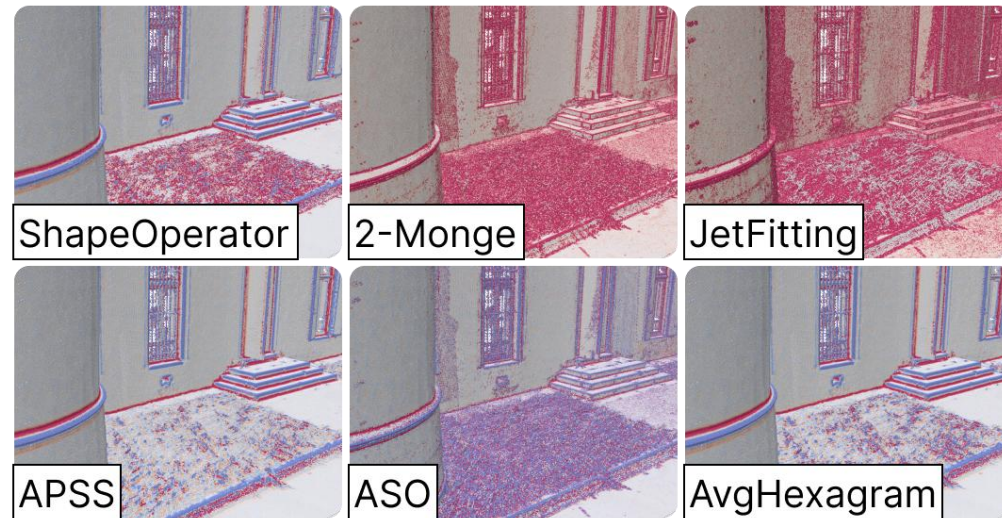


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# Context

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# 3D point clouds

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- Capture real world geometry
- From real objects to virtual scenes



# 3D point clouds – Applications

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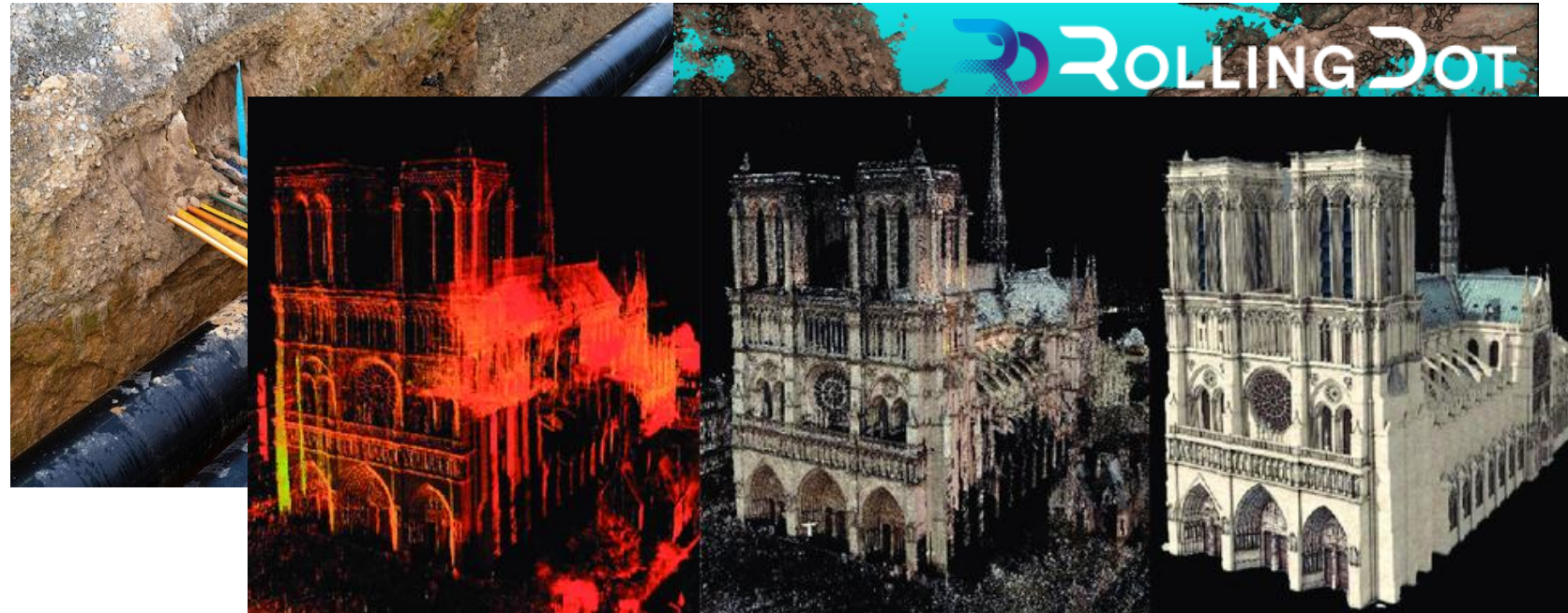
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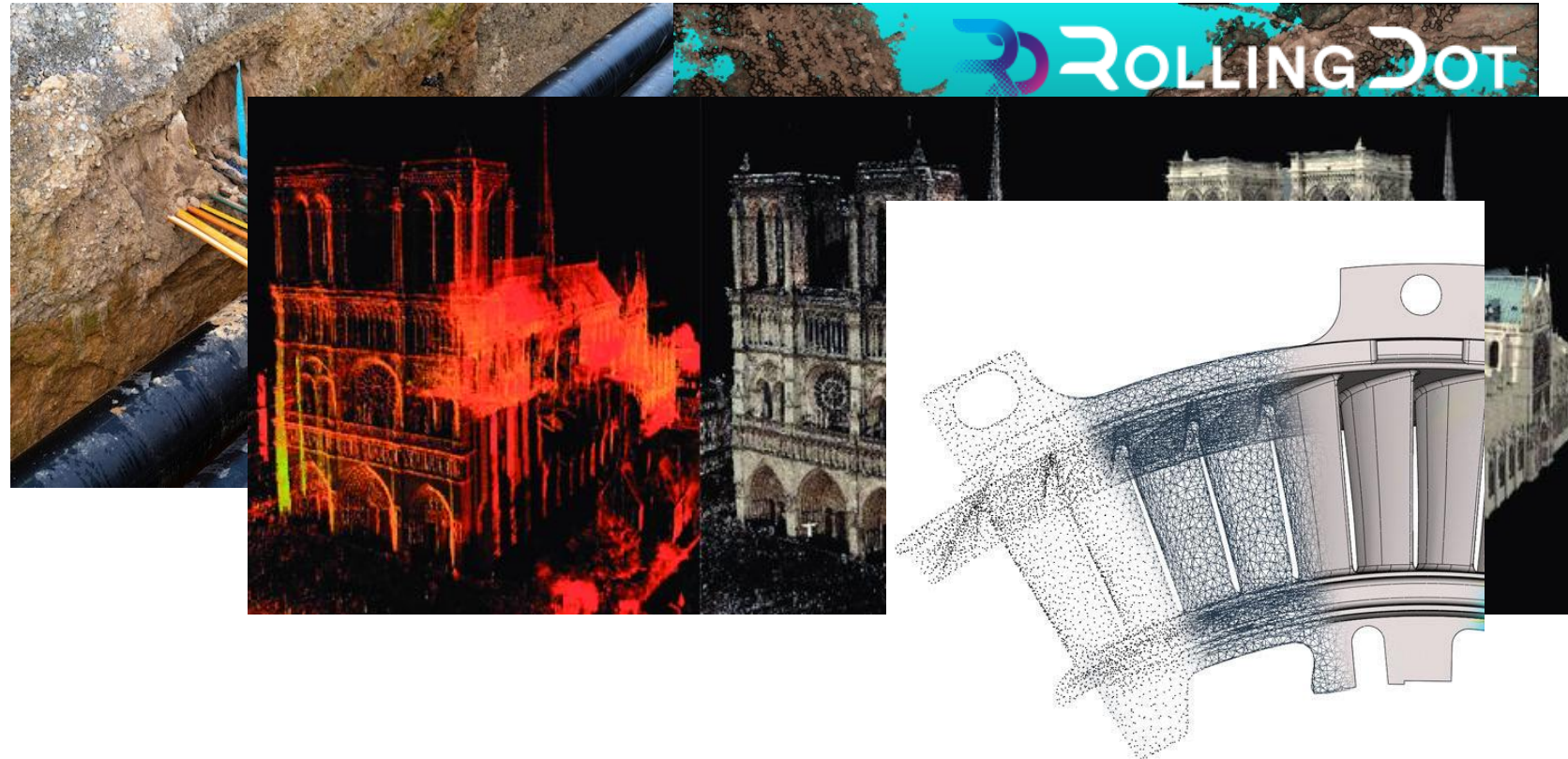
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- Maintenance
- Cultural Heritage



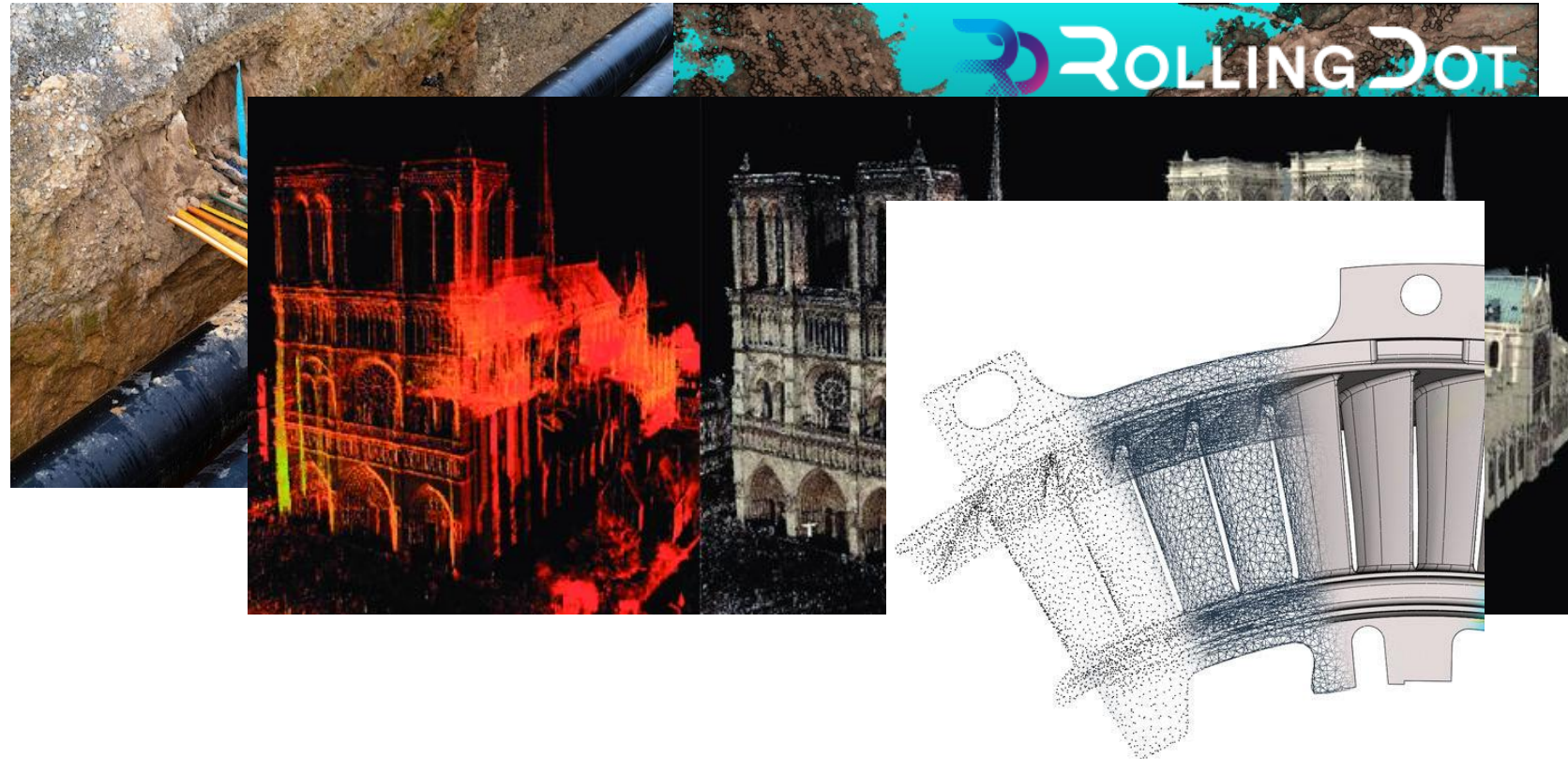
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- Maintenance
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- Reverse Engineering
- ...
- Toward 3D digital twins



# 3D point clouds – Acquisition processes

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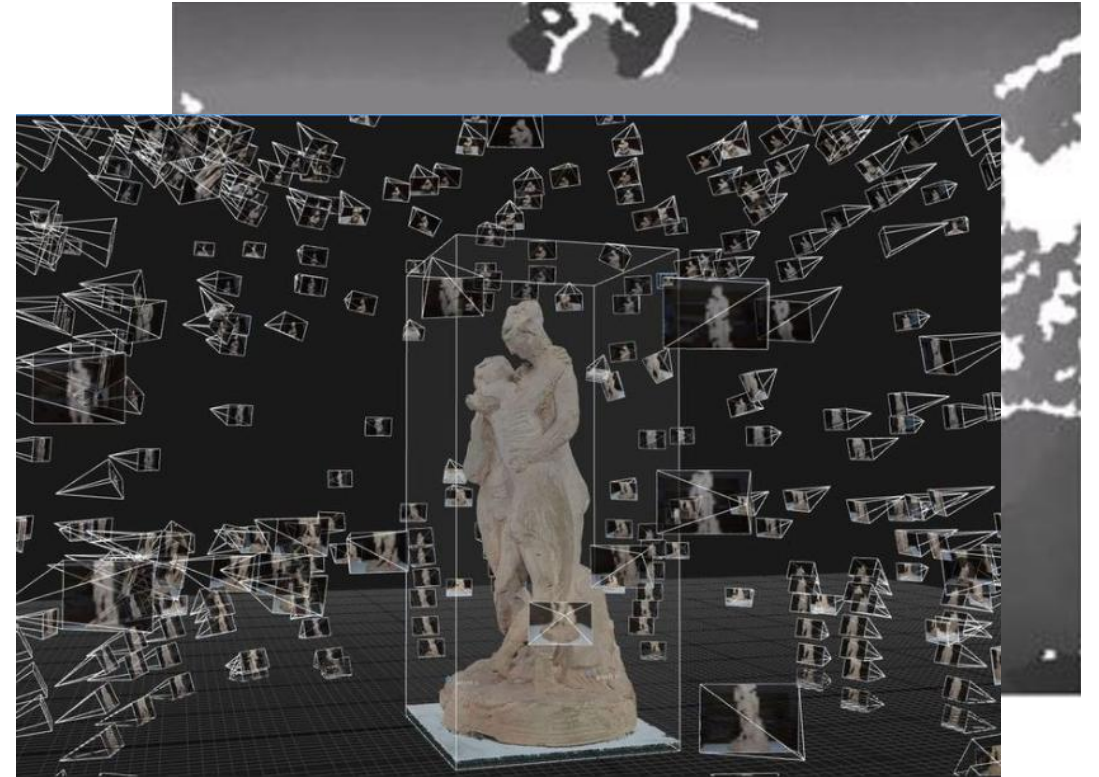
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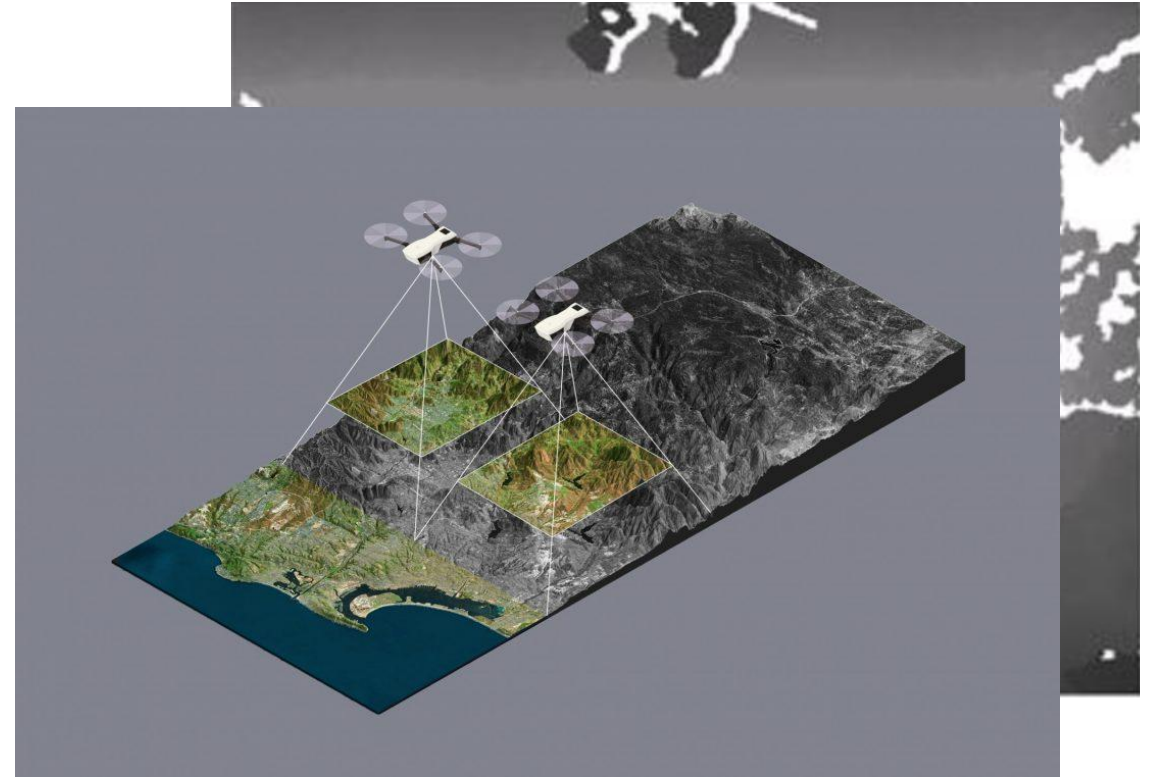
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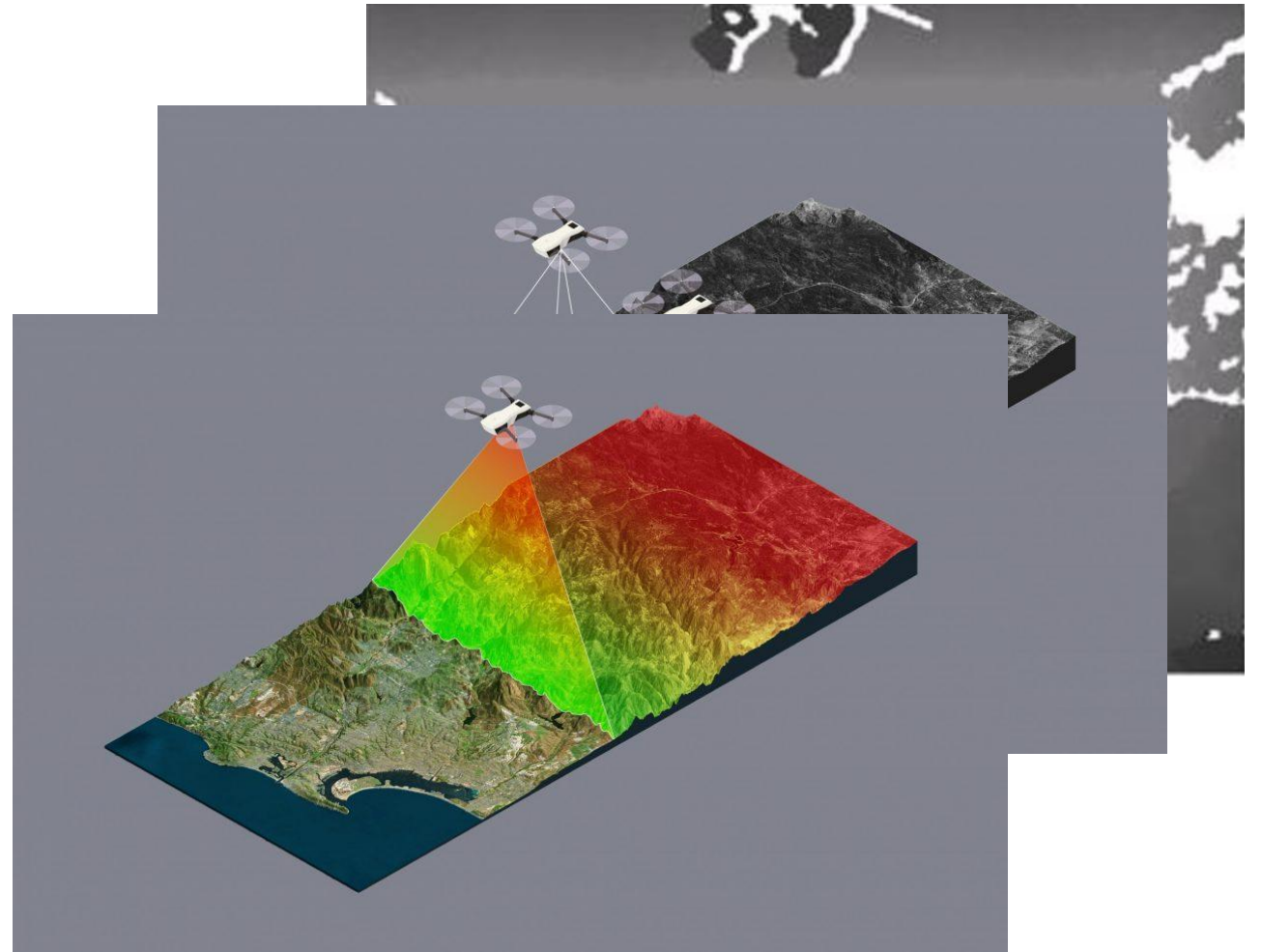
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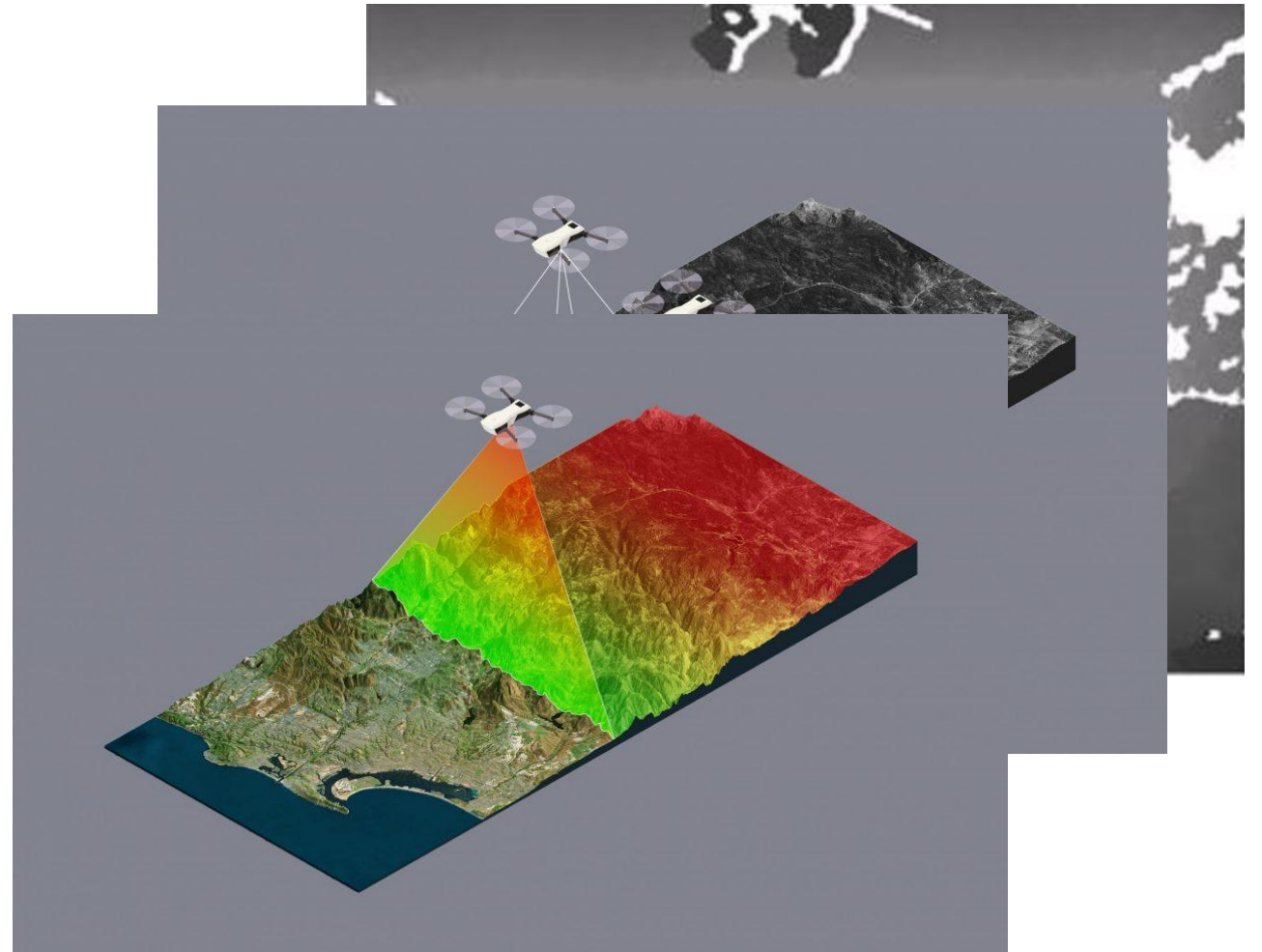
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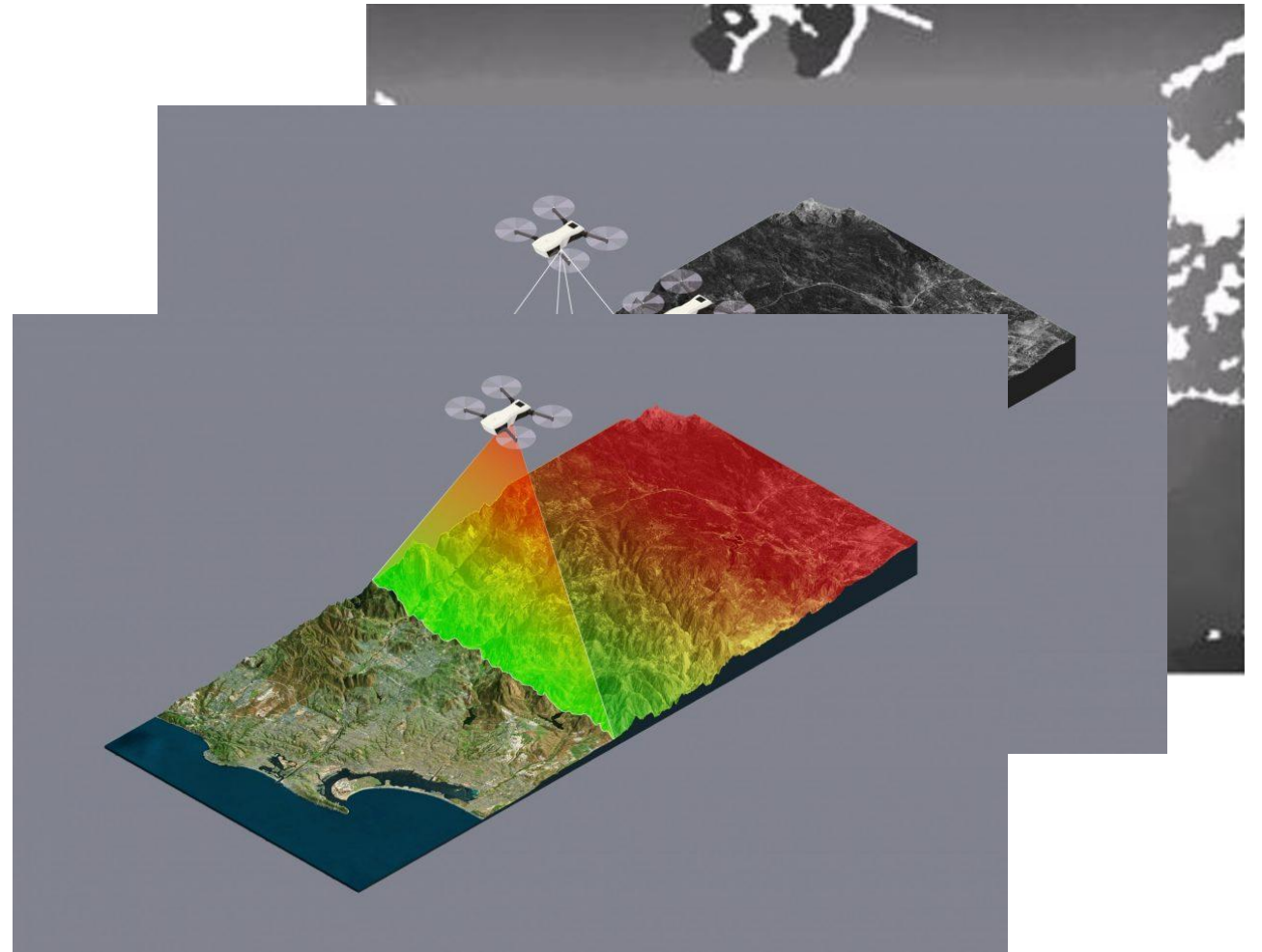
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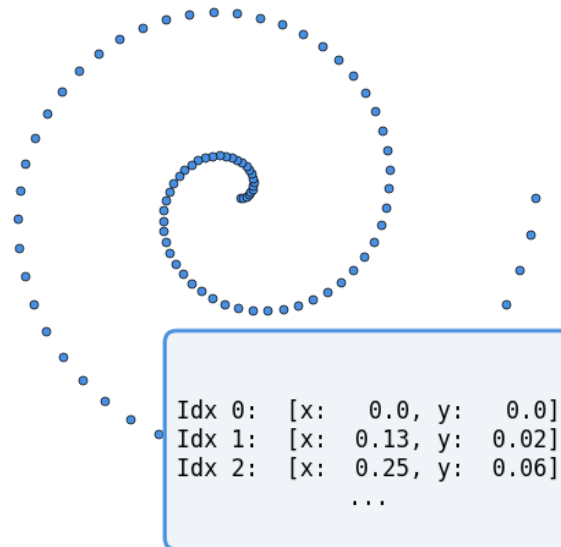
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- Unordered data

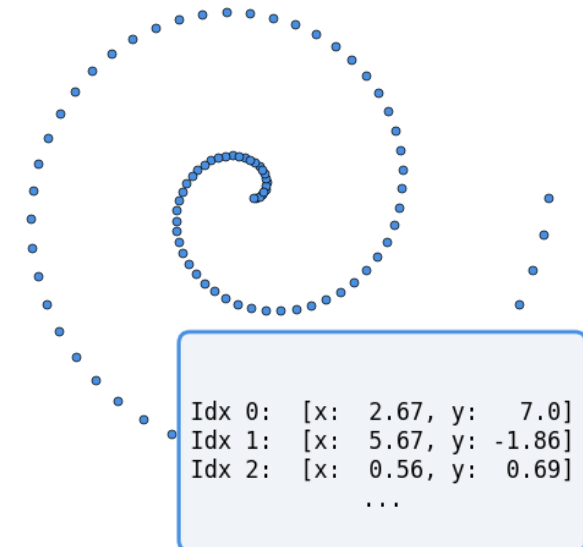


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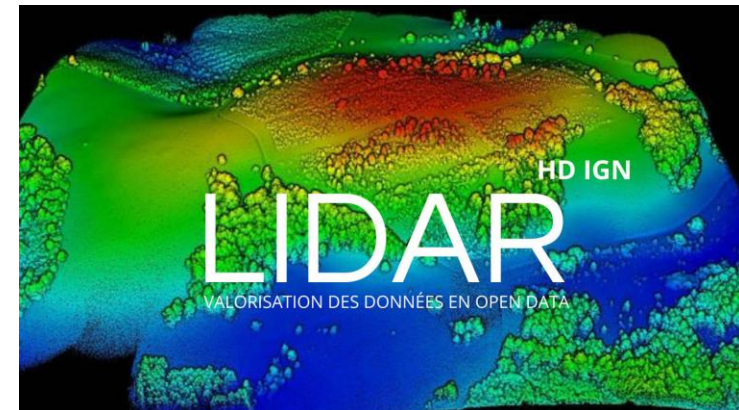
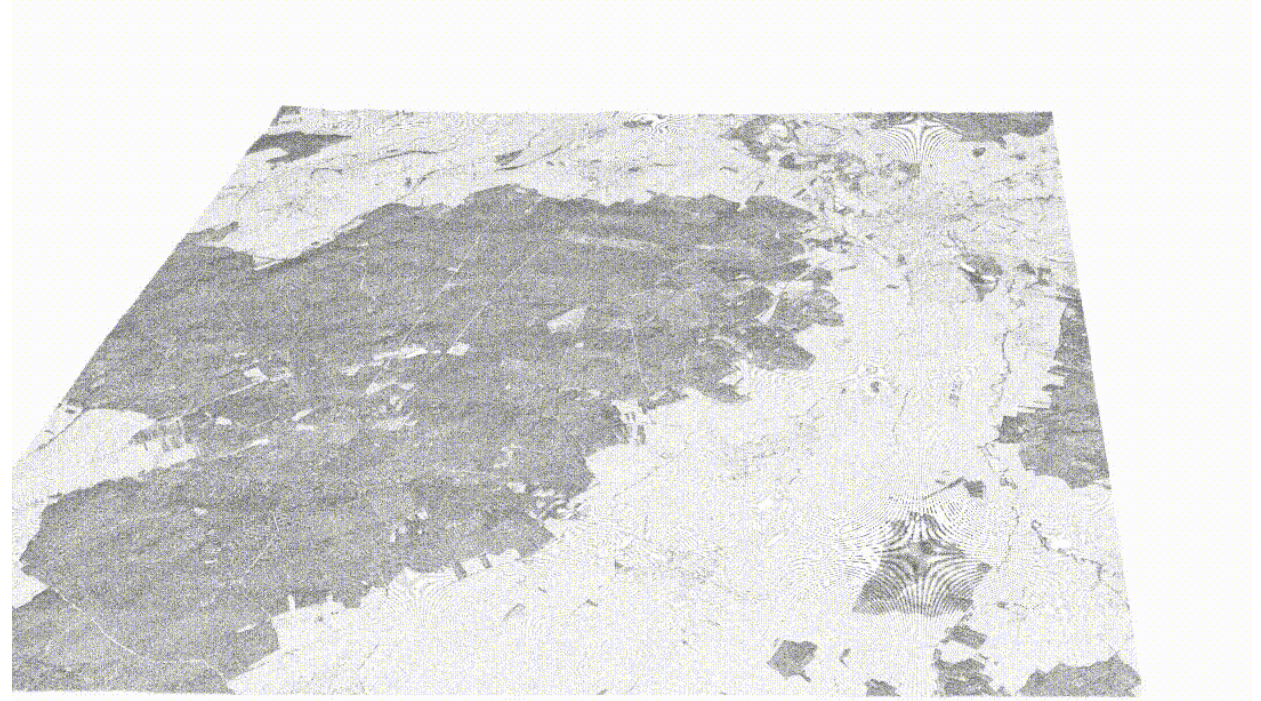


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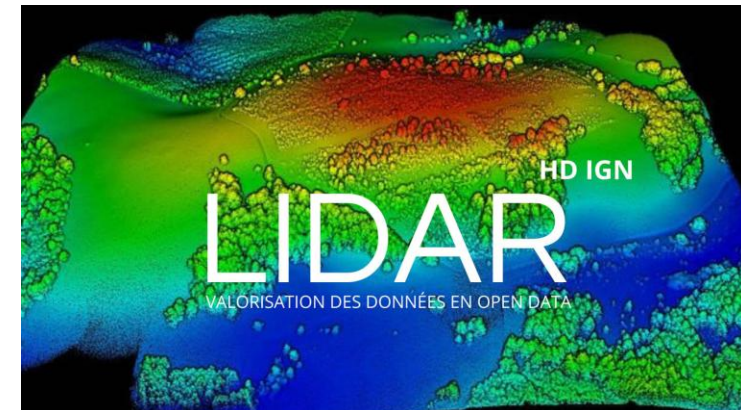
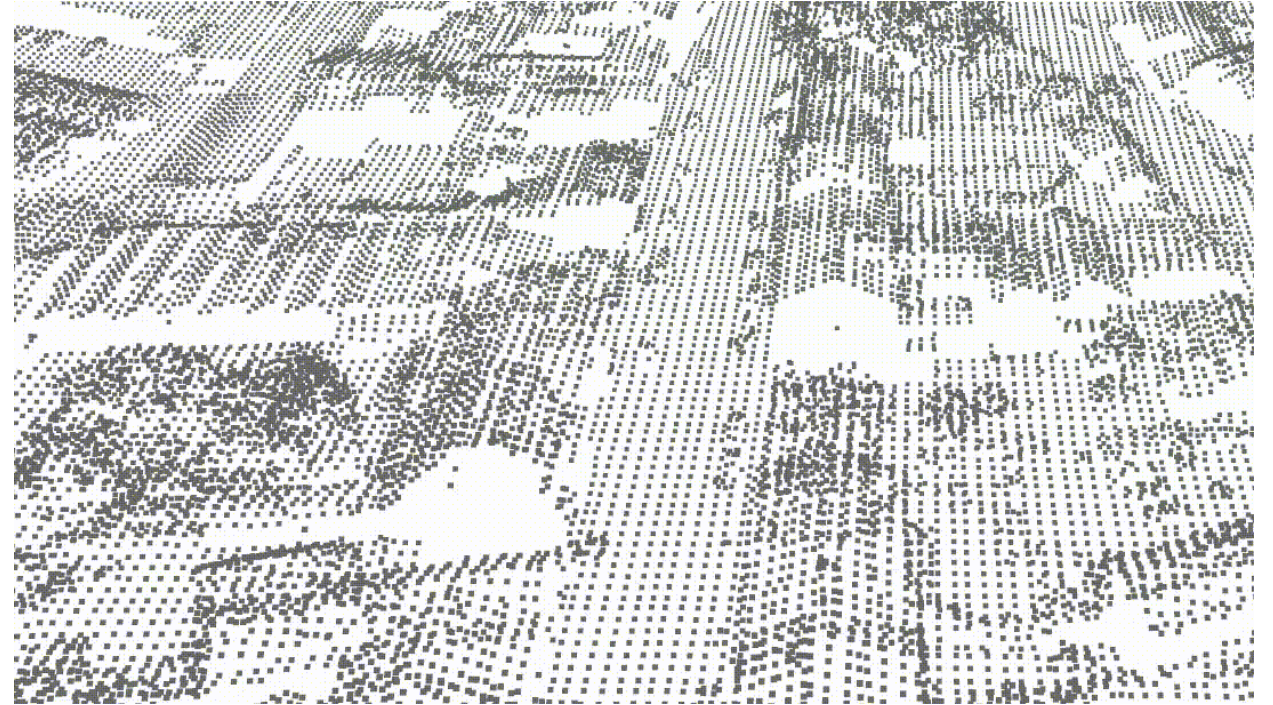
- Unordered data
- Geometric complexity



# 3D point clouds – Properties

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- Unordered data
- Geometric complexity
- Artefacts
  - Sampling variation
  - Measurement noise and outliers
  - Registration errors
  - Missing data (occlusions)



# 3D point clouds – Acquired data

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- 3D coordinates
- Sensor positions
- Attributes (depending on the acquisition process)
  - Colors
  - Intensity / Reflectivity
  - Normal vectors (not captured but can be estimated)
  - ...

