

# Hodge Laplacian and biological applications

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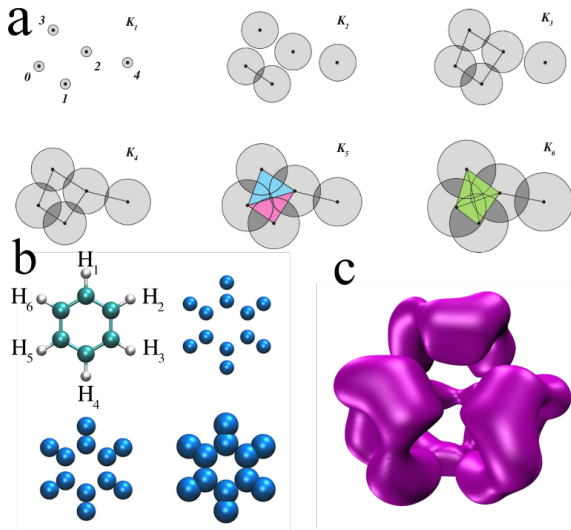
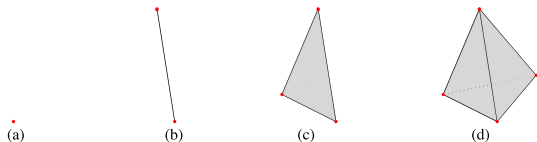
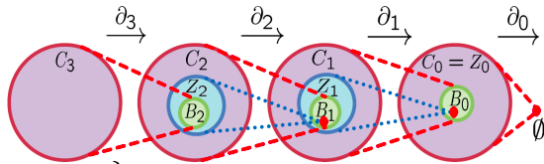


Figure 1: **a** illustration of filtration, **b** Benzene molecule and the filtration process, **c** EMD-1776, credits for **a** and **b** belongs to Rui Wang

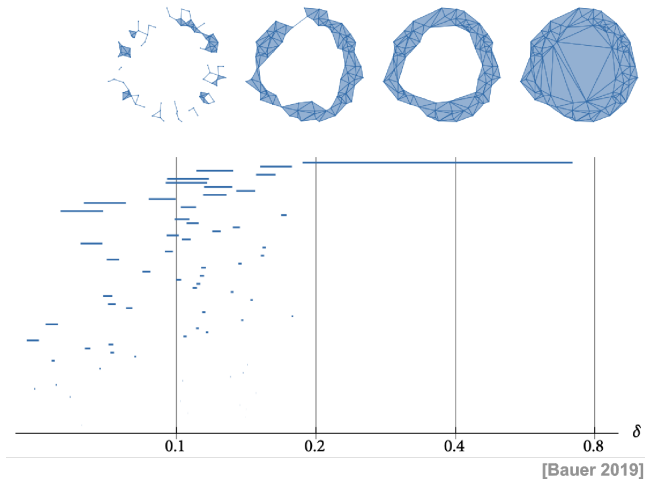
- ▶ Simplexes: (a) 0-simplex, (b) 1-simplex, (c) 2-simplex, (d) 3-simplex

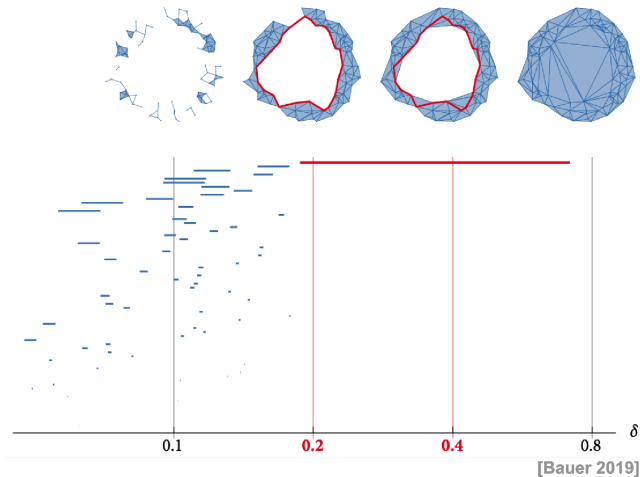


- ▶  $k$ -chain:  $K = \{\sum_j c_j \sigma_j^k\}$
- ▶ Chain group:  $C_k(K, \mathbb{Z}_2)$
- ▶ Boundary operator:  $\partial_k \sigma_k = \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i [v_0, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, v_q]$
- ▶ Homology group:  $H_k = \frac{Z_k}{B_k}$ ,  $Z_k = \ker \partial_k$ ,  $B_k = \text{im } \partial_{k+1}$



