

# Correspondence Problems

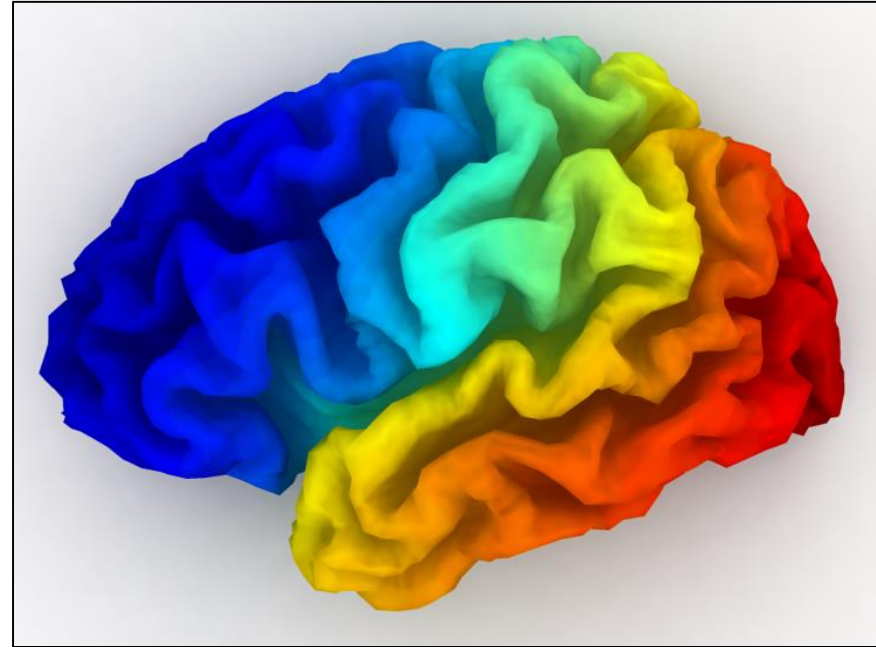
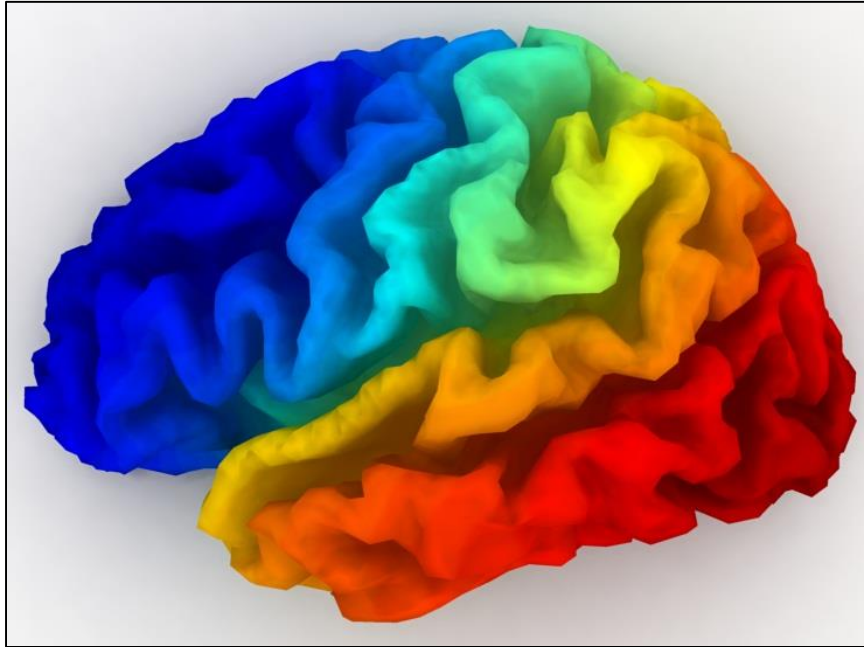
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# Surface Correspondence Problems



**Which points on one object correspond to points on another?**

# Typical Distinction from Registration

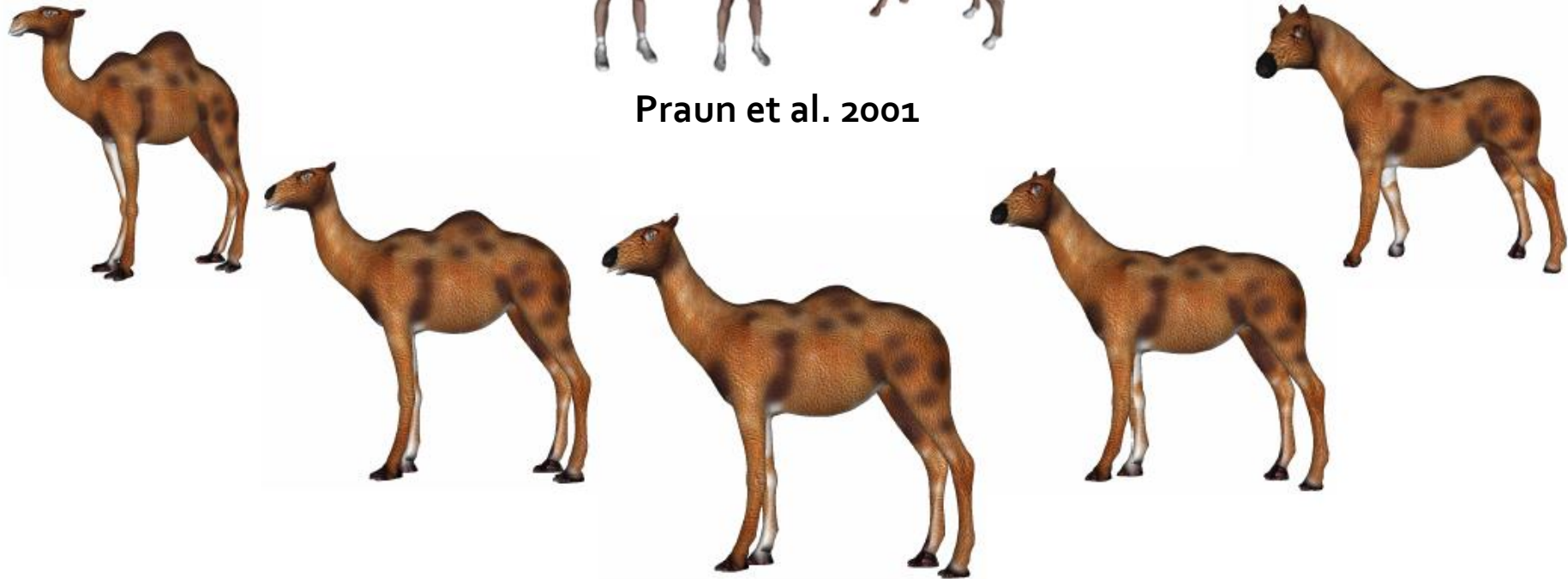
Seek **shared structure**  
instead of alignment



# Applications



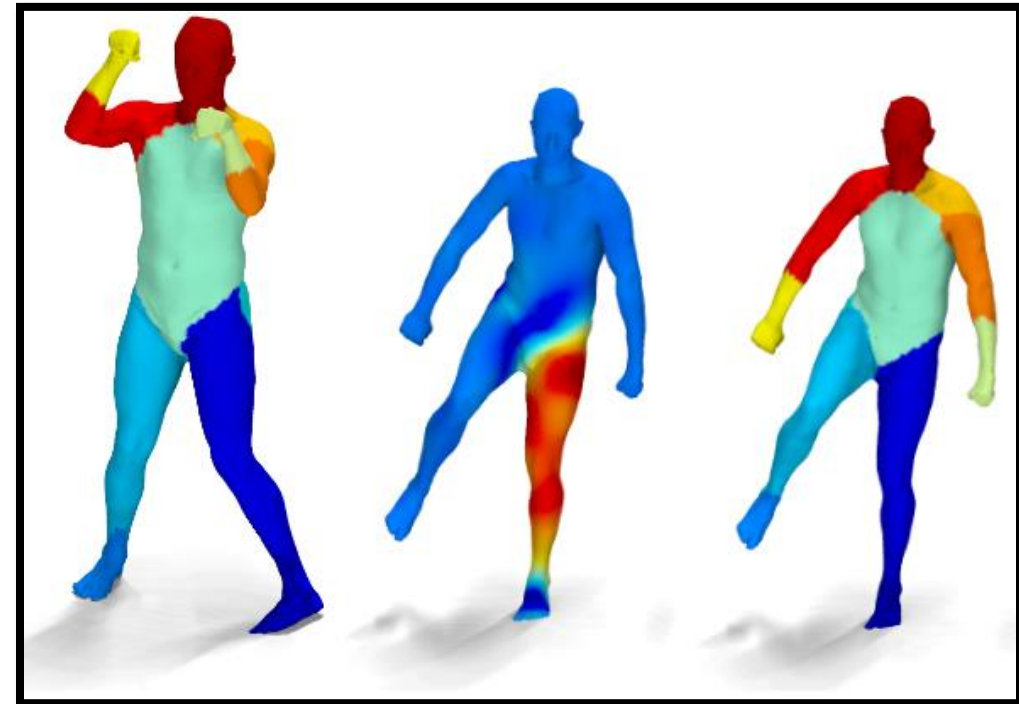
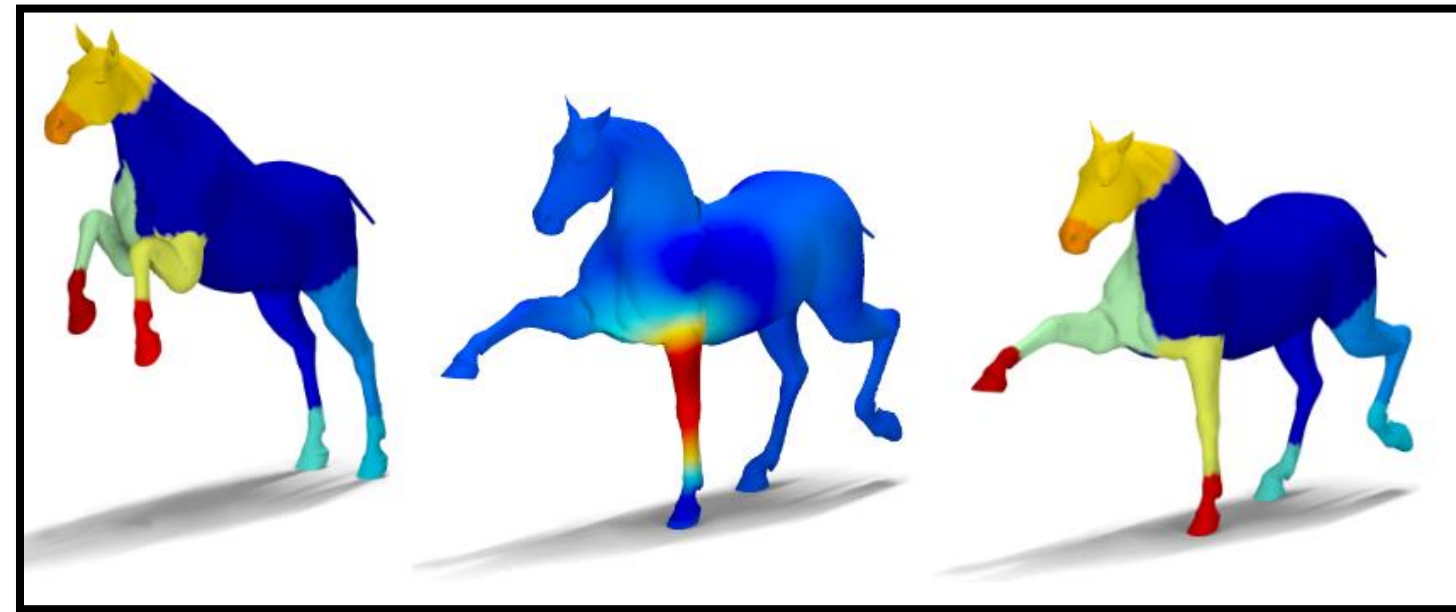
Praun et al. 2001



