

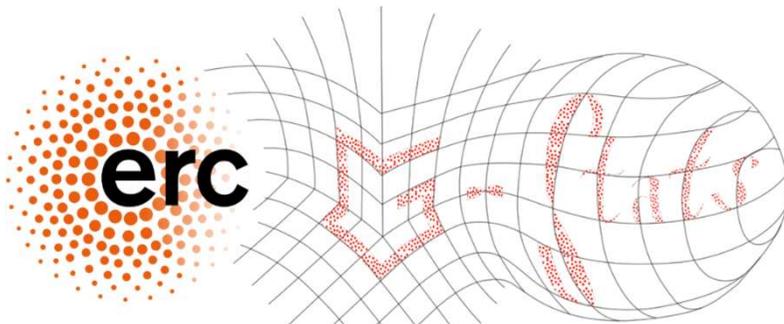
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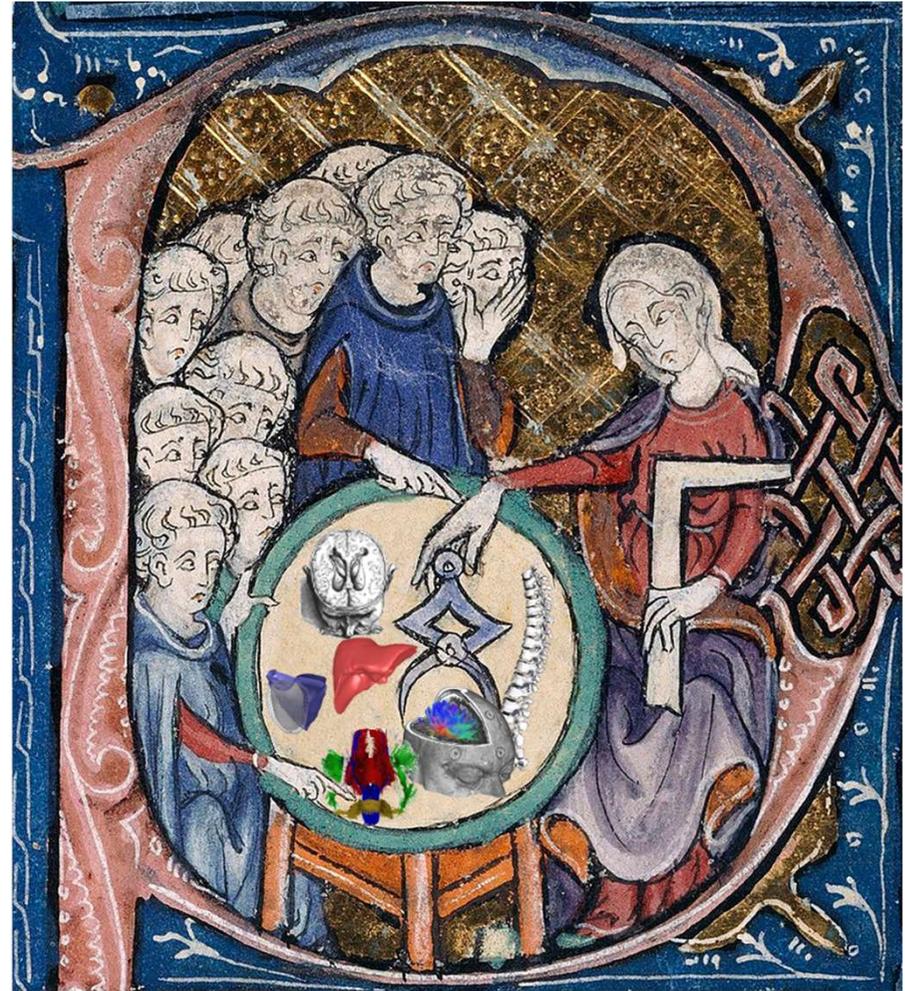
## Geometric Statistics for computational anatomy

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# From anatomy...

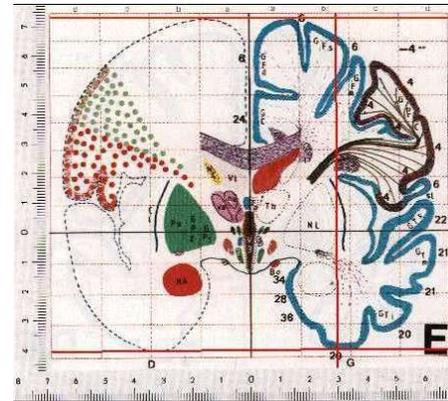
Science that studies the structure and the relationship in space of different organs and tissues in living systems  
[Hachette Dictionary]



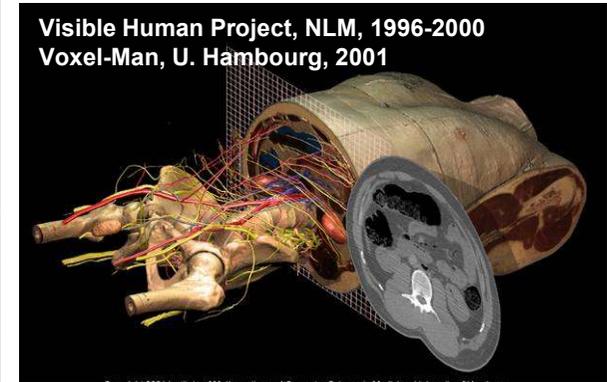
1er cerebral atlas, Vesale, 1543



Paré, 1585



Talairach & Tournoux, 1988



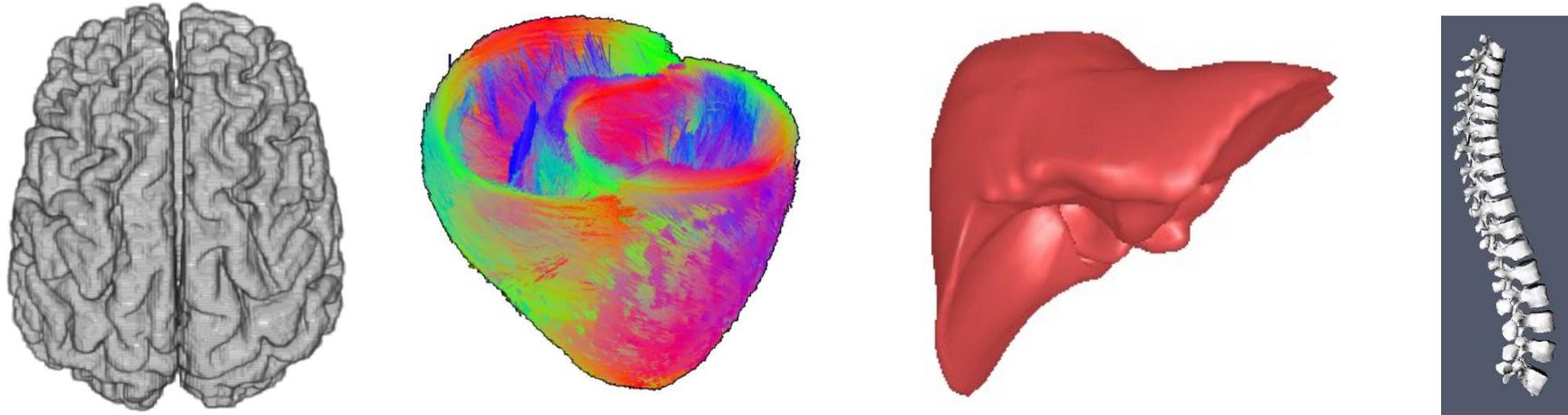
Visible Human Project, NLM, 1996-2000  
Voxel-Man, U. Hambourg, 2001

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...)

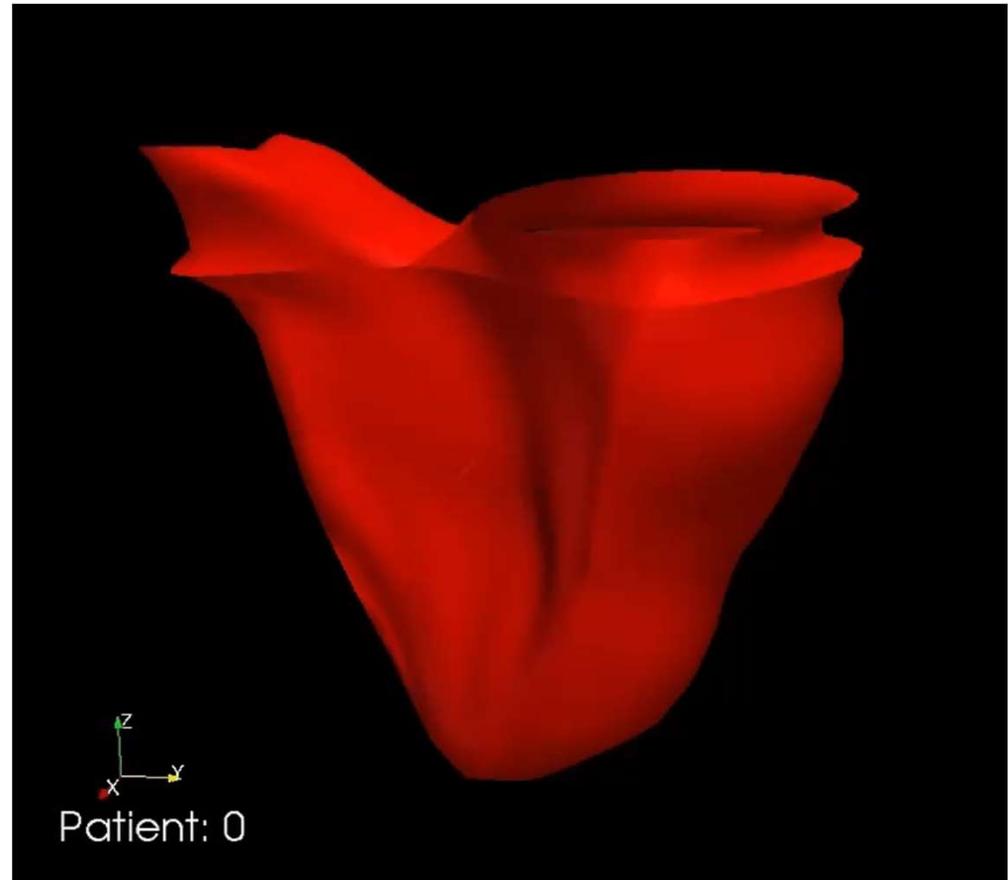
## Use for personalized medicine (diagnostic, follow-up, etc)

- Classical use: atlas-based segmentation

# Methods of computational anatomy

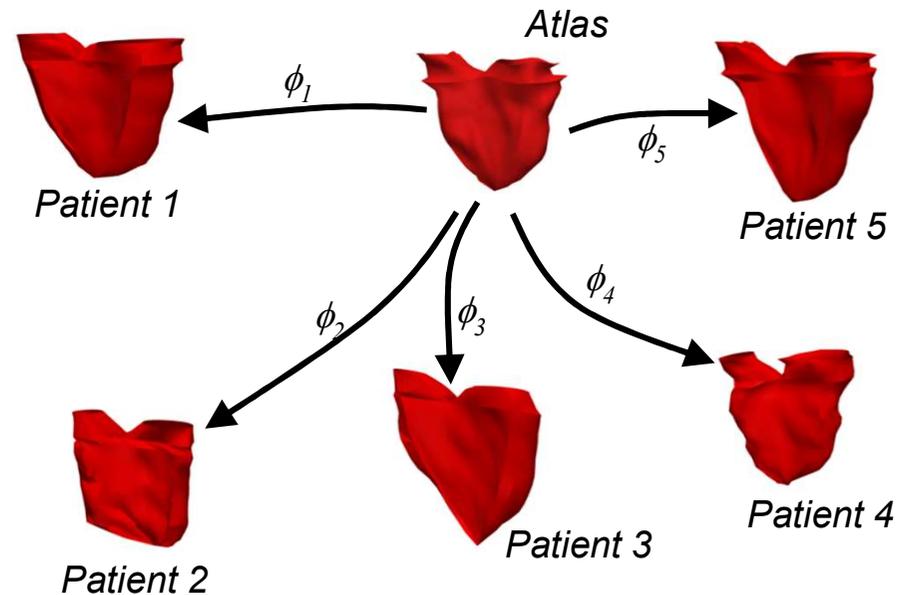
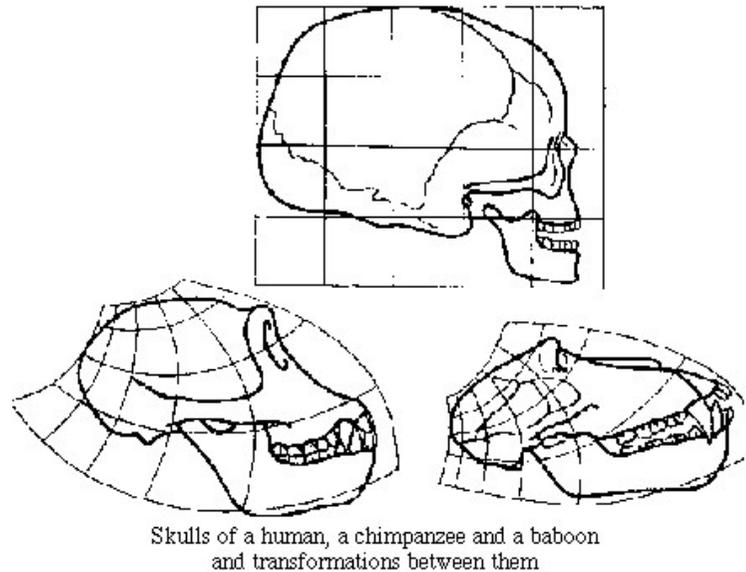
## Remodeling of the right ventricle of the heart in tetralogy of Fallot

