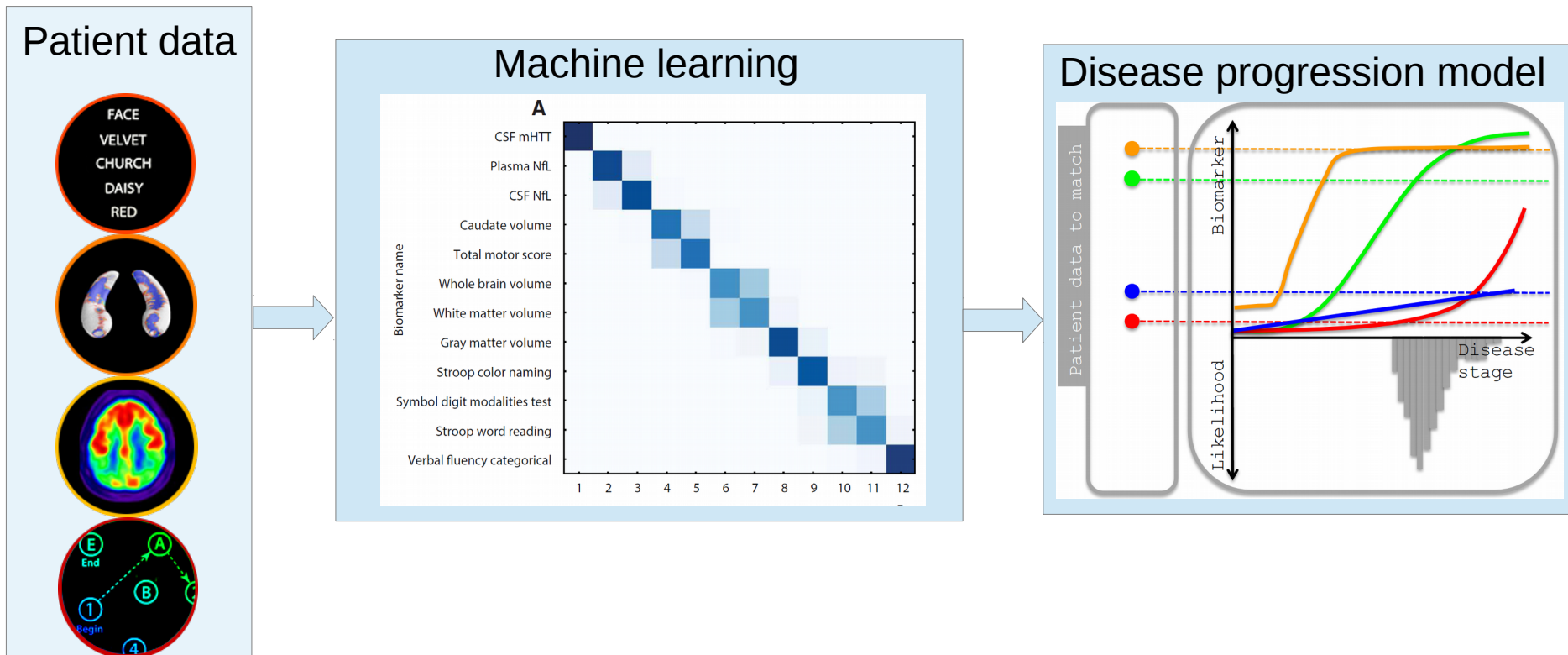


# Data driven models of disease progression

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And all the participants of the Huntington's disease studies used here.





Maths, physics and engineering scientists at the interface of basic and biomedical sciences



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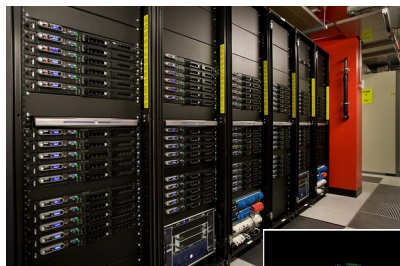


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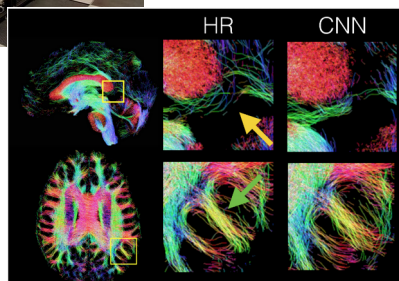


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## Basic sciences



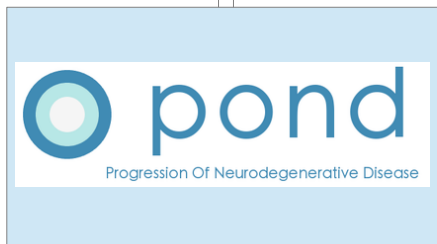
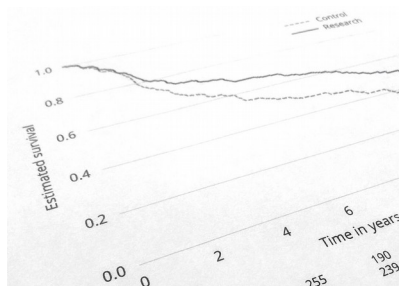
**Cluster computing**



