3+ Decades of Searching CAD Data: Historical Perspective and Future Directions

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Shape Similarity Detection and Search for CAD/CAE Applications

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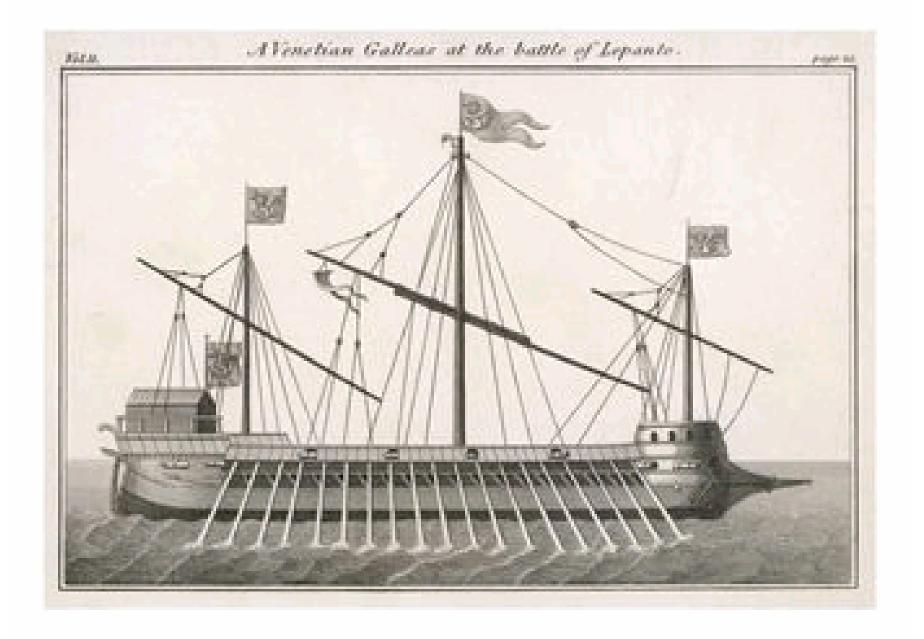
3D CAD data has become the currency of the modern engineering enterprise. As the industry has matured, CAD models have become ubiquitous artifacts that provide highfidelity descriptions of engineered objects as well as capture

- Integration of CAD search with database and PLM systems
- Applications, prototypes, and fielded systems
- Empirical studies, scalability results and benchmarks

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Goal of the Talk: Generate Discussion

- What are the challenges for modern engineering record keeping & data management?
- What is the current state of the art in engineering record keeping & data management?
- What is the role of 3D search in engineering data management?
- What are the emerging challenges and limitations of current technologies?



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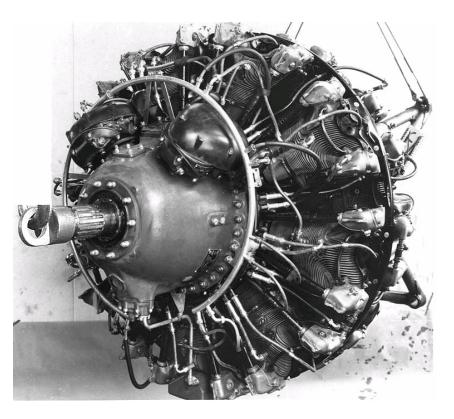
- Name "Arsenale" from the arabic *Dar al Sina'a*
- By 1104 it had:
 - An assembly line
 - Mass production facilities
 - Standardized parts
 - Developed frame-first ship construction methods
 - Repair and refit techniques
- Employed ~16,000 people
- Could build a ship from scratch in less than 1 day





Fast Forward 800 years... Pratt & Whitney R-2800 Double Wasp

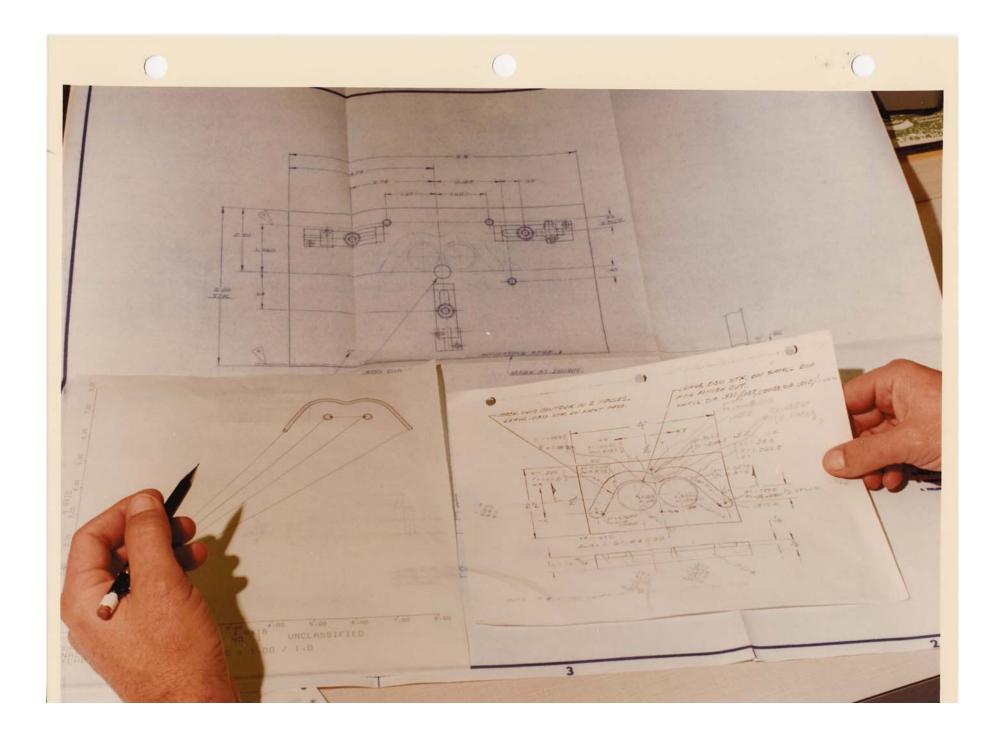
- An 18-cylinder two-row radial engine providing up to 2,500 horsepower. An important factor of Allied air supremacy in World War II, the Double Wasp remained in production until 1960.
 - Displacement: 2,804 cubic inches
 - Revolutions per minute: 2,250-2,800
 - Weight: 2,360 pounds
 - First run: 1937
 - First flight: 1939
 - Production years: 1939-1960
 - Engines produced: 125,334
- Over 10,000 parts



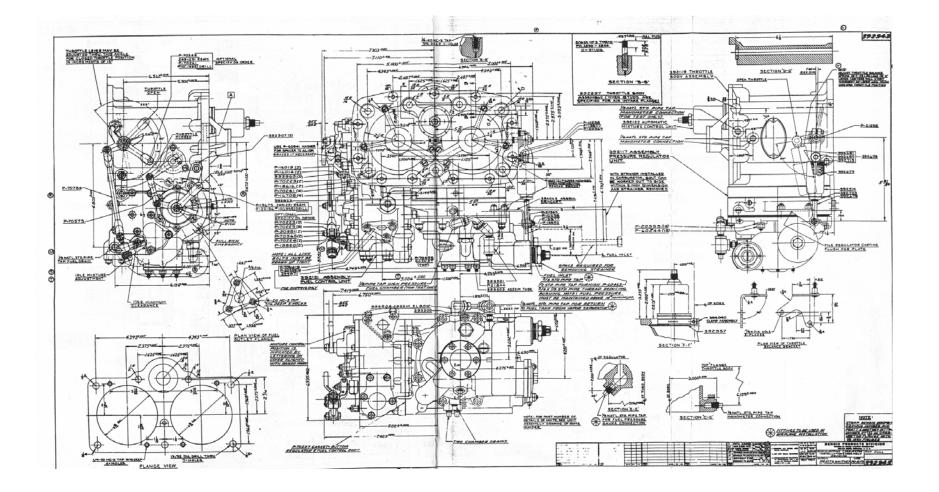
The Kansas City Plant





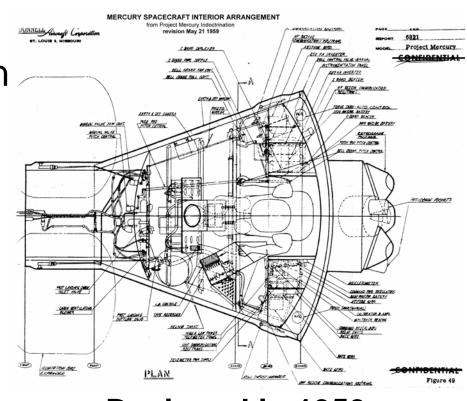


Traditional Design Record Keeping as Art Appreciation



Traditional (Current) Design Record Keeping

- Paper-based workflow process
- For Human-to-Human exchange
- CAD is fancy drafting
- CAD does not capture design semantics (beyond geometry)



