

# Segmentation d'Images Couleurs et Multispectrales de la Peau

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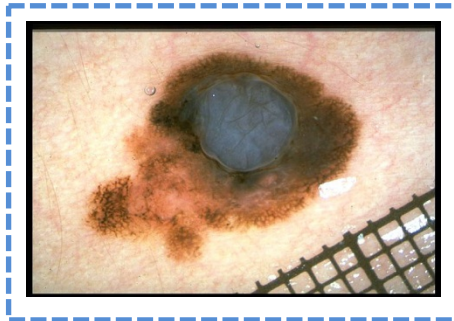
- **Conclusion and Perspectives.**

# What is melanoma and why early diagnosis vital ?

 **Melanoma** is the deadliest type of skin cancer.

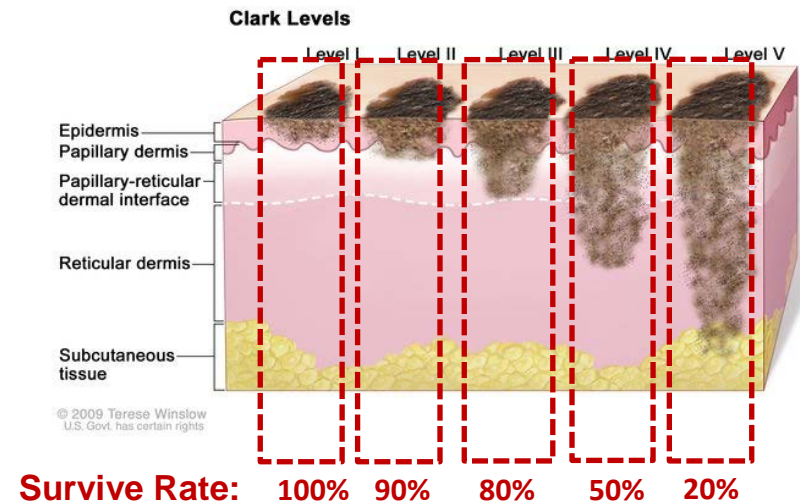


**Melanoma *in situ***  
(malignant)



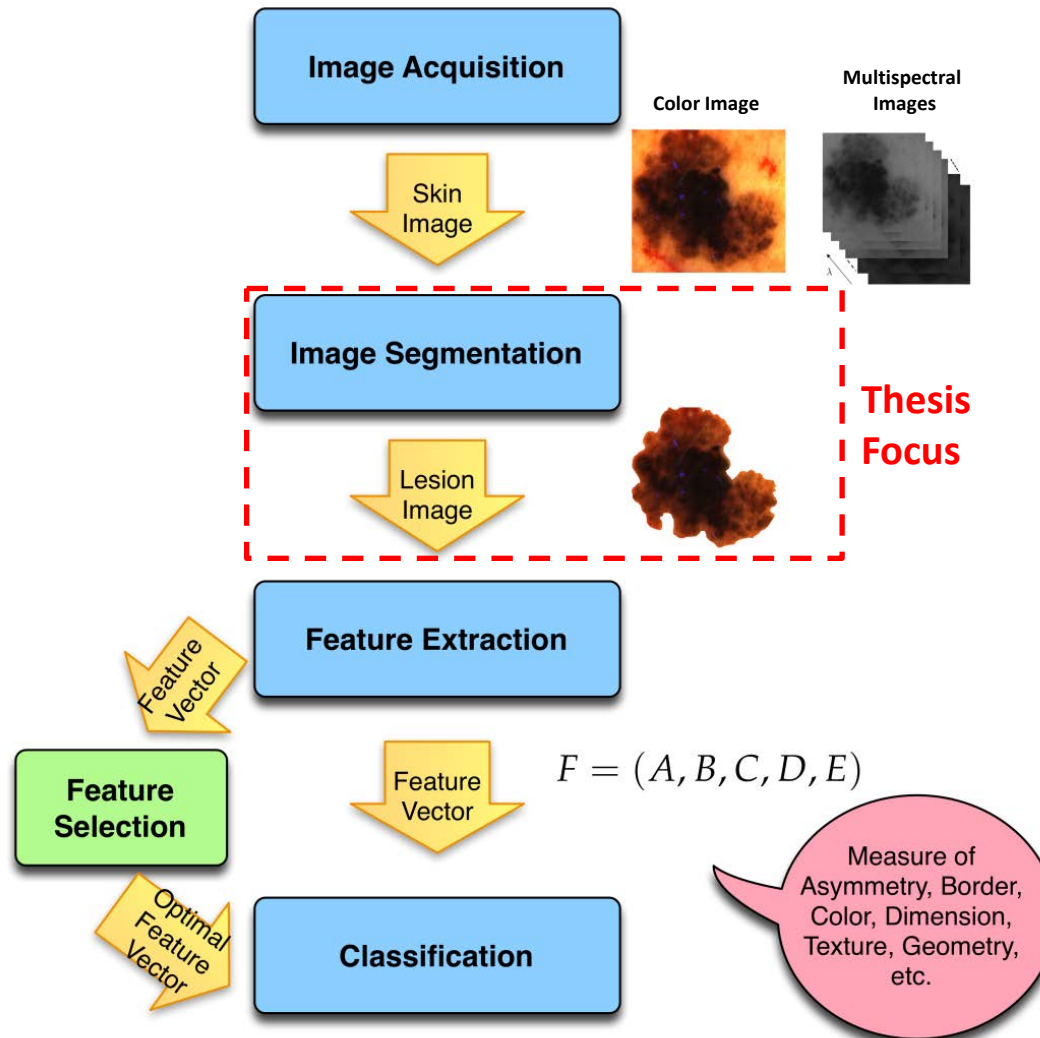
**Invasive Melanoma**  
(malignant)

✓ Prognostic Analysis: Clark Levels



# How to diagnose?

## ✓ Computer-Aided Diagnosis (CAD)





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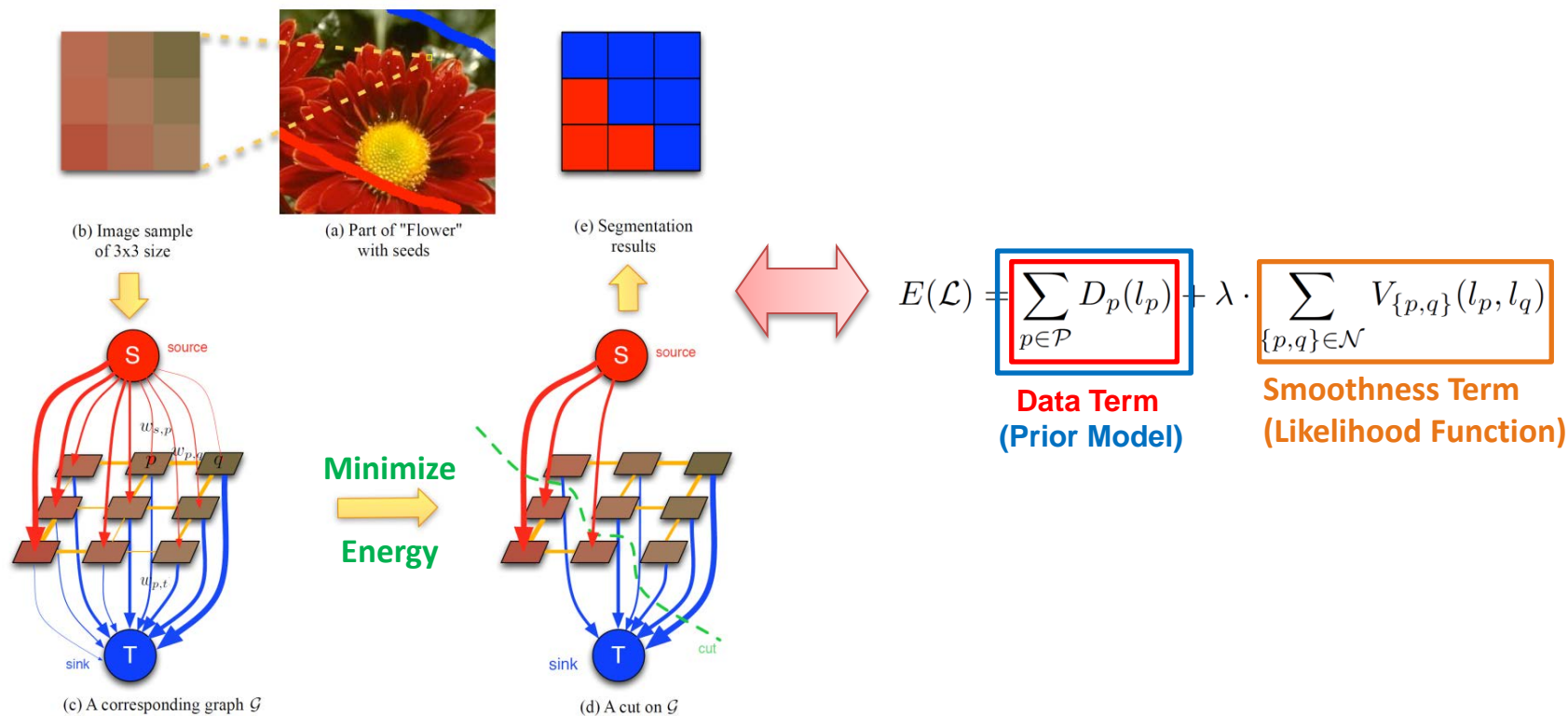
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# Graph cuts based segmentation



