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# Mixed effect model for the spatiotemporal analysis of longitudinal manifold valued data

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# Computational Anatomy

- Represent and analyse **geometrical** elements upon which **deformations** can **act**
- Describe the observed objects as **geometrical variations** of one or several representative elements
- **Quantify** this variability inside a population

## Deformable template model from Grenander

- How does the deformation act?
- What is a representative element?
- How to quantify the geometrical variability ?

# Computational Anatomy

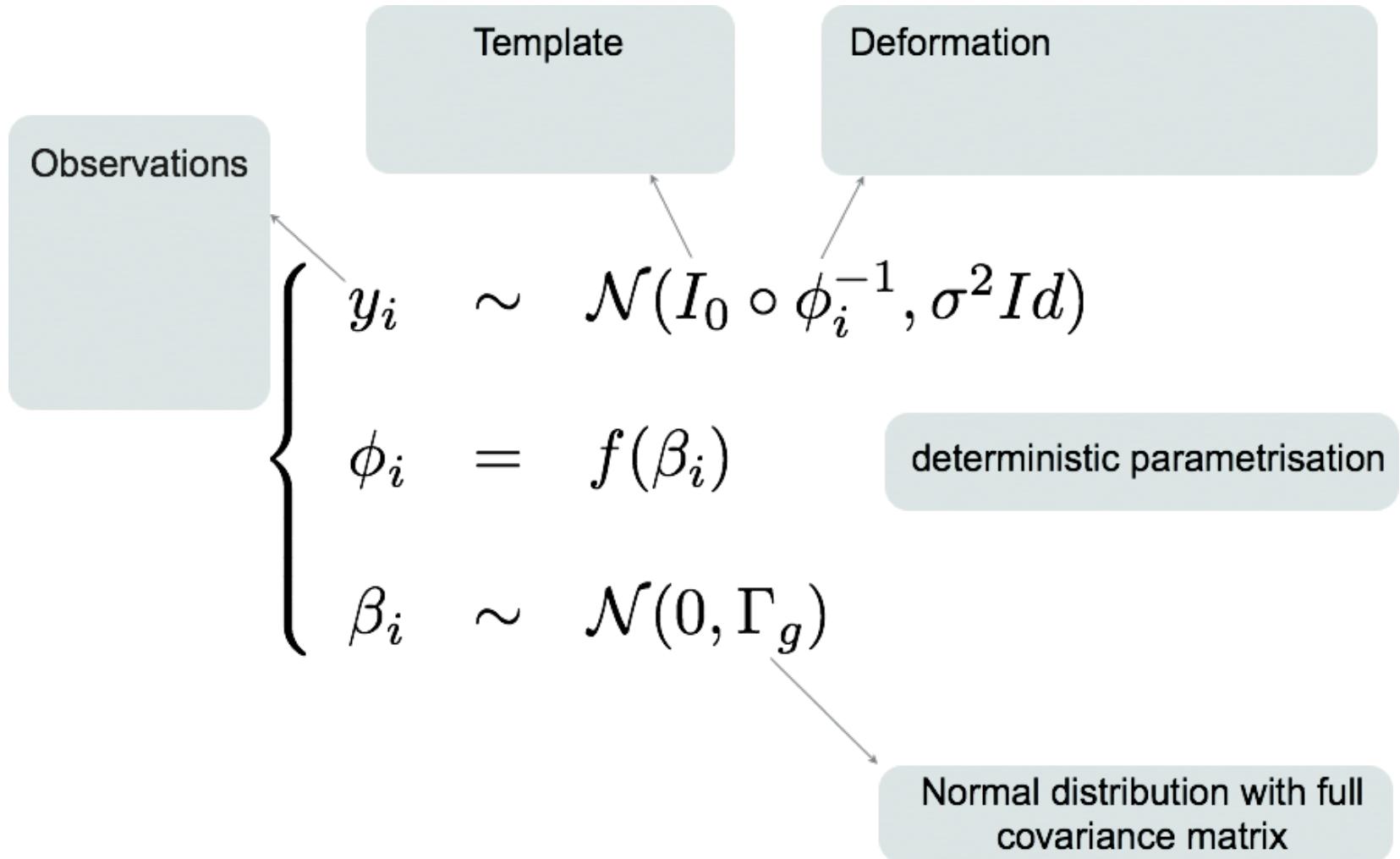
## One solution:

- Quantify the distance between observations using deformations
- Provide a **statistical model** to approximate the generation of the observed population from the atlas
- Propose a **statistical learning algorithm**
- Optimise the numerical estimation

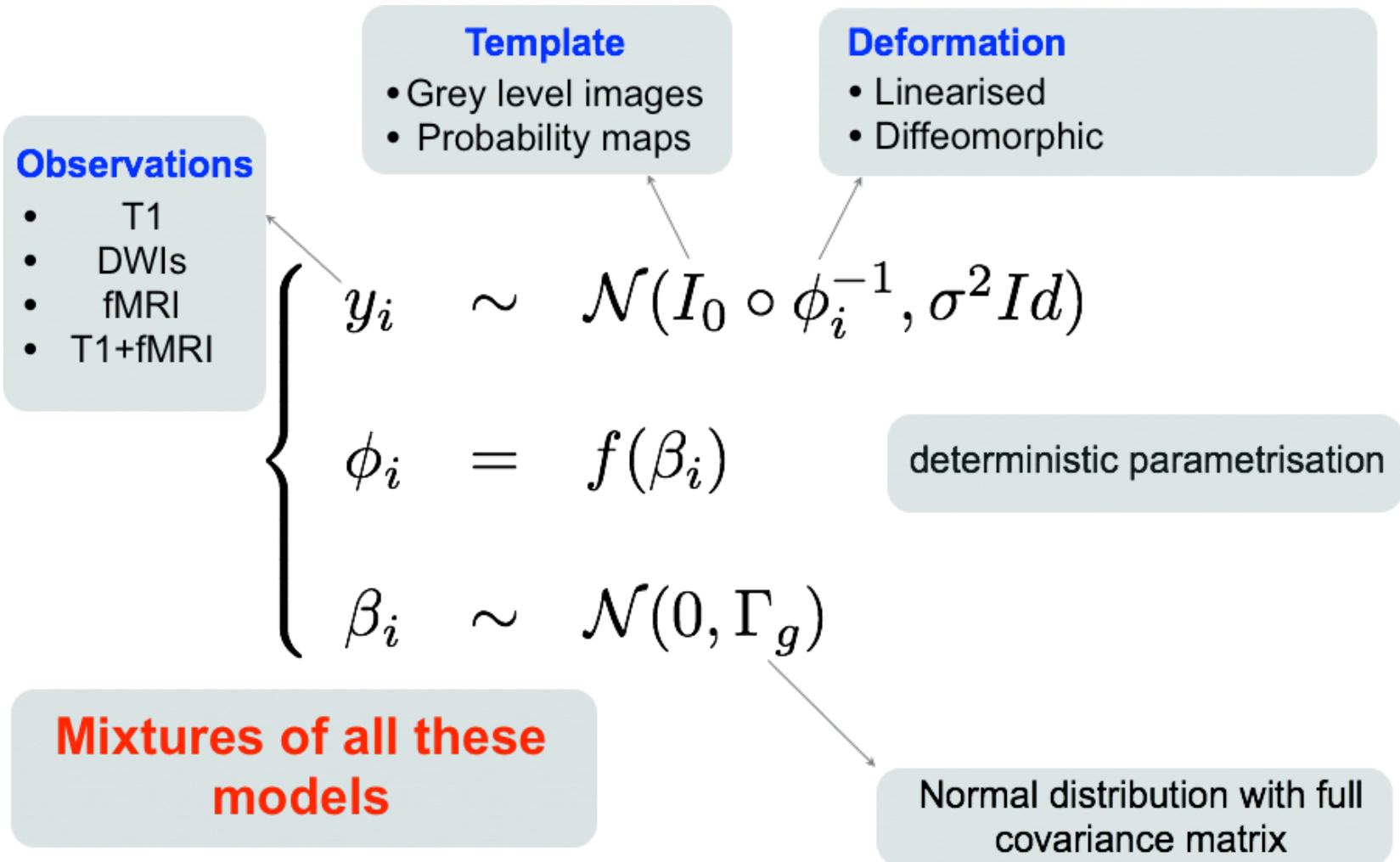
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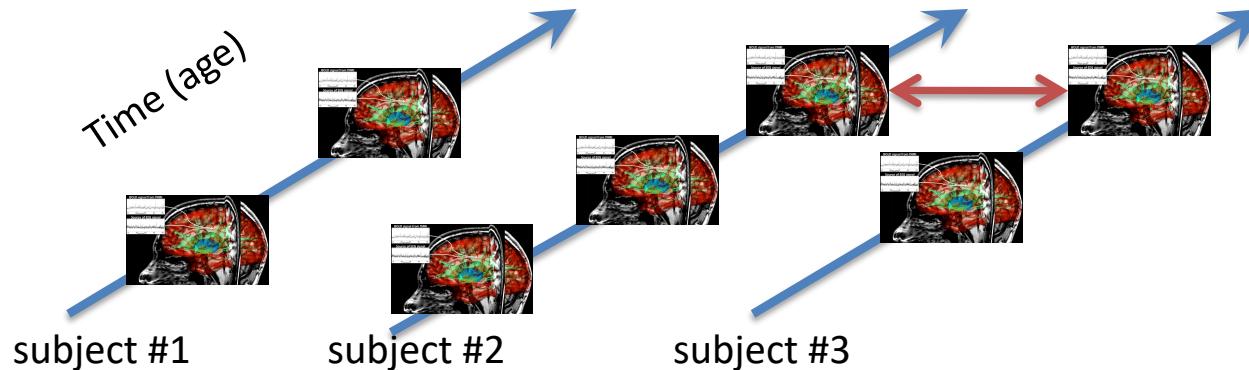
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- Limitations
  - One observation per subject
  - Corresponding acquisition time

# Longitudinal Data Analysis

- Longitudinal model :
  - Several observation per subject
  - Image, shape, etc
  - Atlas = representative trajectory and population variability

# Longitudinal Data Analysis



**How to learn representative trajectories of data changes from longitudinal data?**

## Temporal marker of progression

(e.g. time since drug injection, seeding, birth, etc..)

