

Abstract

We construct an extension of spectral and diffusion geometry to multiple modalities through simultaneous diagonalization of Laplacian matrices. This naturally extends classical data analysis tools based on spectral geometry, such as diffusion maps and spectral clustering. We provide several synthetic and real examples of manifold learning, object classification, and clustering, showing that the joint spectral geometry better captures the inherent structure of multi-modal data.

Motivations and Objectives

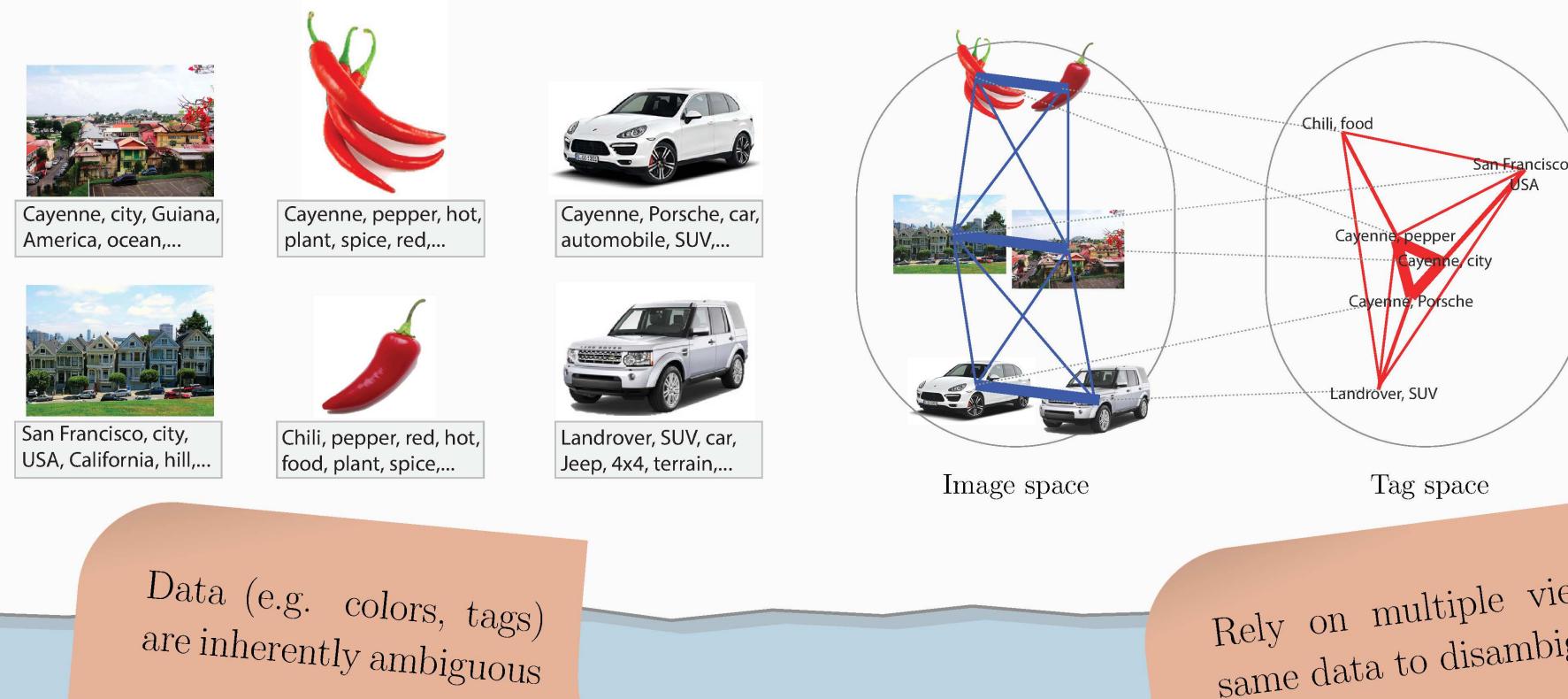
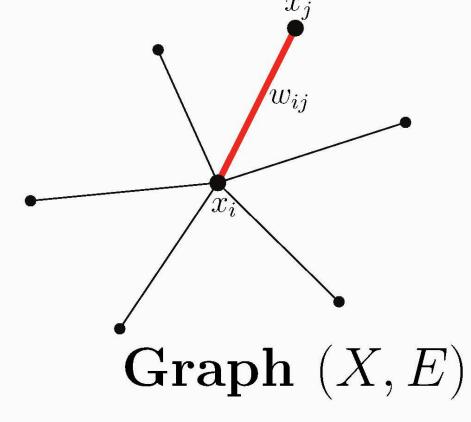


