

# Geometric Deep Learning

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- A Common Framework

# A lot of visual data is not flat



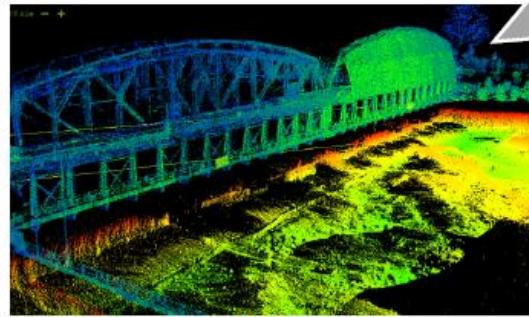
Inpection



Robotics



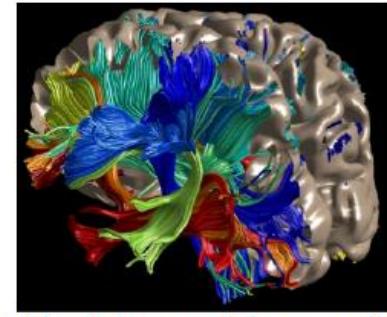
Topography



Autonomous driving



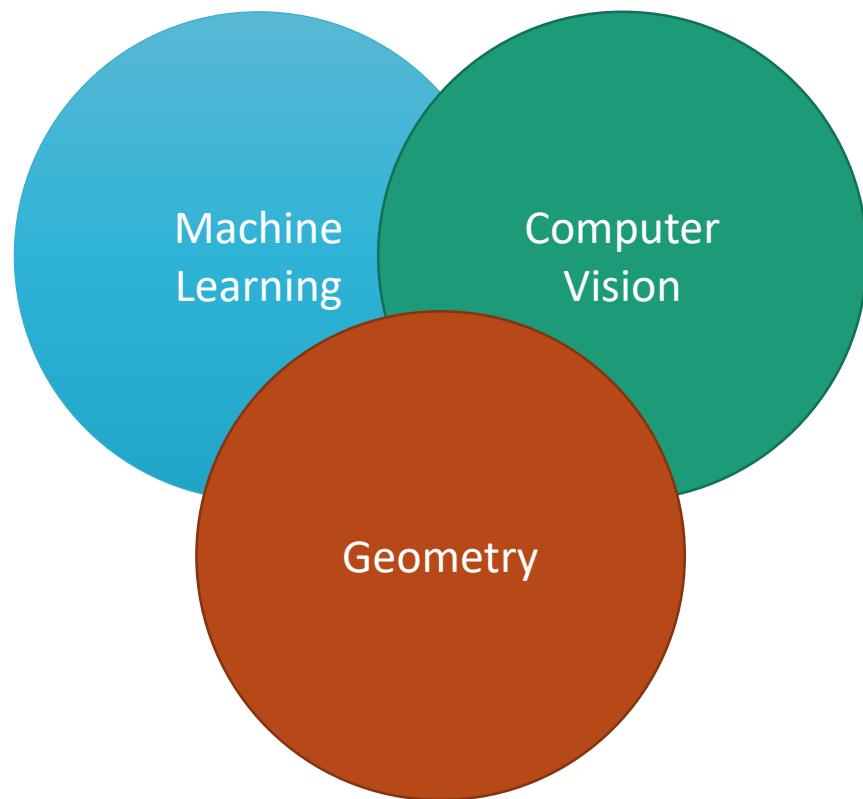
Augmented Reality



Medical Image Processing

# The surge of geometric deep learning

- Started 2015 with big datasets ShapeNet & ModelNet
- Very active due to huge industry interests



Industries are:

- Robotics
- 3d scanning
- 3d geometric modelling
- Autonomous driving
- Augmented reality
- Virtual reality
- Topography
- Etc.

# 3d deep learning tasks

## 3D geometry analysis



Classification



Parsing  
(object/scene)



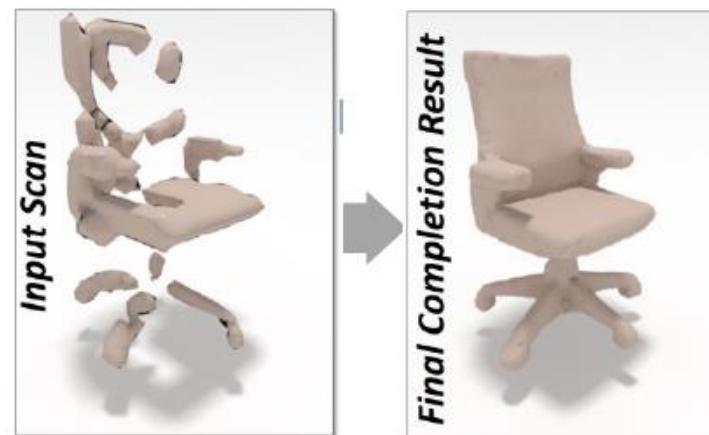
Correspondence

# 3d deep learning tasks

## 3D synthesis



Monocular  
3D reconstruction



Shape completion



Shape modeling

# 3d deep learning tasks

## 3D-assisted image analysis



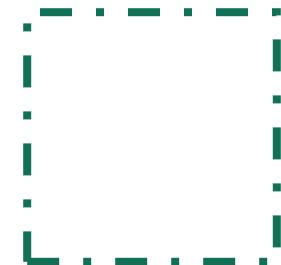
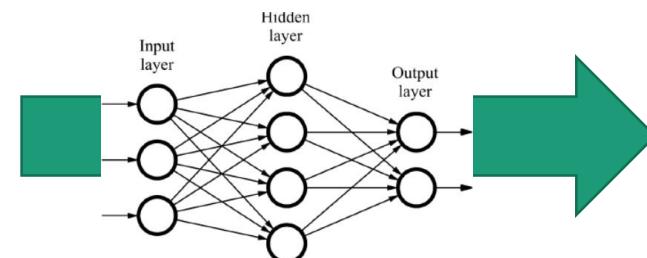
Cross-view image retrieval



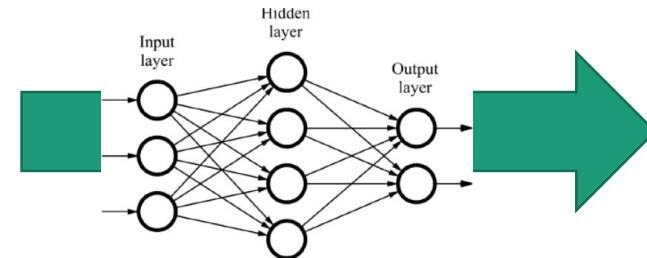
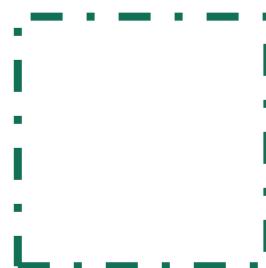
Intrinsic decomposition

# The data vs. the network

**Geometry analysis**



**Geometry synthesis**



# Convolution Neural Networks. Where is the problem?

**Images have a very easy regular data structure!**

- Unique representation  
→ easy (e.g. flatten())
- Vector representation  
→ easy (e.g. flatten())
- Distance and dot product  
→ easy (e.g.  $\|X - Z\|_2$  or  $\langle X, Y \rangle$ )
- Functional representation  
→ easy ( $f: [0,1]^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ )
- Subsampling  
→ easy (e.g.  $X[0::2]$ )



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# Euclidean vs. Non-Euclidean data

Images, text, audio, and others can be treated as Euclidean data (little inductive bias).

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Numbers

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog

Text

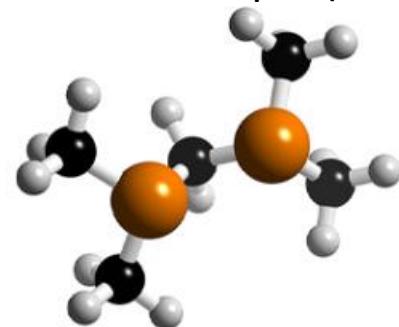


Images

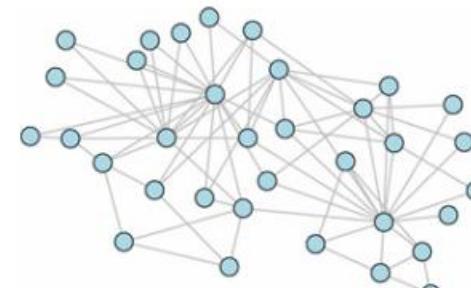


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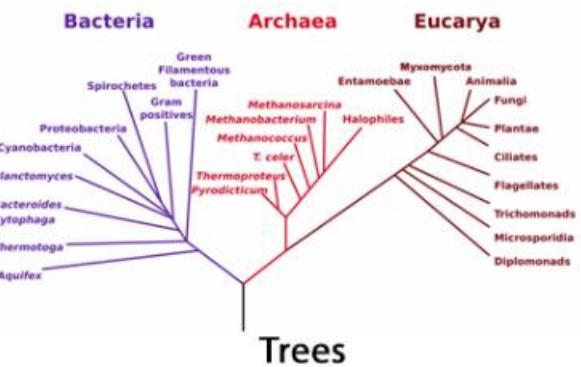
Non-Euclidean data can represent more complex items and concepts (extreme inductive bias).



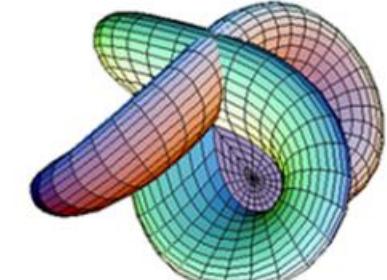
Molecules



Networks



Trees



Manifolds

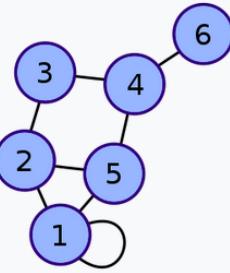
# Graph representation

Set of points

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+

adjacency matrix

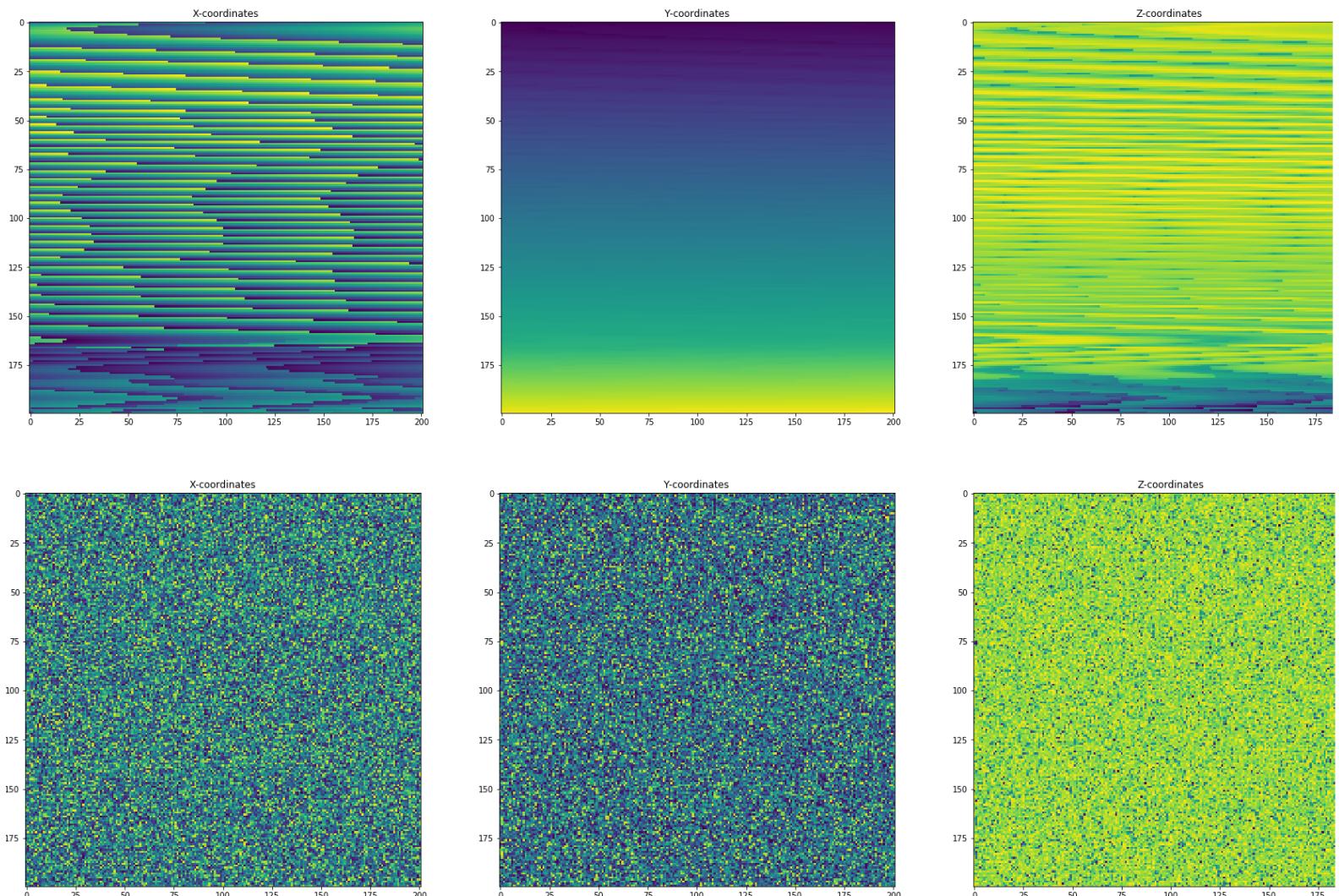
| Labeled graph  | Adjacency matrix   |
|--|--|
|  | $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ <p>Coordinates are 1–6.</p> |

+ optional vertex attributes

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Adjacency matrix is either given or induced by metric (e.g. through k-nearest neighbors search)!

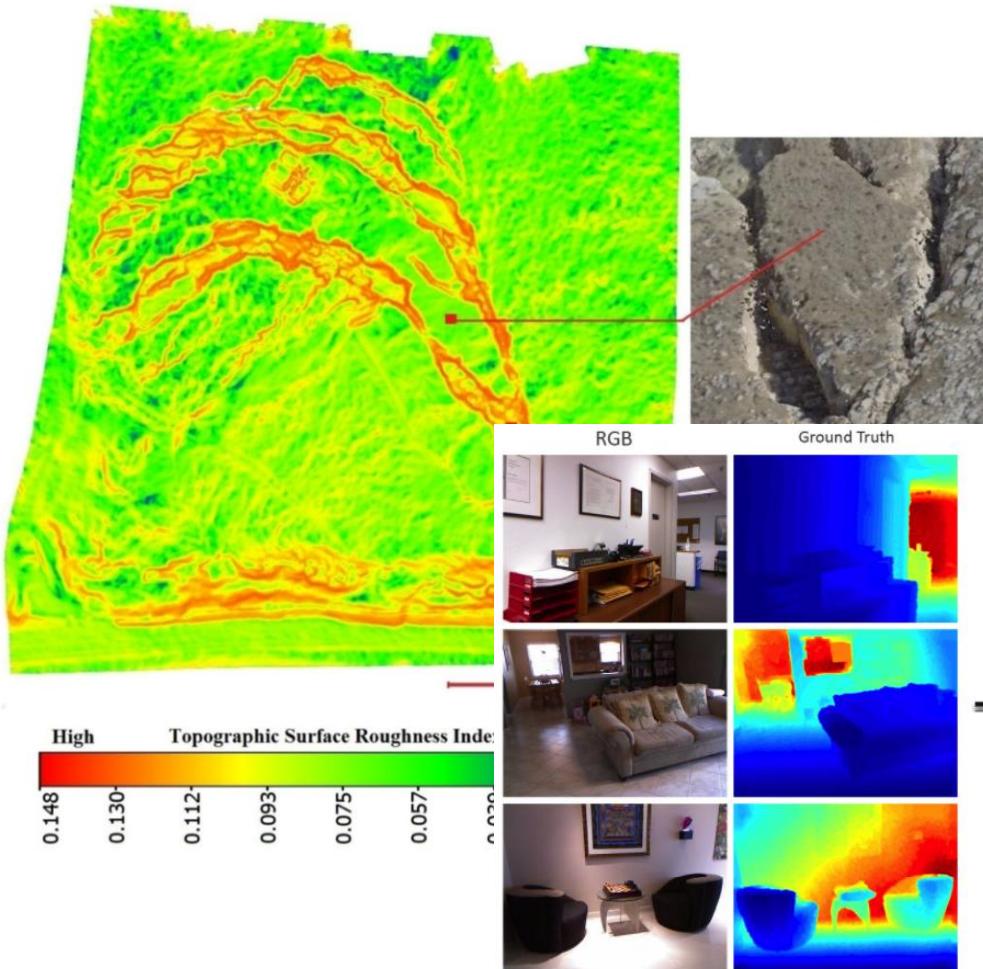
# Order matters (not): Stanford bunny example



2d coordinate maps of the Stanford bunny in scanning order (top) and arbitrary order (bottom).