- ▶ Betti number:  $\beta_k = \text{Rank}(H_k)$





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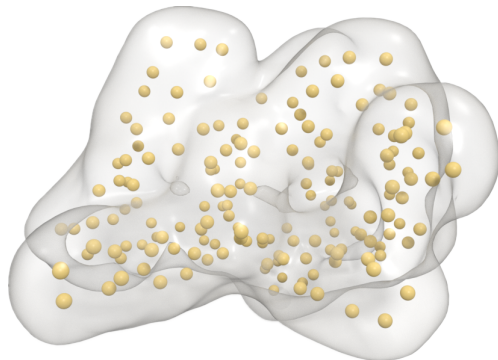


Figure 2: PDB: 3VZ9, C-alpha atoms (yellow spheres) are considered in this case. [7]

Every cohomology class has a differential form that vanishes under the Laplacian operator of the metric

Manifolds with boundary, (3-dimensional volumes bounded by 2-manifolds in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ )

- ▶ A differential  $k$ -form  $\omega^k \in \Omega^k(M)$  is an antisymmetric covariant tensor of rank  $k$  on manifold  $M$
- ▶ The *differential* operator (i.e., exterior derivative)  $d^k$  maps from a  $k$ -form on manifold to a  $k + 1$ -form,  $d^k : \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+1}(M)$
- ▶ The *Hodge  $k$ -star*  $\star^k$  (aka Hodge dual) is linear map from a  $k$ -form to its dual form,  $\star^k : \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{3-k}(M)$
- ▶ The *codifferential* operators  $\delta^k : \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{k-1}(M)$ ,  
 $\delta^k = (-1)^k \star^{4-k} d^{3-k} \star^k$ , for  $k = 1, 2, 3$

- ▶ The *de Rham-Laplace operator*, or *Hodge Laplacian*

$$\Delta^k \equiv d^{k-1}\delta^k + \delta^{k+1}d^k$$

- ▶ *de Rham complex*

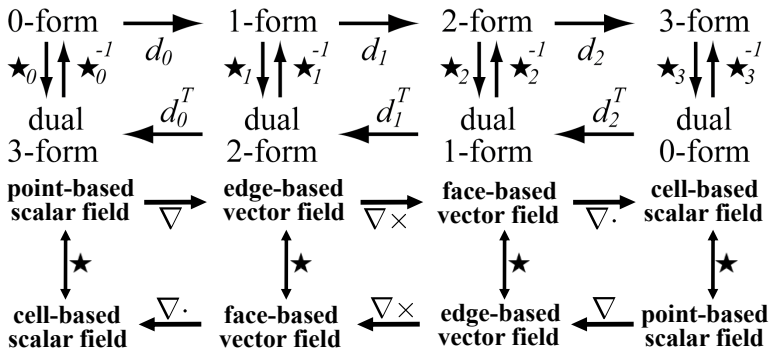
$$0 \longrightarrow \Omega^0(M) \xrightarrow{d^0} \Omega^1(M) \xrightarrow{d^1} \Omega^2(M) \xrightarrow{d^2} \Omega^3(M) \xrightarrow{d^3} 0$$

- ▶ *Bi-directional chain complex*

$$\Omega^0(M) \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{d^0} \\ \xleftarrow{\delta^1} \end{matrix} \Omega^1(M) \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{d^1} \\ \xleftarrow{\delta^2} \end{matrix} \Omega^2(M) \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{d^2} \\ \xleftarrow{\delta^3} \end{matrix} \Omega^3(M)$$

