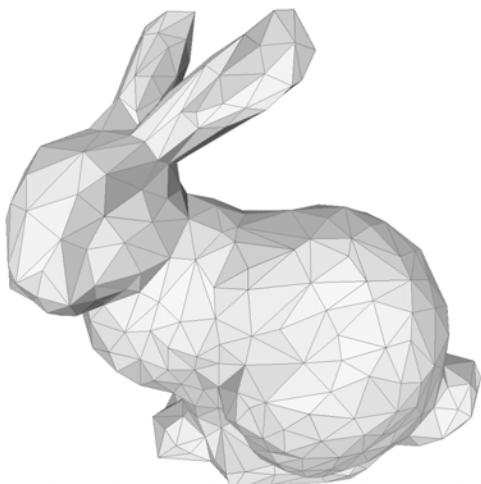


# Direct Fitting of Gaussian Mixture Models

**Leonid Keselman, Martial Hebert**

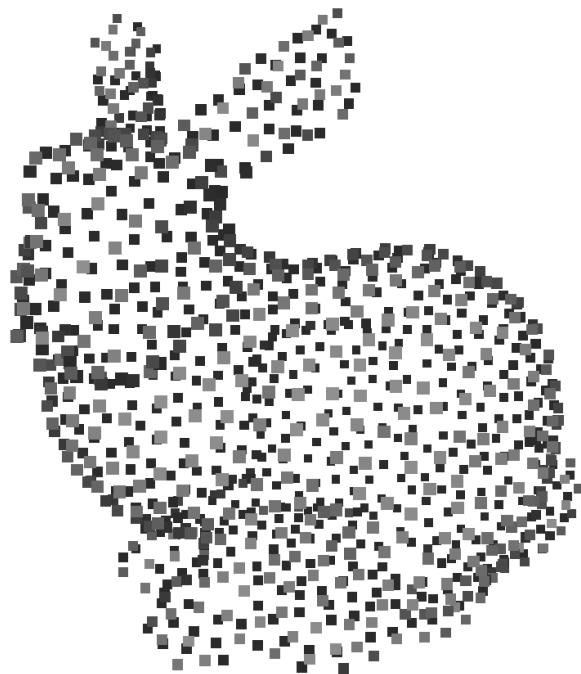
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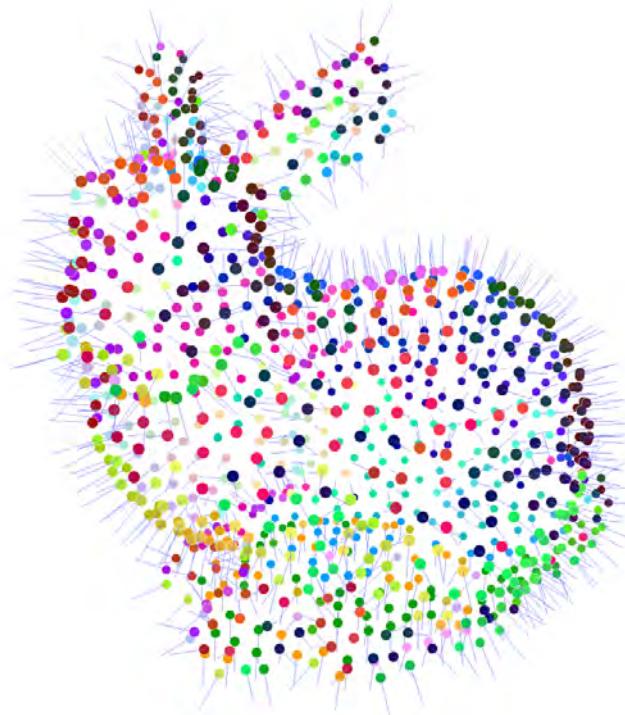
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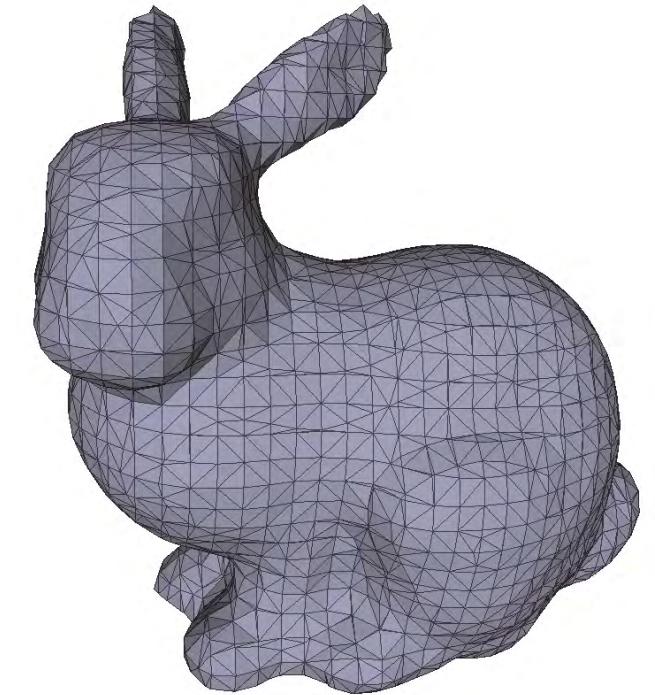
# Representations of 3D data



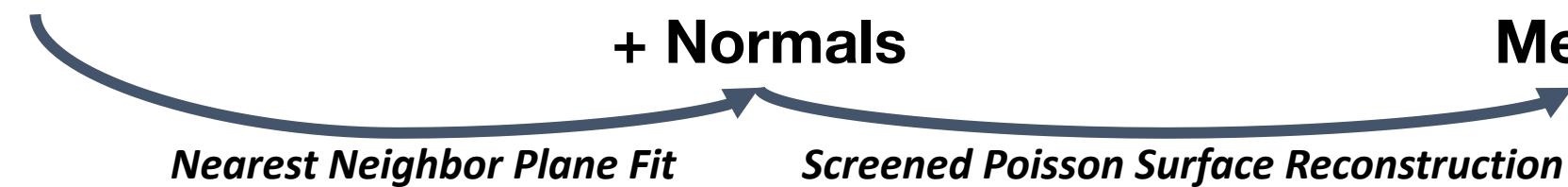
**Point Cloud**



**Point Cloud  
+ Normals**



**Triangular  
Mesh**

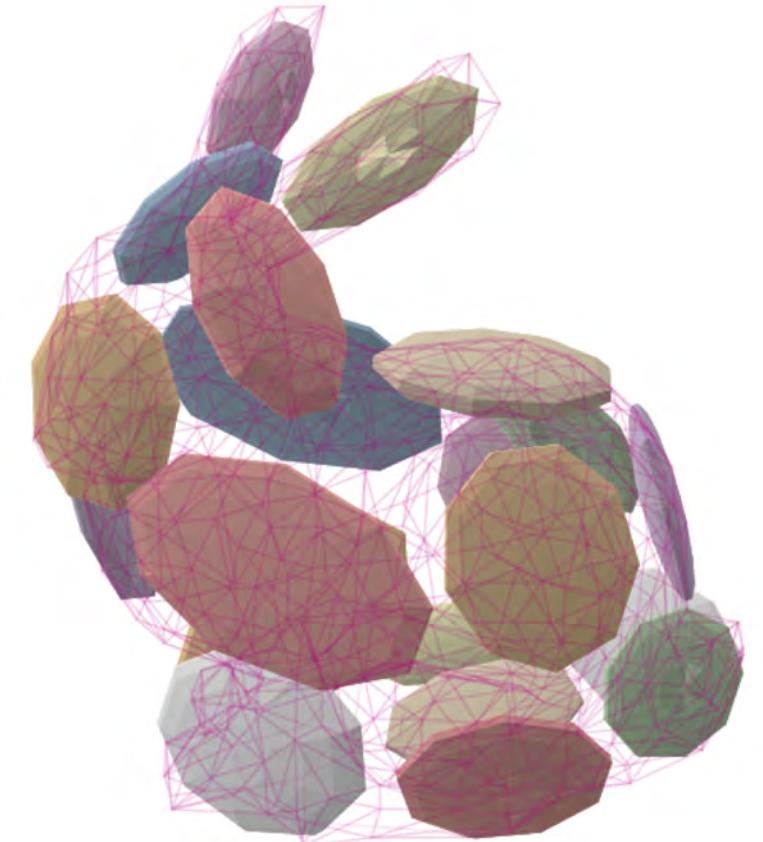


# Gaussian Mixture Models for 3D Shapes

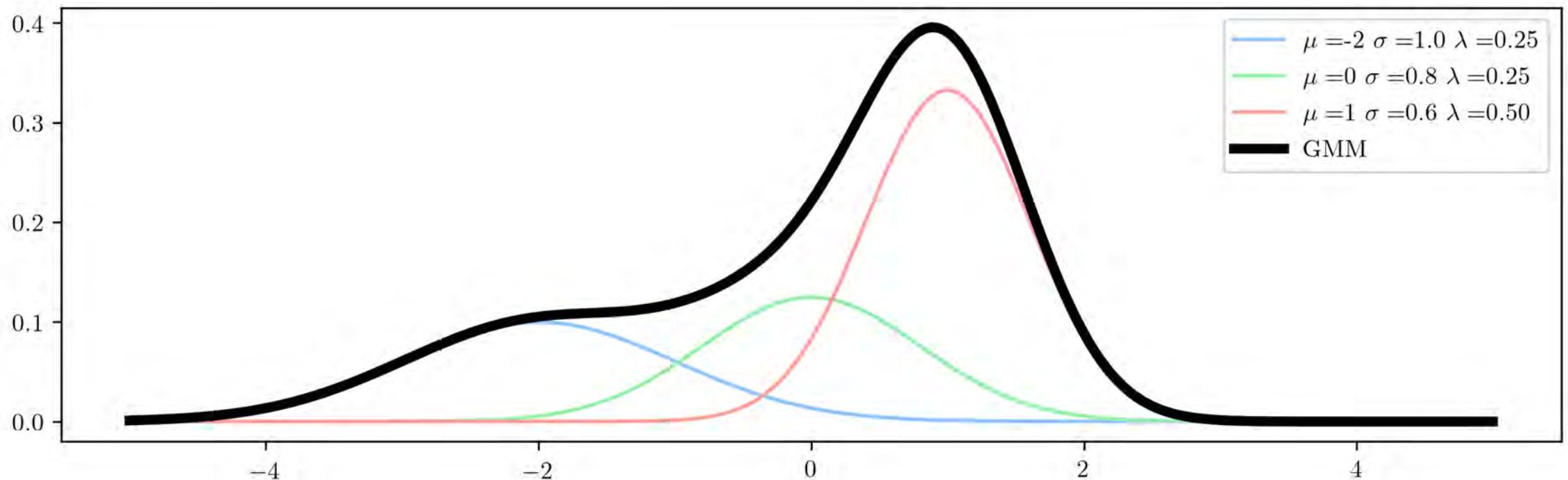
## GMM fit to object surface

### Benefits

- Closed-form expression
- Can represent contiguous surfaces
- Easy to build from noisy data
- Sparse



# Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM)



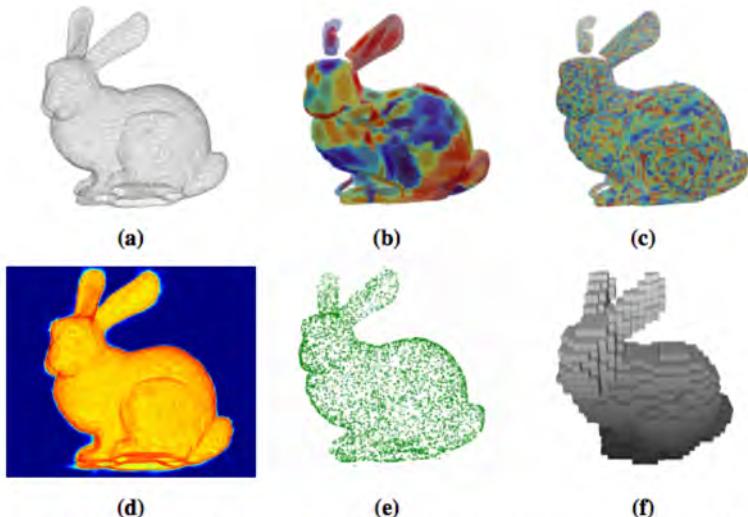
$$p(x) = \sum_{n=1}^K \lambda_i \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_i, \Sigma_i)$$

$$\sum_i \lambda_i = 1$$
$$\lambda_i \geq 0$$

$\Sigma_i$  is symmetric,  
positive-semidefinite

# Gaussian Mixtures as a shape representation

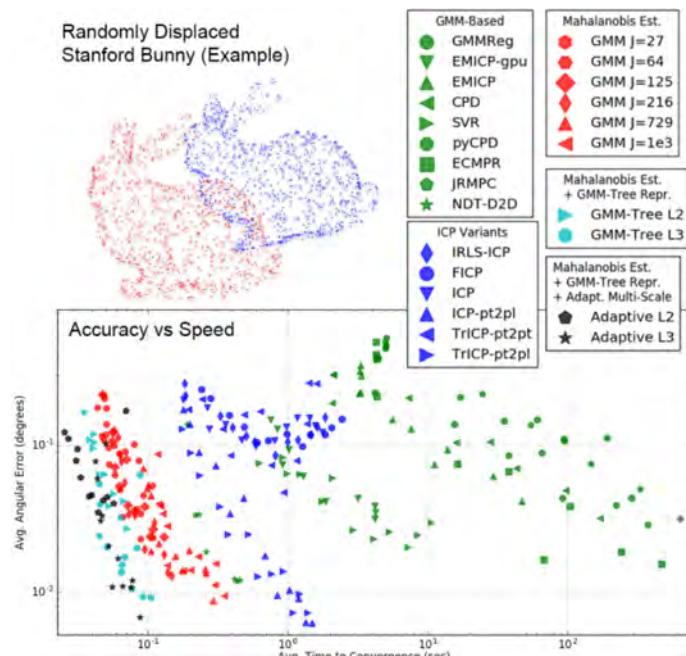
## Efficient Representation



**Figure 1. Processing PCD with a Hierarchy of Gaussian Mixtures:** (a) Raw PCD from Stanford Bunny (35k vertices), (b) and (c) Two levels of detail extracted from the proposed model. Each color denotes the area of support of a single Gaussian and the ellipsoids indicate their one  $\sigma$  extent. Finer grained color patches therefore indicate higher statistical fidelity but larger model size, (d) a log-scale heat-map of a PDF from a high fidelity model. (e) stochastically re-sampled PCD from the model (5k points), (f) occupancy grid map also derived directly from the model.

