

TGDA + Neuroscience Project: Shape Analysis and classification via Persistent Homology

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0. Problem Statement

Input: Non-Rigid World [TOSCA](#) database of 3D shapes.

About 10 classes, 150 shapes, 3000 vertices in each object.

Output: Classification between different classes

Challenges:

- Dataset too large to process all (3000×150 3D points)
- Discriminate shapes from ***different class***, without being overly sensitive to ***different poses*** of a given class.



point clouds

Figure 1: Different poses of the cat shape.

1. Basic Pipeline

**Surfaces,
Point Clouds**

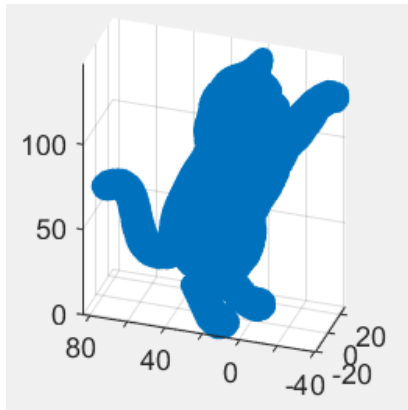


**Distance
Matrix**

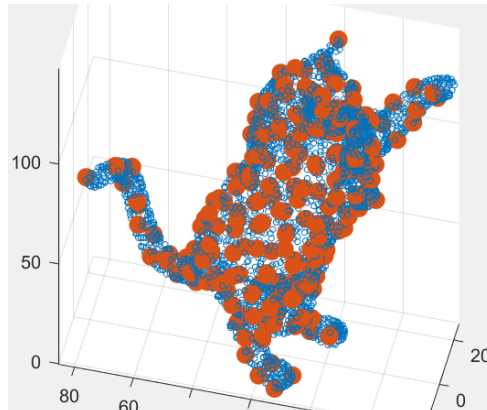
↑
Subsample

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Build graph

↑
Compute geodesic distance



CAT1 in TOSCA



NFPS = 200
(take 200 points)

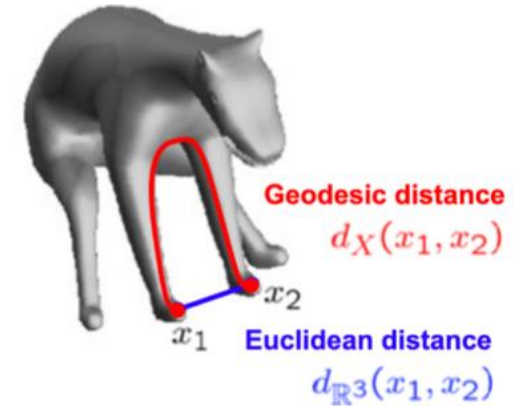
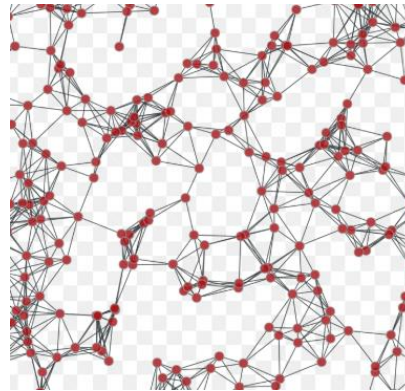
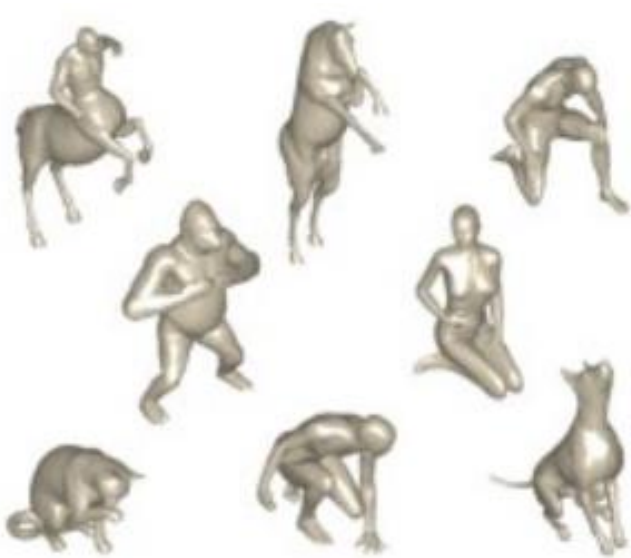


