

# Topology of Surface Displacement Shape Feature in Subcortical Structures

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# Parkinson's disease

## Background

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- 2017 marks 200 years since the publication of James Parkinson's "*An essay on the shaking palsy*".
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## Neuroimaging findings

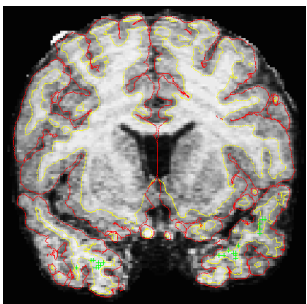
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## PPMI

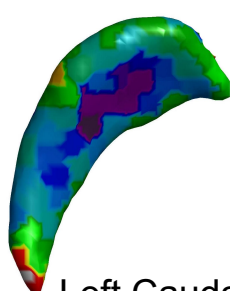
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# Pipeline workflow

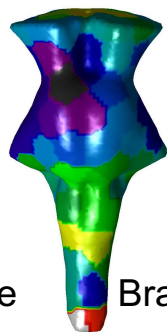
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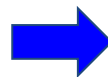
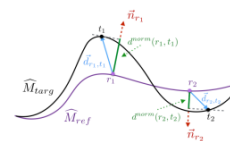
Patchwise parcellation



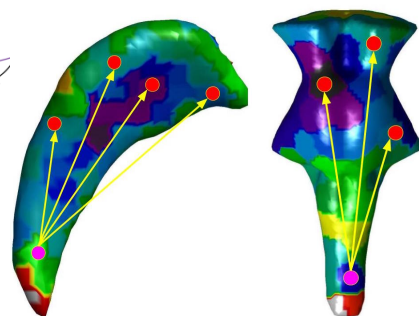
Left Caudate



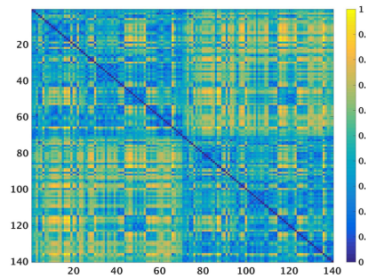
Brainstem



Compute Surface Displacement



$$d_{ij} = S_i - S_j$$

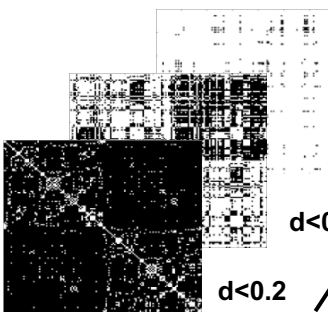


Distance Matrices

$d < 0.8$

$d < 0.5$

$d < 0.2$

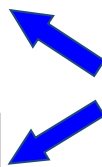


Network Filtration

Classical Network Features

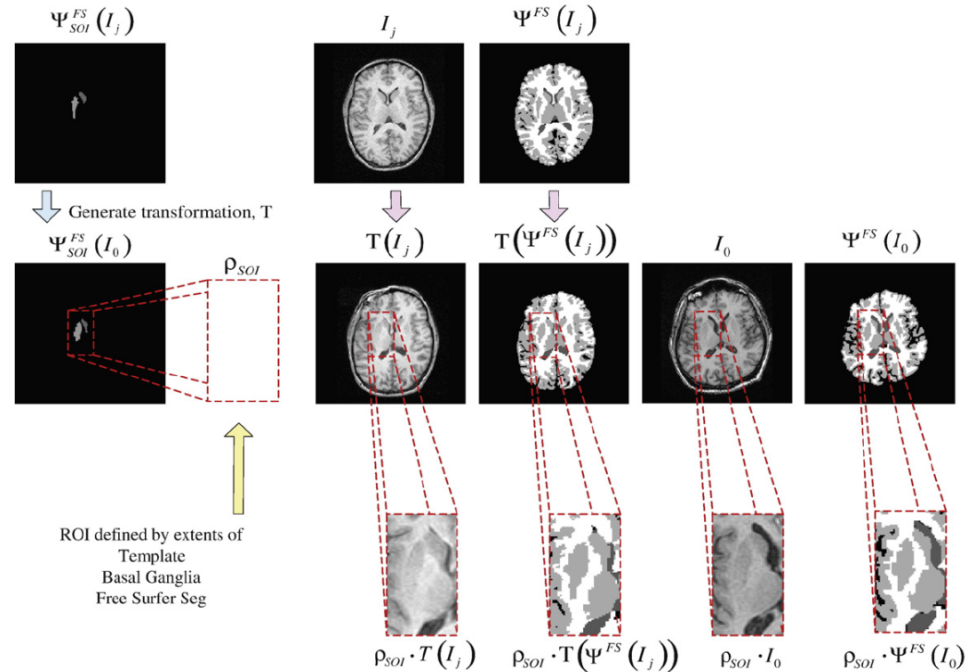
Persistent homology Features

Statistical Analysis

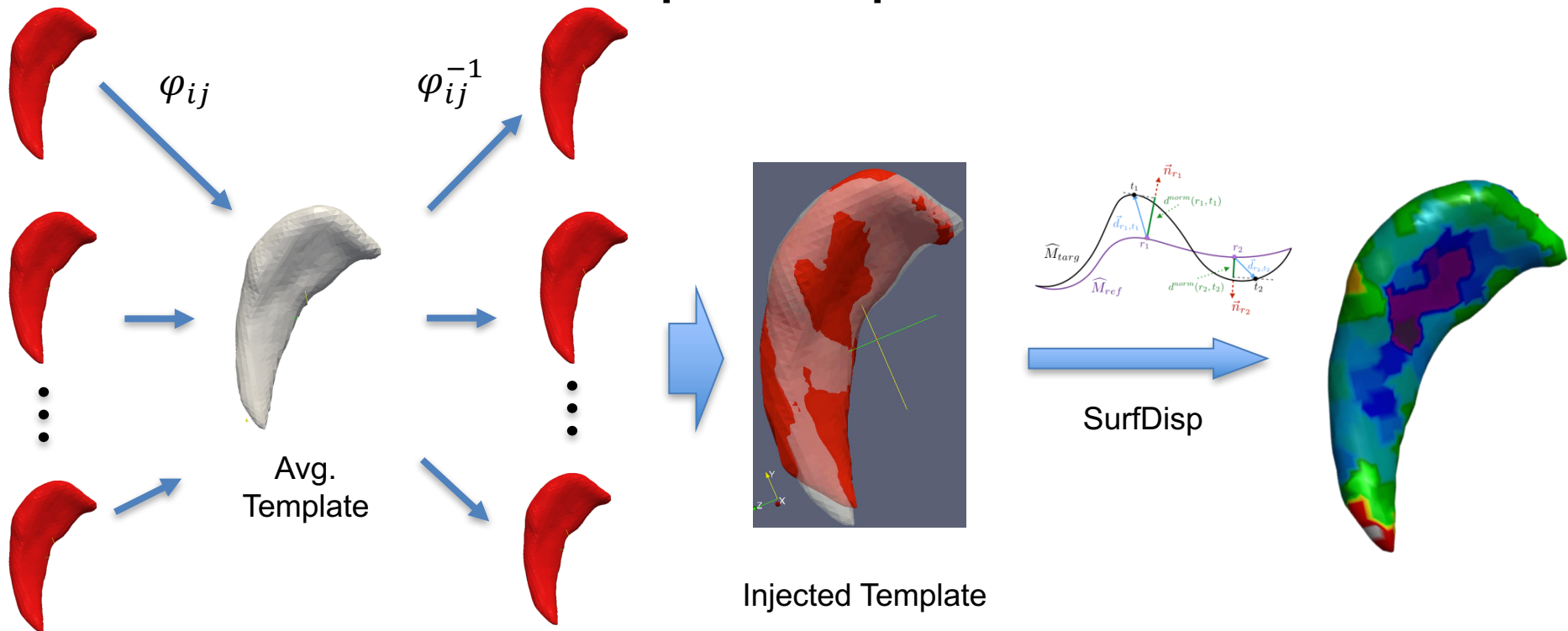


# Subcortical segmentation

- Multi-template registration based segmentation
- FreeSurfer + Large deformation diffeomorphic metric mapping (FS+LDDMM).

