

# Probabilistic Graphical Models

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# Admin Stuff

- Language: English (all the terminology and books are in English)  
*You may ask questions in German.*
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  - Course page: [mpi-inf.mpg.de/gm](http://mpi-inf.mpg.de/gm)
  - Slides+script - online
  - Announcements: online
  - Books:
    - Sebastian Nowozin, Christoph Lampert: Structured Learning and Prediction in Computer Vision.
    - Bogdan Savchynskyy: Discrete Graphical Models: An Optimization Perspective
- References to books, conference and journal articles after each block

# Offers in our research group

Opportunities:

- Bachelor & Master theses
- HiWi-positions

Topics include

- Machine Learning
- Computer vision
- Optimization for machine learning and computer vision (me)

Come, talk to us!

# ML: Main Concepts



Observation,  $w$

Inference



Object state,  $x$

Model

$$p_w(x)$$

Probability theory

Decision  
strategy

$$x' = \underset{x}{\operatorname{arg\,max}} p(x)$$

Theory of statistical  
decisions

Optimization

# ML: Main Concepts



Learning

Mapping  $o \rightarrow w$

$$p_w(x)$$

Observation,  $o$

Object state,  $x$

Model

$$p_w(x)$$

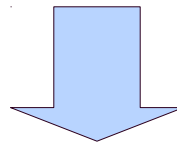
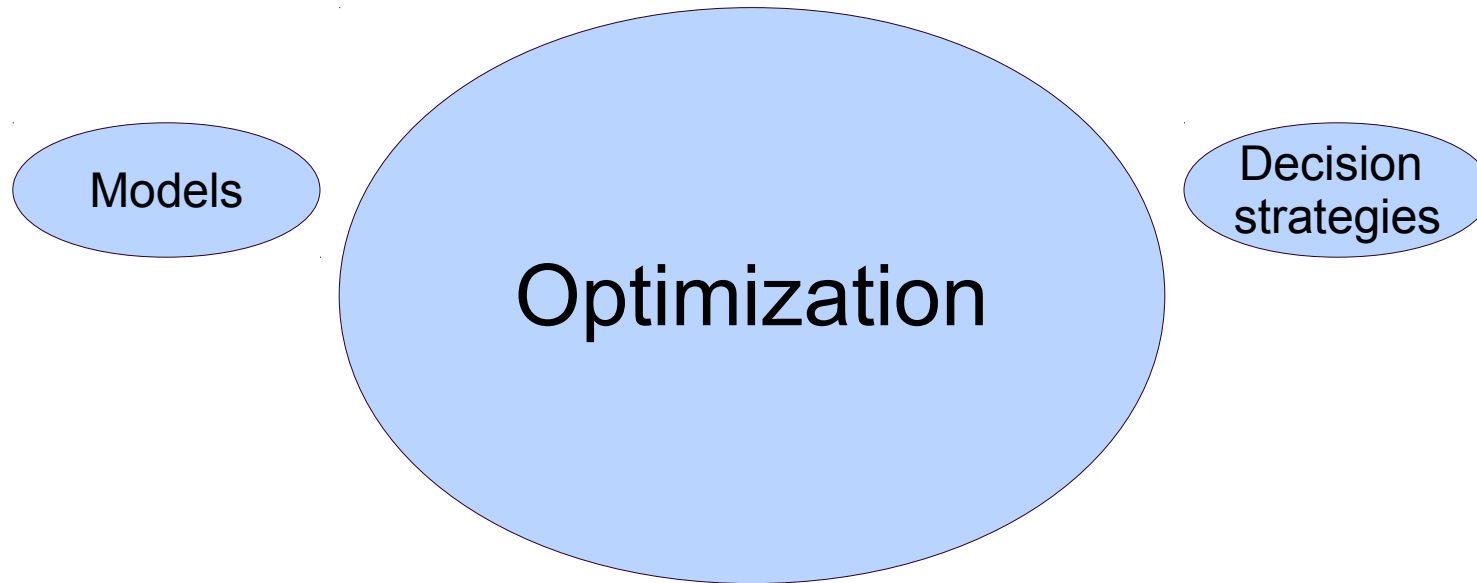
Probability theory

