

# Joint Classification-Regression Forests for Spatially Structured Multi-Object Segmentation

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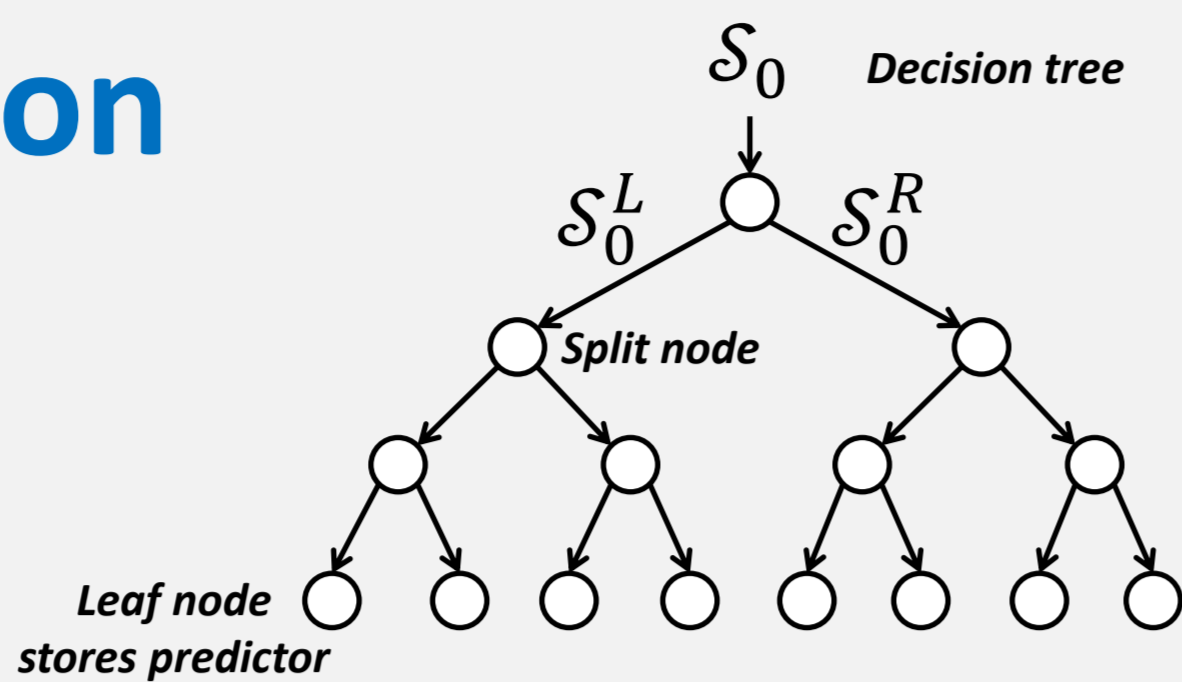
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## Joint Classification-Regression

Learning Objective

$$p(y|x) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^m: \text{feature space} \\ y \in \mathcal{O}: \text{prediction space}$$



Categorical-Continuous Prediction

$$y = (\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{r}) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{C}: \text{classification space} \\ \mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{R}^n: \text{regression space} \end{array} \right\} \mathcal{O} = \mathcal{C} \times \mathbb{R}^n$$