## Regression

(e.g. compare measurements at same time-point)

## Linear mixed-effects models

[Laird&Ware'82, Diggle et al., Fitzmaurice et al.]

## No temporal marker of progression

(e.g. in aging, neurodegenerative diseases, etc..)

## Learning spatiotemporal distribution of trajectories

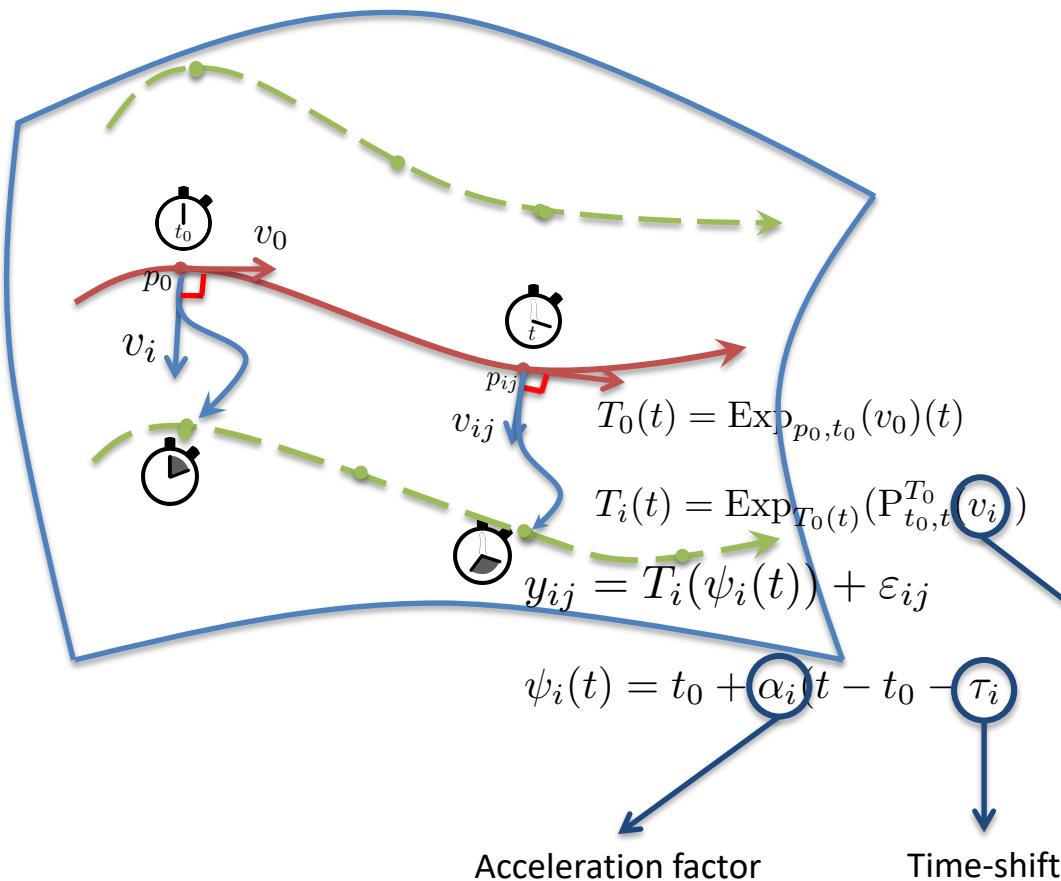
- Find temporal correspondences
- Compare data at corresponding stages of progression

## Needs to disentangle differences in

~~manifold valued data~~  
(normal measurements)

- Dynamics of measurement changes

# Spatiotemporal Statistical Model



- Statistical model inclinding:
  - a **representative trajectory** of data changes
  - **spatiotemporal variations** in:
    - measurement values
    - pace of measurement changes
- Orthogonality condition ensures **identifiability** (unique space/time decomposition)
- Time is not a covariate but a random variable

Random effects:

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$$(p_0, t_0, v_0) \quad \text{and} \quad (\sigma_\alpha^2, \sigma_\tau^2, A_1, \dots, A_K)$$

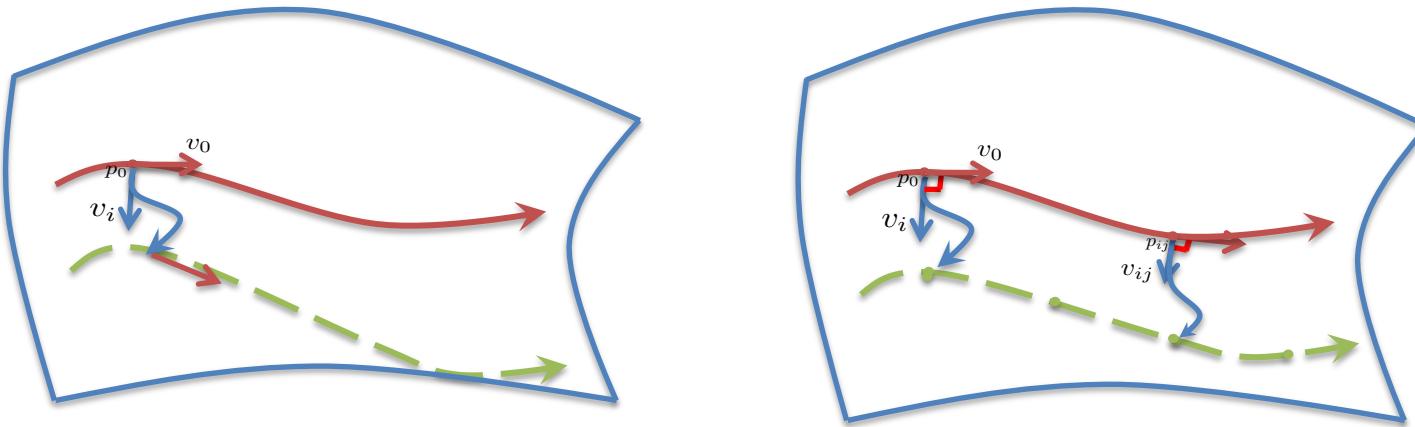
# Spatiotemporal Statistical Model

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y_{ij} = T_i(\psi_i(t)) + \varepsilon_{ij} \\ T_i(t) = \text{Exp}_{T_0(t)}(\text{P}_{t_0,t}^{T_0}(v_i)) \\ T_0(t) = \text{Exp}_{p_0,t_0}(v_0)(t) \\ \psi_i(t) = t_0 + \alpha_i(t - t_0 - \tau_i) \\ \alpha_i \sim \log \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_\alpha^2) \\ \tau_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_\tau^2) \\ v_i = (A_1 | \dots | A_K) s_i \\ A_k \perp v_0 \\ (p_0, t_0, v_0) \\ (\sigma_\alpha^2, \sigma_\tau^2, A_1, \dots, A_K) \end{array} \right\}$$

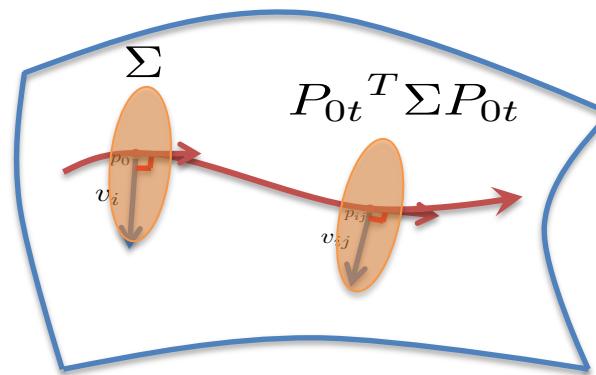
Submanifold value observations  
Parallel curve  
Representative trajectory  
Linear time reparametrization  
**Hidden random variables:**  
Acceleration factor  
Time shift  
Space shift  
**Parameters:**  
Mean trajectory parametrization  
and  
prior parameter

# Spatiotemporal Statistical Model

Comparison with previous work:

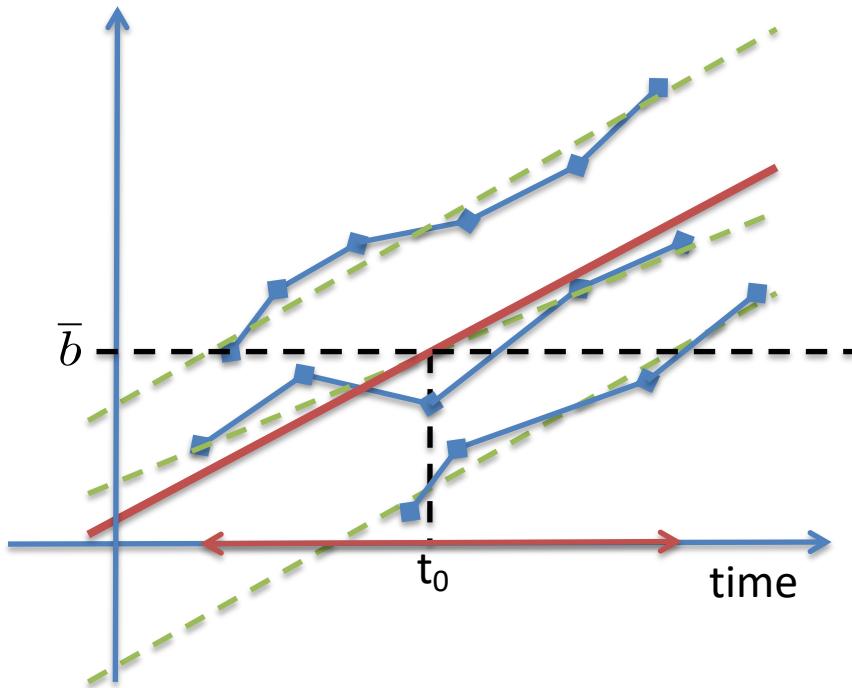


**Interest:** Parallel transport keep invariant the structure of the distribution, but updated it in time



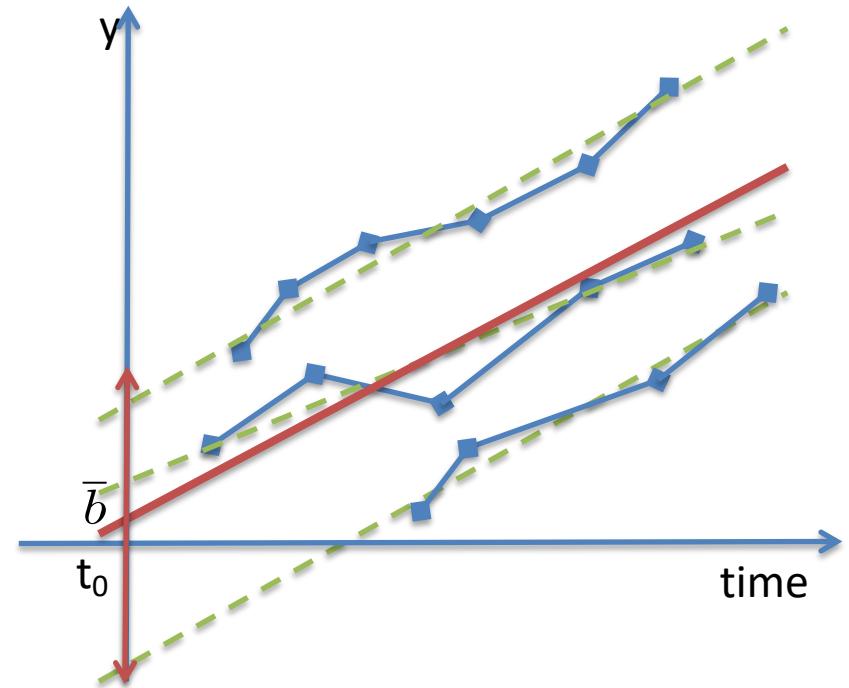
# Spatiotemporal Statistical Model

- The straight line model  $\mathbb{M} = \mathbb{R}$



$$y_{ij} = (\bar{a} * a_i) \underbrace{(t_{i,j} - t_0 - \tau_i)}_{\text{Time at which measurement of the } i^{\text{th}} \text{ subject reaches } \bar{b}} + \bar{b} + \varepsilon_{i,j}$$

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$$y_{ij} = (\bar{a} * a_i) (t_{i,j} - t_0) + \bar{b} + b_i + \varepsilon_{i,j}$$

Measurement of the  $i^{\text{th}}$   
subject at time  $t_0$

# Spatiotemporal Statistical Model

- The logistic curve model  $\mathbb{M} = ]0, 1[, \ g(p)(u, v) = \frac{uv}{p^2(1-p)^2}$

- Geodesic are **logistic curves**

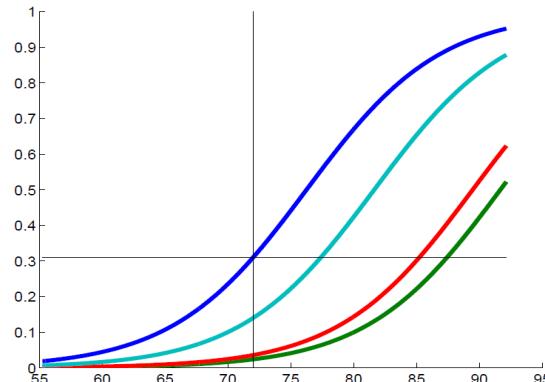
$$\gamma_0(t) = 1 + \frac{(1 - p_0)/p_0}{\exp\left(-\frac{v_0}{p_0(1-p_0)}(t - t_0)\right)}$$

$$y_{ij} = \gamma_0\left(t_0 + \alpha_i(t - t_0 - \tau_i)\right) + \varepsilon_{ij}$$

- It is *not* equivalent to a linear model on the logit of the observations (i.e. the Riemannian log at  $p_0 = 0.5$ ), since  $p_0$  is estimated
- If we fix  $p_0 = 0.5$  in our model → end up with **our** previous linear case (different from Laird&Ware)

# Spatiotemporal Statistical Model

- The propagation model  $\mathbb{M} = ]0, 1[^N$ ,  $g(p)(u, v) = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{u_k v_k}{p_k^2 (1 - p_k)^2}$
  - Geodesics are logistic curves in each coordinate
  - Parametric family of geodesics seen as a model of propagation of an effect
$$\gamma_\delta(t) = \left( \gamma_0(t), \gamma_0(t - \delta_1), \dots, \gamma_0(t - \delta_{N-1}) \right)$$
  - The parallel curve in the direction of the space-shift  $v_i$  writes
$$\left( \gamma_0 \left( t + \frac{v_{i,1}}{v_0} \right), \gamma_0 \left( t - \delta_1 + \frac{v_{i,2}}{v_0} \right), \dots, \gamma_0 \left( t - \delta_{N-1} + \frac{v_{i,N}}{v_0} \right) \right)$$
- The parallel changes the *relative timing* of the effect onset across coordinates



# Parameter Estimation

$$y = (y_1, \dots, y_N), z = (z_1, \dots, z_N), \theta = (\sigma_z^2, \sigma_\varepsilon^2, A_1, \dots, A_K, p_0, t_0, v_0)$$

- Maximum Likelihood:

$$\max_{\theta} p(y|\theta) = \int p(y, z|\theta) dz$$

- EM:  $\theta_{k+1} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^N \int \log \left( \frac{p(y_i, z_i | \theta)}{p(y_i | z_i, \theta) p(z_i | \theta)} \right) p(z_i | y_i, \theta_k) dz_i$

- Distribution from the **curved exponential family**

$$\log p(y_i, z_i | \theta) = \phi(\theta)^T S(y_i, z_i) - \log(C(\theta))$$

$$\theta_{k+1} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \left\{ \phi(\theta)^T \sum_{i=1}^N \int S(y_i, z_i) p(z_i | y_i, \theta_k) dz_i - N \log(C(\theta)) \right\}$$

# Parameter Estimation: stochastic algorithm

- **SA-EM**: replaces integration by one simulation of the hidden variable:

sample  $z_{i,k+1}$  from  $p(z_i|y_i, \theta_k)$ ,

and a stochastic approximation of the sufficient statistics

$$\bar{S}_{k+1} = (1 - \Delta_k) \bar{S}_k + \Delta_k \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N S(y_i, z_{i,k+1}) \right)$$

Maximization step (unchanged)

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$$\tilde{q}_k(z_i, \theta_k)$$

As long as  $\tilde{q}_k$  “converges towards”  $q(z_i|y_i, \theta_k)$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$

# Parameter Estimation: stochastic algorithm

- **Theoretical properties of the sampler:**

Under mild conditions:

- Drift property
- Small set
- **Geometric ergodicity uniformly on any compact set** of the parameters

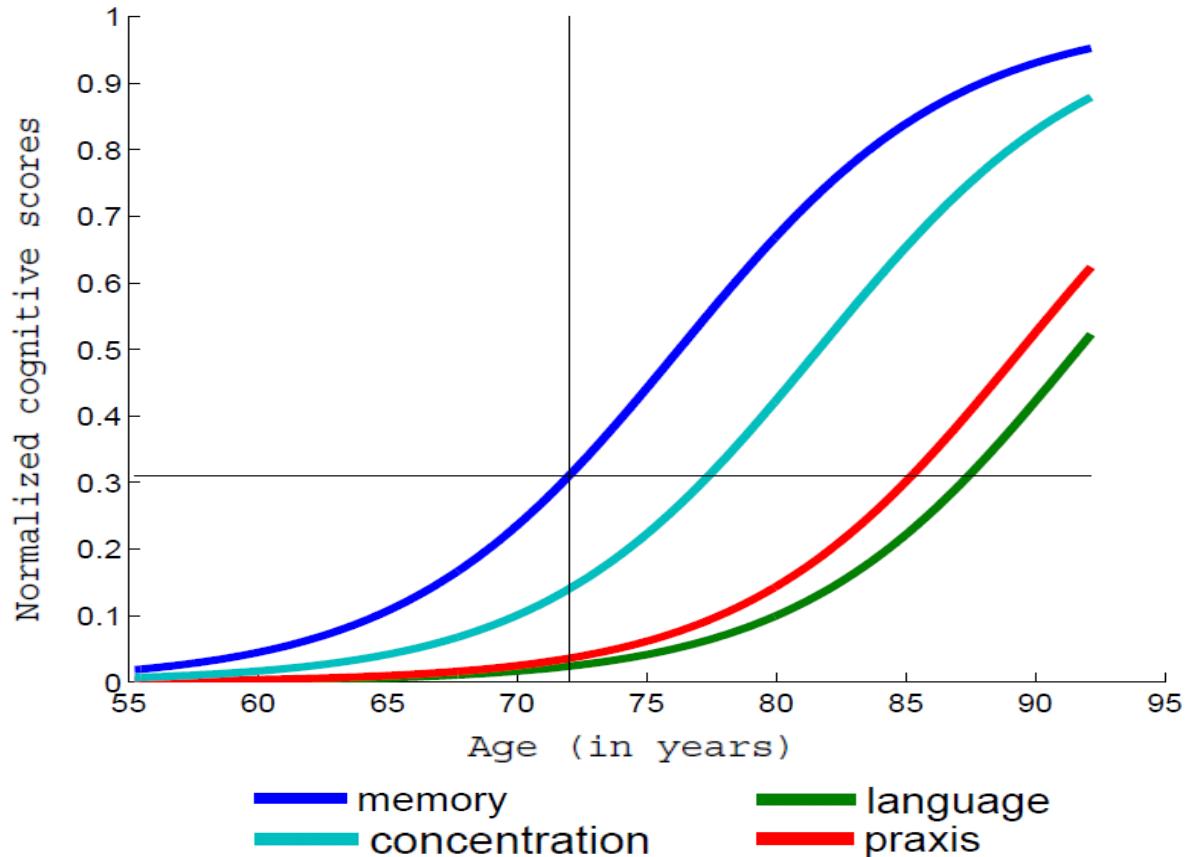
- **Theoretical properties of the estimation algorithm:**

- **a.s. convergence** towards the MAP estimator
- **Normal asymptotic behaviour:** speed  $1/\sqrt{\Delta_k}$
- Normal asymptotic behaviour with optimal speed with averaging sequences  $1/\sqrt{k}$

