### HIV

- In spite of cART, HIV associated neurological disorders (HAND) remain prevalent (~50%)<sup>1</sup>
- May reflect persistent inflammation and/or viral reservoirs within the brain<sup>1</sup>
- Neuroimaging studies show HIV effects cortical and subcortical regions
  - ➢ Structure<sup>2</sup>
    - > Atrophy
    - ➤ White matter
  - ➤ Function<sup>3</sup>
    - ➢ Blood Flow
    - ➤ Connectivity
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# A HIV- (n=52) B HIV+ (n=52) 0.3 0.1 -0.1 0.3 C (HIV-) - (HIV+) 2 1.5 -1.5



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# Neuroimaging

- Functional MRI (FMRI) measures brain activity by detecting changes in bodies hemodynamic response
- Blood Oxygen Level Dependence
  - > Measures concentration of deoxyhemoglobin to assess brain activity
- Resting State fMRI
  - Enables the evaluation of the interaction of brain regions when not performing a task



### **Resting State Networks**





# Network Similarity







### Within Network Similarity







#### **Between Network Similarity**







### Aims

- Investigate a large cohort of PLWH and HIV- controls to
  - Use feature selection to identify functional brain networks most affected by HIV
  - Use feature selection to identify functional brain networks most affected by age in specific age bins
  - Model the temporal dynamics of network strength as a function of aging in both groups
  - Compare the trajectories of network strength to identify the effect of HIV on the aging brain in relation to functional organization



#### Data

> 3329 Scans

4 studies

> HIV

> ADRC

> DIAN

- $ightarrow \mathsf{GSP}^1$
- ➤ Age range 18-74

	HIV+	Controls	P
	N = 538	N = 2791	
Age (years)	47.2 ± 15.1	44.5 ± 22.9	.003
Sex (% Male)	69%	42%	< .0001
Education	13.4 ± 2.5	15.03 ± 2.4	< .0001
Race (% AA)	64%	31%	< .0001
<b>Duration of HIV infection</b>	12.8 ± 9.4	-	
Recent Viral Load, med (IQR)	32 (0)	-	
Current CD4 cells/µl, med (IQR)	647 (609)	-	
cART	95%	-	





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# Methods: Feature Selection

- Feature Selection
  - Regions most affected by HIV
  - Relief Algorithm
    - Detect conditional dependencies between attributes and ranks importance using KNN approach
  - ≻ Full data set
  - ≻ Age bins



#### **Feature Selection**





### Methods: Sliding Window Feature Selection





### Sliding Window Feature Selection





### Sliding Window Feature Selection





### Sliding Window Feature Selection





# Methods- Trajectories

- Trajectory Modeling
  - Trajectories most affected by HIV
  - Average correlation strength for each age
  - Polynomial Curve Fitting
  - Similarity of trajectoryCorrelations

















#### **Trajectories Most Affected**





#### **Trajectories Least Affected**





### Summary

- Strongest predictive regions of HIV status
  - ≻ Visual
  - ➢ Basal Ganglia
  - ➤ Salience
  - Cinguloopercular
  - ➢ Default Mode
- Subcortical/sensory regions affected first, followed by sensory/motor cortical regions
- Regional trajectories that showed the most dissimilarity
  - $\succ$  Vision
  - ≻ Basal ganglia
  - ➤ Somatomotor
- Regional trajectories that showed the least dissimilarity
  - > Hubs involving the default mode



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