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# Distributed Consensus Algorithms on Manifolds

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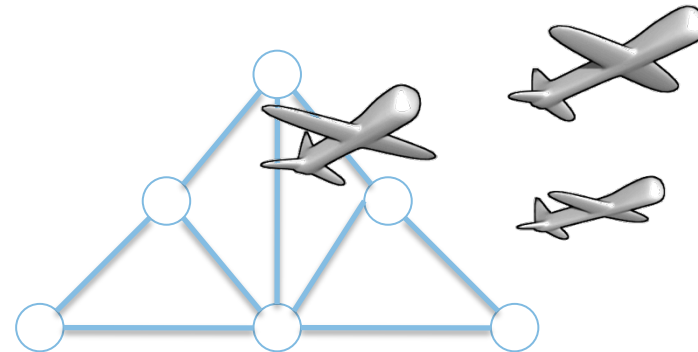


# Distributed algorithms in controls

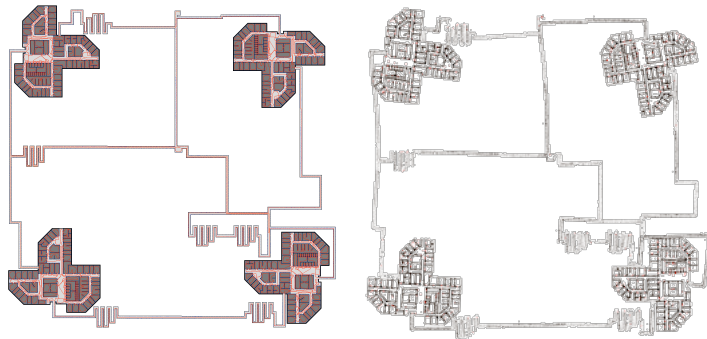
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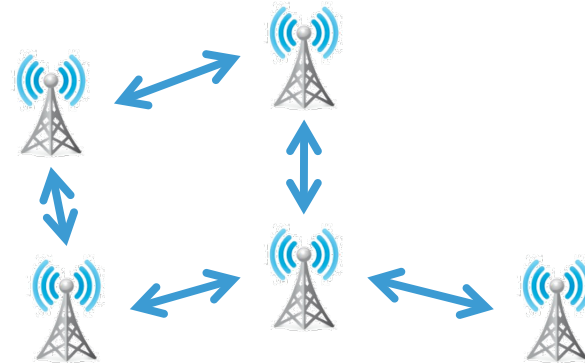
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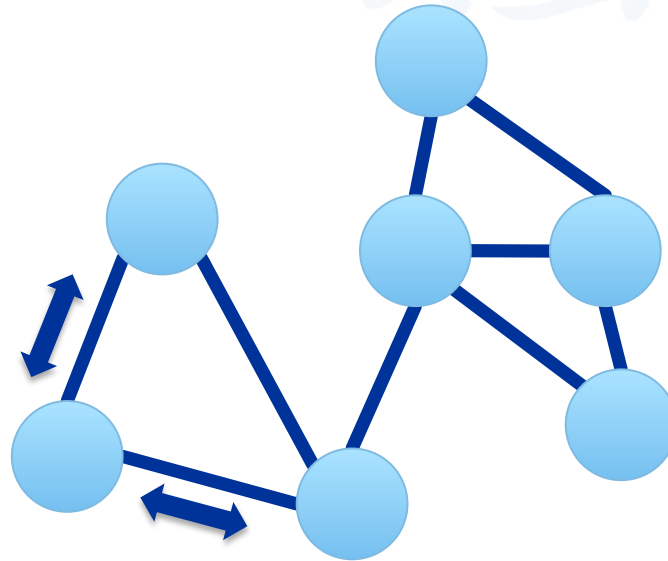
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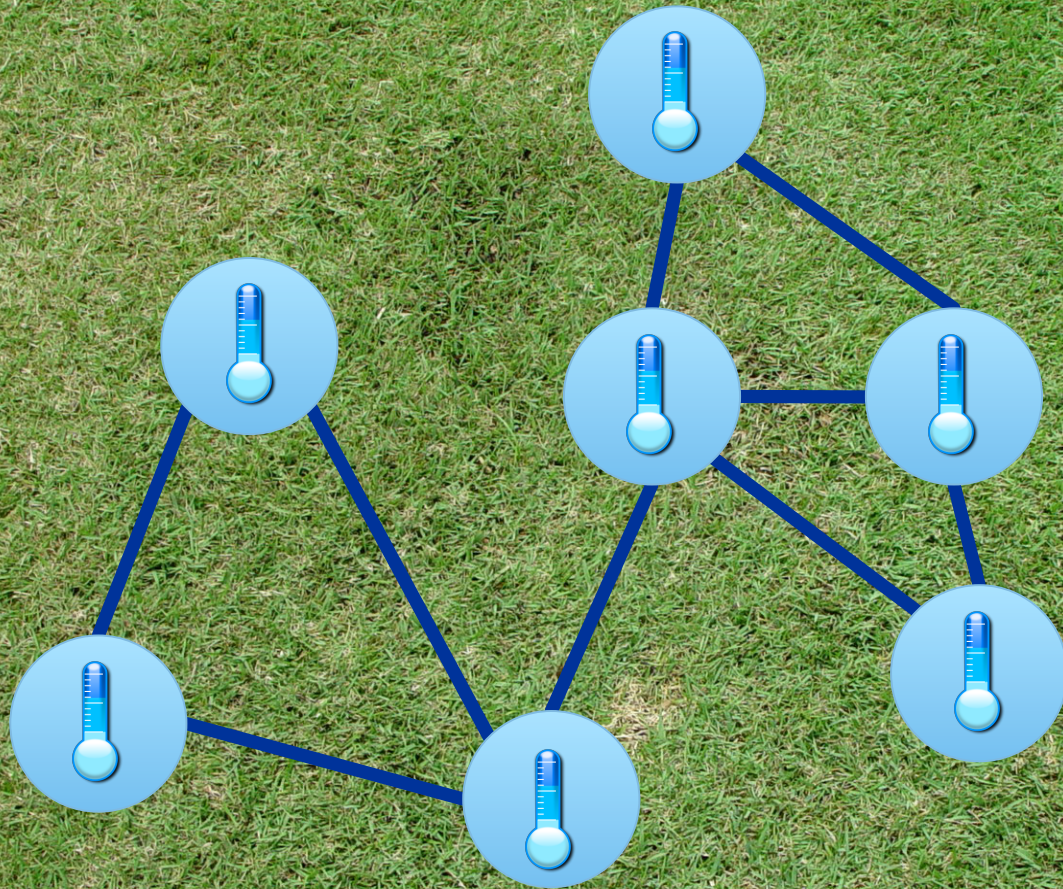
## Network optimization



# Consensus algorithms



Global agreement from  
local interactions



# New Settings

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# Cameras

Today



24 hrs/min



30 million cameras  
4 bn hrs/week

Tasks

Detection, Segmentation, Motion Estimation,  
Stabilization, Registration, Categorization

Application Areas

National Security



Recreation

End Users

Governments



Consumer

# Camera Networks

- Classical approach
  - One camera wired to one computer
  - Multiple cameras wired to a central processing unit
  - Processing then by a human operator or by a central computer
- Problems
  - Flexibility: Wiring makes it hard to deploy new cameras
  - Robustness: central node failure = entire system failure
  - Scaling: processing and bandwidth requirements do not scale well



# Camera Sensor Networks

- Motes
  - Small, wireless devices
  - battery powered
  - limited memory and computing power
- Applications
  - Surveillance
  - Environmental monitoring
  - Smart homes



## Question

Can we deploy vision algorithms on camera sensor networks?



# Challenges to Computer Vision Algorithms

## Traditional computer vision algorithms

Existing algorithms are centralized: all images are sent to one node for processing

Computer  
Vision

- Sensor networks have limited resources
  - Limited processing power and memory
  - Slow wireless channel
  - Nodes can have limited communication range

## Challenge

Traditional computer vision algorithms require resources not available in a camera sensor network

# Challenges to Sensor Network Algorithms

Traditional distributed algorithms for sensor networks

Existing algorithms have been designed for processing simple scalar measurements

Sensor  
Networks

- In computer vision applications
  - Measurements (images) are high-dimensional
  - Measurements are corrupted by noise, outliers
  - Estimates are non-Euclidean (e.g. rotations)

Challenge

Traditional sensor network algorithms cannot be directly used for computer vision applications

# Toward Distributed Computer Vision Algorithms

- Centralized algorithms
- Considerable complexity

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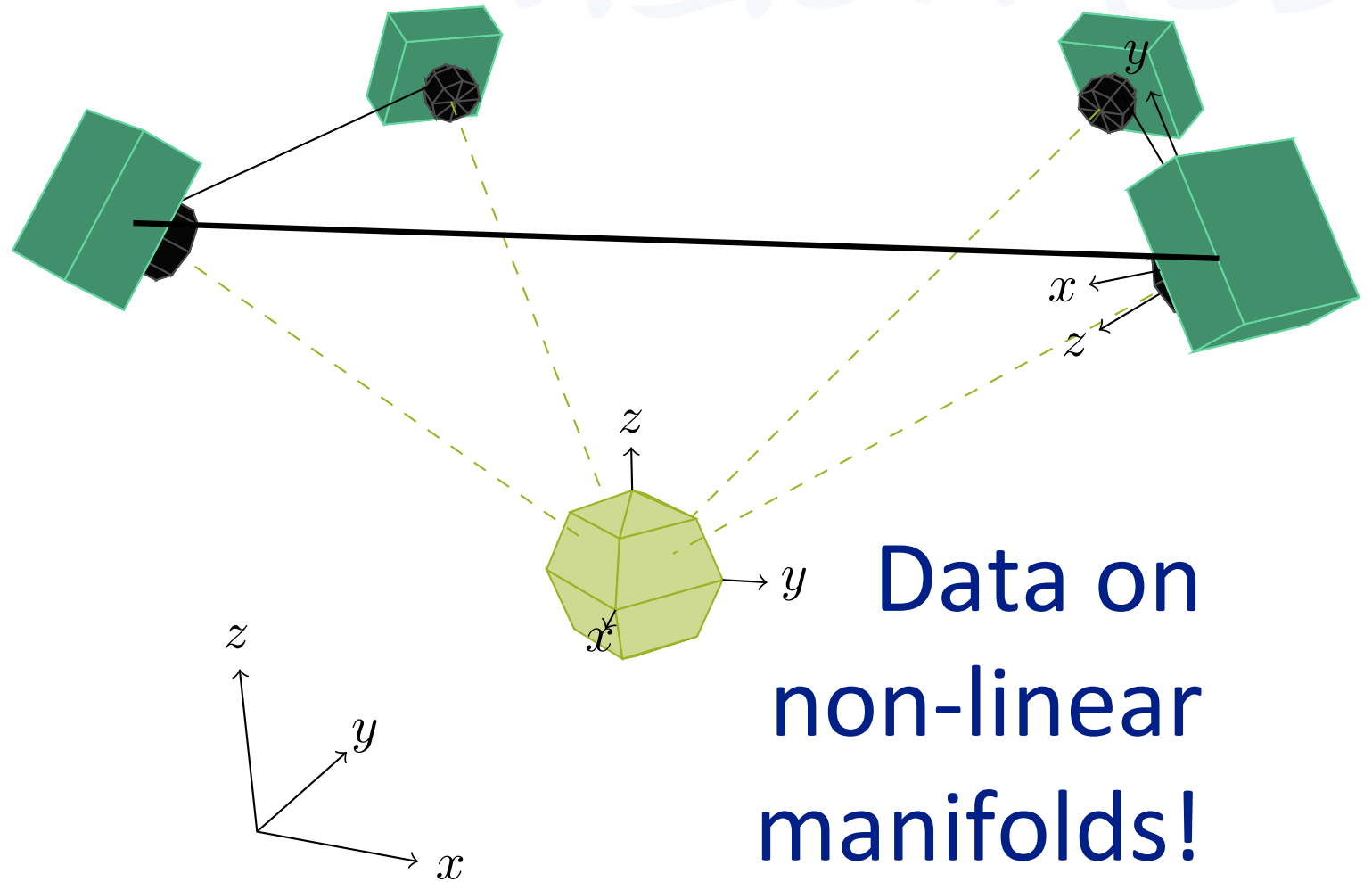
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- Distributed algorithms
- Only simple problems

## Our goal

- Develop distributed computer vision algorithms that
  - Are efficient: local processing + short communications
  - Converge to the centralized solution
  - Can handle outliers, packet losses, data on manifolds

# Consensus on manifolds example



Data on  
non-linear  
manifolds!

# Previous work

## Specific Manifolds

- Sphere [Olfati-Saber 2006]
- N-Torus [Kuramoto model, 1975], [Vicksek model, 1995], [Scardovi, Sepulchre 2007]

## Extrinsic approach

- Embedding + Projections [Sarlette, Sepulchre 2009], [Hatanaka, Bullo 2010], [Igarashi, Fujita 2010]

## Coordination

- Lie groups [Sarlette, Sepulchre 2010]
- Rigid motions [Sarlette, Sepulchre 2009], [Thunberg, Hu 2011], [Bai, Wen ], [Igarashi, Spong, 2012], [Smith, Leonard 2001]

## Localization

- Planar case [Piovan, Bullo 2008]
- Centralized [Shirmohammadi, Taylor 2010]

# Our work

1. Consensus on **any** Riemannian manifold with bounded curvature

2. Distributed image-based localization from images

Distributed optimization

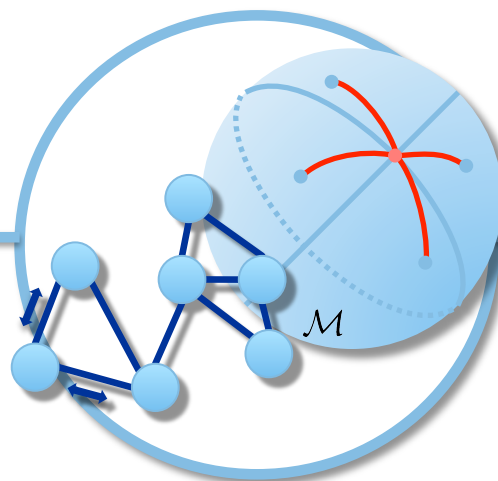
# Outline

## Introduction



- Consensus in Euclidean spaces
- Riemannian geometry

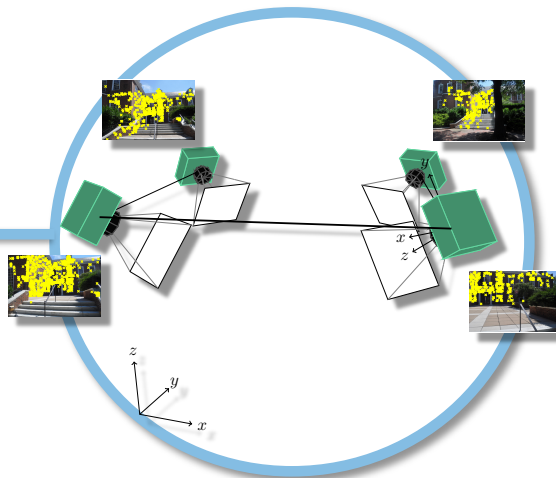
## Riemannian consensus



- Choice of step size
- Local convergence results
- Almost-global convergence on  $SO(3)$



## Image-based camera network localization



- Setup cost function
- Link with Riemannian Consensus
- Results



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# Review of Euclidean consensus

