

# *Graphs for image processing, analysis and pattern recognition*

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# Overview

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2. Single graph methods
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  - Graph or subgraph isomorphisms
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# *Why using graphs ?*

- Interest: they give a compact, structured and complete representation, easy to handle
- Applications:
  - Image processing: segmentation, boundary detection
  - Pattern recognition: printed characters, objects (buildings 2D ou 3D, brain structures, ...), faces, ...
  - Image registration
  - Understanding of structured scenes
  - ...

# Definitions

*Graph* :  $G = (X, E)$

- $X$  set of nodes ( $|X|$  **order** of the graph)
- $E$  set of edges ( $|E|$  **size** of the graph)
- **complete** graph (size  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ )
- **partial** graph  $G = (X, E')$  with  $E'$  part of  $E$
- **subgraph**  $F = (Y, E')$ ,  $Y \subseteq X$  et  $E' \subseteq E$
- **degree** of a node  $x$  :  $d(x)$  = number of edges
- **connected** graph: for each pair of nodes you find a path linking them
- **tree**: connected graph without cycle
- **clique**: complete subgraph
- **dual** graph (face  $\rightarrow$  node)
- **segment** graph (edge  $\rightarrow$  node)
- **hypergraph** (n-ary relations)
- **weighted** graphs: weights on the edges

# Notations

Graph :  $G = (X, E)$

- weight of an edge linking  $i$  et  $j$  :  $w_{ij}$
- adjacency matrix  $W$  of size  $|X| \times |X|$  defined by

$$W_{ij} = \begin{cases} w_{ij} & \text{if } e_{ij} \in E \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

for undirected edges  $W$  is symmetric

- Laplacian matrix of an undirected graph

$$d_i = \sum_{e_{ij} \in E} w_{ij}$$

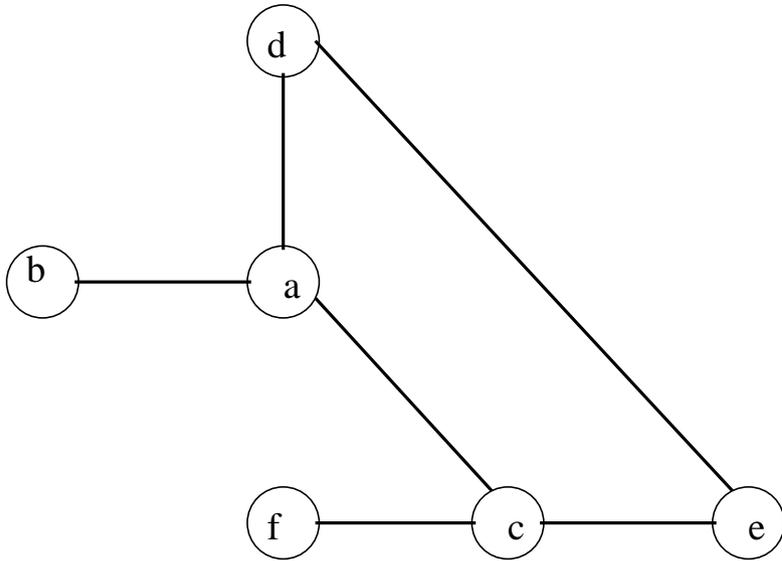
$$L_{ij} = \begin{cases} d_i & \text{if } i = j \\ -w_{ij} & \text{if } e_{ij} \in E \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$L = D - W$$

with  $D_{ii} = d_i$

# Representation

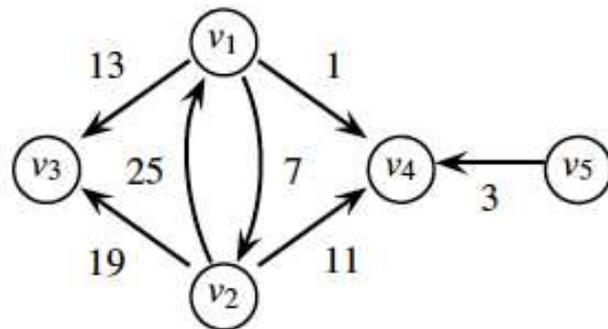
Adjacency matrix, adjacency lists



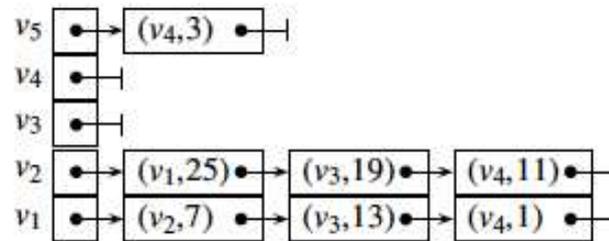
	a	b	c	d	e	f
a	0	1	1	1	0	0
b	1	0	0	0	0	0
c	1	0	0	0	1	1
d	1	0	0	0	1	0
e	0	0	1	1	0	0
f	0	0	1	0	0	0

# Representation

Adjacency matrix, adjacency lists



	$v_1$	$v_2$	$v_3$	$v_4$	$v_5$
$v_1$	0	7	13	1	0
$v_2$	25	0	19	11	0
$v_3$	0	0	0	0	0
$v_4$	0	0	0	0	0
$v_5$	0	0	0	3	0



	$e_{12}$	$e_{13}$	$e_{14}$	$e_{21}$	$e_{23}$	$e_{24}$	$e_{54}$
$v_1$	+1	+1	+1	-1	0	0	0
$v_2$	-1	0	0	+1	+1	+1	0
$v_3$	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0
$v_4$	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1
$v_5$	0	0	0	0	0	0	+1

**FIGURE 1.4**

From top-left to bottom-right: a weighted directed graph, its adjacency list, its adjacency matrix, and its (transposed) incidence matrix representations.

(figure from “Image processing and analysis with graphs”, Lézoray - Grady)

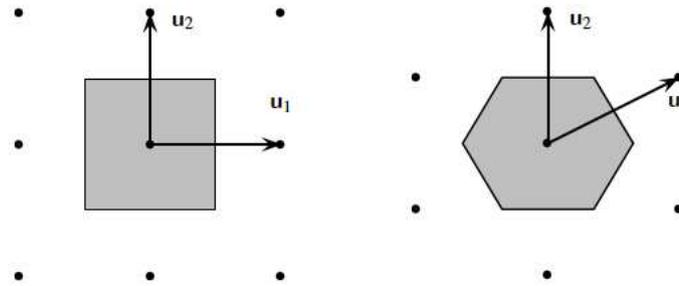
# Examples of graphs

- **Attributed graph** :  $G = (X, E, \mu, \nu)$ 
  - $\mu : X \rightarrow L_X$  nodes interpreter ( $L_X =$  attributes of nodes)
  - $\nu : E \rightarrow L_E$  edges interpreter ( $L_E =$  attributes of edges)

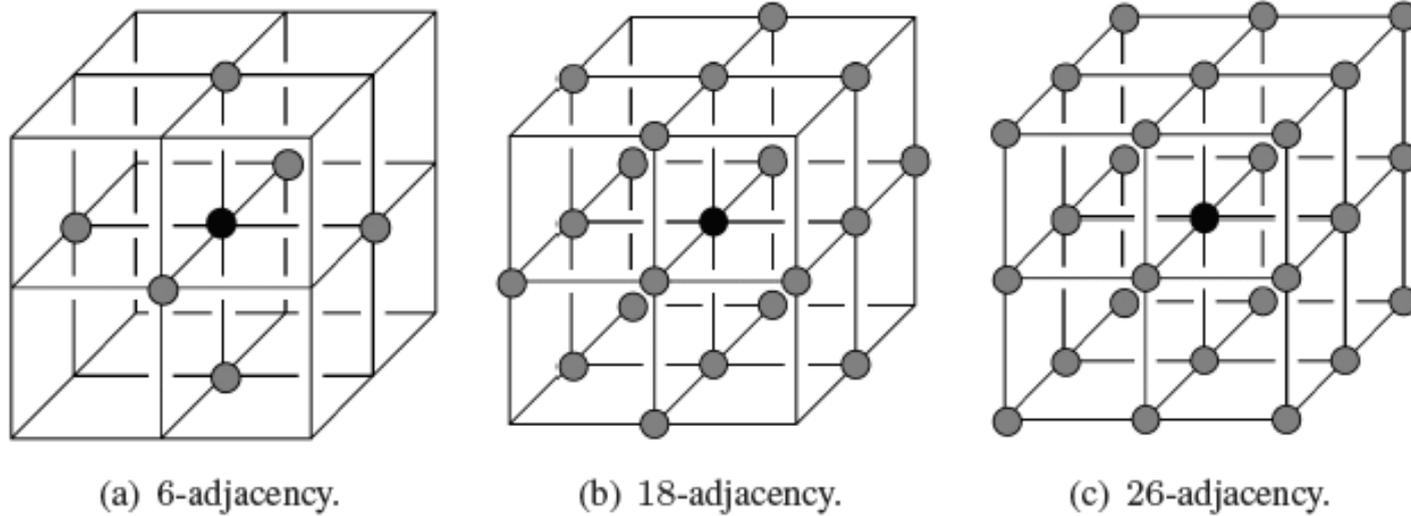
Exemples :

- graph of pixels
- region adjacency graph (RAG)
- Voronoï regions / Delaunay triangulation
- graph of primitives with complex relationships
- **Random graph** : edges and nodes = random variables
- **Fuzzy graph** :  $G = (X, E = X \times X, \mu_f, \nu_f)$ 
  - $\mu_f : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$
  - $\nu_f : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$
  - avec  $\forall (u, v) \in X \times X \quad \nu_f(u, v) \leq \mu_f(u)\mu_f(v)$  or  $\nu_f(u, v) \leq \min[\mu_f(u)\mu_f(v)]$

# Examples of image graphs

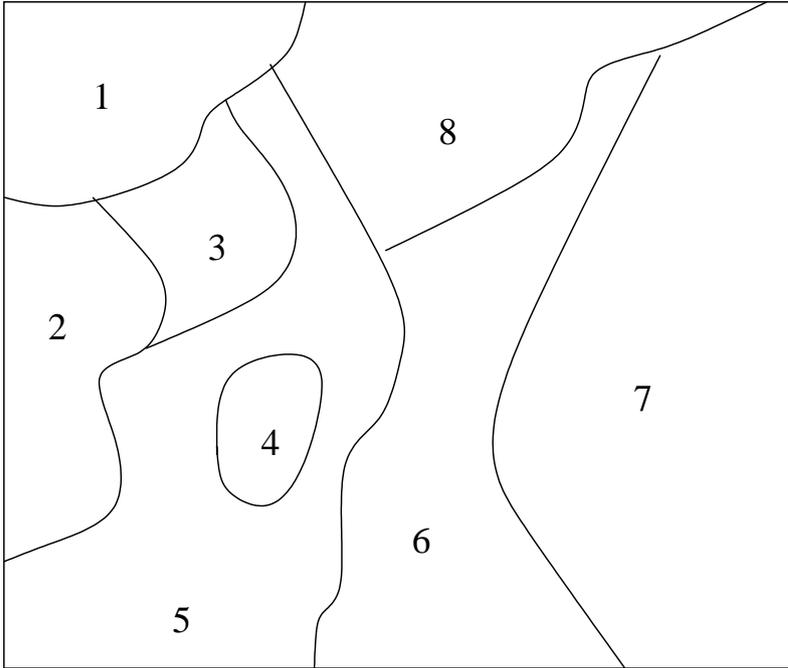


**FIGURE 1.11**  
The rectangular (left) and hexagonal (right) lattices and their associated Voronoi cells.

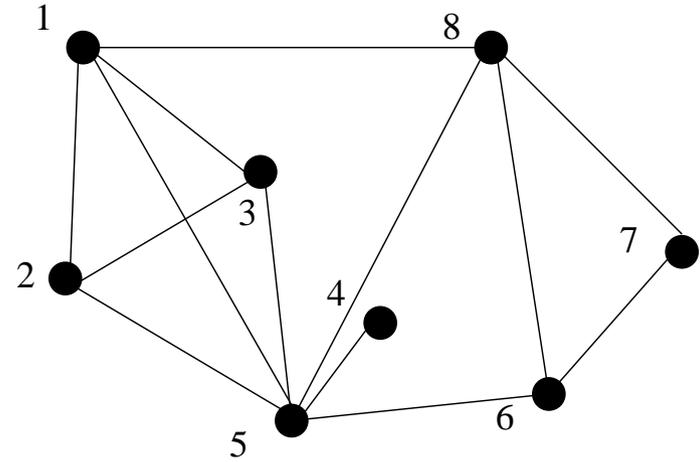


**FIGURE 1.12**  
Different adjacency structures in a 3D lattice.

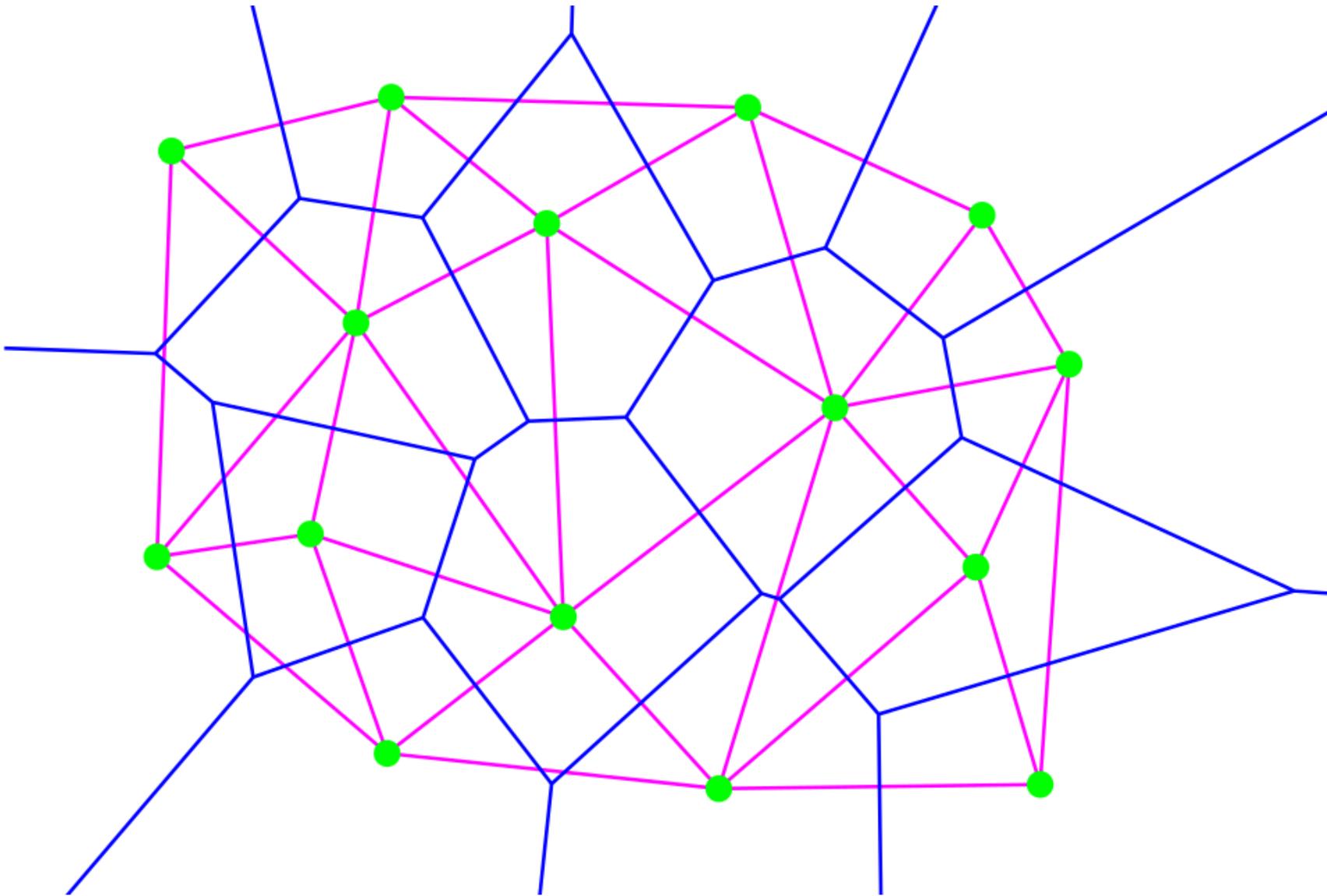
# Examples of image graphs



RAG (Region Adjacency Graph)

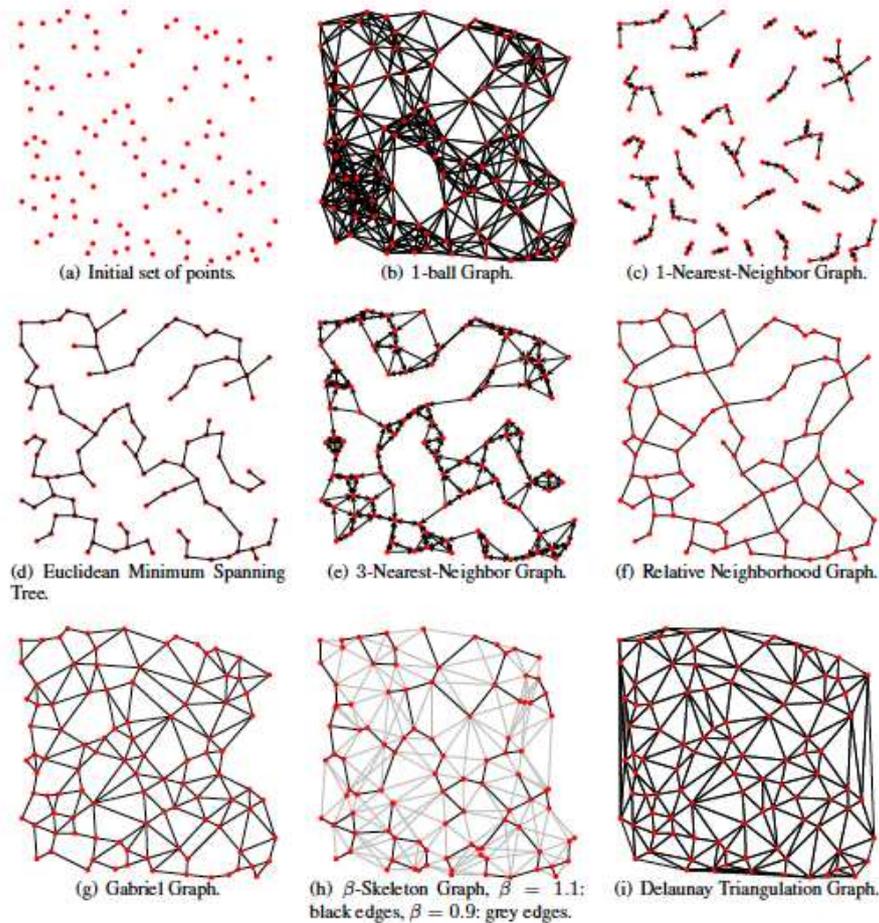


# *Examples of image graphs*



Voronoi diagram (in blue) and Delaunay triangulation (pink)

# Examples of image graphs



**FIGURE 1.14**  
Examples of proximity graphs from a set of 100 points in  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ .

(figure from “Image processing and analysis with graphs”, Lézoray - Grady)

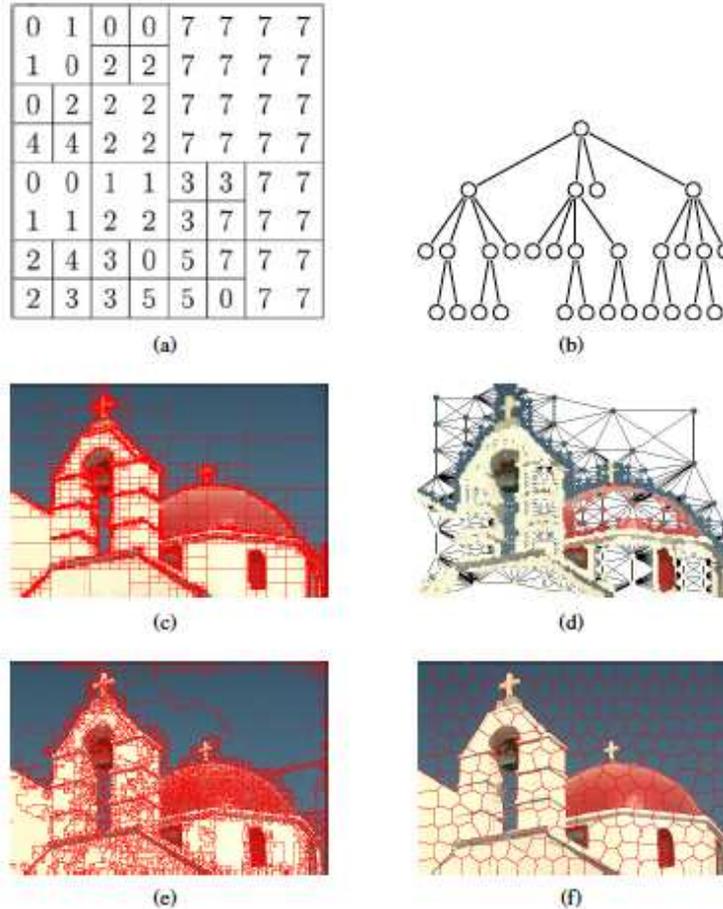
# *Examples of graphs*

- **Graph of fuzzy attributes** : attributed graph with fuzzy value for each attribute
- **Hierarchical graph** :  
multi-level graph and and bi-partite graph between 2 levels  
(multi-level approaches, object grouping, ...)

Exemples :

- quadtrees, octrees
- hierarchical representation of the brain
- **Graph for reasoning**  
decision tree, matching graph

# Graph examples



**FIGURE 1.13**

(a) An image with the quadtree tessellation, (b) the associated partition tree, (c) a real image with the quadtree tessellation, (d) the region adjacency graph associated to the quadtree partition, (e) and (f) two different irregular tessellations of an image using image-dependent superpixel segmentation methods: Watershed [23] and SLIC superpixels [24].

