

# On Some Statistical Challenges Coming with Non-Euclidean Data

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- with asymptotic **central limit theorems** (CLTs).

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Note,  $\gamma_k \in \mathbb{S}^{m-1}$ . Actually in  $\mathbb{RP}^{m-1}$ .

And, limiting distribution in  $T_{\gamma_k} \mathbb{S}^{m-1} \cong T_{\pm \gamma_k} \mathbb{RP}^{m-1}$ .

# Outline

- 1 Descriptors for Non-Euclidean Data
- 2 The Bhattacharya-Patrangenu Central Limit Theorem
- 3 Central Limit Theorem for Geodesics, Subspaces, Etc.
- 4 Dirty (Sticky and Smeary) Central Limit Theorems
- 5 Statistically (Non-)Benign Geometries
- 6 Wrap UP: Challenges and Ideas

# Non-Euclidean Descriptors

- Fréchet means
  - intrinsic (Kobayashi and Nomizu (1969); Bhattacharya and Patrangenaru (2003))
  - extrinsic (Hendriks and Landsman (1996); Bhattacharya and Patrangenaru (2003))
  - residual (Jupp (1988))
  - Procrustes (Gower (1975))
  - Ziezold (Ziezold (1994))
  - $\vdots$
- principal geodesics (Fletcher and Joshi (2004); H. et al 2010)
- principal submanifolds
  - (almost) totally geodesic (Jung et al. (2012): PN(G)S)
  - horizontal subspaces (Sommer (2016))
  - geodesic flows (Panaretos et al. (2014))
  - barycentric subspaces (Pennec (2017); Nye et al. (2016))
- flags of principal submanifolds (Pennec (2017))
- $\dots$

## The CLT for Intrinsic Means on Manifolds

- $M$ :  $m$ -dimensional Riemannian  $C^2$  manifold
- $d$ : intrinsic geodesic distance
- $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} X \in M$ : random variables
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- $\phi : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  local  $C^2$  chart near  $\mu$

Theorem (Bhattacharya and Patrangenaru (2005))

Under some *additional regularity conditions*

$$\sqrt{n}(\phi(\mu_n) - \phi(\mu)) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$$

with suitable  $\Sigma \geq 0$ .

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Now a CLT for geodesics or more general subspaces?

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### Theorem (H. 2011b)

*Ziezold Strong Consistency* (cf. Ziezold (1977)) holds i.e.

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*Bhattacharya-Patragenaru strong consistency* (cf. Bhattacharya and Patragenaru (2003)) holds if additionally  $E \neq \emptyset$ ,  $(\rho, d)$  coercive and  $(P, d)$  is Heine-Borel, i.e.  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \omega \in \Omega$  a.s.  $\exists n = n(\epsilon, \omega) \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

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*i.e.  $\exists \Omega' \subseteq \Omega$  m'ble with  $\mathbb{P}(\Omega') = 1$  such that  $\forall \epsilon > 0$  and  $\omega \in \Omega'$ ,  $\exists N(\epsilon, \omega) \in \mathbb{N}$*

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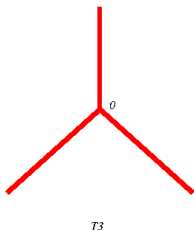
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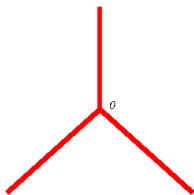
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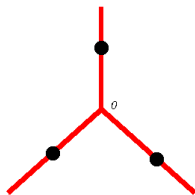
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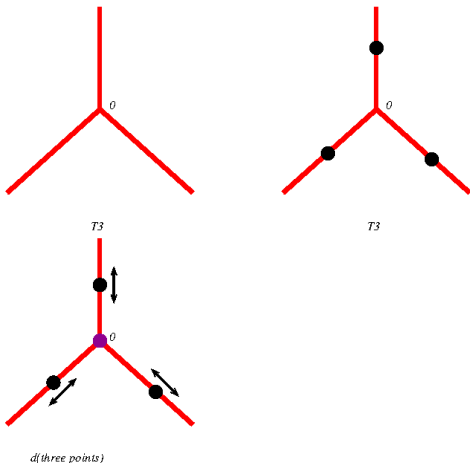


