

The Geometry and Topology of Shape Patterns with Applications to Leukaemia

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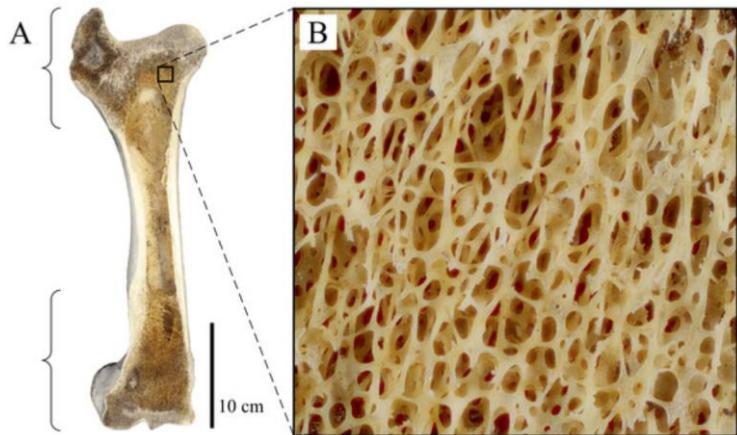
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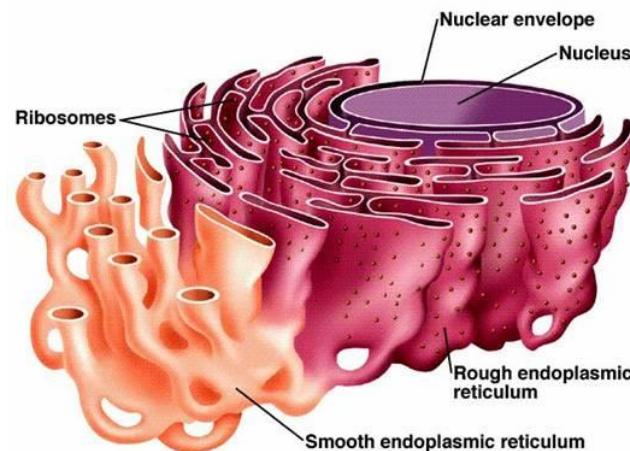
Introduction

Tubular and membranous shapes

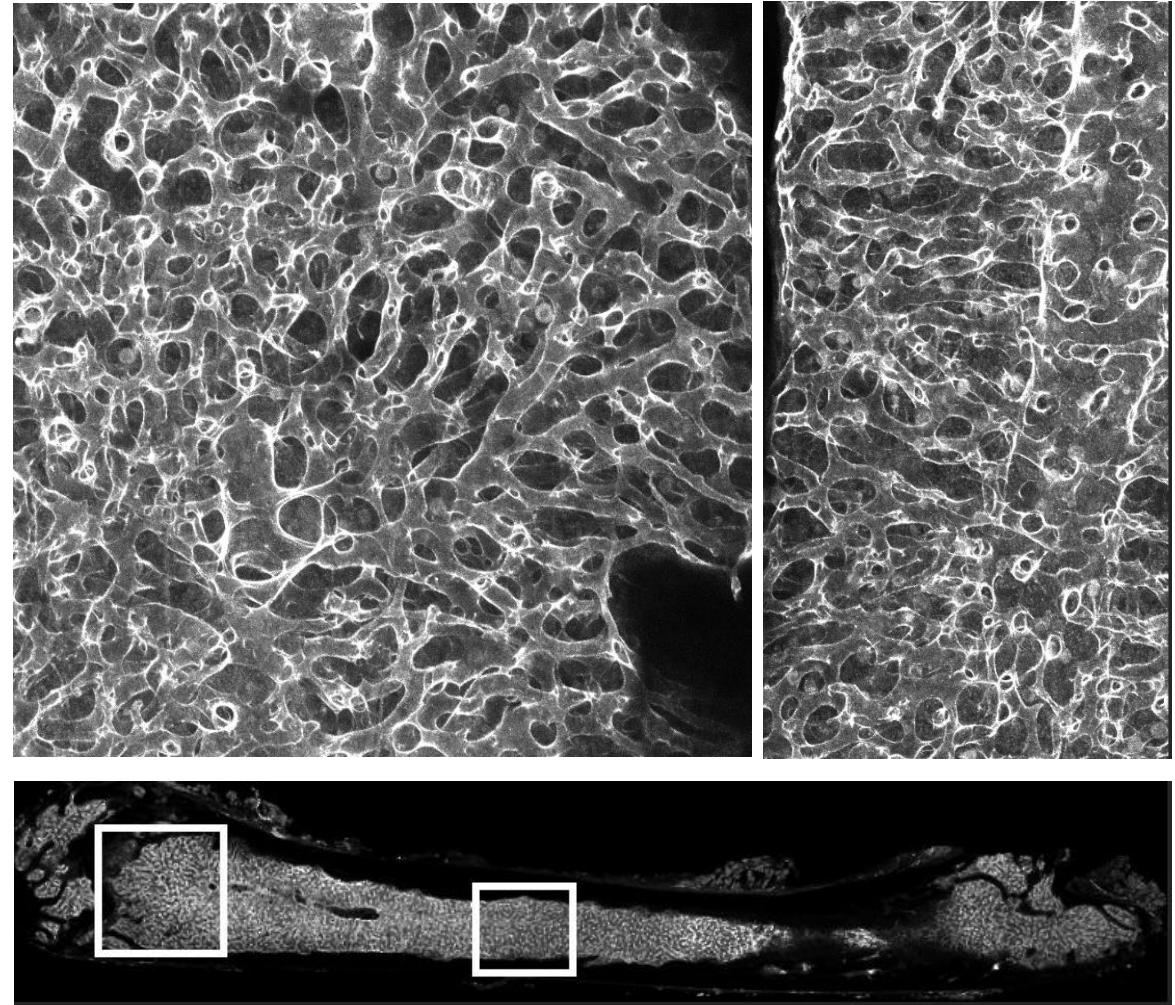


modified from Bishop
et al., PeerJ (2018)

spongy bone



endoplasmic reticulum



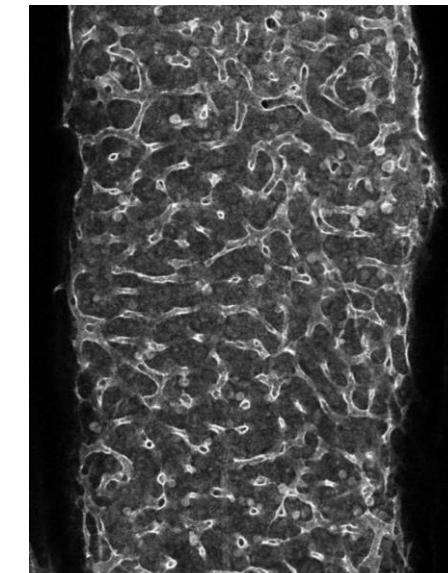
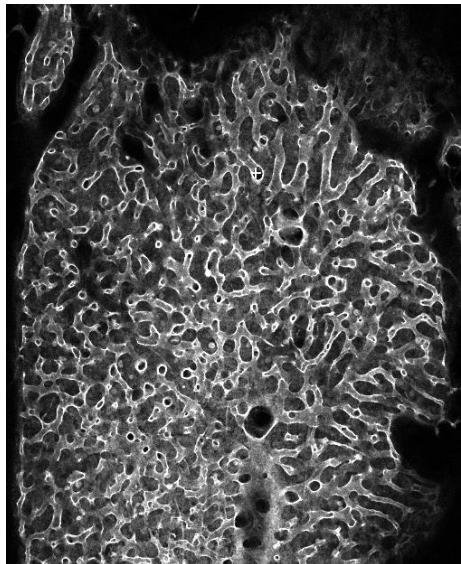
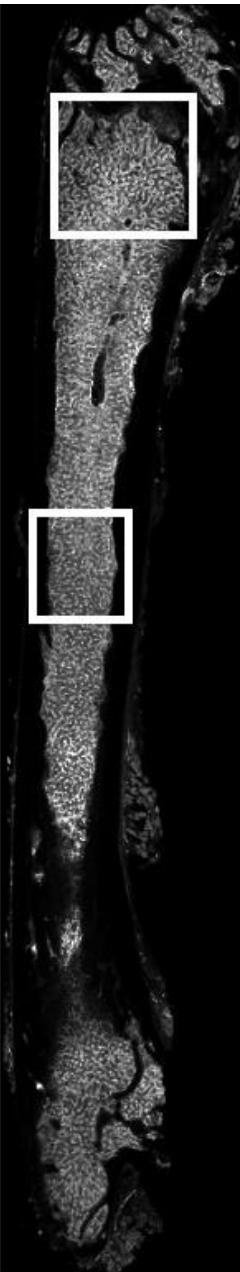
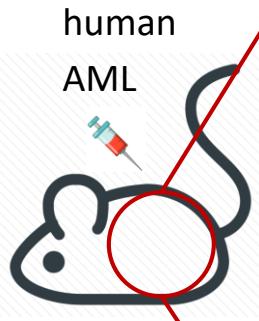
Data : Antoniana Batsivari and Dominique Bonnet

vascular network of the bone marrow

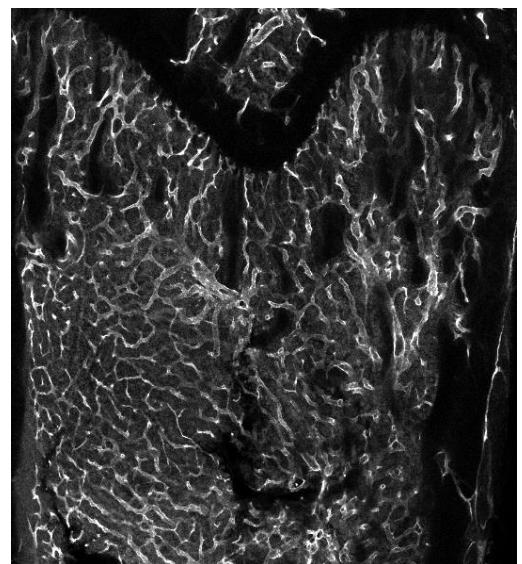
Quantify patterns to understand diseases

AML = Acute
Myeloid Leukaemia

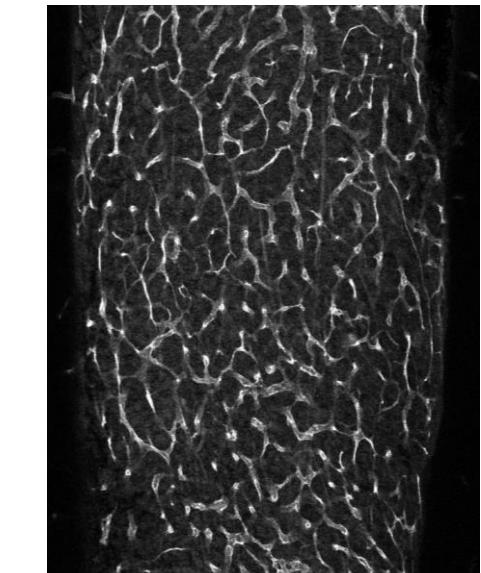
How does AML
remodel bone
marrow vessels?



3D confocal images by
Antoniana Batsivari and
Dominique Bonnet

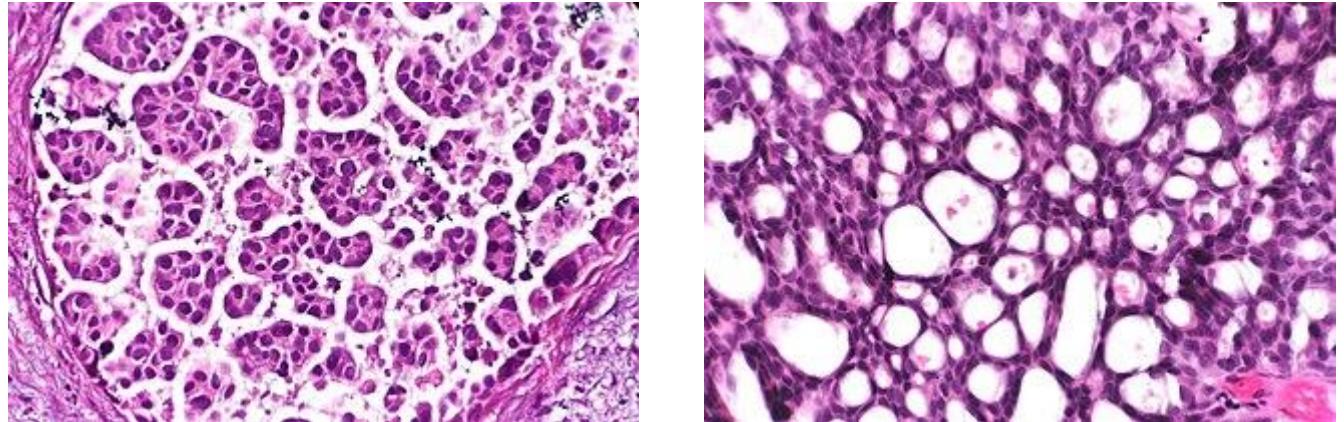
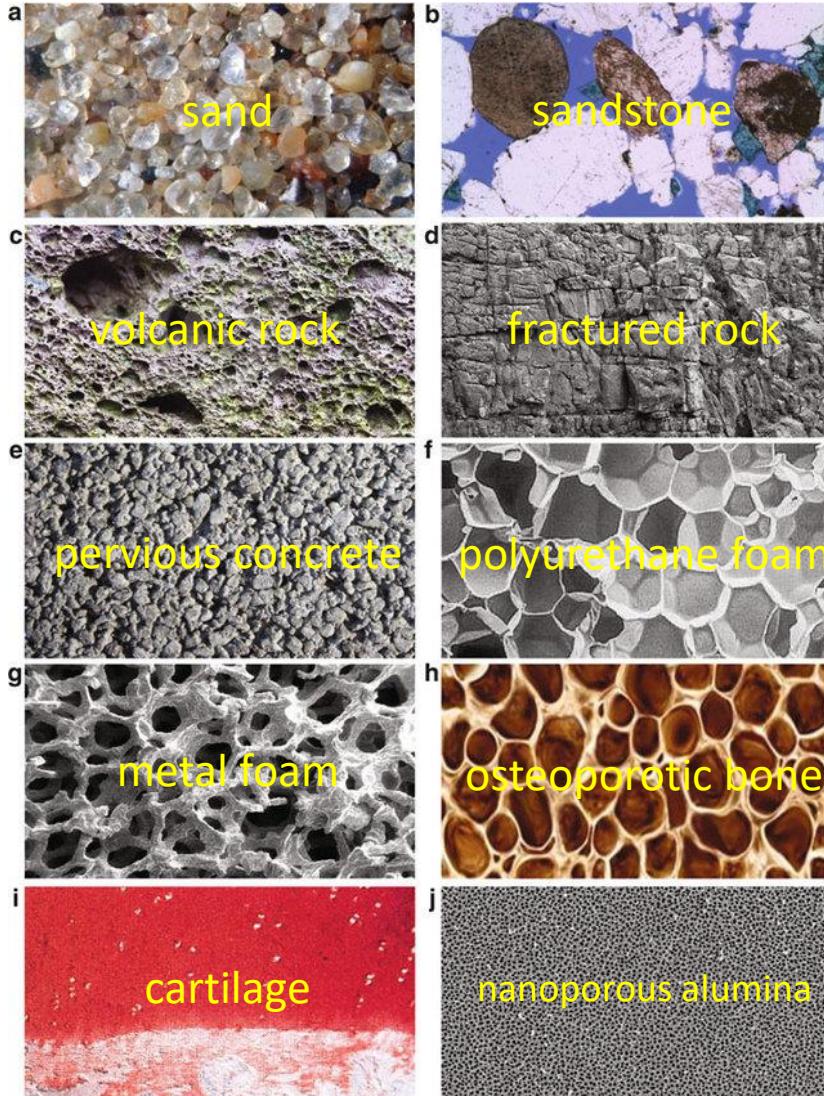


healthy



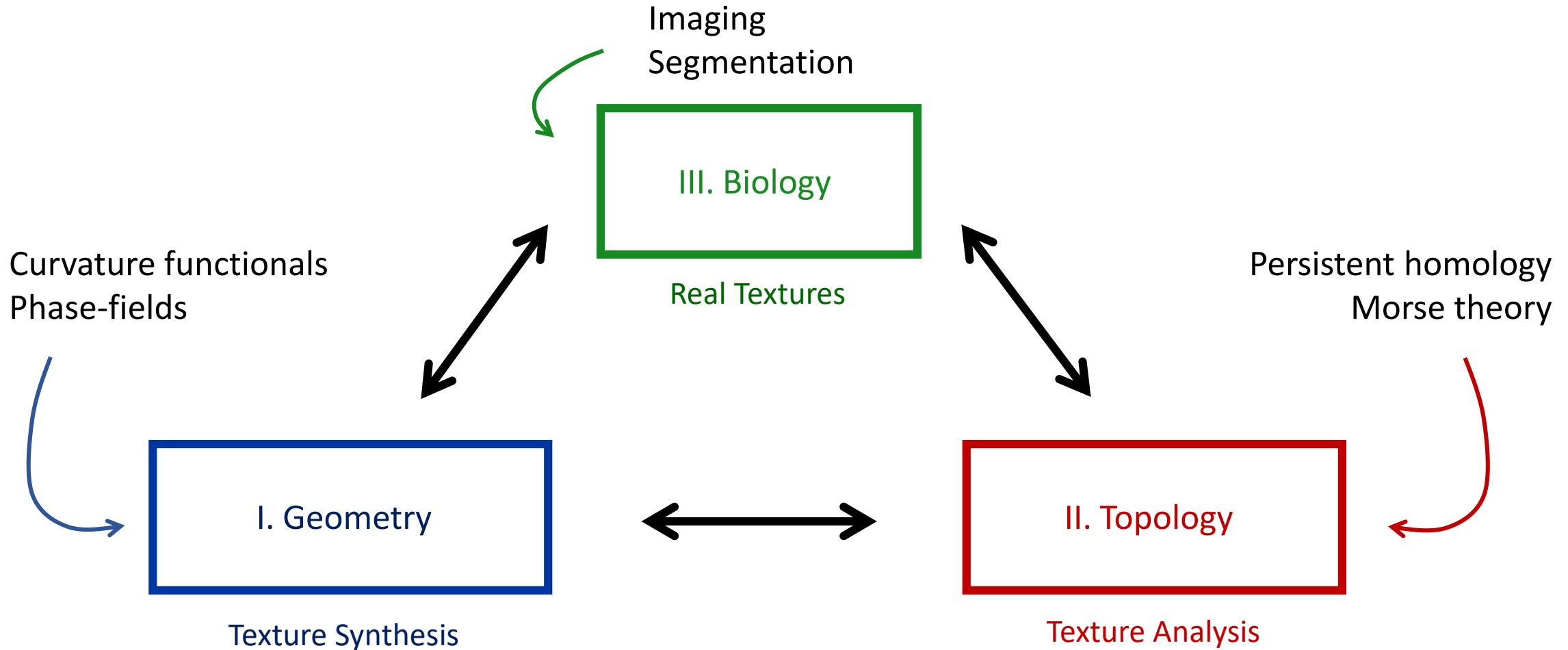
after engraftment

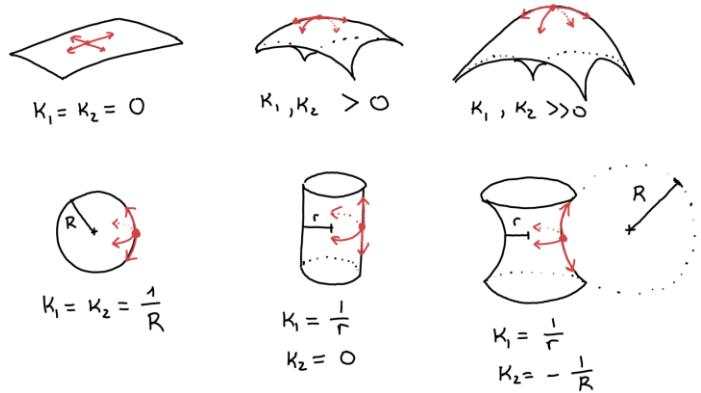
What is *texture* in shapes?



