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*Spatial Statistics for Environmental
and Energy Challenges*



Spatial regression with PDE regularization

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MODELLISTICA E CALCOLO SCIENTIFICO



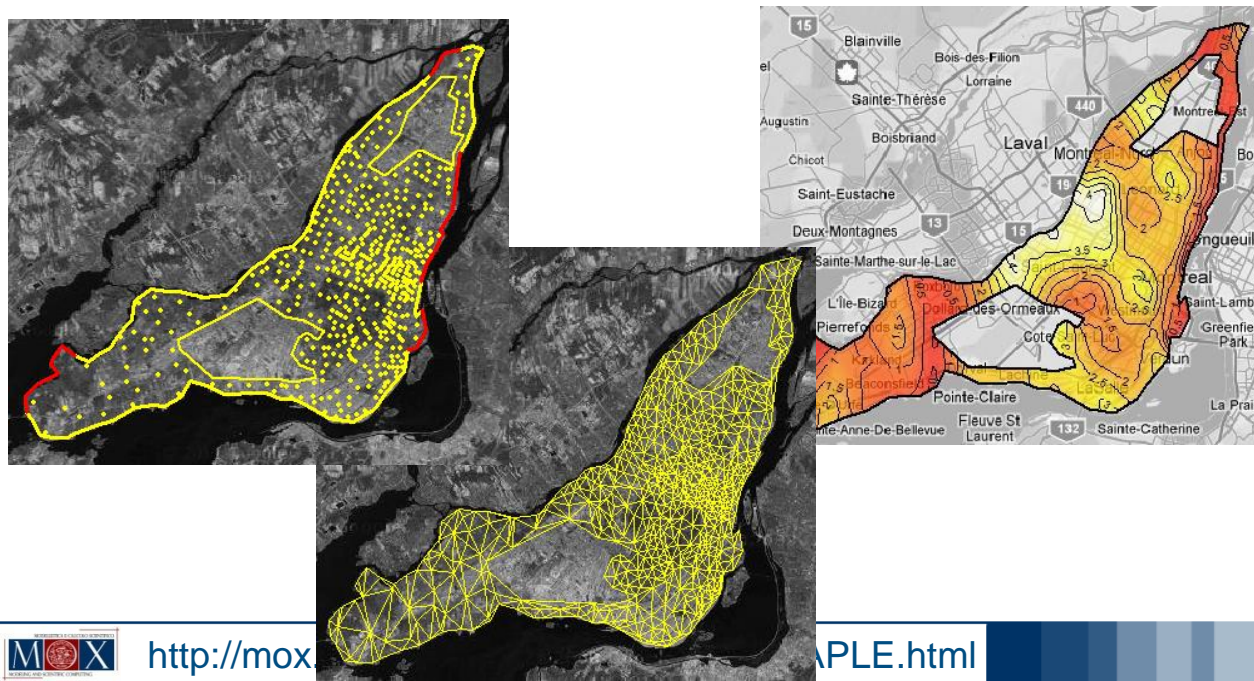
MODELING AND SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING



- Problem: *surface estimation* and *spatial field estimation* (spatial regression)
- We interface *statistical* methodology and *numerical analysis* techniques and propose

spatial regression models with *partial differential regularization*

→ estimation problem solved via *Finite Elements*



- Can handle data distributed over *irregular domains*
- Can comply with general conditions at domain boundaries

→ Sangalli, Ramsay, Ramsay, 2013, JRSSB



Spatial regression with differential regularization

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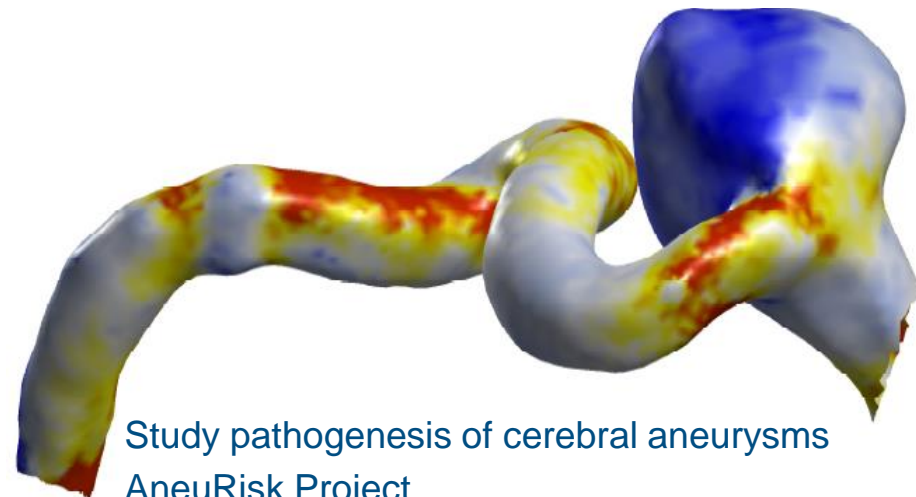
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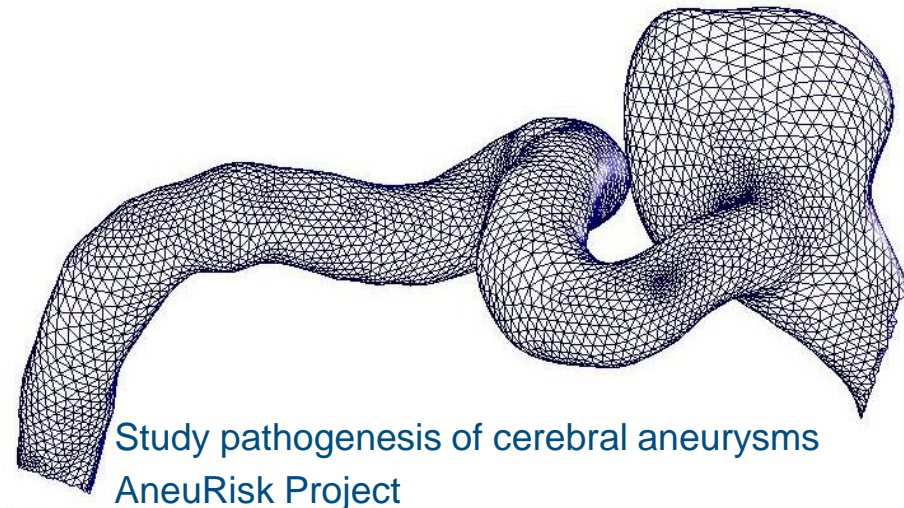
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► Data:

$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$: a region of interest, bounded, with $\partial\Omega \in \mathcal{C}^2$

for $i = 1, \dots, n$

▷ $\mathbf{p}_i = (x_i, y_i) \in \Omega$

▷ z_i : a real valued variable of interest observed \mathbf{p}_i

▷ $\mathbf{w}_i = (w_{i1}, \dots, w_{iq})^t$: a q -vector of covariates associated to z_i

► Generalized Additive Model:

$$z_i = \mathbf{w}_i^t \boldsymbol{\beta} + f(\mathbf{p}_i) + \epsilon_i \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

▷ $\epsilon_i, i = 1, \dots, n$, i.i.d. mean 0 and variance σ^2

▷ $\boldsymbol{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^q$

▷ $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$



- Estimate β and f minimizing

$$J_{\lambda}(\beta, f) = \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - \mathbf{w}_i^t \beta - f(\mathbf{p}_i))^2 + \lambda \int_{\Omega} (\Delta f)^2 d\Omega$$

$$\Delta f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$$

Inclusion of simple Partial Differential Equations (PDE) in statistical models:

- Thin-plate splines (Wahba, 1990; Stone, 1988)

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - f(\mathbf{p}_i))^2 + \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \right)^2 + 2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} + \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \right)^2$$

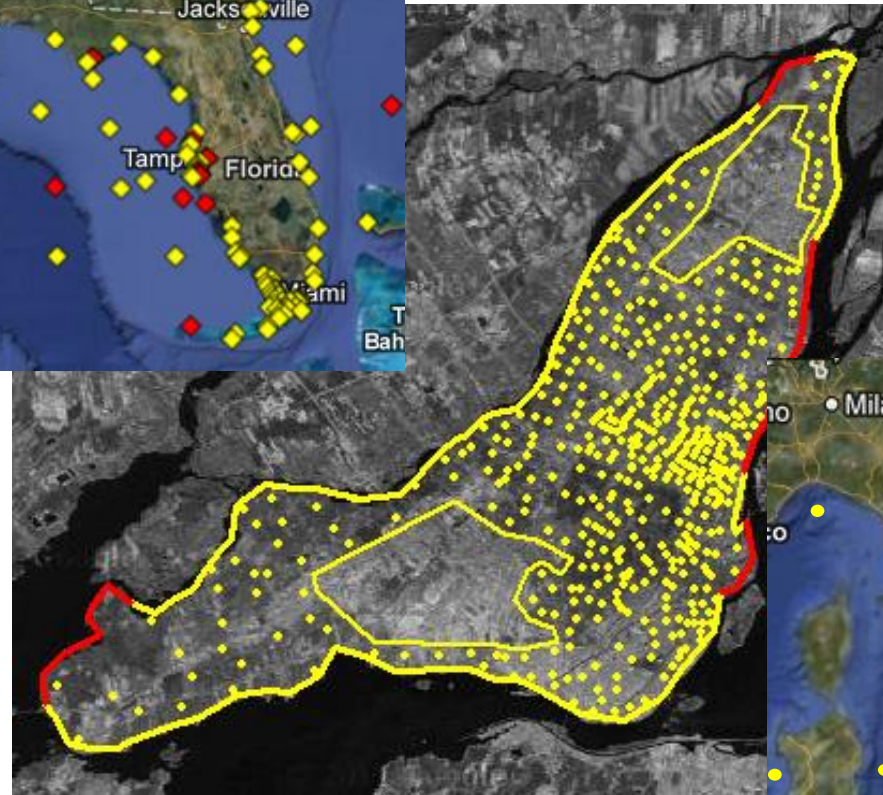
- Bivariate Splines (Guillas and Lai, 2010)
- FEL-splines (Ramsay, 2002), Soap-film smoothing (Wood *et al.*, 2008): *irregular domains*
- Stochastic PDE: Lindgren *et al.* (2011), Bayesian inverse problems: Stuart (2010)
- Data Assimilation in Inverse Problems



Irregularly shaped domains



Buoy data
(National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration www.ndbc.noaa.gov)
→ Parnigoni Master thesis 2013