Kraevoy and Sheffer 2004

**Texture transfer**

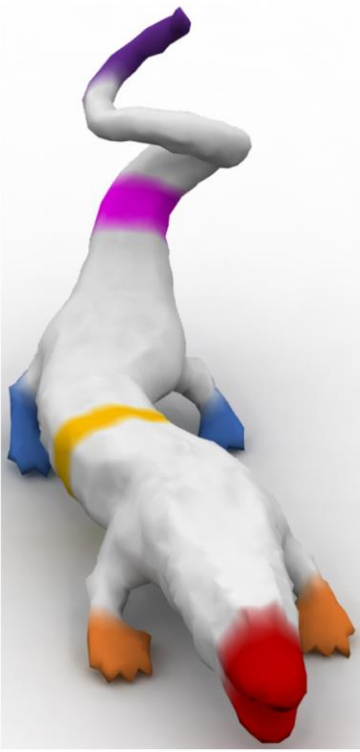
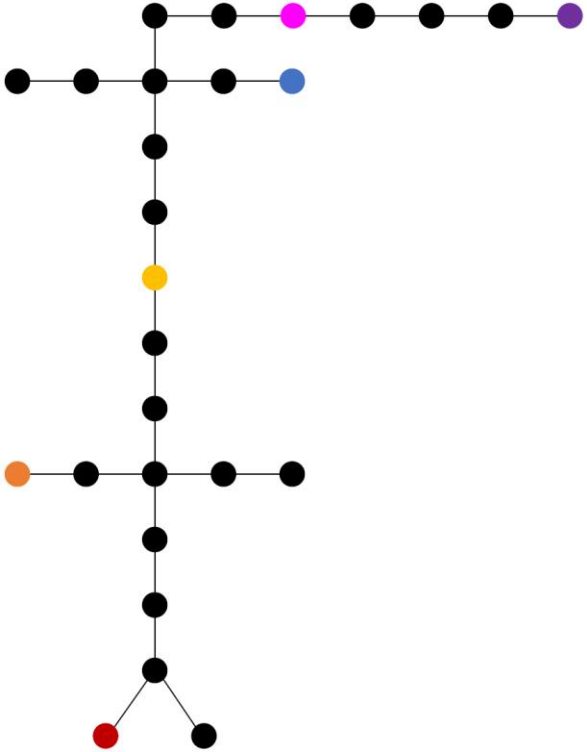
# Applications



Ovsjanikov et al. 2012

**Segmentation transfer**

# Applications



Solomon et al. 2016

**Abstraction**

# Applications

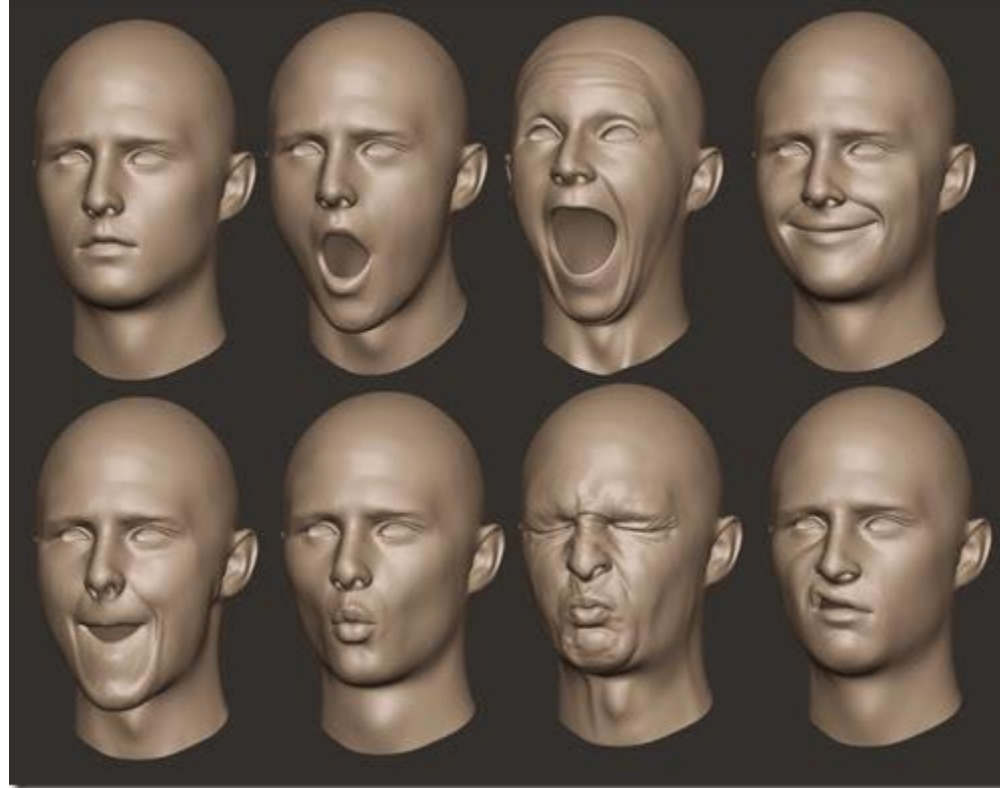


Image from "Shape Interpolations: Blendshape Math for Meshes" (<https://graphicalanomaly.wordpress.com/>)

## Blendshape modeling

# Applications

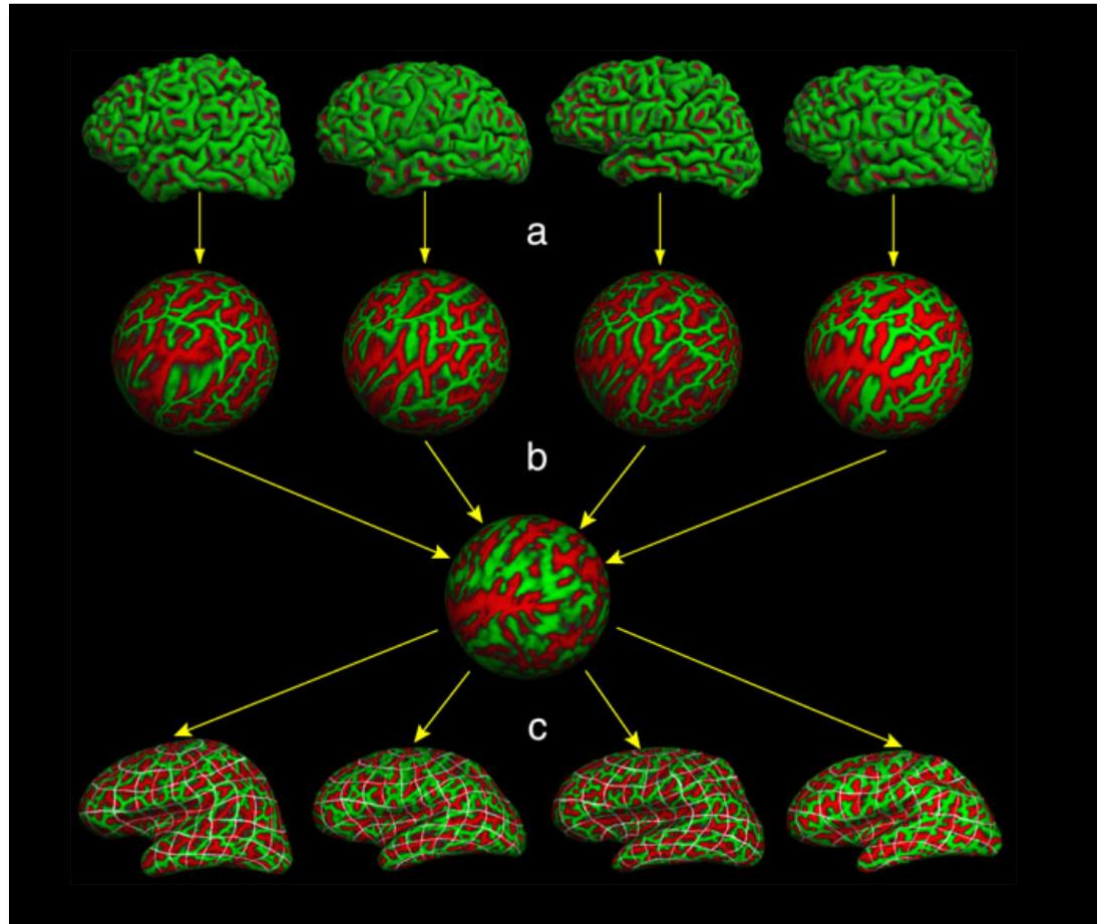
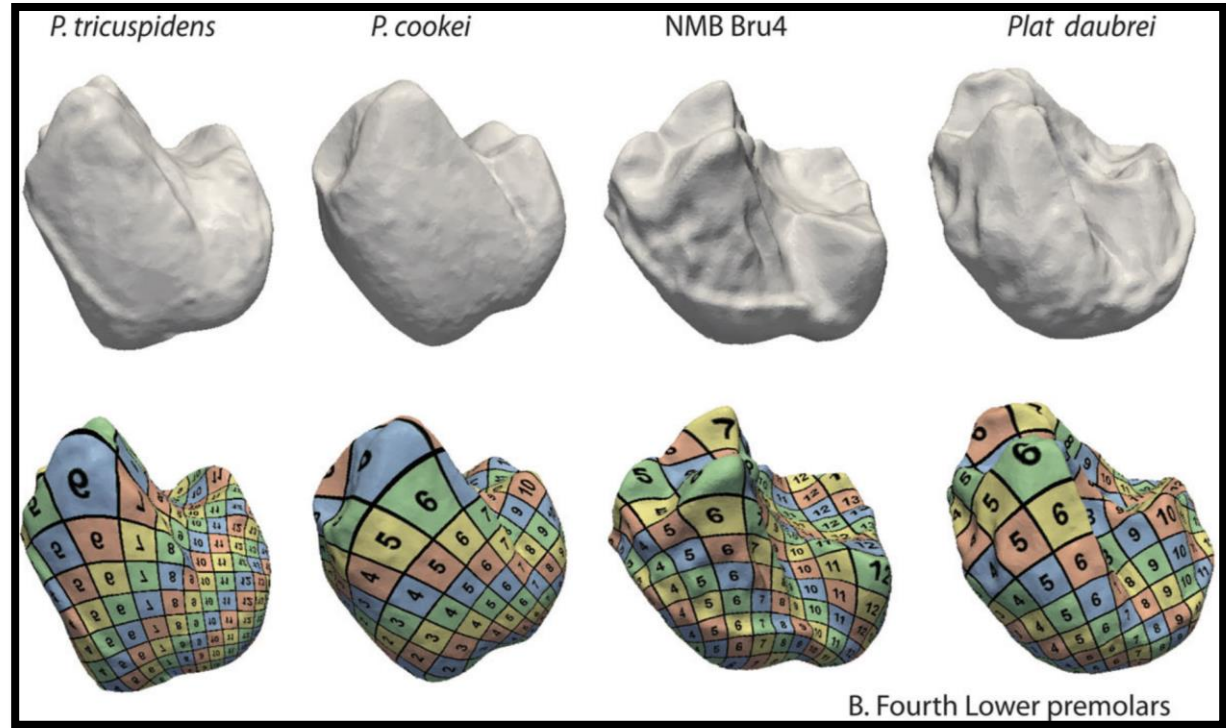
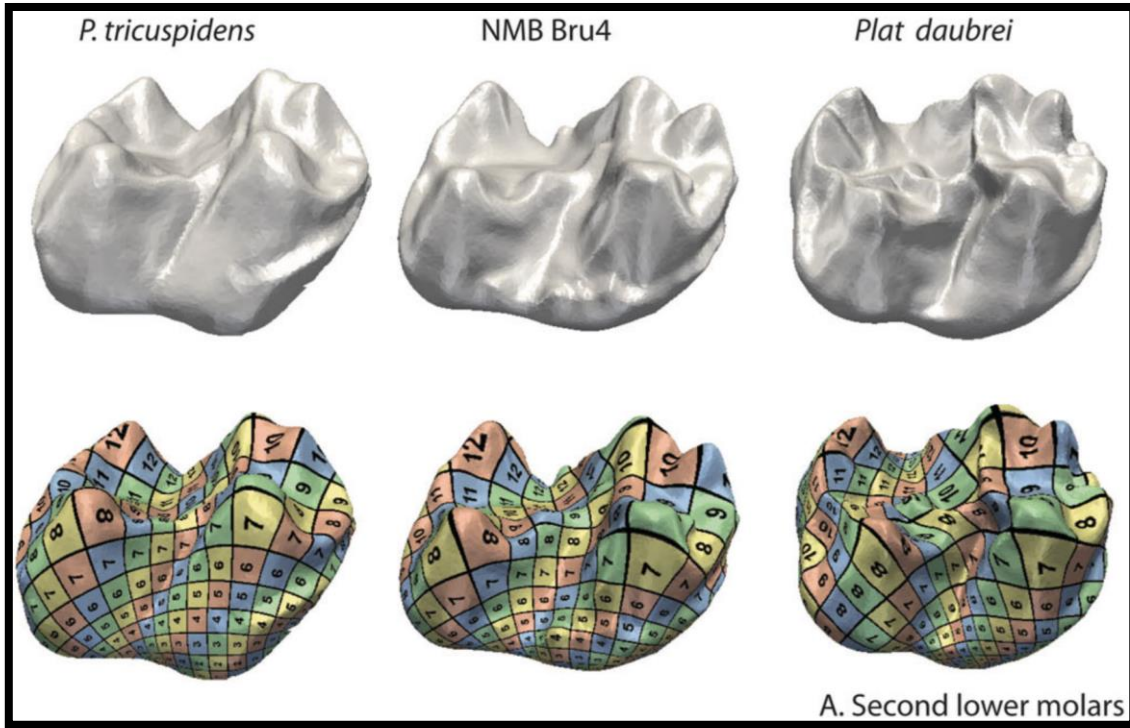


