Interactive Visual Analysis of Medical Data

Tutorial: Interactive Visual Analysis of Scientific Data

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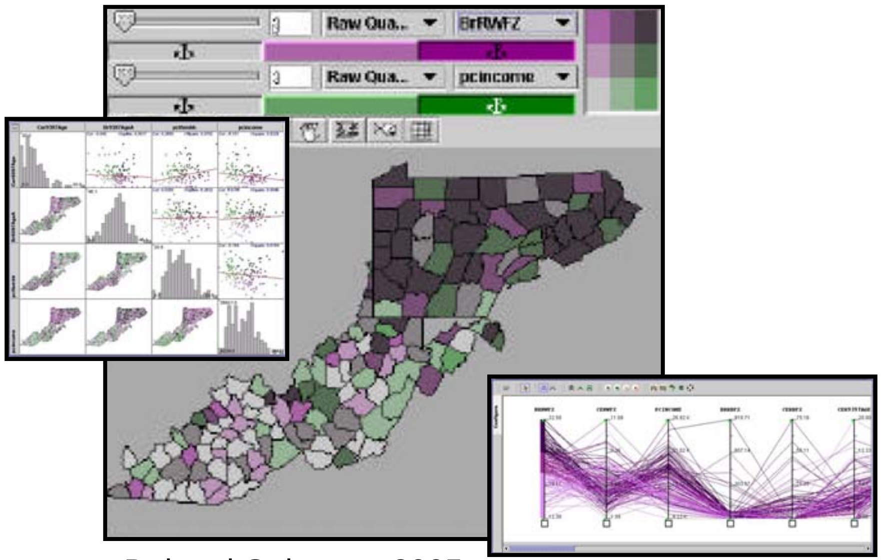
Motivation

- Enormous variety of data may be acquired
- Image data
  - CT,MRI,US,PET,SPECT,…
  - Spatiotemporal, multi-field and multi-modal data
  - Additional data derived from measured data
- Non-image data
  - Laboratory tests, tissue samples, ECG, patient history,…
  - Very heterogeneous data
- IVA can:
  - Guide the user to interesting portions of the complex data
  - Confirm or generate hypotheses based on the data
- Data organization prior to IVA is a challenge!

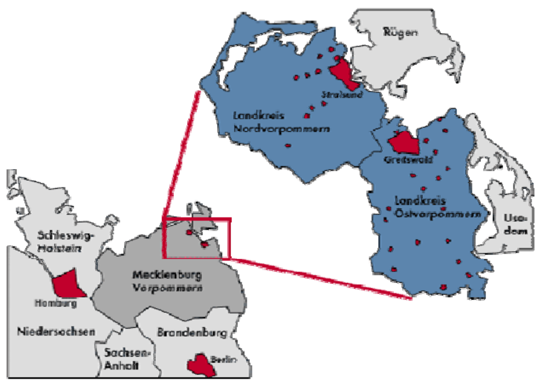
Applications – Epidemiology

- Accomplishment of cohort studies
  - Hundreds or thousands of subjects
  - Analysis of life history, risk factors and correlations
  - Complex, heterogeneous and often longitudinal data
  - Often, related to geographic information



Dai and Gahegan, 2005

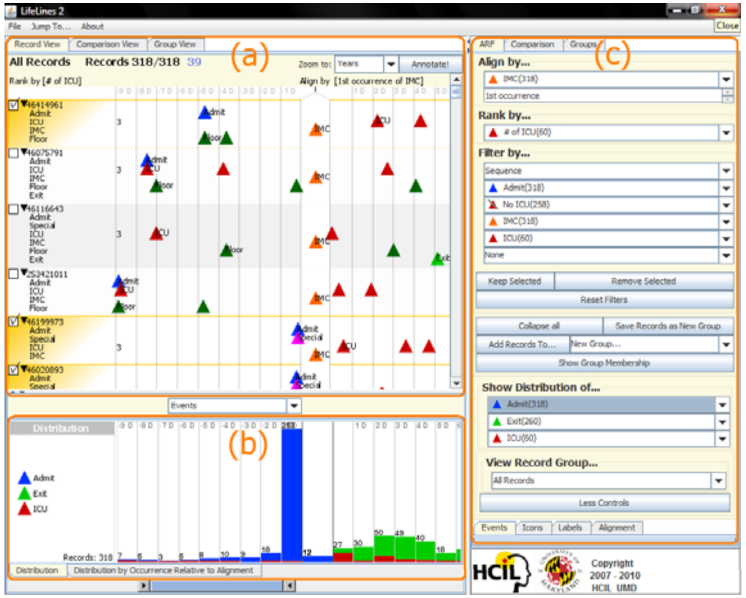
Study of Health in Pomerania (SHIP):
•Three waves with 2500-4308 subjects
•Includes extensive MRI protocol



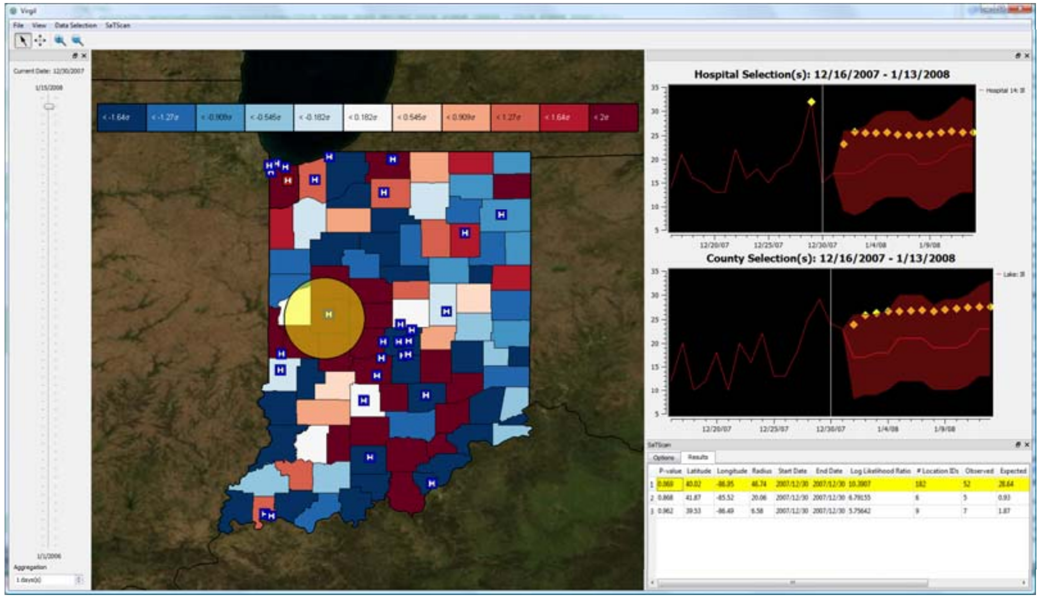
Völzke et al., 2011

Applications – Public Health

- IVA of electronic health records:
  - Diagnosing a single patient based on his/her history
  - Measuring healthcare quality by analyzing multiple patients
- IVA of data from syndromic surveillance:
  - Detect or anticipate disease outbreaks