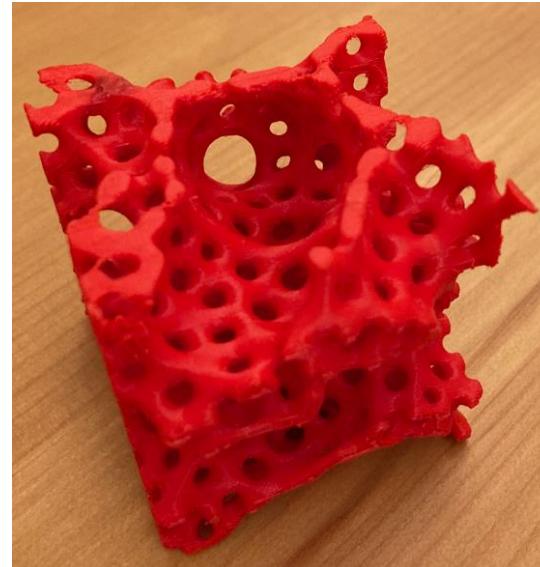
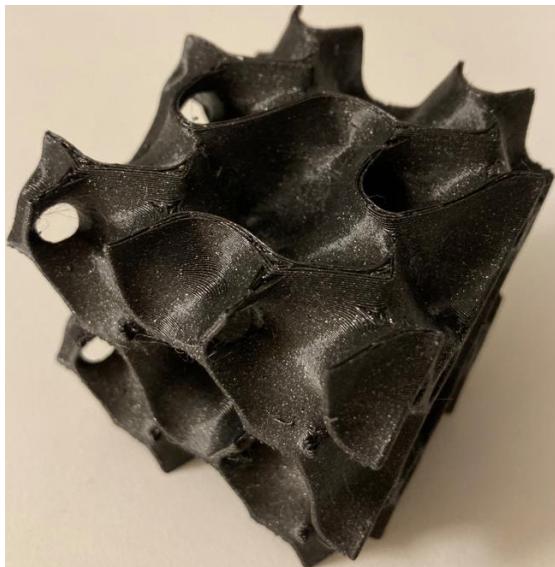
- **geometric and topological** features
- how to **model / quantify** texture?
- **computable and interpretable** outputs

The geometry and topology of *texture* in shapes



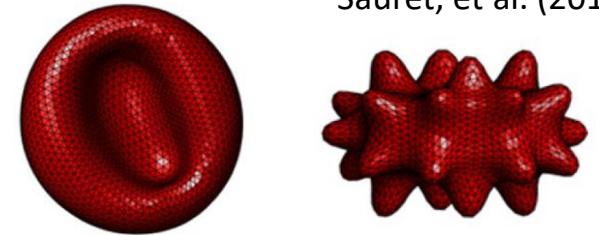
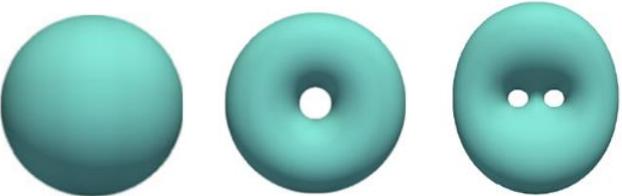
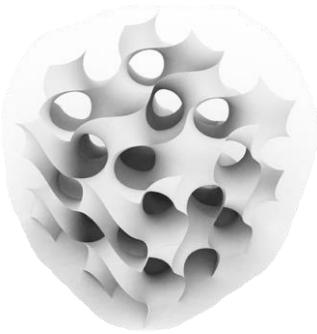


I. Curvatures



Generation of Tubular and Membranous Shape Textures with Curvature Functionals, Anna Song, *J Math Imaging Vis* (2021)

Energy-minimizing surfaces



$$E_A(\mathcal{S}) = \int_{\mathcal{S}} 1 \, dA$$

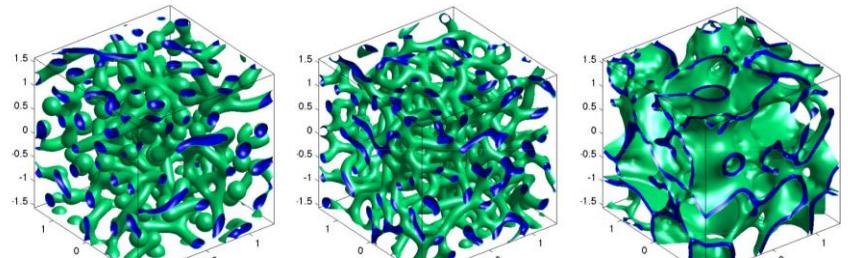
area

$$E_W(\mathcal{S}) = \int_{\mathcal{S}} H^2 \, dA$$

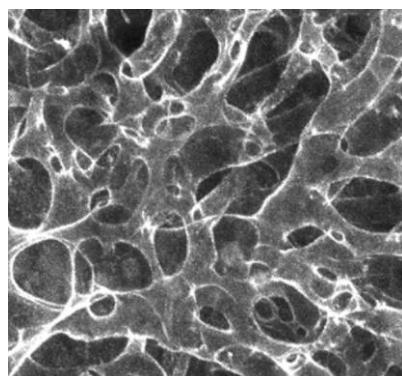
Willmore (1960')

$$E_H(\mathcal{S}) = \int_{\mathcal{S}} \left(\frac{\chi_b}{2} (H - H_0)^2 + \chi_G K \right) \, dA$$

Helfrich (1970') and beyond

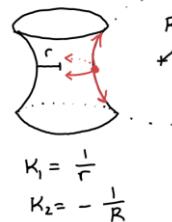
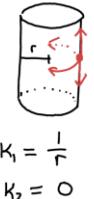
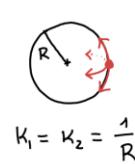
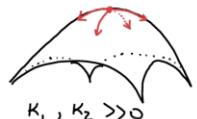
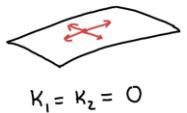


FCH model (2012)
not curvature-based



General 3D shapes?

Branching, tubular, membranous,
porous, spherical...

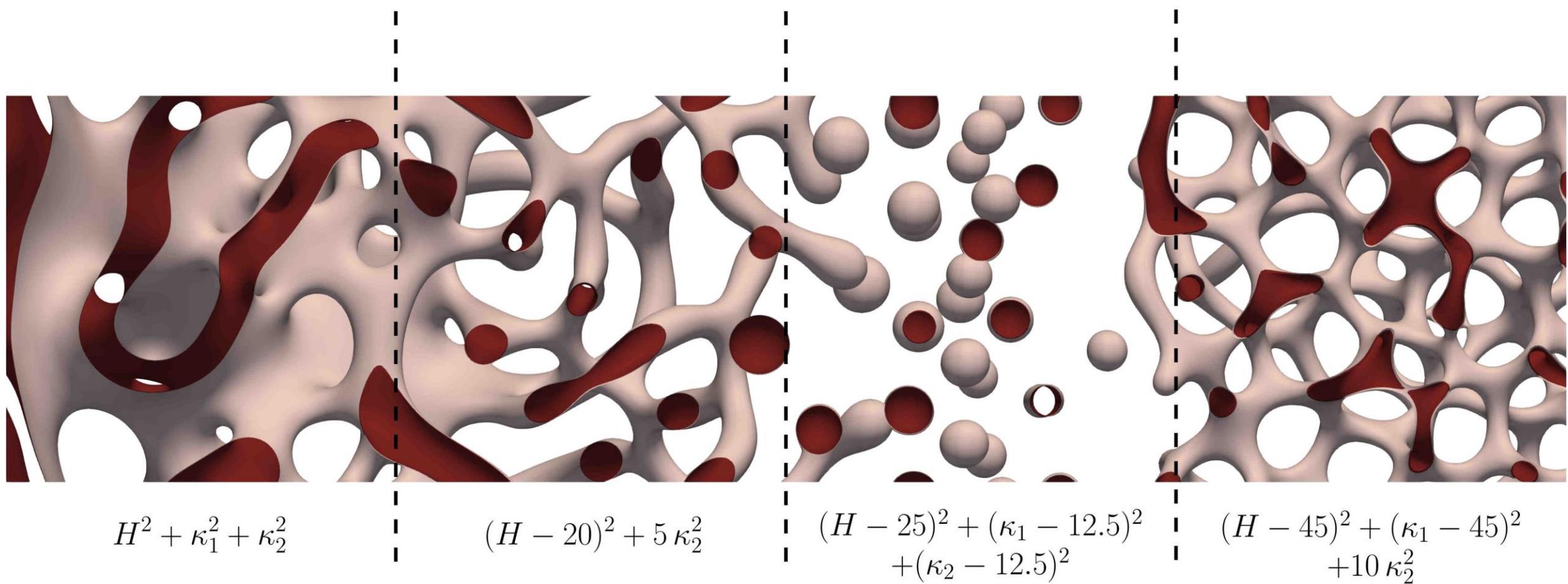


“Curvartubes” functional

$$F(S) = \int_S p(\kappa_1, \kappa_2) dA$$

$$p(x, y) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2} a_\alpha(x, y)^\alpha$$

can be asymmetric



Main contributions

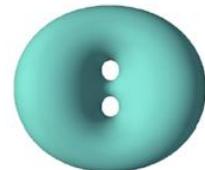
$$E_A(S) = \int_S 1 \, dA$$

minimal surfaces (1750')



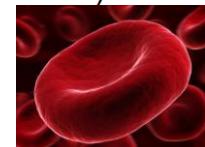
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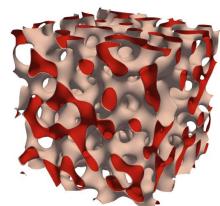
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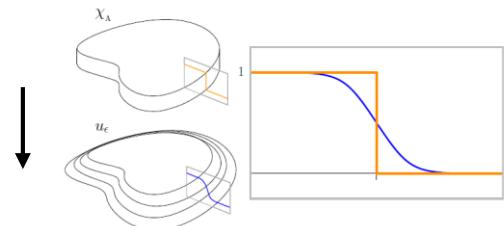
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Curvatures (2021)



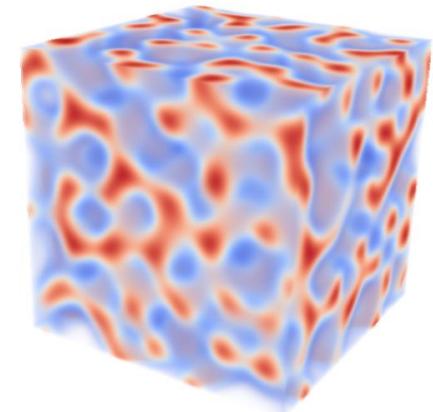
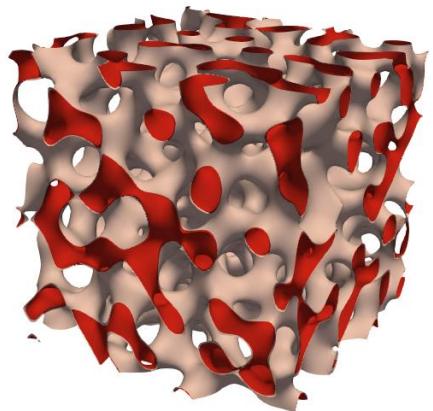
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2D surface energy
hard to simulate



$$\mathcal{E}_\epsilon(u) = \int_{\Omega} p(\kappa_{1,u}^\epsilon, \kappa_{2,u}^\epsilon) \epsilon |\nabla u|^2 \, dx$$

3D phase-field energy
GPU-friendly



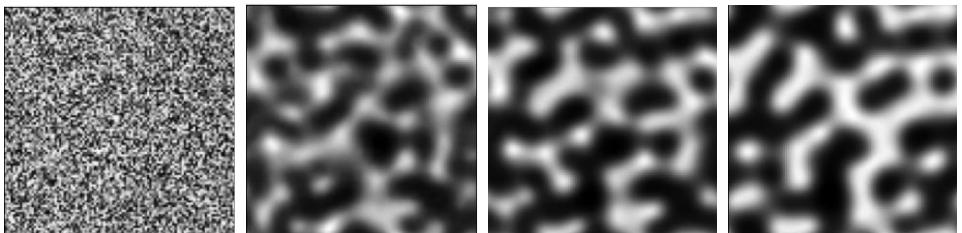
Algorithm

curvatures

parameters inside energy

$$\dot{u} = \Delta \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}_\epsilon}{\partial u}$$

random initialization

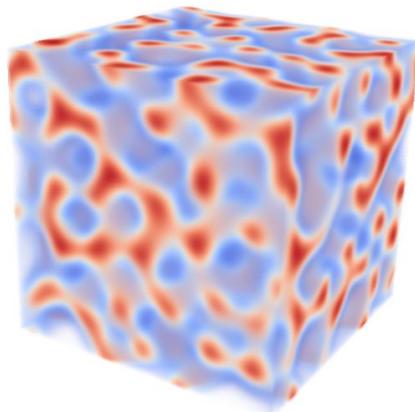


$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_\epsilon(u) = & \int_{\Omega} \left[\frac{a_{2,0} + a_{0,2} - a_{1,1}}{2\epsilon} \|\mathcal{M}_u^\epsilon\|^2 + \frac{a_{1,1}}{2\epsilon} (\text{Tr}\mathcal{M}_u^\epsilon)^2 + \frac{a_{2,0} - a_{0,2}}{2\epsilon} \text{Tr}\mathcal{M}_u^\epsilon \sqrt{(2\|\mathcal{M}_u^\epsilon\|^2 - (\text{Tr}\mathcal{M}_u^\epsilon)^2)^+} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{a_{1,0} + a_{0,1}}{2} |\nabla u| \text{Tr}\mathcal{M}_u^\epsilon + \frac{a_{1,0} - a_{0,1}}{2} |\nabla u| \sqrt{(2\|\mathcal{M}_u^\epsilon\|^2 - (\text{Tr}\mathcal{M}_u^\epsilon)^2)^+} + a_{0,0} \epsilon |\nabla u|^2 \right] dx. \end{aligned}$$

similarity with Cahn-Hilliard flow

$$\dot{u} = \Delta \left(\frac{u^3 - u}{\epsilon} - \epsilon \Delta u \right) = \Delta \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}_A}{\partial u}$$

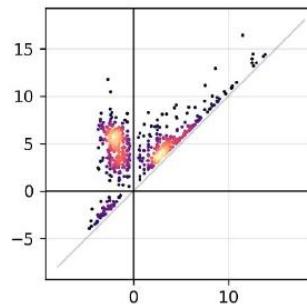
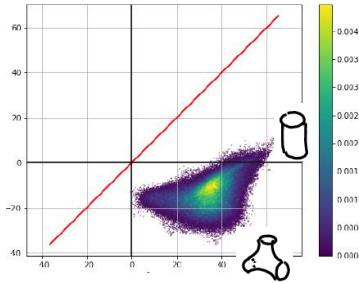
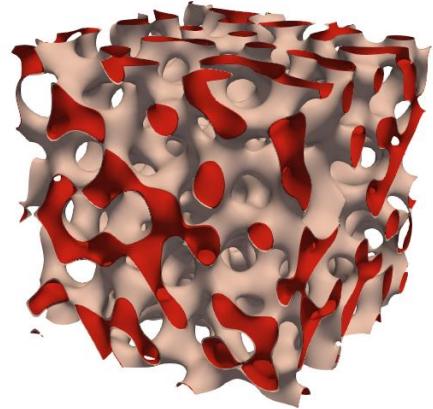
phase-field



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surface

outputs



persistence diagram

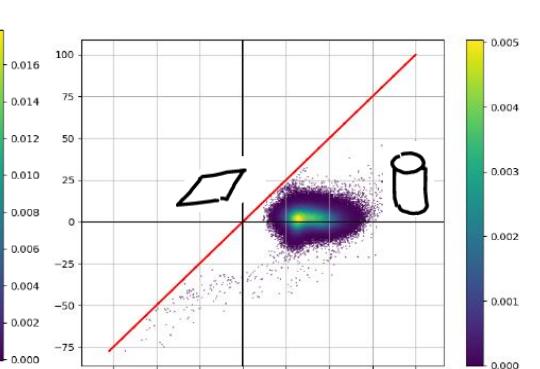
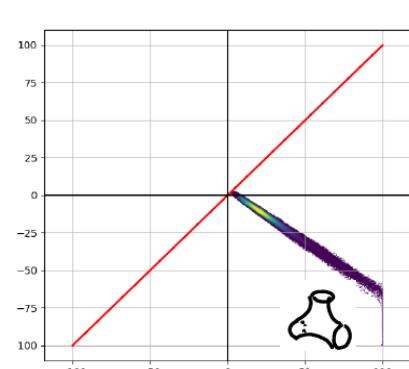
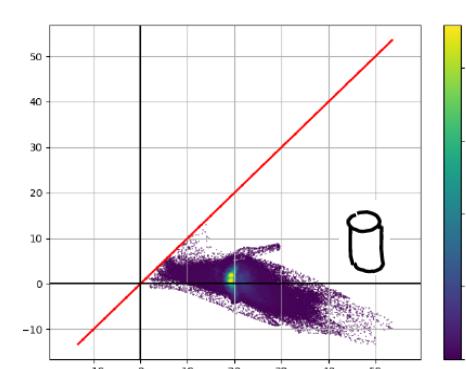
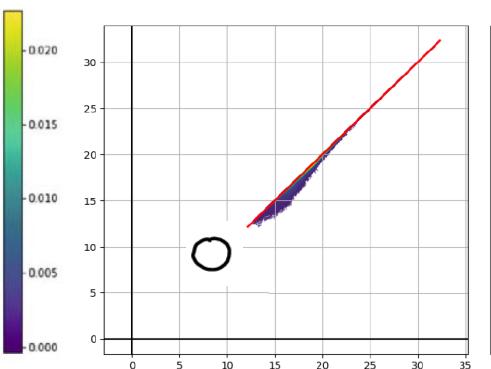
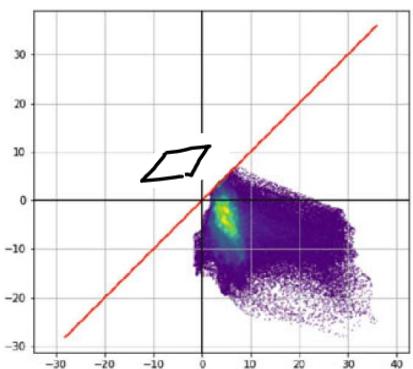
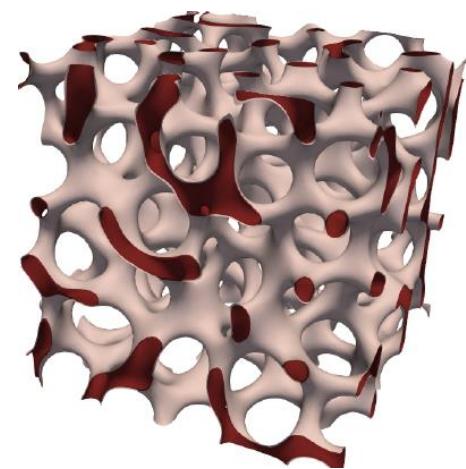
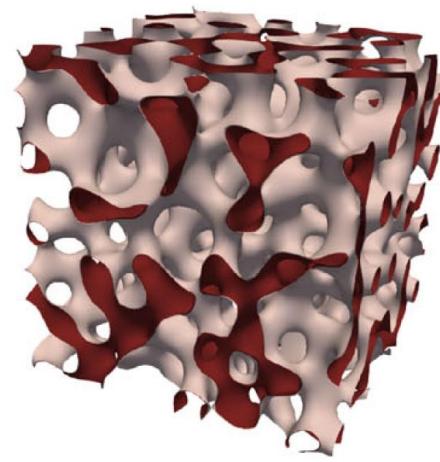
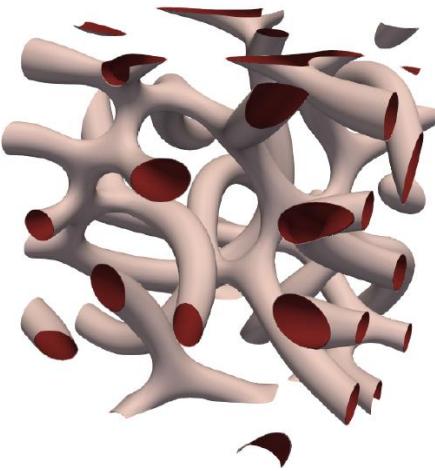
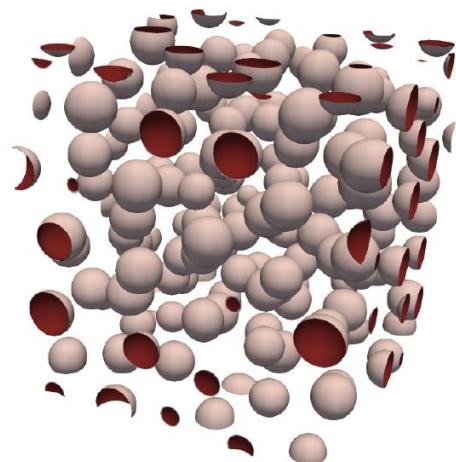
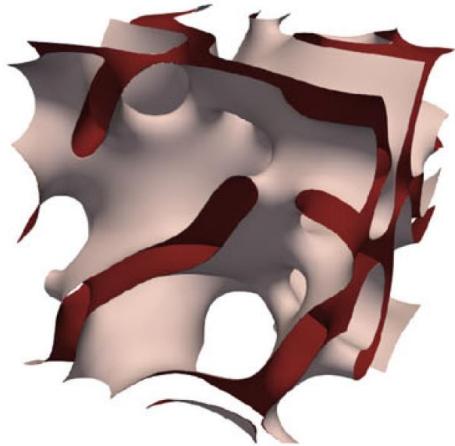
other features...