Census Canada data

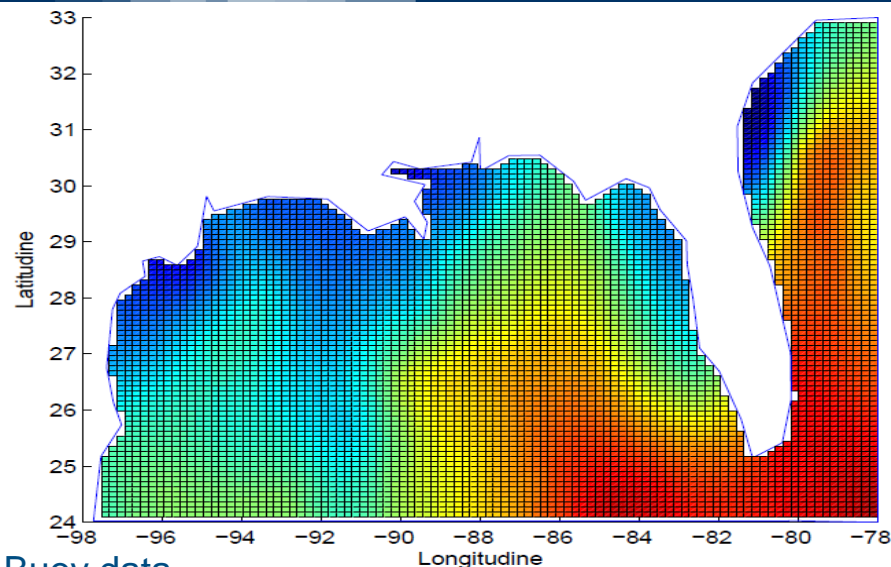


Fisheries data (NOAA)

Classical methods cannot handle irregular shaped domains
Global basis functions, Covariance (stationarity, isotropy)



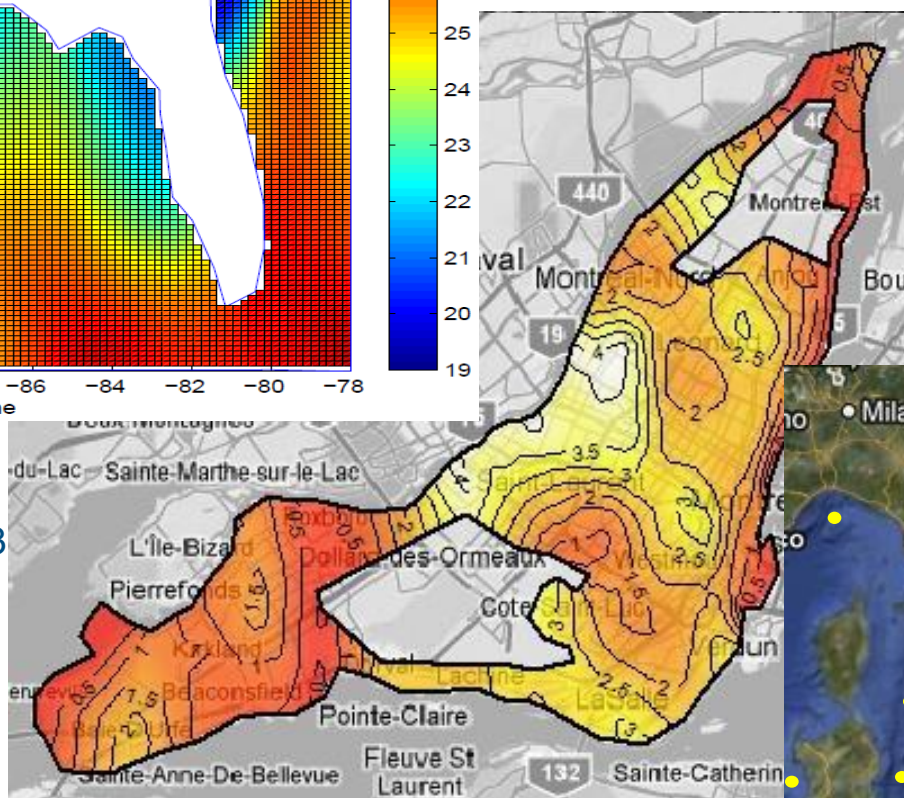
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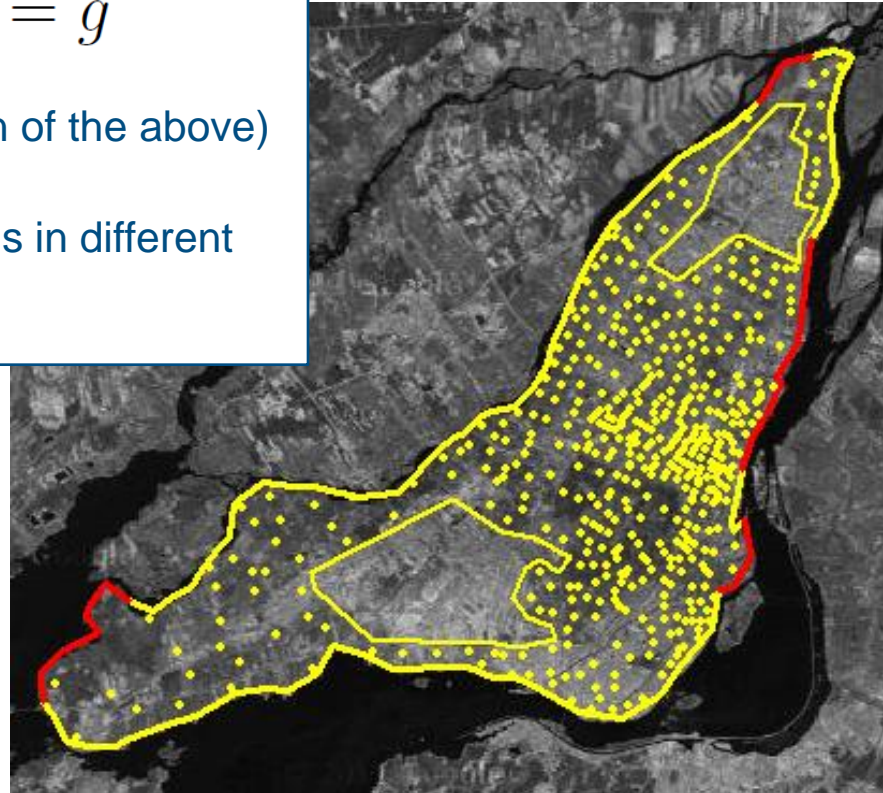


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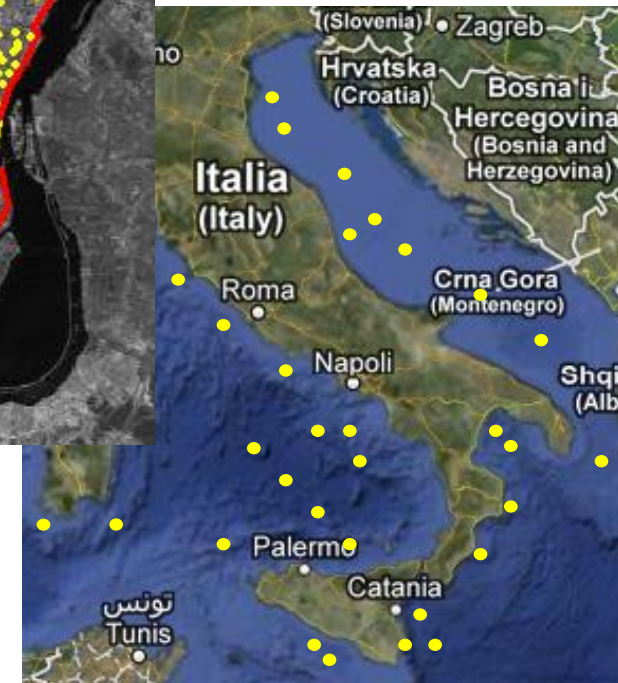
Boundary conditions

- Dirichlet $f|_{\partial\Omega} = g$
- Neumann $\partial_\nu f|_{\partial\Omega} = g$
- Robin (linear combination of the above)
- Mixed (different conditions in different parts of the boundary)



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A priori information

Azzimonti et al., 2013a, TechRep
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Incorporating **a priori information**:
using PDE to model space variation
of the phenomenon

$$J_{\lambda}(\beta, f) = \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - \mathbf{w}_i^t \beta - f(\mathbf{p}_i))^2 + \lambda \int_{\Omega} (Lf - u)^2 d\Omega$$

log-likelihood data fidelity prior model fidelity

Problem specific a priori information →
(physics, mechanics, chemistry, morphology)

more complex partial differential operator
(linear second order elliptic PDE)

$$Lf = -div((K \nabla f) + \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla f + cf)$$

spatially varying

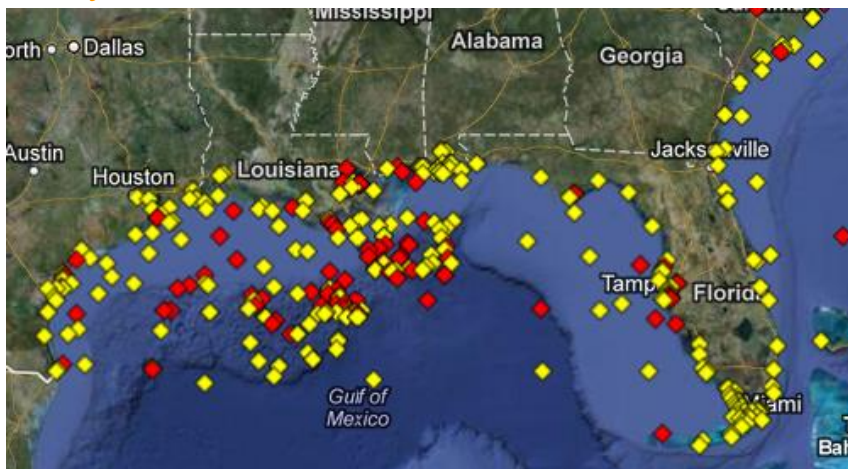
- Diffusion tensor field: *non-stationary anisotropic diffusion*
 - Transport vector field: *non-stationary directional smoothing*
 - Reaction term: *non-stationary shrinking effect*
- PDEs are commonly used to describe *complex phenomena behaviors* in many fields of engineering and sciences
- model *space variation*



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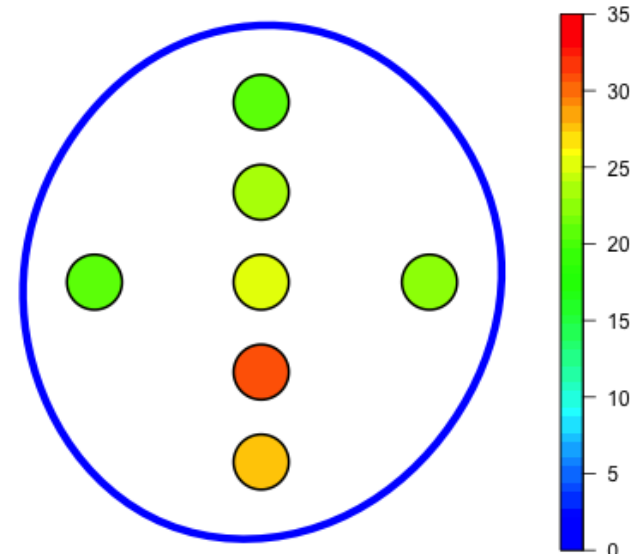
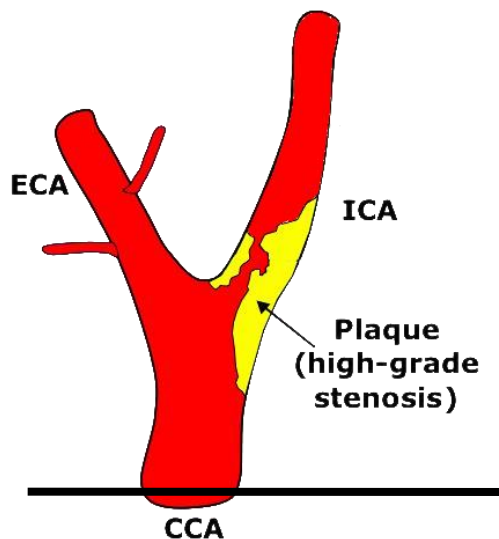
Prior (Gulf Stream)