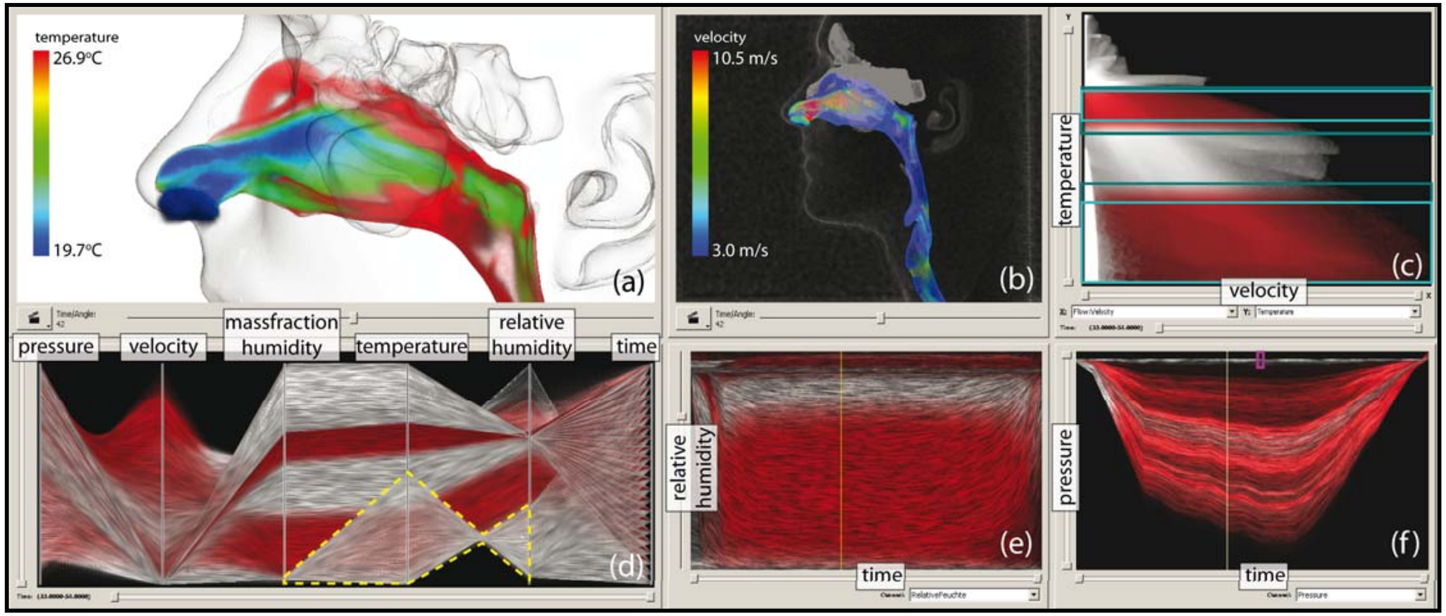
Wang, 2011



Maciejewski, 2011

Applications – Simulation Data

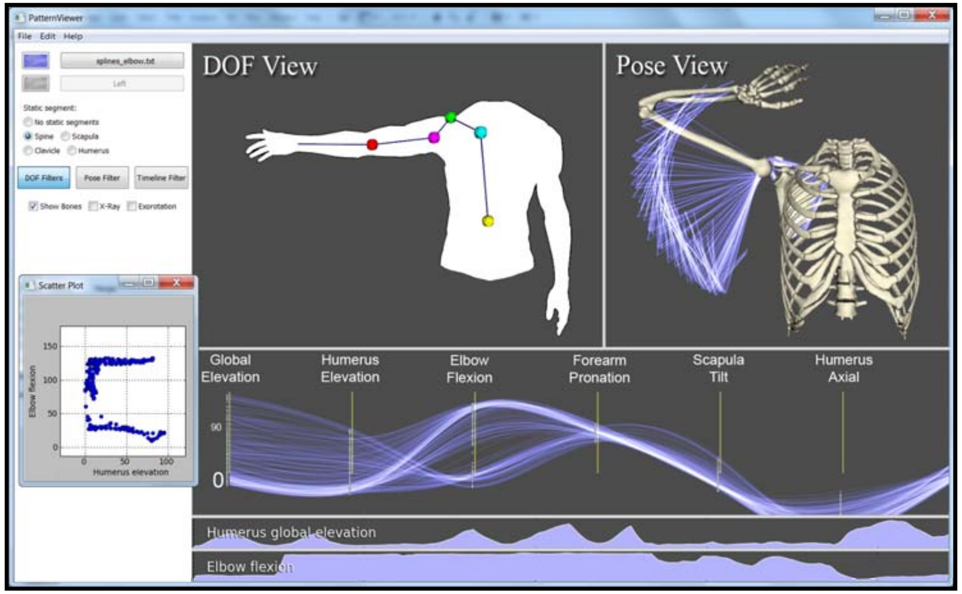
- CFD simulations, e.g., of blood flow and nasal airflow, simulation of joint kinematics and cardiac electrophysiology
  - Large, complex and often time-dependent data
  - Multiple computed and derived attributes
  - Investigation of modeling and simulation parameters



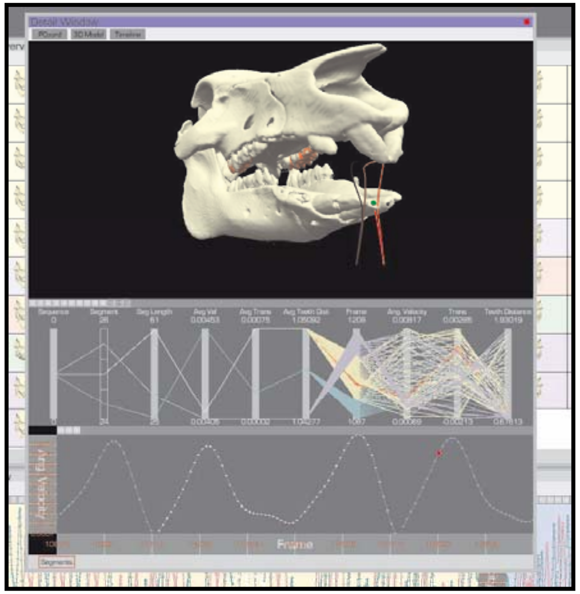
Zachow et al., 2009

Applications – Kinematics Data

- Acquired by motion tracking, imaging systems or simulations
  - Time-dependent data, geometry changes over time
  - Multiple computed and derived attributes
  - Understanding joint behavior, e.g., for assessing fracture healing or for planning and evaluating orthopedic surgery



