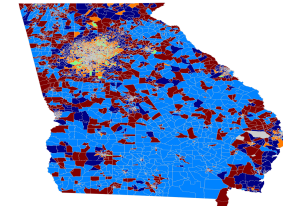
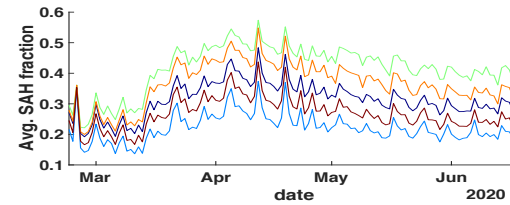
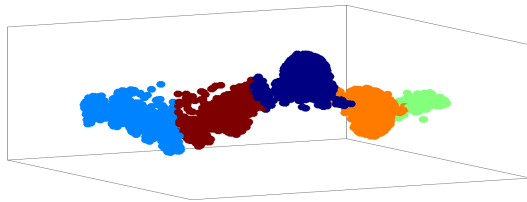
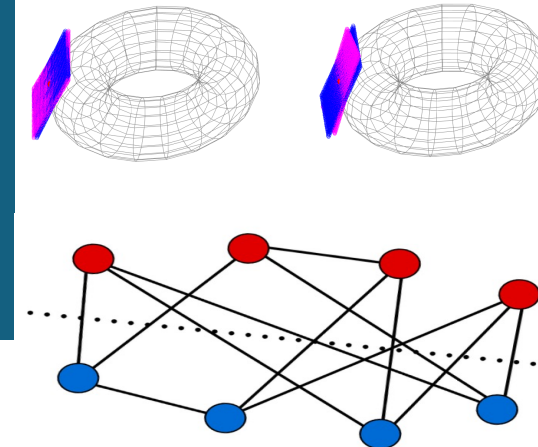




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# Geometric data analysis through quantum dynamics



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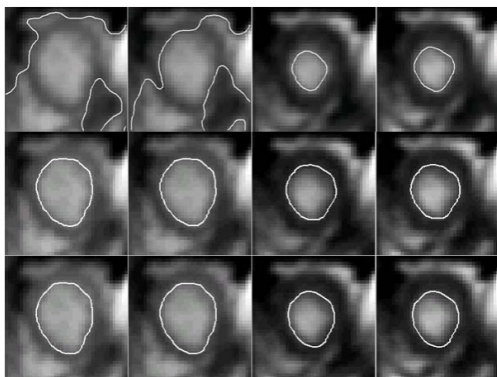
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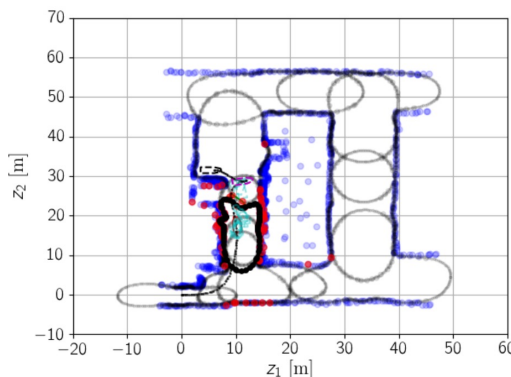


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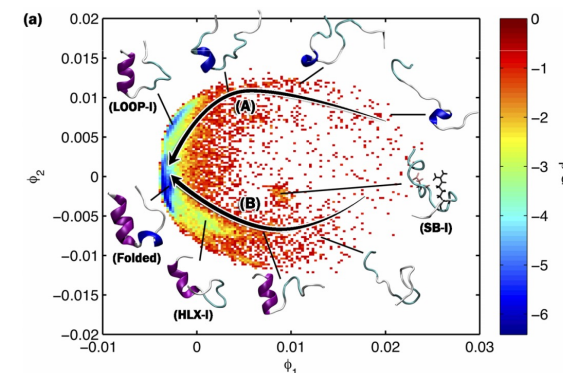
## Image segmentation for medical imaging

Qilong Zhang, et al., 2006 IEEE Comp. Soc. Conf. on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR'06), p. 1092.



## Obstacle avoidance in autonomous driving

Diwale et al.,  
<https://infoscience.epfl.ch/record/265381>  
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## Identification of protein folding pathways from molecular dynamics simulations

Kim et al., J. Chem. Phys. 142, 085101 (2015)

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- **The manifold hypothesis:** “**high dimensional data tend to lie in the vicinity of a low dimensional manifold**”.
  - e.g., images, randomly generated image of  $N \times N$  pixels will almost surely not correspond to a real world scene.
  - e.g., data generated by a dynamical system will follow some equation of motion

# Continuum quantum dynamics on manifolds & geodesic flow



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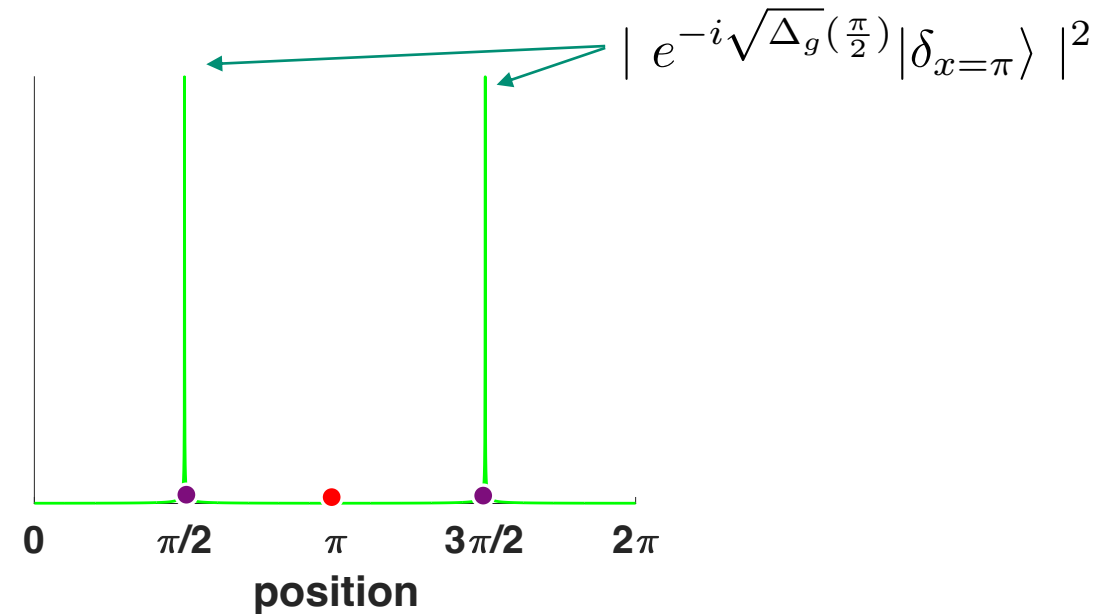
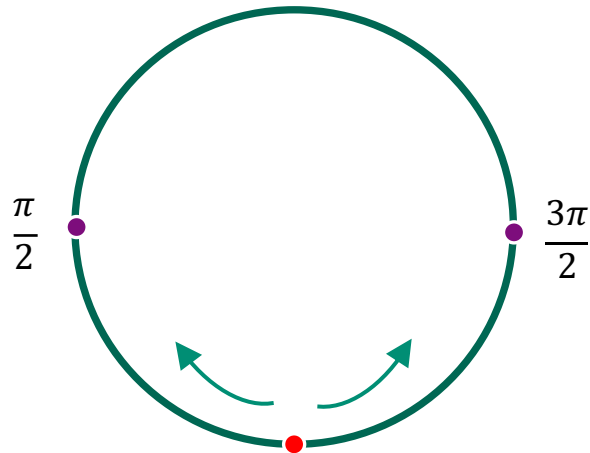


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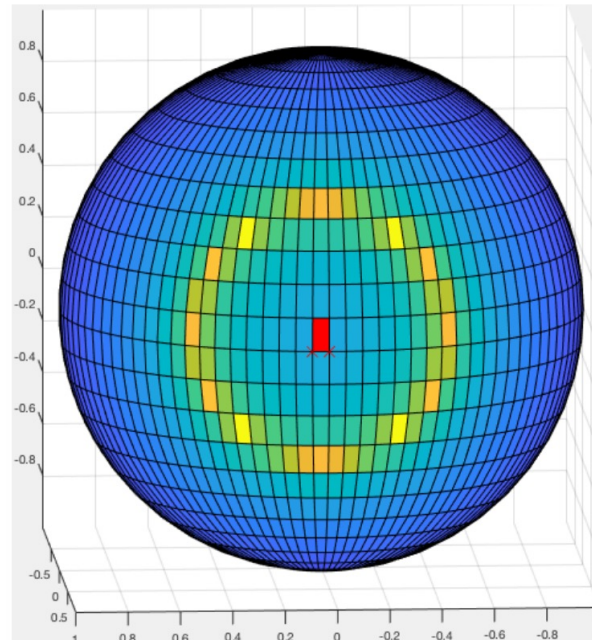


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This statement can be understood in various ways

1. **Math:** Microlocal analysis – wavefront set associated to hyperbolic dynamics
2. **Physics:** Free motion of localized particle (photon) – light travels in straight lines
3. **Mathematical physics:**

$\hat{H} = \sqrt{\Delta_g}$  is quantization of kinetic energy/free motion  $\sqrt{\sum_{i,j} g^{ij}(x)p_i p_j} = |\mathbf{p}|_g$

