

Modelling of metastatic growth and *in vivo* imaging

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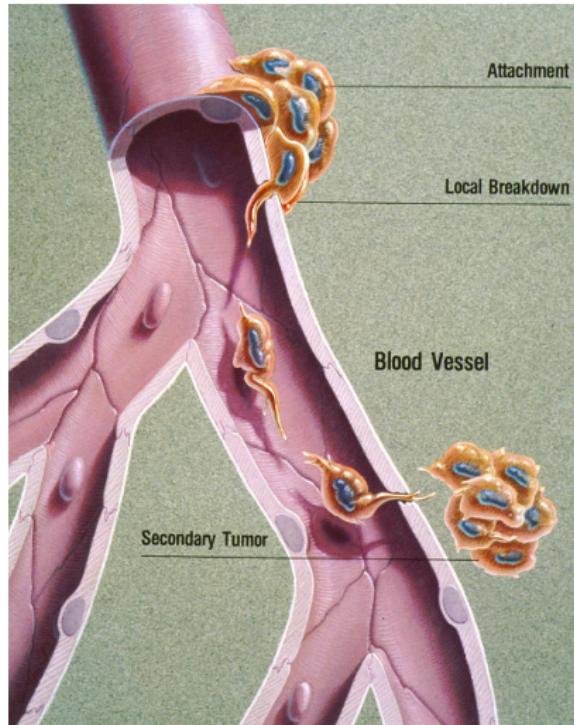
Present challenges of mathematics in oncology and biology of cancer

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Cancer and metastasis

Cancer

- ▶ leading cause of death in occidental countries
- ▶ major problem: **metastasis**
 - ▶ secondary tumours at different locations
 - ▶ very aggressive
 - ▶ responsible for 90% of cancer-related deaths



METASTATIC PROCESS

Clinical importance of metastasis

Pivotal point in cancer history

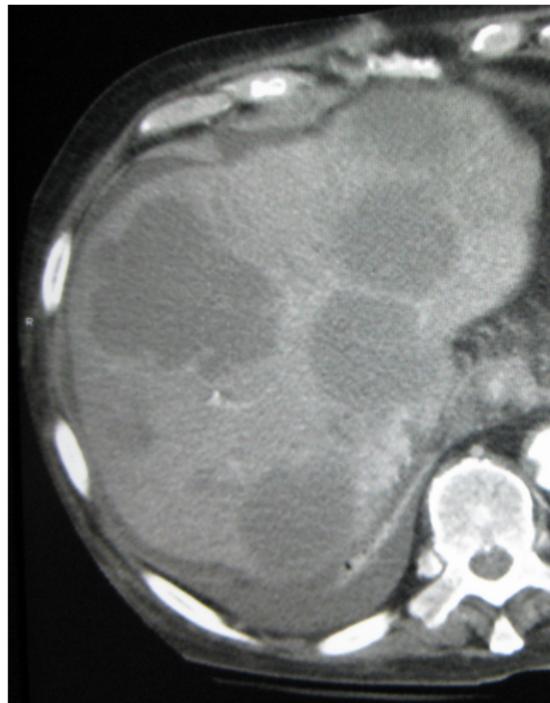
- ▶ radical change of prognosis
- ▶ treatment decisions based on metastatic state

Occult metastasis

- ▶ only metastases $> 10^7$ cells visible on imaging
- ▶ administer toxic treatment to patient without visible metastases?

Important clinical problem

Estimate the metastatic risk of patients without visible metastases



CT SCAN OF METASTATIC LIVER

Modelling of metastasis

Aim (long-term)

Develop a mathematical model usable as a **clinical tool**

- ▶ to estimate the micrometastatic state at diagnosis
- ▶ to evaluate the risk of recurrence after treatment

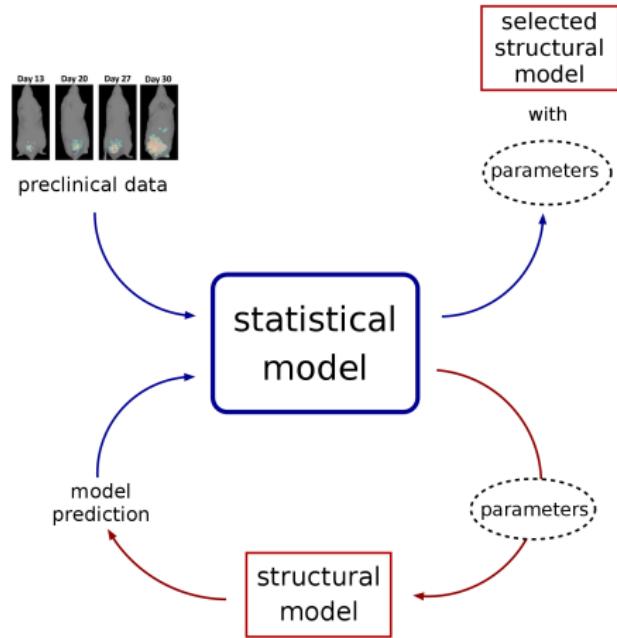
Validation step (aim of this talk)

Confront a mathematical model for metastasis to data without treatment from preclinical experiments

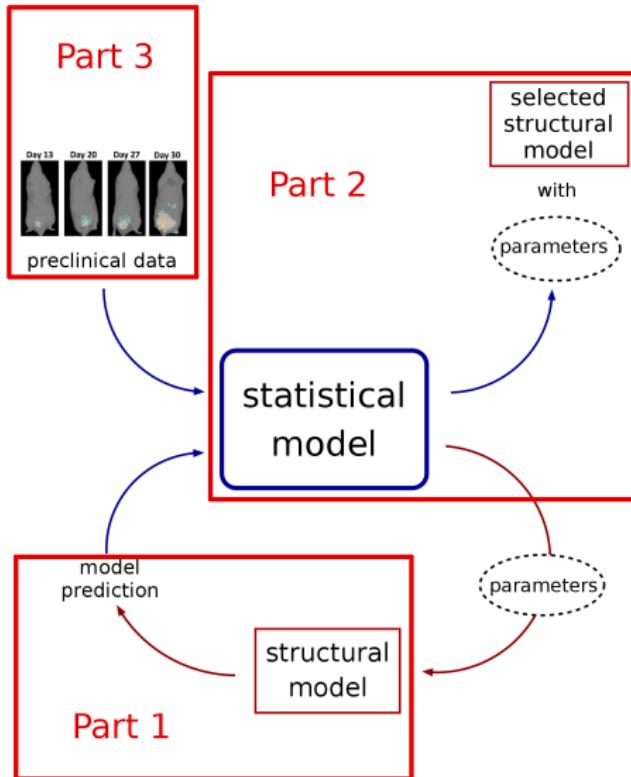
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Necessary steps



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Structure

Part 1:

Modelling of metastatic growth

Part 2:

Confrontation to preclinical data

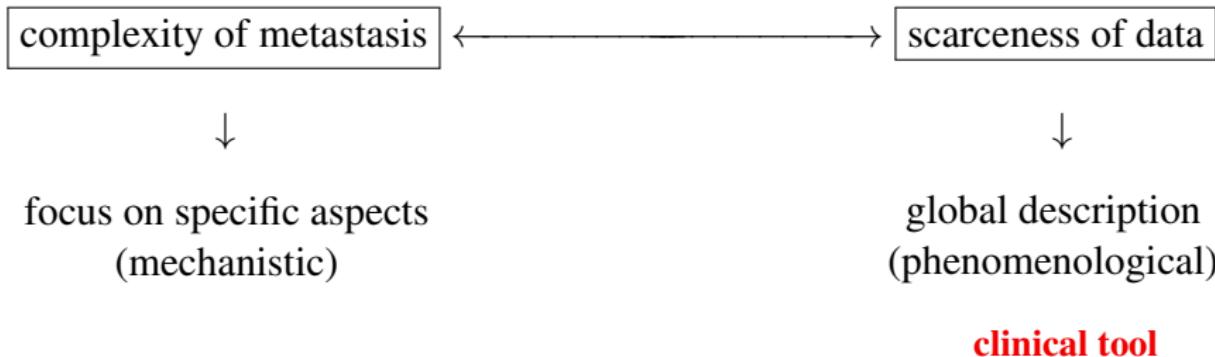
Part 3:

Tumour boundary reconstruction

PART 1

MODELLING OF METASTATIC GROWTH

Modelling metastasis



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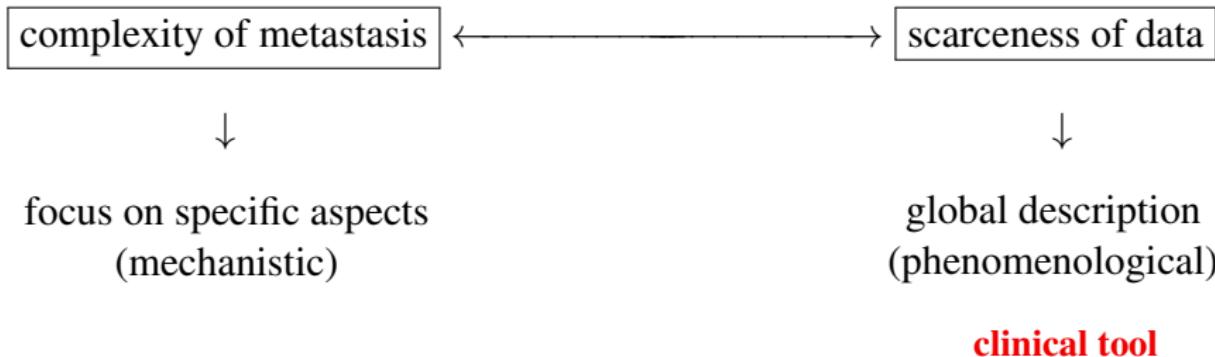
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Structured population equations

☞ Metz & Diekmann (1986)

☞ Perthame (2007)

Basic idea

- ▶ time evolution of a population of individuals
- ▶ individuals characterised by a state variable

Examples

- age pyramid
- size distribution of cells

Type of equation

- ▶ transport in state space
- ▶ main object: density function

Size-structured metastatic model

Iwata *et al.* (2000)

Primary tumour growth

$$x_p(t)' = g(x_p(t))$$

$$x_p(0) = 1$$

Metastatic growth

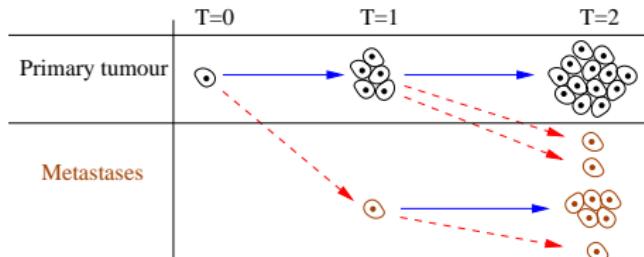
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No metastases at time zero

$$\rho(\cdot, 0) \equiv 0$$



Iwata parametrisation

(\rightarrow) Growth: $g(x) = ax \log(b/x)$

(\dashrightarrow) Emission: $\beta(x) = \mu x^\alpha$

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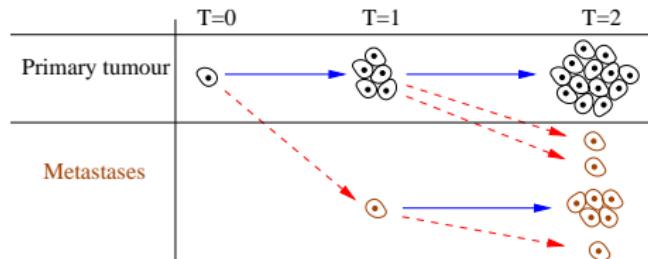
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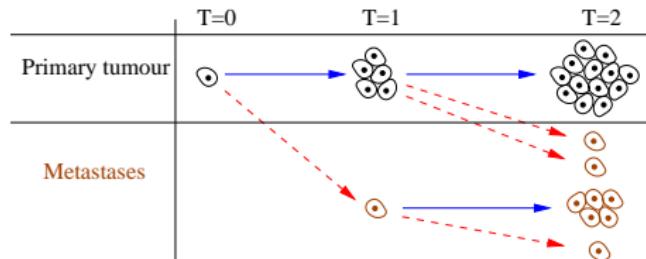
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Metastatic density ρ
not observed

→ instead: weighted integrals of the density function

- ▶ Number of metastases

$$N(t) = \int_1^b \rho(x, t) dx$$

- ▶ Metastatic burden

$$M(t) = \int_1^b x \rho(x, t) dx$$

}

⇒

Model observable:

$$F_f(t) := \int_1^b f(x) \rho(x, t) dx$$

Confrontation to data

Data from clinical cases

	📖 Iwata <i>et al.</i> (2000)	📖 Barbolosi <i>et al.</i> (2011) 📖 PhD thesis Verga (2010)
cohort of patients	X	✓
distant metastases	X	✓
longitudinal data	✓	X
parameter estimation	✓	X

Missing

Parameter estimation for

- ▶ cohort with longitudinal data
- ▶ including distant metastatic sites

⇒ preclinical setting

Numerical resolution of metastatic model

Schemes for hyperbolic PDE

- ▶ Problem: large scale differences
 - ▶ New metastasis: 1 cell
 - ▶ Late metastasis: 10^9 cells
- ▶ Upwind scheme \Rightarrow **bad performance**
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New resolution method

- ▶ based on model reformulation
- ▶ reduced computational complexity
- ▶ improved numerical quadrature

□ NH (2014)

PDE and Volterra formulations

PDE model

$$\partial_t \rho(x, t) + \partial_x \left(g(x) \rho(x, t) \right) = 0$$

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Quantity of interest

$$F_f(t) = \int_1^b f(x) \rho(x, t) dx$$

Volterra convolution equation

$$F_f(t) = \underbrace{\int_0^t f\left(x_m(t-s)\right) S(s) ds}_{\text{primary tumour contribution}} + \underbrace{\int_0^t \beta\left(x_m(t-s)\right) F_f(s) ds}_{\text{metastatic contribution}}$$

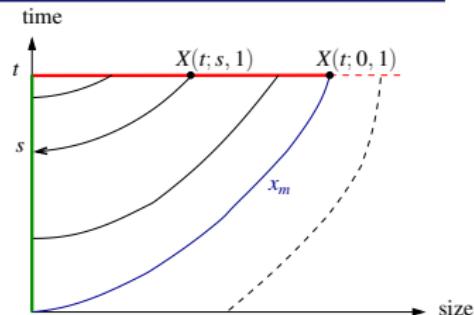
- x_m : particular characteristic curve
- convolution notation: $F_f(t) = f(x_m) * S(t) + \beta(x_m) * F_f$

Sketch of model reformulation

Start from observable $F_f(t) = \int_1^b f(x)\rho(x, t)dx$

1. straighten the characteristics

- ▶ change of variables $x = X(t; s, 1)$
- ▶ conservation relation along characteristics
 $\Rightarrow \rho(x, t)dx = g(1, s)\rho(1, s)ds \stackrel{BC}{=} (S(s) + F_\beta(s))ds$



2. key relation

$$F_f(t) = \int_0^t f(X(t; s, 1)) (S(s) + F_\beta(s)) ds$$

- ▶ autonomous growth: $X(t; s, 1) = x_m(t - s)$
- ▶ convolution equation for $f = \beta$: $F_\beta = \beta(x_m) * (S + F_\beta)$

3. generalisation for arbitrary f

- ▶ inject convolution equation for $f = \beta$ into key relation

$$\begin{aligned} F_f &= f(x_m) * (S + \beta(x_m) * (S + F_\beta)) \\ &= f(x_m) * S + \beta(x_m) * F_f \end{aligned}$$



Comment on proof technique

Classical argument

- ▶ Volterra equation established for *birth rate* $g(1)\rho(1, t)$
- ▶ extension by integration

☞ Metz & Diekmann (1986)

} regularity of ρ
needed

Alternative argument

- ▶ Volterra equation established for
 $\int \beta(x)\rho(x, t)dx$
- ▶ extension by associativity of convolution

☞ NH (2014)

} regularity of ρ
not needed

Importance

ρ is weak solution

Numerical resolution of Volterra equations

$$y(t) = h(t) + \underbrace{\int_0^t k(t-s)y(s)ds}_{k*y(t)}$$

Rich literature

- extended Runge-Kutta schemes
- FFT-based convolution computation

Here: two strategies explored

1. resolution of full model

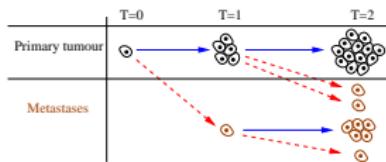
✉ Hairer *et al.* (1985)

$$y_n = h(t_n) + \Delta t \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} k(t_{n-j})y_j$$

- direct computation: $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ complexity
- FFT-based: $\mathcal{O}(n \log(n)^2)$ complexity

2. generational approximation

✉ Feller (1941)



