



Pattern Recognition & Image Analysis

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Tours - Loire valley - France



- 137 046 / 310 000 people
- 204 km southwest of Paris
- Region « Centre - Indre et Loire »
- 1h from Paris by high speed train
- Direct train connection to CDG
- Orly airport in 2h00

Loire valley World heritage Unesco
<http://loirevalley-worldheritage.org/>

Université François-Rabelais

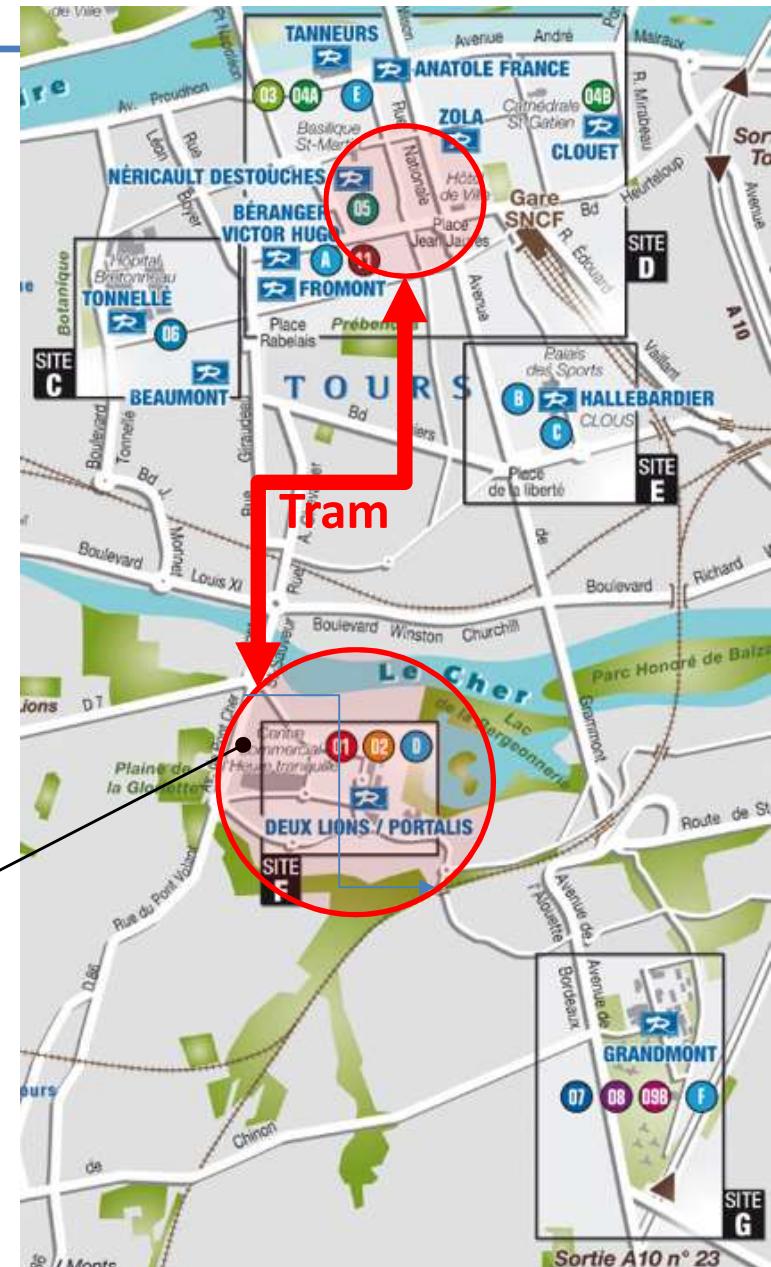
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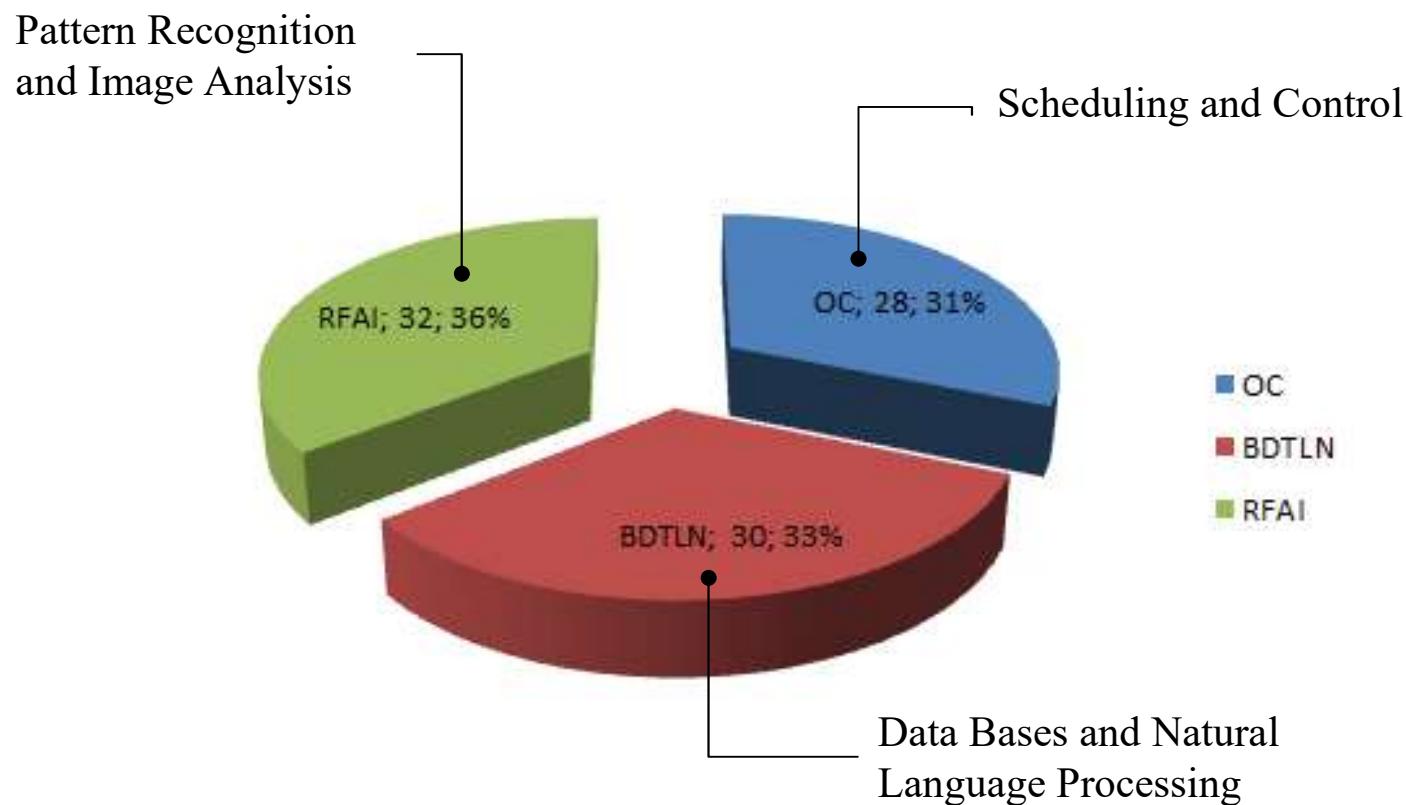
François Rabelais
i.e. a famous French
writer of XV^o Century

