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Recent Advances in Particle Correspondence

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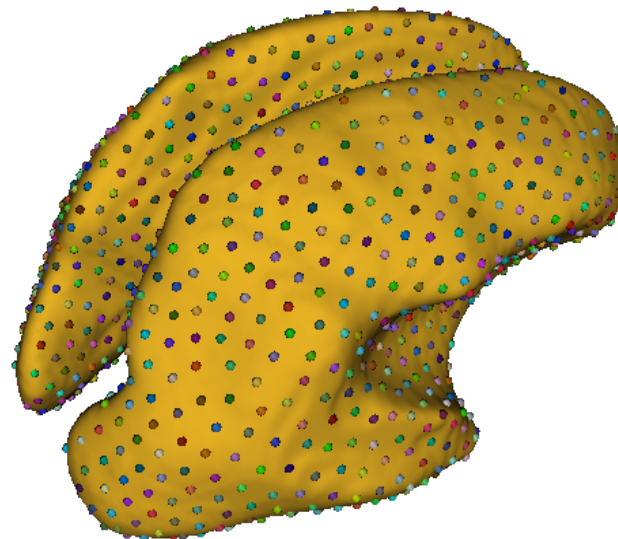


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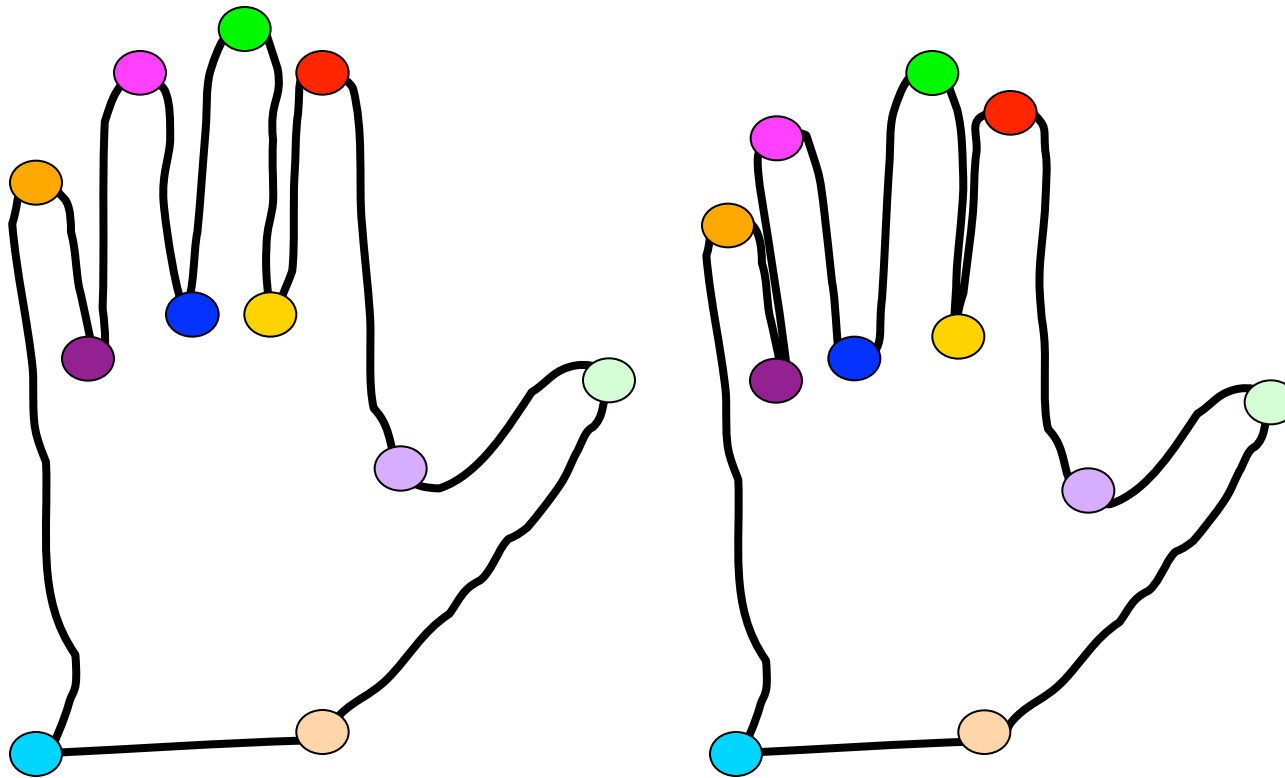
Motivation

- Statistical shape analysis
 - Structural changes in disease
 - Understanding growth process
- Correspondence key to statistical shape analysis



Correspondence Problem

- How to choose points on a surface such that they correspond across a population of surfaces?



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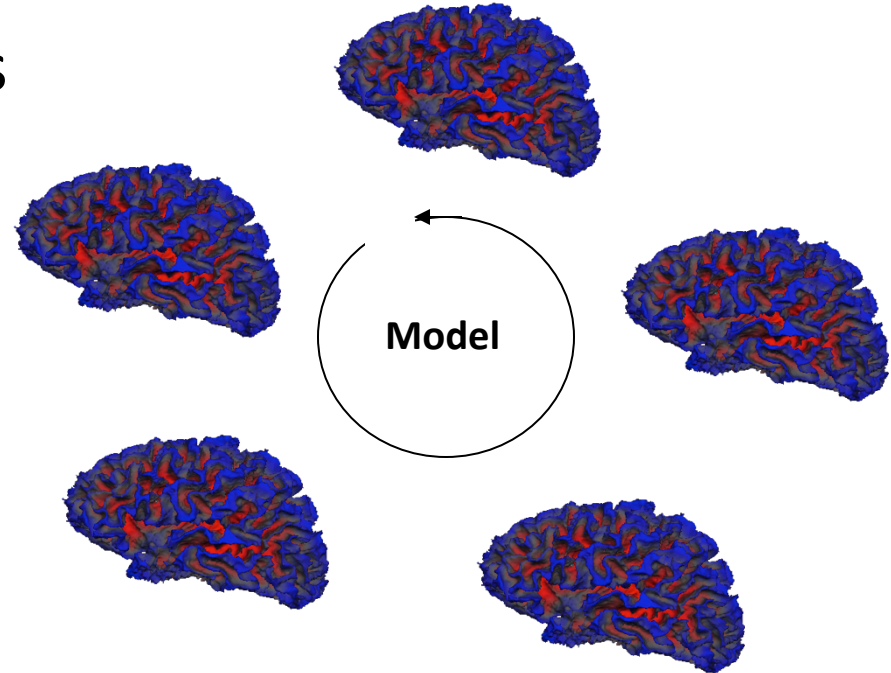
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Correspondence Overview

- Parametric vs nonparametric
 - MDL vs entropy
- Pair-wise vs group-wise
 - FreeSurfer vs MDL, entropy
- Surface-based vs volume-based
 - Correspondence vs registration

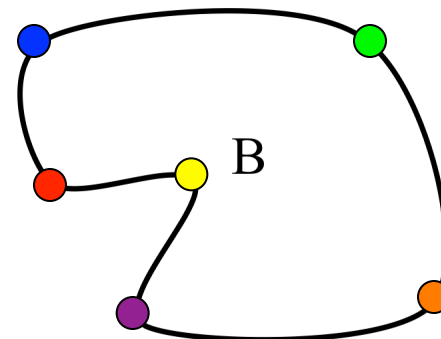
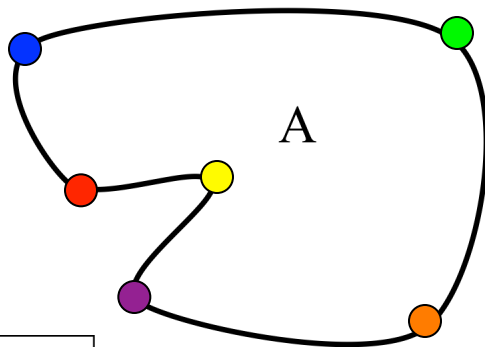
Entropy-based correspondence

- Group-wise
- No need for prior atlas
- No parameterization required
- Efficient
- Generic



Particle Correspondence

- Point-based sampling of the ensemble
 - Same number of particles per shape
- Particles are ordered
 - Ordering implies correspondence



Tradeoff

- Simultaneously maximize both the **geometric accuracy** and the **statistical simplicity** of the model