Pytorch + GPU
Adam or L-BFGS

Basic shape textures

Natural form

$$h_2(H - H_0)^2 + k_1 K + \alpha(\kappa_1 - \kappa_1^0)^2 + \beta(\kappa_2 - \kappa_2^0)^2$$



$$H^2 + \kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2$$

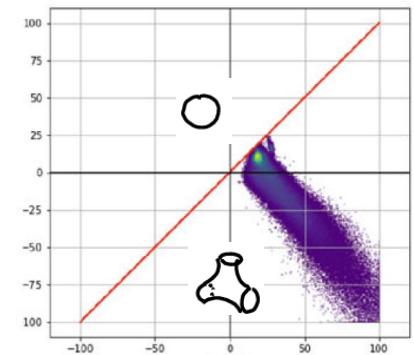
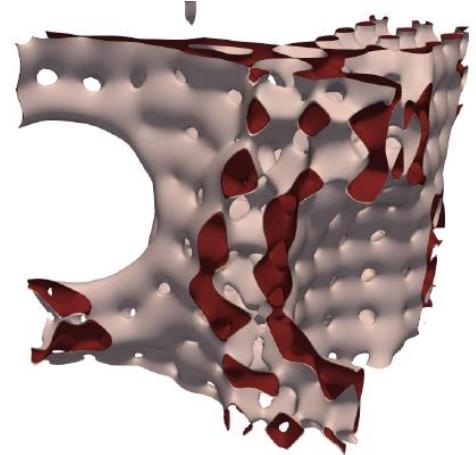
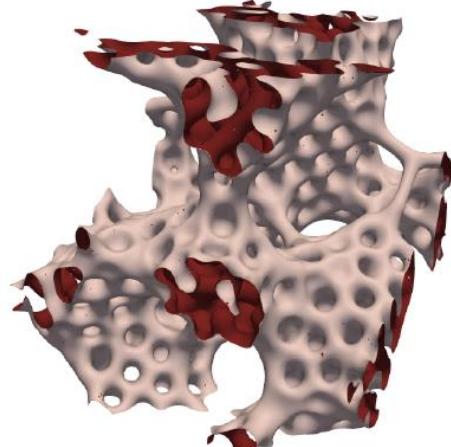
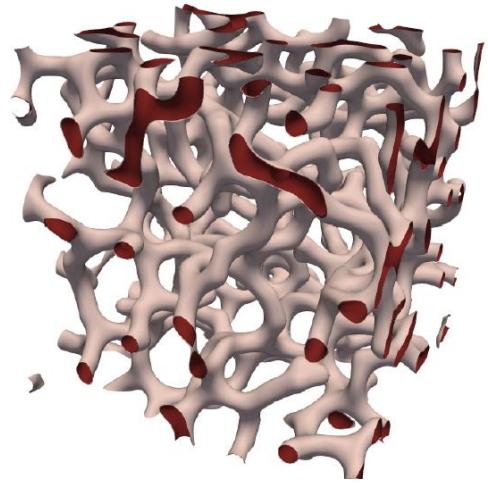
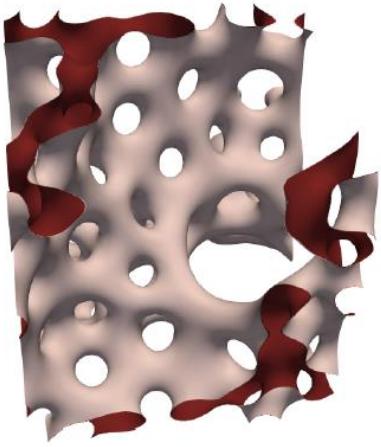
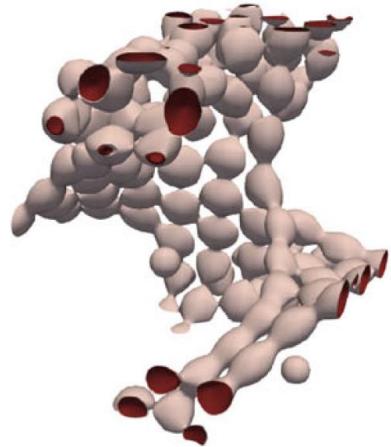
$$(H - 25)^2 + (\kappa_1 - 12.5)^2 + (\kappa_2 - 12.5)^2$$

$$(H - 20)^2 + 5\kappa_2^2$$

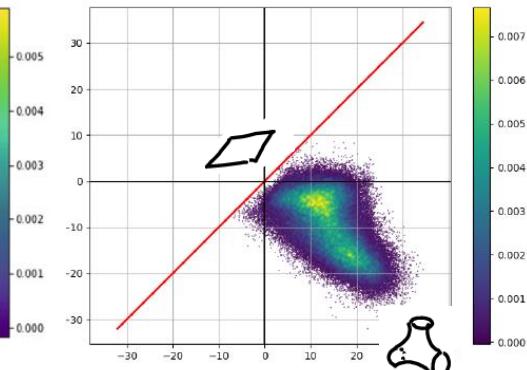
$$(H - 5)^2 + 0.8K + \kappa_2^2$$

(no natural form)

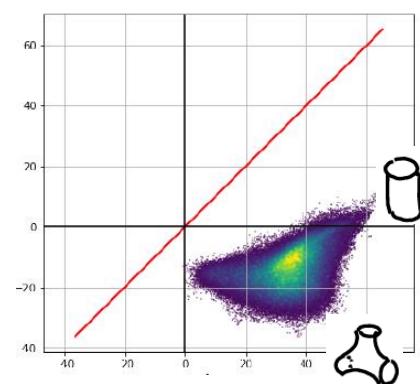
Complex shape textures



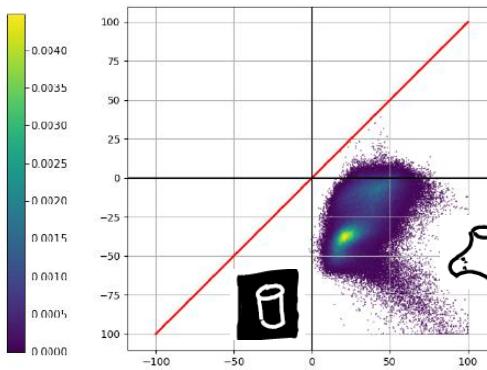
$$(H - 28)^2 + 1.55K$$



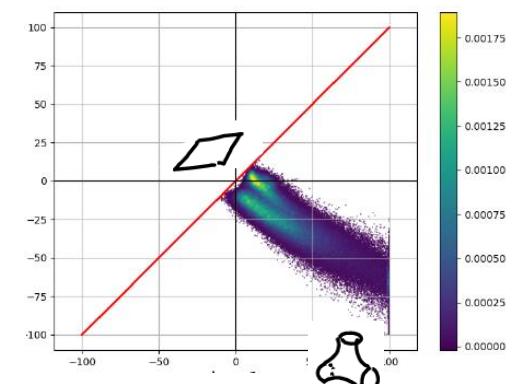
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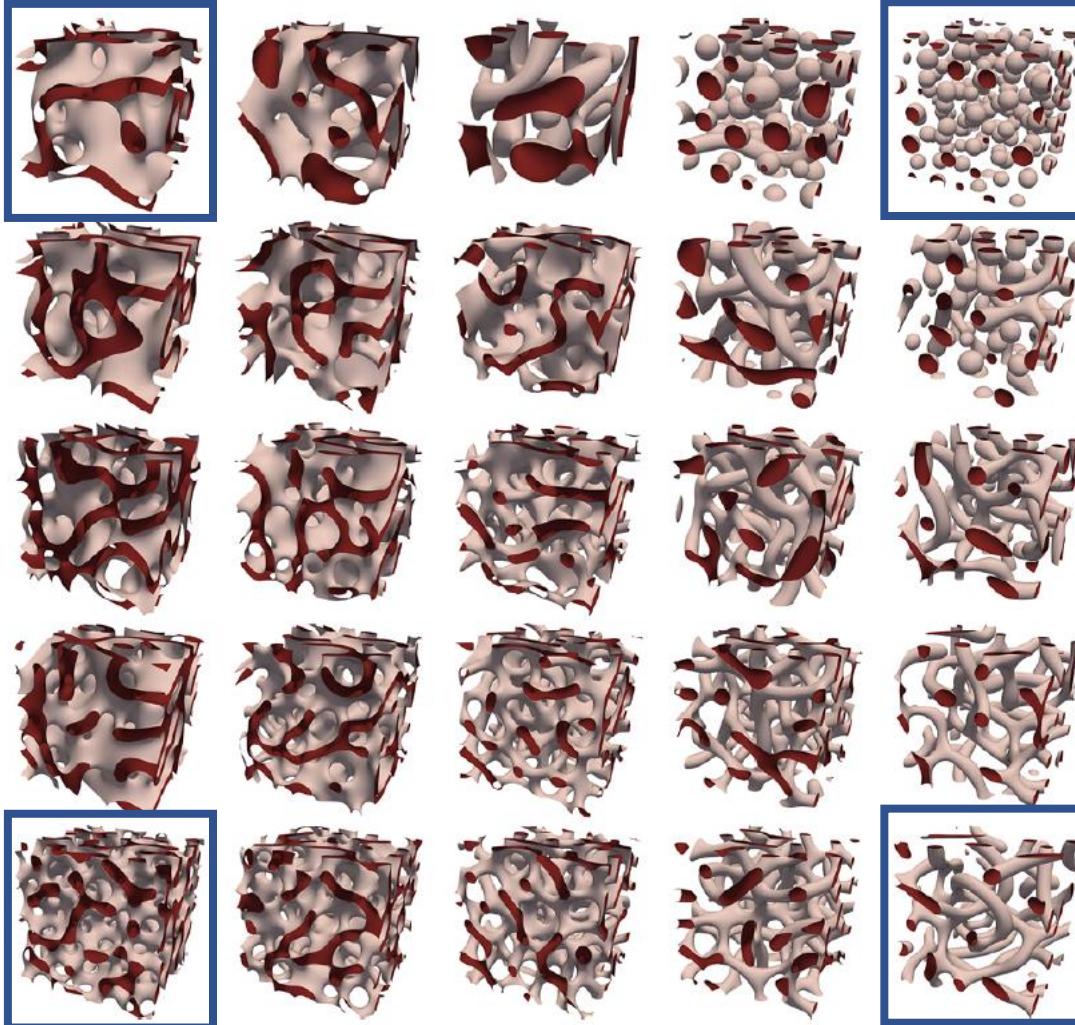
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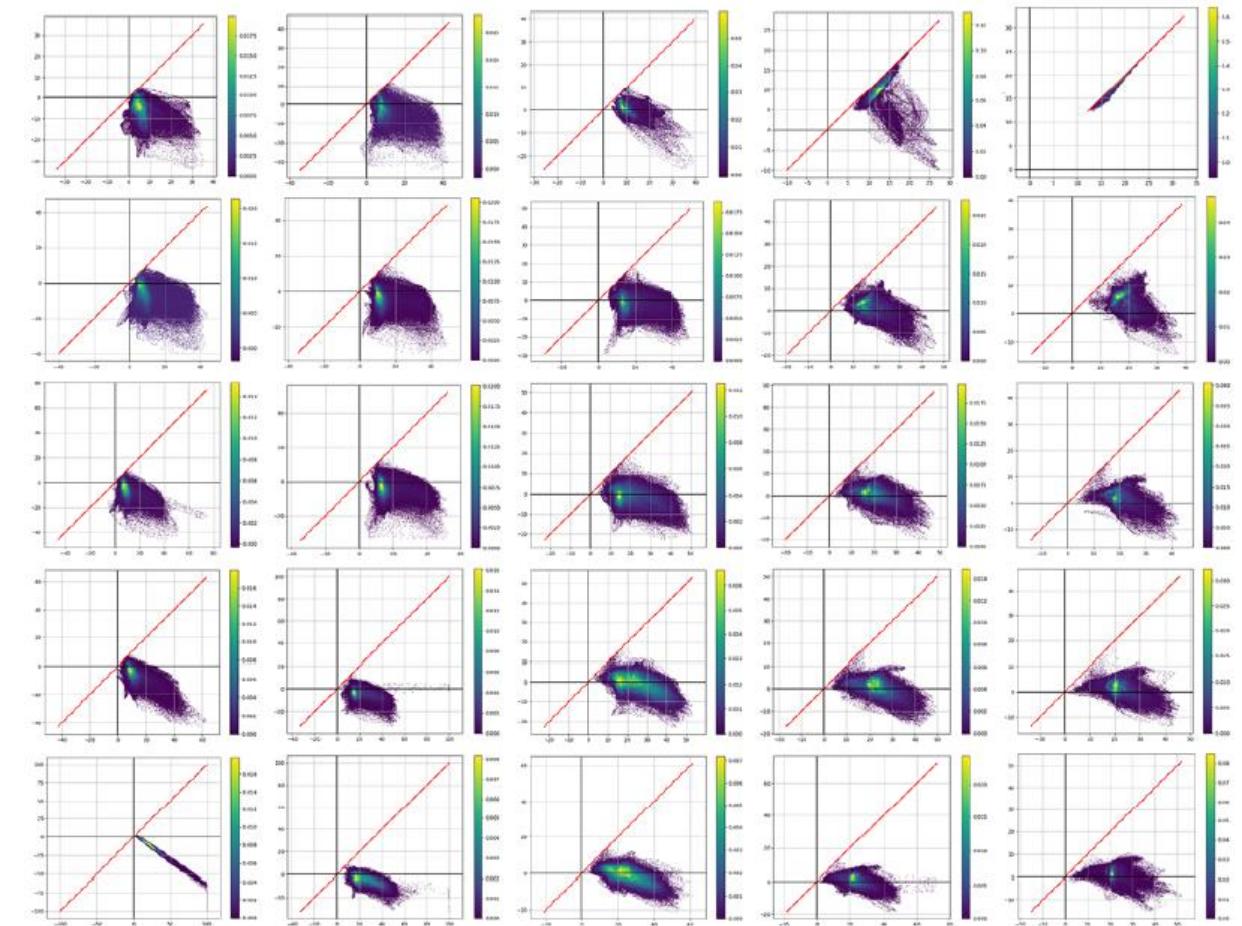
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Continuity of shapes and of textures

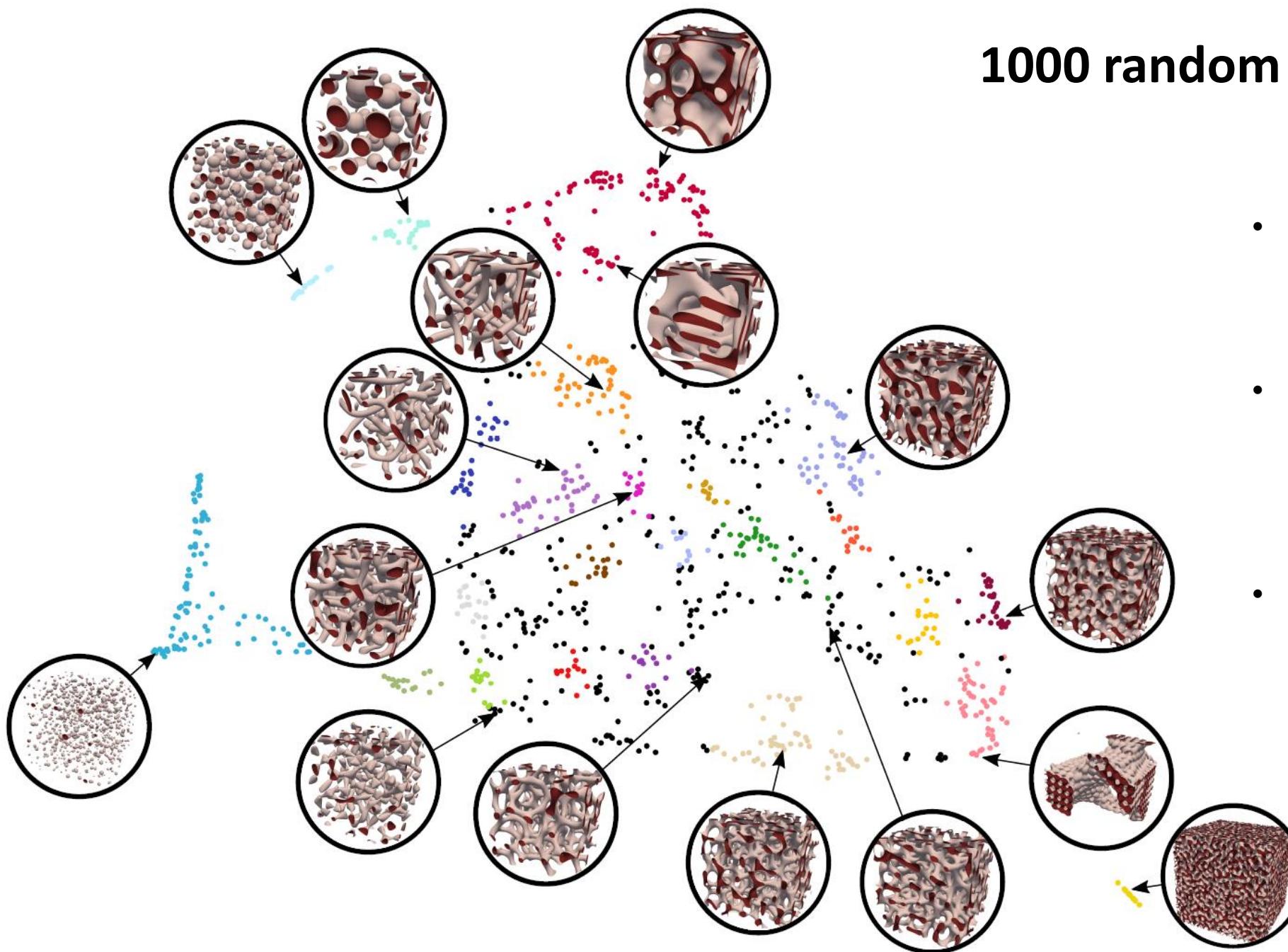
same initialization
different energies



bilinear interpolation between 4 shape parameters leads to continuum of morphologies