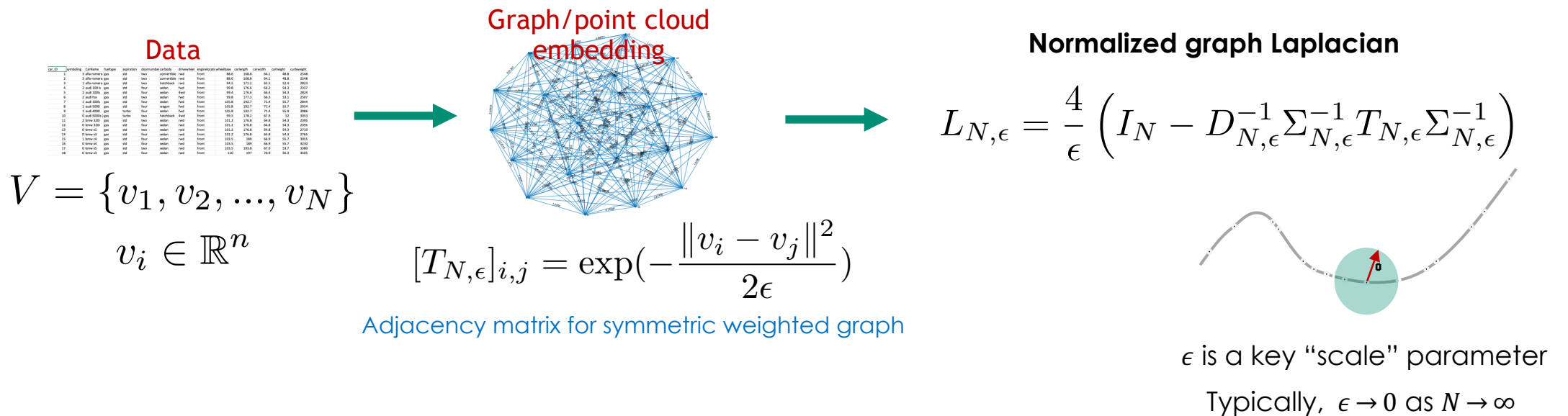
$|\psi_0\rangle = |\delta_x\rangle$  is a localized wavepacket with momentum in all directions

Can we exploit this observation to extract geodesic distances and information about geometry from quantum dynamics **on data**?

# First ingredient: the graph Laplacian



- Some of the most successful methods for manifold learning rely graph Laplacians constructed from data
  - Diffusion maps, Laplacian eigenmaps, Local linear embedding, ...



Methods hinge on key convergence result

$$L_{N,\epsilon} \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{L}_\epsilon = \Delta_g + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

Coifman & Lafon, Appl. Comp. Harm. Anal., **21**, 5 (2006)

Hein, Audibert, von Luxburg, J. Mach. Learn. Res., **8**, 1325 (2007)

# Quantum dynamics on data

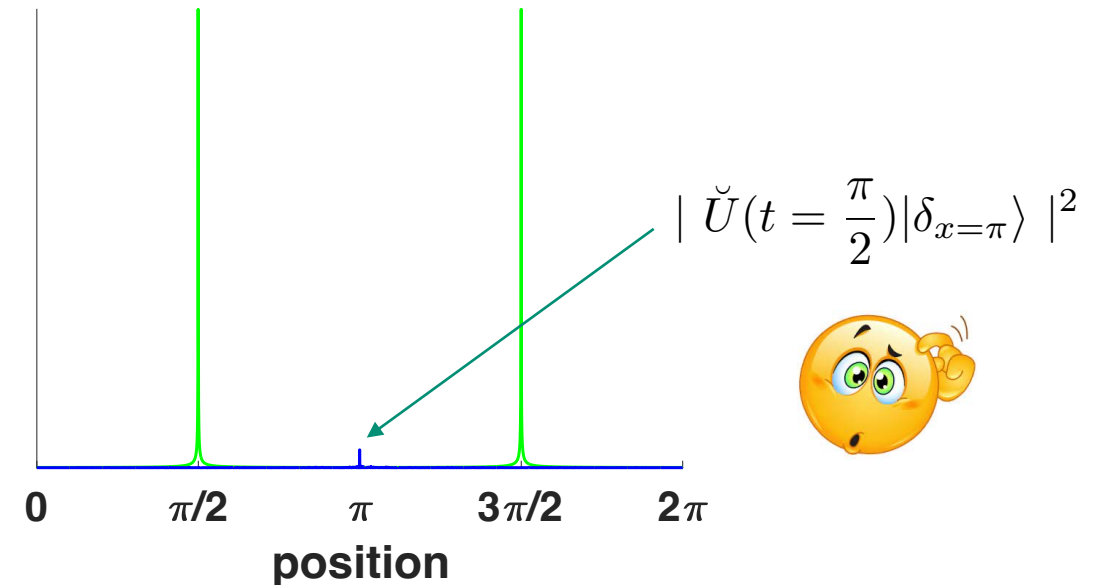
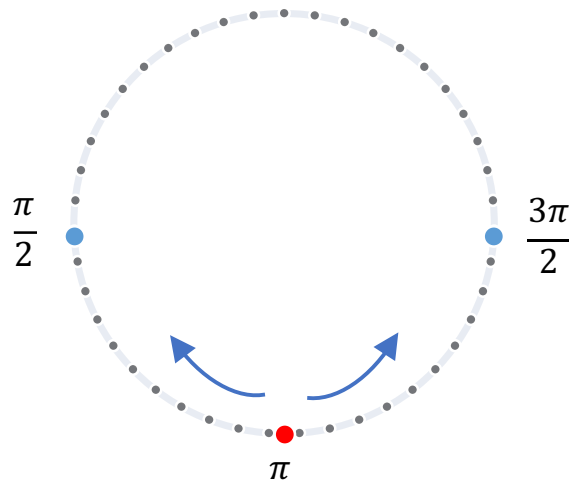


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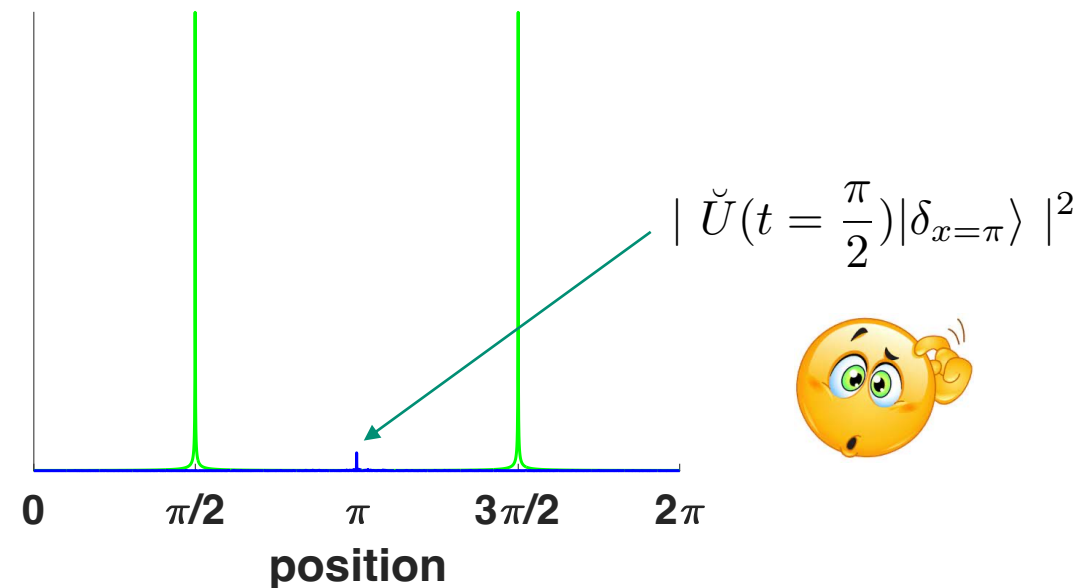
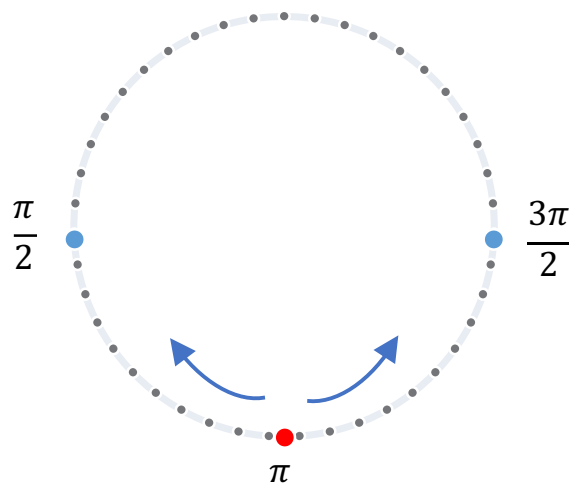
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These error terms are the problem.

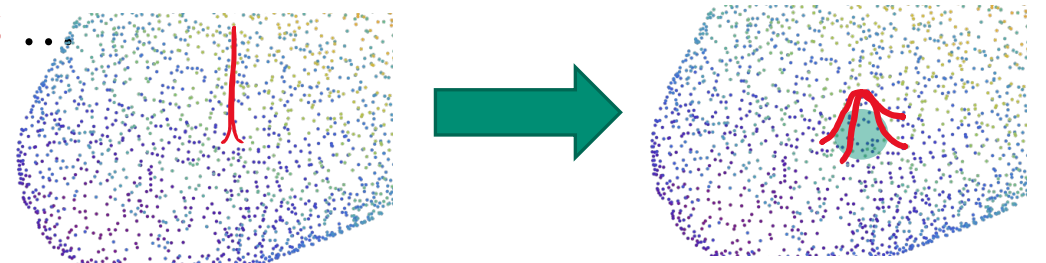
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# Resolution limits of data-driven quantization

- The problem is the finite resolution of the manifold given by finite  $N$ , and quantified by  $\epsilon$ .
- We are asking for too much to resolve delta function propagation when  $\epsilon > 0$ .
- Roughly:  $\check{U}(t) = e^{-i\sqrt{L_{N,\epsilon}}t}$  “resolves” position space at scale  $\sqrt{\epsilon}$   
“resolves” momentum up to bandwidth  $1/\sqrt{\epsilon}$   
  
Approximates the action of the operator  $e^{-it\sqrt{\Delta_g}}$
- In contrast, initial states like  $|\delta_x\rangle$  are infinitely localized *and* have unbounded momentum.
- So we need a way to coarsen the dynamics ...