(figure from “Image processing and analysis with graphs”, Lézoray - Grady)

# Graph examples



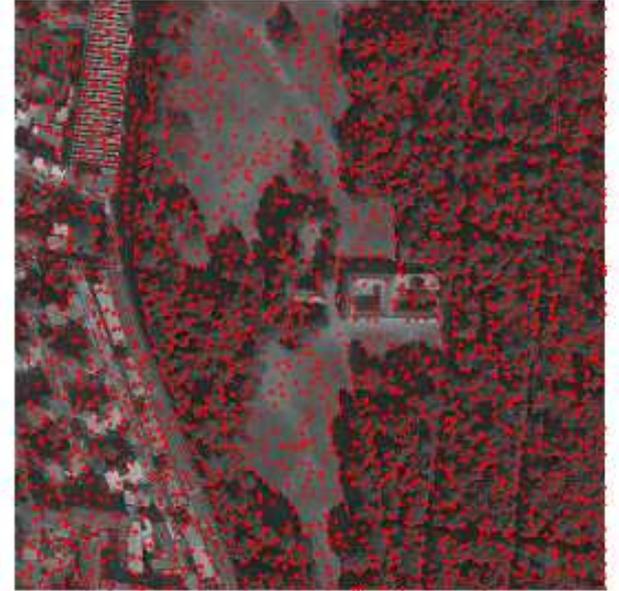
**Figure 2** – Représentation de variété des points clés de  $\mathcal{S}_\omega^{\max}(I)$  (en rouge) et  $\mathcal{S}_\omega^{\min}(I)$  (en bleu) sur une image Pléiades ayant des textures locales différentes.

(figure from M.T. Pham PhD, 2016)

# Graph examples



(a) Image initiale  $512 \times 512$



(b) Extrema locaux



(c) Détecteur de Harris



(d) Détecteur SIFT

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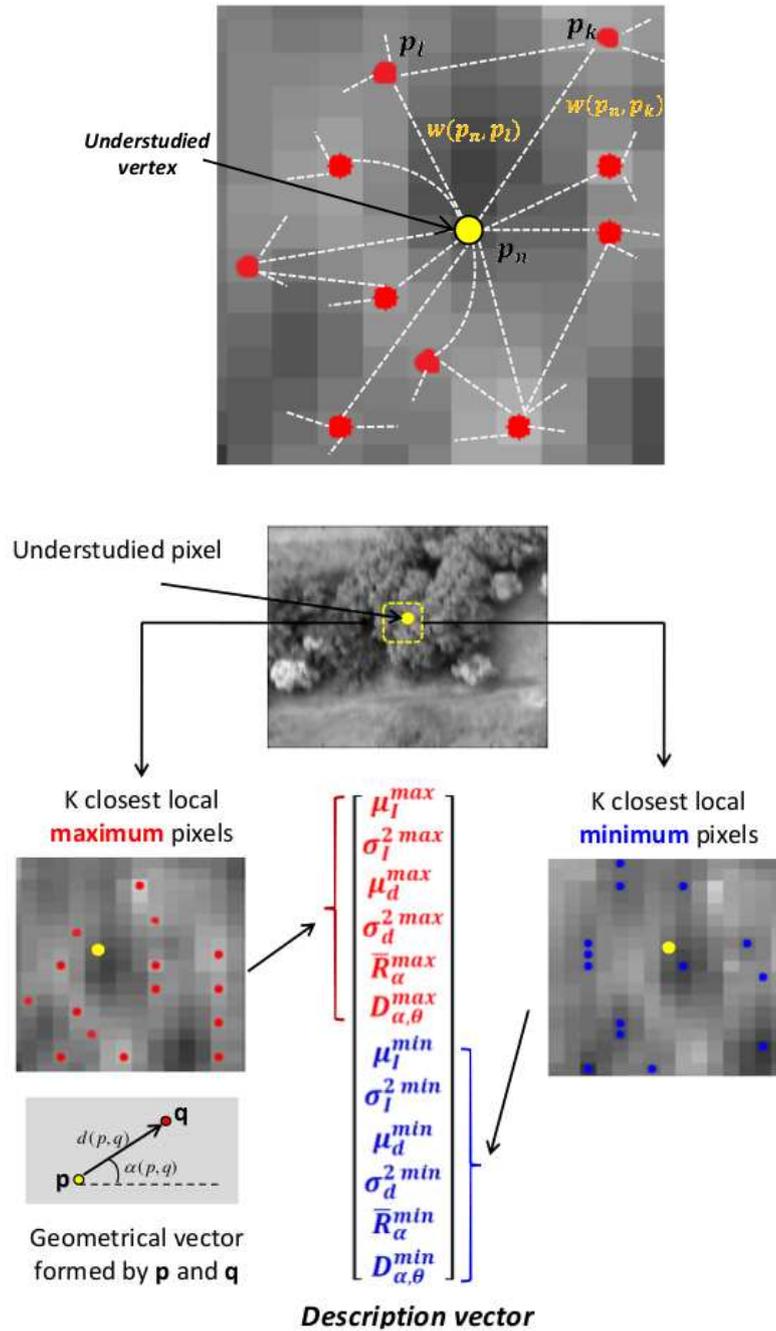
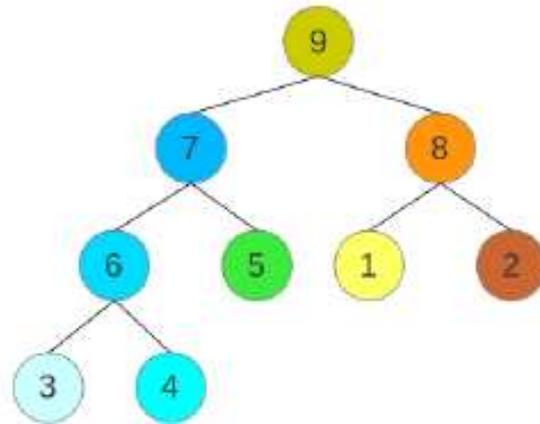
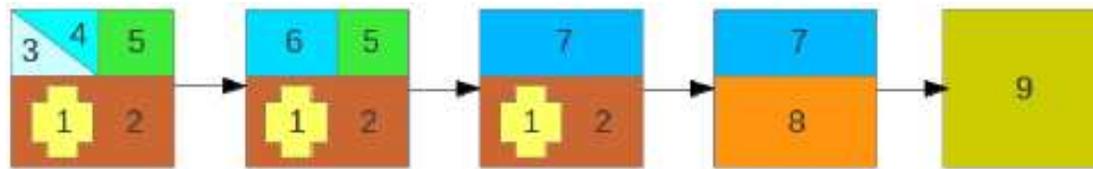


Figure 5 – Vecteur de description préparé pour l'analyse ponctuelle de la texture

# Graph examples - BPT Binary Partition Tree



# Some classical algorithms

## Search of the minimum spanning tree

- Kruskal algorithm  $O(n^2 + m \log_2(m))$
- Prim algorithm  $O(n^2)$

## Shortest path problems

- positive weights: Dijkstra algorithm  $O(n^2)$
- arbitrary weights but without cycle: Bellman algorithm  $O(n^2)$

## Max flow and Min cut

- $G = (X, E)$
- partitioning in two sets  $A$  et  $B$  ( $A \cup B = X, A \cap B = \emptyset$ )
- $cut(A, B) = \sum_{x \in A, y \in B} w(x, y)$
- Ford and Fulkerson algorithm

## Search of maximal clique in a graph

- decision tree
- cut of already explored branches

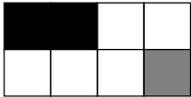
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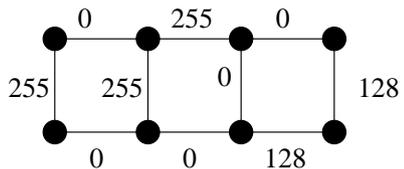
# Segmentation by minimum spanning tree

Constantinidès (1986)

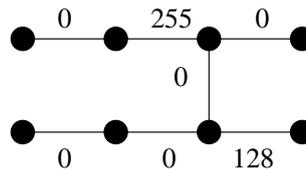
- graph of pixels weighted by the gray levels (or colors) (weights = distances)
- search of the minimum spanning tree
- spanning tree  $\Rightarrow$  partitioning by suppressing the most costly edges



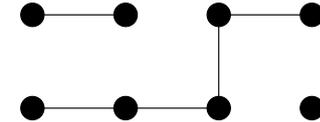
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graphe des pixels attribué



arbre couvrant de poids minimal



suppression des arêtes  
les plus coûteuses

# Computation of the minimum spanning tree

## Kruskal algorithm

- Starting from a partial graph without any edge, iterate  $(n - 1)$  times : choose the edge of minimum weight creating no cycle in the graph with the previously chosen edges
- In practice:
  1. sorting of edges by increasing weights
  2. while the number of edges is less than  $(n - 1)$  do:
    - select the first edge not already examined
    - if cycle, reject
    - else, add the edge in the graph
- Complexity:  $O(n^2 + m \log_2(m))$

## Prim algorithm

- Extension from near to near of the current tree
- Complexity:  $O(n^2)$

# Constantinidès (1986)



*a*



*b*



*c*



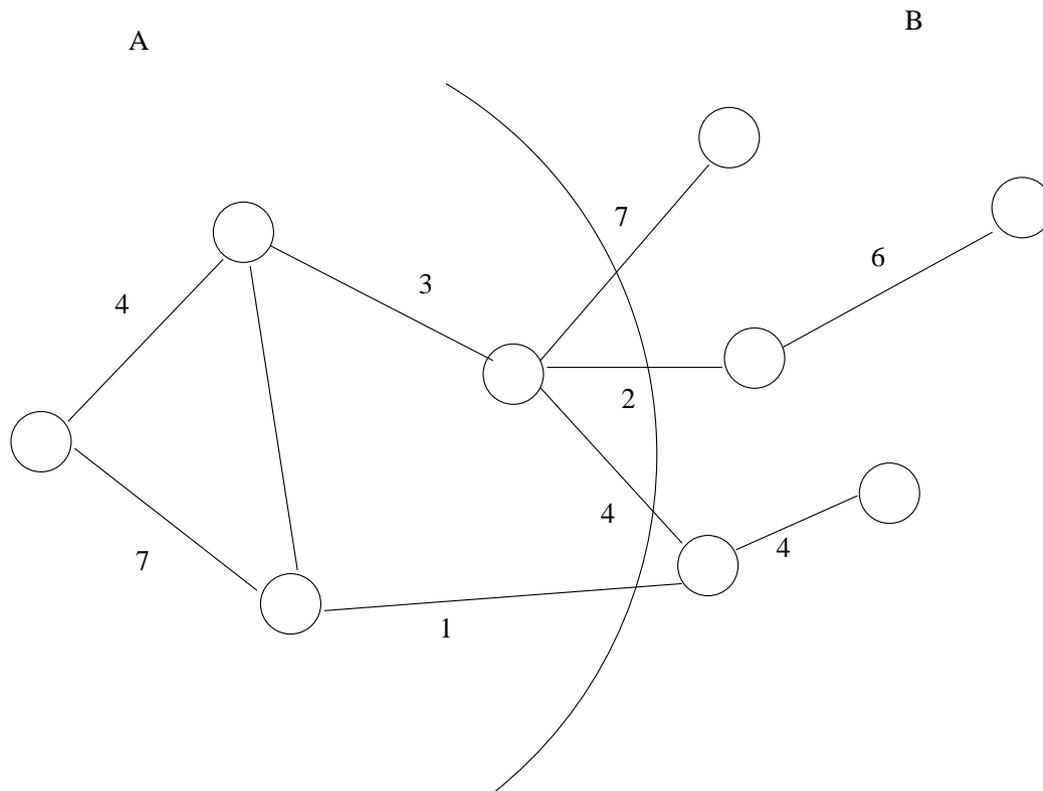
new boundary

*d*

# Segmentation by graph-cut

Graph-cut definition:

- graph  $G = (X, E)$
- partitioning in 2 parts  $A$  et  $B$  ( $A \cup B = X, A \cap B = \emptyset$ )
- $cut(A, B) = \sum_{i \in A, j \in B} w_{ij}$



# Segmentation by graph clustering

**Clustering** : partitioning of the graph in groups of nodes based on their similarities  
Each cluster (group): a closely connected component

The clustering corresponds to:

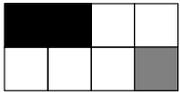
- edges between different groups have low weights (weak similarities)
- edges inside a group have high weights (high similarities)

Possible cost functions for the cut:

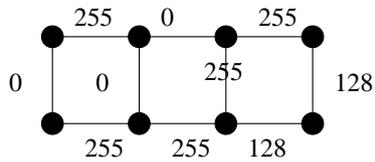
- minimum cut  $Cut(A_1, \dots, A_k) = \sum_{i=1}^{i=k} Cut(A_i, \overline{A_i})$
- minimum cut normalized by the size of each part (RatioCut)  
 $RatioCut(A_1, \dots, A_k) = \sum_{i=1}^{i=k} \frac{1}{|A_i|} Cut(A_i, \overline{A_i})$   
( $|A_i|$  number of vertices in  $A_i$ )
- minimum cut normalized by the connectivity of each part (NCut)  
 $NCut(A_1, \dots, A_k) = \sum_{i=1}^{i=k} \frac{1}{vol(A_i)} Cut(A_i, \overline{A_i})$   
( $vol(A_i) = \sum_{k \in A_i} d_k$  sum of the weight of all edges of vertices in  $A_i$ )

# Toy example

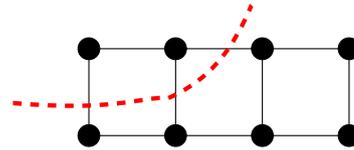
Wu and Leavy (93): search for the MinCut



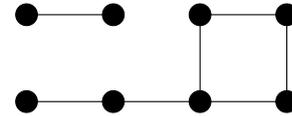
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graphe des pixels attribué

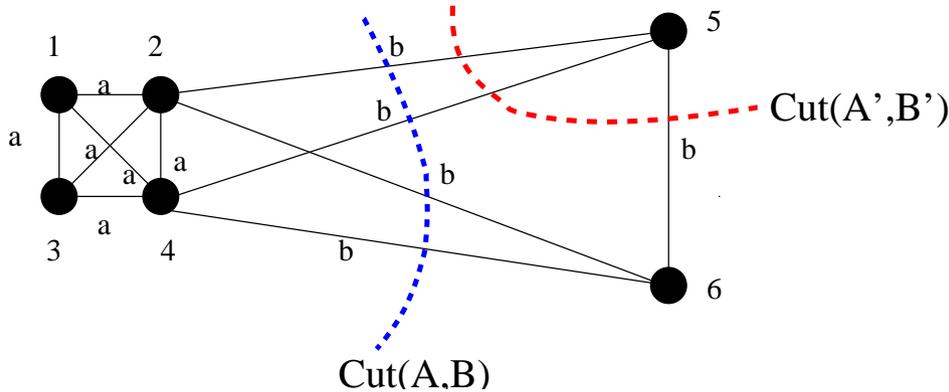


coupe de capacité minimale



partition

Influence of the number of edges:  $Cut(A, B) = 4b$ ,  $Cut(A', B') = 3b$



⇒ normalized cut (NCut)

# Normalized cut

- Principle: graph clustering
- + suppression of the influence of the number of edges: normalized cut

$$Ncut(A, B) = \frac{cut(A, B)}{assoc(A, X)} + \frac{cut(A, B)}{assoc(B, X)}$$

$$assoc(A, X) = \sum_{a \in A, x \in X} w(a, x)$$

- Measuring the connectivity of a cluster:

$$Nassoc(A, B) = \frac{assoc(A, A)}{assoc(A, X)} + \frac{assoc(B, B)}{assoc(B, X)}$$

$$Ncut(A, B) = 2 - Nassoc(A, B)$$

minimizing the cut  $\Leftrightarrow$  maximizing group connectivity

# *Graph theory and cuts*

## MinCut by combinatorial optimization

- Stoer-Wagner algorithm
- Principle: iterative reducing of the graph by fusion of the nodes linked by the maximal weights

## Min K-cut by combinatorial optimization

- Partitioning the (un-oriented graph) graph in many components
- Gomory-Hu algorithm

## minCut in oriented graph by combinatorial optimization

- Ford-Fulkerson algorithm (oriented graph with two terminal nodes (sink / tank))
- Principle: MaxFlow search (MinCut equivalence) by search for an augmenting chain to increase the flow

# Graph theory and cuts

## Laplacian matrices

$D = \text{diag}(d_i)$  with  $d_i = \sum_j w_{ij}$

$W = (w_{ij})$

- Graph Laplacian matrix

$$L = D - W$$

- Normalized graph Laplacian matrix

$$L_n = D^{-\frac{1}{2}} L D^{-\frac{1}{2}} = I - D^{-\frac{1}{2}} W D^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

## Spectral clustering algorithms and cuts

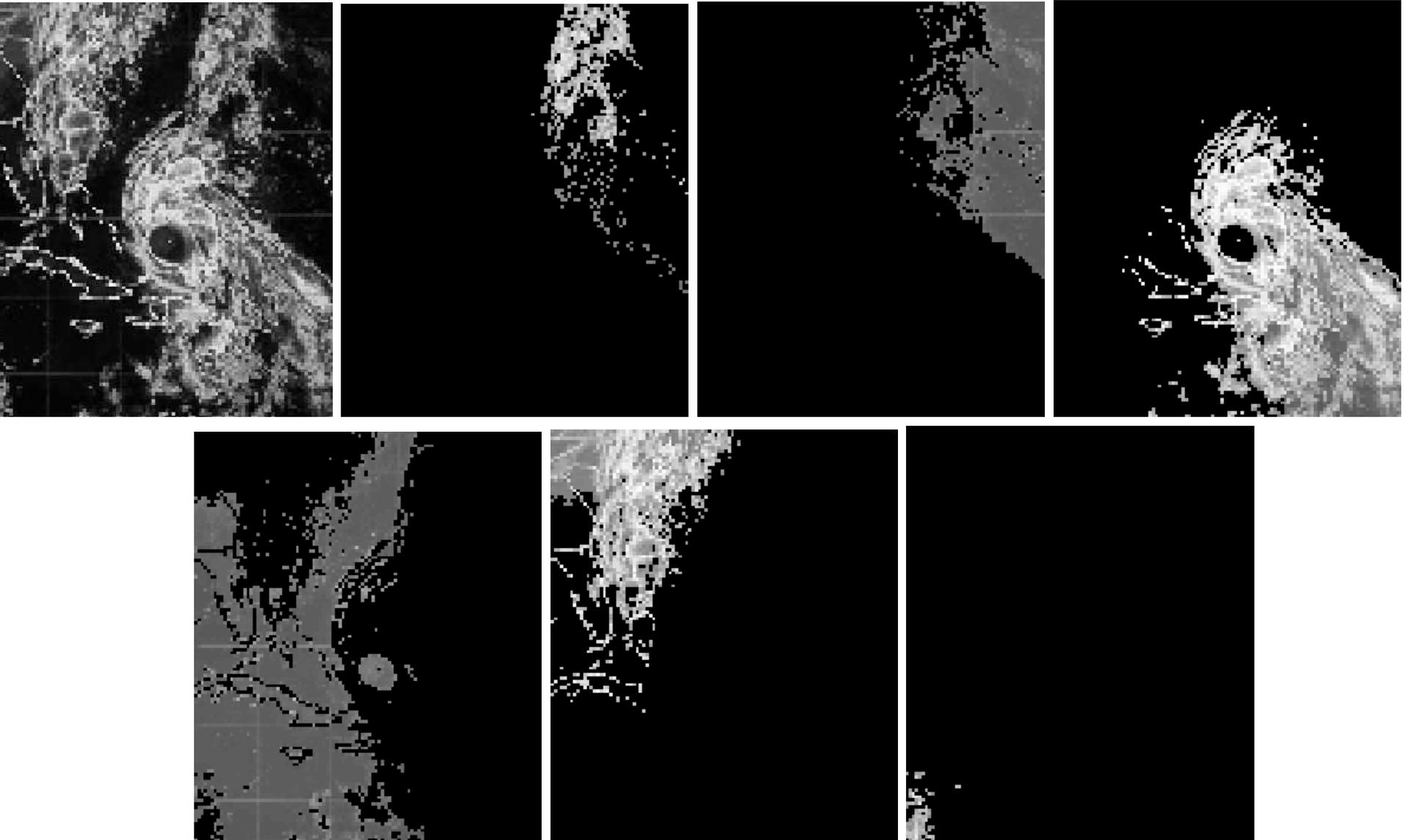
- Computation of the eigen-values and eigen-vectors of some matrix ( $L$ ,  $L_n$ , or generalized eigen problems  $Lu = \lambda Du$ )
- selection of the  $k$  smallest eigen-values and associated  $k$  eigen-vectors  $u_k$
- $U = (u_1, \dots, u_k) \in R^{n \times k}$
- let  $y_i \in R^k$  be the  $i$ th row of  $U$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ )
- cluster the points  $(y_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  with the  $k$ -means algorithm into clusters  $C_1, \dots, C_k$
- clusters  $A_1, \dots, A_k$  with  $A_i = \{j | y_j \in C_i\}$

