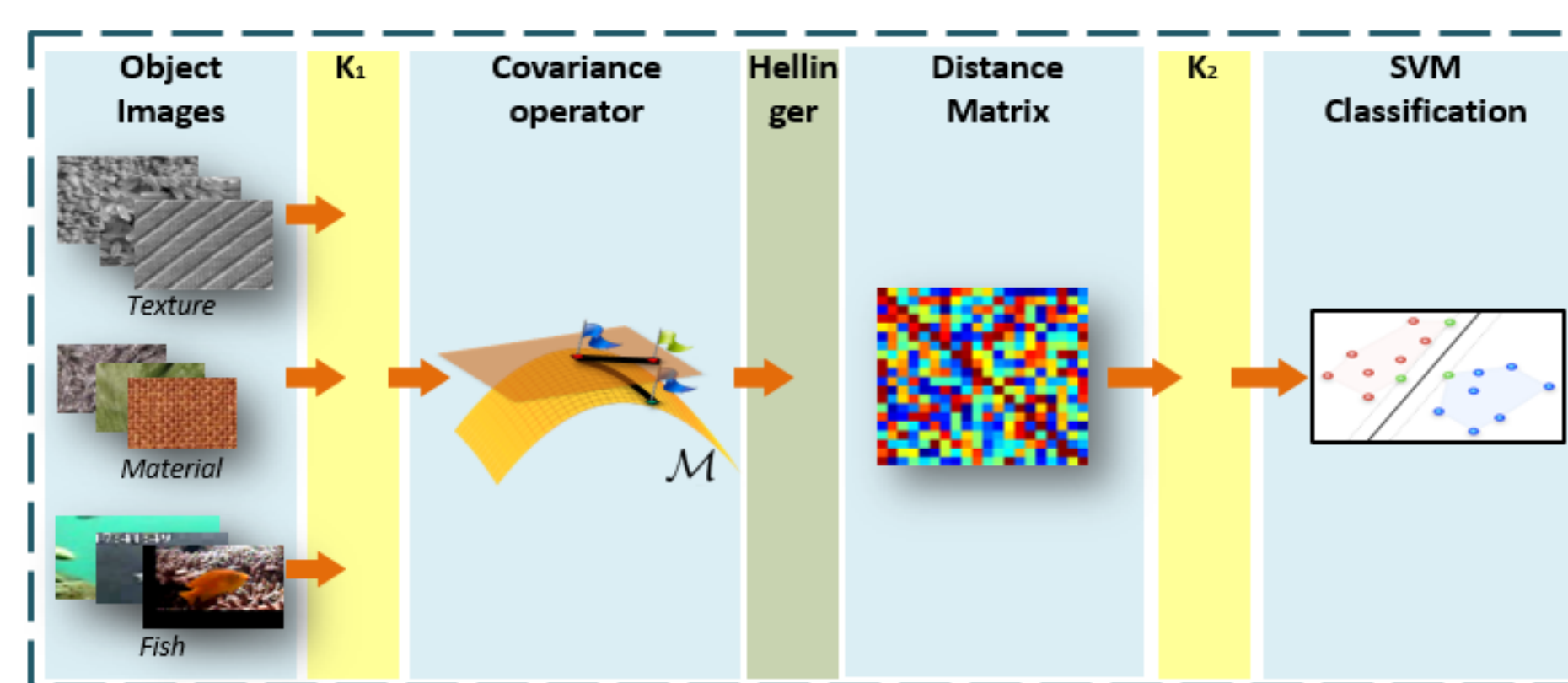
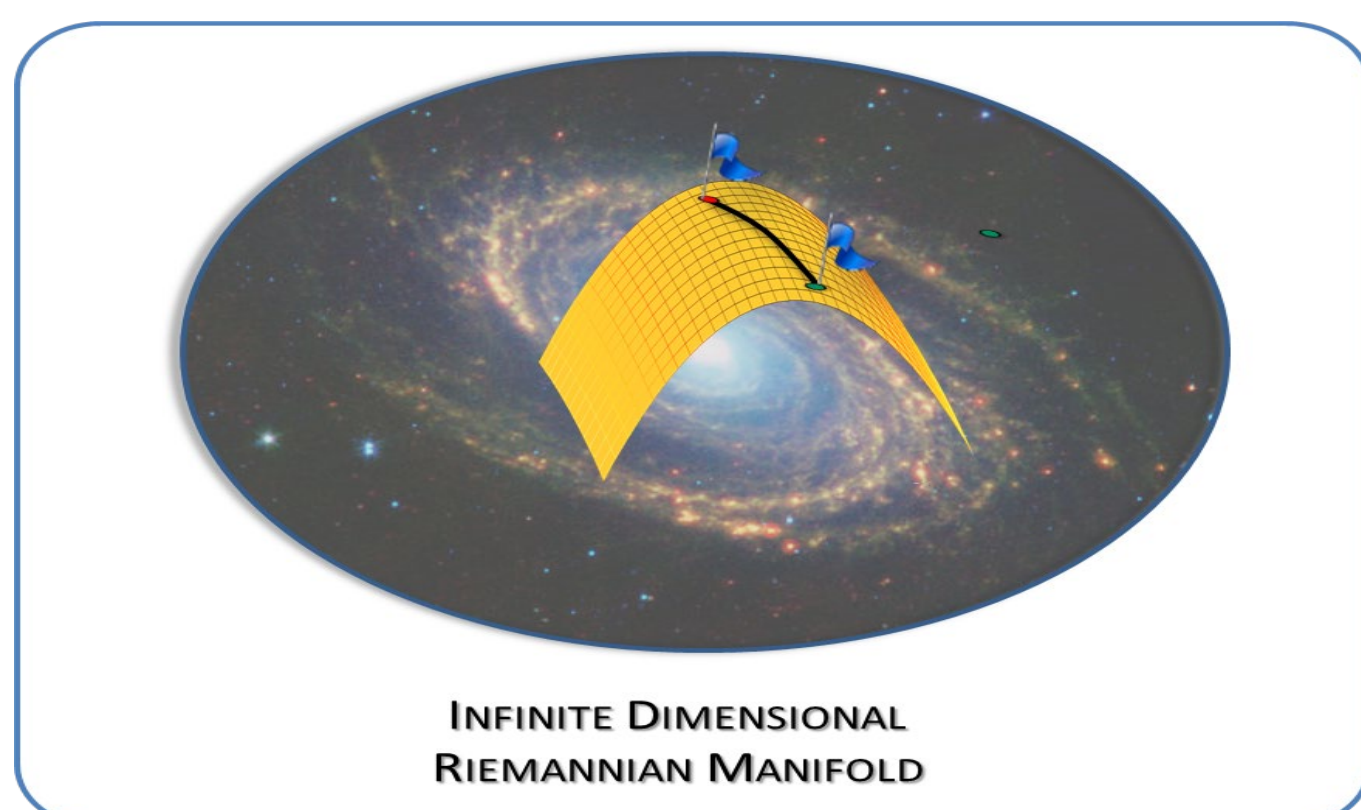