# Context

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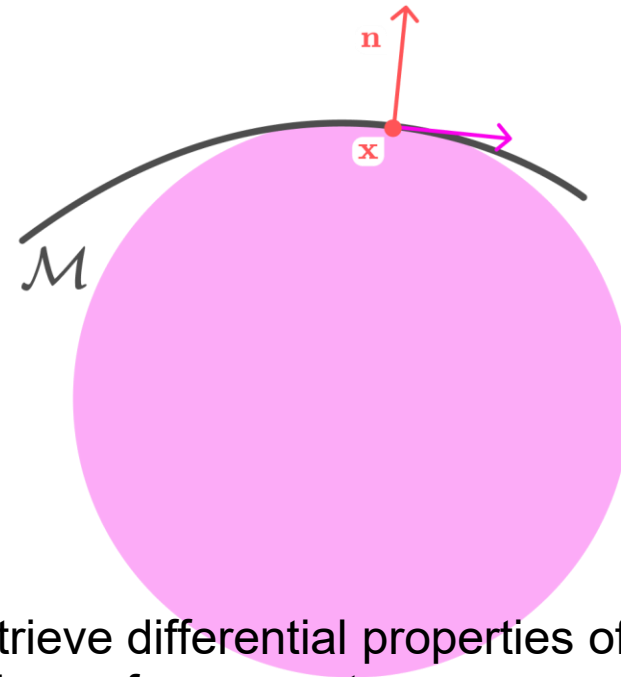
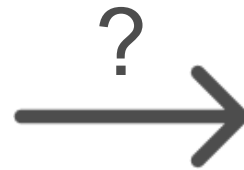
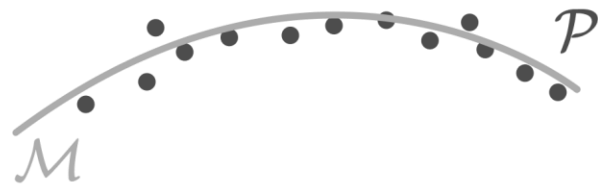
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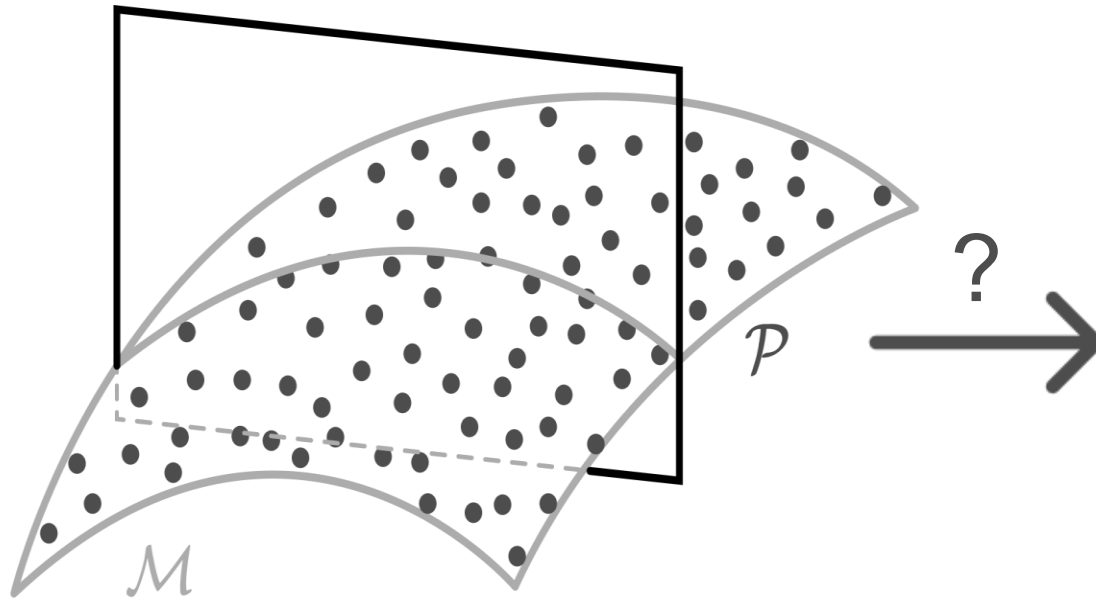
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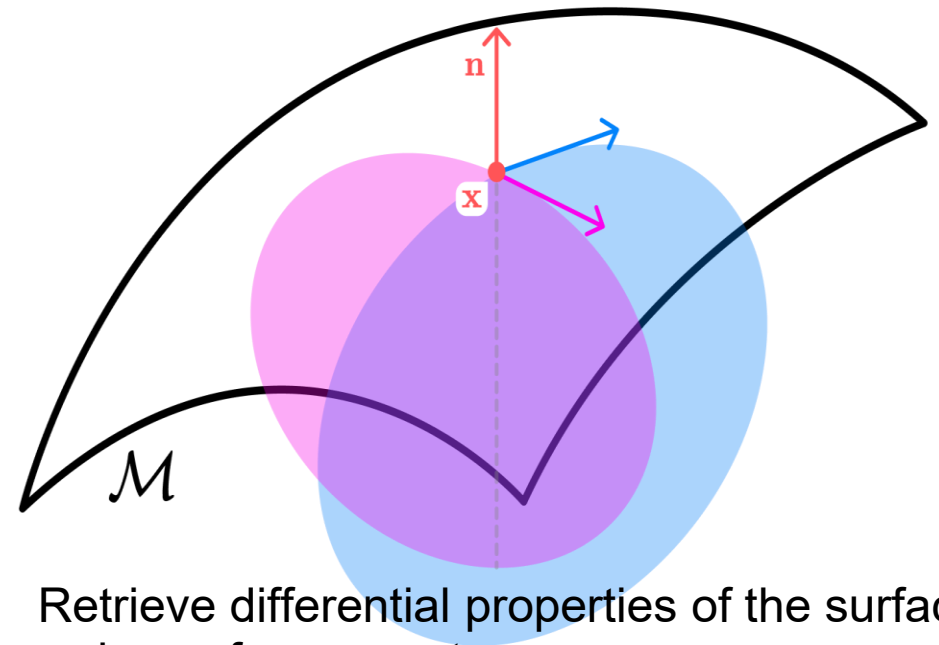
3D points sampling an unknown scanned smooth surface

Retrieve differential properties of the surface  
– ie. surface curvature

# Differential



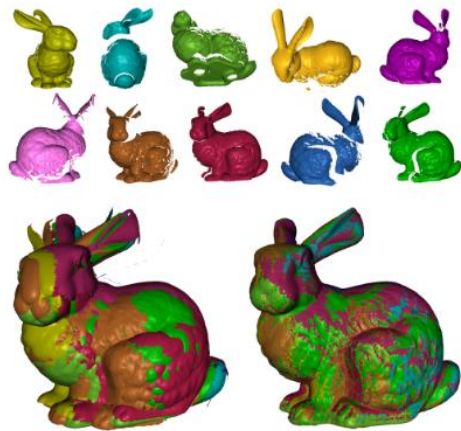
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# Differential – Usage Example

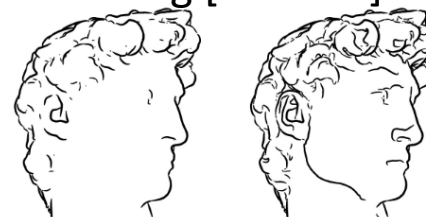
- Registration [GMG\*05]



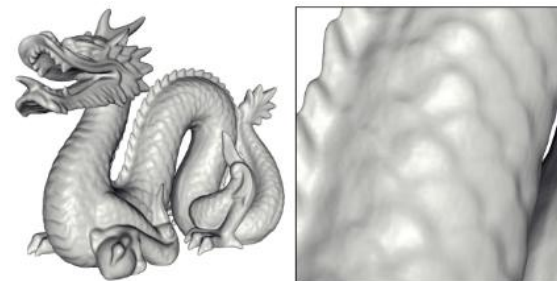
- Classification [HLP\*21]



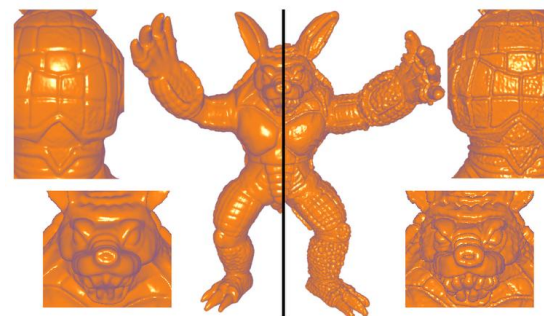
- Rendering [DFR\*03]



- Meshing [KBH06]

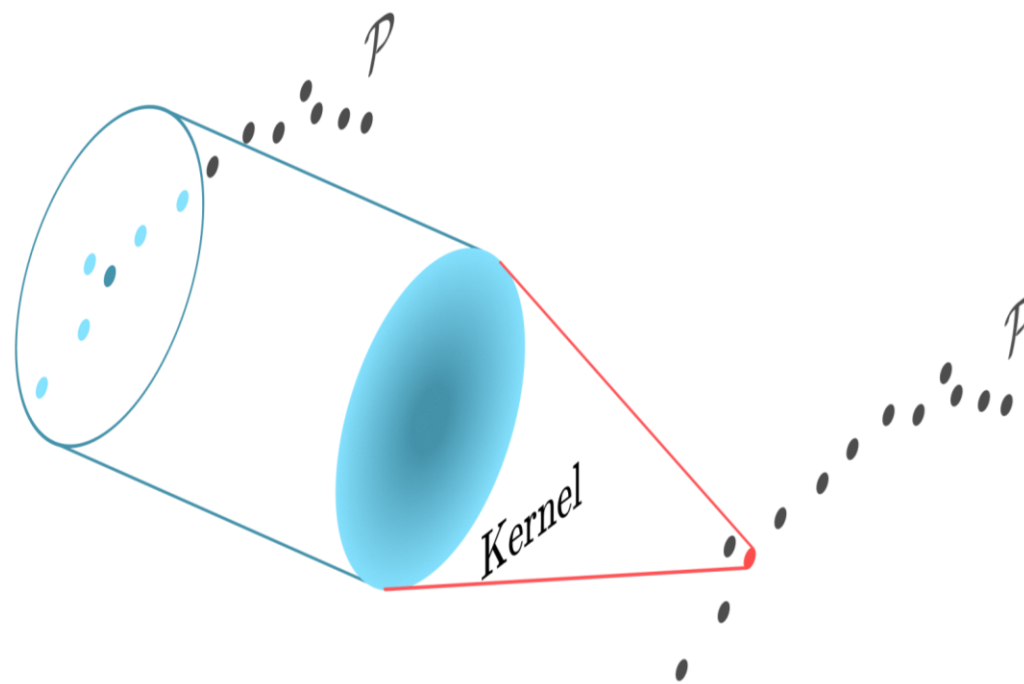
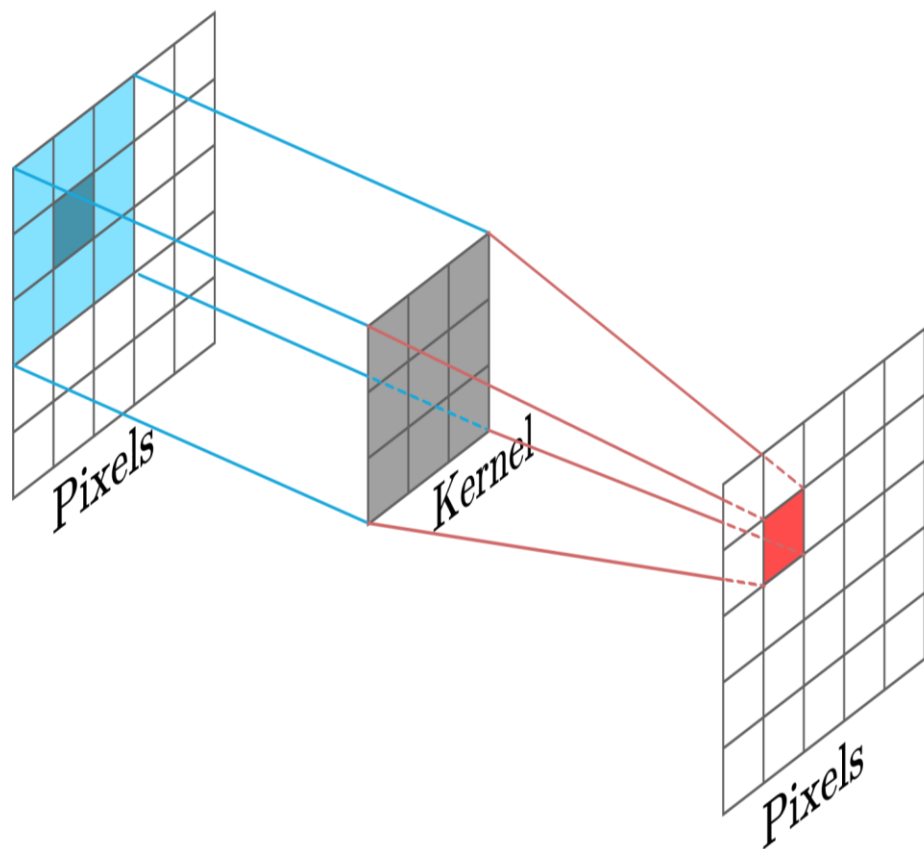


- Shape editing [BDC18]



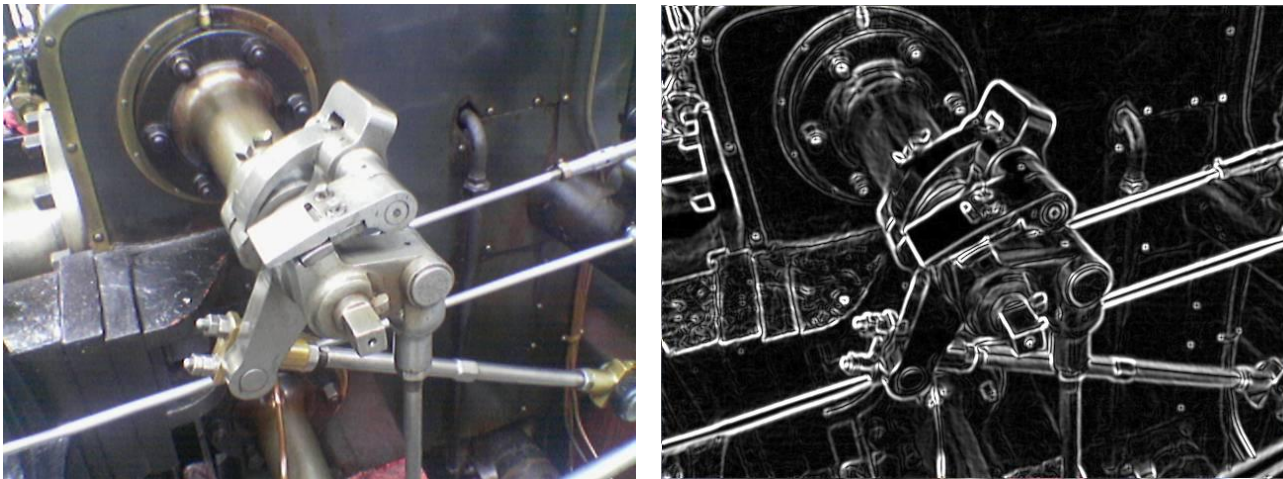
# Differential – Intuitions

- Image analogy: convolution and scale



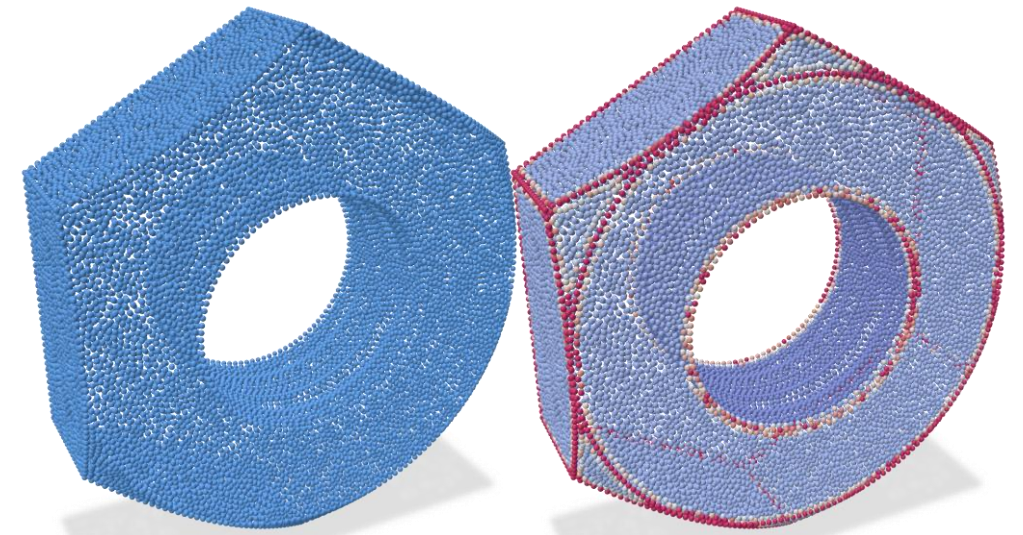
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- Example of contour detection



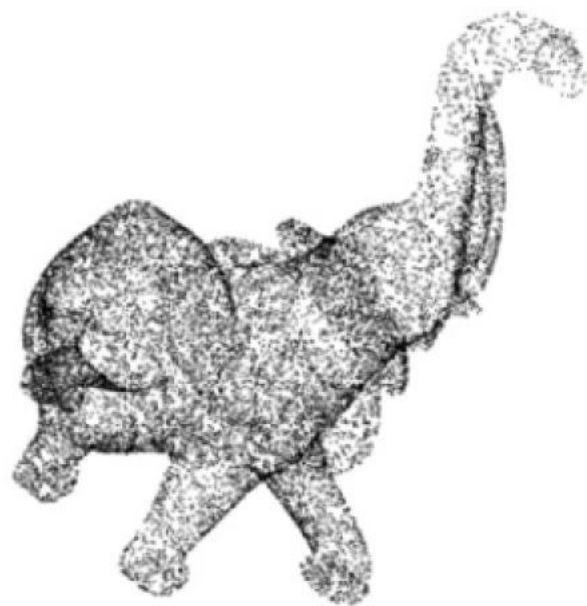
Sobel filter to compute 2D image gradients

$$\mathbf{G}_x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & +1 \\ -2 & 0 & +2 \\ -1 & 0 & +1 \end{bmatrix} * \mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{G}_y = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ +1 & +2 & +1 \end{bmatrix} * \mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{G} = \sqrt{\mathbf{G}_x^2 + \mathbf{G}_y^2}$$

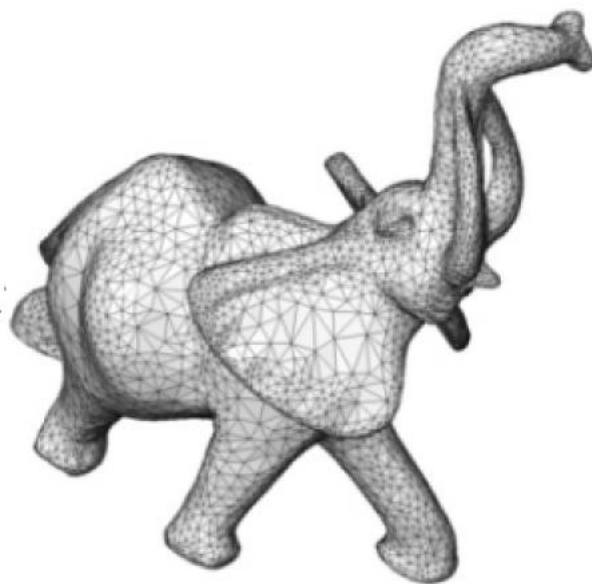


Estimate mean curvature on 3D points

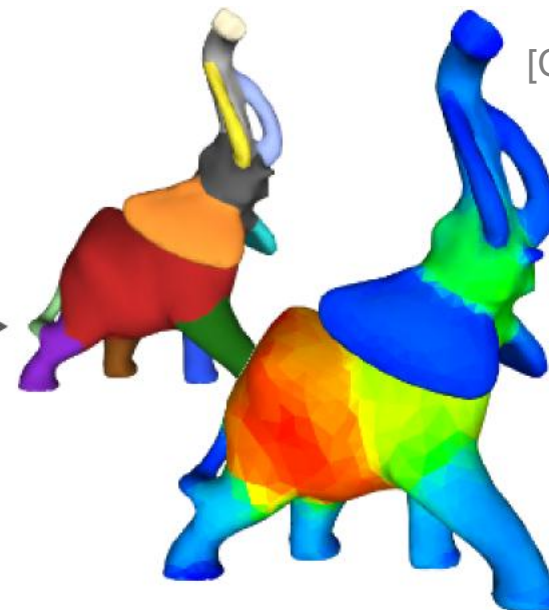
# Differential – Mesh-based process



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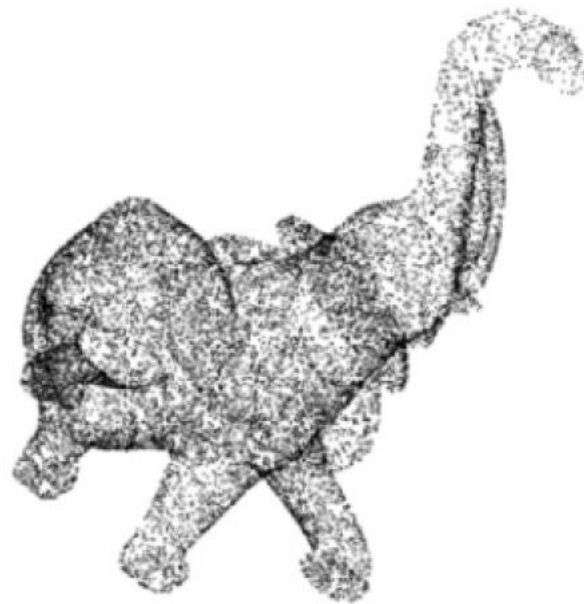
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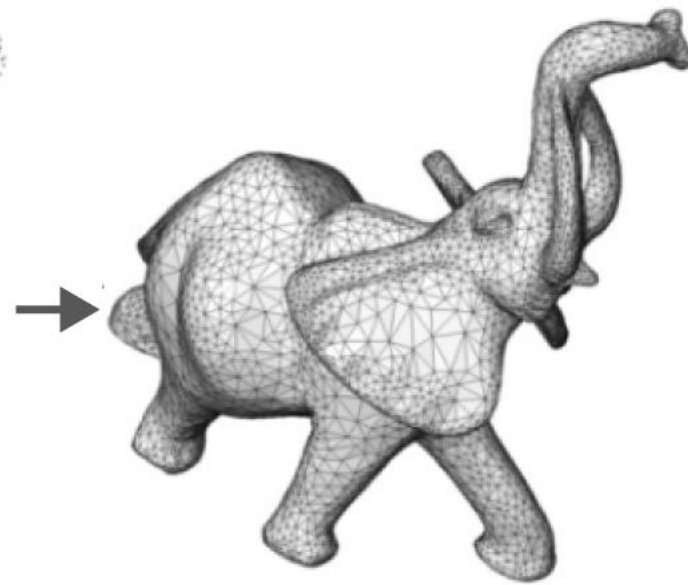
processing

[CGAL]

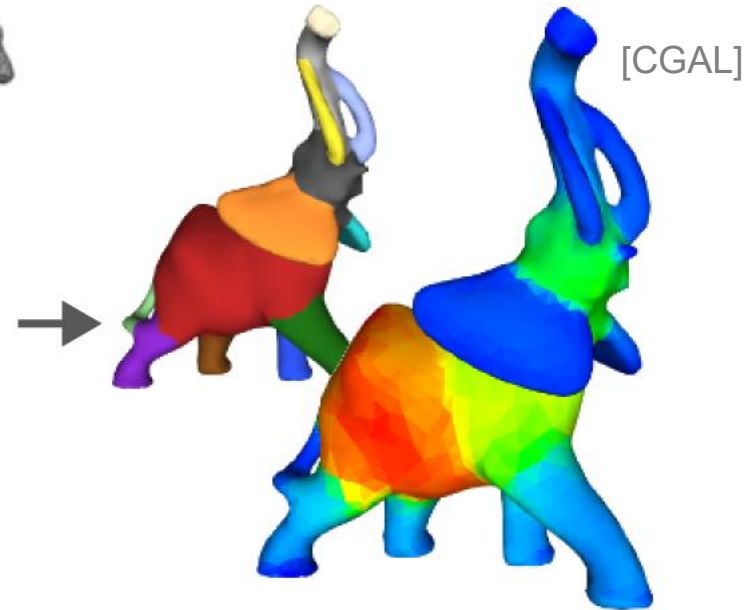
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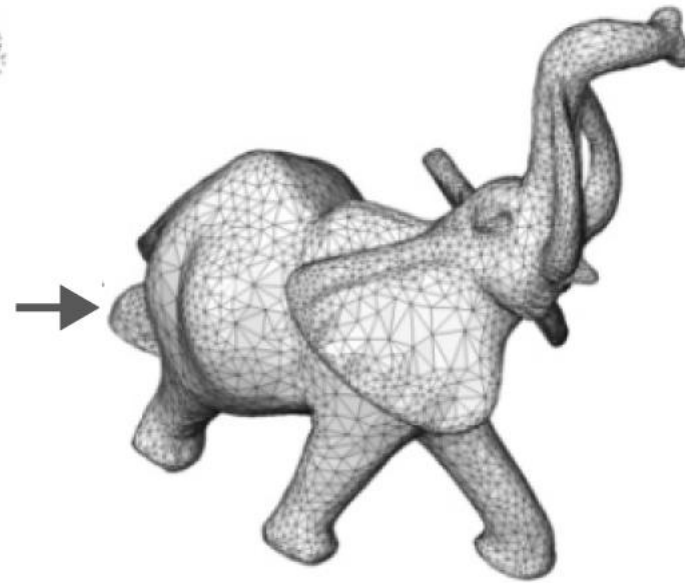
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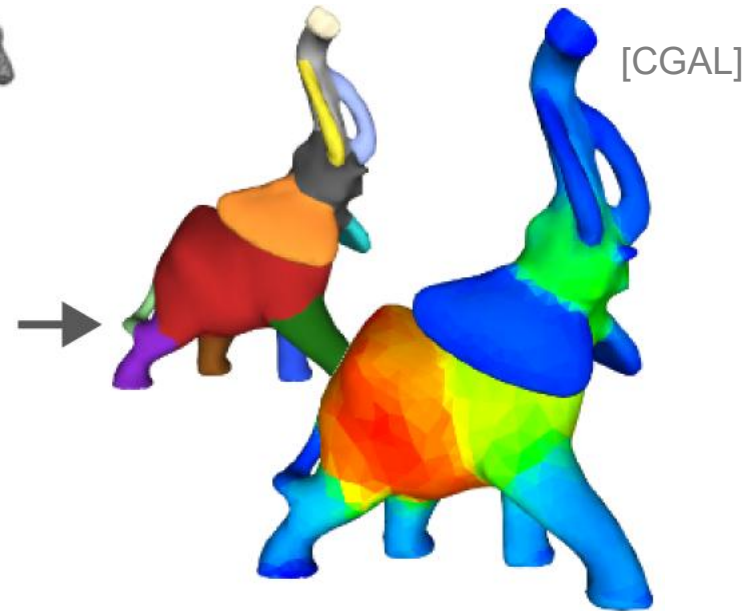
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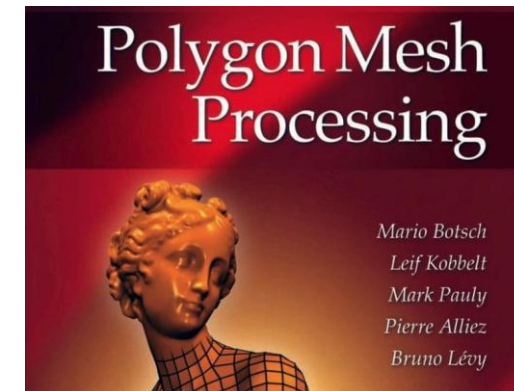
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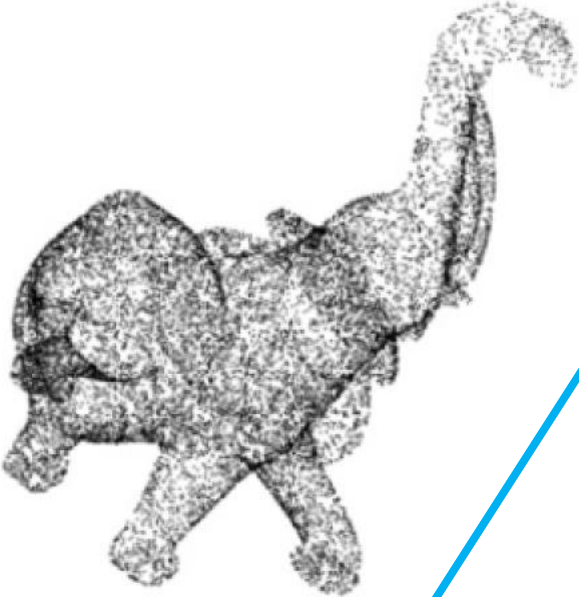
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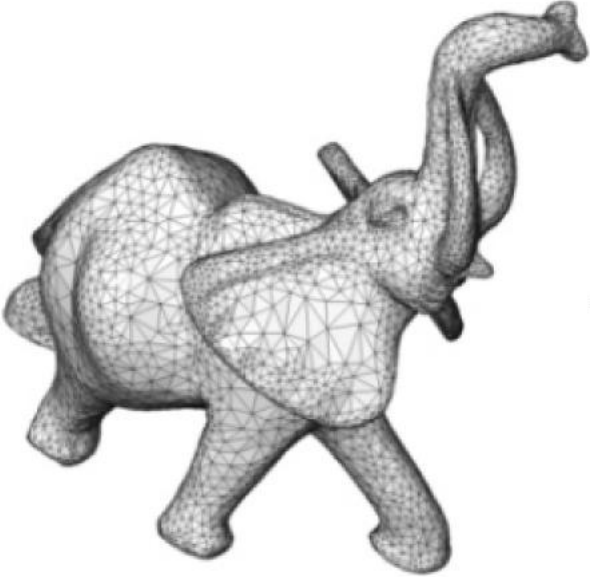
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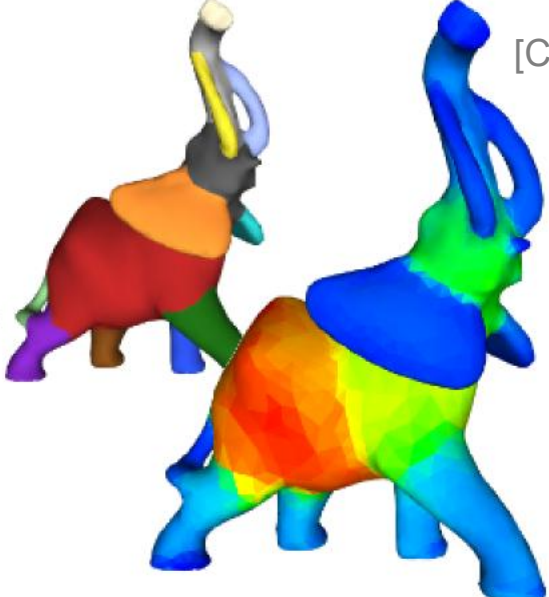
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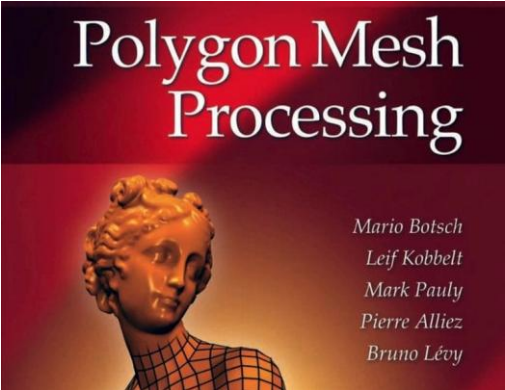


processing

working on raw data

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# Context – Scope

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- Differential properties estimation in a raw 3D point cloud
- Special focus on mathematical models
  - with theoretical guarantees
  - their use in Machine Learning models
- Unified benchmark

# PLAN

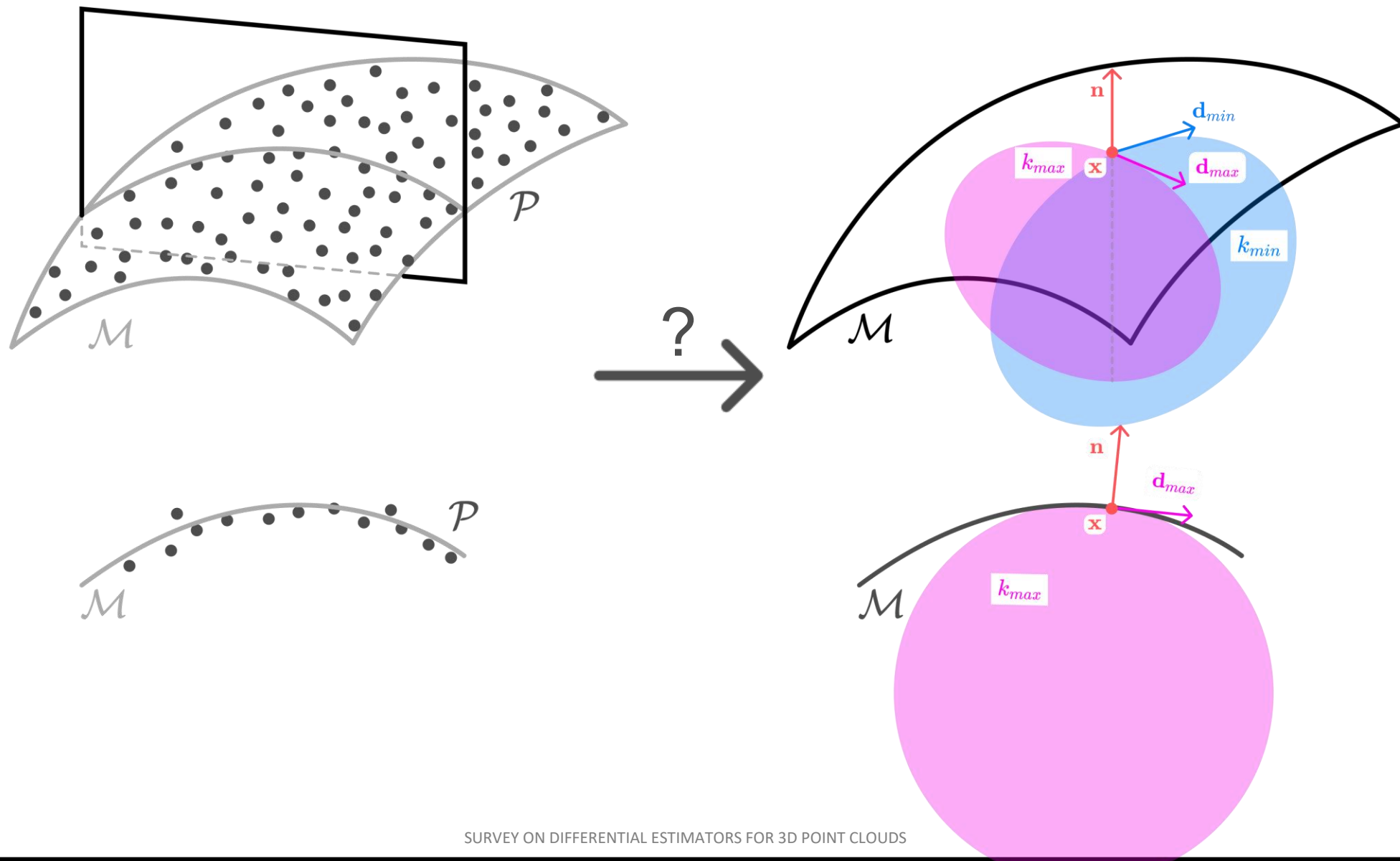
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# Fundamentals

