Localization from Incomplete Noisy Distance Measurements

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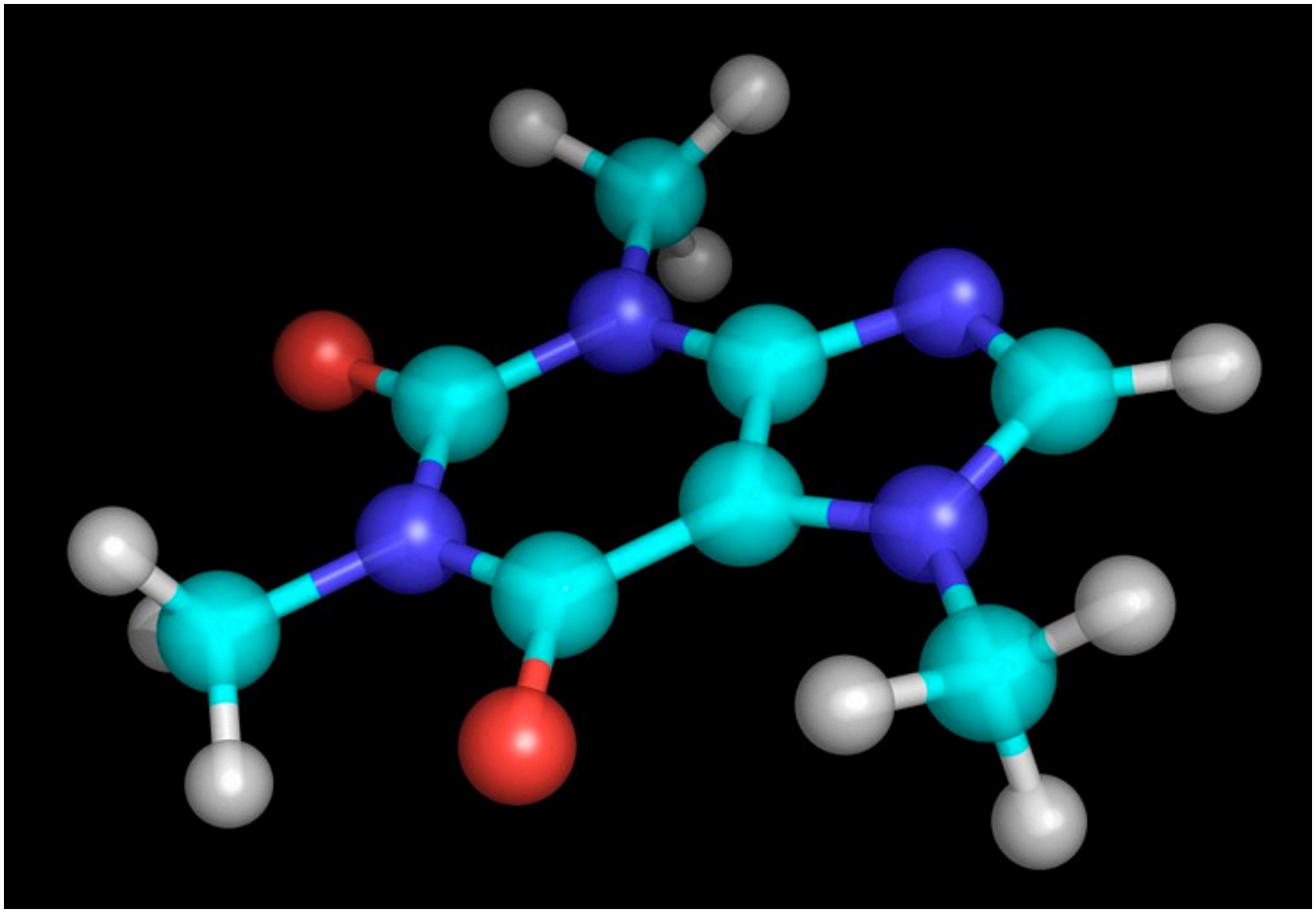
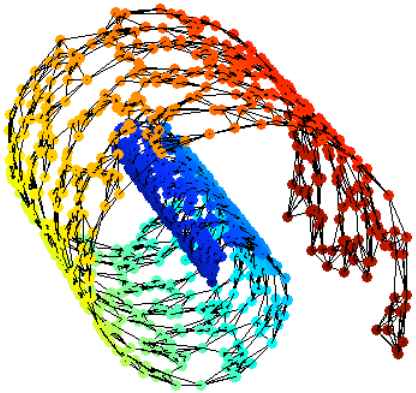
A chemistry question



Which physical conformations are produced by given chemical bonds?