## Main Research Directions

- 1) Mathematical structures coming from/related to **Infinite-dimensional Information Geometry** and **Optimal Transport**, in particular in the setting of **reproducing kernel Hilbert spaces** (RKHS), as well as their unification.
- 2) Theory of RKHS, in particular vector-valued RKHS and operator-valued kernels
- 3) Novel algorithms and applications in computer vision, functional data analysis, signal processing, brain imaging, and brain computer interfaces.

Current Team members: PI and 1 Postdoctoral researcher

Geometry of covariance operators and Gaussian measures



Two-layer kernel machine with the Hellinger distance in RKHS (for image classification)

## Infinite-dimensional distances and divergences

**Main result 1: Alpha-Beta Log-Det divergences between positive definite Hilbert-Schmidt operators.** A highly general formulation unifying many distances and divergences on the infinite-dimensional manifold of positive definite Hilbert-Schmidt operators. Special cases include Rényi, Kullback-Leibler, and Stein divergences and affine-invariant Riemannian distance, between infinite-dimensional covariance operators, Gaussian measures and Gaussian processes.

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a separable Hilbert space,  $\dim(\mathcal{H}) = \infty$ ,  $A : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  a positive, self-adjoint compact operator with eigenvalues  $\{\lambda_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$

**Extended (unitized) trace class operators**  $\text{Tr}_X(\mathcal{H}) = \{A + \gamma I : A \in \text{Tr}(\mathcal{H}), \gamma \in \mathbb{R}\}$

**Extended trace:**  $\text{tr}_X(A + \gamma I) = \text{tr}(A) + \gamma$

**Fredholm determinant**  $\det(A + I) = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (\lambda_k + 1)$ ,  $A \in \text{Tr}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $\gamma = 1$

**Extended Fredholm determinant.**  $\det_X(A + \gamma I) = \gamma \det[(A/\gamma) + I]$ ,  $\gamma \neq 0$

**Extended Hilbert-Schmidt operators**  $\text{HS}_X(\mathcal{H}) = \{A + \gamma I : A \in \text{HS}(\mathcal{H}), \gamma \in \mathbb{R}\}$

