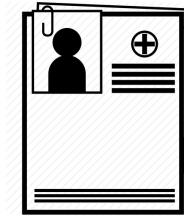
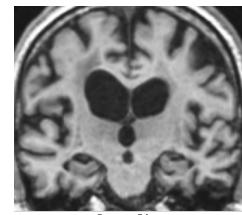
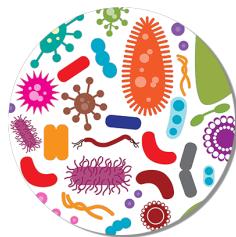
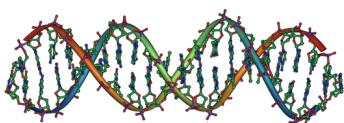
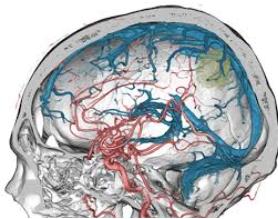


# **Latent variable models for the analysis of heterogeneous information**

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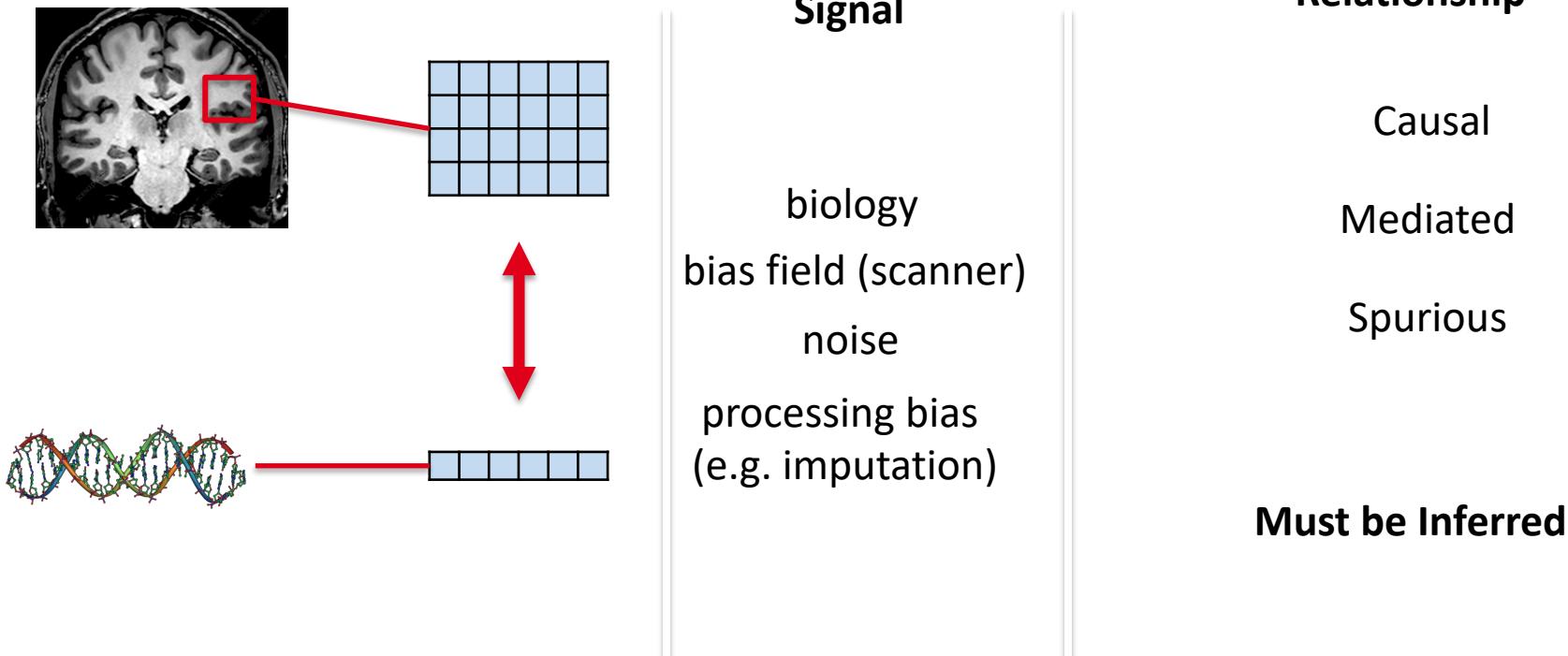
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# Variability of multivariate biomedical data

## - within/between views -



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# Latent variable models

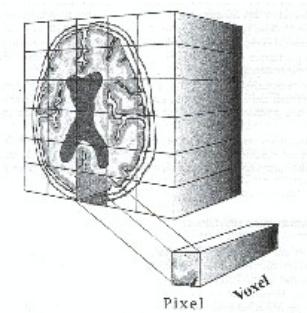
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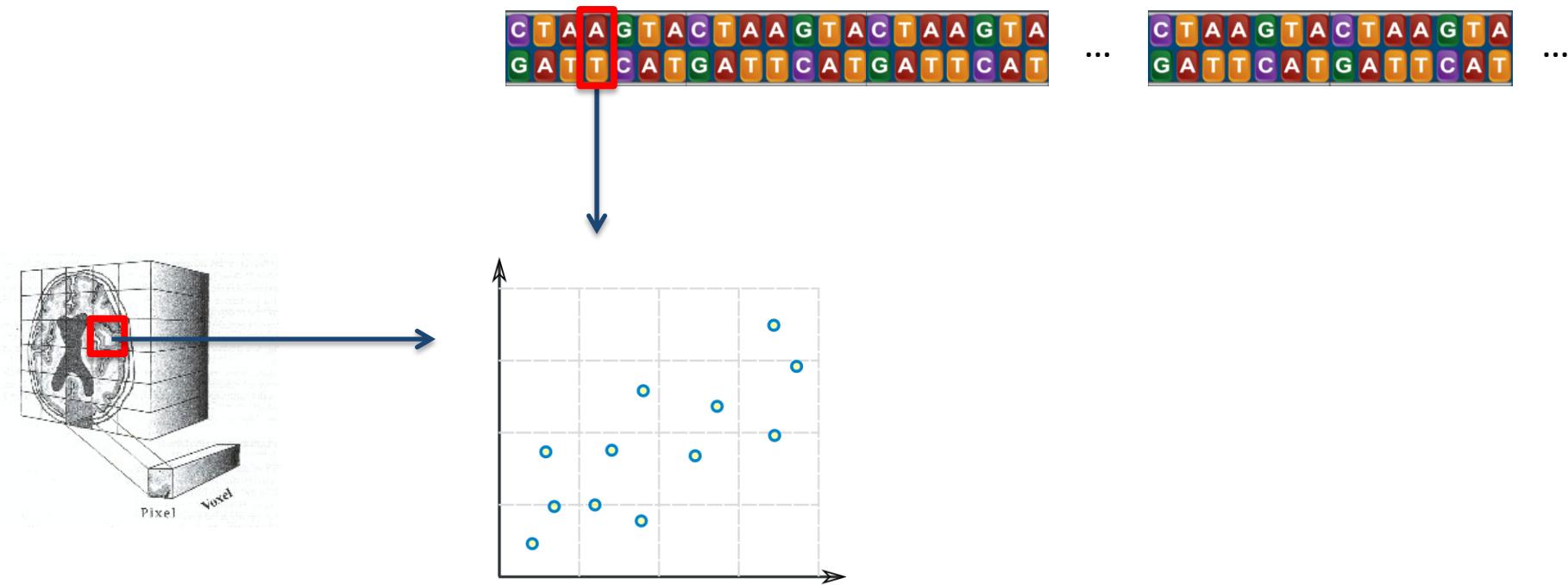
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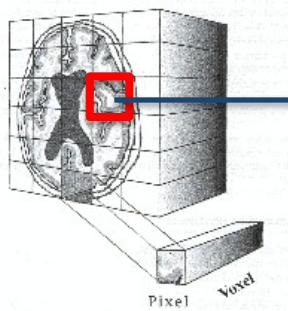
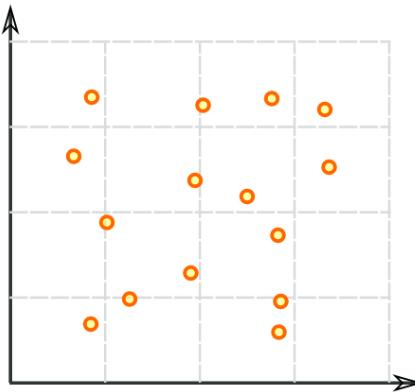


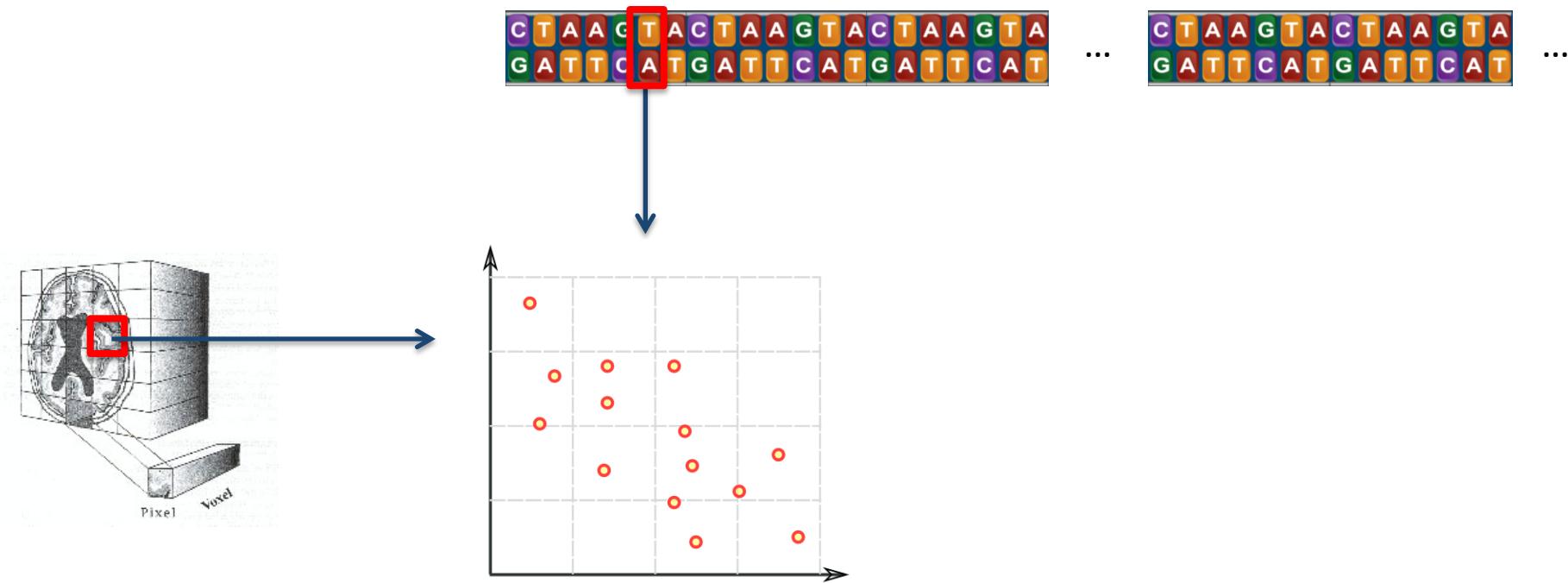
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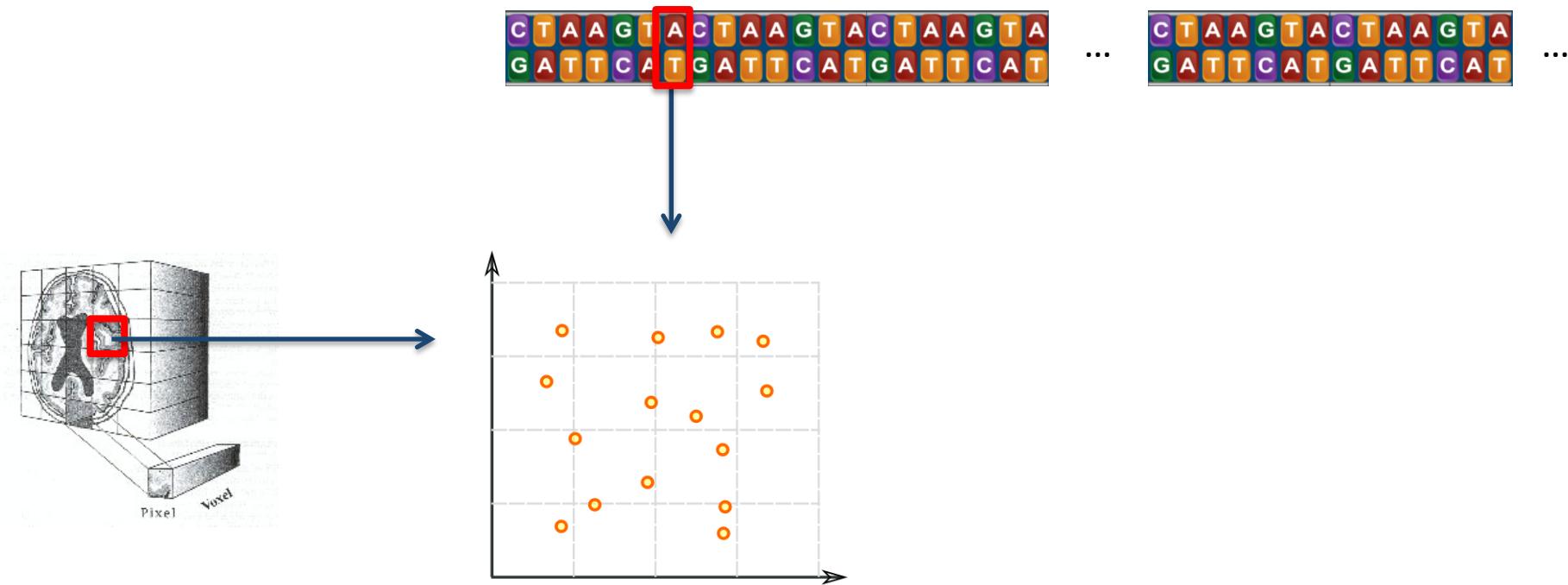
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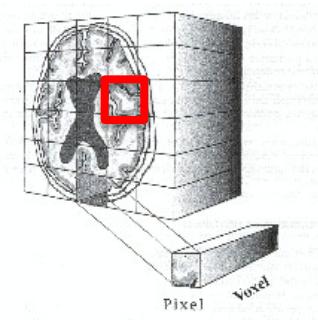






