# modelling dementia

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# 1. "ich habe mich verloren" auguste deter





auguste deter "i have lost myself"



### alois alzheimer "the disease of forgetfulness"





auguste deter "i have lost myself"















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 $^{\prime}96$ 

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# Stage III-IV









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### parkinson's disease





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### amyotrophic lateral sclerosis





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#### a-synuclein inclusions



#### **TDP-43 inclusions**





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# prion diseases













## brain atrophy



### brain atrophy



[courchesne et al. 2000]







### alzheimer disease









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# larger ventricules





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## larger ventricules opening of sulci


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### larger ventricules opening of sulci

### thinning of cortex



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### larger ventricules opening of sulci

### thinning of cortex

shrinking of hippocampi

## jack's curves (2013)



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spatial progression

#### spatial progression





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### atrophy pattern

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#### biomarker evolution





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1.	Alcantara2016 [63]	5	Macdonald2	000 [85]
2.	Alvarez-Martinez2011[68]	5	Martins201	3 [51]
3.	Ambert2010 [69]	5	Masel2000	[52]
4.	Aubert2002 [70]	5	McAulev200	1981 80
5.	Aubert2005(I) [71]	5	Morris2008	[48]
6	Aubert2005(II) [72]	5	Morris2009	[87]
7	Auer2010 [42]	5	Ortega2013	1601
8	Auer2012 [43]	5	Ouzounoal	ou2014[57]
9	Berndt2012 [27]	5	Pallitto2001	[47]
10	Bertsch2016[54]	5	Poliquin201	3 [28]
11	Best2009 [73]	6	Porenta198	6(88)
12	Bharathi2008 [22]	6	Prigent2012	(50)
13	Büchel2013 [24]	6	Proctor200	5 [89]
14	Clarke2000 [74]	6	Proctor200	7 [91]
15	Cloutier2009 [29]	6	Proctor201	0(1) [16]
16	Cloutier2012(1) [30]	6	Proctor201	0(11) [90]
17	Cloutier2012(II) [19]	6	Proctor201	1 [26]
18	Craddock2012[15]	6	Proctor201	2 [56]
10.	Craff2002[12]	6	Proctor201	3 [34]
20	Crespo2012 [44]	6	Puri201013	51
20.	Culmone2012 [36]	7	012008 1921	51
21.	Dac2010[13]	7	Q02000[92]	141
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21.	Enrenstein2000[67]	7	Sass20091	01651
20.	Francis2013[76]	-	Schmidt201	2 [00]
29.	Fussenegger2000 [33]	70	Sneppenzu	09 [23]
30.	Good 1996 [37]	1	Steckmann	2012 [95]
31.	Grange2001 [77]	8	Sugaya2012	2[96]
32.	Guillaud2014 [31]	8	Svedruzic20	12[61]
33.	Hingant2014 [49]	8	Tamagnini20	15 [97]
34.	Iljina2016[78]	8	Tang2010[	98]
35.	Kamihira2000 [45]	8	Tiveci2005	[99]
36.	Koon2014 [18]	8	Vali2007 [32	2]
37.	Krohn2011 [25]	8	Vázquez20	14 [53]
38.	Kuznetsov2016(I) [79]	8	Walsh2014	[62]
39.	Kuznetsov2016(II) [20]	8	Wang2008	[100]
40.	Kuznetsov2016(III) [21]	8	Yuraszeck2	2010 [17]
41.	Kyrtsos2011 [80]			
42.	Kyrtsos2013[39]	1	Models in R	alaboMo
43.	Kyrtsos2015[81]		(Curated E	tranch)
44.	Lao2012[64]		Tourated	nanonj
45.	Lee2007 [46]		Models in Bi	ioModels
46.	Lomasko2007(I)[82]		Non-curated	Branch)
47.	Lomasko2007(II) [83]		10/01/02/07/07/07/07/07/07	
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2. "un peu d'analyse et de calcul" daniel bernoulli

# why math?

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### daniel bernoulli 1760





# why math?

### daniel bernoulli 1760

"i simply wish that, in a matter which so closely concerns the wellbeing of the human race, no decision shall be made without all the knowledge which a little analysis and calculation can provide."