# State-of-the-art methods by graph cuts

## ➤ Boykov-Jolly's method:

$$D_p(l_p) = -\log \Pr(x_p | l_p) = -\log h(x_p; l_p) \quad \text{Gray/Color Histogram Model}$$

$$V_{\{p,q\}}(l_p, l_q) = \begin{cases} B_{p,q} & \text{if } l_p \neq l_q \\ 0, & \text{if } l_p = l_q \end{cases} \quad B_{p,q} \propto \exp\left(-\frac{(x_p - x_q)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{\text{dist}(p, q)} \quad \text{Penalty for Discontinuity}$$

## ➤ Lazy Snapping:

$$D_p(l_p) = \frac{d_p^{l_p}}{d_p^1 + d_p^0} \quad \begin{aligned} d_p^O &= \min_i \|\mathbf{x}_p - \mathbf{m}_i^O\| \\ d_p^B &= \min_j \|\mathbf{x}_p - \mathbf{m}_j^B\| \end{aligned} \quad \text{Kmeans Clustering: Distance from observed data to foreground/background cluster center}$$

$$V_{\{p,q\}}(l_p, l_q) = \frac{|l_p - l_q|}{\|\mathbf{x}_p - \mathbf{x}_q\|^2 + 1}$$

## ➤ GrabCut:

Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM)

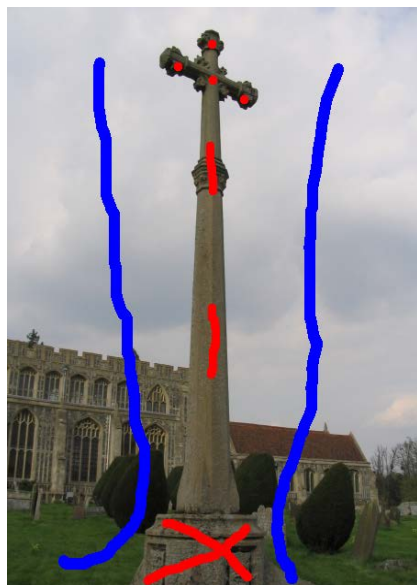
$$D_p(l_p, k_p) = -\log \Pr(\mathbf{x}_p | l_p, k_p) = -\log \pi_p(l_p, k_p) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_p; \boldsymbol{\mu}(l_p, k_p), \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(l_p, k_p))$$

$$V_{\{p,q\}}(l_p, l_q) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|\mathbf{x}_p - \mathbf{x}_q\|^2}{2\langle (\mathbf{x}_p - \mathbf{x}_q)^2 \rangle}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{\text{dist}(p, q)} \cdot \delta_{l_p \neq l_q}$$



# Drawbacks of graph-cut segmentation and our solutions

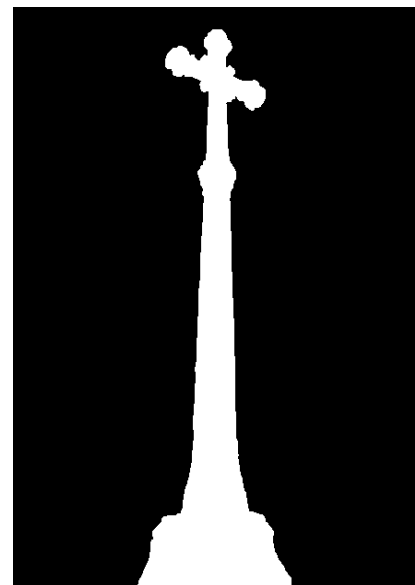
- Tuning of parameters  $\lambda$  and  $\sigma$ ;
- Hard constraints  $\rightarrow$  Soft constraints;
- Definition of data term  $\rightarrow$  color, texture, shape features;



Initialization



Segmentation



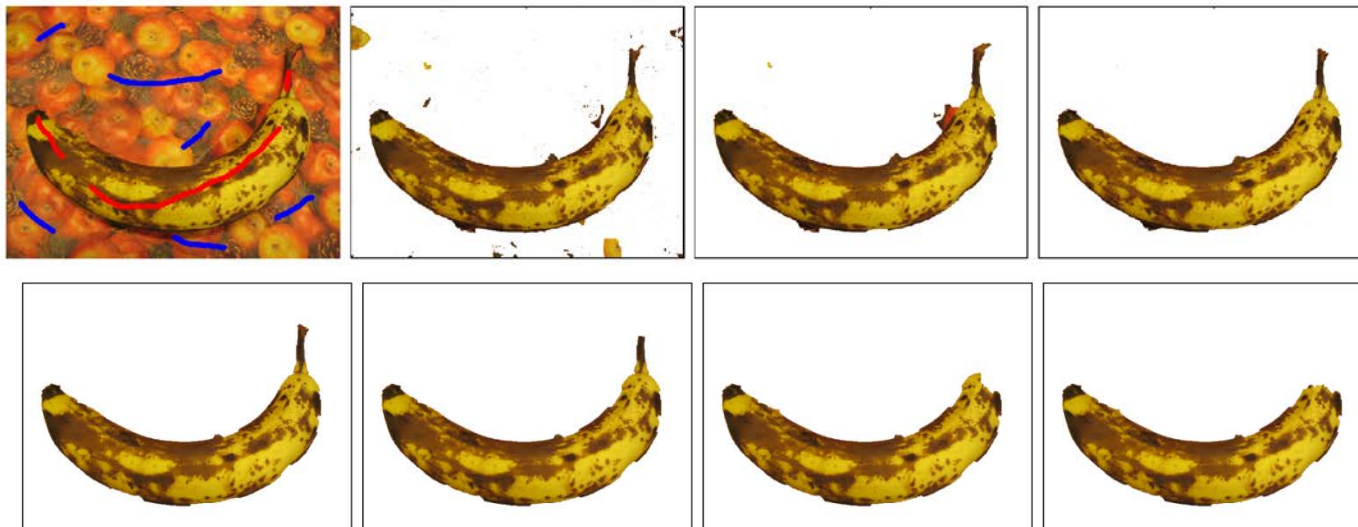
Ground Truth

- Selection of seeds  $\rightarrow$  Auto-Seeding for Melanoma.

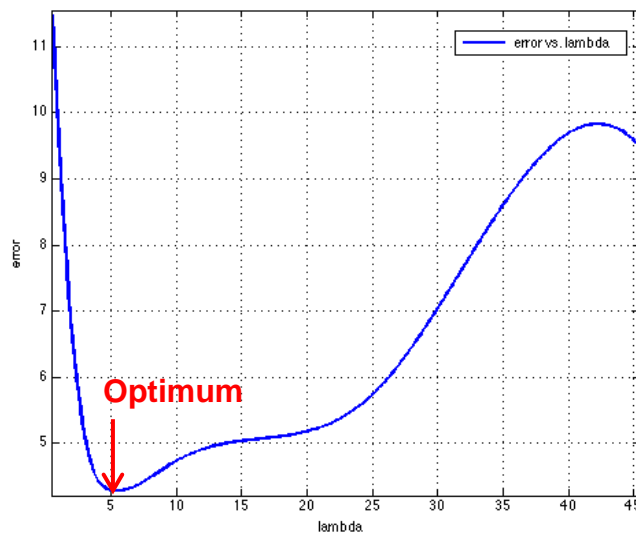


# Graph cut: influence of parameter $\lambda$

➤ Parameter  $\lambda$  (Balancing Coefficient)

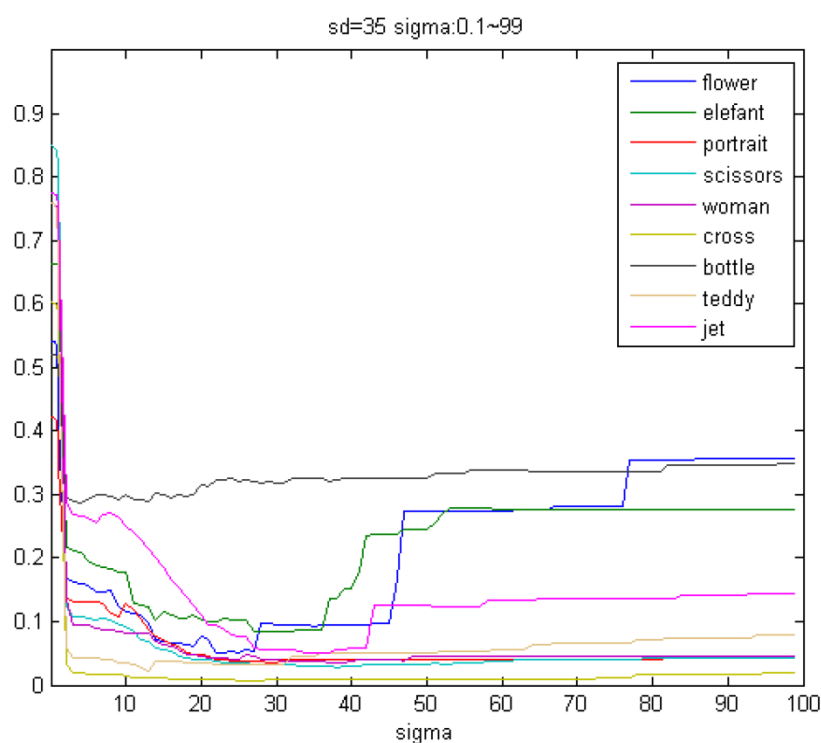
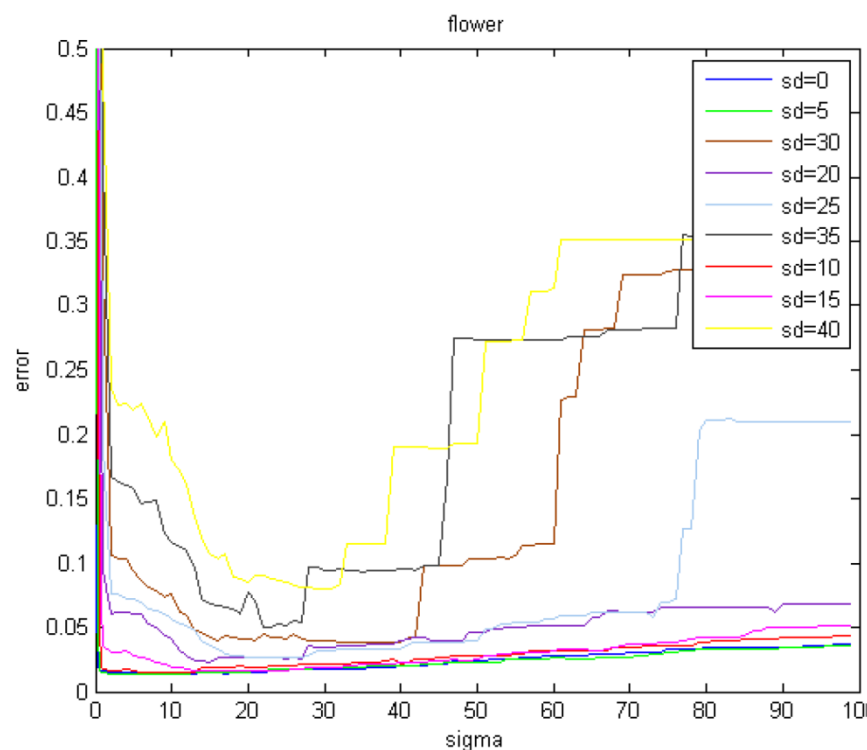