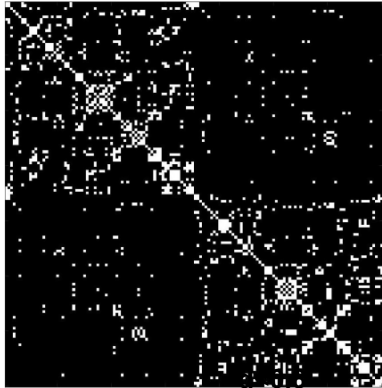


# SurfDisp Computation

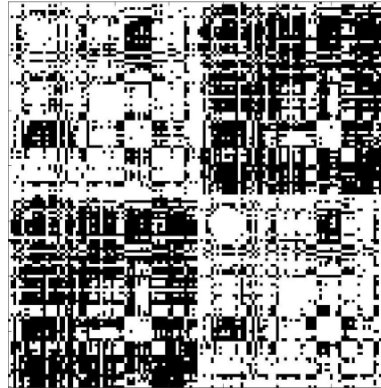


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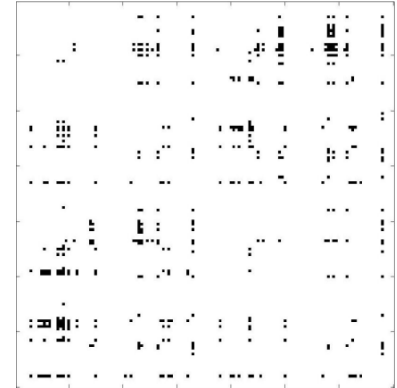
# Network filtration



$d < 0.2$



$d < 0.5$



$d < 0.8$

# Classical Network Features

- Nodal degree

$$k_i = \sum_{j \in N} a_{ij}$$

- Clustering Coefficient

$$C_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j \in N} \frac{2t_i}{k_i(k_i - 1)}$$

- Local efficiency

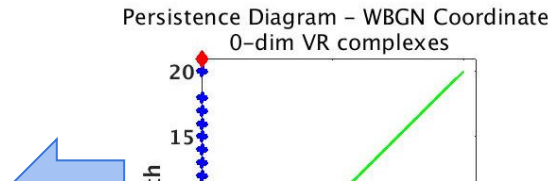
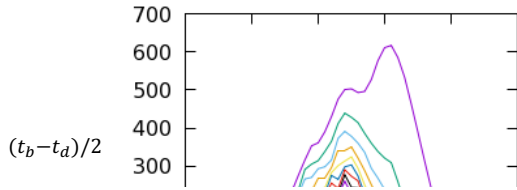
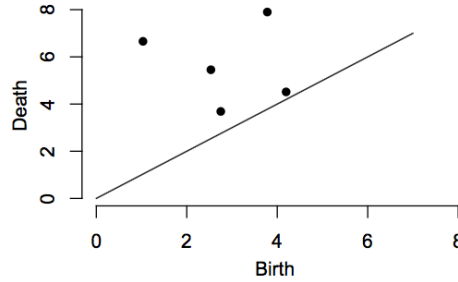
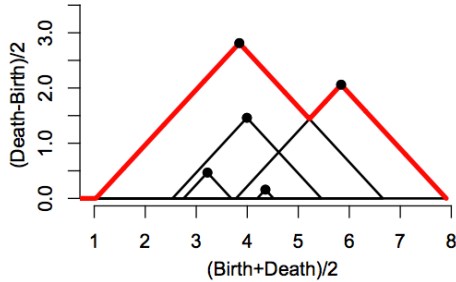
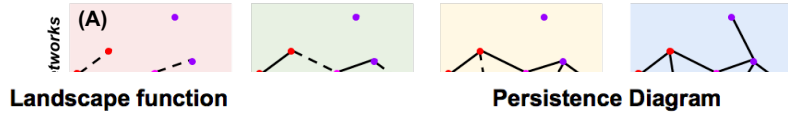
$$E_{loc,i} = \frac{\sum_{h,j \in N, j \neq i} a_{ij} a_{ih} [d_{jh}(N_i)]^{-1}}{k_i(k_i - 1)}$$