Learning  
strategy

$$\min_w L(x, \arg \max_{x'} p_w(x'))$$

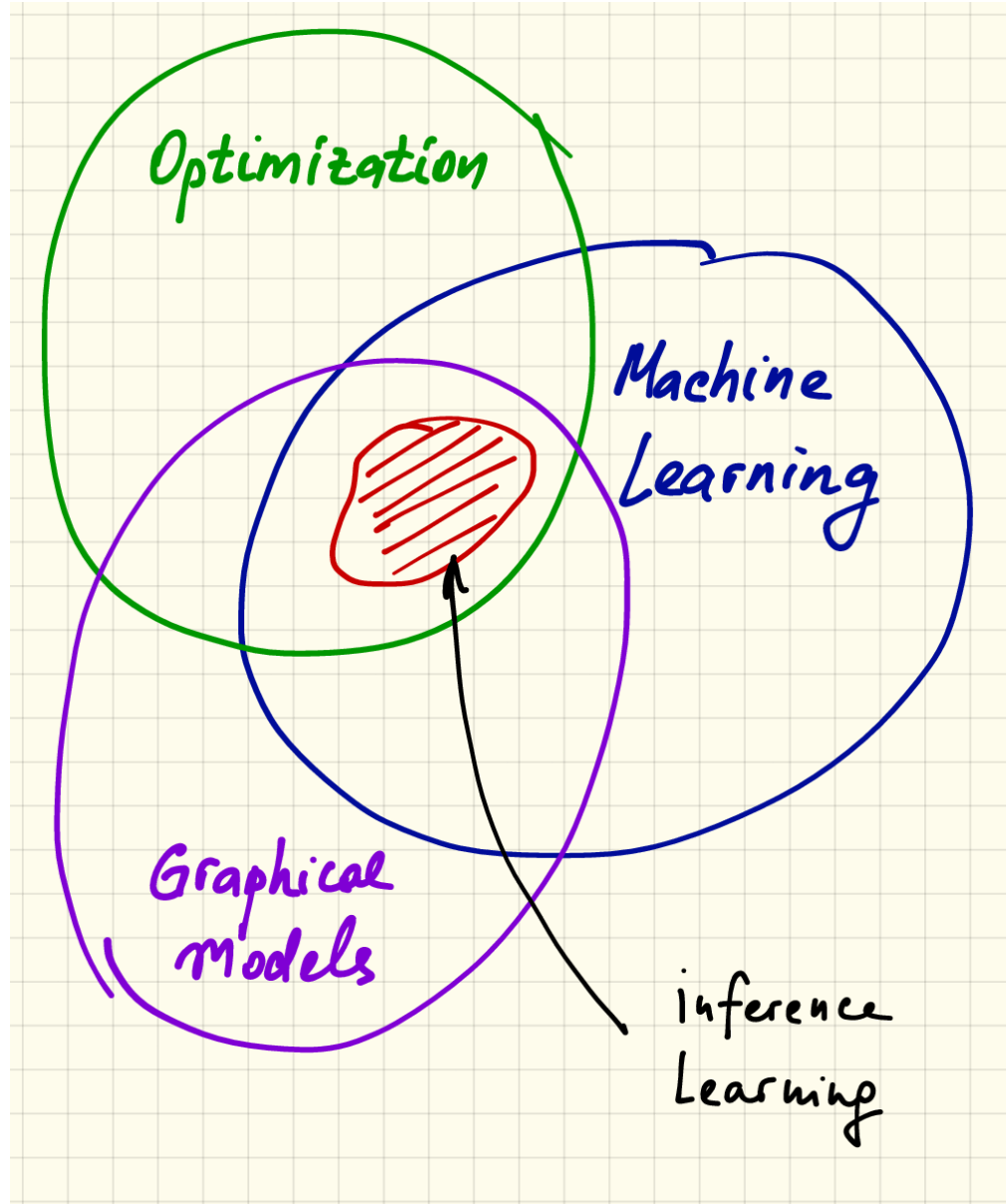
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Optimization