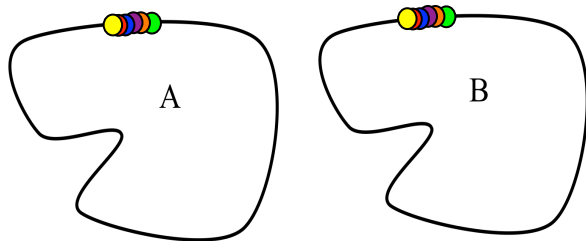
$$Q = H(Z) - \sum_k H(P^k)$$

k: shape id
P: particle locations
Z: ensemble distribution

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Ensemble entropy
(small = simple)

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Surface entropy
(large = accurate)

Ensemble Entropy

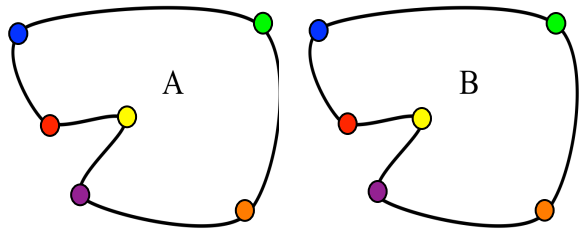


Very low ensemble entropy

low ensemble entropy

similarity of corresponding points

statistically compact model

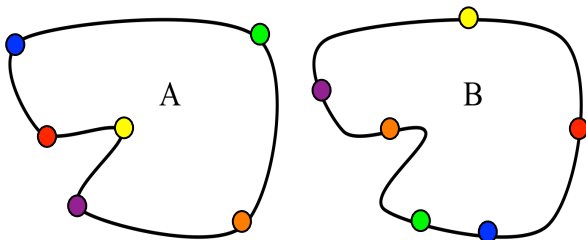


Low ensemble entropy

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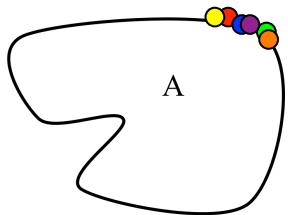


High ensemble entropy

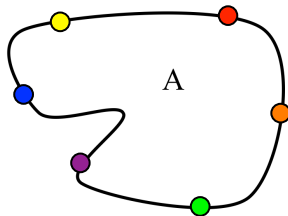
- z represents all sample locations
- Assume normal distribution for z with covariance Σ
- $H(Z) \approx 1/2 \log |\Sigma|$
- Σ estimated from data

Surface Entropy

- High surface entropy
 - \Leftrightarrow uniform sampling of the surface
 - \Leftrightarrow high geometric accuracy



Low surface entropy



High surface entropy

$$Q = H(Z) - \sum_k H(P^k)$$

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Surface entropy

- $H(P^k) = -\int p(x) \log p(x) dx$
- Parzen windowing to estimate $p(x_i)$
- $H(P^k) \approx \sum_i \log 1/N(N-1) \sum_{j \neq i} G(x_i - x_j, \sigma_j)$
- Truncated Gaussians

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Generalized Correspondence

- **Main Idea:** anatomical correspondence is rarely a direct result of *spatial proximity* of sample points on the surface

- Allowing correspondence to incorporate *similarity of non-spatial local features*

$$\tilde{P} = f(x_j^k)$$

- Examples of “attributes” $f(x)$
 - Local curvature
 - Sulcal depth
 - DTI - probabilistic connectivity
 - MRA - distance to vessel

Incorporating attributes

$$Q = H(Z) - \sum_k H(P^k)$$

remains the same

- Corresponding particles across surfaces should have similar attribute values $f(x)$
- Particles should be evenly distributed on each surface

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Adaptive sampling

- Surface entropy favors a uniform sampling
- Might miss high-curvature areas
- Solution: adaptive – favor high curvature regions

Uniform $p(x_i) \approx \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^N G(x_i - x_j, \sigma_i)$

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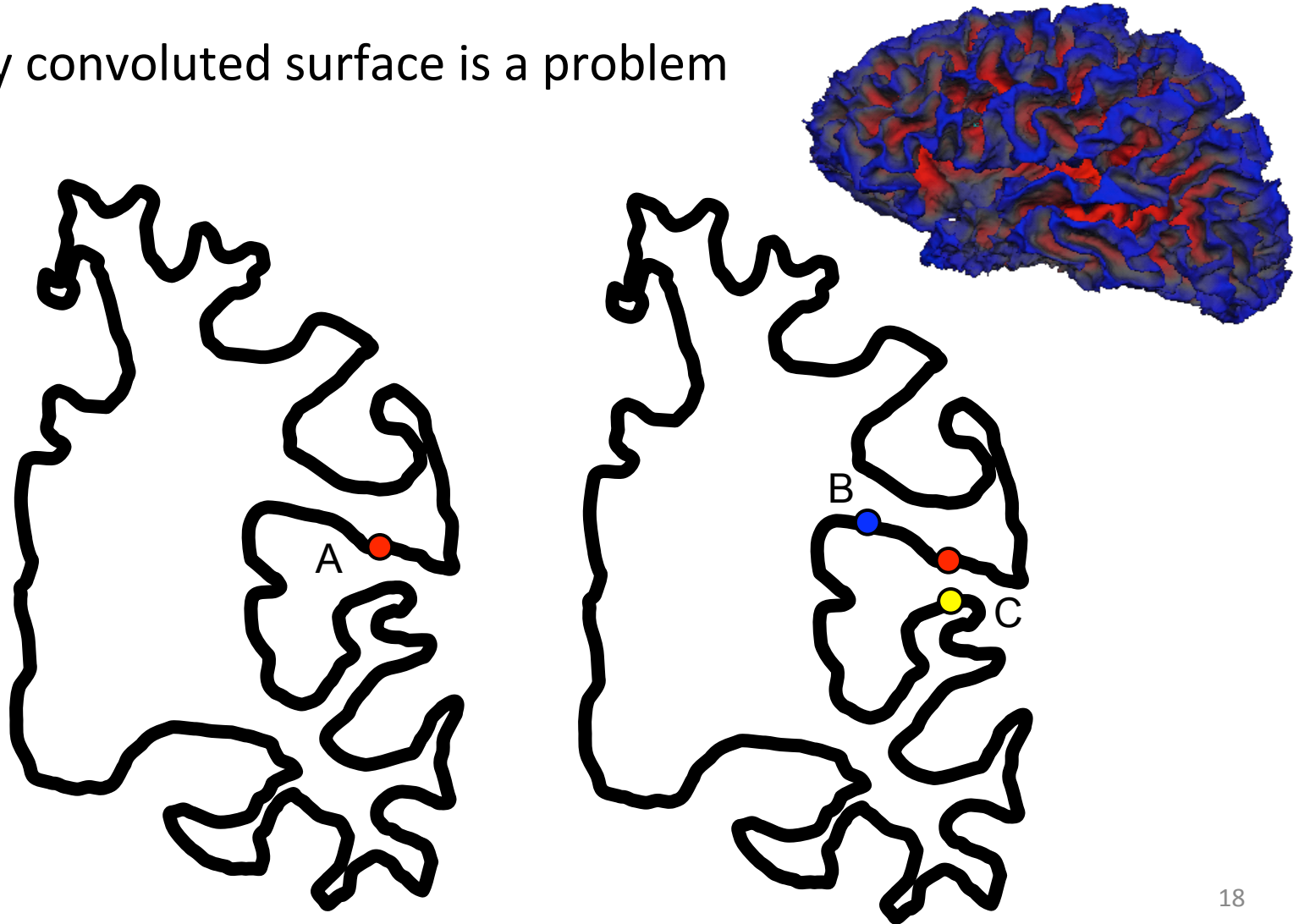
Adaptive $p(x_i) \approx \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^N \overset{\text{Surface entropy}}{k_j} G\left(\frac{1}{k_j}(x_i - x_j), \sigma_i\right)$