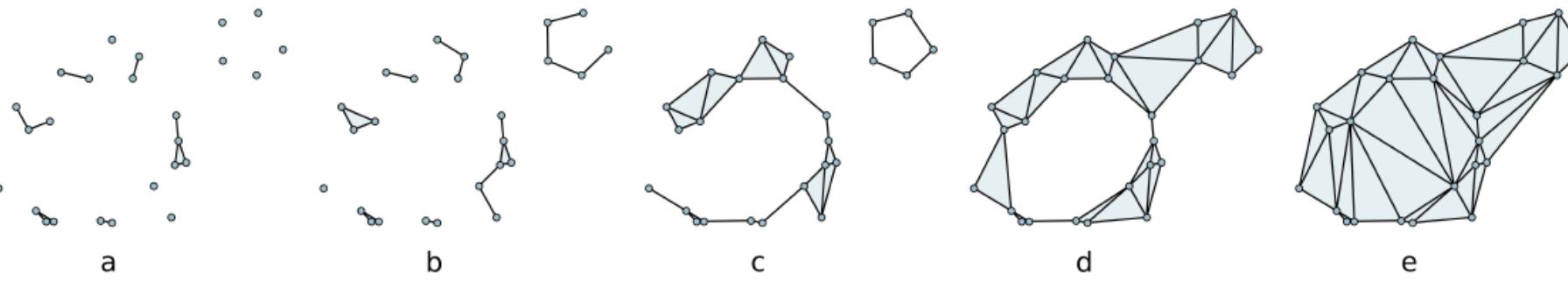


1000 random shapes in UMAP



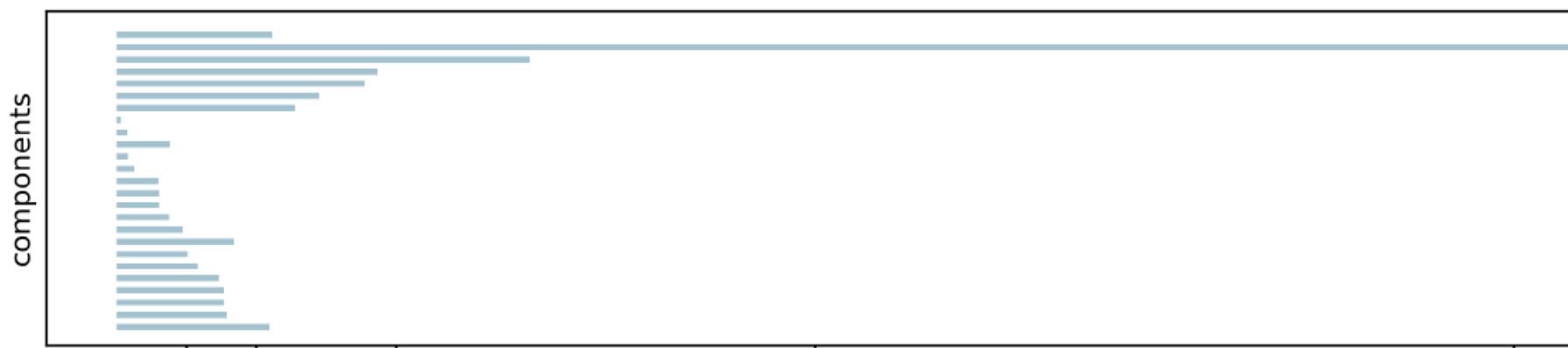
- randomly chosen coeffs, then accept only “valid” shapes
- compute pairwise Wasserstein distances between curvature diagrams
- embed in 2D using UMAP

II. Signed distance persistent homology (SDPH)

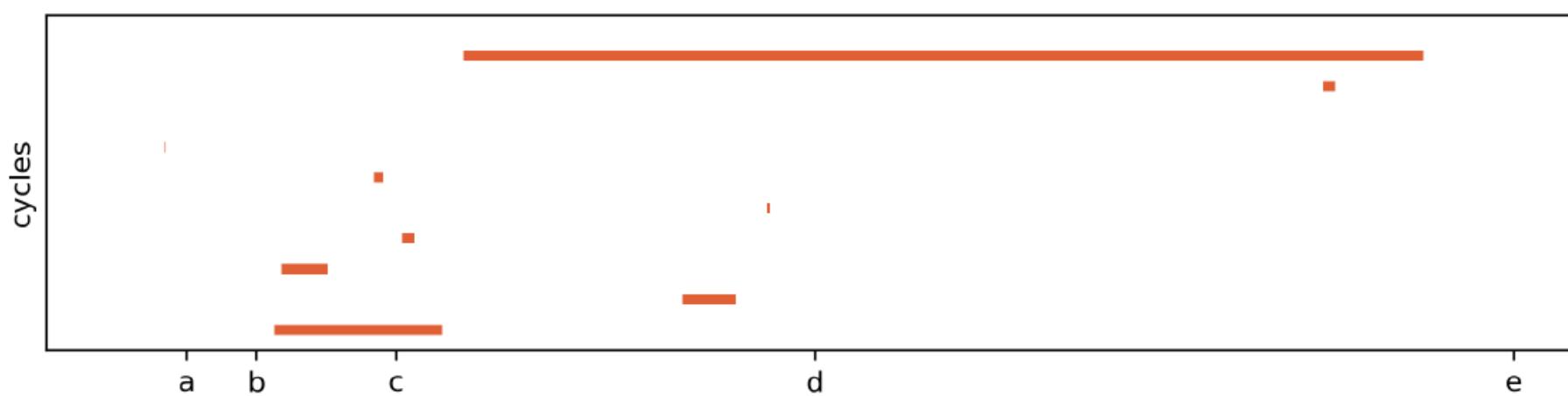


Persistent homology :

- tracks evolution of **topological features**
- summarizes **birth-death** times in barcodes



PH0:
components

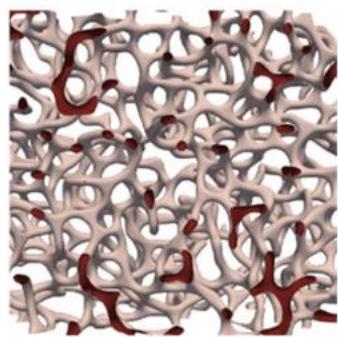


PH1:
cycles

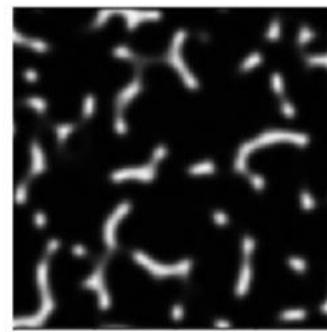
PH2:
cavities

PH k :
 k -dim holes

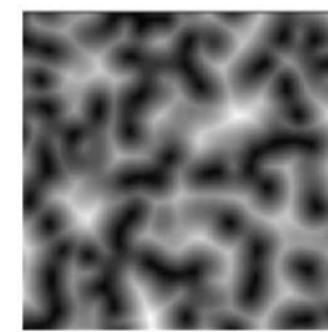
SDPH method



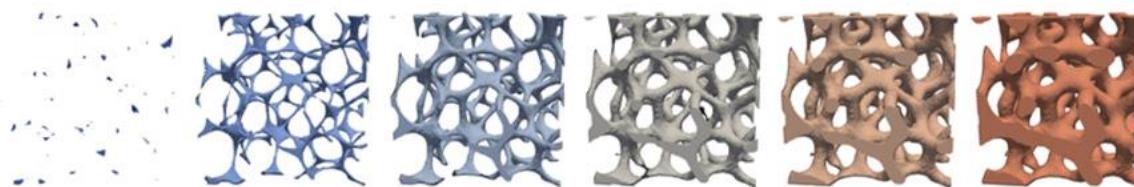
(1) 3D shape



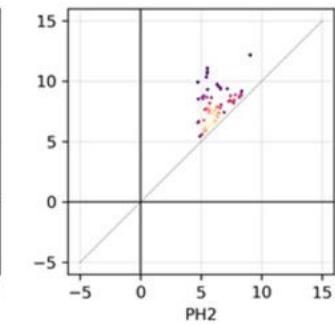
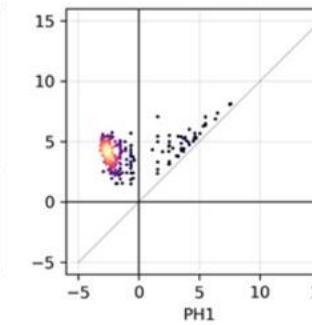
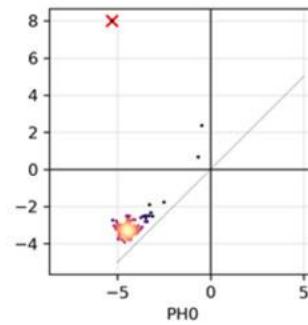
(2) segmentation



(3) signed distance field

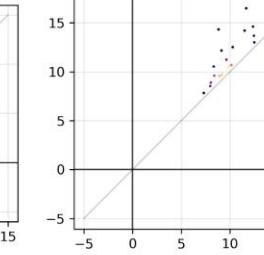
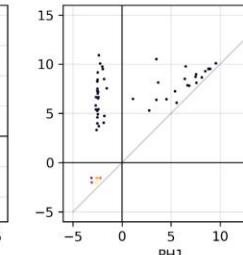
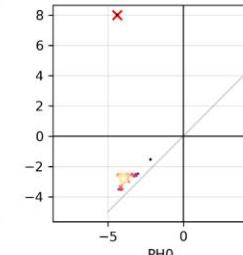
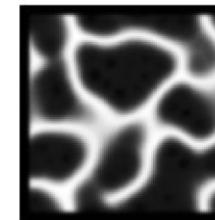
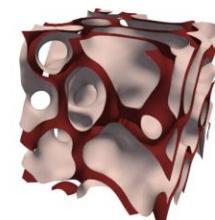
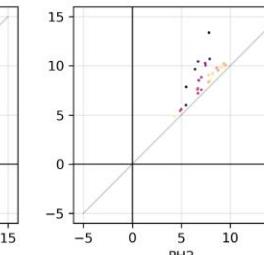
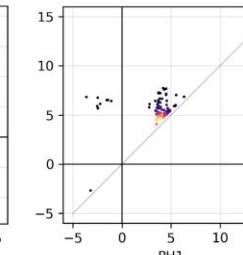
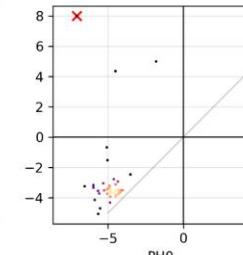
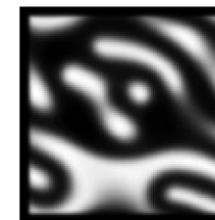
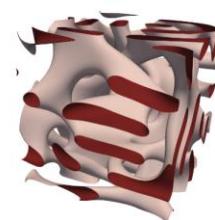
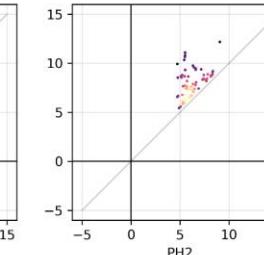
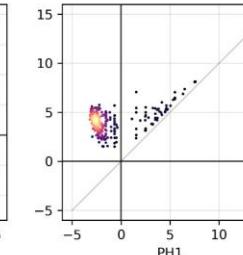
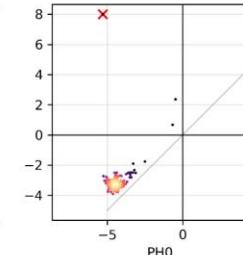
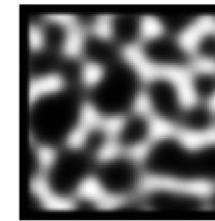
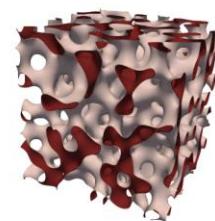
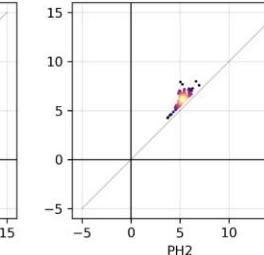
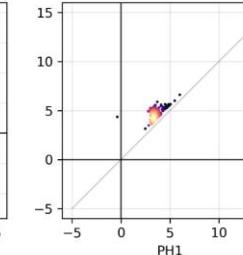
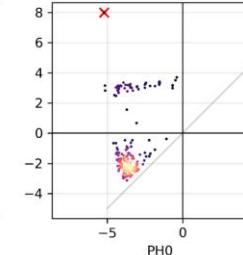
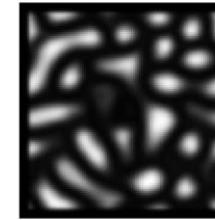
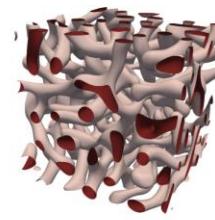
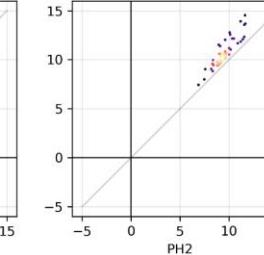
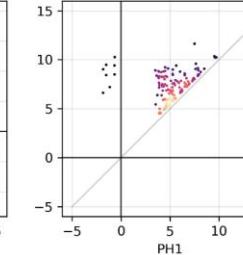
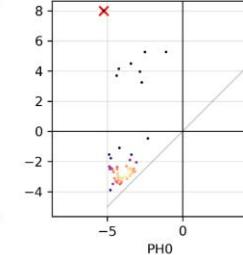
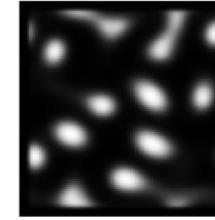
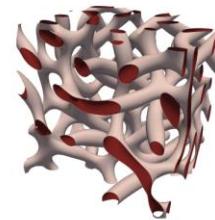


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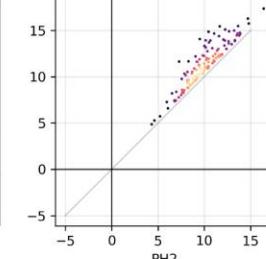
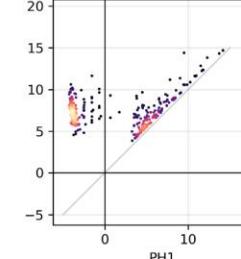
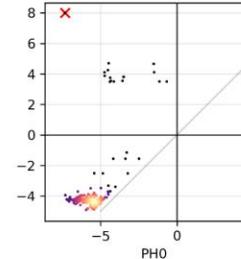
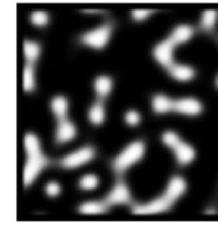
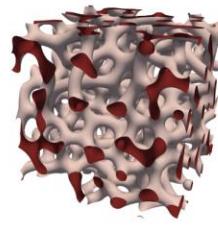
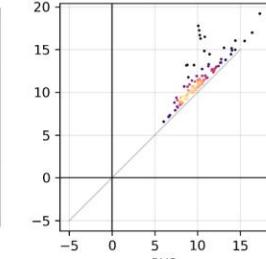
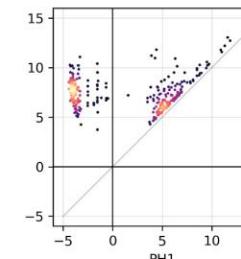
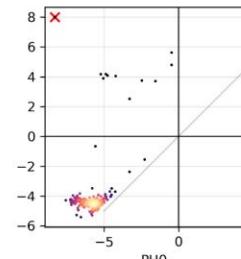
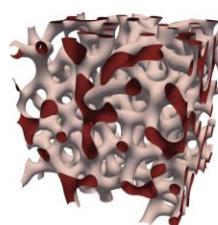
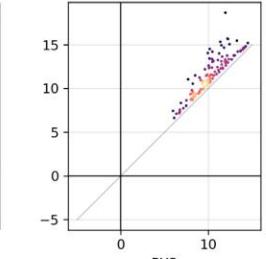
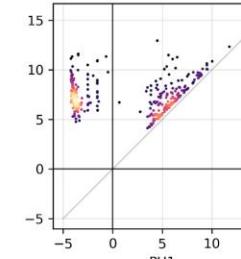
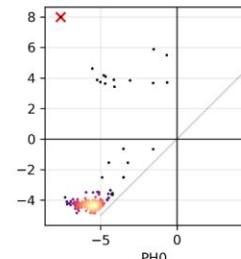
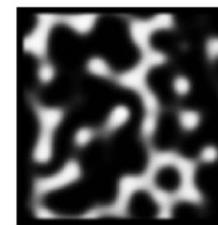
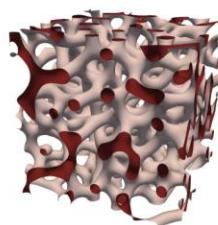
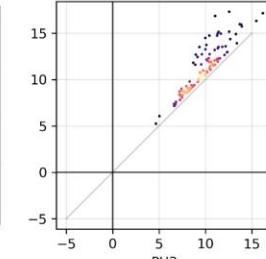
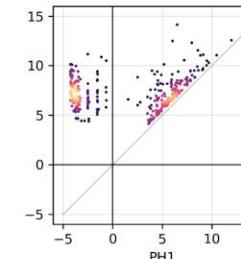
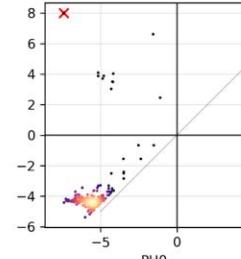
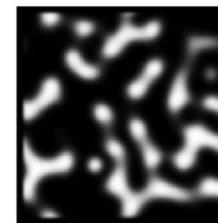
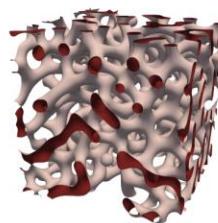
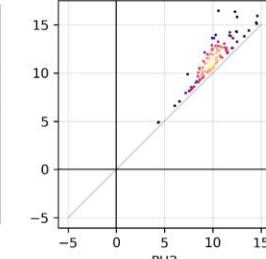
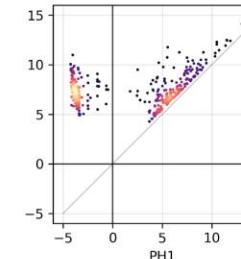
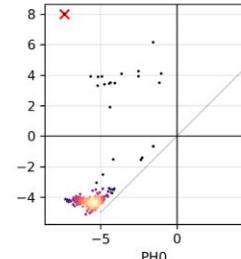
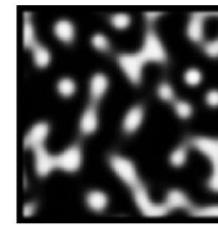
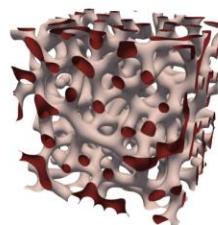


(5) persistence diagrams PH0, PH1, PH2

- five curvatures shapes
- objective quantification
- SDPH easily discriminates



- same parameters, different initializations
- SDPH quantifies texture, does not care about geometric realization
- **stability** of SDPH wrt texture



Theoretical investigation

Generalized Morse Theory of Distance Functions to Surfaces for Persistent Homology
Anna Song, Ka Man Yim, and Anthea Monod (arxiv, 2023)

Setting

SDPH used by (Delgado-Friedrichs *et al.*, 2014, 2015; Herring *et al.*, 2019; Moon *et al.*, 2019; Pritchard *et al.*, 2023) in the discrete cubical setting. Here, we consider distance fields to smooth surfaces.

Let Ω^- be a bounded open set with C^k boundary $\mathcal{S} = \partial\Omega^-$, $k \geq 2$. Then

$$\mathbb{R}^n = \Omega^- \sqcup \mathcal{S} \sqcup \Omega^+.$$

Define $d = \text{dist}(\cdot, \Omega^-) - \text{dist}(\cdot, \Omega^+)$.

Consider the sublevel set filtration X_\bullet where

$$X_t = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid d(x) \leq t\}.$$

Compute the persistence diagrams

$$\text{PH}(d) : \forall s \leq t, \quad H(X_s) \rightarrow H(X_t).$$

General aims

Are SDPH diagrams **well-defined**?

How to **interpret** SDPH diagrams?