- 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]

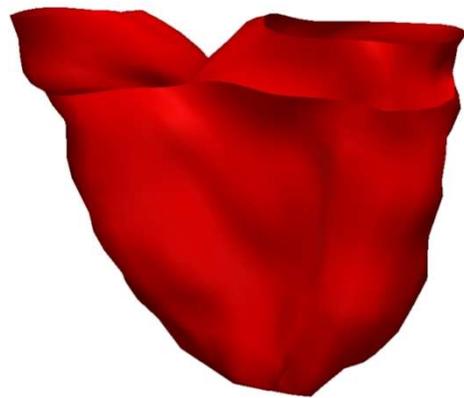
- Observation = "random" deformation of a reference template
- Reference template = Mean (atlas)
- Shape variability encoded by the deformations

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

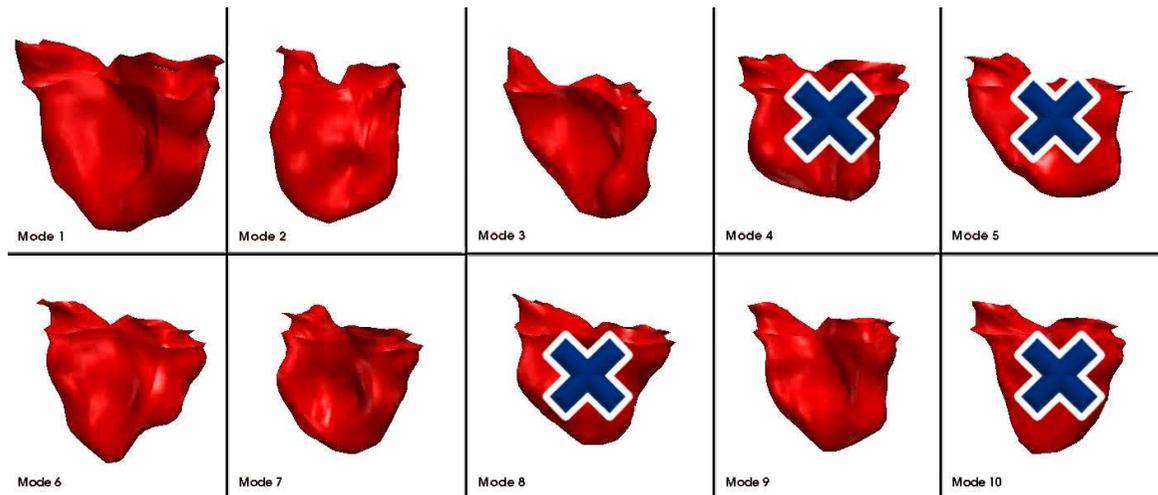
# Atlas and Deformations Joint Estimation

## 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 Deformation modes significantly correlated to BSA

[ Mansi et al, MICCAI 2009, TMI 2011]

# Statistical Remodeling of RV in Tetralogy of Fallot

[ Mansi et al, MICCAI 2009, TMI 2011]

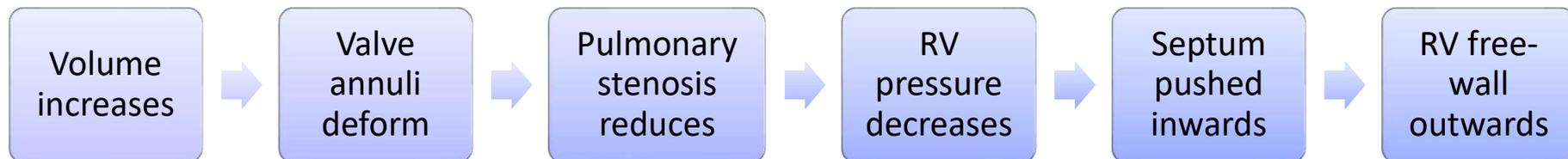


Age: 10

BSA: 0.90m<sup>2</sup> Age: 10

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**Predicted remodeling effect ... has a clinical interpretation**

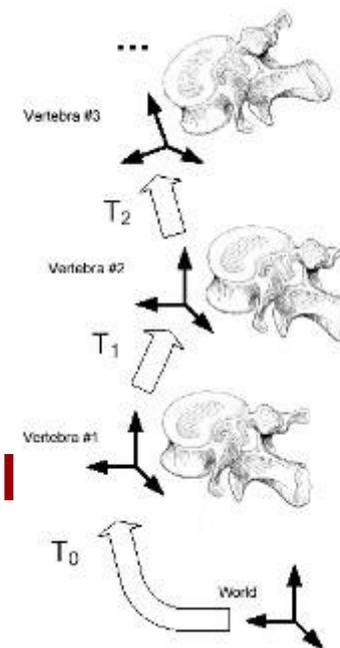
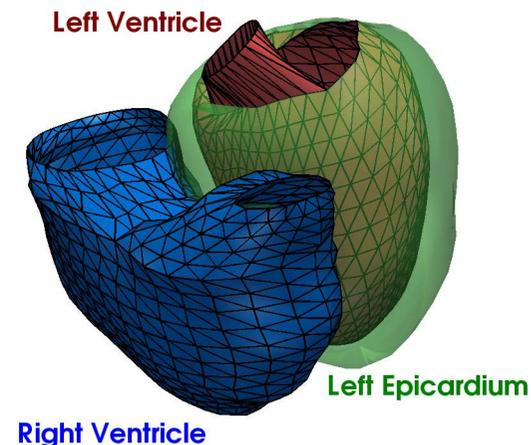
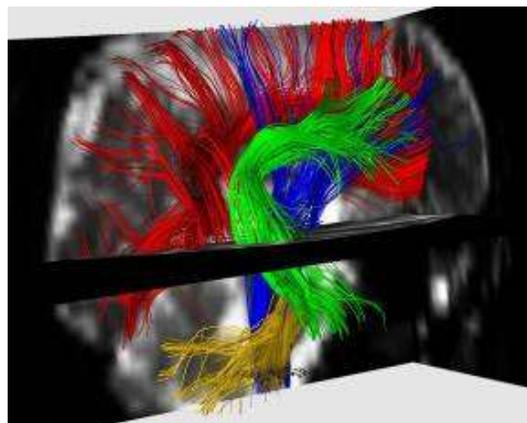
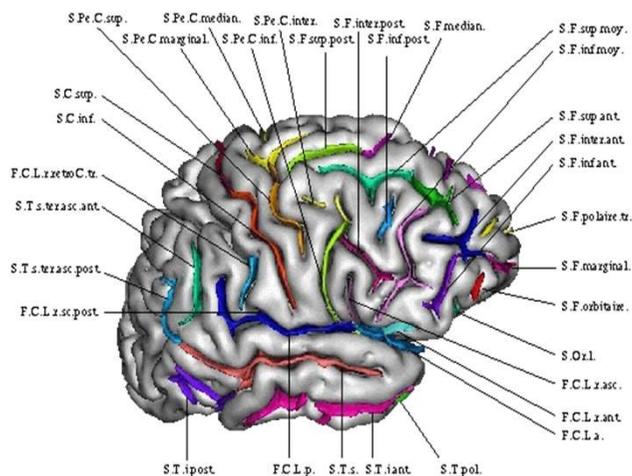


[ Mansi et al, MICCAI 2009, TMI 2011]

# 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

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# *Geometric Statistics for Computational Anatomy*

## Motivations

### **Simple statistics on Riemannian manifolds**

- Bases for computing
- Extending statistics
- Manifold-valued image processing

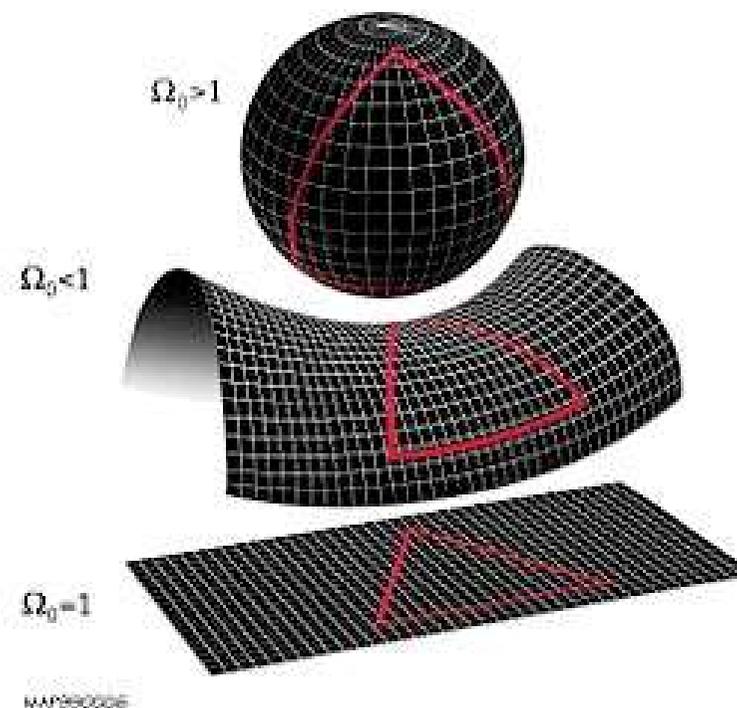
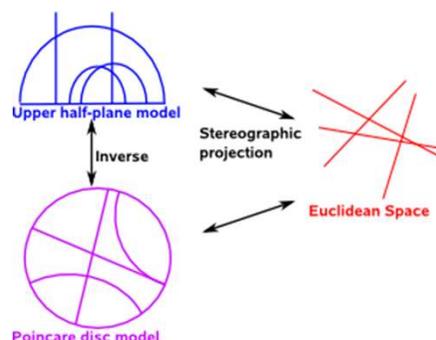
### Extension to transformation groups with affine spaces

### Perspectives, open problems

# Which non-linear space?

## Constant curvatures spaces

- Sphere,
- Euclidean,
- Hyperbolic



## Homogeneous spaces, Lie groups and symmetric spaces

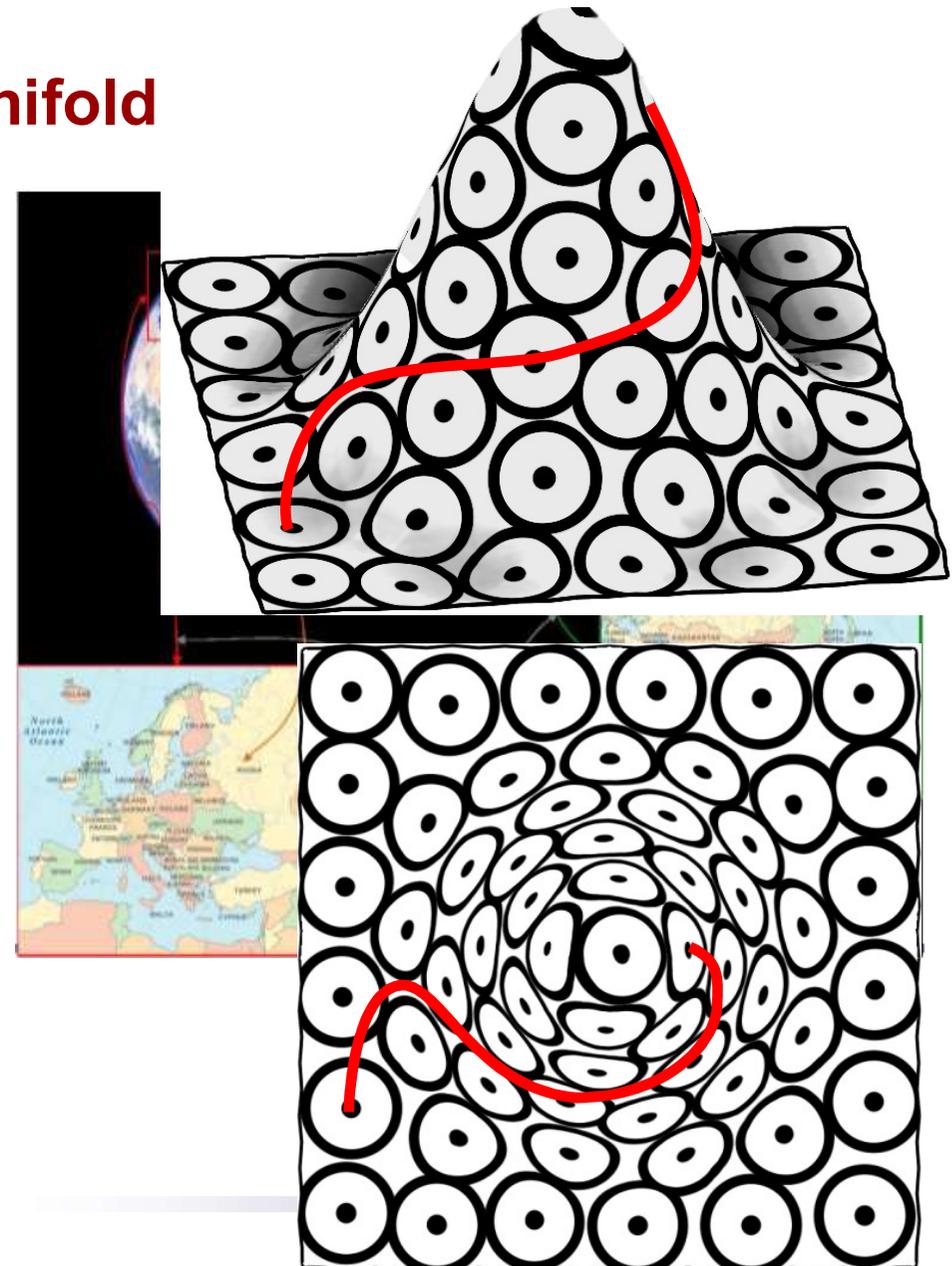
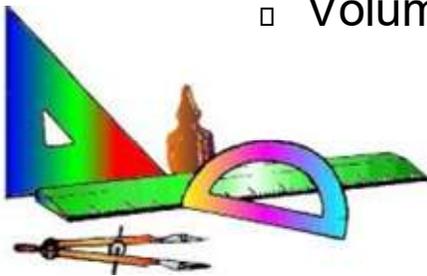
## Riemannian and affine connection spaces