# Examples (univ. Berkeley)

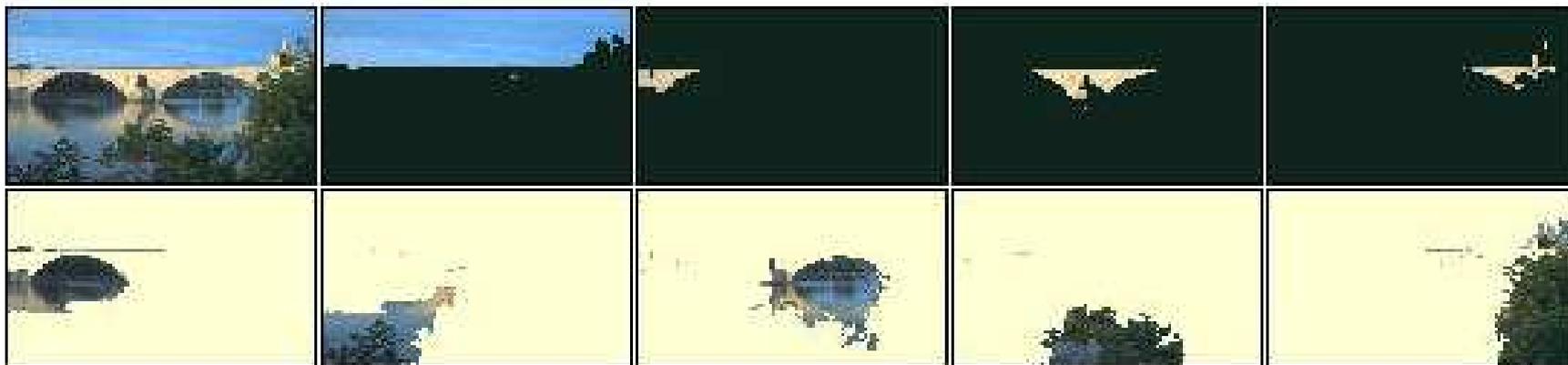
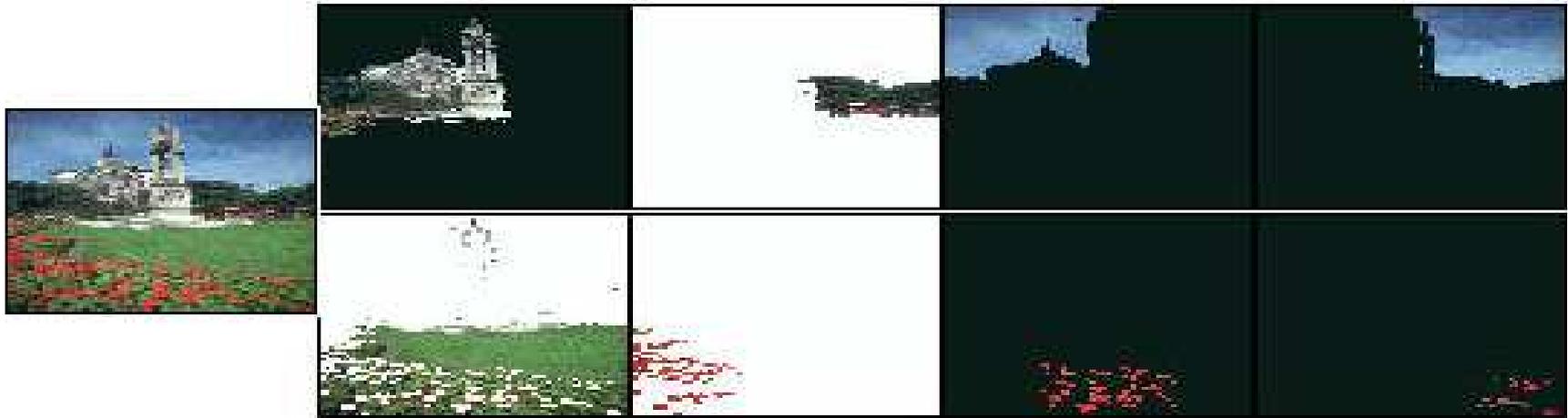


<http://www.cs.berkeley.edu/projects/vision/Grouping/>

# *Examples (univ. Berkeley)*



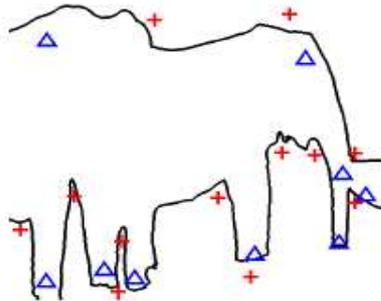
# Examples (univ. Berkeley)



# Examples (univ. Alberta) with linear constraints



(a)



(b)



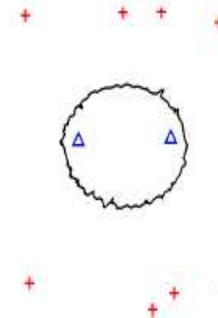
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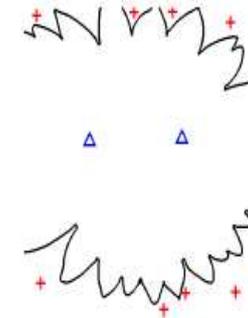
(d)



(a)



(b)



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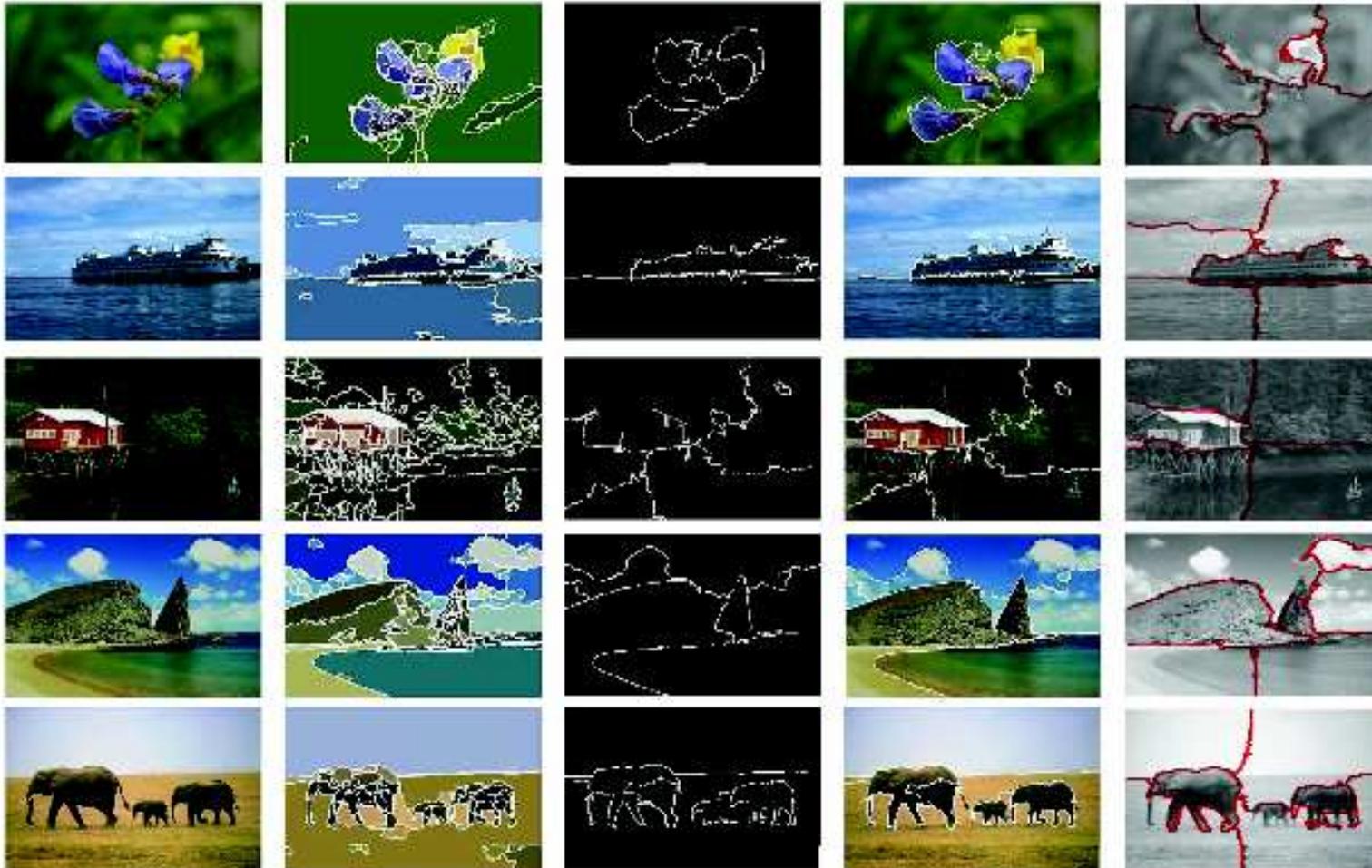


(d)



(e)

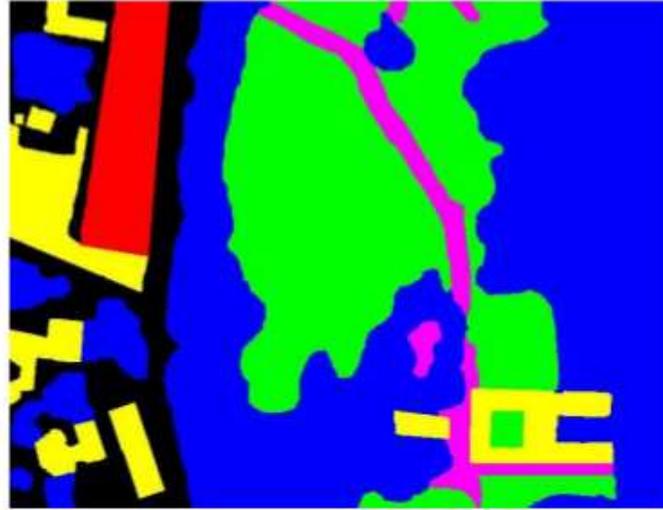
# Examples (Mean Shift et Normalized Cut)



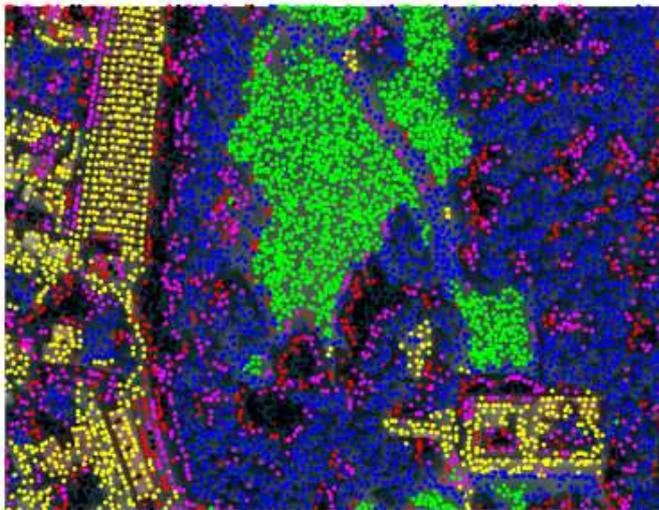
# Examples (texture classification with point-wise graph)



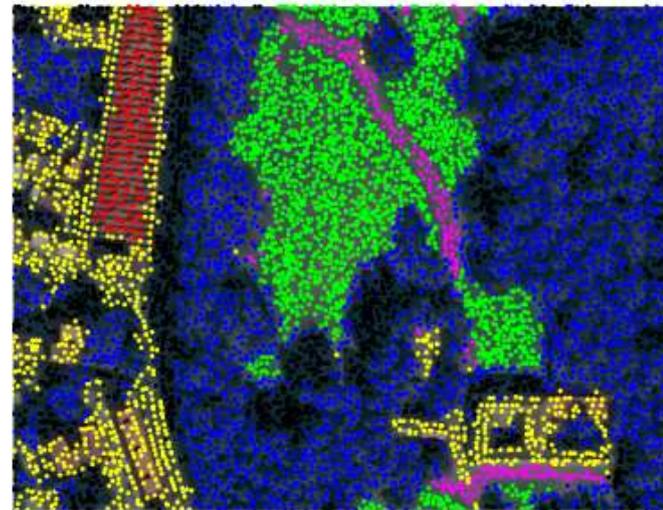
(a) Image originale



(b) Vérité terrain



(j) Vecteur de signature



(k) Classification spectrale des vecteurs de signature

# Graph-cuts

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# Full scene labeling (scene parsing)

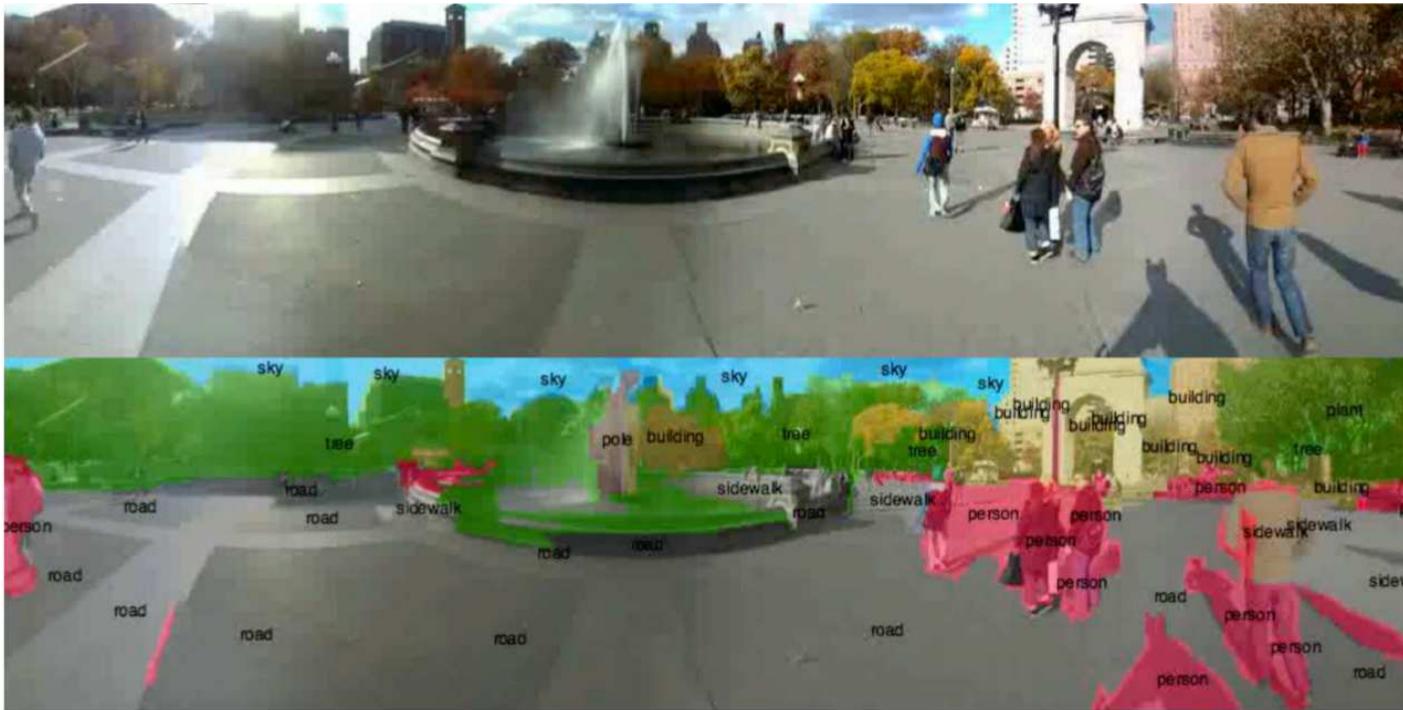


Figure from Farabet et al., PAMI 13  
Tenenbaum and Barrow (1977)

- Segmentation in regions
- Building of the Region Adjacency Graph
- Labeling using a set of rules (expert system) :
  1. on objects (size, color, texture,...)
  2. on contextual relationships between objects (above, inside, near ...)

Generalization with fuzzy attributed graphs

# Markovian labeling (random graphs)

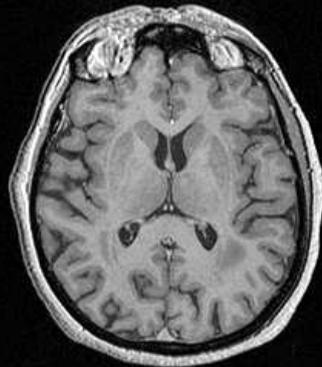
$$E(l) = \sum_i \Phi(d_i, l_i) + \beta \sum_{ij} \Psi(l_i, l_j)$$

- Low-level applications:
  - pixel graphs
  - segmentation, classification, restoration
  
- High-level applications:
  - graph of super-pixels (SLIC, watershed, ...)
  - graph of primitives (edges, key-points, lines,...)

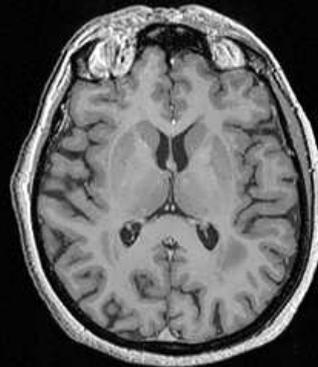
⇒ pattern recognition, full scene labeling

# Example on a region adjacency graph (T. Géraud)

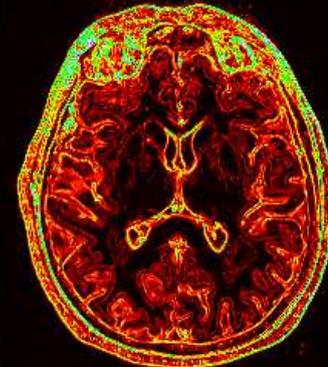
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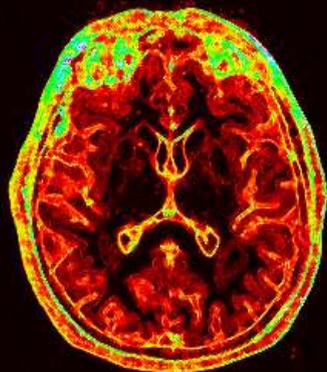
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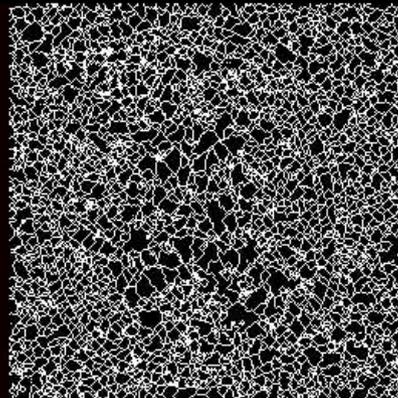
*3D anisotropic diffusion*



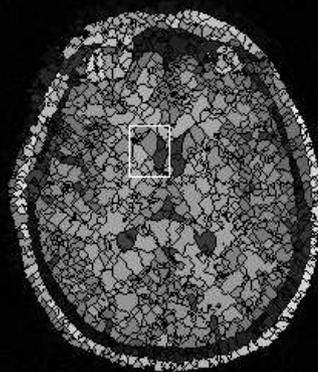
*3D anisotropic gradient*



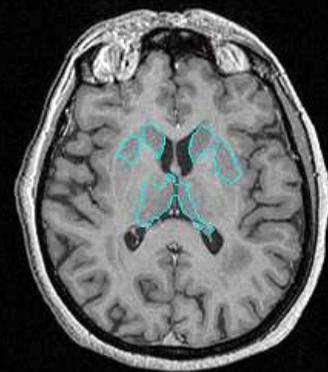
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*3D watershed*