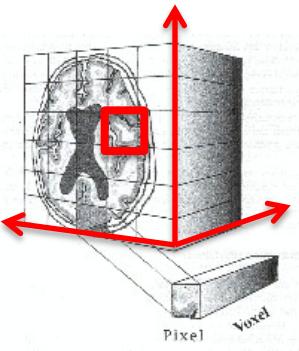


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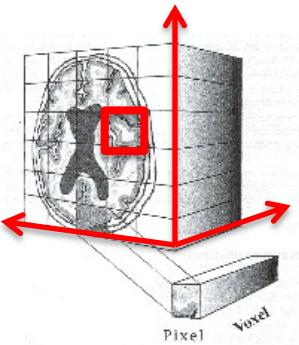
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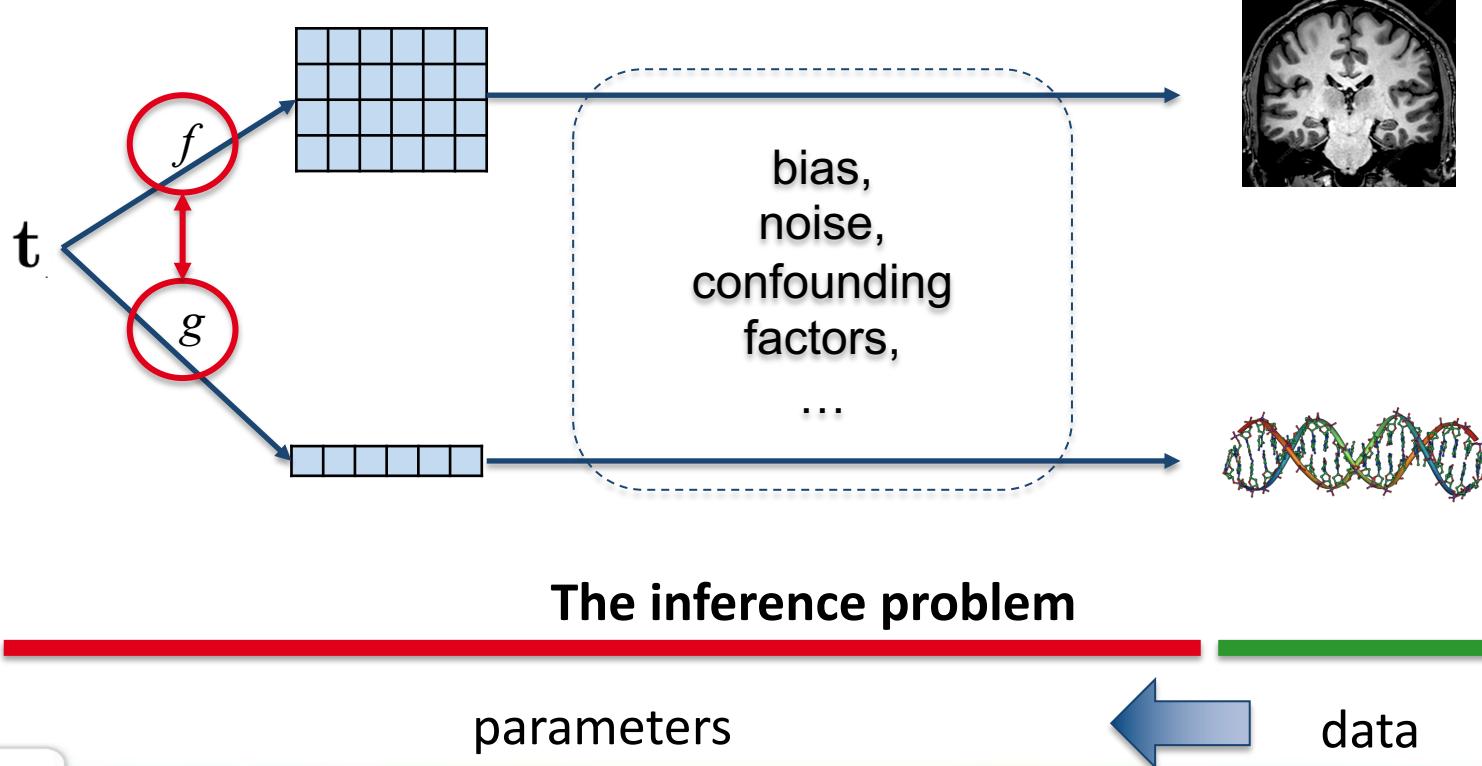


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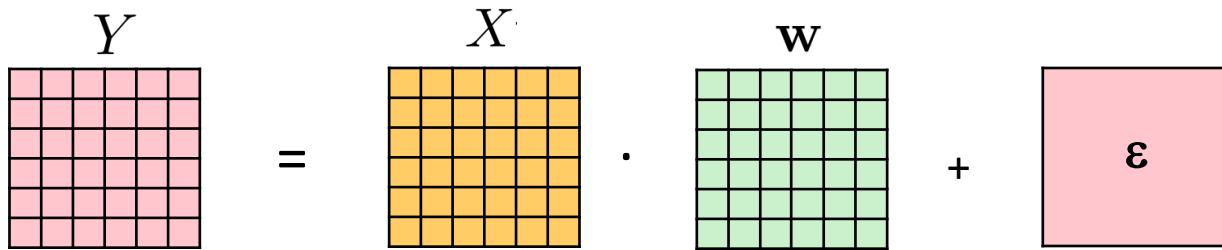
- Hard interpretability
- False positive discoveries
- No interaction across brain and genetic areas



# A unified statistical formulation via latent generative models



# The building-block: linear model

$$Y = X \cdot w + \varepsilon$$


$$\nabla_w (\|Y - Xw\|^2) = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad w = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y$$

# Classical formulation of latent variable models

*Principal component analysis*

$$t \xrightarrow{\mathbf{w}^T} X$$
$$X = \begin{matrix} t \\ \vdots \end{matrix} \mathbf{w}^T + \varepsilon_X$$

inference

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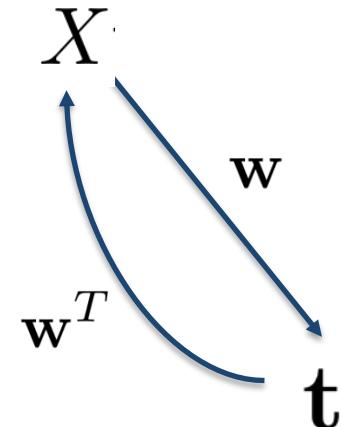
## *Principal component analysis*

A **variance** maximisation problem:

$$\mathbf{w} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\|\mathbf{w}\|=1} (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^T (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{\|\mathbf{w}\|=1} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{w}$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{\|\mathbf{w}\|=1} \mathbf{w}^T S_{XX} \mathbf{w}$$

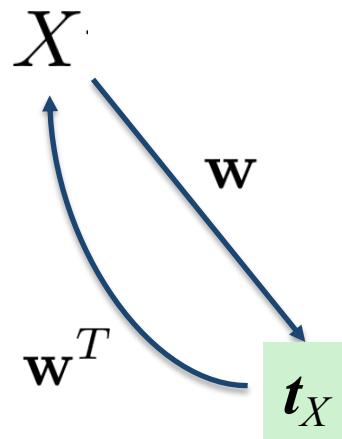


$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}, \lambda) = \mathbf{w}^T S_{XX} \mathbf{w} - \lambda [\mathbf{w}_X^T \mathbf{w}_X - 1]$$

$$S_{XX} \mathbf{w} = \lambda \mathbf{w}$$

# Non-linear iterative partial least squares - NIPALS

## Wold 1975



1. Random initialization  $\mathbf{w}$
2. Solve :
$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{t}} \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{t}\mathbf{w}^T\|^2$$
$$\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{w})^{-1}$$
3. Normalize :
$$\mathbf{t} = \frac{\mathbf{t}}{\|\mathbf{t}\|}$$
4. Update :
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5. Iterate 2-4 until convergence

Why it works:

$$4 \rightarrow \text{const } \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{t}$$

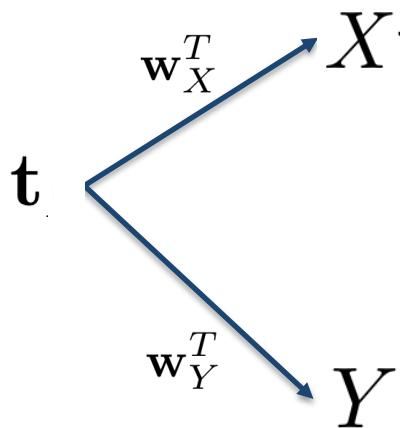
$$2 \rightarrow \text{const } \mathbf{t} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}$$

Then

$$\text{const } \mathbf{w} = S_{XX}\mathbf{w}$$

eigen-solution of the covariance matrix

# Multi-modal latent variable models



The diagram illustrates the decomposition of observed variables  $X$  and  $Y$  into a latent variable  $t$  and error terms  $\epsilon_X$  and  $\epsilon_Y$ .