## 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

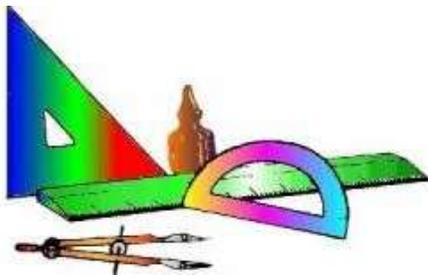
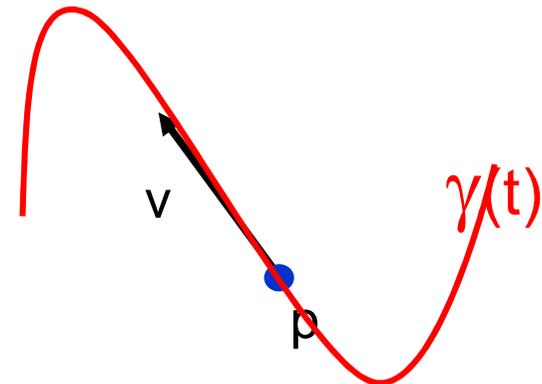
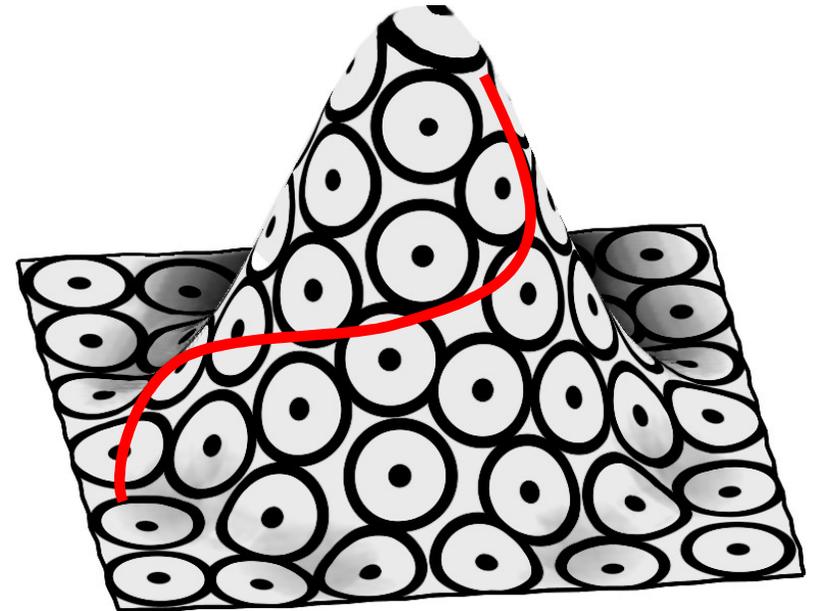
$$\langle v, w \rangle = v^t w$$

- 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



Bernhard Riemann  
1826-1866

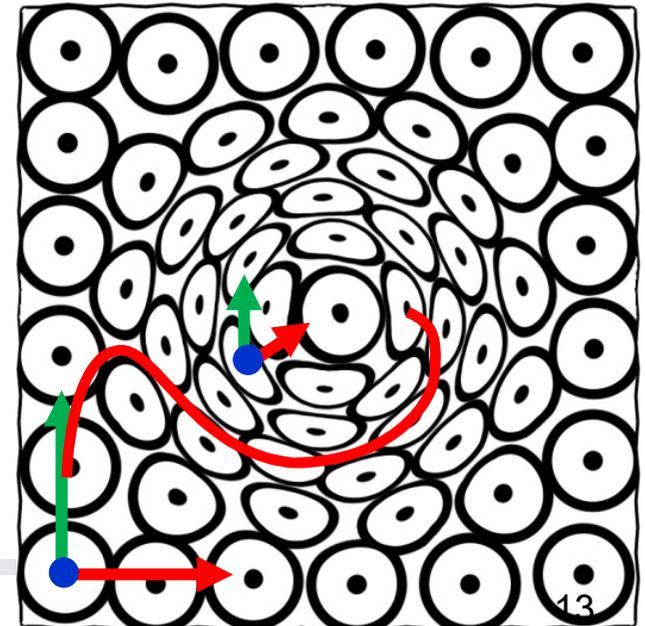
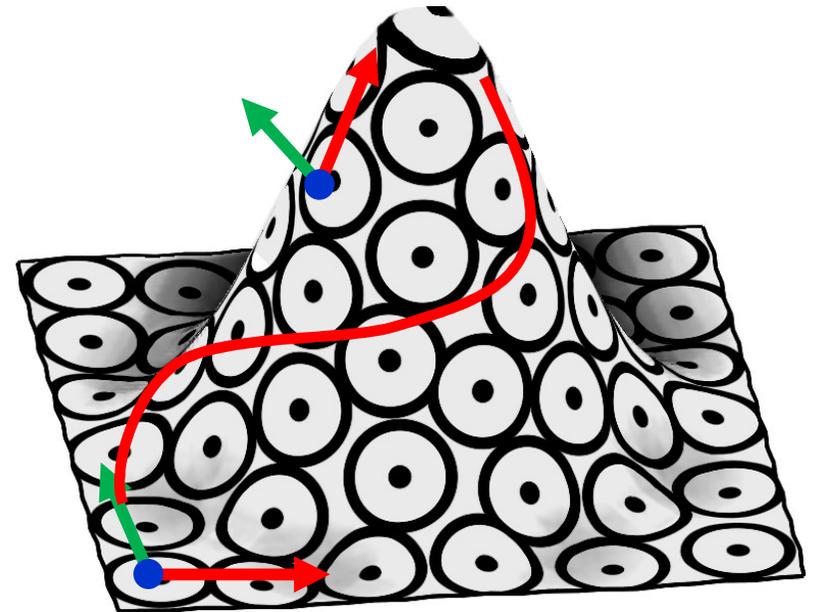
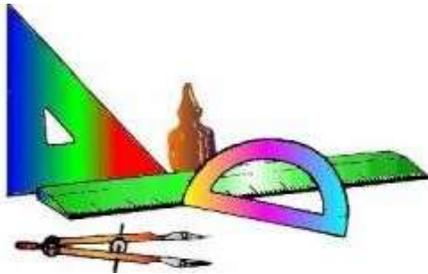
$$\langle v, w \rangle_p = v^t w G(p) w$$

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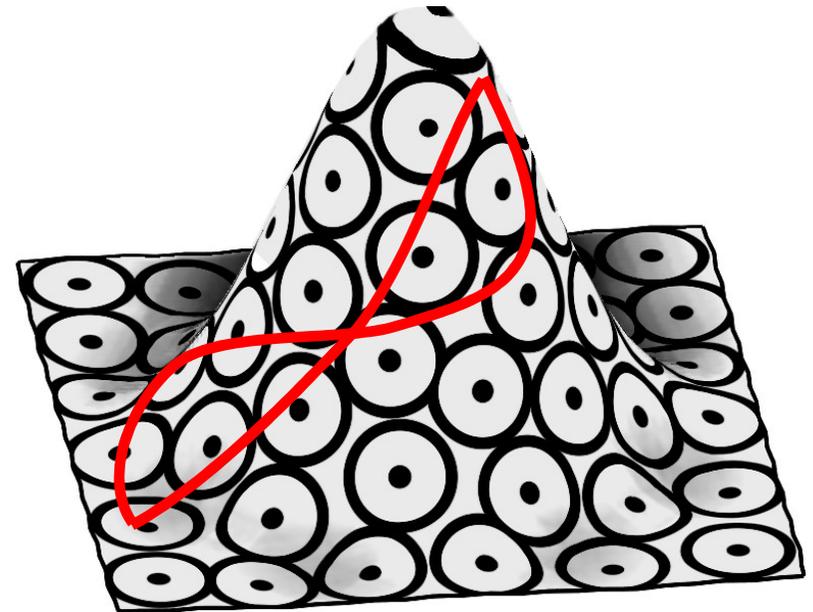
# Riemannian manifolds

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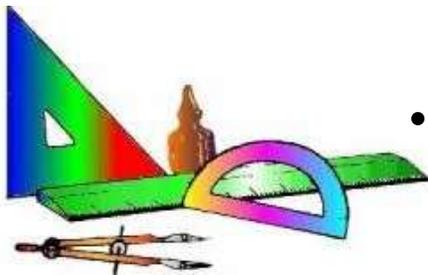
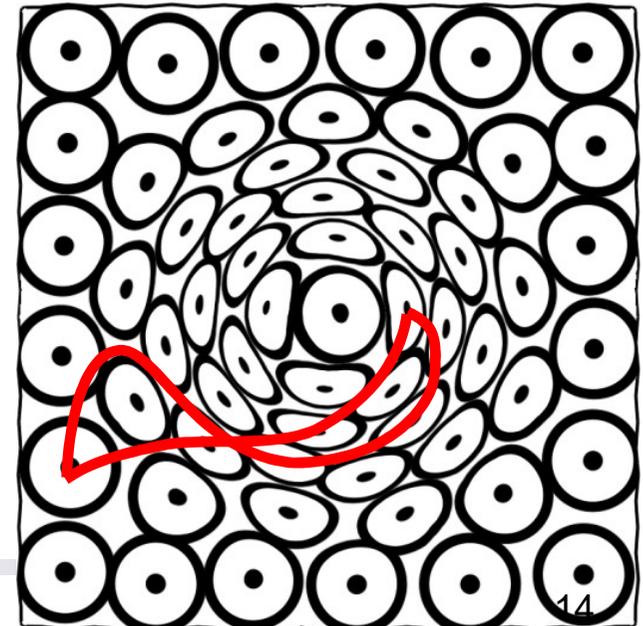


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$$\langle v, w \rangle_p = v^t G(p) w$$



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



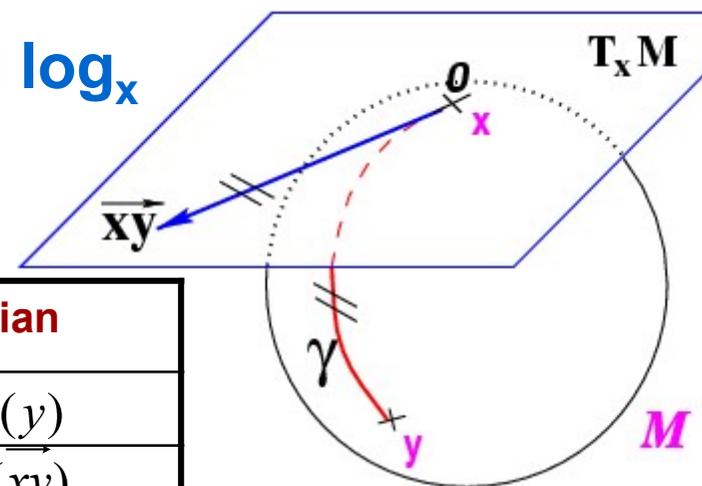
# Bases of Algorithms in Riemannian Manifolds

## Exponential map (Normal coordinate system):

- $\text{Exp}_x$  = geodesic shooting parameterized by the initial tangent
- $\text{Log}_x$  = 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 $\text{exp}_x$ and $\text{log}_x$

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



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

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# First statistical tools



Maurice Fréchet  
(1878-1973)

## Fréchet mean set

- Integral only valid in Hilbert/Wiener spaces [Fréchet 44]
- $\sigma^2(x) = Tr_g(\mathfrak{M}_2(x)) = \int_M dist^2(x, z) P(dz)$
- **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:  $Cov(x) = \mathfrak{M}_2(x) - \mathfrak{M}_1(x) \otimes \mathfrak{M}_1(x)$
- $\mathfrak{M}_k(x) = \int_M \overrightarrow{xz} \otimes \overrightarrow{xz} \otimes \dots \otimes \overrightarrow{xz} P(dz)$  k-contravariant tensor field

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## 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: EFM is a consistent estimator