Krekel et al., 2010



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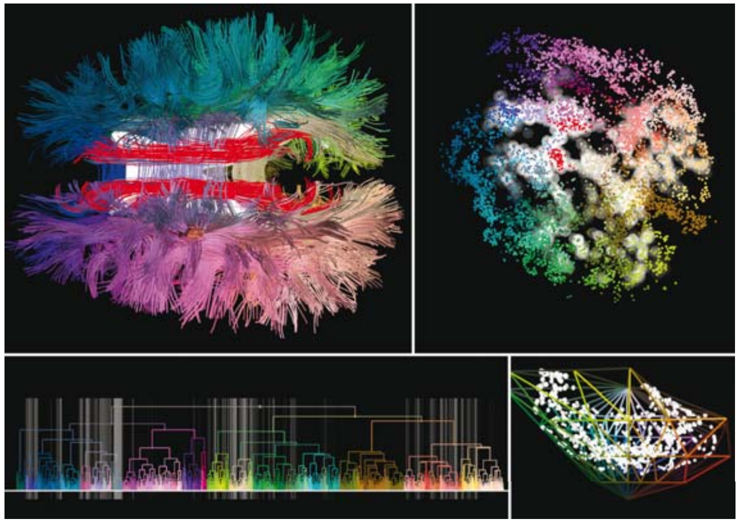
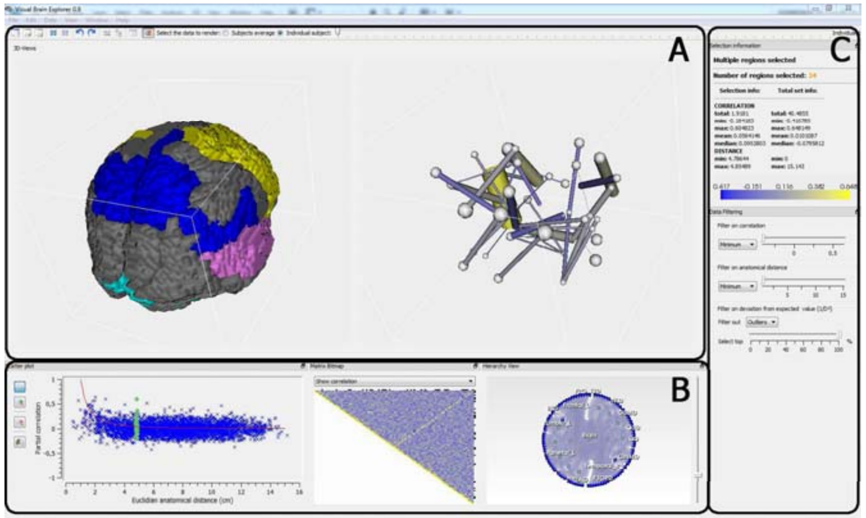
Applications – DTI and rs-fMRI Data

- Diffusion Tensor Imaging (DTI) data
  - Water diffusion indicates direction of major fiber tracts
  - IVA helps in exploring the very complex fiber tracts
- resting state-functional MRI (rs-fMRI) data
  - Measuring BOLD contrast to evaluate brain activity
  - IVA of functional brain connectivity



Jianu et al., 2009



Dixhoorn et al., 2010

Interactive Visual Analysis of Perfusion Data

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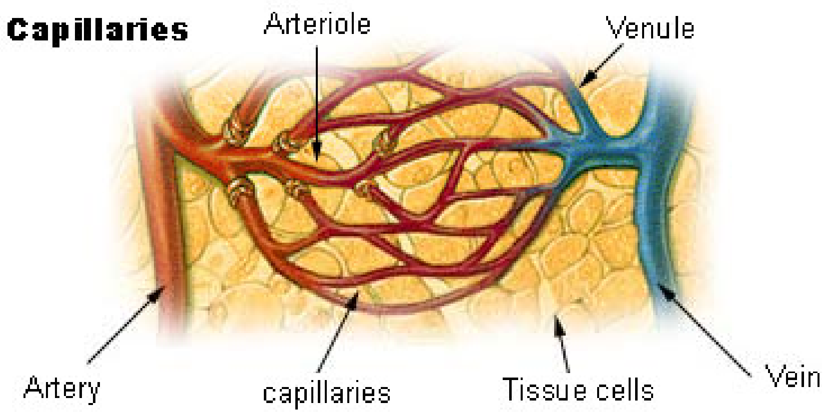
Medical Background

- Measuring microcirculation of blood through tissue capillaries
- Capillaries below resolution of today's scanning devices
- Derivation of macroscopic parameters from measured data
- Example parameters:
  - Regional blood flow,
  - Regional blood volume,
  - Capillary permeability



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capillary

- Major application areas:
  - Ischemic stroke diagnosis,
  - Diagnosis of Coronary Heart Disease (CHD),
  - Breast tumor diagnosis

Perfusion Imaging

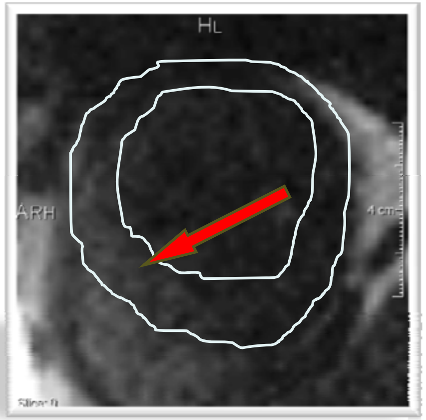
- Focus on perfusion Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- Rapid injection of contrast agent (CA) to form a *bolus*
- CA accumulation causes signal changes ➔ perfusion tracer
- Application of fast sequences for imaging the CA’s first pass
- Repeated acquisition of an image stack

Image Data and Data Preprocessing

- Typical dataset characteristics:
  - Ischemic stroke diagnosis
    - T2-weighted imaging
    - 128^2 x 10-15, every 1-2s over 40-80s
  - CHD diagnosis
    - T1-weighted imaging
    - 128^2-256^2 x 3-6, every heart beat over 30-60s
  - Breast tumor diagnosis
    - T1-weighted imaging
    - 512^2 x 80-100, every 2-5min over 10min