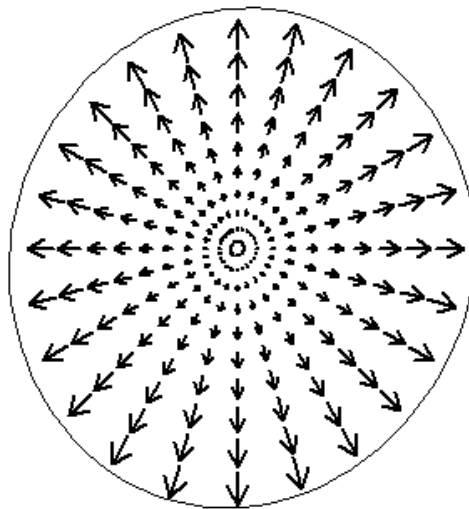
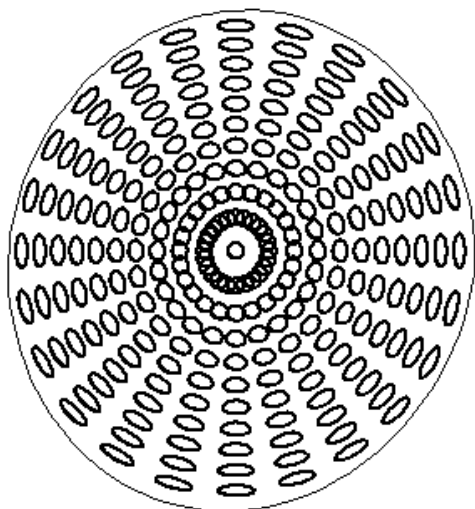


Motivating applied problem: *MACAREN@MOX*

ECD measurements over 7 beams



A priori knowledge described by a PDE



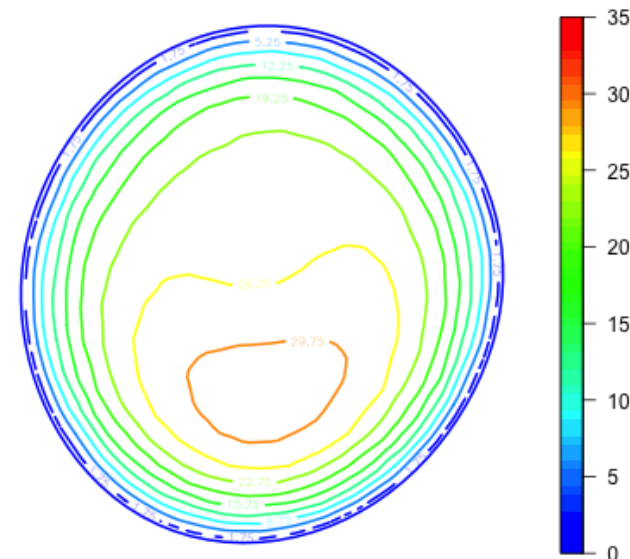
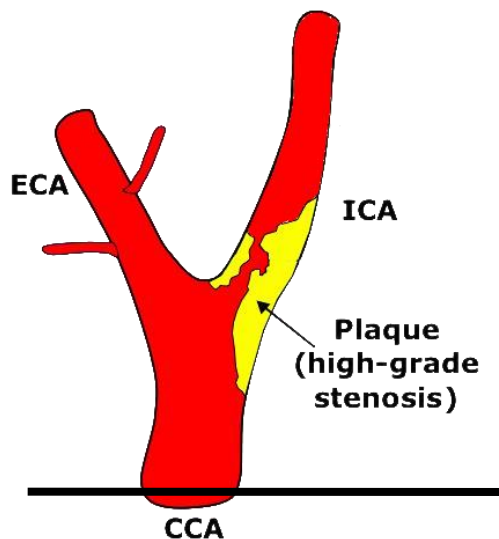
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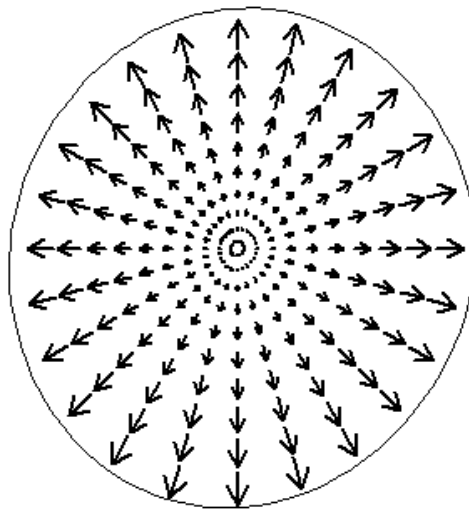
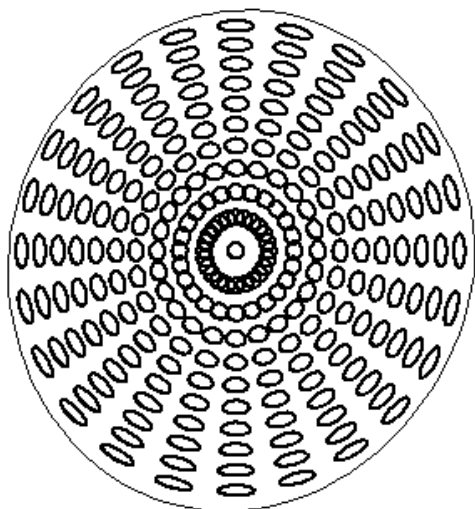


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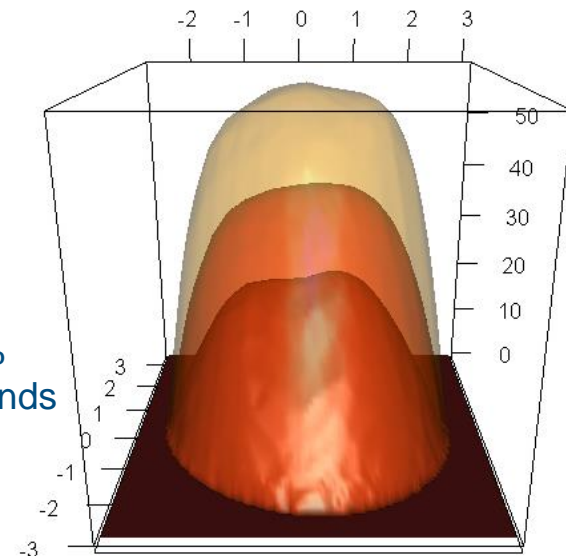
Blood flow velocity field estimate



A priori knowledge described by a PDE



pointwise 95%
confidence bands

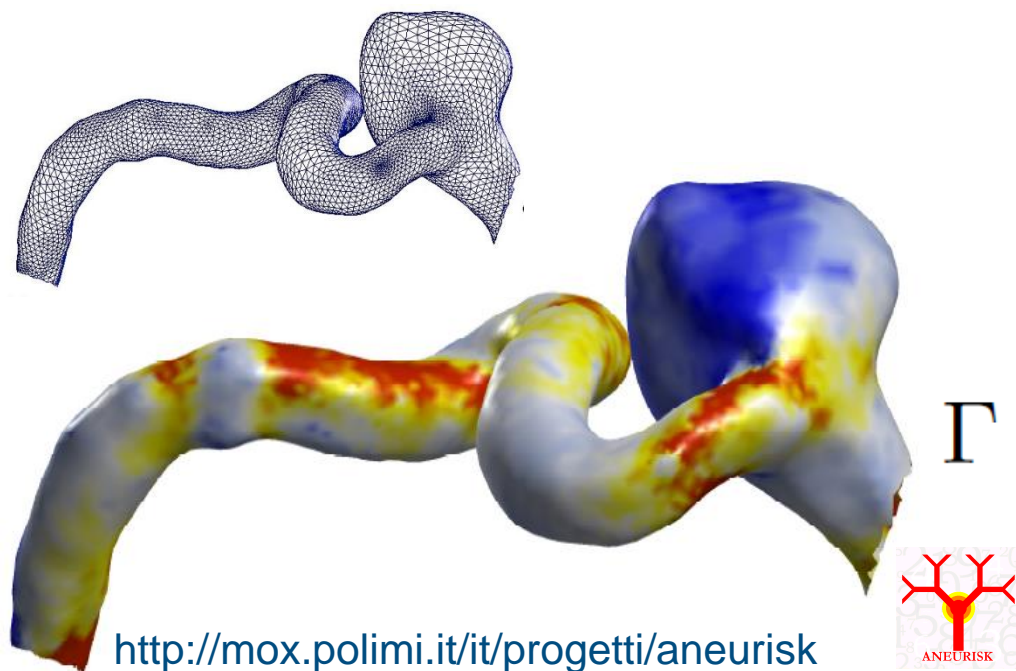




Spatial regression over bi-dimensional Riemannian manifold domains

$$J_{\Gamma, \lambda}(\boldsymbol{\beta}, f) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(z_i - \mathbf{w}_i^t \boldsymbol{\beta} - f(\mathbf{x}_i) \right)^2 + \lambda \int_{\Gamma} (\Delta_{\Gamma} f(\mathbf{x}))^2 d\mathbf{x}$$

