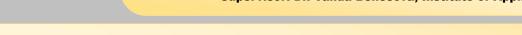
MEDICAL IMAGE SEGMENTATION

LIT USING METHODS OF DISTRIBUTED AGENTS



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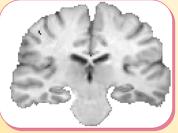


PROPOSED METHOD

- Centralized multi-agent system
- > System combines several types of basic image information
- > Agents are controlled by a moderator
- > Reactive agents with memory



INPUT IMAGE







REGION IMAGE PREPROCESSING

- Expansion of the brightness range
- Clustering, contour analysis





EDGE IMAGE PREPROCESSING

- Expansion of the brightness range
- Adaptive threshold, canny detector





AGENT START IMAGE CREATION

Edge image and region image intersection





EDGE POSTPROCESSING AND REGION FILLING

- > Skeletonize, edge repair using modified "bubble" method
- Growing regions, calculating average values of brightness, edge filling





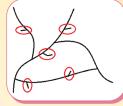


WORK OF AGENTS

- > Move, copy, create new edges, destroy existing edges, die
- Agents use our own heuristic function:

$$ps = am * ca + rm * cr + em * eTP + pm * ep$$





AGENT INICIALIZATION

- > Agents are initialized on the ends of edges
- > Agents are initialized on the crossings

