Symbol spotting for technical documents : An efficient template-Matching approach UNIVERSITÉ DE LORRAINE



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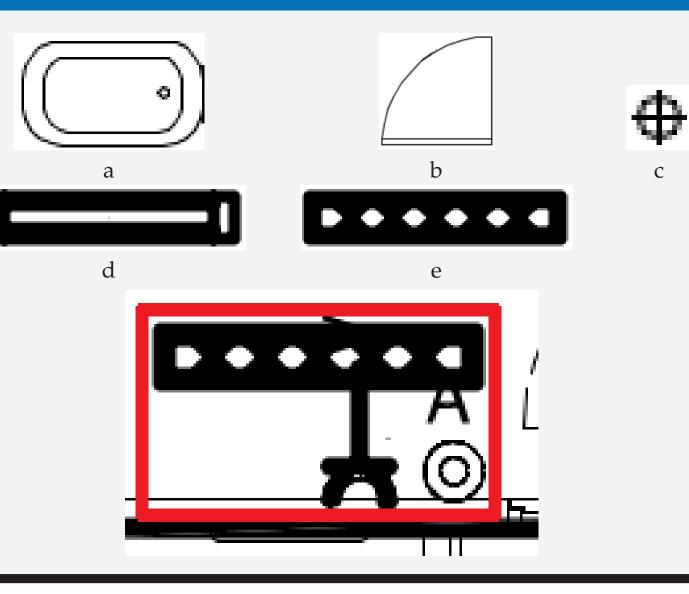
Context

Symbol spotting in technical plans :

- User-defined queries (crop)
- Symbol occlusion/overlaping problem
- Heavy user involvment

Proposed solutions :

- Use a pixel-based template-matching operator
- Adapt it to overlaping/occlusion
- Imply the user in interactive and real-time process