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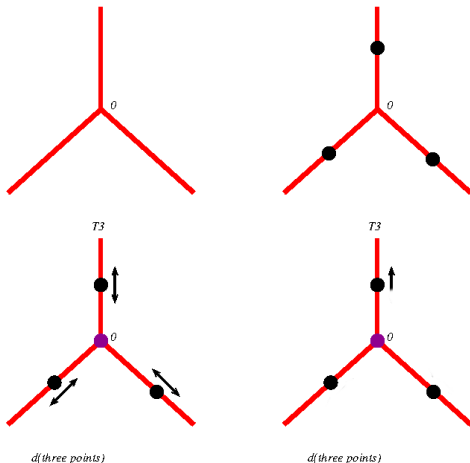
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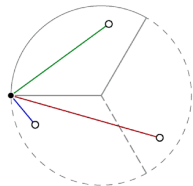
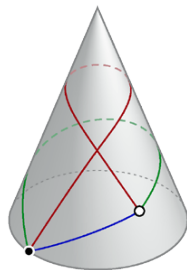
A measure  $\mu$  **sticks to a closed subset**  $C \subset Q$  if every neighborhood of  $\mu$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  contains a nonempty open subset consisting of measures whose mean sets are contained in  $C$ .

Typical topology by **Wasserstein metric**

$$\rho(\mu, \nu) = \sup_{f \in \text{Lip}_1(\mathcal{K}, \mathbb{R})} \left( \int f d\mu - \int f d\nu \right),$$

(H. et al. 2015).

## Example: The Cone



### Exercise

*Unless  $X = \text{cone point a.s.}$ ,  $E^p \neq \text{cone point}$ .*

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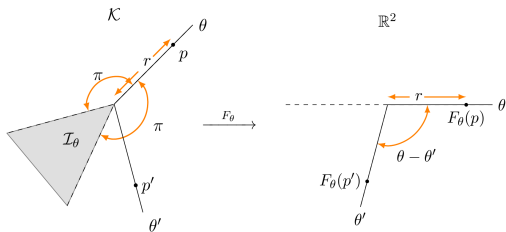


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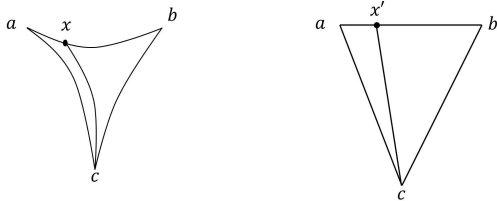
$$\mathcal{K} = ([0, \infty) \times [0, \alpha]) / \sim$$

- polar coordinates  
 $p = (r, \theta) \in [0, \infty) \times [0, \alpha] / \sim$
- folding map  $F_\theta$



## Uniqueness of Fréchet Means Under Non-Positive Curvature

A metric space  $(Q, \rho)$  is NPC if every  $\rho$ -triangle mapped to  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is more **skinny**, i.e.,  $\rho$ -distances across are smaller than corresponding Euclidean distances