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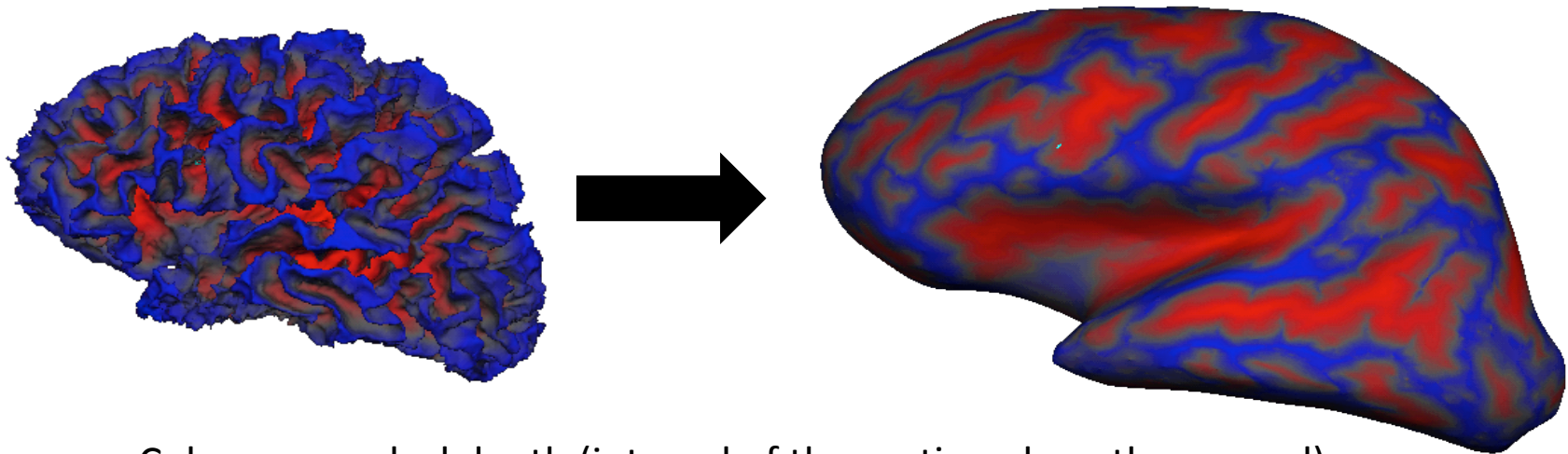
Driving problem: Cortical Correspondence

- Highly convoluted surface is a problem



Cortical Correspondence: Dealing with Cortical Geometry

- Highly convoluted surface is a problem
- Our initial solution: Inflate the brain
 - Convex regions move inwards, concave points move outwards
 - Minimizes metric distortion



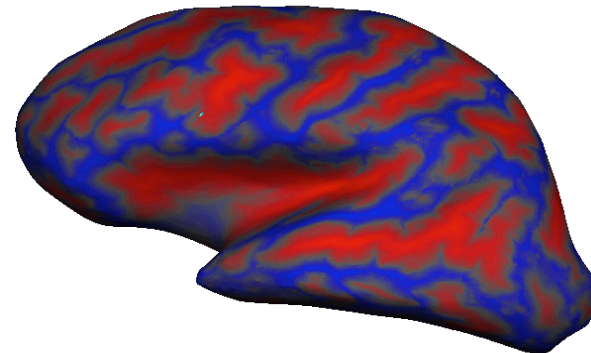
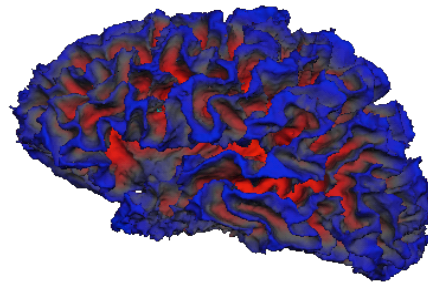
Color map: sulcal depth (integral of the motion along the normal)

Particle System on the Inflated Cortical Surface

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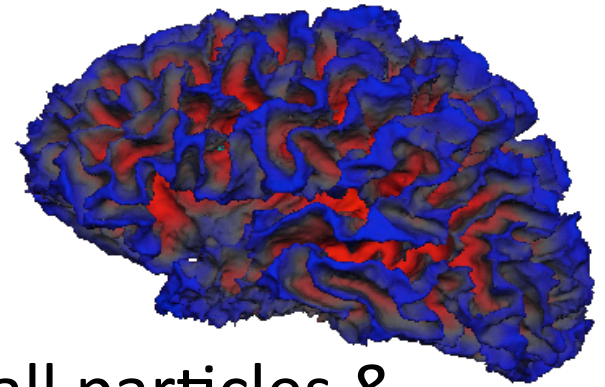
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The real solution

- The real problem is using Euclidean distances
- So: use geodesic distances
- Computationally expensive
 - Not computable in closed form
 - Need inter-particle distances for all particles & shapes at every iteration
 - Solution:
 - Precompute distances on a very fine mesh (GPU-based)
 - Interpolate to particle position during optimization

