Geometric Structures for Statistics on Shapes and Deformations in Computational Anatomy

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Computational Anatomy

Design Mathematical Methods and Algorithms to Model and Analyze the Anatomy

- Statistics of organ shapes across subjects in species, populations, diseases…
  - Mean shape
  - Shape variability (Covariance)

- Model organ development across time (heart-beat, growth, ageing, ages…)
  - Predictive (vs descriptive) models of evolution
  - Correlation with clinical variables
“Shape space” embedding [Kendall]

- Shape = what remains from the object when we remove all transformations from a given group
  - Transformation (rigid, similarity, affine) = nuisance factor
  - Shape manifold = quotient of the object manifold by the group action
- Quotient spaces are non-linear (e.g. $\mathbb{R}^n / \text{scaling} = \mathbb{S}^n$)
- Kendall size & shape space: $(\mathbb{R}^n)^d / \text{SO}_n$

Statistics on these non-linear spaces?
Morphometry through Deformations

Measure of deformation [D’Arcy Thompson 1917, Grenander & Miller]

- Observation = “random” deformation of a reference template
- Reference template = Mean (atlas)
- Shape variability encoded by the deformations

Statistics on groups of transformations (Lie groups, diffeomorphism)?
Consistency with group operations (non commutative)?
Longitudinal deformation analysis

Dynamic observations

How to transport longitudinal deformation across subjects?
What are the convenient mathematical settings?
Outline

Riemannian frameworks on Lie groups
- Manifolds
- Statistics
- Applications to spine shape & heart remodeling

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- The bi-invariant affine Cartan connection structure
- Extending statistics without a metric

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- Longitudinal modeling of brain atrophy in AD
Differentiable manifolds

Définition:
- Locally Euclidean Topological space which can be globally curved
  - Same dimension + differential regularity

Simple Examples
- Sphere
- Saddle (hyperbolic space)
- Surface in 3D space

And less simple ones
- Projective spaces
- Rotations of $\mathbb{R}^3 : \text{SO}_3 \sim \mathbb{P}_3$
- Rigid, affine Transformation
- Diffeomorphisms
Differentiable manifolds

Computing in a manifold

- **Extrinsic**
  - Embedding in $\mathbb{R}^n$

- **Intrinsic**
  - Coordinates: charts
  - Atlas = consistent set of charts

- **Measuring?**
  - Volumes (surfaces)
  - Lengths
  - Straight lines

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Measuring extrinsic distances

Basic tool: the scalar product

\[ \langle v, w \rangle = v^t w \]

- Norm of a vector
  \[ \|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle} \]

- Angle between vectors
  \[ \langle v, w \rangle = \cos(\alpha) \|v\| \|w\| \]

- Length of a curve
  \[ L(\gamma) = \int \|\dot{\gamma}(t)\| \, dt \]
Measuring extrinsic distances

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\[ <v, w> = \equiv t \sum_{p} G(p) w \]

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Riemannian manifolds

Basic tool: the scalar product

\[ <v, w>_p = v^t G(p) w \]

- Geodesic between 2 points
  - Shortest path
- Calculus of variations (E.L.):
  - 2nd order differential equation (specifies acceleration)
- Length of a curve
  - \[ L(\gamma) = \int_{\gamma(t)} \| \gamma'(t) \| \, dt \]
  - Free parameters: initial speed and starting point

Bernhard Riemann
1826-1866

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Bases of Algorithms in Riemannian Manifolds

Exponential map (Normal coordinate system):
- $\text{Exp}_x = \text{geodesic shooting parameterized by the initial tangent}$
- $\text{Log}_x = \text{unfolding the manifold in the tangent space along geodesics}$
  - Geodesics = straight lines with Euclidean distance
  - Local $\rightarrow$ global domain: star-shaped, limited by the cut-locus
  - Covers all the manifold if geodesically complete

Reformulate algorithms with $\exp_x$ and $\log_x$
Vector $\rightarrow$ Bi-point (no more equivalence classes)

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<td>$y = x + xy$</td>
<td>$y = \text{Exp}_x(xy)$</td>
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<td>Gradient descent</td>
<td>$x_{t+\epsilon} = x_t - \epsilon \nabla C(x_t)$</td>
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Random variable in a Riemannian Manifold

Intrinsic pdf of $x$

- For every set $H$
  \[ P(x \in H) = \int_H p(y) dM(y) \]