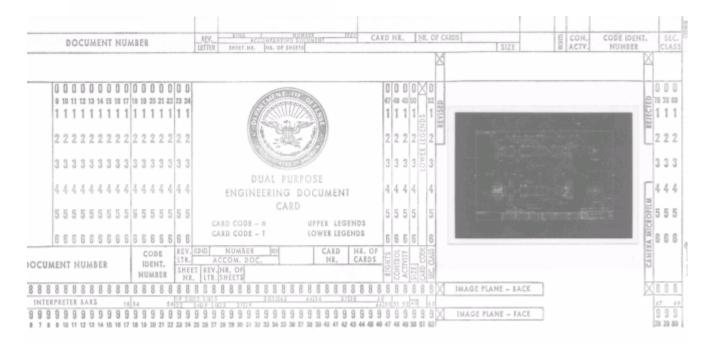
Designed in 1959

CAD Databases

- Aperture cards
- Physical files







Modern History

- 1963
 Ivan Sutherland's
 Sketchpad
- Modified oscilloscope for drawing
- The original CAD system
- Sidenote: His advisor was Claude Shannon



Courtesy Marc Levoy @ Stanford U

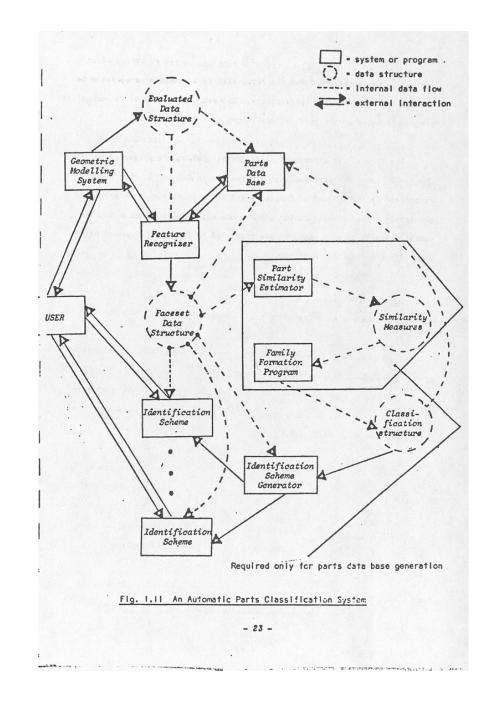
CAD Search

- Some of the original work on Features was for Shape Classification
 - Kyprianou 1980
- Goal: Creation and Search of CAD Databases

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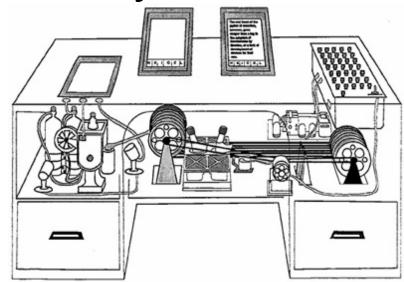
Kyprianou's Classifier

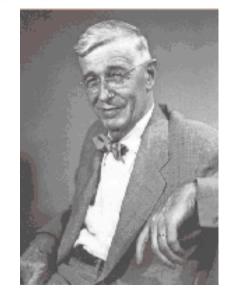
- Based on a set of morphological features
- Used a grammar to parse features from solid model brep



Sutherland... influenced by V. Bush

- As we may think, Atlantic Monthly, July 1945
- Proposed fantastic device: The Memex
- Article predicted
 - Digital photography & storage
 - Hyertext
 - Speech recognition
 - Personal computers, Internet
- Influenced many, still today
 - E.g. Google



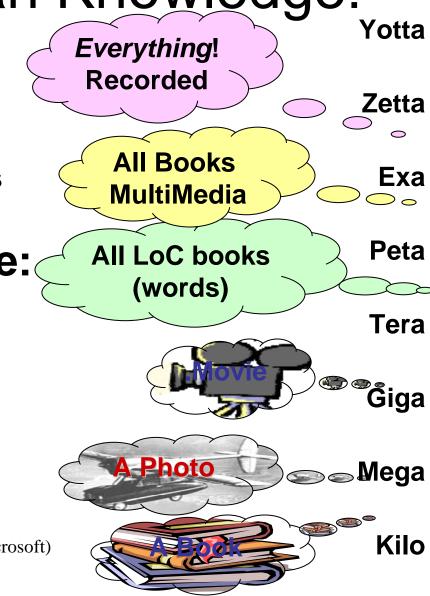


Vision of Memex: Digitization of the Totality of Human Knowledge!

- Soon everything can be recorded and indexed
- Most data never be seen by humans
- The Precious Resource: *Human Attention!* Auto-Summarization Auto-Search is key technology. www.lesk.com/mlesk/ksg97/ksg.html

24 Yecto, 21 zepto, 18 atto, 15 femto, 12 pico, 9 nano, 6 micro, 3 milli

(From the Turning Award Lecture of Dr. James Gray, Microsoft)



Future Design Repositories

- Design Knowledge
 - capture, index and archive, reuse
 - models, simulations, analysis, revisions, maintenance and performance, alternatives and dead-ends, process and workflow, rationale and history
 - capturing the "Why?"



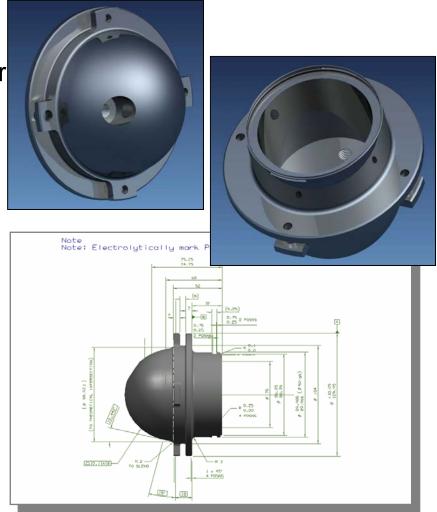
Designed in 1949-52

Expected Service Lifespan: 1954-2045 91 Years!

Consider a contemporary example: UK AWE Amber 2 Part

• Partner: Kansas City Plant

- 50 year history
- Primary manufacturing facility for the DoE & NNSA
- Expertise in discrete parts, electronics, MEMS, …
- The <u>Amber 2</u> part
 - High-precision machined part
 - Designed in the UK
 - Analysis at both UK AWE and KCP
 - Fabricated at KCP

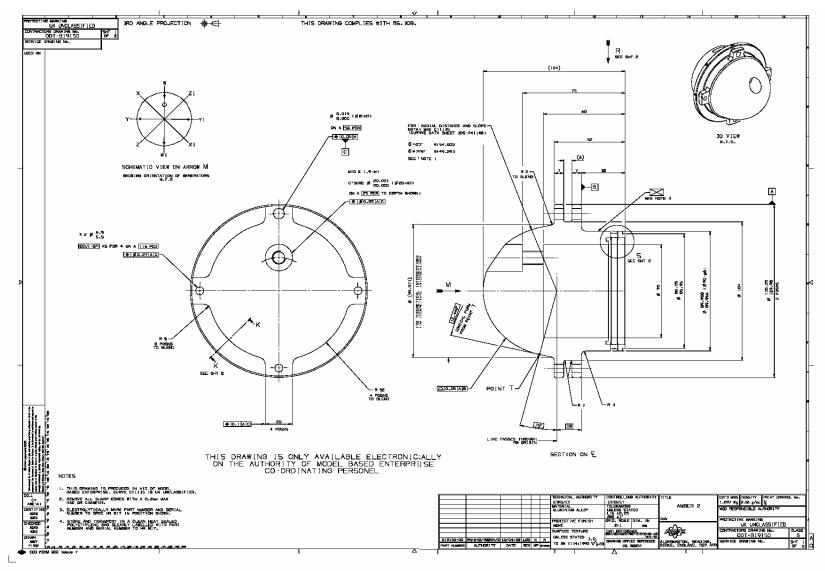


UK AWE Amber 2 Part Data

- 2D CAD Drawings
 - TIFF images
- 3D CAD data
 - Parasolid, Pro/E, STEP, ACIS,
- Shape data
 - Mesh & point cloud
- Tolerance data
 - ASME Y14.5 tolerances and tolerance features
 - Tolerance analysis
- Analysis data
 - FEA parameters and output