# Model of Alzheimer's disease progression

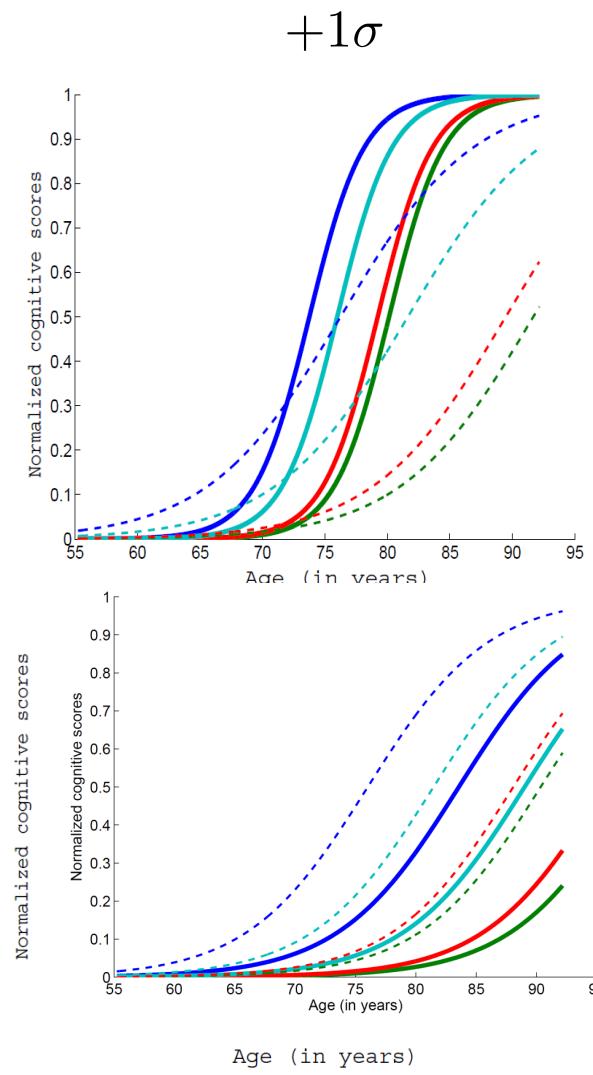
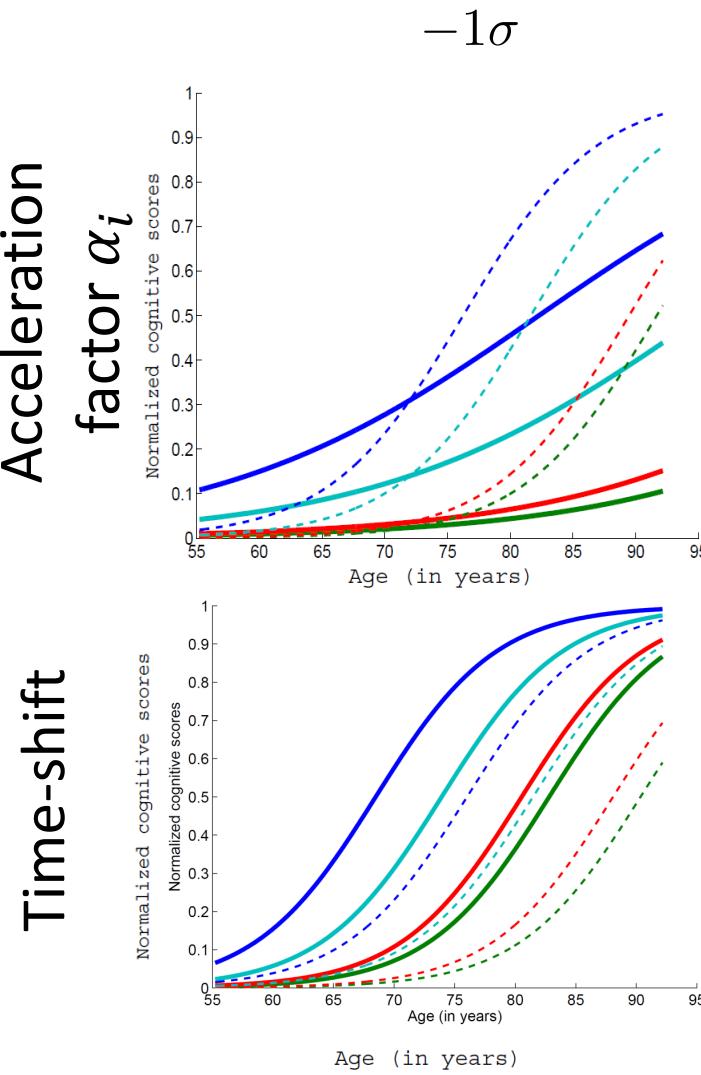
- Neuropsychological tests ADAS-Gog from ADNI
- 248 subjects who converted from MCI to AD
- 6 time-points per subjects on average (min 3, max 11)
- Data points  $y_{ij} \in ]0, 1[^4$  with propagation logistic model

The average trajectory of data changes



# Model of Alzheimer's disease progression

— praxis  
— language  
— memory

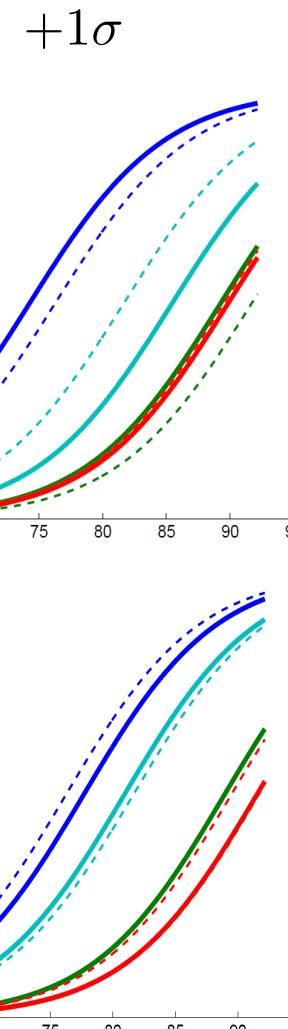
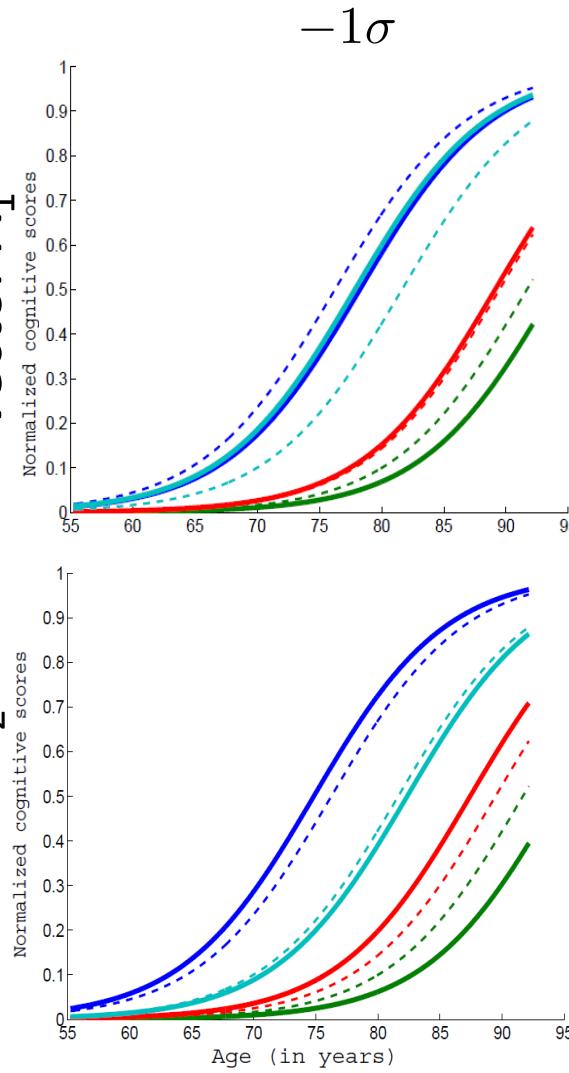


Distinguish **fast** vs. **slow** progressors

Distinguish **early** vs. **late** onset individuals

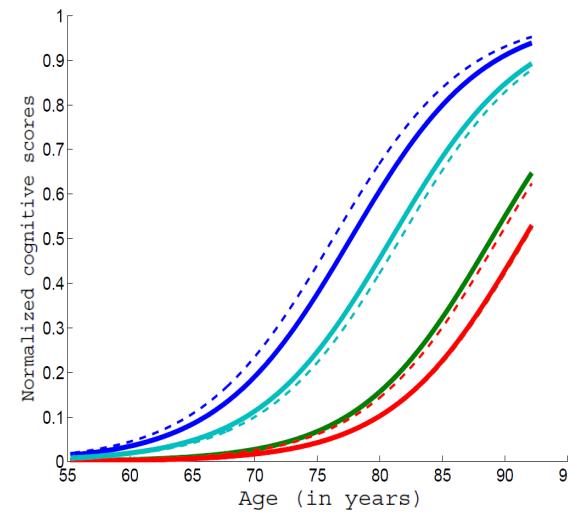
# Model of Alzheimer's disease progression