- ▶ *de Rham cohomology*  $H_{dR}^k = \ker d^k / \text{im } d^{k-1}$ , and  $H_{dR}^k \cong \mathcal{H}_{\Delta}^k$ ,

$$\beta_k = \dim \mathcal{H}_{\Delta_t}^k = \dim \mathcal{H}_{\Delta_n}^{3-k}$$



| type       | $f^0$                 | $\mathbf{v}^1$                    | $\mathbf{v}^2$                    | $f^3$                 |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| tangential | unrestricted          | $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$ | $\mathbf{v} \parallel \mathbf{n}$ | $f _{\partial M} = 0$ |
| normal     | $f _{\partial M} = 0$ | $\mathbf{v} \parallel \mathbf{n}$ | $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$ | unrestricted          |

- ▶ For tangential 0-forms or normal 3-forms,

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{n}} f|_{\partial M} = 0$$

- ▶ For tangential 1-forms or normal 2-forms,

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0, \quad \nabla_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{t}_1) + \kappa_1(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{t}_1) = 0, \quad \nabla_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{t}_2) + \kappa_2(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{t}_2) = 0$$

- ▶ For tangential 2-forms or normal 1-forms,

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{t}_1 = 0, \quad \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{t}_2 = 0, \quad \nabla_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}) + 2H(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}) = 0$$

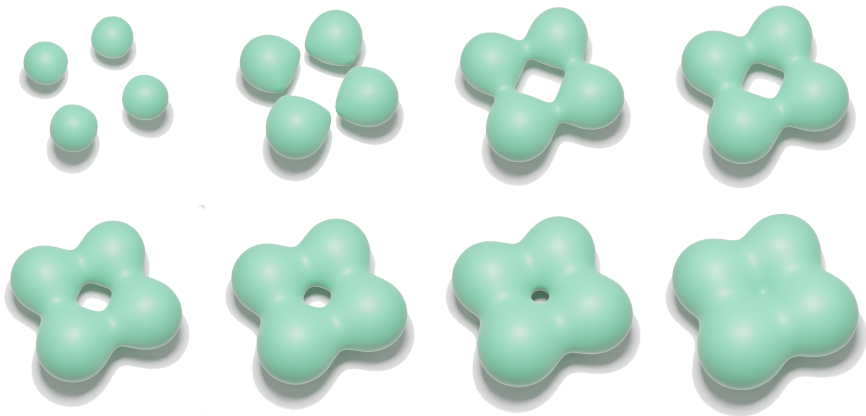
- ▶ For tangential 3-forms or normal 0-forms,

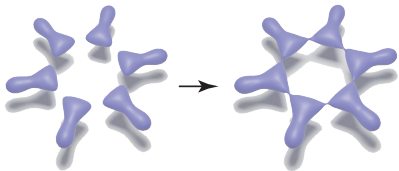
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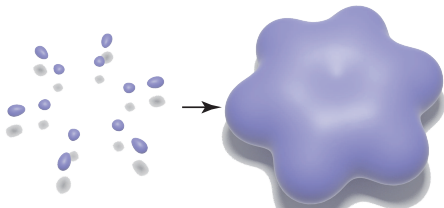
The inclusion map  $\mathfrak{J}_{l,l+1} : M_l \hookrightarrow M_{l+1}$ .

$$M_0 \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{J}_{0,1}} M_1 \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{J}_{1,2}} M_2 \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{J}_{2,3}} \dots \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{J}_{n-1,n}} M_n \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{J}_{n,n+1}} M = M_{C_{\max}}.$$

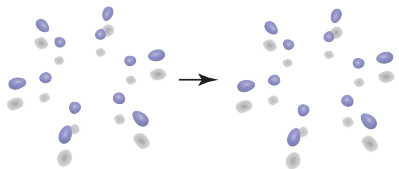




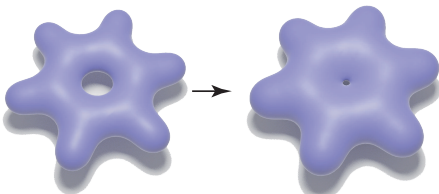
(a) Persistence



(b) Persistence and progression



(c) Identity map



(d) Progression

Figure 3: Persistence and progression on benzene.