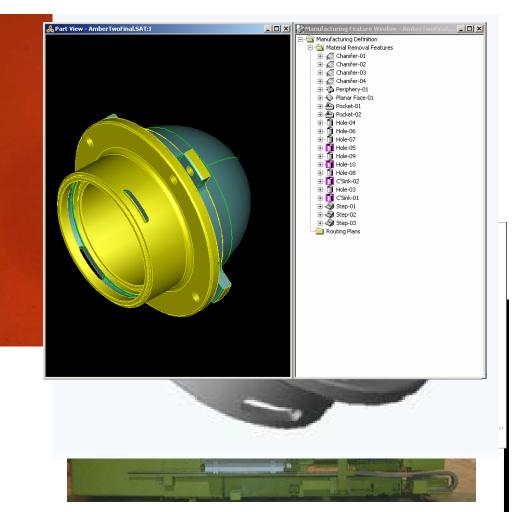
- Manufacturing data
 - Features
 - Process plans
 - Manufacturing plan simulations
- Fabrication data
 - Tooling, cost, time
- Inspection data
 - Inspection plan, robotic simulation
- Documentation
 - MS Word files
 - AVIs, MPGs
 - Other files

Current Format of Record



Missing Information

- Tolerances
- Manufacturing Planning
- Analysis
- Inspection
- Fabrication
 - Okuma LH35-N
 CNC lathe
- Reverse Engineering



Limitations of Current Technology

- Technologies such as GT Coding are pre-digital
- Matching gross shape doesn't often help answer meaningful engineering questions
- Important attributes are quasi-geometric and hard to represent
 - Tolerances, material, surface finish, mfg plans etc
- Important features vary by application (and are ill defined)
 - Machining, SFF, cost estimation, etc.
 - Feature Recognition is challenging
- We are still determining the questions that can be answered by CAD search
 - How to query Design Repositories and for what purpose?

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CAD vs Shape Representation

CAD Representation





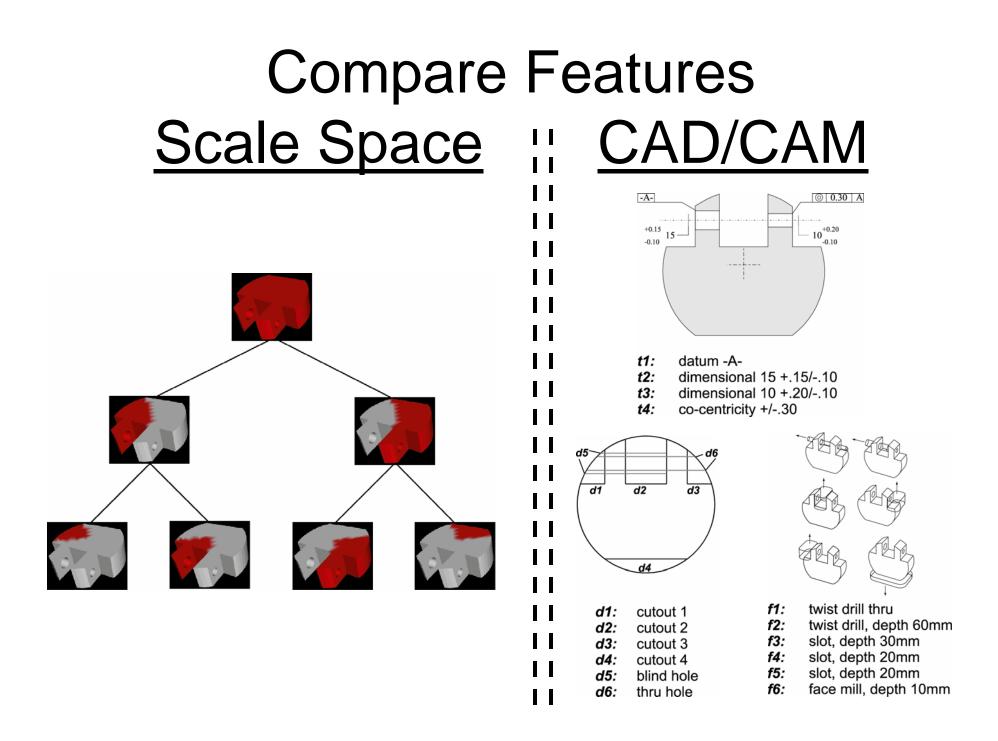
- Topologically and geometrically consistent
- Implicit and analytic surfaces, NURBS, etc
- Produced using CAD packages and solid modelers

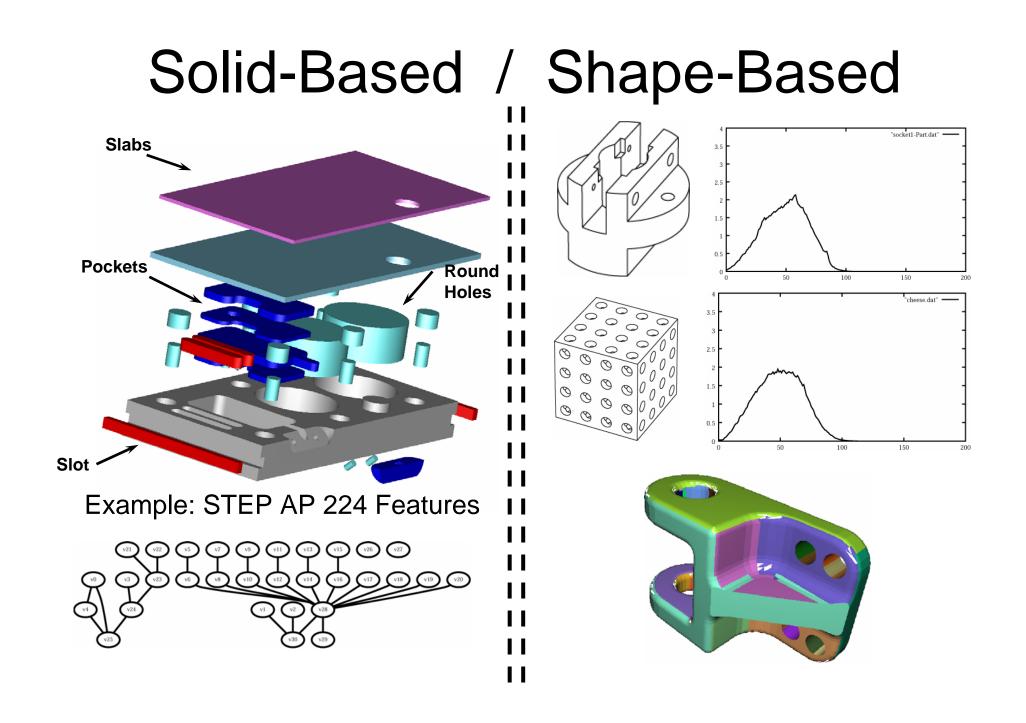
Shape Representation





- Approximate representation, error prone
- Mesh or point cloud
- Produced using animation tools, laser scanners





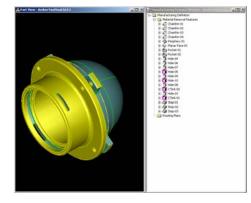
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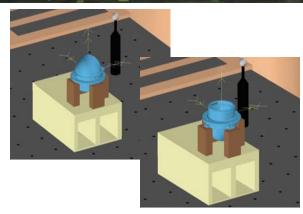
Artifacts are Physically Realizable

- Associated with them are
 - Tolerances
 - Manufacturing, Inspection and Analysis Plans
 - Fabrication parameters
 - Okuma LH35-N CNC lathe