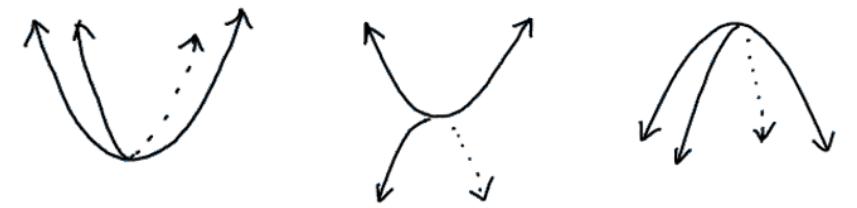
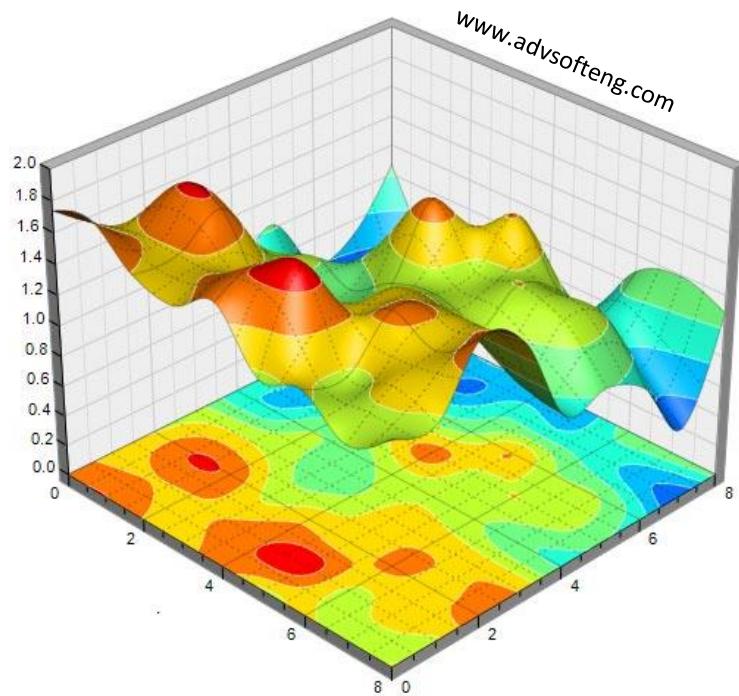
What do they **quantify** in shapes?

notion of **critical points**

Smooth Morse theory and PH

Morse theory studies **non-degenerate critical points** of smooth functions, at which

$$f \underset{\text{diffeo}}{\sim} \text{cst} - \sum_{i=1}^{\lambda} x_i^2 + \sum_{i=\lambda+1}^n x_i^2.$$



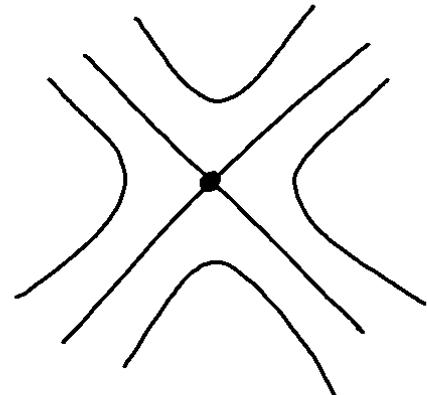
local min
index 0

saddle point
index 1

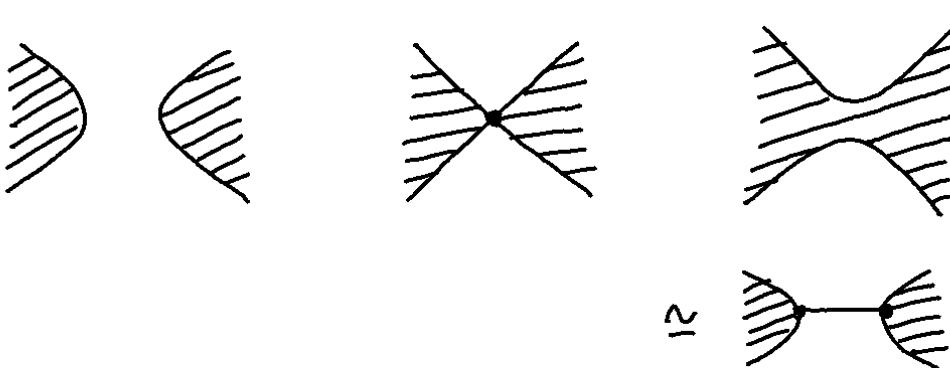
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index 2

Morse theory relates a smooth proper Morse function f to $\text{PH}(f)$ through the **isotopy lemma** and **handle attachment lemma**. Typically, births and deaths in $\text{PH}_k(f)$ pair **critical points** with indices $(k, k + 1)$.

levels around NDG point

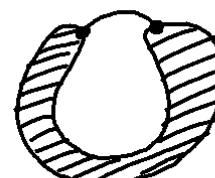


sublevel sets



cross critical value \Leftrightarrow attach λ -dim handle

- either creates a λ -dim class
- or kills a $(\lambda - 1)$ -dim class



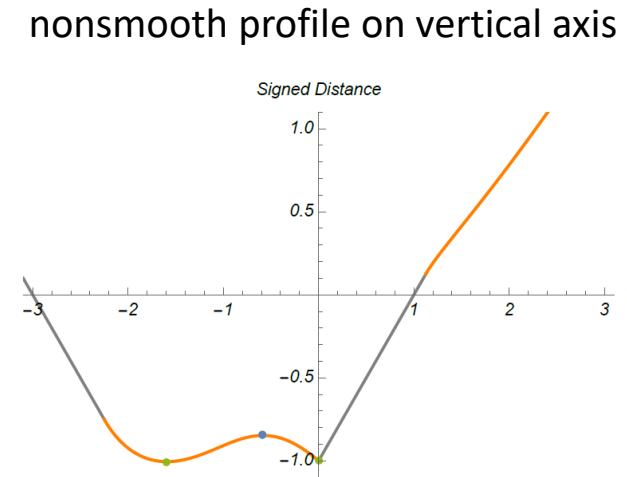
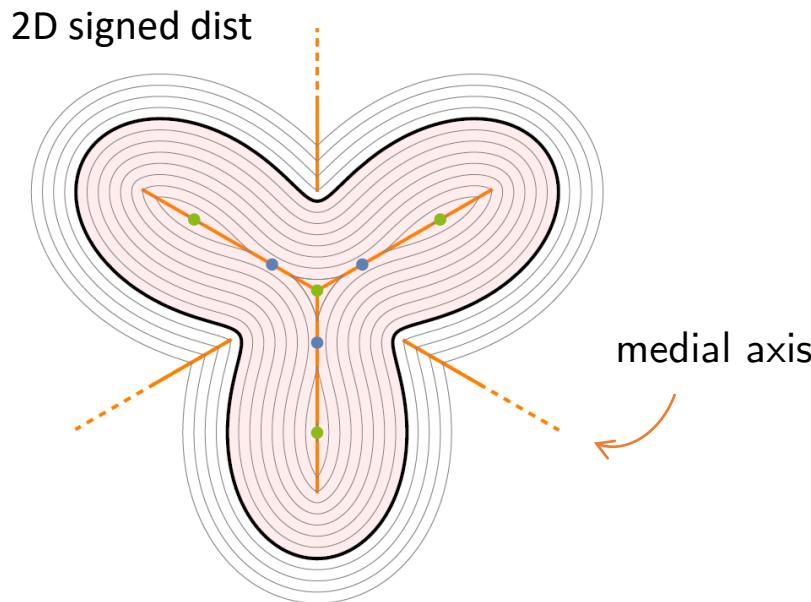
birth in PH_1



death in PH_0

Problem

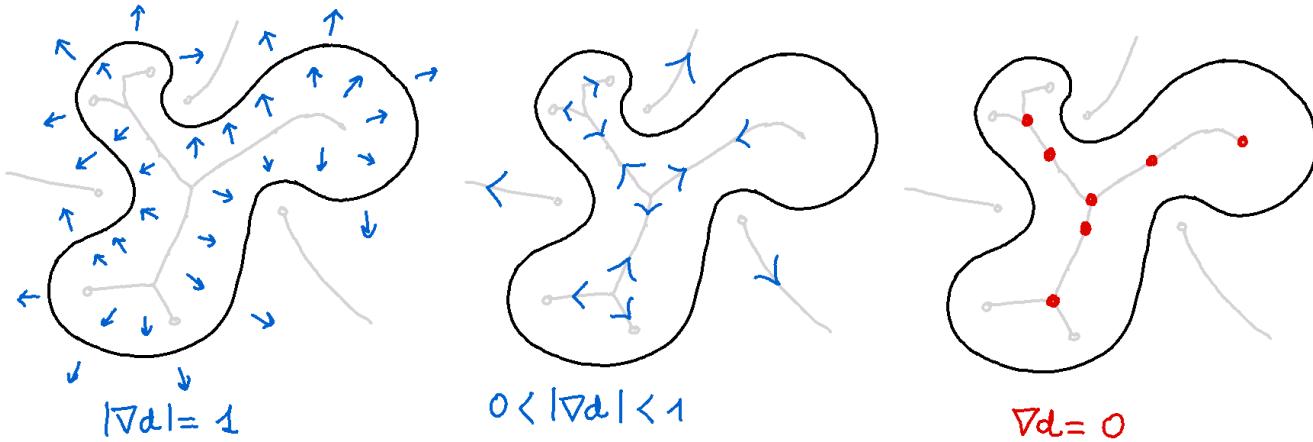
However, distance functions generated by smooth boundaries S **are not smooth**, especially on the medial axis \mathcal{M}_S .



Contribution: Morse theory for (signed) distance functions

Critical points

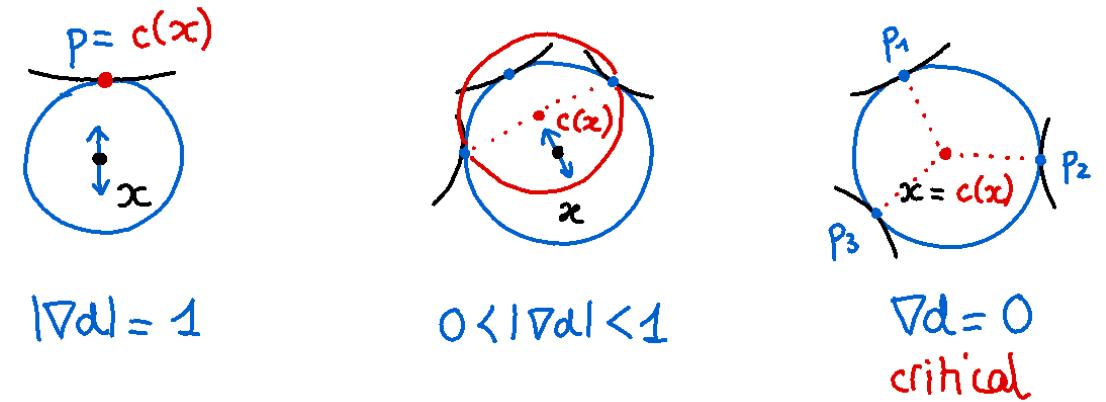
Nonetheless, **critical points** can be defined for distance fields too (Grove & Shiohama, 1977; Cheeger, 1991; Grove, 1993; Lieutier, 2003), as points where an **extended gradient field** vanishes.



Definition

A point $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus S$ is critical for the signed distance d if $\nabla d(x) = 0$. Equivalently,

- $x = c(x)$, or
- $x \in \text{Conv}(\{p_1, \dots, p_k\})$



Contributions: generalized Morse lemmas

Theorem (Isotopy lemma for signed distance)

Let $a < b$ in \mathbb{R} . Suppose that $d^{-1}[a, b]$ contains no critical point of d (it is compact). Then $d^{-1}(-\infty, a]$ is a deformation retract of $d^{-1}(-\infty, b]$, and therefore they are homotopy-equivalent.

Apply ([Grove, 1993](#), Proposition 1.8)

Theorem (Handle attachment lemma for signed distance)

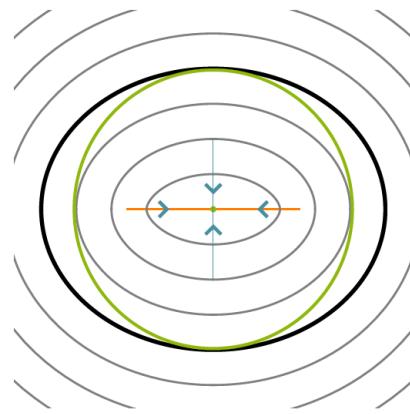
At a Min-type NDG critical point $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus S$ with index λ and value $d(x) = c$, if the interlevel set $d^{-1}[c - \epsilon, c + \epsilon]$ contains no other critical point for some $\epsilon > 0$, then

$$d^{-1}(-\infty, c + \epsilon] \simeq d^{-1}(-\infty, c - \epsilon] \cup e^\lambda.$$

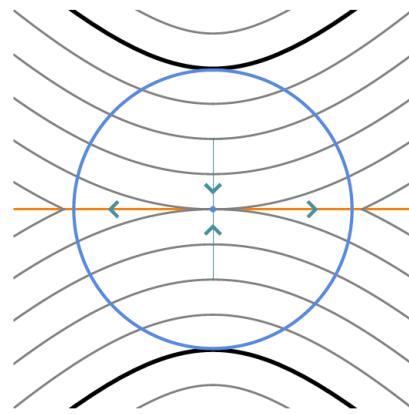
C^k Min-type theory ([Gershkovich & Rubinstein, 1997](#)) defines NDG points and gives topological normal form for distance functions **under suitable geometric conditions**

Smooth Morse theory can be **generalized to Topological Morse theory**

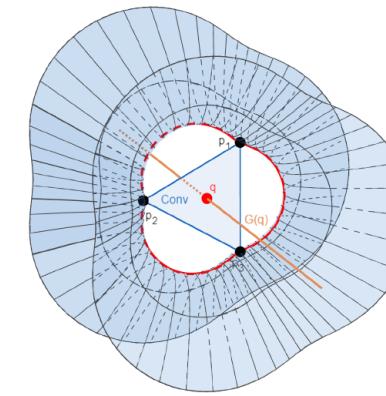
non-degenerate



$$\mu = 1 + 1$$

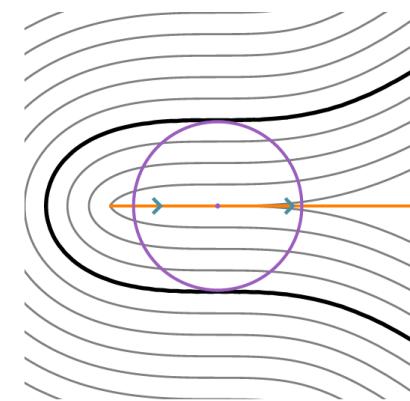
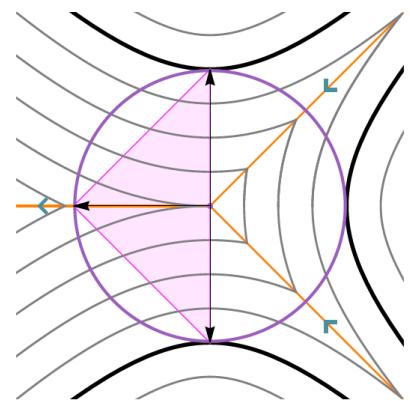
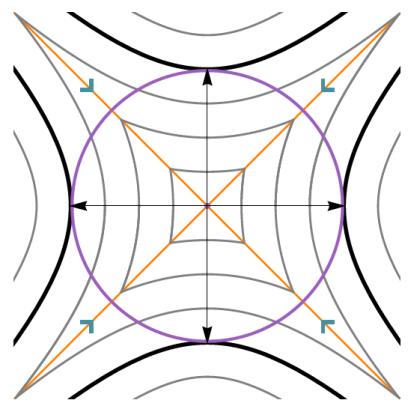


$$\mu = 1 + 0$$



$$\mu = 2 + 0$$

degenerate



Contributions: genericity and classification

Theorem (Genericity)

For generic embeddings of a C^k -smooth ($k \geq 3$) closed orientable surface into \mathbb{R}^3 , the induced signed distance d admits only a finite number of critical points, that are all non-degenerate.

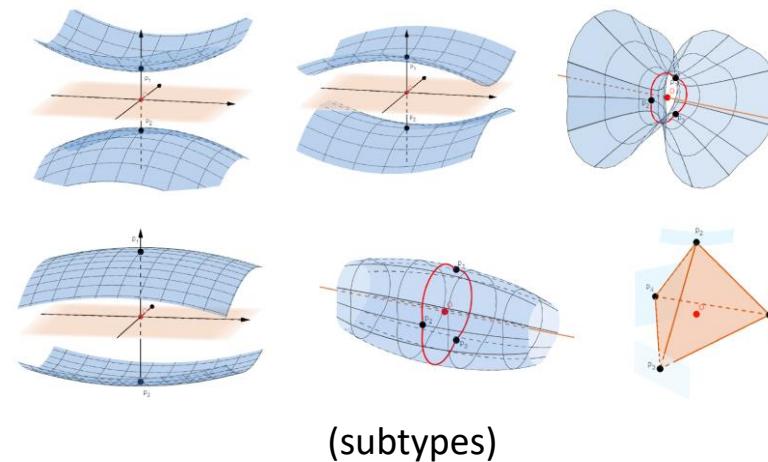
use transversality theory...

Corollary (SDPH)

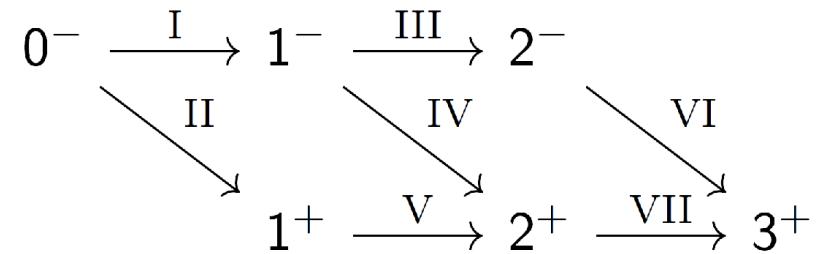
For generic 3D shapes, the SDPH module PH_k can be decomposed into a finite sum of $\{(b_i, d_i)\}$ intervals pairing NDG points with indices $(k, k + 1)$.

	$\lambda = 0$	$\lambda = 1$	$\lambda = 2$	$\lambda = 3$
$d < 0$	type 0⁻ 3 subtypes	type 1⁻ 2 subtypes	type 2⁻ 1 subtype	
$d > 0$		type 1⁺ 1 subtype	type 2⁺ 2 subtypes	type 3⁺ 3 subtypes

Table: Classification of NDG critical points of d in dimension 3.

