

# Registration in medical imaging: Principles and applications

Enseignement post-universitaire sur le traitement d'image en physique médicale  
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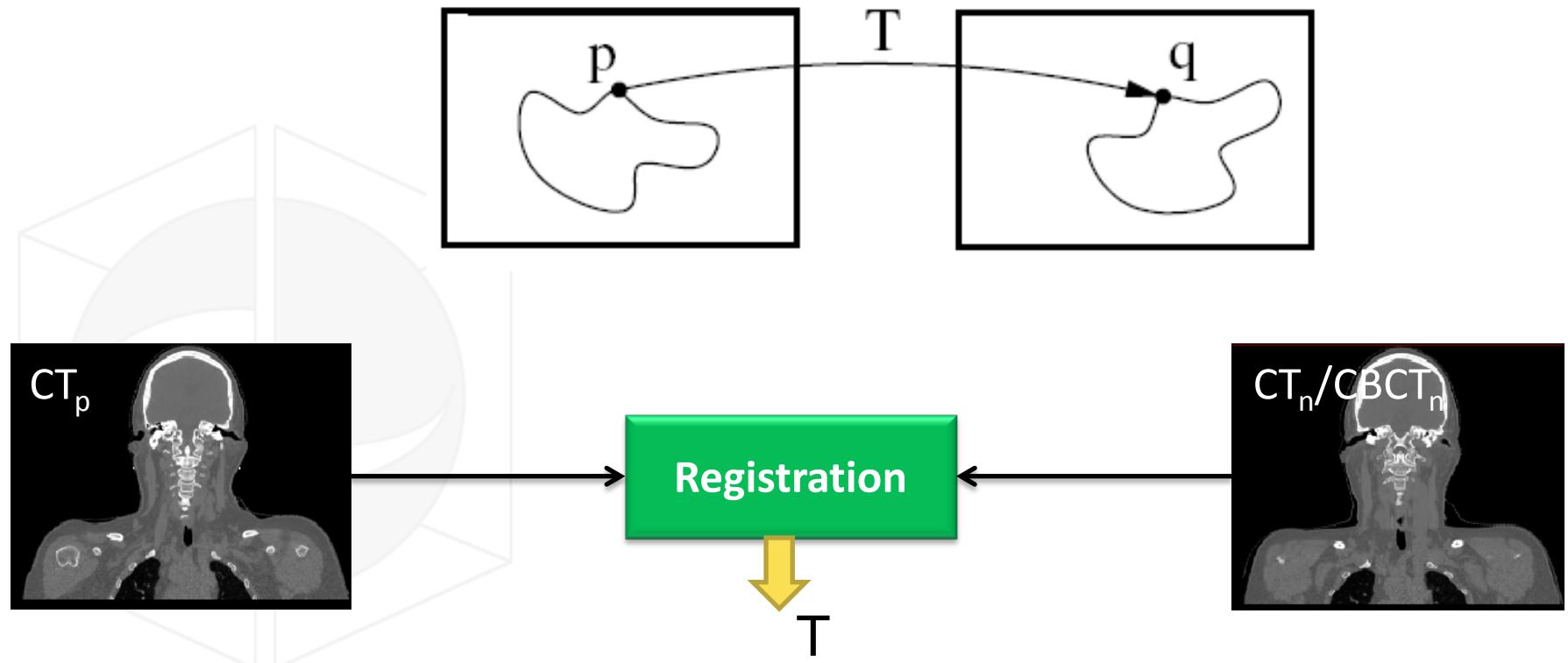
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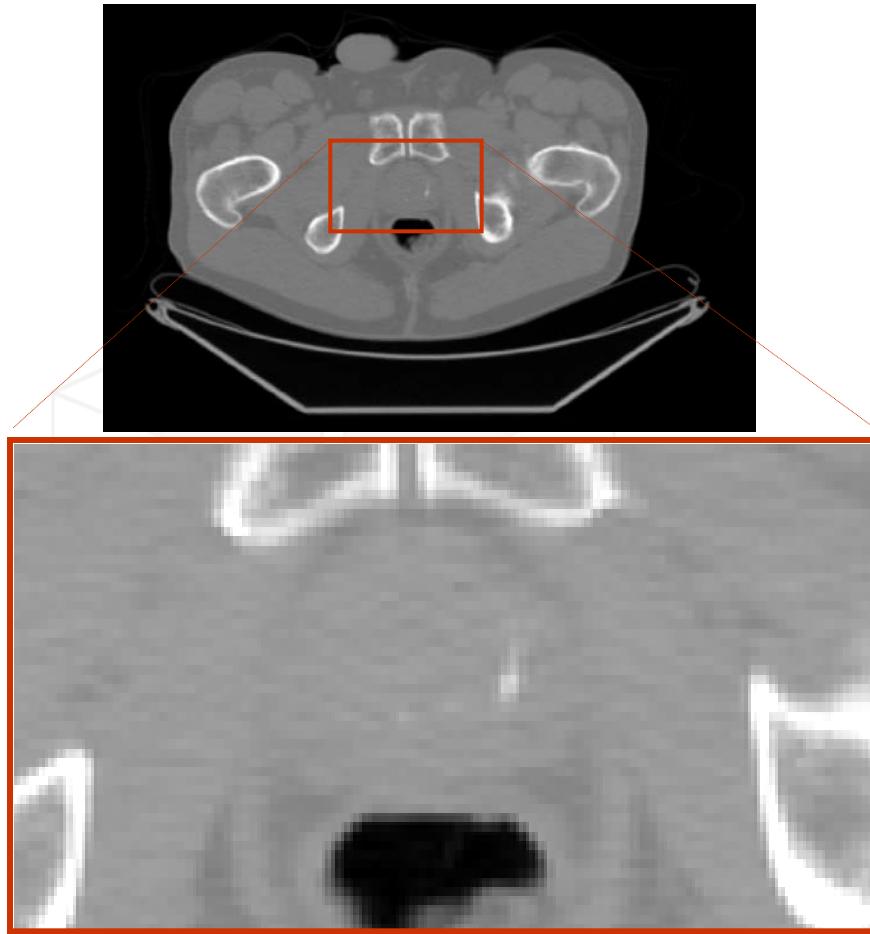


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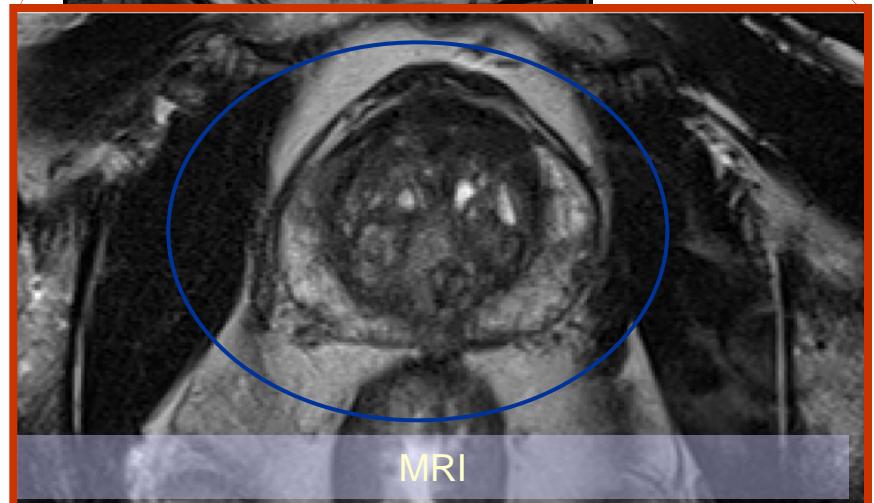
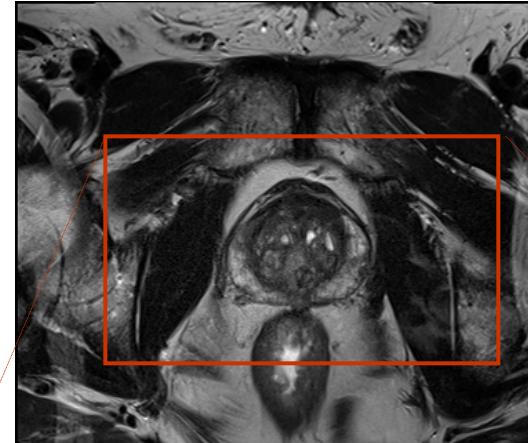
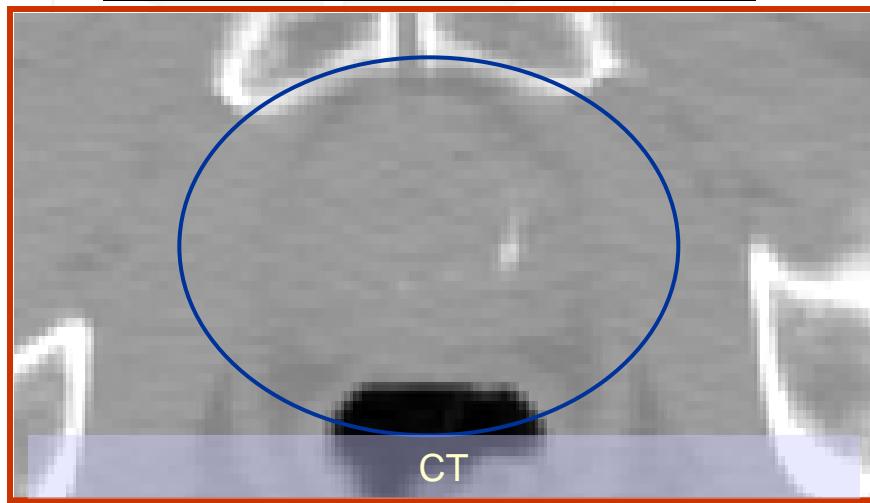
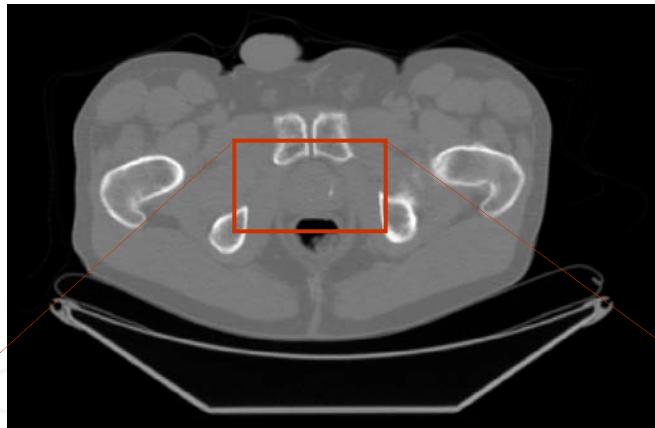
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- CT only??
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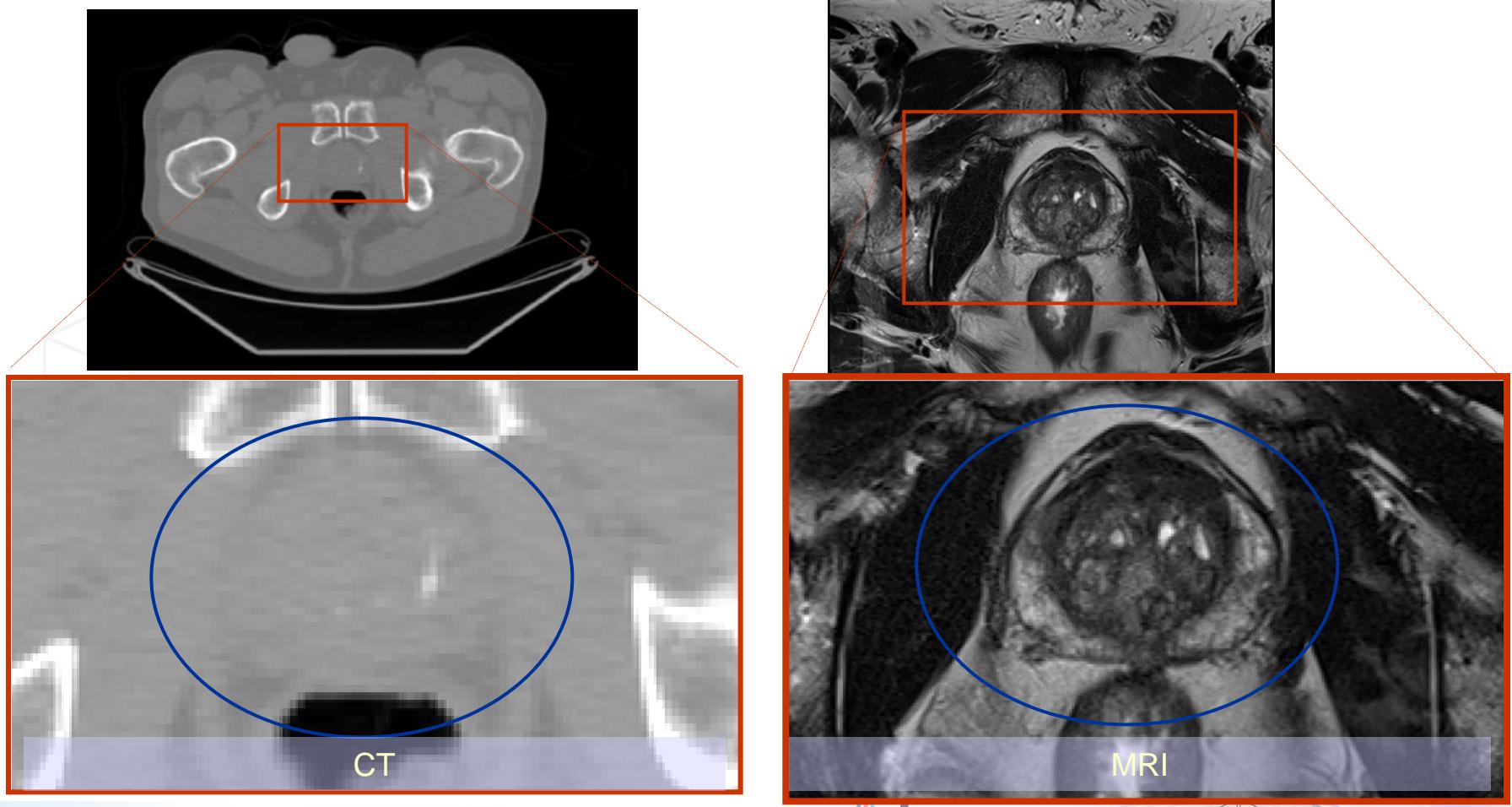
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- To align the observed **data** (modality1) with the observed **data in** (modality2)
  - Multimodal fusion



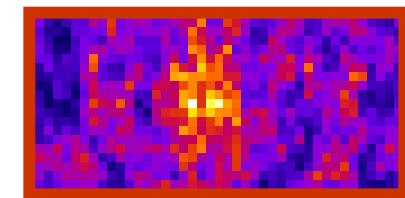
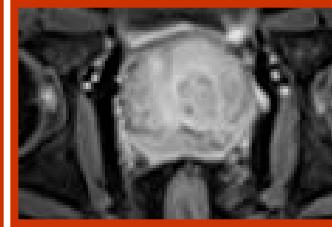
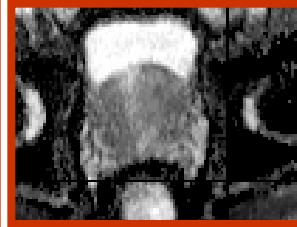
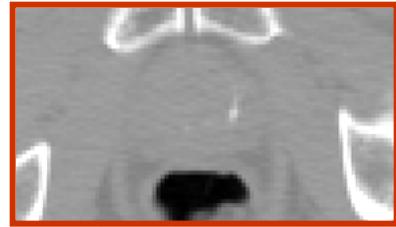
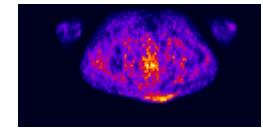
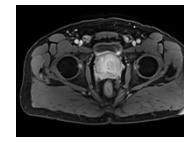
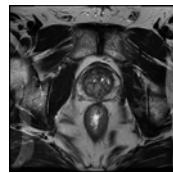
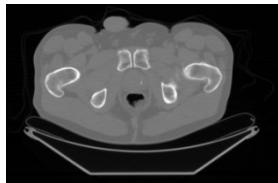
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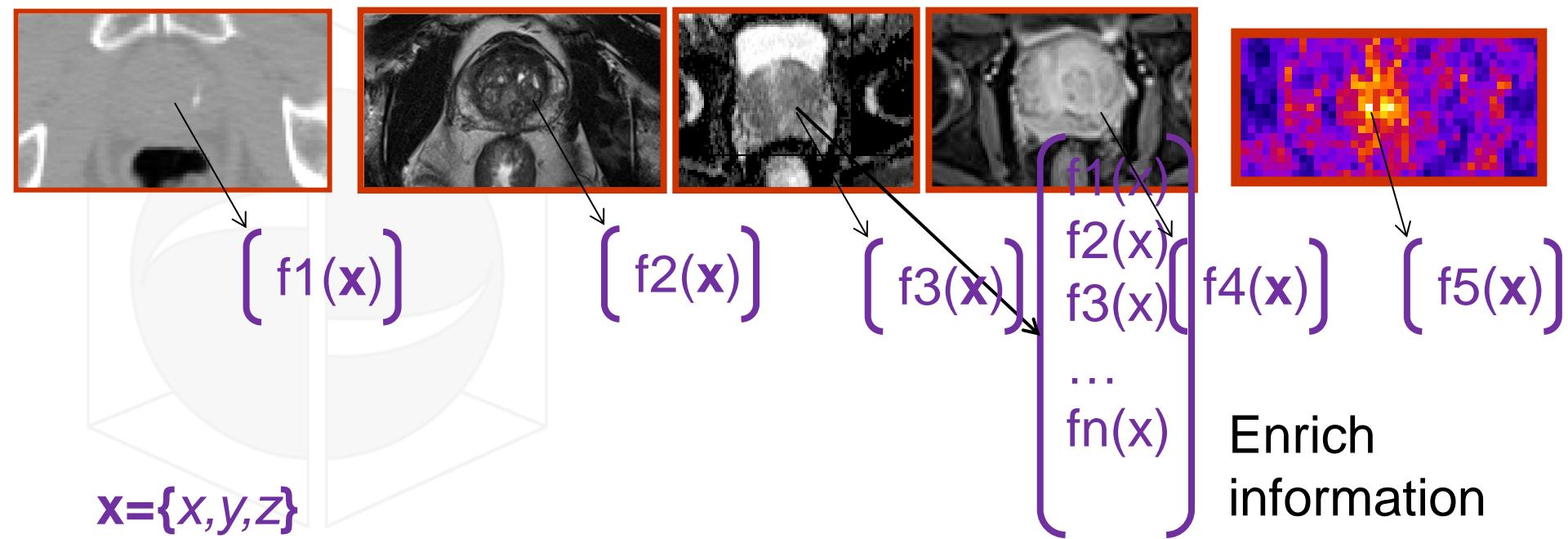
CT

Multi parametric MRI

PET

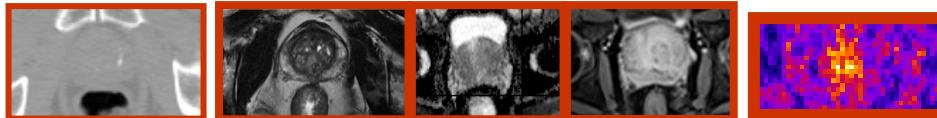
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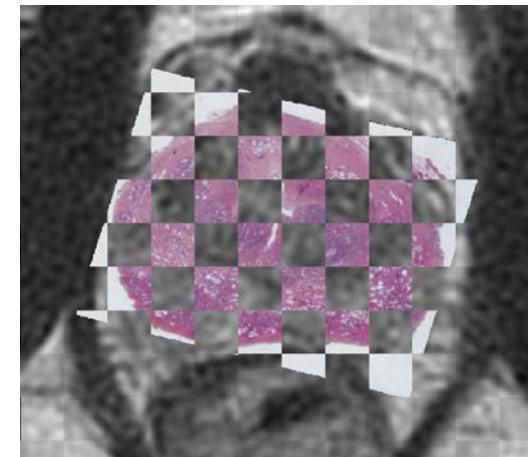
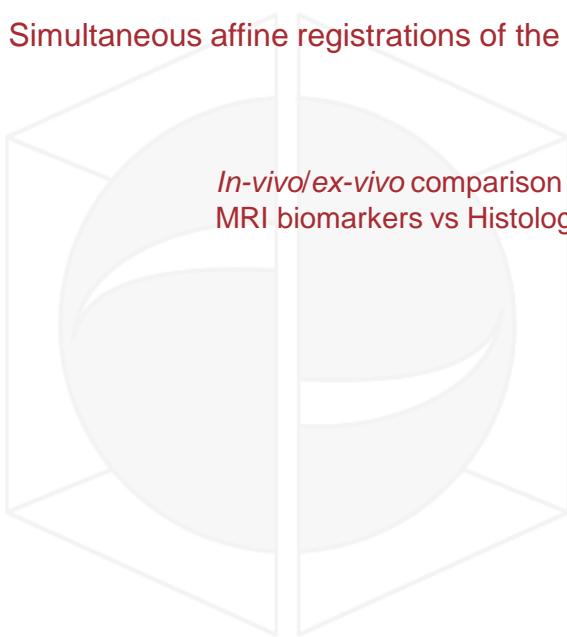


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Simultaneous affine registrations of the HES blocks to the MRI



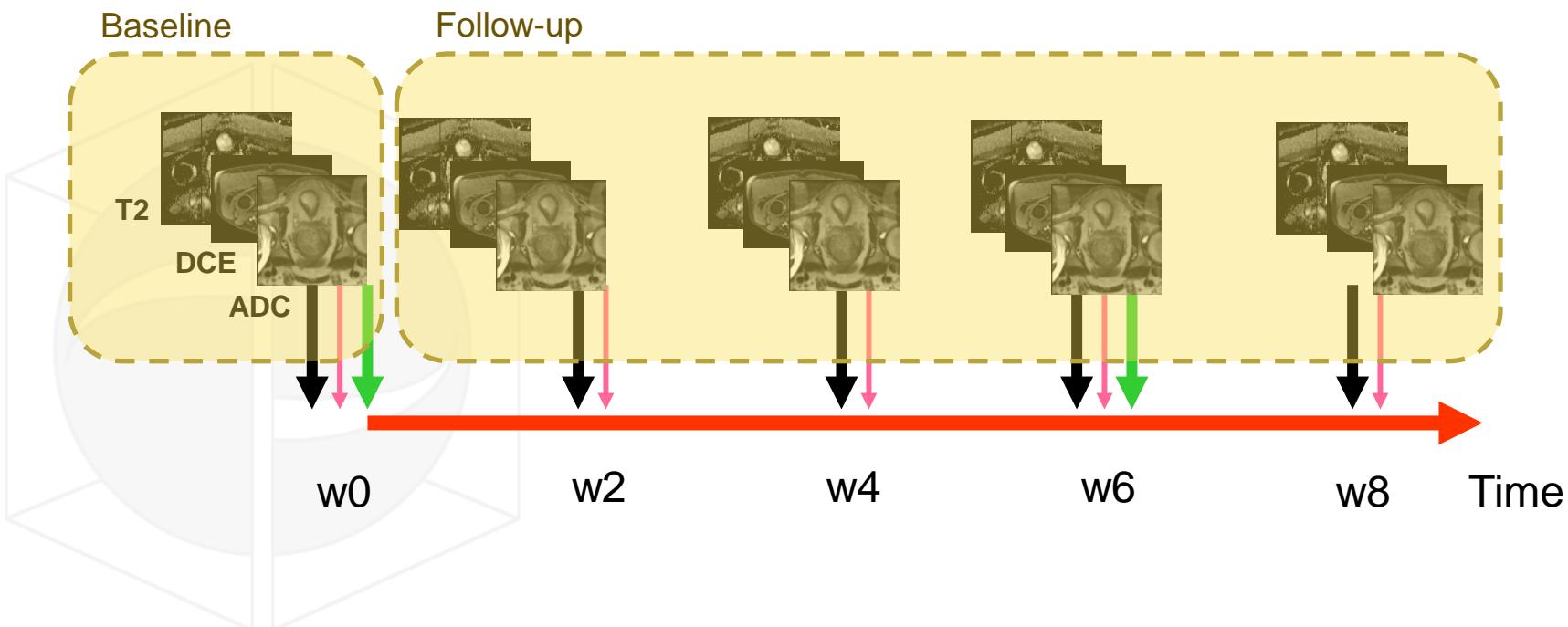
HES (Gleason)  
Ki67 (Proliferation)  
VEGFA (Angiogenesis, hypoxia)  
CD31 (Endothelial cells)

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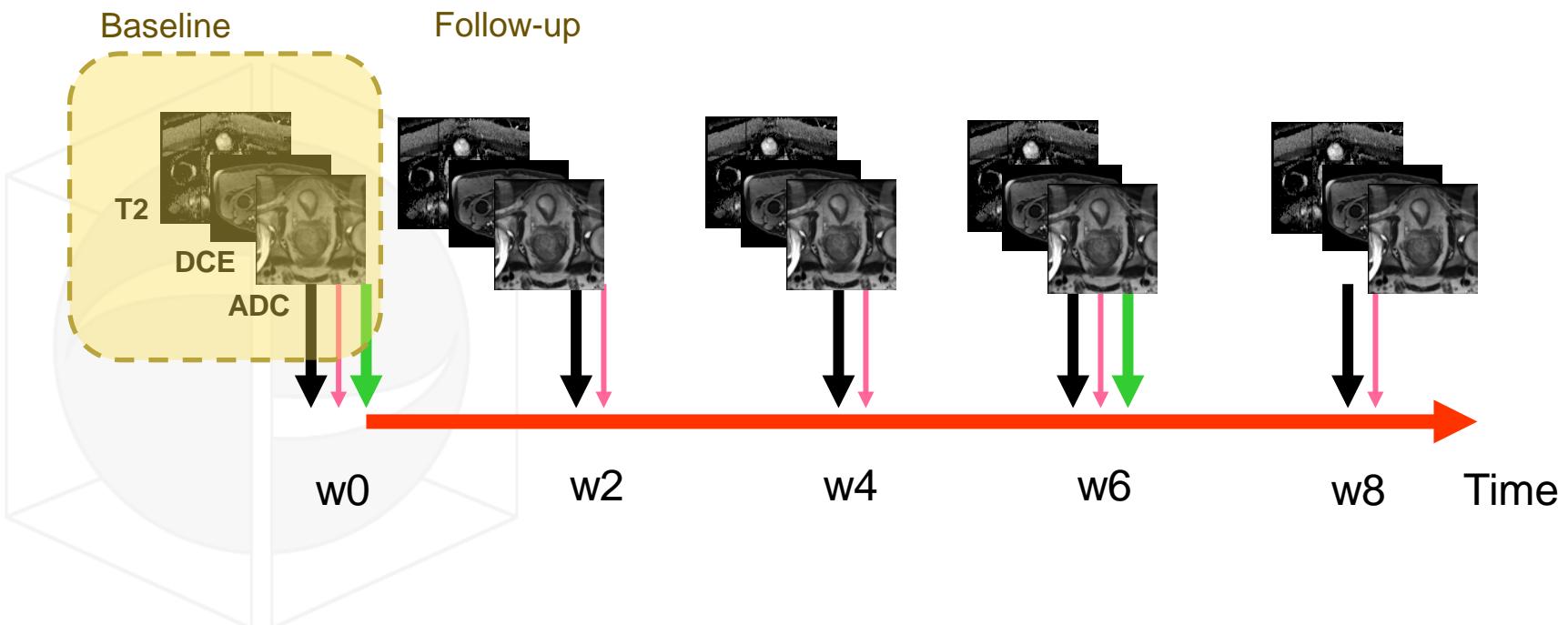


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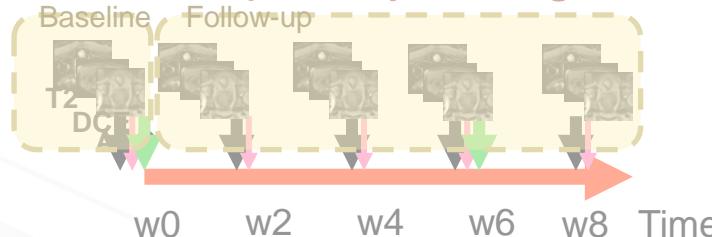


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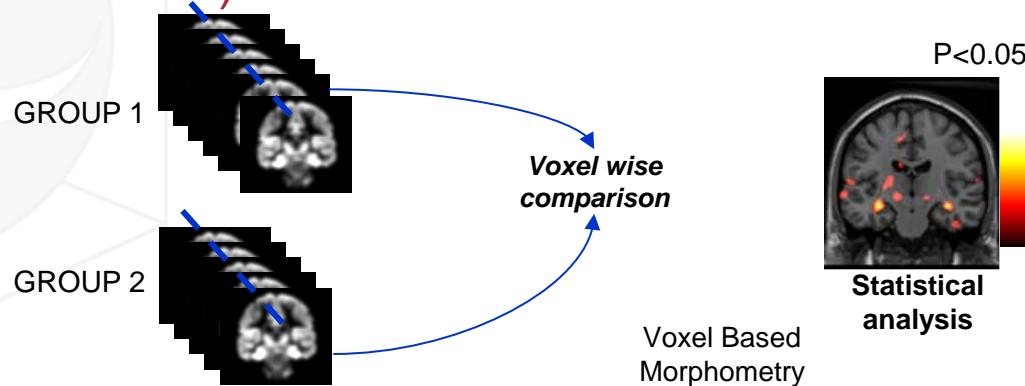
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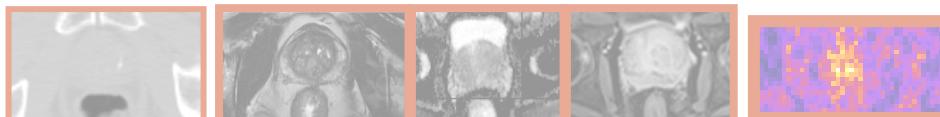
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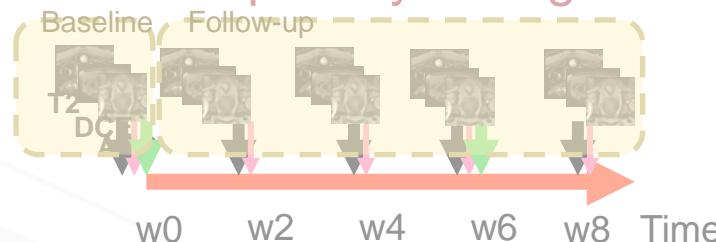
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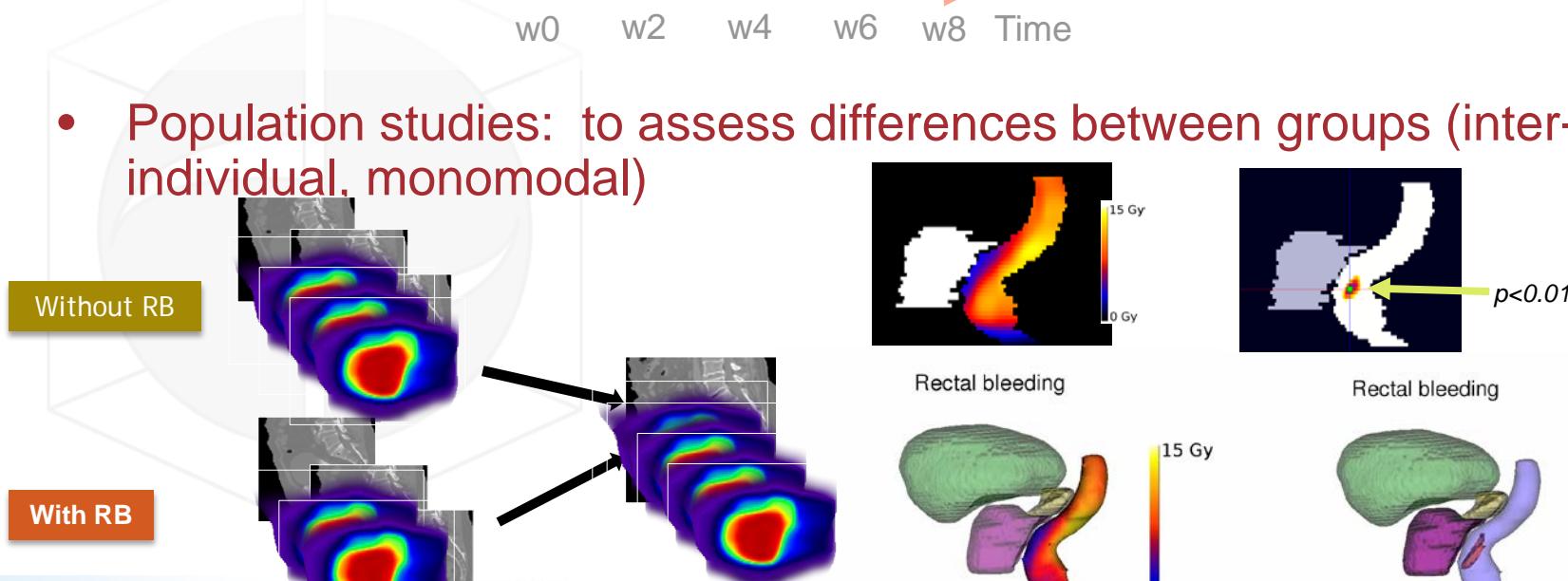
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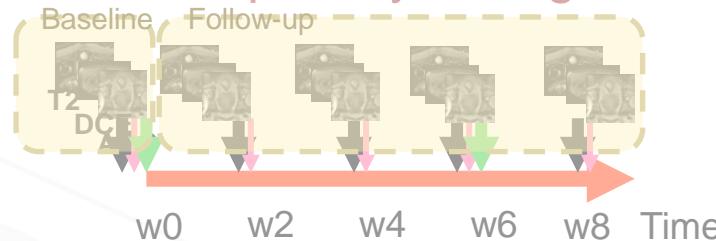