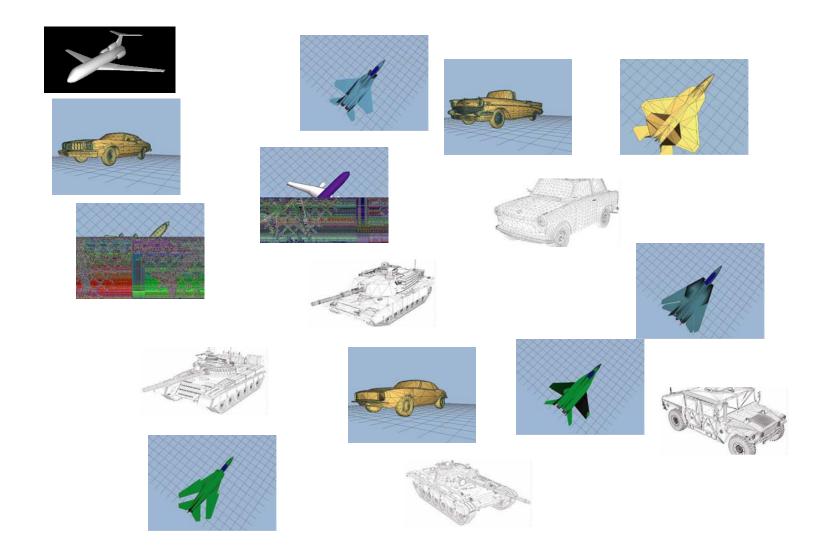




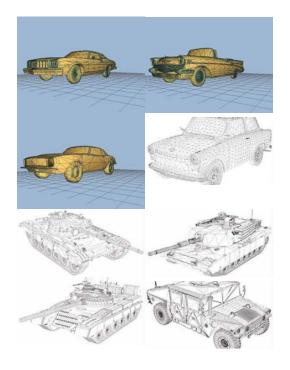
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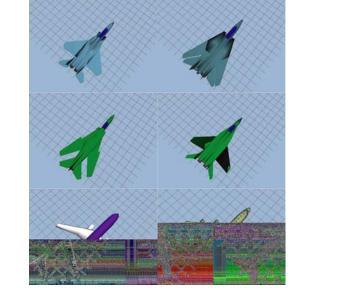
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Consider a set of "Vehicles"



Land-Air Classification

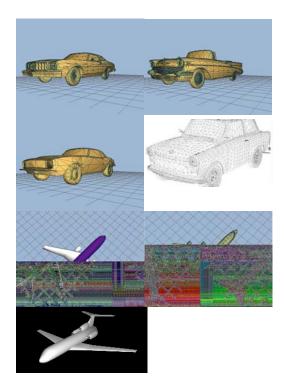




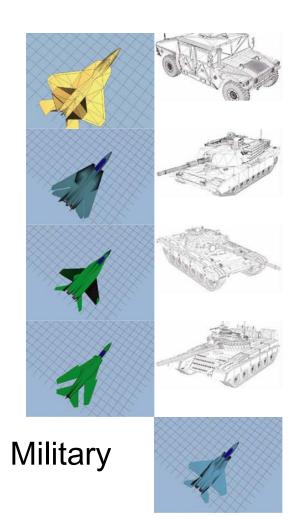
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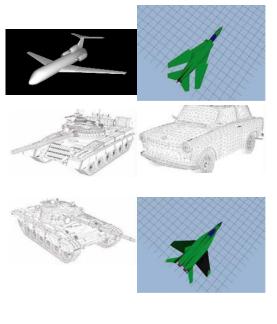
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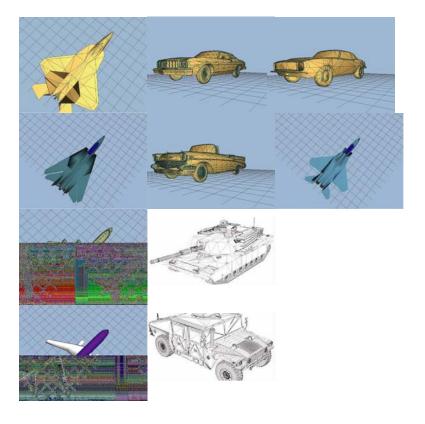
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USSR-USA Classification



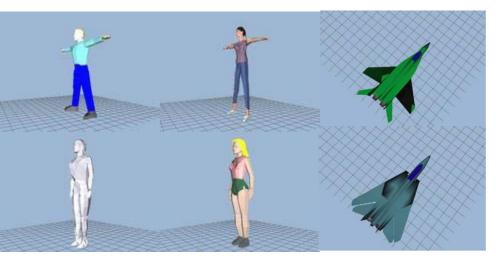
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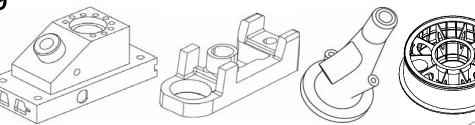


American

CAD Classifications are *not* Subjective

- Shape matching shares kinship with image interpretation
- CAD shares kinship with medical imaging or vision
- Attributes are rigid and unambiguous



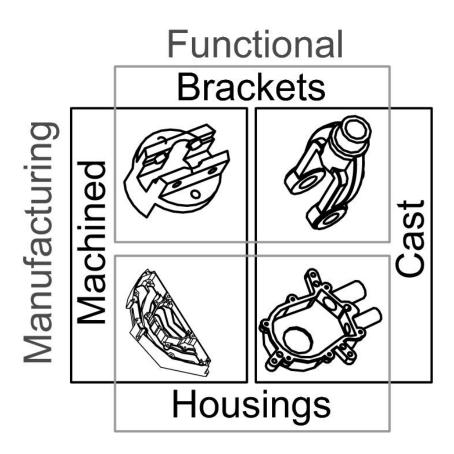


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Multiple Classifications

- The same parts can be classified according to different classifications.
- Example:
 - Functional:
 - Brackets vs Housings
 - Manufacturing:
 - Machined vs Cast-then-Machined



Question

Can I make a



with just...?



3-axis machine center

Or /And

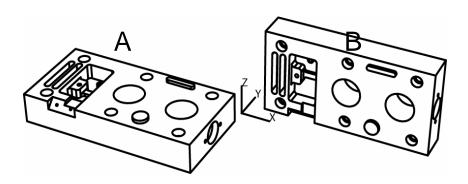


Cold chamber die casting machine

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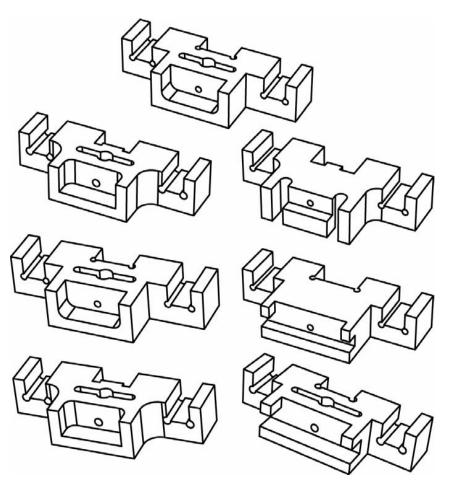
- Find duplicates or near duplicates
 - Query-by-Example
- Applications
 - part count reduction
 - platform standardization
 - redesign for consolidation
 - cost estimation



2 parts, exactly the same different location different orientation

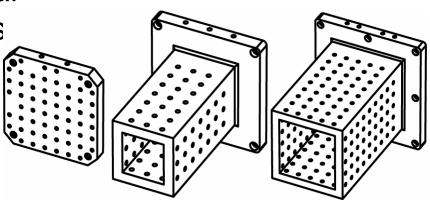
No easy way to tell A==B

- Extract part families or design patterns
 - similar to knowledge discovery in large databases
- Applications
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 - redesign for consolidation
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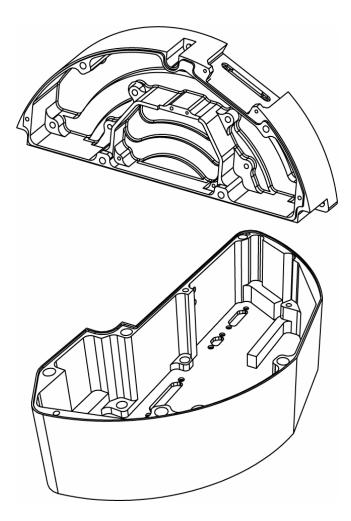
a family of brackets

- Identify Manufacturing Clusters
 - group artifacts with similar manufacturing semantics
- Applications
 - variant process planning
 - cost estimation
 - manufacturing process & factory optimization

