

# Lecture 16:

# Intrinsic Geometry

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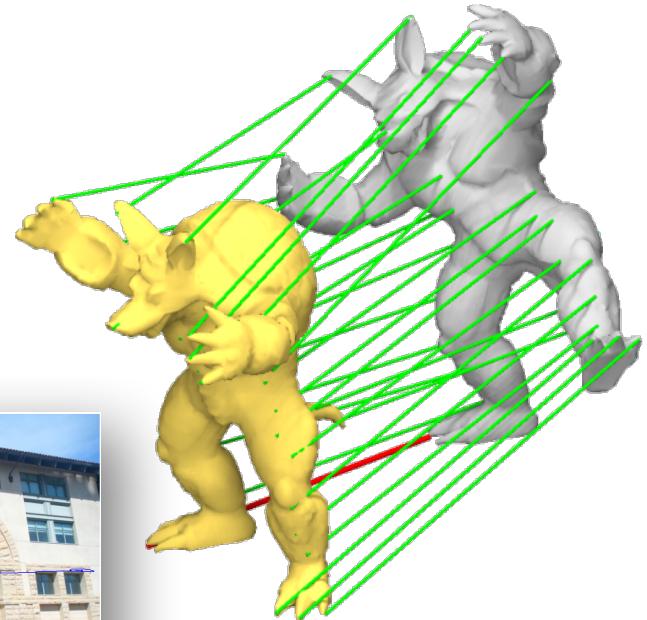
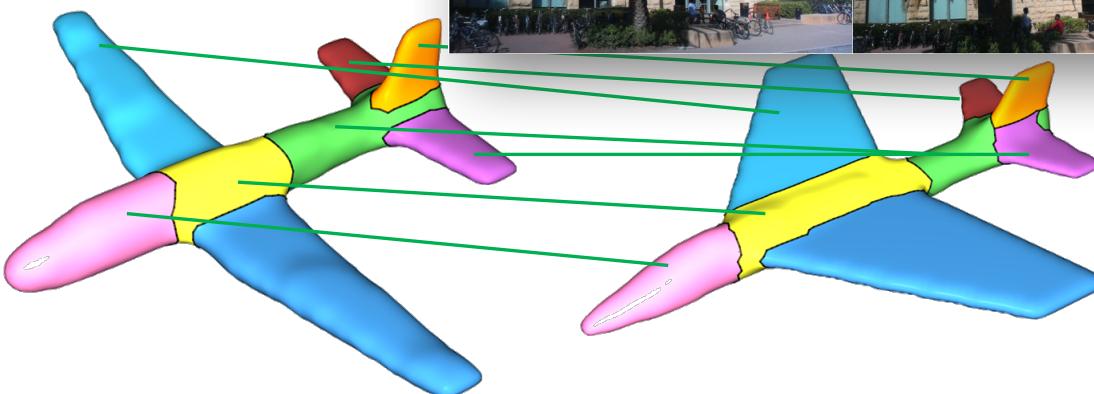
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# Alignment and Registration of Data Sets

# Mapping Between Data Sets

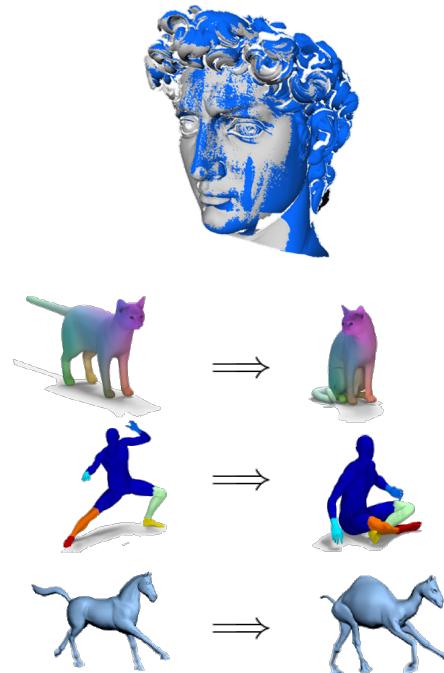
- Multiscale mappings
  - Point/pixel level
  - part level



Maps capture what is the same or similar across two data sets

# Why Do We Care About Maps and Alignments?

- To stitch data together
- To transfer information
- To compute distances and similarities
- To perform joint analysis



# Extrinsic vs. Intrinsic Alignment

- Coordinate root mean squared distance

$$cRMS^2(P, Q) = \min_{R, t} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|Rp_i + t - q_i\|^2$$

estimate transform

- Distance root mean squared distance

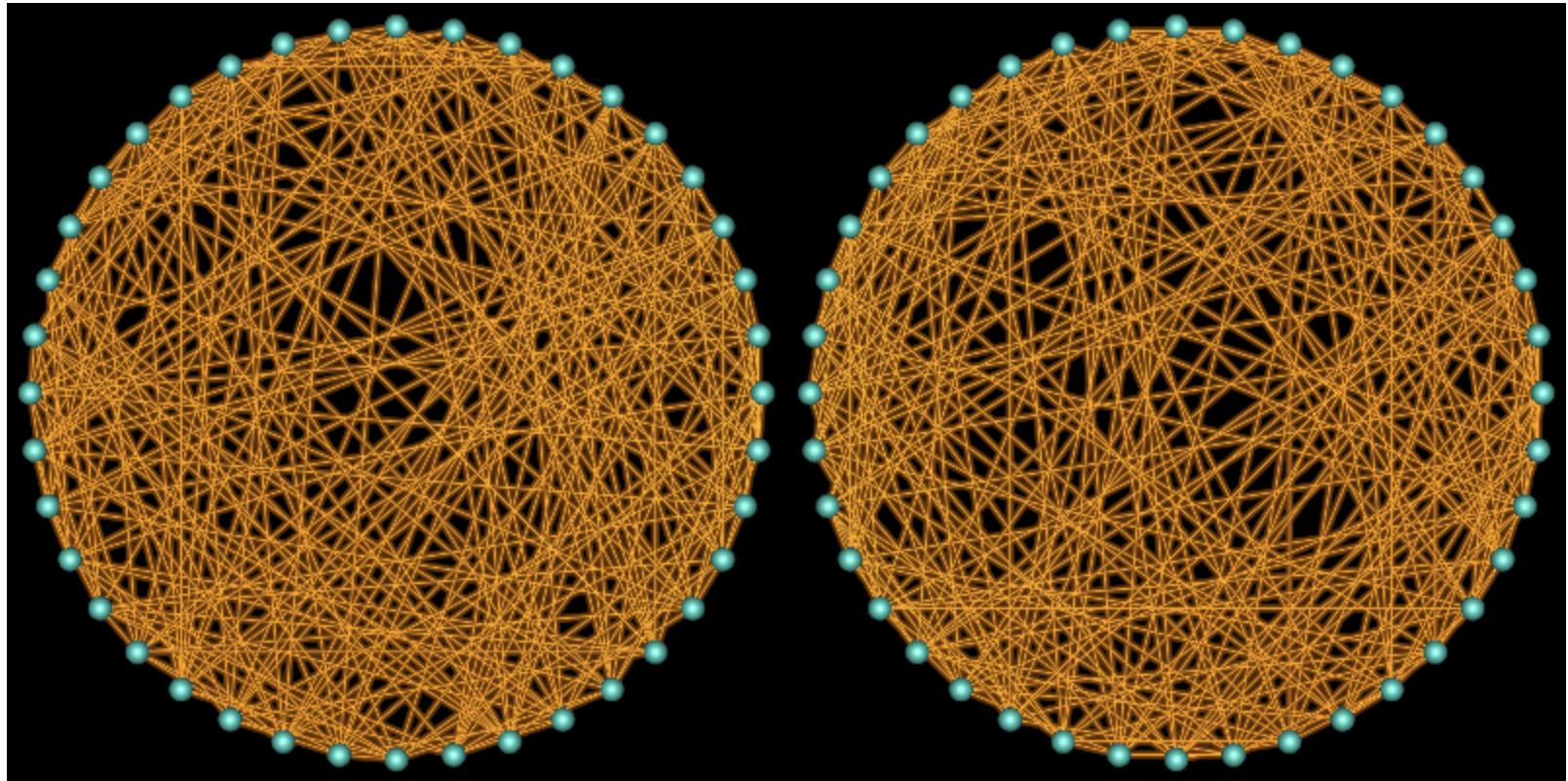
$$dRMS^2(P, Q) = \frac{1}{n^2} \min_{\sigma} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (||p_i - p_j|| - ||q_{\sigma(i)} - q_{\sigma(j)}||)^2$$

estimate correspondences

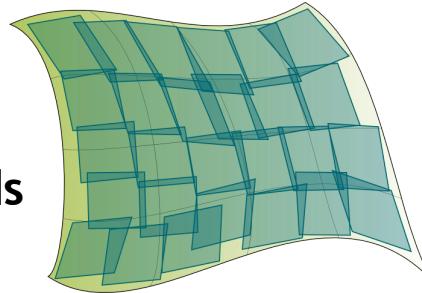
metric space, intrinsic alignment

Gromov-Hausdorff distances

# Graph Isomorphism



Intrinsic alignment of manifolds



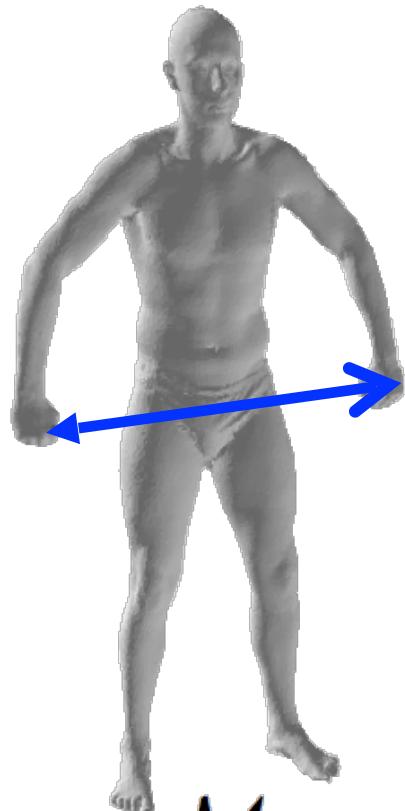
# Why Intrinsic?