**Imaging + machine learning**

UCL EPSRC CDT in **Medical Imaging**

**Statistical methods**



## Clinical sciences



**Advanced imaging**



**Clinical trials**







Longitudinal  
Clustering

Continuous  
Trajectories

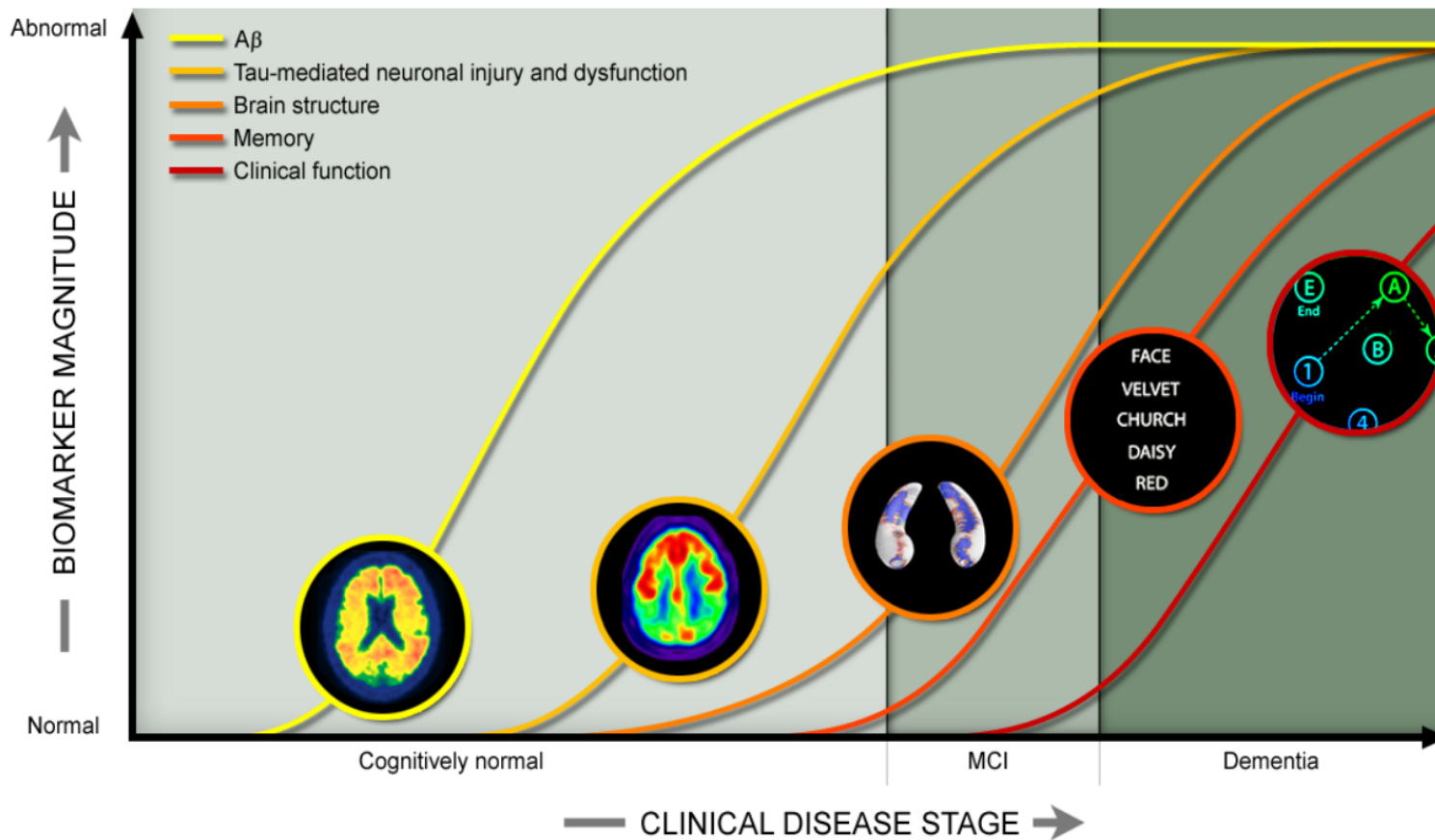
Mechanistic  
(Network)

Clinical  
Translation

Discrete  
Trajectories  
(Event-Based Model)

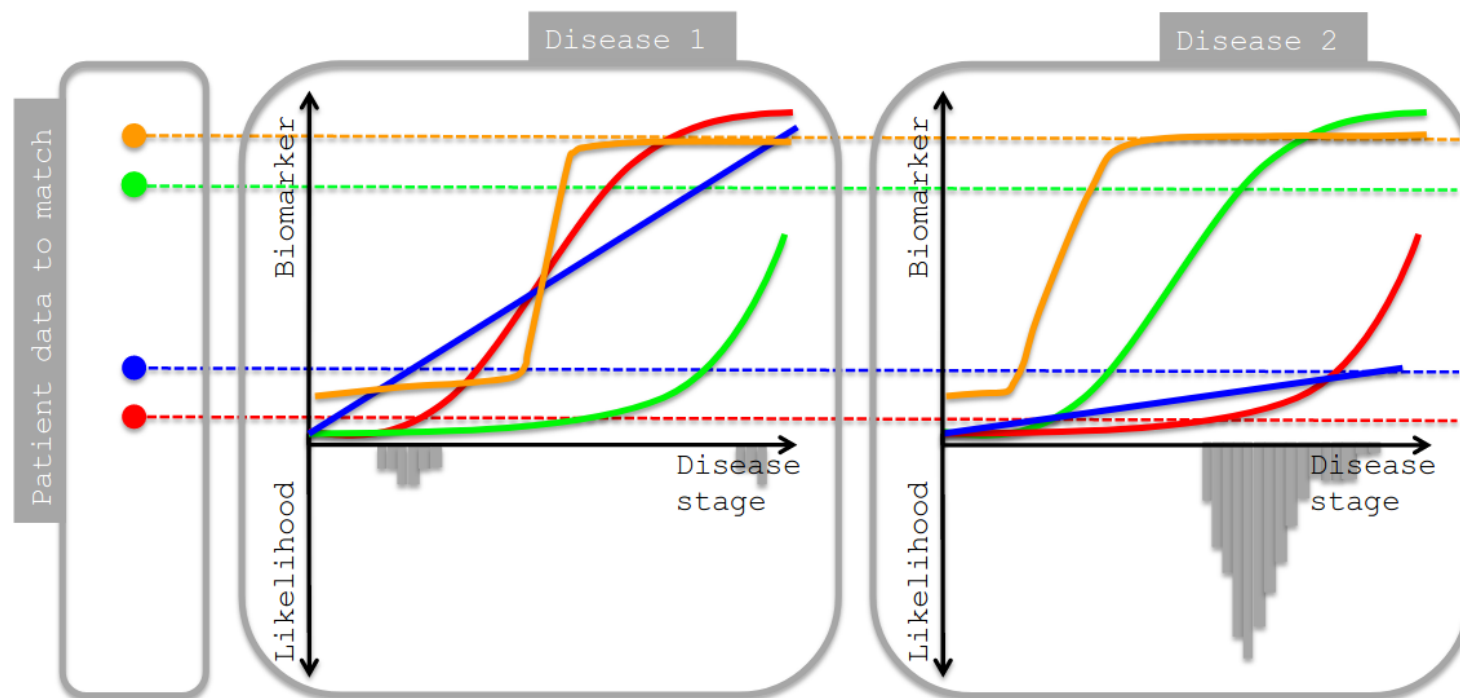
E-Health  
Records

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A picture of how components of a disease progresses over time

