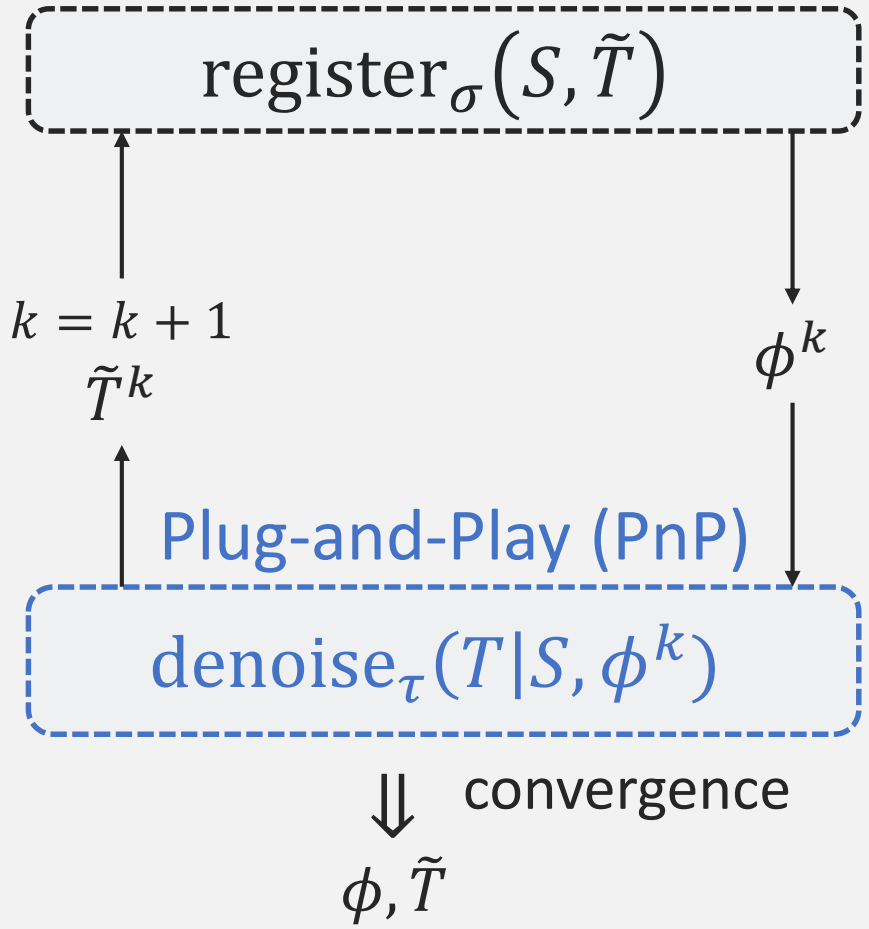

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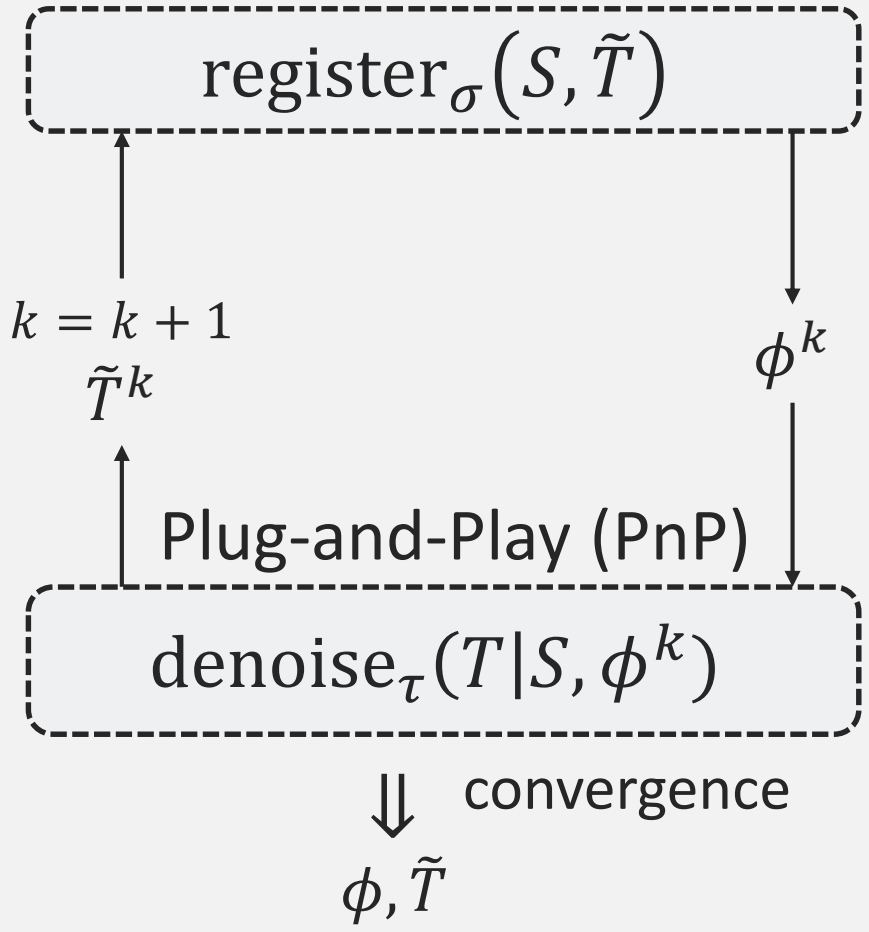

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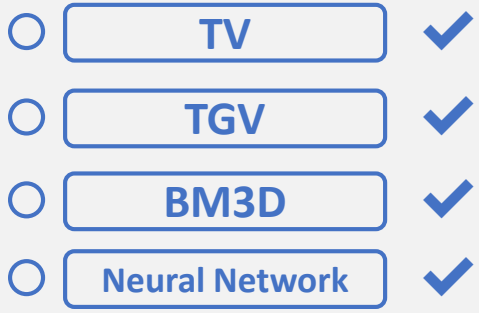
- Advantages



Flexible to CHOOSE DENOISER

Better PERFORMANCE

Simple to IMPLEMENT

Easy to TUNE

Proposed method: PnP-RR

- Mathematical View

- **JOINT**
  denoising-registration