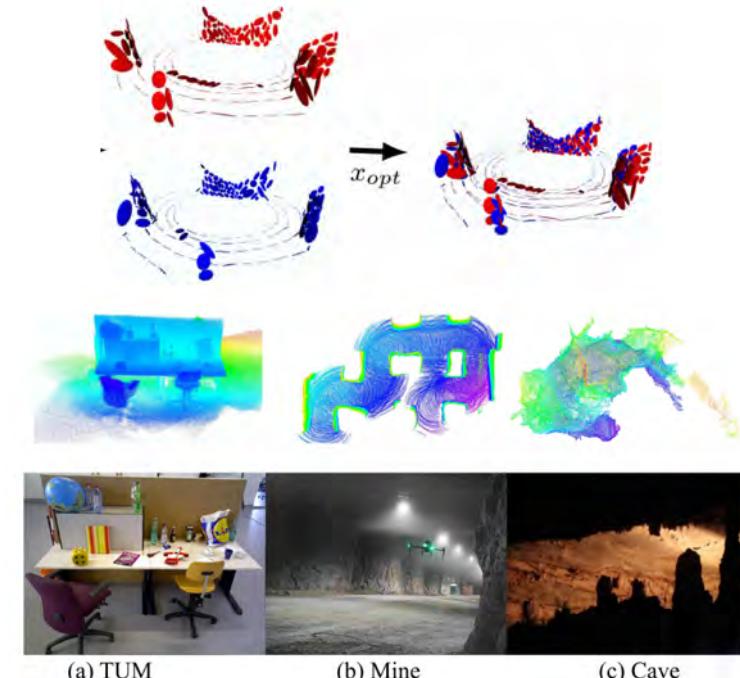
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## Mesh Registration



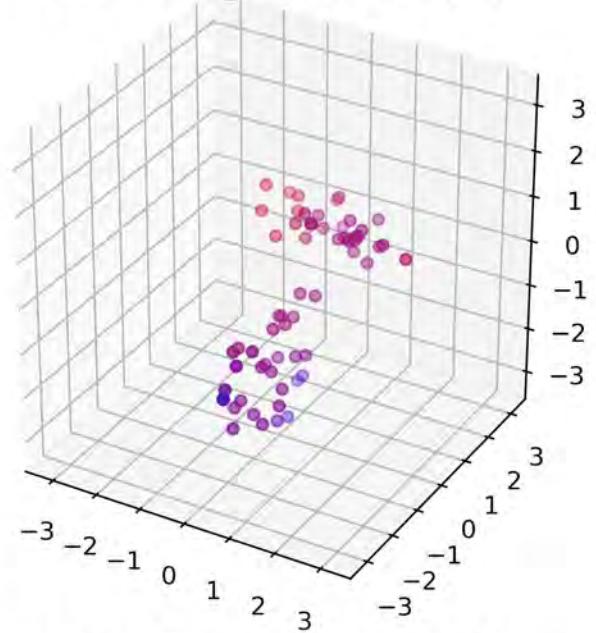
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ECCV (2018)

## Frame Registration

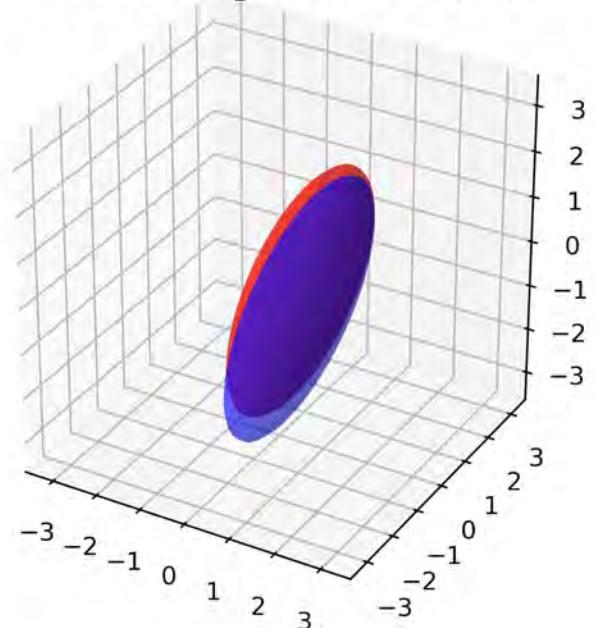


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IEEE R-AL (2018)

## E-Step Result



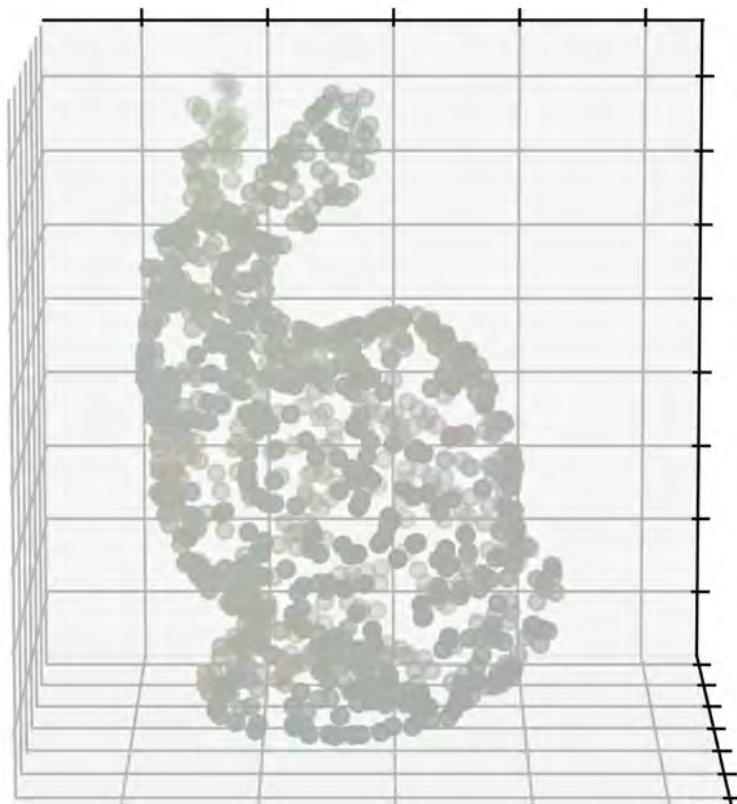
## M-Step Result



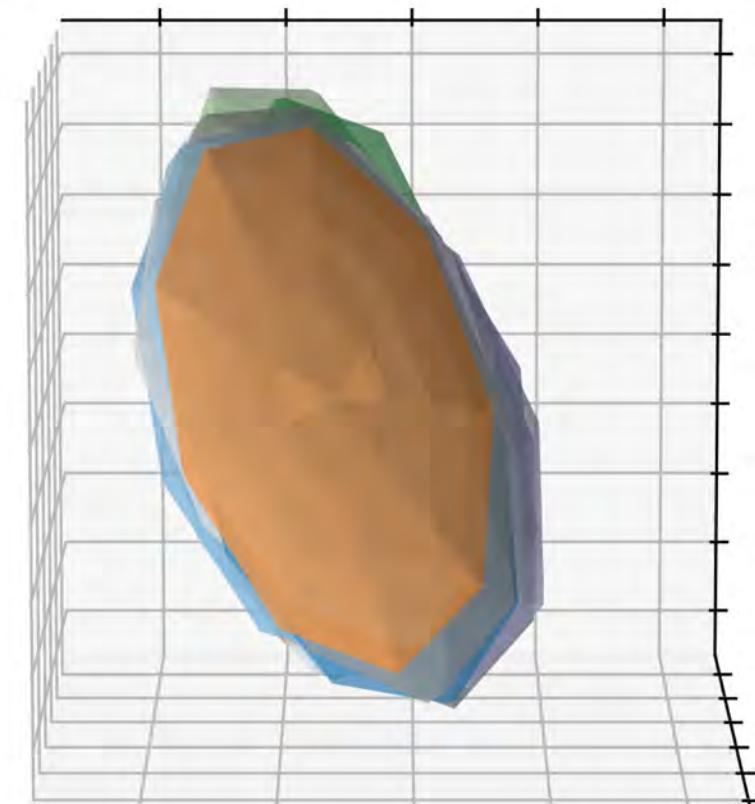
# Fitting a Gaussian Mixture Model

1. Obtain 3D Point Cloud
2. Select Initial Parameters
3. Iterate Expectation & Maximization
  - i. E-Step: Each point gets a likelihood
  - ii. M-Step: Each mixture gets parameters

# E-Step Result



# M-Step Result



# The E-Step (Given GMM parameters)

$$\eta_{ij} = \frac{1}{C_j} \lambda_i \mathcal{N}(x_j; \mu_i, \Sigma_i)$$

**Affiliation between point j & mixture i**

$$C_j = \sum_k \lambda_k \mathcal{N}(x_j; \mu_k, \Sigma_k)$$

**Normalization constant for point j**

# The M-Step (Given point-mixture weights)

$$LB = \sum_{j=1}^M \sum_{i=1}^K \eta_{ij} \log(\lambda_i \mathcal{N}(x_j; \mu_i, \Sigma_i)) \quad \text{lower-bound loss}$$

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To get new parameters: takes derivatives, set equal to zero, and solve

$$\frac{\partial LB}{\partial \lambda_i} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial LB}{\partial \mu_i} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial LB}{\partial \Sigma_i} = 0$$