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# Fundamentals

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Normal



Mean curvature



Tangent frame

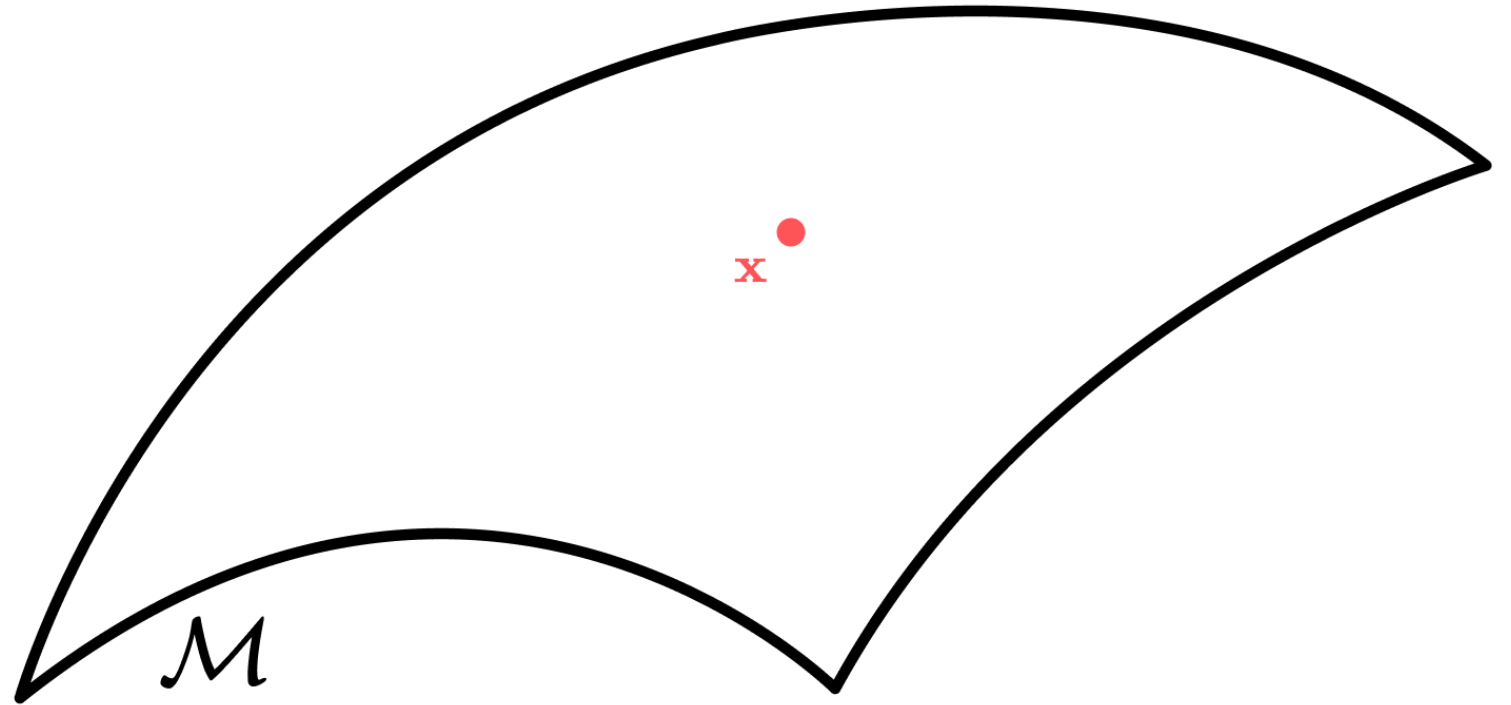


Weingarten map  
(principal curvature values and directions)

# Normal vector



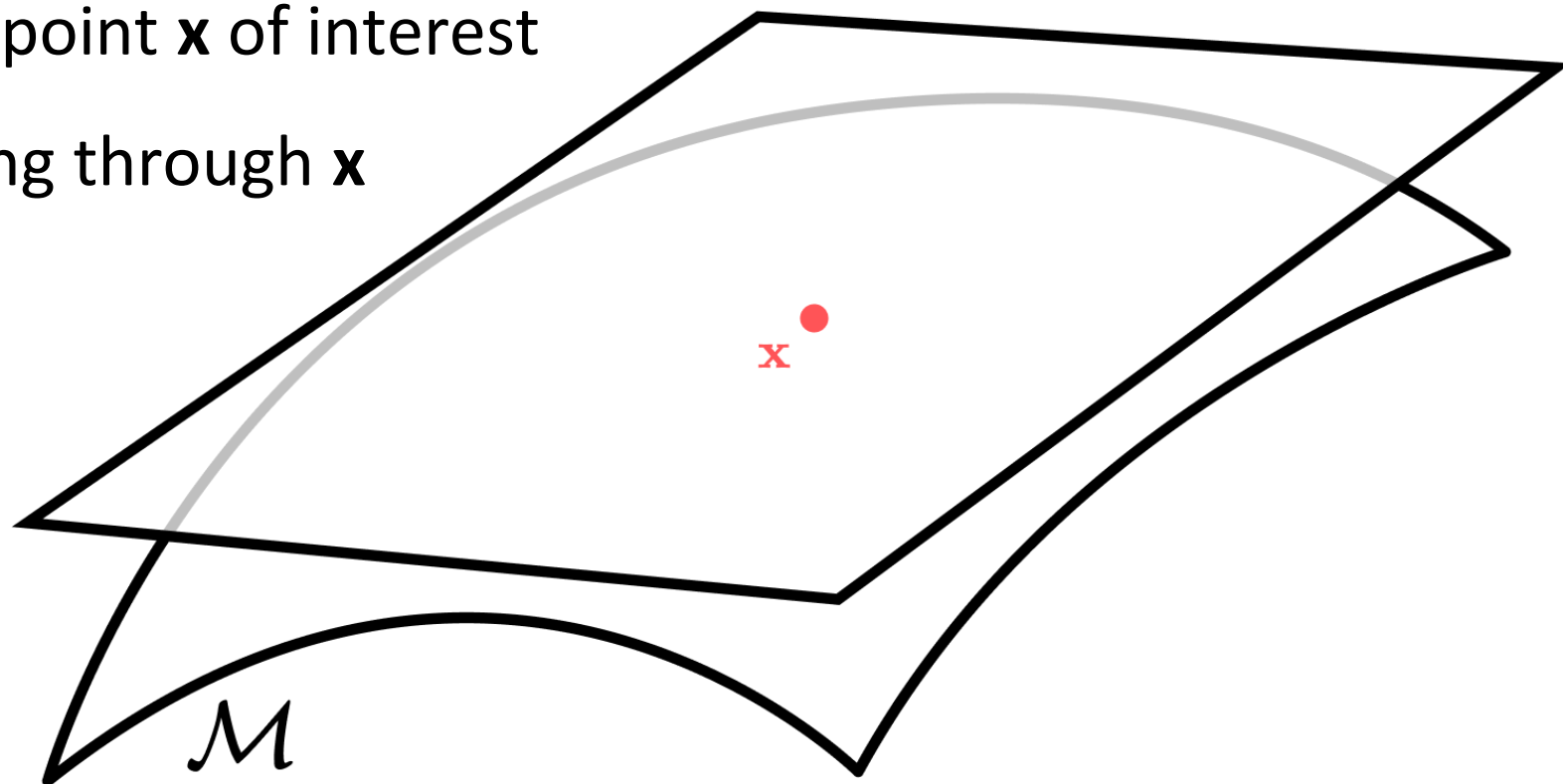
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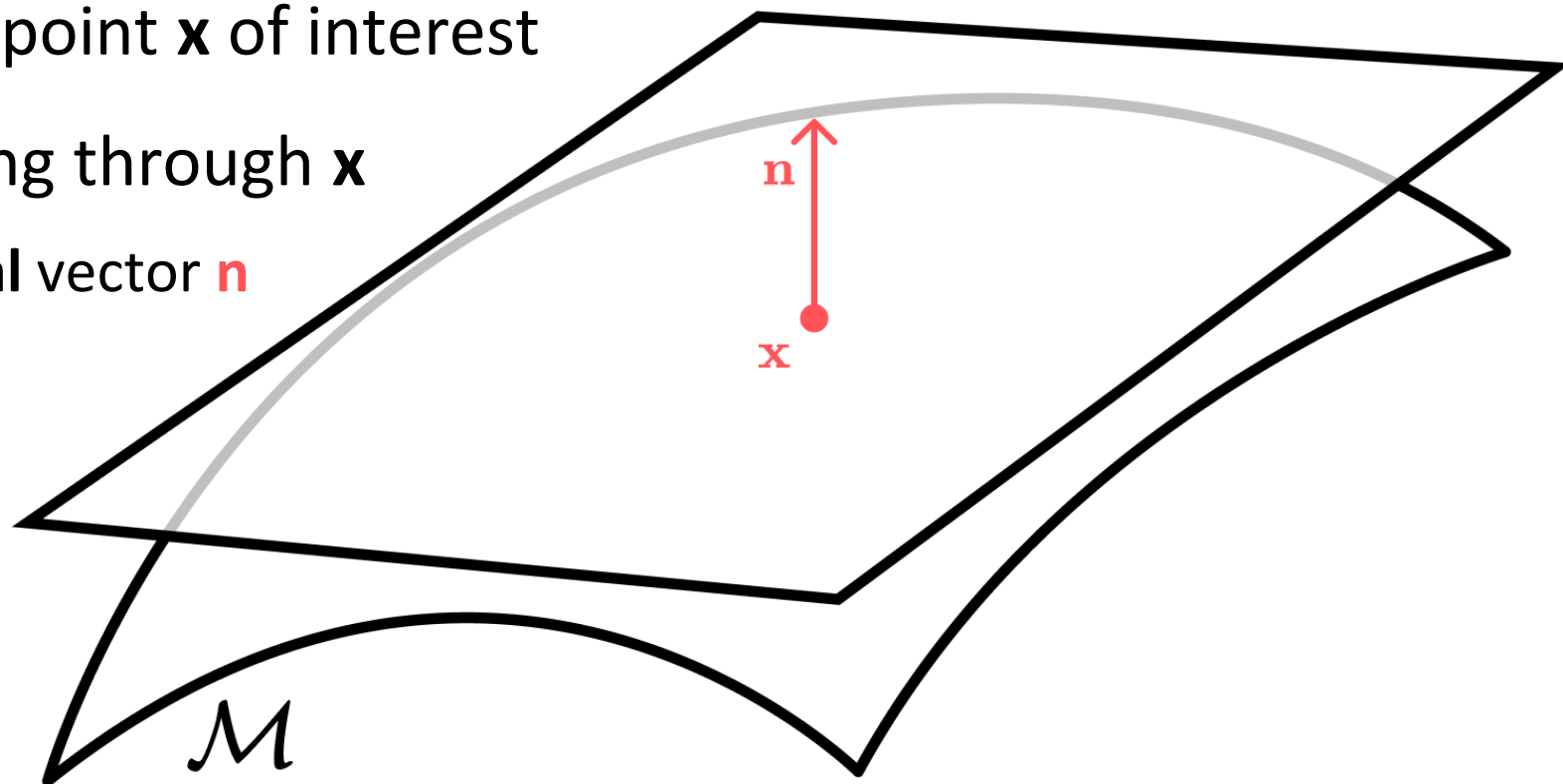
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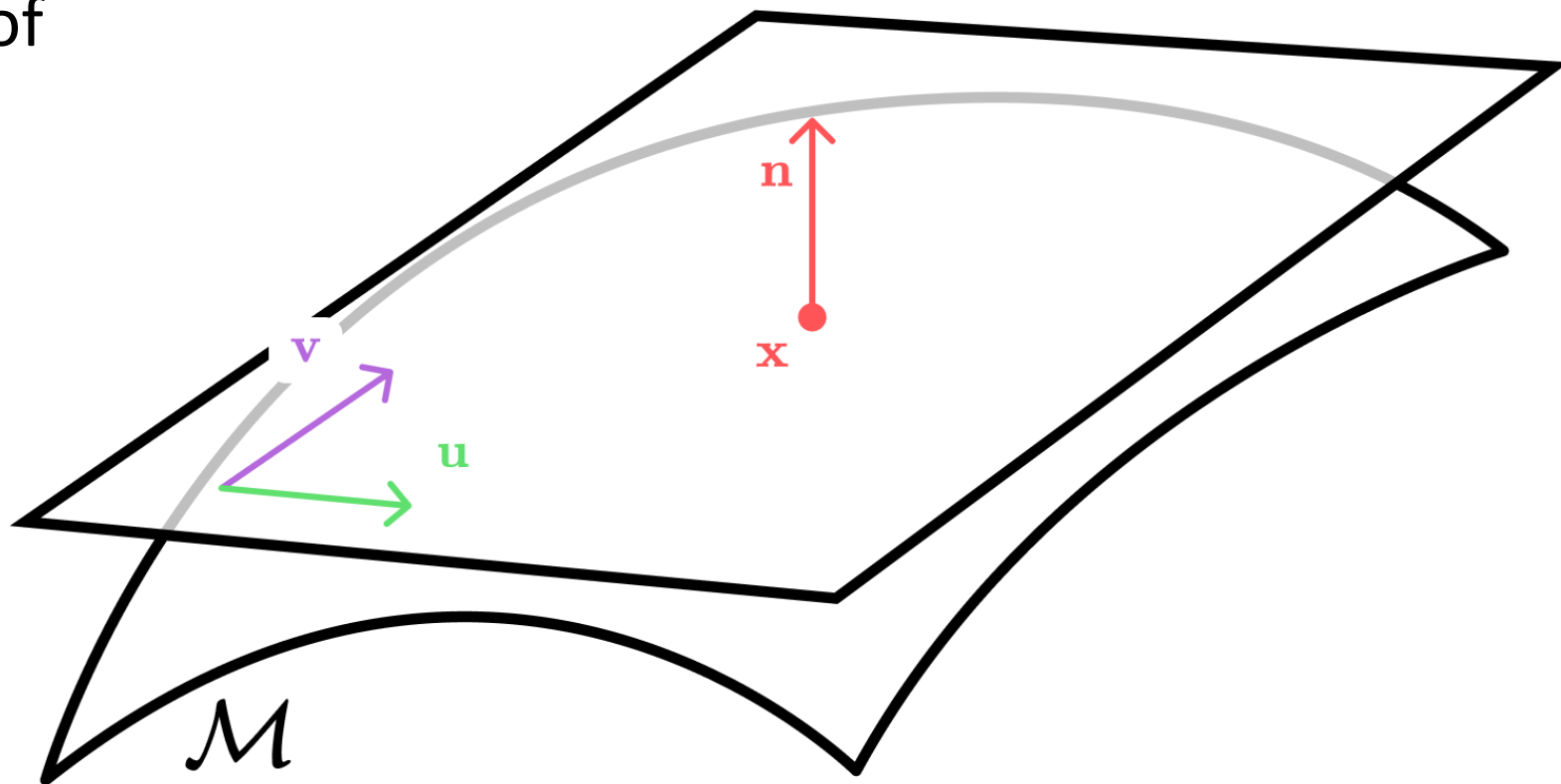


- Given a surface  $M$  and a point  $\mathbf{x}$  of interest
- The **tangent plane** passing through  $\mathbf{x}$ 
  - Orthogonal to the **normal vector**  $\mathbf{n}$



# Tangent frame

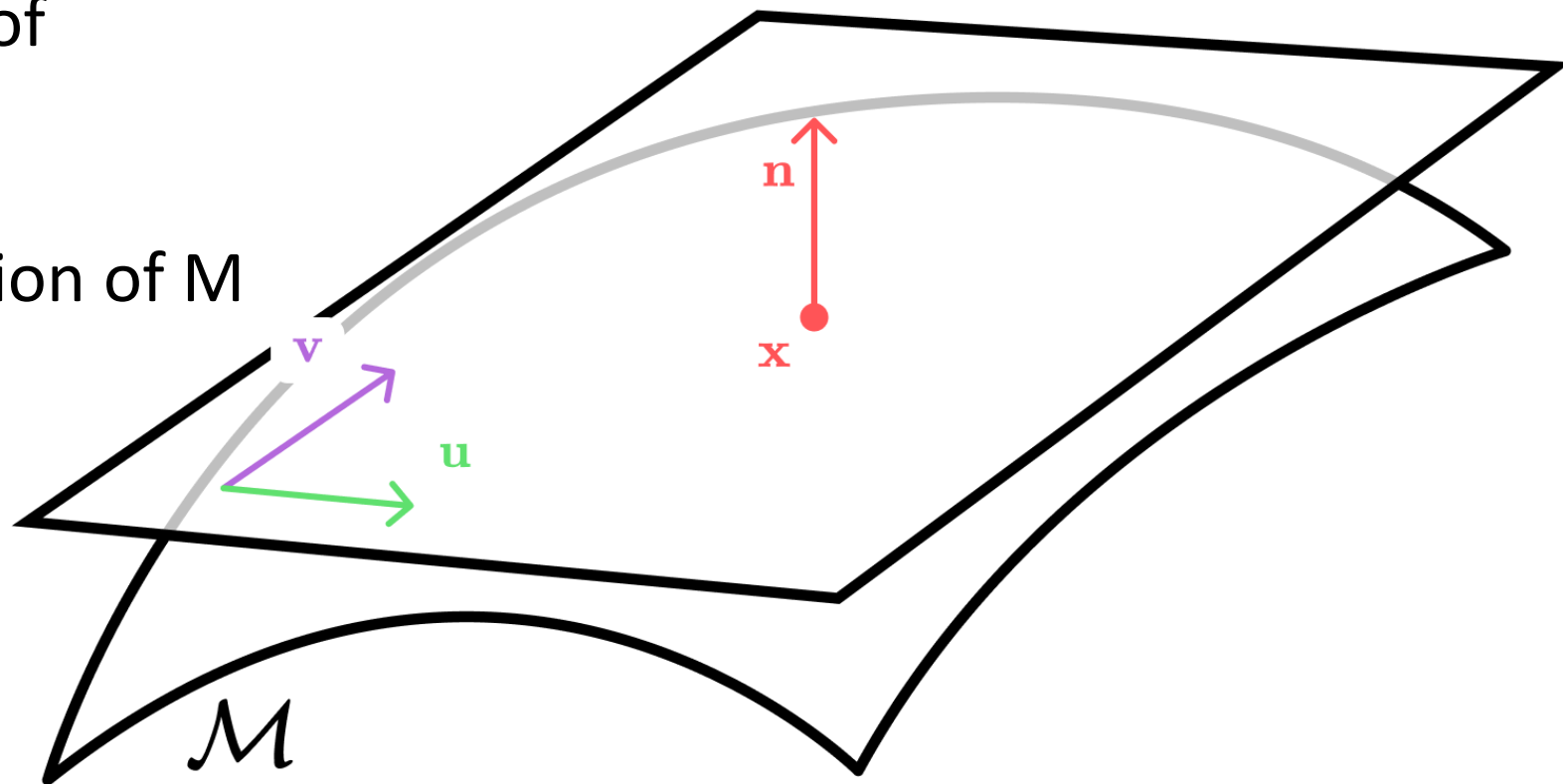
- $u, v$  an orthogonal base of the **tangent frame**



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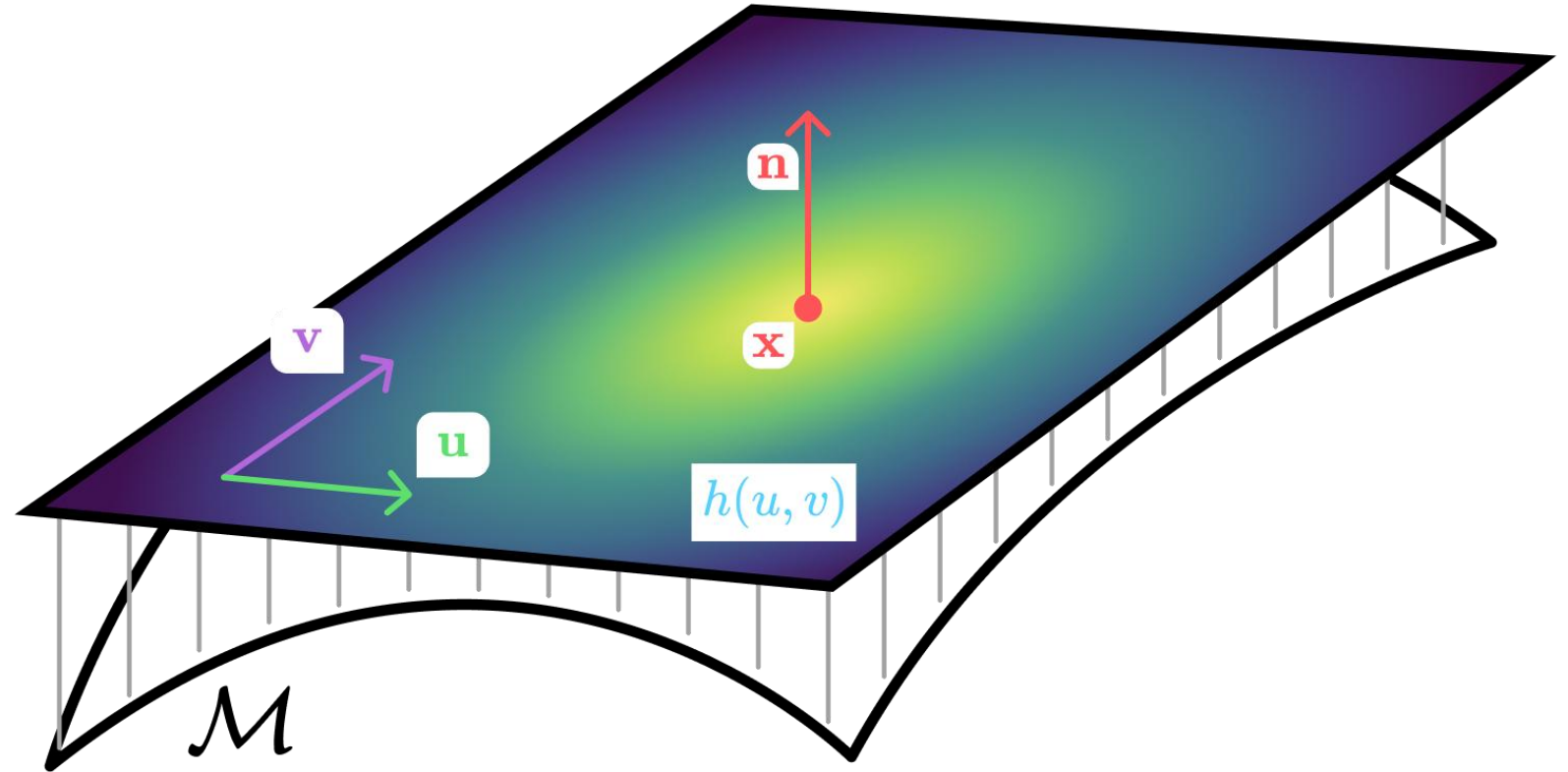
- $u$ ,  $v$  an orthogonal base of the **tangent frame**
- Let's find a parametrisation of  $M$



# Tangent frame - parametrisation



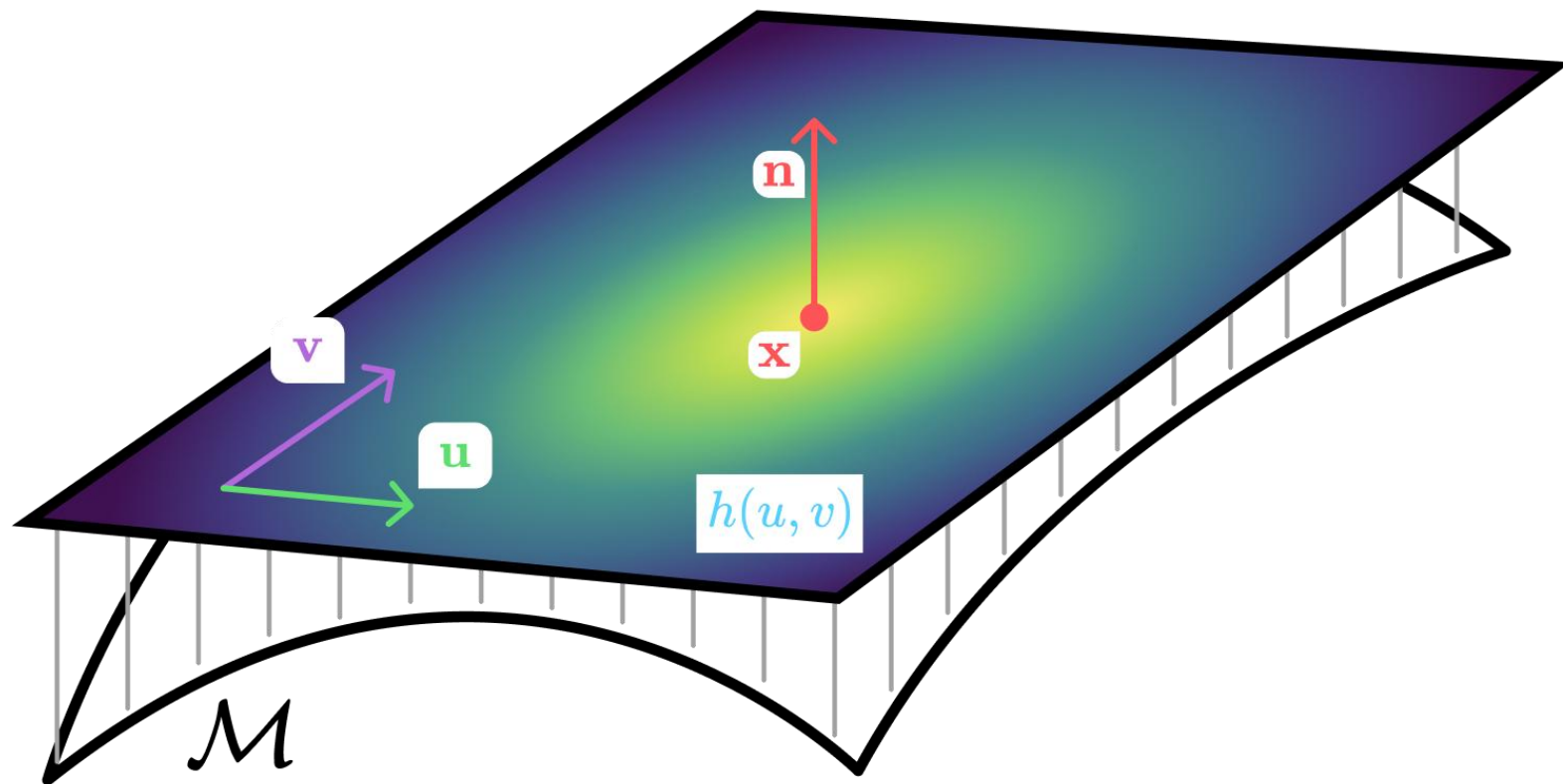
- $h(u,v)$  the height field



# Tangent frame - parametrisation



- $h(u,v)$  the height field
- Note  $f(u,v,h(u,v))$   
the monge patch of  $M$

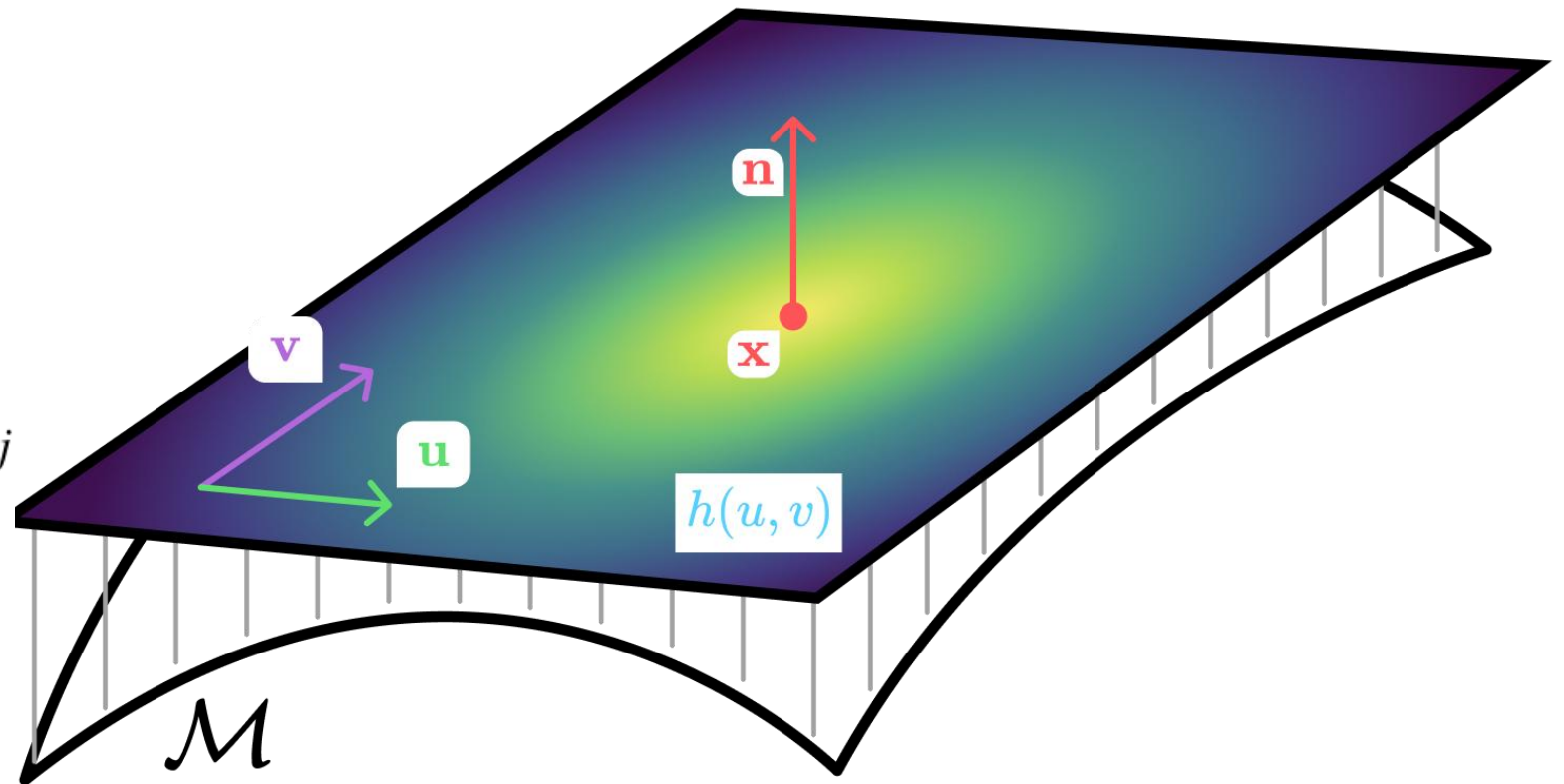


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- $h(u, v)$  the height field
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$$h(u, v) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^k \frac{h_{u^{k-j}v^j}(0,0)}{(k-j)!j!} u^{k-j} v^j$$



# Tangent frame – Fundamental forms



- The first fundamental form
  - **Intrinsic** properties of the surface

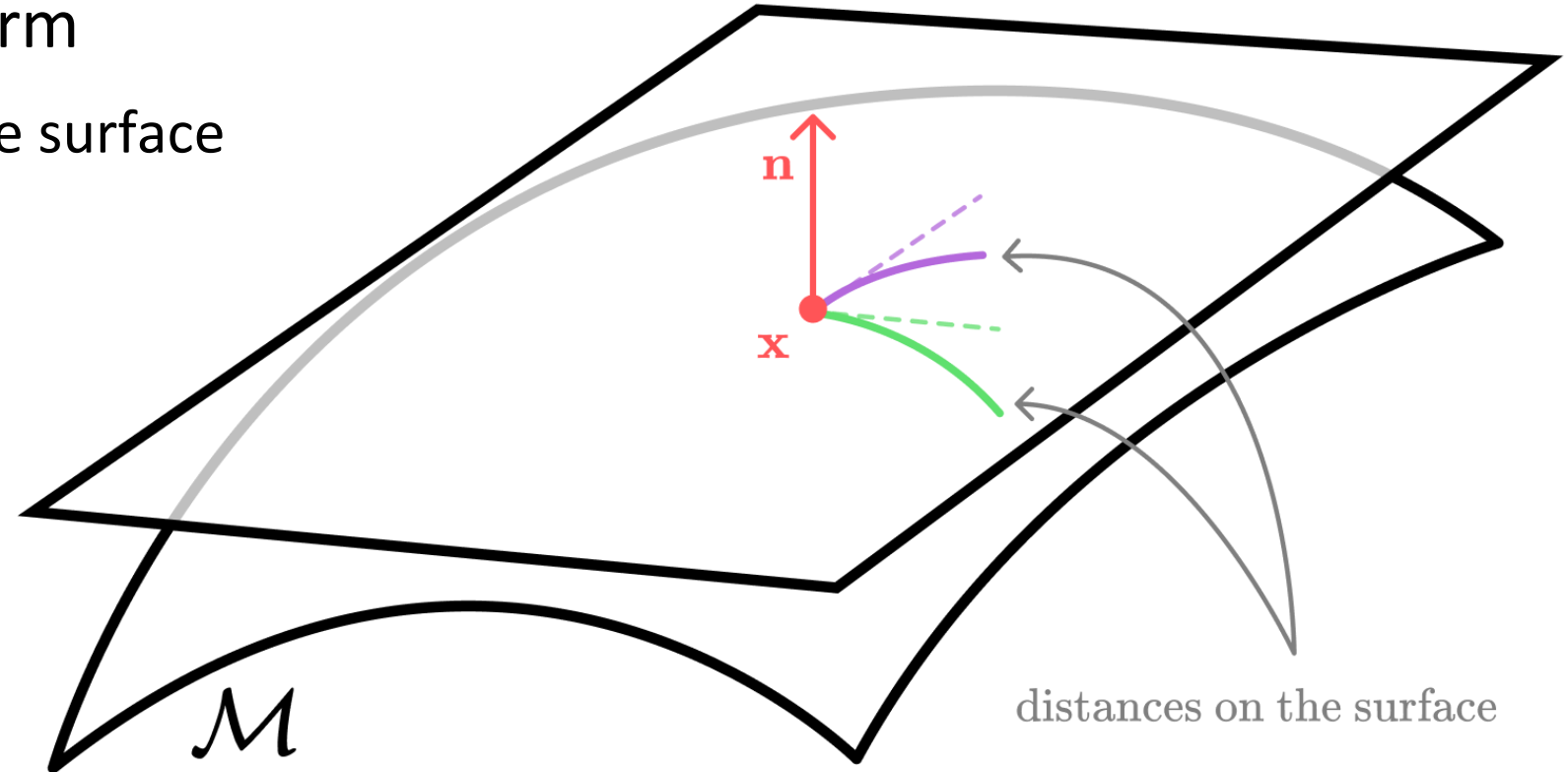
$$F_I = \begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E = \|f_u\|^2$$

$$F = f_u \cdot f_v$$

$$G = \|f_v\|^2$$

$$\text{(with } f_u = \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}\text{)}.$$



distances on the surface

# Tangent frame – Fundamental forms



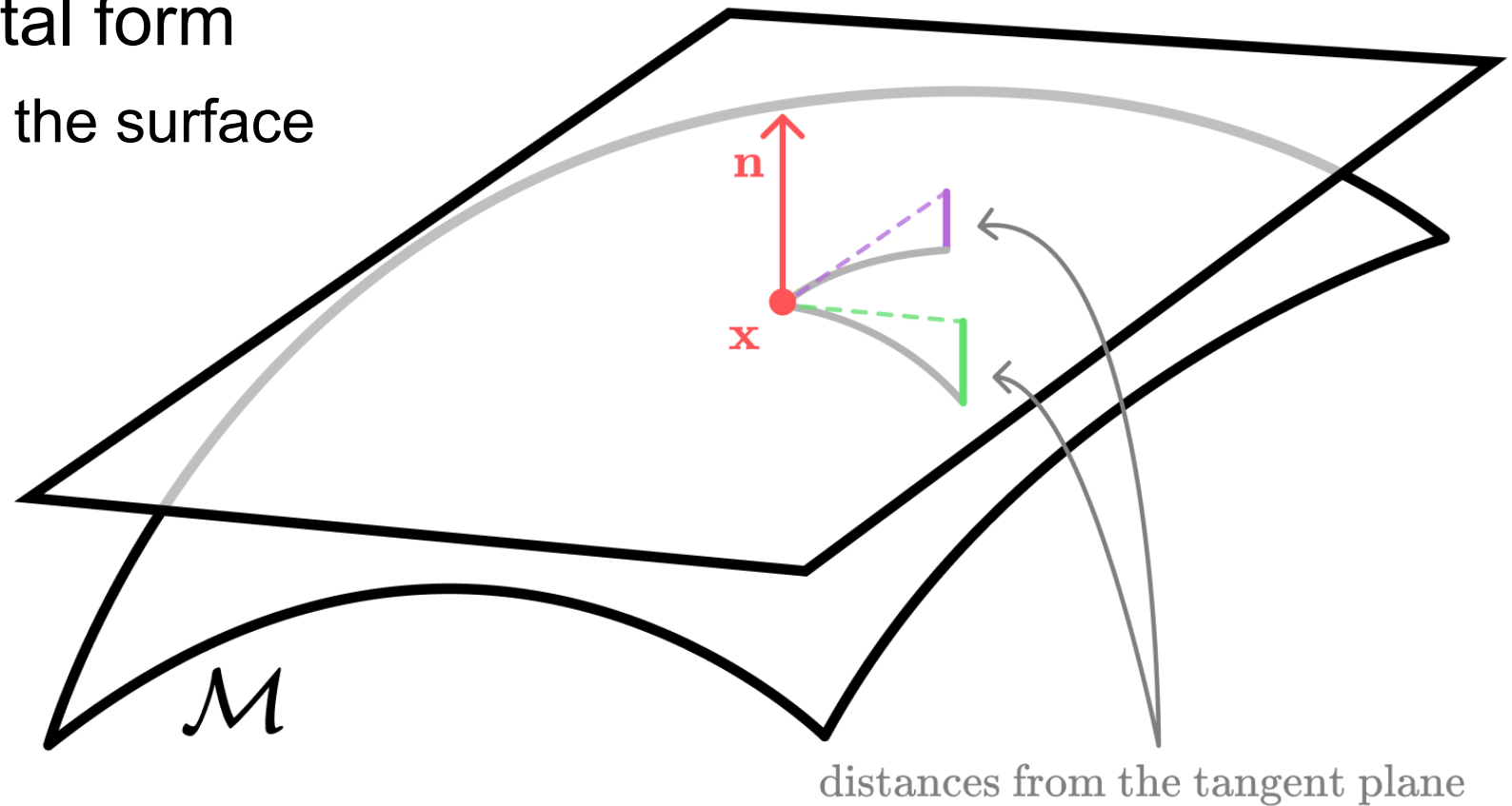
- The second fundamental form
  - **Extrinsic** properties of the surface