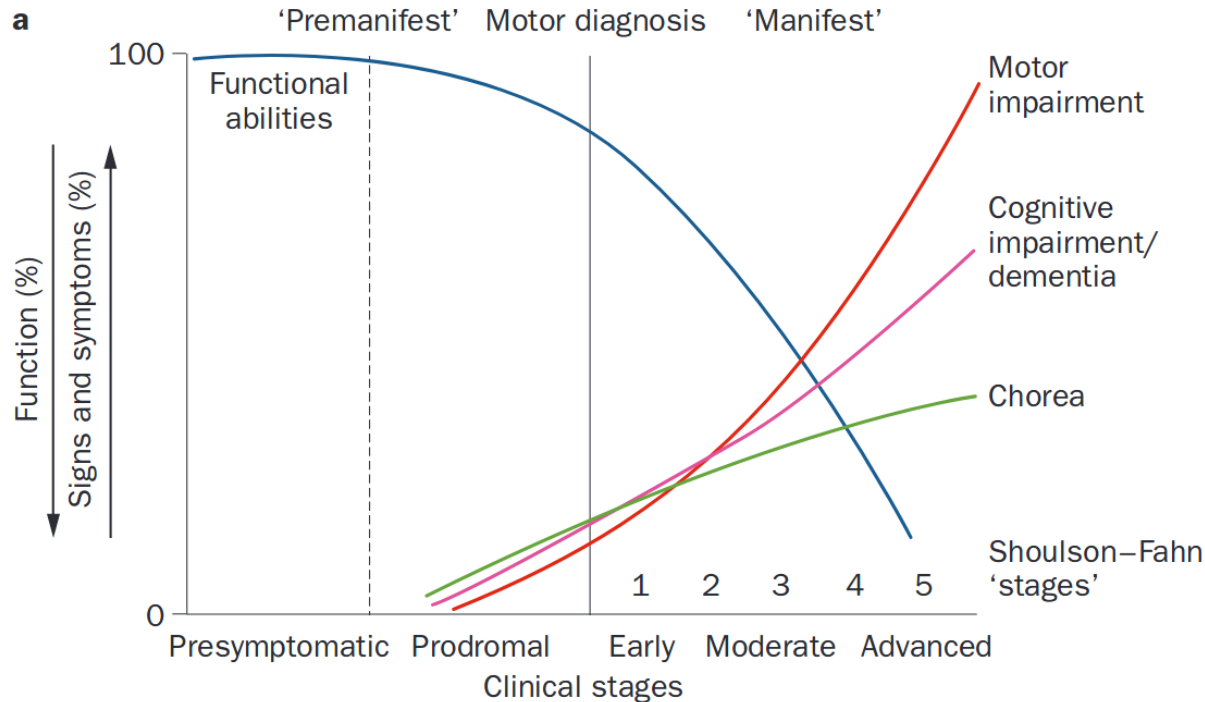
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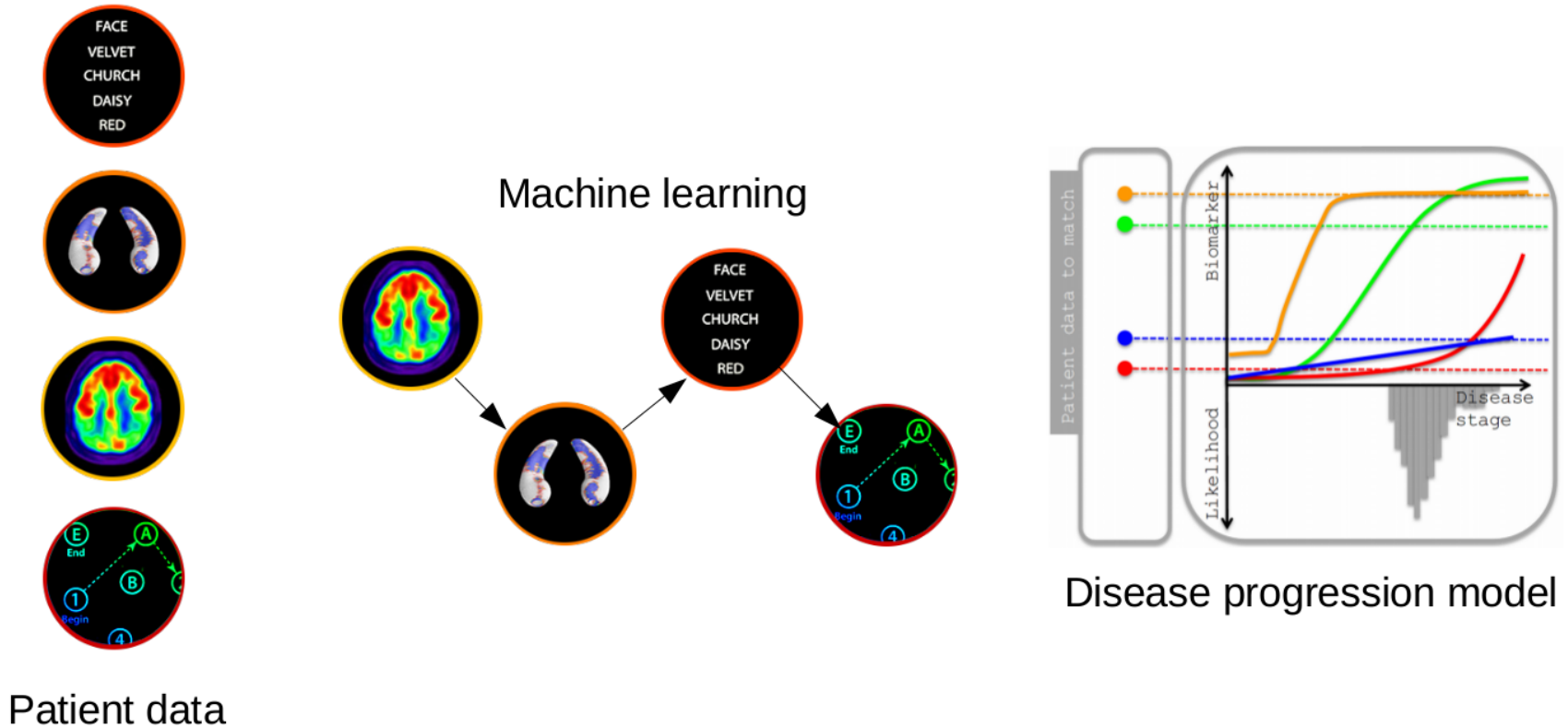
Can we estimate where a patient is along their disease path?



Patient stage is a latent variable – it generates the observed measurements, but is not measured directly (unlike in physics events, where we know time)

→ Infer using statistical and machine learning methods

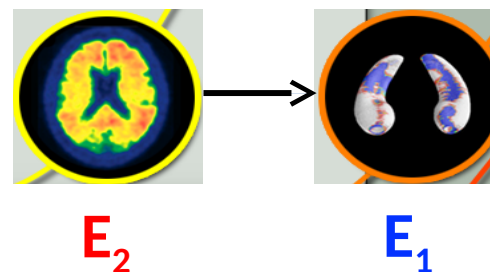
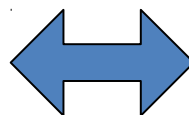
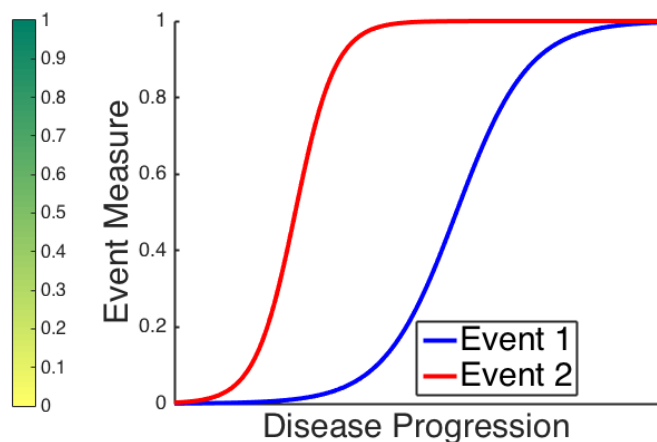
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EBM estimates ordering of **binary events** from data – normal or abnormal

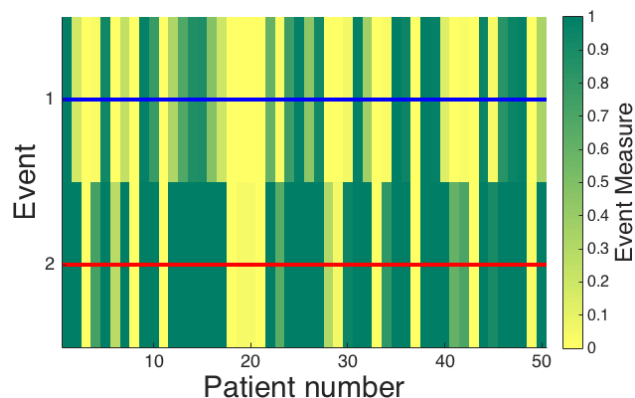
Data can be cross-sectional and any combination of types (imaging, clinical, genetic...)



