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# Hyperspherical Harmonic (HyperSPHARM) Representation

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# Abstracts

Existing functional shape models such as the widely used spherical harmonic (SPHARM) representation assume topological invariance, so are unable to simultaneously parameterize multiple disconnected structures. In such a situation, SPHARM has to be applied separately to each individual structure. We present a novel surface parameterization technique using 4D hyperspherical harmonics (HyperSPHARM) in representing multiple disjoint objects as a single analytic form. The underlying idea behind HyperSPHARM is to project an entire collection of disconnected 3D objects onto the 4D hypersphere and simultaneously parameterize them with the 4D hyperspherical harmonics. Hence, HyperSPHARM allows for a holistic treatment of multiple disconnected structures. Although HyperSPHARM may yields similar reconstruction performance as SPHARM, HyperSPHARM can parameterize using much fewer basis functions and projection to 4D dimension obviates SPHARM's burdensome surface flattening. In addition, HyperSPHARM can handle any type of topology. The method is applied in modeling hippocampi and amygdalae of the human brain. The talk is based on paper

[Hosseinbor et al., 2015 Medical Image Analysis 22:89-101](#)

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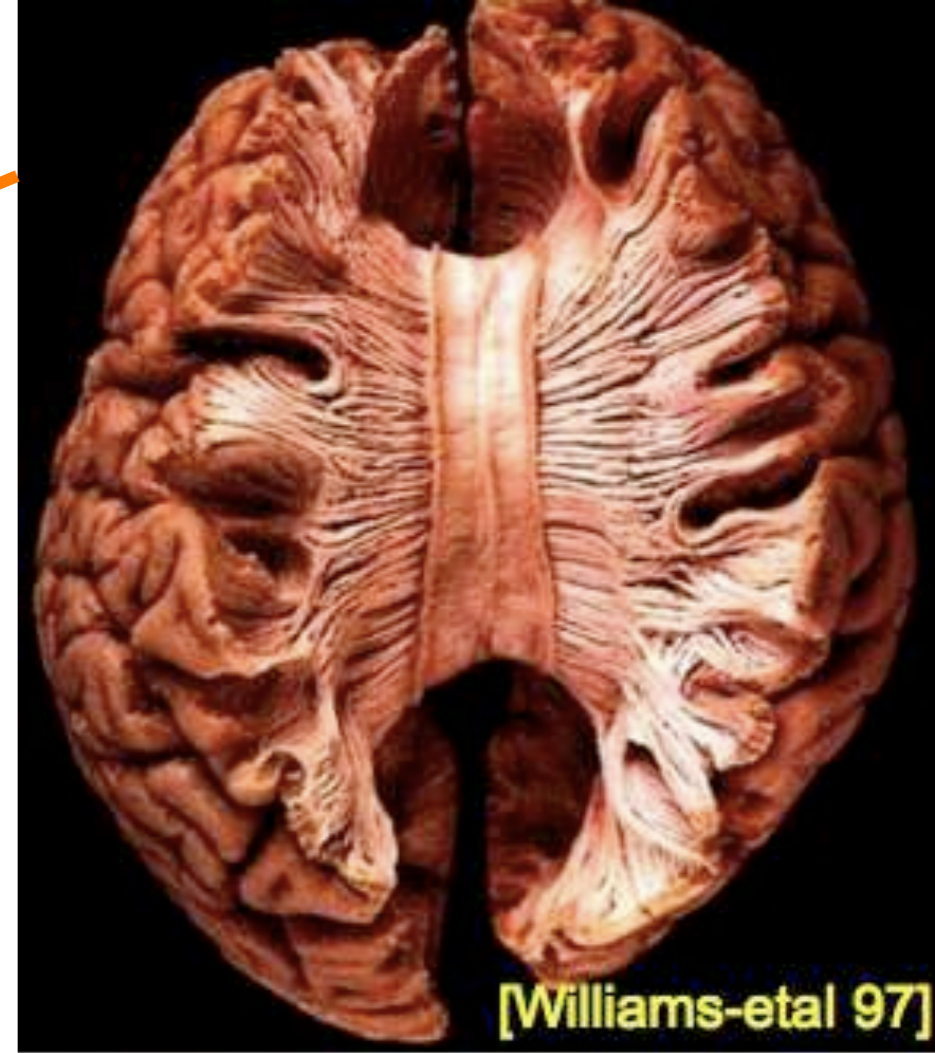
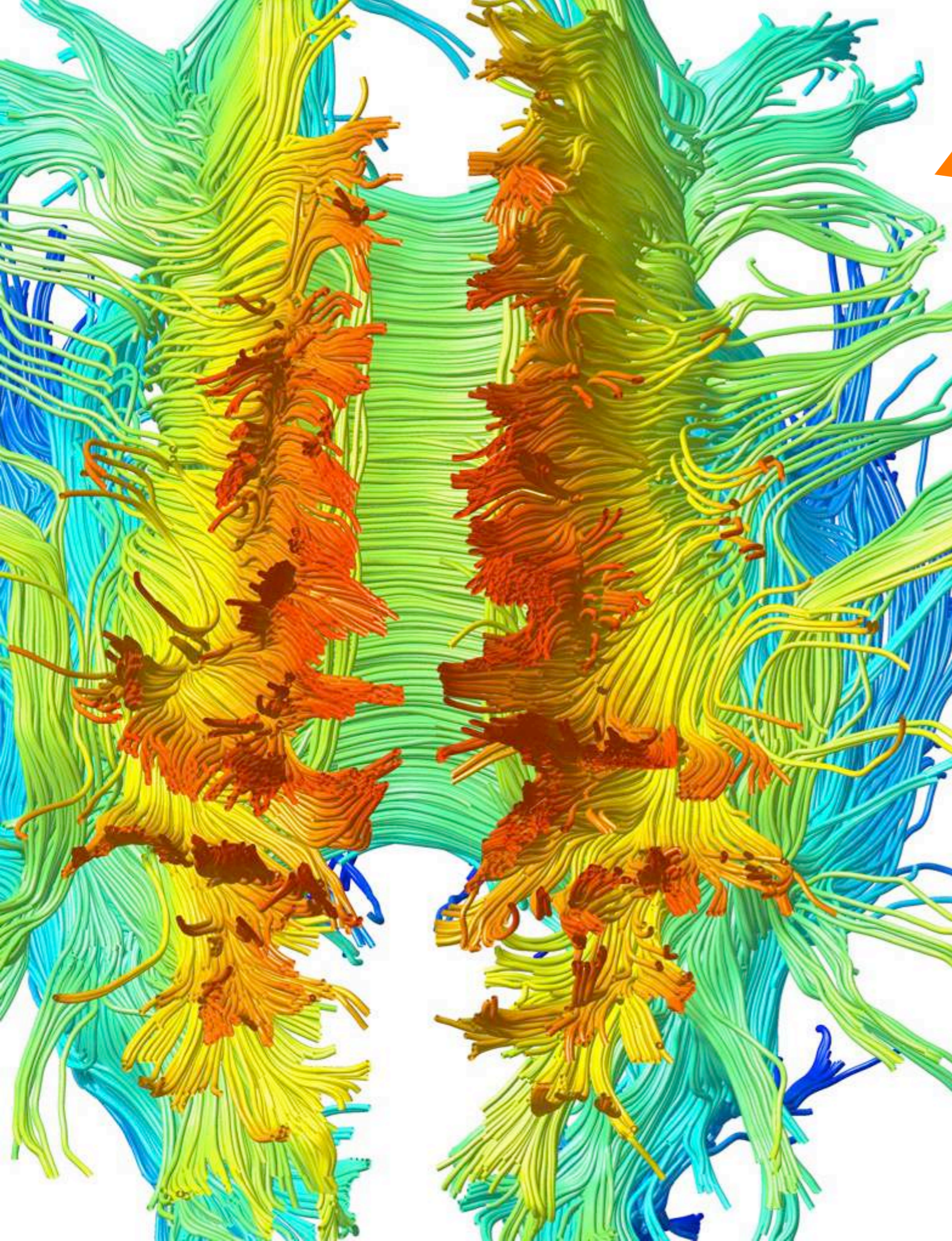
Preliminary

# Parametric shape models

Fourier descriptors

Spherical harmonic representation

Laplace-Beltrami eigenfunction  
expansion

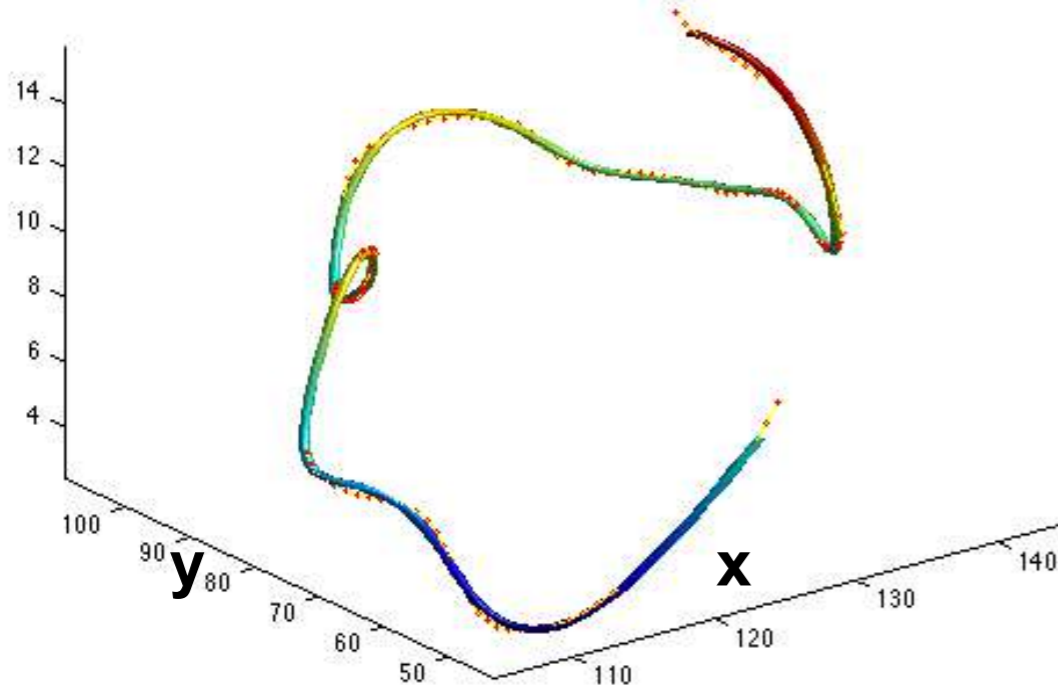


**White matter fibers**

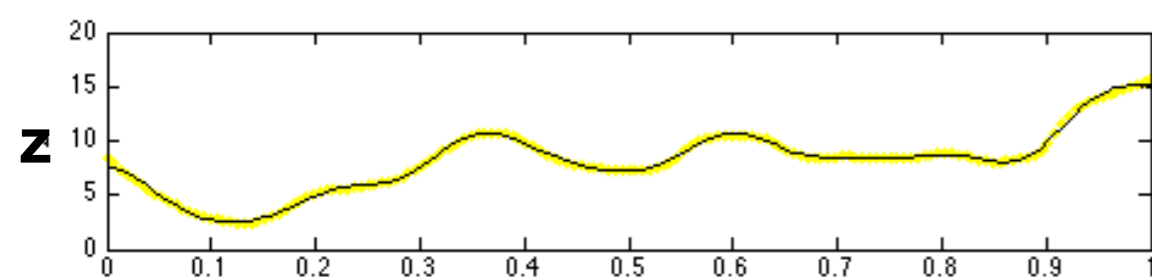
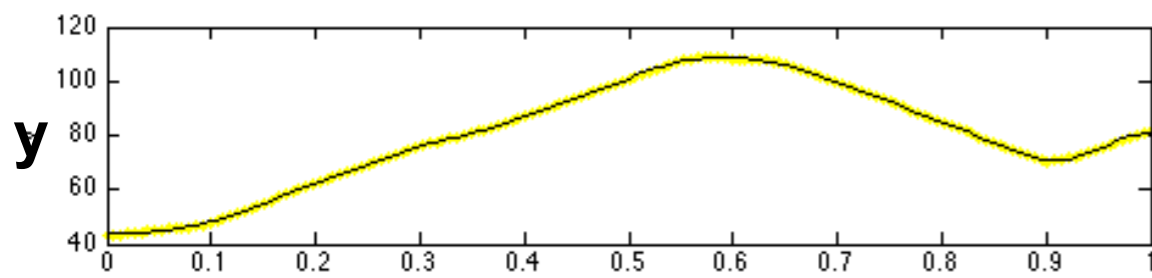
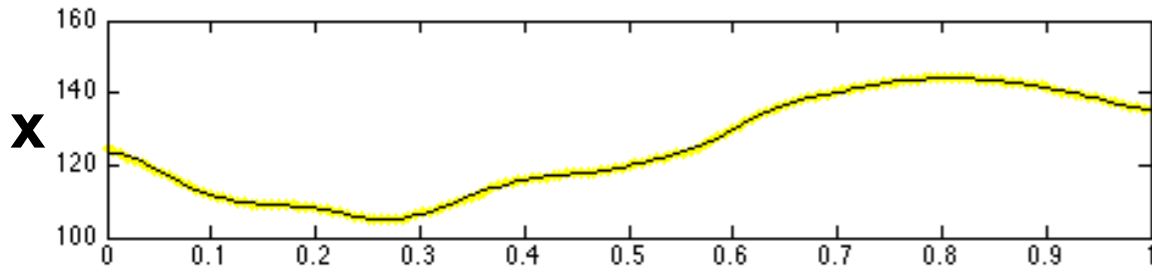
**Up to half million tracts**

**Each tract consists  
of about 300 control  
points.**

# Cosine series representation



parameterization



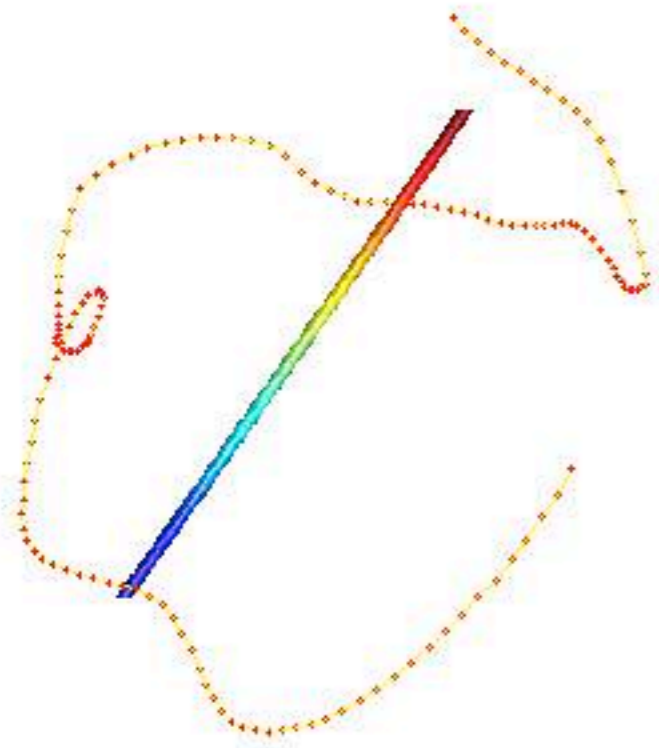
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0.0615	-0.1893	0.1188
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0.7909	-0.7276	-0.1901
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-0.0014	-0.1193	0.1970
0.0004	0.0129	-0.0198
0.1342	0.0002	0.0260

Any tract can be compactly parameterized with only 60 coefficients.

