

# GRAPH LAPLACIANS FOR ROTATION EQUIVARIANT NEURAL NETWORKS

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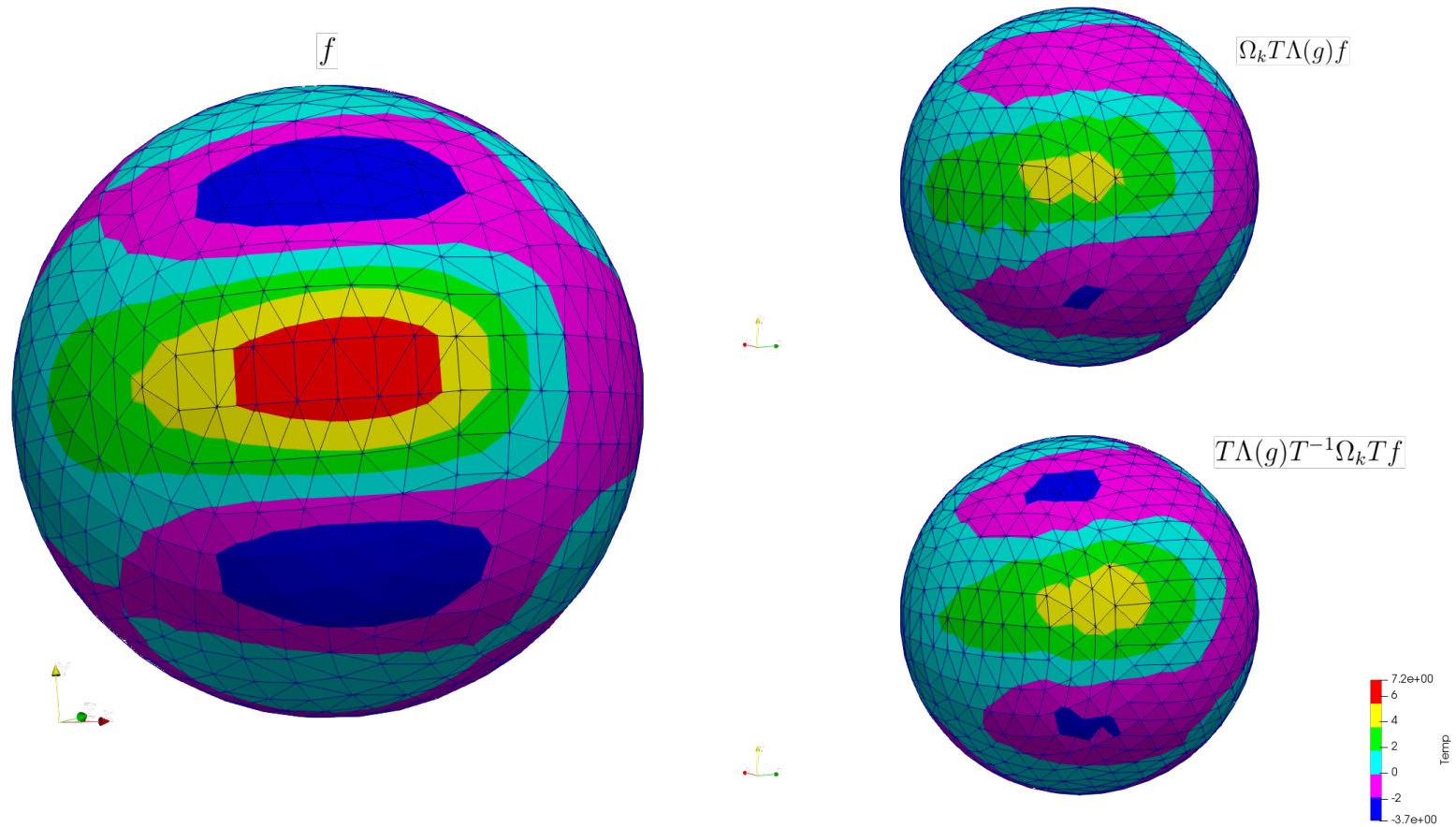


