

# Simplicial Manifold Reconstruction *via* Tangent Space Estimation

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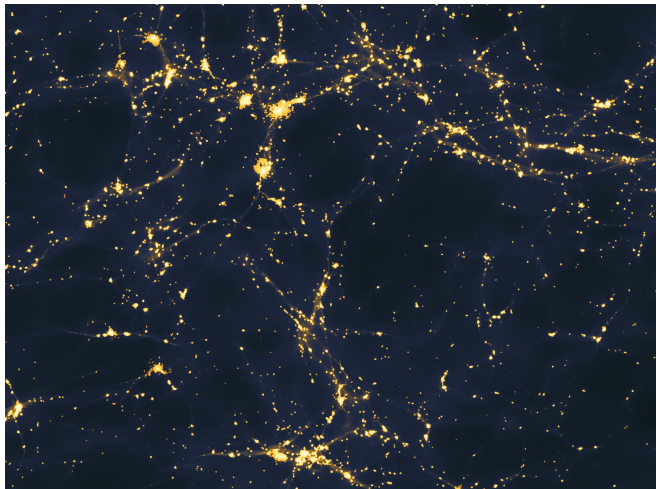
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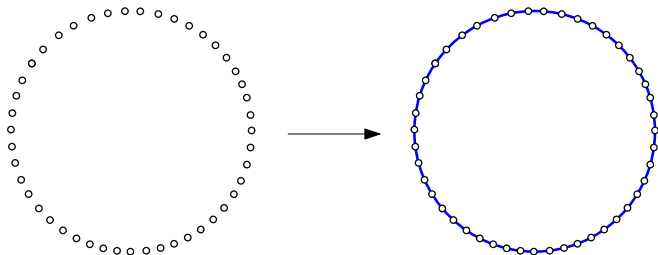
# Motivation



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"Large-scale structure of light distribution in the universe", Andrew Pontzen and Fabio Governato

# Manifold reconstruction



**Input:** observations  $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$  drawn *i.i.d.* on/nearby a manifold  $\mathcal{M} \subset \mathbb{R}^D$ .

**Goal:** to give an estimator  $\hat{\mathcal{M}} \subset \mathbb{R}^D$  achieving

- topological guarantees (homeomorphism),
- a good geometric approximation (Hausdorff distance).

# A simplicial complex estimator

Fix a finite set  $\mathcal{P} \subset \mathbb{R}^D$ .



Figure: Sample points

## A simplicial complex estimator

$$\text{Vor}(p) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^D : \|x - p\| \leq \|x - q\|, \forall q \in \mathcal{P}\}.$$