- Lebesgue’s measure

  \[ \rightarrow \text{Uniform Riemannian Measure } dM(y) = \sqrt{\det(G(y))} \, dy \]

Expectation of an observable in $M$

- $E_x[\phi] = \int_M \phi(y) p(y) dM(y)$

- $\phi = dist^2$ (variance): $E_x[dist(., y)^2] = \int_M dist(y, z)^2 p(z) dM(z)$

- $\phi = \log(p)$ (information): $E_x[\log(p)] = \int_M p(y) \log(p(y)) dM(y)$

- $\phi = x$ (mean): $E_x[x] = \int_M y \, p(y) dM(y)$
First Statistical Tools: Moments

Frechet / Karcher mean minimize the variance

\[ E[x] = \arg\min_{y \in \mathcal{M}} \left(E[\text{dist}(y, x)^2]\right) \] \[ \Rightarrow \quad E[\overline{xx}] = \int_{\mathcal{M}} \overline{xx}.p_x(z).d\mathcal{M}(z) = 0 \quad [P(C) = 0] \]

- Variational characterization: Exponential barycenters
- Existence and uniqueness (convexity radius) [Karcher / Kendall / Le / Afsari]
- Empirical mean: almost surely unique! [Arnaudon &Miclo 2013]

Gauss-Newton Geodesic marching

\[ \overline{x}_{t+1} = \exp_{\overline{x}_t}(v) \quad \text{with} \quad v = E[yx] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log_{\overline{x}_t}(x_i) \]

[Oller & Corcuera 95, Battacharyya & Patrangenaru 2002, Pennec, JMIV06, NSIP’99 ]
**First Statistical Tools: Moments**

Covariance (PCA) [higher moments]

$$\Sigma_{xx} = E\left[\left(\bar{x}x\right)\left(\bar{x}x\right)^T\right] = \int_{\mathbb{M}} \left(\bar{x}z\right)\left(\bar{x}z\right)^T \cdot p_x(z).d\mathbb{M}(z)$$

**Principal component analysis**

- Tangent-PCA: principal modes of the covariance
- Principal Geodesic Analysis (PGA) [Fletcher 2004, Sommer 2014]

[Oller & Corcuera 95, Battacharya & Patrangenaru 2002, Pennec, JMIV06, NSIP’99 ]
Distributions for parametric tests

Generalization of the Gaussian density:

- Stochastic heat kernel $p(x,y,t)$ [complex time dependency]
- Wrapped Gaussian [Infinite series difficult to compute]
- Maximal entropy knowing the mean and the covariance

$$N(y) = k \cdot \exp \left( \left( \overrightarrow{x} \right)^{\text{T}} \cdot \Gamma \left( \overrightarrow{x} \right) / 2 \right)$$

$$\Gamma = \Sigma^{(-1)} - \frac{1}{3} \text{Ric} + O(\sigma) + \varepsilon(\sigma / r)$$

$$k = (2\pi)^{-n/2} \cdot \det(\Sigma)^{-1/2} \cdot (1 + O(\sigma^3) + \varepsilon(\sigma / r))$$

Mahalanobis D2 distance / test:

- Any distribution:

$$\mu_x^2(y) = \overrightarrow{xy} \cdot \Sigma_{xx}^{(-1)} \cdot \overrightarrow{xy}$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \mu_x^2(x) \right] = n$$

- Gaussian:

$$\mu_x^2(x) \propto \chi_n^2 + O(\sigma^3) + \varepsilon(\sigma / r)$$

[ Pennec, NSIP’99, JMIV 2006 ]
When the manifold is a Transformation Group

Anatomical variability through transformations

Lie groups: Smooth manifold $G$ with group structure
- Composition $g \circ h$ and inversion $g^{-1}$ are smooth
- Left and Right translation $L_g(f) = g \circ f$ $R_g(f) = f \circ g$

Natural Riemannian metric choices
- Chose a metric at $I_d$: $\langle x, y \rangle_{I_d}$
- Propagate at each point $g$ using left (or right) translation
  $\langle x, y \rangle_g = \langle DL_g^{-1}.x, DL_g^{-1}.y \rangle_{I_d}$
- Simple implementation (homogeneity) using left (resp. right) translation
  $\text{Exp}_f(x) = f \circ \text{Exp}_{I_d}(DL_{f^{-1}}.x)$
  $\overrightarrow{fg} = \text{Log}_f(g) = DL_f . \text{Log}_{I_d}(f^{-1} \circ g)$