# Why persistence homology ?

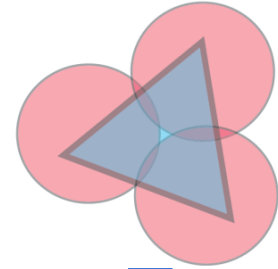
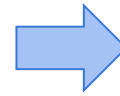
- Classical network feature is based on the simplified assumption of a **pairwise interaction**.
- Human brain interacts between many regions.
- Persistence Homology enables us to model the **polyadic(many-to-many) interactions** between nodes of a network.



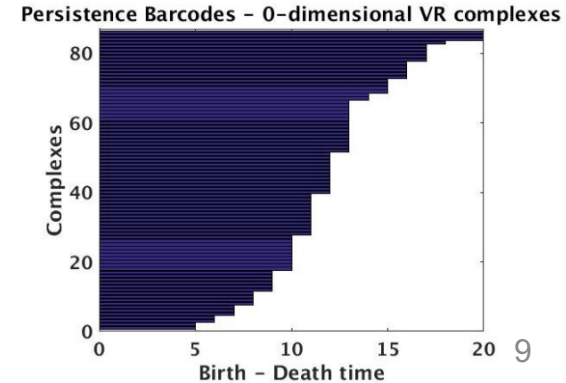
# Persistence Homology Features



Persistent homology  
Vietoris-Rips Complex



Persistence barcodes



Bubenik, Peter. "Statistical topological data analysis using persistence landscapes." *The Journal of Machine Learning Research* 16.1 (2015): 77-102.

*Persistence Landscape Kernel:* The distance between two persistence landscapes  $\mathbb{L} = \{\mathbb{L}_k\}$  and  $\mathbb{L}' = \{\mathbb{L}'_k\}$  can be obtained as the  $L^p$  norms for  $1 < p < \infty$  which is defined as,

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and for  $p = 2$ , the  $L_2$  distance between two persistence landscapes acts as a kernel metric between them named as a Persistence Landscape (PL) kernel [1].

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# Experiments

- Statistical group difference:
  - Permutation Test (significance at  $p < 0.05$ )
- Classification:
  - Support Vector Machine Classifier

# Results : Parkinson's disease

## 1. Statistical group difference:

Feature	Caudate		Putamen	
	L	R	L	R
Persistence Landscape	0	0	0	0
Local efficiency	0.03	0.333	0.0064	0.482
Clustering Coefficient	0.8	0.028	0.121	0.261
Nodal degree	0.231	0.003	0.049	0.5829

## 2. Classification:

ROI	Feature	Accuracy	Sensitivity	Specificity	F1
Left Pallidum	Persistence diagram	74.91%	0.883	0.145	0.847
	Nodal degree	59.11%	0.686	0.331	0.675
Right Pallidum	Persistence diagram	75.01%	0.886	0.141	0.852
	Local efficiency	52.52%	0.530	0.514	0.619

# Conclusion

- Persistence homology features show superior performance to network features in differentiating between disease and control brain.
- Polyadic interactions between brain regions are important differentiators for PD and show a potential for clinical application



