

# Maladies neurodégénératives et IA: vers une approche intégrative

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# William Utermolhen (1933-2007)

## Self-portraits



1967



1996



1997



1998



1999



2000

**1995: diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease**

# Alzheimer's disease and Neurodegenerative disorders



Language problems

Memory loss

Functionality loss

Apraxia

Memory impairment

Mood alterations

## Human and social costs

Most costly disease in Europe and USA

### Long-term care

Median life expectancy of 9 years

[Castro et al., *Dement Neuropsychol.* 2010]

### Impact on caregivers

66-75% of average family income

[Castro et al., *Dement Neuropsychol.* 2011]

### Global Health care

50 million people affected in 2018

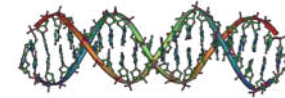
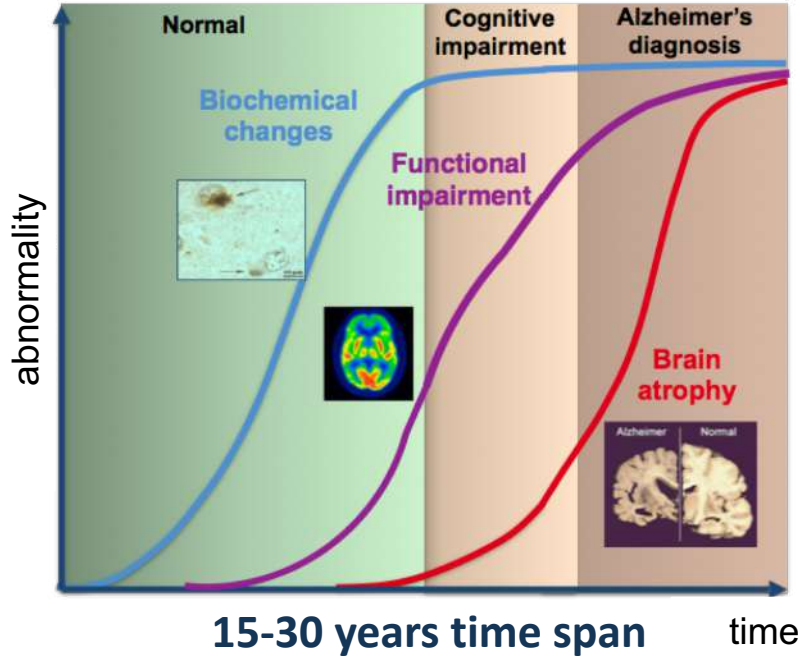
1 trillion \$ cost worldwide in 2018

Source World Alzheimer Report 2018 ([alz.co.uk](http://alz.co.uk))

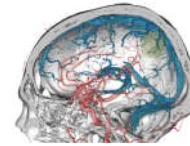


# Dynamics of neurodegeneration

Jack et al, Lancet Neurol 2010;  
Frisoni et al, Nature Rev Neurol 2010



Genetics



Vascularity



Sociodemographic



Microbiome

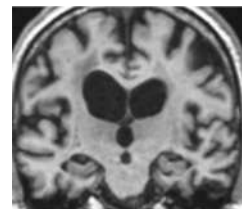
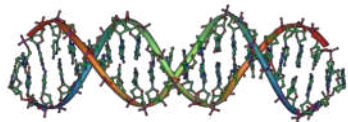
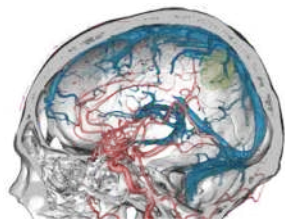
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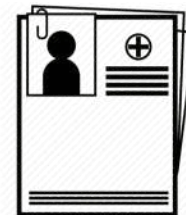
# Data Science meets biomedical research

## - Better understanding of the pathology

How to integrate heterogenous biomedical measures?



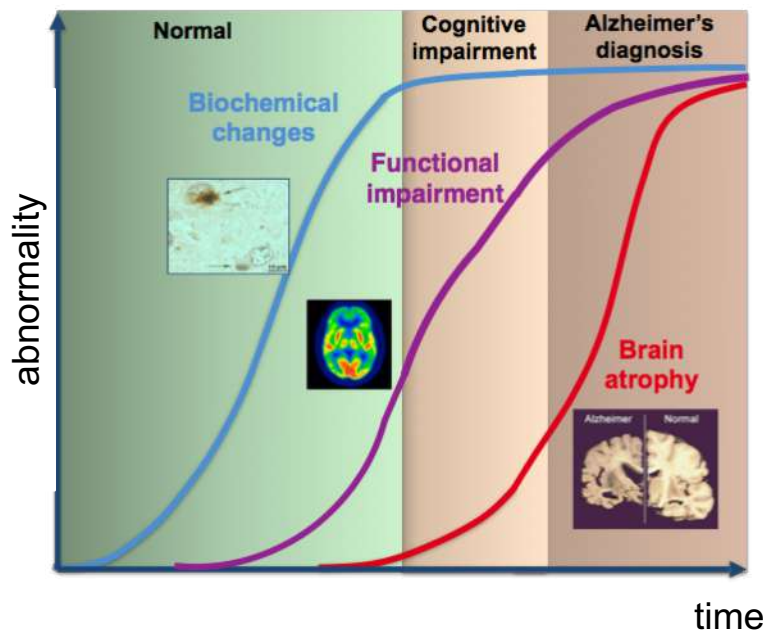
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# Data Science meets biomedical research

## - Early diagnosis for better cure

How to predict and interpret a pathological evolution?



# Challenges

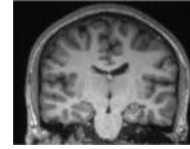
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- How to unveil the biological mechanisms of the pathology?



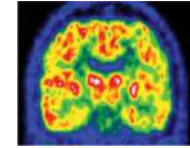
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# Generative representation of the disease



