

# A Comparative Evaluation of Interactive Segmentation Approaches

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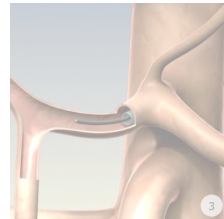
Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XBSfdDAEJ28>



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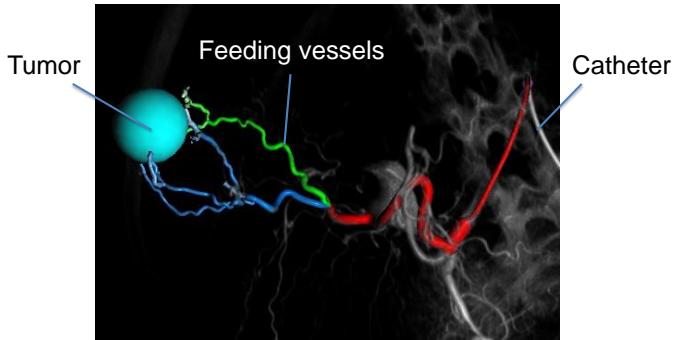
## Procedural steps

1. C-arm CT imaging and 3-D reconstruction during intervention
2. **accurate and fast lesion segmentation tool**
3. method to extract route from catheter tip to tumor



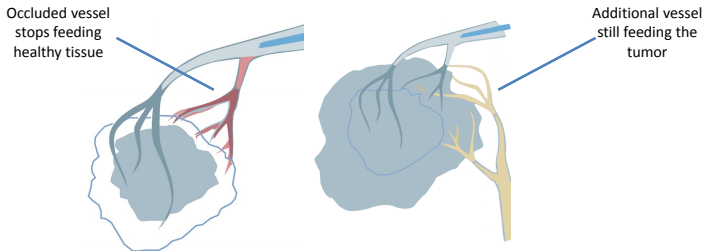
# Accuracy – Impact of Segmentation Quality

Why an exact segmentation?



Roughly segmented tumor and subsequently generated vessel tree

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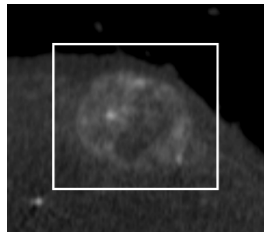
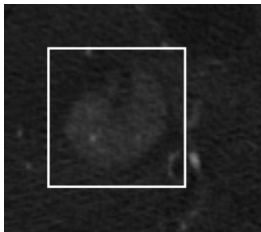
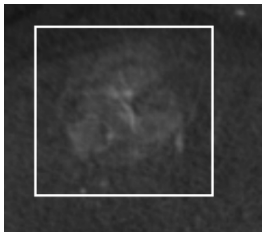


### Why an exact segmentation?

- segmented volume too big → healthy tissue gets occluded
- segmented volume too small → tumor growth unimpeded

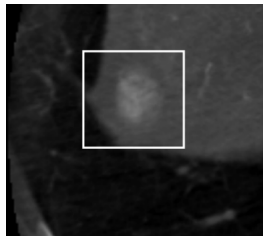
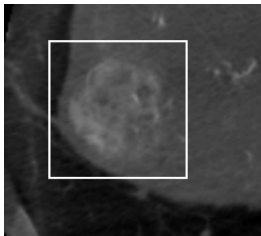
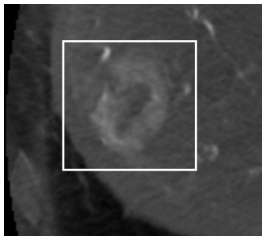
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- different intensity patches due to necrotic regions
- appearance of a tumor varies within different slices



# Interactive Segmentation

manual  
segmentation



fully automatic  
segmentation



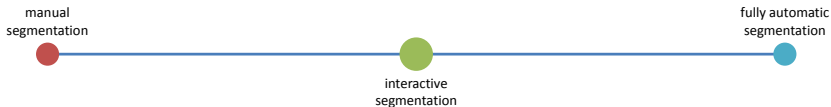
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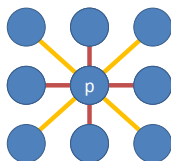
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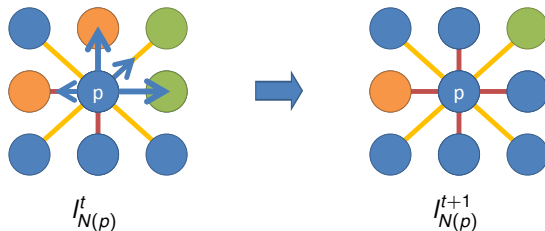
Initialization of  $GC = (Z^n, S, N, \delta)$

- voxel / cell space  $Z^n$
- state  $S \ni S_p = (I_p, \Theta_p, C_p), p \in Z^n$ 
  - class label  $I_p$
  - cell strength  $\Theta_p$
  - feature vector  $C_p$
- neighborhood system  $N$ 
  - von Neumann  $\rightarrow$  6-voxel neighborhood in 3-D
  - Moore  $\rightarrow$  26-voxel neighborhood in 3-D
- transition rule  $\delta$



$$\delta_t(S^t) = \delta_t(I^t, \Theta^t, C^t) = (I^{t+1}, \Theta^{t+1}, C^t) = S^{t+1}$$