Image Laplacians

- Discrete set of n vertices $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$
- Gaussian edge weight $w_{ij} = \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{\|x_i - x_j\|^2}{2\sigma^2}} & (i, j) \in E \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$



- **Unnormalized Laplacian** $L = D - W$
- **Normalized Laplacian** $L_{\text{sym}} = D^{-1/2} L D^{-1/2}$

Laplacian Eigenmaps

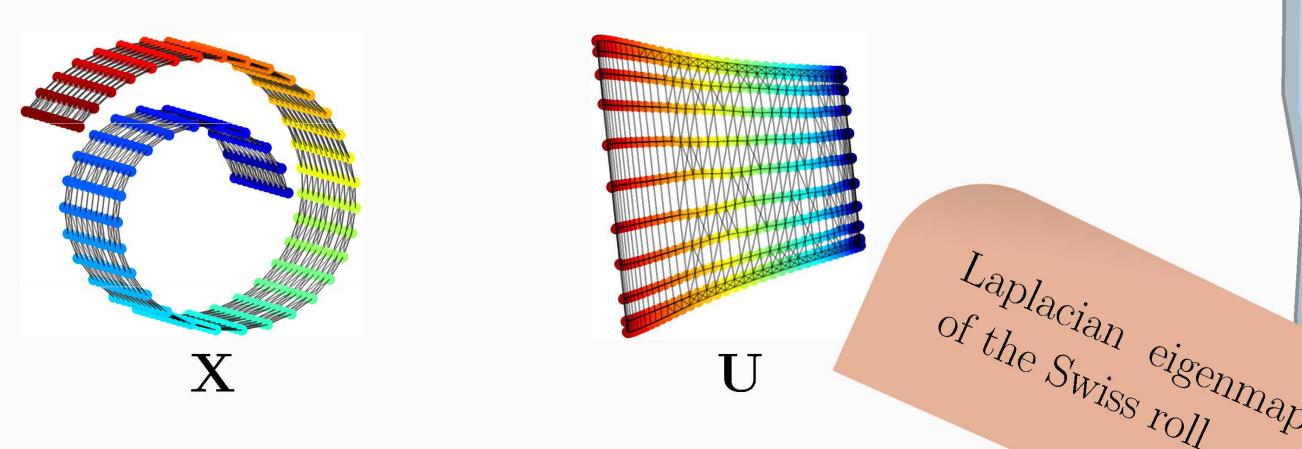
Eigenvalue problem:

$$L\Phi = \Phi\Lambda$$

- $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ are the **eigenvalues** satisfying $0 = \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \lambda_n$
- $\Phi = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)$ are the orthonormal **eigenfunctions**

Laplacian Eigenmap [1]: m -dimensional embedding of X using the first m eigenvectors $U = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_m)$ of the Laplacian

$$U = \underset{U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}}{\text{argmin}} \text{tr}(U^T L U) \text{ s.t. } U^T U = I$$



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Diffusion Distances

Heat diffusion on X is governed by the **heat equation**:

$$Lf(t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(t) = 0, \quad f(0) = u,$$

where $f(t)$ is the amount of heat at time t . The **heat kernel**

$$H^t = e^{-tL} = \Phi e^{-t\Lambda} \Phi^T$$

provides the solution of the heat equation $f(t) = H^t f(0)$.