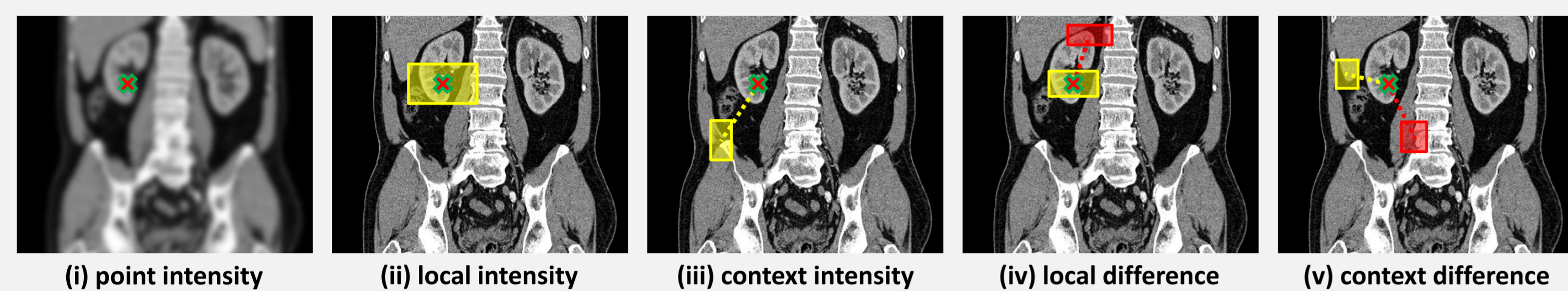
Tree Training: Information Gain

$$\mathcal{S} = \{(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{y}_k)\}_{k=1}^K \quad I(\mathcal{S}_i, \mathcal{S}_i^L, \mathcal{S}_i^R) = H(\mathcal{S}_i) - \sum_{j \in \{L, R\}} \frac{|\mathcal{S}_i^j|}{|\mathcal{S}_i|} H(\mathcal{S}_i^j)$$

Joint Entropy

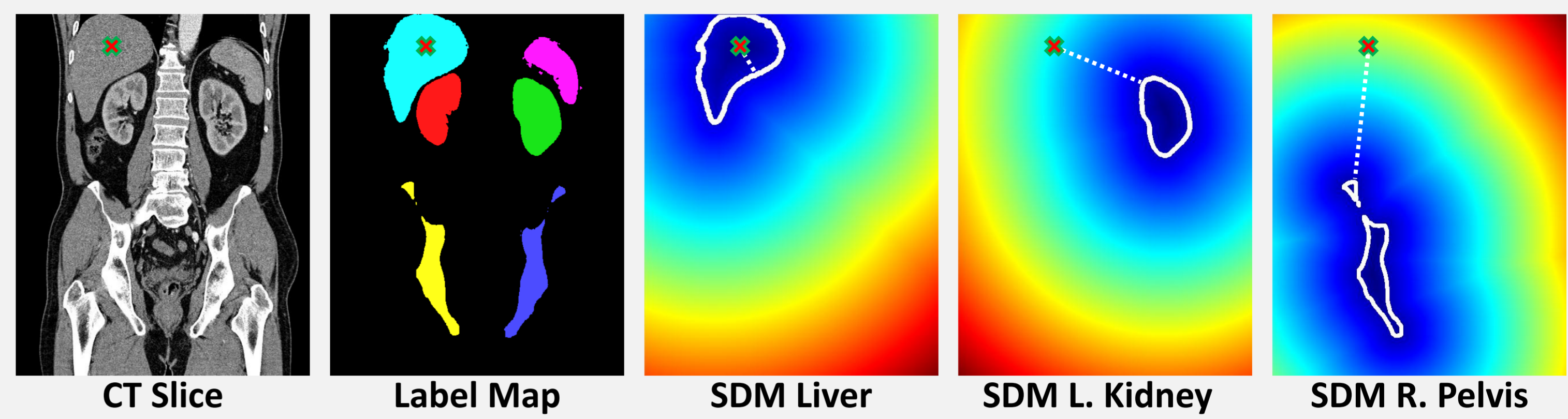
$$H(\mathcal{S}) = - \sum_{\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{C}} \int_{\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{R}^n} p(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{r} | \mathbf{x}) \log p(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{r} | \mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{r} \\ = \underbrace{- \sum_{\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{C}} p(\mathbf{c} | \mathbf{x}) \log p(\mathbf{c} | \mathbf{x})}_{\text{Shannon Entropy: } H_c} + \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{C}} p(\mathbf{c} | \mathbf{x}) \left( - \int_{\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{R}^n} p(\mathbf{r} | \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{x}) \log p(\mathbf{r} | \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{r} \right)}_{\text{Weighted Differential Entropy: } H_{r|c}}$$