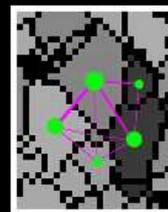


*3D over-segmentation*



*result of graph labeling*

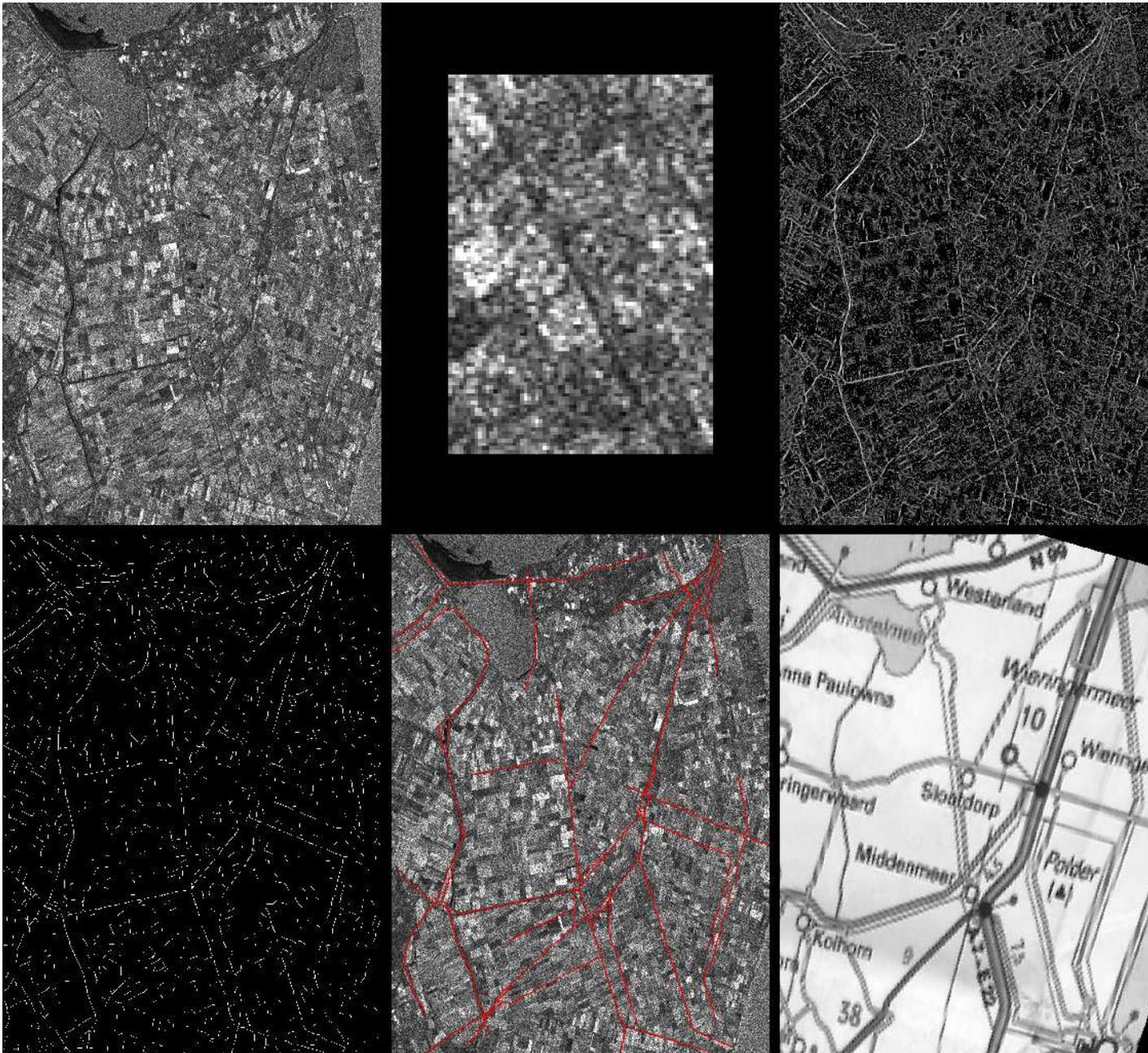
*Markovian relaxation*



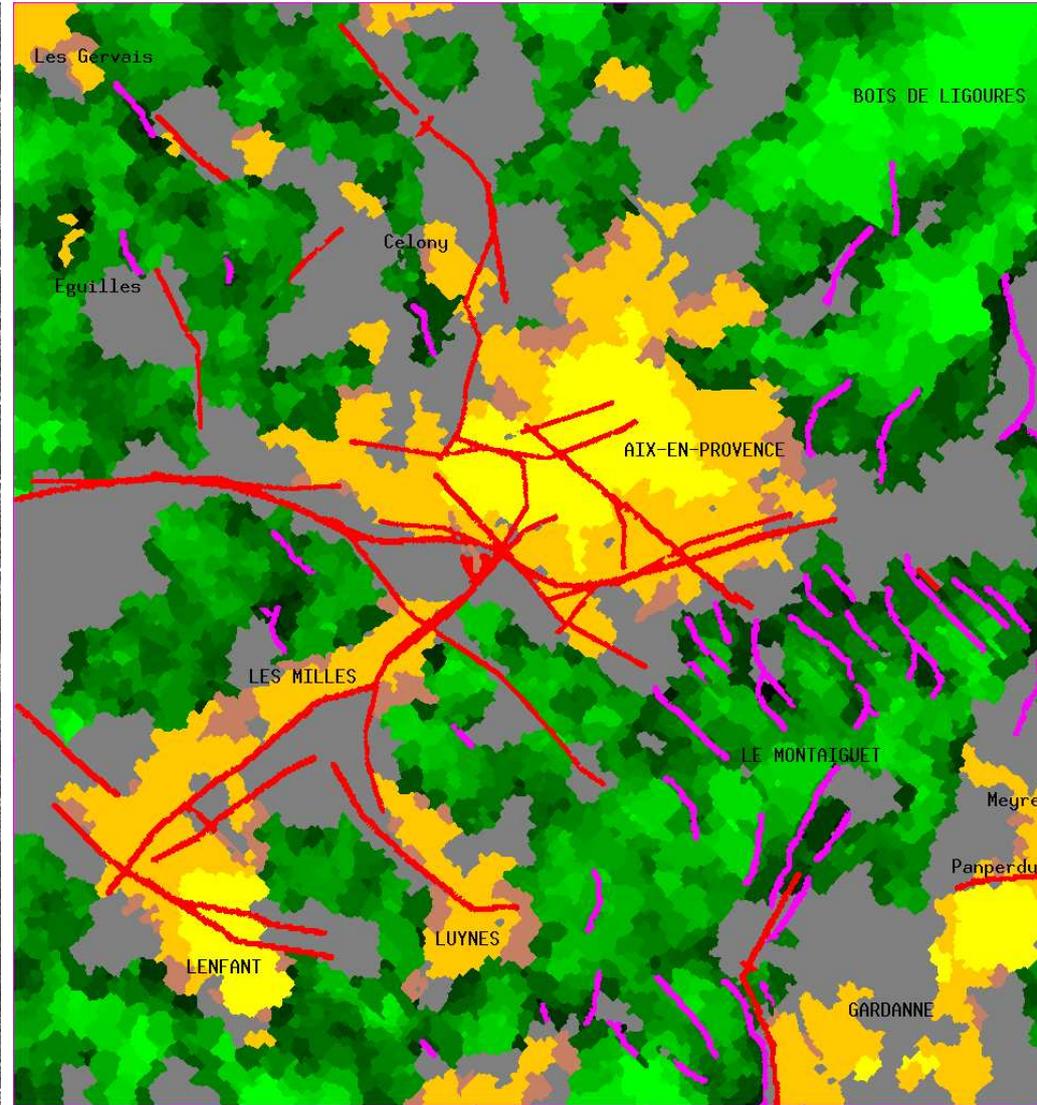
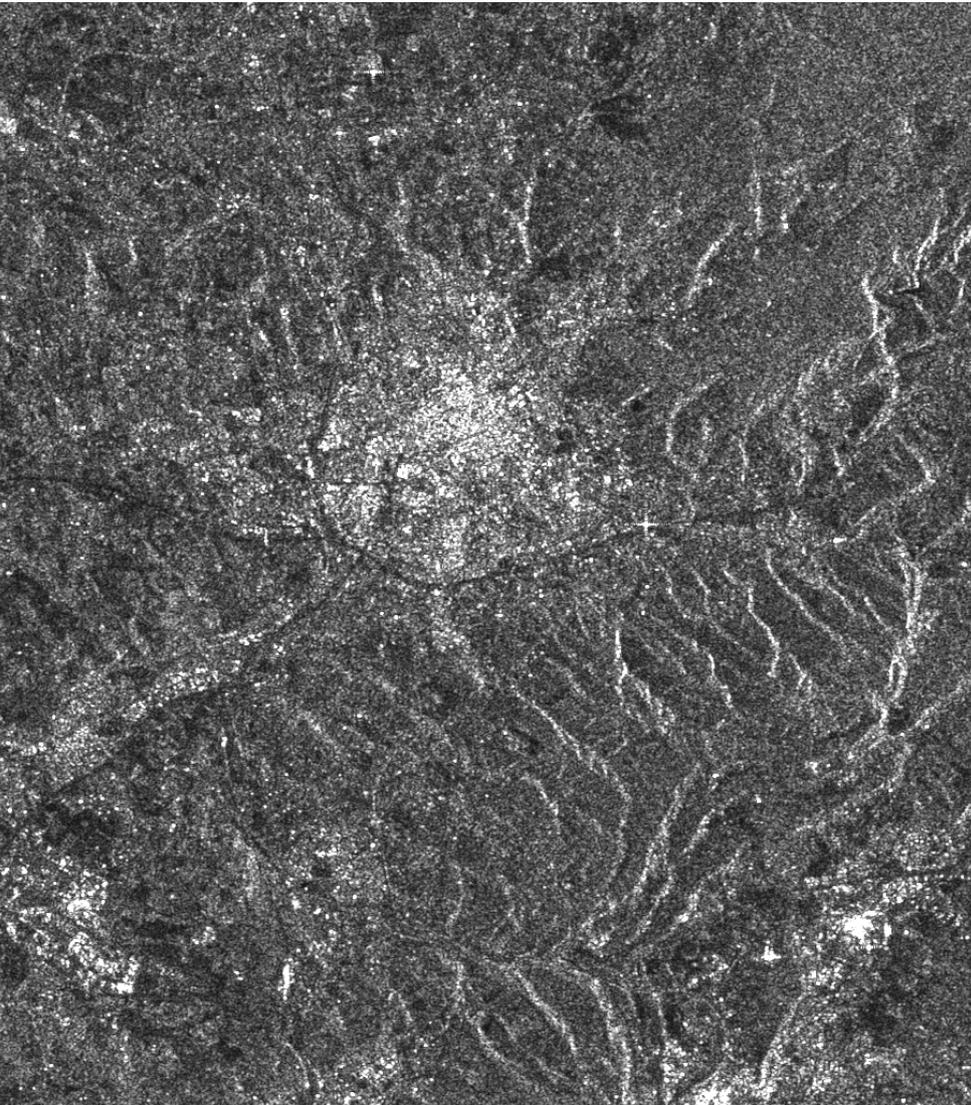
$$p(y|x) = \exp \left\{ - \sum_s \frac{\text{vol}_s (y_s - \mu_{x_s})^2}{2\sigma_{x_s}^2} \right\}$$

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left\{ - \sum_s \sum_{c=(s,n)} \text{surf}_c P[x_s, x_n] \right\}$$

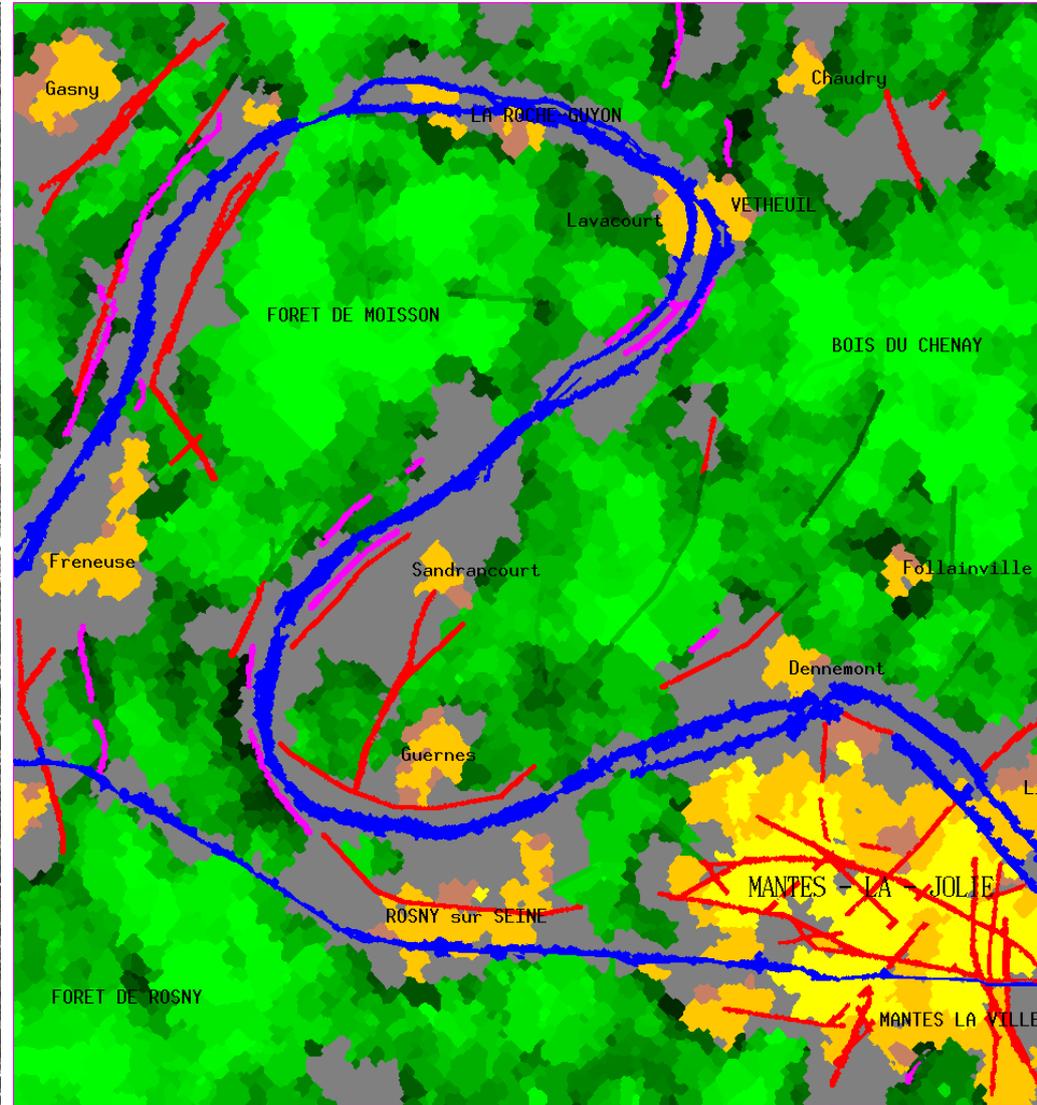
# Example on a line graph



# Example on a region adjacency graph



# Example on a region adjacency graph



# Markov random fields and graph-cut optimization

Binary labeling (Greig et al. 89) :

$$\mathcal{E}(l) = \sum_i \Phi(d_i | l_i) + \sum_{(i,j)} \beta(l_i - l_j)^2$$

- source  $S$  (label 1), sink  $P$  (label 0)
- edges connected to terminal nodes with likelihood weights  $\Phi(d_i | l_i)$
- edges between neighbor nodes with weights  $\beta$

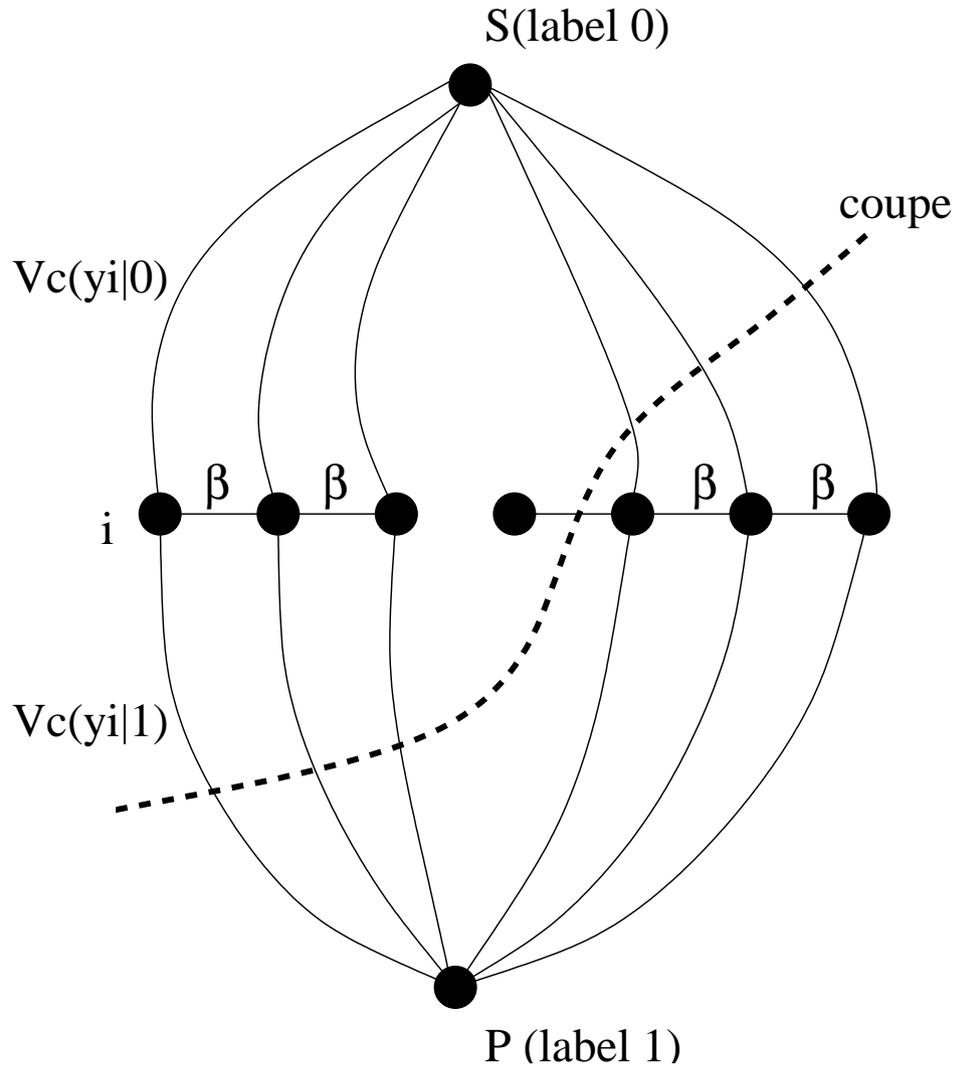
Minimizing  $\mathcal{E}(l) \Leftrightarrow$  Min Cut search

$$cut(E_S, E_P) = \sum_{i \in E_S} \Phi(d_i | 1) + \sum_{i \in E_P} \Phi(d_i | 0) + \sum_{(i \in E_S, j \in E_P)} \beta$$

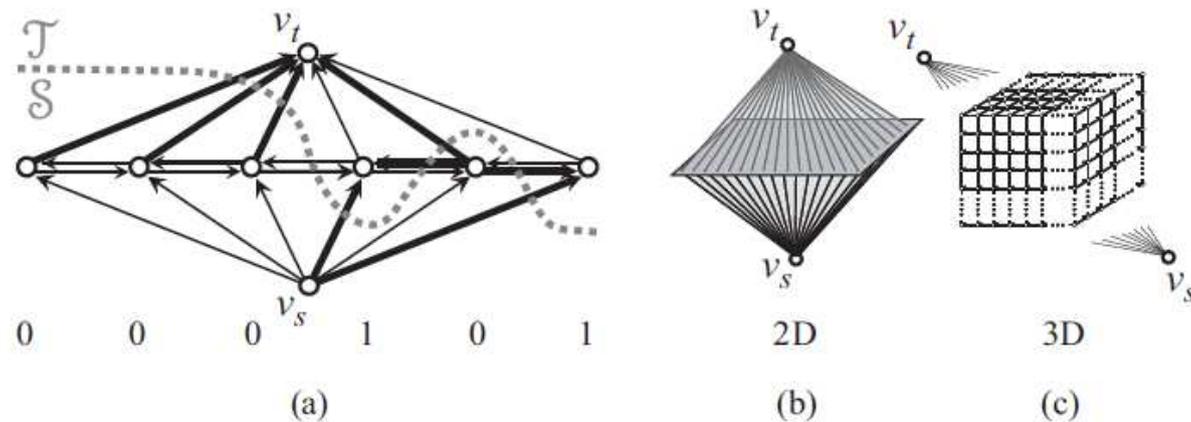
( $l_i = 1$  for  $i \in E_S$ ,  $l_i = 0$  for  $i \in E_P$ )

# MRF and graph-cut optimization

$(l_i = 1 \text{ for } i \in E_S, l_i = 0 \text{ for } i \in E_P)$



# MRF and graph-cut optimization



**FIGURE 2.5**

(a) The graph for binary MRF minimization. The edges in the cut are depicted as thick arrows. Each node other than  $v_s$  and  $v_t$  corresponds to a site. If a cut  $(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T})$  places a node in  $\mathcal{S}$ , the corresponding site is labeled 0; if it is in  $\mathcal{T}$ , the site is labeled 1. The 0's and 1's at the bottom indicate the label each site is assigned. Here, the sites are arranged in 1D; but according to the neighborhood structure this can be any dimension as shown in (b) and (c).

(figure from “Image processing and analysis with graphs”, Lézoray - Grady)

# *MRF/CRF and graph-cut optimization*

Multi-level labeling (Boykov, Veksler 99) :

⇒ generalization of the previous binary labeling

Definition of two space moves (to go back to the binary labeling)

- $\alpha$ -expansion : source  $S$  and sink  $P$  correspond to label  $\alpha$  and the current label  $\bar{\alpha}$  ( $\Psi$  should be a metric)
- $\alpha - \beta$  swap: source  $S$  for  $\alpha$  and sink  $P$  for  $\beta$  ( $\Psi$  should be a semi-metric)

Optimization by iterative mincut search:

- graph: nodes for super-pixels
- weights: depending on the current labeling
- good trade off time / efficiency compared to simulated annealing or ICM

But for multi-labeling no guarantee on optimality of the solution

# *MRF/CRF and graph-cut optimization*

Image restoration :

⇒ exact optimization for quantized levels when  $\Psi$  is convex

- Ishikawa (2003): building of a multi-layer graph (one layer for each label) and mincut search
- Darbon (2005): decomposition of the solution on level-sets and binary mincut search on each level-set

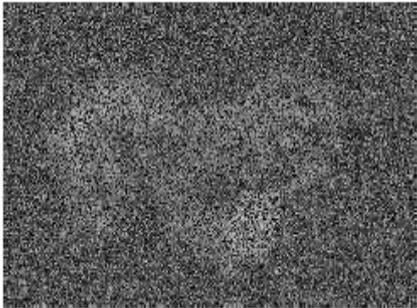
⇒ exact solution for convex functions !

⇒ but need of (potentially) huge memory size !....

# Examples - multi-labeling optimization



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)



(e)



(f)

# *Interactive segmentation: “hard” constraints*

**Principle** Background and object manually defined

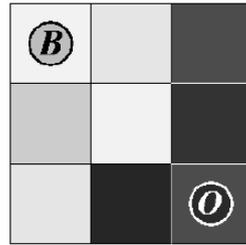
⇒ finding of a binary labeling minimizing an energy including “hard” constraints

**Method** Mincut search and edges with high weights (should not be cut)

## **Advantages**

- easy introduction of “hard” constraints
- the manually defined areas permit to do a fast learning
- iterative algorithm

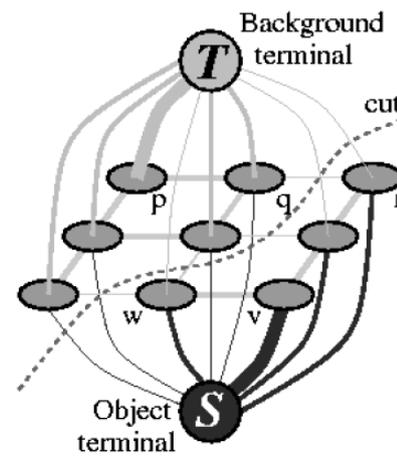
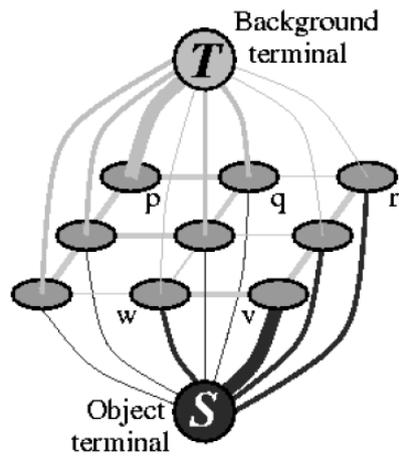
# Graph construction



(a) Image with seeds.



(d) Segmentation results.