...more questions...



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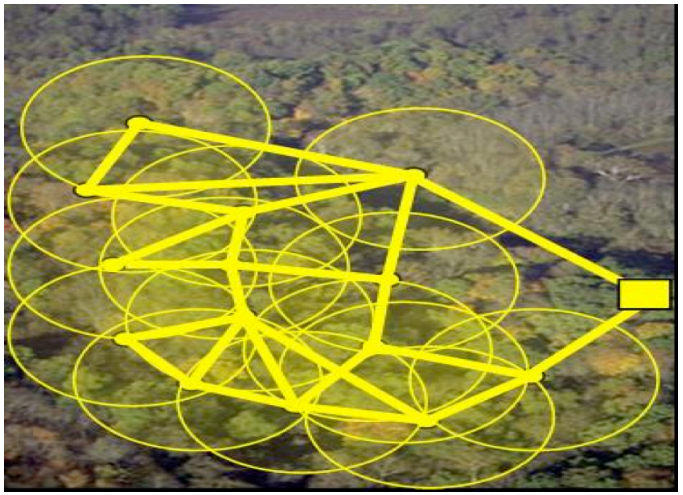

Sensor Net. Localization

General 'geometric inference' problem

Given partial/noisy information about distances.

Reconstruct the points positions.

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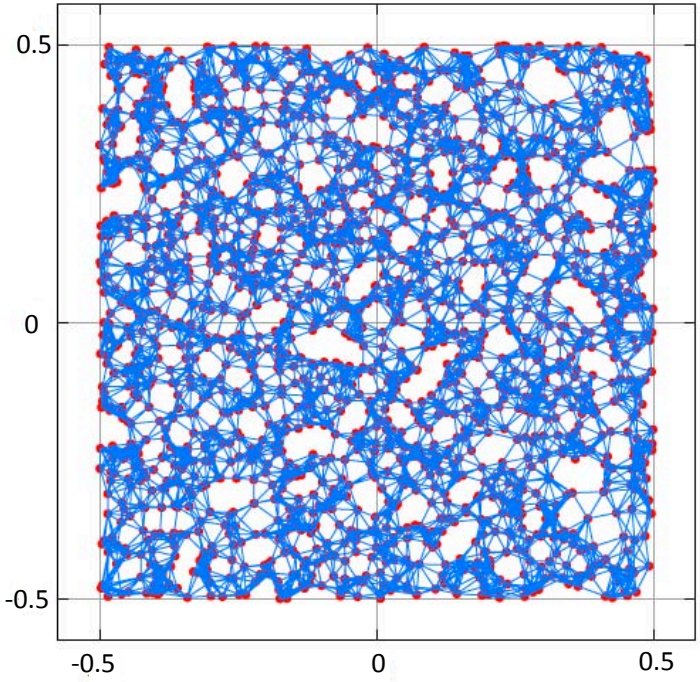

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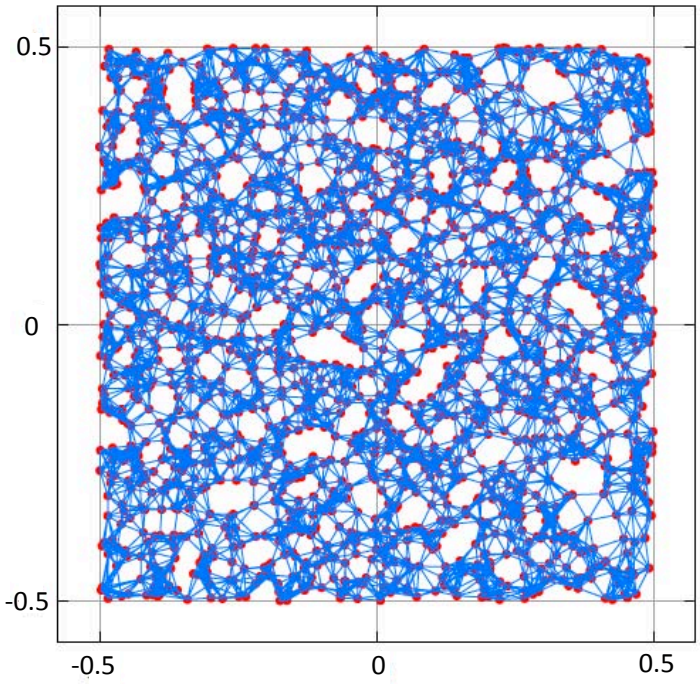