Faculties	Art & human sciences, Health, economy, business & management, information and technology
Students	25 000 (2 500 foreign students)
Teachers	1 300
Support staff	1000
Laboratories	40
Place	5

POLYTECH TOURS	
-720 students	
- 5 departments (with Labs)	
Urban Planning	CITERES
Mechanics	LMR
Electronics	LMP
Computer Science	
Embedded computing	LI
CADS Master	



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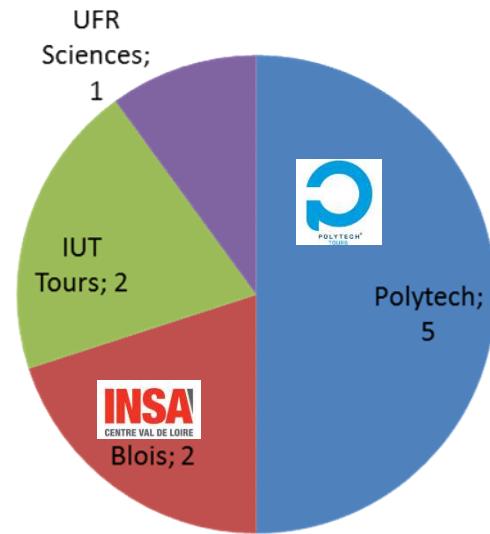


Graphic from 2015 : 90 people, 3 research groups

RFAI : Composition and organization

Around 31 members in 2015

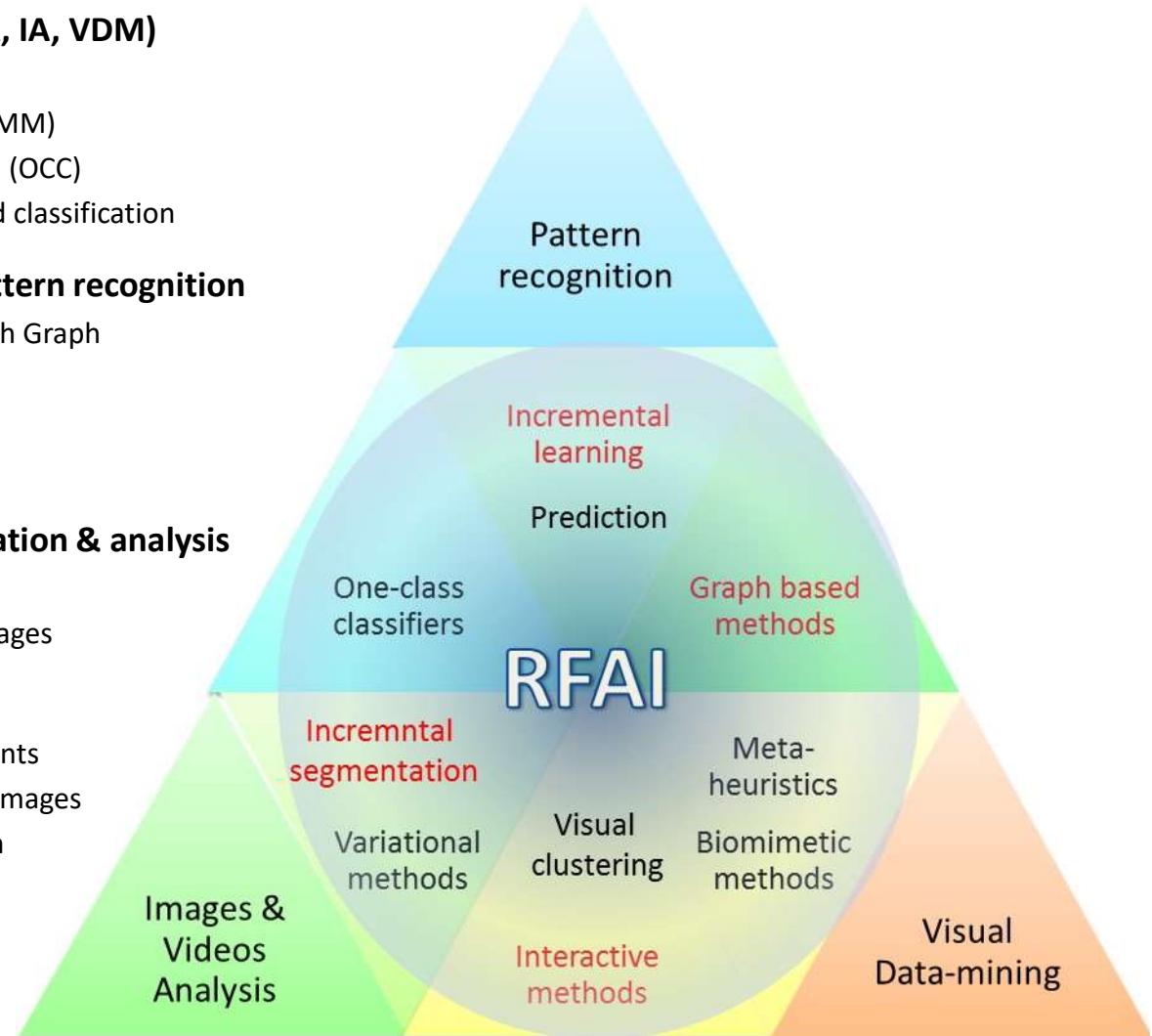
- 5 Full Prof – 15 Assistant Prof (1 hdr) – 3 Post-Docs – 10 PhD – 1 ATER
- Permanent staff
 - Stable around 20
 - Dispatched on different sites
- PhD, ATER, PostDoc, Engineers
 - Always around 6 to 10 each year



Prof	5	F. Bouali (Lilles)	M Slimane	H. Cardot	J.Y. Ramel	G. Venturini
MCF	14	S Aupetit	S. Barrat	T. Brouard	M. Delalandre	D. Conte (HDR)
		M. Hidane	P Makris	J Mille	N Monmarché	J. Olivier
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Main scientific skills

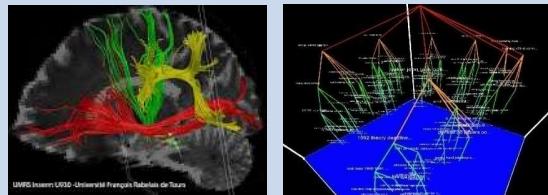
- **Adaptive and interactive methods (in PR, IA, VDM)**
 - Visual Data Mining techniques
 - Adaptive models for machine learning (HMM)
 - Active learning and dynamic classification (OCC)
 - Interactive systems for image analysis and classification
- **Graph based methods and structural pattern recognition**
 - Images analysis and data visualization with Graph
 - Structural methods for Video Analysis
 - Graph embedding, S+SPR
 - Anytime and distributed Graph matching
- **Variational methods for Image segmentation & analysis**
 - Optimization of Active contours methods
 - Extension to Multimodal and complex images
- **Document Image Analysis**
 - Content spotting and Indexing in Documents
 - Binary template matching for Document Images
 - Quality measurement and OCR prediction



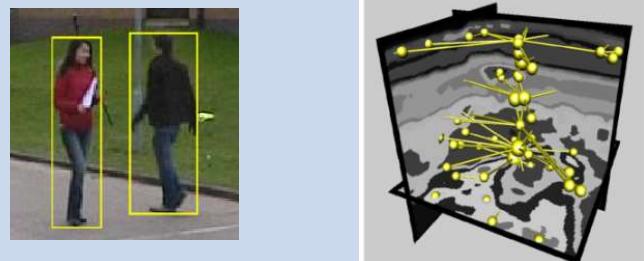
Main application Domains

Health and Disability

Medical data analytics and prediction



Segmentation and tracking
in medical images



Video based assistive systems for health
and disabled



Digital Humanities



Object detection & retrieval
in images and videos



3D scene acquisition and analysis
(sculptures, monuments, archeology, ...)



