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Geometric Statistics

for computational anatomy

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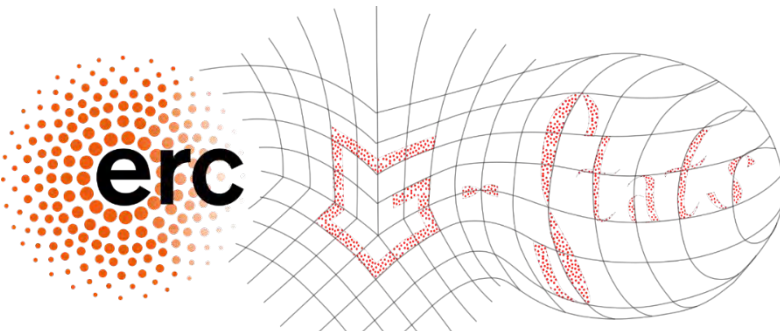


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Freely adapted from "Women teaching geometry", in Adelard of Bath translation of Euclid's elements, 1310.



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ASA / FSU W. Stat. Imaging 05/10/2020

From anatomy...

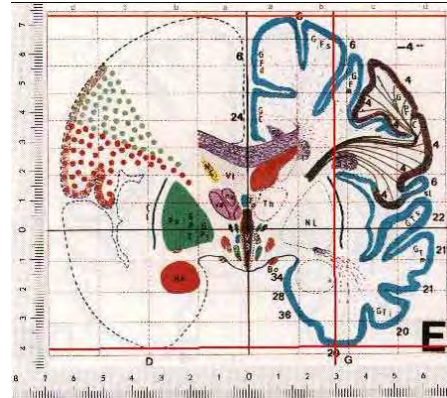
Science that studies the structure and the relationship in space of different organs and tissues in living systems
[Hachette Dictionary]



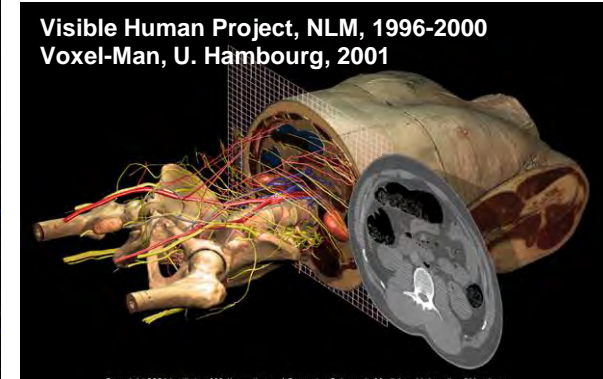
1er cerebral atlas, Vesale, 1543



Paré, 1585



Talairach & Tournoux, 1988



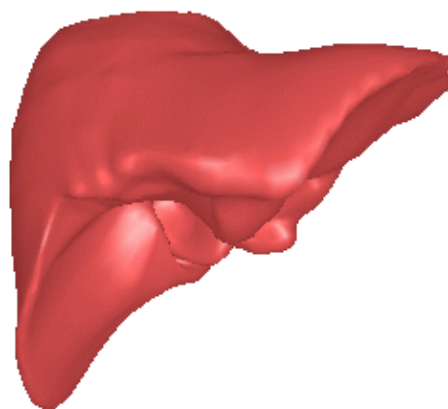
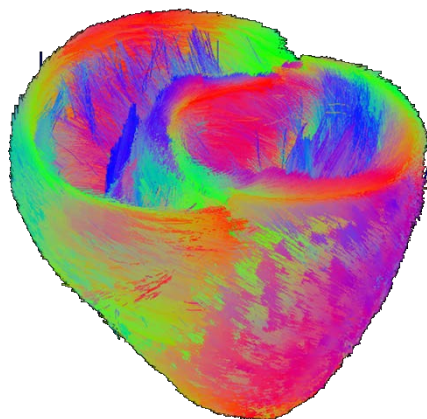
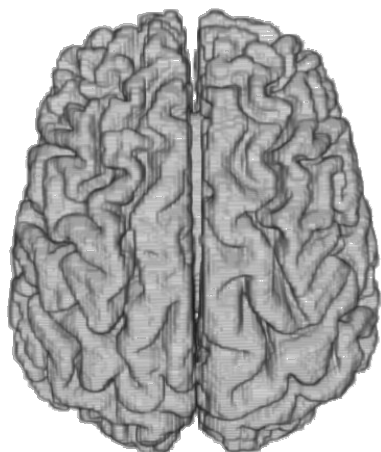
Visible Human Project, NLM, 1996-2000
Voxel-Man, U. Hambourg, 2001

Galien (131-201) Vésale (1514-1564) Sylvius (1614-1672) Gall (1758-1828) : *Phrenology*
Paré (1509-1590) Willis (1621-1675) Talairach (1911-2007)

Revolution of observation means (1980-1990):

- From dissection to **in-vivo in-situ imaging**
- From the description of one representative individual to **generative statistical models of the population**

From anatomy... to Computational Anatomy



Methods to compute statistics of organ shapes across subjects in species, populations, diseases...

- Mean shape (atlas), subspace of normal vs pathologic shapes
- Shape variability (Covariance)
- Model development across time (growth, ageing, ages...)

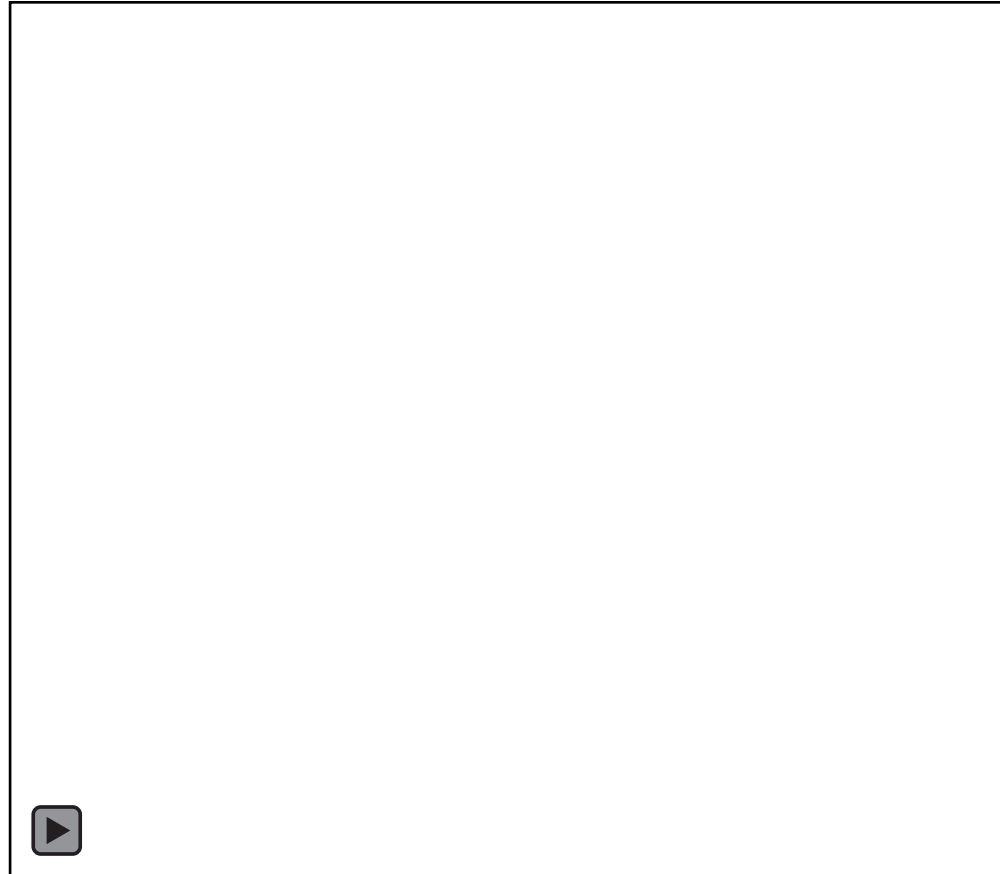
Use for personalized medicine (diagnostic, follow-up, etc)

- Classical use: atlas-based segmentation

Methods of computational anatomy

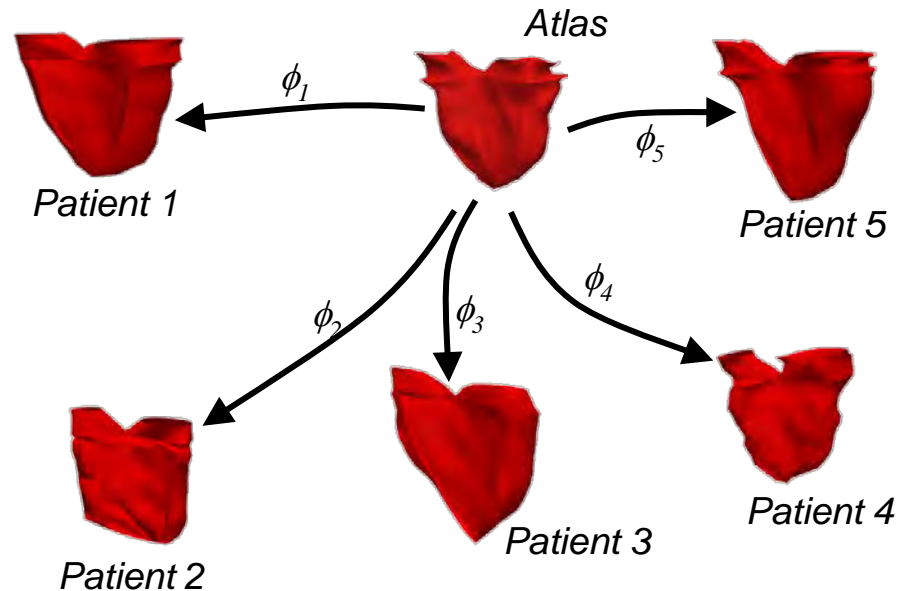
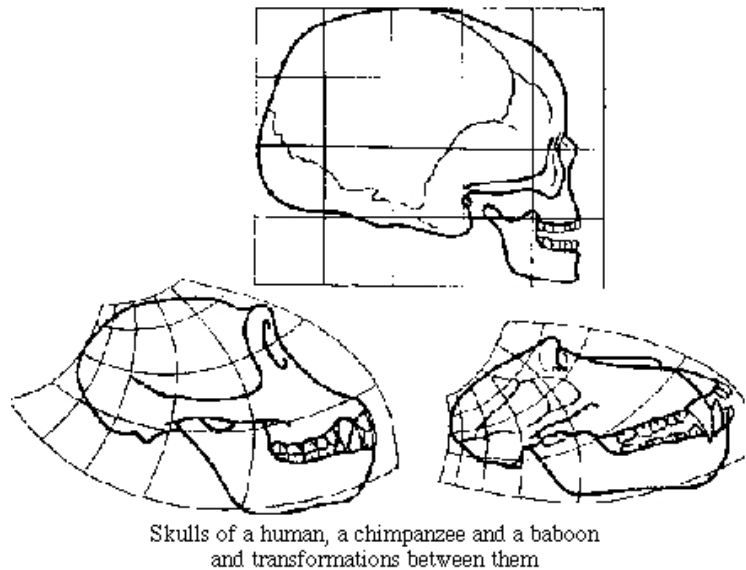
Remodeling of the right ventricle of the heart in tetralogy of Fallot

- Mean shape
- Shape variability
- Correlation with clinical variables
- Predicting remodeling effect



Shape of RV in 18 patients

Diffeomorphometry: Morphometry through Deformations



Measure of deformation [D'Arcy Thompson 1917, Grenander & Miller]

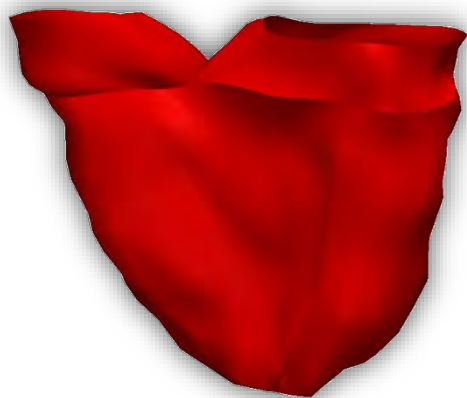
- Observation = “random” deformation of a reference template
- Reference template = Mean (atlas)
- Shape variability encoded by the deformations

Statistics on groups of transformations (Lie groups, diffeomorphism)?

