

# Structured Decision Forests For Multi-modal Ultrasound Image Registration

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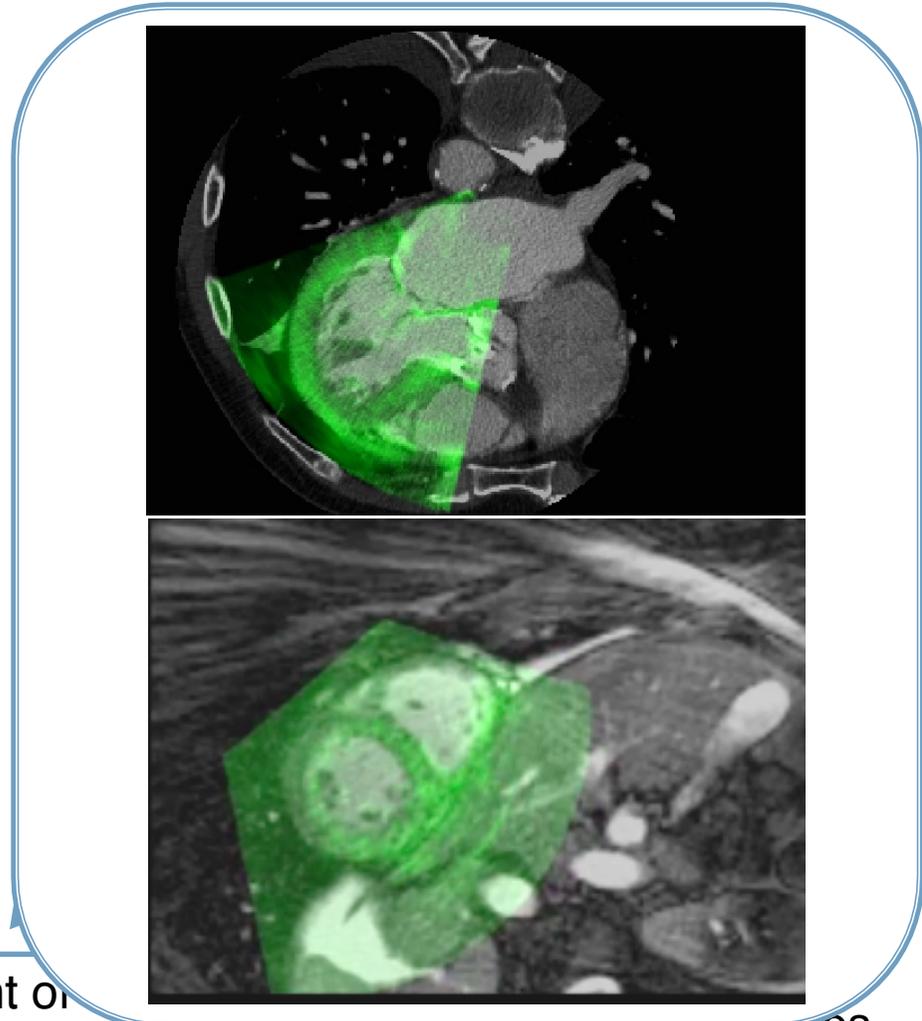