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**Statistical Analysis of the Scoliotic Spine**

[ J. Boisvert et al. ISBI’06, AMDO’06 and IEEE TMI 27(4), 2008 ]

**Database**
- 307 Scoliotic patients from the Montreal’s Sainte-Justine Hospital.
- 3D Geometry from multi-planar X-rays

**Mean**
- Main translation variability is axial (growth?)
- Main rot. var. around anterior-posterior axis
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AMDO’06 best paper award, Best French-Quebec joint PhD 2009

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**PCA of the Covariance:**

4 first variation modes have clinical meaning

- Mode 1: King’s class I or III
- Mode 2: King’s class I, II, III
- Mode 3: King’s class IV + V
- Mode 4: King’s class V (+II)
Morphometry through Deformations

Measure of deformation [D’Arcy Thompson 1917, Grenander & Miller]

- Observation = “random” deformation of a reference template
- Deterministic template = anatomical invariants [Atlas ~ mean]
- Random deformations = geometrical variability [Covariance matrix]
Riemannian Metrics on diffeomorphisms

Space of deformations
- Transformation $y=\phi(x)$
- Curves in transformation spaces: $\phi(x,t)$
- Tangent vector = speed vector field
  \[ v_t(x) = \frac{d\phi(x,t)}{dt} \]

Right invariant metric
- Lagrangian formalism
- Sobolev Norm $H_k$ or $H_{\infty}$ (RKHS) in LDDMM $\rightarrow$ diffeomorphisms
  [Miller, Trouve, Younes, Holm, Dupuis, Beg… 1998 – 2009]
- Geometric Mechanics [Arnold, Smale, Souriau, Marsden, Ratiu, Holmes, Michor…]

Geodesics determined by optimization of a time-varying vector field
- Distance
  \[ d^2(\phi_0, \phi_t) = \arg\min_{v_t} \left( \int_0^1 \|v_t\|_{\phi_t}^2 dt \right) \]
- Geodesics characterized by initial velocity / momentum
- Optimization by shooting/adjoint or path-straightening methods
Repaired Tetralogy of Fallot

- **Severe Congenital Heart Disease**
- **Occurs 1 of 2500** (Hoffman, JACC 02)
- **Surgical repair in infancy**
- **After repair:** chronic pulmonary valve regurgitations and extremely dilated right ventricle (RV).

Best time for valve replacement: understand / quantify the remodeling

Repaired Tetralogy of Fallot

Remodeling of the right ventricle of the heart in tetralogy of Fallot

- Mean shape
- Shape variability
- Correlation with clinical variables
- Predicting remodeling effect

Shape of RV in 18 patients
**Atlas and Deformations Joint Estimation**

**Method:** PLS (better than PCA + CCA) to

- Find modes that are significantly correlated to clinical variables (body surface area, tricuspid and pulmonary valve regurgitations).
- Create a generative model by regressing shape vs BSA

Average RV anatomy of 18 ToF patients

10 Deformations significantly 90% of spectral energy

[ Mansi et al, MICCAI 2009, TMI 2011]
Statistical Remodeling of RV in Tetralogy of Fallot

[ Mansi et al, MICCAI 2009, TMI 2011]

Predicted remodeling effect... has a clinical interpretation

- Volume increases
- Valve annuli deform
- Pulmonary stenosis reduces
- RV pressure decreases
- Septum pushed inwards
- RV free-wall outwards
Limits of the Riemannian Framework

No bi-invariant metric in general

- Incompatibility of the Fréchet mean with the group structure
  - Left of right metric: different Fréchet means
  - The inverse of the mean is not the mean of the inverse

- Examples with simple 2D rigid transformations

- Can we design a mean compatible with the group operations?
- Is there a more convenient structure for statistics on Lie groups?
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Basics of Lie groups

Flow of a left invariant vector field $\tilde{X} = DL_x$ starting from $e$

- $\gamma_x(t)$ exists for all time
- One parameter subgroup: $\gamma_x(s + t) = \gamma_x(s) \cdot \gamma_x(t)$