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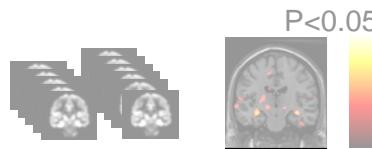
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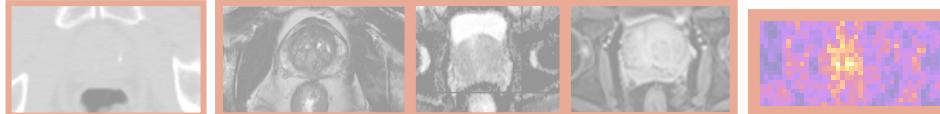
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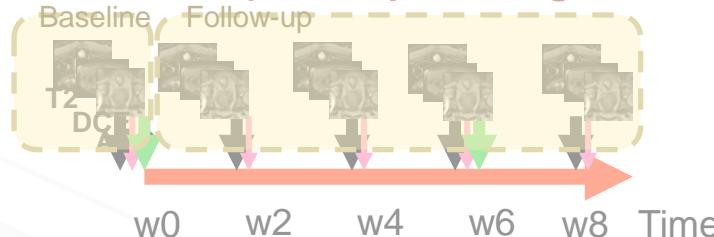
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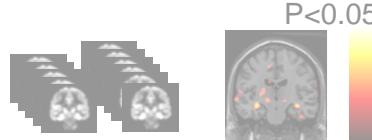
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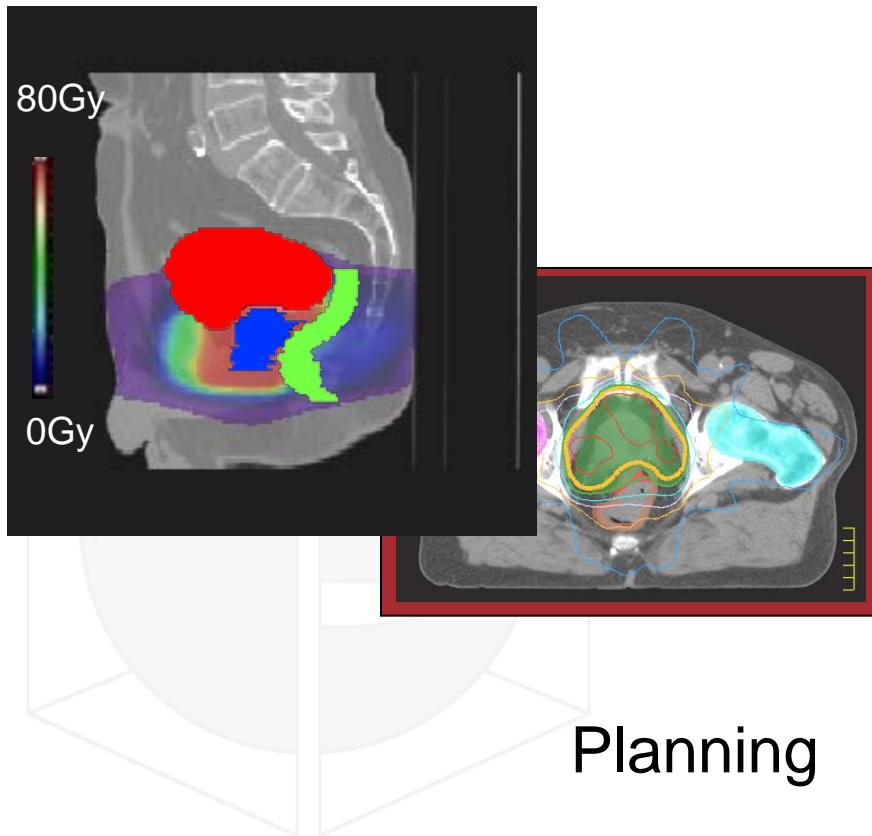


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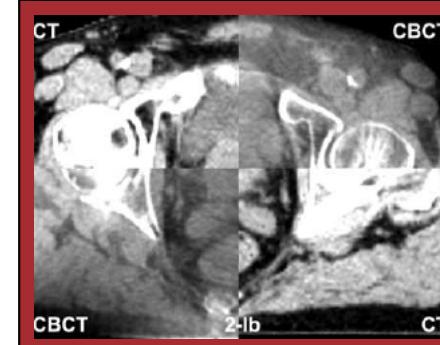
# Medical applications

- Image guided procedures
  - Radiotherapy for prostate cancer

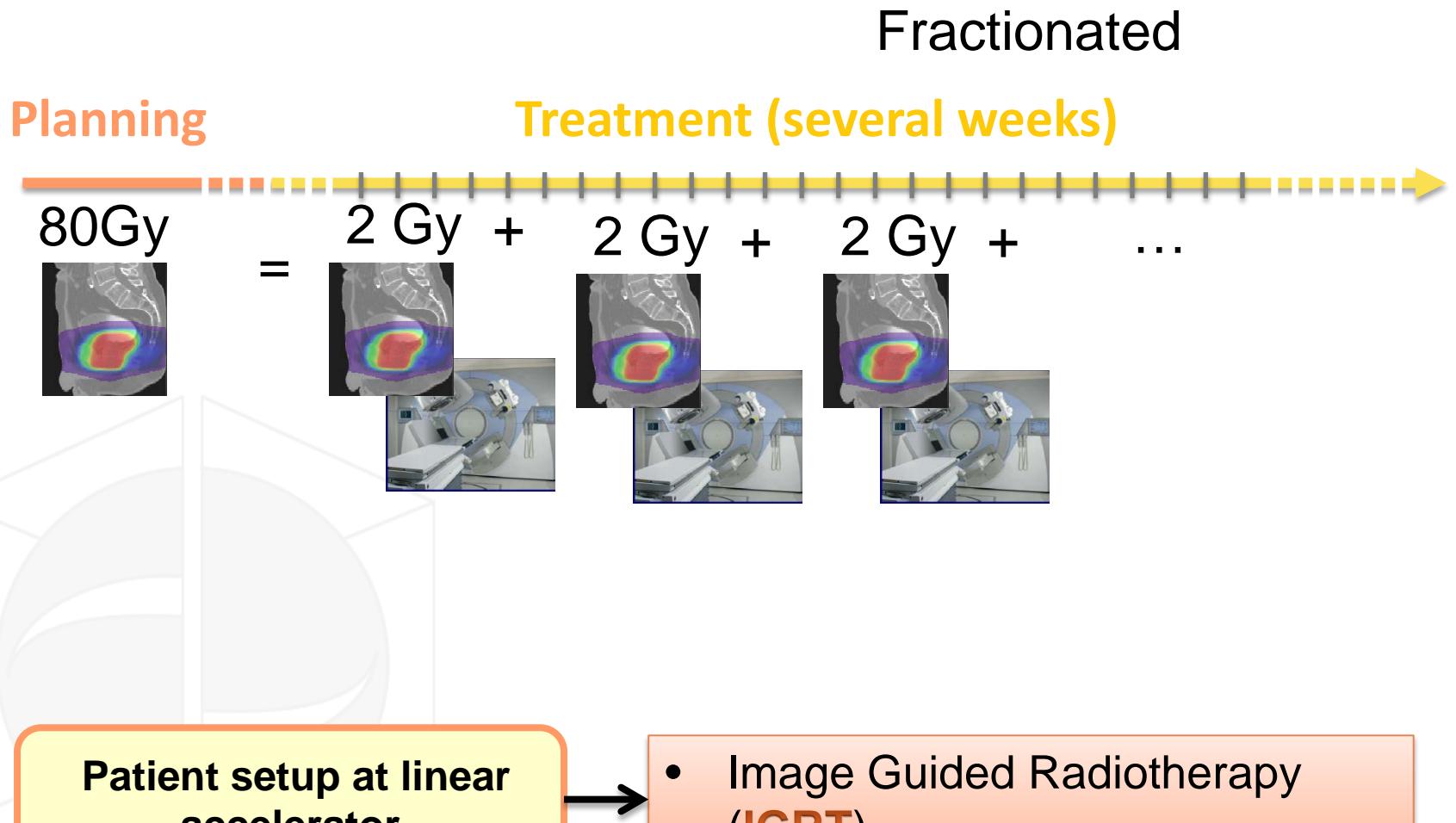


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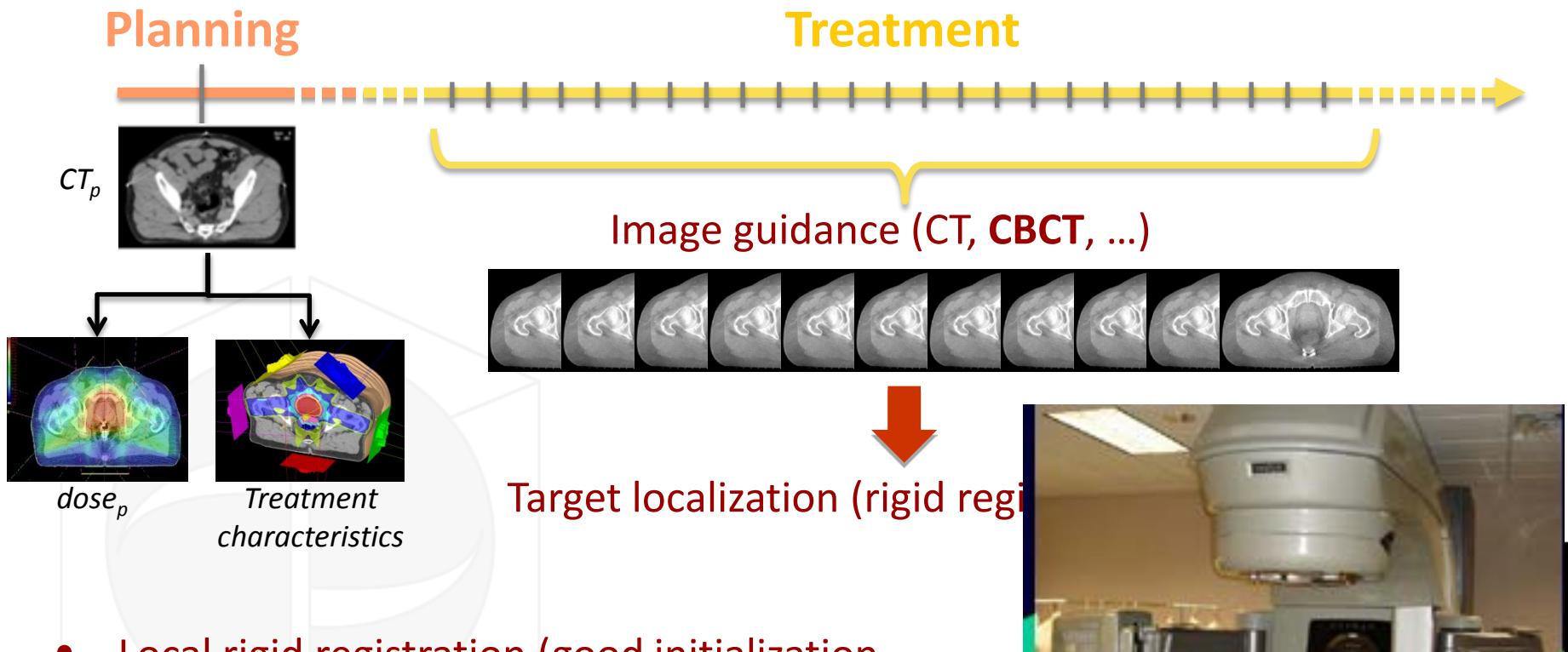
Intervention



# Image-Guided Radiotherapy



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- Local rigid registration (good initialization because of patient positioning according to skin marks)
- Metric: Mutual information

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- Dose monitoring

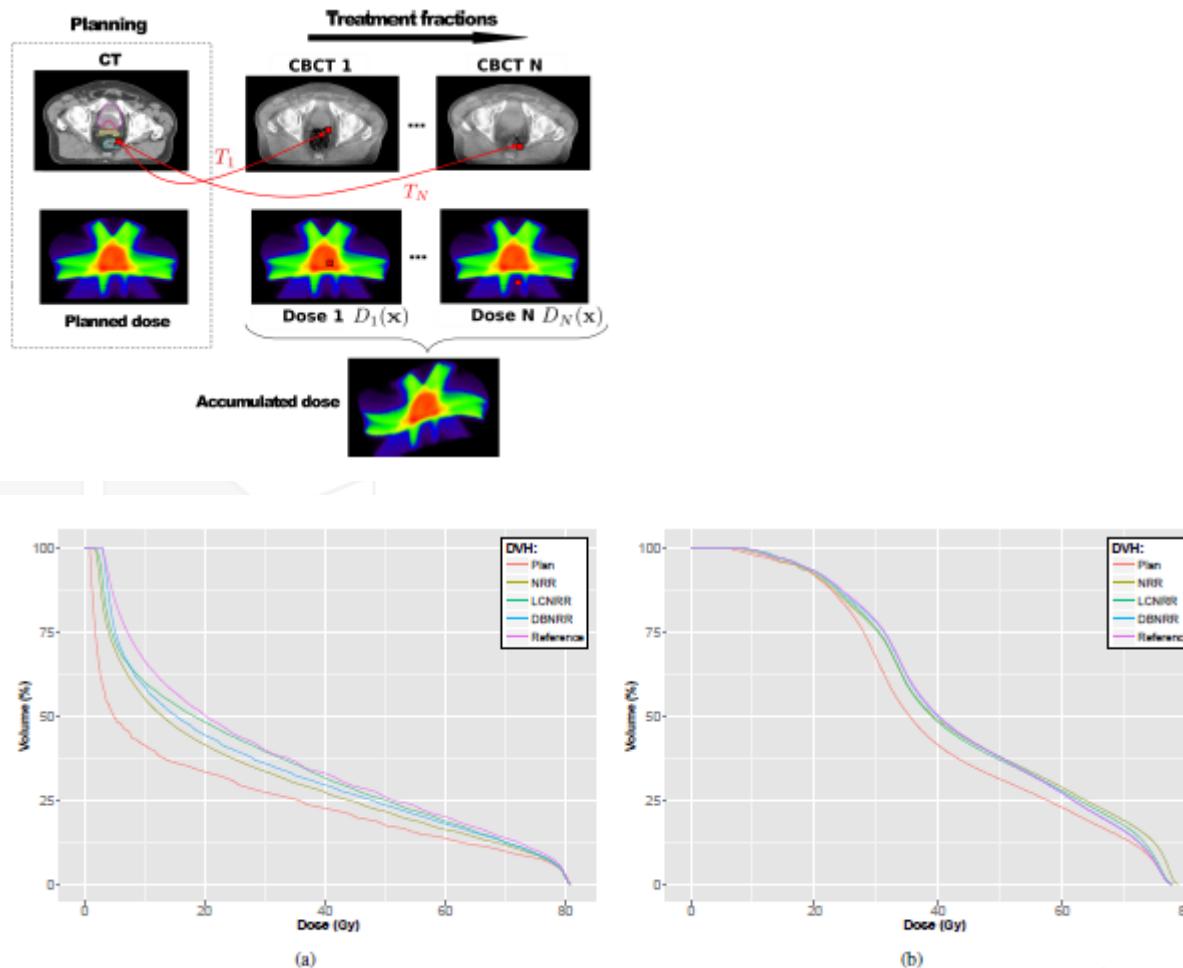
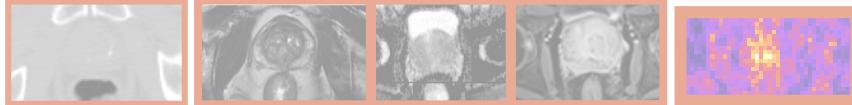


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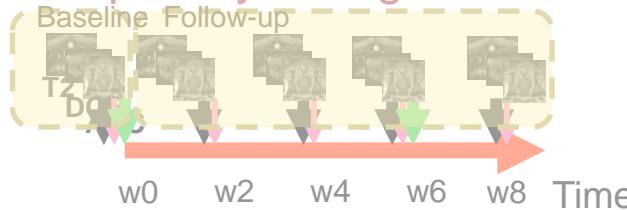
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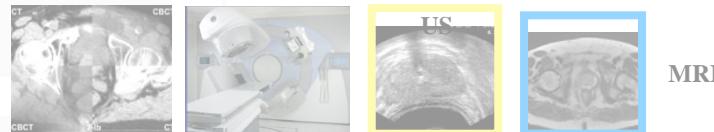
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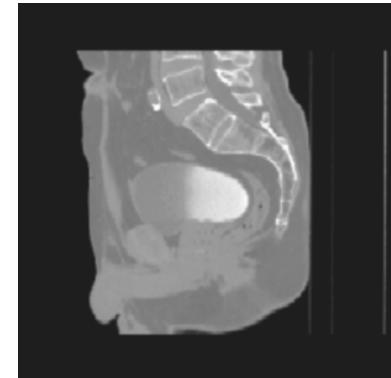
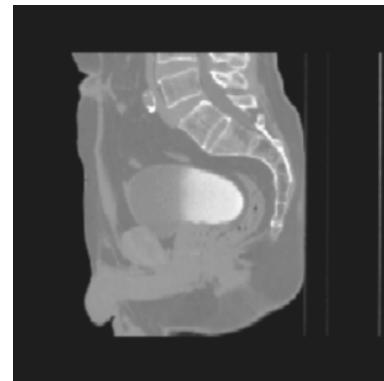
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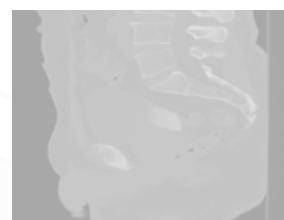
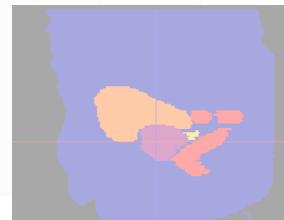
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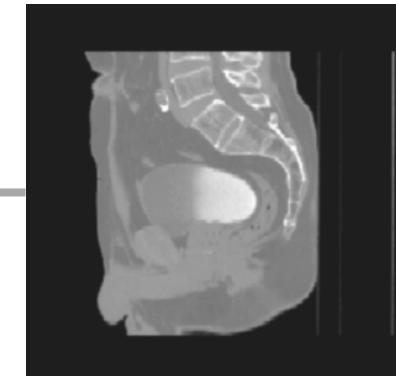
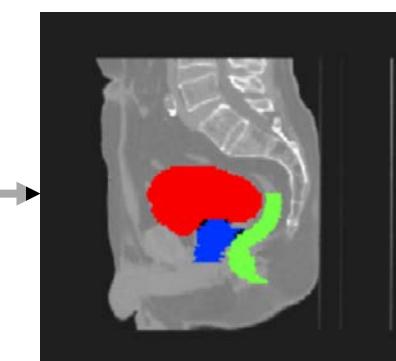
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Registration

 $T_{I_i \rightarrow I_q}$ 

Propagation

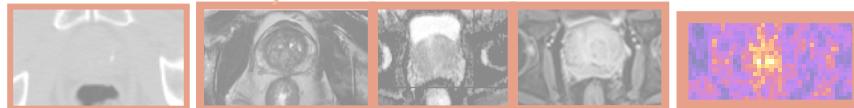
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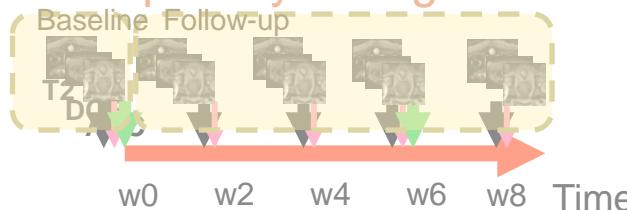
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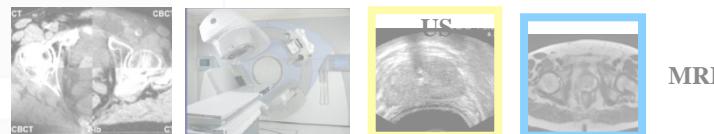
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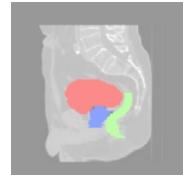
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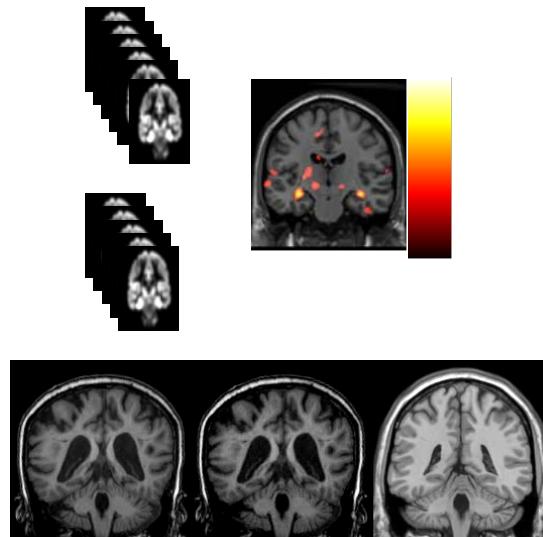
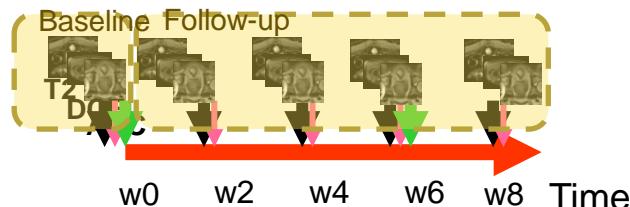
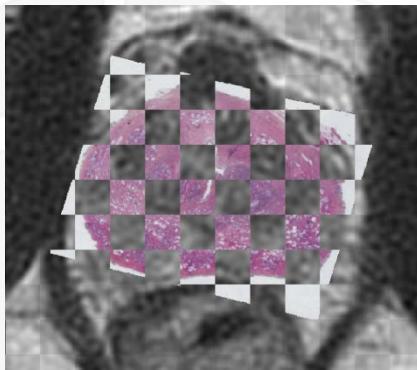
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- According to the data

Modality	Origin	Number of inputs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Monomodal</li><li>Multimodal</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Intra-individual</li><li>Inter-individual</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pair-wise</li><li>Group-wise</li></ul>



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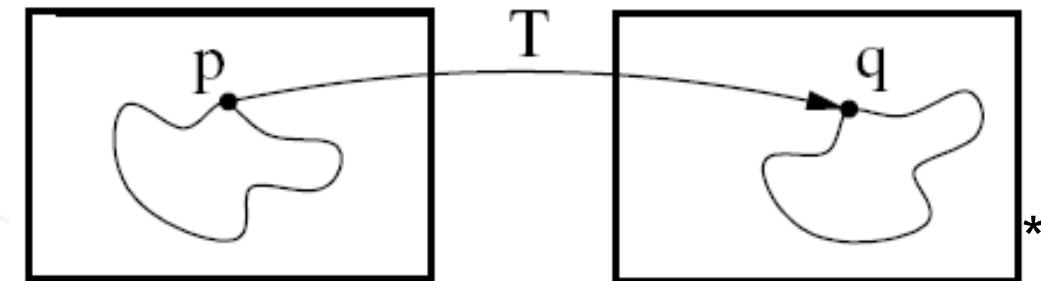
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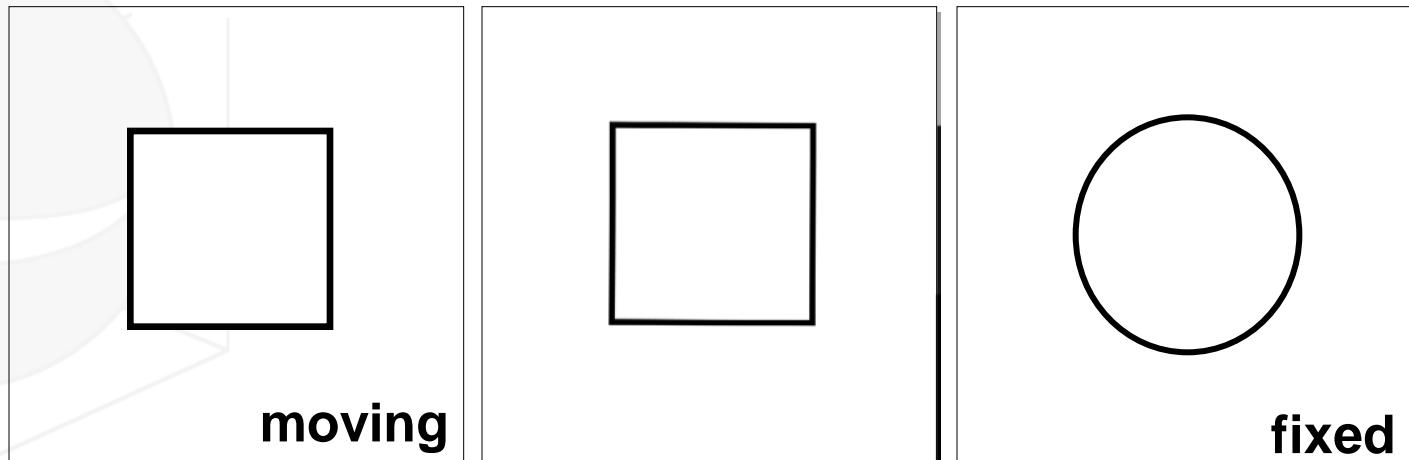
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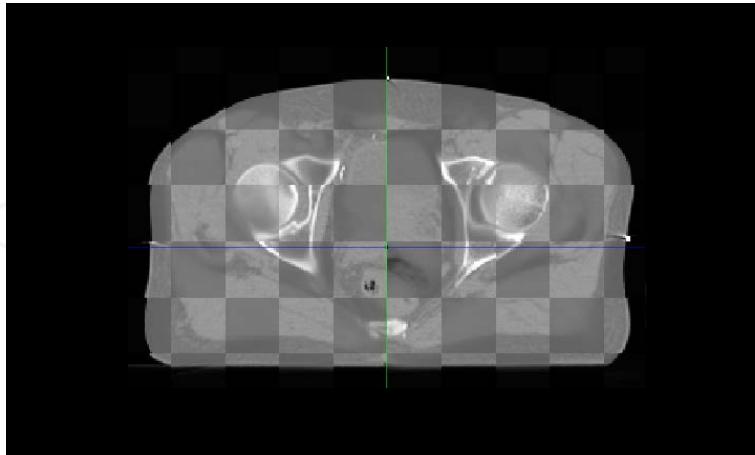
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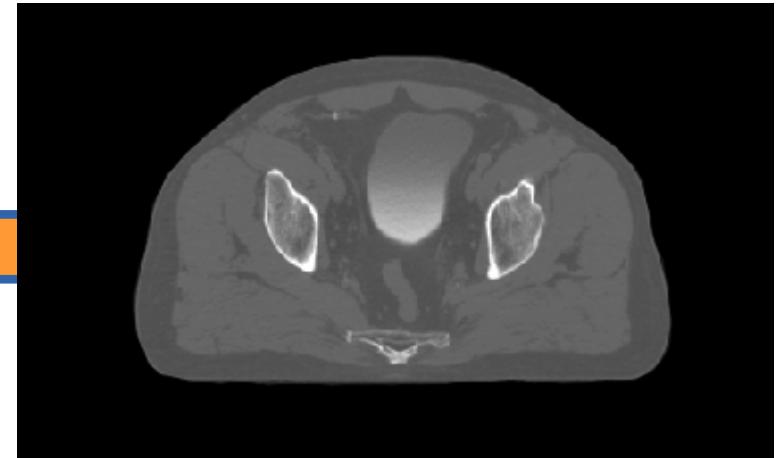
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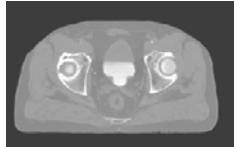


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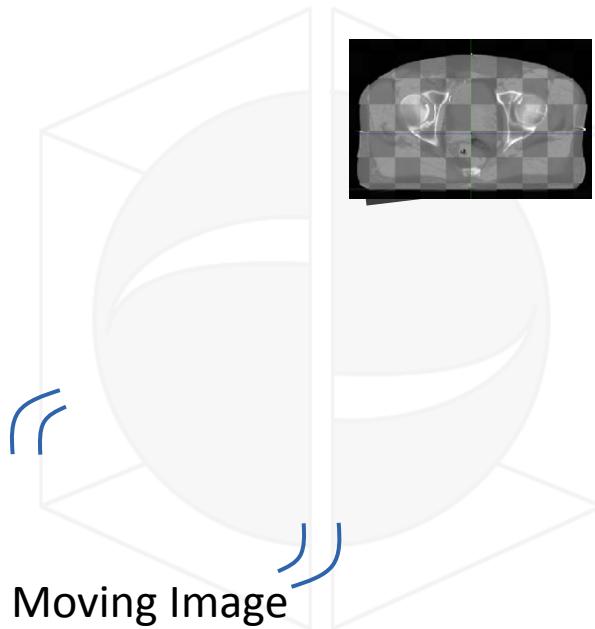


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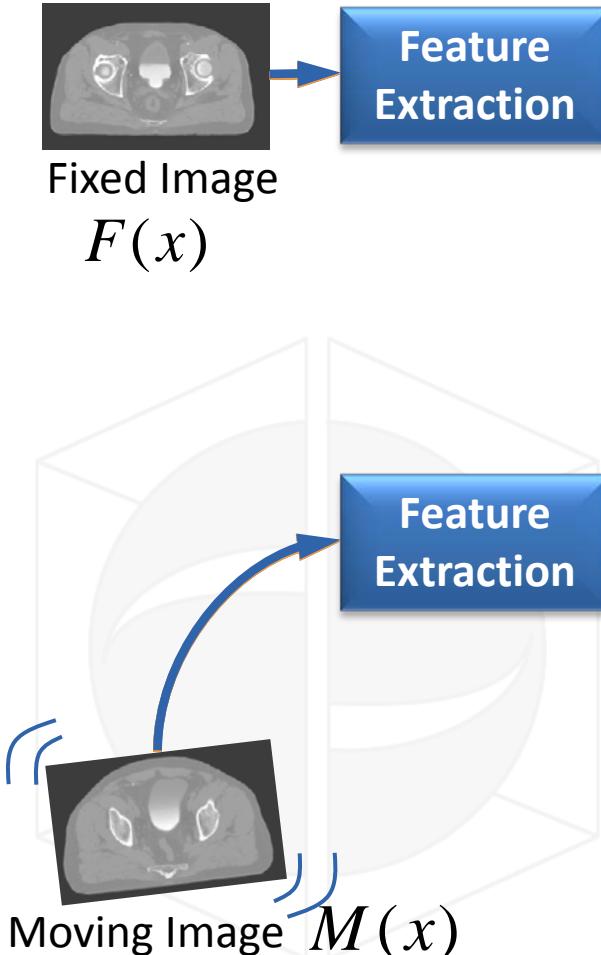
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$$s(M(x), F(x))$$