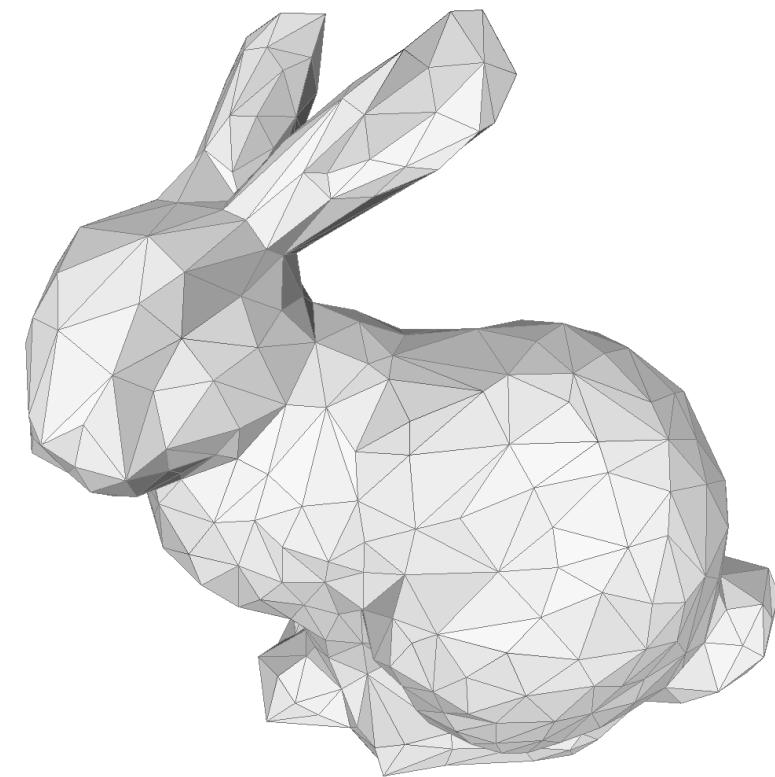
$$w_{ij} = \eta_{ij}$$

$$W_i = \sum_j w_{ij}$$

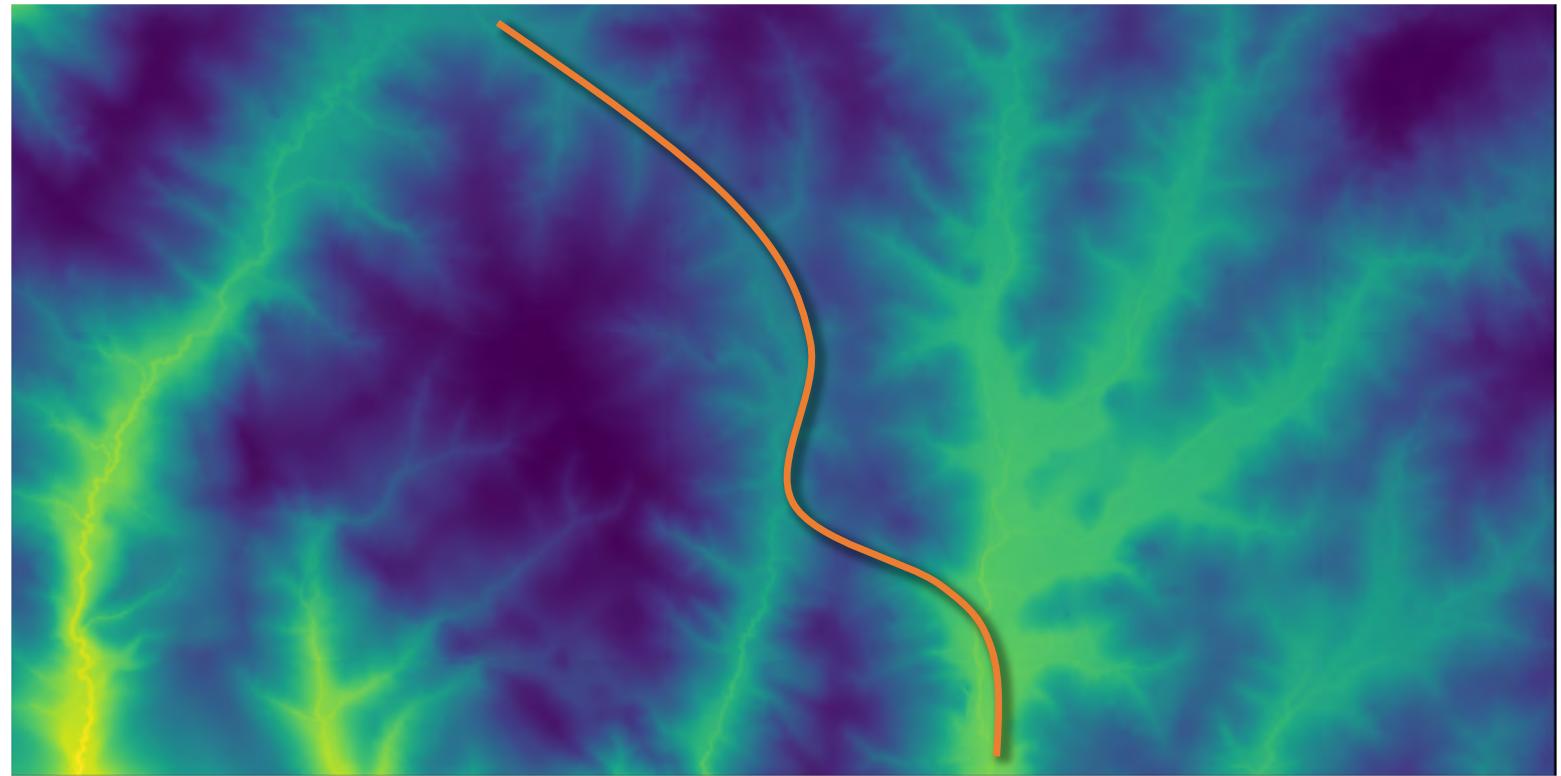
$$\lambda_i = \frac{W_i}{M}$$

$$\mu_i = \frac{1}{W_i} \sum_j w_{ij} x_j$$

$$\Sigma_i = \frac{1}{W_i} \sum_j w_{ij} (x_j - \mu_i)(x_j - \mu_i)^T$$



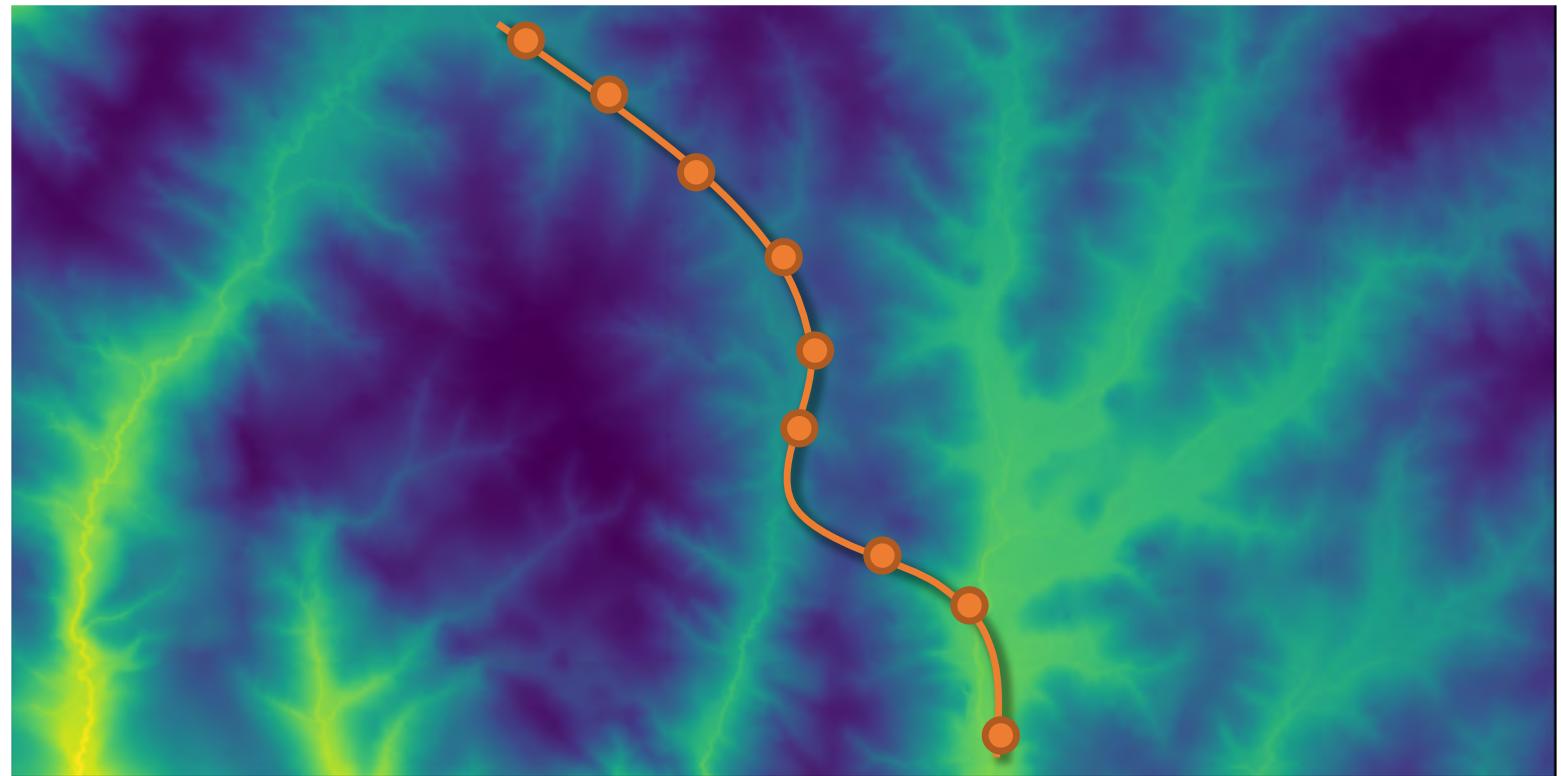
# Geometric Objects in a Probability Distribution



Known curve in a given 2D probability distribution

# Geometric Objects in a Probability Distribution

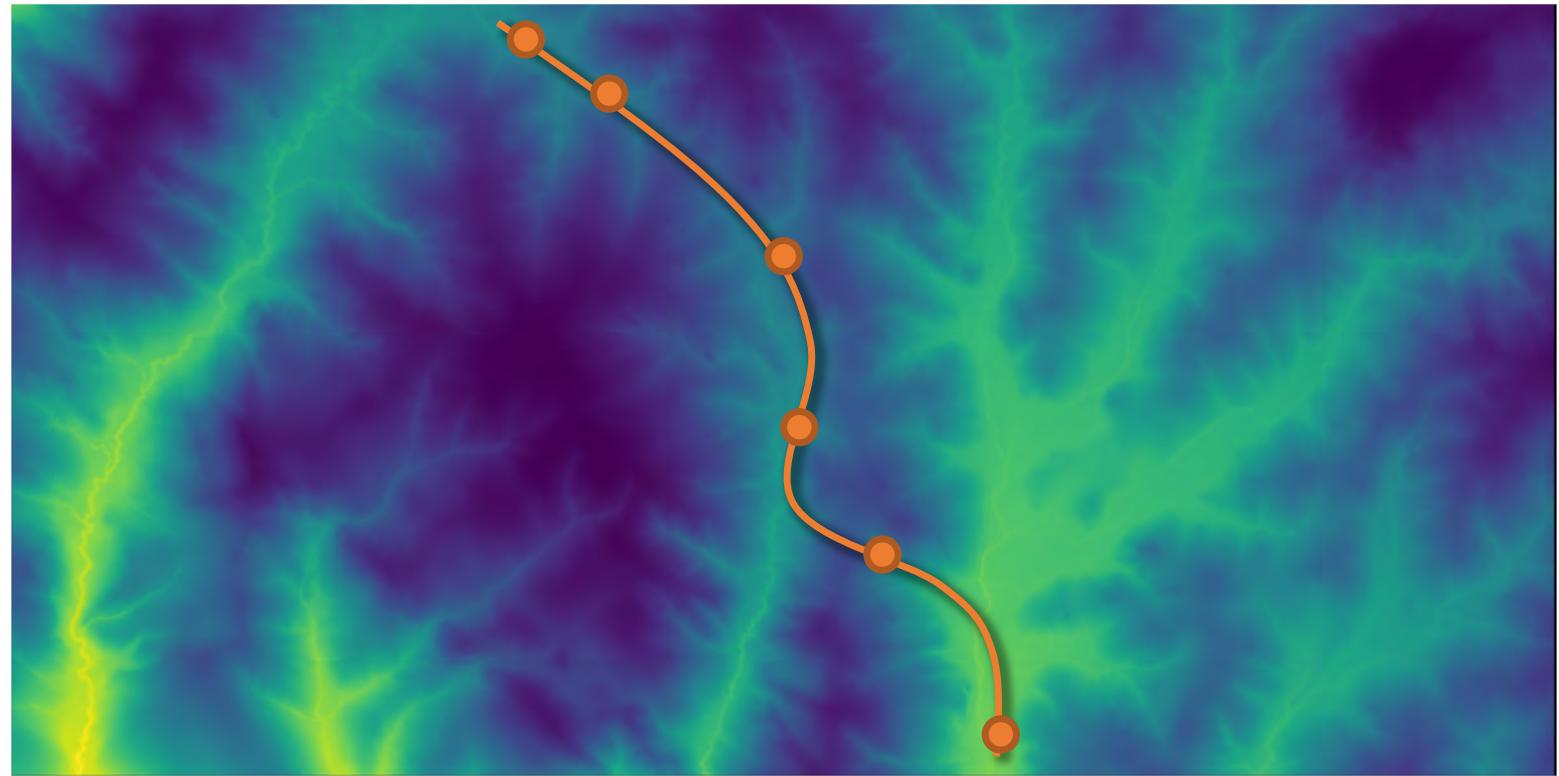
$$\ell(\text{curve}) \cong \prod_{i=1}^N p(x_i)$$



Consider sampling N points from this curve

# Geometric Objects in a Probability Distribution

$$\ell \text{ (curve)} \cong \left( \prod_{i=1}^N p(x_i) \right)^{\frac{1}{N}}$$



Take a geometric mean to account for sample number

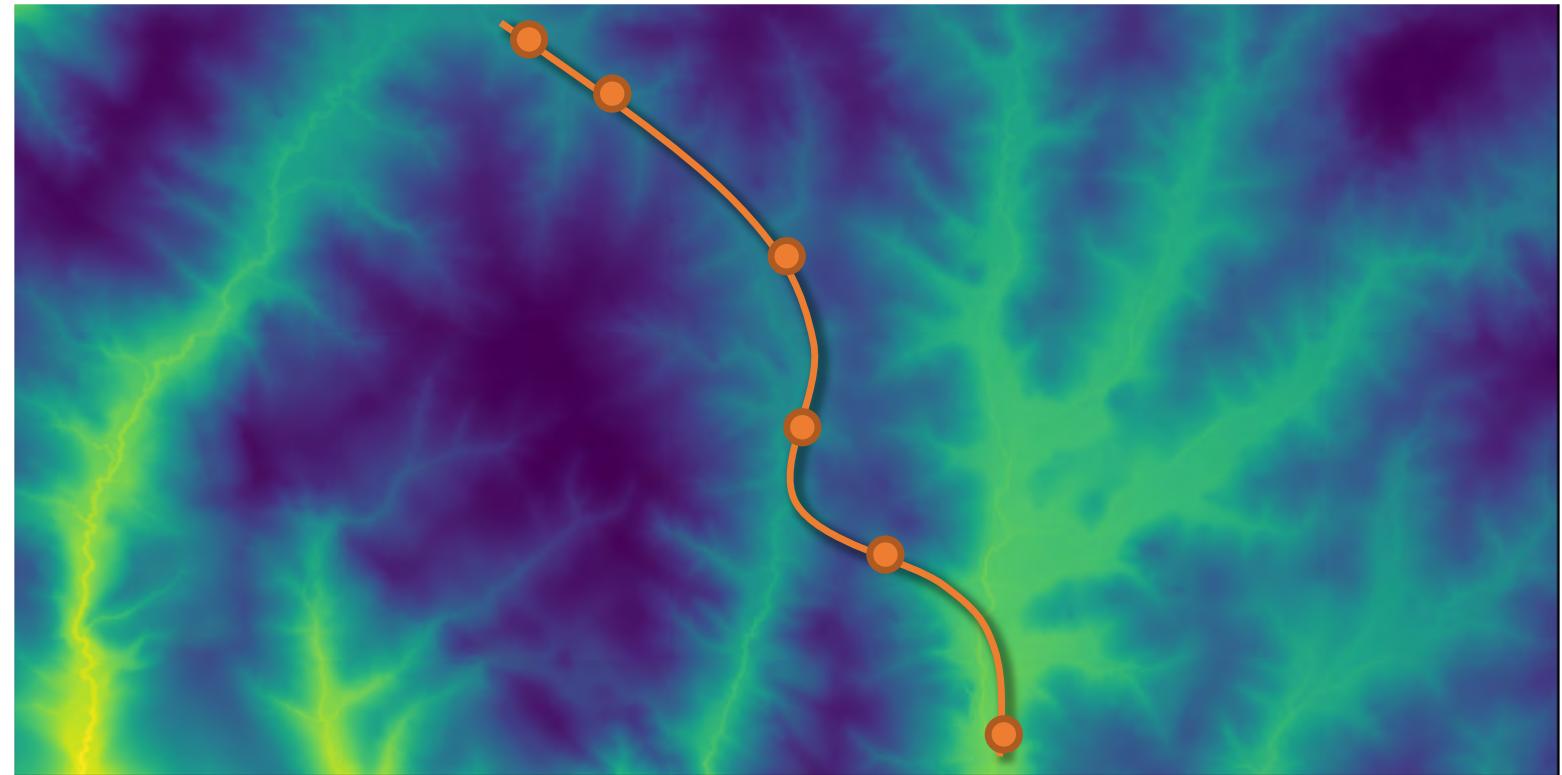
# Geometric Objects in a Probability Distribution

$$\ell(\text{curve}) \cong \left( \prod_{i=1}^N p(x_i) \right)^{\frac{1}{N}}$$

$$\ell(\text{curve}) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( \prod_{i=1}^N p(x_i) \right)^{\frac{1}{N}}$$

$$= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \exp \left( \log \left( \prod_{i=1}^N p(x_i) \right)^{\frac{1}{N}} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \exp \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log(p(x_i)) \right)$$