## GrowCut Segmentation



**Conquer** cell  $q \in N(p)$  if  $g(p, q) \cdot \Theta_p^t > \Theta_q^t$ , where

$$g(p, q) = 1 - \frac{\|C_p - C_q\|}{C_{\max}} \in [0, 1]$$

then update cell strength  $\Theta_q^{t+1} = g(p, q) \cdot \Theta_p^t$

# Popular Segmentation Quality Metrics

Metrics with an optimum at zero ( $\text{metric}(x, x) := 0$ )

Abbreviation	Range	Goal	Name
ASSD	$\geq 0$	0	average symmetric surface distance
HD	$\geq 0$	0	Hausdorff distance
MSE	$\geq 0$	0	mean squared error
RAVD	$\pm n\%$	0	relative absolute volume difference

## Popular Segmentation Quality Metrics (cont'd)

Metrics with an optimum at one ( $\text{metric}(x, x) := 1$ )

Abbreviation	Range	Goal	Name
ARI	$\in [-1, 1]$	1	Rand index adjusted for chance
COMPL	$\in [0, 1]$	1	completeness score (not symmetric $\rightarrow$ homogeneity)
DICE	$\in [0, 1]$	1	Sørensen-Dice coefficient
HOM	$\in [0, 1]$	1	homogeneity score (not symmetric $\rightarrow$ completeness)
MI	$\in [0, 1]$	1	normalized mutual information score
OBJ_TPR	$\in [0, 1]$	1	true positive rate of distinct binary object detection
PRECISION	$\in [0, 1]$	1	precision
RECALL	$\in [0, 1]$	1	recall
ROC_AUC	$\in [0, 1]$	1	area under the receiver operating characteristic curve
V_MEASURE	$\in [0, 1]$	1	harmonic mean of homogeneity and completeness

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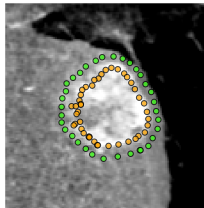
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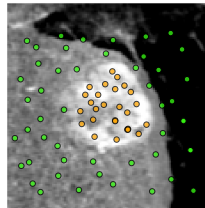
# Seed Point Generation

How to place seeds effectively? Moschidis et al. [1]

surface seeds



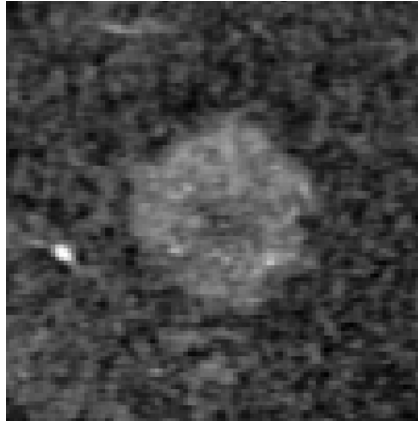
volume seeds



- (1) the more seeds the higher the segmentation quality
  - (2) volume seeds yield better results than surface seeds
- ⇒ for an evaluation, place volume seeds based on ground truth

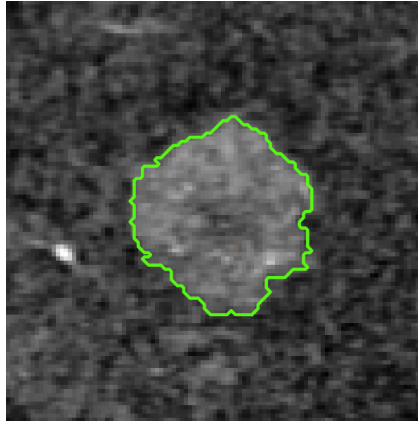


## Generate Seed Points Automatically from Ground Truth



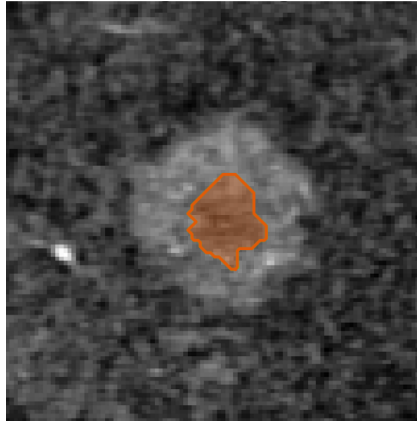
Volume of interest for lesion segmentation

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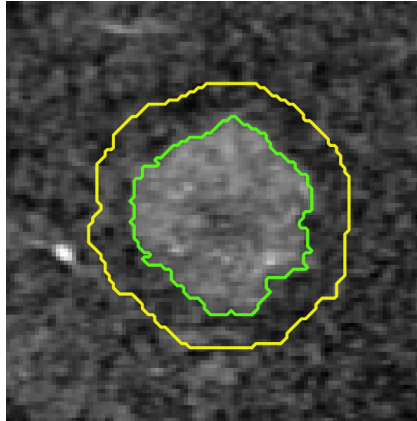
Ground truth (green contour line)

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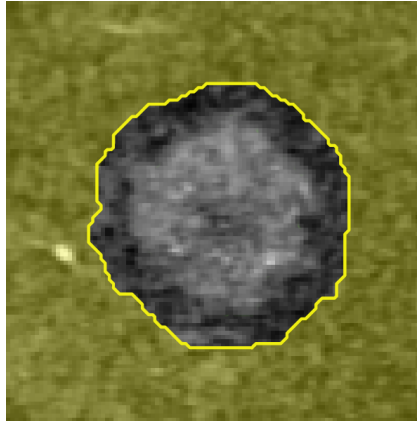
Eroded region utilized for foreground seed placement