Simple example: 2 event measures

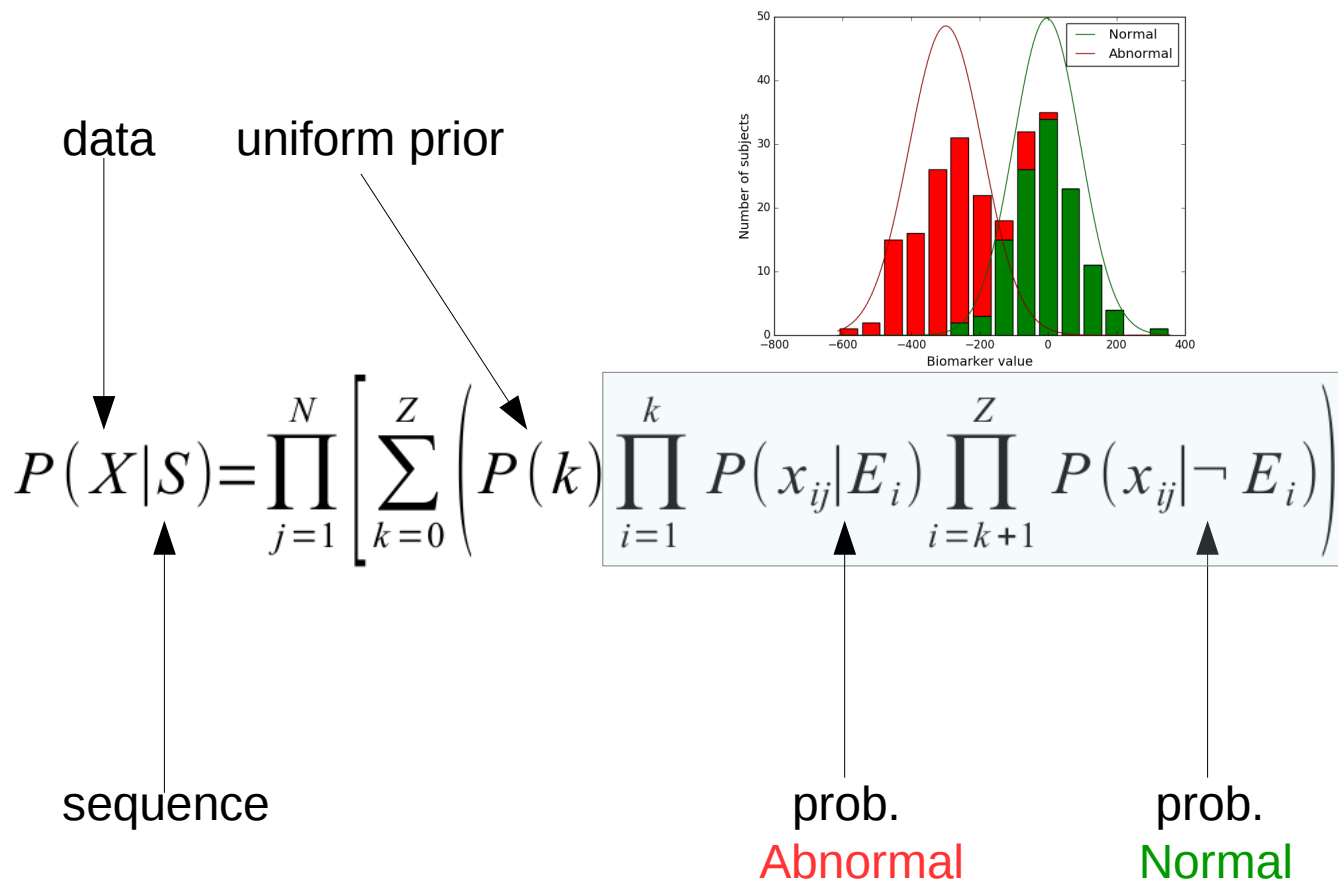
More patients have greater abnormality in Event 2 than Event 1