Increase of  $\lambda$



# Graph cut: influence of parameter $\sigma$

- Parameter  $\sigma$  in smoothness term of Boykov-Jolly approach
  - ✓ Experiments on error- $\sigma$  subject to different levels of Gaussian noise



$$\sigma = \sqrt{\langle (I_p - I_q)^2 \rangle}$$

# Graph cut: soft constraint vs. hard constraint?



Soft

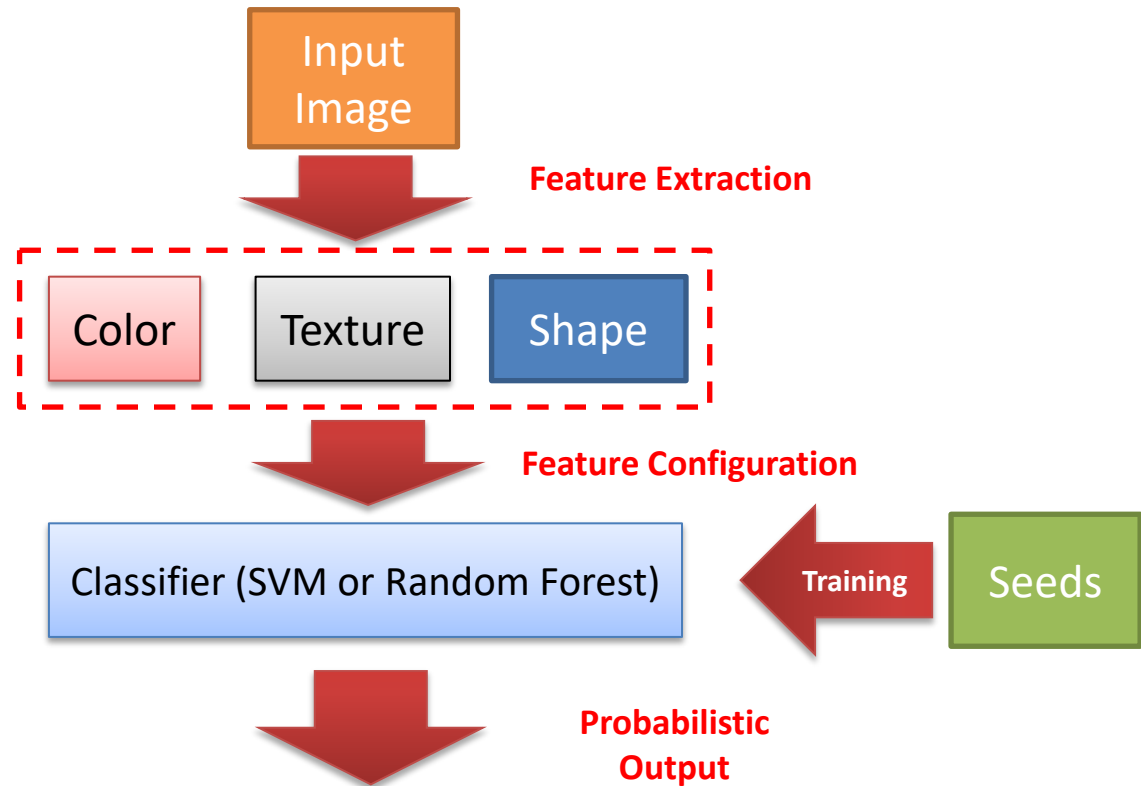


Hard



# Data term

Schematic of our proposed multi-feature based graph-cut segmentation



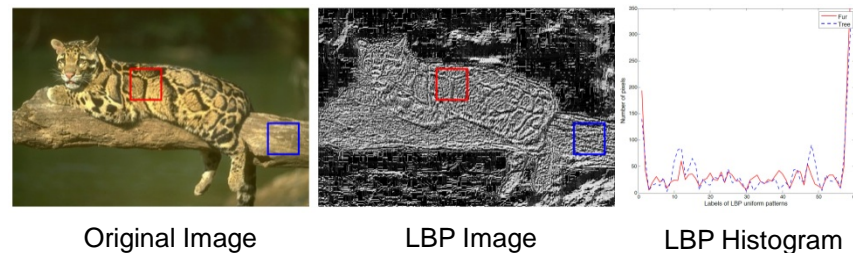
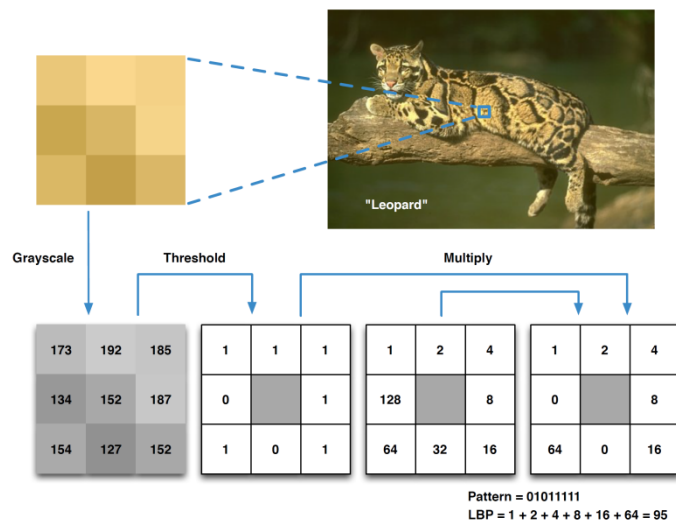
$$E(\mathcal{L}) = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} D_p(l_p) + \lambda \cdot \sum_{\{p, q\} \in \mathcal{N}} V_{\{p, q\}}(l_p, l_q)$$

**Data Term  
(Prior Model)**

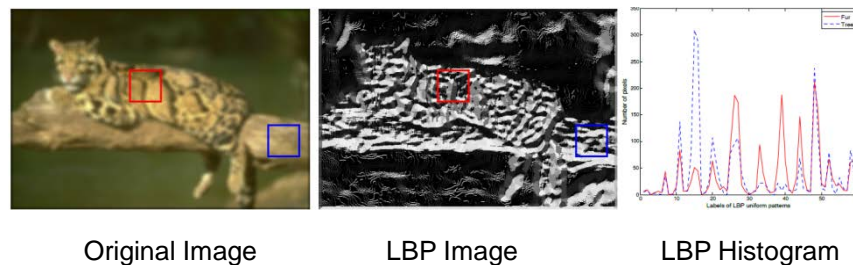
# Data term: texture feature

✓ Local Binary Pattern (LBP)