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

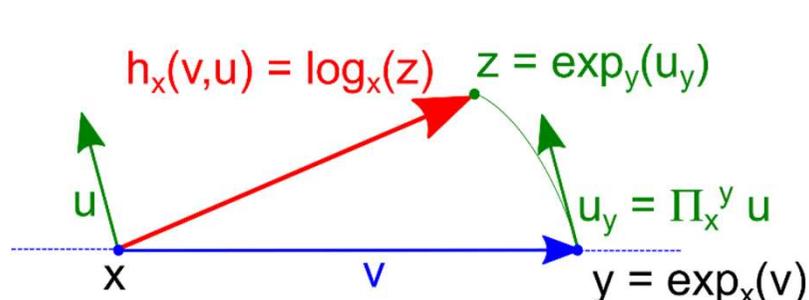
[Bhattacharya & Patrangenaru 2005, Bhatt. & Bhatt. 2008; Kendall & Le 2011]

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

# Taylor expansion in affine connection manifolds

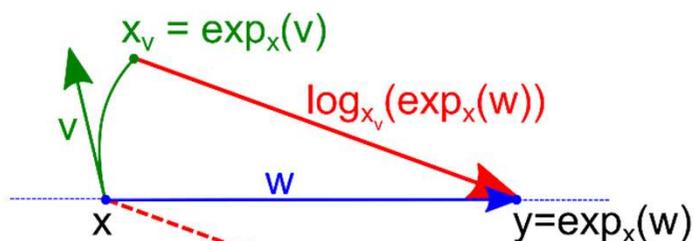
Key idea: use parallel transport instead of the chart to relate  $T_x M$  to  $T_{x_v} M$

## Gavrilov's double exponential is a tensor series (2006):



$$\begin{aligned}
 h_x(v, u) &= \log_x(\exp_{\exp_x(v)}(\Pi_x^{\exp_x(v)} u)) \\
 &= v + u + \frac{1}{6} R(u, v)v + \frac{1}{3} R(u, v)u \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{24} \nabla_v R(u, v)(2v + 5u) + \frac{1}{24} \nabla_u R(u, v)(v + 2u) + O(5)
 \end{aligned}$$

## Neighboring log expansion (new, XP 2019) [XP, arXiv:1906.07418 ]



$$\begin{aligned}
 l_x(v, w) &= \Pi_{x_v}^x \log_{x_v}(\exp_x(w)) \\
 &= w - v + \frac{1}{6} R(w, v)(v - 2w) + \frac{1}{24} \nabla_v R(w, v)(2v - 3w) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{24} \nabla_w R(w, v)(v - 2w) + O(5)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$l_x(v, w) = \Pi_{x_v}^x \log_{x_v}(\exp_x(w))$$

# Asymptotic behavior of empirical Fréchet mean

## Moments of the Fréchet mean of a n-sample

- **Surprising Bias** in  $1/n$  on the empirical Fréchet mean (**gradient of curvature**)

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

- No bias in symmetric spaces (covariantly constant curvature)
- **Concentration rate:** term in  $1/n$  modulated by the **curvature:**  
$$\text{Cov}(\bar{x}_n) = E(\log_{\bar{x}}(\bar{x}_n) \otimes \log_{\bar{x}}(\bar{x}_n)) = \frac{1}{n} \mathfrak{M}_2 + \frac{1}{3n} \mathfrak{M}_2 : R : \mathfrak{M}_2 + O(\epsilon^5, 1/n^2)$$
  - Negative curvature: faster CV than Euclidean, prelude to stickiness
  - Positive curvature: slower CV than Euclidean, prelude to smeariness

## LLN / CLT in manifolds [Bhattacharya & Bhattacharya 2008; Kendall & Le 2011]

- Under Kendall-Karcher concentration conditions:  
$$\sqrt{n} \log_{\bar{x}}(\bar{x}_n) \xrightarrow{D} N(0, H^{-1} \Sigma H^{-1}) \quad \text{if } H = \text{Hess}(\sigma^2(X, \bar{x}_n)) \text{ invertible}$$
- **Hessian:**  $\frac{1}{2} \bar{H} = Id + \frac{1}{3} R : \mathfrak{M}_2 + \frac{1}{12} \nabla R : \mathfrak{M}_3 + O(\epsilon^4, 1/n^2)$
- Same expansion for large n: **modulation of the CV rate by curvature**

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

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# 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)

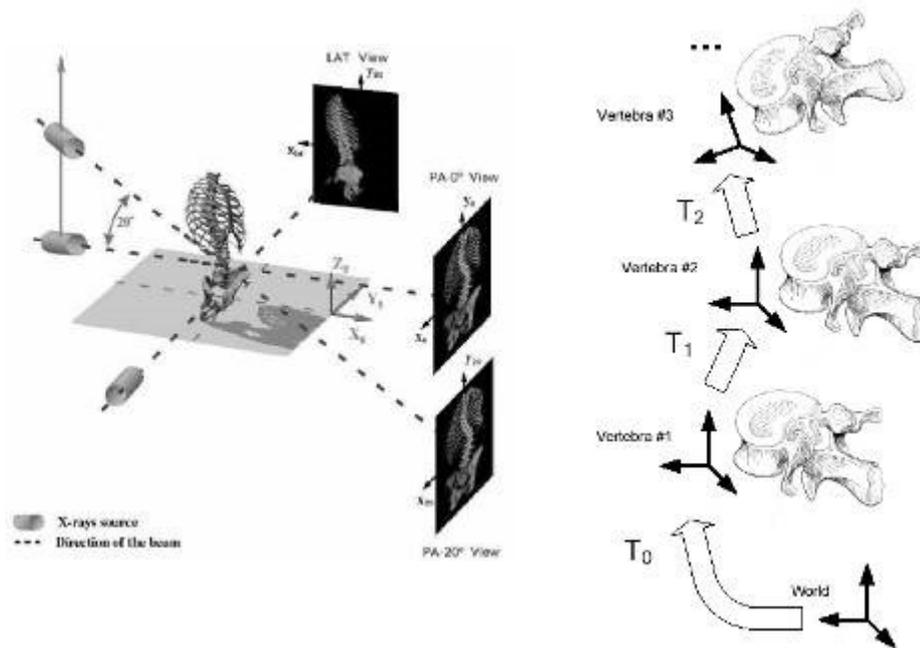
## Sequence of properly embedded subspaces (flags)

- AUC criterion on **flags** generalizes PCA [XP, AoS 2018]

[XP, Barycentric subspace analysis on Manifolds, Annals of Statistics, 2018 ]

# Statistical Analysis of the Scoliotic Spine

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

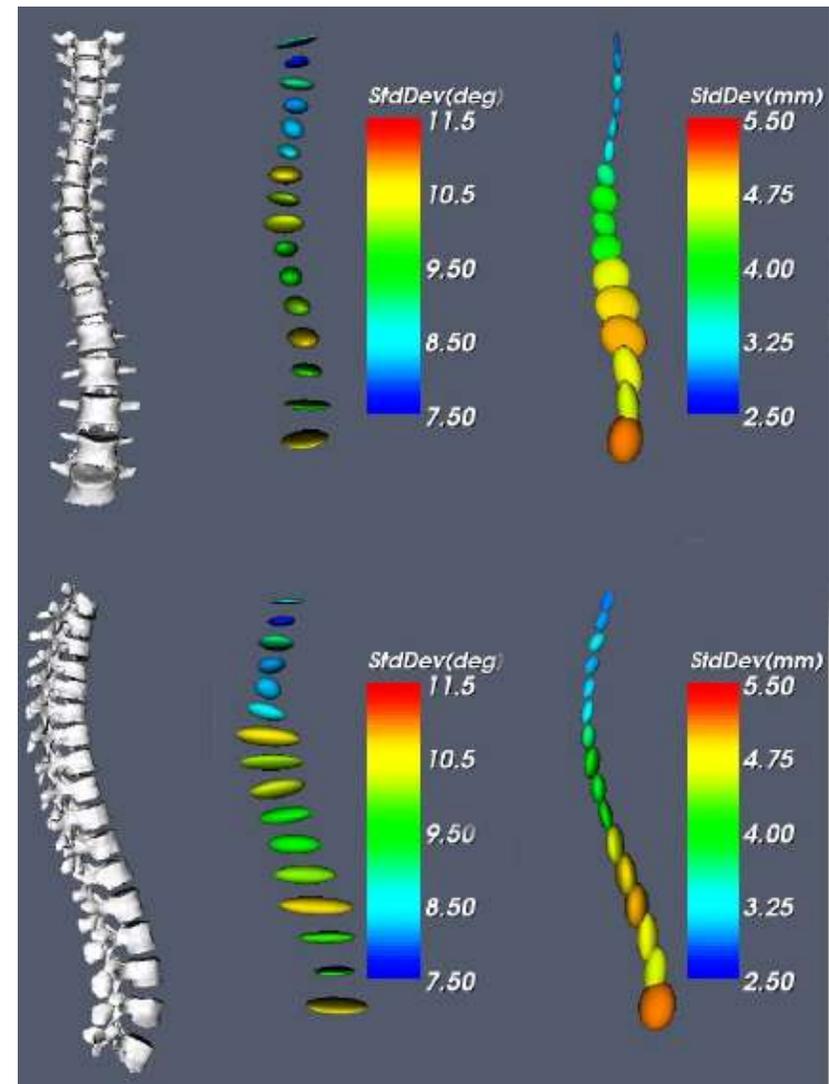


## Database

- 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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# Manifold-valued image processing: Diffusion Tensor Imaging

## Covariance of the Brownian motion of water

- Filtering, regularization
- Interpolation / extrapolation
- Architecture of axonal fibers

## Symmetric positive definite matrices

- Cone in Euclidean space (not complete)
- Convex operations are stable
  - mean, interpolation
- More complex operations are not
  - PDEs, gradient descent...

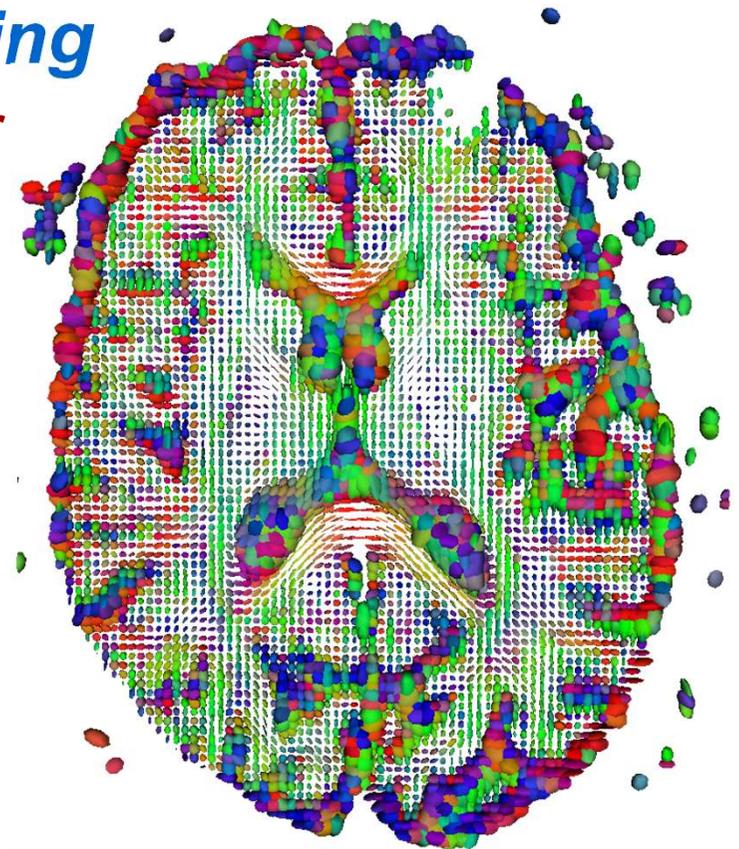
## All invariant metrics under $GL(n)$

$$\langle W_1 | W_2 \rangle_{Id} = \text{Tr}(W_1^T W_2) + \beta \text{Tr}(W_1) \cdot \text{Tr}(W_2) \quad (\beta > -1/n)$$

□ Exponential map  $Exp_{\Sigma}(\overrightarrow{\Sigma\Psi}) = \Sigma^{1/2} \exp(\Sigma^{-1/2} \cdot \overrightarrow{\Sigma\Psi} \cdot \Sigma^{-1/2}) \Sigma^{1/2}$

□ Log map  $\overrightarrow{\Sigma\Psi} = Log_{\Sigma}(\Psi) = \Sigma^{1/2} \log(\Sigma^{-1/2} \cdot \Psi \cdot \Sigma^{-1/2}) \Sigma^{1/2}$

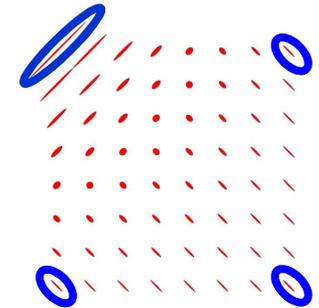
□ Distance  $dist(\Sigma, \Psi)^2 = \langle \overrightarrow{\Sigma\Psi} | \overrightarrow{\Sigma\Psi} \rangle_{\Sigma} = \left\| \log(\Sigma^{-1/2} \cdot \Psi \cdot \Sigma^{-1/2}) \right\|_{Id}^2$



# Manifold-valued image algorithms

## Integral or sum in M: weighted Fréchet mean

- Interpolation
  - Linear between 2 elements: interpolation geodesic
  - Bi- or tri-linear or spline in images: weighted means
- Gaussian filtering: **convolution = weighted mean**



[ Pennec, Fillard, Arsigny, IJCV 66(1), 2006]  $\Sigma(x) = \min \sum_i G_\sigma(x - x_i) \text{dist}^2(\Sigma, \Sigma_i)$