**Extended Hilbert-Schmidt norm**  $\|A + \gamma I\|_{\text{HS}_X}^2 = \|A\|_{\text{HS}}^2 + \gamma^2$

**Hilbert-Carleman determinant**  $\det_2(I + A) = \det[(I + A) \exp(-A)]$ ,  $A \in \text{HS}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $\gamma = 1$

**Extended Hilbert-Carleman determinant**  $\det_{2X}(A + \gamma I) = \det_X[(A + \gamma I) \exp(-A/\gamma)]$ ,  $\gamma \neq 0$ ,

**Definition 1 (Alpha-Beta Log-Det divergences between positive definite Hilbert-Schmidt operators).** Let  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\beta > 0$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $r \neq 0$  be fixed. For  $(A + \gamma I) > 0$ ,  $(B + \mu I) > 0$ ,  $A, B \in \text{HS}(\mathcal{H})$ ,

$$D_r^{(\alpha, \beta)}[(A + \gamma I), (B + \mu I)] = \frac{1}{\alpha\beta} \log \left[ \left( \frac{\gamma}{\mu} \right)^{r(\delta - \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta})} \det_X \left( \frac{\alpha(\Lambda + \frac{\gamma}{\mu} I)^{r(1-\delta)} + \beta(\Lambda + \frac{\gamma}{\mu} I)^{-r\delta}}{\alpha + \beta} \right) \right]$$

where  $\delta = \frac{\alpha\gamma^r}{\alpha\gamma^r + \beta\mu^r}$ ,  $Z + \frac{\gamma}{\mu} I = (A + \gamma I)(B + \mu I)^{-1}$ .

$$D_r^{(\alpha, 0)}[(A + \gamma I), (B + \mu I)] = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \left[ \left( \frac{\mu}{\gamma} \right)^r - 1 \right] (1 + r \log \frac{\mu}{\gamma}) - \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \left( \frac{\mu}{\gamma} \right)^r \log \det_{2X}([(A + \gamma I)^{-1}(B + \mu I)]^r)$$

$$D_r^{(0, \beta)}[(A + \gamma I), (B + \mu I)] = \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[ \left( \frac{\gamma}{\mu} \right)^r - 1 \right] (1 + r \log \frac{\gamma}{\mu}) - \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left( \frac{\gamma}{\mu} \right)^r \log \det_{2X}([(B + \mu I)^{-1}(A + \gamma I)]^r)$$

**Limiting case: Infinite-dimensional affine-invariant Riemannian distance** (Larotonda, 2007)

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} D_{2\alpha}^{(\alpha, \alpha)}[(A + \gamma I), (B + \mu I)] = \frac{1}{2} \|\log[(A + \gamma I)^{-1/2}(B + \mu I)(A + \gamma I)^{-1/2}]\|_{\text{HS}_X}^2$$

**Finite-dimensional case.**  $A, B \in \text{Sym}^{++}(n)$  ( $n \times n$  symmetric, positive definite matrices),  $\gamma = \mu = 0$ . **Alpha-Beta Log-Det divergences** (Cichocki et al 2015)  $D^{(\alpha, \beta)}(A, B) = \frac{1}{\alpha\beta} \log \det \left[ \frac{\alpha(AB^{-1})^\beta + \beta(AB^{-1})^{-\alpha}}{\alpha + \beta} \right]$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\beta > 0$ , **Affine-invariant Riemannian (Fisher-Rao) distance**  $d_{\text{aiE}}(A, B) = \|\log(A^{-1/2}BA^{-1/2})\|_F$ , **Alpha Log-Det (Rényi) divergences**  $D^{(\alpha, 1-\alpha)}(A, B) = \frac{1}{\alpha(1-\alpha)} \log \frac{\det(\alpha A + (1-\alpha)B)}{\det(A)^\alpha \det(B)^{1-\alpha}}$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , **Kullback-Leibler divergence**  $D^{(0, 1)}(A, B) = \text{tr}(B^{-1}A - I) - \log \det(B^{-1}A)$ , **Stein divergence**  $D^{(1/2, 1/2)}(A, B) = 4[\log \det(\frac{A+B}{2}) - \frac{1}{2} \log \det(AB)]$

**Main result 2: A unified formulation for the infinite-dimensional Bures-Wasserstein metric between covariance operators and Gaussian measures (from Optimal Transport) and the Log-Euclidean/Log-Hilbert-Schmidt metrics**