Trade-off between model expressiveness and inference/learning efficiency

# Accents of this course



# Graphical Models

$$x^* = \min_{\bar{x} \in X_V} E_\theta(\bar{x}) := \min_{\bar{x} \in X_V} \sum_{v \in V} \theta_v(x_v) + \sum_{uv \in \mathcal{E}} \theta_{uv}(x_u, x_v)$$

Gibbs distribution (factorized):

$$\begin{aligned} p_\theta(\bar{x}) &= \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} \exp(-E(\bar{x})) \\ &= \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} \prod_{v \in V} \Theta_v(x_v) \prod_{uv \in \mathcal{E}} \Theta_{uv}(x_u, x_v) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Theta_v(x_v) = \exp(-\theta_v(x_v)) \quad \Theta_{uv}(x_u, x_v) = \exp(-\theta_{uv}(x_u, x_v))$$

$$Z(\theta, T) = \sum_{\bar{x} \in X_V} \exp(-E(\bar{x})) - \text{partition function}$$

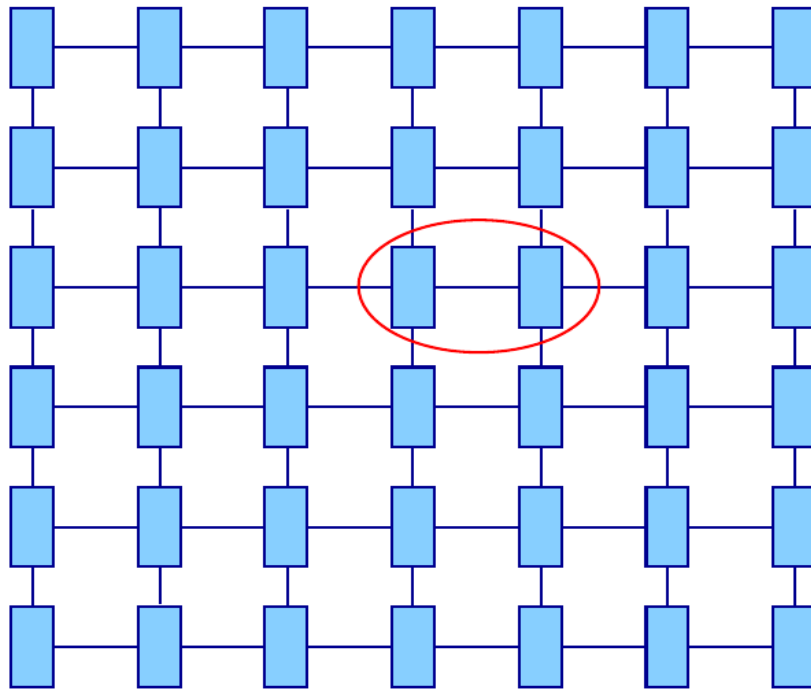


# Graphical Models, Inference

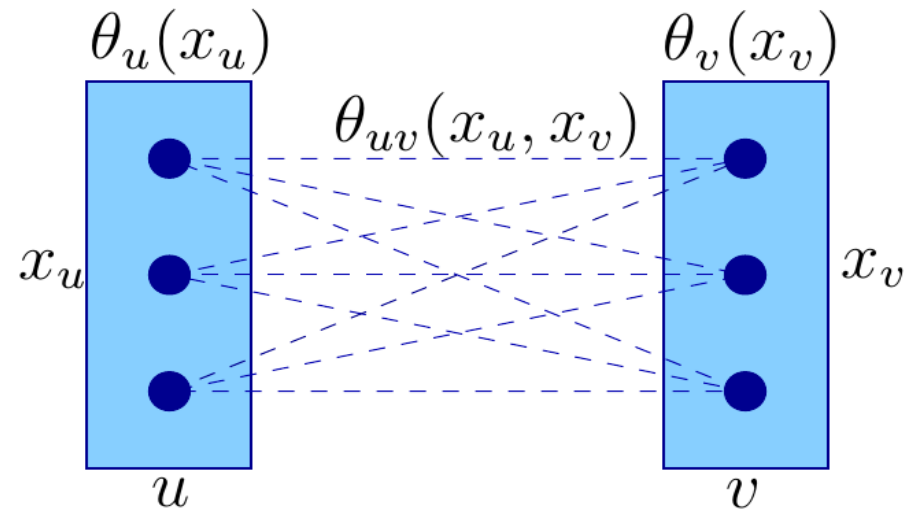
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$v \in V$