Image from "Freesurfer"  
(Wikipedia)

## Statistical shape analysis



# Applications



“Earliest Record of Platychoerops, A New Species From Mouras Quarry, Mont de Berru, France”  
Boyer, Costeur, and Lipman 2012

**Paleontology**

# Mapping problem

**Given** two (or more) shapes  
**Find** a map  $f$ , satisfying the following properties:

- **Fast to compute**
  - **Bijjective**  
*(if we expect global correspondence)*
  - **Low-distortion**
- **Preserves important features**

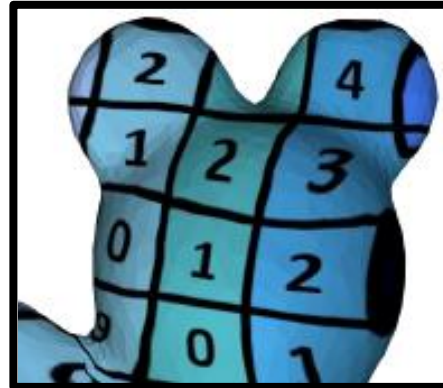
# Geometric Quality of Mappings

What do we need the map for?

Shape interpolation and texture transfer require highly accurate maps



Target Texture  
(projection)



Locally and globally  
accurate map

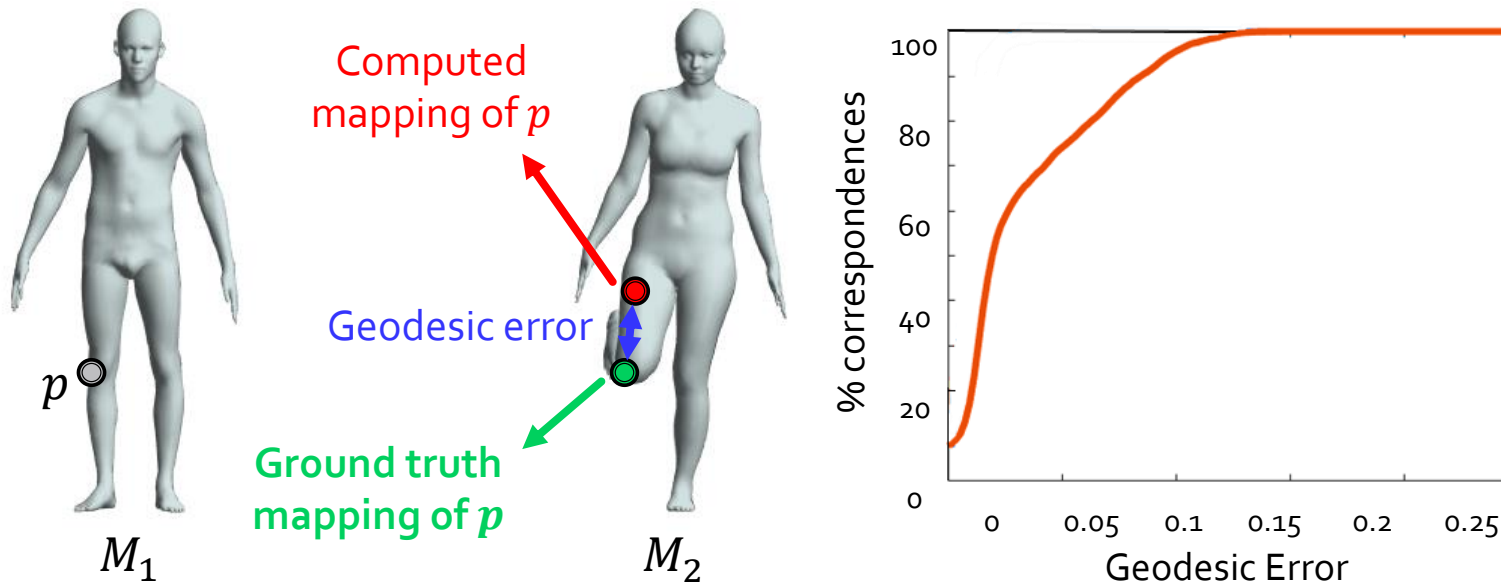


Globally accurate,  
locally distorted map

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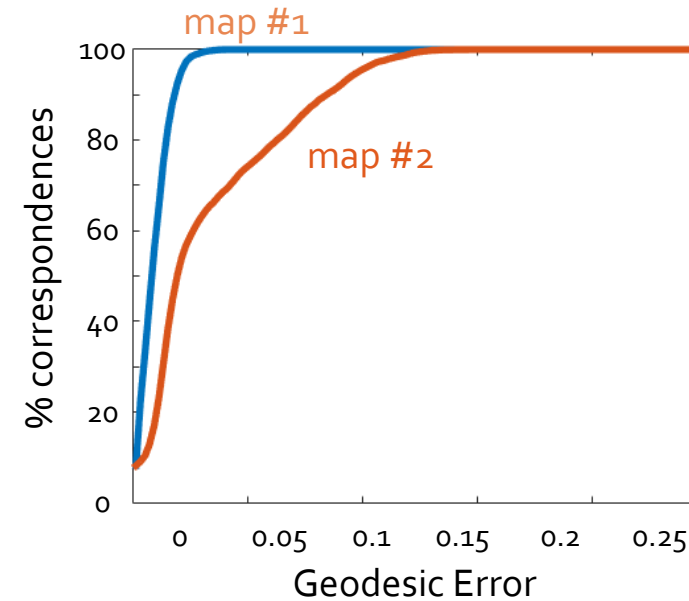
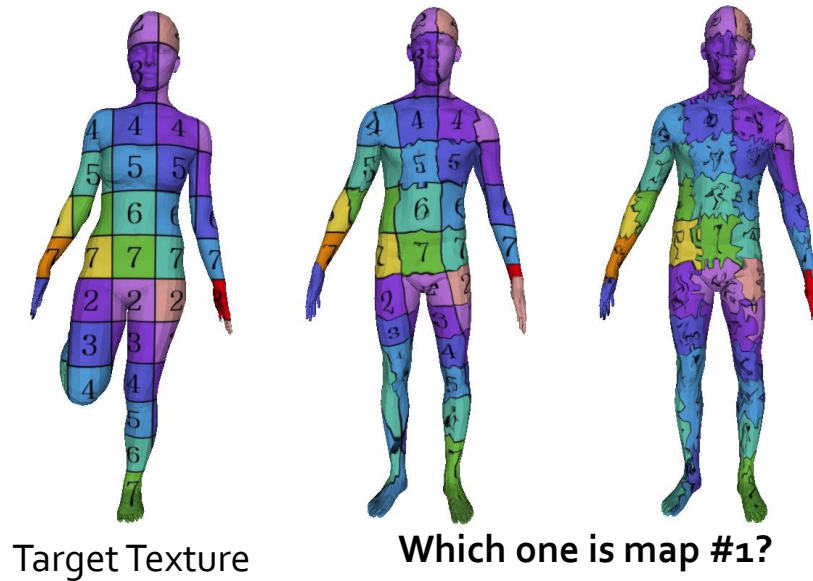
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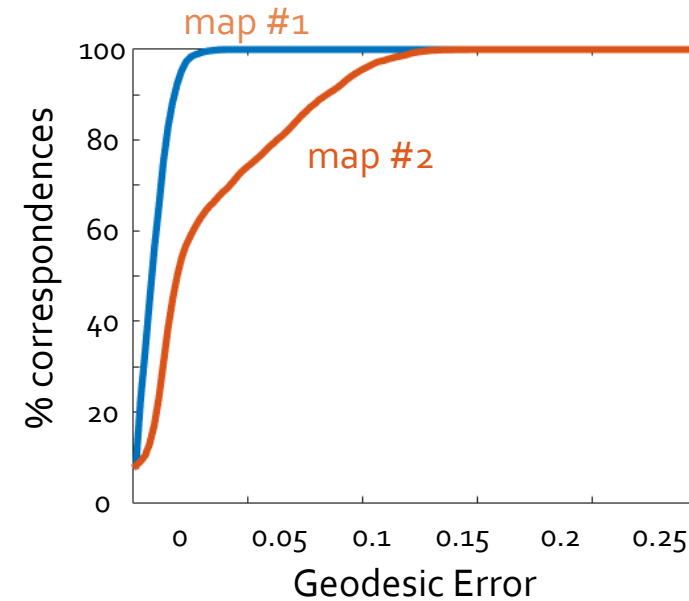
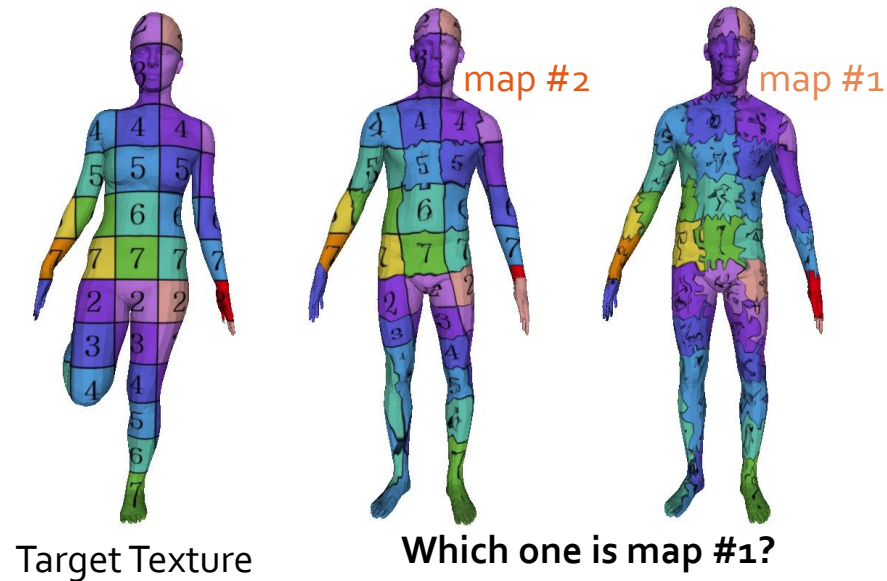
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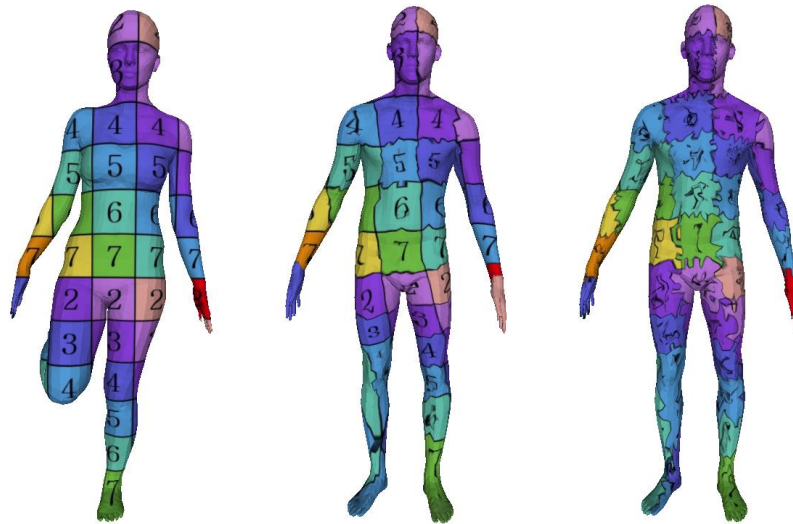
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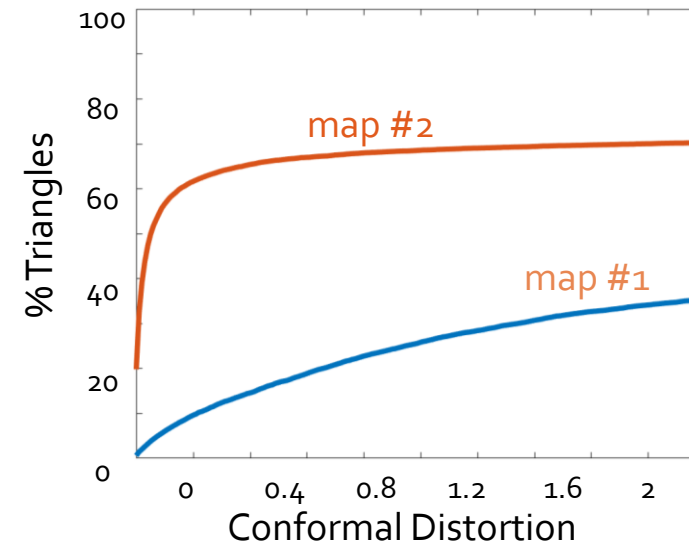
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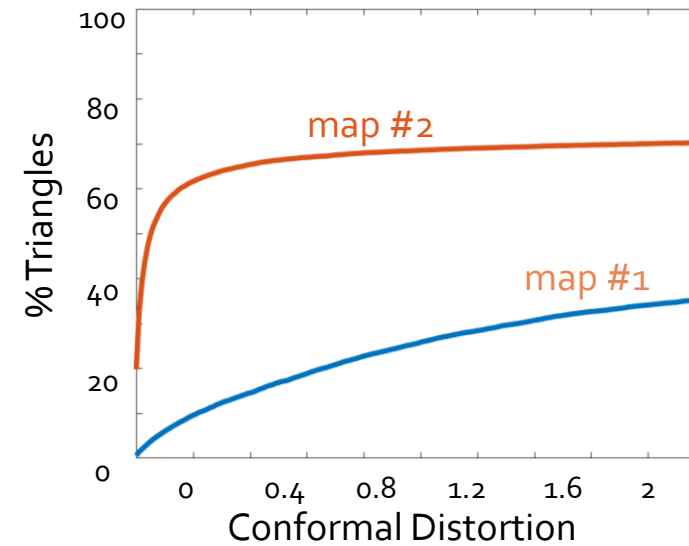
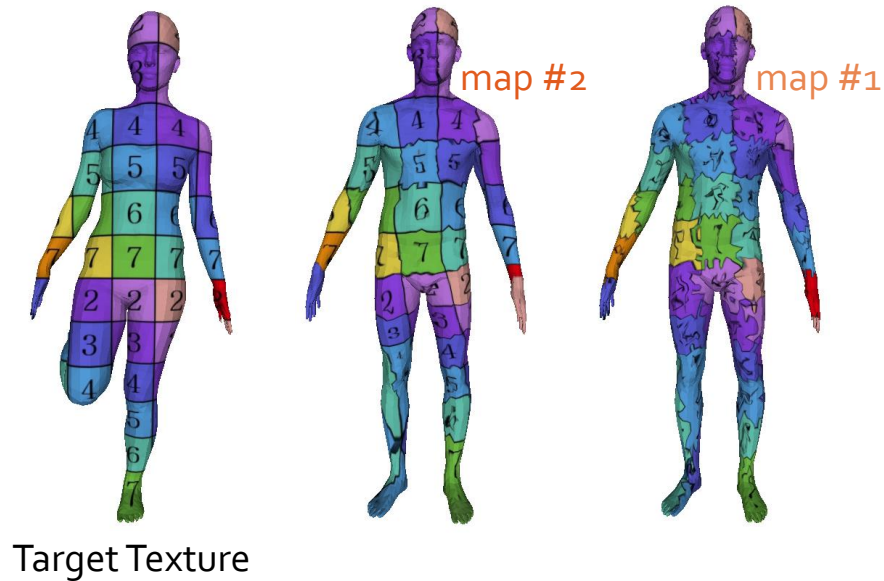
Target Texture