Lie group exponential

- Definition: $x \in g \rightarrow Exp(x) = \gamma_x(1) \in G$
- Diffeomorphism from a neighborhood of 0 in $g$ to a neighborhood of $e$ in $G$ (not true in general for inf. dim)
- Baker-Campbell Hausdorff (BCH) formula
  \[ BCH(x, y) = Log(Exp(x) \cdot Exp(y)) = x + y + \frac{1}{2} [x, y] + \ldots \]

3 curves at each point parameterized by the same tangent vector

- Left / Right-invariant geodesics, one-parameter subgroups

Question: Can one-parameter subgroups be geodesics?
Affine Connection (infinitesimal parallel transport)

- Acceleration = derivative of the tangent vector along a curve
- Projection of a tangent space on a neighboring tangent space

Geodesics = straight lines

- Null acceleration: $\nabla \gamma \dot{\gamma} = 0$
- 2nd order differential equation: Normal coordinate system
- Local exp and log maps

Adapted from Lê Nguyên Hoang, science4all.org


**Cartan-Schouten Connection on Lie Groups**

### A unique connection
- Symmetric (no torsion) and bi-invariant
- For which geodesics through Id are one-parameter subgroups (group exponential)
  - Matrices: $M(t) = A.\exp(t.V)$
  - Diffeos: translations of Stationary Velocity Fields (SVFs)

### Levi-Civita connection of a bi-invariant metric (if it exists)
- Continues to exists in the absence of such a metric (e.g. for rigid or affine transformations)

### Two flat connections (left and right)
- **Absolute parallelism:** no curvature but torsion (Cartan / Einstein)
Statistics on an affine connection space

Fréchet mean: exponential barycenters

- $\sum_i \log_x(y_i) = 0$ \[Emery, Mokobodzki 91, Corcuera, Kendall 99\]
- Existence & local uniqueness if local convexity \[Arnaudon & Li, 2005\]

For Cartan-Schouten connections \[Pennec & Arsigny, 2012\]

- Locus of points $x$ such that $\sum \log(x^{-1} \cdot y_i) = 0$
- Algorithm: fixed point iteration (local convergence)
  \[
x_{t+1} = x_t \circ \exp \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum \log(x_t^{-1} \cdot y_i) \right)
  \]
- Mean stable by left / right composition and inversion
  - If $m$ is a mean of $\{g_i\}$ and $h$ is any group element, then
    $h \circ m$ is a mean of $\{h \circ g_i\}$, $m \circ h$ is a mean of the points $\{g_i \circ h\}$
  - and $m^{(-1)}$ is a mean of $\{g_i^{(-1)}\}$
Special matrix groups

Heisenberg Group (resp. Scaled Upper Unitriangular Matrix Group)

- No bi-invariant metric
- Group geodesics defined globally, all points are reachable
- Existence and uniqueness of bi-invariant mean (closed form resp. solvable)

Rigid-body transformations

- Logarithm well defined iff log of rotation part is well defined, i.e. if the 2D rotation have angles $|\theta_i| < \pi$
- Existence and uniqueness with same criterion as for rotation parts (same as Riemannian)

Invertible linear transformations

- Logarithm unique if no complex eigenvalue on the negative real line
- Generalization of geometric mean (as in LE case but different)
Generalization of the Statistical Framework

Covariance matrix & higher order moments

Defined as tensors in tangent space

\[ \Sigma = \int \log_x(y) \otimes \log_x(y) \mu(dy) \]

Matrix expression changes according to the basis

Other statistical tools

- Mahalanobis distance well defined and bi-invariant
- Tangent Principal Component Analysis (t-PCA)
- Principal Geodesic Analysis (PGA), provided a data likelihood
- Independent Component Analysis (ICA)
Cartan Connections vs Riemannian

What is similar

- Standard differentiable geometric structure \([\text{curved space without torsion}]\)
- Normal coordinate system with \(\exp_x\) et \(\log_x\) \([\text{finite dimension}]\)

Limitations of the affine framework

- No metric (but no choice of metric to justify)
- The exponential does always not cover the full group
  - Pathological examples close to identity in finite dimension
  - In practice, similar limitations for the discrete Riemannian framework

What we gain

- A globally invariant structure invariant by composition & inversion
- Simple geodesics, efficient computations (stationarity, group exponential)
- The simplest linearization of transformations for statistics?
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The SVF framework for Diffeomorphisms

Framework of [Arsigny et al., MICCAI 06]

- Use one-parameter subgroups

Exponential of a smooth vector field is a diffeomorphism

- $u$ is a smooth stationary velocity field
- Exponential: solution at time 1 of ODE \( \frac{\partial x(t)}{\partial t} = u(x(t)) \)
The SVF framework for Diffeomorphisms

Efficient numerical methods
- Take advantage of algebraic properties of exp and log.
  - \( \exp(t.V) \) is a one-parameter subgroup.
  - \( \rightarrow \) Direct generalization of numerical matrix algorithms.