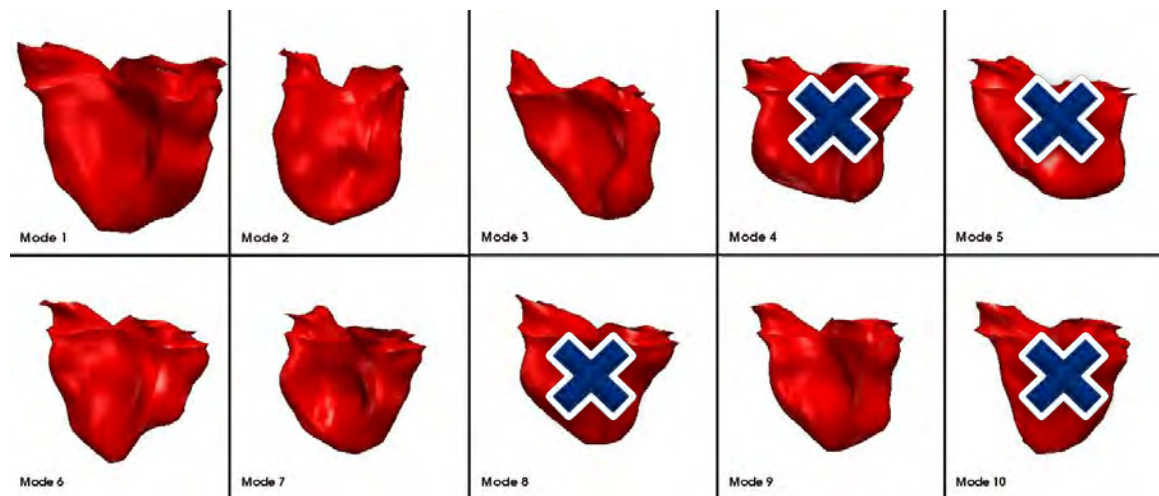
Atlas and Deformations Joint Estimation

Method: LDDMM to compute atlas + PLS on momentum maps

- Find modes that are significantly correlated to clinical variables (body surface area, tricuspid and pulmonary valve regurgitations).
- Create a generative model by regressing shape vs age (BSA)



Average RV anatomy of 18 ToF patients

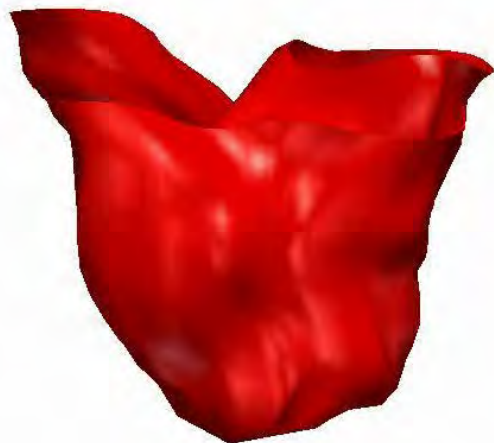


10 Deformations significant with 90% confidence w.r.t. expected BSA energy

[Mansi et al, MICCAI 2009, TMI 2011]

Statistical Remodeling of RV in Tetralogy of Fallot

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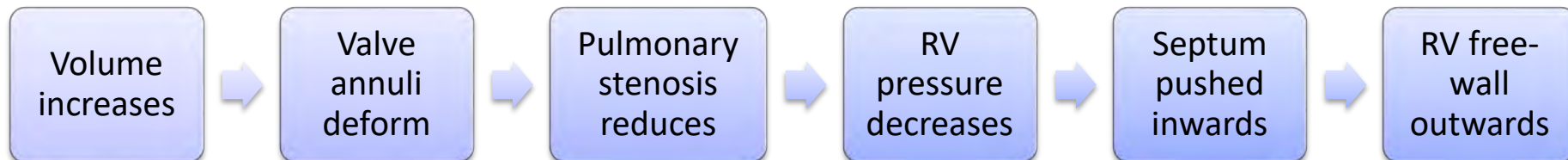


Age: 10

BSA: 0.90m² Age: 10

BSA: 0.90m²

Predicted remodeling effect ... has a clinical interpretation

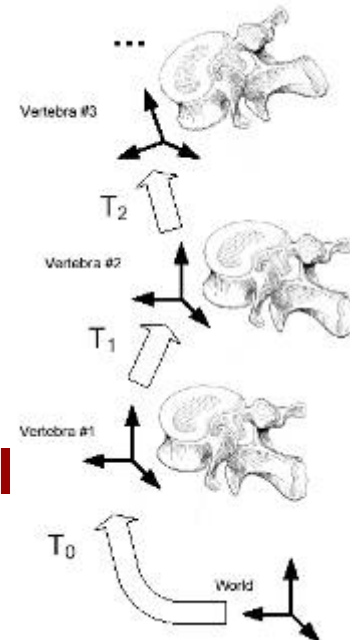
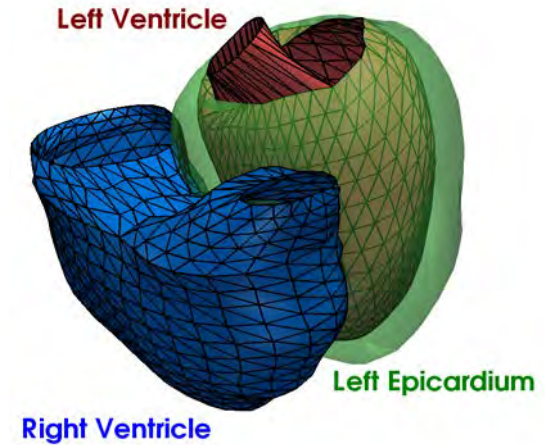
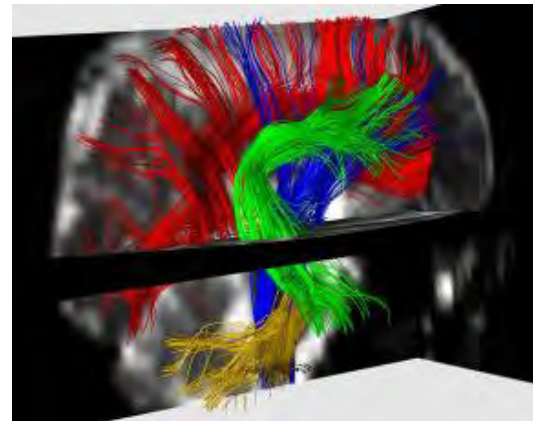
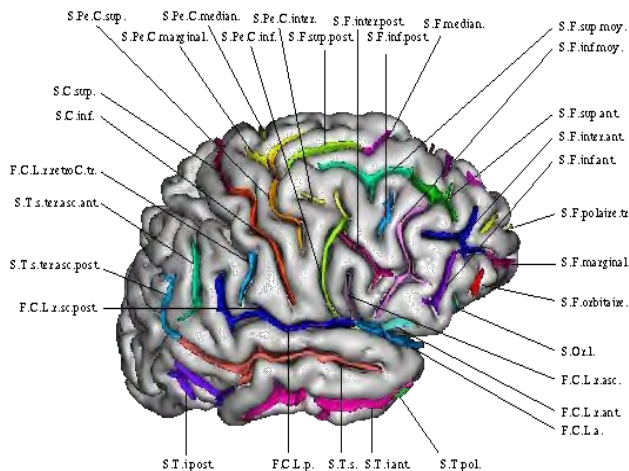


[Mansi et al, MICCAI 2009, TMI 2011]

Geometric features in Computational Anatomy

Non-Euclidean geometric features

- Curves, sets of curves (fiber tracts)
- Surfaces
- Transformations



Modeling statistical variability at the group level

- **Simple Statistics on non-linear manifolds?**
 - Mean, covariance of its estimation, PCA, PLS, ICA

Advances in Geometric Statistics

Motivations

Simple statistics on Riemannian manifolds

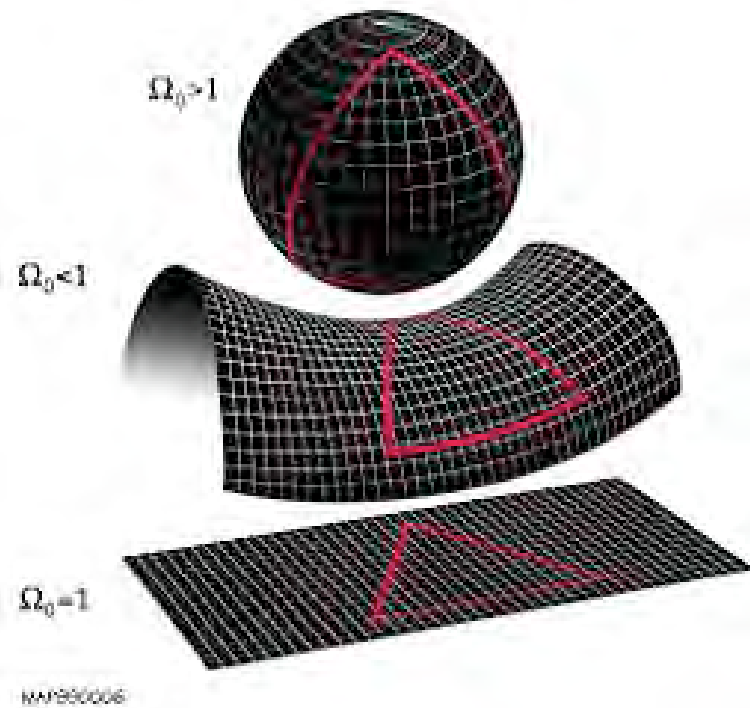
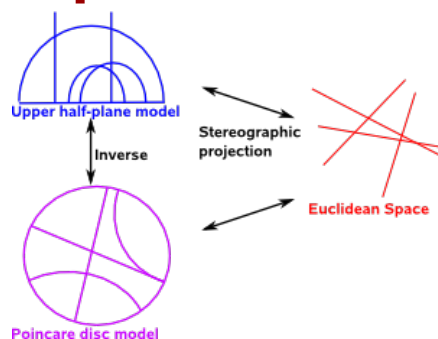
Extension to transformation groups with affine spaces

Perspectives, open problems

Which non-linear space?