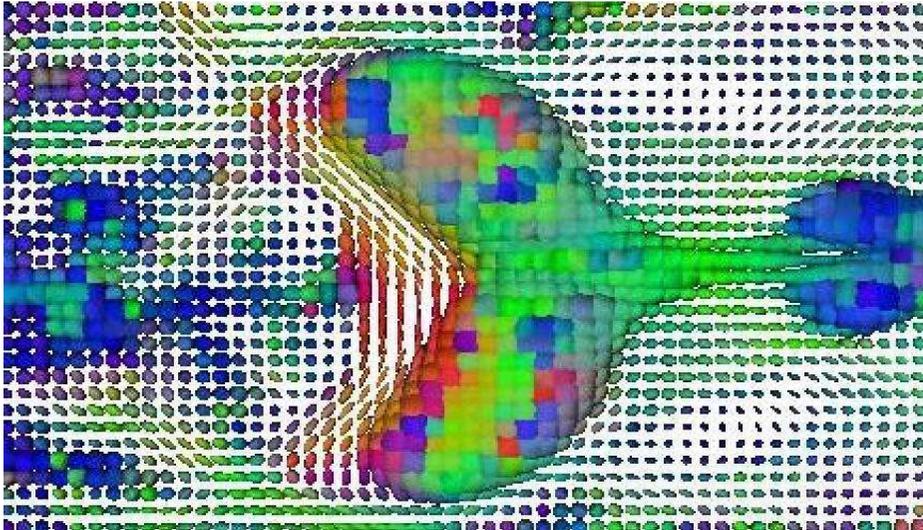
## PDEs for regularization and extrapolation: the exponential map (partially) accounts for curvature

- Gradient of Harmonic energy = Laplace-Beltrami
$$\Delta \Sigma(x) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \sum_{u \in S} \overrightarrow{\Sigma(x)\Sigma(x + \varepsilon u)} + O(\varepsilon^2)$$
- Anisotropic regularization using robust functions  $\text{Reg}(\Sigma) = \int \Phi(\|\nabla \Sigma(x)\|_{\Sigma(x)}^2) dx$
- Simple intrinsic numerical schemes thanks the exponential maps!

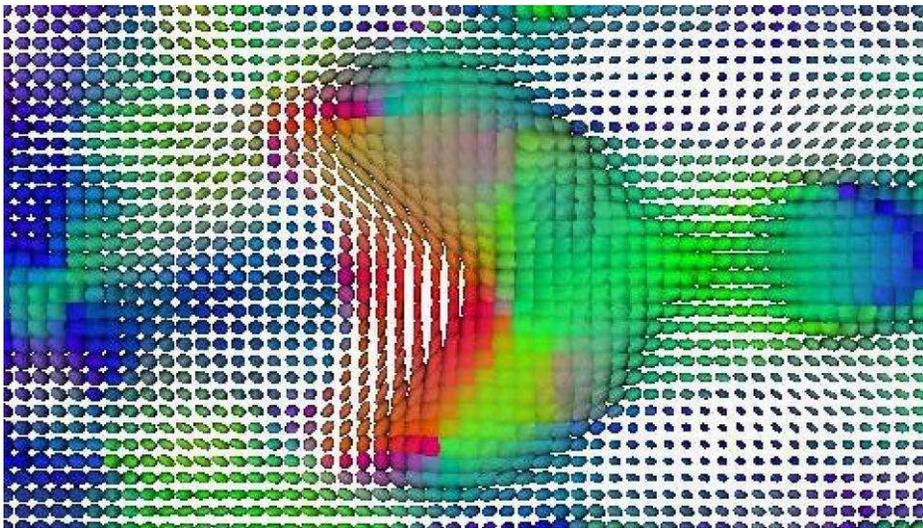
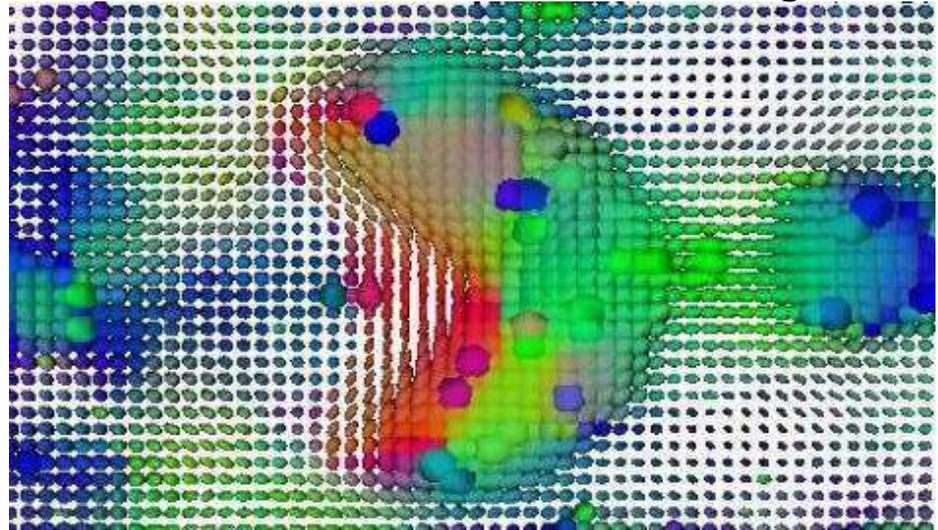
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# Filtering and anisotropic regularization of DTI

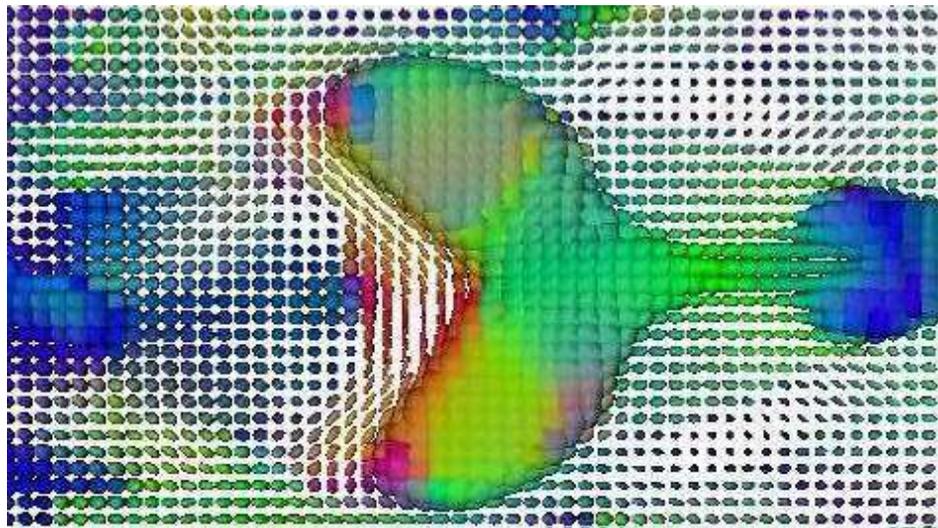
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Euclidean Gaussian smoothing



Riemann Gaussian smoothing



Riemann anisotropic smoothing

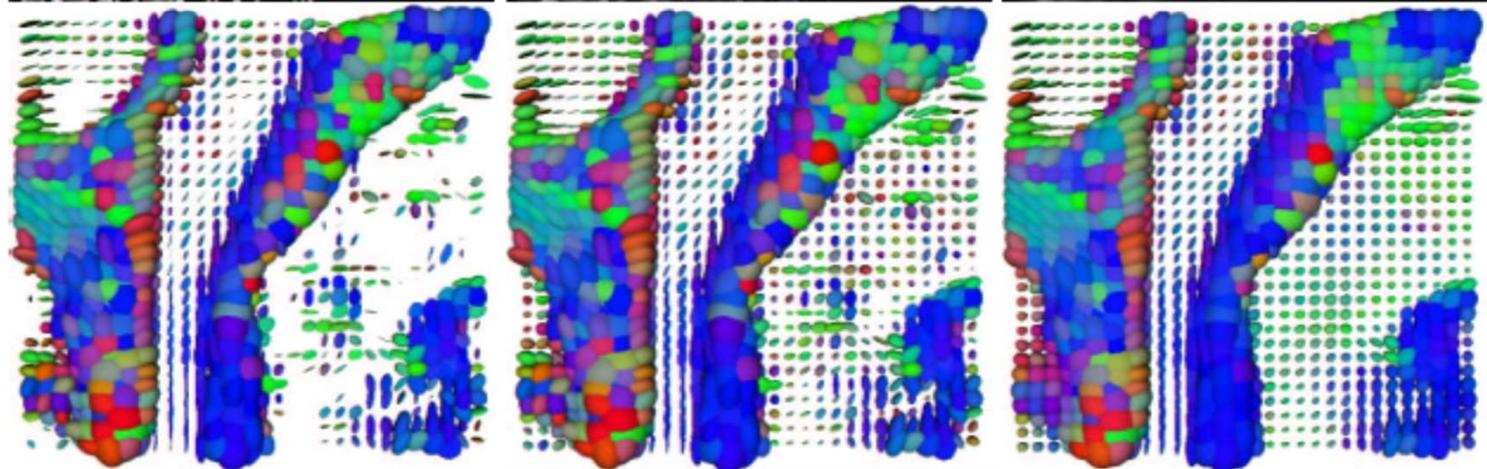
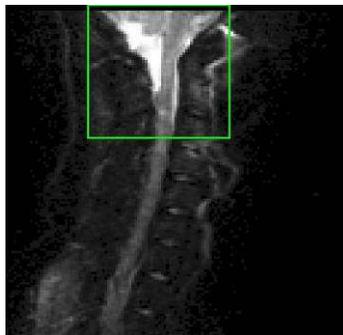
# Rician MAP estimation with Riemannian spatial prior

$$MAP(\Sigma) = -\sum_{i=1}^N \int \log \left( \frac{\hat{S}_i}{\sigma^2} \exp \left( -\frac{\hat{S}_i^2 + S_i(\Sigma)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right) I_0 \left( \frac{S_i(\Sigma)\hat{S}_i}{\sigma^2} \right) \right) dx + \int \Phi \left( \|\nabla \Sigma(x)\|_{\Sigma(x)}^2 \right) dx$$

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Estimated tensors



Standard

ML Rician

MAP Rician

[ Fillard, Arsigny, Pennec, Ayache ISBI'06, TMI 26(11) 2007 ]

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# *Geometric Statistics for Computational Anatomy*

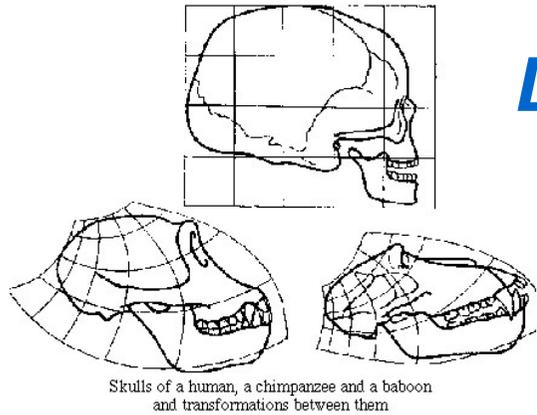
## Motivations

### Simple statistics on Riemannian manifolds

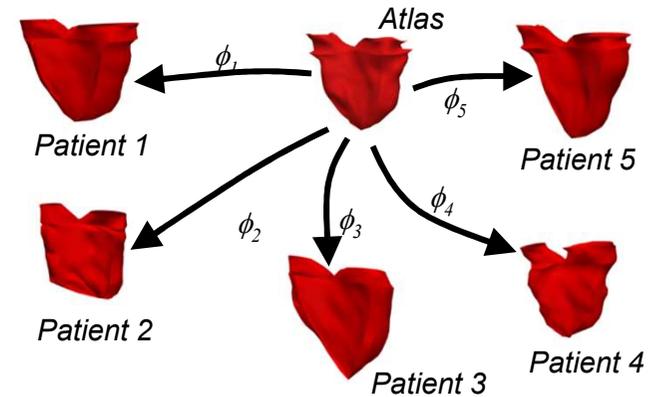
### **Extension to transformation groups with affine spaces**

- The bi-invariant affine Cartan connection structure
- Longitudinal modeling with parallel transport on diffeomorphisms

