

Population Shape Regression from Random Design data

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Introduction

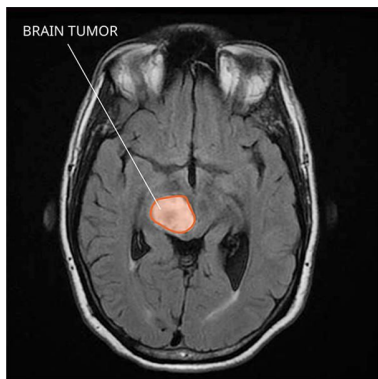
Why is this an important subject ?

- We observe a deformation of the brain with aging
- Classical methods are focused on volume change which is less informative



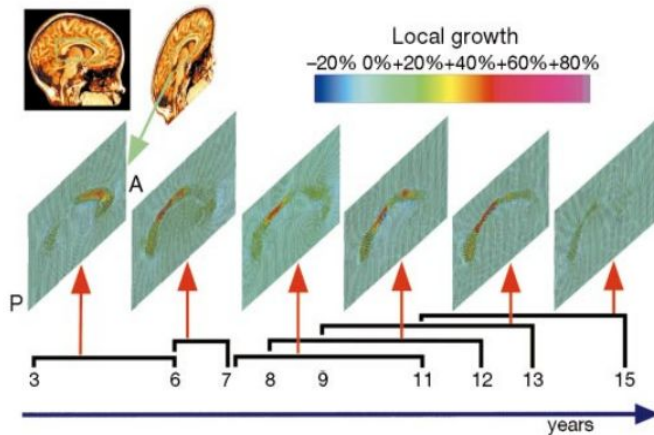
Understanding healthy aging and shape change of the brain could help diagnose abnormal deformation linked to diseases like Alzheimer's

State of the art before publication of the article



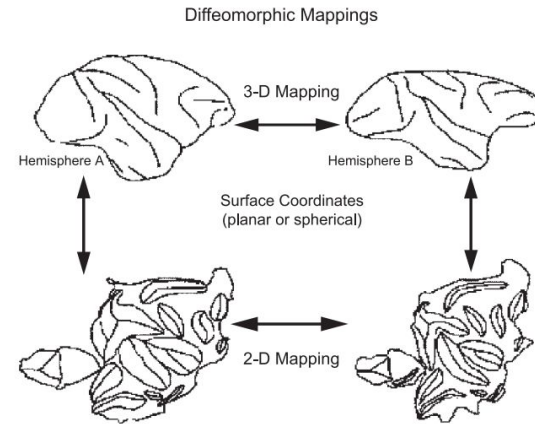
Glial tumor

Clatz et al. 2005
Swanson et al. 2000



Continuum mechanical tensor maps

Thompson et al. 2000



Anatomy shape, growth, atrophy comparison via diffeomorphisms

Miller 2004

Based on volume estimation

Focus on children brain development

Longitudinal approach only

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Use the manifold Ω of brain shape configurations instead of \mathbb{R}^3

Shape change is described as a **diffeomorphism**

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Metrics : $\|v_s\|_V^2 = \int_{\Omega} A v_s \cdot v_s dx$

$$d_{\mathcal{H}}(e, \phi)^2 = \min_{v: \frac{d}{ds}\phi_s = v_s(\phi_s)} \int_0^1 \|v_s\|_V^2 ds$$

subject to $\phi(x) = x + \int_0^1 v_s(\phi_s(x)) ds$ for all $x \in \Omega$.

$$d_{\mathcal{H}}(\phi_1, \phi_2)^2 = d_{\mathcal{H}}(e, \phi_1^{-1} \circ \phi_2)^2.$$

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Representative image for all patients at a given time :

$$\hat{I}_h(t) = \operatorname{argmin}_{I \in \mathcal{I}} \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n K_h(t - t_i) d_{\mathcal{I}}(I, I_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n K_h(t - t_i)} \right)$$