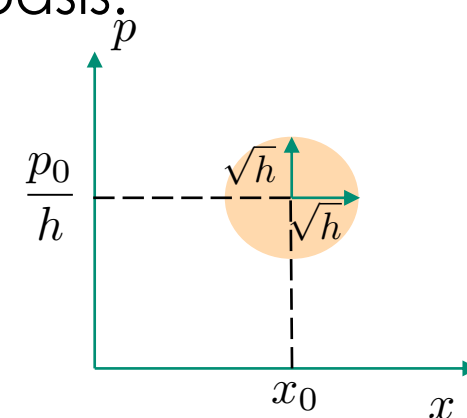
# Coherent states to the rescue



- Coherent states are
  - The “most classical” of quantum states
  - Minimum uncertainty in phase space, maximum localization in phase space
- Can define coherent states on a general manifold. In position basis:

$$\psi_{\zeta_0}(\mathbf{x}) = \langle \mathbf{x} | \psi_{\zeta_0} \rangle = \frac{1}{(\pi h)^{\frac{\nu}{4}}} e^{\frac{i}{h} \langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{p}_0 \rangle} e^{-\frac{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0\|^2}{2h}} \quad \zeta_0 = (\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{p}_0) \in T^*\mathcal{M}$$

Combescure & Robert. *Coherent States and Applications in Mathematical Physics*. Springer Netherlands, 2012.  
Gazeau, *Coherent States in Quantum Physics*. Wiley-VCH, 2009.



- Localized to  $\sqrt{h}$  in space and momentum bandwidth scales as  $1/h$
- We can control coarse-ness of phase space resolution using  $h$ . [Match to data resolution:](#)

$$h > \sqrt{\epsilon} \quad \Rightarrow \quad h = \epsilon^{\frac{1}{2+\alpha}}, \alpha > 1$$

“Classical limit”  $h \rightarrow 0$   
is the large data limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$

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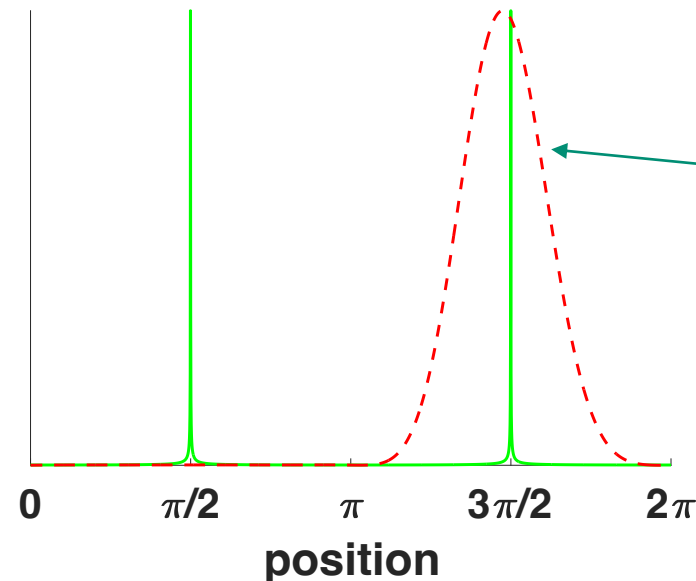
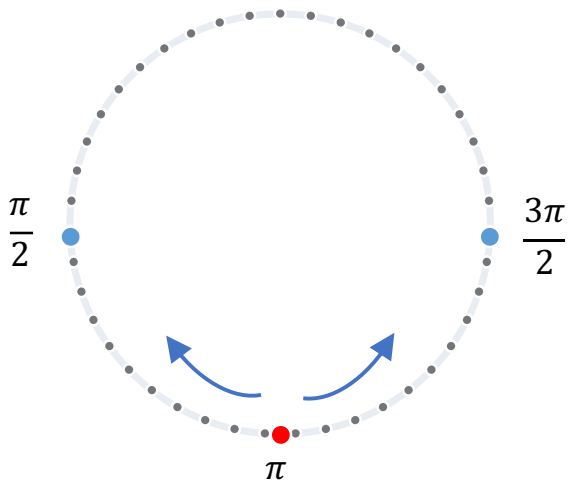


- Can approximate coherent state using the data. A coherent state centered at data point  $v_0$  has elements

$$\left[ |\psi_h^{\zeta_0} \rangle \right]_i \propto e^{\frac{i}{h}(v_i - v_0)^\top p_0} e^{-\frac{\|v_i - v_0\|^2}{2h}}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq N. \quad |\psi_h^{\zeta_0} \rangle \in \mathbb{C}^N$$

- Initial momentum,  $p_0$ , approximated using a vector from  $v_0$  to nearest point, or using local principal component analysis (LPCA)

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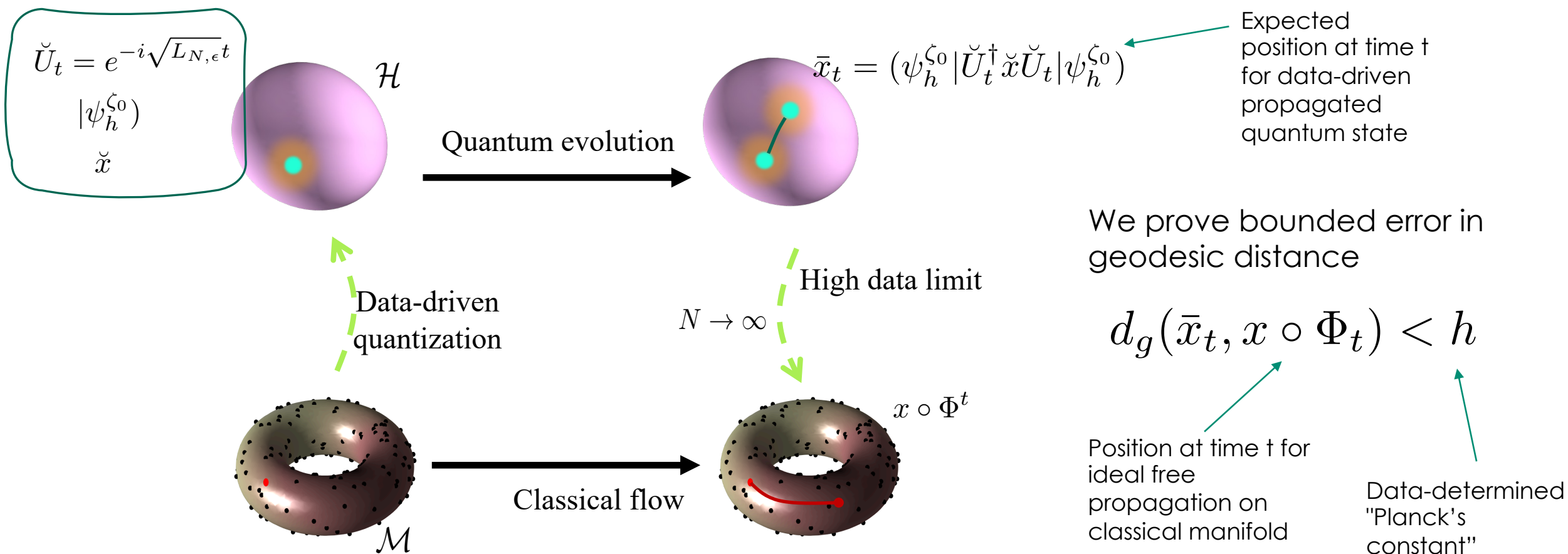


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$$\check{U}_t = e^{-i\sqrt{L_{N,\epsilon}}t}$$

$$|\psi_h^{\zeta_0}\rangle$$

$$\check{x}$$

1. Rigorous convergence theory.
2. First approach to recover geodesic information from point clouds with quantitative guarantees.
3. The data-driven quantization and dynamics are all through matrix-vector operations on the data.

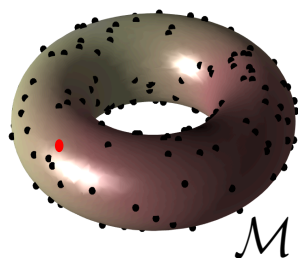
Expected position at time  $t$  for data-driven propagated quantum state

above bounded error in geodesic distance

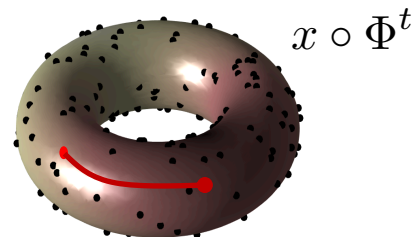
$$d_g(\bar{x}_t, x \circ \Phi_t) < \hbar$$

quantization

$$N \rightarrow \infty$$



Classical flow



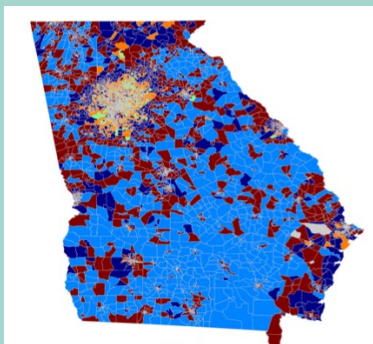
Position at time  $t$  for ideal free propagation on classical manifold

Data-determined "Planck's constant"