PT $\xrightarrow{\text{emits}}$ M(gen 1) $\xrightarrow{\text{emits}}$ M(gen 2) $\longrightarrow \dots$

fixed number of generations: $\mathcal{O}(n \log(n))$ complexity

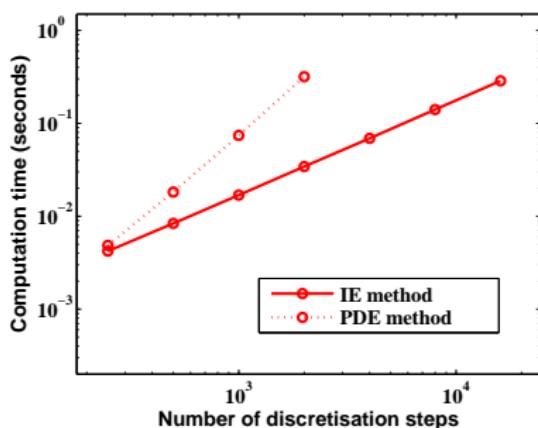
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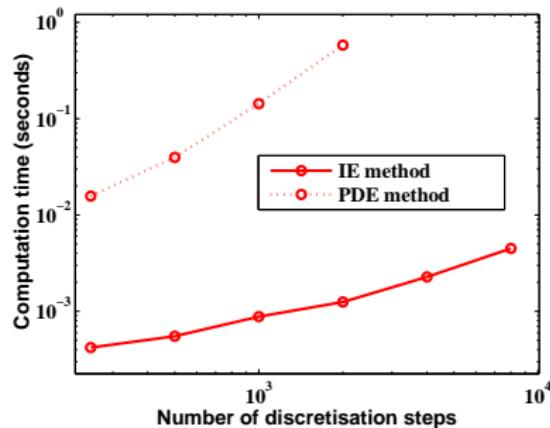
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1. structural reduction through FFT

FULL MODEL



TWO GENERATIONS



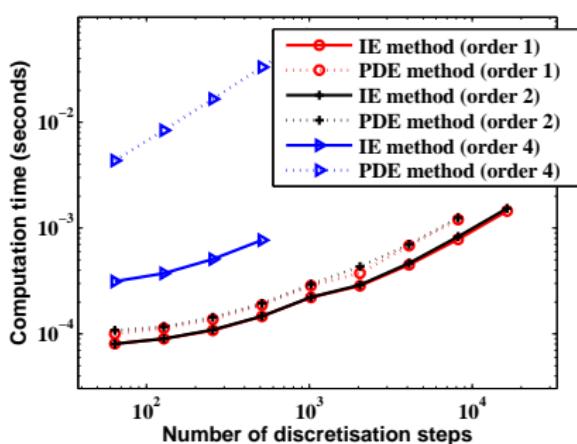
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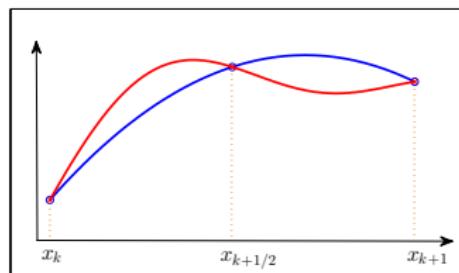
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ONE GENERATION



Simpson's rule

- IE method: ✓
- PDE method: → not possible



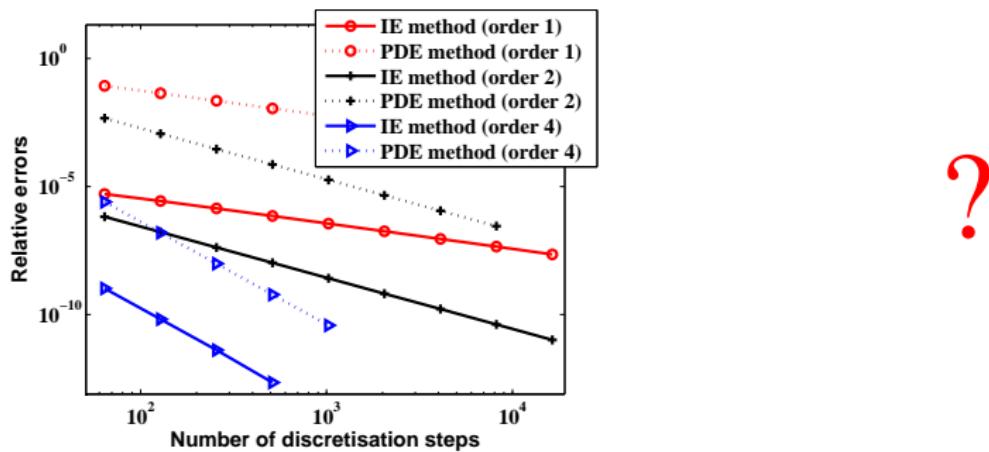
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3. better error constants than PDE-based scheme

ONE GENERATION



Explanation for improvement of error constants

First-order methods,
no secondary emission

$$M_{IE}(t_n) = \Delta t \sum_{j=1}^n x_j S(t_{n-1})$$

$$M_{PDE}(t_n) = \sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - x_{j-1}) \frac{x_j}{g(x_j)} S(t_{n-1})$$

Explanation

Semi-Lagrangian scheme

- ▶ Conservation relation continuous
- ▶ Discretisation of size space

} term $\frac{x_m(t_j) - x_m(t_{j-1})}{\Delta t} \cdot \frac{1}{x'_m(t_j)}$ left

Volterra-based scheme

- ▶ Conservation relation continuous
- ▶ Change of variables
- ▶ Discretisation of time space

} terms disappear

Conclusion of Part 1

Conclusion

- ▶ new numerical resolution method developed
- ▶ faster and more precise than methods reported in the literature

Related results

- ▶ reformulation generalised to 2D structuring variable
- ▶ structural identifiability

→ Hartung, N. *Efficient Resolution of Metastatic Tumour Growth Models by Reformulation into Integral Equations, Discrete and Continuous Dynamical Systems – Series B*, 2014.

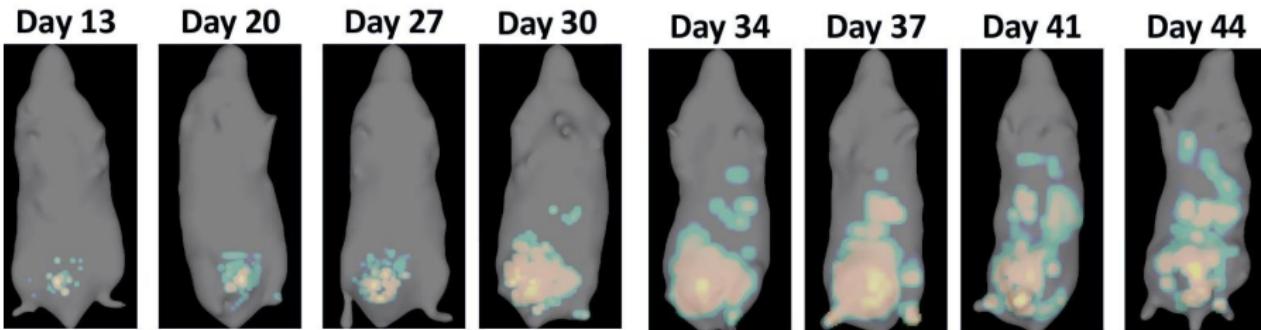
Perspective

- ▶ implementation for non-autonomous growth rate $g(t, x)$

PART 2

CONFRONTATION TO PRECLINICAL DATA

Experimental data



Population

- ▶ a cohort of 16 mice
- ▶ immunosuppressed

Tumour cells

- ▶ human breast cancer cell line
- ▶ bioluminescent

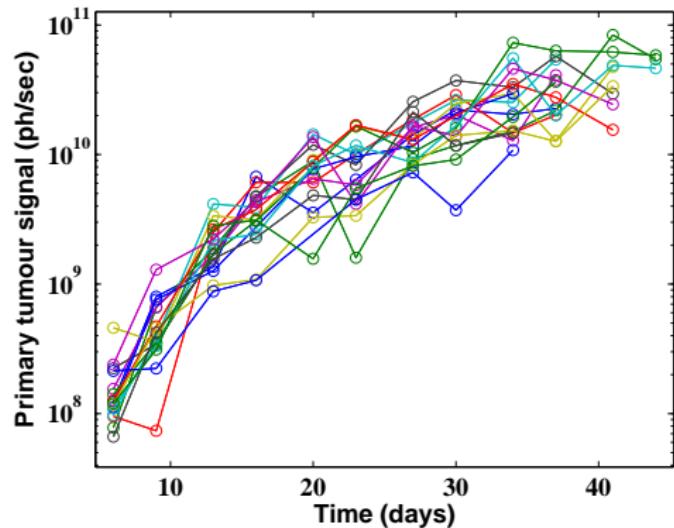
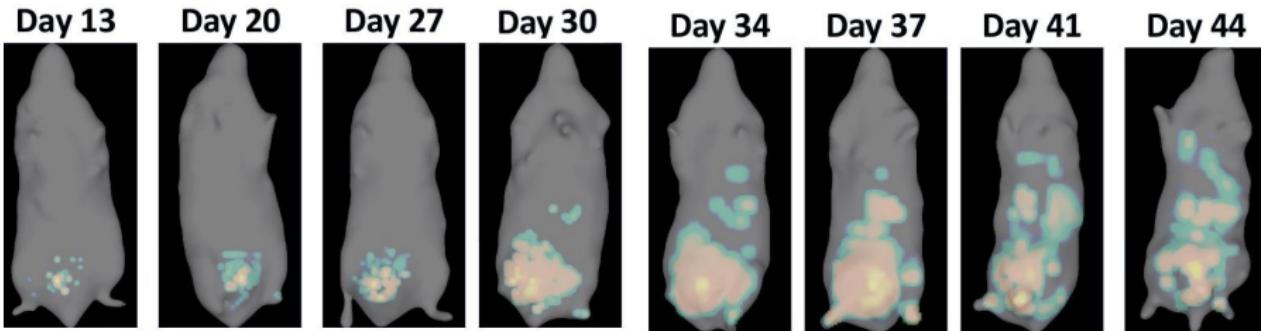
Imaging