Efficient parametric diffeomorphisms
- Computing the deformation: Scaling and squaring recursive use of \( \exp(v) = \exp(v/2) \circ \exp(v/2) \)
  [Arsigny MICCAI 2006]

- Updating the deformation parameters:
  BCH formula [Bossa MICCAI 2007]

  \[
  \exp(v) \circ \exp(\epsilon u) = \exp( v + \epsilon u + [v,\epsilon u]/2 + [v,[v,\epsilon u]]/12 + \ldots )
  \]

- Lie bracket \( [v,u](p) = \text{Jac}(v)(p).u(p) - \text{Jac}(u)(p).v(p) \)
Symmetric log-demons [Vercauteren MICCAI 08]

**Idea:** [Arsigny MICCAI 2006, Bossa MICCAI 2007, Ashburner Neuroimage 2007]
- Parameterize the deformation by SVFs
- Time varying (LDDMM) replaced by stationary vector fields
- Efficient scaling and squaring methods to integrate autonomous ODEs

**Log-demons with SVFs**

\[ E(v, v_c) = \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} \| F - M \circ \exp(v_c) \|_{L_2}^2 + \frac{1}{\sigma_x^2} \| \log(\exp(-v) \circ \exp(v_c)) \|_{L_2}^2 + R(v) \]

- **Similarity**
  Measures how much the two images differ
- **Coupling**
  Couples the correspondences with the smooth deformation
- **Regularisation**
  Ensures deformation smoothness

- Efficient optimization with BCH formula
- Inverse consistent with symmetric forces
- Open-source ITK implementation
  - Very fast
  - http://hdl.handle.net/10380/3060

Longitudinal structural damage in Alzheimer’s Disease

Ventricle’s expansion
Hippocampal atrophy
Widespread cortical thinning

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Measuring Temporal Evolution with deformations

Fast registration with deformation parameterized by SVF

\[ \varphi_t(x) = \exp(t \cdot v(x)) \]

https://team.inria.fr/asclepios/software/lcclogdemons/

[Lorenzi, Ayache, Frisoni, Pennec, Neuroimage 81, 1 (2013) 470-483]
Longitudinal deformation analysis in AD

- From patient specific evolution to population trend (parallel transport of deformation trajectories)
- Inter-subject and longitudinal deformations are of different nature and might require different deformation spaces/metrics

PhD Marco Lorenzi - Collaboration With G. Frisoni (IRCCS Fatebenefratelli, Brescia)
Parallel transport of deformations

Encode longitudinal deformation by its initial tangent (co-) vector
- Momentum (LDDMM) / SVF

Parallel transport
- (small) longitudinal deformation vector
- along the large inter-subject normalization deformation

Existing methods
- Vector reorientation with Jacobian of inter-subject deformation
- Conjugate action on deformations (Rao et al. 2006)
- Resampling of scalar maps (Bossa et al, 2010)
- LDDMM setting: parallel transport along geodesics via Jacobi fields [Younes et al. 2008]

Intra and inter-subject deformations/metrics are of different nature
Parallel transport along arbitrary curves

Infinitesimal parallel transport = connection
\[ \nabla_{y'}(x) : TM \rightarrow TM \]

A numerical scheme to integrate for symmetric connections:
Schild’s Ladder [Elhers et al, 1972]
- Build geodesic parallelogrammoid
- Iterate along the curve

[ Lorenzi, Ayache, Pennec: Schild's Ladder for the parallel transport of deformations in time series of images, IPMI 2011 ]
Parallel transport along geodesics

Along geodesics: Pole Ladder [Lorenzi et al, JMIV 2013]

Efficient Pole and Schild’s Ladder with SVFs

Numerical scheme

- Direct computation
  \[
  \Pi_{\text{conj}}(u) = D(\Exp(v)) \big|_{\Exp(-v) \cdot u \circ \Exp(-v)}
  \]

- Using the BCH:
  \[
  \Pi_{\text{BCH}}(u) = u + [v, u] + \frac{1}{2} [v[v, u]]
  \]

[Lorenzi, Ayache, Pennec: Schild's Ladder for the parallel transport of deformations in time series of images, IPMI 2011 ]
Runner-up for the IPMI Erbsmann 2011 prize
Analysis of longitudinal datasets
Multilevel framework

Single-subject, two time points
Log-Demons (LCC criteria)

Single-subject, multiple time points
4D registration of time series within the Log-Demons registration.

