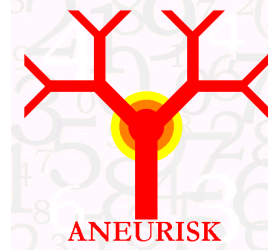


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Big Data Challenges to Modern  
Statistics



**High-dimensional and complex data:  
the example of data on functional spaces**

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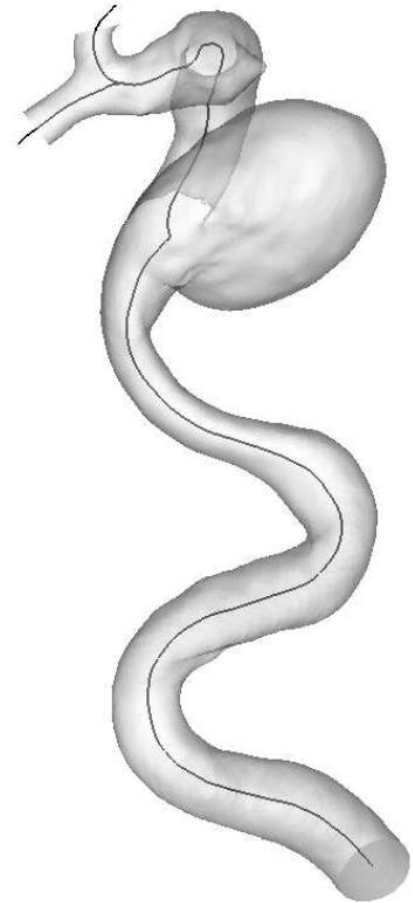
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Explosive growth in recording **complex** and **high-dimensional** data, e.g., having a **functional nature** (i.e., representable by curves, surfaces, dynamic curves and surfaces), non-euclidean data

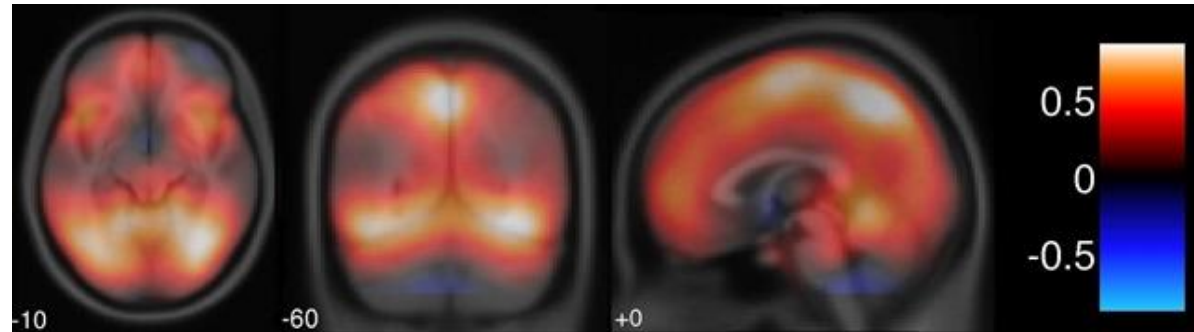
2D and 3D images and measures captured in time and space

- ▶ images of the internal structures of a body provided by diagnostic medical scanners



*Reconstruction of an inner carotid artery with aneurysm, from angiographic images*

*Sangalli, Secchi, Vantini, Veneziani (2009)  
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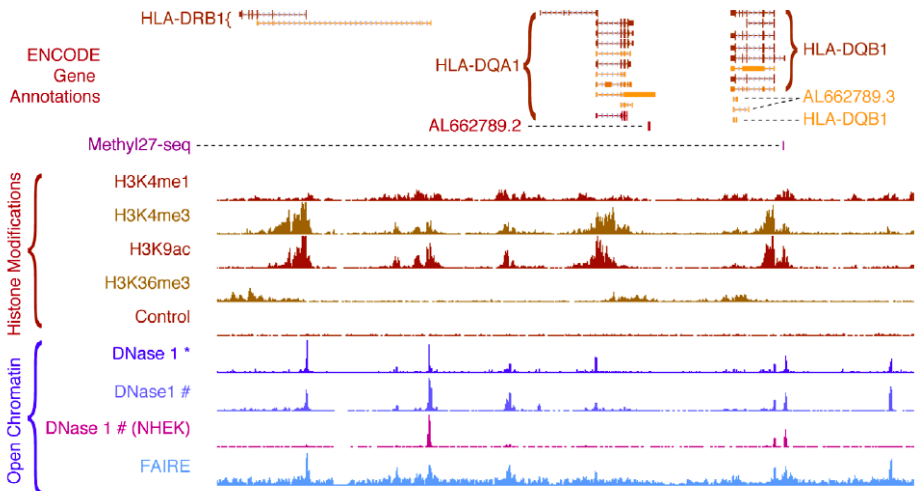


*Magnetic Resonance Imaging of a brain during a reading task*

*Aston, Turkheimer, Brett (2006) Hum. Brain Map.*

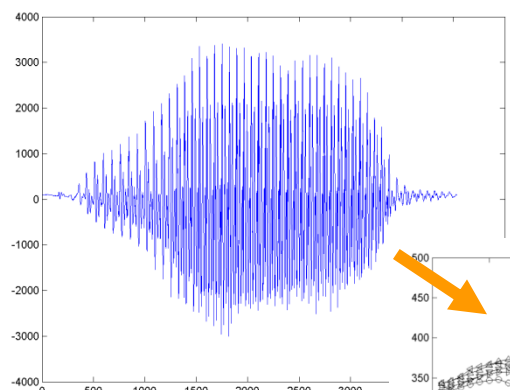


## ► measurements of gene expression levels

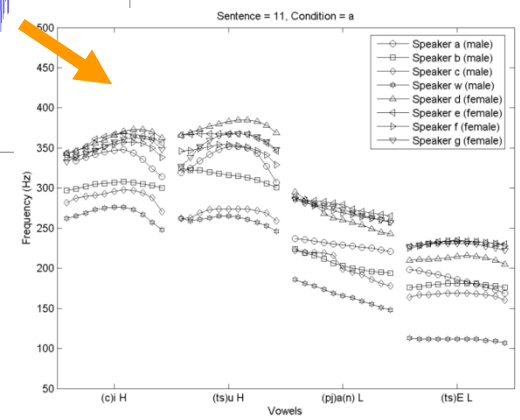


The ENCODE Project Consortium, 2011, PLoS Biology

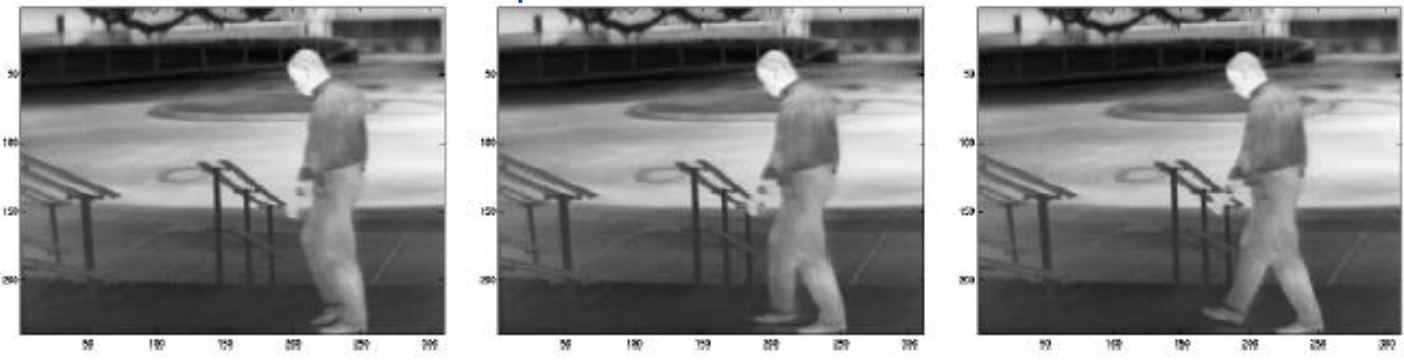
## ► large speech databases describing linguistic constructs expressed via spectrum data



Aston, Chiou, Evans (2010)  
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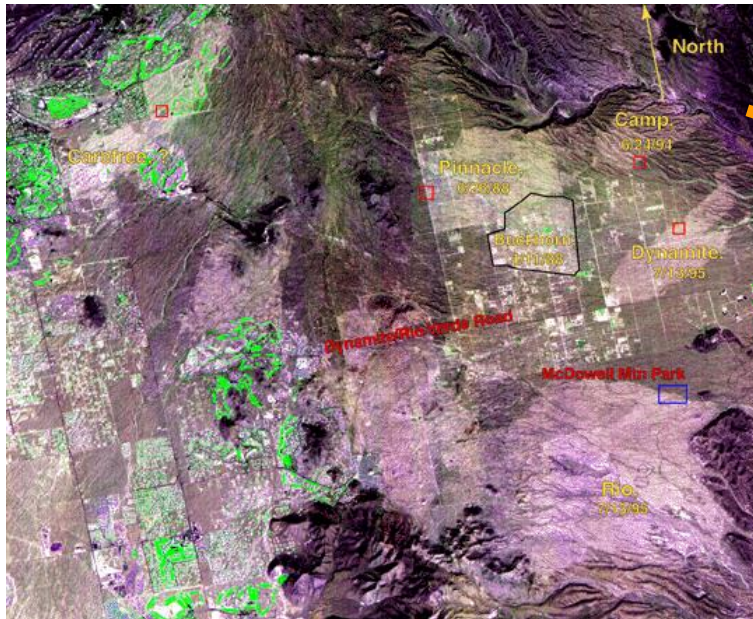
## ► images of steady or moving objects/individuals recorded by computer vision devices



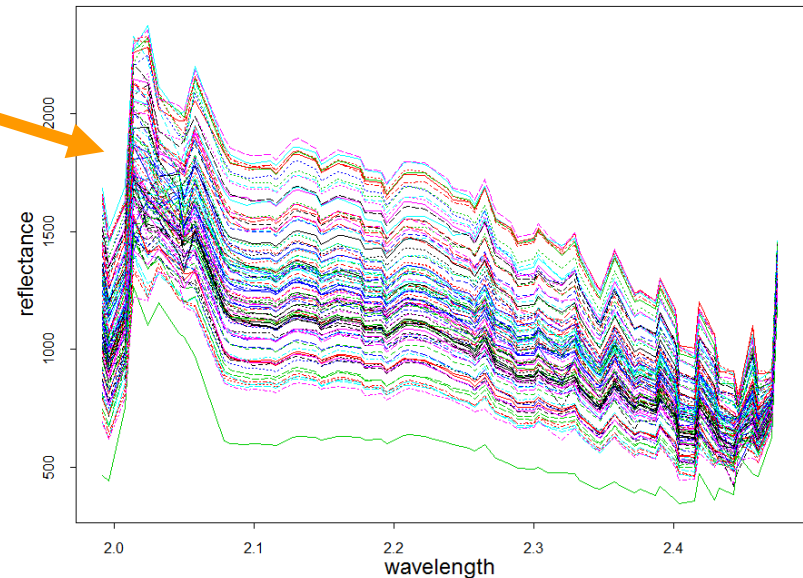
Kaziska, Srivastava (2007)  
J. Amer. Statist. Assoc.



## ► multi-spectral data from satellite remote sensing



Northwest Scottsdale / Rio Verde area



The analysis of complex and high dimensional data poses new and challenging problems in research

It is fueling one of the most fascinating and fast growing research fields of **modern statistics**



## Books:

- Ramsay, J. O. and Silverman, B. W. (2005). *Functional Data Analysis*, Springer, 2nd ed.
- Ramsay, J. O. and Silverman, B. W. (2002). *Applied Functional Data Analysis*, Springer.
- Ramsay, J. O., Hooker, G. and Graves, S. (2009). *Functional Data Analysis with R and Matlab*, Springer.
- Ferraty, F. and Vieu, P. (2006). *Nonparametric Functional Data Analysis: Theory and Practice*, Springer.
- Horvath, L. and Kokoszka P. (2012). *Inference for Functional Data with Applications*, Springer

<http://www.functionaldata.org>

## Software:

- R package `fda`, available from CRAN; corresponding Matlab code
- R package `Refund`, available from CRAN
- Matlab code `PACE`
- R package `mgcv`



Hal Varian – Google Chief Economist

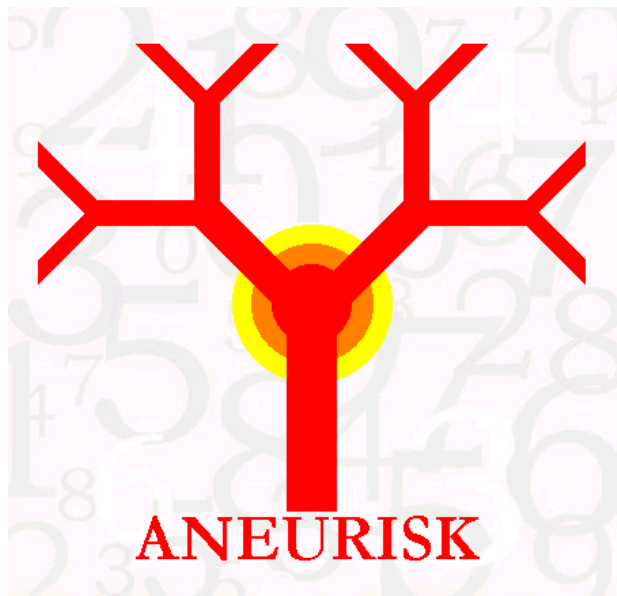
The New York Times, 2009

*“I keep saying the sexy job in the next ten years will be statisticians.*

*[...] The ability to take data - to be able to understand it, to process it, to extract value from it, to visualize it, to communicate it's going to be a hugely important skill in the next decades, not only at the professional level but even at the educational level for elementary school kids, for high school kids, for college kids. Because now we really do have essentially free and ubiquitous data. So the complimentary scarce factor is the ability to understand that data and extract value from it.”*



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## A CONJECTURE

The pathogenesis of cerebral aneurysms is conditioned by the **geometry of the cerebral vessels** through its effects on **blood fluid dynamics**



Statistics

Numerical Analysis

Bio-Engineering

Computer Sciences

Neurosurgery

Neuroradiology



## Numerical Analysis



**Alessandro Veneziani**  
Principal Investigator



**Tiziano Passerini**



**Marina Piccinelli**



## Statistics

**Piercesare Secchi**



**Simone Vantini**



**Laura Sangalli**



**Valeria Vitelli**

(now at University of Oslo)



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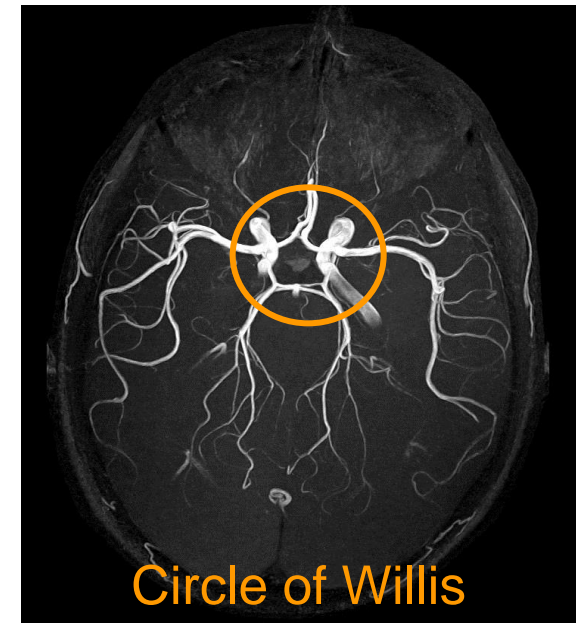




- **Cerebral aneurysms:** deformations of cerebral arteries, mostly placed on vessels belonging to or connected to the **Circle of Willis**

## Aneurysms EPIDEMIOLOGY

- Incidence rate of cerebral aneurysms:  
1/20 people
- Incidence rate of ruptured cerebral aneurysms per year:  
1/10000 people per year
- Mortality due to a ruptured aneurysm:  
> 50%: Out of 9 patients with a ruptured aneurysm:
  - 3 are expected to die before arriving at the hospital
  - 2 to die after having arrived at the hospital
  - 2 to survive with permanent cerebral damages
  - 2 to survive without permanent cerebral damages



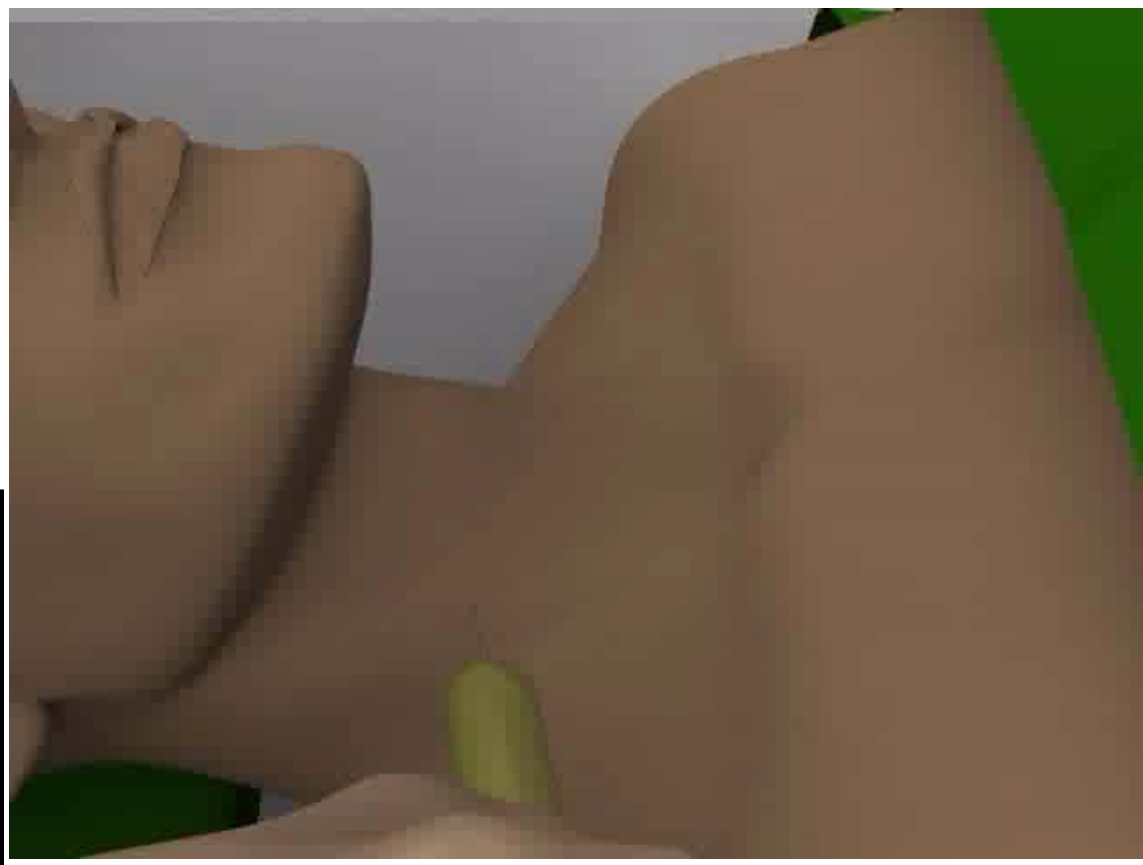
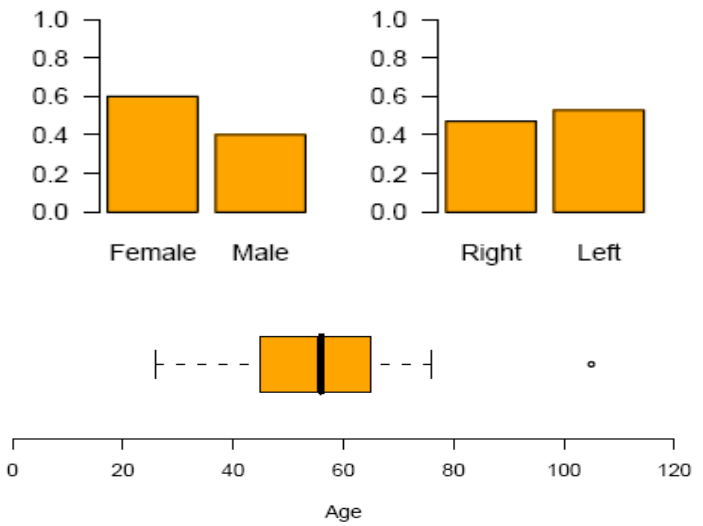
Circle of Willis



Aneurysm on ICA



Observational Study conducted at Ospedale Ca' Granda Niguarda – Milano relative to 65 patients hospitalized from September 2002 to October 2005.



Upper group	Lower group	
Aneurysm at or after ICA biforc	Aneurysm before ICA biforc	No aneurysms
33	25	7



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Sequence of X-Rays



3D-array of gray scaled pixels





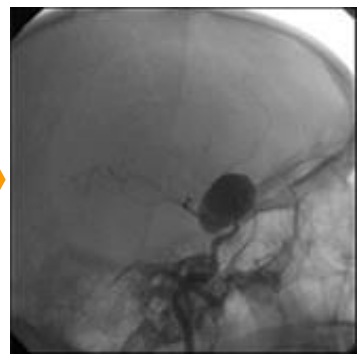
# From X-rays to Centerlines and Local Maximal Inscribed Sphere Radius



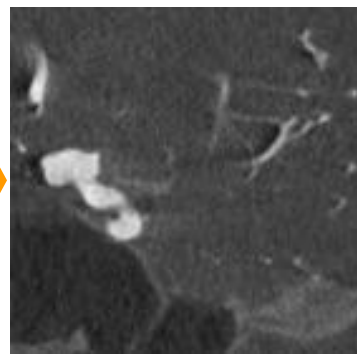
### Contrast Fluid Injections



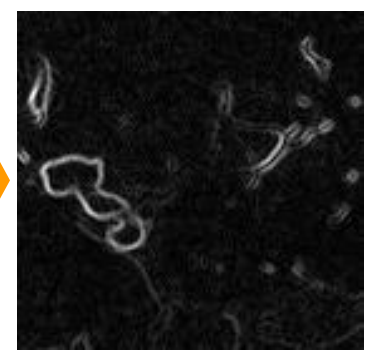
### X-rays (one direction)



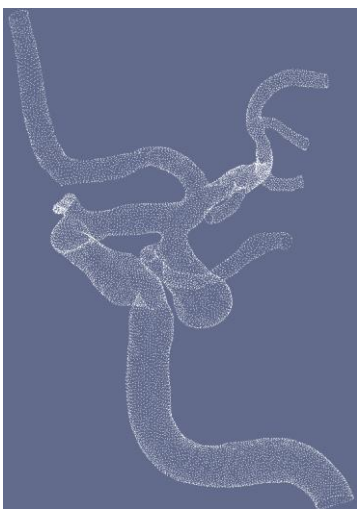
### 3d-array (one slice)



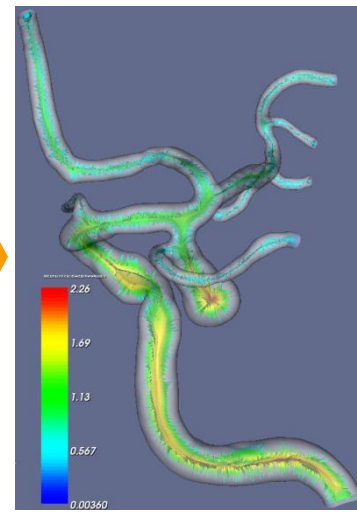
### Gradient 3d-array (one slice)



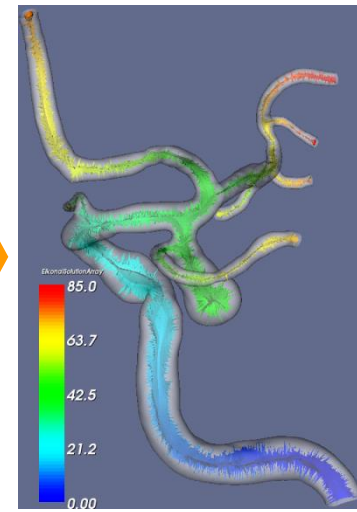
### Surface Points



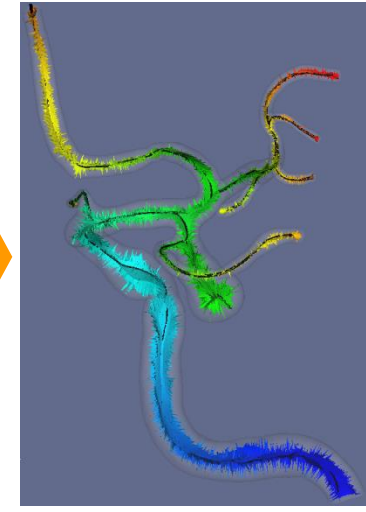
### Voronoi Diagram



### Eikonal Equation



### Centerline+MISR





## Focus on Internal Carotid Artery (ICA)

For each **patient**  $i$  elicitation of 3-spatial coordinates of ICA centerline

$$\{(x_{ij}, y_{ij}, z_{ij}) : j = 1, \dots, n_i\}$$

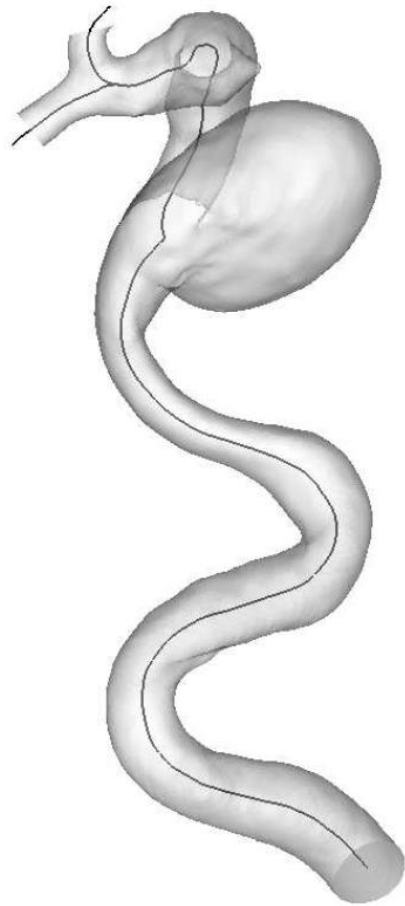
and vessel radius

$$\{R_{ij} : j = 1, \dots, n_i\}$$

along a fine grid of points  $(350 \leq n_i \leq 1380)$

Two geometric quantities that greatly influence the haemodynamics: vessel **radius** and **curvature** (curvature of its centerline)