Decomposition vector  $A_1$



Variability in the **relative timing** and **ordering** of the events

Decomposition vector  $A_2$



# Computational comparisons

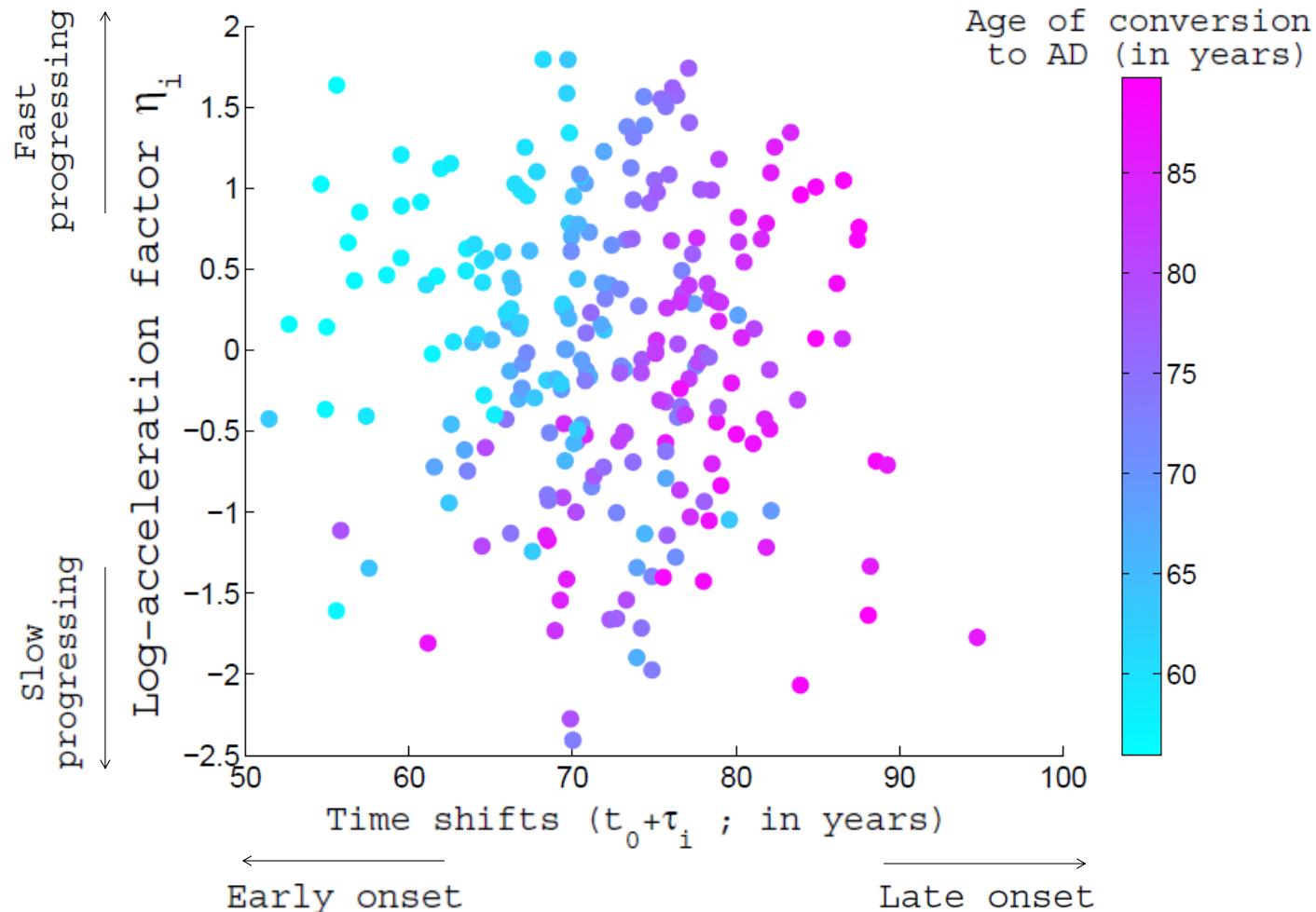
- **Comparison of: MCMC-SAEM – STAN – MONOLIX**
  - Number of iterations:
    - MCMC-SAEM: 1 000 000 (6s / 1 000 iterations)
    - STAN: 15 000 (25min / 1 000 iterations)
    - MONOLIX: 20 000 (3,5 min / 1 000 iterations)

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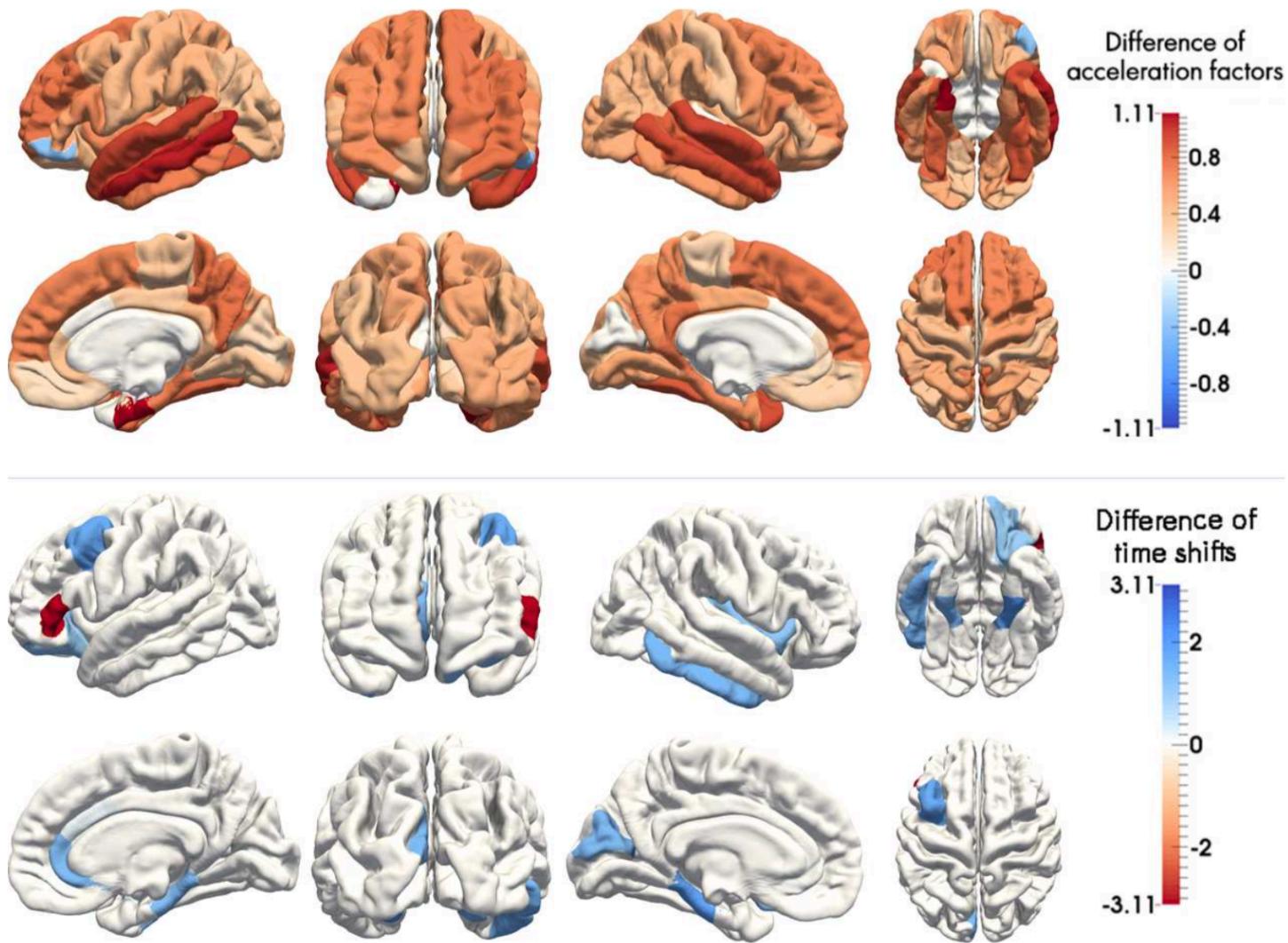
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	$p_0$	$t_0$	$v_0$	$\sigma_\xi$	$\sigma_\tau$	$\sigma$
True values	0.24	70	0.034	0.5	7	0.01
MCMC-SAEM	0.23	69.93	0.0317	0.52	6.75	0.01
STAN	0.218	68.66	0.0305	0.53	6.73	0.098
Monolix	0.37	71.6	0.0406	0.52	6.8	0.01

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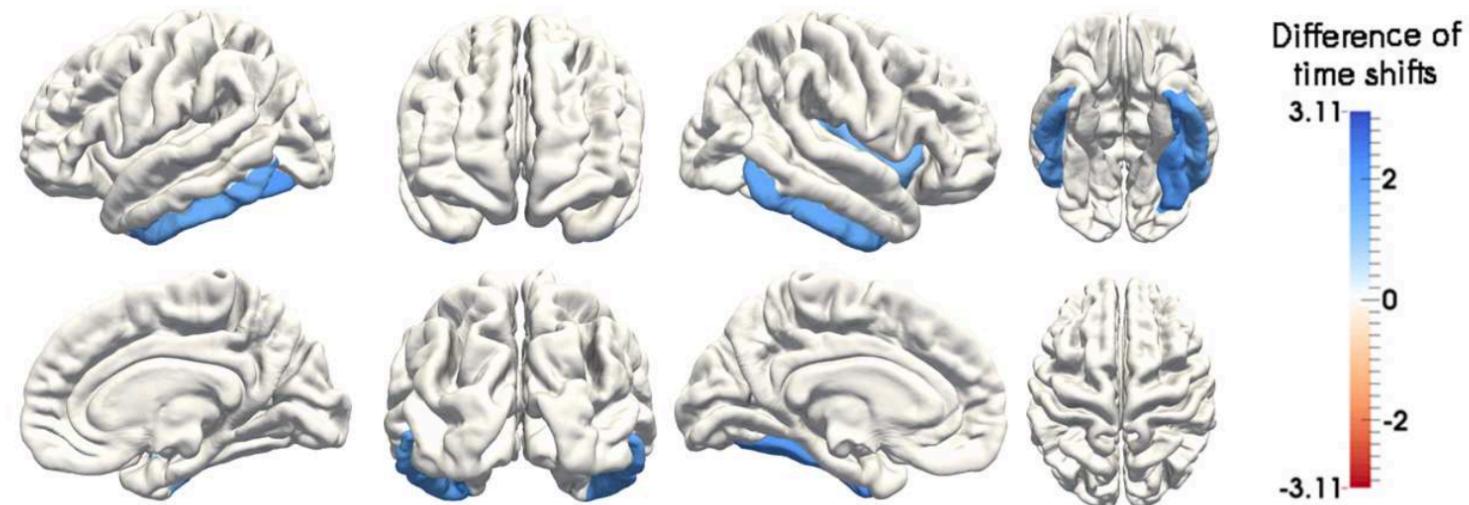
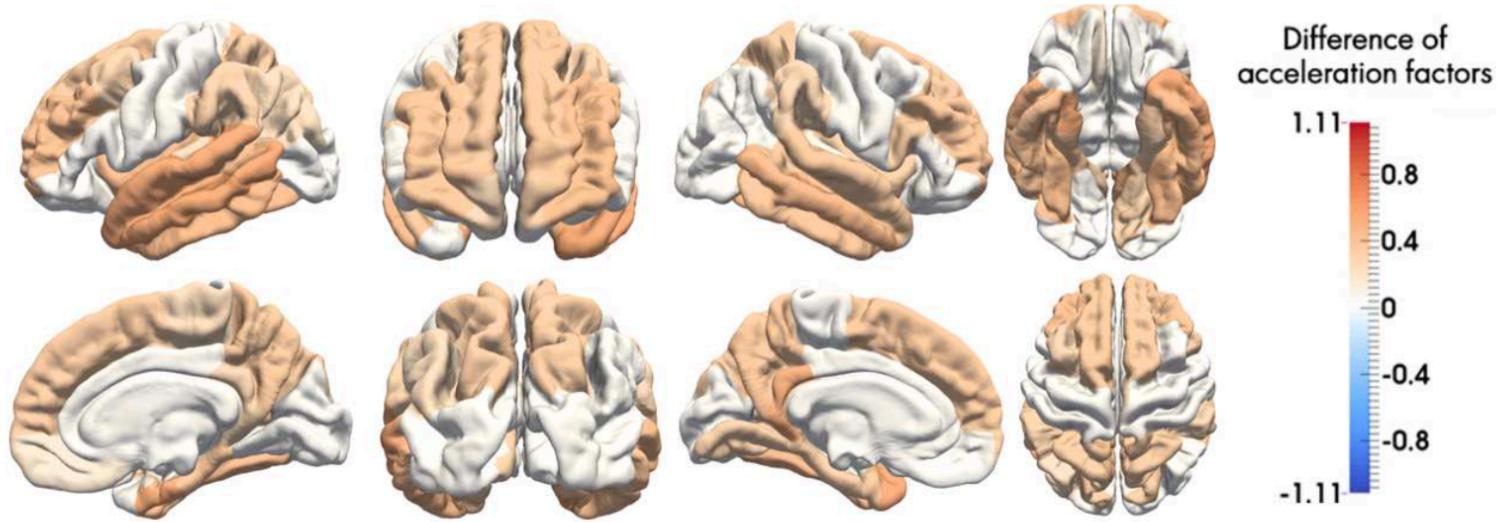