# Image Guided Cardiac Interventions



Pre-Operative Stage CT and MR Image Acquisitions

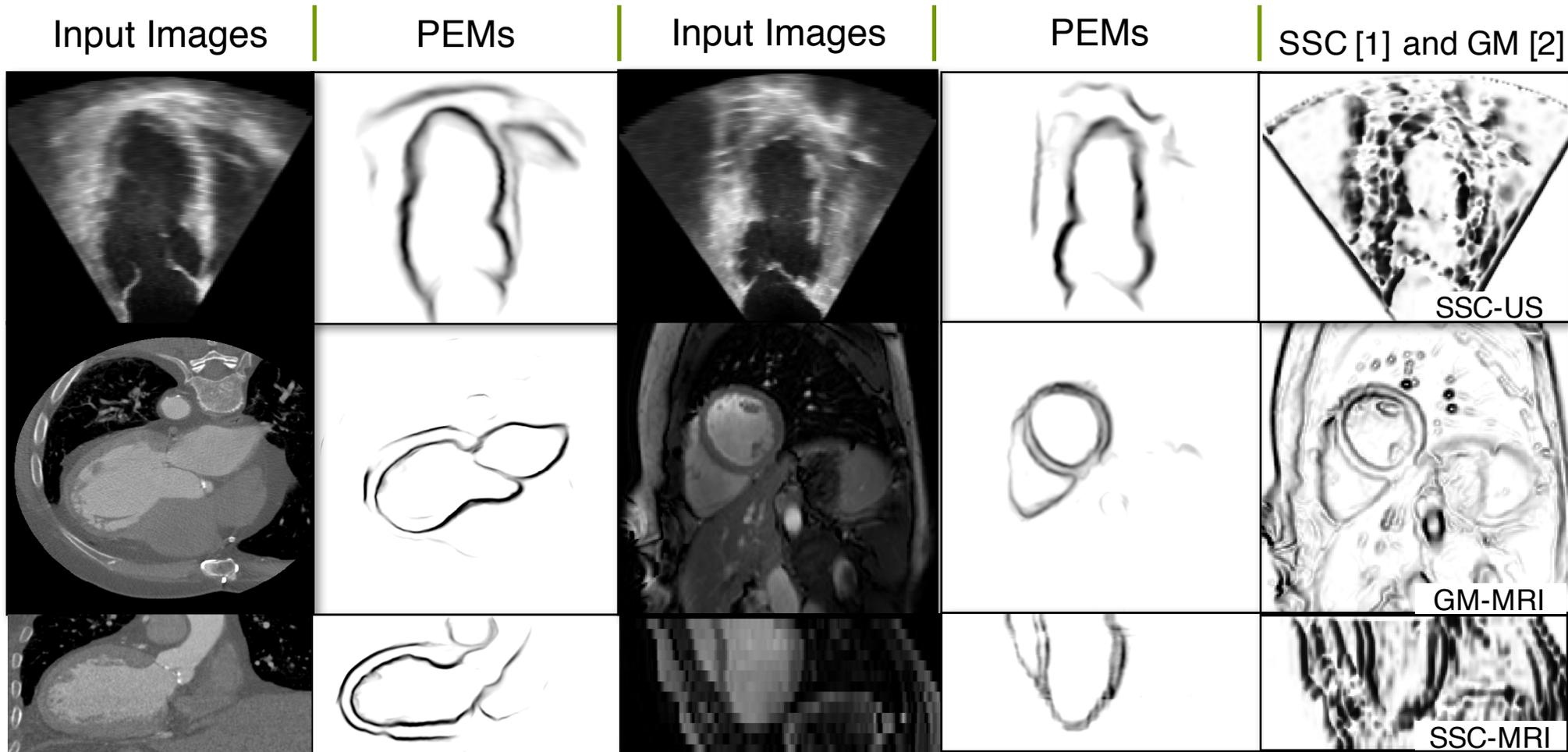


Spatial Alignment of Intra-Operative Images (for Better Image Guidance)

Spatial Alignment of Pre- and Intra-Operative Images



# Probabilistic Edge Maps (PEMs)



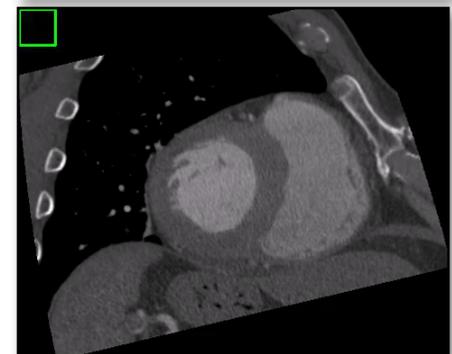
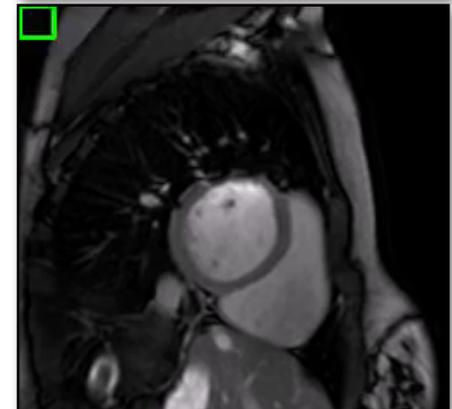
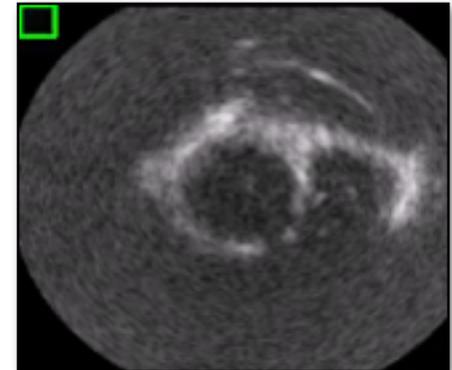
GM: Intensity Gradient Magnitude – SSC: Self-Similarity Context Descriptor