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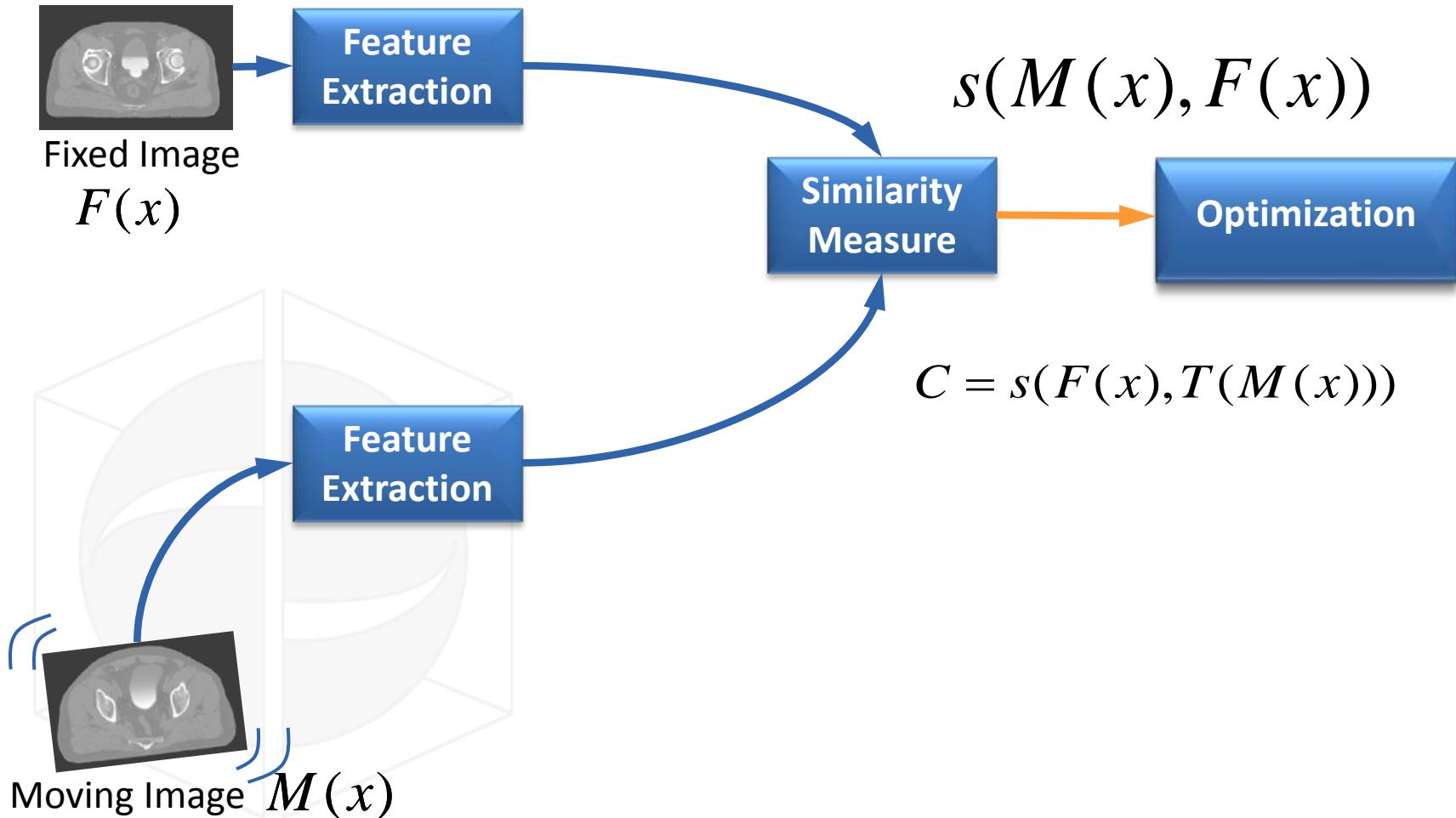
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## Multi-Modal Image Registration Based on Gradient

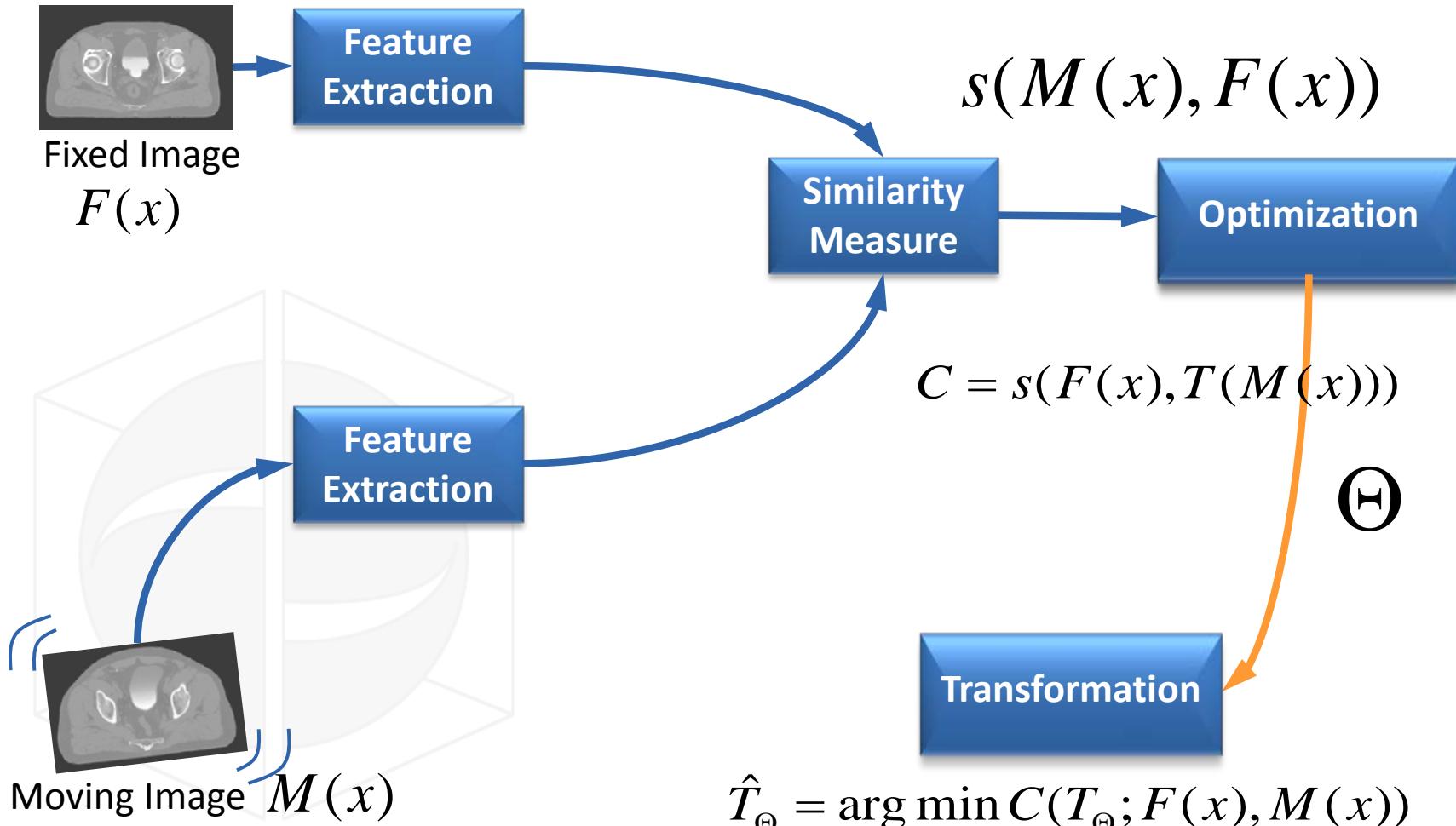


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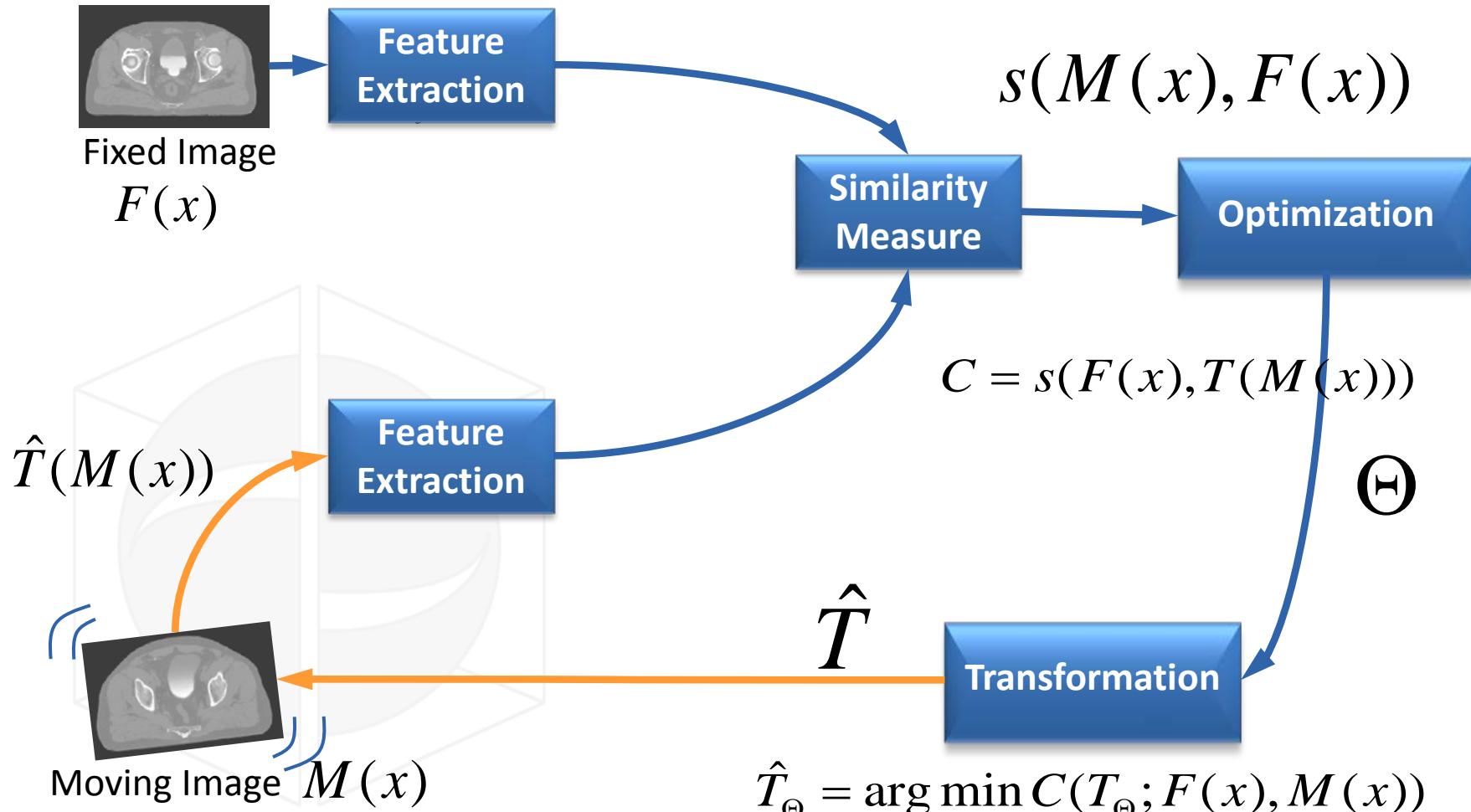
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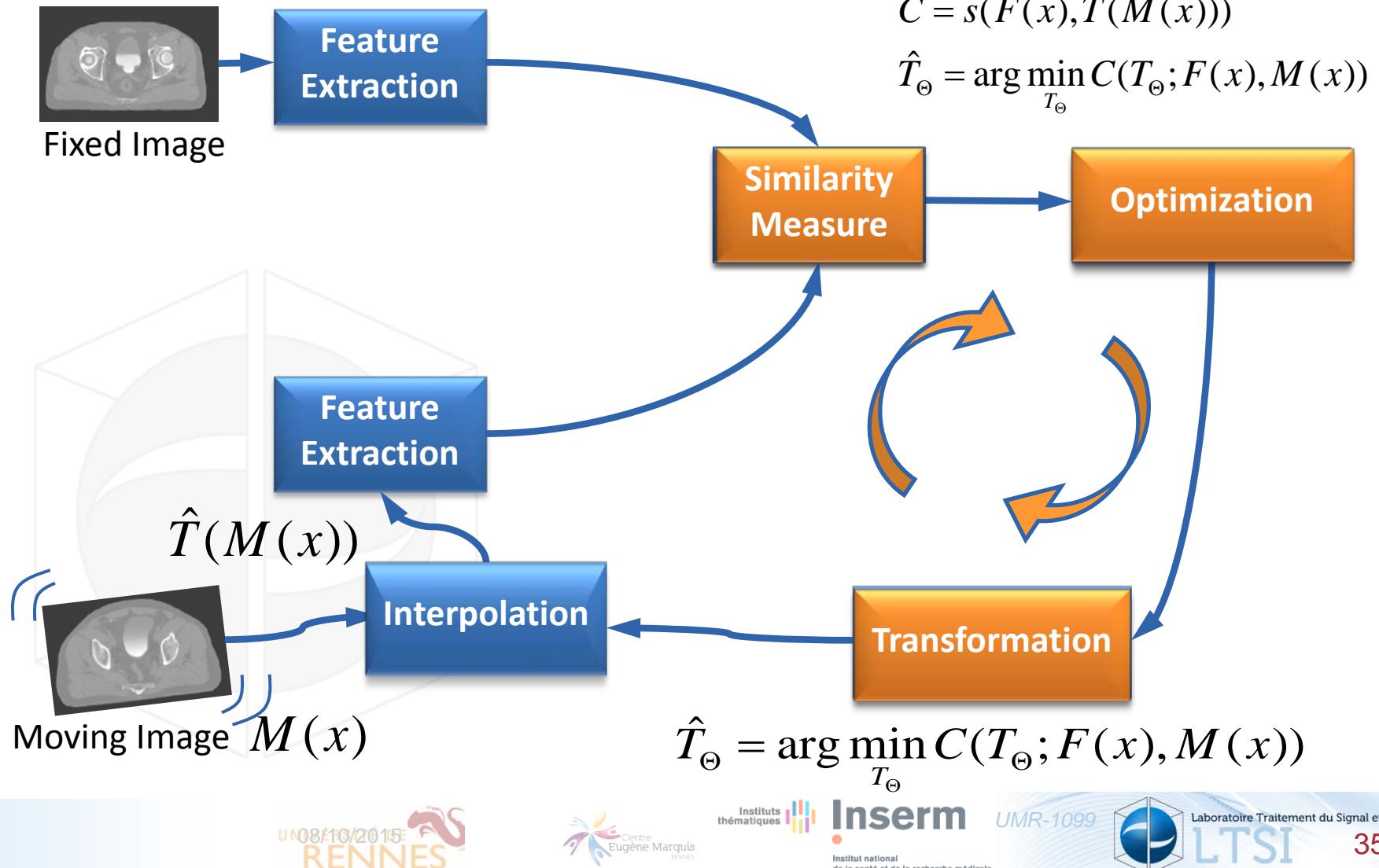
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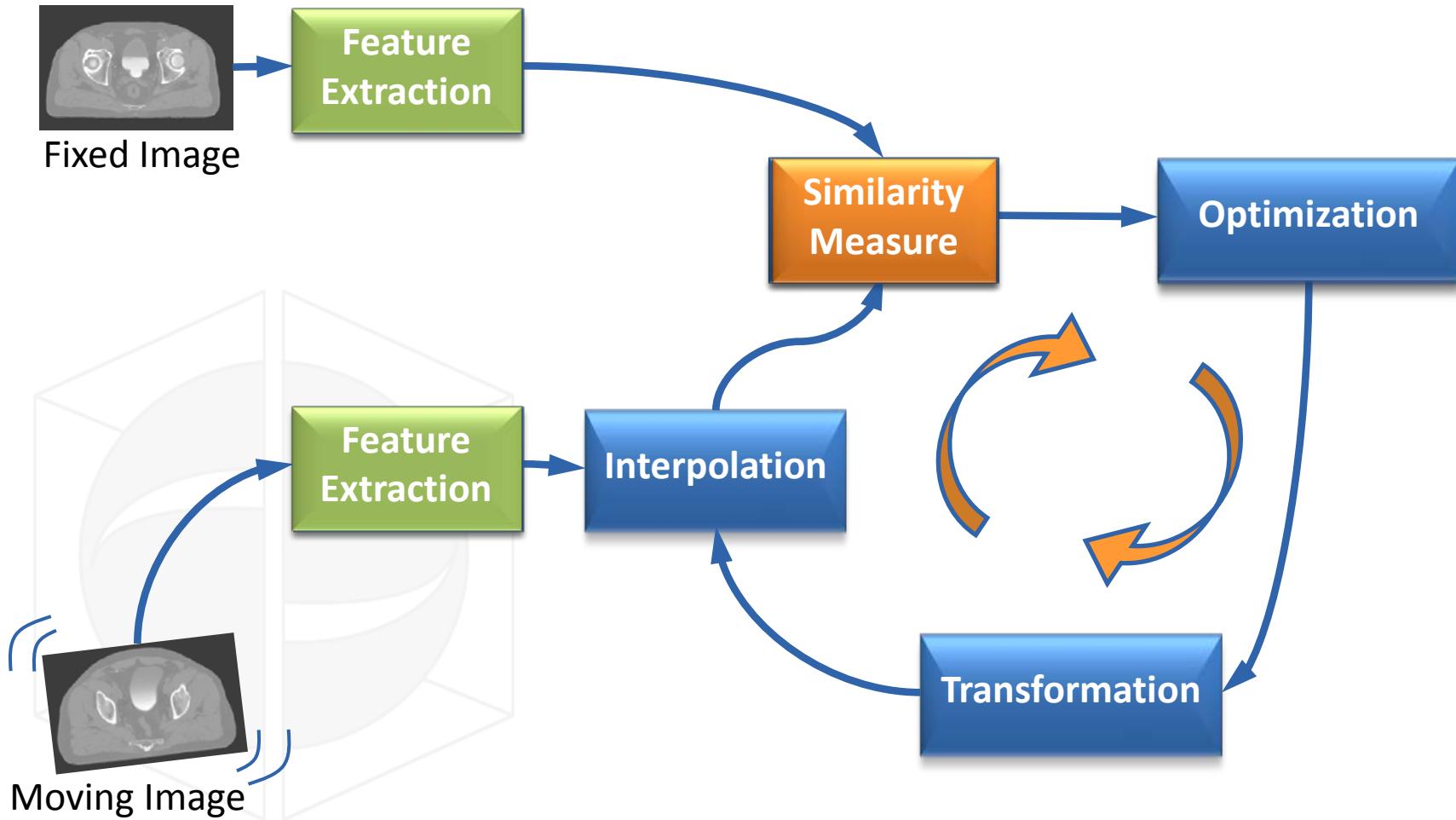
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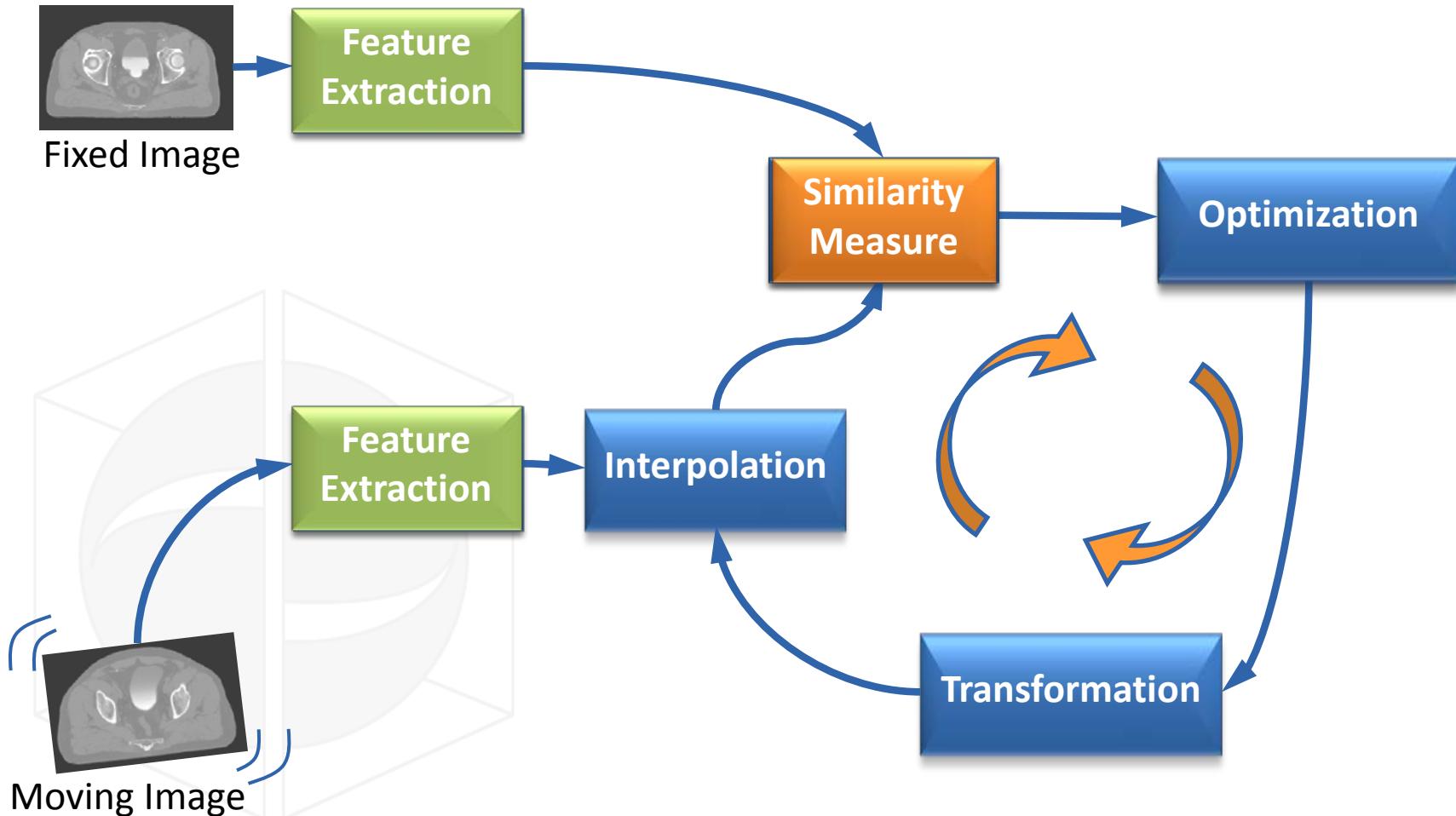
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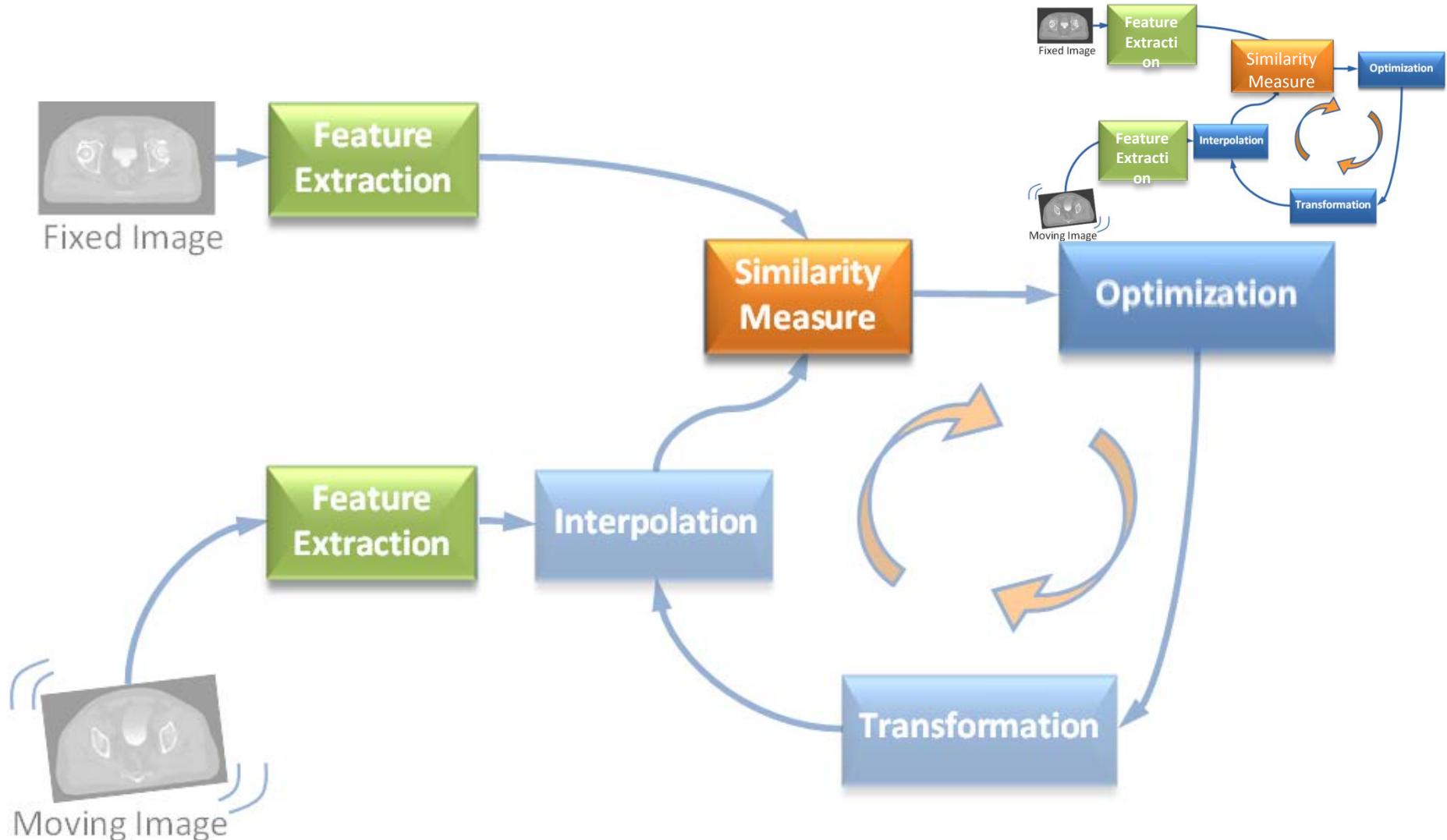
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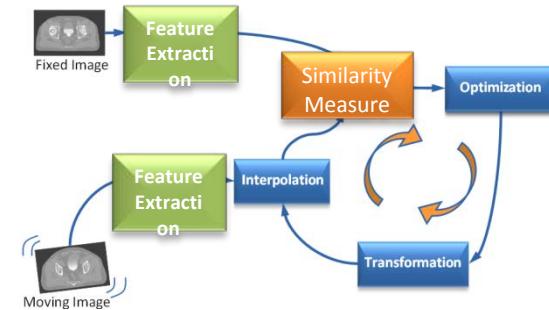
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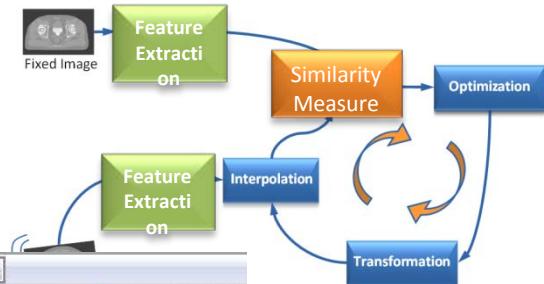
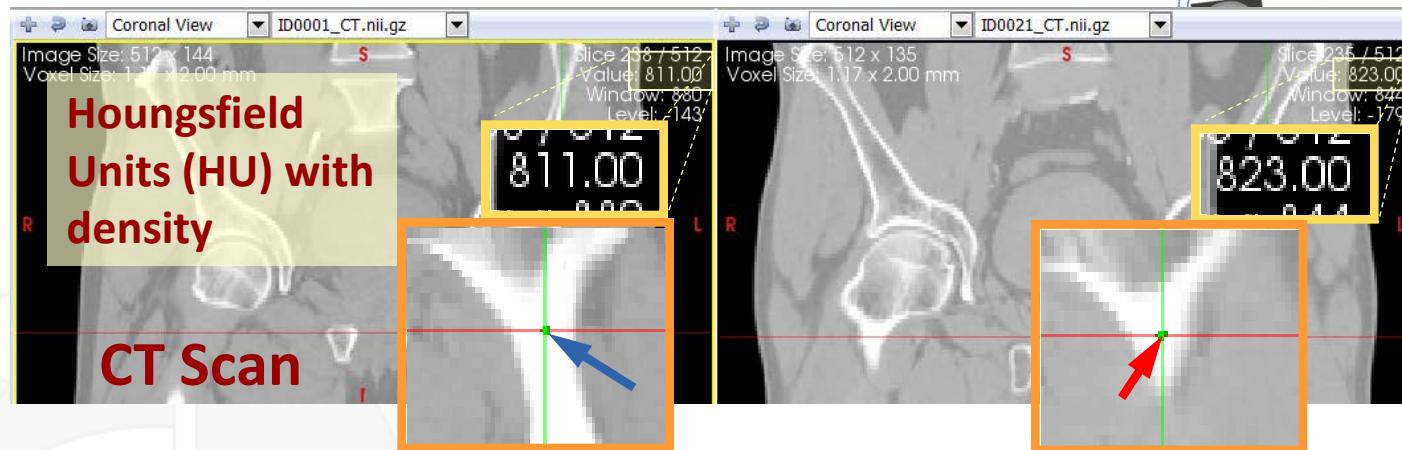


- Which features?
  - Intensity
    - Same modality
      - MR/MR, CT/CT, etc..
    - Different modality
      - MRI-PET-CT-CBCT, etc.
  - Landmarks
  - Distance maps
  - ...