Features: Capture local and contextual appearance



## Motivation: Class + Spatial Consistency

Exploit rich nature of label maps



Spatial Consistency via Distance Regression

Predictor

$$p(\mathbf{r} | \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{x}) \cong \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{r}; \mu_{r|c}, \Sigma_{r|c} | \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{x})$$

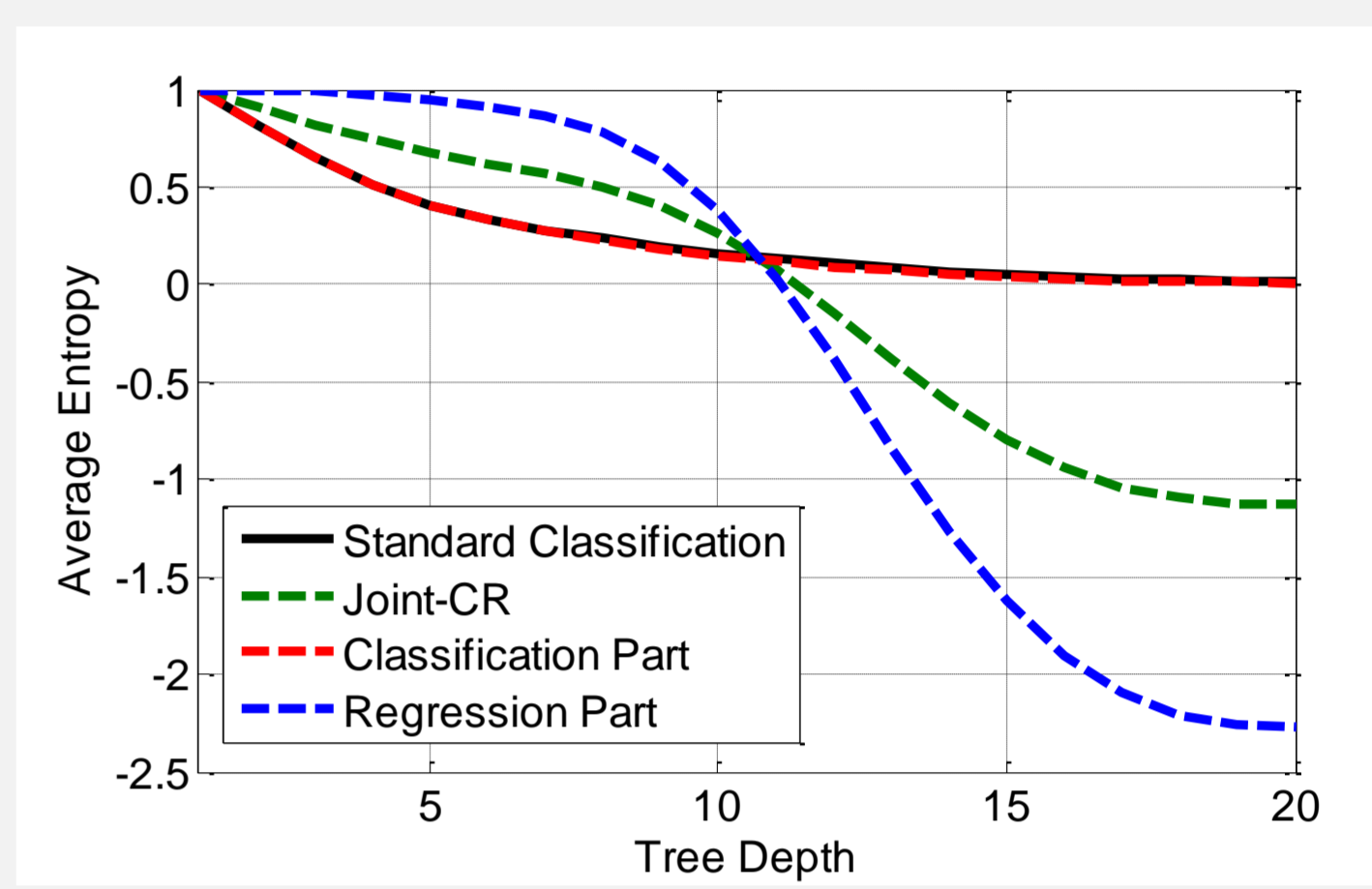
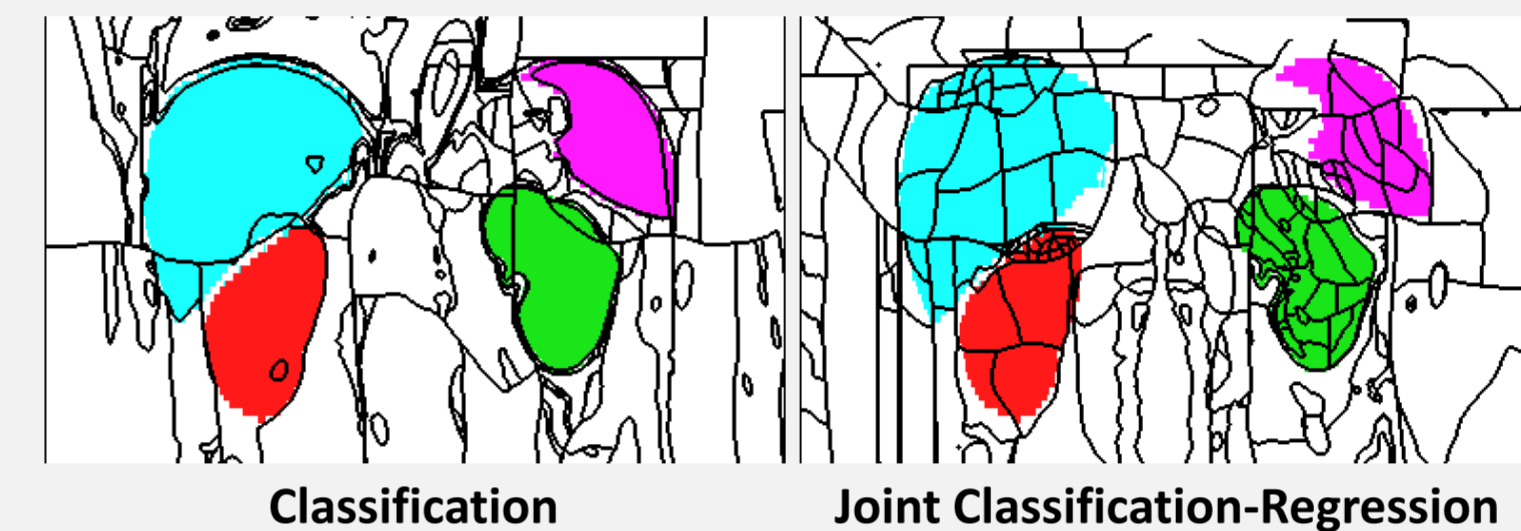
Entropy

