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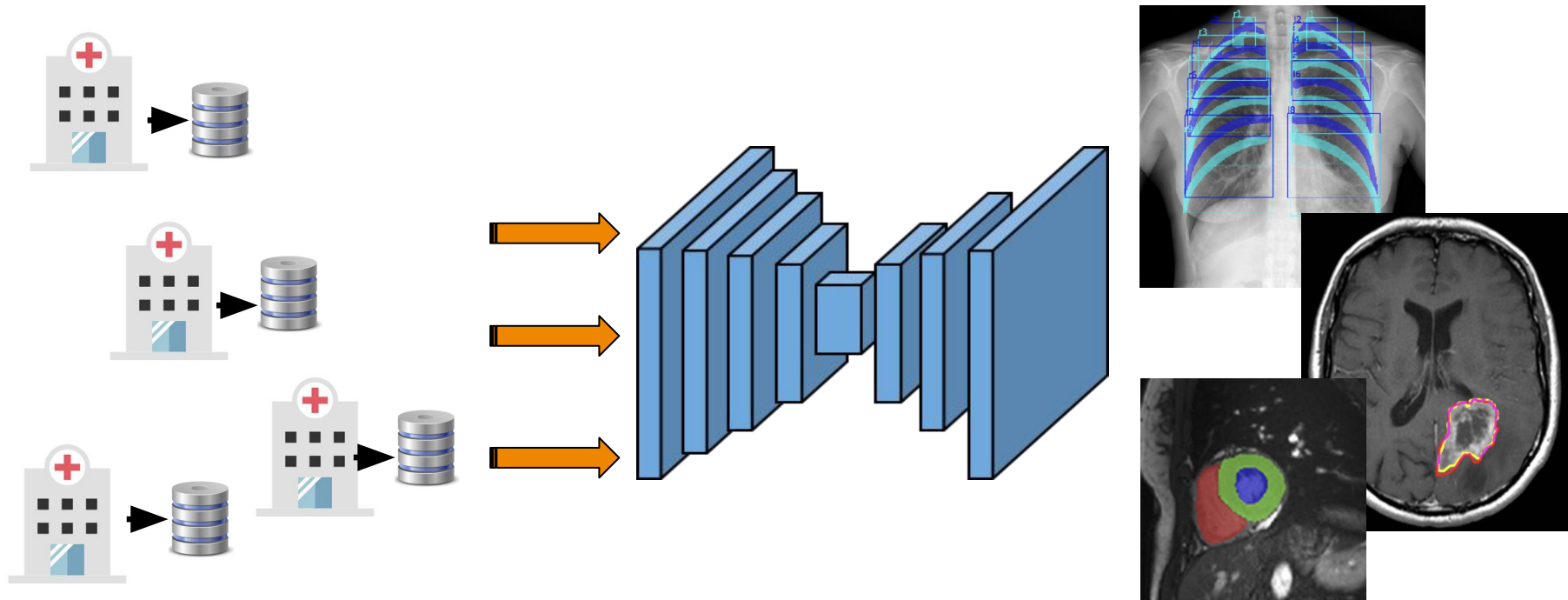


Learning with limited supervision

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Motivation

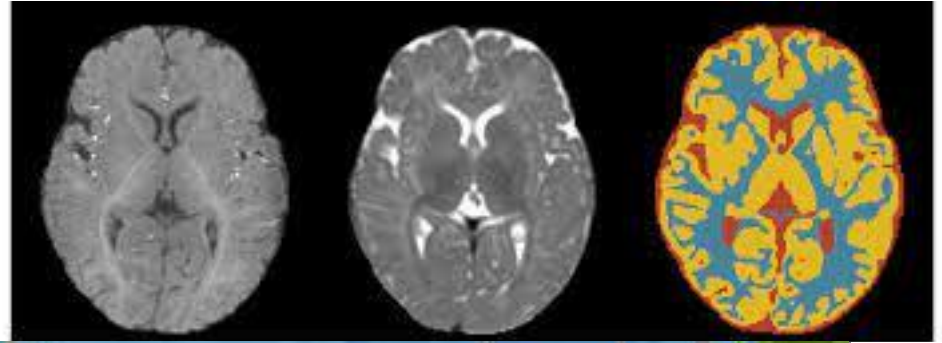


Large labelled
(pixel-wise) datasets

Very good performance
in many tasks

Motivation

Pixel-wise annotation is a time-consuming task...



Potential solutions

What can we do to address the lack of large labeled datasets?

Weakly supervised learning

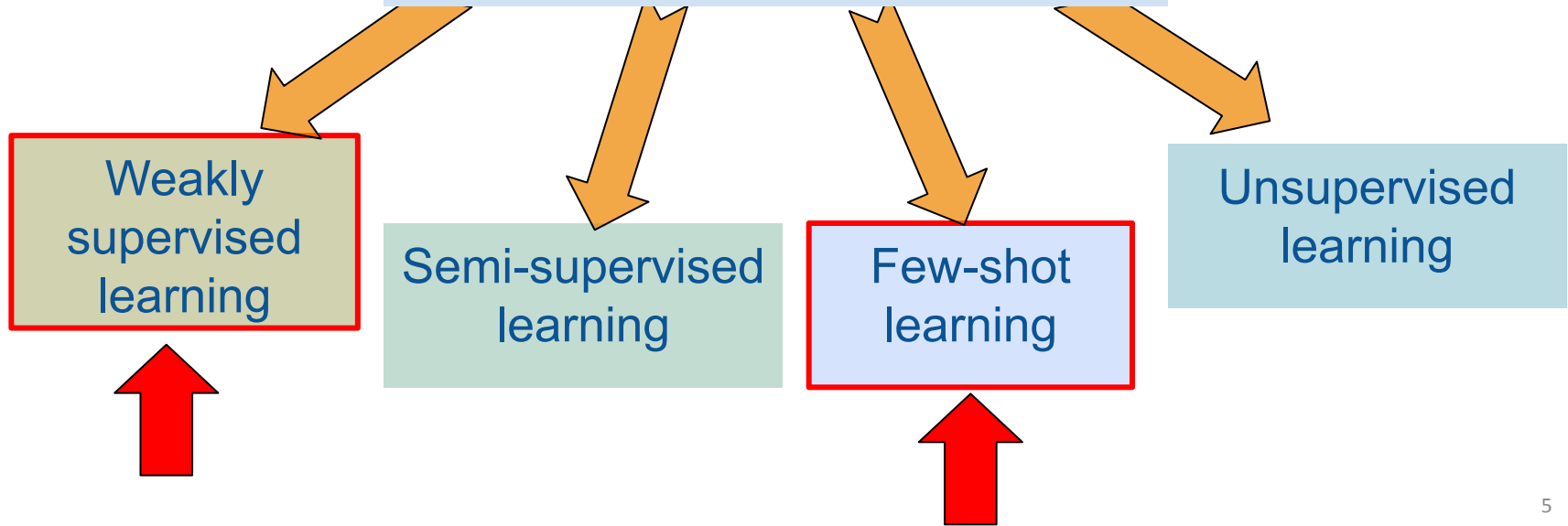
Semi-supervised learning

Few-shot learning

Unsupervised learning

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Data-driven priors (cues)

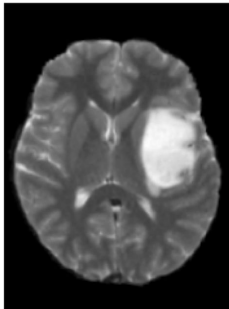
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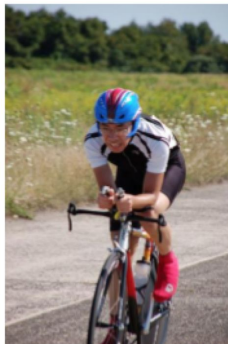
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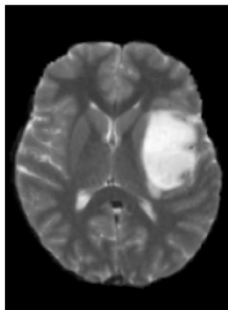
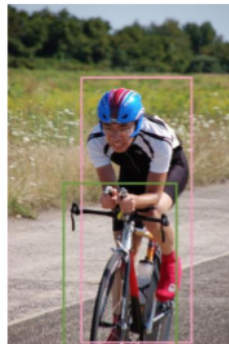
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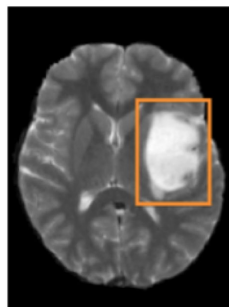