### 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.)

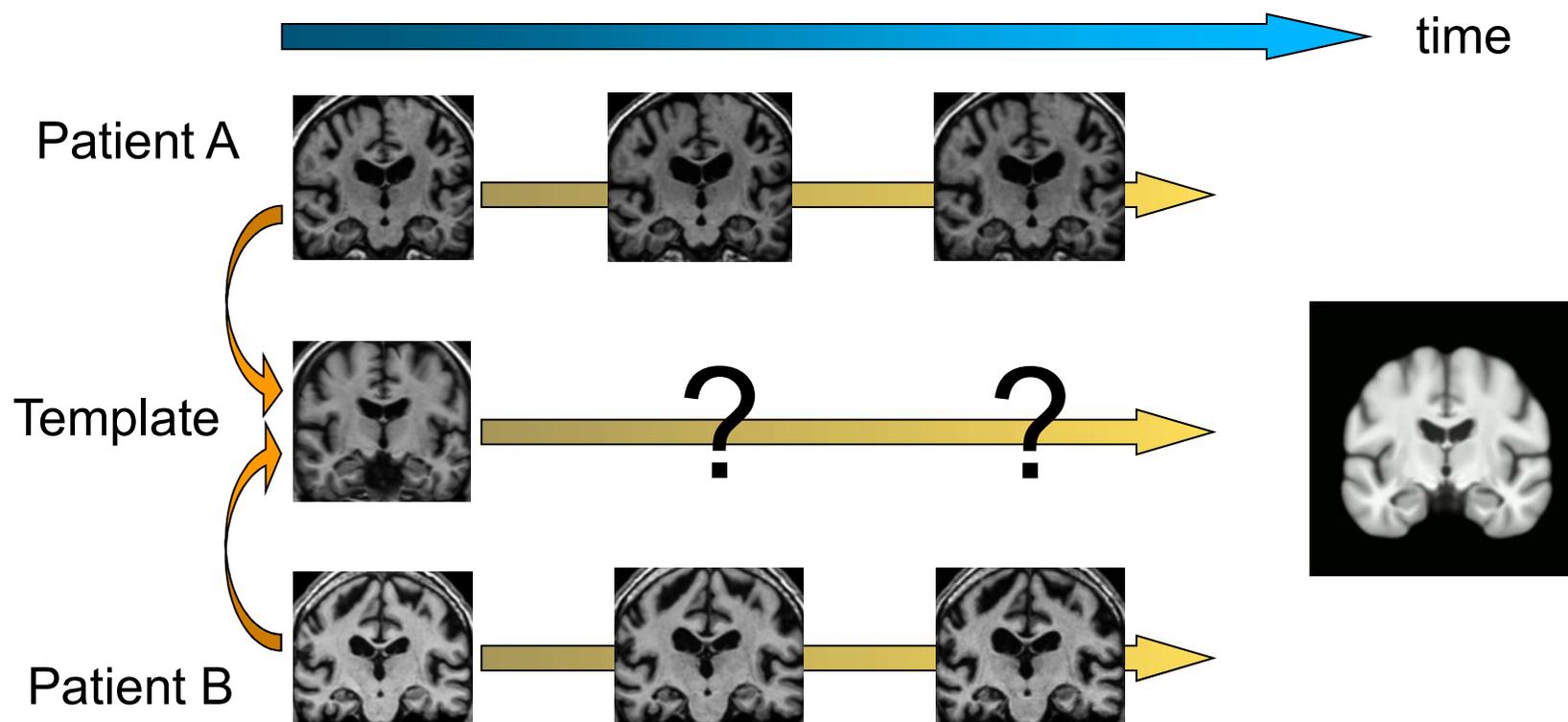
## No bi-invariant metric in general for Lie groups

- **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?**

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## 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?**

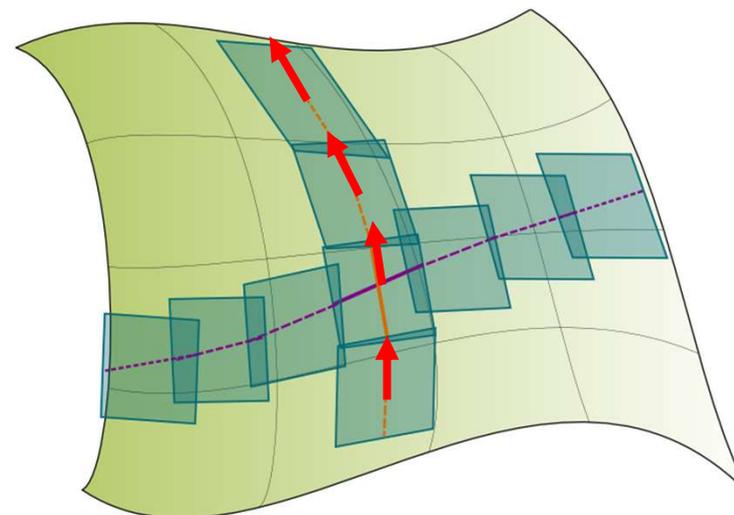
# Drop the metric, use connection to define geodesics

## 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:  $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \dot{\gamma} = 0$
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. ]

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

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

## Statistics on an affine connection space

### ~~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]

### For Cartan-Schouten connections [Pennec & Arsigny, 2012]

- Locus of points  $x$  such that  $\sum \text{Log}(x^{-1} \cdot y_i) = 0$
- Algorithm: fixed point iteration (**local convergence**)

$$x_{t+1} = x_t \circ \text{Exp} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum \text{Log}(x_t^{-1} \cdot y_i) \right)$$

- **Mean stable by left / right composition and inversion**
  - If  $m$  is a mean of  $\{g_i\}$  and  $h$  is any group element, then
$$h \circ m = \text{mean}\{h \circ g_i\}, m \circ h = \text{mean}\{g_i \circ h\} \text{ and } m^{(-1)} = \text{mean}\{g_i^{(-1)}\}$$

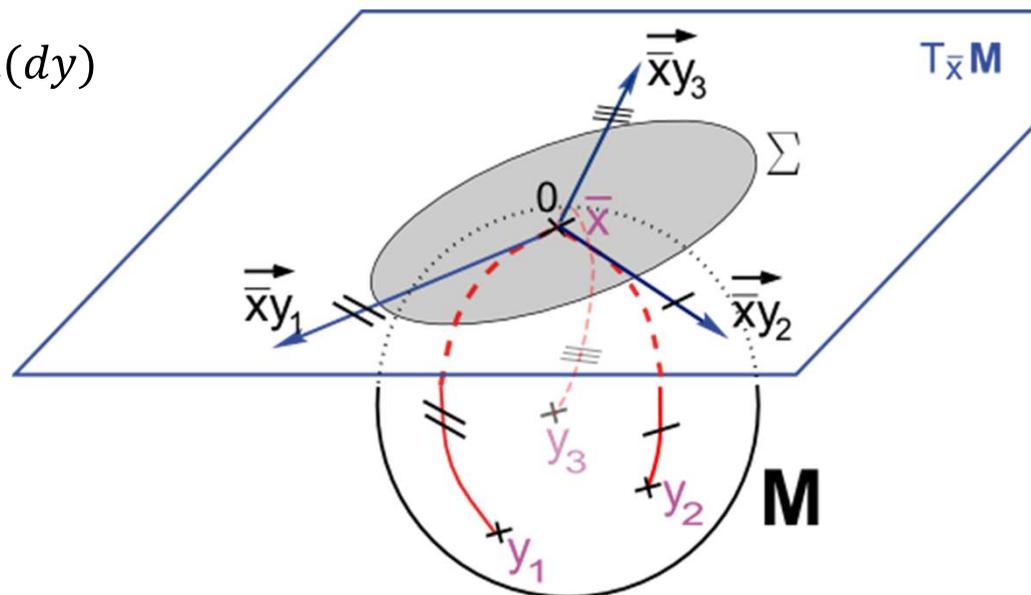
# Generalization of the Statistical Framework

## 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 according to the basis



## Other statistical tools

- Previous theorem on CLT holds
- Mahalanobis distance well defined and bi-invariant
- ~~Tangent Principal Component Analysis (t-PCA)~~
- PGA & BSA, provided a data likelihood

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# Geometric Statistics for Computational Anatomy

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# Riemannian Metrics on diffeomorphisms

## Space of deformations

- Transformation  $y = \phi(x)$
- Curves in transformation spaces:  $\phi(x, t)$
- Tangent vector = speed vector field  $v_t(x) = \frac{d\phi(x, t)}{dt}$

## Right invariant metric

- Lagrangian formalism  $\|v_t\|_{\phi_t} = \|v_t \circ \phi_t^{-1}\|_{Id}$
- Sobolev Norm  $H_k$  (or RKHS in LDDMM)  $\rightarrow$  diffeomorphisms  
[Miller, Trounev, Younes, Holm, Dupuis, Beg... 1998 – 2009]
- Geometric Mechanics [Arnold, Smale, Souriau, Marsden, Ratiu, Holmes, Michor...]

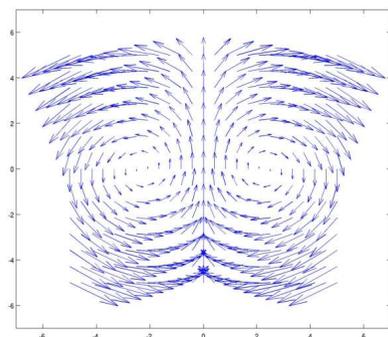
## Geodesics determined by optimization of a time-varying vector field

- Distance  $d^2(\phi_0, \phi_1) = \arg \min_{v_t} \left( \int_0^1 \|v_t\|_{\phi_t}^2 dt \right)$
- Geodesics characterized by initial velocity / momentum
- Optimization by shooting/adjoint or path-straightening methods

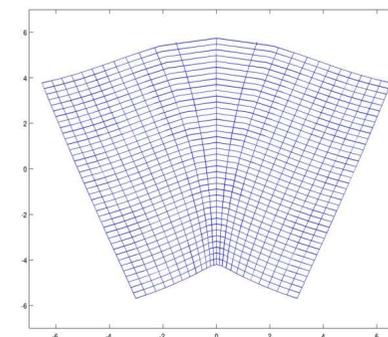
# The SVF framework for Diffeomorphisms

**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

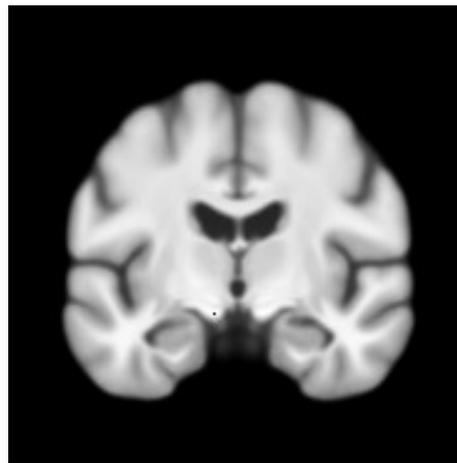
## Efficient numerical algorithms

- 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  $[\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}](p) = \text{Jac}(\mathbf{v})(p) \cdot \mathbf{u}(p) - \text{Jac}(\mathbf{u})(p) \cdot \mathbf{v}(p)$

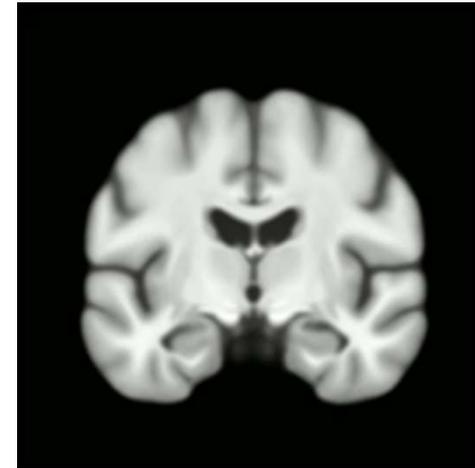
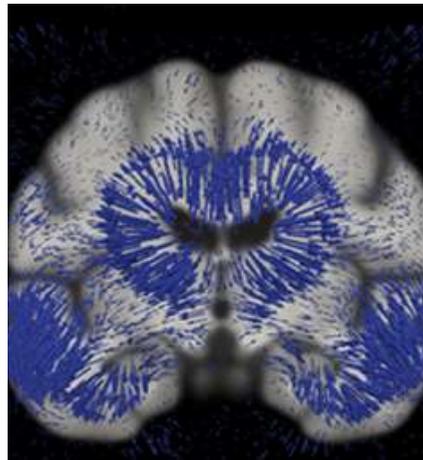
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# Measuring Temporal Evolution with deformations: Deformation-based morphometry

Fast registration with deformation parameterized by SVF



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

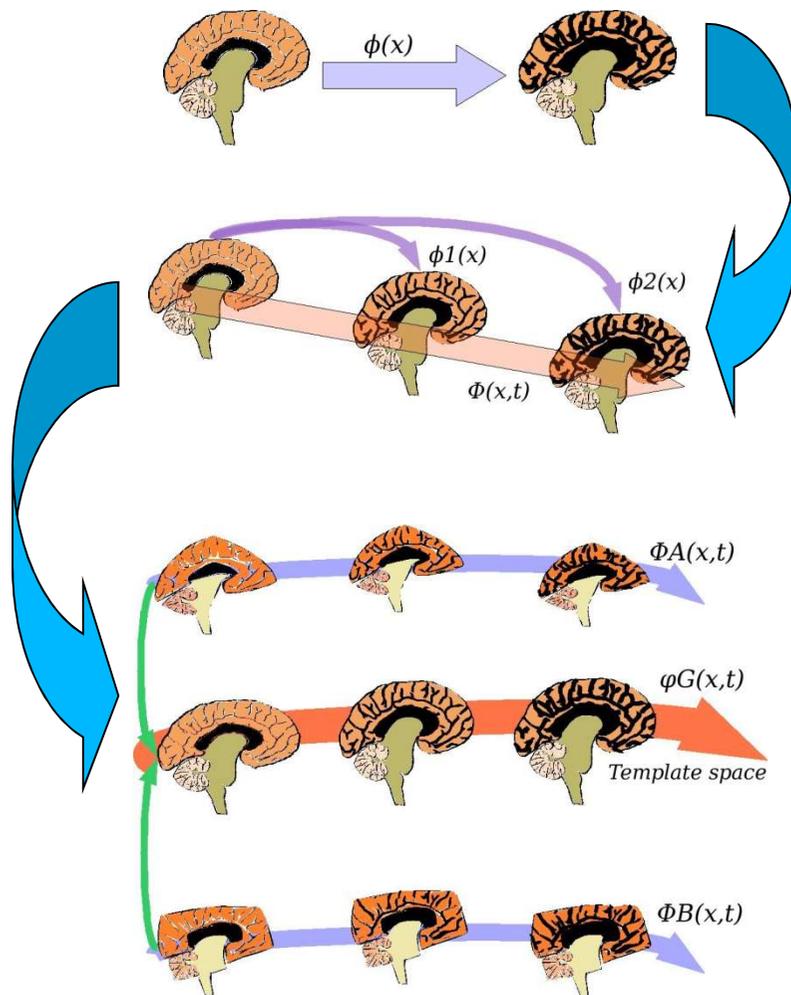


<https://team.inria.fr/asclepios/software/lcclogdemons/>

[LCC log-demons for longitudinal brain imaging.