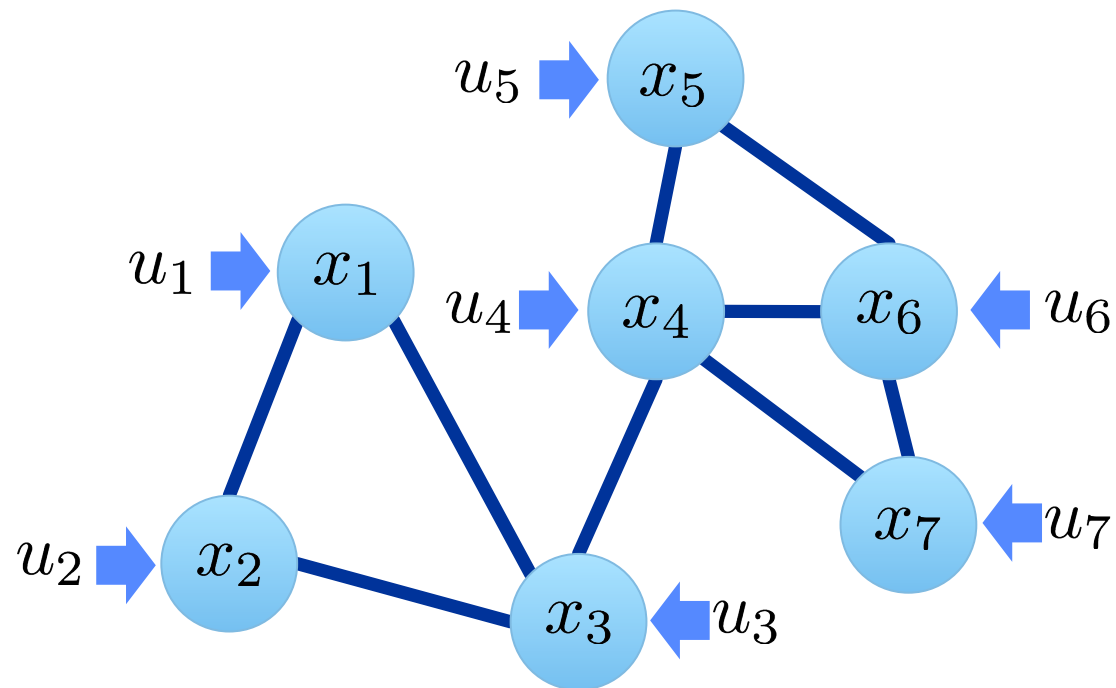


# Notation

$G = (V, E)$  Graph

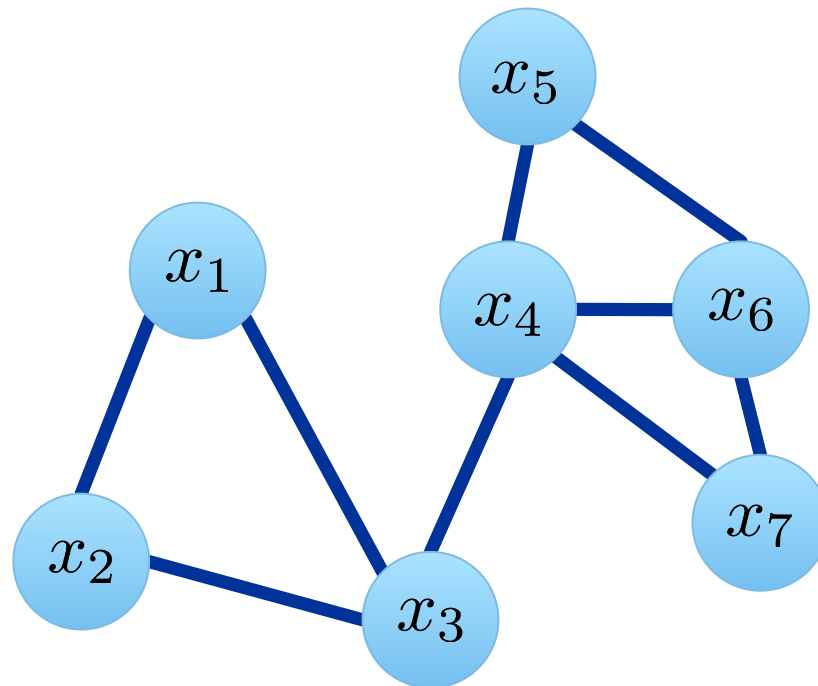
$u_i$  Measurements

$x_i$  States



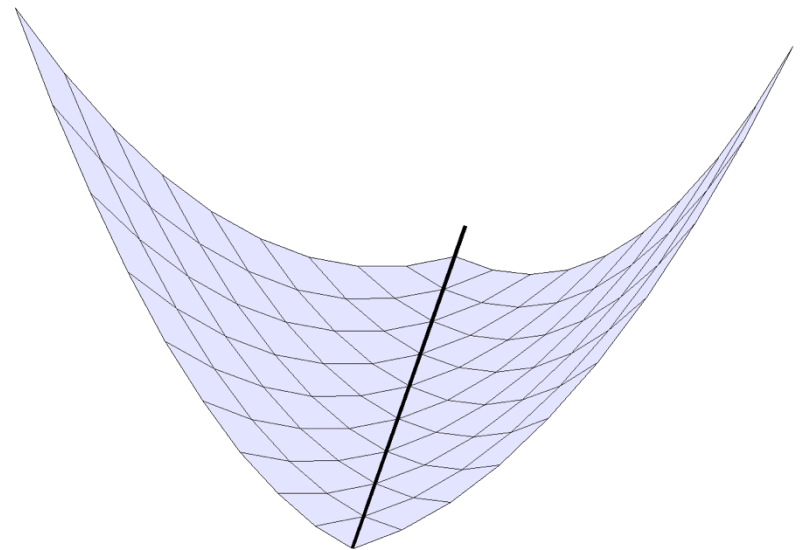
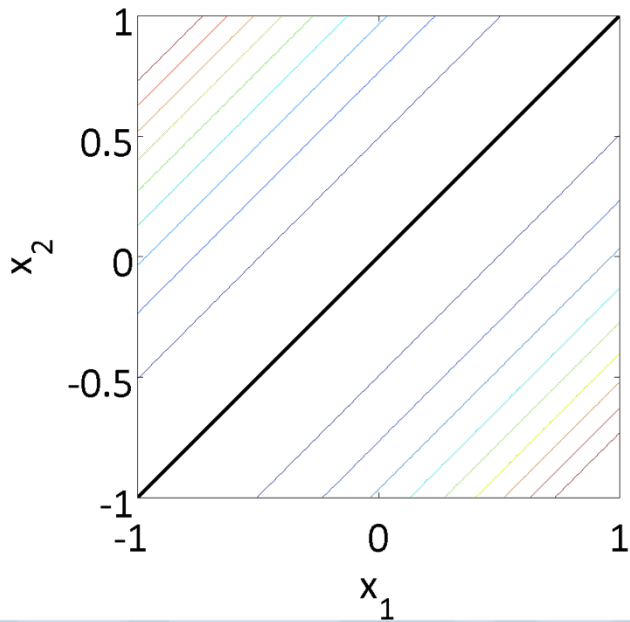
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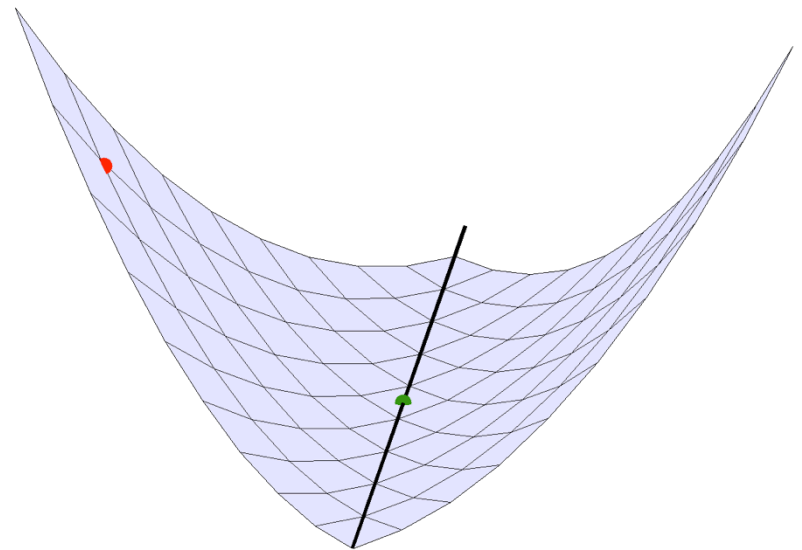
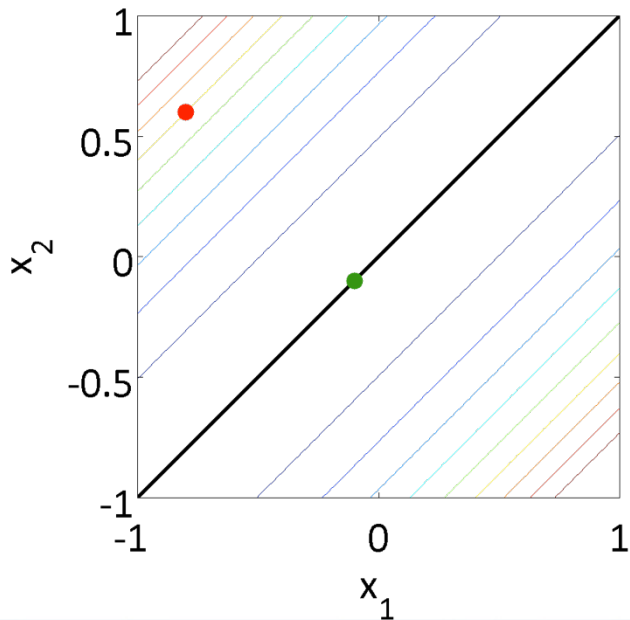
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# Algorithm = Gradient Descent

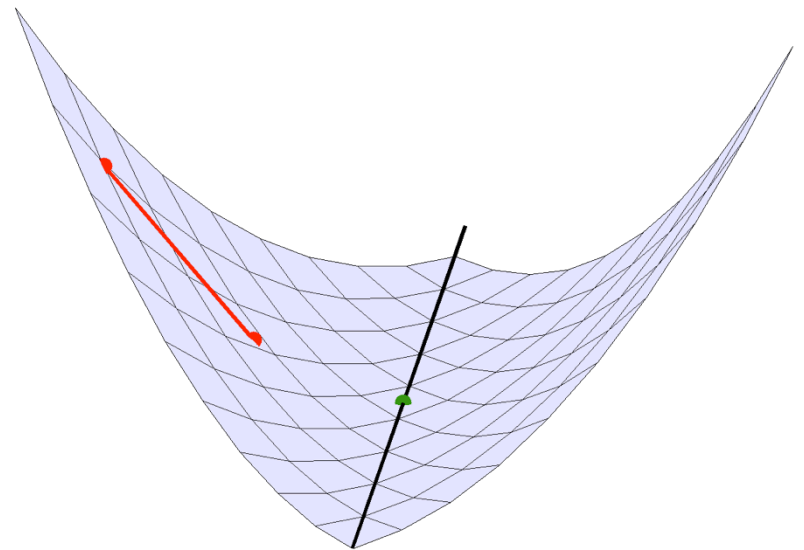
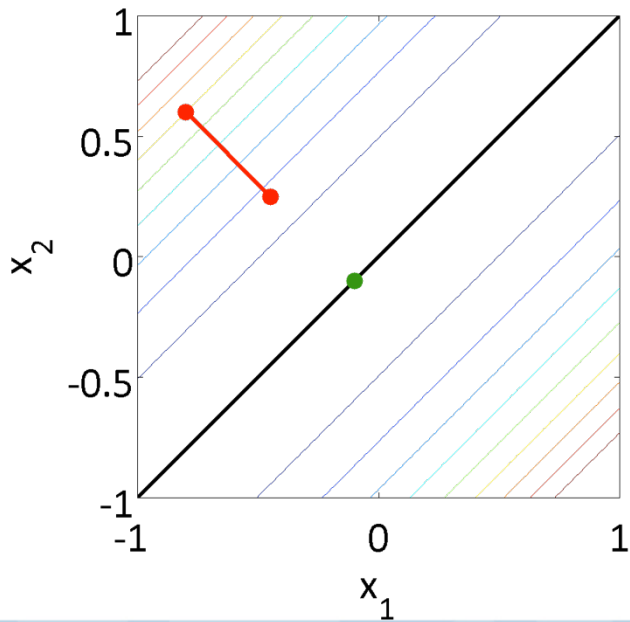
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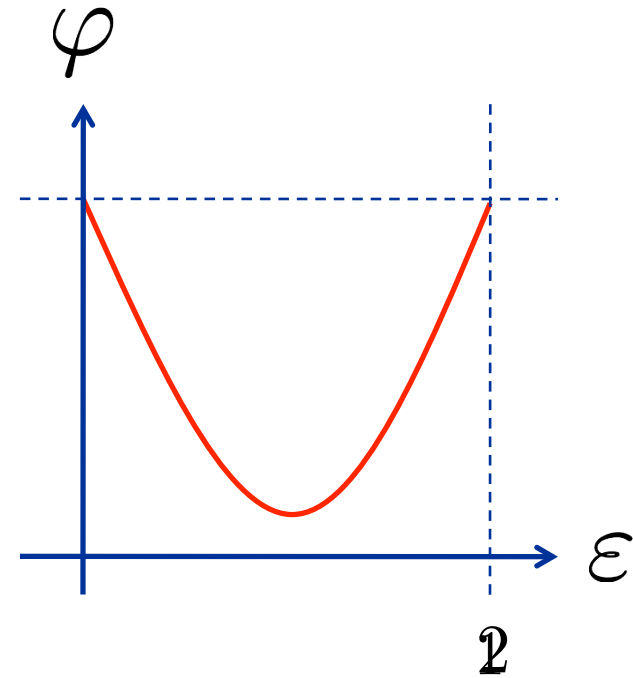
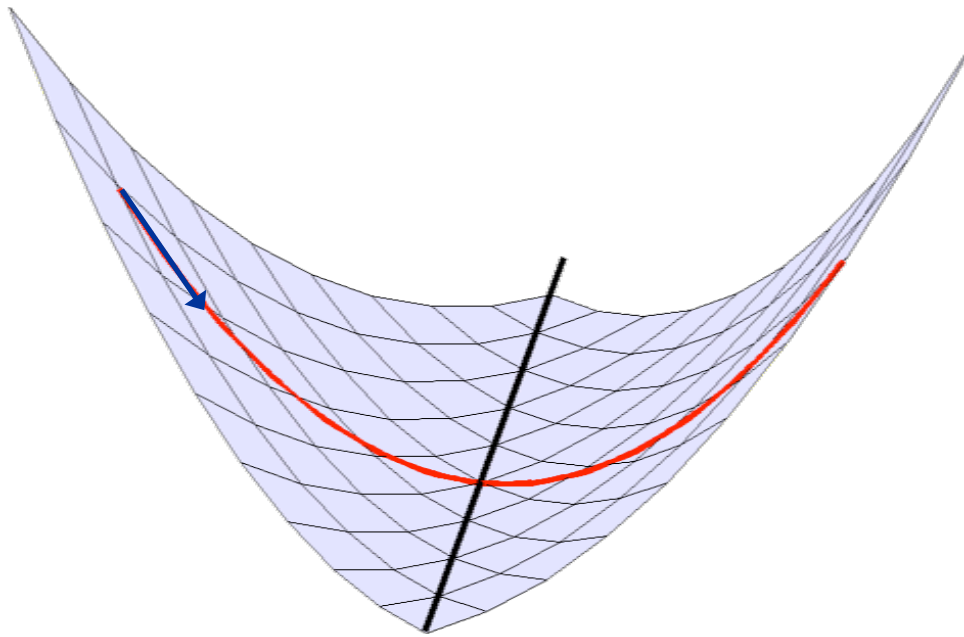
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# How to choose the step size



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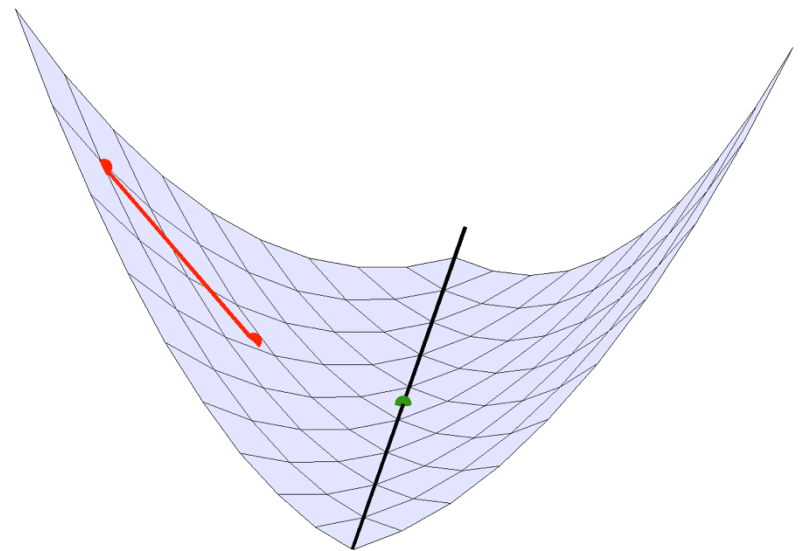
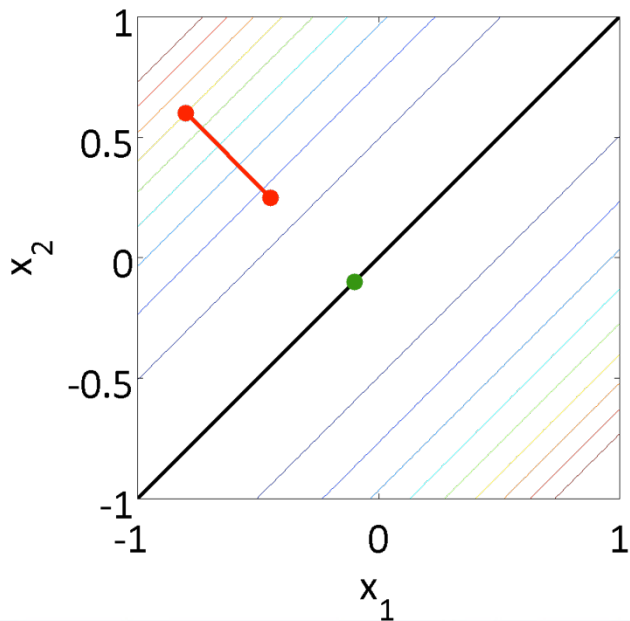
$\text{Deg}(G)$  = max # of neighbors