✓ Original LBP

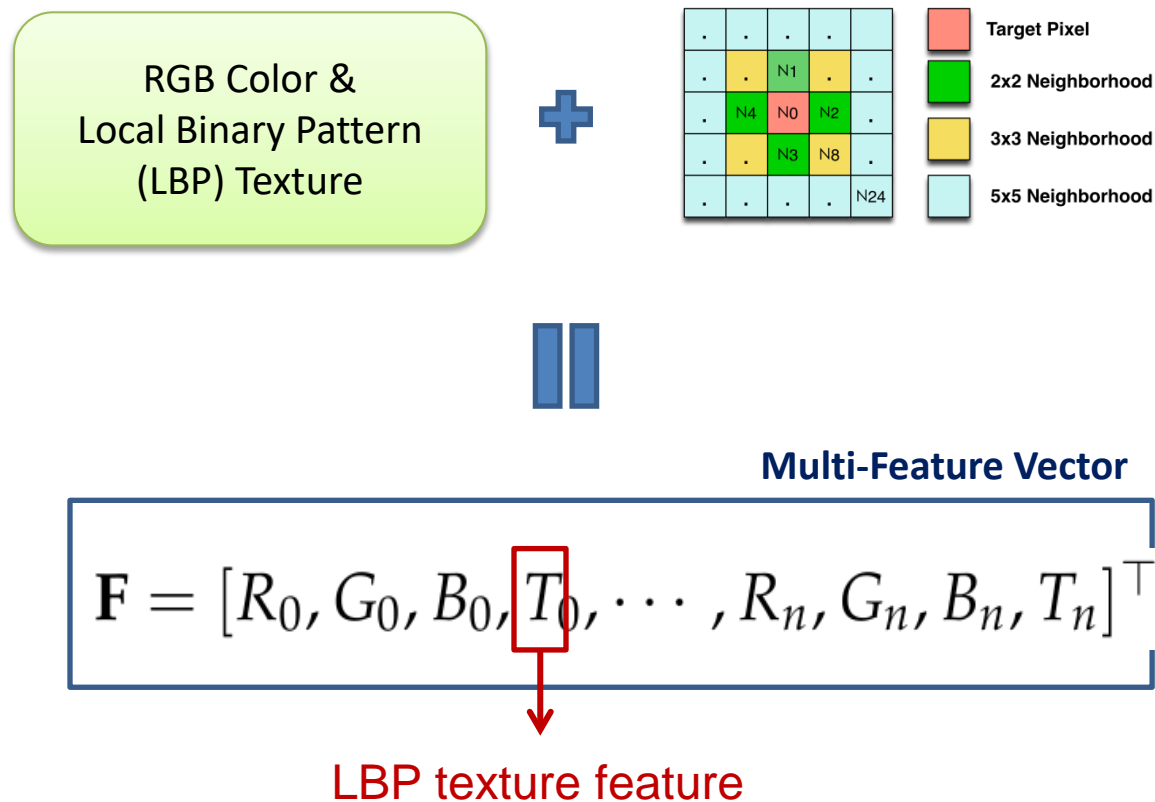


✓ With Gaussian Smoothing (GLBP)

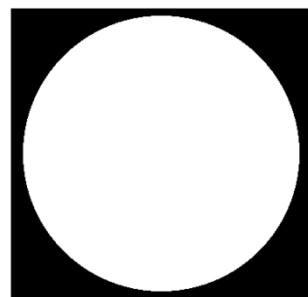
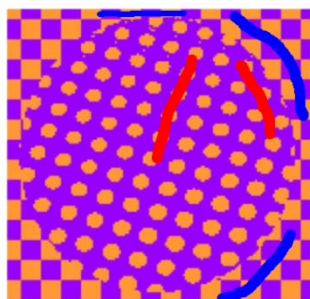


# Data term: shape feature

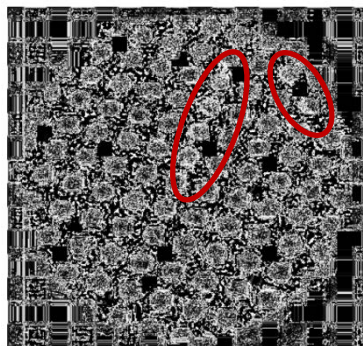
## ✓ Neighborhood Template



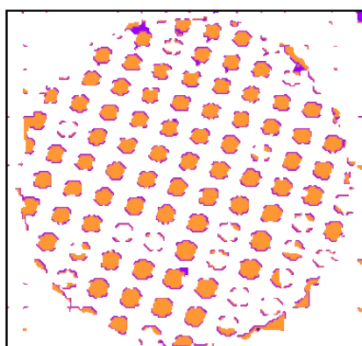
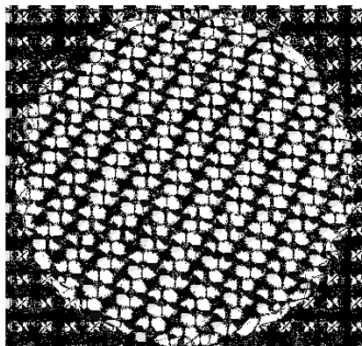
# Qualitative evaluation on synthetic texture image



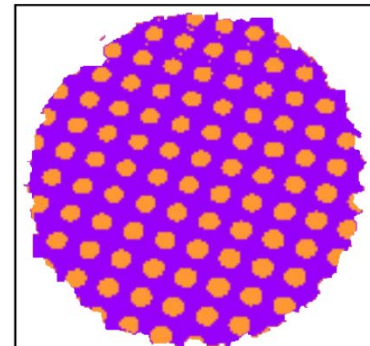
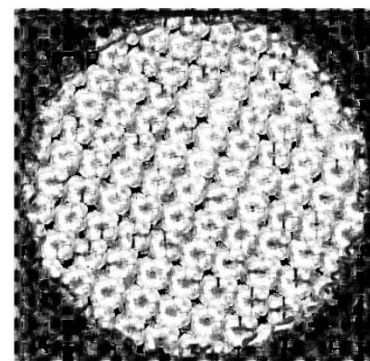
Color



GLBP



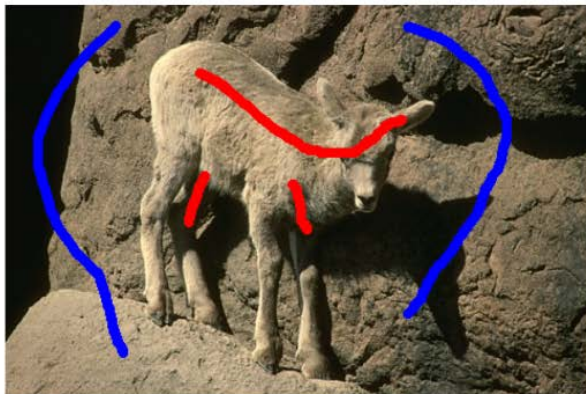
GLBP+Template



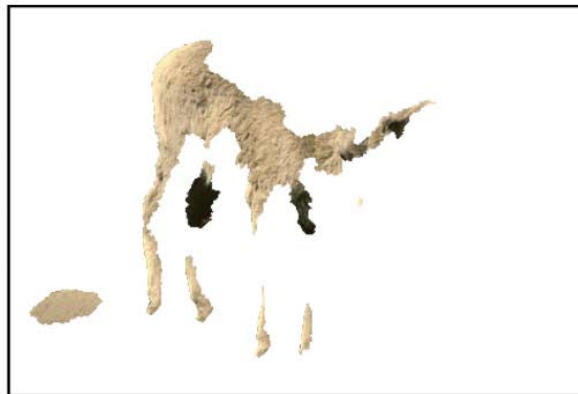
# Qualitative evaluation on natural color images

- ✓ Comparison of different combination of features on different images

Image with Seeds



Color



Color+Template



Color+GLBP+Template





# Quantitative evaluation on natural color images

✓ Comparison of different combination of features measured by error rate

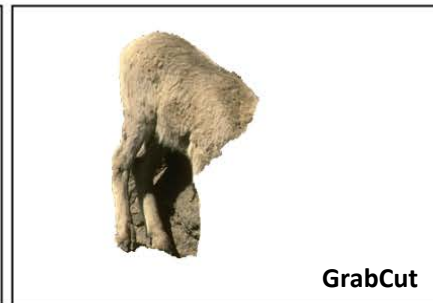
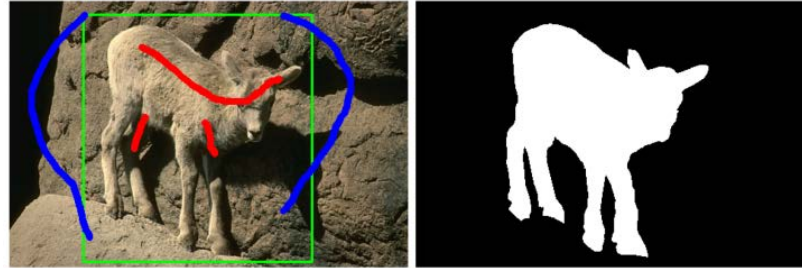
Input image	Feature	Color	Color + LBP	Color + GLBP	Color+Temp	Color + LBP+Temp	Color + GLBP+Temp
	Classifier						
Leopard	SVM	50.99	46.07	42.75	12.86	12.31	<b>11.84</b>
	RF	13.32	14.40	14.15	16.17	<b>13.40</b>	15.60
Swimmer	SVM	27.24	17.76	26.98	15.40	14.62	<b>13.10</b>
	RF	14.17	14.23	<b>13.99</b>	20.29	20.94	16.58
Cross	SVM	127.78	107.92	109.20	70.59	<b>6.53</b>	23.23
	RF	15.43	12.90	12.50	4.00	<b>3.99</b>	4.04
Grave	SVM	84.92	84.91	27.54	33.94	<b>8.40</b>	23.48
	RF	7.28	<b>7.11</b>	6.67	8.39	8.29	7.61
Plane	SVM	14.60	14.65	14.53	<b>5.44</b>	10.19	10.21
	RF	18.97	11.32	22.48	18.73	18.48	<b>6.78</b>
Japanese	SVM	17.53	10.08	12.25	<b>1.66</b>	2.85	2.82
	RF	2.89	2.87	2.13	1.94	1.63	<b>1.52</b>
Sheep	SVM	62.92	66.40	57.63	25.88	27.87	<b>20.66</b>
	RF	55.92	48.65	44.64	47.23	45.36	<b>29.56</b>
Boat	SVM	36.86	36.84	36.84	144.98	15.11	<b>9.64</b>
	RF	<b>10.65</b>	10.76	10.84	12.40	12.37	12.40