→ Choice of data objects, atoms of the analysis



Preprocessing:  
Image reconstruction



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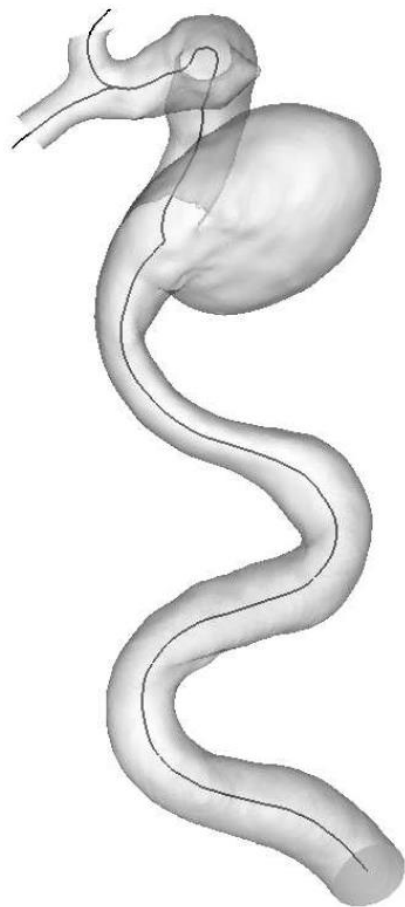
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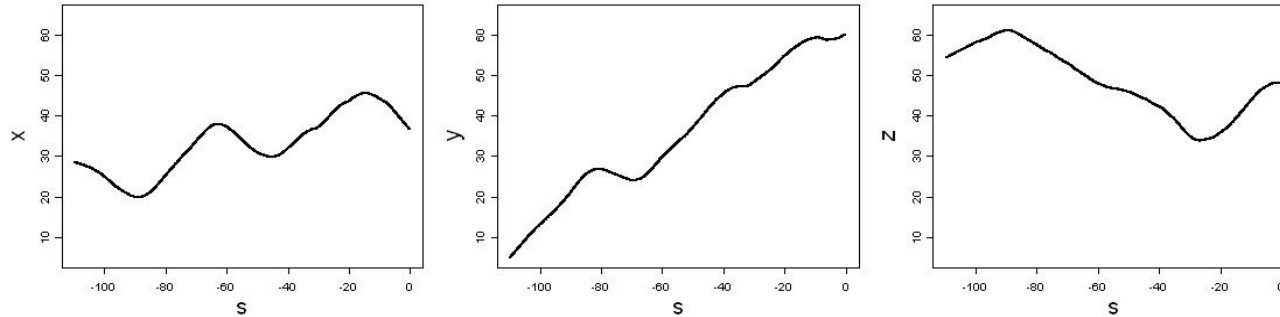
Approximate curvilinear abscissa:  $\{s_{ij} : j = 1, \dots, n_i\}$   $s_{i1} = 0$

$$s_{ij} - s_{ij-1} = \sqrt{(x_{ij} - x_{ij-1})^2 + (y_{ij} - y_{ij-1})^2 + (z_{ij} - z_{ij-1})^2}, \quad j = 2, \dots, n_i$$



COORDINATES

PATIENT 1

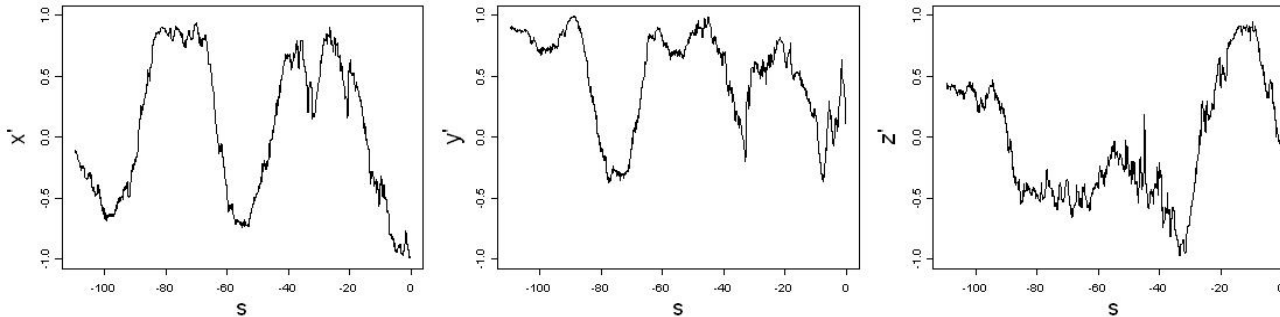


Very high signal-to-noise ratio

Fine grid of observed points

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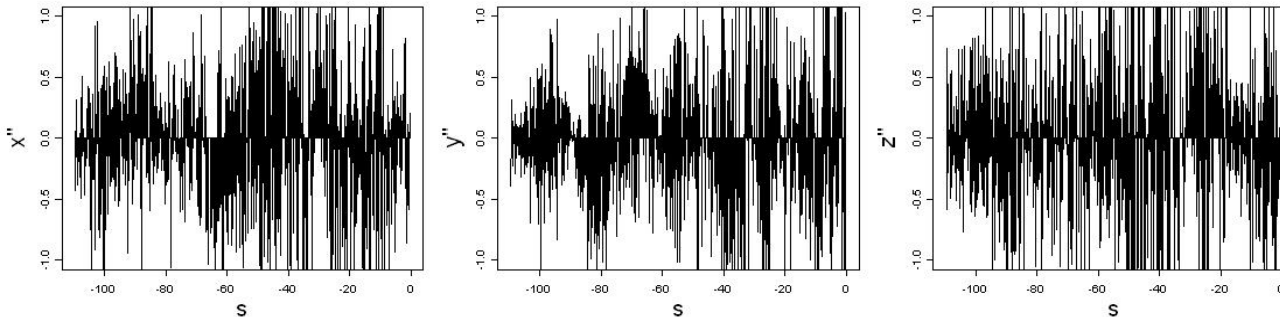
DIFFERENCES



Rough estimates of first and second derivatives by means of central differences

SECOND

DIFFERENCES



FIRST GOAL: accurate estimation of centerlines curvature functions



Noisy and discrete data  $\rightarrow$  functional representations

Smoothing, regularization, curve fitting





$$z_i = f(s_i) + \epsilon_i \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

$\psi_1, \dots, \psi_K$  :  $K$  basis functions

$$\hat{f}(s) = \sum_{k=1}^K \hat{c}_k \psi_k(s) \quad \rightarrow \text{Find } \hat{c}_k, k = 1, \dots, K \text{ (i.e., find } \hat{f}) \text{ by minimizing}$$

$$\text{SSE} = \sum_{j=1}^n (z_i - f(s_i))^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n \left( z_i - \sum_{k=1}^K c_k \psi_k(s_i) \right)^2$$

$$\Psi = \begin{bmatrix} \psi_1(s_1) & \psi_2(s_1) & \cdots & \psi_K(s_1) \\ \psi_1(s_2) & \psi_2(s_2) & \cdots & \psi_K(s_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \psi_1(s_n) & \psi_2(s_n) & \cdots & \psi_K(s_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_n)^t$$

$$\mathbf{f} = (f(s_1), \dots, f(s_n))^t$$

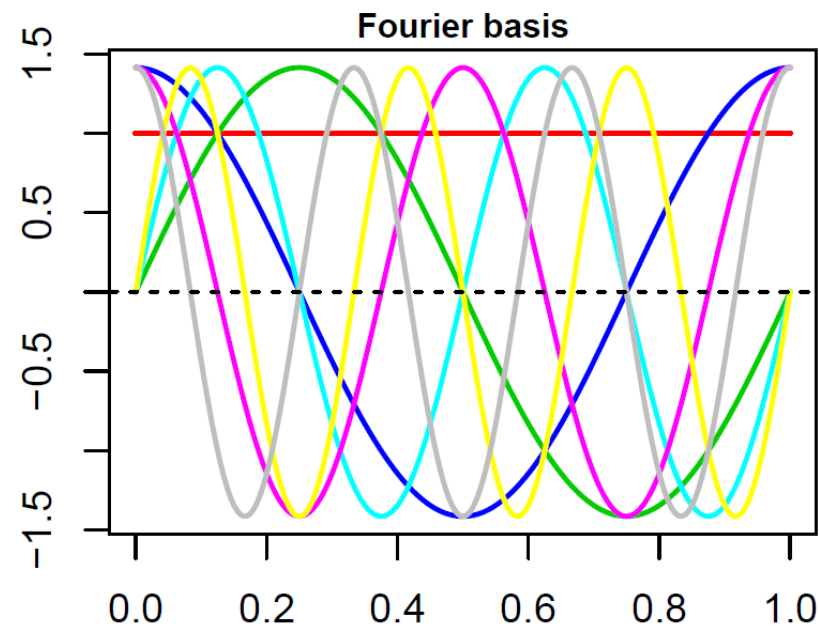
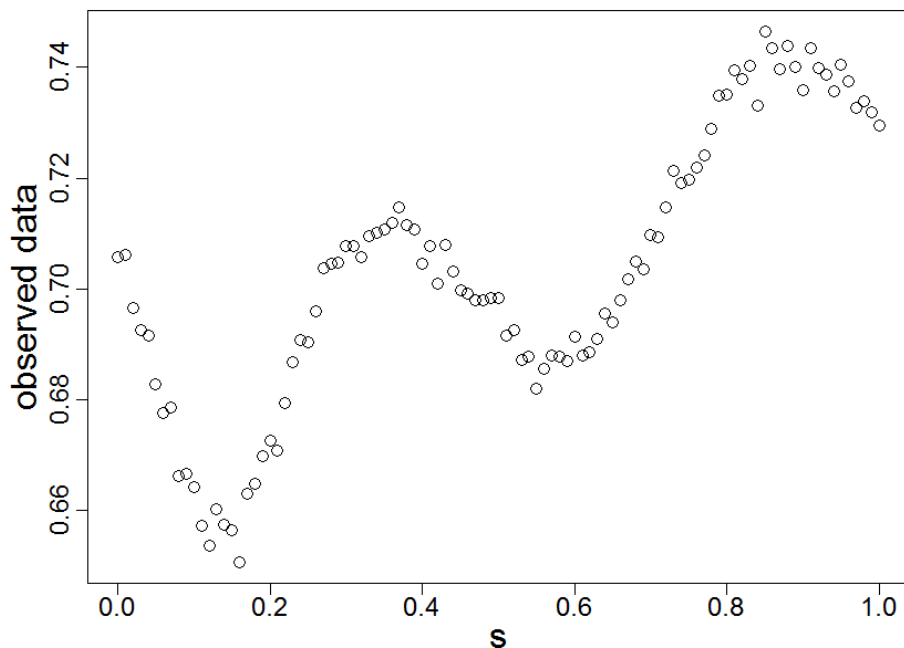
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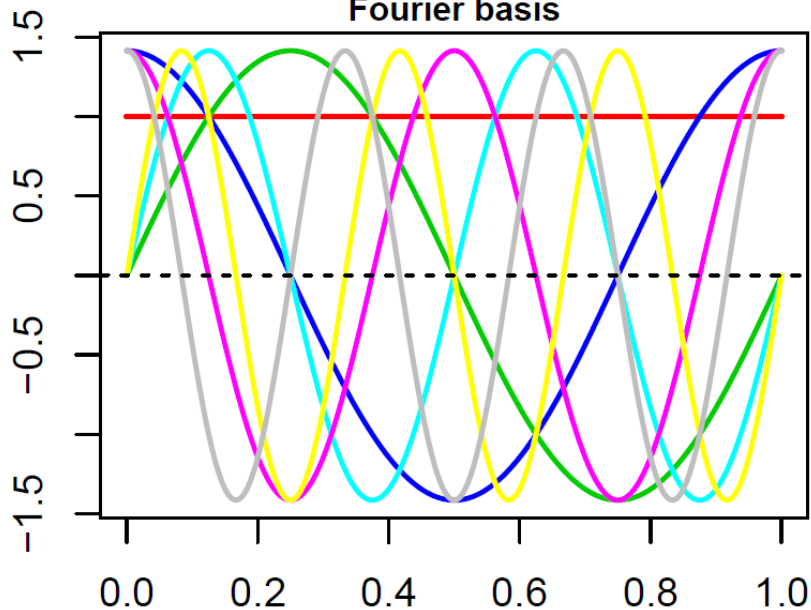
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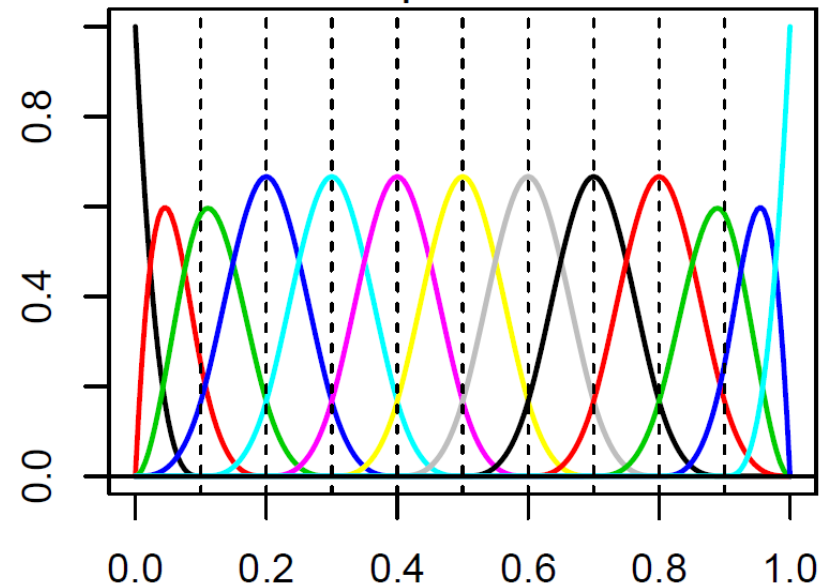
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Fourier basis



B spline basis





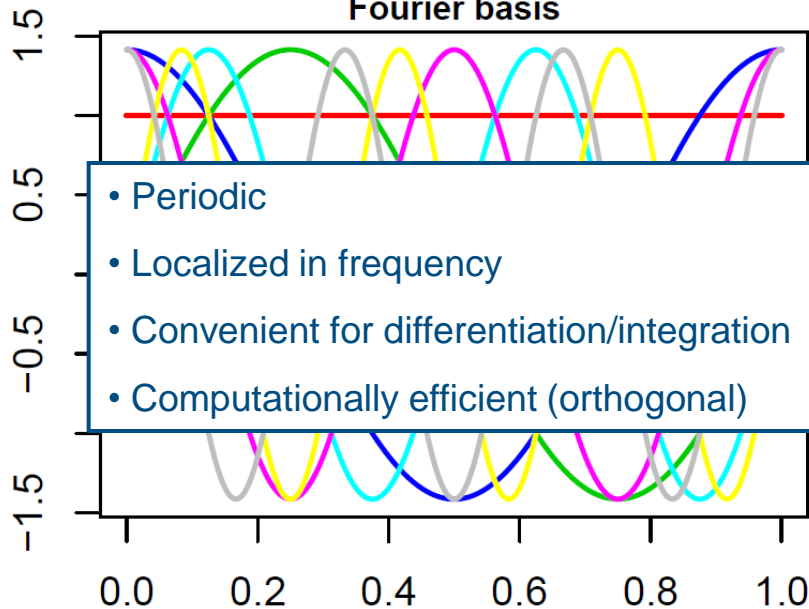
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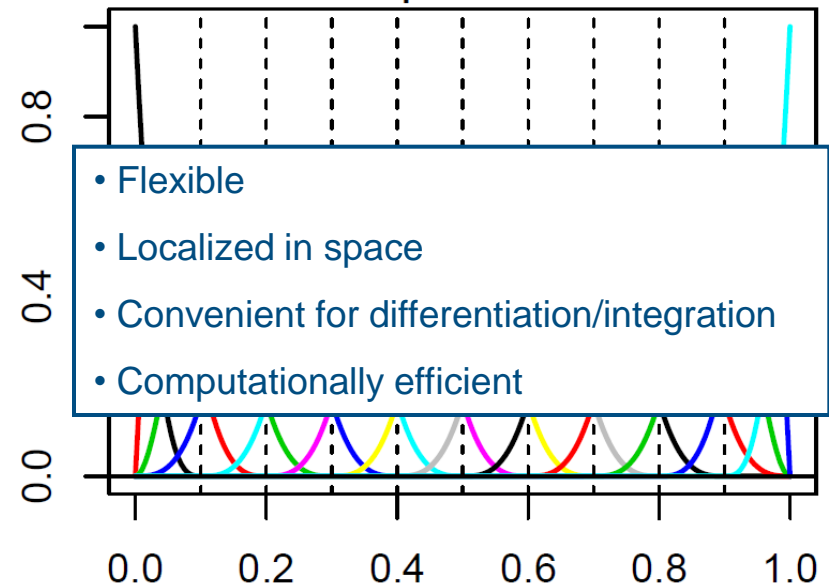
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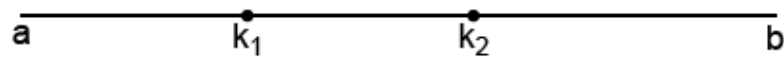


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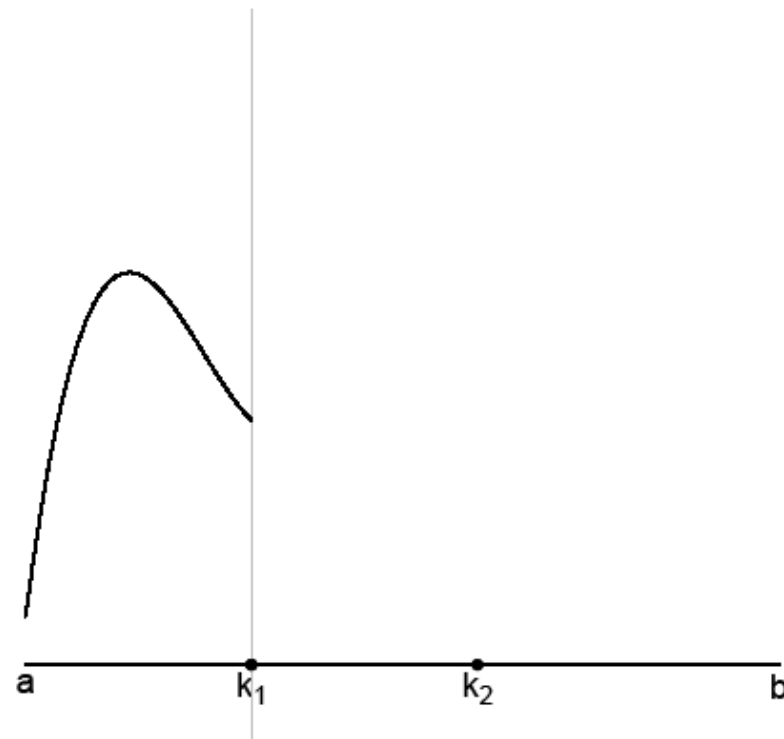


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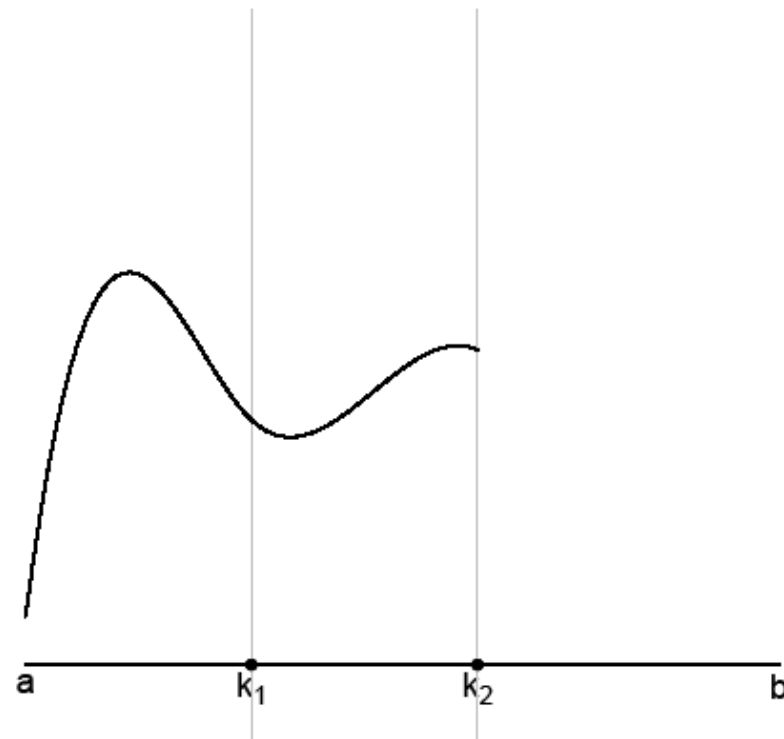