$$F_{\text{II}} = \begin{pmatrix} L & M \\ M & N \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L = f_{uu} \cdot \mathbf{n}_f$$

$$M = f_{uv} \cdot \mathbf{n}_f$$

$$N = f_{vv} \cdot \mathbf{n}_f$$



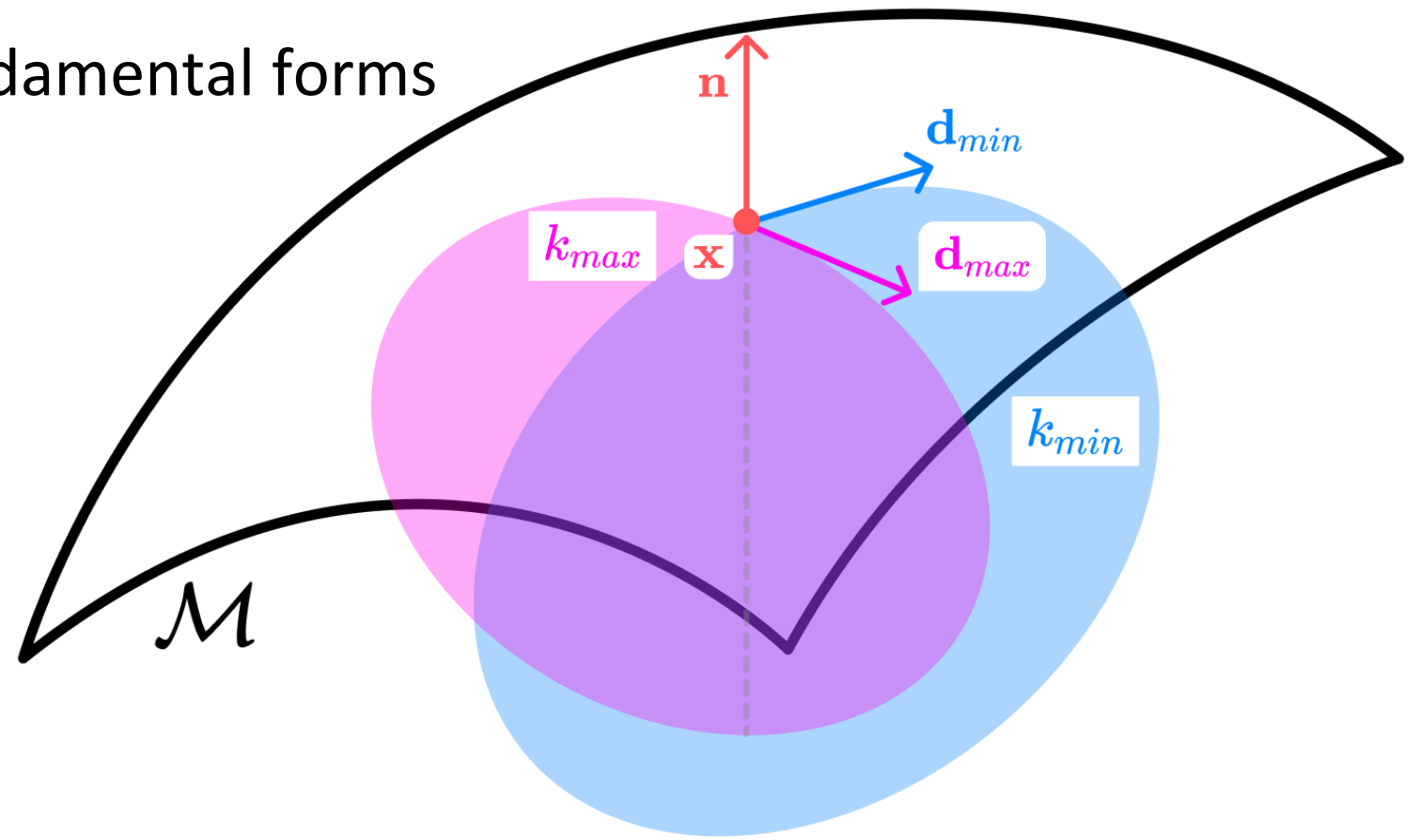
distances from the tangent plane

# Weingarten Map



- Also called **Shape Operator**
- **Multiplication** of the fundamental forms

$$W = F_I^{-1} F_{II}$$



# Weingarten Map

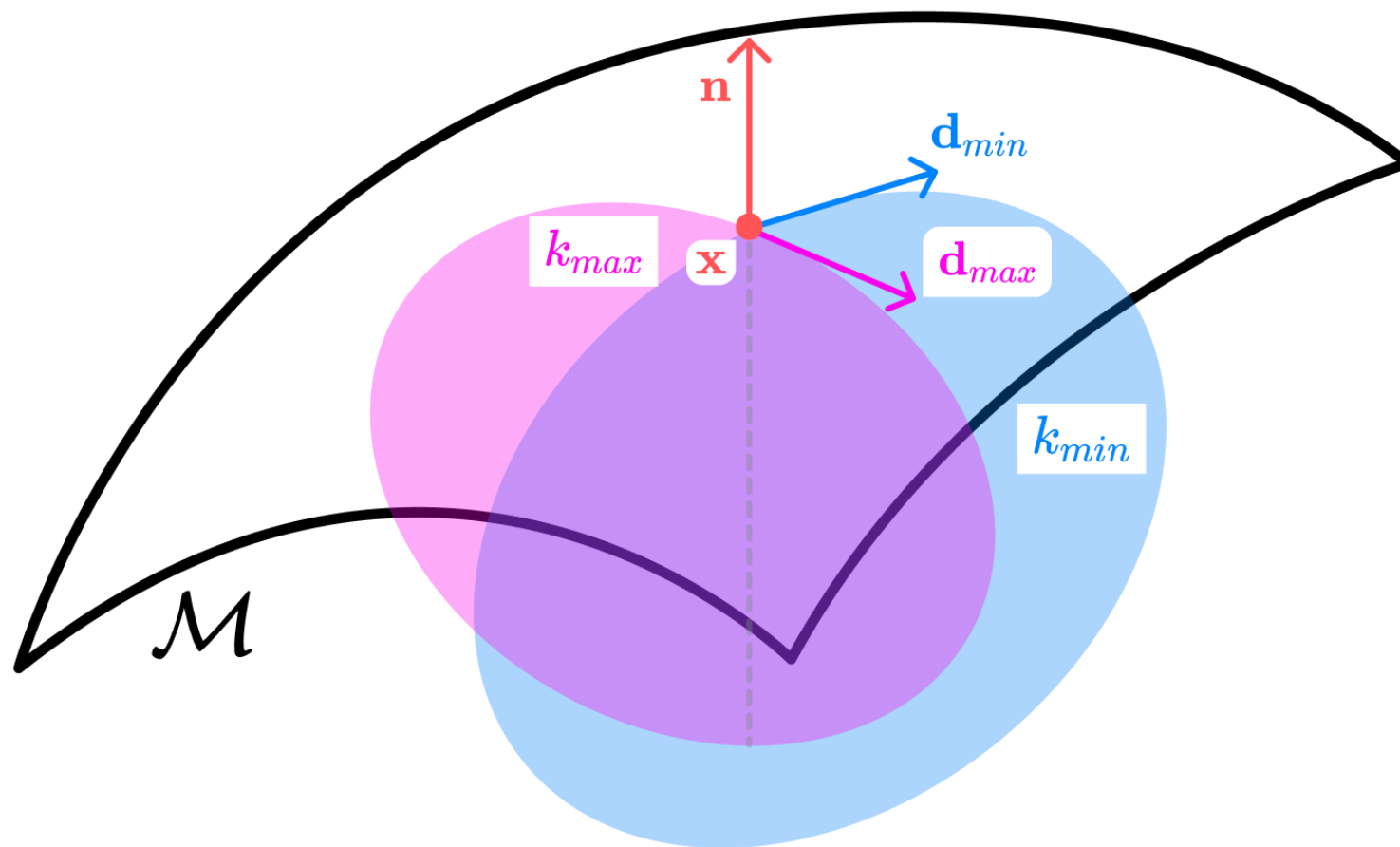


- **Decomposition** of the Weingarten map

$$W = U D U^T$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{d}_{min} & \mathbf{d}_{max} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} k_{min} & 0 \\ 0 & k_{max} \end{pmatrix}$$

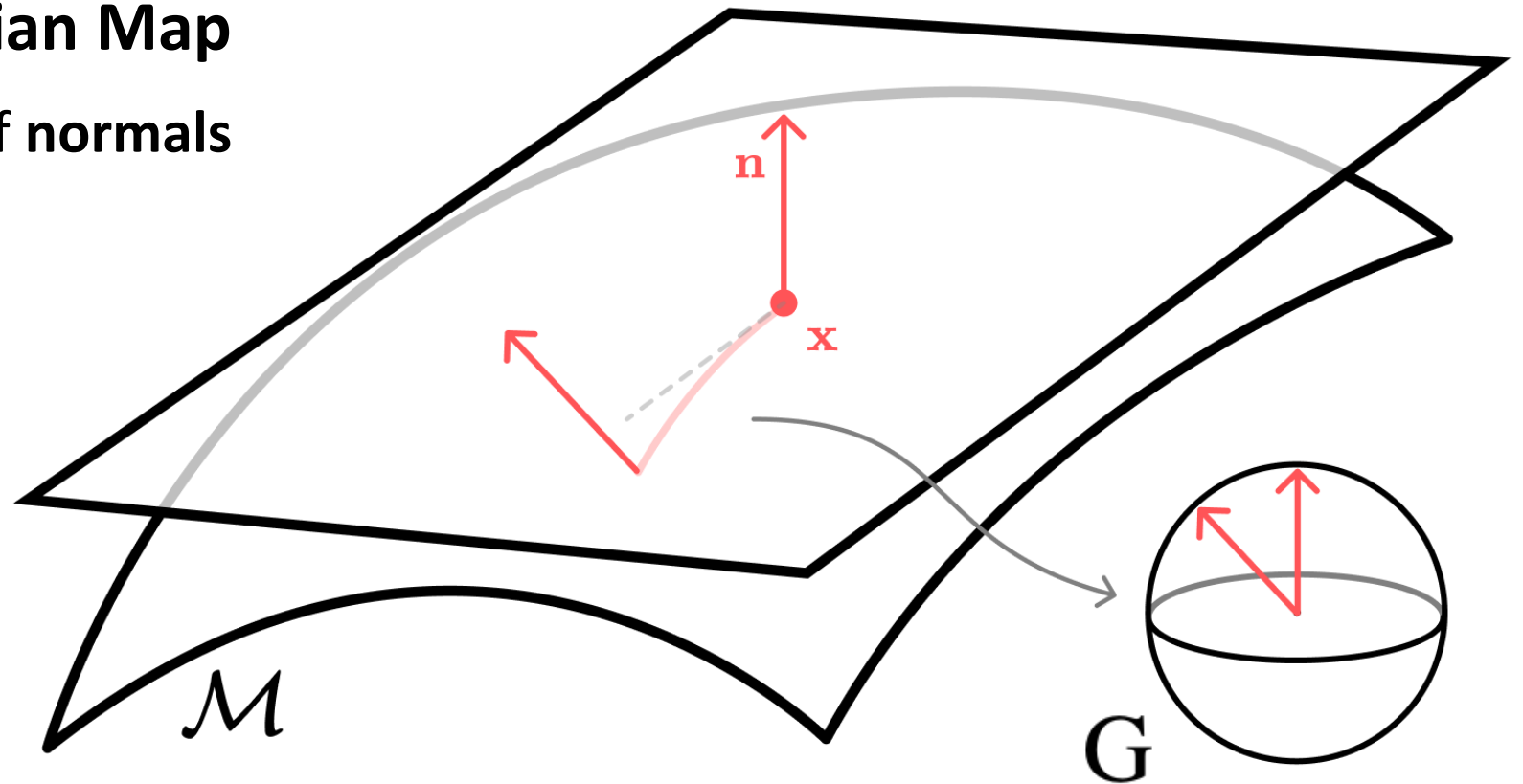


# Weingarten Map – Other intuition



- Derivatives of the **Gaussian Map**
  - Observe the **variations of normals**

$$W = -D_x G$$

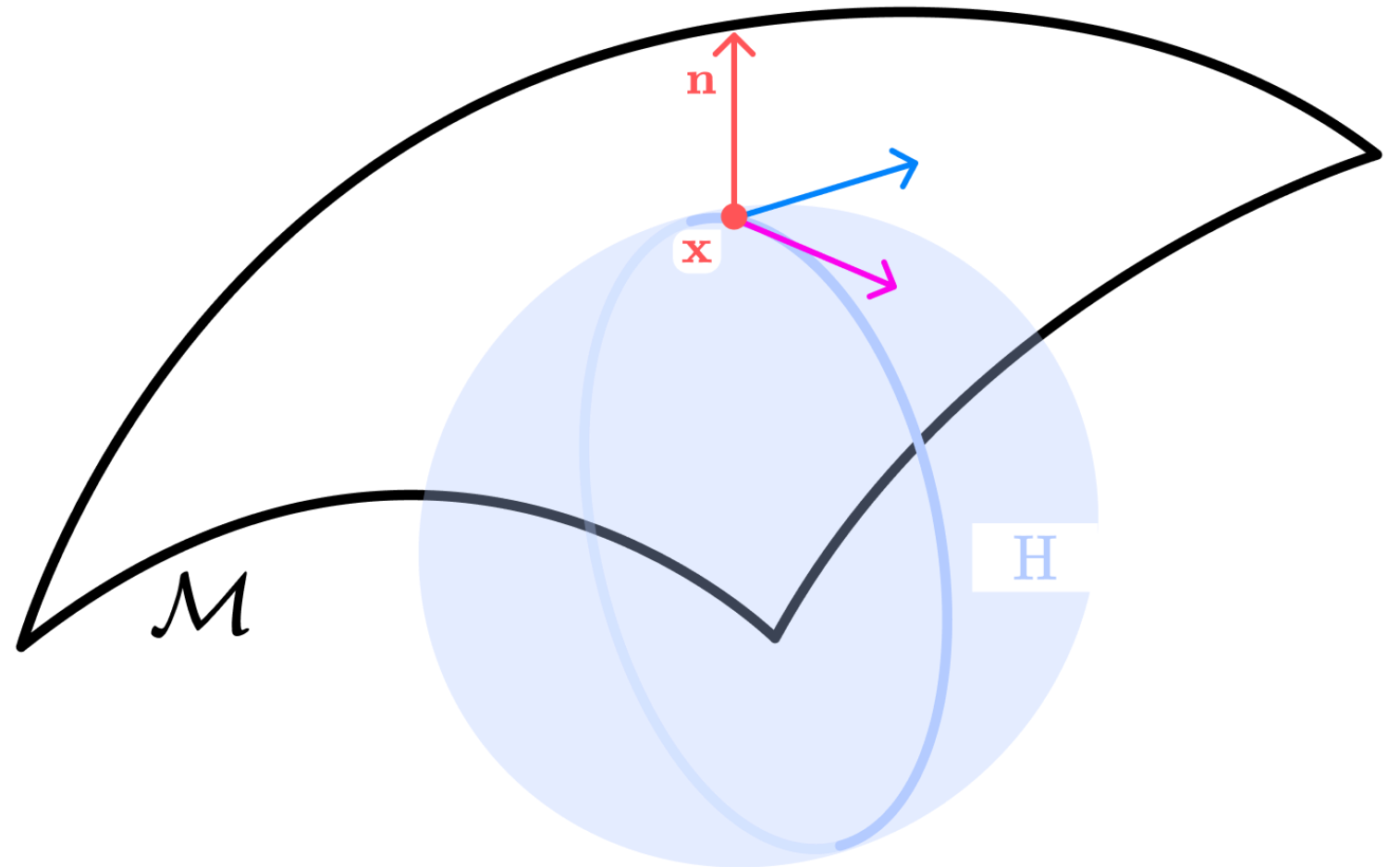


# Mean Curvature



- **Averaging** the principal curvatures

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \text{trace}(W)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \text{trace}(D)$$

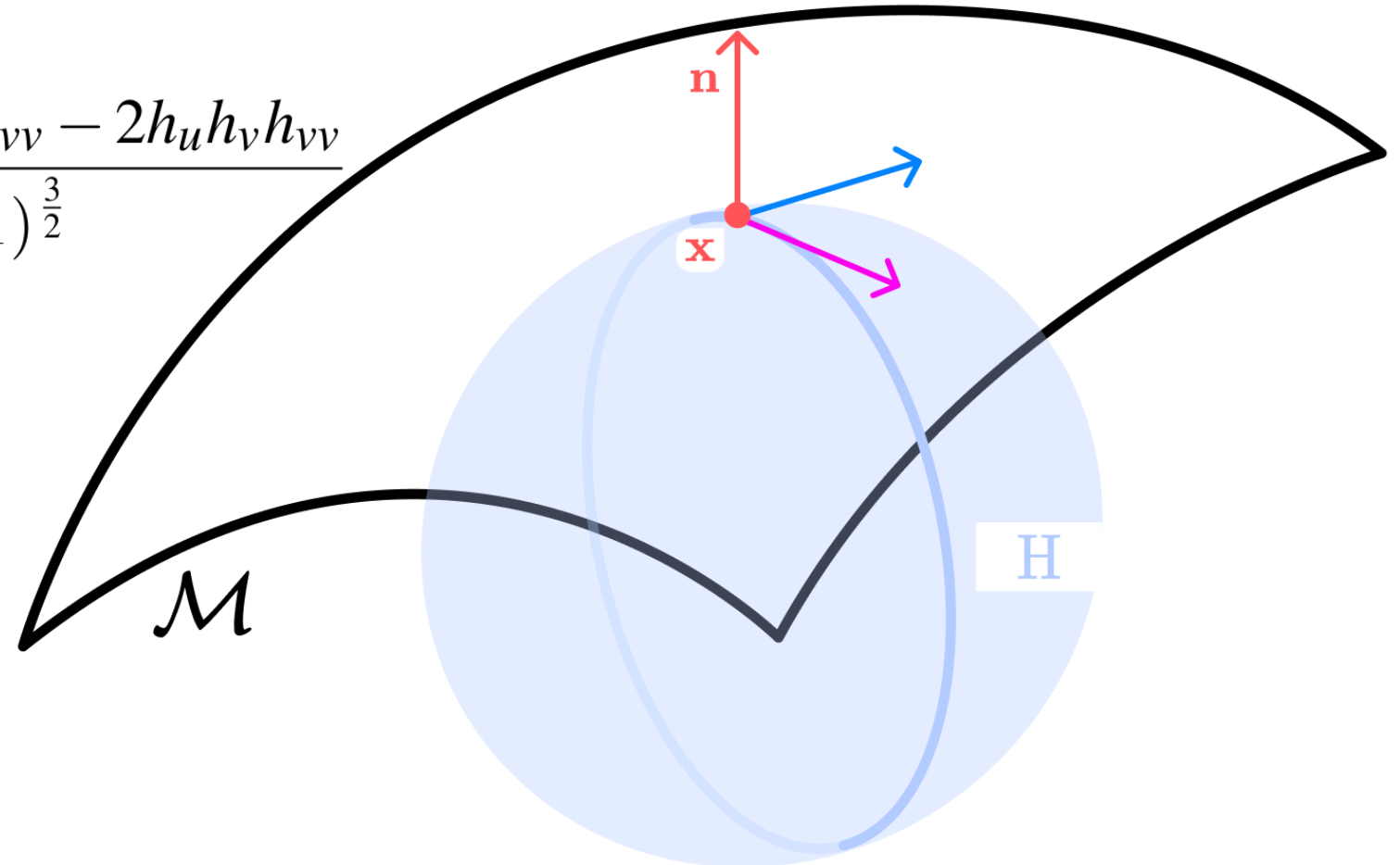


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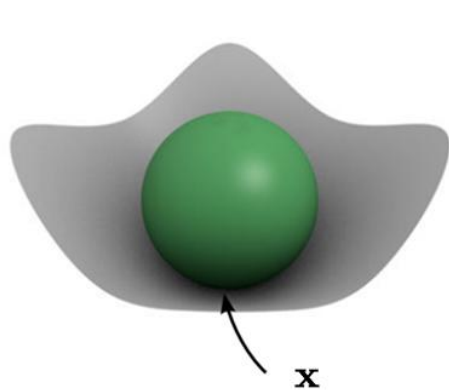


- Directly with the partial derivatives of  $h$

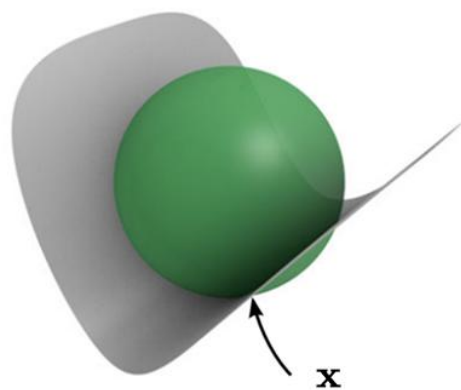
$$H = \frac{(1 + h_u^2)h_{uu} + (1 + h_v^2)h_{vv} - 2h_u h_v h_{uv}}{2(h_u^2 + h_v^2 + 1)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$



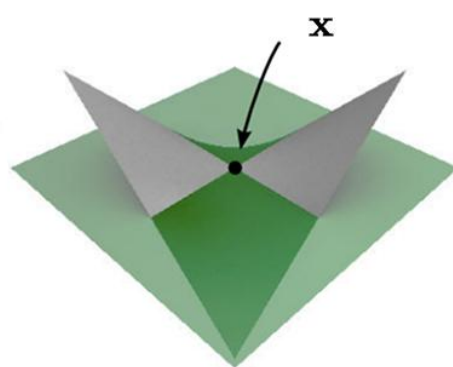
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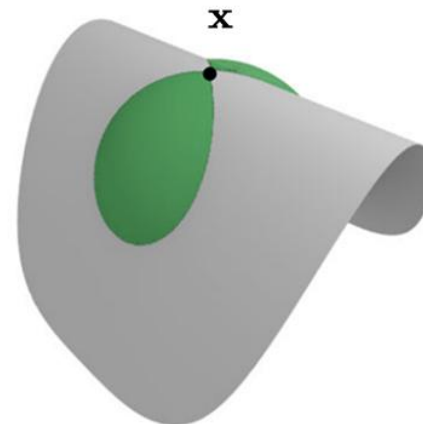
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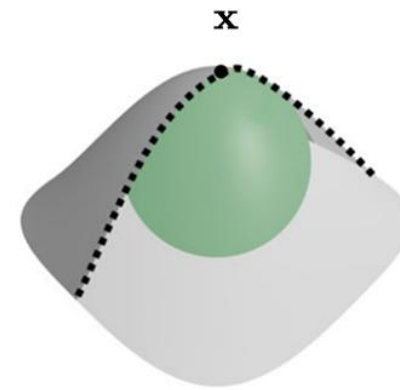
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$$\begin{aligned} k_{min} &= \alpha \\ k_{max} &= -\alpha \\ H &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

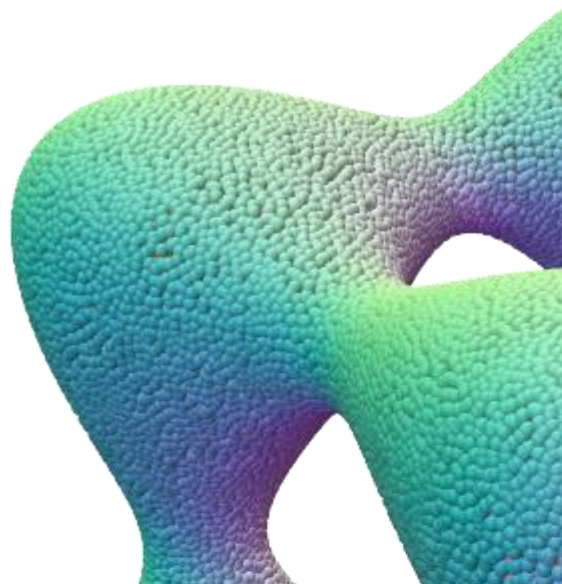


$$\begin{aligned} k_{min} &= 0 \\ k_{max} &= -\alpha \\ H &= -\frac{1}{2}\alpha \end{aligned}$$

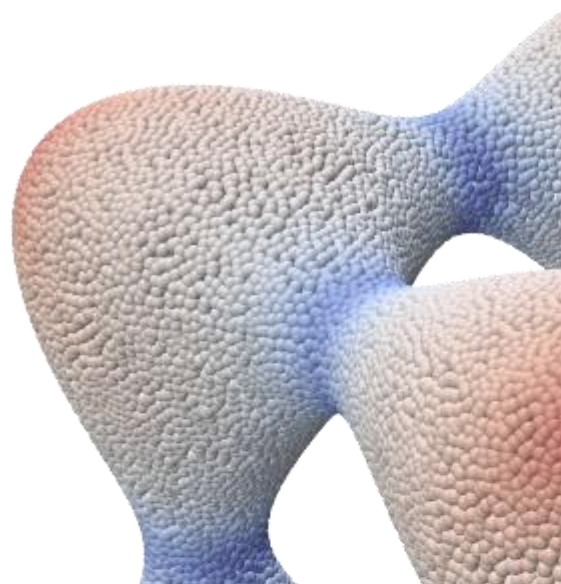


$$\begin{aligned} k_{min} &= -\alpha \\ k_{max} &= -\alpha \\ H &= -\alpha \end{aligned}$$

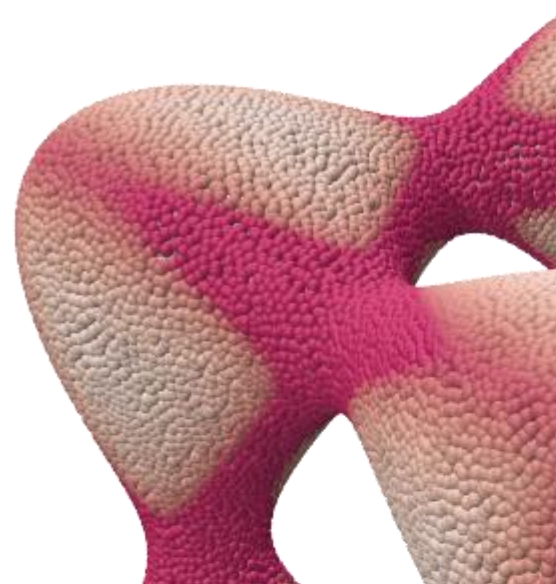
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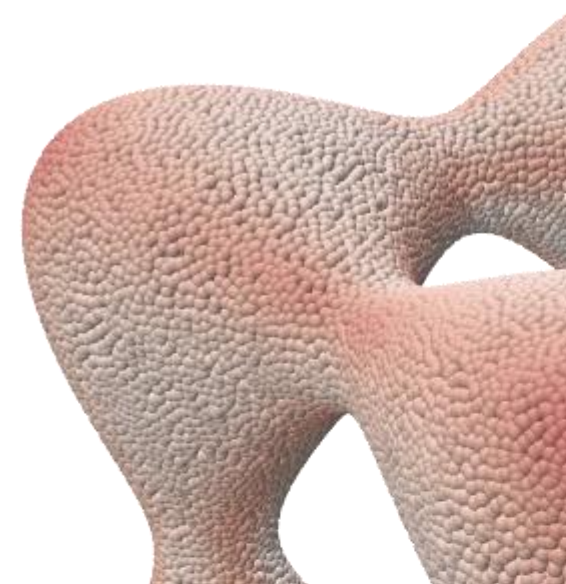
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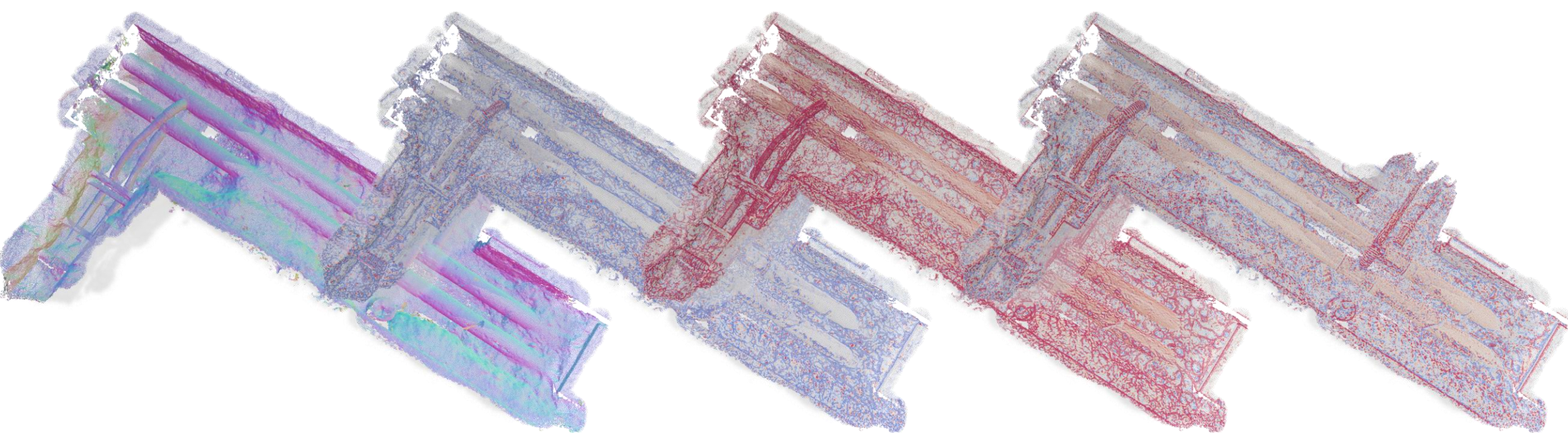
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# QUESTION TIME

Survey on differential **estimators** for 3d point clouds

# Methods

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# Methods - Notations

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Normal estimation



Tangent frame estimation



Mean curvature estimation

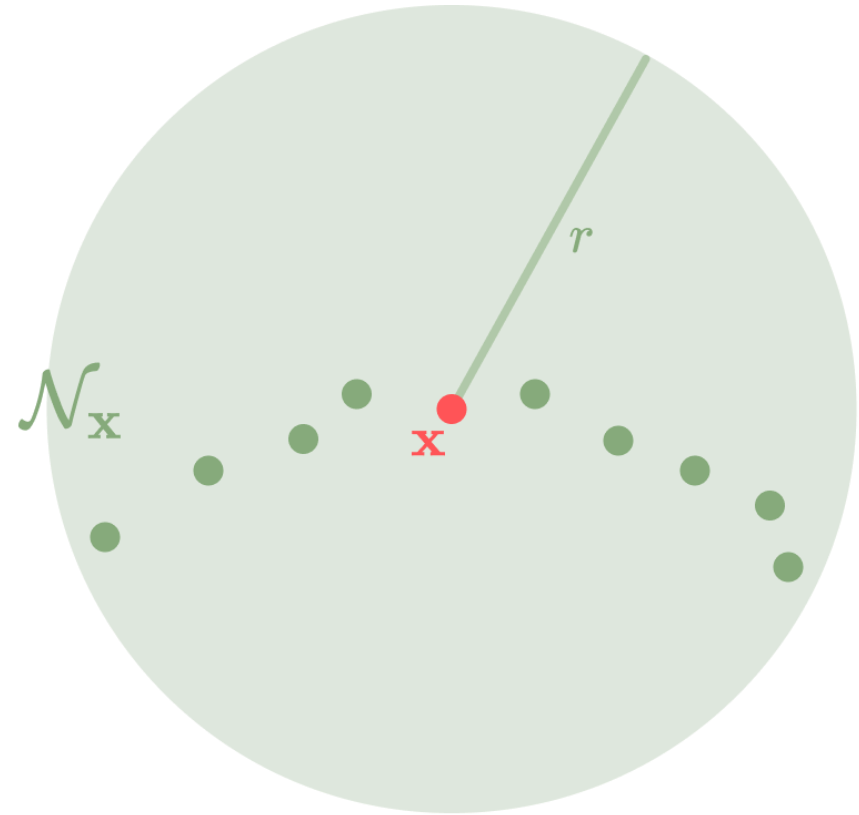


Weingarten map estimation  
(principal curvature values and directions)

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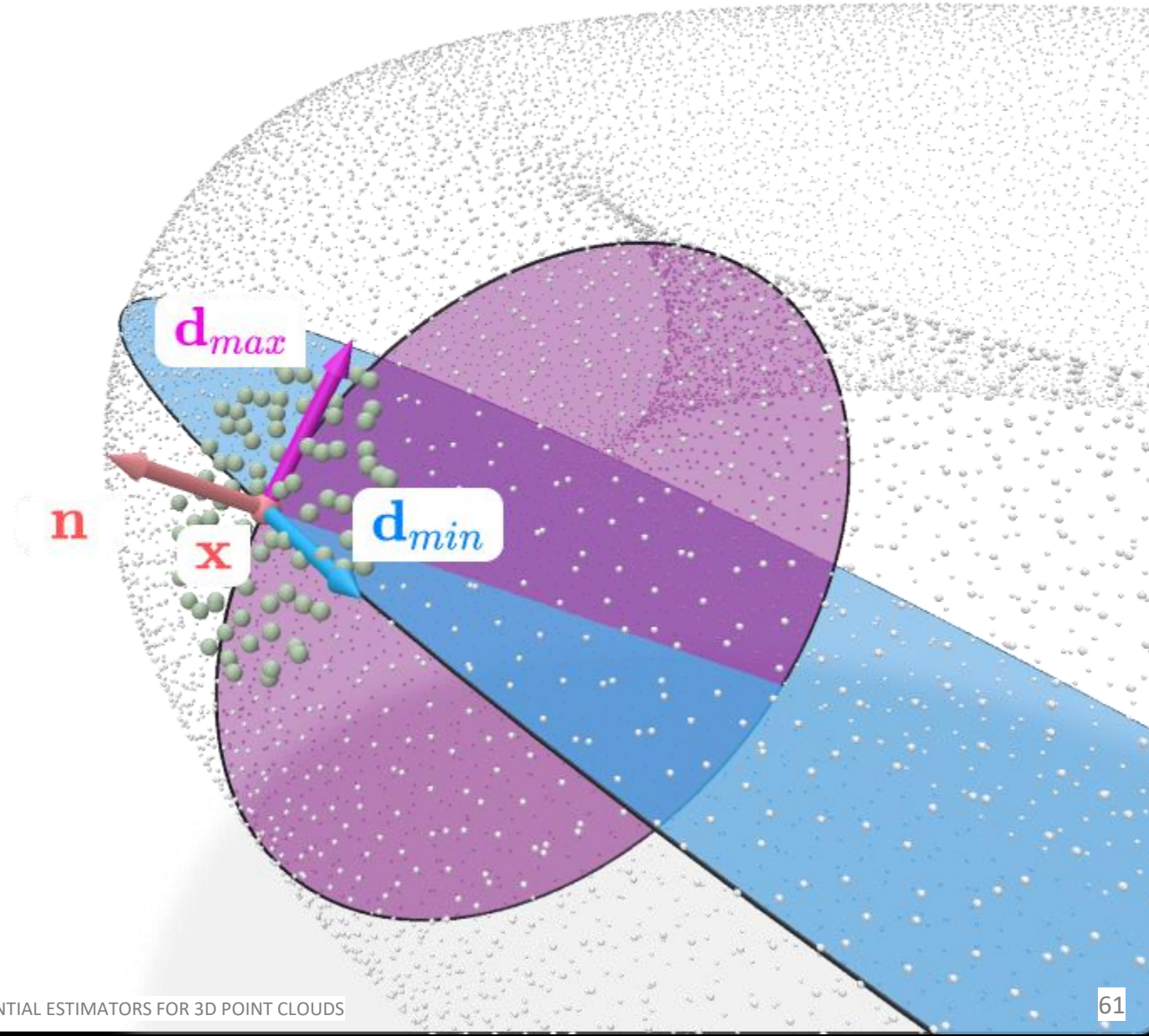
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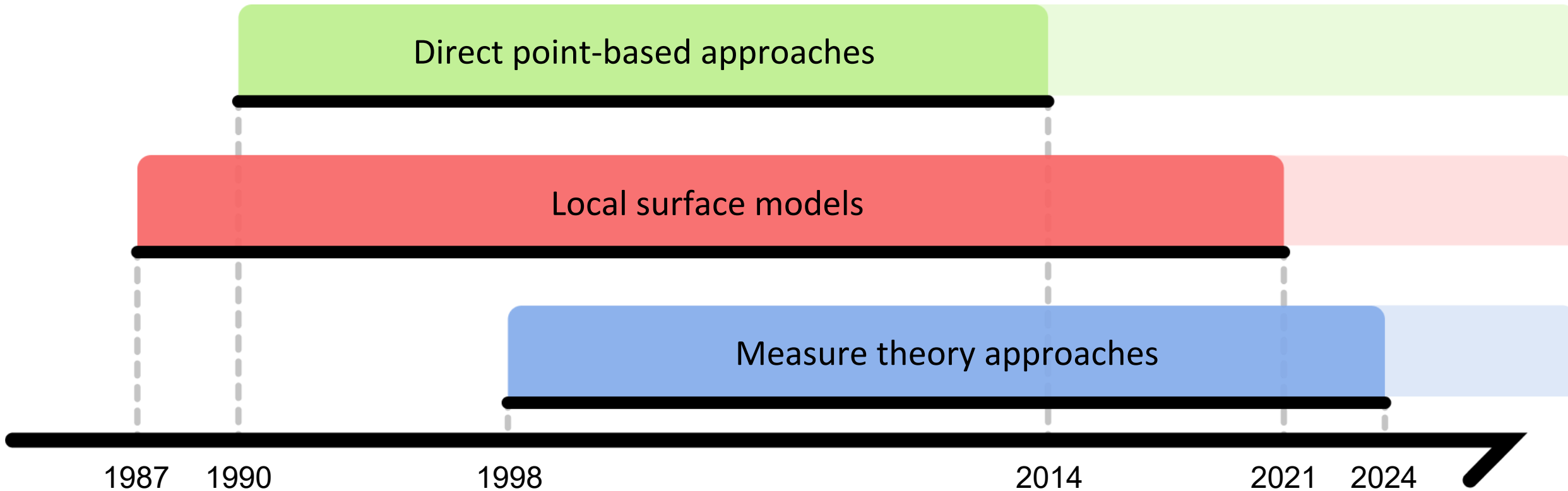
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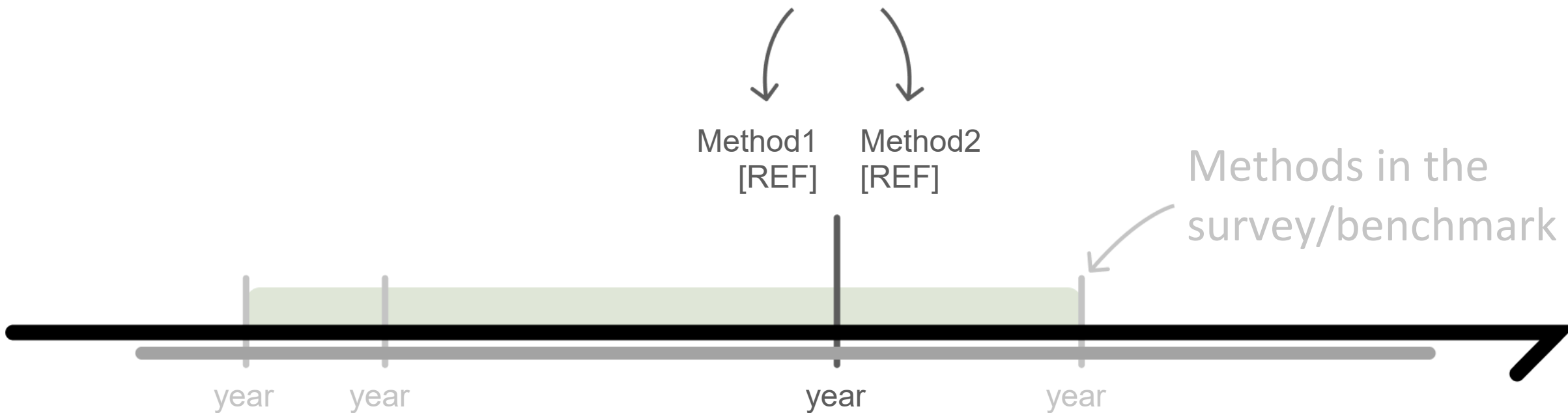
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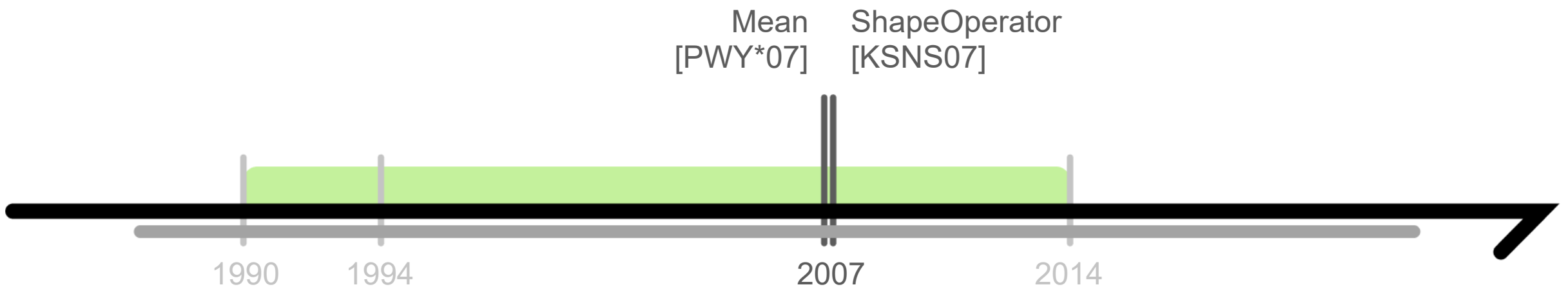
# Methods – Display convention