Blue color highlights the best performance by either **SVM** or **RF**



# Qualitative evaluation on natural color images

- ✓ Comparison of our approach against state-of-the-art methods



# Quantitative evaluation on natural color images

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Error $\epsilon$ (%) \ Method	Boykov-Jolly	Lazy Snapping	GrabCut	Our approach
Texture	27.46	11.65	19.46	<b>3.81</b>
Leopard	37.22	55.95	47.16	<b>11.84</b>
Grave	20.63	10.89	<b>5.15</b>	7.61
Cross	75.81	18.43	57.82	<b>3.99</b>
Swimmer	16.25	<b>8.02</b>	165.20	13.10
Plane	15.59	19.00	38.10	<b>6.78</b>
Japanese	6.33	5.29	3.58	<b>1.52</b>
Sheep	55.23	70.97	51.43	<b>20.66</b>
Birds	19.05	18.64	25.50	<b>10.82</b>
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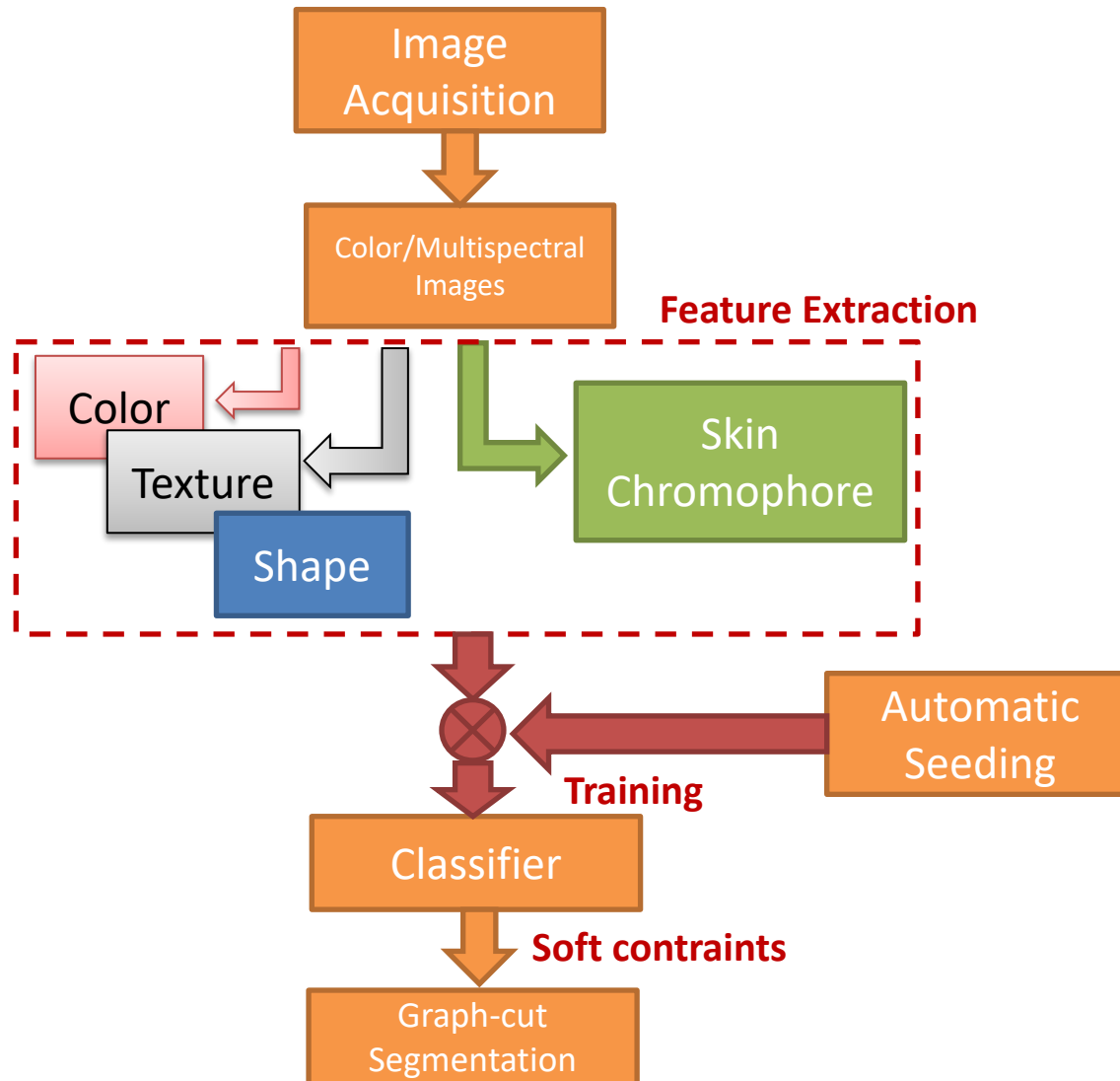
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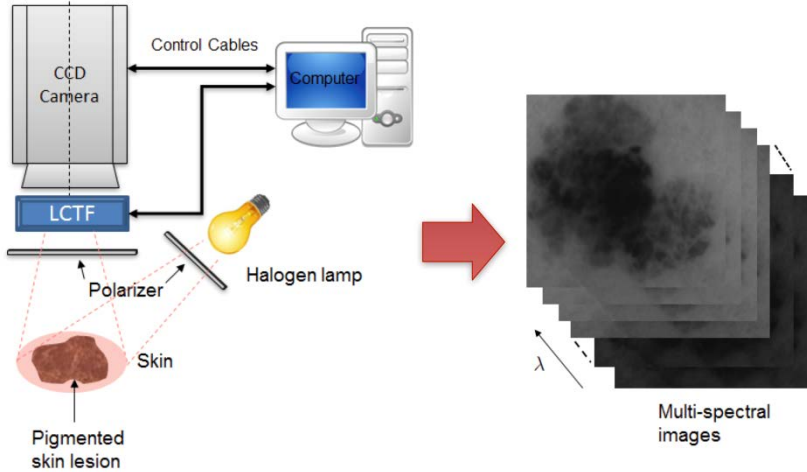


# Schematic of segmentation of melanoma



# Skin images

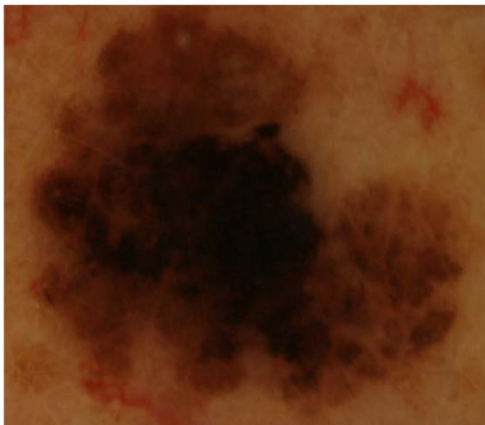
- Multispectral Image Acquisition:



Multi-spectral images of melanoma (469x436 pixels) at 26 wavelength sampled equally from 450 nm to 700 nm.

- Pre-Processing: Calibration
  - ✓ Removal of Inhomogeneities of illumination
  - ✓ Validate the reproducibility of spectral reflectance of skin.

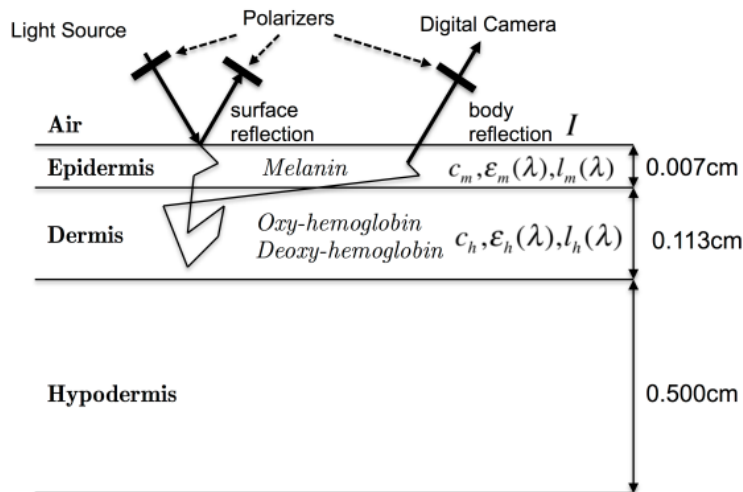
- RGB color image



$$R(\lambda) = \frac{S(\lambda) - D}{S_{\text{ref}}(\lambda) - D}$$

# Skin Structure & Optical Property

## Schematic of optical pathway in a 3-layered skin model



Based on *Beer-Lambert Law*, absorbance of skin model can be expressed for each pixel of skin image as:

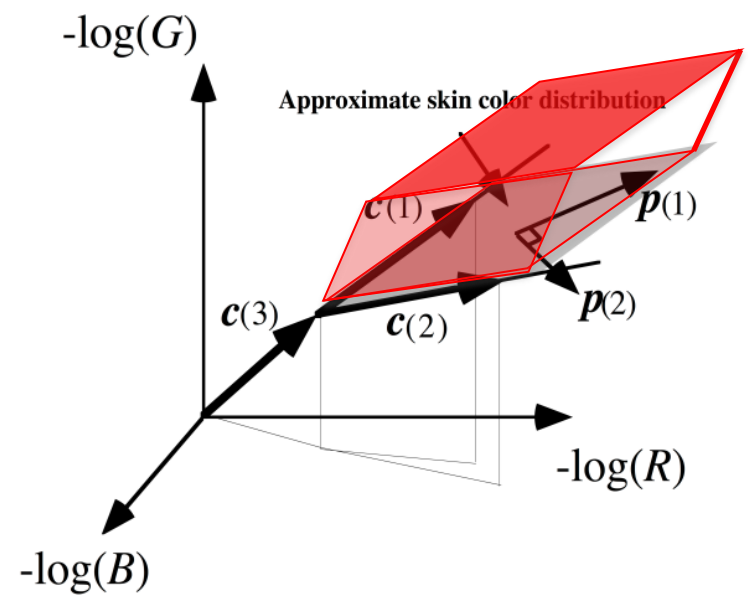
$$A(\lambda) = \log(1/R(\lambda))$$

$$= \epsilon_{\text{HbO}_2}(\lambda)l_{\text{HbO}_2}(\lambda)c_{\text{HbO}_2} + \epsilon_{\text{Hb}}(\lambda)l_{\text{Hb}}(\lambda)c_{\text{Hb}} + \epsilon_{\text{Mel}}(\lambda)l_{\text{Mel}}(\lambda)c_{\text{Mel}}$$

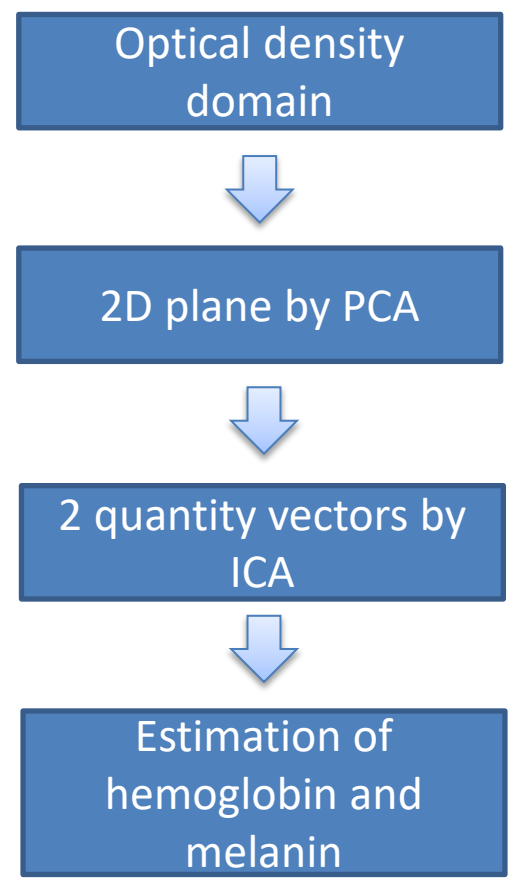


# Chromophore extraction: Image-processing based approaches

## RGB color space based (Tsumura's method):



Modification Version:  
SF<sup>2</sup> Method



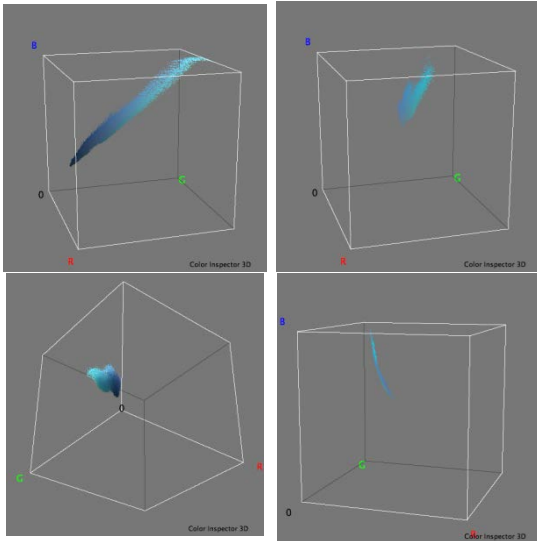




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## ✓ Weakness of Tsumura's method

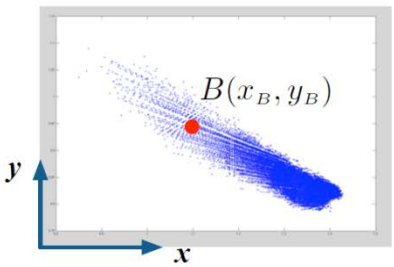
- Unrobust to variation of illumination;
- Lies in 3D surface where PCA inadequate;
- Valid only for small region of skin sample;



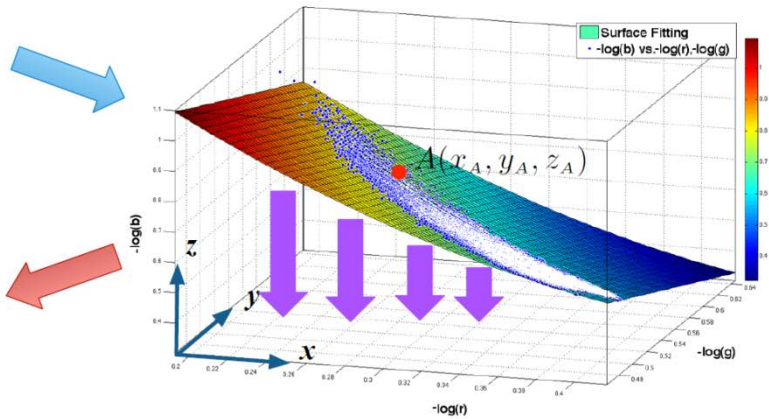
## ✓ Proposed Surface Fitting and Flattening (SF<sup>2</sup>) Method



(a) Input skin image with shadow



(c) Flattened 2-dimensional plane



(b) Logarithmic Nrgb color space

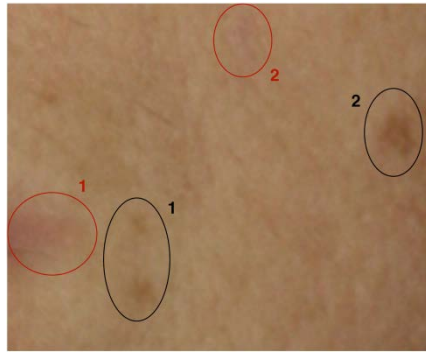


# Results: on small region of facial skin

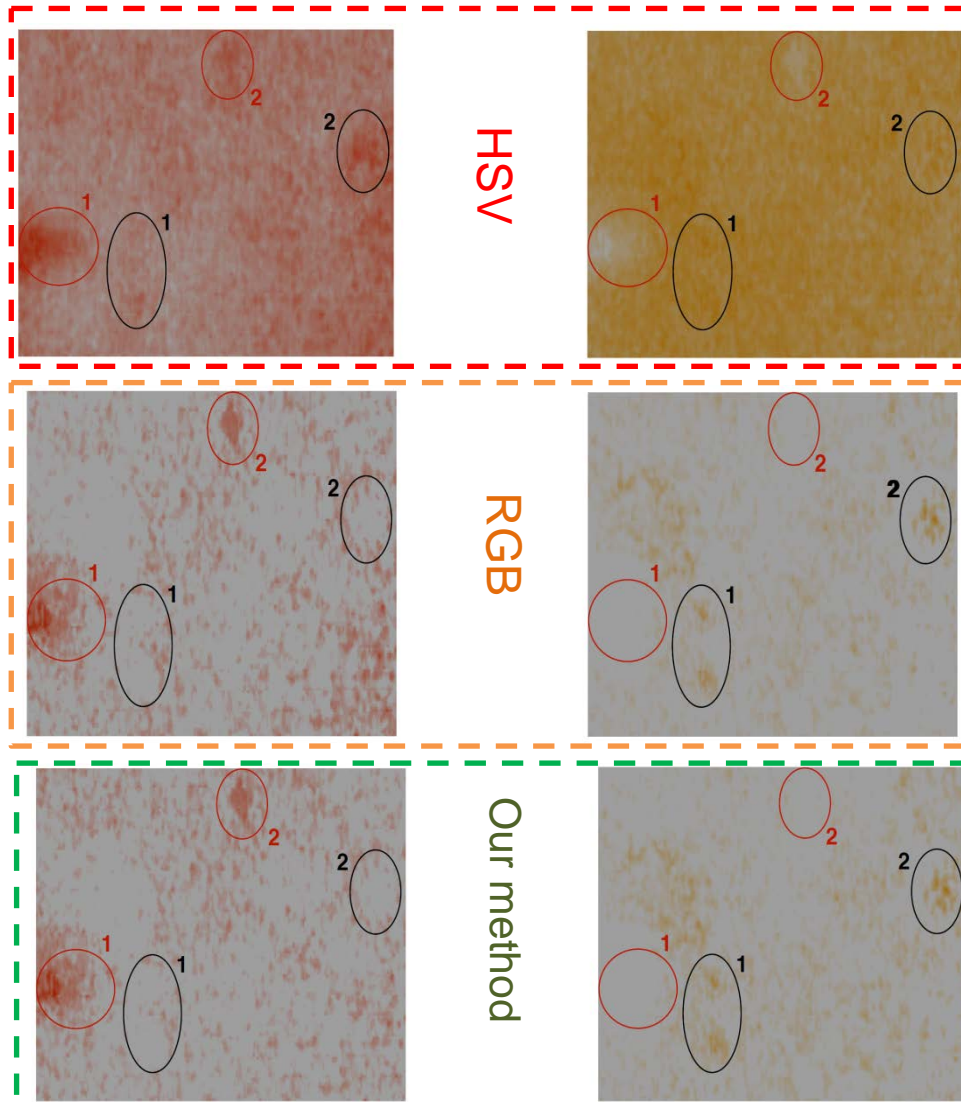
✓ Skin chromophore extraction results of small-region facial skin