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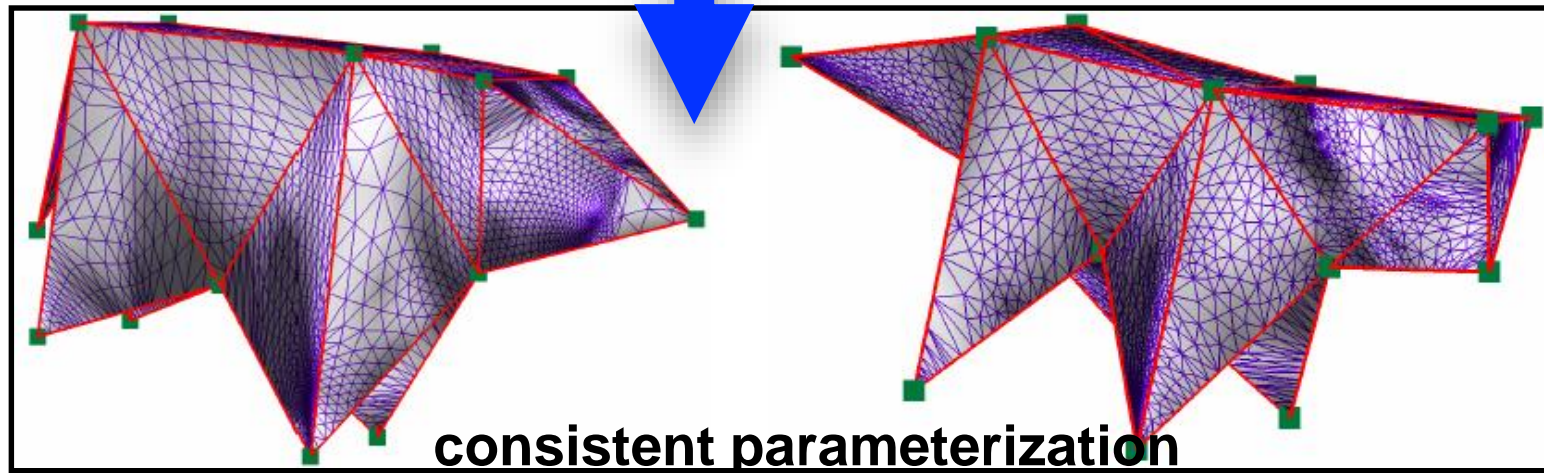
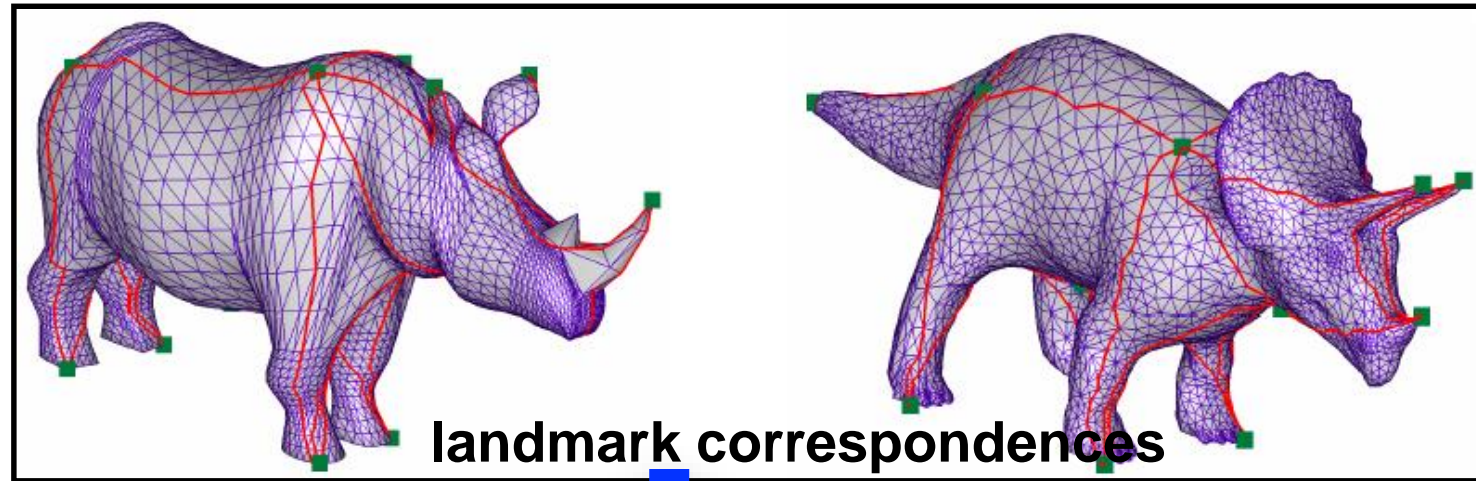


# Today's Plan

**Sampling** of surface mapping  
algorithms and models.

*Graphics/vision bias!*

# Example: Consistent Remeshing (Co-Parameterization)

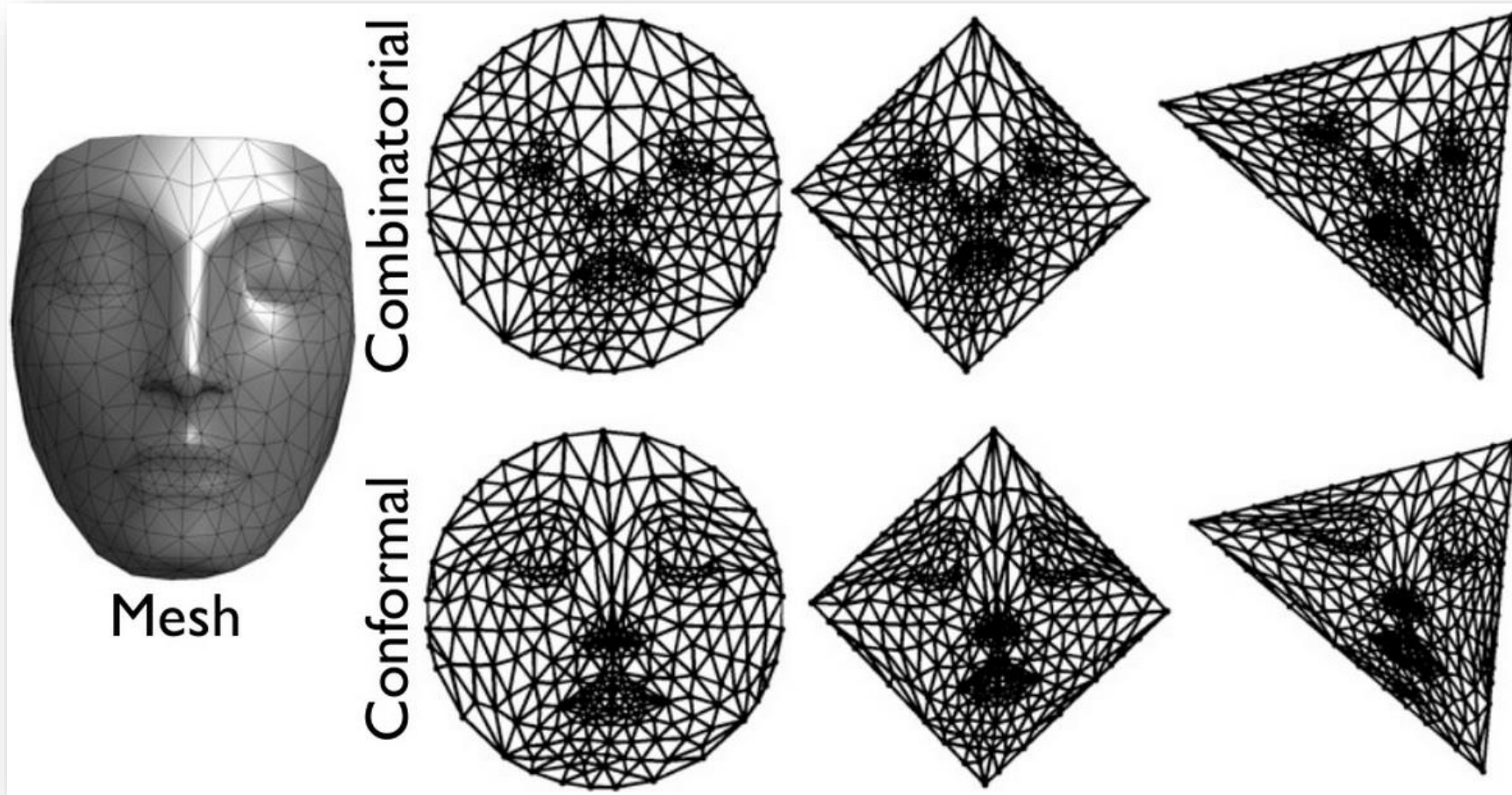


Kraevoy 2004

Adapted from slides by Q. Huang, V. Kim

*Recall:*

# Example: Mesh Embedding



*Recall:*

# Linear Solve for Embedding

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{|V|}} \quad & \sum_{(i,j) \in E} w_{ij} \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|_2^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{x}_v \text{ fixed } \forall v \in V_0 \end{aligned}$$