Methods presented today



# Methods – Direct Point-Based Approaches

- Statistical approaches
  - Averages
  - Covariance matrices

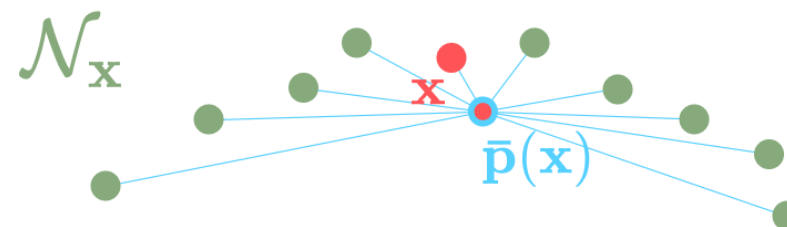


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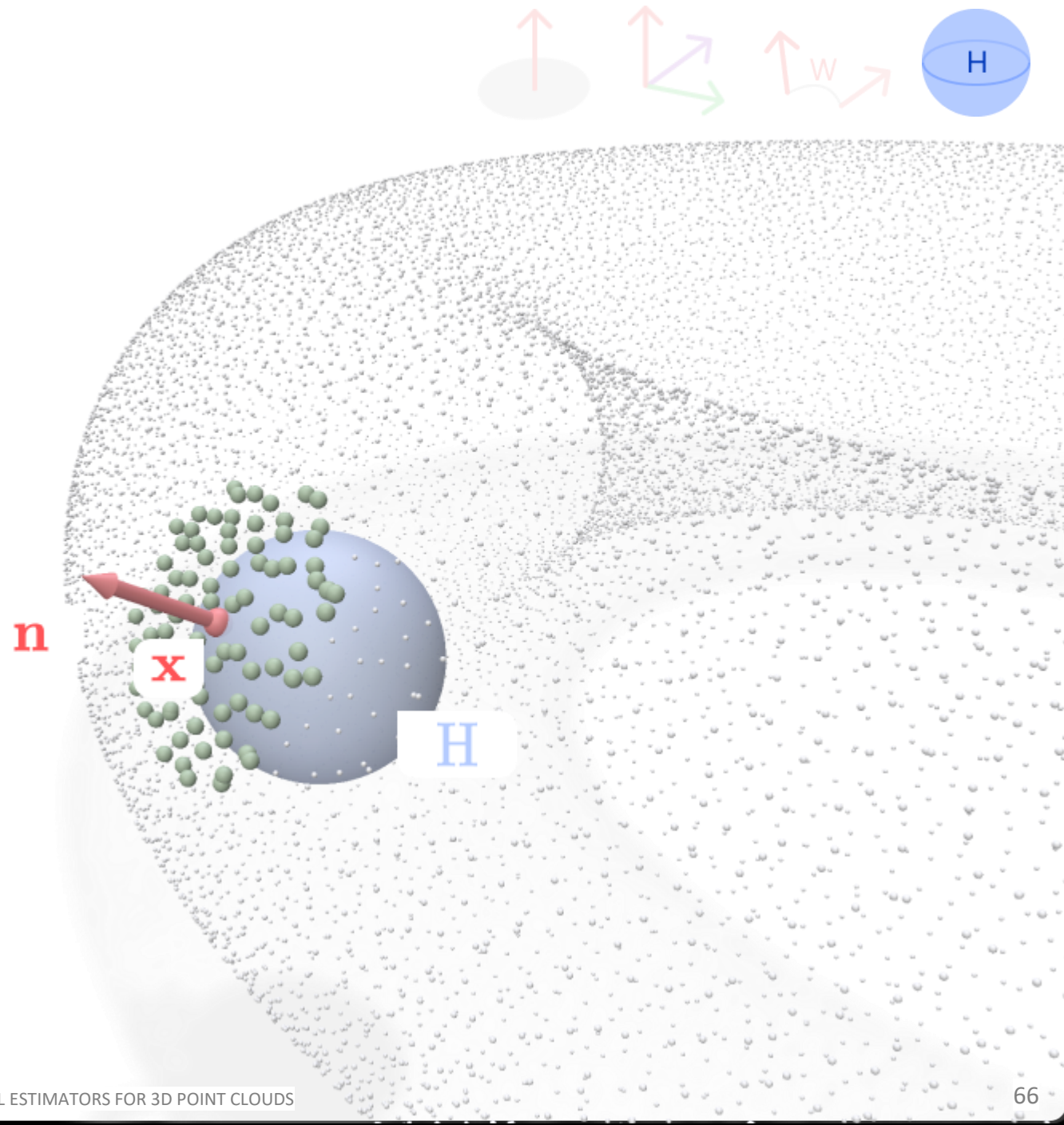
- The barycenter is linked to the mean curvature [PWY\*07]

$$\bar{H}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{4 \|\bar{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x}\|}{r^2}$$



# Methods – Mean

- Estimate
  - Mean curvature



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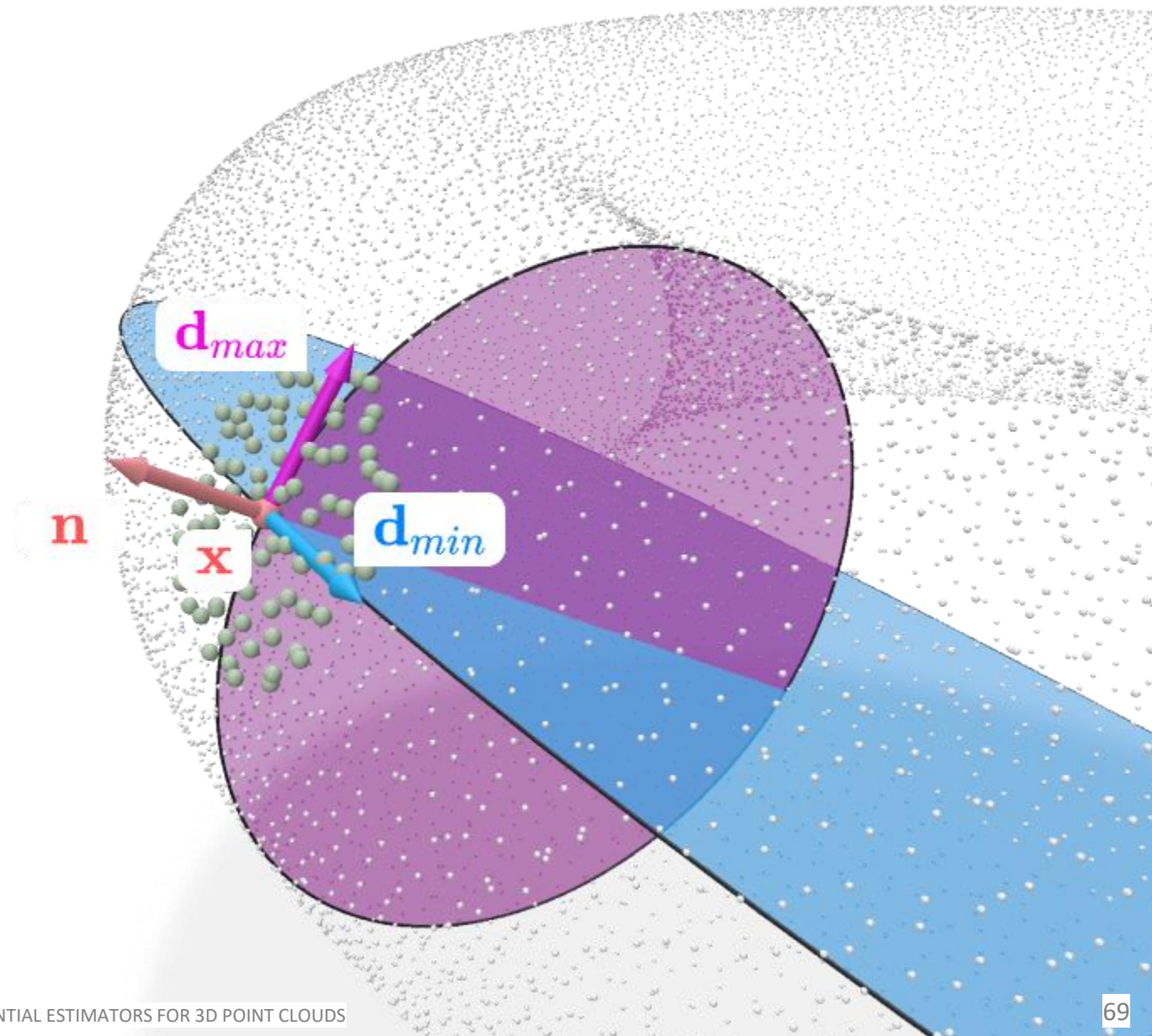
$$\mathbf{d}_i = \bar{P}(\mathbf{x})^T (\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{x}) \quad (\text{position variation})$$

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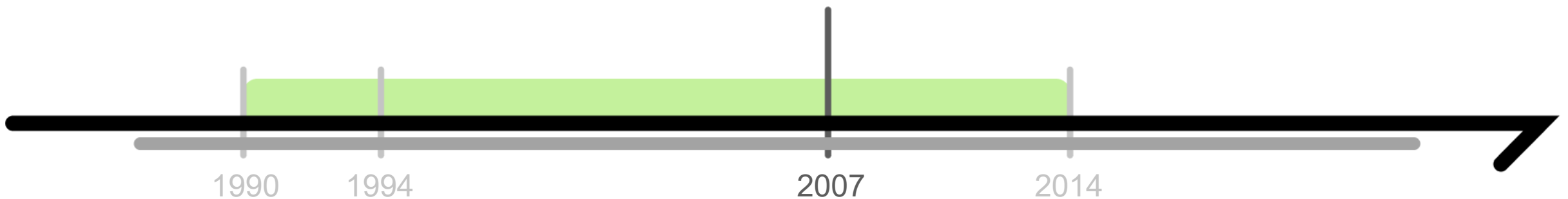
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# Methods – Direct Point-Based Approaches

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- Capture the geometry directly without reconstructing the explicit surface



# Methods – Direct Point-Based Approaches

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## Pros

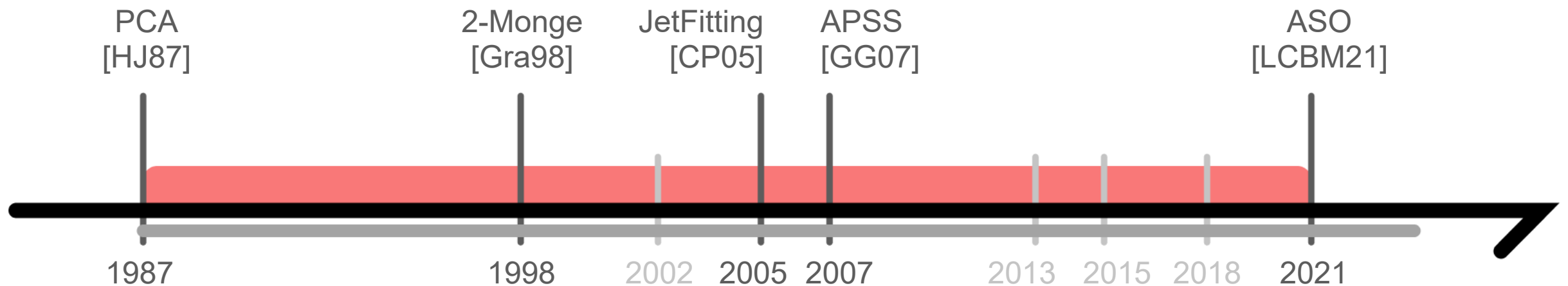
- Simple formulas, efficient
- Good to estimate principal directions

## Cons

- Noise sensitive
- Lack of precision for curvature estimation (except for the ShapeOperator)

# Methods – Local surface models

- 2.5D height field fitting
- 3D surface fitting

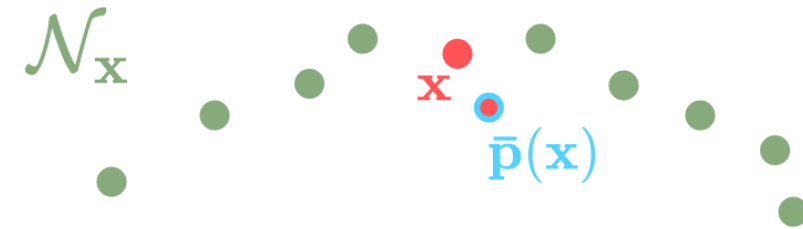


# Methods – PCA [HJ87]



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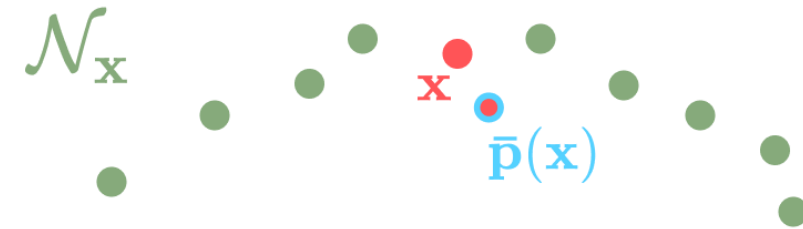


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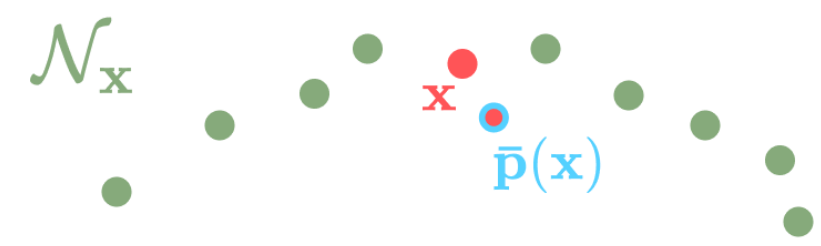
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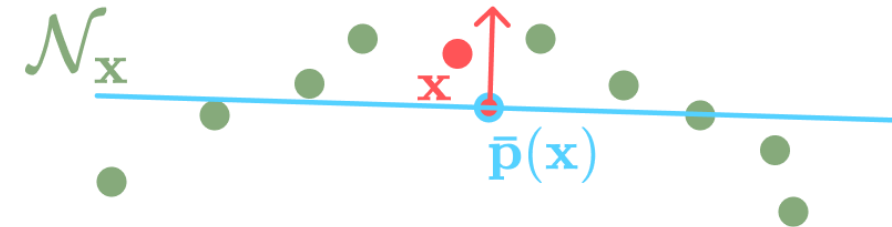
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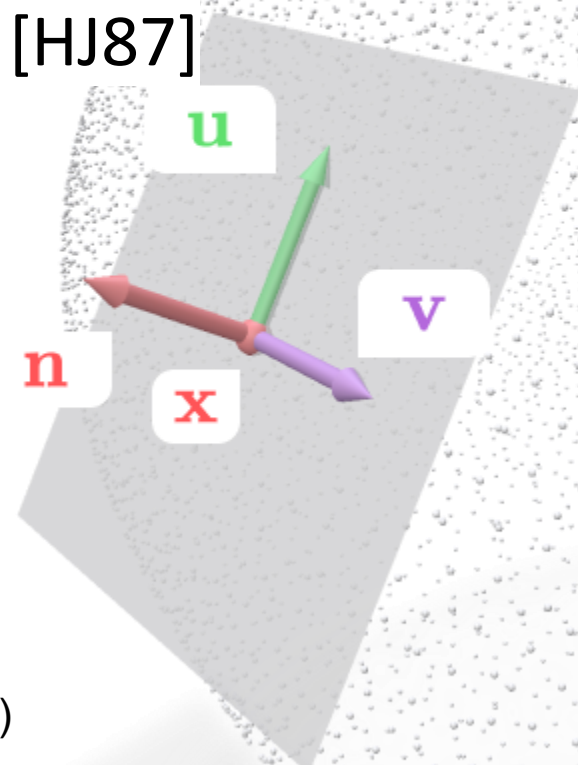
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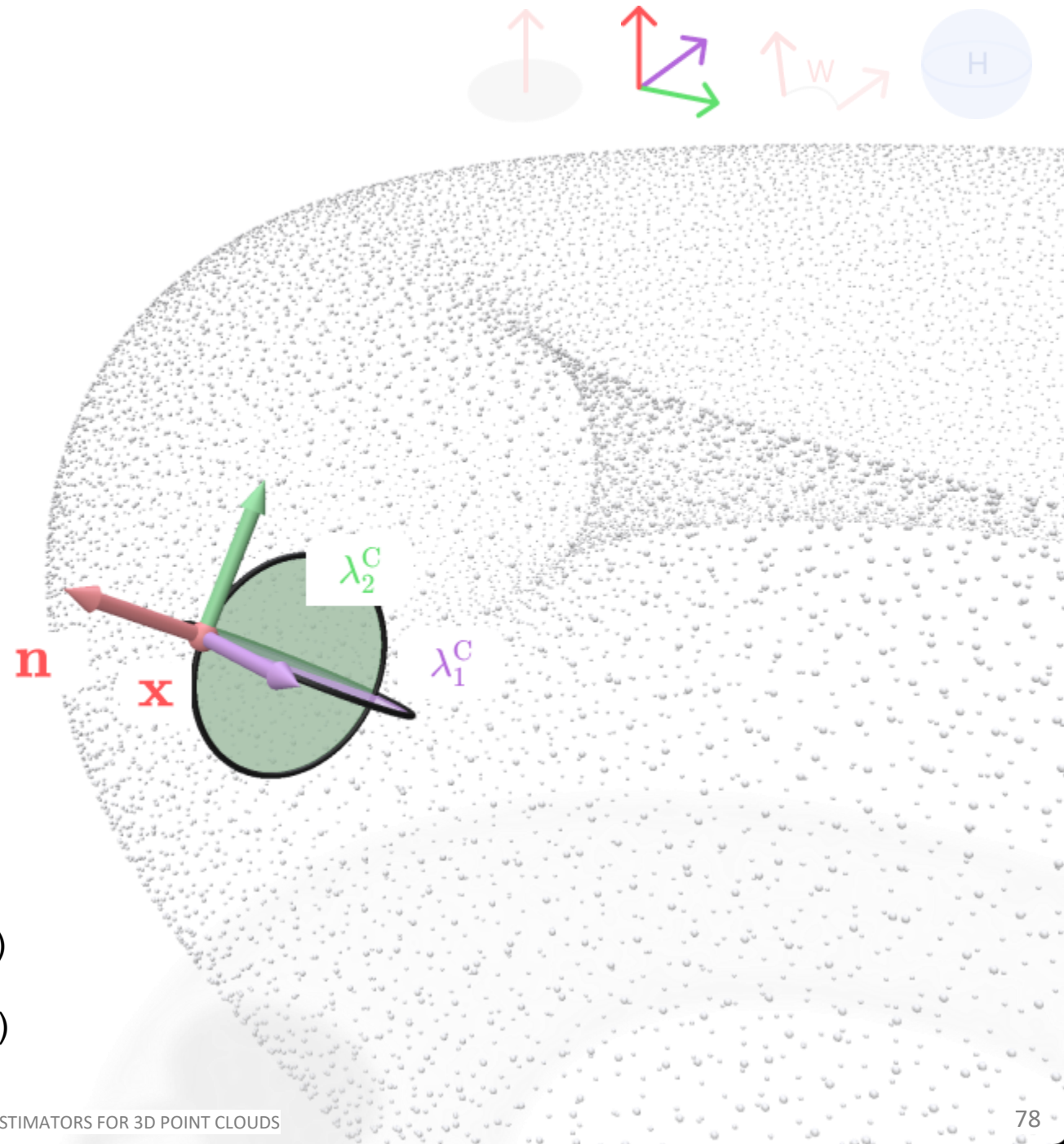
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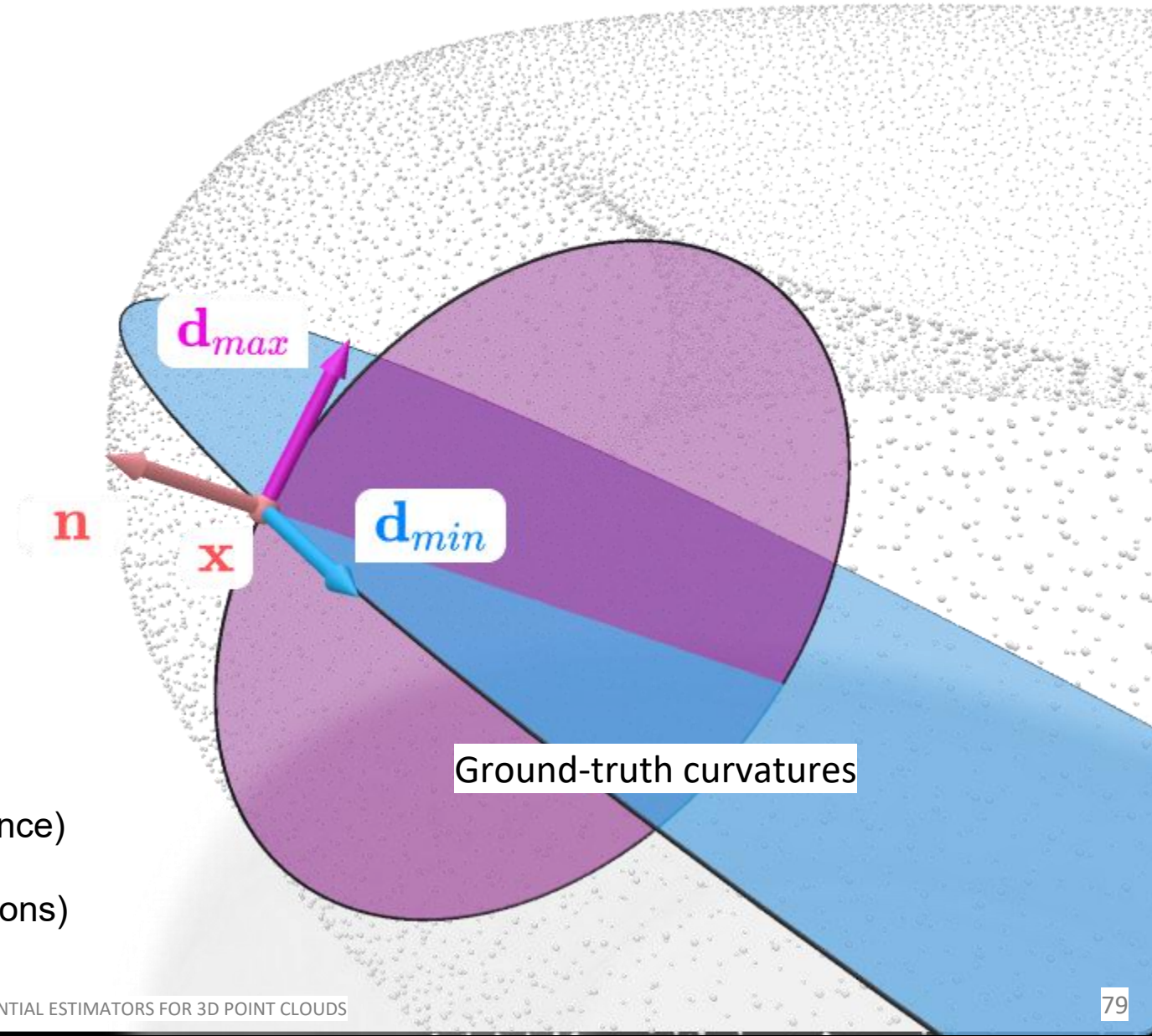
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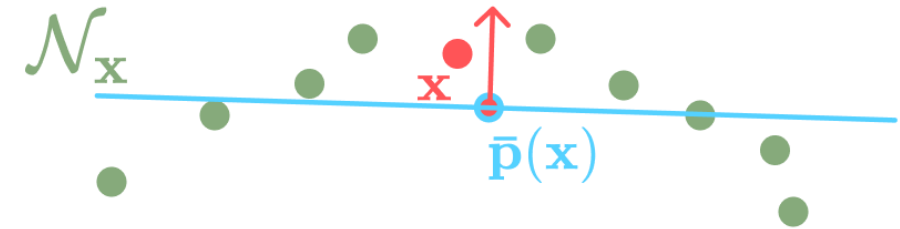
Ground-truth curvatures

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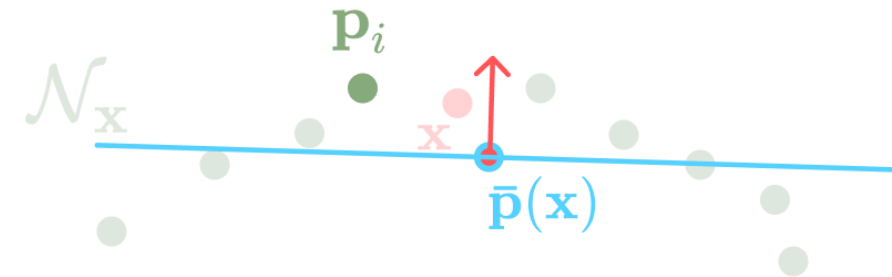
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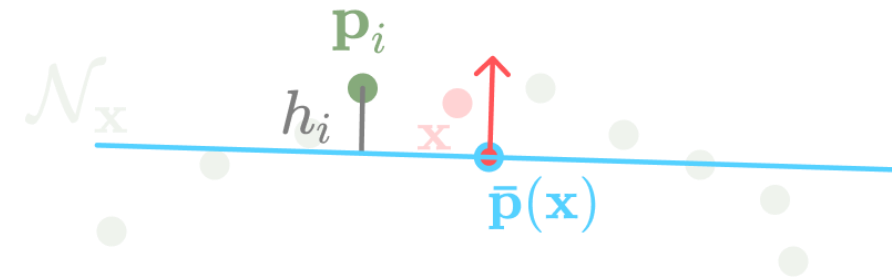
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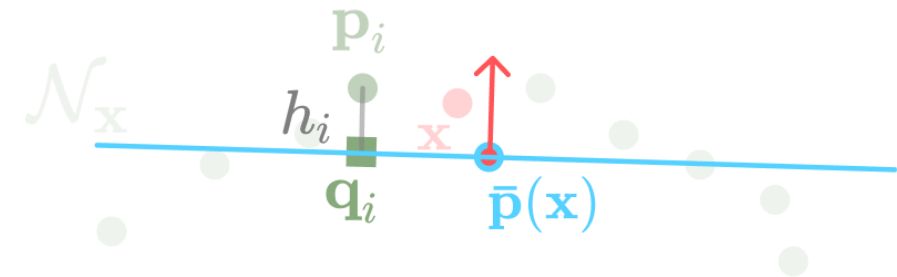
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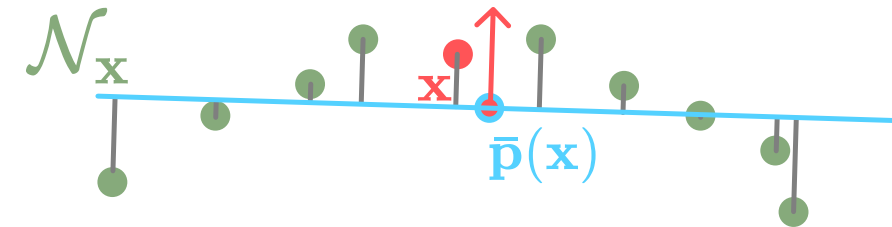
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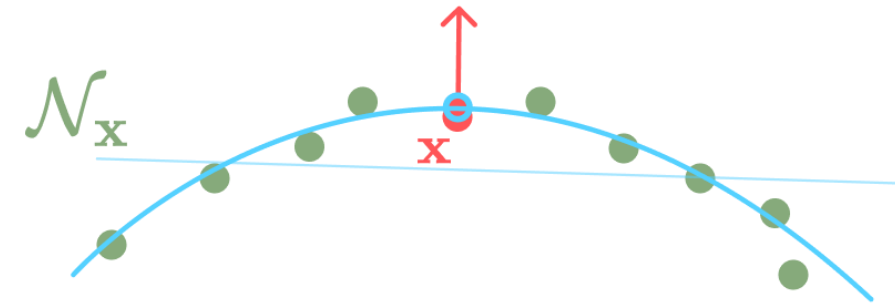
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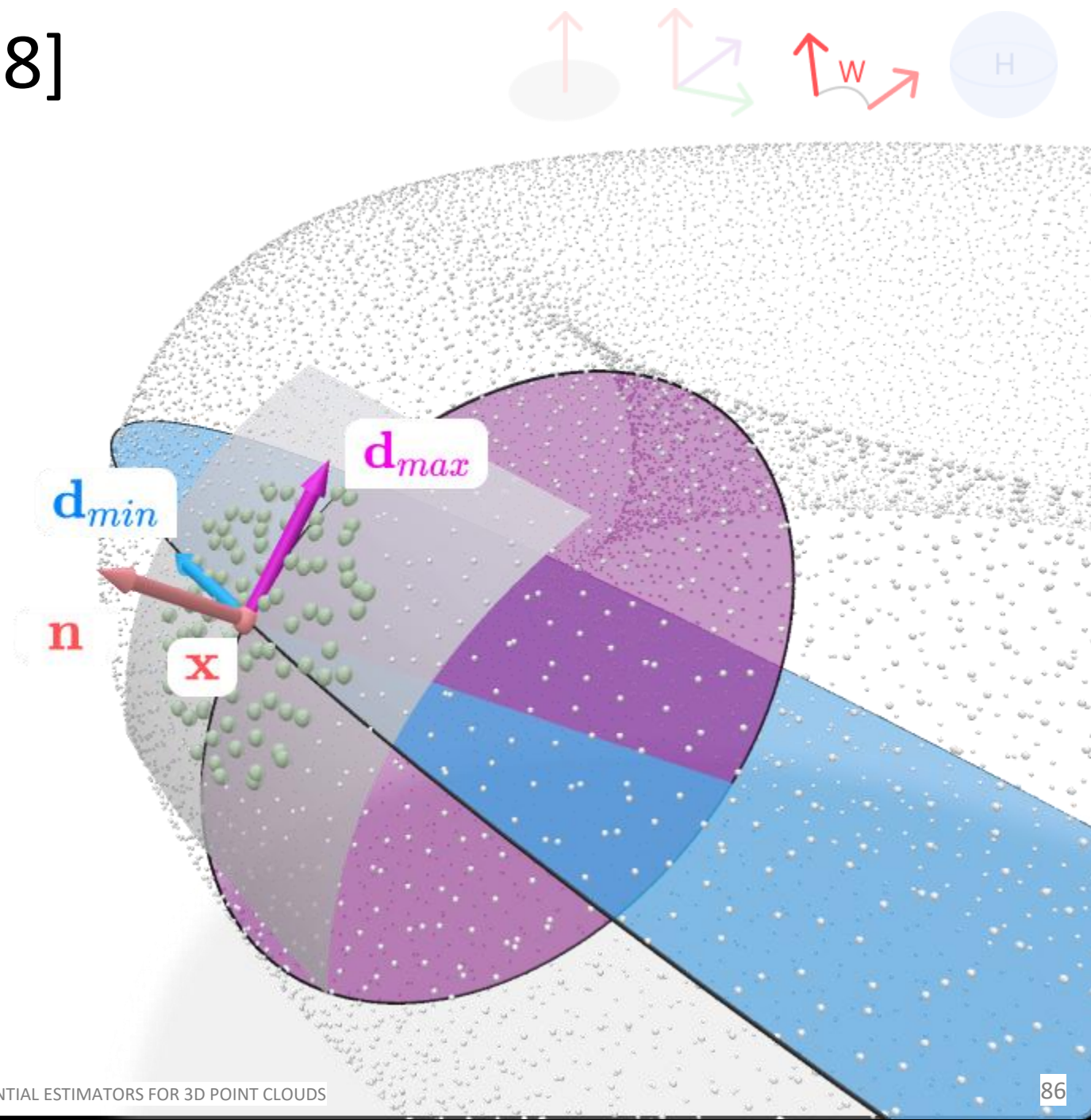
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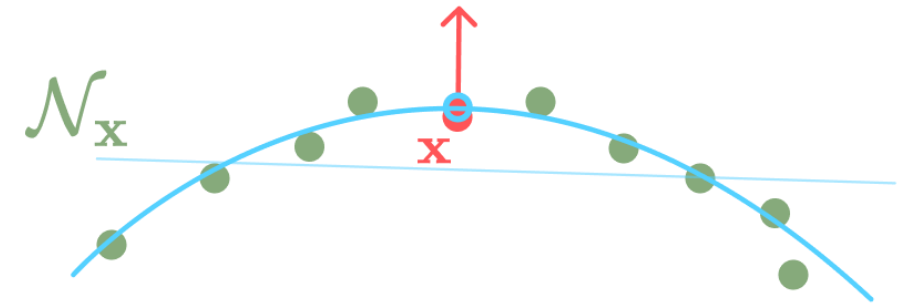
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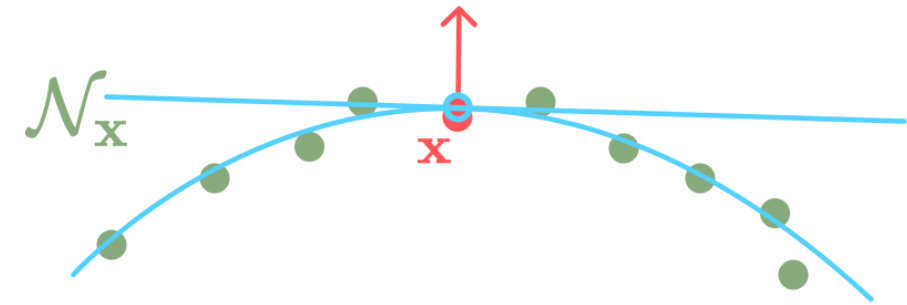
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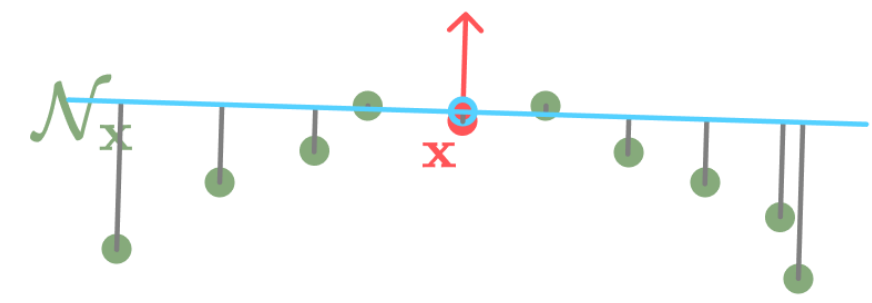
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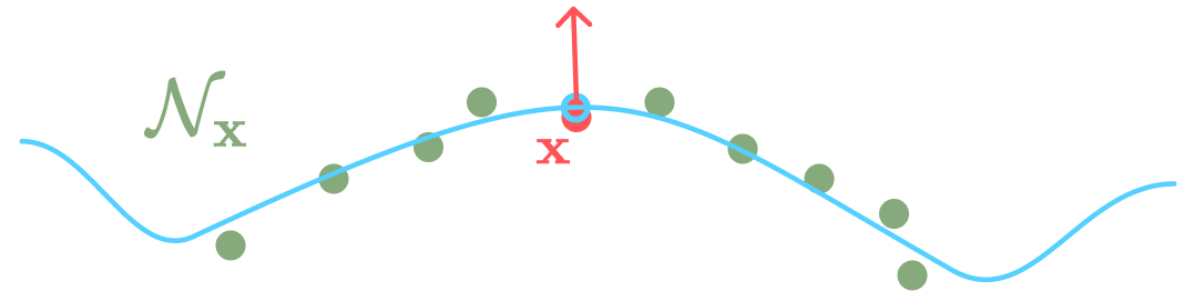