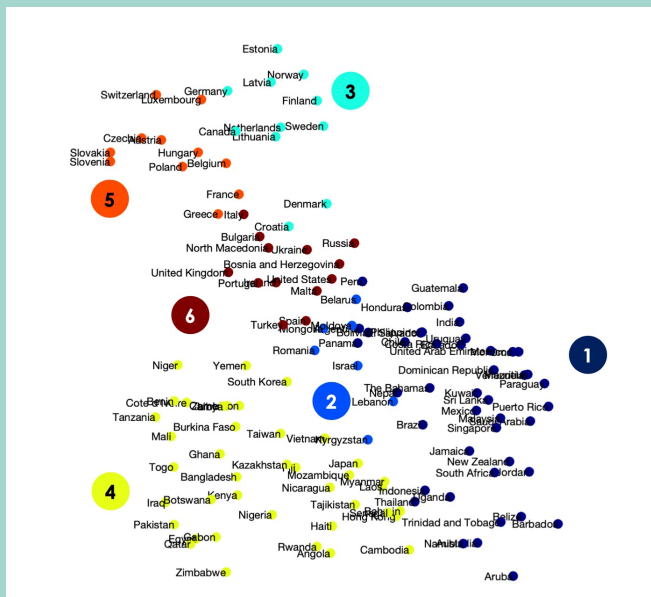
# Applications to real-world data



**Clustering, anomaly detection** from data of COVID-19 social distancing behavior across geographic regions

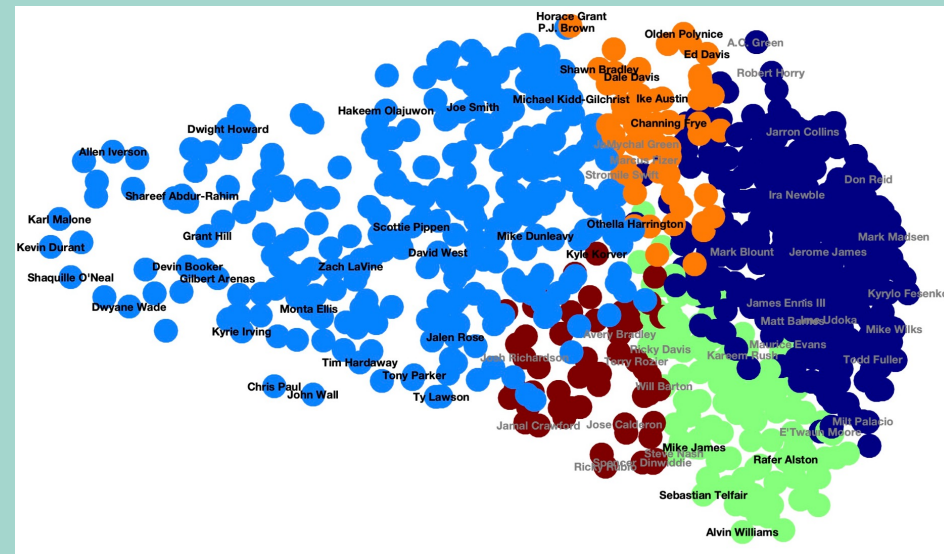


SafeGraph  
dataset for state  
of GA



Google dataset  
for worldwide  
mobility patterns

**Clustering** of NBA players based on performance



NOTES:

1. Manifold hypothesis not necessary for utility
2. Some of these datasets are small (e.g.,  $N=126$ )

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# Backup slides



# Markov methods for manifold learning



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Data

$$V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_N\} \quad v_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Adjacency matrix for symmetric weighted graph

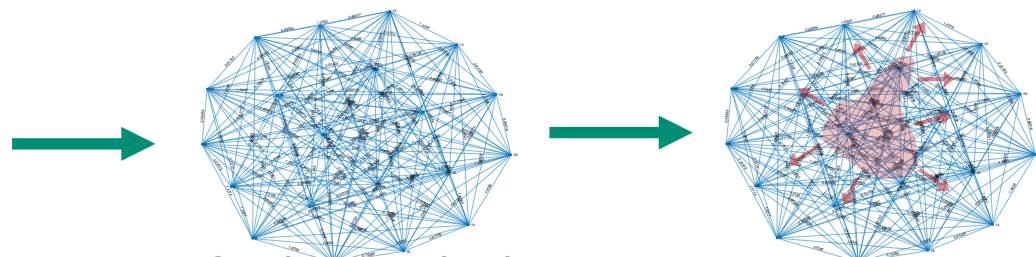
Normalized graph Laplacian

$$[T_{N,\epsilon}]_{i,j} = \exp\left(-\frac{\|v_i - v_j\|^2}{2\epsilon}\right)$$

$$L_{N,\epsilon} = \frac{4}{\epsilon} \left( I_N - D_{N,\epsilon}^{-1} \Sigma_{N,\epsilon}^{-1} T_{N,\epsilon} \Sigma_{N,\epsilon}^{-1} \right)$$

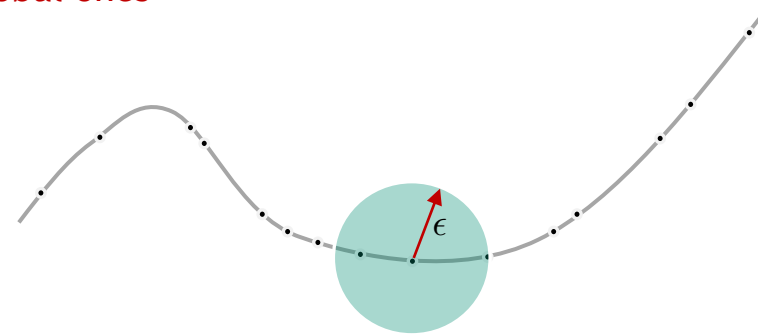
$\epsilon$  is a key “scale” parameter

Typically,  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$



Graph/point cloud embedding

A Markov process connects local distances to global ones



Normalizations

$$\Sigma_{N,\epsilon} = \text{diag} \left( \sum_{j=1}^N [T_{N,\epsilon}]_{i,j} \right)$$

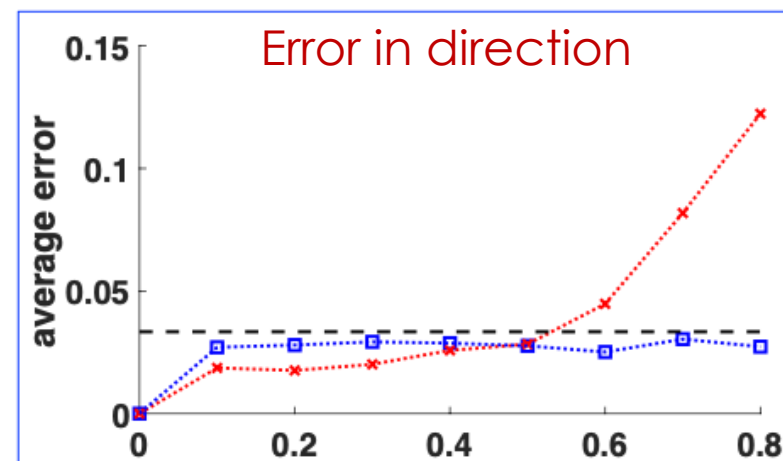
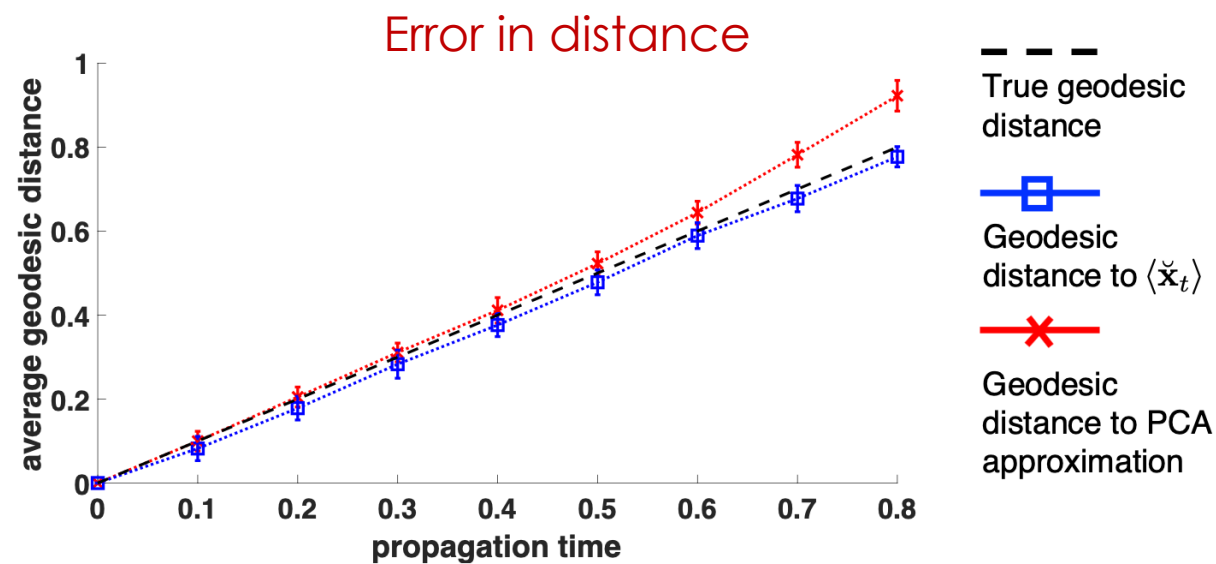
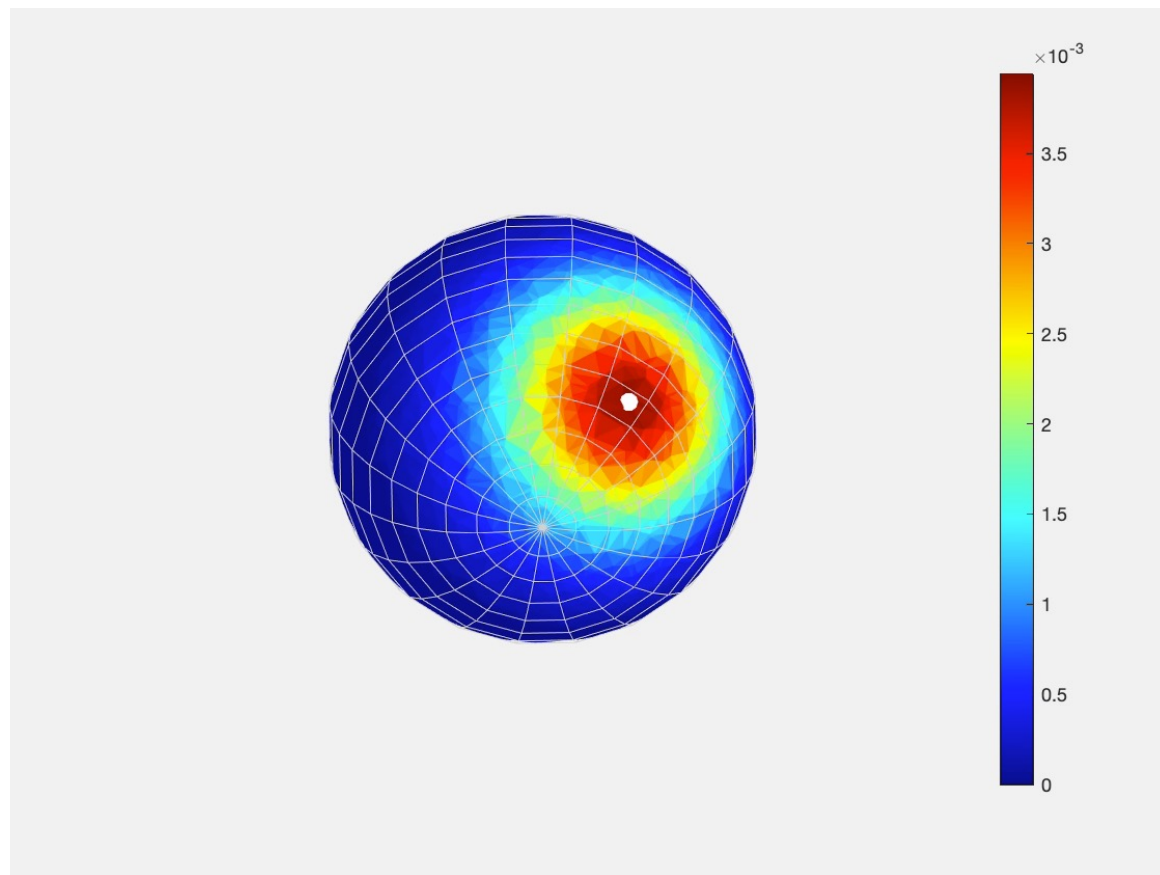
$$D_{N,\epsilon} = \text{diag} \left( \sum_{j=1}^N [\Sigma_{N,\epsilon}^{-1} T_{N,\epsilon} \Sigma_{N,\epsilon}^{-1}]_{i,j} \right)$$