The curve will be the value in the limit

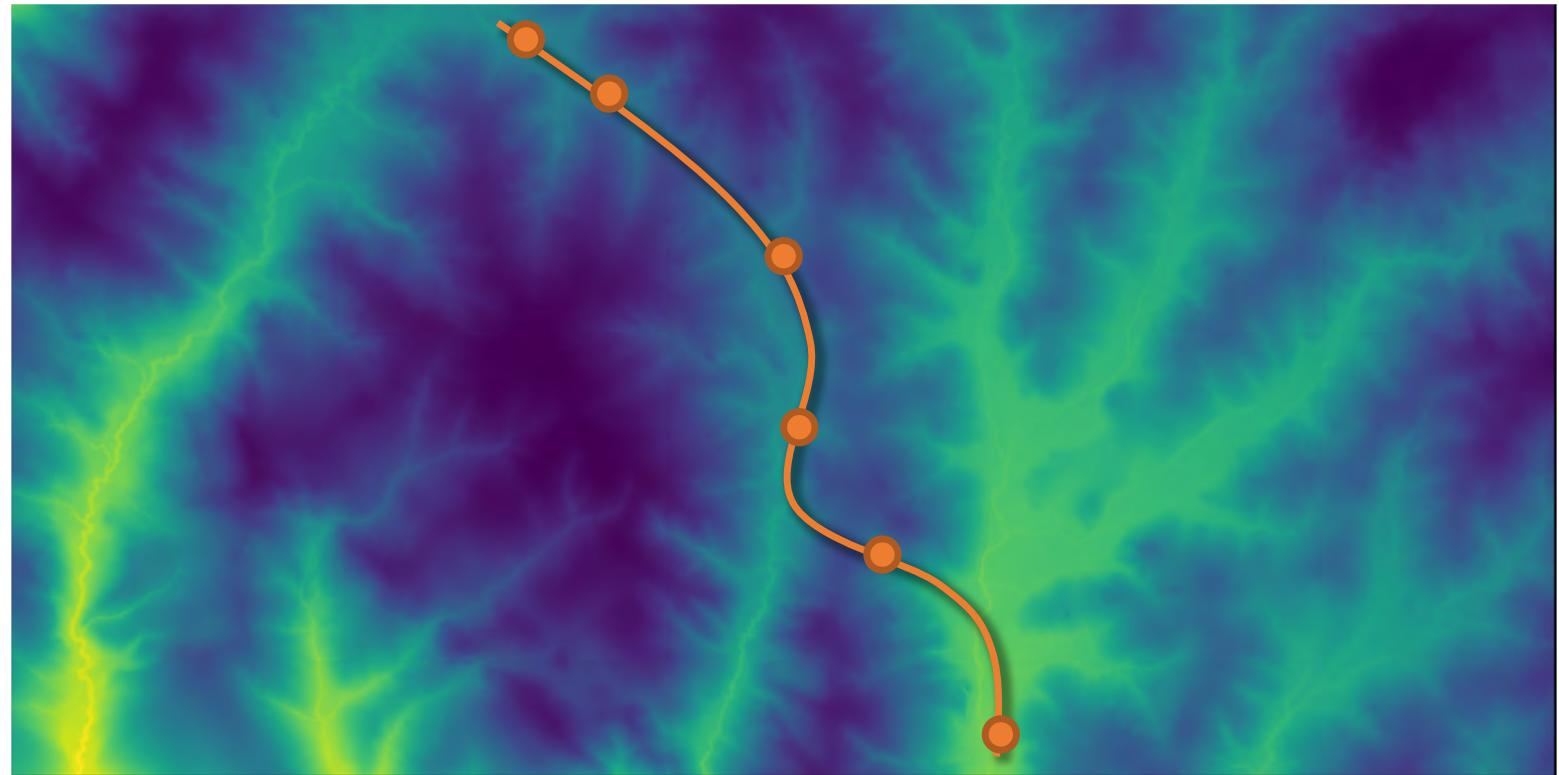
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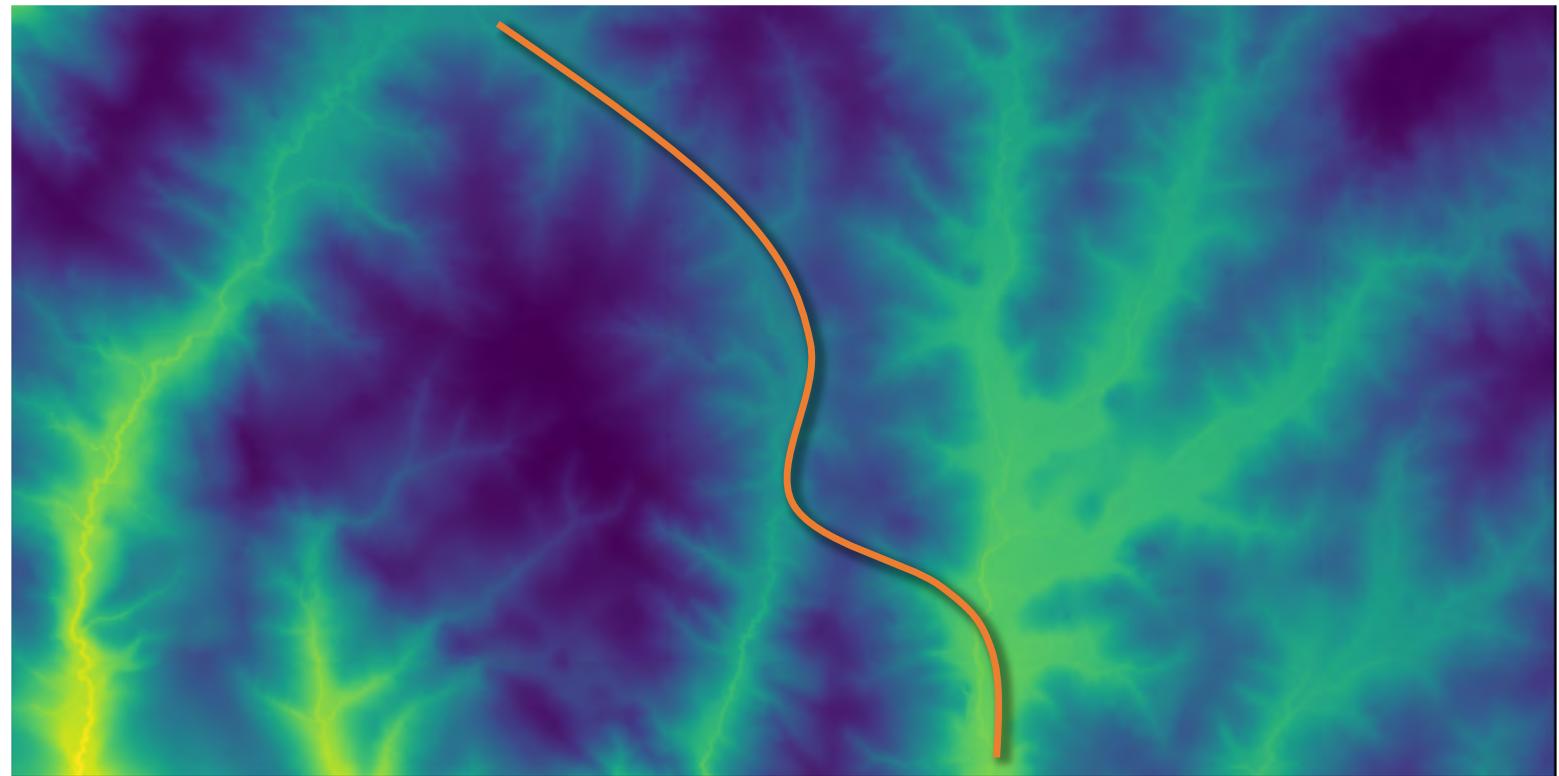
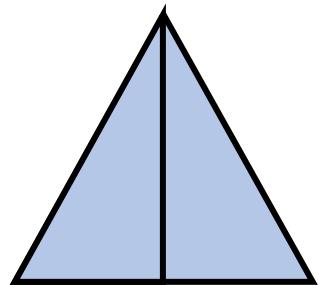
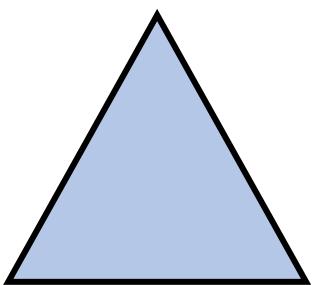
$$= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \exp \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log(p(x_i)) \right) = \exp \left( \int \log(p(x)) dx \right)$$

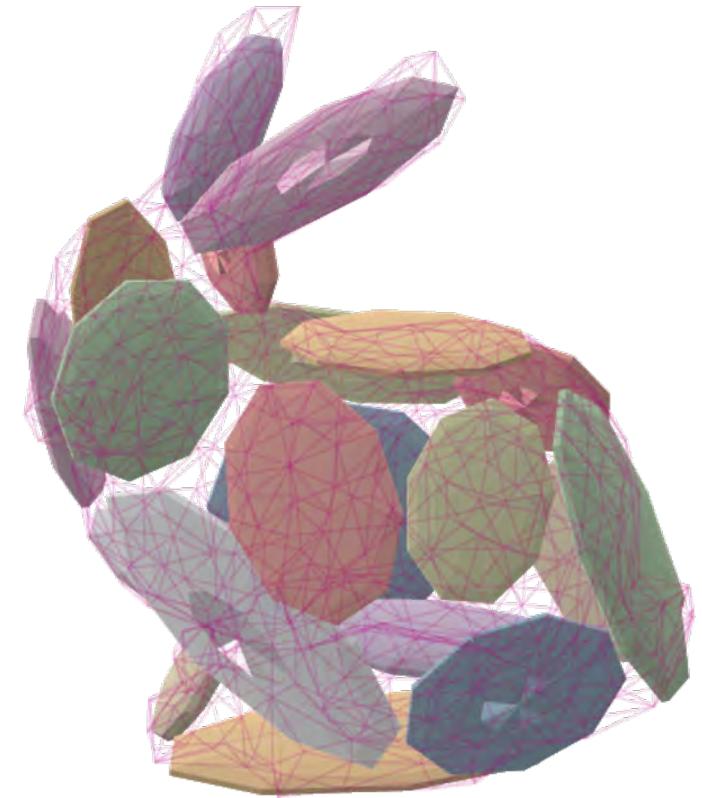
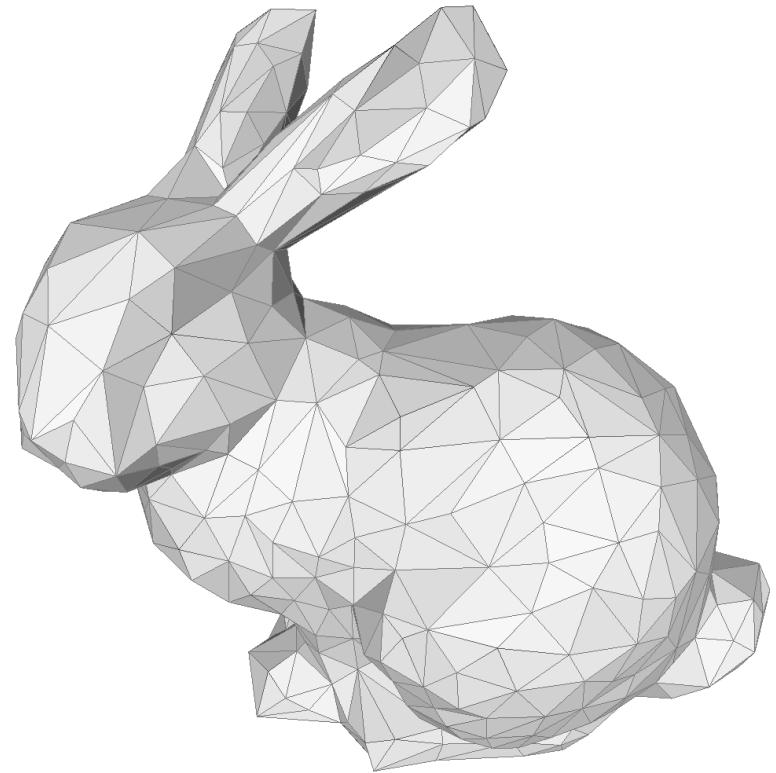


# Geometric Objects in a Probability Distribution

$$L = \exp \left( \int \log(p(x)) dx \right)$$

1. If  $p(x) = 0$  on curve, then  $L = 0$
2. Invariant to reparameterization





$\alpha_j$  Area of each triangle

$\mu_j$  Centroid of each triangle

$A_j, B_j, C_j$  Triangle vertices

# The E-Step (Given GMM parameters)

$$\eta_{ij} = \frac{1}{C_j} \lambda_i \mathcal{N}(x_j; \mu_i, \Sigma_i)$$

**Affiliation between point j & mixture i**

$$C_j = \sum_k \lambda_k \mathcal{N}(x_j; \mu_k, \Sigma_k)$$

**Normalization constant for point j**

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# The New E-Step (Given GMM parameters)

$$\eta_{ij} = \frac{1}{C_j} \lambda_i \alpha_j \mathcal{N}(\mu_j; \mu_i, \Sigma_i)$$

**Taylor Approximation  
(2 terms)**

Affiliation between object j & mixture i

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$$\mu_i = \frac{1}{W_i} \sum_j w_{ij} x_j$$

$$W_i = \sum_j w_{ij}$$

$$\Sigma_i = \frac{1}{W_i} \sum_j w_{ij} (x_j - \mu_i) (x_j - \mu_i)^T$$

# The New M-Step (Given point-mixture weights)

$$\lambda_i = \frac{W_i}{M}$$

$$w_{ij} = \alpha_j \eta_{ij}$$

$$\mu_i = \frac{1}{W_i} \sum_j w_{ij} x_j$$

$$W_i = \sum_j w_{ij}$$

$$\Sigma_i = \frac{1}{W_i} \sum_j w_{ij} [(x_j - \mu_i)(x_j - \mu_i)^T + \Sigma_j]$$