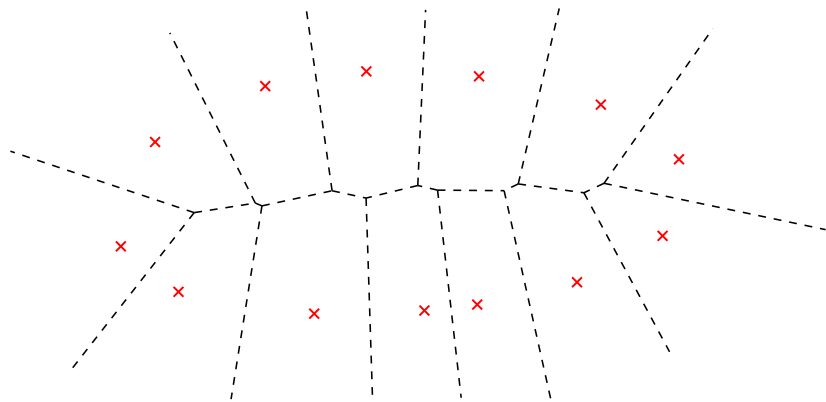


Figure: Voronoi diagram

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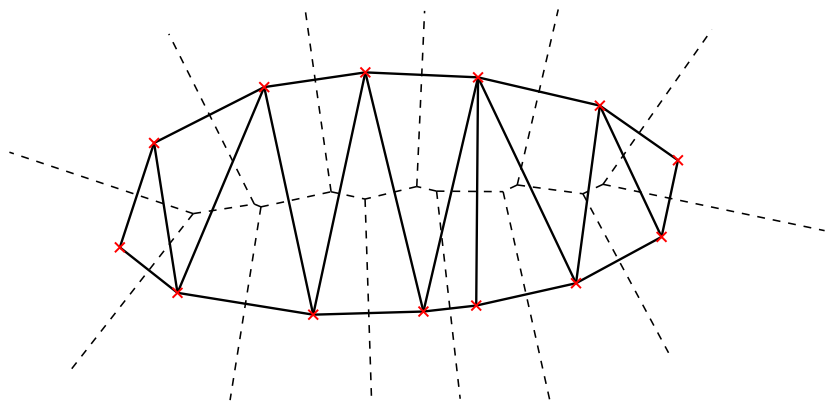


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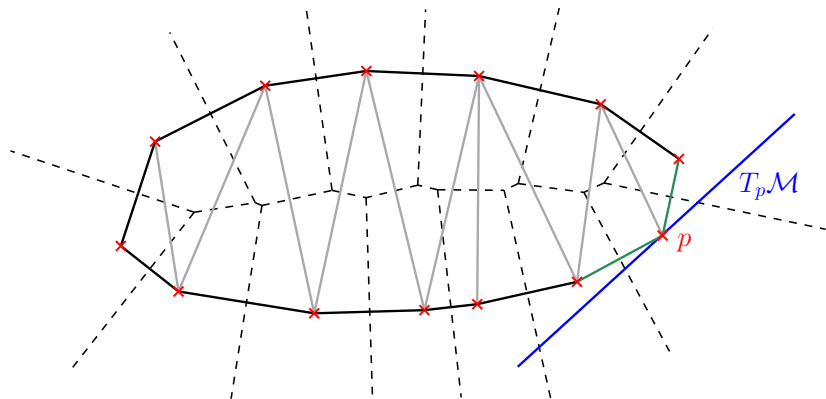
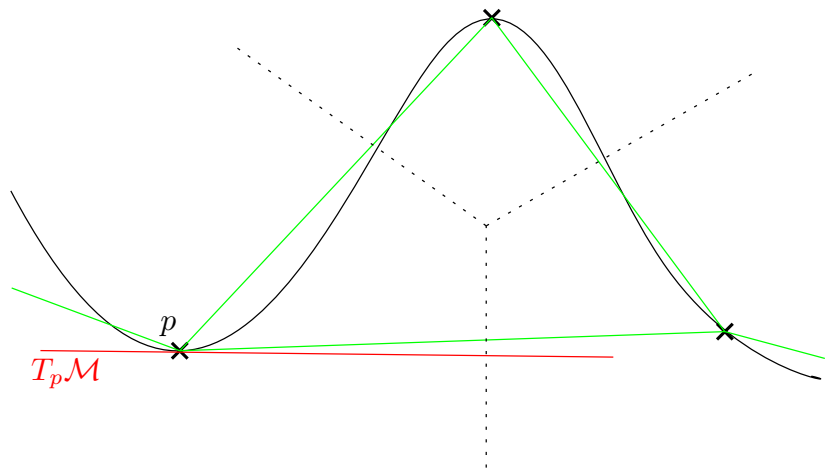


Figure: Tangential Delaunay complex [Boissonnat, Ghosh 2014]

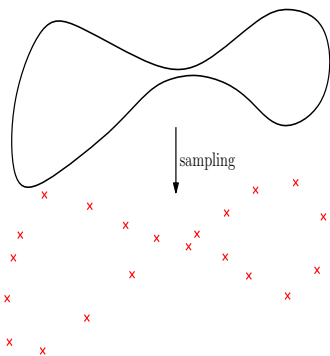
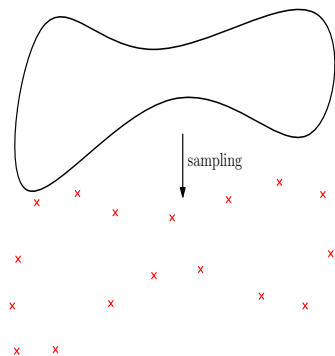
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→ Bound on curvature.