Solved by an iterative greedy algorithm

The algorithm - Step 2

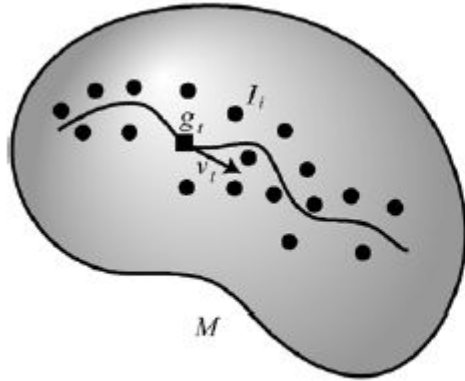
Growth model for a population :

Given several image observations J_t at different times , we now seek the diffeomorphic flow g_t that flows through these images as time increases

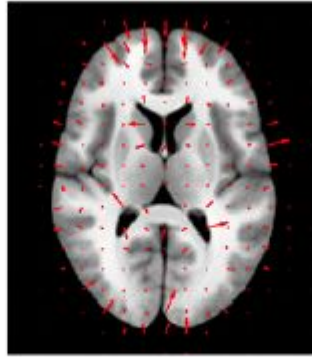
$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{argmin}_{v: \dot{g}_t = v_t(g_t)} \int_0^1 \|v_t\|_V^2 dt + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \int_0^1 \left\| I_\alpha(g_t^{-1}) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \operatorname{argmin}_{I \in \mathcal{I}} \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N K_h(t - t_i) d_{\mathcal{I}}(I, I_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N K_h(t - t_i)} \right) \right\|_{L_2}^2 dt. \end{aligned}$$

Solved by gradient descent

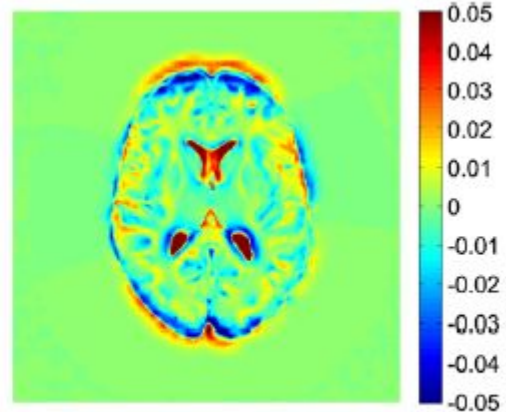
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(a)



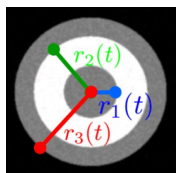
(b)



(c)

Results

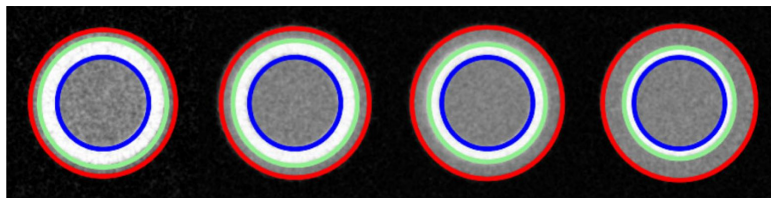
Synthetic data



$$r_1(t_i) = f_1(t_i) + \epsilon_i + \epsilon_{i,1}$$

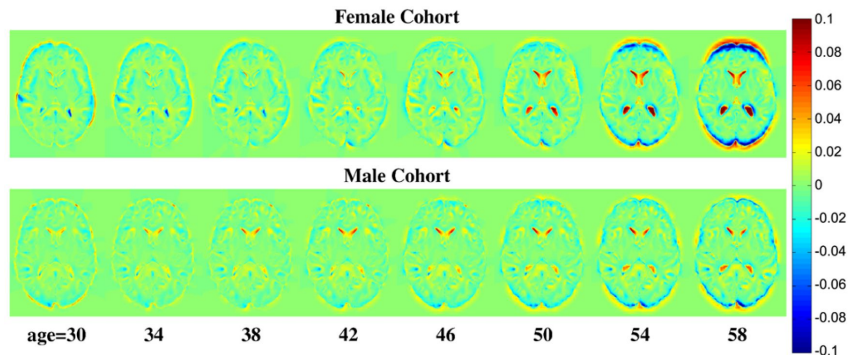
$$r_2(t_i) = f_2(t_i) + \epsilon_i + \epsilon_{i,2}$$

