



Use of **Generative Models** in **Biomedical Imaging**



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- Within the **Image-Data-Signal Department**
- 3 faculty + ~15 PhD students + ~3 post-docs/RE focused on health data
- Several **co-supervisions within Telecom faculties.**
- External co-supervisions: hospitals, imaging manufacturers, startups, big pharma, others
- Strong **international** network of collaborators



AI Algorithms +
fundamental **models** on
anatomical/biological
knowledge + image
physics + “smart”
mathematical
formulation of a given
task:

Collaborators

International

→ The deep-fake for good intentions!

Segmentation

Angelini, MICCAI'20 **Cardiac fibrosis** OCT

Legend: Myocardium (red), Endocardium (blue), Adipose (green), Fibrosis (purple)

Angelini, ESJ'19 **Scoliosis** X-rays

Angelini, MICCAI'17 **Lung tumor** CT scans

Classification

Angelini, JBHI'19 **Alzheimer's disease** MRI

• classification in 3 classes: AD, MCI, HC

Legend: S2 Convolution (S2Conv), SO(3) Convolution (SO3Conv), weighted Global Average Pooling (wGAP), Batch Normalization + ReLU, Fully-connected (FC) with softmax, Concatenation

Disease Scoring

Angelini, ISBI'19 **Liver fibrosis** Ultrasound videos

Angelini, ISBI'19 **CT scans** **Lung fungal disease**

Generative models

Predict an "unseen" exam

Brain tumor MRI

Case #1

Case #2

T0 T0+3months = progression?

Predict Super-Resolution version

Lung disease CT scans

original SR

SR

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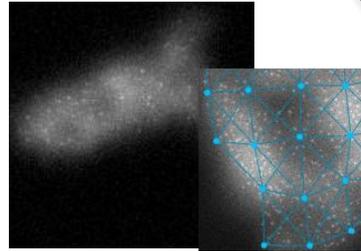
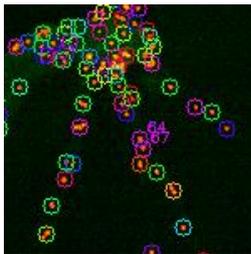
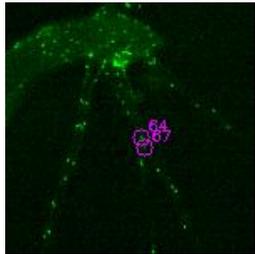
AI Tasks

Deep Learning in Biological Imaging

Particle tracking

Live animal: Hydra Vulgaris

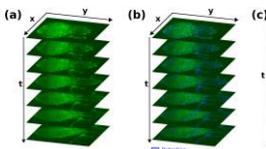
Fluorescence on neurons



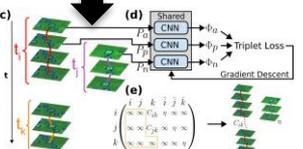
Simulator with realistic deformations

[Lack of manual gt]

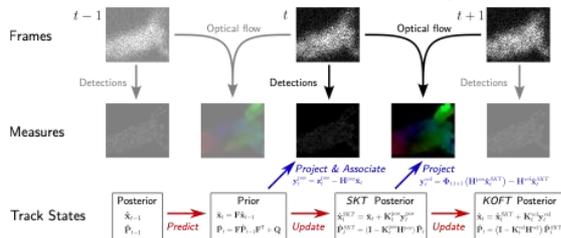
Contrastive SSL



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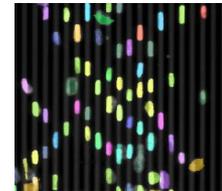
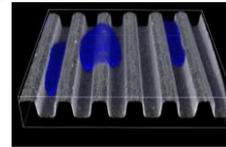
Kalman Optical Flow Tracking



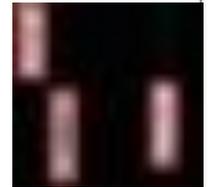
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Phenotyping