In unstructured 3d data order is arbitrary.

# Statistics matters: Topographic and depth maps



Depth maps are structured and look like images, but have rougher local structures and smoother global structures (different image statistics compared to natural images).



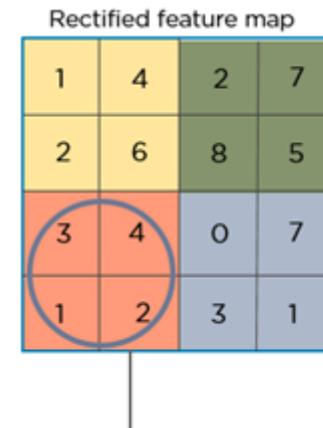
# Convolution Neural Networks on grids

## Convolution



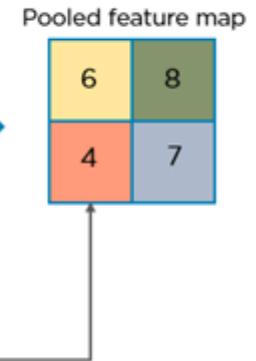
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## Pooling



max pooling with 2x2 filters  
and stride 2

$$\text{Max}(3, 4, 1, 2) = 4$$

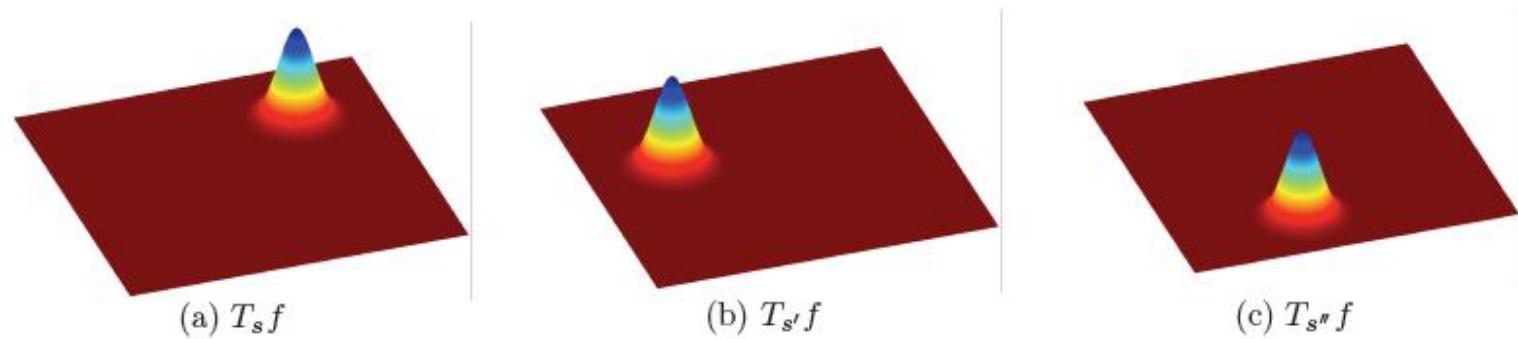


$$(f * g)[x] = \sum_{-M}^M f[n - m]g[m]$$

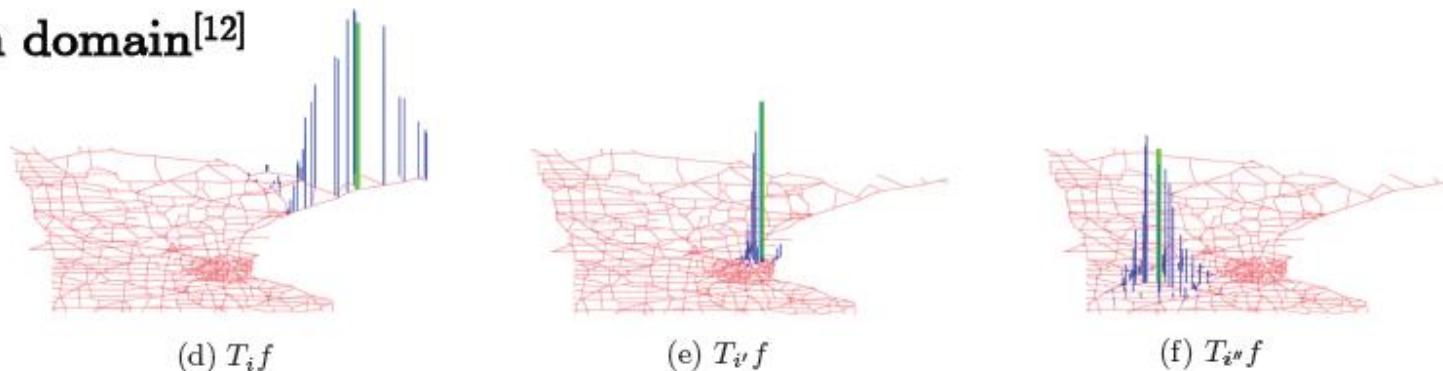
Both operations need an **underlying structure** like defined neighborhoods, directions, order, translations and common vector space!  
→ Images are **flat**, i.e. have a flat metric (not curved)  
→ Images have a **homogenous topology** (every pixel has the same neighborhood)

# No shift invariance on graphs

**Euclidean domain**

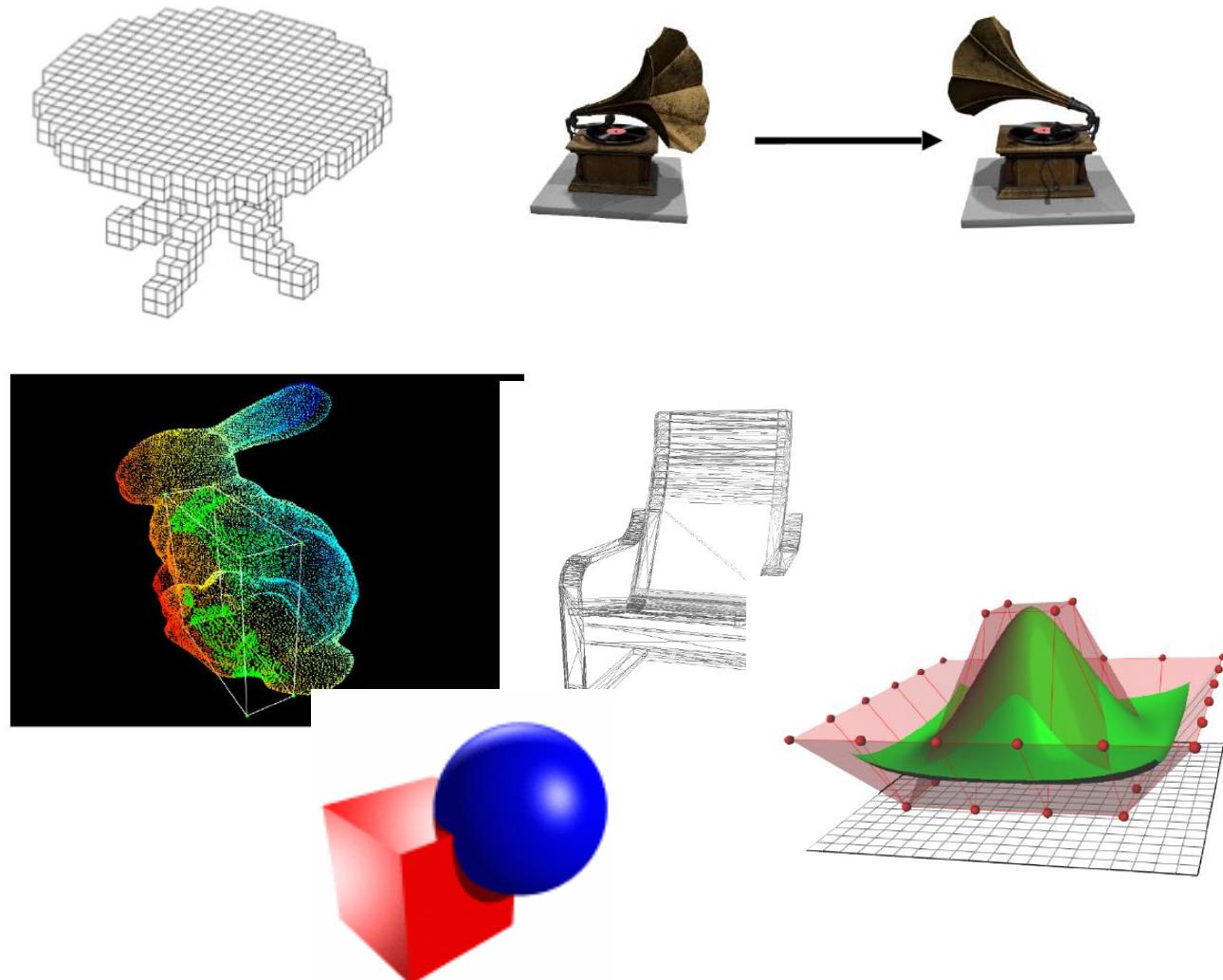


**Graph domain<sup>[12]</sup>**



# Different 3d data representations

- **Rasterized form (regular)**
  - Multi-view RGB(D) images
  - volumetric
- **Geometric form (irregular)**
  - Polygon mesh / wire frame
  - Point cloud
  - Parametric surfaces
  - Primitive based CAD (CSG)



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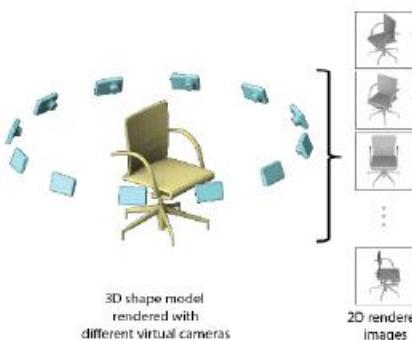
- **Rasterized form (regular)**

- Multi-view RGB(D) images → Standard convolution and pooling operator
- volumetric → Discrete 3d convolution and pooling operator

- **Geometric form (irregular)**

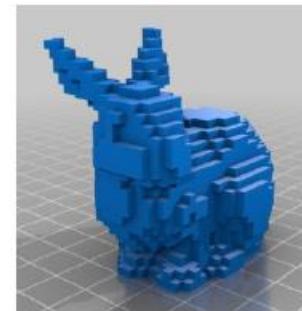
- Polygon mesh / wire frame → e.g. no homogenous neighborhood
- Point cloud → e.g. no canonical order
- Parametric surfaces → e.g. no unique parametrization
- Primitive based CAD (CSG) → e.g. no homogenous neighborhood

# Existing 3d learning algorithms



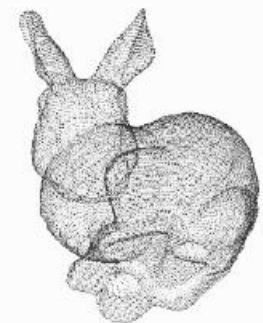
Multi-view

[Su et al. 2015]  
[Kalogerakis et al. 2016]  
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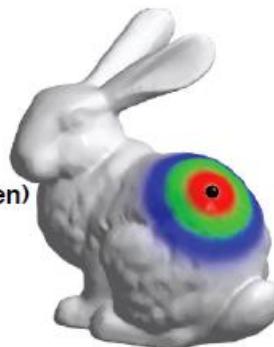
Volumetric

[Maturana et al. 2015]  
[Wu et al. 2015] (GAN)  
[Qi et al. 2016]  
[Liu et al. 2016]  
[Wang et al. 2017] (O-Net)  
[Tatarchenko et al. 2017] (OGN)  
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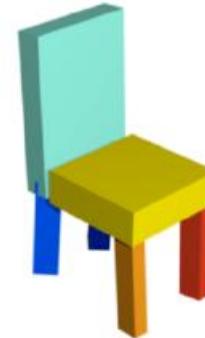
[Qi et al. 2017] (PointNet)  
[Fan et al. 2017] (PointSetGen)

Point cloud



[Defferrard et al. 2016]  
[Henaff et al. 2015]  
[Yi et al. 2017] (SyncSpecCNN)  
...

Mesh (Graph CNN)



[Tulsiani et al. 2017]  
[Li et al. 2017] (GRASS)

Part assembly

# Deep Learning on 3d meshes

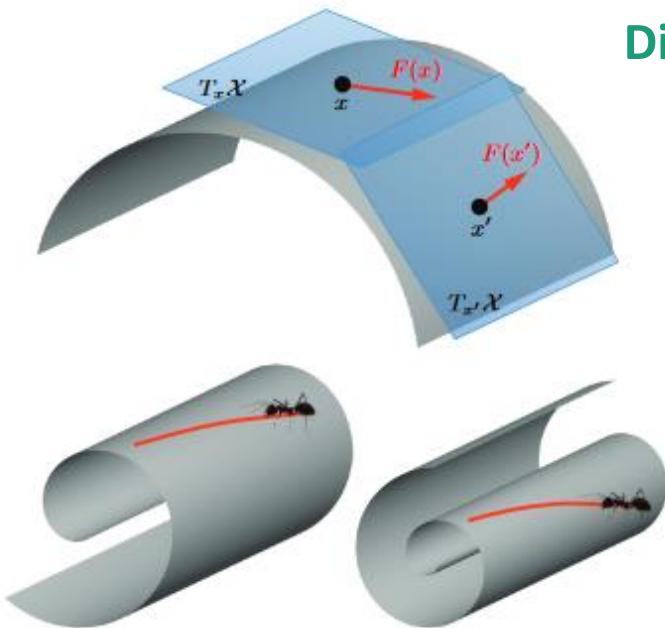
- *Math heavy approach, will be a standard deep learning tool, soon –*

# The math ingredients of meshes

IEEE SIG PROC MAG

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## Manifolds



## Sparse data structures

## Geometric deep learning: going beyond Euclidean data

Michael M. Bronstein, Joan Bruna, Yann LeCun, Arthur Szlam, Pierre Vandergheynst

## Differential geometry

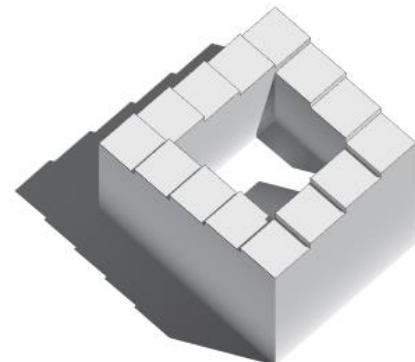
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Many scientific fields study data with an underlying structure that is a non-Euclidean space. Some examples include social networks in computational social sciences, sensor networks in communications, functional networks in brain imaging, regulatory networks in genetics, and meshed surfaces in computer graphics. In many applications, such geometric

the data such as stationarity and compositionality through local statistics, which are present in natural images, video, and speech [14], [15]. These statistical properties have been related to physics [16] and formalized in specific classes of convolutional neural networks (CNNs) [17], [18], [19]. In image analysis applications, one can consider images as functions

## DISCRETE DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY: AN APPLIED INTRODUCTION

## Graph theory

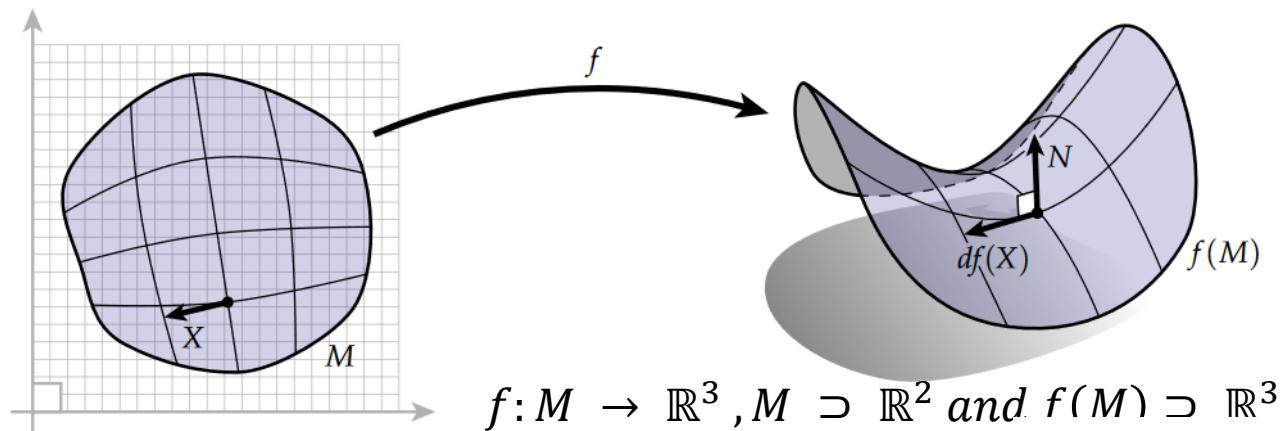


## Laplacian

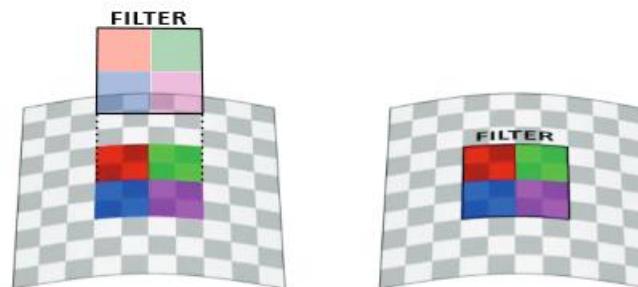
Fig. 1. Top: tangent space and tangent vectors on a two-dimensional manifold (surface). Bottom: Examples of isometric deformations.