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$X_2$

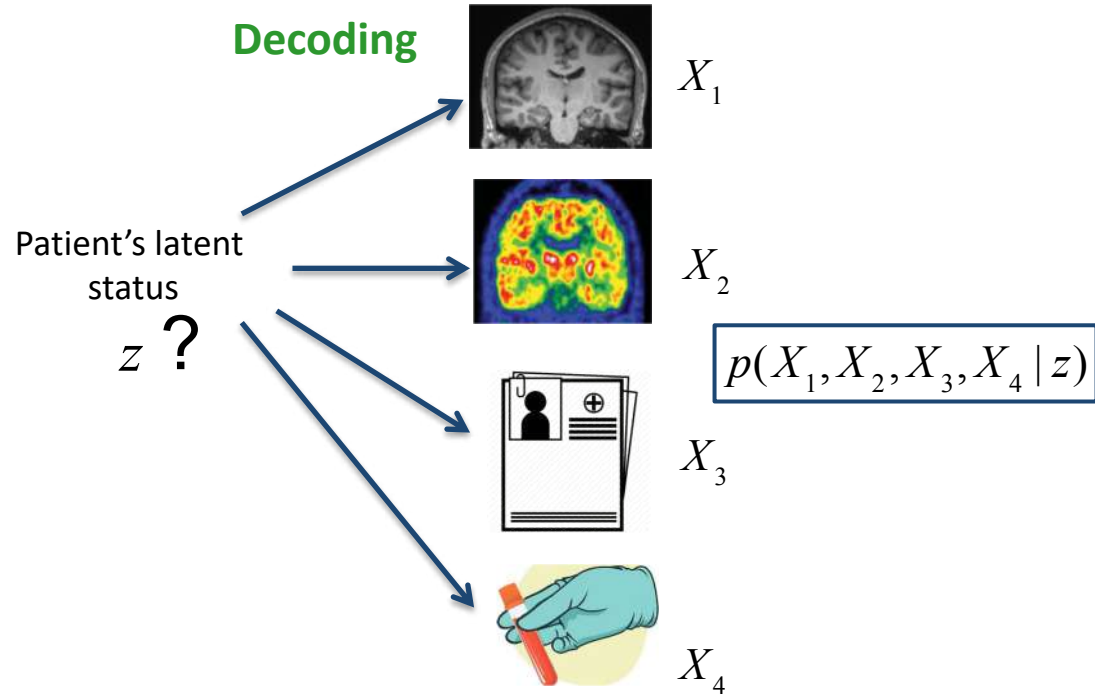


$X_3$



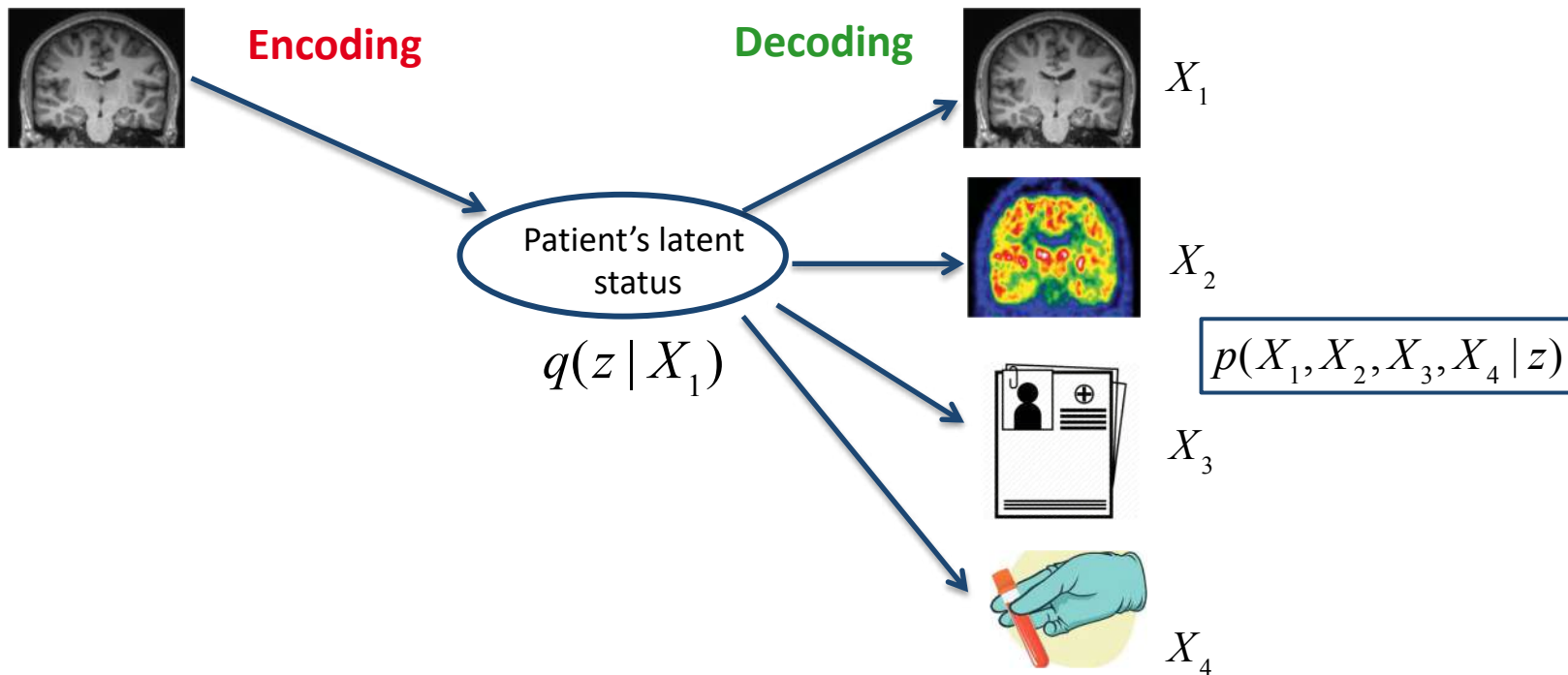
$X_4$

# Generative representation of the disease



**Decoding: data reconstruction from the latent representation**

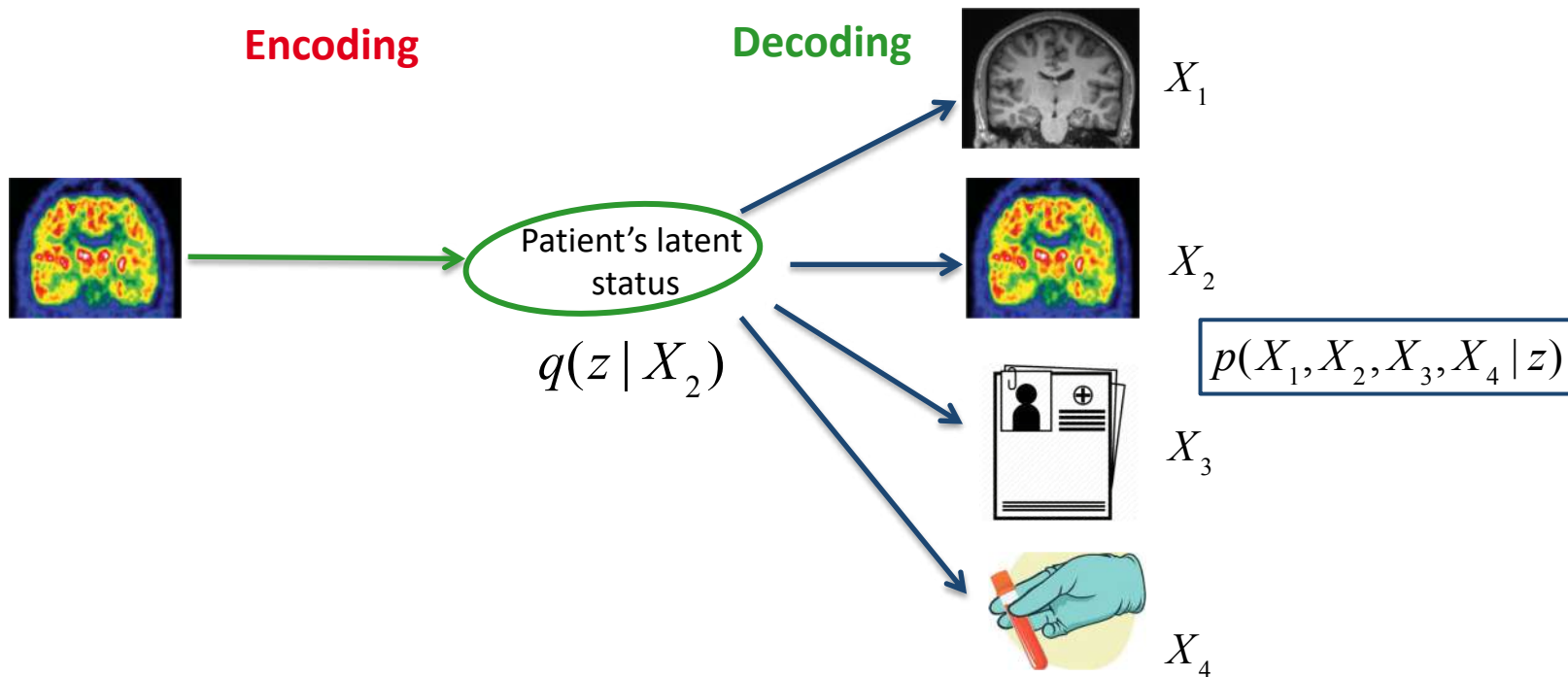
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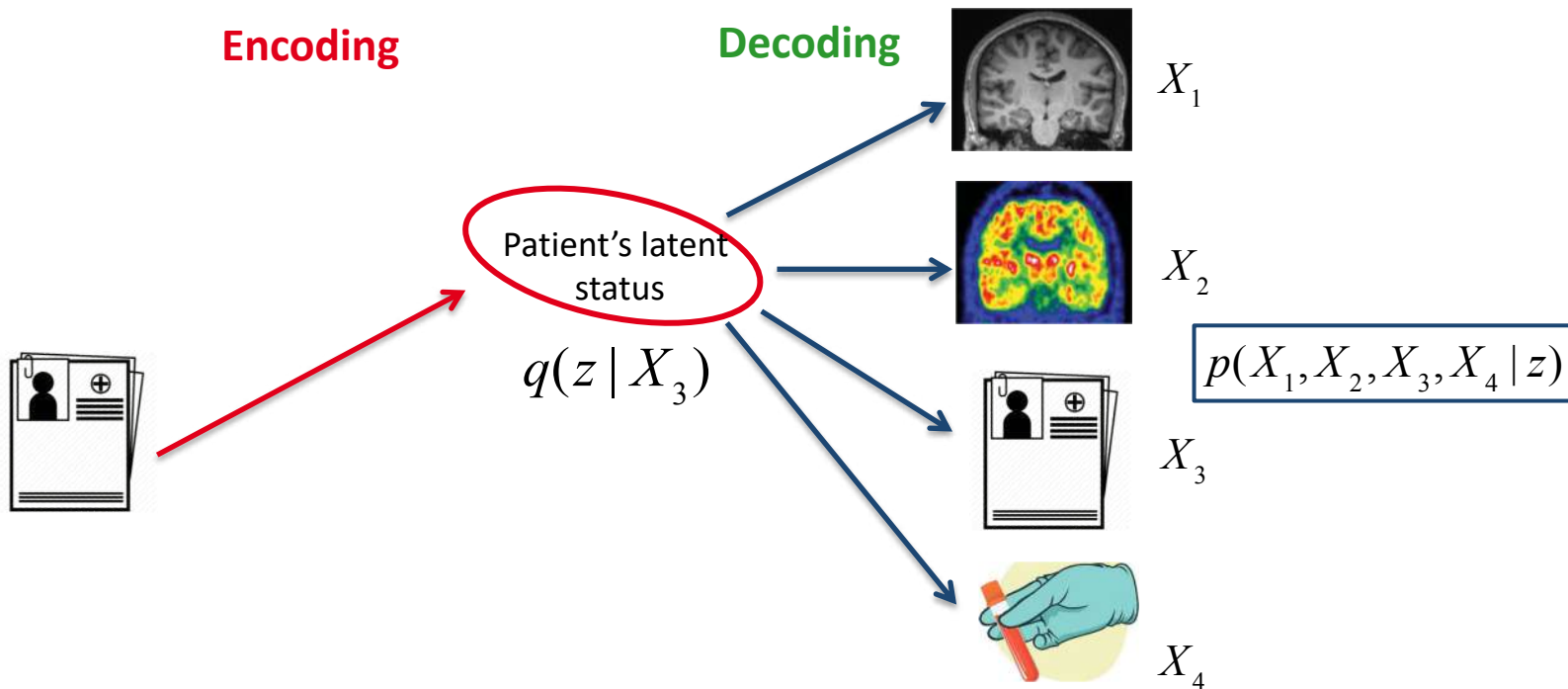
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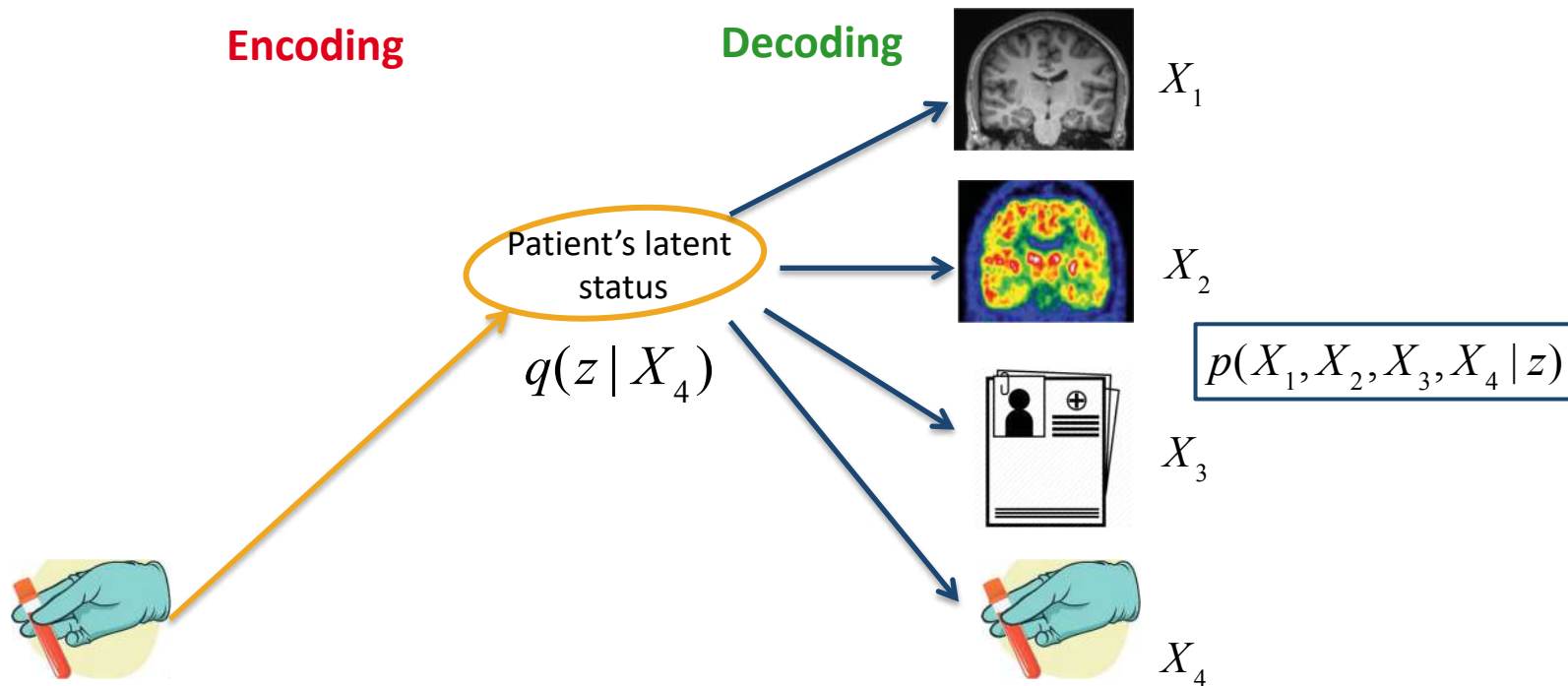
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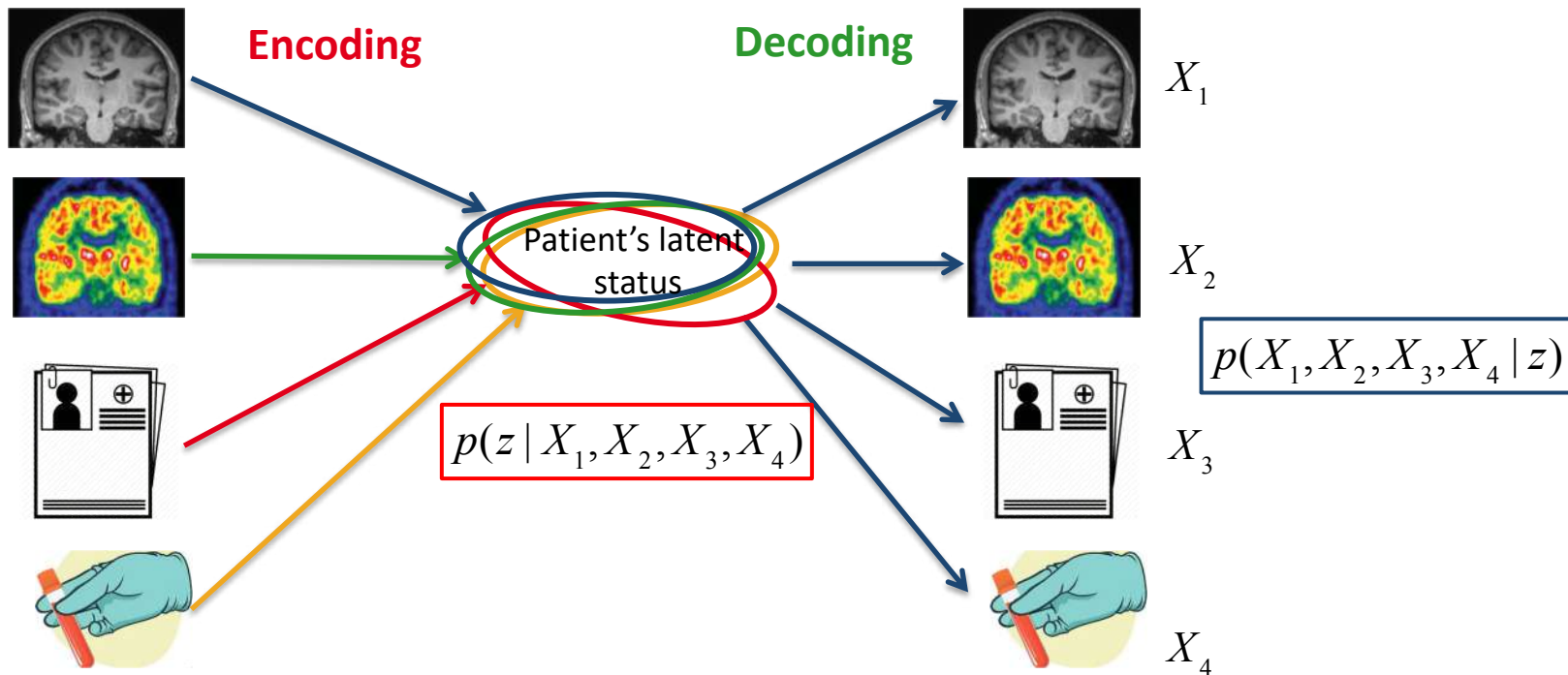
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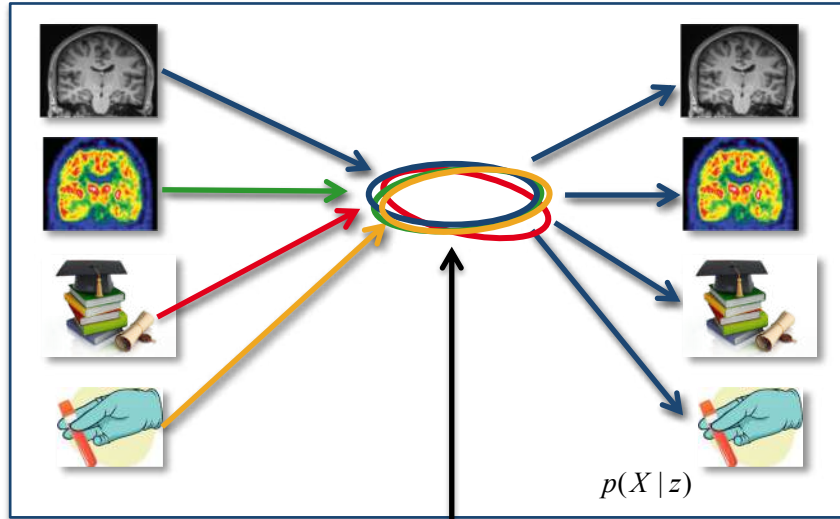


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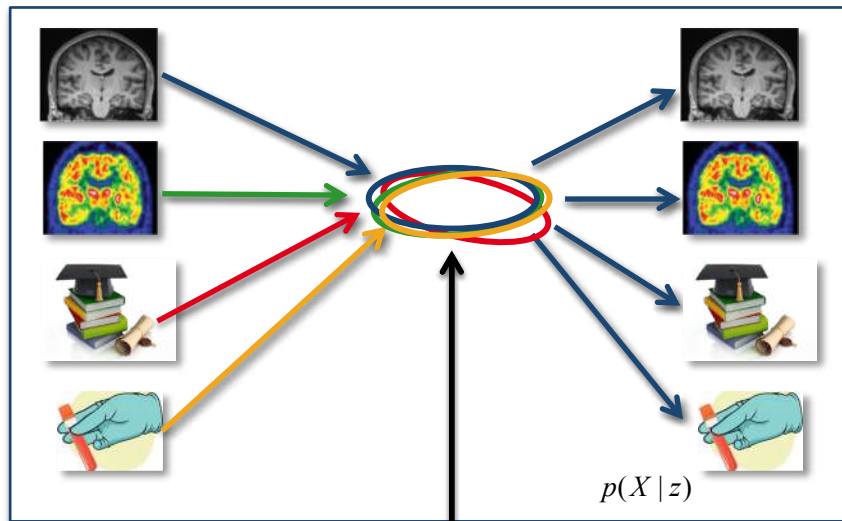
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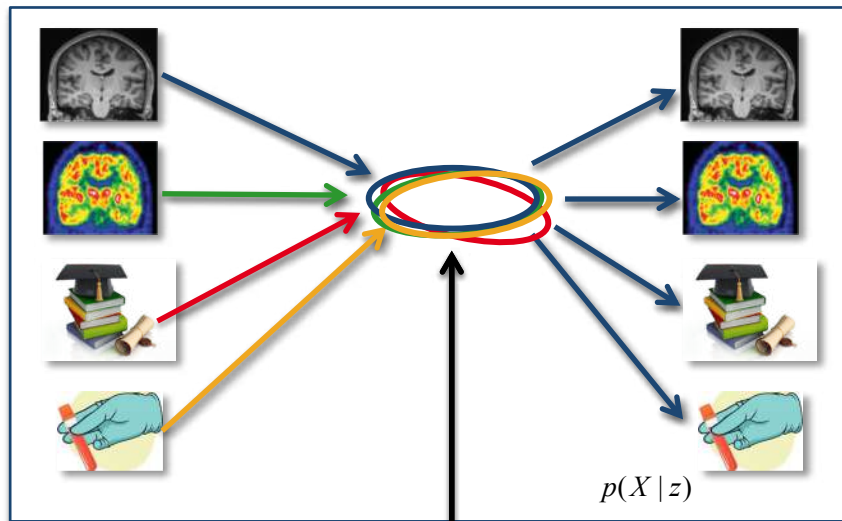
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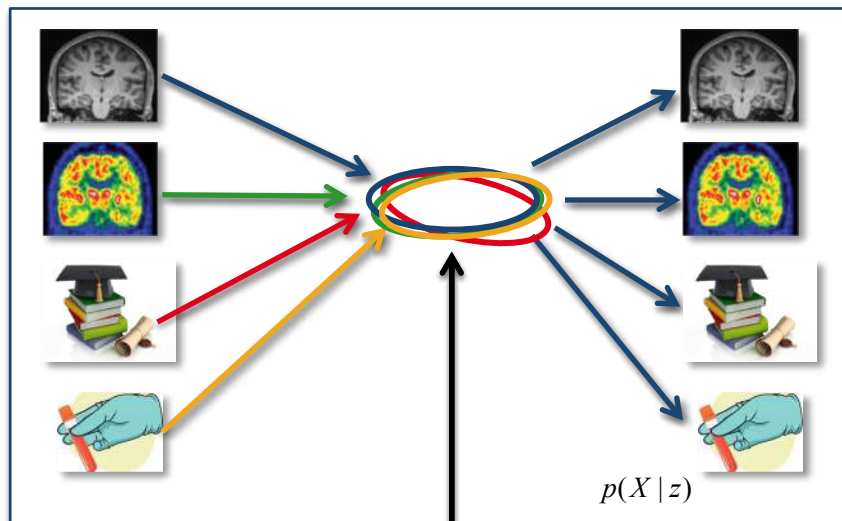
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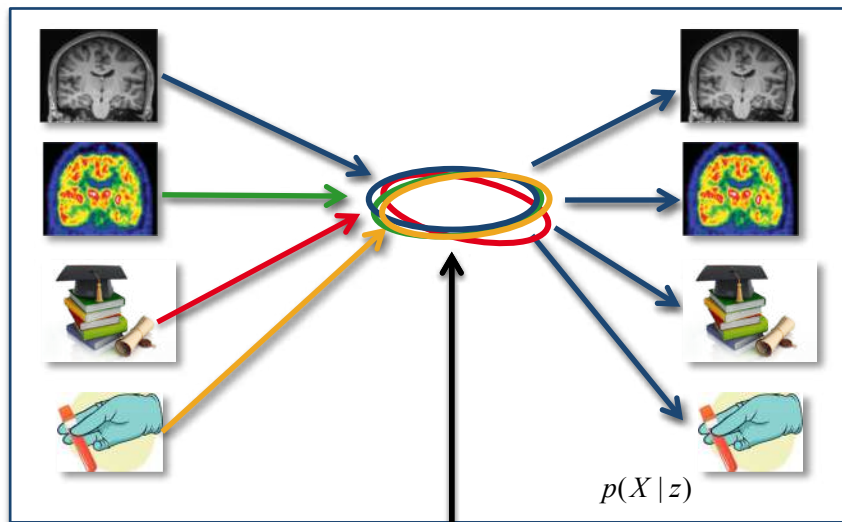
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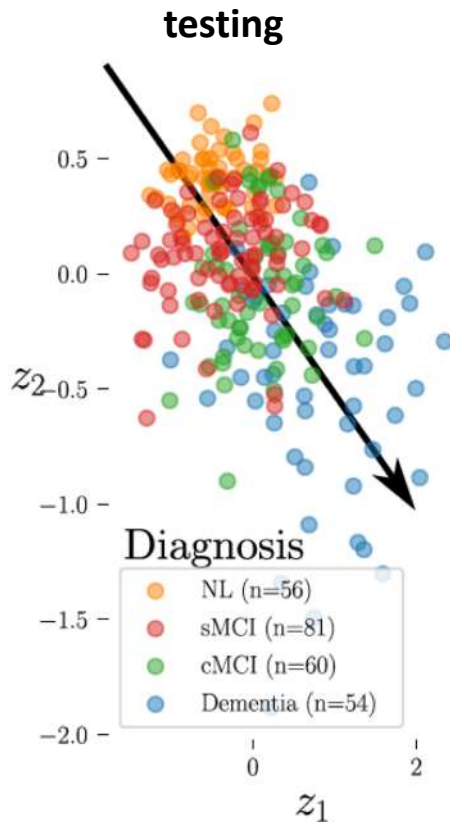
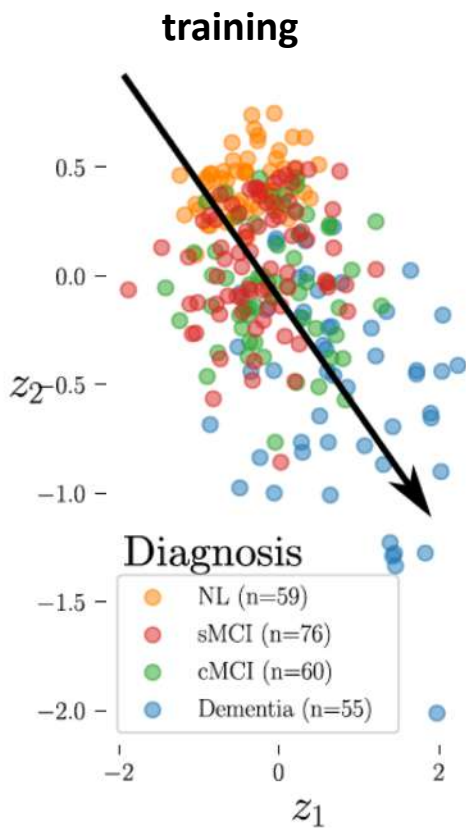
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Regularization: sparsity inducing prior