“Geometric diffusions as a tool for harmonic analysis and structure definition of data: diffusion maps,” Coifman et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., **102**, 7426 (2005)

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# Example: sphere

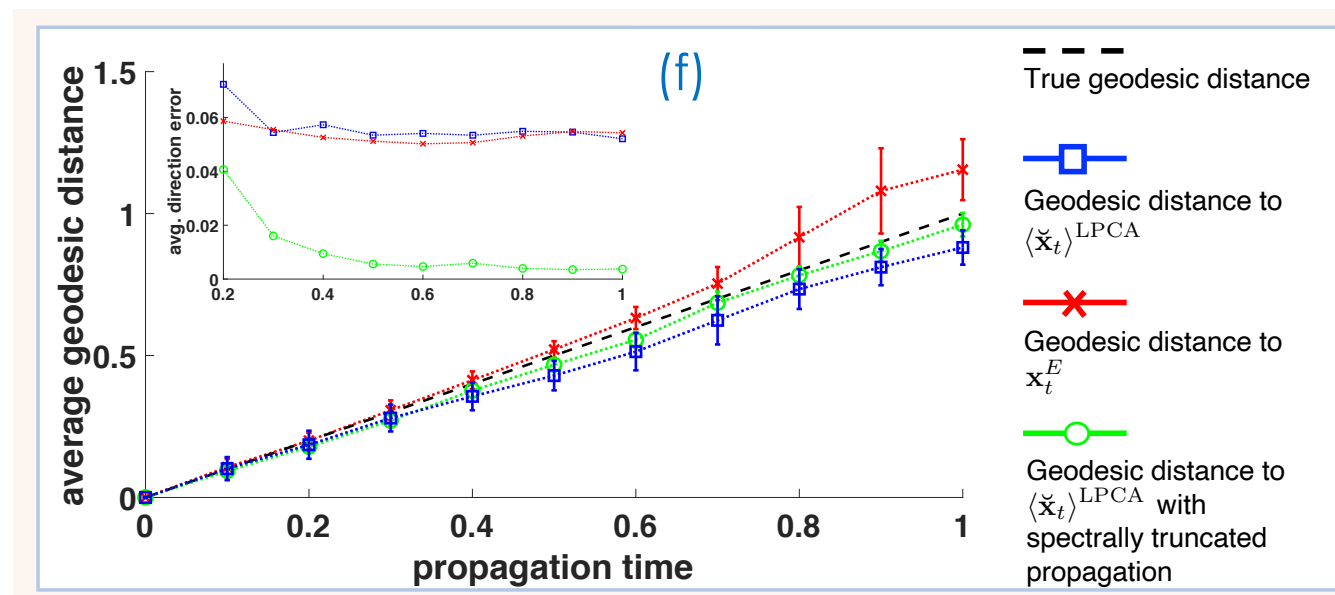
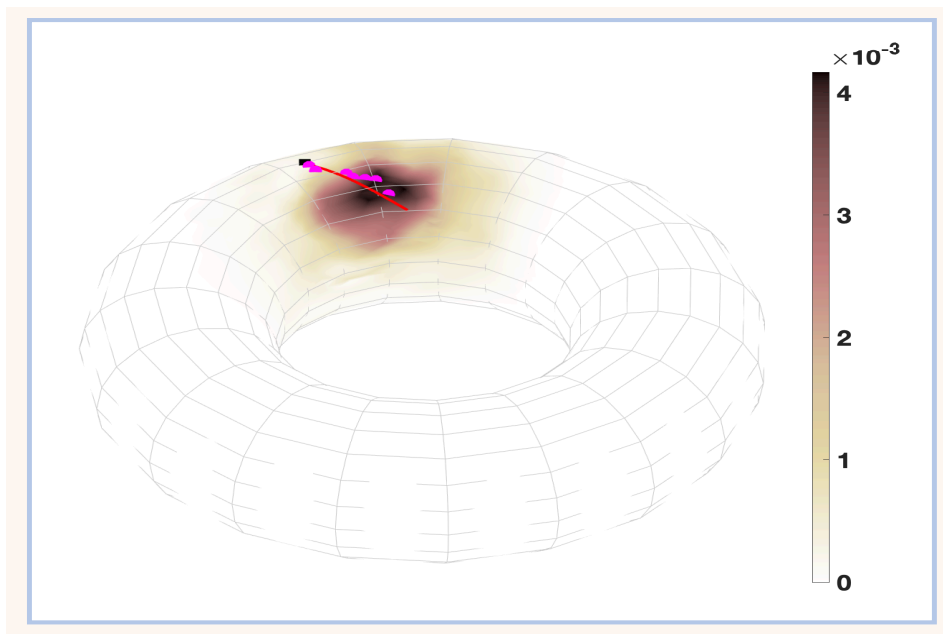
N=3000 points, uniformly sampled on unit sphere



# Example: torus



$N=12000$  points, uniformly sampled on 2-torus



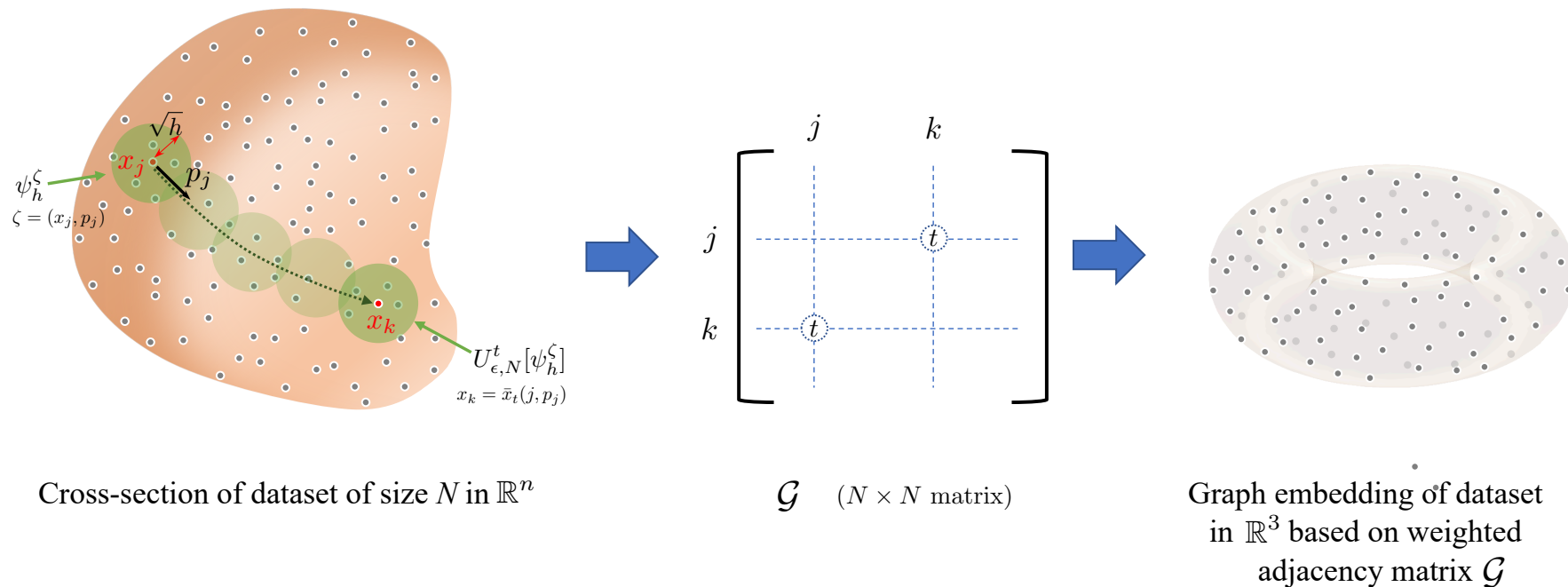
# Using geodesic distances for practical tasks