Constant curvatures spaces

- Sphere,
- Euclidean,
- Hyperbolic



Homogeneous spaces, Lie groups and symmetric spaces

Riemannian and affine connection spaces

Towards non-smooth quotient and stratified spaces

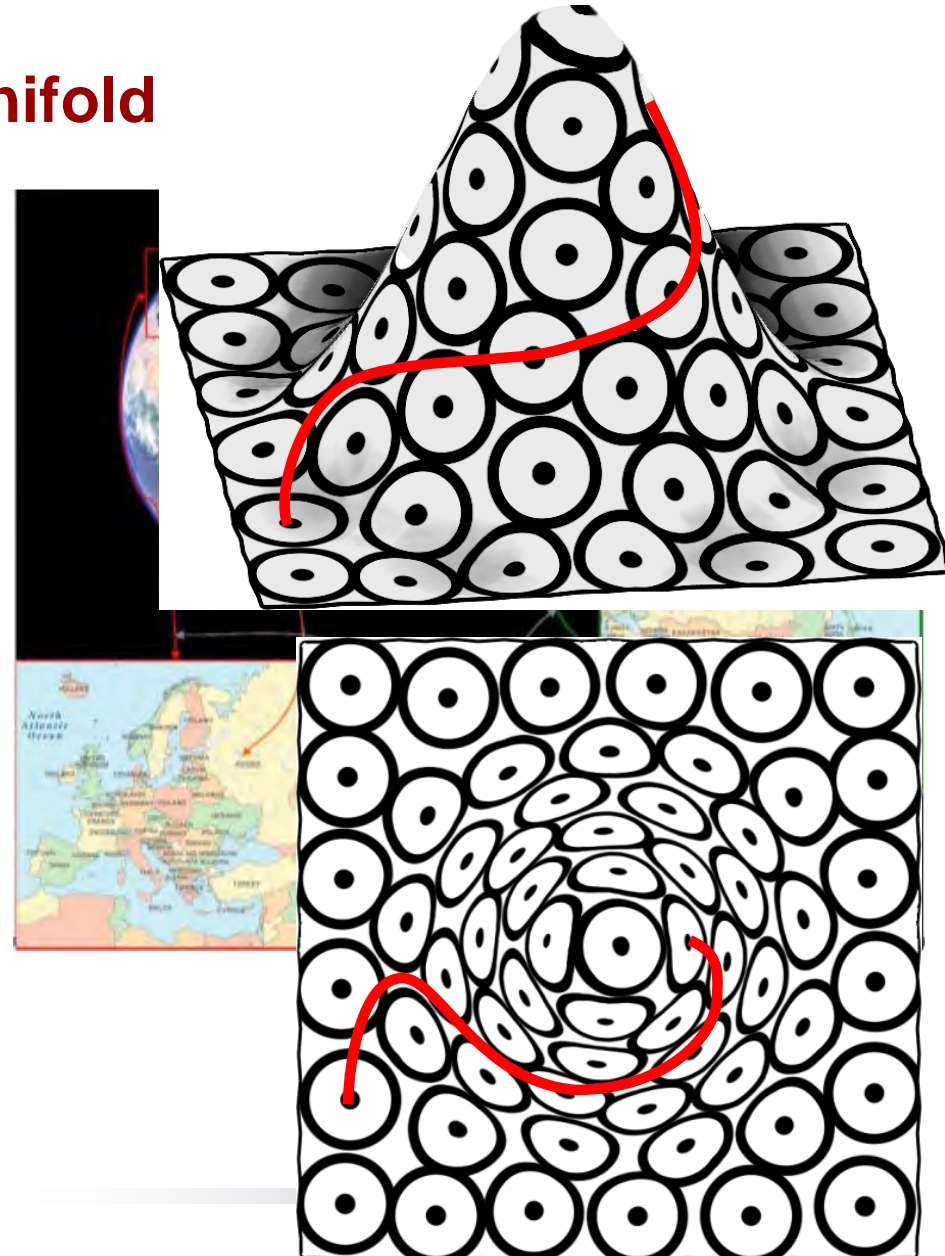
Differentiable manifolds

Computing on a smooth manifold

- Extrinsic
 - Embedding in \mathbb{R}^n

- Intrinsic
 - Coordinates : charts

- Measuring?
 - Lengths
 - Straight lines
 - Volumes



Measuring length

Basic tool: the scalar product

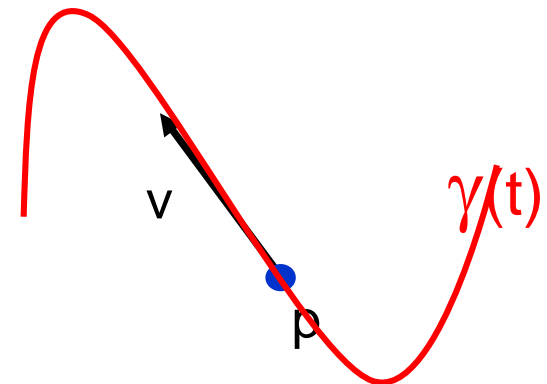
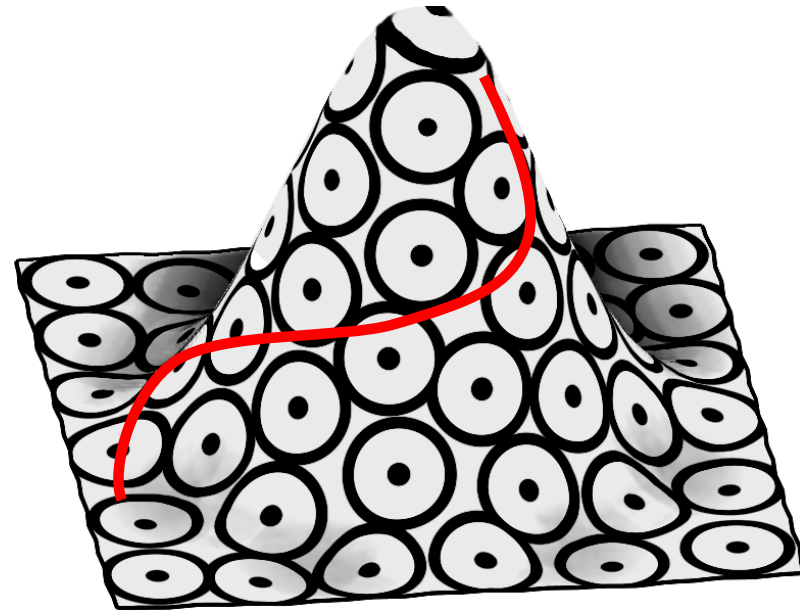
$$\langle v, w \rangle = v^t w$$

- Norm of a vector

$$\|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}$$

- Length of a curve

$$L(\gamma) = \int \|\dot{\gamma}(t)\| dt$$



Measuring length

Basic tool: the scalar product

$$\langle v, w \rangle_p = v^t w G(p) w$$

- Norm of a vector

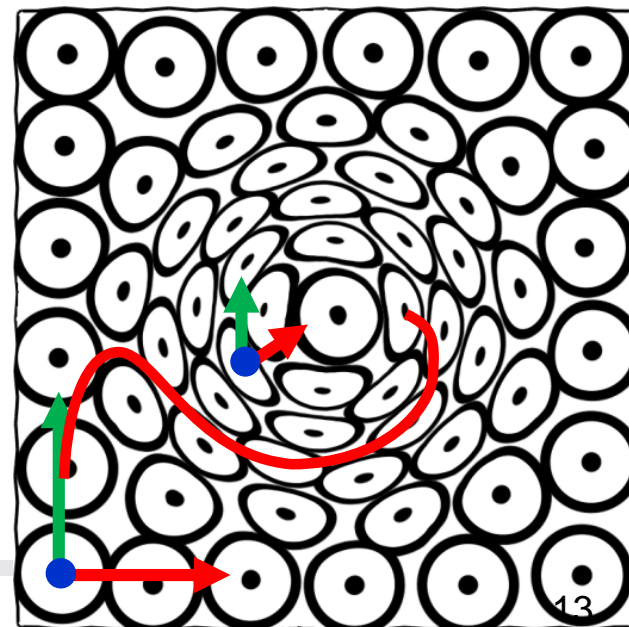
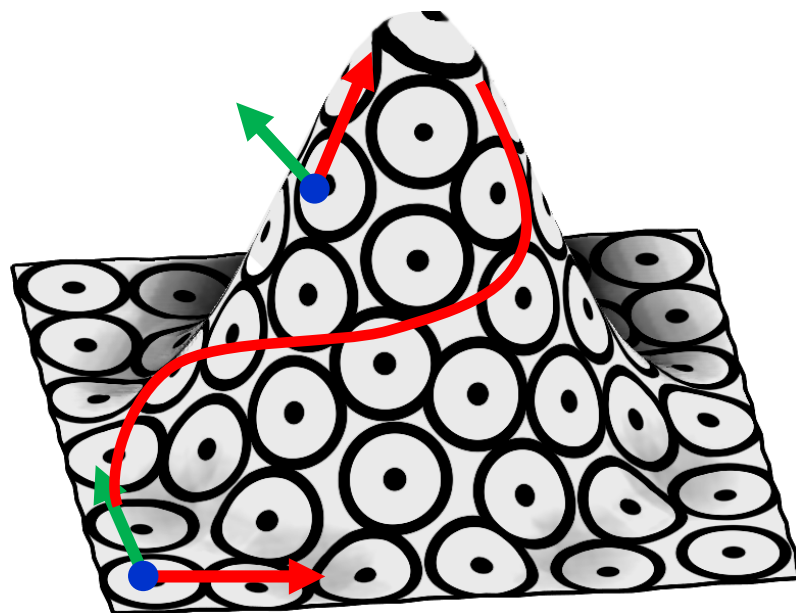
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Bernhard Riemann
1826-1866



Riemannian manifolds

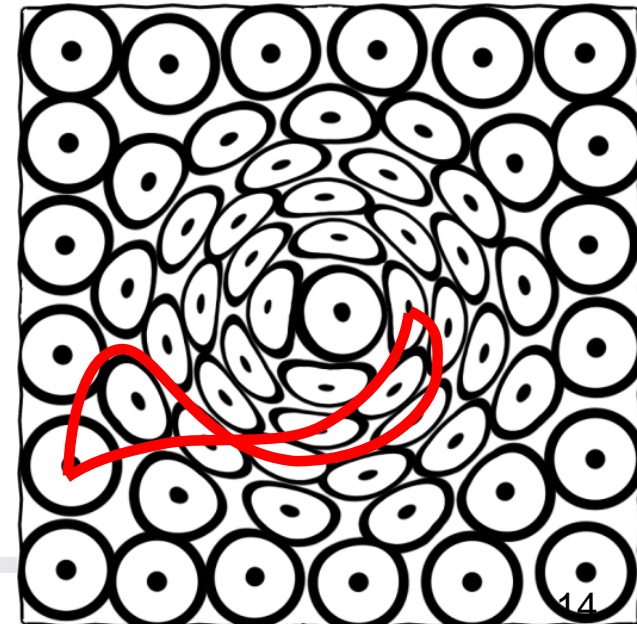
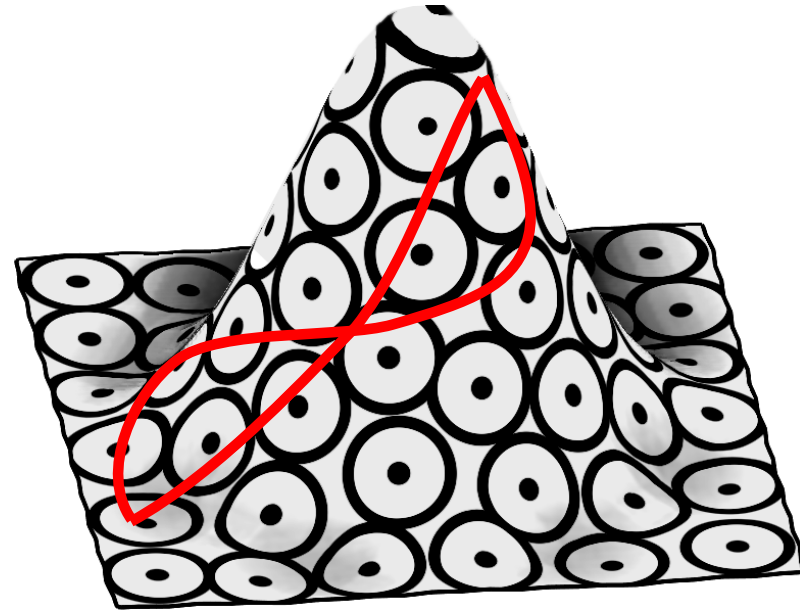
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- Geodesics
 - Shortest path between 2 points
 - Calculus of variations (E.L.) :
2nd order differential equation
(specific acceleration)
- Length of a curve
 - Free parameters: initial speed and starting point



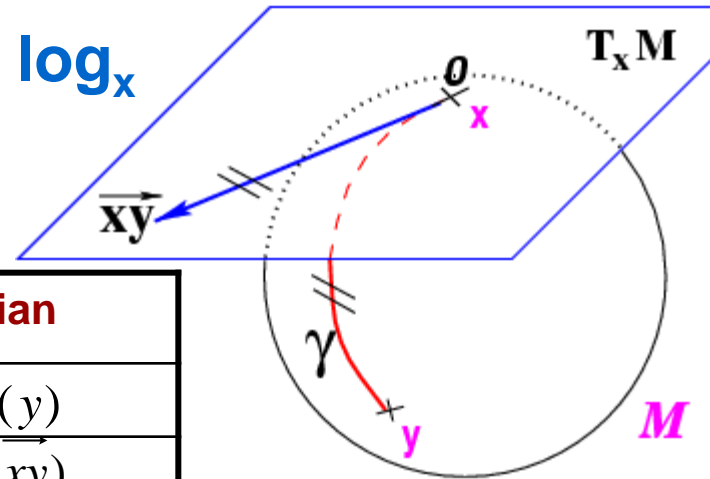
Bases of Algorithms in Riemannian Manifolds

Exponential map (Normal coordinate system):