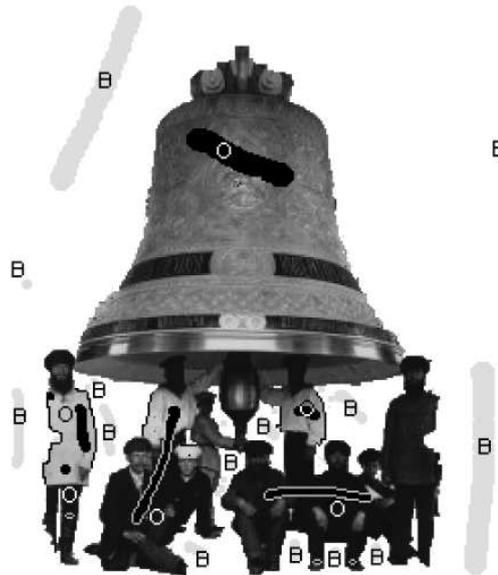
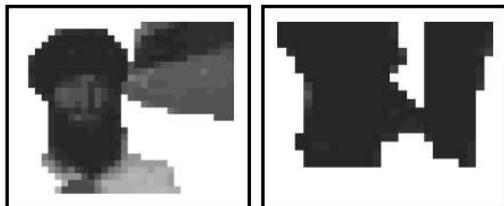
# Graph weights

edge	weight (cost)	for
$\{p, q\}$	$B_{\{p,q\}}$	$\{p, q\} \in \mathcal{N}$
$\{p, S\}$	$\lambda \cdot R_p(\text{"bkg"})$	$p \in \mathcal{P}, p \notin \mathcal{O} \cup \mathcal{B}$
	$K$	$p \in \mathcal{O}$
	$0$	$p \in \mathcal{B}$
$\{p, T\}$	$\lambda \cdot R_p(\text{"obj"})$	$p \in \mathcal{P}, p \notin \mathcal{O} \cup \mathcal{B}$
	$0$	$p \in \mathcal{O}$
	$K$	$p \in \mathcal{B}$

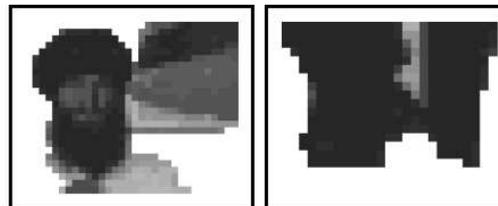
# Illustrations



(a) Original B&W photo



(b) Segmentation results



# *Interactive methods with mincut*

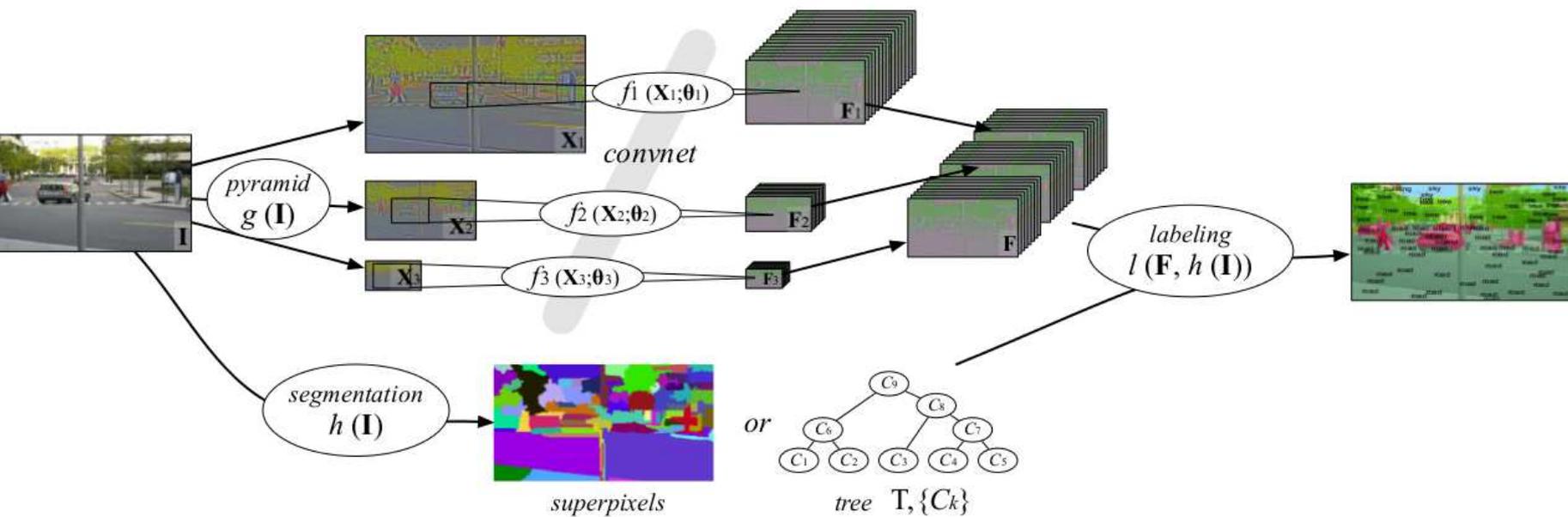
## Grab-cut

- take into account color
- two labels (background and object but with a Gaussian Mixture Model)
- CRF (conditional random field): regularization term weighted by the image gradient
- iterative semi-supervised learning of the GMM parameters (after manual initialization and after each cut)

# *Illustrations -GrabCut-*



# Deep learning and graph labeling for full scene labeling

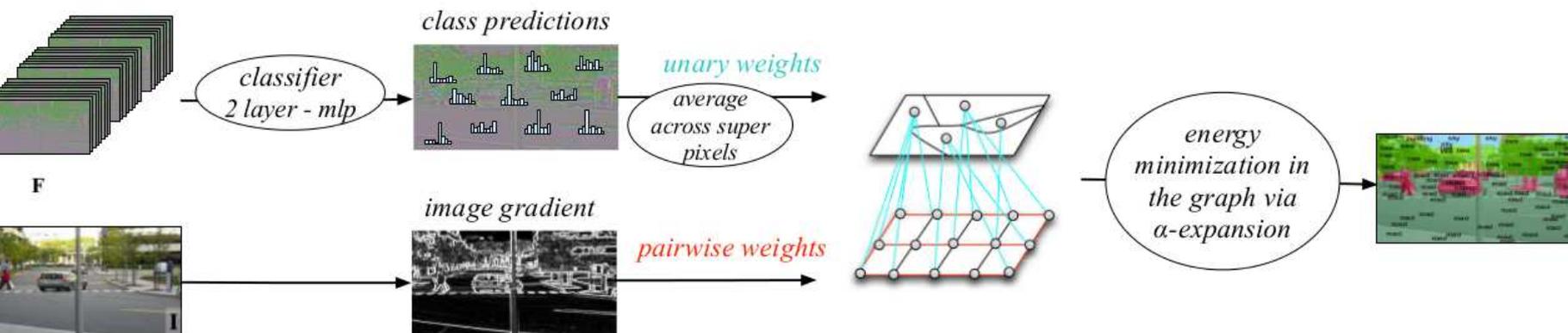


Farabet et al., PAMI, 2013

# Deep learning and graph labeling for full scene labeling

$$\Phi(d_i, l_i) = \exp(-\alpha d_{i,a}) 1(l_i \neq a)$$

$$\Psi(l_i, l_j) = \exp(-\beta \|\nabla I\|_i) 1(l_i \neq l_j)$$



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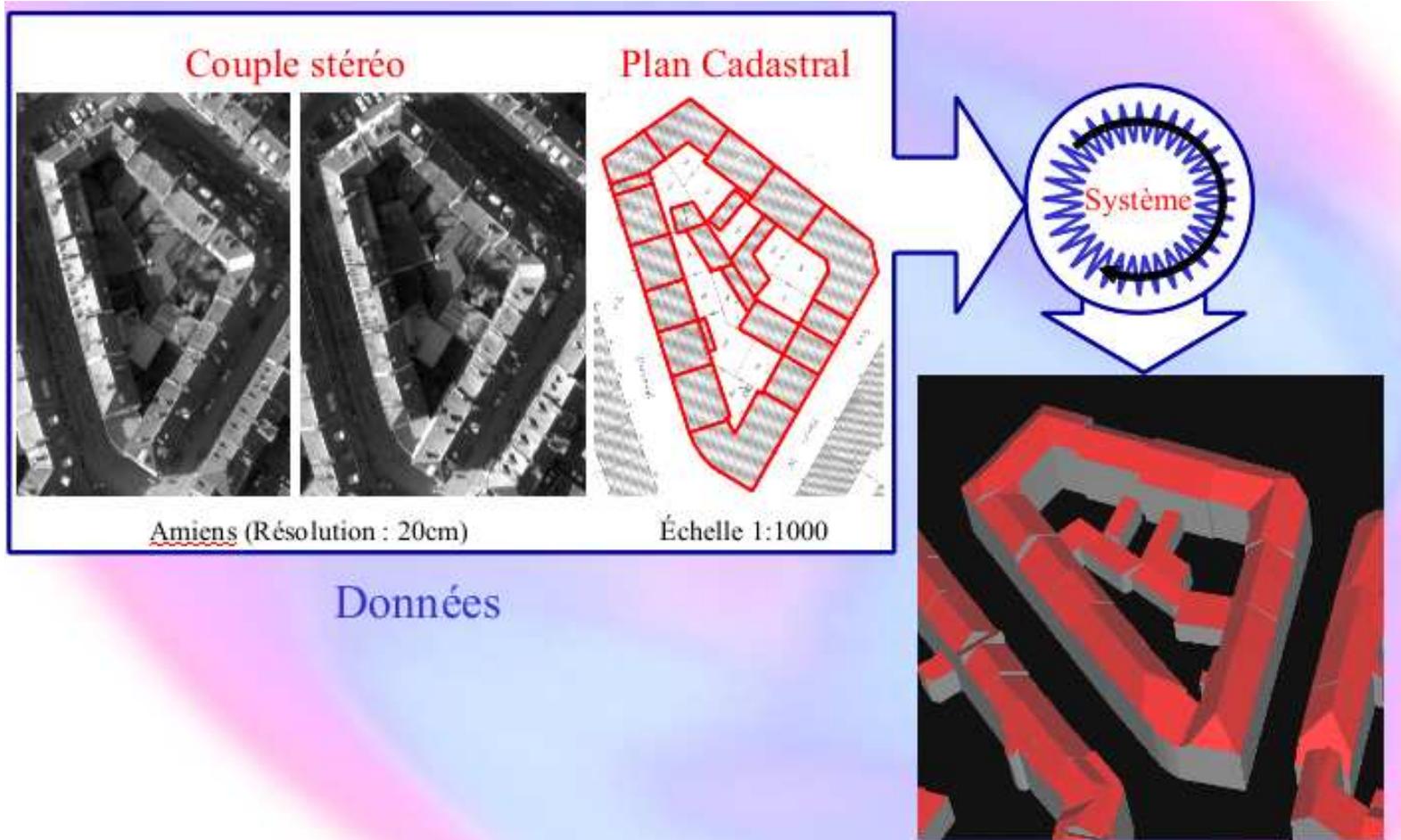
# Pattern recognition

- Object: defined by a set of primitives (nodes of the graph)
- Binary relationship of compatibility between nodes (edges of the graph)
- Clique: sub-set of primitives all compatible between each other  
= possible object configuration
- recognition by maximal clique detection

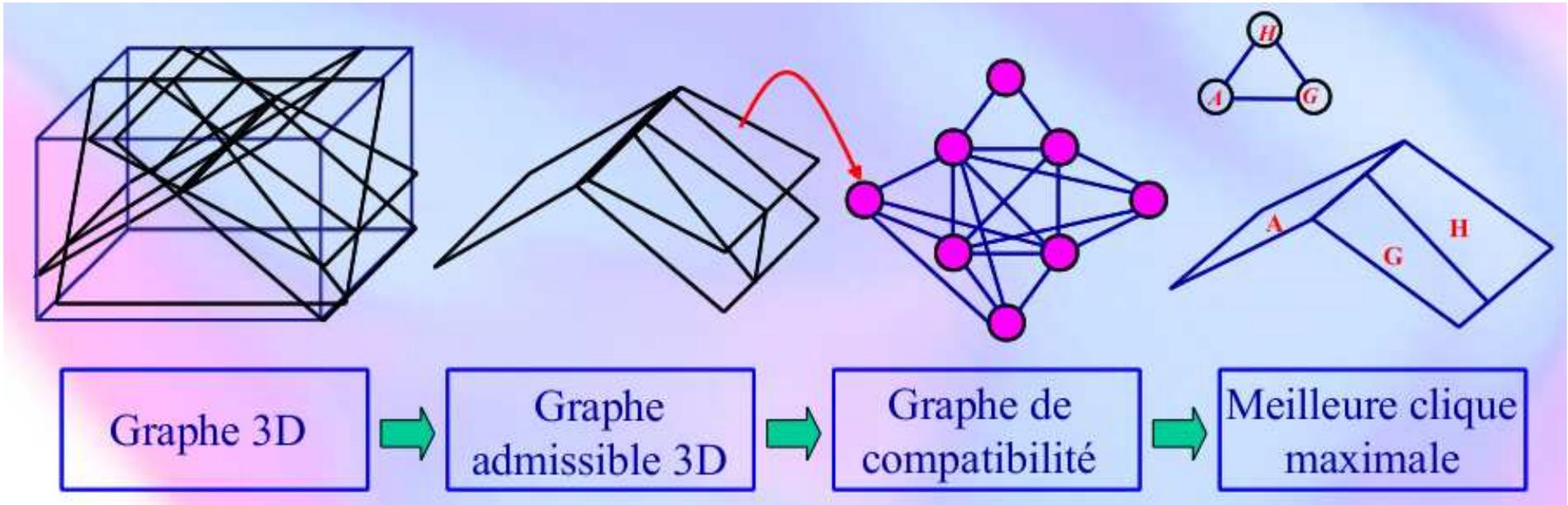
## Search of maximal cliques :

- NP-hard problem
- Building of a decision tree: a node of the tree = 1 clique of the graph
- pruning of the tree to suppress already found cliques
- Theorem: let  $S$  be a node of the search tree  $T$ , and let  $x$  be the first unexplored child of  $S$  to be explored. If all the sub-trees of  $S \cup \{x\}$  have been generated, only the sons  $S$  not adjacent to  $x$  have to be explored.

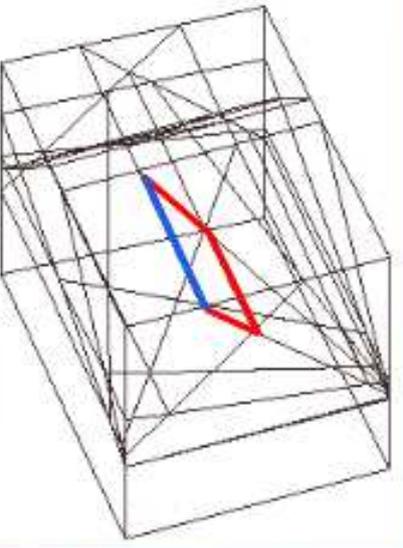
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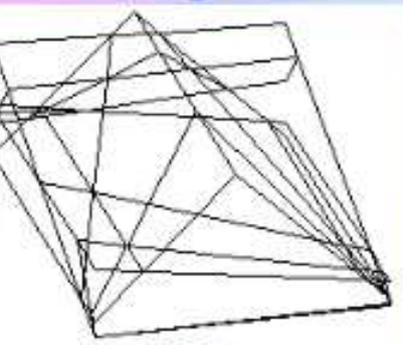
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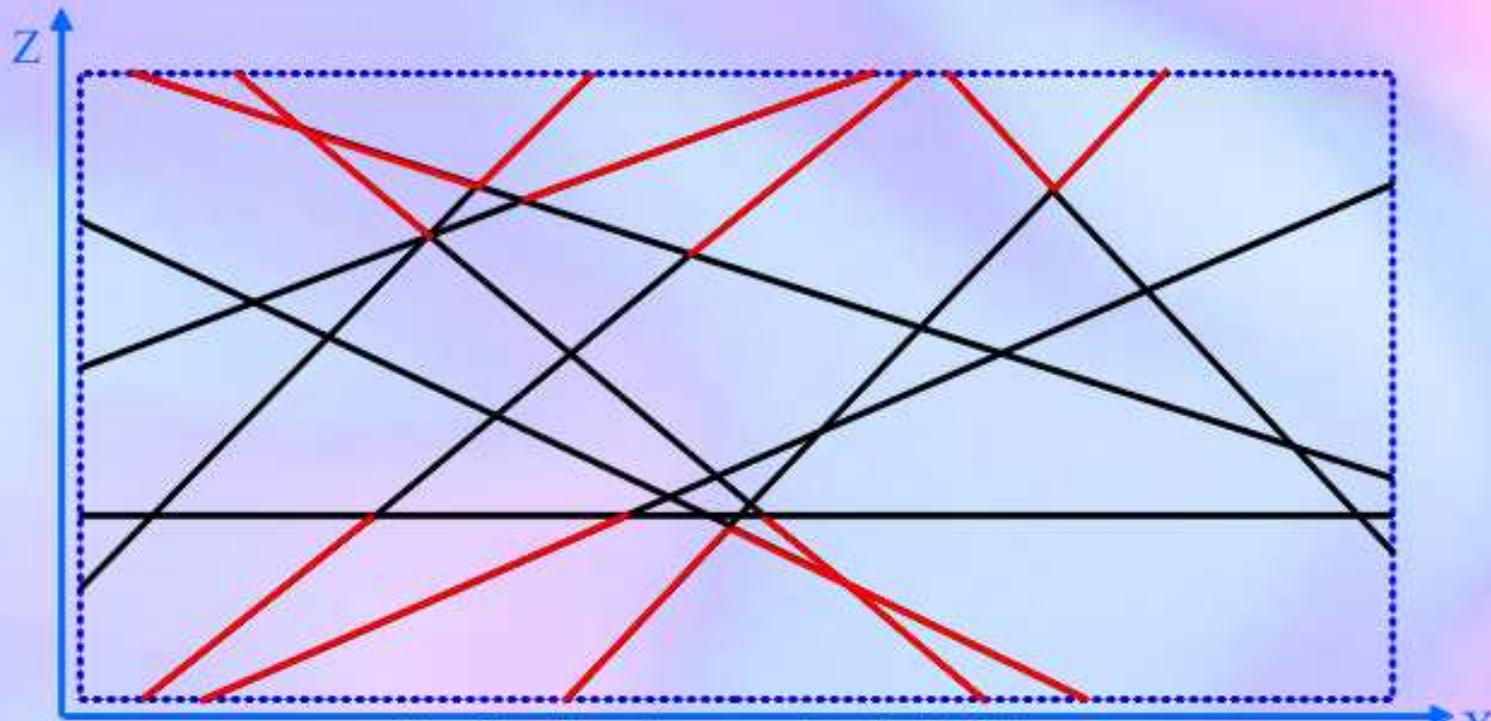


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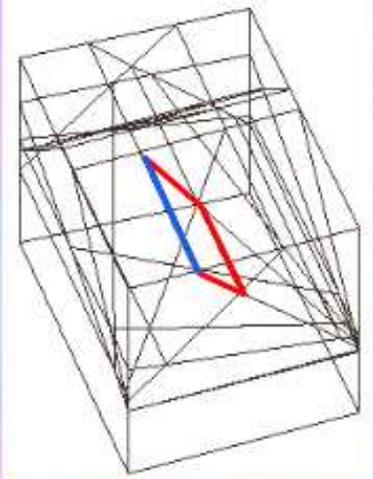
Graphe Admissible 3D

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Éliminer récursivement toute facette localement inadmissible

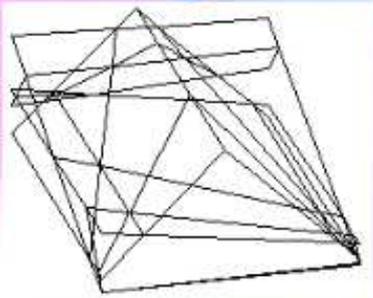


Facettes localement inadmissibles

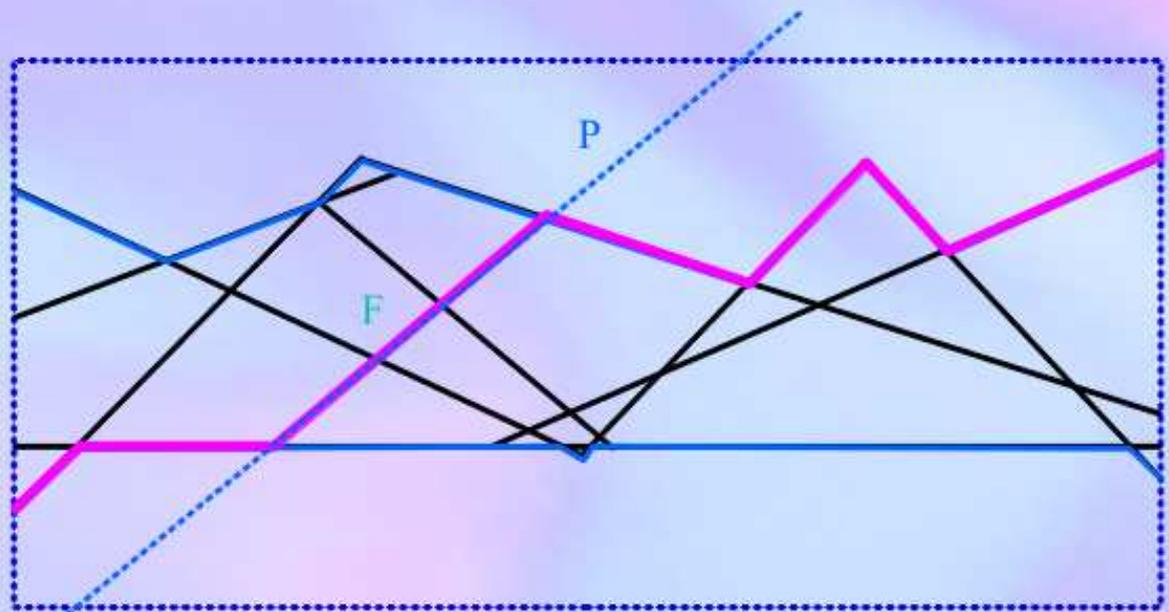
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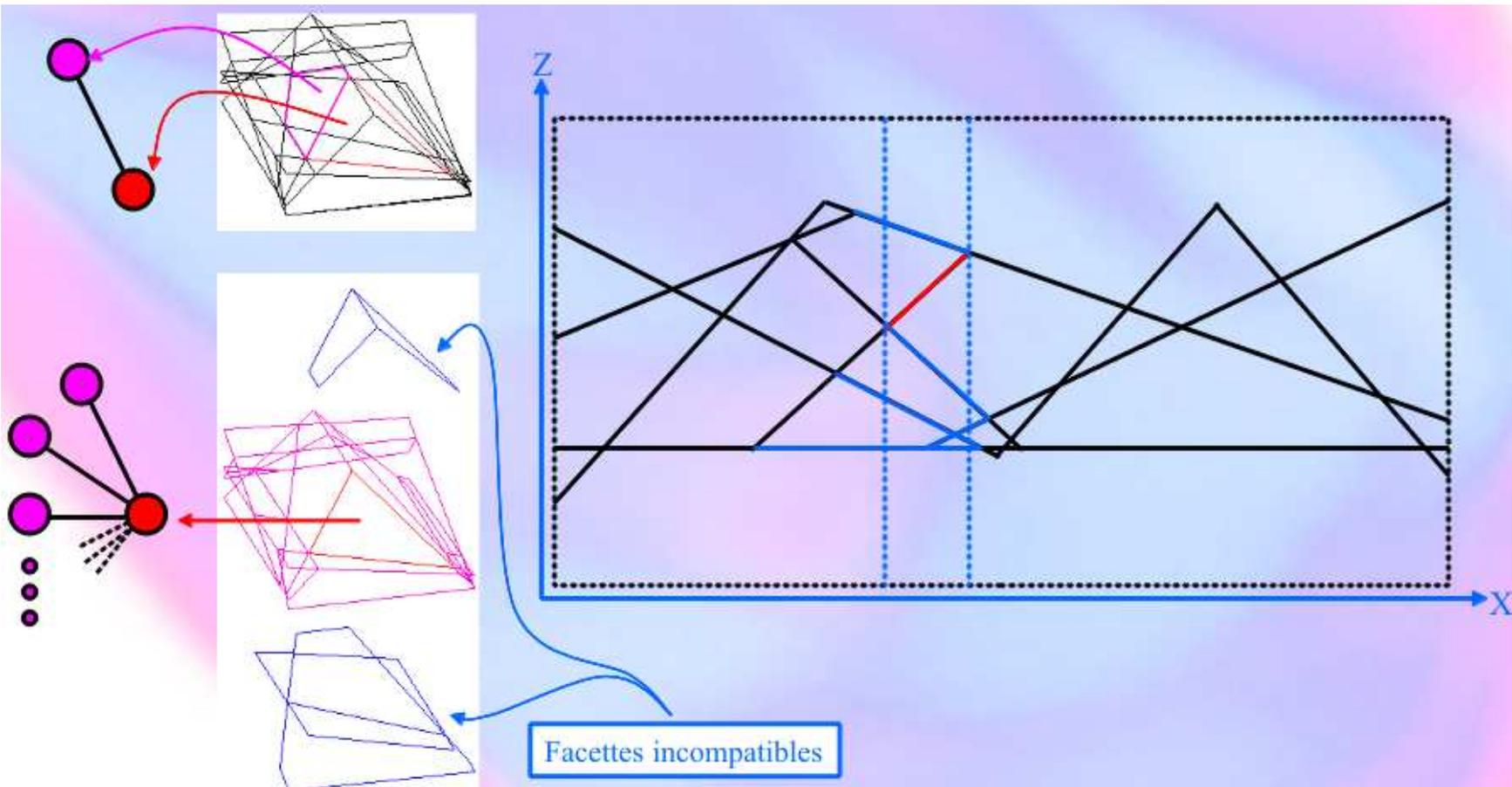