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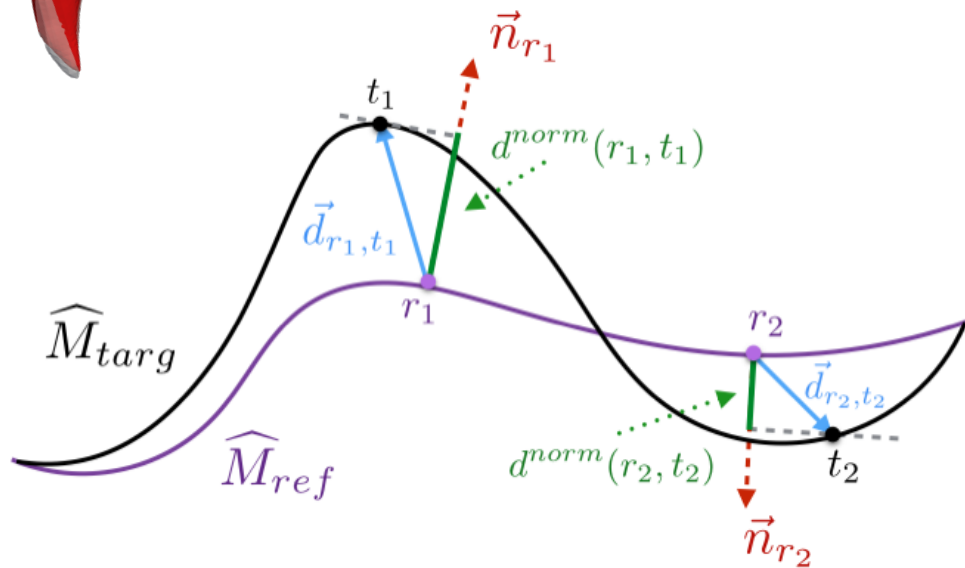
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- Simplicial Homology enables modeling of such polyadic interactions.

# Surface displacement shape feature



Injected  
template  
surface



- $M_{\text{ref}}$  : average template
- $M_{\text{targ}}$  : target surface
- $d^{\text{norm}}$  : surface displacement
- Projected distance along the normal vector on the reference surface.

# Why Study Shape Topology ?

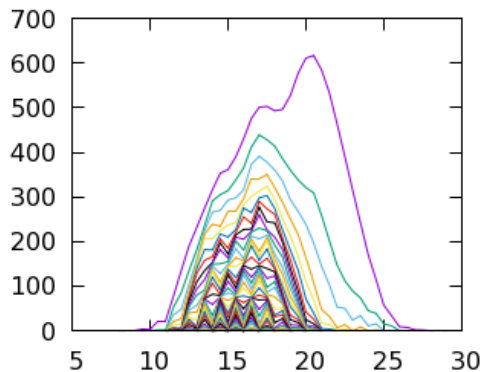
- Subcortical structures closely packed in white matter.
- Neurodegeneration related deformation of one surface (e.g. medial) of a structure potentially influences the other surfaces (e.g. lateral, inferior).
- Thus: shape change is not independent.
- Study interaction of shape features across regions in the structure : Shape Topology.

# What is shape ?

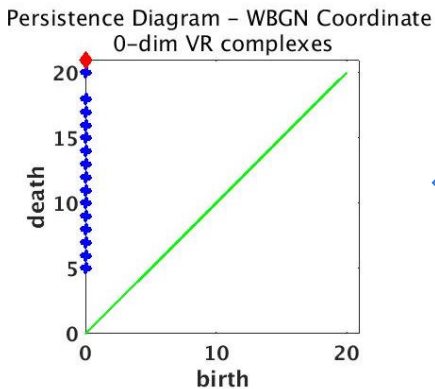
- Shape can be understood as the geometrical information of a structure that remains after the removal of position, orientation and scale effects. (Stegmann et al. 2002)
- Shape Features
  - Spectral approach : Laplacian Eigen-functions
  - Set of basis functions : Spherical Harmonics
  - Medial representation : Radial Distance
  - Deformetrics : Surface currents
  - Ng et al., Book chapter LNCVB 14 , 2014