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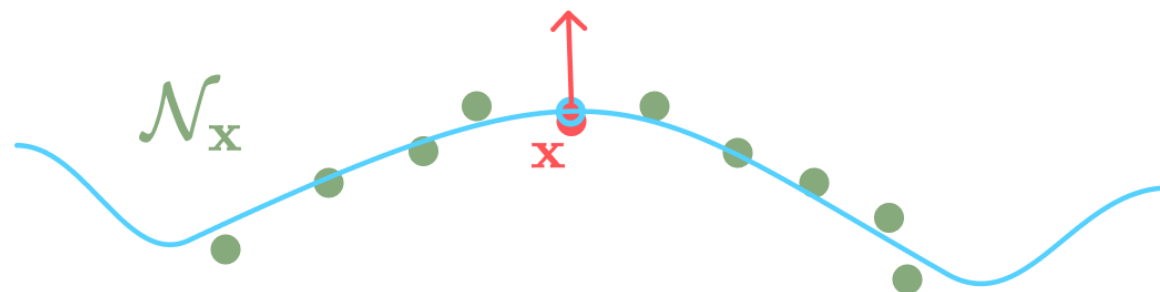
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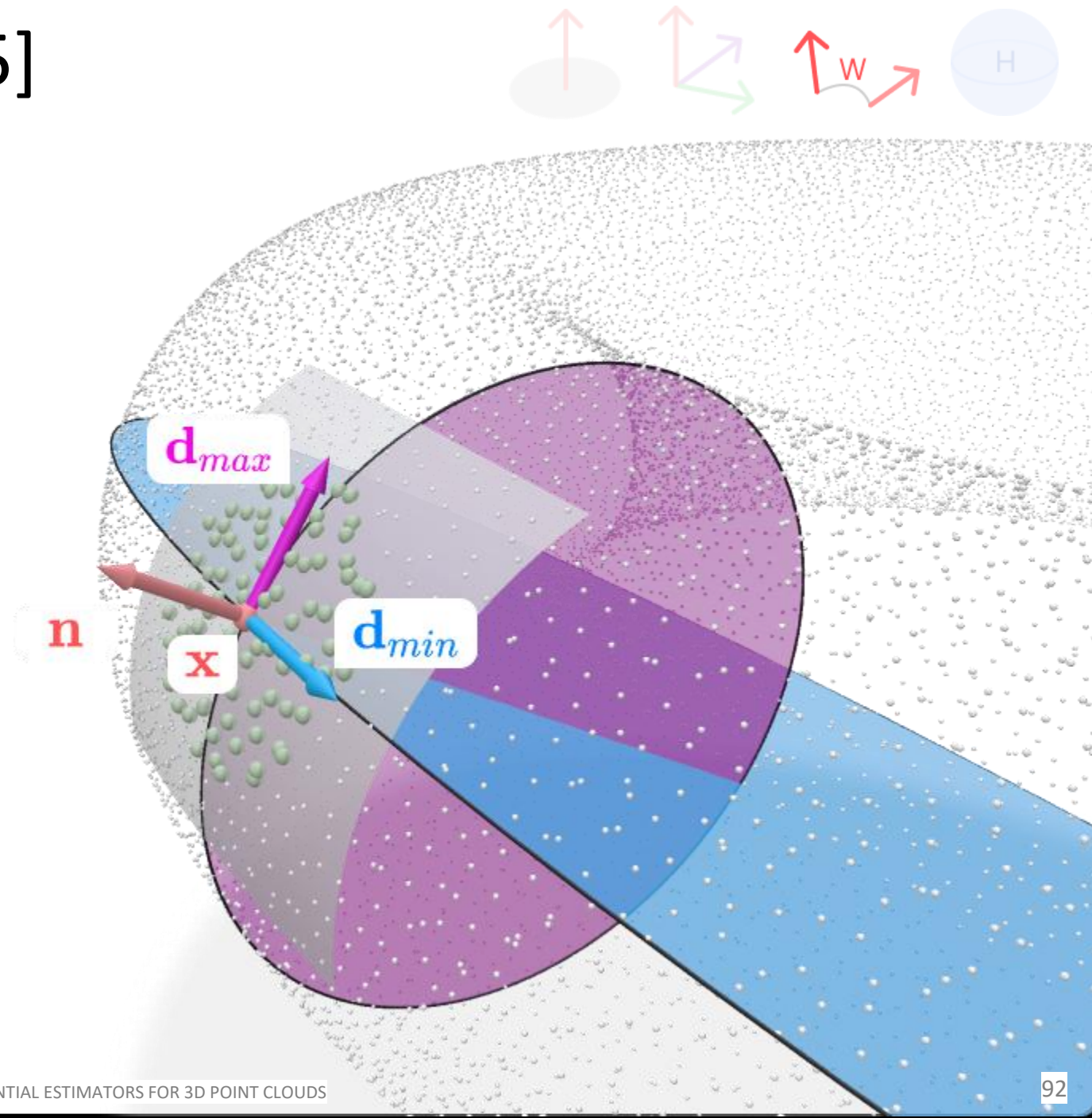
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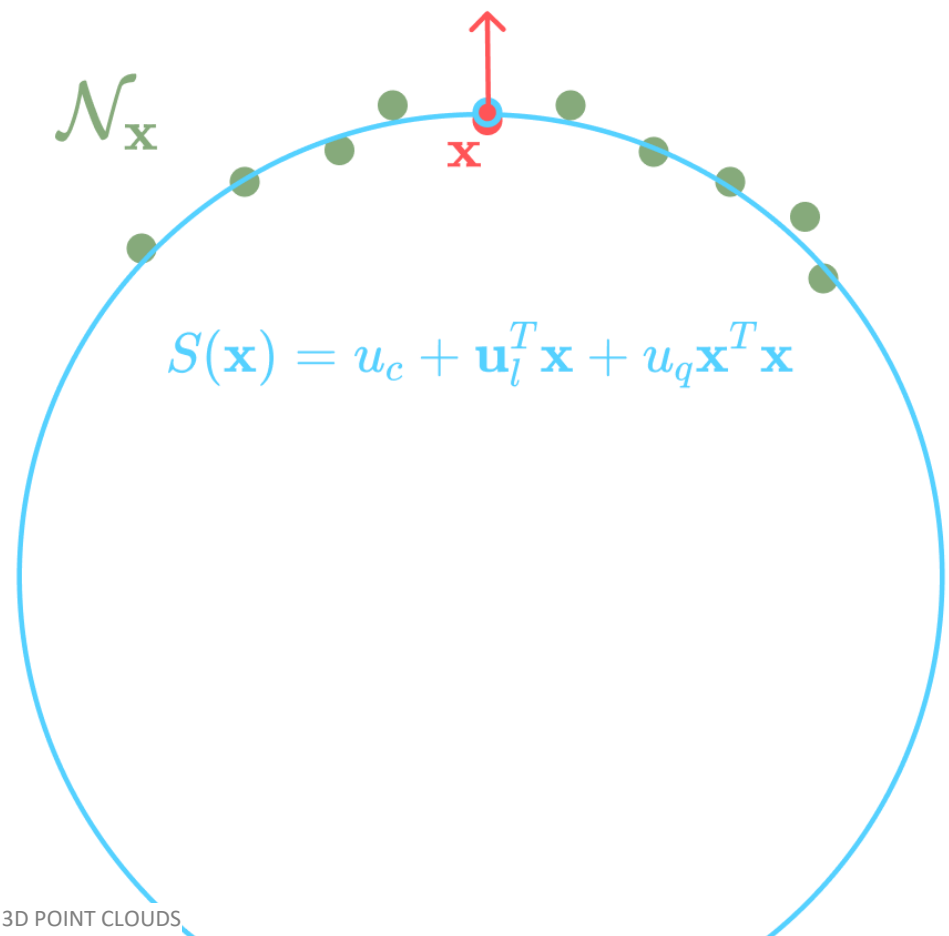
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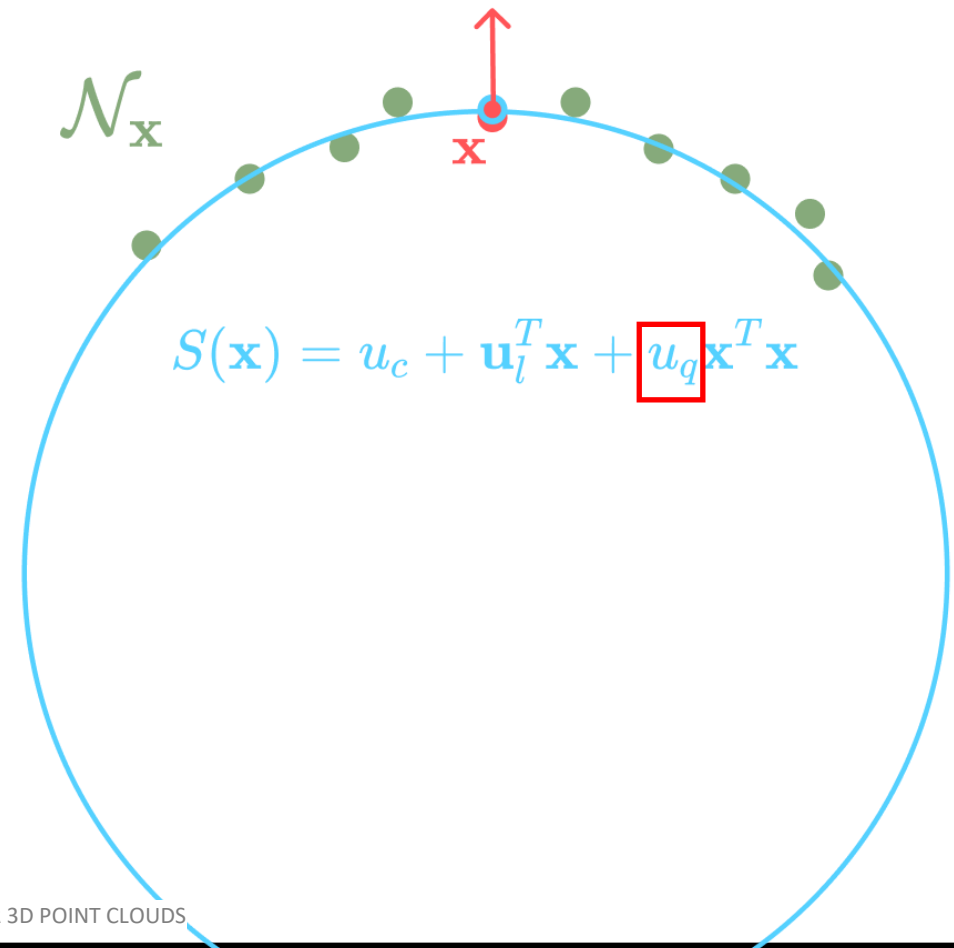
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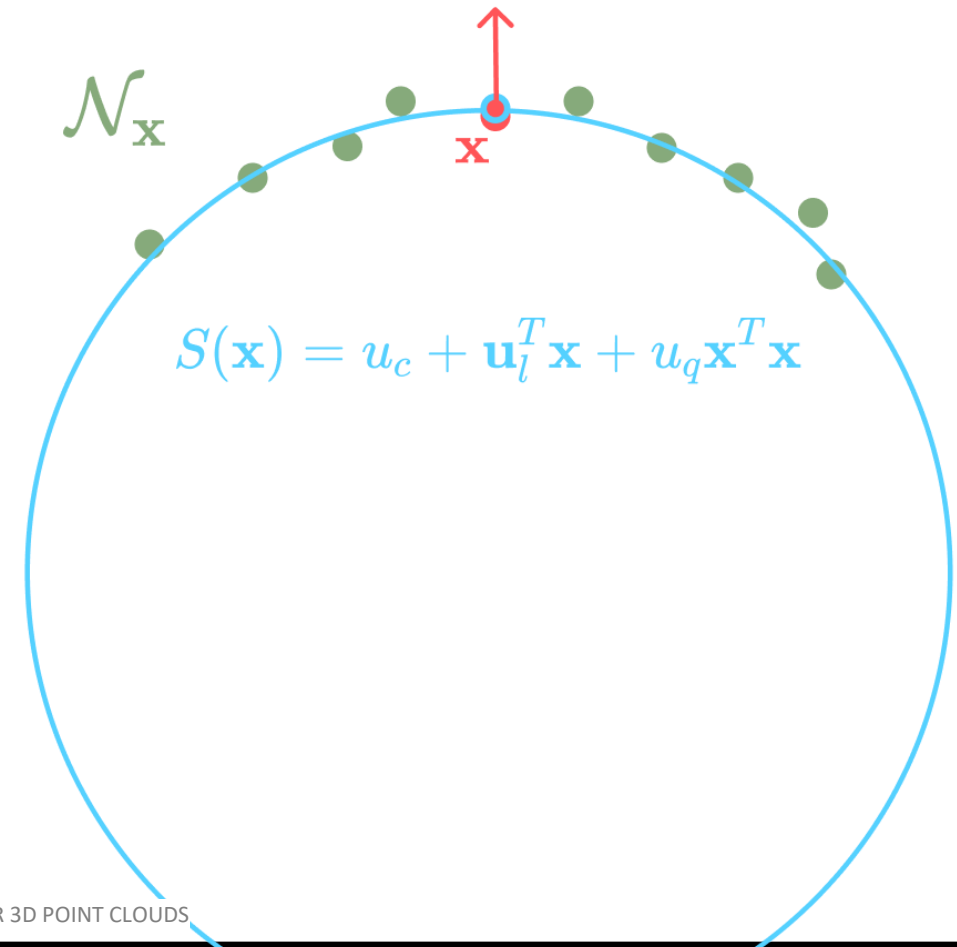


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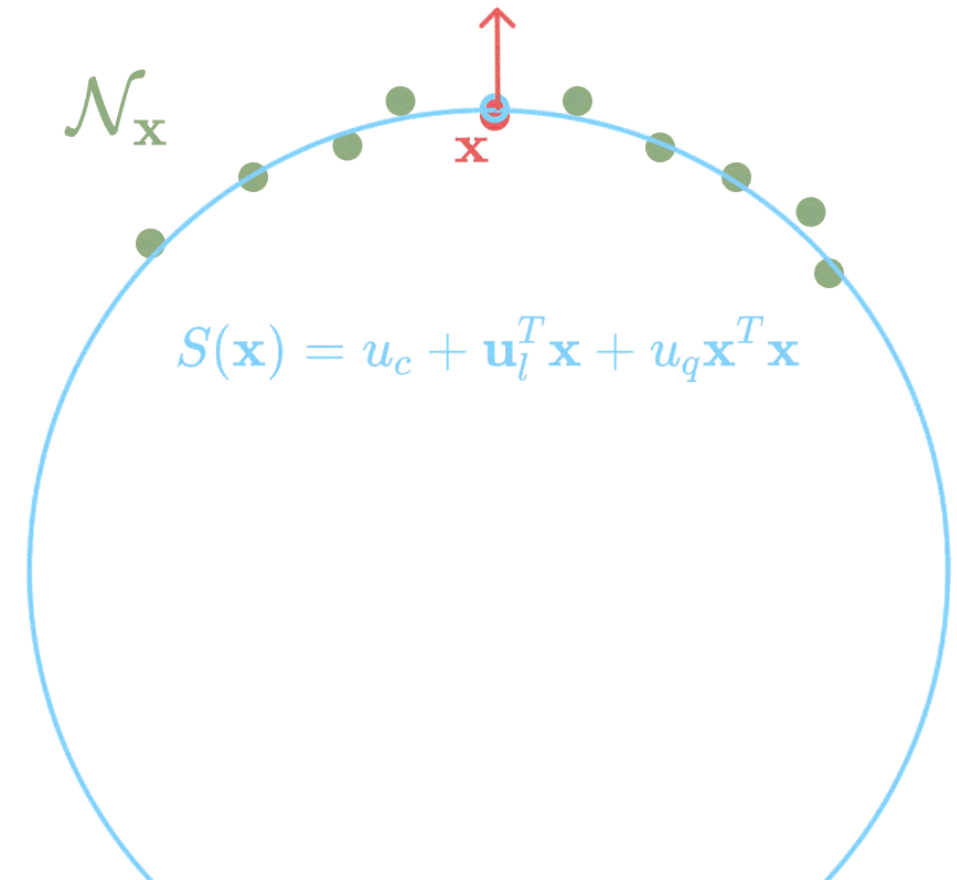
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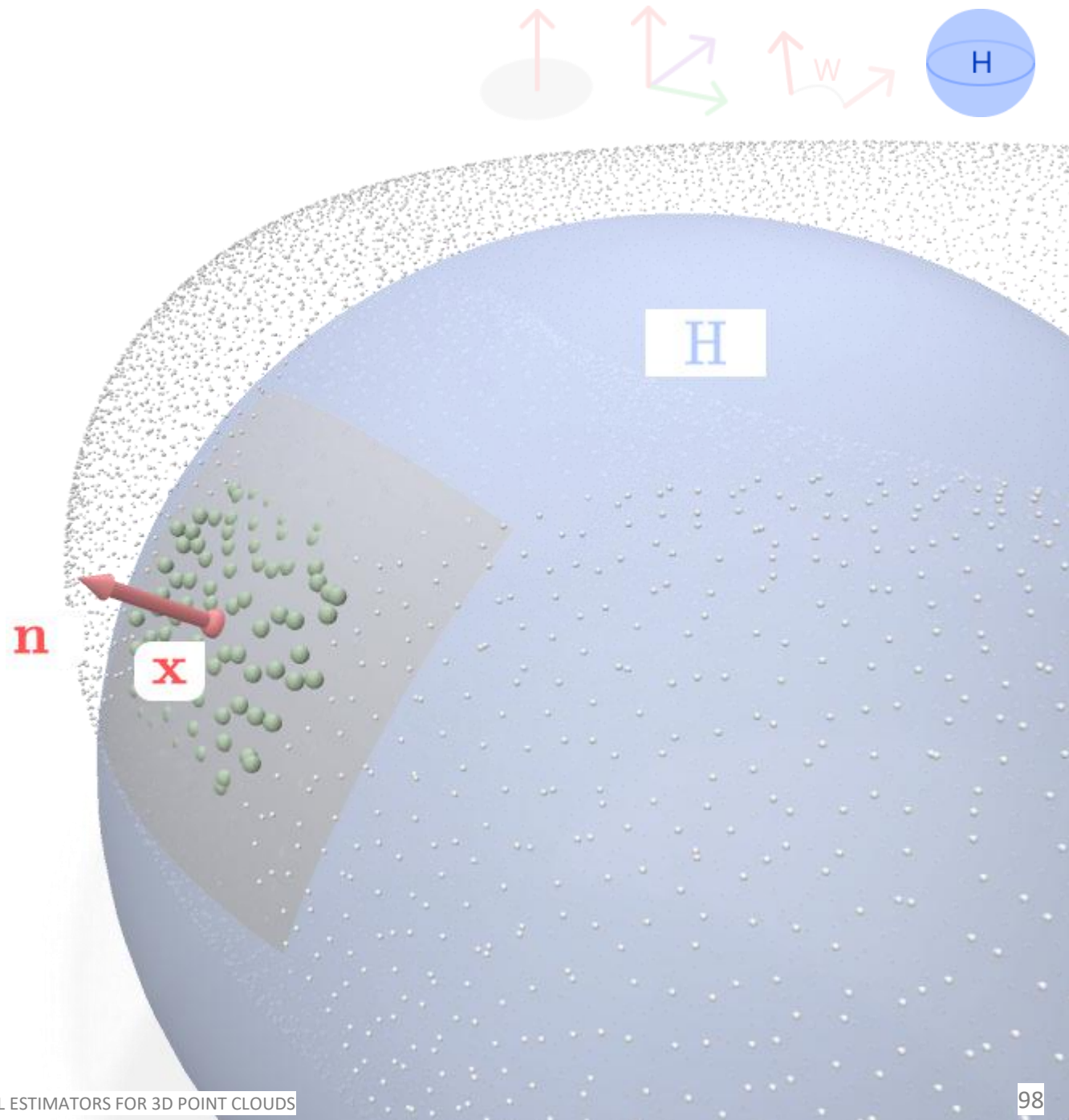


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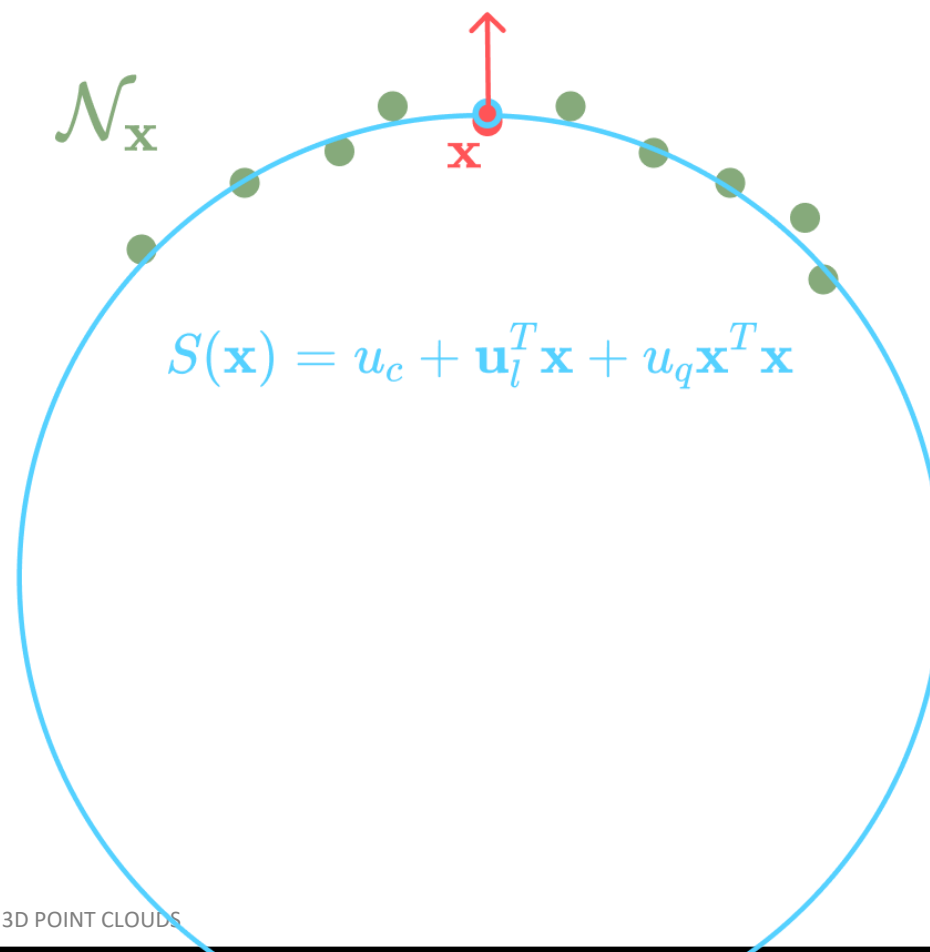
# Methods – APSS [GG07]

- Estimate
  - Mean curvature  $H$
- Requirements
  - Input normals
- Other sphere fitting variants
  - 3D positions only [Pra87]
  - non-oriented normals [CGBG13]





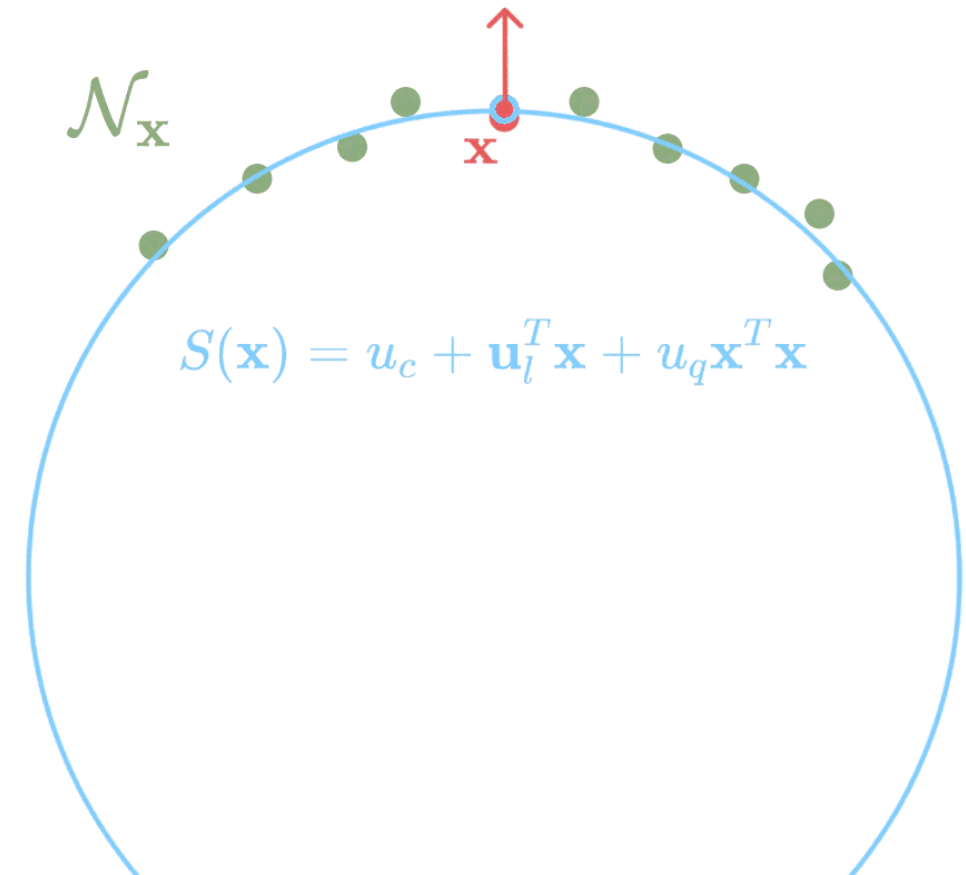
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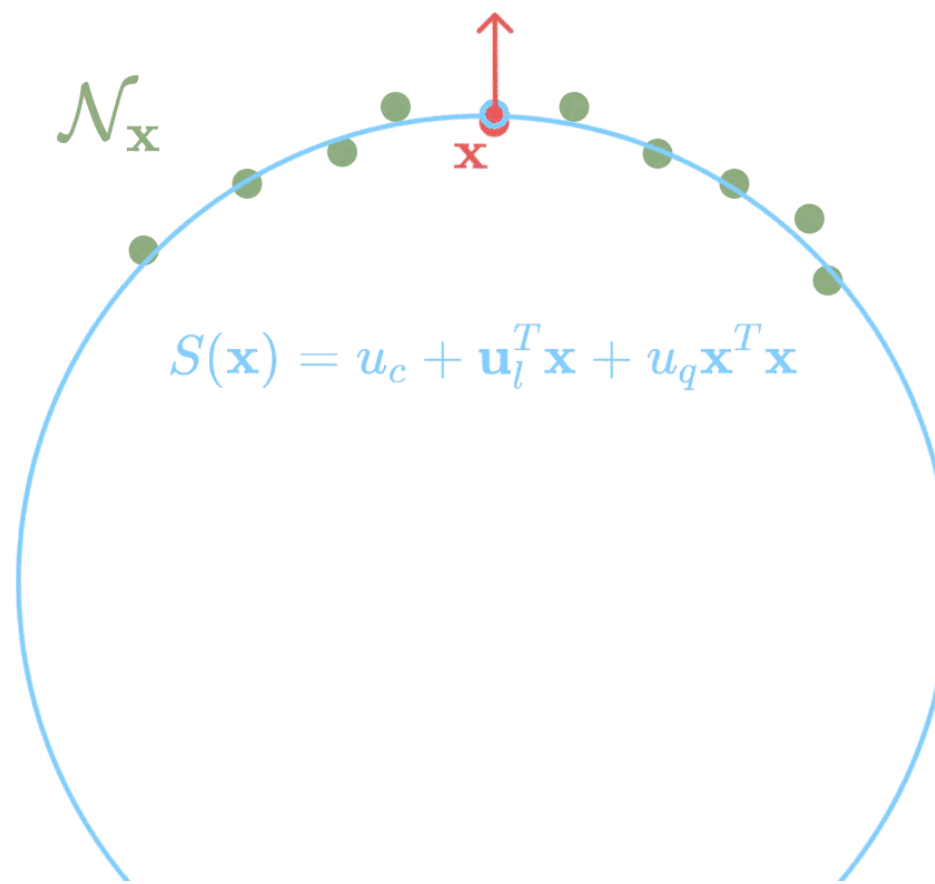
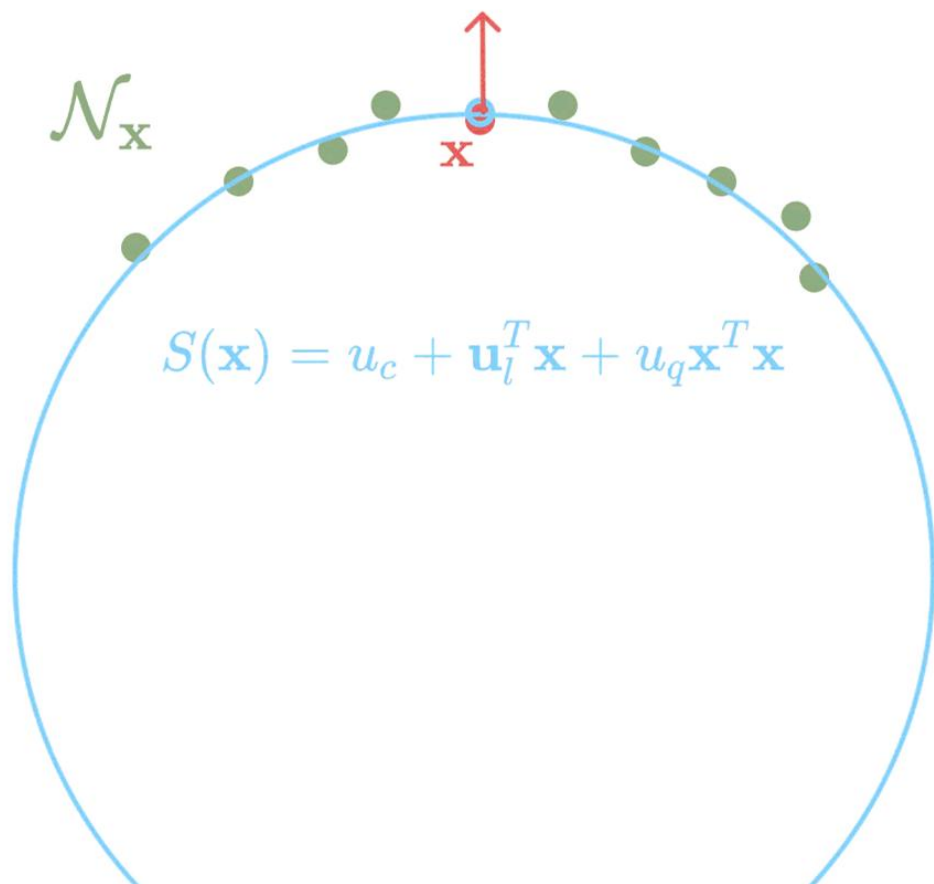


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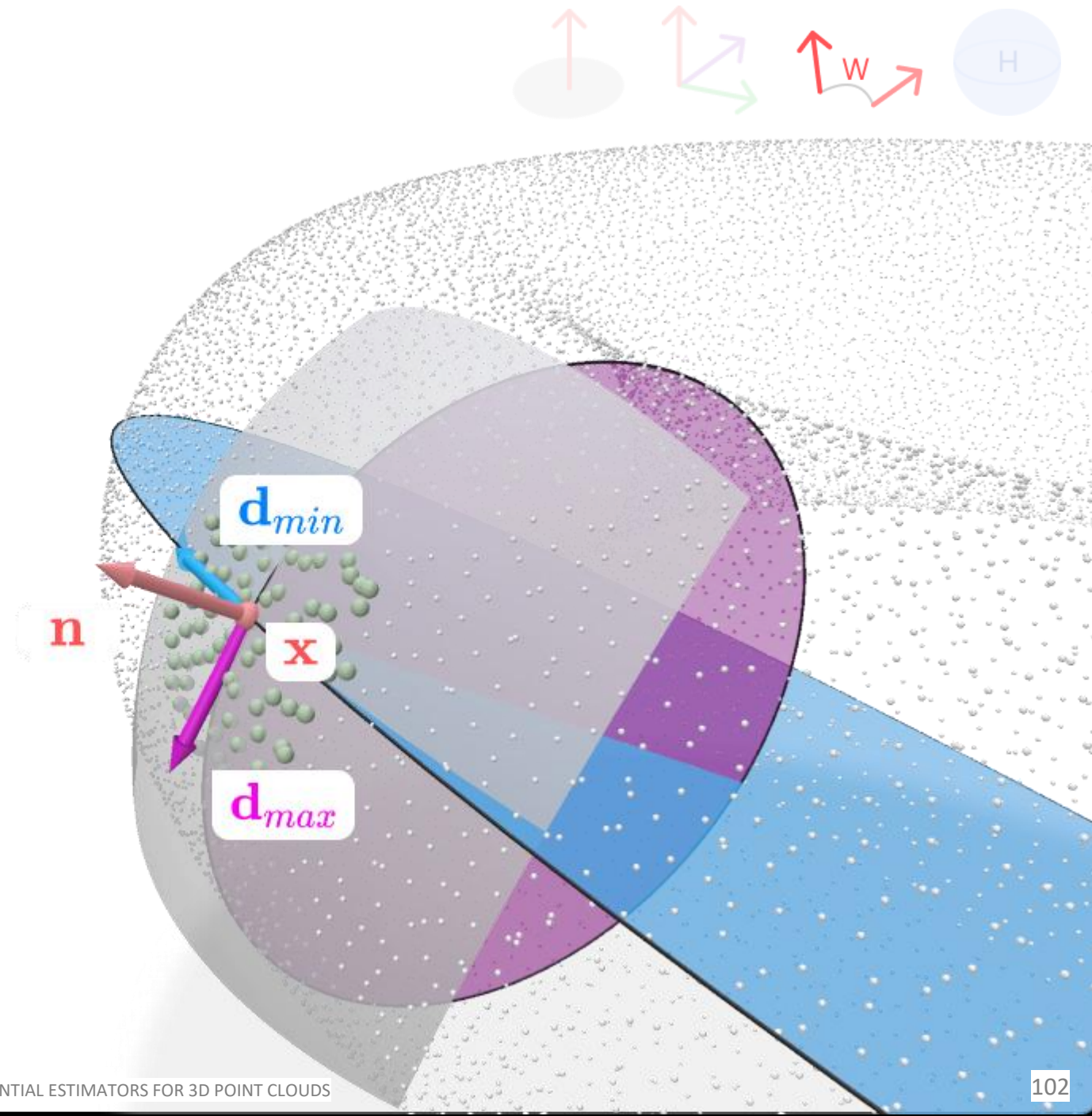
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- Difference between APSS and ASO



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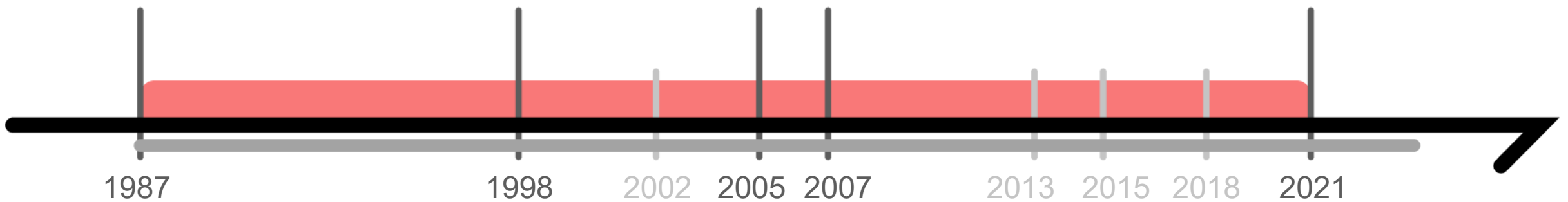
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# Methods – Local surface models

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- Analytic curvature estimation through geometric primitive fitting



# Methods – Local surface models

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## Pros

- Stable
- « Gold standard » on perfect data (JetFitting)
- 3D methods avoid the two pass fitting (using tangent plane)

## Cons

- 2.5D methods : Tangent plane - dependent
- The more the order of the primitive is, the more it tends to overfit the noise
- May be slower than direct point-based approaches