- Exp_x = geodesic shooting parameterized by the initial tangent
- Log_x = unfolding the manifold in the tangent space along geodesics
 - Geodesics = straight lines with Euclidean distance
 - Geodesic completeness: covers $M \setminus \text{Cut}(x)$

Reformulate algorithms with exp_x and log_x

Vector \rightarrow Bi-point (no more equivalence classes)



Operation	Euclidean space	Riemannian
Subtraction	$\vec{xy} = y - x$	$\vec{xy} = \text{Log}_x(y)$
Addition	$y = x + \vec{xy}$	$y = \text{Exp}_x(\vec{xy})$
Distance	$\text{dist}(x, y) = \ y - x\ $	$\text{dist}(x, y) = \ \vec{xy}\ _x$
Gradient descent	$x_{t+\varepsilon} = x_t - \varepsilon \nabla C(x_t)$	$x_{t+\varepsilon} = \text{Exp}_{x_t}(-\varepsilon \nabla C(x_t))$

First statistical tools



Maurice Fréchet
(1878-1973)

Fréchet mean set

- Integral only valid in Hilbert/Wiener spaces [Fréchet 44]
- $\sigma^2(x) = \text{Tr}_g(\mathfrak{M}_2(x)) = \int_M \text{dist}^2(x, z) P(dz)$
- **Fréchet mean** [1948] = global minima of Mean Sq. Dev.
- **Exponential barycenters** [Emery & Mokobodzki 1991]
 $\mathfrak{M}_1(\bar{x}) = \int_M \overrightarrow{\bar{x}z} P(dz) = 0$ [critical points if $P(C) = 0$]

Moments of a random variable: tensor fields

- $\mathfrak{M}_1(x) = \int_M \overrightarrow{xz} P(dz)$ Tangent mean: (0,1) tensor field
- $\mathfrak{M}_2(x) = \int_M \overrightarrow{xz} \otimes \overrightarrow{xz} P(dz)$ Second moment: (0,2) tensor field
 - Tangent covariance field: $\text{Cov}(x) = \mathfrak{M}_2(x) - \mathfrak{M}_1(x) \otimes \mathfrak{M}_1(x)$
- $\mathfrak{M}_k(x) = \int_M \overrightarrow{xz} \otimes \overrightarrow{xz} \otimes \dots \otimes \overrightarrow{xz} P(dz)$ k-contravariant tensor field

Estimation of Fréchet mean

Uniqueness of p-means with convex support

[Karcher 77 / Buser & Karcher 1981 / Kendall 90 / Afsari 10 / Le 11]

- Non-positively curved metric spaces (Aleksandrov): OK [Gromov, Sturm]
- Positive curvature: [Karcher 77 & Kendall 89] concentration conditions:
Support in a regular geodesic ball of radius $r < r^* = \frac{1}{2} \min(\text{inj}(M), \pi/\sqrt{\kappa})$

Law of large numbers and CLT in manifolds

- Under Kendall-Karcher concentration conditions: FM is a consistent estimator

$$\sqrt{n} \log_{\bar{x}}(\bar{x}_n) \rightarrow N(0, \bar{H}^{-1} \Sigma \bar{H}^{-1}) \quad \text{if } \bar{H} = \text{Hess}(\sigma^2(X, \bar{x}_n)) \text{ invertible}$$

[Bhattacharya & Patrangenaru 2005, Bhatt. & Bhatt. 2008; Kendall & Le 2011]

- **Expression for Hessian? interpretation of covariance modulation?**
- **What happens for a small sample size?**

Non-Asymptotic behavior of empirical means

Moments of the Fréchet mean of a n-sample

[XP, Curvature effects on the empirical mean in Manifolds 2019, arXiv:1906.07418]

- New Taylor expansions in manifolds based on [Gavrilov 2007]

- **Unexpected bias** on empirical mean (**gradient of curvature-cov.**)

$$\text{bias}(\bar{x}_n) = E(\log_{\bar{x}}(\bar{x}_n)) = \frac{1}{6n} (\mathfrak{M}_2 : \nabla R : \mathfrak{M}_2) + O(\epsilon^5, 1/n^2)$$

- **Concentration rate** modulated by the **curvature-covariance**:

$$\text{Cov}(\bar{x}_n) = E(\log_{\bar{x}}(\bar{x}_n) \otimes \log_{\bar{x}}(\bar{x}_n)) = \frac{1}{n} \mathfrak{M}_2 + \frac{1}{3n} \mathfrak{M}_2 : R : \mathfrak{M}_2 + O(\epsilon^5, 1/n^2)$$

- **Asymptotically infinitely fast CV** for negative curvature
- **Lower speed convergence (LLN fails)** may occur outside KKC conditions

Extension to large variance/curvature

- **Explanation of stickiness/repulsiveness in stratified spaces?**
- **Impact when learning highly curved functions with small data!**

Beyond the mean: principal components?

Maximize the explained variance

- Tangent PCA (tPCA): eigenvectors of covariance in $T_{\bar{x}}M$ generate a geodesic subspace $GS(\bar{x}, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$

Minimize the sum of squared residuals to a subspace

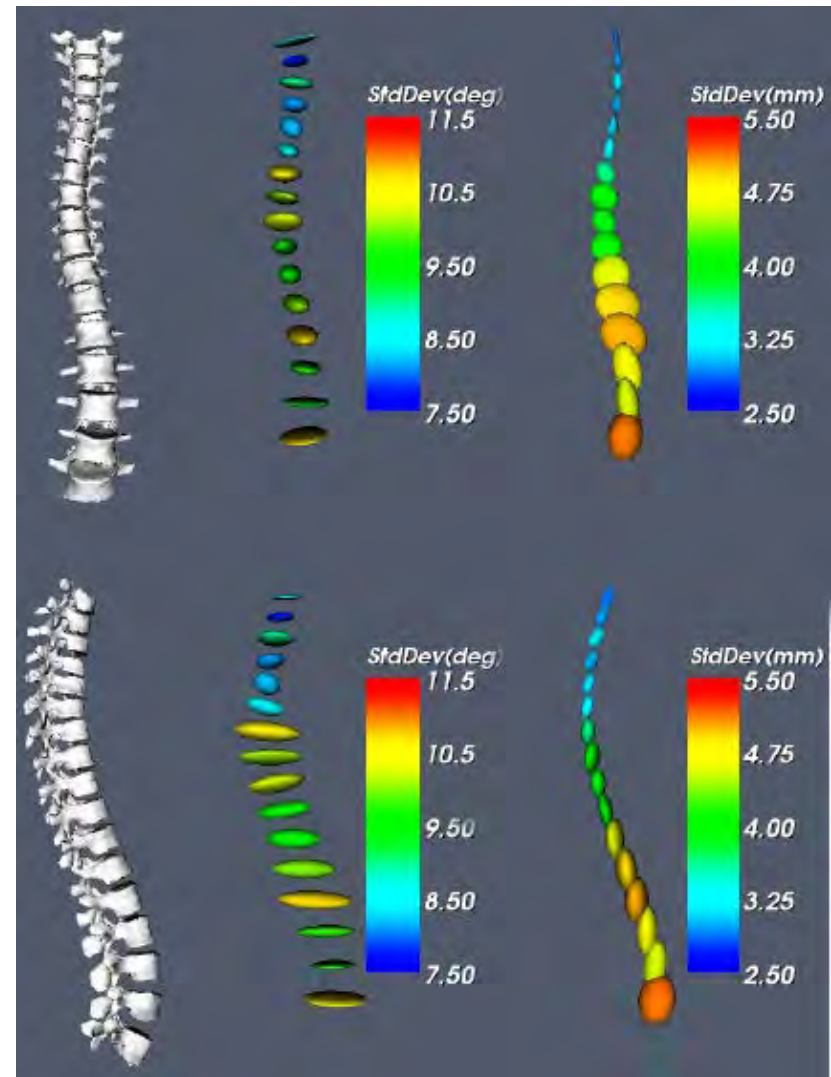
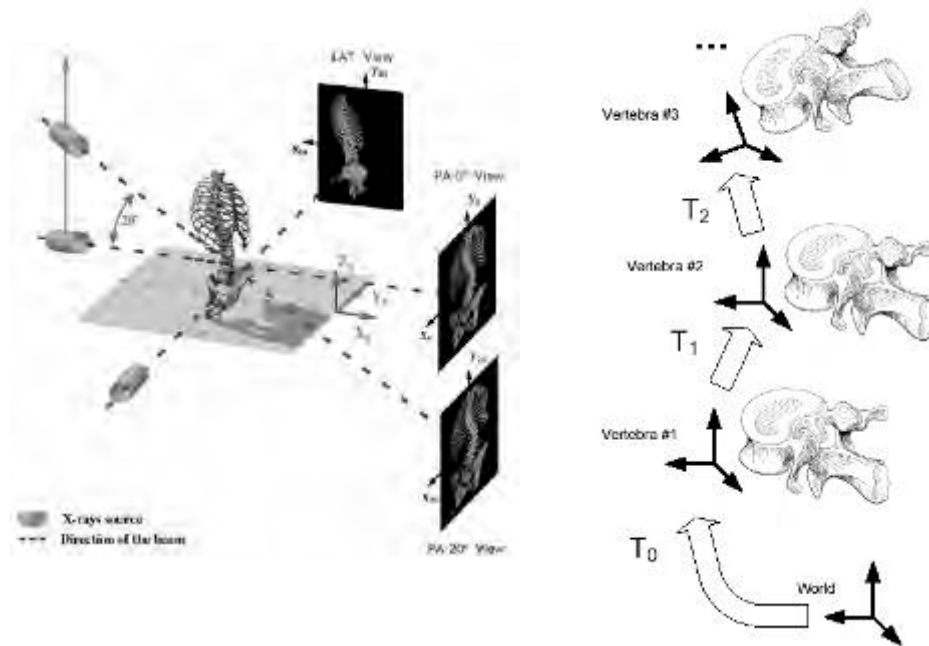
- PGA, GPCA: Geodesic subspace $GS(\bar{x}, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$
[Fletcher et al., 2004, Sommer et al 2014, Huckeman et al., 2010]
- BSA: **Affine span** $\text{Aff}(x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$
Locus of weighted exponential barycenters (geodesic simplex for positive weights)

Sequence of properly embedded subspaces (flags)

- AUC criterion on **flags** generalizes PCA [XP, AoS 2018]
[XP, Barycentric subspace analysis on Manifolds 2019, Annals of Statistics, 2018]

Statistical Analysis of the Scoliotic Spine

[J. Boisvert et al. ISBI'06, AMDO'06 and IEEE TMI 27(4), 2008]