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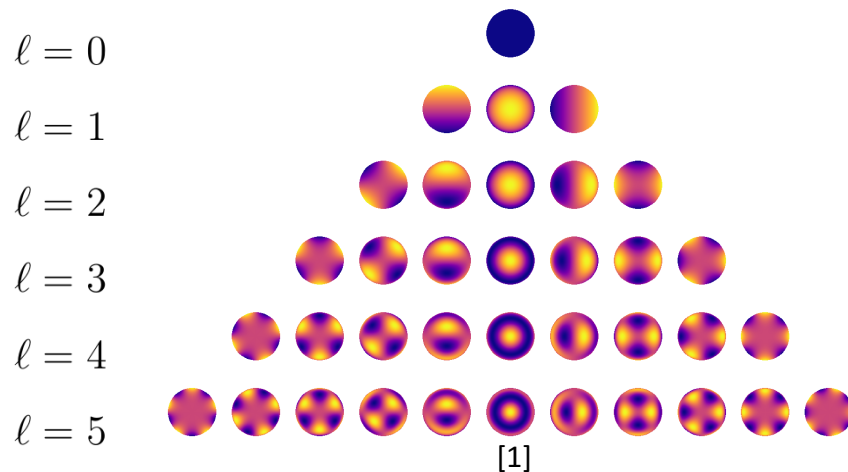
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# Rotation Equivariant Filtering



# Fourier analysis on the sphere and the spherical harmonics

$$\Delta Y_\ell^m = -\ell(\ell + 1)Y_\ell^m$$



$$\hat{f}(\ell, m) = \int_{\omega \in \mathbb{S}^2} f(\omega) Y_\ell^m(\omega) d\omega$$

[1] *Starry: analytic occultation light curves*, Luger R. et al., <https://rodluger.github.io/starry/v0.3.0/tutorials/basics1.html>

# Convolution on the sphere

Definition:  $k * f(\omega) = \int_{g \in SO(3)} k(g\eta) f(g^{-1}\omega) dg.$

*Theorem 1.1.* Given two functions  $f, h$  in  $L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)$ , the Fourier transform of the convolution is a pointwise product of the transforms [2]

$$(f \hat{*} h)(\ell, m) = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2\ell + 1}} \hat{f}(\ell, m) \hat{h}(\ell, 0).$$

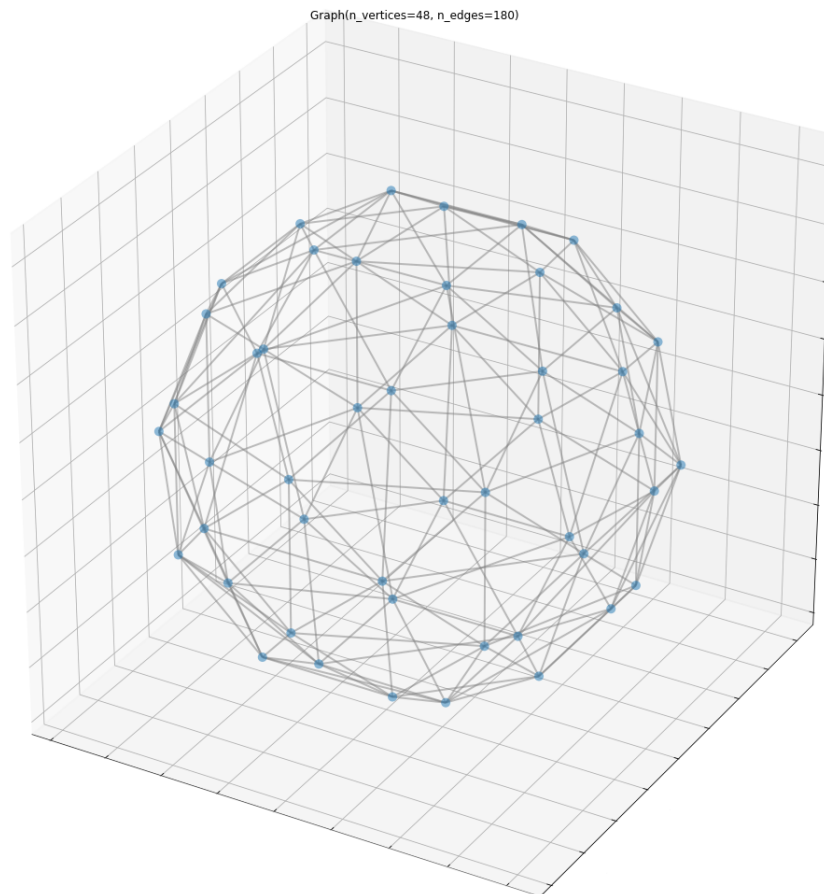
- Convolutions can be done in the spectral domain as usual:

$$f * h = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\hat{h} \mathcal{F}(f))$$

- Complexity of FFT algorithms is  $\mathcal{O}(n^{3/2})$ .
- Convolutions are **rotation equivariant** operations

[2] *Computing Fourier Transforms and Convolutions on the 2-Sphere*, Driscoll J.R. and Healy D.M., 1994.