$\alpha_j$  Area of each triangle

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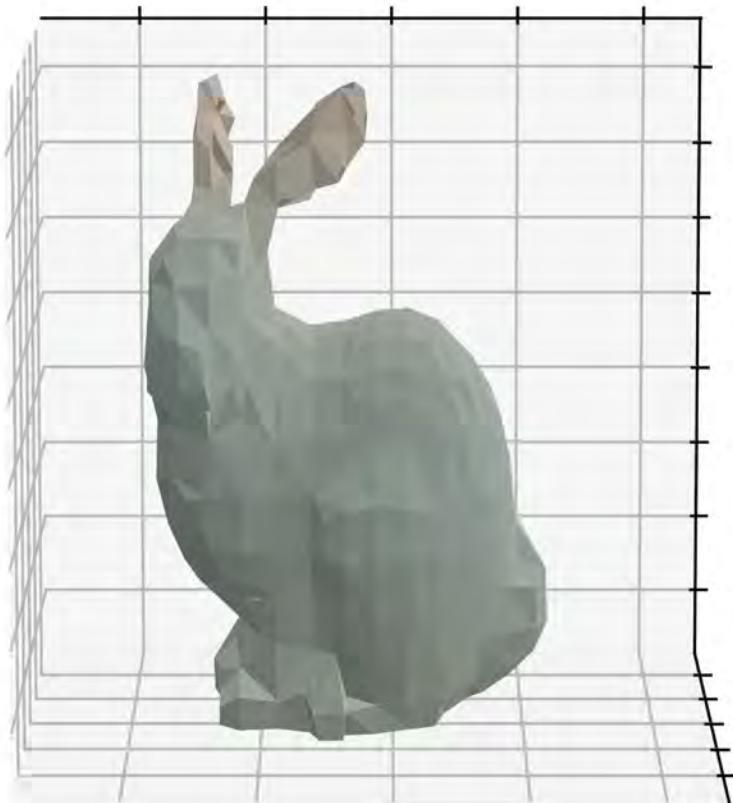
$A_j, B_j, C_j$  Triangle vertices

$$\Sigma_j = \frac{1}{12} (A_j A_j^T + B_j B_j^T + C_j C_j^T - 3 \mu_j \mu_j^T)$$

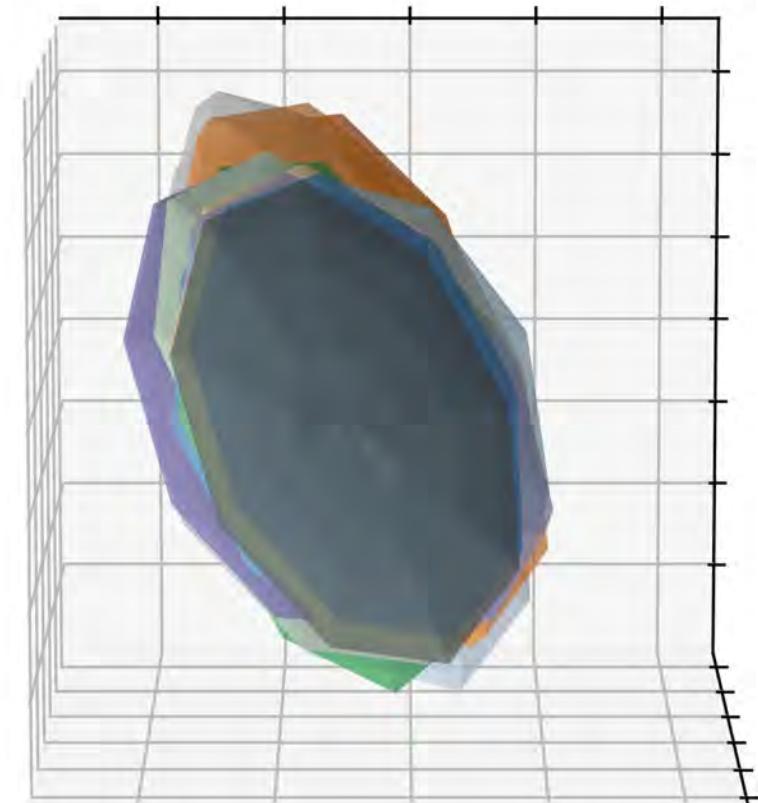
# What is $\Sigma_j$ ?



# E-Step Result

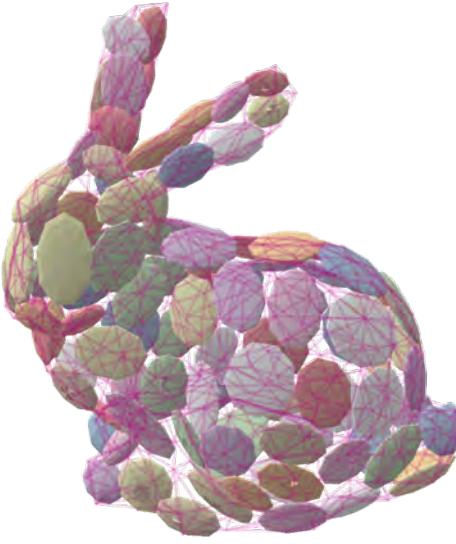
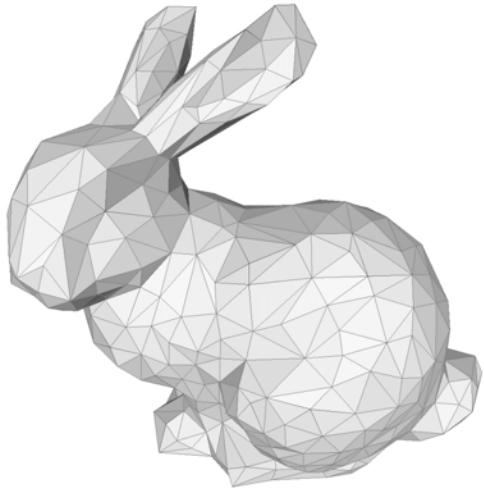


# M-Step Result



# Results

Did all that math actually help us fit better/faster GMMs?



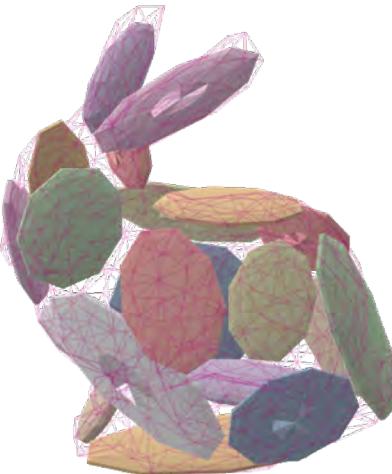
**Using different inputs**

**classic algorithm**

- Vertices of the mesh
- Triangle centroids

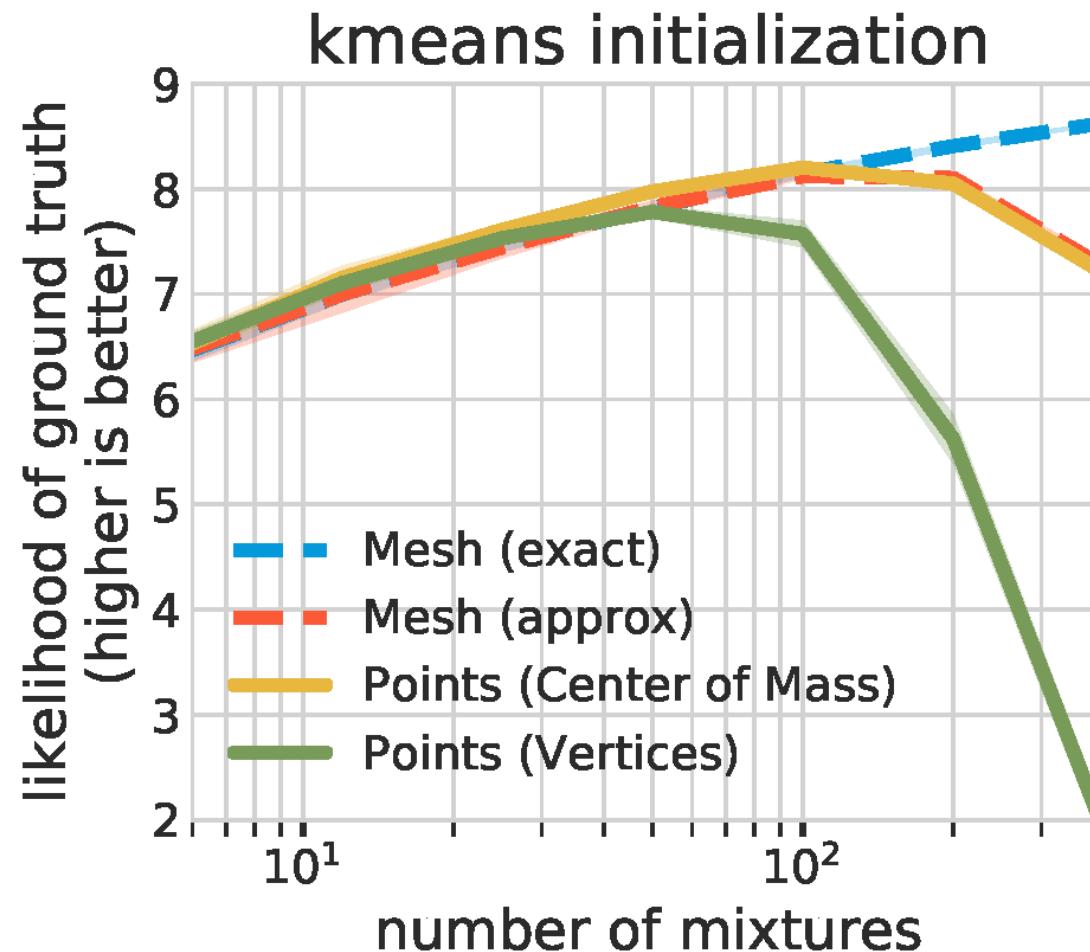
**our method**

- Approximate (E only)
- Exact (E + M steps)

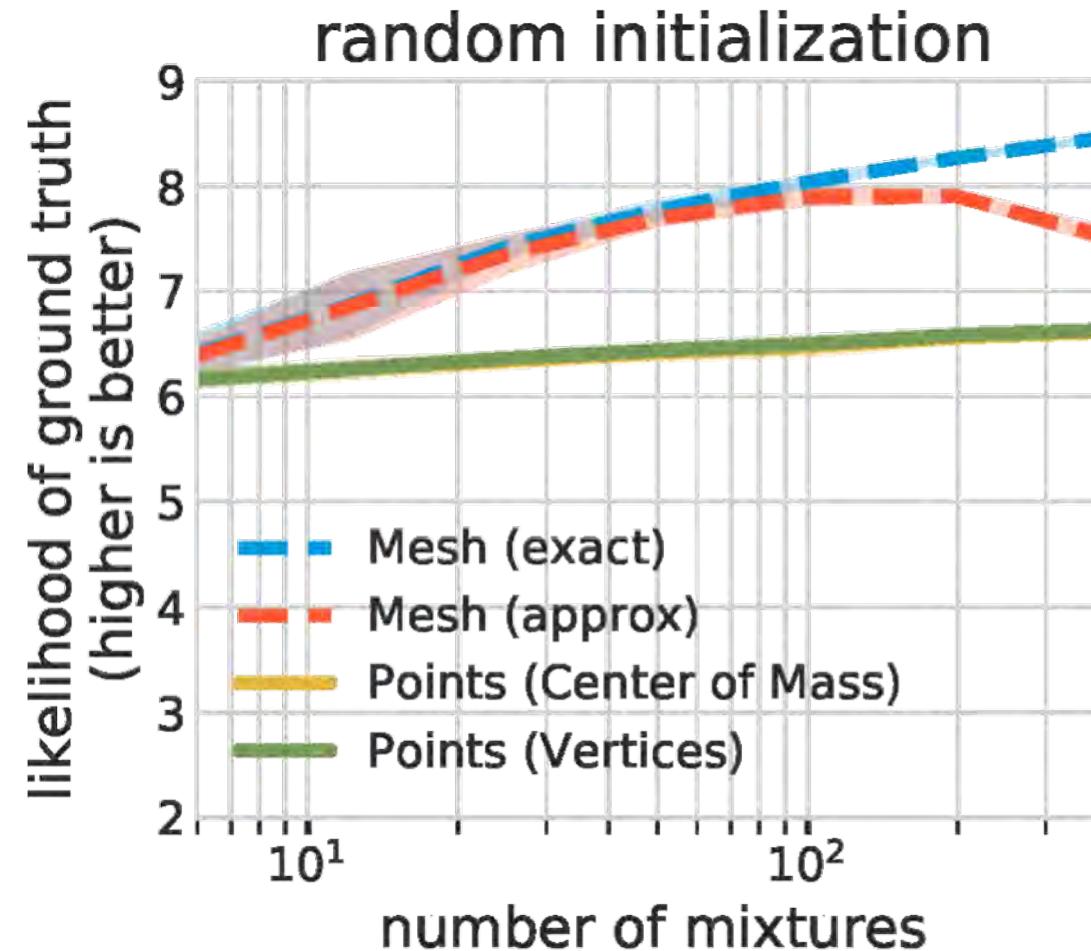


**Measure** the likelihood  
of a high-density point  
cloud (higher is better)

# Full E+M method works in all cases



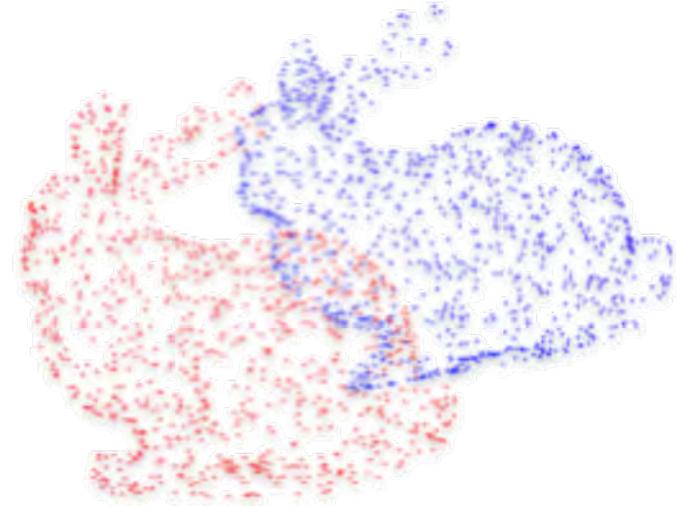
# Stable under even random initialization!