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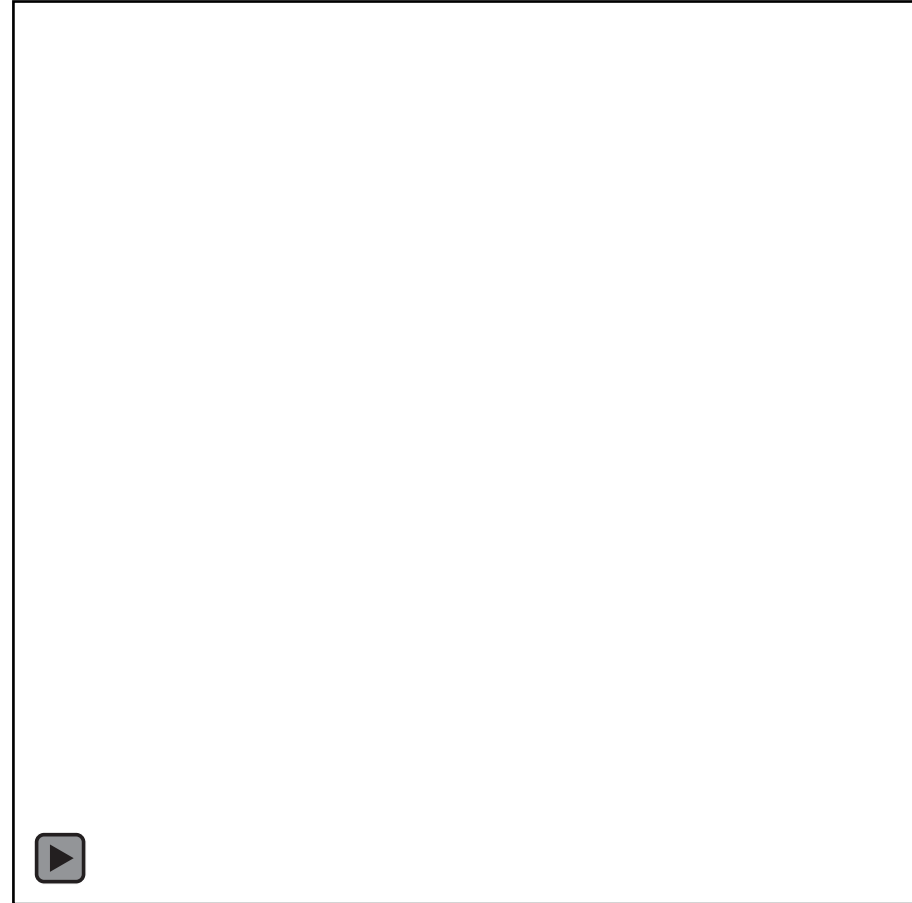
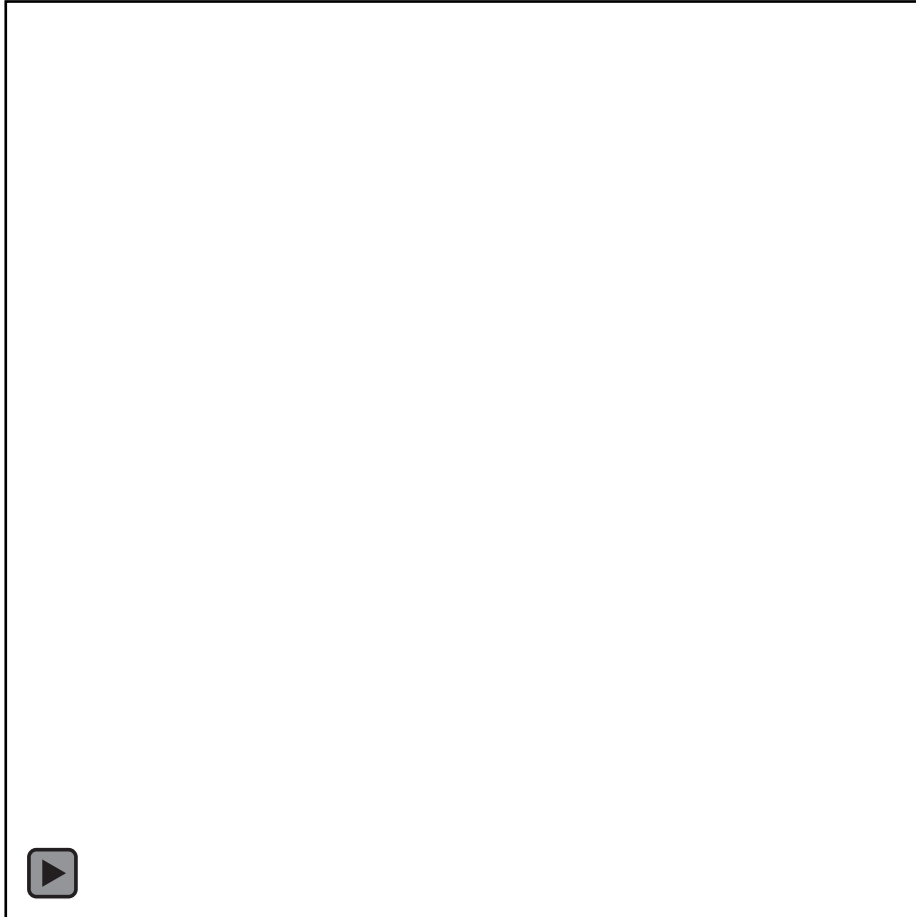
- 307 Scoliotic patients from the Montreal's Sainte-Justine Hospital.
- 3D Geometry from multi-planar X-rays

Left invariant Mean on $(SO_3 \times R^3)^{16}$

- Main translation variability is axial (growth?)
- Main rot. var. around anterior-posterior axis

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AMDO'06 best paper award, Best French-Quebec joint PhD 2009



PCA of the Covariance:

4 first variation modes
have clinical meaning

- Mode 1: King's class I or III
- Mode 2: King's class I, II, III
- Mode 3: King's class IV + V
- Mode 4: King's class V (+II)

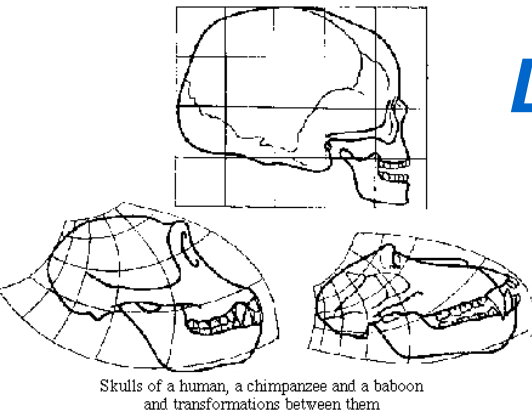
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Motivations

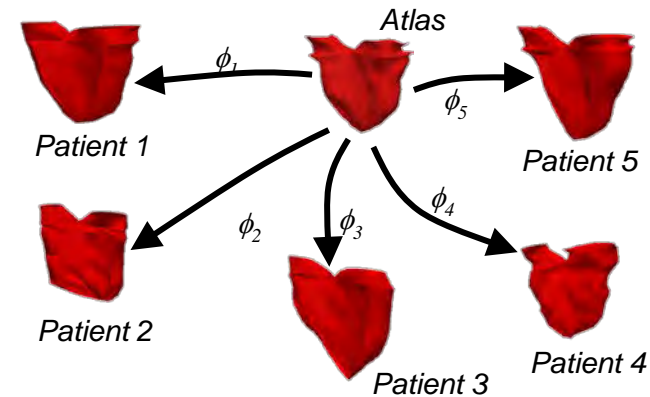
Simple statistics on Riemannian manifolds

Extension to transformation groups with affine spaces

Perspectives, open problems



Diffeomorphometry



Lie group: Smooth manifold with group structure

- Composition $g \circ h$ and inversion g^{-1} are smooth
- Left and Right translation $L_g(f) = g \circ f$ $R_g(f) = f \circ g$
- Natural Riemannian metric choices : left or right-invariant metrics

Lift statistics to transformation groups

- [D'Arcy Thompson 1917, Grenander & Miller]
- LDDMM = right invariant kernel metric (Trouvé, Younes, Joshi, etc.)

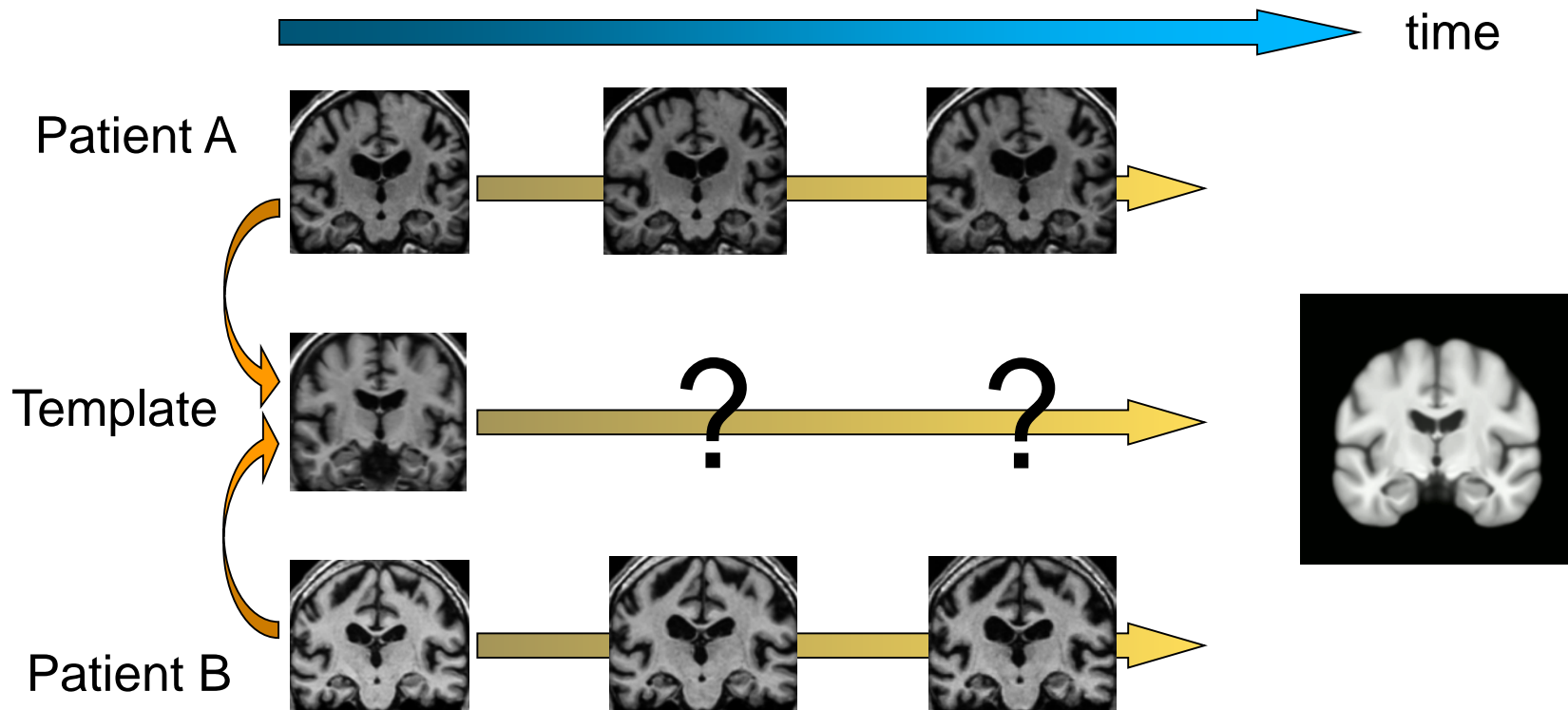
No bi-invariant metric in general for Lie groups

- **Incompatibility of the Fréchet mean with the group structure**
- Examples with simple 2D rigid transformations

Is there a more natural structure for statistics on Lie groups?

Longitudinal deformation analysis

Dynamic observations



How to transport longitudinal deformation across subjects?

Basics of Lie groups

Flow of a left invariant vector field $\tilde{X} = DL.x$ from identity

- $\gamma_x(t)$ exists for all time
- One parameter subgroup: $\gamma_x(s + t) = \gamma_x(s) \cdot \gamma_x(t)$

Lie group exponential

- Definition: $x \in \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \text{Exp}(x) = \gamma_x(1) \in G$
- Diffeomorphism from a neighborhood of 0 in \mathfrak{g} to a neighborhood of e in G (not true in general for inf. dim)

3 curves parameterized by the same tangent vector

- Left / Right-invariant geodesics, one-parameter subgroups

Question: Can one-parameter subgroups be geodesics?

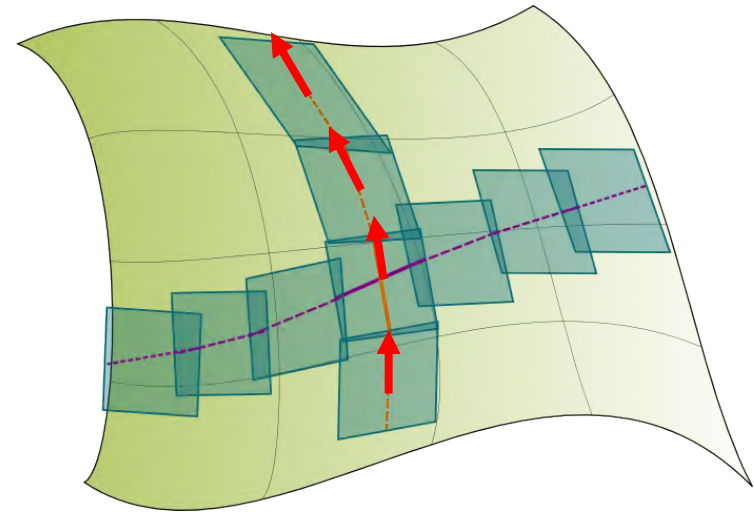
Drop the metric, use connection to define geodesics

Affine Connection (infinitesimal parallel transport)

- Acceleration = derivative of the tangent vector along a curve
- Projection of a tangent space on a neighboring tangent space

Geodesics = straight lines

- Null acceleration: $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma} = 0$
- 2nd order differential equation:
Normal coordinate system
- **Local** exp and log maps



Adapted from Lê Nguyễn Hoàng, science4all.org

[XP & Arsigny, 2012, XP & Lorenzi, Beyond Riemannian Geometry, 2019]

[Lorenzi, Pennec. Geodesics, Parallel Transport & One-parameter Subgroups for Diffeomorphic Image Registration. Int. J. of Computer Vision, 105(2):111-127, 2013.]