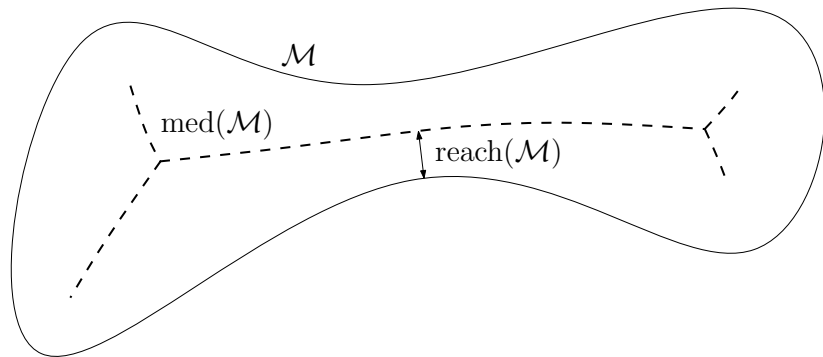
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→ No infinitely small "bottleneck".

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$$\text{reach}(\mathcal{M}) = \inf_{x \in \mathcal{M}} d(x, \text{med}(\mathcal{M})),$$



Geometric regularity condition:  $\text{reach}(\mathcal{M}) > 0$ .

# A Reconstruction Theorem

## Theorem (Boissonnat, Ghosh 2014)

If  $\text{reach}(\mathcal{M}) > 0$ , there exists  $\varepsilon_0$  such that for all  $\varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$ , if  $\mathcal{P} \subset \mathcal{M}$  is

- $2\varepsilon$ -dense:  $d_H(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{M}) \leq 2\varepsilon$ ,
- $\varepsilon$ -sparse:  $d(p, \mathcal{P} \setminus \{p\}) \geq \varepsilon$  for all  $p \in \mathcal{P}$ ,

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## Problem:

- The  $T_p\mathcal{M}$ 's are unknown.

$\Rightarrow$  We replace each  $T_p\mathcal{M}$  by an estimated version  $\hat{T}_p$ .

- How to deal with noise?

# Statistical Model

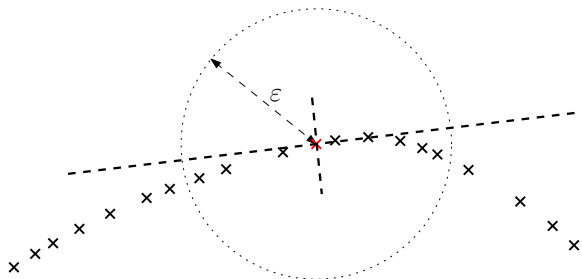
Geometric assumptions:

- $\mathcal{M}$  is a closed and connected  $d$ -submanifold of  $\mathbb{R}^D$ ,
- $\text{reach}(\mathcal{M}) := \rho > 0$ .