Diffusion distance [2]: crosstalk between heat kernels

$$d^2(x_p, x_q) = \sum_{i=1}^n ((H^t)_{pi} - (H^t)_{qi})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n e^{-2t\lambda_i} (\phi_{pi} - \phi_{qi})^2$$

equivalent to euclidean distance in the **diffusion map space**

$$U = (e^{-t\lambda_1} \phi_1, \dots, e^{-t\lambda_m} \phi_m)$$

Spectral clustering [3]: clustering obtained by running K-means in the Laplacian / diffusion map eigenspace

JADE

Eigendecomposition can be posed as the minimization problem

$$\min_{\Phi^T \Phi = I} \text{off}(\Phi^T L \Phi)$$

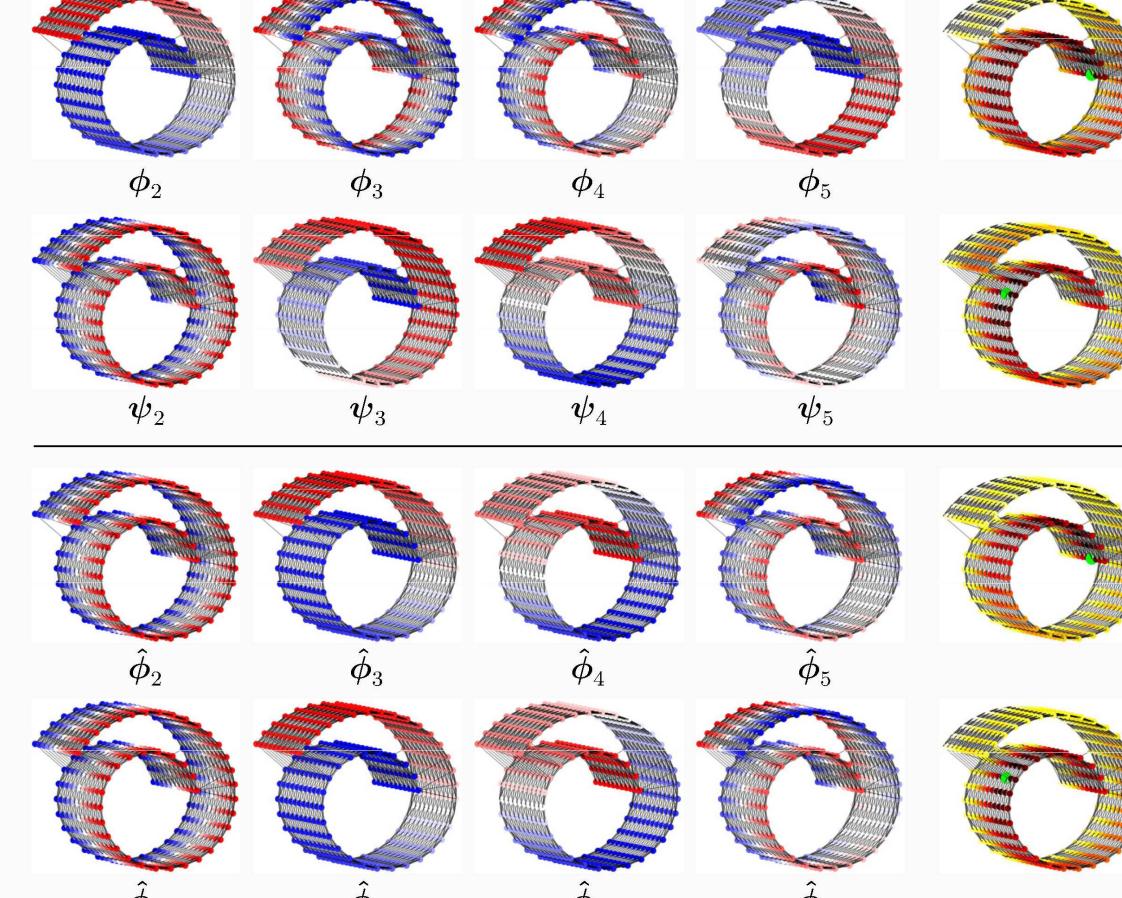
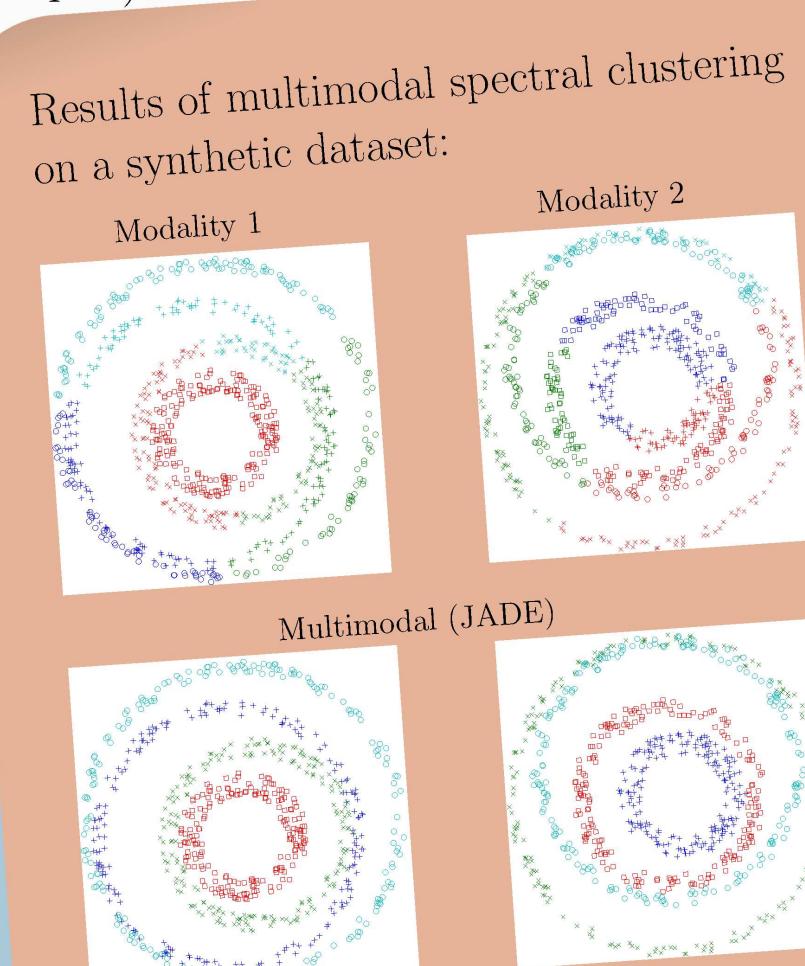
with **off-diagonality penalty** $\text{off}(X) = \sum_{i \neq j} x_{ij}^2$.

In JADE, Laplacians of two different modalities X and Y are diagonalized **simultaneously** [4]:

$$\min_{\hat{\Phi}^T \hat{\Phi} = I} \text{off}(\hat{\Phi}^T L_X \hat{\Phi}) + \text{off}(\hat{\Phi}^T L_Y \hat{\Phi})$$