Canonical Affine Connections on Lie Groups

A unique Cartan-Schouten connection

- Bi-invariant and symmetric (no torsion)
- Geodesics through Id are one-parameter subgroups (group exponential)
 - Matrices : $M(t) = A \exp(t.V)$
 - Diffeos : **translations of Stationary Velocity Fields (SVFs)**

Levi-Civita connection of a bi-invariant metric (if it exists)

- Continues to exist in the absence of such a metric (e.g. for rigid or affine transformations)

Symmetric space with central symmetry $S_\psi(\phi) = \psi\phi^{-1}\psi$

- Matrix geodesic symmetry: $S_A(M(t)) = A \exp(-tV)A^{-1}A = M(-t)$

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Generalization of the Statistical Framework

~~Fréchet mean~~: exponential barycenters

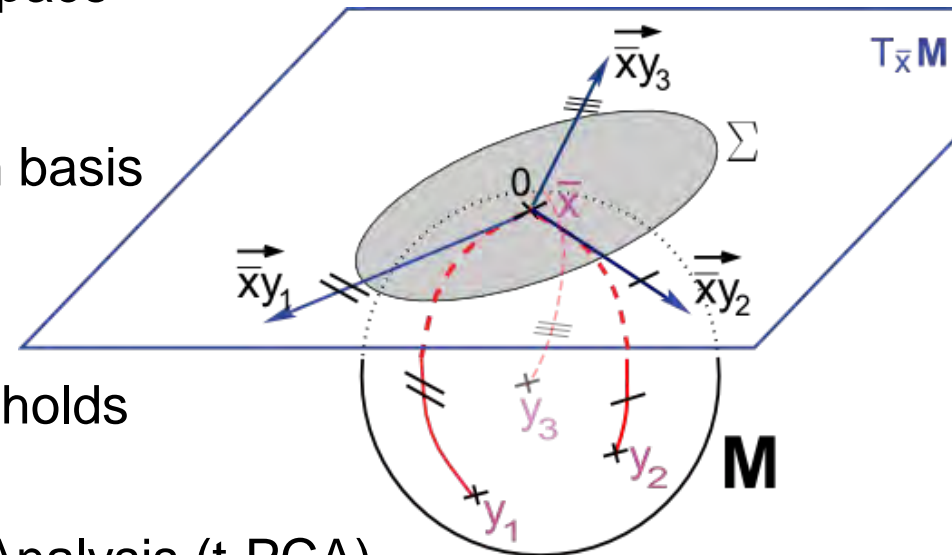
- $\sum_i \text{Log}_x(y_i) = 0$ [Emery, Mokobodzki 91, Corcuera, Kendall 99]
- Existence **local uniqueness** if local convexity [Arnaudon & Li, 2005]

Covariance matrix & higher order moments

- Defined as tensors in tangent space
$$\Sigma = \int \text{Log}_x(y) \otimes \text{Log}_x(y) \mu(dy)$$
- Matrix expression changes with basis

Other statistical tools

- Previous thm on empirical LLN holds
- Mahalanobis distance, χ^2 test
- ~~□ Tangent Principal Component Analysis (t-PCA)~~

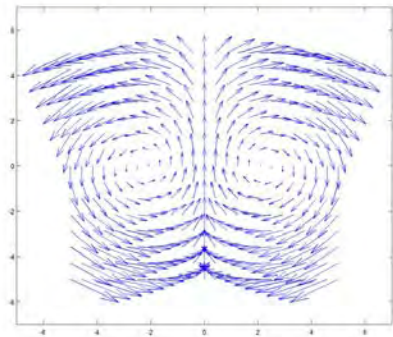


[Pennec & Arsigny, 2012]

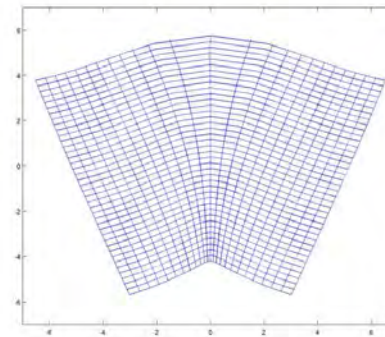
The SVF framework for Diffeomorphisms

Idea: [Arsigny MICCAI 2006, Bossa MICCAI 2007, Ashburner Neuroimage 2007]

- Exponential of a smooth vector field is a diffeomorphism
- Use ~~time-varying~~ Stationary Velocity Fields to parameterize deformation



Stationary velocity field



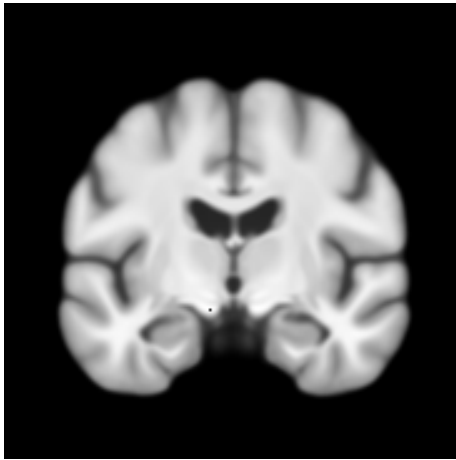
Diffeomorphism

Efficient numerical algorithms

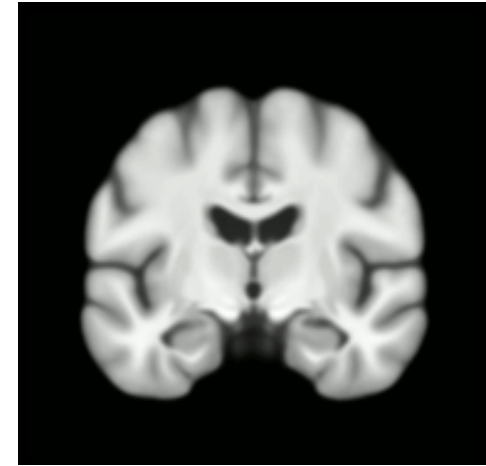
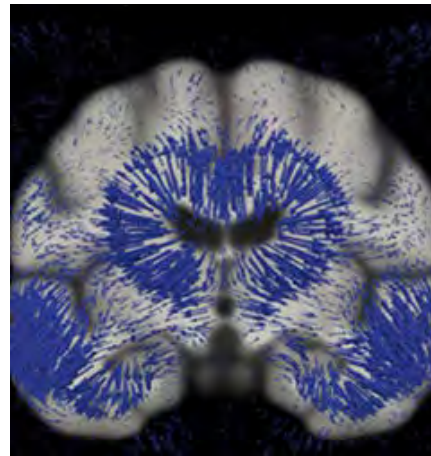
- Recursive **Scaling and squaring algorithm** [Arsigny MICCAI 2006]
 - Deformation: $\exp(\mathbf{v}) = \exp(\mathbf{v}/2) \circ \exp(\mathbf{v}/2)$
 - Jacobian: $D\exp(\mathbf{v}) = D\exp(\mathbf{v}/2) \circ \exp(\mathbf{v}/2) \cdot D\exp(\mathbf{v}/2)$
- Optimize deformation parameters: **BCH formula** [Bossa MICCAI 2007]
 - $\exp(\mathbf{v}) \circ \exp(\epsilon \mathbf{u}) = \exp(\mathbf{v} + \epsilon \mathbf{u} + [\mathbf{v}, \epsilon \mathbf{u}]/2 + [\mathbf{v}, [\mathbf{v}, \epsilon \mathbf{u}]]/12 + \dots)$ where $[\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}](p) = \text{Jac}(\mathbf{v})(p) \cdot \mathbf{u}(p) - \text{Jac}(\mathbf{u})(p) \cdot \mathbf{v}(p)$

Measuring Temporal Evolution with deformations: Deformation-based morphometry

Fast registration with deformation parameterized by SVF



$$\varphi_t(x) = \exp(t \cdot v(x))$$



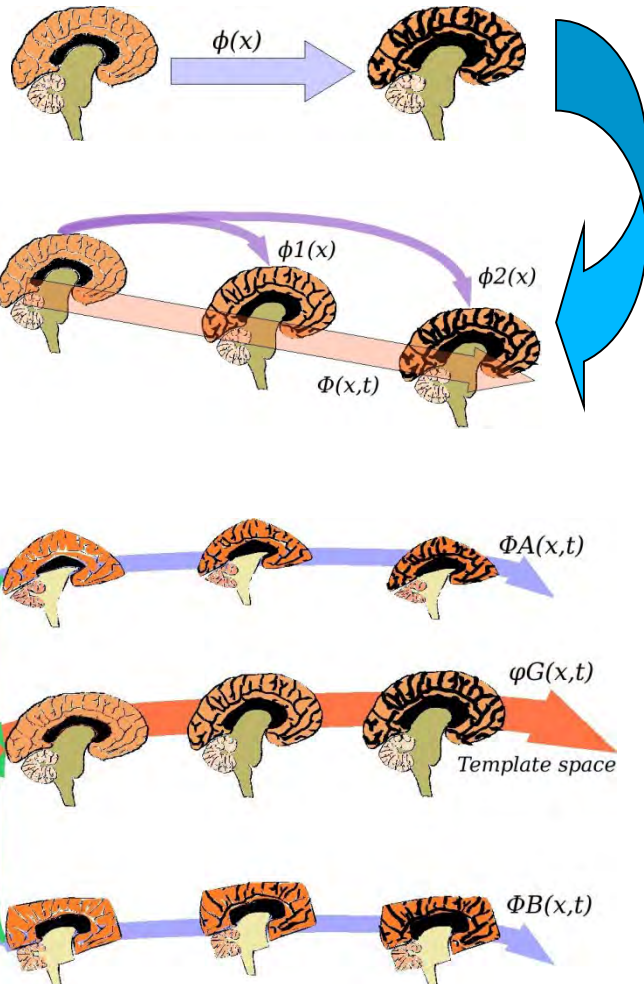
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[LCC log-demons for longitudinal brain imaging.