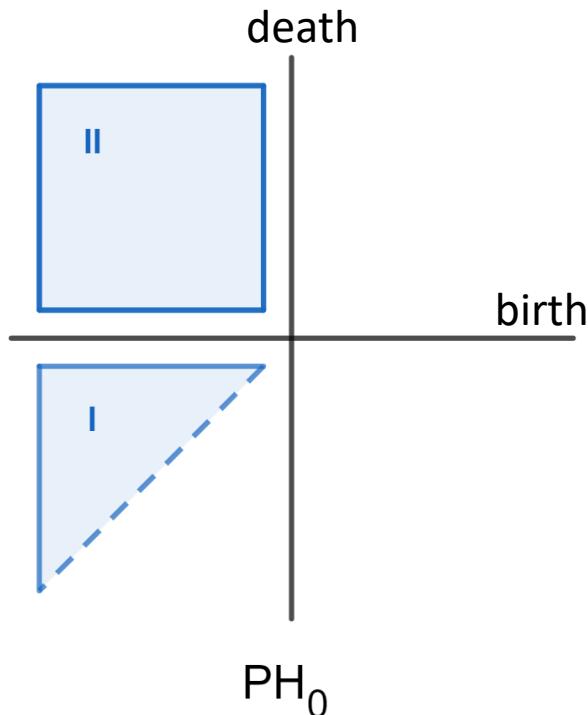


SDPH diagrams in theory

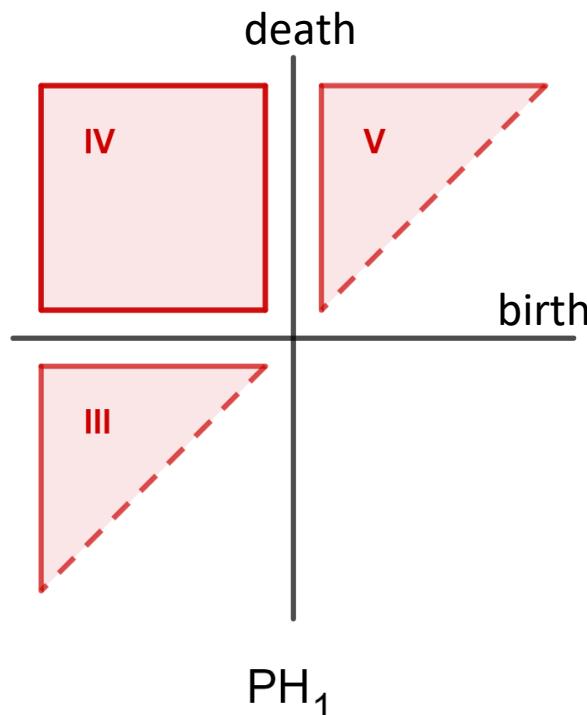


birth/death of components

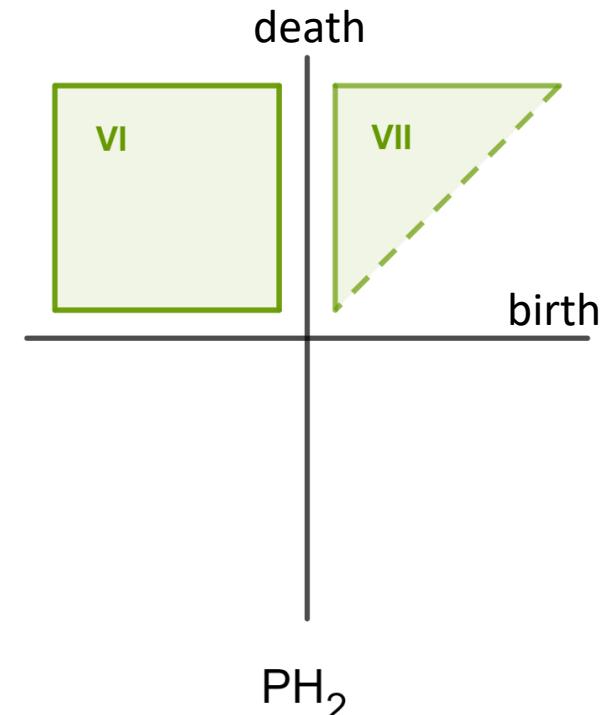
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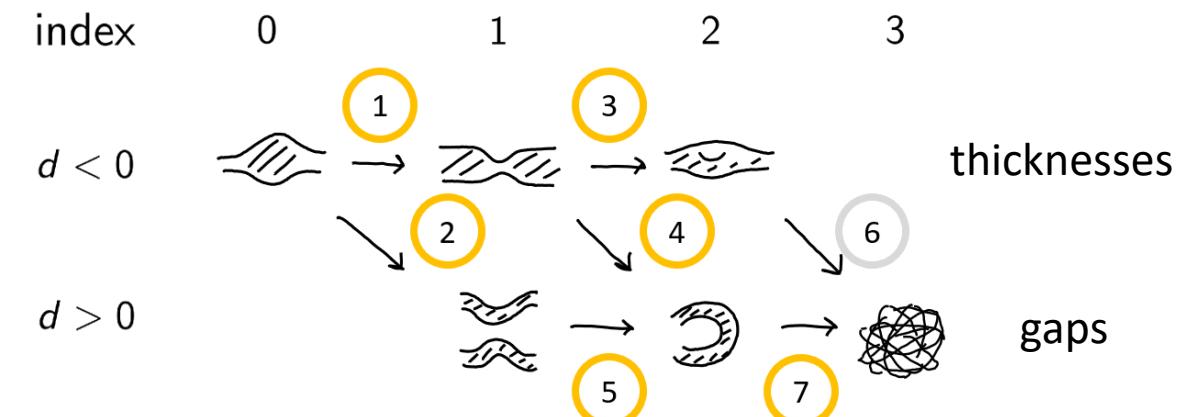
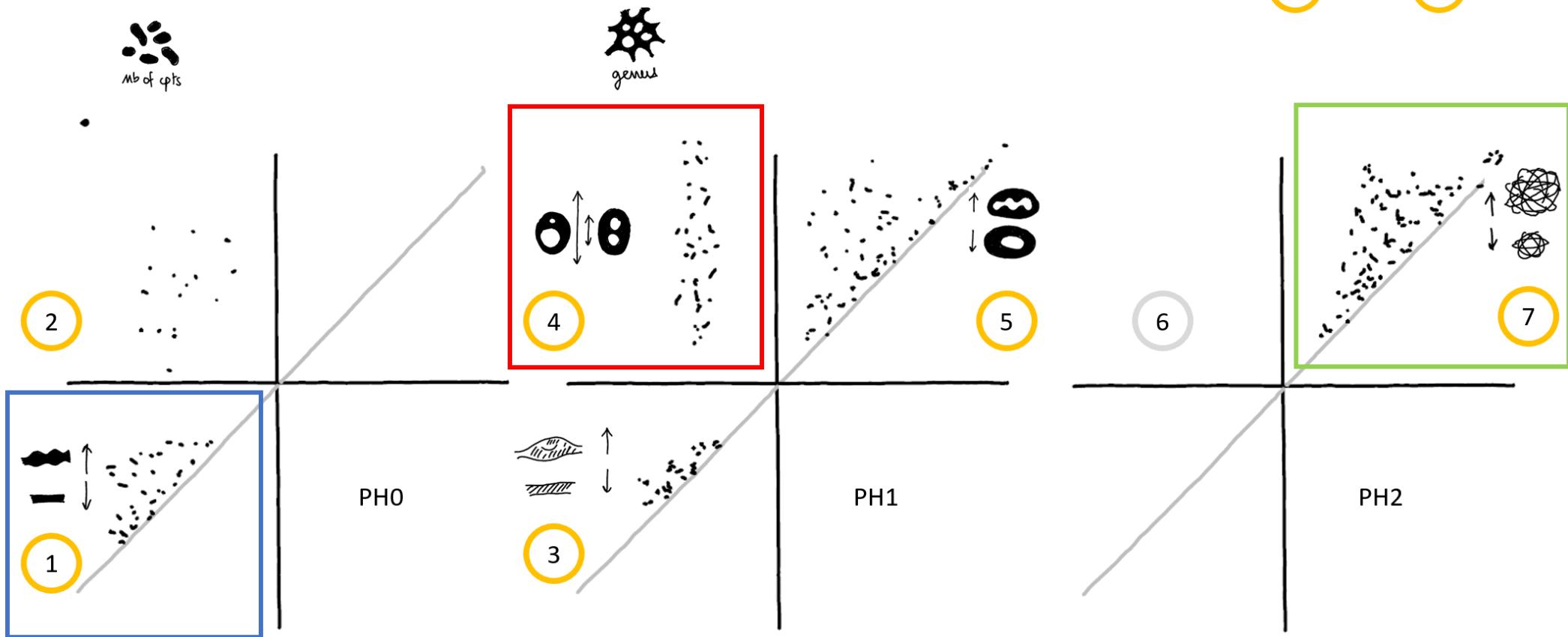
birth/death of loops



birth/death of cavities



SDPH diagrams in practice

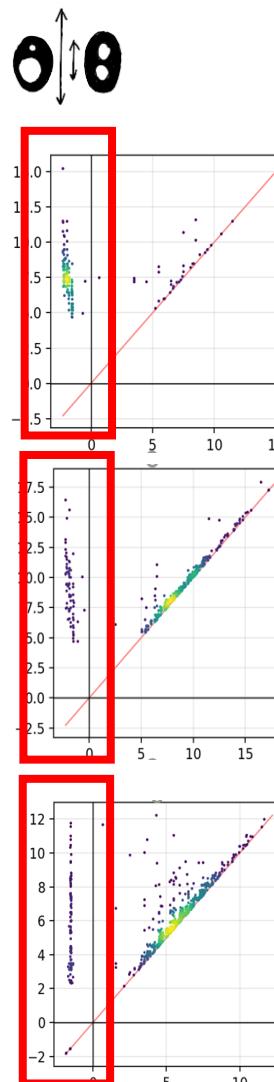
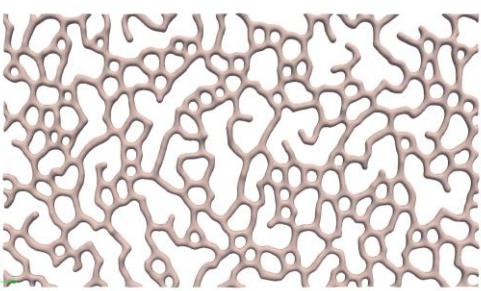
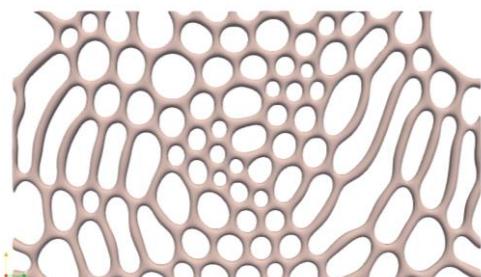
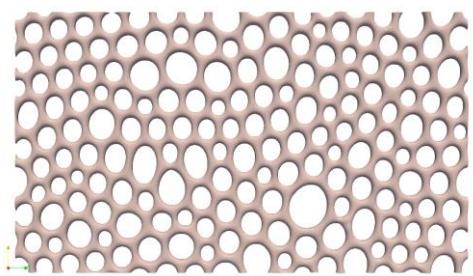


Take-home message

Persistent homology describes shapes by **pairing critical points**.

- one (b,d) point in SDPH diagram = two critical points in the shape
 - a critical point is either a creator / destroyer of a topological feature
 - each critical point carries a value: a **critical size**
 - no need to measure thicknesses and interspaces by hand! no annotation!
 - long-lived features are more significant
- > SDPH diagrams quantify the **texture of shapes**

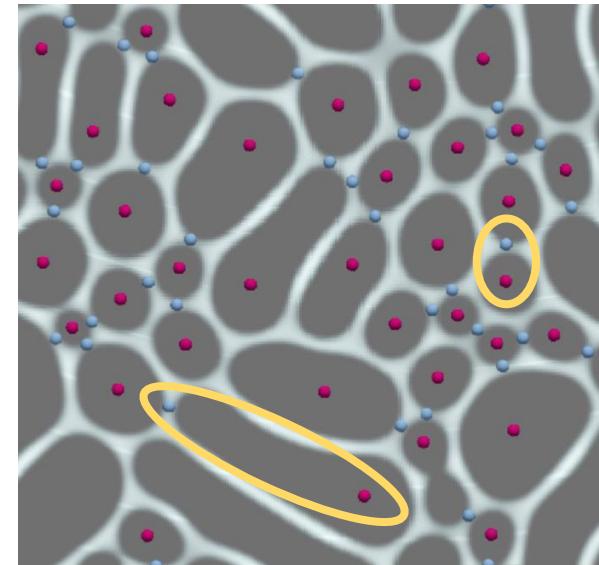
Examples



PH1

PH1

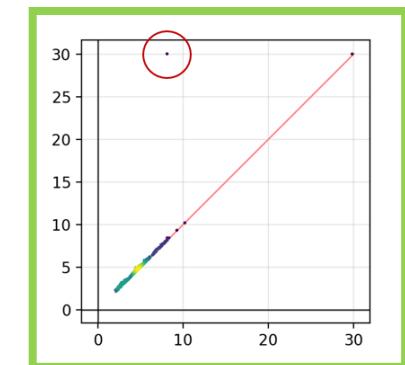
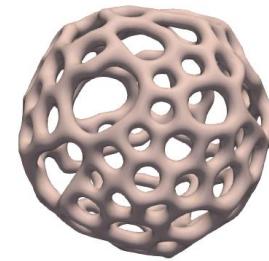
PH1



pairs

Increasing loop heterogeneity induces larger spread in PH1 NW.

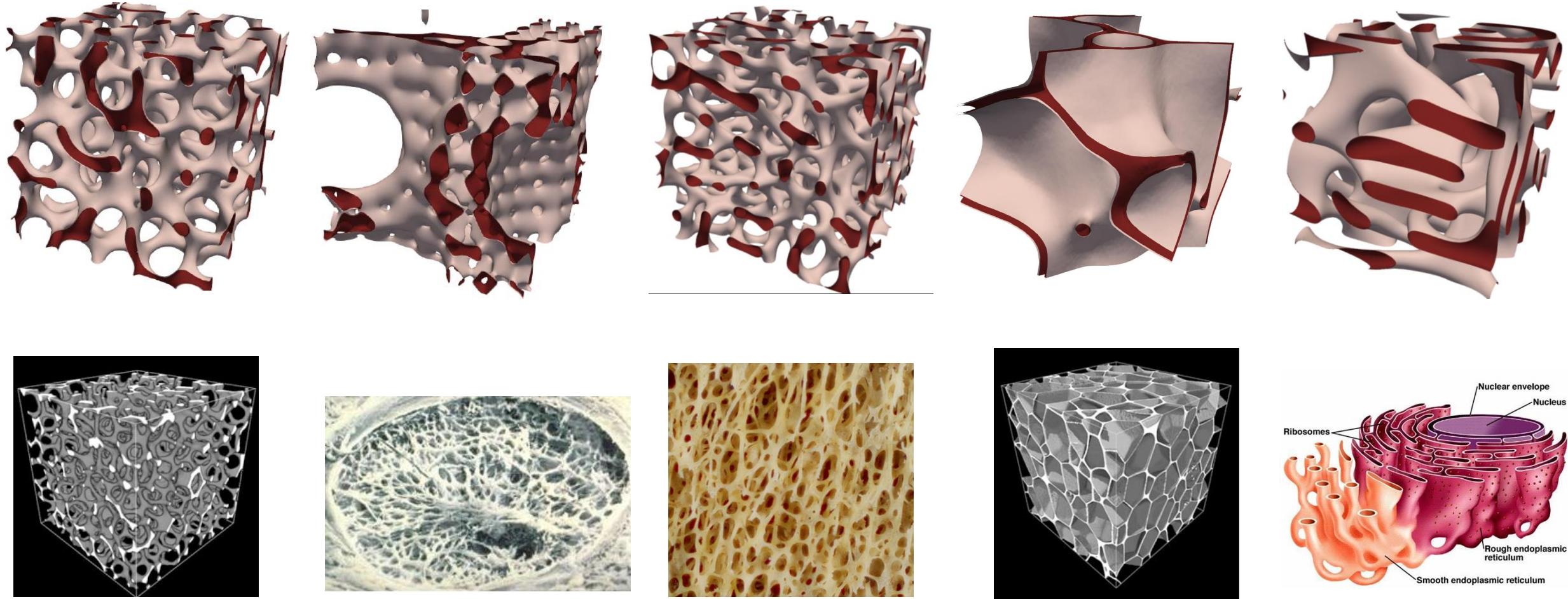
By pairing (creator – destroyer) critical points, SDPH quantifies the **texture of shapes**.



PH2

PH2 NE measures bubble interspaces.

III. Applications to biology and materials science



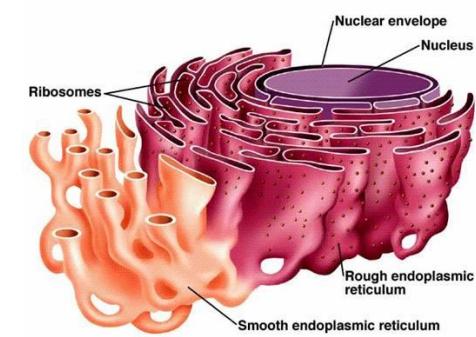
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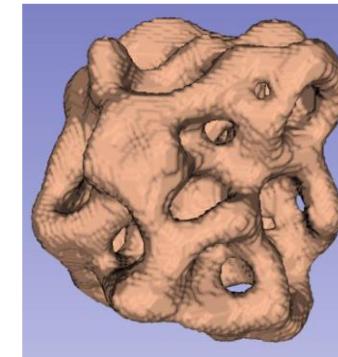
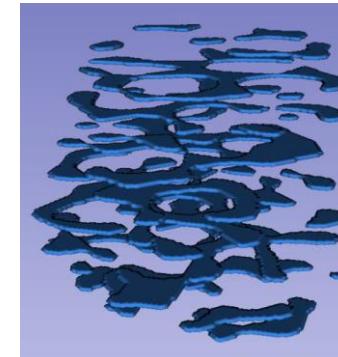
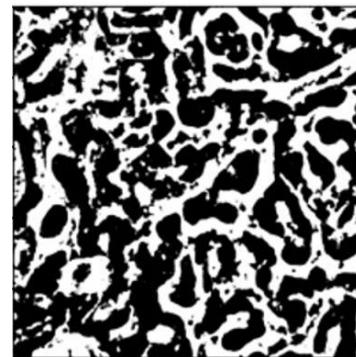
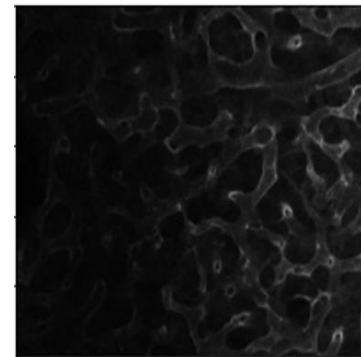
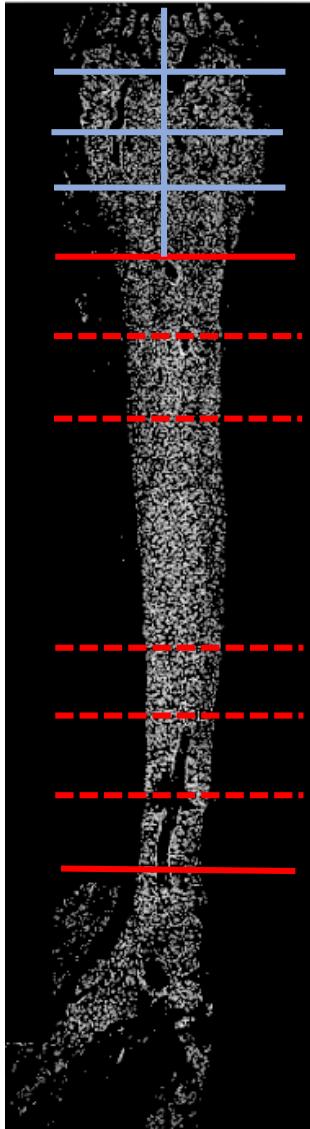
μ CT image of closed
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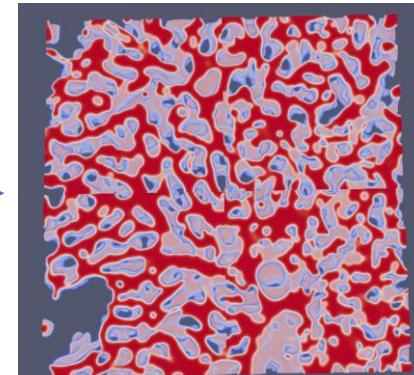
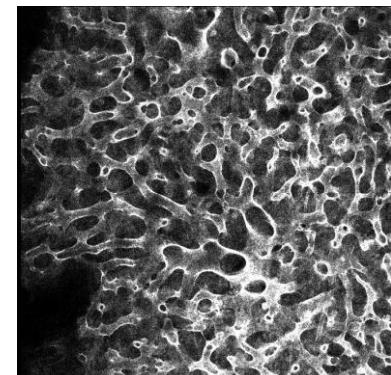