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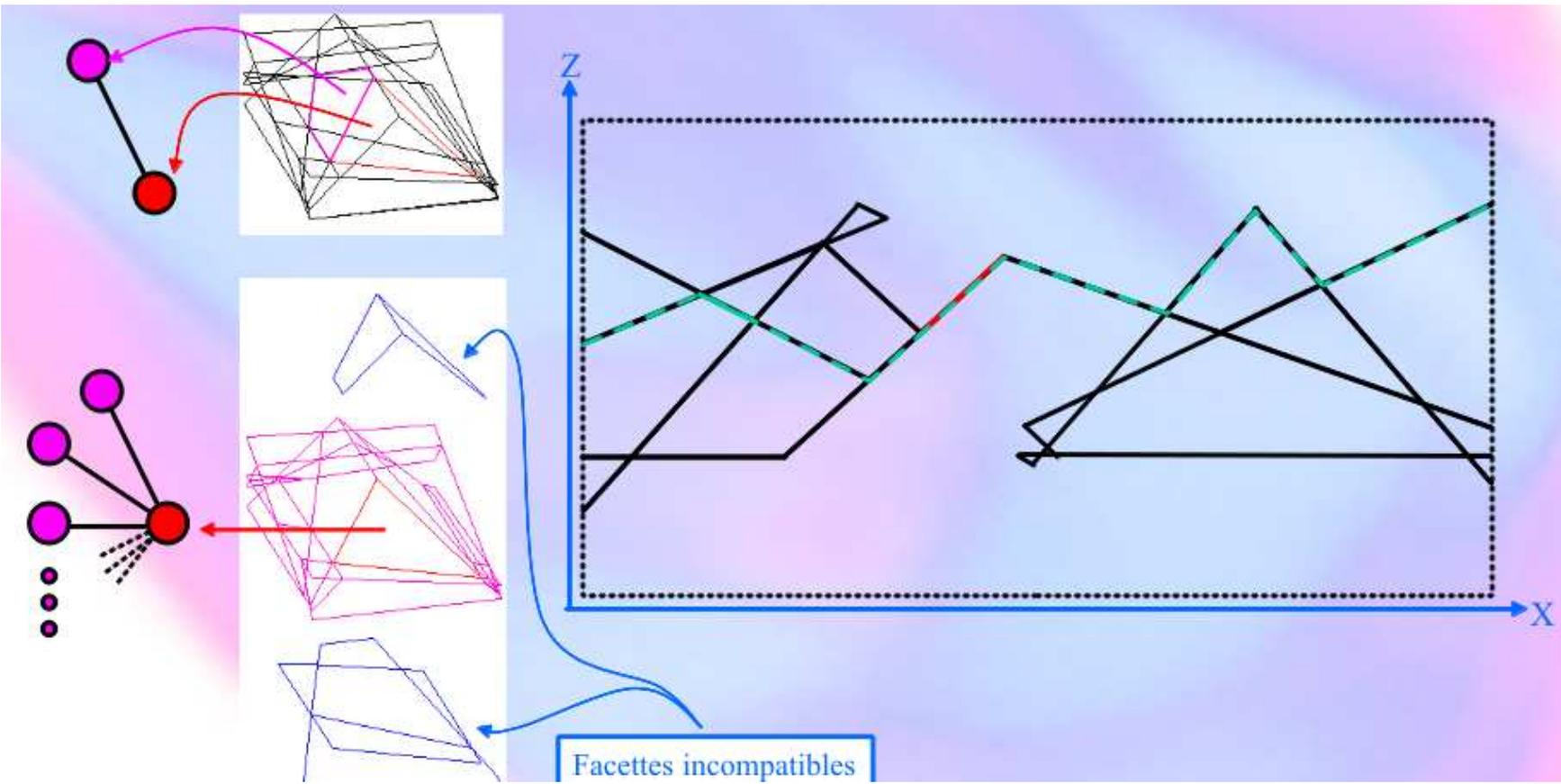


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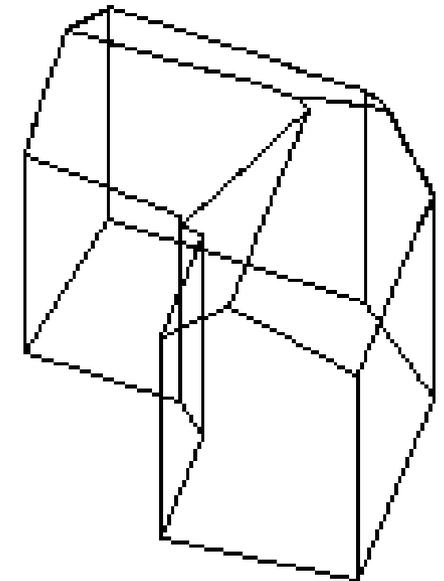
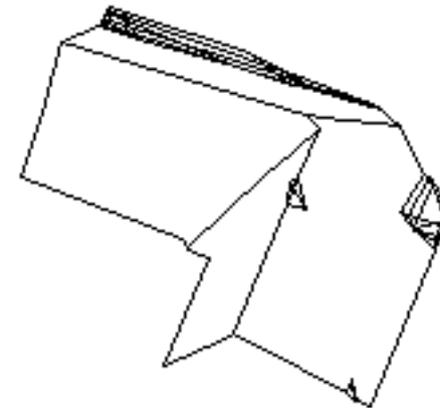
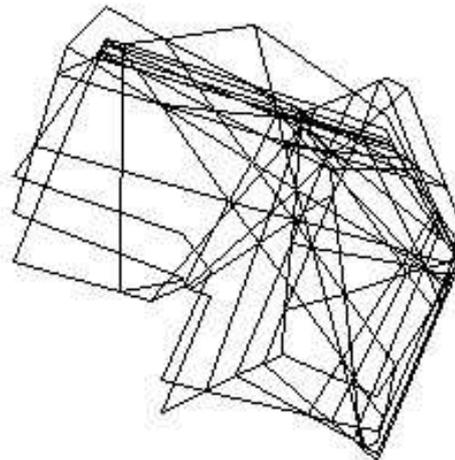
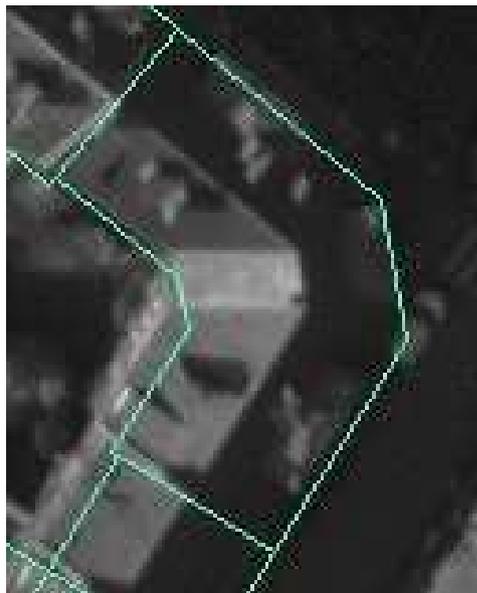
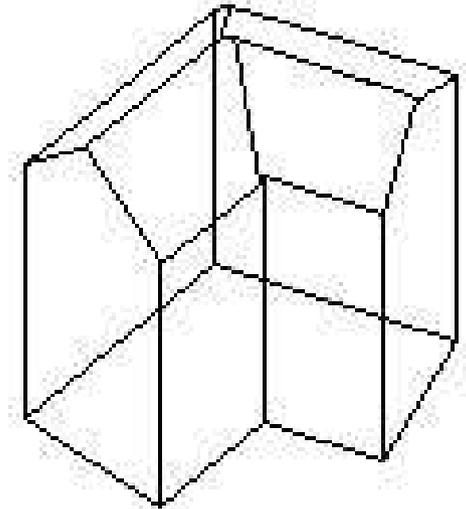
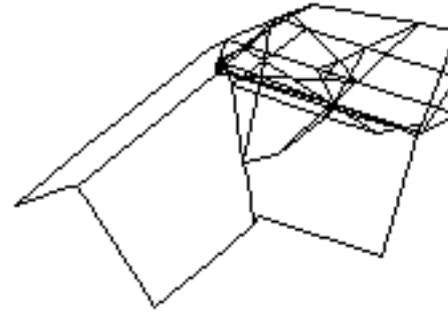
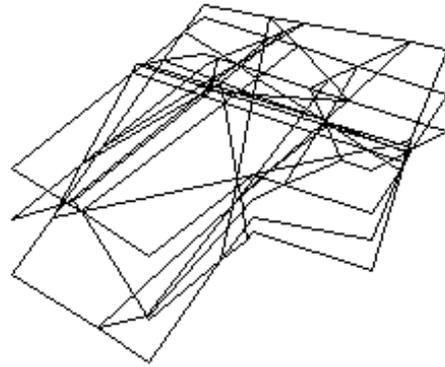
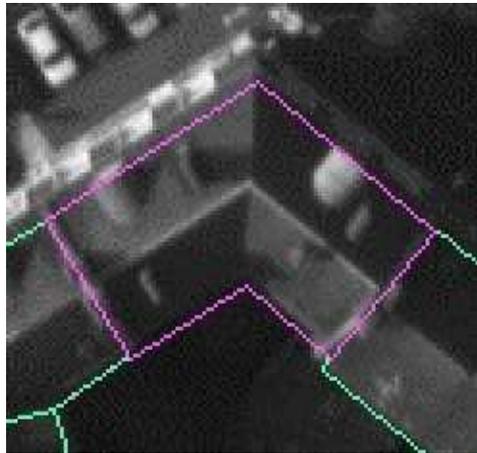
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# Graph matching

## Correspondance problem:

- Graph(s) of the model (atlas, map, model of object)
- Graph built from the data
- Graph matching:

$$G = (X, E, \mu, \nu) \rightarrow? G' = (X', E', \mu', \nu')$$

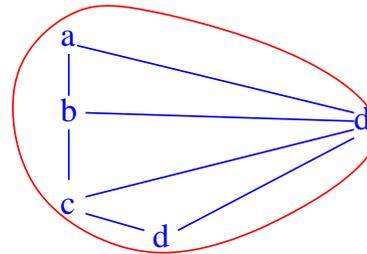
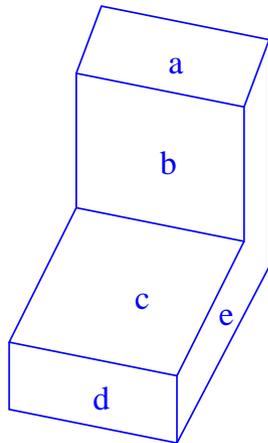
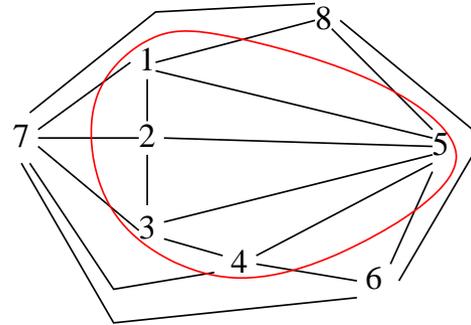
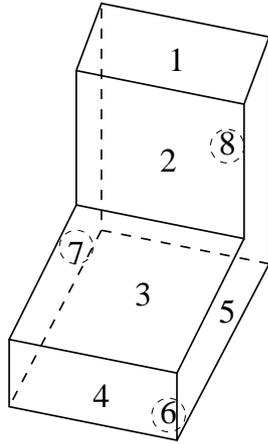
## Graph isomorphism: bijective function $f : X \rightarrow X'$

- $\mu(x) = \mu'(f(x))$
- $\forall e = (x_1, x_2), \exists e' = (f(x_1), f(x_2)) / \nu(e) = \nu'(e')$  and conversely

Too strict  $\Rightarrow$  **isomorphisms of sub-graphs**

# Sub-graph isomorphisms

- There exists a sub-graph  $S'$  of  $G'$  such that  $f$  is an isomorphism from  $G$  to  $S'$

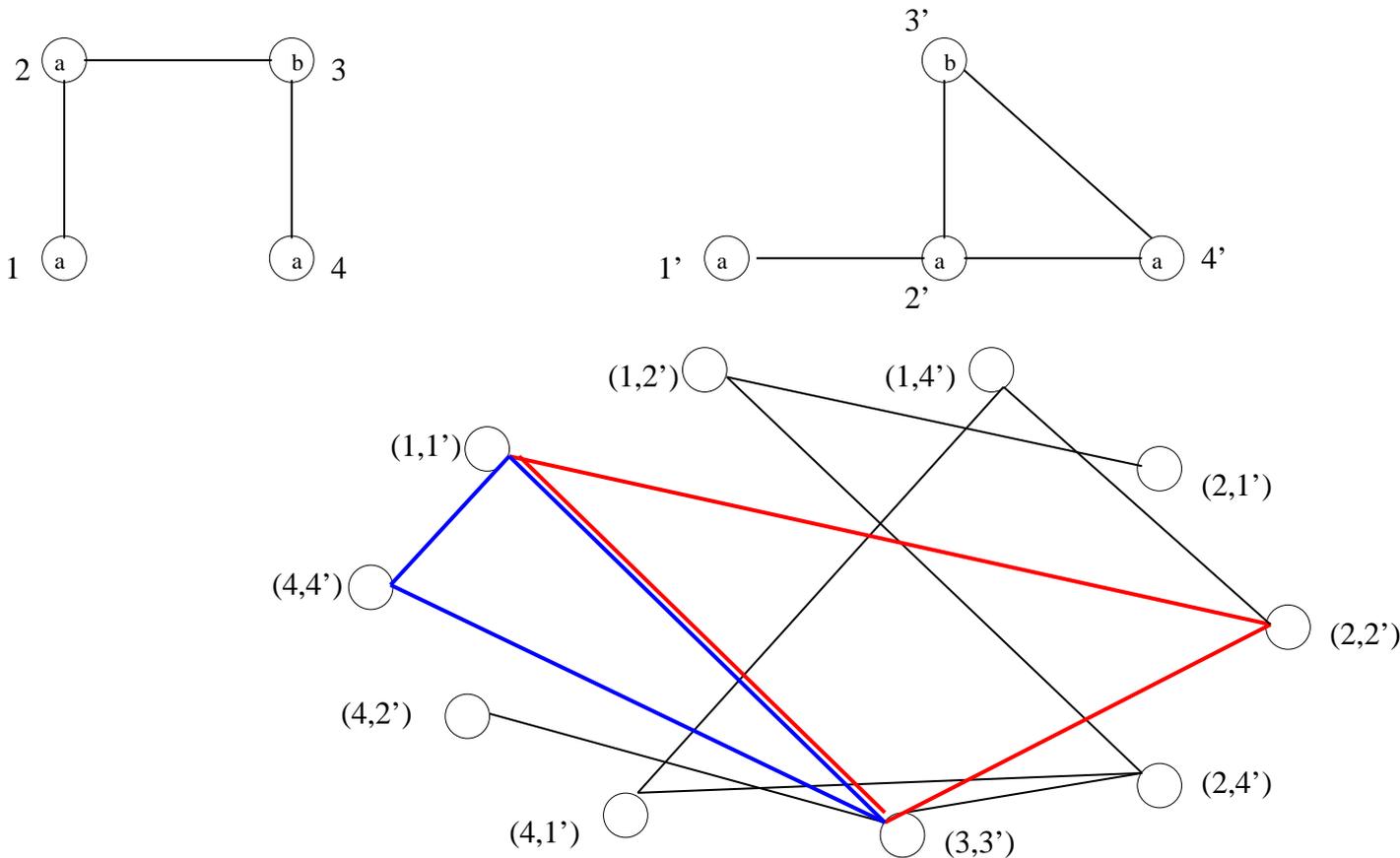


- There exists a sub-graph  $S$  of  $G$  and a sub-graph  $S'$  of  $G'$  such that  $f$  is an isomorphism from  $S$  to  $S'$

# Graph isomorphisms: searching the maximal clique

search of the maximal clique of the association graph

- principle: building of the association graph
- maximal clique: sub-graph isomorphism



# *Sub-graph isomorphism: Ullman algorithm*

- Principle : extension of the association set  $(v_i, w_{x_i})$  until the  $G$  graph has been fully explored. In case of failure, go back in the association graph (“backtrack”). Acceleration: “forward checking” before adding an association.
- Algorithm:
  - matrix of node associations
  - matrix of future possible associations for a given set of associations matrice
  - list of updated associations by “Backtrack” et “ForwardChecking”
- Complexity : worst case  $O(m^n n^2)$  ( $n$  ordre de  $X$ ,  $m$  de  $X'$ ,  $n < m$ )

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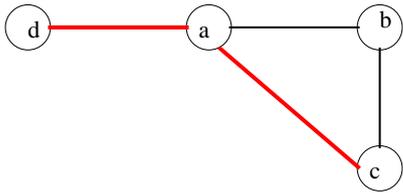
# *Error tolerant graph-matching*

- Real world: noisy graphs, incomplete graphs, distortions
- Distance between graphs (editing, cost function,...)
- Sub-graph isomorphism with error tolerance: search of the sub-graph  $G'$  with the minimum distance to  $G$
- Optimal algorithms:  $A^*$
- Approximate matching: genetic algorithms, simulated annealing, neural networks, probabilistic relaxation,...
  - iterative minimisation of an objective function
  - better adapted for big graphs
  - problem of convergence and local minima