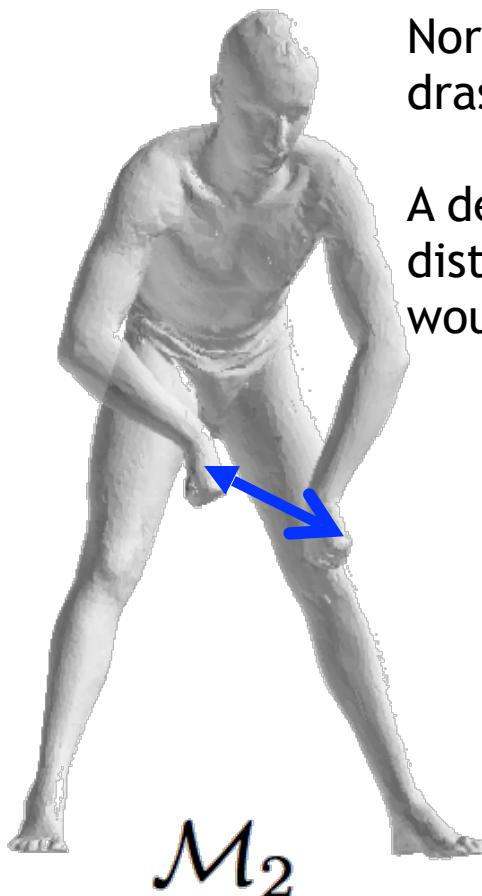
Many shapes have natural deformations and articulations that do not change the nature of the shape.

But they change its embedding 3D space.

# Why Intrinsic?



$\mathcal{M}_1$

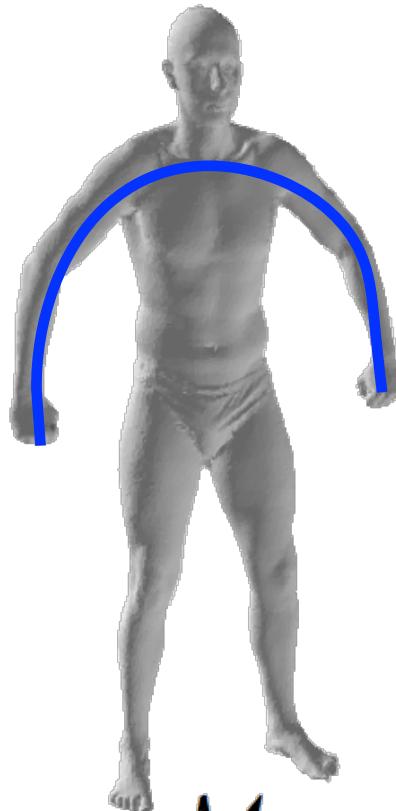


$\mathcal{M}_2$

Normal distances can change  
drastically under such deformations

A descriptor based on Euclidean  
distance histograms, like D2,  
would fail

# Geodesic / Intrinsic Distances



geodesic = intrinsic



isometry = length-preserving transform

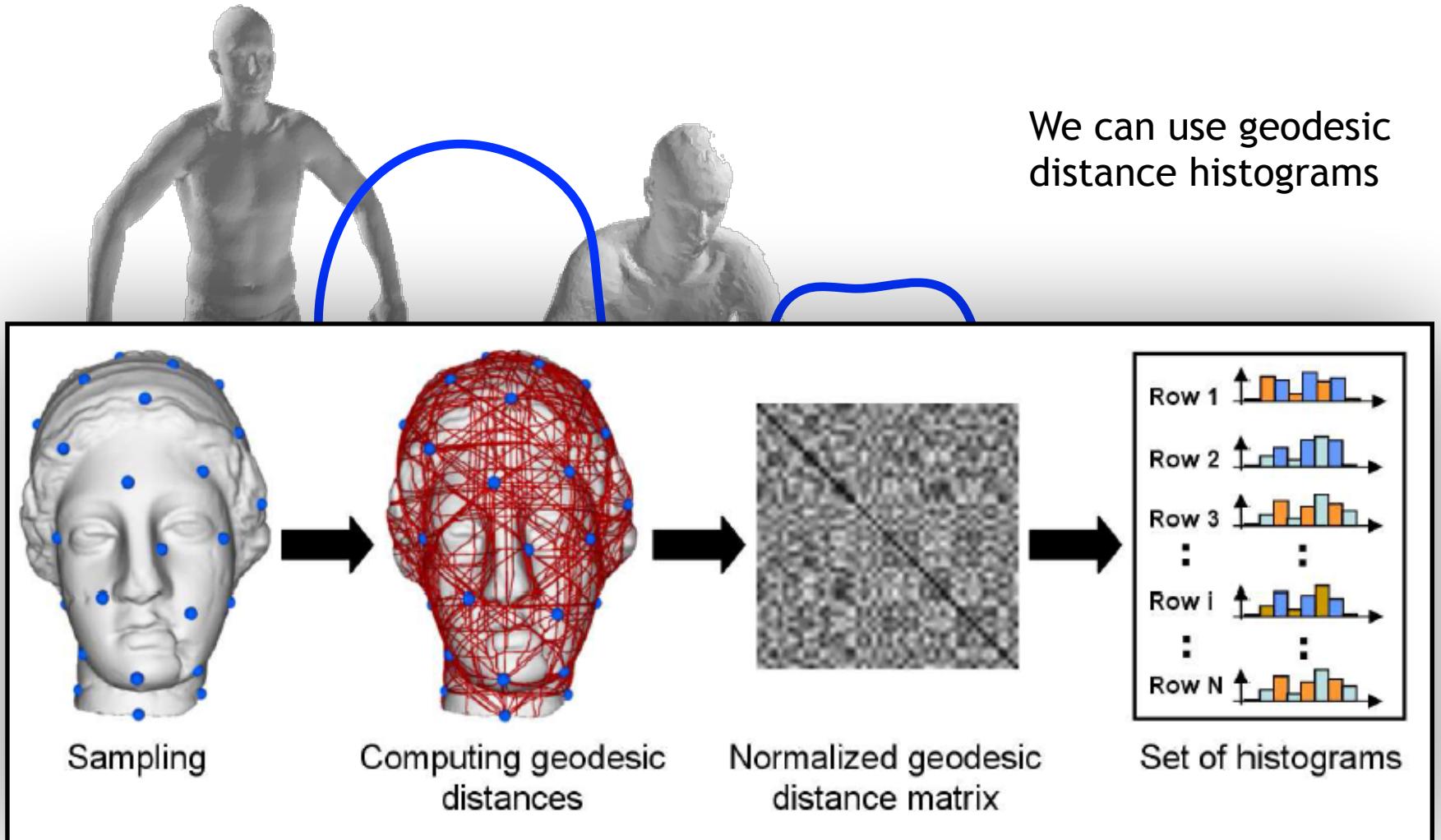
Near isometric deformations are common for both organic and man-made shapes