basis expansion

$$\rightarrow (x, y, z)' = \sum_{l=0}^{19} \beta_l \cos(l\pi t)$$

# Cosine series representation at various degrees



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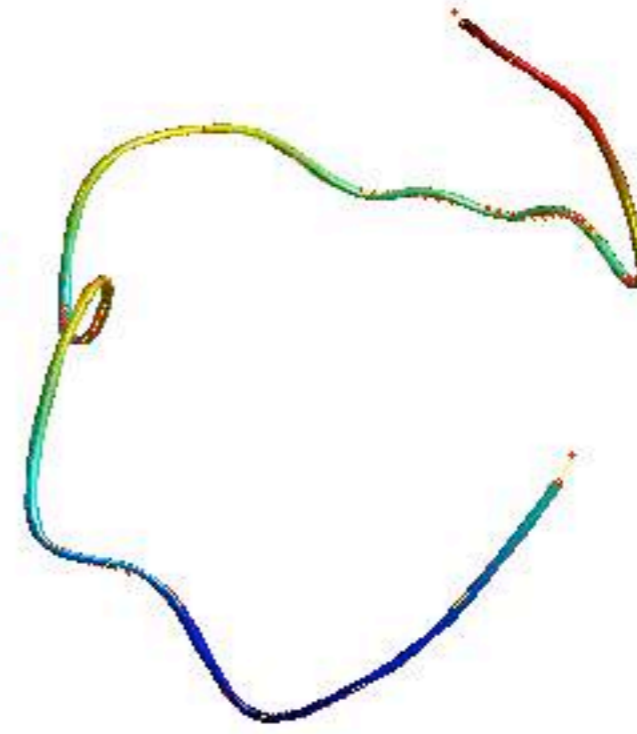
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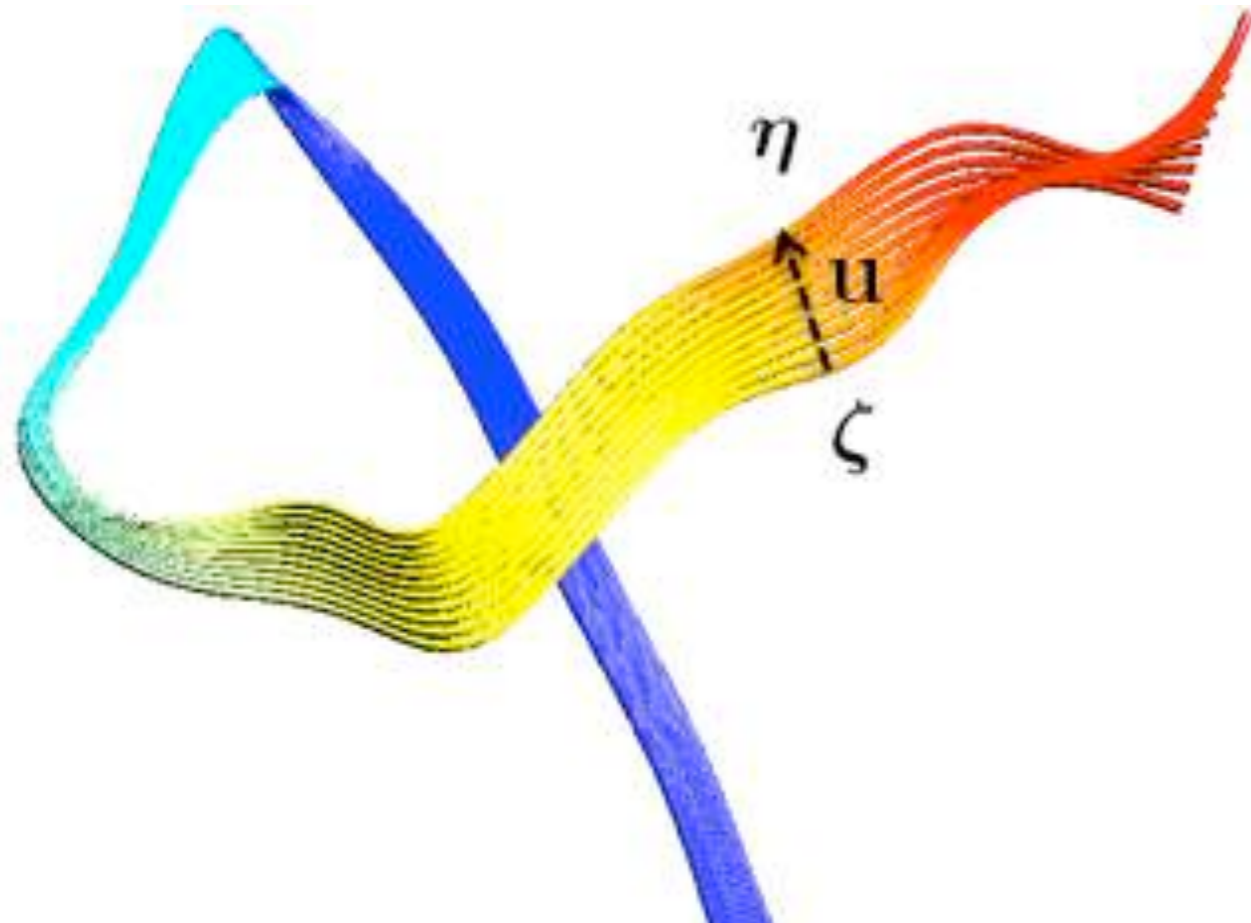
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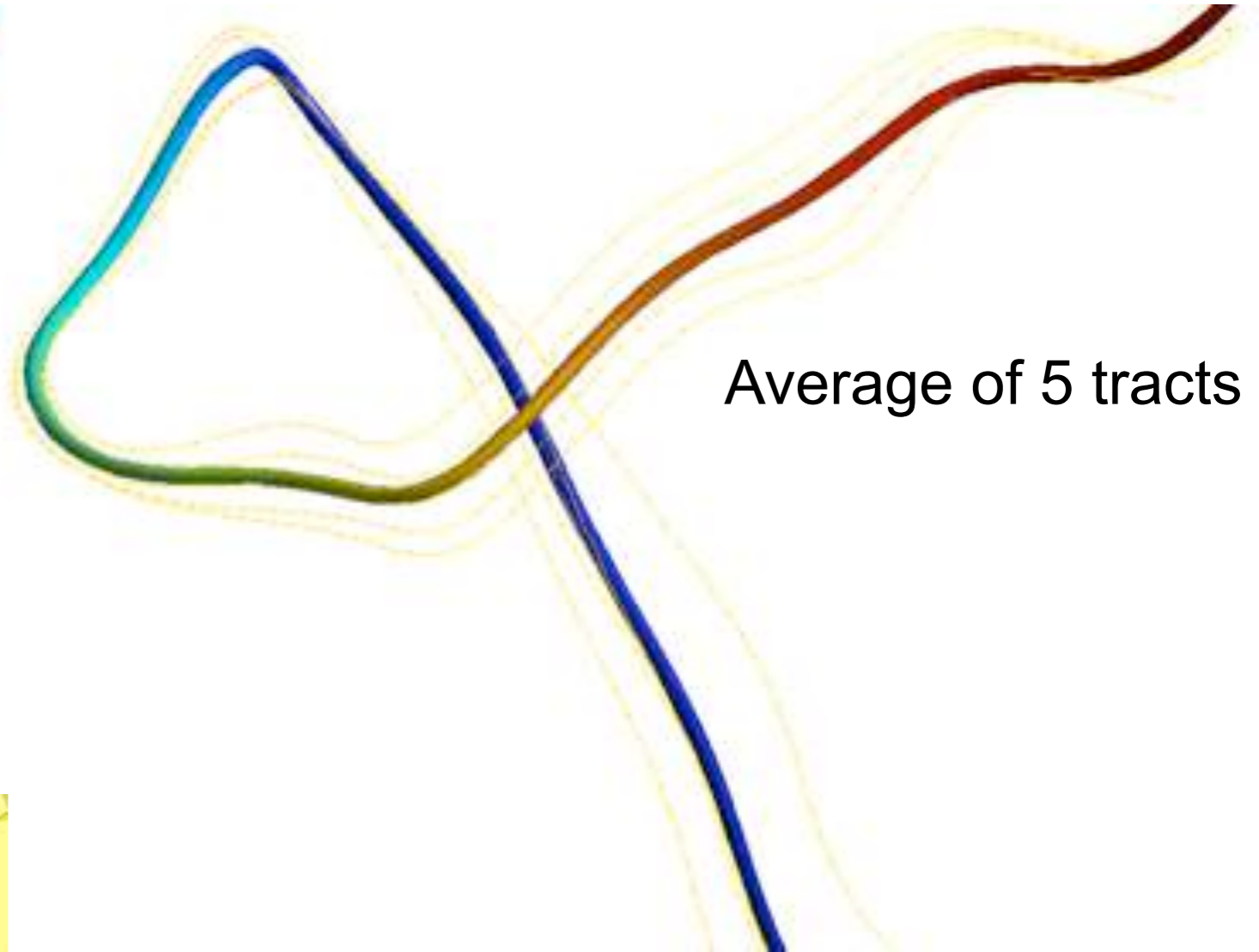
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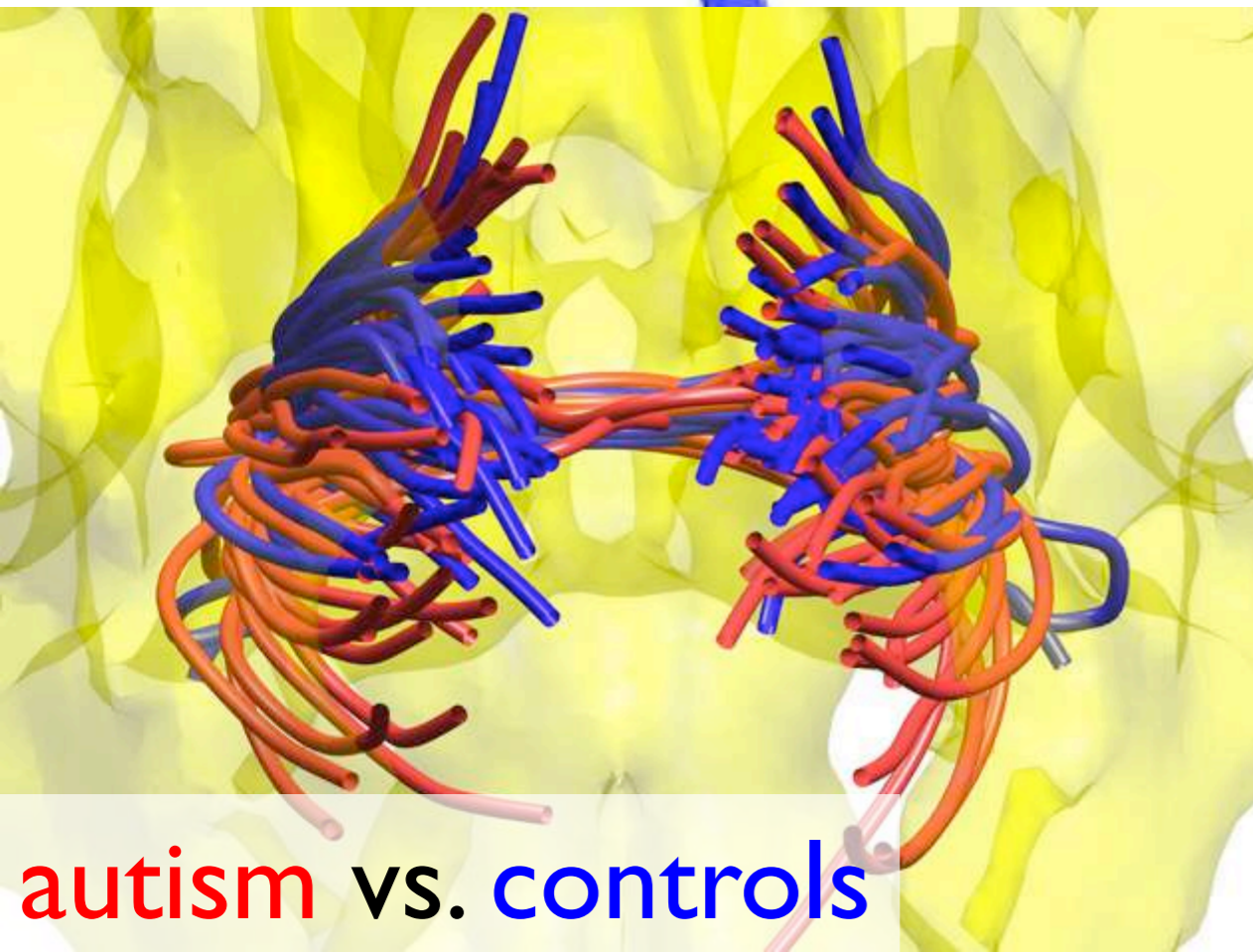
Tract matching



# Tract averaging



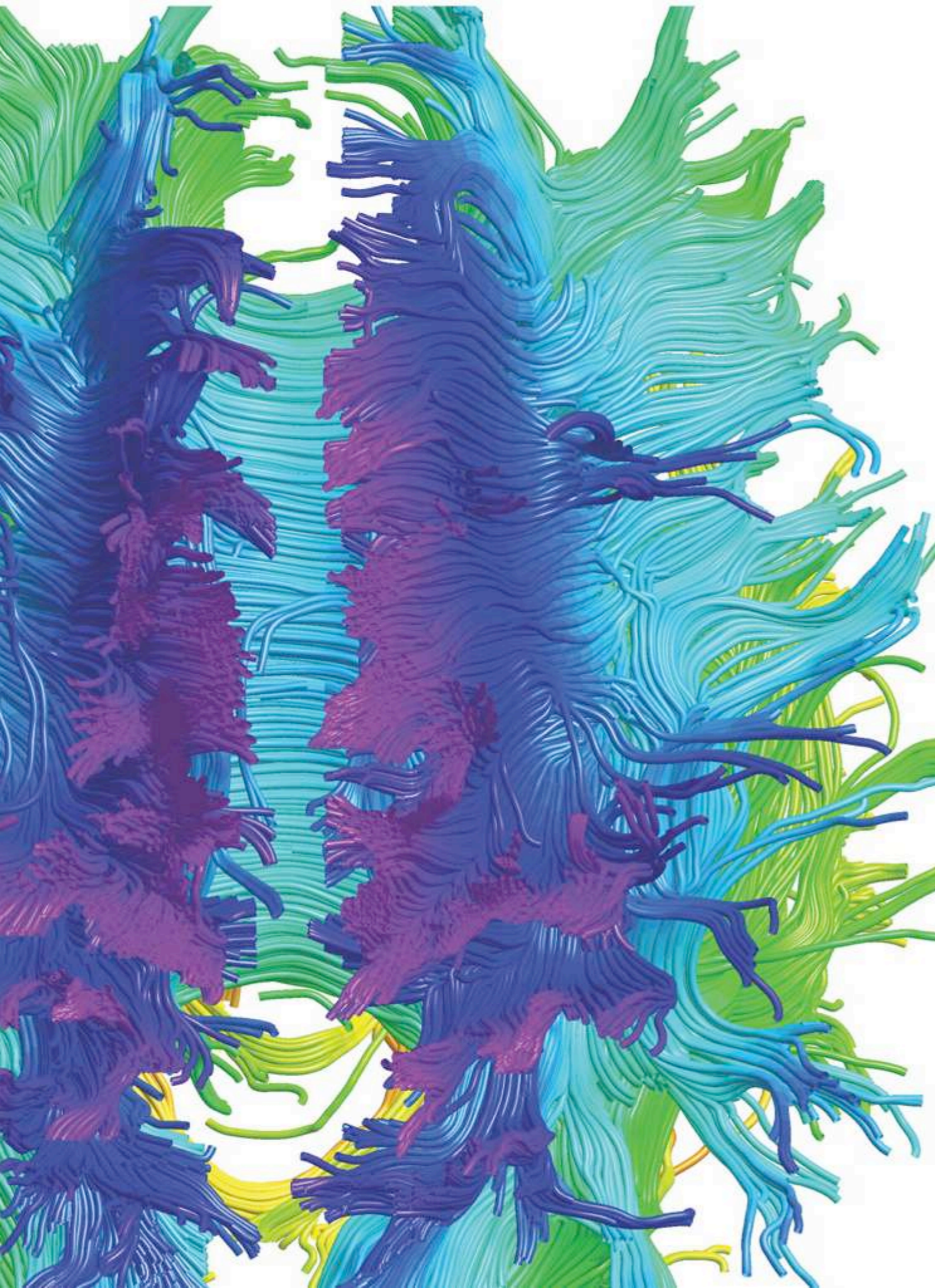
Average of 5 tracts



autism vs. controls

MATLAB:

<http://brainimaging.waisman.wisc.edu/~chung/tracts>

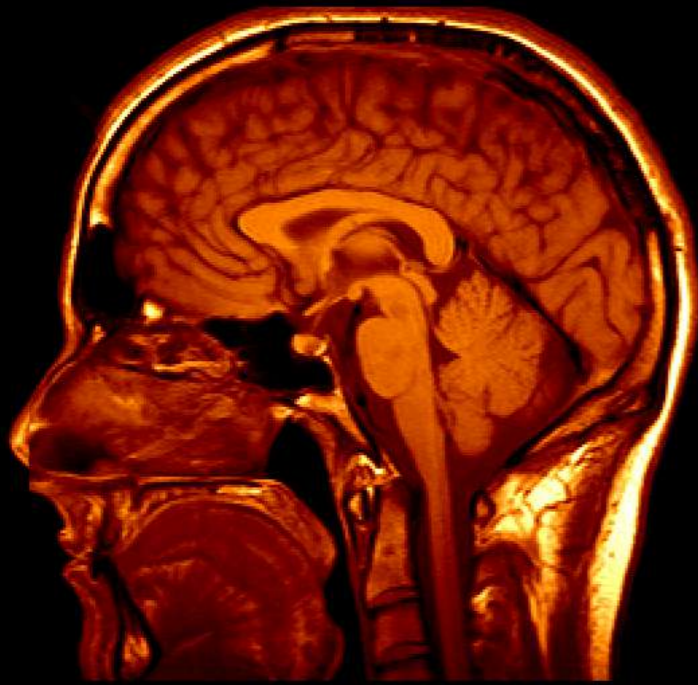


**Question:**

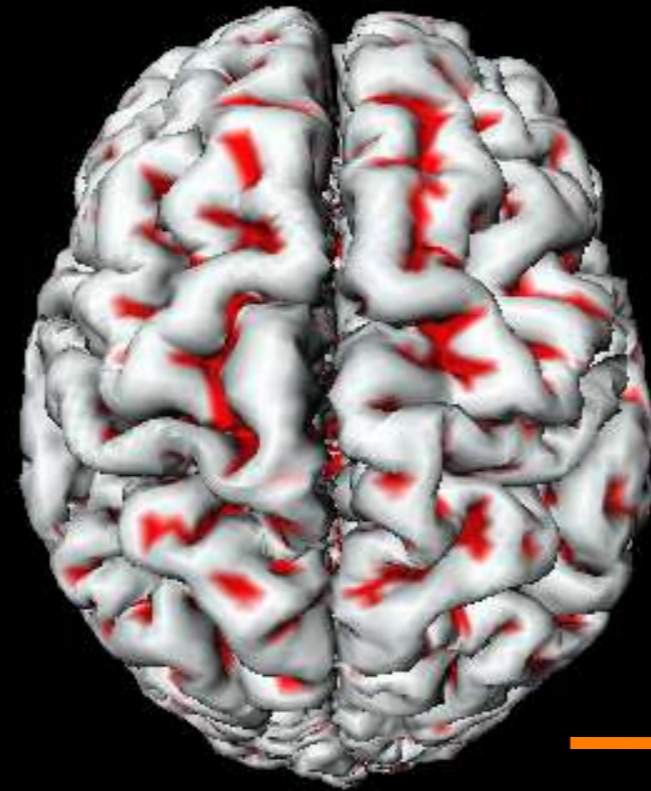
**Parameterize the whole white matter fibers using a single parameterization.**

# Surface parameterization

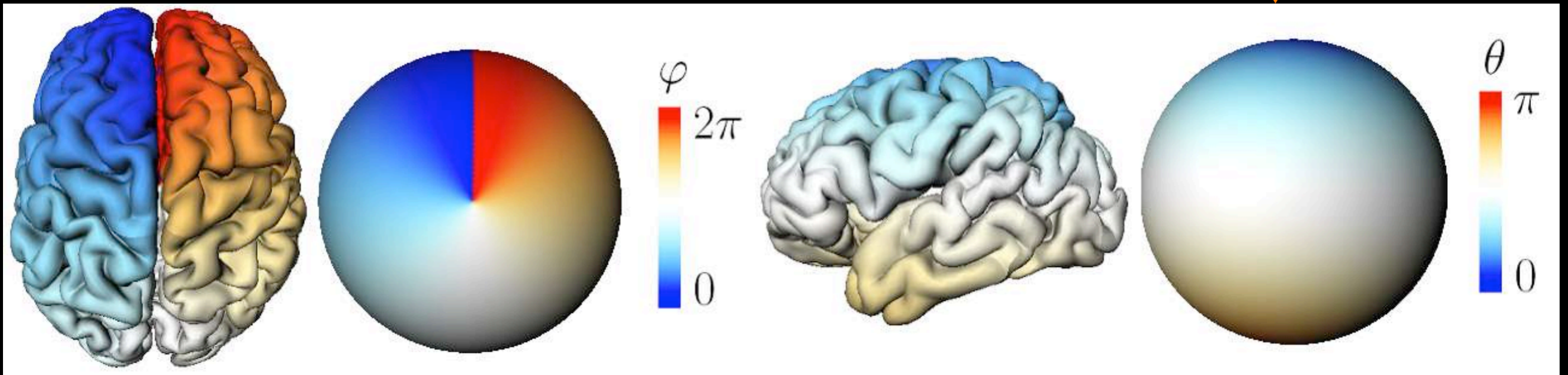
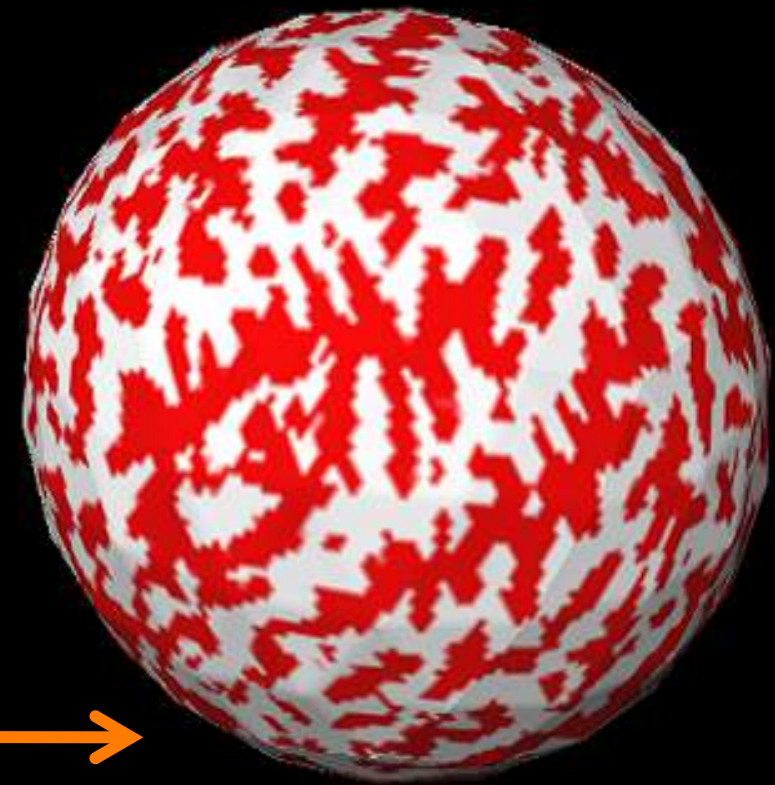
3T MRI