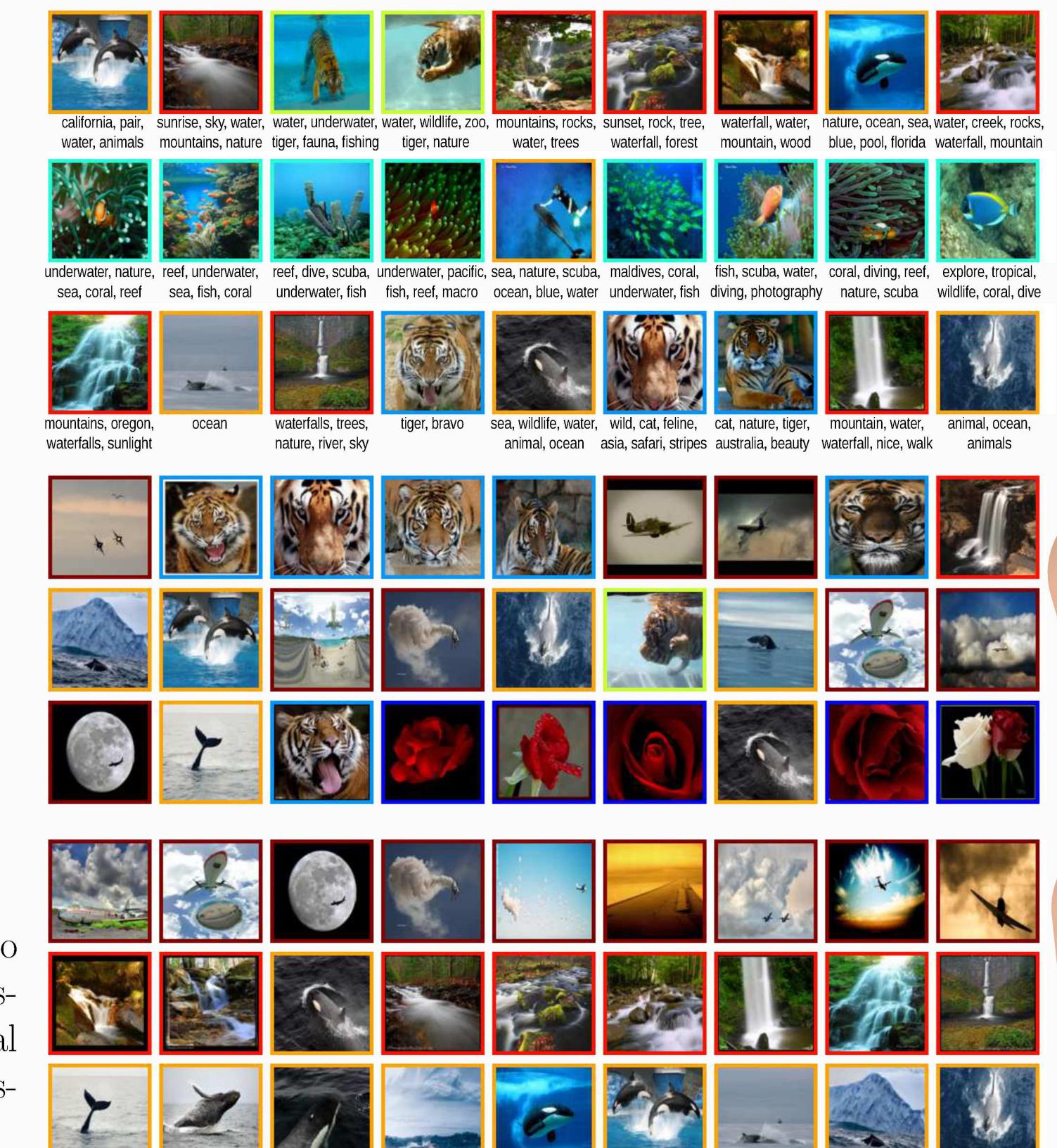
Main drawbacks of JADE:

- Works on the whole basis, while often we need only the first $k \ll n$ eigenvectors
- Explicit assumption of orthonormality of the joint basis restricts Laplacian discretization to **symmetric** matrices
- Requires **bijective known correspondence**



Swiss rolls: Laplacian eigenvectors with different connectivity behave differently, as shown by their diffusion distances (right). Conversely, joint approximate eigenvectors behave in the same way.