Intrinsic distances are invariant to isometric deformations

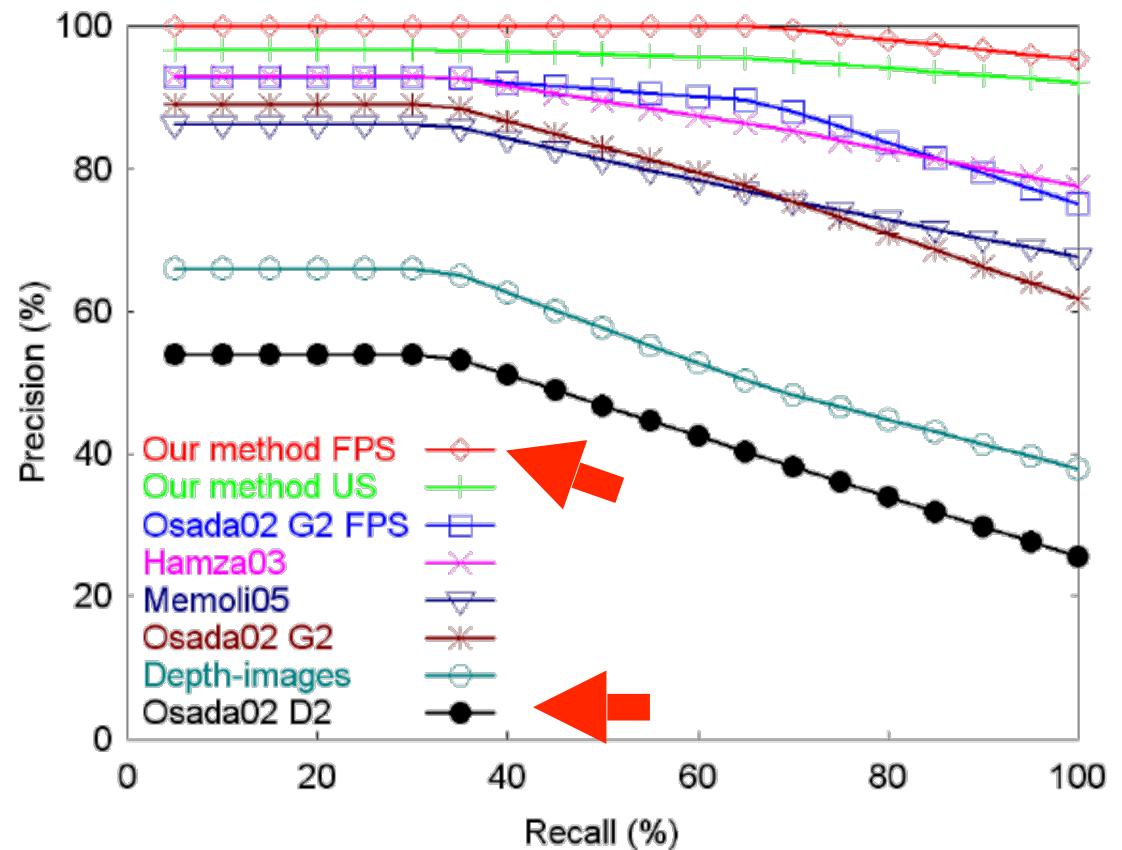
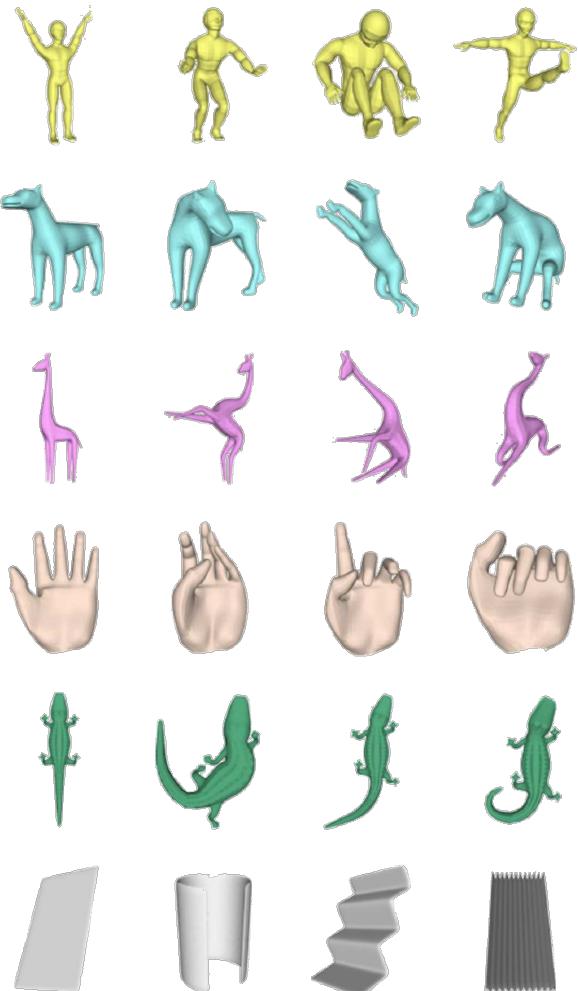


No stretching, shrinking, or tearing

# Geodesic / Intrinsic Distances



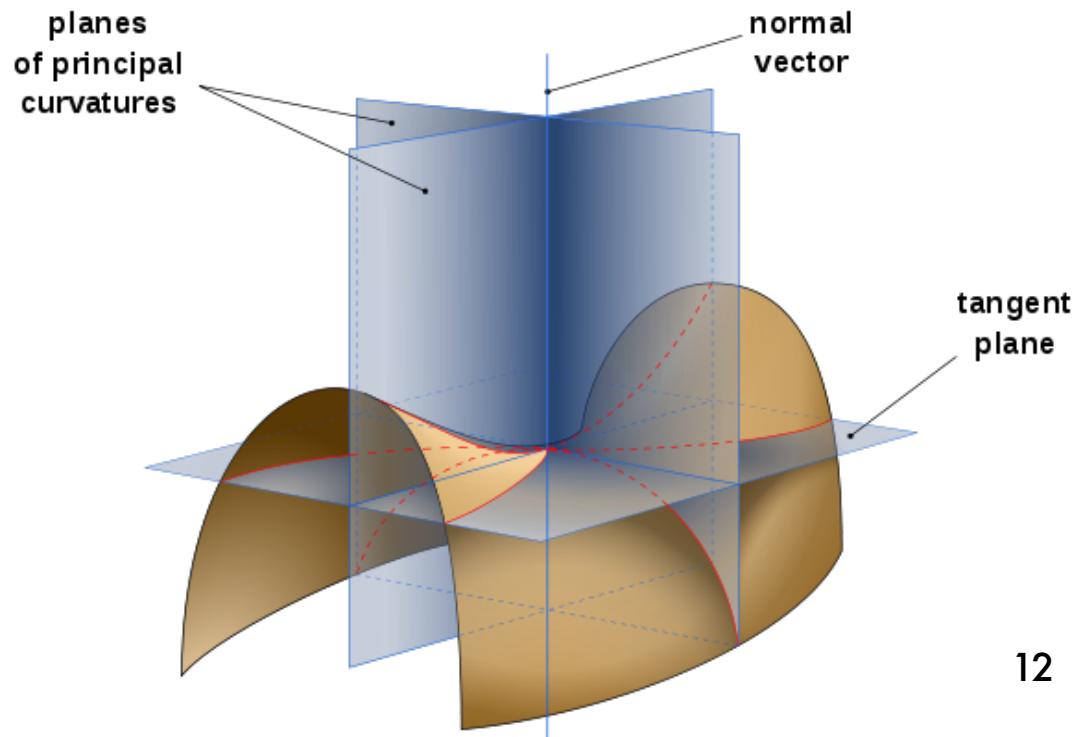
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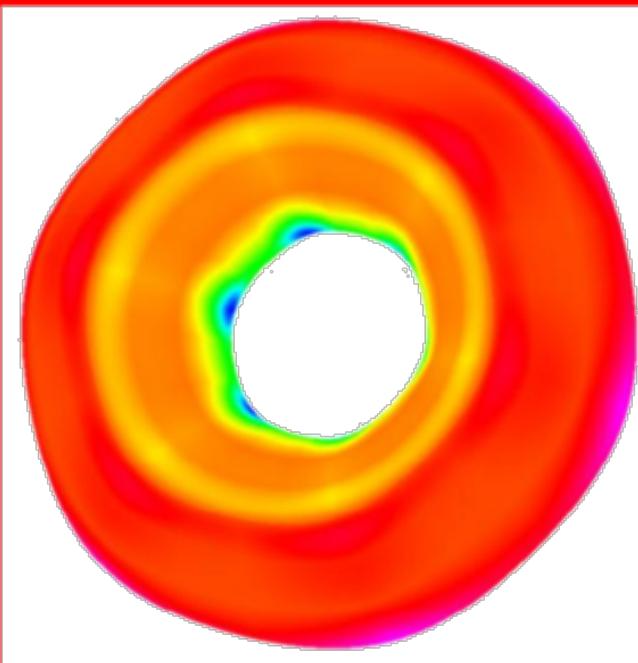
# What About Local Intrinsic Descriptors?

- Isometrically invariant features

- Curvature
- Geodesic Distance
- Histogram of Geodesic Distances (similar to D2)
- Global Point Signature
- Heat Kernel Signature
- Wave Kernel Signature



# Gaussian Curvature



$$K = \kappa_1 \kappa_2$$

**Theorema Egregium**  
("Remarkable Theorem"):  
**Gaussian curvature**  
is **intrinsic**.

# Gaussian Curvature

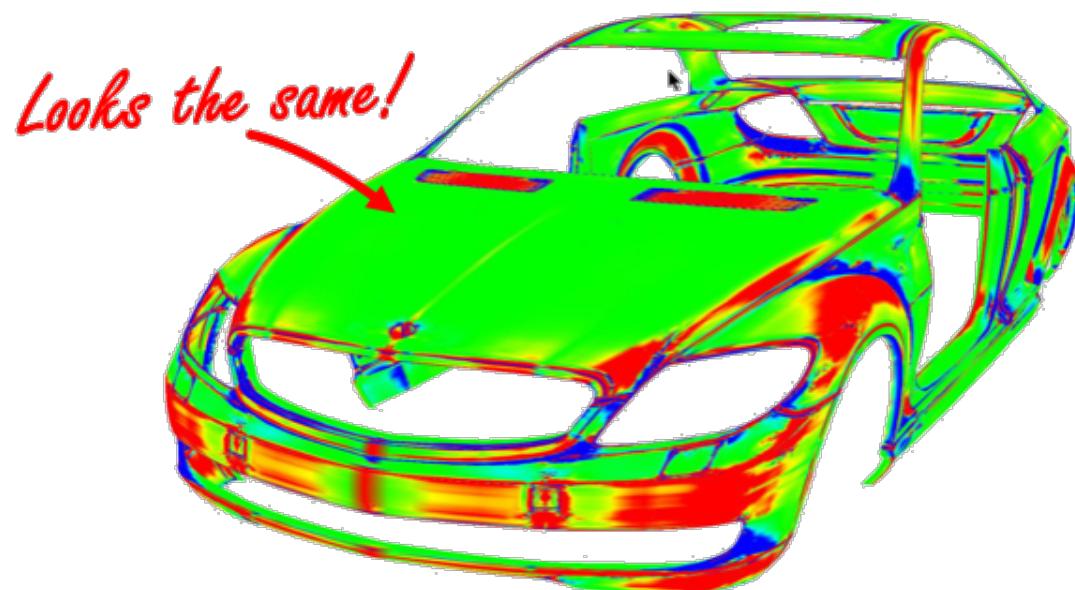
## Problems



# Gaussian Curvature

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# Spectral Intrinsic Signatures