Image by Bronstein² and Kimmel

1. Basic Pipeline

Surfaces,
Point Clouds → Distance
Matrix

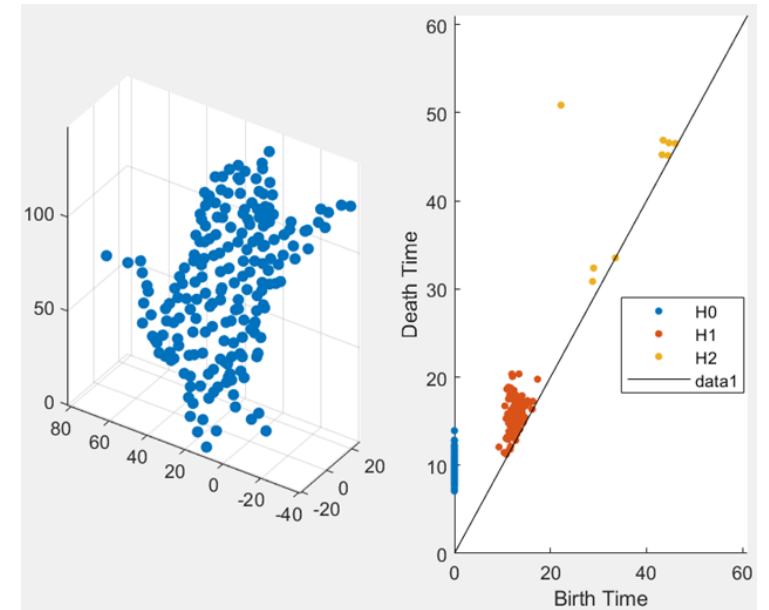


Ripser

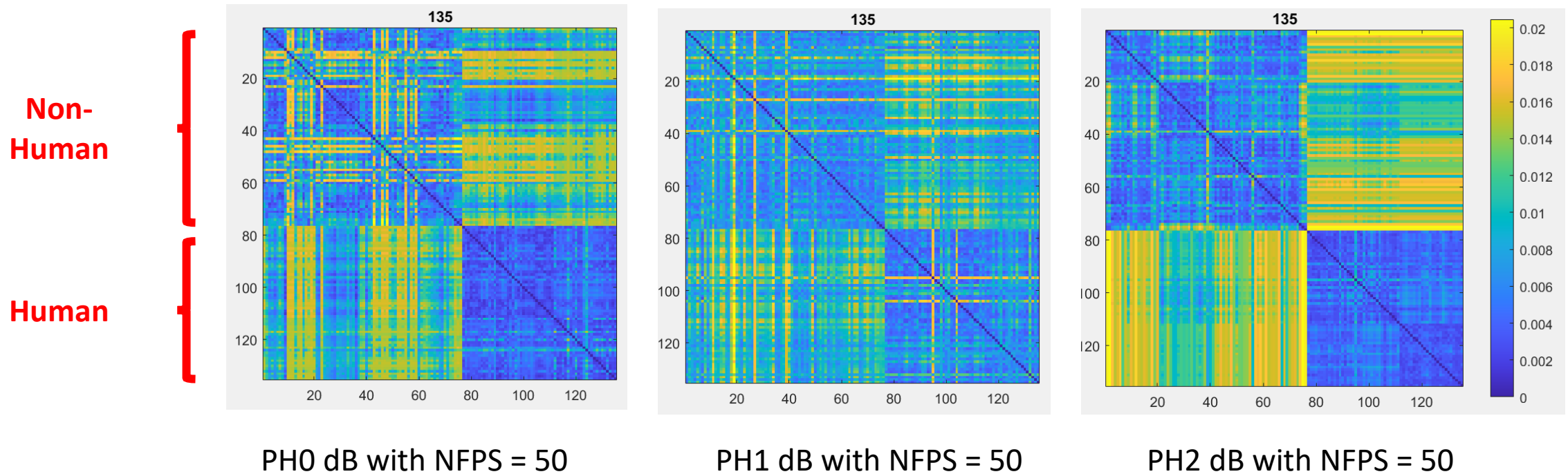


Do computation of Vietoris–Rips
persistence barcodes [2]