# Our tool to perform fast spherical convolutions: graphs.



Adjacency matrix  
 $\mathbf{W}$

# Graph convolutions

- Given a weighted adjacency matrix  $\mathbf{W}$ , define the graph Laplacian to be

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{W}$$
$$\mathbf{D}_{ii} = \sum_j w_{ij}$$

- The graph Laplacian is symmetric:

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^\top$$

- Convolving on the graph a signal  $\mathbf{f}$  with a kernel  $k$  is defined as:

$$\Omega_G^k f = \mathbf{V}k(\mathbf{\Lambda})\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{f}$$

Notice the similarity with  $f * k = \mathcal{F}(\hat{k}\mathcal{F}(f))$

# How to build a rotation equivariant graph

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^\top$$

KEY CONCEPT: if  $\mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{f} \approx \langle f, Y_\ell^m \rangle_{L^2} = \hat{f}(\ell, m)$  then the graph Fourier transform will be rotation equivariant.

Heat Kernel Graph (HKG):

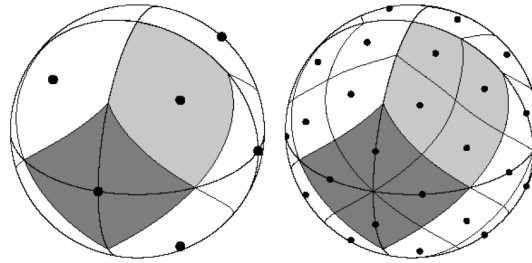
$$w_{ij} = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x_i - x_j\|^2}{4t}\right)$$

Belkin et al. proved that with a random sampling scheme, in probability [3]

$$\mathbf{EigL}_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{Eig}\Delta$$

[3] Convergence of *Laplacian Eigenmaps*, Belkin M. and Niyogi P., in Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 19, 2007.

# HEALPix: equiarea sampling scheme



- The HKG Laplacian eigenvectors well approximate the spherical harmonics:

$$\mathbf{v} \approx Y_{\ell}^m(\mathbf{x})$$

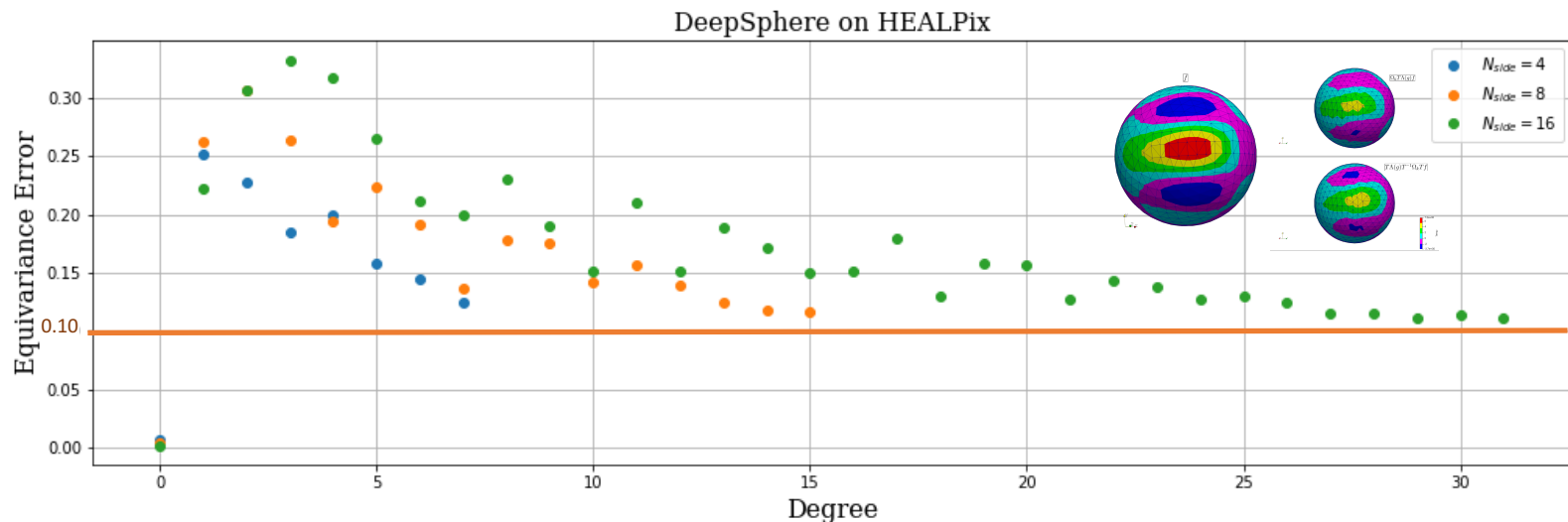
- The dot product of the HKG Laplacian eigenvectors and any sampled signal well approximates the corresponding Fourier coefficient:

$$\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{f} \approx \langle f, Y_{\ell}^m \rangle_{L^2} = \hat{f}(\ell, m)$$