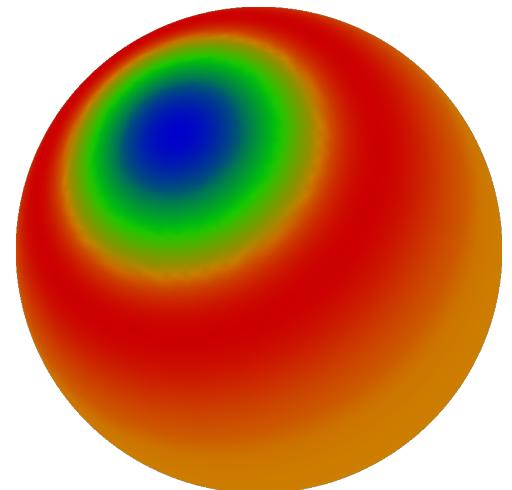
# Laplace-Beltrami Operator

- Analog of Fourier transform on the sphere, but now on a general 2D manifold
- LB is an operators that can be applied to functions on manifolds to yield other functions

$$\Delta : C^\infty(M) \rightarrow C^\infty(M), \Delta f = \operatorname{div} \nabla f$$

$$\operatorname{div} \nabla f$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \Delta f = \operatorname{div} \nabla f$$



# LB Eigen-decomposition

- The Laplace-Beltrami operator  $\Delta$  has an eigendecomposition

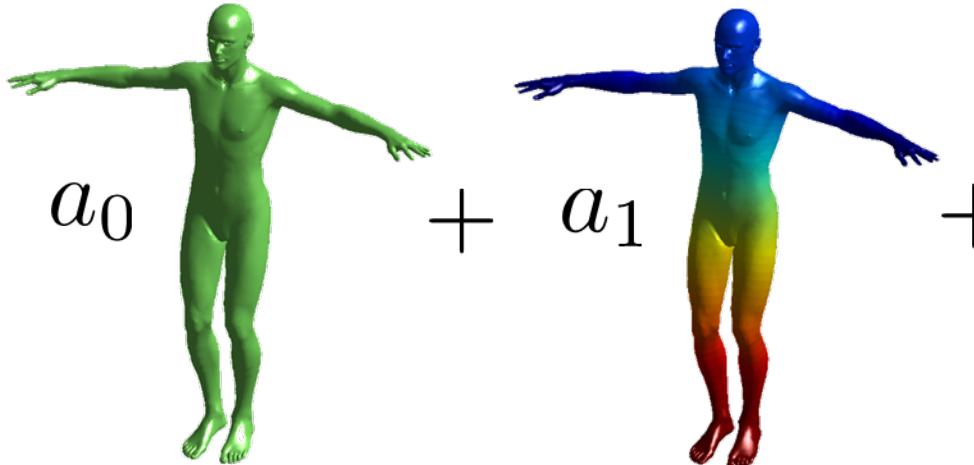
$$\Delta\phi_i = \lambda_i\phi_i$$



$$\lambda_0 = 0 \quad \lambda_1 = 2.6 \quad \lambda_2 = 3.4 \quad \lambda_3 = 5.1 \quad \lambda_4 = 7.6$$

# Multiscale Basis for a Function Space

$$f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

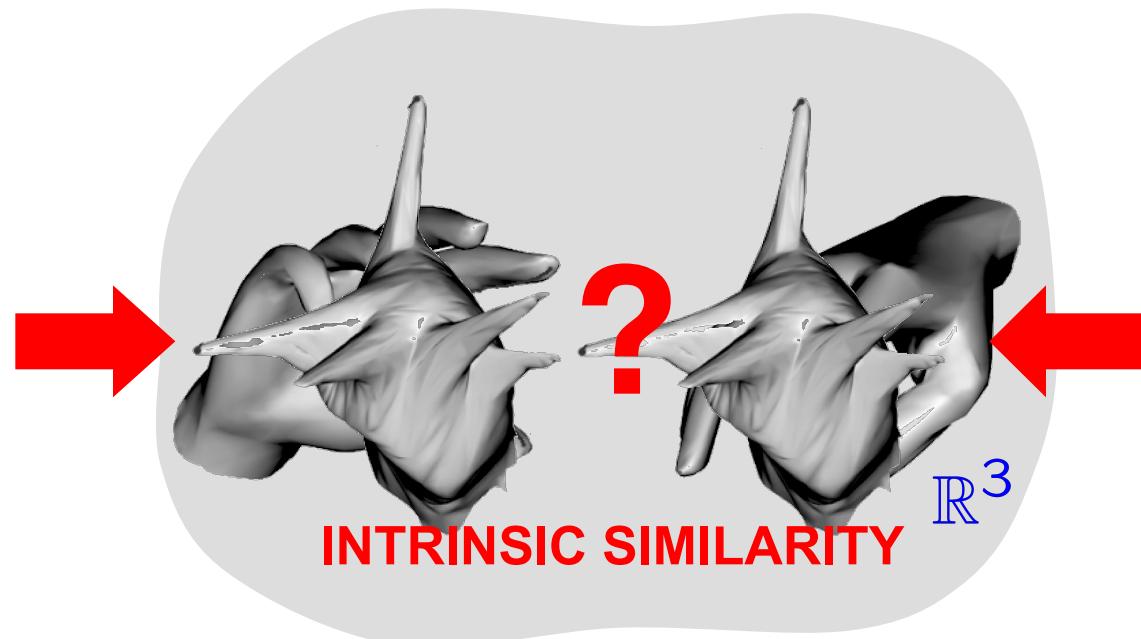
$$= a_0 + a_1 + \dots$$


$$f = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i \phi_i$$

$$a_i = \int_M f(x) \phi_i(x) d\mu$$

# Global Point Signature

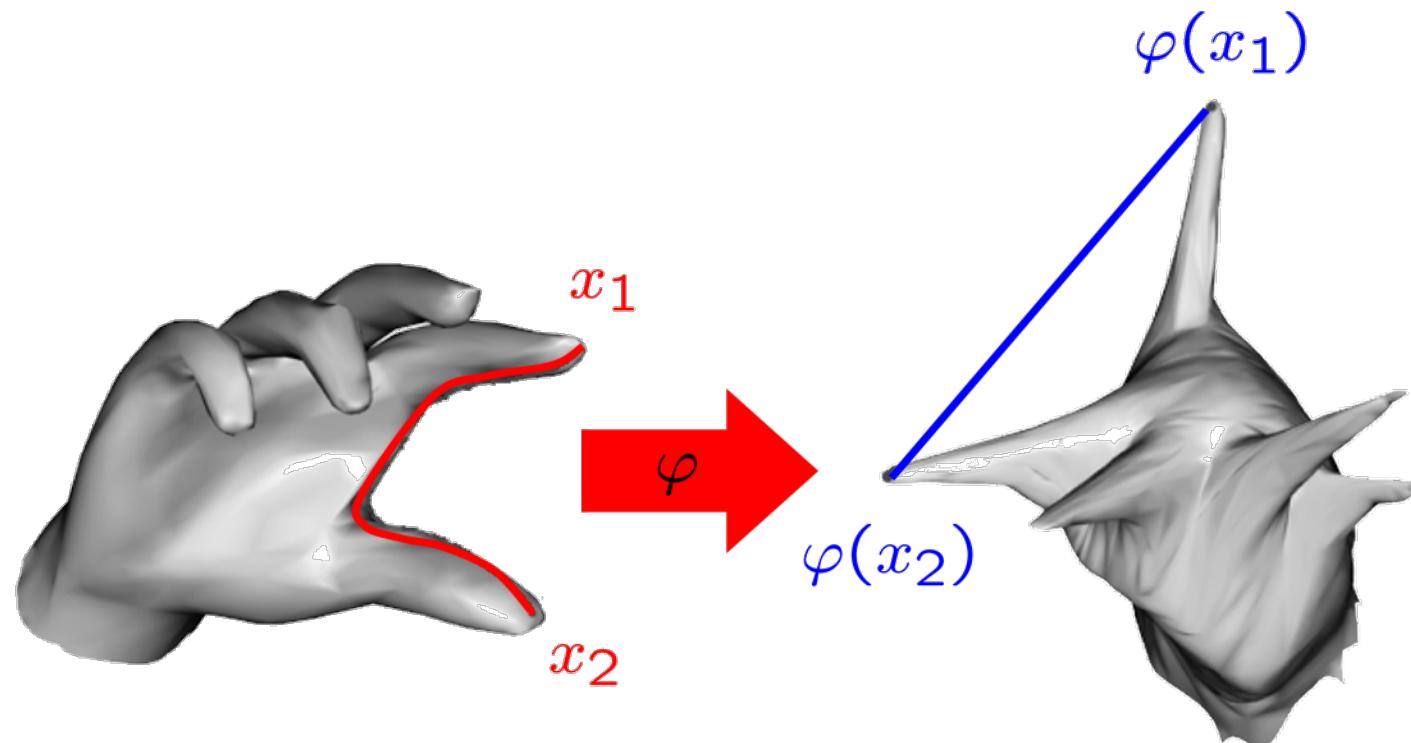
$$GPS(p) = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}}\phi_1(p), \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_2}}\phi_2(p), \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_3}}\phi_3(p), \dots \right)$$