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Outline

1. SDP relaxation and robust reconstruction
2. Lower bound
3. Rigidity theory and upper bound
4. Discussion

SDP relaxation and robust reconstruction

Preliminary notes

- Positions can be reconstructed up to rigid motions
- NP-hard [Saxe 1979]

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SDP-based Localization

Input : Distance measurements $\widetilde{d}_{ij}$, $(i,j) \in G$
Output : Low-dimensional coordinates $x_1, \ldots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}^d$

1: Solve the following SDP problem:

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2: Eigendecomposition $Q = U \Sigma U^T$;

3: Top d e-vectors $X = U_d \Sigma_d^{1/2}$;

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Theorem (Javanmard, Montanari '11)

Assume $r \geq 10\sqrt{d}(\log n/n)^{1/d}$. *Then, w.h.p.,*

$$d(X, \hat{X}) \leq C_1 (nr^d)^5 \frac{\Delta}{r^4},$$

Further, there exists a set of 'adversarial' measurements such that

$$d(X, \hat{X}) \geq C_2 \frac{\Delta}{r^4}.$$

$$d(X, \hat{X}) \approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \|x_i - \widehat{x}_i\|$$

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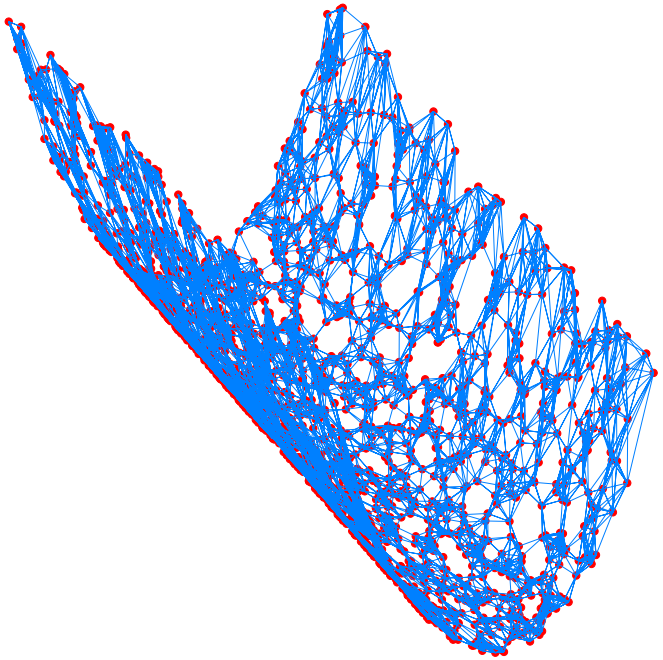
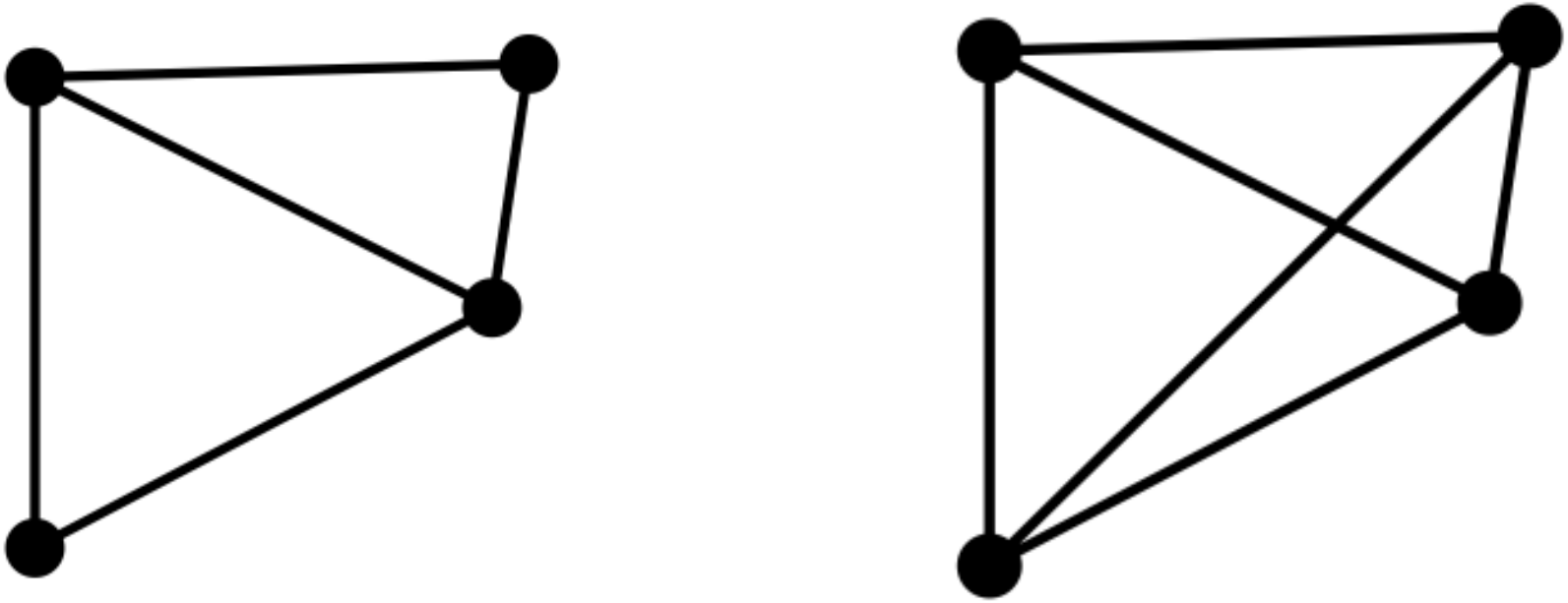