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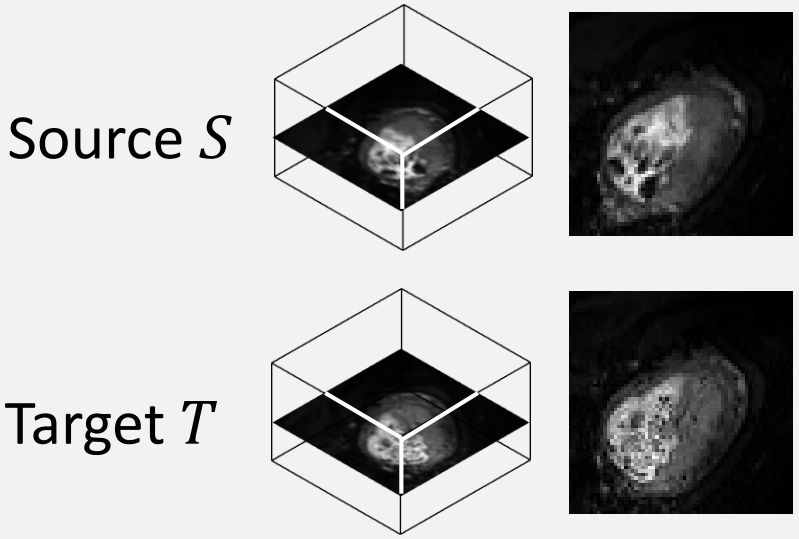
Experiments

- Data
  - 2D synthetic images

Source S Target T

  - 3D placental DW-MR images



Source S

Target T

- Algorithm Setting
  - Registration
    - Fourier-approximated Lie Algebras for Shooting (FLASH)[1]
  - Denoising
    - Total variation (TV)[2]
    - Total generalized variation (TGV)[3]
    - Block-matching and 3D filtering (BM3D)[4]