$$r_3(t_i) = f_3(t_i) + \epsilon_i + \epsilon_{i,3}$$



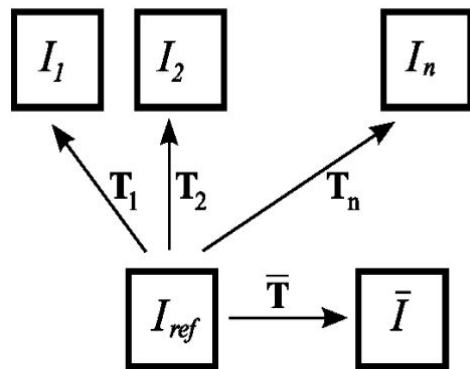
- Excellent results (grey = prediction, colors = ground truth)
- But simplistic (no shape variability)

Brain MRIs



- Illustration of the local brain shape change as a function of age
- Only issue: small dataset (97 MRIs)
1000+ images datasets nowadays

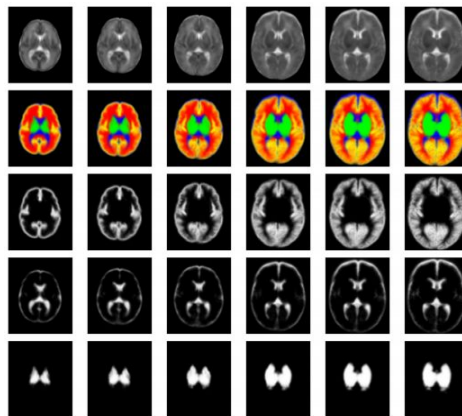
Further use of the paper



Patient-specific atlas of the brain

Ericsson et Al. 2008

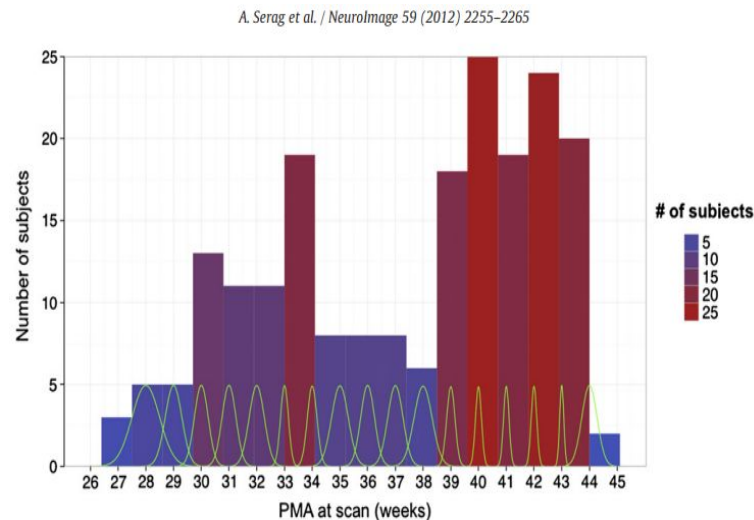
Sex, age, ethnicity, medical history as similarity measure