# a first model: network diffusion

# transport of toxic proteins



#### intial seeding

 $\alpha$ -synuclein in parkinson's

#### idea: toxic proteins diffuse along axonal pathways























example:





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#### rules: start with node 1

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### -node 1 connected to 2 nodes. place a 2 in line 1 column 1
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-place a -1 in line 1 column 2 and 5





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-repeat with nodes 2,...,6





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### next find the eigenmodes

# $Lv = \lambda v$

example:





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# $LV = \lambda V$

solution with second smallest  $\lambda$ :

 $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -5.2 \\ -3.8 \\ 0.9 \\ 2.7 \end{pmatrix}$ 

### example:



# $L = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \text{solution with secc}$

graph laplacian

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-1	0	5	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	Θ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
-1	-1	-1	14	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	0	Θ	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
-1	-1	0	-1	19	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	Θ	-1	-1	0	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0
-1	-1	0	0	-1	24	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0
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-1	0	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	26	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0
-1	0	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	24	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0
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### [raj et al. 2012]



### Measured atrophy pattern from 18 AD subjects



### The 2<sup>nd</sup> eigenmode of network diffusion





3. "they violate most of biology's sacred rules" jonah lehrer proust



### healthy



### misfolding



healthy



### misfolding



healthy toxic



### templating aggregation

### misfolding



healthy toxic



### templating aggregation

### misfolding



#### healthy toxic



### aggregation misfolding $\rightarrow \Sigma$

healthy toxic templating aggregation









fragmentation





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### a model









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### low concentrations of good and toxic proteins in space and time




@follow concentrations of good and toxic proteins in space and time





low concentrations of good and toxic proteins in space and time



last transport along axons, slow transport in the tissue

#### **1**0 μm [Gu et al '17]





low concentrations of good and toxic proteins in space and time



light fast transport along axons, slow transport in the tissue

#### 10 µm [Gu et al '17]





follow concentrations of good and toxic proteins in space and time



③ rate equations for possible aggregation and fragmentation

last transport along axons, slow transport in the tissue





(a) we assume two populations of healthy and toxic (misfolded) proteins.





conformational conversion

k<sub>12</sub>

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conformational conversion

k12

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 $p + \widetilde{p} \xrightarrow{k_{11'}} p\widetilde{p}$  $p + \widetilde{p} \xrightarrow{k_{1'2'}} \widetilde{p} \widetilde{p} \widetilde{p} \longrightarrow \widetilde{p} \widetilde{p} \xrightarrow{k_{2'2'}} \widetilde{p} + \widetilde{p}$ 



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 $p \xrightarrow{\text{conformational conversion}} p$ 

 $p + \widetilde{p} \xrightarrow{k_{12}} \widetilde{p} + \widetilde{p}$ 

 $p + \widetilde{p} \xrightarrow{k_{12}} \widetilde{p} + \widetilde{p}$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} &= \operatorname{Div}(\mathbf{D}_{p} \cdot \nabla p) + k_{0} - k_{1}p - k_{12}p\widetilde{p} \\ \frac{\partial \widetilde{p}}{\partial t} &= \operatorname{Div}(\mathbf{D}_{\widetilde{p}} \cdot \nabla \widetilde{p}) \qquad - \widetilde{k}_{1}\widetilde{p} + k_{12}p\widetilde{p} \end{aligned}$$

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 $\frac{\partial_l}{\partial l}$  $p + \widetilde{p} \xrightarrow{k_{12}} \widetilde{p} + \widetilde{p}$  $\partial$ C

#### for $p \gg \tilde{p}$ and p at equilibrium we have

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = \text{Div}(\mathbf{D} \cdot \nabla c) + \alpha c(1 - c)$$

$$\frac{p}{dt} = \text{Div}(\mathbf{D}_{p} \cdot \nabla p) + k_{0} - k_{1}p - k_{12}p\tilde{p}$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial t} = \text{Div}(\mathbf{D}_{\tilde{p}} \cdot \nabla \tilde{p}) - \tilde{k}_{1}\tilde{p} + k_{12}p\tilde{p}$$
clearance converse





$$p + \widetilde{p} \xrightarrow{k_{12}} \widetilde{p} + \widetilde{p}$$

$$production clearance converses$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = \operatorname{Div}(\mathbf{D}_{p} \cdot \nabla p) + k_{0} - k_{1}p - k_{12}p\widetilde{p}$$

$$\frac{\partial \widetilde{p}}{\partial t} = \operatorname{Div}(\mathbf{D}_{\widetilde{p}} \cdot \nabla \widetilde{p}) - (\widetilde{k}_{1}\widetilde{p}) + k_{12}p\widetilde{p}$$

$$-(\widetilde{k}_{1}\widetilde{p}) + (k_{12}p\widetilde{p})$$

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$$clearance converses$$

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$$-\tilde{k}_{1}\tilde{p} + k_{1}p\tilde{p}$$