- ▶ 3D bioluminescence tomography
⇒ *in vivo* following

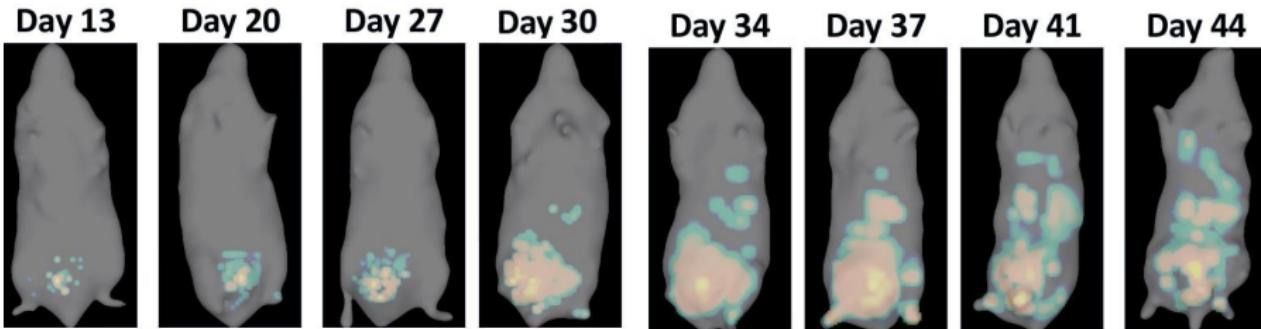
Longitudinal data

- ▶ primary tumour
- ▶ metastases

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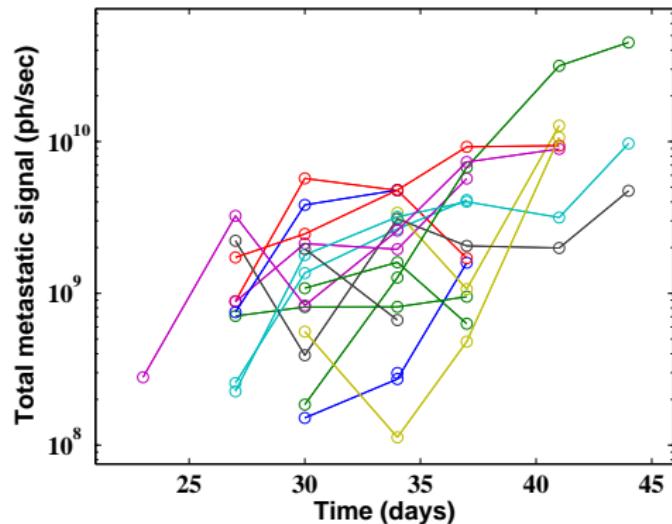
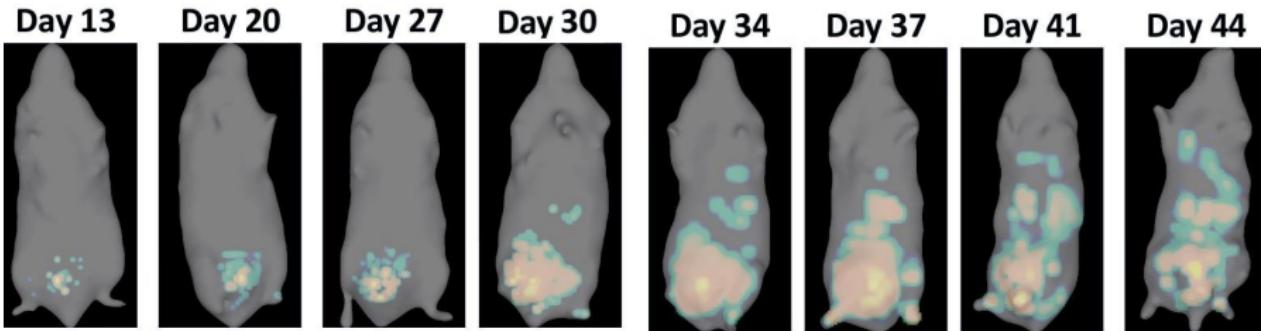
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Which information on the metastases can be modelled?

- ▶ Number of metastases? → not consistent
- ▶ Site-specific metastatic burden? → few data for most sites
- ▶ Global metastatic burden? → simplified, but robust

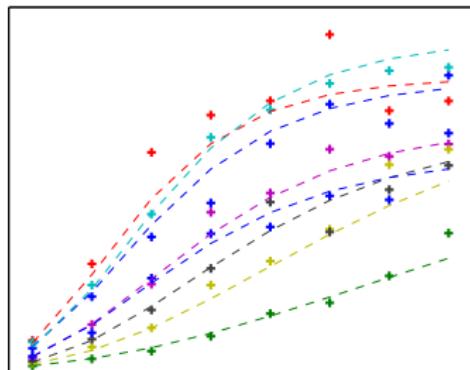
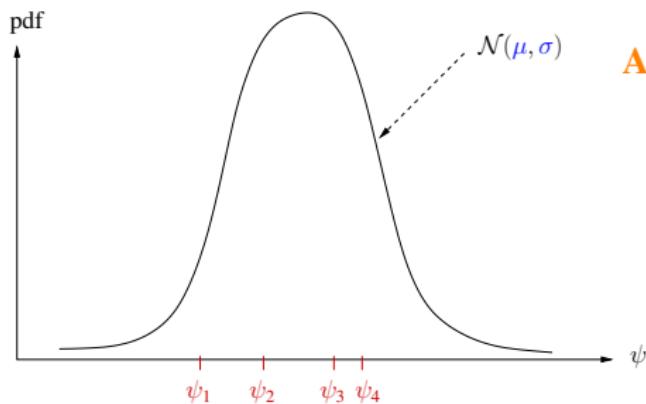
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Statistical framework: mixed-effects modelling

Inter-individual variability

- ▶ common structural model $f(t, \psi)$
- ▶ different parameters ψ_i for each individual



Applicable to sparse data

- ▶ each ψ_i is a random variable with parametrised distribution $p(\psi; \theta)$
- ▶ population parameters θ : estimated
- ▶ individual parameters ψ : not estimated

Maximum likelihood estimation

Classical approach

- ▶ complete data likelihood

$$L(\psi) = p(y|\psi) \quad \Rightarrow \hat{\psi} = \arg \max L$$

Mixed-effects models

- ▶ marginalised likelihood

$$L(\theta) = \int p(y|\psi)p(\psi|\theta)d\psi \quad \Rightarrow \hat{\theta} = \arg \max L$$

- ▶ model selection criterion: $AIC = -2 \log(L(\hat{\theta})) + 2K$
 - ▶ K : number of statistical parameters

- ▶ *Monolix* software

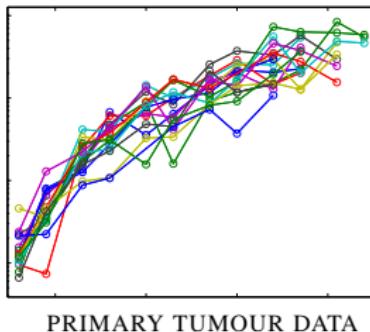
📖 **Lavielle et al. (INRIA Popix)**

- ▶ requires many model runs
- ▶ ok for simple models (e.g., ODE)
- ▶ problem with complex models (e.g., PDE)