Laplace-Beltrami operator
associated to Γ



Γ : surface embedded in \mathbb{R}^3

$\mathbf{x}_i \in \Gamma$

$f : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

<http://mox.polimi.it/it/progetti/aneurisk>

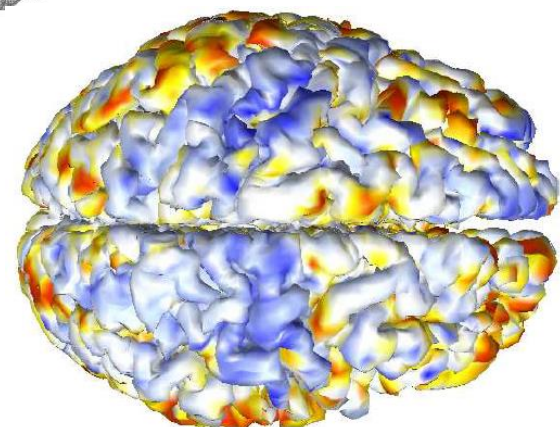
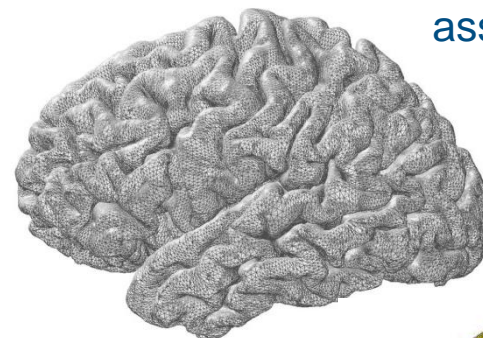
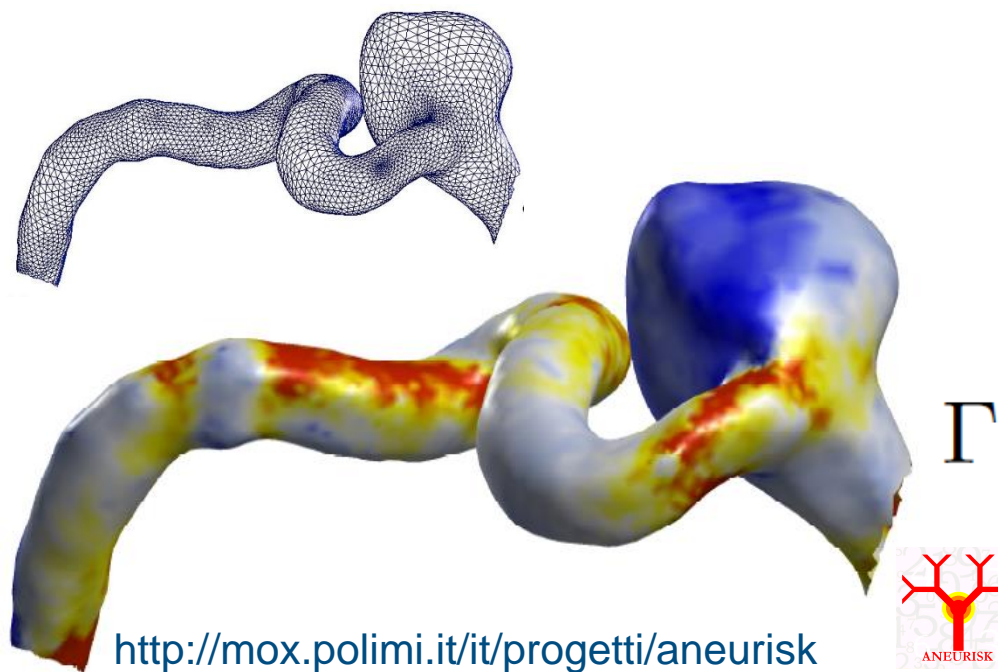




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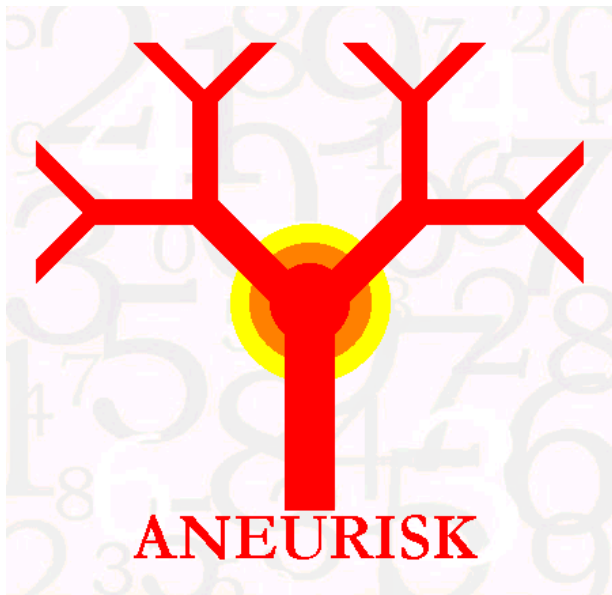


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Motivating applied problem: AneuRisk project

SIEMENS



A CONJECTURE

The pathogenesis of cerebral aneurysms is conditioned by the **geometry of the cerebral vessels** through its effects on **blood fluid dynamics**



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Statistics

Numerical Analysis

BioEngineering

Computer science

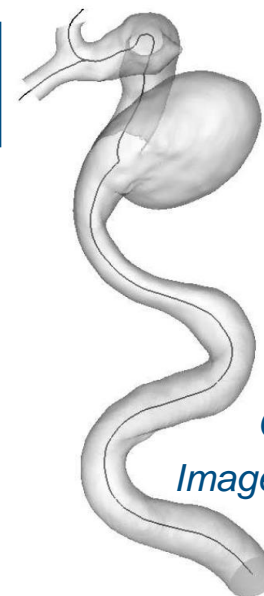
Neurosurgery

Neuroradiology

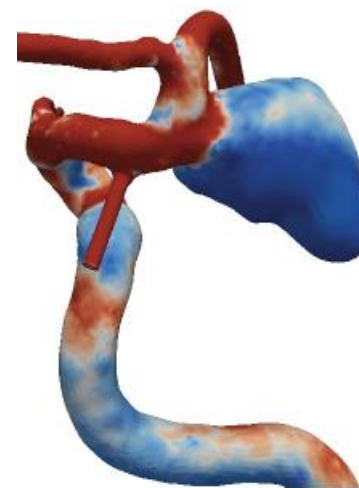


Data: 3D-angiographies

Observational Study conducted at Ospedale Ca' Granda Niguarda, Milano, relative to 65 patients hospitalized from 2002 to 2005.



*Geometrical data
Image reconstructions*

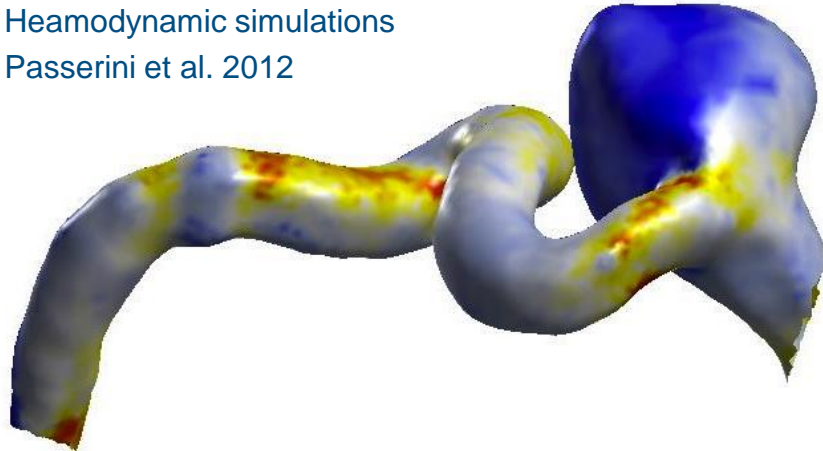


*Hemodynamic data
Computational Fluid Dynamics*



Spatial regression over Riemannian manifolds

Heamodynamic simulations
Passerini et al. 2012



Object Oriented Data Analysis

► Nearest Neighbor Averaging

Hagler, Saygin, Sereno, 2006, *NeuroImage*

► Heat Kernel Smoothing

Chung et al., 2005, *NeuroImage*

► Methods for data over spheres, hyperspheres and other manifolds

Baramidze, Lai, Shum, 2006, *SIAM J.S.C.*

Wahba, 1981, *SIAM J.S.C.*

Lindgren, Rue, Lindstrom, 2011, *JRSSB*

Yun, 2011, *Scandinavian*

Gneiting, 2013, *Bernoulli*

▷ $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ - a non-planar surface domain

Artery wall

▷ $\{\mathbf{x}_i = (x_{1i}, x_{2i}, x_{3i}) \in \Gamma\}$ - data locations

▷ $z_i \in \mathbb{R}$ - variable of interest observed at \mathbf{x}_i

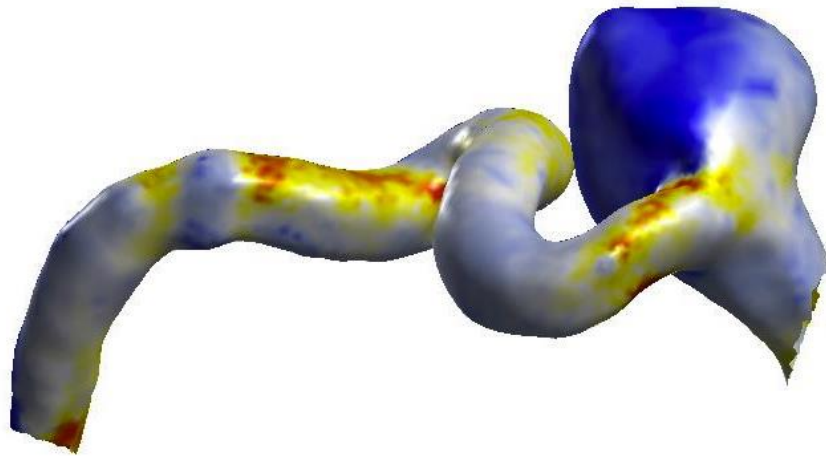
Wall shear stress modulus at systolic peak

▷ $\mathbf{w}_i = (w_{i1}, \dots, w_{iq}) \in \mathbb{R}^q$ - space varying covariates