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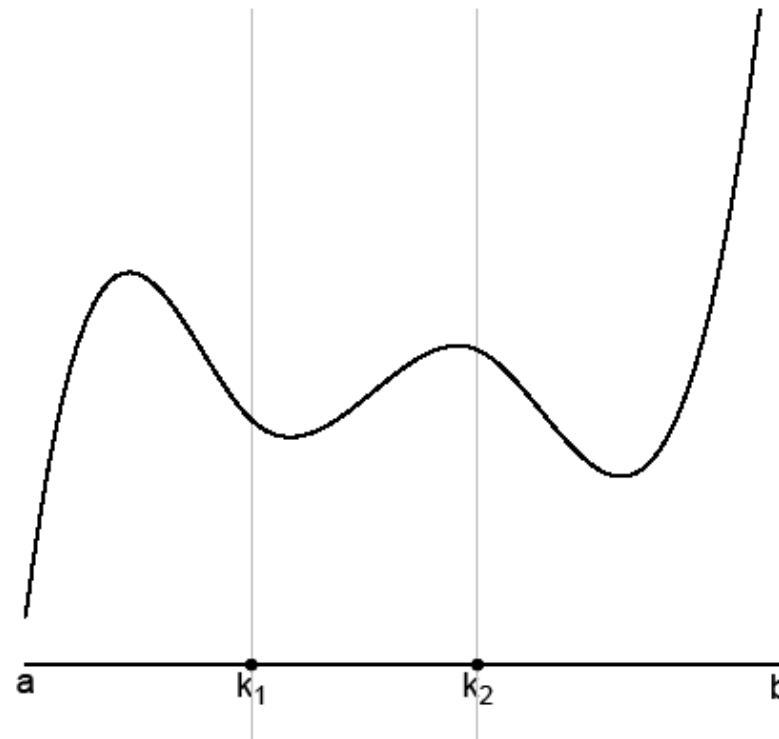
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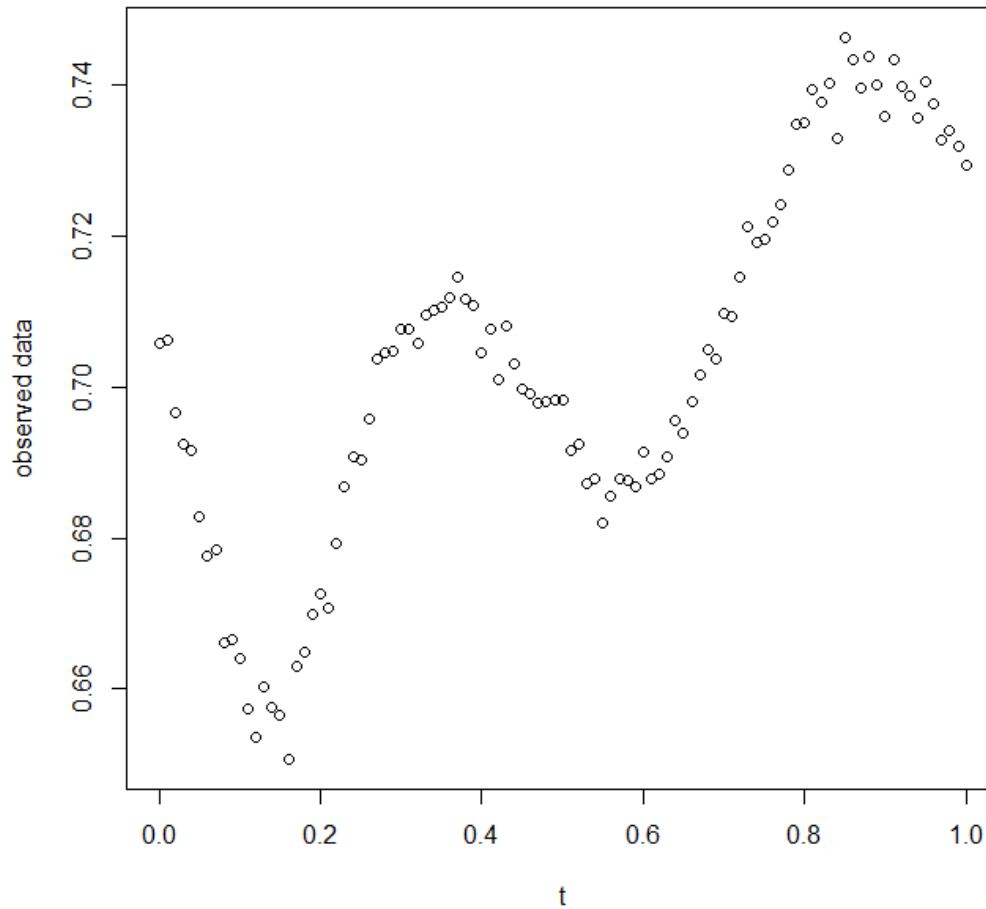
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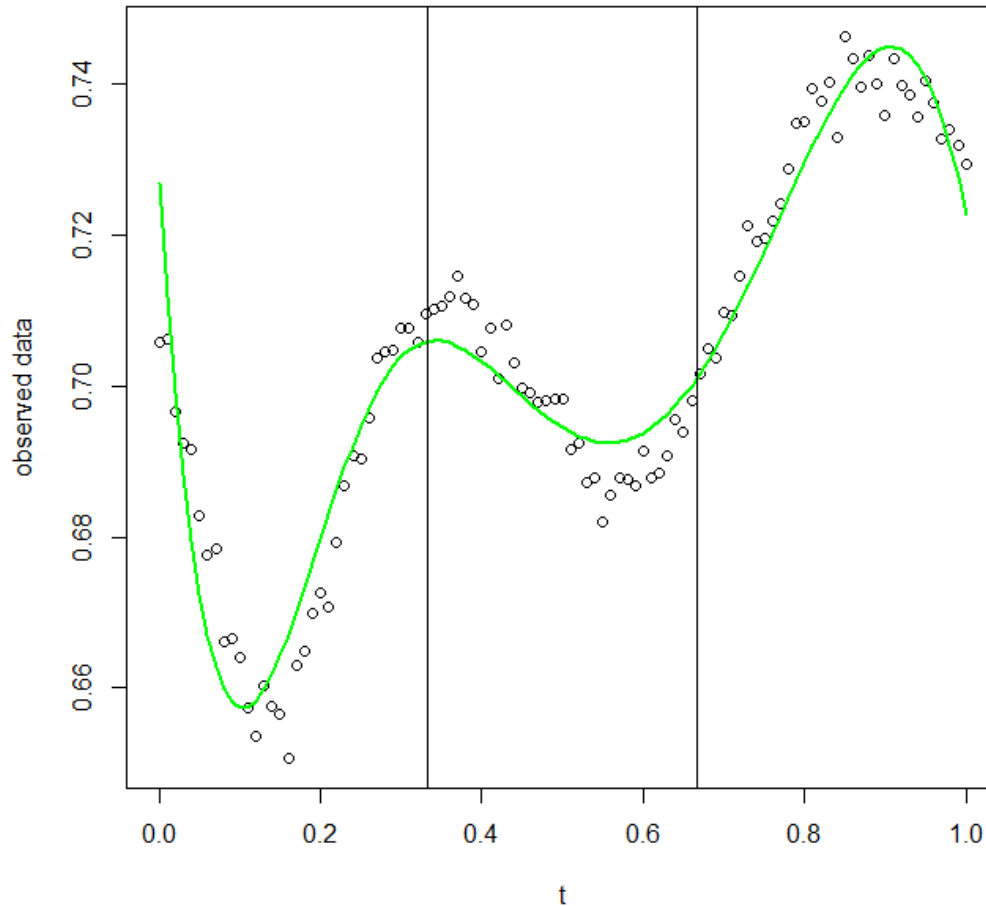
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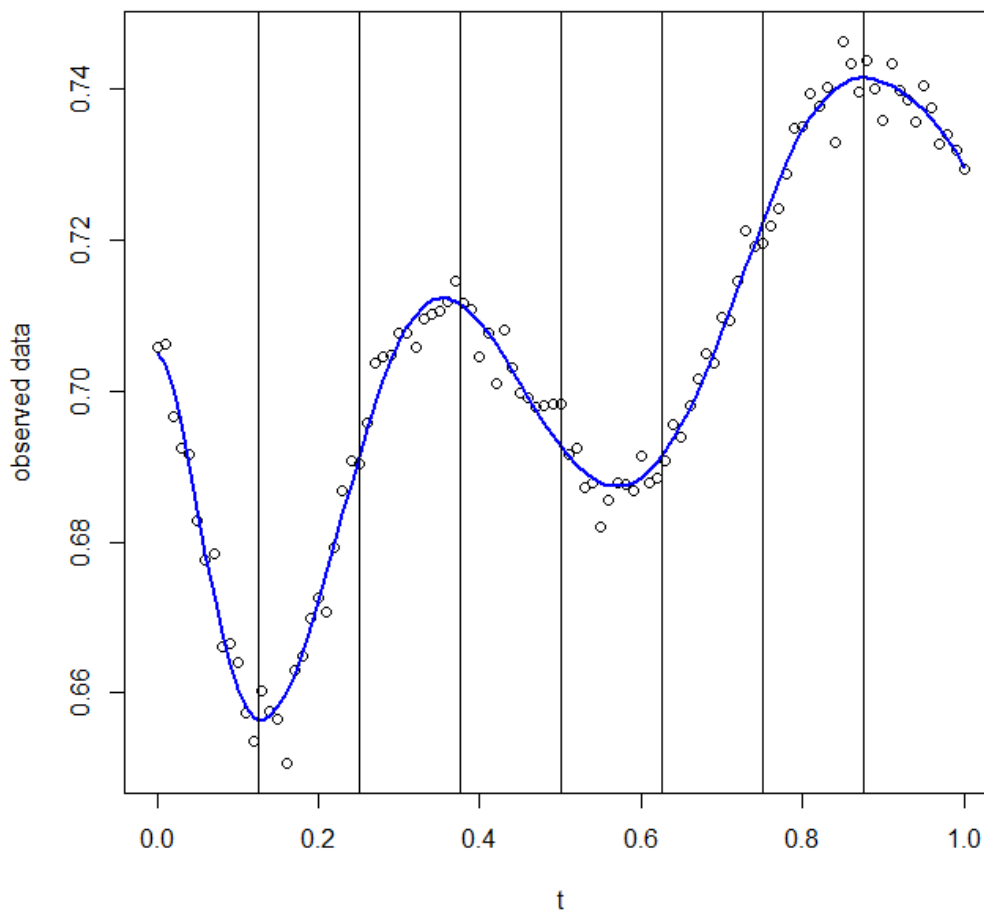
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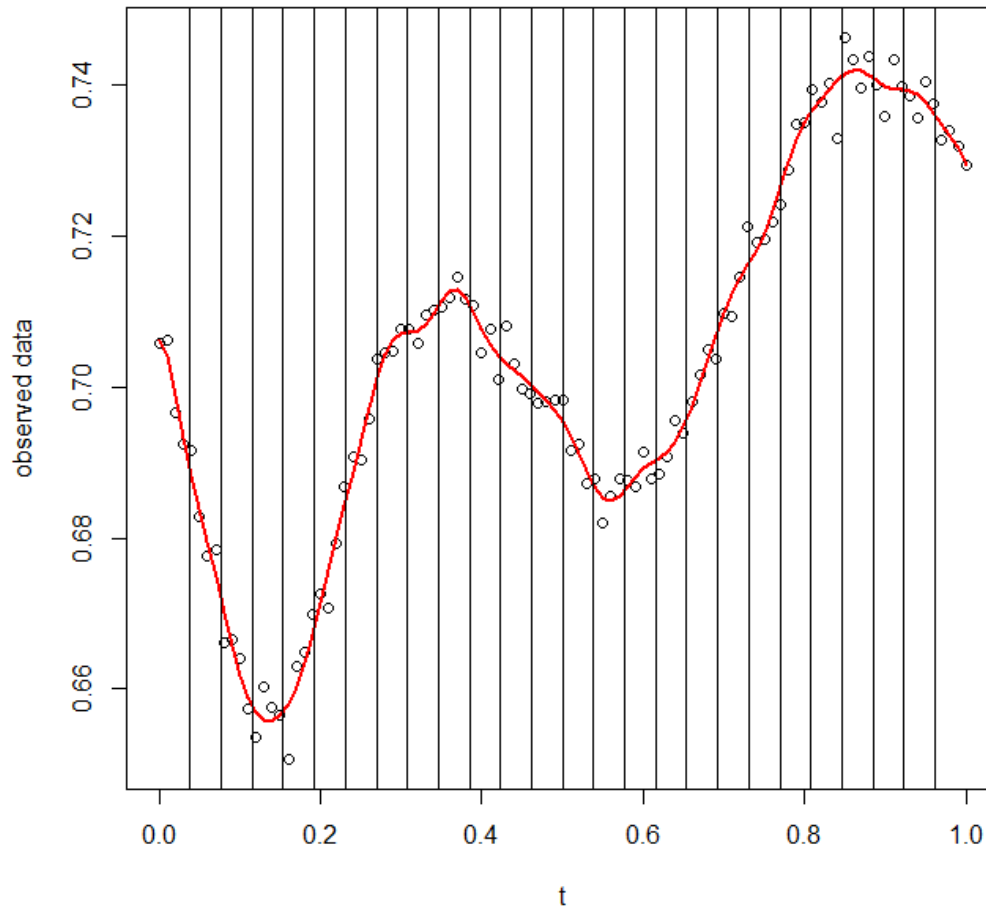
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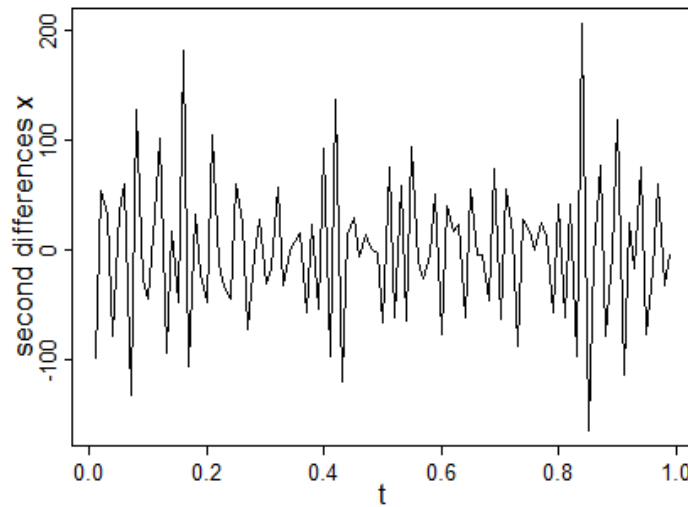
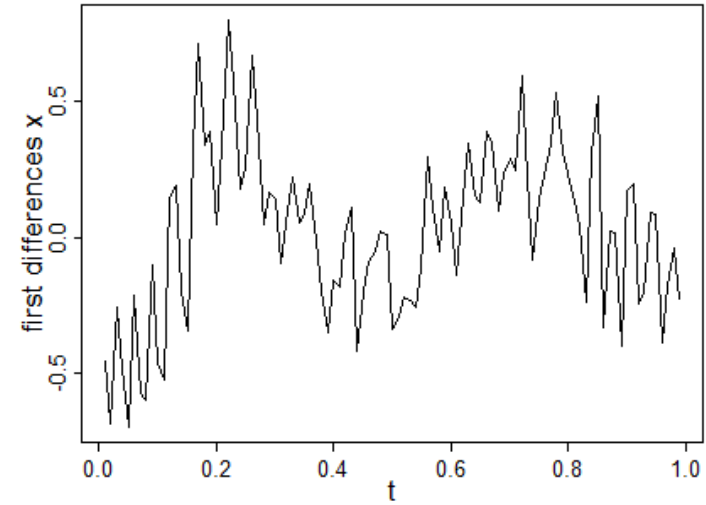
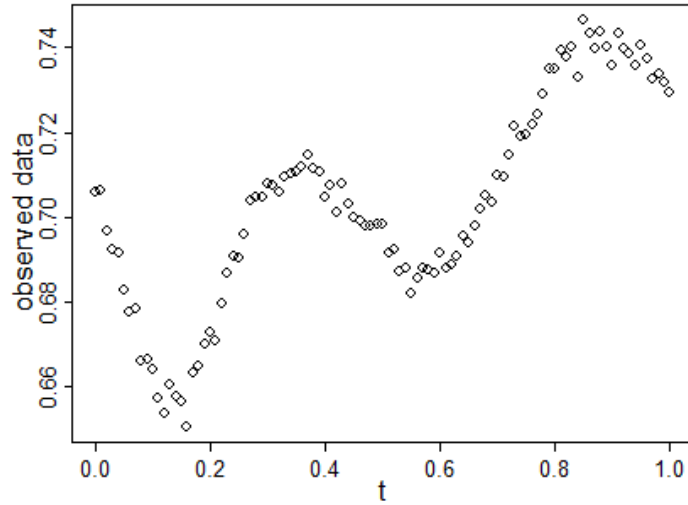


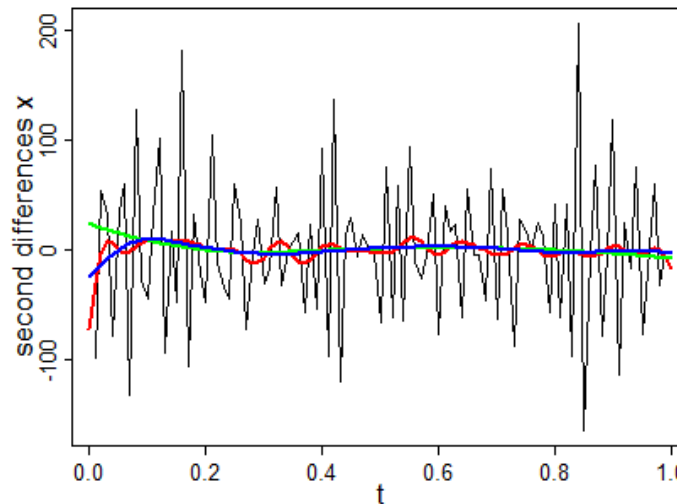
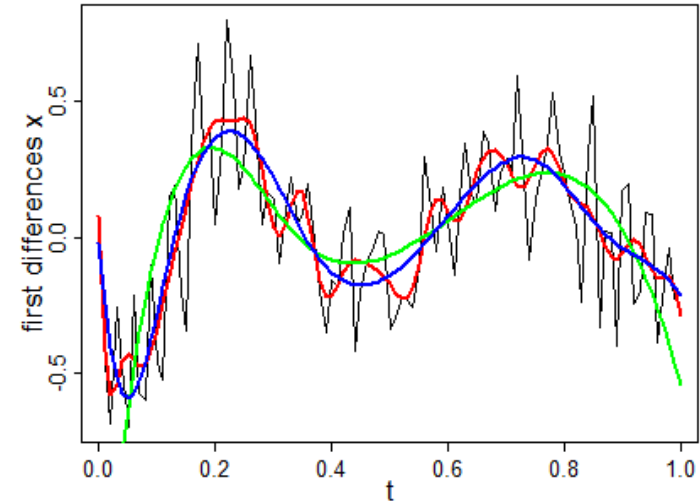
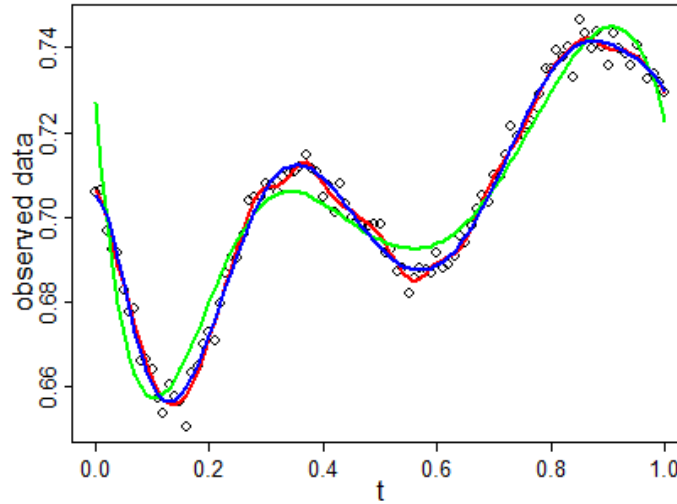
$K = 30$

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# Smoothing, curve fitting





Choose the number  $K$  of basis

$$K \ll N$$

$$K = 7$$

$$K = 12$$

$$K = 30$$



2) Use a rich functional space but with regularization

$K \sim n$

$$\text{SSE}_\lambda = \text{SSE} + \lambda \int (f''(s))^2 ds$$

$$\{R_\psi\}_{(k,l)} \quad (k,l)\text{-entry} : \int \psi_k''(s)\psi_l''(s) ds$$

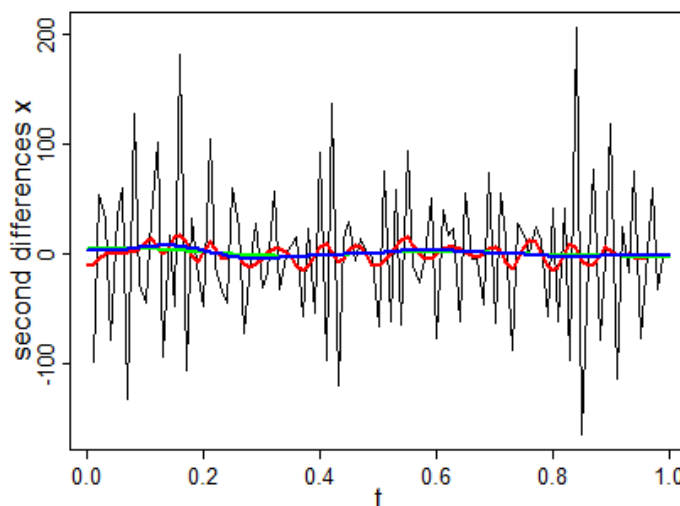
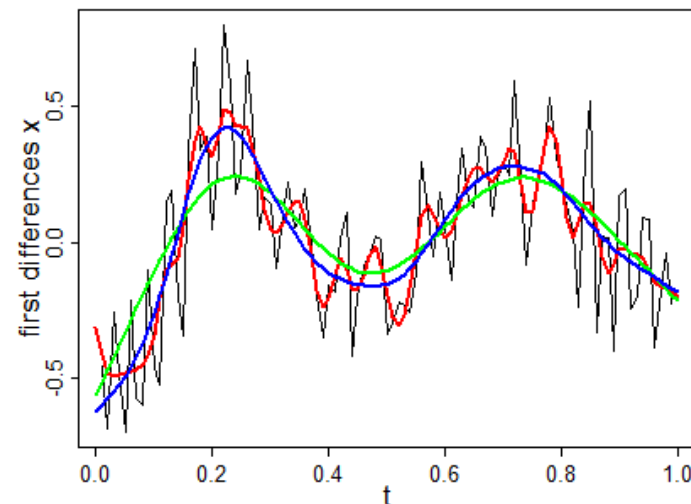
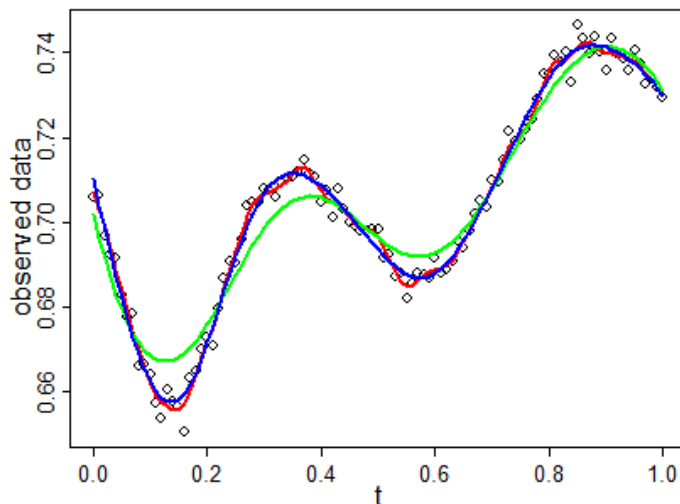
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$$df = \text{tr}(S) < K \quad (\text{or } df = \text{tr}(S^t S) \text{ or } df = \text{tr}(2S - S^t S))$$





Choose the smoothing parameter

$\lambda$  or the effective df

$\lambda = 10e-6$

$\lambda = 10e-8$

$\lambda = 10e-11$



$$\hat{f}'(s) = \sum_{k=1}^K \hat{c}_k \psi'_k(s) \quad \hat{f}''(s) = \sum_{k=1}^K \hat{c}_k \psi''_k(s)$$

Smoothing requires special care when the curve estimate is asked, not only to provide a good smoothing of the data, but also to reflect the features of the curve that are represented by its derivatives

Curve derivatives (or their functions) are very often

- objects of analysis
- helpful for further processing and analysis of the data (curve alignment/clustering)

$$\text{SSE}_\lambda = \text{SSE} + \lambda \int (f^{[d]}(s))^2 ds$$

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## 3) Choose basis adaptively to data

$$K \ll n$$

Some possibilities:

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- Good for modeling sharp local features
- Localized in both space and frequency
- An analytical expression may not exist
- Computationally efficient (orthogonal)

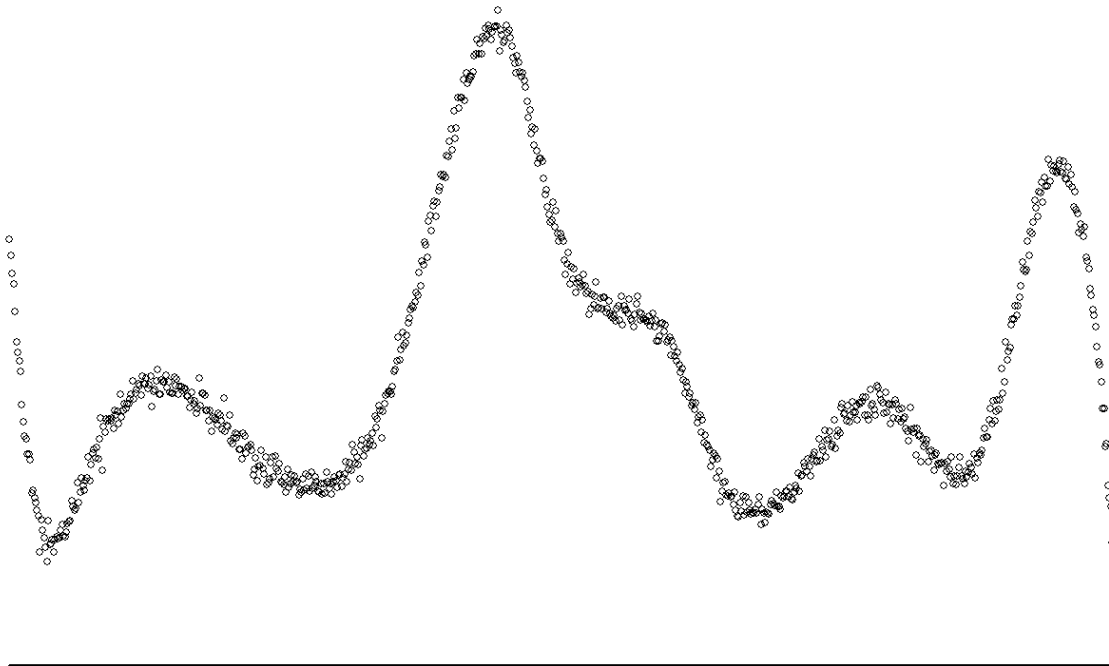
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Adaptive basis



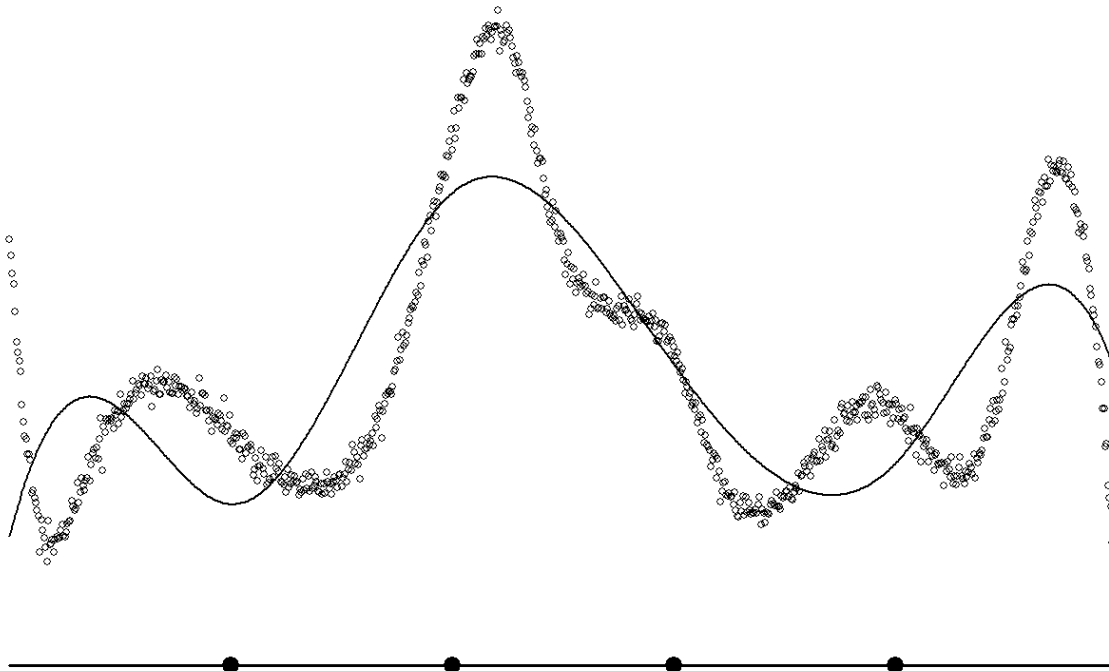
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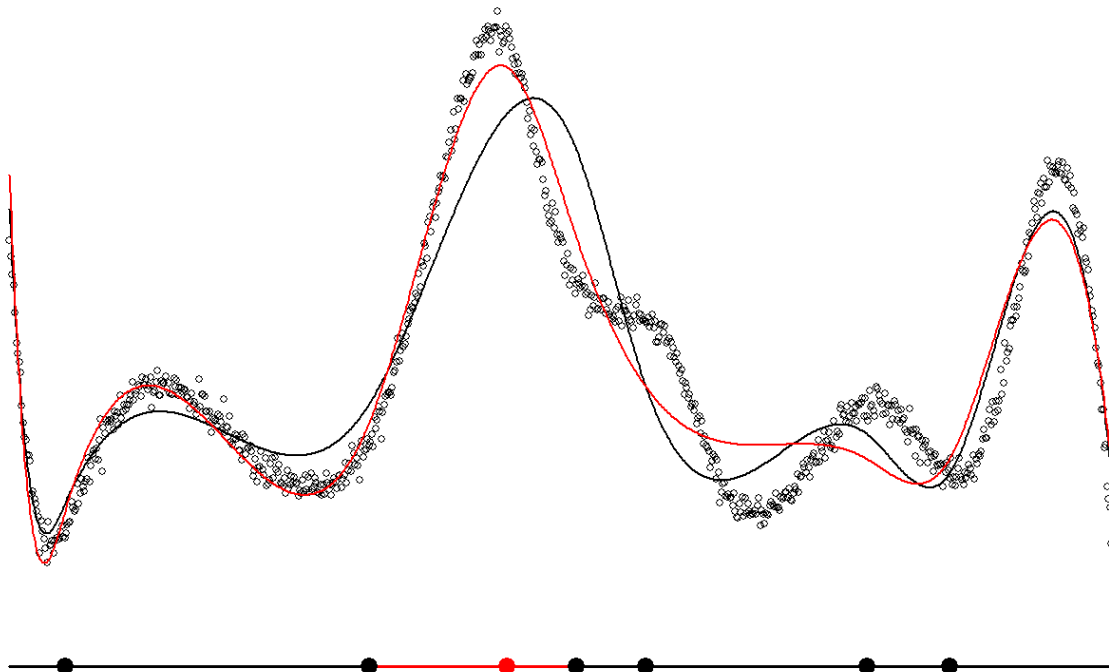
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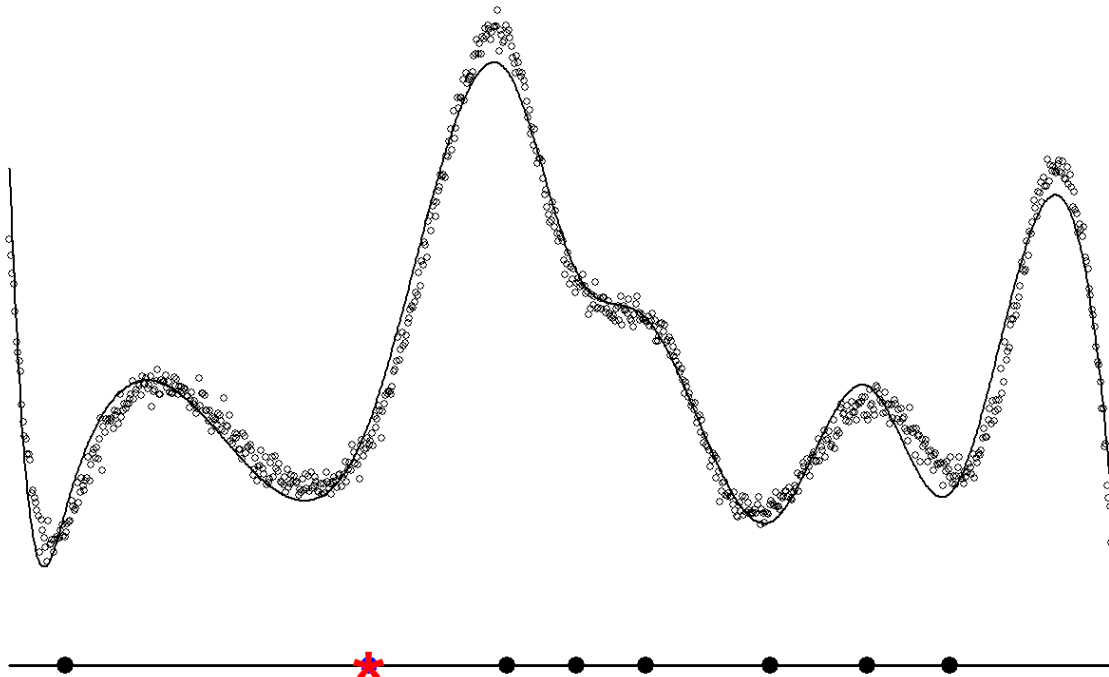
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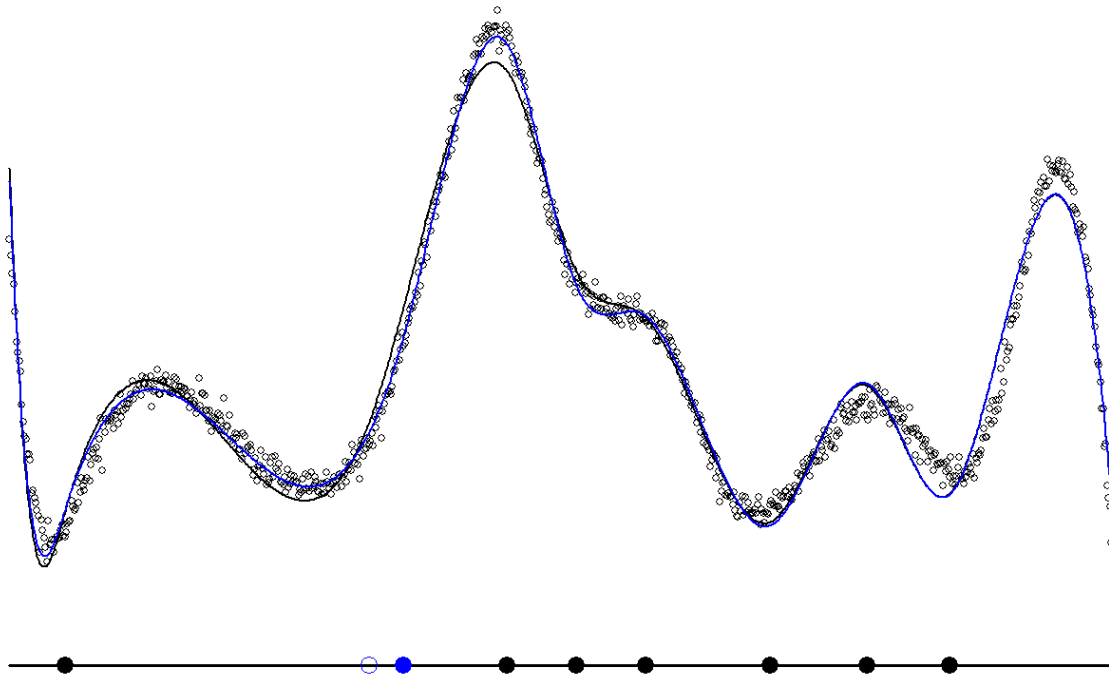