# DeepSphere 1.0

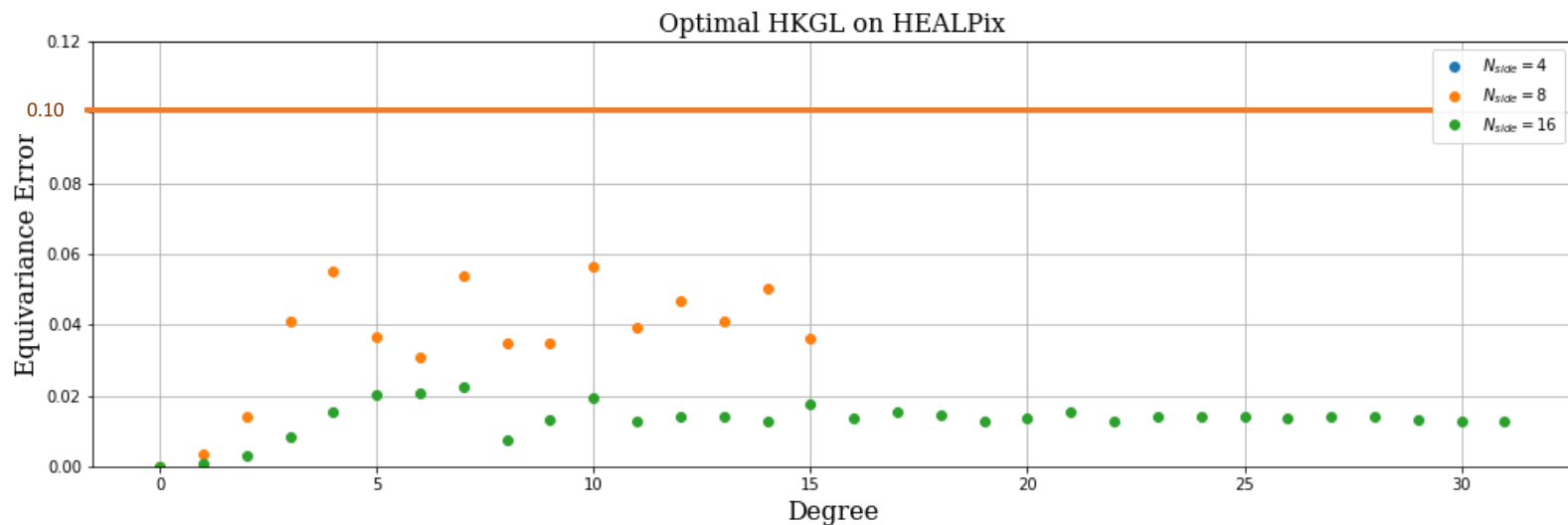
- DeepSphere<sub>[4]</sub> is a Spherical Graph Convolutional Neural Network
- Each layer implements a **polynomial** filter of a **sparse** HKG Laplacian of a spherical signal sampled with HEALPix.
- Filtering is  $\mathcal{O}(n)$



[4] *DeepSphere: Efficient spherical Convolutional Neural Network with HEALPix sampling for cosmological applications*, Perraudin N., Defferrard M., Kacprzak T., Sgier R., 2018

# DeepSphere 2.0

- DeepSphere 2.0 is an improved version of DeepSphere
- Each layer implements a **polynomial** filter of a sparse (but **not too sparse**) HKG Laplacian of a spherical signal sampled with HEALPix.
- Filtering is  $\mathcal{O}(n^{5/4})$