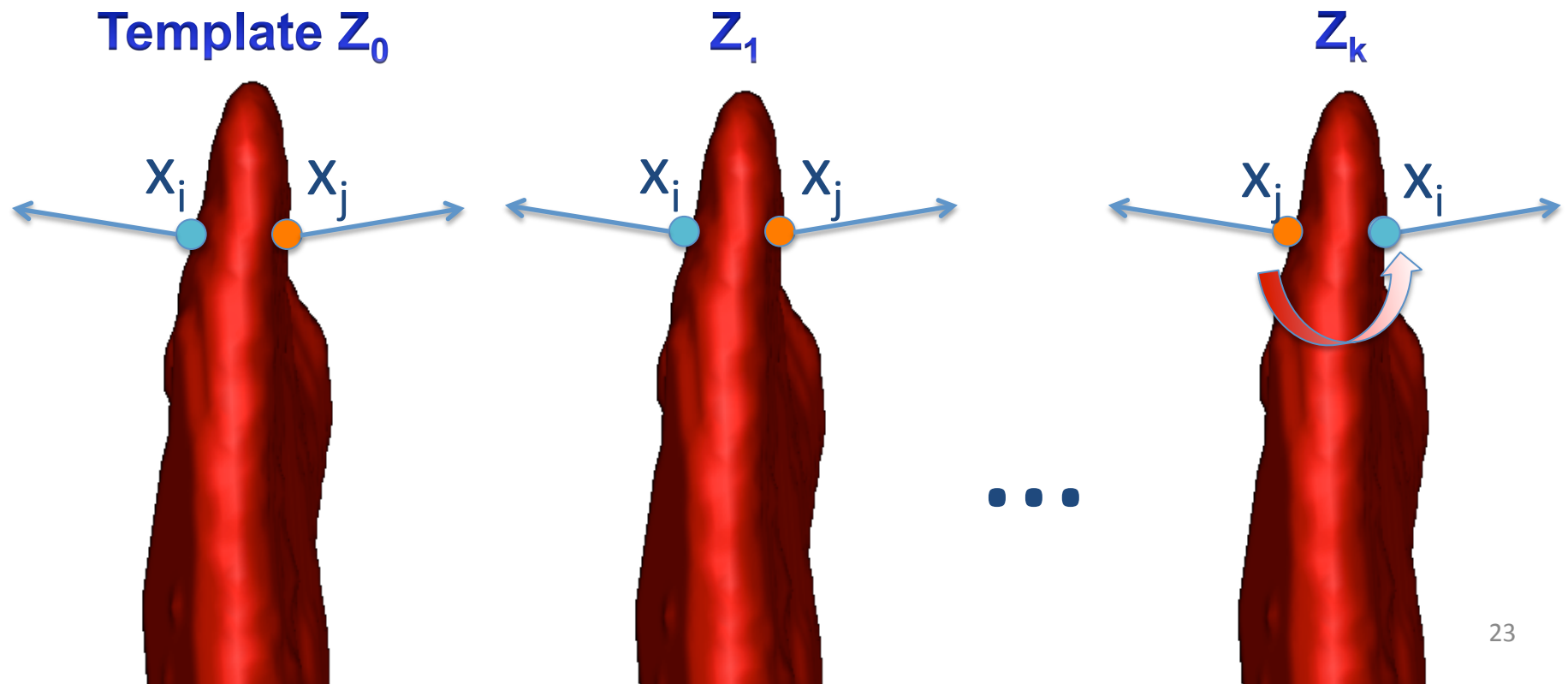


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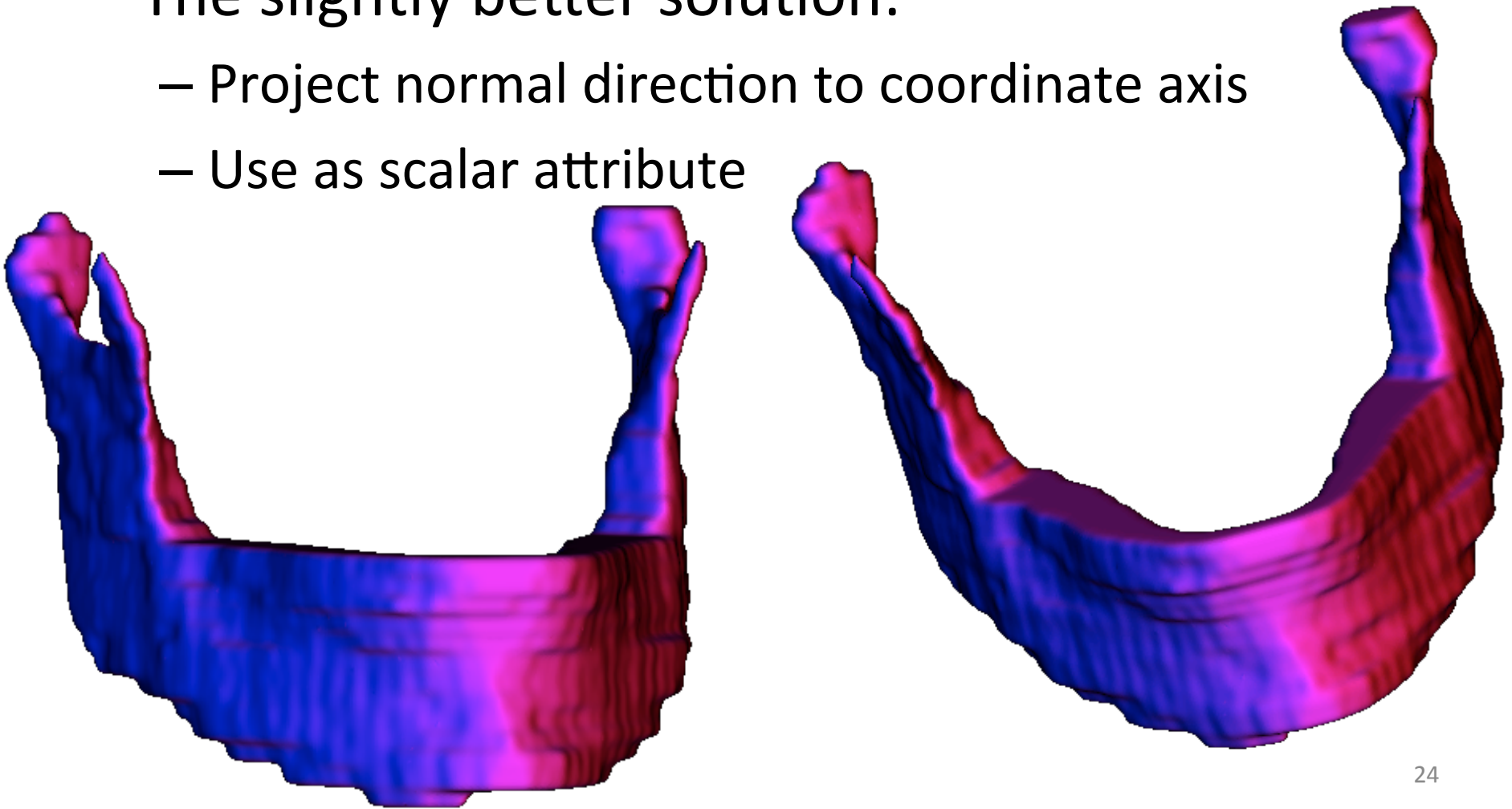
Normal consistency - I

- Quick and dirty solution:
 - Remove particles that switched between opposite sides



Normal consistency - II

- The slightly better solution:
 - Project normal direction to coordinate axis
 - Use as scalar attribute



Normal consistency - III

- Use the full vector

$$Q = H(Z) - \sum_{k=1}^M H(P^k) + H(V)$$

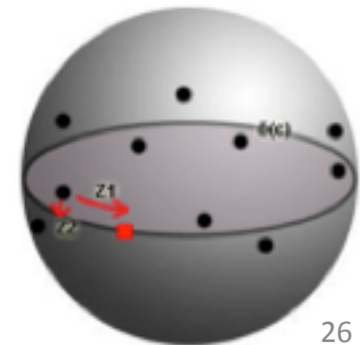
$$H(V) \approx \frac{1}{2} \log |\Sigma_V| \approx \frac{1}{2} \log \left| \sum_i \sum_k \hat{n}_i^k \cdot (\hat{n}_i^k)^T \right|$$

Riemannian distances $\hat{n}_i^k = d(n_i^k, \bar{n}_i)$

Frechet mean

Normal consistency - IV (the saga continues)

- Principal Nested Spheres (PNS)
- Given normals on the unit sphere, fit a great circle
- Find the Frechet mean on the great circle
- Compute principal scores (Z)
- Minimize Z as part of entropy computation

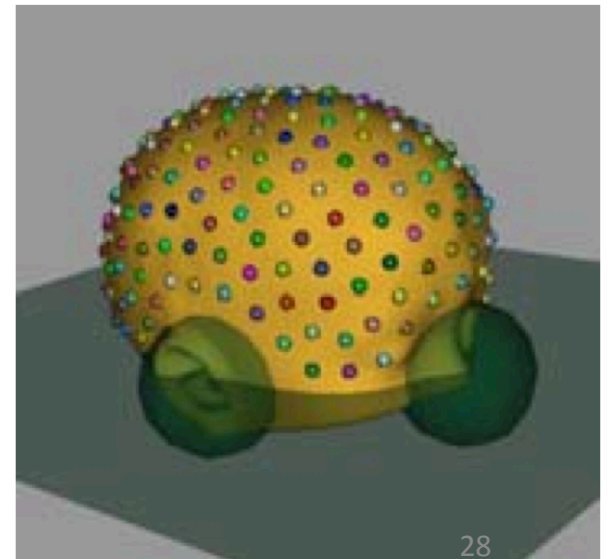


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Correspondence on open surfaces

- Basic idea: intersect surface with geometric primitives
- “Virtual” particles on the primitives for surface entropy computation to repel from the boundary

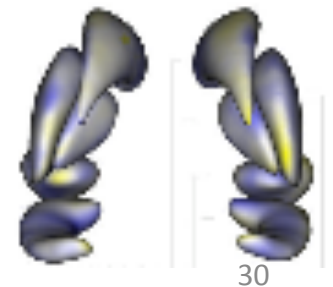


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Multi-object complexes

- Multiple organs per subject
- Simple solution: treat all as one object
- Better solution:
 - Assign object-ID to each particle
 - Constrain each particle to its object
 - Decouple spatial interactions for sampling purposes
 - Shape-space statistics remain coupled



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Linear Regression

- Driving problem: neurodevelopment – shape variability can be explained by age to some extent

- Standard version assumes the model;
$$z = \mu + \epsilon, \epsilon \sim N(0, \Sigma)$$

- For regression, instead use:

$$z = f(t) + \hat{\epsilon}, \hat{\epsilon} \sim N(0, \hat{\Sigma})$$

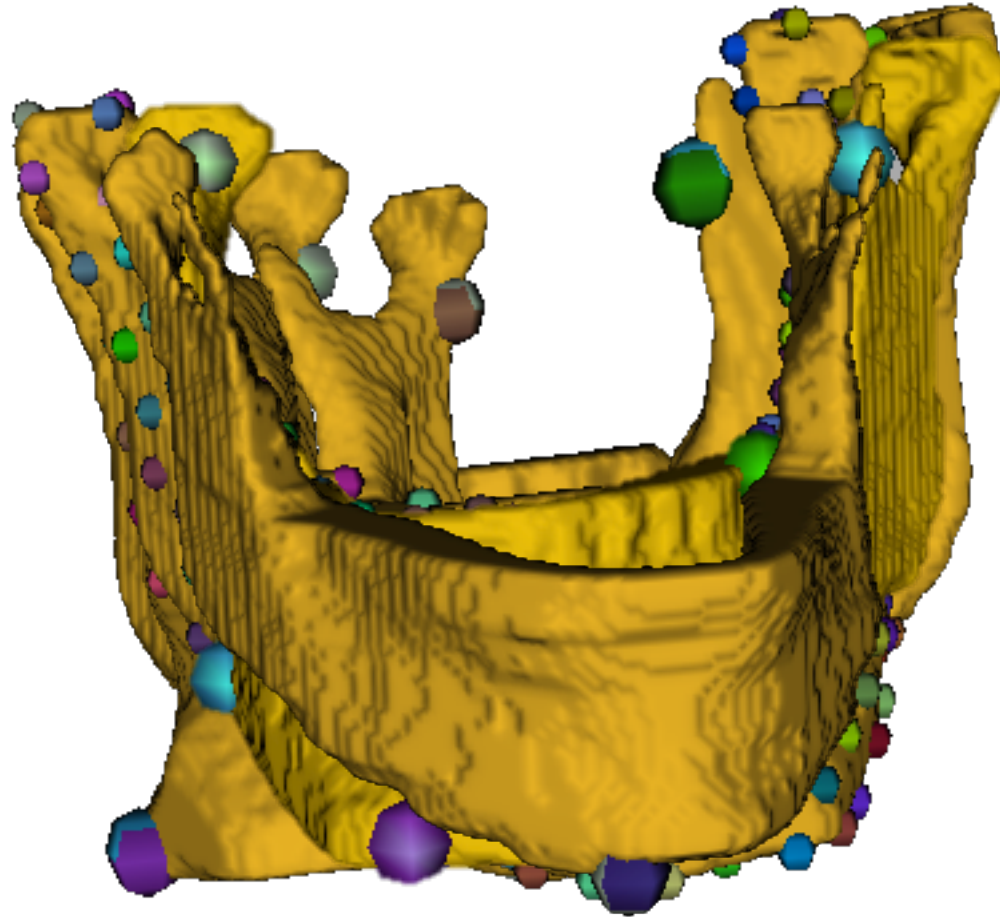
and minimize entropy associated with $\hat{\epsilon}$ instead of ϵ

- Linear regression: $f(t) = a + bt$

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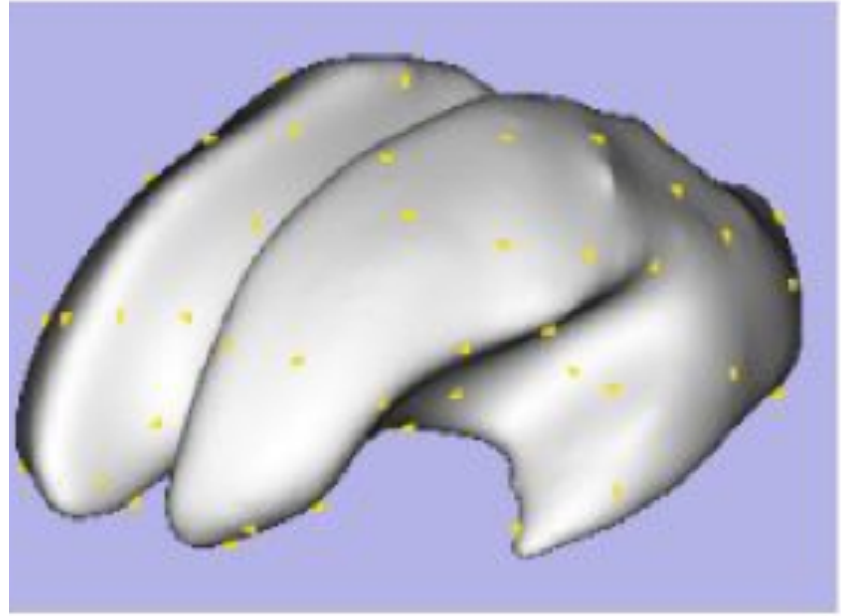
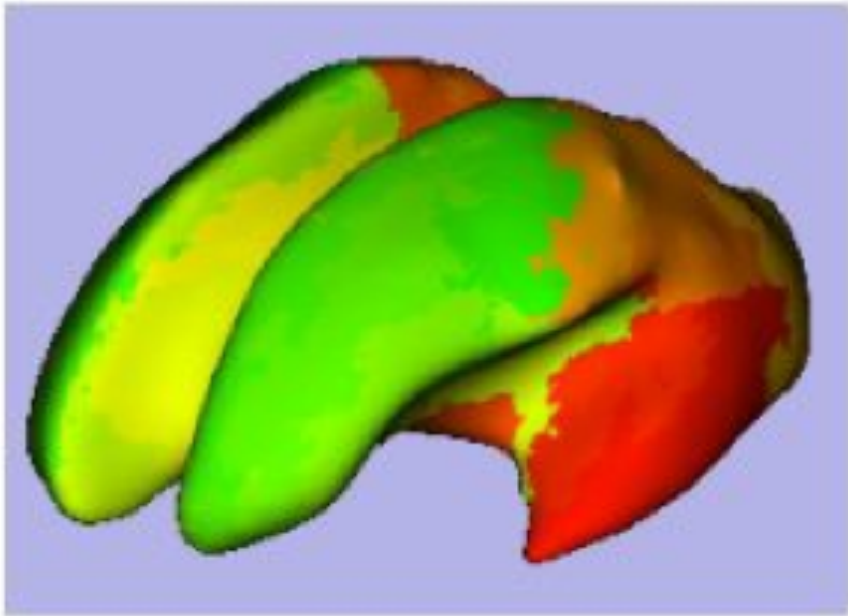
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Splitting – initialize particles