 Lip and Pimple

 Freckles



Small region (313x257 pixels) of facial skin images



# Chromophore extraction: Physical-model based approaches on RGB and Multispectral images

$$\begin{bmatrix} \log(1/\mathbf{R}(\lambda_1)) \\ \vdots \\ \log(1/\mathbf{R}(\lambda_m)) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{\text{HbO}_2}(\lambda_1) & \epsilon_{\text{Hb}}(\lambda_1) & \epsilon_{\text{Mel}}(\lambda_1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \epsilon_{\text{HbO}_2}(\lambda_m) & \epsilon_{\text{Hb}}(\lambda_m) & \epsilon_{\text{Mel}}(\lambda_m) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c}_{\text{HbO}_2} \\ \mathbf{c}_{\text{Hb}} \\ \mathbf{c}_{\text{Mel}} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Matrix}} \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}$$

➤ Mixing matrix **A** is unknown:

✓ Blind Source Separation (BSS) based methods (e.g. NMF)

➤ Mixing matrix **A** is given by tabulated extinction coefficient of three chromophores:

✓ Proposed Model-Fitting approach:

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}_{\text{tabulate}}^{-1} \mathbf{X}$$

Color Image

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{A}_{\text{tabulated}}} \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{A}_{\text{tabulated}} \mathbf{S}\|^2$$

Subject to:  $\mathbf{S} \geq 0$

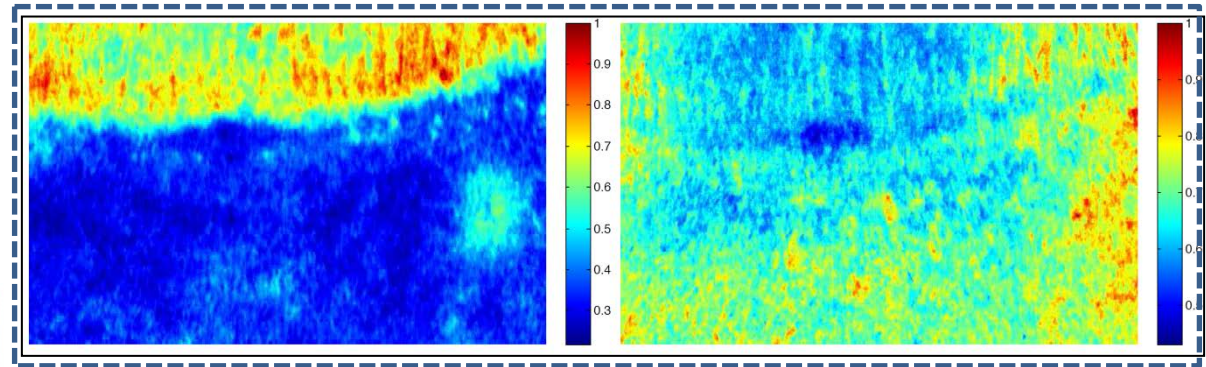
Multispectral Image

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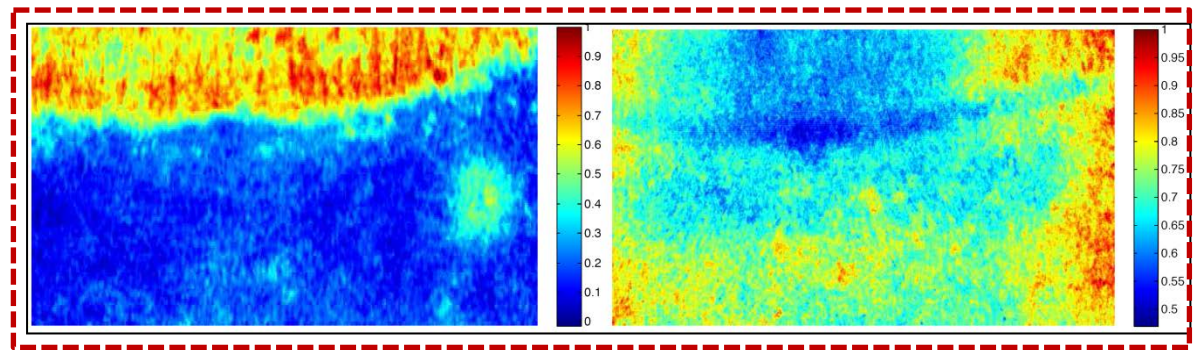
- Based on the dermatologic knowledges:
  - higher hemoglobin and lower melanin for lip and pimple



Lip and Pimple



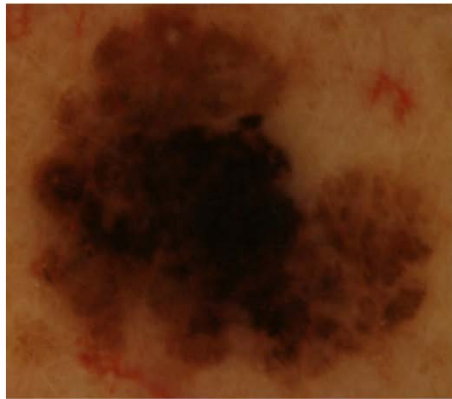
NMF



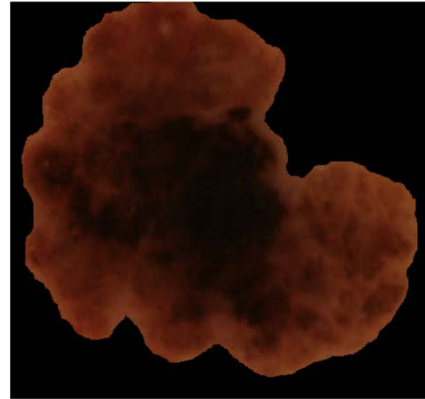
Model Fitting

# Quantitative evaluation on color melanoma image

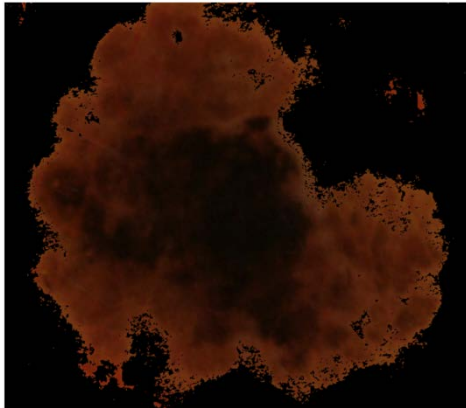
- ✓ Graph-cut based segmentation using RGB color+melanin+hemoglobin



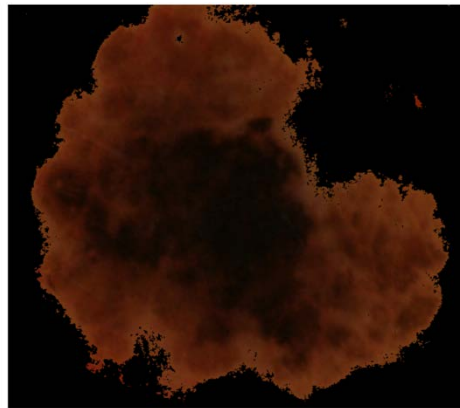
Melanoma



Manual Segmentation



NMF



Model-Fitting

Method \ Criterion	Model-Fitting	NMF
DSC	<b>0.982</b>	0.967
FNR	0.013	0.044
FPR	<b>0.023</b>	0.024