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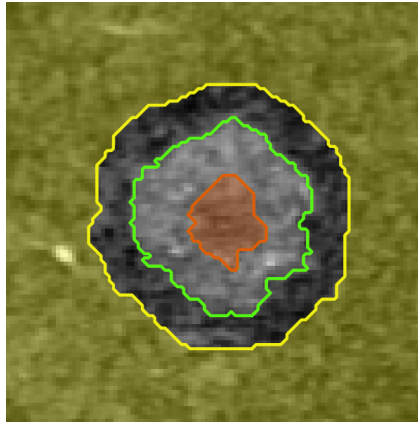
Dilated region (yellow contour line) from ground truth

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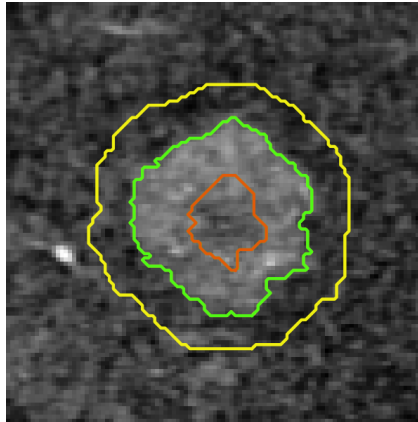
Dilated region utilized for background seed placement

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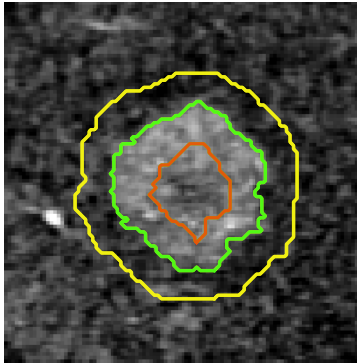
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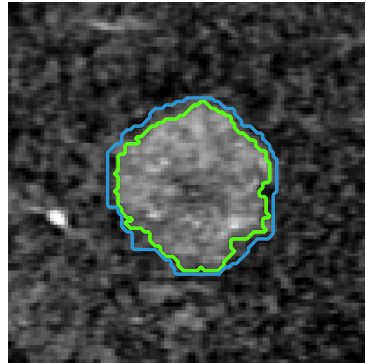