Classical tumour growth models

Phenomenologic models

- empirical laws for macroscopic growth

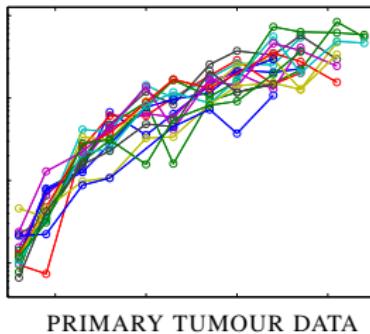


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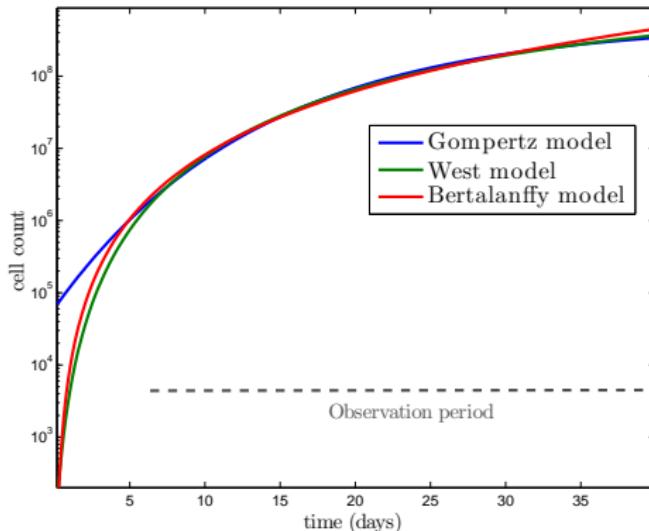
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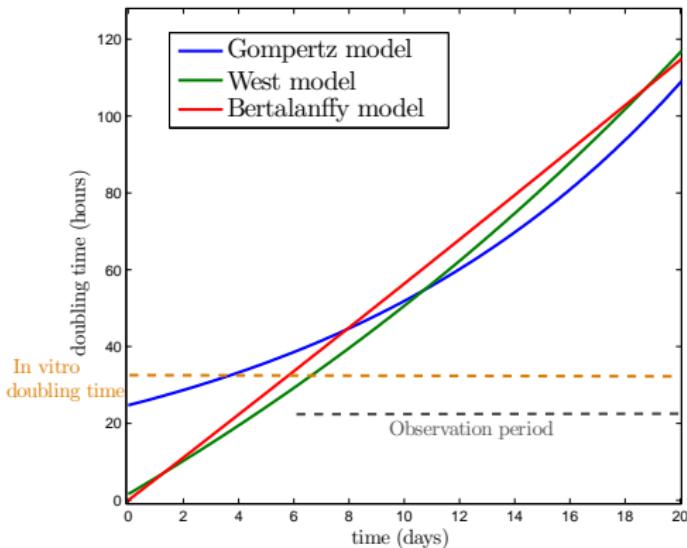
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Extrapolation: initial tumour size



- ▶ Close agreement within observation period
- ▶ Different extrapolation behaviour

Extrapolation: doubling time



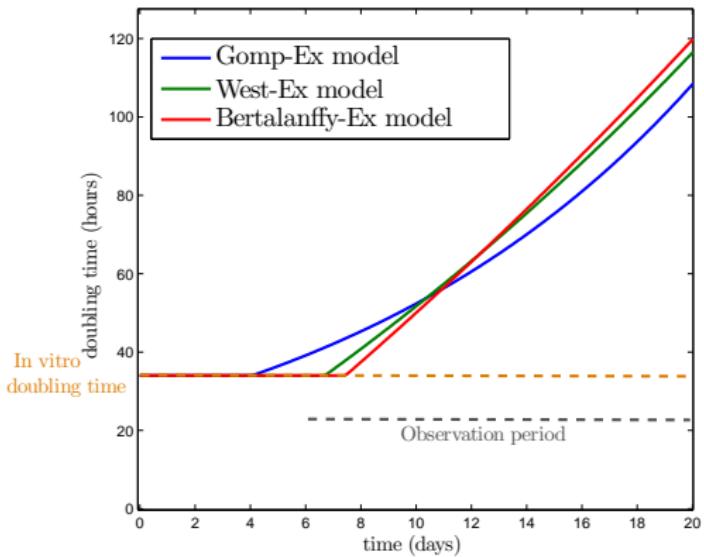
Doubling time

- ▶ time to double size with exponential growth at current speed
- ▶ given by

$$\frac{\log(2)x_p(t)}{g(x_p(t))}$$

Hybrid models: doubling time

Wheldon (1988)

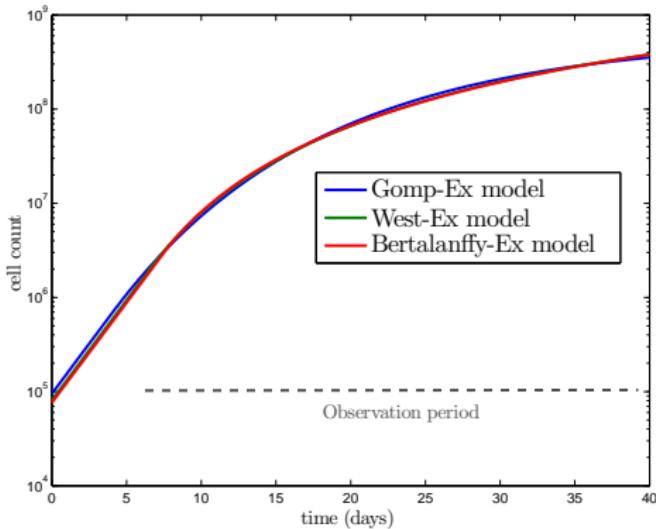


Doubling time

- limited to *in vitro* doubling time

$$g_{hybrid}(x) = \min \left(a_{vitro}x, g_{original}(x) \right)$$

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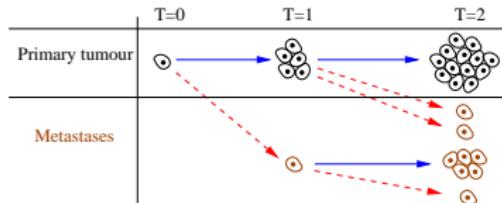


- ▶ Consistent extrapolation behaviour
 - ▶ Predicted cell loss of $\approx 40\%$
- } \Rightarrow **good description of primary tumour growth**

Metastatic emission and growth

Now: parametrise the size-structured model

- ▶ information from primary tumour model
- ▶ data on metastatic burden



Implementation: method based on model reformulation

$$M(t) = \int_0^t x_m(t-s) \beta_p(x_p(s)) ds + \int_0^t \beta(x_m(t-s)) M(s) ds$$

- ▶ second order method
- ▶ generational approximation

Building a metastatic model

Model selection based on AIC

- ▶ Which metastatic growth model?
 - ↪ Gomp-Ex better than West-Ex or Bertalanffy-Ex
- ▶ Parametrisation of growth and emission models?
 - ↪ optimal structure: $\begin{cases} 1 \text{ metastatic growth parameter} \\ 1 \text{ metastatic emission parameter} \end{cases}$

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Final metastatic model

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- ▶ $x_p \sim \text{Gomp-Ex}(a_p, b, x_0)$
- ▶ $\beta_p(x) = \mu x^{2/3}$
- ▶ $x_m \sim \text{Gomp-Ex}(a_m, b, 1)$

Building a metastatic model

5 structural parameters (ψ):

- (a_p, b, x_0, a_m, μ)

12 statistical parameters (θ):

- 5 typical values
- 5 inter-individual variability
- 2 residual error parameters

parameter (unit)	median	variability
a_p (day $^{-1}$)	0.075	0.11
b (cells)	$5.4 \cdot 10^8$	0.23
x_0 (cells)	$9.0 \cdot 10^4$	0.18
μ (cells $^{-2/3}$ day $^{-1}$)	0.61	0.21
a_m (day $^{-1}$)	$7.9 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.11
Residual error σ_p	0.47	–
Residual error σ_m	0.90	–