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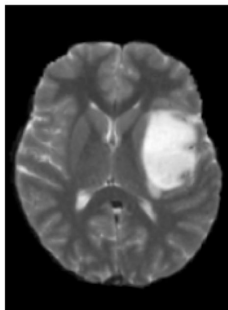
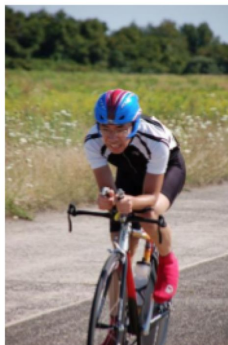
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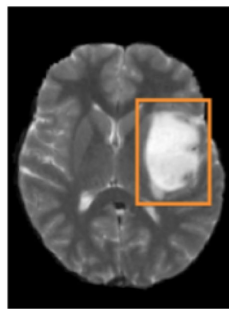
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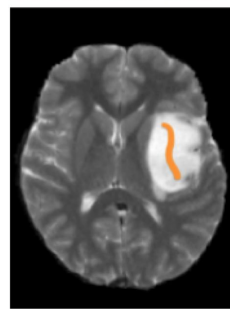
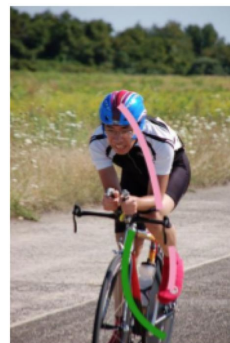
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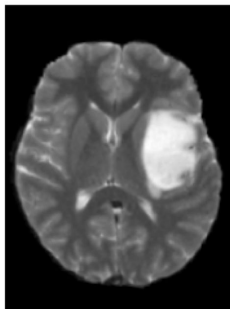
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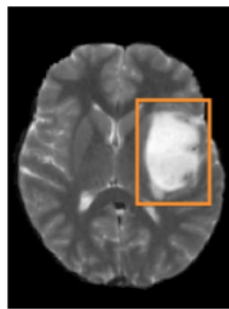
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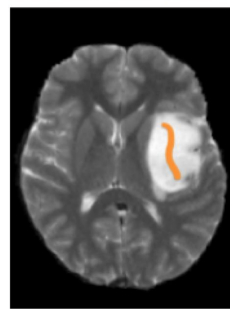
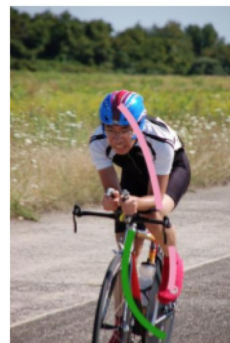
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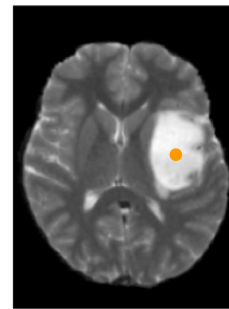
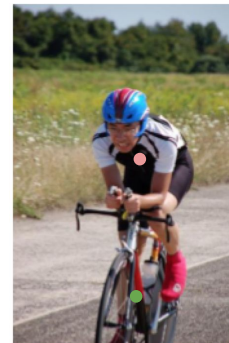
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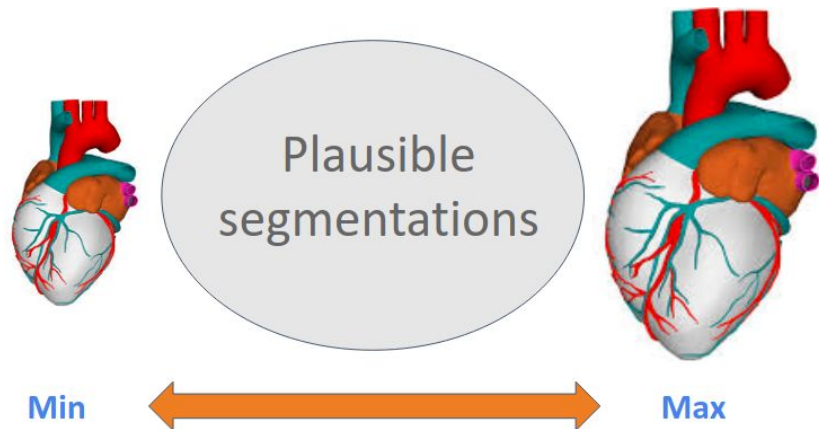
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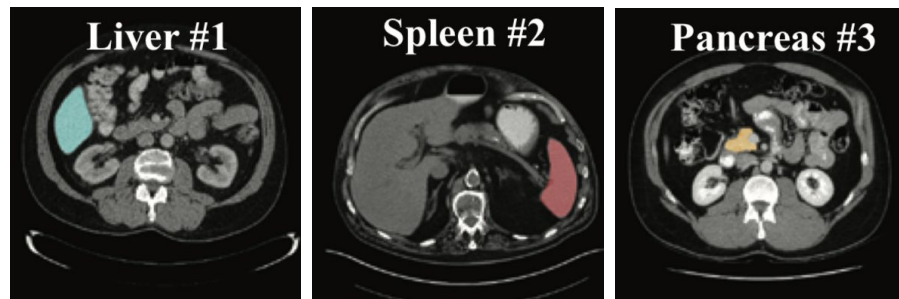
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Knowledge-driven priors



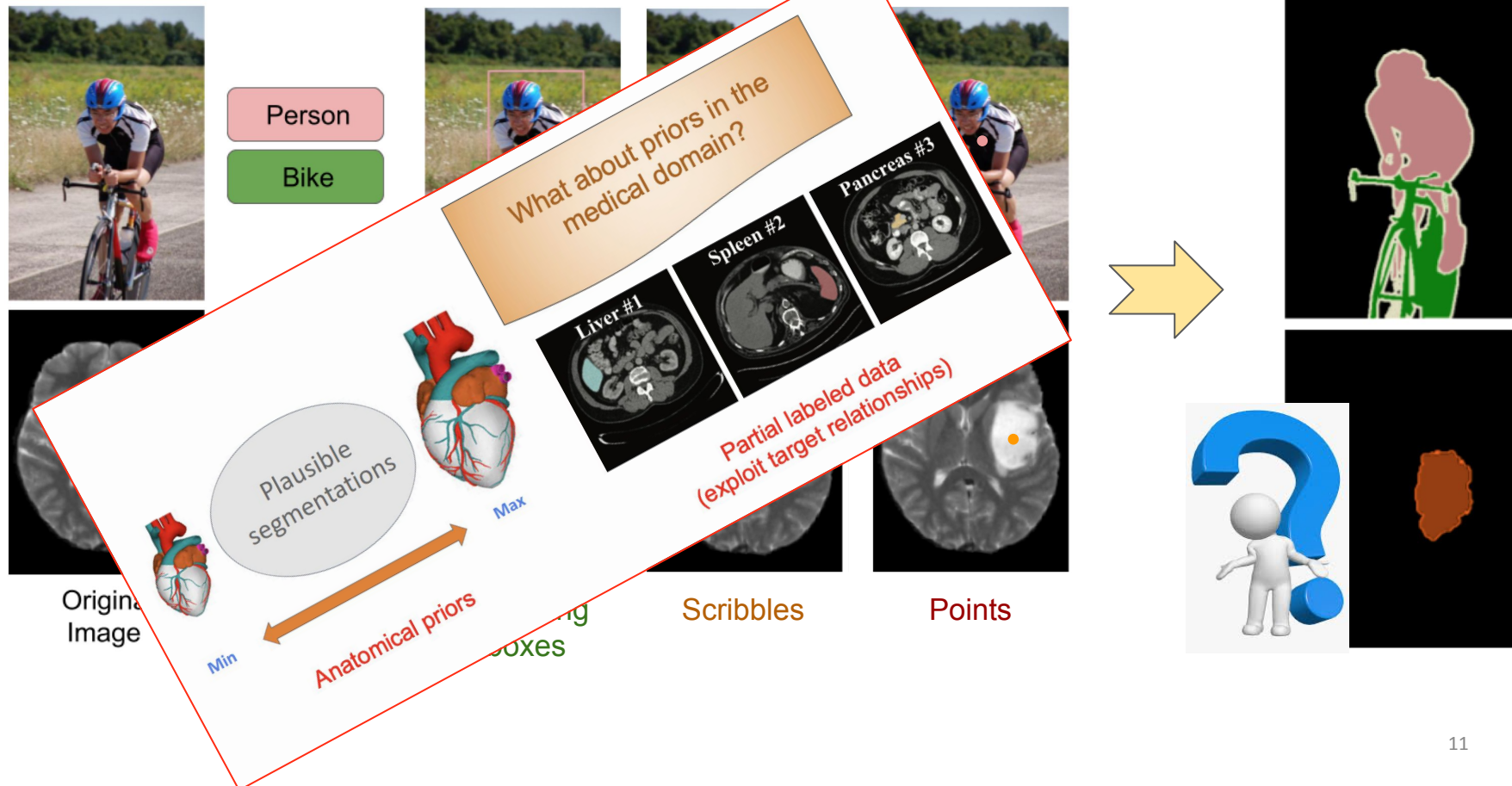
Anatomical priors

What about priors in the medical domain?



