Subcortical brain structure segmentation using FCNNs

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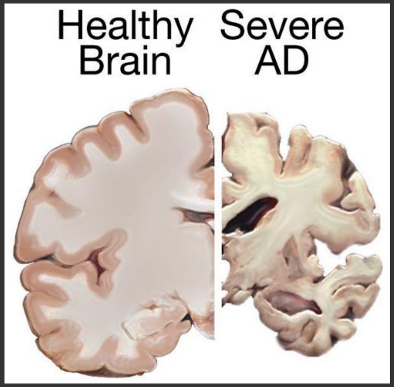
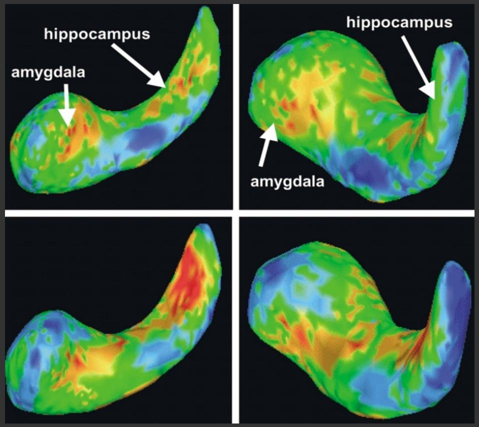
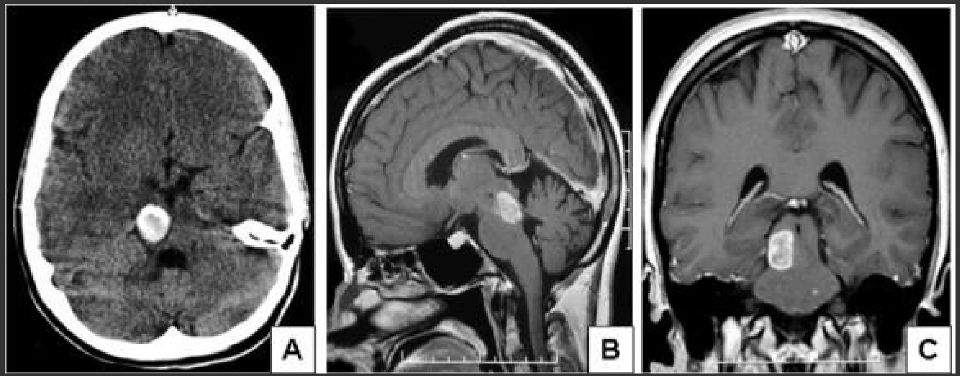
Diseases and their relation to subcortical structures



Alzheimer's:
structure degeneration

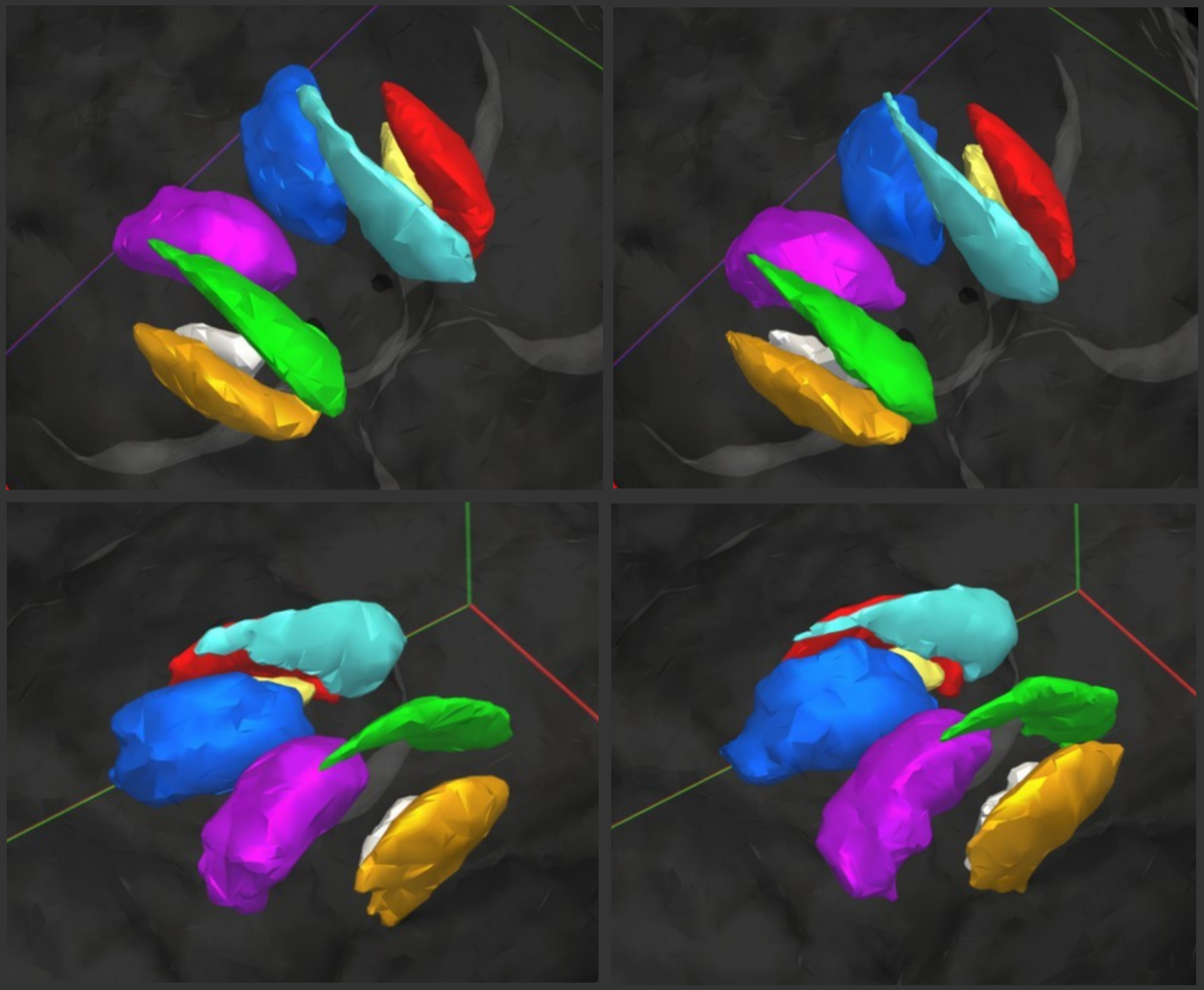


Schizophrenia: volume abnormalities
[Shenton M.E. et al., Psychiatry Res. 2002]