# Similarity Measure

- Intensity-based
  - Same modality
    - The gray levels can be directly compared



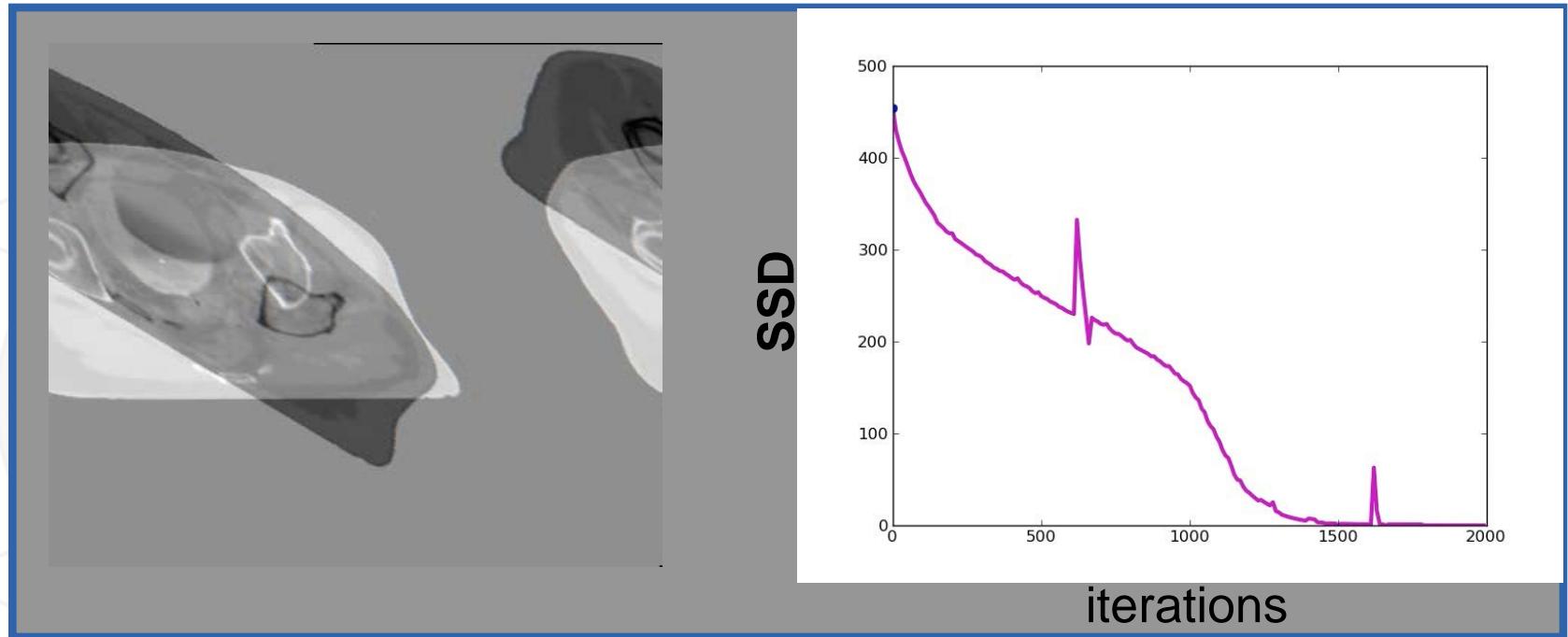
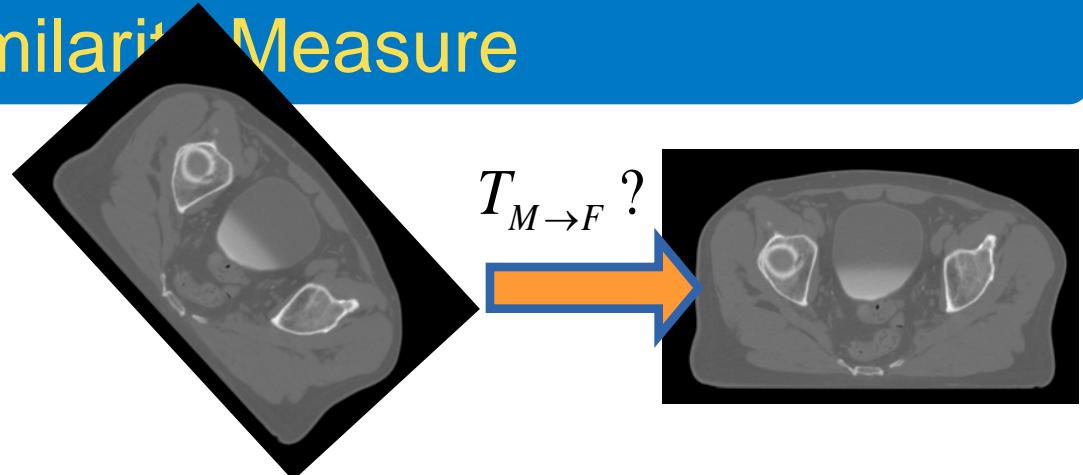
- Sum of squared differences (SSD), point to point :
- Cross Correlation (CC)
- ...

$$SSD = \frac{1}{n} \sqrt{\sum_i (F(x_i) - T(M(x_i)))^2}$$

$$CC = \frac{\sum_i (F(x_i) - \bar{F}(x))(T(M(x_i)) - \bar{T}(M(x)))}{\sqrt{\sum_i (F(x_i) - \bar{F}(x))^2} \sqrt{\sum_i (T(M(x_i)) - \bar{T}(M(x)))^2}}$$

# Similarity Measure

- Intensity-based



Difference  
 $F(x_i) - T(M(x_i))$

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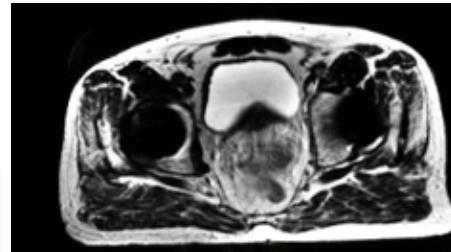
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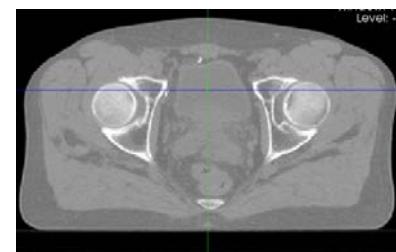
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# Similarity Measure

- Intensity based
  - Multimodal inputs!!!
    - Gray levels in different images can not be directly compared



MRI



CT/CBCT

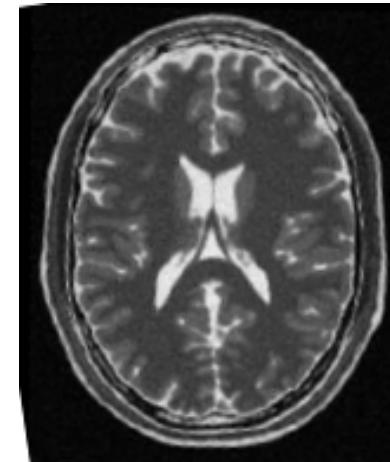
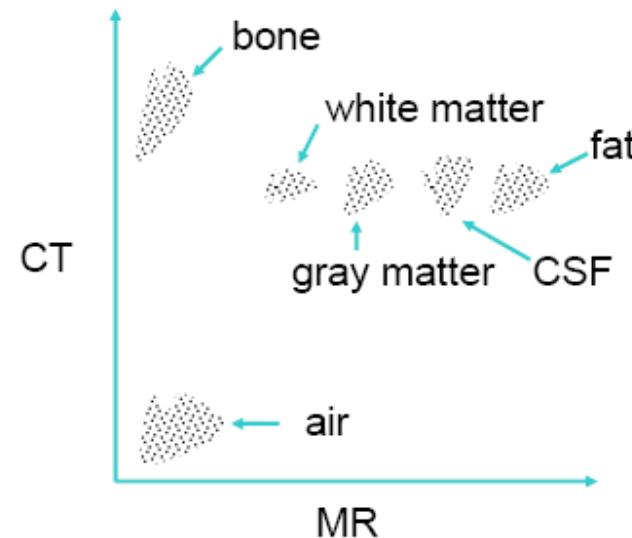


- Solutions
  - Apply a special intensity transform between modalities, then compute correlation [VanDenElsen *et al.* 1993]
  - More sophisticated similarity measures, *i.e.* Information theory (Mutual information)  $MI(F, M) = H(F) + H(M) - H(F, M)$

$$= \sum \sum p_{fm}(i, j) \log \frac{p_{fm}(i, j)}{p_f(i)p_m(j)}$$

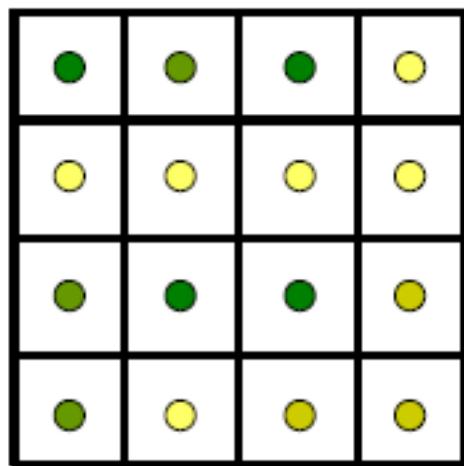
# Mutual information

- It expresses the amount of information that one image A contains about a second image B
  - Information theoretical approach

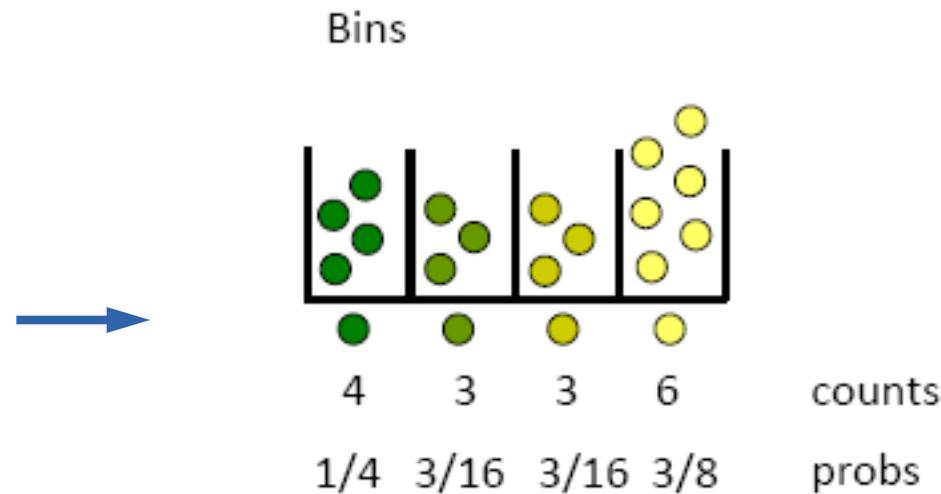


# Mutual information

- Histogram calculation



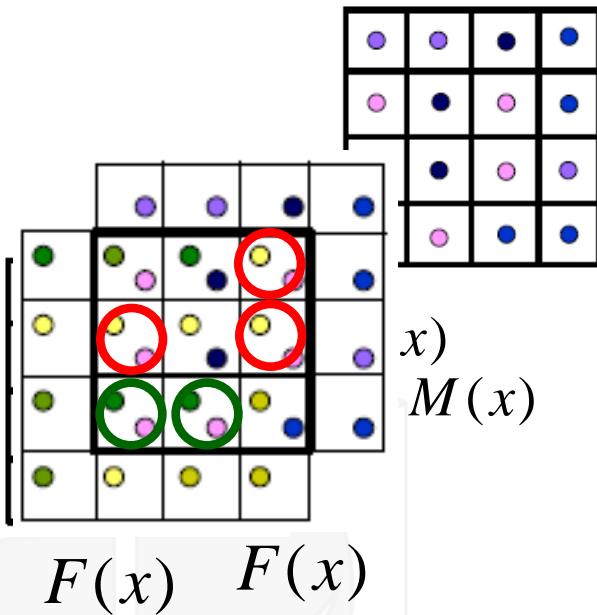
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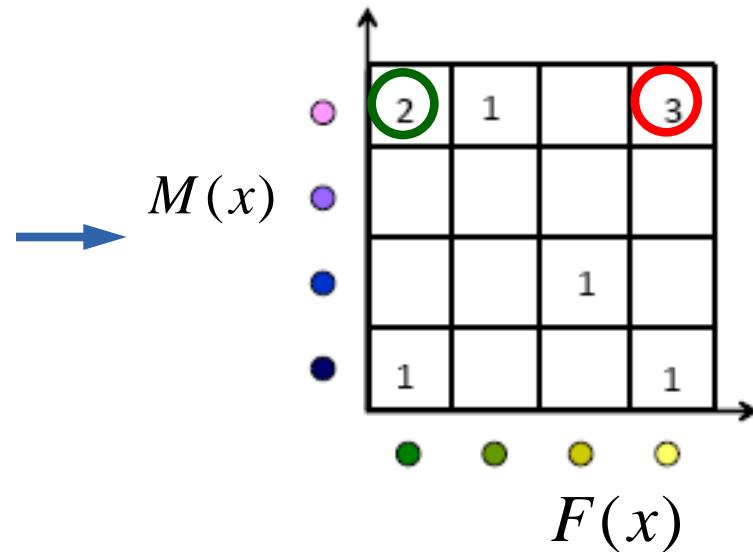
Histogram  
probability density function  
which tells us the distribution of voxels

# Mutual information

- Joint histogram calculation

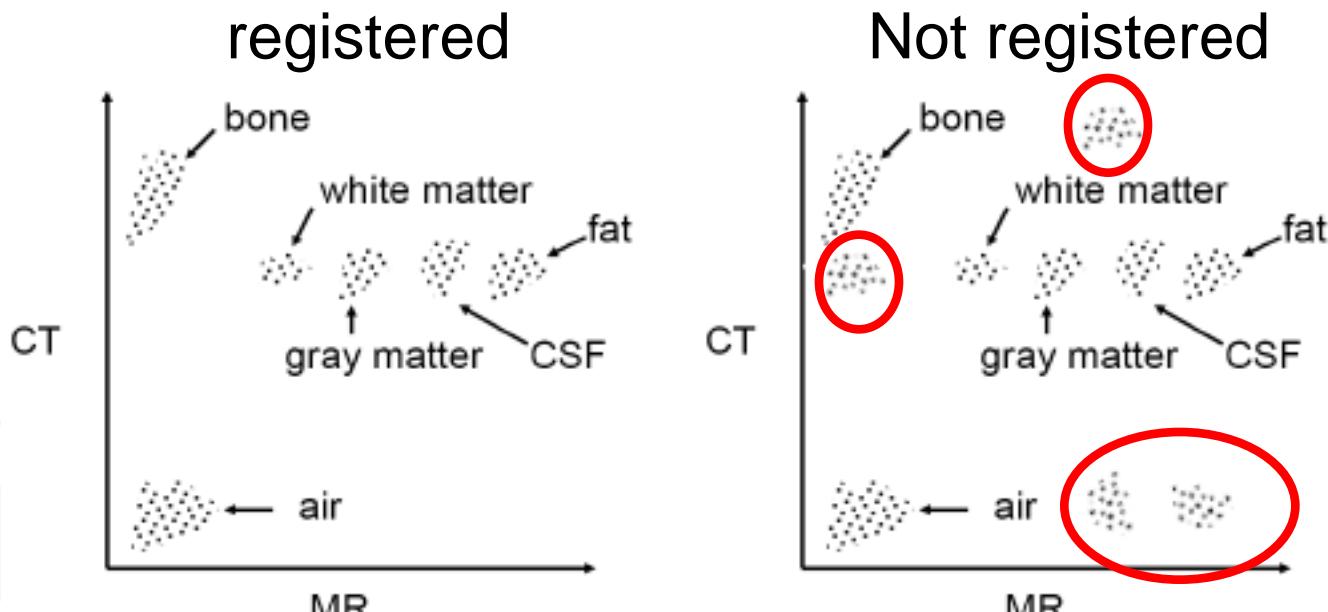


Given a  
transformation..  
 $Tx = 1, ty = 1..$

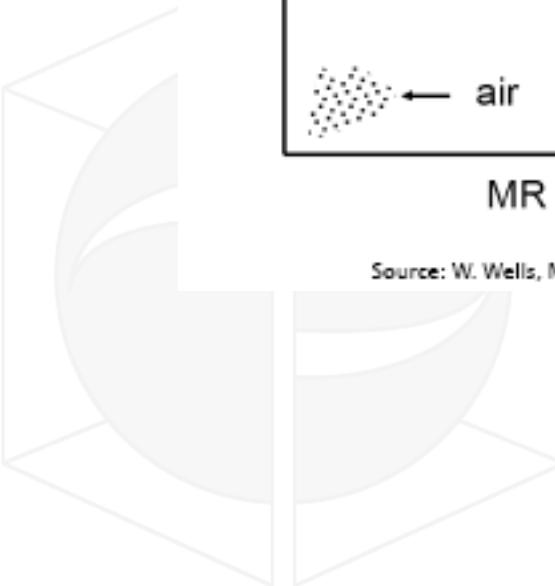


The joint histogram  
represents the couples of  
information appearing..

# Mutual information

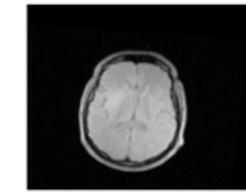
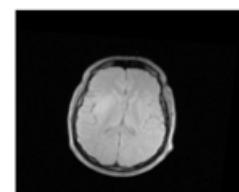
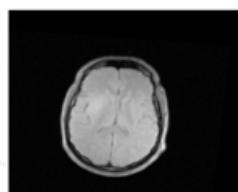
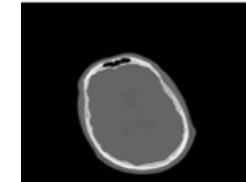
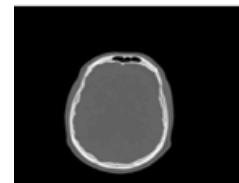
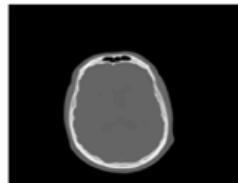


Source: W. Wells, MICCAI 2009



# Mutual information

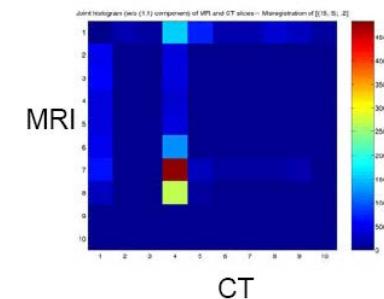
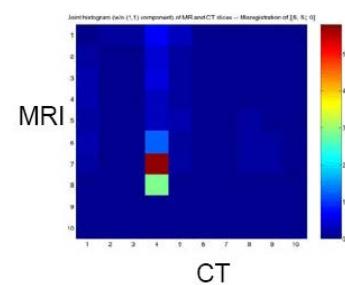
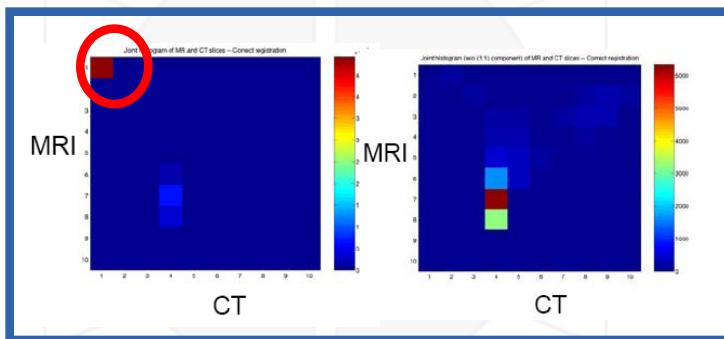
- Joint histogram



Aligned

Slightly misaligned

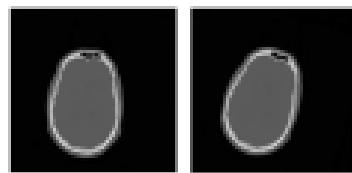
Misaligned



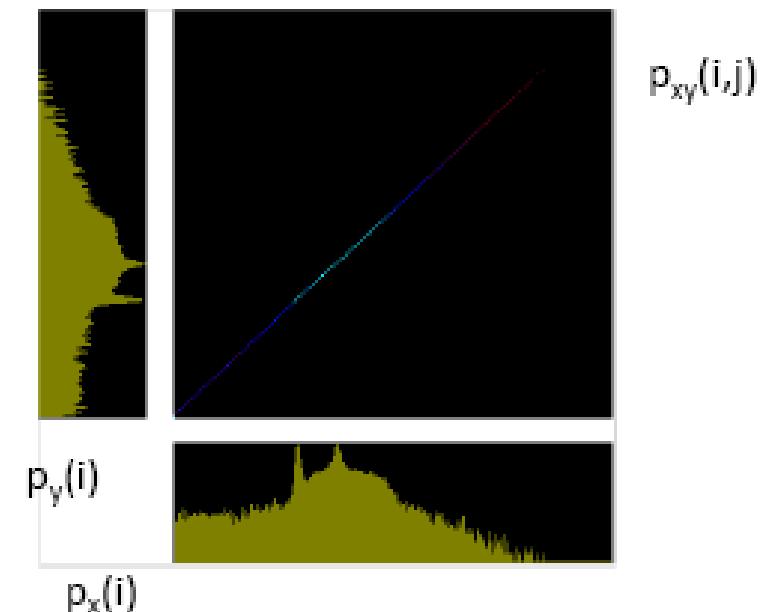
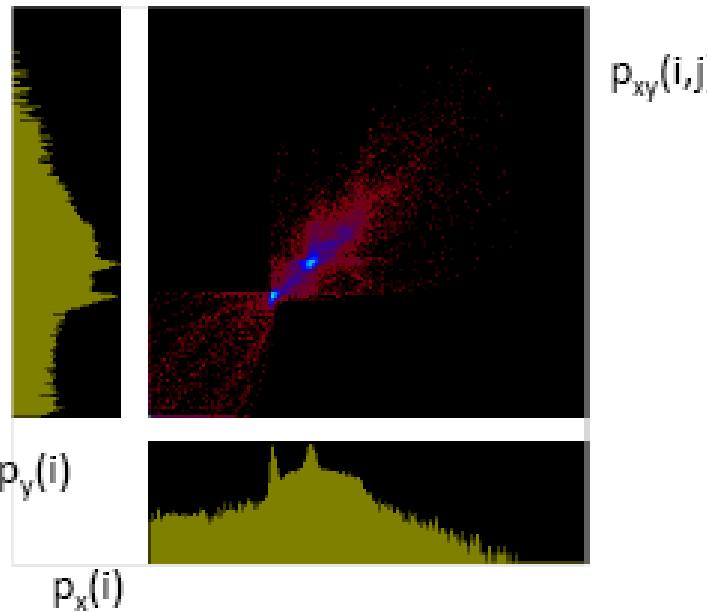
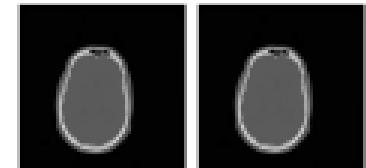
# Mutual information (MI)

- Joint histogram similar modalities

X and Y misaligned



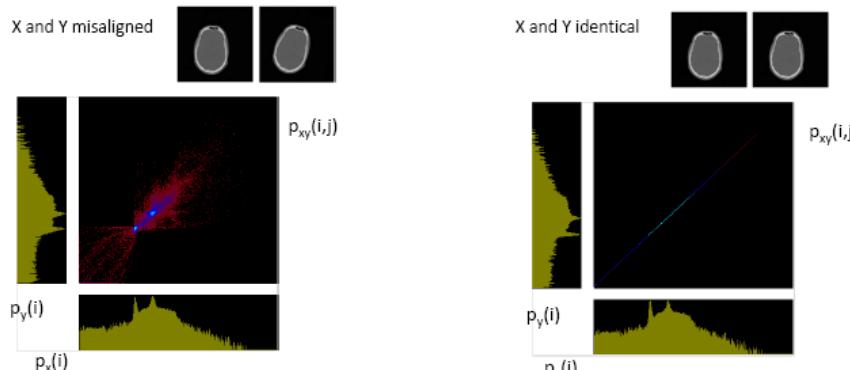
X and Y identical



\*Adapted from : Wachinger, MICCAI 2010, Tutorial  
Intensity Based Registration, Similarity Measures

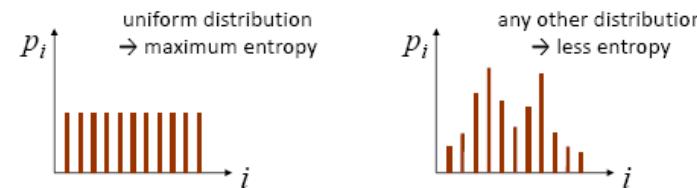
# Mutual information (MI)

- Joint histogram similar modalities



- Entropy

$$H(F) = -\sum_i p_f(i) \log$$



- MI

$$MI(F, M) = H(F) + H(M) - H(F, M)$$

$$= \sum \sum p_{fm}(i, j) \log \frac{p_{fm}(i, j)}{p_f(i)p_m(j)}$$

- Maximized if F and M are perfectly aligned

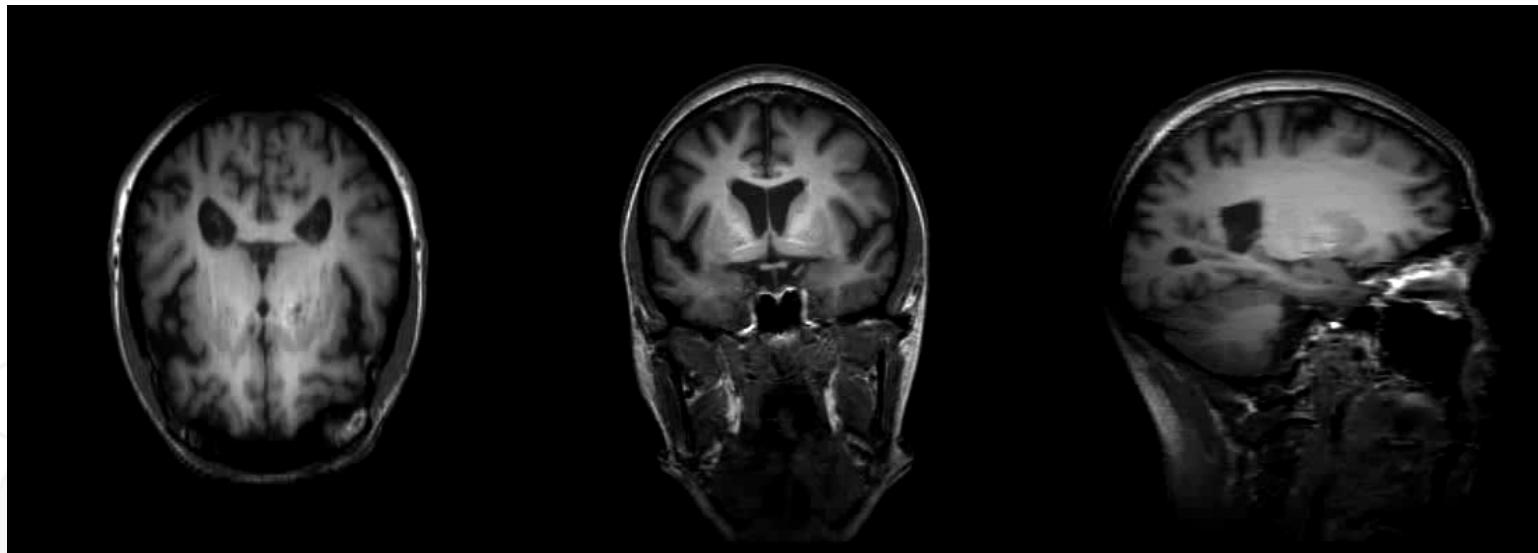
- Maximization of mutual information leads to minimization of joint entropy

- NMI

$$MI(F, M) = \frac{H(F) + H(M)}{H(F, M)}$$

# Mutual information

- Example (PET-MRI)

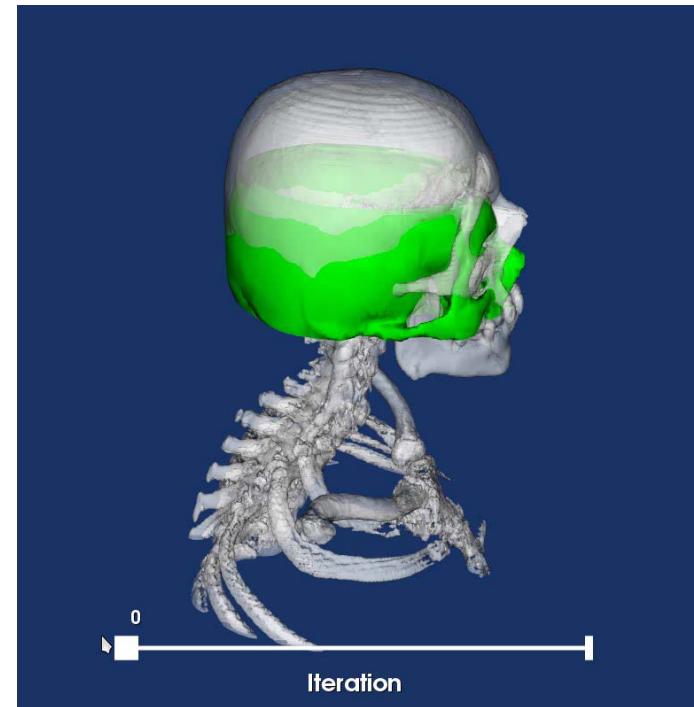
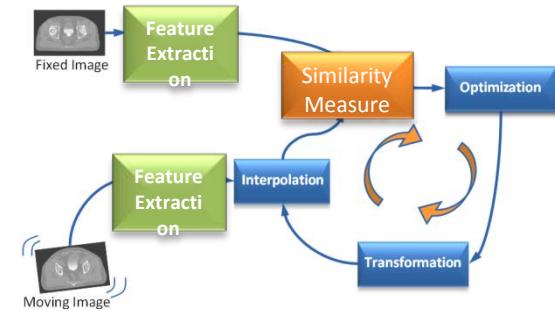


Courtesy CSIRO-Australia

[β-Amyloid burden in the temporal neocortex is related to hippocampal atrophy in elderly subjects without dementia](#) P Bourgeat, G Chetelat,  
VL Villemagne, J Fripp, P Raniga, K Pike, ...  
Neurology 74 (2), 121-127

# Similarity Measure

- Feature-based
  - Compute alignment quality based upon the agreement of 2 sets of landmarks features:
    - Assumption:
      - Landmarks are visible in both images
      - They can be reliably located
      - They can guide the alignment of the whole image

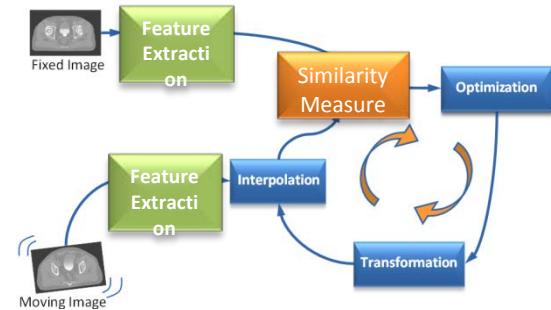
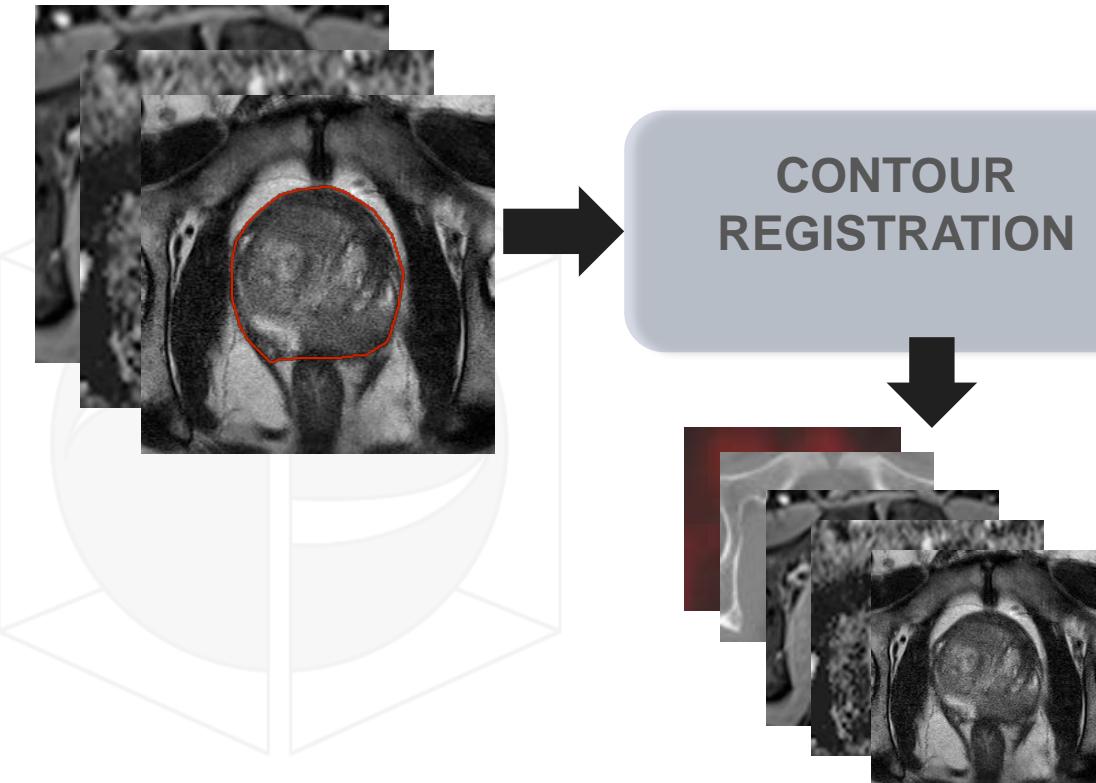


# MR-CT Registration

- Feature-based

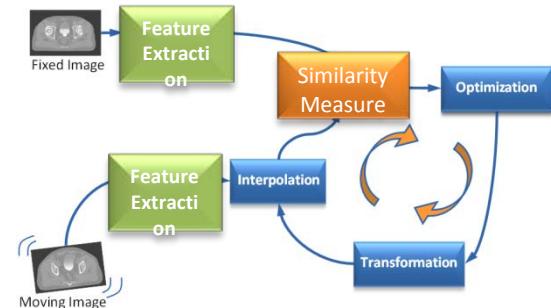
## *in-vivo T2MRI-CT Registration:*

- Small deformations.
- Displacent wrt neighboring structures

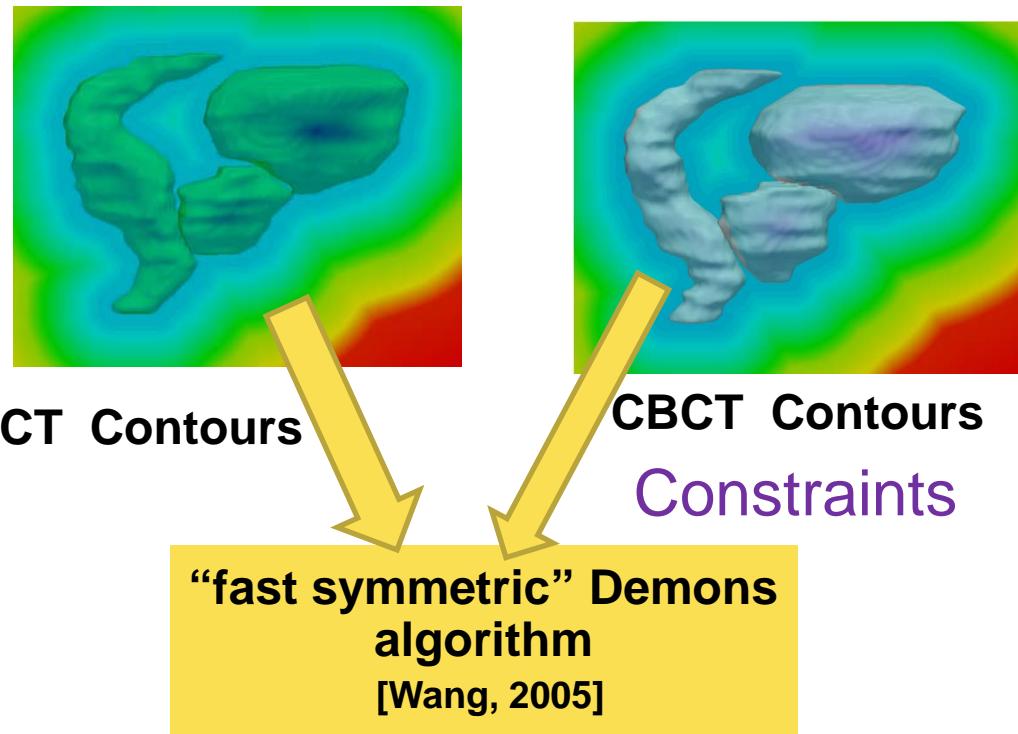


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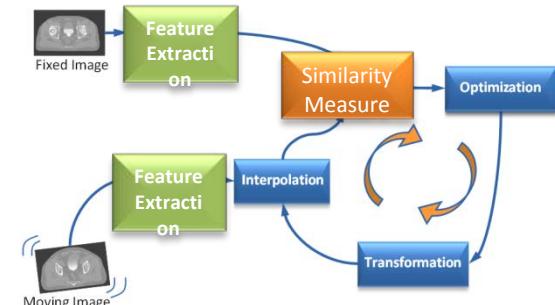