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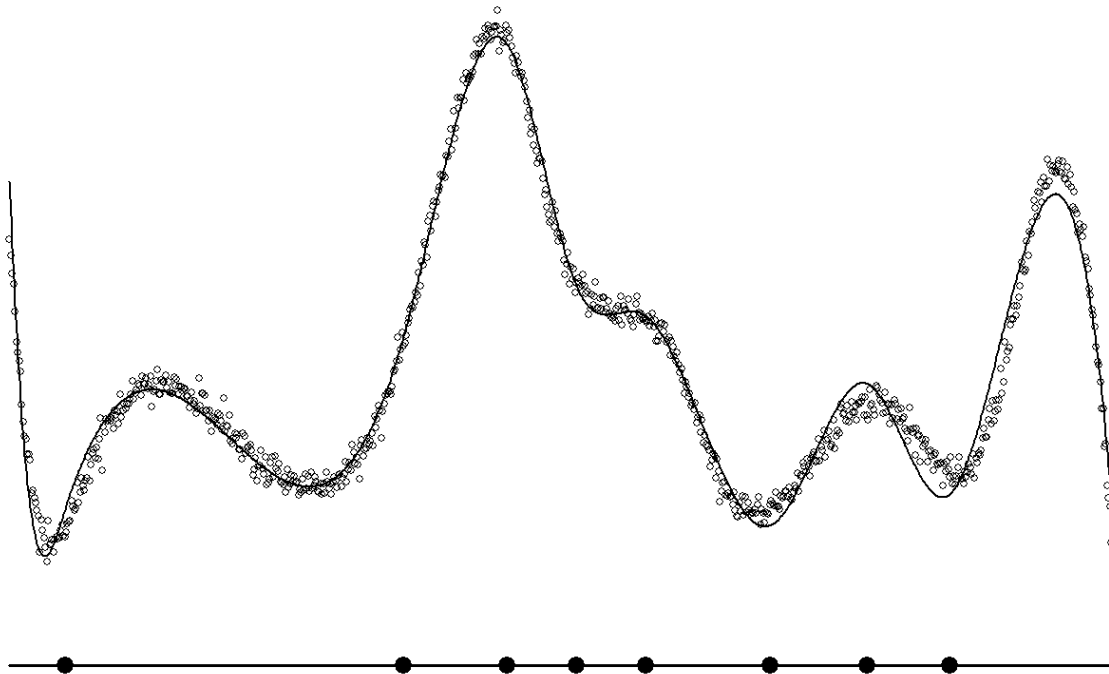
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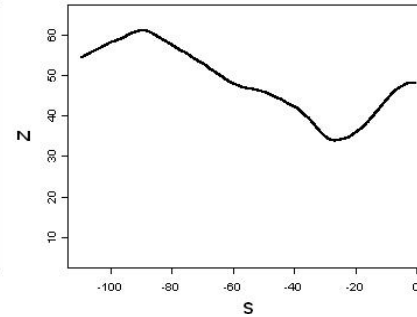
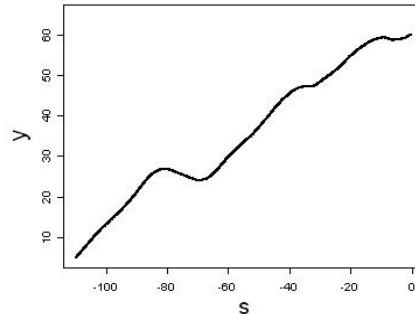
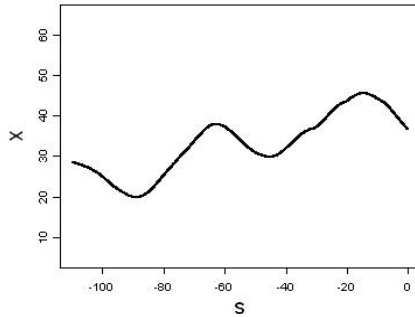


$$SSE + \lambda K$$

Stopping rule



COORDINATES  
PATIENT 1



**Very high signal-to-noise ratio**

**Fine grid of observed points**

BACK to AneuRisk data

Preprocessing:  
accurate curve estimates



# 3D free-knot splines

Sangalli Secchi Vantini Veneziani, 2009, JRSS-C



$$\{b_{r,m}^{[\mathbf{k}]}(s) : r = 1, \dots, m + n_k\}$$

b-spline basis system for the vector space

of splines of order  $m$

with knot vector  $\mathbf{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_{n_k})$



Functional estimates of the 3-spatial coordinates  $(\hat{x}(s), \hat{y}(s), \hat{z}(s))$

by **3D free-knot regression splines**

$$\hat{x}(s) = \sum_{r=1}^{m+n_{\hat{k}}} \hat{\lambda}_r^{[x]} b_{r,m}^{[\hat{\mathbf{k}}]}(s) \quad \hat{y}(s) = \sum_{r=1}^{m+n_{\hat{k}}} \hat{\lambda}_r^{[y]} b_{r,m}^{[\hat{\mathbf{k}}]}(s) \quad \hat{z}(s) = \sum_{r=1}^{m+n_{\hat{k}}} \hat{\lambda}_r^{[z]} b_{r,m}^{[\hat{\mathbf{k}}]}(s)$$

**FIND**

$$\hat{n}_k, \hat{\mathbf{k}} = (\hat{k}_1(s), \dots, \hat{k}_{n_k}(s)), \hat{\lambda}^{[x]}, \hat{\lambda}^{[y]}, \hat{\lambda}^{[z]}$$

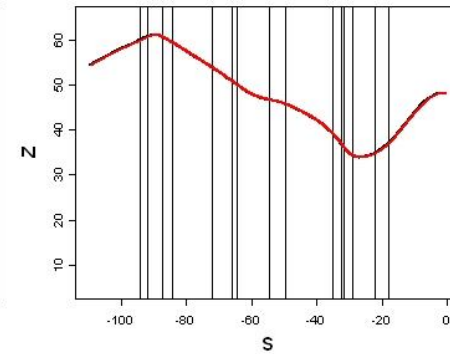
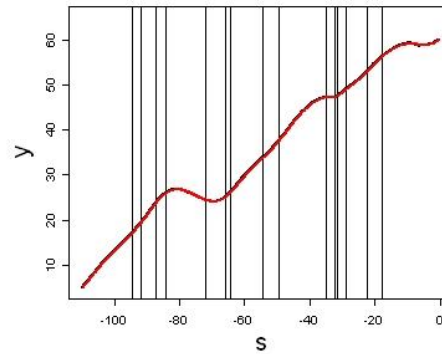
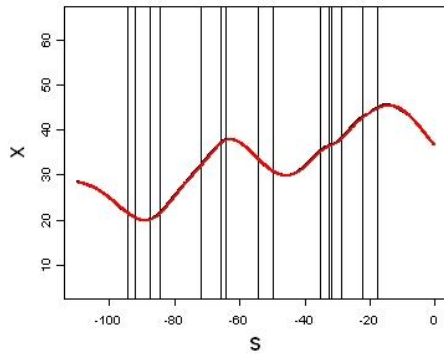
by minimizing

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - \sum_{r=1}^{m+n_k} \lambda_r^{[x]} b_{r,m}^{[\mathbf{k}]}(s_j))^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n (y_j - \sum_{r=1}^{m+n_k} \lambda_r^{[y]} b_{r,m}^{[\mathbf{k}]}(s_j))^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n (z_j - \sum_{r=1}^{m+n_k} \lambda_r^{[z]} b_{r,m}^{[\mathbf{k}]}(s_j))^2 + \mathcal{C}(m + n_k)$$

**FIX**  $m = 5$  to obtain smooth estimates of the curvature (function of second derivative)



Curve estimate



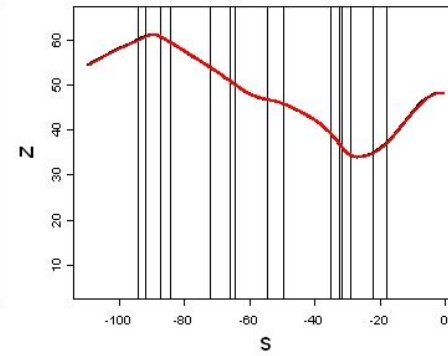
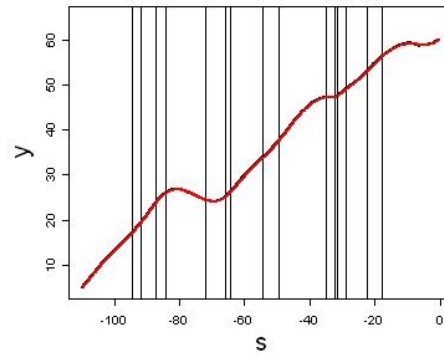
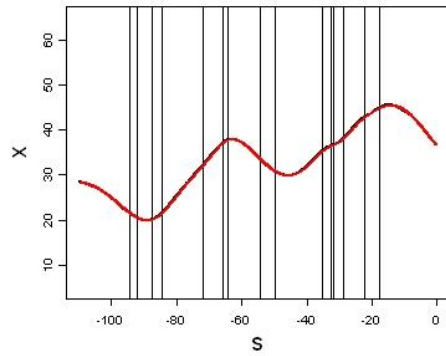
Derivatives of splines are still splines with the same knot vector and coefficients directly computed from the coefficients of the original spline



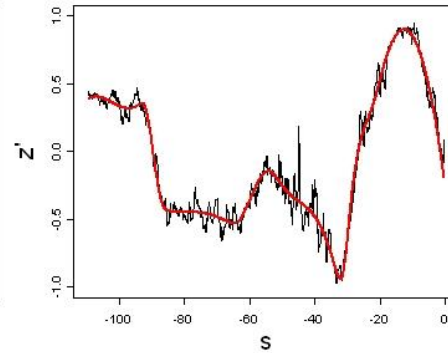
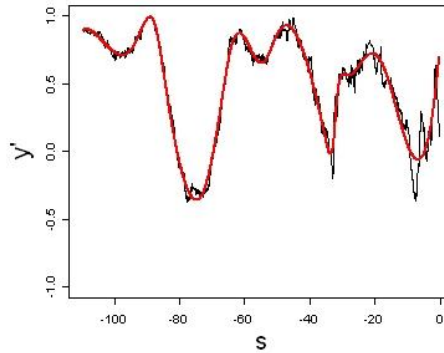
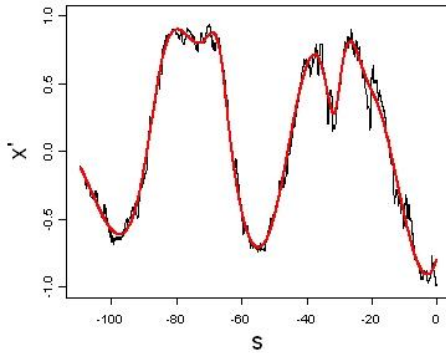
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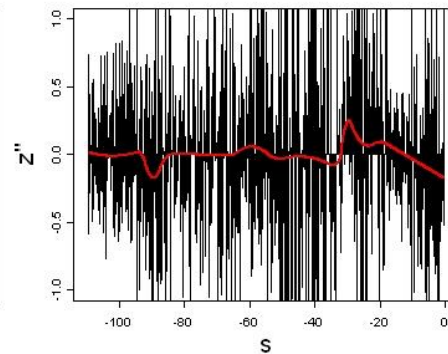
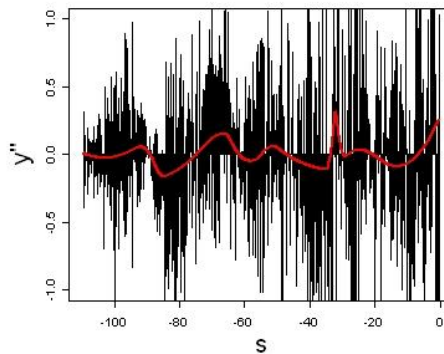
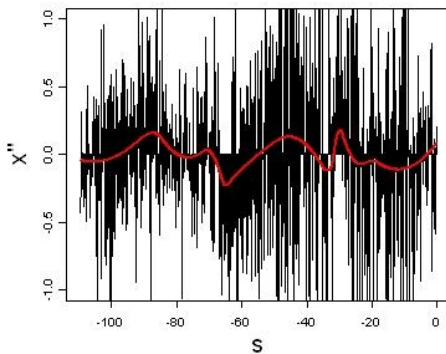
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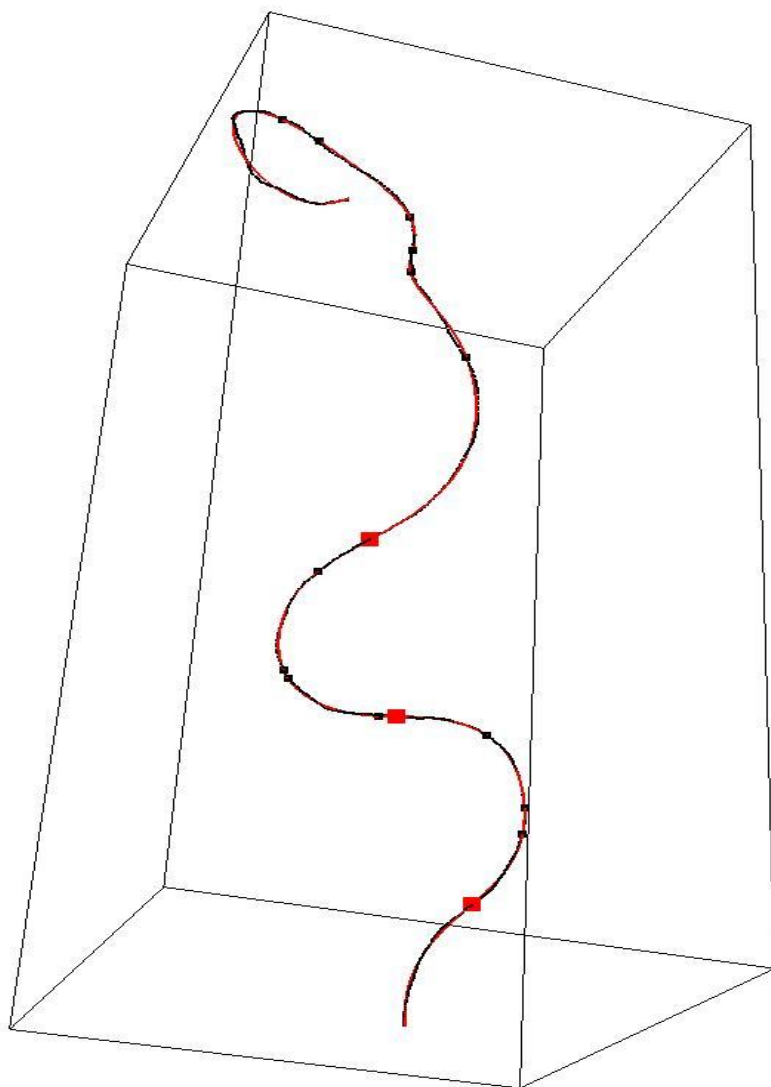


First deriv

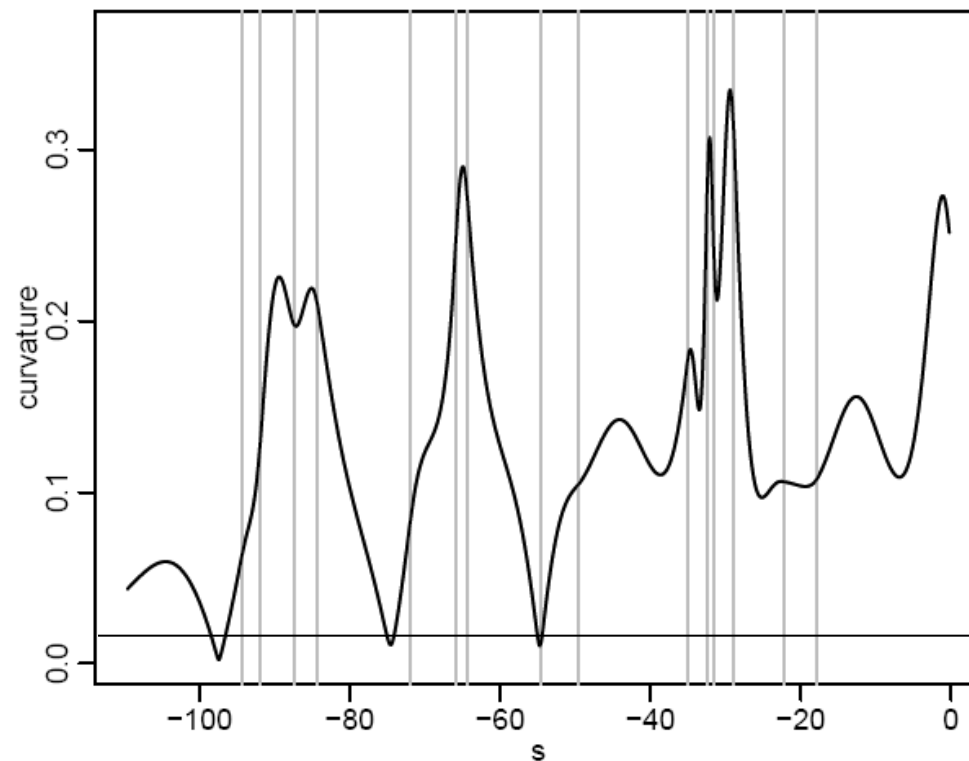


Second deriv.





## Curvature function



$$C_i(s) = \frac{\| (x'_i(s) \ y'_i(s) \ z'_i(s)) \times (x''_i(s) \ y''_i(s) \ z''_i(s)) \|}{\| (x'_i(s) \ y'_i(s) \ z'_i(s)) \|^3}$$



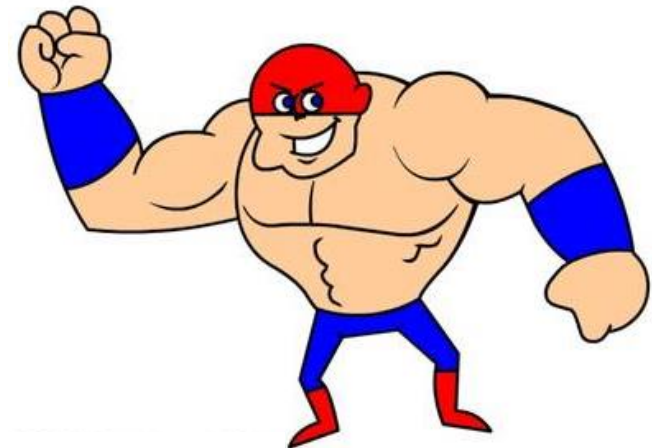
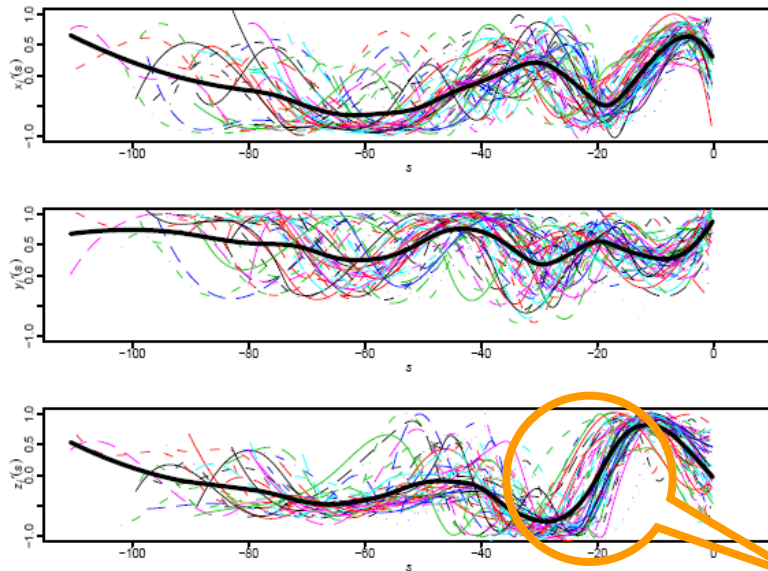


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## Centerline first derivatives



Phase Variability

(strongly dependent on dimensions of body structure and arteries)

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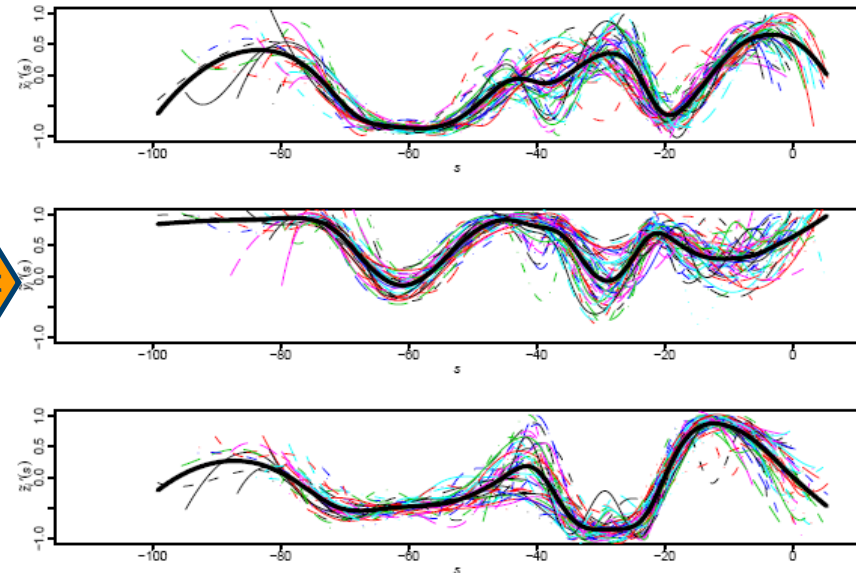
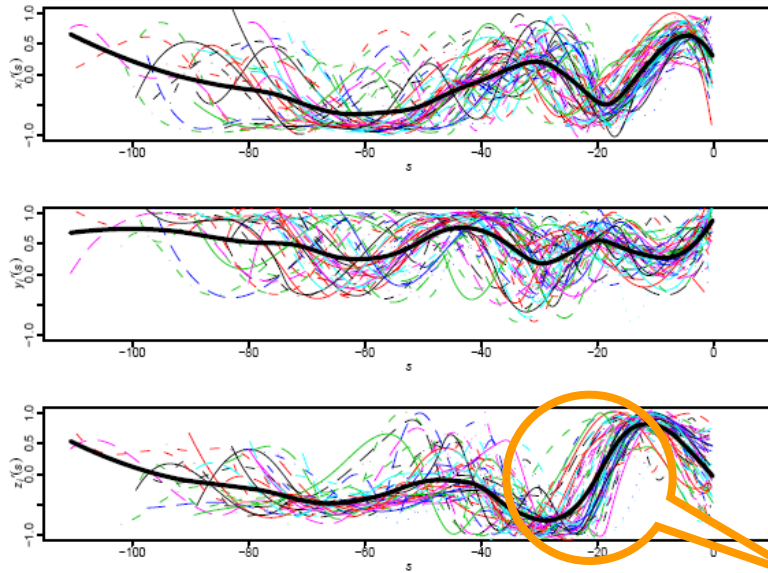
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Decoupling and studying Phase and Amplitude variabilities

Registration, Alignment, Warping



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### CTW: Statistics of Time Warpings and Phase Variations (November 13-16, 2012)

**Organizers:** J. S. Marron (UNC), J. O. Ramsay (McGill), L. Sangalli (Politecnico di Milano), A. Srivastava (Florida State)

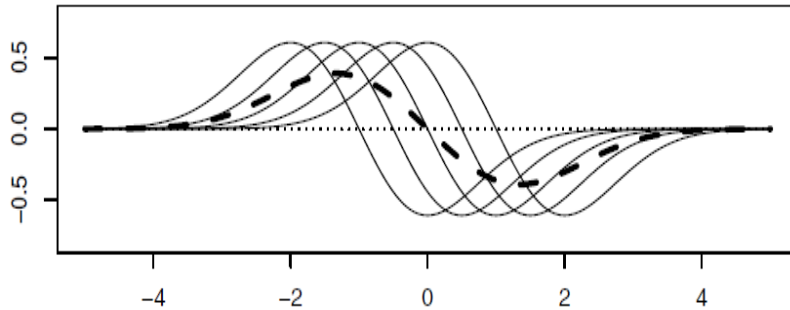
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**Background:** A common feature of functional measurements of data over time, space and other continua, is that salient features in the resulting curves and surfaces vary in position from one recording to the next. For example, the growth patterns of children vary in the timing of puberty, human movements in activities like handwriting and golf swings speed up and slow down from one instance to another, seasonal events like hurricanes arrive early some years and late in others, and traffic jams vary in location over city streets from one day to another. At the same time, each of the events can also vary in intensity. We refer to positional variation as phase variation, and intensity variation as amplitude variation. It is now evident that many processes unfold over a system time that not only does not unroll at the same rate as physical clock time, but also tends to vary in a significant way from one realization of a functional event to another.