Partial labeled data
(exploit target relationships)

From global cues to pixel labels



Constrained optimization (CNN)

Optimize (A) such that (B)

Task

Set of constraints

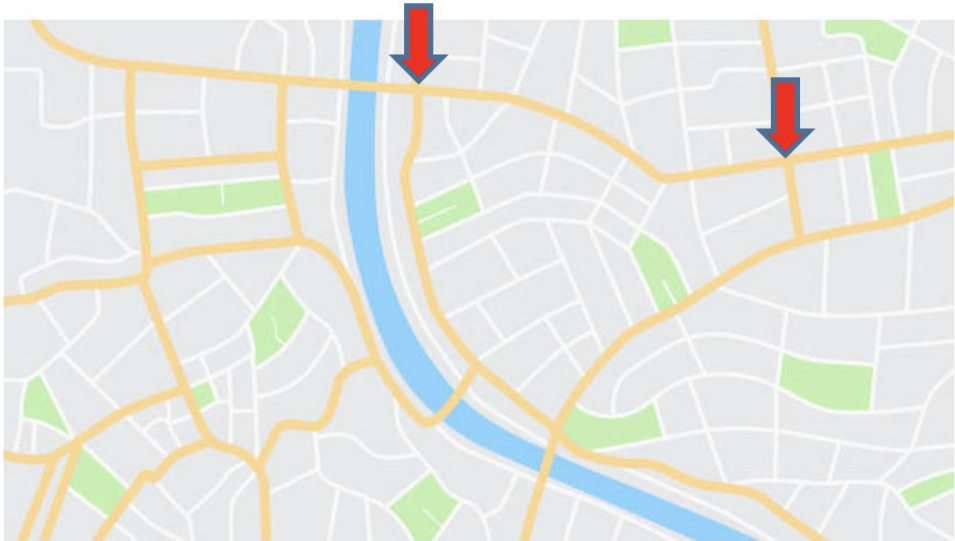
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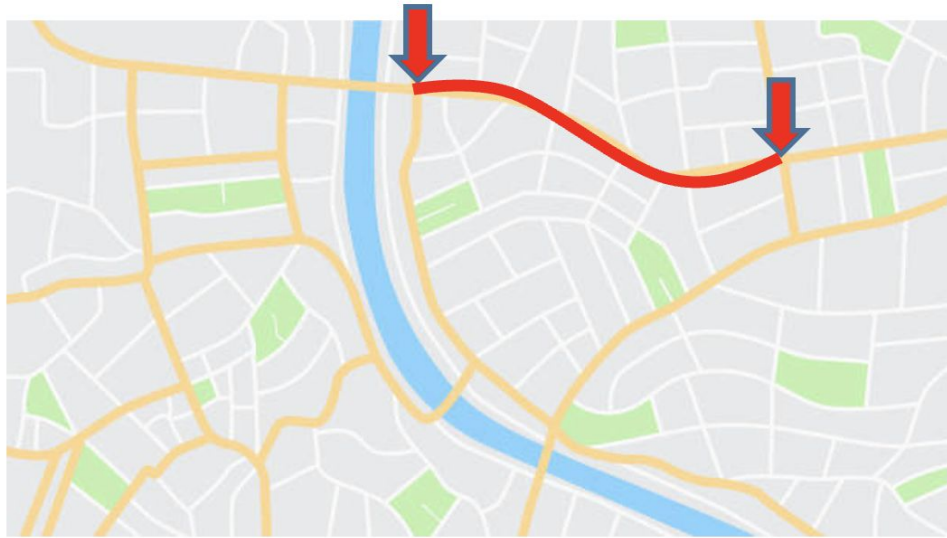
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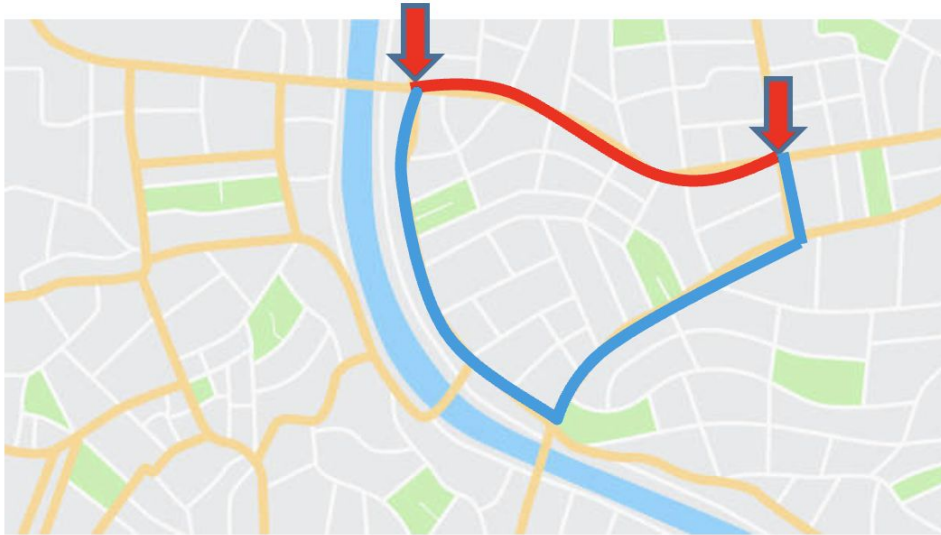
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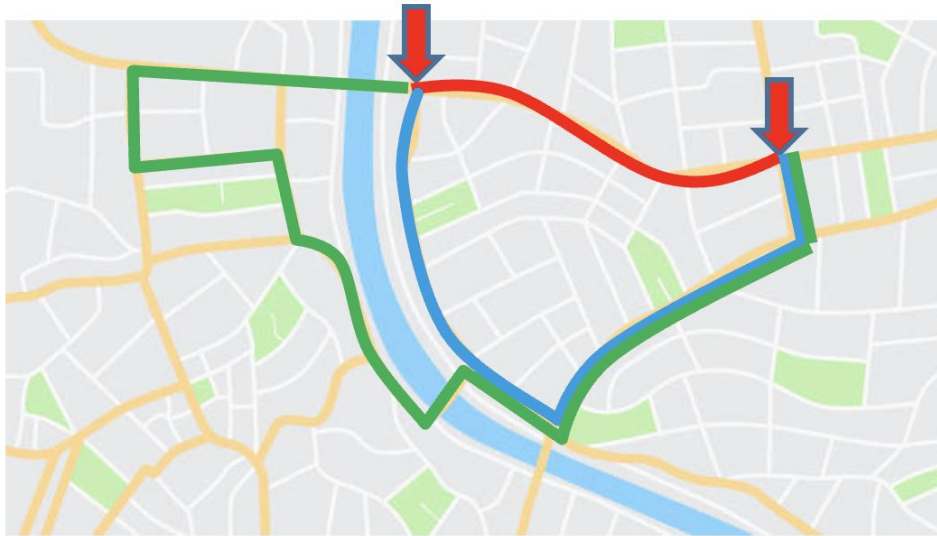


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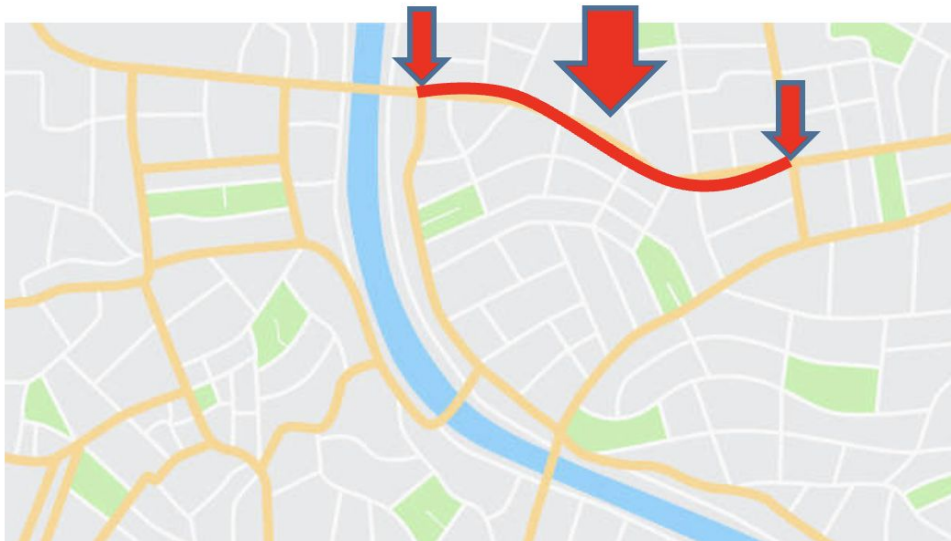
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Which is the best
route?
Constraint: shortest

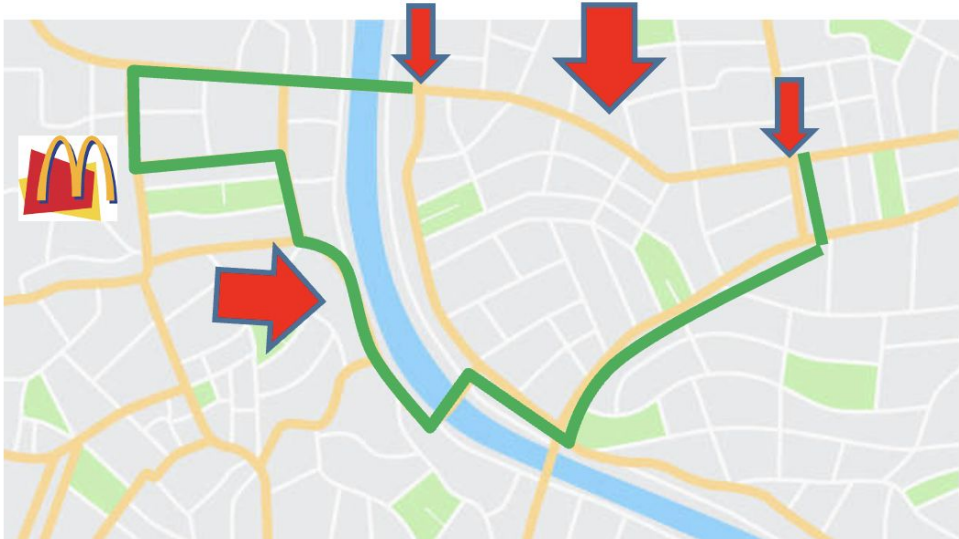
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How we can go from point A to B?