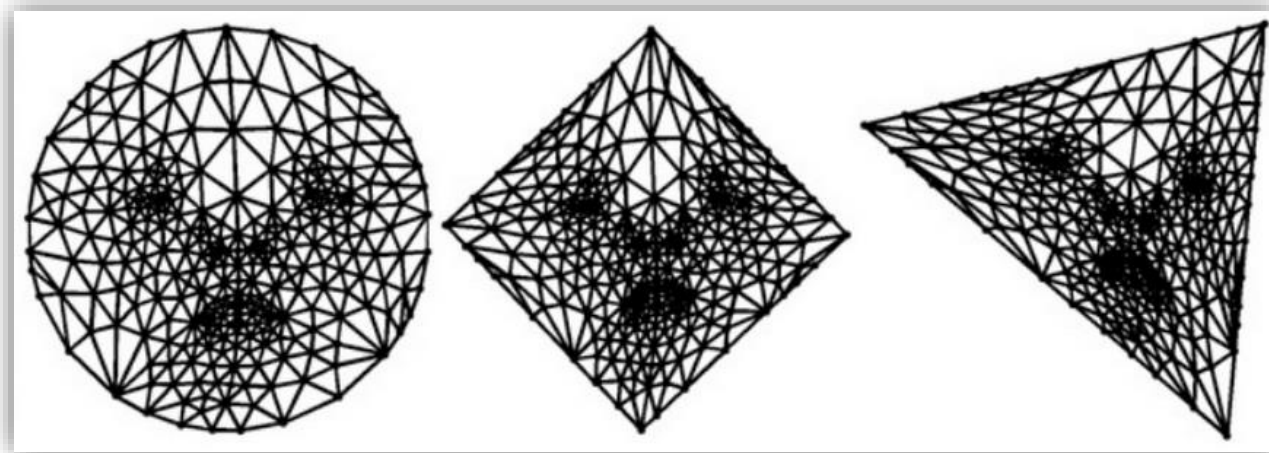
- $w_{ij} \equiv 1$ : Tutte embedding
- $w_{ij}$  from mesh: Harmonic embedding

Assumption:  $w$  symmetric.

# Tutte Embedding Theorem

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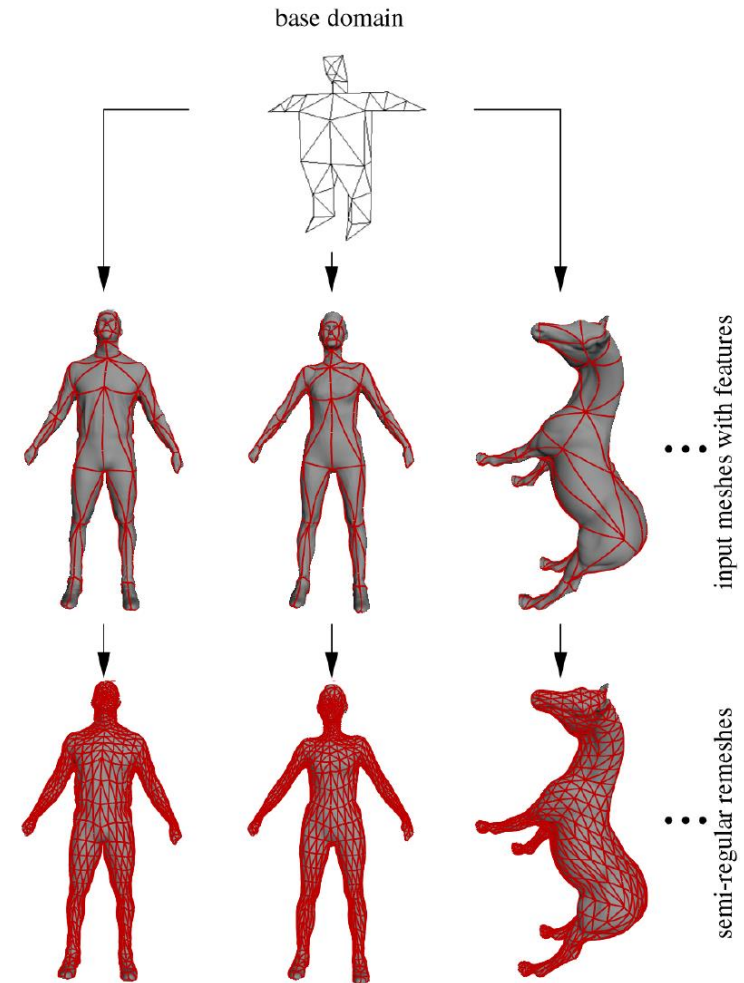
Tutte embedding **bijjective** if  $w$  nonnegative and boundary mapped to a convex polygon.



“How to draw a graph” (Proc. London Mathematical Society; Tutte, 1963)

# Tradeoff: Consistent Remeshing

- **Pros:**
  - Easy
  - Bijective
- **Cons:**
  - Need manual landmarks
  - Hard to minimize distortion

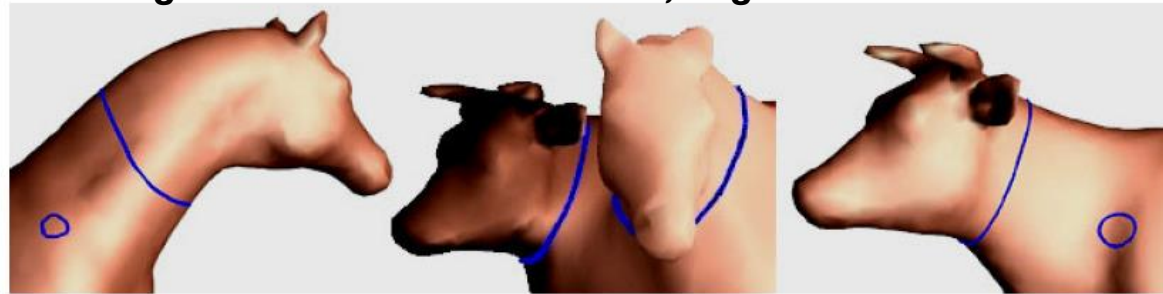


Praun et al. 2001

# Automatic Landmarks

- **Simple algorithm:**
  - Set landmarks
  - Measure energy
  - Repeat
- **Possible metrics**
  - Conformality
  - Area preservation
  - Stretch

*E.g. small conformal distortion, large area distortion:*



Schreiner et al. 2004

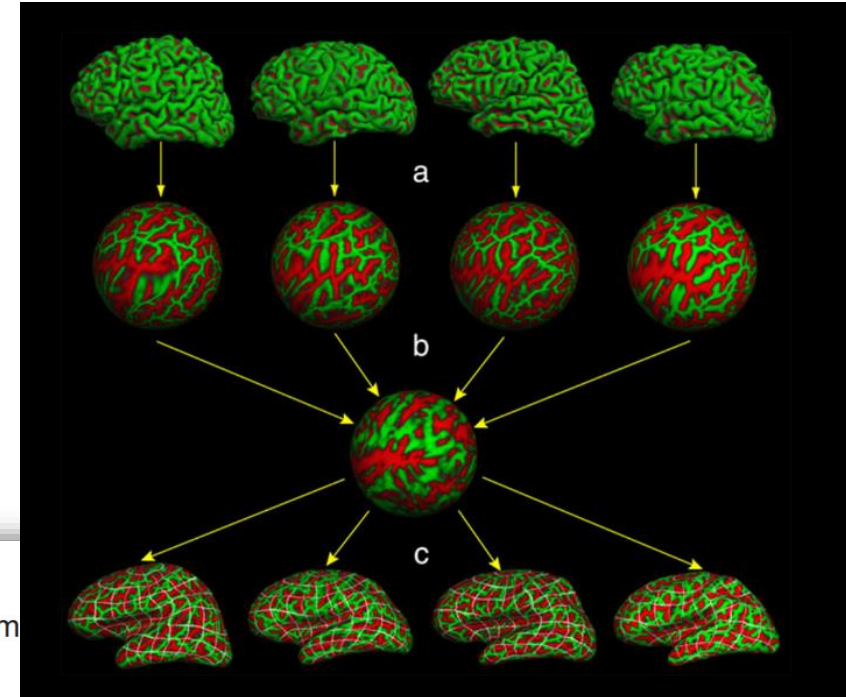
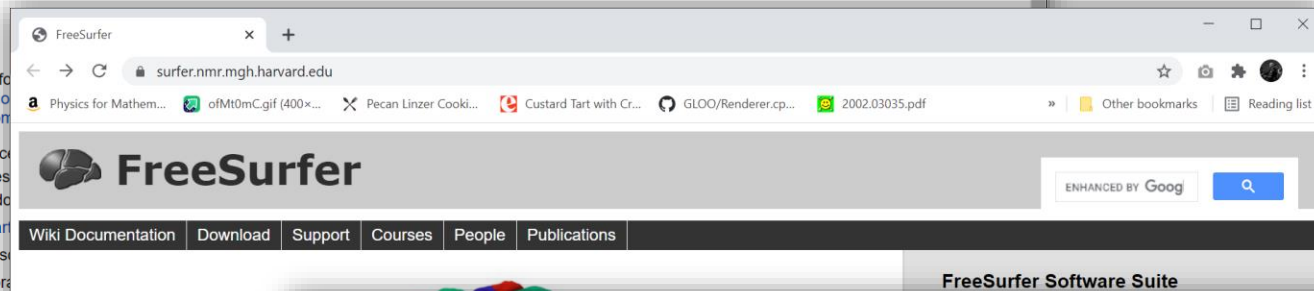
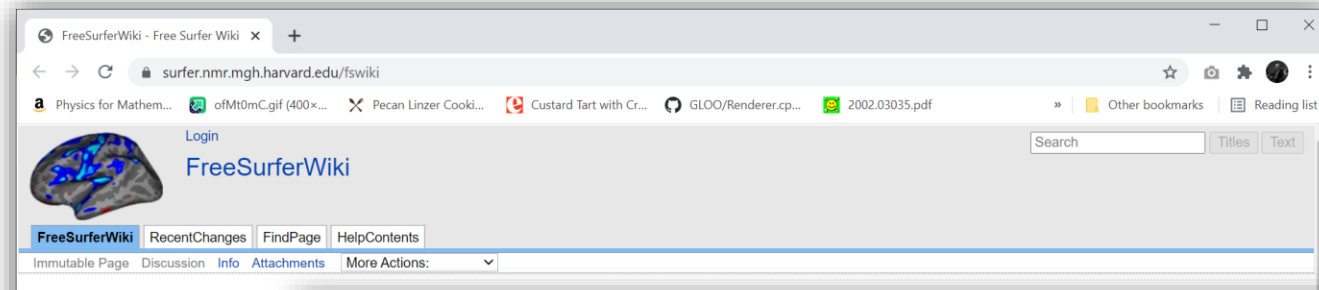
# Recent Coparameterization in Graphics