Multiple subjects, multiple time points
Pole or Schild’s Ladder

[Lorenzi et al, in Proc. of MICCAI 2011]
Longitudinal model for AD

Estimated from 1 year changes – Extrapolation to 15 years

70 AD subjects (ADNI data)
Longitudinal changes in Alzheimer’s disease

(141 subjects – ADNI data)

Student’s t statistic

Expansion -15 -5 5 15 Contraction
Study of prodromal Alzheimer’s disease

- 98 healthy subjects, 5 time points (0 to 36 months).
- 41 subjects Aβ42 positive (“at risk” for Alzheimer’s)
- Q: Different morphological evolution for Aβ+ vs Aβ-?

Average SVF for normal evolution (Aβ-)

[Lorenzi, Ayache, Frisoni, Pennec, in Proc. of MICCAI 2011]
Study of prodromal Alzheimer’s disease

Linear regression of the SVF over time: interpolation + prediction

\[ T(t) = \text{Exp}(\tilde{v}(t)) \times T_0 \]

Multivariate group-wise comparison of the transported SVFs shows statistically significant differences (nothing significant on log(det) )

[Lorenzi, Ayache, Frisoni, Pennec, in Proc. of MICCAI 2011]

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Group-wise flux analysis in Alzheimer’s disease: Quantification

From group-wise…

…to subject specific

sample size \propto \frac{sd}{(\text{mean}_1 - \text{mean}_2)}

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<td>MCI vs controls</td>
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Effect size on left hippocampus

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NIBAD’12 Challenge:
Top-ranked on Hippocampal atrophy measures
**A powerful framework for statistics**

**Parametric diffeomorphisms** [Arsigny et al., MICCAI 06, JMIV 09]

- One affine transformation per region (polyaffines transformations)
- Cardiac motion tracking for **each subject** [McLeod, Miccai 2013]

Log demons projected but with 204 parameters instead of a few millions

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AHA regions  Stationary velocity fields  Diffeomorphism
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- **Group analysis** using tensor reduction: reduced model
  8 temporal modes x 3 spatial modes = 24 parameters (instead of 204)

![Diagram showing evolution of principal time modes](image-url)
Hierarchical Estimation of the Variability

Oriented bounding boxes | Weights | Structure | First mode of variation
--- | --- | --- | ---
Level 0 | | | Global scaling
Level 1 | | | Thickness
Level 2 | | | Angle and ramus

47 subjects  [Seiler, Pennec, Reyes, Medical Image Analysis 16(7):1371-1384, 2012]
Hierarchical Estimation of the Variability

Level 3
Level 4
Level 5

Two sides
Teeth

47 subjects

[Seiler, Pennec, Reyes, Medical Image Analysis 16(7):1371-1384, 2012]
Which space for anatomical shapes?

Physics
- Homogeneous space-time structure at large scale (universality of physics laws) [Einstein, Weil, Cartan…]
- Heterogeneous structure at finer scales: embedded submanifolds (filaments…)

The universe of anatomical shapes?
- Affine, Riemannian of fiber bundle structure?
- Learn locally the topology and metric
  - Very High Dimensional Low Sample size setup
  - Geometric prior might be the key!
Mathematical Foundations of Computational Anatomy Workshop at MICCAI (last edition in Nagoya 2013)

Proceedings of previous editions:
http://hal.inria.fr/MFCA/
http://www-sop.inria.fr/asclepios/events/MFCA13/
http://www-sop.inria.fr/asclepios/events/MFCA11/
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Medical image processing and visualization software
Open-source, BSD license
Extensible via plugins
Provides high-level algorithms to end-users
Ergonomic and reactive user interface

Available registration algorithms:
- Diffeomorphic Demons
- Incompressible Log Demons
- LCC Log Demons

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