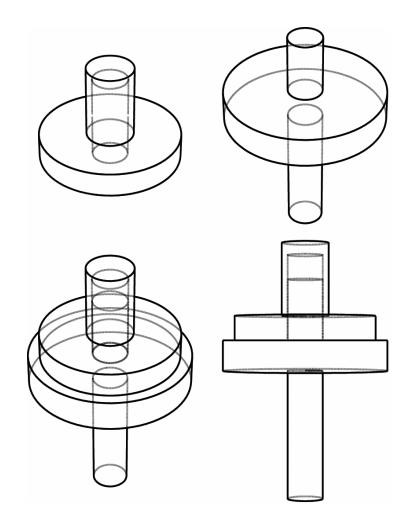


all holes have same d

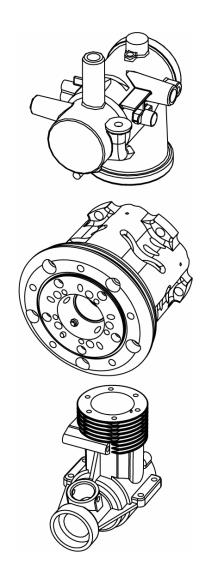
- Variational Design
- Variational Process
 Planning
- Access to corporate and institutional memory



- Mating, geometric fit or assembly relationships
- Inverse relationships
- Constraining criteria



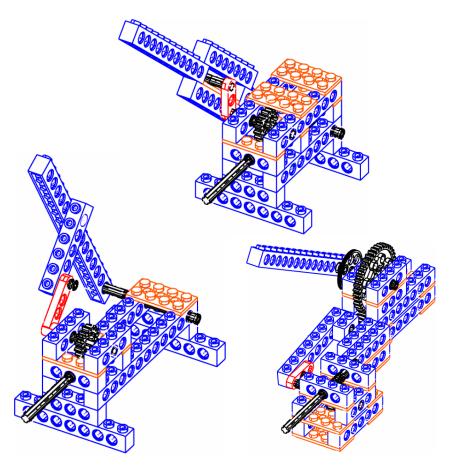
- Process Selection
 - Cluster parts based on manufacturing process criteria
 - Identify the right process for prototyping



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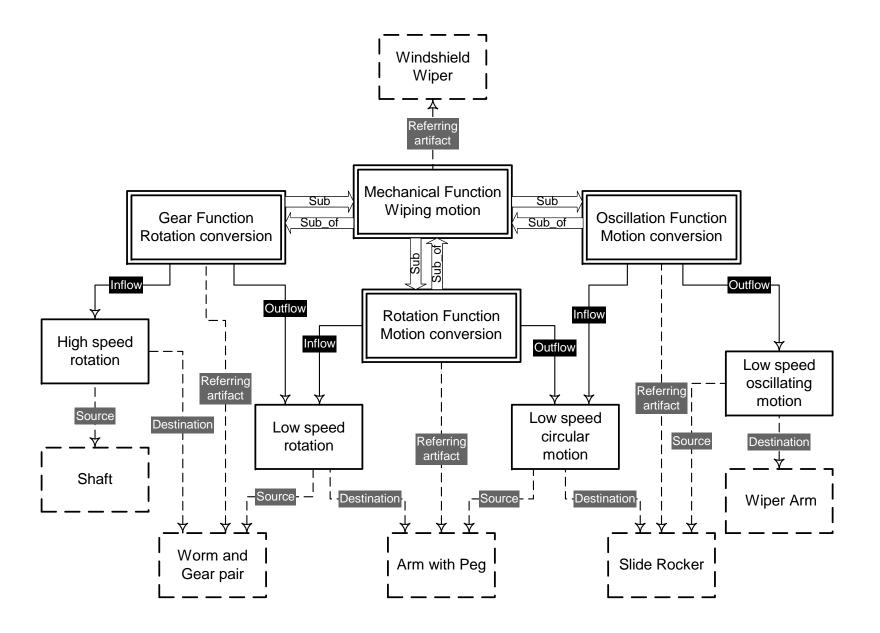
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- Assembly structure, behavior and function (SBF)
- This will be much more common and economically important
- How to do the knowledge markup?



3 Lego models of a wiper assembly

Slide Rocker Windshield Wiper Design Formalised as NIST Function Flow Diagram



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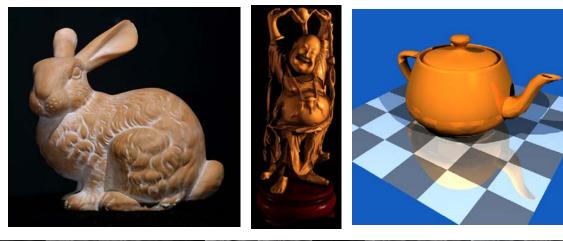
Lack of Use Cases

- Definition: "Use cases allow description of sequences of events that, taken together, lead to a system doing something useful."
- For 3D CAD search, there is not a rich set of use cases
- Systems and business processes are already in place; new capabilities need to be inserted into existing workflow

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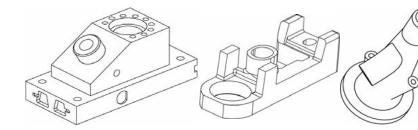




Welcome to the UCI Machine Learning Repository!



Statistical natural language processing and corpus-based computational linguistics: An annotated list of resources







Example:

Comparing Existing Techniques

Consider the matching techniques:

- 1. Scale Space [this SM03 paper]
- 2. Scale Space w/ Decomposition Control [ASME JCISE03]
- 3. Shape Distributions [Osada et al ACM ToG 2002, SMI01]
- 4. Enhanced Shape Distributions [Ip et al SM02]
- 5. Learning Shape Classifiers [Ip et al SM03] (poster)
- 6. Matching with Reeb Graphs [Hilaga et al, SIGGRAPH 01]
- 7. Invariant Topology Vectors [McWherter et al, SM01]
- 8. Design Feature-based Matching [Cicirello et al, SM99]
- 9. Machining Feature-based Matching [Cicirello et al, SMI01, AIEDAM 2003]
- Which is best? When is it best?
 Why is it best?

Idea #1: The Retrieval Task

Given

- A dataset D
- An object *d* (possibly from *D*)
- An algorithm A
- The Question:

Are the objects "returned" by A as being "similar" to d "really similar"?

To Measure Success: Borrow Ideas from Information Science

- Treat each object as a "document"
- Perform "Query by Example"
- Measure *recall* and *precision*
 - Recall: % of relevant documents retrieved relative to the entire set of relevant documents
 - Precision: % of relevant documents retrieved relative to all those retrieved
- Ideal: 100% recall, 100% precision

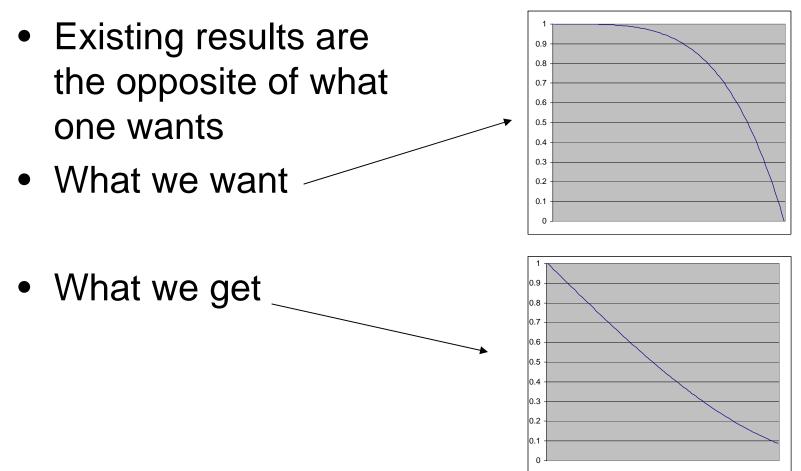
Problems with this Approach

- Really intended for document retrieval
 - Text searching
- Requires an a priori labeling scheme
 - Such a labeling is nearly always done by humans and can be highly subjective
- Assumes an absolute labeling scheme
 - If the document contains the keyword "Spline" it has to do with Splines
- Labeling are cumulative
 - Documents might be about "graphics + Spline" or "shipbuilding + spline" etc, the fact they share spline will make them similar