# Global Point Signature

almost invariant under isometries – but not completely canonical

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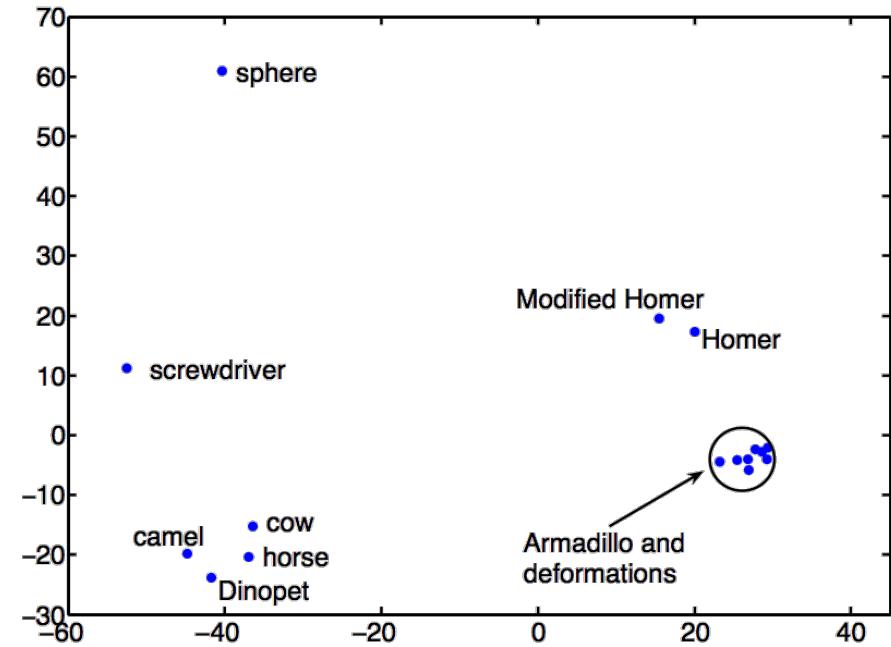
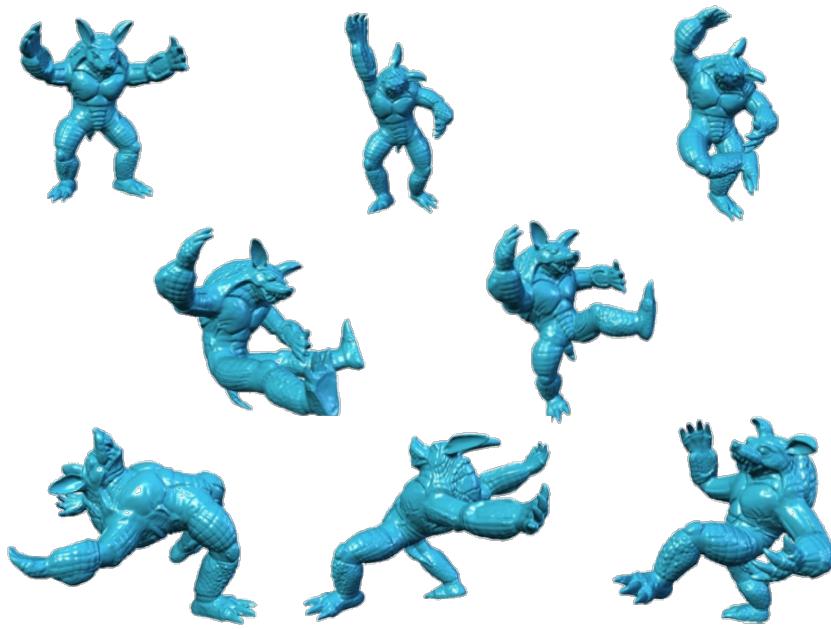


Diffusion distances are also intrinsic  
and also canonical

Rustamov et al. 2007

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**Figure 4:** Armadillo and its deformations.

Similar to D2, but use histograms in embedded space  
(rather than Euclidean)

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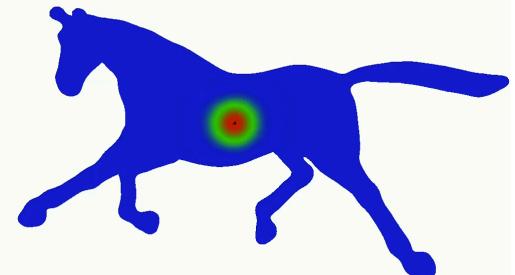
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- Pros
  - Isometry-invariant
  - Global (each point feature depends on entire shape)
- Cons
  - Eigenfunctions may flip sign
  - Eigenfunctions might change positions due to deformations
  - Only global

# Back to Heat Diffusion

- Heat diffusion on a Riemannian manifold:
  - If  $u(x, t)$  is the amount of heat at point  $x$  at time  $t$  , then

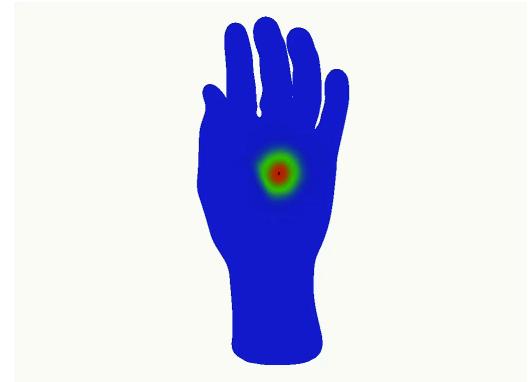
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \Delta u$$



- $\Delta$  : Laplace-Beltrami Operator (div grad)
- Given an initial distribution  $f(x)$ . After time  $t$

$$f(x, t) = e^{-t\Delta} f$$

$H_t$  heat operator

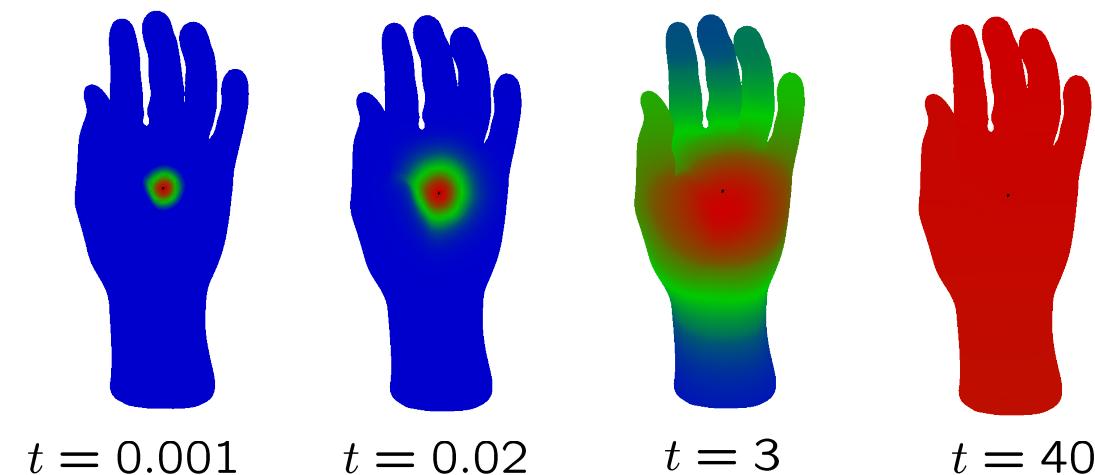


# The Heat Kernel

Heat kernel  $k_t(x, y)$  :

$$f(x, t) = \int_{\mathcal{M}} k_t(x, y) f(y) dy$$

$k_t(x, y)$  : amount of heat transferred from  $x$  to  $y$  in time  $t$ . How well  $x$  and  $y$  are connected at scale  $t$



# Background

- Heat Kernel  $k_t(x, y)$ . Also the probability density function of Brownian motion on  $\mathcal{M}$ :

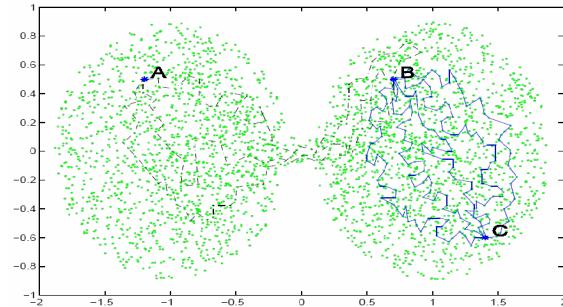
$$\mathbb{P}(W_x^t \in C) = \int_C k_t(x, y) dy$$

- Intuitively: weighted average over all paths possible between  $x$  and  $y$  in time  $t$

- Related to **Diffusion Distance**:

$$D_t(x, y) = k_t(x, x) - 2k_t(x, y) + k_t(y, y)$$

- a robust multi-scale measure
- of proximity



# Heat Kernel Properties

## Basic Properties

- $k_t(x, y) = k_t(y, x)$
- $k_{t+s}(x, y) = \int_M k_t(x, z)k_s(z, y)dz$
- $k_t(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_i t} \phi_i(x)\phi_i(y)$   
Eigenfunctions of LB

# Heat Kernel Properties

• Invariant under isometric deformations

If  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is an isometry, then:

$$k_t(X, Y) = k_t(T(x), T(y))$$

• Conversely: it characterizes the shape up to isometry.