### Theorem (Sturm (2003))

*On a complete NPC metric space, Fréchet means are unique.*

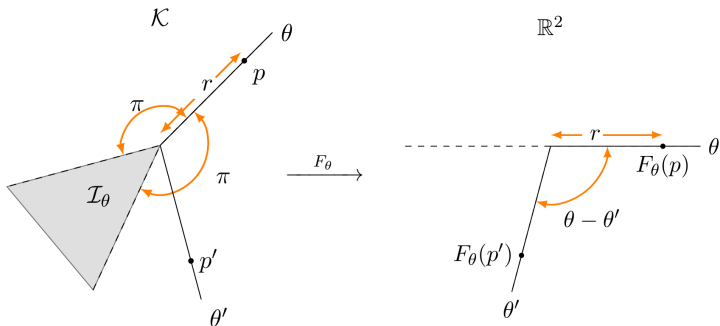
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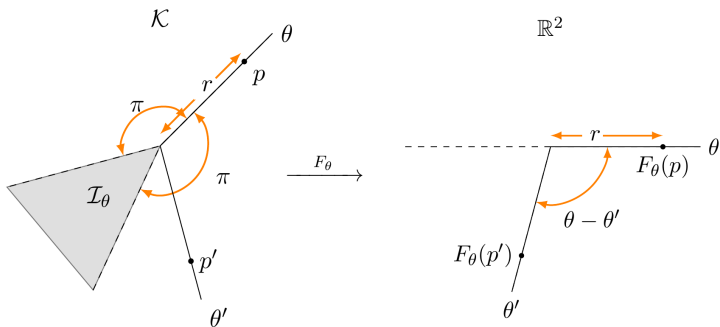
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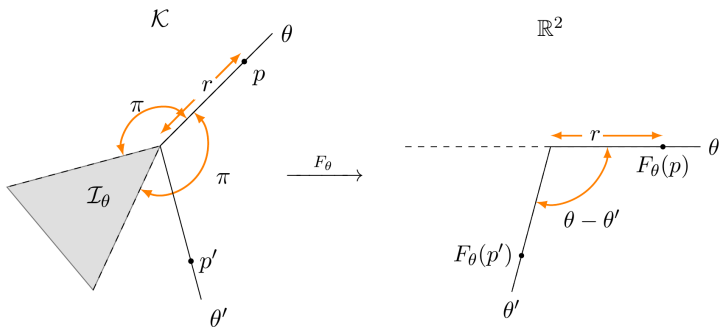
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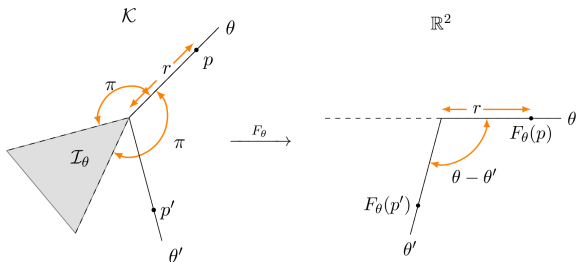
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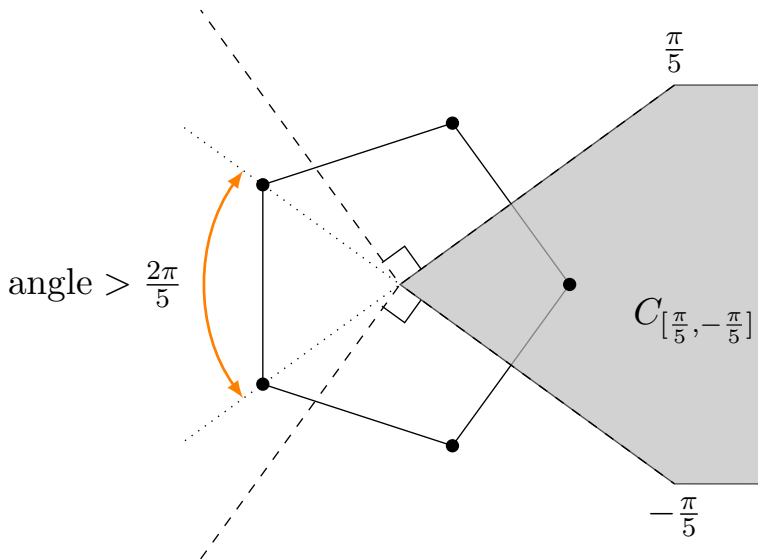
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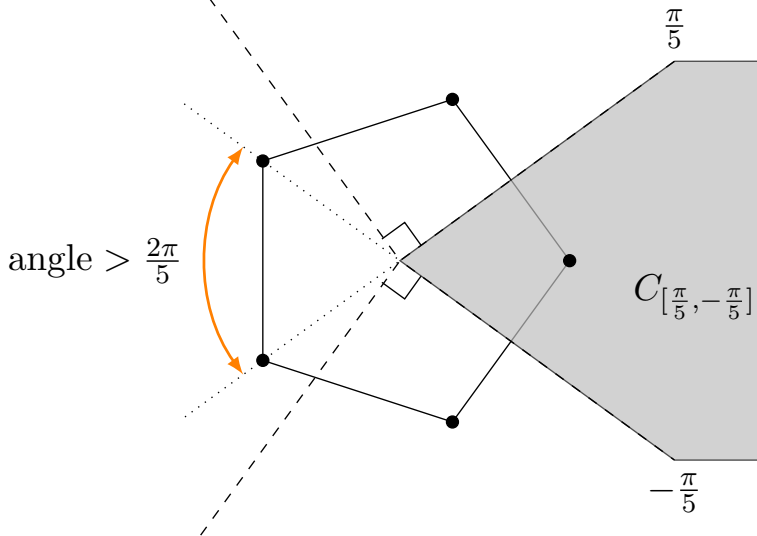
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# Sticky CLTs on the Kale

- 1 Fully sticky  $\Rightarrow$  trivial CLT  $\checkmark$
- 2 Partly sticky  $\Rightarrow$  ??
- 3 Nonsticky  $\Rightarrow$  BP-CLT (classical  $\sqrt{n}$  Gaussian)?