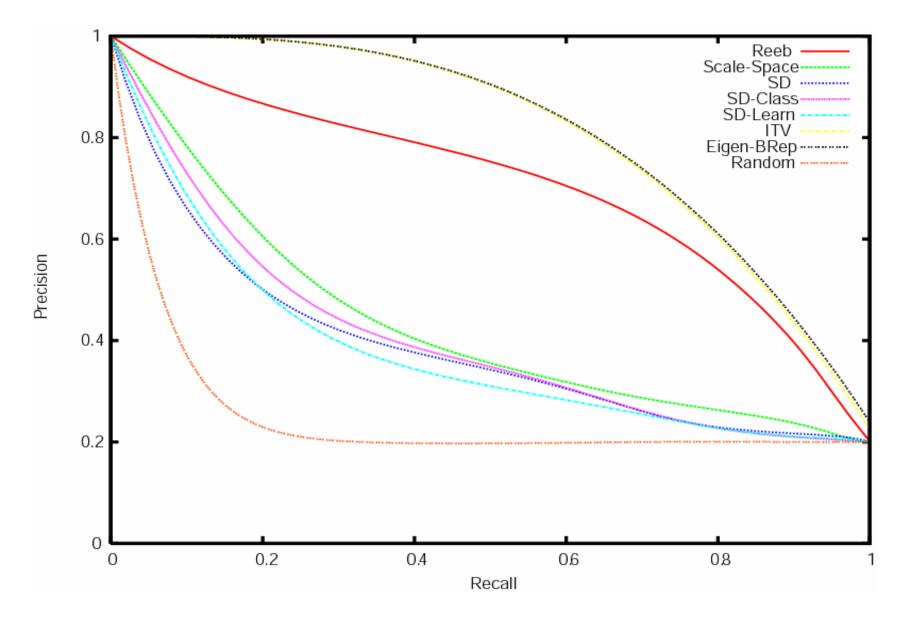
Further IR doesn't work for CAD-based Engineering Data

- CAD models are not consistent documents
 - "Text" is in the eye of the beholder
 - E.g. manufacturing view different from design view
- No agreed upon labeling scheme
 - Features vary by domain, can't manually classify 1,000,000 parts! (this was GT's problem...)
- Labeling schemes are not absolute
 - At the geometry level, similar shape features could still have different functionally or mfg. properties
- Labeling are not cumulative
 - Labels are orthogonal; objects under "housing + hole" are not going to be at all similar to "bolt + hole"

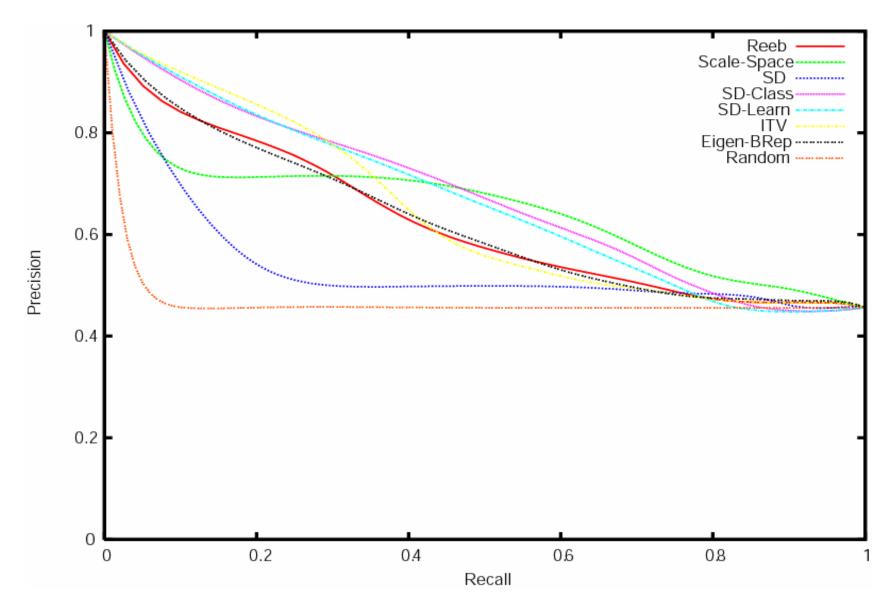
Note: IR doesn't seem to work for shape models either...



Minor Topological Variation Dataset: Cubes



LEGO Dataset



Retrieval may be the wrong problem to solve...

- These matching algorithms actually implicitly encode *shape classifiers* (Kyprianou's goal)
- <u>Classification</u>
 - Assess the quality of the classification achieved
 - against the desired (a priori) classification
- There is a scientific justification & motivation for this idea in *statistical learning theory* and *machine learning*

Idea #2: The Classification Task

Given

- a dataset D
- a classification of D $C = \{c_1 \ c_2 \ c_3 \ \dots \ c_k\}$
 - $-c_i$'s are a partition of D
- an algorithm A
- The Question:

How well does A do in reproducing classification C?

The Classification Task: Algorithm Selection

Given

- a dataset D
- a classification of D $C = \{c_1 \ c_2 \ c_3 \ \dots \ c_k\}$
 - $-c_i$'s are a partition of D
- a set of algorithms A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_n

The Question:

Which A_i is best at reproducing this classification?

To Measure Success: Borrow Ideas from Machine Learning

Treating

- the data set as unseen data
- the algorithms, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n , as pretrained classifiers
- the classification as the error function
- And using information gain and error measures to calculate which is best for the dataset

An Example

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Shape Classification Quality

G	= Group
FP	e False-Positives
FN	I = False-Negatives

Scale-Space with automated feature extraction

Total Errors: 12		
G1: FP:0, FN:3	G6: FP: 0, FN: 1	
G2: FP: 0, FN: 1	G7: FP: 1, FN: 1	
G3: FP: 2, FN: 1	G8: FP: 0, FN: 1	
G4: FP: 1, FN: 1	G9: FP: 4, FN: 1	
G5: FP: 1, FN: 2	G10:FP: 3, FN: 0	

Enhanced distributions

Total Errors: 14		
G1: FP:0, FN:5	G6: FP: 0, FN: 2	
G2: FP: 0, FN: 1	G7: FP: 0, FN: 1	
G3: FP: 1, FN: 1	G8: FP: 1, FN: 1	
G4: FP: 6, FN: 1	G9: FP: 2, FN: 1	
G5: FP:0, FN:1	G10:FP: 4, FN: 0	

Multi-resolution Reeb Graphs

Total Error: 13		
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Enhanced distributions + Learning

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Scal	le-Si	pace
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Total Errors: 15		
G1: FP: 0, FN: 3	G6: FP: 1, FN: 1	
G2: FP: 0, FN: 2	G7: FP: 1, FN: 2	
G3: FP: 1, FN: 1	G8: FP: 2, FN: 1	
G4: FP: 1, FN: 1	G9: FP: 5, FN: 1	
G5: FP: 1, FN: 3	G10:FP: 3, FN: 0	

Original shape distributions

Total Errors: 11		
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G2: FP: 0, FN: 2	G7: FP: 1, FN: 1	
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G4: FP: 3, FN: 1	G9: FP: 1, FN: 1	
G5: FP:0, FN:1	G10:FP: 2, FN: 0	

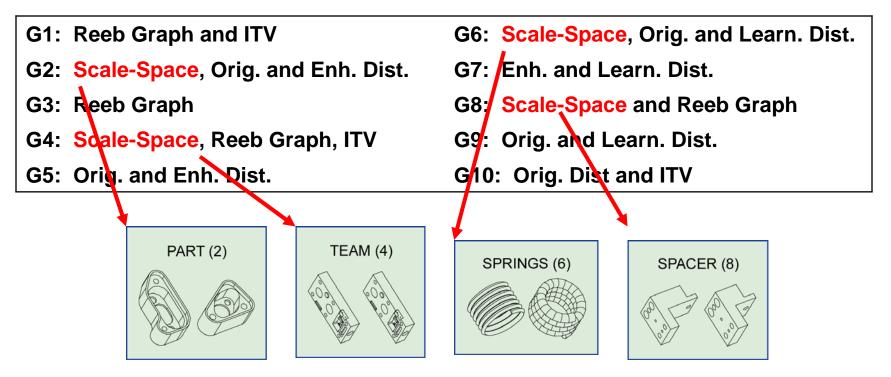
ITV topology

Total Errors: 15		
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Finding best performance (by model group):