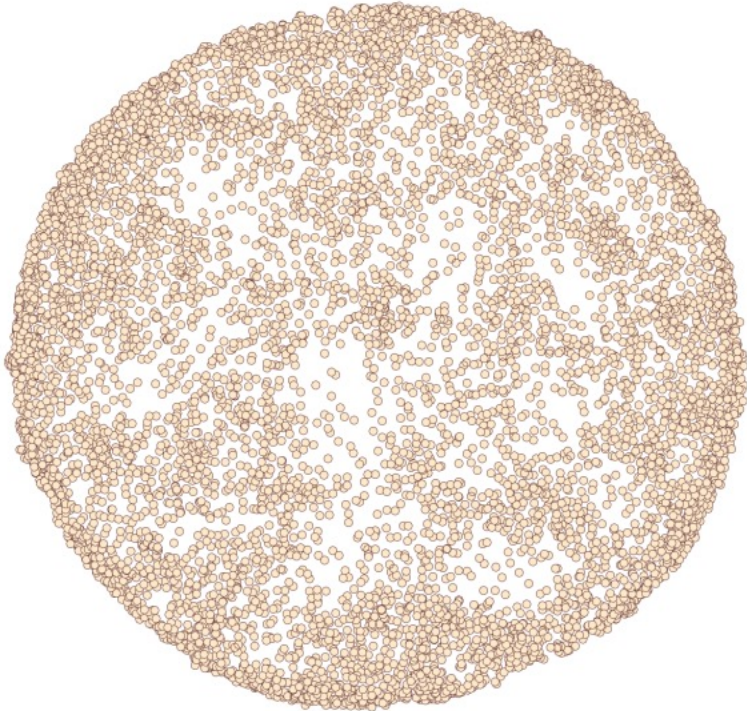
We have shown that quantum propagation allows for extraction of geodesic distances between data points (under the manifold hypothesis). How is this useful?

Geodesic distances (or in the absence of a manifold, *quantum walk distances*) define a similarity metric between data points.

We can embed the data in a graph based on this similarity metric. This graph reflects the geometry of the dataset, and delivers new coordinates for the data => visualization, clustering, classification, ...



# Embeddings of sphere and torus



$N=8000$  points



$N=12000$  points



# Example: COVID-19 mobility data



Social Distancing Metric dataset from SafeGraph Inc.  
<https://docs.safegraph.com/docs/social-distancing-metrics>

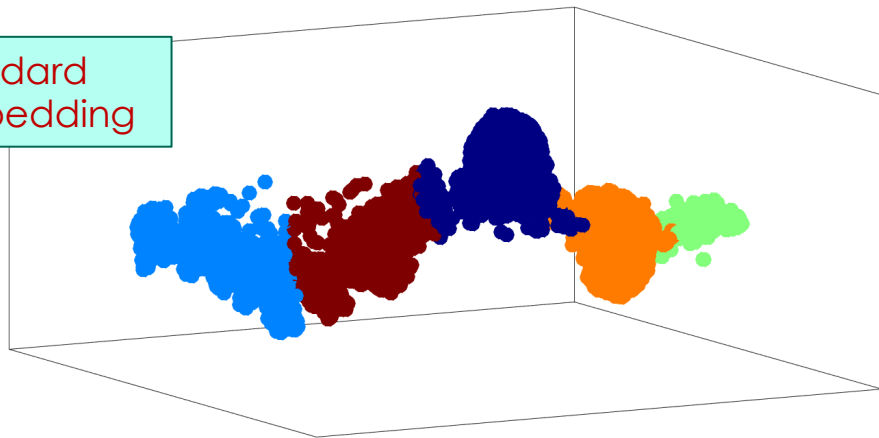
- Dataset collects user location information (from cellphone GPS data) over the course of the initial 3 months of the COVID-19 pandemic (Feb 23, 2020 – June 19, 2020: 117 days).
- Aggregated at the census block group (CBG) level.
- Understanding patterns in mobility behavior can help tune public health policy.
- We compute a “stay-at-home” fraction which represents the fraction of devices that stayed at their home location on a day.
- We concentrate on the data for Georgia (GA), which has 5509 CBGs.
- Dataset: 5509 x 117

Apply manifold learning through geodesics and embed in 3 dimensions (**reduction from 117 dimensions**) and then perform clustering using K-means.

# Example: COVID-19 mobility data

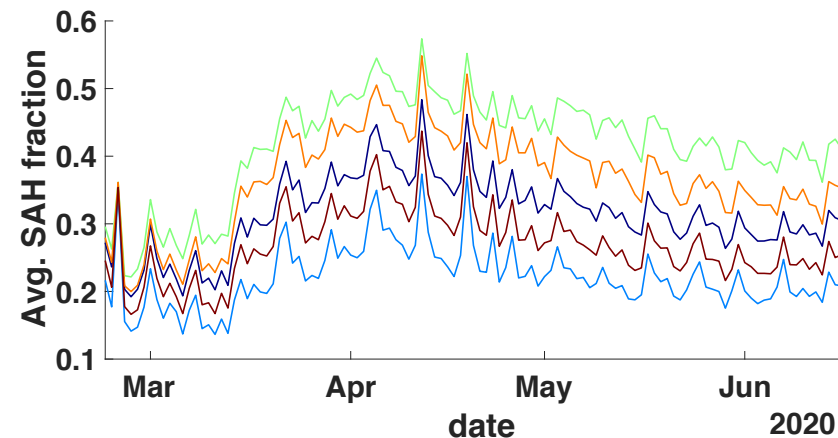
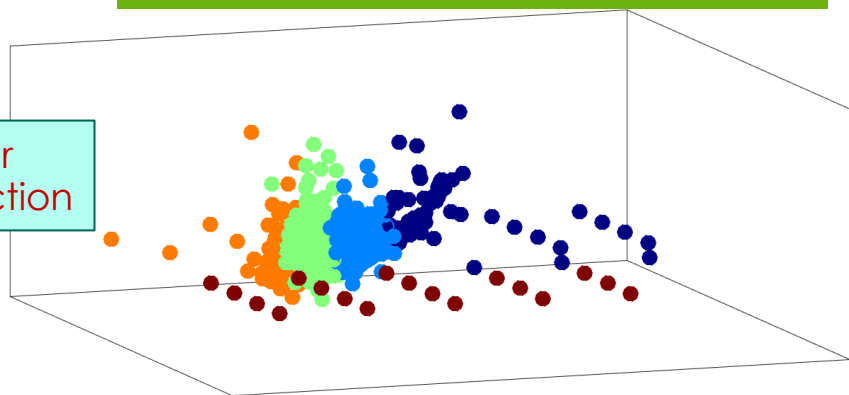


Standard  
embedding

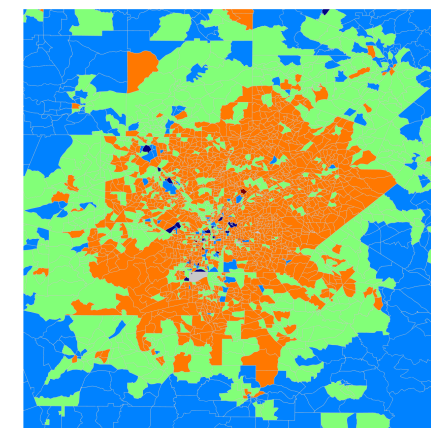
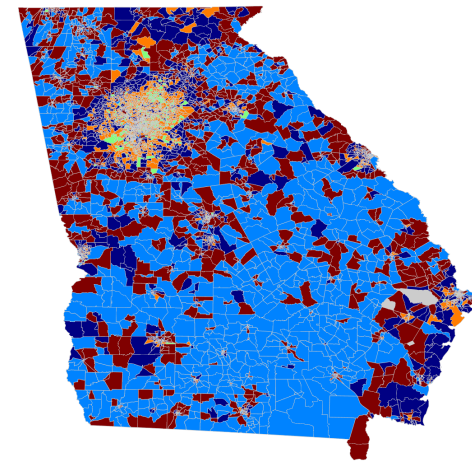
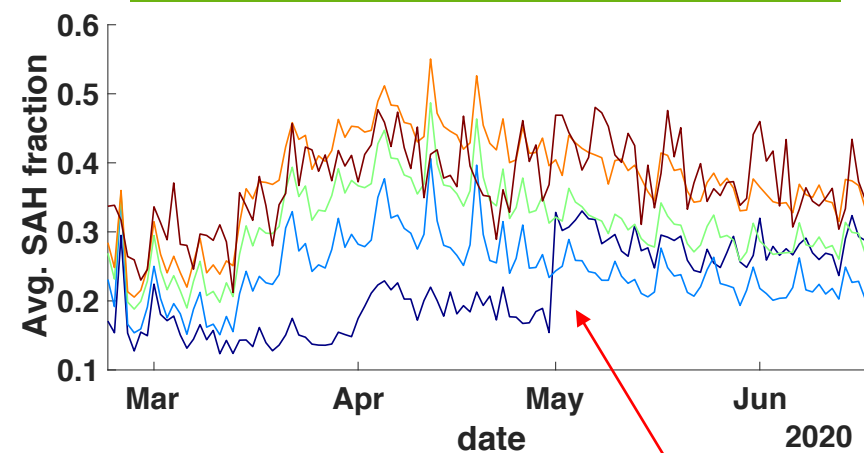