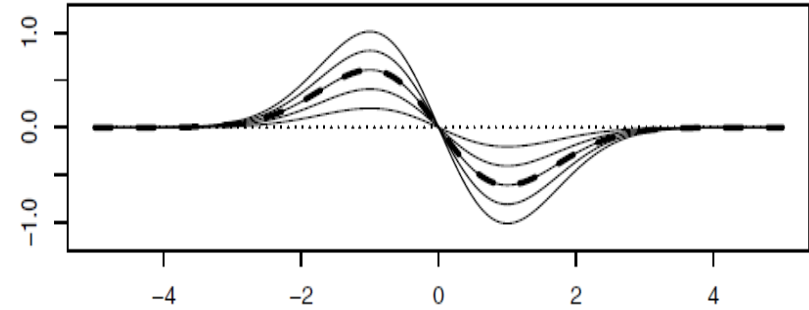
The registration or alignment of features in curves and images by smooth, one-to-one transformations of time or space, respectively, is an emerging hot topic that presents many challenges. From its beginnings with dynamic time warping in the late 50's, followed by the landmark registration methods of Fred Bookstein, the registration of brain images to a fixed atlas, and its widespread application in functional data analysis, statisticians have realized that nonlinear phase

→ Forthcoming Special Section of the *Electronic Journal of Statistics*

## Phase variability



## Amplitude variability



### Registration of a set of functions

Find suitable warping functions  $h_1, \dots, h_n$  such that  $c_1 \circ h_1, \dots, c_n \circ h_n$  are the most similar.

➔ **Landmark Approach:** known **landmarks** along the curves that are aligned so that landmarks occurs at the same abscissa points.

➔ **Continuous Approach:** define a measure of similarity/dissimilarity between curves, that are aligned in order to maximize/minimize their similarity/dissimilarity.



$\mathcal{C}$ : set of curves  $\mathbf{c}(s) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$

Aligning  $\mathbf{c}_1(s) \in \mathcal{C}$  to  $\mathbf{c}_2(s) \in \mathcal{C}$  means finding a warping function  $h(s) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that the two curves  $\mathbf{c}_1(h(s))$  and  $\mathbf{c}_2(s)$  are the most similar



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Aligning  $\mathbf{c}_1$  to  $\mathbf{c}_2$  according to  $(\rho, W)$  means finding  $h^* \in W$   
that maximizes  $\rho(\mathbf{c}_1 \circ h, \mathbf{c}_2)$                        $(\mathbf{c} \circ h)(s) := \mathbf{c}(h(s))$

Similarity index  $\rho(\cdot, \cdot): \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Class  $W$  of warping functions  $h(s): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

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AneuRisk data:

two vessel centerlines can be considered similar if  
they are identical except for shifts and dilations  
along the three main axes

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$c_{ip}$ :  $p$ th component of  $\mathbf{c}_i = (c_{i1}, \dots, c_{id})$

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$$W = \{h : h(s) = ms + q \text{ with } m \in \mathbb{R}^+, q \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$\rho(\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2) = 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \text{for } p = 1, \dots, d, \exists \theta_{0p} \in \mathbb{R}, \theta_{1p} \in \mathbb{R}^+ : \\ c_{1p}(s) = \theta_{0p} + \theta_{1p} c_{2p}(s).$$

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$(\rho, W)$  must satisfy properties that ensure that the aligning problem is well-posed and the corresponding procedure is coherent

- ▶  $\rho$ 
  - Bounded
  - Reflexive  $\rho(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{c}) = 1$
  - Symmetric  $\rho(\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2) = \rho(\mathbf{c}_2, \mathbf{c}_1)$
  - Transitive  $[\rho(\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2) = 1 \wedge \rho(\mathbf{c}_2, \mathbf{c}_3) = 1] \Rightarrow \rho(\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_3) = 1$
- ▶  $W$ 
  - Convex vector space
  - Group structure with respect to function composition
- ▶  $(\rho, W)$  Properties of coherence
  - $\rho(\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2) = \rho(\mathbf{c}_1 \circ h, \mathbf{c}_2 \circ h), \quad \forall h \in W$       Invariance, isometry, parallel horbit

$(\rho, W)$  defines on  $\mathcal{C}$  a **partition in equivalence classes**

(the one associated to  $(\rho, W)$  in previous slide is the same given by **Shape Invariant Models**)

*shape-analysis*



dissimilarity $\mathcal{E}$	class $\mathcal{H}$
$\ f_1 - f_2\ $	$\mathcal{H}_{shift}$
$\ f'_1 - f'_2\ $	$\mathcal{H}_{shift}$
$\ (f_1 - \bar{f}_1) - (f_2 - \bar{f}_2)\ $	$\mathcal{H}_{shift}$
$\ (f'_1 - \bar{f}'_1) - (f'_2 - \bar{f}'_2)\ $	$\mathcal{H}_{shift}$
$\left\  \frac{f_1}{\ f_1\ } - \frac{f_2}{\ f_2\ } \right\ $	$\mathcal{H}_{affinity}$
$\left\  \frac{f'_1}{\ f'_1\ } - \frac{f'_2}{\ f'_2\ } \right\ $	$\mathcal{H}_{affinity}$
$\left\  \text{sign}(f'_1) \sqrt{ f'_1 } - \text{sign}(f'_2) \sqrt{ f'_2 } \right\ $	$\mathcal{H}_{diffeomorphism}$



If we had a template (prototype) ICA centerline  $\varphi$  we could align each centerline to this template

The template centerline is unknown and need to be itself estimated from the data

find  $\varphi \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $\underline{\mathbf{h}} = \{h_1, \dots, h_N\} \subset W$  such that

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \rho(\varphi, \mathbf{c}_i \circ h_i) \geq \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \rho(\psi, \mathbf{c}_i \circ g_i)$$

for any other  $\psi \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $\underline{\mathbf{g}} = \{g_1, \dots, g_N\} \subset W$

➔ Iterative Procrustes procedure that alternates

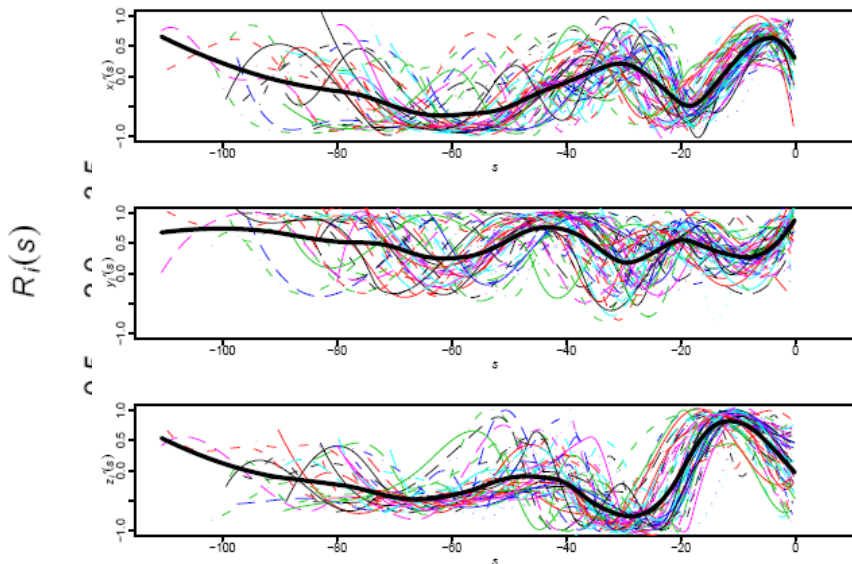
- *template estimation step*: the template centerline is estimated from the curves obtained in the previous alignment step
- *alignment step*: the centerlines are aligned to the template centerline estimated in the previous template estimation step



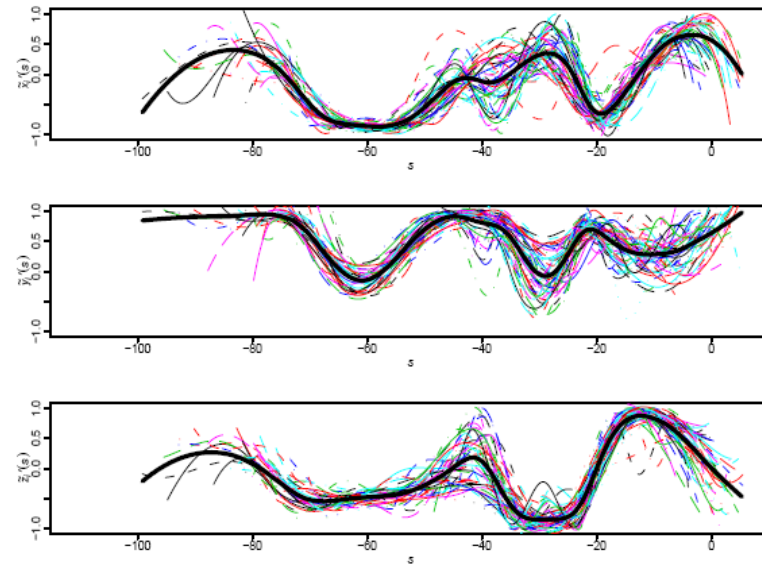
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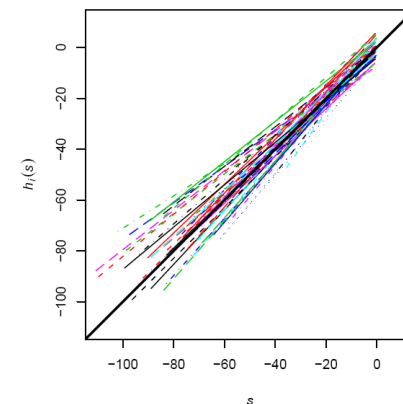
## Original centerlines



## Aligned centerlines



## Warping functions (phase variab)



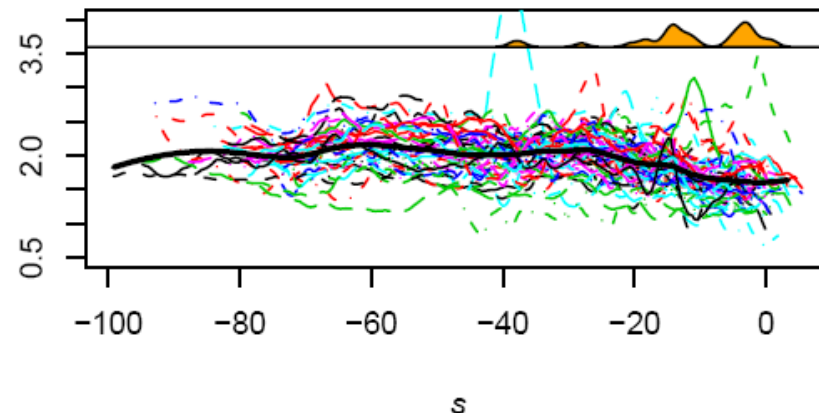
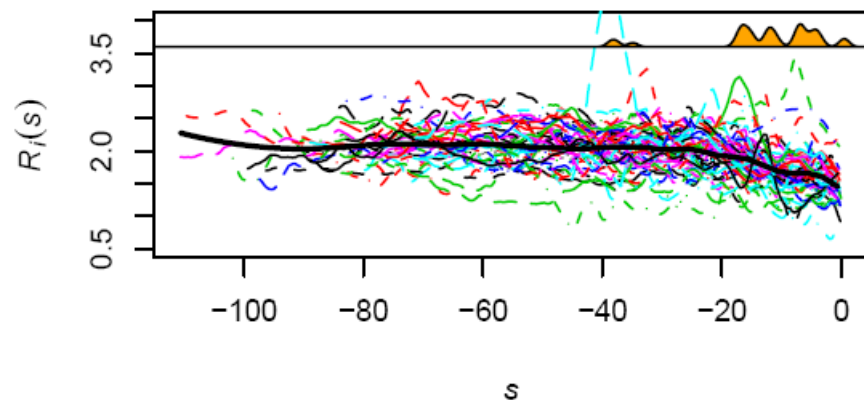
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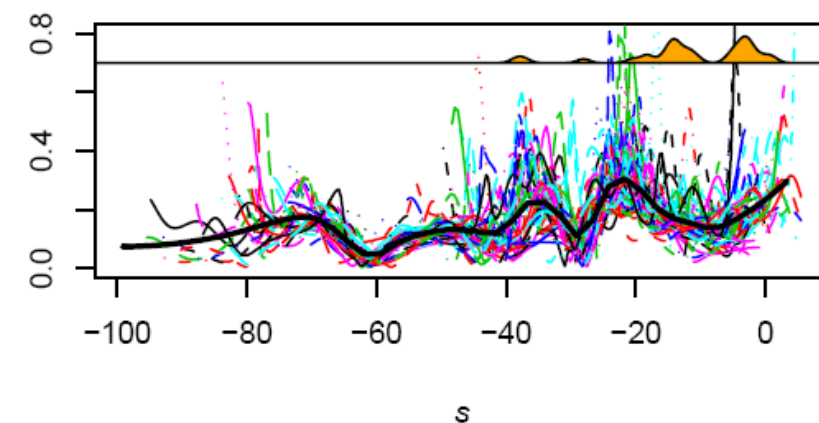
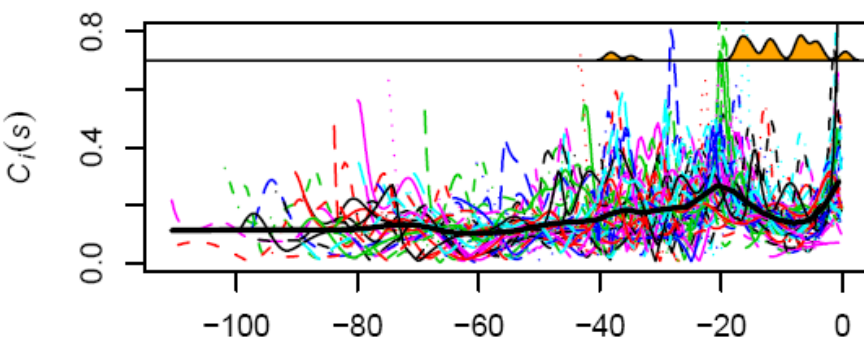
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Radius



Curvature



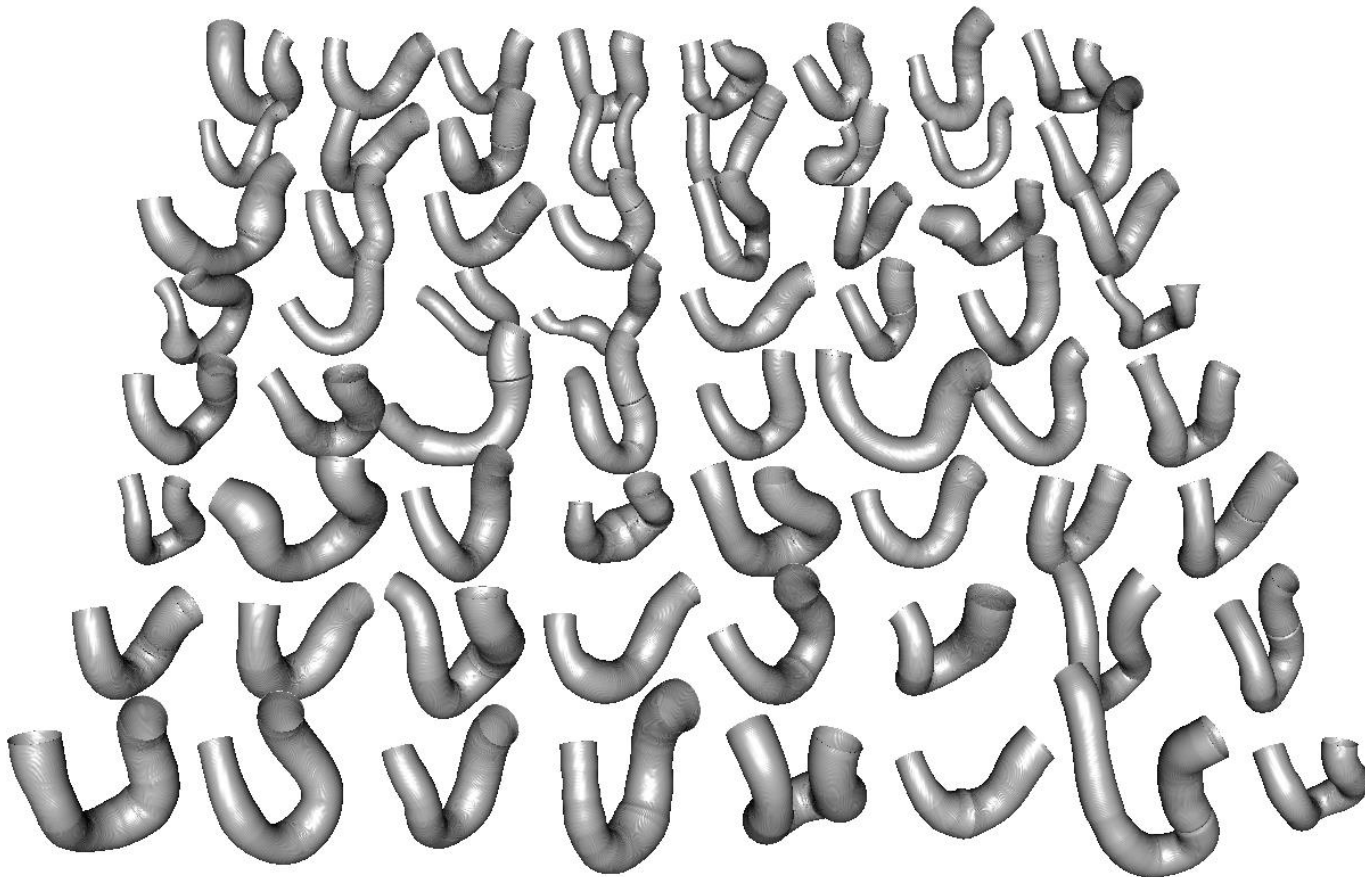
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# Dimension reduction: Functional Principal Component Analysis



The sample of 65 ICA: each patient is represented by the **REGISTERED** centerline and radius of ICA

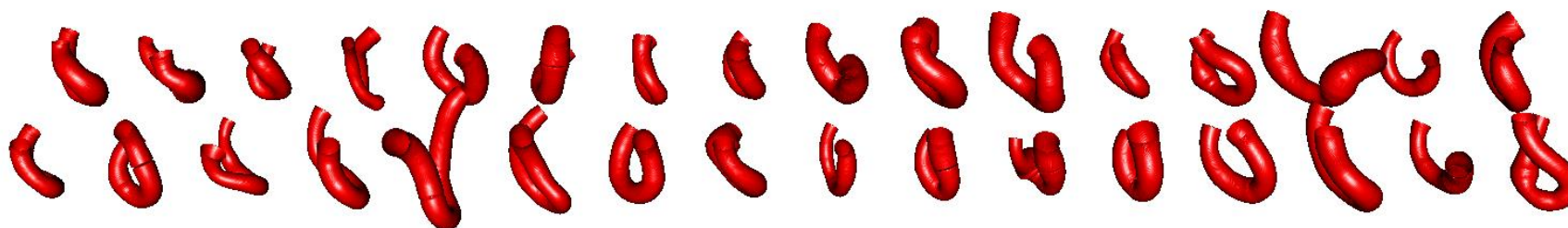
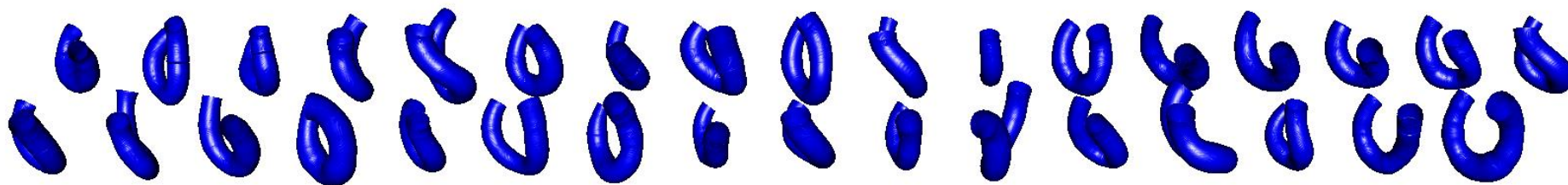




We want to use vessel radius and curvature to discriminate:

Aneurysm at or after ICA bifurcation

Upper Group: 33



Lower Group: 32

Aneurysm before ICA bifurcation or no aneurysm

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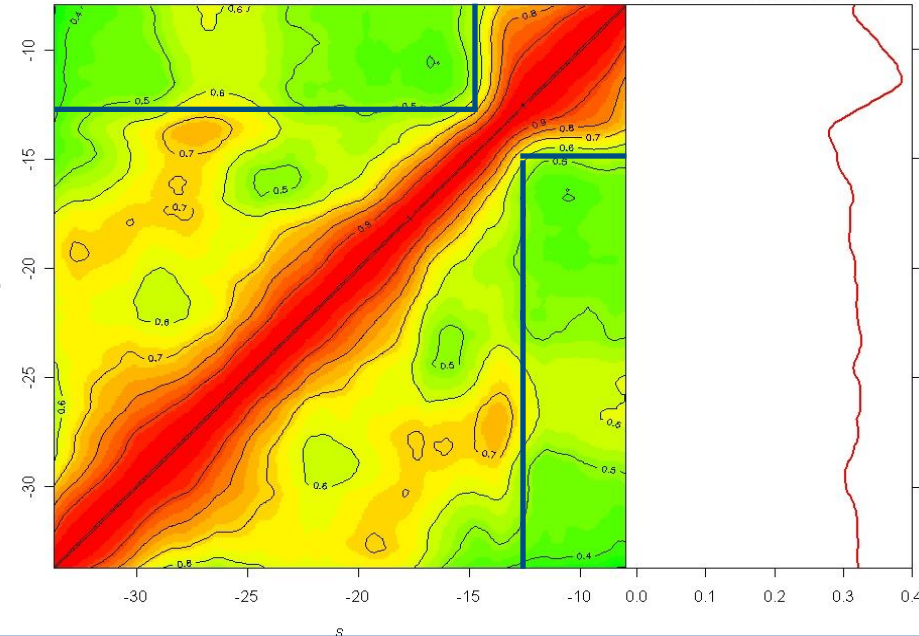




## Sample Autocorrelation Function and Std. Dev. for Radius Profiles of aligned centerlines

Radius Sample Autocorrelation

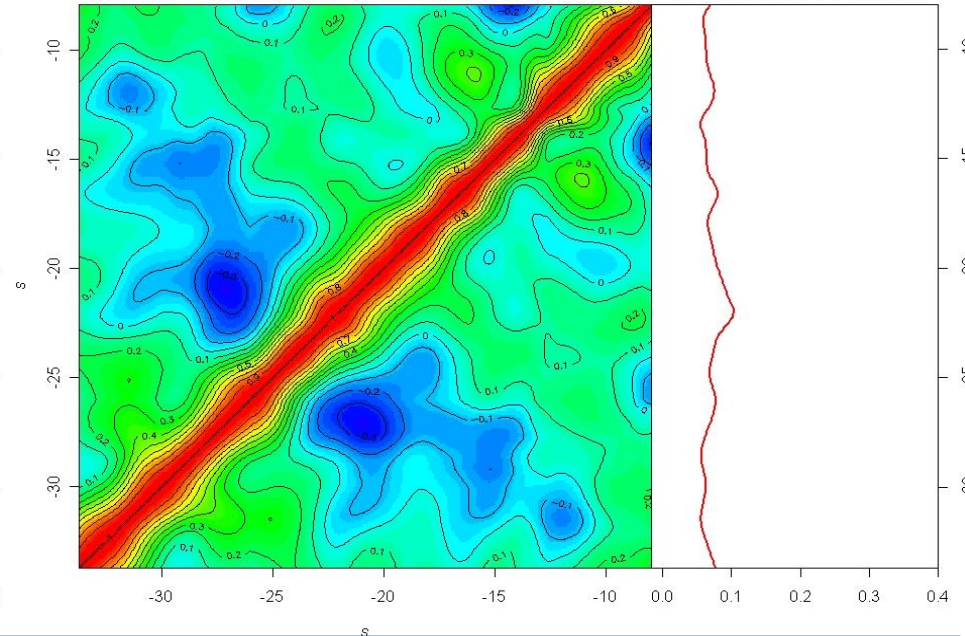
Radius Sample Std. Dev.



## Sample Autocorrelation Function and Std. Dev. for Curvature Profiles of aligned centerlines

Curvature Sample Autocorrelation

Curvature Sample Std. Dev.