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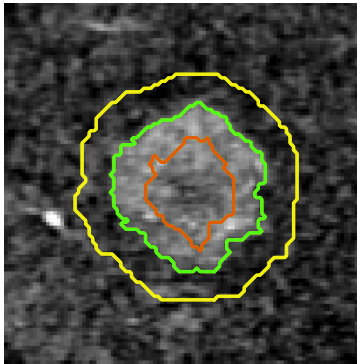
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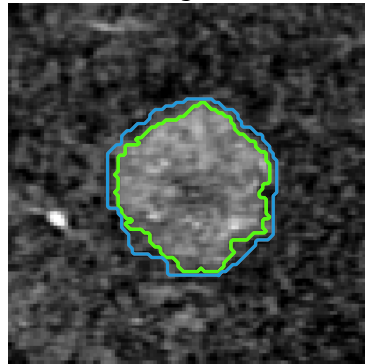
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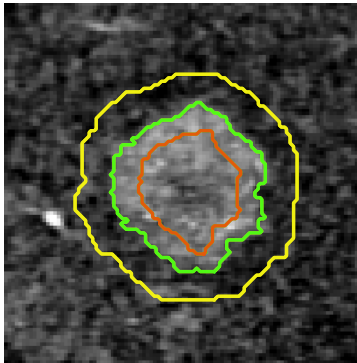
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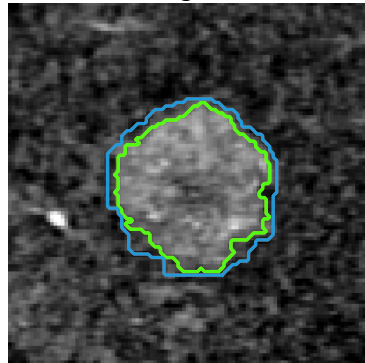
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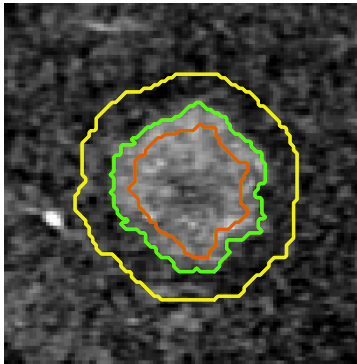
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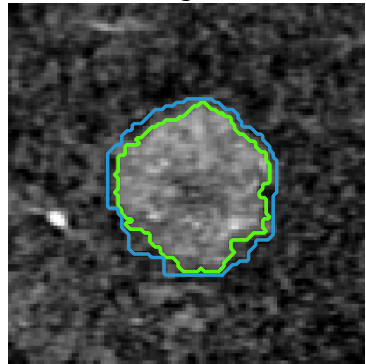
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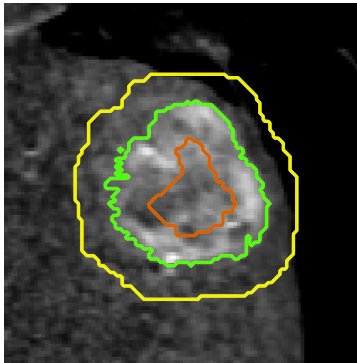
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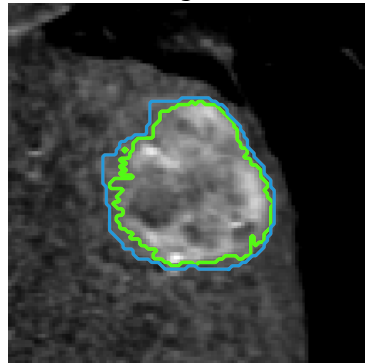
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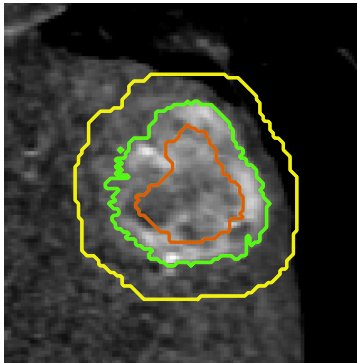
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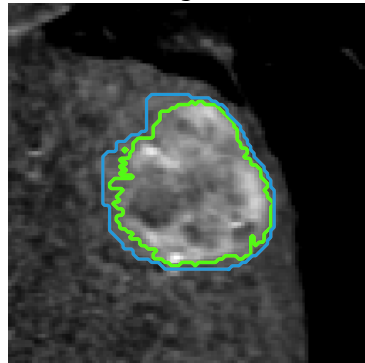
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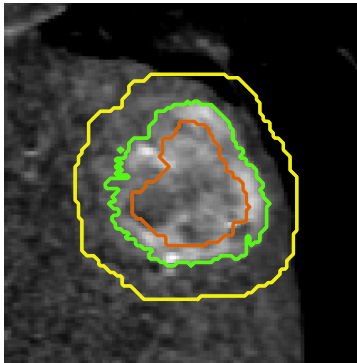
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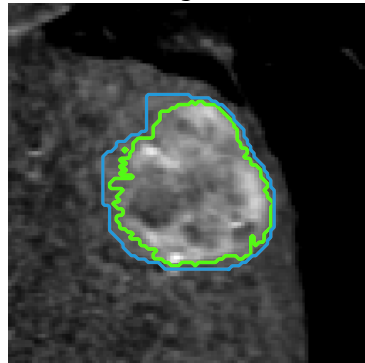
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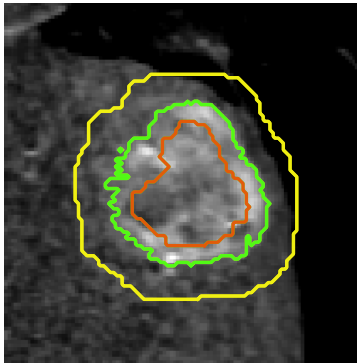
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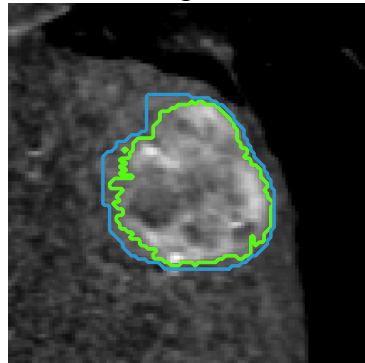
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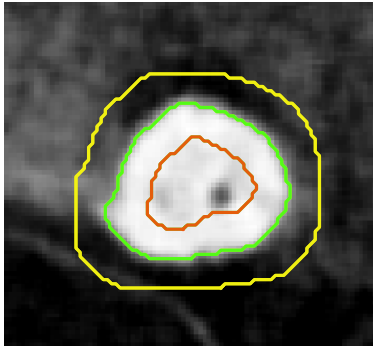


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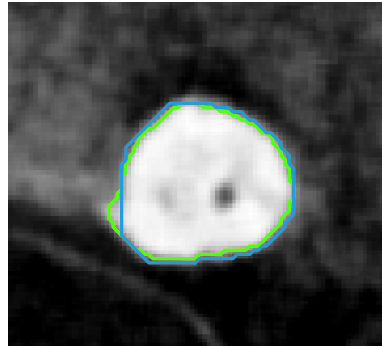