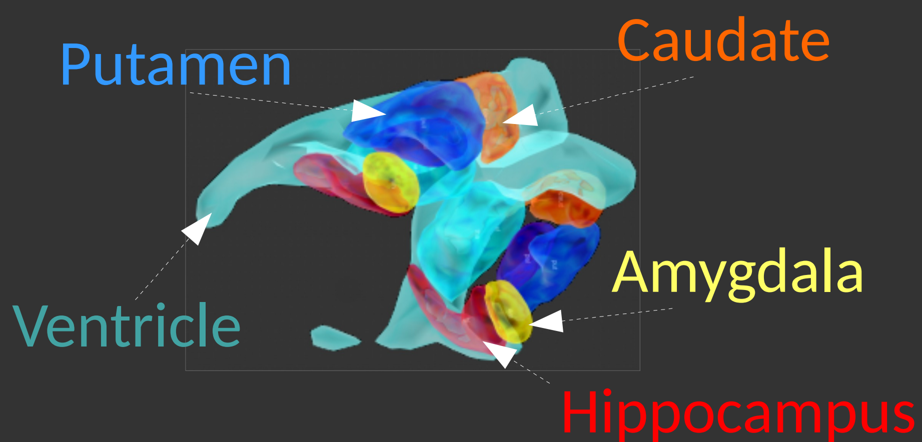
Tumors: avoid radiation on sensitive regions
[Hoehn D. et al., Journal of Medical Cases, 2012]

3D Segmentation

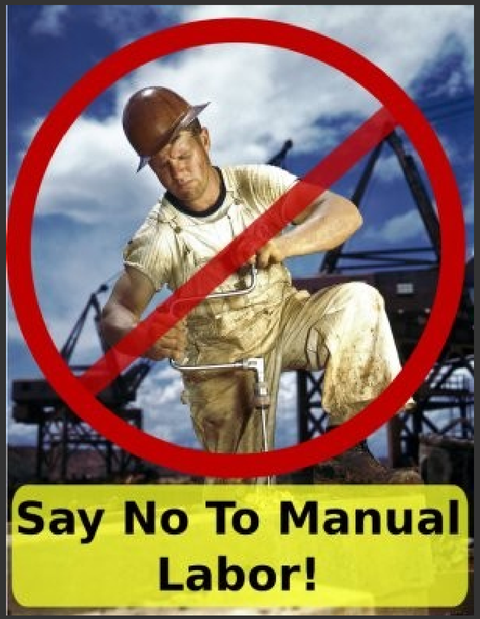


Our results Groundtruth

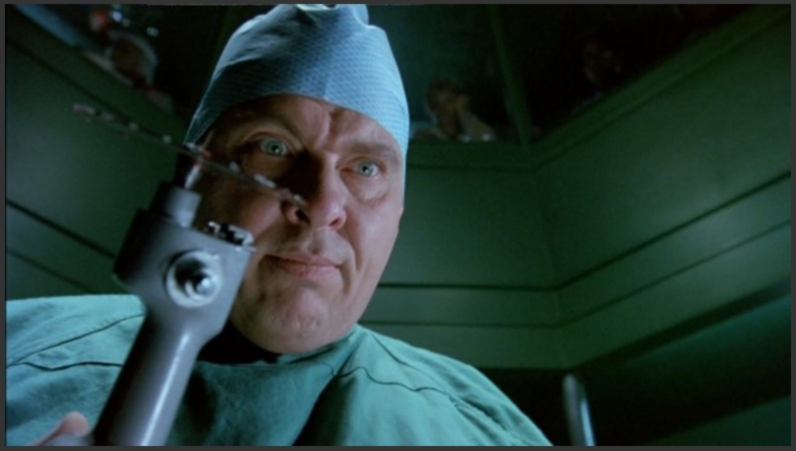
Why automatic segmentation?



Visualization and inspection

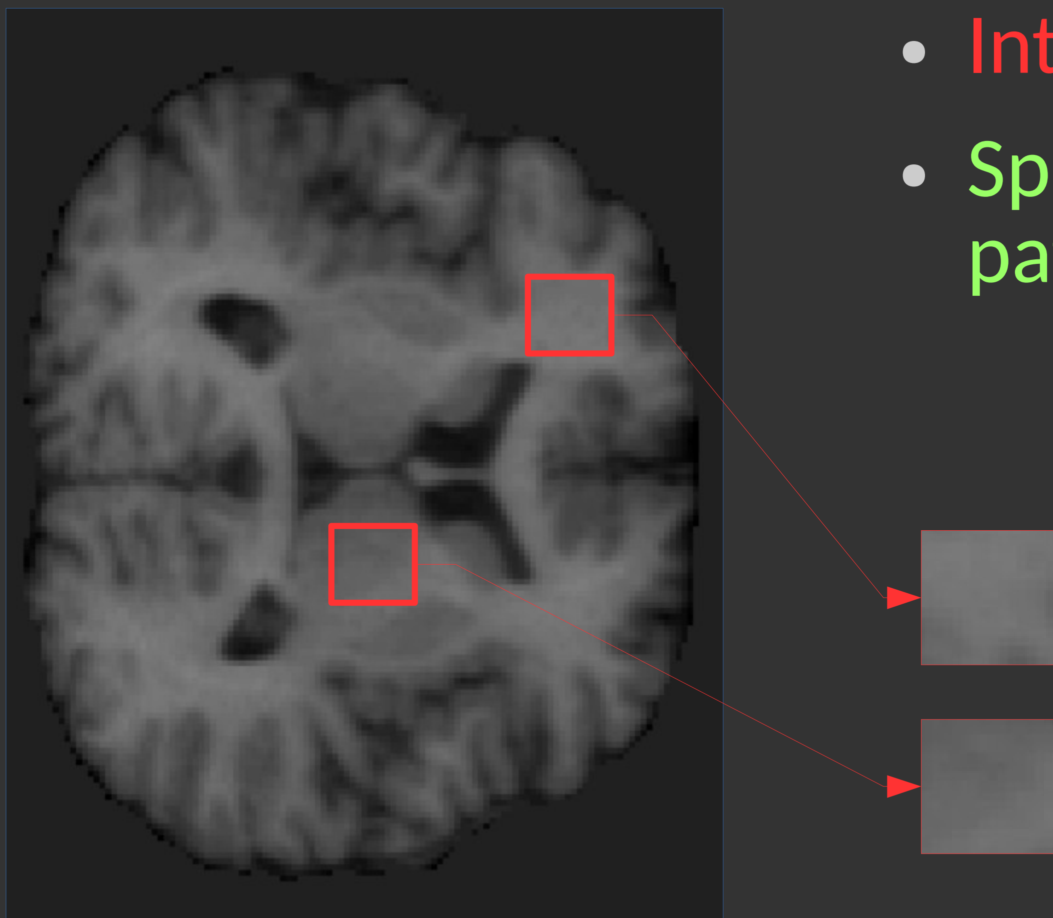


No need for manual annotation (time consuming, need experts, limited reproducibility)

