

COMPUTER AIDED NAVIGATION – VIRTUAL MICROSCOPY AS A TOOL FOR BLOCK CENTRIC SLIDE READING

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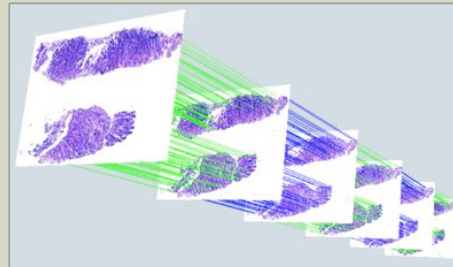
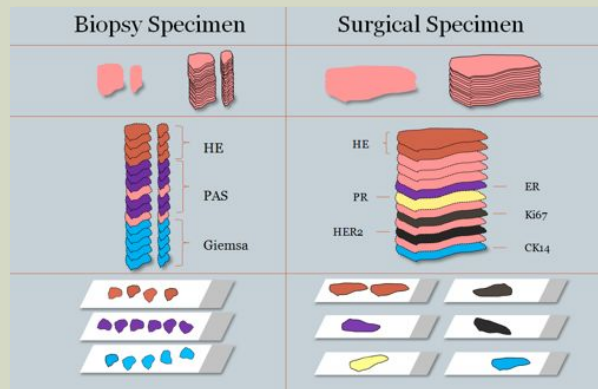


OUTLINE

- Background
- Material and Methods
- Results
- Conclusions

BACKGROUND

- Diagnostics frequently requires inspection of identical histological structures in different sections
- Conventional microscopes are à priori and virtual are de facto slide-centric
- Diagnosis is case and thereby at least block-centric



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MATERIAL AND METHODS

- Transformation processes
- Interconnection Model
- Feature based registrierung
- Navigation service
- Visualization

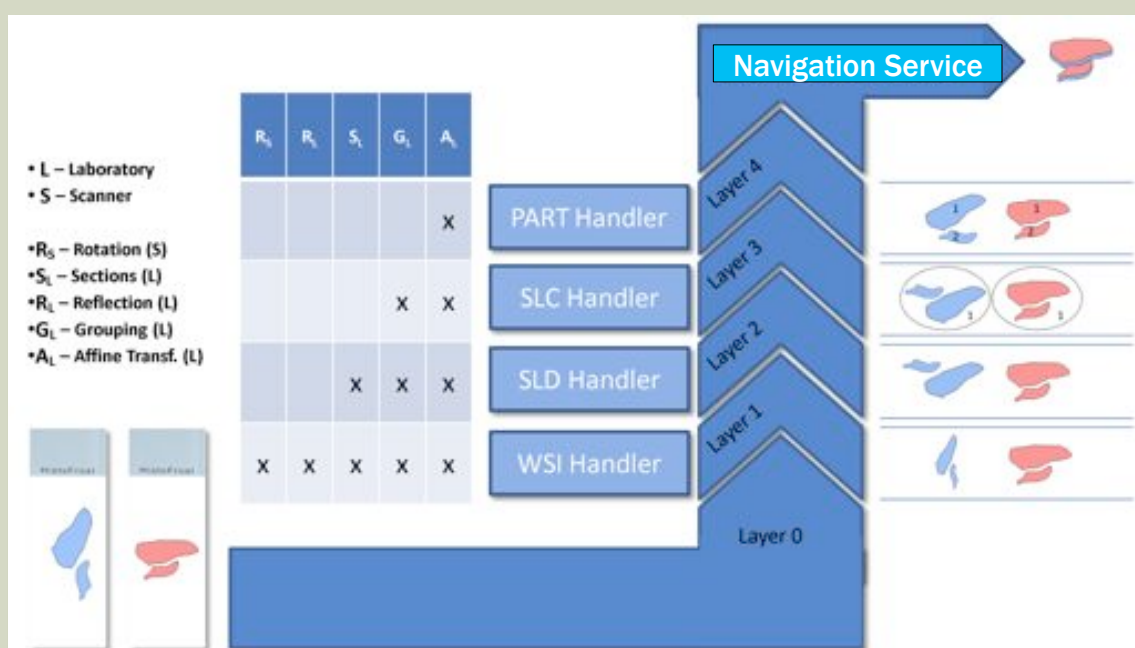
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TRANSFORMATION PROCESSES (PIXEL)