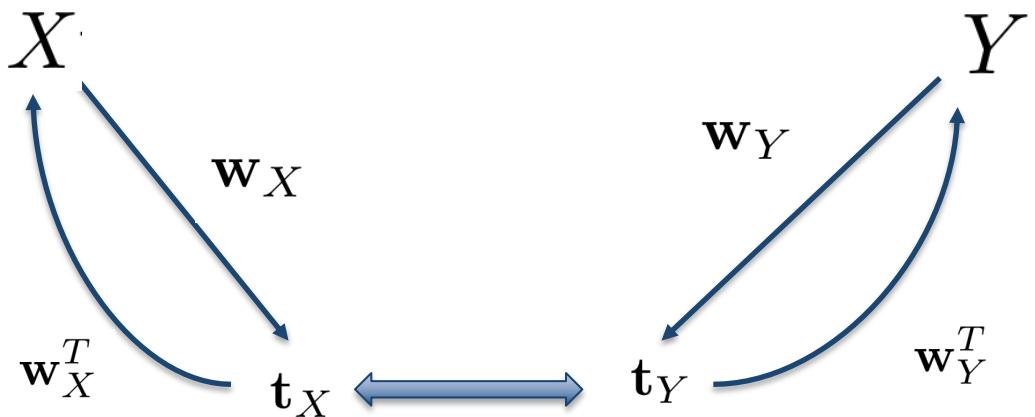
$$X = \begin{matrix} & w_X^T \\ t & \end{matrix} + \epsilon_X$$

inference

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# Multi-modal latent variable models

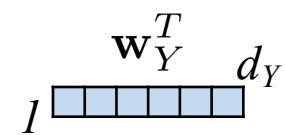
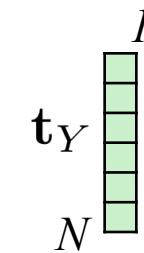
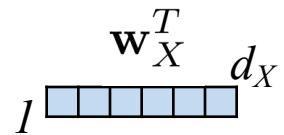
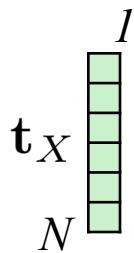
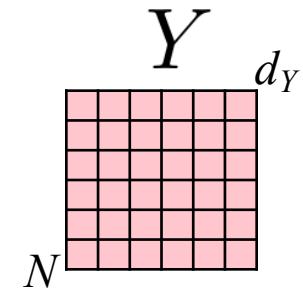
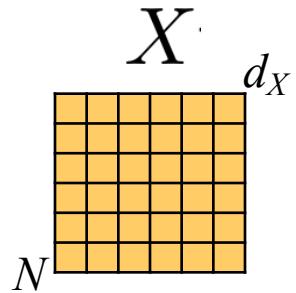
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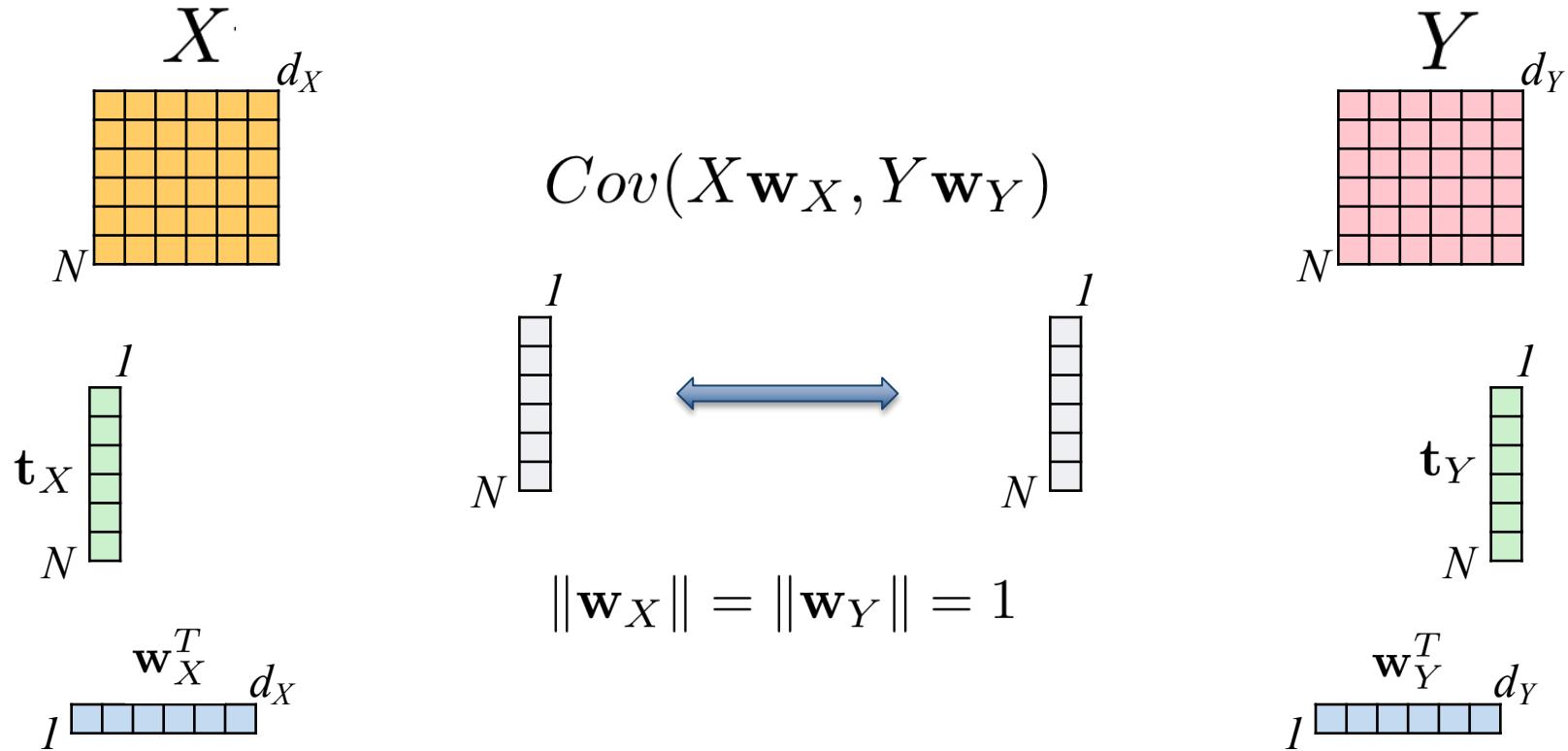
Goal:

- Identifying
- Projections (loadings)  $\mathbf{W}$
  - Latent representation (scores)  $\mathbf{t}$

# Multi-modal latent variable models



# Multi-modal latent variable models



# Partial Least Squares

A **covariance** maximisation problem:

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{w}_X, \mathbf{w}_Y} \operatorname{Cov}(X\mathbf{w}_X, Y\mathbf{w}_Y)$$

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$$\begin{cases} S_{XY} \mathbf{w}_Y = \lambda_X \mathbf{w}_X \\ S_{YX} \mathbf{w}_X = \lambda_Y \mathbf{w}_Y \end{cases} \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad \begin{aligned} \lambda_X \mathbf{w}_X^T \mathbf{w}_X &= \mathbf{w}_X^T S_{XY} \mathbf{w}_Y \\ &= \mathbf{w}_Y^T S_{YX} \mathbf{w}_X \\ &= \lambda_Y \mathbf{w}_Y^T \mathbf{w}_Y \end{aligned}$$

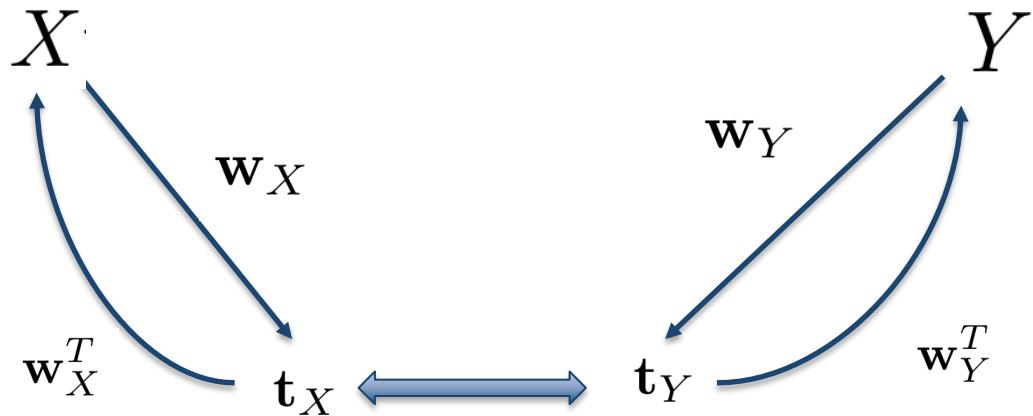
$$\lambda_X = \lambda_Y = \lambda$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & S_{XY} \\ S_{YX} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{w}_X \\ \mathbf{w}_Y \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{w}_X \\ \mathbf{w}_Y \end{bmatrix}$$

The PLS problem is solved via singular value decomposition (SVD) of the covariance matrix

# Non-linear iterative partial least squares - NIPALS

[scikit-learn/sklearn/cross\\_decomposition](#)



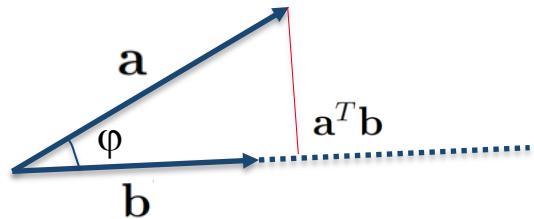
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3. Normalize :  
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4.  $\mathbf{t}_Y = Y \mathbf{w}_Y$
5. Update  $\mathbf{w}_X$  :  
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6. Normalize :  
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7.  $\mathbf{t}_X = X \mathbf{w}_X$
8. Iterate 2-7 until convergence

# Canonical Correlation Analysis

A **correlation** maximisation problem:

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{w}_X, \mathbf{w}_Y} \rho(X\mathbf{w}_X, Y\mathbf{w}_Y)$$

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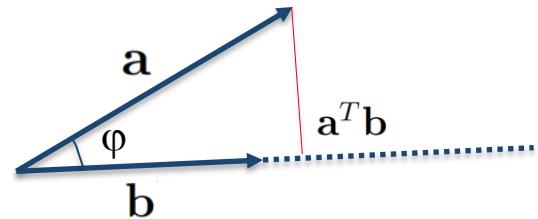
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Cross-covariance

Within-modality covariance

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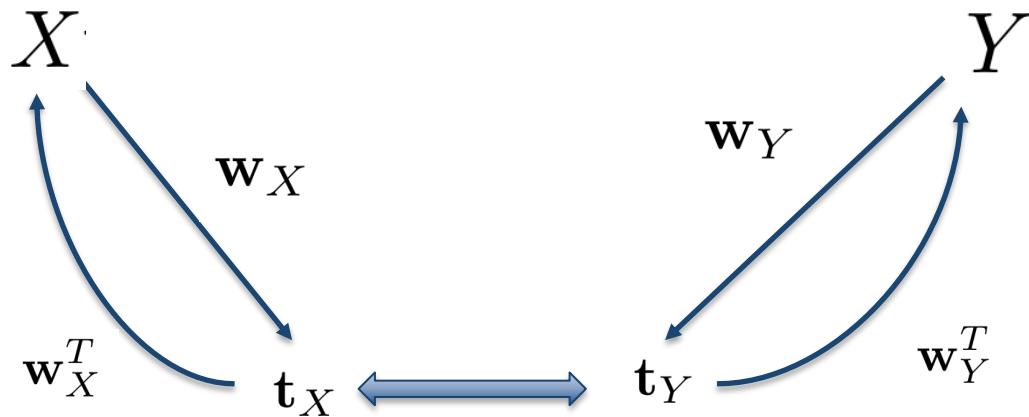
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CCA is solved as a  
generalized  
eigenvalue problem