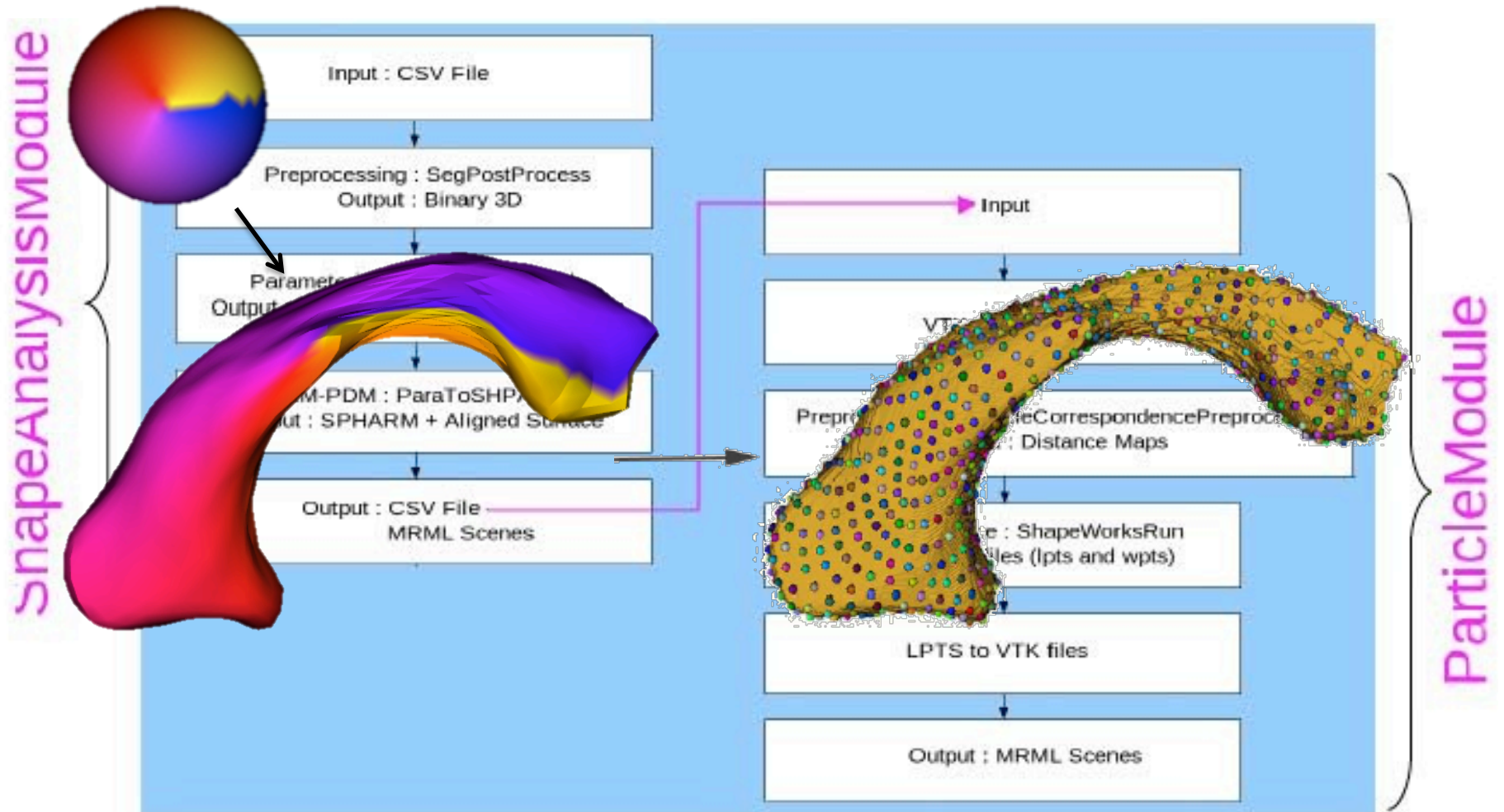


Initialization via parcellation

- Parcellation to speed up, especially when “hard to reach” areas exist

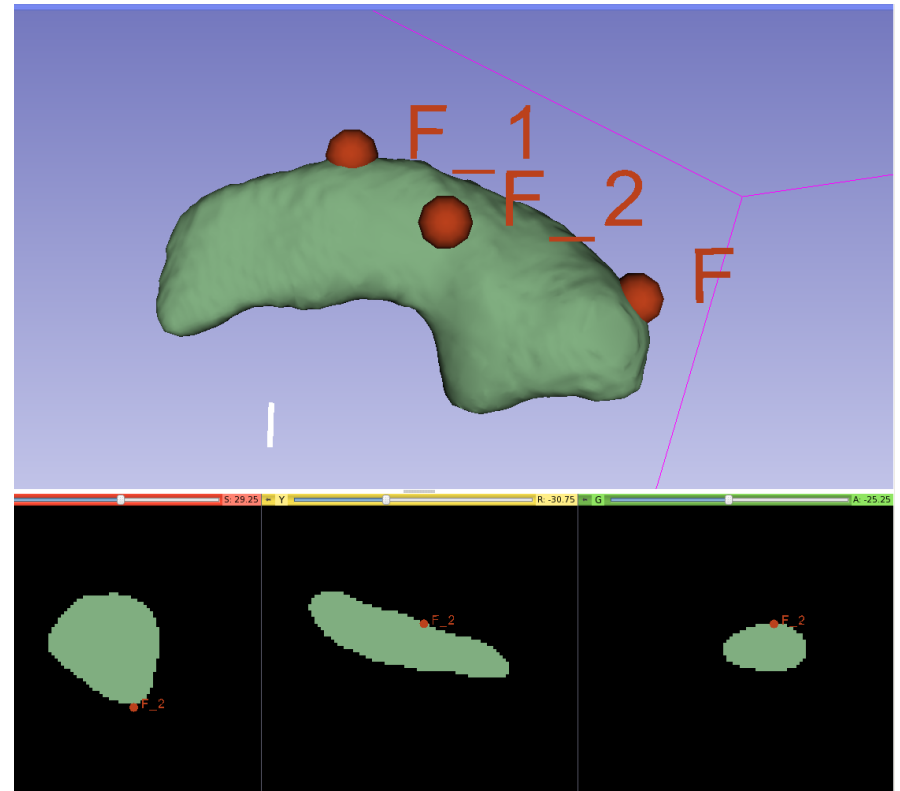


SPHARM+Particles



Manual landmark selection

- Anatomical landmarks
- Easily interfaced with particle sw:
 - Particle files (lpts)
 - Slicer fiducial lists (fcsv)



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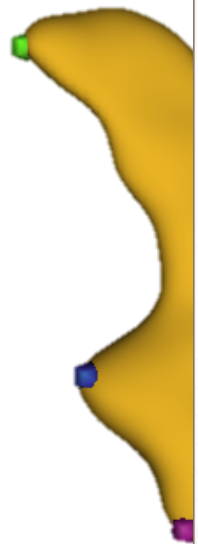
ShapeWorks

- <http://www.nitrc.org/projects/shapeworks>
- Tools
 - ShapeWorksGroom
 - ShapeWorksRun
 - ShapeWorksView
 - ShapeWorksShop
 - ParticleCorrespondencePreprocessing
 - ParticleCorrespondencePostprocessing

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- Basic



Correspondence Viewers

Visualization

SHAPE NUMBER: 0

1 visualize points

1.0 neighbor. sz

3 glyph size

surface opacity

racolor glyphs

20.0 max frame rate

Controls

total particle count: 25

total iterations count: 0

start

stop

step

run procrustes

exit Use scaling

Sampling Optimization Splitting Numerical

Surface Sampling: adaptive, 0.0 adaptivity strength

Correspondence: mean force, 100.0 min variance

100.000 initial min variance

0.1000 final min variance

200 min var total decay iterations

hold min var: 1

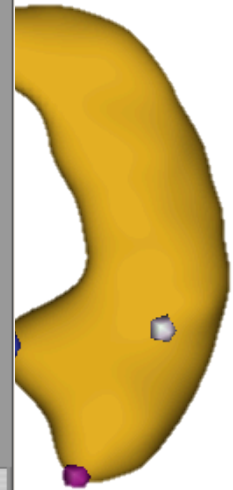
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regress interv.: 1

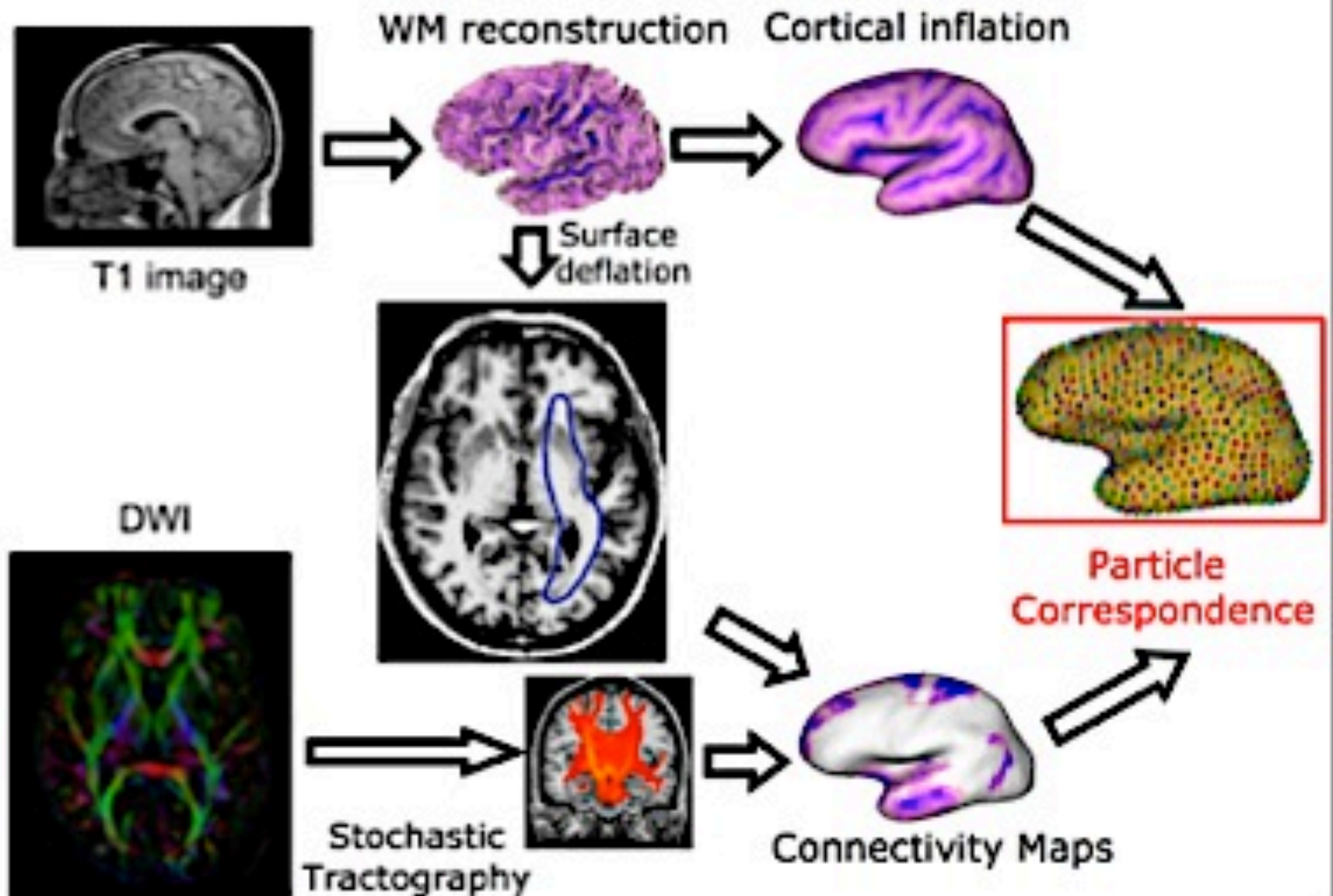
	surface	correspondence
average grad mag	0	0
average energy	0	0