# Non-equiarea sampling schemes

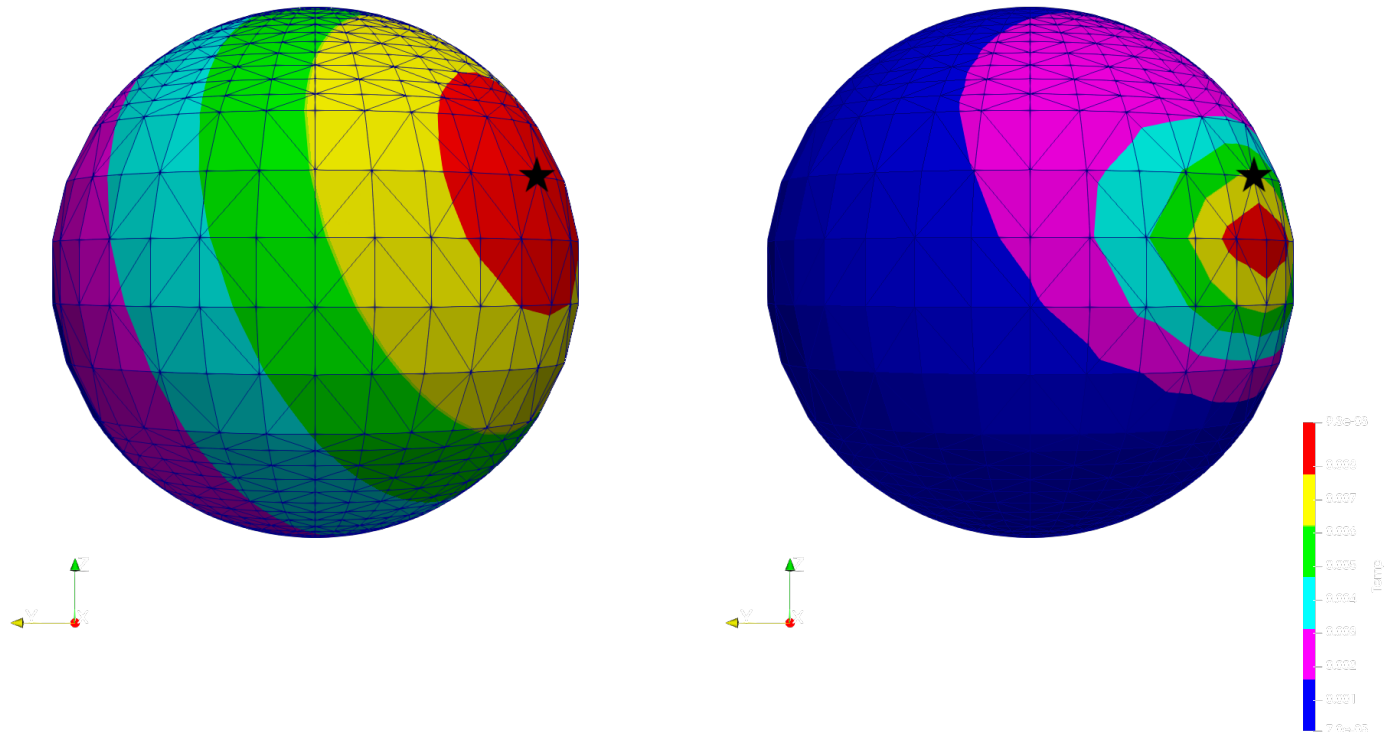


Figure: left, FEM diffusion of a point source signal. Right, diffusion obtained with the HKG Laplacian

# Towards the Finite Element Method (FEM)

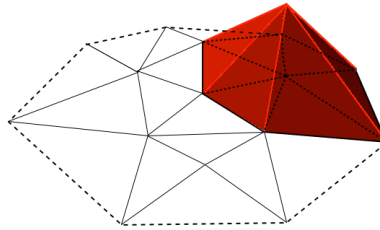
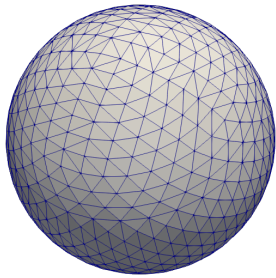
$$\Delta f = -\lambda f$$

$$\langle \nabla f, \nabla v \rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)} = \lambda \langle f, v \rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)} \quad \forall v \in L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)$$

The **Galerkin problem** is a discretized version of the weak eigenvalue problem, where the ambient space is finite dimensional:

$$\begin{cases} \langle \nabla f_h, \nabla v_h \rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)} = \lambda \langle f_h, v_h \rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)} & \forall v_h \in V_h \\ V_h \subset L^2(\mathbb{S}^2), \quad V_h = \text{span}\{\phi_0, \dots, \phi_{n-1}\} \end{cases}$$

# The Finite Element Method (FEM)

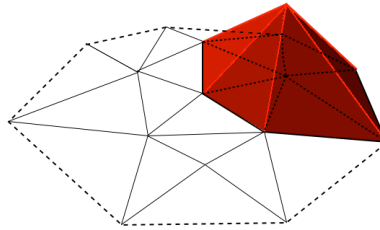
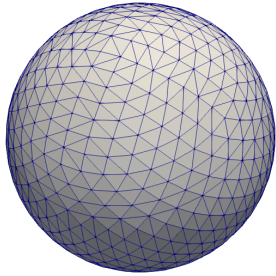


$$f_h(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f_i \phi_i(x)$$

The Finite Element Method (FEM) is a method to solve the Galerkin problem where the space  $V_h$  is the space of continuous piecewise linear functions defined on a triangulation of the sphere.