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

# Prediction from latent space

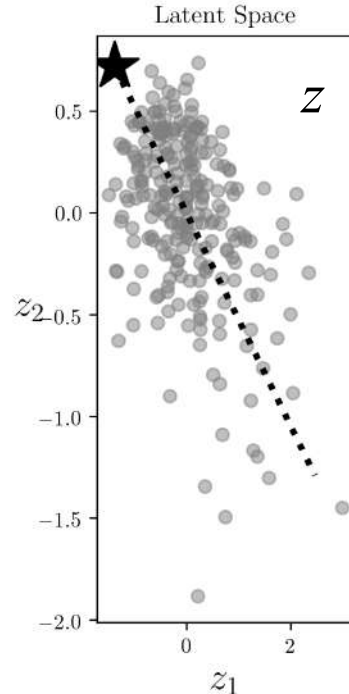


## Joint modeling of

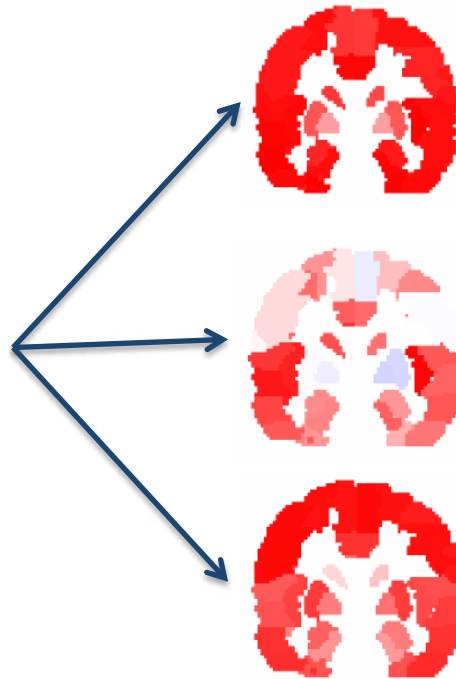
- Brain imaging:
  - Structural (T1 MRI)
  - Molecular (FDG-PET + Amy-PET)
- Socio-demographic factors
- Clinical scores

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

# Generation from latent space



Patient's latent status



Atrophy abnormality (MRI)

Metabolism abnormality (FDG)

Amyloid abnormality (AV45)

healthy

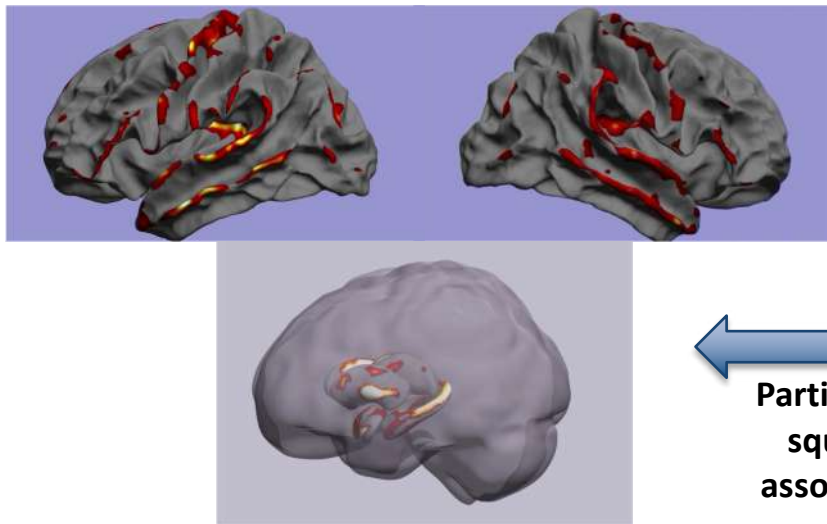


pathological

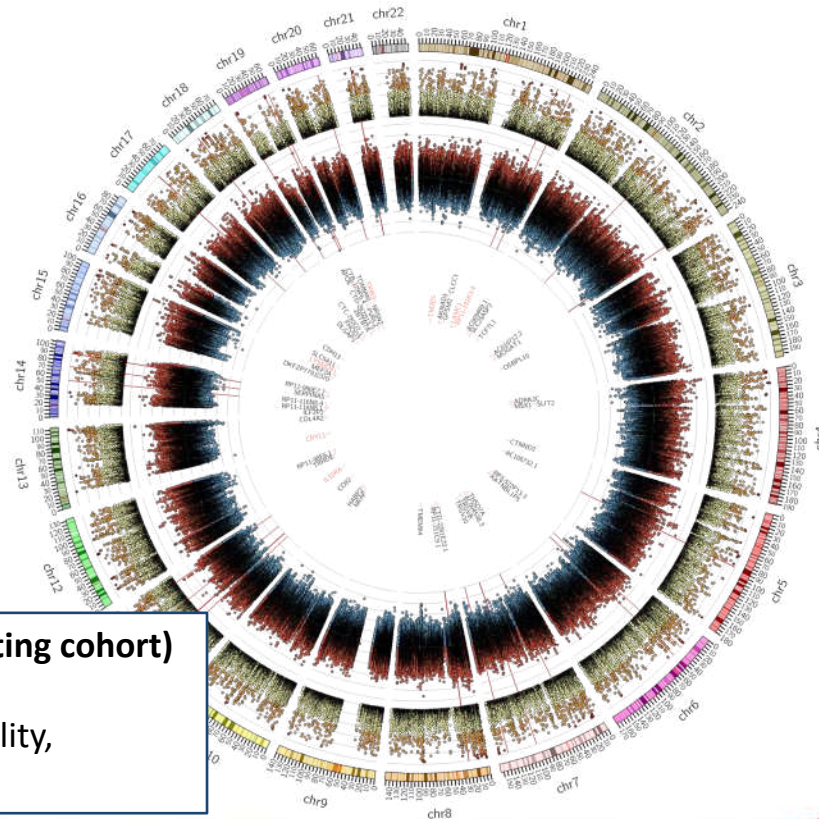
- Improved interpretability
- Multi-channel: working with missing data/data imputation
- Simulations for clinical trials

# Another illustration: multivariate Imaging-genetics

Atrophy profile from brain imaging



Genome



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

**TRIB3 gene (significant on testing cohort)**

- neuronal cell death,
- modulation of PSEN1 stability,
- interaction with APP.



# Integrating heterogeneous biomedical measures

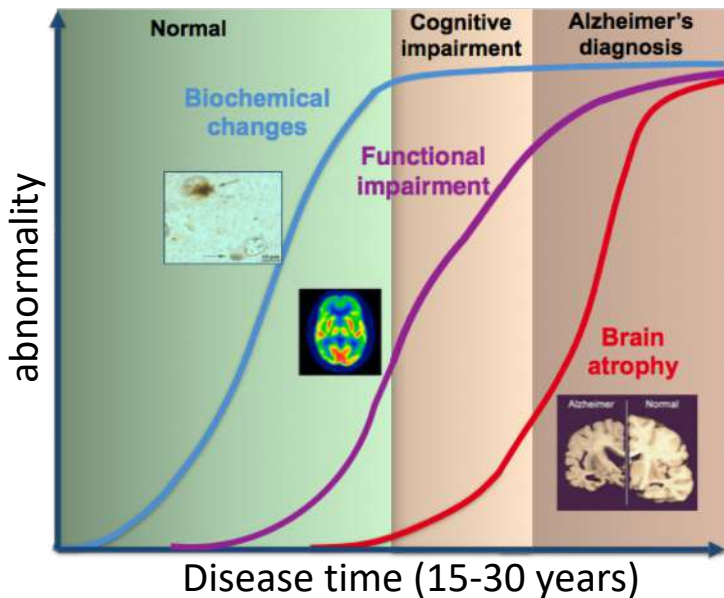
- Latent variable models provide powerful discovery tools
- Specific properties needed: scalability, flexibility, interpretability
- Curse of dimensionality and generalization:  
    Synergy between data scientists, biologists and clinicians

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# Modeling the natural history of neurodegeneration

## Hypothetical model



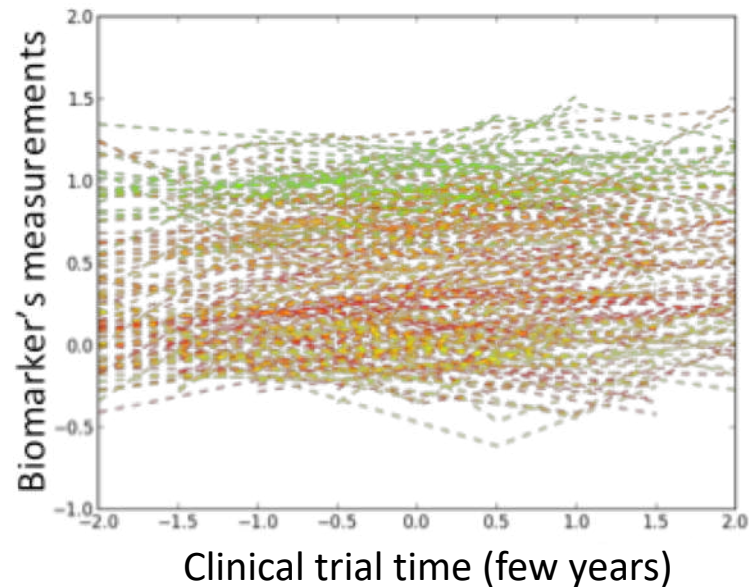
Large time span

?