# Applications

Are these models actually more useful?

# Mesh Registration (P2D)



## Method

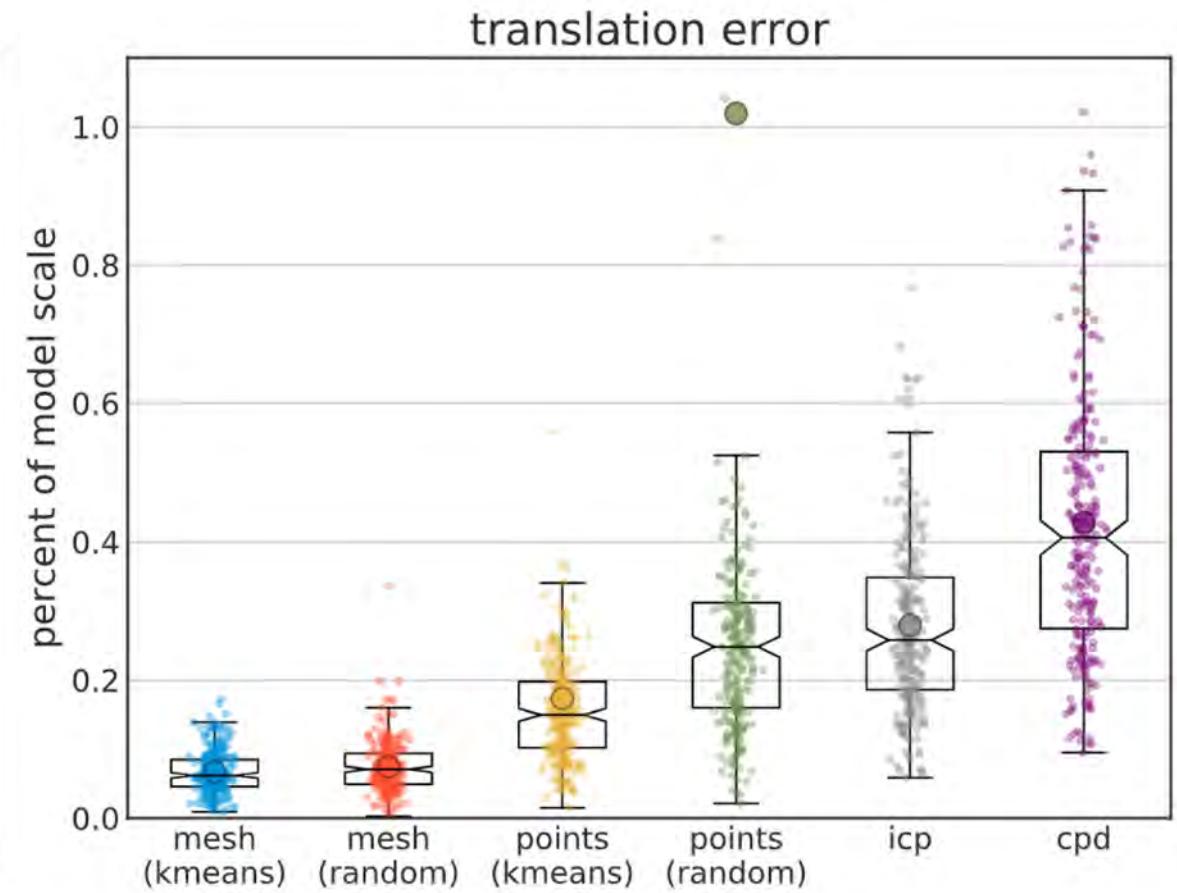
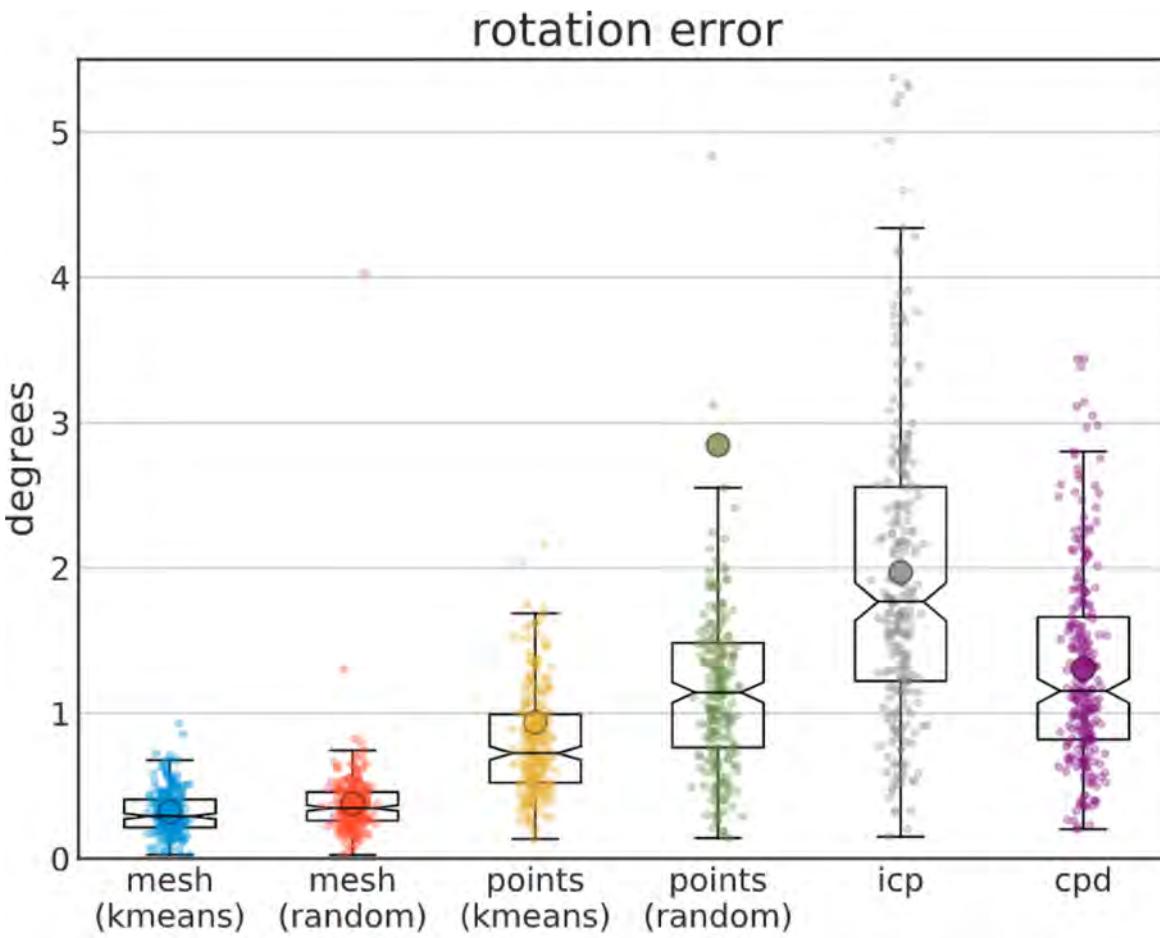
1. Apply a random rotation + translation to the point cloud
2. Find transformation to maximize the likelihood of the points
  - Perform P2D with GMMs fit to
    - i. mesh vertices
    - ii. mesh triangles

Eckart, Kim, Kautz.

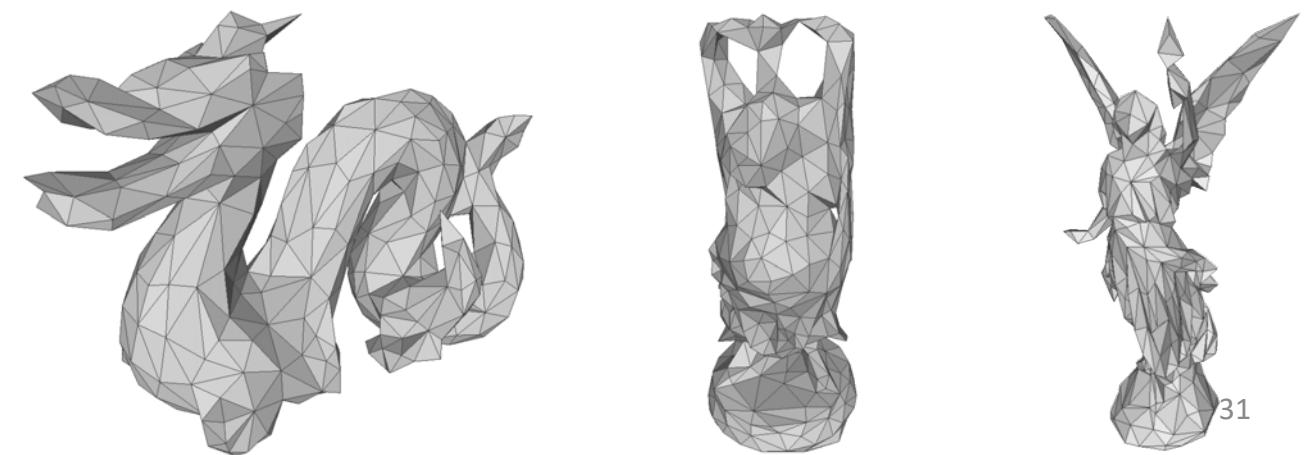
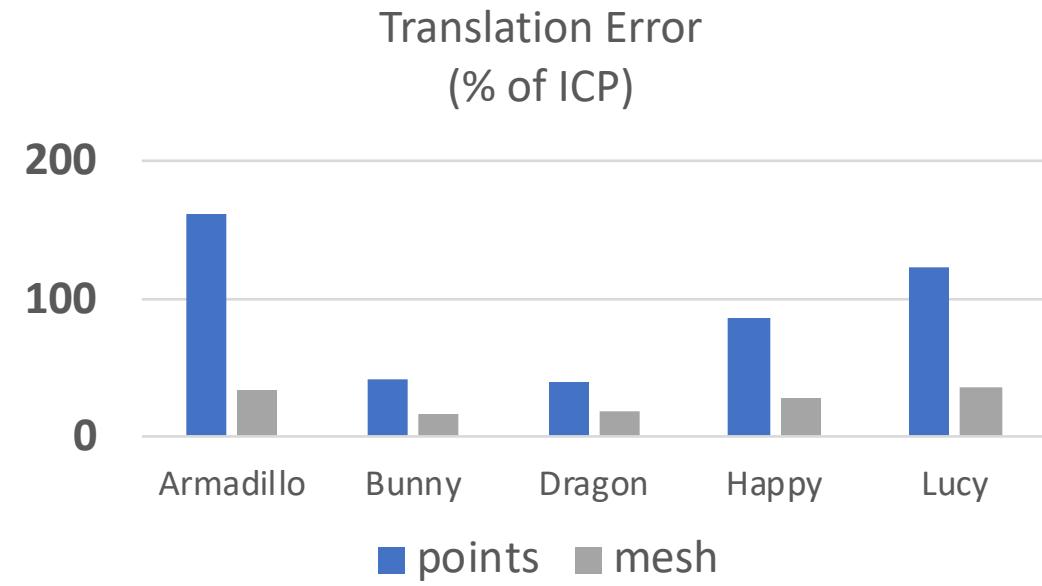
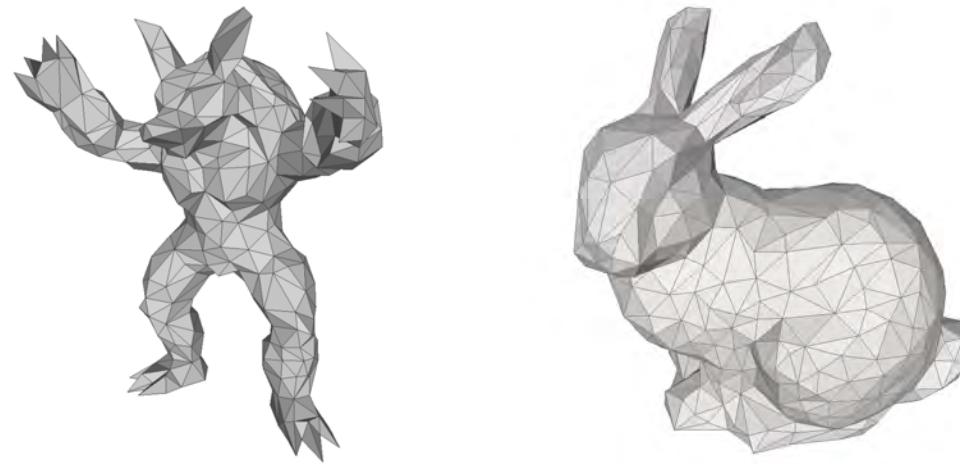
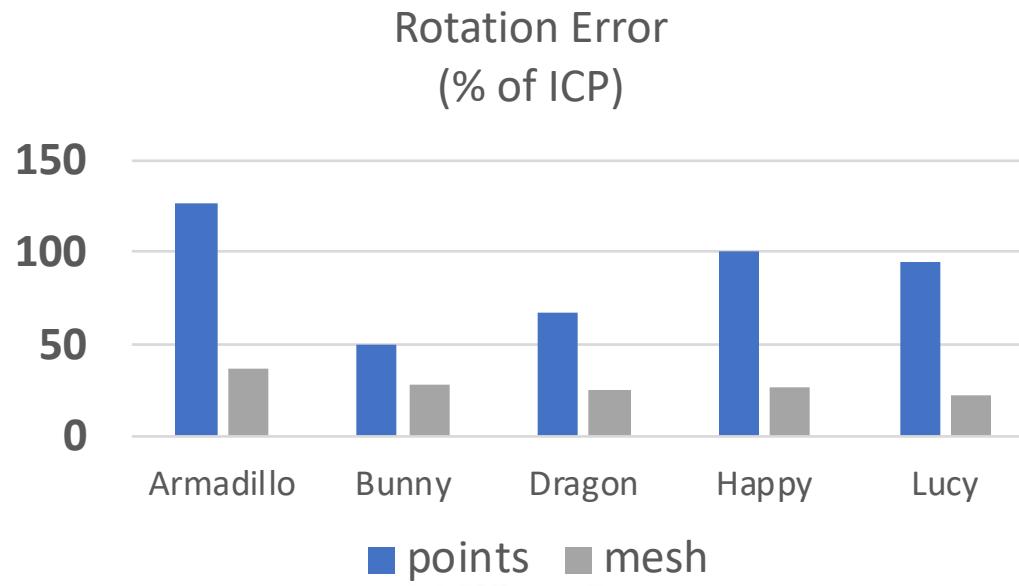
“HGMR: Hierarchical Gaussian Mixtures for Adaptive 3D Registration.”