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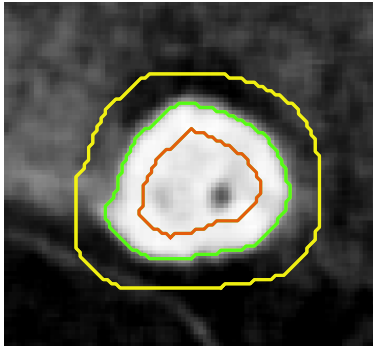
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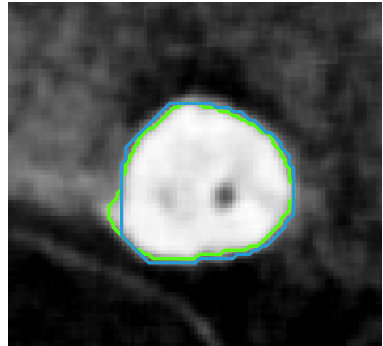
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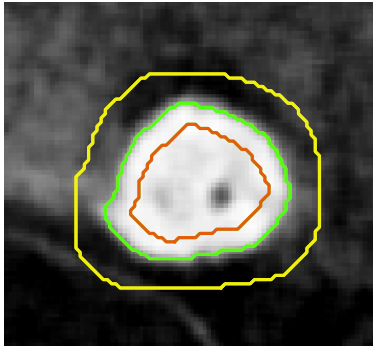
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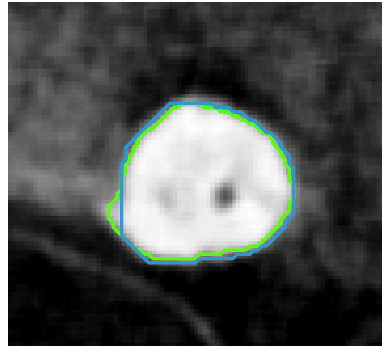
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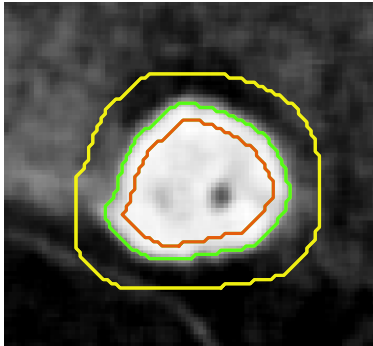
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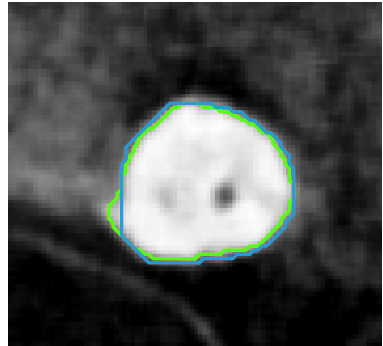
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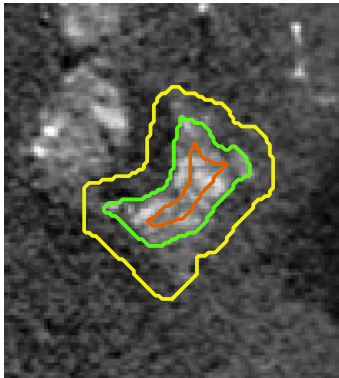
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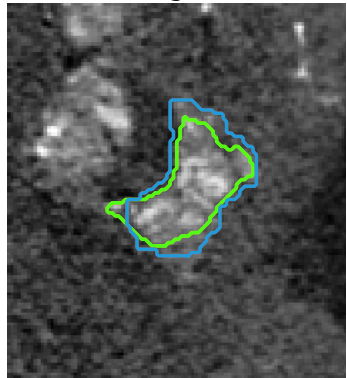
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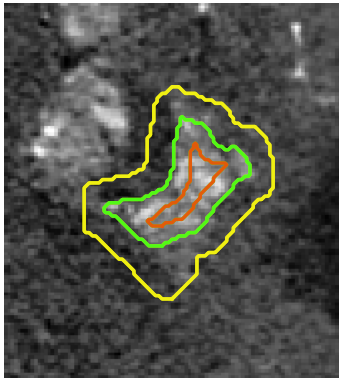
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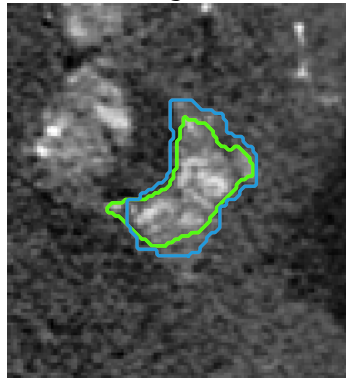
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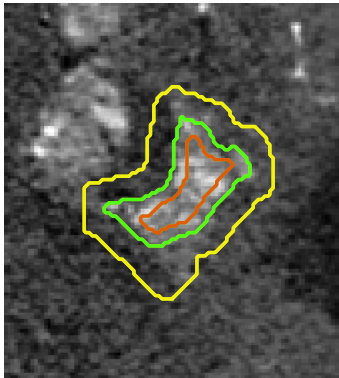
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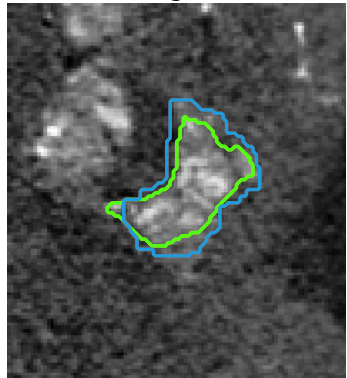
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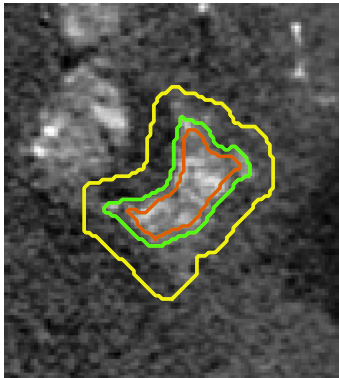
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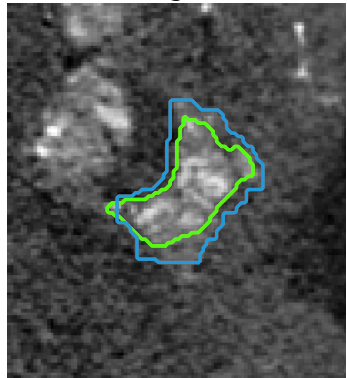
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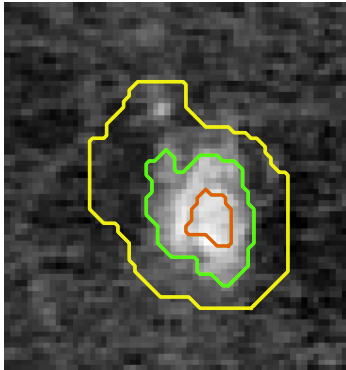