3D data (slices)
300 GB

Application: leukaemia in bone marrow vessels



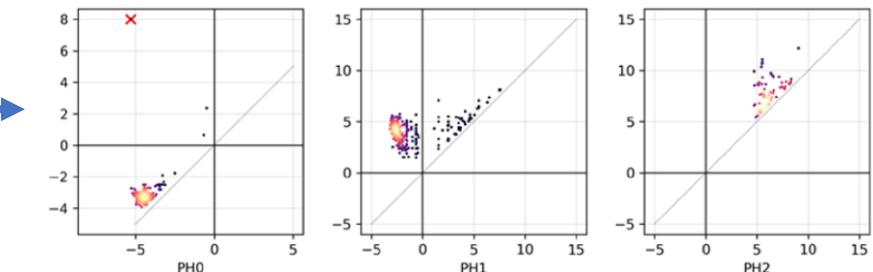
Niblack local thresholding



original data

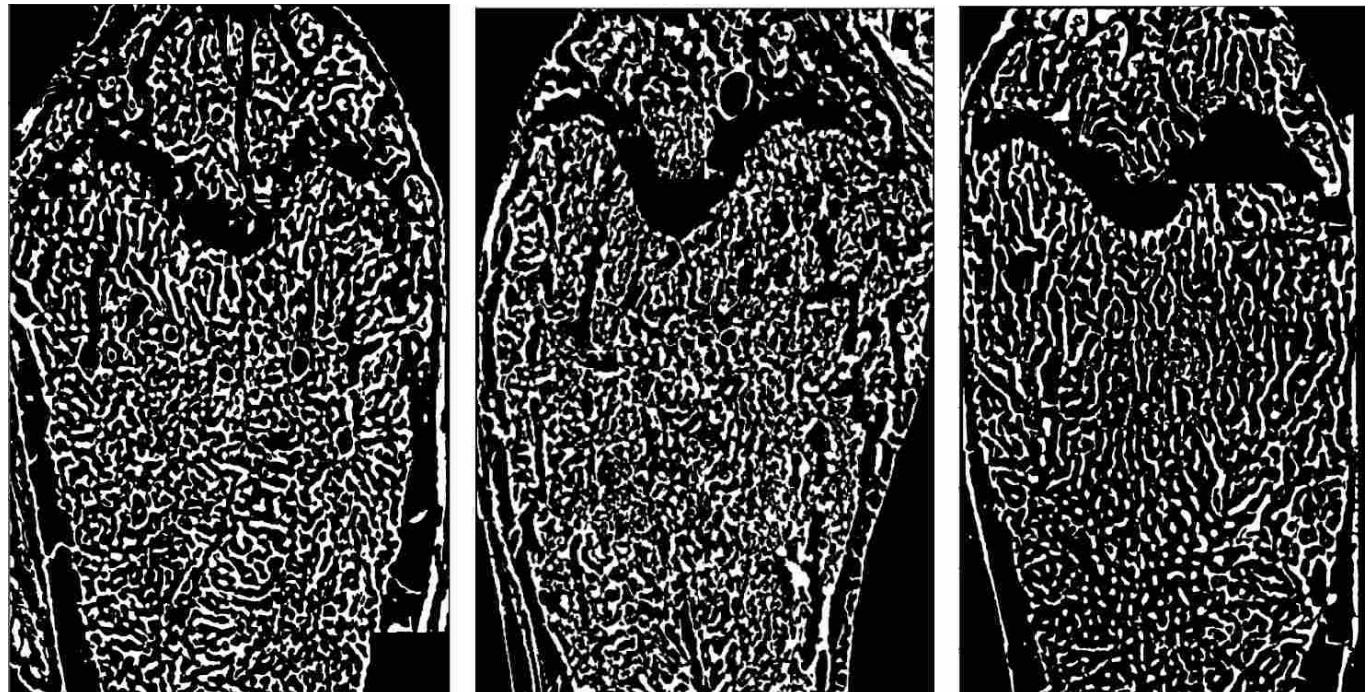
3D segmented data

Willmore 3D reconstruction
 $E = \text{Reg} + \text{Fid}$



SDPH diagrams

Vessels at three stages



CTRL

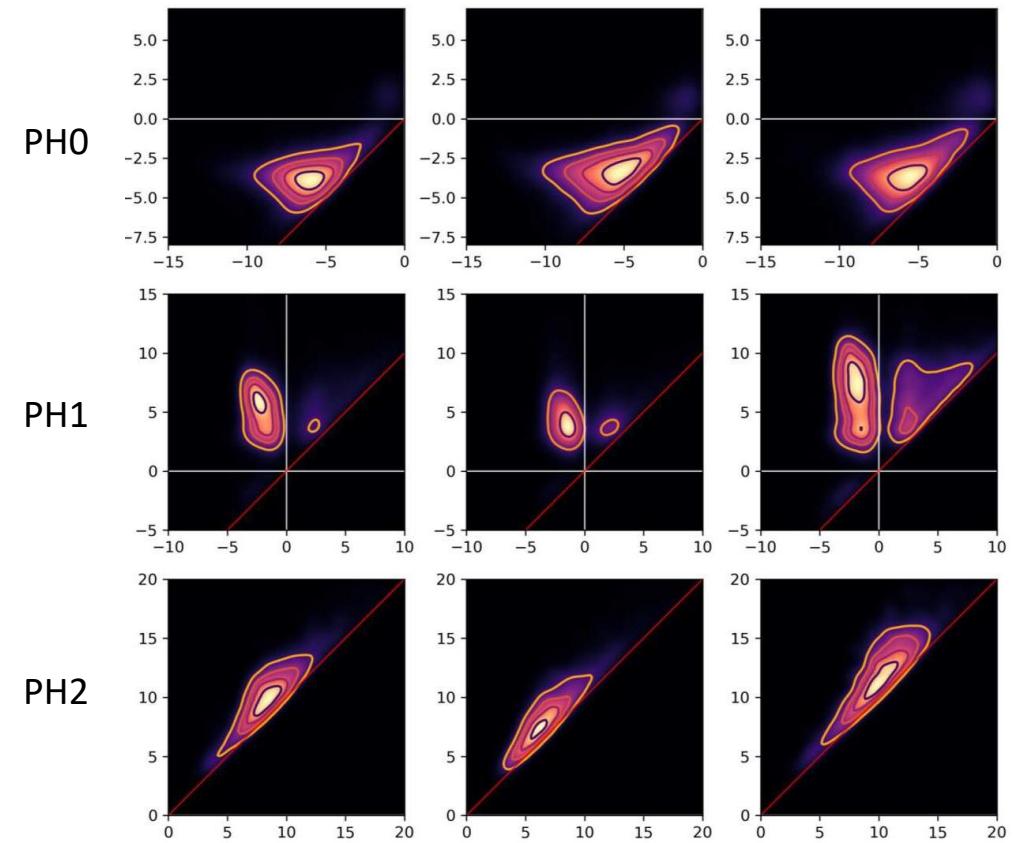
CTRL at 0%

Early

U937 at 10%

Late

P2 at 59%



PH0

PH1

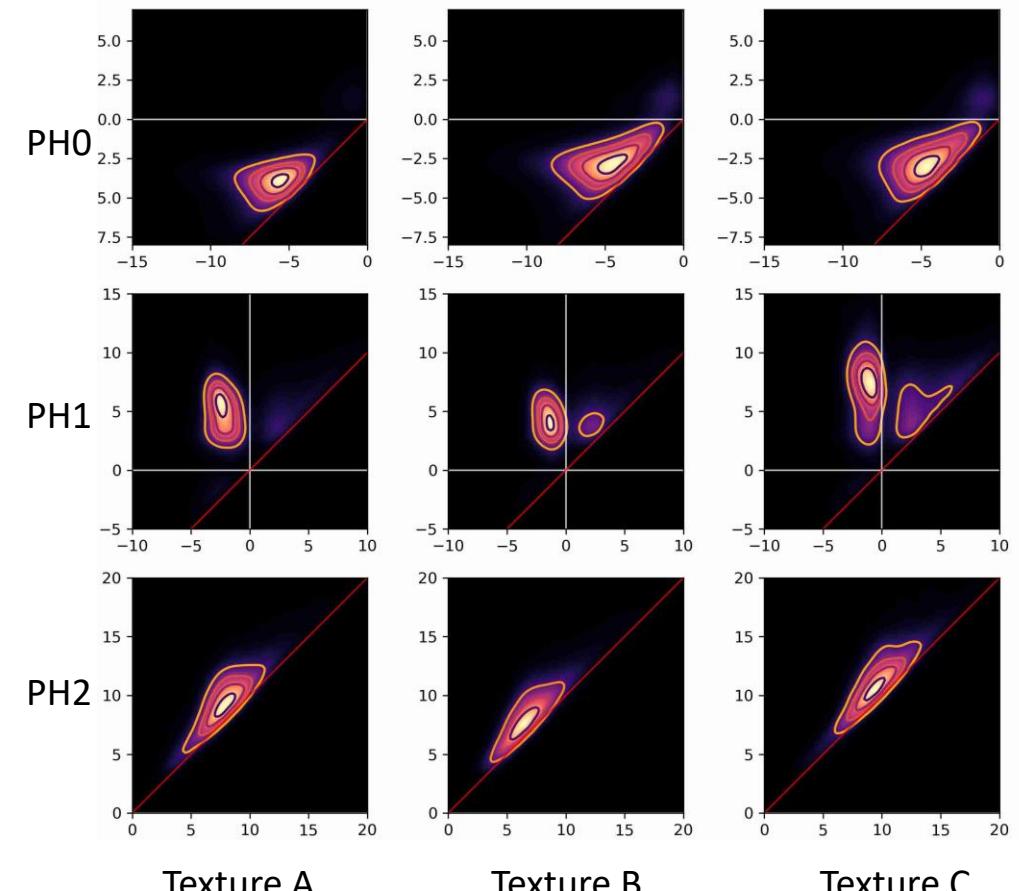
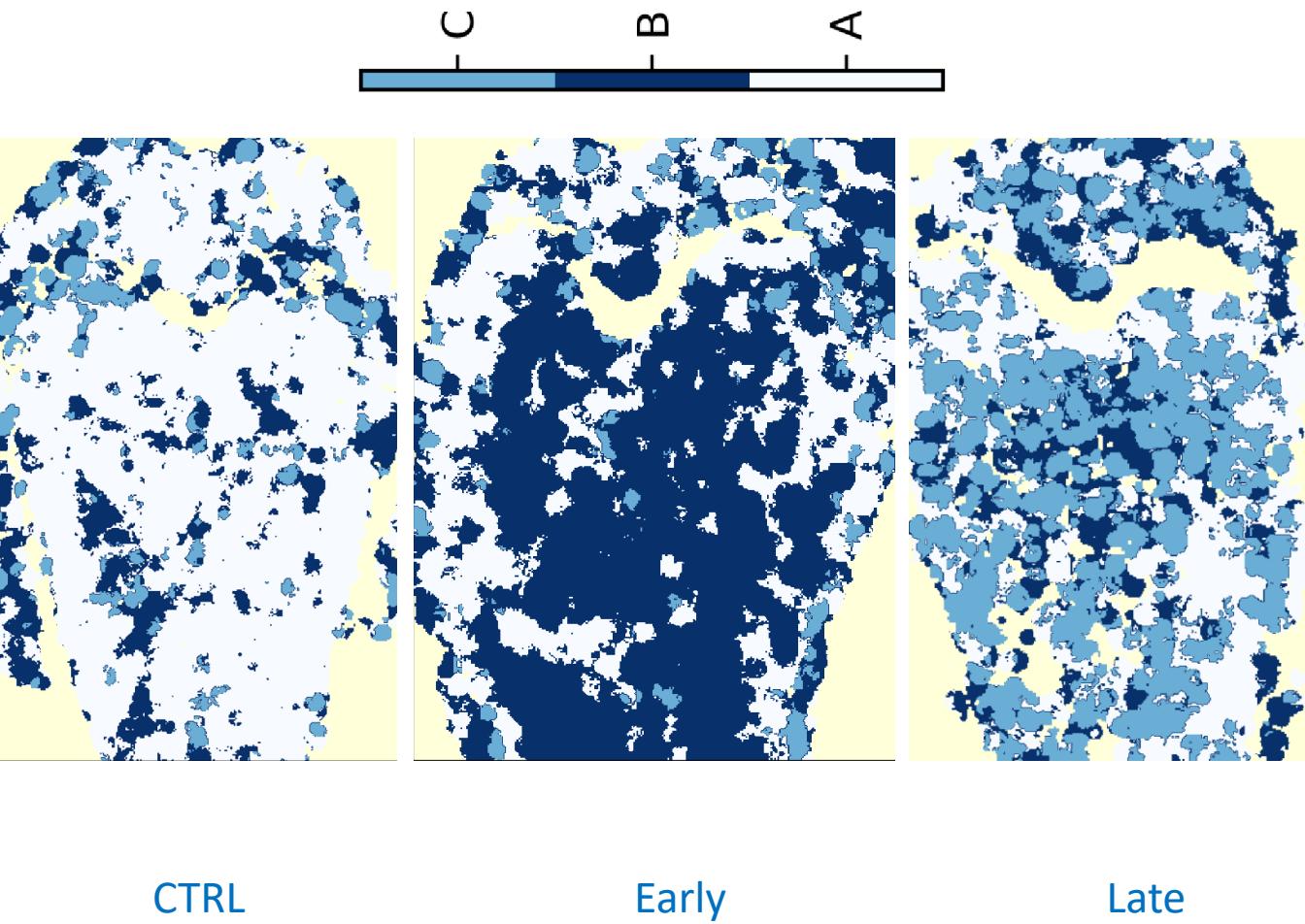
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U937 at 10%

P2 at 59%

Spatial texture decomposition



CTRL at 0%

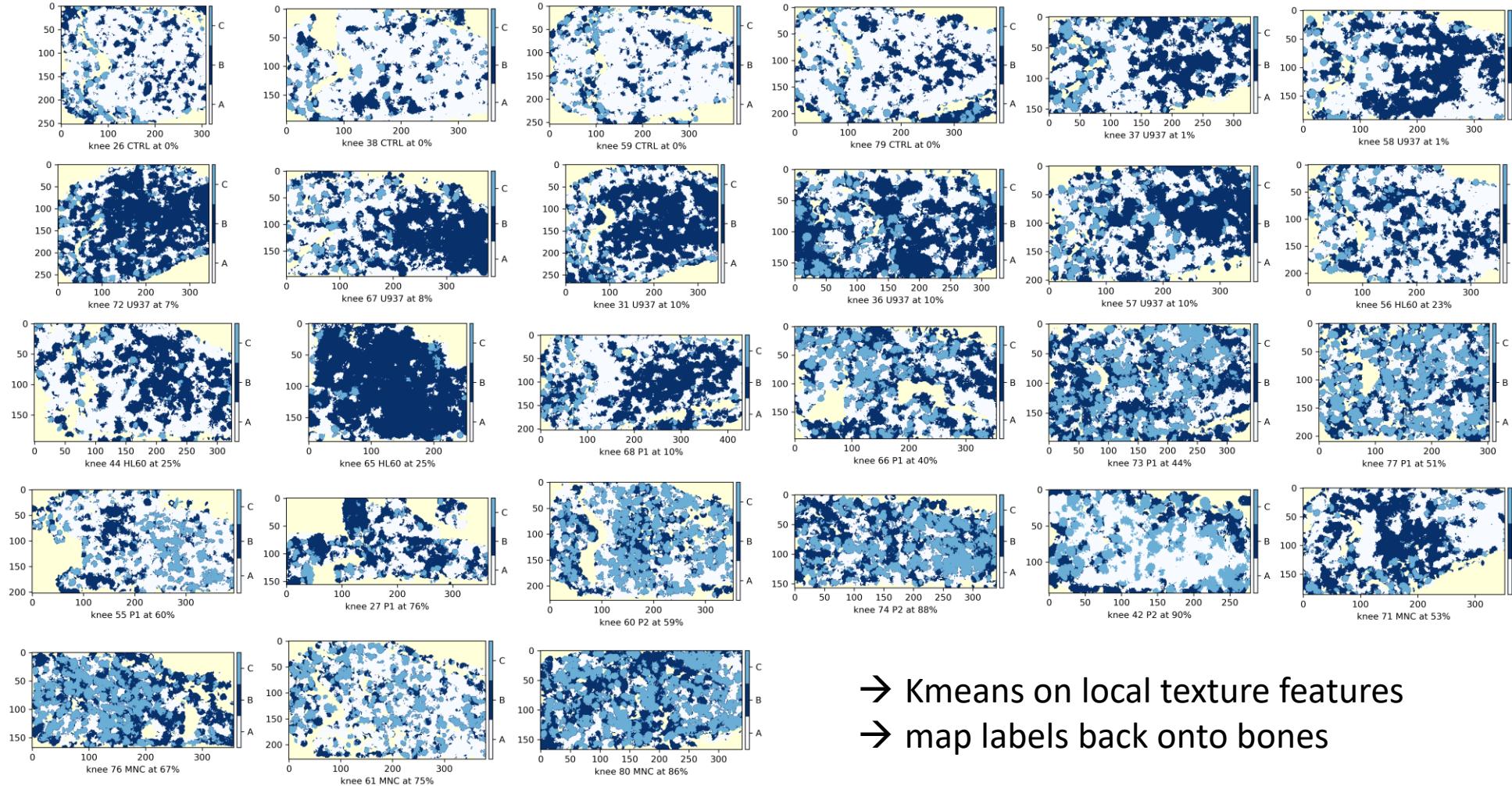
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- B v.s. A
- angiogenesis
- thin vessels
- small loops
- dense network

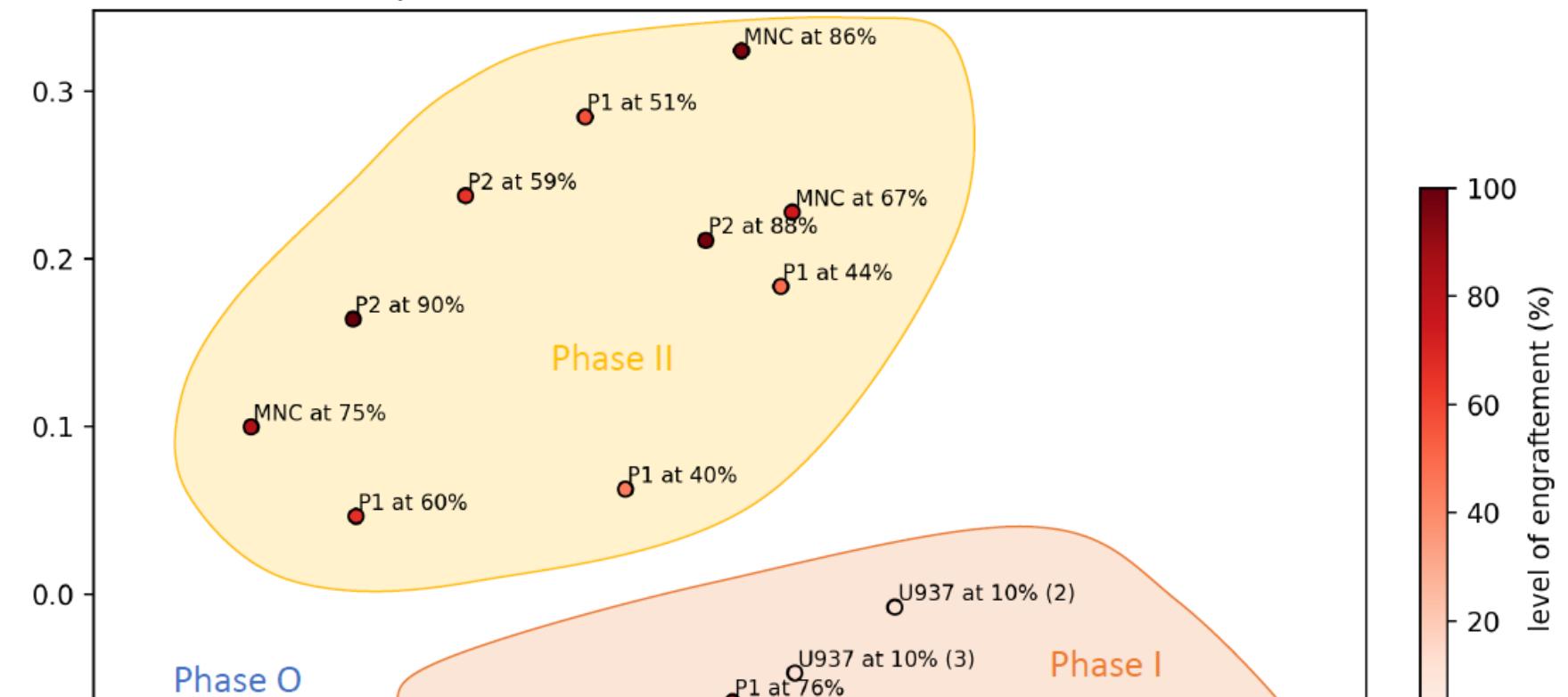
- C v.s. A
- thin vessels
- heterogeneous loop sizes
- sparser network