- ▶  $\{\lambda_{l,i}^T\}$ ,  $\{\lambda_{l,i}^C\}$  and  $\{\lambda_{l,i}^N\}$  give the eigenvalues of the  $T$ ,  $C$  and  $N$  sets respectively.
- ▶ The multiplicities of the zero eigenvalues in  $\lambda_{l,0}^T$ ,  $\lambda_{l,0}^C$ , and  $\lambda_{l,0}^N$  are associated with Betti numbers  $\beta_0$ ,  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ , respectively.
- ▶  $\lambda_{l,1}^T$ ,  $\lambda_{l,1}^C$ , and  $\lambda_{l,1}^N$  are the first non-zero eigenvalues

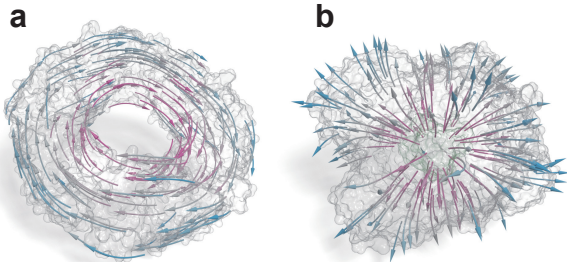
- ▶ Hodge decomposition

$$\Omega^k = d\Omega_n^{k-1} \oplus \delta\Omega_t^{k+1} \oplus \mathcal{H}^k,$$

- ▶ For any  $\omega \in \Omega^k$ , a sum of three  $k$ -forms from the three orthogonal subspaces,

$$\omega = d\alpha_n + \delta\beta_t + h,$$

where  $\alpha_n \in \Omega_n^{k-1}$ ,  $\beta_t \in \Omega_t^{k+1}$ , and  $h \in \mathcal{H}^k$



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Discrete exterior calculus (DEC) is applied for the discretization of exterior derivatives done by Desbrun [3]. There are other methods can do the similar tasks such as finite element exterior calculus by Arnold [1].

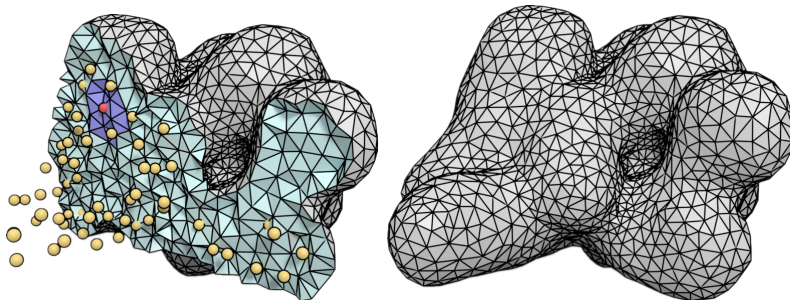


Figure 4: A 3-manifold embedded in 3D Euclidean space is tessellated into a 3D simplicial complex.

The boundary operator  $\partial$  is defined as

$$\partial\sigma = \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i [v_0, v_1, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, v_k],$$

where  $\hat{v}_i$  means that the  $i$ th vertex is removed and an oriented  $k$ -simplex  $\sigma = [v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k]$ .

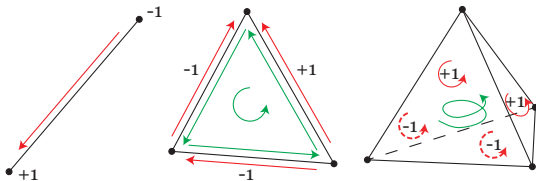


Figure 5: Pre-assigned orientation is colored in red. Induced orientation by  $\partial$  is colored in green.