Which is the best route?
Constraint: shortest but going through a McDonalds



Constrained optimization (CNN)

Optimize (A)

such that (B)

$$\min_{\theta} \mathcal{H}(S, Y) \quad s.t. \quad \sum_{n=0}^N s_n = A$$

Let's assume we know
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Constrained problem

Constrained optimization (CNN)

Optimize (A) such that (B)

$$\min_{\theta} \mathcal{H}(S, Y) \quad s.t. \quad \sum_{n=0}^N s_n = A$$

$$\min_{\theta} \mathcal{H}(S, Y) + \lambda \left(\sum_{n=0}^N s_n - A \right)$$

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Constrained problem

Unconstrained problem
(penalties to the rescue!)

Equality constraints

A=B

General definition

$$\min_{\theta} \mathcal{H}(S) \quad s.t. \quad g(\mathbf{s}) = C$$

Constraint


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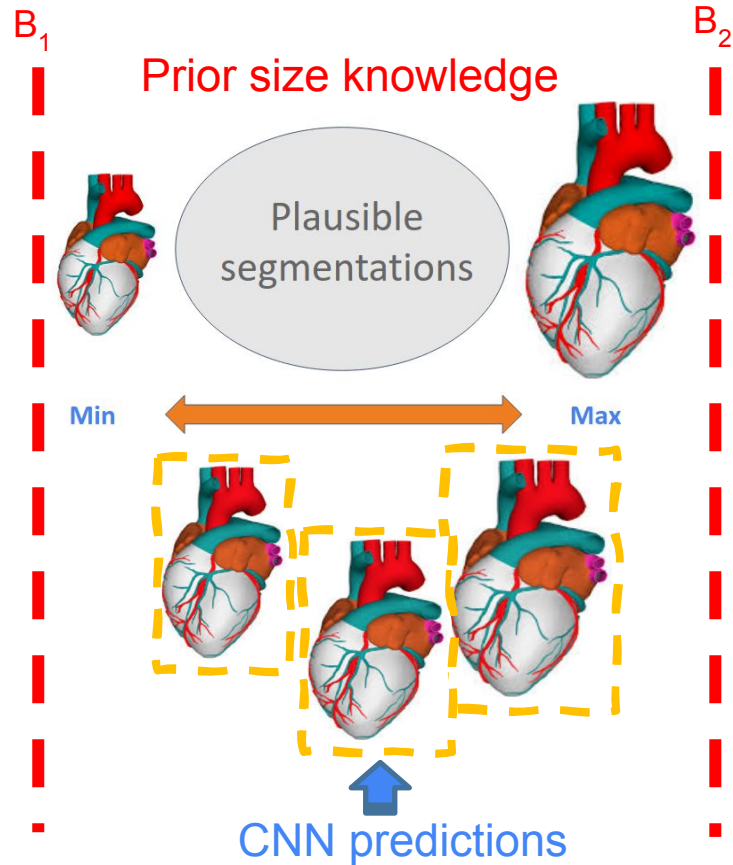
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Penalty

This can be modeled with linear/quadratic penalties, KL divergence, etc

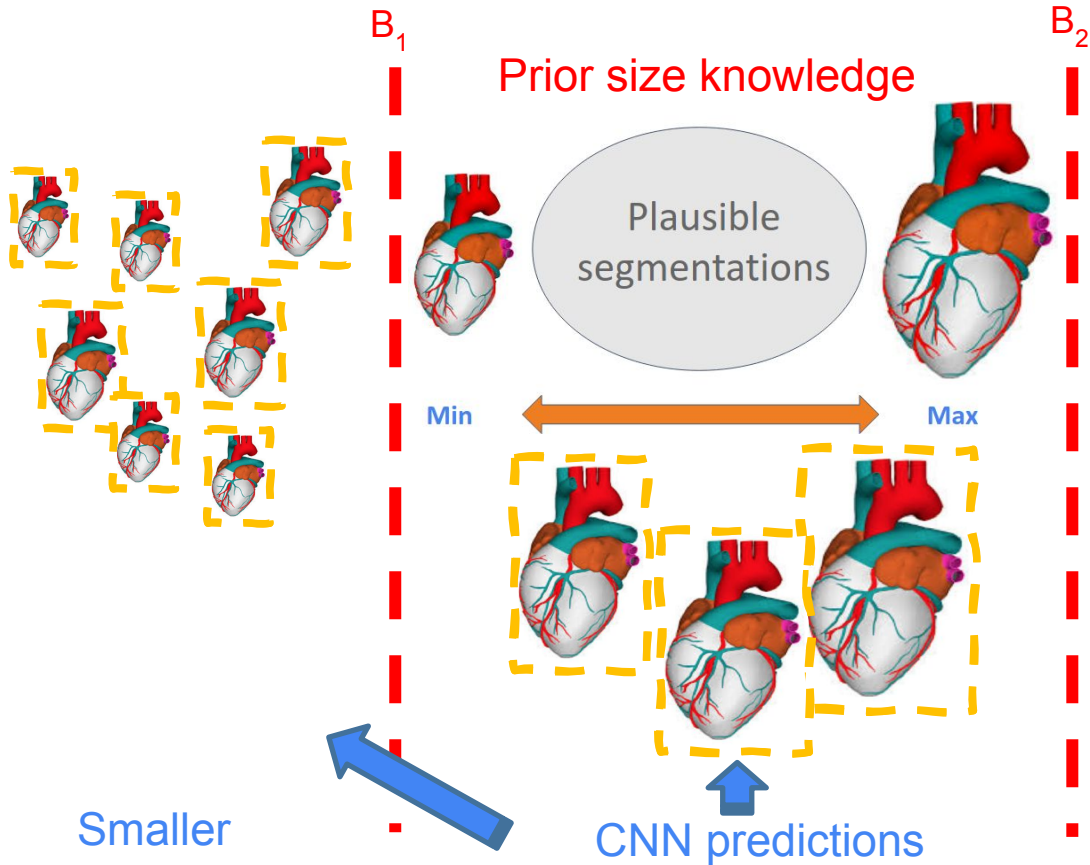
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 $A > B,$
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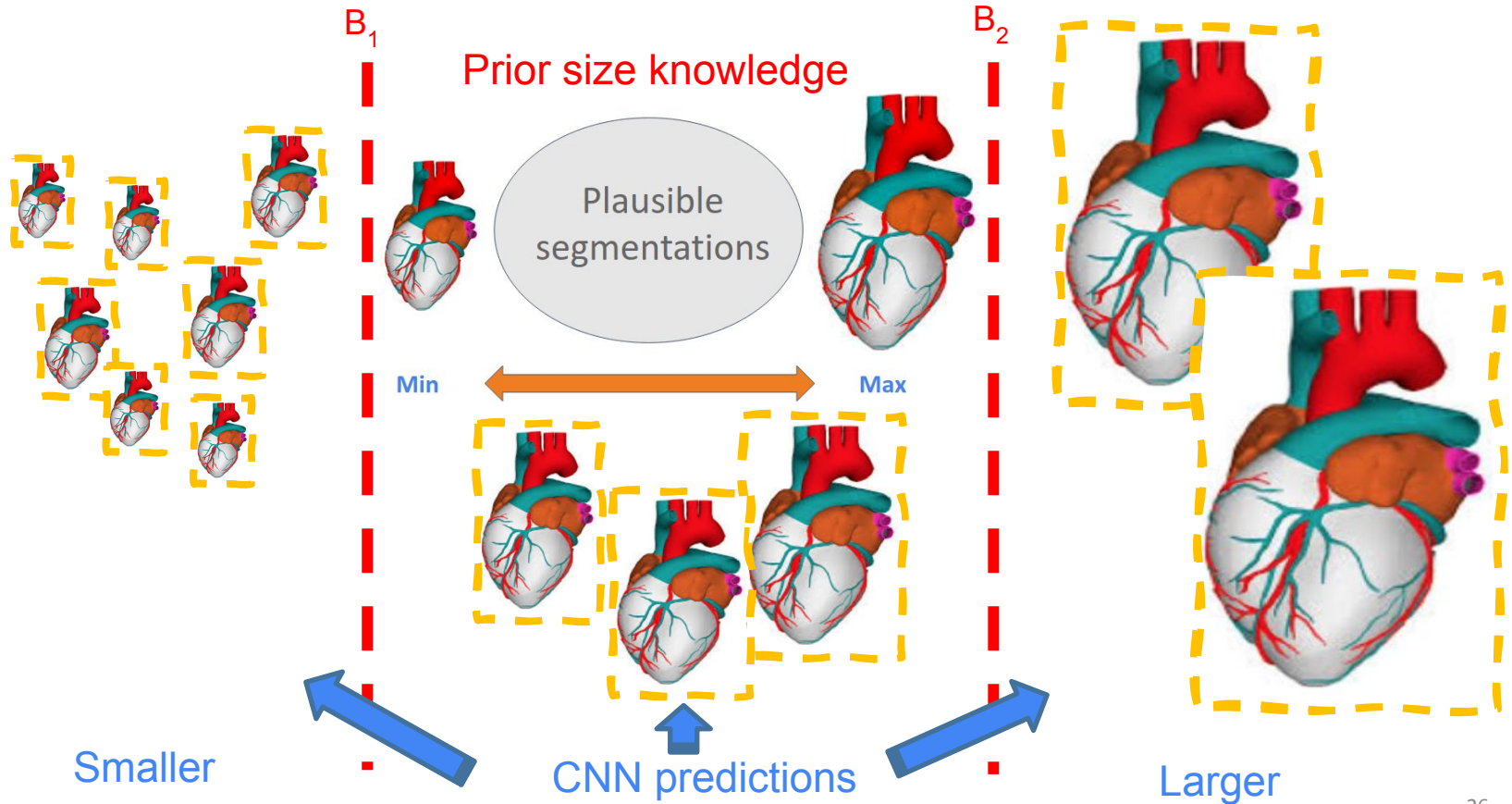