“Orbifold Tutte Embeddings” (Aigerman and Lipman, SIGGRAPH Asia 2015)



# FreeSurfer: Spherical Coparameterization



## FreeSurfer

FreeSurfer is a software package for...  
by the [Laboratory for Computational Neuroimaging](#)  
choice for the [Human Connectome Project](#)

- **License:** The open source license
- **Release notes:** New features
- **Installation guide:** How to do
- **Documentation:** Getting started
- **Citing FreeSurfer:** Short description
- **Publications:** A Zotero library
- **User support:** How to get help
- **Hands-on training:** Information
- **User contributions:** Scripts and
- **Other software:** Third-party
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- **Diversity and Inclusion**

## Our tools

### Structural MRI

FreeSurfer provides a full processing pipeline

- Skull stripping, B1 bias field correction
- Reconstruction of cortical surfaces
- Labeling of regions on the cortex
- Nonlinear registration of the cortex
- Statistical analysis of group differences

For more information, see:

- **Overview:** General description

## Cortical Surface-Based Analysis

### II: Inflation, Flattening, and a Surface-Based Coordinate System

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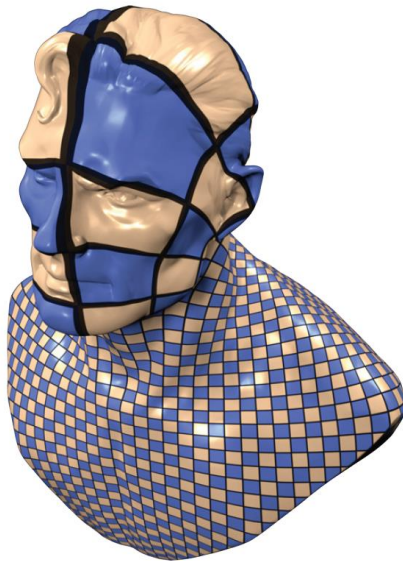
# Neuroimaging data analysis

*Digression:*

# Related Problem

Mapping specifically  
into the plane

Initialization



10 iterations



20 iterations



Converged (196)



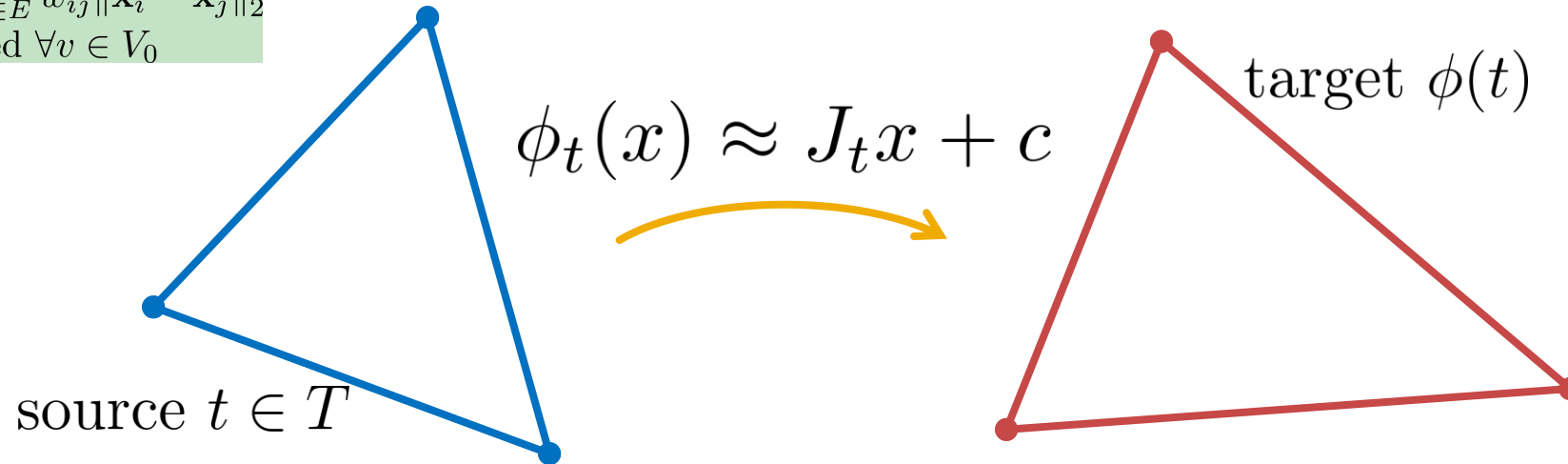
Image from "Scalable Locally Injective Mappings" (Rabinovich et al., 2017)

# Parameterization

# Local Distortion Measure

**Tutte distortion:**

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$$\text{Distortion} := \sum_{t \in T} A_t \mathcal{D}(J_t)$$

Triangle distortion measure



How do you measure  
**distortion** of a triangle?

# Typical Distortion Measures

Name	$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{J})$	$\mathcal{D}(\sigma)$
Symmetric Dirichlet	$\ \mathbf{J}\ _F^2 + \ \mathbf{J}^{-1}\ _F^2$	$\sum_{i=1}^n (\sigma_i^2 + \sigma_i^{-2})$
Exponential Symmetric Dirichlet	$\exp(s(\ \mathbf{J}\ _F^2 + \ \mathbf{J}^{-1}\ _F^2))$	$\exp(s \sum_{i=1}^n (\sigma_i^2 + \sigma_i^{-2}))$
Hencky strain	$\ \log \mathbf{J}^\top \mathbf{J}\ _F^2$	$\sum_{i=1}^n (\log^2 \sigma_i)$
AMIPS	$\exp(s \cdot \frac{1}{2} (\frac{\text{tr}(\mathbf{J}^\top \mathbf{J})}{\det(\mathbf{J})} + \frac{1}{2} (\det(\mathbf{J}) + \det(\mathbf{J}^{-1}))))$	$\exp(s (\frac{1}{2} (\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} + \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}) + \frac{1}{4} (\sigma_1 \sigma_2 + \frac{1}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2})))$
Conformal AMIPS 2D	$\frac{\text{tr}(\mathbf{J}^\top \mathbf{J})}{\det(\mathbf{J})}$	$\frac{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}$
Conformal AMIPS 3D	$\frac{\text{tr}(\mathbf{J}^\top \mathbf{J})}{\det(\mathbf{J})^{\frac{2}{3}}}$	$\frac{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2}{(\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3)^{\frac{2}{3}}}$

Open challenge:  
**Optimize directly**

Table from "Scalable Locally Injective Mappings" (Rabinovich et al., 2017)

# End-to-End Coparameterization

## Distortion-Minimizing Injective Maps Between Surfaces

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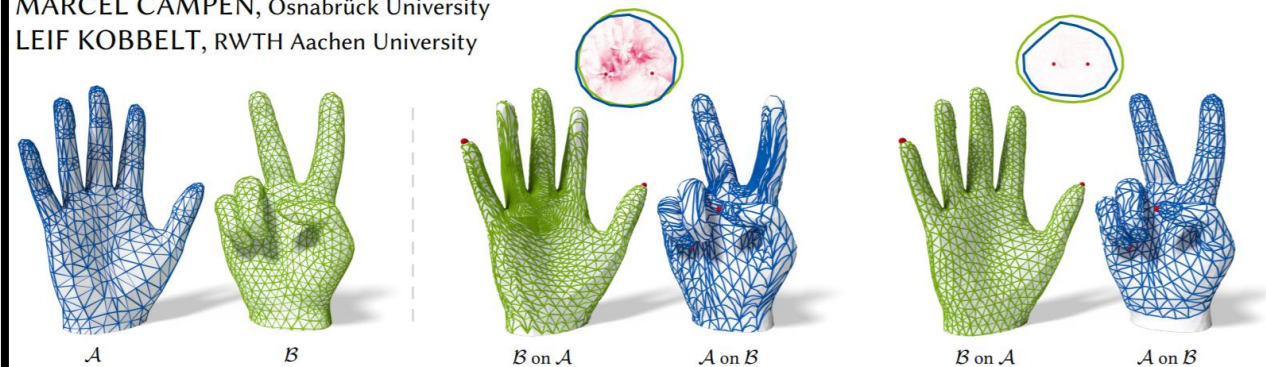


Fig. 1. Left: input meshes  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  of disk topology. Center and right: these meshes are continuously mapped onto each other via an intermediate flat domain (top) by composing two planar parametrizations. The map is constrained by just two landmarks (thumb and pinky). Center: both parametrizations are optimized for isometric distortion; the composed map, however, has high distortion (visualized in red on top). Right: our method directly optimizes the distortion of the composed map in an end-to-end manner, naturally aligning similarly curved regions as they map to each other with lower isometric distortion.

The problem of discrete surface parametrization, i.e. mapping a mesh to a planar domain, has been investigated extensively. We address the more general problem of mapping *between* surfaces. In particular, we provide a formulation that yields a map between two disk-topology meshes, which is continuous and injective by construction and which locally minimizes intrinsic distortion. A common approach is to express such a map as the composition of two maps via a simple intermediate domain such as the plane, and to independently optimize the individual maps. However, even if both individual maps are of minimal distortion, there is potentially high distortion in the composed map. In contrast to many previous works, we minimize distortion in an end-to-end manner, directly optimizing the quality of the composed map. This setting poses additional challenges due to the discrete nature of both the source and the target domain. We propose a formulation that, despite the combinatorial aspects of the problem, allows for a purely continuous optimization. Further, our approach addresses the non-smooth nature of discrete distortion measures in this context which hinders straightforward application of off-the-shelf optimization techniques. We demonstrate that, despite the challenges inherent to the more involved

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Maps between surfaces are an important tool in Geometry Processing. They are required to transfer information (such as attributes, features, texture) between objects, to co-process multiple objects (such as shape collections, animation frames), to interpolate between objects (e.g. for shape morphing), or to embed and parametrize objects (e.g. for template fitting). We here consider the case of discrete surfaces (triangle meshes) that are of disk topology.

A special case is mapping between a surface and the plane, i.e. the problem of discrete surface parametrization. There is vast literature on this topic, with many improvements and extensions proposed each year. The general case of maps between (non-planar) surfaces, by contrast, has received less treatment—it is significantly harder to handle due to the aspect of combinatorial complexity incurred by both source and target domain being discrete. In the planar parametrization scenario (mapping a discrete surface to the continuous

# Related: Overlaid Triangulations

## Inter-Surface Maps via Constant-Curvature Metrics

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Fig. 1. Visualization of inter-surface maps for pairs of surfaces of varying genus, optimized for low distortion while guaranteeing bijectivity. We represent and optimize such maps flexibly and compactly via discrete constant-curvature metrics of spherical (genus 0), flat (genus 1), or hyperbolic (genus 2+) type.

We propose a novel approach to represent maps between two discrete surfaces of the same genus and to minimize intrinsic mapping distortion. Our maps are well-defined at every surface point and are guaranteed to be continuous bijections (surface homeomorphisms). As a key feature of our approach, only the images of vertices need to be represented explicitly, since the images of all other points (on edges or in faces) are properly defined implicitly. This definition is via unique geodesics in metrics of constant Gaussian curvature. Our method is built upon the fact that such metrics exist on surfaces of arbitrary topology, without the need for any cuts or cones (as asserted by the uniformization theorem). Depending on the surfaces' genus, these metrics exhibit one of the three classical geometries: Euclidean, spherical or hyperbolic. Our formulation handles constructions in all three geometries in a unified way. In addition, by considering not only the vertex images but also the discrete metric as degrees of freedom, our formulation enables us to simultaneously optimize the images of these vertices and images of all other points.

CCS Concepts: • **Computing methodologies** → **Computer graphics**; **Mesh models**; **Mesh geometry models**; **Shape modeling**.

Additional Key Words and Phrases: cross-parametrization, surface parametrization, mesh overlay, bijection, discrete homeomorphism

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Maps between surfaces have a variety of uses in Computer Graphics and Geometry Processing. Classical applications include the transfer of various types of information between surfaces, such as textures, geometric detail, deformations, or tessellations. The parametrization or registration of exemplars over a common base model is another application scenario. Such inter-surface maps are furthermore of increasing importance for advanced shape processing tasks, in the context of co-processing of shape collections, or the analysis of frame sequences of time-varying or animated shapes.