# Comparison AD vs Controls

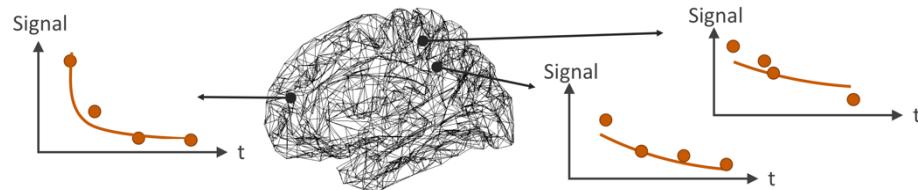


# Comparison MCI vs Controls

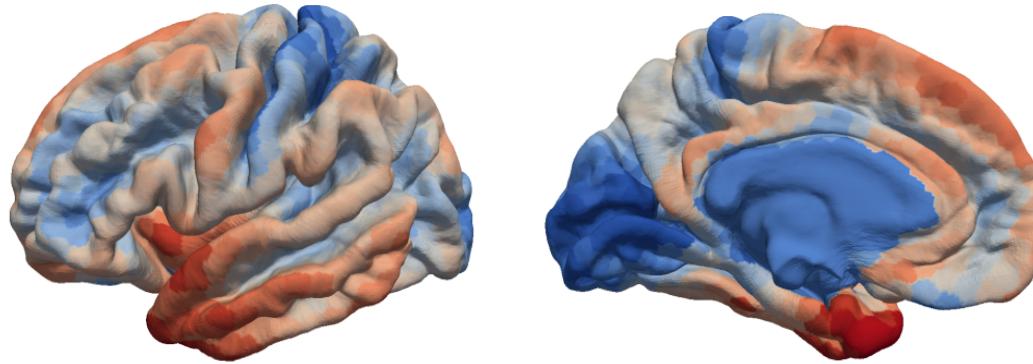
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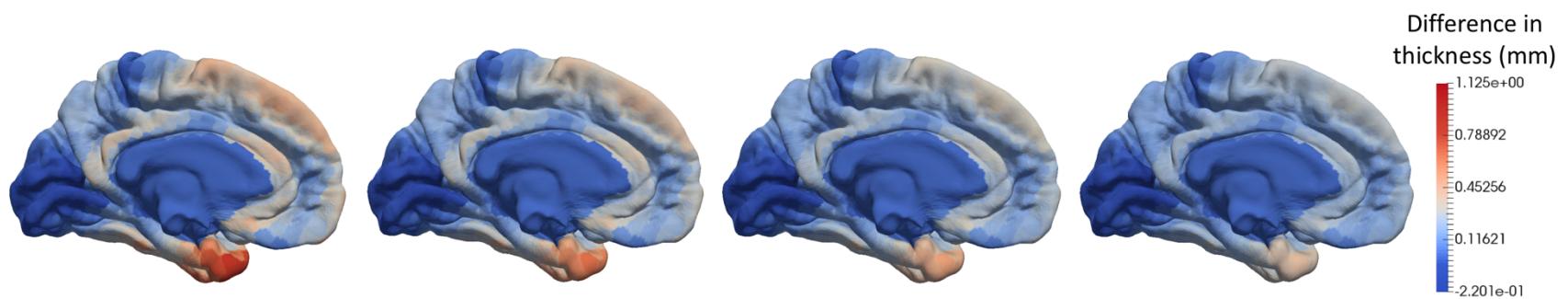
# Model of propagation on a graph



ADNI Data → Alzheimer's Disease cohort  
Measures of the cortical thickness for MCI converters

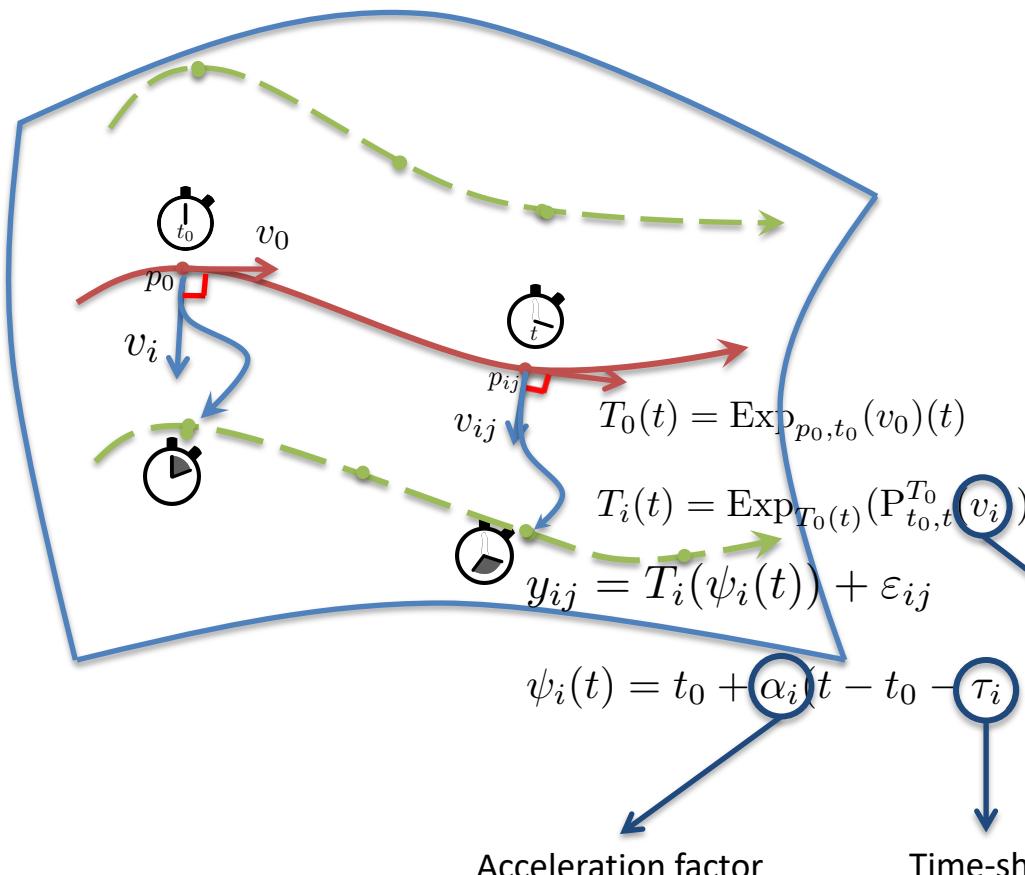


Neuronal loss within 10 years



Each snapshot corresponds to the neuronal loss within 5 years (from 70-75 to 85-90)

# Spatiotemporal Statistical Model



- **Geodesic** representative trajectory

-> What for **treated** pathologies?