# Methods – Measure theory approaches

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- Geometric Measure Theory



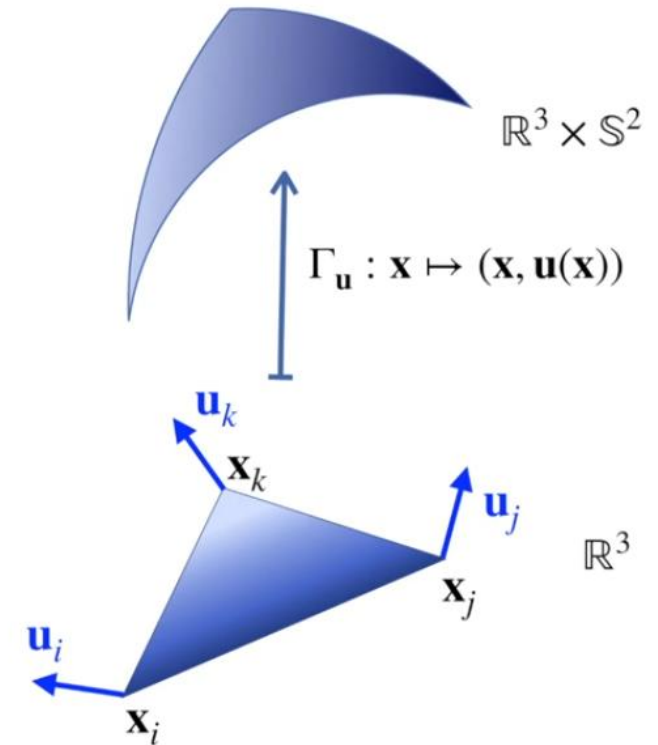
# Methods – AvgHexagram [LCL\*23]



- Based on normal cycles [CSM03]
- Summations over locally generated triangles  $\{i,j,k\}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\tau}^{(0)} &= \frac{1}{2} \bar{\mathbf{n}} \cdot ((\mathbf{p}_j - \mathbf{p}_i) \times (\mathbf{p}_k - \mathbf{p}_i)), \\ \mu_{\tau}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{2} \bar{\mathbf{n}} \cdot ((\mathbf{n}_k - \mathbf{n}_j) \times \mathbf{p}_i \\ &\quad + (\mathbf{n}_i - \mathbf{n}_k) \times \mathbf{p}_j + (\mathbf{n}_j - \mathbf{n}_i) \times \mathbf{p}_k), \\ \mu_{\tau}^{(2)} &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{n}_i \cdot (\mathbf{n}_j \times \mathbf{n}_k), \\ \mu_{\tau}^{(\mathbf{XY})} &= \frac{1}{2} \bar{\mathbf{n}} \cdot ((\mathbf{Y} \cdot (\mathbf{n}_k - \mathbf{n}_i)) \mathbf{X} \times (\mathbf{p}_j - \mathbf{p}_i) \\ &\quad - (\mathbf{Y} \cdot (\mathbf{n}_j - \mathbf{n}_i)) \mathbf{X} \times (\mathbf{p}_k - \mathbf{p}_i)), \end{aligned}$$

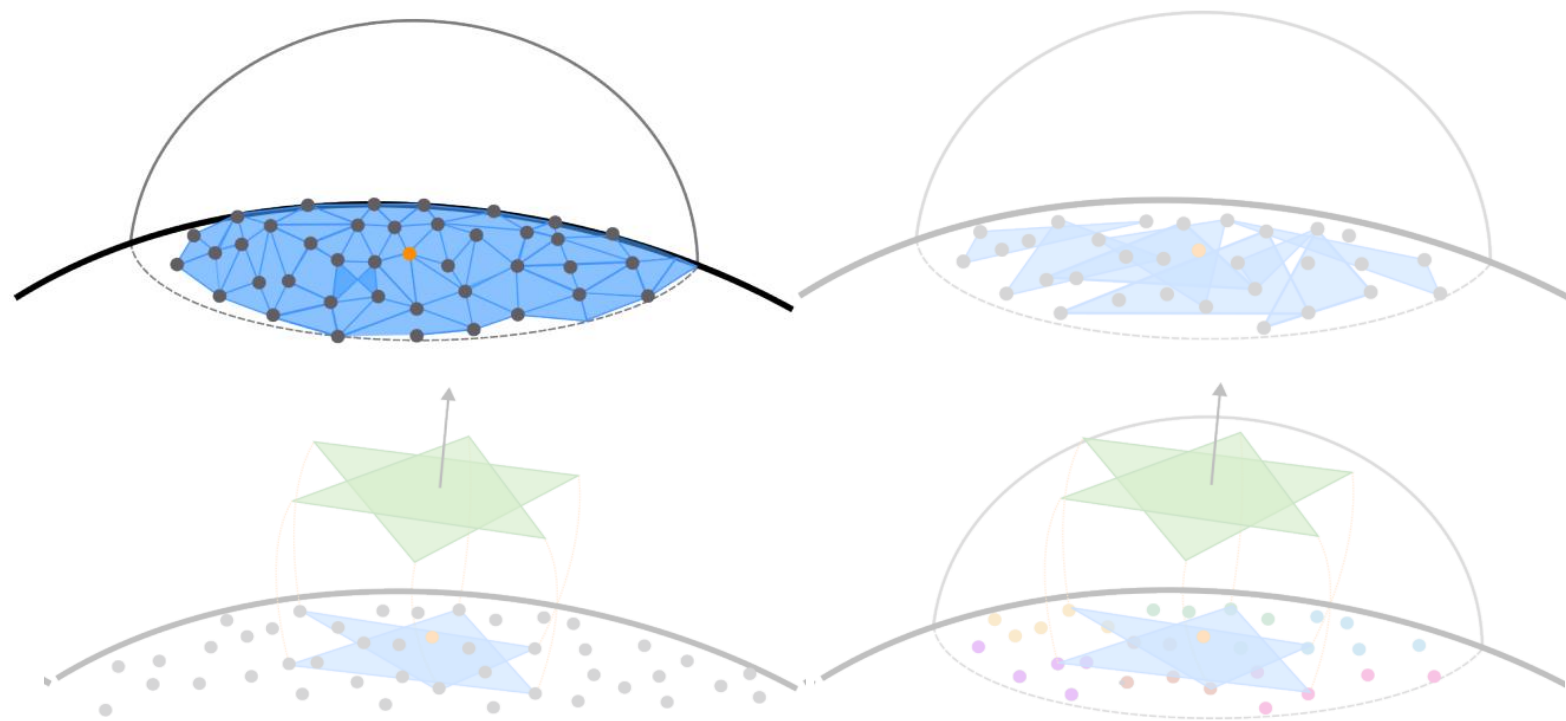
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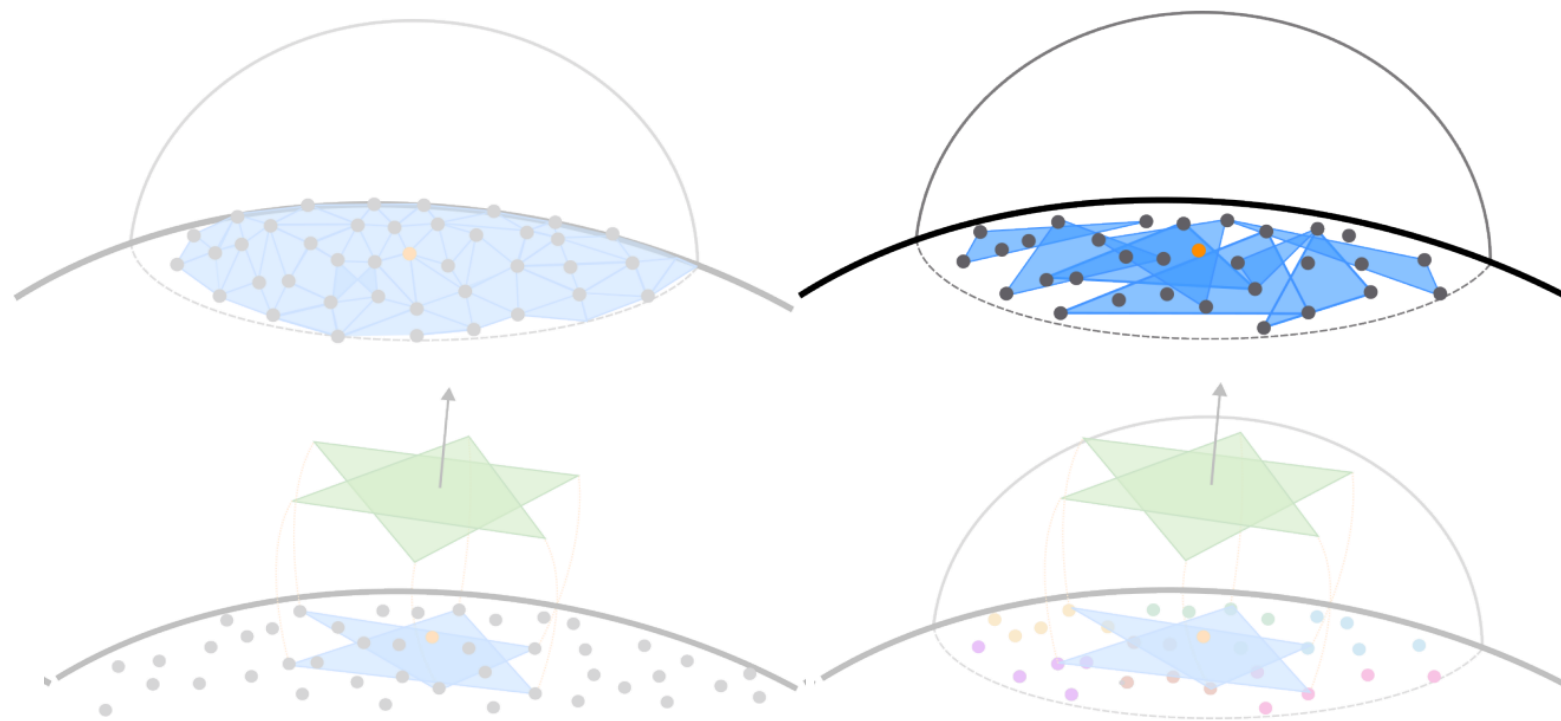
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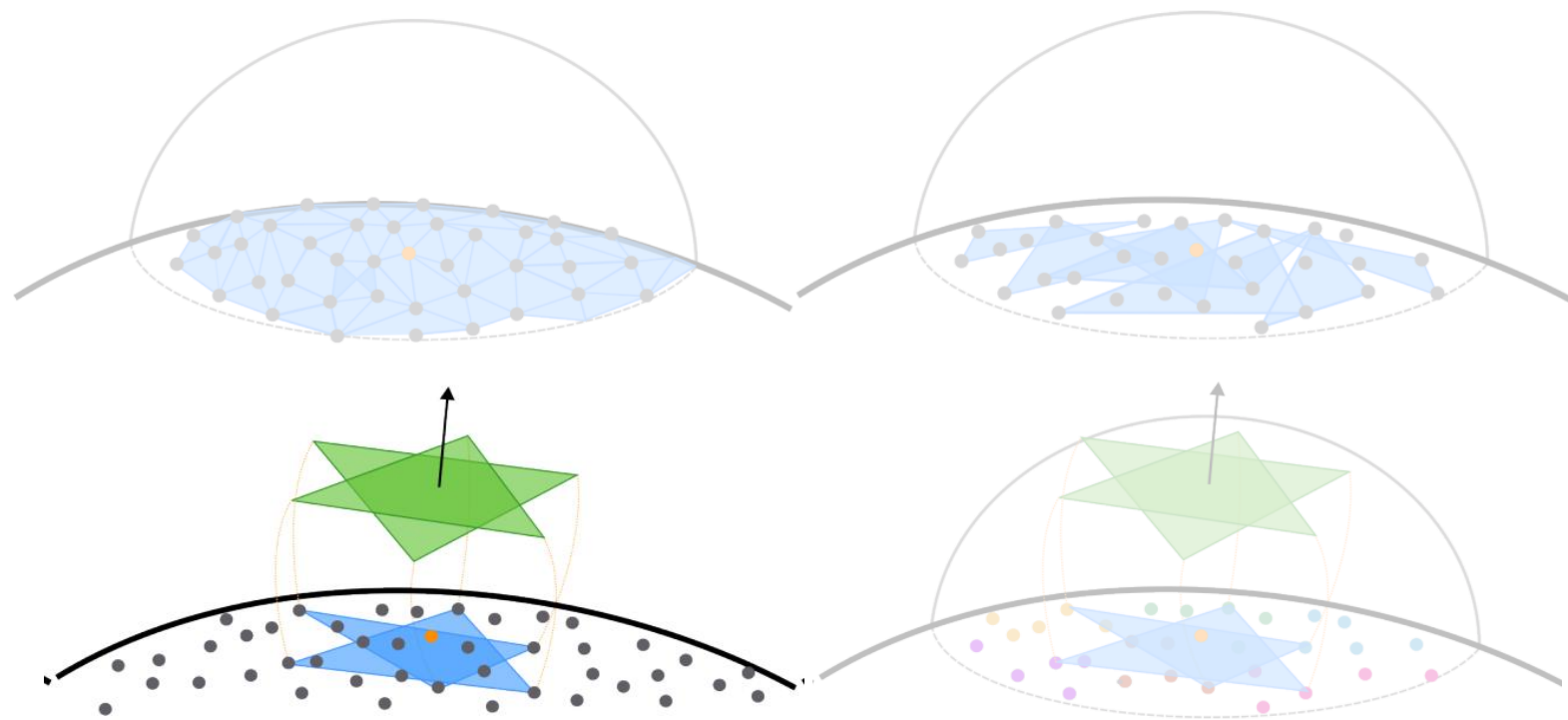
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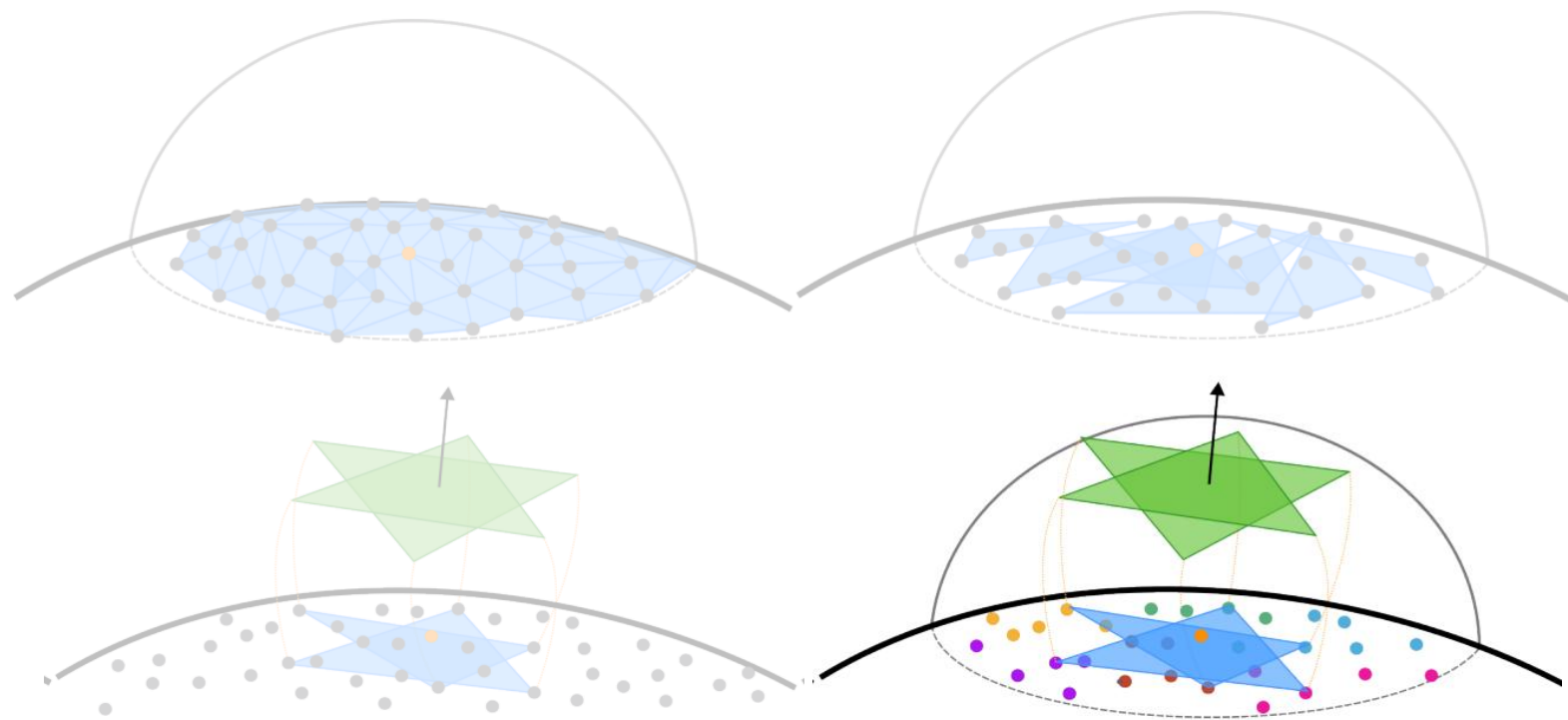
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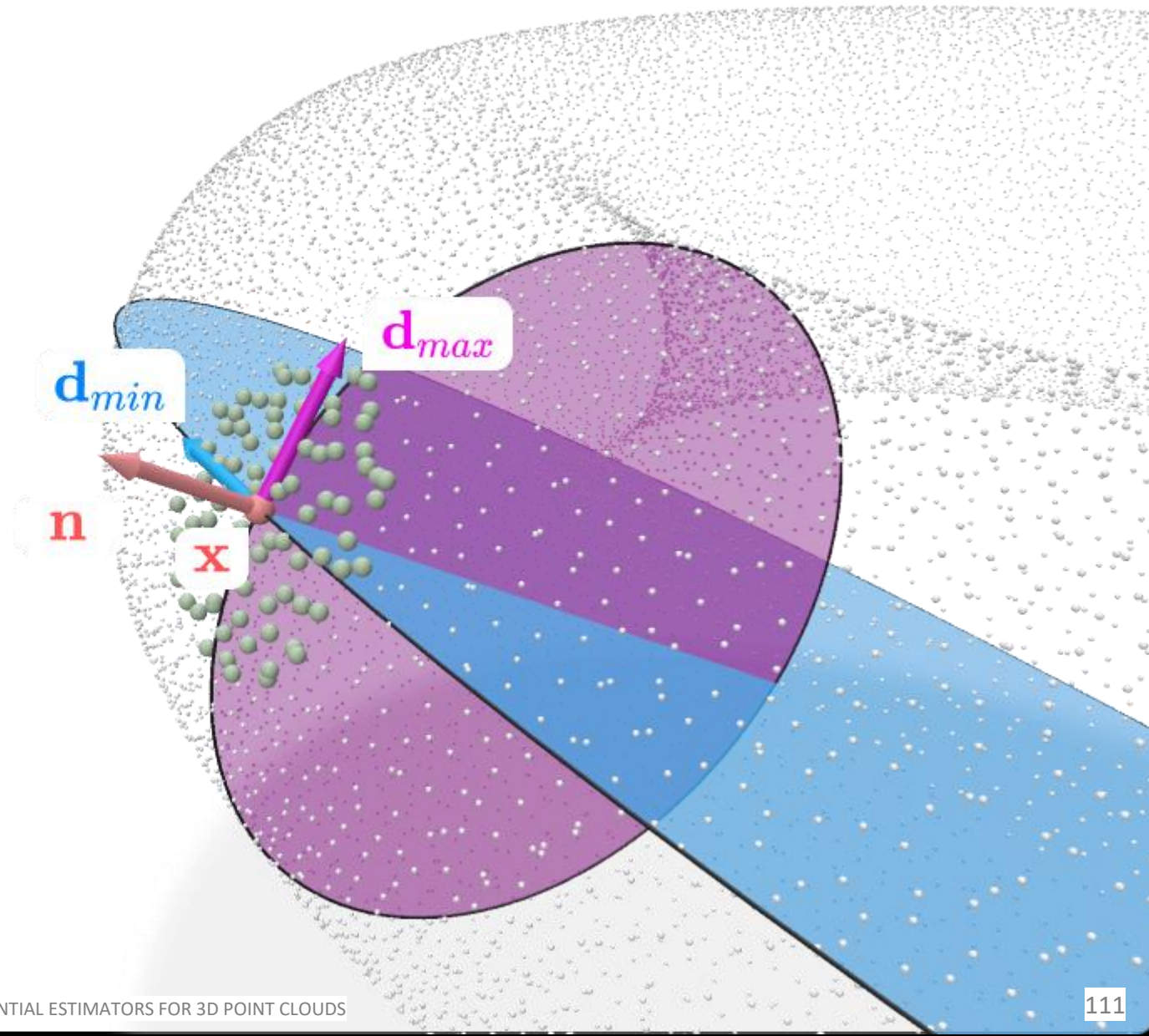
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# Methods – AvgHexagram [LCL\*23]



- Estimate
  - Weingarten Map
- Requirements
  - Oriented normals



# Methods – Measure theory approaches

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- Define curvatures as measures on the bundle  $\{x,n\}$



# Methods – Measure theory approaches

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## Pros

- Theoretical guarantees (convergence and stability)
- Robustness to noise position
- AvgHexagram time-efficient

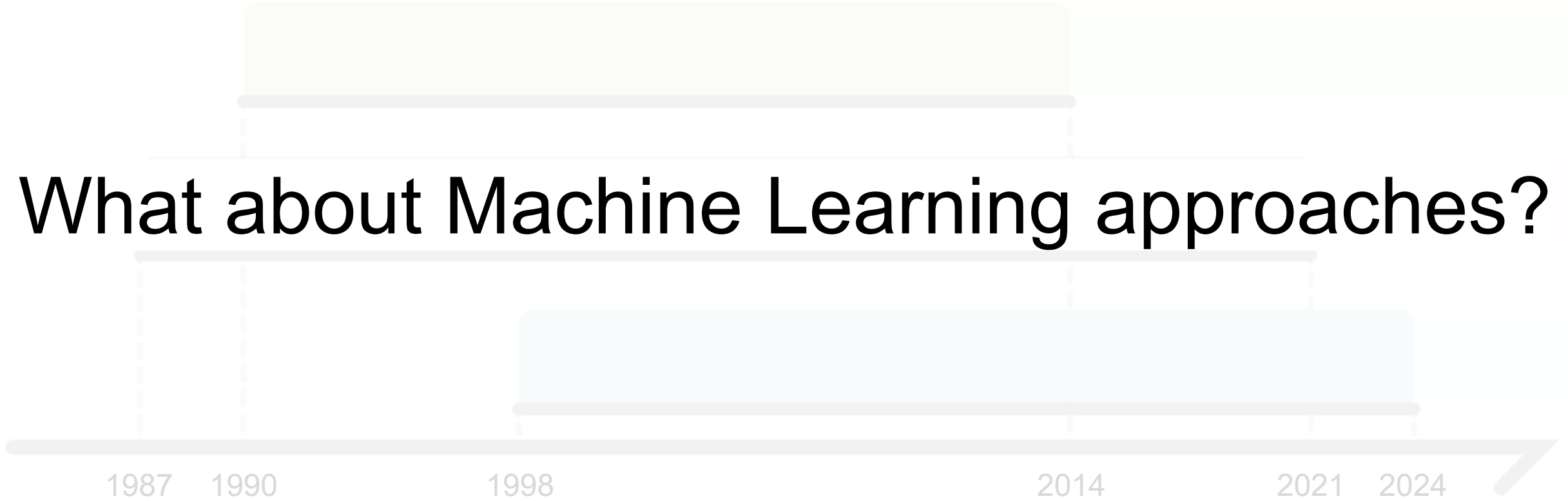
## Cons

- Normal dependent

# Methods – Overview

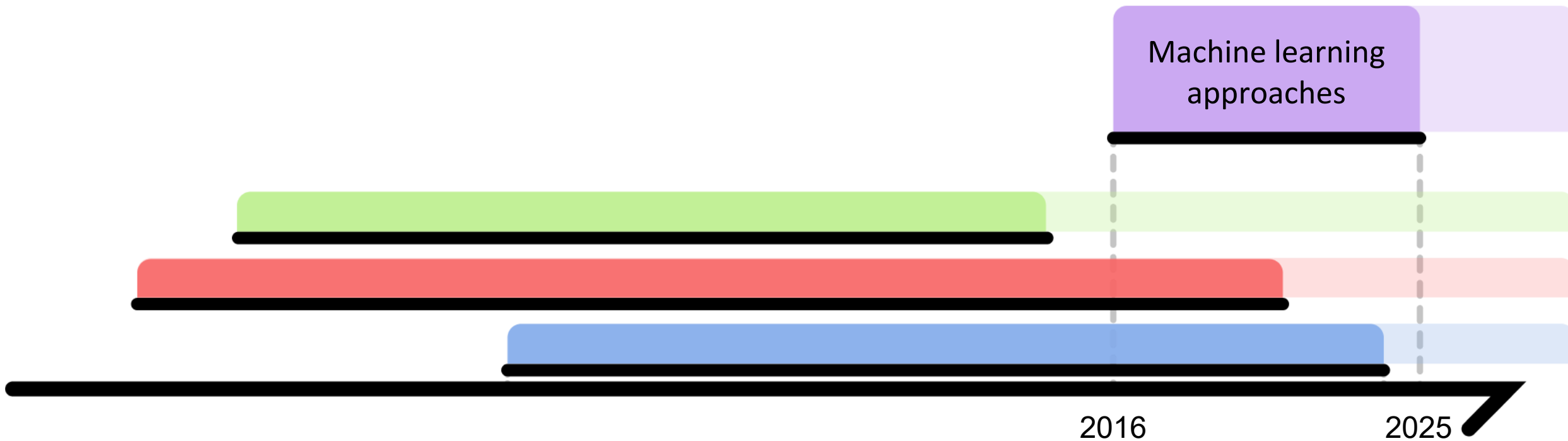
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What about Machine Learning approaches?



# Methods – Overview

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# Methods – Machine learning approaches

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- Regression-based
    - Learn features on the point cloud directly
- [BM16, QSMG17, GKOM18, ZNZ\*25]

# Methods – Machine learning approaches

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- Weight estimation
  - Offset points [ZLD\*21, LZW\*22, ZJW\*23]
  - Weights [LOM20, BSG20, ZLD\*21, ZJW\*23]
  - Primitive fitting (plane or jet)

# Methods – Machine learning approaches

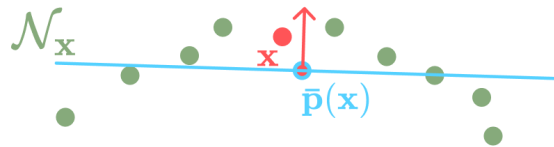
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- Local surface estimation
  - Differential RANSAC model [CZB\*22]
  - Hypersurface fitting on the feature space [LLC\*22, LFS\*23]
  - Derivatives of implicit surface [LSY24]

# Methods – Machine learning approaches

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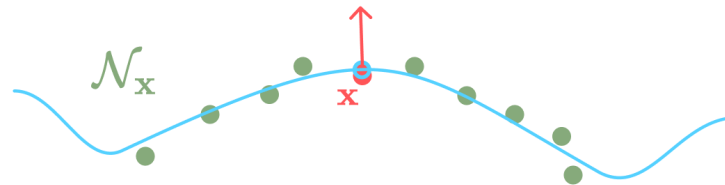
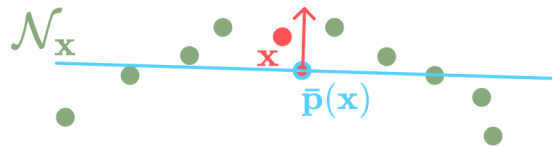
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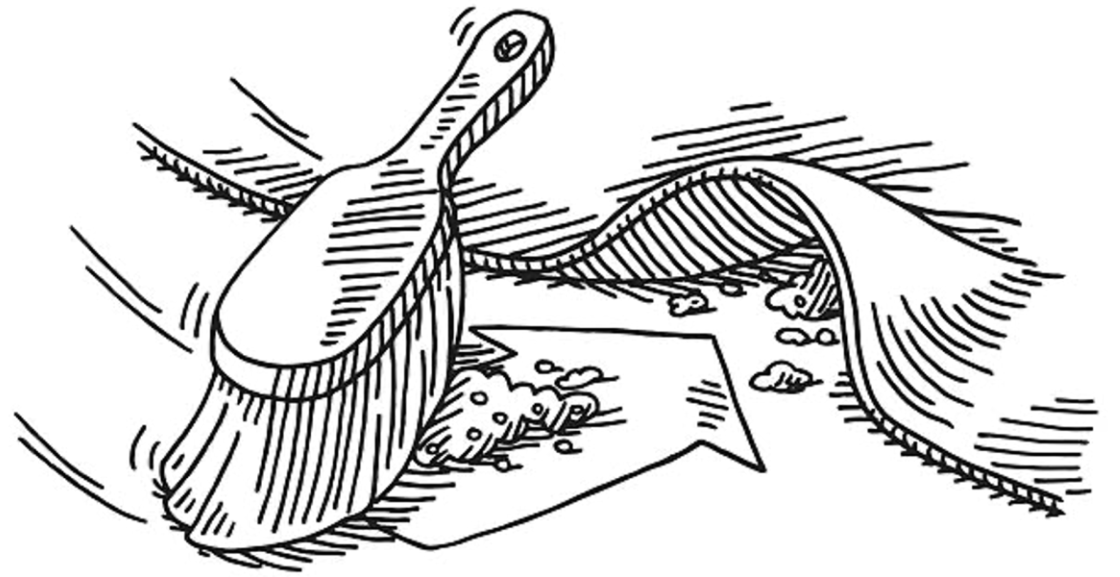
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  - JetFitting [BSG20, ZLD\*21, ZJW\*23]
- Why choose these primitive instead of others?



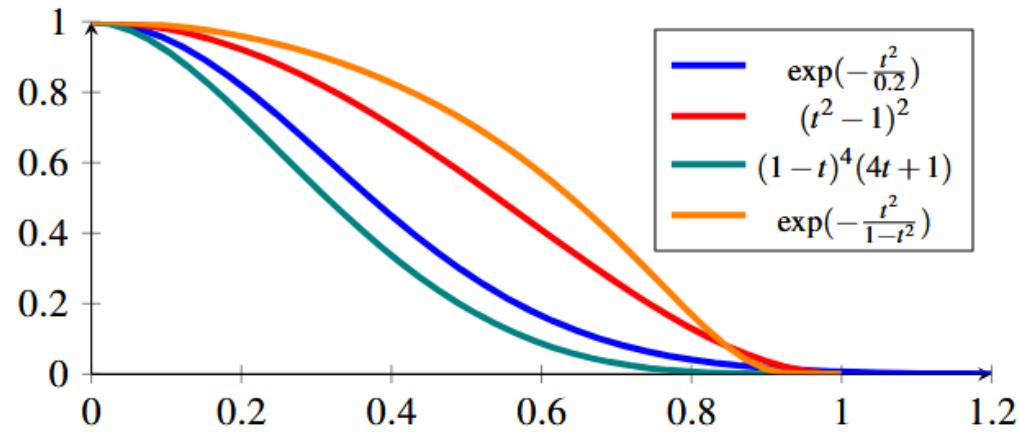
# QUESTION TIME

# What's under the rug?



# What's under the rug? – Weighting schemes

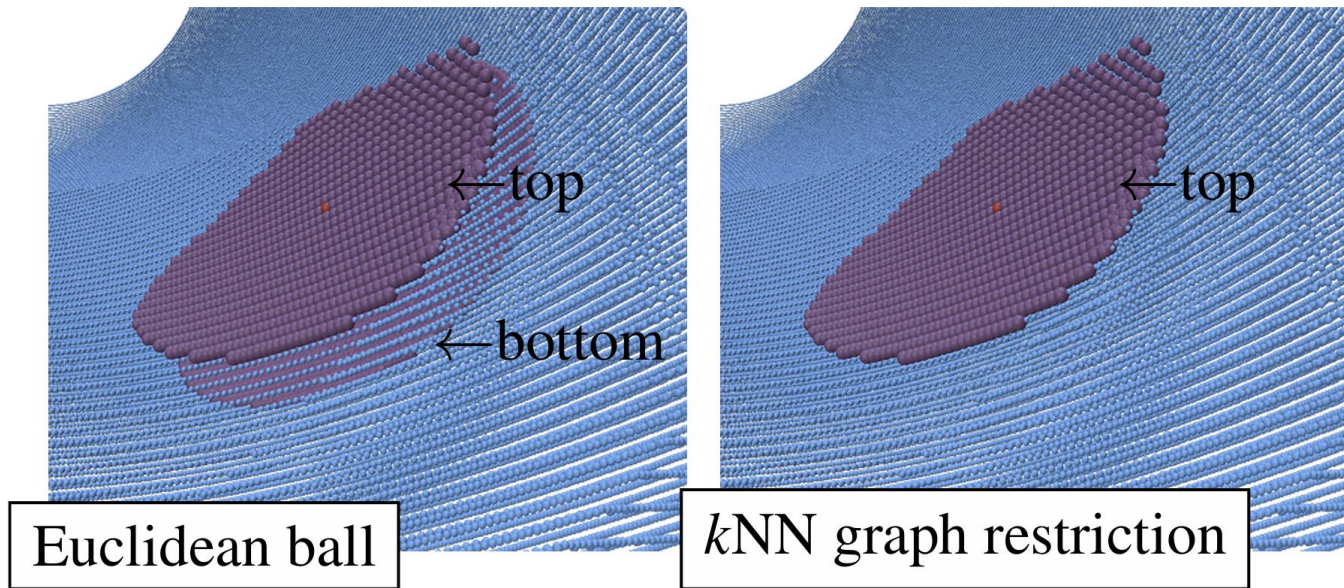
- Neighborhood weighting kernels



**Figure 6:** Standard weighting kernels  $\Omega$ : *Gaussian*, *quartic*, *Wendland* [Wen95], and *bump* [BLM22].

# What's under the rug? – Neighborhood collection

- Neighborhood weighting kernels
- Neighborhood collection



# Benchmark

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# Benchmark

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- Benchmark ecosystem
  - Datasets
  - Quantitative analysis tools
  - Qualitative analysis tools
  - Visualization
  - Website



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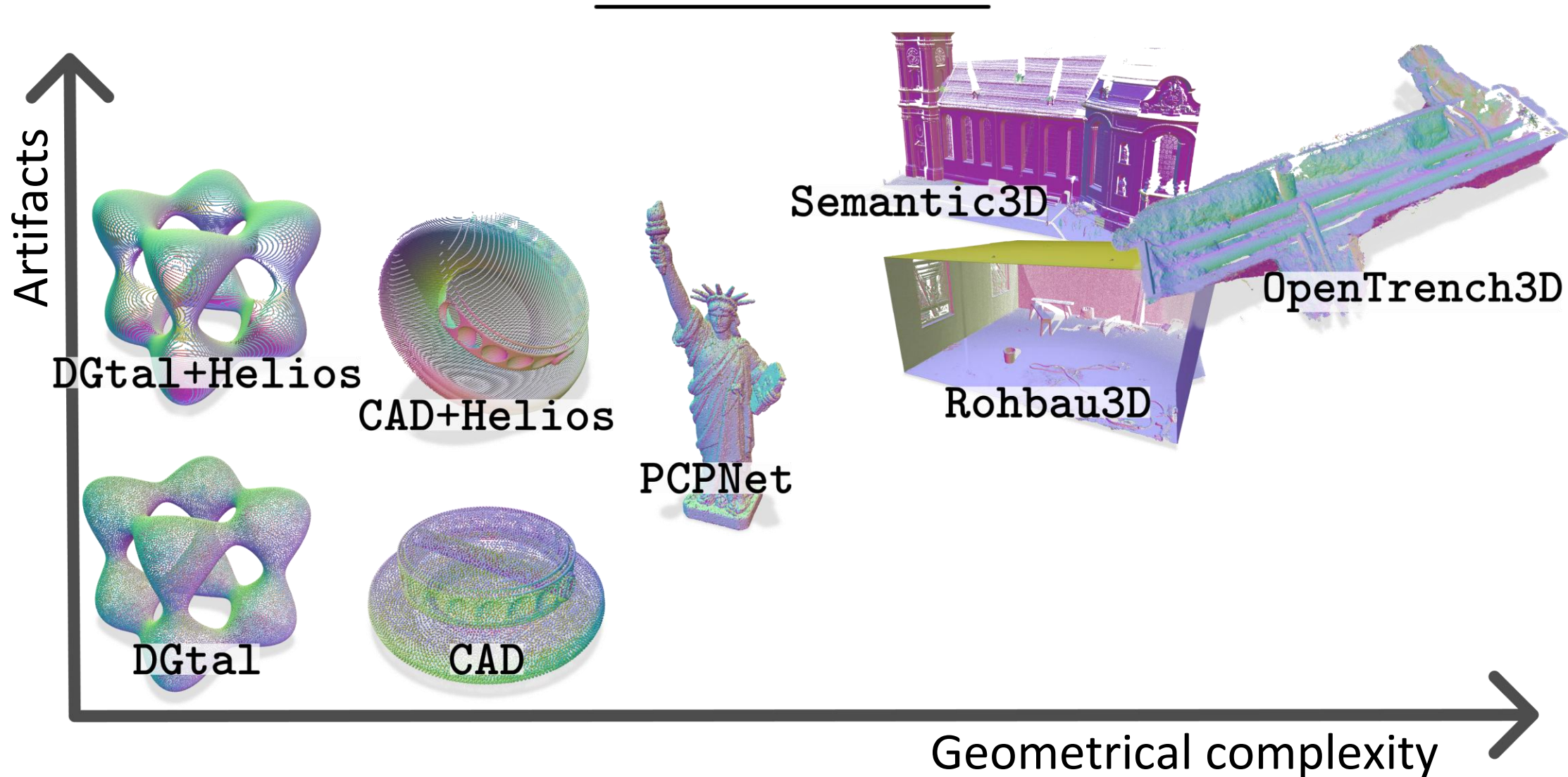
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- Estimators
  - Ponca [MLG\*20] (also for kD-Tree)
  - CGAL [PC24] for JetFitting
  - Eigen for the maths
- Visualization tools
  - Polyscope
- Dataset generation
  - DGtal [DGt]
  - Helios++ [WEW\*22] for LiDAR-like noise