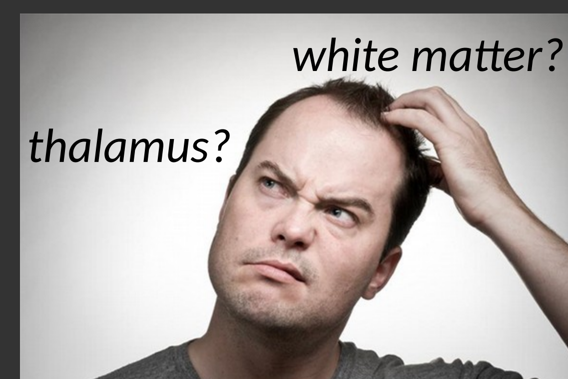


Non-invasive diagnosis and treatment

Segmentation using MRI



- Intensity is not enough
- Spatial arrangement patterns



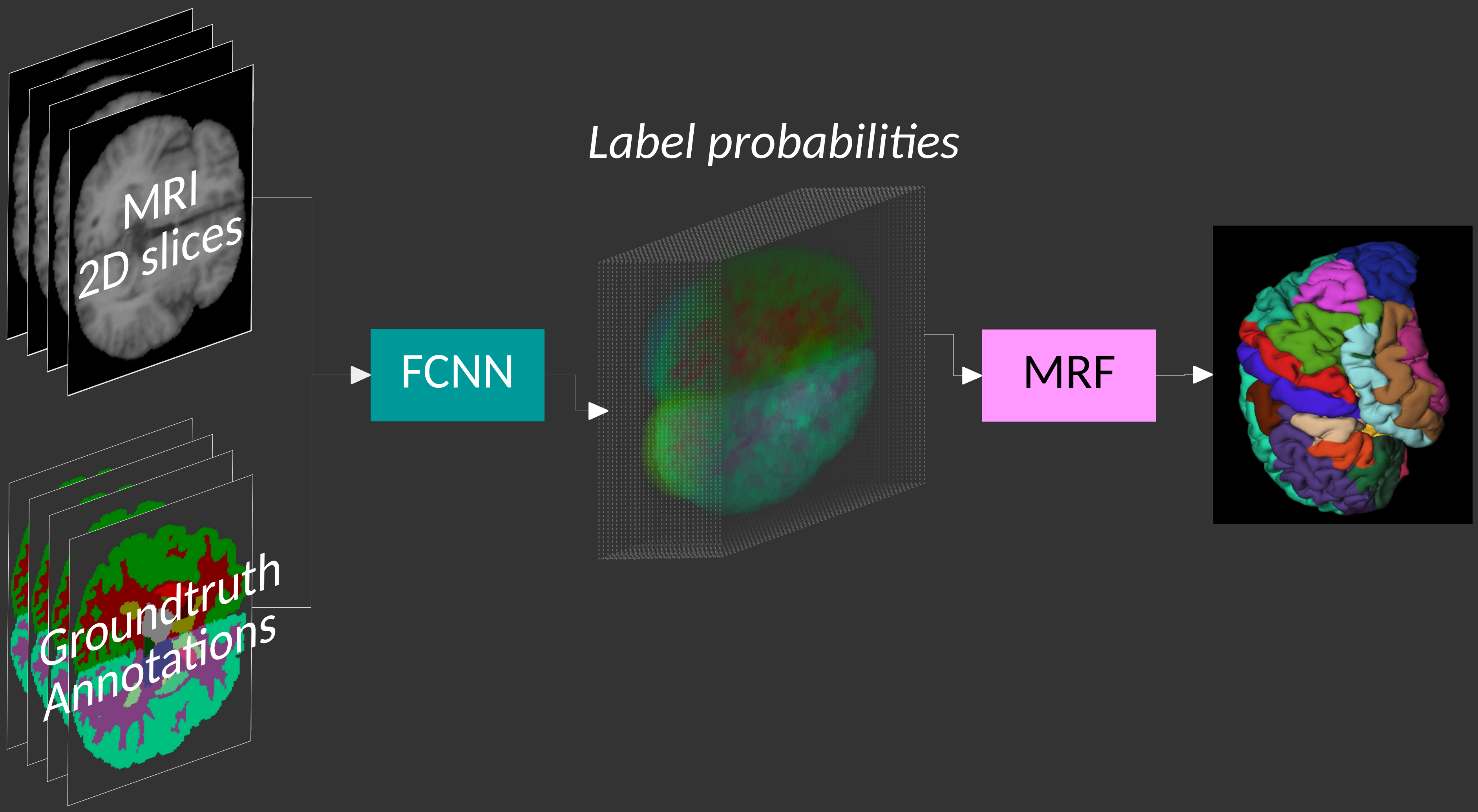
Goal

- Classify *every pixel* as one of *L* possible structures.
- Exploit context.
- Enforce volumetric homogeneity.

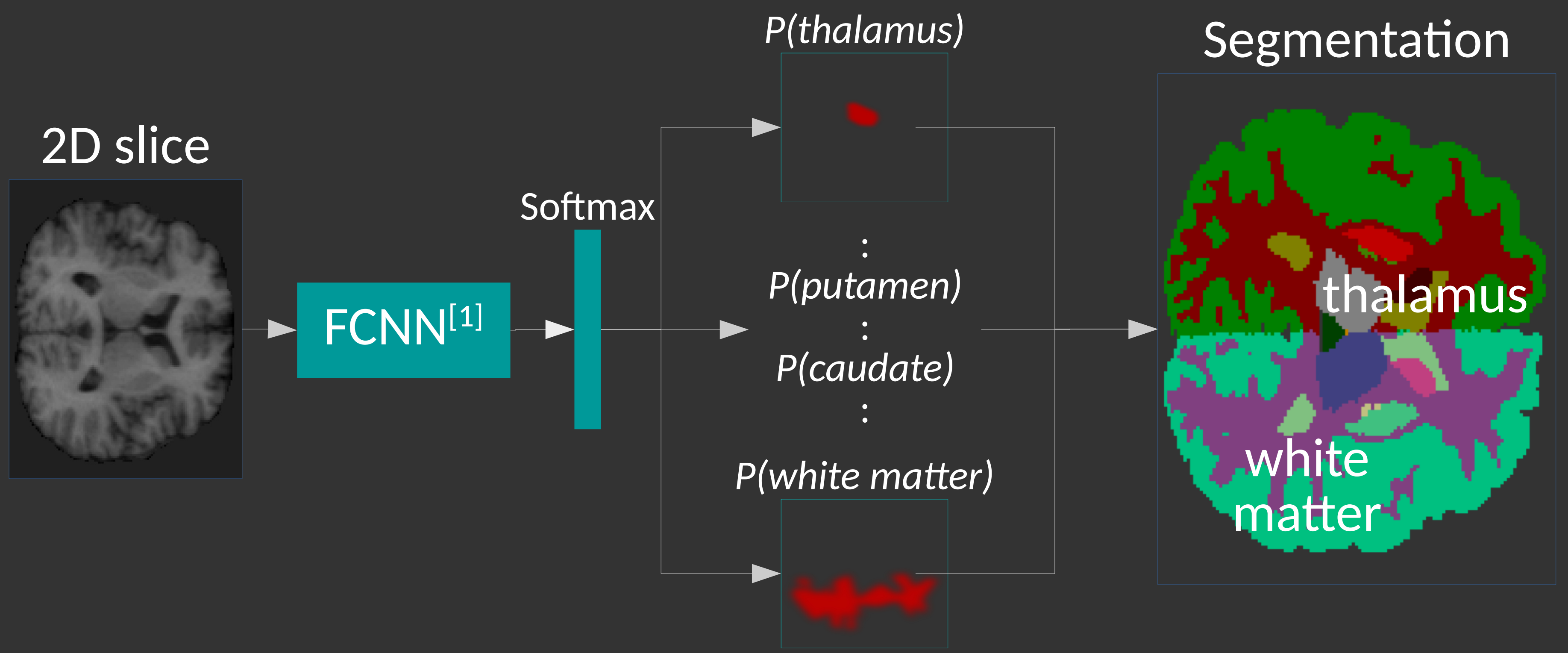
Fully convolutional neural networks (FCNNs)