Surface segmentation



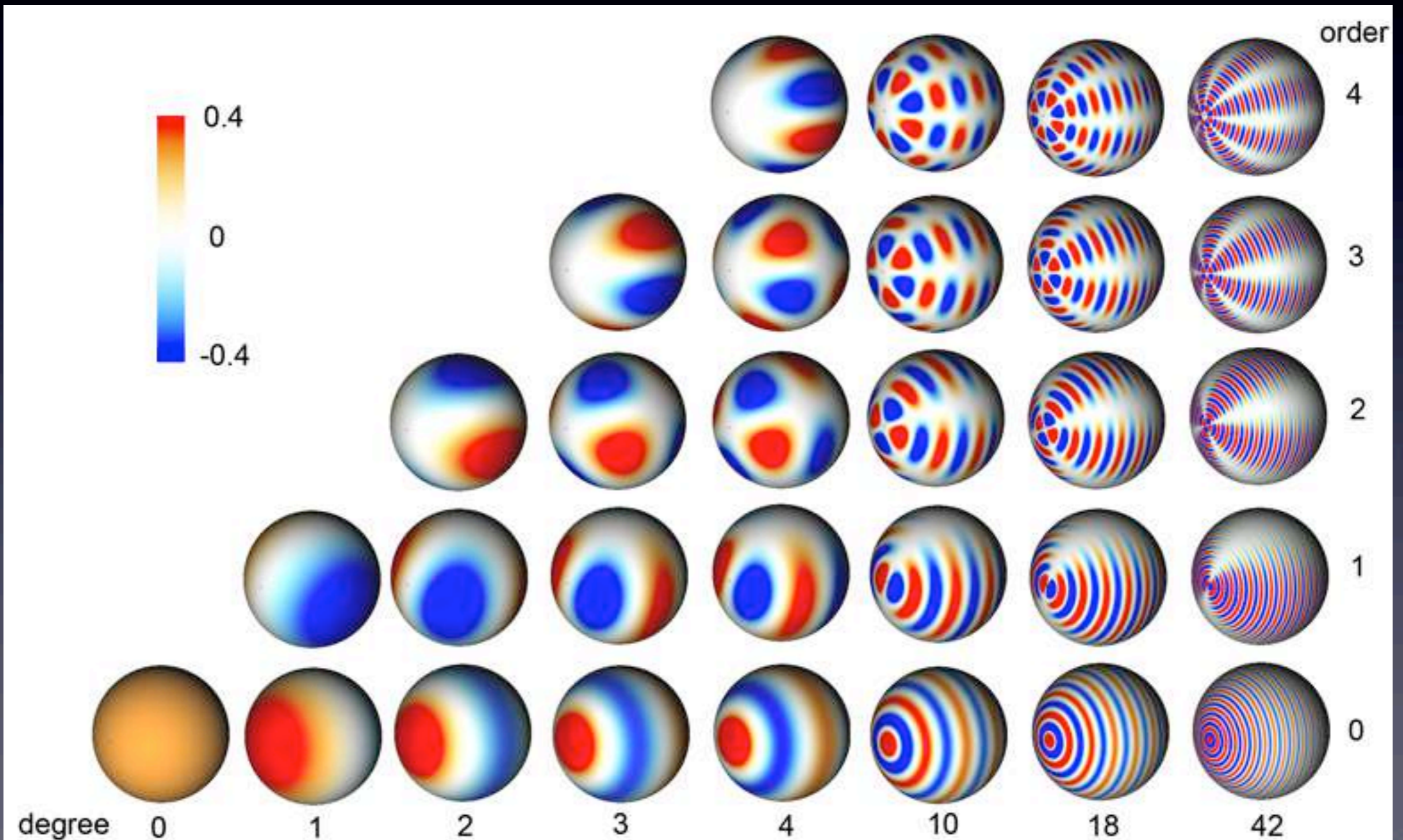
Surface flattening



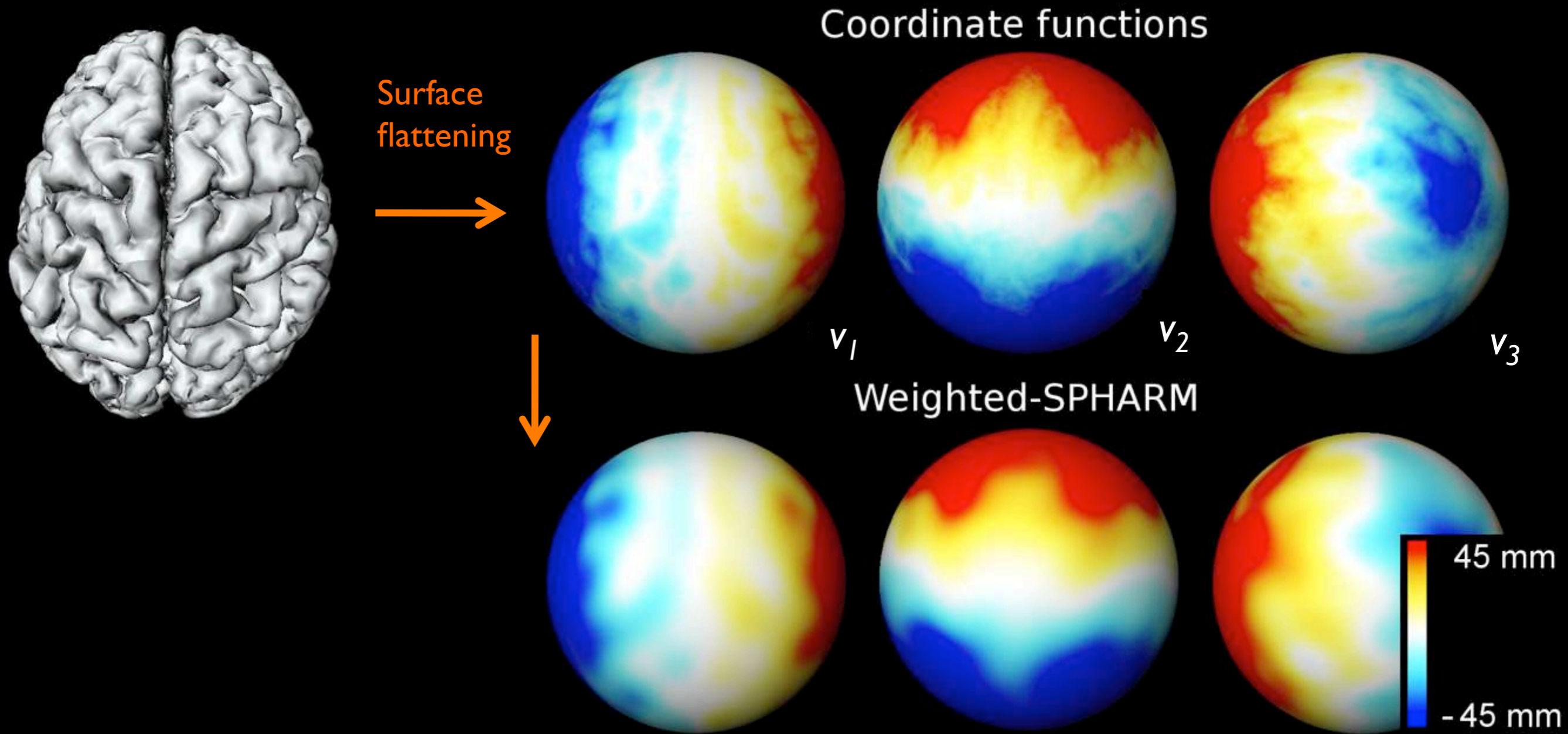
Spherical angle based coordinate system

# Spherical harmonic of degree $l$ and order $m$

$$Y_{lm} = \begin{cases} c_{lm} P_l^{|m|}(\cos \theta) \sin(|m|\varphi), & -l \leq m \leq -1, \\ \frac{c_{lm}}{\sqrt{2}} P_l^0(\cos \theta), & m = 0, \\ c_{lm} P_l^{|m|}(\cos \theta) \cos(|m|\varphi), & 1 \leq m \leq l, \end{cases}$$



# Weighted-Spherical harmonics (SPHARM)



$$v_i(\theta, \varphi) = \sum_{l=0}^k \sum_{m=-l}^l e^{-l(l+1)\sigma} f_{lm}^i Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

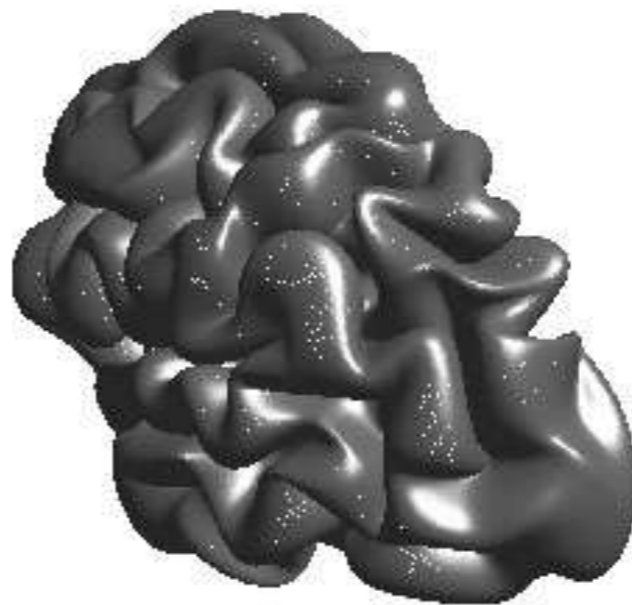
# SPHARM with different degrees



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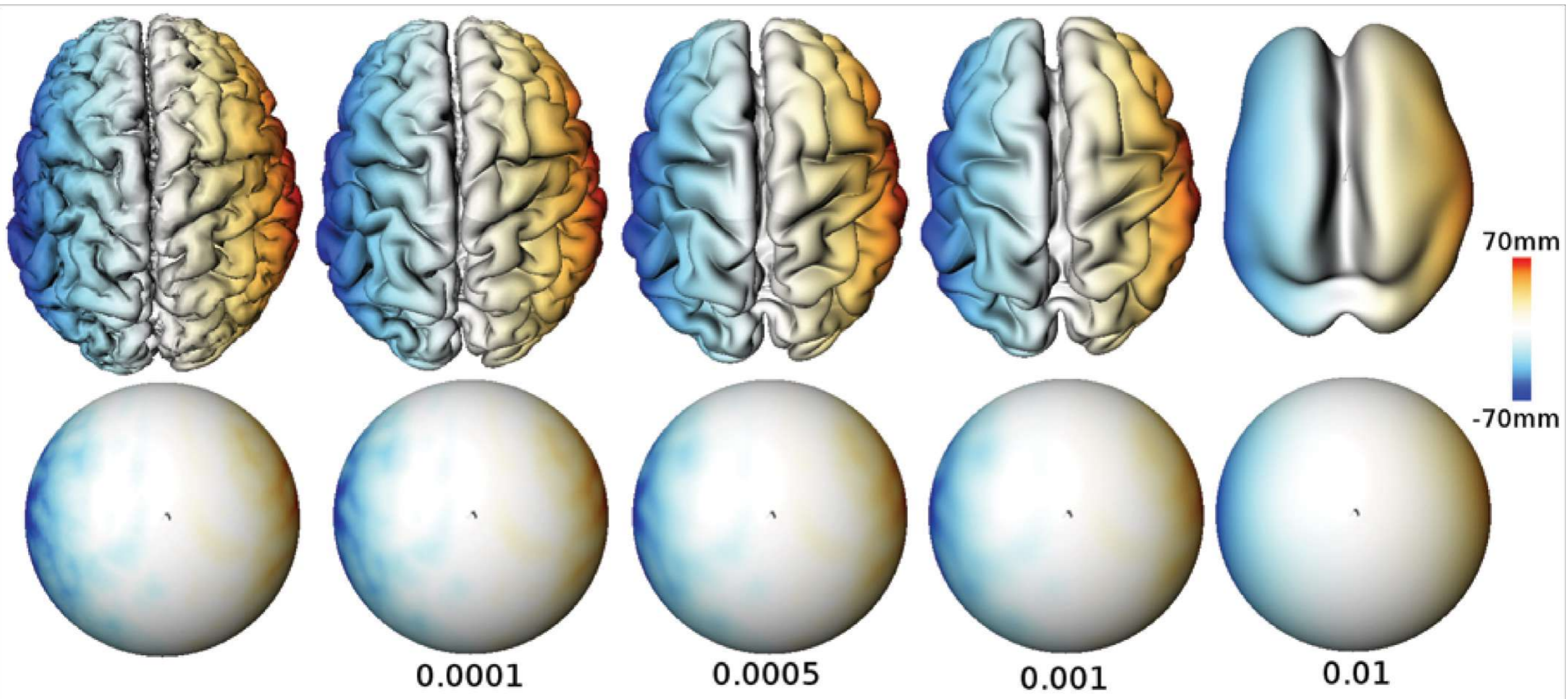


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# Weighted-SPHARM

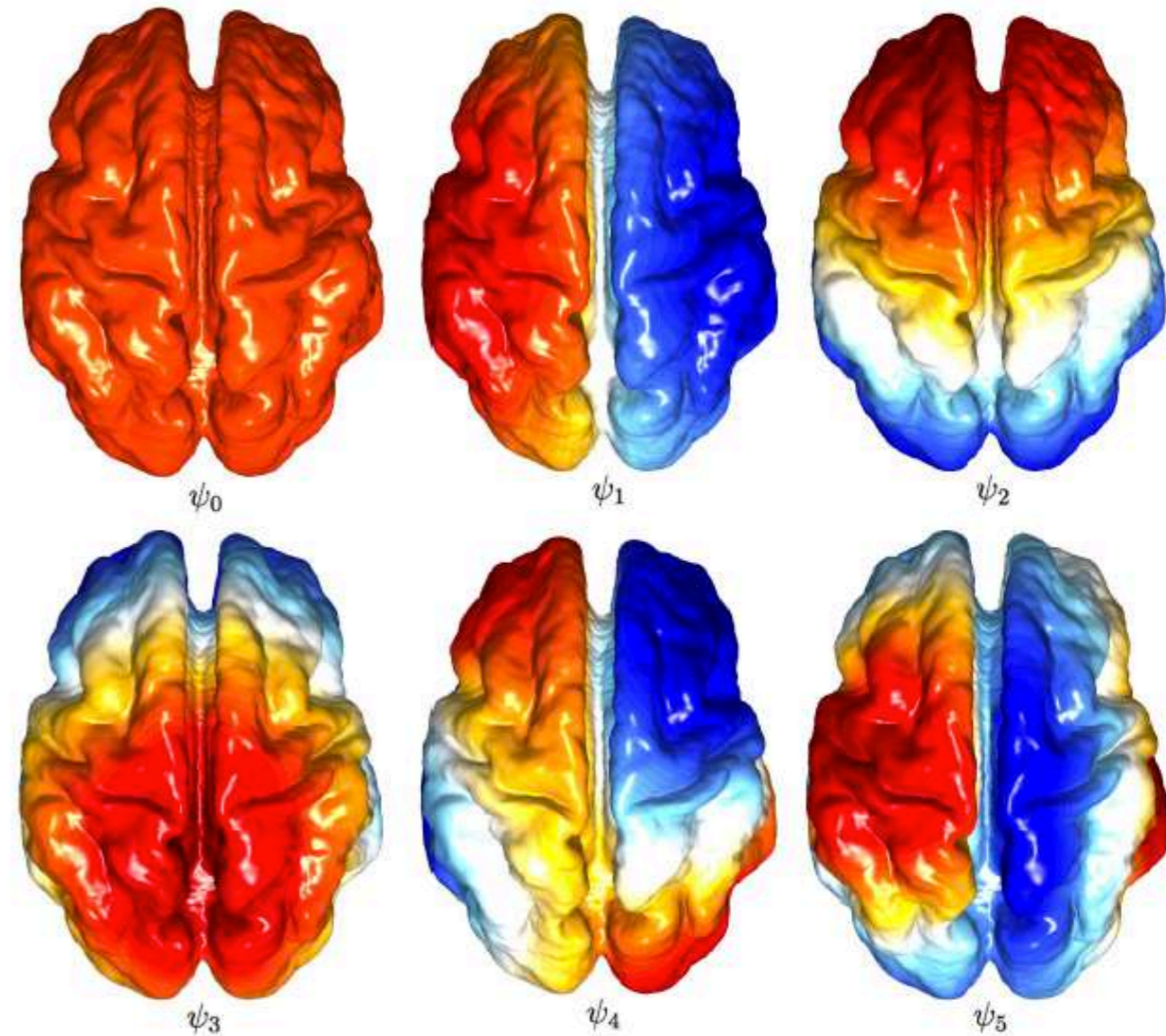
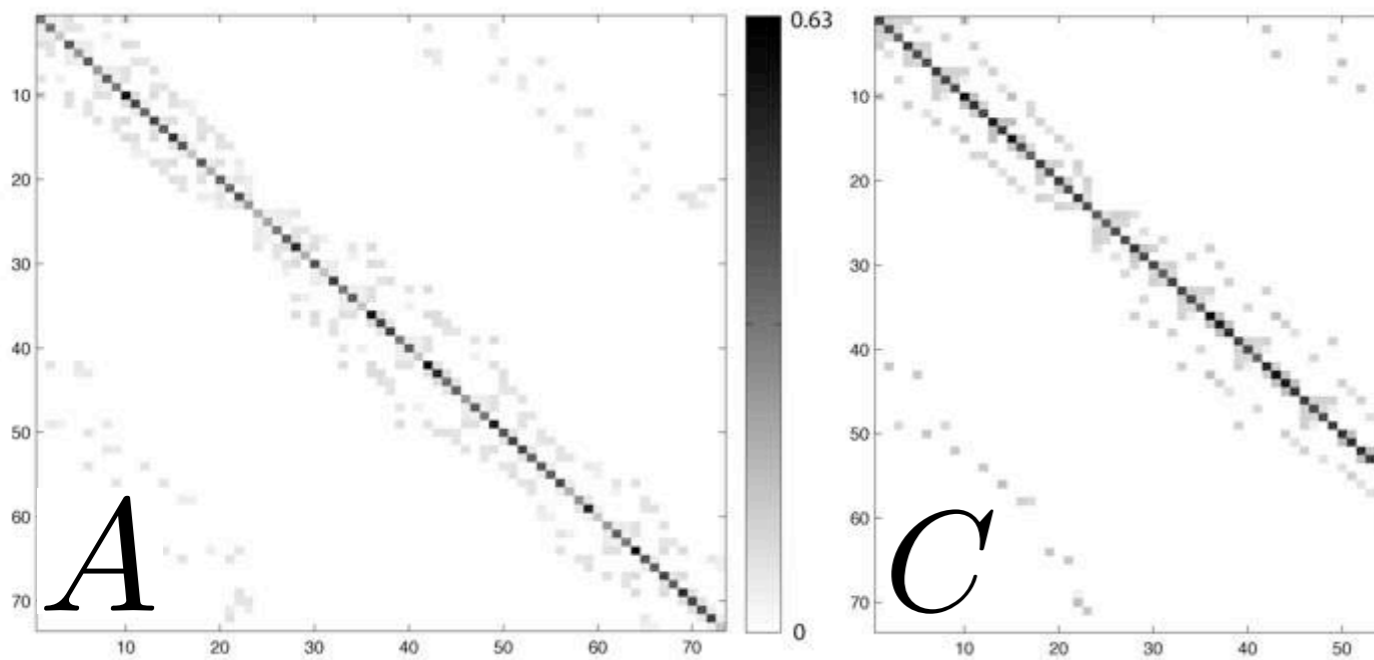


heat kernel bandwidth, diffusion time

Matlab:

<http://www.stat.wisc.edu/~mchung/software/weighted-SPHARM/weighted-SPHARM.html>

# Laplace Beltrami eigenfunction expansion



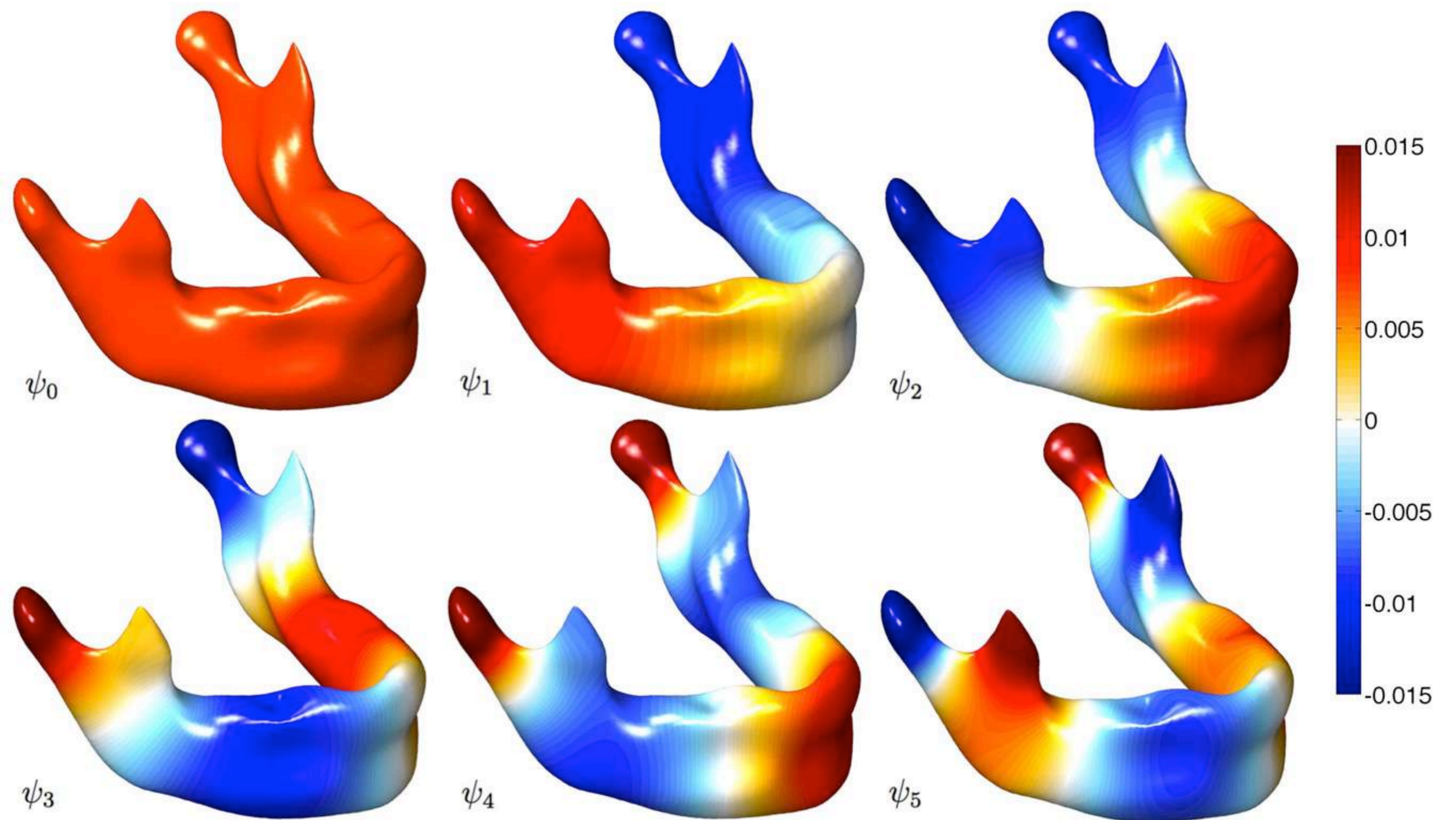
$$\Delta f = \lambda f \quad \dashrightarrow \quad C\psi = \lambda A\psi$$

MATLAB:

<http://brainimaging.waisman.wisc.edu/~chung/lb>

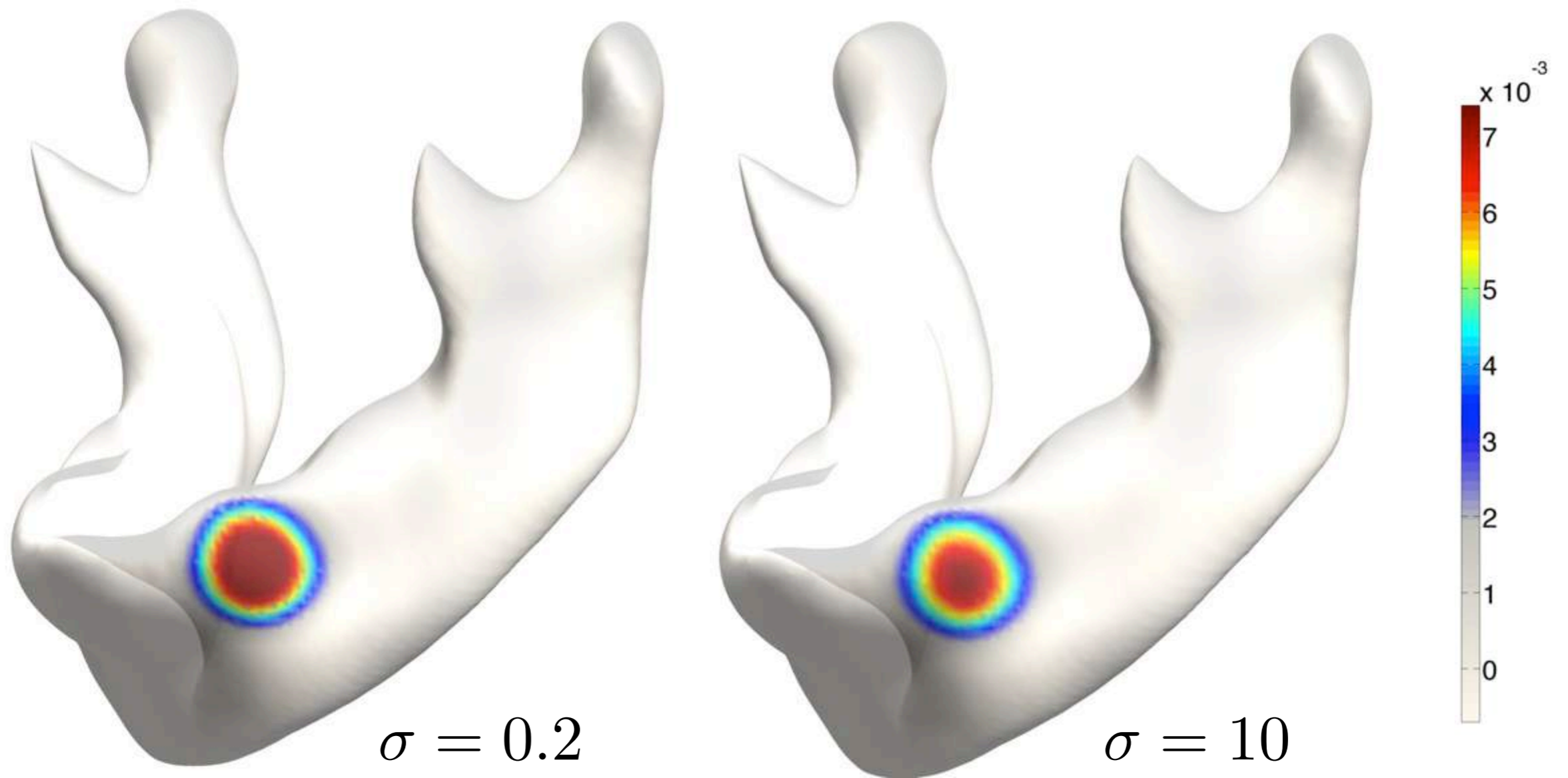


# Laplace-Beltrami eigenfunctions on mandible



$$\Delta\psi_j = \lambda_j\psi_j$$

# Heat kernel = probability distribution on manifold

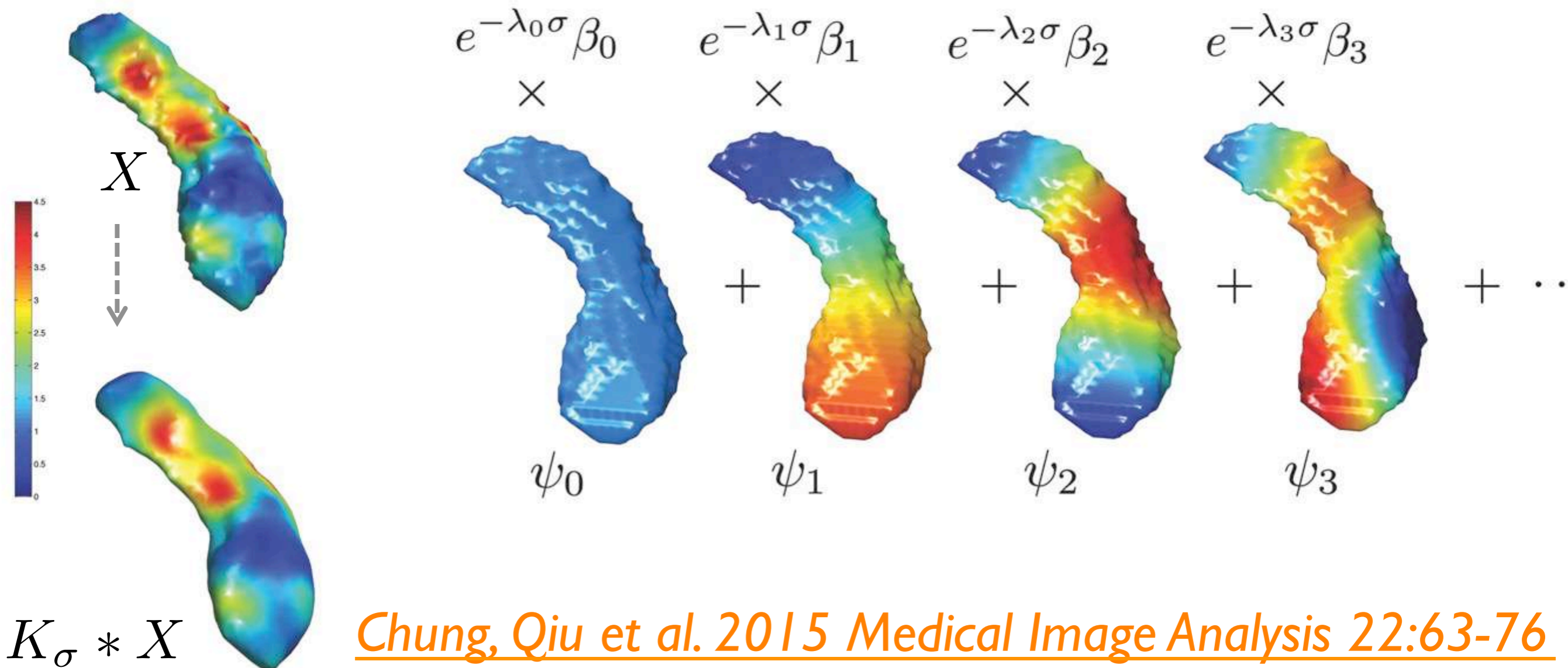


$$K_{\sigma}(p, q) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_j \sigma} \psi_j(p) \psi_j(q)$$

# Heat kernel smoothing

$$K_\sigma * X(p) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_j \sigma} X_j \psi_j(p)$$

$$\beta_j = \int X(p) \psi_j(p) d\mu(p)$$



# Limitations

Existing parametric shape  
representations do *not* work for  
different topology

Cancer growth

Stroke lesions in brain

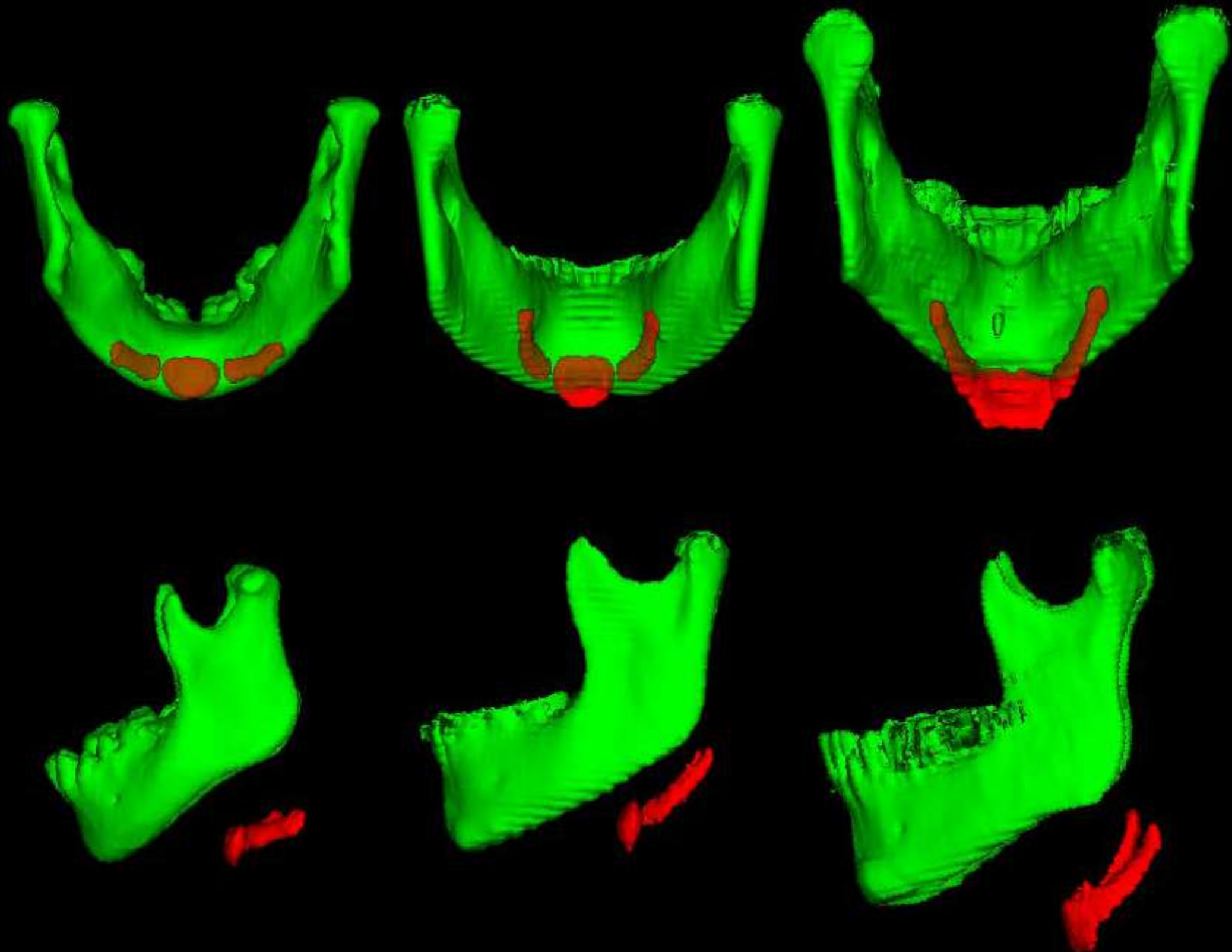
Bone fusion

# Hyoid bone fusion

DS; 10 yrs, 6 mo.

TD; 10 yrs, 11 mo.

TD; 44 yrs, 1 mo.

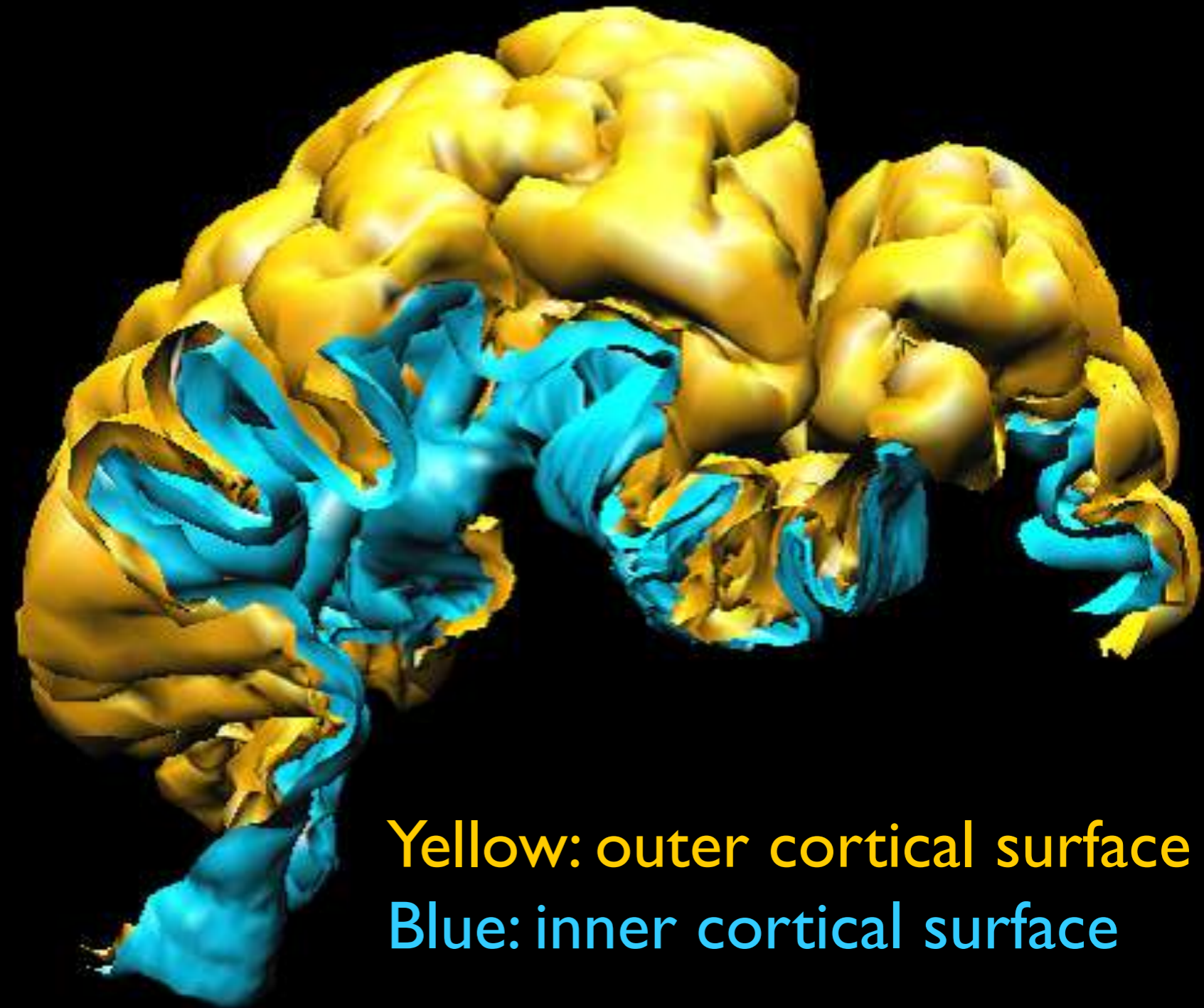
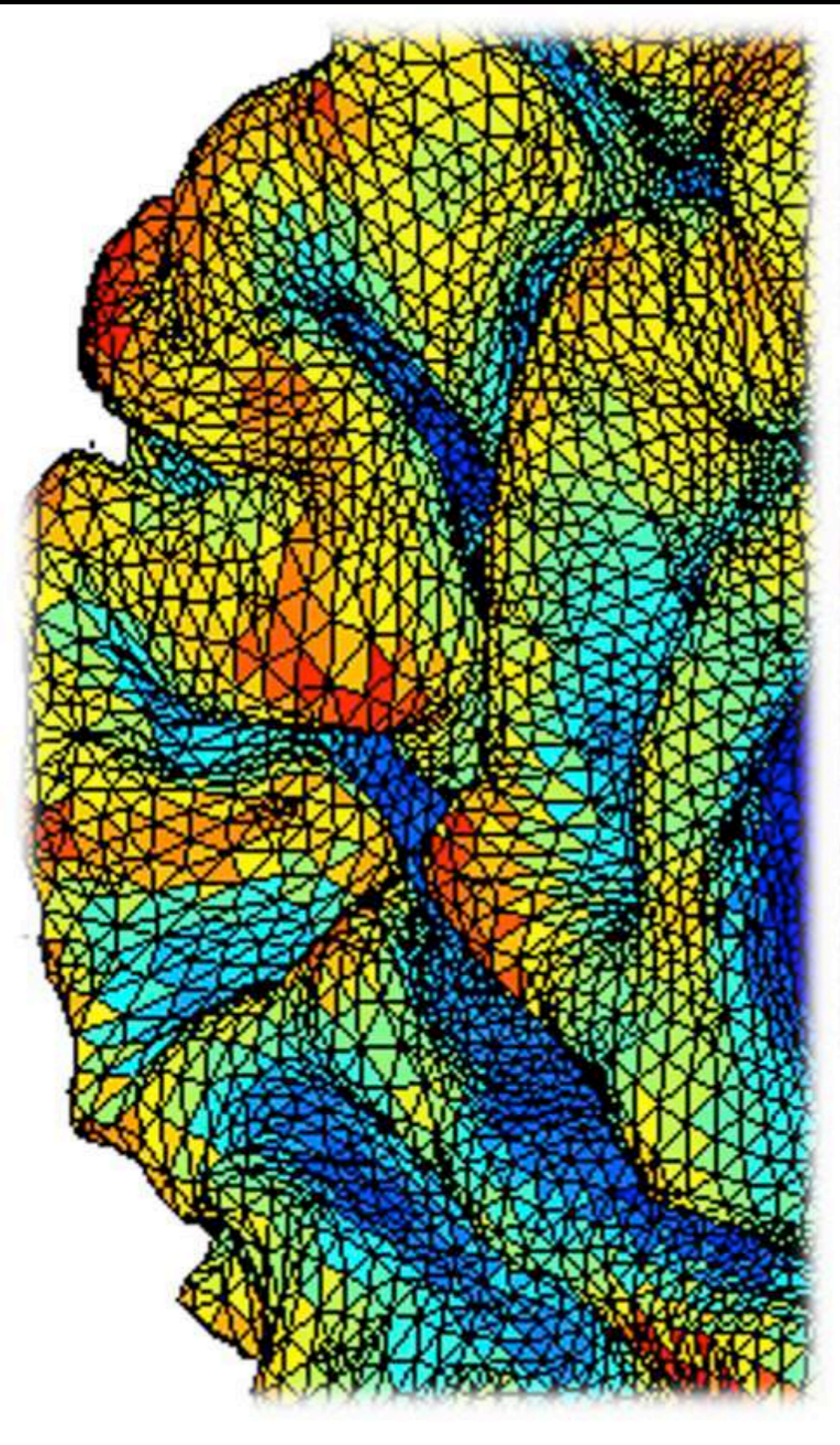