The discrete Hodge star matrices  $S_k$  is just converting primal forms and dual forms by the following equation

$$\frac{1}{|\sigma_k|} \int_{\sigma_k} \omega = \frac{1}{|*\sigma_k|} \int_{*\sigma_k} \star\omega.$$

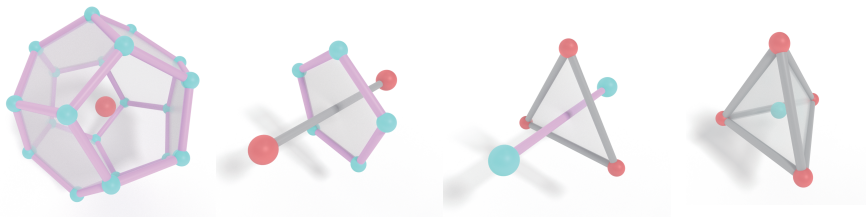


Figure 6: Illustration of the dual and primal elements of the tetrahedral mesh.

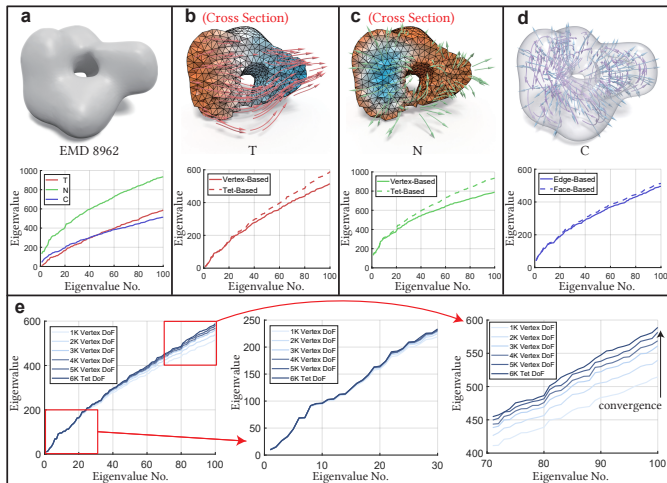


Figure 7: This figure shows the properties of 3 spectral groups, namely, tangential gradient eigenfields ( $T$ ), normal gradient eigenfields ( $N$ ), and curl eigenfields ( $C$ ), for EMD 8962.

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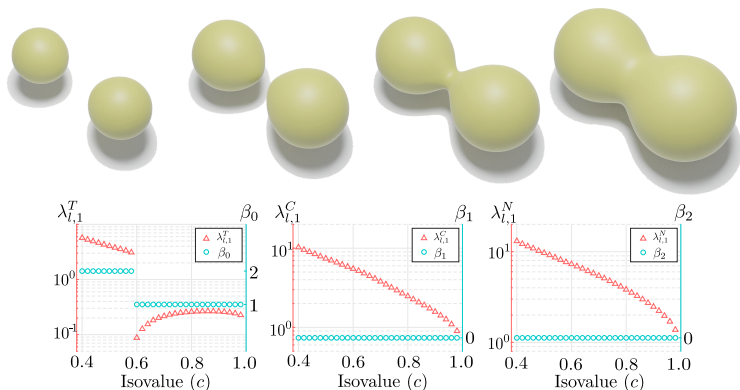


Figure 8: Eigenvalues and Betti numbers vs isovalue ( $c$ ) of the two-body system with  $\eta = 1.19$  and  $\max(\rho) \approx 1.0$ .

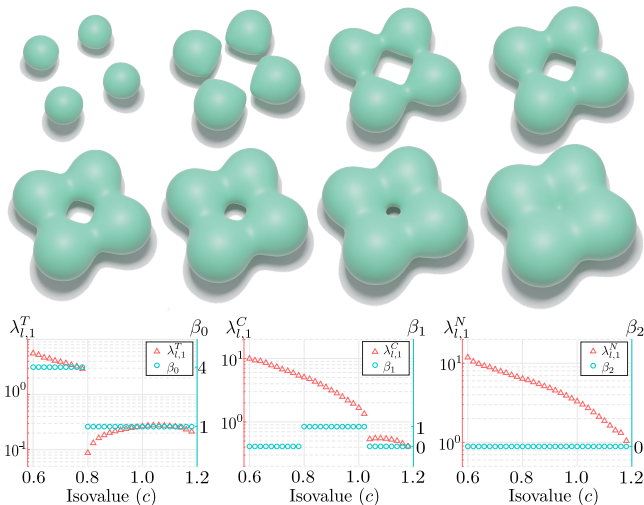


Figure 9: Eigenvalues and Betti numbers vs isovalue ( $c$ ) of the four-body system with  $\eta = 1.19$  and  $\max(\rho) \approx 1.2$ .