Local curvature of vessel wall

Curvature of vessel

Local radius of the vessel

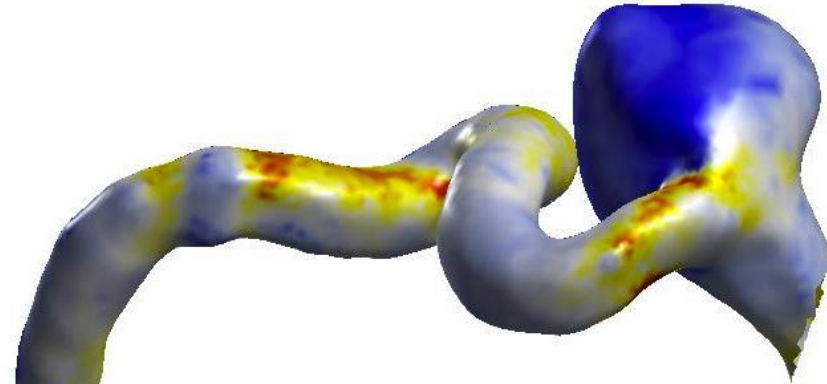


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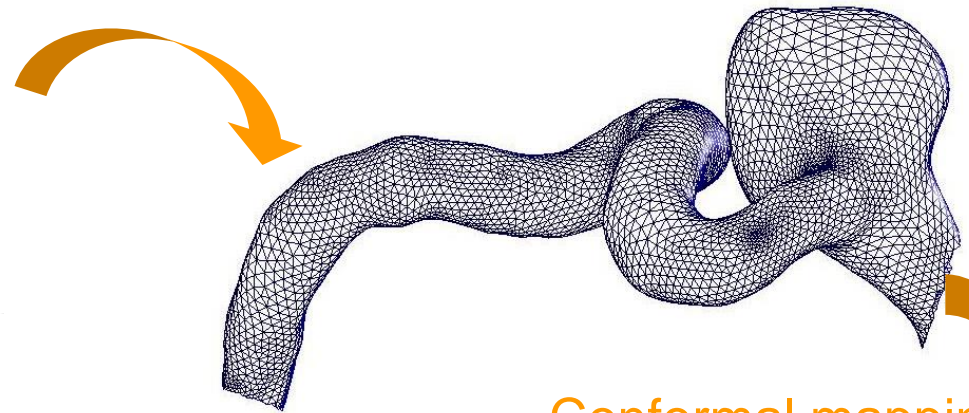
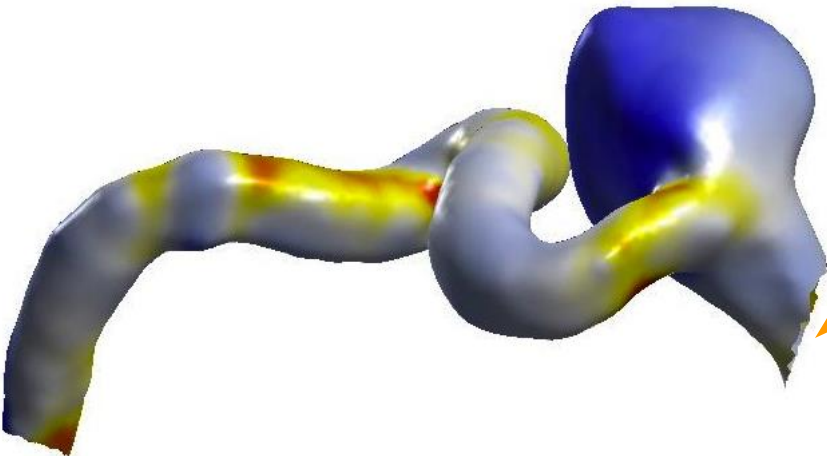
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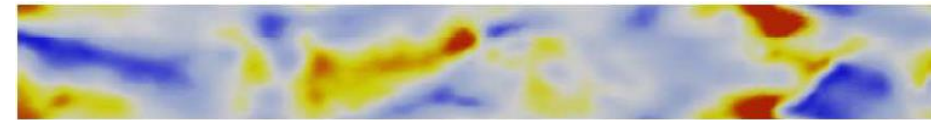
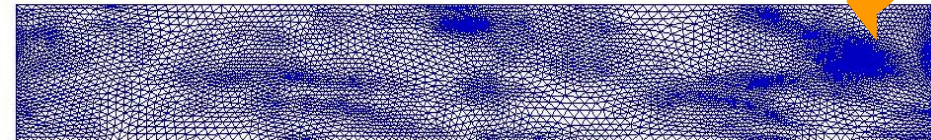
Spatial regression over Riemannian manifolds



- ▶ Estimators have typical penalized regression form
- ▶ Linear in observed data values
- ▶ Classical inferential tools



Conformal mapping
(fully encode information about complex 3D geometry)



Equivalent estimation problem on planar domain

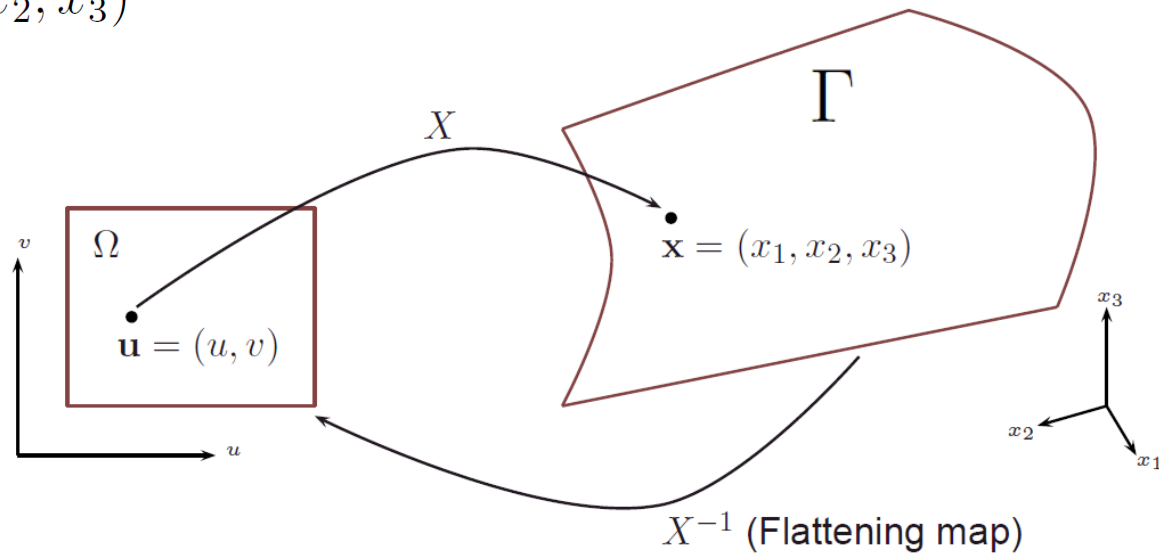
→ Extend method for planar domains



▷ $X : \Omega \rightarrow \Gamma$

(Ω : open, convex, bounded set in \mathbb{R}^2)

$$\mathbf{u} = (u, v) \mapsto \mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$$





▷ $\frac{\partial X}{\partial u}(\mathbf{u}), \frac{\partial X}{\partial v}(\mathbf{u})$: column vectors

▷ space varying metric tensor:

$$G(\mathbf{u}) := \nabla X(\mathbf{u})' \nabla X(\mathbf{u}) = \begin{pmatrix} \left\| \frac{\partial X}{\partial u}(\mathbf{u}) \right\|^2 & \left\langle \frac{\partial X}{\partial u}(\mathbf{u}), \frac{\partial X}{\partial v}(\mathbf{u}) \right\rangle \\ \left\langle \frac{\partial X}{\partial u}(\mathbf{u}), \frac{\partial X}{\partial v}(\mathbf{u}) \right\rangle & \left\| \frac{\partial X}{\partial v}(\mathbf{u}) \right\|^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

▷ $\mathcal{W}(\mathbf{u}) := \sqrt{\det(G(\mathbf{u}))}$;

$$\mathcal{W}(\mathbf{u}) d\mathbf{u} = d\mathbf{x}$$

▷ $\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathcal{W}(\mathbf{u}) G^{-1}(\mathbf{u})$

▷ For $f \circ X \in \mathcal{C}^2(\Omega)$,

$$\mathbf{u} = X^{-1}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\nabla_{\Gamma} f(\mathbf{x}) = \nabla X(\mathbf{u}) G^{-1}(\mathbf{u}) (\nabla f(X(\mathbf{u})))$$

$$\Delta_{\Gamma} f(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{div}_{\Gamma}(\nabla_{\Gamma} f(X(\mathbf{u}))) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{W}(\mathbf{u})} \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{u}) \nabla f(X(\mathbf{u})))$$



$$\triangleright H_{n0,\mathbf{K}}^m(\Omega) = \{h \in H^m(\Omega) : \mathbf{K}\nabla h \cdot n = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega\} \subset H^m(\Omega)$$

Equivalent estimation problem over the planar domain Ω

Find $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^q$ and f with $(f \circ X) \in H_{n0,\mathbf{K}}^2(\Omega)$ that minimizes

$$J_{\Omega,\lambda}(\beta, f \circ X) = \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - \mathbf{w}_i' \beta - f(X(\mathbf{u}_i)))^2 + \lambda \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\mathcal{W}} \left(\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{K}\nabla(f \circ X)) \right)^2 d\Omega$$

where $\mathbf{u}_i = X^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_i)$



$$\blacktriangleright z_i = \mathbf{w}_i^t \boldsymbol{\beta} + f(\mathbf{x}_i) + \epsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad \mathbf{z} = W \boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{f}_n + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

$$\triangleright \mathbf{z} := (z_1, \dots, z_n)^t \quad \triangleright \mathbf{f}_n := (f(\mathbf{x}_1), \dots, f(\mathbf{x}_n))^t = (f(X(\mathbf{u}_1)), \dots, f(X(\mathbf{u}_n)))^t$$

$$\triangleright W := \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{w}_1^t \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{w}_n^t \end{bmatrix} \quad H := W(W^t W)^{-1} W^t \quad Q := I - H$$

Proposition. The estimators $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \in \mathbb{R}^q$ and $\hat{f} \in H_{n0, \mathbf{K}}^2(\Omega)$ exist unique

$$(\star) \quad \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (W^t W)^{-1} W^t (\mathbf{z} - \hat{\mathbf{f}}_n)$$

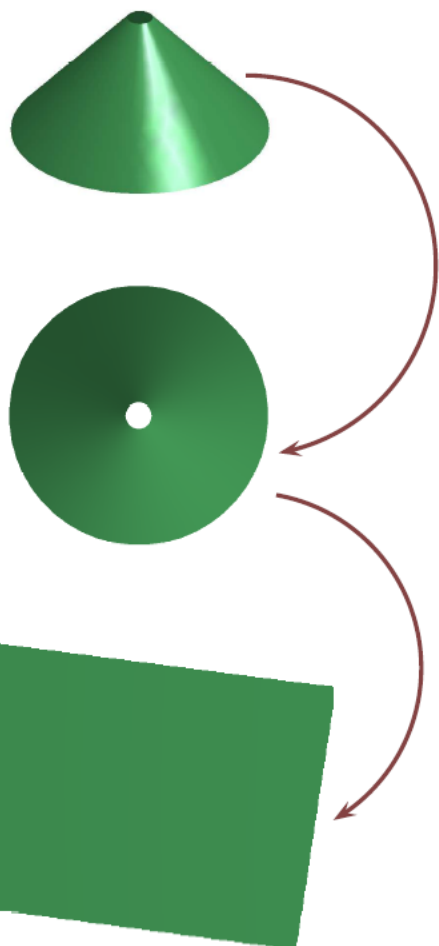
($\star\star$) \hat{f} satisfies

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_n^t Q \hat{\mathbf{f}}_n + \lambda \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{W} \left(\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{K} \nabla(\mu \circ X)) \right) \left(\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{K} \nabla(\hat{f} \circ X)) \right) d\Omega = \boldsymbol{\mu}_n^t Q \mathbf{z}$$

for any μ defined on Γ such that $\mu \circ X \in H_{n0, \mathbf{K}}^2(\Omega)$.