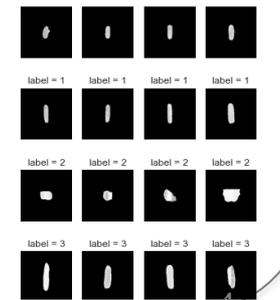
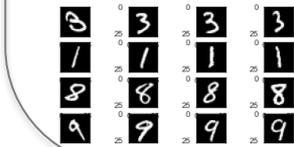
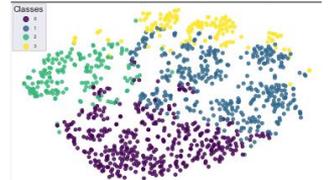
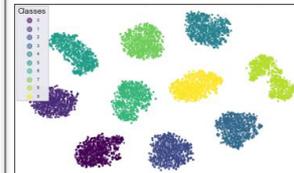
Micro-groove cell imaging
Fluorescence on nuclei



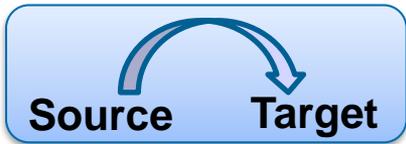
DL Cellpose Segmentation



cVAE for WT vs mutants cells phenotyping



FOCUS: AI Generative Modeling to infer non-acquired medical image modality



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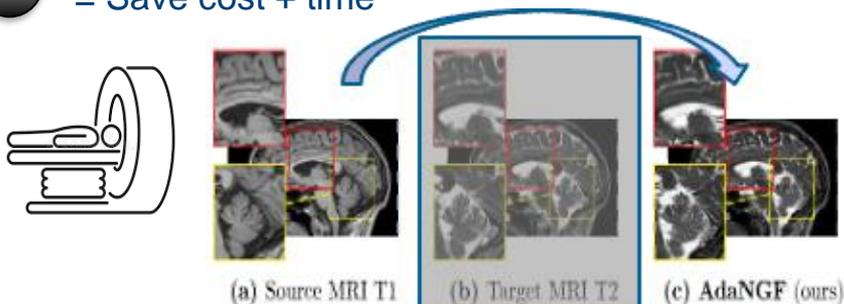
- No hallucinations ?
- Clinical benefits ?

PhD thesis - IMT F&R
Kevin Giraldo Paniagua.
Sup: E. Angelini +,
(+ PH Conze et V. Jaouen)

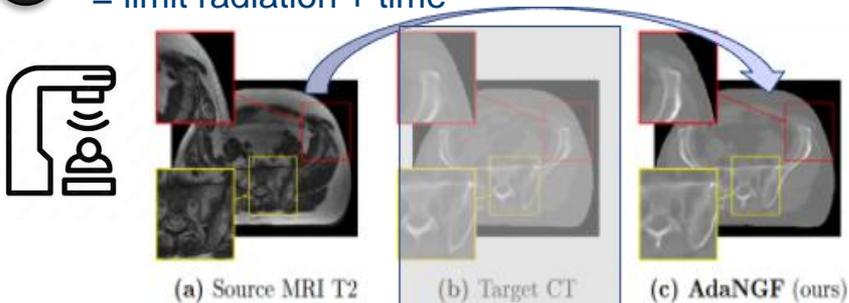


All using open-access data +
unpaired training
2 paper presentations @IEEE ISBI'26:

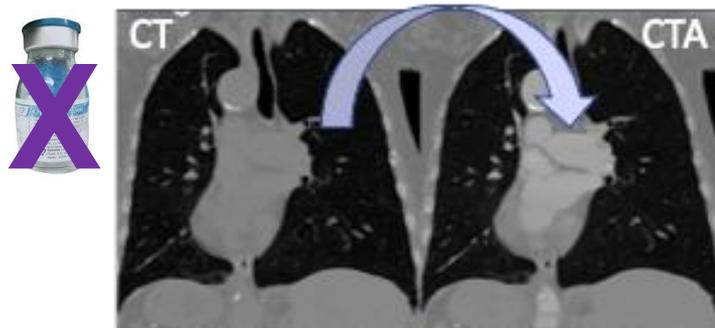
1 → MRI → MRI: infer T2 from T1 sequence
= Save cost + time



2 → MRI → CT: infer complementary modality
= limit radiation + time



3 → CT → CTA: infer **contrast agent** in blood vessels
= limit patient's risks + costs



Specificities of our **AdaNGF** method:

- **Edge-Aware** GAN with « smart » enhancement of fine anatomic structures from source to target imaging modality. .
- Fully unsupervised: Easier to setup [but more challenging to train]