Cerebral perfusion

Myocardial perfusion



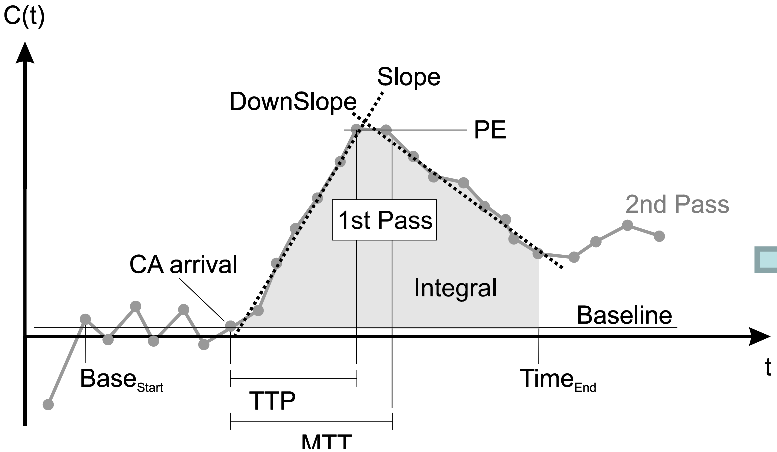
- Crucial data preprocessing steps:
  - Motion correction, signal intensity calibration, denoising

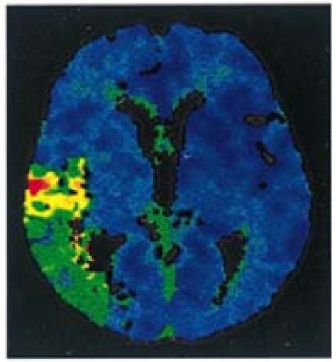
Diagnostic Evaluation of Perfusion Data

- “Eye balling” by means of *cine-movies*
- Time intensity curve-probing based on user-defined ROIs

[König et al., 2000]

- Evaluation based on descriptive perfusion parameters





Time to peak

[König et al., 2000]

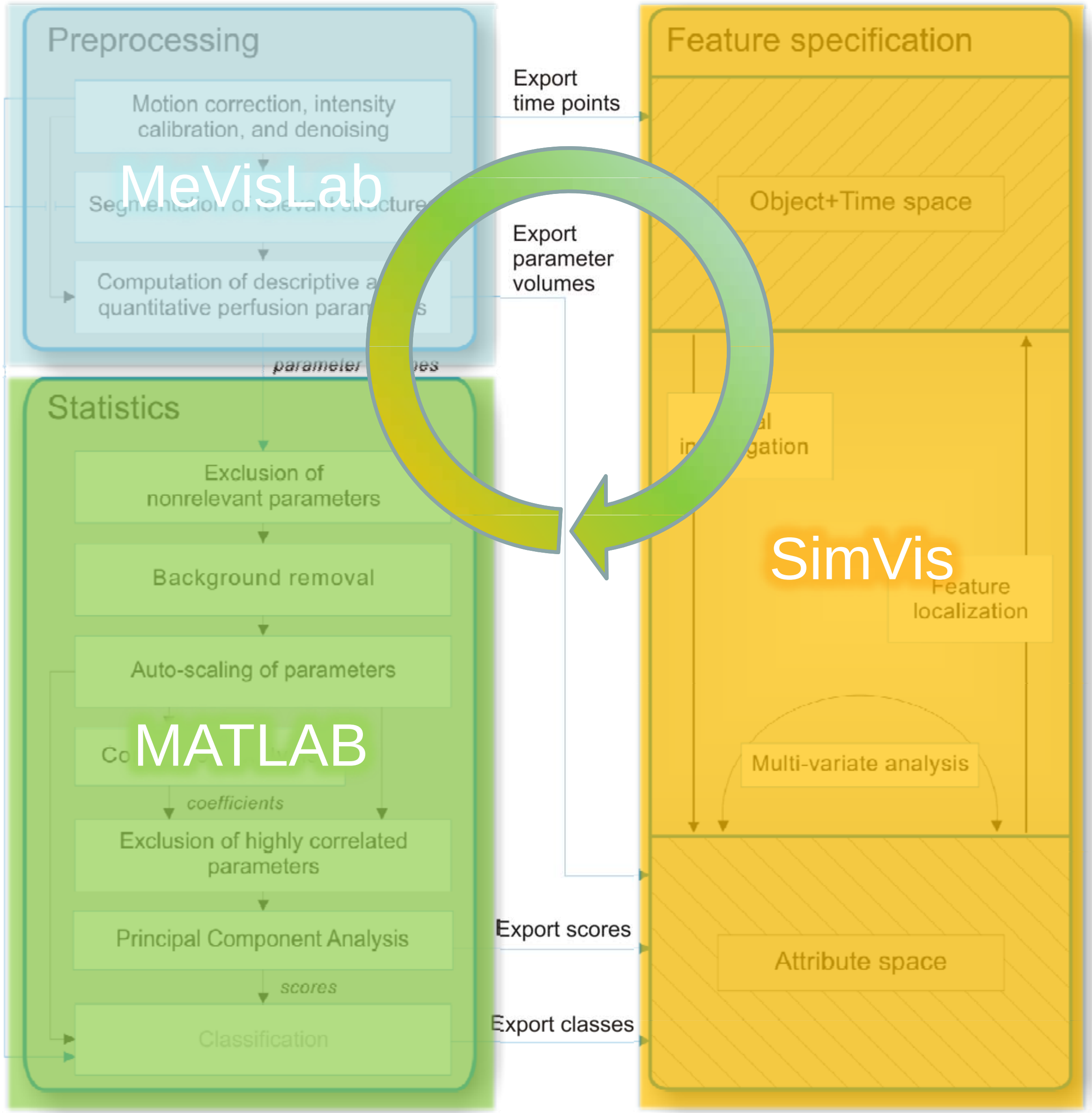
Motivation for IVA

- Complex time-dependent and multivariate data
- Non-standardized signal intensity and parameter domains
- Diagnostic evaluation requires filtering and feature detection
- Research on perfusion MRI, particularly in ischemic stroke and CHD diagnosis:
  - Which perfusion parameter(s) derived by which computational method(s) best identify ischemic tissue?
  - How do varying imaging parameters and parameterizations of preprocessing methods effect reliability of perfusion parameters and computational methods?