Embedding in 3D and k-means using  
these 3D coordinates

Outlier  
detection

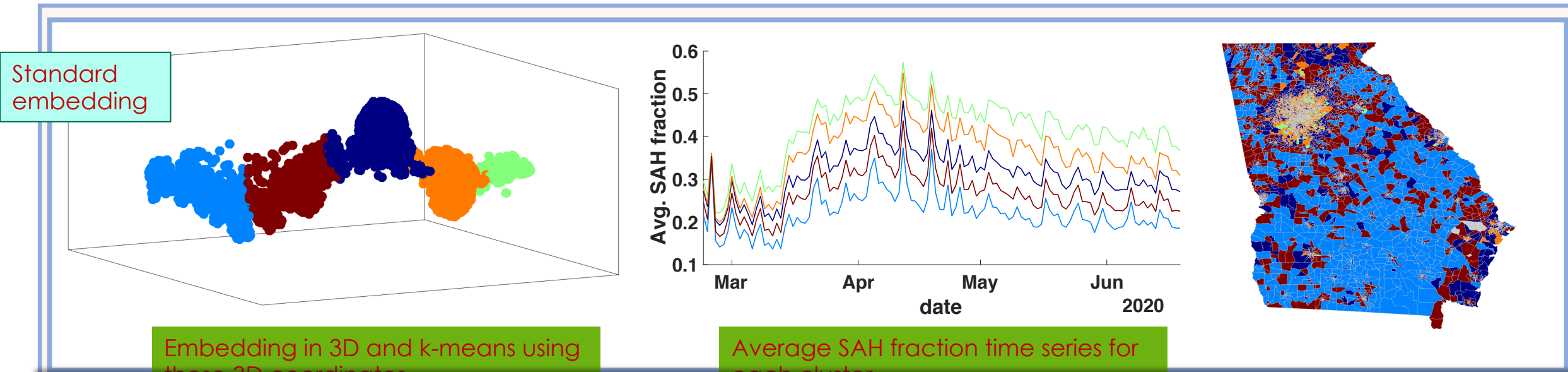


Average SAH fraction time series for  
each cluster

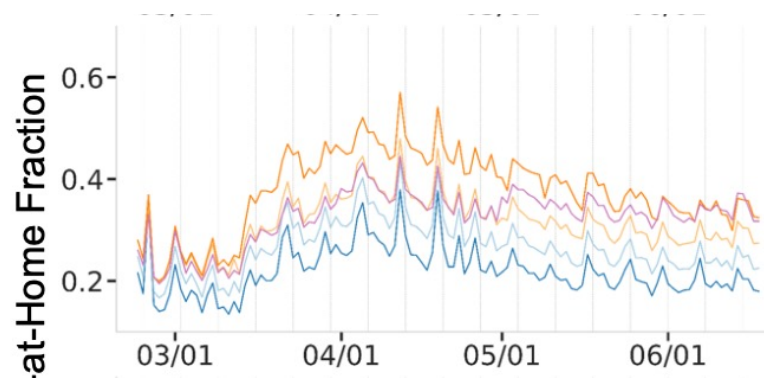
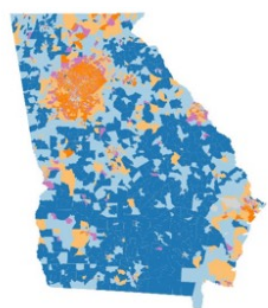




# Example: COVID-19 mobility data



c.f. Levin et al., "Cell Phone Mobility Data and Manifold Learning." <https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.10.31.20223776>



We achieve **better quality clustering** with QML, and are able to **identify outliers**, even with an embedding into **fewer dimensions**

Figure 2: Laplacian eigenmaps, clustering done after embedding in **14 dimensions**

# Example: Global COVID-19 mobility data



Google COVID-19 Community Mobility Reports  
<https://www.google.com/covid19/mobility/>

Dataset collects user mobility information (% change in mobility from baseline) over 6 categories for 132 countries and regions within these countries.

**Timeframe:** ~1 year (Feb 15, 2020 – Jan 24, 2021)

**Baseline:** Jan 3 – Feb 6, 2020

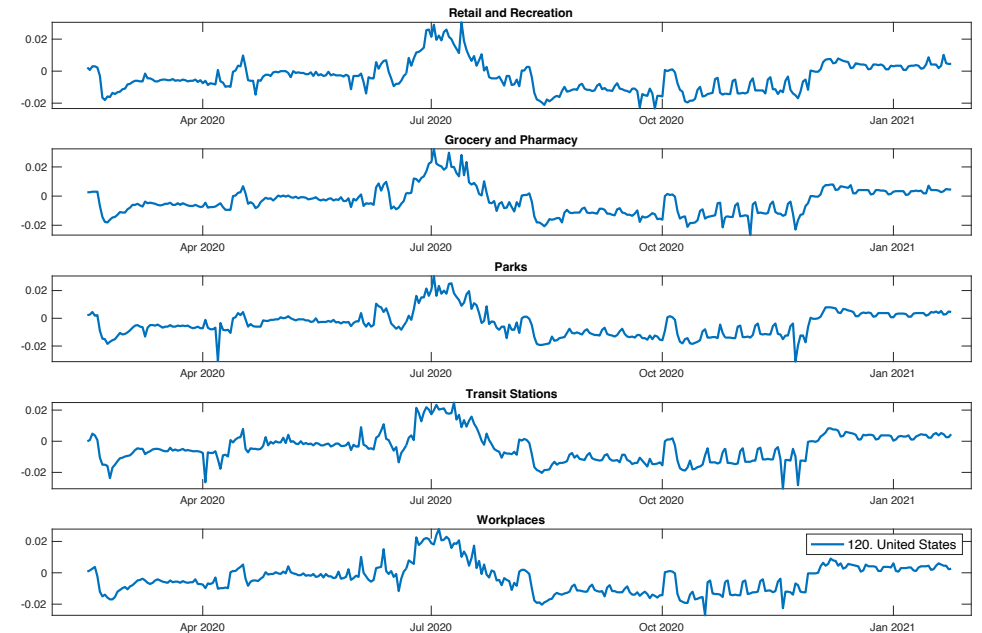
**Categories:** Retail and recreation, grocery and pharmacy, parks, transit stations, workplaces.

After pre-processing:

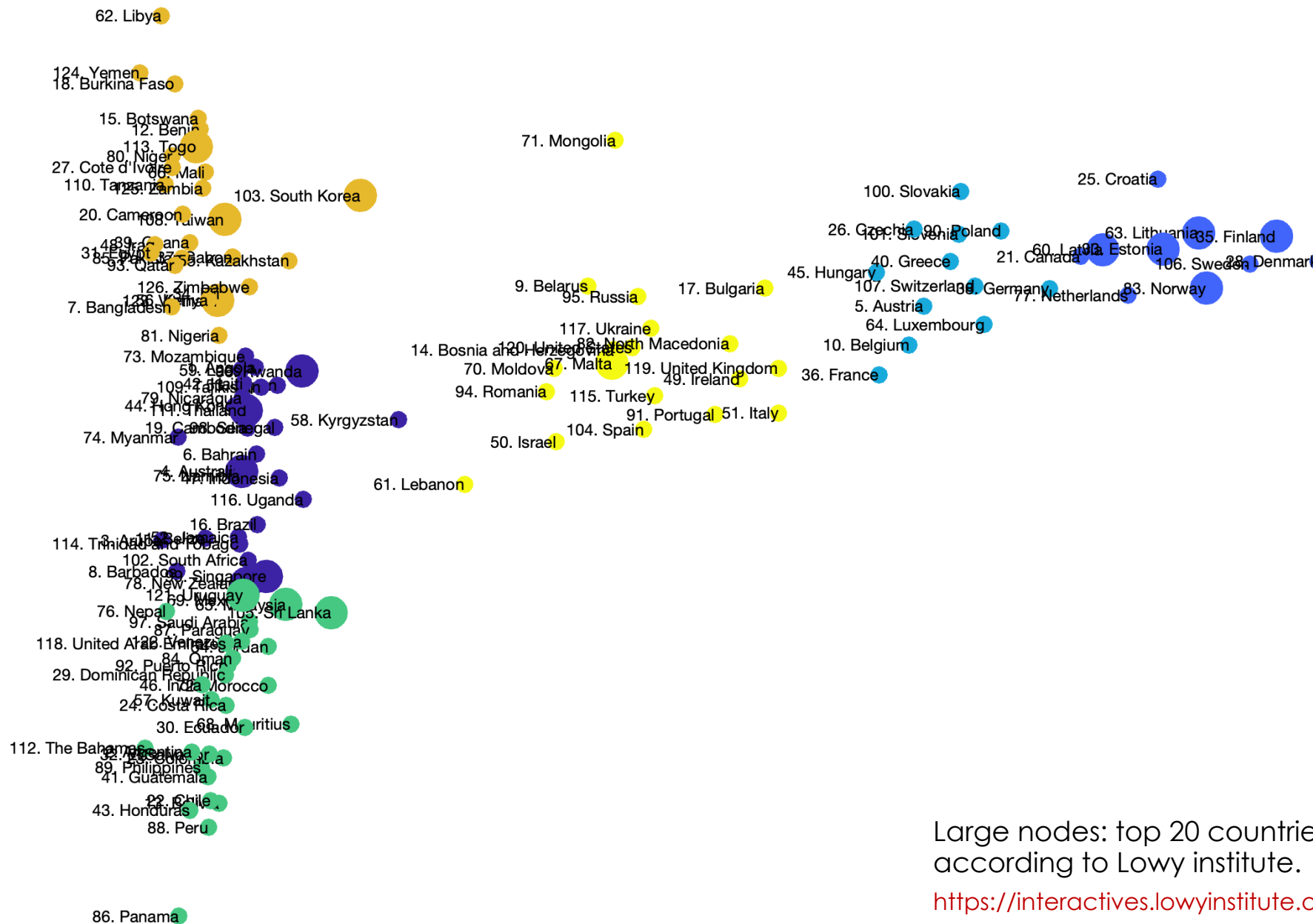
For each country,  **$345 \times 5 = 1725$  columns (features)** that represent a time series of mobility changes across 5 categories.

