## Role of Data-driven Regional Growth Model in Shaping Brain Folding Patterns

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Parameter	Value	Units	Description
$ ho_{gray}$	1.05	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	Density of gray matter
$ ho_{white}$	1.02	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	density of white matter
$E_{gray}$	0.31	kPa	Elastic modulus for gray matter
$E_{white}$	0.45	kPa	Elastic modulus for white matter
K <sub>gray</sub>	5.17	kPa	Bulk modulus for gray matter
K <sub>white</sub>	7.50	kPa	Bulk modulus for white matter
ν	0.49		Poisson's ratio for gray and white matter
С	0.02		Damping coefficient for viscous damping

Table S1: Model parameters used in the cortical folding simulations.



**Figure S1. Boundary smoothing procedure.** Illustration of boundary smoothing using an example of region 4. (a) Extracted surface from the brain model with zigzag boundary, unsmoothed area is determined when the distances between vertices and their nearest boundary are greater than 2mm; (b) Surface extension along the local curvature to remove the zigzag boundary; (c) Smoothing performed for area (pink color) near the boundary. Blue area remains unchanged during the extension and smoothing process. Inset shows the bumpy area before smoothing.



Figure S2. Qualitative mesh sensitivity analysis. Longitudinal folding patterns for region 1 using various mesh densities. The average mesh size and corresponding mesh numbers for the cortex part are displayed on the left. An isotropic growth model with constant growth ratio of  $g = \sqrt{8}$  is used.



**Figure S3. Quantitative mesh sensitivity analysis.** Comparison of Mean curvature (a), sulcal depth (b), and gyrification index (c) for simulated brain models with various mesh densities. Mean curvature is determined by averaging absolute dimensionless mean curvature at each point.



Figure S4. Symbolic regression growth model vs classic growth model. Impact of different growth models, including growth model predicted from symbolic regression (SR) algorithm (a), isotropic model with constant growth ratio (IC) model (b), and tangential model with constant growth rate (TC) (c), on modeling cortical folding patterns. Distributions of displacement (U), mean curvature (MC), and sulcal depth (SulcDepth) of region 16 are displayed with their quantitative measure present at the right (d). The simulation errors relative to real brain imaging data are quantified using MAPE. The growth ratio in both isotropic growth model is  $g = \sqrt{8}$ , while  $g_t = \sqrt{8}$  in the tangential direction and no radial growth occurs for the pure tangential model,  $g_r = 1$ .