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$\mathbf{1}_{\{m_{\theta,1} \geq 0\}} = [A, B] = \mathbf{1}_{\{m_{\theta,1} = 0\}}$  (recall length  $< \pi$ ), with center  $\theta^*$ , decompose suitable Gaussian in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  centered at  $\mathbf{0}$  into three parts:

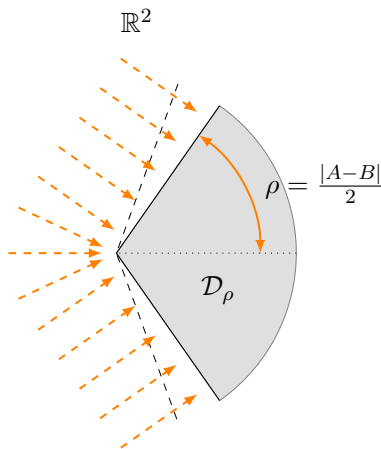
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*The limiting distribution of*

$$\sqrt{n}(F_{\theta^*}(\mu_n) - \mathbf{0})$$

is

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In case of square integrability and  $\mu = (r^*, \theta^*)$ ,  $r^* > 0$ , define

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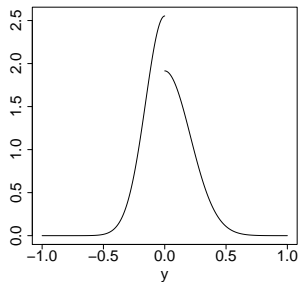
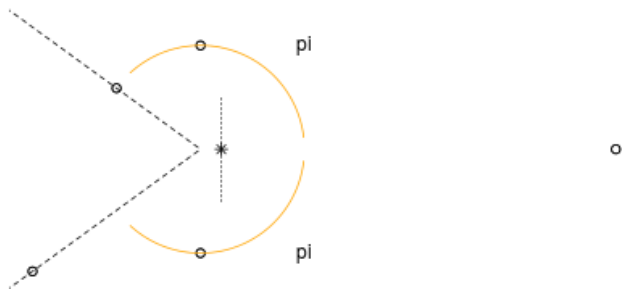
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Then,  $Q_n \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  weakly where  $\mathcal{G}$  is a suitable Gaussian in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  centered at  $(r^*, 0)$  with covariance

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# Example of Non-Gaussian Nonsticky CLT



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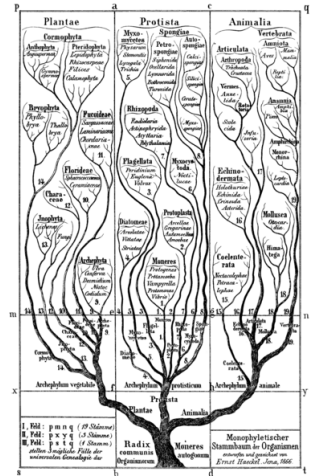
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Tree of Evolution by Haeckel (1879)

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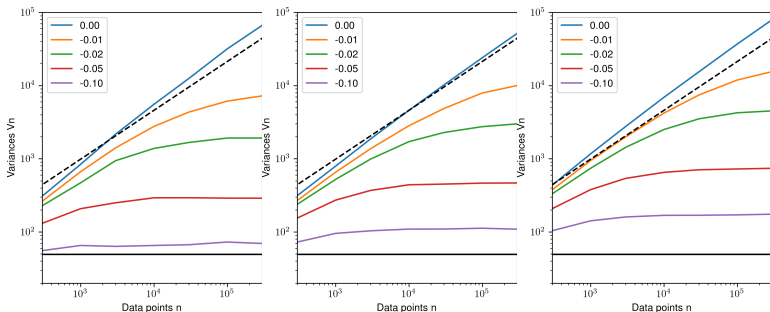
# k-Smeariness

If

$$n^{\frac{1}{2(k+1)}} \left( \phi(\hat{p}_n) - \phi(p) \right)$$

has a non-trivial distribution as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

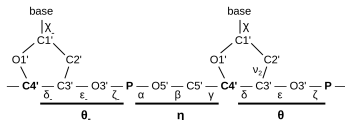
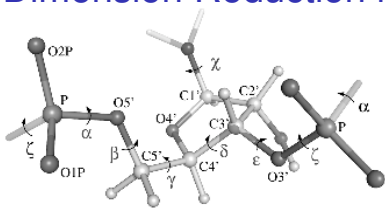
- $k = 2$  smeary (dashed line)