Lorenzi, Ayache, Frisoni, Pennec, Neuroimage 81, 1 (2013) 470-483]

Analysis of longitudinal datasets

Multilevel hierarchical framework



Single-subject, two time points

Log-Demons (LCC criteria)

Single-subject, multiple time points

4D registration of time series within the Log-Demons registration: geodesic regression

Multiple subjects, multiple time points

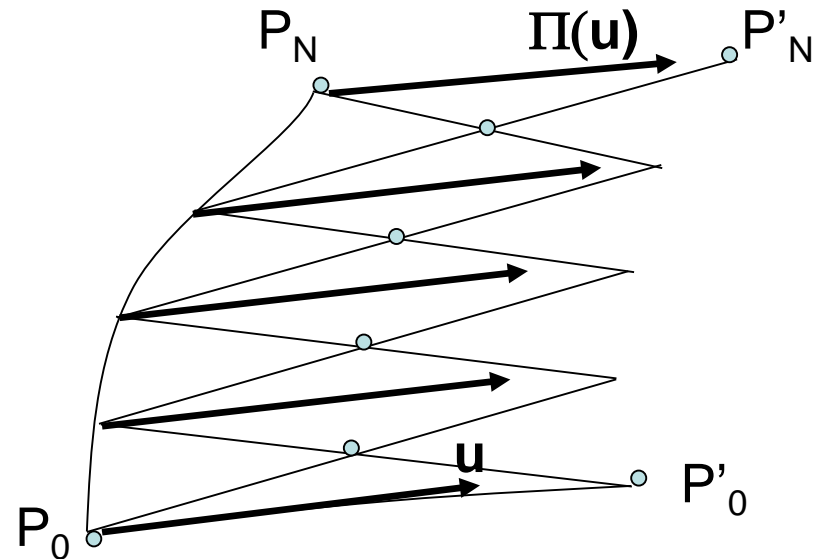
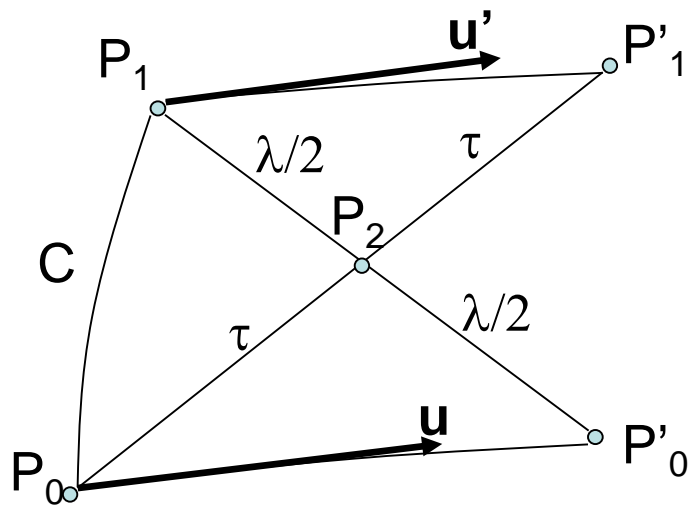
Population trend with parallel transport of SVF along inter-subject trajectories

[Lorenzi et al, IPMI 2011, JMIV 2013]

From geodesics to parallel transport

A numerical scheme to integrate symmetric connections: Schild's Ladder [Eihers et al, 1972]

- Build geodesic parallelogramme
- Iterate along the curve
- 1st order approximation scheme [Kheyfets et al 2000]



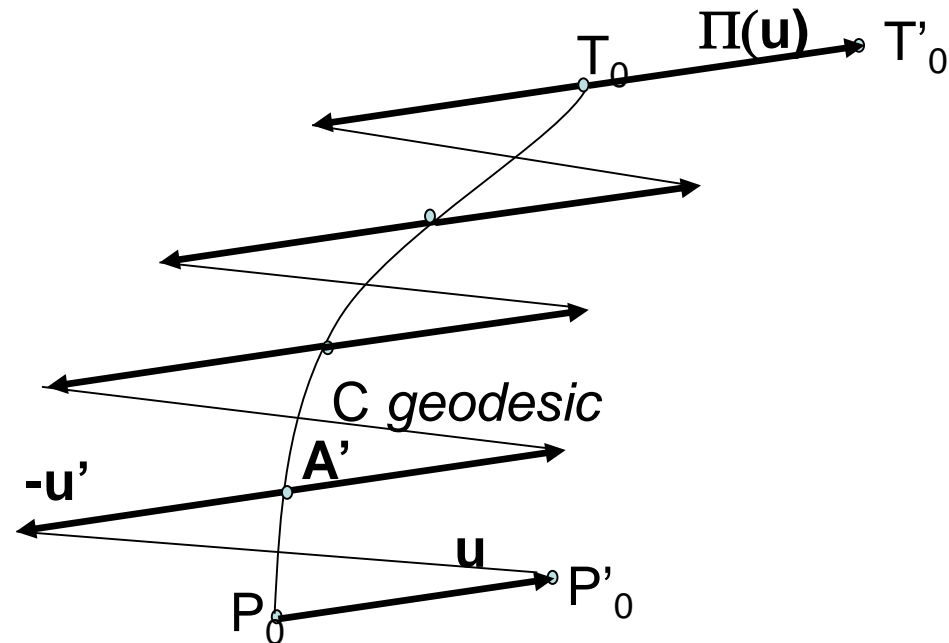
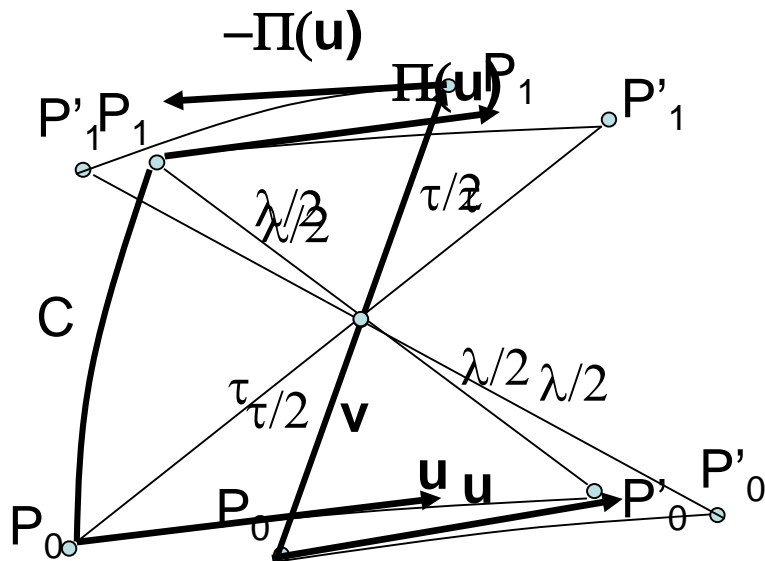
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Parallel transport along geodesics

Simpler scheme along geodesics: Pole Ladder

$$\text{Exp}(\Pi(u)) = \text{Exp}(v/2) \circ \text{Exp}(u) \circ \text{Exp}(-v/2)$$

$$\Pi_{BCH}(u) = u + [v, u] + \frac{1}{2}[v[v, u]]$$



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[XP. Parallel Transport with Pole Ladder: a Third Order Scheme in Affine Connection Spaces which is Exact in Affine Symmetric Spaces. Arxiv 1805.11436]

Numerical accuracy of one ladder step

- Order 4 in general affine manifolds

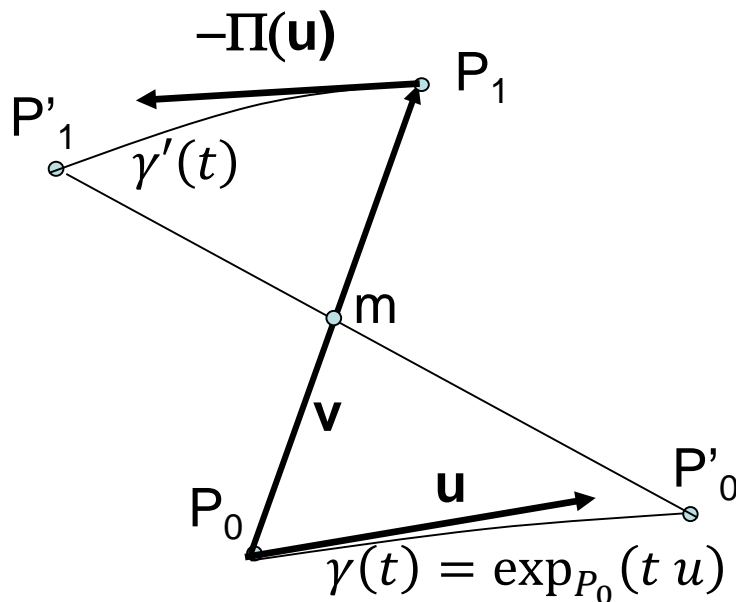
$$\begin{aligned} \text{pole}(u) = & \Pi(u) + \frac{1}{12} \nabla_v R(u, v)(5u - 2v) \\ & + \frac{1}{12} \nabla_u R(u, v)(v - 2u) + O(5) \end{aligned}$$

- Exact in only one step symmetric spaces !

Numerical accuracy of several step

- Order 2 with general numerical geodesics

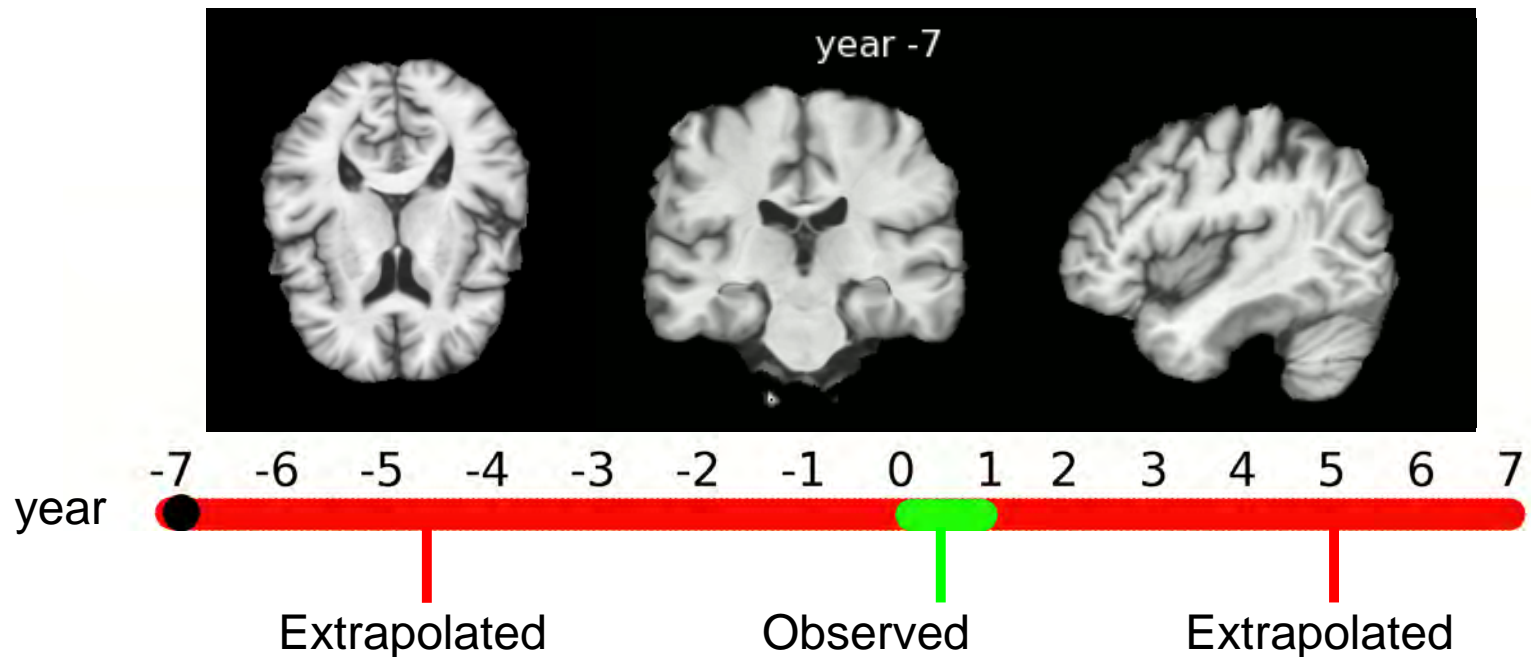
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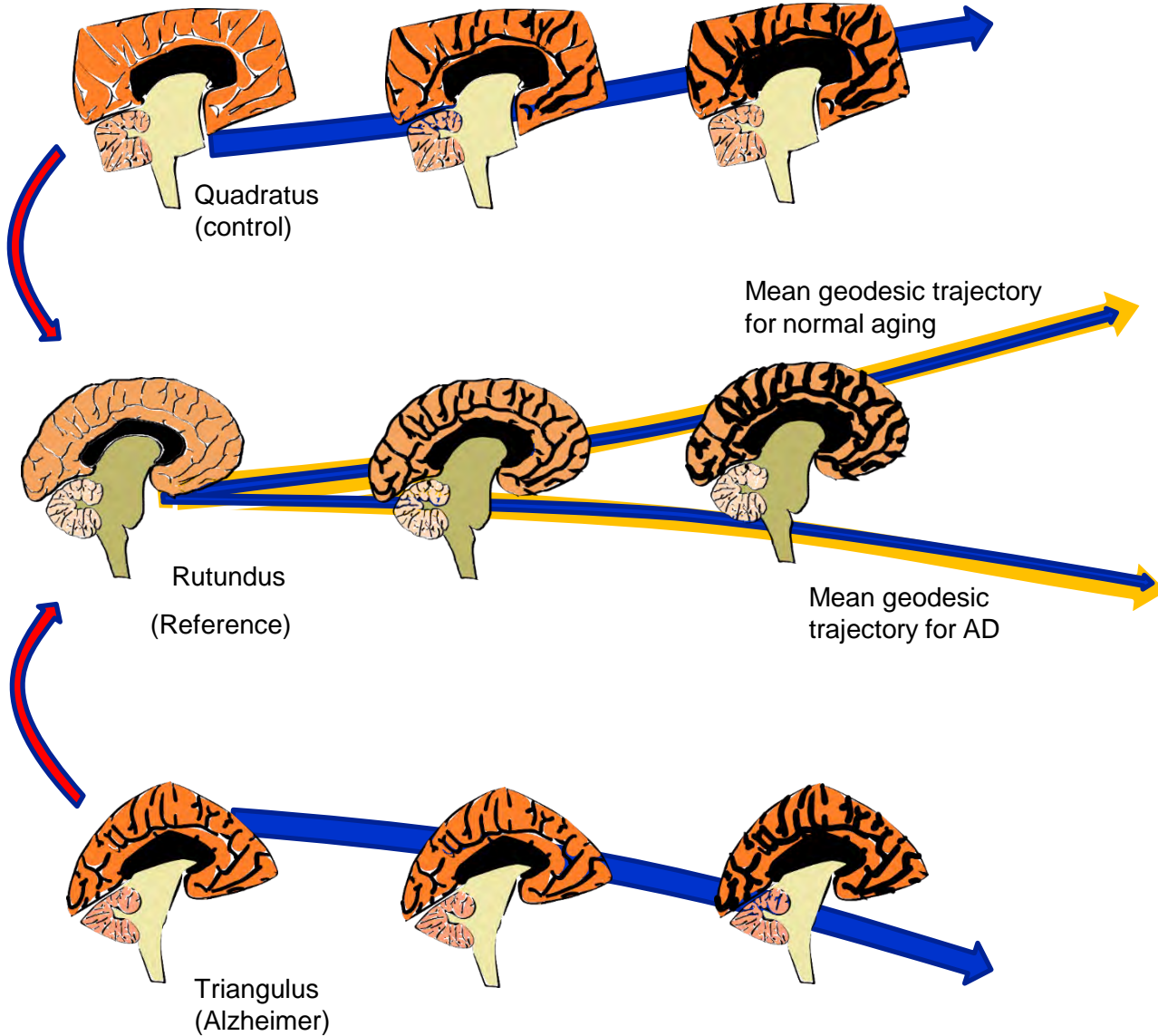
The Stationnary Velocity Fields (SVF) framework for diffeomorphisms