$$H_{r|c} = \sum_{\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{C}} p(\mathbf{c} | \mathbf{x}) \left( \frac{1}{2} \log[(2\pi e)^n |\Sigma_{r|c}|] \right)$$

Entropy Normalization

$$H(\mathcal{S}) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{H_c(\mathcal{S})}{H_c(\mathcal{S}_0)} + \frac{H_{r|c}(\mathcal{S})}{H_{r|c}(\mathcal{S}_0)} \right)$$

Spatial Regularization



Robust Parameter Estimation

Parent nodes provide prior on Gaussian parameters

$$\mu_{r|c}^{\text{child}} = \frac{|\mathcal{S}_{r|c}^{\text{child}}|}{\kappa + |\mathcal{S}_{r|c}^{\text{child}}|} \mu_{r|c}^{\text{child}} + \frac{\kappa}{\kappa + |\mathcal{S}_{r|c}^{\text{child}}|} \mu_{r|c}^{\text{parent}}$$

$$\Sigma_{r|c}^{\text{child}} = \frac{|\mathcal{S}_{r|c}^{\text{child}}|}{Z} \Sigma_{r|c}^{\text{child}} + \frac{\nu + n - 1}{Z} \Sigma_{r|c}^{\text{parent}} + \text{mean correction term}$$

## Experimental Evaluation

Setup

- 80 3D-CT scans, 6 major organs
- 2-fold cross-validation (40/40 train/test split)
- 50 trees, depth 20: trained on 10% of image points
- 100 features per node from a pool of 1000 features
- Greedy optimization over 10 uniform thresholds

Forest Predictions

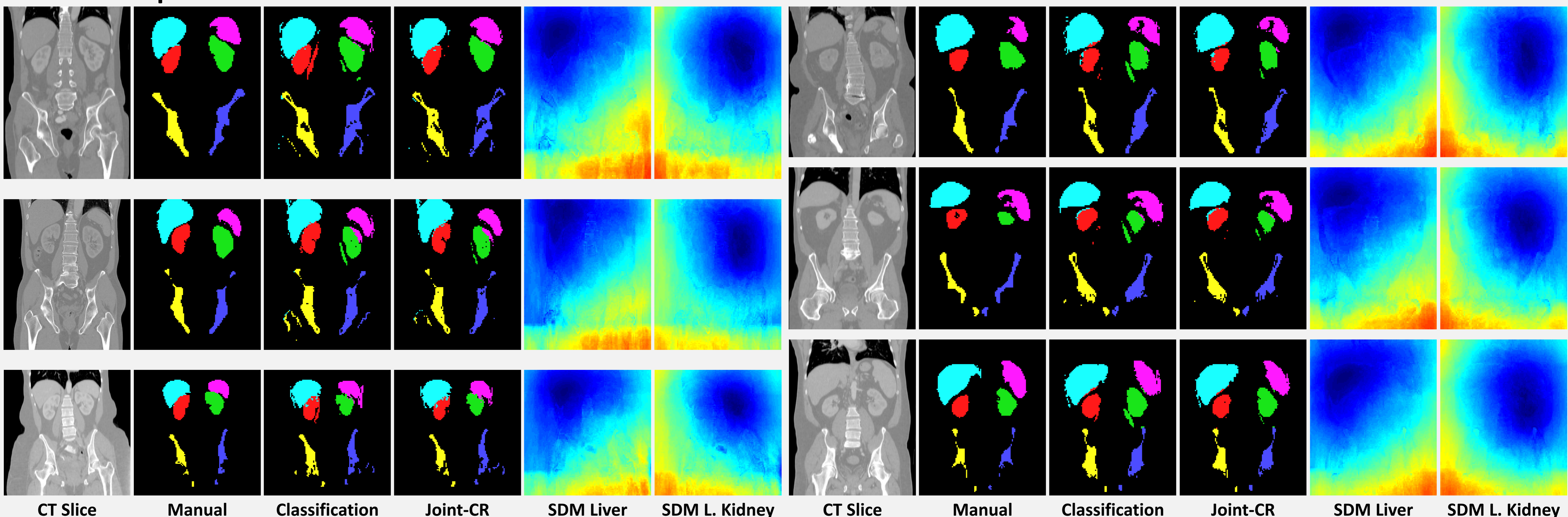
Classification MAP estimate

$$\hat{\mathbf{c}} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{C}} p(\mathbf{c} | \mathbf{x})$$

Regression mixture mean estimate

$$\tilde{\mathbf{r}} = \sum_{\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{C}} p(\mathbf{c} | \mathbf{x}) \mu_{r|c}$$

Visual Examples



Joint classification-regression yields class and spatial consistency

Quantitative Results