# Gradient Descent

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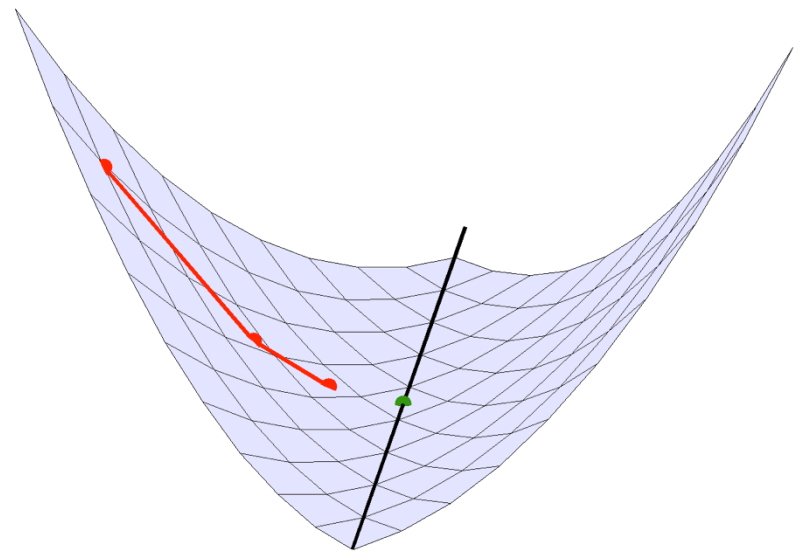
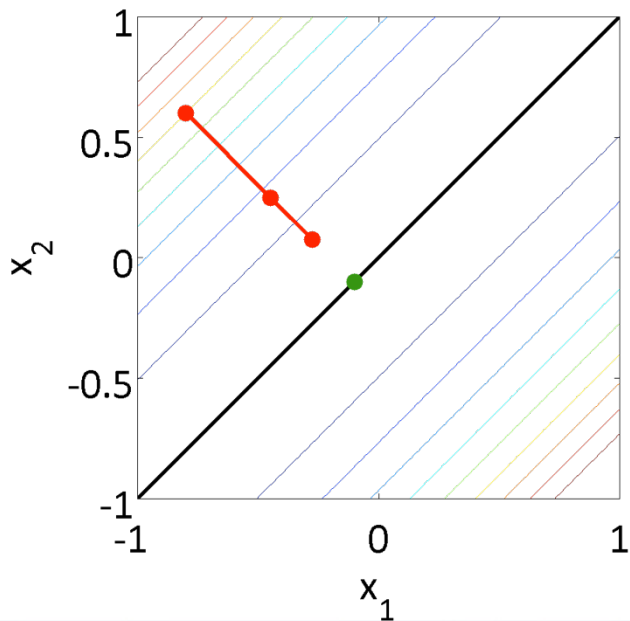
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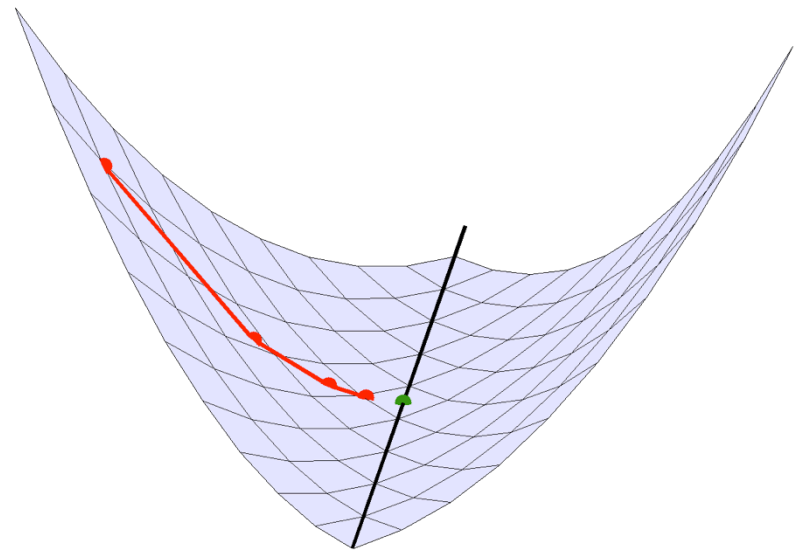
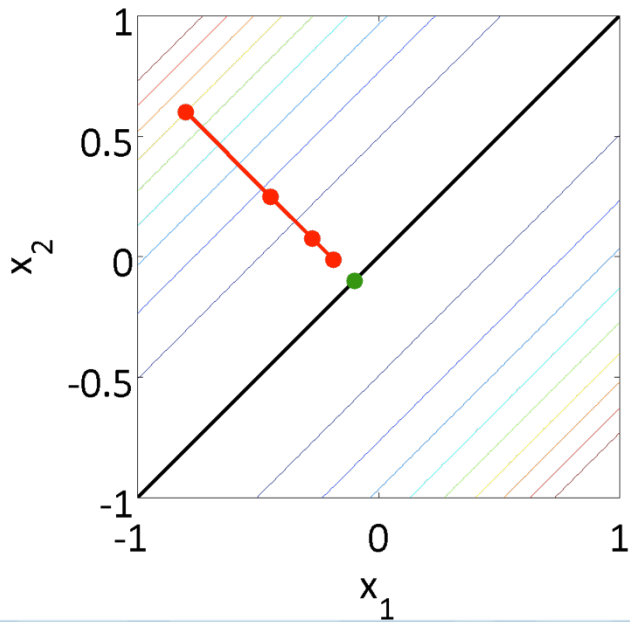
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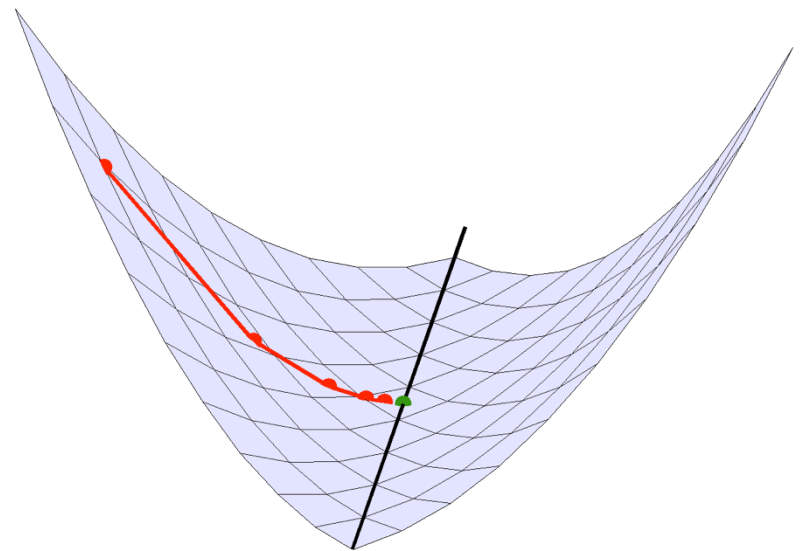
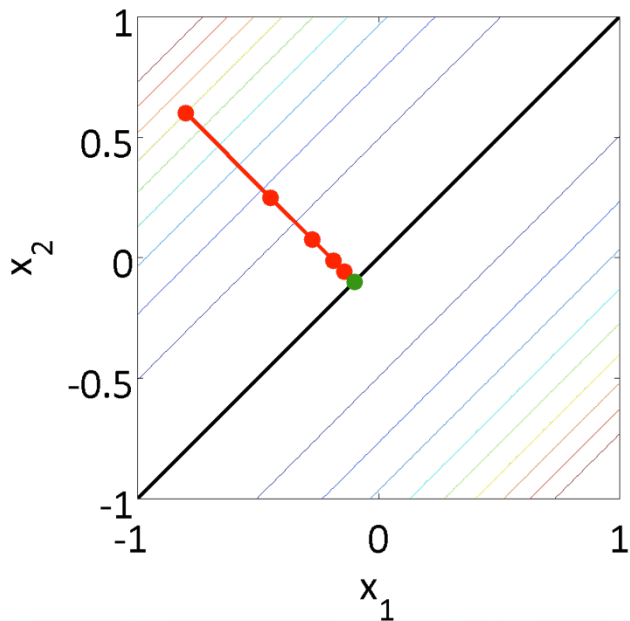
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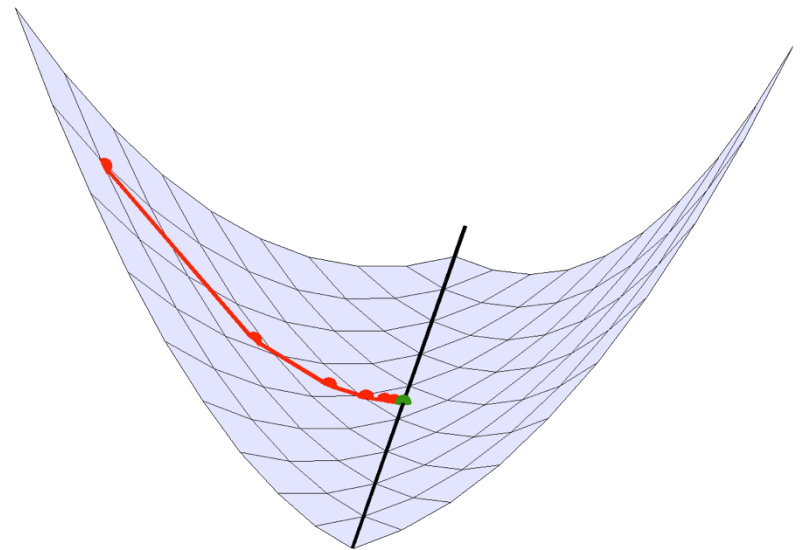
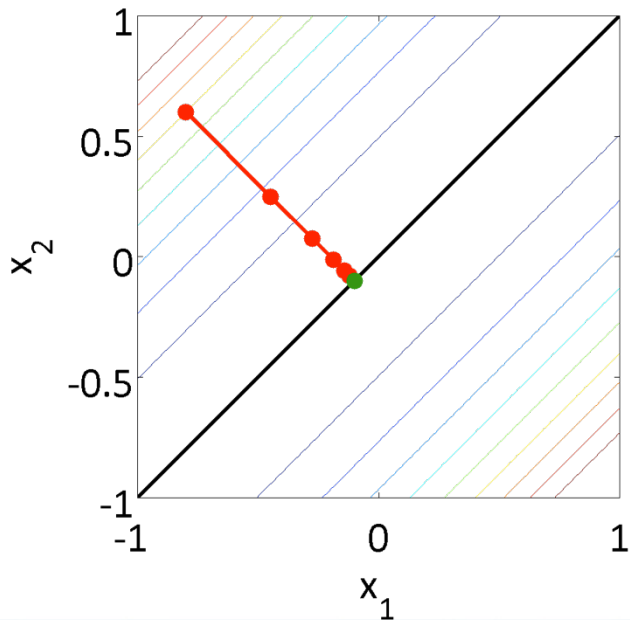
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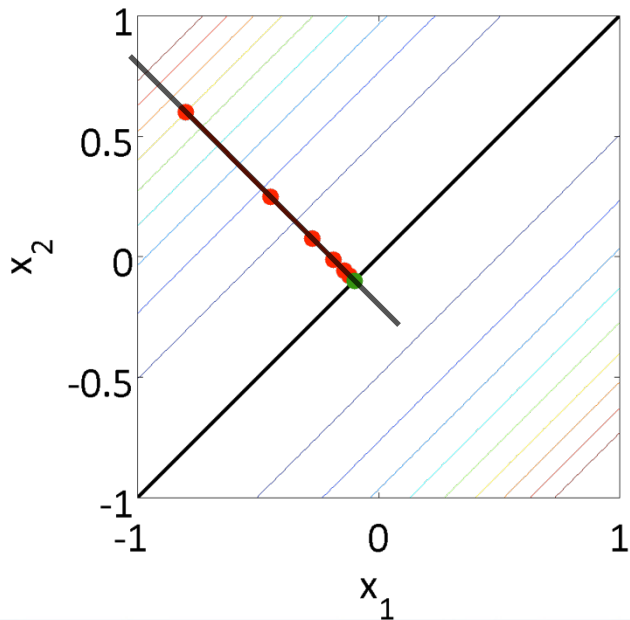
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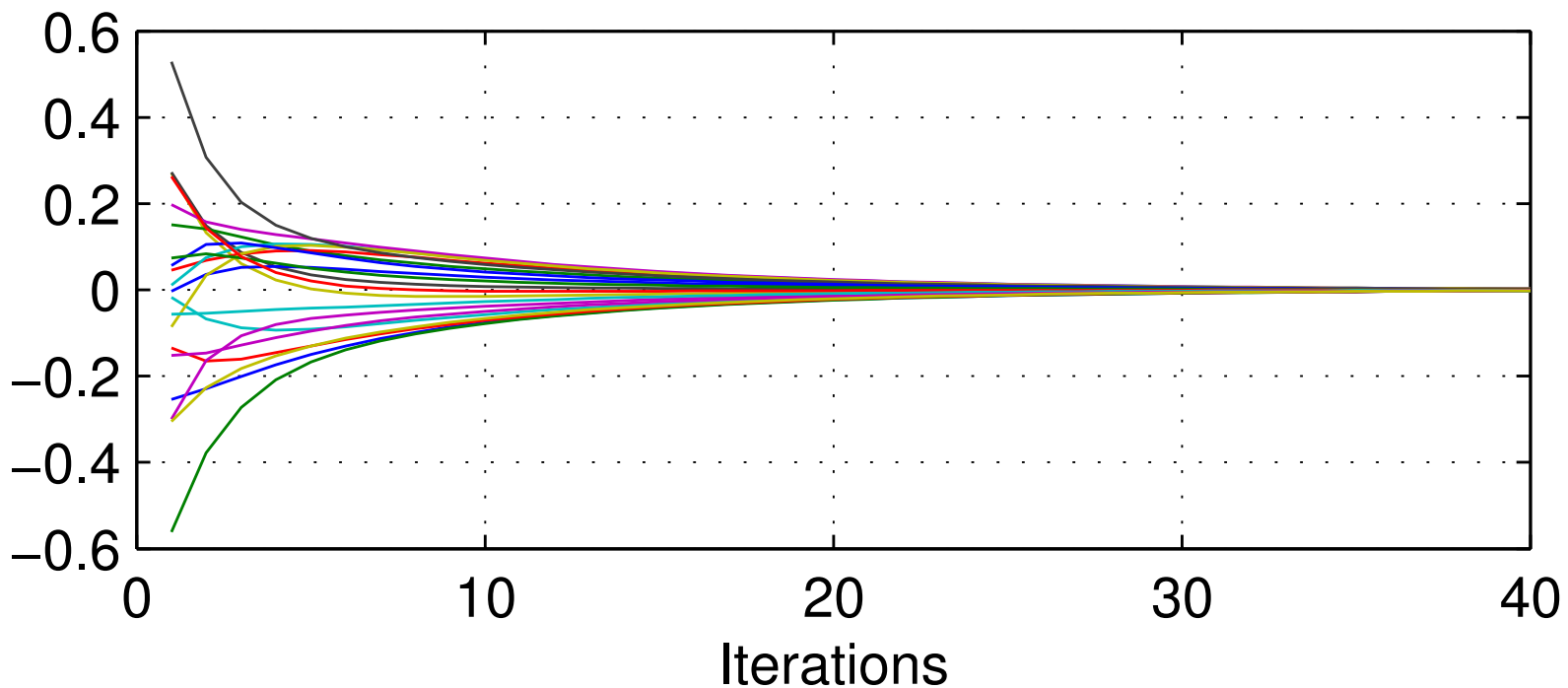
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$$\begin{aligned} \text{mean}\{x_i(t)\} \\ = \text{mean}\{x_i(t + 1)\} \end{aligned}$$

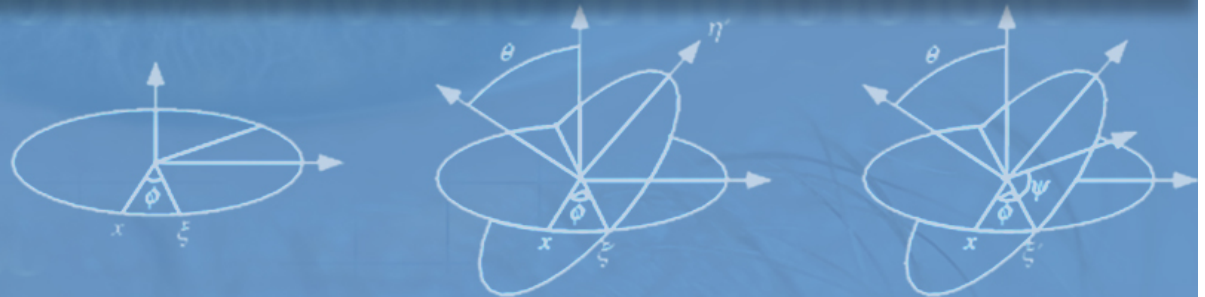
# Convergence to the mean

$$x_1(t_\infty) = \dots = x_2(t_\infty) = \bar{u} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i u_i$$



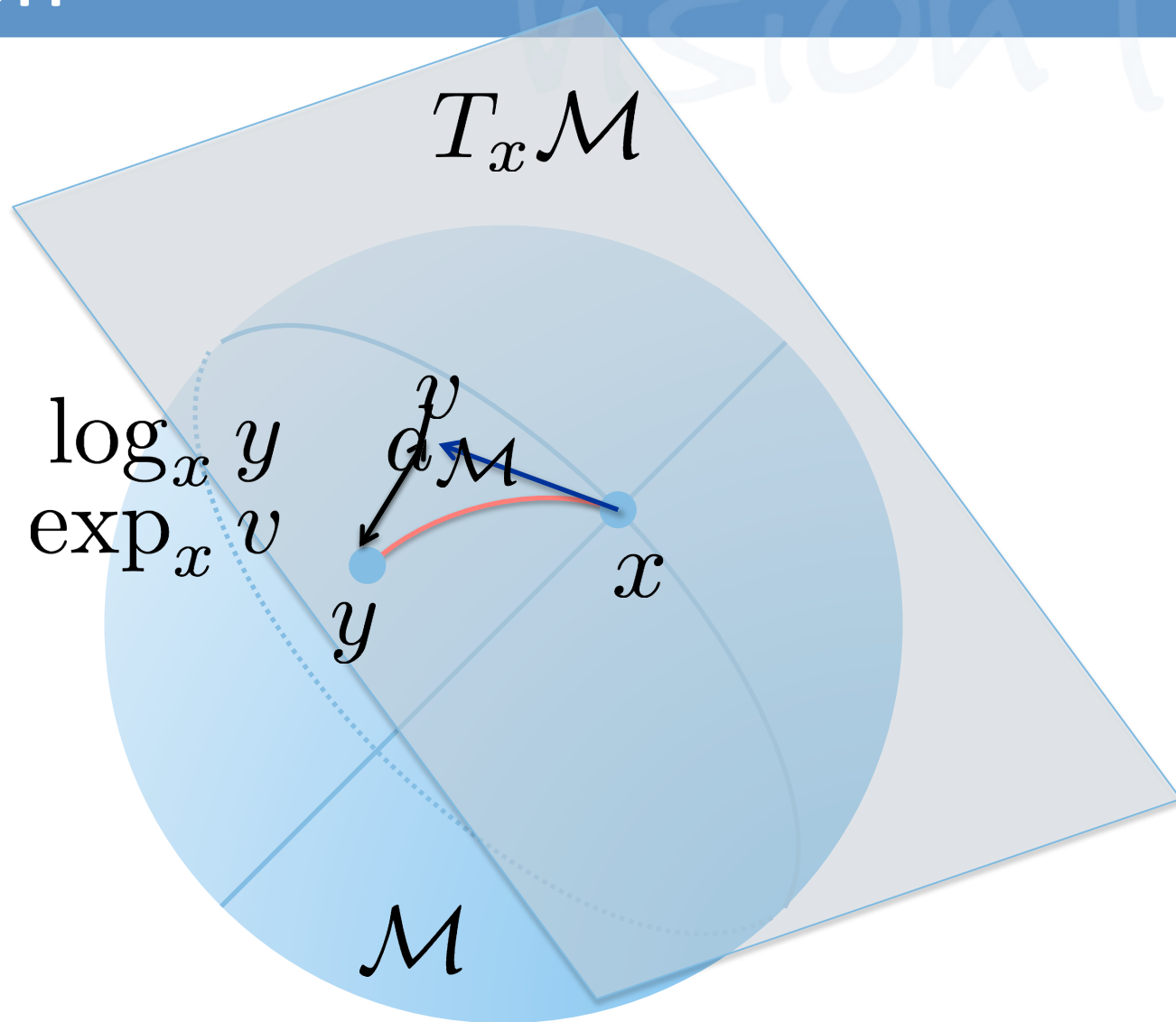
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# Review of Riemannian geometry





# Notation



$$\text{grad}_x \frac{1}{2} d_{\mathcal{M}}^2(x, y) = -\log_x y$$

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# Riemannian Consensus



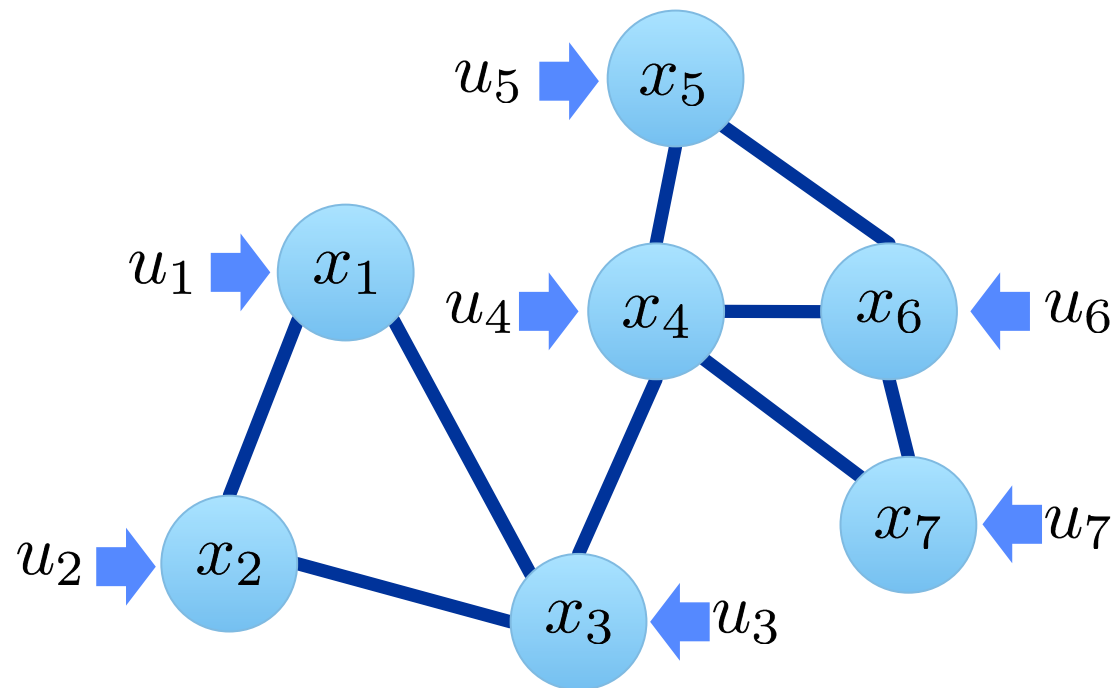
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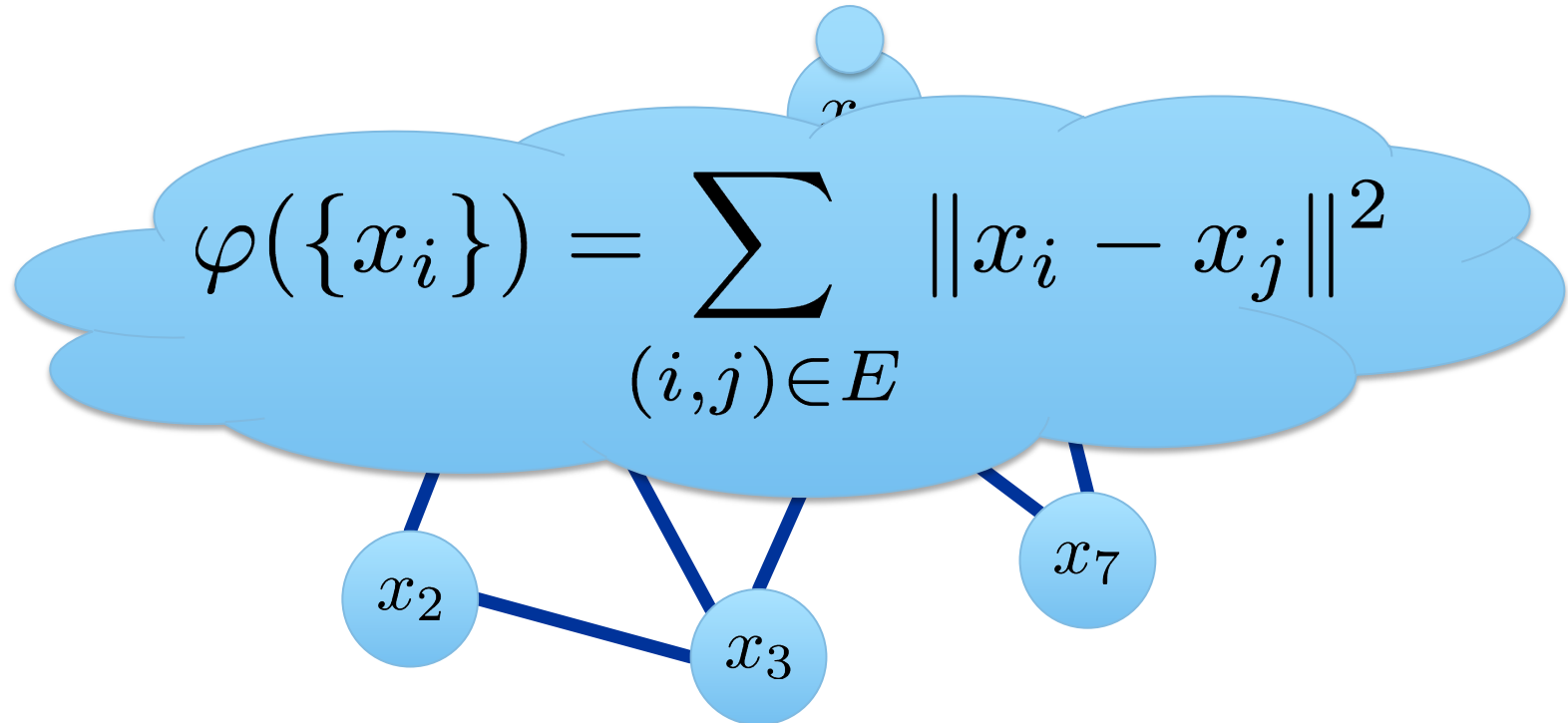
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} On manifold  $\mathcal{M}$



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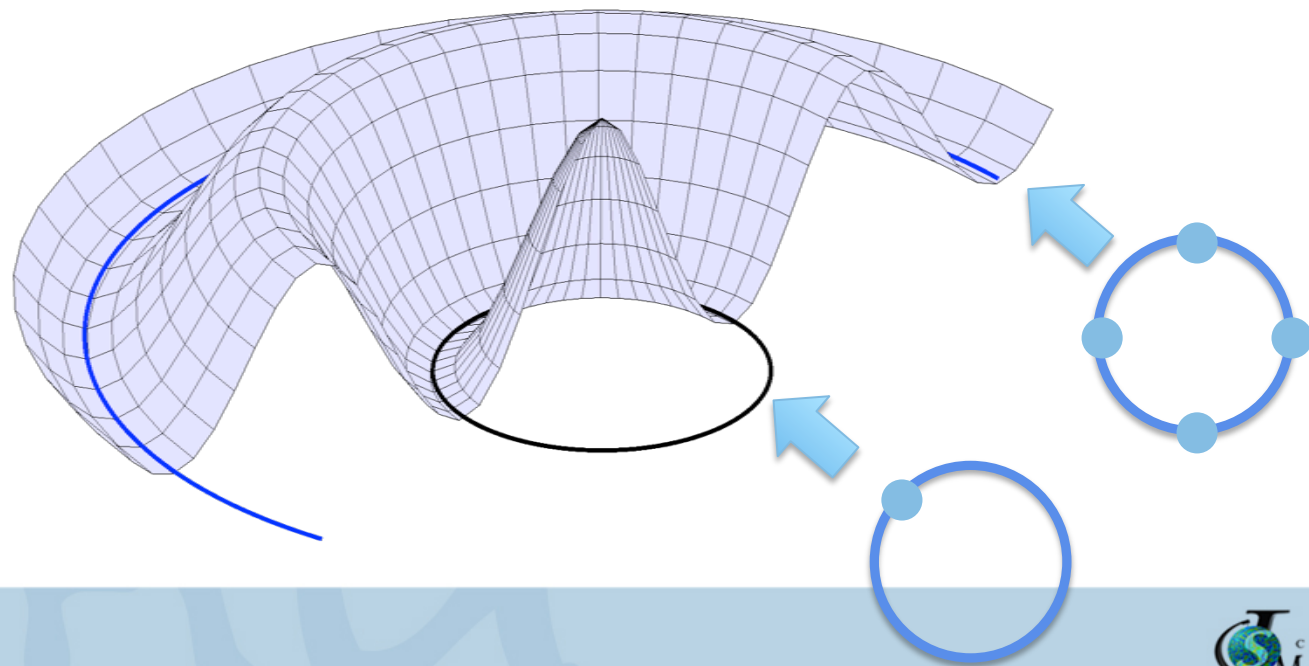
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Not convex!