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

# Analysis of longitudinal datasets



## 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*

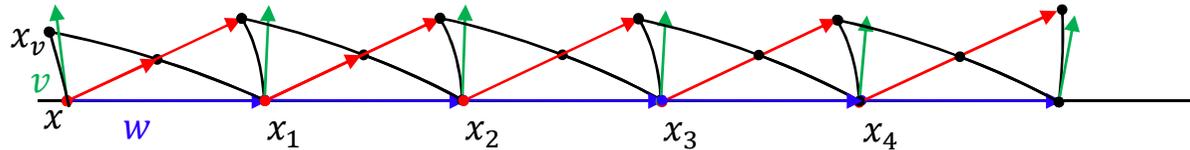
## Multiple subjects, multiple time points

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

**[Lorenzi et al, IPMI 2011, JMIV 2013]**

# Discrete approximations of Parallel transport

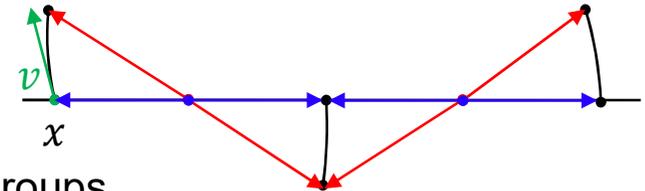
## Schild's Ladder [Lecture at Princeton 60ies, Ehlers et al 1972]



- Build geodesic parallelogram
- Iterate along the curve
- One step is a 1<sup>st</sup> order approximation [Kheyfets et al 2000]

## Pole ladder: [Lorenzi, XP, JMIV 50 (1-2), 2013]

- Simpler method with piecewise geodesics
  - Closed form expression for Cartan connection on Lie groups
- One step is of order 4 in general affine manifolds [XP, Arxiv 1805.11436, 2018 ]



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

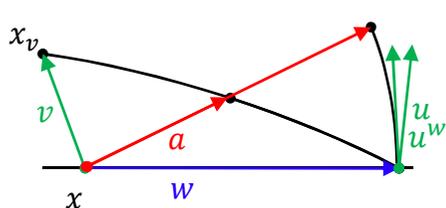
- **Exact in symmetric spaces (transvection)!**

- No approximation formula beyond 1<sup>st</sup> order for SL
- No results for the iterated SL and PL schemes
- No results for approximate geodesics

# Convergence of Schild's Ladder

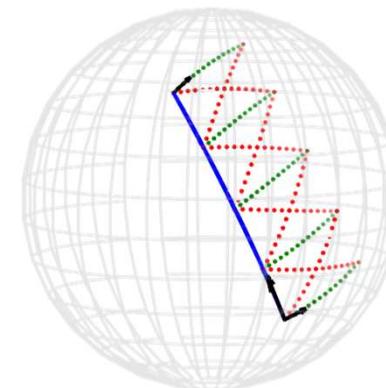
## Gavrilov's Taylor expansion of one Schild's ladder step

- Taylor series for mid-point rule

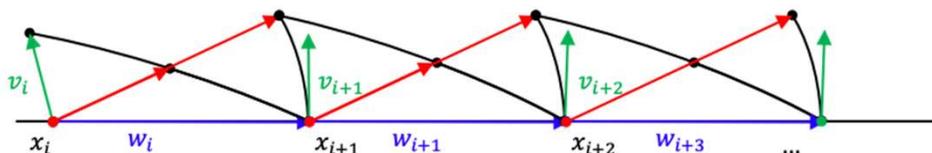


$$2a = w + v + \frac{1}{6}R(v, w)(w - v) + O(4)$$

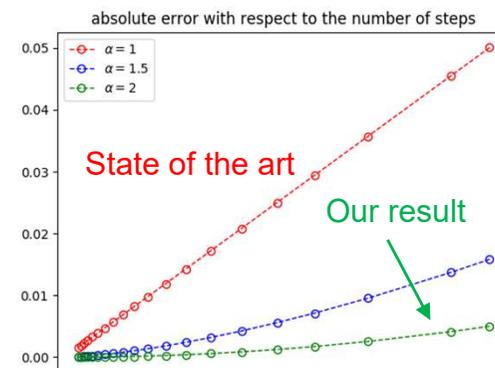
$$u - u^w = \frac{1}{2}R(w, v)v + O(4)$$



## Convergence of the iterated Schild's ladder



$$v_{i+1} = n^\alpha \cdot \text{schild}\left(x_i, \frac{w_i}{n}, \frac{v_i}{n^\alpha}\right),$$



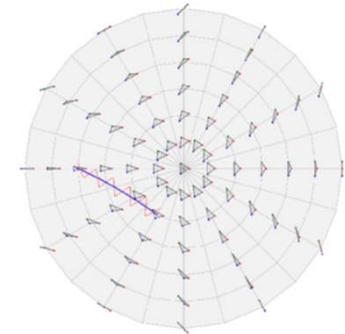
**Theorem:** the scheme converge at speed  $\|v_n - \Pi_x^{x_n} v\| \leq \frac{\tau}{n^\alpha} + \frac{\beta}{n^2}$ .

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# Convergence of pole Ladder

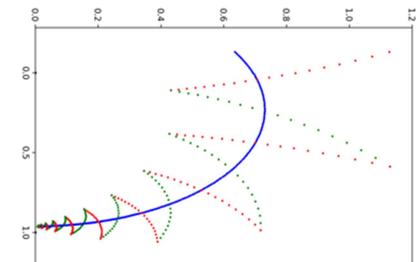
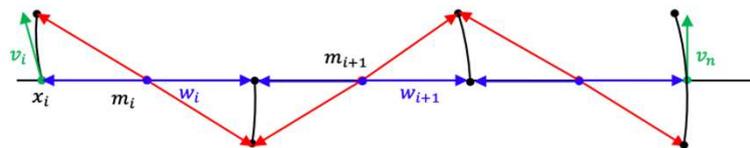
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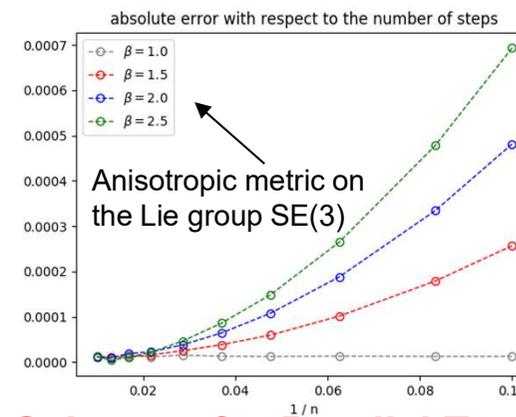
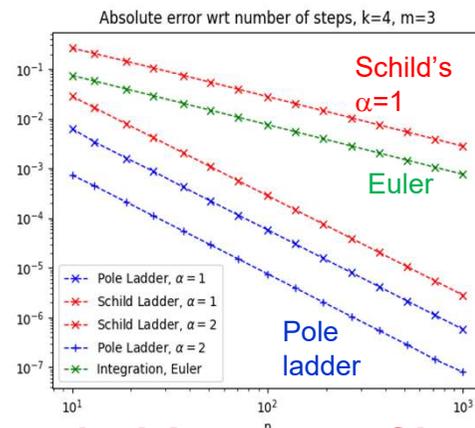


Kendall shape space  $\Sigma_3^3$

## Convergence of the iterated pole ladder



**Theorem:** the scheme converge at speed  $\|v_n - \Pi_m^{m_n} v\| \leq \frac{\gamma}{n^2}$

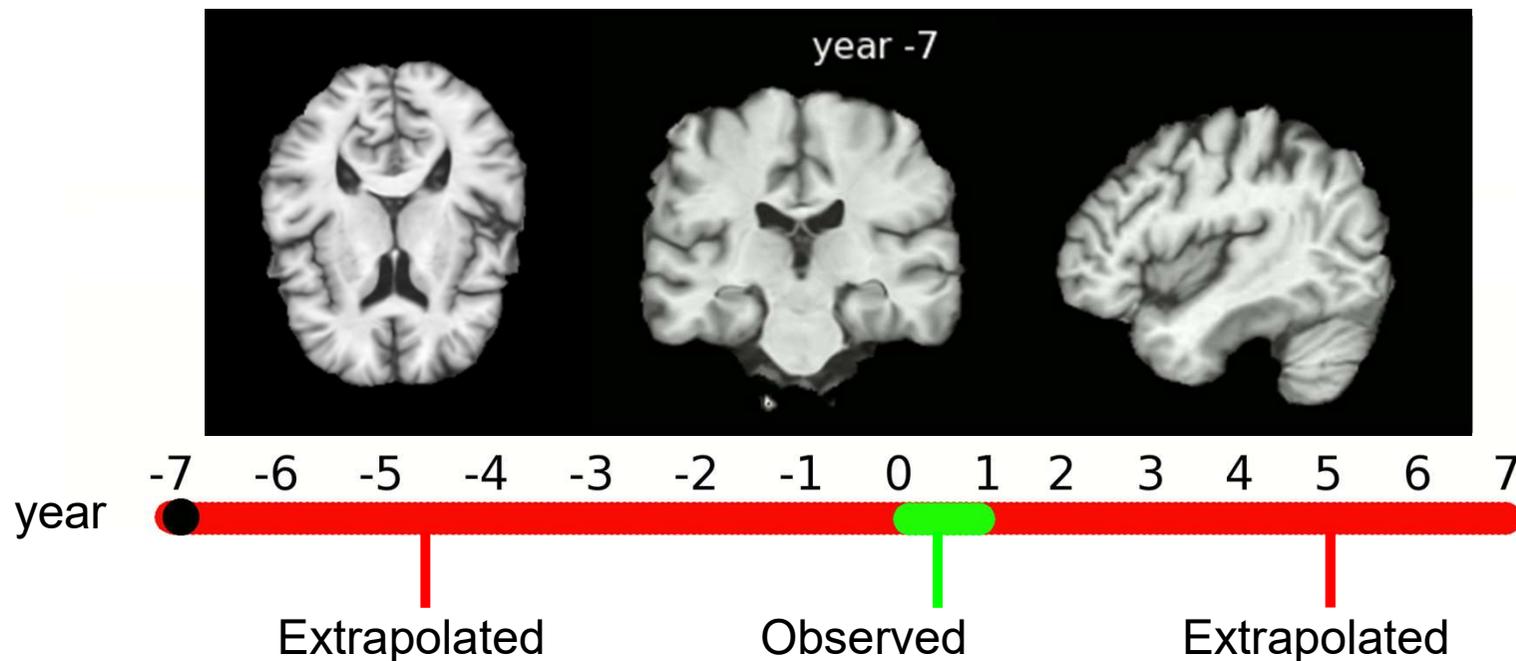


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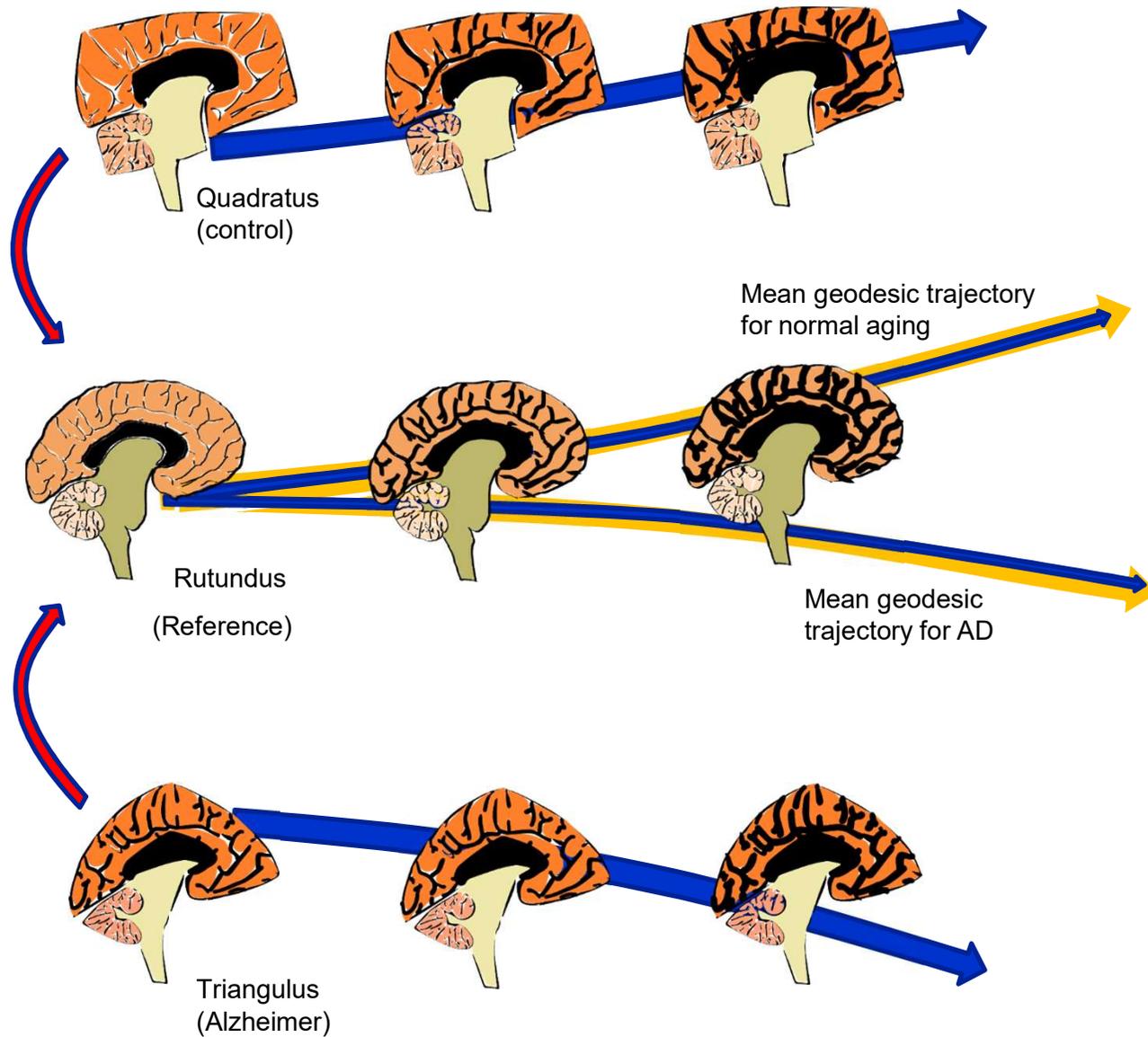
# The Stationnary Velocity Fields (SVF) framework for diffeomorphisms