- SVF framework for diffeomorphisms is algorithmically simple
- Compatible with “inverse-consistency” [Lorenzi, XP. IJCV, 2013]
- Vector statistics directly generalized to diffeomorphisms.
- **Exact parallel transport** using one step of pole ladder [XP arxiv 1805.11436 2018]

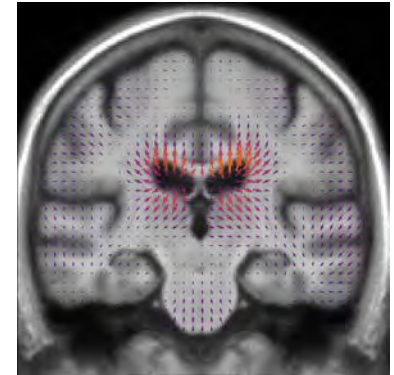
Longitudinal modeling of AD: 70 subjects extrapolated from 1 to 15 years



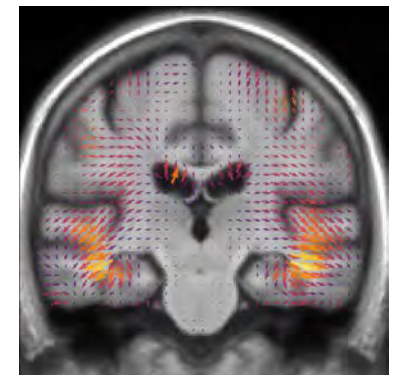
Modeling Normal and AD progression



SVF parametrizing the deformation trajectory



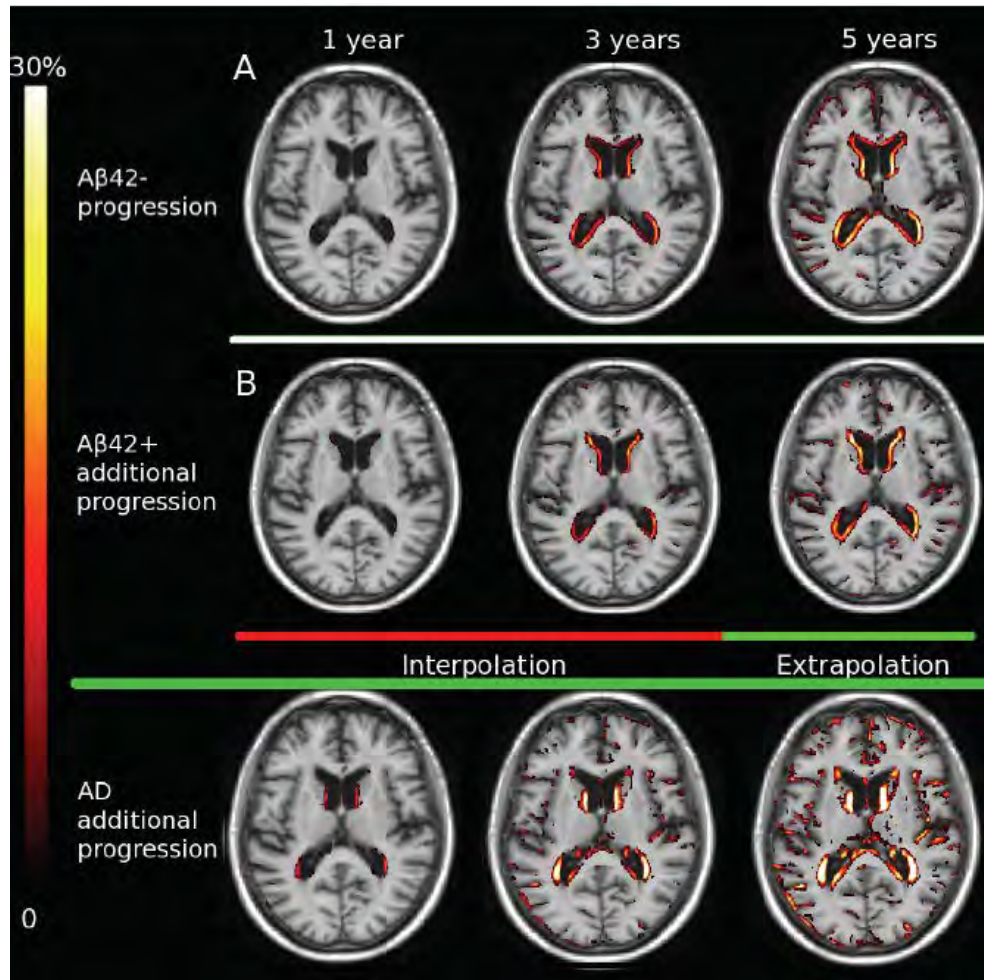
Normal aging



Addition specific component for AD

Study of prodromal Alzheimer's disease

Linear regression of the SVF over time: interpolation + prediction



$$T(t) = \text{Exp}(\tilde{v}(t)) * T_0$$

Multivariate group-wise comparison of the transported SVFs shows statistically significant differences (nothing significant on $\log(\det)$)

[Lorenzi, Ayache, Frisoni, Pennec, in Proc. of MICCAI 2011]

Advances in Geometric Statistics

Motivations

Simple statistics on Riemannian manifolds

Extension to transformation groups with affine spaces

Conclusion

Exp_x / Log_x and Fréchet mean are the basis of algorithms to compute on Riemannian/affine manifolds

Simple statistics

- Mean through an exponential barycenter iteration
- Covariance matrices and higher order moments
- Tangent PCA or more complex PGA / BSA

Efficient Discrete parallel transport using Schild / Pole ladder

- Quadratic convergence in #step for general (non-closed form) geodesics

Manifold-valued image processing [XP, IJCV 2006]

- Interpolation / filtering / convolution: weighted means
- Diffusion, extrapolation:
Discrete Laplacian in tangent space = Laplace-Beltrami

<http://geomstats.ai> : a python library to implement generic algorithms on many Riemannian manifolds

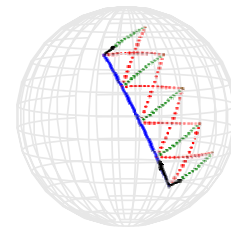
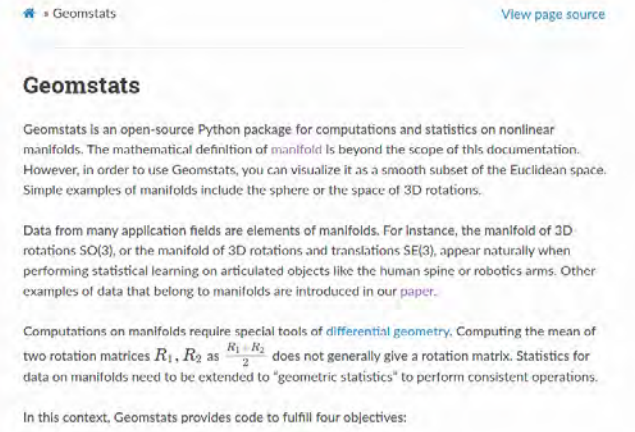
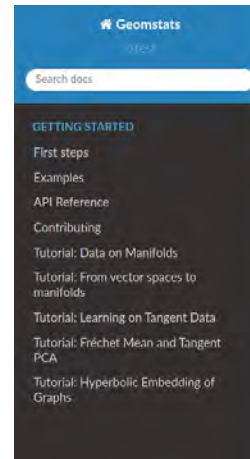
- Mean, PCA, clustering, parallel transport...
- 15 manifolds / Lie groups already implemented (SPD, $H(n)$, $SE(n)$, etc)
- Generic manifolds with geodesics by integration / optimization
- scikit-learn API (hide geometry, compatible with GPU & learning tools).
- 10 introductory tutorials
- ~ 35000 lines of code
- ~20 academic developers
- 2 hackathons organized in 2020



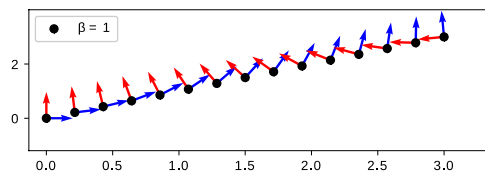
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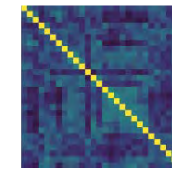
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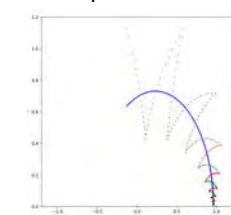
Shield's/pole Ladders



Rotations-Translations



SPD



[Miolane et al, JMLR 2020, in press]

Pushing the frontiers of Geometric Statistics

Beyond the Riemannian / metric structure

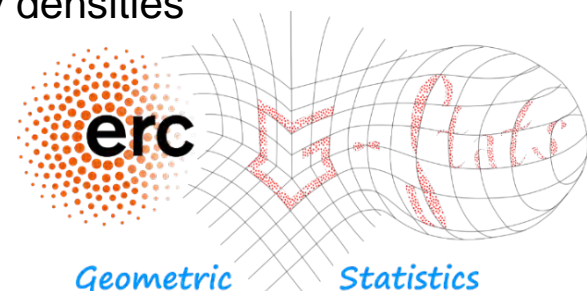
- Riemannian manifolds, Non-Positively Curved (NPC) metric spaces
- **Affine connection**, **Quotient**, **Stratified spaces (trees, graphs)**

Beyond the mean and unimodal concentrated laws

- **Nested sequences (flags) of subspace in manifolds**
- A continuum from PCA to Principal Cluster Analysis?

Geometrization of statistics

- **Geometry of sample spaces** [Harms, Michor, XP, Sommer, [arXiv:2010.08039](https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.08039)]
 - Stratified boundary of the smooth manifold of probability densities
- Explore **influence of curvature, singularities** (borders, corners, stratifications) on non-asymptotic estimation theory



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