Consensus configurations are  
global minima

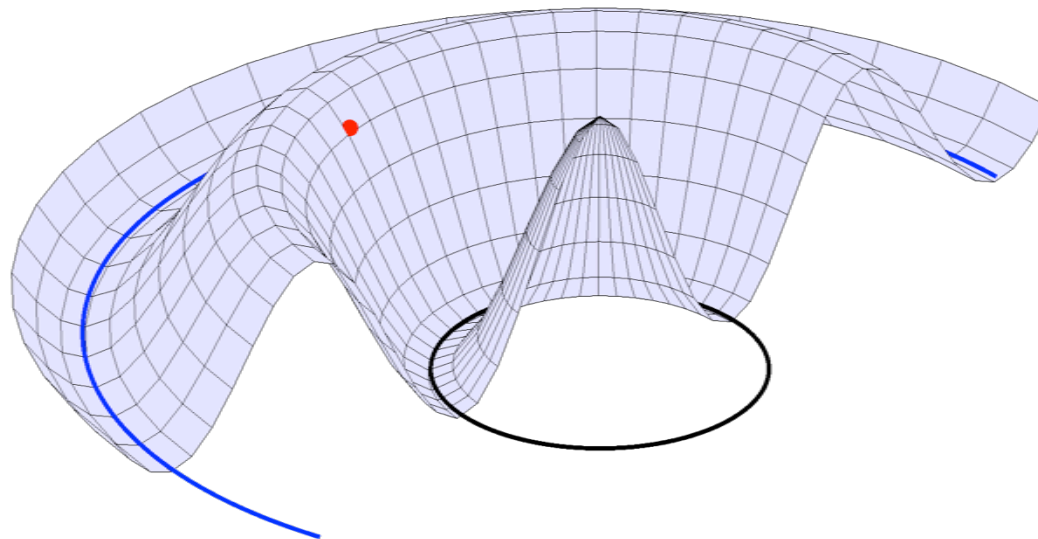
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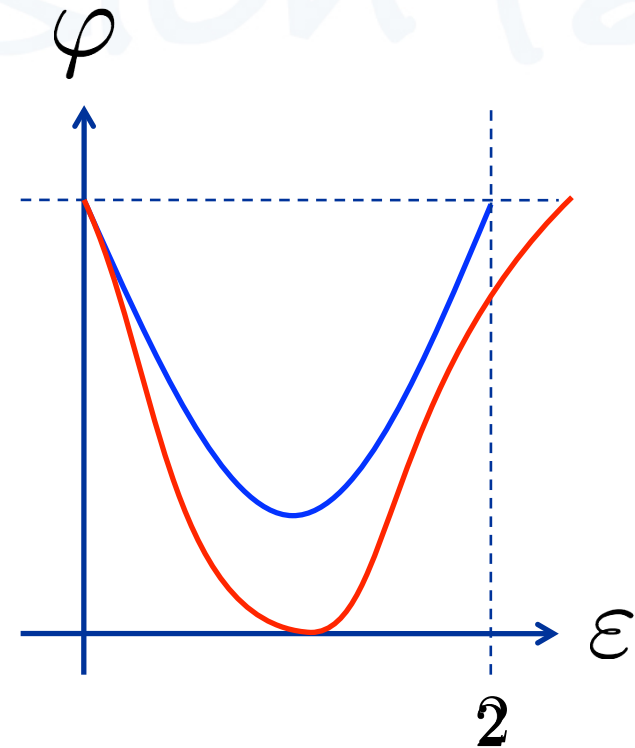
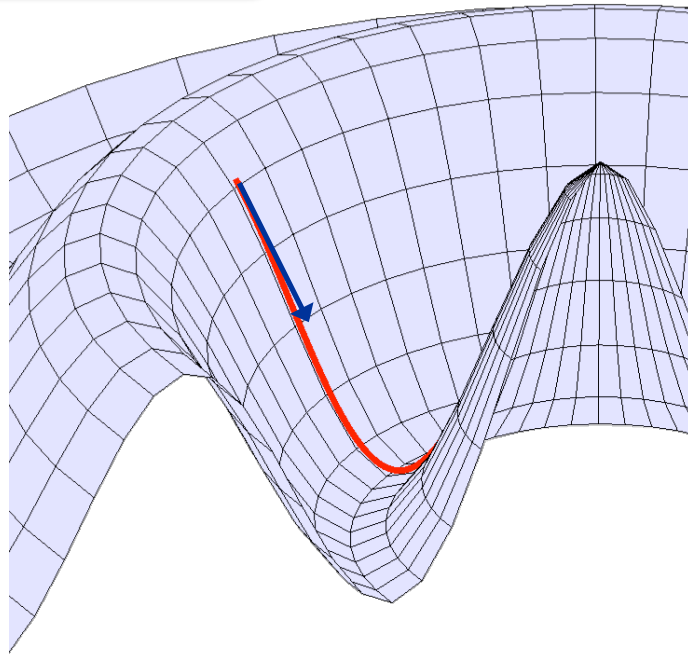
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# How to choose the step size

## Theorem



$$\frac{\text{Deg}(G) \mu_{\max}(\varphi) d_{\mathcal{M}}^2}{2}$$

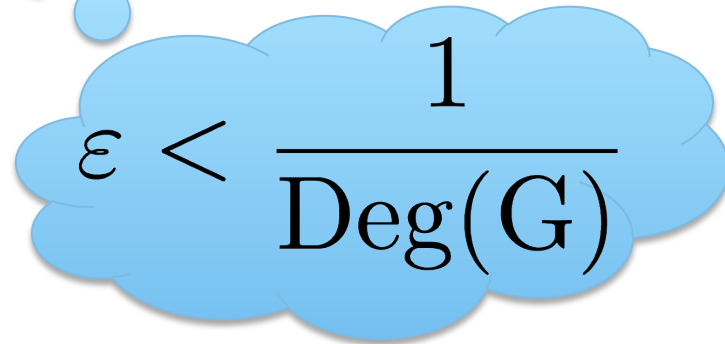
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# Spaces of non-negative constant curvature

$$\mu_{max}(d_{\mathcal{M}}^2) = 2$$

## All other spaces

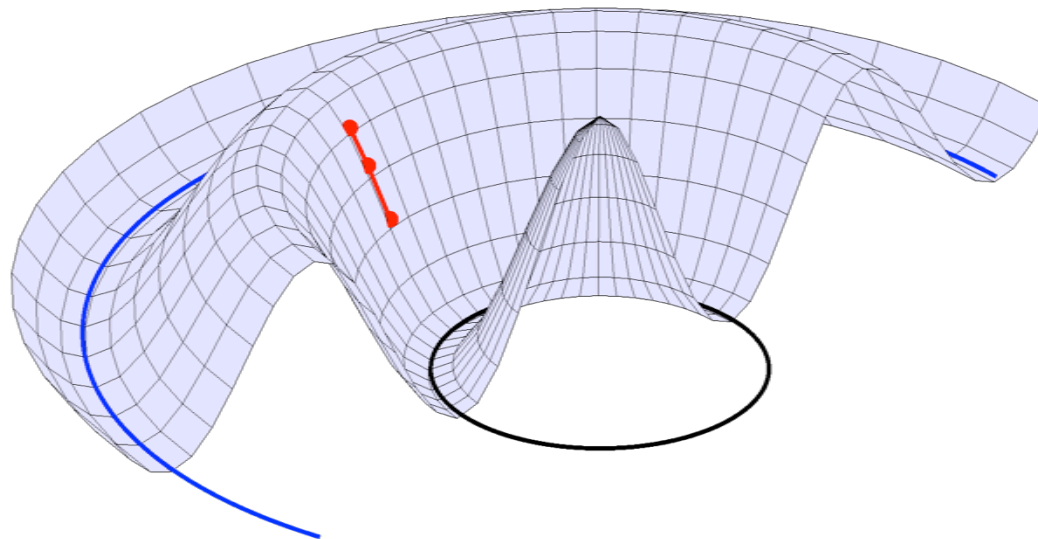

$$\epsilon < \frac{1}{\text{Deg}(G)}$$

$\mu_{max}(d_{\mathcal{M}}^2)$  might depend on max distance between neighboring states

# Gradient Descent

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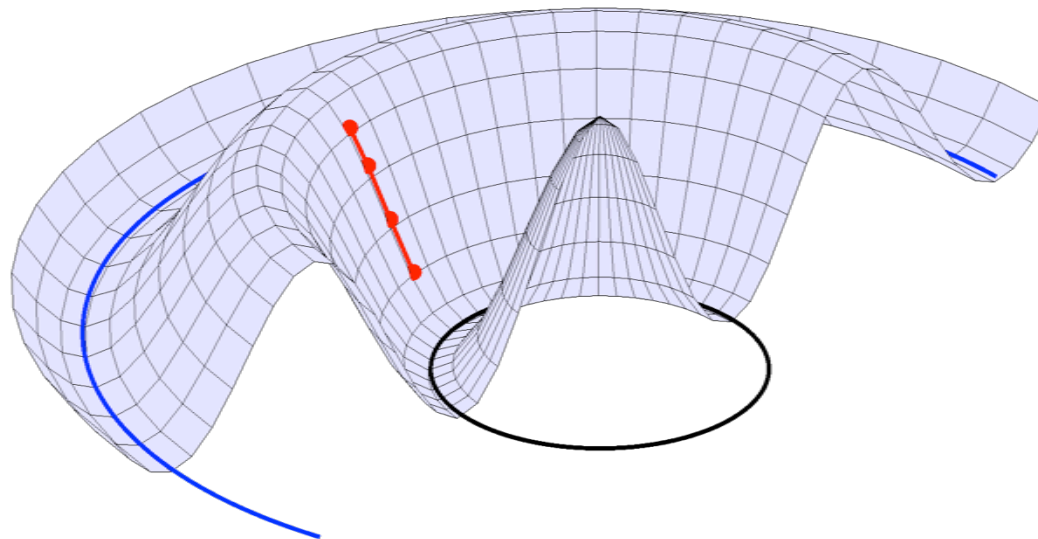
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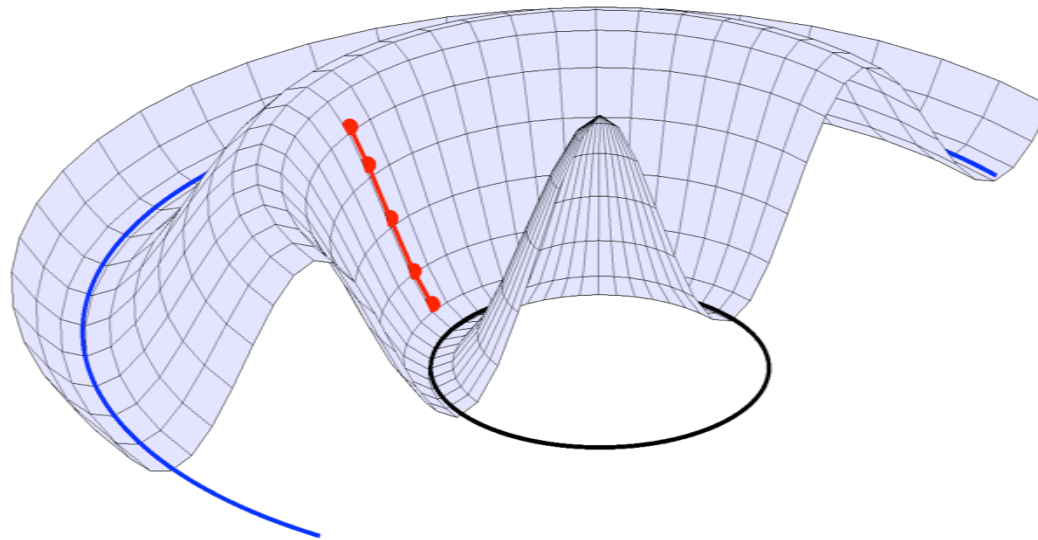
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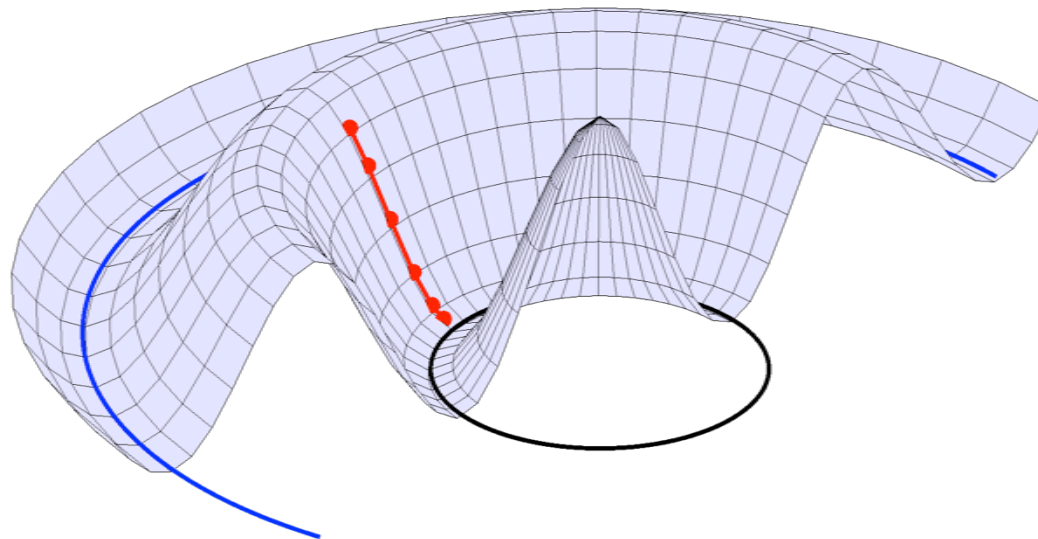
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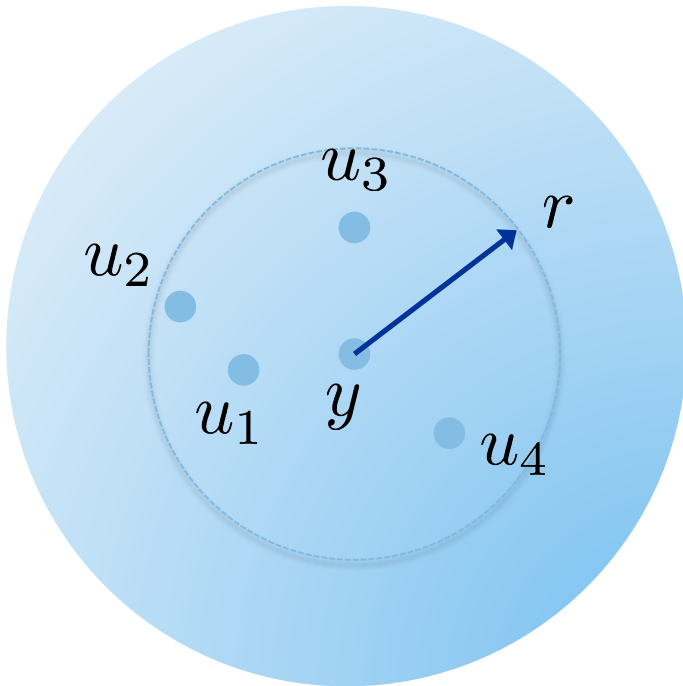
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# Convergence

## Theorem

- Measurements not too dispersed
- Step size small enough



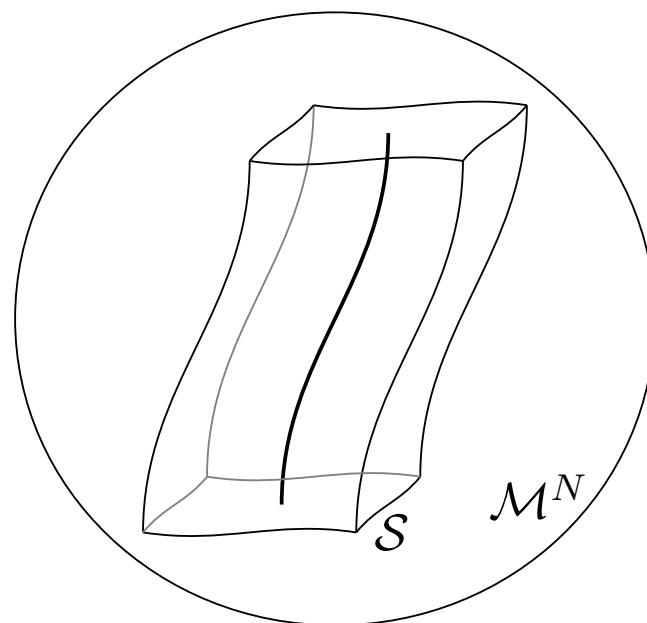
Convergence to  
consensus  
configurations



# 1. Given a set containing all global minimizers

$$S = \left\{ (x_1, \dots, x_N) \in \mathcal{M}^N : \exists x_0 \in \mathcal{M} \right. \\ \left. \text{s.t. } \max_i d_{\mathcal{M}}(x_i, x_0) < r^* \right\}$$

$$r^* = \frac{1}{2} \min \left\{ \text{inj } \mathcal{M}, \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{\Delta}} \right\}$$