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$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = \operatorname{Div}(\mathbf{D} \cdot \nabla c) + \alpha c(1 - c)$$

anisotropic fisher equation (1937)







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[wu et al, 2013 . biol. chem]

#### fast axonal transport dalong **n**

slow extracellular diffusion  $\delta$ perpendicular to **n** 

 $\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = \text{Div}(\mathbf{D} \cdot \nabla c) + \alpha c(1 - c)$ 



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 $v = 2\sqrt{\alpha d}$ 

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#### in one dimension:



 $v = 2\sqrt{\alpha d}$ 

# $C(t) = \frac{1}{V} \int_{0}^{t} c(\mathbf{x}, t) \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}$

biomarker abnormality



#### [with m. turk]

#### 1. data acquisition



#### [with m. turk]





#### 1. data acquisition



#### 2. segmentation



coronal slices

sagittal slices

transverse slices

#### 3. information on axonal direction



[weickenmeier, jucker, ag, kuhl 2018]

#### whole brain

#### 3. information on axonal direction



[weickenmeier, jucker, ag, kuhl 2018]

#### whole brain

#### 4. 3d model

### seeding of toxic proteins

#### amyloid- $\beta$ deposits



#### tau inclusions



 $\alpha$ -synuclein inclusion:



**TDP-43 inclusions** 



[jucker, walker, 2013],





[weickenmeier, jucker, ag, kuhl 2018]

#### $\alpha$ -synuclein inclusions

#### **TDP-43 inclusions**





tau propagation in Alzheimer's disease onset 
Iate-stage



tau infestation mid-stage



tau propagation in Alzheimer's disease onset 
Iate-stage



tau infestation mid-stage


[weickenmeier, ag, kuhl, 2018]





[weickenmeier, ag, kuhl, 2018]



















[harris, de rooij, kuhl 2018]





[harris, de rooij, kuhl 2018]

4. "the struggle of whether we connect more"

4. "the struggle of whether we connect more" marck zuckerberg



#### discrete model







## define $p_i$ and $\tilde{p}_i$ at eac





## $\operatorname{viv}(\mathbf{D}_p \cdot \nabla p) + k_0 - k_1$

# $\frac{1}{\partial t} = \operatorname{Div}(\mathbf{D}_{\widetilde{p}} \cdot \nabla \widetilde{p}) \qquad -\widetilde{k}_{1}p + \kappa_{12}pp$



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# ts define $p_i$ and $\tilde{p}_i$ at each $\tilde{p}_i = -\sum_{j=1}^n L_{ij}p_j + k_0 - k_1p_i$ $\kappa_{12}pp$ $\frac{i}{dt} = -\sum_{j=1}^n L_{ij}\tilde{p}_j - \tilde{k}_1p_i$





 $\operatorname{viv}(\mathbf{D}_p \cdot \nabla p) + k_0 - k_1$ 

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partial differential equations



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partial differential equations



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ordinary differential equations





weighted graph Laplacian





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#### clinical data



#### continuum model

#### discrete model



#### clinical data

#### continuum model

#### discrete model





[frisoni, fox, jack, scheltens, thompson 2010]

[fornari, schafer, jucker, ag, kuhl, 2019]







[fornari, schafer, jucker, ag, kuhl, 2019]











#### reducing production



#### increasing clearance







#### reducing production



#### increasing clearance





#### reducing production



#### increasing clearance



## epilogue "c'est la première loi de la nature" voltaire

# what did we learn?

#### spatial progression











#### atrophy pattern

#### biomarker evolution












#### amyloid- $\beta$ deposits





tau inclusions

### $\alpha$ -synuclein inclusions



#### **TDP-43 inclusions**









# Alzheimer's disease



Alzheimer's disease





Parkinson's disease



amyotrophic lateral sclerosis



## What did we learn?



<sup>[</sup>Robert Fludd]