If  $k_t(X, Y) = k_t(T(x), T(y)) \quad \forall x, y, t$  then:  
 $T$  is an isometry.

This is because:

$$\lim_{t \downarrow 0} (t \log k_t(x, y)) = -\frac{1}{4} d_{\mathcal{M}}^2(x, y) \quad \forall x, y$$

where  $d_{\mathcal{M}}(\cdot, \cdot)$  is the geodesic distance

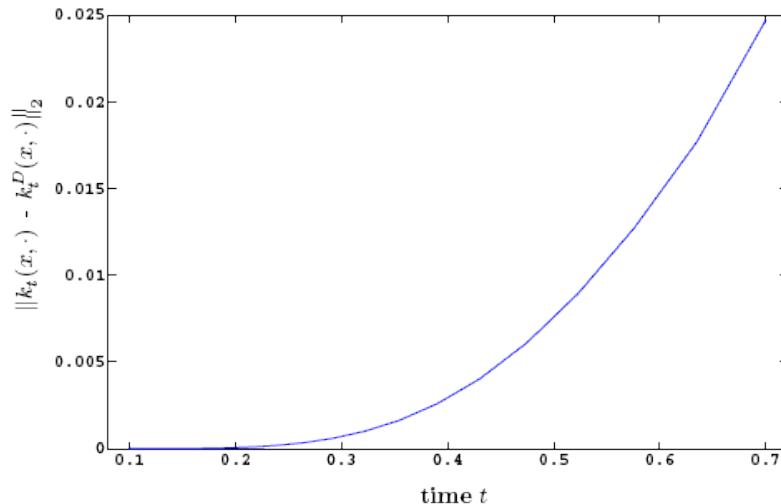
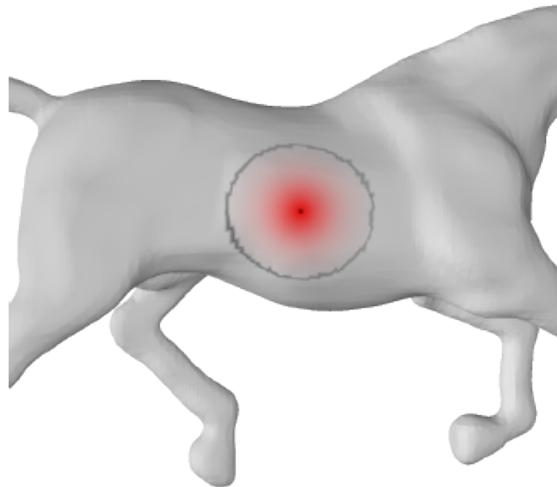
# Heat Kernel Properties



## Multiscale:

For a fixed  $x$ , as  $t$  increases, heat diffuses to larger and larger neighborhoods

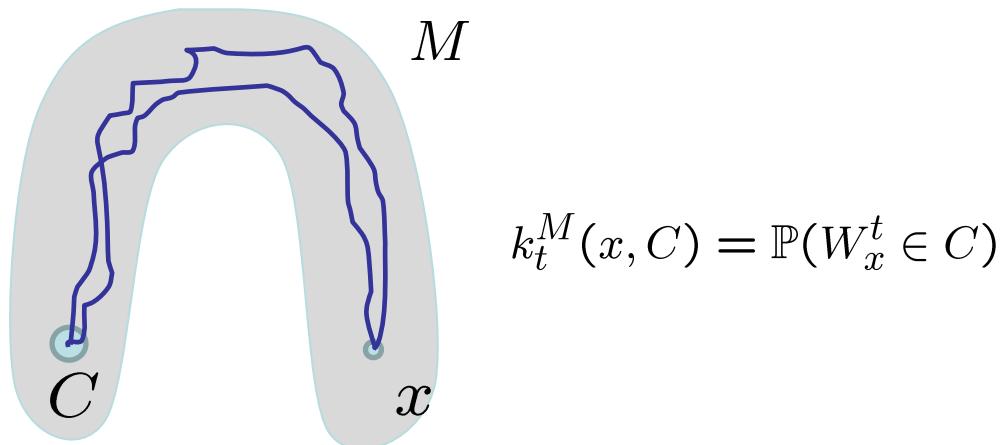
Therefore,  $k_t(x, \cdot)$  is determined by (reflects the properties of) a neighborhood that grows with  $t$



# Heat Kernel Properties

## Robustness:

$k_t(x, \cdot)$  is the probability density function of BM, a weighted average over all paths, which is generally not very sensitive to local perturbations

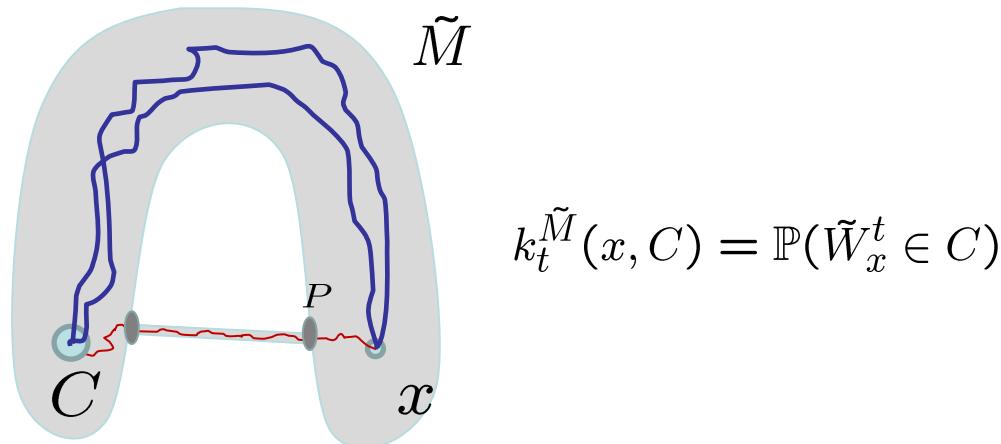


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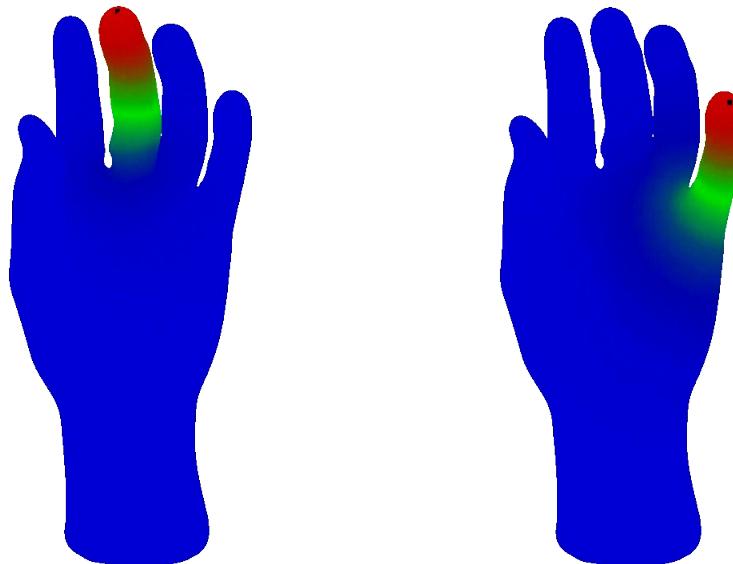
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Only paths through the modified area  $P$  will change

# Defining a Signature

- Let  $k_t(x, \cdot)$  be the signature of  $x$  at scale  $t$   
The heat kernel has all the properties we want Except  
easy comparison ...



- $k_t(x, \cdot)$  is a function on the entire manifold
- Nontrivial to align the domains of such functions across different shapes, or even for different points of the same shape

# The Heat Kernel Signature

Let  $k_t(x, \cdot)$  be the signature of  $x$  at scale  $t$

The heat kernel has all the properties we want.  
Except easy comparison ...

We define the **Heat Kernel Signature (HKS)**, by restricting to the diagonal:

$$\text{HKS}(x) = \{k_t(x, x), t \in \mathbb{R}^+\}$$

Now HKSs of two points can be easily compared since they are defined on a common domain (time)

# Defining a Signature

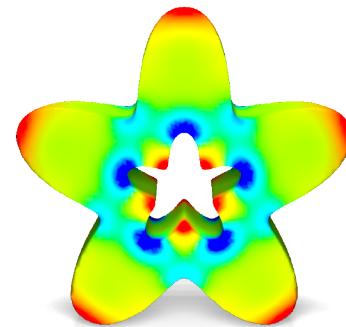
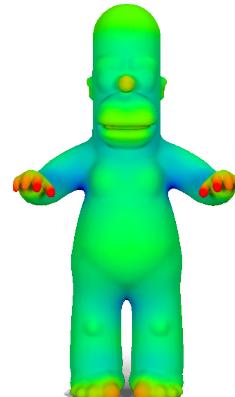
- Since HKS is a restriction of the heat kernel, it is:

- Robust
- Multiscale

- Question: How informative is it?