# Non-linear iterative partial least squares - NIPALS

[scikit-learn](#)/[sklearn](#)/[cross\\_decomposition](#)



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# Non-linear iterative partial least squares - NIPALS Deflation

$$\mathbf{X}^{(i+1)} = \mathbf{X}^{(i)} - \mathbf{t}^{(i)} \frac{\mathbf{t}^{(i)T} \mathbf{X}^{(i)}}{\mathbf{t}^{(i)T} \mathbf{t}^{(i)}},$$
$$\mathbf{Y}^{(i+1)} = \mathbf{Y}^{(i)} - \mathbf{u}^{(i)} \frac{\mathbf{u}^{(i)T} \mathbf{Y}^{(i)}}{\mathbf{u}^{(i)T} \mathbf{u}^{(i)}}.$$

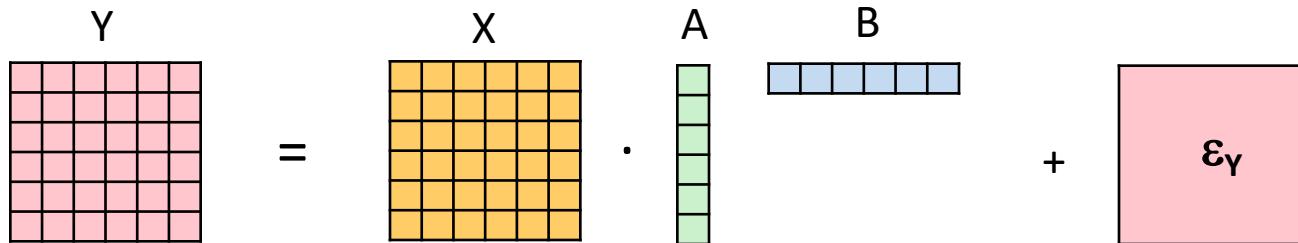
Iterate until

- residual component negligible epsilon
- Difference between consecutive residual components negligible

# Reduced Rank Regression

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{C} + \epsilon.$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}$$

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X} \cdot \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B} + \epsilon_Y$$


$$f(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = \text{tr}\{(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{XAB})\Gamma(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{XAB})^T\}$$

# Reduced Rank Regression

Solution associated to the eigen-decomposition of the matrix

$$\mathbf{R} = \boldsymbol{\Gamma}^{1/2} \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{YX}} \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{XX}}^{-1} \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{XY}} \boldsymbol{\Gamma}^{1/2}$$

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RRR solutions:

$$\mathbf{A} = \Gamma^{-1/2} \mathbf{U}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{U}^T \Gamma^{1/2} \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{YX}} \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{XX}}^{-1}$$

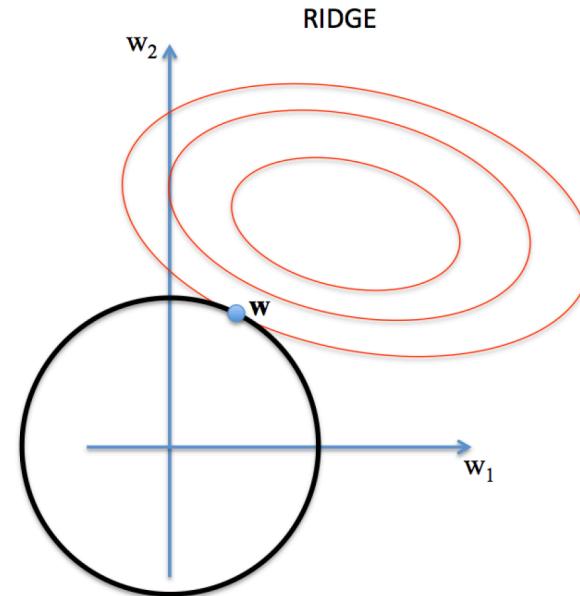
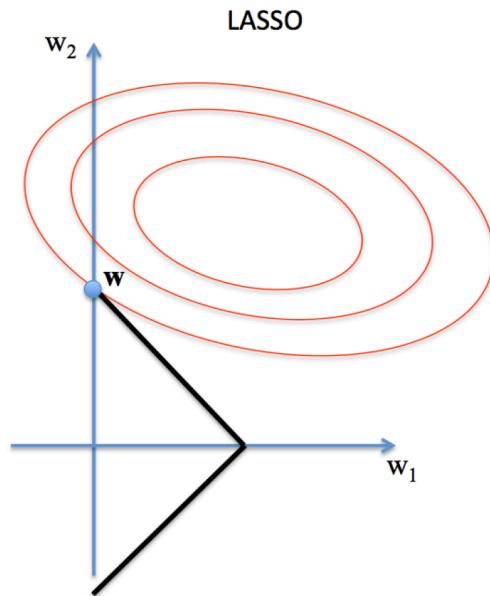
Special case:

$$\Gamma = \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{YY}} \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad \text{CCA}$$

# Sparsity in latent variable models

$$\underset{\mathbf{w}}{\operatorname{argmin}} f(\mathbf{w}) + \lambda \|\mathbf{w}\|_1$$

$$\underset{\mathbf{w}}{\operatorname{argmin}} f(\mathbf{w}) + \lambda \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2$$



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**Algorithm** Regularization of projections parameters  $\mathbf{w}_x$  and  $\mathbf{w}_y$  in NIPALS.

Given current estimates of  $\mathbf{w}_x$  and  $\mathbf{w}_y$ .

While not converged do:

1. compute  $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}_x$ ,

2. compute  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{Y}\mathbf{w}_y$ ,

3. compute  $\overline{\mathbf{w}}_x$  by solving the Elastic-Net regression:

$$\overline{\mathbf{w}}_x = \arg \min_{\mathbf{v}} (\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{v})^2 + \lambda_{x2}\|\mathbf{v}\|_2^2 + \lambda_{x1}\|\mathbf{v}\|_1,$$

4. compute  $\overline{\mathbf{w}}_y$  by solving the Elastic-Net regression:

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3. Normalize  $\overline{\mathbf{w}}_x$  and  $\overline{\mathbf{w}}_y$ ,

4. Set  $\mathbf{w}_x = \overline{\mathbf{w}}_x$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_y = \overline{\mathbf{w}}_y$ .

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# **PLS in practice**

Application to imaging-genetics analysis  
in Alzheimer's disease

## Multivariate Association studies

Maximizing the joint relationship between genetic variants and brain features

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{matrix} \text{~10}^6 \text{ SNPs} \\ \text{N individuals} \end{matrix}$$
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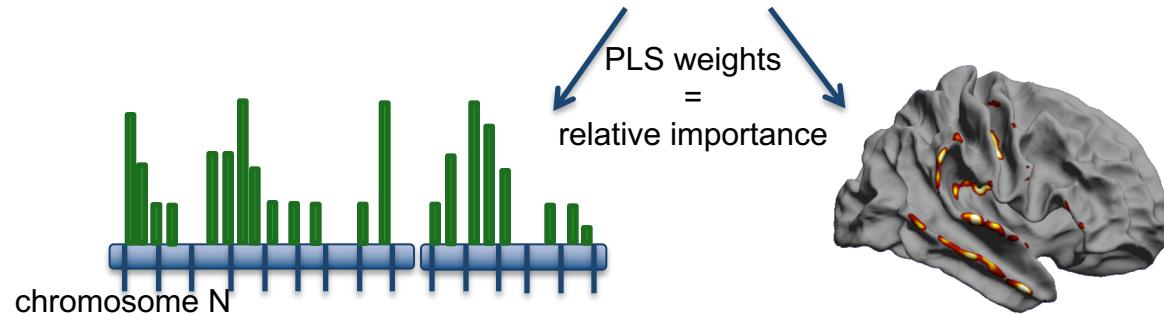
**Partial least squares (PLS)**  
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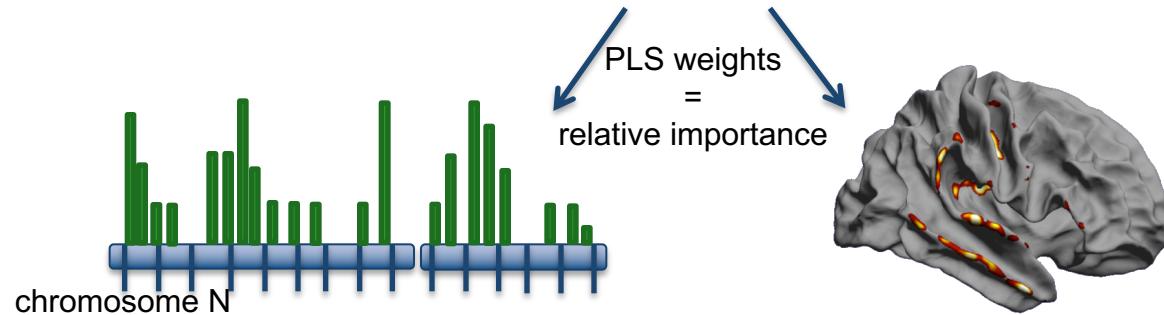


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- Pros.** Overcomes issues of mass univariate analysis
- Avoiding independent **multiple testing**
  - Exploring **SNP-SNP interaction** (epistatic effects)

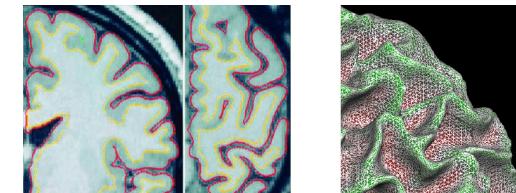
# Study cohort

	Healthy	AD
N	401	238
Age (years)	74.45	74.72
Sex (% females)	49	45
MMSE	29.1	23.2
Apoe4 (% 0/1/2)	72/26/2	31/48/21



## X = Phenotype features

- Freesurfer **brain cortical thickness** maps (327,684 mesh points)
- **Radial distance** of hippocampi and amygdalae (27,120 mesh points) [Gutman et al, *NeuroImage* 2013]



## Y = Genotype features

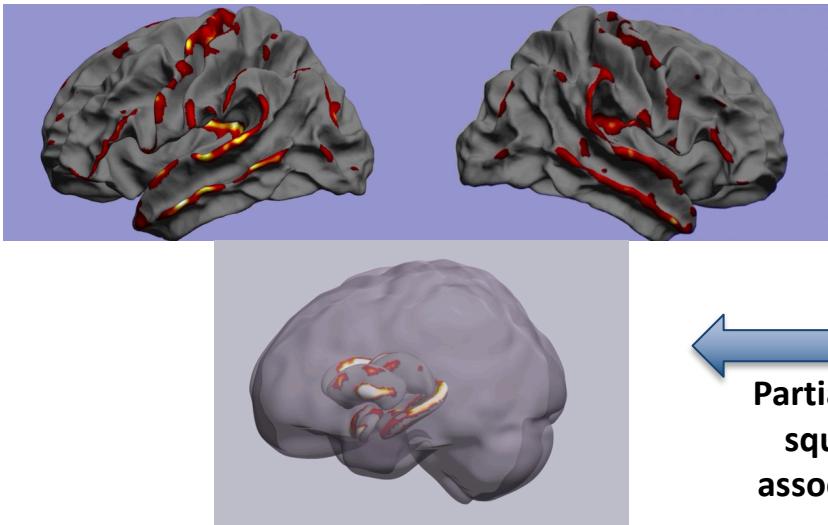
- Individuals' minor allele counts for **1,167,126 SNPs** in chromosomes 1 to 22

Standard quality control: MAF < 0.01, Genotype Call Rate <95% , Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium <  $1 \times 10^{-6}$ .