Assessing

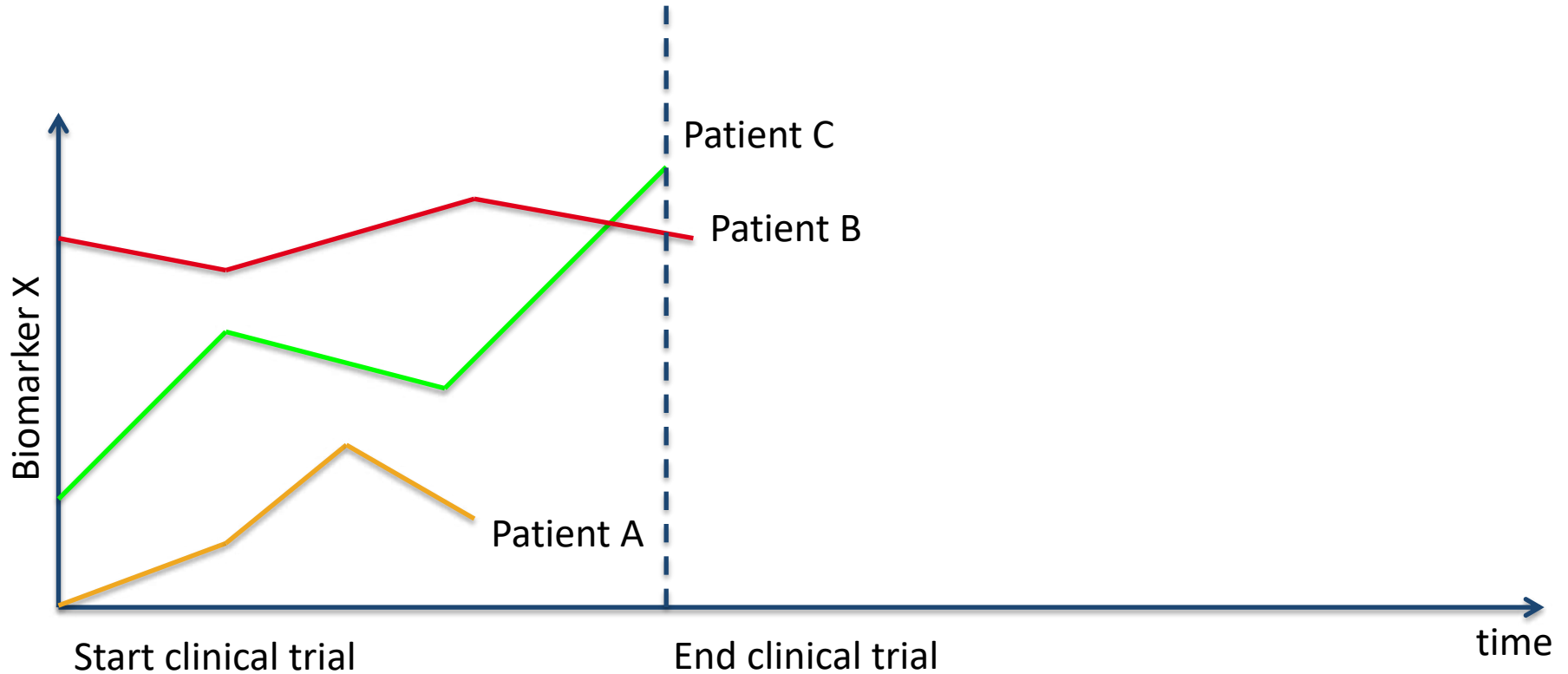
- Patient severity
- Drugs effect

## The reality

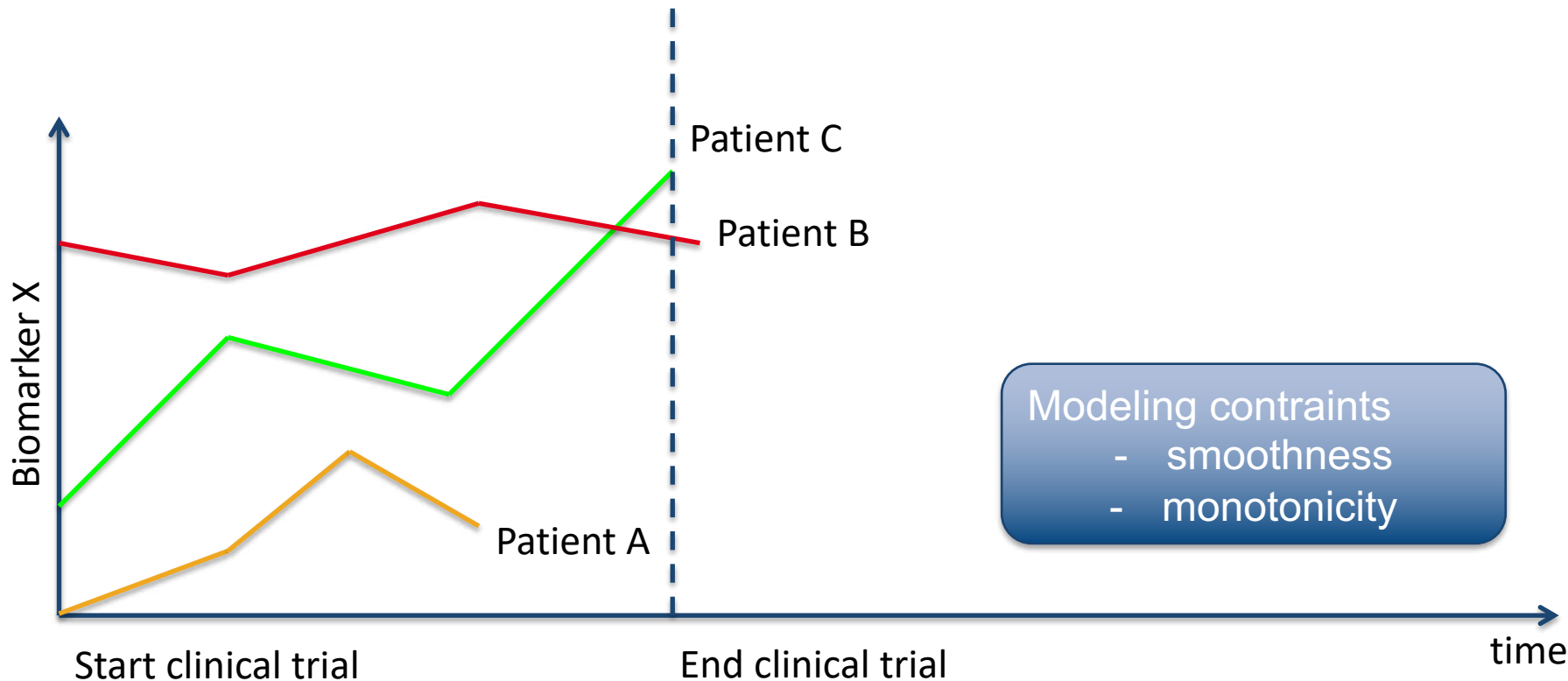


Short time span

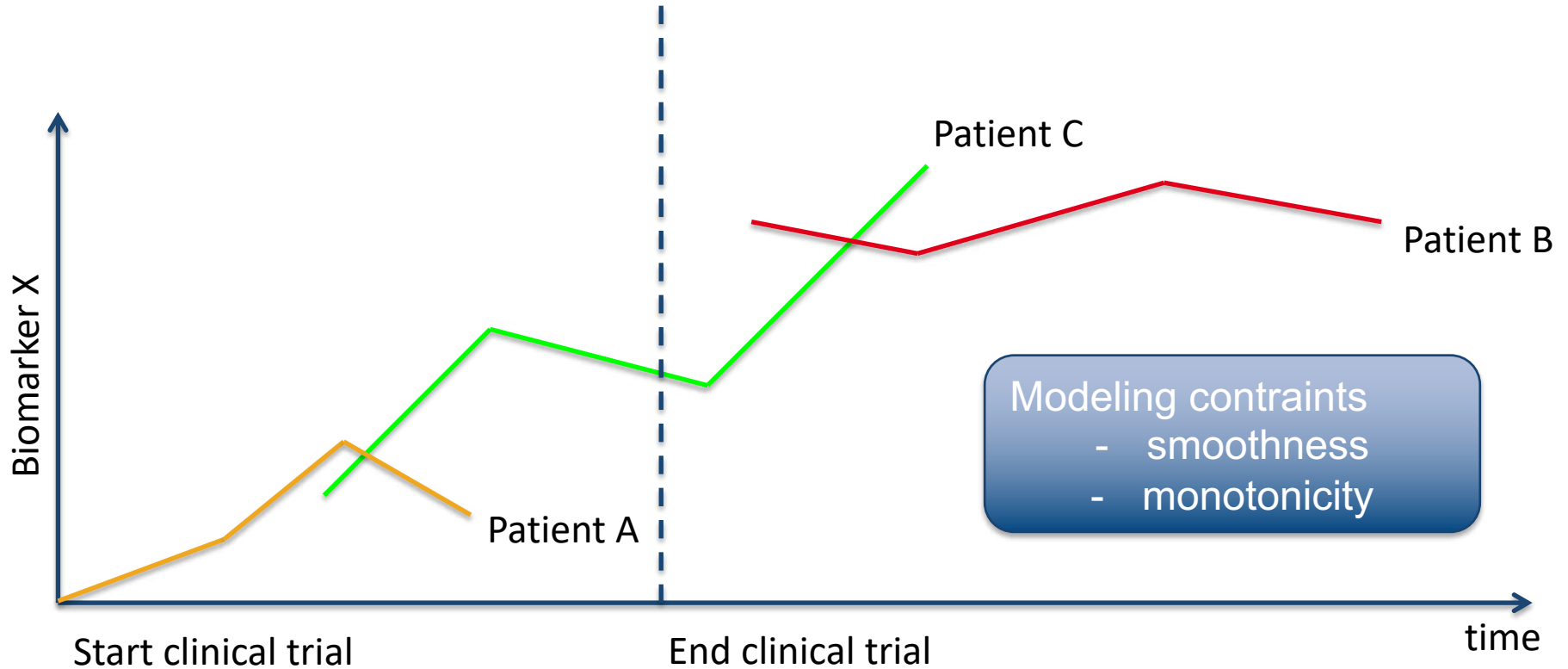
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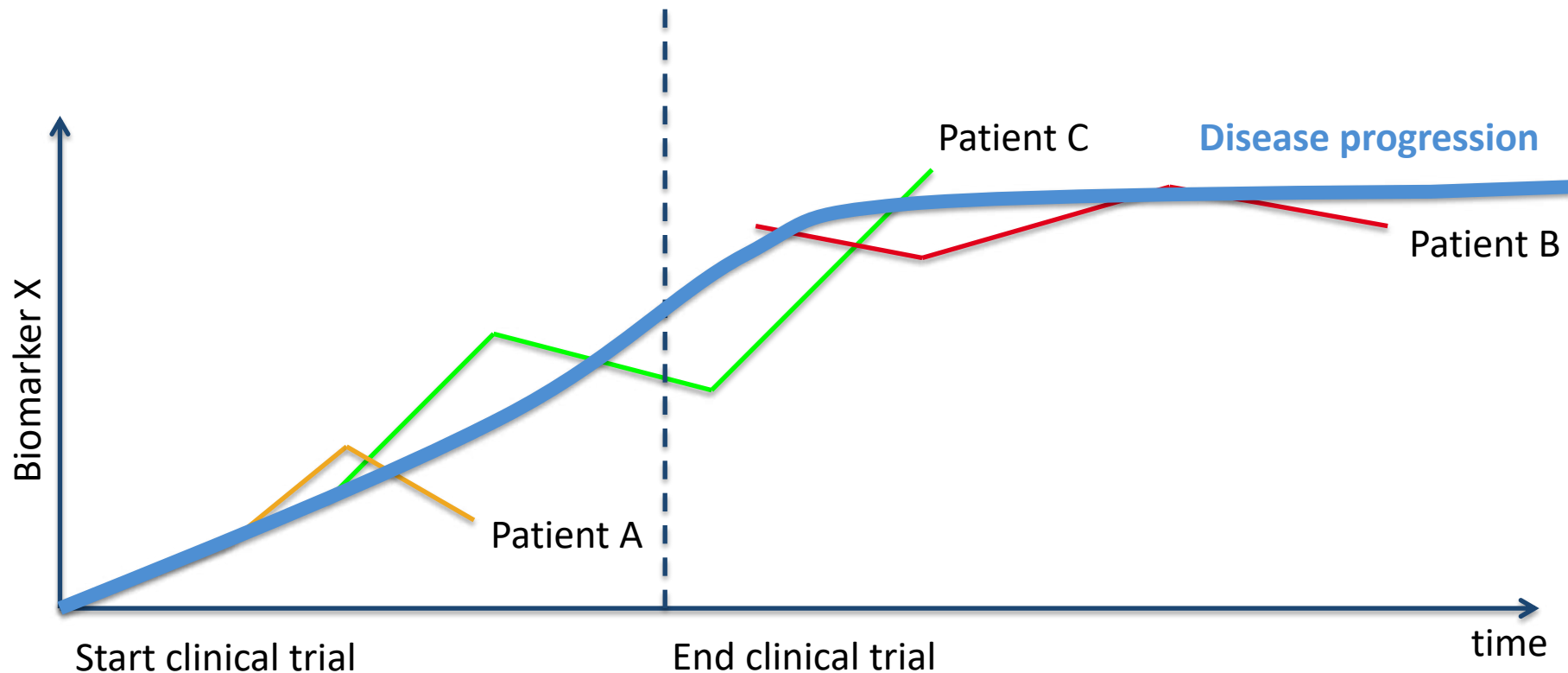
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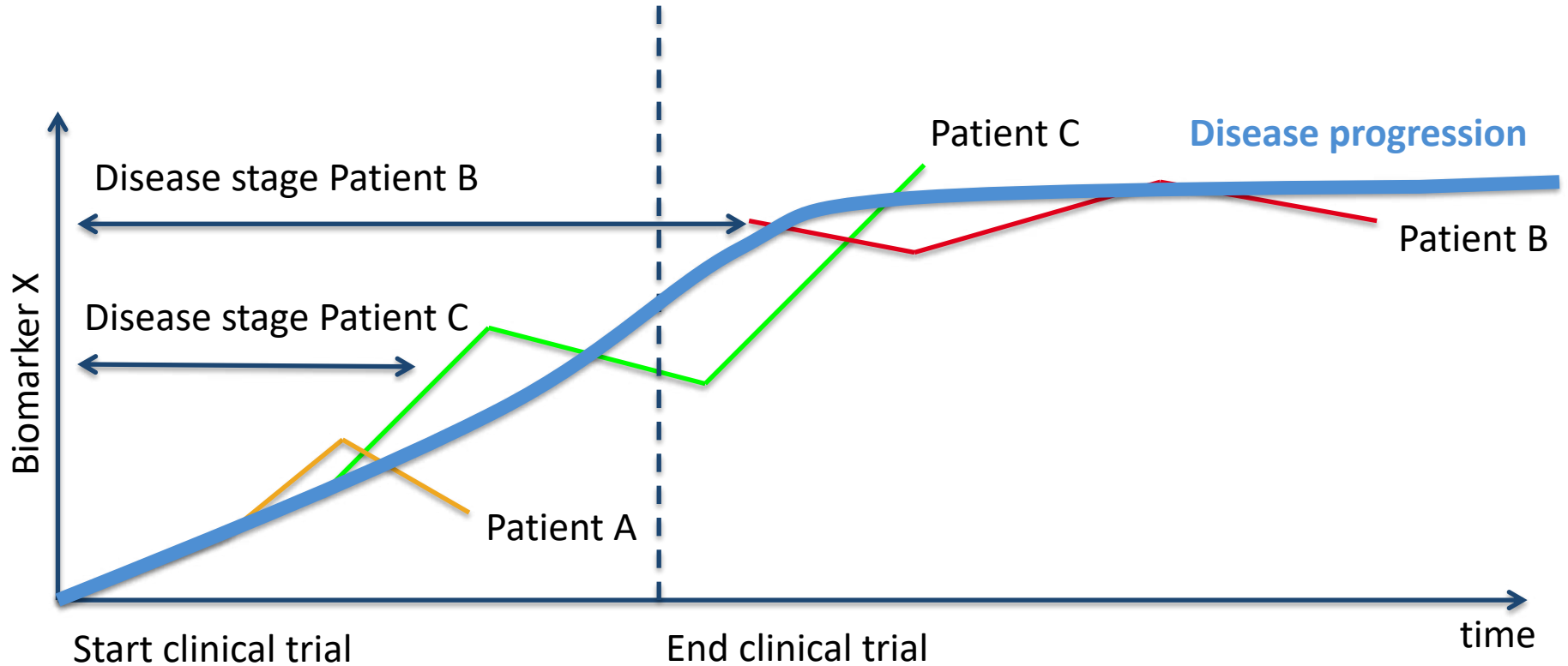
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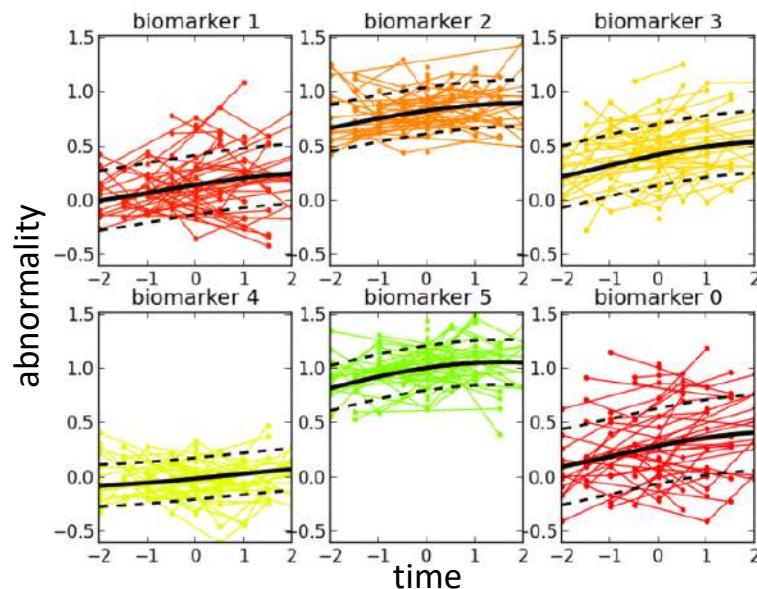
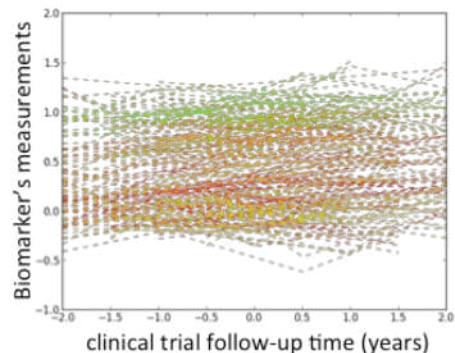
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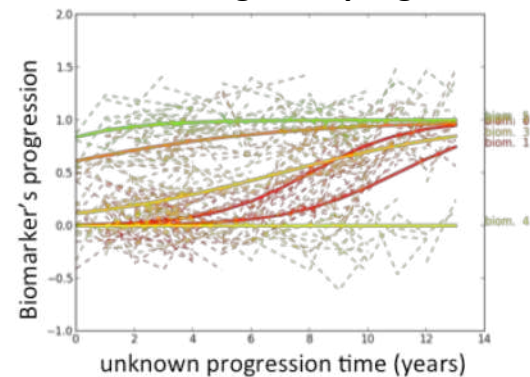


# Statistical disease progression model via monotonic Gaussian Processes (GP)

Short term data

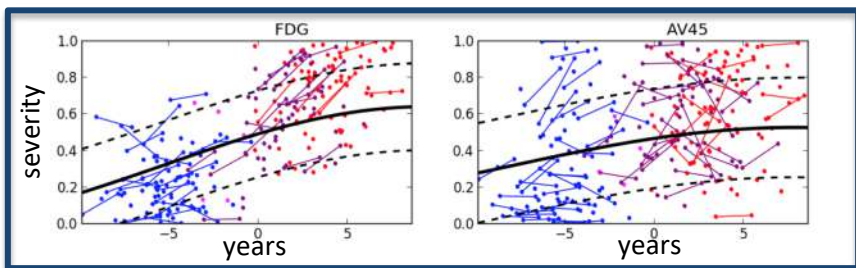


Estimated long term progressions



- Multivariate non-parametric random effects modeling
- Monotonic GP [Riihimäki & Vehtari, PMLR, 2010; Lorenzi & Filippone, ICML, 2018]
- Time reparameterization [Jedynak et al, NeuroImage 2012; Durrleman et al, IJCV, 2013; Schiratti et al, NIPS 2015]

# Highlighting **dynamics** and **relationship** between biomarkers



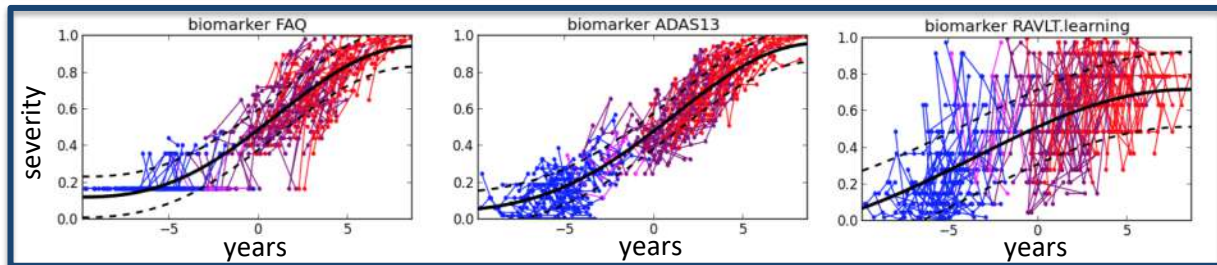
Metabolism + Amyloid

200 training subjects

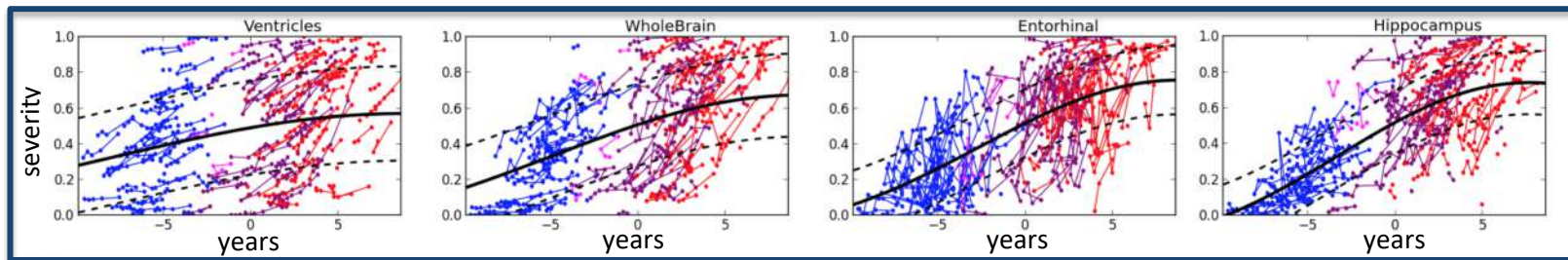
- 67 healthy
- 75 AD
- 53 MCI converted
- 5 healthy converted