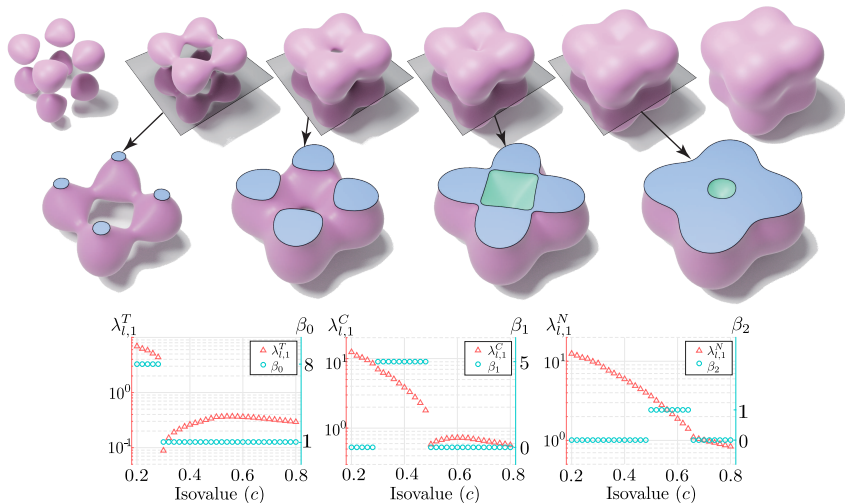
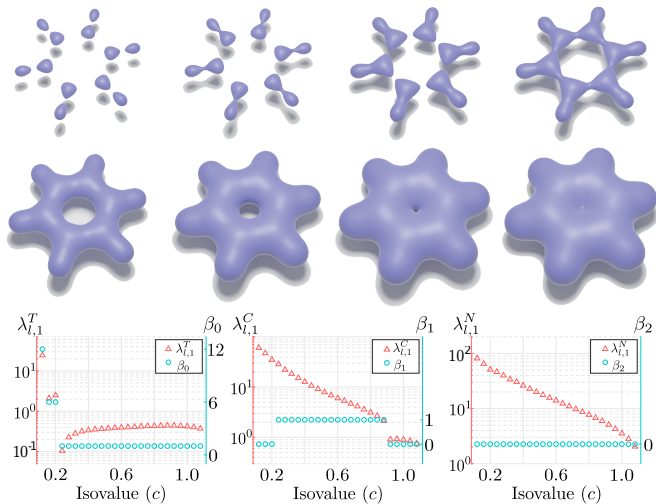


Figure 10: Eigenvalues and Betti numbers vs isovalue ( $c$ ) of the eight-body system with  $\eta = 1.53$  and  $\max(\rho) \approx 1.1$ .

Figure 11: Manifold evolution of benzene with  $\eta = 0.45 \times r_{\text{vdw}}$ .

- ▶ Three unique sets of singular spectra associated with the tangential gradient eigen field ( $T$ ), the curl eigen field ( $C$ ), and the tangential divergent eigen field ( $N$ ).
- ▶ The multiplicities of the zero eigenvalues corresponding to the  $T$ ,  $C$ , and  $N$  sets of spectra are exactly the persistent Betti-0 ( $\beta_0$ ), Betti-1 ( $\beta_1$ ), and Betti-2 ( $\beta_2$ ) numbers one would obtain from persistent homology.
- ▶ The first non-zero eigenvalues, i.e., Fiedler values, of the  $T$ ,  $C$ , and  $N$  sets of evolutionary spectra unveil both the persistence for topological features and the geometric progression for the shape analysis.

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