## Distance Maps

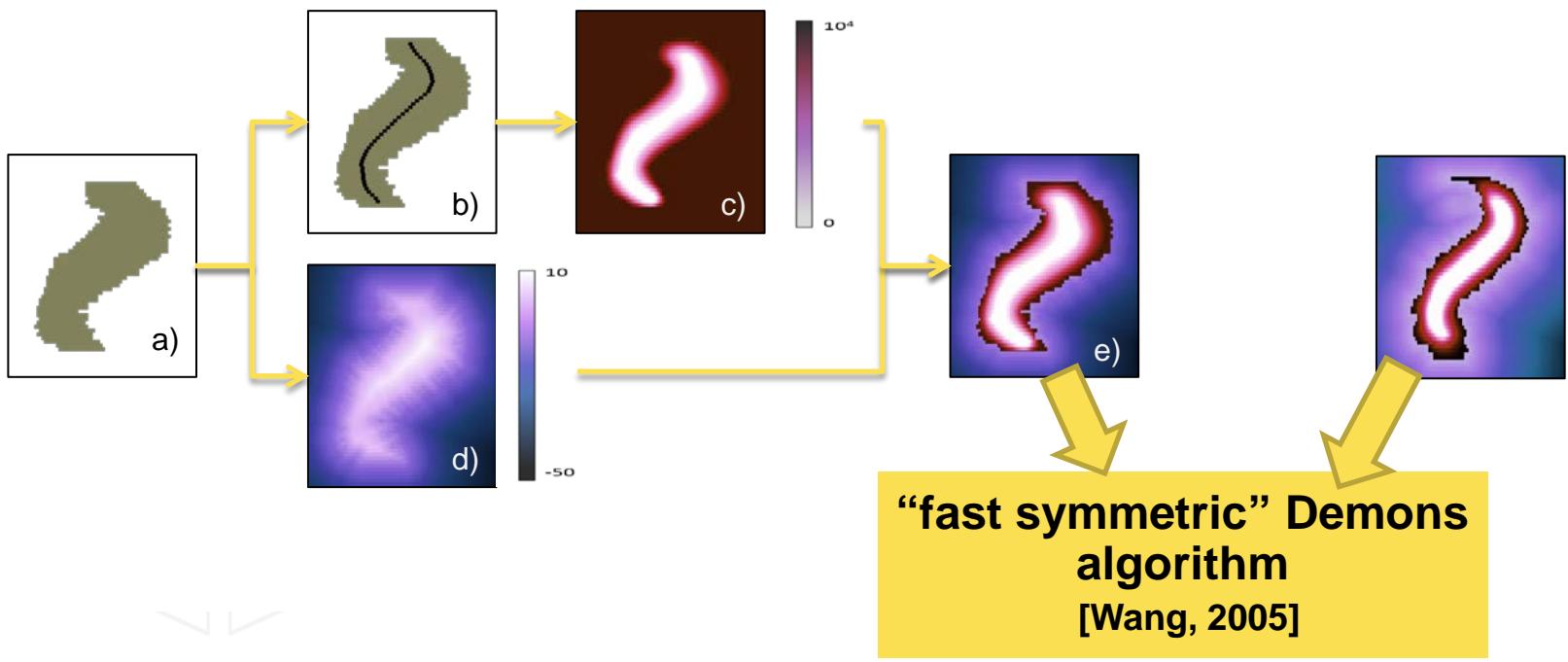


# Similarity Measure

- Feature-based
  - Compute alignment quality based upon the agreement of 2 sets of landmarks features:

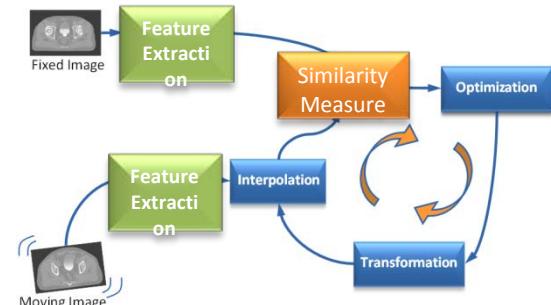


Laplacian / Distance Maps

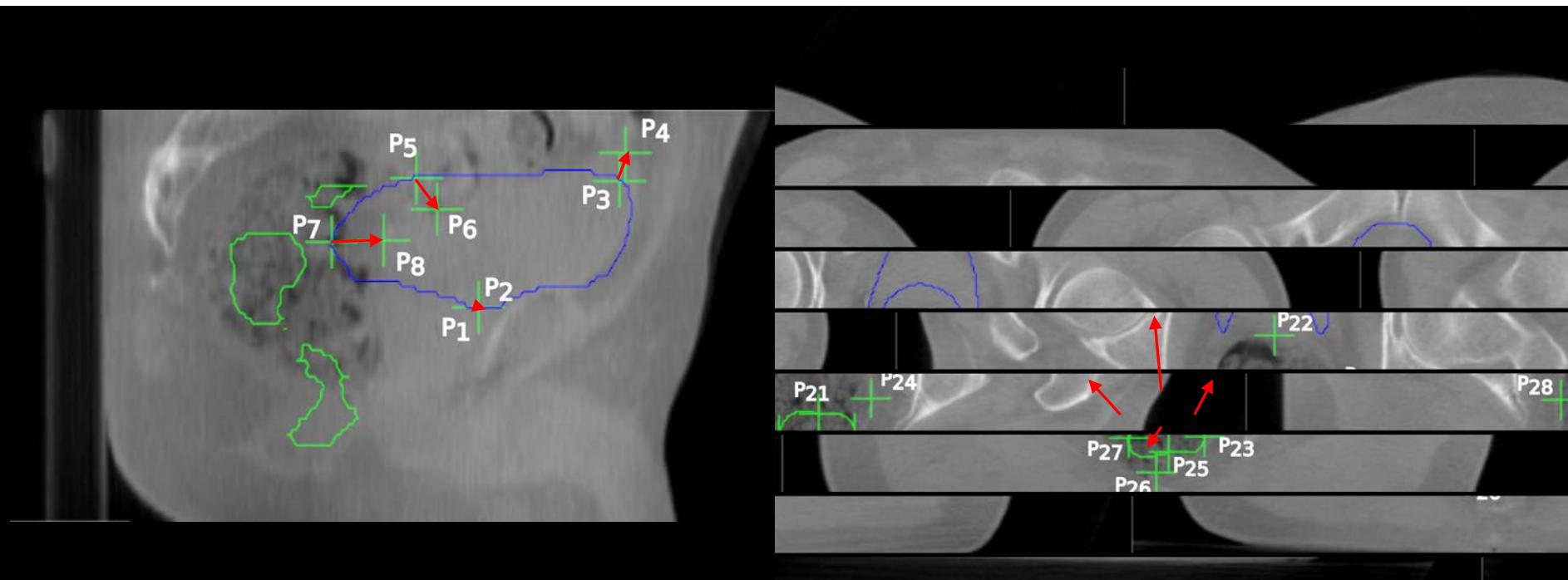


# Similarity Measure

- Feature-based
  - Compute alignment quality based upon the agreement of 2 sets of landmarks features:



Manual landmarks



# Self similarity

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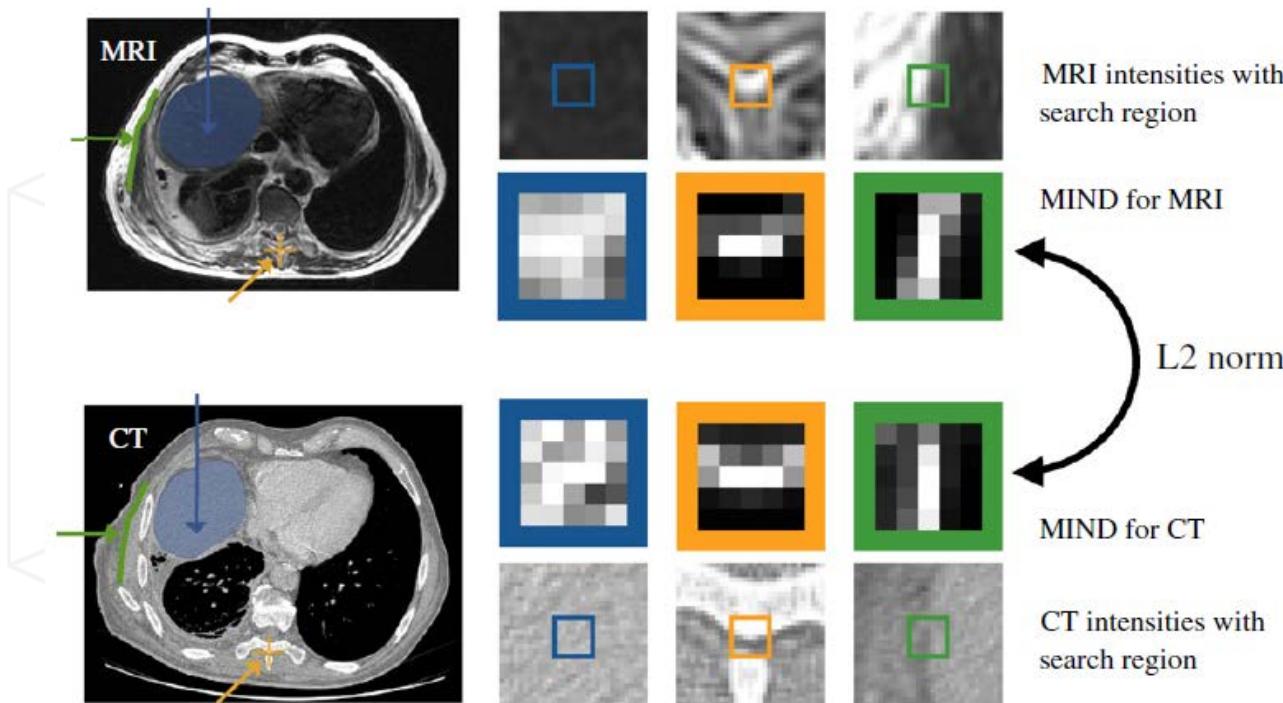
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journal homepage: [www.elsevier.com/locate/media](http://www.elsevier.com/locate/media)

MIND: Modality independent neighbourhood descriptor for multi-modal deformable registration

Mattias P. Heinrich<sup>a,b,\*</sup>, Mark Jenkinson<sup>b</sup>, Manav Bhushan<sup>a,b</sup>, Tahreema Matin<sup>d</sup>, Fergus V. Gleeson<sup>d</sup>, Sir Michael Brady<sup>c</sup>, Julia A. Schnabel<sup>a</sup>

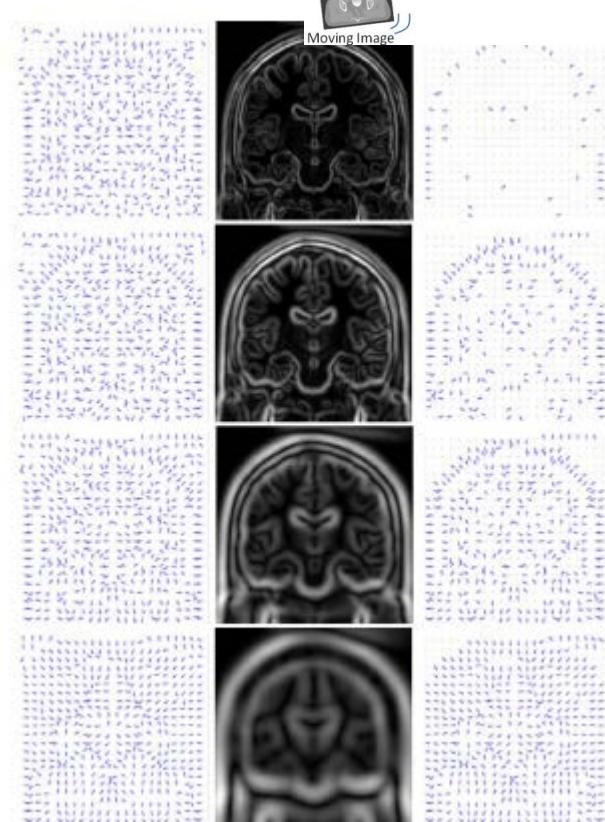
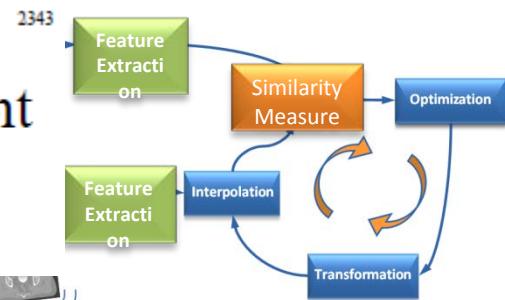
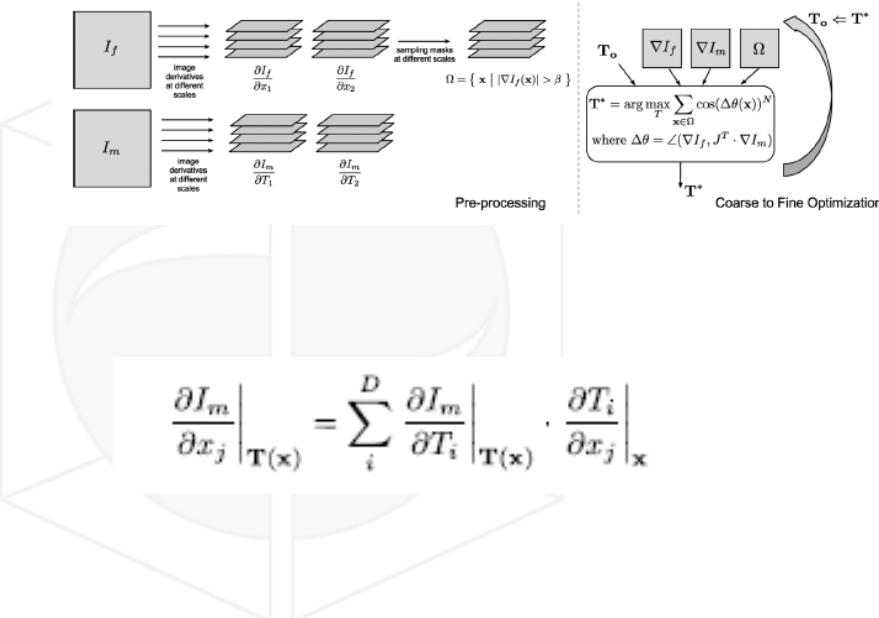


# Gradient orientations

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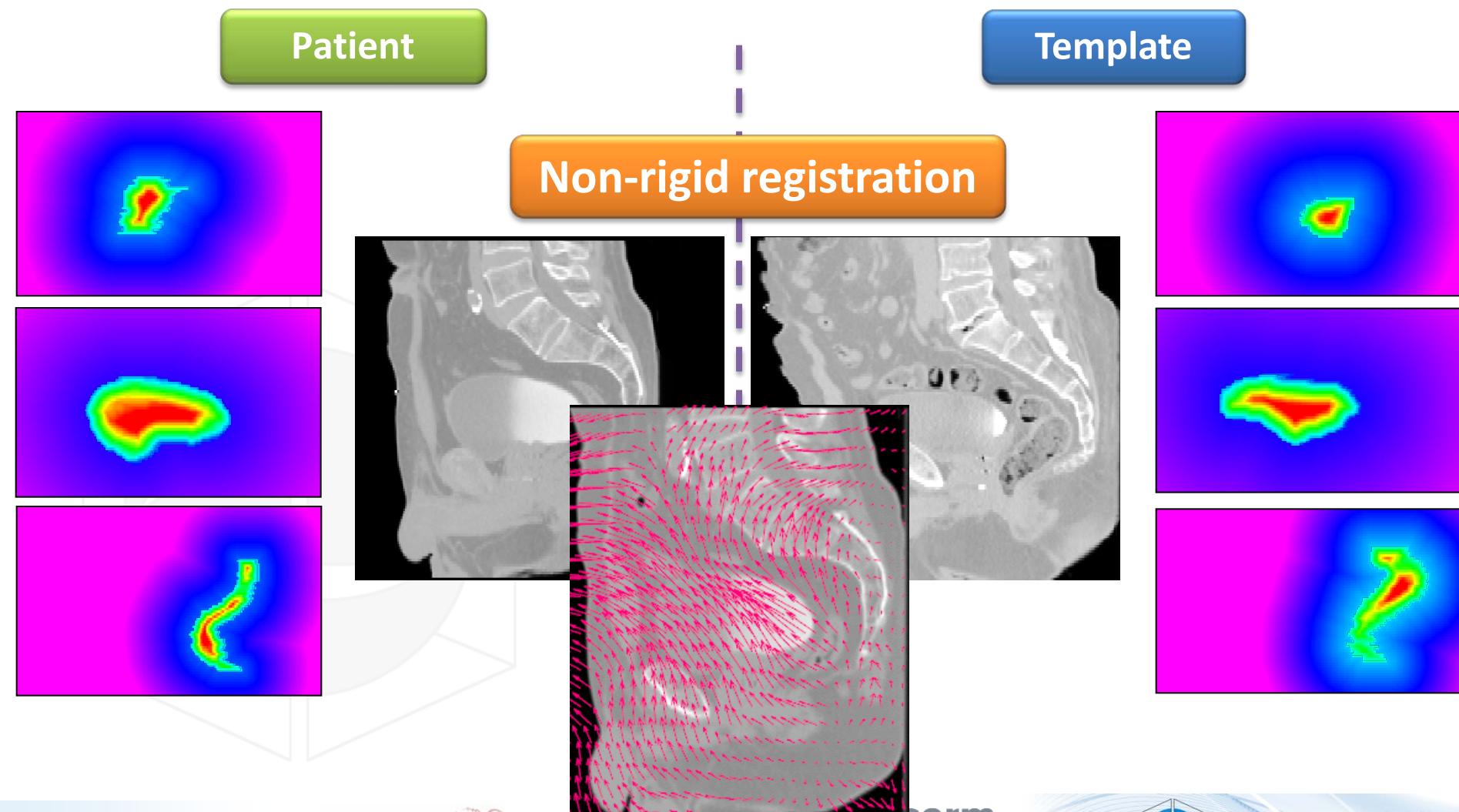
## Multi-Modal Image Registration Based on Gradient Orientations of Minimal Uncertainty

Dante De Nigris\*, D. Louis Collins, Member, IEEE, and Tal Arbel, Member, IEEE

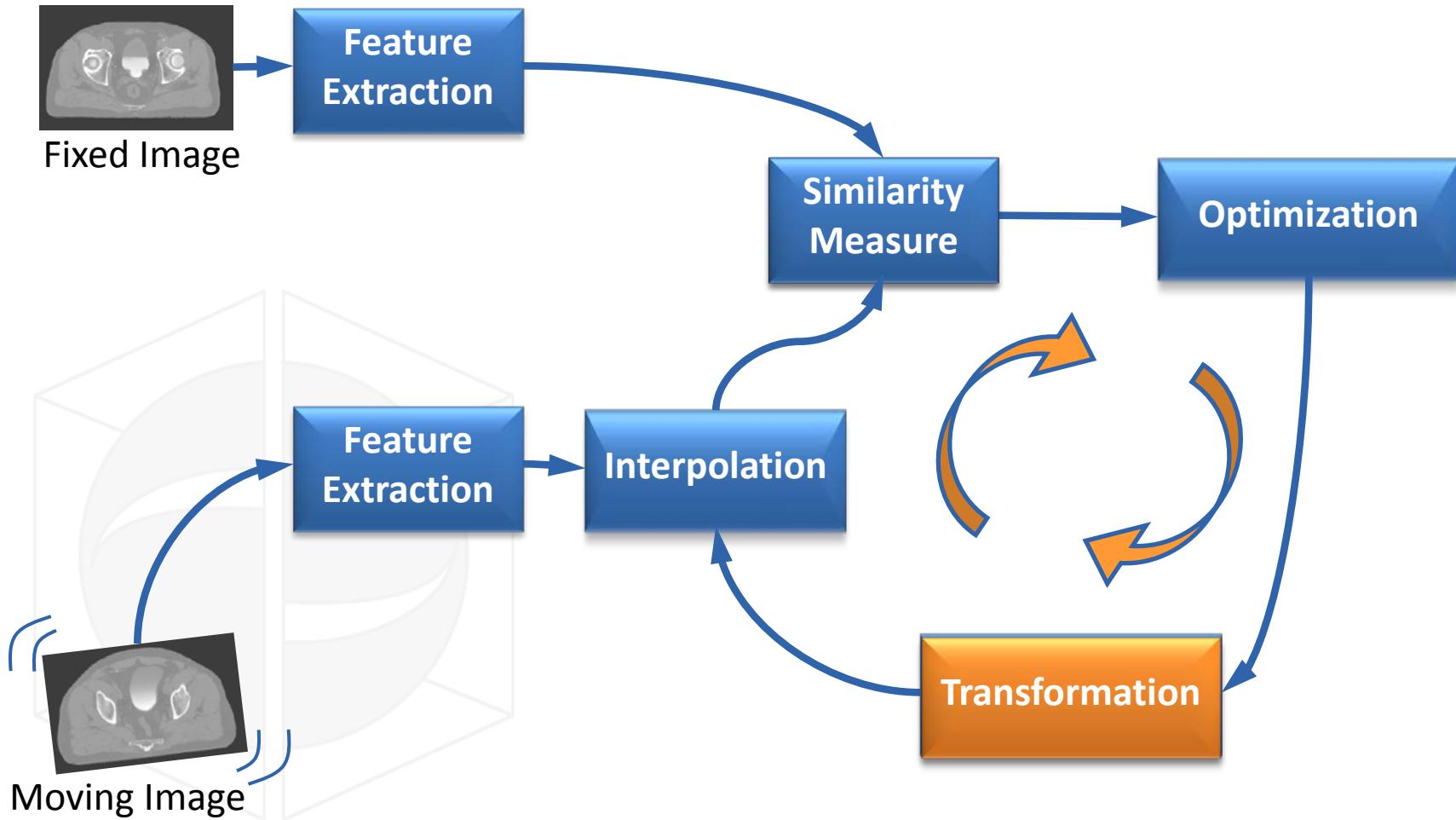


# Combined intensity/features

- Taking advantage of organ segmentations



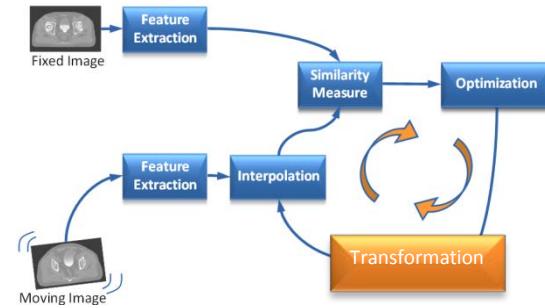
# General registration framework



# Transformation : Motions or distortions allowed?

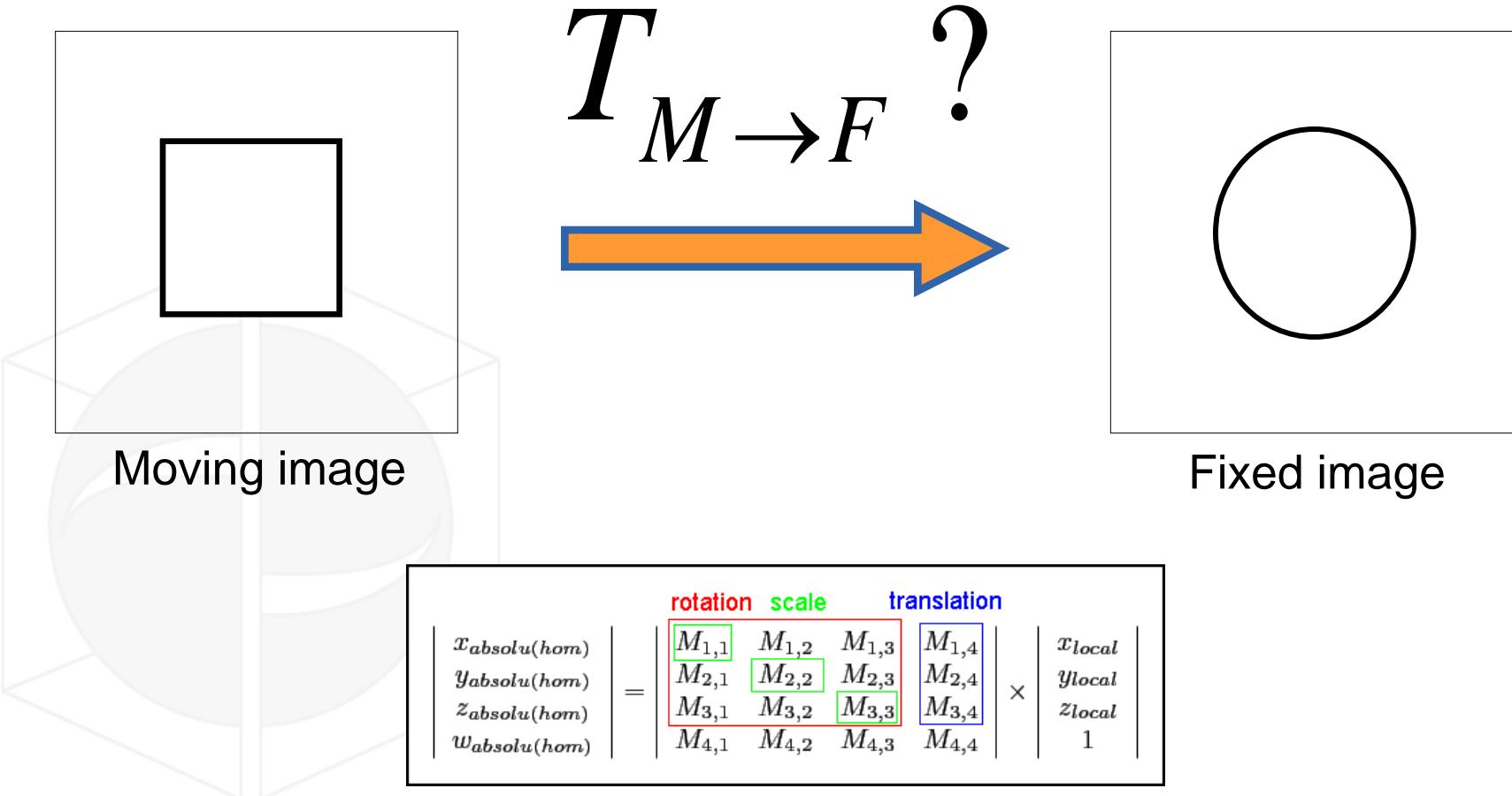


- **Rigid**
  - Displacement
  - Rotation & Displacement
- **Affine / Piecewise-affine**
  - Rotation & Displacement & shear
- **Non-rigid**
  - FFD → Geometric
  - FEM → Physical
  - FLUID → Physical, dynamic



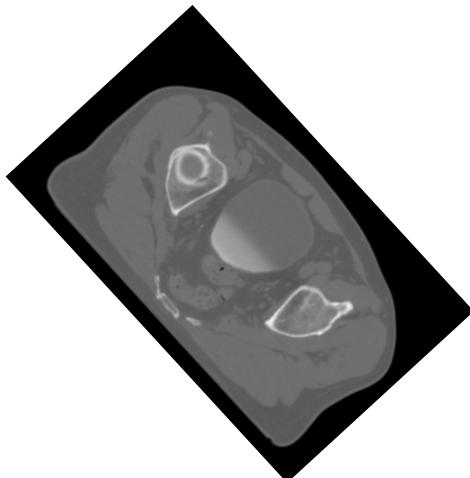
# Transformation

- Rigid
  - Global deformation (Parametric)

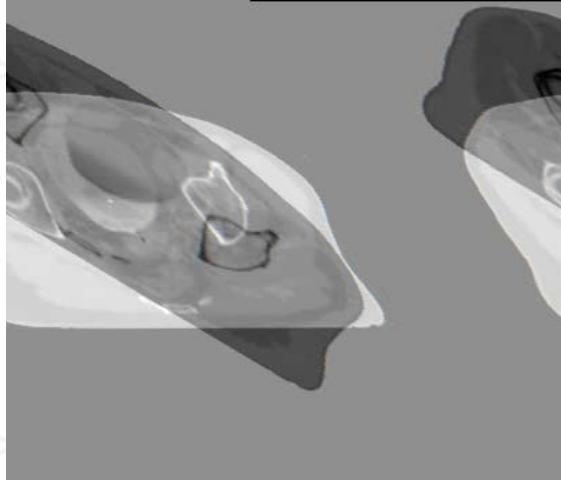
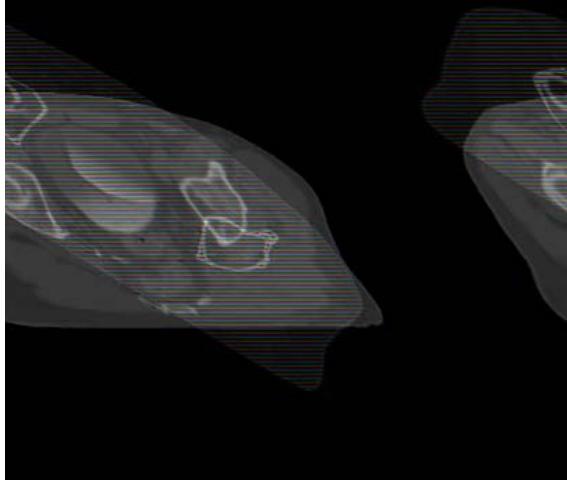
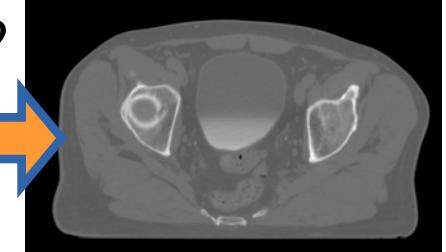


# Transformation

- Rigid
  - Global deformation

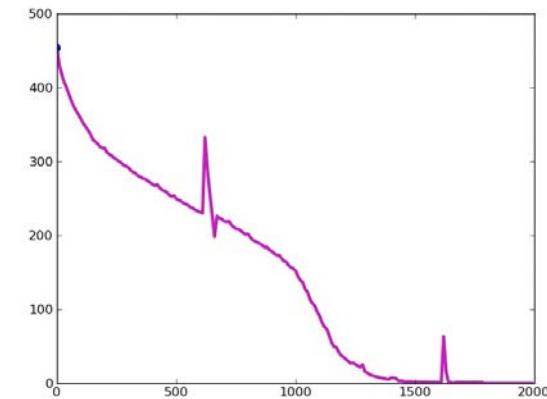


$$T_{M \rightarrow F} ?$$



Pelvic CT

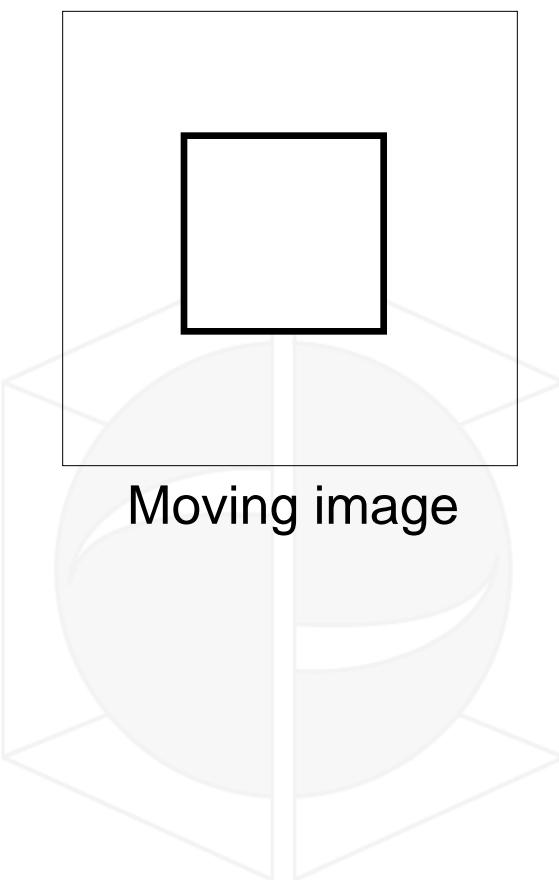
SSD



iterations

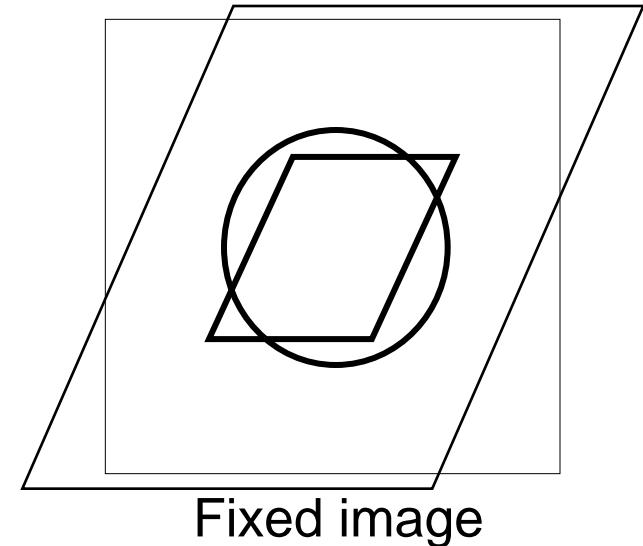
# Transformation

- **Affine**
  - Global deformation (Parametric)



$$T_{M \rightarrow F} ?$$

A large orange arrow points from the "Moving image" to the "Fixed image". Above the arrow is the mathematical expression  $T_{M \rightarrow F}$  followed by a question mark, representing the transformation function from the moving image to the fixed image.