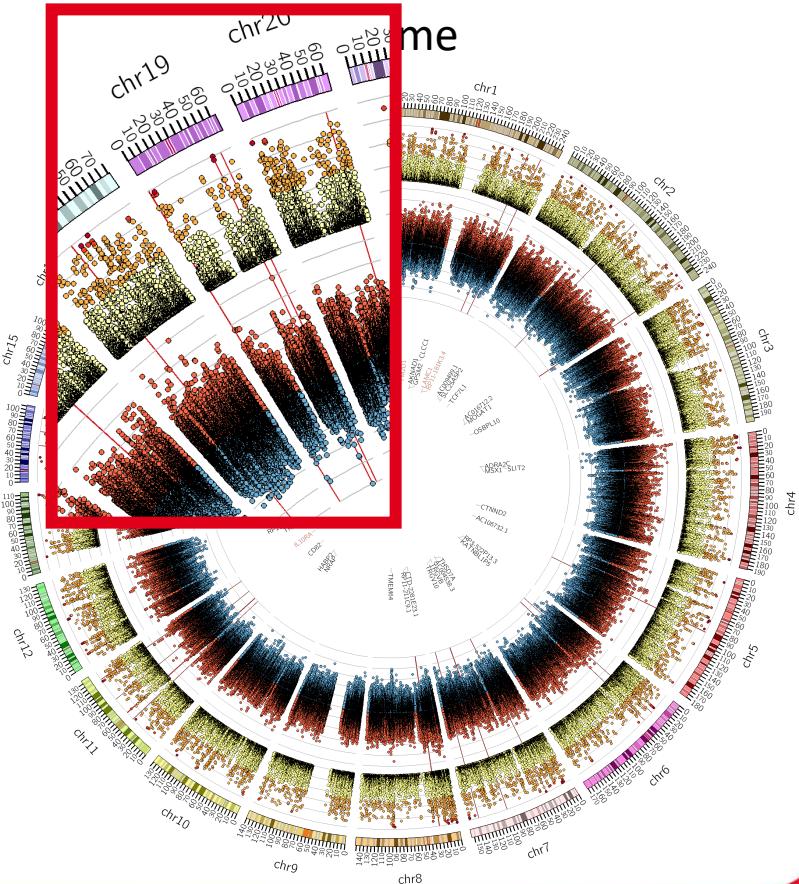
Imputation to HapMap III reference panel, quality controlled (MAF > 0.01 and R-squared > 0.3)

# Application to multivariate Imaging-genetics

Atrophy profile from brain imaging

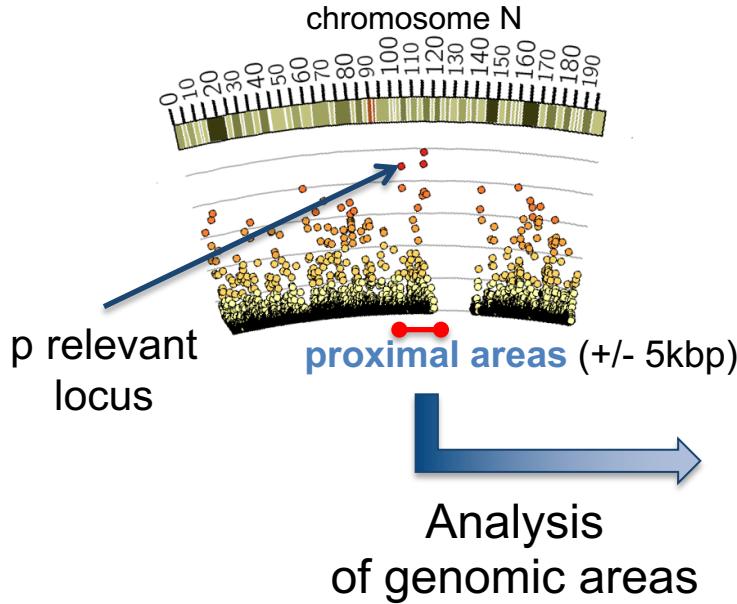


**639 individuals**  
401 healthy  
238 Alzheimer's



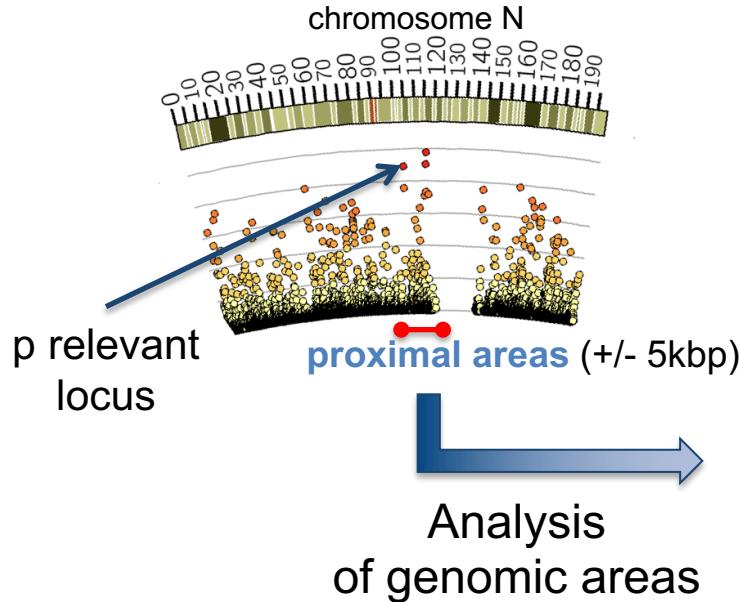
# Investigating biological mechanisms through Meta-analysis

## PLS statistical result

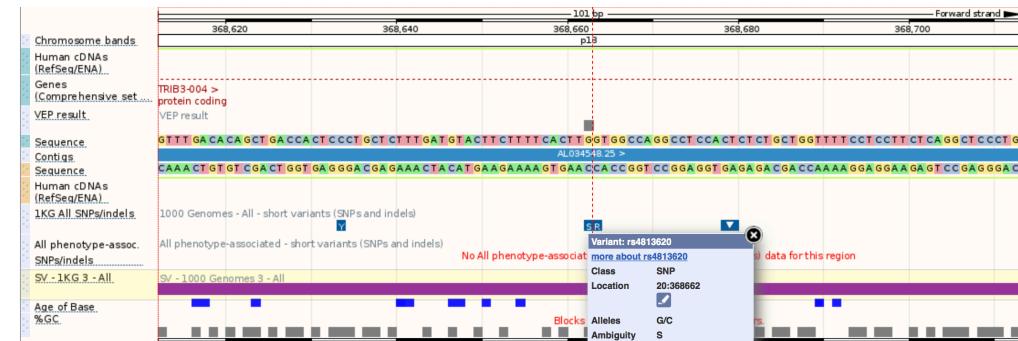


# Investigating biological mechanisms through Meta-analysis

## PLS statistical result



## Querying gene annotation databases



McLaren et al. The Ensembl Variant Effect Predictor. Genome Biology, 2016

# Investigating biological mechanisms through Meta-analysis



148 SNP-gene combinations

## 6 tested tissues

*hippocampus, whole blood,  
Adipose subcutaneous, artery tibia, nerve tibial,  
treated fibroblast*

## 14 Significantly expressed genes

**TM2D1** (amyloid-beta binding protein),  
**IL10RA** (increase in hippo in mouse model),  
**TRIB3**  
(neuronal cell death, modulates PSEN1 stability, interacts  
with APP)

	Significance (p-value) training	Significance (p-value) testing
TM2D1	0.005	0.053
IL10RA	0.107	0.620
TRIB3	0.003	0.003
ZBTB7A	0.036	0.913
LYSMD4	0.000	0.206
CRYL1	0.621	0.118
FAM135B	0.000	0.559
IP6K3	0.000	0.465
ITGA1	0.099	0.731
KIN	0.001	0.206
LAMC1	0.002	0.062
LINC00941	0.000	0.690
RBPMS2	0.000	0.215
RP11-181K3.4	0.002	0.053

# Latent variable models

1. *Multi-variate modeling*
2. Novel scalable approaches to *multi-view* data

# Latent variable models via Variational Autoencoders

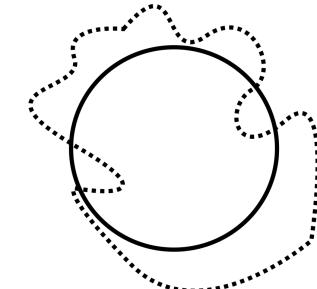
*Kingma & Welling, 2014; Rezende et al. 2014*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{z} & \xrightarrow{\hspace{2cm}} & \mathbf{x} \\ \text{Posterior} & p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) & p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}) \quad \text{Likelihood} \end{array}$$

$$p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\mathbf{z}} p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{z})d\mathbf{z}$$

**Difficult to compute**

.....  $p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})$   
—  $q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})$



Idea: find a “close enough” and simple approximation  $q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})$

# Latent variable models via Variational Autoencoders

*Kingma & Welling, 2014; Rezende et al. 2014*

$$\mathbf{z} \longrightarrow \mathbf{x}$$

$$D_{KL}[q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})||p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})] = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z} \sim q} \log[q(\mathbf{z}|x)] - \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z} \sim q} \log[p(\mathbf{z}|x)]$$

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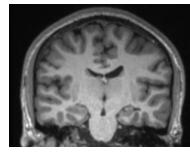
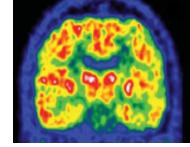
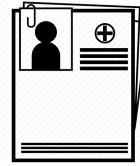
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## Evidence lower bound (ELBO)

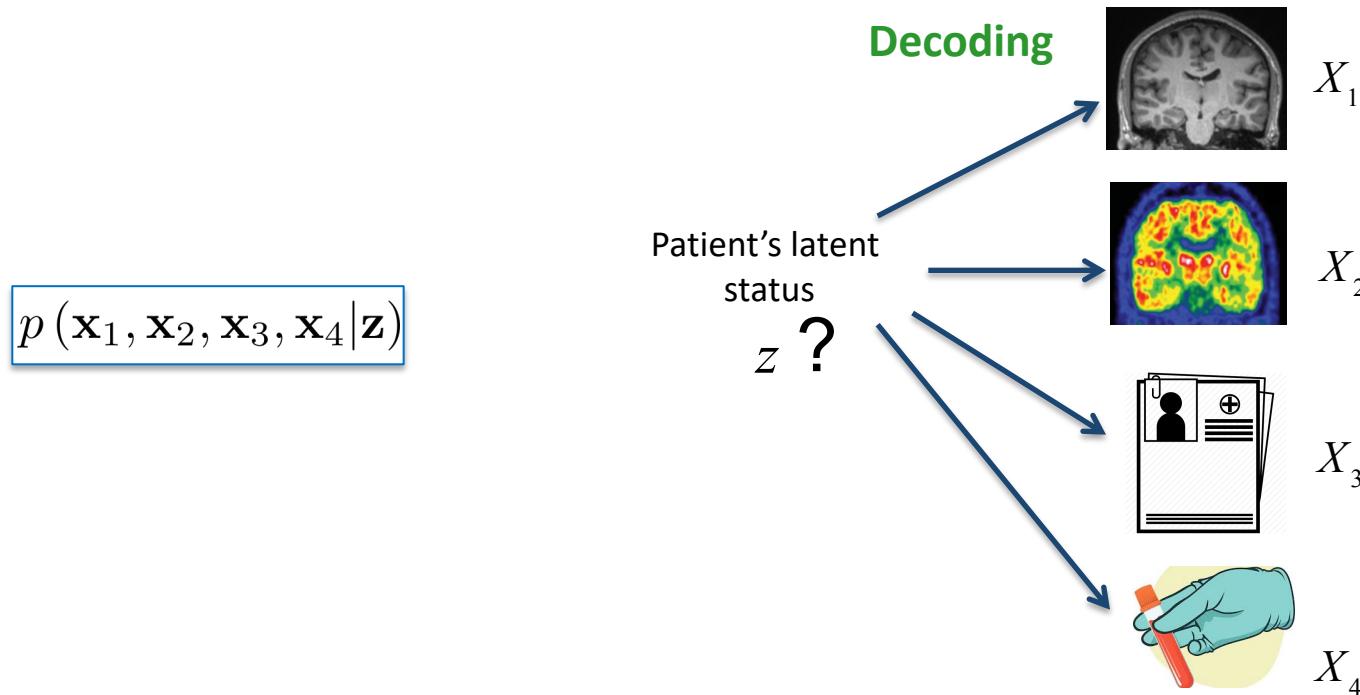
$$\mathcal{L} = \mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{z} \sim q} \log[p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})] - D_{KL}[q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})||p(\mathbf{z})]$$