1.0 relative grad scaling

- Shape

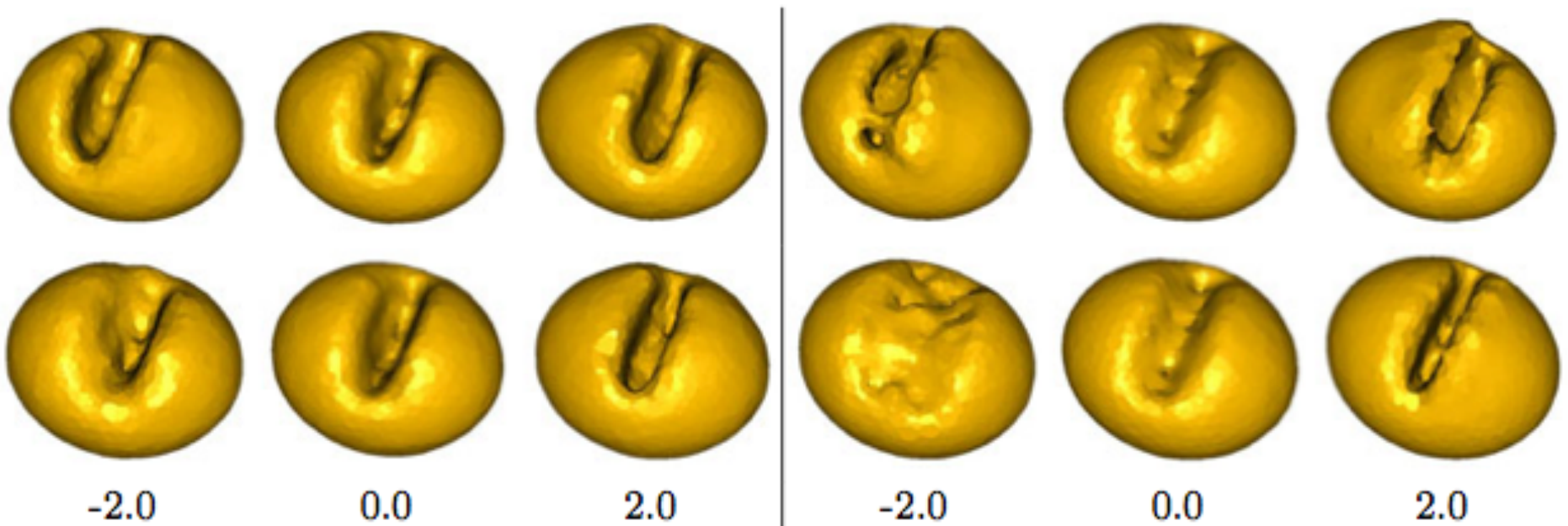
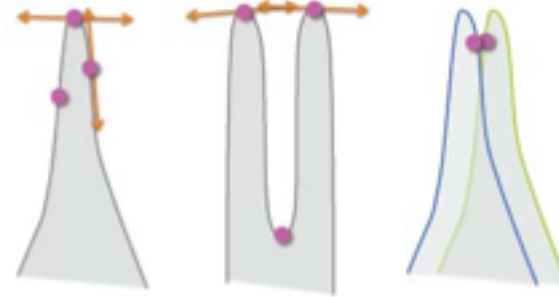


Generalized correspondence



Synthetic data

- Geodesic distances
& normal entropy



LV myocardium

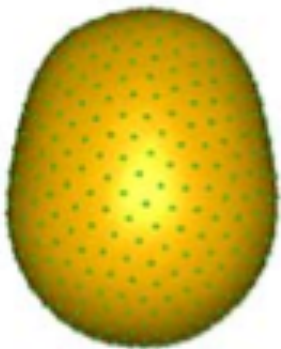


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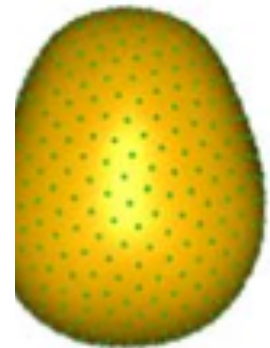
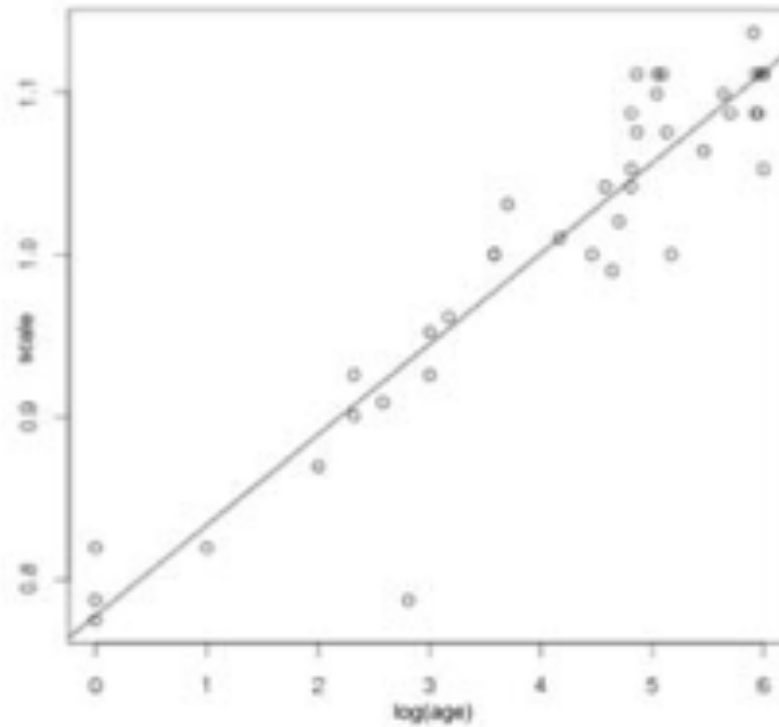
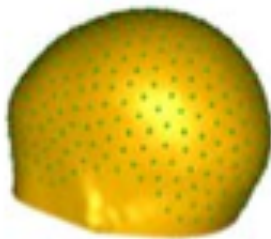
Expansion

Head shape

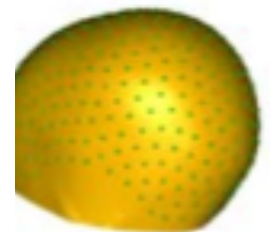
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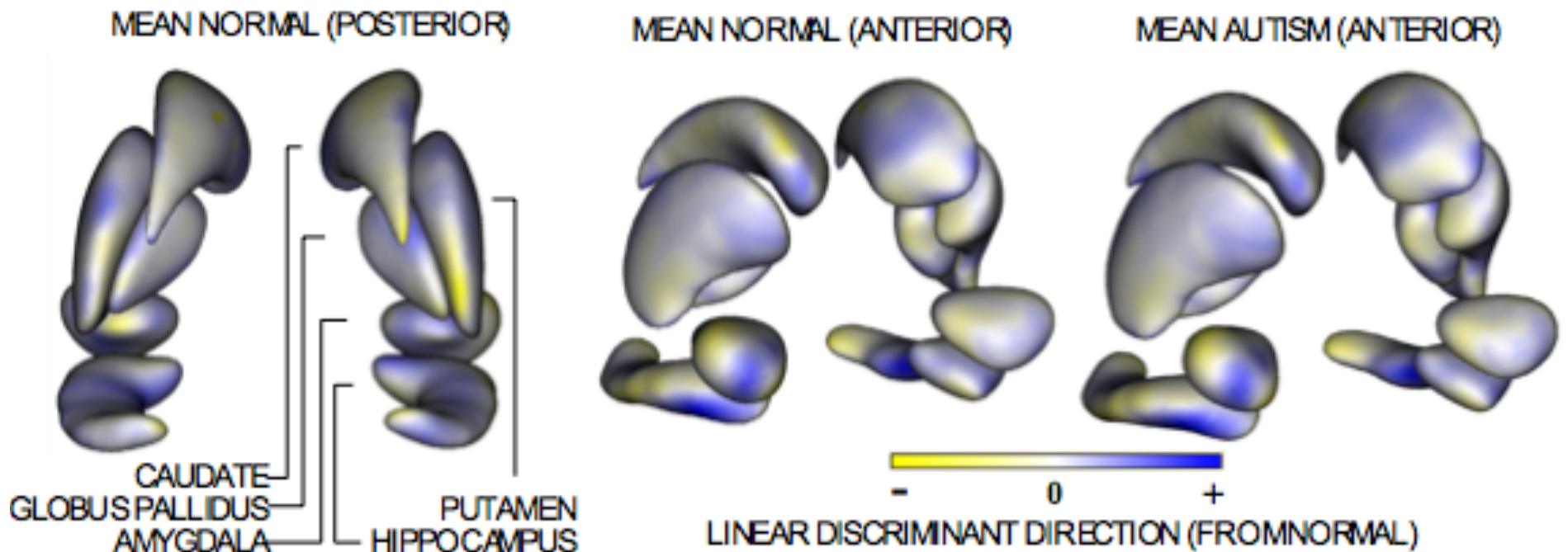
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6.0