5 years observational time

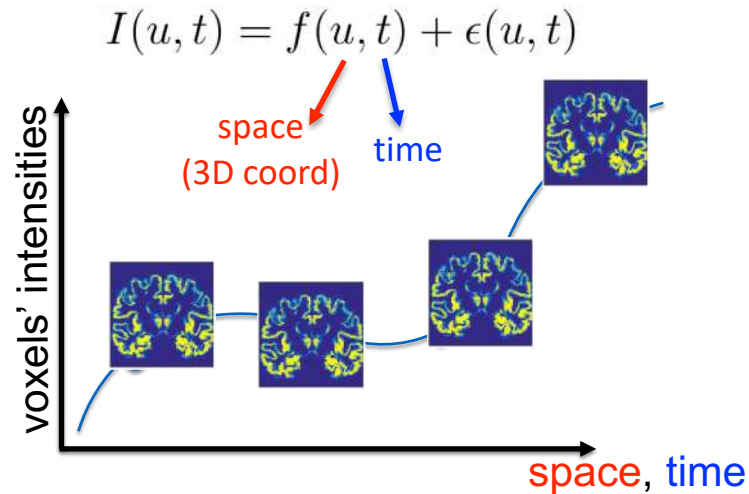


Cognition



Brain Volumes

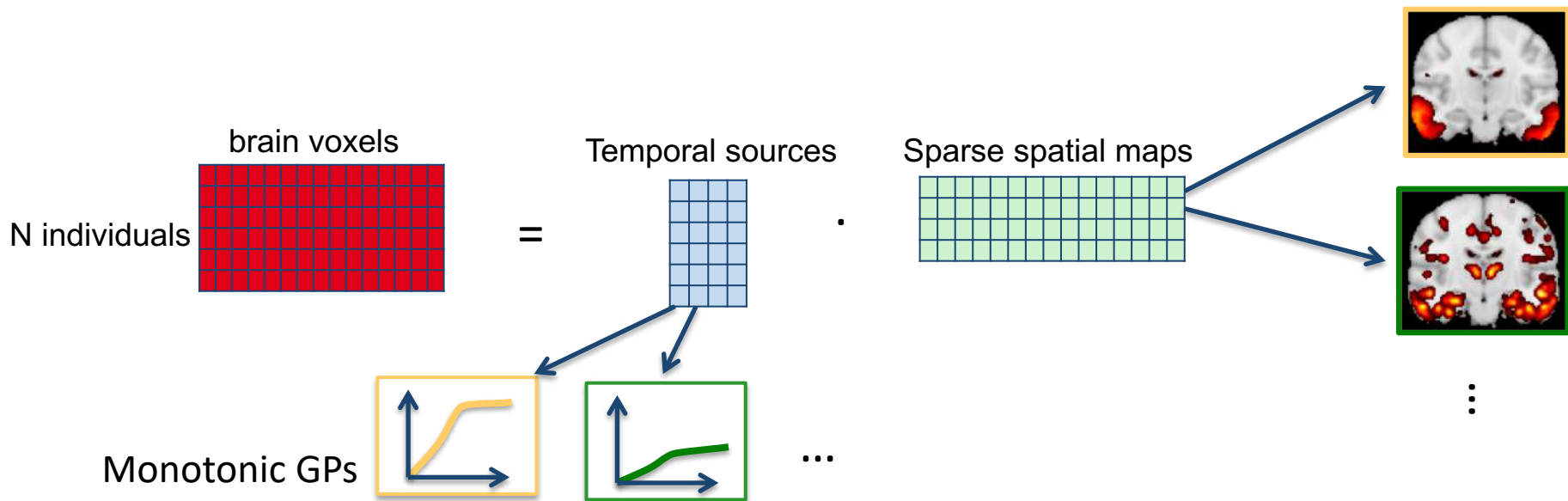
# In-silico model of brain pathology



## Representing the full disease process

- Structure  
MRI
- Hypometabolism  
FDG PET
- Clinical status  
ADAS 11, MMSE, ...

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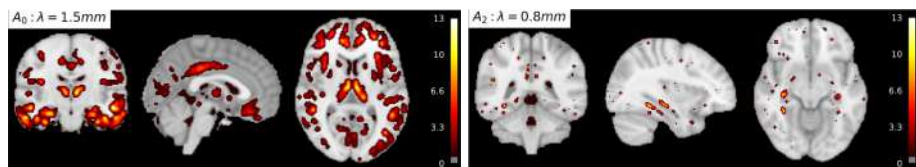


## Efficient formulation through stochastic variational inference:

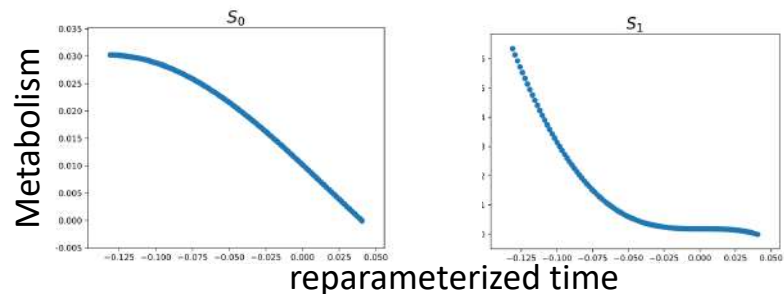
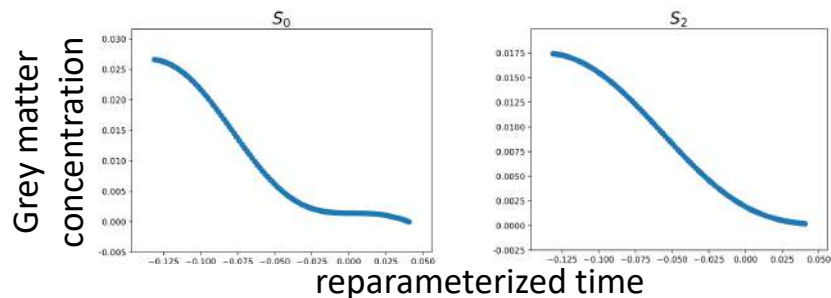
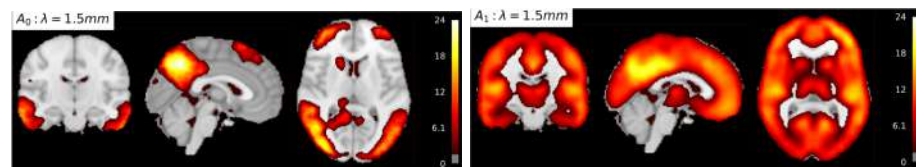
- Random feature expansion for GP regression [Cutajar et al, ICML 2017]
- Monotonic constraint in deep GP [Lorenzi & Filippone, ICML 2018]
- Variational dropout for sparsity and model selection [Kingma et al, NIPS, 2015; Molchanov et al, ICML 2017]

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## MRI (atrophy)



## FDG-PET (hypometabolism)



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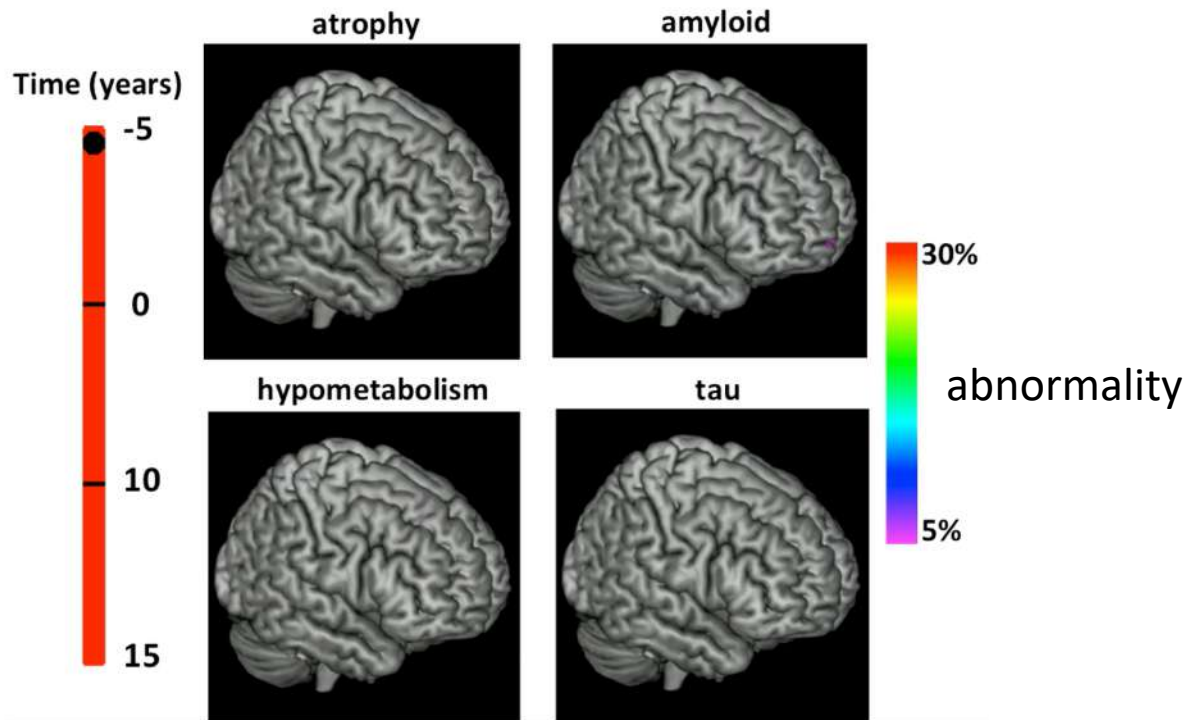
**572 individuals**

131 healthy

320 impaired

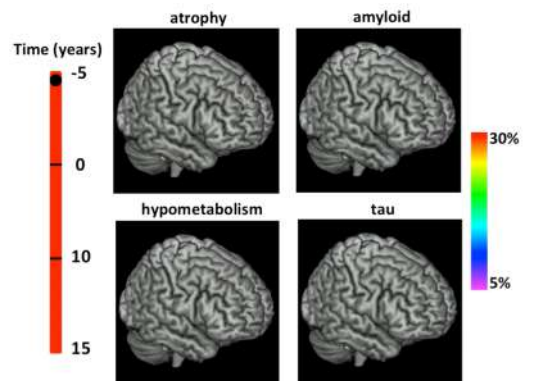
121 Alzheimer's

5 years max  
follow-up



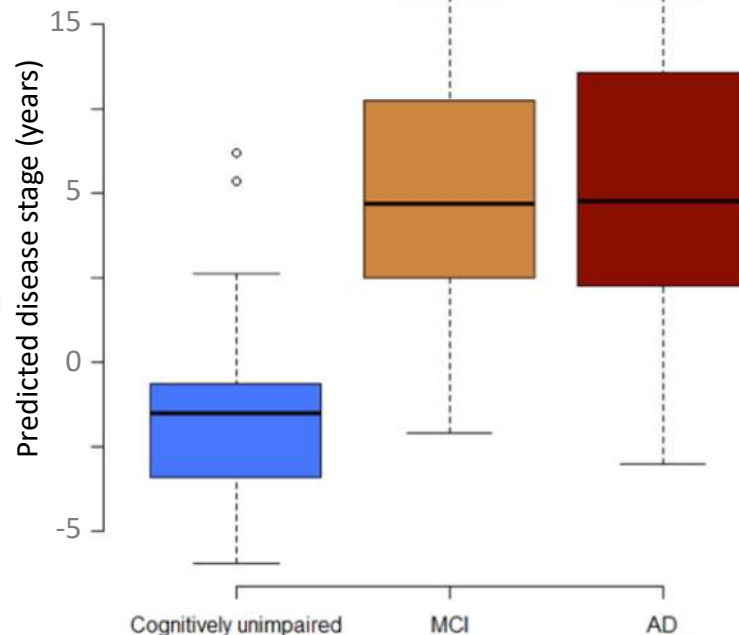
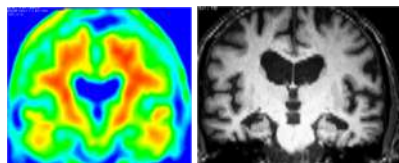
# Neurodegeneration model as reference for independent studies

Geneva Memory Clinic cohort (91 individuals)



Most likely  
time point?

test subject



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Instructions:

- Data should be in .csv format (comma separated)
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- Marco Lorenzi and Maurizio Filippone. *Constraining the Dynamics of Deep Probabilistic Models*. Proceedings of the 35th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), PMLR 80:3233-3242, 2018.

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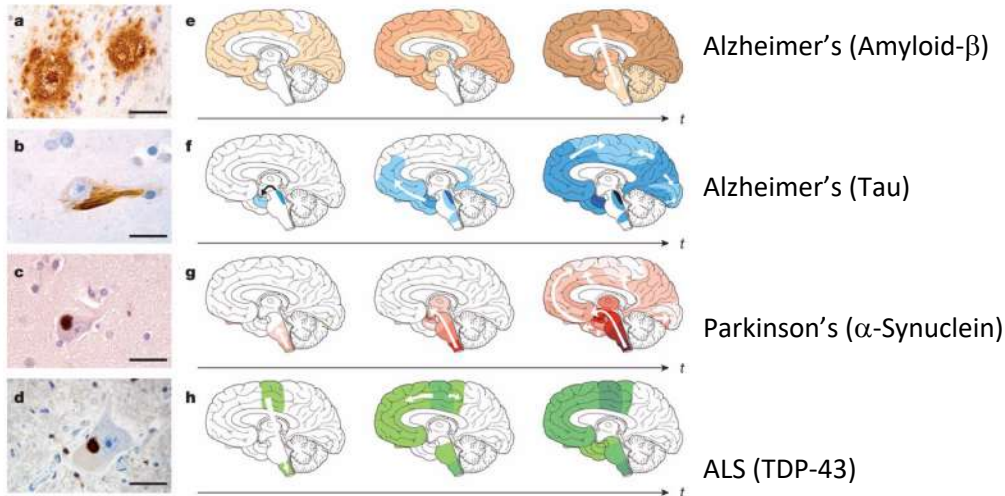
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# Self-propagation of pathogenic protein aggregates in neurodegenerative diseases

Mathias Jucker  & Lary C. Walker 

Nature **501**, 45–51 (05 September 2013) | [Download Citation](#) 

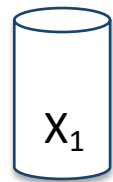


Neurodegeneration as  
prion-like disease across  
brain architectures

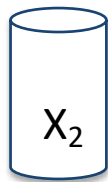
Mechanisms still unclear!  
Modeling and inference of  
disease dynamics?