Conformal parametrization



$$\begin{cases} -\Delta_{\Gamma} u = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma \\ u = 0 \text{ on } \sigma_0 \\ u = 1 \text{ on } \sigma_1 \end{cases}$$

$$E_D(u) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Gamma} \|\nabla_{\Gamma} u\|^2 d\Gamma$$

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta_{\Gamma} v = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma \\ v(\zeta) = \int_{\zeta_0}^{\zeta} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} ds \text{ on } B \end{cases}$$

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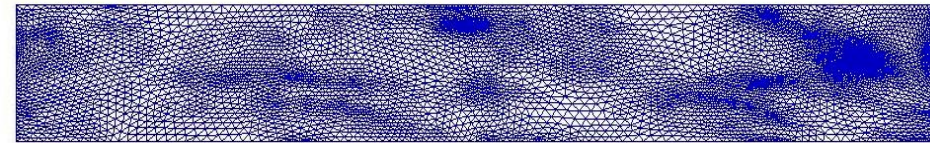
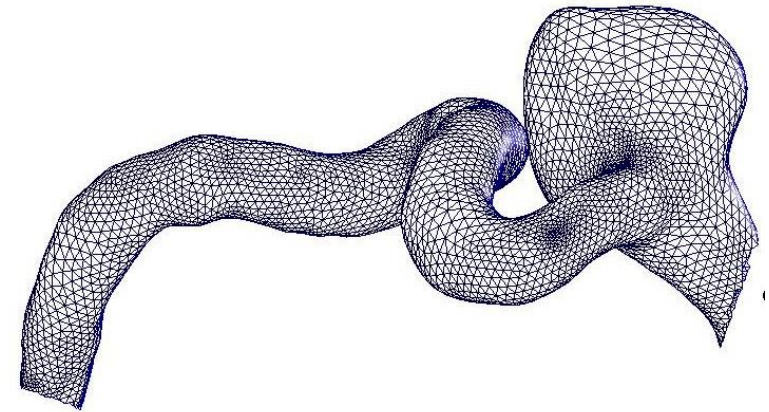
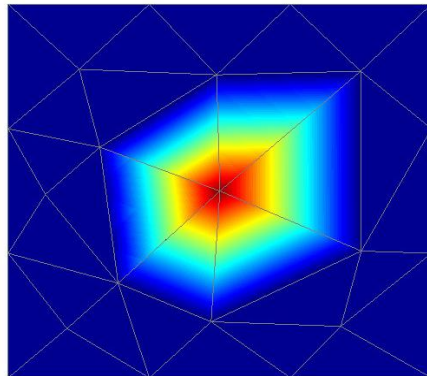
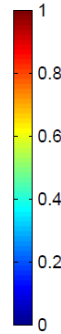
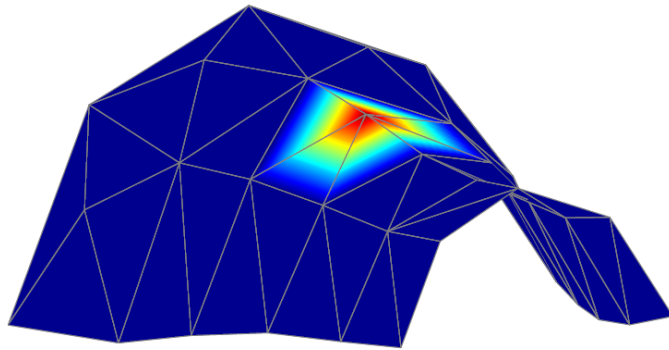


Triangulation and basis functions

Infinite-dimensional problem

Basis expansion
Finite Elements

Finite-dimensional problem

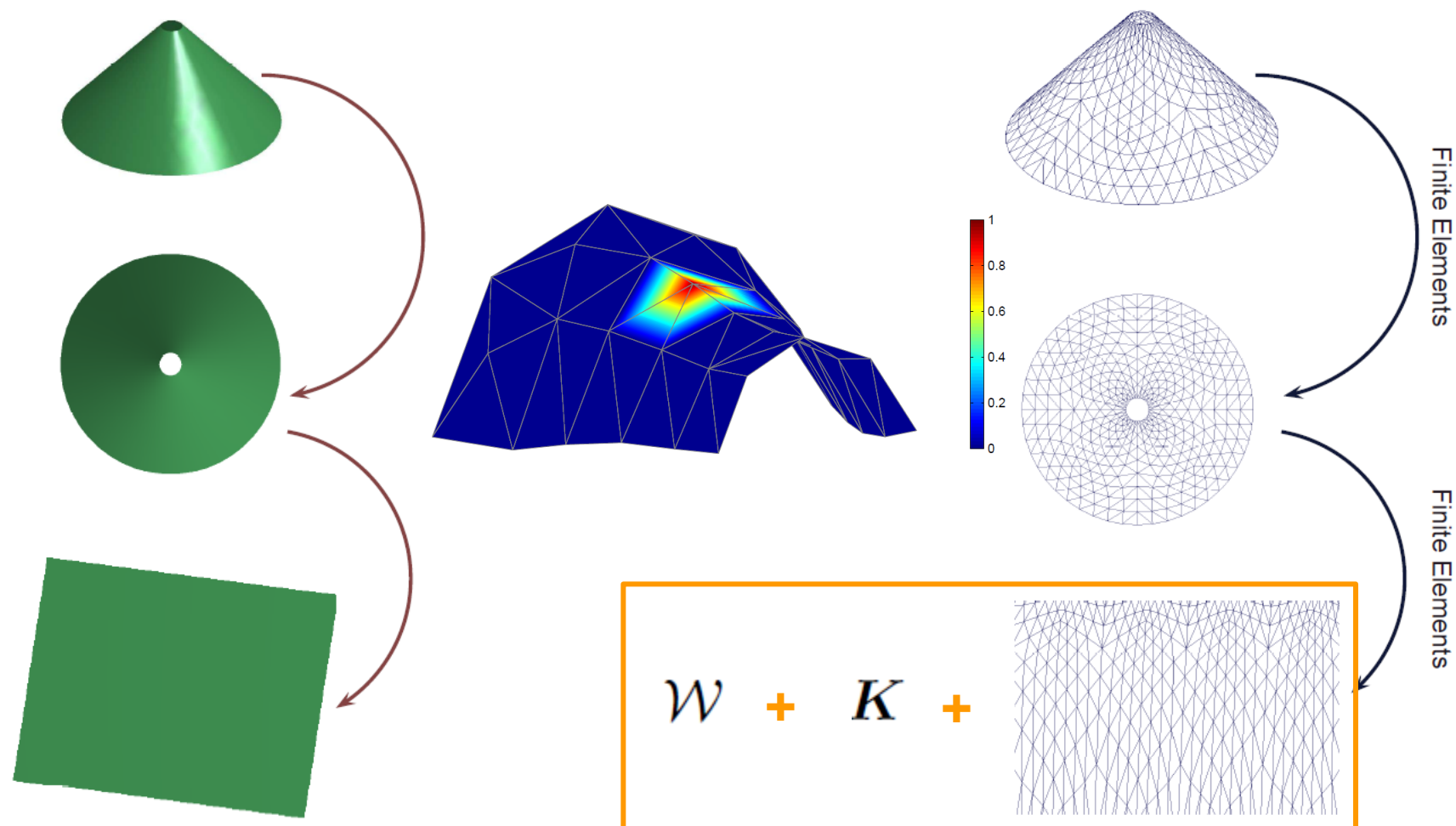


Finite element analysis has been mainly developed and used in engineering applications, to solve partial differential equations

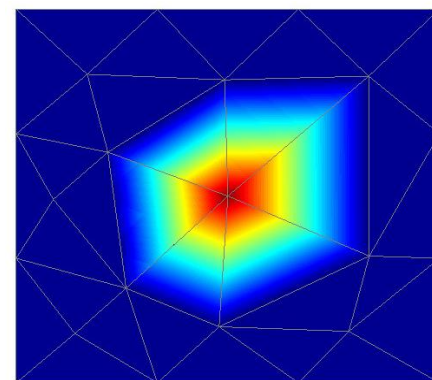
Finite element space: space of continuous piecewise-polynomial surfaces over a triangulation \mathcal{T} of the domain



Conformal parametrization



Haker et al, 2000, *IEEE Trans. Med. Imag*



- ▷ $\{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_K\}$: nodes of planar triangulation \mathcal{T}
- ▷ $\Omega_{\mathcal{T}}$: planar triangulated domain; $H_{\mathcal{T}}^1(\Omega)$: finite element space
- ▷ $\psi = (\psi_1, \dots, \psi_K)^t$: finite element basis $\Psi = \{\Psi\}_{ij} := \psi_j(\mathbf{p}_i)$
- ▷ for any h in the finite element space, $h = \mathbf{h}^t \psi$ where $\mathbf{h} := (h(\xi_1), \dots, h(\xi_K))^t$
- ▷ $R_0 := \int_{\Omega_{\mathcal{T}}} (\psi \psi^t) \mathcal{W}$ $R_1 := \int_{\Omega_{\mathcal{T}}} \nabla \psi^t \mathbf{K} \nabla \psi$

Corollary. The estimators $\hat{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^q$ and $\hat{f} \in H_{\mathcal{T}}^1(\Omega)$, that solve the discrete counterpart of the estimation problem, exist unique

- ▷ $\hat{\beta} = (W^t W)^{-1} W^t (z - \hat{\mathbf{f}}_n)$
- ▷ $\hat{f} = \hat{\mathbf{f}}^t \psi$, with $\hat{\mathbf{f}}$ satisfying

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\Psi^t Q \Psi & \lambda R_1 \\ \lambda R_1 & \lambda R_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ \mathbf{g} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\Psi^t Q z \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$



- ▶ $\hat{\beta}$ and \hat{f} are linear in \mathbf{z} → *linear estimators*

\hat{f} has typical penalized regression form, being identified by

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}}_n = (\Psi^t Q \Psi + \lambda P)^{-1} \Psi^t Q \mathbf{z} \quad P = R_1 R_0^{-1} R_1$$

- ▶ Classical inferential tools are readily derived

- ▷ mean and variances of $\hat{\beta}$ and \hat{f}

- ▷ confidence intervals for β

- ▷ confidence bands for f

- ▷ *prediction intervals for new observations*

- ▷ estimate of error variance σ^2

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - \mathbf{w}_i^t \beta - f(\mathbf{x}_i))^2 + \lambda \int_{\Gamma} (\Delta_{\Gamma} f(\mathbf{x}))^2 d\mathbf{x}$$

- ▷ selection of smoothing parameter λ via generalized cross-validation



Two sources of bias:

- ▷ $\hat{f} \in H_{\mathcal{T}}^1(\Omega)$ is affected by bias due to discretization:

This bias disappears as $n \rightarrow \infty$ with $h \rightarrow 0$ (infill asymptotic)

- ▷ $\hat{f} \in H_{n0}^2(\Omega)$ and $\hat{f} \in H_{\mathcal{T}}^1(\Omega)$ are affected by bias due to regularization

This bias disappears as $n \rightarrow \infty$ with $\lambda \rightarrow 0$

- ▶ $\hat{f} \in H_{n0}^2(\Omega)$ and $\hat{f} \in H_{\mathcal{T}}^1(\Omega)$ are consistent

- ▶ (Hopefully also) asymptotically normal

} Open problems



Simulation (without covariates)

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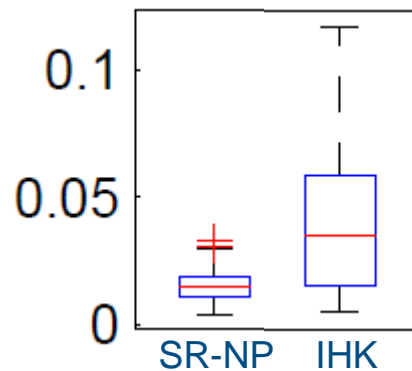
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ESTIMATE