DS: down syndrome

TD: typically developing

# Bessel Fourier Reconstruction (BFOR)

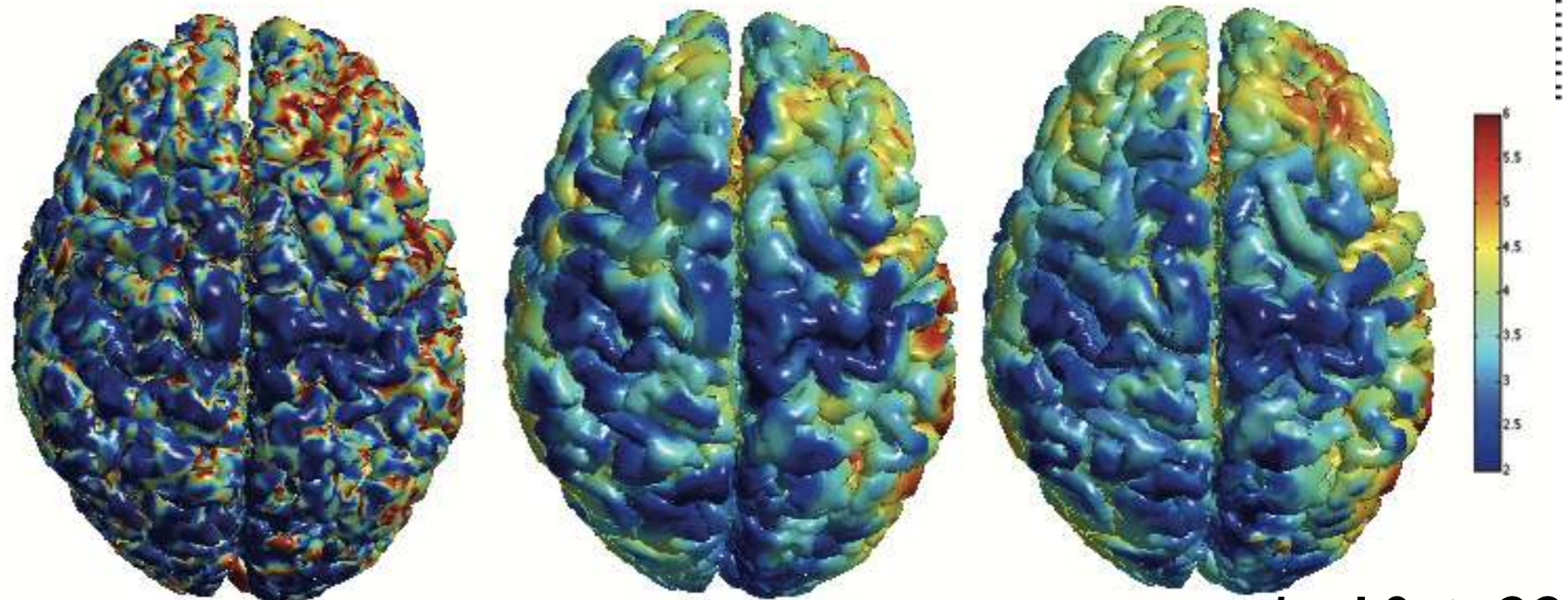
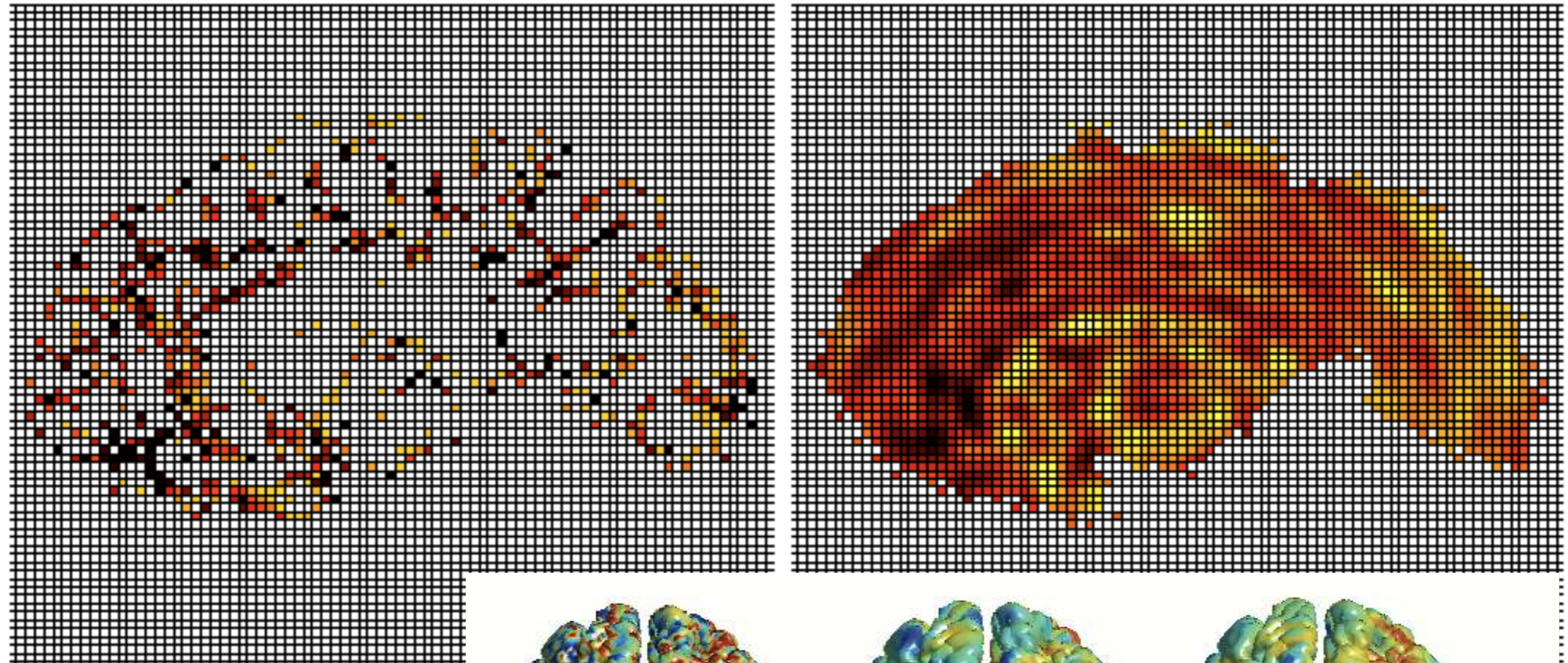
# 2D cortical thickness



Yellow: outer cortical surface  
Blue: inner cortical surface



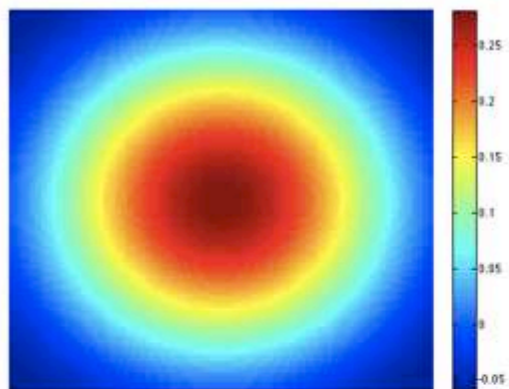
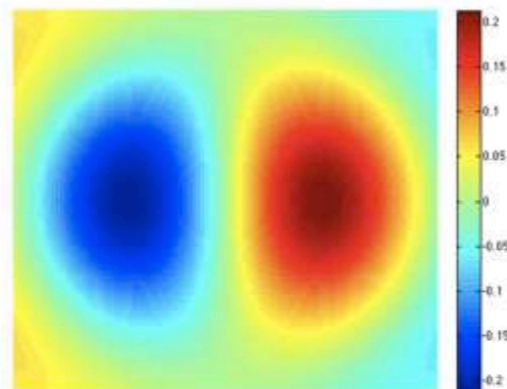
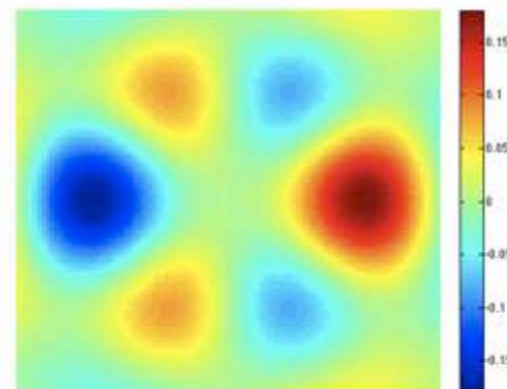
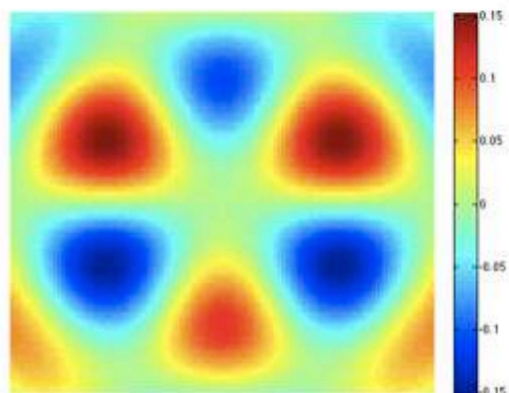
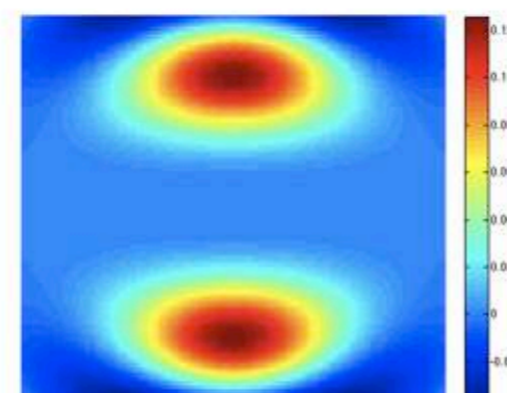
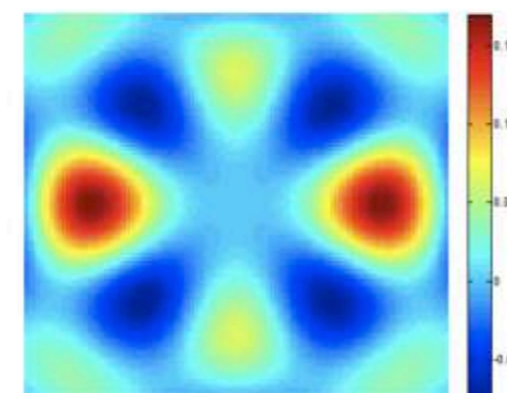
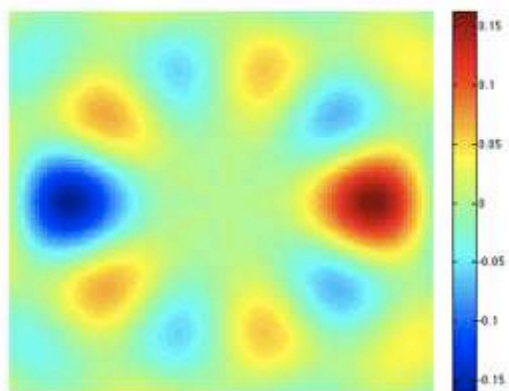
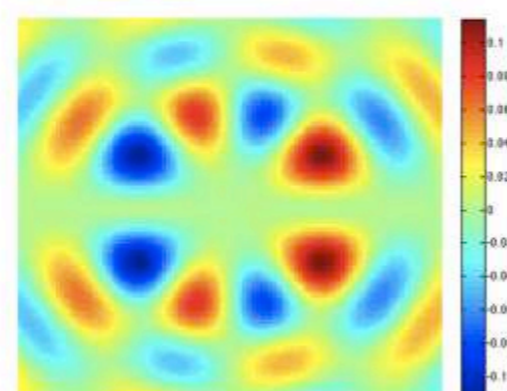
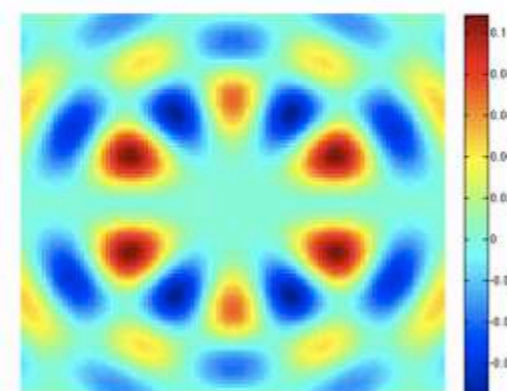
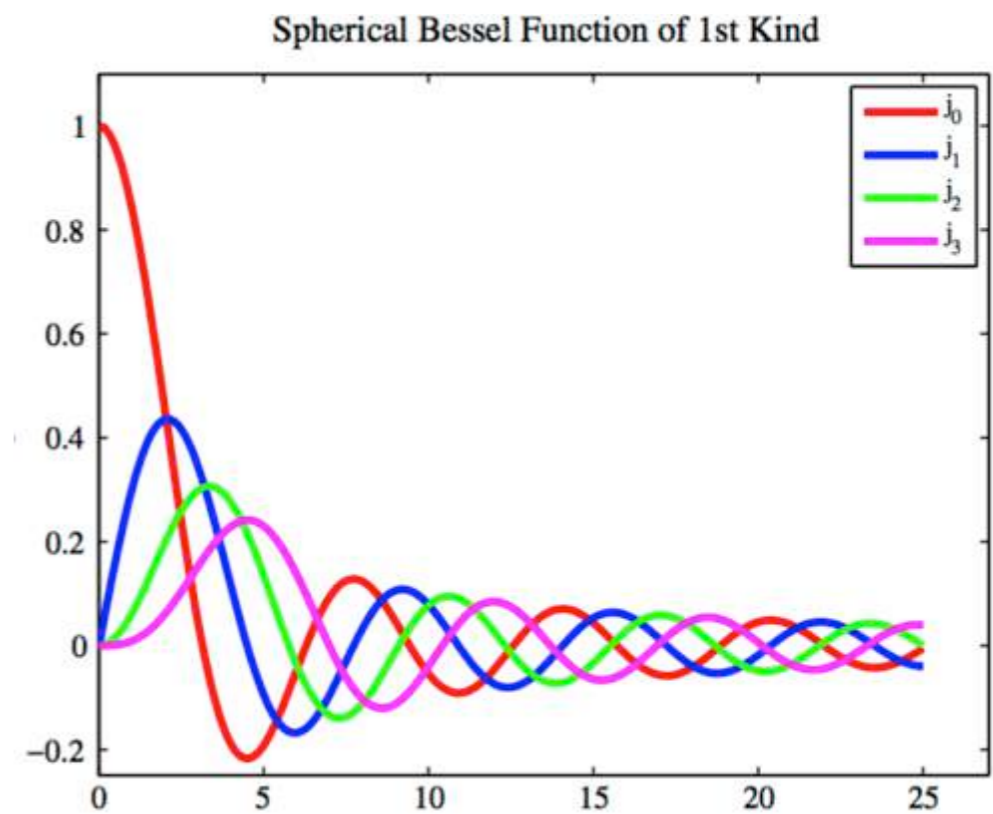
# Bessel Fourier reconstruction (BFOR) on cortical thickness



$$f(r, \theta, \varphi) \approx \sum_{l=0}^k \sum_{m=-l}^l \sum_{n=1}^j \beta_{lmn} Z_{lmn}(r, \theta, \varphi)$$

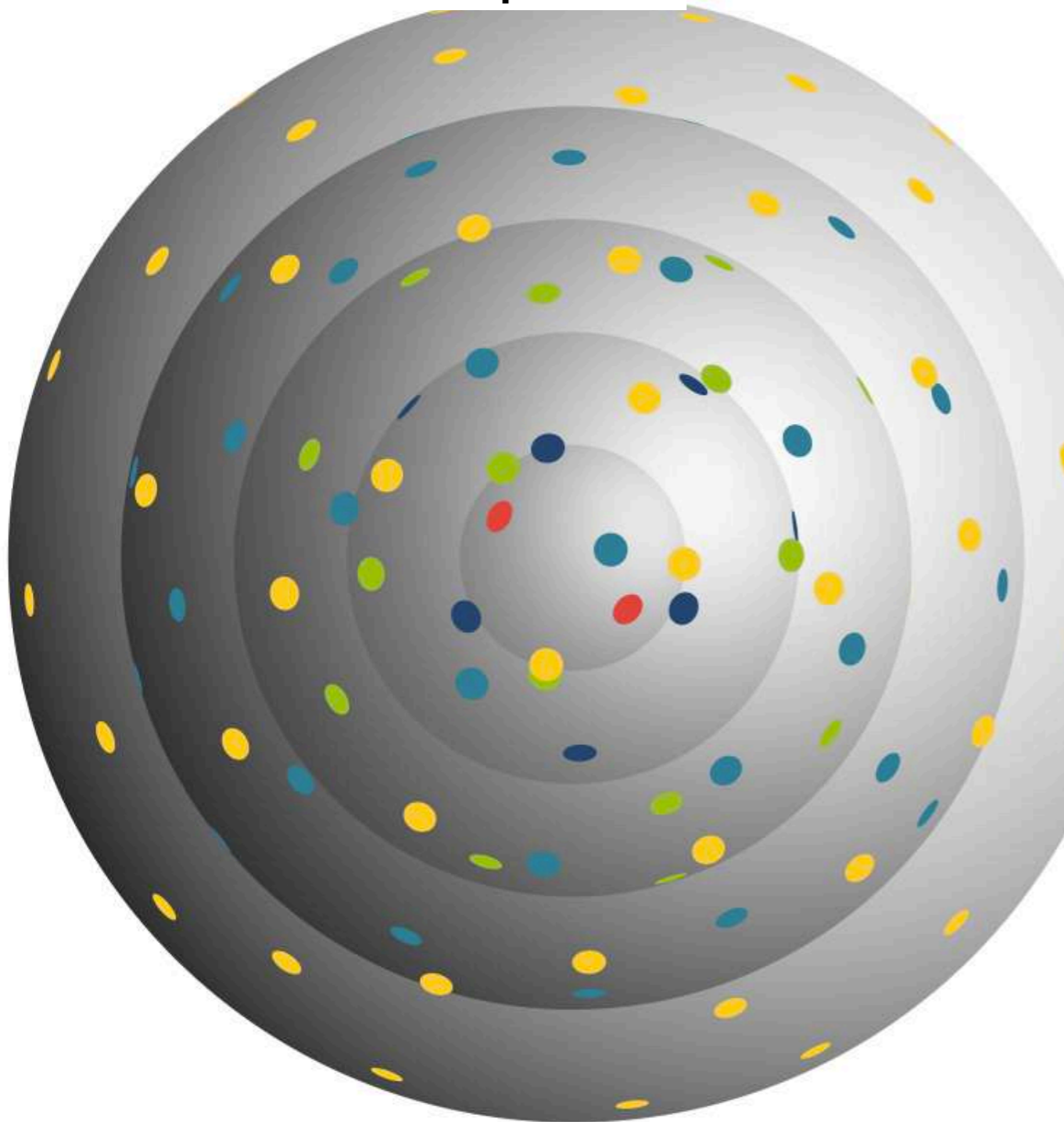
$$Z_{lmn}(r, \theta, \varphi) = S_l(\sqrt{\lambda_{ln}} r) Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$S_l(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2x}} J_{l+1/2}(x)$$