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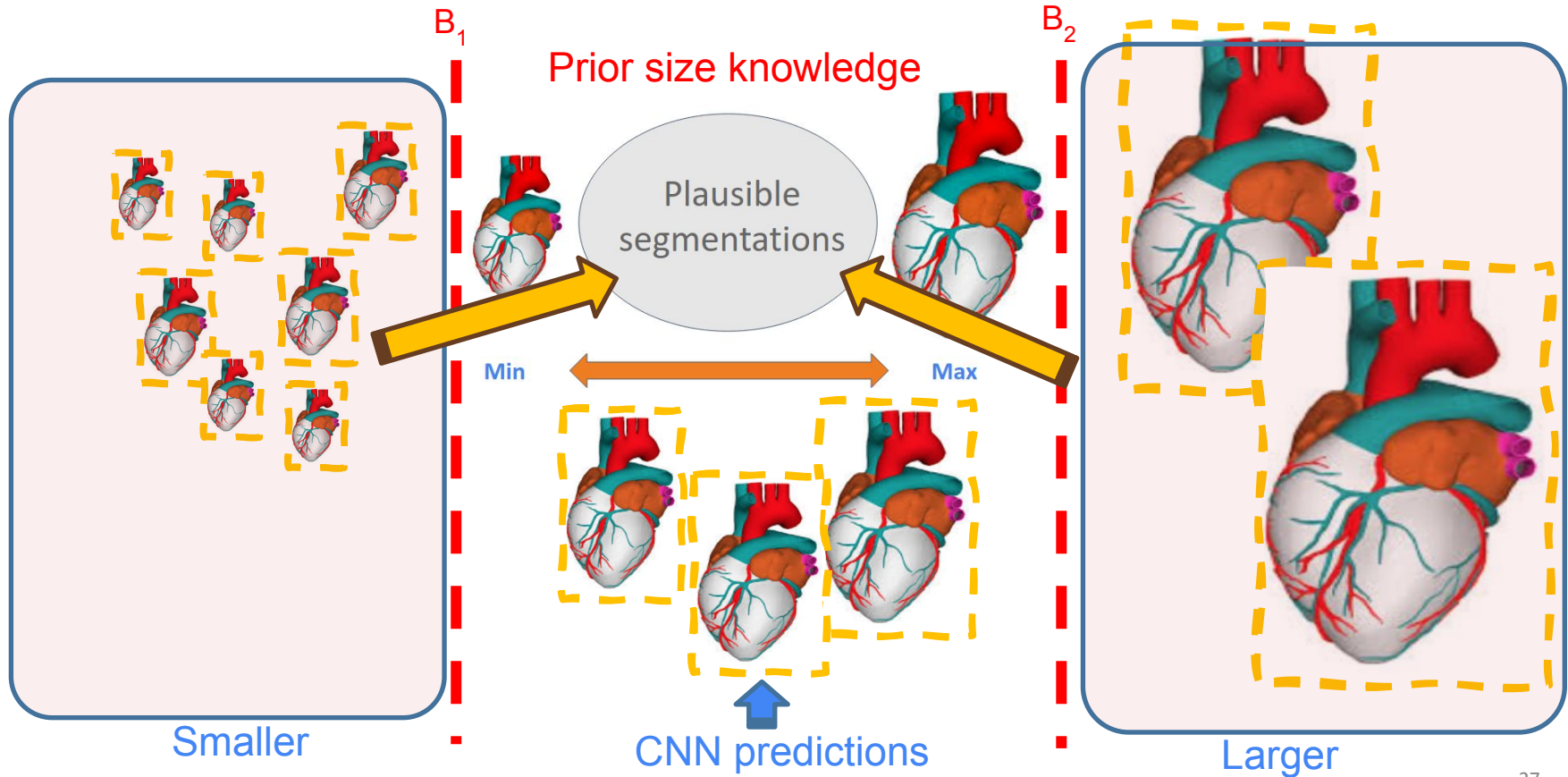
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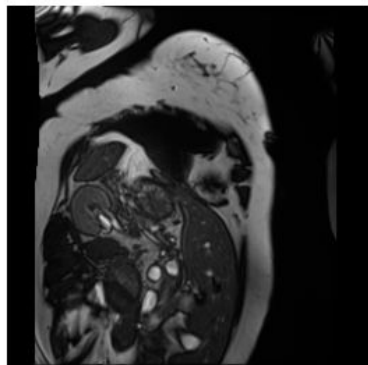
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Inequality constraints

Size loss
[Kervadec et al, MedIA'19]

No cavity



Cavity

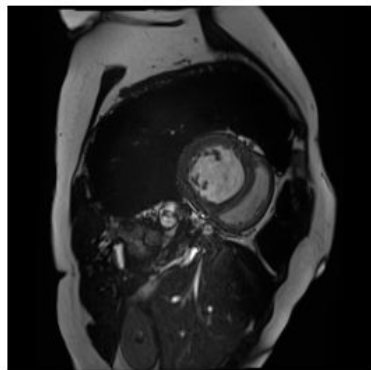


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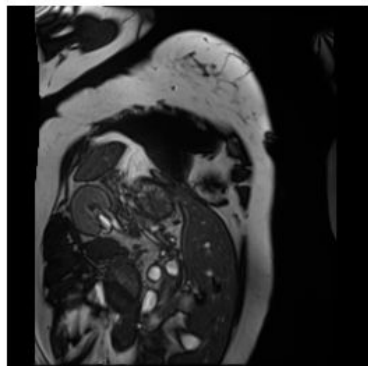
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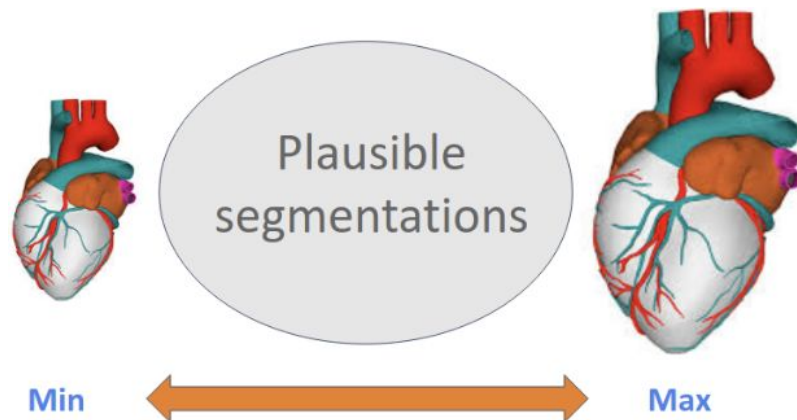
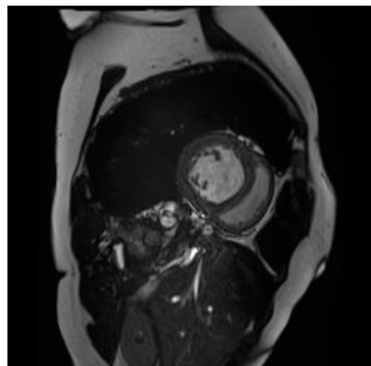


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$$\min \leq \sum_{p \in \Omega} s_{\theta}^{p,c} \leq \max$$

For positive image tags

Inequality constraints

Formal definition

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$$\mathcal{H}(S) + \lambda \mathcal{C}(V_S)$$