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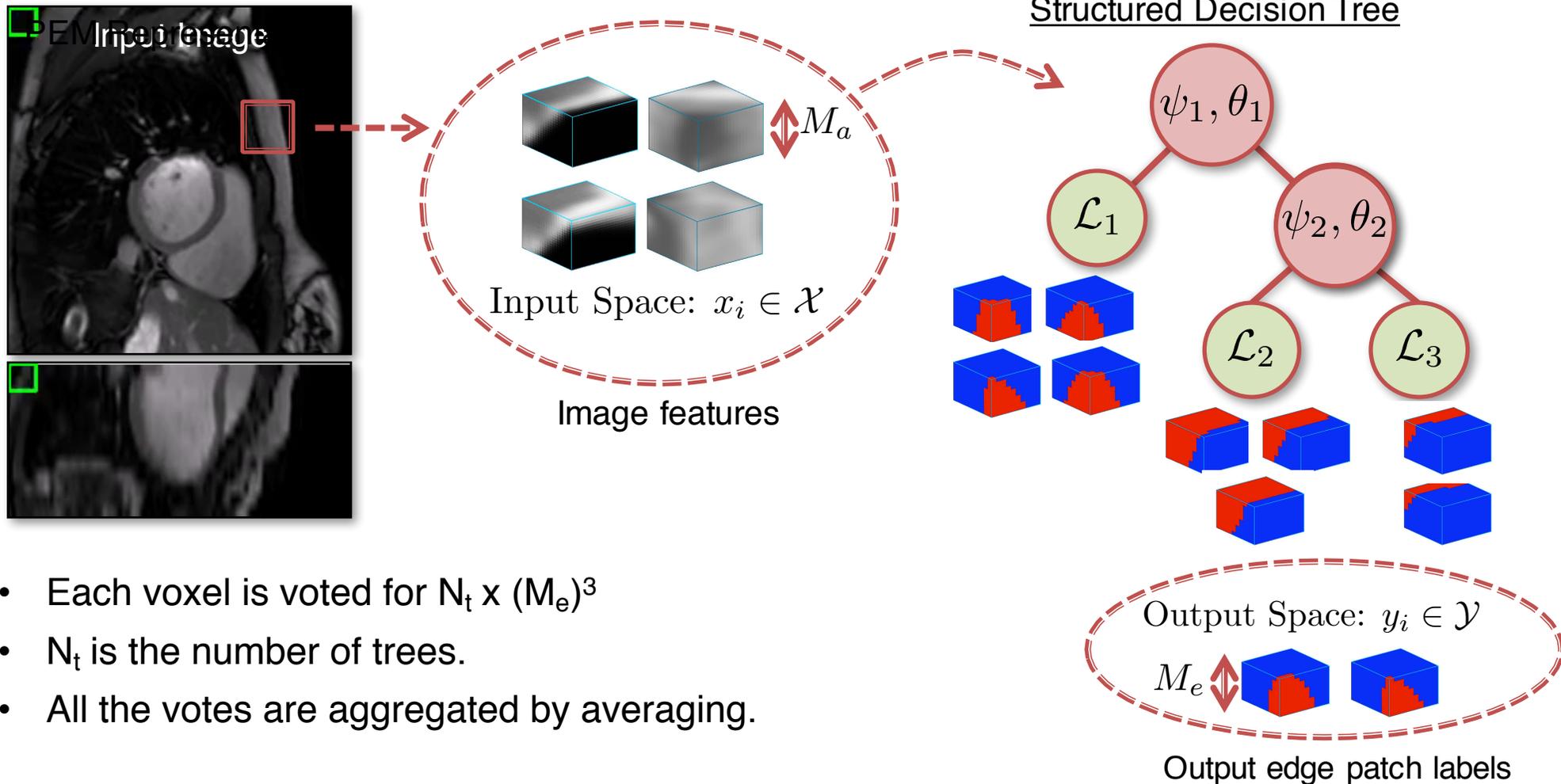
# Advantages of Probabilistic Edge Maps

- A. Modality independent (e.g. CT, MRI, US)
- A. Computationally efficient ( 20s per image )
- A. Target organ specific image registration
- B. Accurate and smooth anatomical representation
- A. Same training and testing configuration is applied to all three modalities.
- B. It does not require image segmentation.