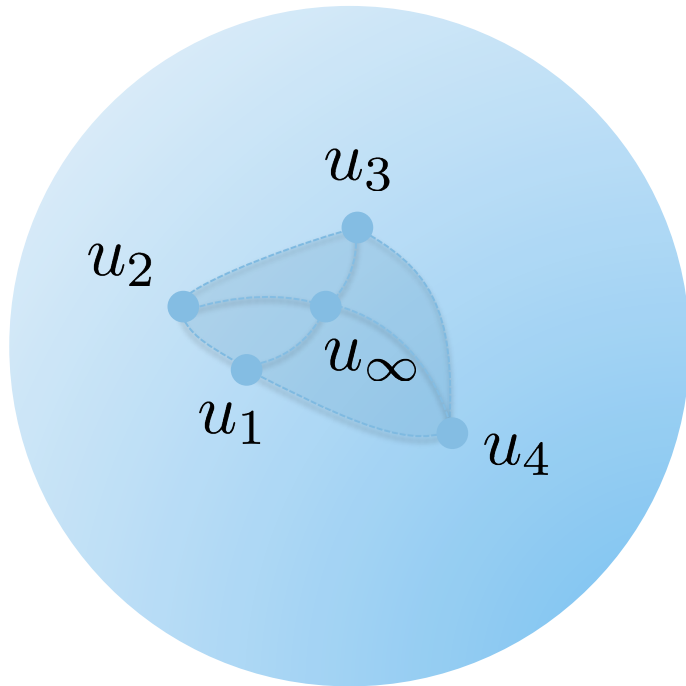


# 2. Guarantee iterates do not leave this set

# Convergence

## Theorem

Spaces of constant,  
non-negative curvature

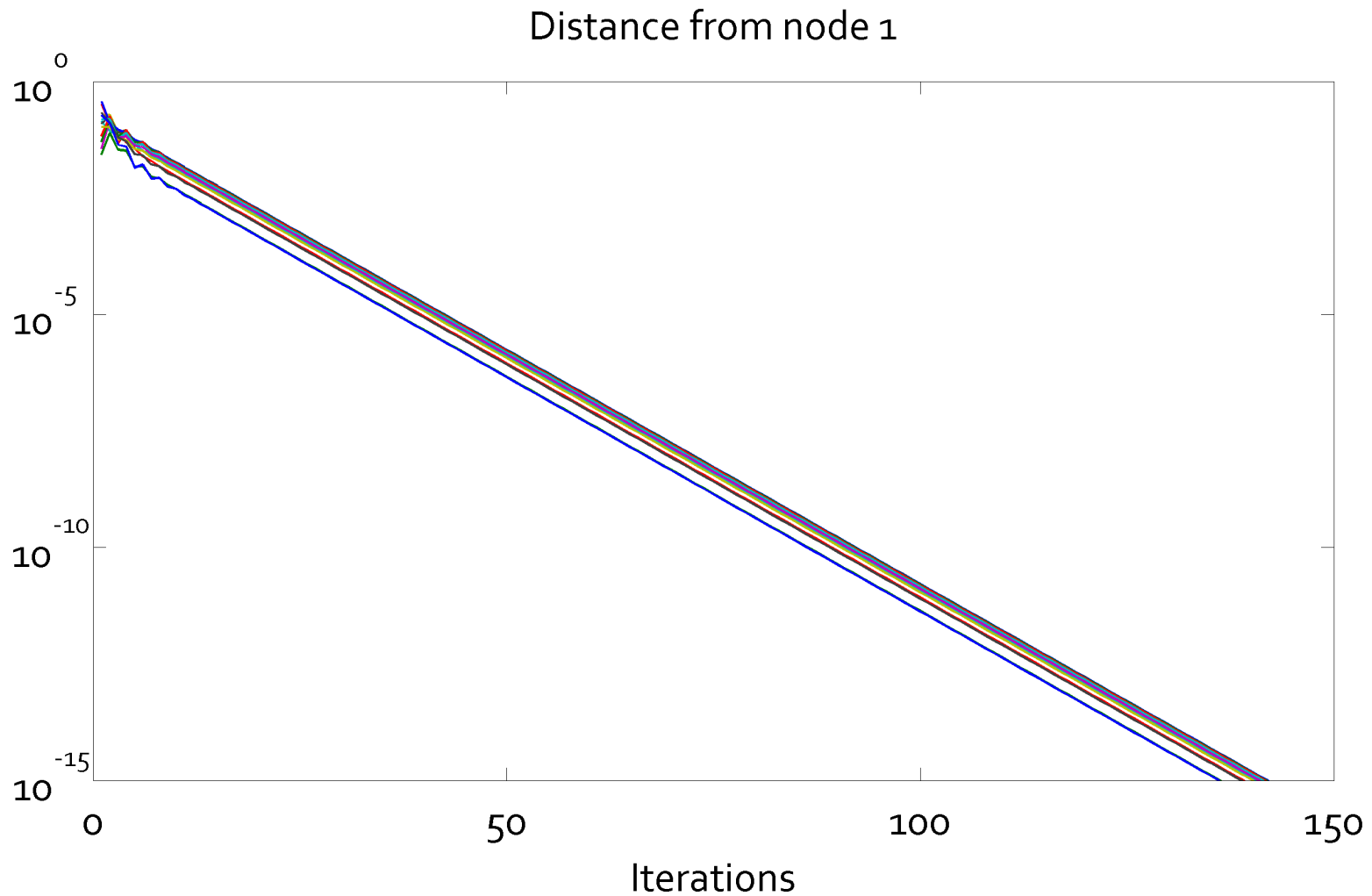


- Converge to a point inside convex hull
- Point need not be the global Frechet mean

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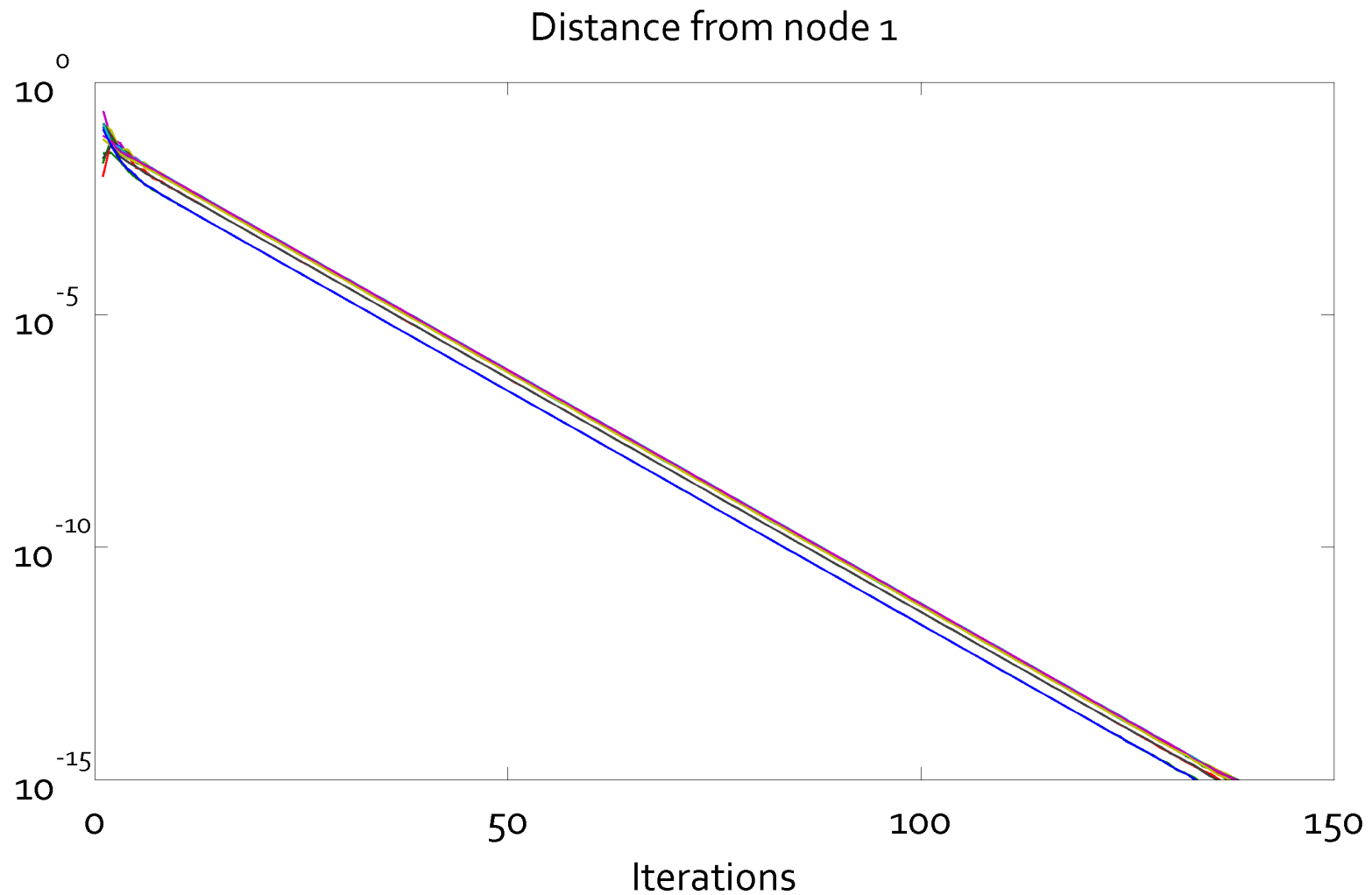
- **General result**
  - If initial measurements are inside  $S_{\text{conv}}$
  - And step size is small enough
  - Then, Riemannian Consensus converges to a set in  $S_{\text{conv}}$
- **Constant non-negative curvature**
  - Convergence set is enlarged to  $S_r$
  - The convergence result is to a single consensus state instead of to a set
  - The consensus state is shown to lie in the convex hull of the initial measurements

# Experiments – Sphere(7)



N=15 nodes, 4-regular graph

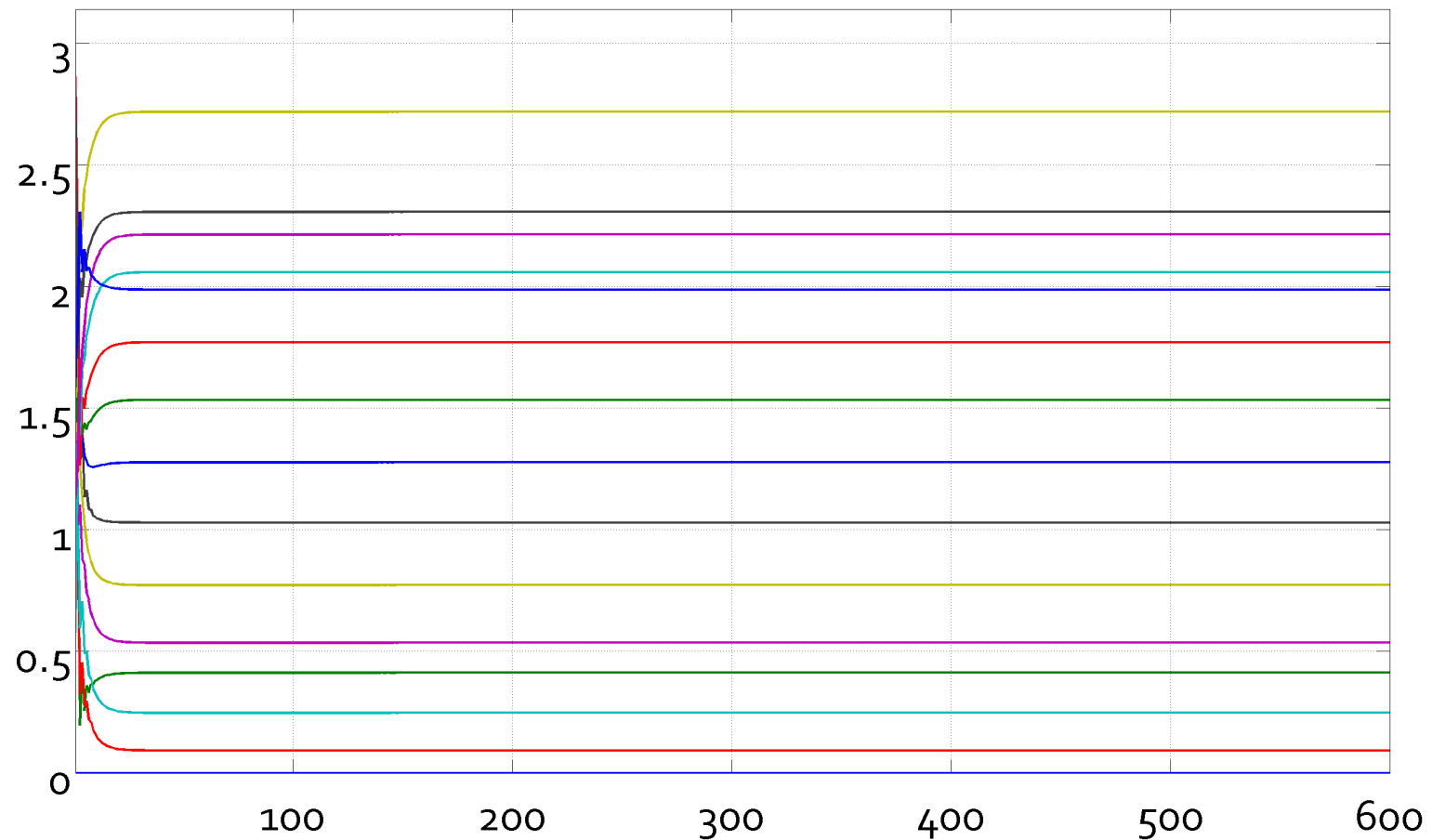
# Experiments – $SO(7)$



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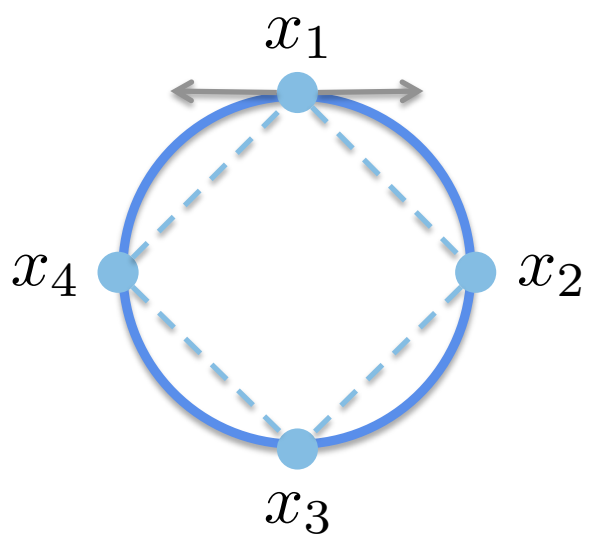
# Experiments – $SO(3)$ – Closed geodesic

Distances from node 1



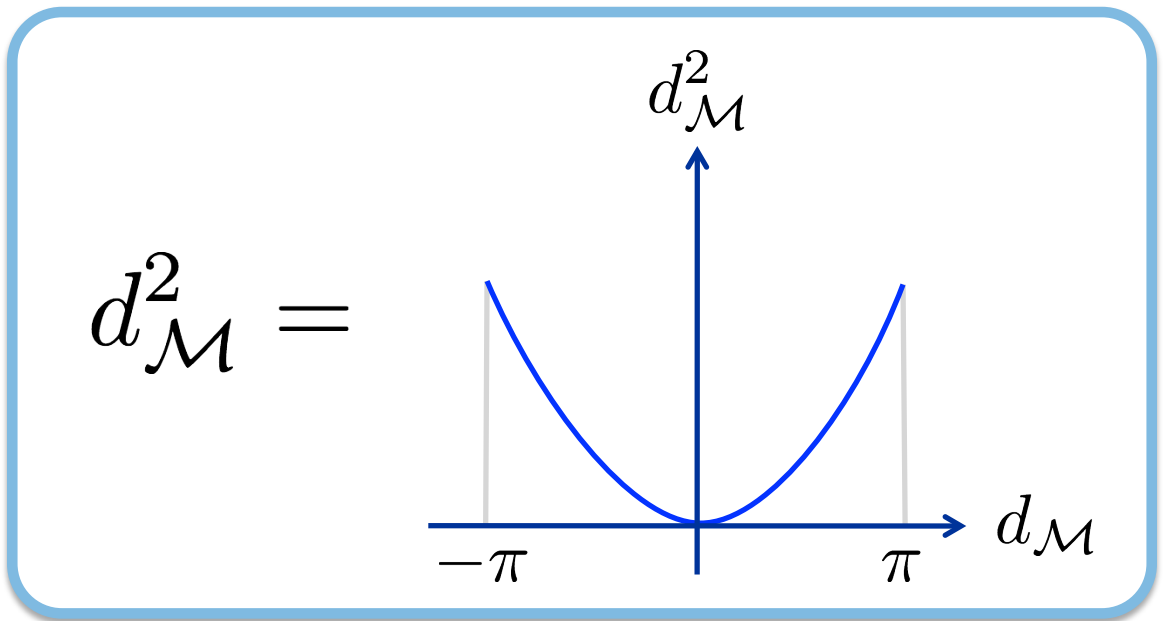
N=15 nodes, 4-regular graph, closed geodesic

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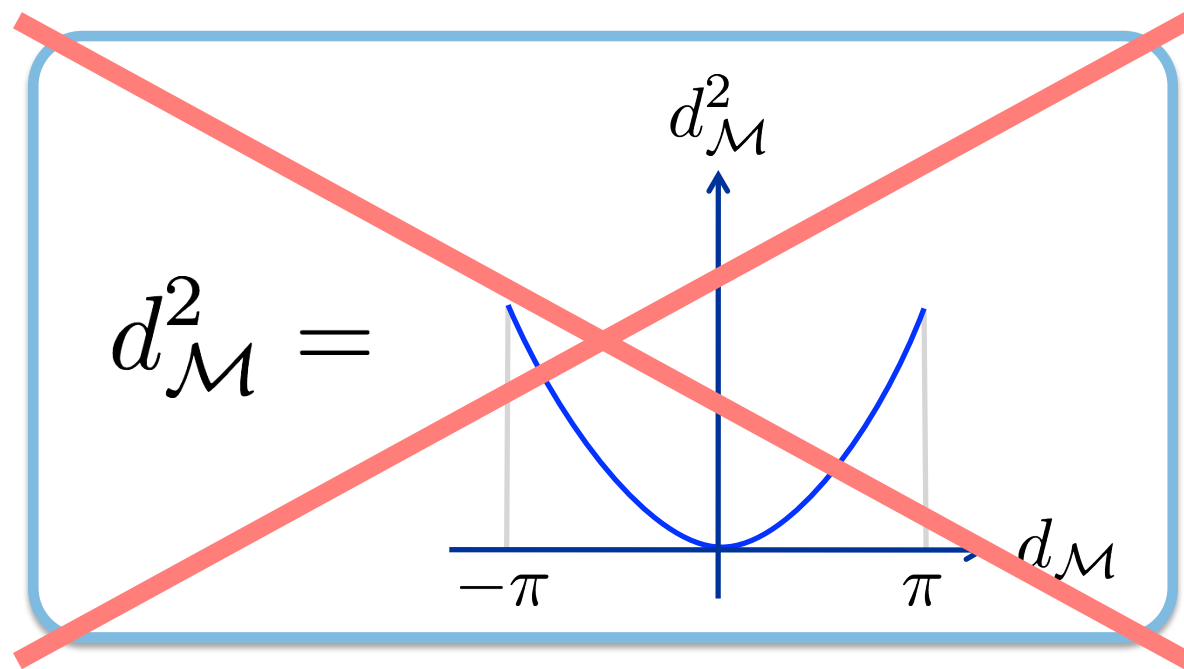
Local minimum

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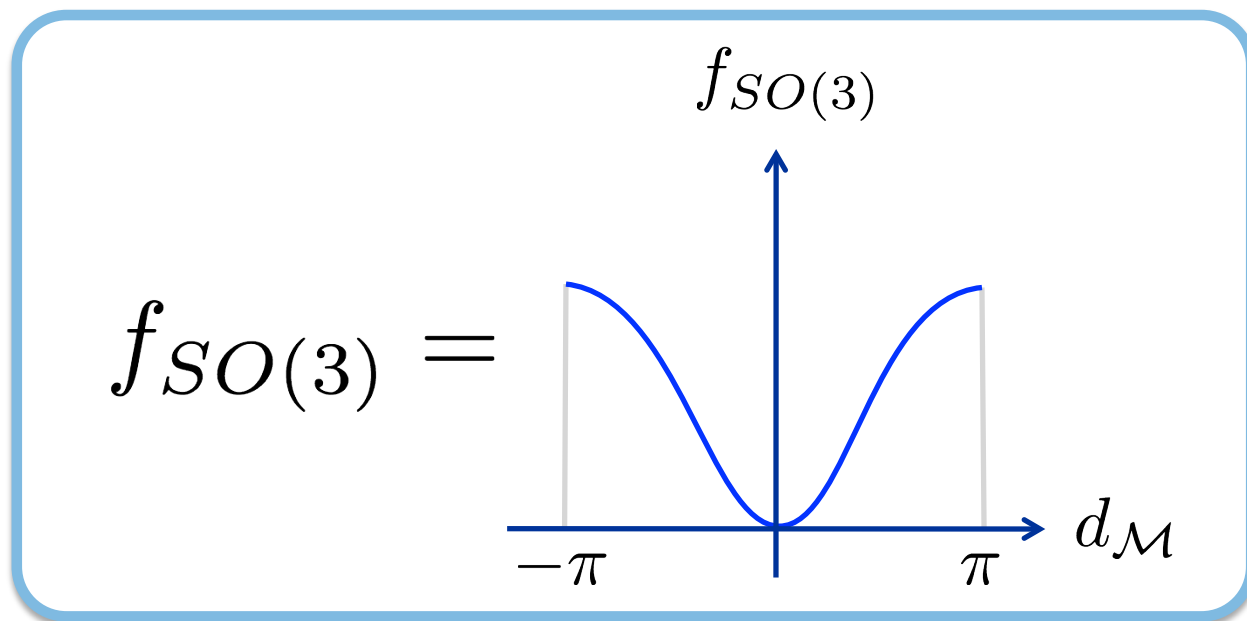