# Three strategies to define a convolution neural network on meshes

- RNNs (more like a brute force approach)
- Conduct convolution **on a parametrization** (typically 2d) of a mesh/graph (typically 3d)

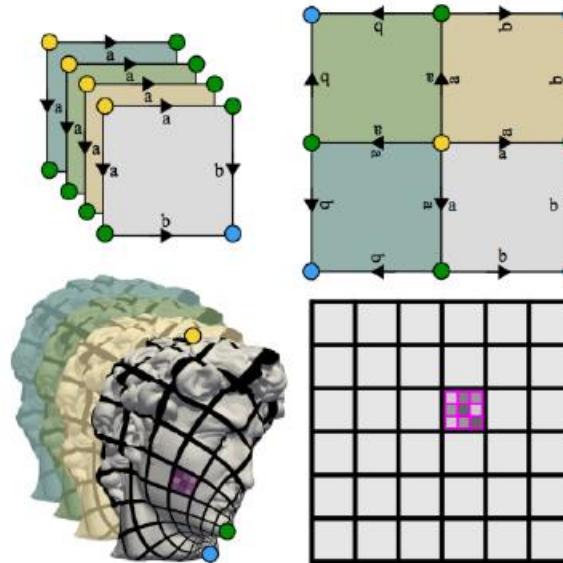
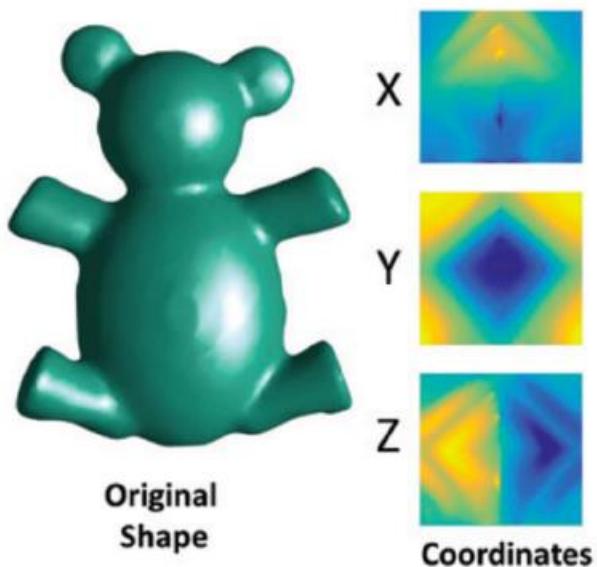


- Conduct convolution **on the mesh**



# Bringing 3d into Euclidean plane and proceed with traditional techniques

- Map curved 3D surfaces to 2D Euclidean plane

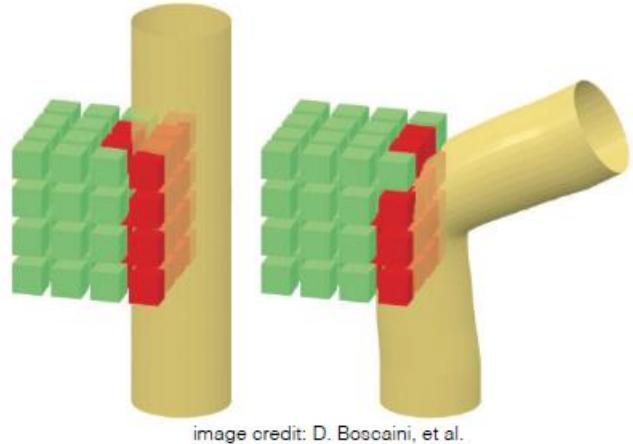


Ayan Sinha, Jing Bai, Karthik Ramani  
“Deep Learning 3D Shape Surfaces Using Geometry Images”  
ECCV2016

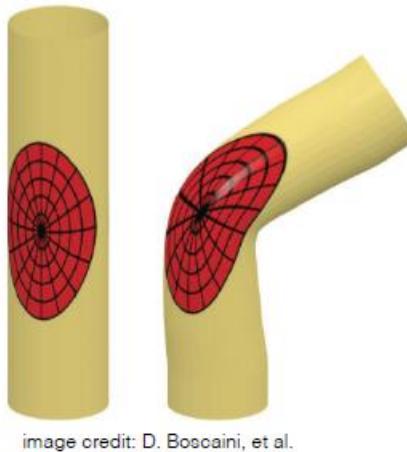
Maron et al.  
“Convolutional Neural Networks on Surfaces via Seamless Toric Covers”  
SIGGRAPH2017

# Desired properties for convolution without parametrization

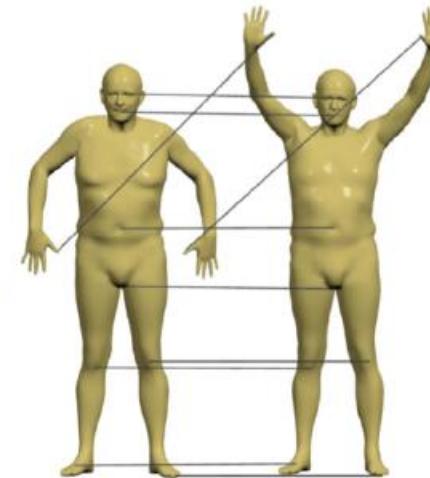
- Translation invariant filters, i.e. weight sharing
- Localized, i.e. edge detector



convolutional along  
spatial coordinates



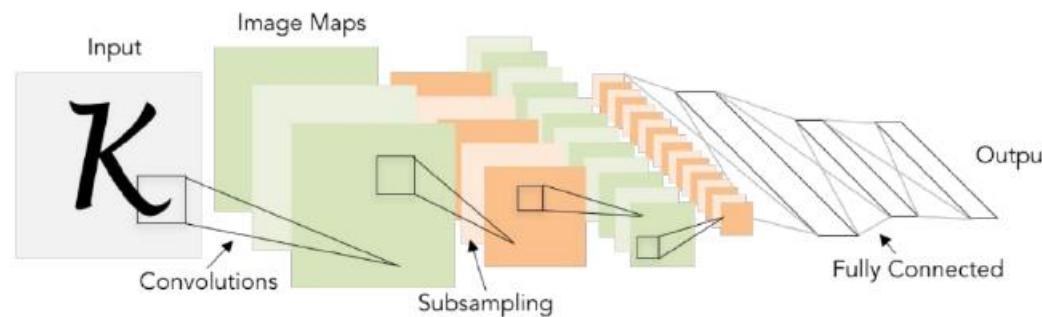
convolutional considering underlying  
geometry



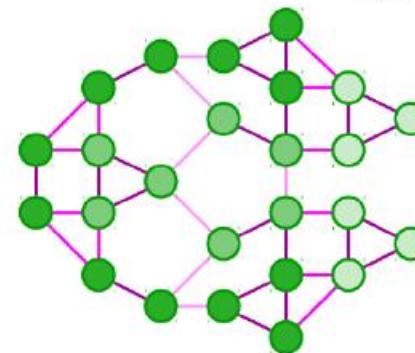
# More inductive bias, please

- Receptive fields
- Multi-scale analysis

grid structure



graph structure

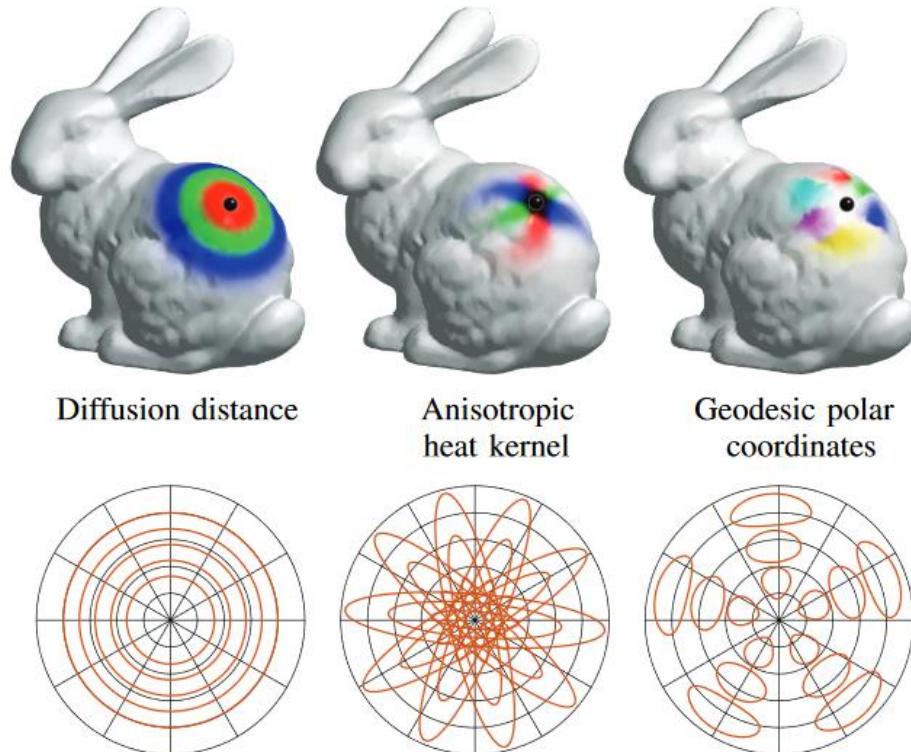


hierarchical graph coarsening?

from Michaël Defferrard et al. 2016

# Geometry approach: Geodesic CNN

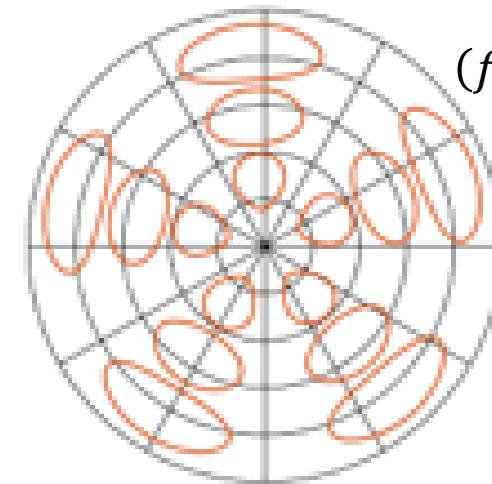
- Local system of geodesic polar coordinate
- Extract a small patch at each point  $x$
- Compute response with a trainable patch-like filter



Diffusion distance

Anisotropic  
heat kernel

Geodesic polar  
coordinates



$$(f * g)[x] = \sum_i^{\text{angles}} \sum_j^{\text{rings}} g_{ij} D_{ij}(x) f$$

One weight  $g$  for all  $i*j$  basis functions  
In a local point specific  
coordinate system

# Geometry approach: Geodesic CNN

- Direct encoding of the differential geometry
- The radius of the geodesic patches must be sufficiently small to acquire a topological disk
- No effective pooling, purely relying on convolutions to increase receptive field
- Slow because of huge tensors because of local coordinate frames
- Limited to rotation invariant filters or curvature aligned filters

# Signal approach: Spectral CNN

Generalized convolution of  $f, g \in L^2(X)$  can be defined by analogy

$$(f \star g)(x) = \underbrace{\sum_{k \geq 1} \underbrace{\langle f, \phi_k \rangle_{L^2(X)} \langle g, \phi_k \rangle_{L^2(X)}}_{\text{product in the Fourier domain}}}_{\text{inverse Fourier transform}} \phi_k(x)$$

Generalized convolution allows spectral filtering!



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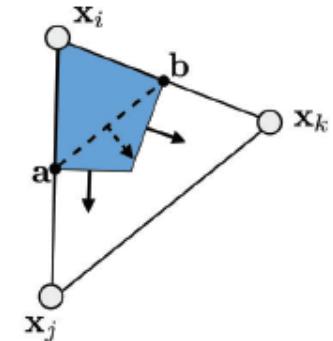
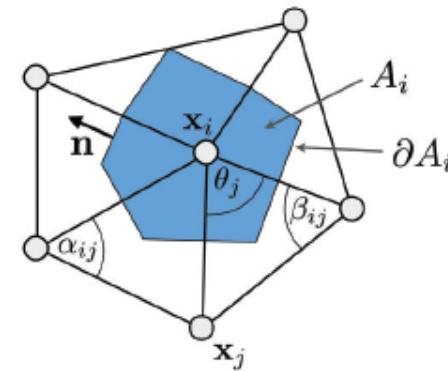
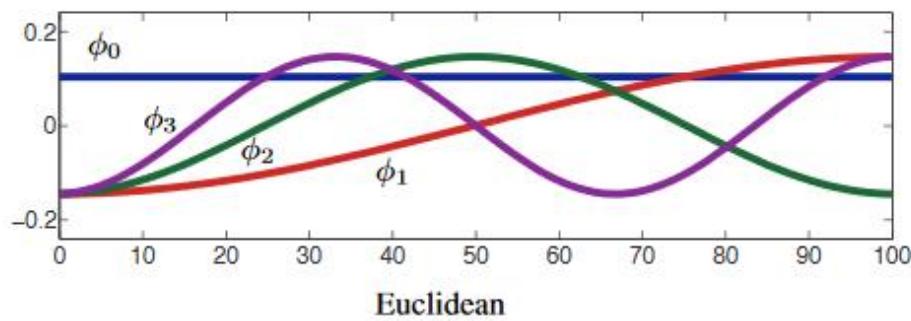
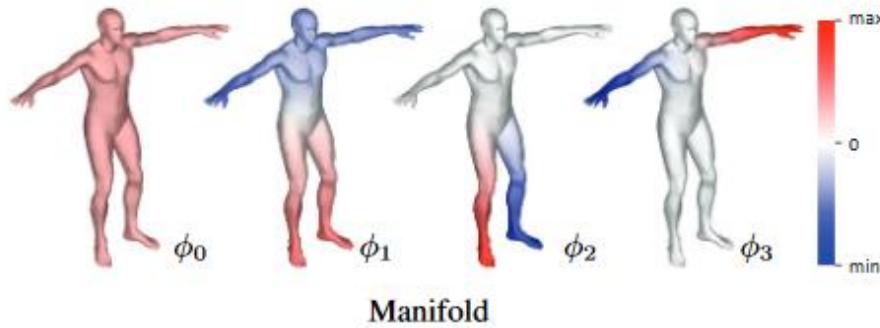


Figure 3.10. Illustration of the quantities used in the derivation of the discrete Laplace-Beltrami operator and discrete Gaussian curvature operator.