# Structured Decision Forest (SDF)



- Each voxel is voted for  $N_t \times (M_e)^3$
- $N_t$  is the number of trees.
- All the votes are aggregated by averaging.

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# The Proposed Multi-Modal Registration Framework

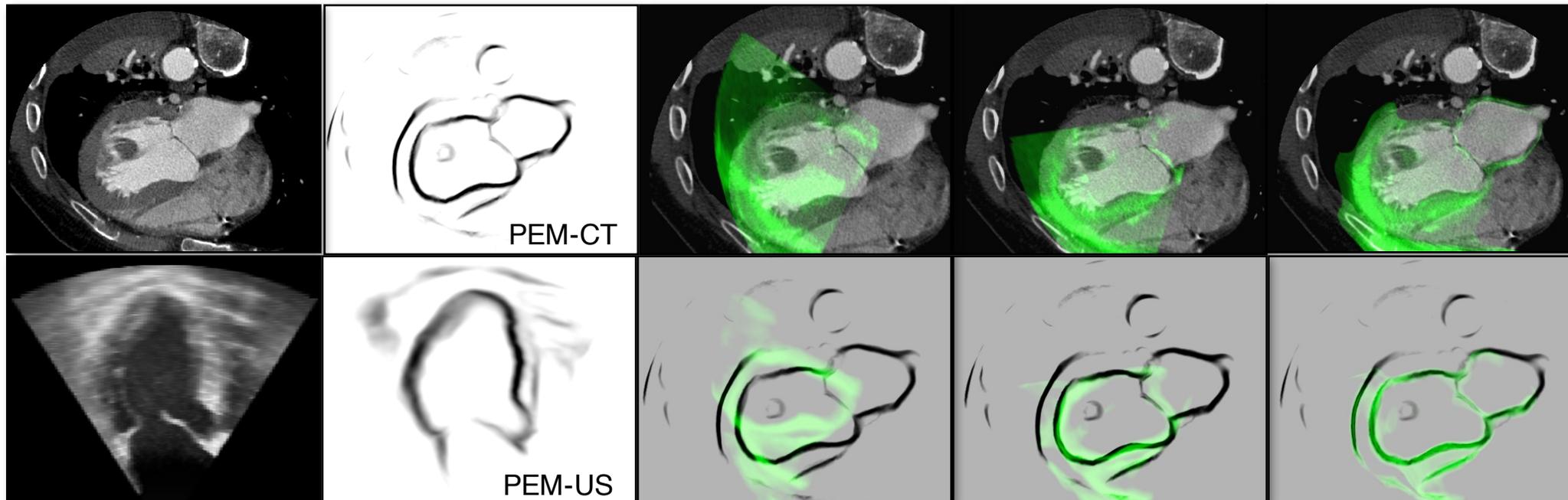
Input cardiac  
images

PEM  
representation

Initial Alignment  
of the images

Global alignment  
with robust block  
matching [2]

B-spline FFD  
based non-rigid  
registration [1]



Computation Time  
(Quad-core 3.0GHz)