Probabilistic atlas of the developing brain

Kuklisova-Murgasova et Al. 2010

Tissue probability as target



Anatomy shape, growth, atrophy comparison via diffeomorphisms

Serag et Al. 2012

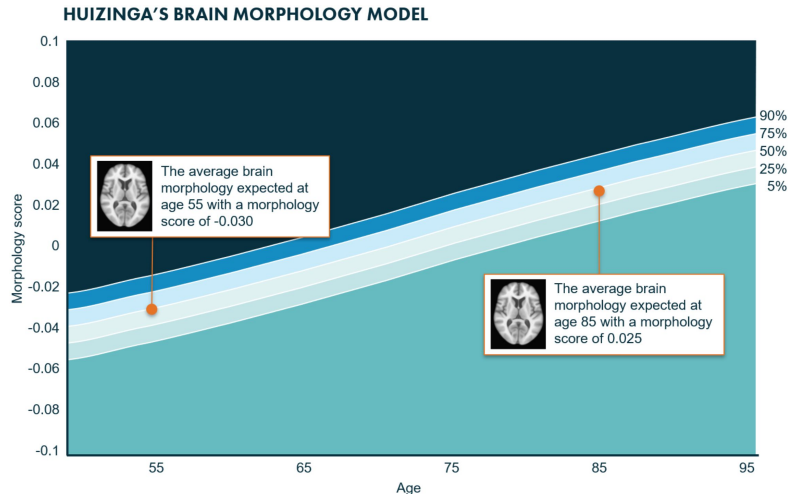
Adaptive kernel band-width

Example of similar recent method

Quantib (company)

- Same principle as in the paper, except :
 - global average brain instead of regressive average with time,
 - “morphology score”: curves for which score is to be expected at a certain age

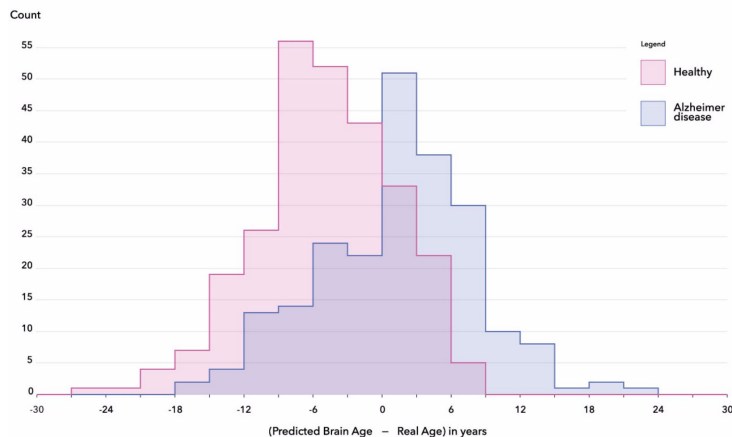
<https://www.quantib.com/blog/how-to-measure-the-changing-shape-of-the-aging-brain;>
https://www.researchgate.net/publication/321588351_A_spatio-temporal_reference_model_of_the_aging_brain



Answers the question in the conclusion of Davis's paper about the quantification of the descriptive trends he had + helps medical diagnosis

Possible applications for shape regression

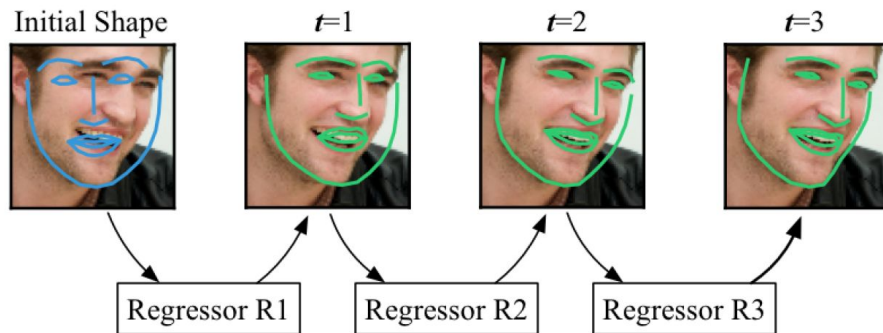
Medical: Alzheimer's diagnosis



- By comparing the patient brain shape to the theoretical one.

(Example done with Neural Nets + Linear regression on volume;
<https://medium.com/thelaunchpad/how-to-estimate-the-age-of-your-brain-with-mri-data-c60df60da95d>)

Non-medical: facial recognition



- Instead of brain deformation with age, facial deformation with pose
- Based on Recurrent Neural Network

(https://www.researchgate.net/publication/323502242_Recurrent_Convolutional_Shape_Regression)

Thank you!