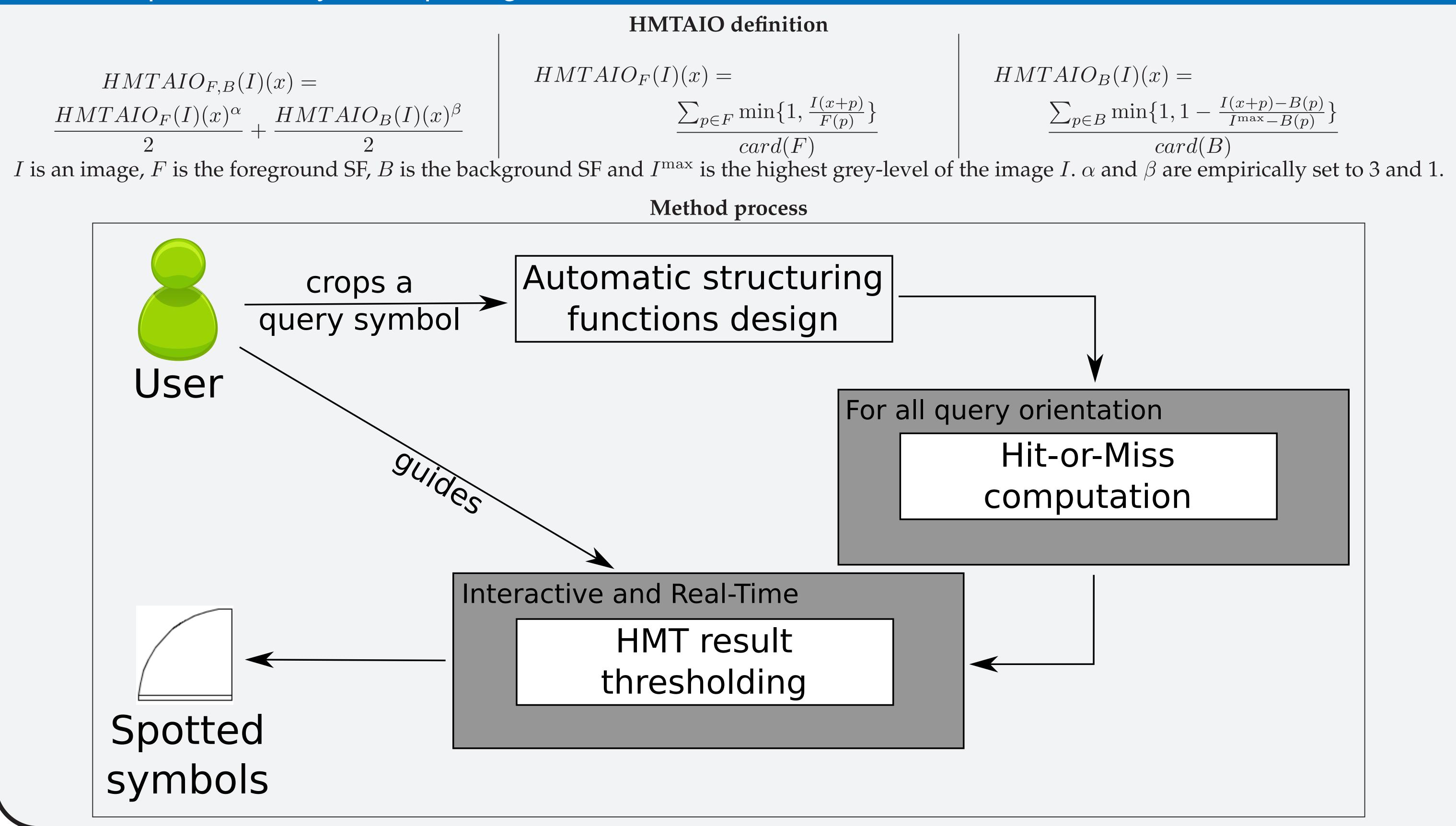
Hit-or-miss transform

Math. Morph. Template-matching operator. Two structuring functions are defined :

• One to match the foreground of the template

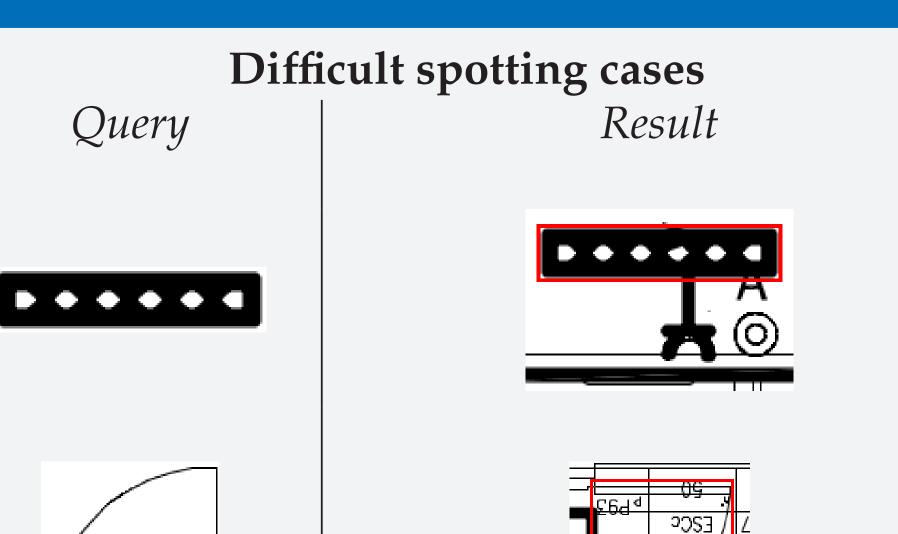
• One to match the background of the template Defined for binary, grey-level and color images. Fuzzy definitions exist but are adapted to noise not to information overlaping.

 \Rightarrow Need of a HMT adapted to information overlaping (HMTAIO).

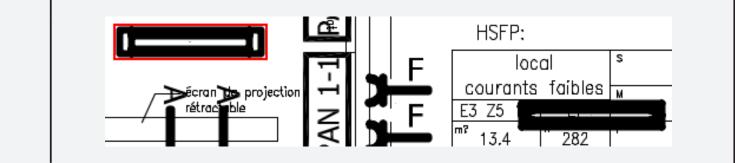


Experiments and results

Experiments on different symbols					
Query	Thresh.	TP	FN	Time (sec)	Spotting rate
	0.57	80	0	12, 340	100%
	0.71	141	2	35, 750	99%
Ф	0.77	91	2	699	98%
	0.91	24	0	15, 319	100%
	0.89	227	2	15,060	99%
xperiments have been performed of	on a real te	chnica	l plan	of 13,979 × 9	9,871 (137,986,709 pix







Conclusion and Perspectives

HMT adaptation to technical plan context :

- efficient in dense and cluttered information cases
- automatic structuring functions design

Perspectives :

- automatic parameters setting
- plan more experiments (symbols, technical documents) to fully validate our method

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