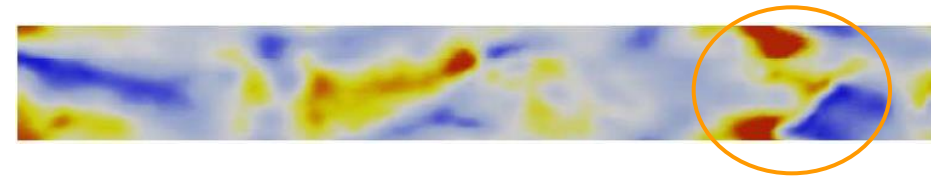
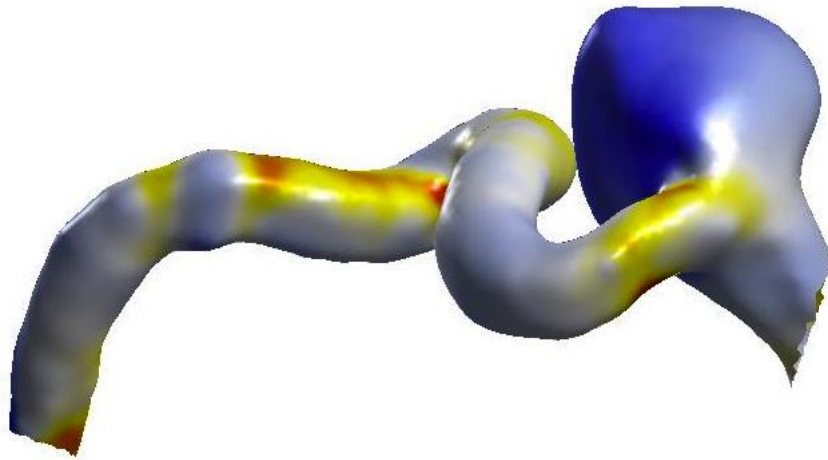
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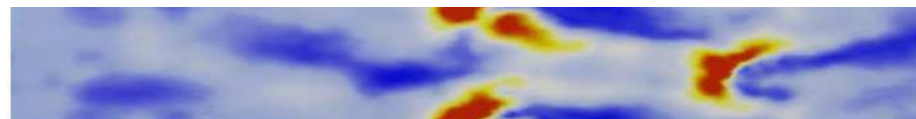
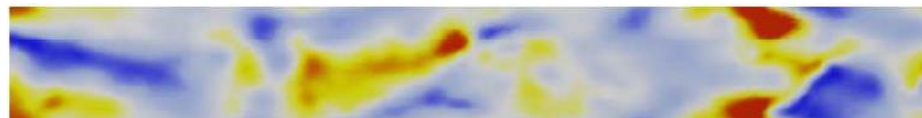
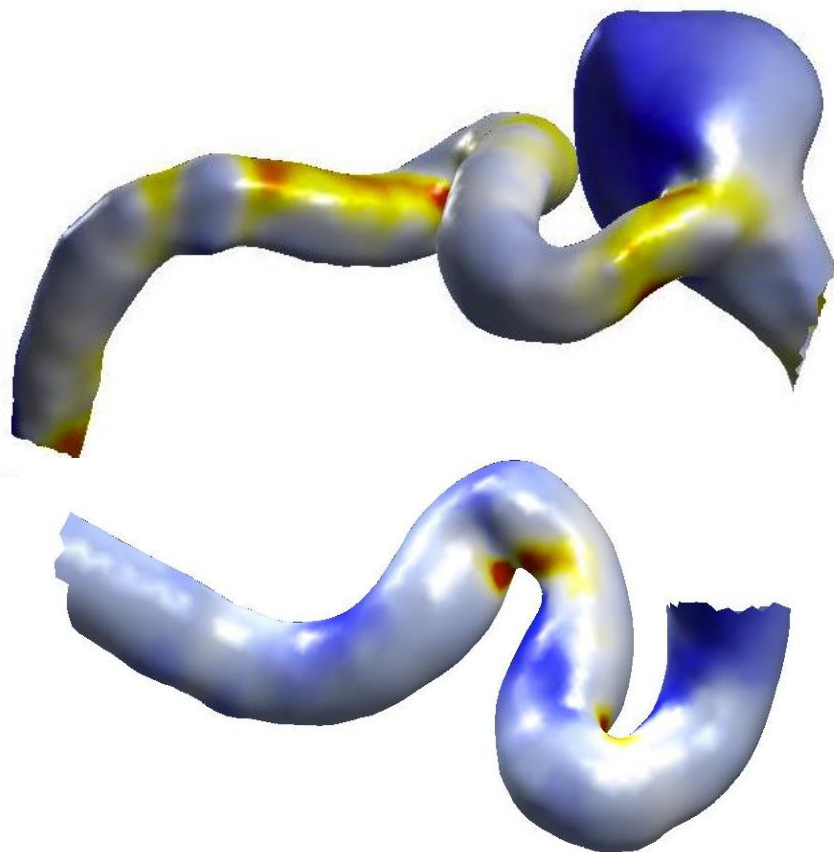


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Covariates:

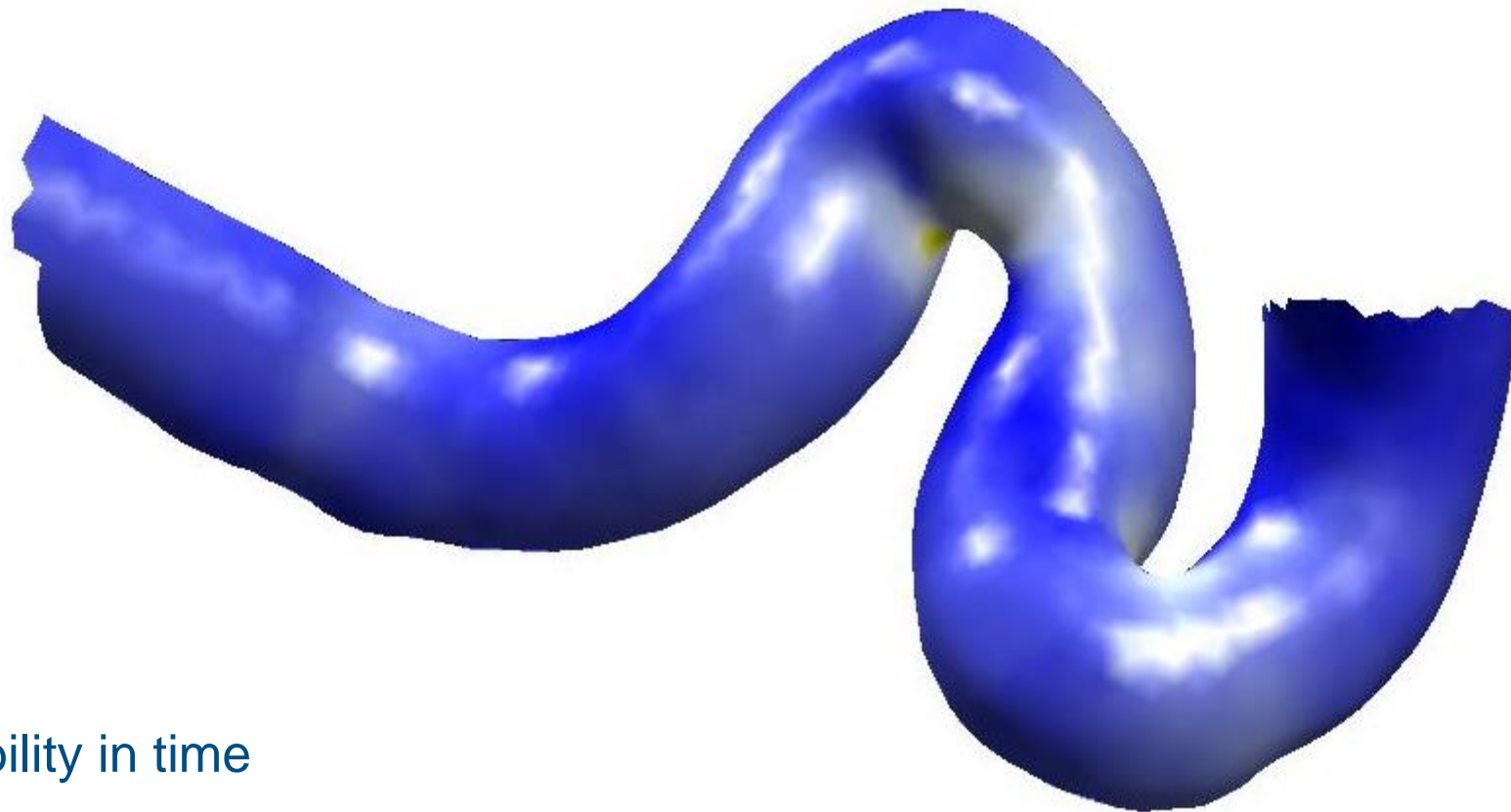
- Local curvature of vessel wall → Negative association
- Curvature of vessel → Positive association
- Local radius of vessel → Negative association



Variability across patients



(data registration)