**Definition 2 (Alpha Procrustes distance between positive definite Hilbert-Schmidt operators).** Let  $\gamma > 0$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\alpha \neq 0$  be fixed. For  $(A + \gamma I) > 0$ ,  $(B + \mu I) > 0$ ,  $A, B \in \text{HS}(\mathcal{H})$ ,

$$d_{\text{proHS}}^\alpha[(A + \gamma I), (B + \gamma I)] = \min_{(I+U) \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \text{HS}_X(\mathcal{H})} \left\| \frac{(A + \gamma I)^\alpha - (B + \gamma I)^\alpha(I + U)}{\alpha} \right\|_{\text{HS}_X}$$

$$= \frac{1}{|\alpha|} (\text{tr}[(A + \gamma I)^{2\alpha} + (B + \gamma I)^{2\alpha} - 2[(A + \gamma I)^\alpha(B + \gamma I)^{2\alpha}(A + \gamma I)^\alpha]^{1/2})^{1/2}$$

**Special case: Bures-Wasserstein distance.** For  $A, B \in \text{Sym}^+(\mathcal{H}) \cap \text{Tr}(\mathcal{H})$ ,

$$\lim_{\gamma \rightarrow 0} d_{\text{proHS}}^{1/2}[(A + \gamma I), (B + \gamma I)] = 2(\text{tr}[A + B - 2(A^{1/2}BA^{1/2})^{1/2}])^{1/2}$$

**Limiting case: Log-Hilbert-Schmidt distance** (H.Q.M. et al 2014).

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} d_{\text{proHS}}^\alpha[(A + \gamma I), (B + \gamma I)] = \|\log(A + \gamma I) - \log(B + \gamma I)\|_{\text{HS}_X}$$

## RKHS covariance operators

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a separable topological space,  $K$  a continuous positive definite kernel on  $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}$ , then the corresponding RKHS  $\mathcal{H}_K$  is a separable Hilbert space. Consider the feature map  $\Phi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_K$ , so that  $K(x, y) = \langle \Phi(x), \Phi(y) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_K} \forall (x, y) \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}$ . Let  $\mathbf{X} = [x_1, \dots, x_m]$  be a data matrix randomly sampled from  $\mathcal{X}$  according to some probability distribution. This defines the bounded operator  $\Phi(\mathbf{X}) : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_K$  by  $\Phi(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{b} = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j \Phi(x_j)$ ,  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , or equivalently the (infinite) data matrix  $\Phi(\mathbf{X}) = [\Phi(x_1), \dots, \Phi(x_m)]$  in  $\mathcal{H}_K$ . **Empirical covariance operator**

$$C_{\Phi(\mathbf{X})} = \frac{1}{m} \Phi(\mathbf{X}) J_m \Phi(\mathbf{X})^* : \mathcal{H}_K \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_K,$$

$J_m = I_m - \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{1}_m \mathbf{1}_m^T$  being the centering matrix. For two covariance operators  $C_{\Phi(\mathbf{X})}$  and  $C_{\Phi(\mathbf{Y})}$ , the distances and divergences

$$d[(C_{\Phi(\mathbf{X})} + \gamma I_{\mathcal{H}_K}), (C_{\Phi(\mathbf{Y})} + \mu I_{\mathcal{H}_K})],$$

all have **closed forms** expressed in terms of the corresponding Gram matrices.

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## Operator-valued kernels

**Main result:** Generalization of results on the universality of positive definite kernels from the scalar to operator-valued setting.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $F : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  be an ultraweakly continuous function for which the kernel  $K : \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  given by  $K(x, y) := F(\|x - y\|)$  is positive definite for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $F(0) \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is a trace class operator. Then  $\mathcal{H}_{K_F} \subset C(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathcal{H})$  and the following are equivalent

- (i) The kernel  $K$  is strictly positive definite.
- (ii) The kernel  $K$  is universal.
- (iii) For every  $v \in \mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$  the function  $t \in [0, \infty) \rightarrow \langle F(t)v, v \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$  is non-constant.

Moreover,  $\mathcal{H}_{K_F} \subset C_0(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathcal{H})$  if and only if for every  $v \in \mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$  the function  $t \in [0, \infty) \rightarrow \langle F(t)v, v \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \in C_0([0, \infty))$ . Under this additional hypothesis, the following are equivalent

- (i) The kernel  $K$  is strictly positive definite.
- (ii) The kernel  $K$  is  $C_0$ -universal.
- (iii) For every  $v \in \mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$  the function  $t \in [0, \infty) \rightarrow \langle F(t)v, v \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$  is nonzero.