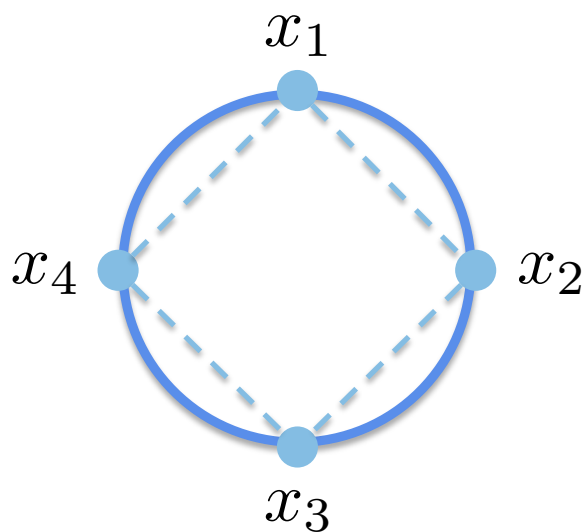
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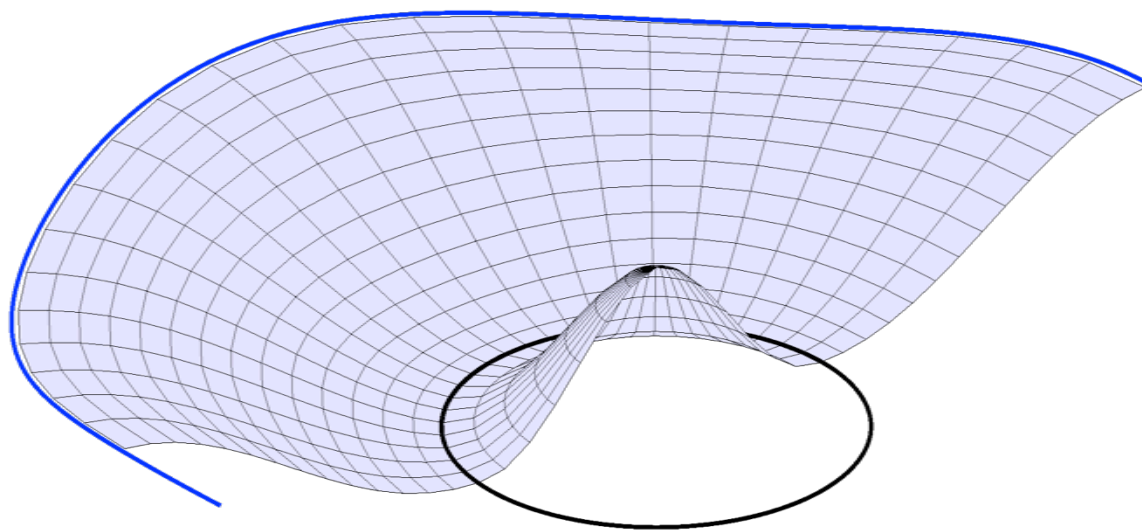


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Saddle point

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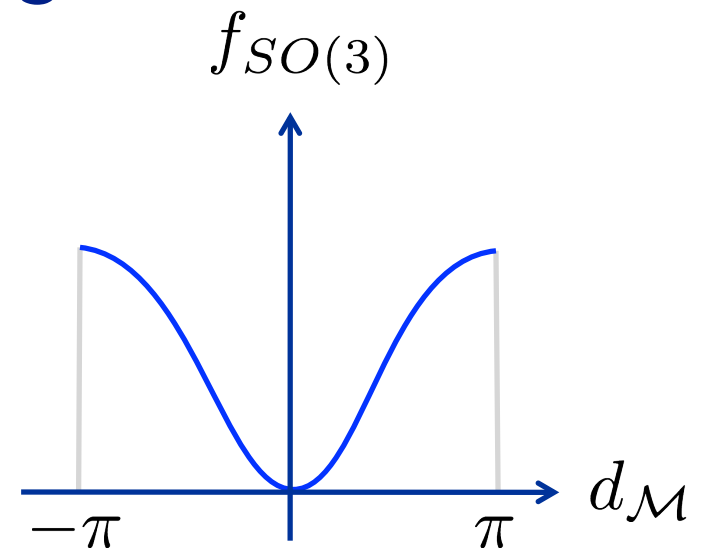


# Almost-global convergence

## Theorem

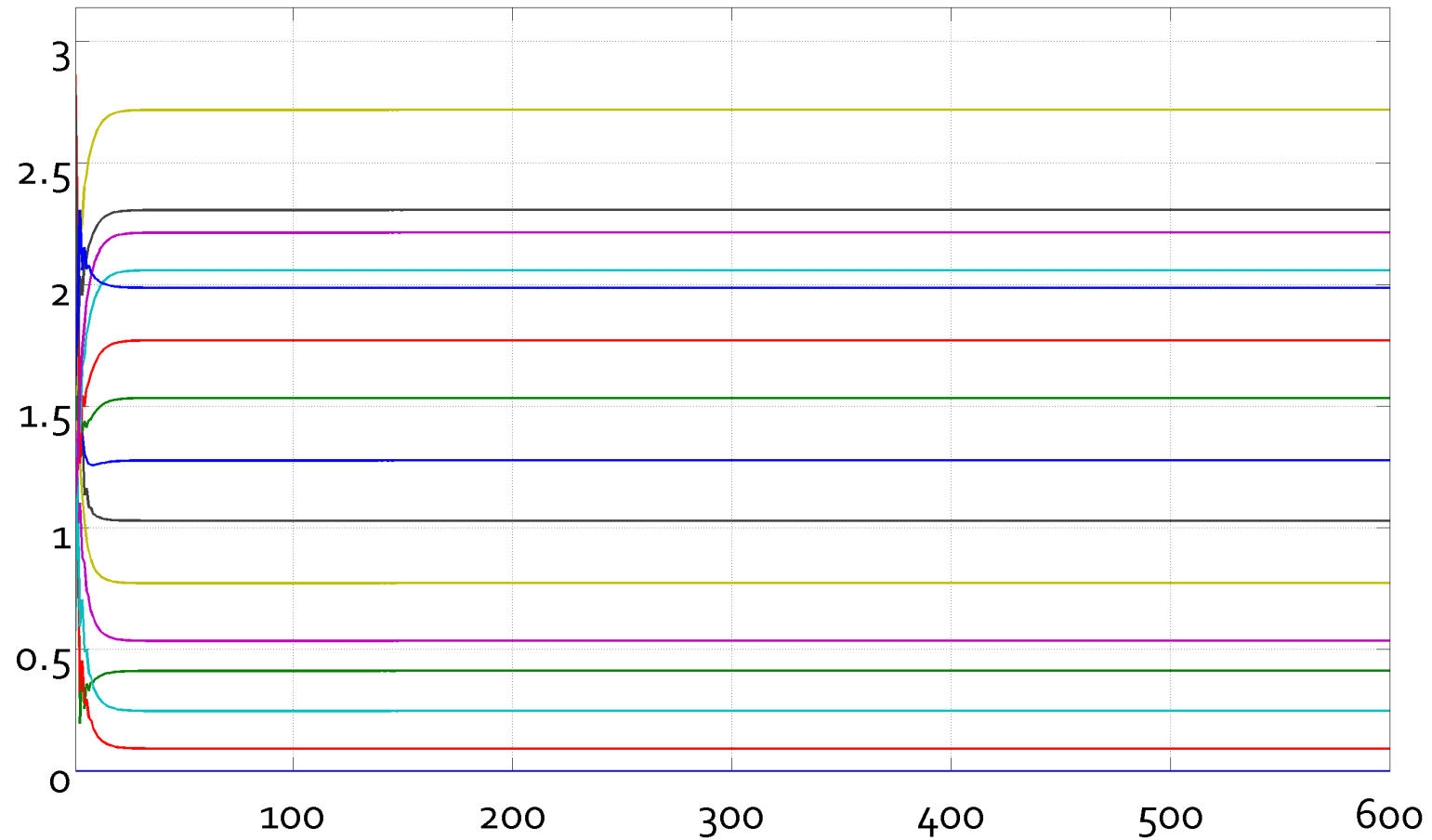
On  $SO(3)$ , the only set of stable equilibria is the set of global minimizers

$$f_{SO(3)} = \frac{a}{b} - \left(\frac{1}{b} + \theta\right) \exp(-b\theta)$$



# Experiments – Squared distance

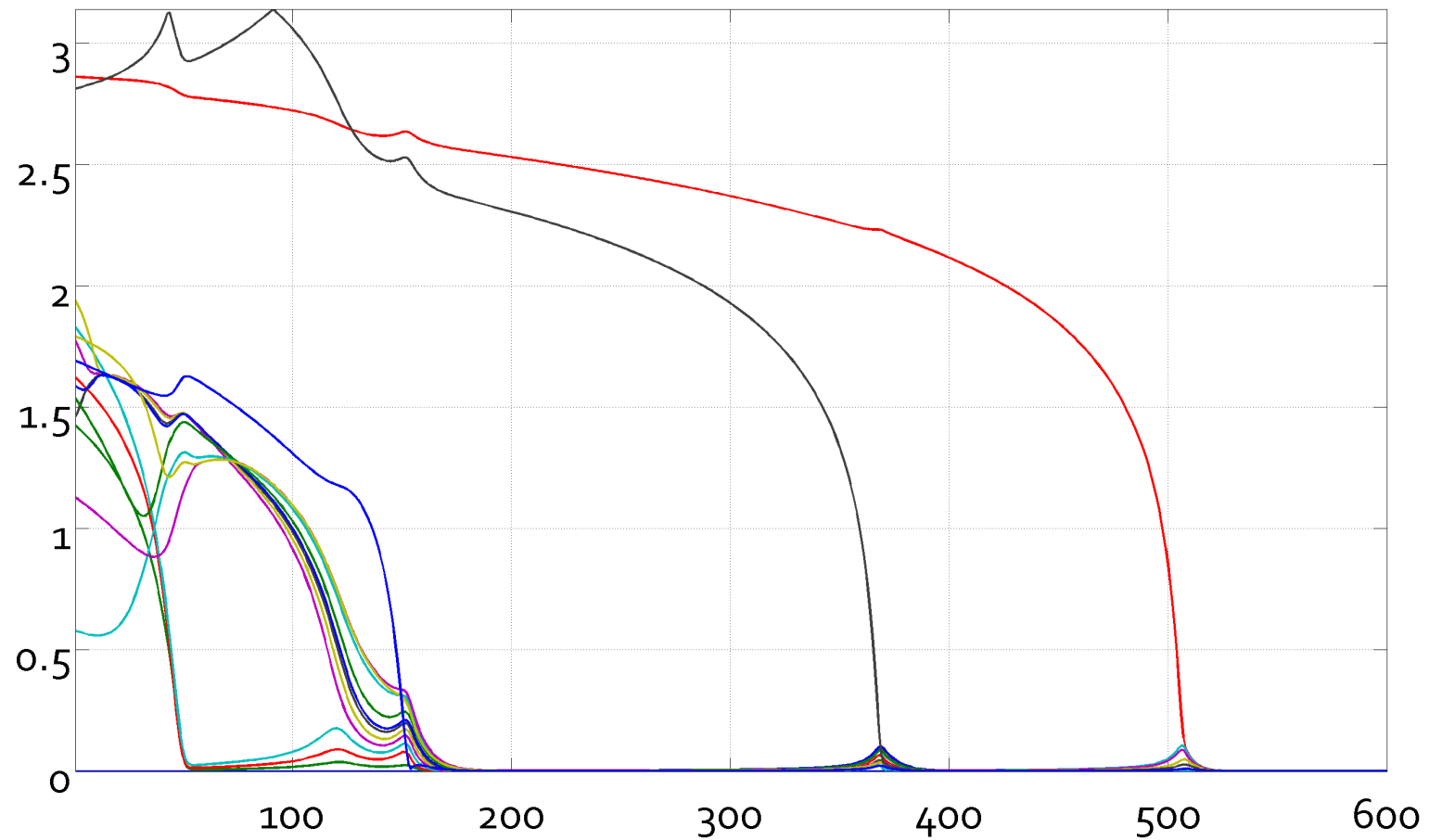
Distances from node 1



N=15 nodes, 4-regular graph, closed geodesic

# Experiments – Reshaped distance

Distances from node 1



## Average number of iterations for a K-regular network with N nodes

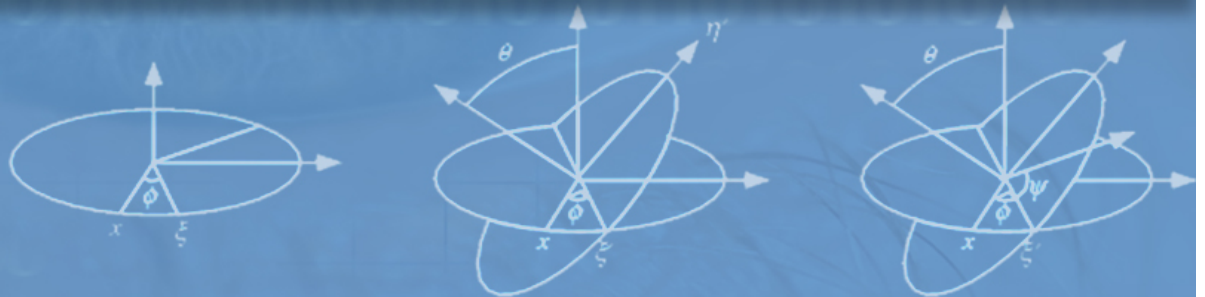
N	50	100	200	500	100
K	4	8	16	40	4
Avg. It.	2376	2593	2651	2932	4157

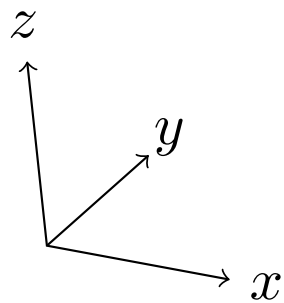
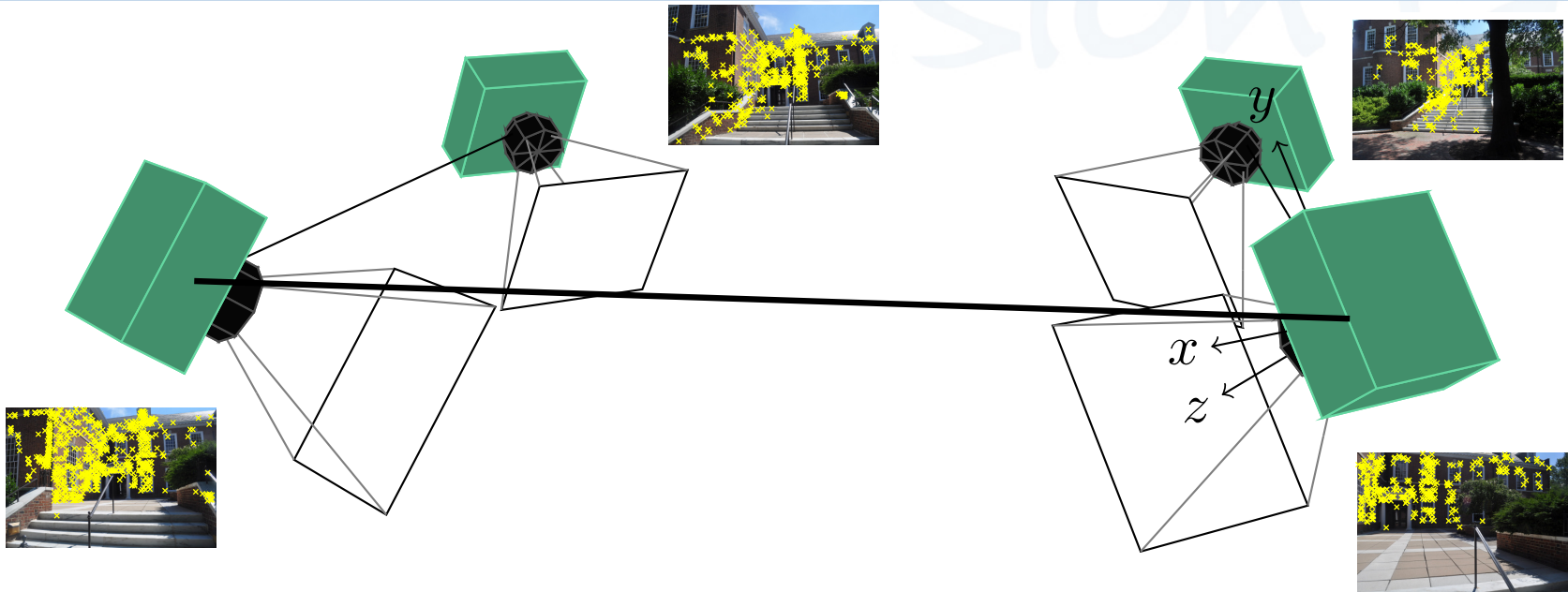




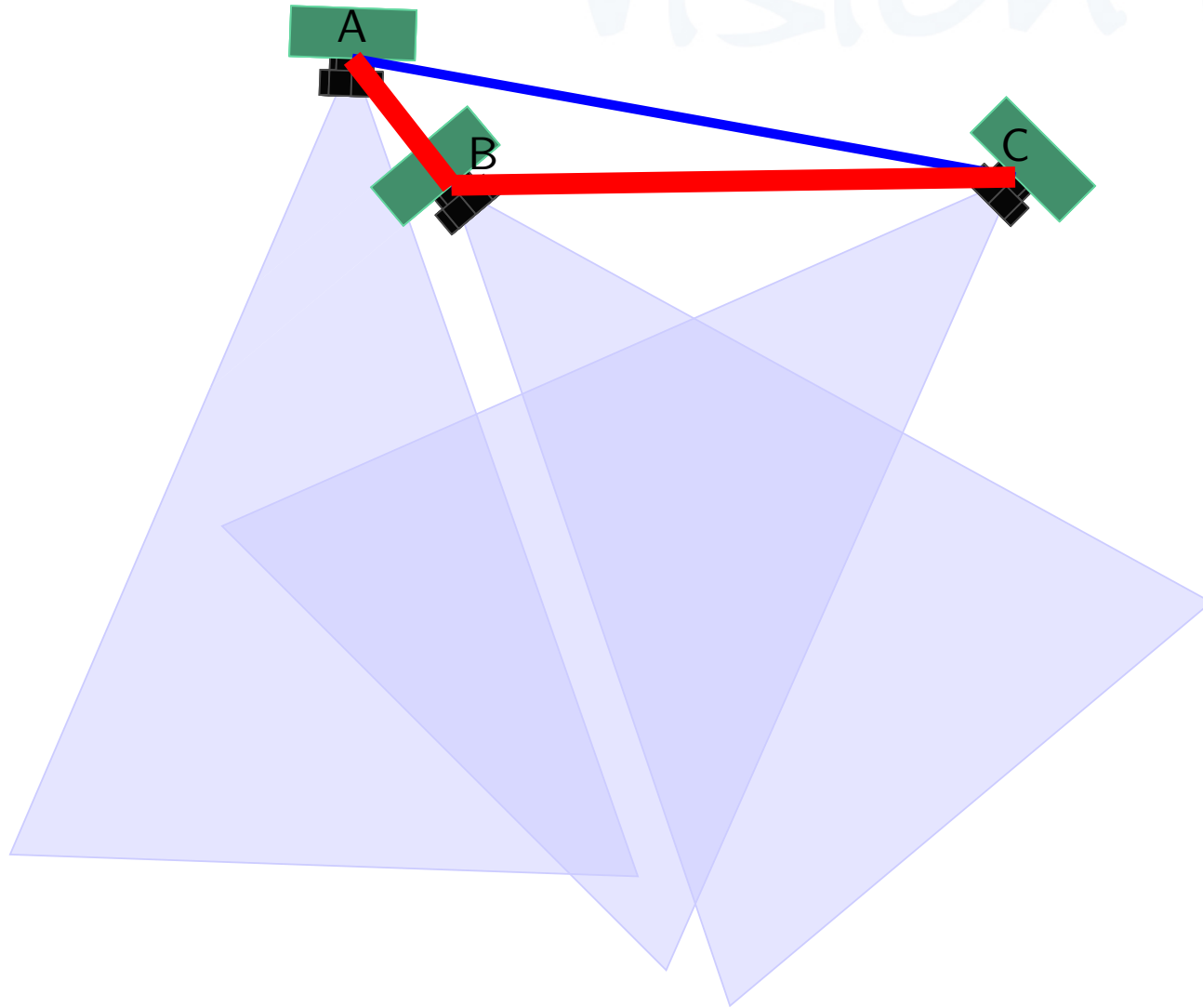
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# Image-based camera network localization