+ Graphical models (MRFs)

Outline

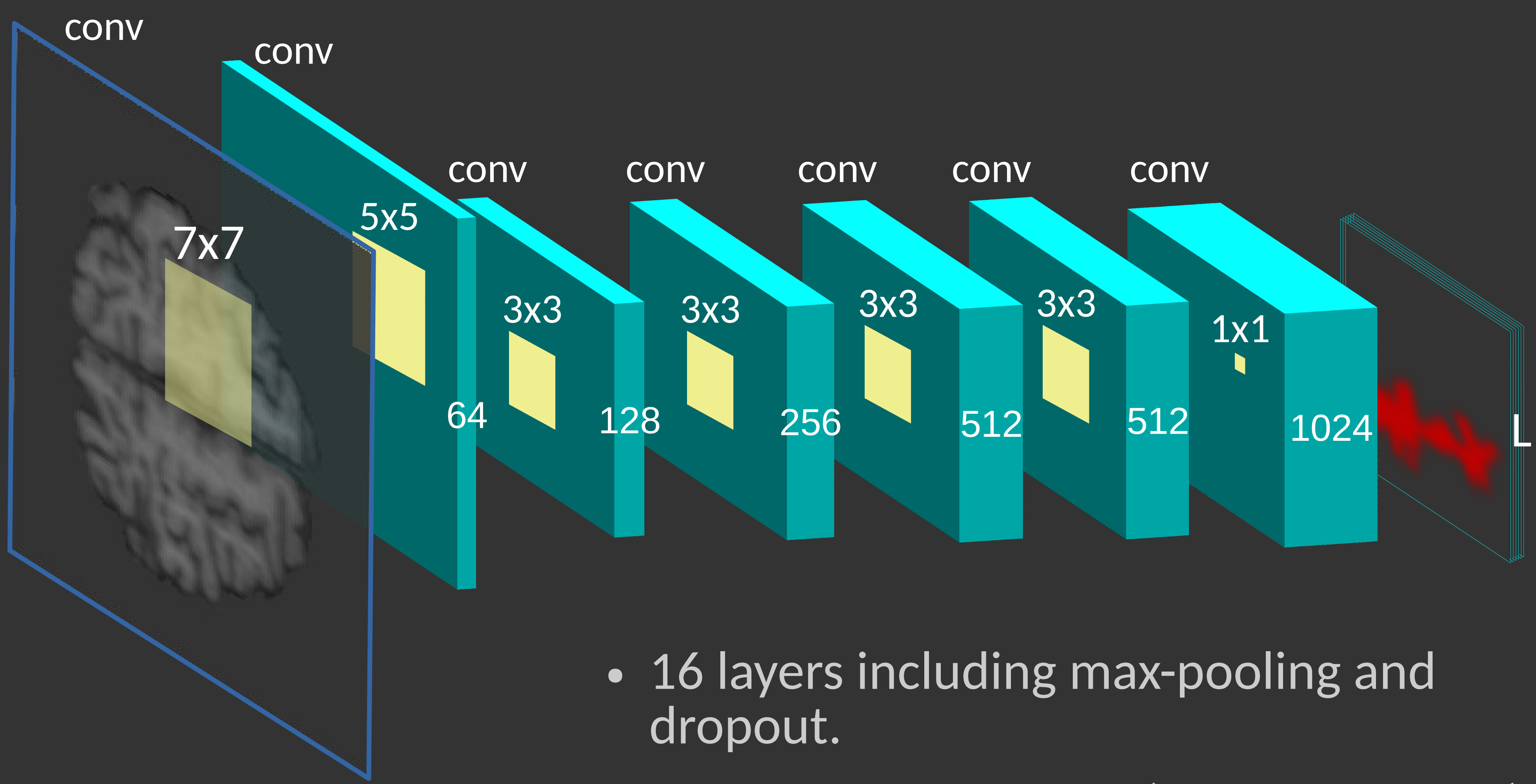

MRI
2D slices
Groundtruth
Annotations
FCNN
Label probabilities
MRF

Semantic segmentation of MRI slices



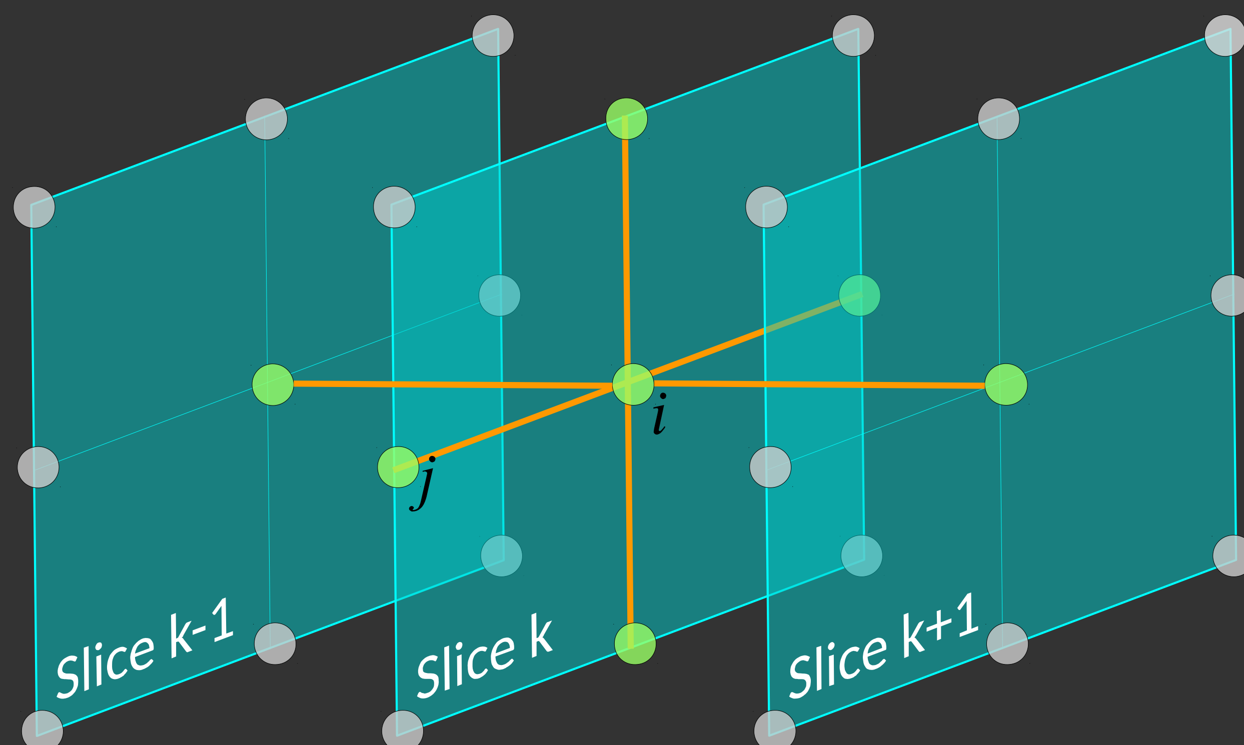
[1] Long et al., CVPR 2015

Our CNN architecture



- 16 layers including max-pooling and dropout.
- Compact architecture *(~4GB GPU RAM)*.