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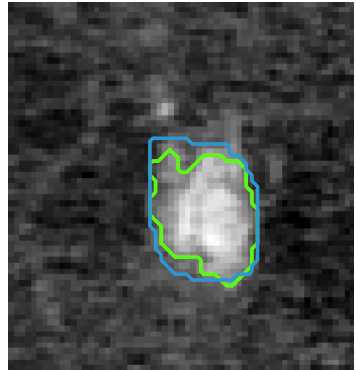


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GT and Seeds



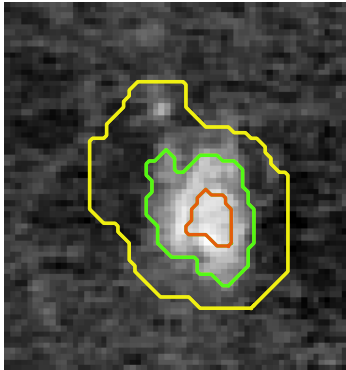
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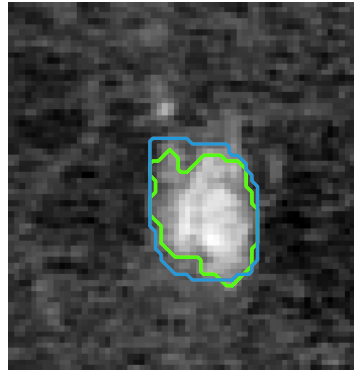
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## GrowCut – BG Seeds 200%, FG Seeds 30%

GT and Seeds



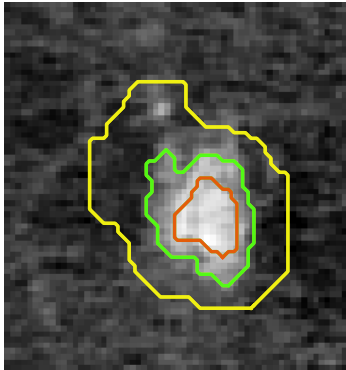
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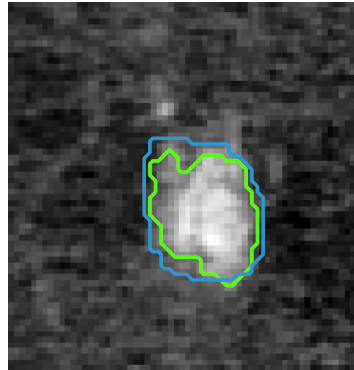
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GT and Seeds



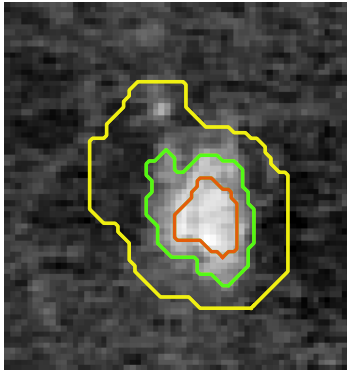
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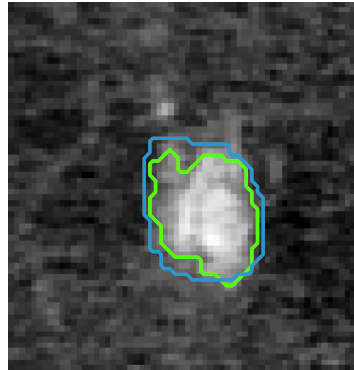
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GT and Seeds



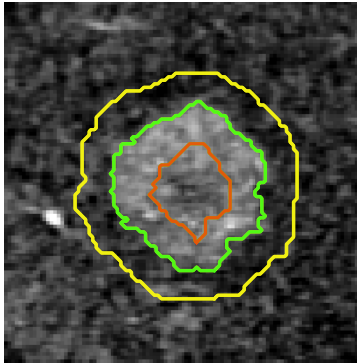
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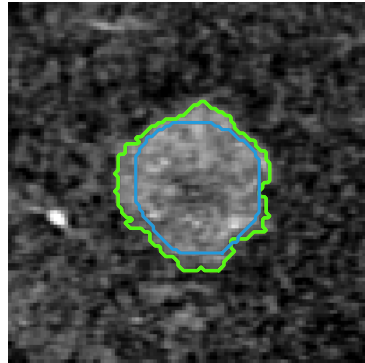
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## RandomWalker — BG Seeds 200%, FG Seeds 20%, $\beta$ 190, tol 1e-03