→ Event 2 **measurably abnormal** before Event 1



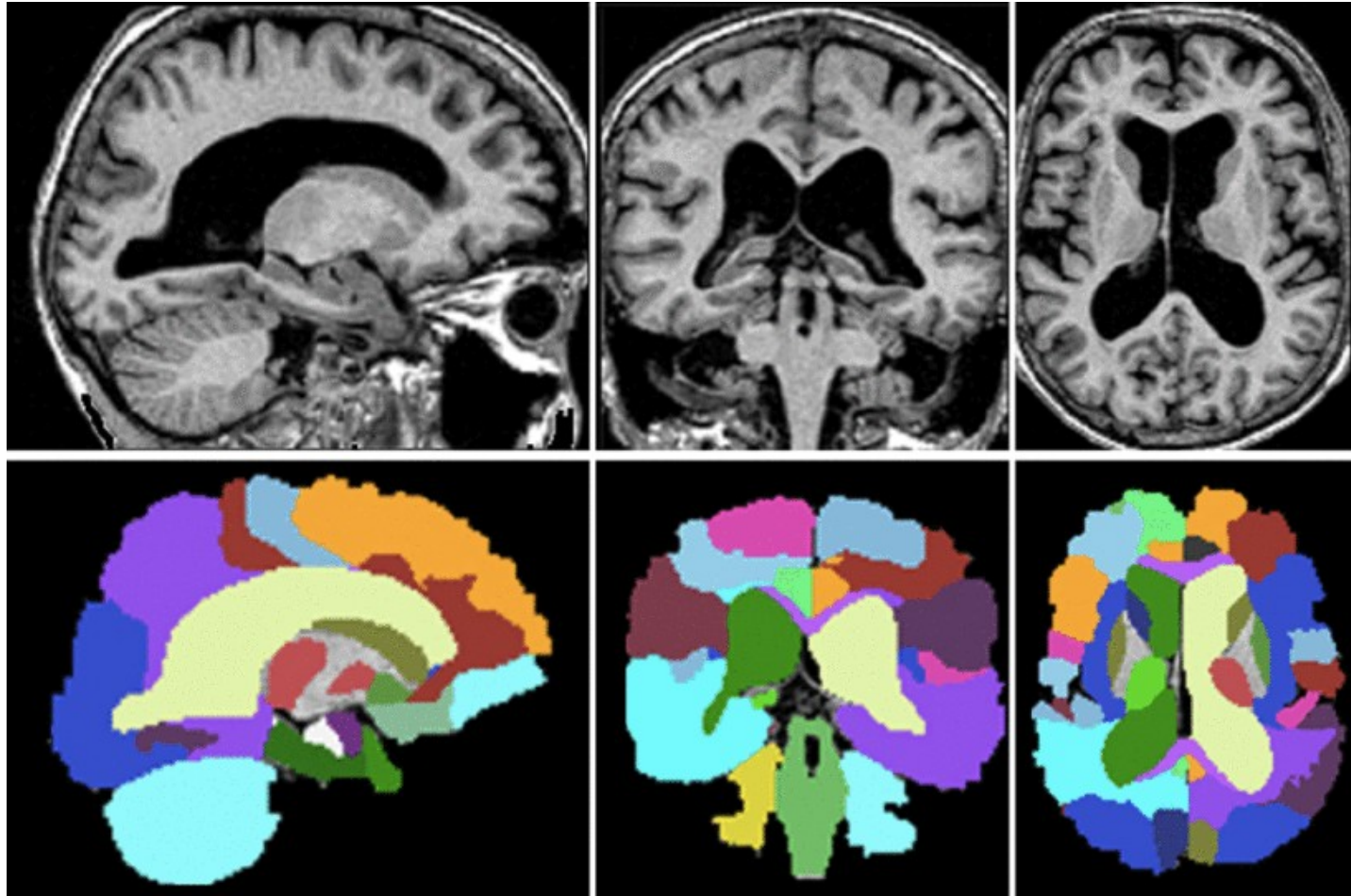


More formally: EBM is a generative model of observed data from unknown sequence



- The EBM needs likelihood distributions for normal and abnormal subjects

→ Learn directly from data



Extract regional brain volumes using Geodesic Information Flows\*

→ Reduces inter-subject variability by using spatially variant graphs to connect morphologically similar subjects

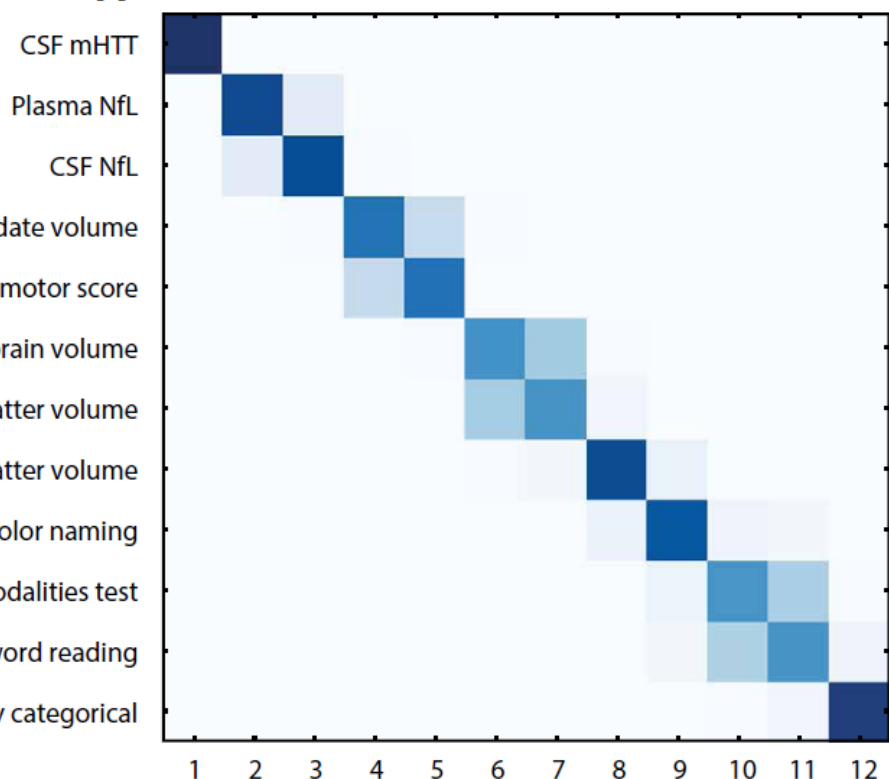
\* MJ Cardoso *et al.* Geodesic Information Flows: Spatially-Variant Graphs and Their Application to Segmentation and Fusion. IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging, 34 (2015), pp. 1976-1988, doi: 10.1109/TMI.2015.2418298

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE

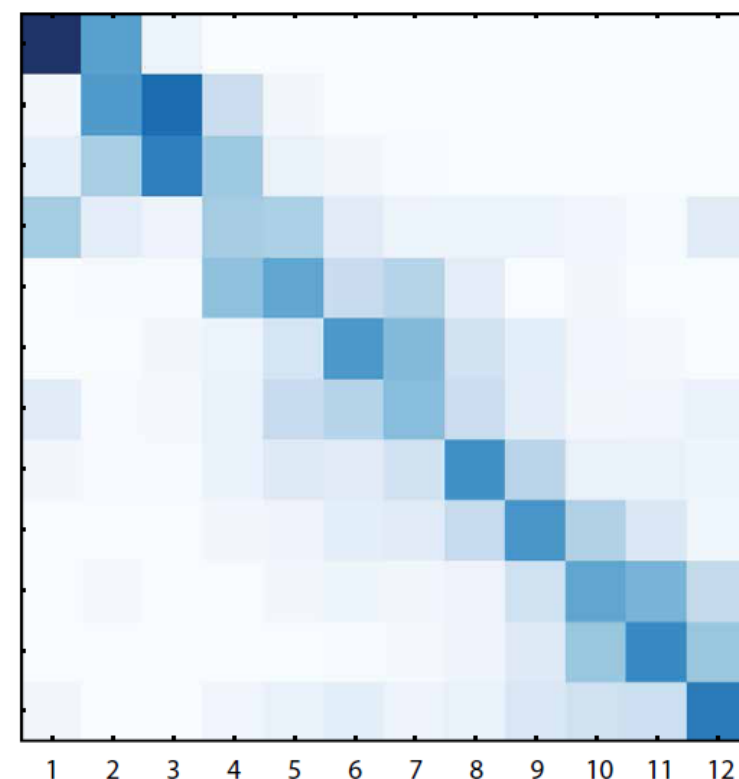
## Evaluation of mutant huntingtin and neurofilament proteins as potential markers in Huntington's disease