[1] Zhang, et al., IPMI, 2017
[2] Rudin, Leonid I. et al., Physica D: nonlinear phenomena 60.1-4 (1992)
[3] Bredies et al., SIAM Journal on Imaging Sciences 3.3 (2010)
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Results

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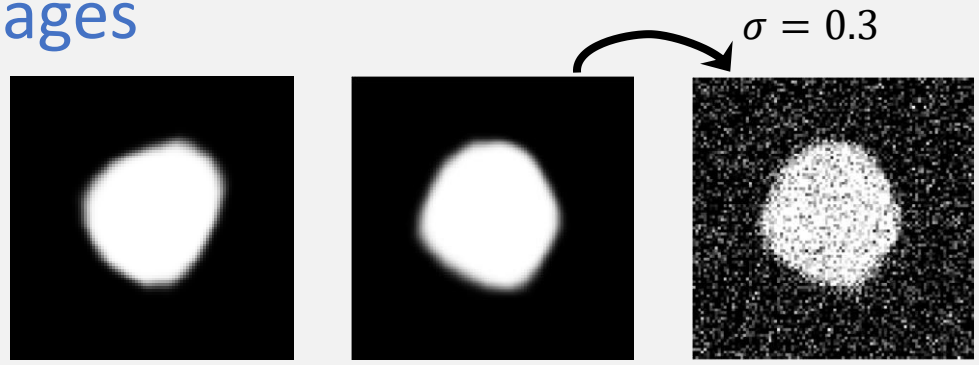
Source and Target



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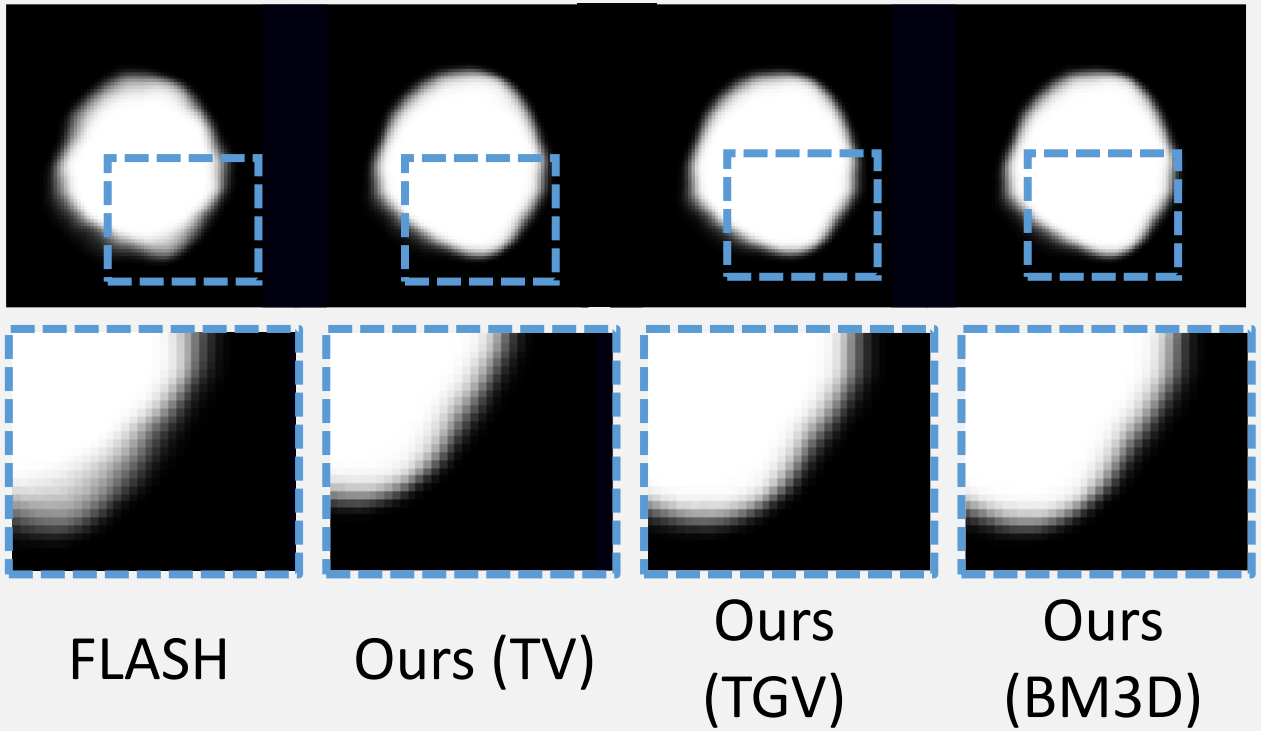
Result (deformed source)