Statistical assumptions:  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} P$ ,

- $P \sim f d\lambda_{\mathcal{M}}$ ,
- $0 < f_{\min} \leq f(x) \leq f_{\max}$ ,

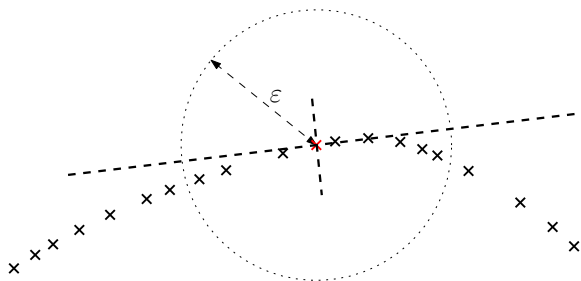
## Tangent Space Estimation: Local PCA



Define  $\hat{T}_j$  as the span of the  $d$  first eigenvectors of

$$\hat{O}_j = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbf{1}_{\|x_i - x_j\| \leq \epsilon} (x_i - \bar{x}_j) (x_i - \bar{x}_j)^T.$$

# Tangent Space Estimation: Local PCA



## Proposition

Taking  $\epsilon \asymp \left(\frac{\log(n)}{n}\right)^{1/d}$ , for  $n$  large enough, yields, with probability larger than  $1 - \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{2/d}$ ,

$$\begin{cases} \max_j \angle(T_{X_j}\mathcal{M}, \hat{T}_j) \leq c\epsilon \\ d_{\text{H}}(\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}, \mathcal{M}) \leq C\epsilon. \end{cases}$$

## Tangent Space Estimation: Local PCA/Sketch of Proof

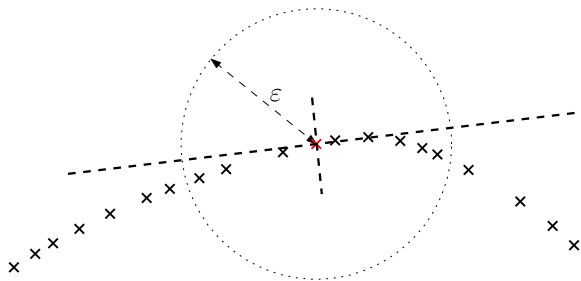
$$\hat{O}_j = \varepsilon^{d+2} \left[ \left( \begin{array}{c|c} A > 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) + Bias + \left( \begin{array}{c|c} Dev_{1,1} & Dev_{1,2} \\ \hline Dev_{2,1} & Dev_{2,2} \end{array} \right) \right]$$

→  $Bias \lesssim \varepsilon/\rho$

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$$\rightarrow \text{Dev}_{2,1} \lesssim \frac{\varepsilon/\rho}{\sqrt{(n-1)\varepsilon^d}}$$

# What about $\text{Del}(\mathcal{P}, \hat{T})$ ?

Two ways of resolution:

(1)

Prove that

$$\text{Del}(\mathcal{P}, \hat{T}) = \text{Del}(\mathcal{P}, T).$$

(2)

Find  $\mathcal{M}' \cong \mathcal{M}$  such that

$$d_{\text{H}}(\text{Del}(\mathcal{P}, \hat{T}), \mathcal{M}') \lesssim \varepsilon^2,$$

and

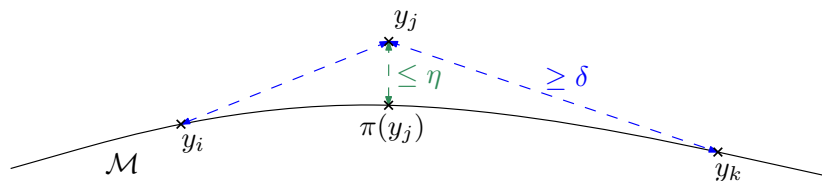
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- $\mathbb{Y}$  is  $\delta$ -sparse:  $\min_{i \neq j} \|y_j - y_i\| \geq \delta > 0$  for all  $j$ ,
- the  $y_j$ 's are  $\eta$ -close to  $\mathcal{M}$ :  $\max_{1 \leq j \leq q} d(y_j, \mathcal{M}) < \eta$ ,
- $\max_{1 \leq j \leq q} \angle(T_{\pi(y_j)} \mathcal{M}, T_j) \leq \theta$ .