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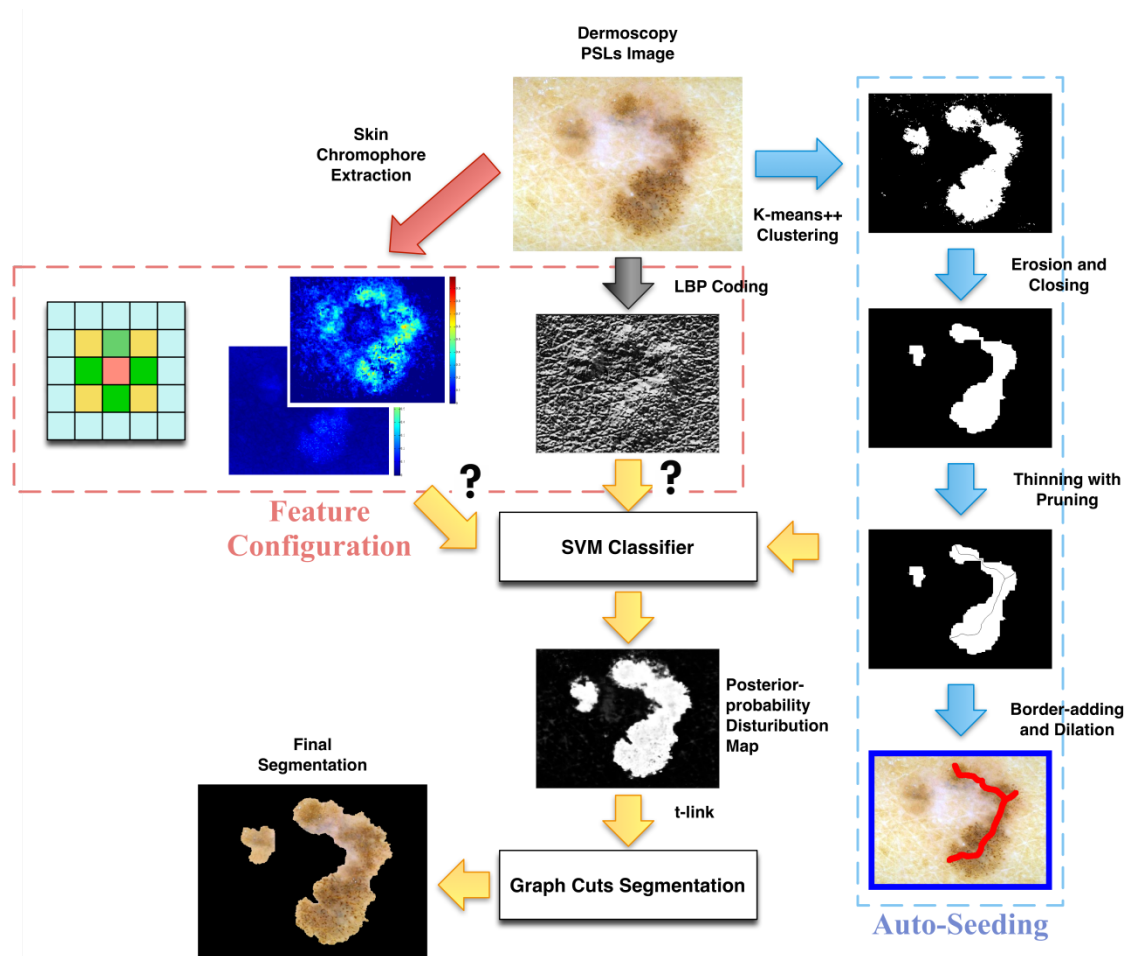
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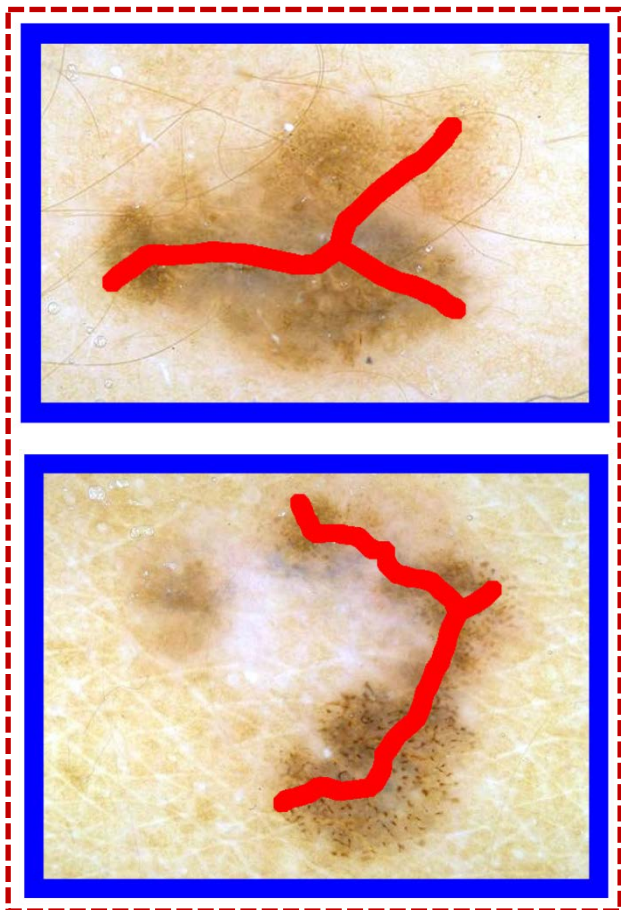
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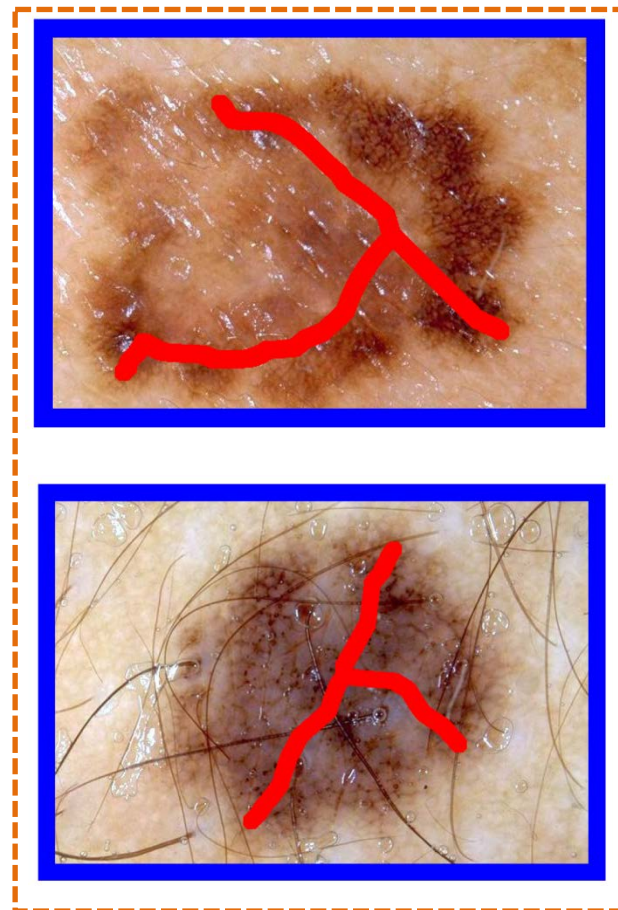
# Auto-Seeding Results

✓ Examples of Auto-Seeding results:

ambiguous border



Artifacts







## *Results of the Automatic PSLs segmentation on dermoscopic images*

- ✓ Experiments on dermoscopic PSLs images
  - 100 dermoscopic PSLs images (768X512) from a dermoscopy atlas
  - 30 for training the parameter  $\lambda$ , 70 for testing
  - 3 metrics for quantitative evaluation;



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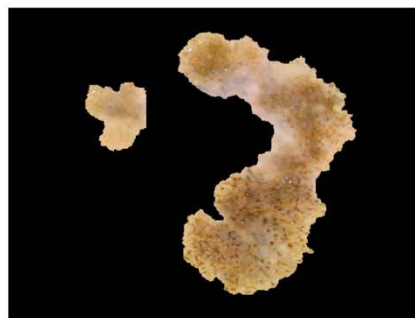
- ✓ Comparison of the proposed approach against classic graph-cut based methods:



Melanoma



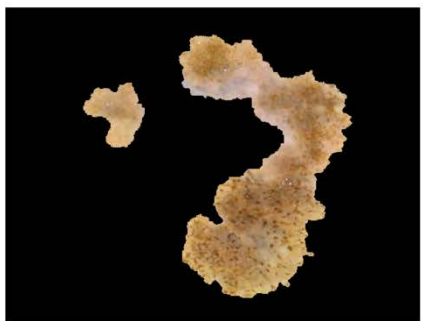
Manual Segmentation



Color+Chromophore



Color



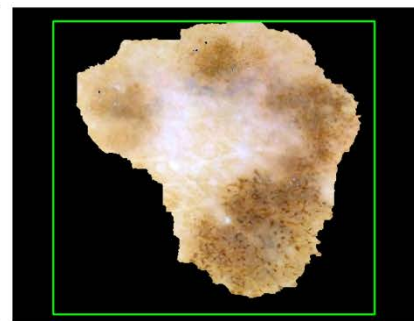
Color+GLBP



Lazy Snapping



Boykov-Jolly



GrabCut

# Automatic PSLs segmentation on dermoscopic images

- ✓ Quantitative evaluation of our proposed APS framework with different combination of features against other classic graph-cut based segmentation

Approach \ Criterion	DSC		Error $\epsilon$		Precision		Recall	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Color	91.19	4.24	16.05	6.59	98.98	1.99	84.91	7.59
Color+LBP	91.41	3.89	15.70	6.47	98.74	2.02	85.69	7.68
Color+Chromo	<b>93.85</b>	<b>3.08</b>	<b>12.26</b>	<b>5.95</b>	98.36	1.68	88.27	7.56
LS	88.73	4.68	20.15	7.61	98.76	1.53	80.89	7.67
BKJ	88.70	5.00	20.13	7.90	<b>99.07</b>	<b>0.81</b>	80.66	8.14
GrabCut	87.90	9.90	29.97	32.39	84.37	16.45	<b>95.53</b>	<b>4.08</b>



# Overview

- **Motivation:**

Detection of **Melanoma** with computer-aided diagnosis system;

- **Methodology:**

**Graph-cut** based image segmentation framework with “**soft**” **classification** and **visual features**;

- **Applications:**

**Segmentation of Melanoma** and Automatic PSLs Segmentation (**APS**) framework;

- Skin chromophore extraction
- Auto-Seeding

- **Conclusion and Perspectives.**



# Conclusion

## ✓ Contributions:

- Combining Classification Techniques and Graph-Cut Based Segmentation Framework
  - Definition of likelihood energy term (data term) by posterior classification of a classifier
  - Soft constraints
  - Construction of powerful feature vector
- Application to Skin Chromophore Extraction
  - Image based approach: Surface Fitting and Flattening (SF<sup>2</sup>) approach
  - Physical property based approach: Model-Fitting Approach
- Application to Melanoma Detection
  - Robust and accurate segmentation tool: Automatic PSLs Segmentation (APS) Framework
  - Automatic selection of seed region (Auto-Seeding)
  - Chromophore feature in feature configuration