# Rigide/Affine Transformations

- Rigide/Affine
  - General 2D form

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & y & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v & w & 1 \end{bmatrix} T = \begin{bmatrix} v & w & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t_{11} & t_{12} & 0 \\ t_{21} & t_{22} & 0 \\ t_{31} & t_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Rigide/Affine Transformations

- Rigide/Affine
  - General 2D form
  - Identity

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Scaling

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Rotation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta & 0 \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Translation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ t_x & t_y & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & y & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v & w & 1 \end{bmatrix} T = \begin{bmatrix} v & w & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t_{11} & t_{12} & 0 \\ t_{21} & t_{22} & 0 \\ t_{31} & t_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Shear (vertical)

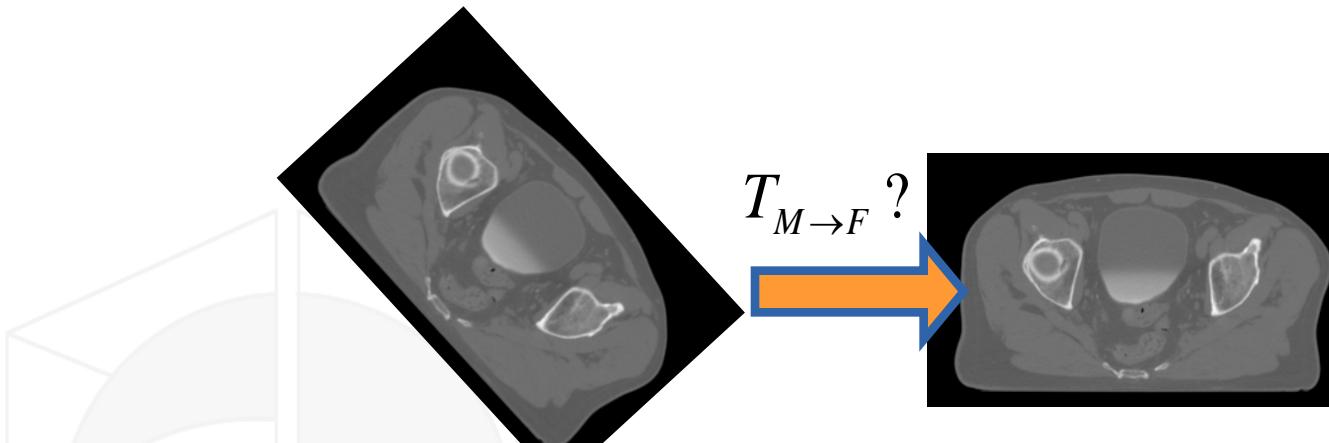
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ s_v & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Shear (horizontal)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & s_h & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Rigide/Affine Transformations

- Rigide
- Affine



Exemple 2D

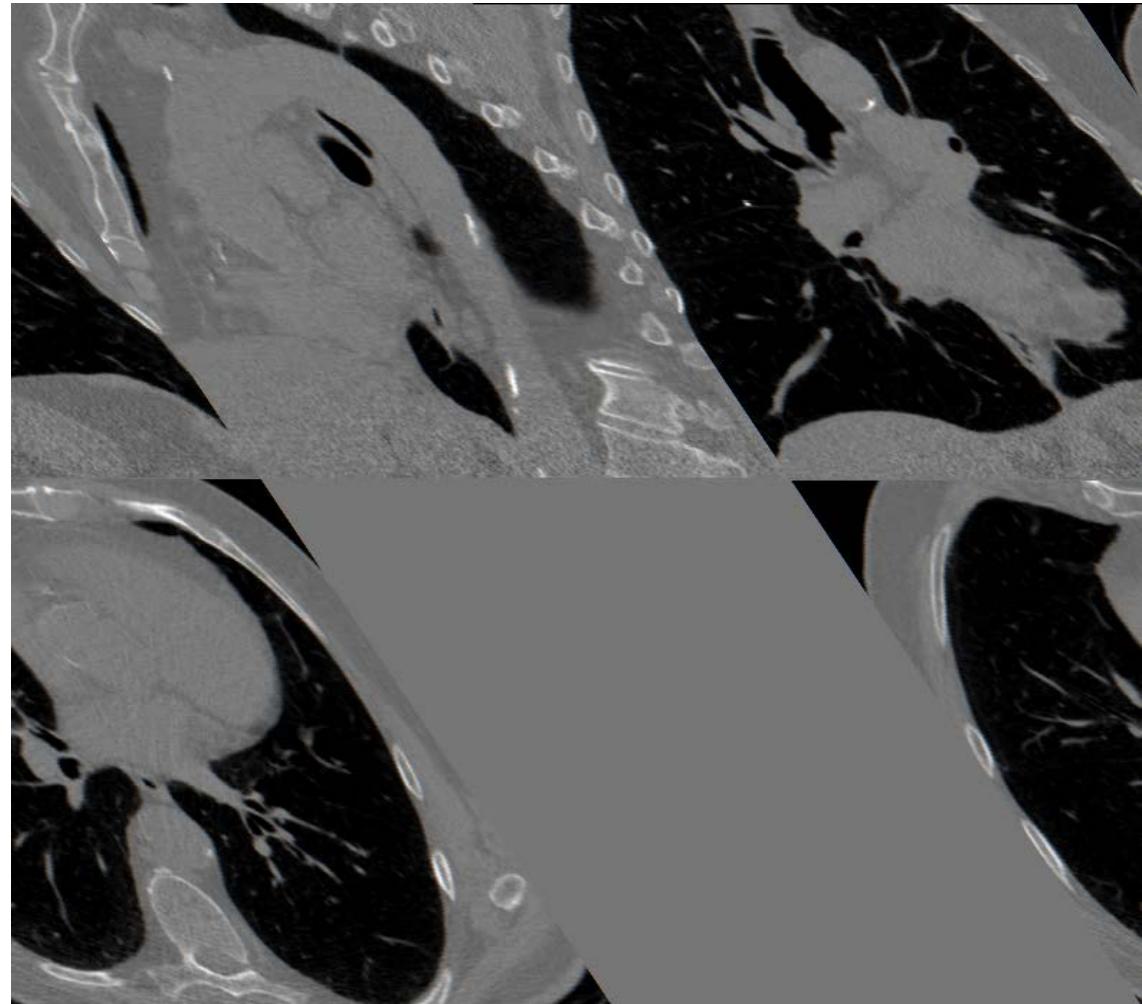
$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

# Transformation

- Affine

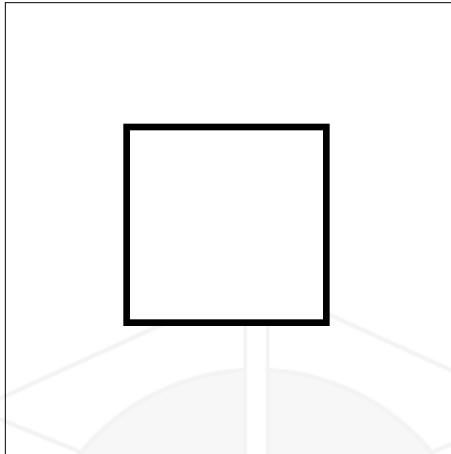


Lung CT

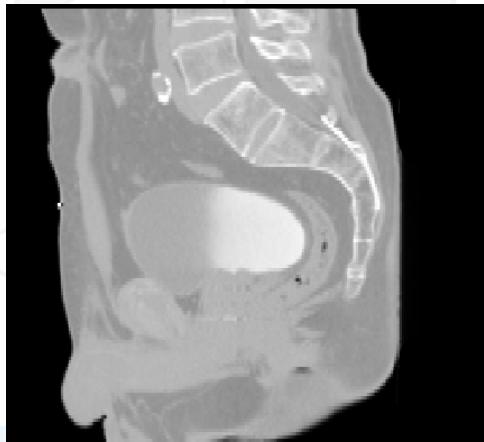


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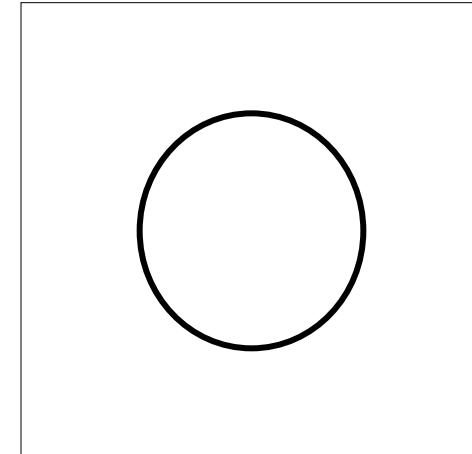
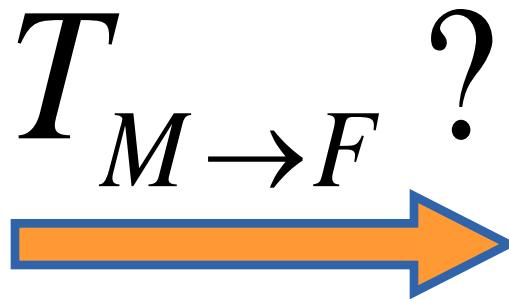
- Non-rigid
  - Parametric/non parametric deformation



Moving image



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Fixed image



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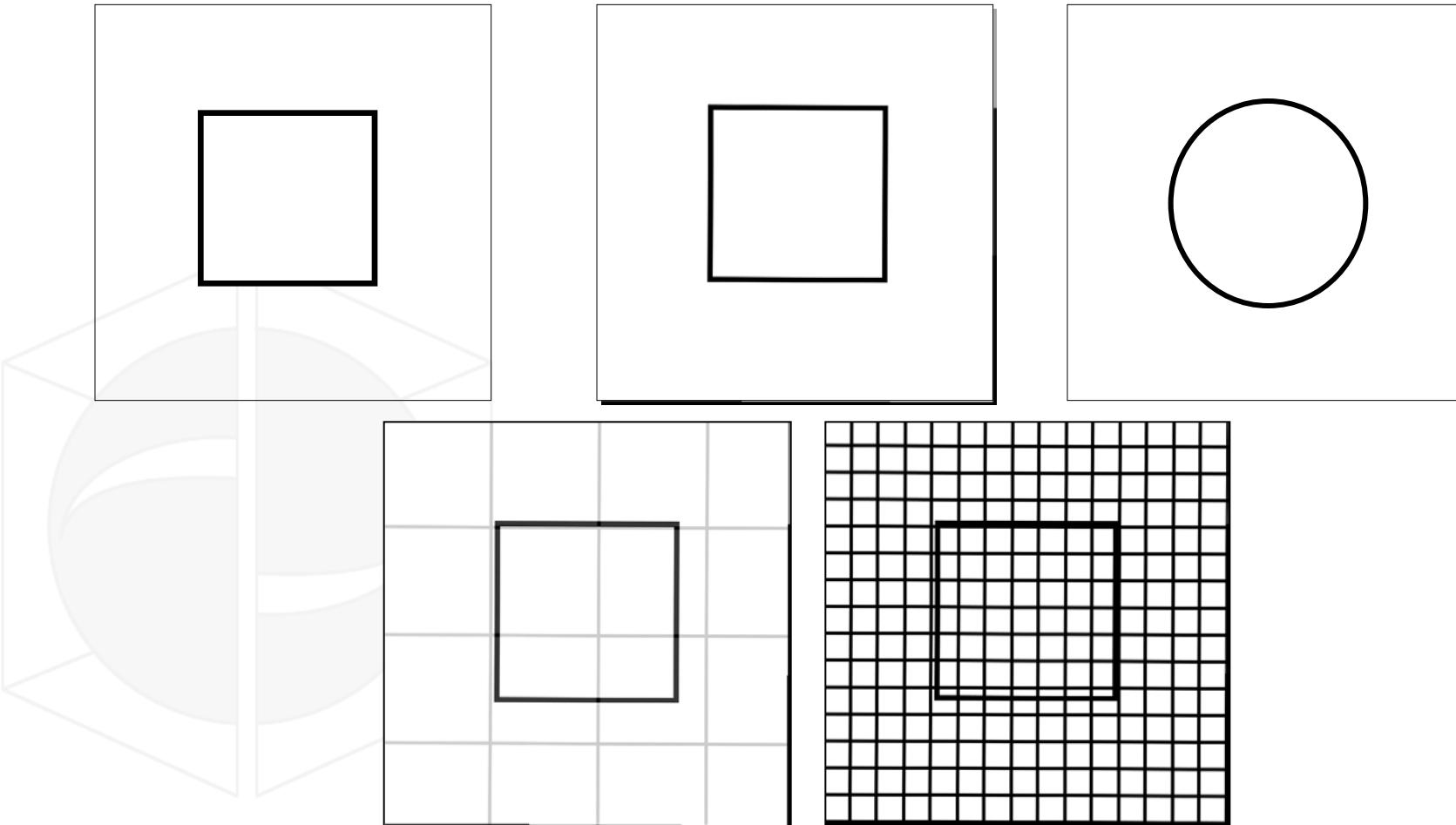
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# Transformation

- Non-rigide
  - Parametric: Geometric and defined for instance by a bspline



Rueckert et al, "Non rigid registration using free form deformations:  
Application to breast MR Images" , IEEE TMI, 99

# Transformation

- Non-rigide: Geometric (FFD),
  - Bspline deformation

$$\mathbf{T}_{\text{local}}(x, y, z) = \sum_{l=0}^3 \sum_{m=0}^3 \sum_{n=0}^3 B_l(u) B_m(v) B_n(w) \phi_{i+l, j+m, k+n}$$

$$\begin{aligned}B_0(u) &= (1-u)^3/6 \\B_1(u) &= (3u^3 - 6u^2 + 4)/6 \\B_2(u) &= (-3u^3 + 3u^2 + 3u + 1)/6 \\B_3(u) &= u^3/6.\end{aligned}$$

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## Nonrigid Registration Using Free-Form Deformations: Application to Breast MR Images

D. Rueckert,\* L. I. Sonoda, C. Hayes, D. L. G. Hill, M. O. Leach, and D. J. Hawkes

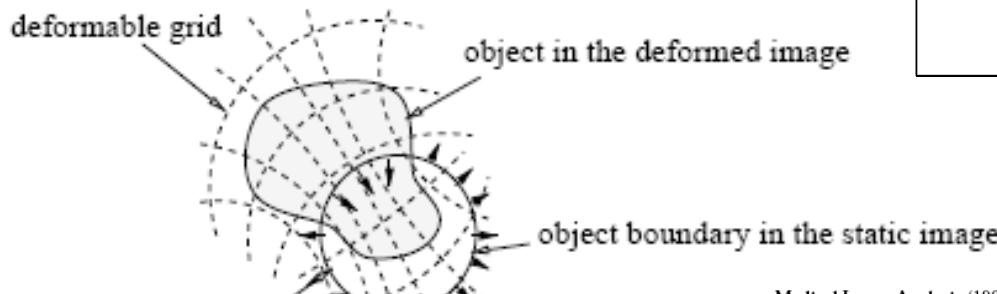
# Transformation

- Non-rigide
  - Demons



Flux optique :

$$\vec{T} = \frac{2(m - s) \cdot (\vec{\nabla}(+) + \vec{\nabla}(s))}{\|\vec{\nabla}(m) + \vec{\nabla}(s)\|^2}$$



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## Spherical Demons: Fast Diffeomorphic Landmark-Free Surface Registration

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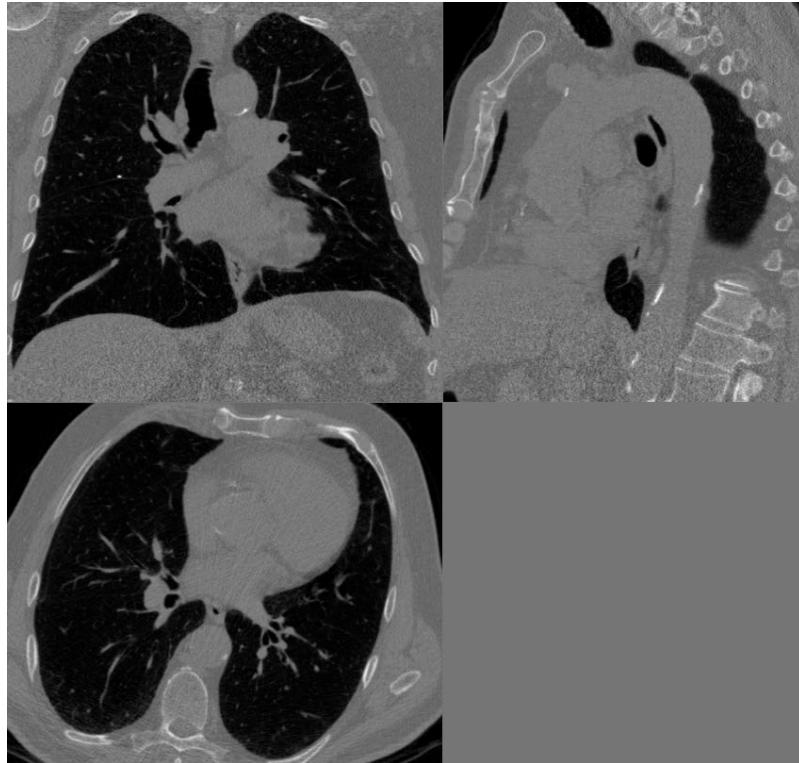
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# Transformation

- Lung intra-individual CT to CT

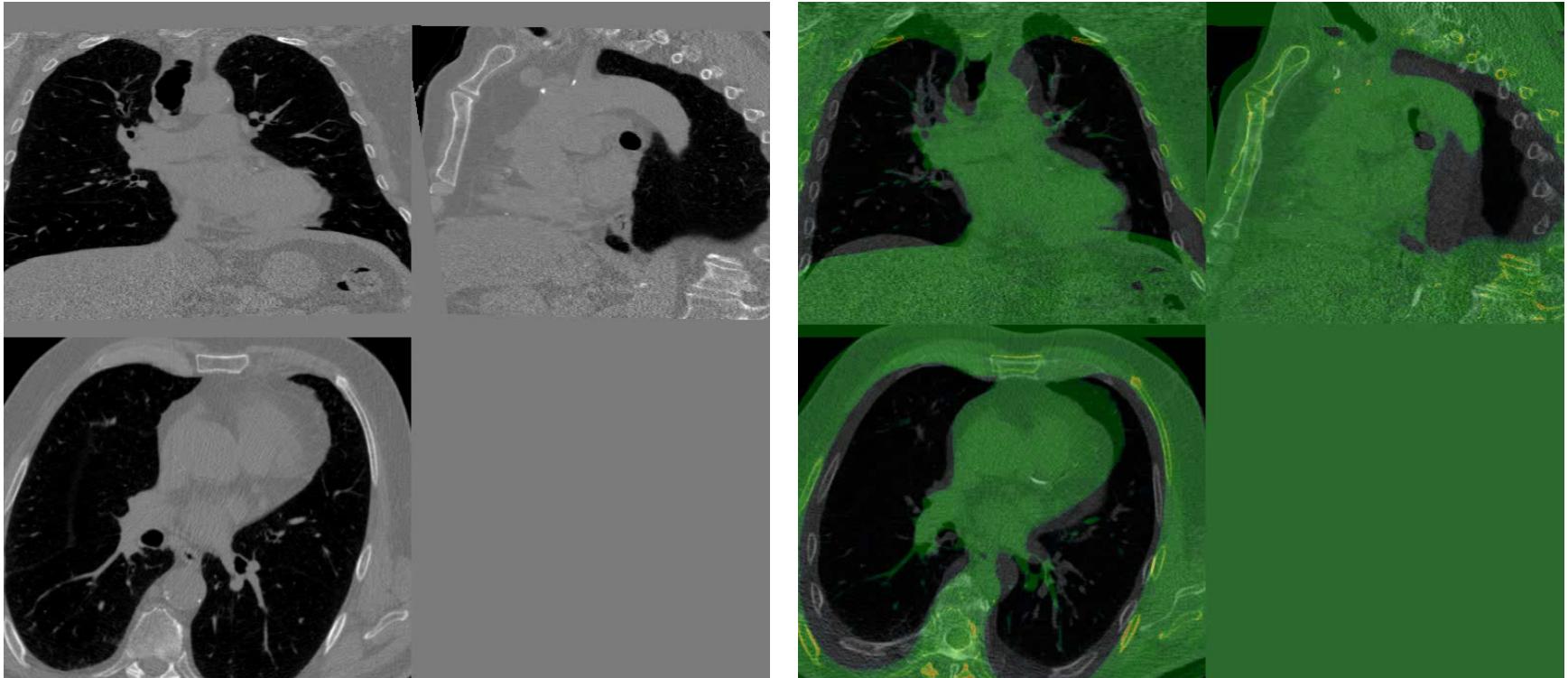


Moving

Fixed

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- **Similarity:** Rubeaux et al. Edgeworth-based approximation of Mutual Information for medical image registration, International Conference on Image Processing Theory, Tools and Applications (IPTA), Evry, 2010.
- **Optimization:** S. Klein, J.P.W. Pluim, M. Staring and M.A. Viergever, "Adaptive Stochastic Gradient Descent Optimisation for Image Registration," International Journal of Computer Vision, in press.

- Prostate inter-individual
  - Global deformation (regular non-rigid)

Moving

Registered

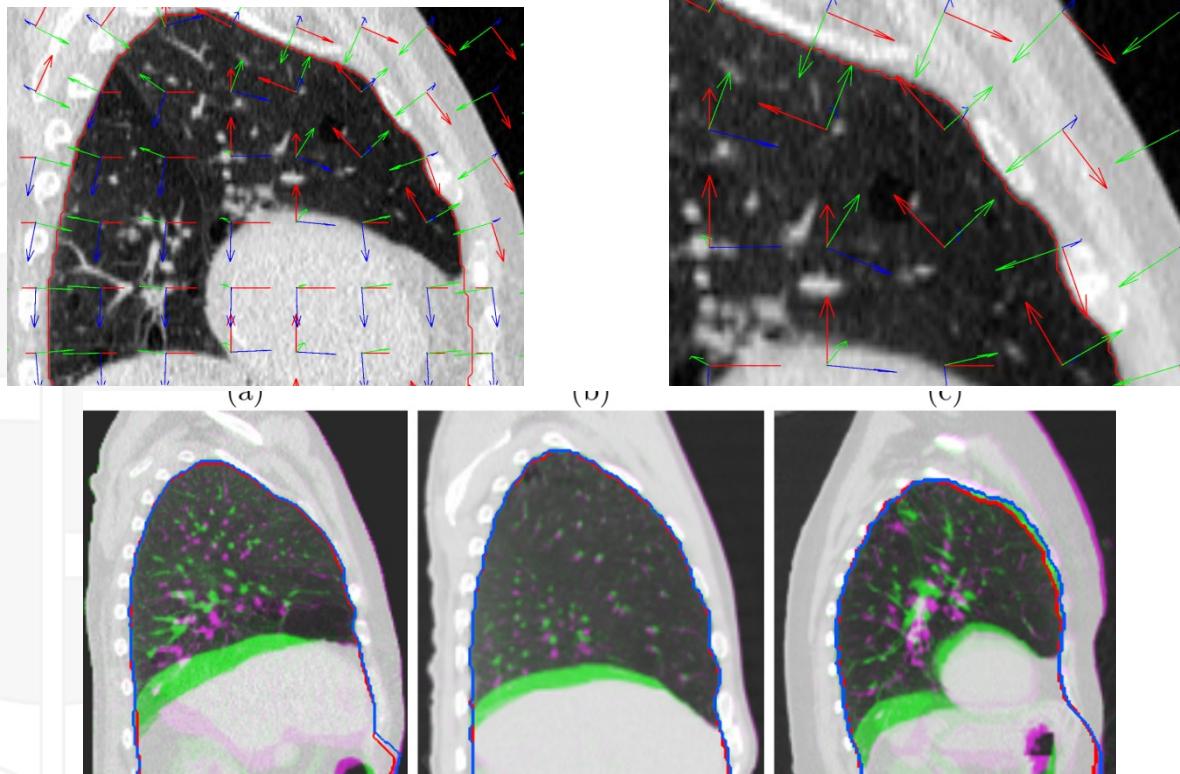
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Large deformations  
Poor tissue contrast

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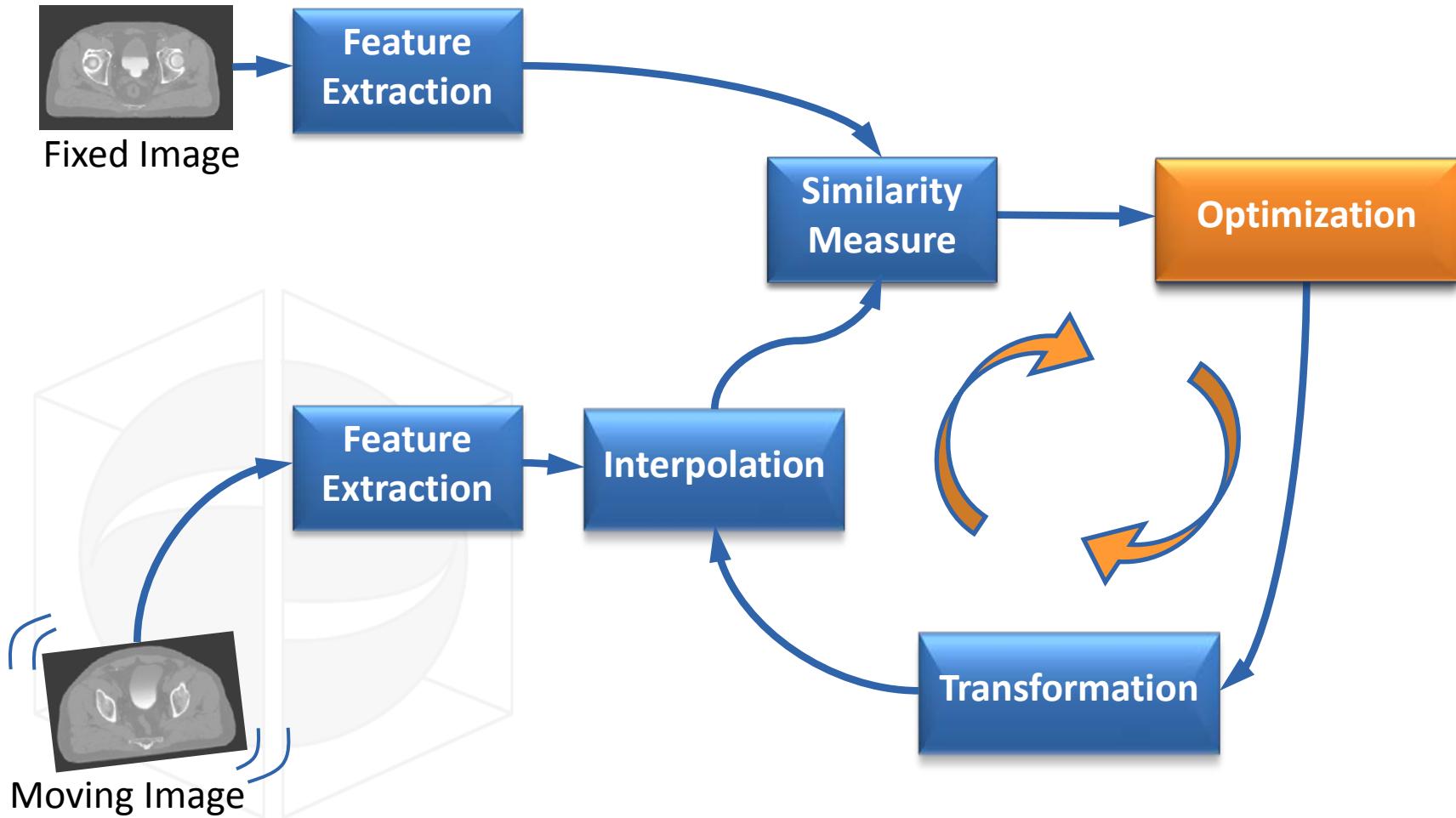
- Lung interface
  - Constrained transformation (free at the interface)
  - Region-wise regular (non-rigid)



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# General registration framework

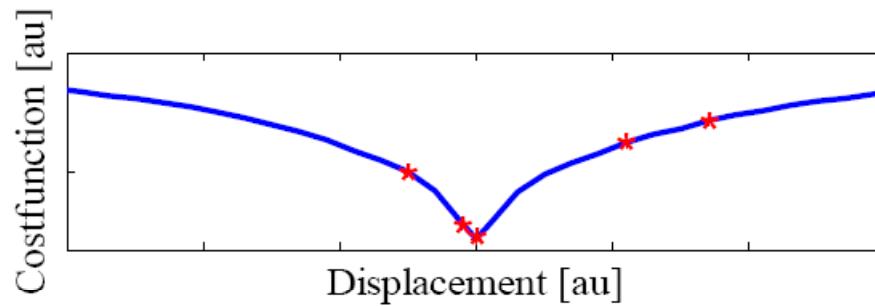
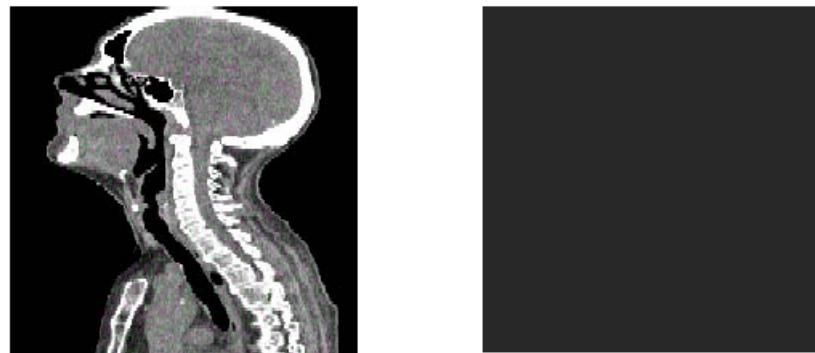
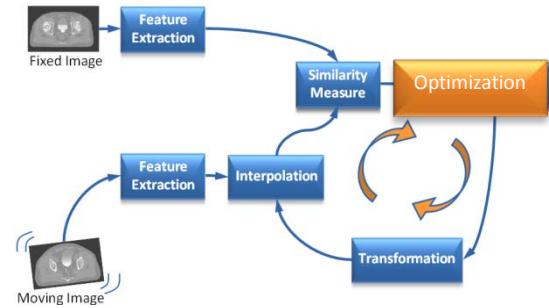


# Optimization



- **Objective functions**

- Measure how well things are lined up
- Assumption:
  - The images (Features), are related to each other by some transformation  $T$