ECCV (2018)

# Mesh-based GMMs are more accurate



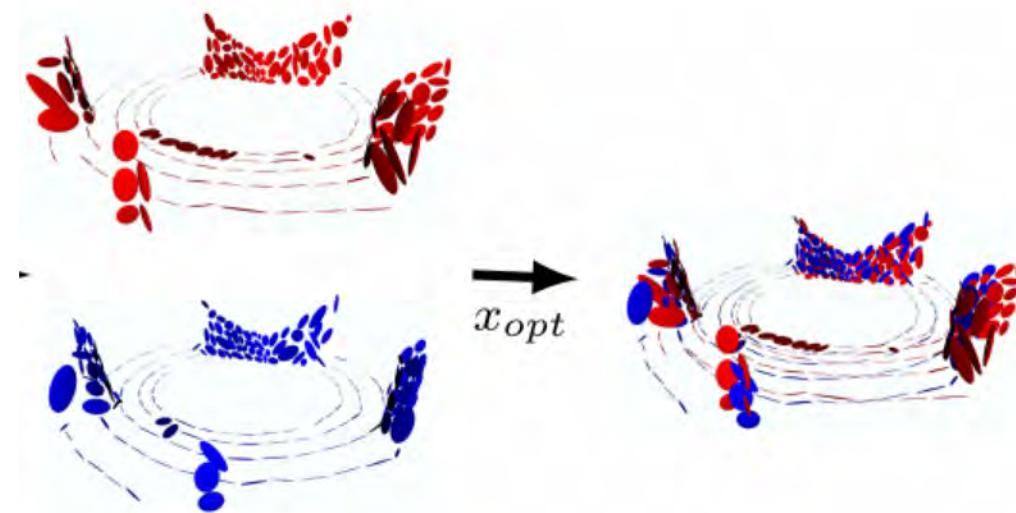
# Across multiple models



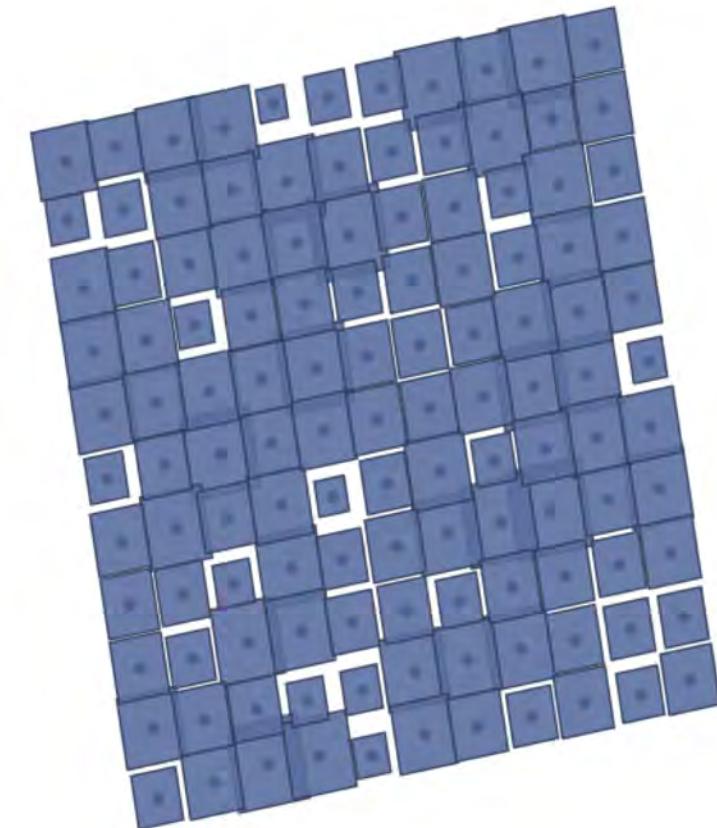
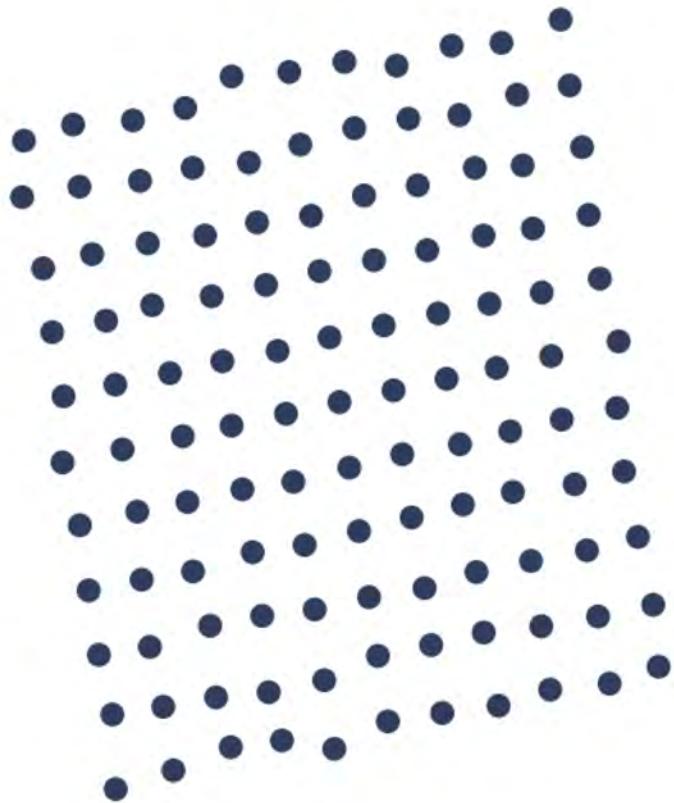
# Frame Registration (D2D)

## Method

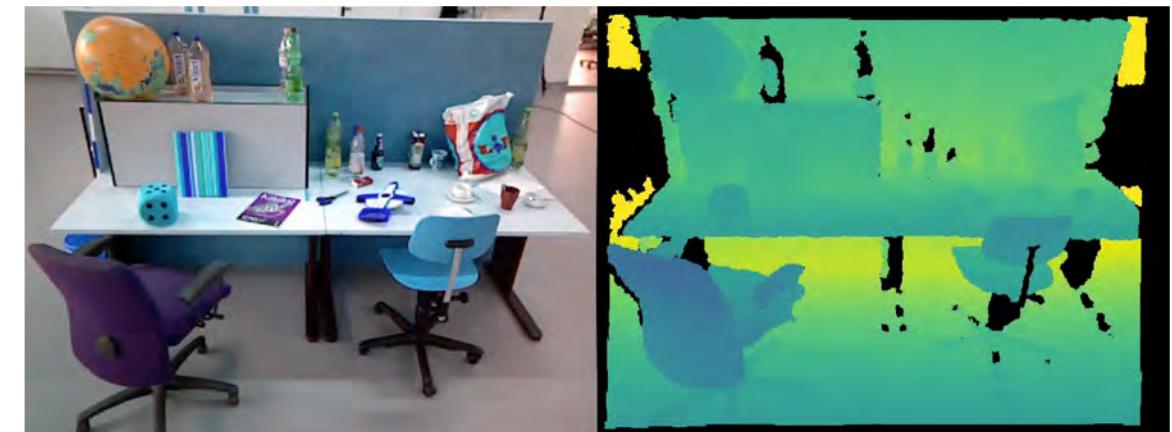
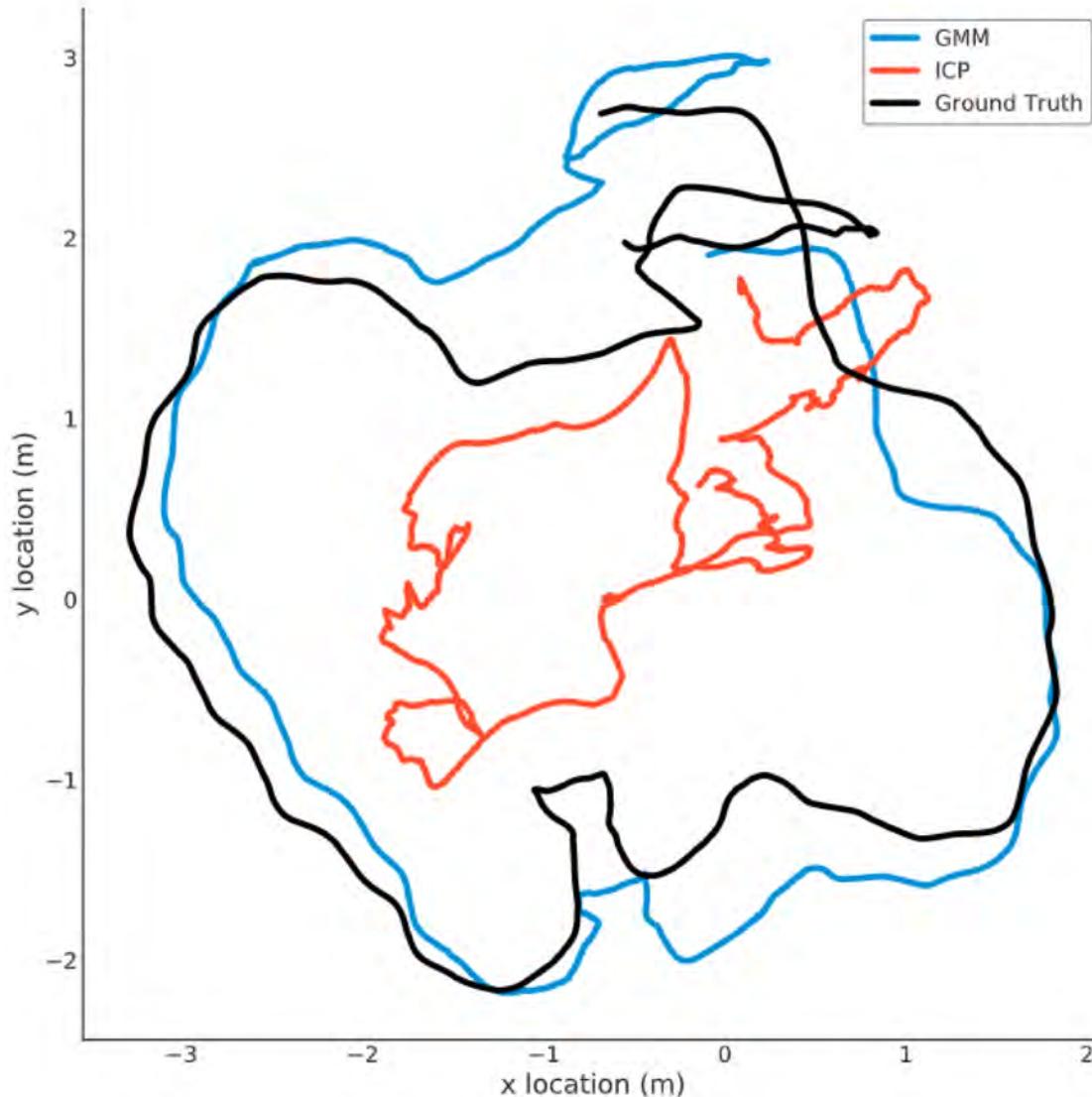
1. Use a sequence from an RGBD Sensor
  - 2,500 frame TUM sequence from a Microsoft Kinect
2. Pairwise registration between  $t$  &  $t-1$  frames
  - Optimize the D2D L2 distance
  - Build GMMs using square pixels as the geometric object



# Representing points using pixel squares



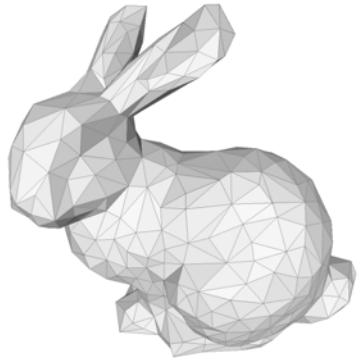
# D2D Registration Results



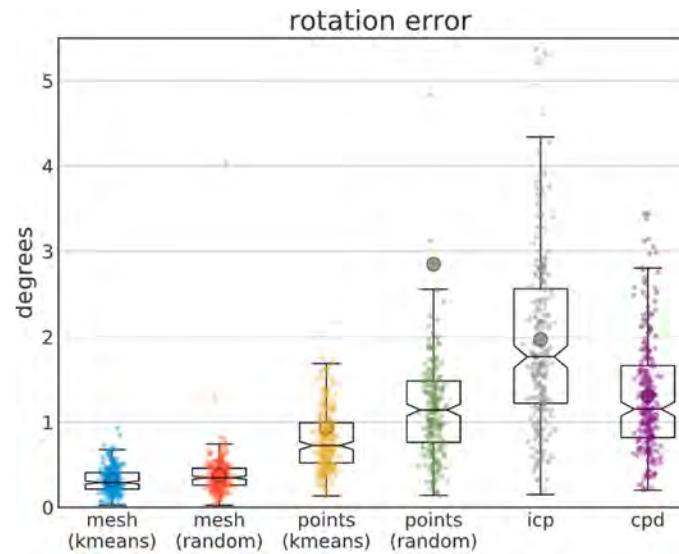
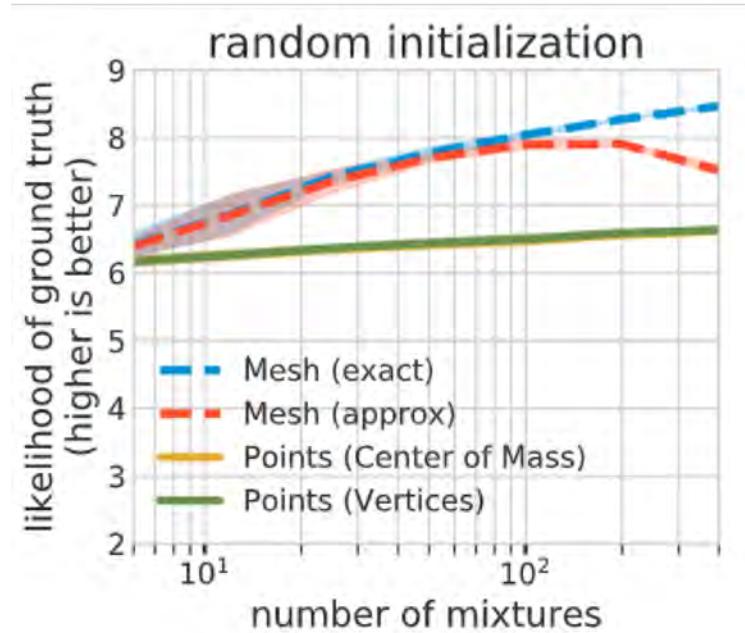
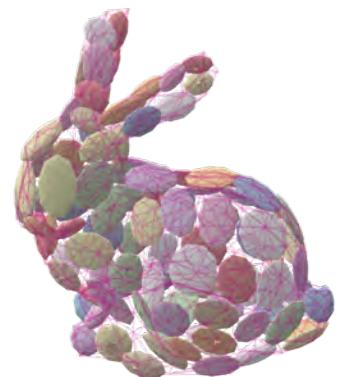
**Compared to standard GMM**

- 2.4% improvement in RMSE
- 22% faster D2D convergence

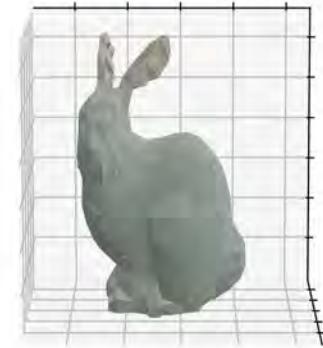
# Questions?