$$\mathcal{T} : [-0.5, 0.5]^d \to \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$$

$$\mathcal{T}(t_1, t_2, \cdots, t_d) = (R \sin \frac{t_1}{R}, t_2, \cdots, t_d, R(1 - \cos \frac{t_1}{R})), \quad R = \frac{r^2}{\sqrt{\Delta}}$$

Rigidity theory and upper bound

Uniqueness $\Leftrightarrow$ Global rigidity



Global rigidity

Assume noiseless measurements.
Is the reconstruction unique? (up to rigid motions)

Depends both on G and on $(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$

Generic lobal rigidity: Characterization

Theorem (Connelly 1995; Gortler, Healy, Thurston, 2007)

$(G, \{x_i\})$ *is generically globally rigid in* $\mathbb{R}^d$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$(G, \{x_i\})$ *admits a stress matrix* Ω, *with* $\mathrm{rank}(\Omega) = n - d - 1$.

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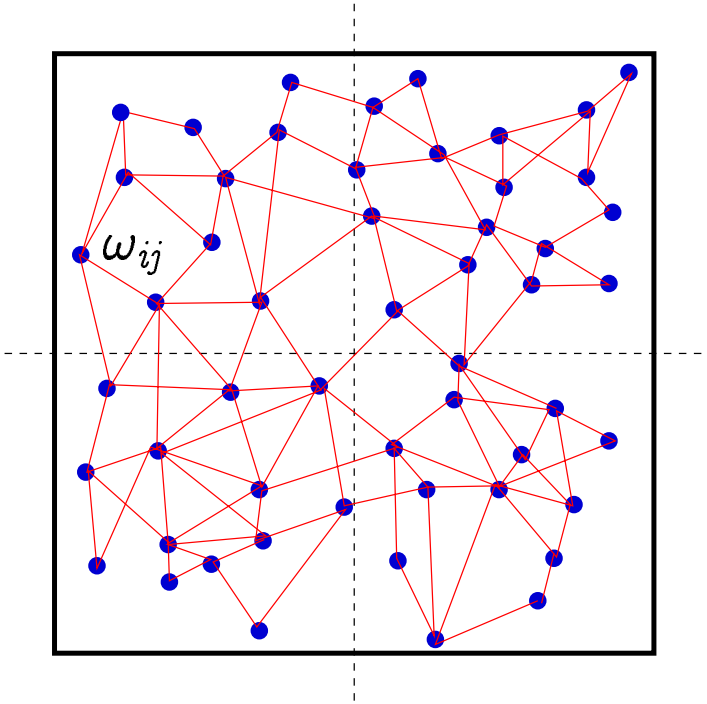