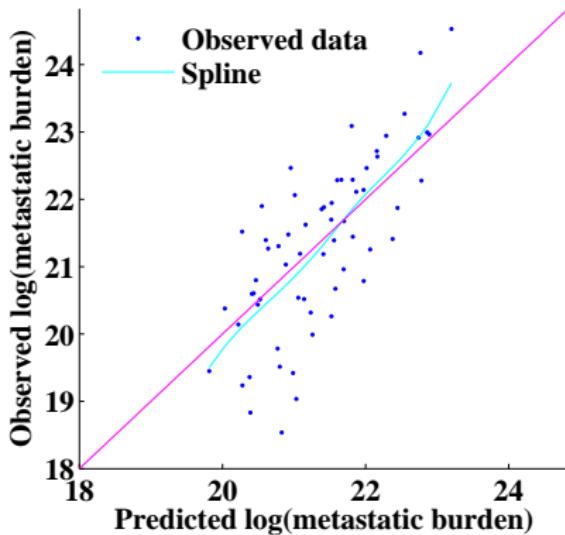
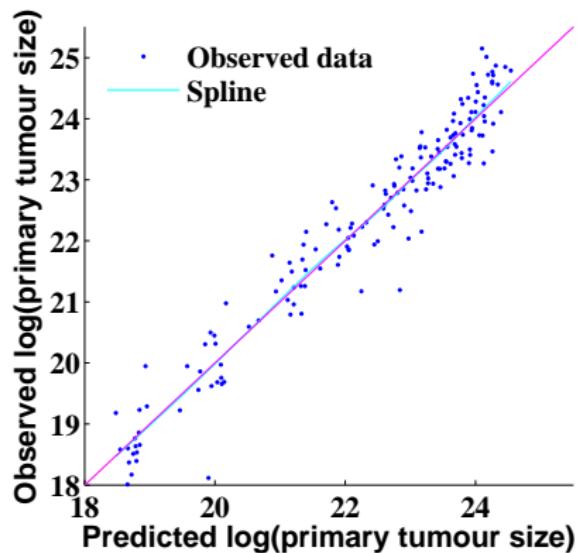
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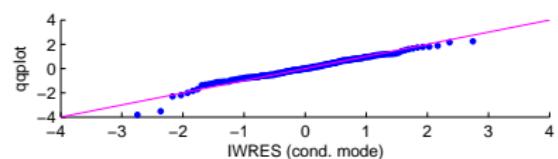
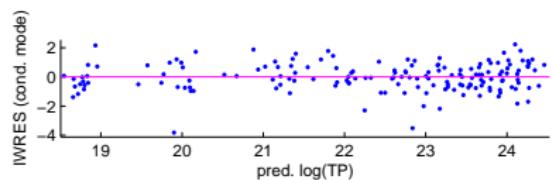
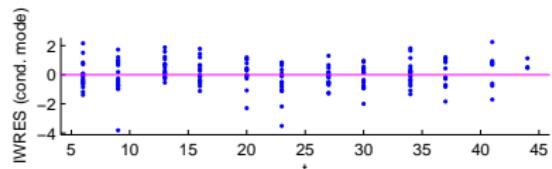
Validation: diagnostic plots

Observations vs. predictions

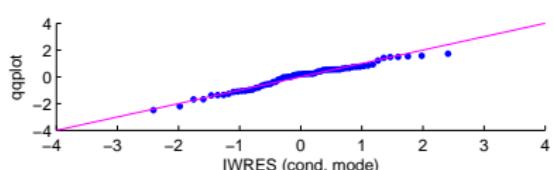
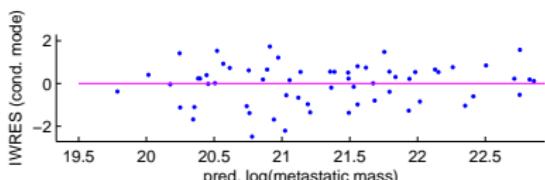
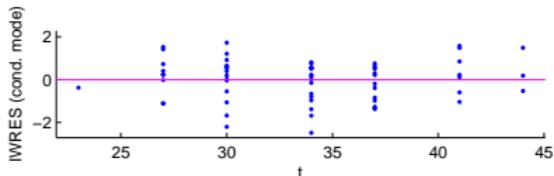


Validation: diagnostic plots

Residuals



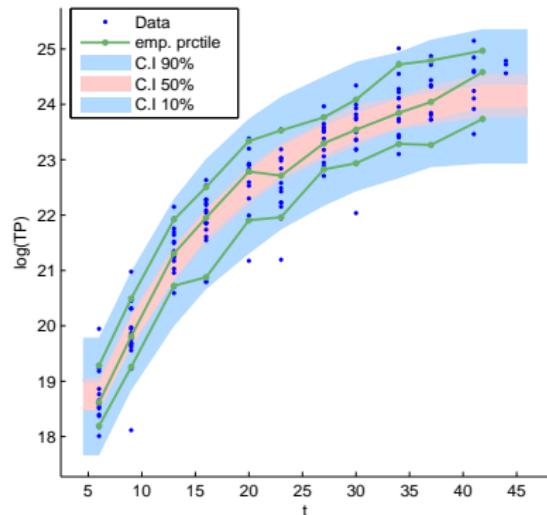
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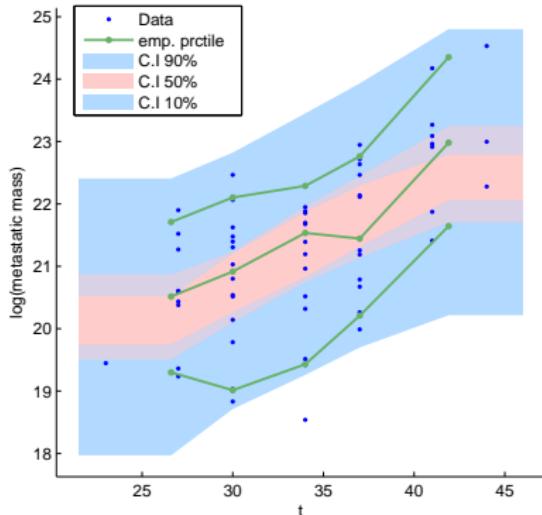
METASTASES

Validation: diagnostic plots

Visual Predictive Check



PRIMARY TUMOUR



METASTASES

Size-structured vs. ODE model

Peritoneal data

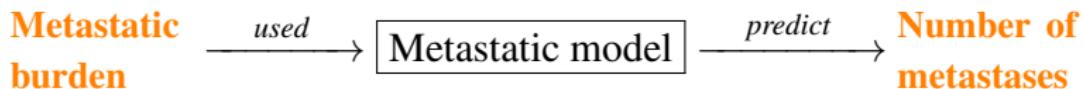
- ▶ 80% of metastatic data
 - ▶ often only 1 or 2 visible metastases
- } ⇒ is the size-structure necessary?

Idea: describe peritoneal burden by an ODE model

- ▶ worse fit (measured by AIC)
 - ▶ inception before start of experiment
 - ▶ violates *in vitro* doubling time limit
- } ⇒ **Unrealistic behaviour**

Size-structure is necessary

Predicted number of metastases



Number of metastases

- ▶ many predicted
- ▶ few observed

}

⇒

Interpretation

Visible metastases are *multifocal*

⇒ kinetic information in metastatic burden,
not in number of visible metastases

Conclusion of Part 2

Conclusion

- ▶ metastatic model built from preclinical data
- ▶ numerical method developed earlier very useful
- ▶ size-structure in metastatic model necessary
- ▶ biological predictions from calibrated model

↪ Hartung, N., Mollard, S., Barbolosi, D., Benabdallah, A., Chapuisat, G., Ciccolini, J., Faivre, C., Giacometti, S., Henry, G., Iliadis, A. and Hubert, F. *Mathematical Modeling of tumor growth and metastatic spreading: validation in tumor-bearing mice*, **Cancer Research**, 2014.

Perspectives

- ▶ identification of individual parameters via covariates
- ▶ model extension: attraction towards existing metastatic colonies

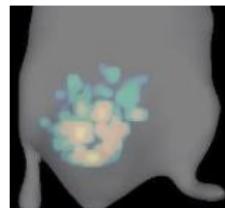
PART 3

TUMOUR BOUNDARY RECONSTRUCTION

Motivation

Previous section: **3D bioluminescence imaging**

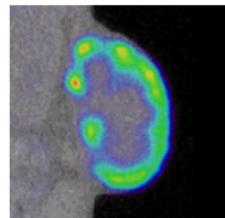
- ▶ tumour size



Here: **3D SPECT imaging**

✉ **T. Pourcher**

- ▶ functional (proliferating vs. quiescent cells)



Idea

reconstruct tumour shape from proliferating cells

Framework for boundary reconstruction

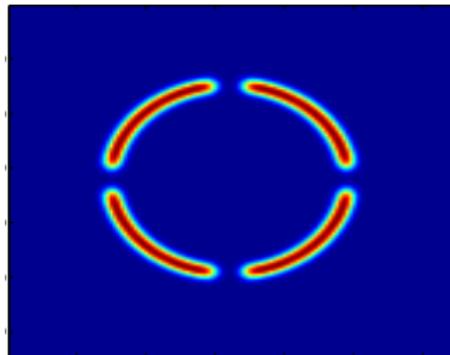
Subjective surfaces equation

📖 Sarti *et al.* (2000)

$$\partial_t u = |\nabla u| \operatorname{div} \left(g(|\nabla I|) \frac{\nabla u}{|\nabla u|} \right)$$