NUS-WIDE dataset: annotated images belonging to 7 ambiguous classes. Modality 1: 1000-dimensional distributions of frequent **tags**. Modality 2: 64-dimensional **color histogram** image descriptors. Groundtruth clusters are shown in different colors.



Coupled Diagonalization

Given two discrete manifolds with **different number of vertices**, $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ and $Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_m\}$, their Laplacians L_X, L_Y , and a set of **corresponding functions** $F = (f_1, \dots, f_q)$ and $G = (g_1, \dots, g_q)$, we look for **two sets of coupled approximate eigenvectors** [5] $\hat{\Phi}, \hat{\Psi}$

$$\min_{\hat{\Phi}, \hat{\Psi}} \text{off}(\hat{\Phi}^T L_X \hat{\Phi}) + \text{off}(\hat{\Psi}^T L_Y \hat{\Psi}) + \mu \|F^T \hat{\Phi} - G^T \hat{\Psi}\|_F^2$$

$$\text{s.t. } \hat{\Phi}^T \hat{\Phi} = I, \quad \hat{\Psi}^T \hat{\Psi} = I$$

For approximately jointly diagonalizable Laplacians we know [4] that $\text{span}\{\hat{\phi}_1, \dots, \hat{\phi}_k\} \approx \text{span}\{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_k\}$. We can thus approximate the first k elements of the coupled bases as a linear combination of the first $k' \geq k$ eigenvectors of their respective Laplacians: $\hat{\Phi} = \Phi S$, $\hat{\Psi} = \Psi R$.

The optimization can be reformulated as:

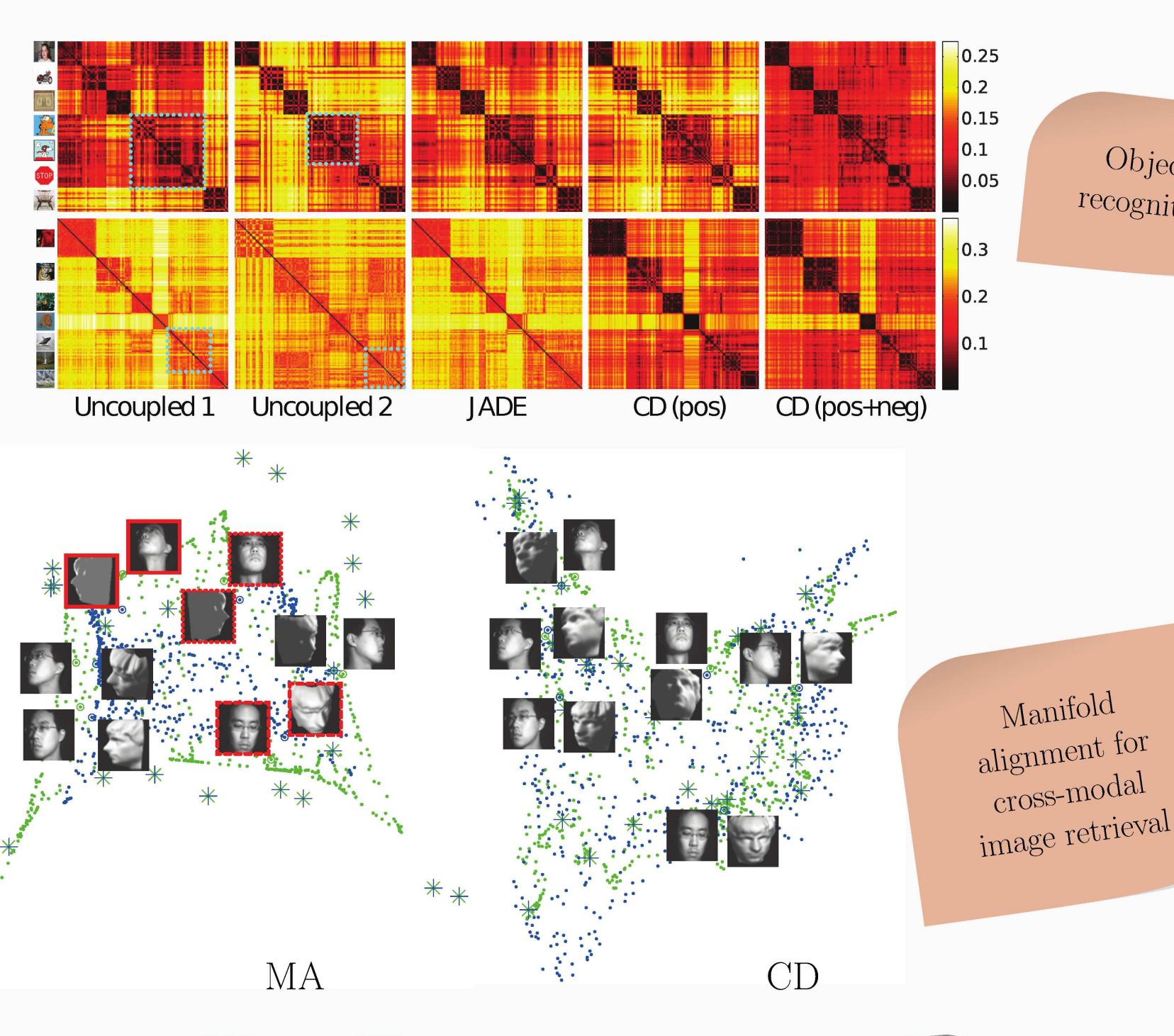
$$\min_{R, S} \text{off}(R^T \bar{\Lambda}_X R) + \text{off}(S^T \bar{\Lambda}_Y S) + \mu \|F^T \bar{\Phi} R - G^T \bar{\Psi} S\|_F^2$$