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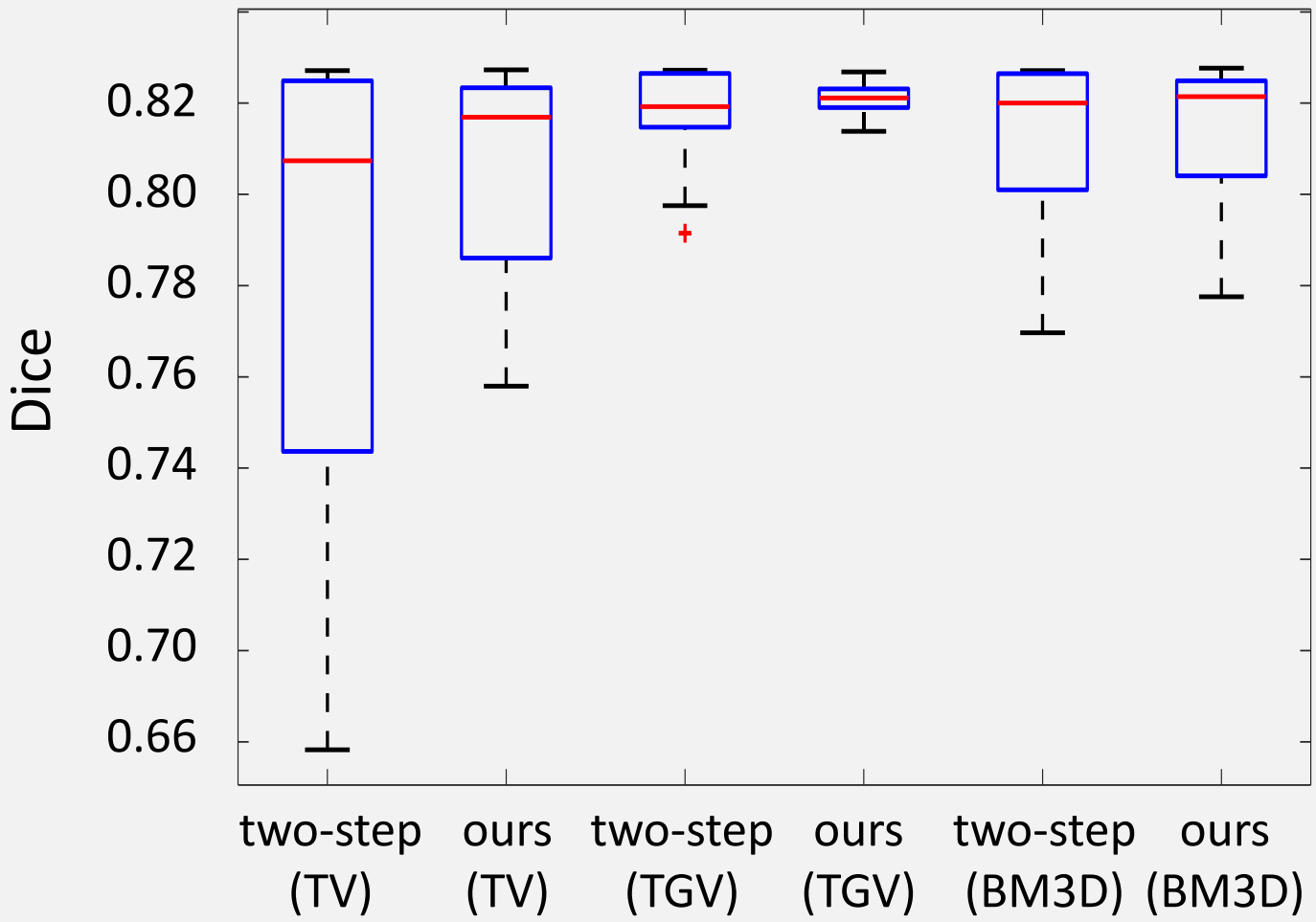