MRF for volume homogeneity

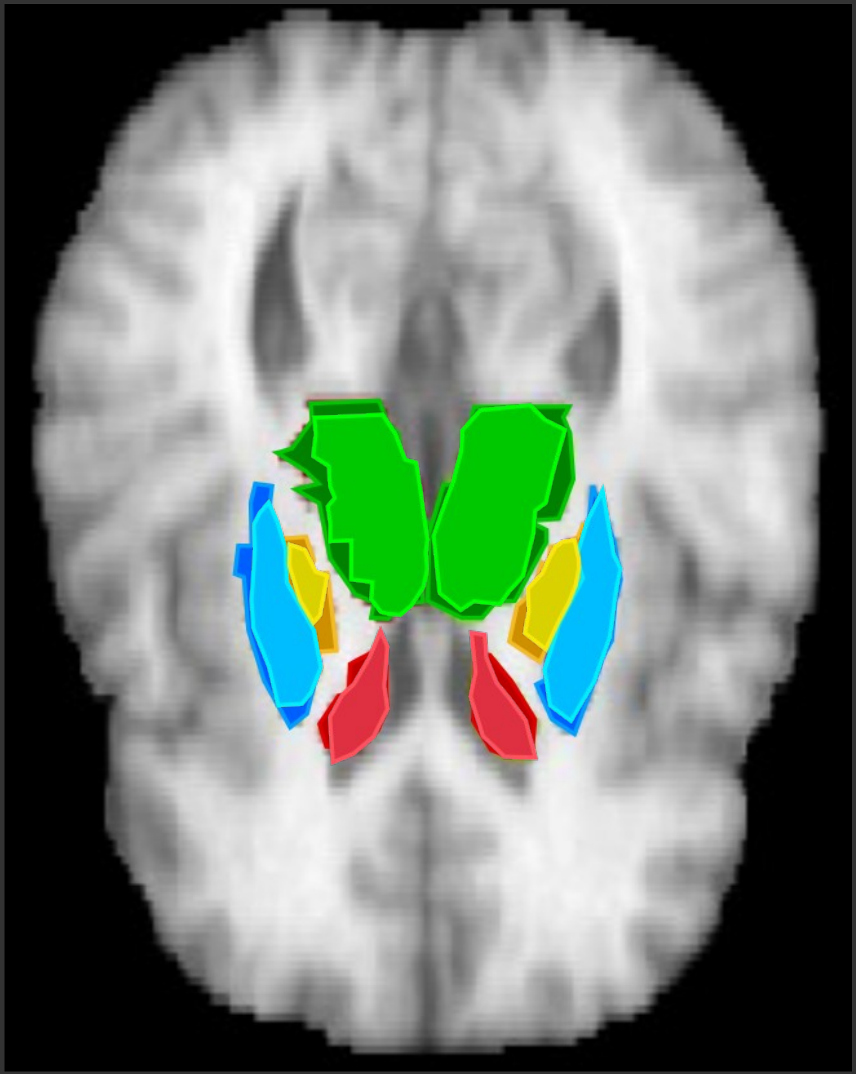


$$\mathcal{S}^* = \mathrm{argmin} E(\mathcal{S}) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \underbrace{V_i(l_i)}_{f(P_i^{\mathrm{CNN}}(l_i))} + \lambda \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} \underbrace{V_{ij}(l_i, l_j)}_{d(I_i, I_j)[l_i \neq l_j]}$$

Experiments

- Two datasets:
  - Internet Brain Segmentation Repository (IBSR).
  - Roland Epilepsy (RE).
- Train CNN on 2D slices from *axial* view.
- Data augmentation: ~100K training images.

Results (Dice coefficient)



Dice: 1 = perfect overlap with ground truth.

Average Dice (IBSR)