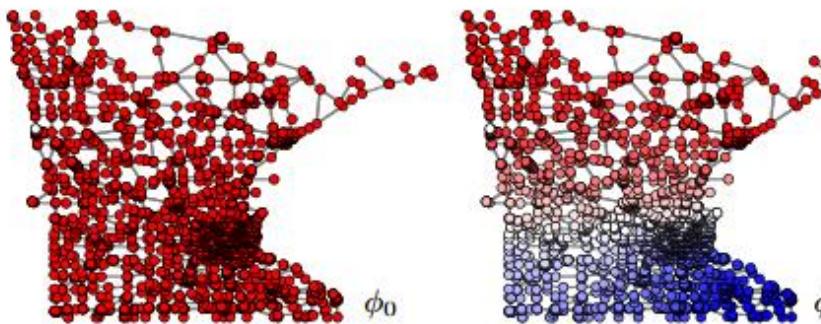
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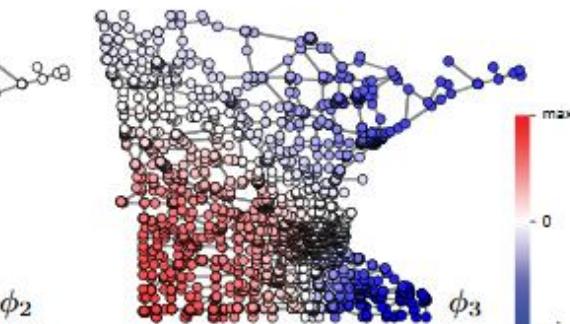
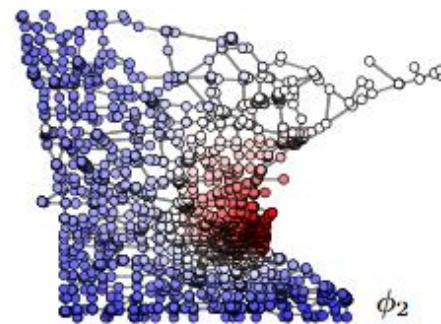
Euclidean



Manifold



Graph



[FIGS3] Example of the first four Laplacian eigenfunctions  $\phi_0, \dots, \phi_3$  on a Euclidean domain (1D line, top left) and non-Euclidean domains (human shape modeled as a 2D manifold, top right; and Minnesota road graph, bottom). In the Euclidean case, the result is the standard Fourier basis comprising sinusoids of increasing frequency. In all cases, the eigenfunction  $\phi_0$  corresponding to zero eigenvalue is constant ('DC').

# Signal approach: Spectral CNN

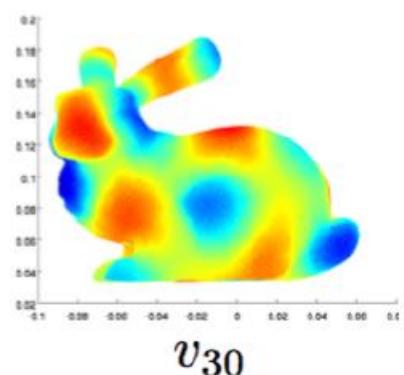
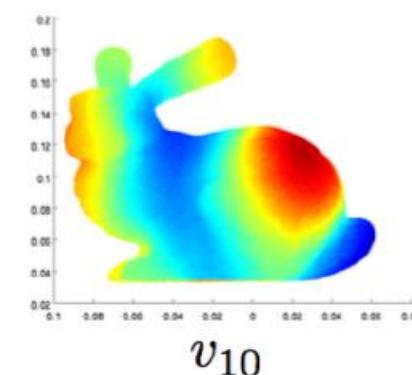
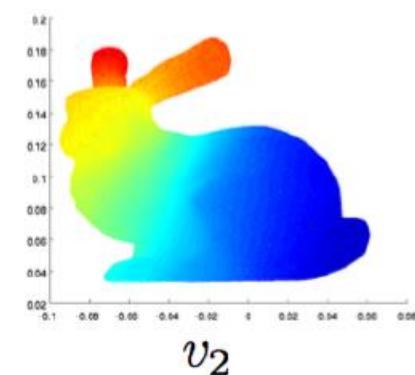
Mesh basis: Eigenfunctions of the Laplace-Beltrami-Operator  $\Delta$



Define the filter function  $g$  as a function of  
Laplace-Beltrami-Operator  $s$  a  $\Delta$

$$g_{\alpha}(\Delta) = \Phi g_{\alpha}(\Lambda) \Phi^T \text{ (Eigenspace of Graph)}$$

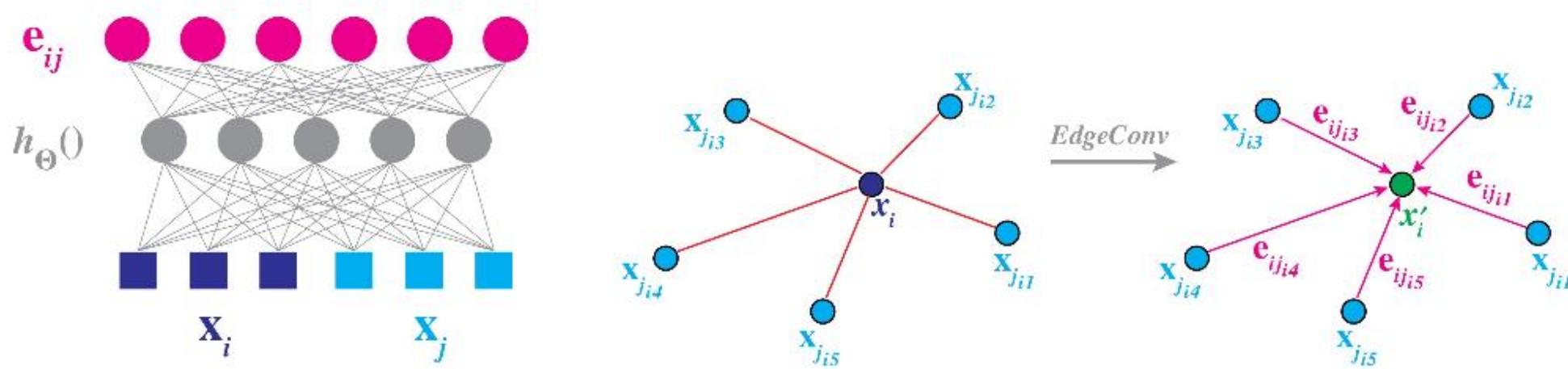
$$g_{\alpha}(\lambda) = \sum_{j=0}^{r-1} \alpha_j \lambda^j \quad \text{(Function of Eigenvalues)}$$



# Signal approach: Spectral CNN

- Filters are exactly localized in  $r$ -hops support
- $O(1)$  parameters per layer
- No computation of  $\phi$ ,  $\phi^T \Rightarrow O(n)$  computational complexity
- Stable under coefficients perturbation
- Filters are basis-dependent  $\Rightarrow$  does not generalize across graphs, i.e.  
Eigenfunctions are Laplacian-specific and therefore graph specific.

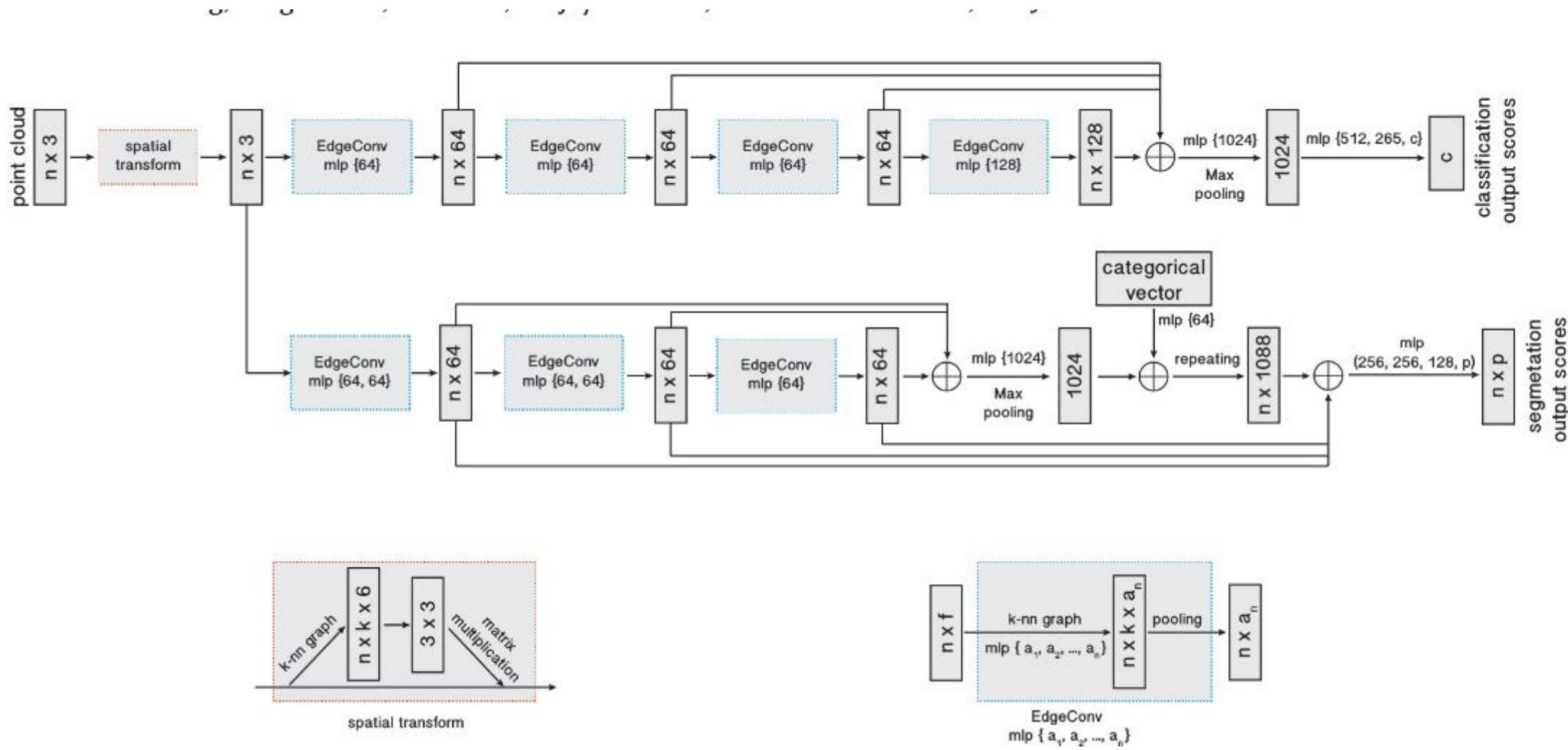
# Graph approach: Graph CNN



- **Minimal inner structure** (no fixed indexing of the nodes required)
- **Localized** (only neighbors are considered)
- **Weight sharing** (convolution-like operations)
- **Graph topology** independent

$$x_i = f\_gnn(\{x_j : j \rightarrow i\})$$

# Graph approach: Graph CNN

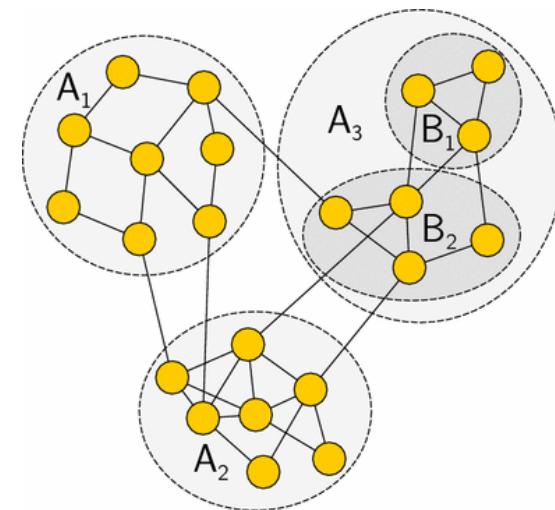
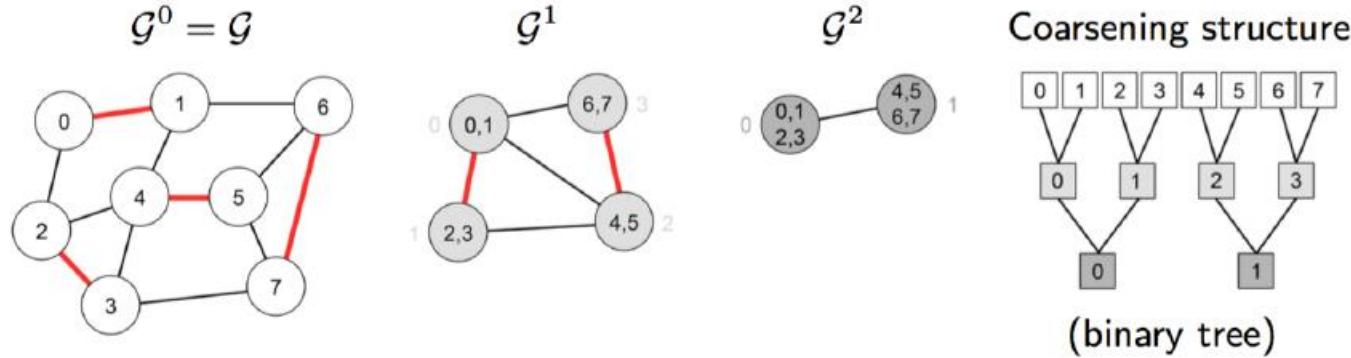


# Graph approach: Graph CNN

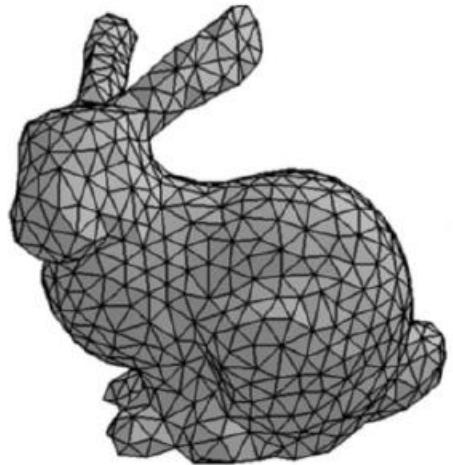
- Generalizes well to changing graph topologies
- Unified framework
- Slow k-nearest neighbor searches
- Only pairwise relationships and no assumption about being locally flat

# Graclus, the typical pooling layer

- Graph downsampling == graph coarsening == graph pooling == graph partitioning. Decompose Graph into meaningful clusters.
- Graph partitioning is NP hard → Use Graclus approximation



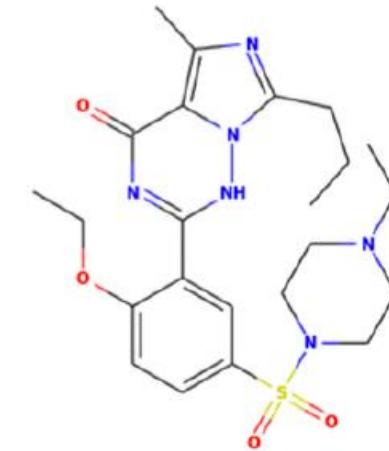
# Techniques can be easily generalized to general graphs