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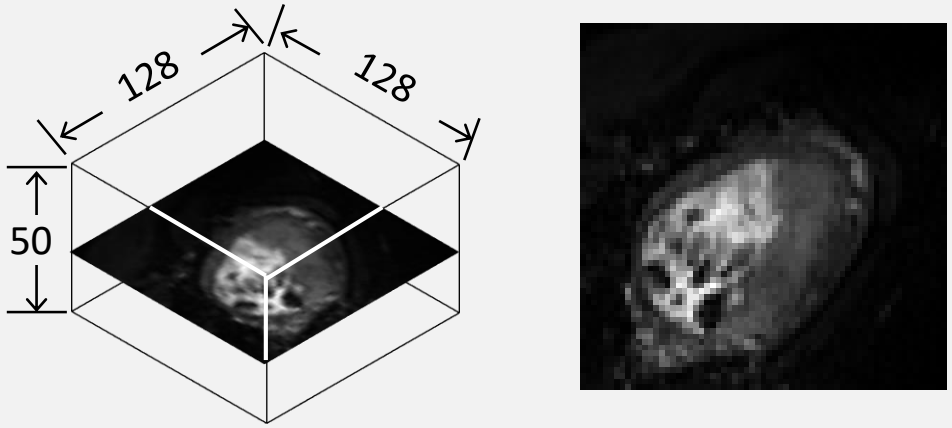

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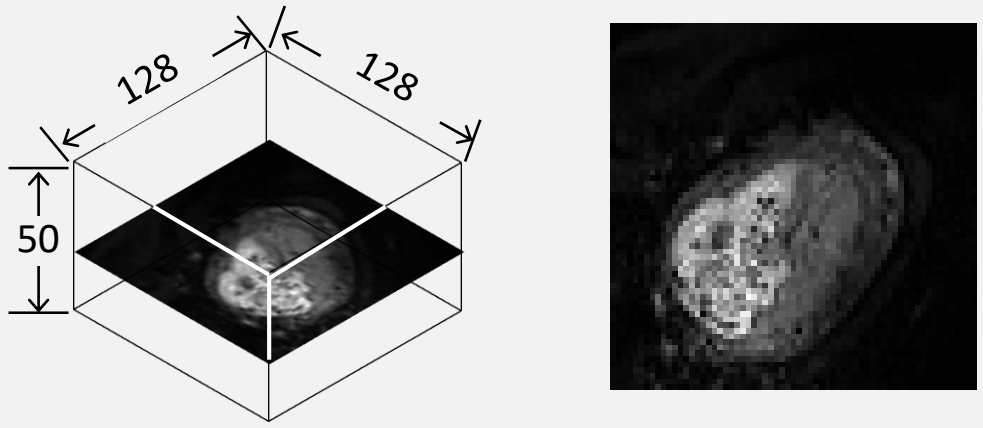
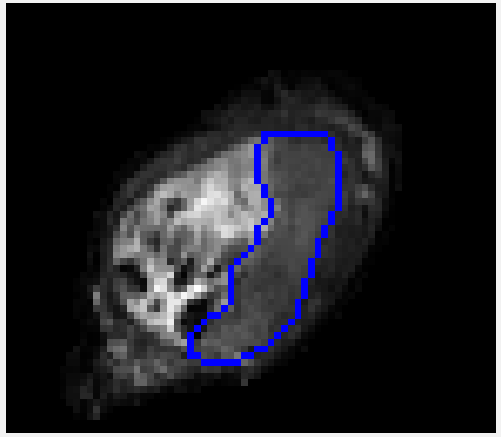