In these various fields, inter-surface maps are used as fundamental building blocks of complex methods. Being able to reliably compute, optimize, and provide such maps is therefore of significant practical interest. Properties of maps that commonly are relevant in such applications are bijectivity, continuity, and low distortion.

We present a novel approach to represent inter-surface maps with guaranteed bijectivity and continuity (i.e., surface homeomorphisms) and a method to optimize such maps for low distortion in a direct manner. Our approach is general in that it supports discrete surfaces (triangle meshes) of arbitrary genus.

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## Surface Maps via Adaptive Triangulations

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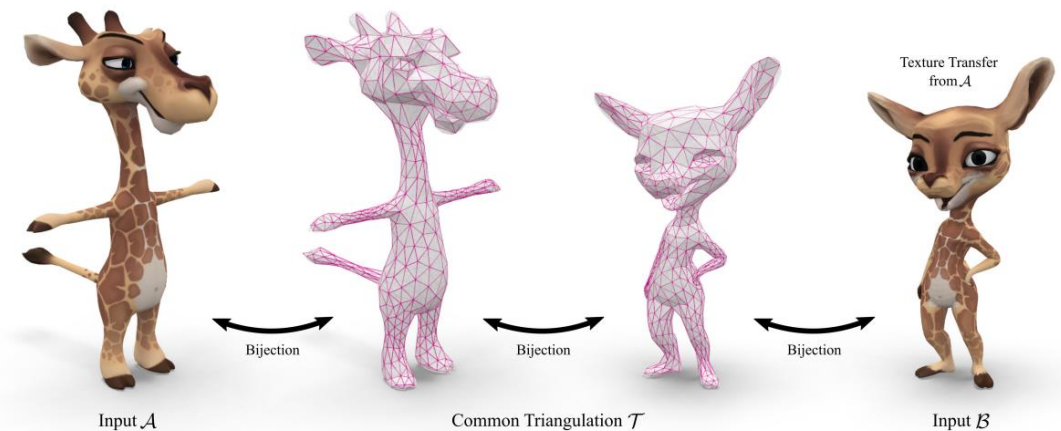


Figure 1: Bijective map between genus-0 models, visualized via texture transfer. The map is represented by an approximating (rather than exact) common triangulation, which remains in bijective correspondence to the input surfaces via spherical parametrizations. In a discrete-continuous optimization, we treat both the connectivity and the geometric embeddings of the triangulation as degrees of freedom. This allows optimizing genus-0 surface homeomorphisms at adaptive resolutions, independently of the input mesh complexity, which can be simpler, faster, and more robust than existing overlay-based methods.

## Abstract

We present a new method to compute continuous and bijective maps (surface homeomorphisms) between two or more genus-0 triangle meshes. In contrast to previous approaches, we decouple the resolution at which a map is represented from the resolution of the input meshes. We discretize maps via common triangulations that approximate the input meshes while remaining in bijective correspondence to them. Both the geometry and the connectivity of these triangulations are optimized with respect to a single objective function that simultaneously controls mapping distortion, triangulation quality, and approximation error. A discrete-continuous optimization algorithm performs both energy-based remeshing as well as global second-order optimization

# Back to Correspondence: New Idea

*Not all calculations have to be at the triangle level!*

**Long-distance interactions**  
can stabilize geometric computations.



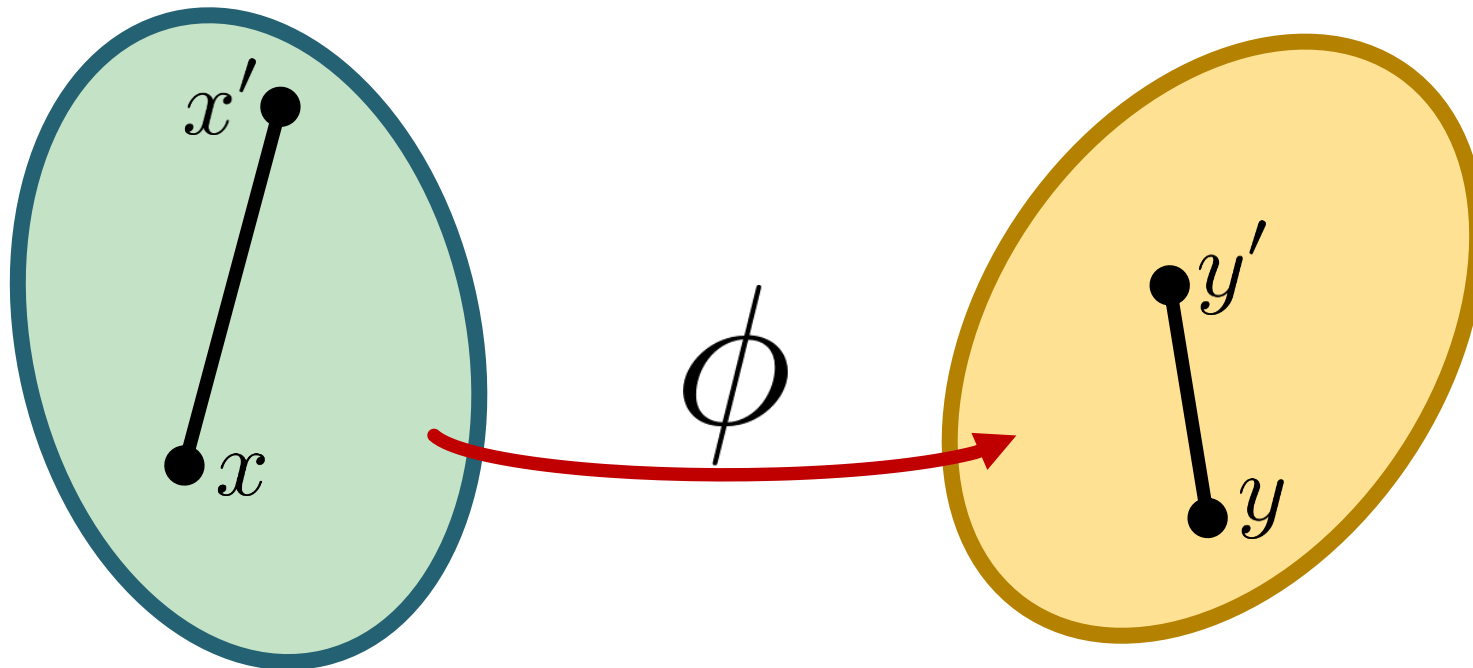
# Gromov-Hausdorff Distance

Distance between metric spaces  $X, Y$

$$d_{\text{GH}}(X, Y) := \inf_{\phi: X \rightarrow Y} \sup_{x, x' \in X} |d_X(x, x') - d_Y(\phi(x), \phi(x'))|$$

Best map

Worst distortion



Recall:

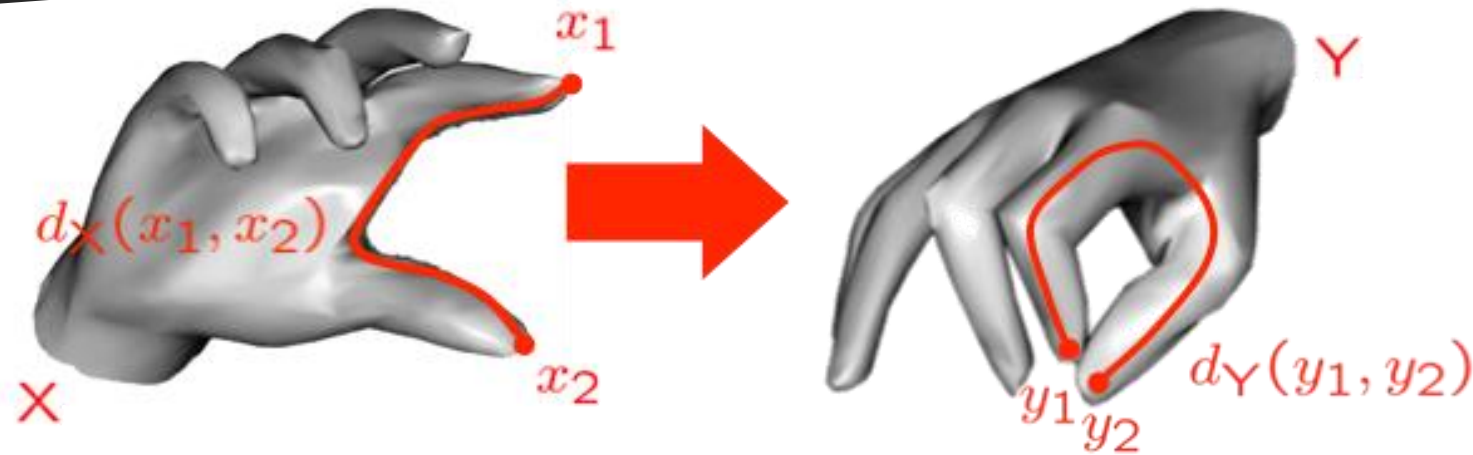
# Classical Multidimensional Scaling

1. Double centering:  $B := -\frac{1}{2}JDJ$   
Centering matrix  $J := I - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^\top$
2. Find  $m$  largest eigenvalues/eigenvectors
3.  $X = E_m\Lambda_m^{1/2}$

**"MDS"**

# Generalized MDS

Search for a permutation!

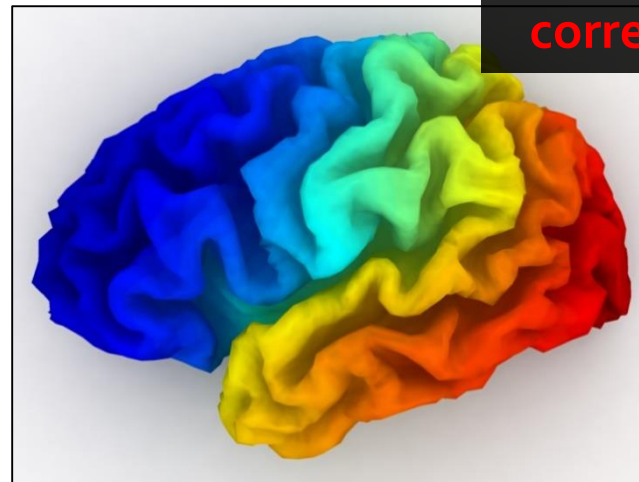


$$d_{\text{int}}(X, Y) := \min_{\{y_1, \dots, y_n\} \subset Y} \|d_X(x_i, x_j) - d_Y(y_i, y_j)\|$$

# Problem: Quadratic Assignment

$$\begin{aligned} \min_T \quad & \langle M_0 T, T M_1 \rangle \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & T \in \{0, 1\}^{n \times n} \\ & T \mathbf{1} = p_0 \\ & T^\top \mathbf{1} = p_1 \end{aligned}$$

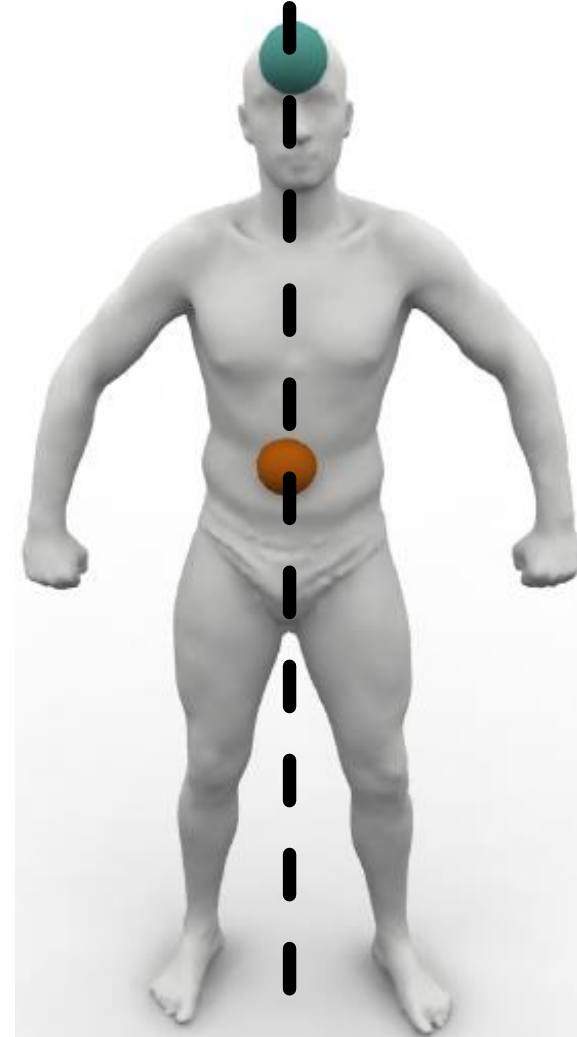
*Nonconvex quadratic program!  
NP-hard!*