$$\text{s.t. } R^T R = I, \quad S^T S = I$$

- Laplacians are **not used explicitly**: their first k' eigenfunctions $\bar{\Phi}, \bar{\Psi}$ and eigenvalues $\bar{\Lambda}_X, \bar{\Lambda}_Y$ are pre-computed.
- Problem size is $2k' \times k$, independent of the number of samples.
- **No bijective correspondence!**

Method	Circles	Text	Caltech	NUS	Digits	Reuters	
#points	800	800	105	145	2000	600	
Uncoupled	53.0	60.4	78.1	80.7	78.9	52.3	
Harmonic Mean	95.6	97.2	87.6	89.0	87.0	52.3	
Arithmetic Mean	96.5	96.9	87.6	95.2	82.8	52.2	
Comrat	40.8	60.8	—	86.9	81.6	53.2	
MVSC	95.6	97.2	81.0	89.0	83.1	52.3	
MultiNMF	41.1	50.5	—	77.4	87.2	53.1	
SC-ML	98.2	97.6	88.6	94.5	87.8	52.8	
JADE	100	98.4	86.7	93.1	82.5	52.3	
10%	52.5	54.5	78.7	78.4	94.2	53.7	
20%	61.3	60.0	80.8	87.2	93.9	54.2	
60%	93.6	86.5	87.0	92.7	93.9	54.7	
100%	98.9	96.8	94.5	93.9	94.8	54.8	
CD*	10%	67.3	63.6	86.5	92.7	94.9	59.0
pos	20%	69.6	67.8	87.9	93.3	94.8	57.6
60%	95.2	87.0	89.2	94.5	94.8	57.0	
CD+neg	20%	67.3	63.6	86.5	92.7	94.9	59.0

Methods: Eynard 2012; Bekkerman 2007; Cai 2011; Liu 2013; Dong 2013; Data: Cai 2011; Chua 2009; Alpaydin 1998; Liu 2013; Amini 2009



Object recognition

Manifold alignment for cross-modal image retrieval