- Thalamus: 0.87
- Putamen: 0.83
- Caudate: 0.78
- Pallidum: 0.75

Comparison with other methods

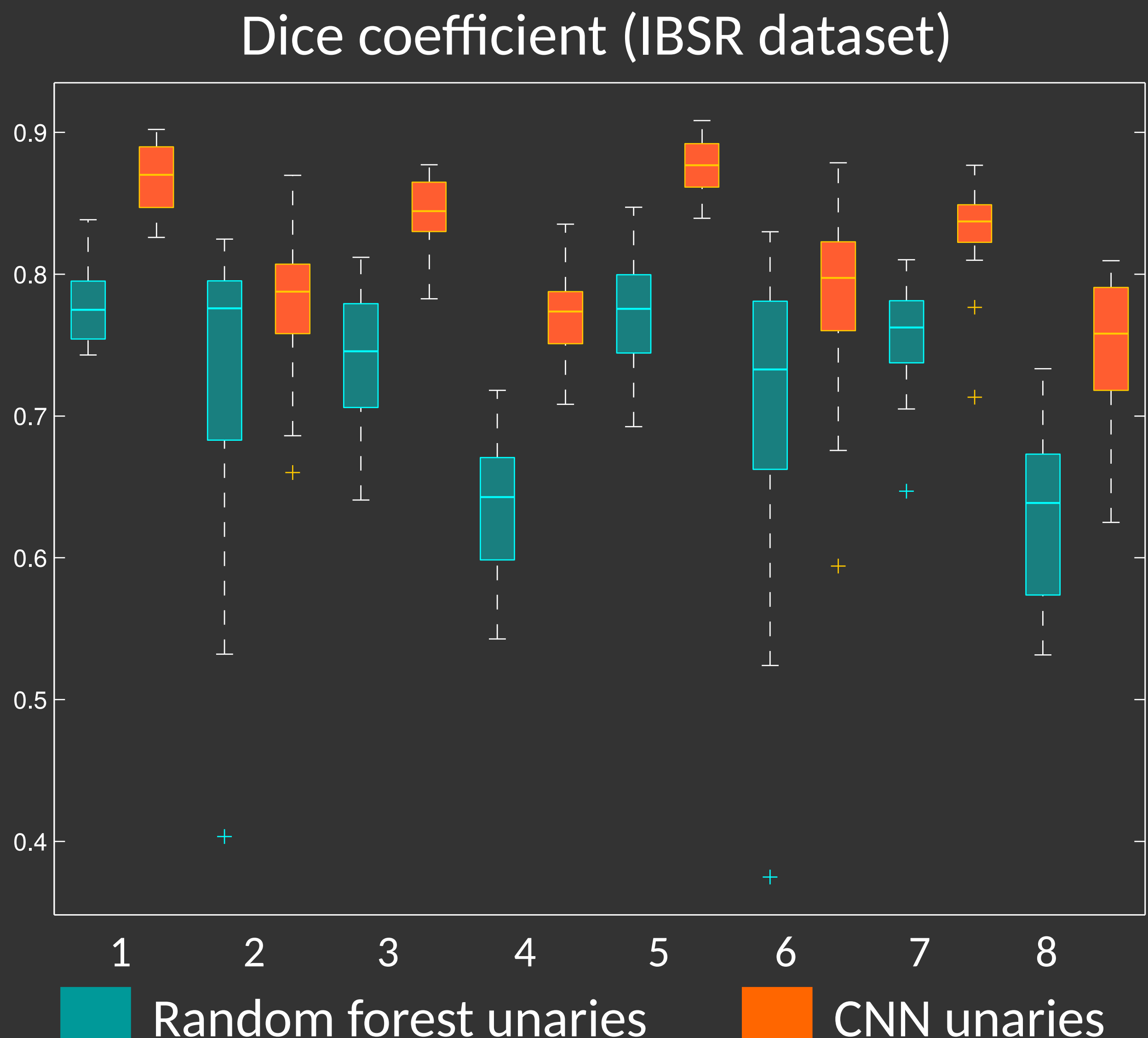
Dice coefficient

	Freesurfer[1]	FSL[2]	Ours
IBSR - Thalamus	0.86	0.85	**0.87**
IBSR - Caudate	**0.82**	0.68	0.78
IBSR - Putamen	0.81	0.81	**0.83**
IBSR - Pallidum	0.71	0.73	**0.75**
RE - Putamen	0.74	0.88	**0.89**
Running time (1 vol.)	~hours	~minutes	**~1 minute**

[1] Fischl et al., Neuron 2002.

[2] Patenaude et al., NeuroImage 2011.

The type of unaries matters



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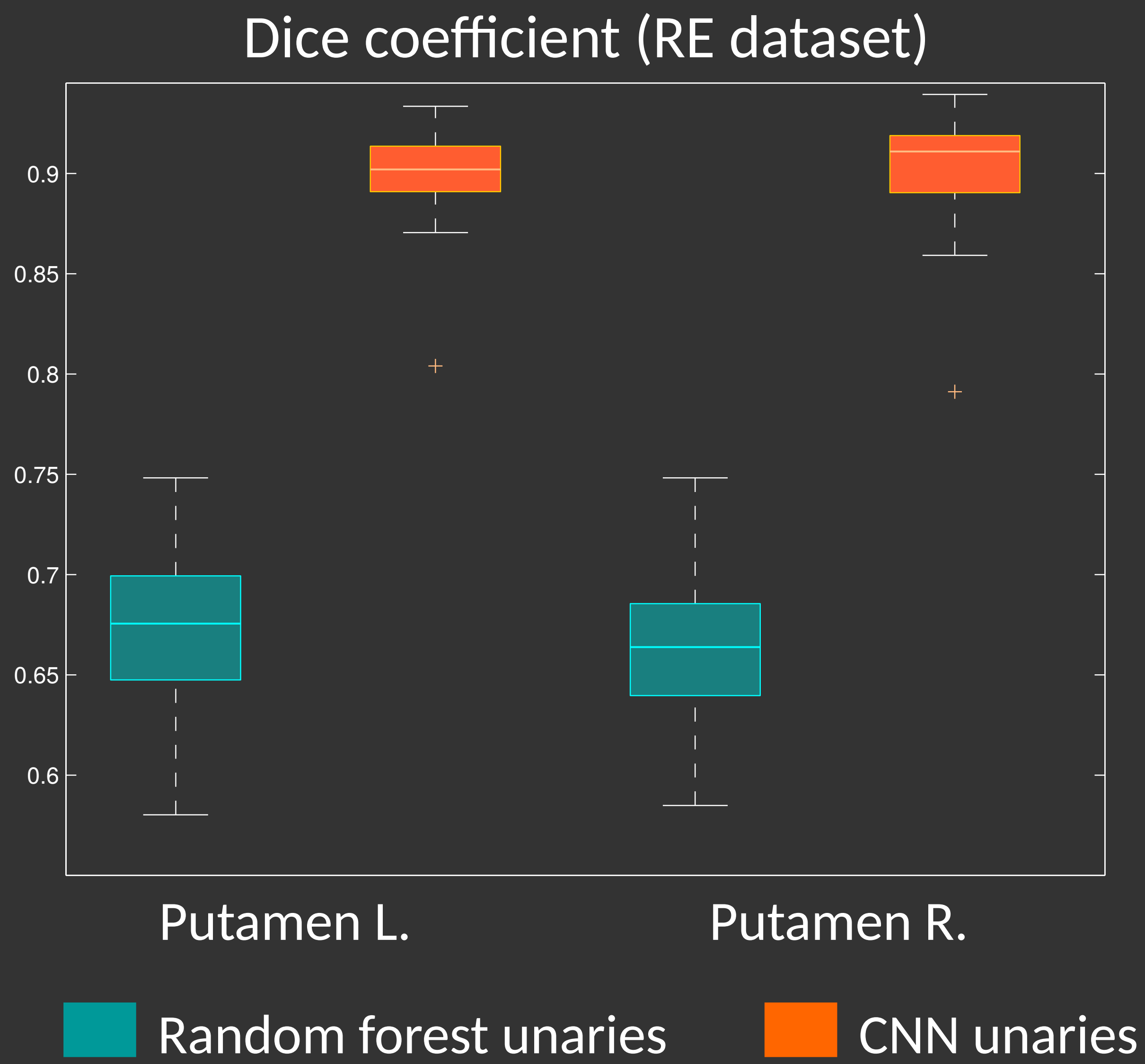
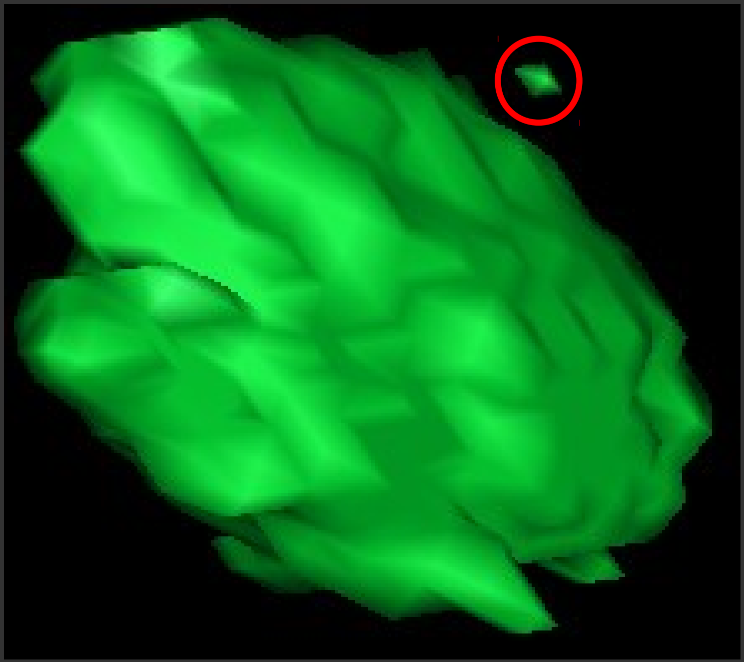
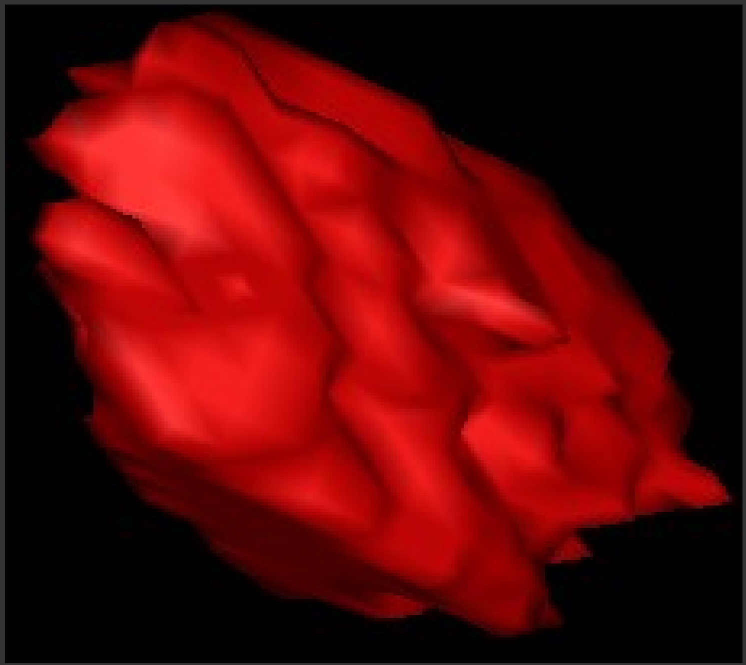