$uv \in \mathcal{E}$

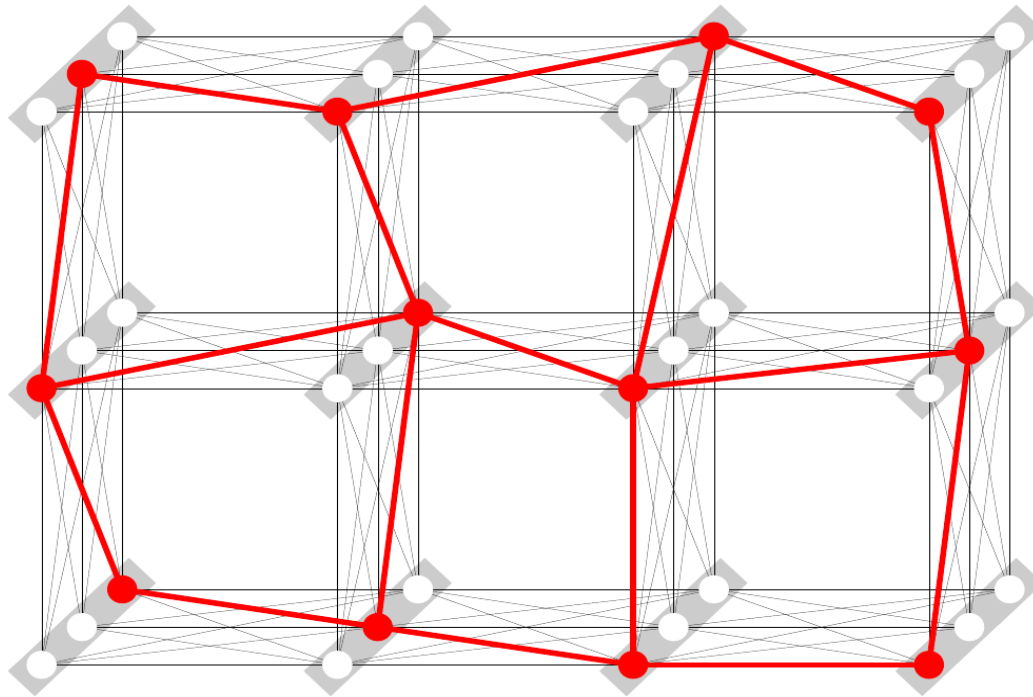


graph  $(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$



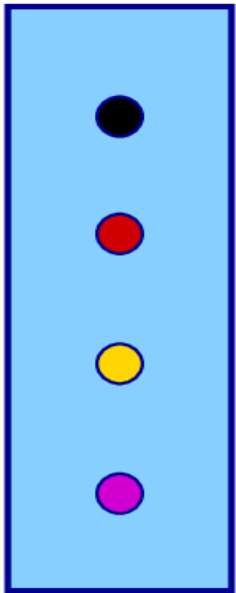
# Labeling

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Picture: T Werner. A Linear Programming Approach to Max-sum Problem: A Review

# Example: Image Segmentation



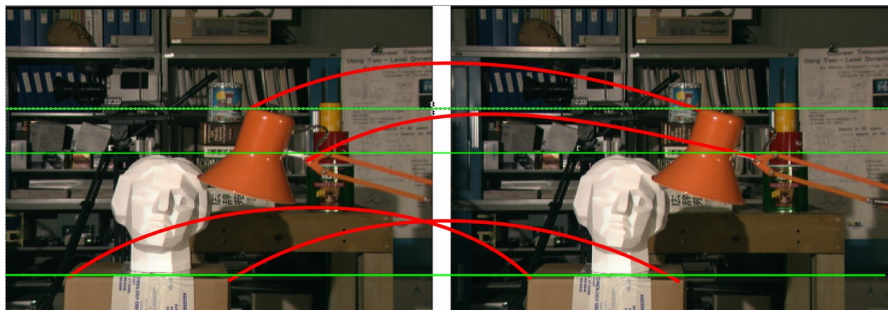
Labels = Segment names,  $V$  – set of pixels