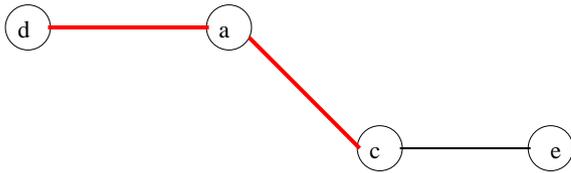
# Decomposition in common sub-graphs

Messmer, Bunke

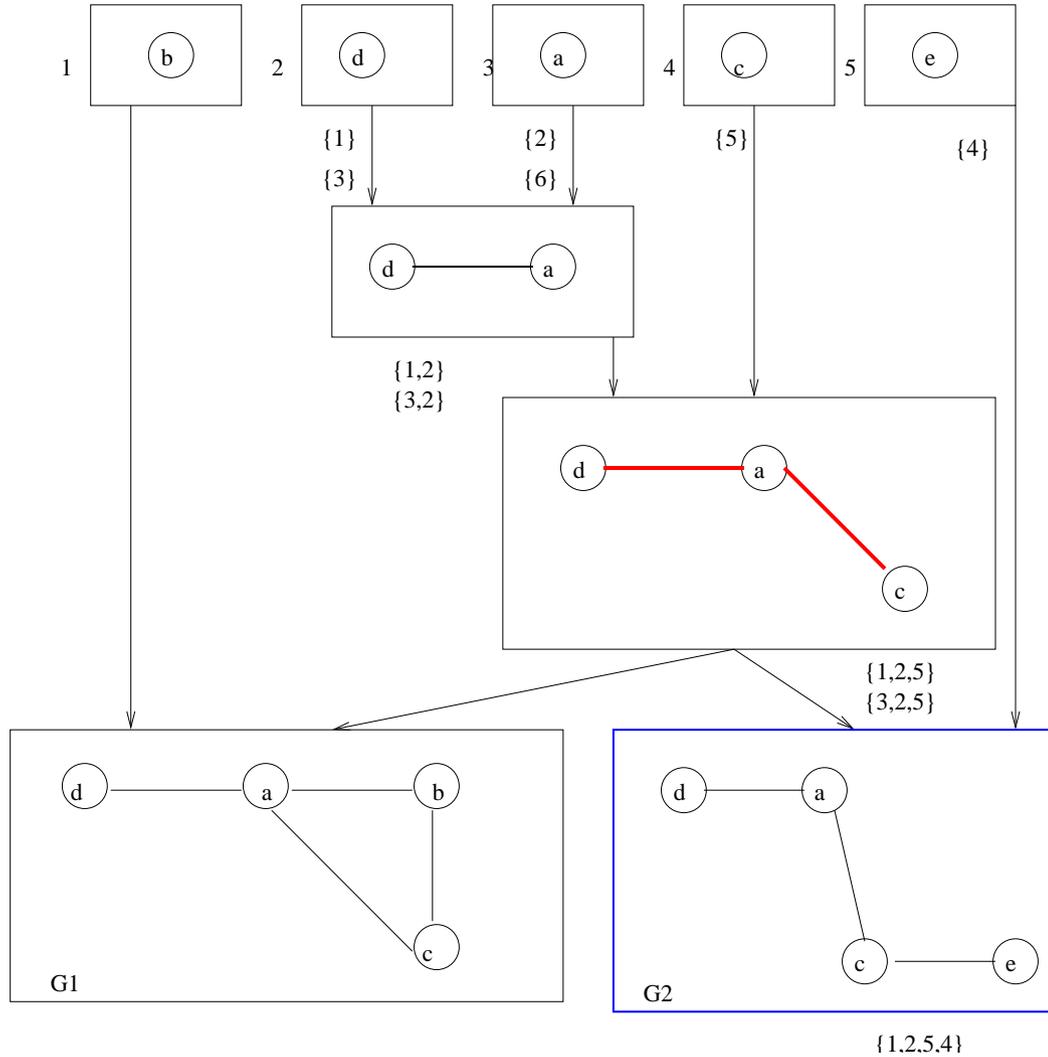
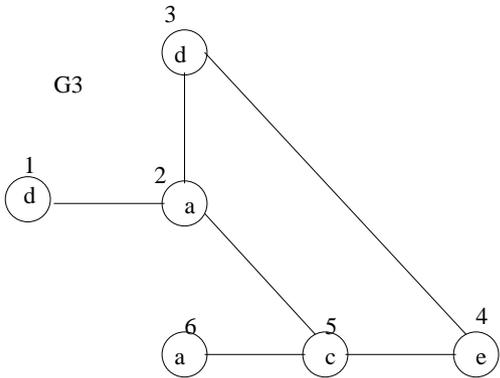
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G2

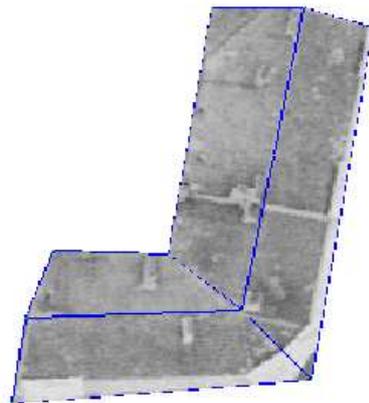
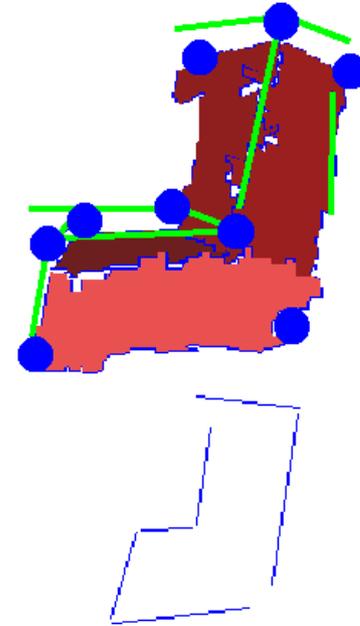
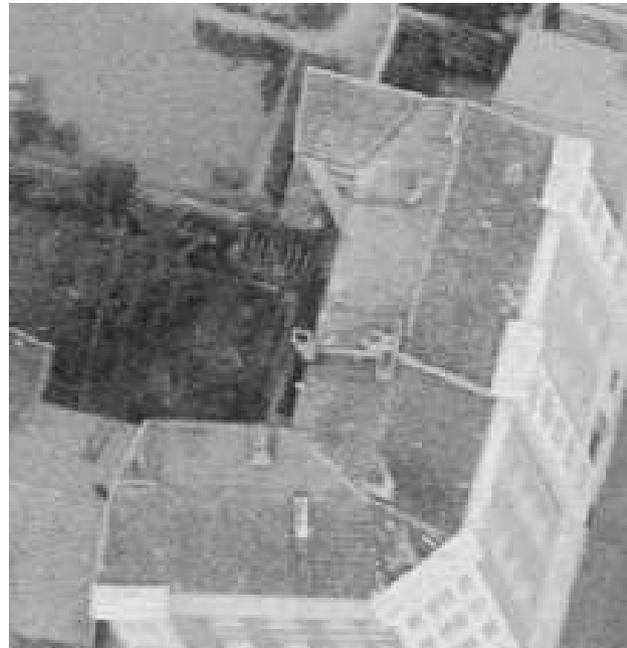


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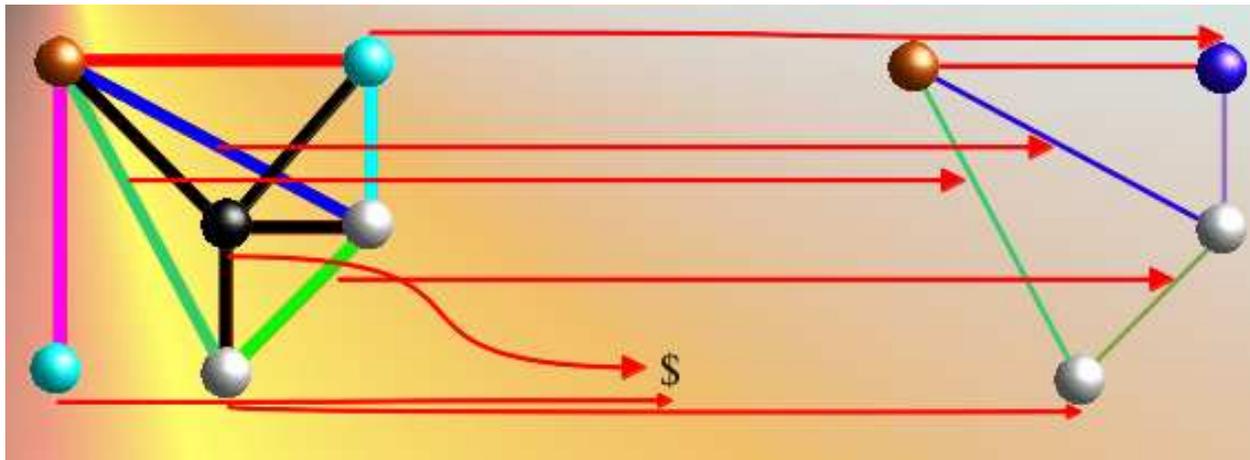
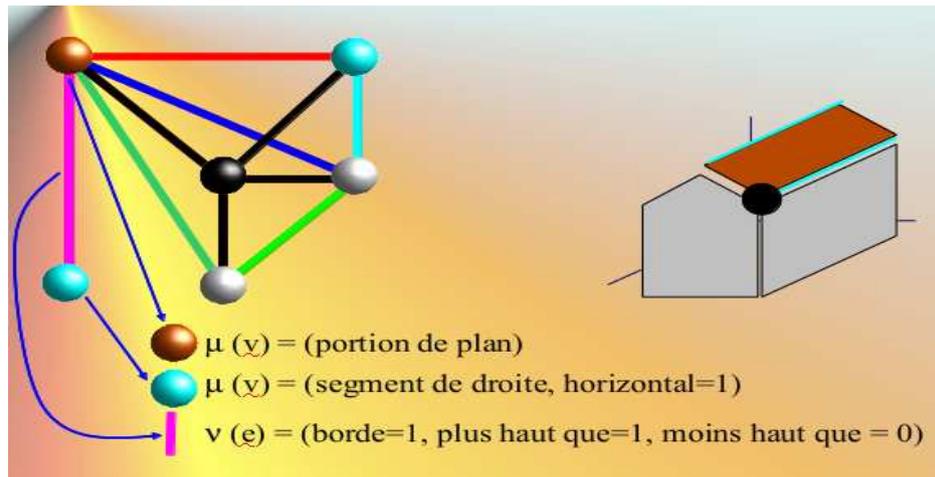
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3D reconstruction by graph matching between a graph (data) and a library of model graphs (IGN)



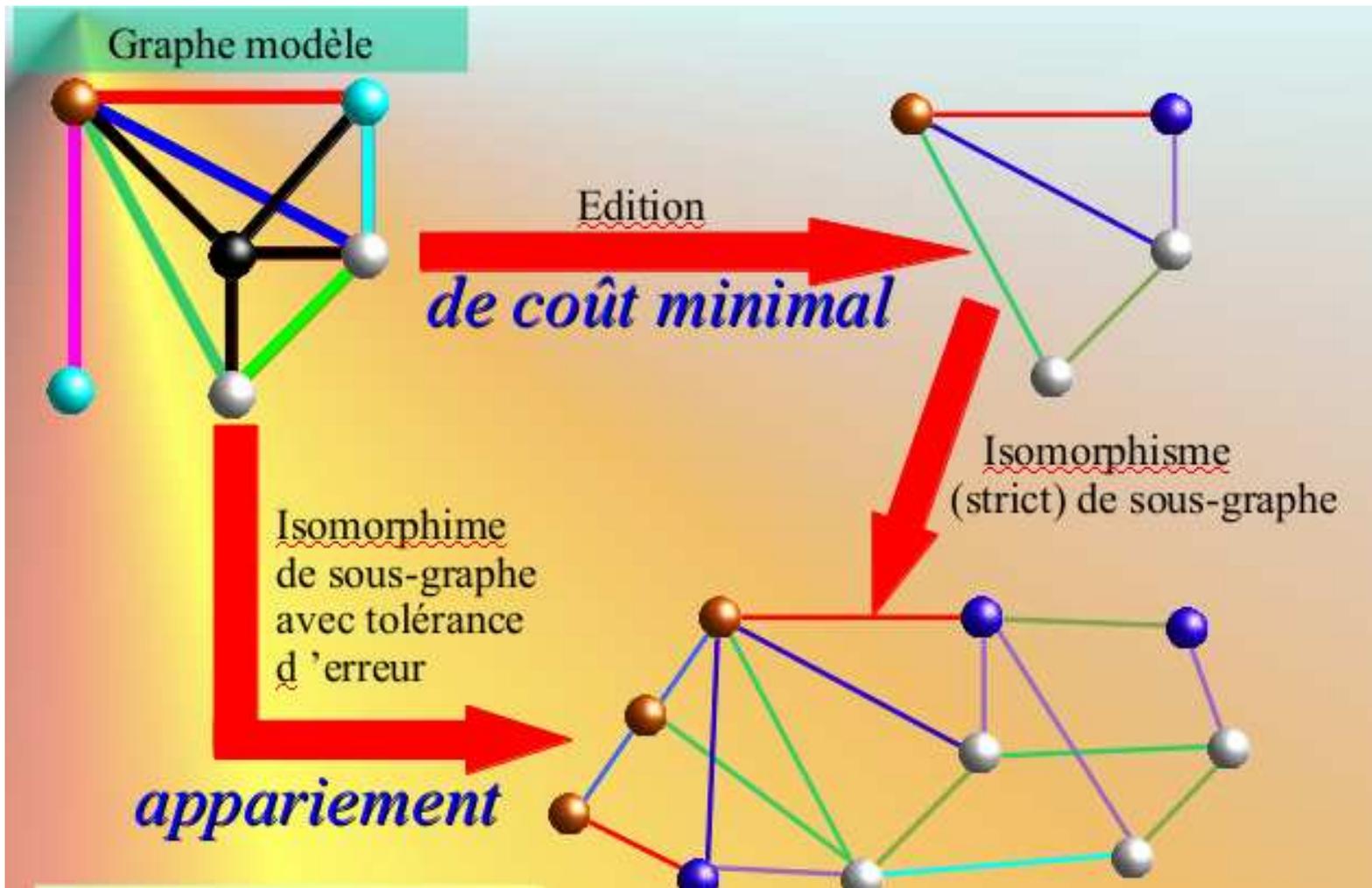
# Example - building reconstruction

Model graph



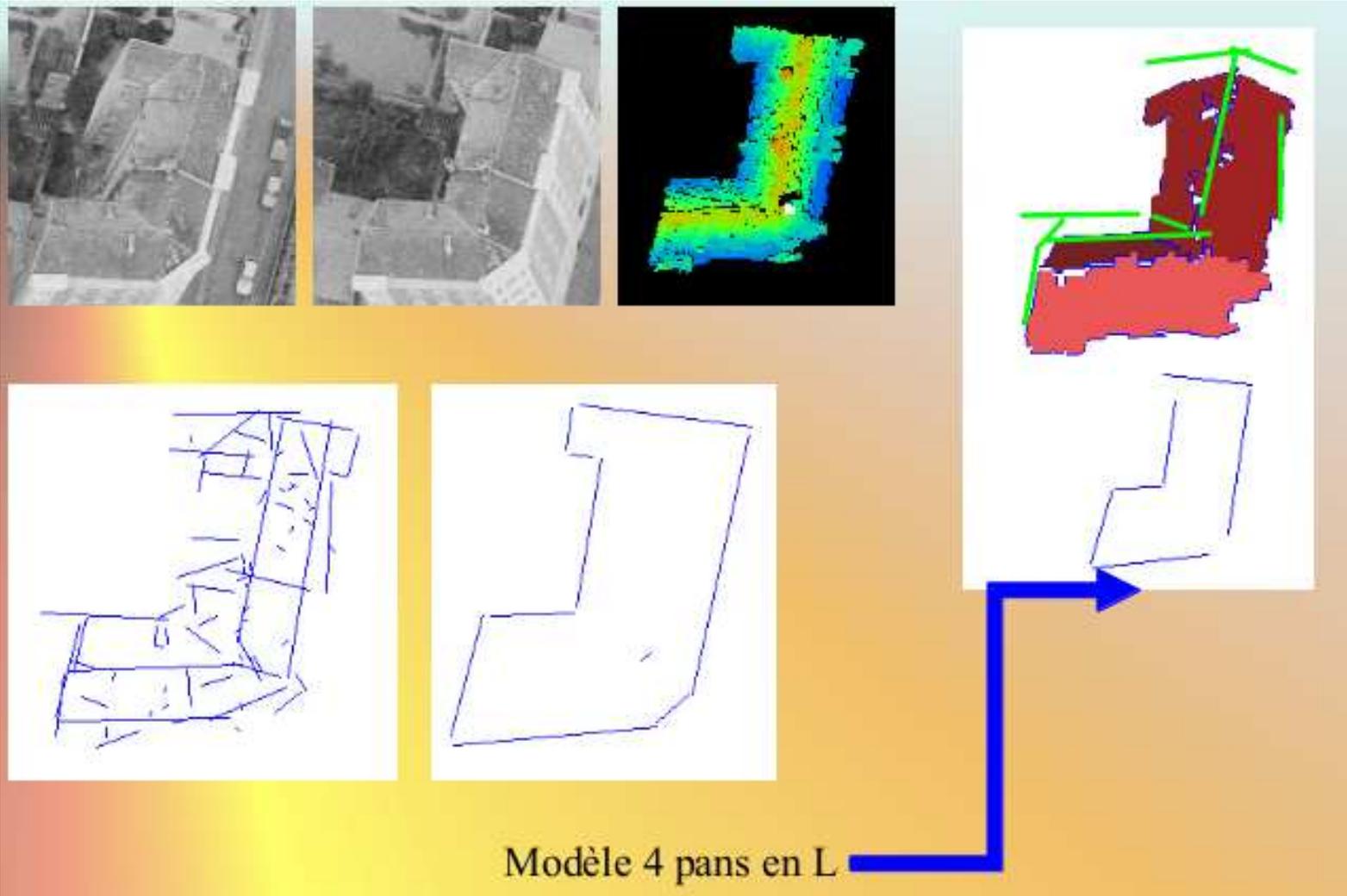
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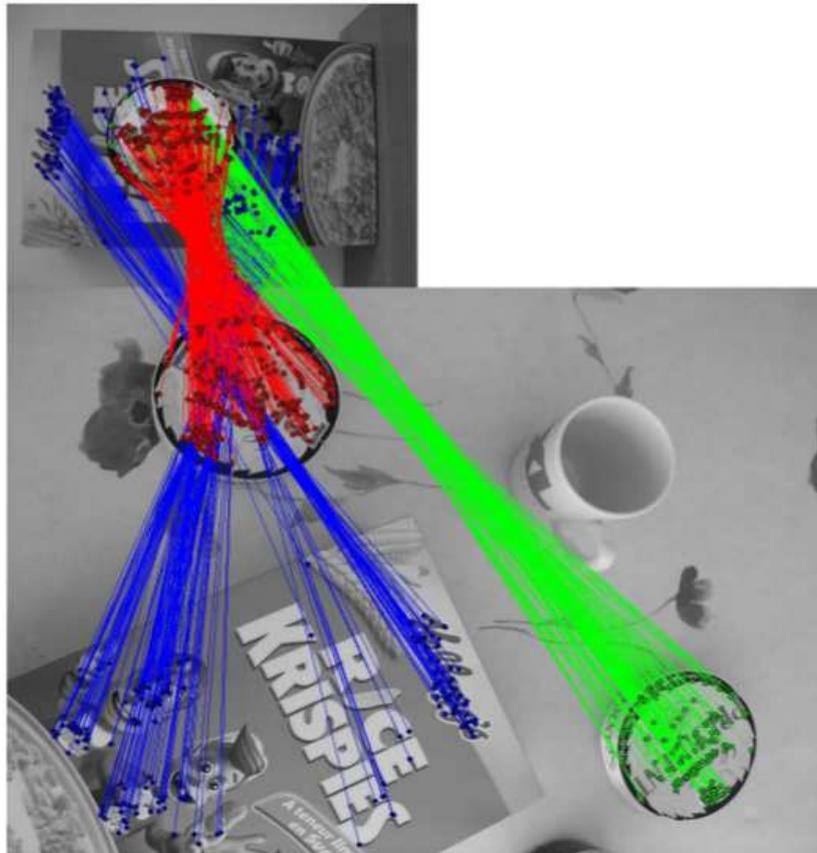
# *Matching with geometric transformation*

- Graph = representation of the spatial information
- Matching = computation of the geometric transformation
  - polynomial deformation
  - elastic transformation (morphing)
- Matching approaches :
  - translation: maximum of correlation
  - Hough transform (in the parameter space)
  - RANSAC method: select randomly a set of matching points, compute the transformation, compute the score (depends on the number of matched pairs for the transformation)
  - AC-RANSAC: RANSAC + a contrario framework reducing the number of parameters (NFA to be set)

# Example - MAC-RANSAC (PhD Julien Rabin)

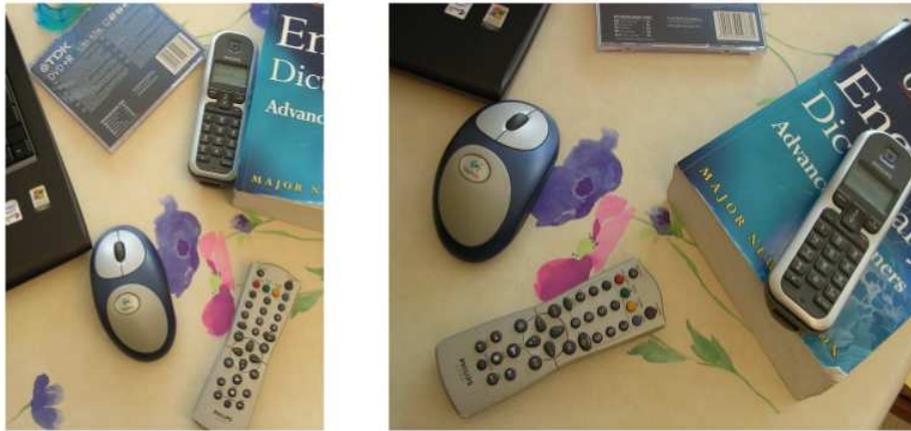


(a) Paire d'images analysée.