**First step:** explore variability by through spectral decomposition of radius and curvature sample autocovariance functions (Functional Principal Component Analysis)

**Second step:** quadratic discriminant analysis on relevant scores

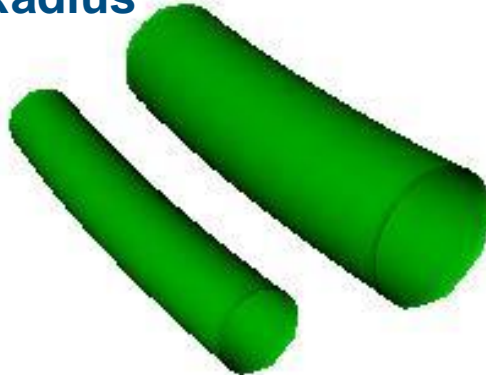


Explore population variability  
and Supervised Classification, Discrimination

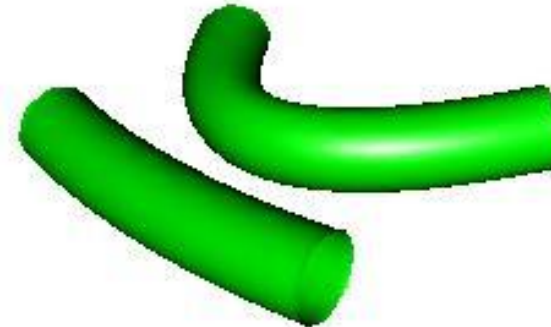


# Functional Principal Component Analysis

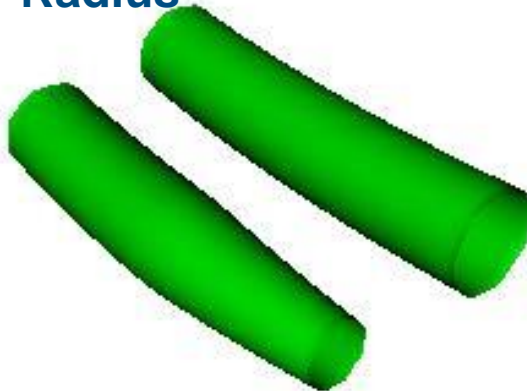
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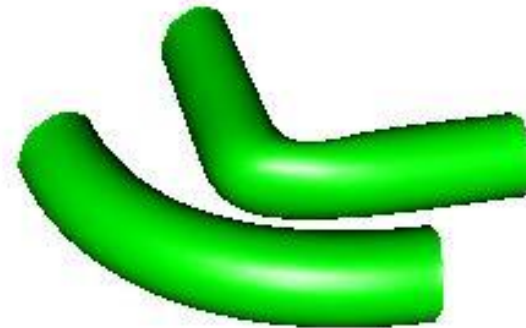
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2nd PC  
Radius



2nd PC  
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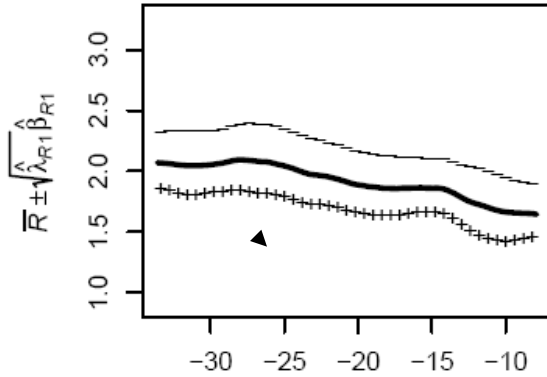




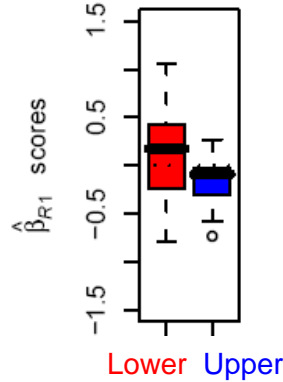
# Functional Principal Component Analysis



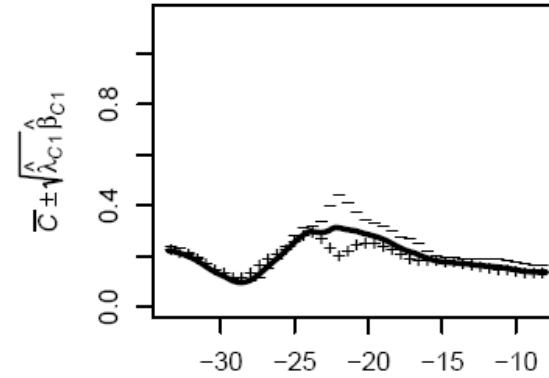
### 1st PC for Radius (65.9%)



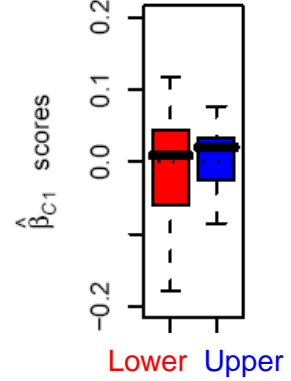
T-test:  $p = 0.84\%$   
F-test:  $p = 0.01\%$



### 1st PC for Curvature (21.0%)

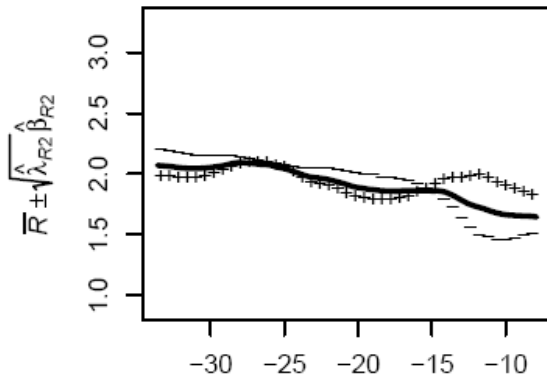


T-test:  $p = 15.72\%$   
F-test:  $p = 0.12\%$

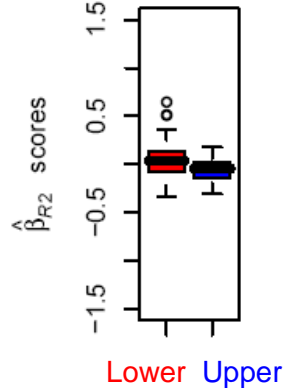


Lower Group - Upper Group

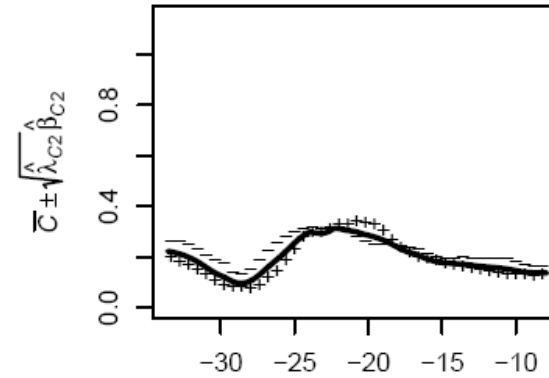
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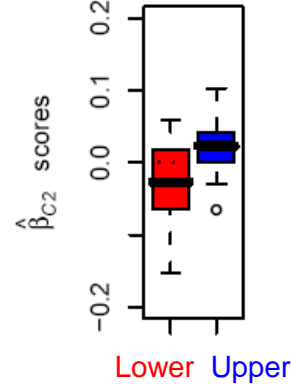
T-test:  $p = 0.96\%$   
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### 2nd PC for Curvature (14.9%)



T-test:  $p = 0.00\%$   
F-test:  $p = 6.77\%$

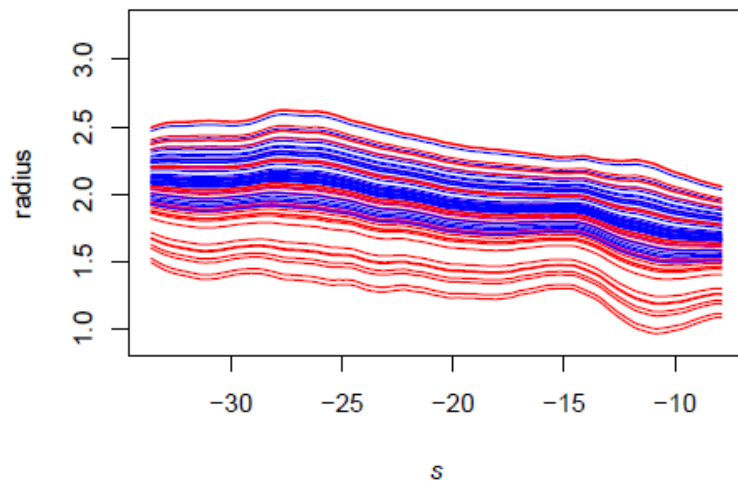




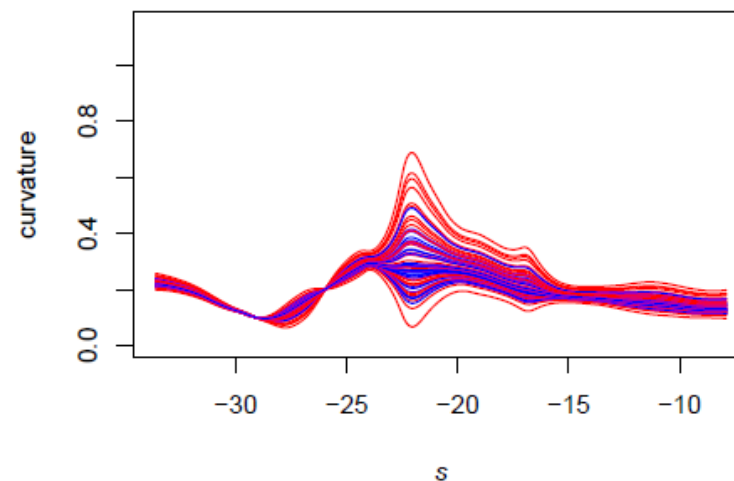
# Functional Principal Component Analysis of Radius and Curvature Functions



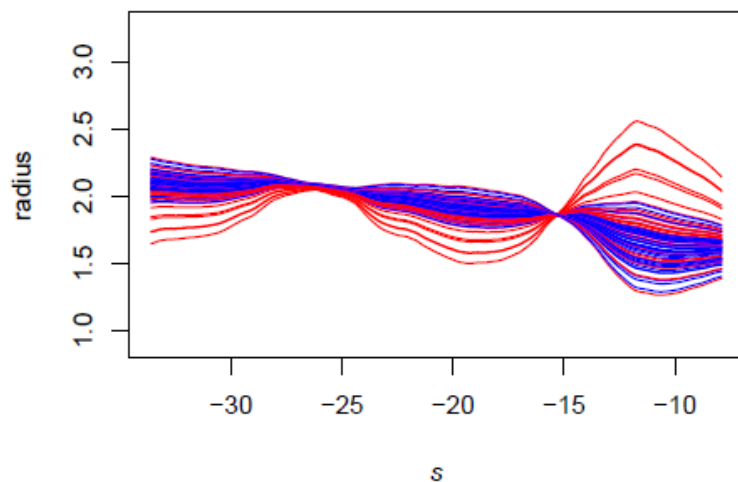
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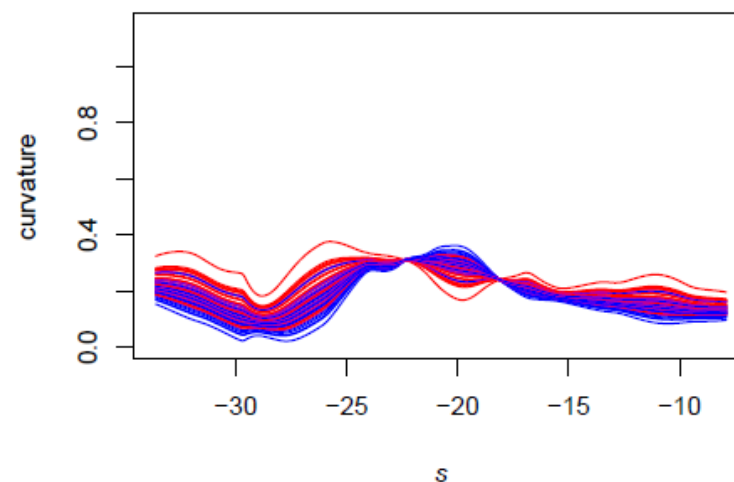
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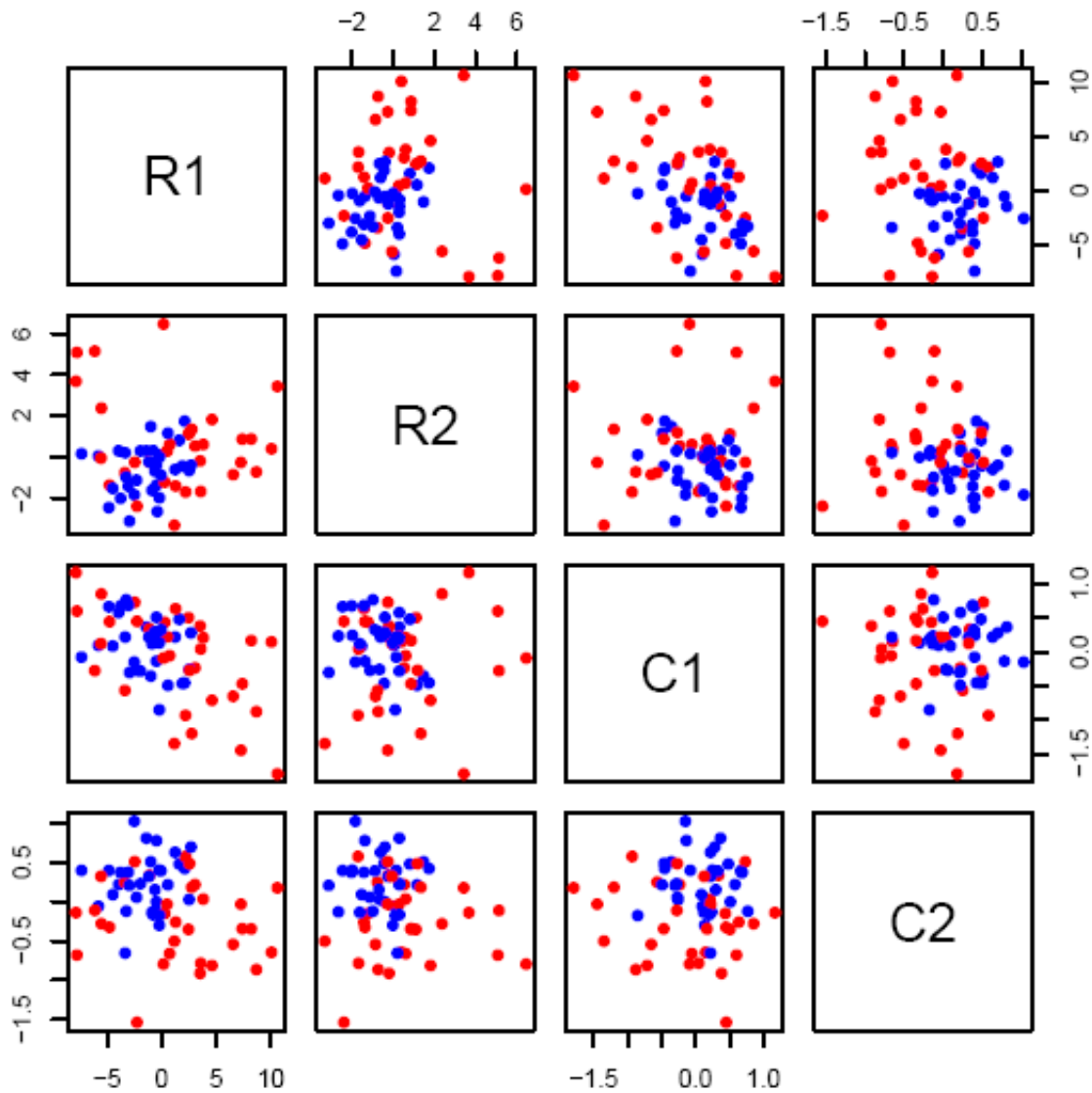
2nd PC for Radius (13.0%)



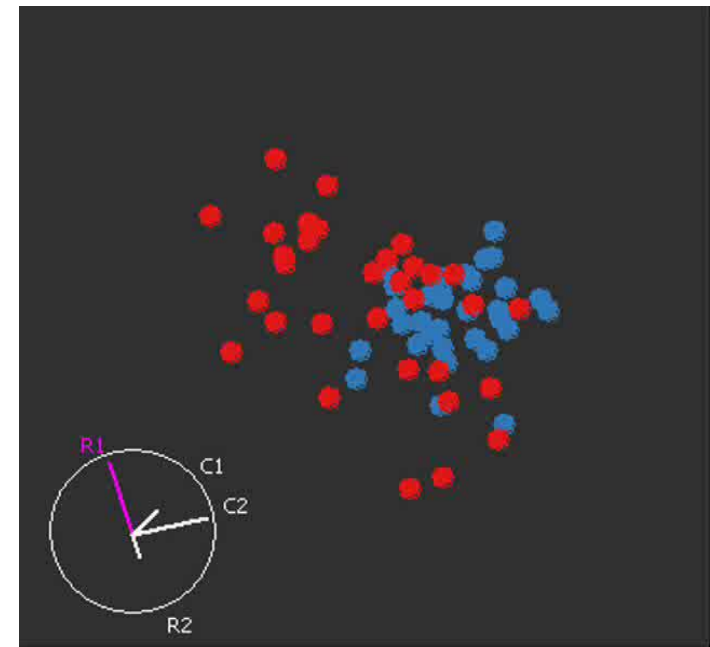
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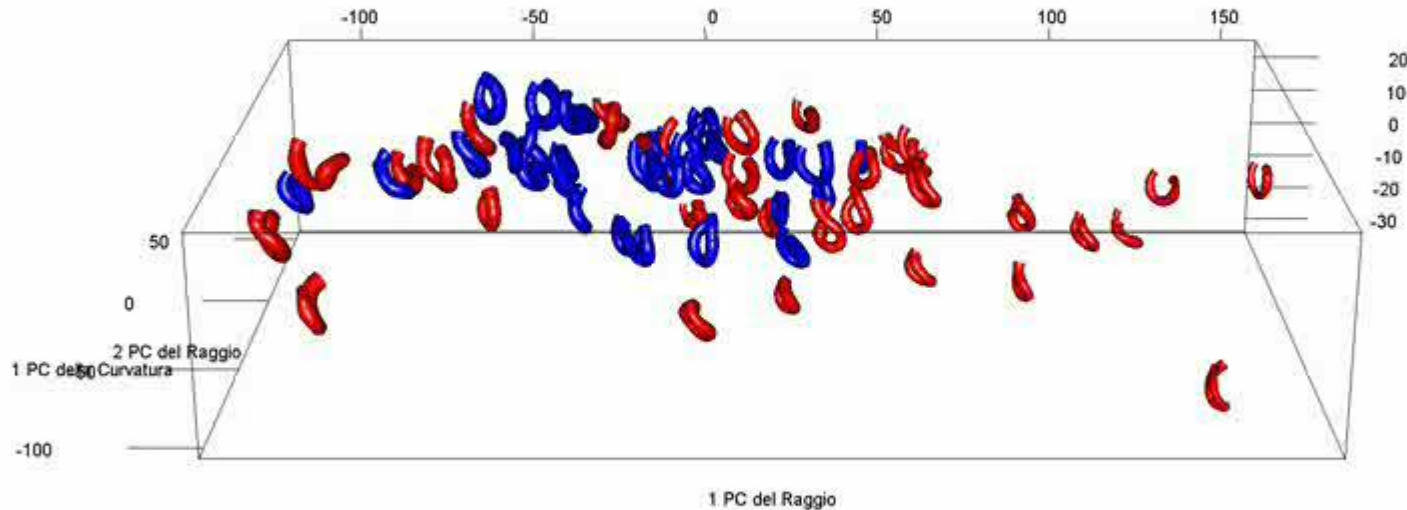


# Functional Principal Component Analysis of Radius and Curvature Functions



Functional PCA Scores

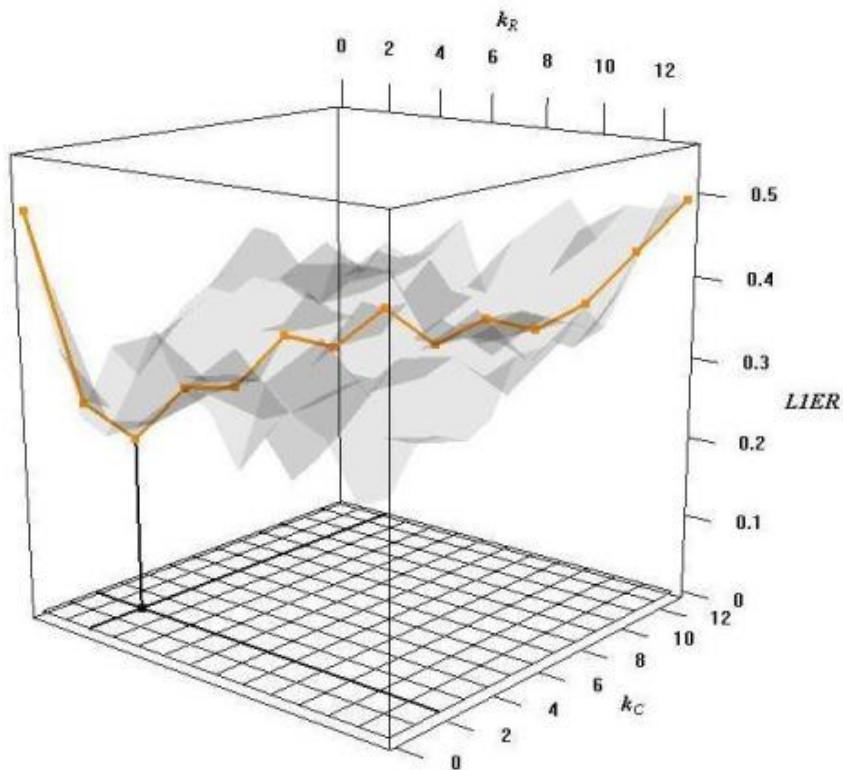




Representation of the 65 ICA in the space generated by:  
2 PC of radius and 1 PC of curvature



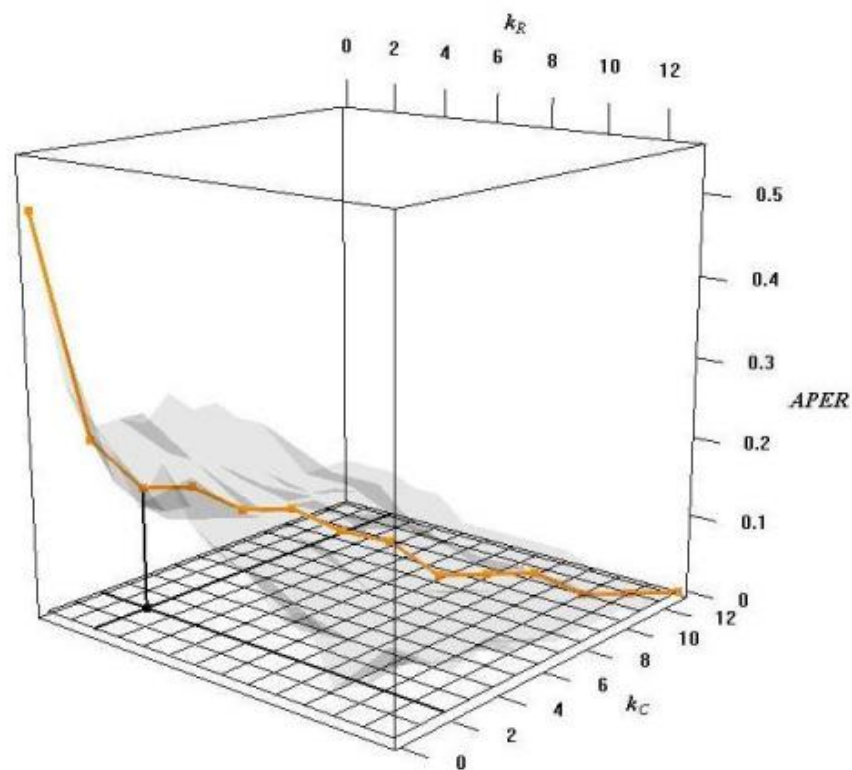
# Quadratic Discriminant Analysis of Functional PCA scores



**L1ER = 21.5%**

	Lower Predicted	Upper Predicted
Lower	23	9
Upper	5	28

	Lower Predicted	Upper Predicted
Lower	35.4%	13.8%
Upper	7.7%	43.1%



**APER = 16.9%**

	Lower Predicted	Upper Predicted
Lower	23	9
Upper	2	31

	Lower Predicted	Upper Predicted
Lower	35.4%	13.8%
Upper	3.1%	47.7%



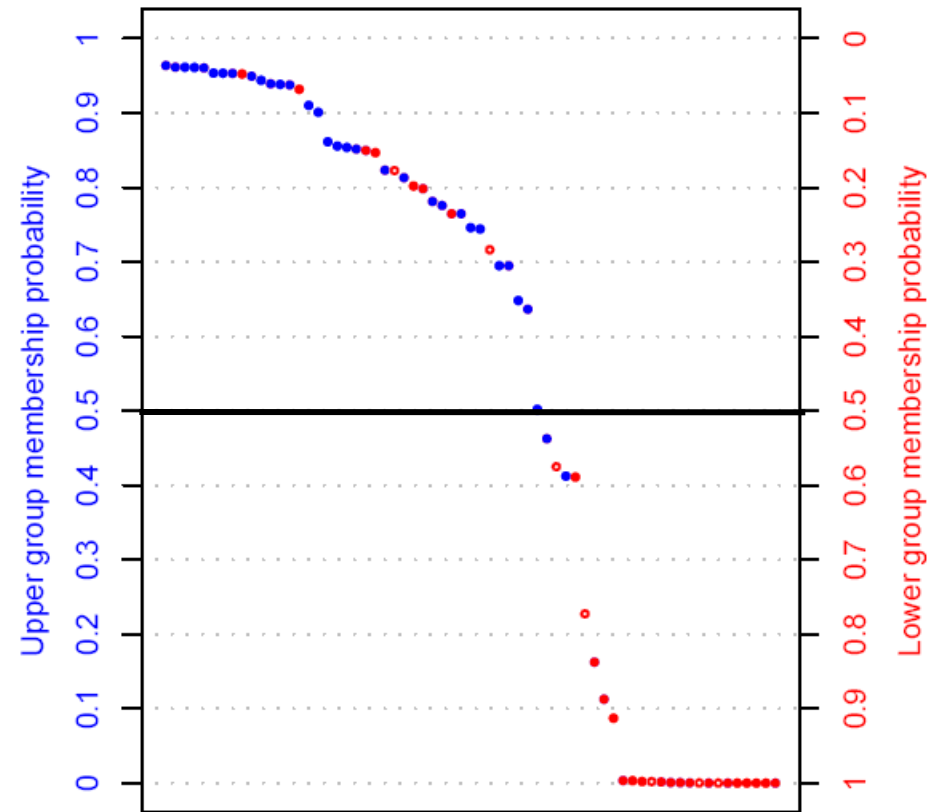


# Quadratic Discriminant Analysis of Functional PCA scores

→ **Upper group** patients are very well characterized by these two geometric features

A quadratic discriminant analysis of scores correctly identifies 31 out of the 33 patients in this group

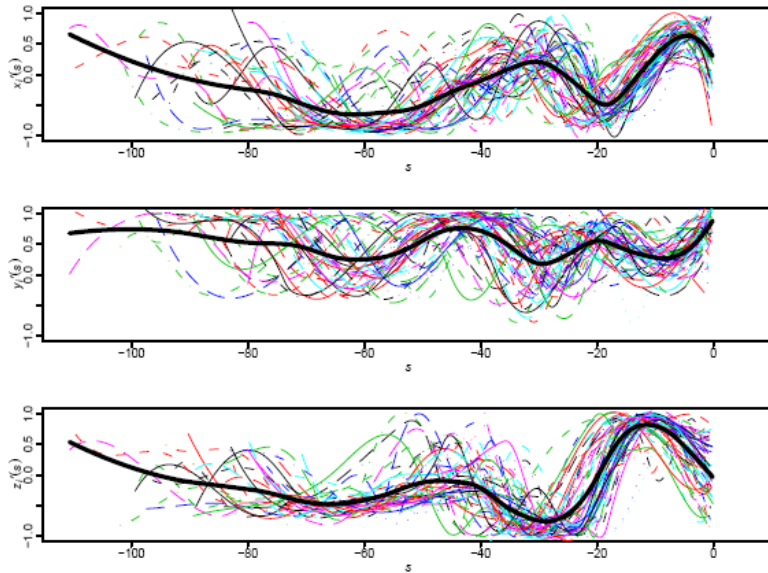
- Large vessels
- Strong tapering
- High within-patient curvature variability
- Lower between-patient variability