FOCUS: AI Generative Modeling to infer Super-Resolved biological images

PhD thesis – IPParis ED
Xingjian Zhang.
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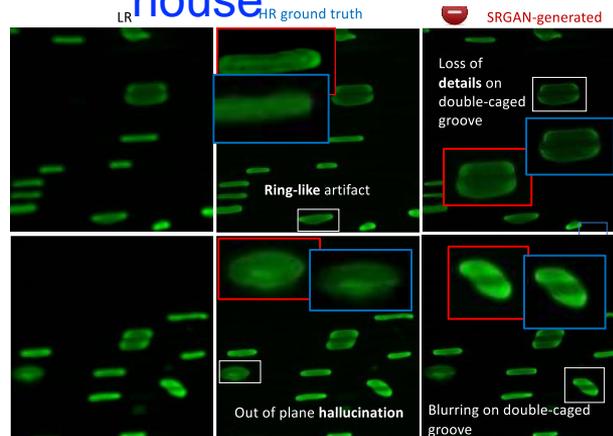
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LOG-SPACE FREQUENCY LOSS FOR BIOIMAGE RESTORATION

- ESRGAN Generator
- PatchGAN Discriminator

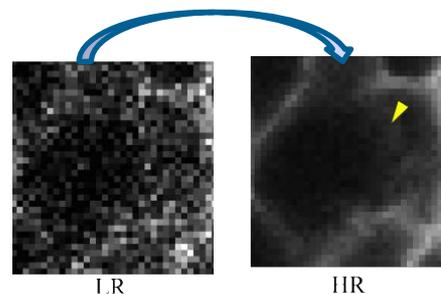
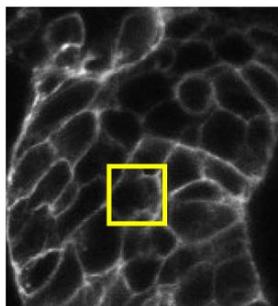
Acquired in-house



1 Out-of-focus deformed nuclei

- Harmonise “Screening conditions” (user + batch effect)
- Need for **translation** to lower image quality => portable device