reconstruction      regularization

# Generative representation of multimodal data

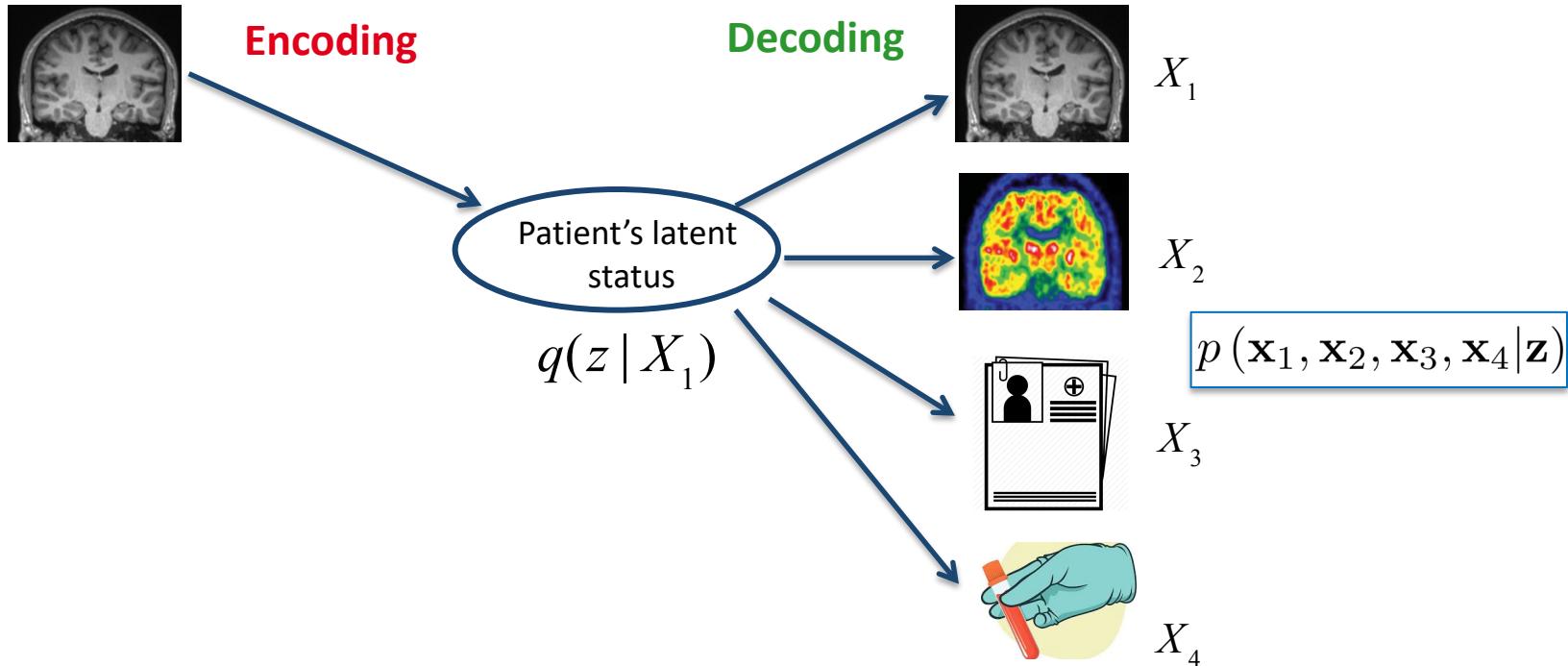
 $X_1$  $X_2$  $X_3$  $X_4$

# Generative representation of multimodal data



Decoding: data reconstruction from the latent representation

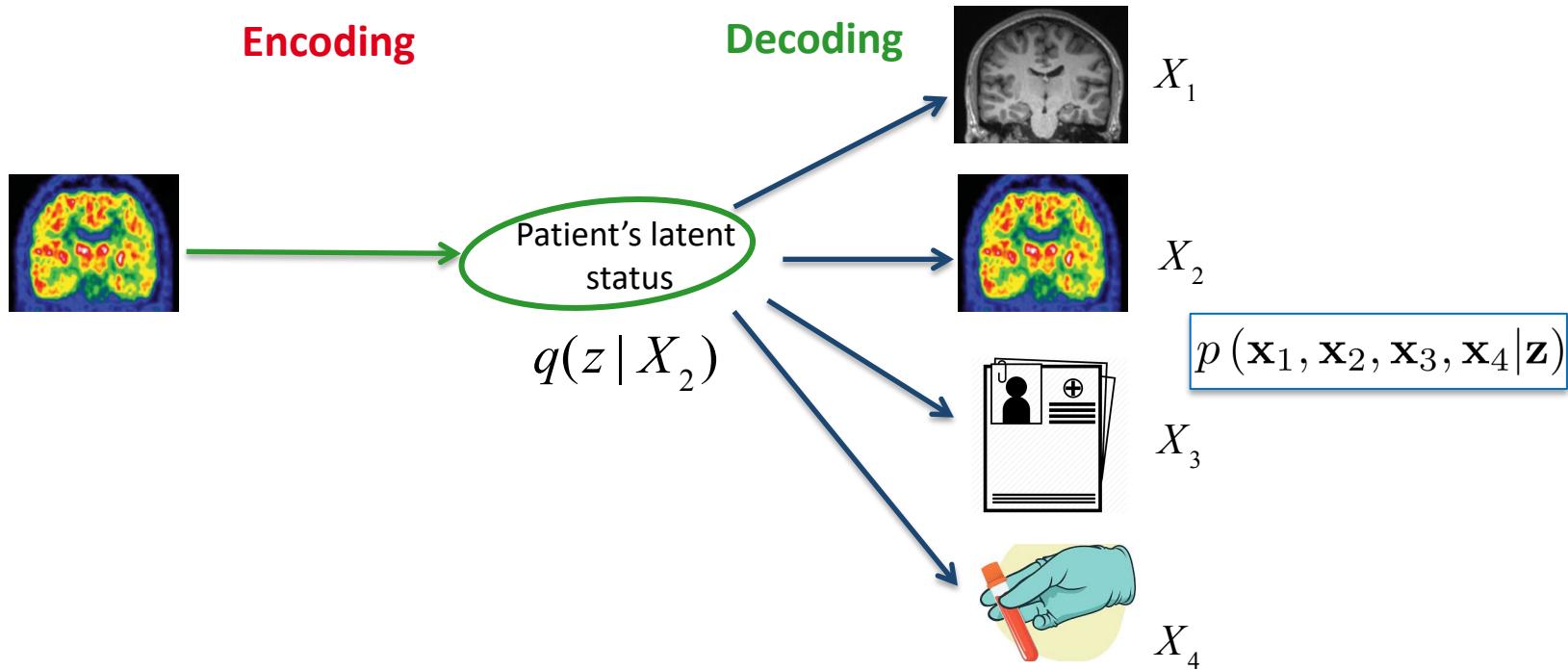
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Decoding: data reconstruction from the latent representation