Transformation	Origin	Type	Impact	Preventability	Relevance for navigation
Free rotation	AP-Lab	global / local	High	No	++
Rotation (90°/180°/270°)	Scanner	global	High	No	++
Translation	AP-Lab, Scanner	global / local	Medium	No	++
Reflection	AP-Lab	global	High	Yes	++
Distortion	Clinic, AP-Lab, Scanner	global / local	Low	No	+
Elastic distortion	Clinic, AP-Lab, Archive	local	Low	No	0
Separation	AP-Lab	local	High	Yes	++
Elimination	AP-Lab	local	High	Yes	++
Overlapping	AP-Lab	local	Medium	Yes	++
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INTERCONNECTION MODEL



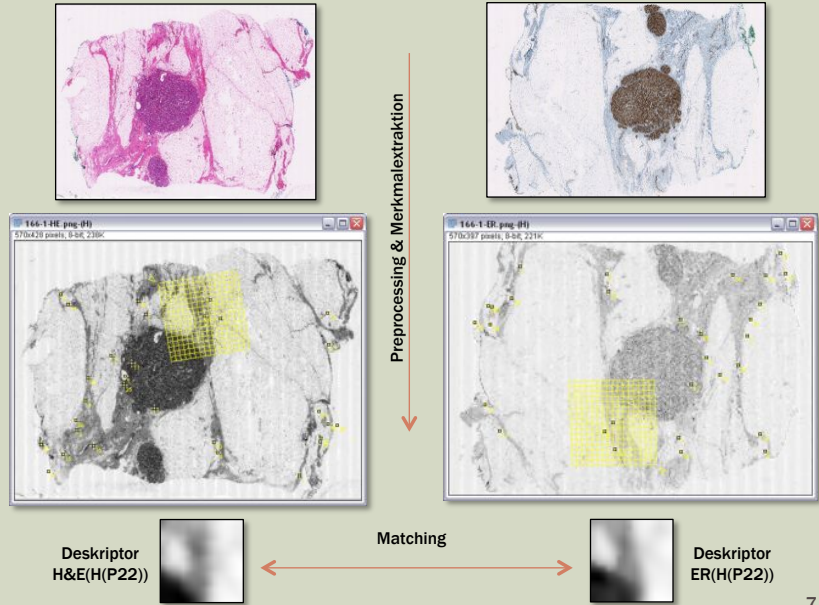
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- Feature Extraction & Matching

- Automatic validation using RANSAC [1]

- Manual refinement possible



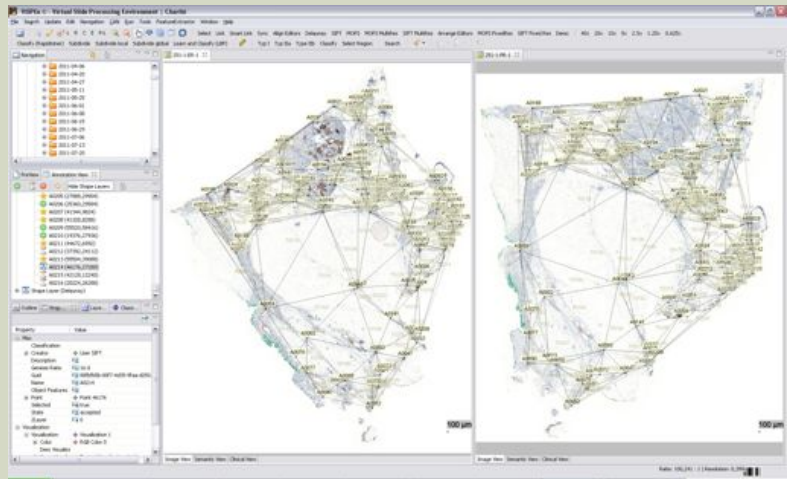
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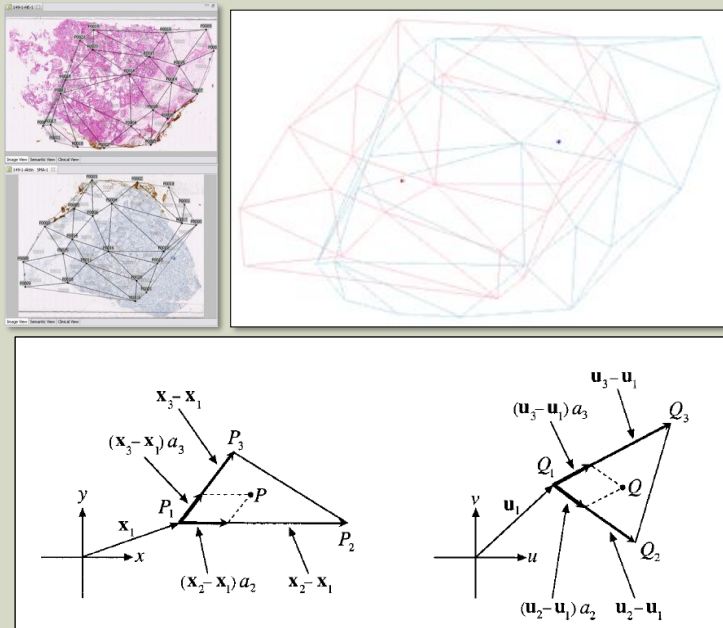
- Data model
- Transformations
- Query Interface