- ▶ $g(x) = \frac{1}{1+kx^2}$
- ▶ I : image

$$g(|\nabla I|) |\nabla u| \operatorname{div} \left(\underbrace{\frac{\nabla u}{|\nabla u|}}_{\text{curvature term}} \right) + \underbrace{\nabla u \cdot \nabla \left(g(|\nabla I|) \right)}_{\text{advection term}}$$



Numerical resolution

Subjective surfaces equation

$$\partial_t u = |\nabla u| \operatorname{div} \left(g(|\nabla I|) \frac{\nabla u}{|\nabla u|} \right)$$

- ▶ non-linear
 - ▶ heterogeneous
 - ▶ non-conservative
- requires suitable discretisation**

Space discretisation

- ▶ literature: Finite Volume schemes
- ▶ here: *Discrete Duality Finite Volume* schemes on Cartesian grids

✉ Mikula *et al.* (2000s)

Aims

- avoid additional unknowns
- efficient implementation

Unknowns

✉ Coudière & Hubert (2011)

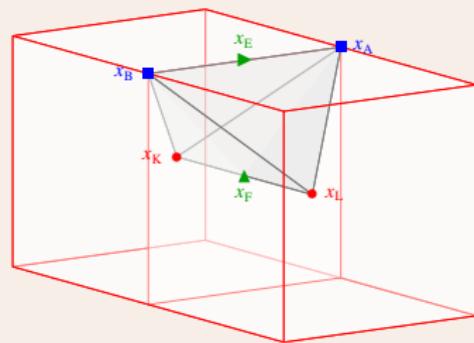
- ▶ centers of a primary mesh \mathcal{M}
- ▶ vertices of \mathcal{M}
- ▶ faces and edges of \mathcal{M}

} \Rightarrow 3 different meshes

Diamond cell structure

Central notion

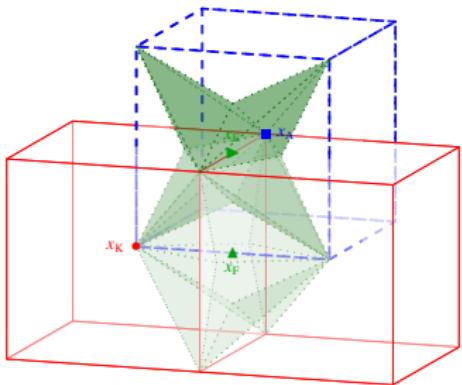
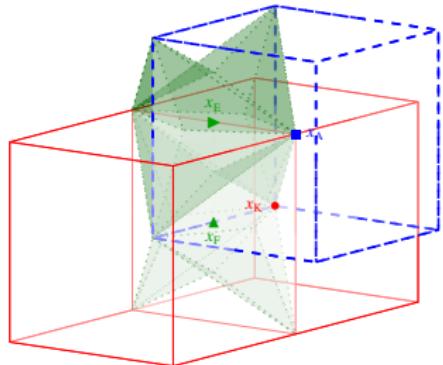
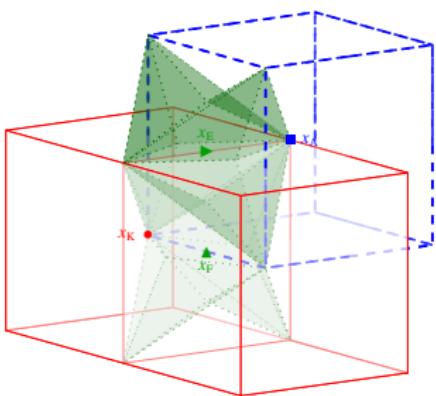
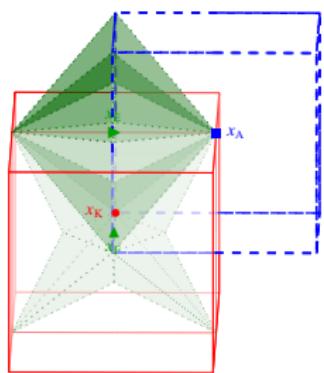
- ▶ 1:1 correspondence:
diamond \Leftrightarrow face-edge pair
- ▶ defines the cells of the three meshes
- ▶ gradients defined on diamonds



$$(\nabla^d(u_T))_D = \frac{1}{3|D|} \left((u_L - u_K) \vec{N_{KL}} + (u_F - u_E) \vec{N_{EF}} + (u_B - u_A) \vec{N_{AB}} \right)$$

3D CeVeFE DDFV

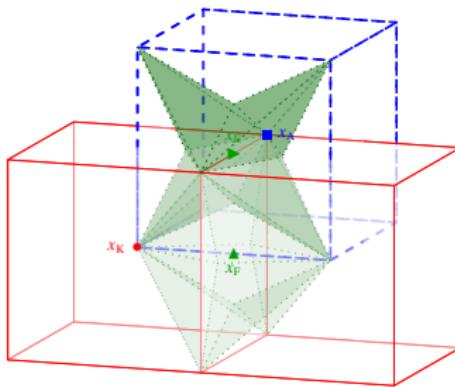
3D DDFV meshes on a Cartesian grid



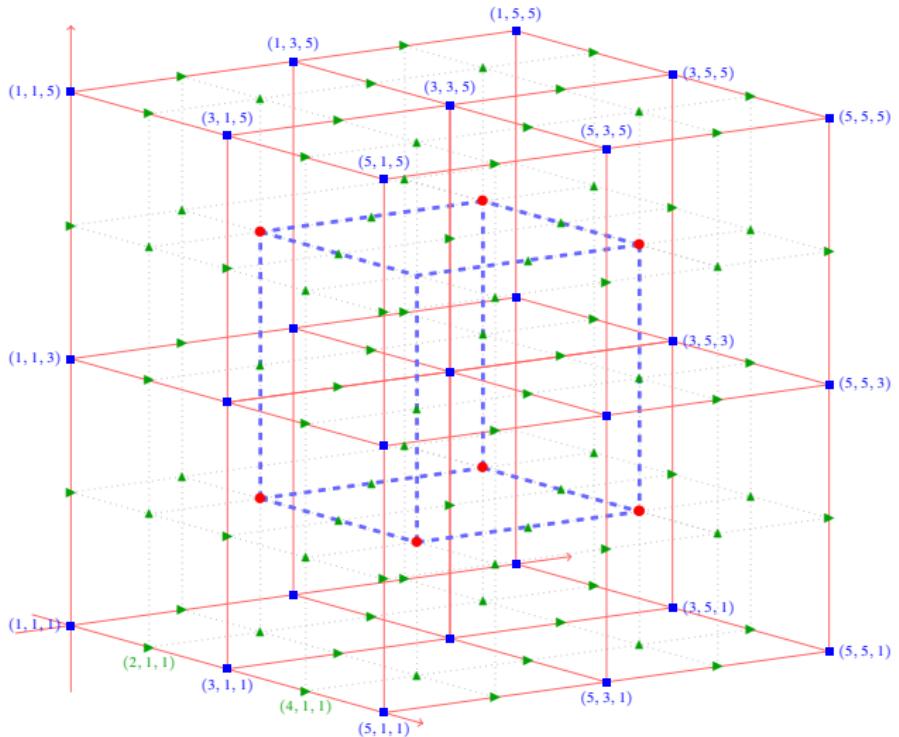
Decomposition of the Cartesian grid

Idea: colorise the Cartesian grid in three colors such that:

- ▶ ● is associated to a primary mesh
- ▶ ■ is associated to corresponding node mesh
- ▶ ▲ is associated to corresponding face/edge mesh



Decomposition of the Cartesian grid



↪ No additional unknowns introduced

Implementation

1. construct diamond cells

Face oriented parallel to x axis ((i, j, k) with i odd)

	Edge 1	Edge 2	Edge 3	Edge 4
x_E	$(i, j + 1, k)$	$(i, j, k - 1)$	$(i, j - 1, k)$	$(i, j, k + 1)$
x_K	$(i - 1, j, k)$			
x_L	$(i + 1, j, k)$			
x_A	$(i, j + 1, k - 1)$	$(i, j - 1, k - 1)$	$(i, j - 1, k + 1)$	$(i, j + 1, k + 1)$
x_B	$(i, j + 1, k + 1)$	$(i, j + 1, k - 1)$	$(i, j - 1, k - 1)$	$(i, j - 1, k + 1)$

Face oriented parallel to y axis ((i, j, k) with j odd)