Encoding: latent representation from the data

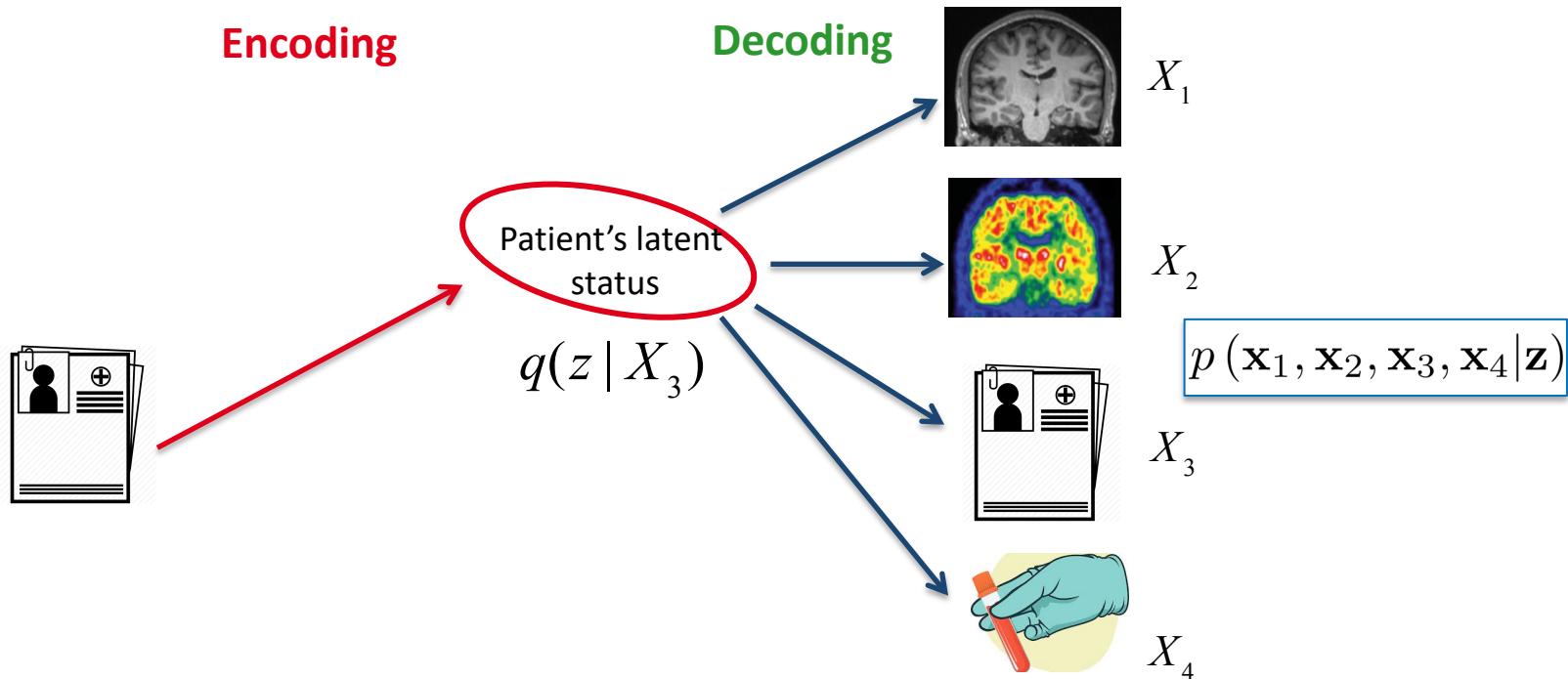
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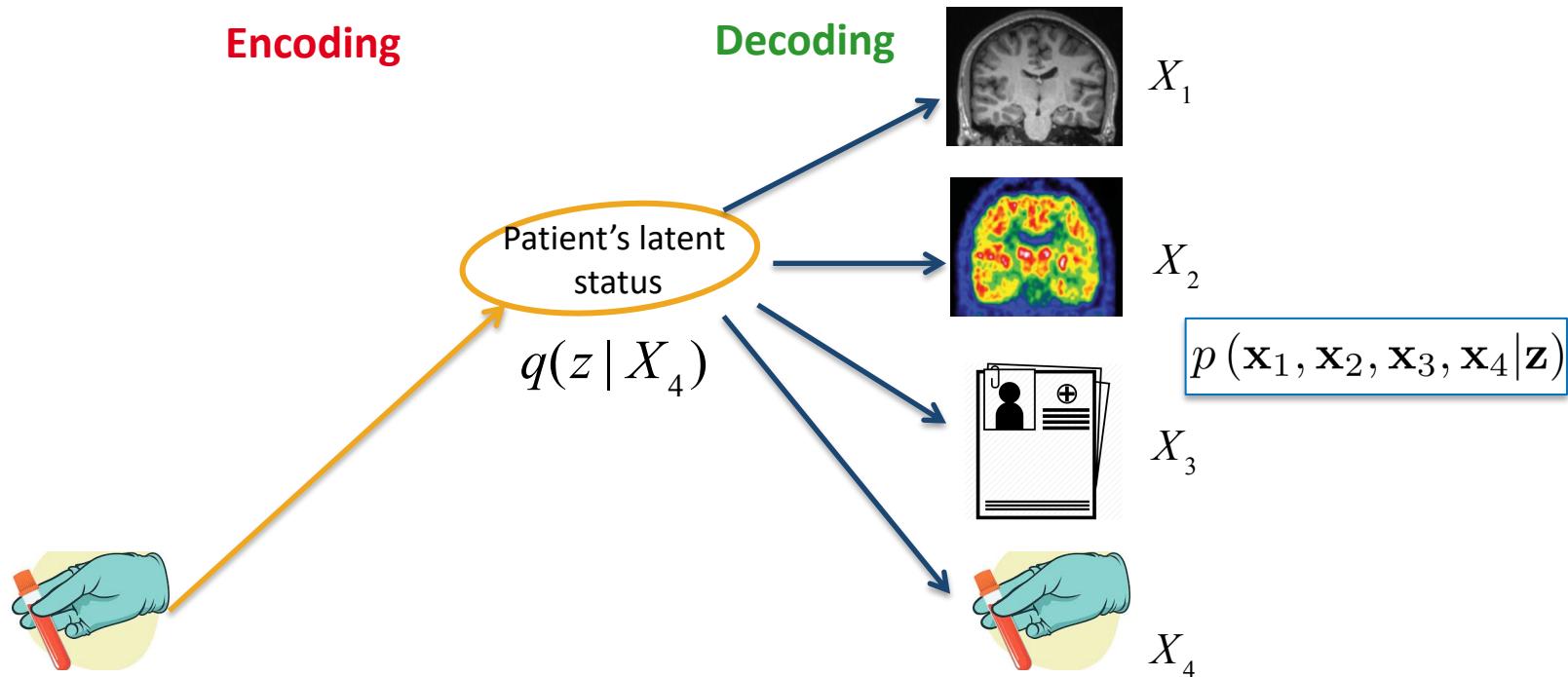
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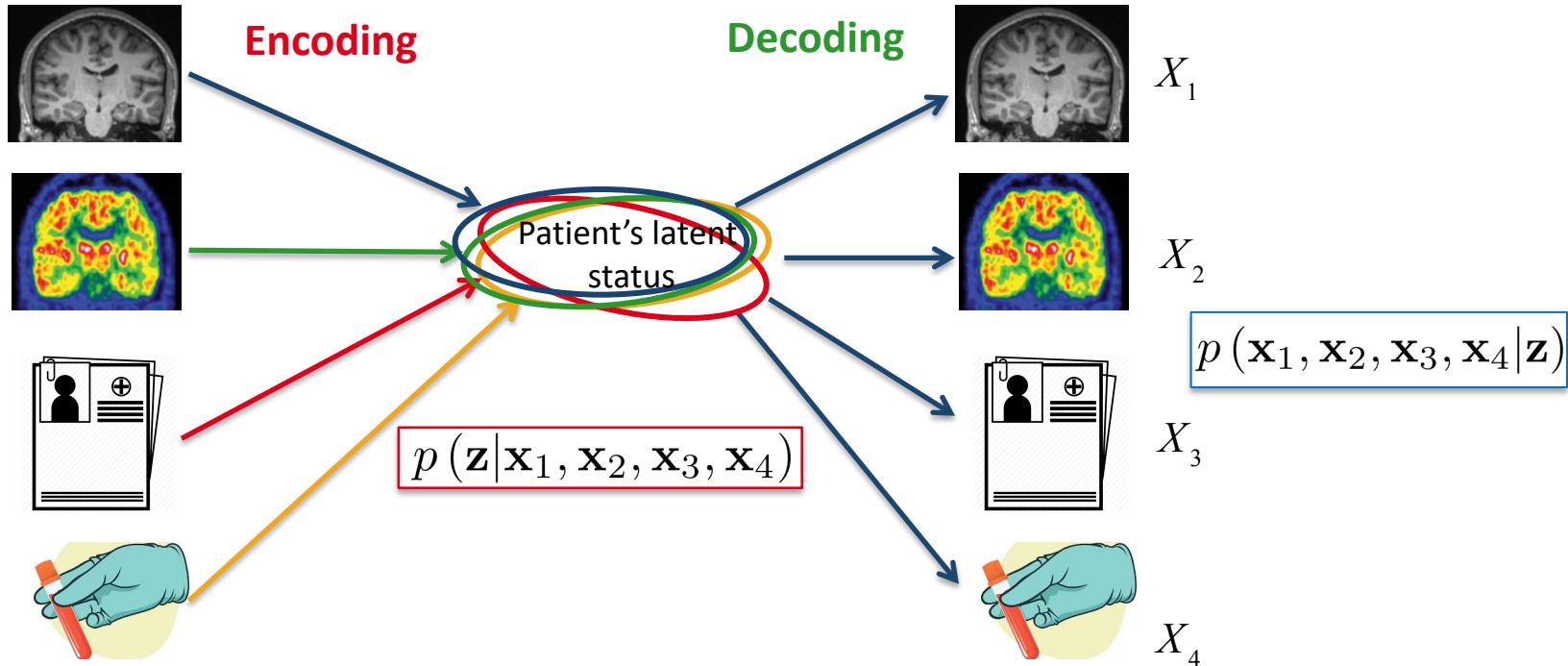
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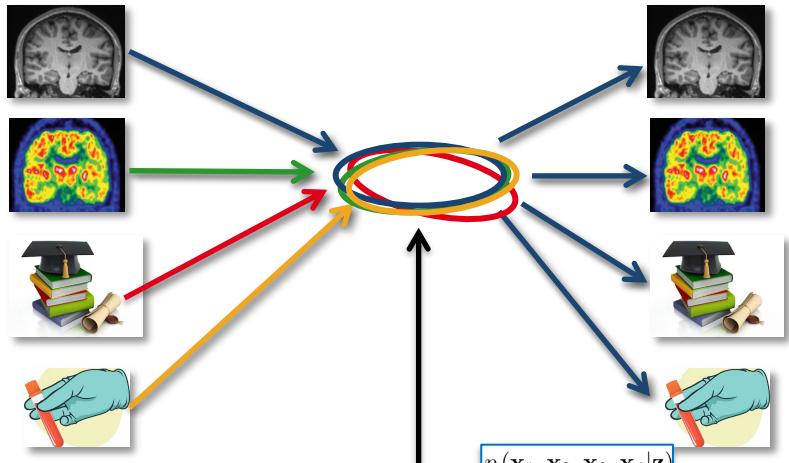
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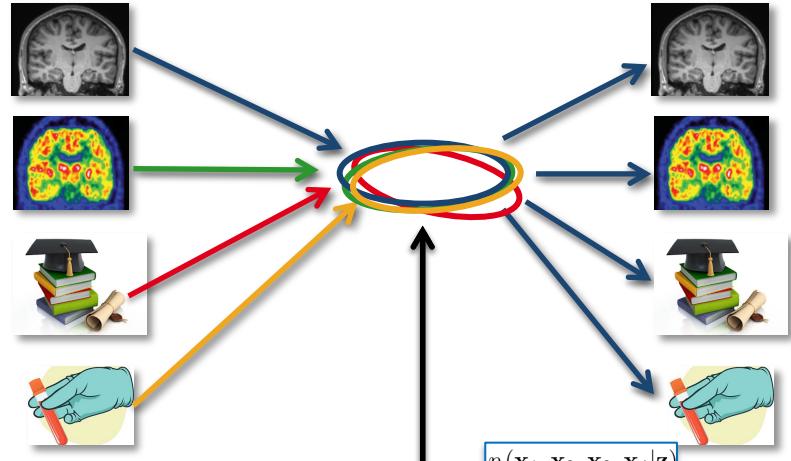
# Generative representation of multimodal data



minimize

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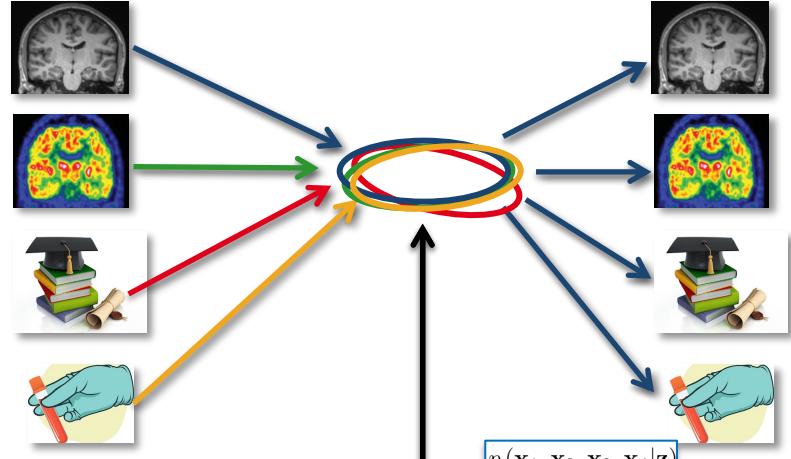
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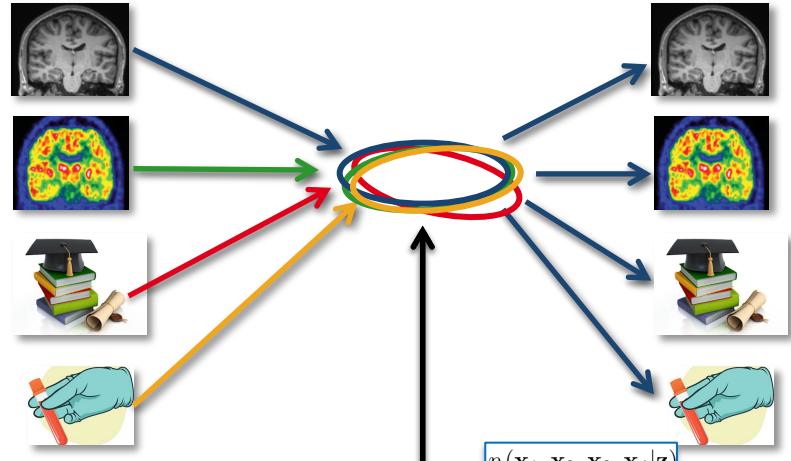
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Encoding for given channel

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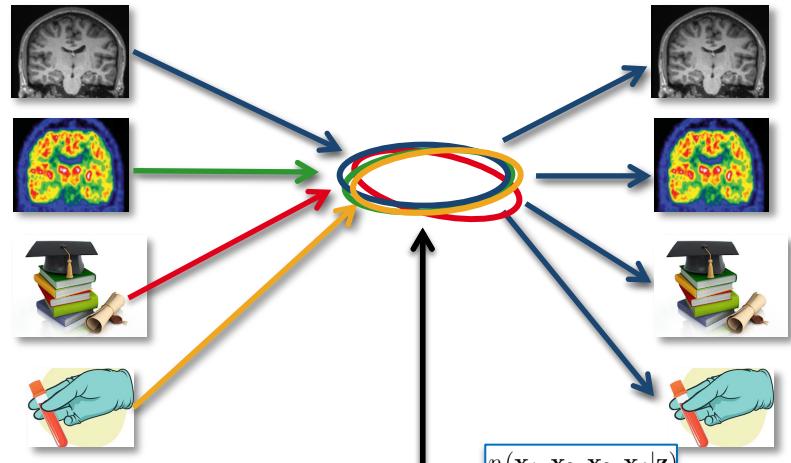
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Encoding for given channel  
Reconstruction of all channels