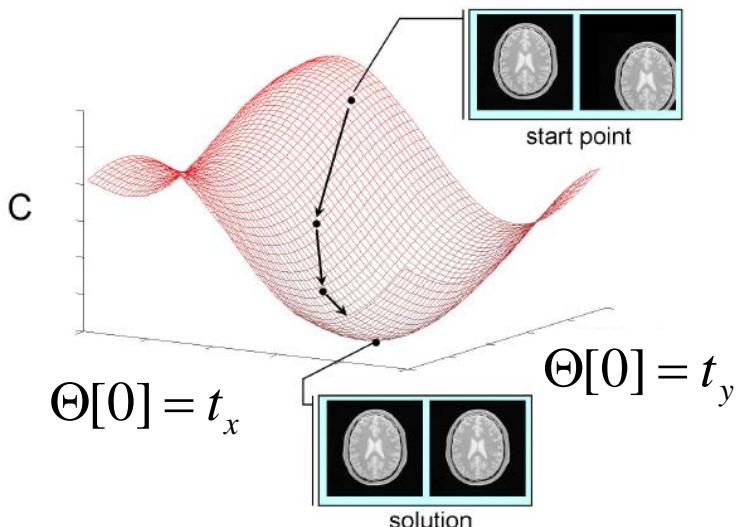
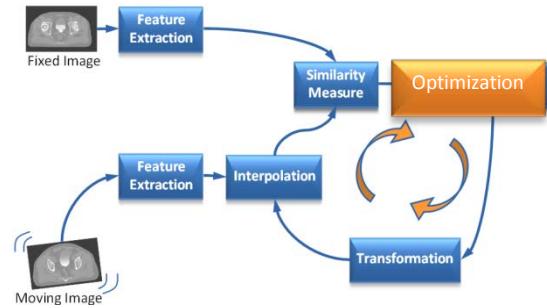


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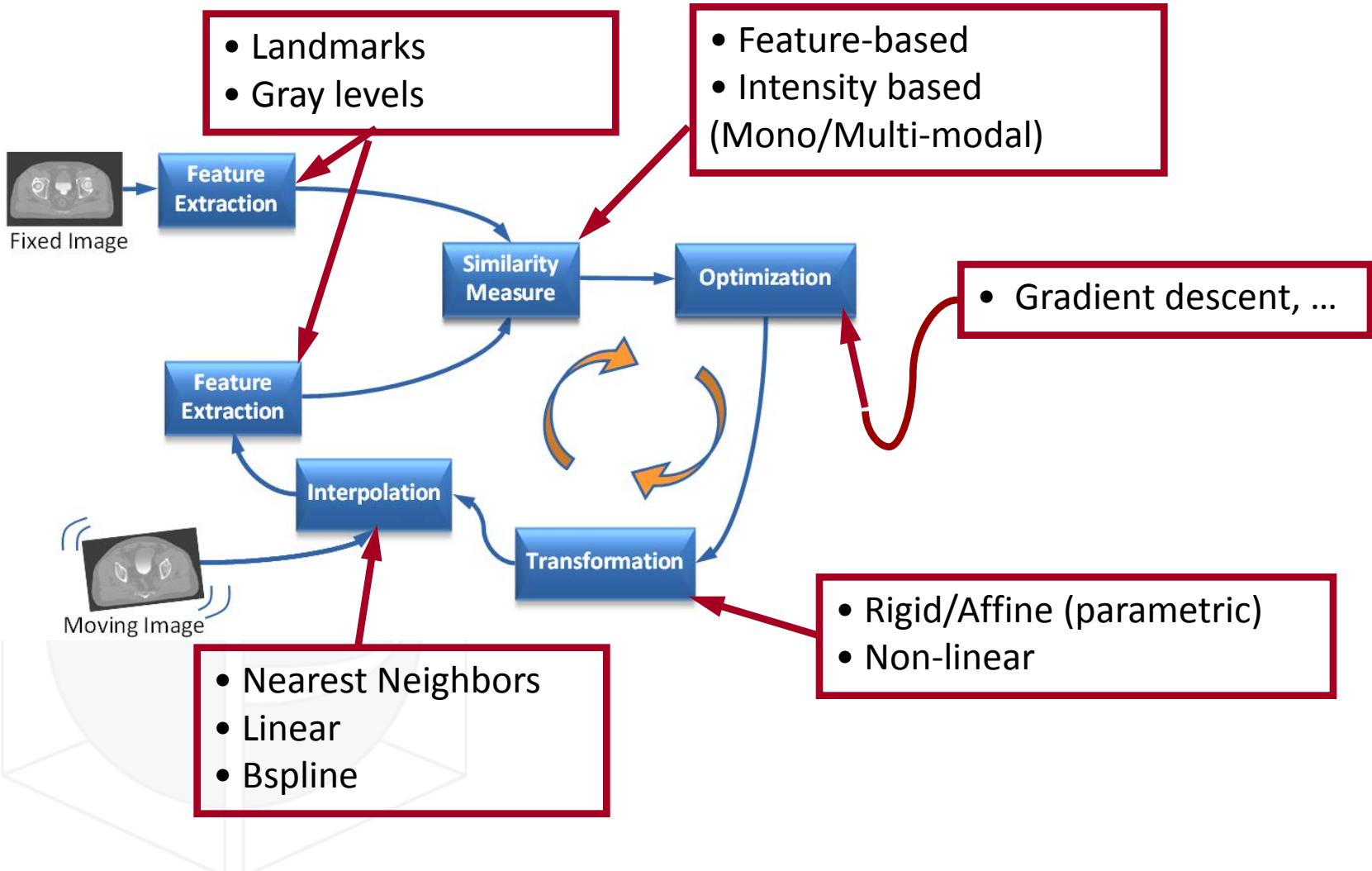
- Measure how well things are lined up
- Assumption:
  - The images (Features), are related to each other by some transformation  $T$
- Define an energy (cost) function to be optimized



$$C = s(F(x), T(M(x)))$$
$$\hat{T}_\Theta = \arg \min_{T_\Theta} C(T_\Theta; F(x), M(x))$$

**Goal: find  $T$ , that optimizes  $C$**

# Putting everything together



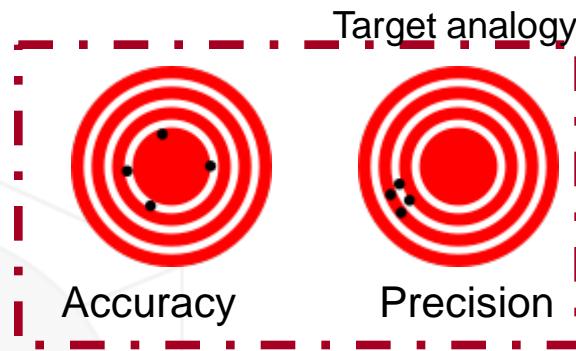
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  - Qualitatively - Visually



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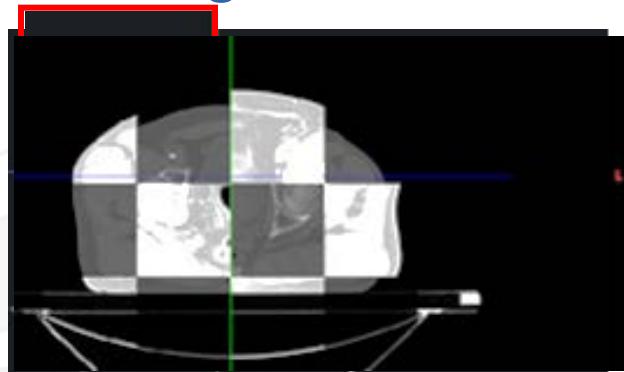
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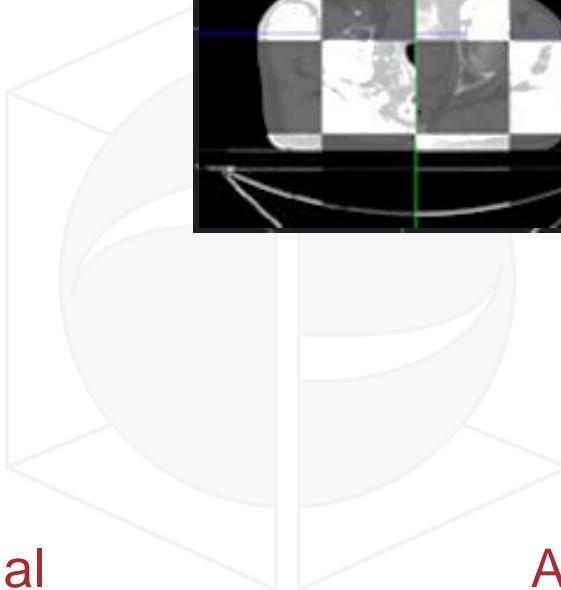
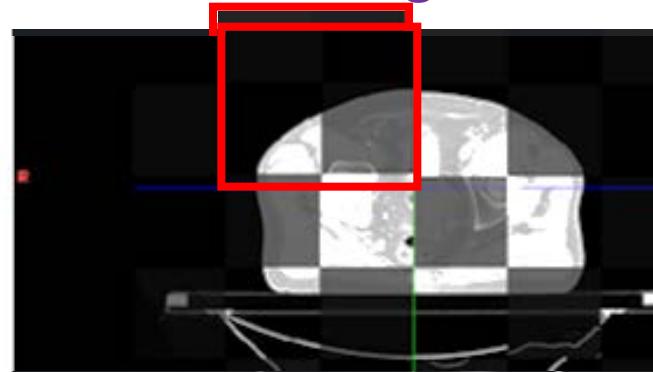


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Before registration



After registration



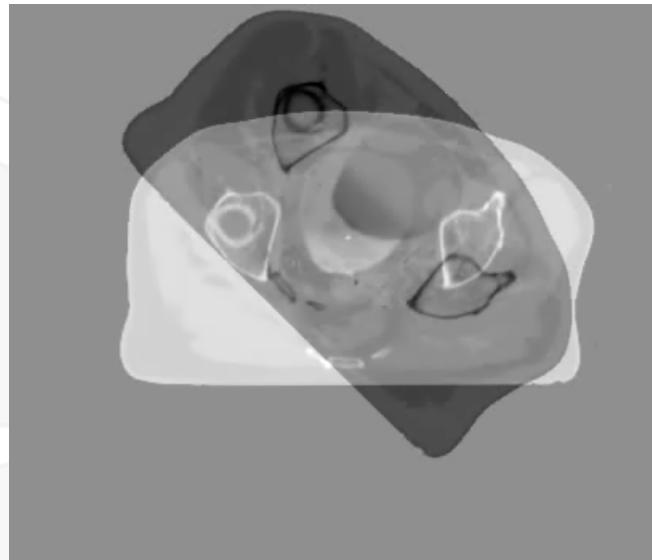
Initial

Affine

FFD

# Validation

- How do you verify that your registration was successful?
  - Visually
  - Difference image

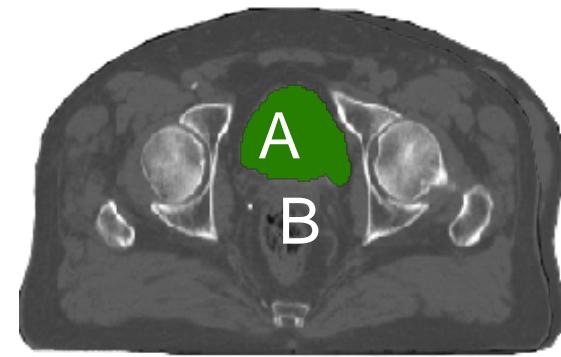
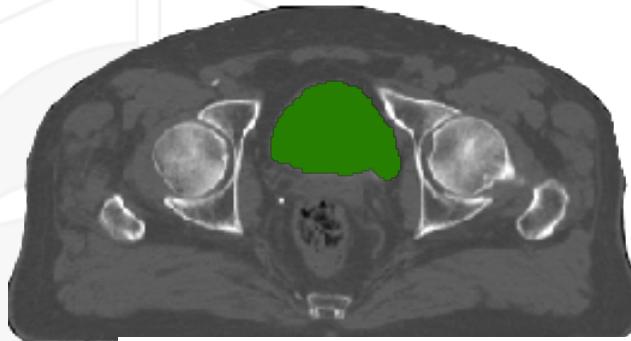


## Quantitatively?

- It may be.. but it is not fair if it was the used similarity measure

# Validation

- How do you verify that your registration was successful?
  - Visually
  - Difference image
  - Overlap of segmented structures ( Dice Score, Hausdorff )  
*If manual segmentations are available?*



$$Dice(A, B) = \frac{2|A \cap B|}{|A| + |B|}$$
$$0 \leq Dice \leq 1$$



Organ A,B

# Validation

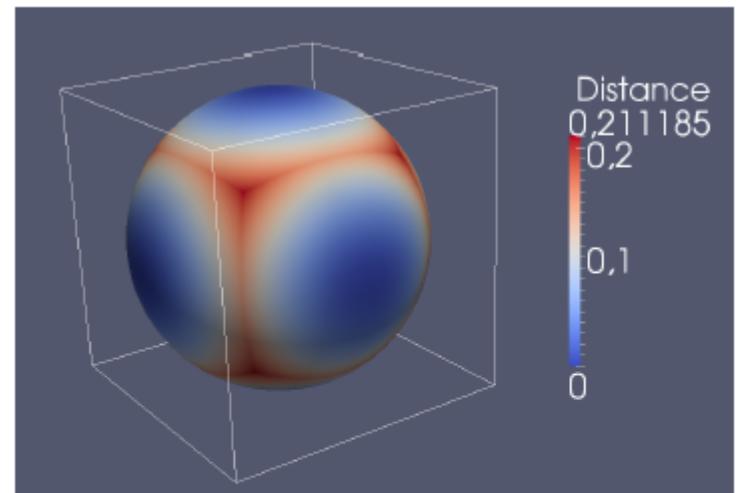
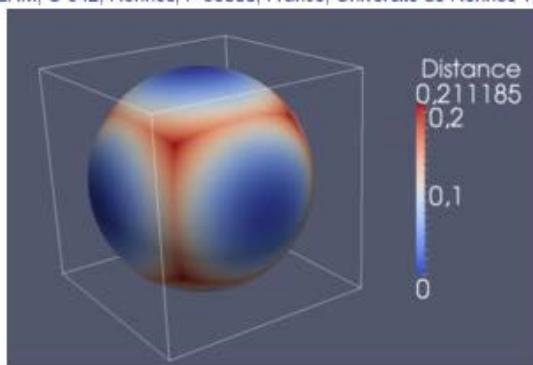
## • Hausdorff Distance

$$DH(V_F, V_M) = \max\{h(V_F, V_M), h(V_M, V_F)\},$$

$$h(V_F, V_M) = \max_{f \in V_F} \min_{m \in V_M} \|V_F - V_M\|$$

### A VTK Algorithm for the Computation of the Hausdorff Distance

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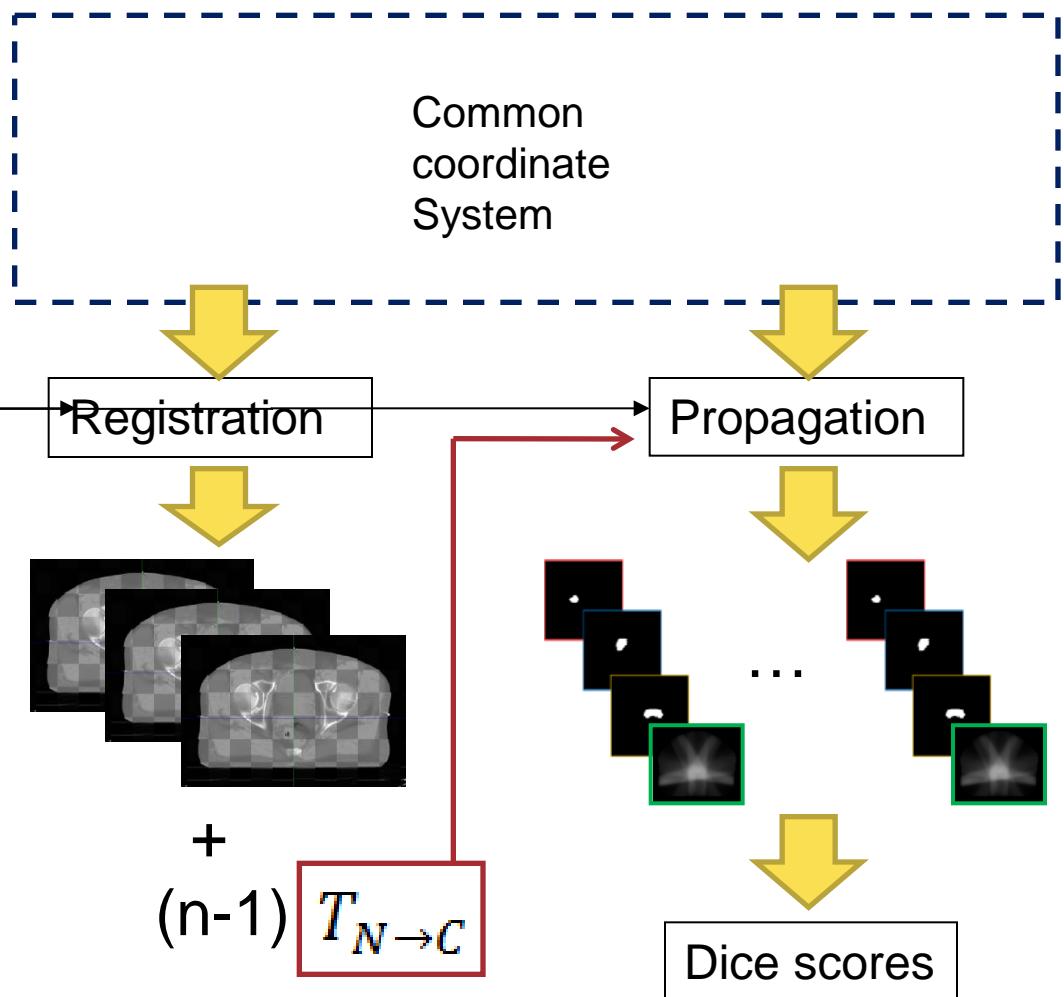
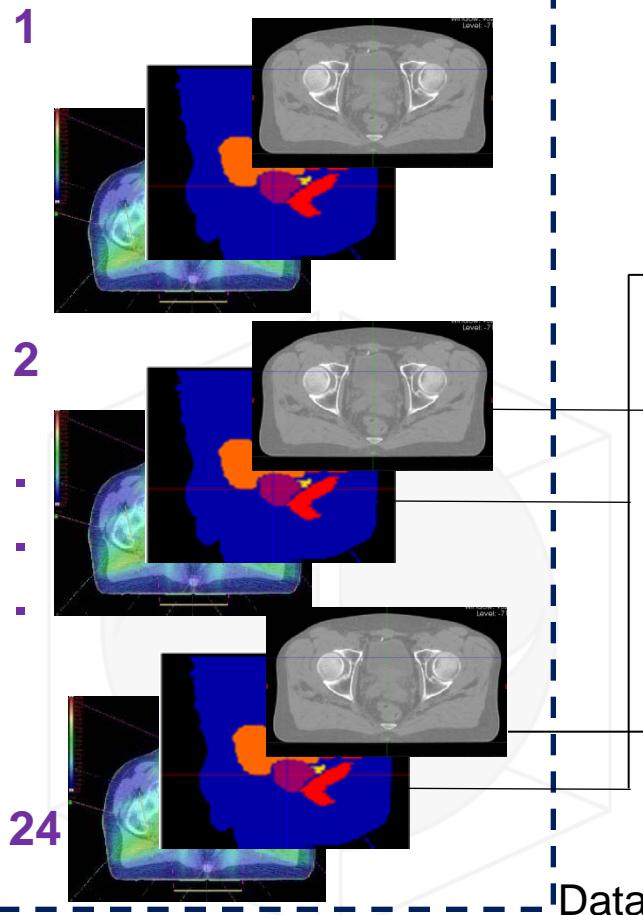
(b) point-to-cell computation method

$$\Delta(S, C) = 0.211$$

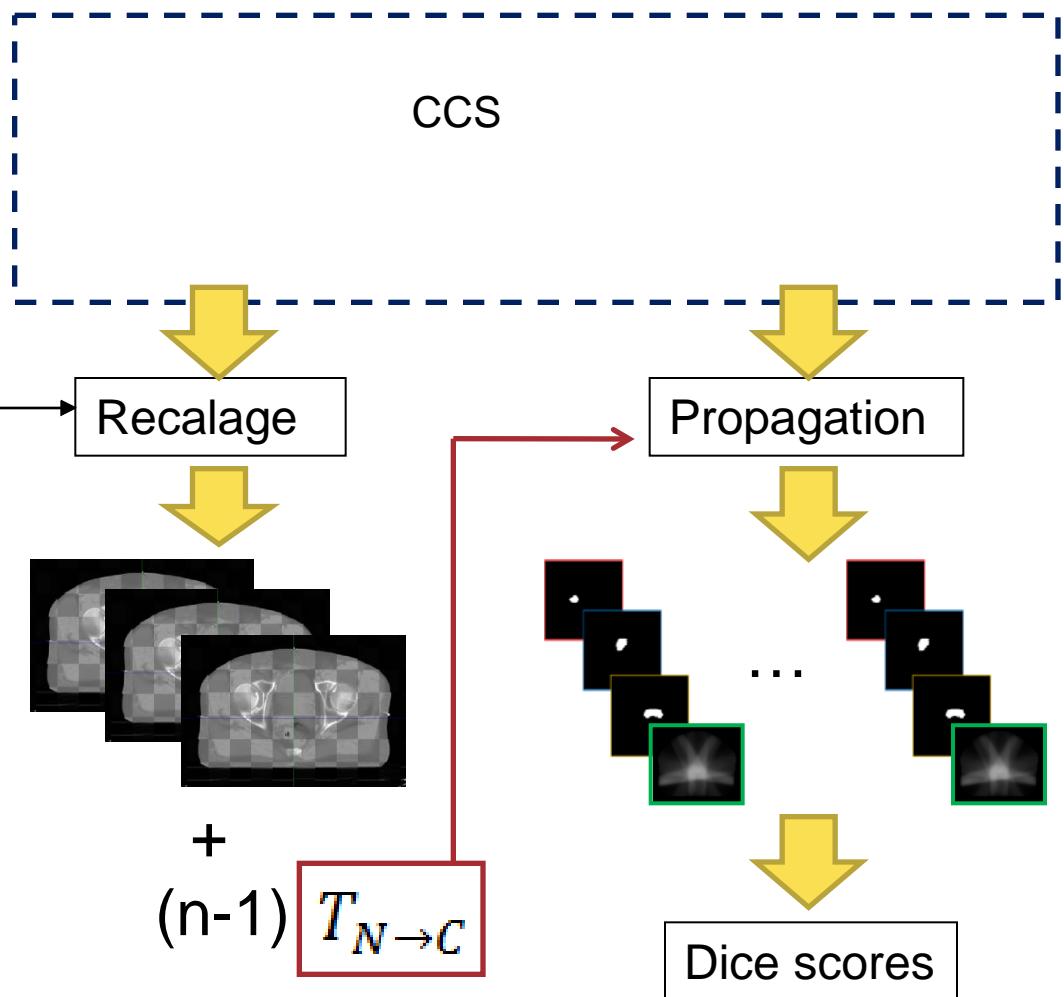
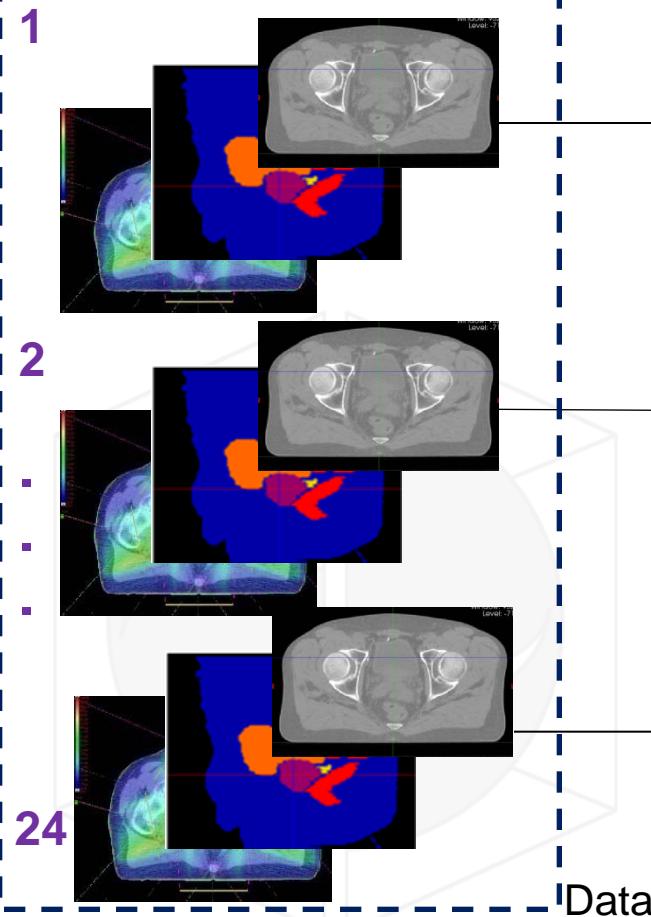
$$\Delta(C, S) = 0.366$$

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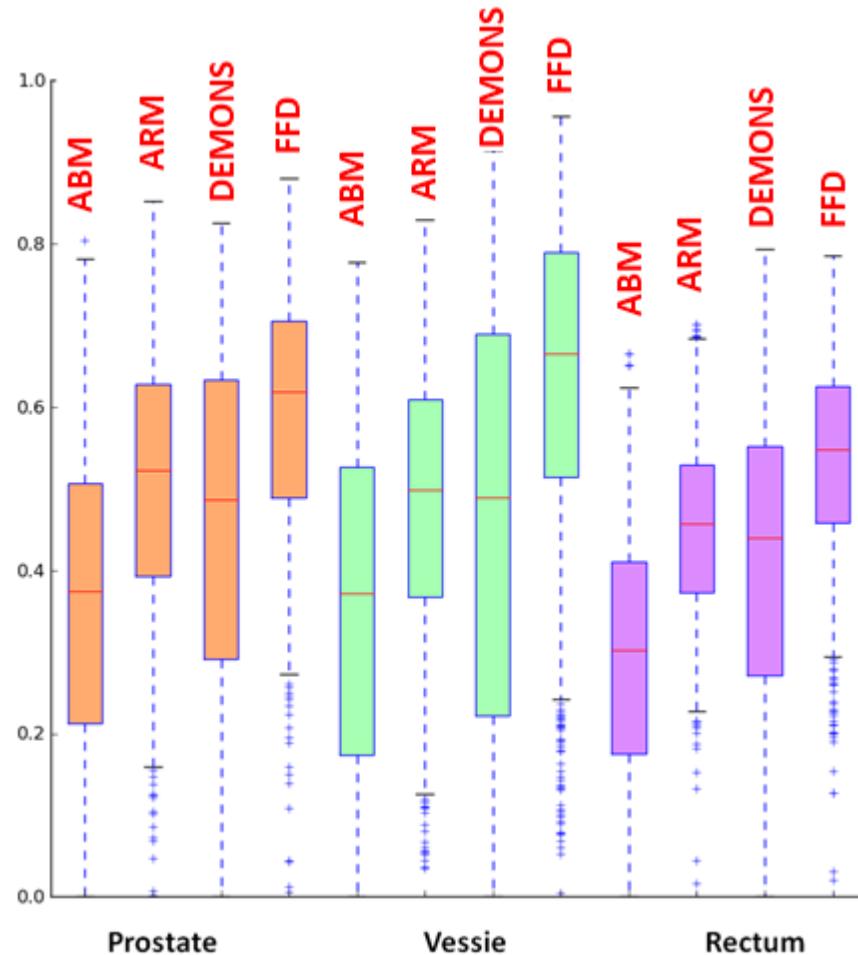
## Cross validation



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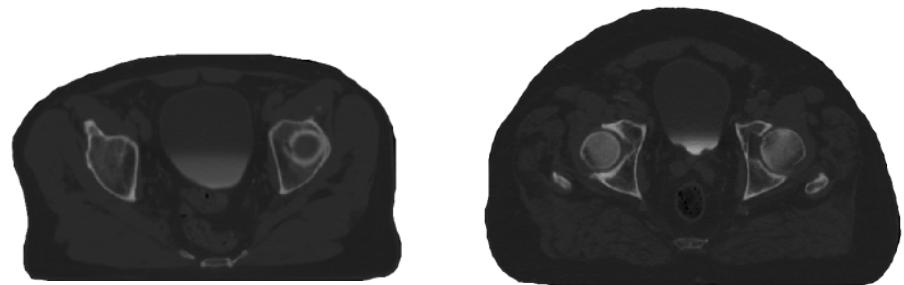
# Results



ABM : Affine « Block Matching »  
ARM : ABM<sub>\text{masque}</sub>  
DEMONS : RBM + DEMONS  
FFD : RRM + FFD

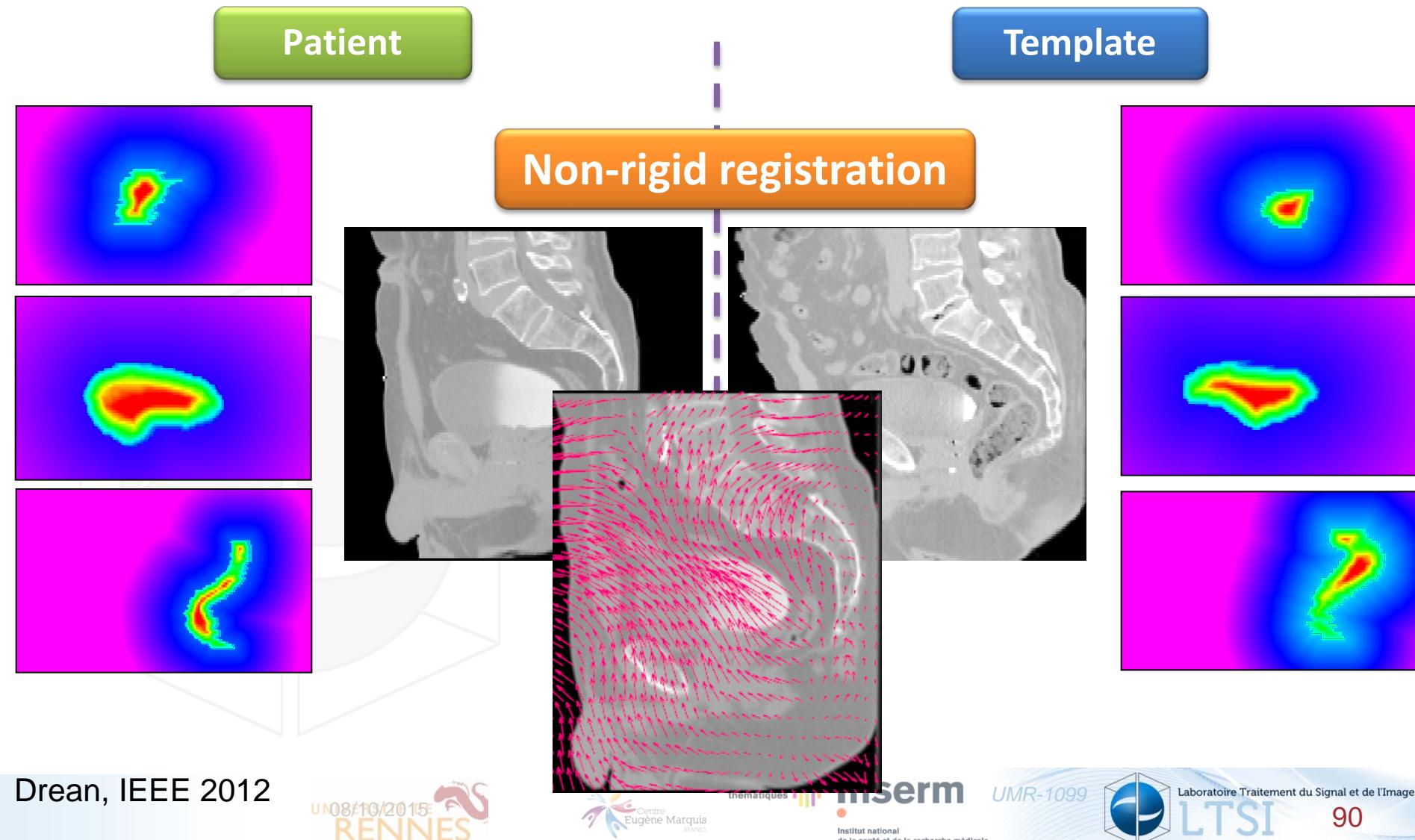
## Challenges

- Poor contrast
- Large deformations



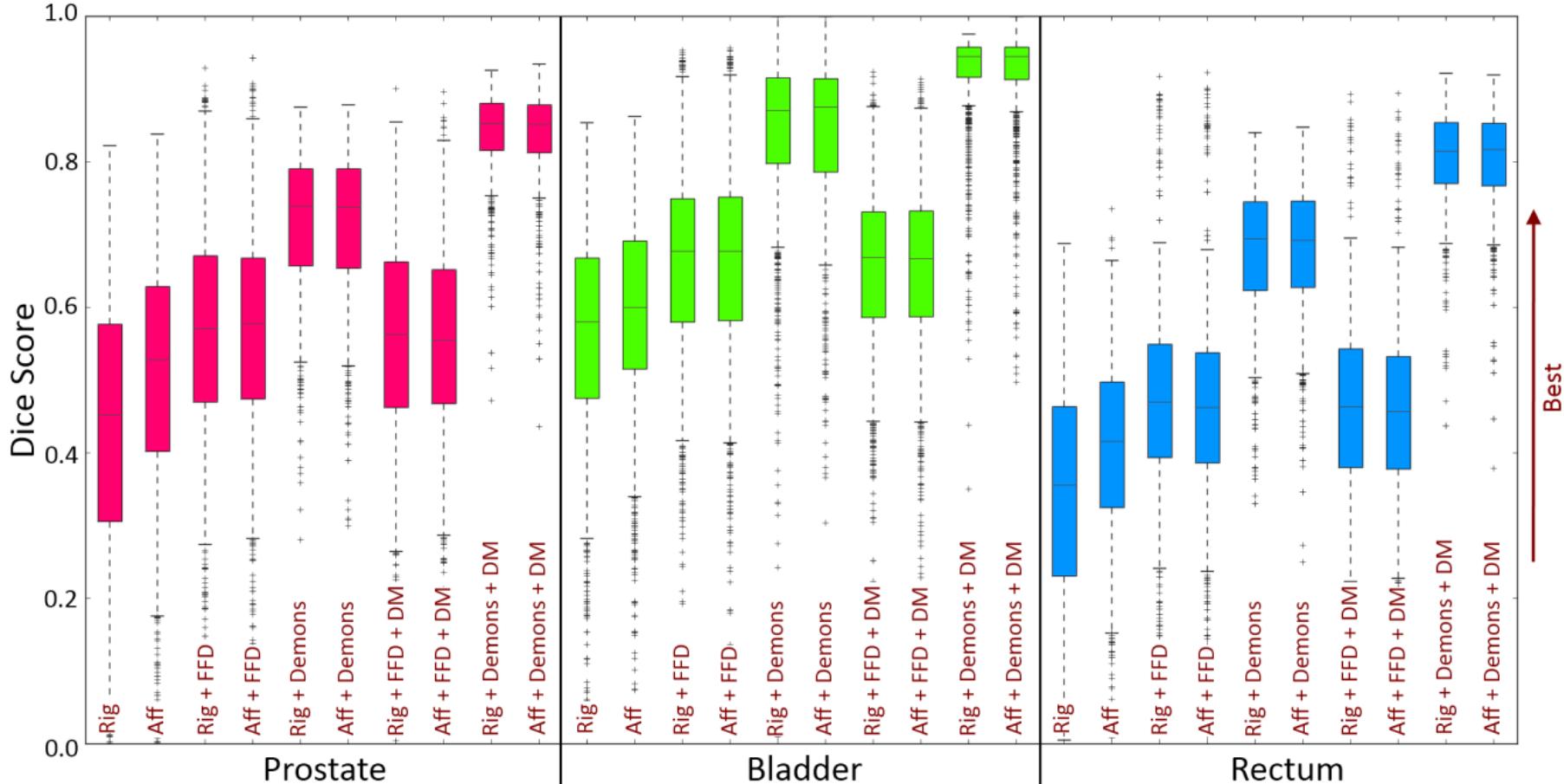
# Non-rigid registration proposed strategy