➔IVA approach integrating techniques for data pre-processing, statistical analysis as well as feature specification

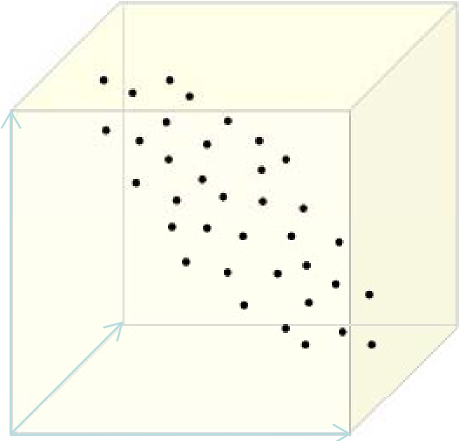
Visual Analysis Approach

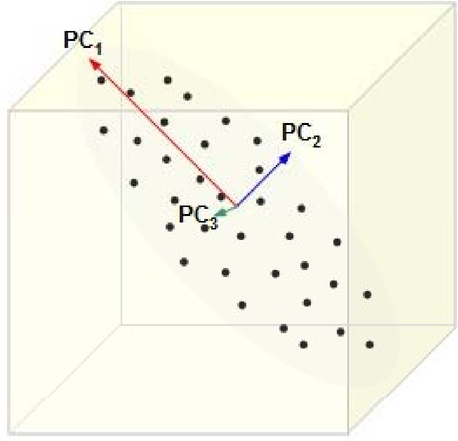
- Approach consists of components for data preprocessing, statistical analysis, and interactive feature specification
- Each component is implemented in a different software program



Principal Component Analysis

- Explains structure in the relationships between variables
- Reveals redundant variables and *trends* in the data
- Variance maximum rotation of data space ➔ new *pc-space*
- PCA results:
  - Pcs sorted by their *significance level* (variance explained by pc)
  - *Loadings* representing the basis vectors of the pc-space
  - *Scores* representing the coordinates in the pc-space





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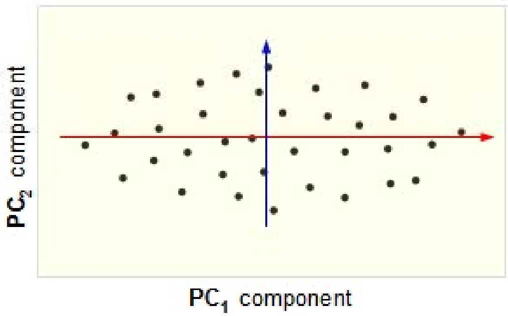

Case Studies

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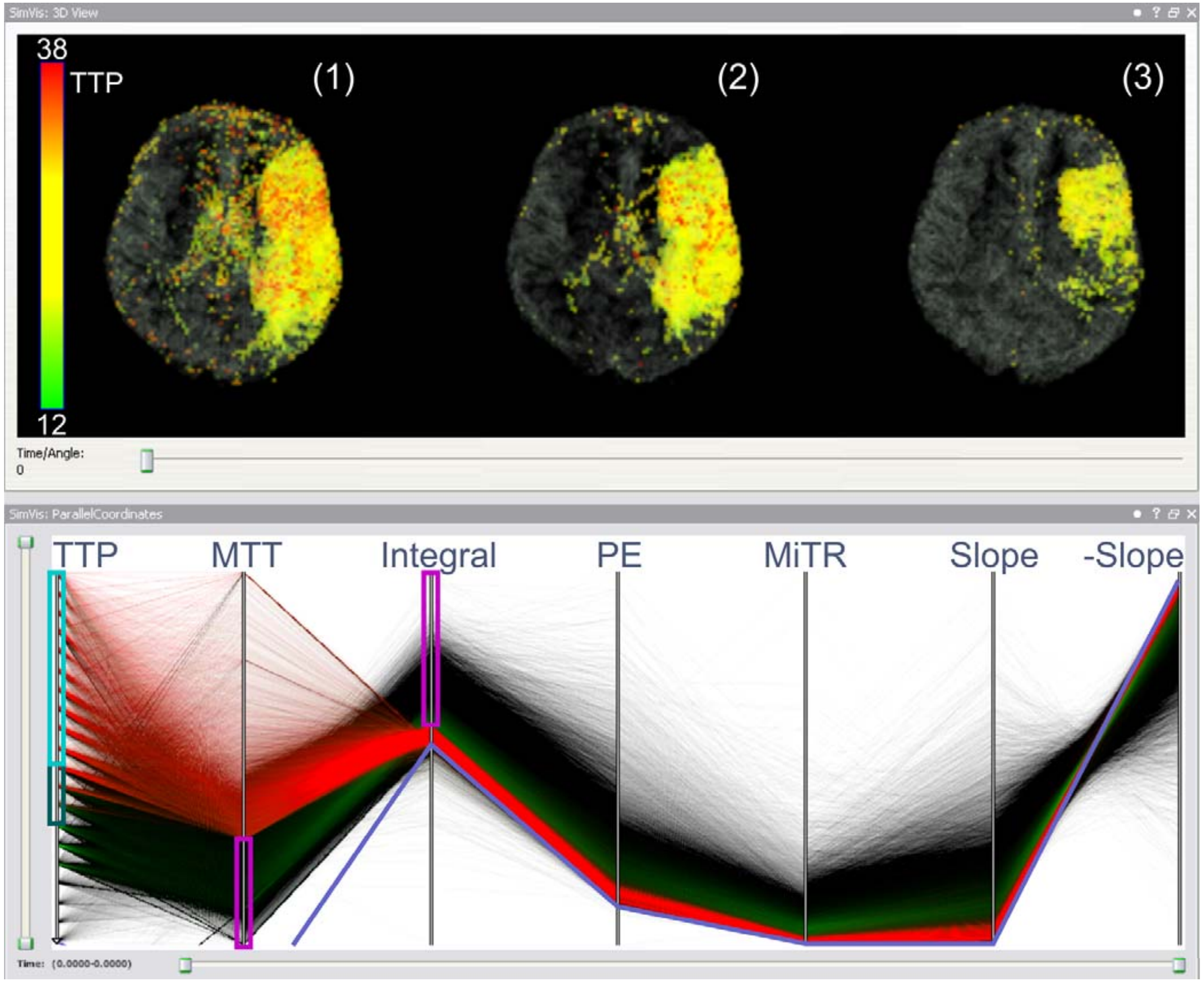
Ischemic Stroke Diagnosis