Target T

Results

- Propagated placental segments



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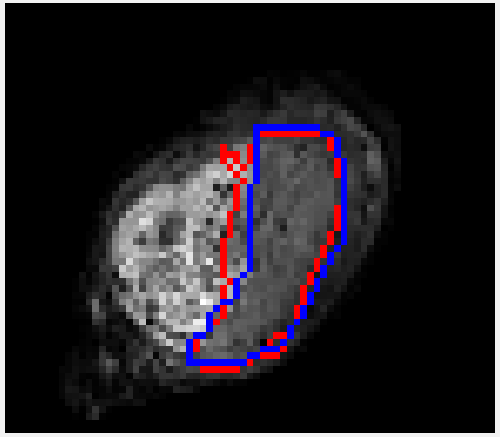

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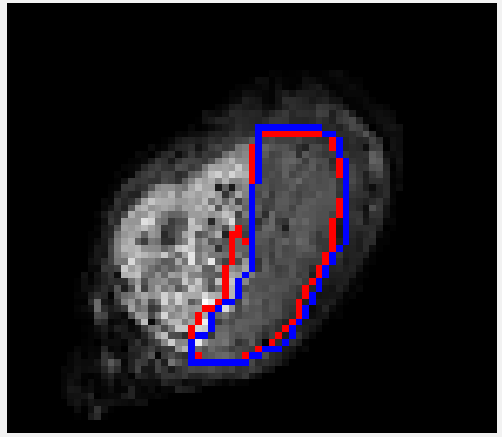

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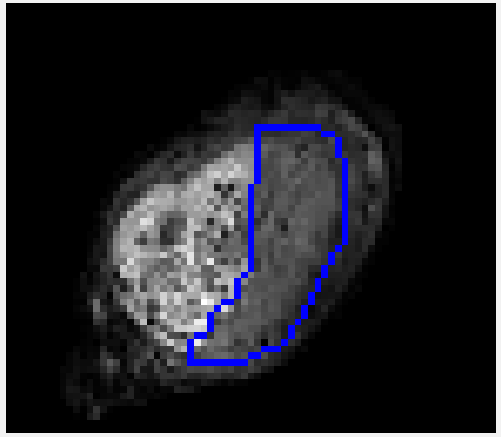

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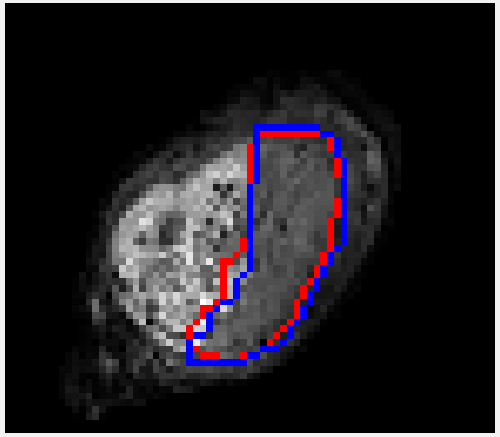

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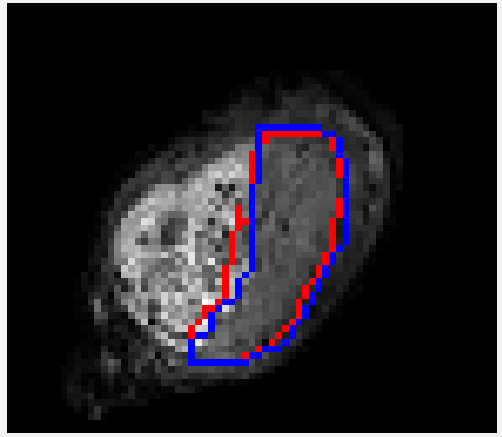

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