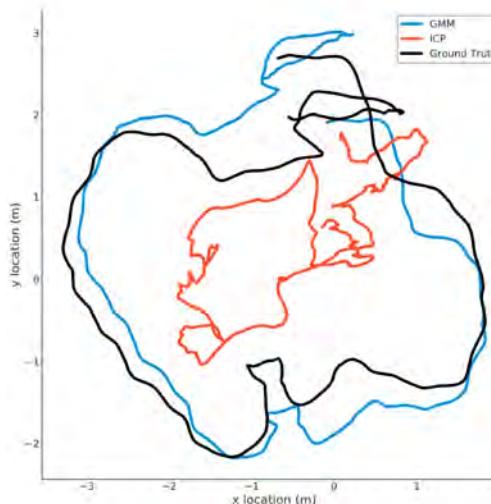
$$P = \exp \left( \int \log(p(x)) dx \right)$$



**E-Step Result**



**M-Step Result**

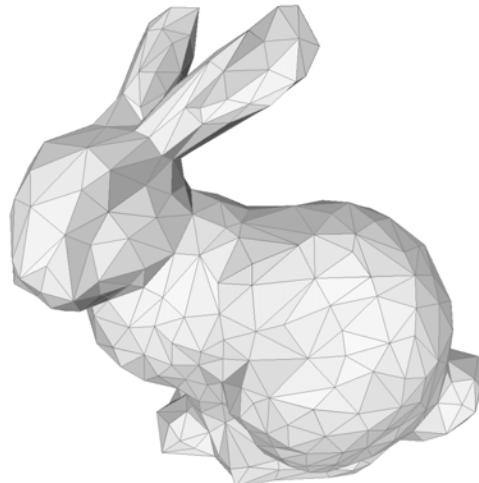


The End!

# Extra Slides

# How to fit a Gaussian Mixture Model?

1. Obtain **any collection of objects**
2. Perform Expectation + Maximization
  - i. E-Step: Each point gets a likelihood
  - ii. M-Step: Each mixture gets new parameters



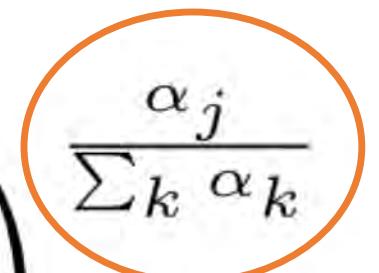
# Extension to arbitrary primitives



$$\mu_i = \frac{1}{W_i} \sum_p^P w_{ip} \mu_p$$

$$\Sigma_i = \frac{1}{W_i} \sum_p^P w_{ip} [(\mu_p - \mu_i)(\mu_p - \mu_i)^T + \Sigma_p]$$

# Approximation

$$L \approx L_S = \prod_{j=1}^M \left( \sum_{i=1}^K \pi_i \mathcal{N}(\mu_j; \mu_i, \Sigma_i) \right)$$


**area-weighted geometric mean using the primitive's centroids**

# Product Integral Formulation

- Product integrals provide a resampling-invariant loss function
- Given  $S$  samples, of  $M$  primitives, with  $N$  mixture components

$$L = \prod_{j=1}^M \prod_{k=1}^S \sum_{i=1}^K \pi_i \mathcal{N}(x_{jk}; \mu_i, \Sigma_i)$$

- This can be evaluated in the limit of samples (with a geometric mean)

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \prod_{j=1}^M \lim_{S \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \prod_{k=1}^S \left( \sum_{i=1}^K \pi_i \mathcal{N}(x_{jk}; \mu_i, \Sigma_i) \right)^{\frac{1}{S}} \right] \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^M \lim_{S \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \exp \left( \log \prod_{k=1}^S \left( \sum_{i=1}^K \pi_i \mathcal{N}(x_{jk}; \mu_i, \Sigma_i) \right)^{\frac{1}{S}} \right) \right] \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^M \lim_{S \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \exp \left( \sum_{k=1}^S \frac{1}{S} \log \left( \sum_{i=1}^K \pi_i \mathcal{N}(x_{jk}; \mu_i, \Sigma_i) \right) \right) \right] \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^M \exp \left( \int_{\Delta} \log \left( \sum_{i=1}^K \pi_i \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_i, \Sigma_i) \right) dx \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Q(\theta) &= \log \prod_{j=1}^M \sum_{i=1}^N p(x_j, z_i | \theta_i) \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^M \log \sum_{i=1}^N p(x_j, z_i | \theta_i) \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^M \log \sum_{i=1}^N \eta_{ij} \frac{p(x_j, z_i | \theta_i)}{\eta_{ij}} \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^M \log \mathbb{E}_{z|x, \theta} \left[ \frac{p(x_j, z_i | \theta_i)}{\eta_{ij}} \right] \\
&\geq \sum_{j=1}^M \mathbb{E}_{z|x, \theta} \left[ \log \frac{p(x_j, z_i | \theta_i)}{\eta_{ij}} \right] \\
&\geq \sum_{j=1}^M \sum_{i=1}^N \eta_{ij} \log \frac{p(x_j, z_i | \theta_i)}{\eta_{ij}} \\
&\geq \sum_{j=1}^M \sum_{i=1}^N \eta_{ij} (\log p(x_j | z_i, \theta_i) - \log \eta_{ij}) \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^M \sum_{i=1}^N \eta_{ij} (\log p(x_j | z_i, \theta_i) - \log \eta_{ij}) \\
\theta &\leftarrow \operatorname{argmax} \sum_{j=1}^M \sum_{i=1}^N \eta_{ij} \log(\pi_i \mathcal{N}_i(x_{jk}; \mu_i, \Sigma_i))
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi_{\Delta}(h(x)) &= ||T_u \times T_v|| \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-v} f(T(u, v)) \, dudv \\
&= ||T_u \times T_v|| \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-v} \mathcal{N}(M; \mu, \Sigma) (1 - (T(u, v) - M)^T K_1 + (T(u, v) - M)^T K_2 (T(u, v) - M)) dudv \\
&= ||T_u \times T_v|| \mathcal{N}(M; \mu, \Sigma) \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-v} (1 - (T(u, v) - M)^T K_1) + (T(u, v) - M)^T K_2 (T(u, v) - M) dudv \\
&= ||T_u \times T_v|| \mathcal{N}(M; \mu, \Sigma) \left( \frac{1}{2} + \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-v} (-(T(u, v) - M)^T K_1 + (T(u, v) - M)^T K_2 (T(u, v) - M)) dudv \right) \\
&= ||T_u \times T_v|| \mathcal{N}(M; \mu, \Sigma) \left( \frac{1}{2} - 0 + K_2 \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-v} (T(u, v) - M)^2 dudv \right) \\
&= ||T_u \times T_v|| \mathcal{N}(M; \mu, \Sigma) \left( \frac{1}{2} - 0 + K_2 \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-v} (A + (B - A)u + (C - A)v - M)^2 dudv \right) \\
&= ||T_u \times T_v|| \mathcal{N}(M; \mu, \Sigma) \left( \frac{1}{2} - 0 + \frac{K_2}{36} (A \circ (1 - (B + C)) + B \circ (1 - C) + C \circ C) \right) \\
&\approx \frac{||T_u \times T_v||}{2} \mathcal{N}(M; \mu, \Sigma)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial LB}{\partial \Sigma_i^{-1}} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^M \int_{\Delta_j} [\eta_{ij} (\Sigma_i - (x_j - \mu_i)(x_j - \mu_i)^T)] d\Delta_j \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^M \left( R_j \eta_{ij} \Sigma_i - \eta_{ij} \int_{\Delta_j} [(x_j - \mu_i)(x_j - \mu_i)^T] d\Delta_j \right) \quad (25)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\left[ \int_{\Delta} [(x - \mu)(x - \mu)^T] d\Delta \right]_{01} &= \int_{\Delta} (x_0 - \mu_0)(x_1 - \mu_1) d\Delta \\
&= \left[ \frac{2R}{24} (A_0(2A_1 + B_1 + C_1) + B_0(A_1 + 2B_1 + C_1) + C_0(A_1 + B_1 + 2C_1)) + \frac{2R}{2} (-M_1\mu_0 - M_0\mu_1 + \mu_0\mu_1) \right] \\
&= \left[ \frac{2R}{24} (3M_03M_1 + A_0A_1 + B_0B_1 + C_0C_1) + \frac{2R}{2} (-M_1\mu_0 - M_0\mu_1 + \mu_0\mu_1) \right] \\
&= \left[ \frac{2R}{24} (A_0A_1 + B_0B_1 + C_0C_1 - 3M_0M_1) + \frac{2R}{2} (M_0M_1 - M_1\mu_0 - M_0\mu_1 + \mu_0\mu_1) \right] \\
\frac{\partial LB}{\partial \Sigma_i^{-1}} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^M \left( R_j \eta_{ij} \Sigma_i - \eta_{ij} R_j \left[ (M_j - \mu_i)(M_j - \mu_i)^T + \frac{1}{12}(A_j A_j^T + B_j B_j^T + C_j C_j^T - 3M_j M_j^T) \right] \right) \quad (26)
\end{aligned}$$

Setting this derivative to zero and solving gives us the following expression for the new covariance

$$\begin{aligned}
\Sigma_i &= \sum_{j=1}^M \frac{\eta_{ij} R_j [(M_j - \mu_i)(M_j - \mu_i)^T + \frac{1}{12}(A_j A_j^T + B_j B_j^T + C_j C_j^T - 3M_j M_j^T)]}{\sum_{j=1}^M R_j \eta_{ij}} \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^M \frac{\eta_{ij} R_j [(M_j - \mu_i)(M_j - \mu_i)^T]}{\sum_{j=1}^M R_j \eta_{ij}} + \frac{1}{12} \frac{\eta_{ij} R_j [(A_j A_j^T + B_j B_j^T + C_j C_j^T - 3M_j M_j^T)]}{\sum_{j=1}^M R_j \eta_{ij}} \quad (27) \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^M \frac{\eta_{ij} R_j}{\sum_{j=1}^M R_j \eta_{ij}} \left[ \underbrace{(M_j - \mu_i)(M_j - \mu_i)^T}_{cov(M_j, \mu_i)} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{12}(A_j A_j^T + B_j B_j^T + C_j C_j^T - 3M_j M_j^T)}_{cov(\Delta_j)} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

For GMMs we will use the lower bound

$$L = \exp \left( \sum_{j=1}^M \int_{\Delta} \log \left( \sum_{i=1}^K \pi_i \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_i, \Sigma_i) \right) dx \right)$$

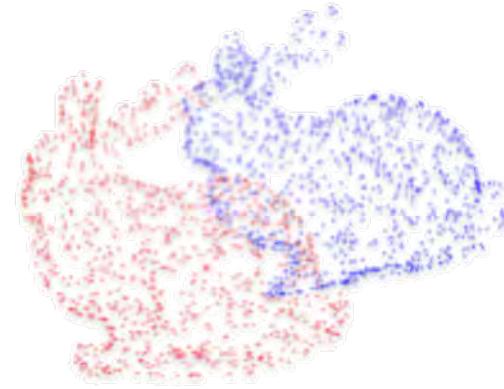
$$\log(L) = \sum_{j=1}^M \int_{\Delta} \log \left( \sum_{i=1}^K \pi_i \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_i, \Sigma_i) \right) dx$$

$$\geq \sum_{j=1}^M \sum_{i=1}^K \int_{\Delta} \log (\pi_i \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_i, \Sigma_i)) dx$$

# P2D Registration Results

<b>Model</b>	<b>Rotation Error (% of ICP)</b>		<b>Translation Error (% of ICP)</b>	
	points	mesh	points	mesh
Armadillo	127	37	161	33
Bunny	50	28	41	17
Dragon	68	25	40	19
Happy	101	27	85	27
Lucy	95	23	122	35

# Mesh Registration with P2D



## Method

1. Apply a random rotation + translation to the point cloud
2. Point-to-Distribution (P2D) registration of point cloud to GMM
  - Perform tests with GMMs fit to
    - i. mesh vertices
    - ii. mesh triangles
  - Optimize the GMM likelihood with rigid body transformation ( $q$  &  $t$ )
  - BFGS Optimization using numerical gradients, starting from identity

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# Representing points using pixel squares