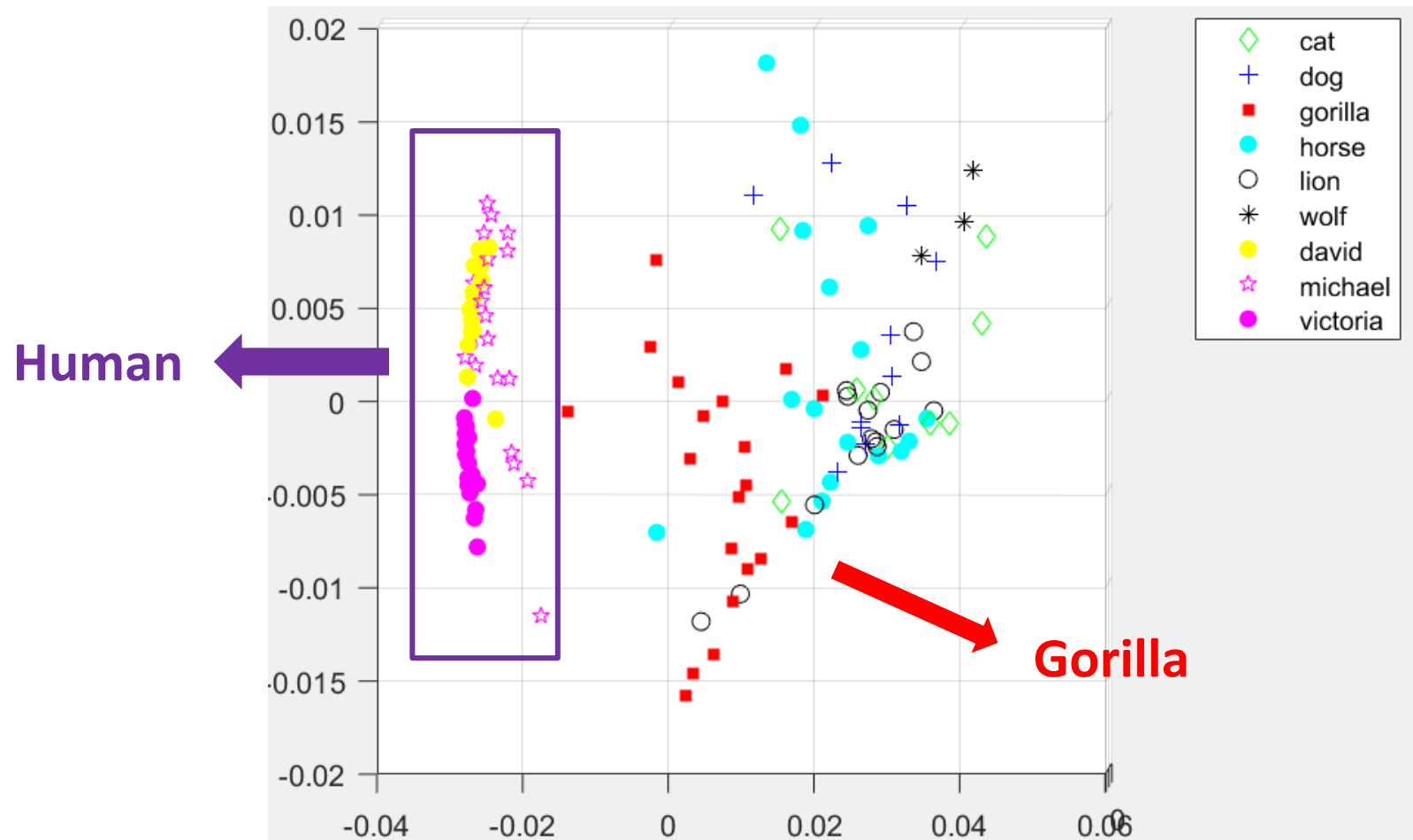
**Persistence Diagrams,
Barcodes**



2. Bottleneck Distance Matrices