- Taking advantage of organ segmentations



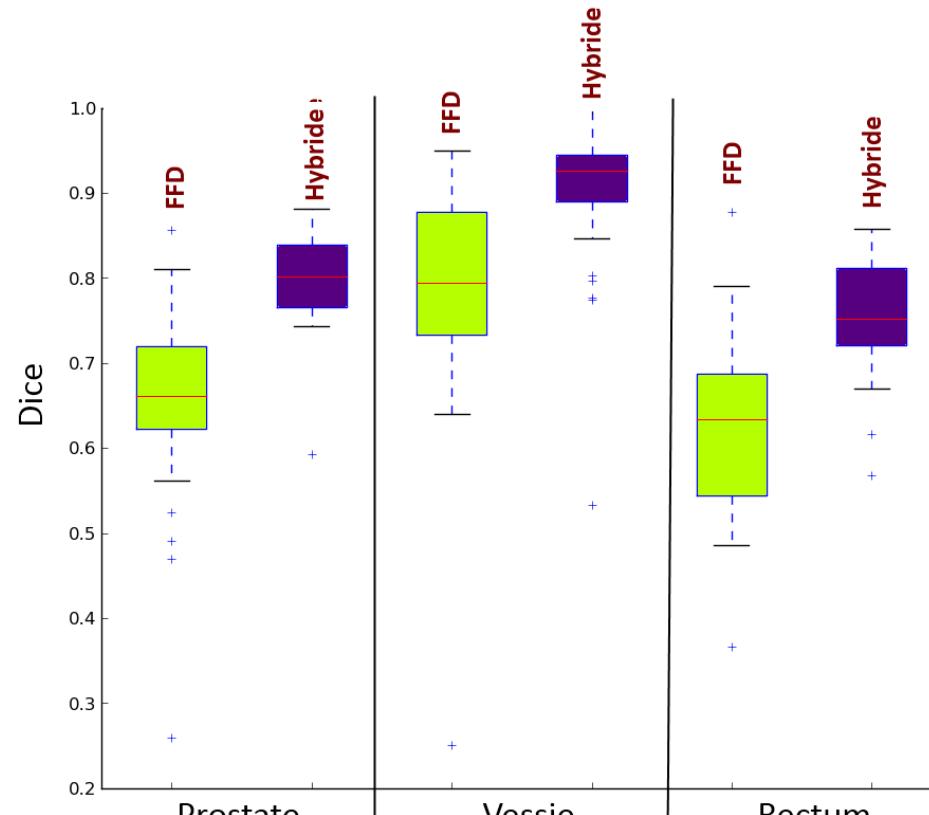
# NRR Validation

## • Results : Dice Score



Leave one out cross validation (30 patients)

## Combined strategy



# Multiple validation approaches

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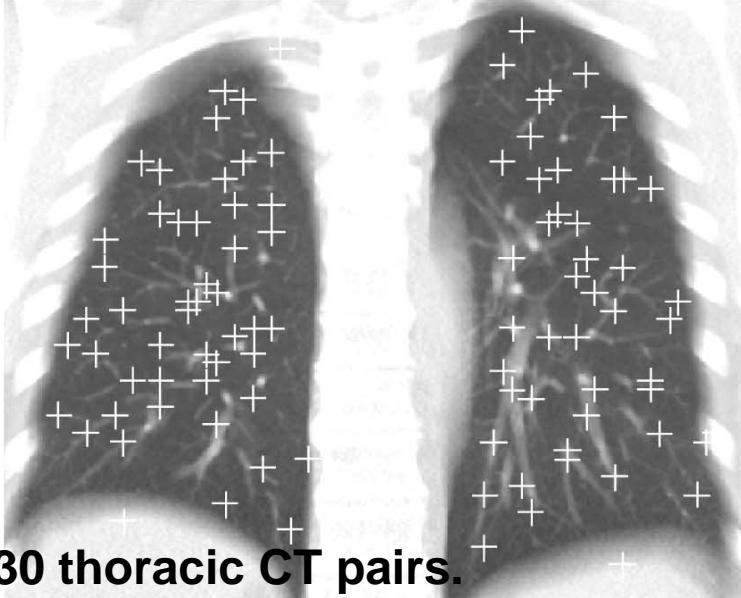
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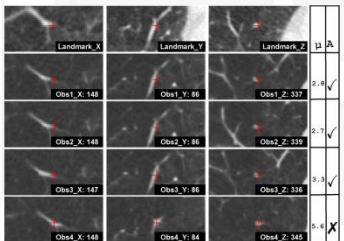
# Multiple validation approaches

- Empire Challenge



30 thoracic CT pairs.

Breathhold Inspiration and Expiration Scan Pairs



Marked by either three or four observers independently

Label	Automatic?	Open Source?	Non-rigid Transformation Model	Similarity Measure	Lung Masks?	Placement Phase 1 (/34)	Placement Phase 2 (/20)
A	Fully	X	Displacement field	SSD	✓	9	10
B	Fully	X	Displacement field	CC	✓	17	14
C	Fully	X	Dense displacement field	Hybrid MI/SSD	✓ △	6	1
D	Fully	X	B-Spline	SSVD/ SSVMD	✓	20	19
E	Fully	X+†	B-Spline	SAD	X	19	16
F	Fully	X	B-spline	NCC	✓	7	3
G	Fully	X	Optical Flow	SAD	✓	28	19
H	Fully	X+○	Diffeomorphic with static velocity fields	NSSD	✓	4	4
I	Fully	X	B-Spline	SSTVD/ SSVMD	✓	3	7
J	Fully	X	Diffeomorphic Diffusion	NSSD	✓	16	8
K	Fully	✓	B-Spline	MI	✓	14	13
L	Semi-(3)	✓*	B-Spline	SSD	✓	12	15
M	Fully	✓*	B-Spline	NCC/ NMI	✓	2	5
N	Fully	X	Optical Flow	SAD	✓	26	17

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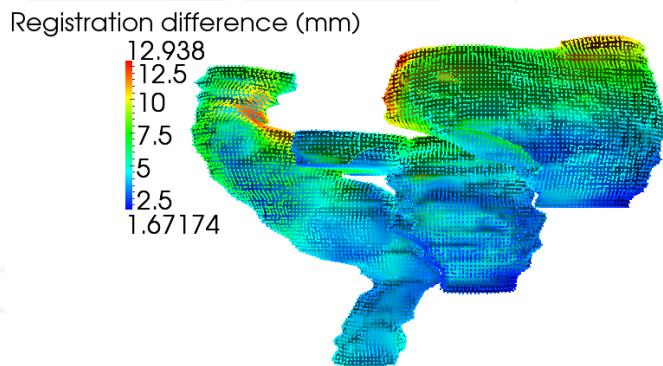
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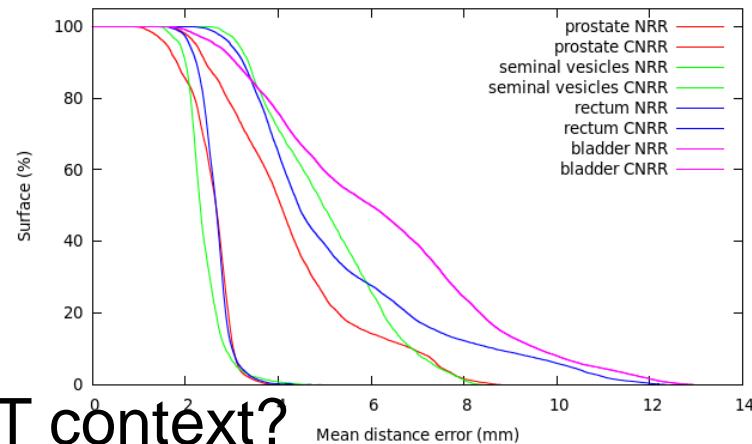
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Q	0.00	5.70	0.16	5.90	0.65	4.05	0.00	8.39	6.01	2
F	0.00	9.10	0.46	7.65	0.77	3.20	0.00	11.05	7.75	3
H	0.00	8.05	0.61	7.85	1.06	5.70	0.00	9.89	7.87	4
M	0.00	7.05	0.26	8.00	0.88	8.39	0.00	8.39	7.96	5
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B	0.02	11.80	0.46	11.70	1.30	14.10	0.00	8.39	11.50	14
L	0.06	12.10	1.68	11.15	4.51	13.40	1.62	9.70	11.58	15
E	0.00	7.70	2.23	15.40	2.34	17.00	0.00	8.39	12.12	16
N	0.00	11.80	0.85	10.00	1.08	10.30	0.00	16.65	12.18	17
D	0.05	14.75	1.26	12.50	2.14	15.80	0.00	8.39	12.86	18
G	0.04	14.65	4.94	16.50	6.52	17.79	2.16	19.40	17.08	19
R	1.93	19.60	0.63	14.40	2.61	17.10	1.45	19.40	17.62	20

# Take home message (validation)

- How do you verify that your registration was successful?
  - Visually
  - Difference image
  - Overlap of segmented structures ( Dice Score, etc)
  - Distance between surfaces
  - Landmarks (annotated databases)



Within an IGRT context?



# Dose accumulation

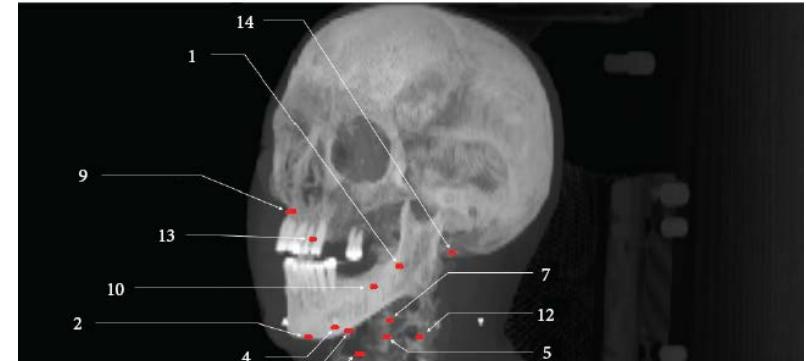
## Evaluation

DIR: tissue/voxels tracking

→ « local » evaluation of the tracking = point-based evaluation

- 14 patients, 102 per-treatment CTS
- 14 landmarks (7 bones, 7 soft tissues)

Landmark index	Tissue landmark	Description
1		The odontoid
2		The lower part of the mandible
3		The superior thyroid notch (part of the thyroid cartilage)
4-5	Bone	The right lesser co bone
6		The super of the st left stern
7		The post interverte
8		The valle
9		The phil
10		The low palatine
11-12	Soft	The right carotid l
13-14		The right parotid



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### Research Article

### Evaluation of Deformable Image Registration Methods for Dose Monitoring in Head and Neck Radiotherapy

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# Dose accumulation

## Evaluation

- DIR methods: 10 combinations of method (Demons, FFD), preprocessing (soft tissues enhancement, delineation maps), metric (mean-square, MI)

	Landmark Distance Error (mm)												Precision (AVG)	Accuracy (AVG SD)
	Bones				Soft tissues									
1	2	3	4, 5	6	7	8	9	10	11, 12	13, 14				
<b>Interobserver variability</b>	1.00	1.24	1.40	2.21	2.43	2.56	1.27	1.36	1.85	2.19	3.15	2.01	1.29	
FFD MI filtered CTs	1.18	2.60	1.45	1.62	3.03	2.89	2.64	2.07	2.11	3.85	2.64	2.44	1.30	
Demons MI filtered CTs	1.13	2.40	1.72	1.77	2.93	2.97	2.27	2.84	2.89	3.63	2.79	2.54	1.33	
Demons MI	1.13	2.36	1.80	1.82	3.03	3.12	2.36	2.79	2.87	3.79	2.82	2.59	1.38	
Demons MSE	1.15	2.79	1.81	1.65	3.42	3.21	3.02	2.72	2.58	3.82	3.84	2.81	1.63	
FFD MSE filtered CTs	1.32	3.49	1.62	1.91	3.50	3.27	3.63	2.94	2.19	4.06	3.10	2.86	1.54	
FFD MI	1.07	3.81	1.93	1.77	3.37	3.52	3.96	3.11	2.07	4.16	3.07	2.92	1.60	
Demons MSE filtered CTs	1.35	3.05	1.80	1.82	3.60	3.63	3.13	2.78	2.92	3.80	4.25	3.00	1.64	
FFD MSE	1.83	5.13	3.30	2.50	4.07	4.37	5.14	5.05	2.63	5.42	3.48	3.88	2.18	
Demons D. maps	2.43	5.51	4.62	2.79	4.40	4.75	5.17	5.97	4.01	6.35	3.41	4.43	2.14	
FFD D. maps	2.40	6.03	4.02	3.15	4.42	4.80	5.94	6.37	4.37	6.68	3.55	4.65	2.33	
Rigid MSE	3.16	6.26	4.32	4.16	4.85	5.11	6.26	6.57	4.69	6.85	4.53	5.16	2.52	

- Importance of the pre-processing
- Organs overlap indices not sufficient to evaluate dose accumulation

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# Dose accumulation

## Evaluation

- DIR methods: 10 combinations of method (Demons, FFD), preprocessing (soft tissues enhancement, delineation maps), metric (mean-square, MI)

	Landmark dose (Gy)														Precision (AVG)	Accuracy (AVG SD)	
	1	2	3	Bones		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
Planned dose	44.47	35.13	54.87	64.91	63.64	8.84	44.50	64.74	21.60	66.87	66.91	63.95	39.71	41.37	48.68	10.35	
Cumulated dose difference*	1.95	1.96	1.68	1.96	1.71	3.09	2.87	2.55	2.52	1.93	0.69	1.12	5.17	4.25	2.39	2.40	
Landmark Cumulated Dose Error (Gy)																	
Interobserver variability	0.41	0.23	0.29	0.38	0.67	0.26	0.28	0.31	0.41	0.77	0.14	0.61	1.68	3.14	0.68	0.75	
FFD MI filtered CTs	0.36	0.60	0.43	0.58	0.69	0.43	0.41	0.59	0.63	0.74	0.91	0.48	2.63	2.41	0.85	0.93	
Demons MI filtered CTs	0.40	0.39	0.60	0.57	0.71	0.33	0.45	0.41	1.09	0.75	0.69	0.78	2.74	2.46	0.88	0.95	
Demons MI	0.33	0.39	0.57	0.54	0.69	0.38	0.48	0.47	1.11	0.90	0.73	0.80	2.56	2.33	0.88	0.92	
Demons MSE	0.41	0.52	0.42	0.48	0.88	0.40	0.43	0.56	0.85	1.38	0.74	0.75	3.15	2.96	0.99	1.22	
FFD MSE filtered CTs	0.49	0.69	0.52	0.59	0.86	0.55	0.38	0.83	0.95	0.83	0.98	0.57	2.37	3.09	0.98	1.09	
FFD MI	0.31	0.63	0.47	0.53	0.53	0.48	0.61	0.82	1.09	0.84	0.85	0.85	2.45	2.68	0.94	1.02	
Demons MSE filtered CTs	0.41	0.52	0.42	0.48	0.88	0.40	0.43	0.56	0.85	1.38	0.74	0.75	3.15	2.96	0.99	1.25	
FFD MSE	0.34	1.16	1.13	1.27	1.02	0.45	0.92	1.34	1.88	1.26	1.06	1.86	2.75	3.91	1.45	1.60	
Demons D. maps	0.99	1.29	3.11	1.19	1.24	0.53	0.94	1.28	1.76	2.39	1.29	2.22	3.05	5.14	1.89	2.14	
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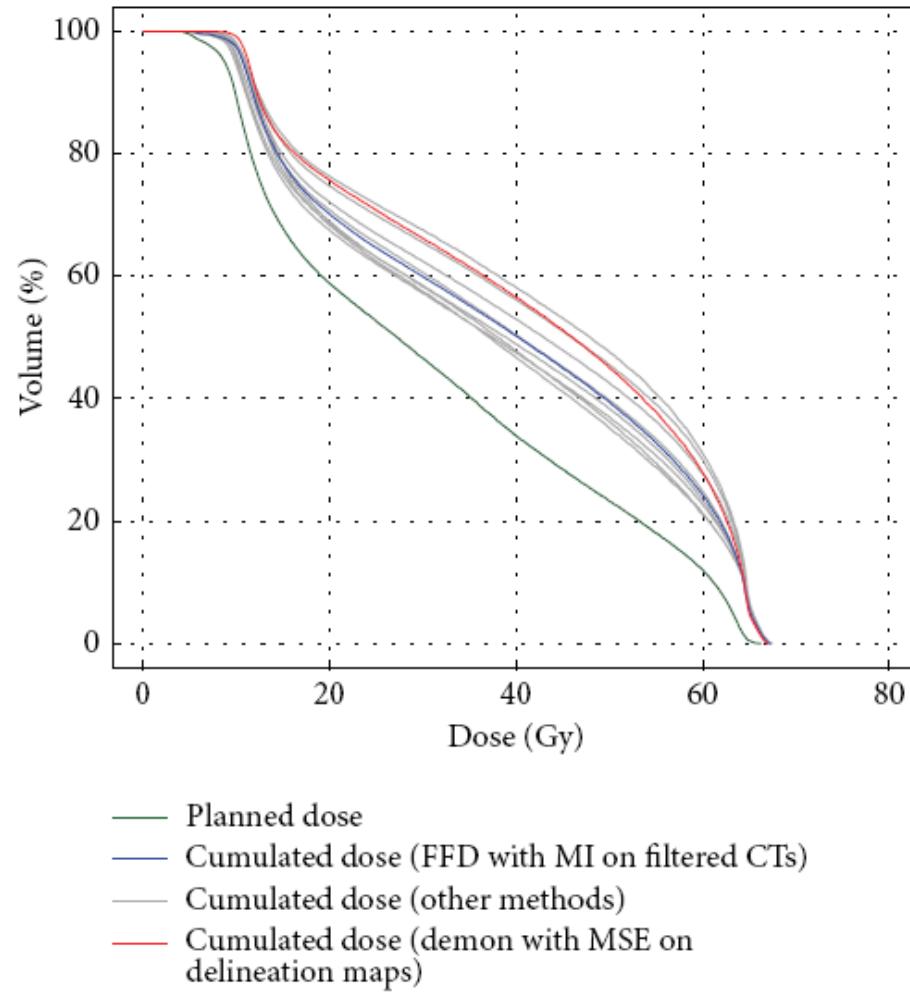
geometrical  
error                          dose  
error

Carotid bifurcation:  
Parotid glands:  
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3.8 mm → 0.7 Gy  
2.6 mm → 2.5 Gy

# Dose accumulation

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# Conclusions (take home messages)

- Registration finds place in many clinical applications
- Is challenging, since it involves different methodological steps
- Implementation depends on the application
- Feature extraction seems to work better than pure intensity based
- Validation is a bottleneck

# Take home message



- **Validation**

- It is challenging
  - Which method to be used?

- Depends on the applications and the experimental setup
  - Computational trade off
  - There is no ground truth (annotated data)

# Registration is a dynamic research activity

- **Conferences..**
  - Conferences In Registration
  - MICCAI.. Medical Image Computing and Computing Assisted Interventions (19% of publications).
  - IEEE-ISBI, SPIE..
  - ESTRO/ASTRO
- **Journals**
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- **Software and libraries**

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# Resources (open source)

- <http://www.itk.org/>
- <http://elastix.isi.uu.nl/>
- <http://www.doc.ic.ac.uk/~dr/software/index.html>

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- <http://www.doc.ic.ac.uk/~dr/software/index.html>
- <http://www.picsl.upenn.edu/ANTS/>

**Image Registration Toolkit**

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**Advanced Normalization Tools**

**Introduction and Overview**  
The ANTs package is designed to enable researchers with advanced tools for brain and image mapping. Many of the ANTs registration tools are differentiable, allowing deformation fields and their derivatives to be computed. Uniquely, elements of ANTs include multivariate similarity metrics, landmark guidance, the ability to use label images to guide the mapping and both greedy and gradient descent optimization strategies. A new registration strategy, called **Diffeomorphic Registration**, is a part of the ANTs toolkit as a directly manipulated free form deformation (DM3D).

\*Diffeomorphic: a differentiable map with differentiable inverse. In general, these maps are generated by integrating a time-dependent velocity field.

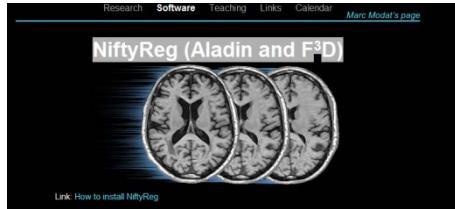
**ANTS Applications**  
ANTS tools are widely applied. See the [Practical Guide to ANTs](#) for details:

- Gray matter resegmentation based on the Jacobian and/or cortical thickness.
- Group and single-subject optimal template.
- High-resolution segmentation of brain structures.
- Longitudinal brain mapping -- spatial similarity metric options.
- Neonatal and pediatric brain segmentation.
- Academic brain segmentation.

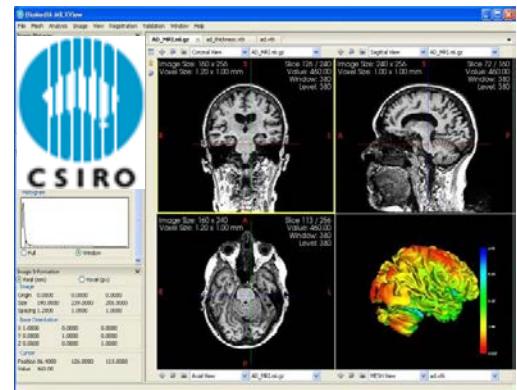
# Resources (open source)



- NiftyReg (Aladin and F3D), UCL, UK
  - [http://www.cs.ucl.ac.uk/staff/m.modat/Marcs\\_Page/Software.html](http://www.cs.ucl.ac.uk/staff/m.modat/Marcs_Page/Software.html)

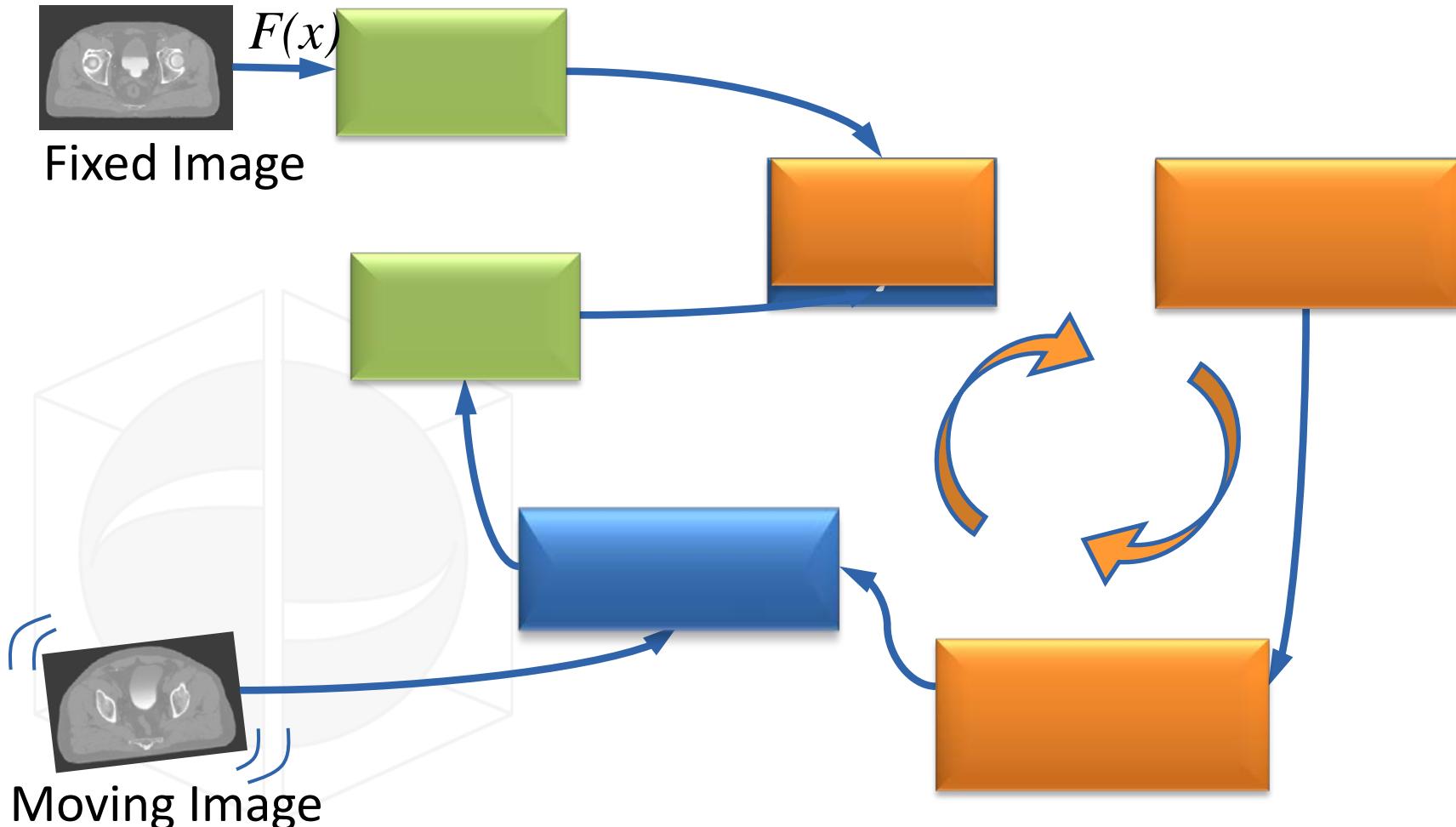


- Milxview, CSIRO, Australia
  - <http://research.ict.csiro.au/software/milxview>

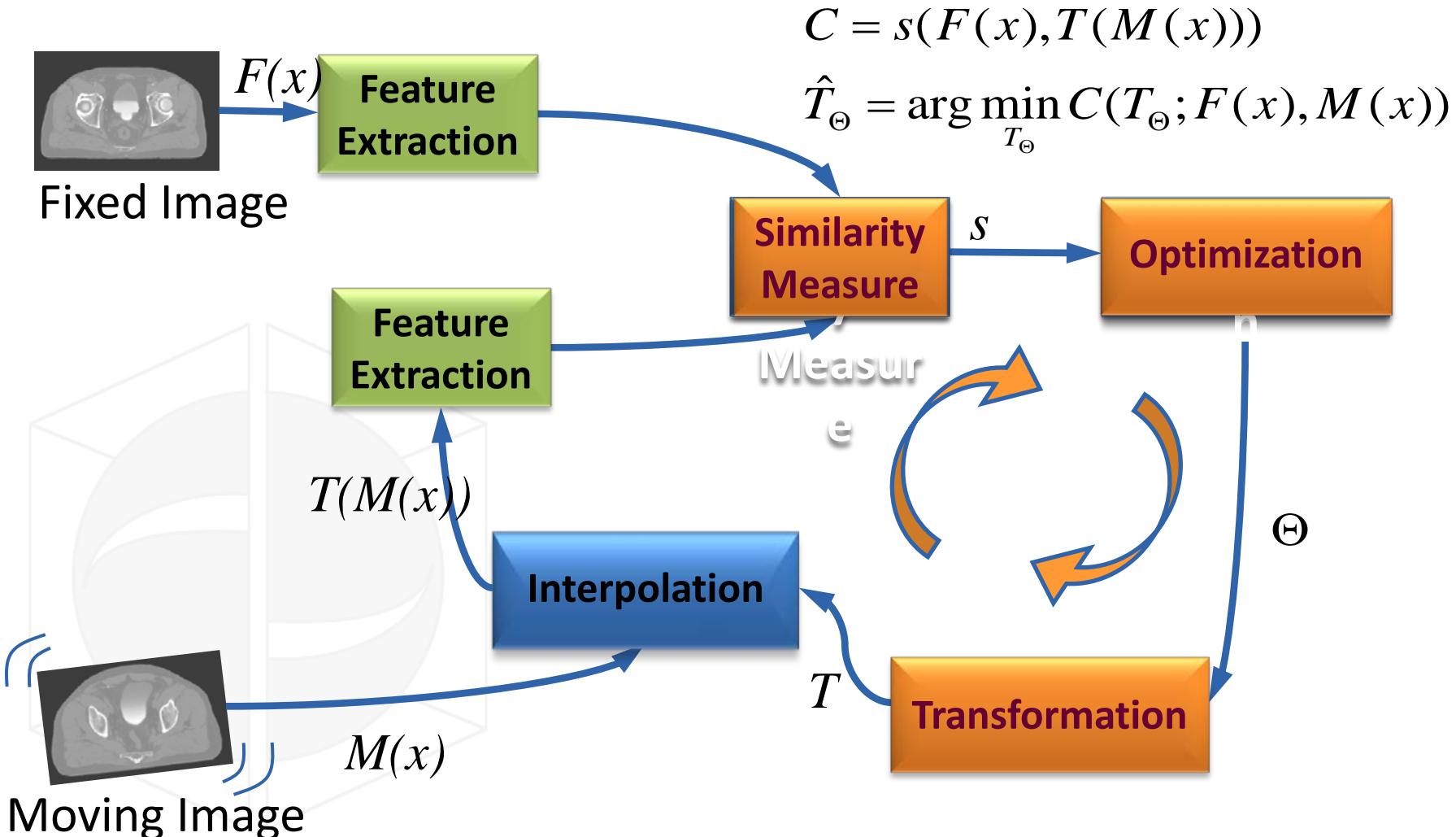


- Slicer 3D
- VV

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