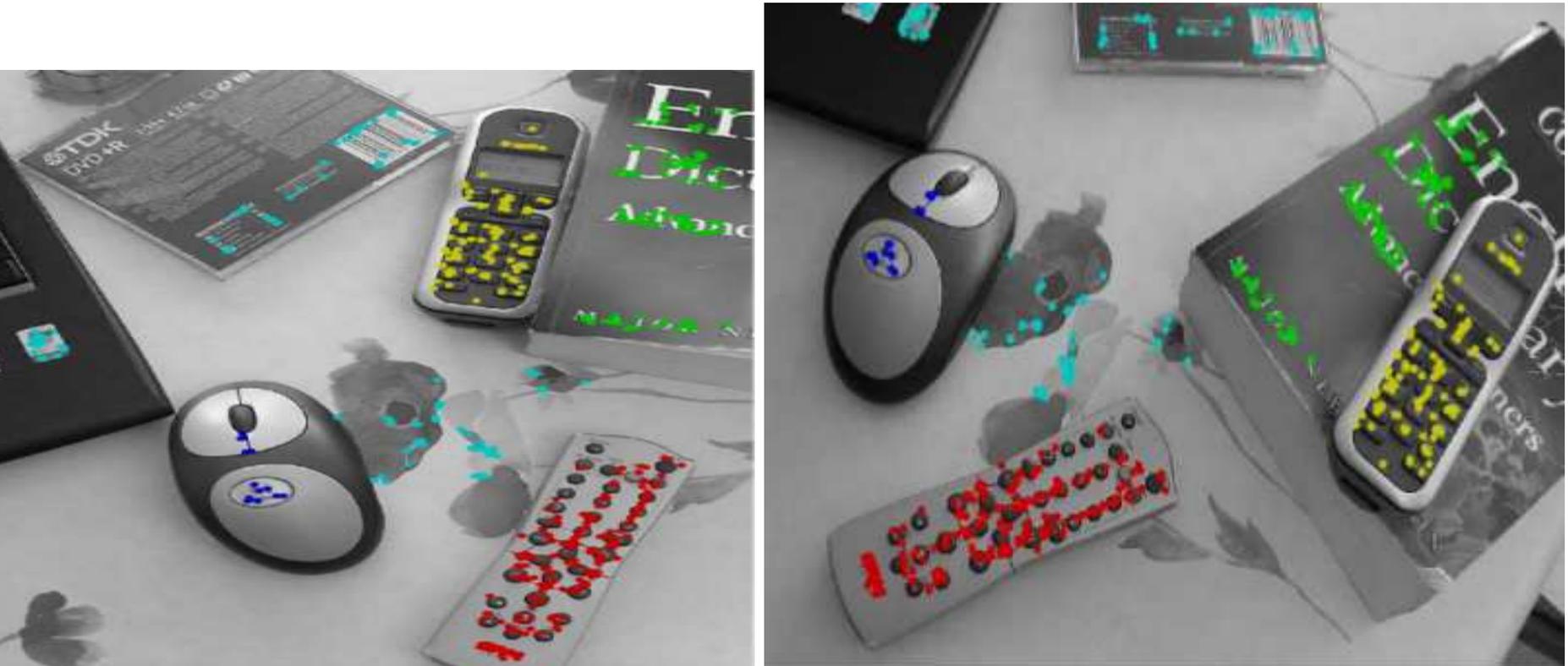


(b) Reconnaissance de chacun des objets superposés.

# Example - MAC-RANSAC (PhD Julien Rabin)



(a) Paire d'images utilisee



# Inexact matching

## Optimization of a cost function

- Dissimilarity cost between nodes

$$c_N(a_D, a_M) = \sum \alpha_i d(a_i^N(a_D), a_i^N(a_M)) \quad \sum \alpha_i = 1$$

- Dissimilarity cost between edges

$$c_E((a_D^1, a_D^2), (a_M^1, a_M^2)) = \sum \beta_j d(a_j^A(a_D^1, a_D^2), a_j^A(a_M^1, a_M^2)) \quad \sum \beta_j = 1$$

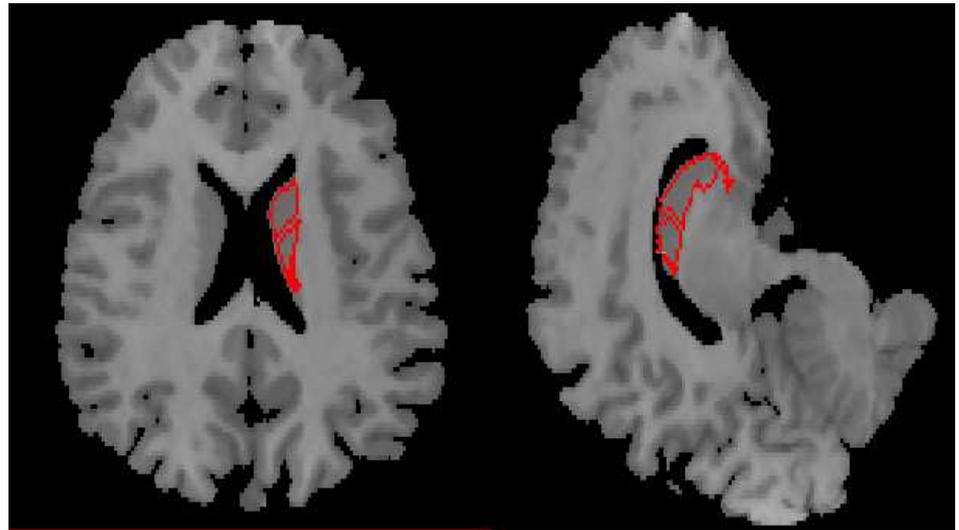
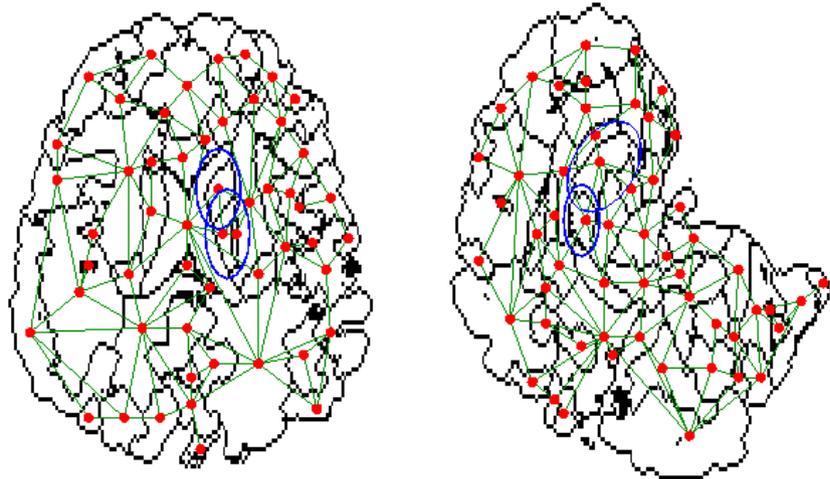
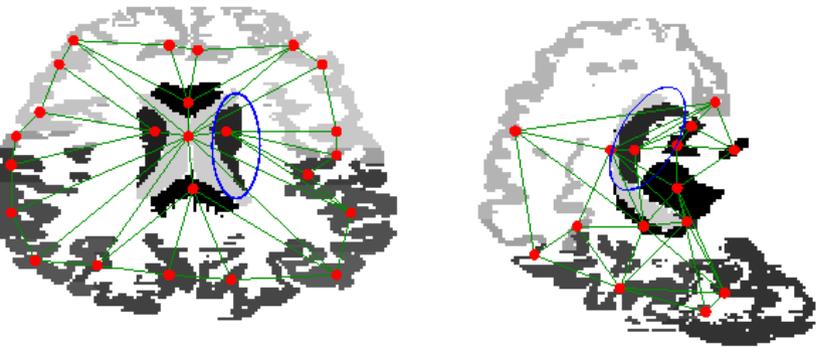
- Matching cost function  $h$  :

$$f(h) = \frac{\alpha}{|N_D|} \sum_{a_D \in N_D} c_N(a_D, h(a_D)) + \frac{1 - \alpha}{|E_D|} \sum_{(a_D^1, a_D^2) \in E_D} c_E((a_D^1, a_D^2), (h(a_D^1), h(a_D^2)))$$

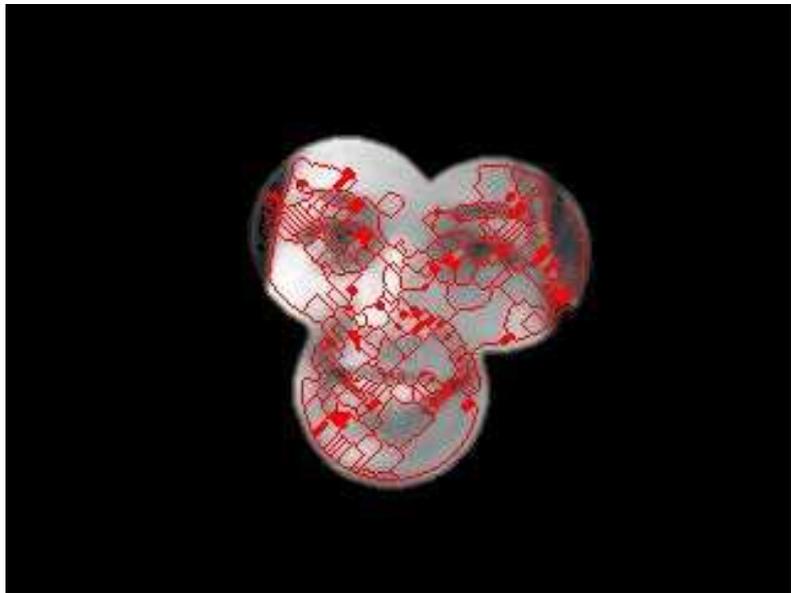
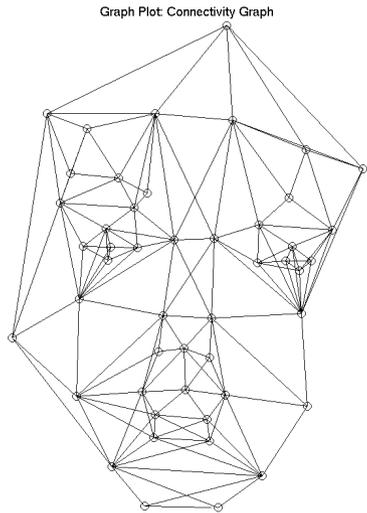
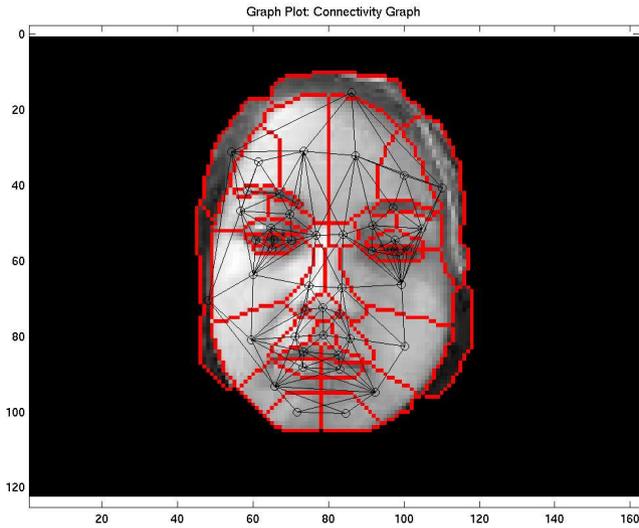
## Optimization methods:

- Tree search
- Expectation Maximization
- Genetic algorithms
- ...

# Example: brain structures (A. Perchant)



# Example : face structures (R. Cesar et al.)



# Spectral method for graph matching (1)

## Optimization of a cost function

- weighted adjacency matrix  $M$
- nodes = potential assignments  $a = (i, i')$  (can be selected by descriptor matching)
- edges =  $M(a, b)$  agreement between the pairwise matchings  $a$  and  $b$  (geometric constraints)
- correspondance problem = finding a cluster  $C$  of assignments maximizing the inter-cluster score  $S = \sum_{a, b \in C} M(a, b)$  with additional constraints
- cluster  $C$  = vector  $x$  (with  $x(a) = 1$  if  $a \in C$  and 0 else)

$$S = \sum_{a, b \in C} M(a, b) = x^T M x$$

$$x^* = \operatorname{argmax}(x^T M x)$$

+ constraints (one to one mapping)

# Spectral method for graph matching (2)

## Search of the optimal cluster

- number of assignments
- inter-connection between the assignments
- weights of the assignment

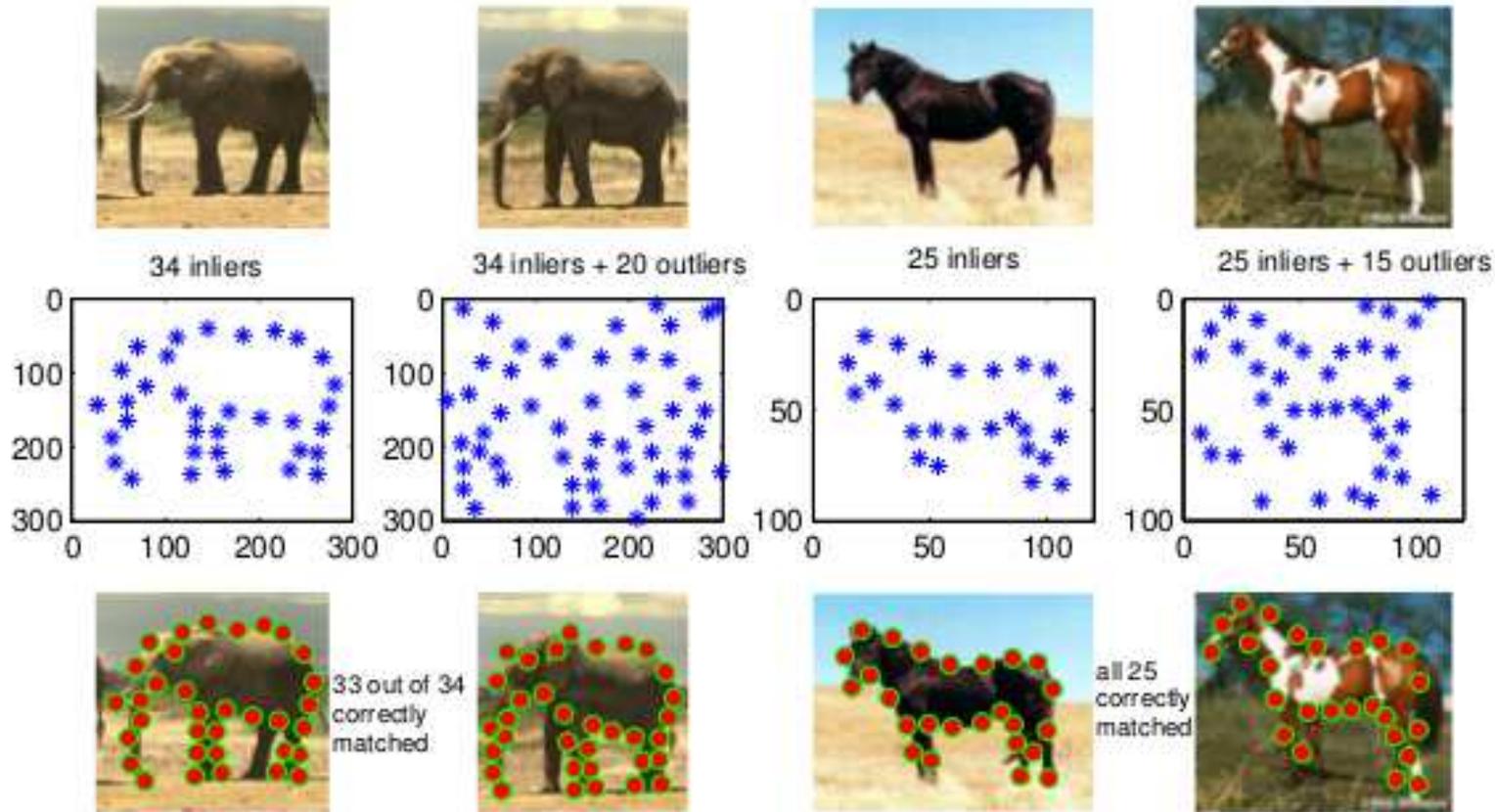
Spectral method: relaxation of the constraints on  $x$

$$x^* = \text{principal eigenvector}(x^T M x)$$

+ introduction of the one-to-one correspondance constraints  
(iterative selection of  $a^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{a \in L}(x^*(a))$ )

and suppression in  $x^*$  of the incompatible assignments)

# Example: point matching (Leordeanu, Hebert)



$$d_{ab} = \frac{d_{ij} + q}{d_{i'j'} + q}$$

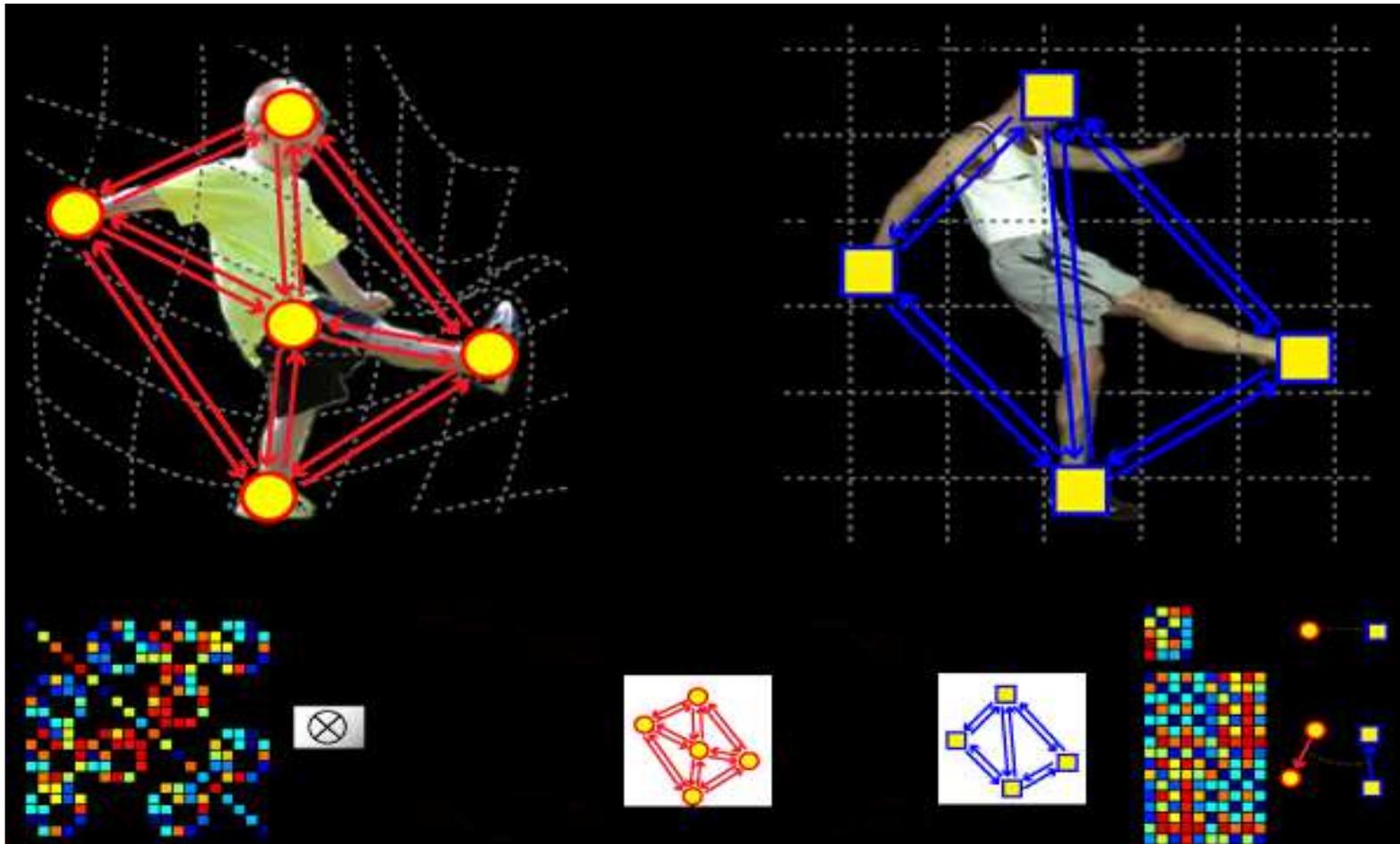
$\alpha_{ab}$  = angle between the matchings  
(with centring and normalization)

$$M(a, b) = (1 - \gamma)c_\alpha + \gamma c_d$$

# Example: feature matching (Leordeanu, Hebert)



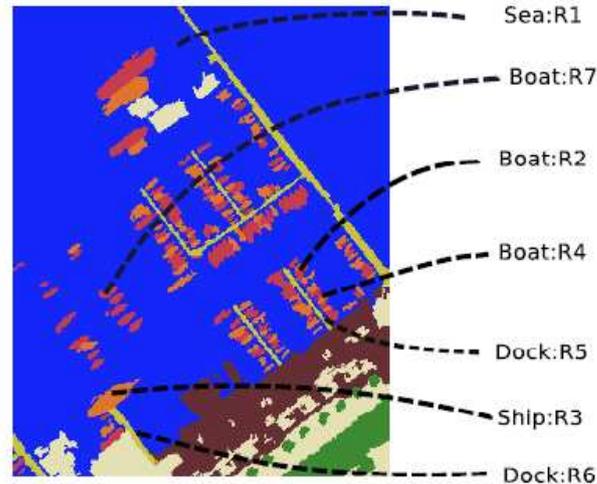
# Example: factorized graph matching (Zhou, de la Torre)



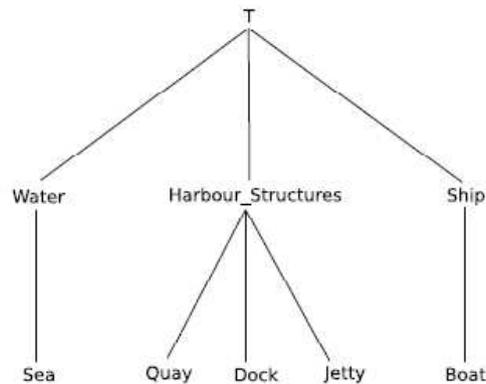
# Spatial reasoning in images



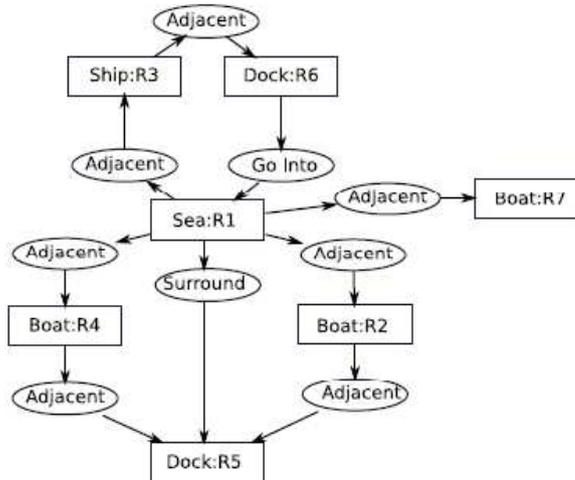
(a) Example image.



(b) Labeled image: The blue regions represent the sea, the red and orange represent ships or boats and the yellow regions represent the docks.



(c) Concept hierarchy  $T_C$  in the context of harbors.



(d) Conceptual graph representing the spatial organization of some elements of Figure 5.8(b).

# Spatial reasoning in images



(a)



(b)



(c)

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