3D shape graph



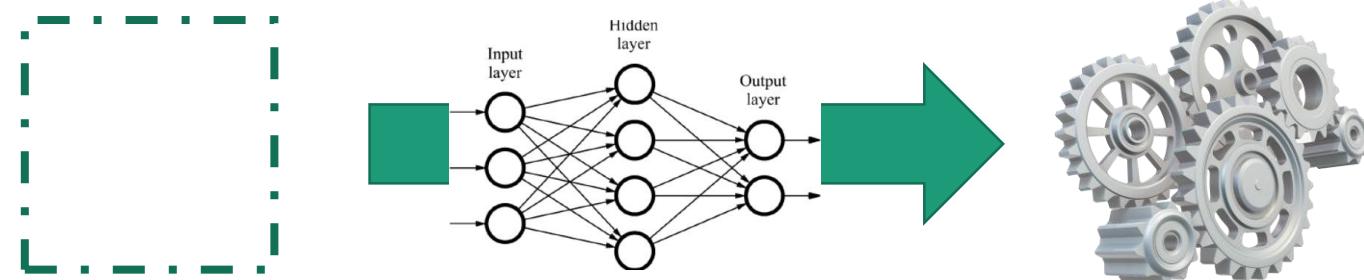
social network



molecules

# Open issues with mesh based representation

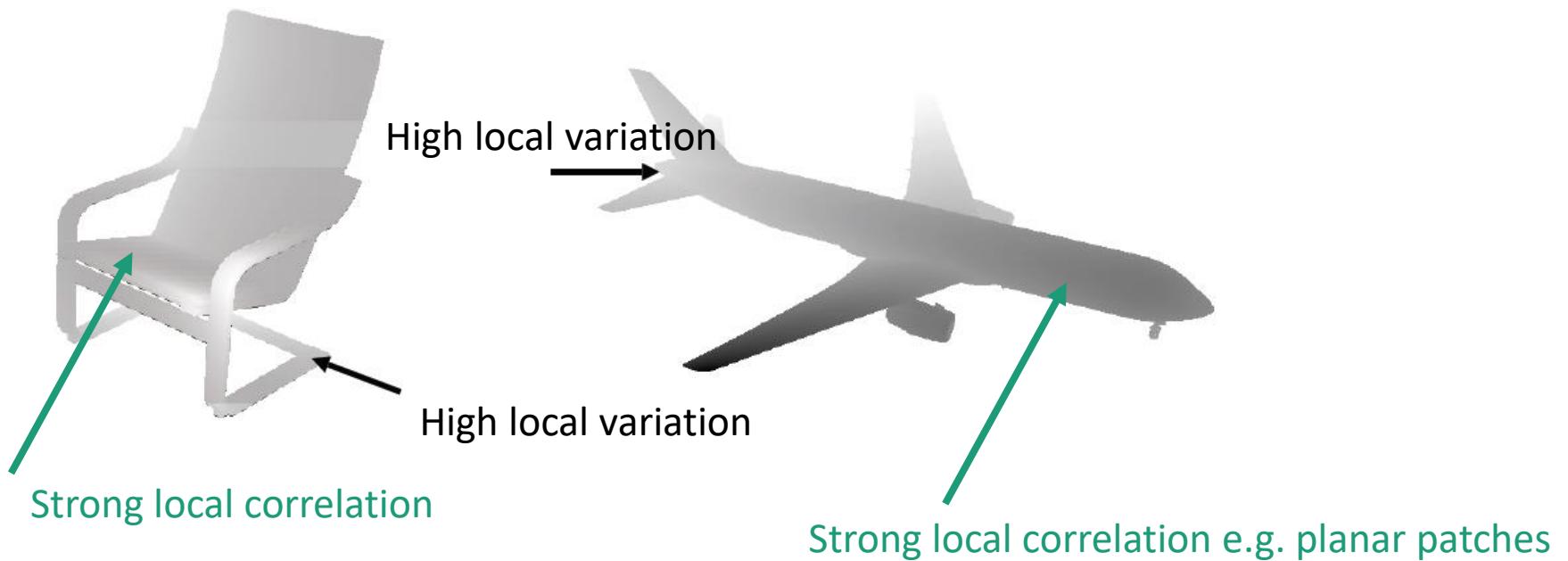
- Mesh as network output is difficult as topology may be variable
- Not clear how to generate shapes with topology variation
- No unique parametrization available, we need to match graphs in order to compute loss function!



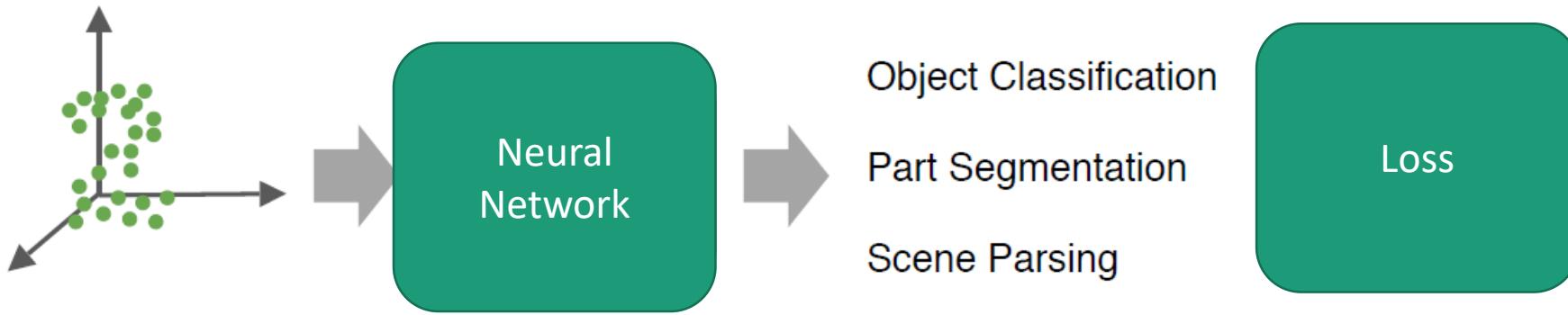
# Deep Learning on point clouds

- *The computer scientists' approach: theory follows implementation –*

# Statistics of geometry



# The desired pipeline

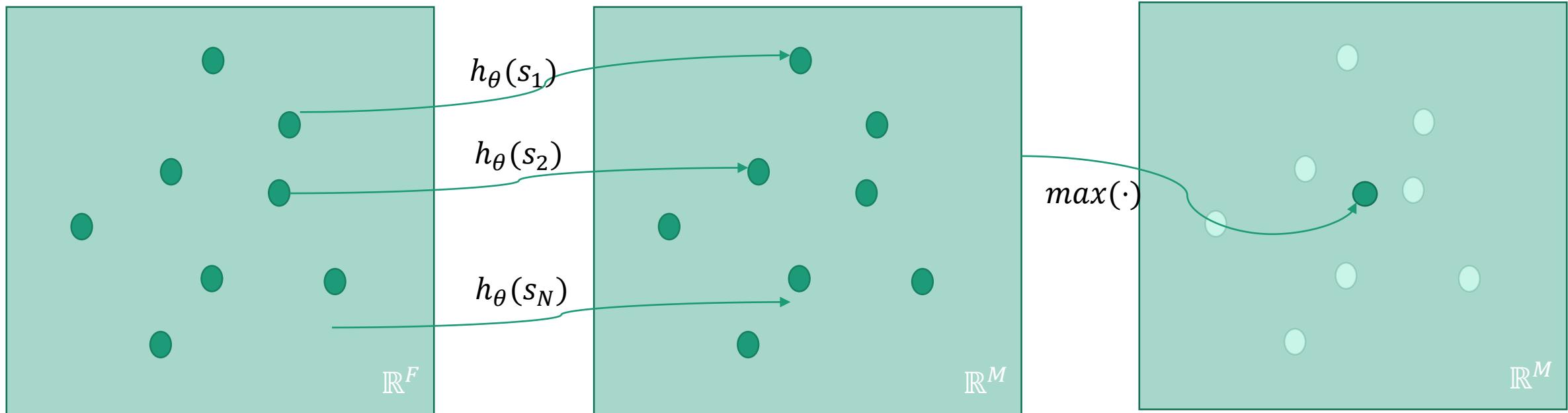


## Natural questions arise:

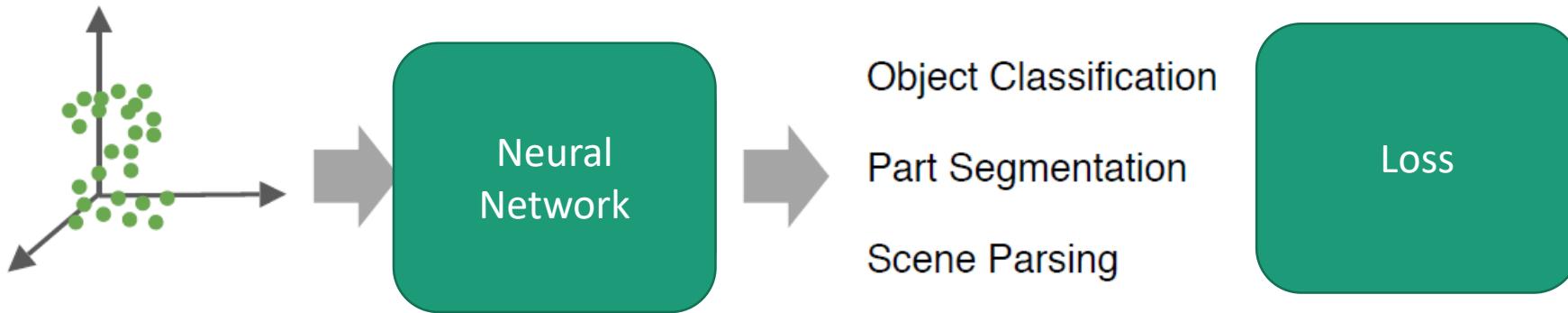
- How to order input points?
- How to induce that nearby points are correlated
- Which loss functions can I use?

# Simple approach

- $f(S) = g(\{h(s_1), h(s_2), \dots, h(s_N)\})$ ,  
with feature map  $h: \mathbb{R}^F \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^M$ , symmetric  $g: 2^X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^D$



# The desired pipeline



**Natural questions arise:**

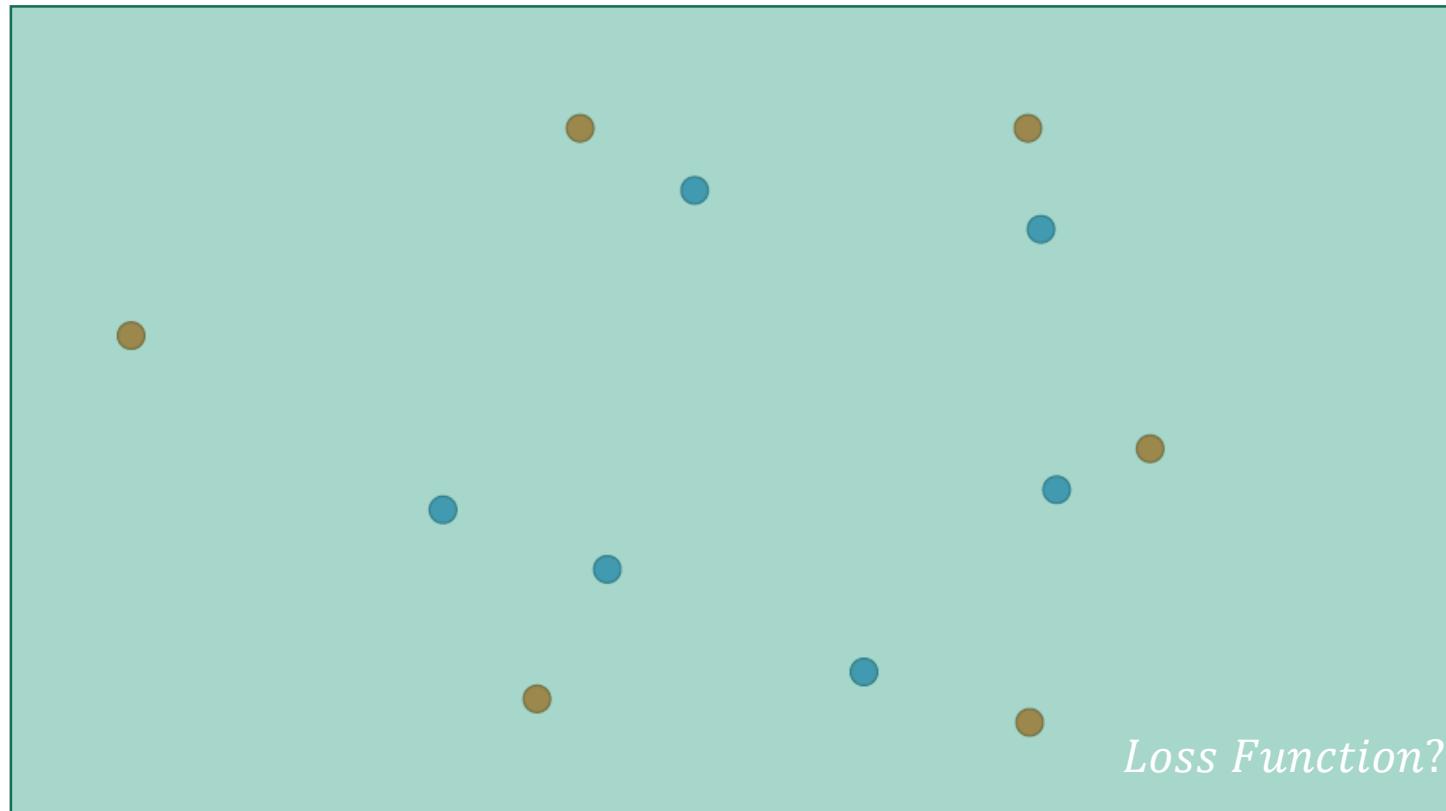
- How to order input points? → Doesn't matter, feature map  $h()$  gets applied individually
- How to induce that nearby points are correlated → Learned from data
- Which loss functions can I use? →  $g()$  yields a vector, standard losses for classification, etc.

→ What about segmentation, deconvolution, predicting points?

# Example semantic segmentation



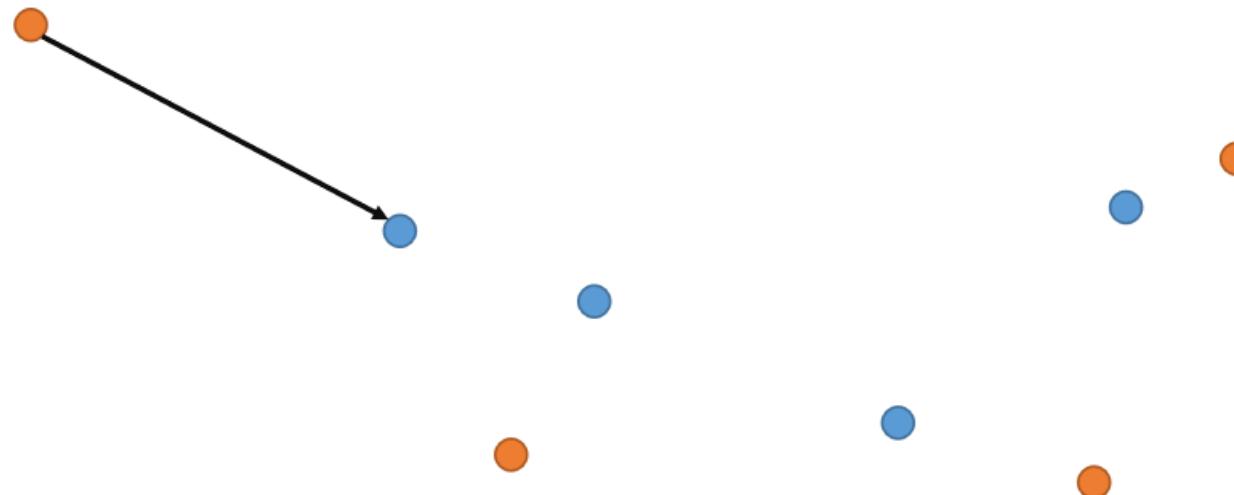
# Correspondence problem when predicting point clouds



Given two sets of points, measure their discrepancy

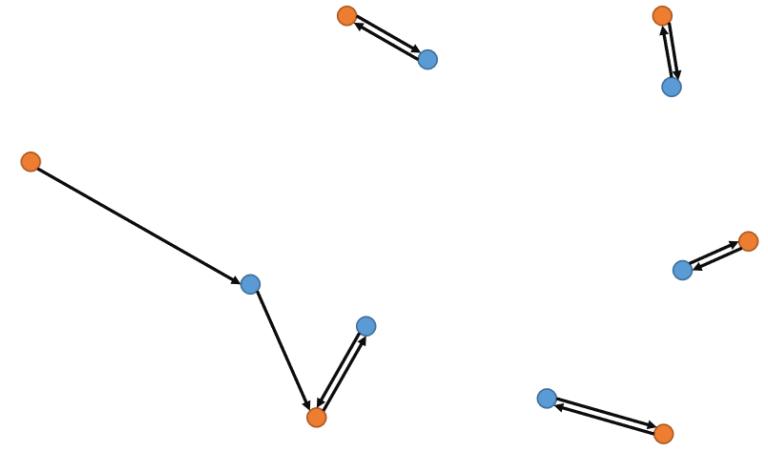
# Typical distances between sets

$$d_{Hausdorff}(S_1, S_2) = \max_{x \in S_1} \min_{y \in S_2} \|x - y\|_2^2 + \max_{x \in S_2} \min_{y \in S_1} \|x - y\|_2^2 \quad \text{Not very robust!}$$