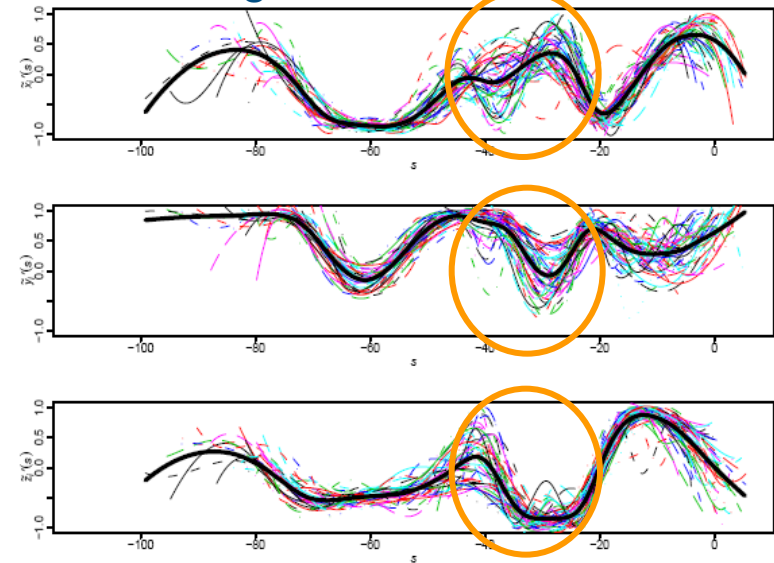


# Curve clustering and alignment

Sangalli Secchi Vantini Vitelli, 2010, CSDA



Aligned centerlines



GOAL: Identify ICA's with different morfological shapes

Need to be able to:  
jointly align and cluster  
the  $N$  centerlines  
in multiple groups ( $k$  groups)  
having unknown templates



## Unsupervised Classification, Clustering



Functional  
*K*-mean  
Clustering

*K*-mean  
Alignment

Continuous  
Alignment

→ *K*-mean Clustering  
with warping allowed

→ Continuous Alignment  
with *K* templates

Goal of **Alignment**:  
**Decoupling Phase and Amplitude Variability**



Goal of **K-mean** Clustering:  
**Decoupling Within and Between-cluster (Amplitude) Variability**



Goal of **K-mean Alignment**:  
**Identifying Phase Variability, Within-cluster Amplitude Variability  
and Between-cluster Amplitude Variability**

(disclosing clustering in the phase)



Aligning and clustering a set of  $N$  curves

$$\{c_1, \dots, c_N\}$$

with respect to  $k$  template curves

$$\underline{\varphi} = \{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_k\}$$

Domain of attraction of  $\varphi_j$

$$\Delta_j(\underline{\varphi}) = \{c \in \mathcal{C} : \sup_{h \in W} \rho(\varphi_j, c \circ h) \geq \sup_{h \in W} \rho(\varphi_r, c \circ h), \forall r \neq j\}, \quad j = 1, \dots, k$$

Labelling function

$\lambda(\underline{\varphi}, c)$ : indicates a cluster the curve  $c$  should be assigned to

$\lambda(\underline{\varphi}, c) = j$ : the similarity index obtained by aligning  $c$  to  $\varphi_j$  is at least as large as the similarity index obtained by aligning  $c$  to any other template  $\varphi_r$ , with  $r \neq j$

$\varphi_{\lambda(\underline{\varphi}, c)}$ : indicates a template the curve  $c$  can be best aligned to



Trivial case:  $\underline{\varphi} = \{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_k\}$  known

In order to cluster and align the set of  $N$  curves  $\{c_1, \dots, c_N\}$  with respect to  $\underline{\varphi}$ :

for  $i = 1, \dots, N$

- assign  $c_i$  to the cluster  $\lambda(\underline{\varphi}, c_i)$
- align it to the corresponding template  $\varphi_{\lambda(\underline{\varphi}, c_i)}$

Non-trivial case:  $\underline{\varphi} = \{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_k\}$  unknown

need to be themselves estimated from the data, leading to a complex optimization problem

Given  $\{c_1, \dots, c_N\} \subset \mathcal{C}$ , find  $\underline{\varphi} = \{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_k\} \subset \mathcal{C}$ ,  
 $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\} \subset \{1, \dots, k\}$  and  $\underline{h} = \{h_1, \dots, h_N\} \subset W$   
that maximise  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \rho(\varphi_{\lambda_i}, c_i \circ h_i)$

An approximate solution to his optimization problem is given by the following iterative procedure



$\underline{\varphi}_{[q-1]} = \{\varphi_{1[q-1]}, \dots, \varphi_{k[q-1]}\}$ : set of templates after iteration  $q-1$

$\{\mathbf{c}_{1[q-1]}, \dots, \mathbf{c}_{N[q-1]}\}$ :  $N$  curves aligned and clustered to  $\underline{\varphi}_{[q-1]}$

*Template identification step.* For  $j = 1, \dots, k$ , the template of the  $j$ th cluster  $\varphi_{j[q]}$  is estimated using all curves assigned to cluster  $j$  at iteration  $q-1$ .

$$\varphi_{j[q]} = \arg \max_{\varphi \in \mathcal{C}} \sum_{i: \lambda_i=j} \rho(\varphi, \mathbf{c}_{i[q-1]})$$

*Assignment and alignment step.* The set of curves  $\{\mathbf{c}_{1[q-1]}, \dots, \mathbf{c}_{N[q-1]}\}$  is clustered and aligned to the set of templates  $\underline{\varphi}_{[q]} = \{\varphi_{1[q]}, \dots, \varphi_{k[q]}\}$ .

*Normalization step.* For  $j = 1, \dots, k$ , all curves assigned to cluster  $j$  are warped along a common warping function, so that the average warping undergone by curves assigned to the same cluster is the identity transformation (thus avoiding the drifting apart of clusters or the global drifting of the overall set of curves).

The algorithm is stopped when, in the assignment and alignment step, the increments of the similarity indexes are all lower than a fixed threshold.





## *K*-mean Alignment:

*K*-mean  
Clustering

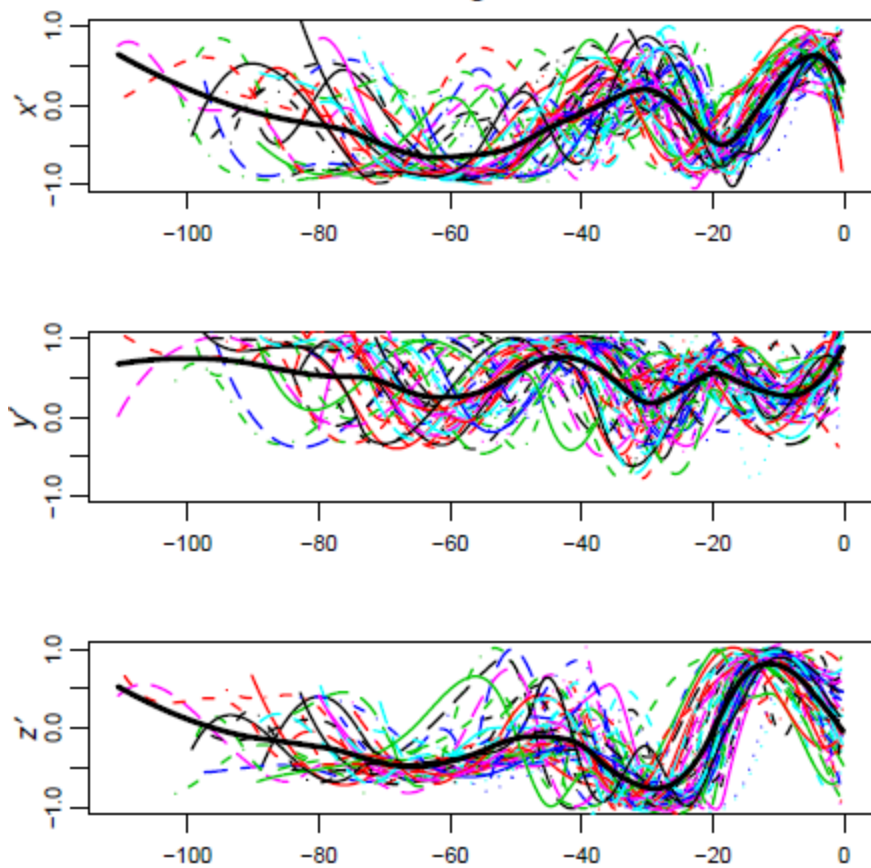
$$W = \{1\}$$

Continuous  
Alignment

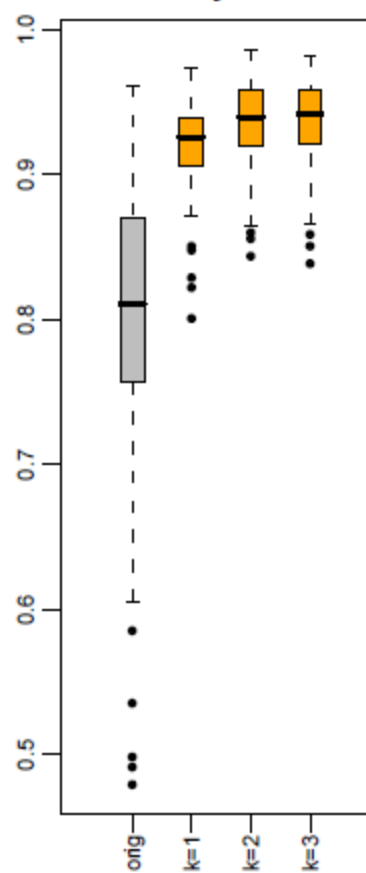
$$K = 1$$



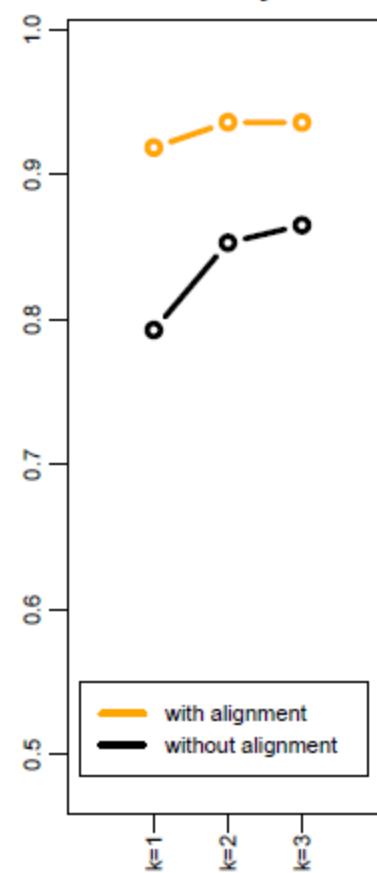
Original



Similarity indexes



Mean similarity indexes

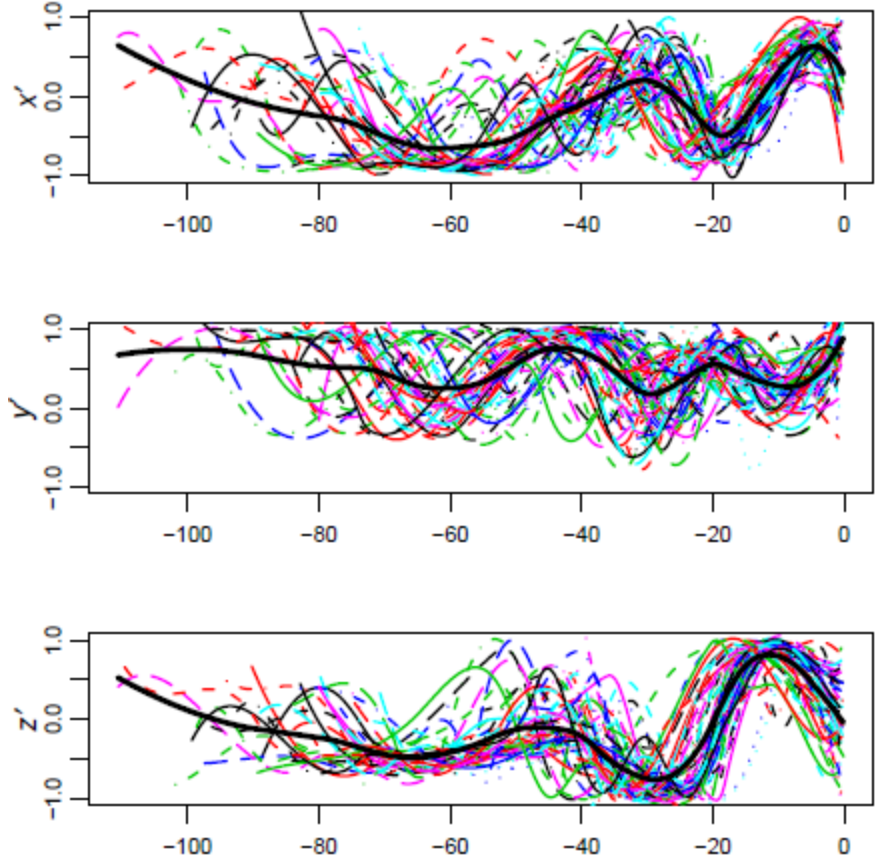




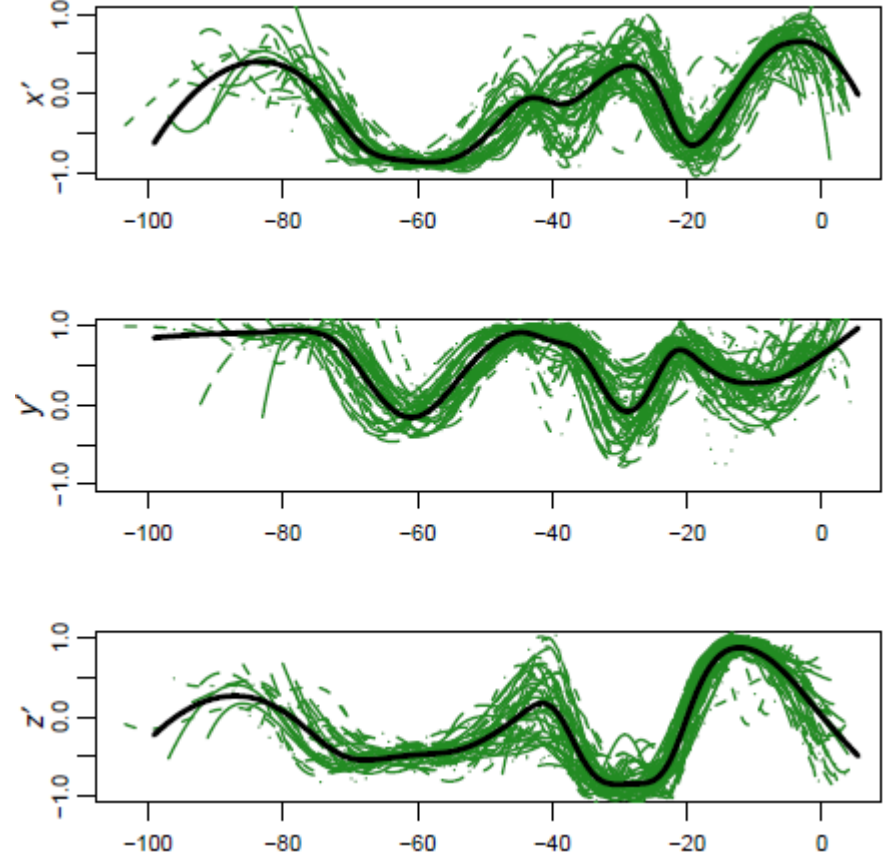
# One-mean alignment



Original



k = 1

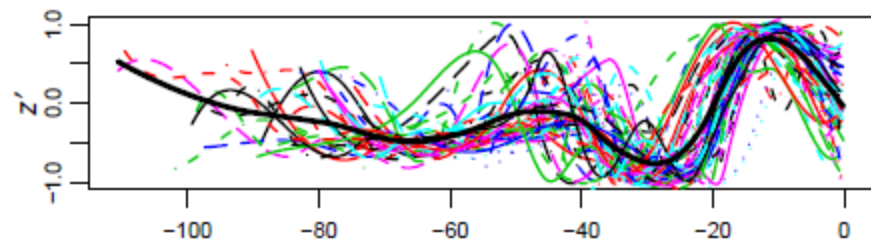
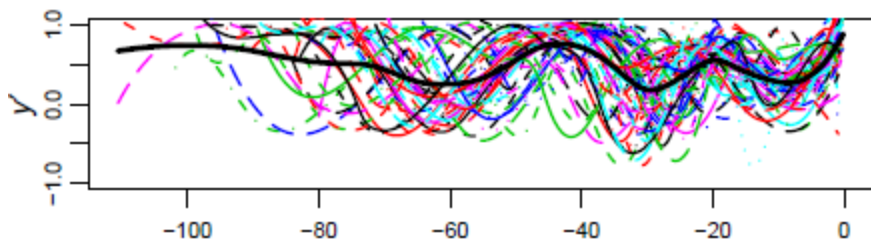
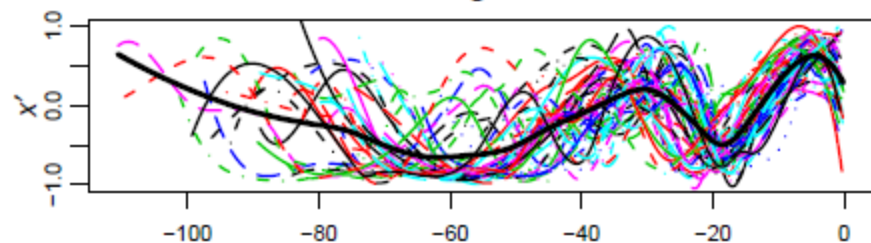




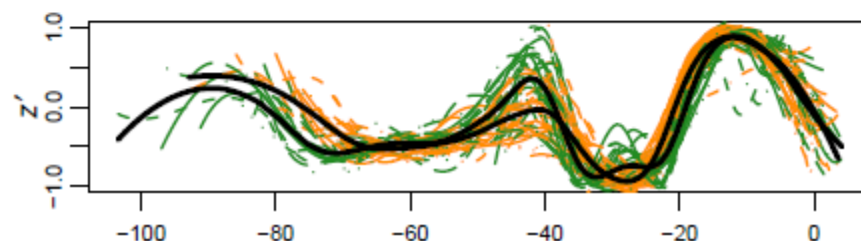
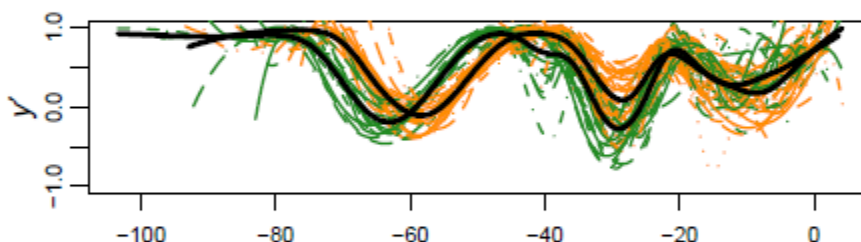
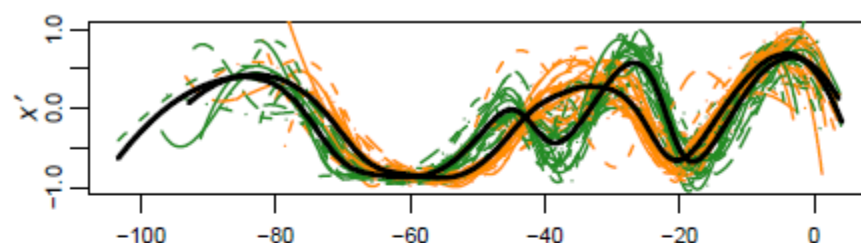
# Two-mean alignment



Original



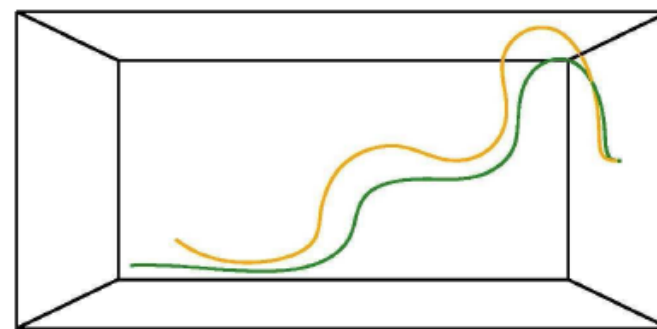
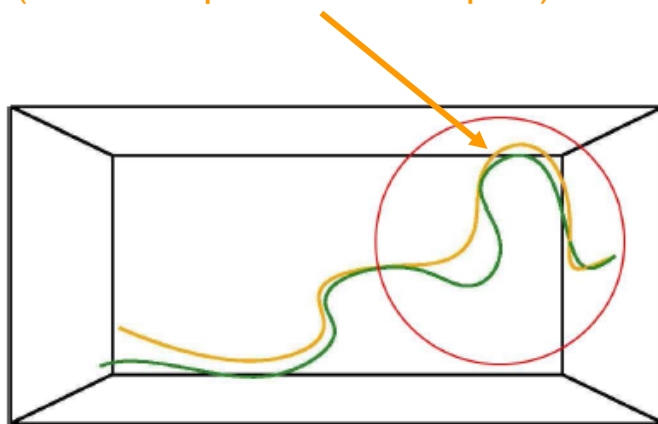
k = 2





$\Omega$  shaped ICA's

(1-bend siphon in distal part)



**S** shaped ICA's

(2-bend siphon in distal part)

NO interesting insights

Simple clustering without alignment is driven by phase variability and fails to identify different morphological shapes

The procedure identify two prototype shapes of ICA's that are described in the medical literature  
Krayenbuehl et. Al. (1982)



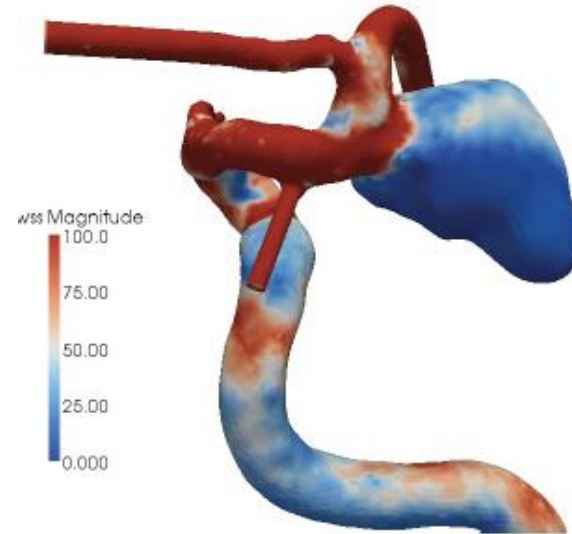
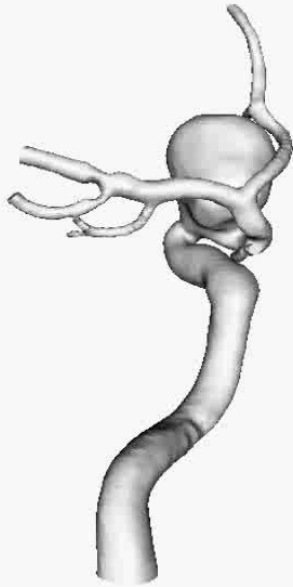
	<b>Aneurysm at or after ICA biforc. (33)</b>	<b>Aneurysm before ICA biforc. (25)</b>	<b>No aneurysms (7)</b>
<b>S</b> shaped ICA's	30%	52%	100%
<b>Ω</b> shaped ICA's	70%	48%	0%

► The ICA syphon acts as a fluid dynamical shock-absorber to steady blood flow in the brain

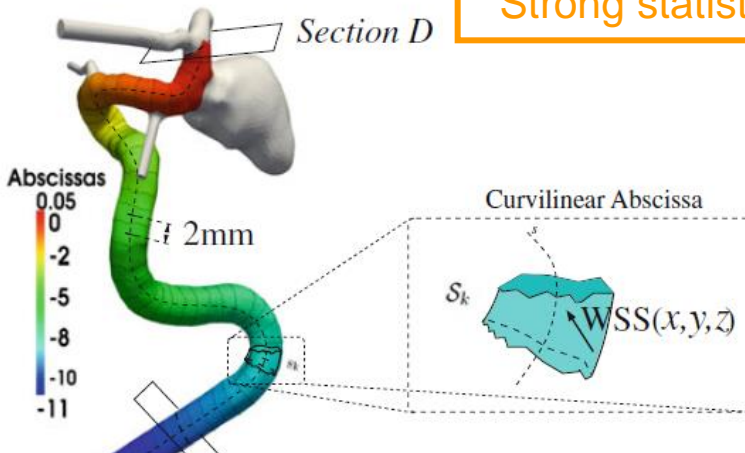
→ **S** shaped ICA's seems to be more effective in making the blood-flow steadier with respect to **Ω** shaped ICA's



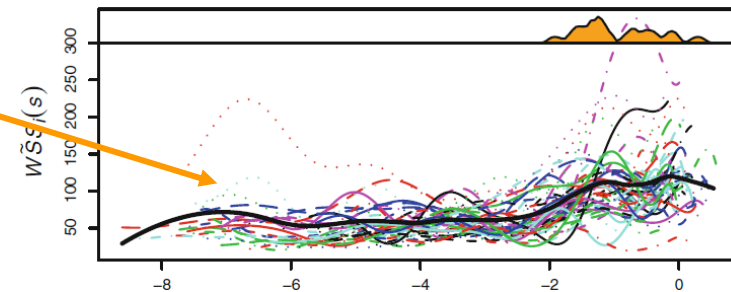
*Hemodynamic data obtained by Computational Fluid Dynamics*