Touristic and artistic data analytics

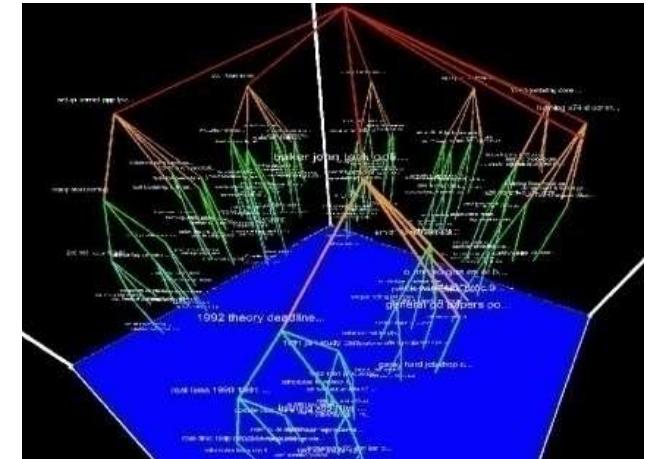
Adaptive & Interactive methods for VDM

- **Methods**

- Visual Data mining on complex data by using virtual reality (stereovision)
- New devices for interactive data mining
- Graphical interaction and GPU based methods
- Numeric, symbolic, hierarchical, relationnal (graph) data processing

- **Applications**

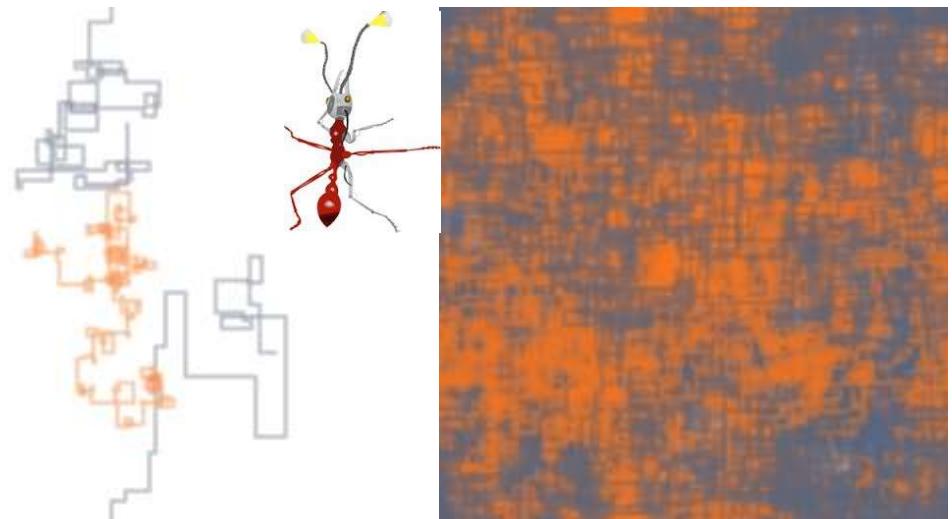
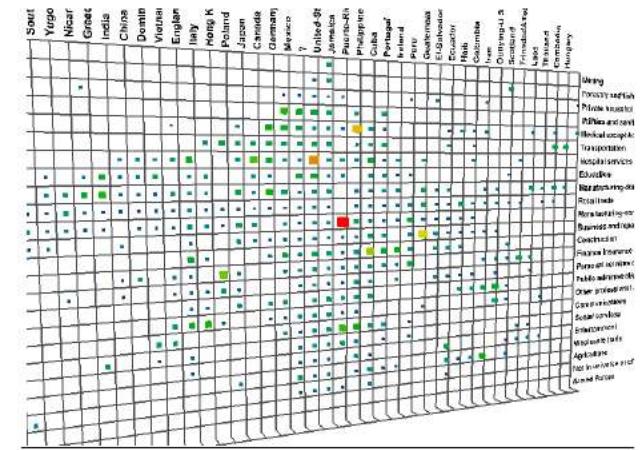
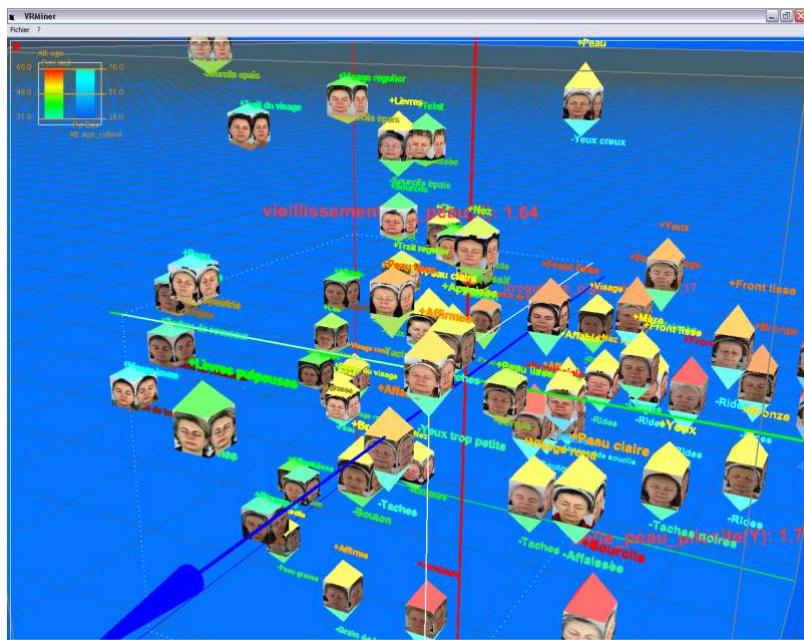
- Knowledge extraction from data (groups, isolated cases, relations between data types)
- Application in dermatology and cosmetology
- Ongoing contact with the Clinical Investigation Center of Tours (INSERM, CHRU, Univ. Tours)
- Fibratlas ANR