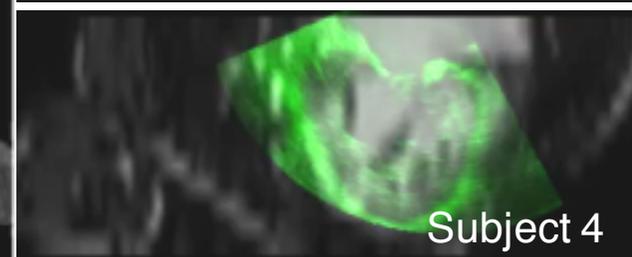
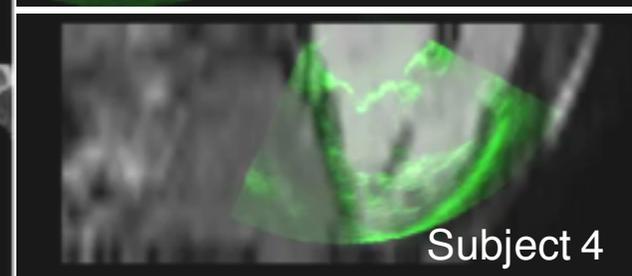
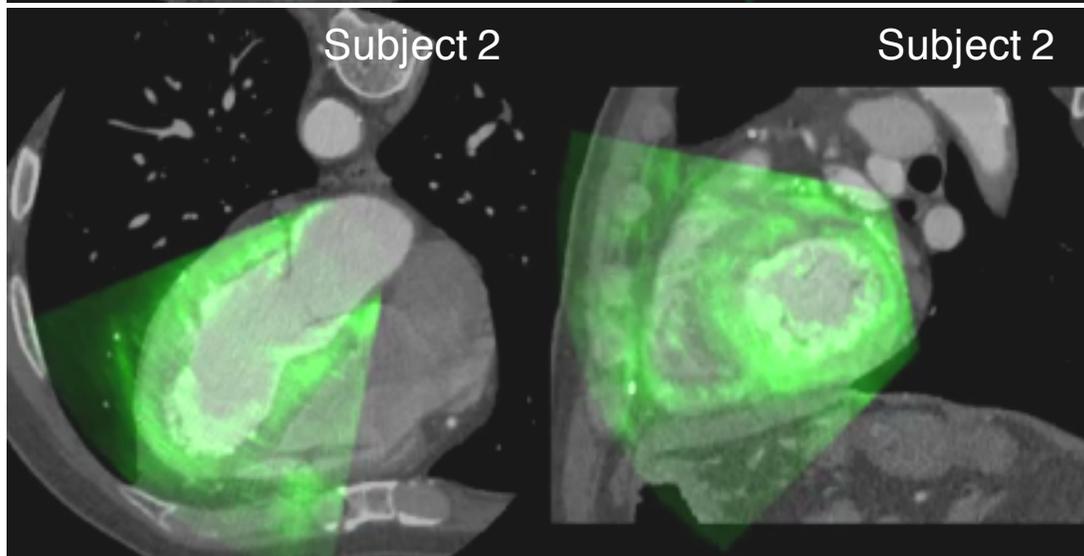
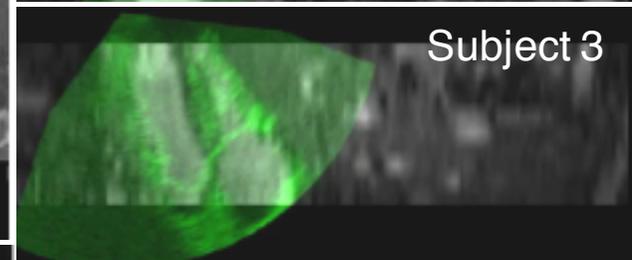
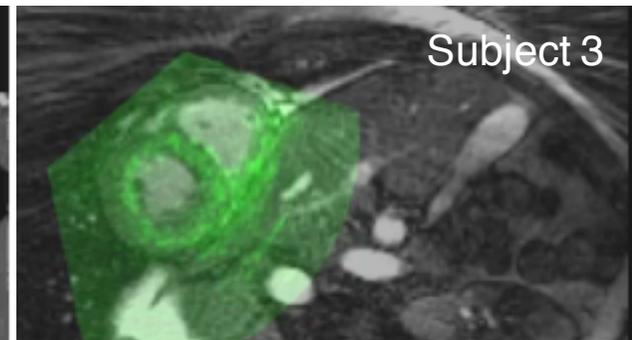
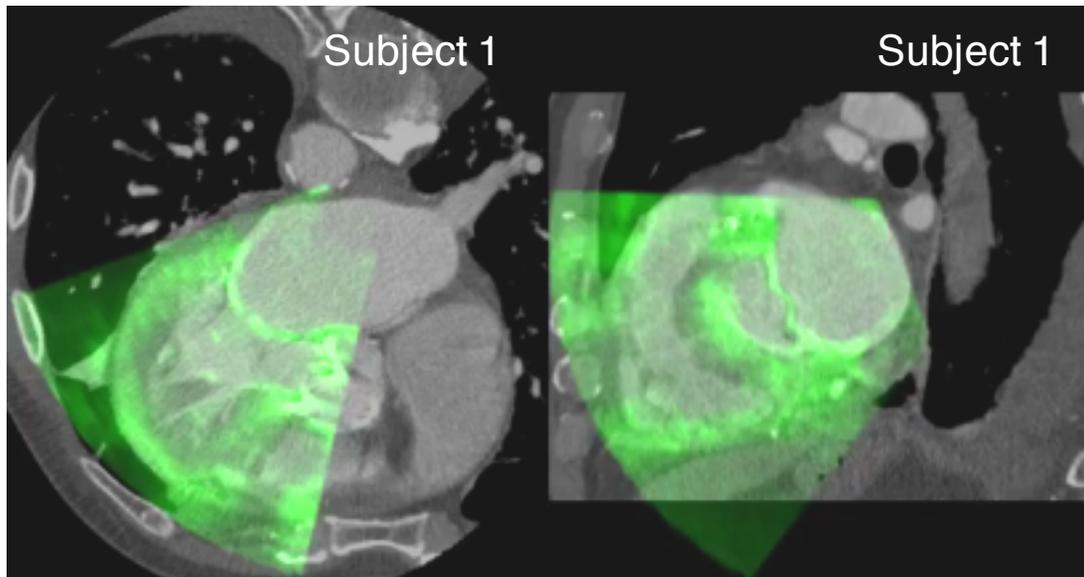
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~21s per image