	Edge 1	Edge 2	Edge 3	Edge 4
x_E	$(i + 1, j, k)$	$(i, j, k + 1)$	$(i - 1, j, k)$	$(i, j, k - 1)$
x_K	$(i, j - 1, k)$			
x_L	$(i, j + 1, k)$			
x_A	$(i + 1, j, k + 1)$	$(i - 1, j, k + 1)$	$(i - 1, j, k - 1)$	$(i + 1, j, k - 1)$
x_B	$(i + 1, j, k - 1)$	$(i + 1, j, k + 1)$	$(i - 1, j, k + 1)$	$(i - 1, j, k - 1)$

Face oriented parallel to z axis ((i, j, k) with k odd)

	Edge 1	Edge 2	Edge 3	Edge 4
x_E	$(i, j + 1, k)$	$(i + 1, j, k)$	$(i, j - 1, k)$	$(i - 1, j, k)$
x_K	$(i, j, k - 1)$			
x_L	$(i, j, k + 1)$			
x_A	$(i + 1, j + 1, k)$	$(i + 1, j - 1, k)$	$(i - 1, j - 1, k)$	$(i - 1, j + 1, k)$
x_B	$(i - 1, j + 1, k)$	$(i + 1, j + 1, k)$	$(i + 1, j - 1, k)$	$(i - 1, j - 1, k)$

⇒ vectorisable, using 12 diamond types

Implementation

1. construct diamond cells

2. time discretisation

$$\partial_t u = |\nabla u| \operatorname{div} \left(g(|\nabla I|) \frac{\nabla u}{|\nabla u|} \right)$$

- ▶ semi-implicit scheme:

$$\frac{u^{n+1} - u^n}{\Delta t} = |\nabla u^n| \operatorname{div} \left(g \frac{\nabla u^{n+1}}{|\nabla u^n|} \right)$$

- ▶ multiply by Λ_n with diagonal entries $\frac{|C|}{|\nabla^D u|^c + \varepsilon}$ for the symmetric scheme

$$(\Lambda_n + \Delta t M_n) u^{n+1} = \Lambda_n u^n,$$

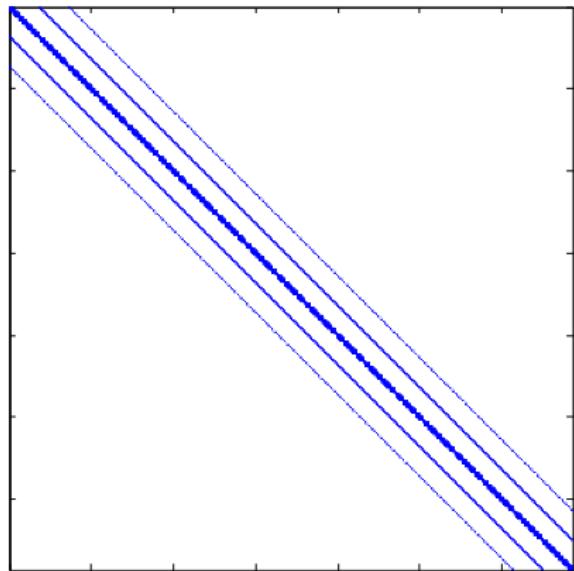
where

$$M_n u = |C| \operatorname{div}^D \left(g(|\nabla^D I|) \frac{\nabla^D u}{|\nabla^D u^n| + \varepsilon} \right)$$

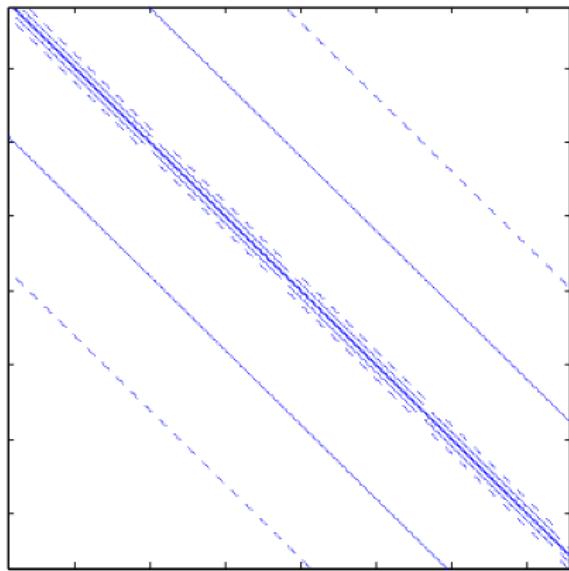
- ▶ diamondwise assembly of $M_n u$

Implementation

1. construct diamond cells
2. time discretisation
3. resolution of linear system



MATRIX PROFILE

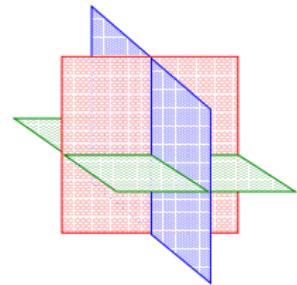
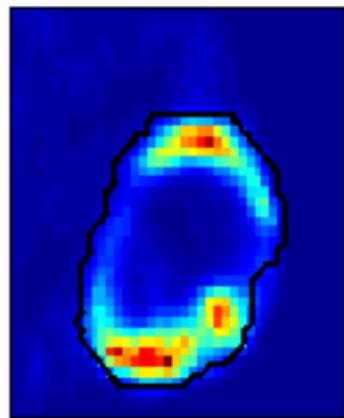
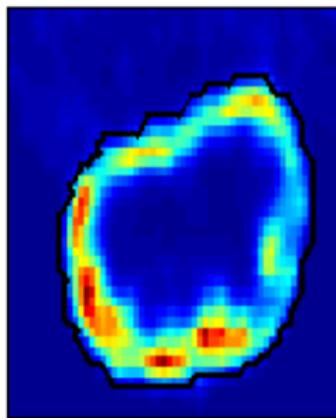
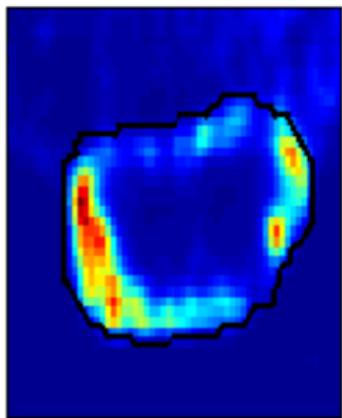


ZOOM

Numerical results

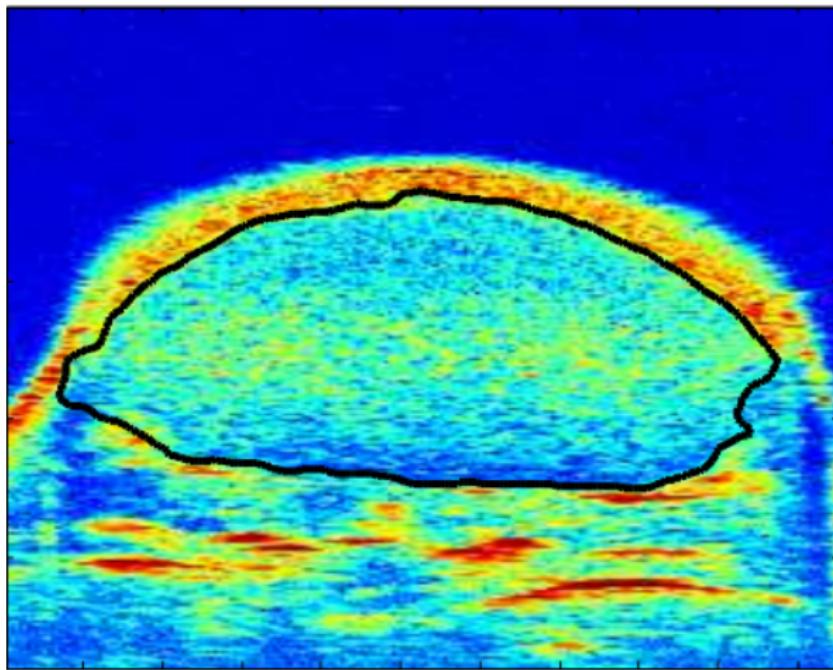
Reconstruction on 3D SPECT image

✉ NH, F. Hubert (2014)



Numerical results

Reconstruction on 2D ultrasound image



Conclusion of Part 3

Conclusion

- ▶ implementation of DDFV schemes tailored to Cartesian grid
 - ▶ efficient resolution of the subjective surfaces equation
 - ▶ tumour boundary reconstructions obtained on medical images
- Hartung, N. and Hubert, F. *An efficient implementation of a 3D CeVeFE DDFV scheme on Cartesian grids and an application in image processing*, **Proceedings of Finite Volumes for Complex Applications VII**, 2014.

Perspectives

- ▶ (semi-)automatisation of reconstruction
- ▶ comparison to other space discretisation methods
- ▶ refinement / coarsening

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