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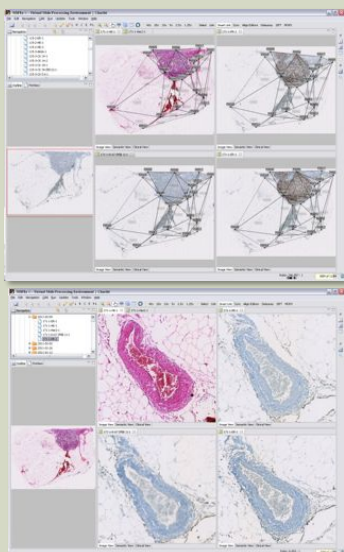
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VISUALIZATION

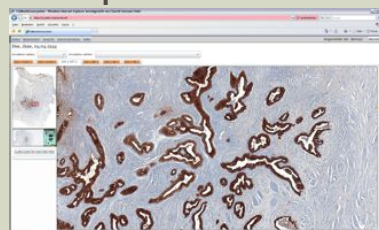
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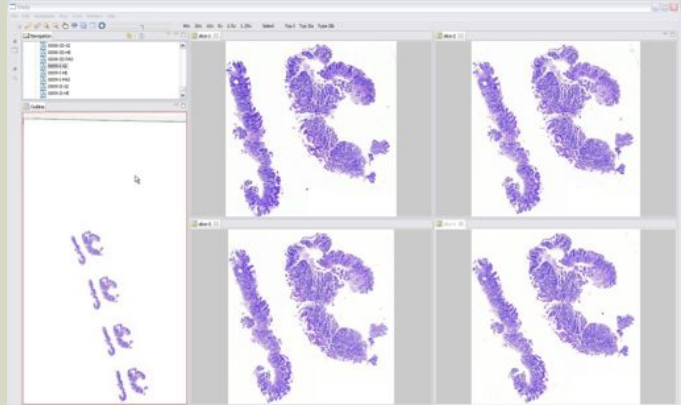
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RESULTS

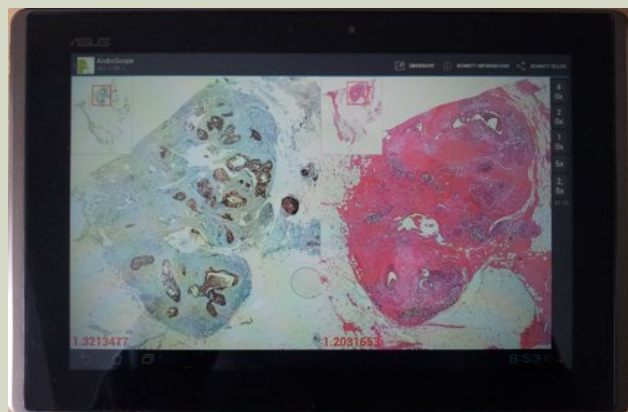
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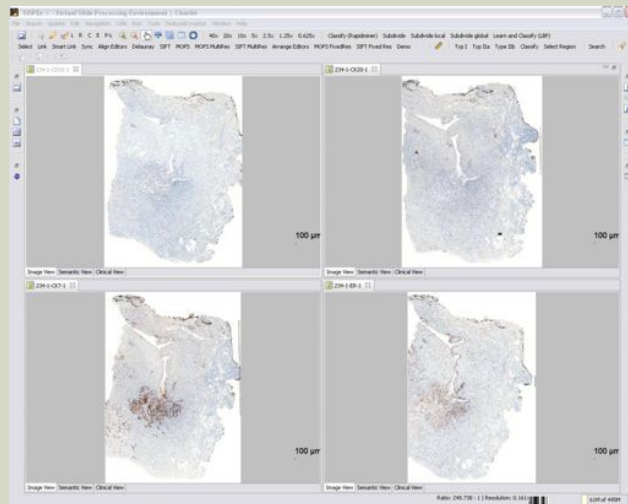
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CONCLUSIONS

- Registration of consecutive sections can be pre-processed and persisted
- Saving of time for navigation between different stains/markers
- Framework enables inspection of tissue section independent of lab- and scanner based transformations
- Additional benefit for diagnostics by utilization of computer aided navigation for block-centric slide reading

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