GT and Seeds



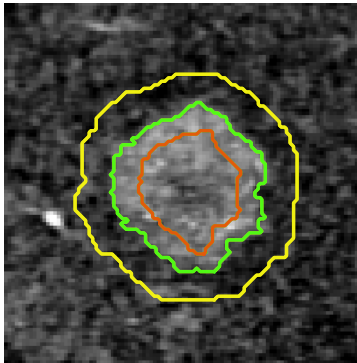
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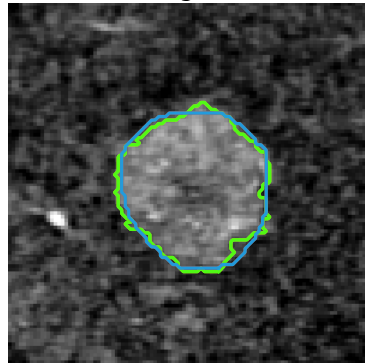
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## RandomWalker — BG Seeds 200%, FG Seeds 40%, $\beta$ 190, tol 1e-03

GT and Seeds



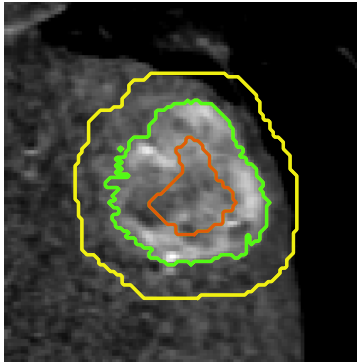
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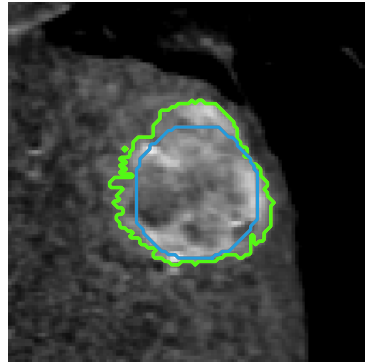
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## RandomWalker — BG Seeds 200%, FG Seeds 20%, $\beta$ 190, tol $1e-03$

GT and Seeds



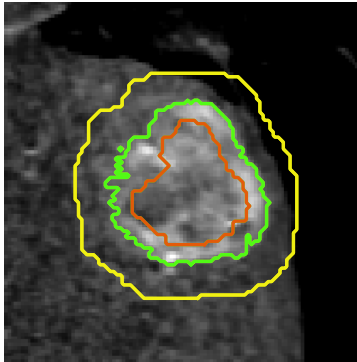
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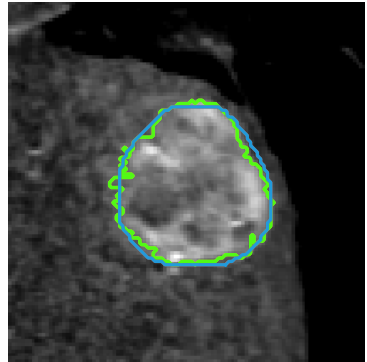
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GT and Seeds



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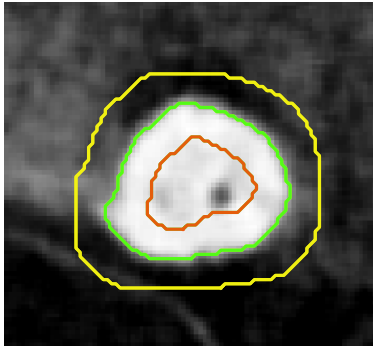


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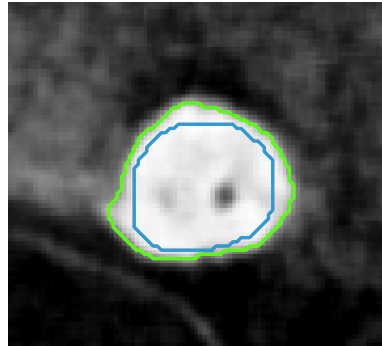


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GT and Seeds



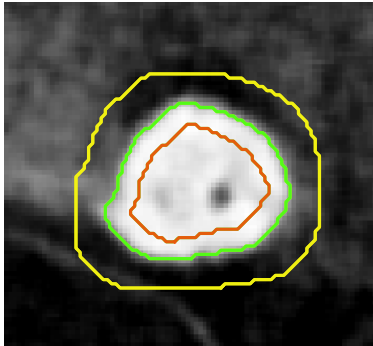
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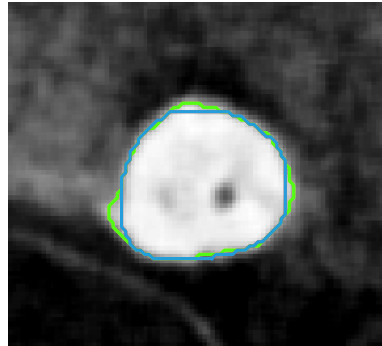
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## RandomWalker — BG Seeds 200%, FG Seeds 40%, $\beta$ 190, tol $1e-03$

GT and Seeds



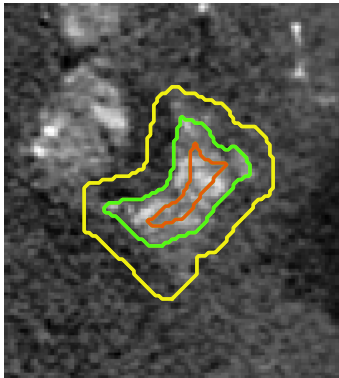
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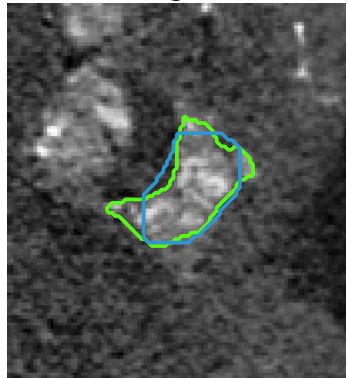
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GT and Seeds