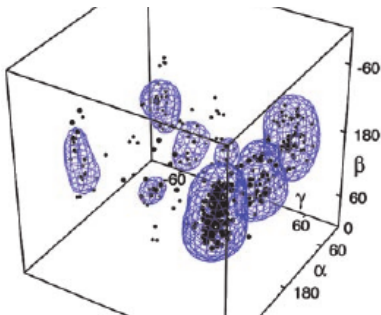
On a sphere  $\mathbb{S}^m$  with dimension (all derivatives  $O(m^{-1/2})$ )

$m = 2$                        $m = 10$                        $m = 100$

# Dimension Reduction in RNA Structure Analysis



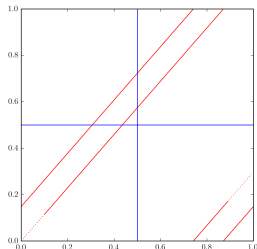
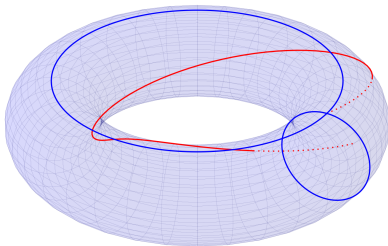
- 7 dihedral angles  $\in (\mathbb{S}^1)^7$ , 2 pseudotorsion angles  $\in (\mathbb{S}^1)^2$ ,
- = shape, i.e. translational / rotational invariant



- Murray et al. (2003) using [www.rscb.org](http://www.rscb.org):
- C2'-pucker RNA clusters in many 1D groups in heminucleotide angles.
- Can we verify (improve? understand?) by PCA?

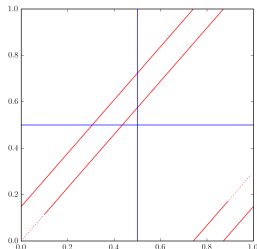
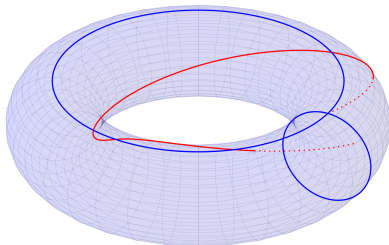
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- Altis et al. (2008); Kent and Mardia (2009, 2015) allow only few geodesics.
- **Tangent space PCA** (Euclidean) for  $(\mathbb{S}^1)^k \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ .
- **Dihedral PCA** Altis et al. (2008); Sargsyan et al. (2012)  $(\mathbb{S}^1)^k \subset \mathbb{R}^{2k}$ .

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# Sausage Transformation

$$(\mathbb{S}^1)^k \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^k?$$



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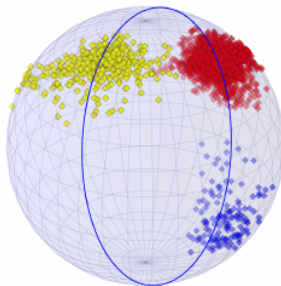
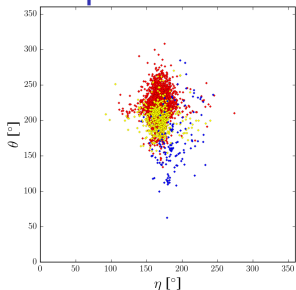
## Data Driven Torus (T) PCA for $(\mathbb{S}^1)^k$

- Choose a codimension 2 subtorus furthest from data (opposite to mean, or largest gap)  $\rightarrow \mathbb{S}^k / \sim$  glued along “that”  $\mathbb{S}^{k-2}$ ,
- ideally, data near equatorial circle (EC) orthogonal (no deformation),
- center and number new angles by highest variance **inside**, or **outside**,

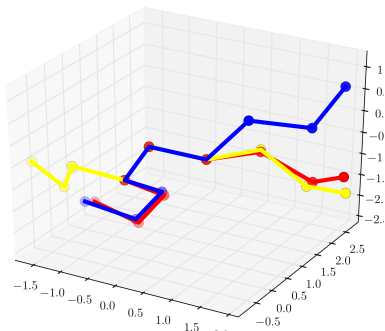
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- halve all angles (but the last) – otherwise we obtain several copies of  $\mathbb{S}^k / \sim$  glued together,
- do a variant of PNS (non-glued small subspheres, optimized by  $\mathbb{S}^k / \sim$  distance).

# Separation of Clusters by 7D Torus PCA



- 1:  $\alpha$ -helix well known
- 2: helical-like less known
- 7: low-density new



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