Adaptive & Interactive methods for VDM

• Biomimetic Algorithms

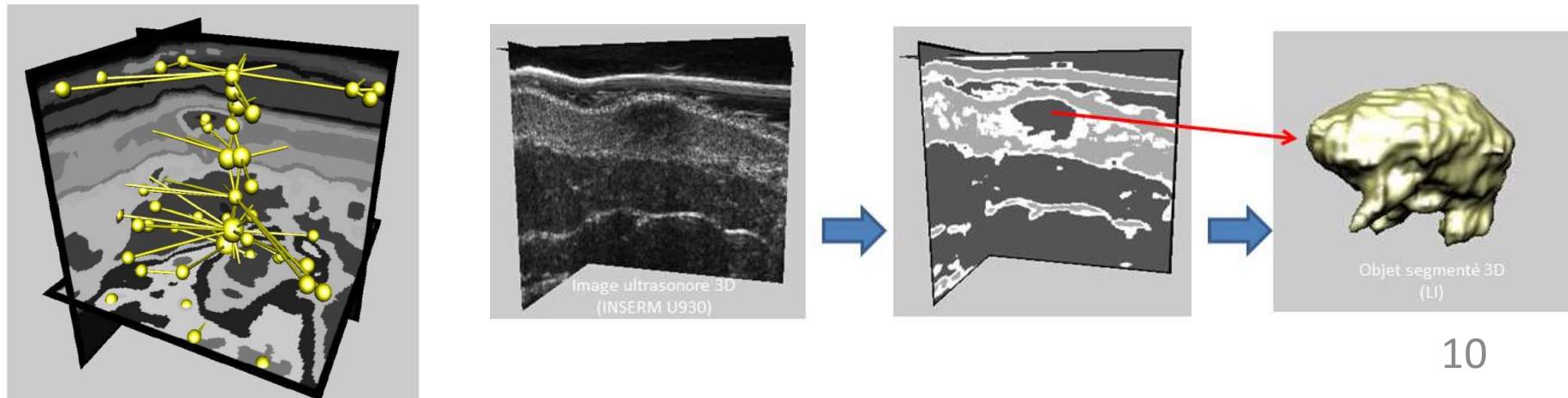
- Biomimetic algorithms for optimisation and learning (genetic algorithms, artificial ants, swarms, cellular automata)
- Interactive genetic algorithms
- Artificial ants for
 - Topological graph construction
 - Art and cultural studies



Adaptive & interactive methods for IA

For 3D image segmentation

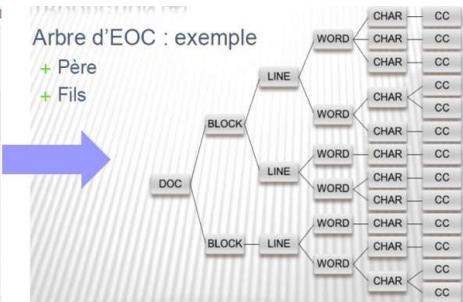
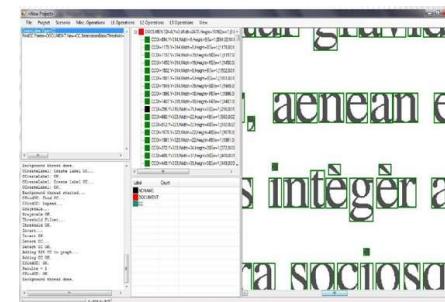
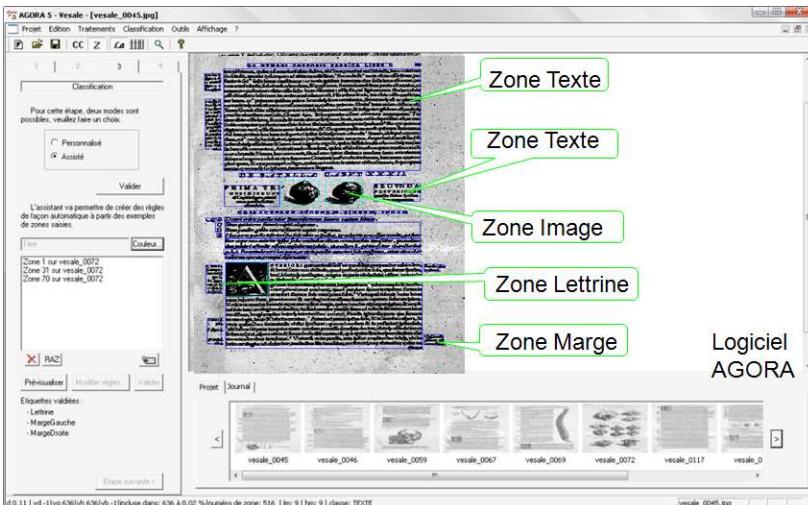
- Interactive segmentation of 3D medical images
 - Combining Region Adjacency Graph and Hierarchical Classification Tree during incremental analysis (Dermlab3D)
 - Graph based segmentation (regularization, topology)
- Visual characterization of 3D textured images
 - Proposition of new visual features (easily understandable)
 - Multi-resolution approaches for 3D texture characterization



Adaptive & interactive methods for IA



- Interactive Indexation and transcription of old documents
 - User-driven methods for layout analysis of old books
 - User defined Content extraction in historical documents
 - Agora – Google Award: <https://sites.google.com/site/paradiitproject/>

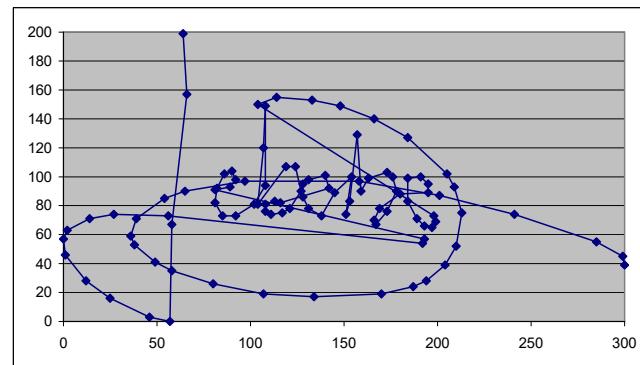
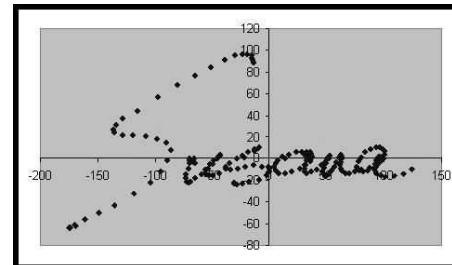
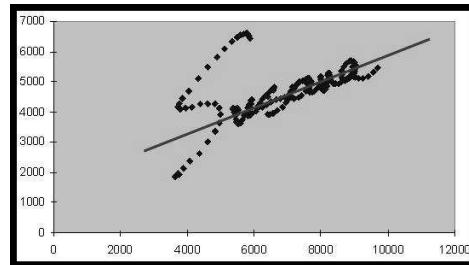