From Jucker and Walker, Nature, 2013

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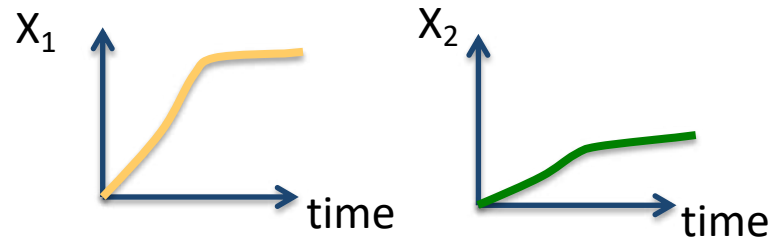


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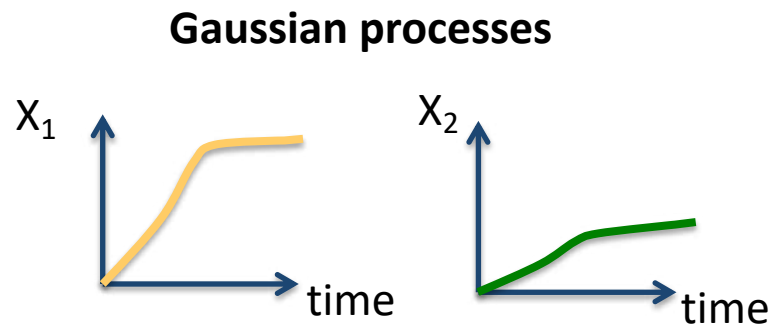
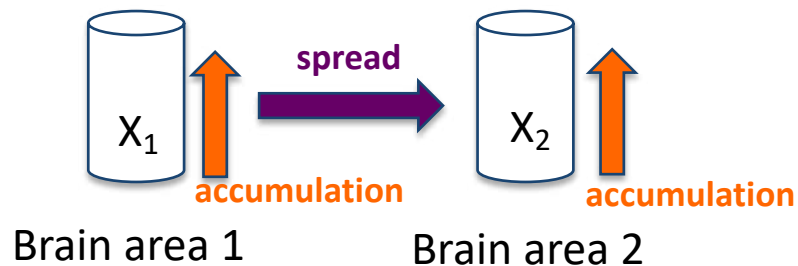


Brain area 2

## Gaussian processes

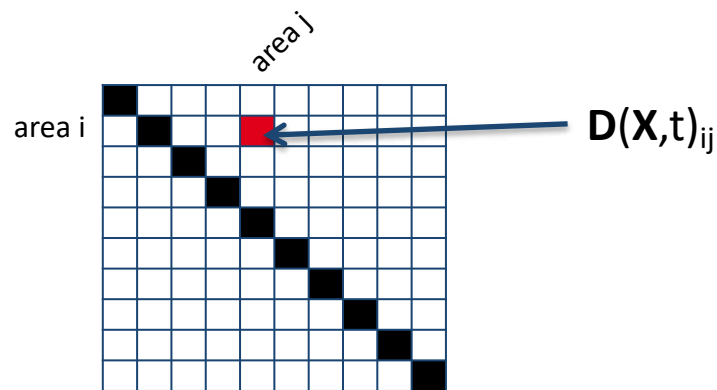


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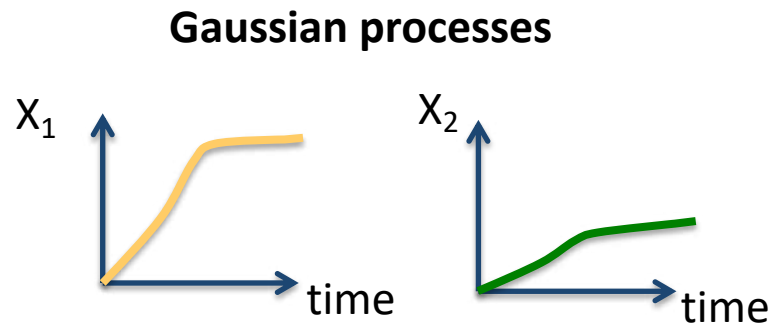
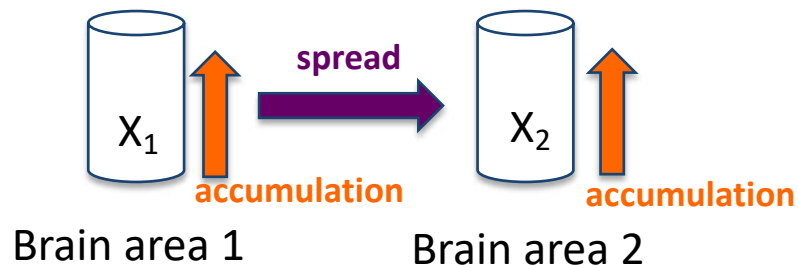


**Dynamical System  
Modeling**

$$d\mathbf{X}/dt = \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{X},t) \mathbf{X}$$



# Data-driven inference of propagation dynamics



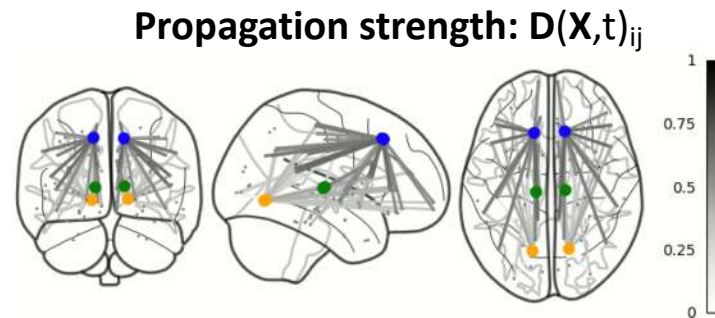
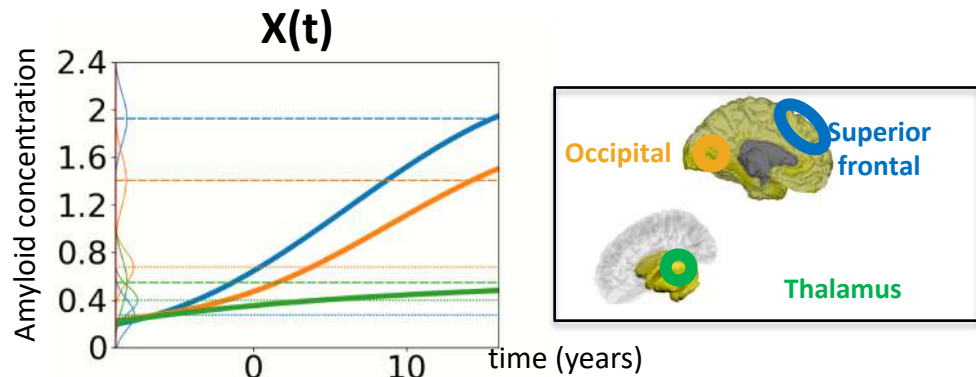
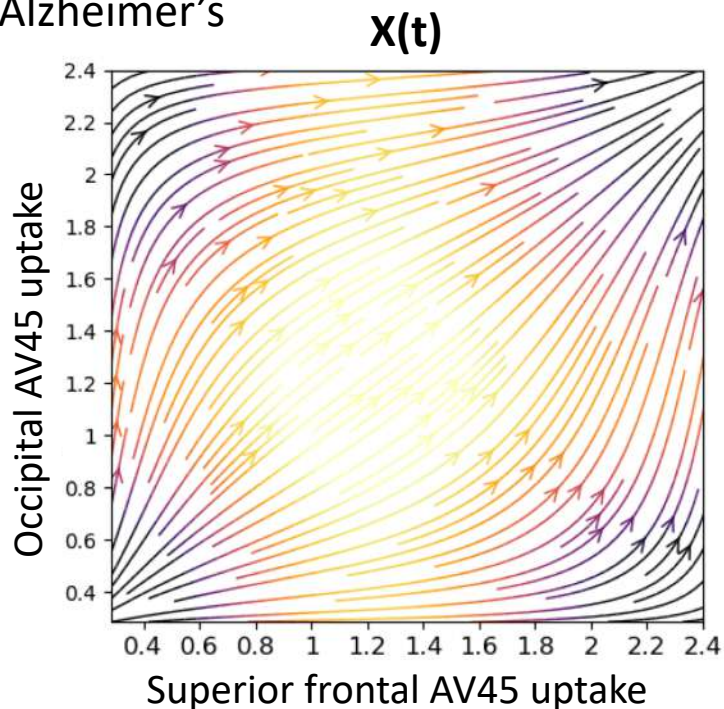
**Dynamical System  
Modeling**

$$d\mathbf{X}/dt = \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{X},t) \mathbf{X}$$

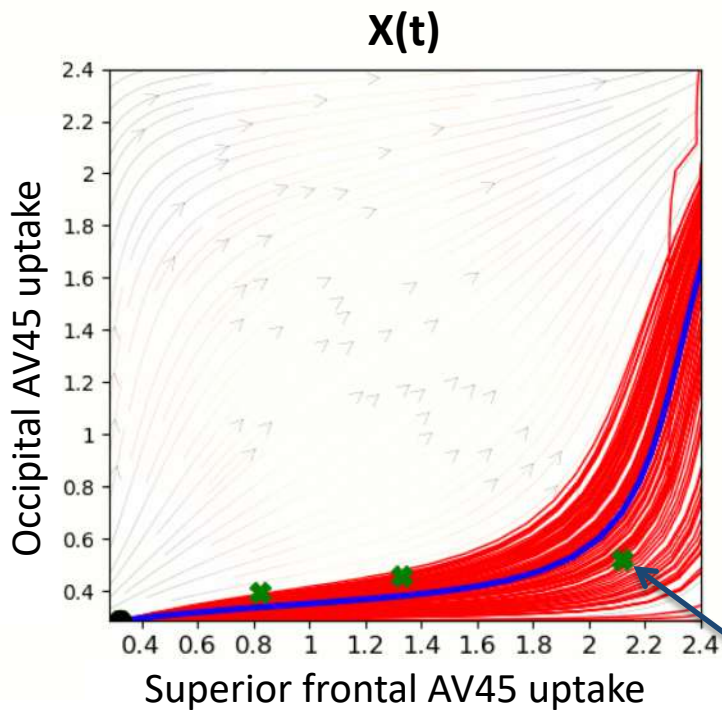
- **GP for dynamical systems modeling**  
[Lorenzi & Filippone, ICML 2018]
- **Modeling AV45-PET imaging data**
- **Time reparameterization**

# Learned propagation dynamics

1090 individuals  
369 healthy  
526 impaired  
195 Alzheimer's

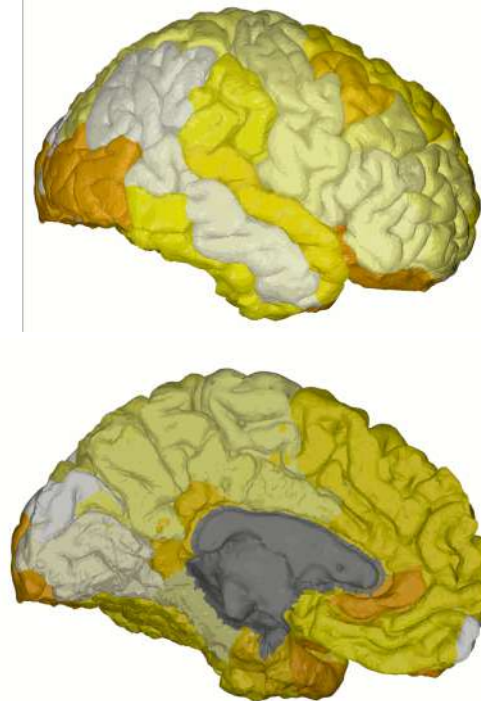


# Personalization



Observed data

Whole brain AV45 uptake



## Prediction and interpretation of pathological evolutions

- A long-term progression model can be estimated from short-term clinical data  
*cfr. L'imagerie médicale et apprentissage automatique: vers une intelligence artificielle?*  
Collège de France, 2 may 2018
- Biological/Clinical statistical constraints: improved plausibility and reliability
- Valuable quantitative tool: diagnosis and clinical trials





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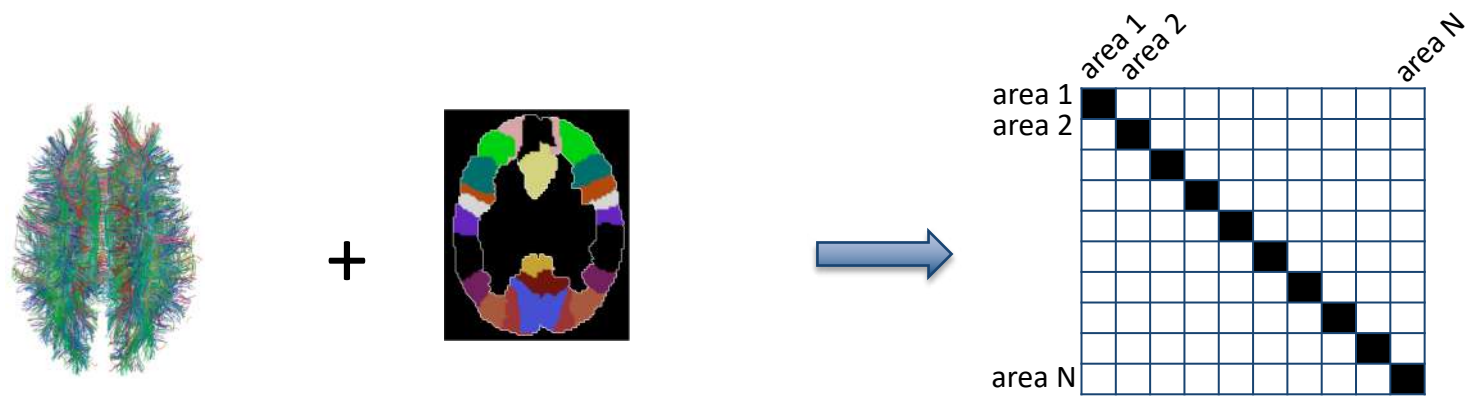


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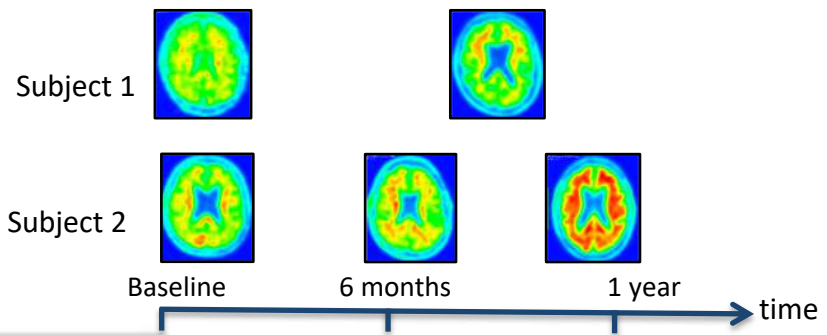
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**Thank you!**