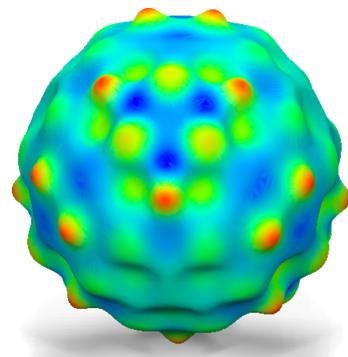
- Related to Gaussian curvature for small  $t$ :

$$k_t(x, x) = \frac{1}{4\pi t} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i t^i \quad a_0 = 1, a_1 = \frac{1}{6} K$$

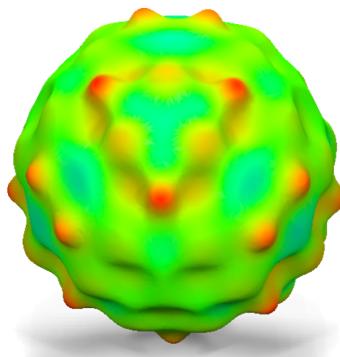


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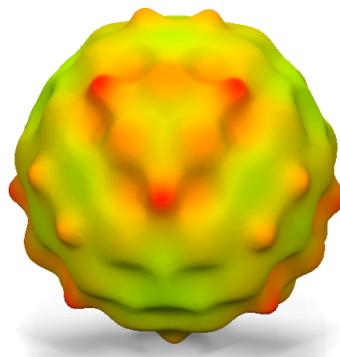
- HKS can be interpreted as a multiscale, robust, intrinsic curvature:



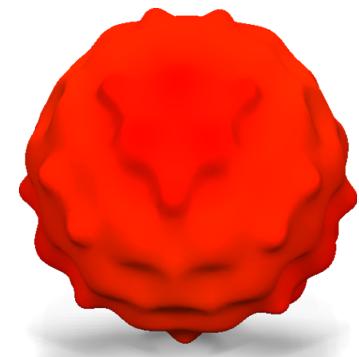
$t = 0.004$



$t = 0.008$



$t = 0.02$



$t = 2$

# Informative Theorem

- The set of all HKSs on a shape almost always defines it up to isometry!
- **Theorem:** If  $X$  and  $Y$  are two compact manifolds, such that  $\Delta_X$  and  $\Delta_Y$  have only non-repeating eigenvalues, then a homeomorphism  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is an isometry if and only if, for all  $x$

$$\text{HKS}(x) = \text{HKS}(T(x))$$

- The set of all HKSs characterizes the intrinsic structure of the manifold

# Informative Theorem

Intuition: Heat kernel is related to the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of the LB-operator:

$$\text{HKS}(x, t) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_i t} \phi_i^2(x)$$

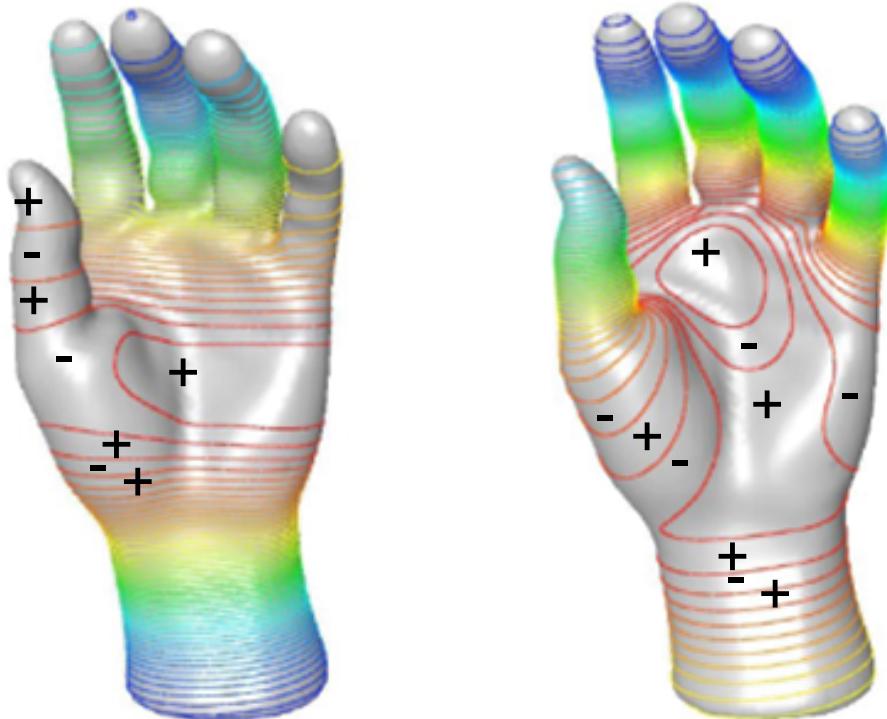
If eigenvalues do not repeat, we can recover  $\{\lambda_i\}$  and  $\{\phi_i^2(x)\}$  from  $\text{HKS}(x)$ . E.g.  $\lambda_0 = 0$

$$\phi_0^2(x) = \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \text{HKS}(x, t)$$

and  $\lambda_1 = \inf \left\{ a \text{ s.t. } \lim_{t \downarrow 0} e^{at} (\text{HKS}(x, t) - \phi_0^2(x)) \neq 0 \right\}$

# Informative Theorem

- Nodal domains of the eigenfunctions of LB: domains that are delimited by the zeroes of an eigenfunction



Key property:  
they are sign  
interleaved:

No two domains of  
the same sign can  
border each other

Note that any mapping that preserves squared values must map a nodal domain to another. Moreover, by fixing a sign of one point, the signs of all other points are fixed by continuity

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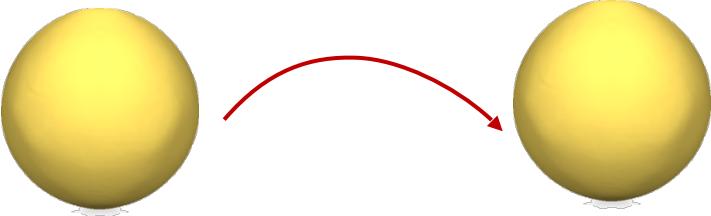
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- After recovering the eigenvalues, and squared eigenfunctions, we know that  $|\phi_i^Y(T(x))| = |\phi_i^X(x)|$

- We use the properties of nodal domains of eigenfunctions to show:  $\phi_i^Y(T(x)) = \phi_i^X(x)$  or  $\phi_i^Y(T(x)) = -\phi_i^X(x)$

- Since the eigenvalues + eigenfunctions define the manifold, the theorem follows

# Informative Theorem

- How general is the theorem?
- If there are repeated eigenvalues, it does not hold:A diagram showing two yellow spheres. A curved red arrow points from the left sphere to the right sphere, indicating a map between them.
- On the sphere,  $\text{HKS}(x) = \text{HKS}(y) \forall x, y$  but there are non-isometric maps between spheres.
- Uhlenbeck's Theorem (1976): for “almost any” metric on a 2-manifold  $X$ , the eigenvalues of  $\Delta_X$  are non-repeating

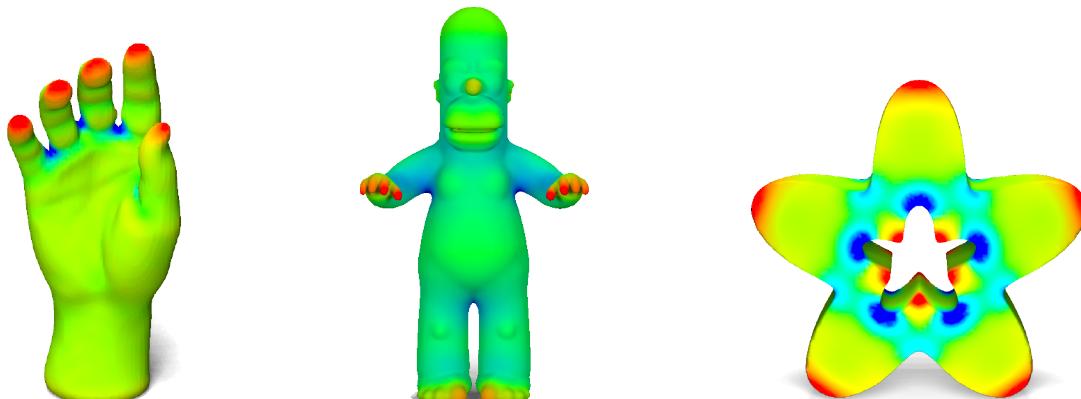
# Informative Property

- Conclusion:

- HKS is informative for individual points
- And, as a set, for the entire shape

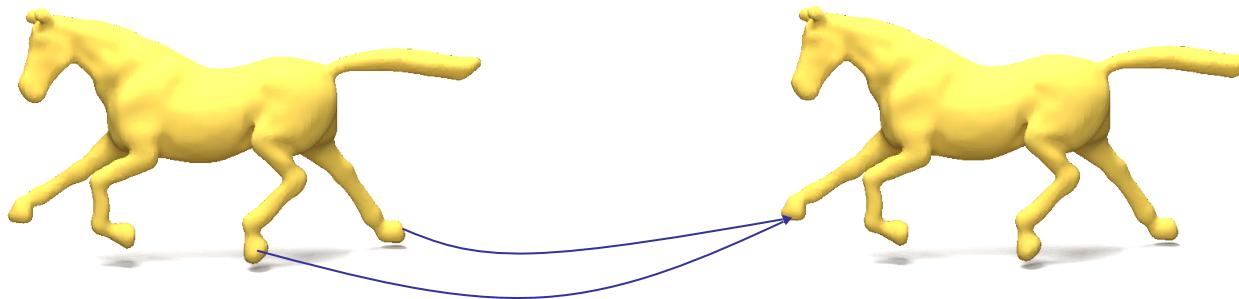
Can be used both for multiscale point matching  
and for shape comparison