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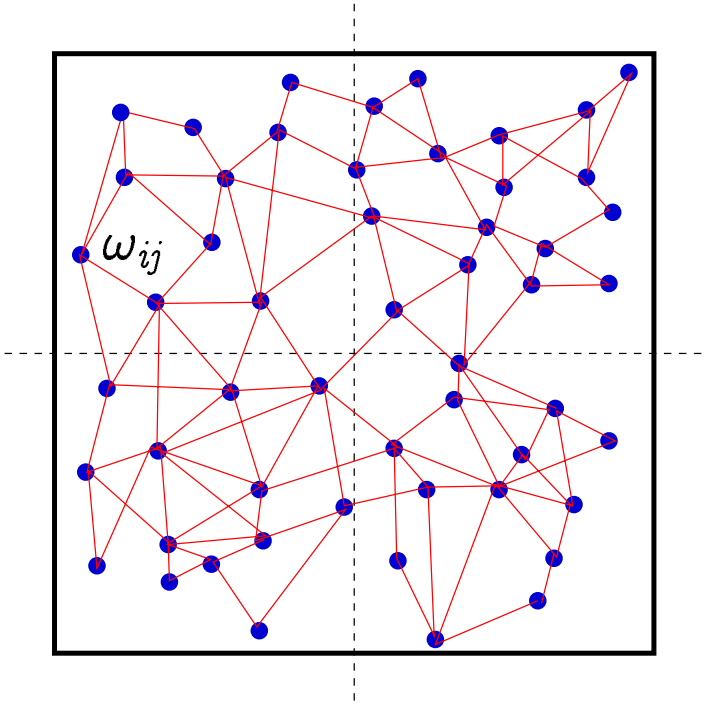

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(Idea of the) proof of the upper bound

- Noise is analogous to stretching/compressing the edges
- Global/infinitesimal rigidity: Rank of Stress/Rigidity matrix.
- Needed: Quantitative rigidity theory
  (Rank $\Rightarrow$ bounds on singular values)

A mechanical analogy

Graph I

Graph II

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$$U(X) = \sum_{(i,j)\in E} \frac{1}{2}(\|x_i - x_j\|^2 - d_{ij}^2)^2 - \sum_i {f_i}^T x_i$$

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Lemma

For a stress matrix $\Omega \succeq 0$,

$$\|S^{\perp}\|_* \leq \frac{\lambda_{\max}(\Omega)}{\lambda_{\min}(\Omega|_{\langle u,x\rangle^{\perp}})}|E|\Delta.$$

Lemma

$$\lambda_{\min}(\Omega|_{\langle u,x\rangle^{\perp}}) \geq C_1(nr^d)^{-2}r^4, \quad \lambda_{\max}(\Omega) \leq C_2(nr^d)^2.$$

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$$\|XY^T + YX^T\|_1 \leq C(nr^d)^5\frac{n^2}{r^4}.$$

Of independent interest

Lemma

$$\Omega|_{\langle u,x\rangle^\perp} \succeq C_1(nr^d)^{-3} r^2\, \mathcal{L}|_{\langle u,x\rangle^\perp}$$

(Manifold learning folklore: $\Omega \approx \mathcal{L}^2$)

Discussion

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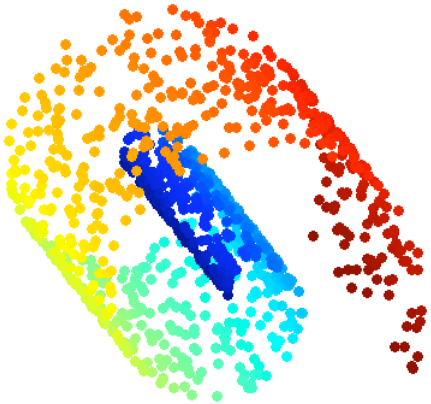

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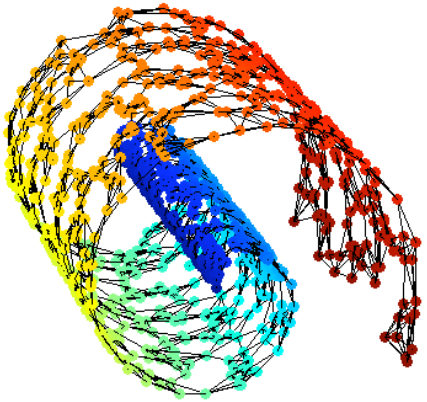

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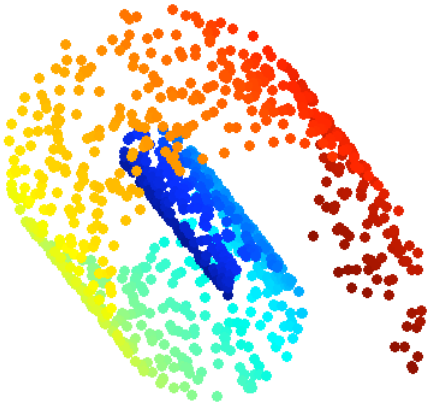