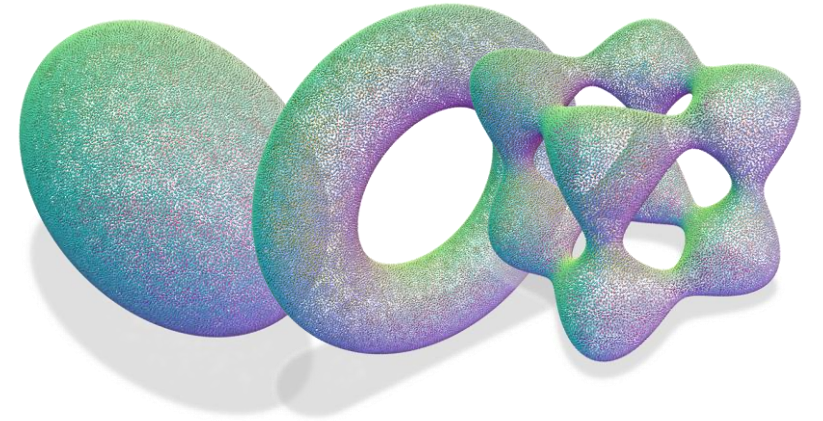


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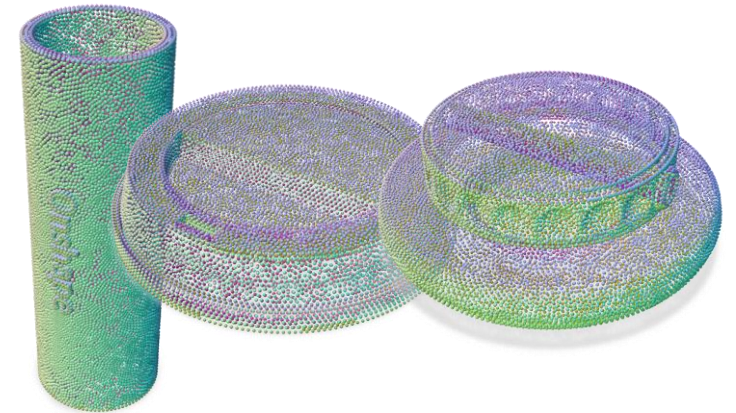
# Benchmark - Datasets



- Base of our benchmarking tool
- Samples of implicit polynomial surfaces
  - Generated with DGtal [DGt]
- Ground-truth
  - Weingarten maps



- Coming from the ABC dataset [KMJ\*19]
- Sampled from the meshes
  - Poisson disk sampling [Yuk15]
- Ground-truth
  - Normals

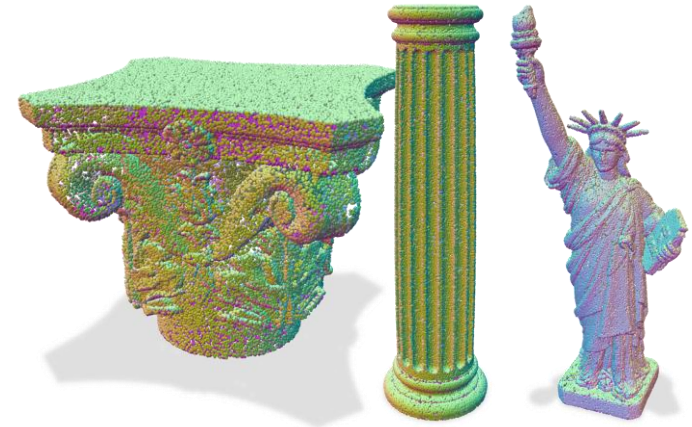


- LiDAR-like density variation
  - Helios++ [WEW\*22]
- Over the DGtal dataset
- Over the ABC dataset

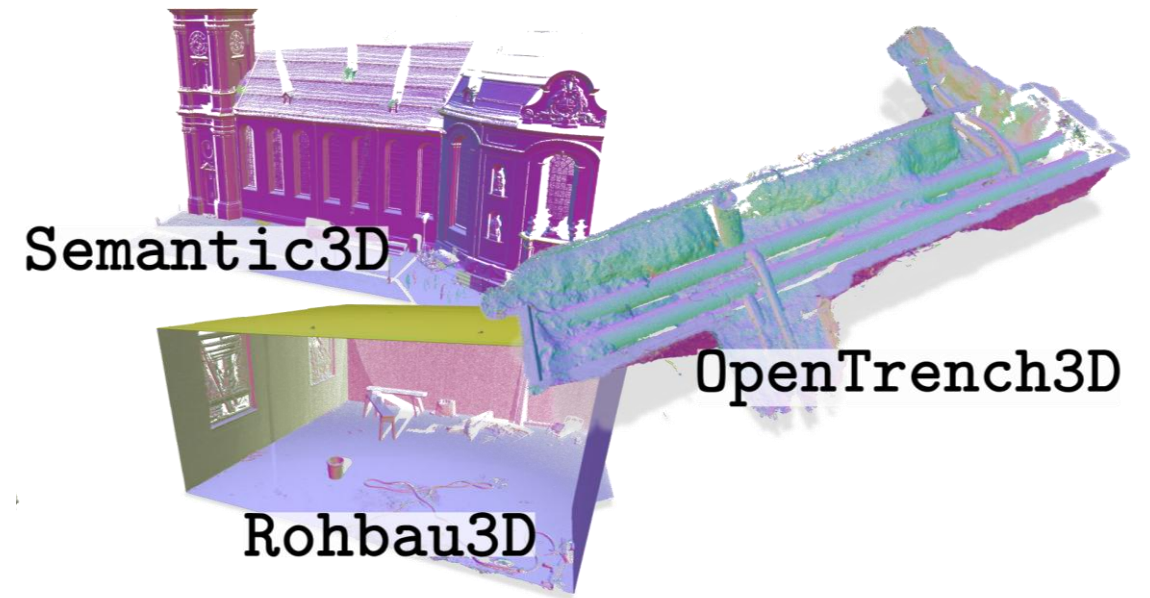




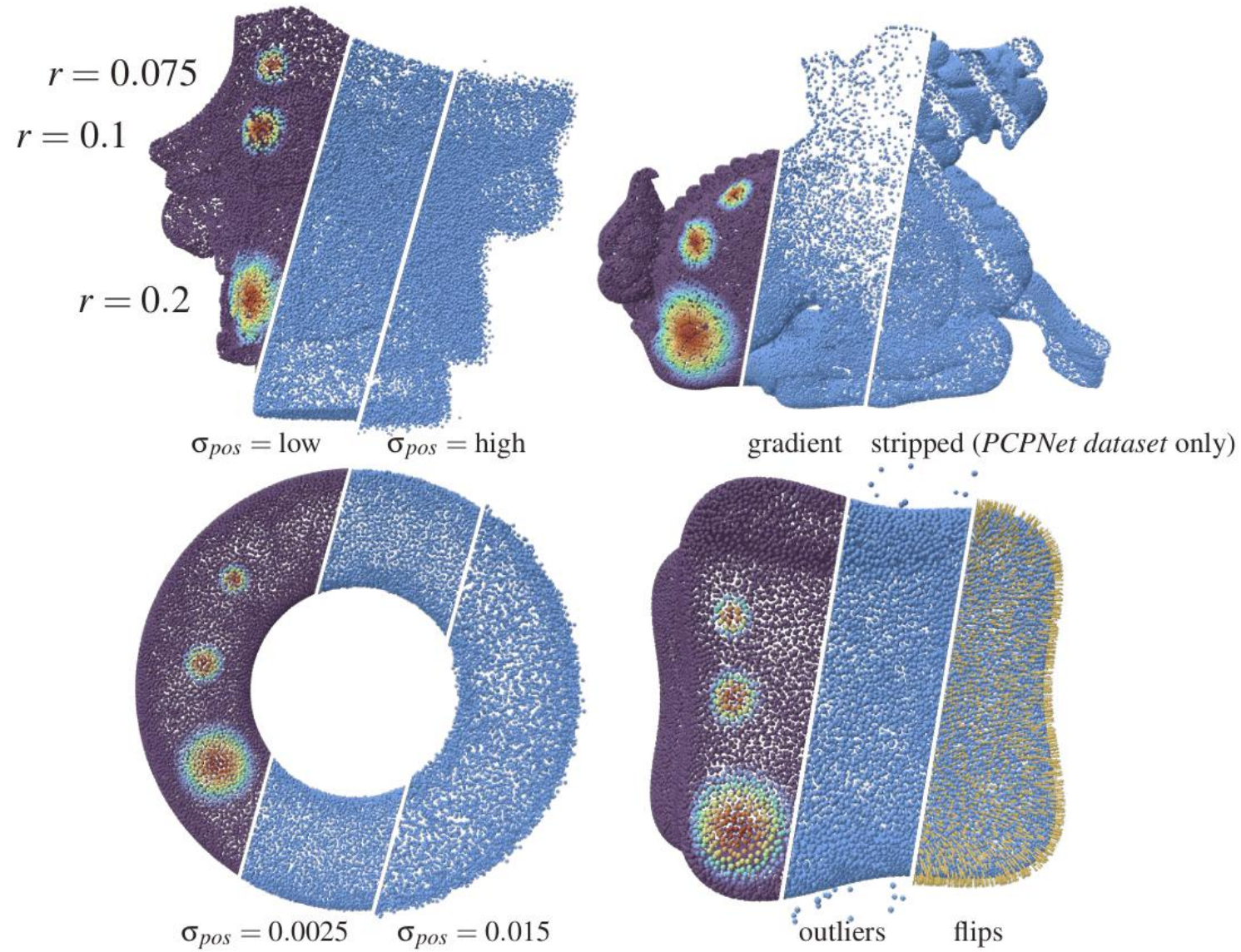
- Widely used in deep learning
- Test set of PCPNet Dataset
- Ground-truth
  - (mesh-estimated) curvatures
  - Normals



- Used for qualitative evaluation
- Rohbau3D [RB25]
- OpenTrench3D [HJP\*24]
- Semantic3D [HSL\*17]
- PCA-estimated normals
  - Z-oriented



# Datasets – Perturbations

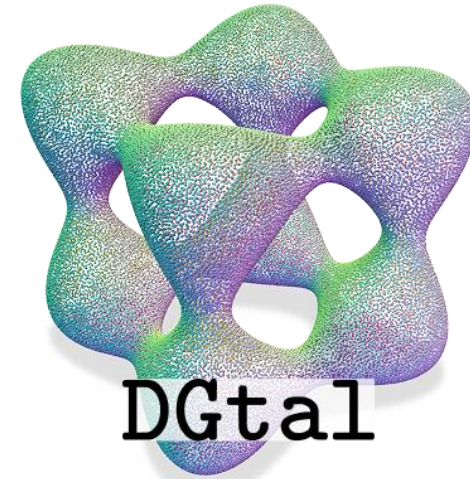


# Benchmark – Evaluation

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- Metrics
  - RMSE
  - RMS Angular E

- DGtal dataset (left)
  - Clean data (no noise)
  - 50 000pts per shape
- DGtal + Helios dataset (right)
  - No added noise
  - Density variation with Helios

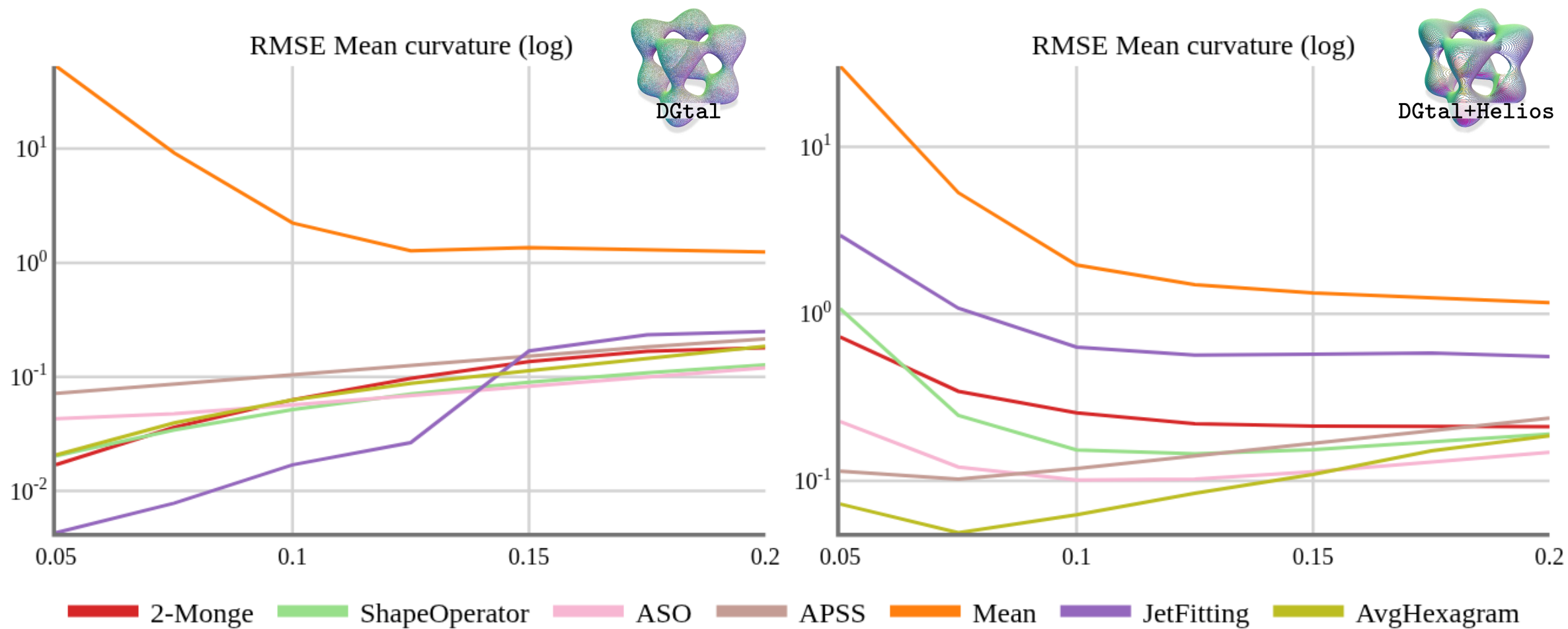


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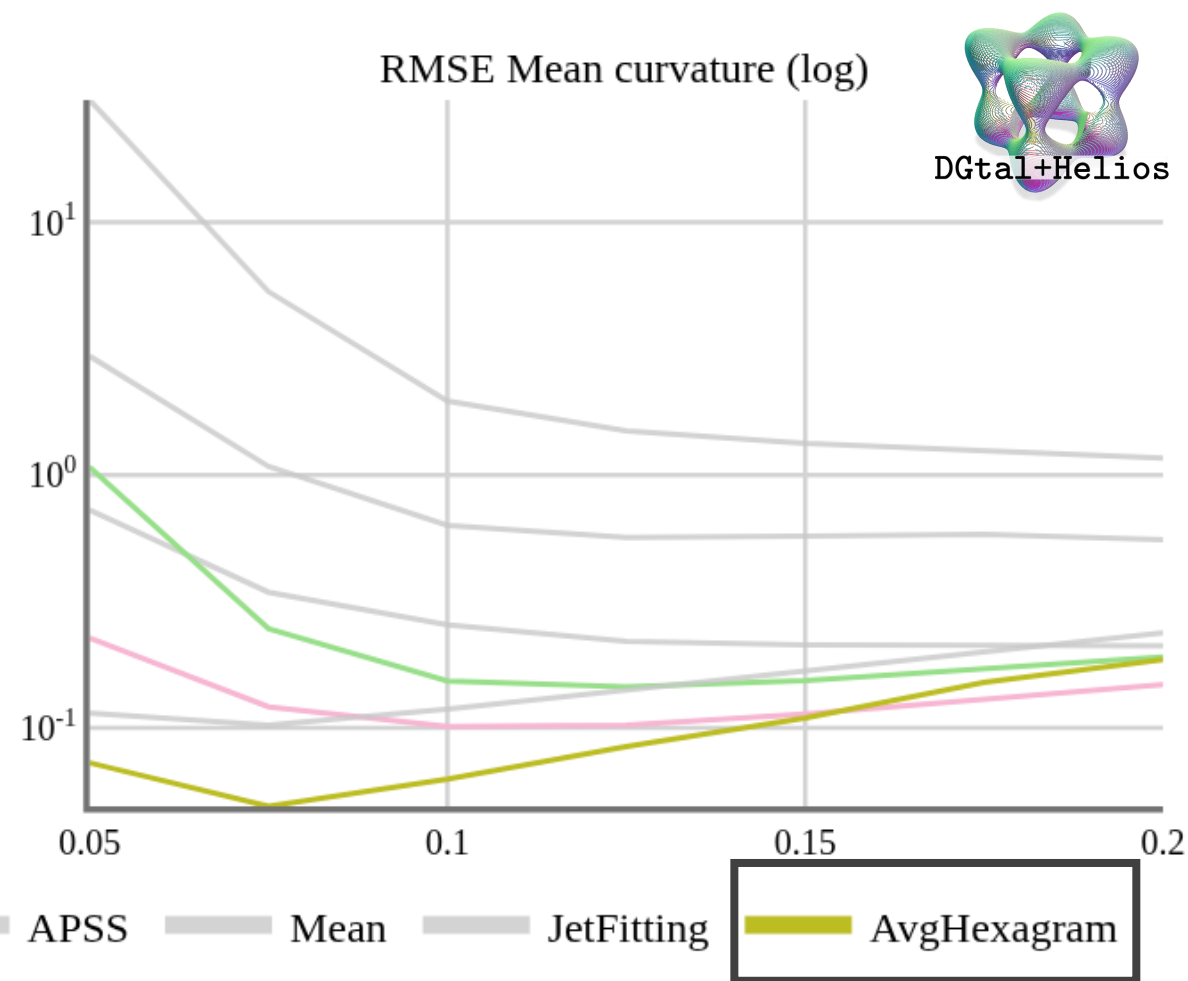
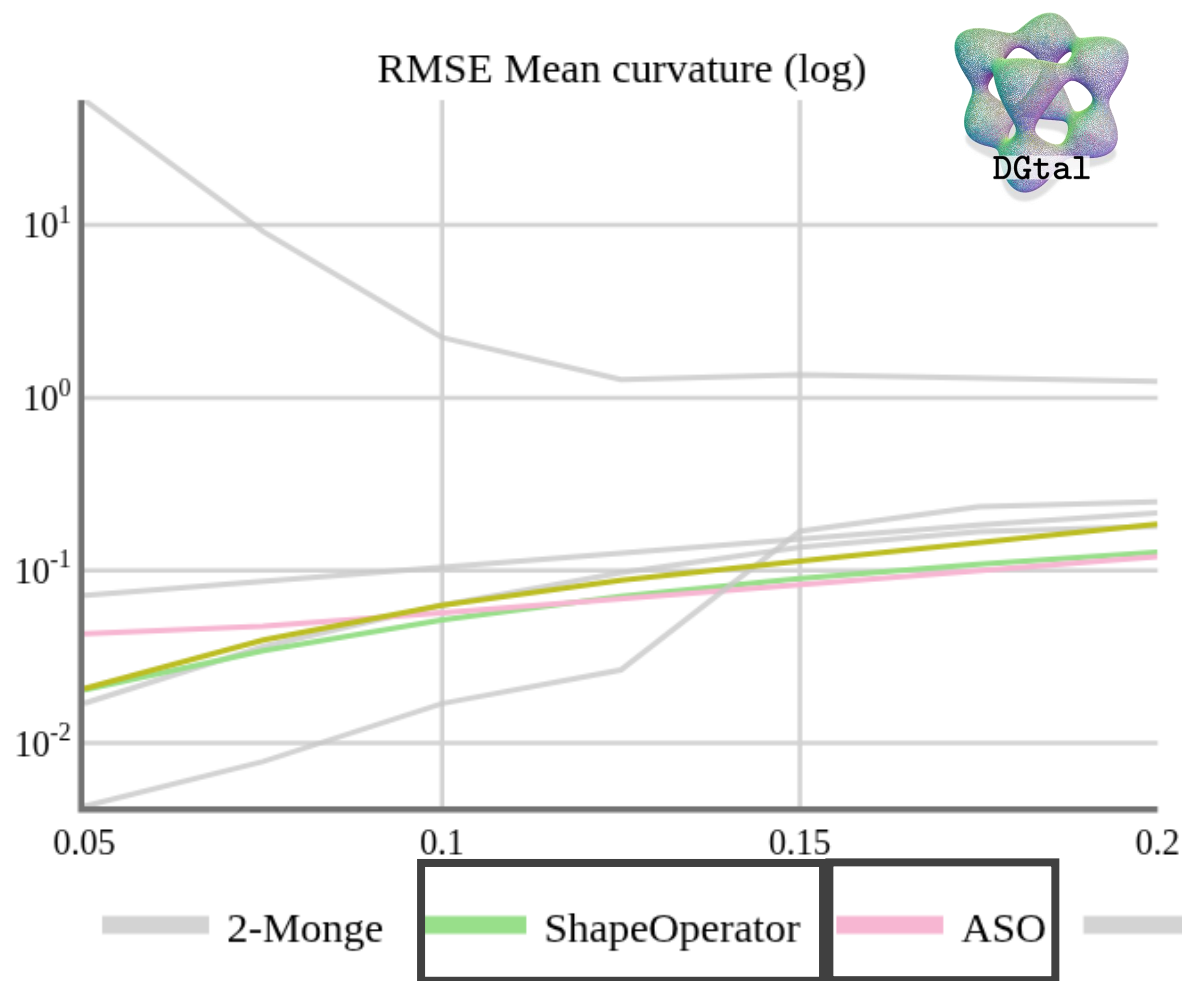


DGtal+Helios

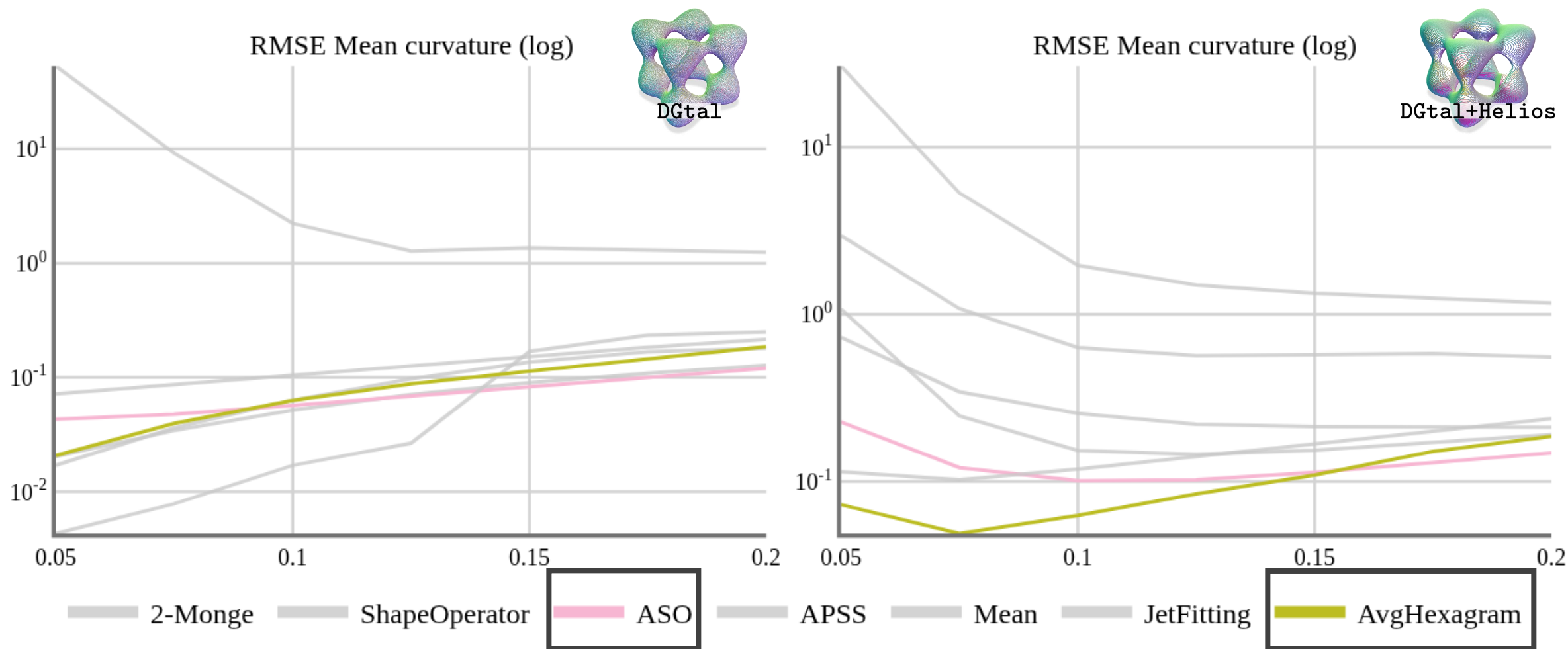
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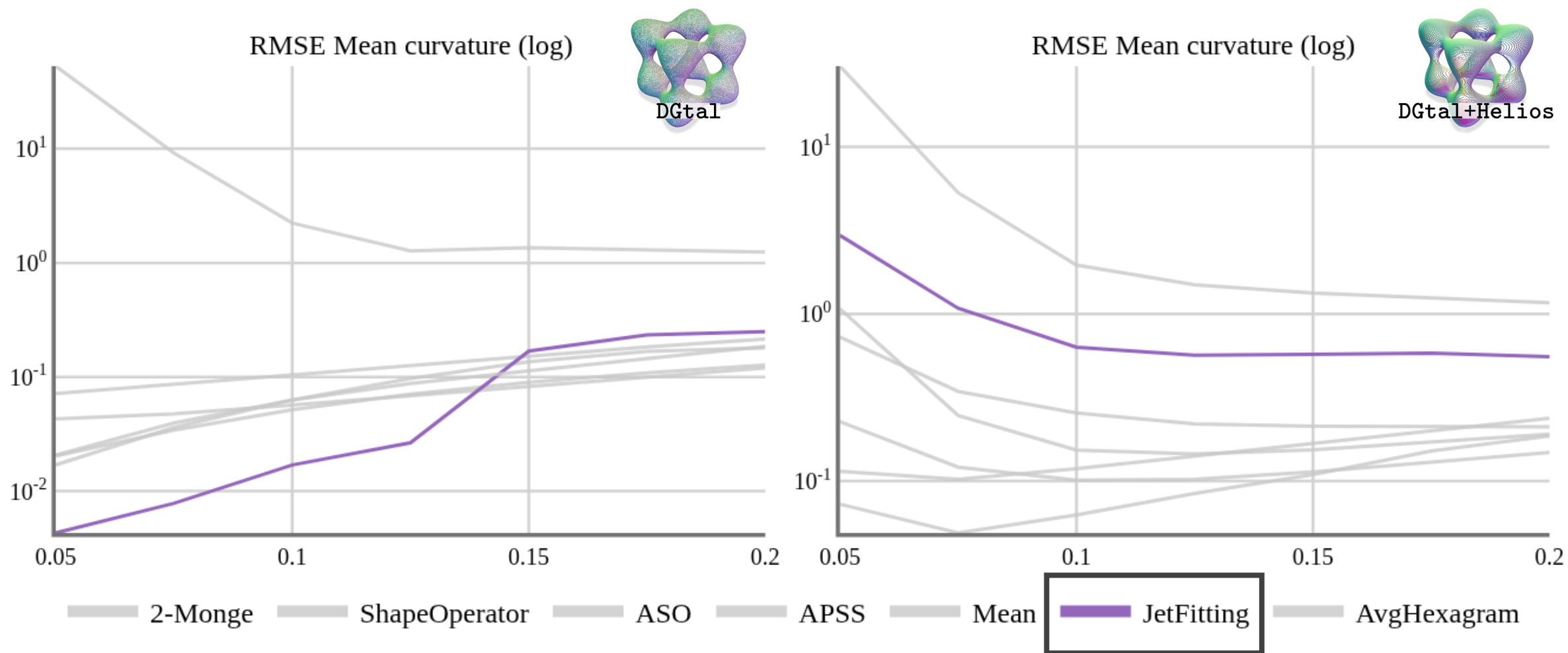
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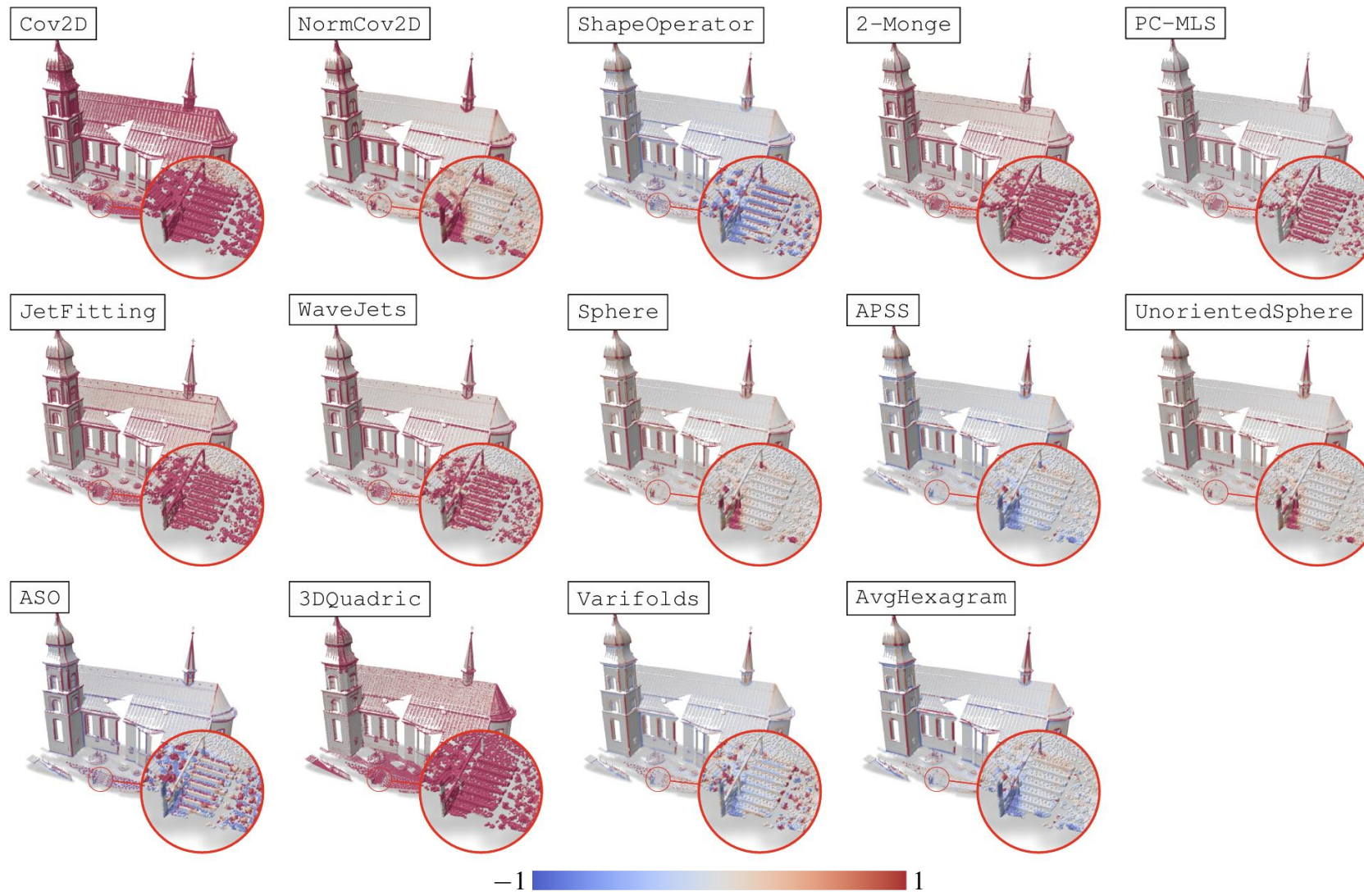
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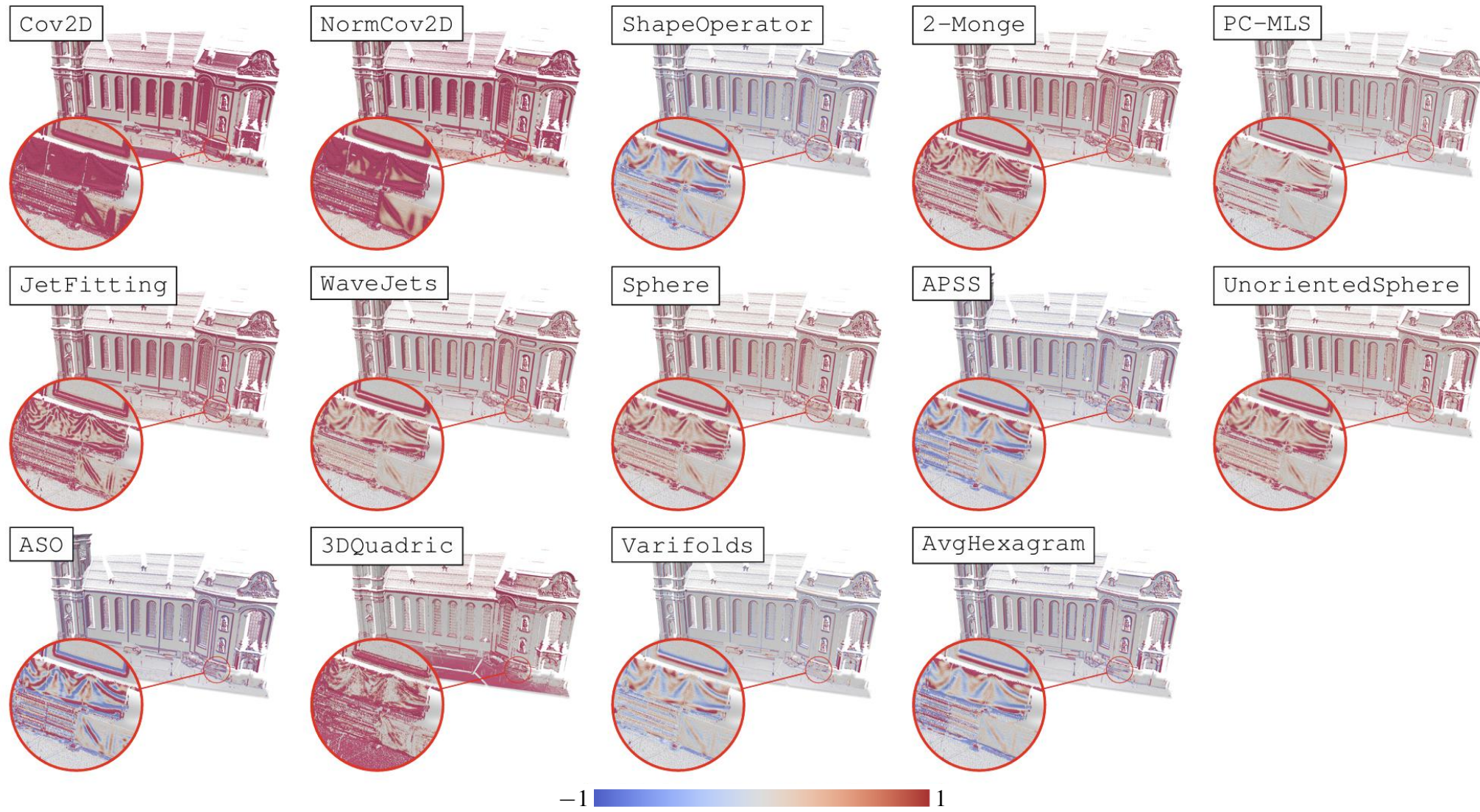
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# Future works

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- Deeper analysis of the dependence on normals and orientation
- Unified benchmark including deep learning and 'classical' approaches
- Include prior knowledge of sensors
- Higher order differential properties

# Conclusion

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# Summary

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- Survey of differential estimators on 3d point cloud

  - Direct point-based approaches

  - Local surface models

  - Measure theory approaches

  - Machine learning approaches

- Open source benchmark

  - Several datasets

  - Ecosystem (data analysis, evaluation, website)

- Results

  - No « best » method

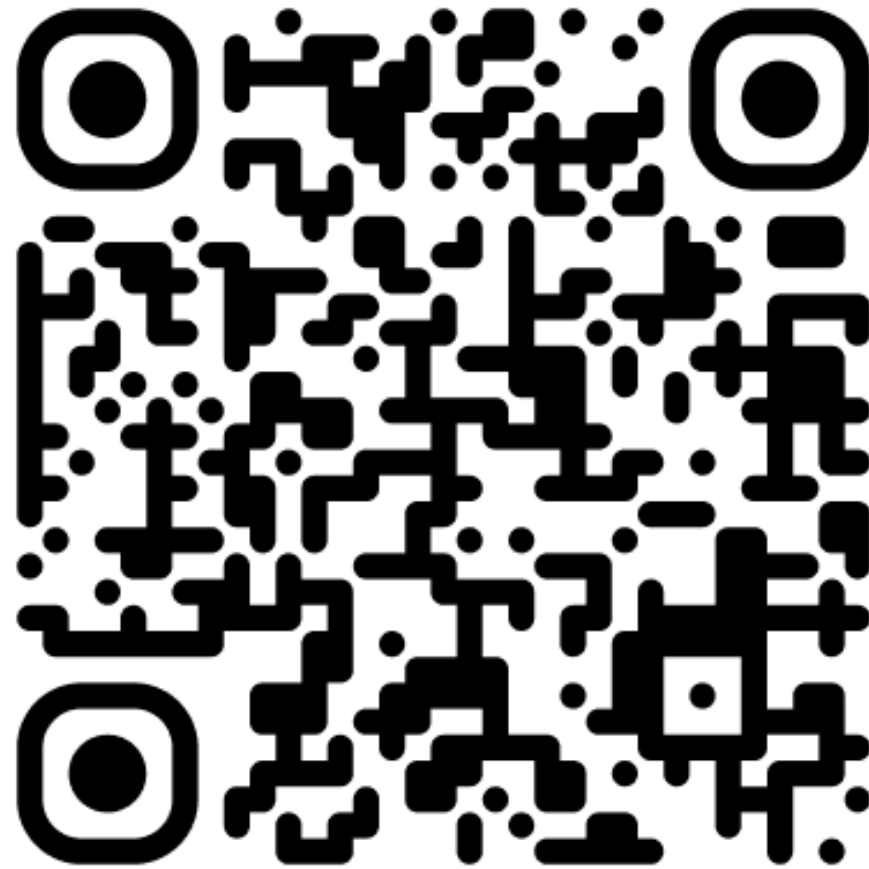
  - Depends on radius, type of surface, differential property, input requirements ...

# Thanks!



[storm-irit.github.io/pcloud-differential-estimation-benchmark-website](https://storm-irit.github.io/pcloud-differential-estimation-benchmark-website)

# Thanks!



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