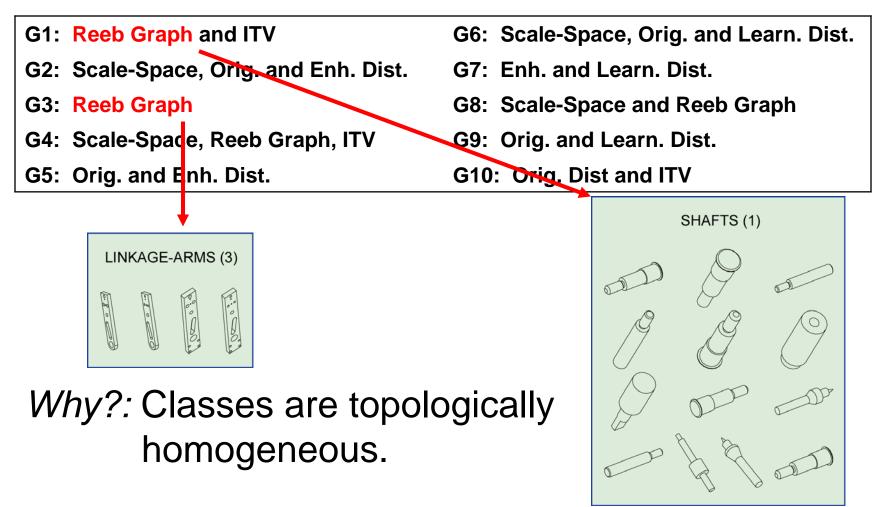
G1: Reeb Graph and ITV	G6: Scale-Space, Orig. and Learn. Dist.
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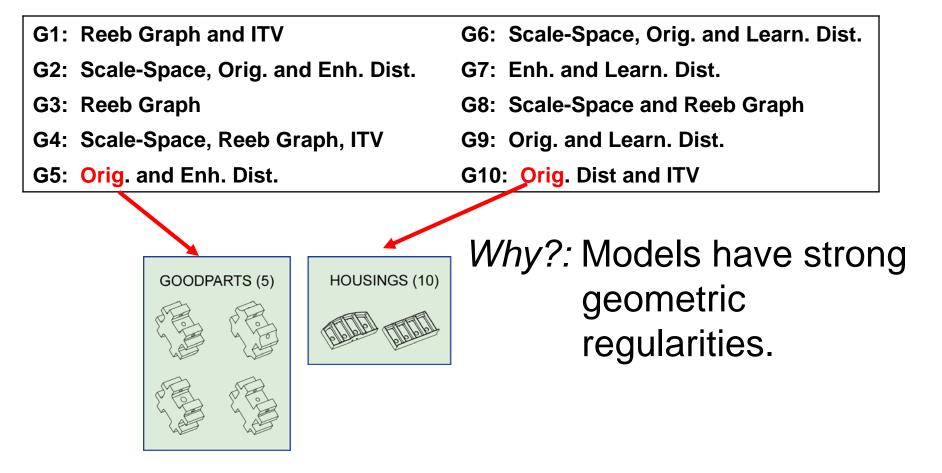


Why?: feature decompositions create nearly identical trees.

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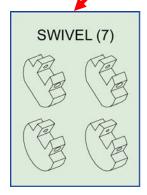
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Why?: Class identification requires factoring geometry, topology and dimension.

Discussion of Comparison Results

- Interesting, but
 - Any differences in overall error rates are not statistically significant (e.g. 11-15 False Positives)
 - We need several datasets with more (>30) classes and (perhaps) larger (>30) numbers of classes
 - We need standard data sets and test cases!
- Observations:
 - Data quality can influence the results
 - Performance varied greatly by model class...
 But some are *clearly better* for certain classes
 - No one technique is better overall

The General Classification Algorithm Selection Task

Given

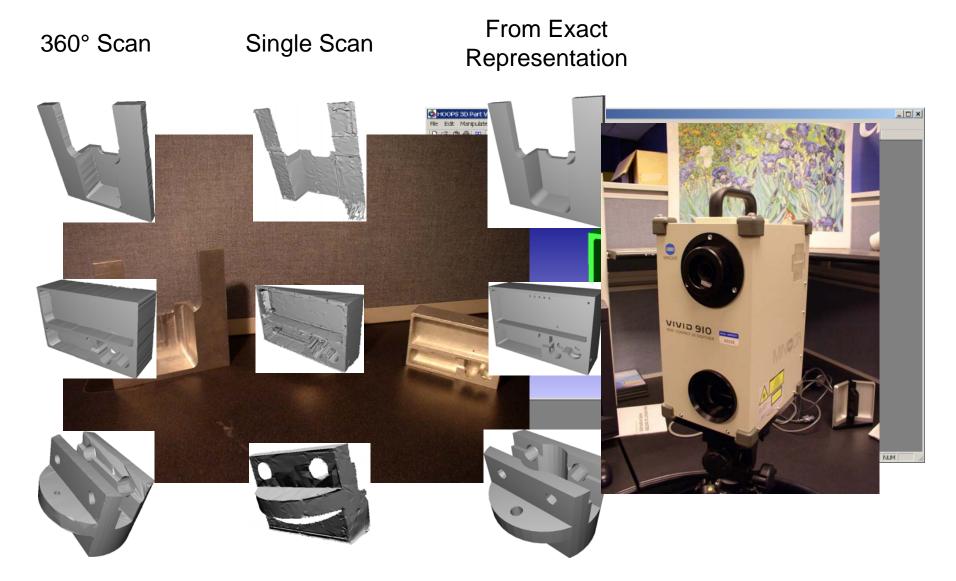
- a representative training dataset D
- a classification of D $C = \{c_1 \ c_2 \ c_3 \ \dots \ c_k\}$
 - $-c_i$'s are a partition of D
- A set of algorithms A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_n
- The Question:

Which A_i is best at classifying unseen objects (probably from a class like D) in a manner consistent with C?

Discussion Points...

- No technique is clearly better; most perform poorly
- Is there something better than Precision-Recall?
- More work needed on how to better use:
 - Boundary representations
 - Feature-based techniques
- Which engineering questions to answer?
- Answering engineering questions is challenging
 - Manufacturing classifications & functional classifications
 - We need better specifications on engineering questions
- Datasets need to be bigger and more widely available

A CAD Search Frontier: Partial Matching of Acquired Data



 360° Scan
 Single Scan
 From Exact Representation

 Image: Stan Single Scan
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An example of one-to-many correspondence

360° Scan

Single Scan

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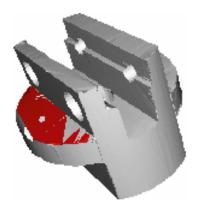


An example of one-to-one correspondence

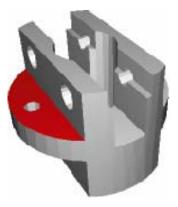
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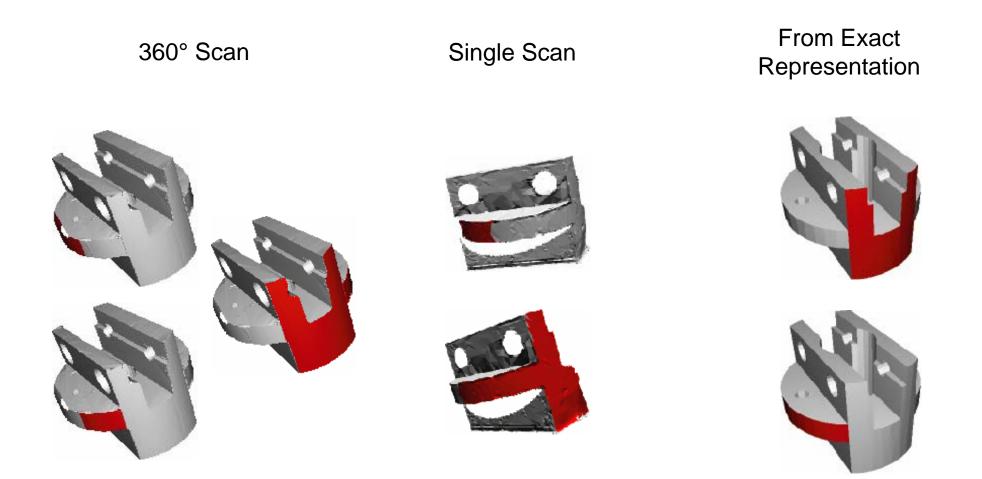
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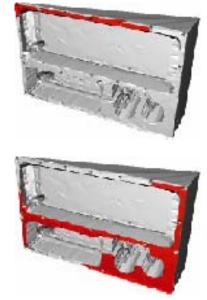
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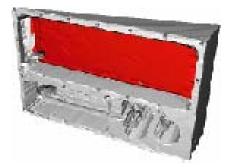
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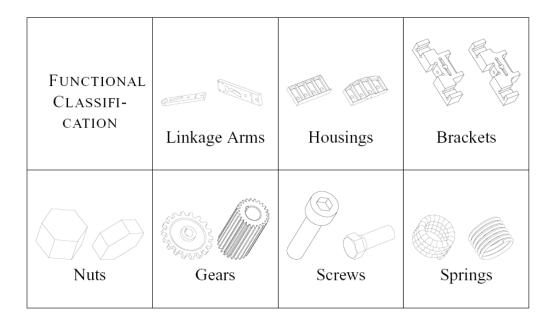