Analysis based on descriptive perfusion parameters

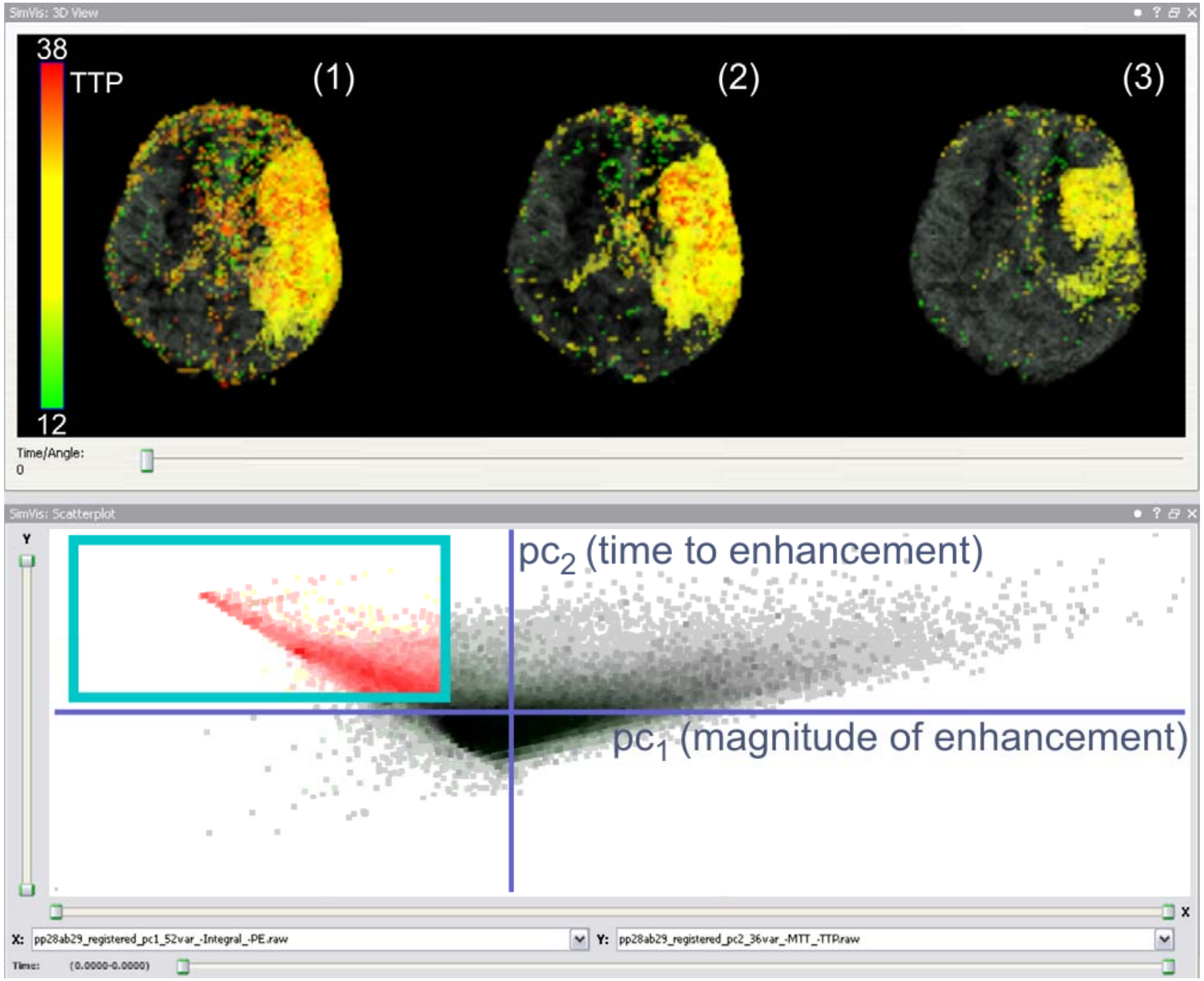
Smooth brushing and subsequent outlier removal in a parallel coordinates plot reveal ischemic tissue



Ischemic Stroke Diagnosis

Analysis based on enhancement trends

Brushing the first two principal components yields a similar result as compared to the parameter-based selection