3. Visualization: Multi Dimensional Scaling

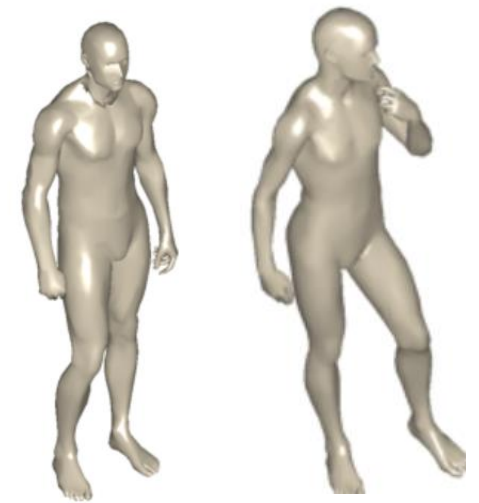
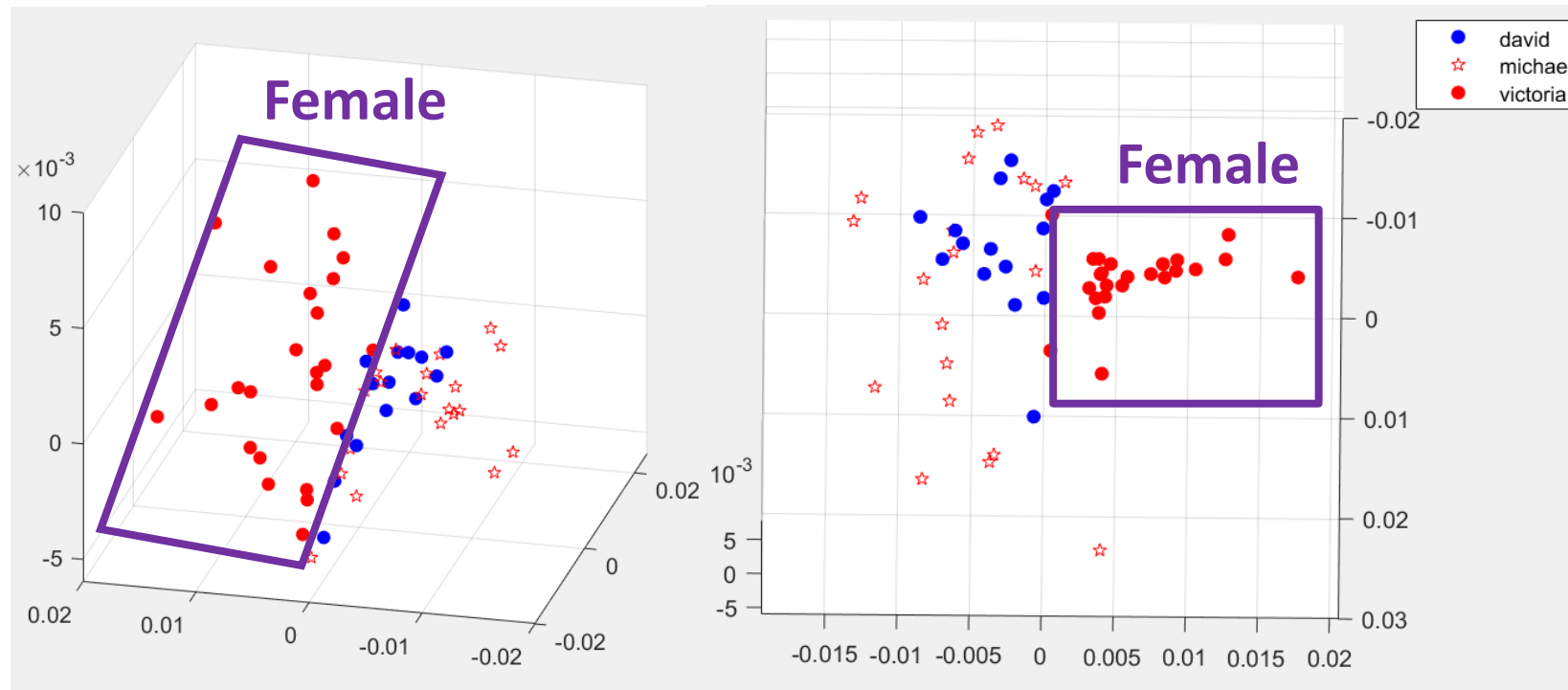