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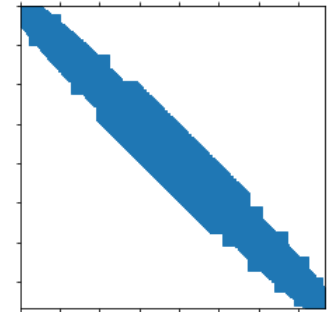
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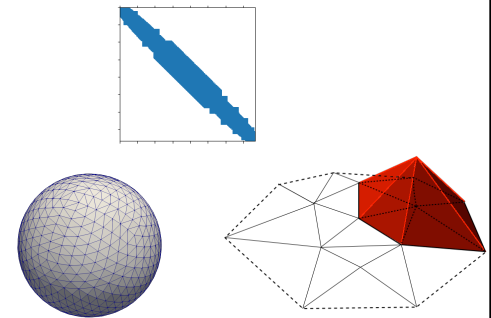
Writing the Galerkin problem  $n$  times, each time with  $v_h = \phi_i$  we obtain the following **algebraic** generalized eigenvalue problem:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Find } (\mathbf{f}, \lambda) \text{ such that } \mathbf{A}\mathbf{f} = \lambda \mathbf{B}\mathbf{f} \\ (\mathbf{A})_{ij} = \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \nabla \phi_i(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ (\mathbf{B})_{ij} = \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \phi_i(\mathbf{x}) \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ (\mathbf{f})_i = f_i : \quad f_h(\mathbf{x}) = f_0 \phi_0(\mathbf{x}) + \dots + f_{n-1} \phi_{n-1}(\mathbf{x}) \end{array} \right.$$



# FEM convergence

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Find } (\mathbf{f}, \lambda) \text{ such that } \mathbf{A}\mathbf{f} = \lambda\mathbf{B}\mathbf{f} \\ (\mathbf{A})_{ij} = \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \nabla \phi_i(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ (\mathbf{B})_{ij} = \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \phi_i(\mathbf{x}) \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ (\mathbf{f})_i = f_i : \quad f_h(\mathbf{x}) = f_0 \phi_0(\mathbf{x}) + \dots + f_{n-1} \phi_{n-1}(\mathbf{x}) \end{array} \right.$$



$$\begin{aligned} \|f - f_h\|_{H^1(\Omega)} &\leq Ch^r |f|_{H^2} \\ |\lambda - \Lambda| &\leq C(\lambda)h^2 \end{aligned}$$

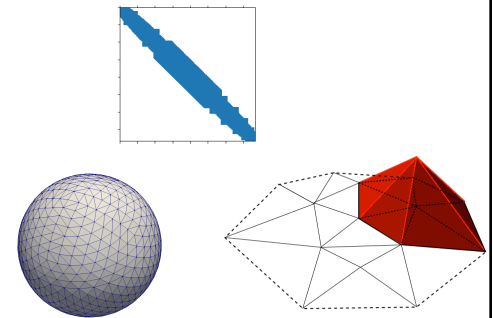
[5]

Remark: it's the **only** case (together with the random HKG Laplacian) where we have a convergence theorem.

[5] *A priori estimates for the FEM approximations to eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of the Laplace-Beltrami operator*, Bonito et al., 2017.

# FEM Fourier transform

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Find } (\mathbf{f}, \lambda) \text{ such that } \mathbf{A}\mathbf{f} = \lambda\mathbf{B}\mathbf{f} \\ (\mathbf{A})_{ij} = \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \nabla \phi_i(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ (\mathbf{B})_{ij} = \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \phi_i(\mathbf{x}) \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ (\mathbf{f})_i = f_i : \quad f_h(\mathbf{x}) = f_0 \phi_0(\mathbf{x}) + \dots + f_{n-1} \phi_{n-1}(\mathbf{x}) \end{array} \right.$$



- Equivalent to finding the decomposition  $\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^{-1}$
- The eigenvectors are such that:

$$\mathbf{V}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{V}^T = \mathbf{I}$$

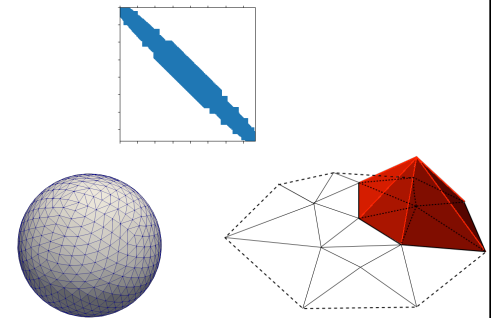
- FEM Fourier transform:

$$\hat{f} \approx \int f_h Y_h = \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{B}\mathbf{f}$$



# FEM filtering

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Find } (\mathbf{f}, \lambda) \text{ such that } \mathbf{A}\mathbf{f} = \lambda\mathbf{B}\mathbf{f} \\ (\mathbf{A})_{ij} = \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \nabla \phi_i(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ (\mathbf{B})_{ij} = \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \phi_i(\mathbf{x}) \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ (\mathbf{f})_i = f_i : \quad f_h(\mathbf{x}) = f_0 \phi_0(\mathbf{x}) + \dots + f_{n-1} \phi_{n-1}(\mathbf{x}) \end{array} \right.$$



Filtering a signal  $\mathbf{f}$  with a kernel  $k$  is defined as the following matrix multiplication, where  $\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{B}$  is the FEM Fourier matrix.