# Brain architecture: structural connectivity across anatomical areas

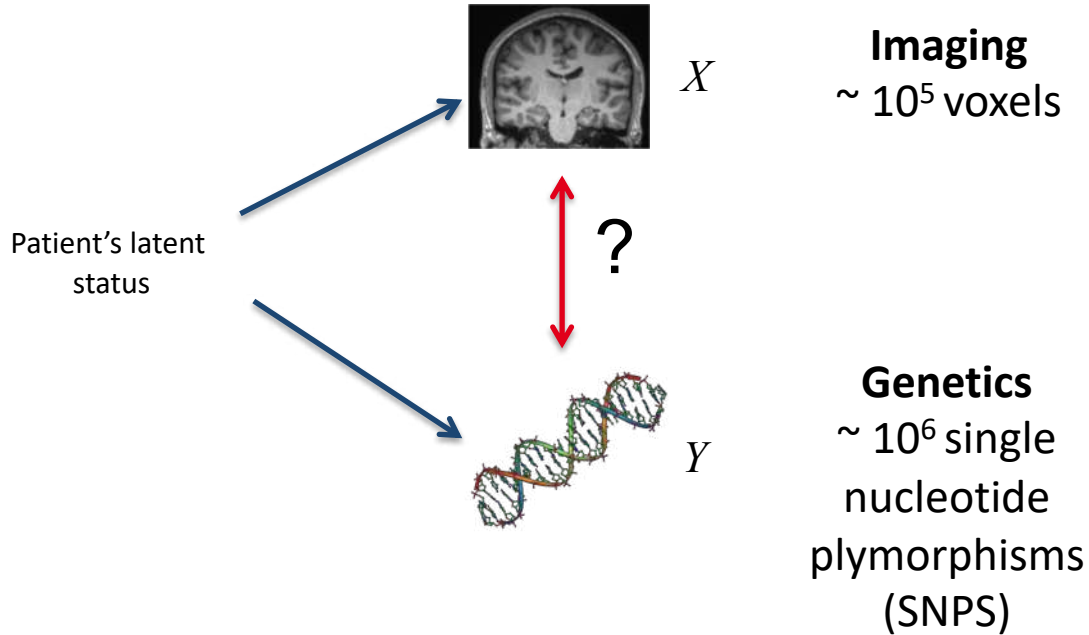


## A proxy for protein deposition: data collections of longitudinal AV45-PET amyloid scans

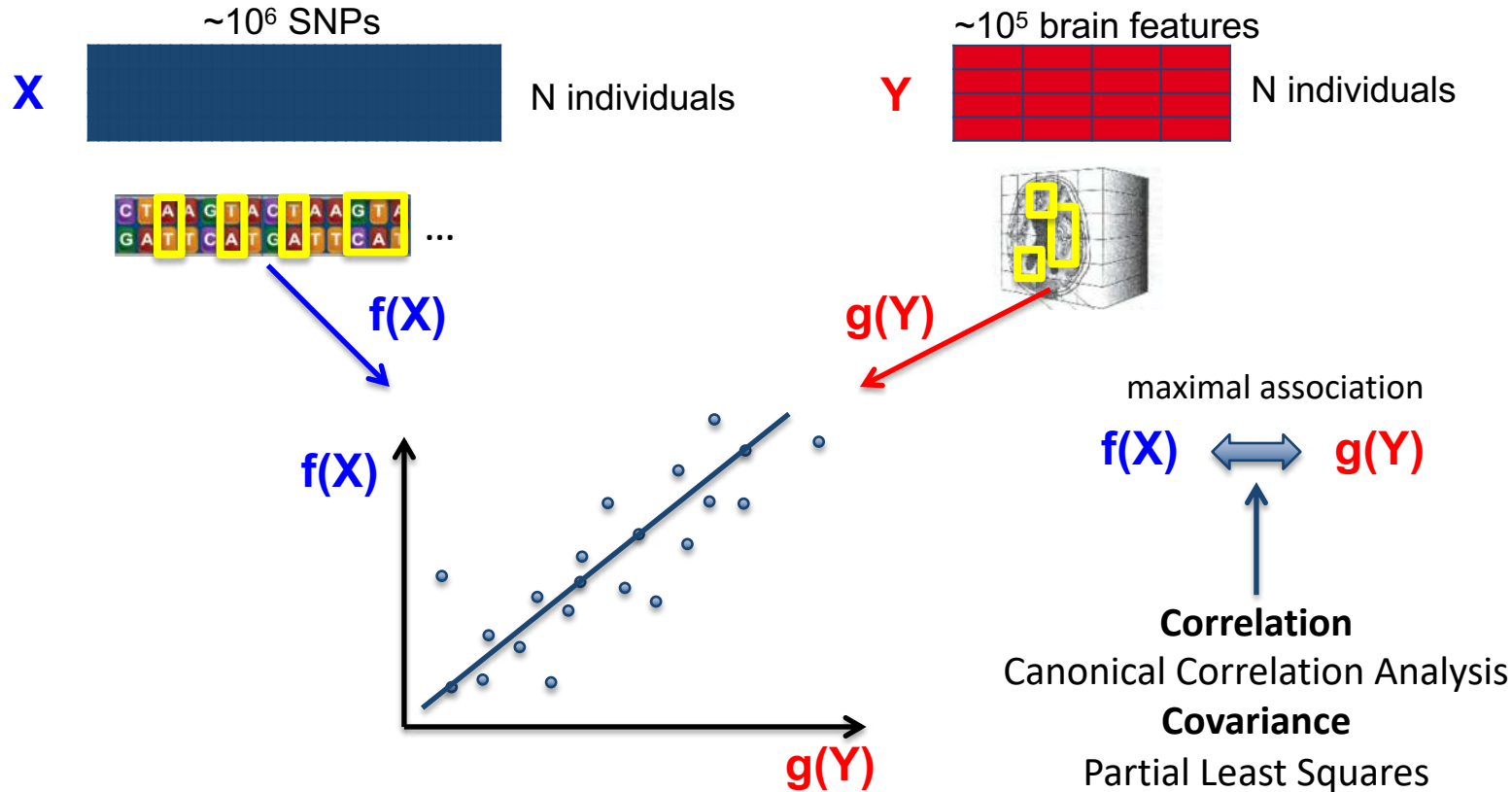


- No consistent definition of time axis
- No clear model dynamics

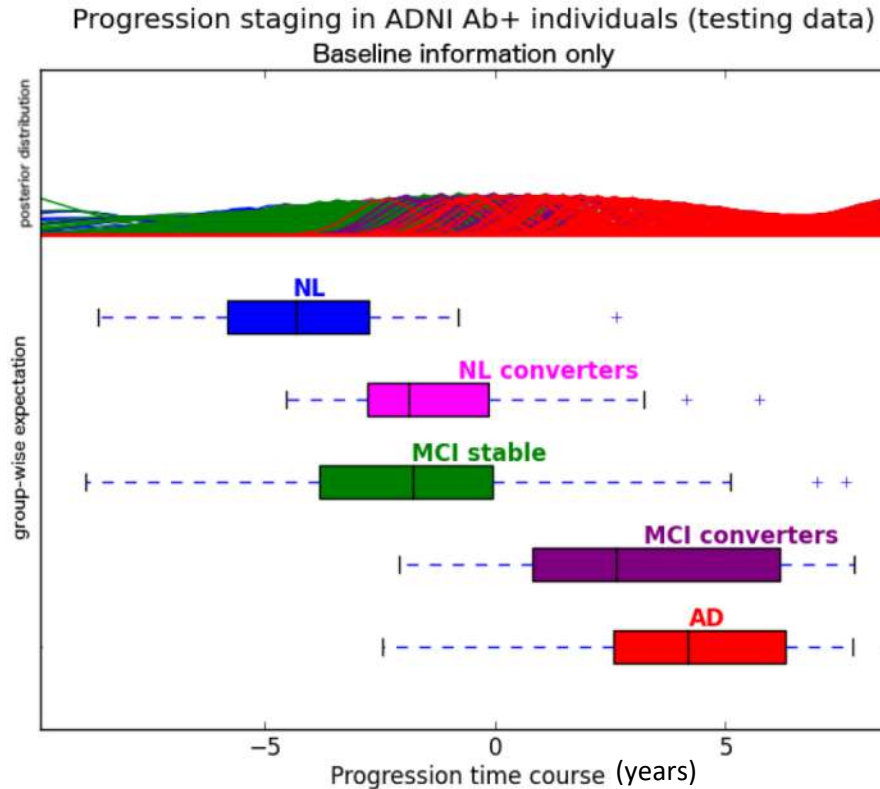
# Latent variable modeling of multivariate data



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# Predictions in testing data



## 585 testing subjects

- 74 healthy
- 145 AD
- 106 MCI converted
- 17 healthy converted
- 243 MCI stable

## Accuracy

- 89% AD vs NL
- 82% MCIc vs MCIs
- 83% NL vs NLconv

# Challenges

- How to integrate heterogenous biomedical measures
- **How to analyse private healthcare data collected worldwide?**
- How to predict pathological evolution for a given individual?



# Big Data in medicine

Single hospital: 100s – 1'000s patients

Data from many hospitals needed

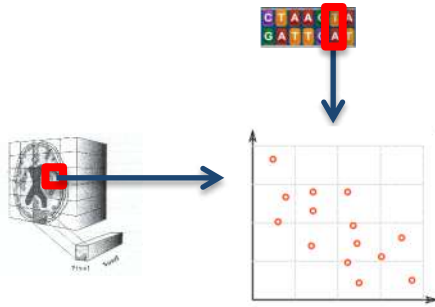


**Access to multiple centers data  
falls into General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR):  
Privacy, confidentiality, security, ...**

**Data cannot be gathered in a single centre!**  
Standard learning algorithms cannot be used in multicentric data

# Big Data in medicine

Circumventing the problem of data access  
**Federated-analysis (or meta-analysis)**



Is the association significant?

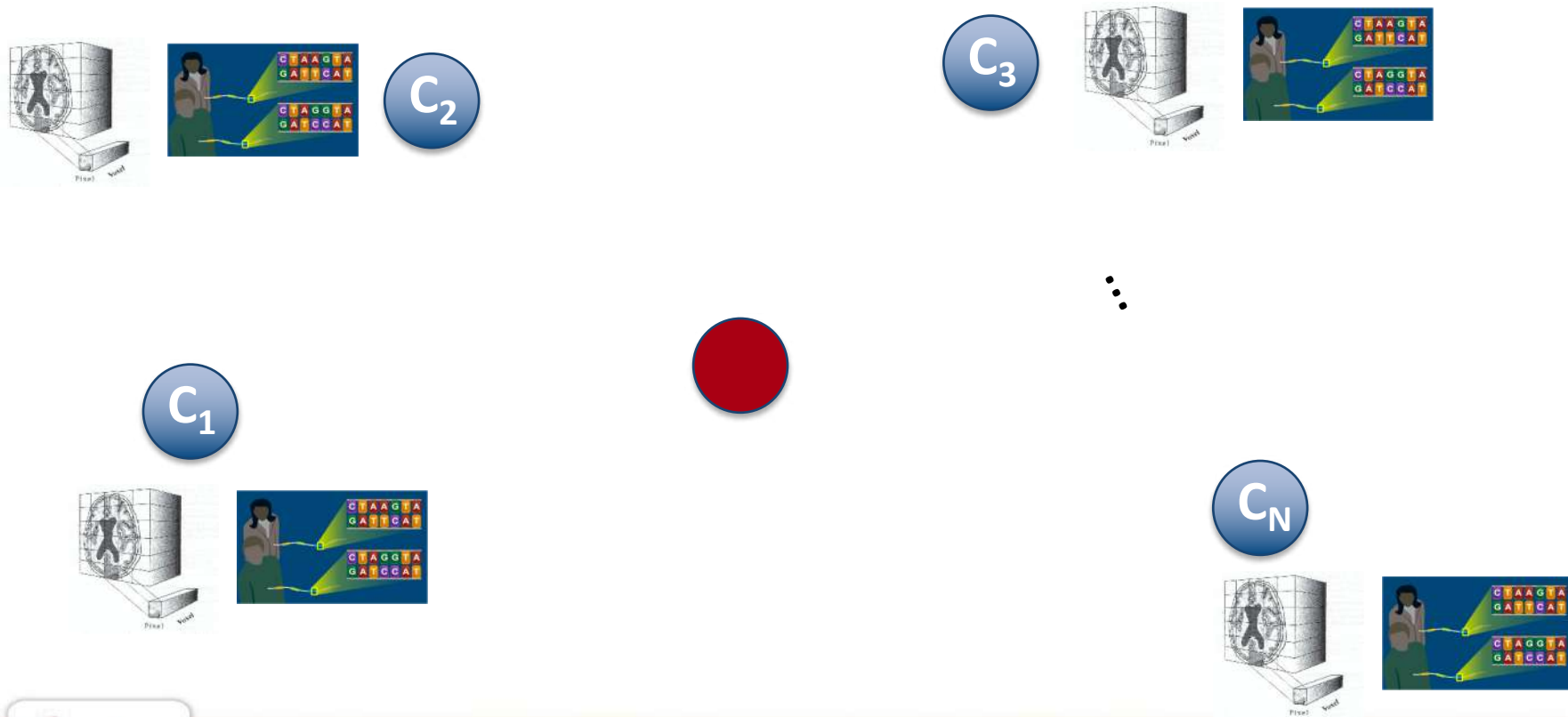
Hospital	1	2	3	4	...
Answer	yes	yes	no	yes	...



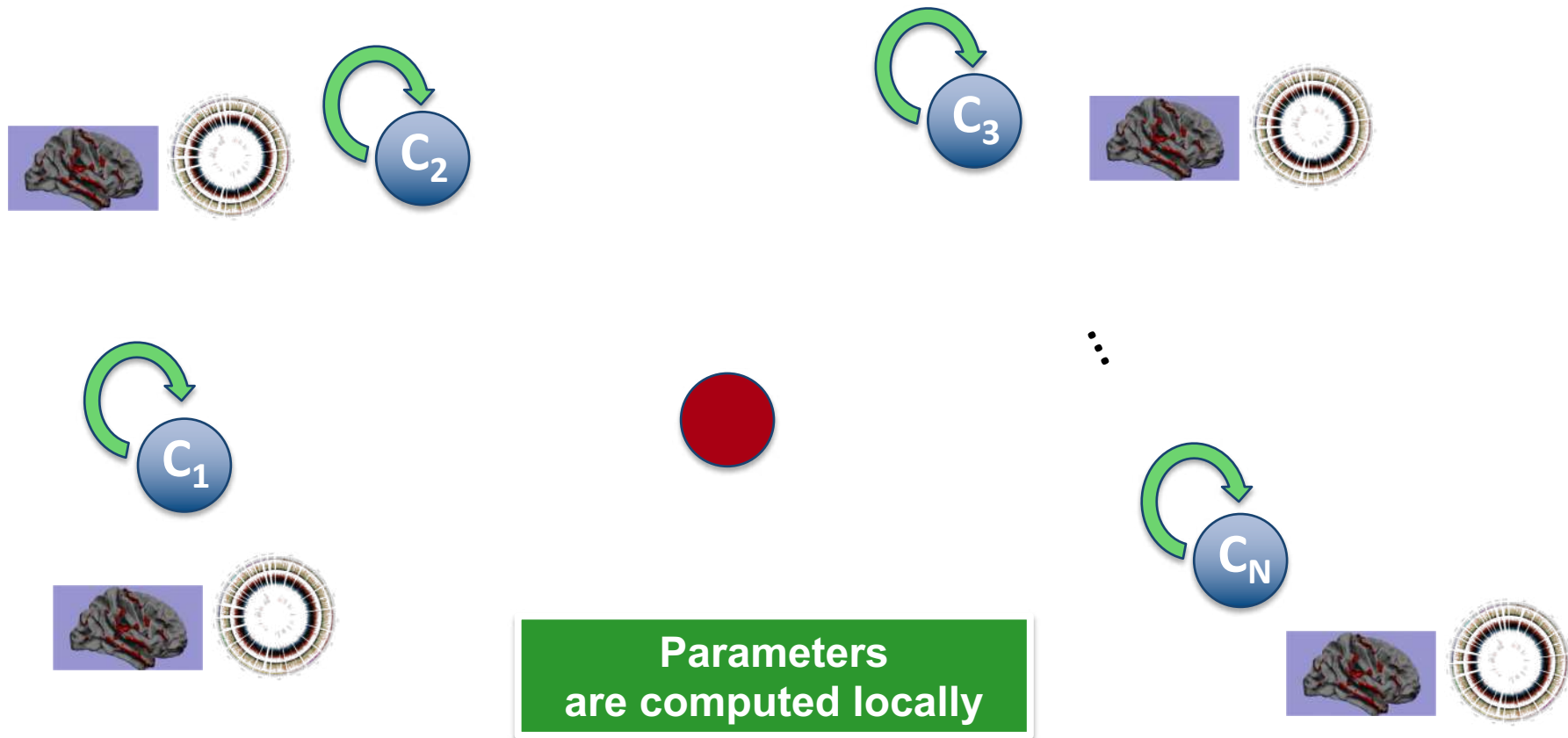
Meta-answer:  
yes

- No data sharing
- Ok for standard statistical testing (p-values, effect size)
- **No complex modeling possible**