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CE on the labeled pixels (if any)

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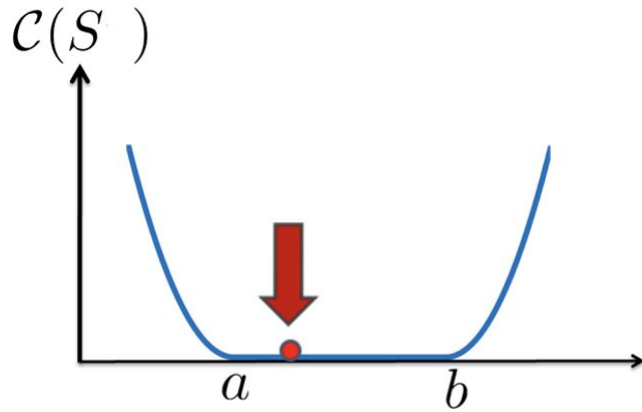
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$$\mathcal{C}(V_S) = \begin{cases} (V_S - a)^2, & \text{if } V_S < a \\ (V_S - b)^2, & \text{if } V_S > b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

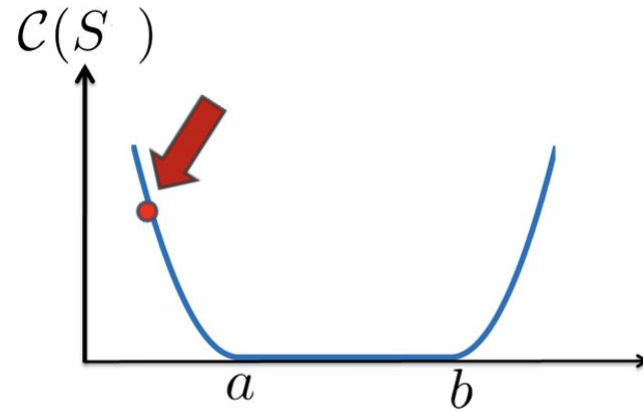
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Visual intuition

Size loss
[Kervadec et al, MedIA'19]



Constraint A satisfied

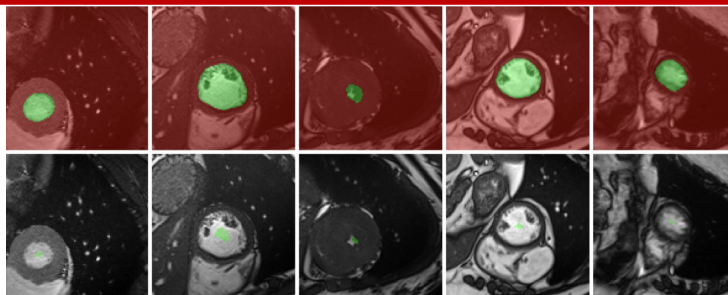


Constraint B violated

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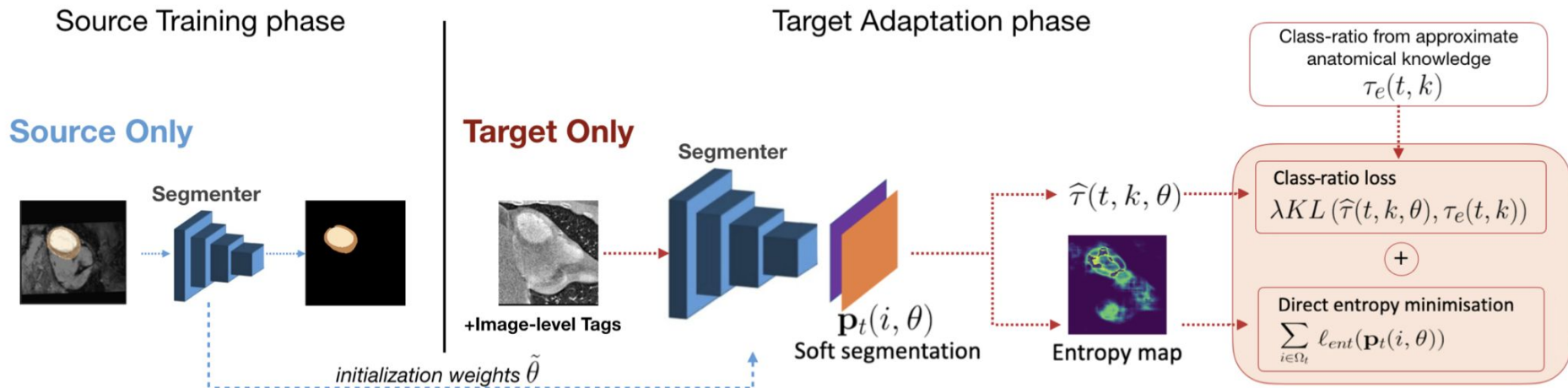
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Weakly supervised	Partial CE		0.1497
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	CE + Tags + Size*	Lagrangian Proposals (Pathak et al., 2015a)	0.7854
	Partial CE + Tags + Size*	Direct loss (Ours)	0.8004
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	Partial CE + Tags + Size**	Direct loss (Ours)	0.8708
	CE + 3D Size**	Lagrangian Proposals (Pathak et al., 2015a)	N/A
Fully supervised	Partial CE + 3D Size**	Direct loss (Ours)	0.8580
	Cross-entropy		0.8872



Inequality constraints

KL divergence

Source-free Domain Adaptation
[Bateson et al., MICCAI'20]



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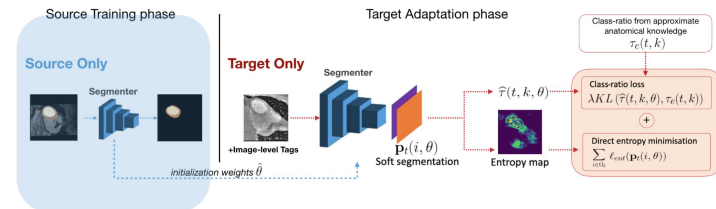
KL divergence

Source-free: no access to source data when adapting

1-Train the network on the source domain

$$\min_{\theta} \sum_{p \in \mathcal{L}} l(\mathbf{y}^p, \mathbf{s}_{\theta}^p)$$

Set of labeled
SOURCE pixels



Inequality constraints

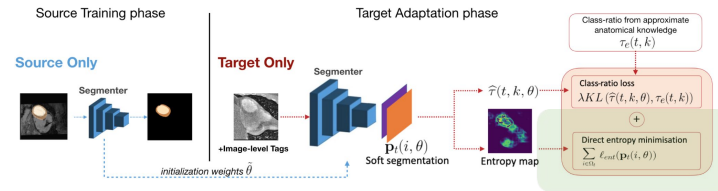
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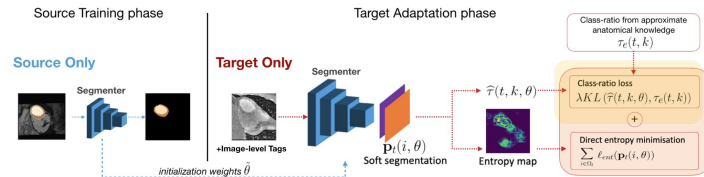


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Size regularizer

$\tau_e(t, k)$

Estimated size by an auxiliary
network trained on the source

$$\hat{\tau}(t, k, \theta) = \frac{1}{|\Omega_t|} \sum_{i \in \Omega_t} \mathbf{s}_{\theta}^{i,k}$$

Computed size from the
segmentation of the target image

Inequality constraints

L2 Penalty

But we can do more than simply the size

Shape descriptors
[Kervadec et al, MIDL'21]

Shape moment $\mu_{p,q}^{(k)}(s_{\theta}) := \sum_{i \in \Omega} s_{\theta}^{(i,k)} x_{(i)}^p y_{(i)}^q,$

Central moment $\bar{\mu}_{p,q}^{(k)} := \sum_{i \in \Omega} s_{\theta}^{(i,k)} \left(x_{(i)} - \frac{\mu_{1,0}^{(k)}}{\mu_{0,0}^{(k)}} \right)^p \left(y_{(i)} - \frac{\mu_{0,1}^{(k)}}{\mu_{0,0}^{(k)}} \right)^q .$

Inequality constraints

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From shape and central moment

Shape descriptors
[Kervadec et al, MIDL'21]

Volume

$$\mathfrak{V}^{(k)}(s_{\theta}) := \mu_{0,0}^{(k)}(s_{\theta}).$$

Centroid

$$\mathfrak{C}^{(k)}(s_{\theta}) := \left(\frac{\mu_{1,0}^{(k)}(s_{\theta})}{\mu_{0,0}^{(k)}(s_{\theta})}, \frac{\mu_{0,1}^{(k)}(s_{\theta})}{\mu_{0,0}^{(k)}(s_{\theta})} \right).$$

Length

$$\mathfrak{L}^{(k)}(s_{\theta}) := \sum_{i,j \in \mathcal{G}_{\Omega}} |s_{\theta}^{(i,k)} - s_{\theta}^{(j,k)}| L_{\Omega,i,j}.$$