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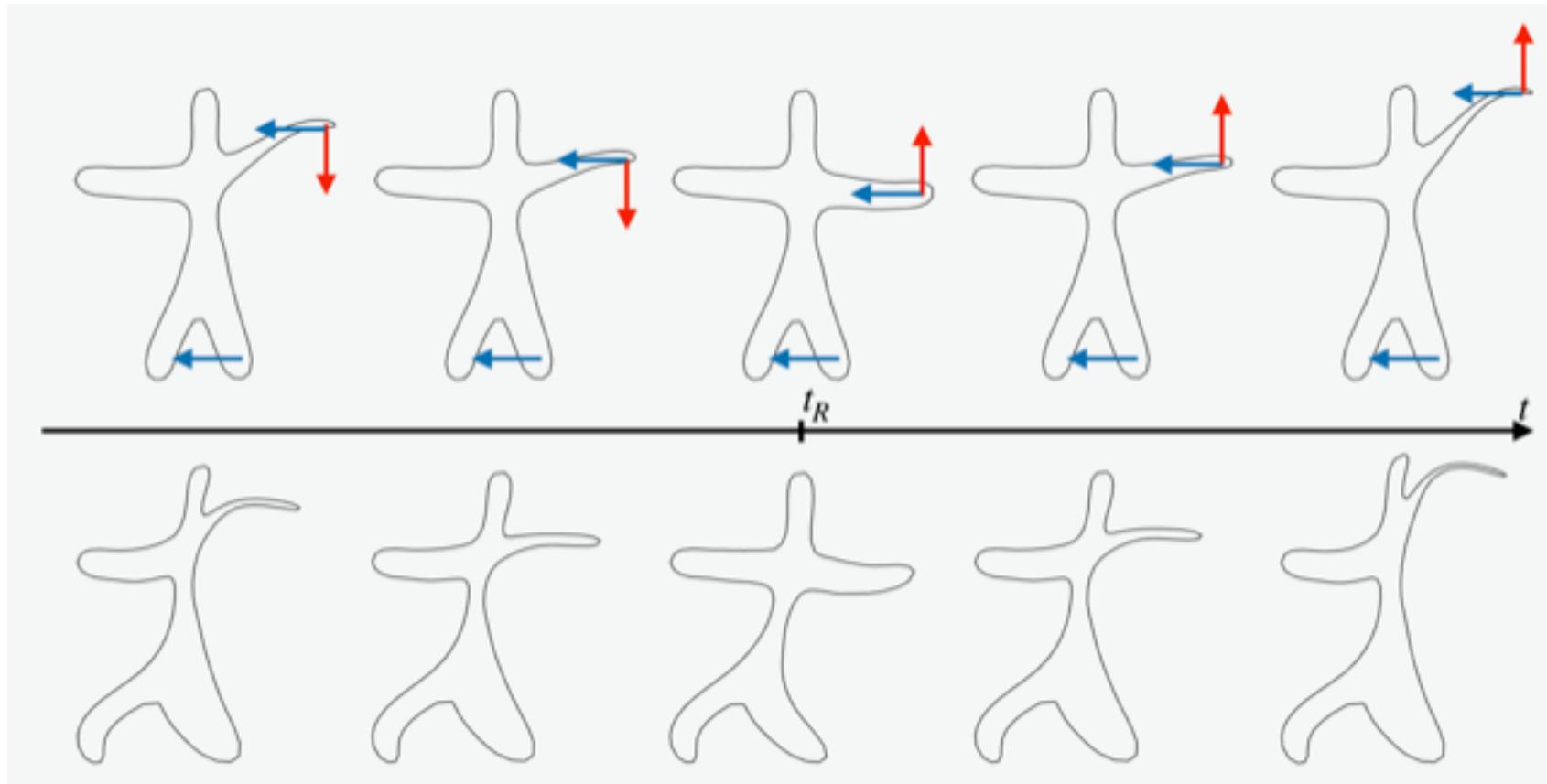
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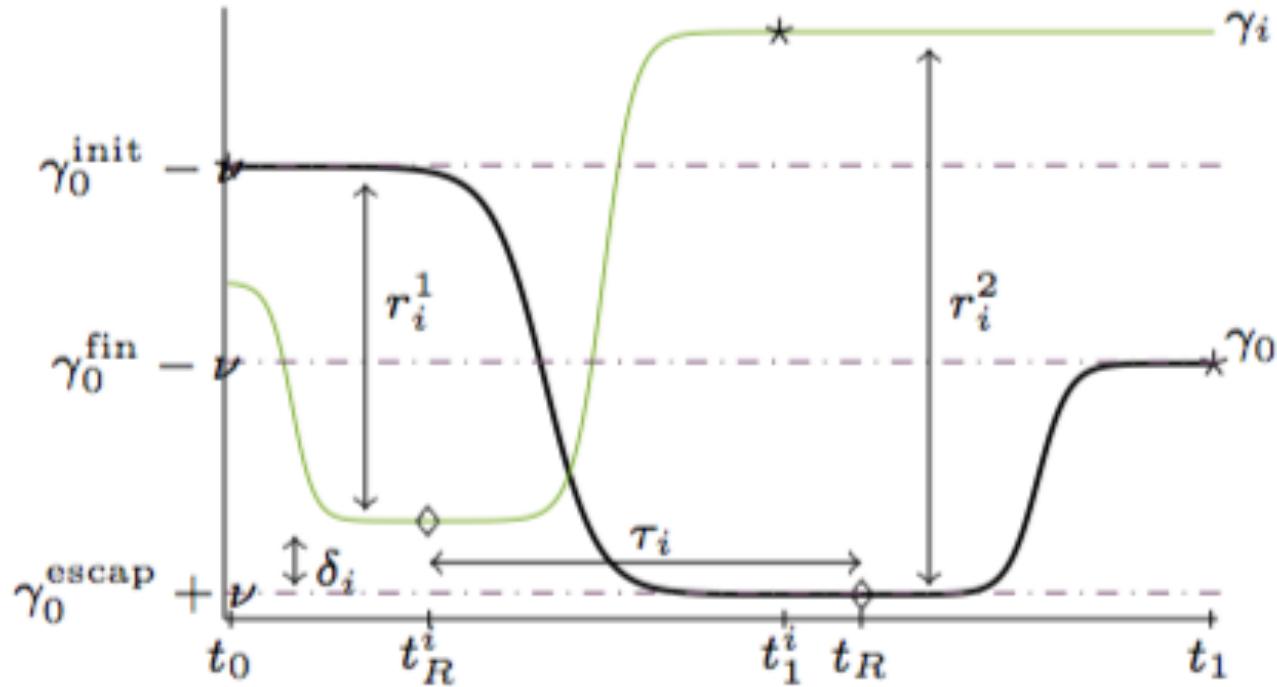
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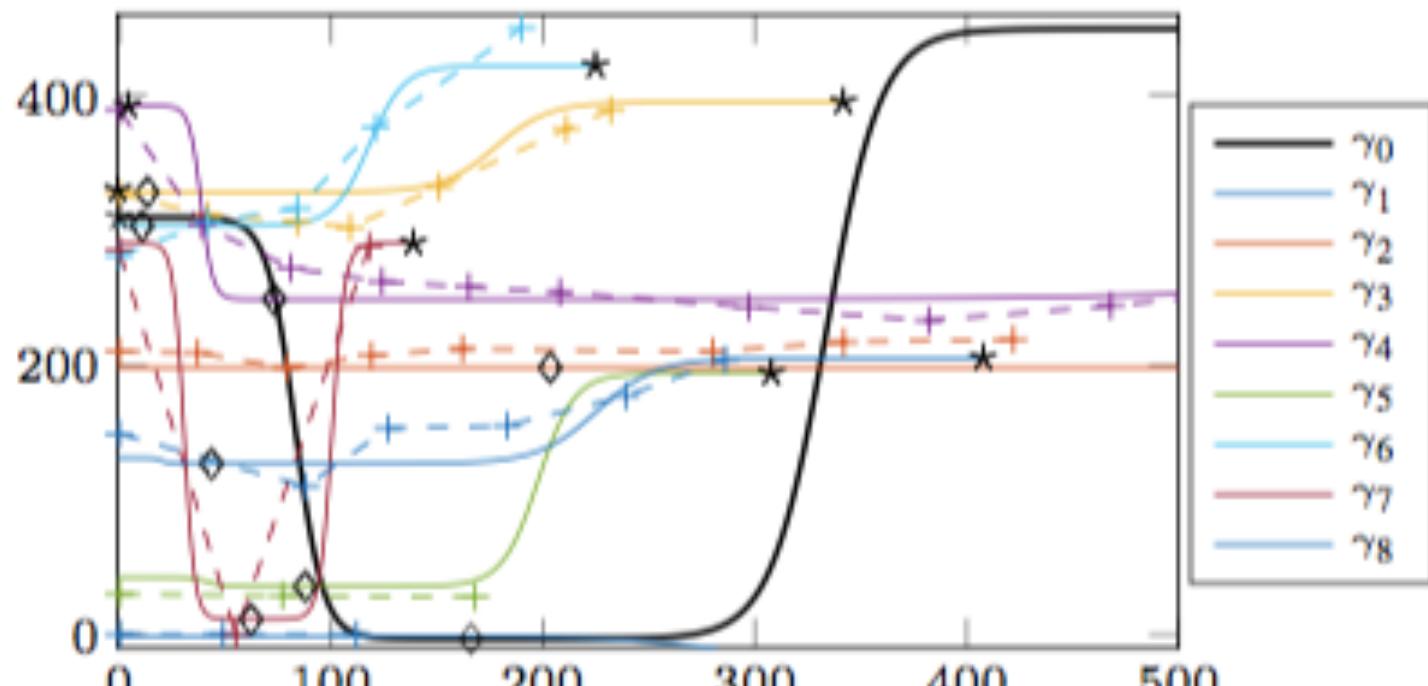
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(b) From average to individual trajectory.