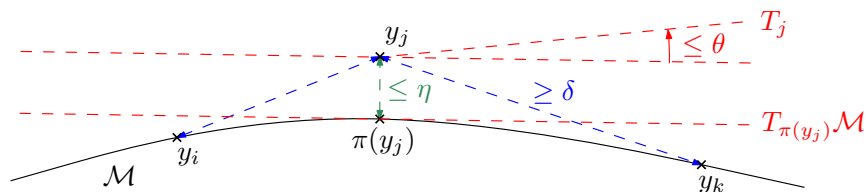


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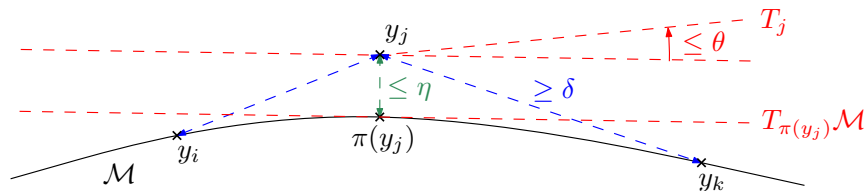


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If  $\eta \asymp \delta^2 \ll 1$  and  $\theta \asymp \delta$ , there exists a smooth sub-manifold  $\mathcal{M}' \subset \mathbb{R}^D$  and  $C > 0$  such that

- $\mathcal{M}' \supset \mathbb{Y}$  and  $\mathcal{M}'$  has the  $T_j$ 's as tangent spaces,
- $d_{\text{H}}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}') \leq \eta + \delta\theta$ ,
- $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{M}'$  are ambient isotopic,
- $\text{reach}(\mathcal{M}') \geq C \text{reach}(\mathcal{M})$ .



# Estimation Procedure & Convergence Rate

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where  $\cong$  denotes the isotopy equivalence.

Moreover, for  $n$  large enough,

$$\mathbb{E}d_{\text{H}}(\mathcal{M}, \hat{\mathcal{M}}) \leq C \left( \frac{\log n}{n} \right)^{2/d}.$$

- This rate is minimax optimal (Genovese 2011, Kim 2013)

## A Noisy Model: Clutter Noise

$$X \sim \beta P + (1 - \beta)U,$$

with  $0 < \beta < 1$ ,  $P$  as previously and  $U \sim \text{Uniform}(\mathcal{B}(0, M))$ .

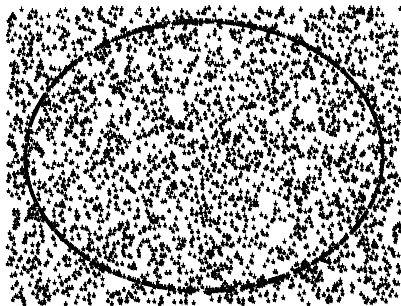
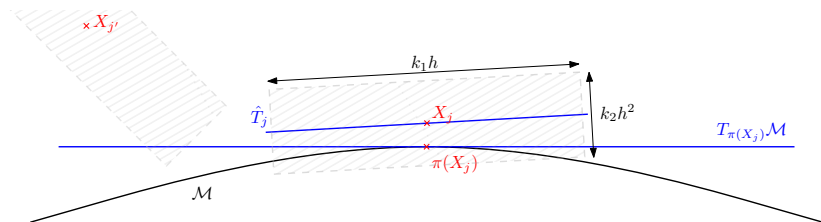


Figure: Clutter noise model



# A denoising procedure

Define slabs  $S_j$  centered at each  $X_j$ :



To determine if  $X_j \in \mathcal{M}$ , consider  $P_n(S_j) = |S_j \cap \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}|$ .  
As  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ ,

$$P_n(S_j) \sim \begin{cases} \varepsilon^{2D-d} & \text{if } X_j \text{ is far from } \mathcal{M}, \\ \varepsilon^d \gg \varepsilon^{2D-d} & \text{if } X_j \in \mathcal{M}. \end{cases}$$