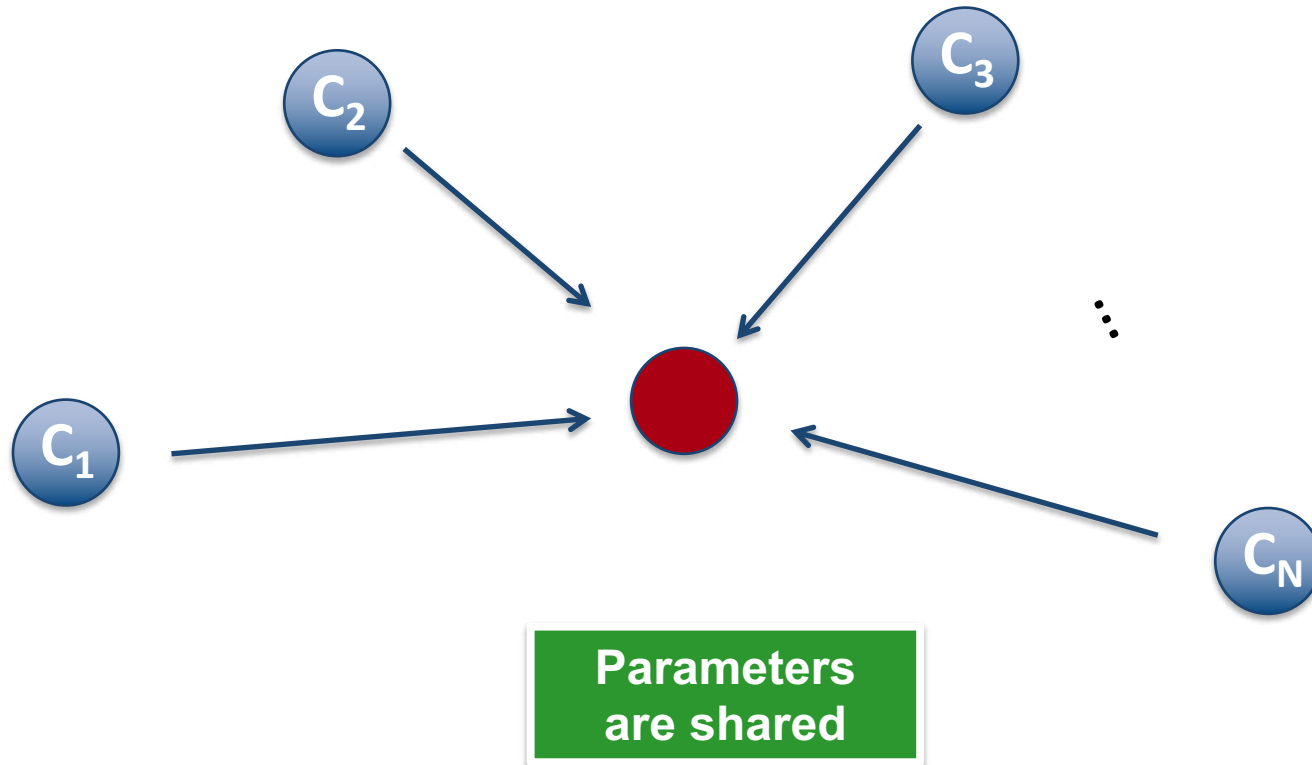
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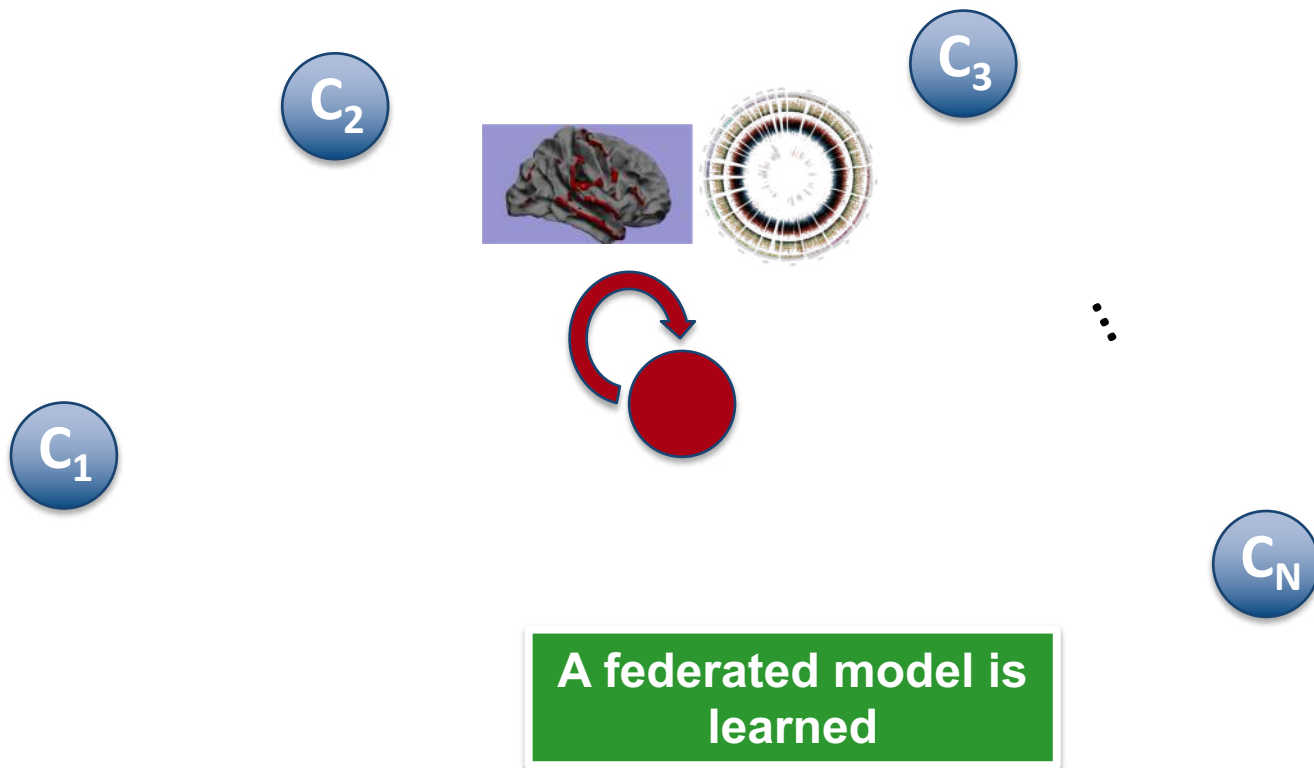
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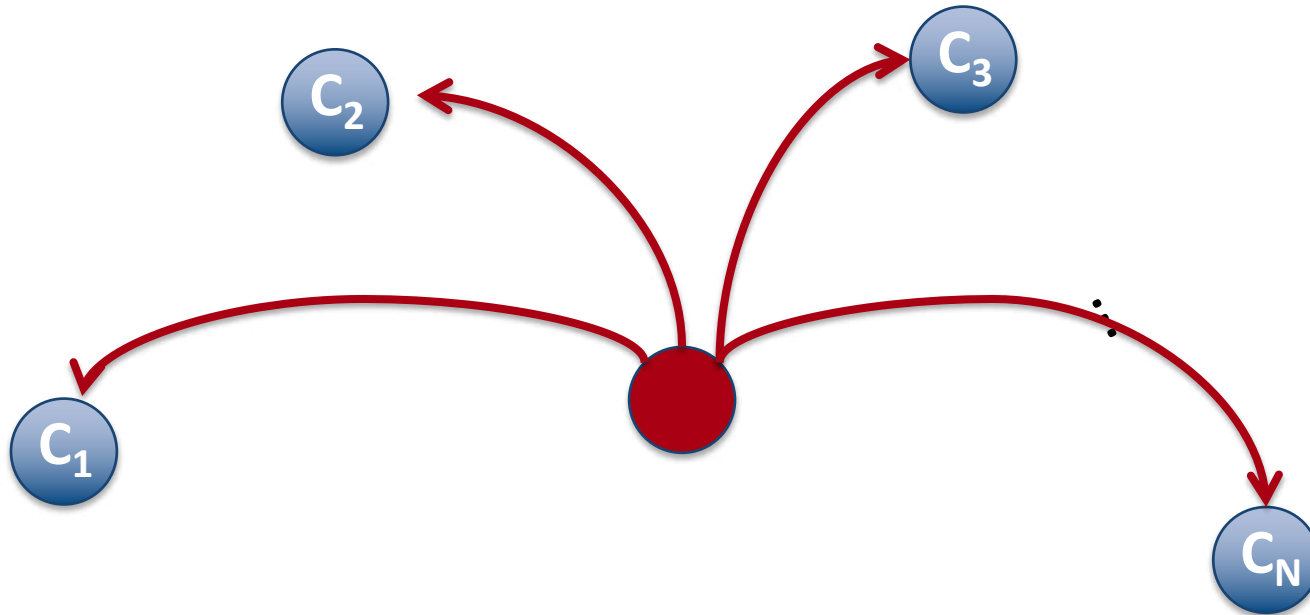
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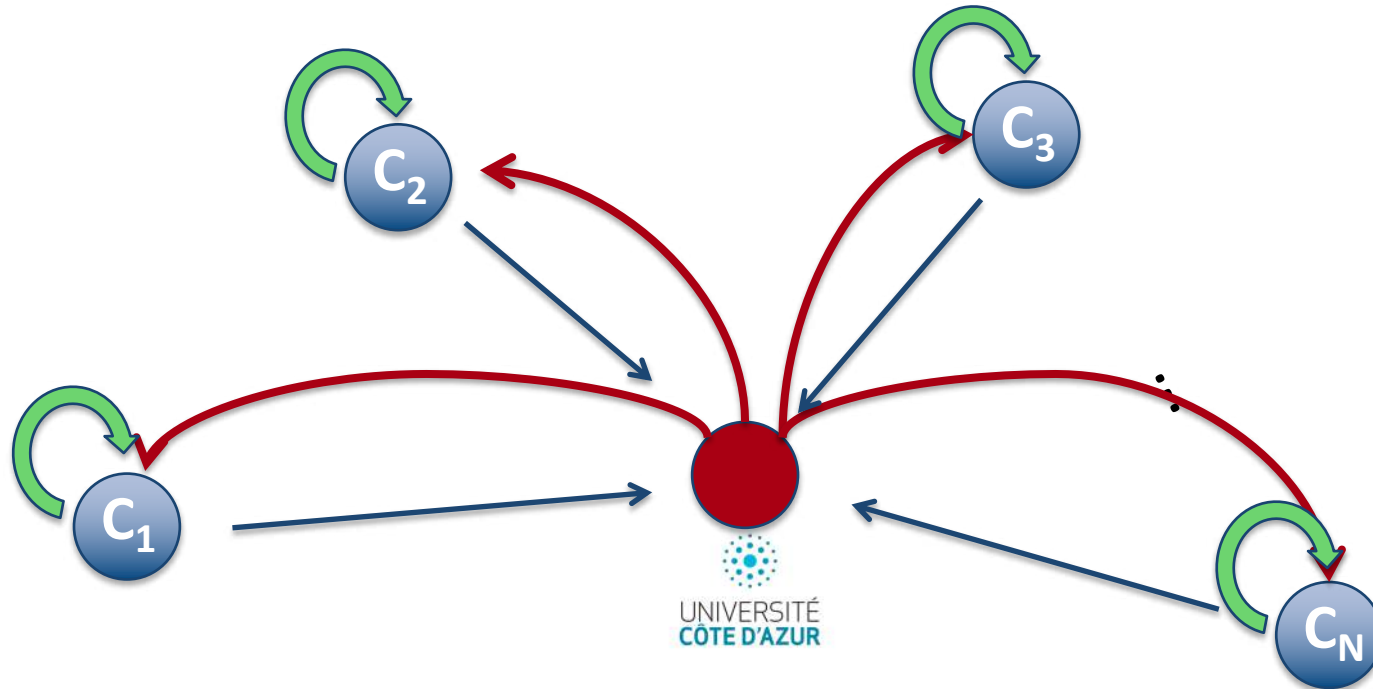


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The federated model  
is shared

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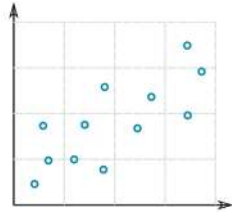


The procedure is iterated



# Federated analysis toolkit

A methodology for distributed



Linear modeling



Matrix factorization

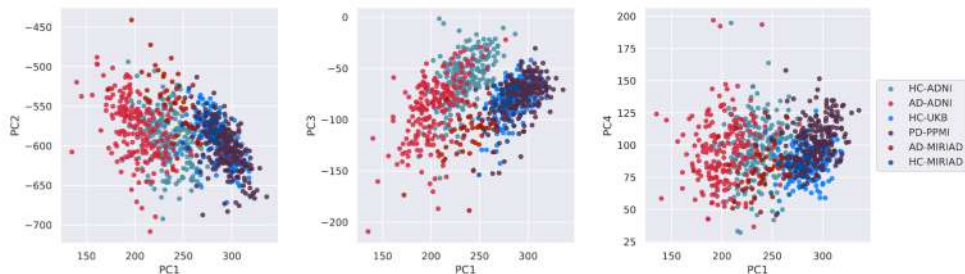
**Allows a federated framework for several key statistical operations:**

Data standardization, accounting for covariates, dimensionality reduction, ...

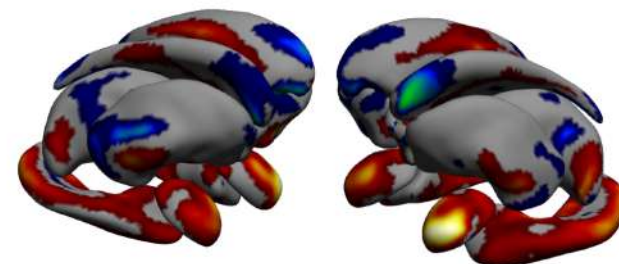
# Federated analysis of subcortical brain regions in dementia

ADNI	PPMI	UK Biobank	Miriad
Alzheimer's	Parkinson's	Healthy	Alzheimer's
802	232	208	68

### Projection on latent components



### Brain subcortical components



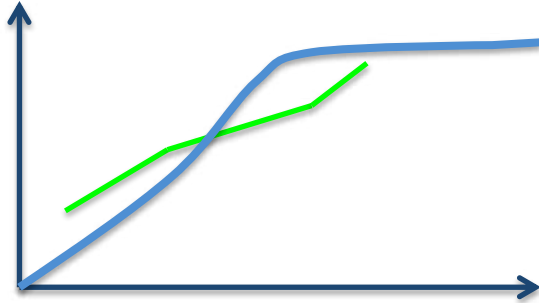
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### Answer from Statistical Learning:

- Advanced statistical modeling can be compatible with Data privacy and anonymity
- Federated learning applies for simple linear models as well as for more complex ones (e.g. neural networks or Gaussian processes)
- Future research needed for improving data security, data transfer bottlenecks, modeling flexibility

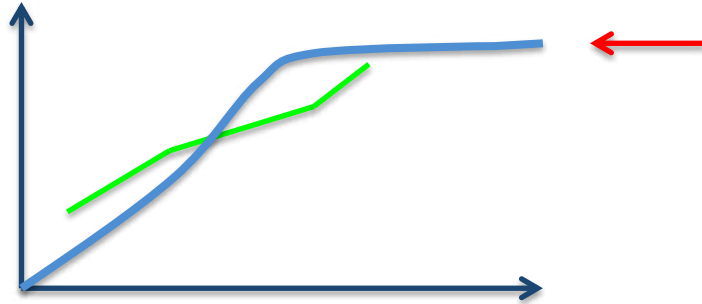
# Random effects modeling



Individuals  
biomarkers' observations

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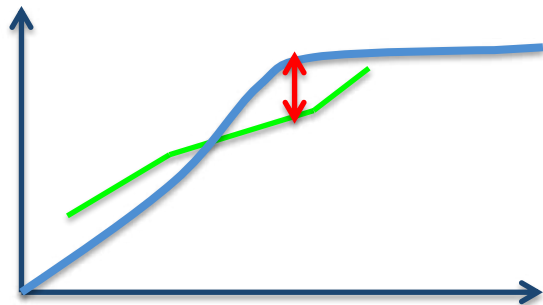
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**Fixed effect**

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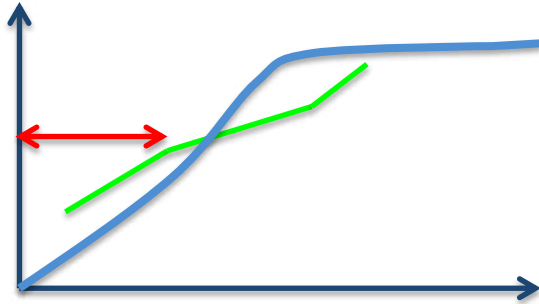


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**Random effect  
+ observational noise**

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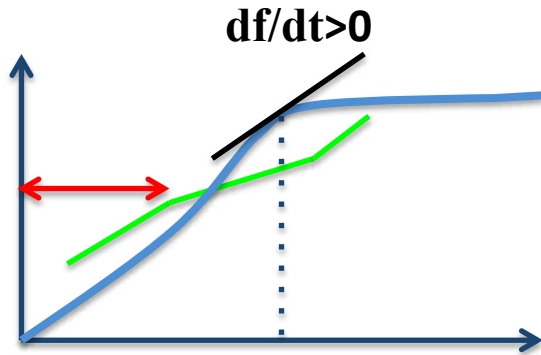
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**Subject-specific time  
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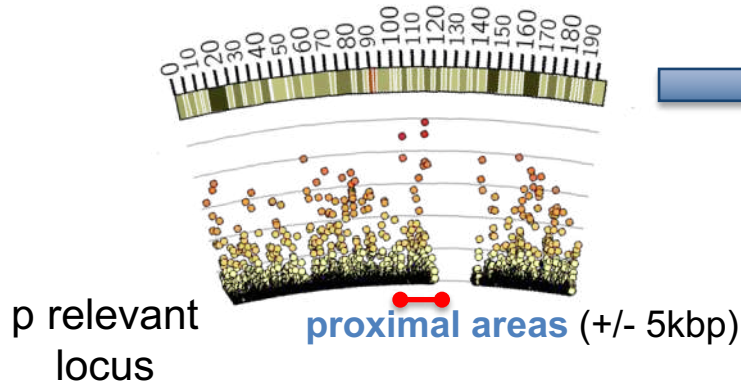
**Subject-specific time  
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Formulation through **Gaussian process regression with constraint on dynamics**



# Multivariate Imaging-genetics modeling

## PLS statistical result



From 1'000'000 to 148 variants

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Meta analysis on gene annotation databases

Significance (p-value)  
training      testing

TM2D1	0.005	0.053
IL10RA	0.107	0.620
<b>TRIB3</b>	<b>0.003</b>	<b>0.003</b>
ZBTB7A	0.036	0.913
LYSMD4	0.000	0.206
CRYL1	0.621	0.118
FAM135B	0.000	0.559
...	...	...

### TRIB3

- neuronal cell death,
- modulation of PSEN1 stability,
- interaction with APP.