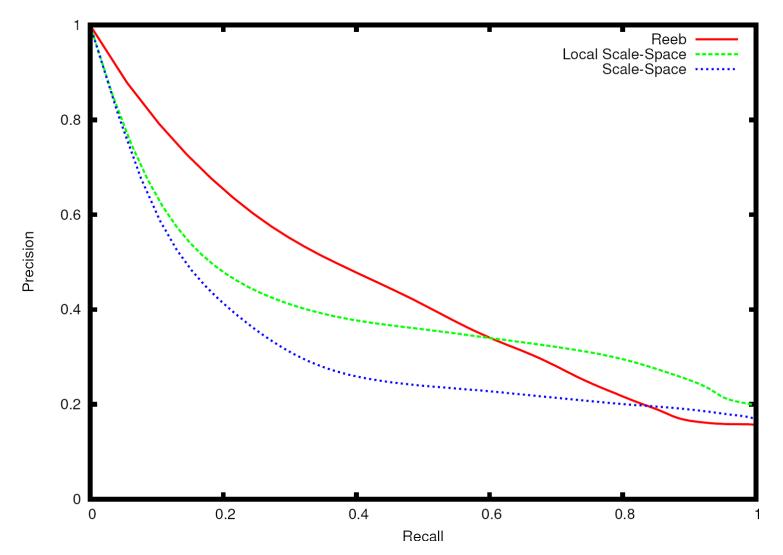
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Retrieval Using Functional Classification

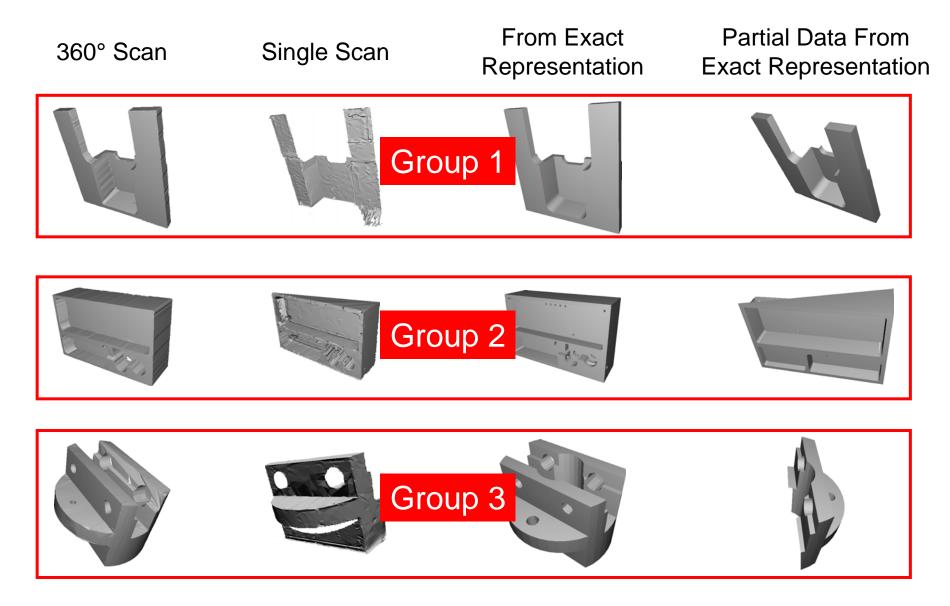
- Techniques used:
 - Reeb graph comparison (Reeb)
 - Global Scale-Space (Scale-Space)
 - Local Scale-Space (Local Scale-Space)



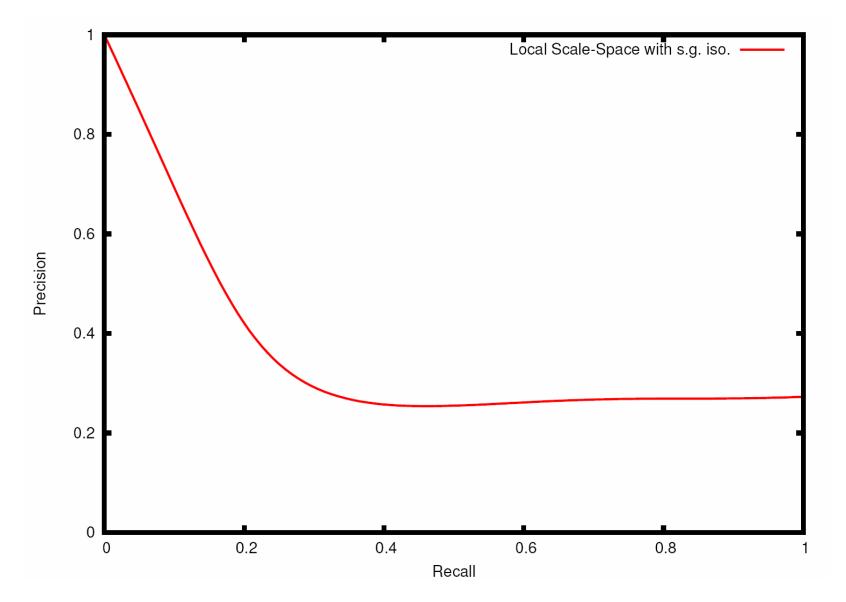
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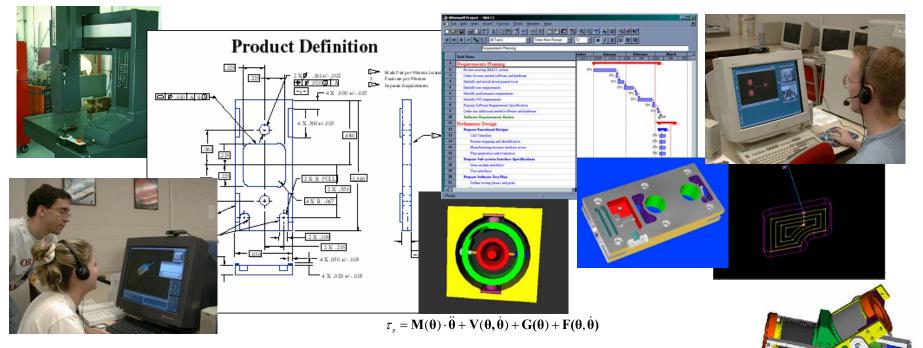
Retrieval on Partial and Scanned Data



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Design Repositories: Digital Libraries for Engineering



Engineering Digital Libraries with CAD models, assemblies, process plans, revisions, S-B-F models, project information and workflows, design rationale, design history, records of collaborative activity...

Q&A

For more information

http://gicl.cs.drexel.edu http://www.designrepository.org

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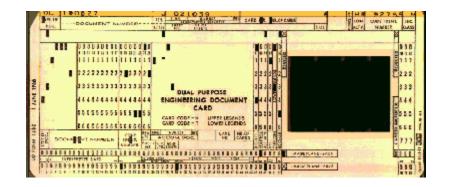


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 - We need better specifications on engineering questions
- Work in this paper is completely reproducible
 - http://edge.mcs.drexel.edu/repository/datasets/
 - If you think you can do better, go for it!
- Datasets need to be bigger

Conclusions

- Establish datasets for evaluating retrieval techniques on realistic CAD/CAM artifacts
- Describe general
 benchmarking procedure
 - This procedure can be followed by others
 - Please suggest improvements!
- Benchmarked nine different 3D shape and solid model matching techniques



An Approach to the General Algorithm Selection Task

First:

- Given
 - a shape matching algorithm, A
 - a dataset D
 - a classification, *C*, of *D*
- Compute the *intrinsic classifier* for A
- Use the *intrinsic classifier* to compute the optimal classification possible for *D*, *C*_o
- Find correspondence between C and C_o
- Compute total type1 and type2 errors between C and C_o

An Approach to the General Algorithm Selection Task

Second:

- Do this over all your candidate algorithms, $A_1, A_2, \ldots A_n$
- Compute relative error rates (information gain) among these algorithms
- Select the algorithm with highest information content

Observations

- This is an objective approach
 No biases
- It will work for any matching algorithm or classification scheme, including those based on subjective human labels
- It will work regardless of the type of data – CAD data, shape data, bio-med data, legos, etc.
- Pending submission to SM04

Consider the B-52