with **cmdscale** function in MATLAB based on PH2

3. Multi Dimensional Scaling - Human

- Classify well: male vs. female
- Problem: male vs. male ?

Actually Twins

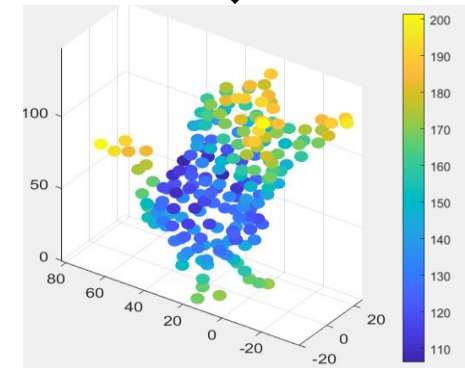
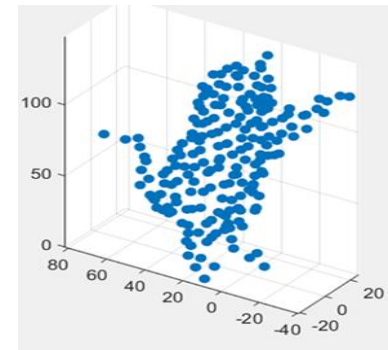


Michael15

David2

4. Next Step

- Apply Machine Learning to get better model
 - Better combination: $A = A_0 \times dB0 + A_1 \times dB1 + A_2 \times dB2$
 - k -Nearest Neighbors : `Mdl = fitcknn()`
- Apply **Eccentricity Function** to **enlarge features** [1]
 - For two connected points x, y : $G(x, y) = 1$
 - Current Weight: $w(x, y) = ||x - y||$
 - Better Weight: $w(x, y) = ||x - y|| \mathbf{e}(x) \mathbf{e}(y)$
 - Normalization



What I learn these days

- Experience of **processing large geometric database**
 - **Subsampling**: random, FPS, ...
 - **Noise Canceling**: which points to choose
 - What I should prepare for: huge dataset, long running time...
- Experience of **Topology Data Analysis**
 - Basic ideas of **Persistent Homology**
 - Important features and their meaning: **DM, PD, Barcodes**, ...

Reference

- [1] *Gromov-Hausdorff Stable Signatures for Shapes using Persistence*, Frédéric Chazal, 2009.
- [2] [*Ripser*](#): *efficient computation of Vietoris-Rips persistence barcodes*, Ulrich Bauer, 2019.