$$\theta_v(x_v)$$

- data term

$$\theta_{uv}(x_u, x_v) = \lambda |x_u \neq x_v|$$

# Example: Calibrated stereo reconstruction

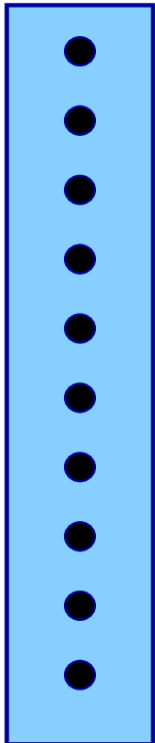


Left image

Right image



Disparities



Labels = 1D disparities,  $V$  – set of pixels

$$\theta_v(x_v)$$

- data term

$$\theta_{uv}(x_u, x_v) = \lambda |x_u - x_v|$$

- regularizer

*Pictures: Middlebury Benchmark*

# Example: Calibrated stereo reconstruction



Stereo pair



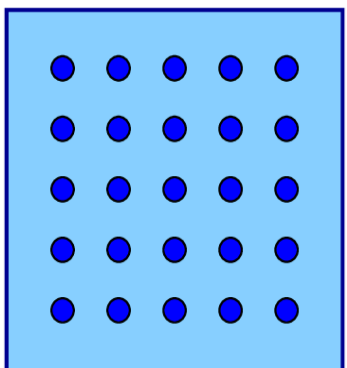
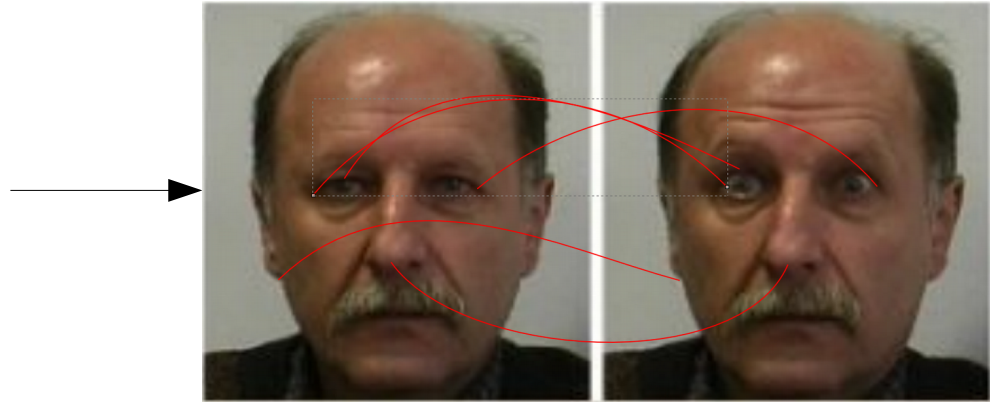
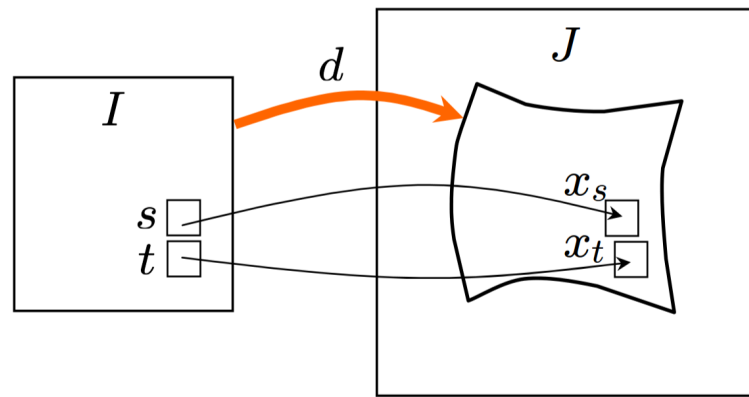
Local reconstruction