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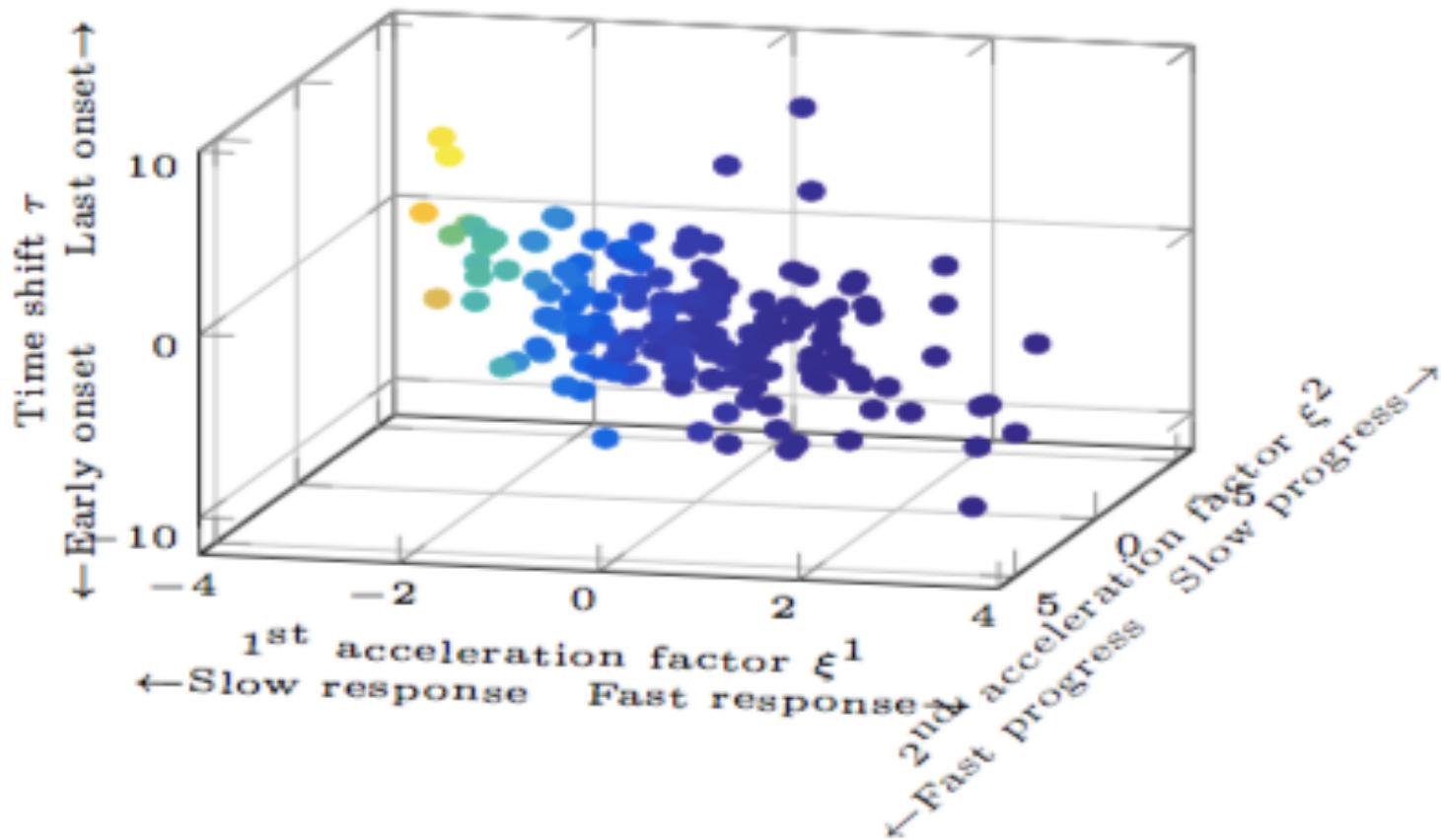
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(a) After 600 iterations.

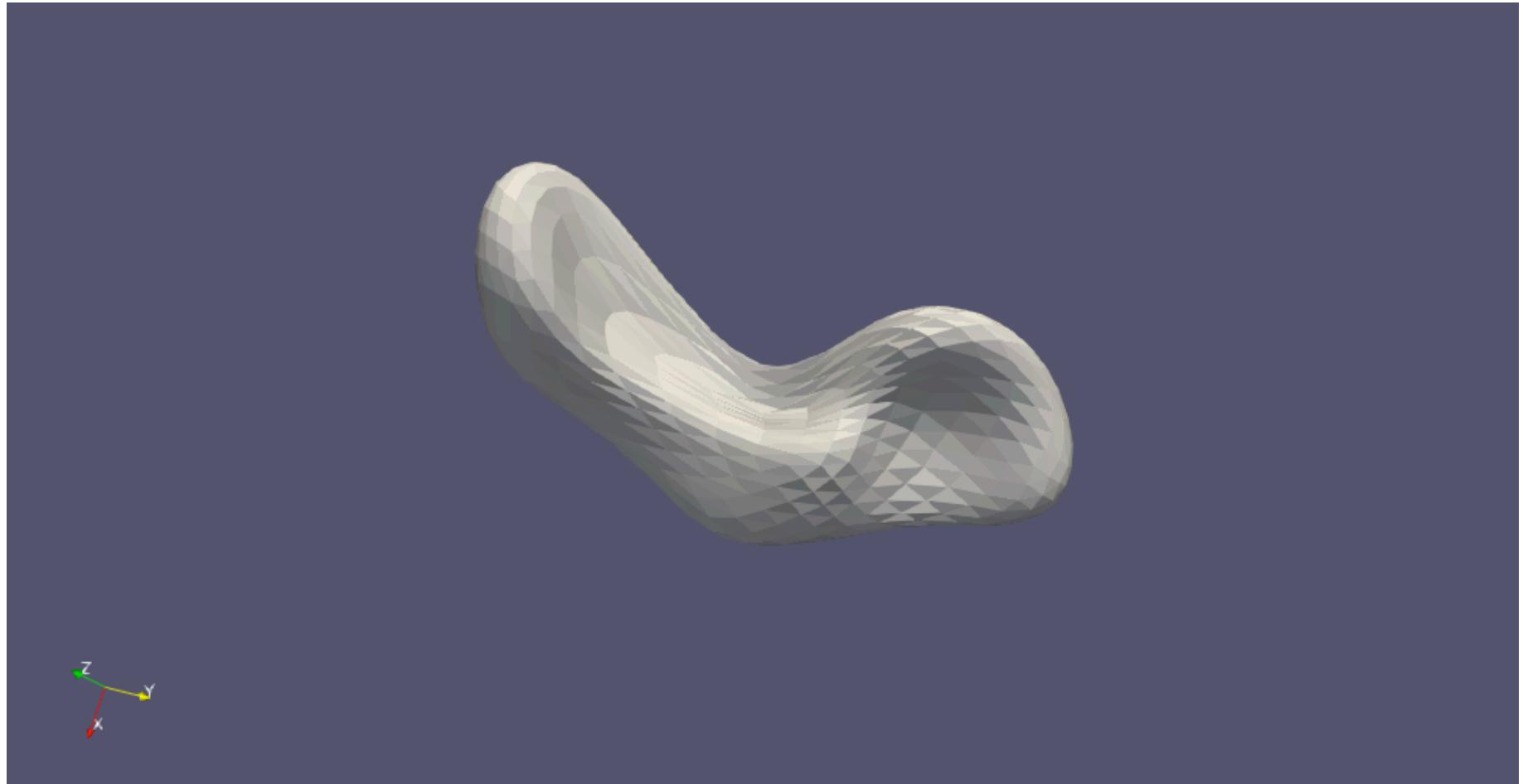
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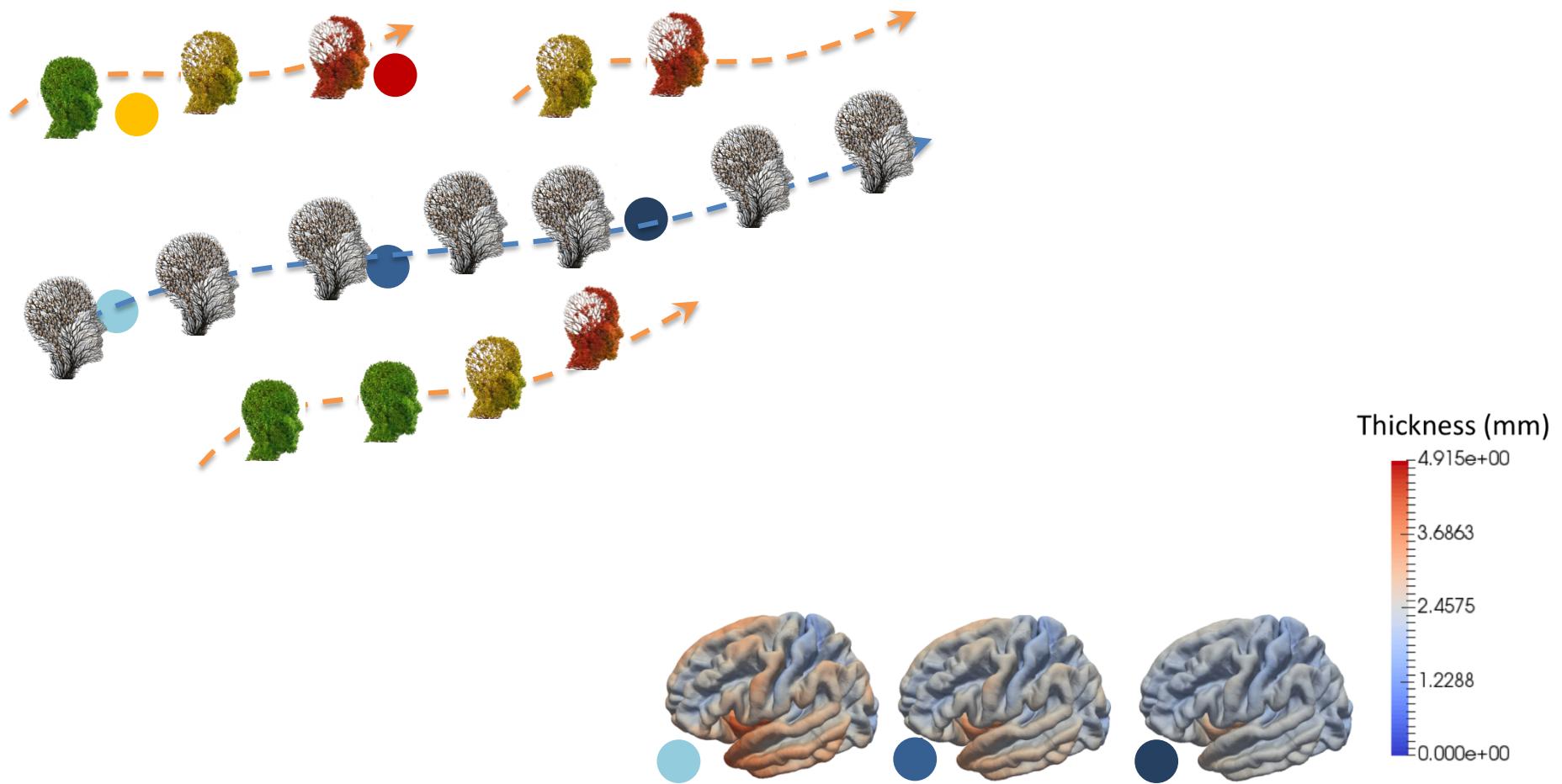


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# Prediction tool



The individual parameters are related to the real age of conversion of the individuals

# Conclusion

- Generic statistical model to learn **spatiotemporal distribution of trajectories** on manifolds:
  - Calibrated on **longitudinal** data sets using **MCMC-SAEM**
  - Automatically finds **temporal correspondences** among similar events that may happen at different age/time
  - Estimates the **variability** of the data at the corresponding events
- It allows us to position disease progression within the life and history of the patient
- Future work:
  - Derive instances of the model for more complex manifold-valued data (*e.g. textured shapes data, metamorphosis and mixtures of all of these!*)

# Thank you!