Spatial texture decomposition



→ Kmeans on local texture features
→ map labels back onto bones

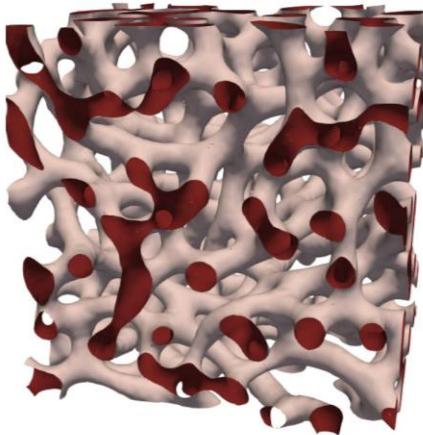
Cluster composition in knee with 3 clusters - PCA first two modes



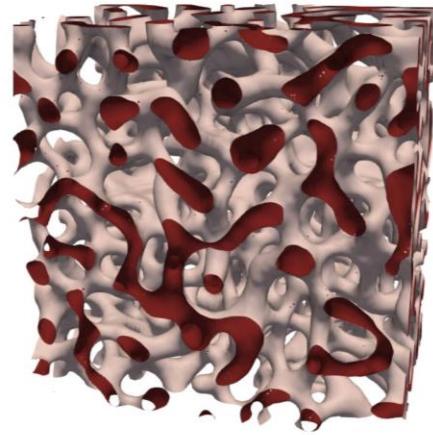
Evolution in three phases : Phases O, I, II
Dominant Textures A, B, C

- Cohort:
- 4 CTRL (0%)
 - 4 MNC (53%-86%)
 - 7 U937 (1%-10%)
 - 3 HL60 (23%-25%)
 - 6 P1 (10%-76%)
 - 3 P2 (59%-90%)

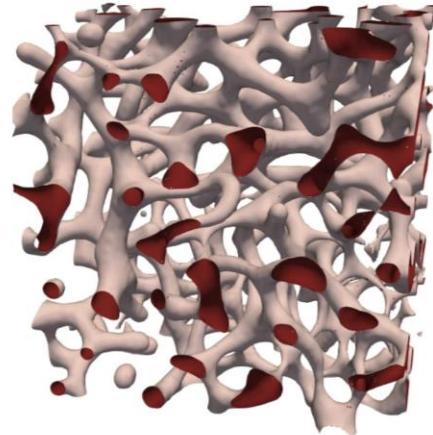
Emulating real textures with curvatures



Emulated A



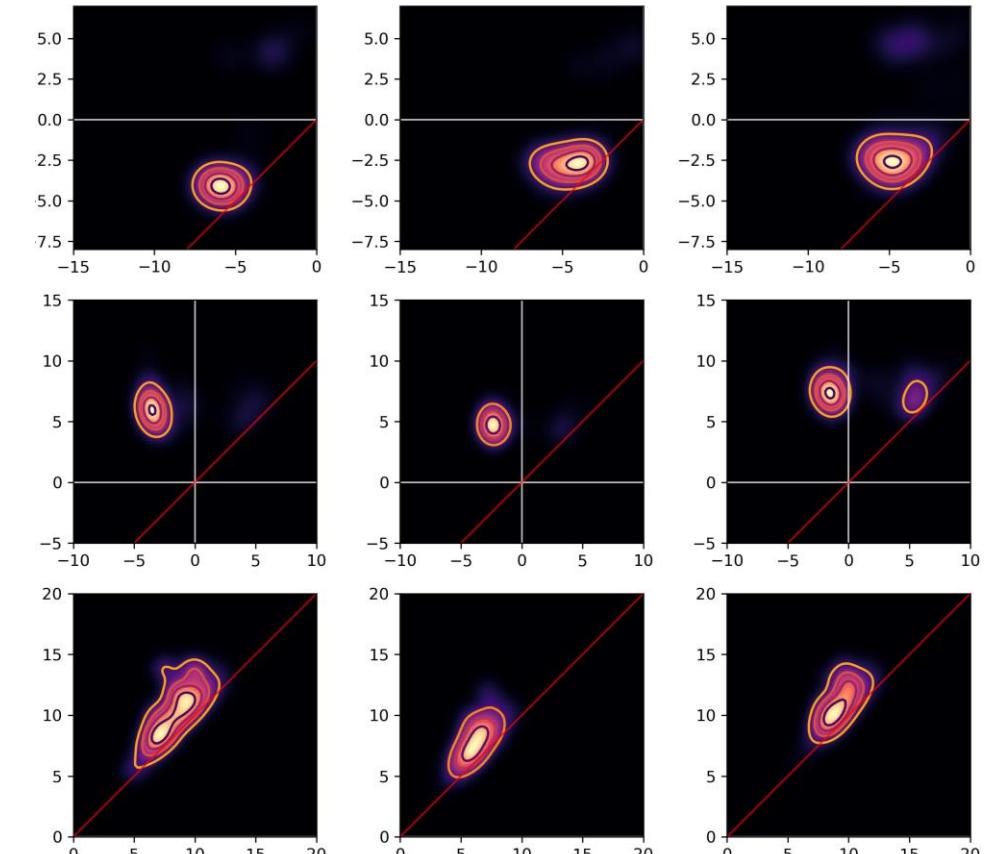
Emulated B



Emulated C

Bayesian Optimization w.r.t. SDPH diagrams

Non-linear impact of AML



Emulated A

Emulated B

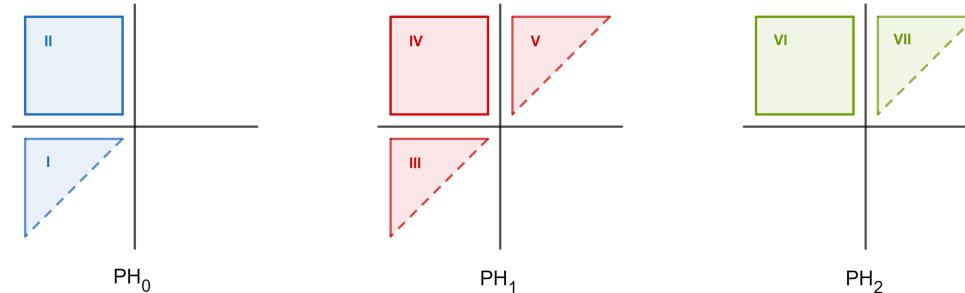
Emulated C

Conclusion: what is *texture* in shapes?

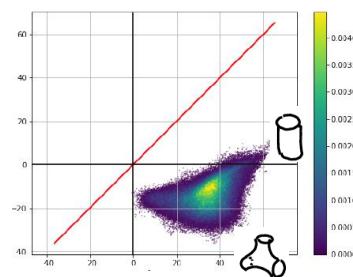
texture = curvatures parameters

$$F(S) = \int_S (a_{2,0} \kappa_1^2 + a_{1,1} \kappa_1 \kappa_2 + a_{0,2} \kappa_2^2 + a_{1,0} \kappa_1 + a_{0,1} \kappa_2 + a_{0,0}) dA$$

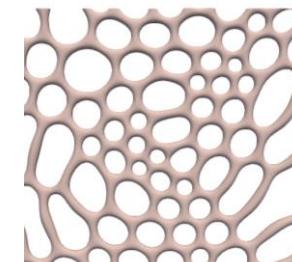
= SDPH diagrams



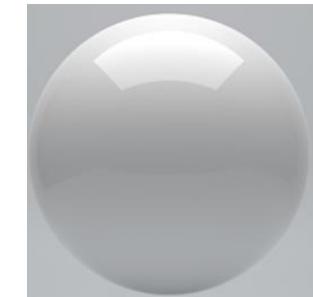
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texture

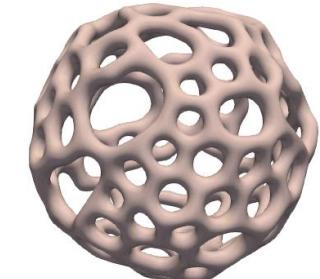


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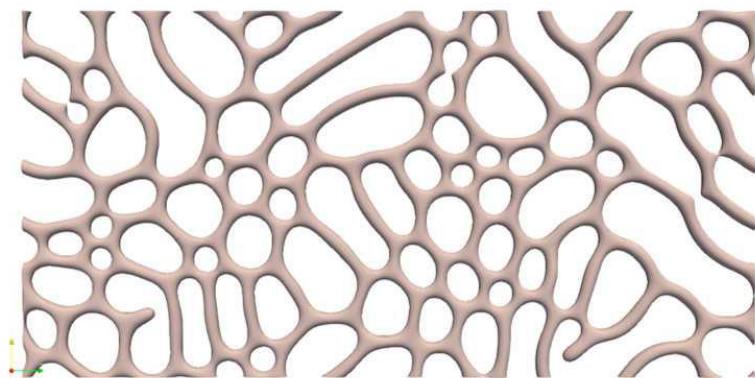
structure

shape



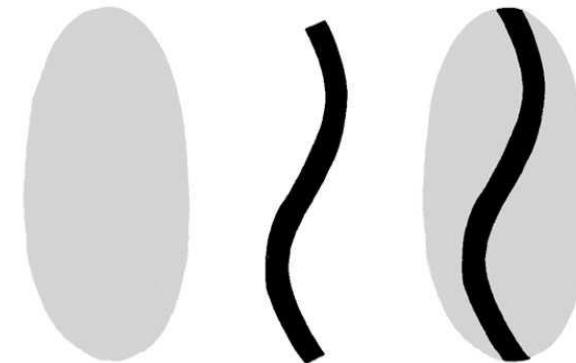
Curvatures **synthesizes** shape textures
SDPH **quantifies** them

Other project: 3D bioprinting vessels

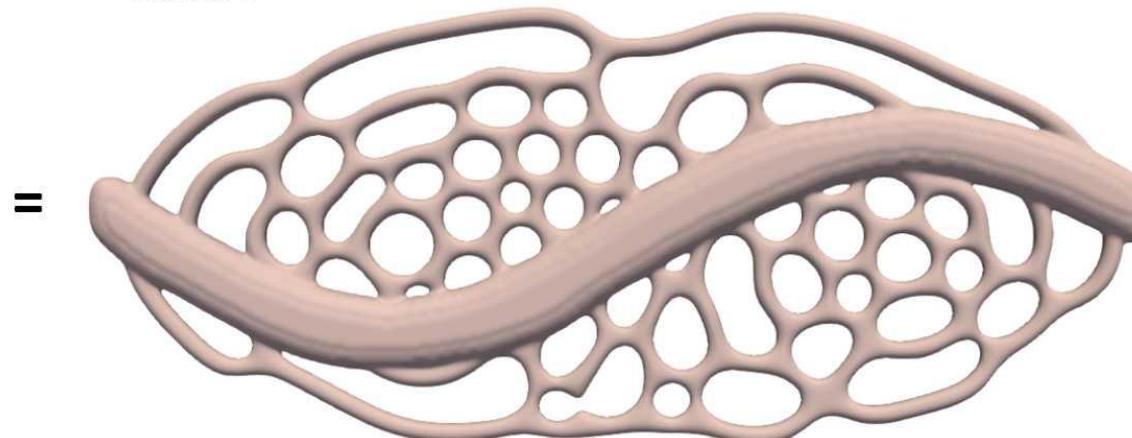


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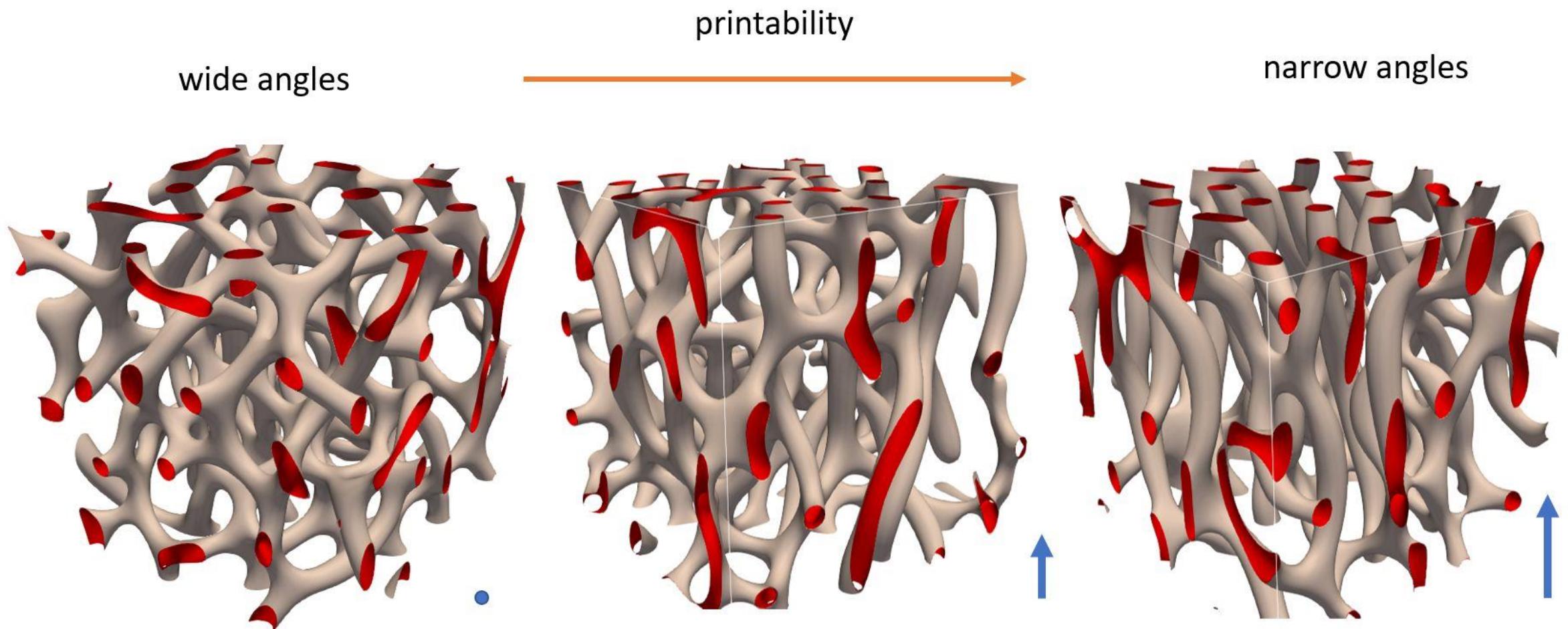
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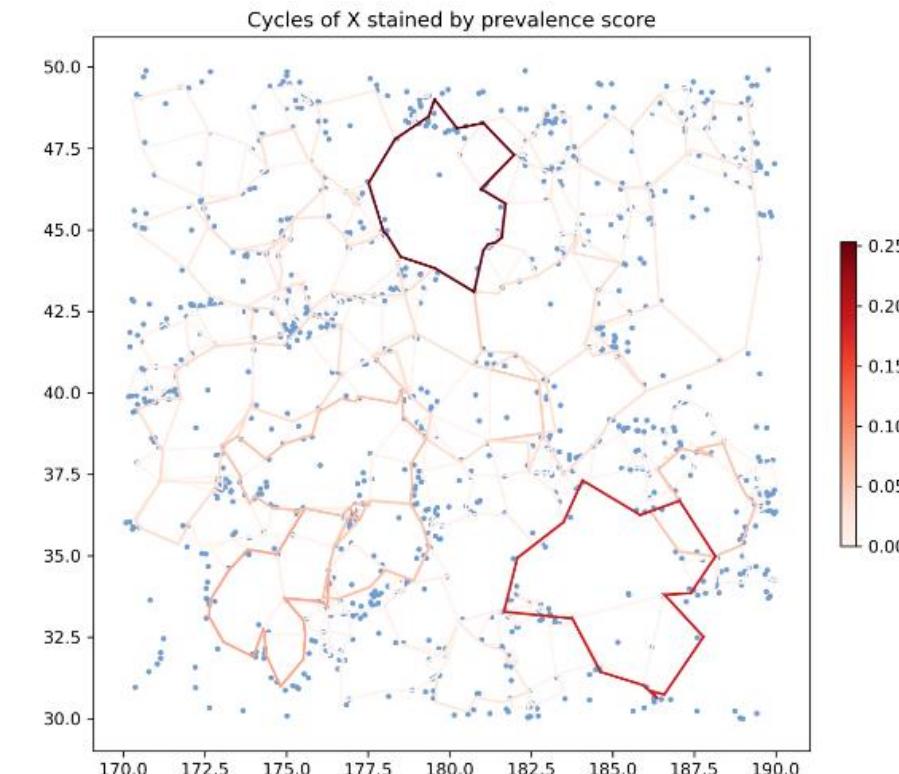
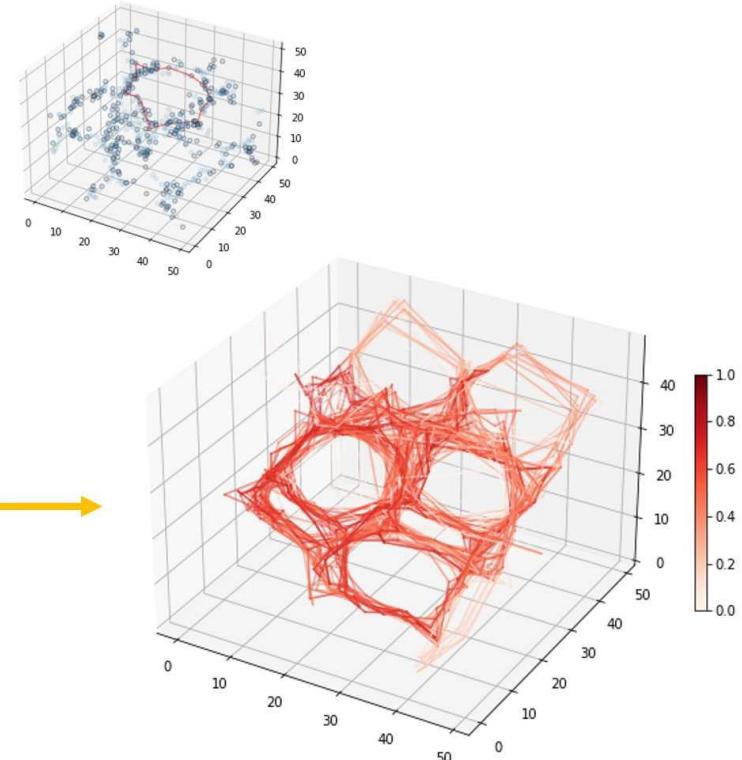
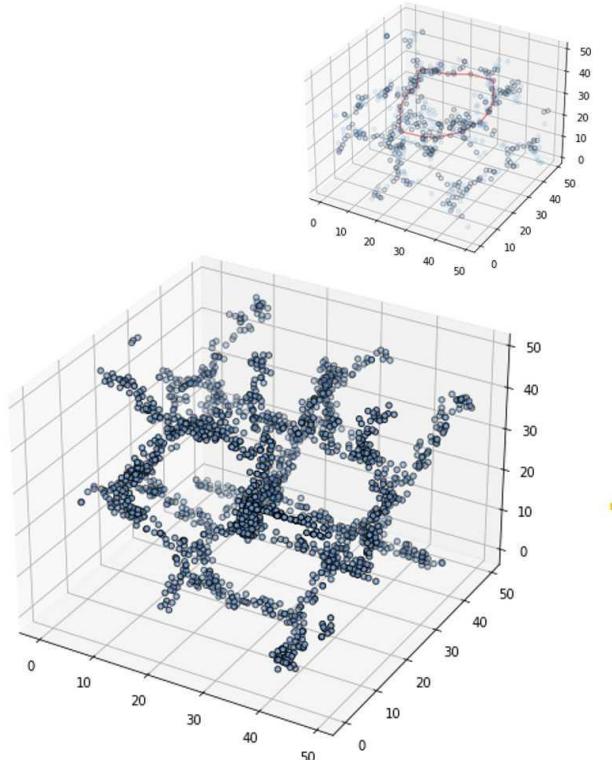
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Other project: Finding “true cycles” in data



cosmic web data

Thank you!

Questions?