Globally consistent reconstruction

*Picture: courtesy of D. Schlesinger*

# Example: Optical flow/Non-rigid matching



Labels = 2D disparities,  $V$  – set of pixels

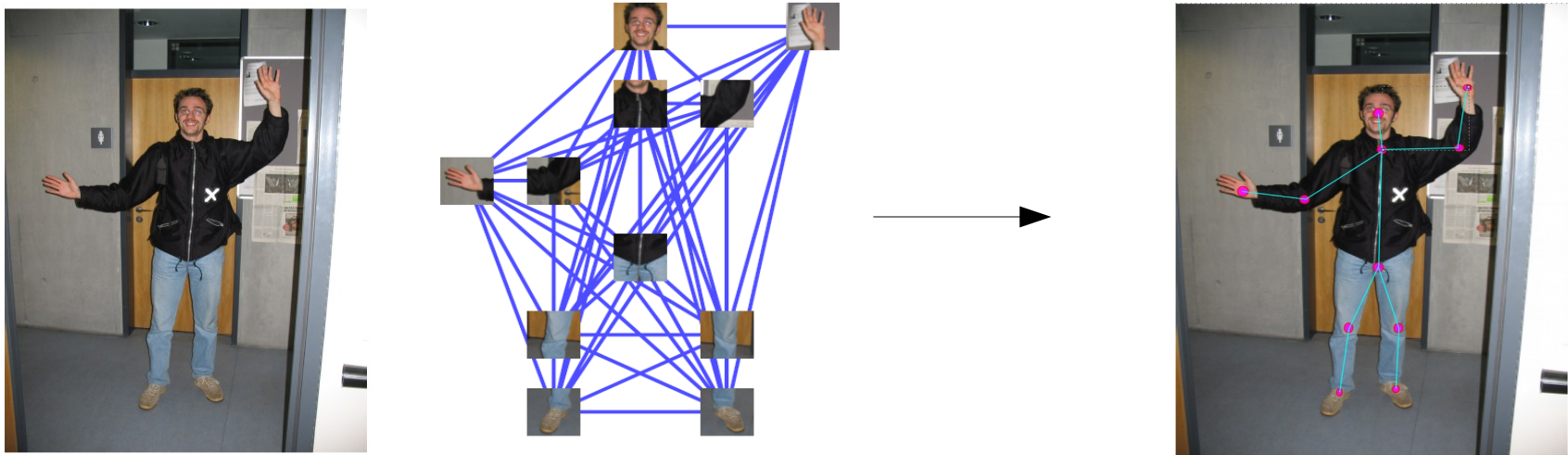
$$\theta_v(x_v)$$

- data term

$$\theta_{uv}(x_u, x_v) = \lambda \|x_u - x_v\|^2 \text{ - regularizer}$$

Pictures: <http://www.irtc.org.ua/image/>

# Example: Part-Based Object Detection



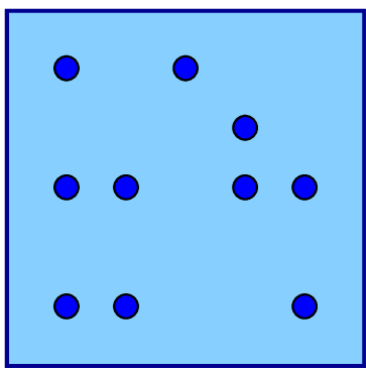
Labels = 2D coordinates (sparse),

$V$  – set of parts, Tree-structure

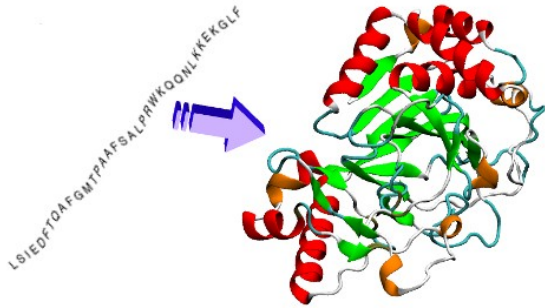
$$\theta_v(x_v) \quad \text{- data term}$$