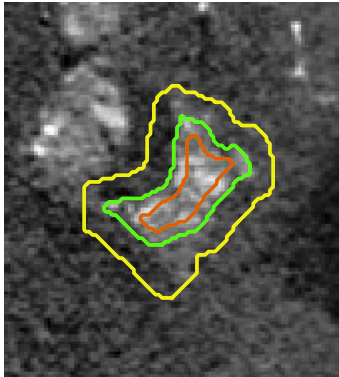
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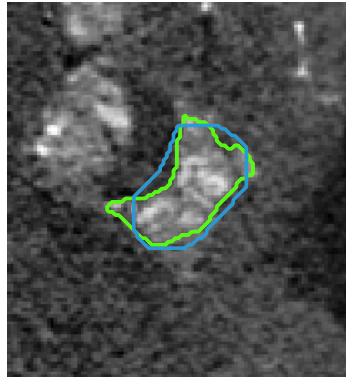
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## RandomWalker — BG Seeds 200%, FG Seeds 40%, $\beta$ 190, tol $1e-03$

GT and Seeds



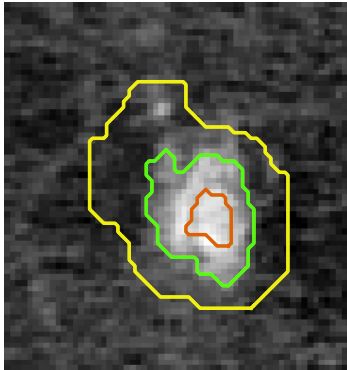
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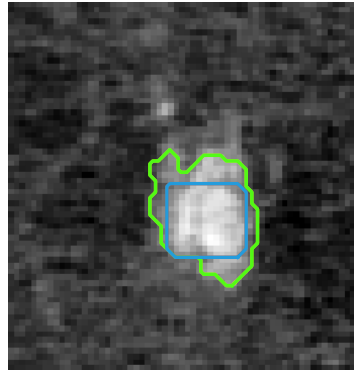
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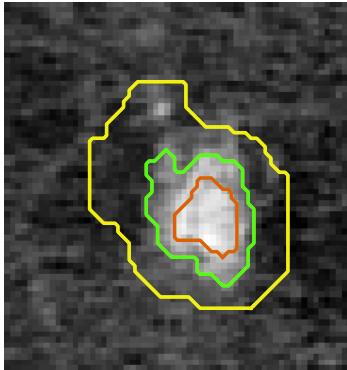
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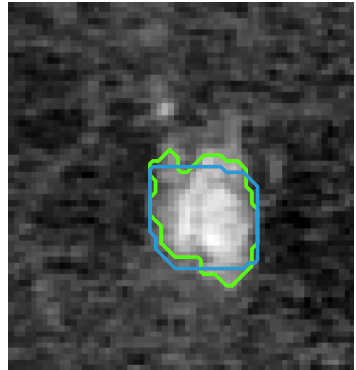
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RECALL .356, ROC\_AUC .678, V\_MEASURE .404

## RandomWalker — BG Seeds 200%, FG Seeds 40%, $\beta$ 190, tol $1e-03$

GT and Seeds



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ARI .789, ASSD 1.352, COMPL .666, DICE .803, HD 11.000, HOM .600,  
MI .632, MSE .011, OBJ\_TPR 1.000, PRECISION .861, RAVD -.126,  
RECALL .753, ROC\_AUC .874, V\_MEASURE .631

## Quantitative Evaluation

- evaluation from automatically drawn seed points
- ground truth from manual annotation by a clinical expert

Segmentation algorithm	ARI (%)	DC (%)	MI (%)	RAVD (%)
<b>GrowCut</b>	<b>72.96</b>	<b>78.46</b>	<b>63.00</b>	<b>-0.26</b>
Random Walker	51.12	57.34	45.46	-0.52
Seeded Watershed	53.28	59.44	47.04	-0.46

**Table:** Averaged segmentation results for all data sets

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## Conclusion

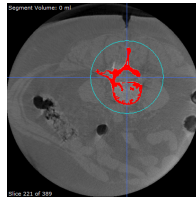
Fast and reliable tumor segmentation is important for

- quantitative therapy monitoring, e.g. during TACE
- efficient planing of follow-up treatments

The cellular automaton based GrowCut method

- has a good trade-off between accuracy and level of automation
- is a reliable semi-automatic tool for medical image segmentation

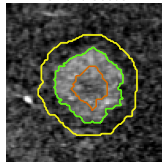
# Outlook



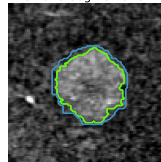
- segmentation of different medically relevant body parts
- investigation of sensitivity to user interaction w.r.t. the VOI
- evaluation on a larger ground truth database

Thank you for your attention!

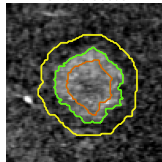
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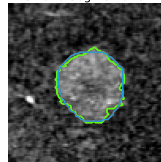
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