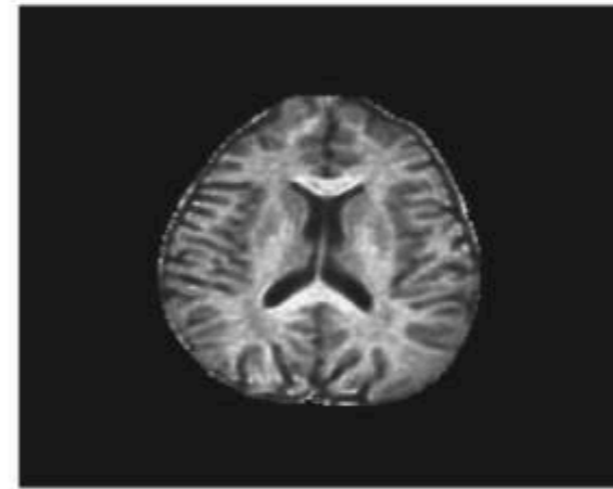

 $Z_{0,0,1}$ 

 $Z_{1,0,2}$ 

 $Z_{3,0,2}$ 

 $Z_{3,1,2}$ 

 $Z_{4,4,2}$ 

 $Z_{4,0,2}$ 

 $Z_{5,0,2}$ 

 $Z_{5,2,3}$ 

 $Z_{6,2,3}$ 


# Multi-shell reconstruction in diffusion weighted imaging

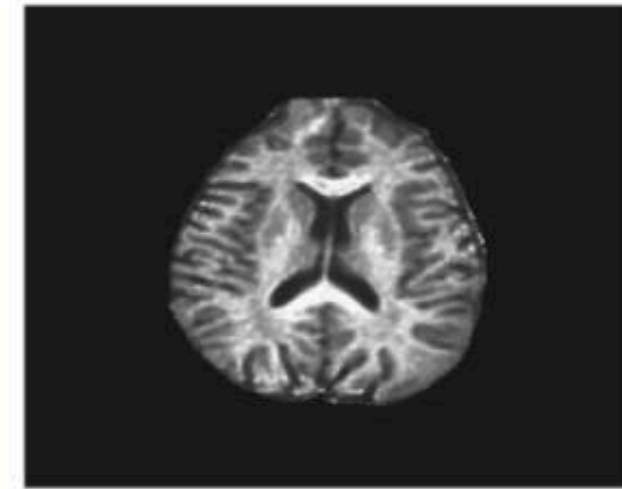
5 shells, 126 data points



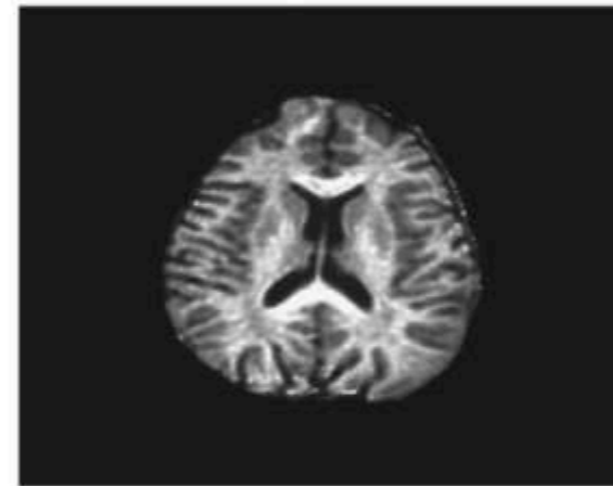
(a) BFOR



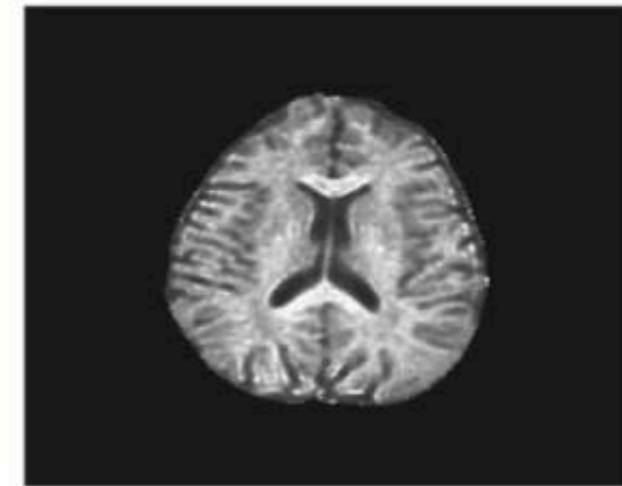
(b) BFOR with Signal Extrapolation



(d) SPFI with Signal Extrapolation



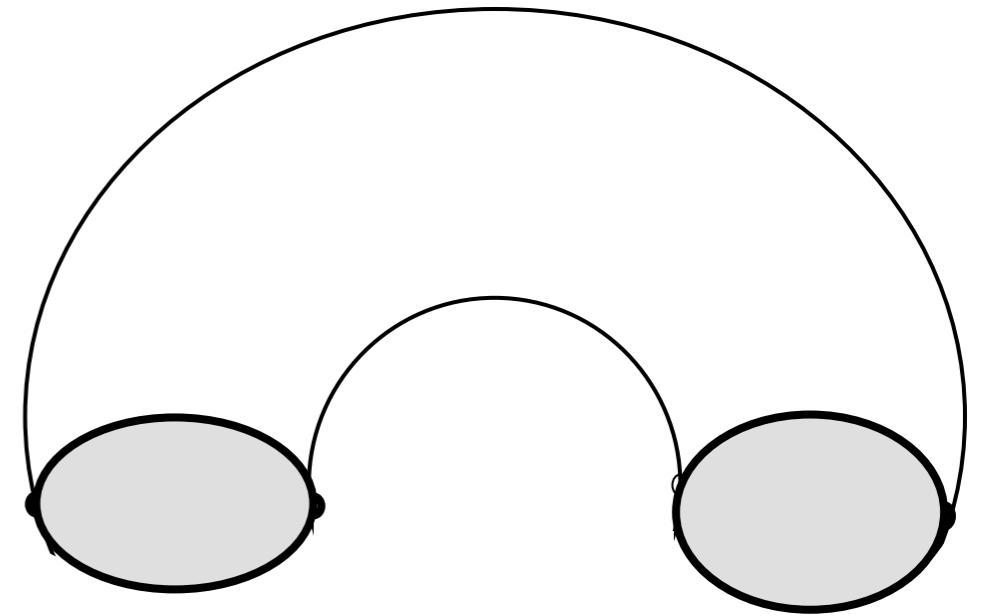
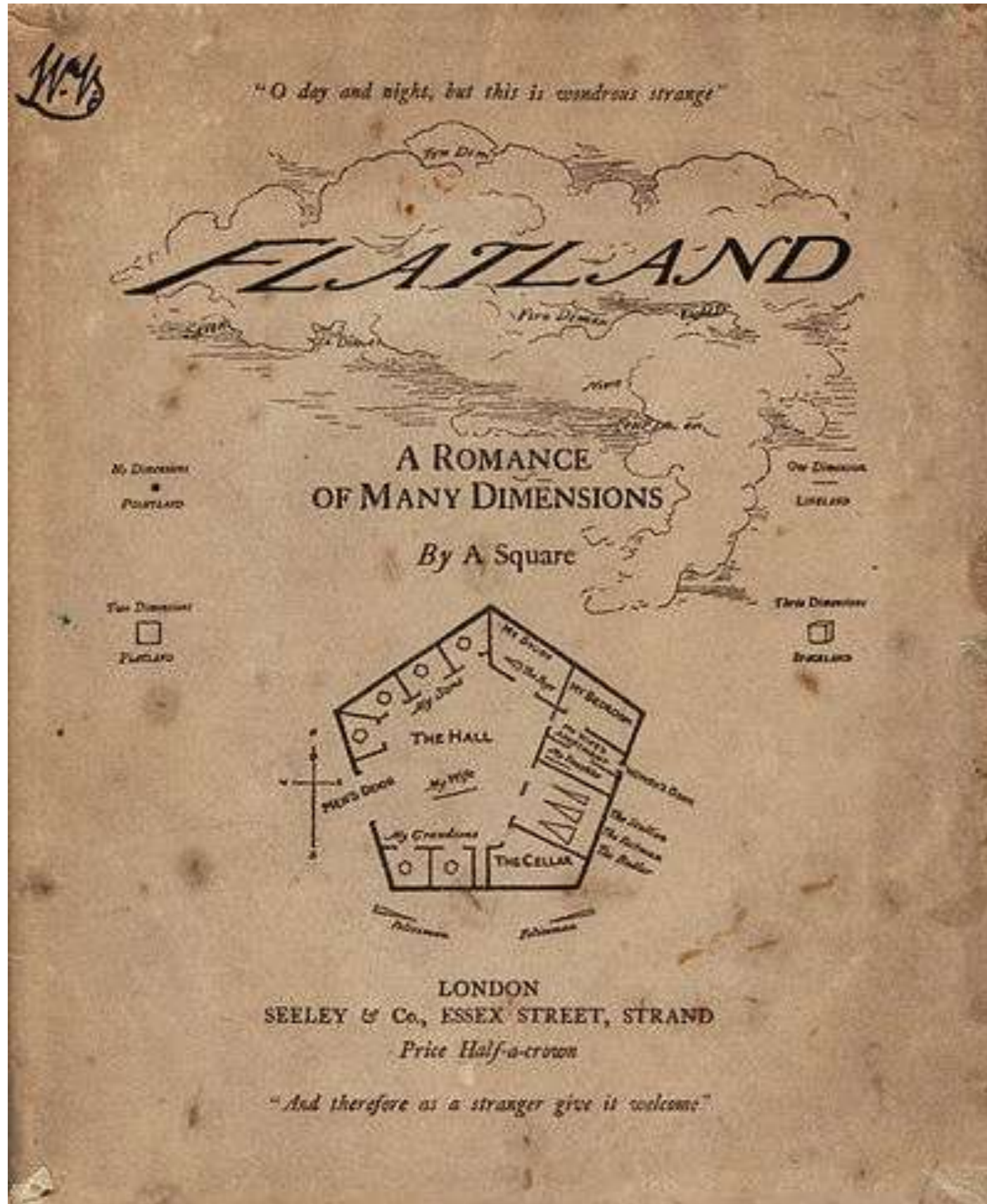
(e) DPI



$P_0$  image

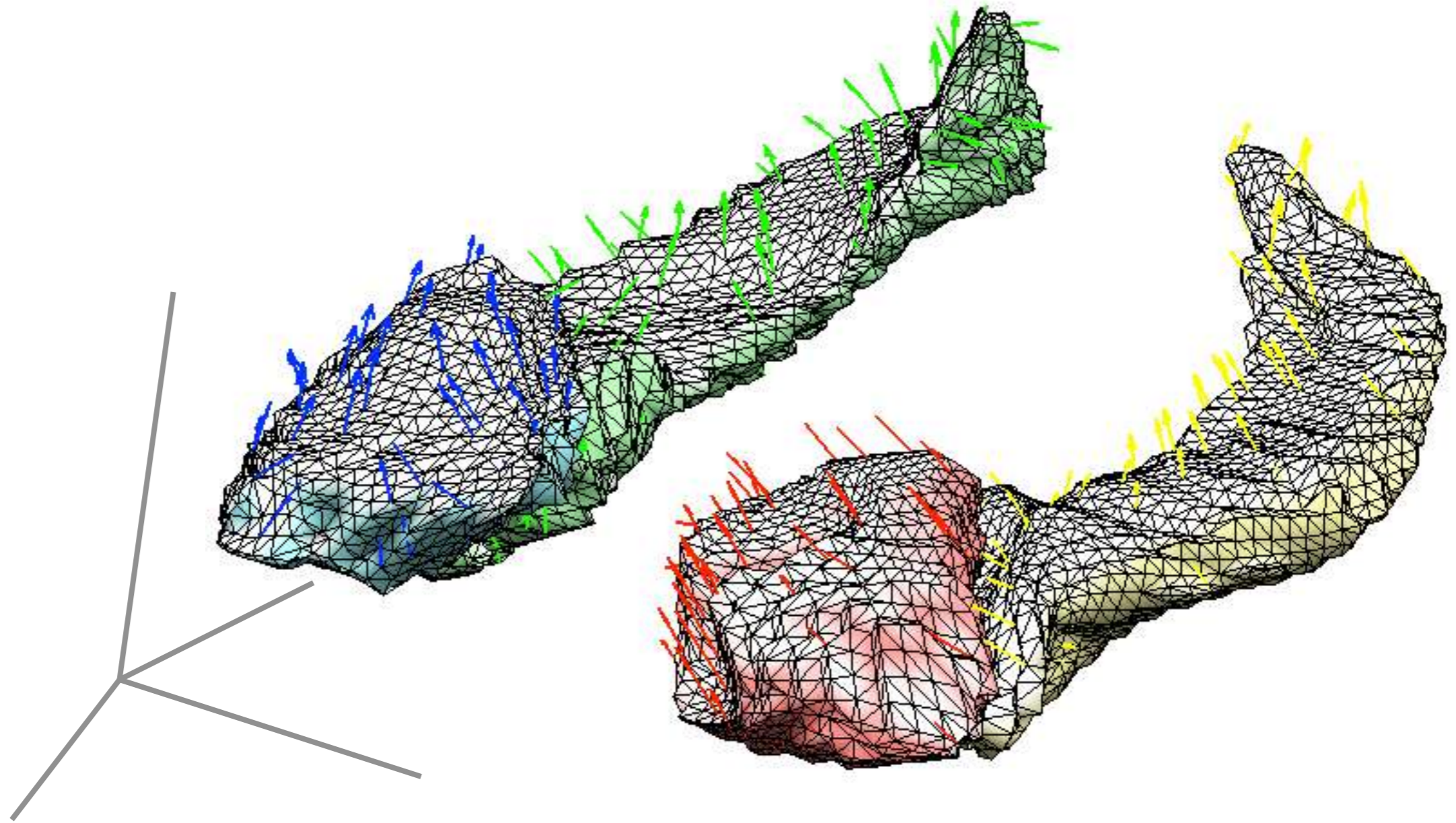
# Hyper Spherical Harmonic (SPHARM) Representation