MRF removes spurious responses



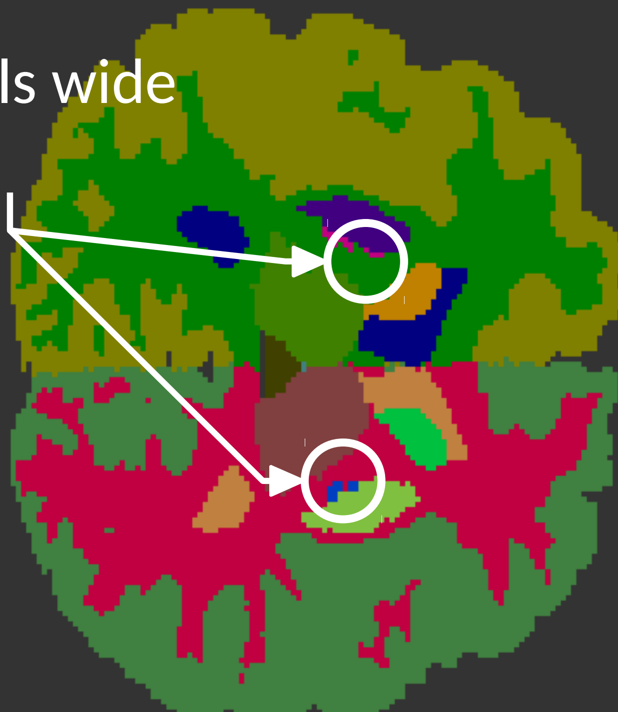
CNN



CNN+MRF

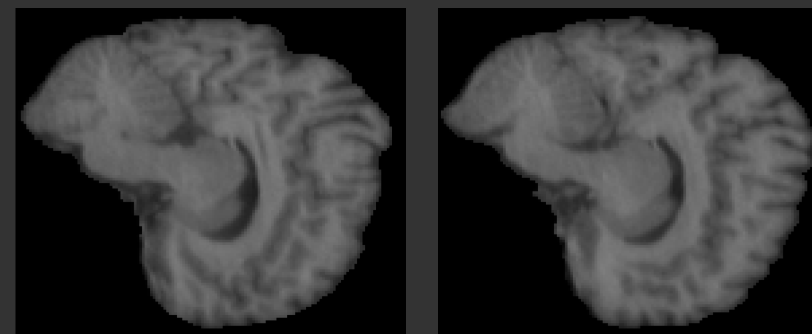
Limitations and future directions

1-2 pixels wide

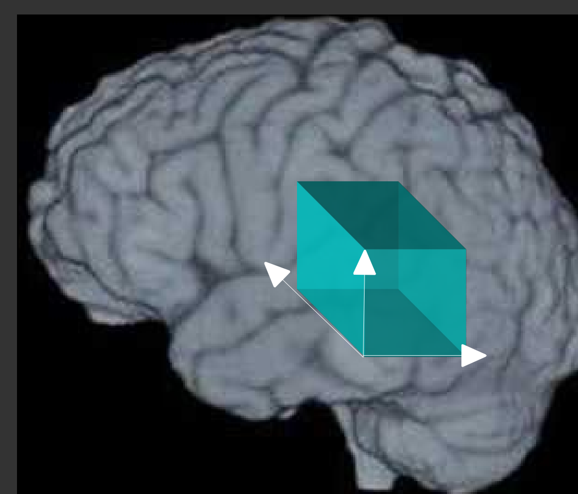


Small structures are challenging

Left hemisphere Right hemisphere



Does not work for sagittal view
because of symmetry



3D CNNs

Summary

- <u>FCNNs + MRFs:</u>
  - accurate, *dense* labelling using 2D image data.
  - volumetric homogeneity
- Efficient segmentation of 3D volumes: *(~1 min)*
- No need for expensive GPUs *(~4GB GPU RAM)*