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**A**



**B**

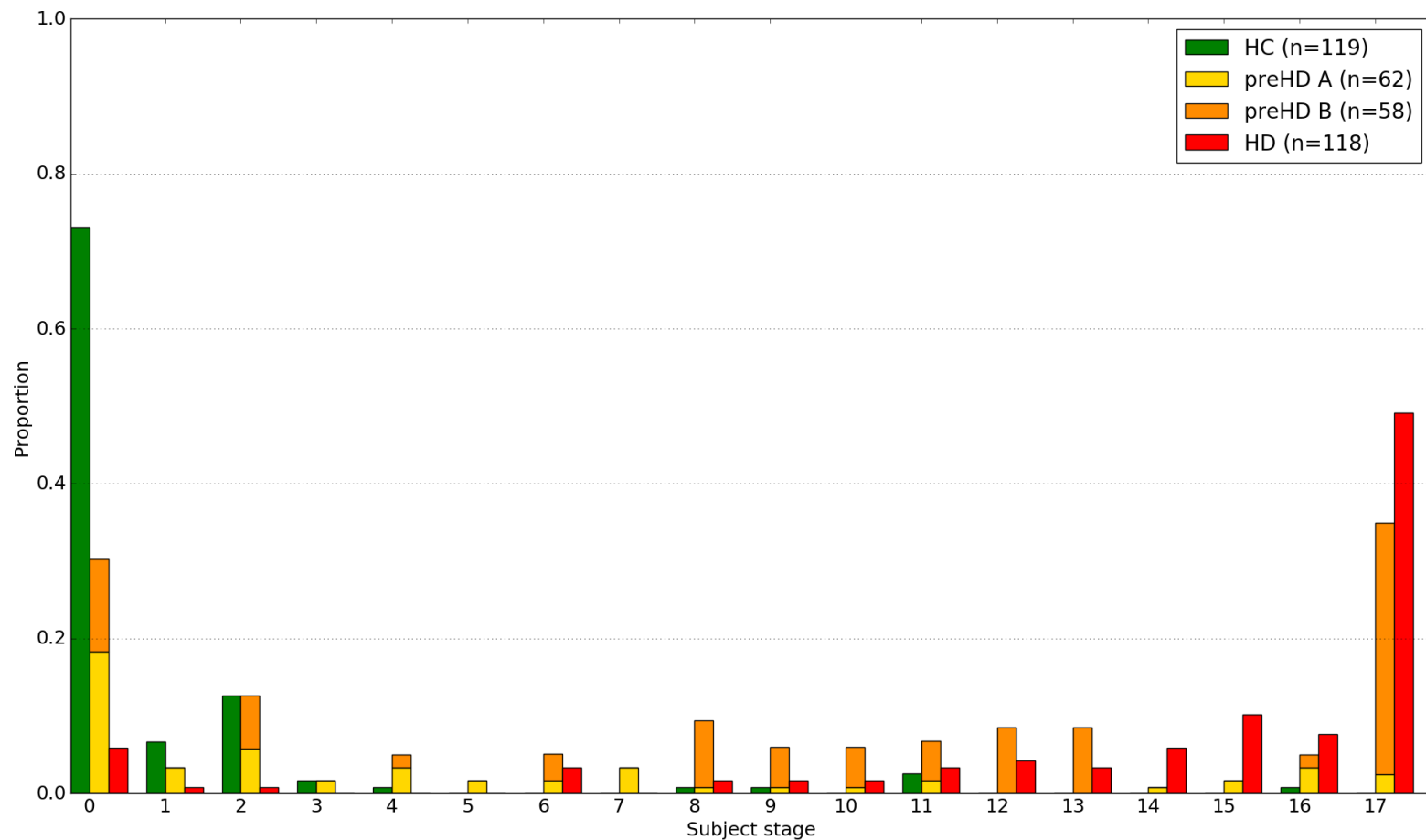


- Finds that biofluid markers change before imaging and clinical markers



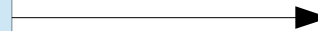
Simplest way is to take the stage that maximises the likelihood for each patient

$$\operatorname{argmax}_k P(X_j | \bar{S}, k) = \operatorname{argmax}_k P(k) \prod_{i=1}^k P(x_{ij} | E_i) \prod_{i=k+1}^l P(x_{ij} | \neg E_i)$$



- + estimate sequence from data, instead of a priori
- + no a priori biomarker thresholds – learned from data
- + Bayesian → characterise uncertainty
- + naturally extends to any type of dynamic biomarker
- + only needs cross-sectional data

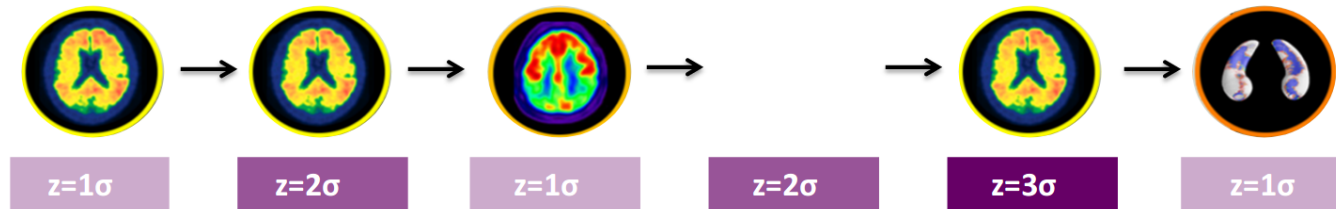
- assumes events are binary
- assumes single event sequence over sample



SuStaln

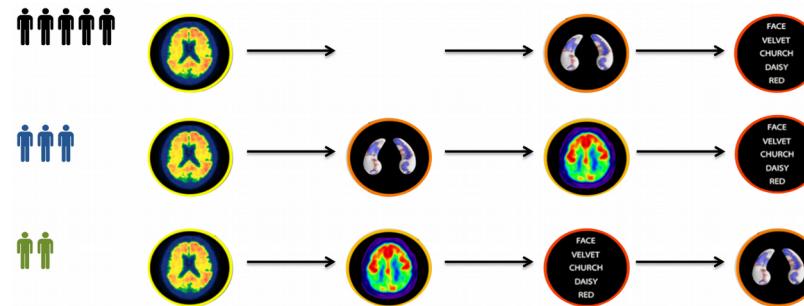
- assumes measurements are independent
- assumes no covariance between event measures
- requires a prior labelling