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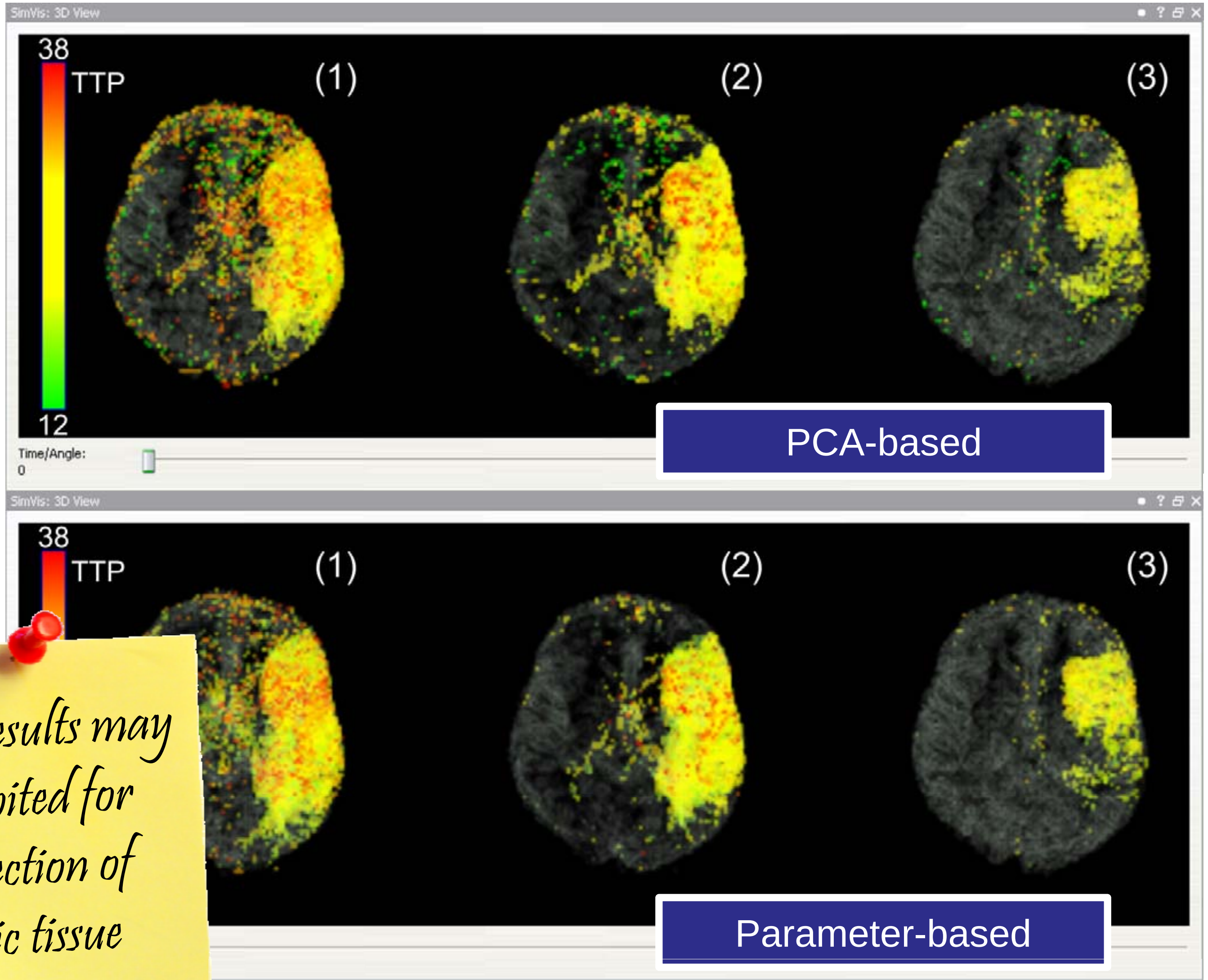
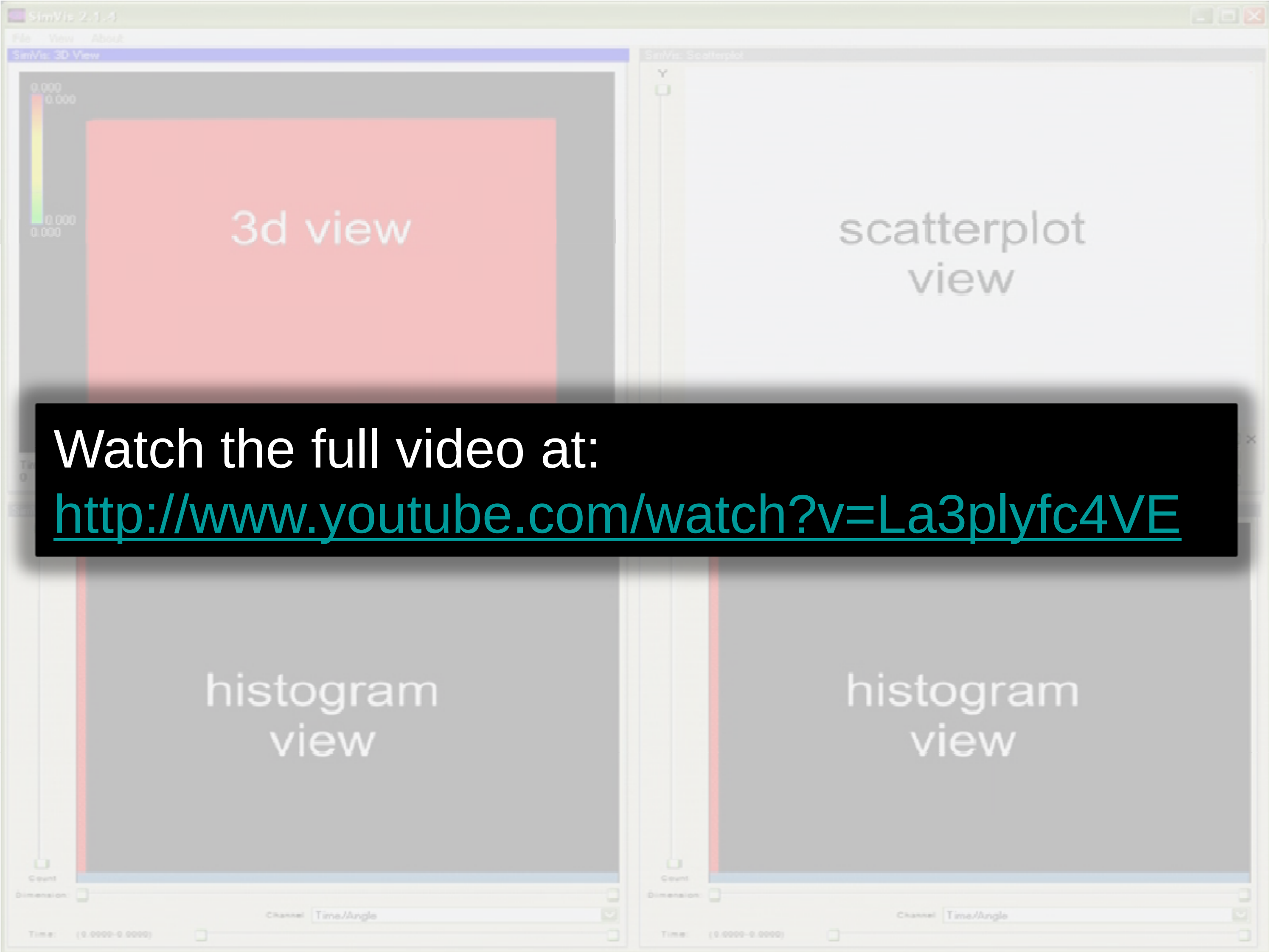