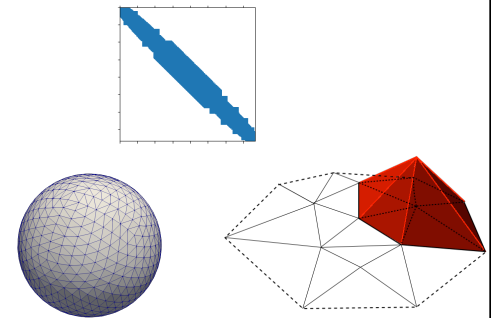
$$\Omega_{\text{FEM}}^k \mathbf{f}, \quad \Omega_{\text{FEM}}^k = (\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{B})^{-1} k(\Lambda) \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{B}$$

$$\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{B} \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I} \implies \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{V}^{-1} \\ (\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{B})^{-1} = \mathbf{V} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Omega_{\text{FEM}}^k = \mathbf{V} k(\Lambda) \mathbf{V}^{-1}$$

# FEM polynomial filtering

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Find } (\mathbf{f}, \lambda) \text{ such that } \mathbf{A}\mathbf{f} = \lambda\mathbf{B}\mathbf{f} \\ (\mathbf{A})_{ij} = \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \nabla \phi_i(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ (\mathbf{B})_{ij} = \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \phi_i(\mathbf{x}) \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ (\mathbf{f})_i = f_i : \quad f_h(\mathbf{x}) = f_0 \phi_0(\mathbf{x}) + \dots + f_{n-1} \phi_{n-1}(\mathbf{x}) \end{array} \right.$$

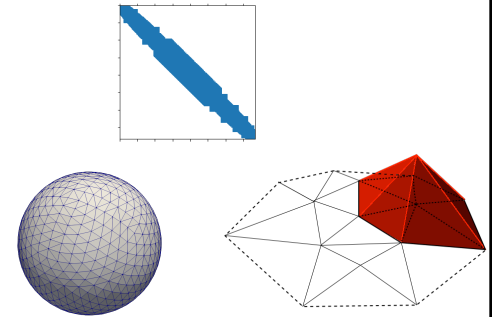


$$k(\Lambda) = P(\Lambda) \implies \Omega_{\text{FEM}}^k = P(\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A})$$

- $\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}$  is not symmetric.
- $\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}$  is full.
- $\mathbf{V}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{V}^\top = \mathbf{I}$ .

# Lumped FEM Laplacian

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Find } (\mathbf{f}, \lambda) \text{ such that } \mathbf{A}\mathbf{f} = \lambda\mathbf{B}\mathbf{f} \\ (\mathbf{A})_{ij} = \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \nabla \phi_i(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ (\mathbf{B})_{ij} = \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \phi_i(\mathbf{x}) \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ (\mathbf{f})_i = f_i : \quad f_h(\mathbf{x}) = f_0 \phi_0(\mathbf{x}) + \dots + f_{n-1} \phi_{n-1}(\mathbf{x}) \end{array} \right.$$



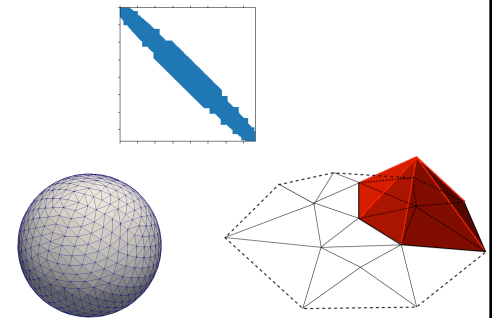
$$P(\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}) \approx P(\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{A})$$

$$\mathbf{d}_{ii} = \sum_j \mathbf{b}_{ij}$$

- $\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{A}$  is not symmetric.
- $\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{A}$  is sparse.