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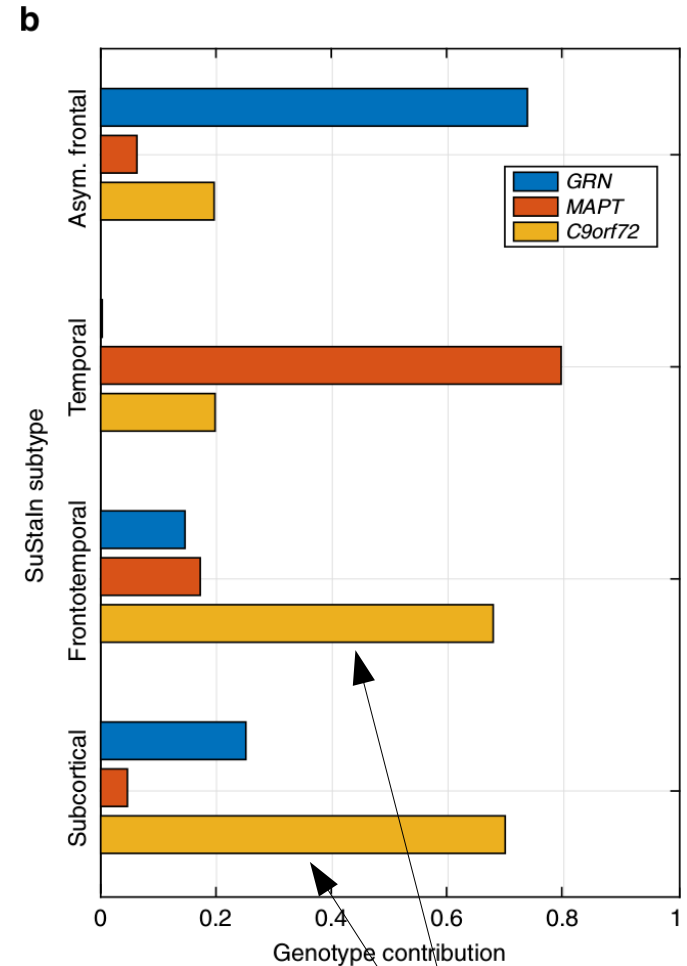
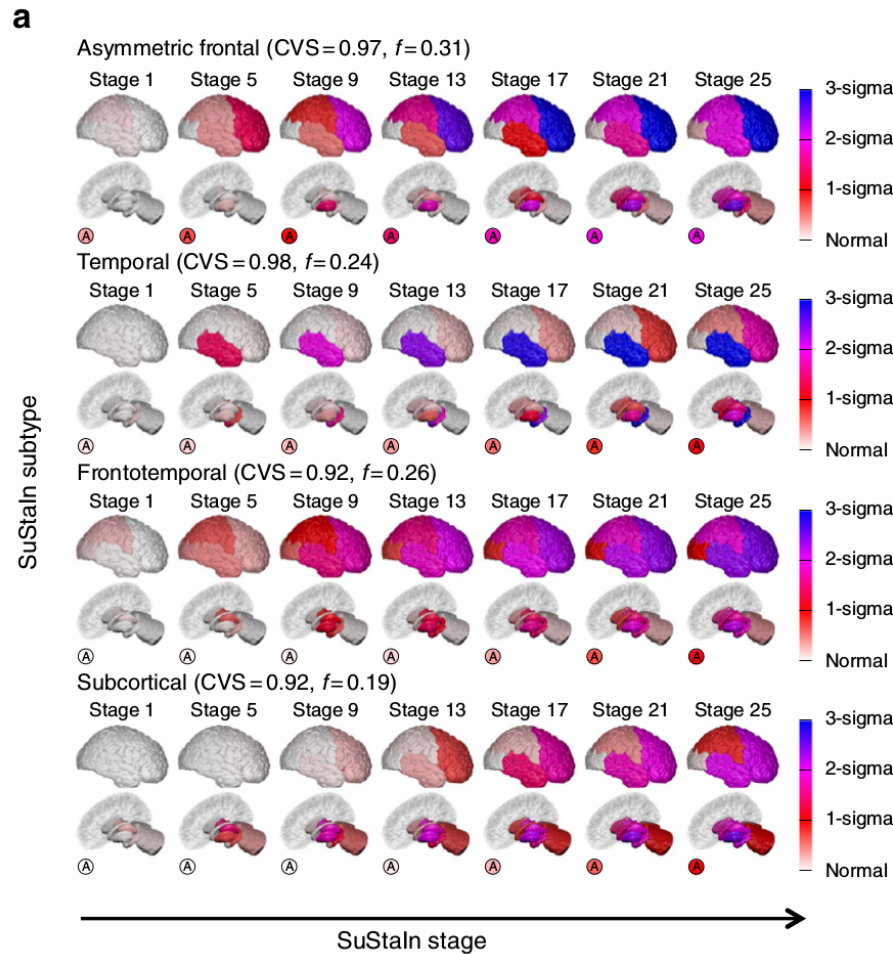
$$P(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{S}) = \prod_{j=1}^J \left[ \sum_{k=0}^N \left( \int_{t=\frac{k}{N+1}}^{t=\frac{k+1}{N+1}} \left( P(t) \prod_{i=1}^I P(x_{ij}|t) \right) \partial t \right) \right]$$

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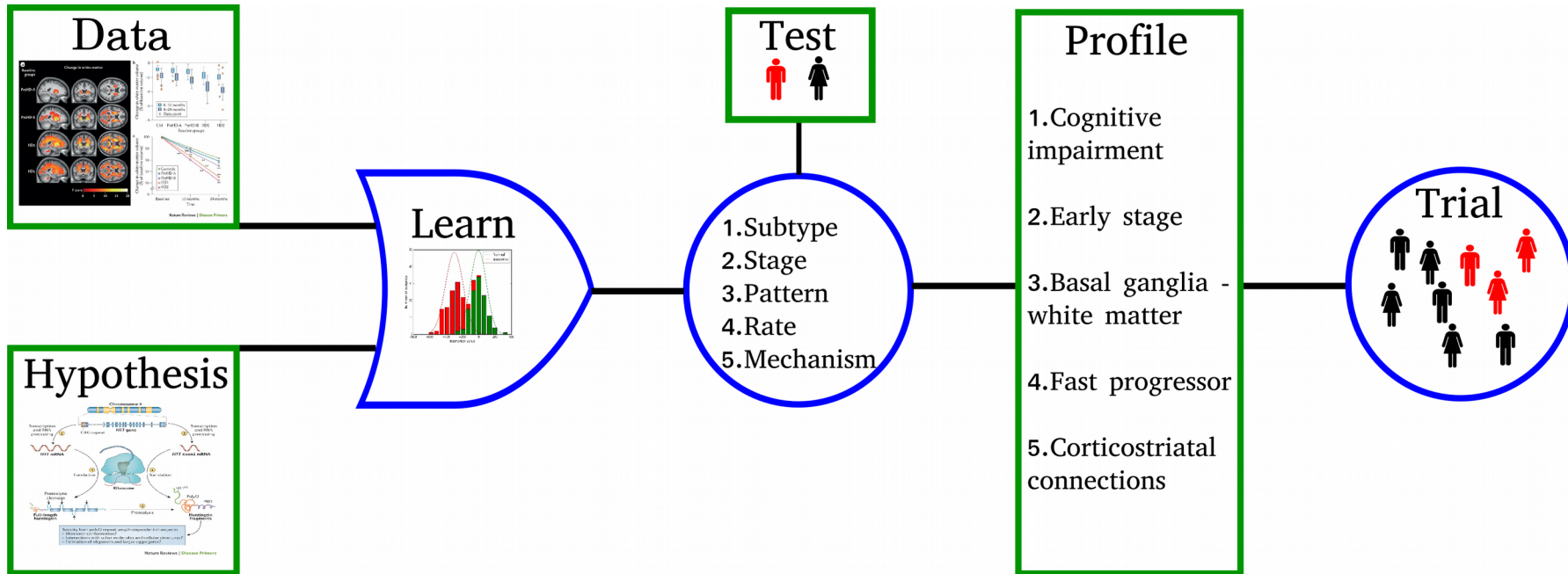
$$P(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{M}) = \sum_{c=1}^C f_c P(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{S}_c)$$

“Algorithm”



- SuStaln find 4 distinct subtypes
- Subtypes show genetic dependency: within-genotype phenotypes
- Maintained in CV (>93% similarity)

Patient data + machine learning = personalised profiles for clinical trial design



Model can be used for both prospective and retrospective analysis

- Save money and time
- Optimise trial design

- Event-based model (EBM) can be used to uncover a sequence of events across a population
- Subtype and stage inference (SuStaln) can be used to uncover multiple sequences of events across a population
- Provides clinically meaningful prognostic information –
  - Most likely disease stage
  - Most likely next stage
  - Underlying sequence of changes
  - Data-driven subtypes
- Can easily extend model to include any types of dynamic marker – different imaging modalities (e.g. DWI, PET), biofluids

“Machine learning and computational modelling in the clinic”

How can EBM and SuStaln be applied to data at Juntendo Hospital?