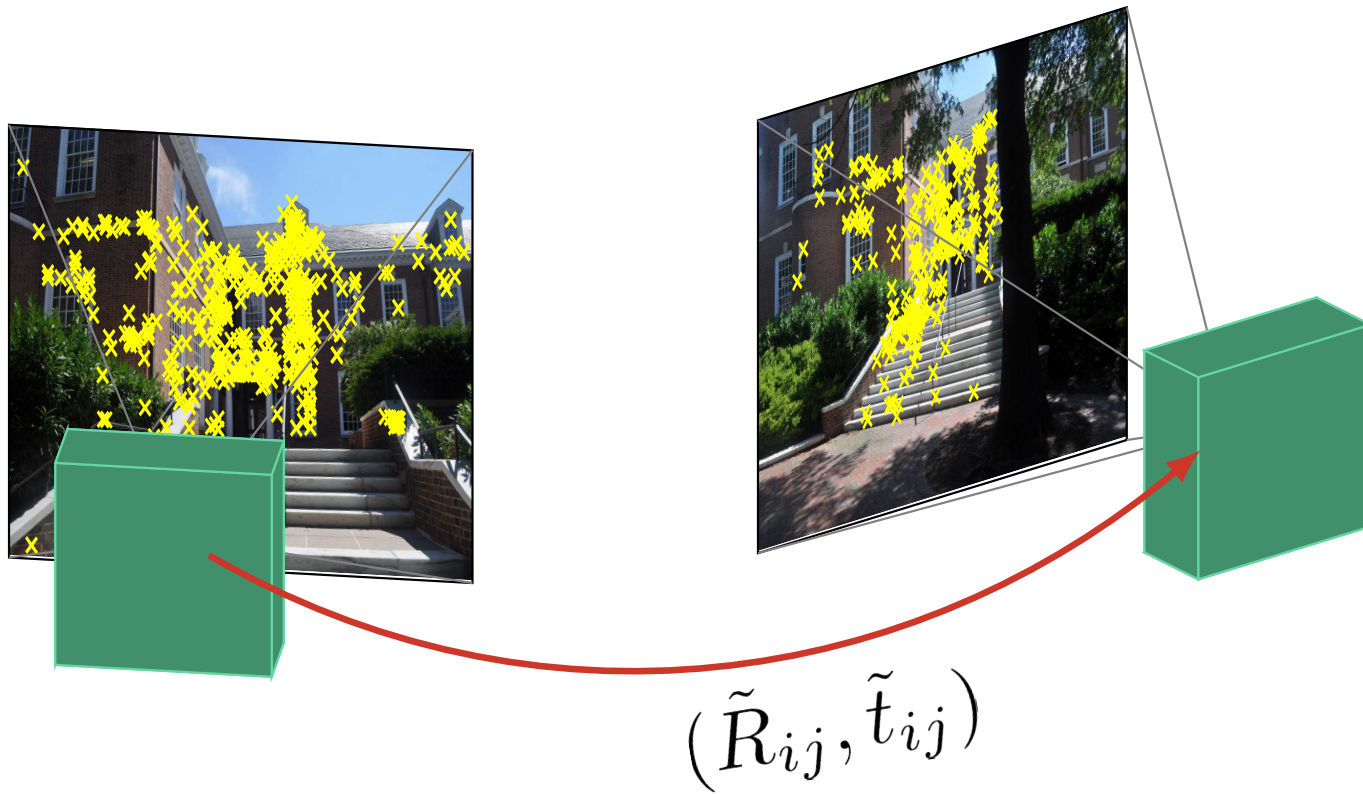


# Vision graph



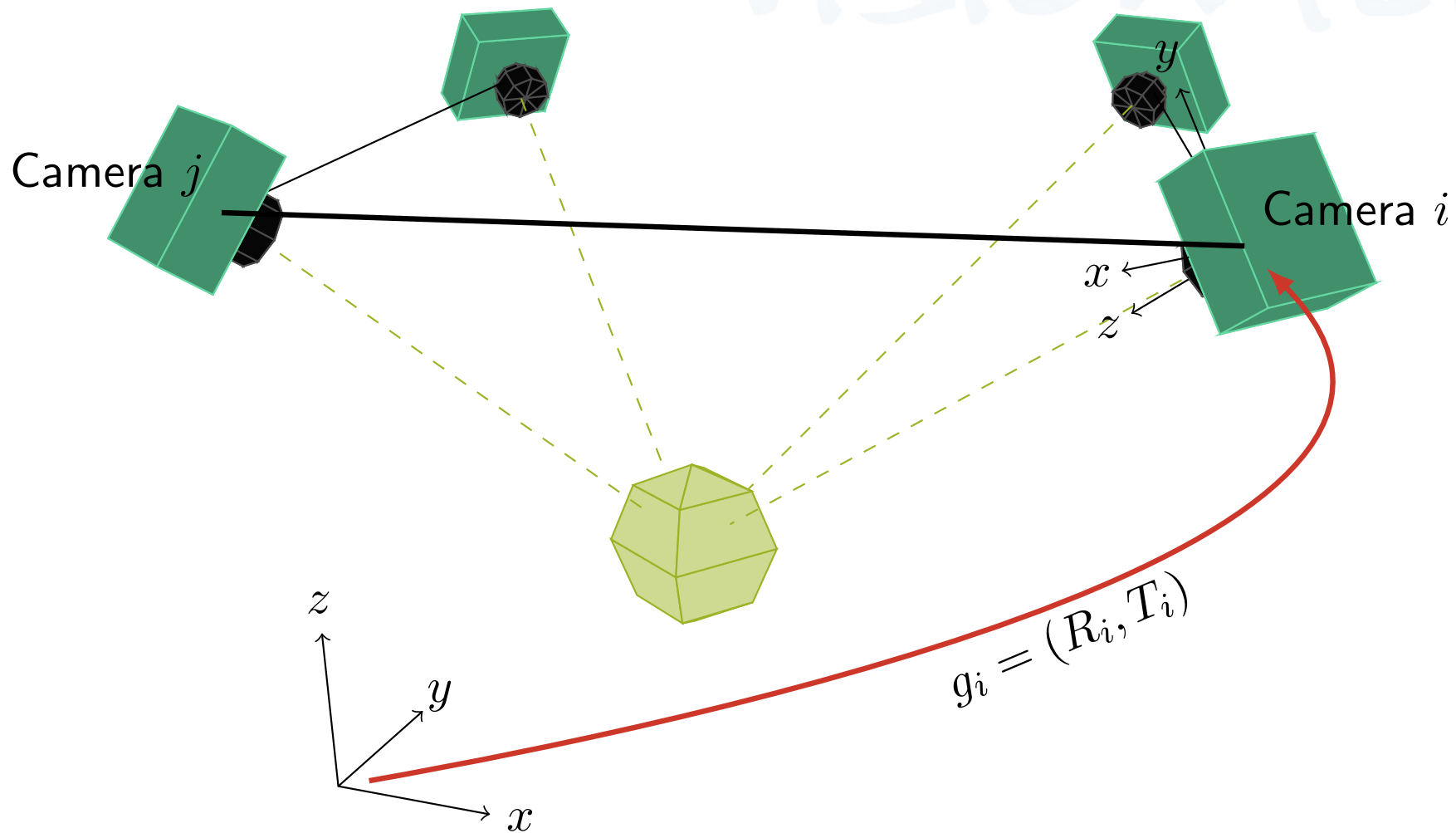
# Input

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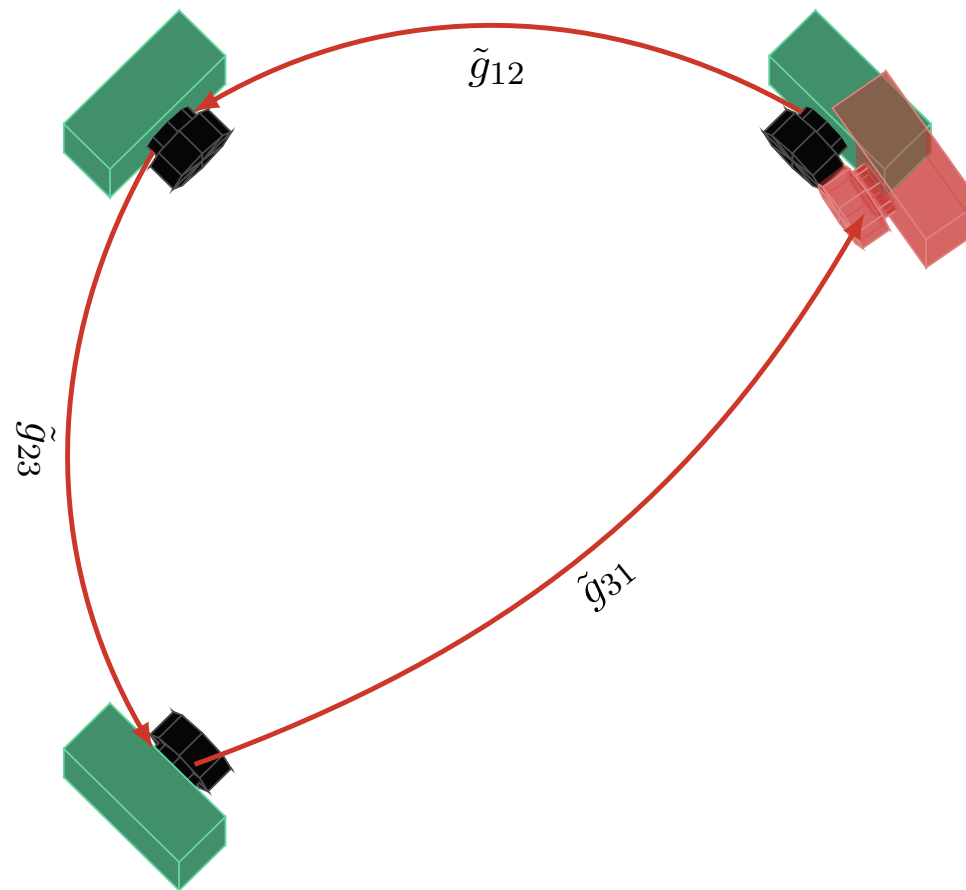
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# Output



$$\min_{\{g_{ij}\}} \sum_{(i,j) \in E} f(d_{SE(3)}(g_{ij}, \tilde{g}_{ij}))$$

# Challenge 1: Inconsistent Transf.



# Optimization problem

$$\min_{\{g_{ij}\}} \sum_{(i,j) \in E} f(d_{SE(3)}(g_{ij}, \tilde{g}_{ij}))$$

s.t.  $\{g_{ij}\}$  are consistent



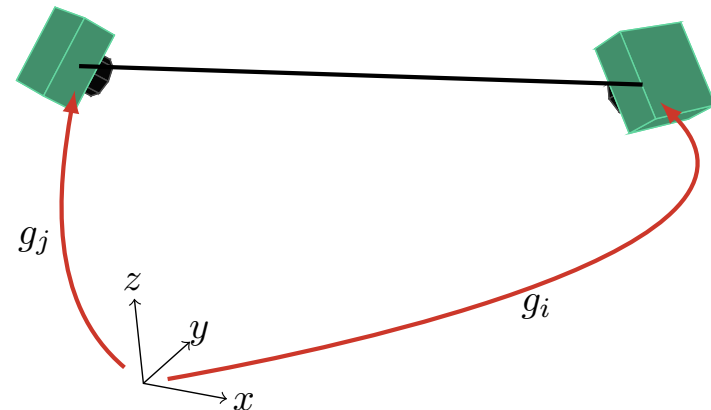
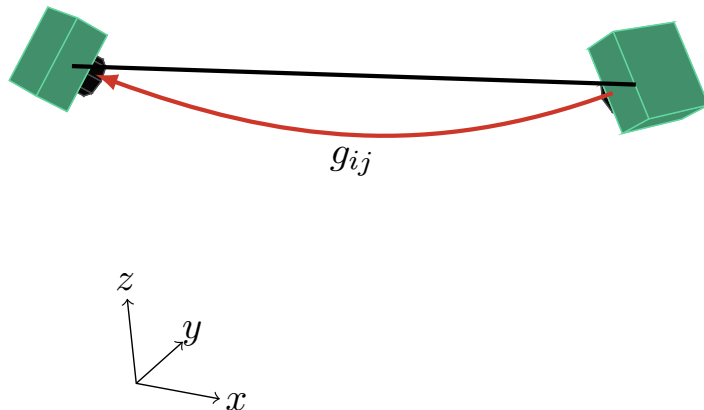
# Pose reparametrization

## Theorem

$\{g_{ij}\}$  are consistent



$$g_{ij} = g_i^{-1} g_j$$



# Optimization problem

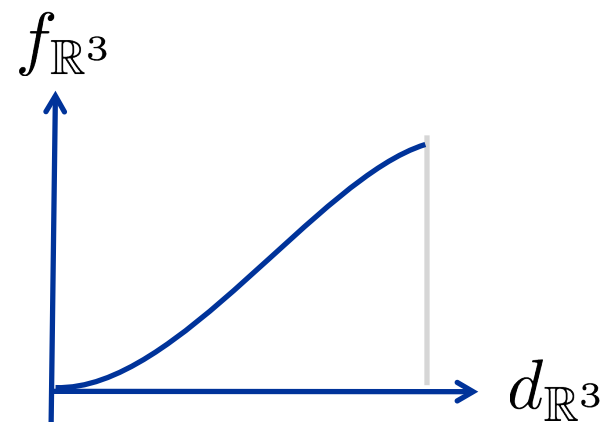
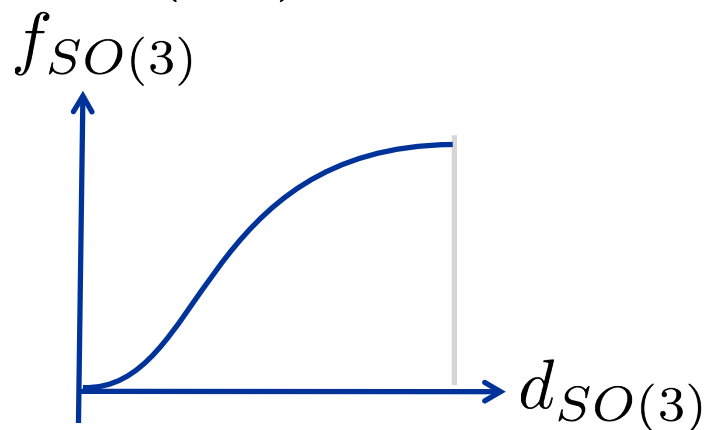
$$g_{ij} = g_i^{-1} g_j$$

$$\min_{\{g_{ij}\}} \sum_{(i,j) \in E} f(d_{SE(3)}(g_{ij}, \tilde{g}_{ij}))$$

# Optimization problem

$$f(d_{SE(3)}(\cdot, \cdot)) = f_{SO(3)}(\cdot, \cdot) + f_{\mathbb{R}^3}(\cdot, \cdot)$$

$$\min_{\{g_{ij}\}} \sum_{(i,j) \in E} f(d_{SE(3)}(g_i^{-1} g_j, \tilde{g}_{ij}))$$



# Optimization problem

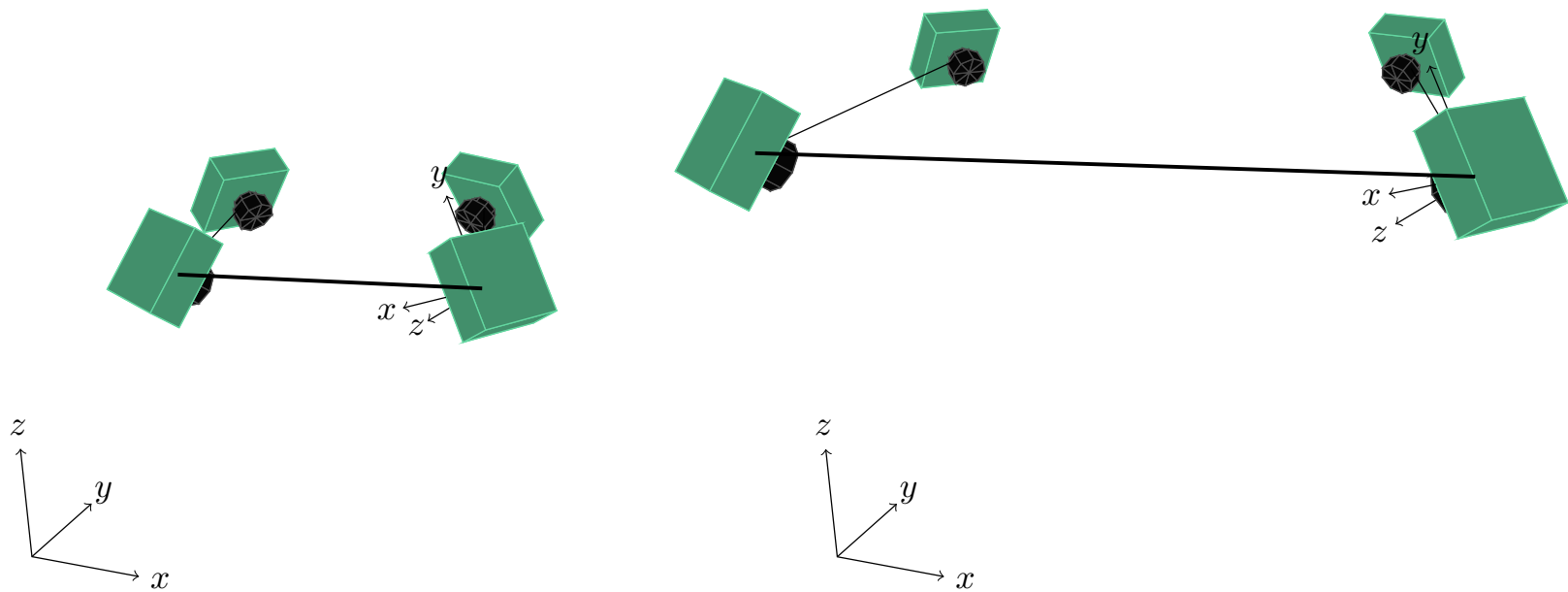
$$\min_{\{R_i, T_i\}} \sum_{(i,j) \in E} f_{SO(3)}(R_i^T R_j, \tilde{R}_{ij})$$
$$+ \sum_{(i,j) \in E} f_{\mathbb{R}^3}(R_i^T (T_j - T_i), \tilde{T}_{ij})$$

$$\tilde{T}_{ij} = \lambda_{ij} \tilde{t}_{ij}$$

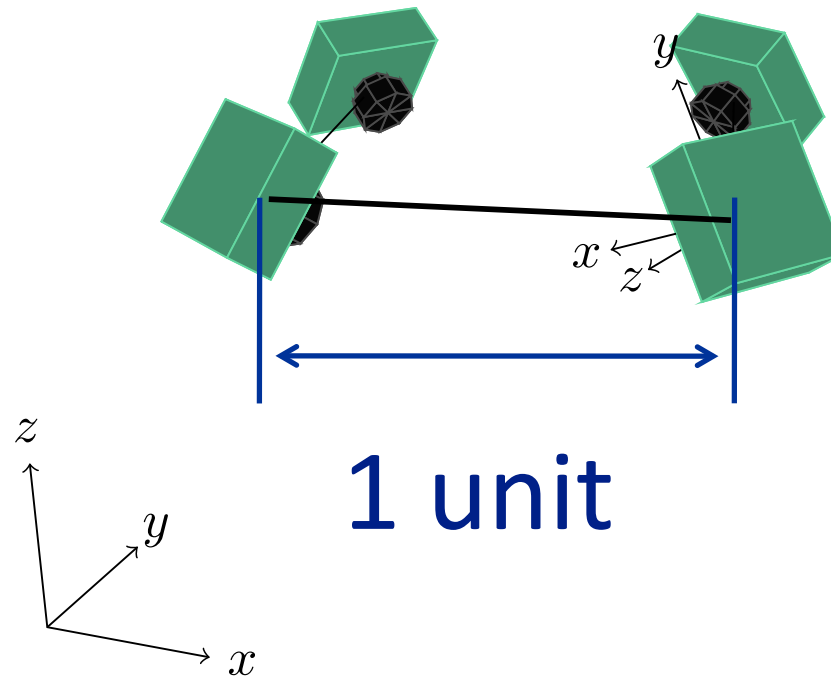
# Optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\{R_i, T_i, \lambda_{ij}\}} & \sum_{(i,j) \in E} f_{SO(3)}(R_i^T R_j, \tilde{R}_{ij}) \\ & + \sum_{(i,j) \in E} f_{\mathbb{R}^3}(R_i^T (T_j - T_i), \lambda_{ij} \tilde{t}_{ij}) \end{aligned}$$

# Challenge 2: Scale Ambiguity



# Fix shortest edge length



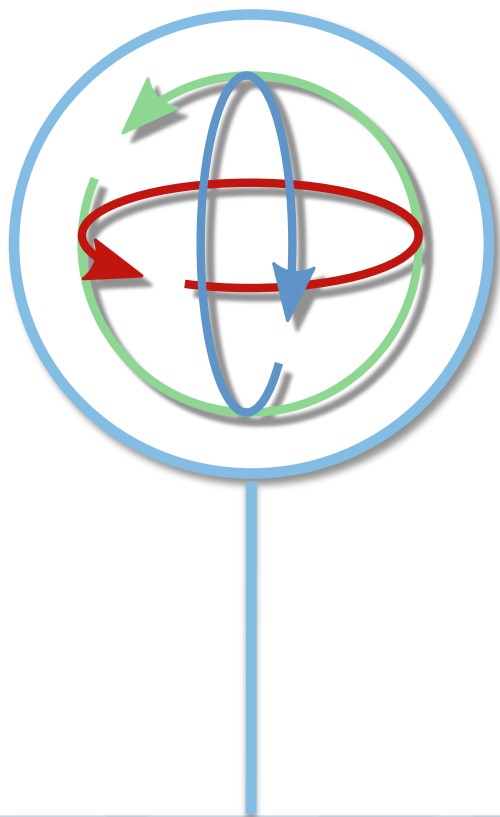
# Optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\{R_i, T_i, \lambda_{ij}\}} & \sum_{(i,j) \in E} f_{SO(3)}(R_i^T R_j, \tilde{R}_{ij}) \\ & + \sum_{(i,j) \in E} f_{\mathbb{R}^3}(R_i^T (T_j - T_i), \lambda_{ij} \tilde{t}_{ij}) \\ \text{s.t. } & \lambda_{ij} \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

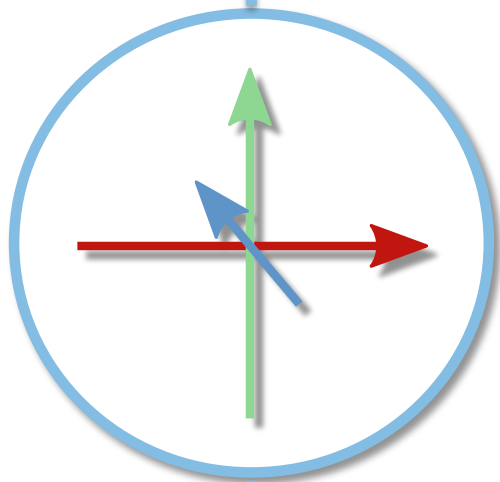
How to get global minimizer?