Laplacian

Few-shot learning

Setting

Training on **base** classes



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Few-shot tasks at testing time



Learn from a few examples per **new** class

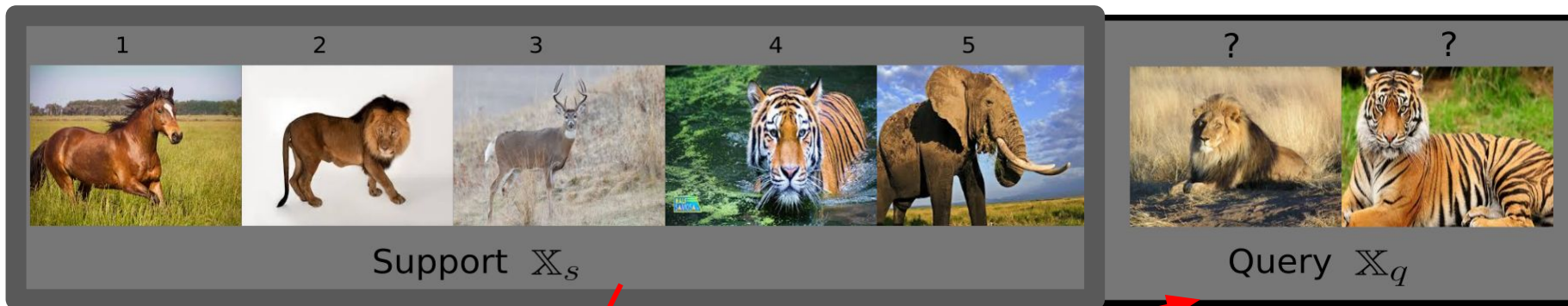
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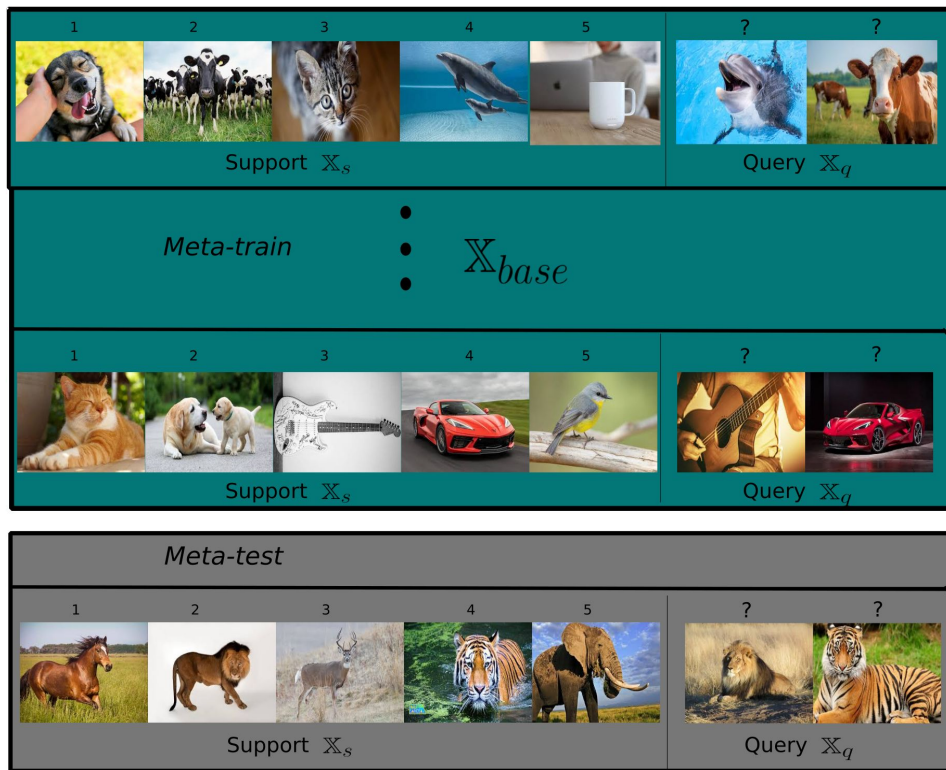


Learn from a few examples per **new** class

Classify these

Few-shot learning

Literature

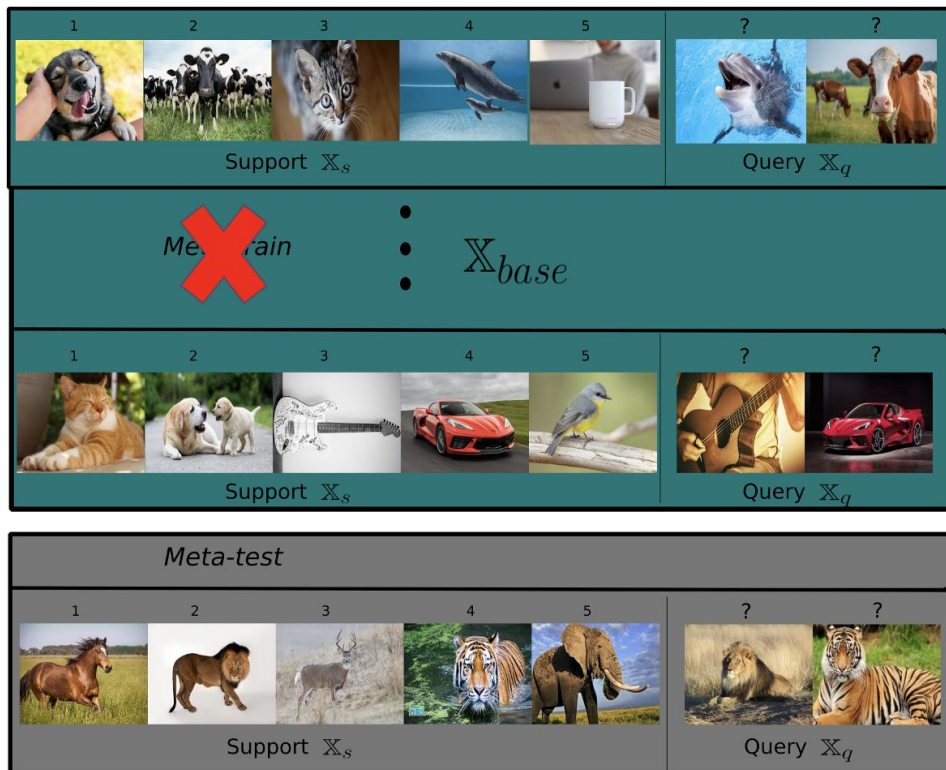


Create artificial episodes for **episodic training**
(Learn initial model)

Vinyal et al, (Neurips '16),
Snell et al, (Neurips '17),
Sung et al, (CVPR '18),
Finn et al, (ICML'17),
Ravi et al, (ICLR'17),
Lee et al, (CVPR'19),
Hu et al, (ICLR '20),
Ye et al, (CVPR '20), ...

Few-shot learning

Literature



No need to
meta-train

[Chen et al., ICLR'19]

[Tian et al., ECCV'20]

[Dhillon et al., ICLR'20]

[Ziko et al., ICML'20]

[Boudiaf et al., NeurIPS'20],

[Veilleux et al., NeurIPS'21],...

Few-shot learning

Classification

TIM

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CE on supervised
images (i.e., support)

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On test (query) samples

$$\underbrace{- \sum_{k=1}^K \hat{p}_k \log \hat{p}_k}_{\hat{\mathcal{H}}(Y_{\mathcal{Q}}): \text{ marginal entropy}} + \alpha \underbrace{\frac{1}{|\mathcal{Q}|} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{Q}} \sum_{k=1}^K p_{ik} \log(p_{ik})}_{-\hat{\mathcal{H}}(Y_{\mathcal{Q}}|X_{\mathcal{Q}}): \text{ conditional entropy}}$$