~73s per image

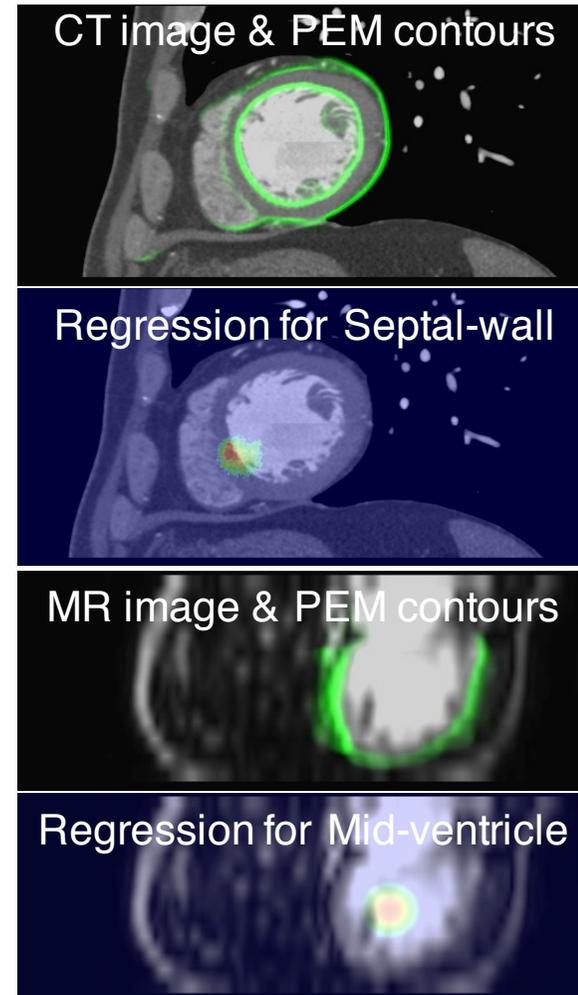
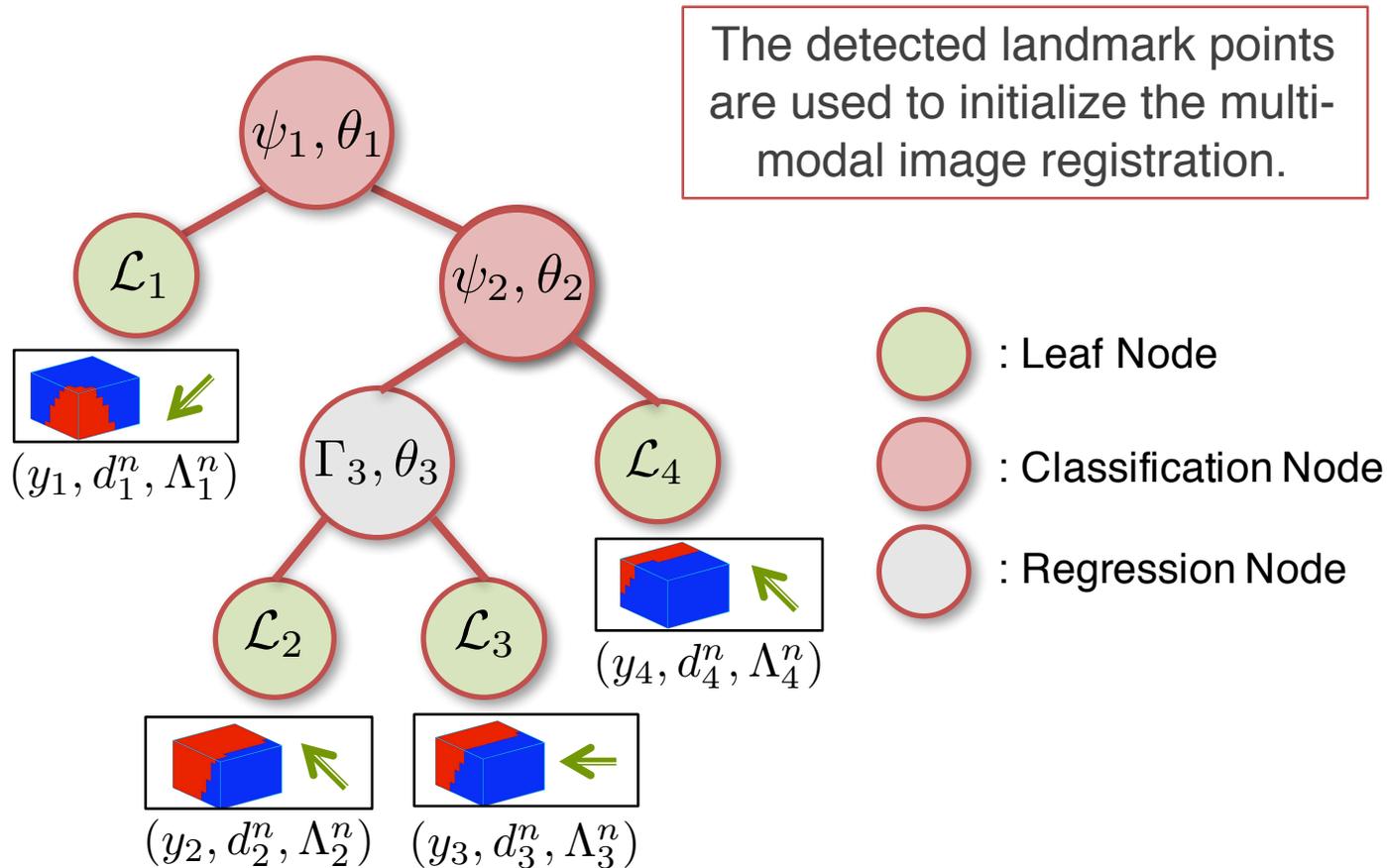
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# US/CT and