# Flatland by Edwin A. Abbott, 1884



Connected in 3D

Question: Connect disconnected structures



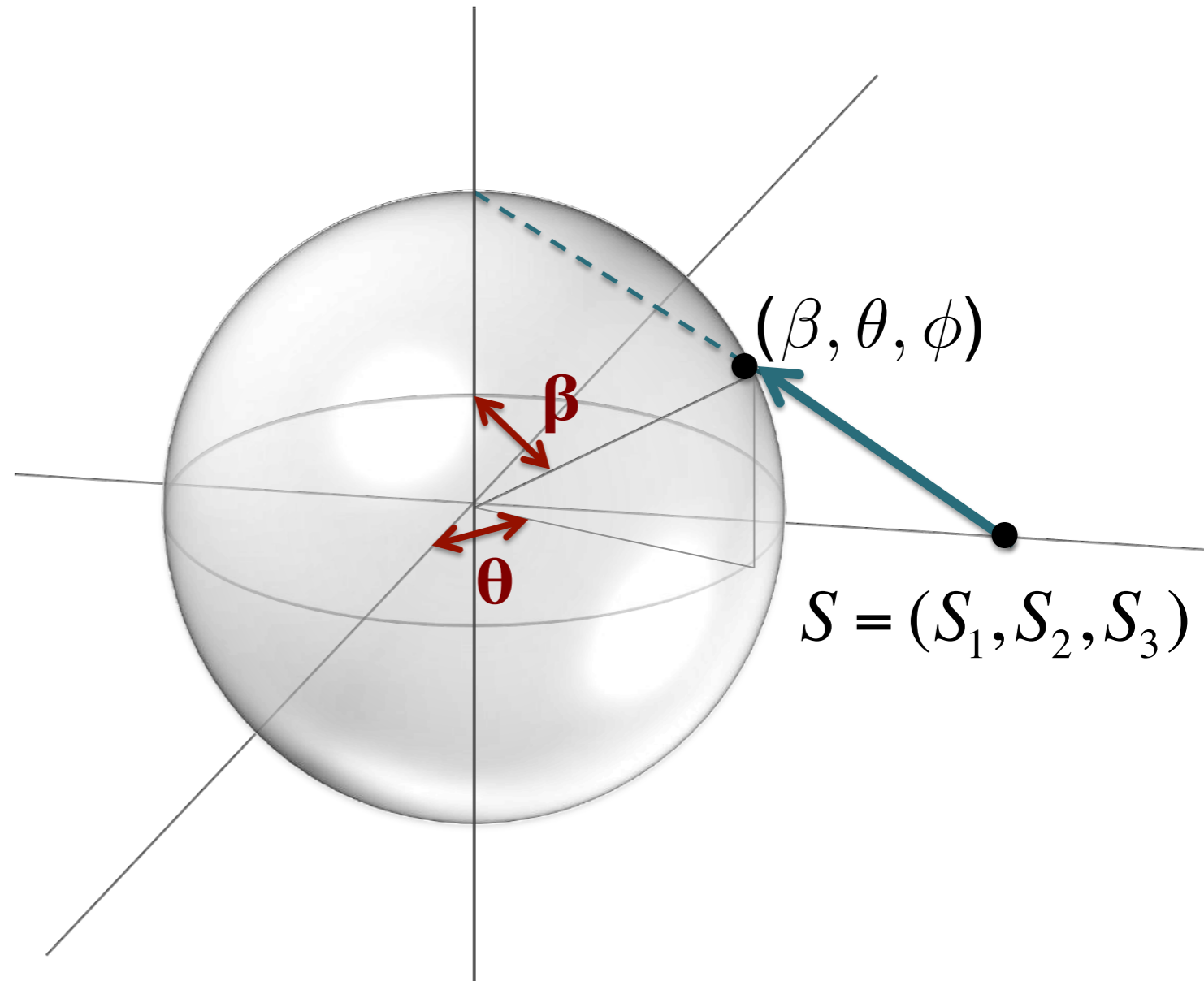
Connected in 4D

Question: Connect disconnected structures

## 3D stereographic projection

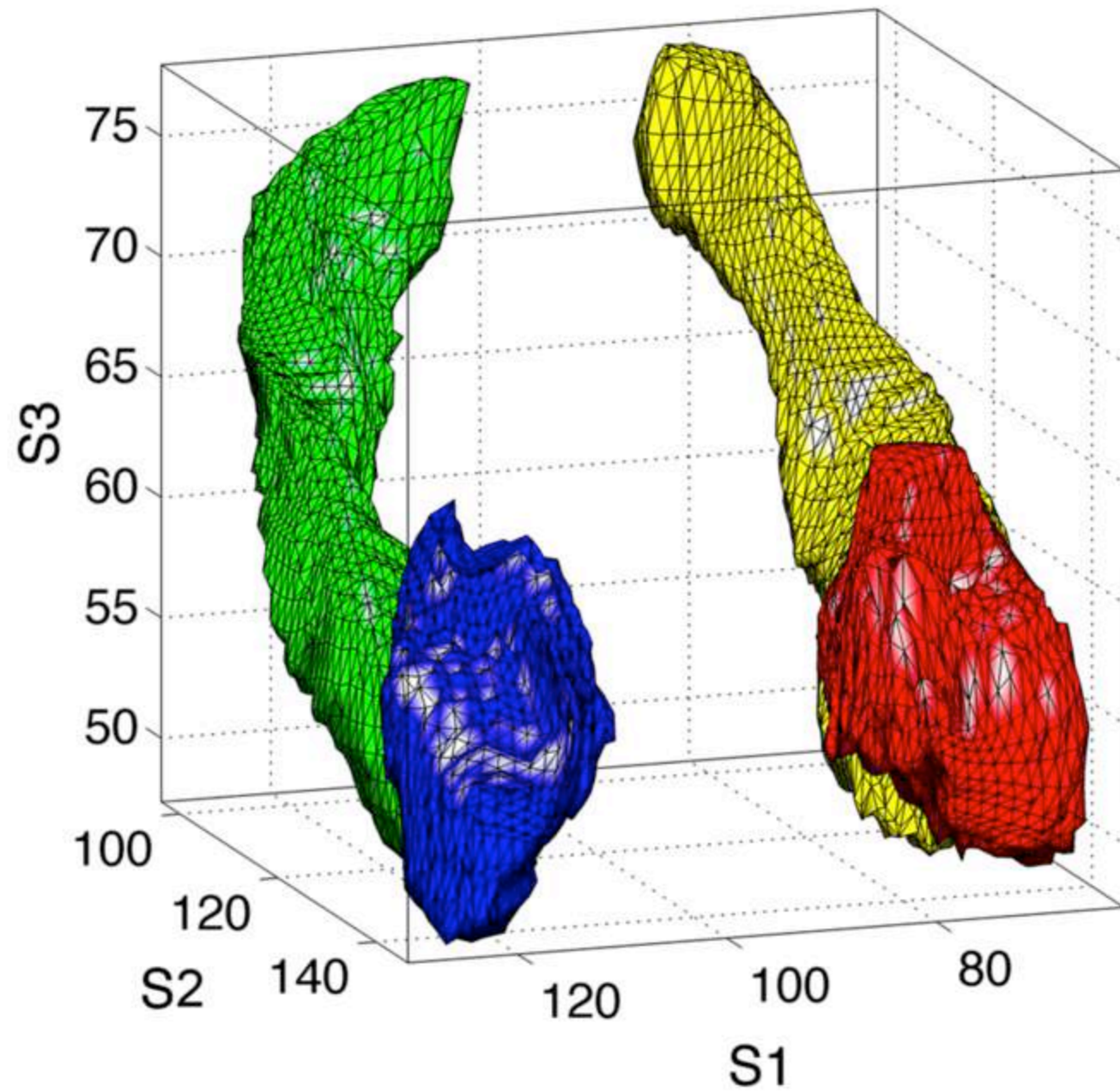


## 4D stereographic projection

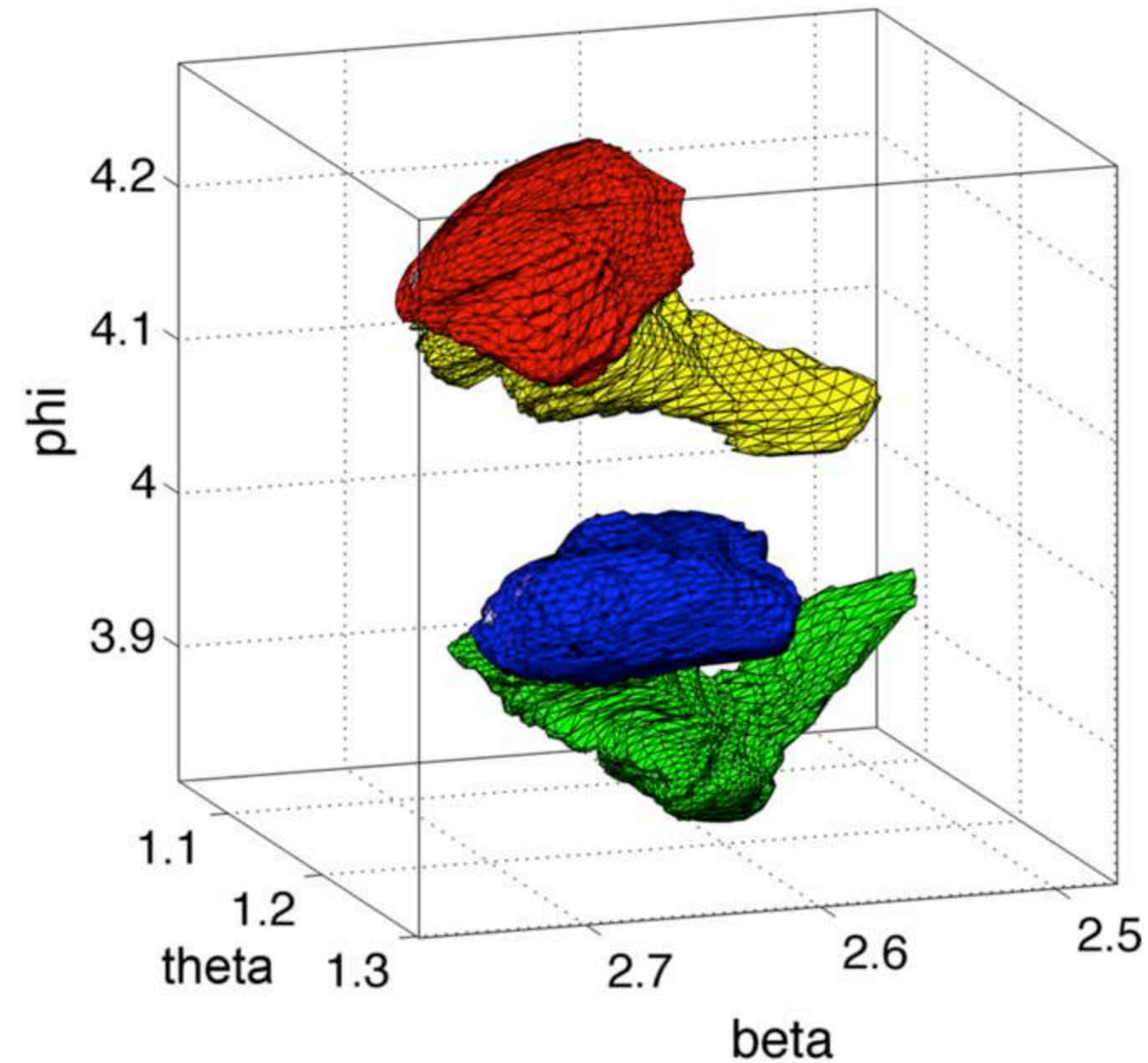


# 4D stereographic projection

3D Cartesian Coordinates



4D Hyperpsherial Coordinates





# Hyper Spherical harmonic representation

3D coordinates  $S = (S_1, S_2, S_3)$

$$S_i = \sum_{n=0}^N \sum_{l=0}^n \sum_{m=-l}^l C_{nlm}^i Z_{nl}^m(\beta, \theta, \phi)$$

Spherical angles  
of a hypersphere

$$Z_{nl}^m(\beta, \theta, \phi) = 2^{l+1/2} \sqrt{\frac{(n+1)\Gamma(n-l+1)}{\pi\Gamma(n+l+2)}} \Gamma(l+1) \sin^l \beta C_n^{l+1}(\cos \beta) Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

Gegenbauer  
polynomials

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi Z_{nl}^m(\Omega) Z_{n'l'}^{m'*}(\Omega) \sin^2 \beta \sin \theta d\beta d\theta d\phi = \delta_{nn'} \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'}$$

SPHARM mean squared error.

*1764 parameters*

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MSE<sub>SPHARM</sub>

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Left Amygdala	0.0843 ± 0.0183
Right Amygdala	0.0941 ± 0.0165
Left Hippocampus	0.364 ± 0.732
Right Hippocampus	0.192 ± 0.314

HyperSPHARM mean squared error.

*140 parameters*

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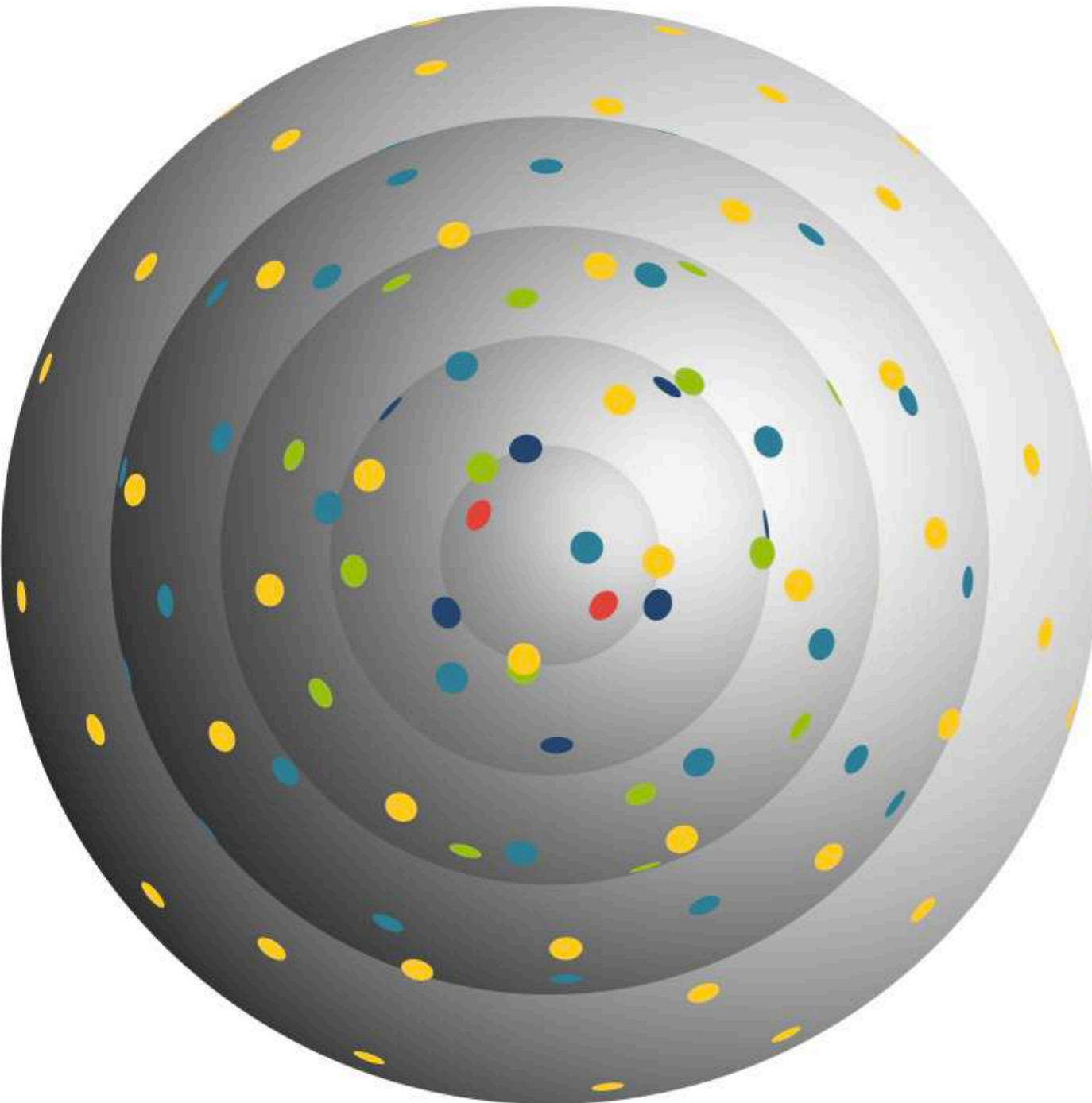
MSE<sub>HSH</sub>

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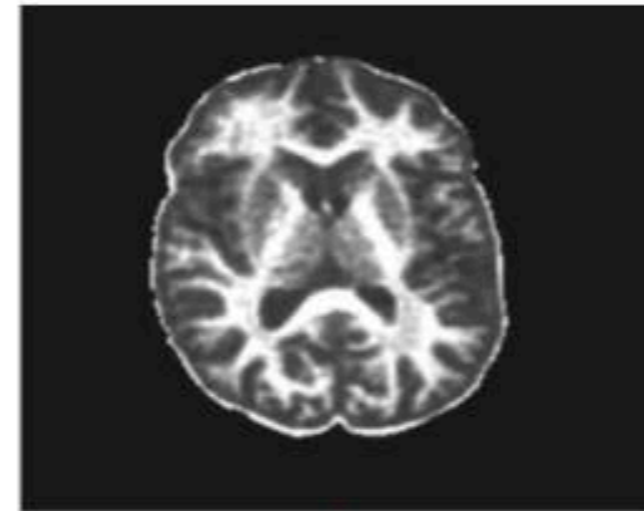
Left Amygdala	0.147 ± 0.609
Right Amygdala	0.148 ± 0.632
Left Hippocampus	0.129 ± 0.511
Right Hippocampus	0.127 ± 0.504

# Multi-shell reconstruction in diffusion weighted imaging

5 shells, 126 data points

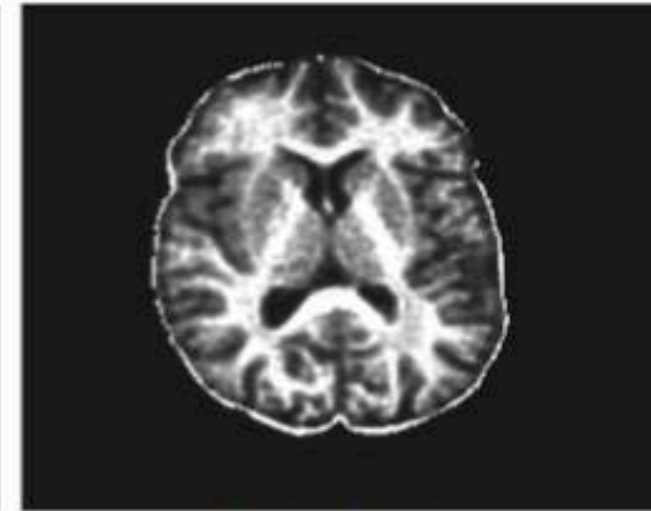


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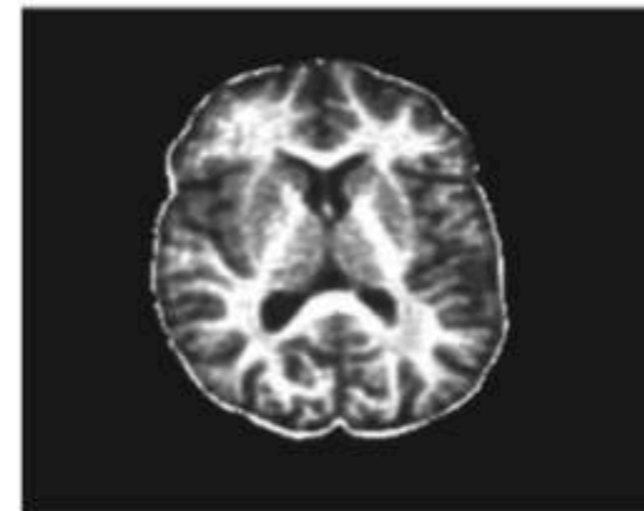