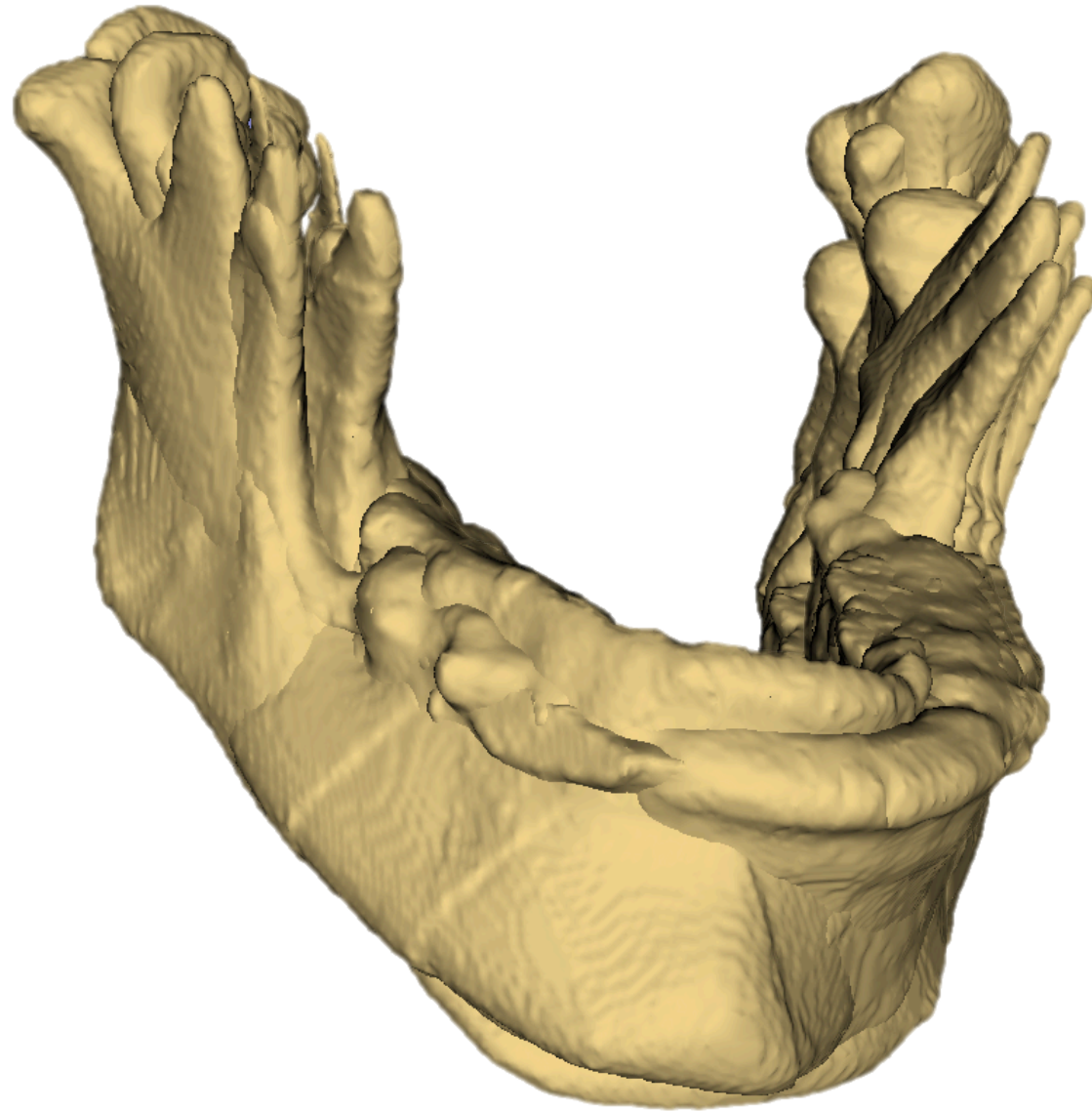


Subcortical shape complexes

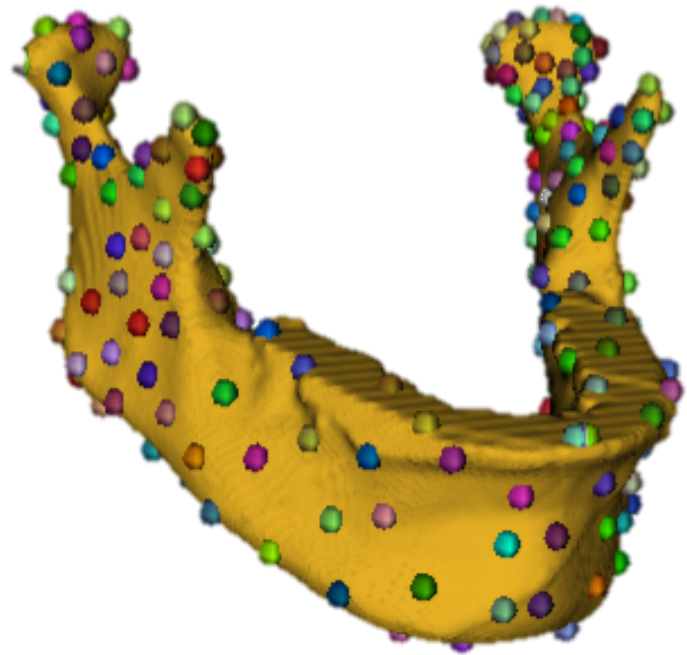
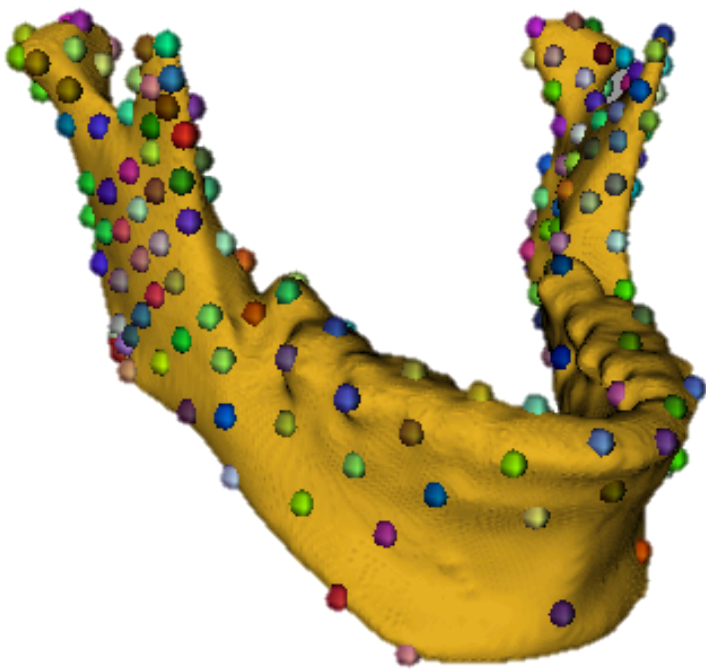


$$\mathbf{w} = (\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_a + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_b)^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\mu}_a - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b)$$

Cranio-facial bones



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Open Discussion

- Problems and pitfalls
 - Initialization vs correspondence
- Future work
 - Journal paper submitted to Computer Vision and Image Understanding – Special Issue in Shape
 - PNS
 - Target interesting applications

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