# Clustering Result

## Proposition

There exist constants  $k(d, D)$  and  $t(d, D, \rho)$  such that, for  $n$  large enough, if

$$\varepsilon = k \left( \frac{\log(n)}{\beta n} \right)^{\frac{1}{d+1}},$$

then, with probability larger than  $1 - \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{2}{d}} - \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{2D}$ , we have

$$\left( \frac{n}{\log(n)} \right) P_n(S_j) \begin{cases} \leq t & \text{if } d(X_j, \mathcal{M}) \geq \varepsilon^2 \\ > t & \text{if } X_j \in \mathcal{M}. \end{cases}$$

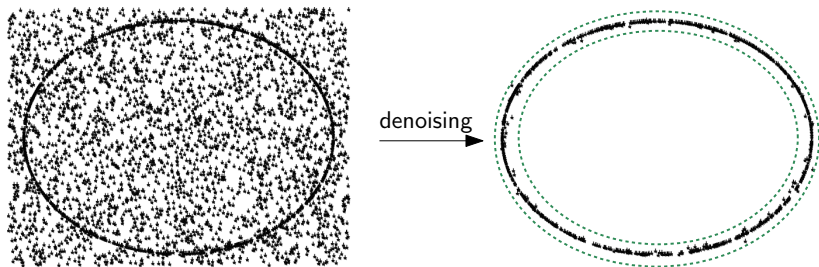
Moreover, on the same event, for every  $X_j$  such that  $d(X_j, \mathcal{M}) \leq C\varepsilon$ , we have

$$\angle(\hat{T}_j, T_{\pi(X_j)}\mathcal{M}) \leq c\varepsilon.$$

## Clustering Result

Keeping the sample point  $X_{j_0}$  if and only if  $P_n(S_{j_0}) > t_n$ , w.h.p.

- no point  $X_j \in \mathcal{M}$  are removed,
- all false negative lie in a neighbourhood of  $\mathcal{M}$ .



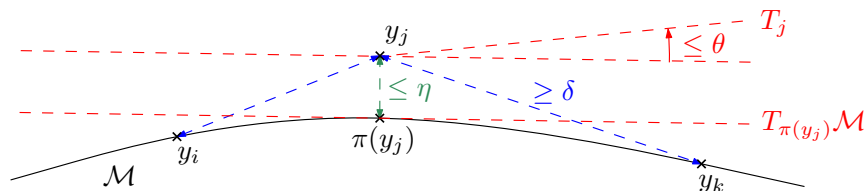
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**Step  $m$**  : Same result with exponent  $\gamma_m \rightarrow 1/d$ , w.p  $\geq 1 - p_0 - \dots - p_m$

## Current work: almost the true rate

**Denosing setting:** Fix  $0 < \delta < 1/d(d+1)$ , and set  $m = \lceil \log(1/\delta) - \log(d(d+1)) \rceil$ . Iterate TSE + SD with windows  $\varepsilon^{(r)} = \left( \alpha_\delta \frac{\log(n)}{\beta n} \right)^{\gamma_r}$ ,  $r = 0, \dots, m$ .

**Estimation:** Let  $\hat{\mathcal{M}}$  denote the Delaunay Tangential complex built on  $\mathcal{D}^{(m+1)}$ .

Proposition (Aamari, L., 2016)

$$\mathbb{E}d_H(\mathcal{M}, \hat{\mathcal{M}}) \leq C \left( \frac{\log n}{\beta n} \right)^{2/d-2\delta}.$$

*Furthermore, this rate of convergence holds and we have ambient isotopy w.h.p.*

# Conclusion

Some advances:

- A feasible manifold reconstruction procedure achieving (almost) the minimax convergence rate,
- with topological guarantees,
- and limited dependency on the ambient dimension.

Some new questions:

- True rates for tangent space estimation (current work)?
- Adaptive thresholds in the denoising procedure?