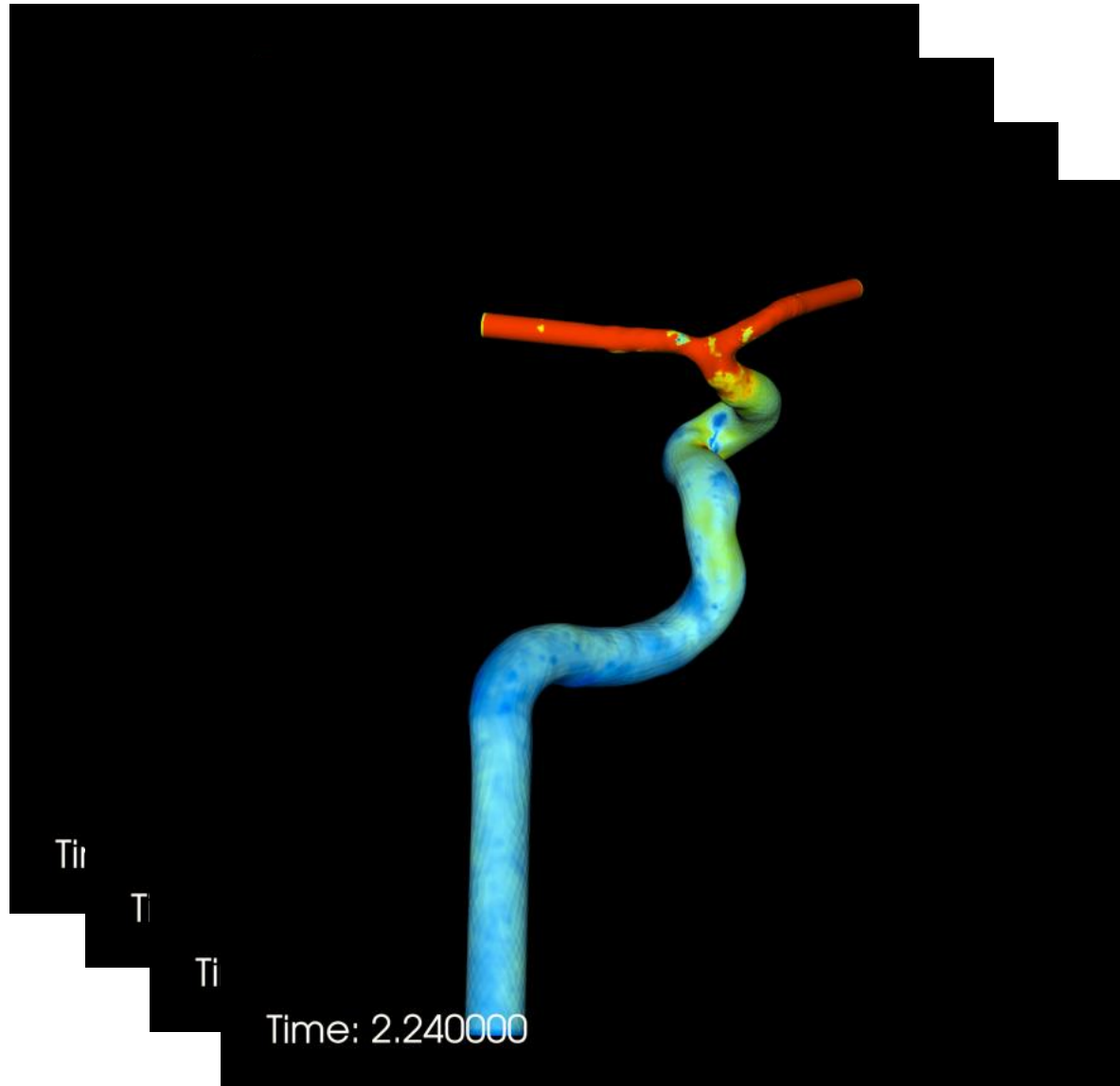


**Strong statistical evidence in favor of the conjecture**



WSS functions





- ▶ He: Healthy
- ▶ LN: Lower Non-ruptured
- ▶ LR: Lower Ruptured
- ▶ UN: Upper Non-ruptured
- ▶ UR: Upper Ruptured

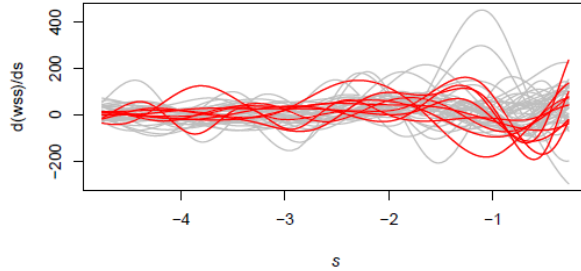




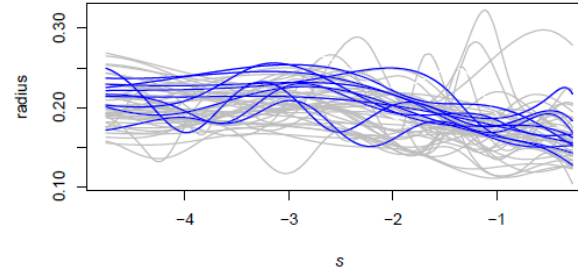
# Joint statistical analysis of geometrical and haemodynamical features



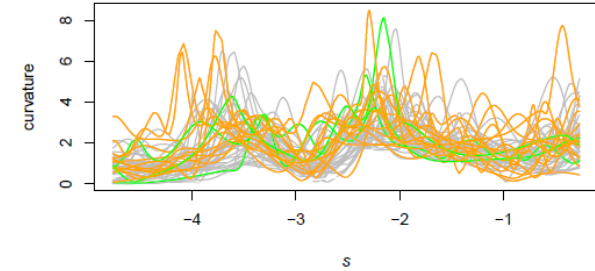
1st derivative of WSS



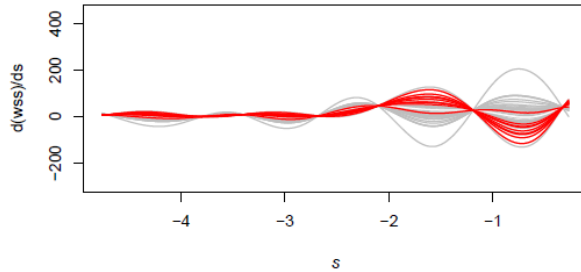
Radius



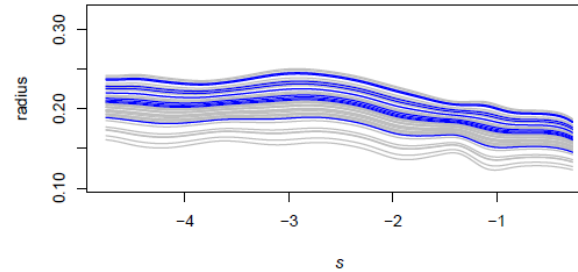
Curvature



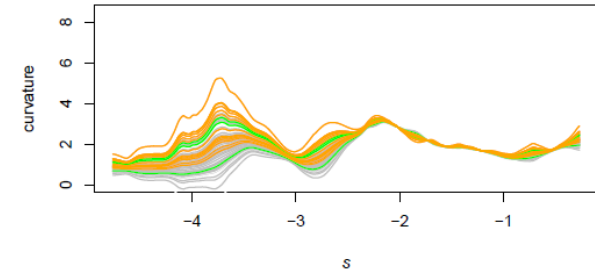
2nd PC for 1st derivative of WSS (20.3%)



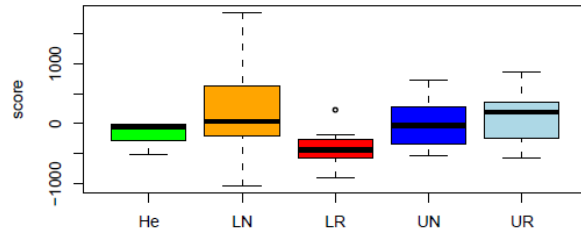
1st PC for Radius (65.9%)



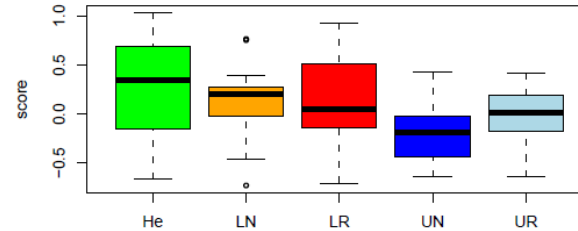
1st PC for Curvature (21.0%)



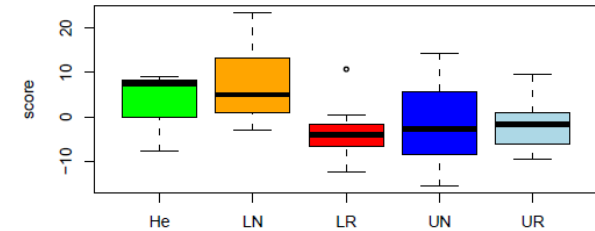
(LR) vs (He, LN, UN, UR):  $p = 0.002$



(UN) vs (He, LN, LR, UR):  $p = 0.032$



(He, LN) vs (LR, UN, UR):  $p = 0.001$



Wall Shear Stress peak

Wide Carotid Artery

Two siphons



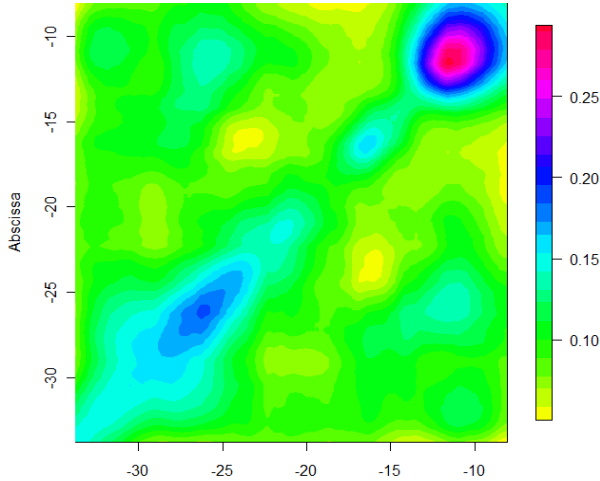
# Comparison of covariance structures

D. Pigoli, J.A.D. Aston, I. Dryden, P. Secchi, 2012

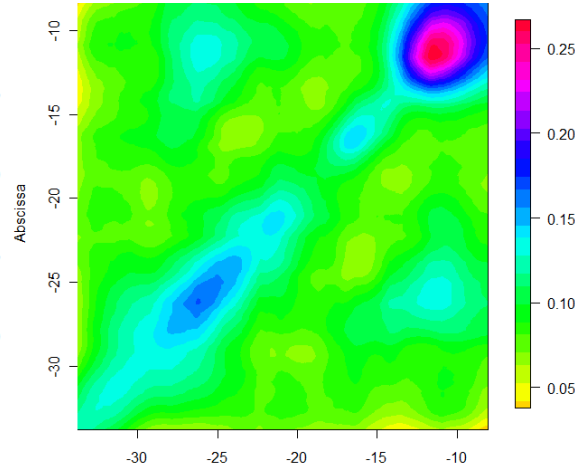


Radius

**Aneurysm before bifurc.**



**No Aneurysm**

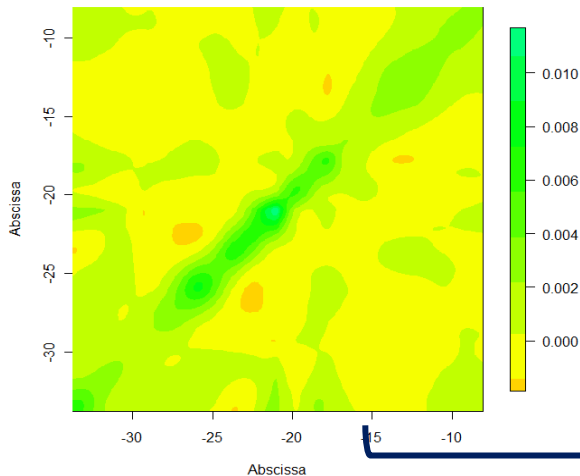


p-value: 0.855

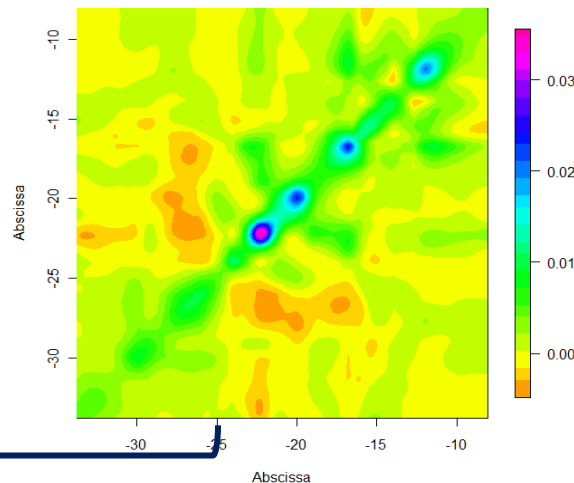
Permutation test based  
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distance between  
covariance operators

Curvature

**Aneurysm before bifurc.**



**No Aneurysm**



p-value: 0.61

Lower Group

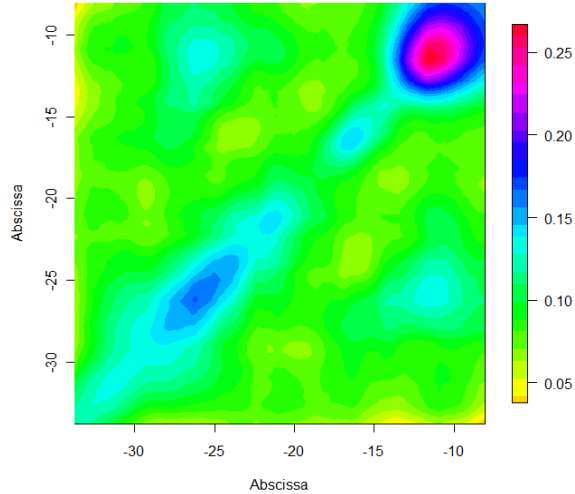


# Comparison of covariance structures

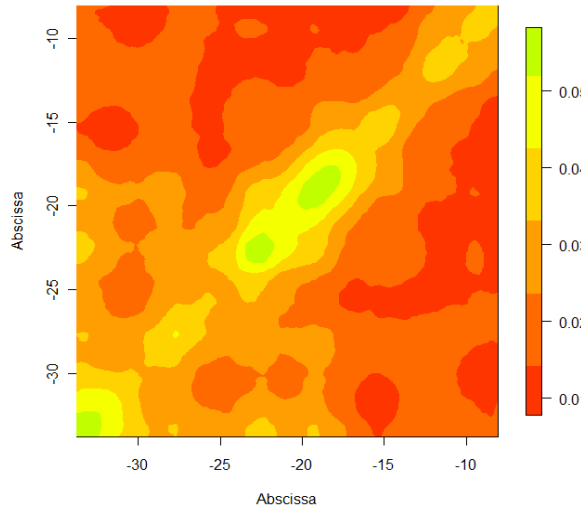
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## Lower Group



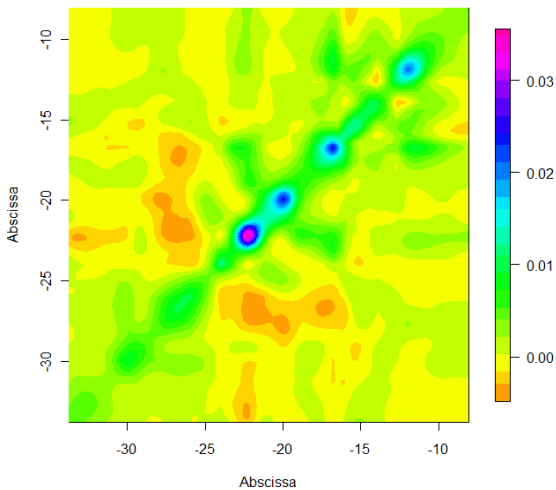
## Upper Group



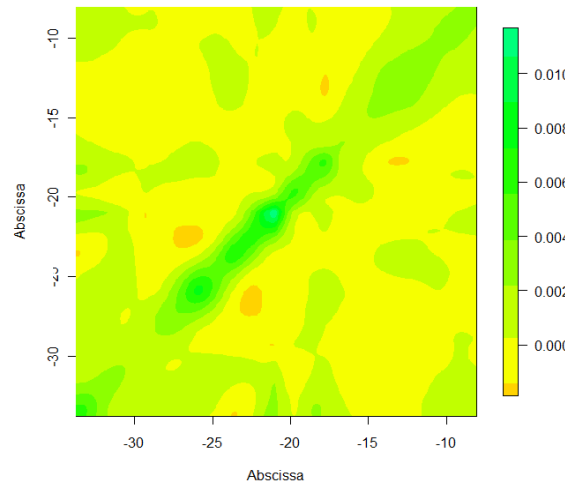
p-value <0.001

Permutation test based  
on Square Root  
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## Lower Group



## Upper Group



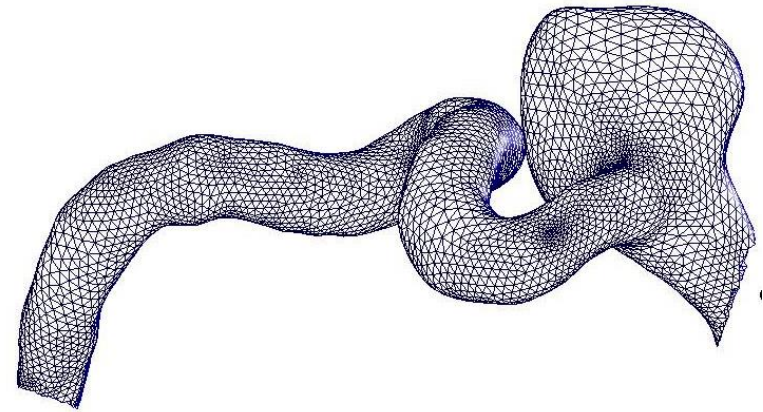
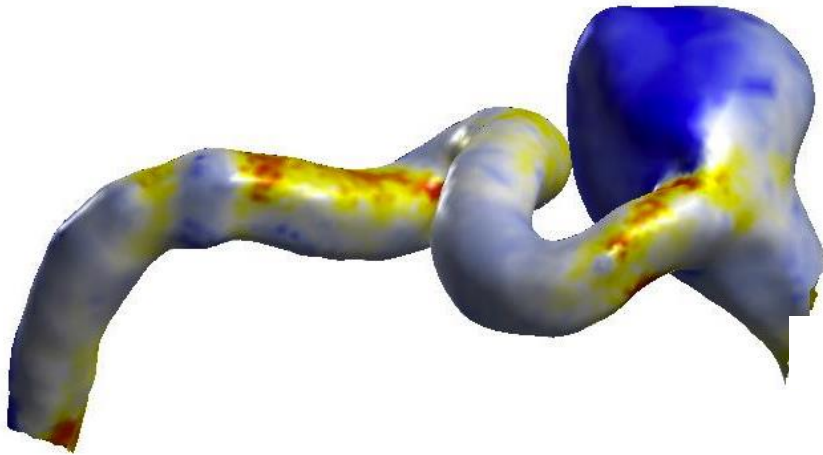
p-value:0.005

Radius

Curvature



## Spatial regression models over bi-dimensional Riemannian manifolds



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Software: R package for aligning and clustering functional data: fdakma, available from CRAN

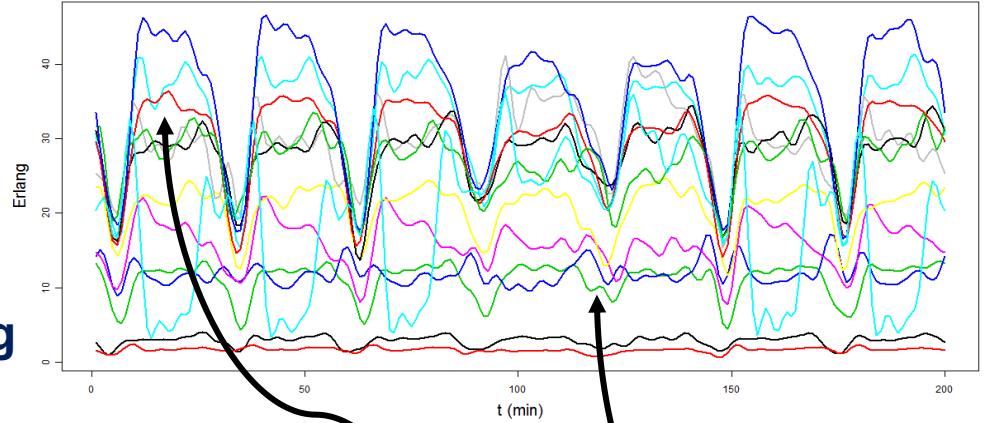


# Other ongoing projects at MOX



Design and implement a **vehicle-sharing system** in Milan, with electric vehicles

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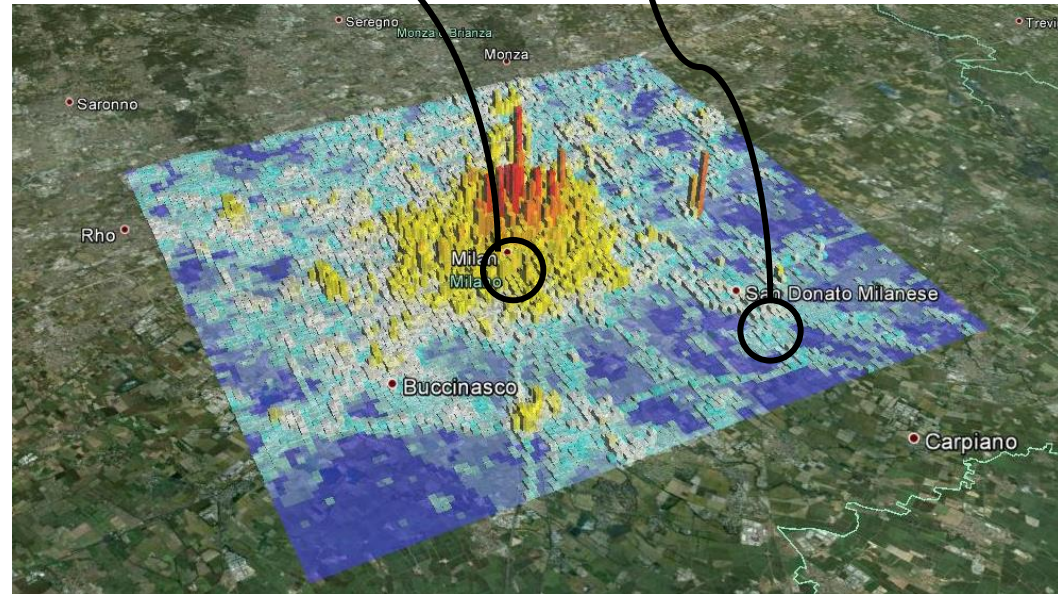


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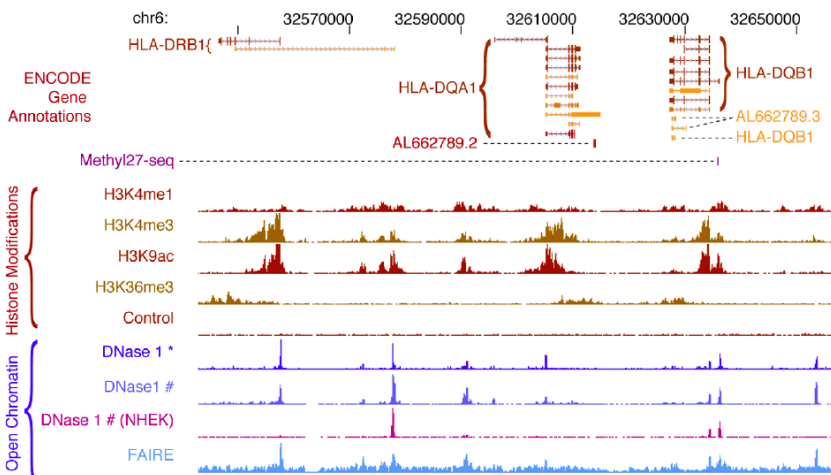
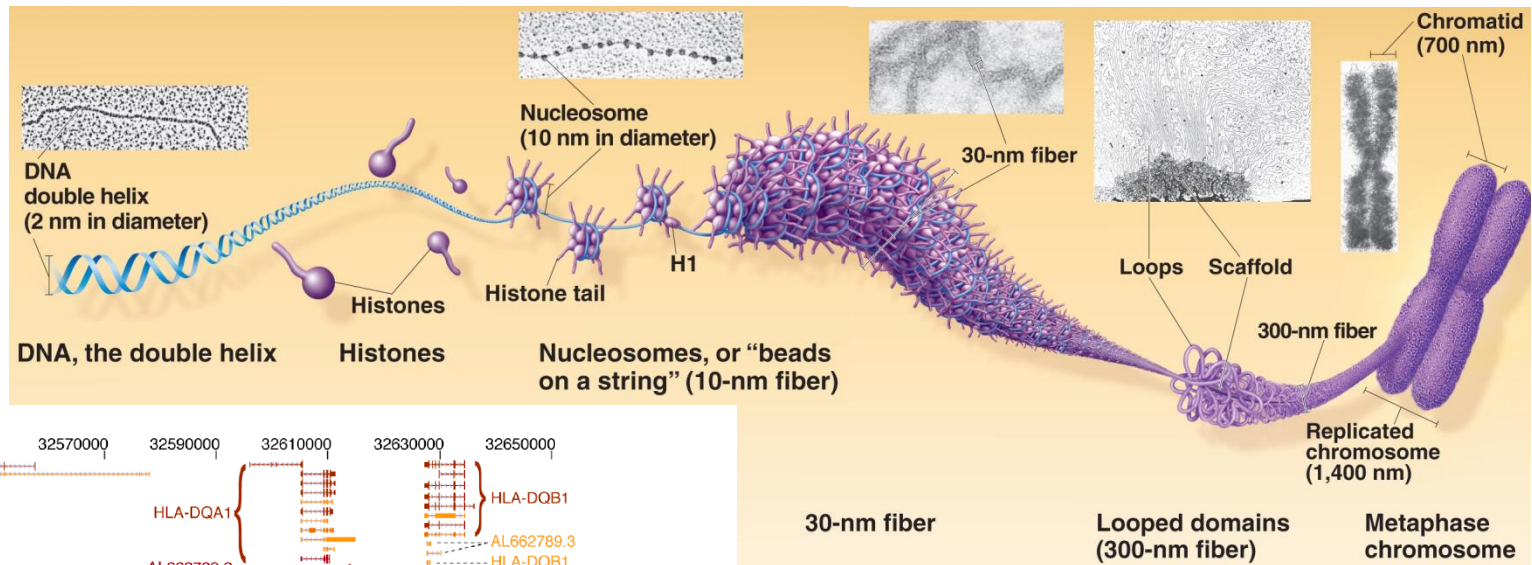
**Data:** measures along time of the use of the Telecom mobile phone network across a lattice covering the area of Milan (Italy)



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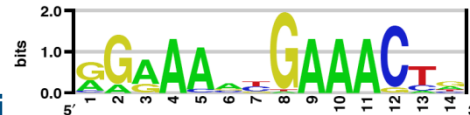
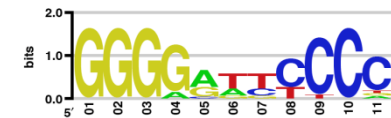
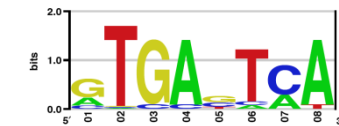
### Epigenoma project



30-nm fiber

Looped domains (300-nm fiber)

Metaphase chromosome







## The *Project on Chronic Heart Disease of Regione Lombardia*

Utilization of Regional Health Service Databases for evaluating Epidemiology, short- and medium-term outcomes and process indexes for patients hospitalized for chronic heart failure.

Scientific Director: Dr Maria Frigerio (A.O. Niguarda Ca' Granda, Milano)



Ministero della Salute

*"The main objective of this project is to give a global picture of data in epidemiological and clinical treatment of Chronic Heart Diseases."*



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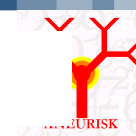
The **main goals** that the **Project on Chronic Heart Failures (CHF)** aims to achieve are:

1. Modelling the combined endpoint of death and hospitalizations process of patients affected by HF
2. Accounting for multiple events, providing a more detailed information on the disease-control process, and a more precise understanding of the prognosis of patients.
3. Identifying specific groups of patients/hospital characterized by different evolution pattern

**Statistics** role in this context is aimed to

- Summarising information arising from highly complex database
- Exploiting information carried out by administrative source of data (costless & real-time updated)

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