Code, CNN probability maps:
https://github.com/tsogkas/brainseg

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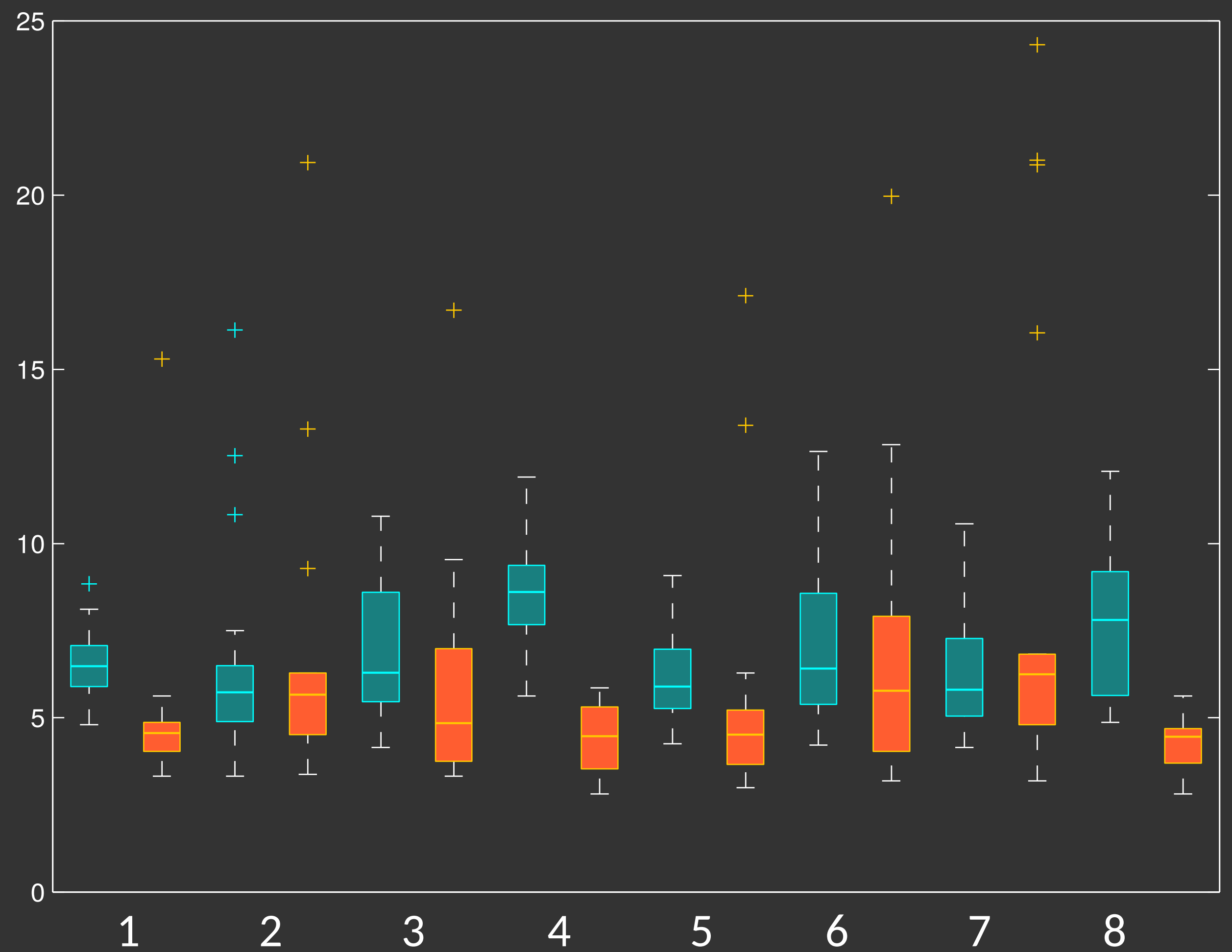
IBSR dataset: Hausdorff distance



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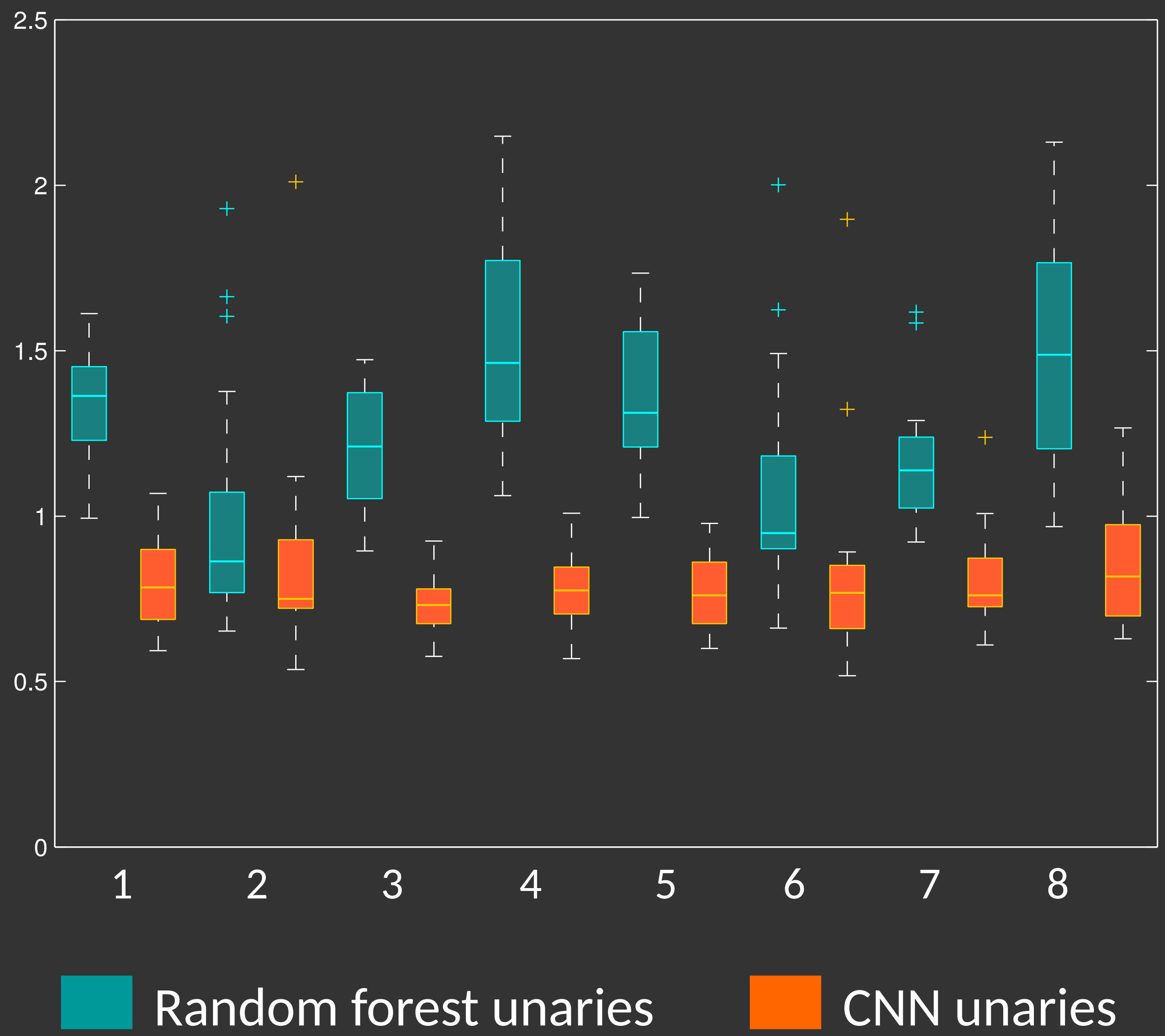
Random forest unaries

CNN unaries

IBSR dataset: contour mean distance



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RE dataset: HD and CMD