Exemples of extracted data: <http://www.bvh.univ-tours.fr>

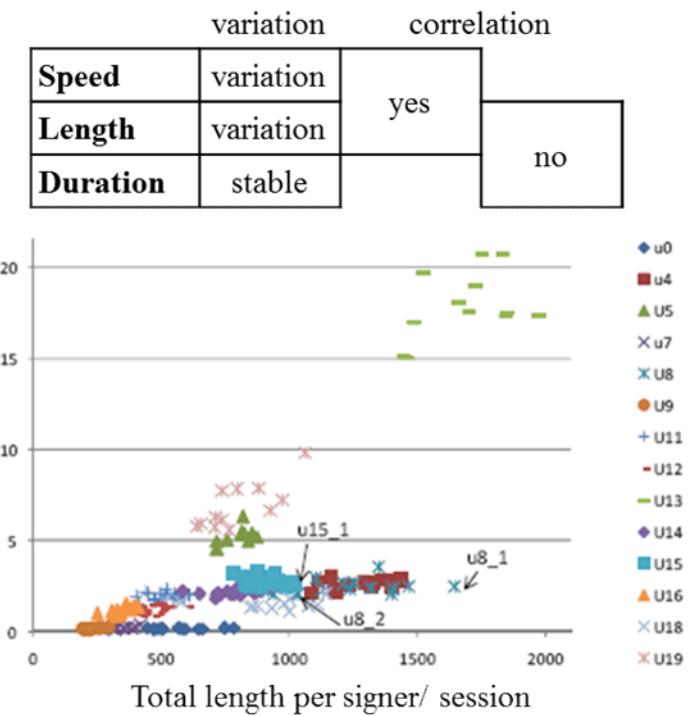


Adaptive & interactive methods for PR

- Personalization of biometric classifiers
 - Study of the temporal variability of handwritten signatures along time
 - Automatic creation of new classes of users – Reject management
 - Automatic adaptation of the parameters & hyper-parameters of the classifiers



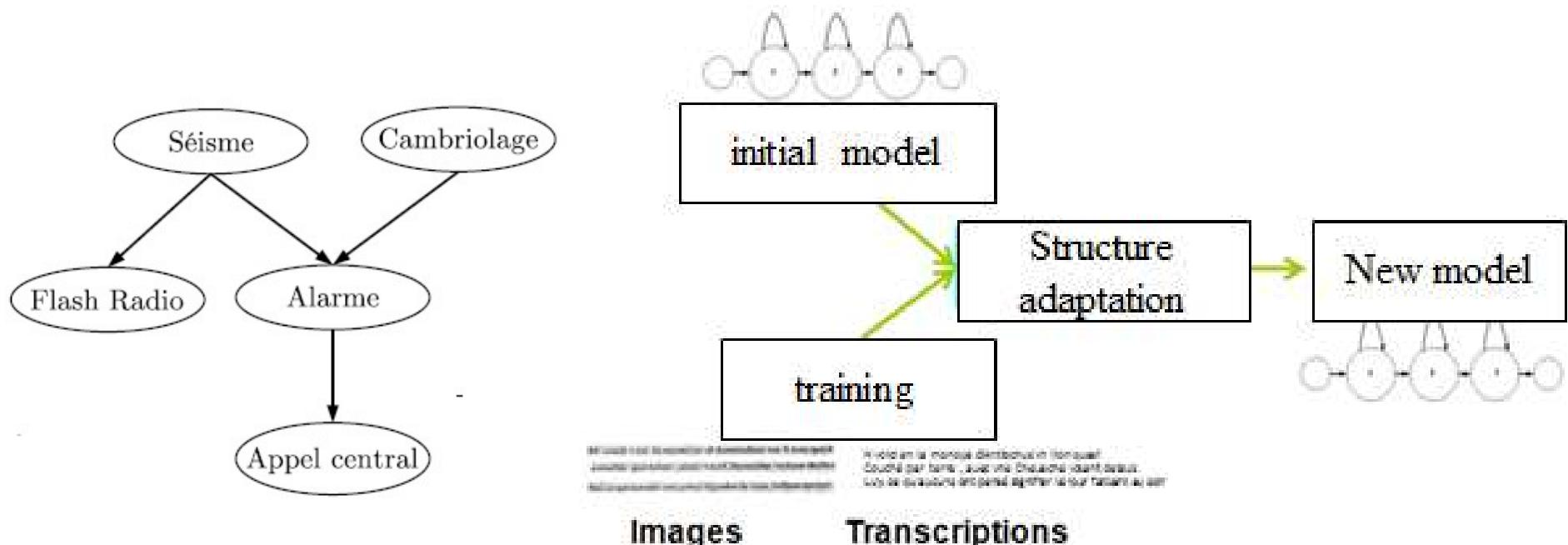
Total duration per signer/ session



Adaptive & interactive methods for PR



- Automatic learning of the structure of Bayesian Networks
 - Structure selection with biomimetic / evolutionary algorithms (GA)
- Supervised Adaptation of HMM structure
 - Modification of HMM parameters to better fit to the data
 - Application on OCR dedicated to old documents (BNF)



Adaptive & interactive methods for PR

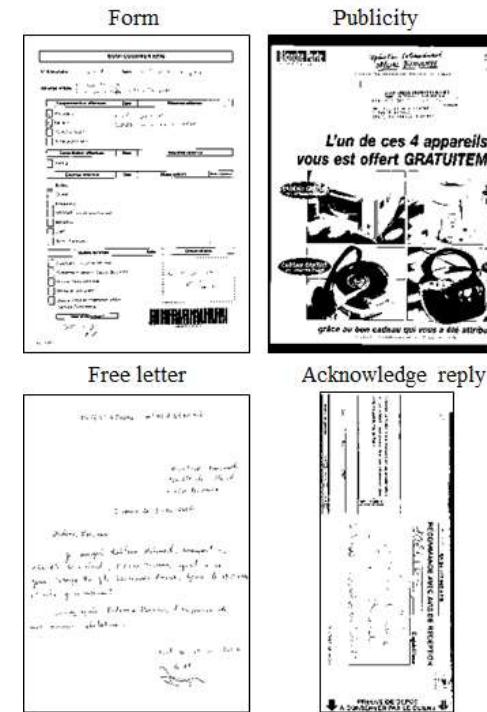


Interactive definition and tuning of One-class classifiers

- Combination of local and global features
- Interactive tuning (features and samples selection)
- Combination of One-class classifiers (One class kNN, symbolic OCC, ...)

The screenshot shows a software application window divided into several panes:

- Feature Selection:** A table listing various features with columns for Select, Name, Score, Min, Max, Average, and S. The first few rows include "ratio" (Score 0.409637242884), "density" (Score 0.52134679481), and "center_of_gravity..." (Score 0.56819331045).
- ACP Visualization:** A scatter plot titled "Visualisation" showing data points as red 'x' marks.
- Sample Selection:** A grid of document thumbnails labeled with file names like "06.tif", "2524291_2_1.tif", etc., with checkboxes next to them.