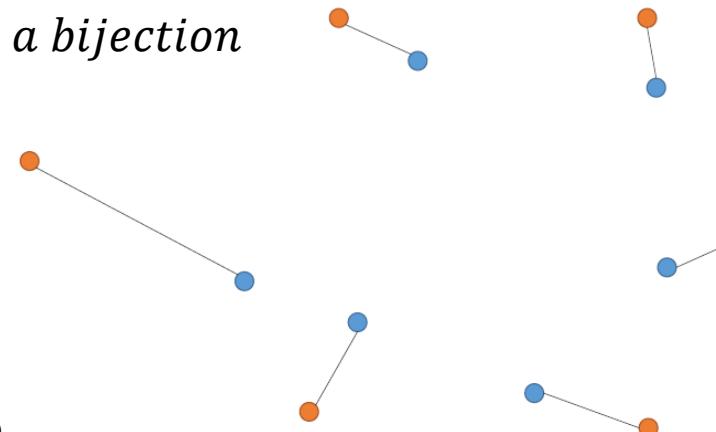


# Typical distances between sets

$$d_{Chemfer}(S_1, S_2) = \sum_{x \in S_1} \min_{y \in S_2} \|x - y\|_2^2 + \sum_{x \in S_2} \min_{y \in S_1} \|x - y\|_2^2$$



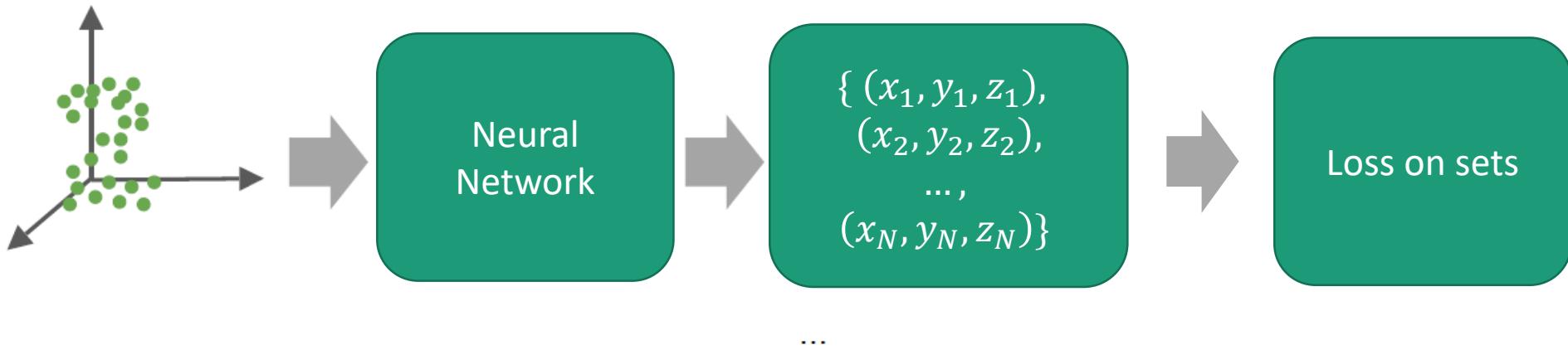
$$d_{EarthMover}(S_1, S_2) = \min_{\phi: x_1 \rightarrow x_2} \sum_{x \in S_1} \|x - \phi(x)\|_2^2 \text{ with } \phi: S_1 \rightarrow S_2 \text{ is a bijection}$$



Simple function of coordinates:

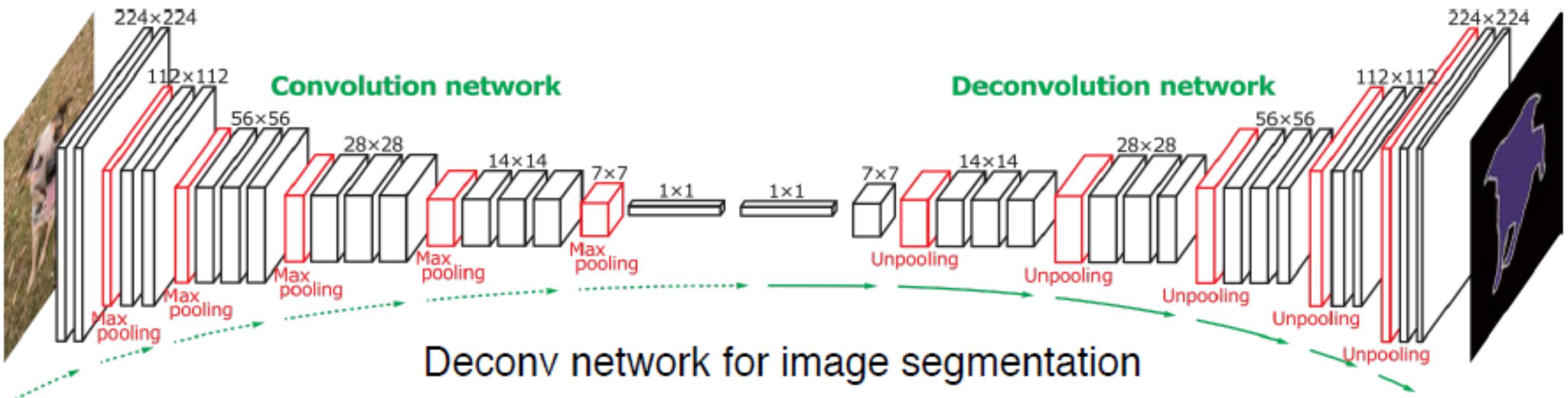
- In general positions, the correspondence is unique
- With infinitesimal movement, the correspondence does not change
- **Conclusion: differentiable almost everywhere**

# The desired pipeline for point predictions



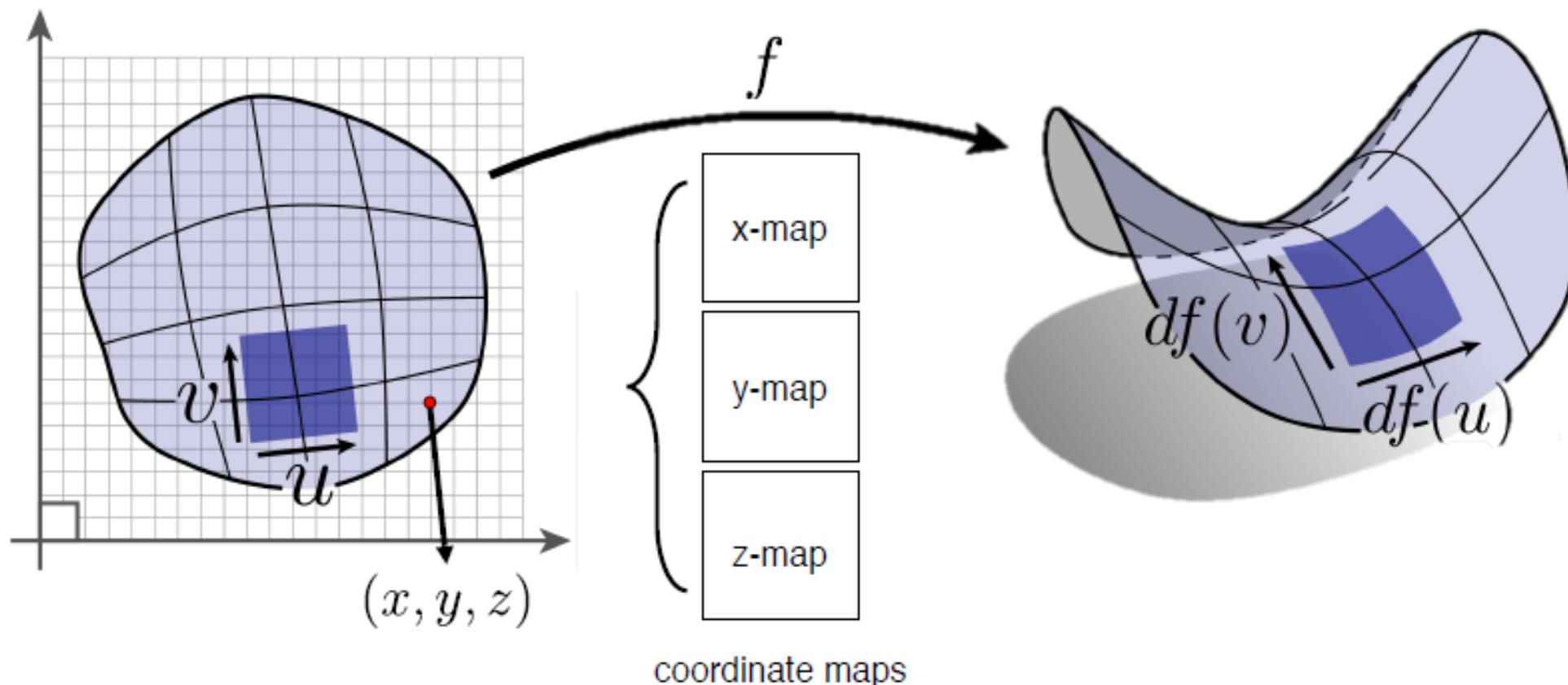
→ We want to predict points in space! How to implement deconvolution?

# Recap Image Segmentation with DeconvNet

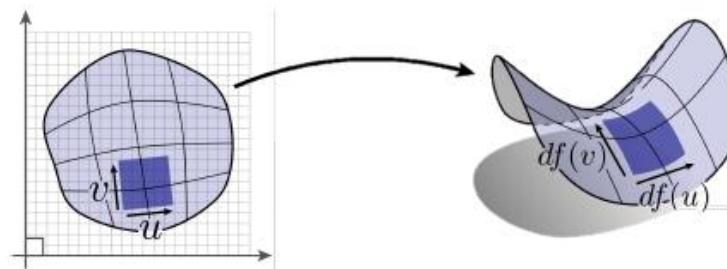


# Observation: Parametrization looks like image deconvolution

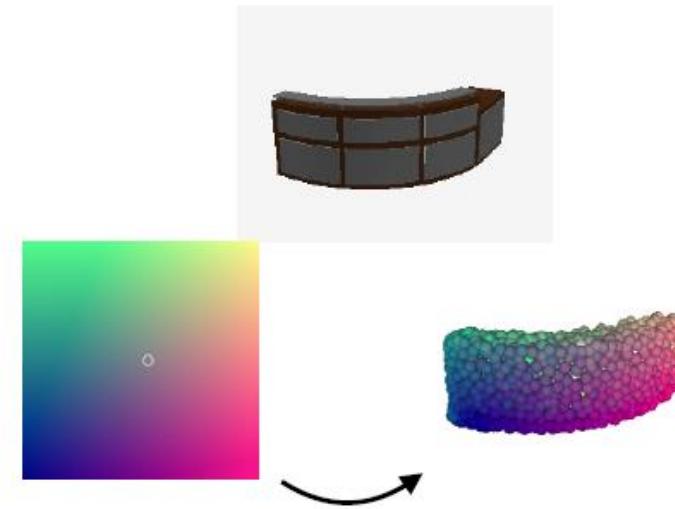
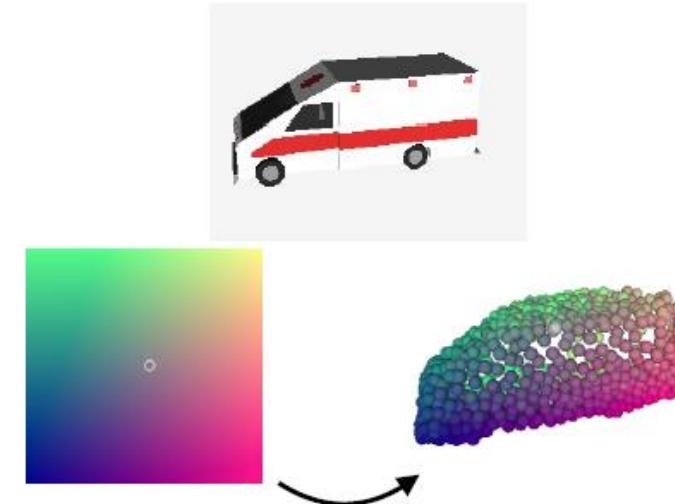
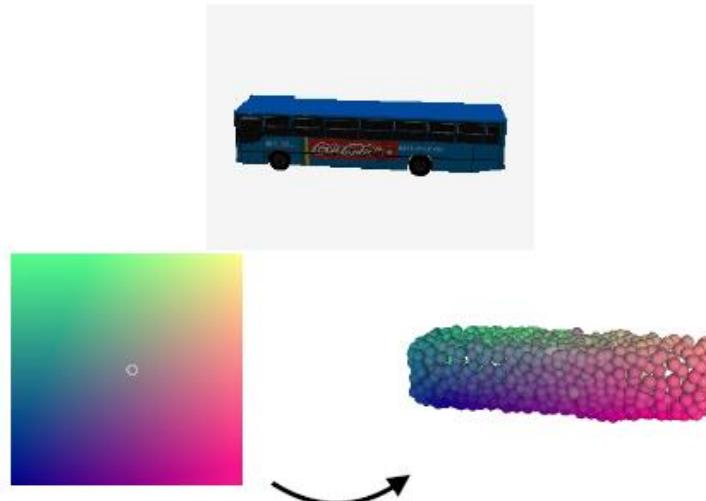
Surface parametrization ( $2D \leftrightarrow 3D$  mapping)



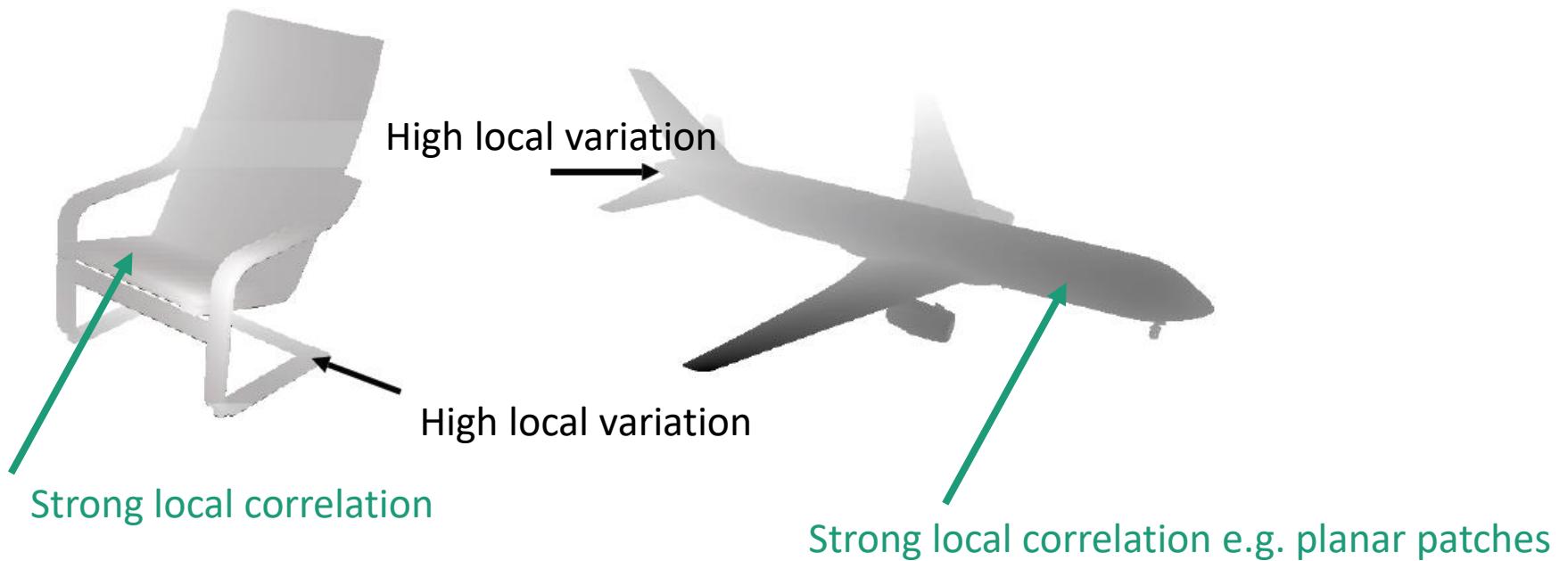
# Example Smooth Point Cloud Prediction



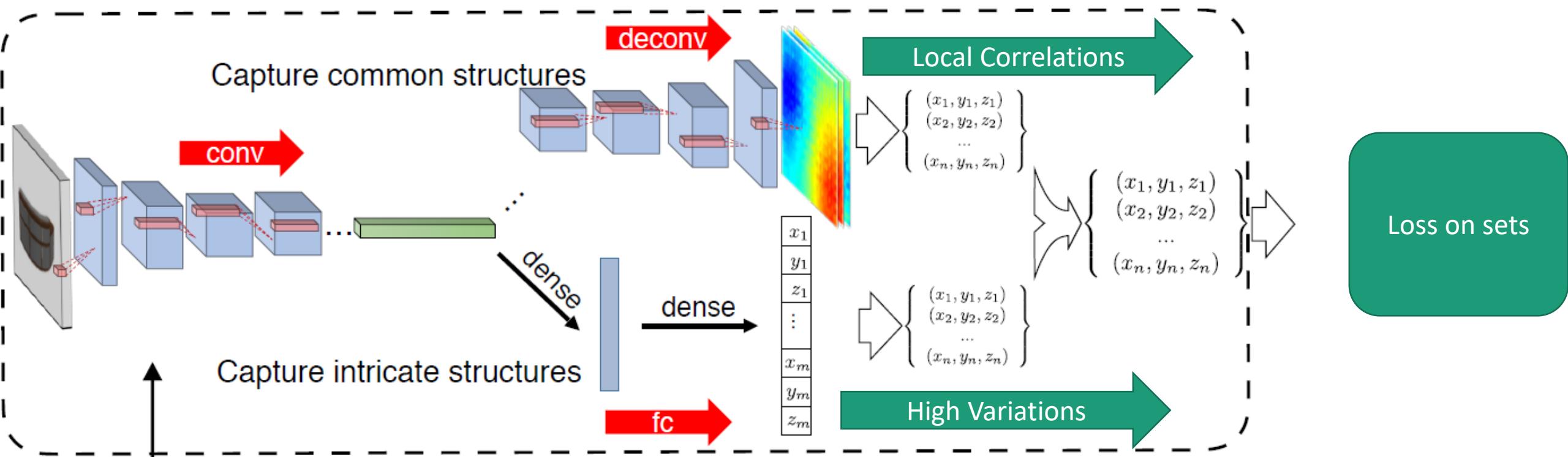
Network outputs are coordinate maps ( $x, y, z$ ) !