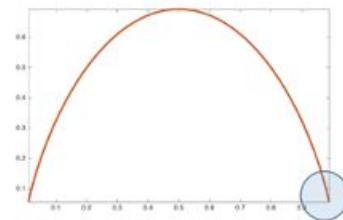
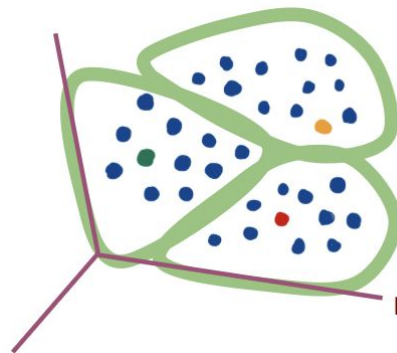
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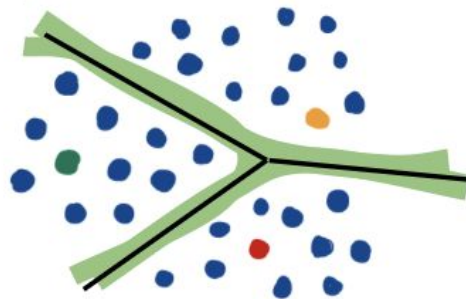
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MTL [39]	✗	ResNet-12	61.2	75.5	-	-	-	-
vFSL [50]		ResNet-12	61.2	77.7	-	-	-	-
Neg-cosine [26]		ResNet-18	62.3	80.9	-	-	72.7	89.4
MetaOpt [22]		ResNet-12	62.6	78.6	66.0	81.6	-	-
SimpleShot [46]		ResNet-18	62.9	80.0	68.9	84.6	68.9	84.0
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TEAM [34]		ResNet-18	60.1	75.9	-	-	-	-
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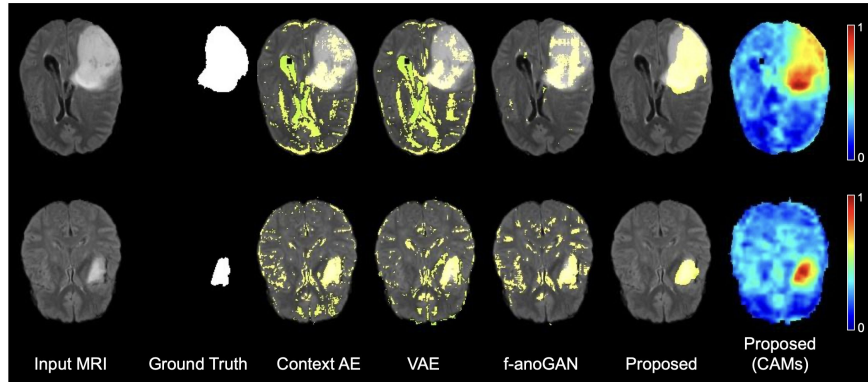
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MiB [Chiaroni et al, Arxiv'22]

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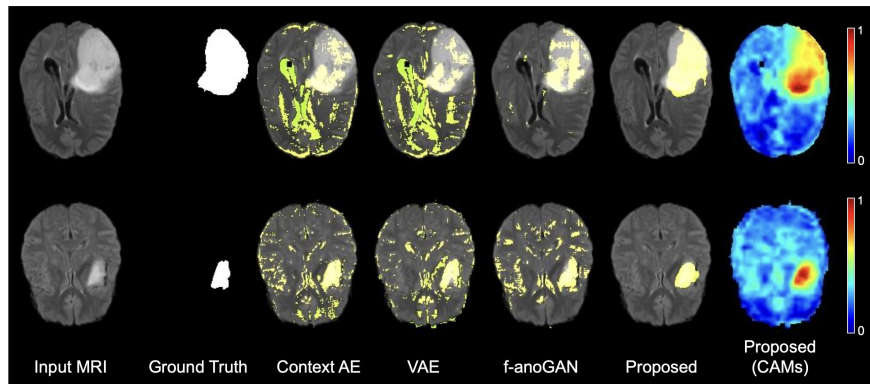
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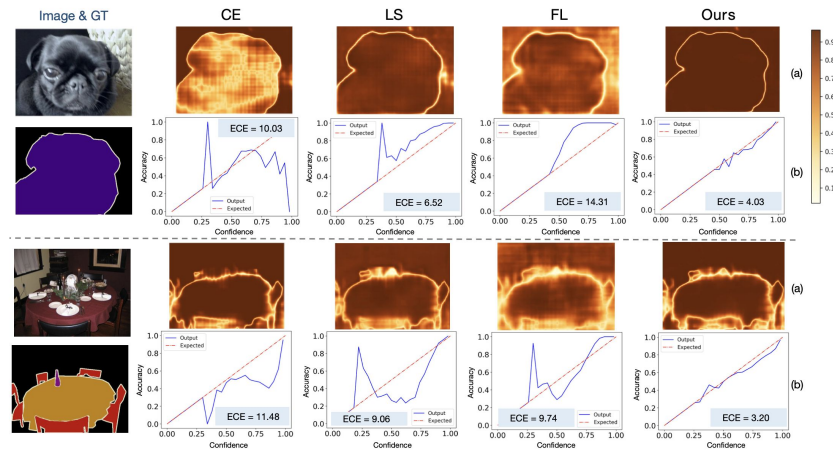
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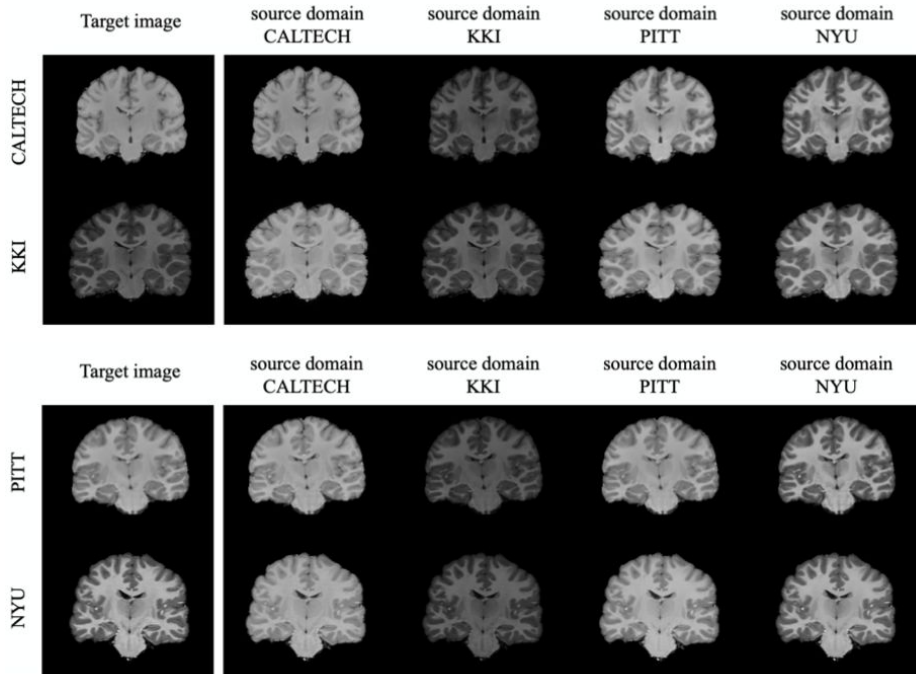
Calibrating neural networks



MbLS [Liu et al, CVPR'22]
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MEEP [Larrazabal et al, MICCAI'23]
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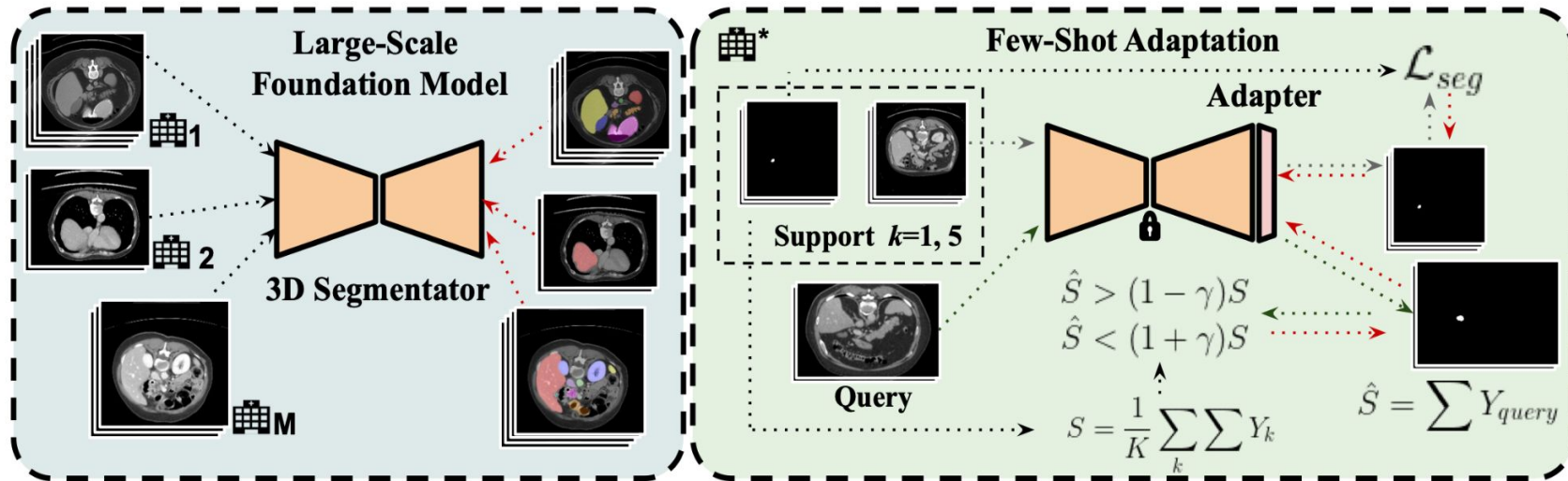
Data harmonization



Harmonizing-Flows [Beizae et al, IPMI'23]

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Foundation models



Silva-Rodriguez et al, Arxiv'23

Take-home message

- The lack of labeled data open the door for many interesting challenges
- Leveraging prior domain knowledge (in the form of constraints, or others methods) can further improve the discriminative performance.
- Few constraints have been explored under low-labeled data regime
- Room for improvement (many opportunities beyond weakly and few-shot supervised segmentation)

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