US/MR Image Alignment Results





# Structured Regression Forest (SRF)

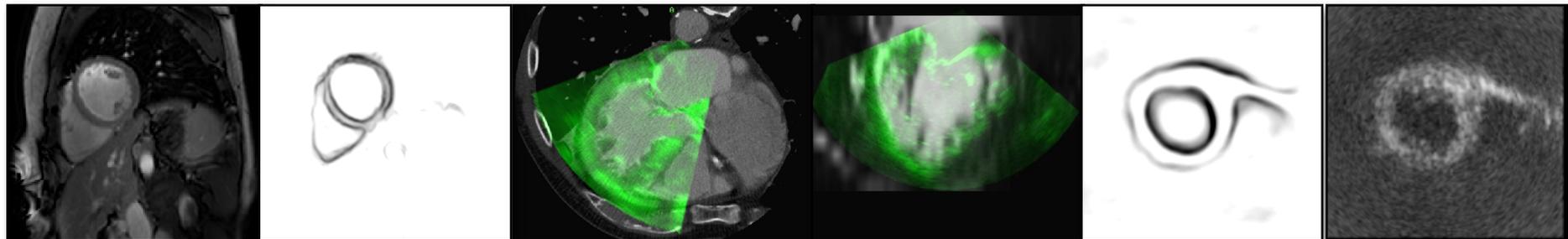


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