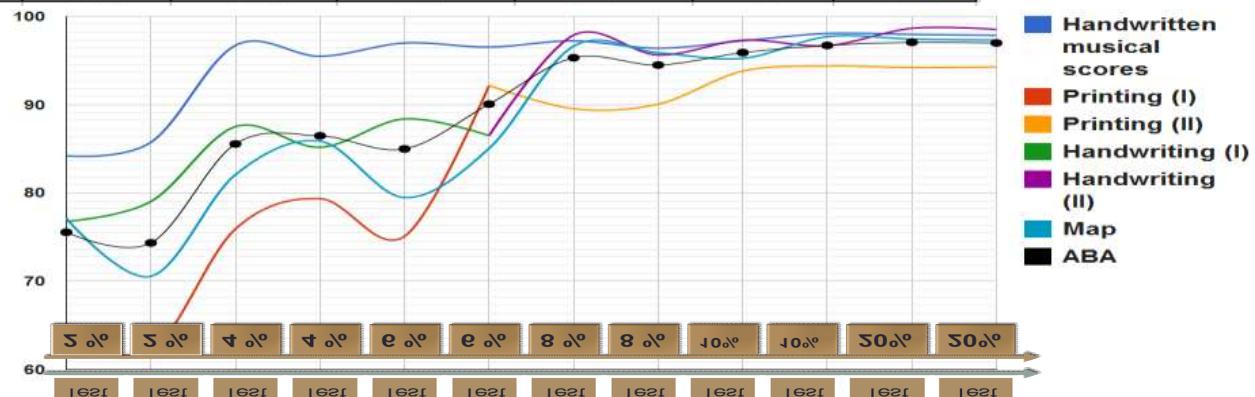


Adaptive & interactive methods for PR

- **One-Class Incremental SVM** for document classification in a non-stationary environment
- Each One class SVM is trained incrementally at each step
- Syed procedure : the classic SVM learning procedure with old support vectors together with new data corresponding to the class the SVM is modeling.
- Use of negative data (when available) during the parameter selection process

	Handwritten musical scores	Printing I	Printing II	Handwriting I	Handwriting II	Map	ABA
Binary SVM	99.95	99.53	98.88	99.52	100	99.96	99.64
One-Class SVM	97.94	72.9	93.78	88.73	99.42	82.71	89.25
mOCiSVM	98.33	72.31	93.78	88.51	99.46	83	89.23

- Incremental learning
- Adding new concept
- Concept drift
- *Concept extension*
- *Concept split and merge*
- ...



12 successive learning steps T_i .

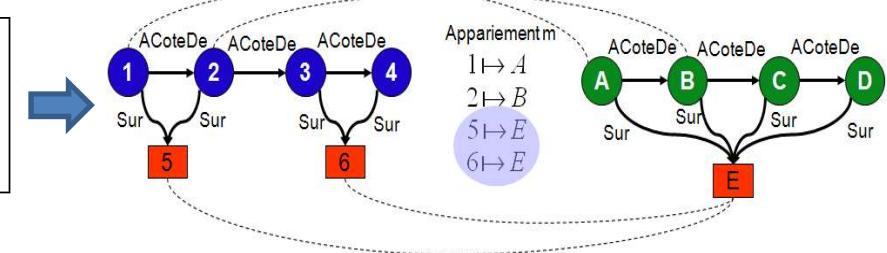
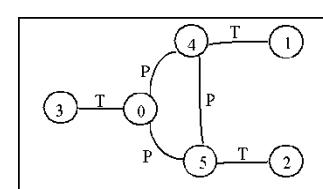
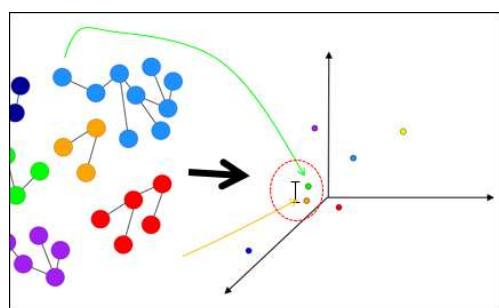
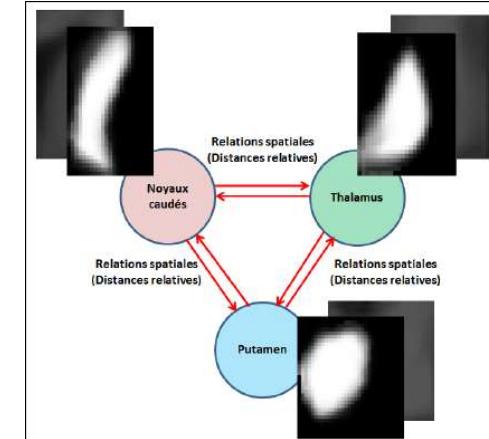
Each set is mutually exclusive and contains respectively 2%, 2%, 4%, 4%, 6%, 6%, 8%, 8%, 10%, 10%, 20%, and 20% of the training data, drawn randomly.

The test set used at each step is remaining part of the data set left apart by cross-validation



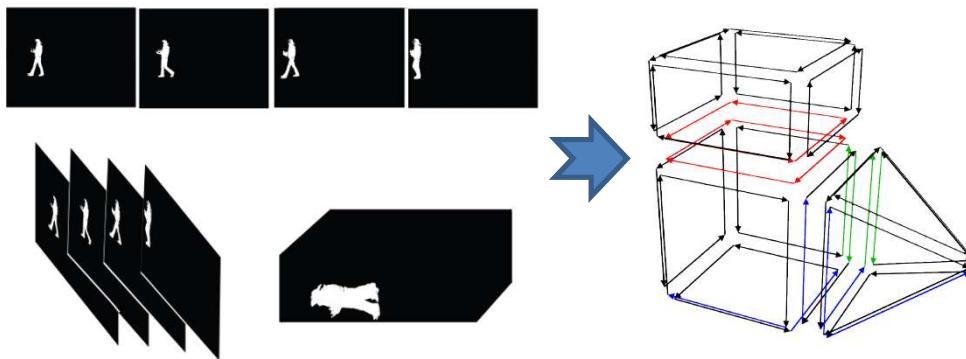
Graph based methods

- Graph based representation of image content
 - Combination of statistical and structural descriptors
 - ROI detection using graph representation
 - A priori knowledge representation with graphs
 - Interactive Segmentation using graph manipulation and transformation
- New Graph matching and indexing techniques
 - “Soft” graph matching algorithms - Similarity measure between graphs
 - Topological Graph embedding - Fuzzy Graph embedding
 - Distributed and Anytime GED
 - Graph Matching using O.R. methods
 - GDR4GED graph repository and metrics



Structural methods for Video Analysis

- Object Tracking by Particle Filters
 - States and observations are represented using graphs
 - One state → all the scene where objects are moving
 - The weights of particle graphs are computed by means of Graph kernel
- Structural De-noising of Foreground Mask
 - Representation of the 3D (2D+T) Structure for an Image Sequence by 3D Combinatorial Maps
 - Noise removal according Topological properties of the Combinatorial Map
 - Noise regions → Many tunnels/voids
→ High Value of Betti Numbers