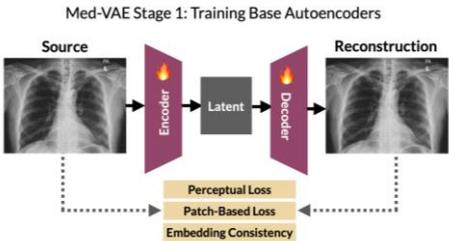
2 Noisy zebrafish embryo



FOCUS: Other current usage of AI Generative Modeling

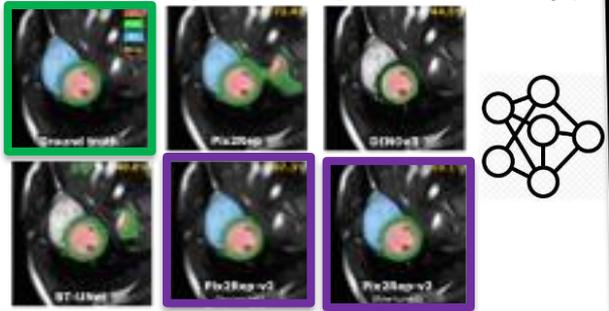
Auto-encoders

1 Augment training data
MedVAE



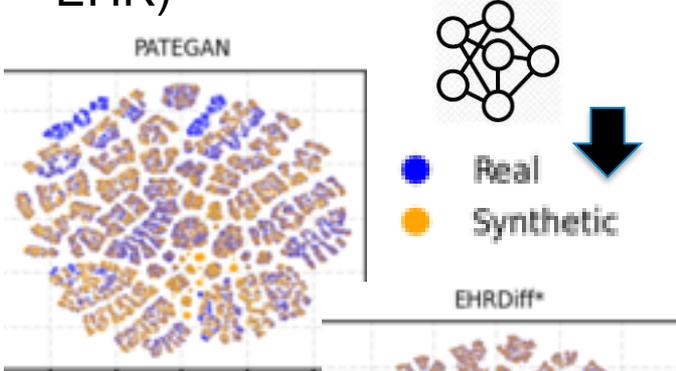
Stanford Univ. 2025 + 1M images

2 Constrain segmentation results (XAI = plausability)

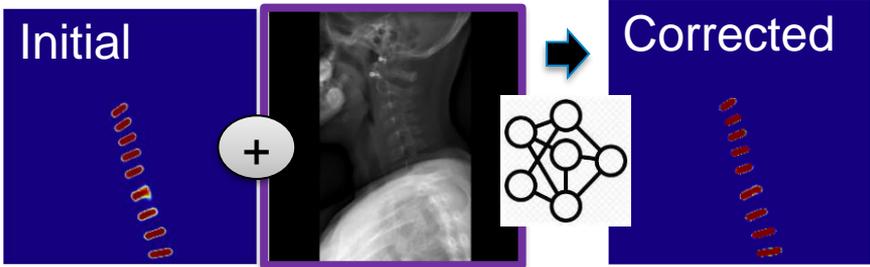


Pix2Rep

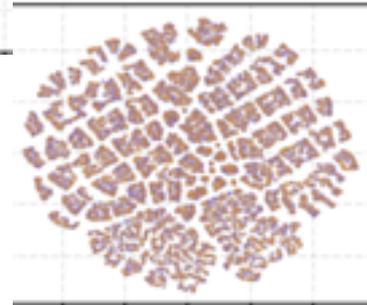
3 Share "anonymised" copy of health cohorts (Neonatal EHR)



Spine digital twin → correct heatmaps



- Diffusion
- GAN



→ Our vision for tomorrow

Research:

Upstream research topics:
Low-annotations regime
 + **Multi-omics + Cancer**

Within a community:
Foundational Models
 + **Robust & Fair & Open AI**
 + **Benchmark** with open cohorts
 + learn/replicate on **private cohorts**.

Frugal AI

Remain competitive with private cohorts

→ Industrial partners needed for:

- Phd **CIFRE** fellowships
- **Chairs** + costs = cloud + access to data
- **Sponsoring Data Challenges** for students (€)
- **Contributions** to MSc courses and use-cases



Computing:



Translation:



Joint Lab with **GHSJ**



Antoine Agathon
 Head of Medical R&D



Georges Huchard
 Head of IT



Students: 2nd IPPMed Data Challenge on Cancer Imaging



March-June 2026



- ⇒ Attract students = talents
- ⇒ Opportunities to sponsor prizes



New TP and MSc teaching track on AI for Biomed Data



Extra Slides

“Smart” segmentation corrections on large WSIs

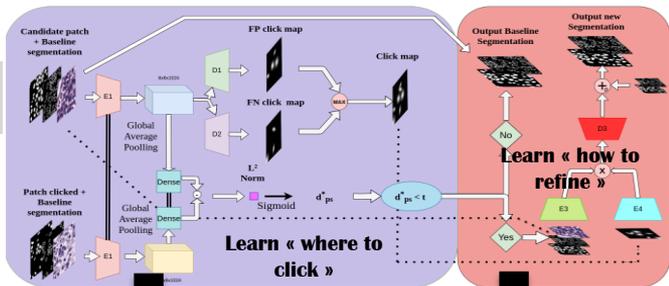
Nuclei segmentation H&E WSI

Sim-Click Network Click-ref Network Shared weights

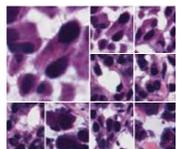
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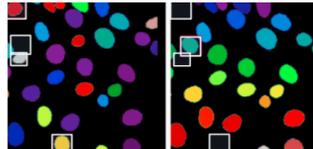
From
1 click



Similar patches



Similar corrections



original corrected

2

From 1
scribble



Learn « how to
refine »

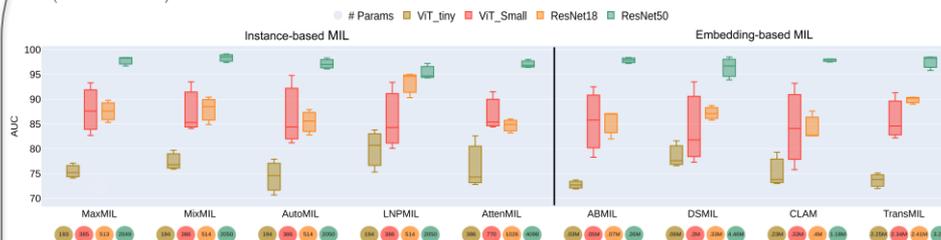
SVM Initialization



Simple & Interpretable MIL methods for Diagnosis

Gori. ECCV '24
(under review)