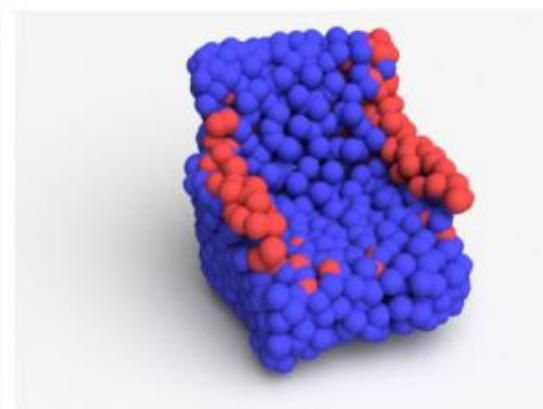
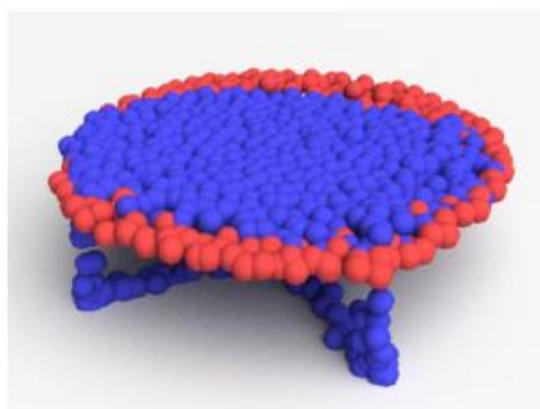
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# Full example architecture of a point network



# Sharp and Smooth structures

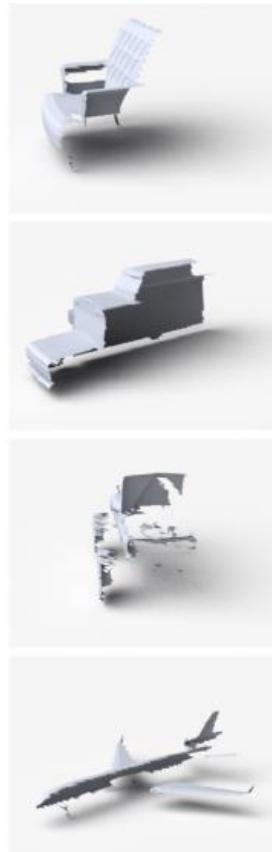


CVPR '17, Point Set Generation

# Example Shape Completion from RGB-D



RGBD map (input)

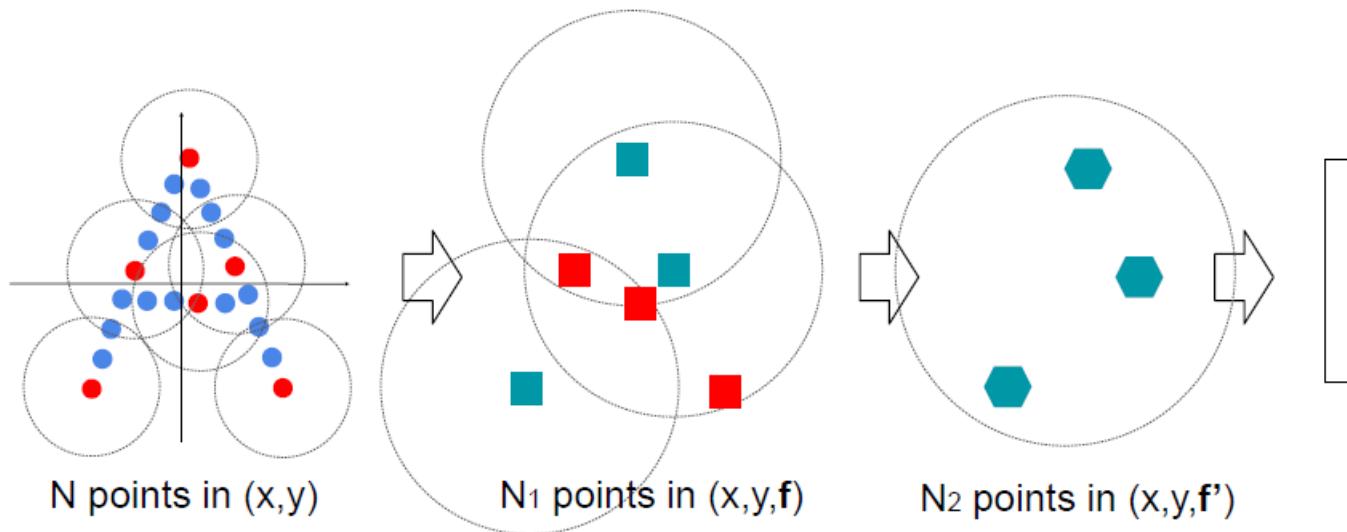


90° view of input



output: completed point cloud

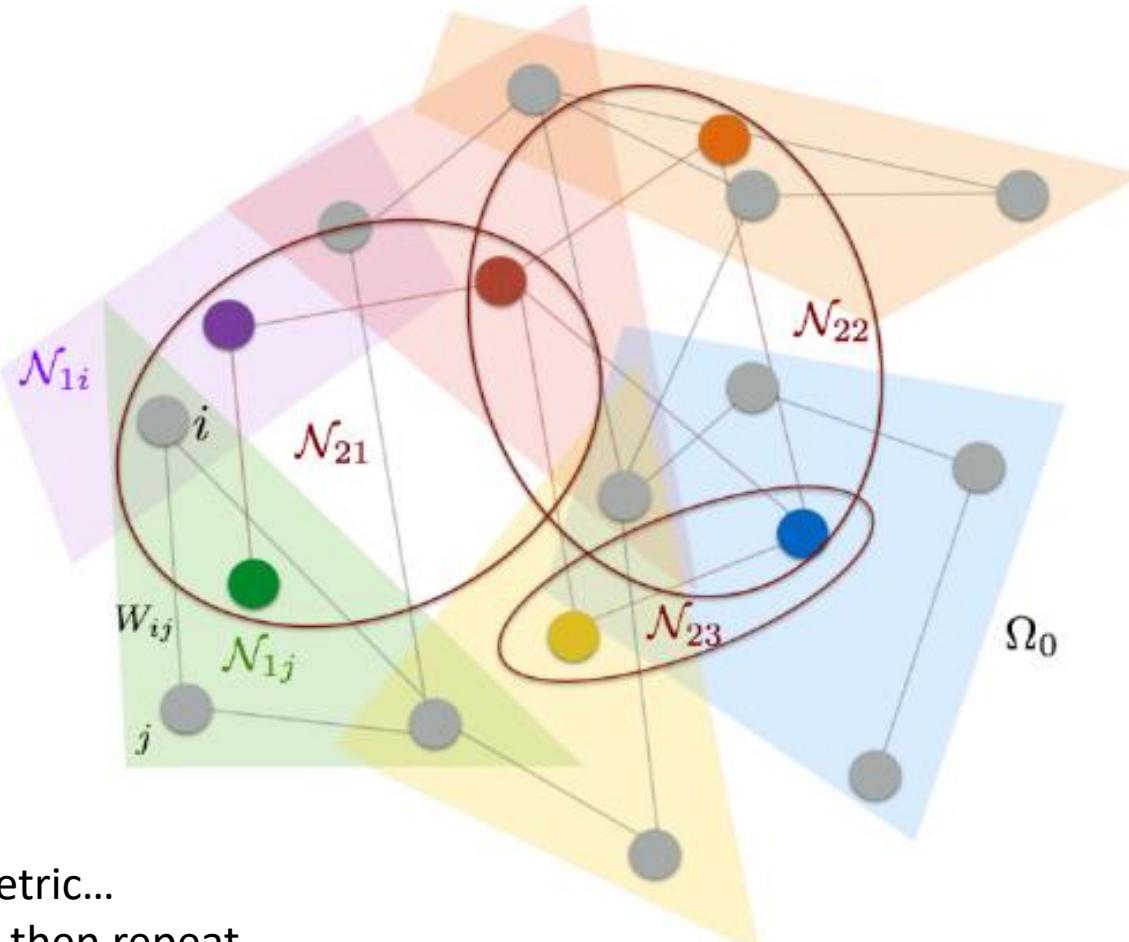
# Farthest point sampling (FPS), the typical pooling layer



# Common Framework

- *Everything is a graph* -

# Comparing to Graph CNN

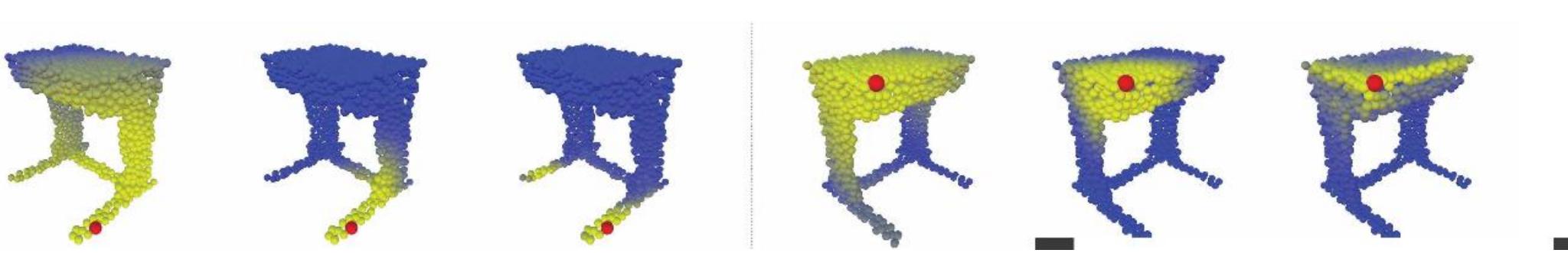


Very similar to Graph CNN with euclidean metric...  
...Local feature extraction, graph coarsening, then repeat .

# Graph CNN as a unification framework

|                              | Aggregation | Edge Function  | Learnable parameters |
|------------------------------|-------------|--|----------------------|
| PointNet [Qi et al. 2017b]   | —           | $h_{\Theta}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = h_{\Theta}(\mathbf{x}_i)$  | $\Theta$             |
| PointNet++ [Qi et al. 2017c] | max         | $h_{\Theta}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = h_{\Theta}(\mathbf{x}_j)$  | $\Theta$             |
| MoNet [Monti et al. 2017a]   | $\sum$      | $h_{\theta_m, w_n}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \theta_m \cdot (\mathbf{x}_j \odot g_{w_n}(u(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)))$ | $w_n, \theta_m$      |
| PCNN [Atzmon et al. 2018]    | $\sum$      | $h_{\theta_m}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = (\theta_m \cdot \mathbf{x}_j)g(u(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j))$                   | $\theta_m$           |

Table 1. Comparison to existing methods. The per-point weight  $w_i$  in [Atzmon et al. 2018] effectively is computed in the first layer and could be carried onward as an extra feature; we omit this for simplicity.



# Example in PyTorch

```
class Net(torch.nn.Module):
    def __init__(self):
        super(Net, self).__init__()

        nn = Seq(Lin(coord_dims, 64), ReLU(), Lin(64, 64))
        self.conv1 = PointConv(local_nn=nn)

        nn = Seq(Lin(coord_dims + 64, 128), ReLU(), Lin(128, 128))
        self.conv2 = PointConv(local_nn=nn)

        self.lin2 = Lin(128, 256)
        self.lin3 = Lin(256, num_classes)

    def forward(self, data):
        pos, batch = data.pos, data.batch

        edge_index = radius_graph(pos, r=0.2, batch=batch)
        x = F.relu(self.conv1(None, pos, edge_index))

        idx = fps(pos, batch, ratio=0.5)
        x, pos, batch = x[idx], pos[idx], batch[idx]

        edge_index = radius_graph([pos, r=0.2, batch=batch])
        x = F.relu(self.conv2(x, pos, edge_index))
        x = global_max_pool(x, batch)
        x = F.relu(self.lin2(x))
        x = self.lin3(x)
        return F.log_softmax(x, dim=-1)

model = Net()
optimizer = torch.optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=lr, momentum=0.95)
loss = (lambda x, y: F.nll_loss(F.log_softmax(x, dim=1), y))

from ummon import *
with Logger(loglevel=20, logdir='', log_batch_interval=1) as lg:
    trn = ClassificationTrainer(lg, model, loss, optimizer)
    trn.fit(train_loader, epochs=100)
```

# Graph CNN

- Practical applicable, easy to understand, fast, works well
- Unified framework, easy to implement
- Models only pairwise correlations
- Not using curvature information
- Set theoretic approach
- Not Riemannian

## Theorem:

A Hausdorff continuous symmetric function  $f : 2^X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  can be arbitrarily approximated by PointNet.

$$\left| f(S) - \gamma \left( \text{MAX}_{x_i \in S} \{h(x_i)\} \right) \right| < \epsilon$$