Variational methods for IA

- **Prior knowledge integration in Active Contours**
 - Narrow band region-based active contours and surfaces for 2D and 3D segmentation
 - Active Contours Driven by Supervised Binary Classifiers for Texture Segmentation
 - Supervised learning for the optimization of the parameters used in AC
 - **Extension to Multimodal and complex images**
 - Extension to 3D+T (ultrasound video)
 - OCT, confocal microscopy
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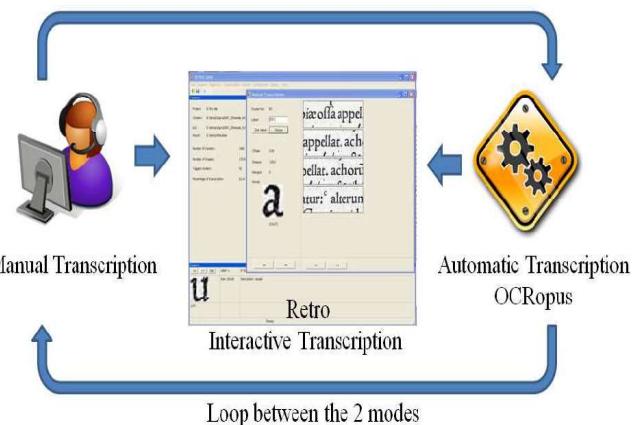
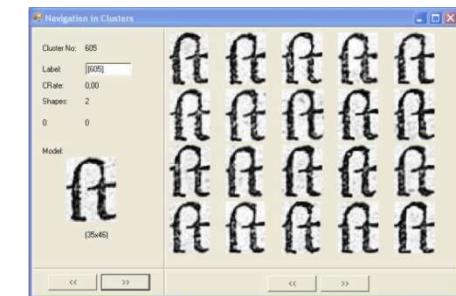
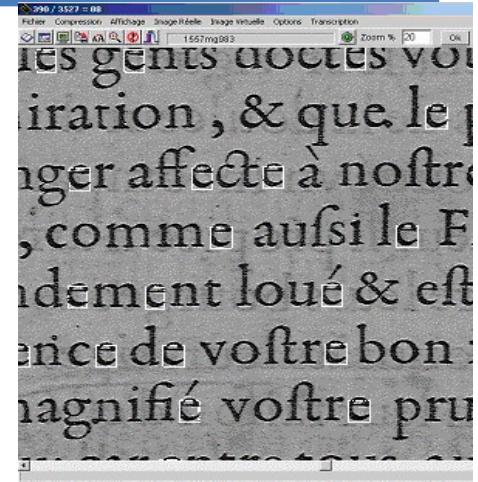
Document image Analysis



- Goal: Analyzing redundancy in images (text and graphics)
 - A text, ancient or not, is made up of sequences of similar patterns
- Methods: Clustering of similar patterns to create groups (classes)
 - Comparison of patterns (matching techniques)
 - Without prior knowledge about the meaning of these patterns
- Constraints are that the techniques should:
 - Produce very homogeneous clusters (without error)
 - Produce a minimal number of clusters
- What could be a pattern?
 - Connected components [Lebourgais95]
 - Words [Kluzner&AI2009]
 - Others [Roy&AI2011]
 - Redundancy rate > 80 %
- Semi-automatic transcription

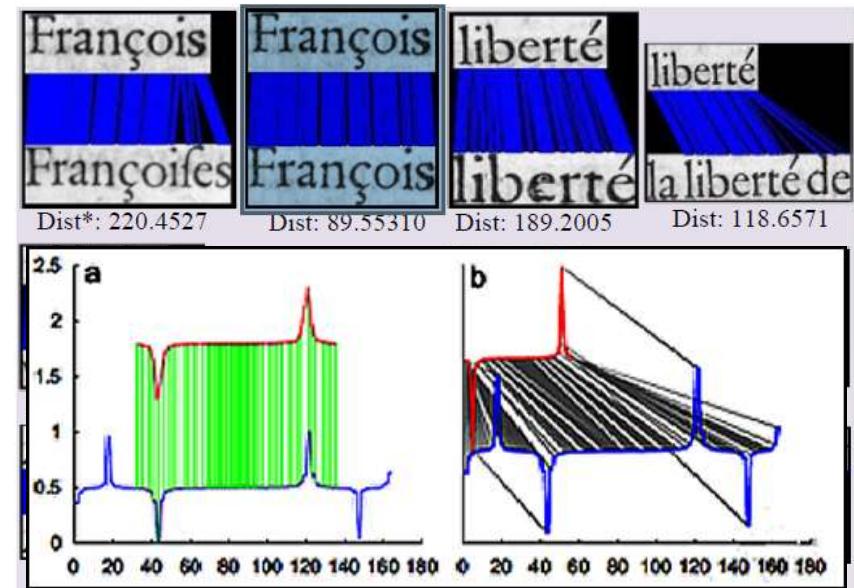
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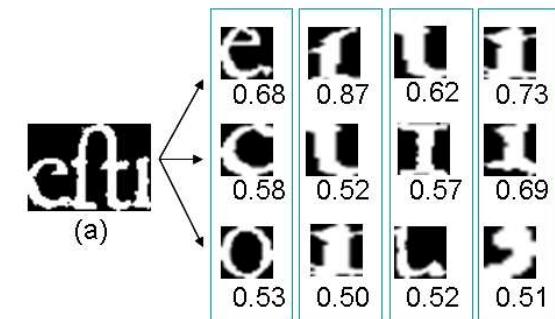


Word Spotting

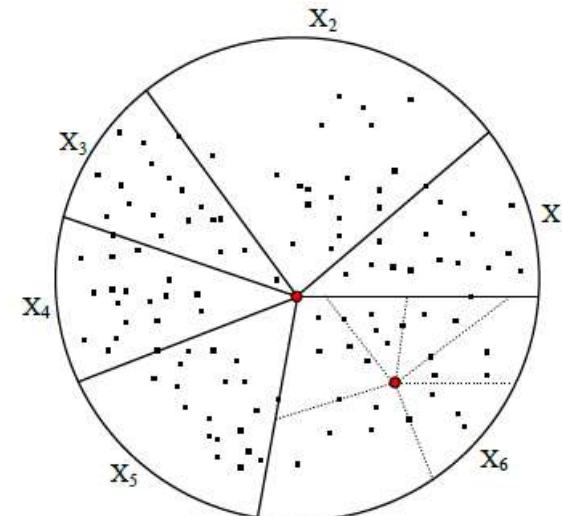
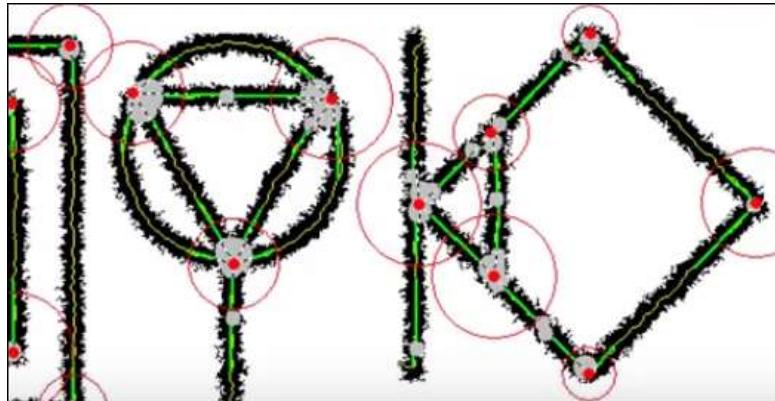
- Improvement of elastic word matching techniques
 - Comparison of DTW, MVM and other approaches
 - Adaptation for word spotting purpose (indexing and retrieval)
 - Should work for Multiple scripts (bangla, ...)
- Multi-oriented Word spotting (in Maps)
- Multi-level word spotting (Renom project)
 - Coarse (CC) to fine (Stroke) approach
 - Using Redundancy analysis → Codebook
 - Word spotting for Named entities localisation in historical documents
 - Renom 2 : Using Language model in word spotting (?)