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Regularization: sparsity inducing prior

[Kingma et al, NIPS, 2015; Molchanov et al, ICML 2017]

# Classic Implementation (non sparse)

Evidence Lower bound (ELBO)

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Reconstructions:  $p(\mathbf{x}_i|\mathbf{z}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_i|\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{z}}; \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{z}})$

Encodings:  $q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}_c) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}_c}; \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{x}_c})$

Prior:  $p(\mathbf{z}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{I})$

# Sparse Implementation

Evidence Lower bound (ELBO)

$$\frac{1}{C} \sum_{c=1}^C \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}_c)} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^C \ln p(\mathbf{x}_i|\mathbf{z}) \right] - \mathcal{D}_{\text{KL}}(q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}_c) || p(\mathbf{z}))$$

Reconstructions:  $p(\mathbf{x}_i|\mathbf{z}) = \text{same}$

Encodings:  $q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}_c) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}_c}; \boldsymbol{\alpha} \odot \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}_c}^2)$

Prior:  $p(\mathbf{z}) \propto 1/|\mathbf{z}|$

# Sparse Implementation: why it works?

Evidence Lower bound (ELBO)

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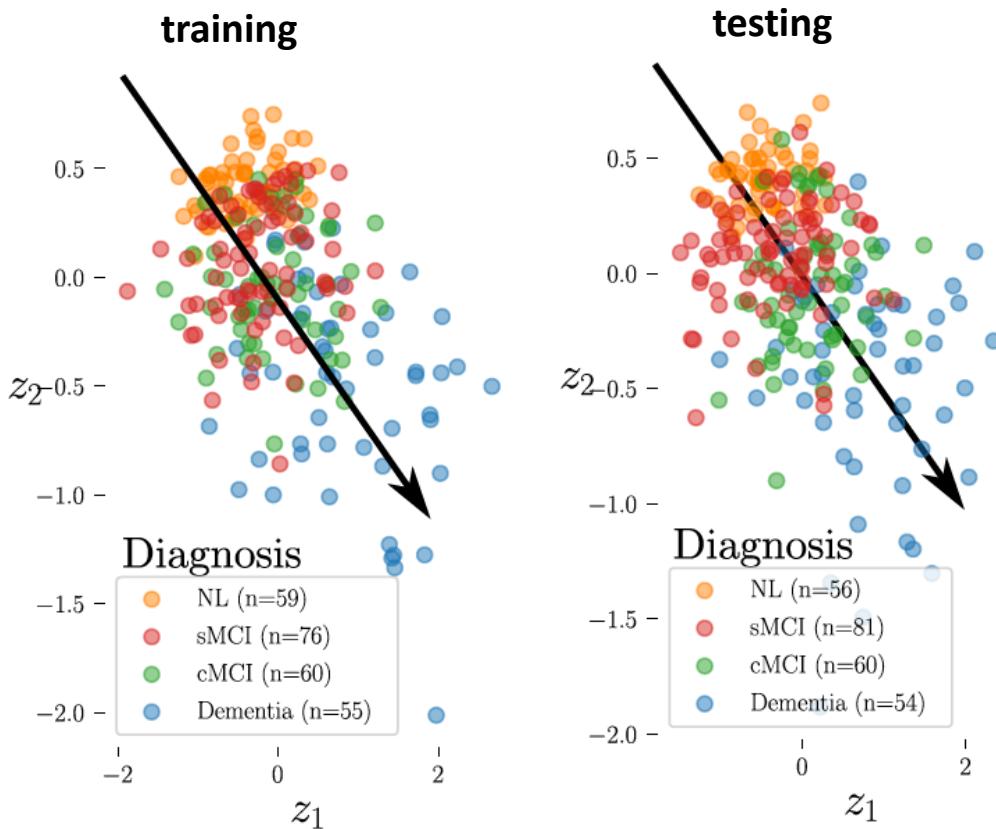
Prior and encodings act together such that (element-wise):

$$\lim_{\mu_i \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{N}(z_i | \mu_i; \alpha_i \cdot \mu_i^2) = \delta(0)$$

Relationship between  $\alpha$  and the probability of pruning the  $i$ -th dimension:

$$\alpha_i = \frac{p_i}{1 - p_i}$$

# Prediction from latent space

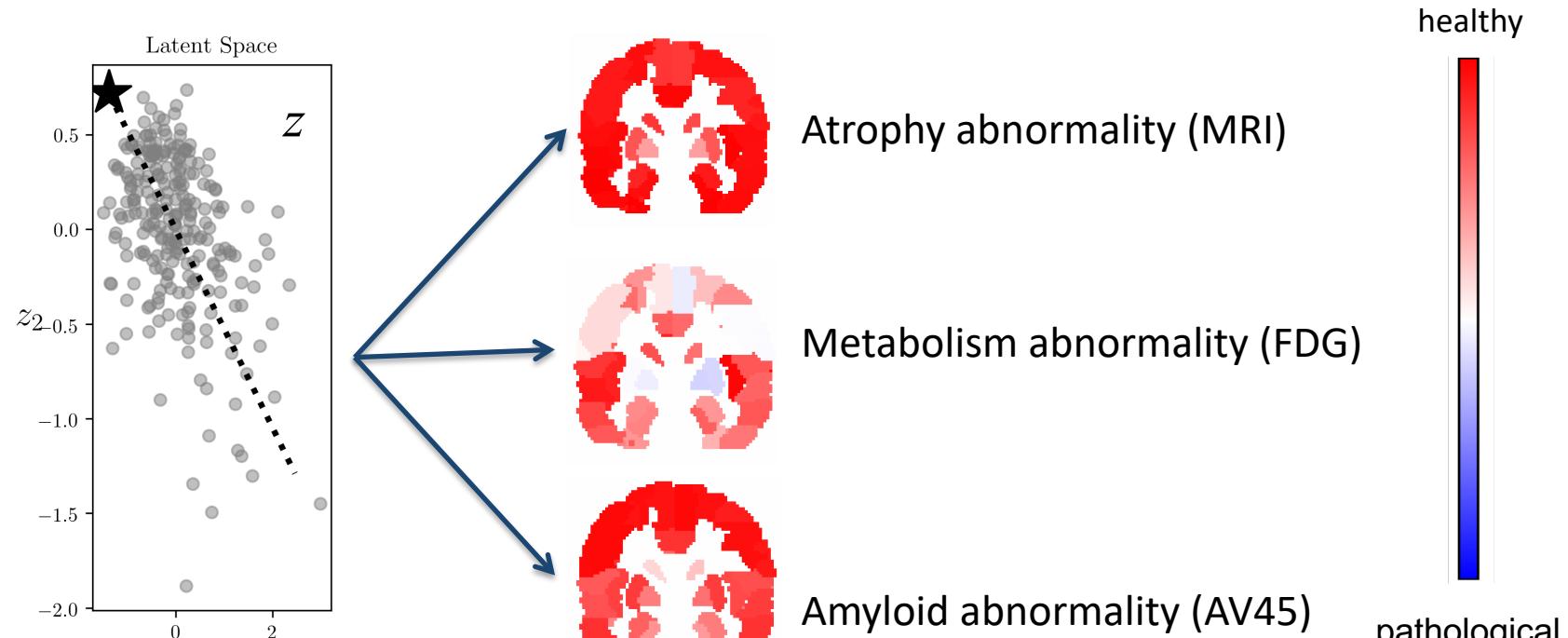


## Joint modeling of

- Brain imaging:
  - Structural (T1 MRI)
  - Molecular (FDG-PET + Amy-PET)
- Socio-demographic factors
- Clinical scores

	Accuracy (SD)
Cognitively Healthy	0.89 (0.03)
Stable Mild Cognitive Impairment (sMCI)	0.75 (0.02)
MCI converting to Dementia (cMCI)	0.70 (0.05)
Dementia	0.94 (0.05)

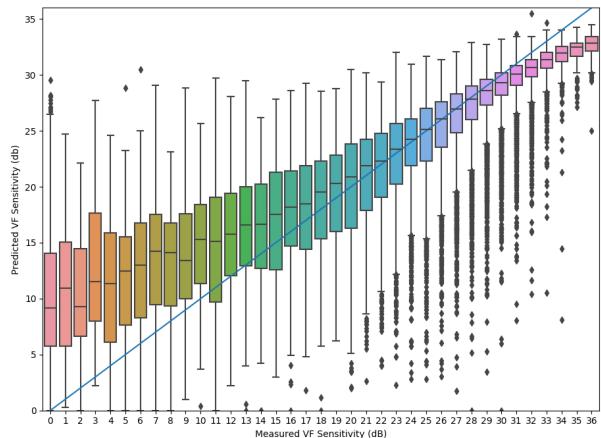
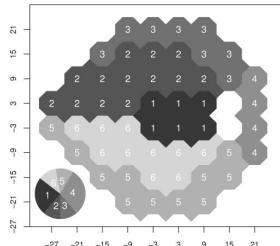
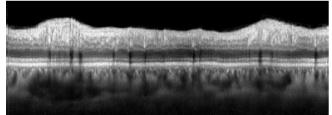
# Generation from latent space



- Improved interpretability
- Multi-channel: working with missing data/data imputation
- Simulations for clinical trials

# Large-scale applications

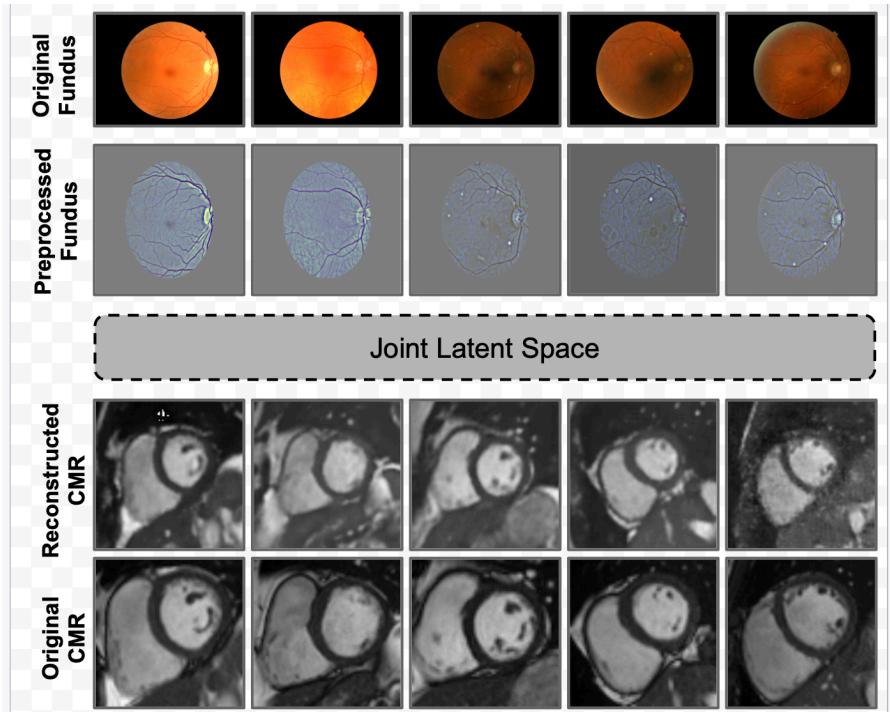
## From RNFL thickness to visual fields



Courtesy of Lazaridis et al.

work in progress, UCL-Inria collaboration

## From fundus to cardiac images



Courtesy of Diaz-Pinto et al.

work in progress at CISTIB, University of Leeds, UK

# Thank you