Apply manifold learning through geodesics and embed in 3 dimensions (**reduction from 1725 dimensions**)

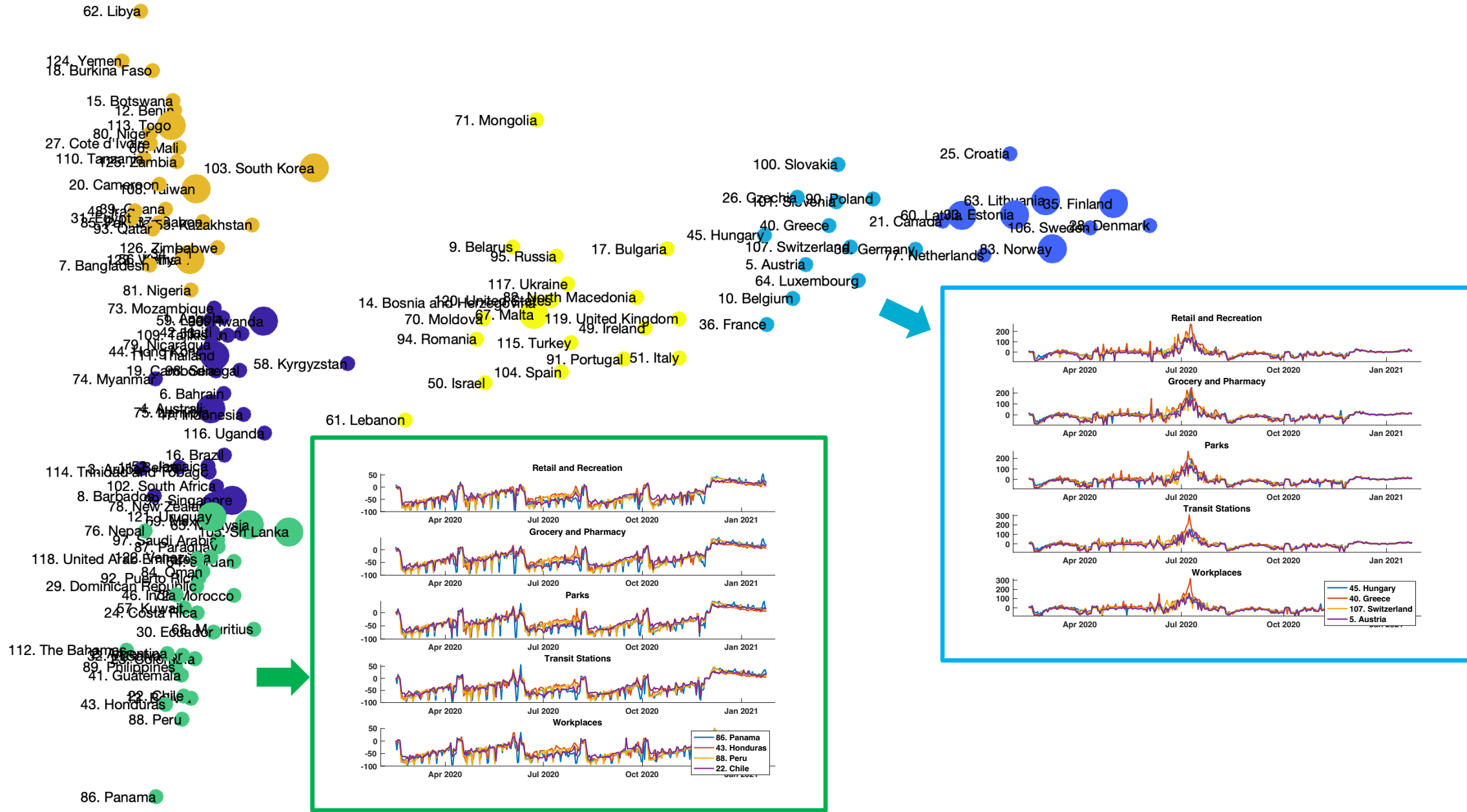
e.g.,



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# Signal processing interpretation



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Propagate a position  
eigenstate and look at the  
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$$|\langle \psi_h^\zeta | U^t | \delta_x \rangle|^2$$

$|\langle \psi_h^\zeta | f \rangle|^2$  is actually a **Gabor spectrogram** of  $f$  (also a Husimi-Q function)

**Gabor transform** is a short-time Fourier transform, defined by integration against Gabor wavelets that are delocalized in time and frequency

$$G_x(t, f) = \sqrt[4]{\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\sigma\pi(\tau-t)^2} e^{-j2\pi f\tau} x(\tau) d\tau$$

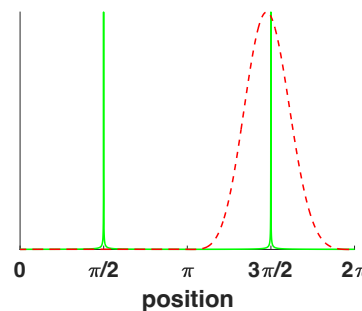
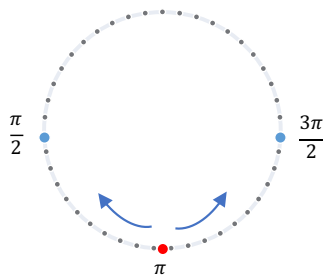
A coherent state is a Gabor wavelet (this time defined over coordinate and momentum, or phase, space)

By choosing  $h$  we are choosing the (phase space) scale at which to resolve the signal  $U^t | \delta_x \rangle$

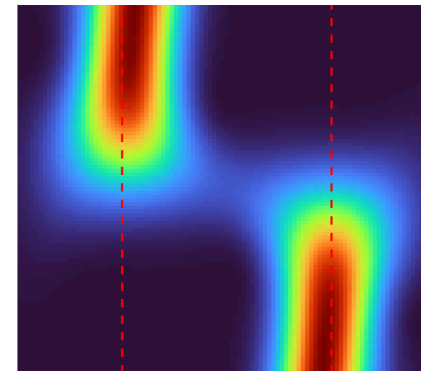
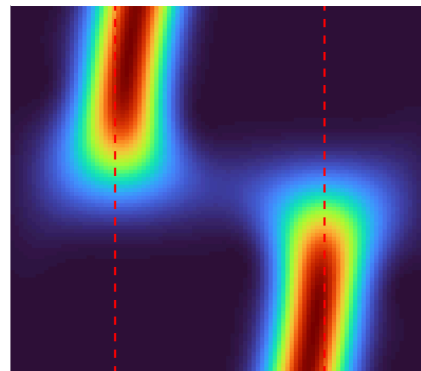
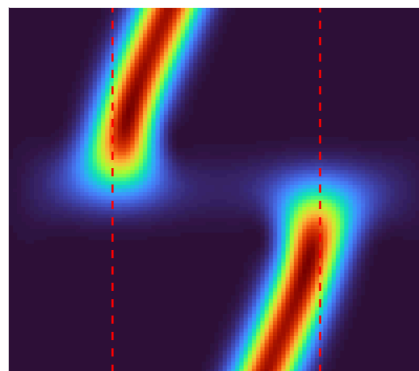
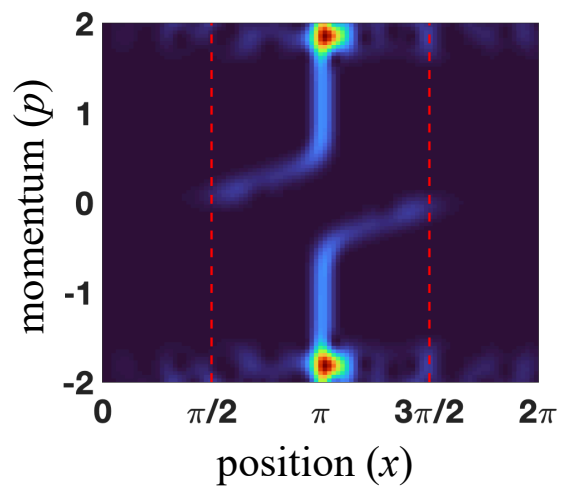
# Signal processing interpretation



Example:  $N = 2500$  samples from the circle



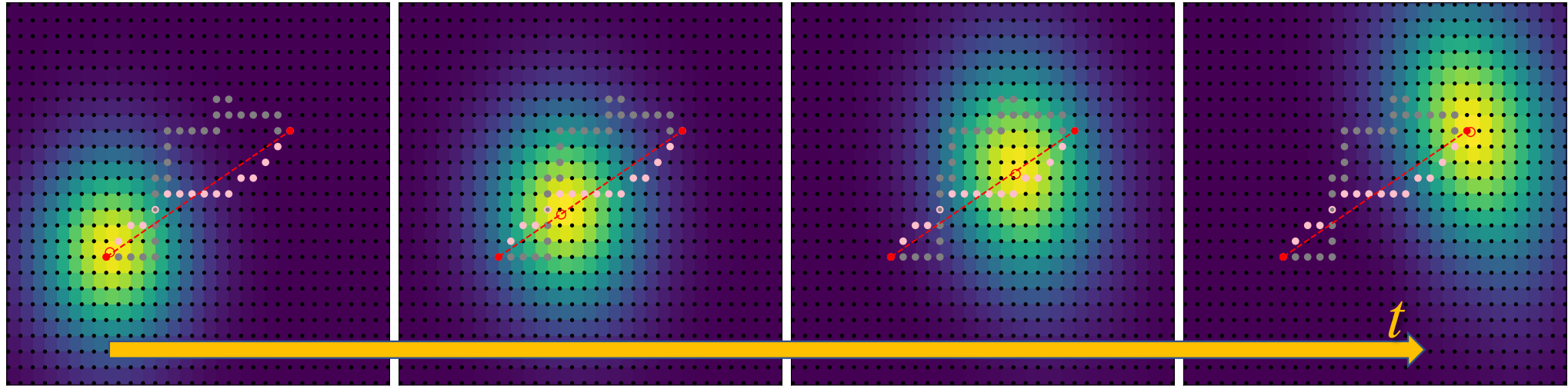
Gabor spectrogram at varying resolution  $h$



# Geodesic interpolation



Example of points sampled on a plane, what is shortest path between two points?



- Notice how coherent state propagates smoothly between known/sampled data points
- Coherent state charts a straight line (shortest) path, while other "shortest-path" algorithms (e.g., Dijkstra's algorithm) using the same data define longer paths.
- Our technique allows one to interpolate and extrapolate from the sampled data in a way that is consistent with the data geometry.