# Lumped FEM Laplacian as a graph Laplacian

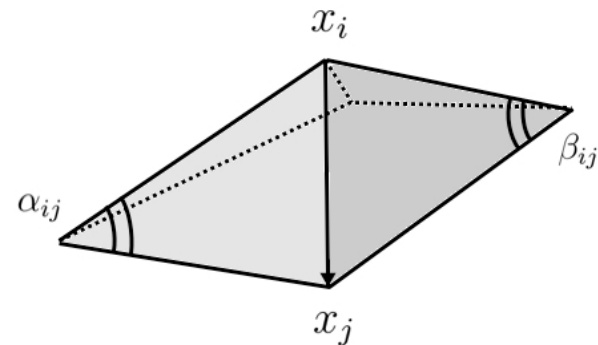
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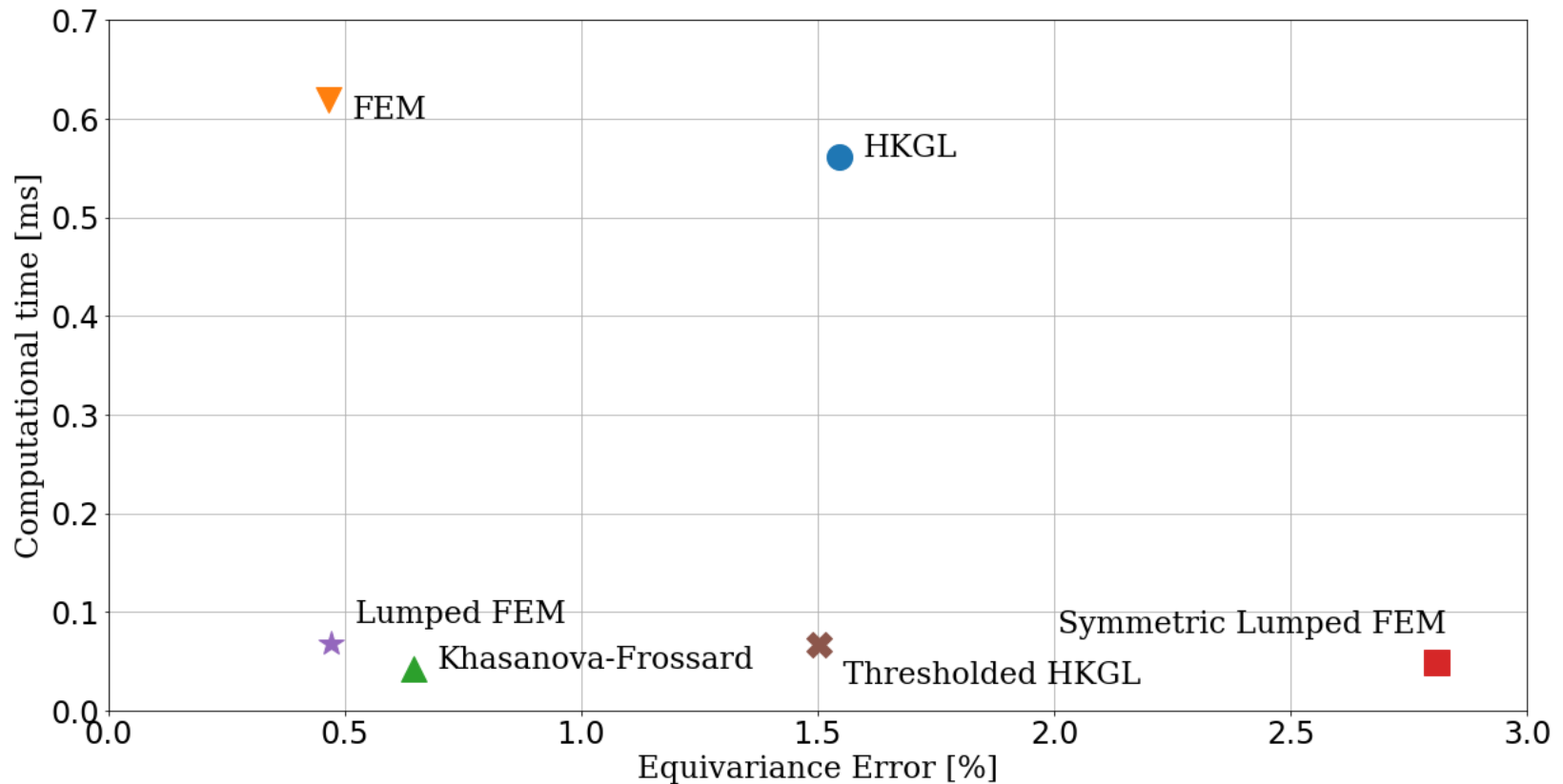
$$\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{A} :$$

$$(\mathbf{D})_{ii} = \frac{A_i}{3}$$

$$(\mathbf{A})_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} (\cot \alpha_{ij} + \cot \beta_{ij})$$



# Equivariance error and computational time



# Conclusions

- 1) We gained a better understanding of the HKG.
- 2) We put that knowledge in practice, improving the Equivariance Error of DeepSphere.
- 3) We investigated different Discrete Laplacians, from Differential Geometry to Numerical Mathematics
- 4) We used this knowledge to better understand the advantages and limitations of Graph Laplacians when it comes to non uniform sampling of the sphere.