# Analysis of PH Features

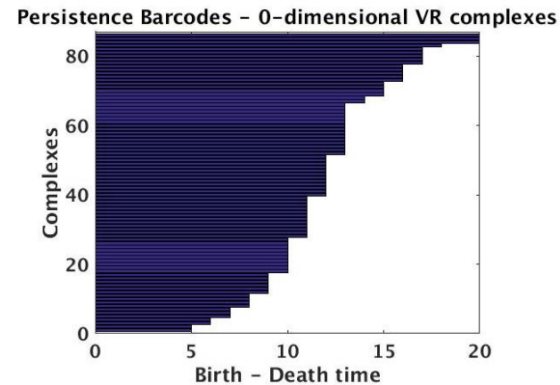
Persistence Landscapes (PLs)



Persistence Diagrams (PDia)



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Features ?



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Persistence Landscapes	PL kernel
Persistence Diagrams	PSSK kernel
Network Features	RBF kernel

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# Why ?

- Morphometry studies on neurodegenerative disorders have shown local and global volume loss in the brain.
- Brain volume loss leads to asymmetric deformation of the brain surface.
- Geometrical arrangement of brain regions changes with shrinkage.
- Potential signature to diagnose brain abnormalities.



# Conclusion

- **Geometry Networks** have a potential to capture the change in brain geometrical arrangement.
- **Persistence homology timeline** features show superior performance to complex network features in differentiating between disease and control brain.
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# Topology of Brain Geometry

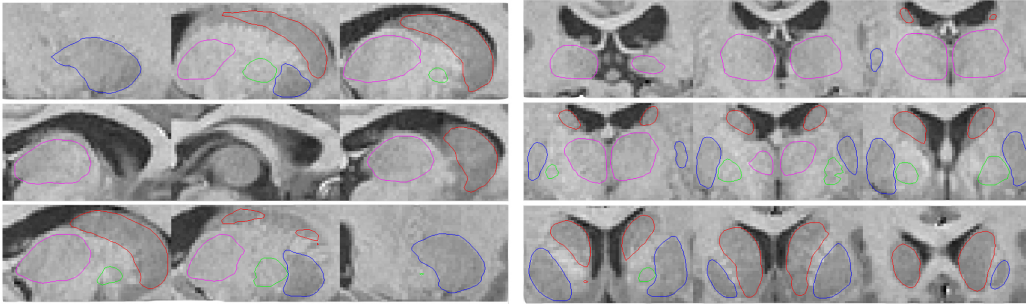
- First work to study the brain geometry networks.
- A method to model the polyadic interactions in brain geometry networks.
- Potential utility in clinical application.

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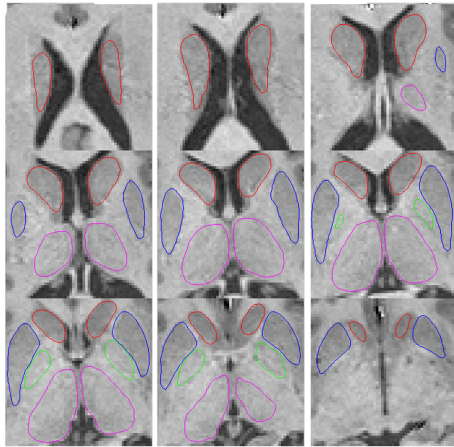
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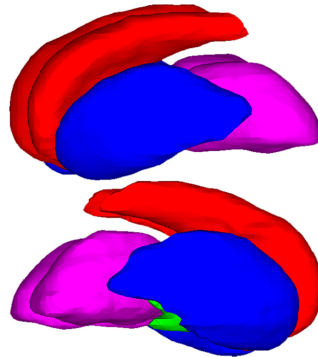
# Subcortical Segmentation



Freesurfer initiated Large Deformation Diffeomorphic Metric Mapping (FSLDDMM) segmentation with adult templates.



Caudate Pallidum Putamen Thalamus



# Subcortical segmentation

- Multi-template registration based segmentation
- FreeSurfer + Large deformation diffeomorphic metric mapping (FS+LDDMM).