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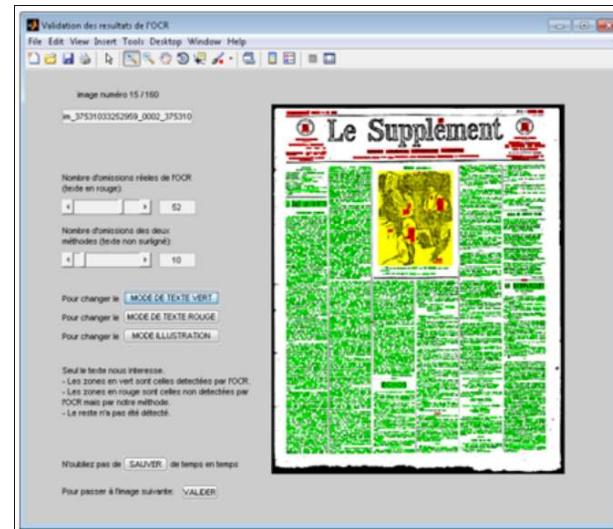
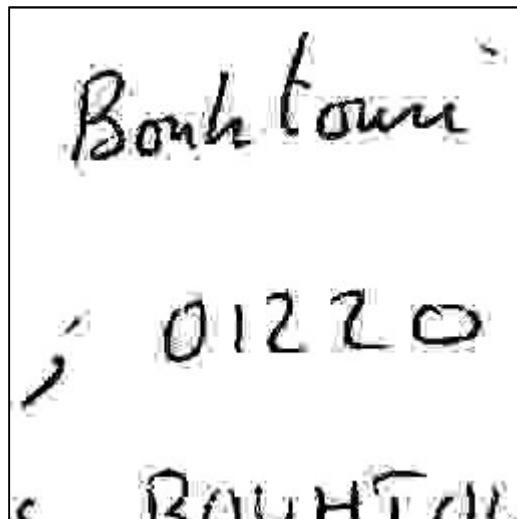
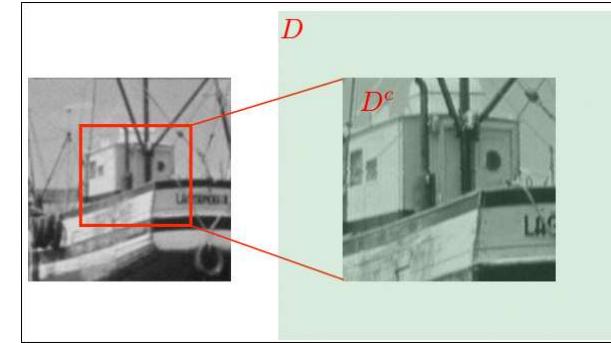
- Extraction and characterization of salient elements (in documents)
 - Keypoint detection method dedicated to binary images (junctions, ...)
 - New shape descriptors (for junctions or extremities)
 - Fast binary template matching methods (logo detection, ...)
- Graphical document indexing and symbol spotting
 - Sesyd database for GREC contests
 - Indexing scheme based on 2 linked-node m-ary tree structure



Quality measurement and OCR prediction



- Quality measurement and image enhancement
 - Impact of compression on Document images
 - Effective Decompression of JPEG Document Images
 - Image Zoom Completion (super-resolution)
- OCR Prediction (BnF)
 - Adaptive detection of missed text areas in OCR outputs for automatic assessment of OCR quality
 - OCR performance prediction using cross-OCR alignment



Raw image detail	JPEG, 300dpi, quality 20	JPEG, 100dpi, size=DjVu	IW44, 300dpi, size=DjVu	DjVu compressed
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thu 9534K	thu 116K 82:1	thu 17K 560:1	thu 20K 476:1	thu 19K 501:1

International collaborations

International Projects

- IFCPAR-CEFIPRA with l'Indian Statistical Institute (Kolkata, Inde) - 2 PhD et 10 publications
- Osaka Prefecture University - Grant JSPS Japan
- Computer Vision Center – Co-supervised PhD
- Paradiit : Google / Succeed Award



Computer Vision Center
Document Analysis Group
Barcelona - Spain
“J. Lladós, E. Valveny”



Dept. of Computer Science and IS
Osaka Prefecture University
Osaka - Japan
“K. Kise”



Indian Statistical Institute
Kolkata - India
“U. Pal”



Université de Salerne Italy -
Groupe Mivia –
“M. Vento”



Griffith University– Australie
“M. Blumenstien”

National collaborations

National Projects

- Project OSEO DOD managed by Itesoft during 4 years
- ANR Projects DIGIDOC (2010-14) & Fibratlas (2014-18)
- Co-supervision of PhD LITIS / BNF, LIRIS, ...



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de Caen

Local collaborations

Collaborative Projects

- INRA de Nouzilly : Interactive segmentation of 3D MRI, sheep tracking in video for behavior analysis (projets Ovin2A, NeuroGeo)
- Laboratoire PRISME ; nerf segmentation in ultrasound images (projet Région DANIAEL 1 et 2)
- INSERM CHRU : Projet ANR (Fibratlas II)
- IRBI + CETU Inophyt (valorisation) Interactive recognition of insects from smartphone images (PhD , patent)
- CESR, CITERES : Renom , Valmod, Sculpture 3D : Interactive Visualization of work of art and castles

Research animation

- Participation to the SFR-FED 4226 (Neuro-Imagerie Fonctionnelle)
- Participation to the network «Réseau Thématique de Recherche Images »



Industrial Collaborations

Projets industriels

- Projet OSEO DOD with Itesoft – Classification, compression, logo detection
- Specific studies or transfers for Choregi, Nexter, Ceries et Ologram



CIFRE

- PhD CIFRE with PME CosmoLab – segmentation of confocal images



Futures CIFREs

- CIFRE with IMASCAP (Brest) – Shoulder surgery Enhanced by Augmented Reality Techniques
- CIFRE with CYRES – Incremental Classification and deep learning for fraud detection



Open data

VDM tools VizAssist et DataTube 2	G. Venturini, F. Bouali	en moyenne 2 utilisateurs par jour - 50% des sessions sont issues de l'étranger : Inde, USA, Allemagne, Autriche Espagne, Hong-Kong, Australie, Chine, etc	http://www.vizassist.fr/
Library Comb-pgeo-paths	J Mille, S Bougleux (Greyc)	Combination of piecewise-geodesic paths for interactive segmentation	https://github.com/julien-mille/comb-pgeo-paths
Graph database GDR4GED - ICPR 2016 contest GDC	Zeina AbuAsheih, R Raveau, JY Ramel	référencement sur le site IAPR TC15	http://www.rfai.li.univ-tours.fr/PublicData/GDR4GED/home.html
Doc images SESYD et ISRC.- "International Symbol Recognition Contest" du TC10	M Delalandre	97 citations sur PubPerish 2016	http://iapr-tc10.univ-lr.fr/
Agora et Retro - open source (projet Paradiit)	JY Ramel, P. Bourquin	1 formation par an aux 15 étudiants du master PEEN du CESR + téléchargements occasionnels	https://sites.google.com/site/paradiitproject/
3D Image databases Textures 3D	L Paulhac, JY Ramel, P Makris	13 citations en 2016	http://www.rfai.li.univ-tours.fr/fr/resources/3Dsynthetic_images_database.html

Some pictures...