segmentation H&E WSI



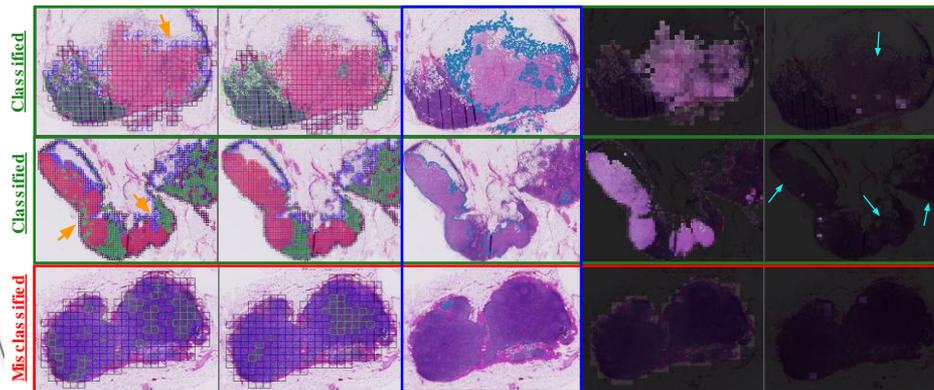
ImageNet

MoCo V3

Ground Truth

Patch scores

Attention





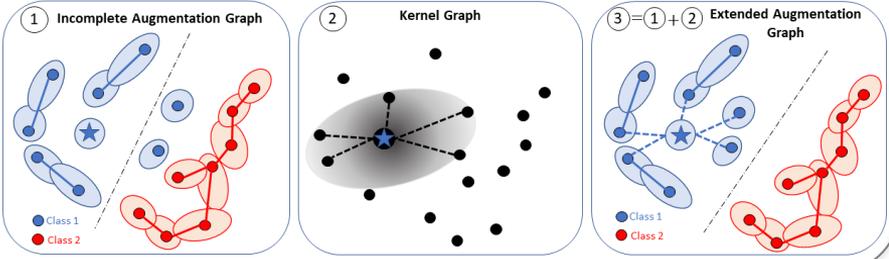
ML Tasks

Generic Methodological ML Approaches

→ Fair AI

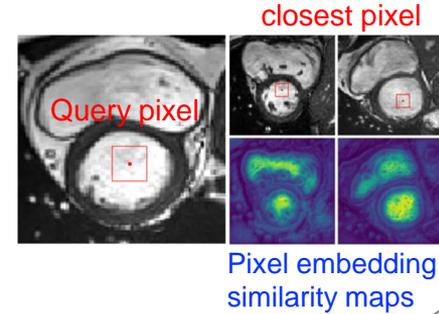
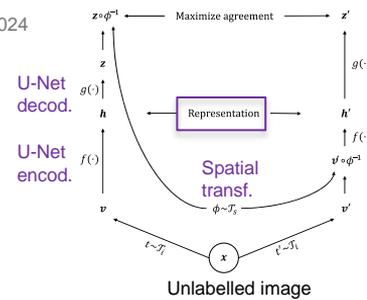
Integrating Prior Knowledge in Contrastive Learning with Kernel

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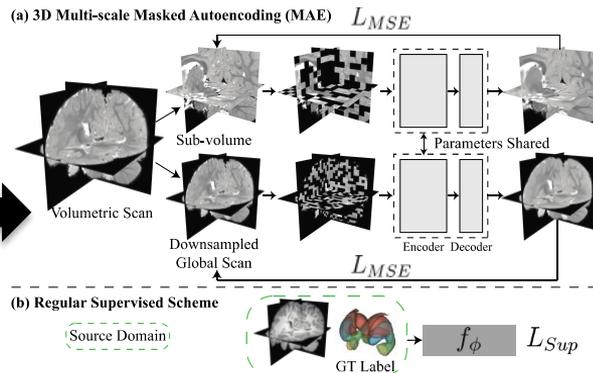
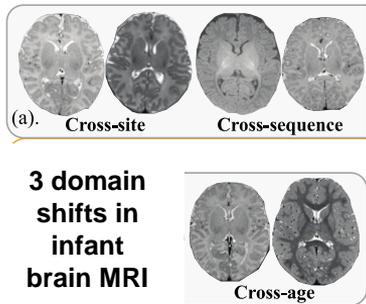
Dense Self-Supervised Learning for Medical Image Segmentation

MIDL 2024



MAPSeg: Unified Unsupervised Domain Adaptation for Heterogeneous Medical Images Segmentation Based on 3D Masked Autoencoding and Pseudo-labeling

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Open-access cohorts