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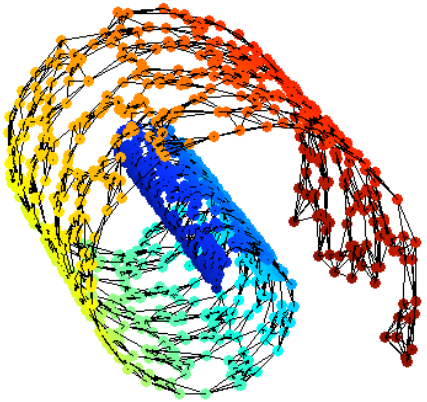

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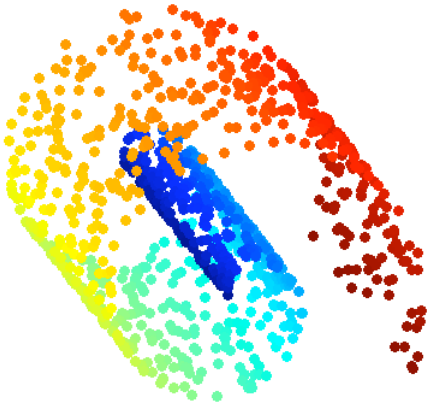

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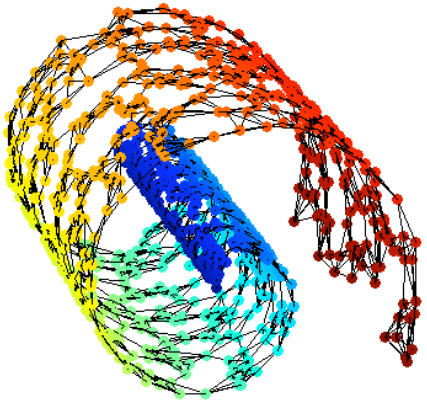

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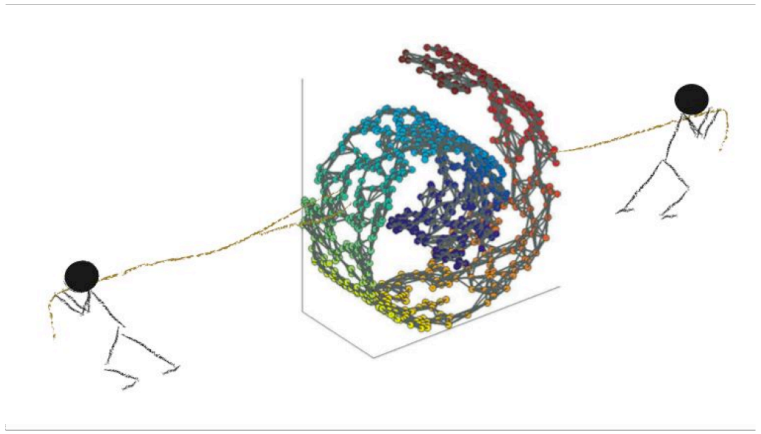
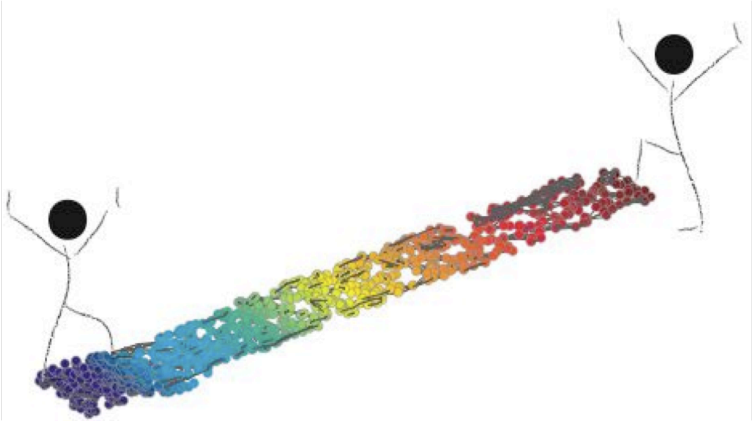
Maximum Variance Unfolding





[cf. Weinberger and Saul, 2006]

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