- 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]

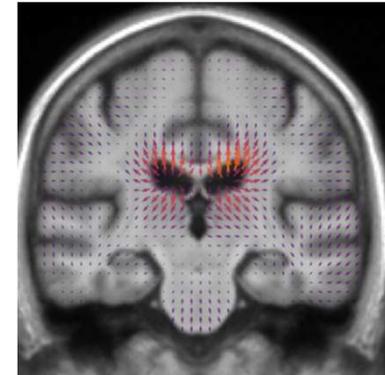
**Longitudinal modeling of AD: 70 subjects extrapolated from 1 to 15 years**



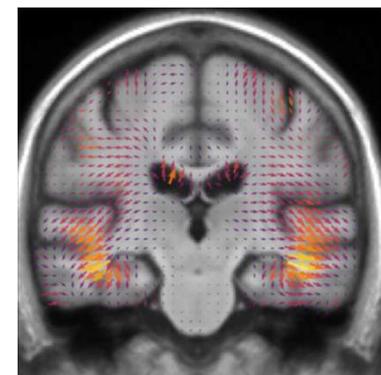
# Modeling Normal and AD progression



SVF parametrizing the deformation trajectory



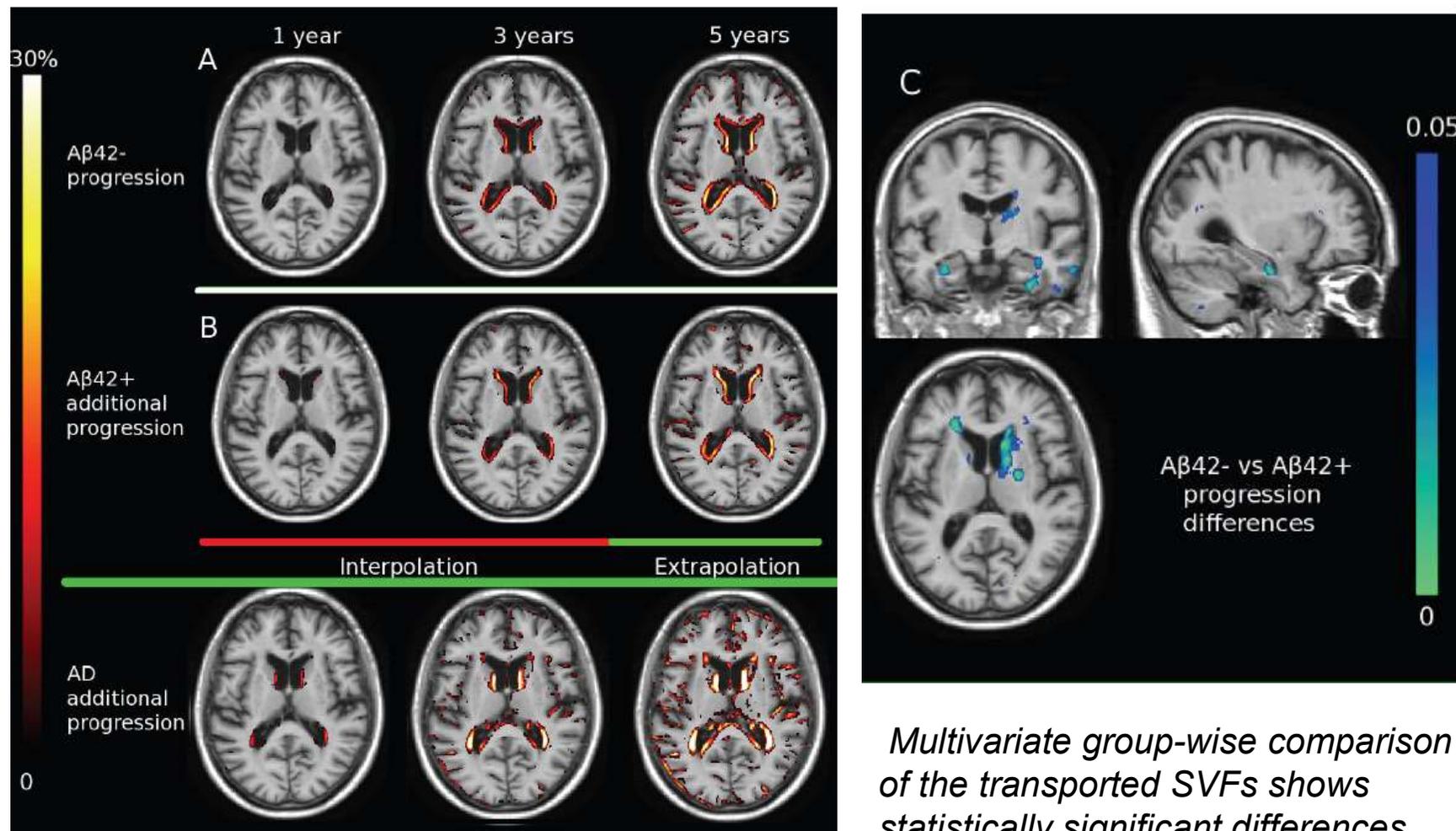
Normal aging



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]**

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# *Advances in Geometric Statistics*

**Motivations**

**Simple statistics on Riemannian manifolds**

**Extension to transformation groups with affine spaces**

**Conclusion**

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***Exp<sub>x</sub> / Log<sub>x</sub> 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

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# Affine vs Riemannian connection for Lie groups

## What is similar

- Standard differentiable geometric structure [curved space without torsion]
- Normal coordinate system with  $\text{Exp}_x$  et  $\text{Log}_x$  [finite dimension]

## Limitations of the affine framework

- No metric (but no choice of metric to justify)
- The exponential does not always cover the full group
  - Pathological examples close to identity in finite dimension
  - In practice, similar limitations for the discrete Riemannian framework

## What we gain with Cartan-Schouten connection

- A globally invariant structure invariant by composition & inversion
- Simple geodesics, efficient computations (stationarity, group exponential)
- Consistency with any bi-invariant (pseudo)-metric
- The simplest linearization of transformations for statistics on Lie groups?

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# Pushing the frontiers of Geometric Statistics

## Beyond the Riemannian / metric structure

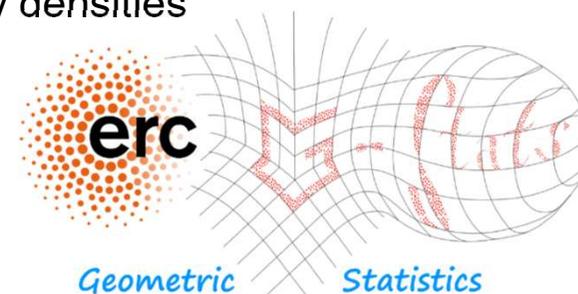
- Riemannian manifolds, Non-Positively Curved (NPC) metric spaces
- **Affine connection, Quotient, Stratified spaces (trees, graphs)**

## 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

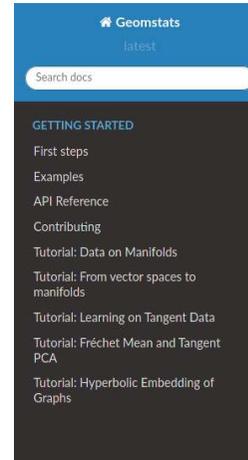


## Make G-Statistics an effective discipline applications

# <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

[ Miolane et al, JMLR 2020, Scipy 2020]



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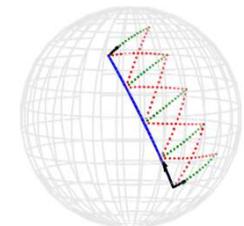
## Geomstats

Geomstats is an open-source Python package for computations and statistics on nonlinear manifolds. The mathematical definition of manifold is beyond the scope of this documentation. However, in order to use Geomstats, you can visualize it as a smooth subset of the Euclidean space. Simple examples of manifolds include the sphere or the space of 3D rotations.

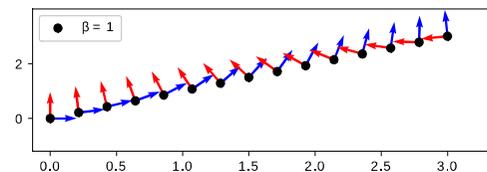
Data from many application fields are elements of manifolds. For instance, the manifold of 3D rotations  $SO(3)$ , or the manifold of 3D rotations and translations  $SE(3)$ , appear naturally when performing statistical learning on articulated objects like the human spine or robotics arms. Other examples of data that belong to manifolds are introduced in our paper.

Computations on manifolds require special tools of differential geometry. Computing the mean of two rotation matrices  $R_1, R_2$  as  $\frac{R_1+R_2}{2}$  does not generally give a rotation matrix. Statistics for data on manifolds need to be extended to "geometric statistics" to perform consistent operations.

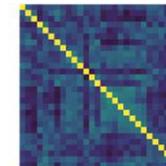
In this context, Geomstats provides code to fulfill four objectives:



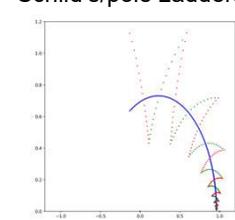
Schild's/pole Ladders



Rotations-Translations



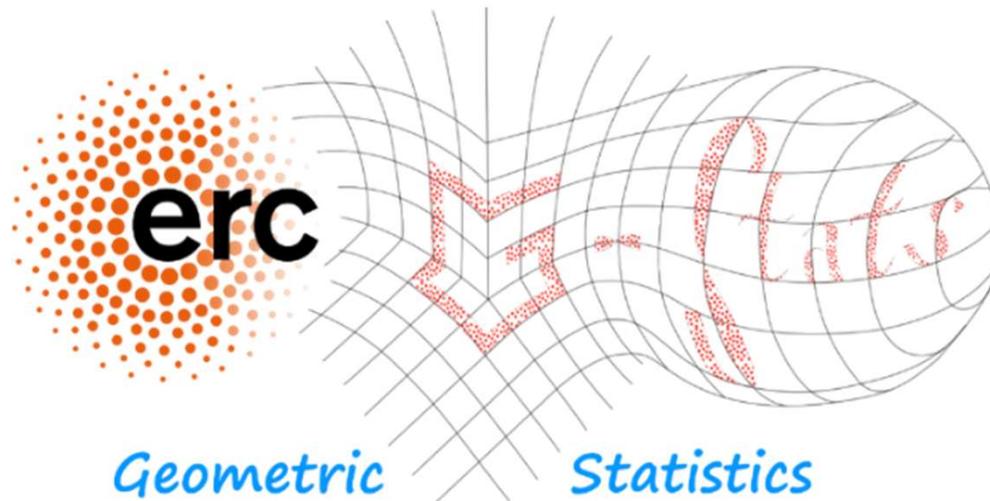
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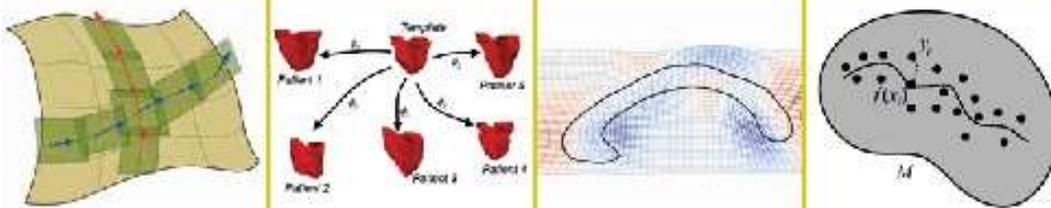
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