$$\theta_{uv}(x_u, x_v) \quad \text{- geometric prior}$$

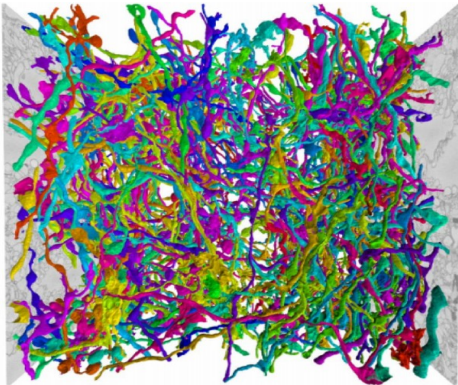
*Pictures: Bergtholdt, M. and Kappes, J. H. and Schmidt, S. and Schnörr, C.: A Study of Parts-Based Object Class Detection Using Complete Graphs*



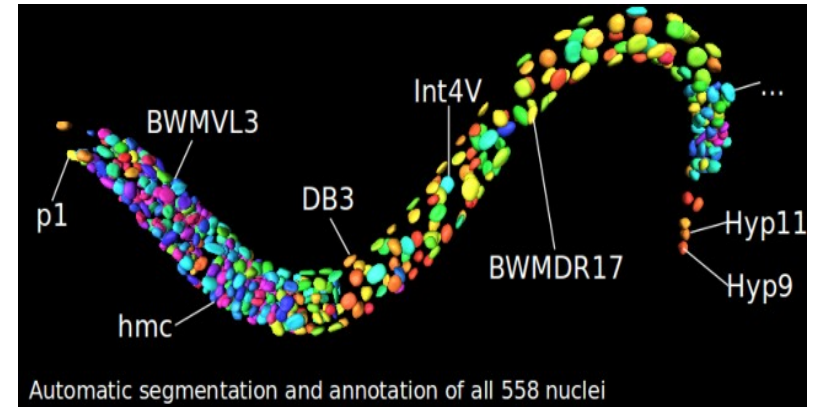
# Other examples...



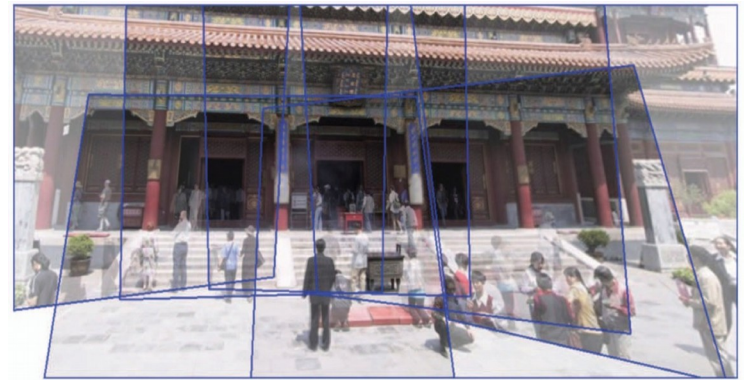
Protein folding



Segmentation of neurons



Reconstruction of structure of simple organisms



Panorama stitching



## **Related areas:**

- Hidden Markov Models
- Finite Automata and Formal languages
- Constraint Satisfaction Problems
- Markov Random Fields

## **Other names in other communities:**

Maximum likelihood estimation (MLE) inference  
Weighted constraint satisfaction problem  
Constraint optimization problem  
Energy minimization for graphical models

Segmentation: [Pascal VOC 2010](#)

Stereo, Panorama: [Middlebury Benchmark](#)

Non-rigid matching:

- Shekhovtsov, I. Kovtun, V. Hlavac:  
[Efficient MRF Deformation Model for Non-Rigid Image Matching](#)

Part-based object detection:

Bergtholdt, M. and Kappes, J. H. and Schmidt, S. and Schnörr, C.:  
[A Study of Parts-Based Object Class Detection Using Complete Graphs](#)

Other datasets: [OpenGM2 Benchmark](#), [Worm](#), [Neurons](#),  
[Protein folding](#)