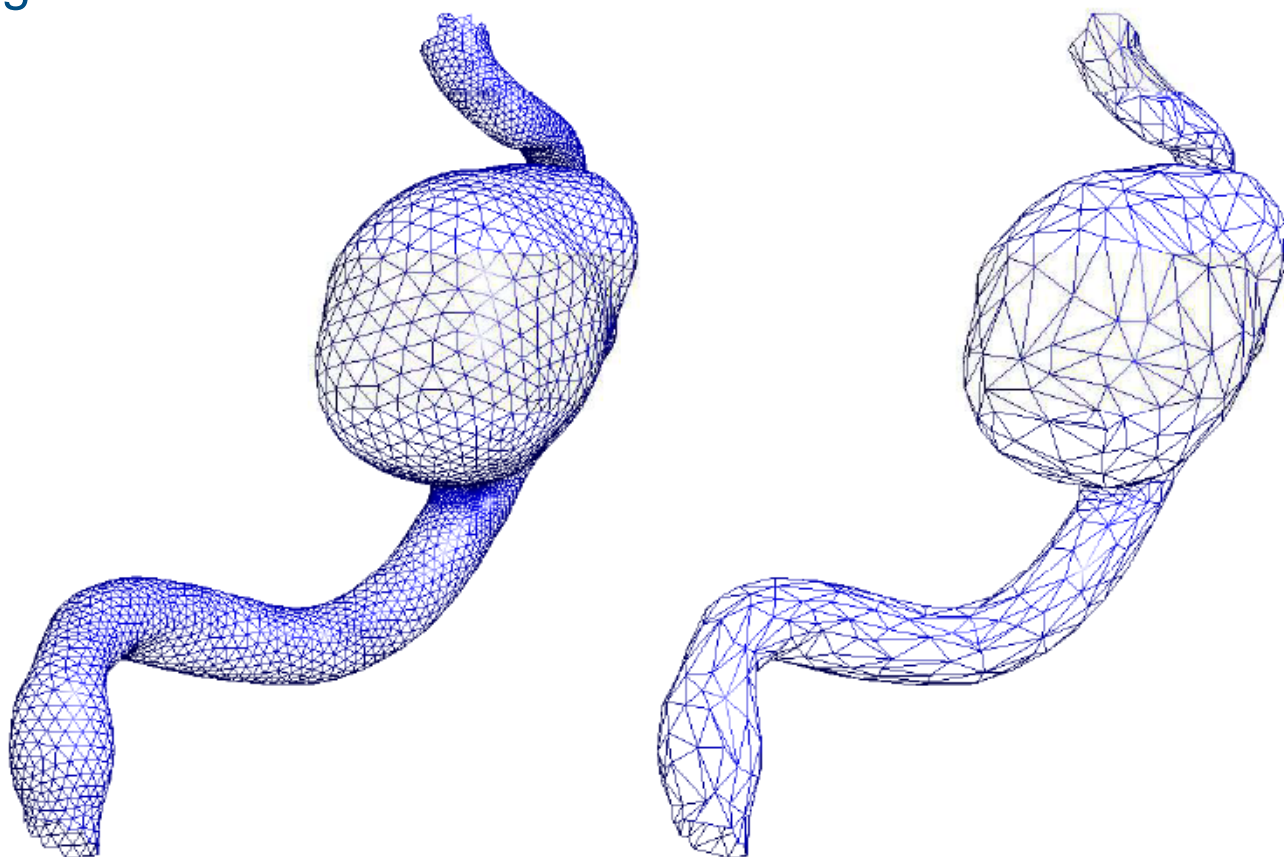
Variability in time



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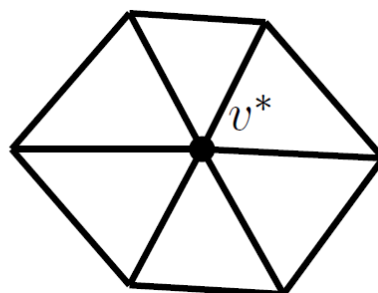
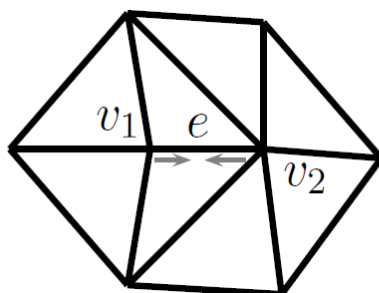
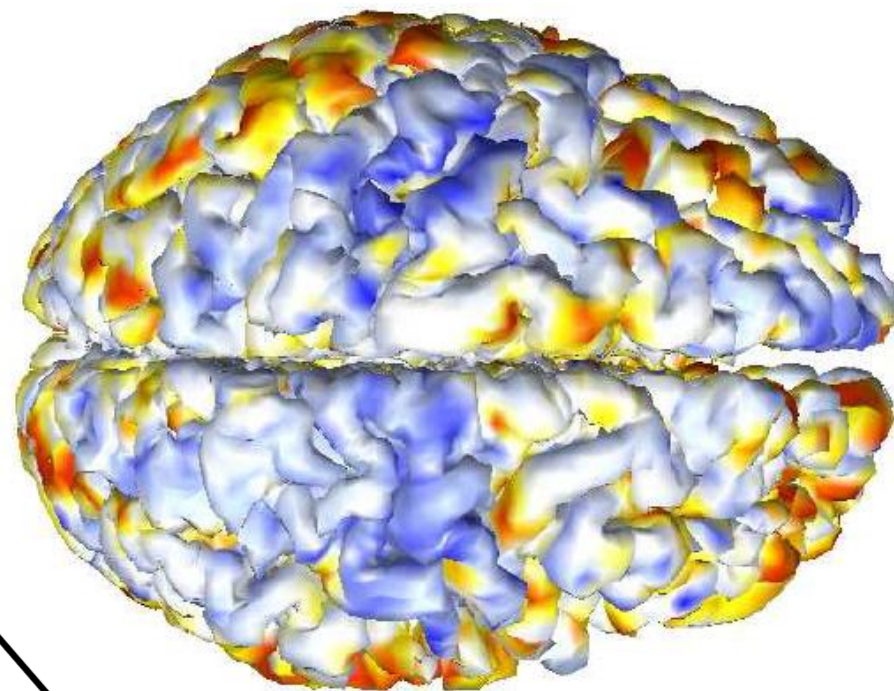
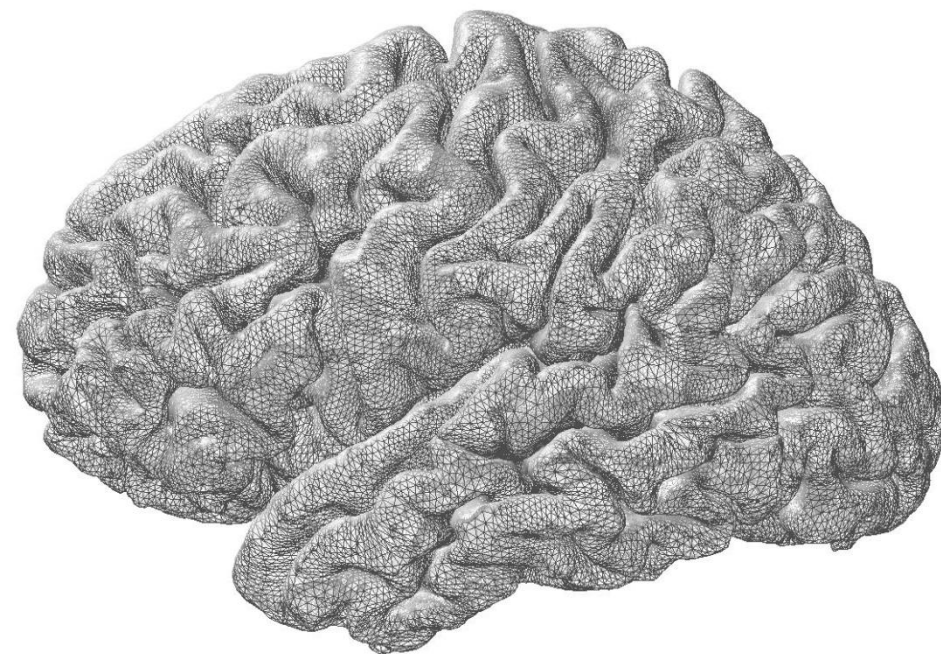
Facing big data challenges:

- iterative algorithms
- mesh simplification algorithms





Spatial Regression models over Riemannian manifolds



$$c(e, v^*) := \alpha c_{\text{geo}}(e, v^*) + (1 - \alpha) c_{\text{data}}(e, v^*), \quad 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$$

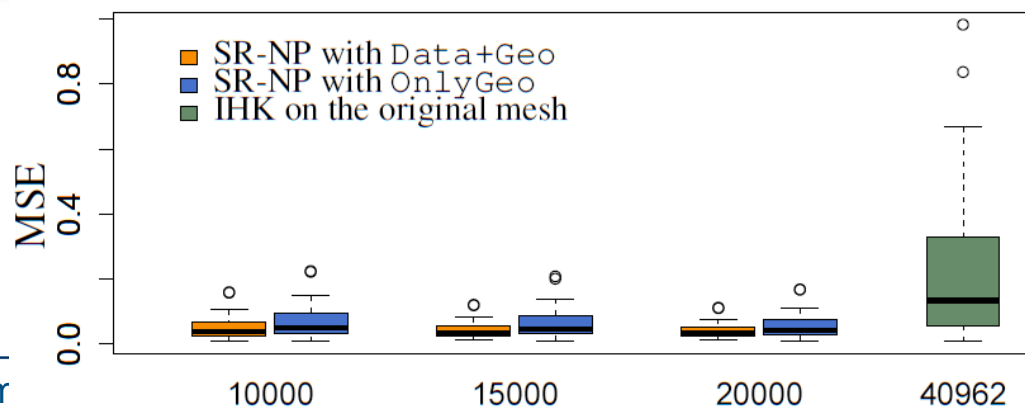
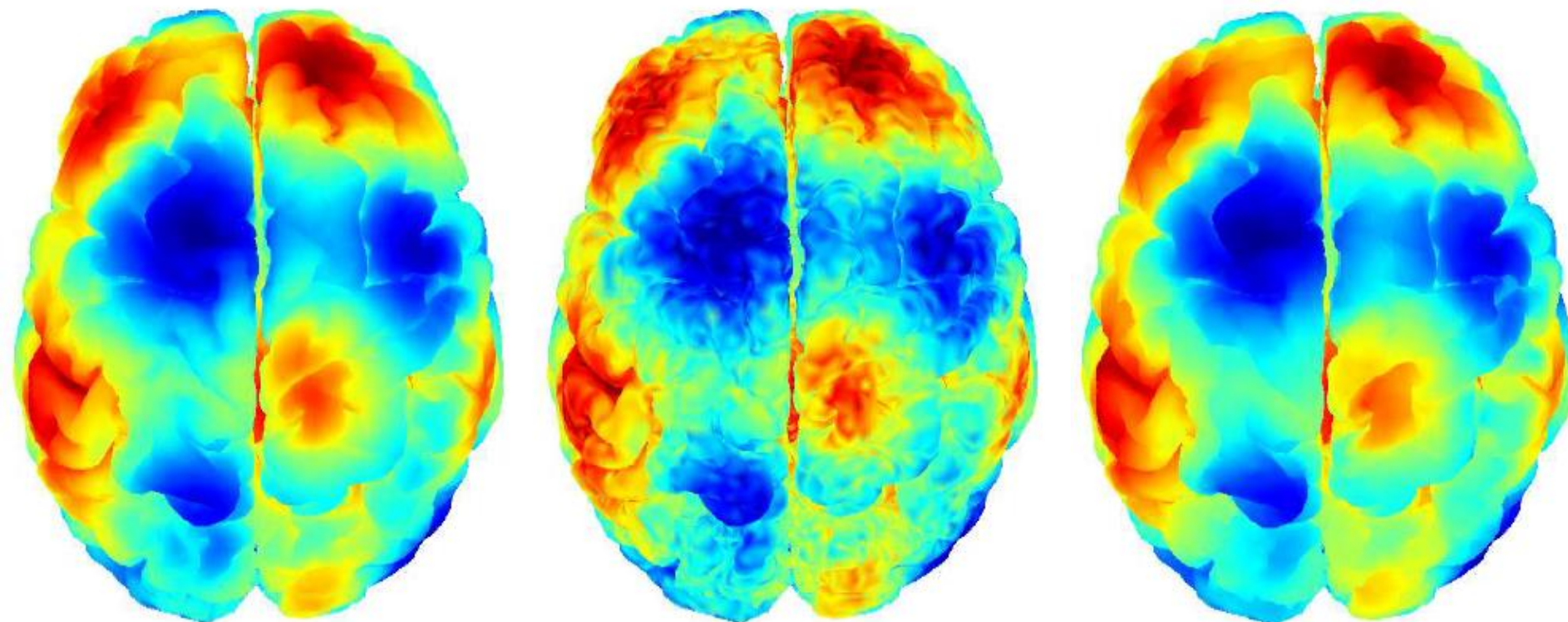


Spatial regression over Riemannian manifolds

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TRUE + NOISE

ESTIMATE





Current features:

- ▶ Irregular shaped domains
- ▶ Boundary conditions
- ▶ Areal data
- ▶ Incorporate priori knowledge about spatial field
- ▶ Data over bi-dimensional manifolds
- ▶ Mesh simplification that preserves inferential properties of the estimators

Current research:

- ▶ *Binomial, Gamma e Poisson outcomes*
- ▶ *Space/time models*
- ▶ *Asymptotic properties*
- ▶ *Mixed effect models*

Future directions

- ▶ Combine these features to create *class of models with very broad applicability* that aims at handling data structures for which no statistical modeling currently exists
- ▶ Strong synergy of various approaches from different scientific disciplines, with an *intense interplay of statistics, mathematics and engineering*
- ▶ ***R and Matlab code***



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