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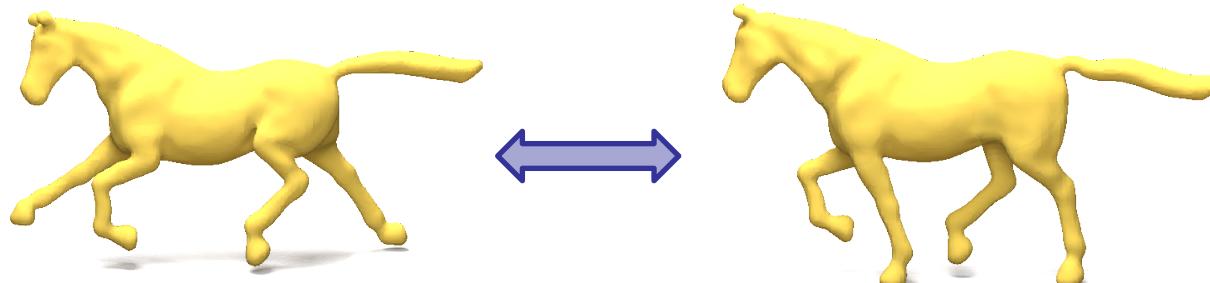


# Applications

- Multi-scale matching with HKS, structure discovery

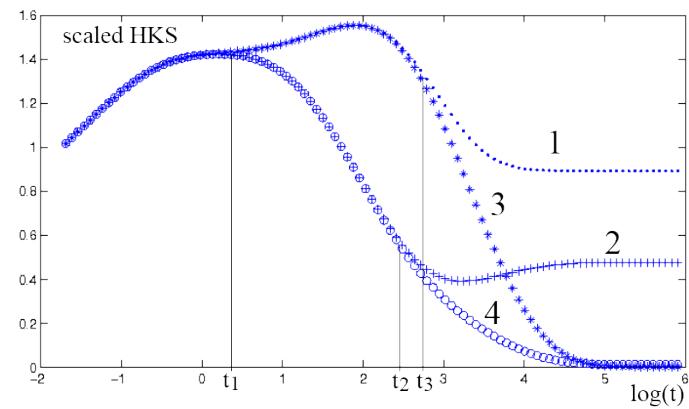
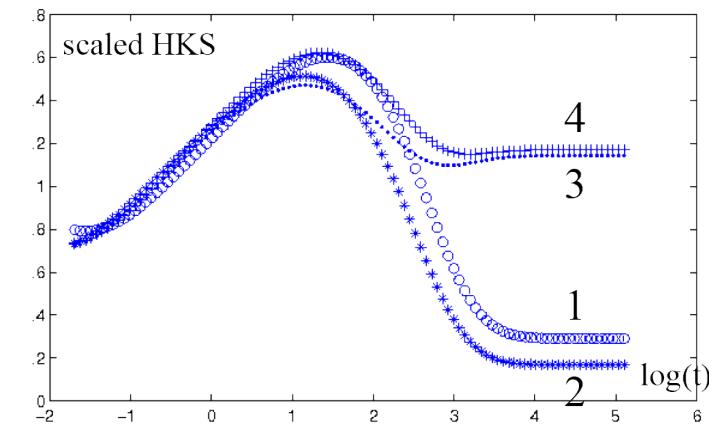
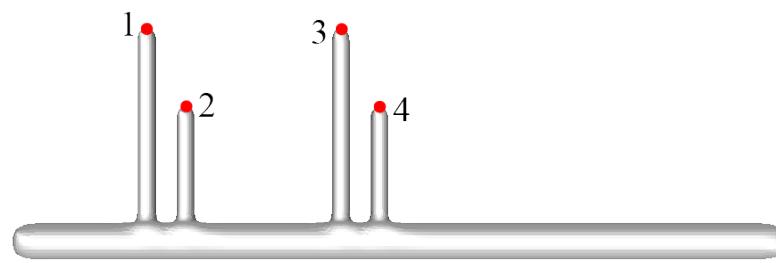
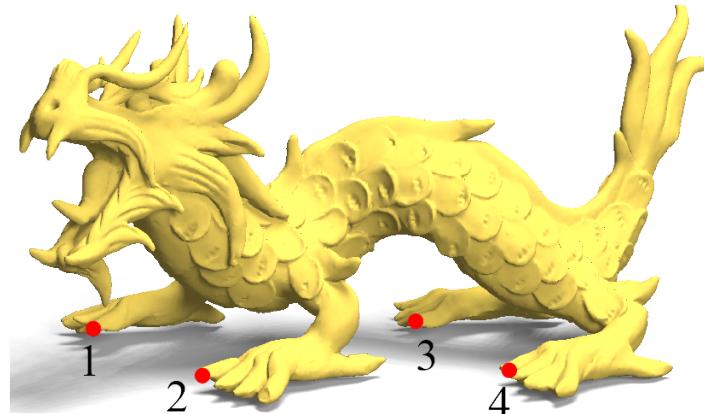


- Shape comparison
- Shape retrieval using HKS
- Spectral version of Gromov-Hausdorff



# Multiscale Matching

Comparing points through their HKS signatures:

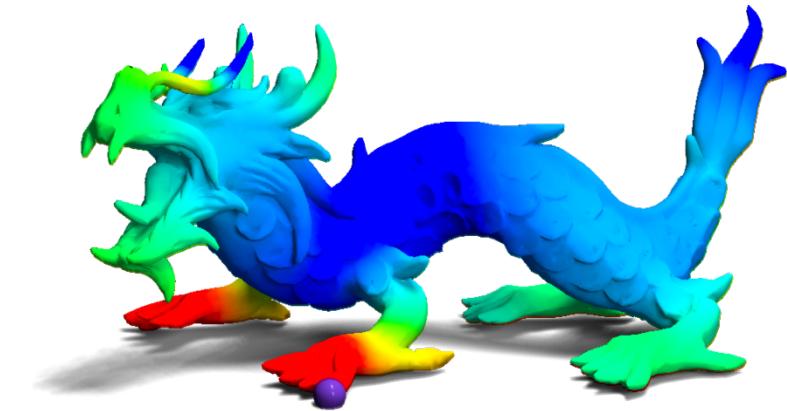


# Multiscale Matching

- Comparing points through their HKS signatures:



Medium scale



Full scale

# Multiscale Matching

- Finding similar points – robustly:



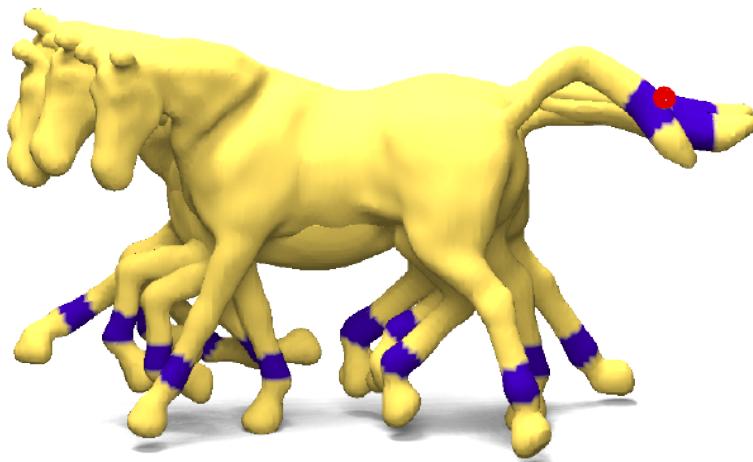
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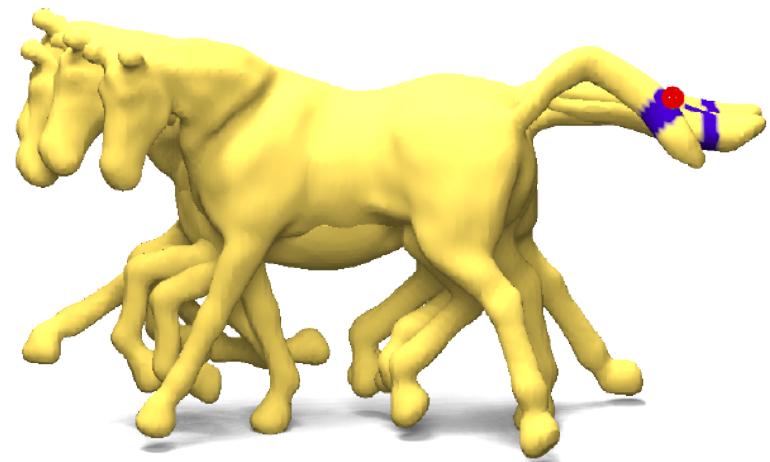
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# Multiscale Matching

- Finding similar points across multiple shapes:



Medium scale



Full scale



# The End