PCA results may be exploited for the detection of ischemic tissue

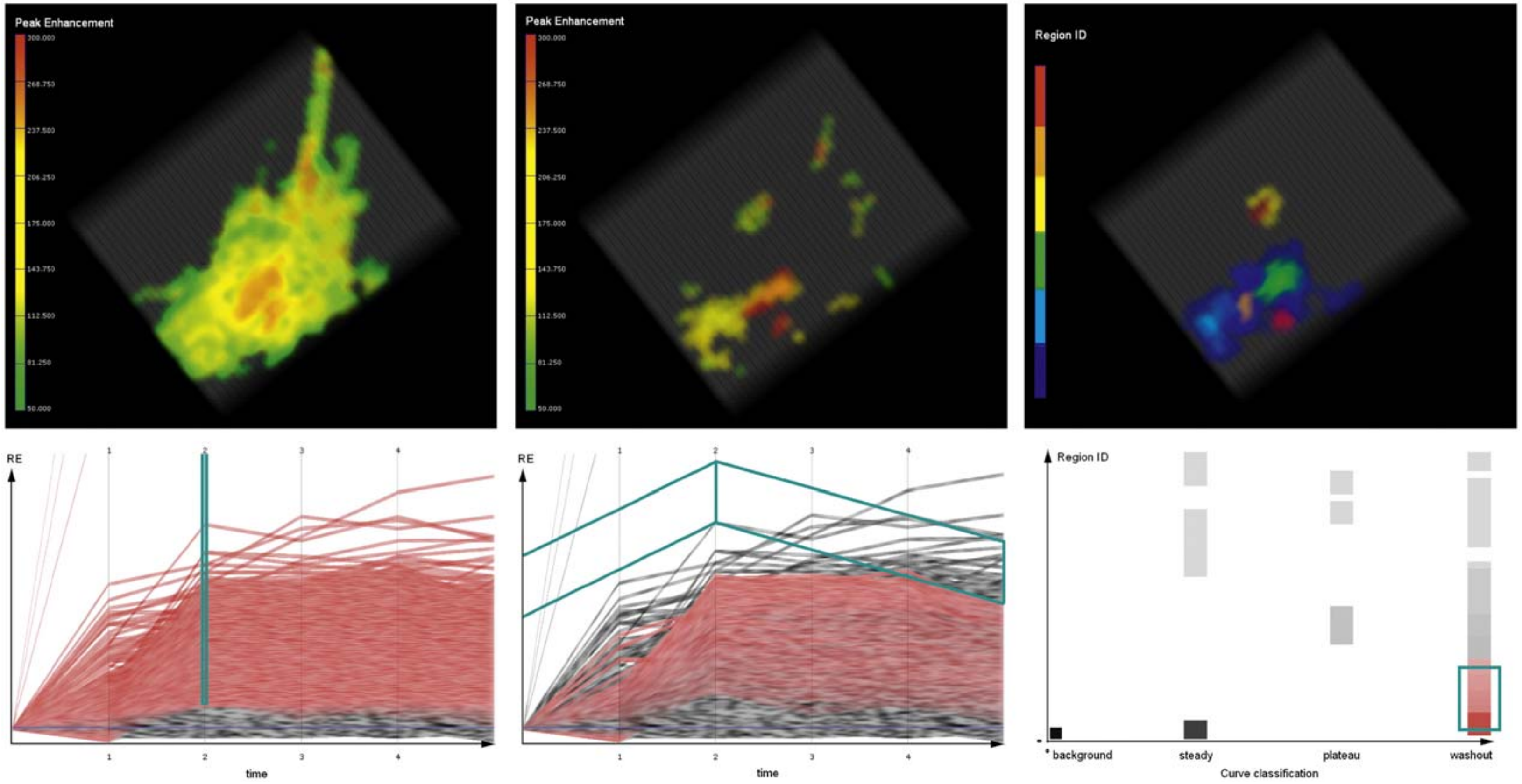
Breast Tumor Diagnosis (Video)



Watch the full video at:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=La3plyfc4VE

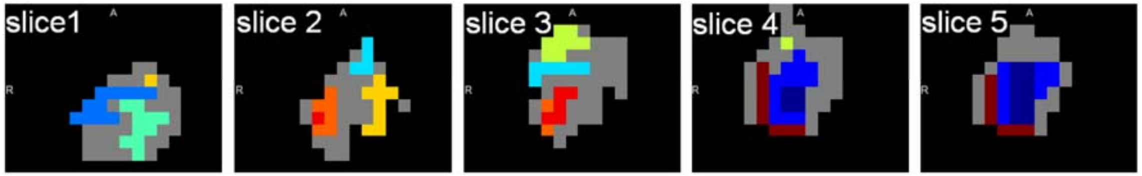
Breast Tumor Diagnosis

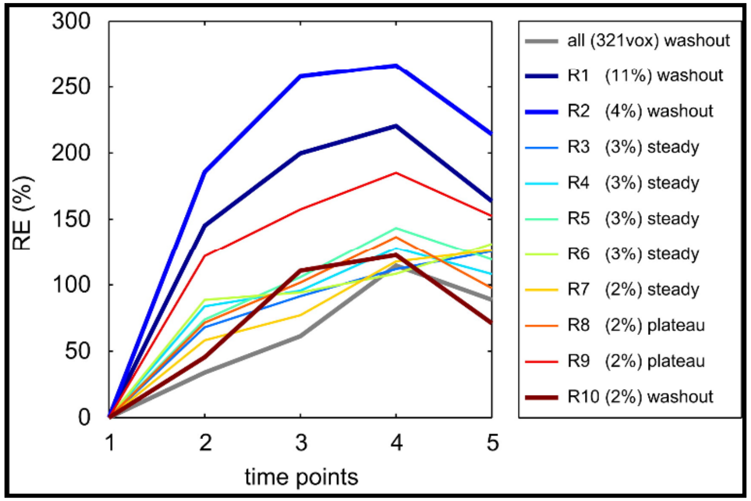
- Similarity brushing of time intensity curves for evaluating a tumor outperforms ROI-based evaluation in physical space
- User-defined ROIs may cover malignant and benign tissue

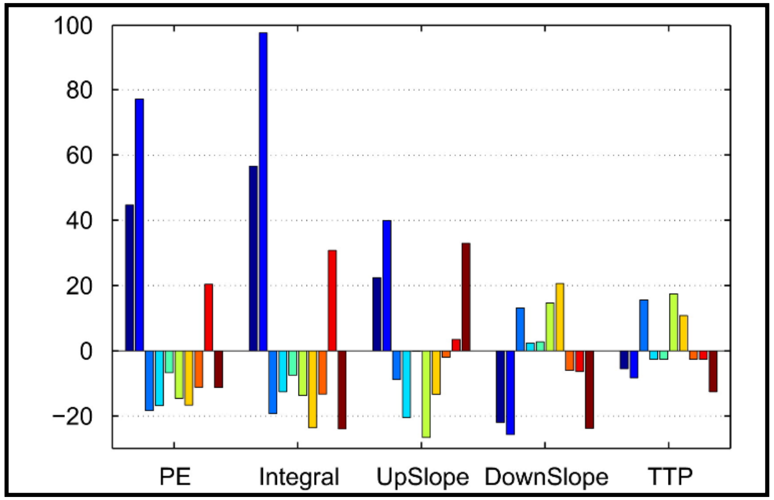


Breast Tumor Diagnosis

- Avoiding intra-observer variability by automatic, similarity-based clustering of perfusion data
- Regions with similar characteristics (time intensity curves or perfusion parameters) are merged in physical space
- Region merging considers spatial location AND attributes







Summary

- IVA has potential in a large variety of medical applications
- Analysis of complex, heterogeneous, time-dependent data from simulations, motion tracking, and imaging
- IVA helps in:
  - Filtering, guiding the user
  - Hypothesis generation/confirmation
  - Detecting correlations between attributes
  - Predicting disease outbreaks
  - Planning surgery
  - Understanding anatomical shape variances
  - Navigating complex anatomical structures
  - Differentiating tissue types
- But:
  - Few documented, IVA-based clinical research results
  - IVA is not part of clinical routine

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