(a) HSH  $N=2$

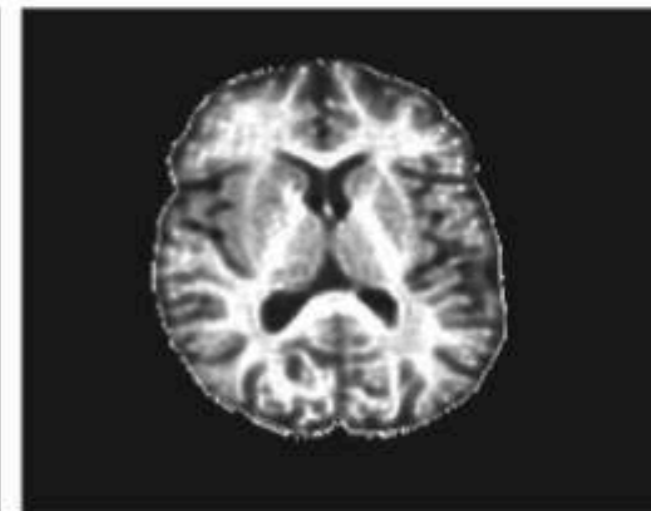
30 parameters



(b) HSH  $N=3$



(c) HSH  $N=4$

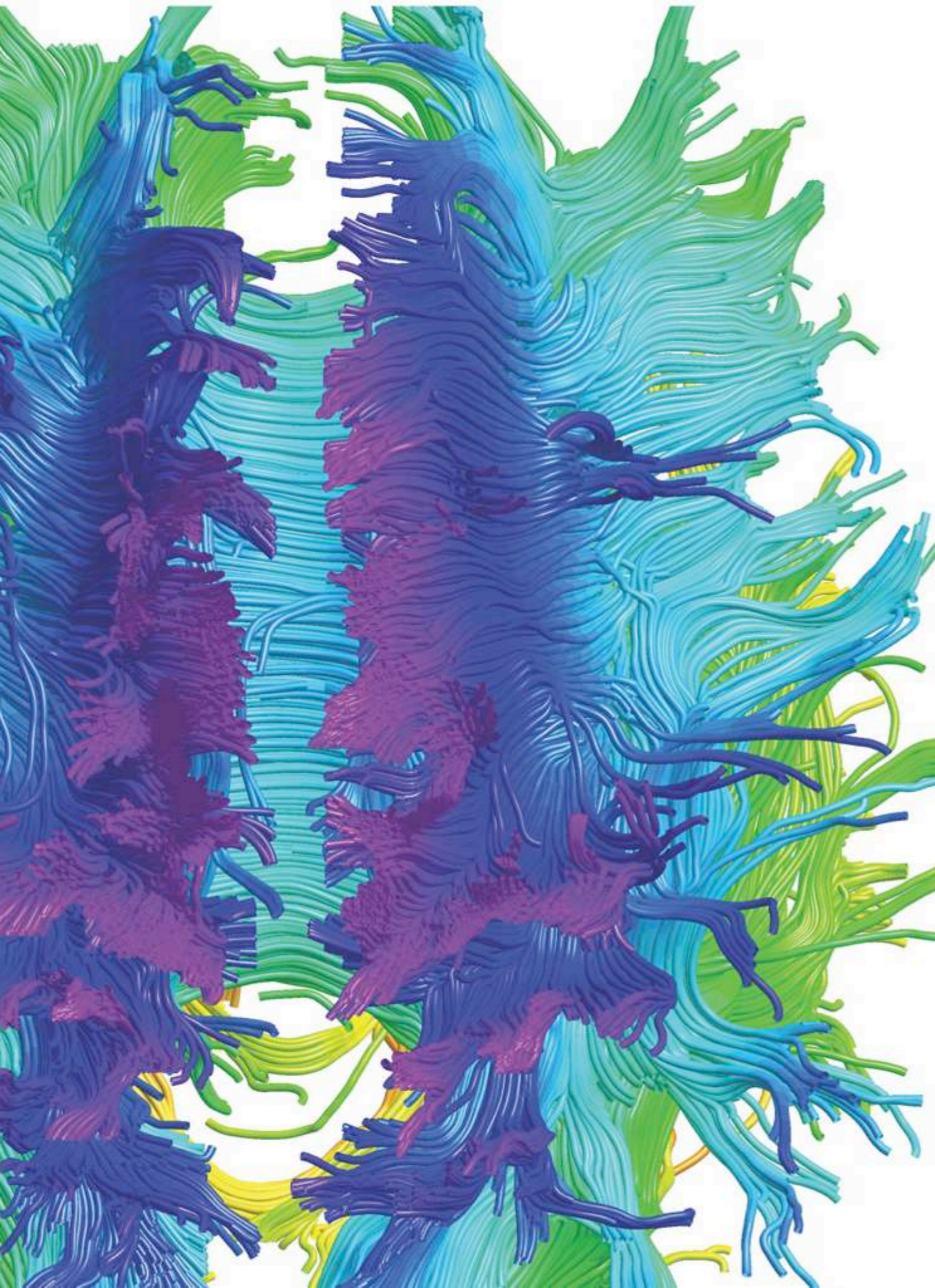


(d) BFOR

$P_0$  image

# What Next?

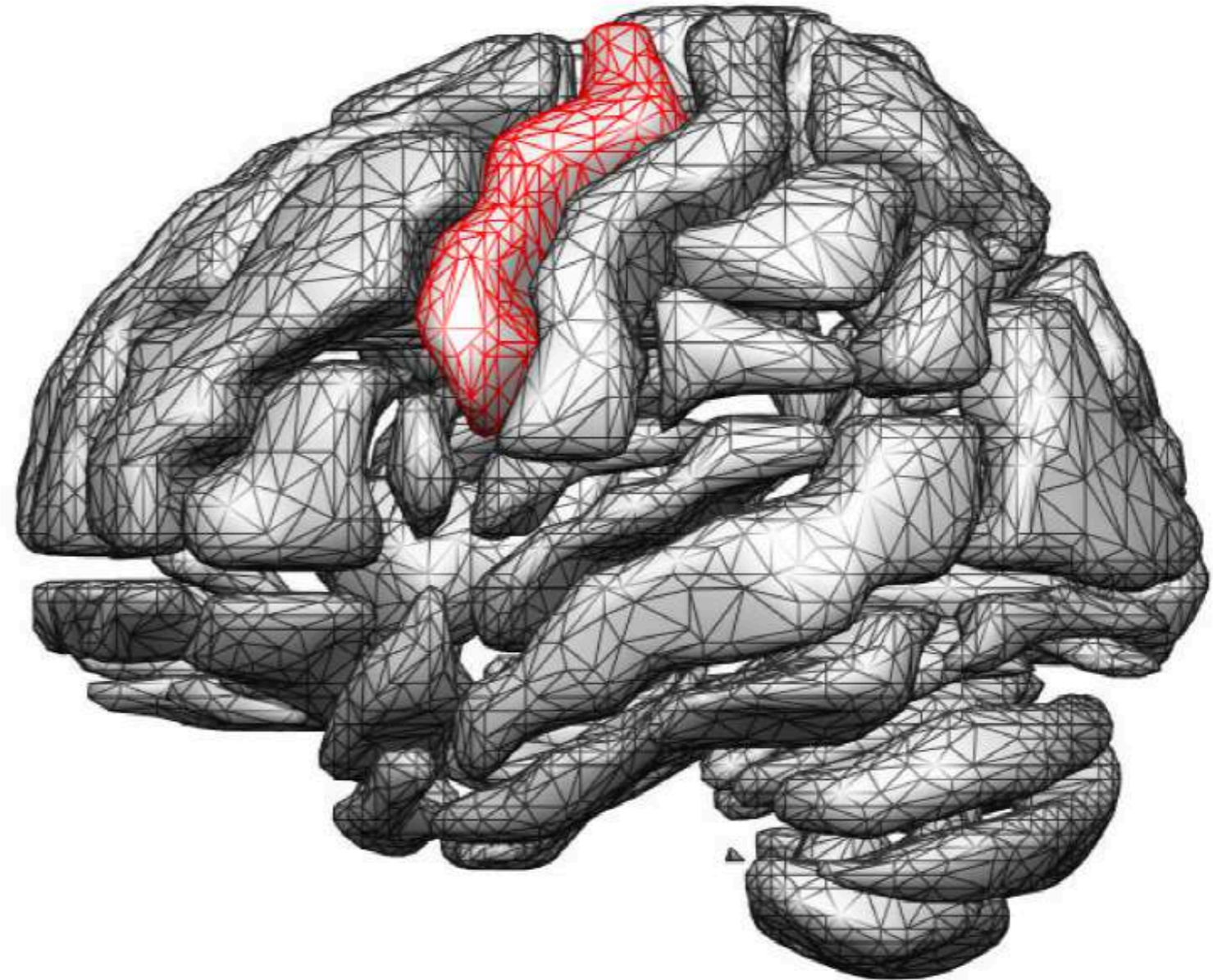
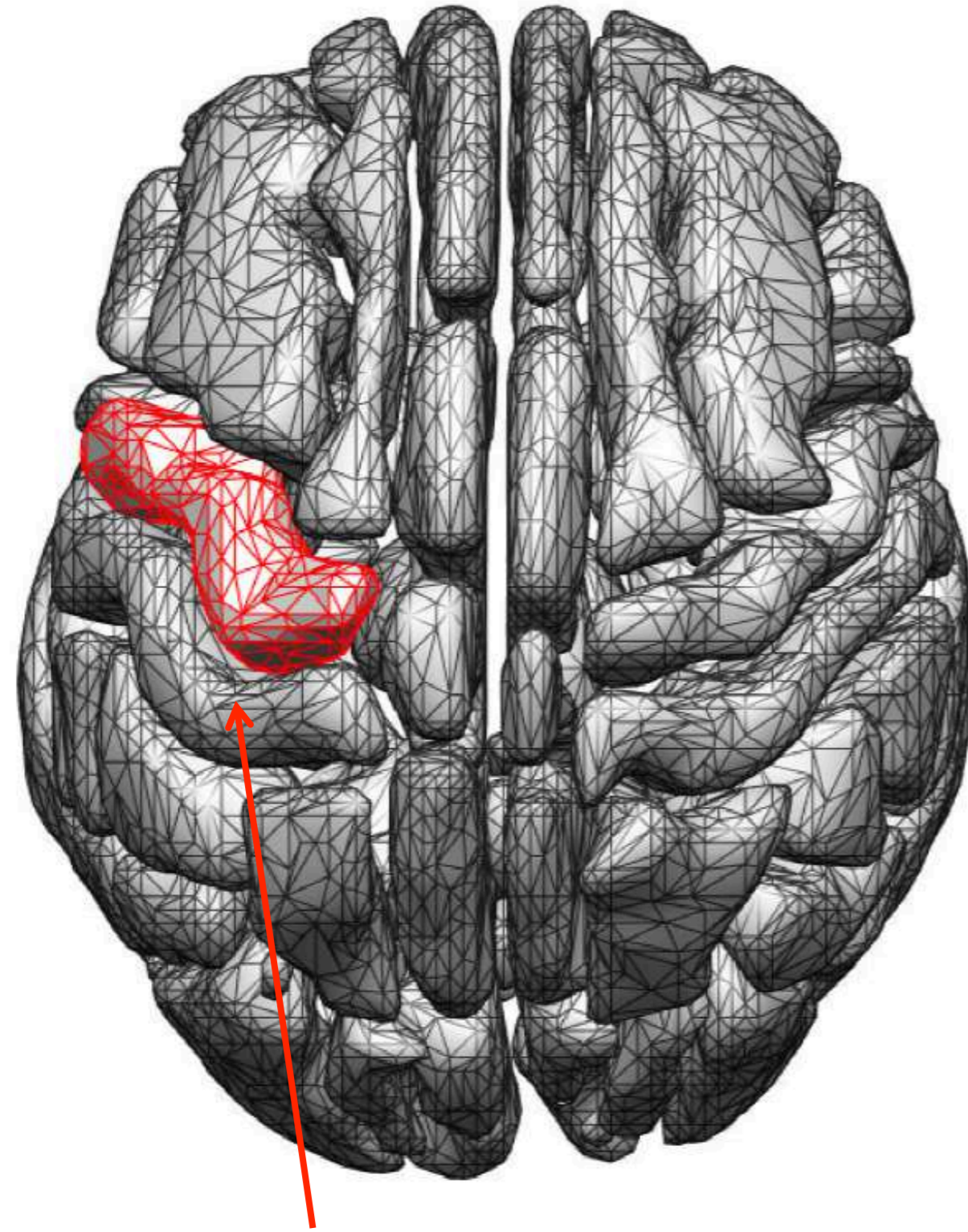
Extremely complex  
multiple disconnected  
anatomical structures



**Challenge:**

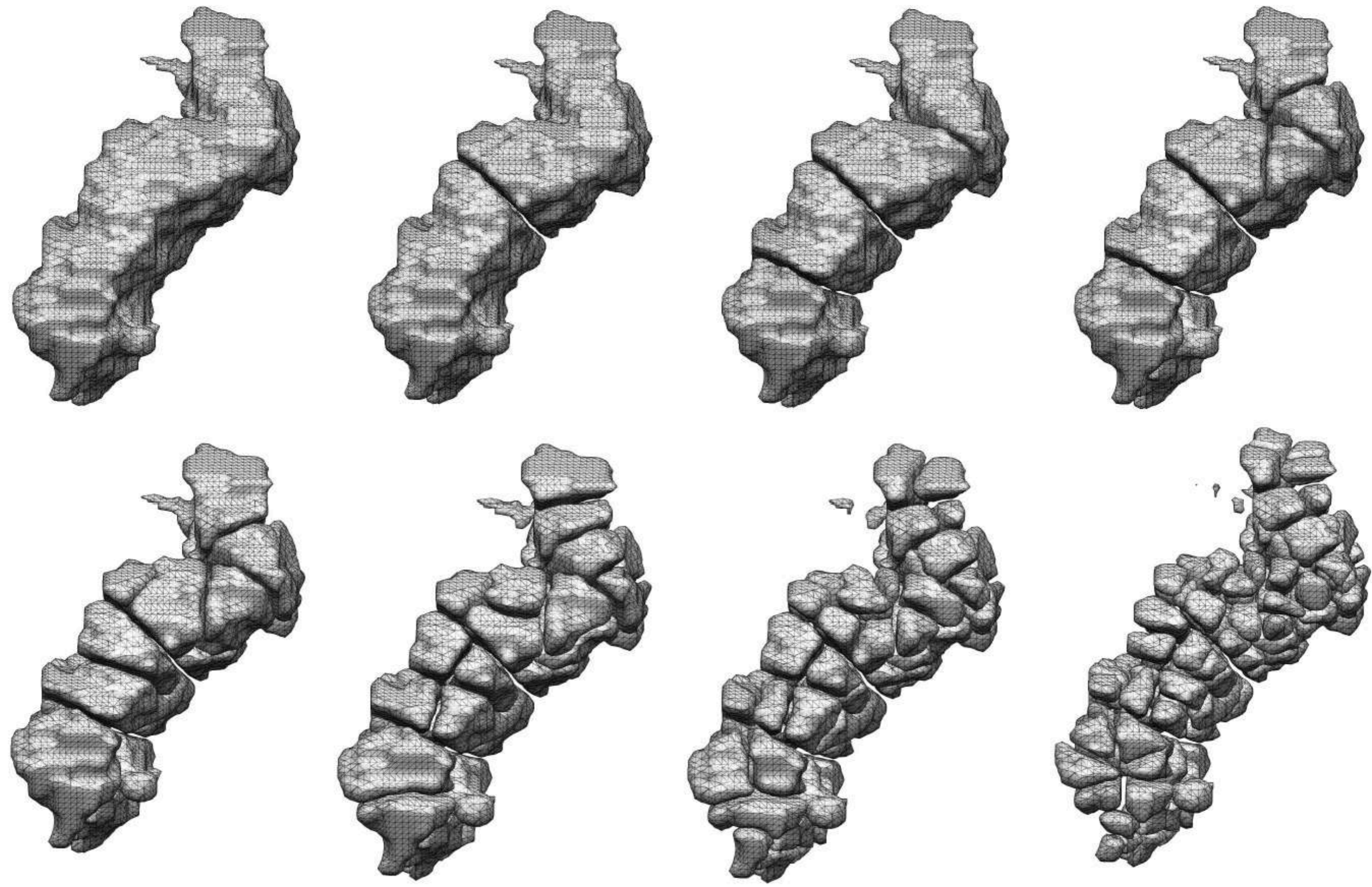
**Parameterize the whole white matter fibers using HyperSPHARM.**

# Standard brain parcellation with 116 regions

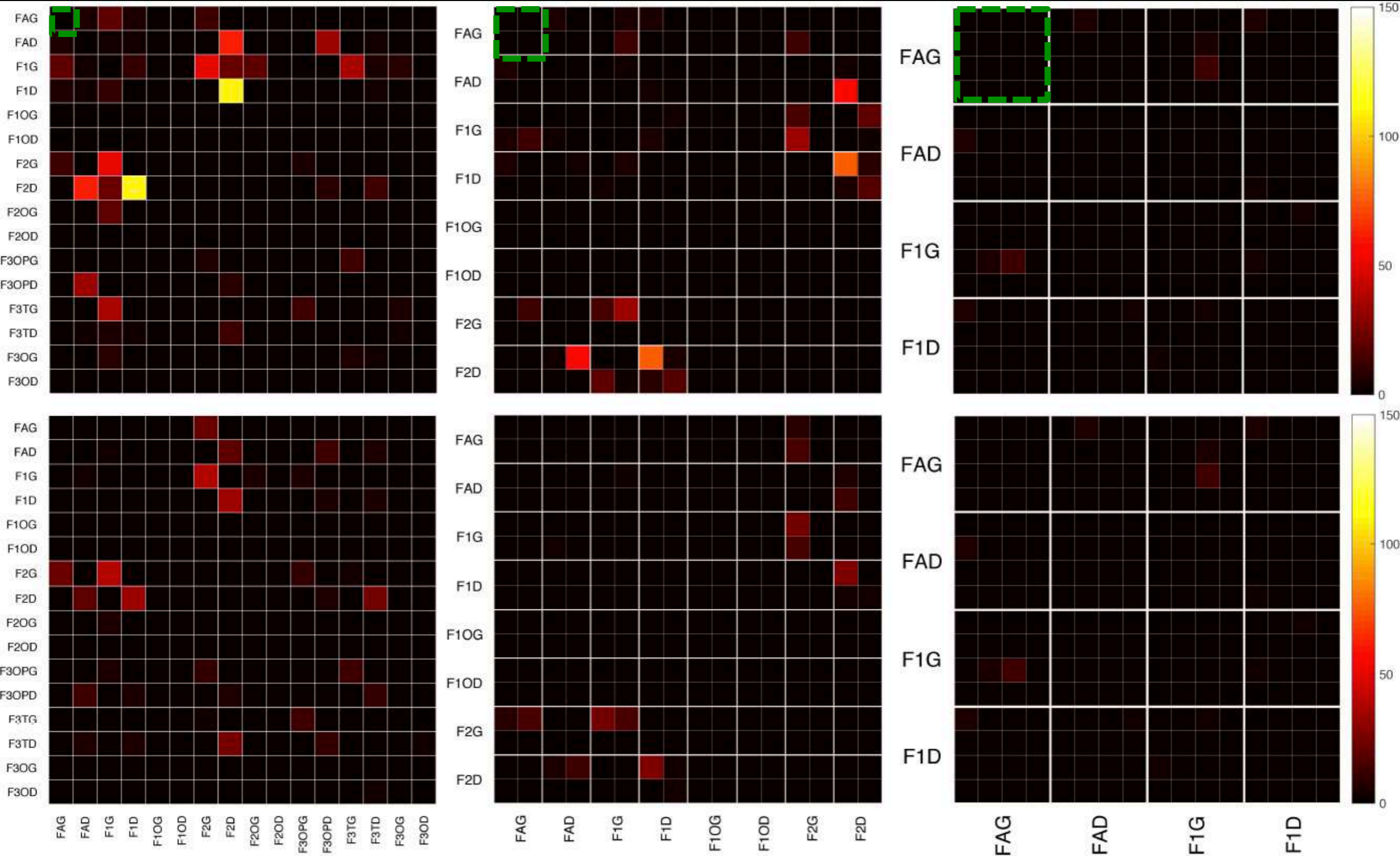


Precentral gyrus

# 19-layer hierarchical brain parcellation



# Hierarchical nested connectivity





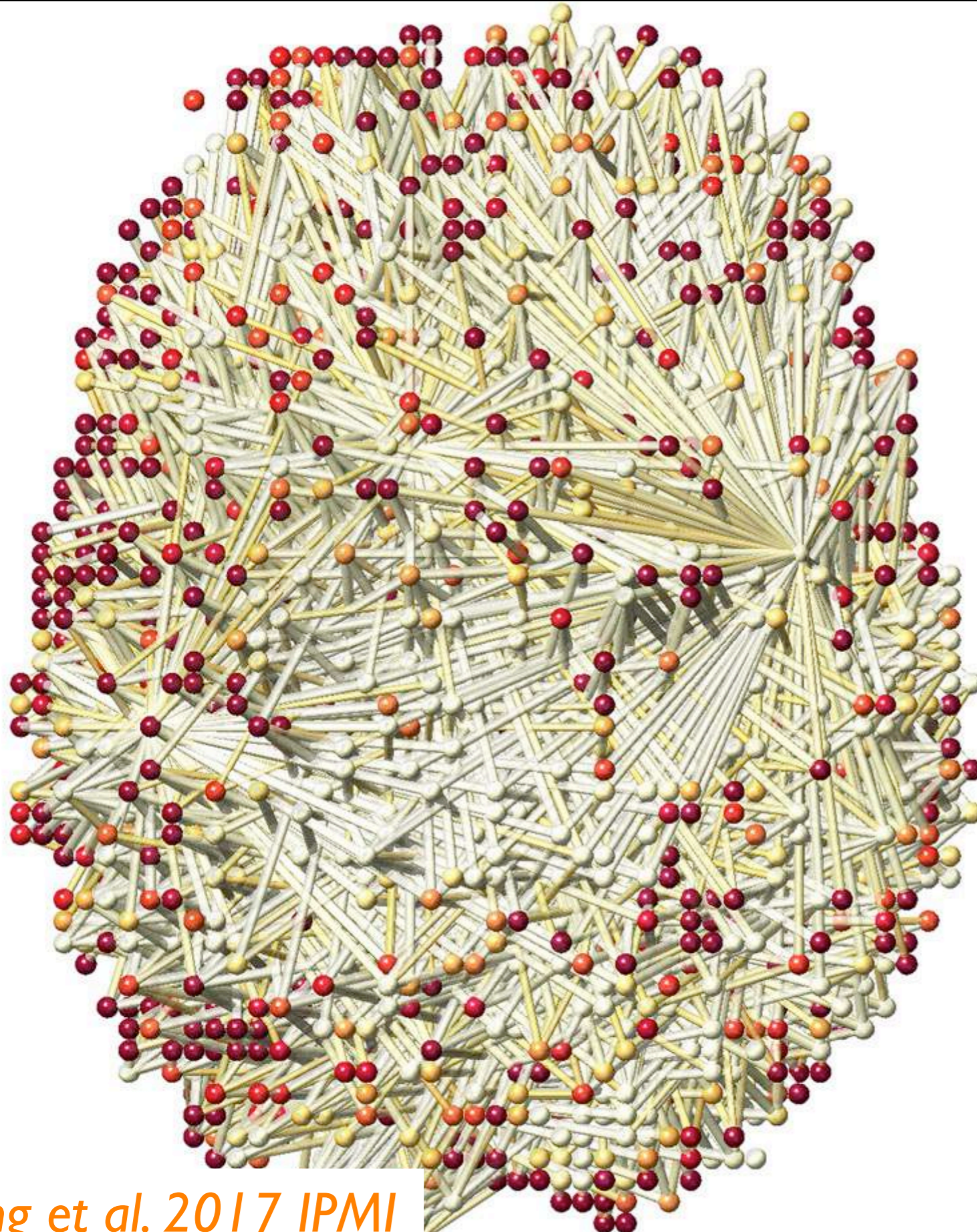
# Extremely dense brain network

+25000 nodes

+0.6 billion  
connections

HyperSPHARM  
representation in

$$\mathbb{R}^3 \otimes \mathbb{R}^3$$



<http://nbiasite.wordpress.com>

## NONSTANDARD BRAIN IMAGE ANALYSIS

ORGANIZERS

PROGRAM

VENUE

REGISTRATION



Satellite Meeting of 2018  
OHBM Singapore

June 22-23, 2018