## Initialization of rotations

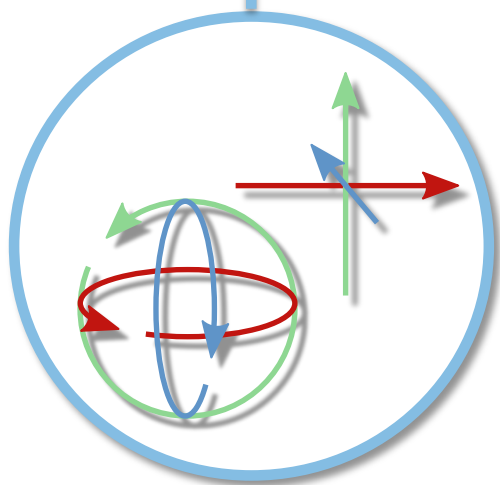


$$\min_{\{R_i\}} \sum_{(i,j) \in E} f_{SO(3)}(R_i^T R_j, \tilde{R}_{ij})$$



## Initialization of translations

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\{T_i, \lambda_{ij}\}} \quad & \sum_{(i,j) \in E} f_{\mathbb{R}^3}(R_i^T(T_j - T_i), \lambda_{ij} \tilde{t}_{ij}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \lambda_{ij} \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

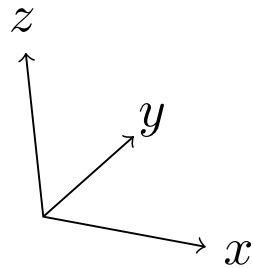
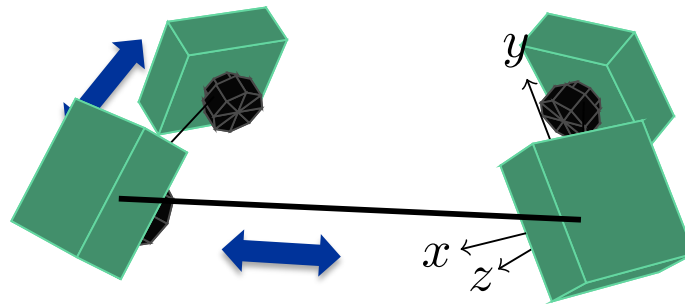


### Complete optimization

$$\min_{\{R_i, T_i, \lambda_{ij}\}} \varphi(\{R_i, T_i, \lambda_{ij}\})$$
$$\text{s.t. } \lambda_{ij} \geq 1$$

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# Gradient descent

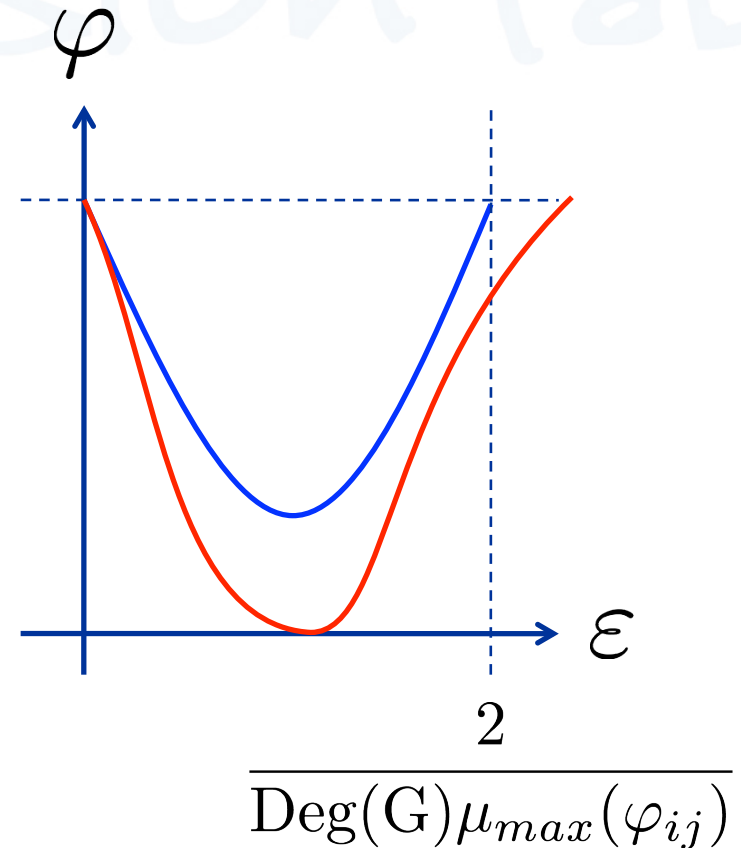


$$R_i(t + 1) = R_i(t) \exp\left(\varepsilon \sum_{(i,j) \in E} \log(R_i^\top R_j \tilde{R}_{ij}^\top) + \dots\right)$$

# How to choose the step size

## Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(\{R_i, T_i, \lambda_{ij}\}) \\ = \sum_{(i,j) \in E} \varphi_{ij}(R_i, R_j, T_i, T_j, \lambda_{ij}) \end{aligned}$$



$\text{Deg}(G) = \max \#$  of neighbors

$\mu_{max}(\varphi_{ij}) = \text{bound on max eval of Hessian of } \varphi_{ij}$

# Noiseless case

## Theorem

In noiseless case, equivalent  
to Riemannian consensus

$$\min_{\{R_i\}} \sum_{(i,j) \in E} f_{SO(3)}(R_i^T R_j, \tilde{R}_{ij})$$



$$\min_{\{R_i\}} \sum_{(i,j) \in E} f_{SO(3)}(R'_i, R'_j)$$

# Noiseless case

## Theorem

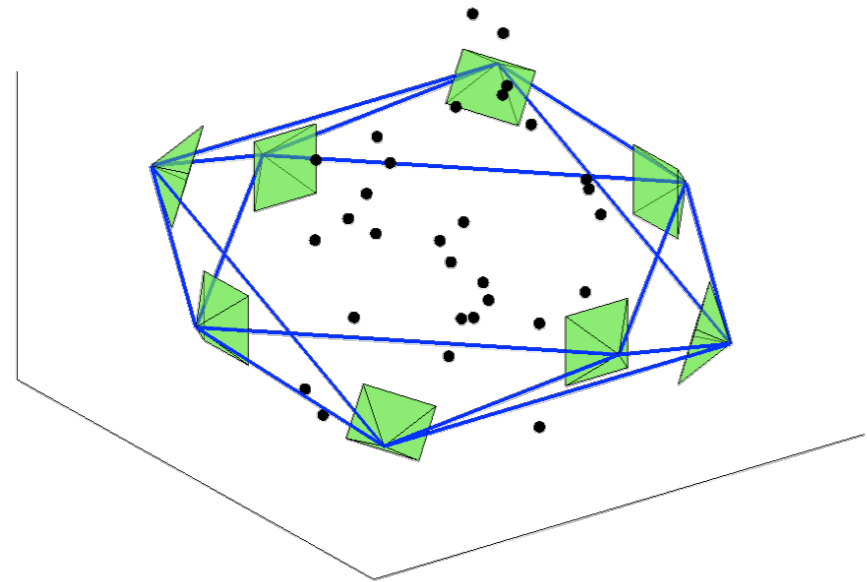
In noiseless case, non-convex,  
but no local minima!

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\{T_i, \lambda_{ij}\}} \quad & \sum_{(i,j) \in E} f_{\mathbb{R}^3}(R_i^T (T_j - T_i), \lambda_{ij} \tilde{t}_{ij}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \lambda_{ij} \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

# Experiments on synthetic data

**Experiment:** 8 cameras, 30 scene points,  
4-regular graph

1. Camera poses and points
2. Images + Noise
3. Relative poses
4. Localization





# Experiments on synthetic data

Rotation errors [degrees]

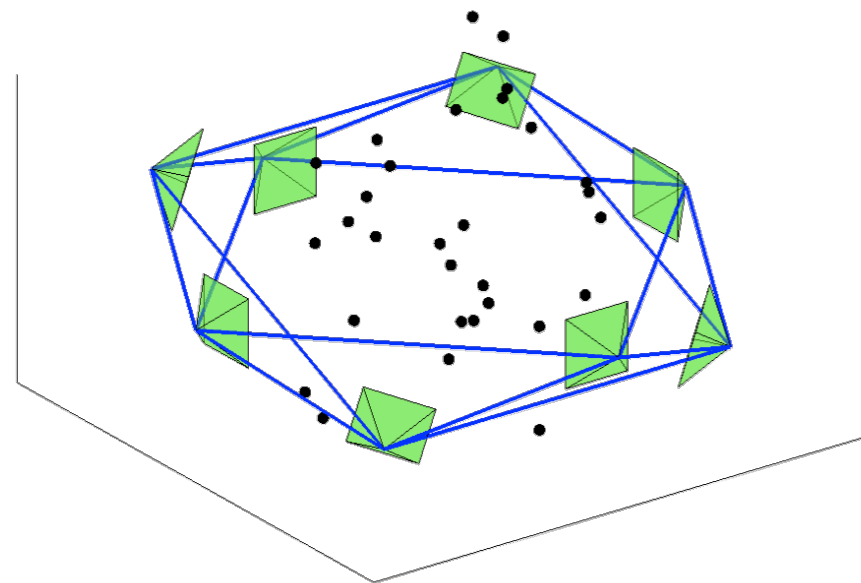
Noise	0 pixels	1 pixels	3 pixels
Initial	0.00 $\pm 0.00$	2.77 $\pm 0.58$	4.80 $\pm 1.74$
Final	0.00 $\pm 0.00$	0.13 $\pm 0.00$	0.39 $\pm 0.03$

Translation direction errors [degrees]

Noise	0 pixels	1 pixels	3 pixels
Initial	0.00 $\pm 0.00$	0.11 $\pm 0.00$	0.33 $\pm 0.05$
Final	0.00 $\pm 0.00$	0.09 $\pm 0.00$	0.29 $\pm 0.03$

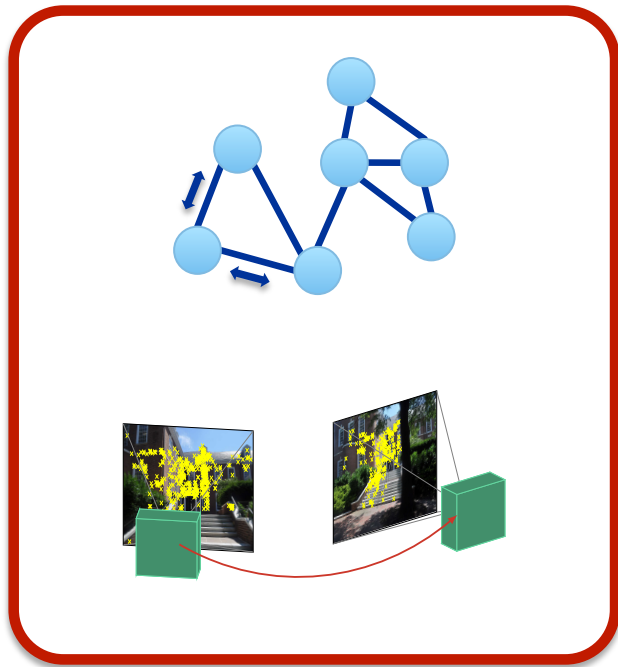
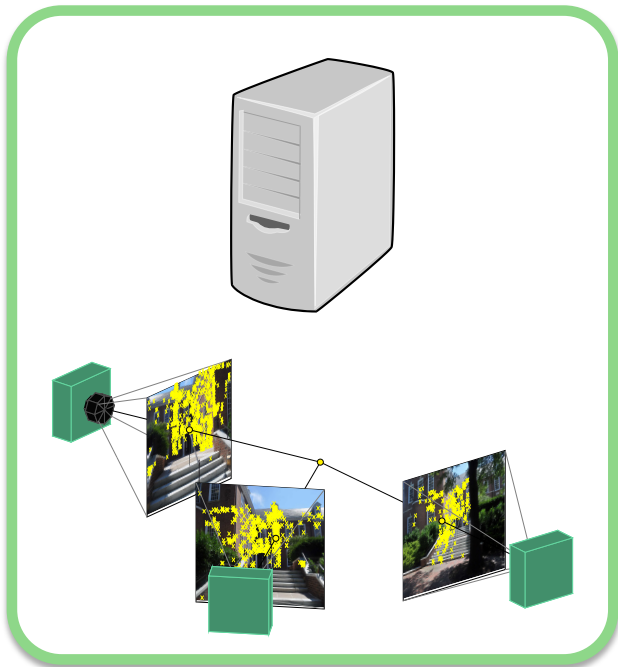
Geometric variance of scale ratios

Noise	0 pixels	1 pixels	3 pixels
Final	1.000	1.002	1.005



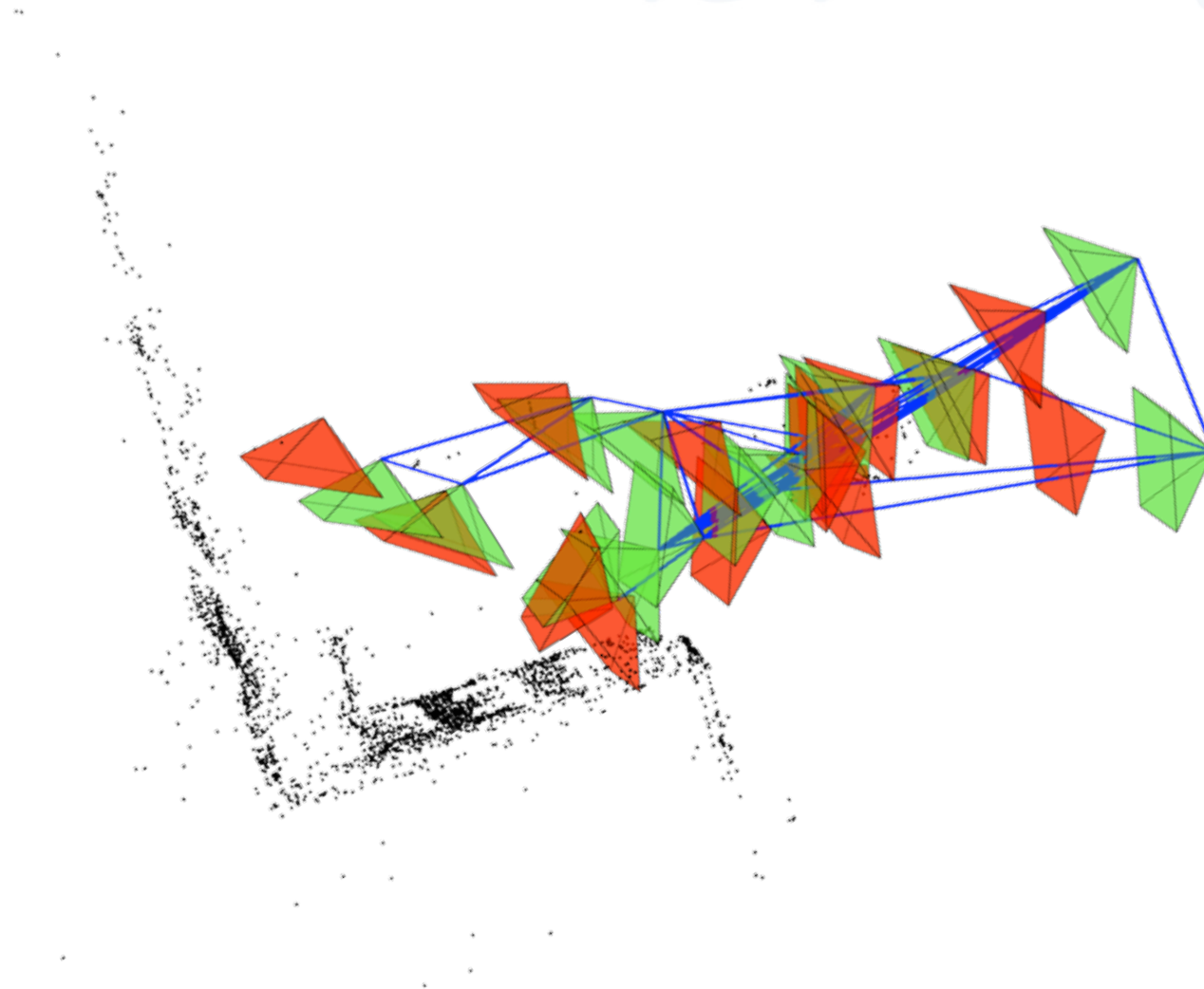
# Experiments on real data





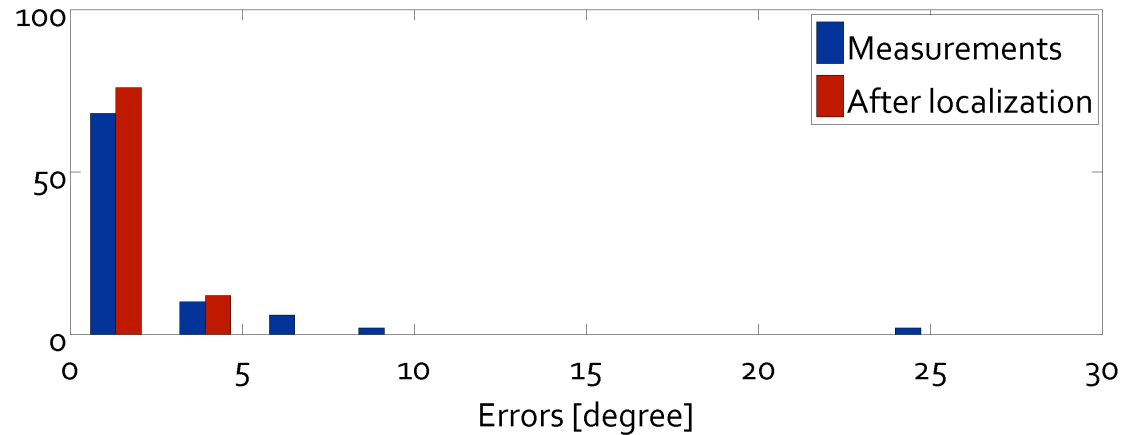
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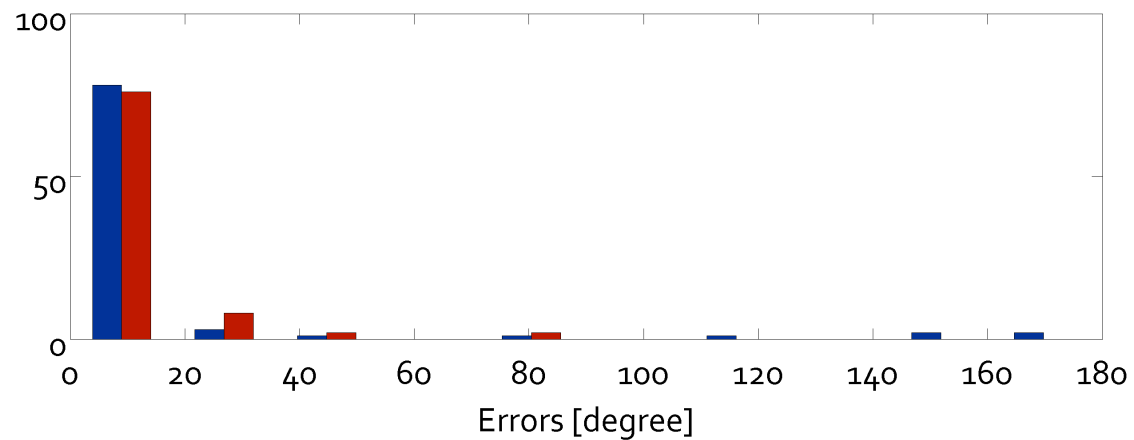


# Experiments on real data

## Rotation errors per edge



## Translation direction errors per edge



## Riemannian Consensus



### Theory

Sufficient convergence on  
any Riemannian manifold  
Almost-global convergence  
on  $SO(3)$

### Applications

Image-based camera  
network localization

# Future work

Convergence rate

Incorporate uncertainties

Dynamic case

- Time-varying measurements
- Pose + velocity

Improved localization

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Thanks!