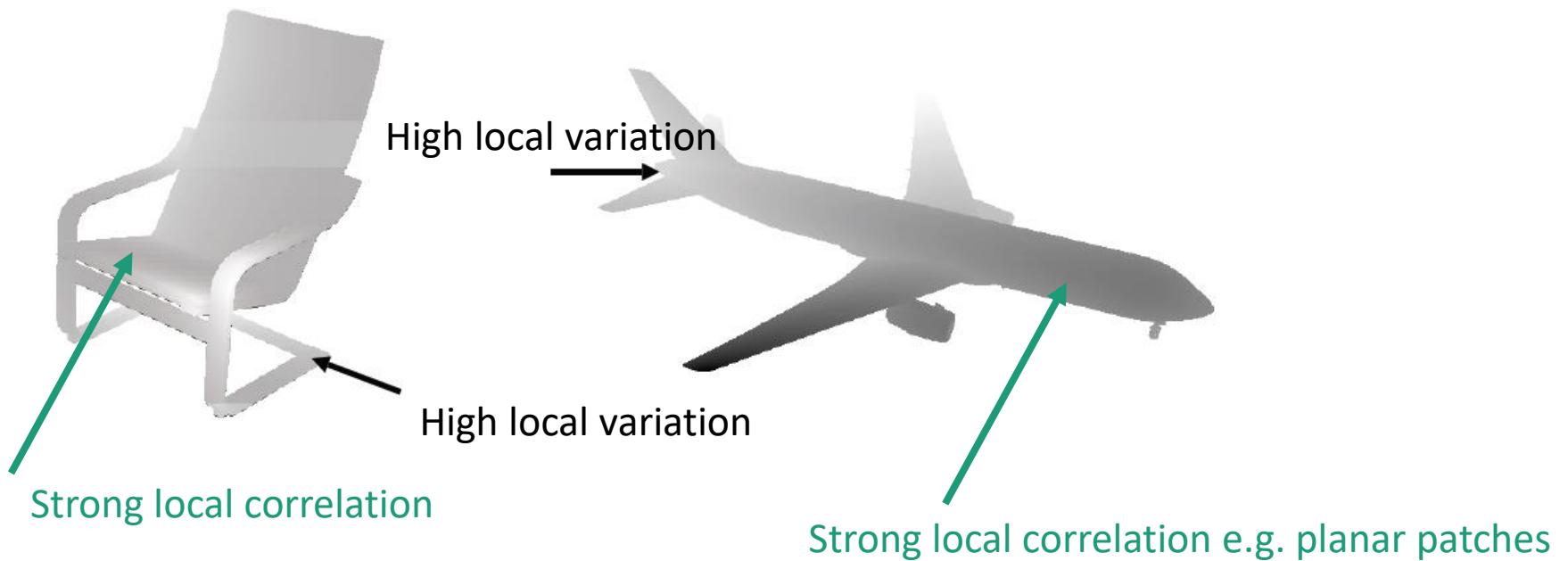
$S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ ,

**PointNet (vanilla)**

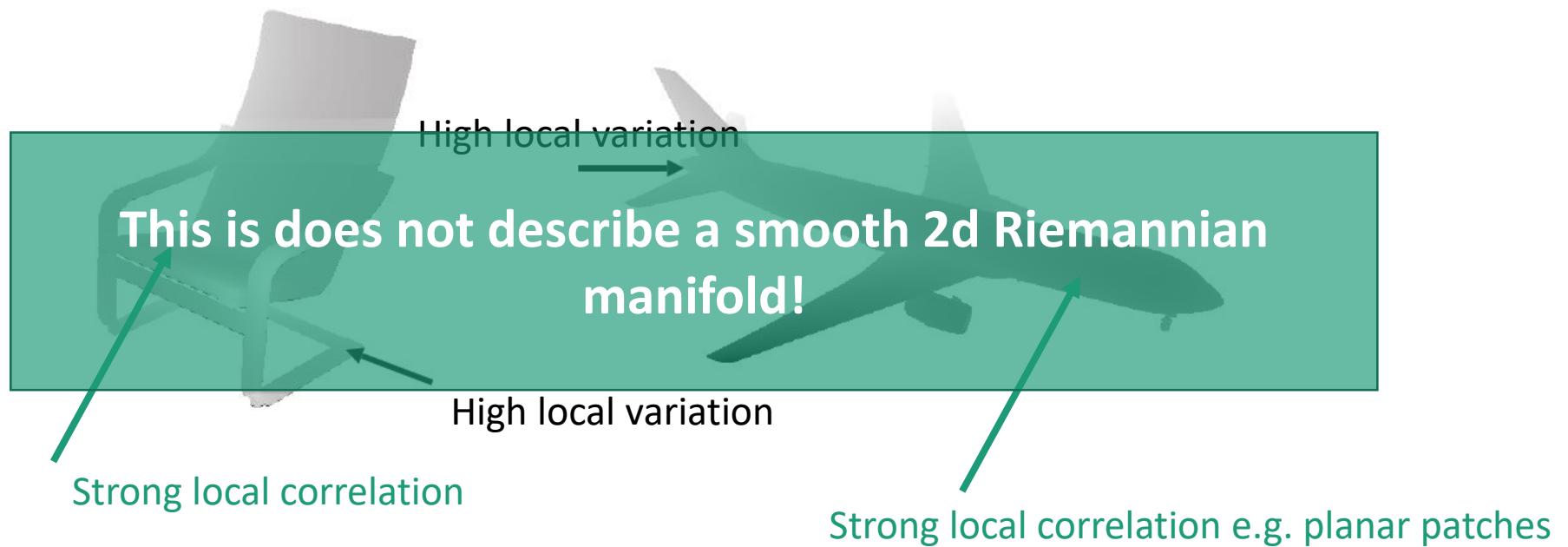
# Cool, but only half the story!

- *Carl Friedrich says-*

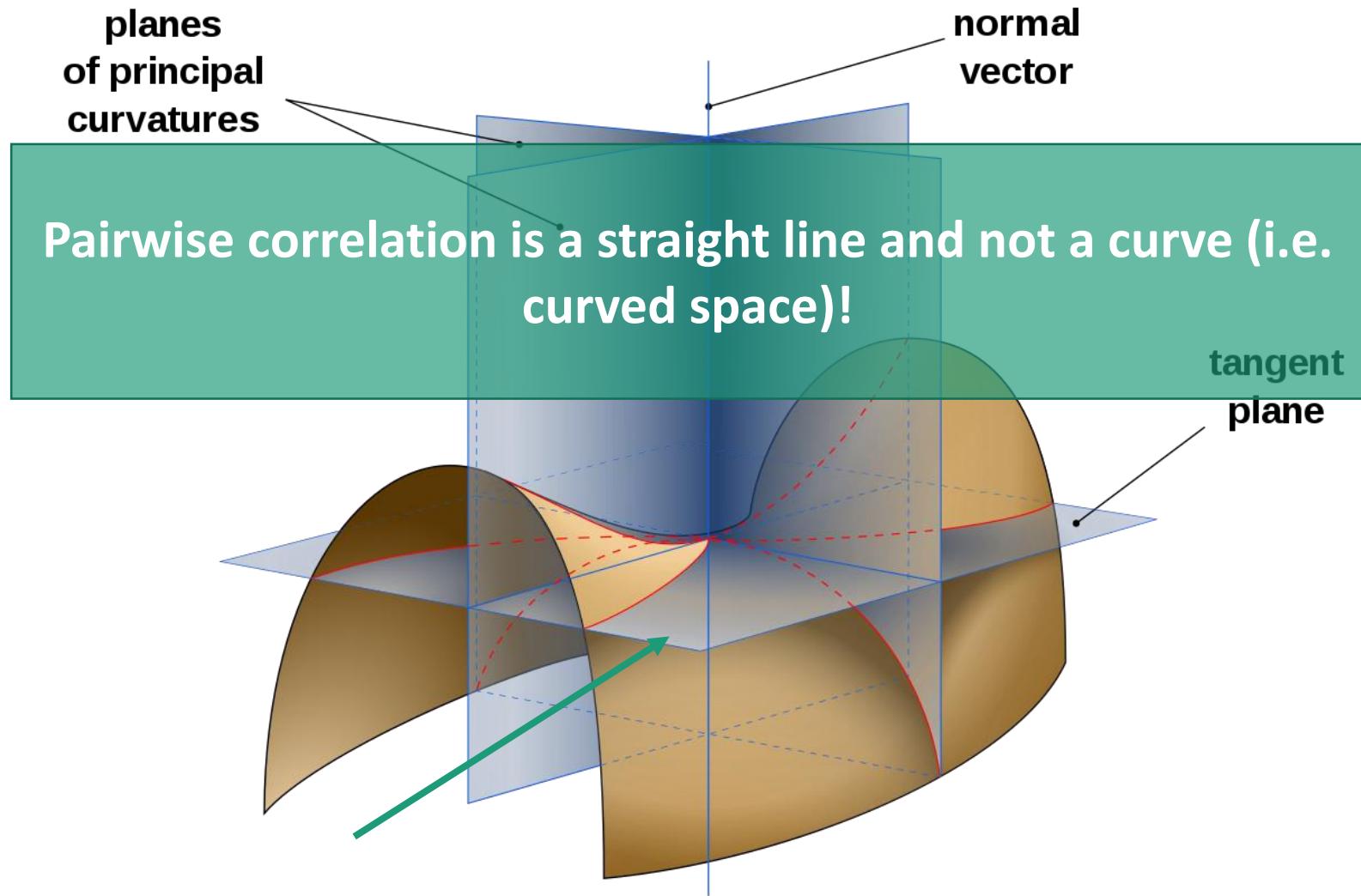
# Recap: Statistics of geometry



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# Why is it not a 2d Riemannian manifold?



# And, topological algebra does Deep Learning, too

## Gauge Equivariant Convolutional Networks and the Icosahedral CNN

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### Current Graph CNNs only work for scalar functions, what about wind directions?

#### Abstract

The principle of *equivariance to symmetry transformations* enables a theoretically grounded approach to neural network architecture design. Equivariant networks have shown excellent performance and data efficiency on vision and medical imaging problems that exhibit symmetries. Here we show how this principle can be extended beyond global symmetries to local gauge transformations. This enables the development of a very general class of convolutional neural networks on manifolds that depend only on the intrinsic geometry, and which includes many popular methods from equivariant and geometric deep learning.

We implement gauge equivariant CNNs for sig-

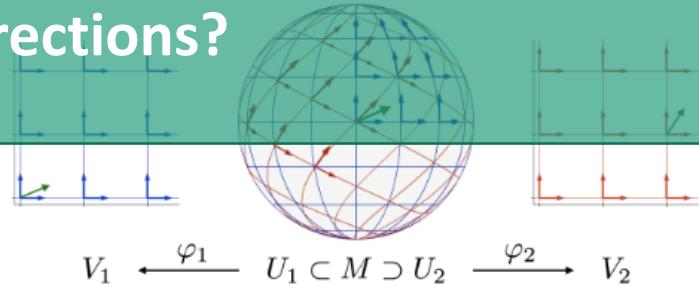
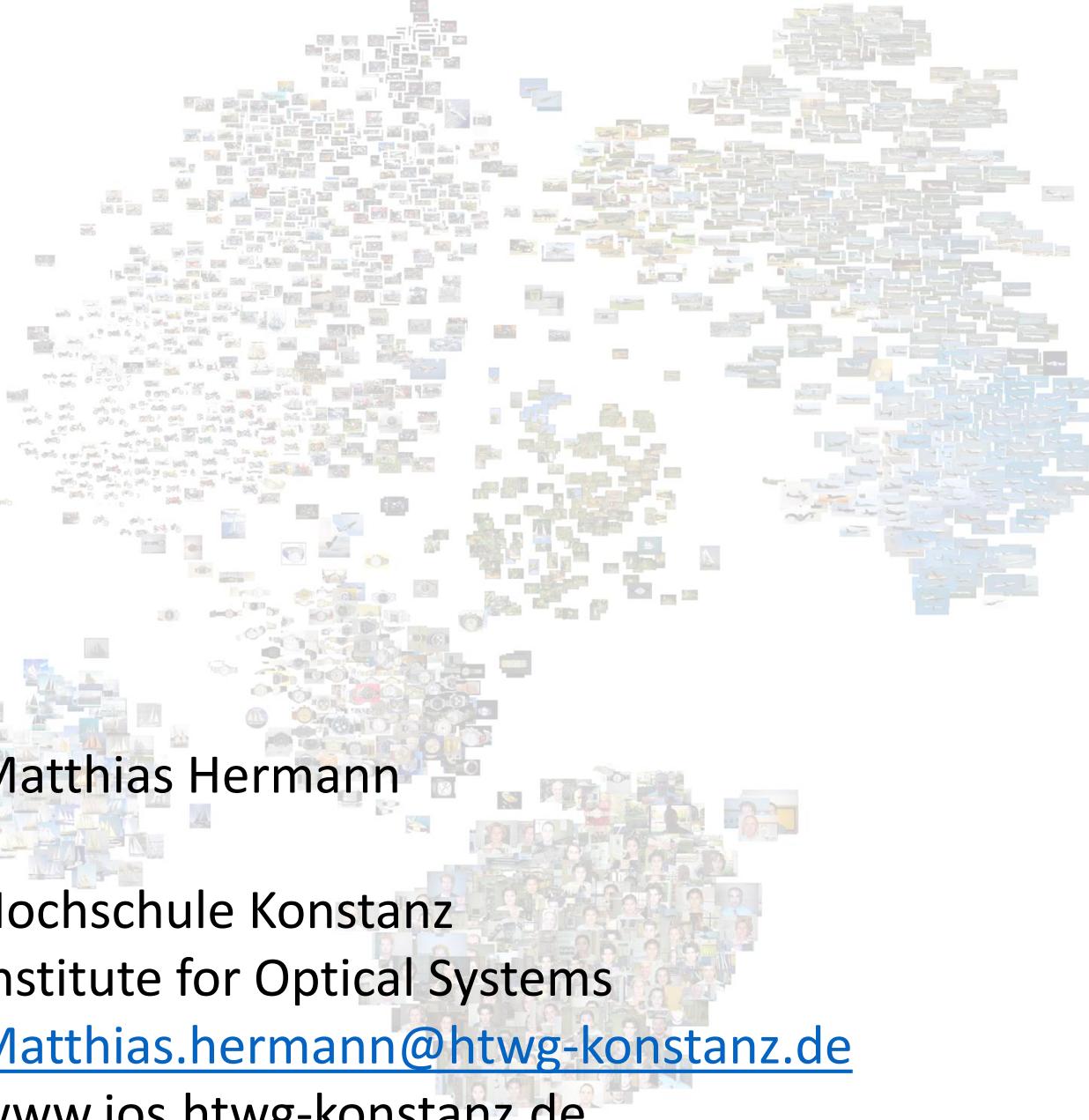


Figure 1. A gauge is a smoothly varying choice of tangent frame on a subset  $U$  of a manifold  $M$ . A gauge is needed to represent geometrical quantities such as convolutional filters and feature maps (i.e. fields), but the choice of gauge is ultimately arbitrary. Hence, the network should be equivariant to gauge transformations, such as the change between red and blue gauge pictured here.



# Thanks for your attention!

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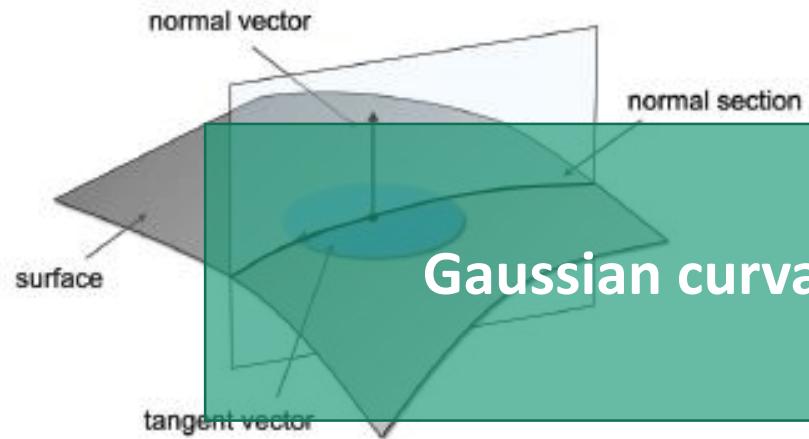
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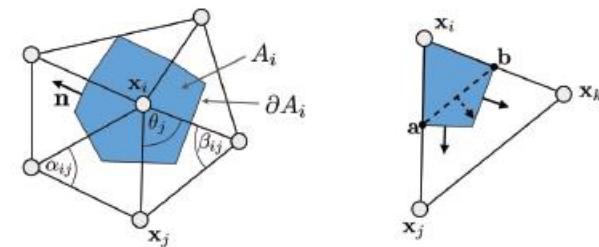
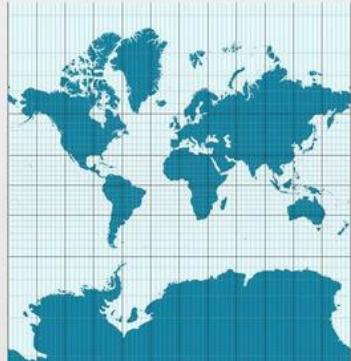
# Next time, integrating curvature!



Laplace-Beltrami:  
The Swiss Army Knife of Geometry Processing



## Theorema Egregium



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$$K = \frac{<(\nabla_{e_2} \nabla_{e_1} - \nabla_{e_1} \nabla_{e_2}) e_1, e_2 >}{\det g}$$