1. Subtypes in Parkinson's
2. Subtypes in epilepsy
3. Subtypes in natural ageing

The system could eventually be used to

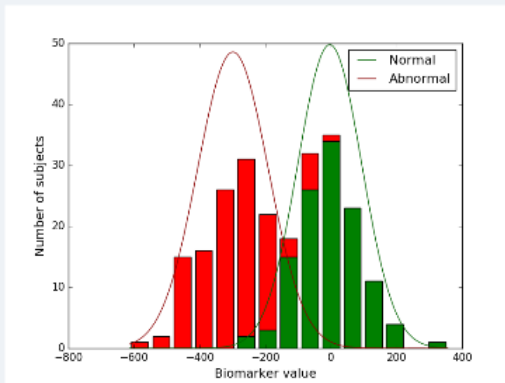
1. Provide fine-grained stratification for clinical trials
2. Aid in treatment planning in a clinical setting

Question – what data would you like to model?

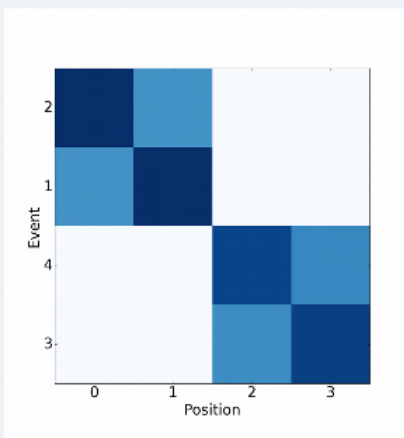
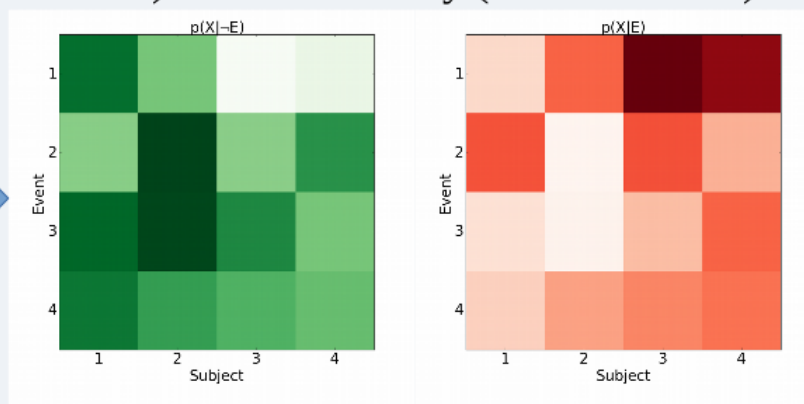


## Event-based model

1. Fit mixture models to biomarkers

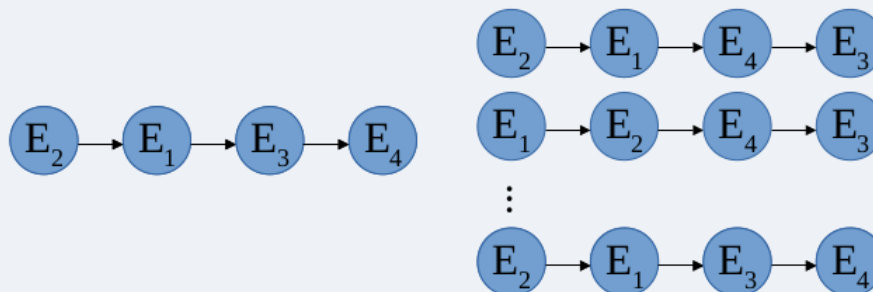


2. Calculate likelihoods of normality (event not occurred) and abnormality (event occurred)

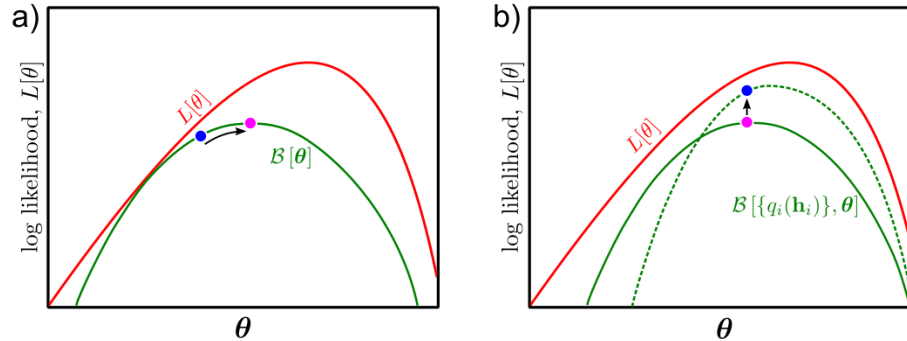


Positional variance diagram

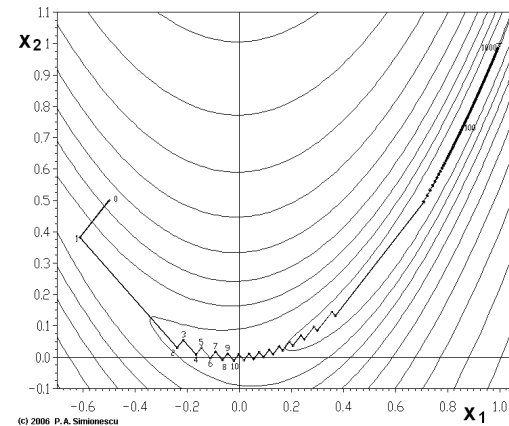
3. Estimate most likely sequence by Markov Chain Monte Carlo sampling



- Mixture model fitting
  - Expectation Maximisation

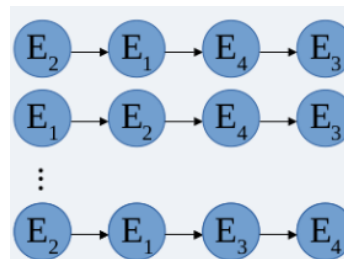


- Latent variable (sequence) fitting
  - Gradient Ascent



[wikipedia.org/wiki/gradient\\_descent](http://wikipedia.org/wiki/gradient_descent)

- Uncertainty estimation
  - Markov Chain Monte Carlo



$$a = p(X | S') / p(X | S_t)$$