General notion of  
correspondence

# What's Wrong?

- **Hard to optimize**
- **Multiple optima**



# Tradeoff: GMDS

- **Pros:**
  - Good distance for non-isometric metric spaces
- **Cons:**
  - Non-convex
  - HUGE search space (i.e. permutations)

# GMDS in Practice

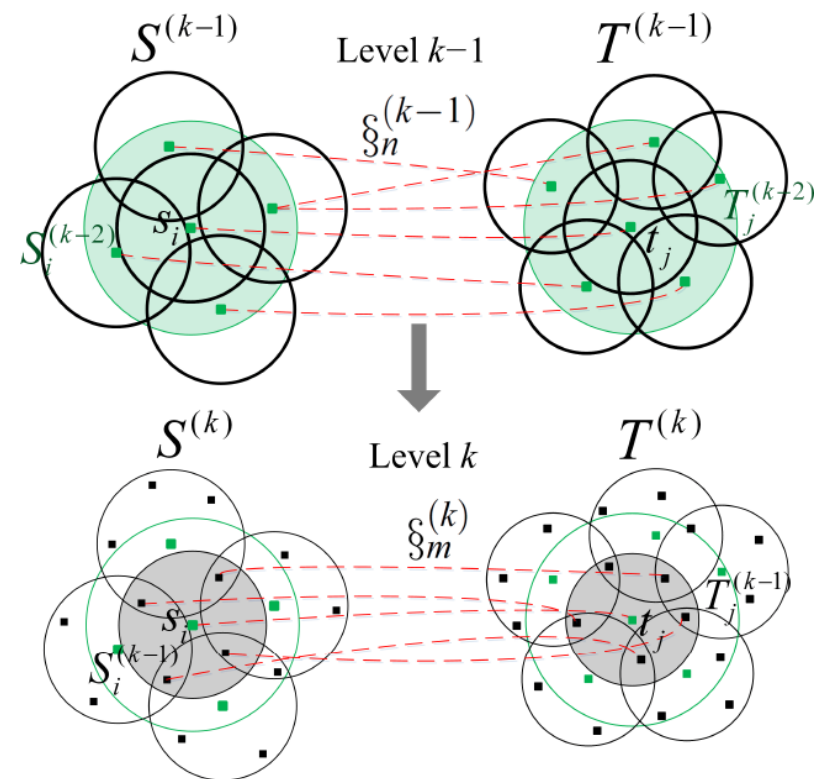
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  - Partial matching



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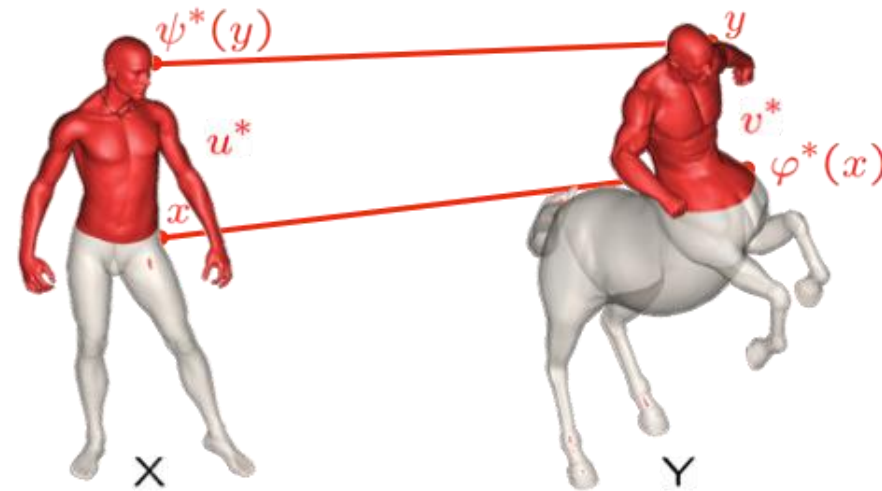
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- Find correspondence  $\varphi^*, \psi^*$  minimizing distortion between current parts  $u^*, v^*$
- Select parts  $u^*, v^*$  minimizing the distortion with current correspondence  $\varphi^*, \psi^*$  subject to  $\lambda(u^*, v^*) \leq \lambda_0$

# Returning to Desirable Properties

**Given** two (or more) shapes  
**Find** a map  $f$ , satisfying the following properties:

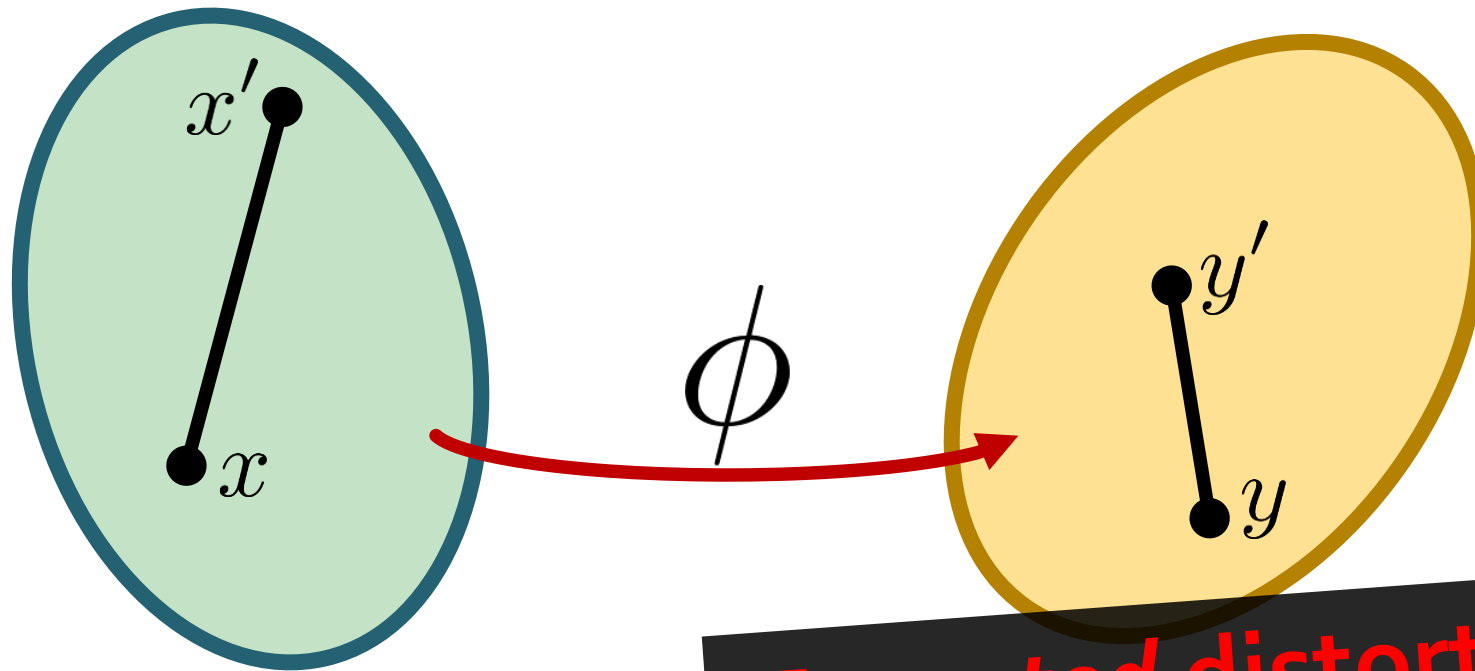
- ~~Fast to compute~~
- ~~Bijjective~~  
*(if we expect global correspondence)*
- Low-distortion
- Preserves important features

**(unless local optimum is bad)**

Recent idea:

# Gromov-Wasserstein Distance

[Mémoli 2007]

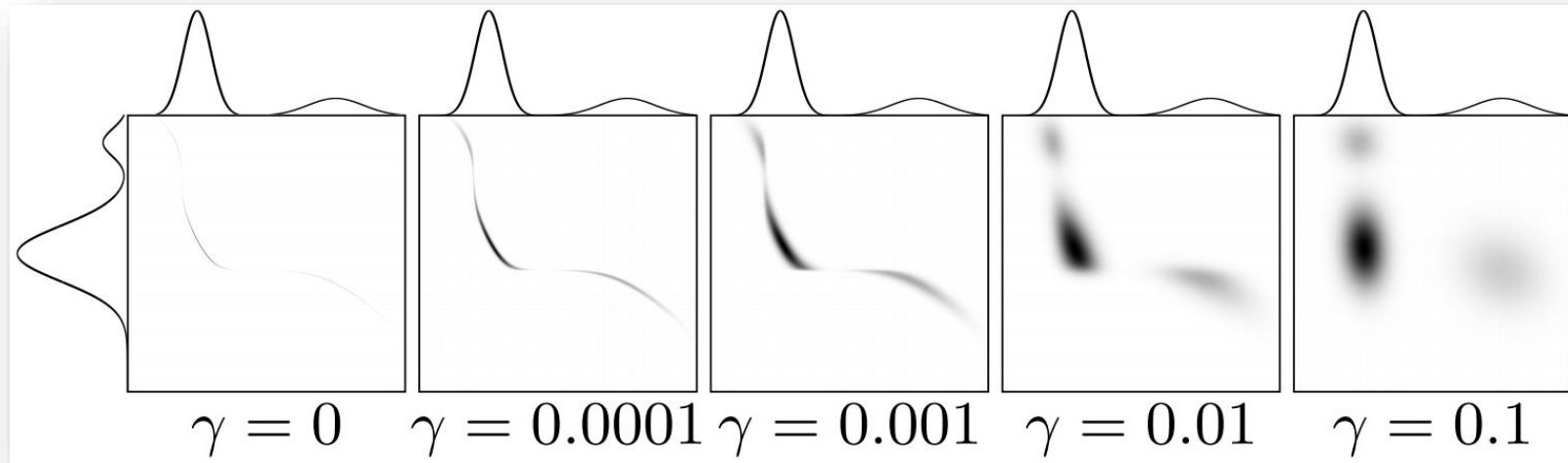


$$\text{GW}_2^2((\mu_0, d_0), (\mu, d)) :=$$

$$\min_{\gamma \in \mathcal{M}(\mu_0, \mu)} \iint_{\Sigma_0 \times \Sigma} [d_0(x, x') - d(y, y')]^2 d\gamma(x, y) d\gamma(x', y')$$

Recall:

# Entropic Regularization



$$\min_T \quad \sum_{ij} T_{ij} d(x_i, x_j) - \gamma H(T)$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_j T_{ij} = p_i$$

$$\sum_i T_{ij} = q_j$$

$$T \geq 0$$

$$H(T) := - \sum_{ij} T_{ij} \log T_{ij}$$

# Gromov-Wasserstein Plus Entropy

## Entropic Metric Alignment for Correspondence Problems

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### Abstract

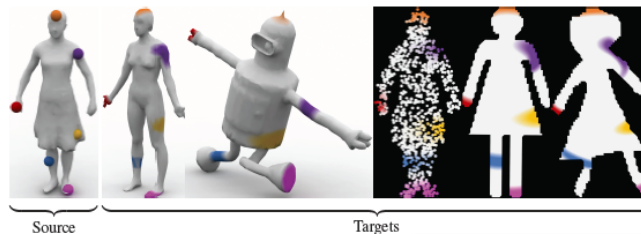
Many shape and image processing tools rely on computation of correspondences between geometric domains. Efficient methods that stably extract “soft” matches in the presence of diverse geometric structures have proven to be valuable for shape retrieval and transfer of labels or semantic information. With these applications in mind, we present an algorithm for probabilistic correspondence that optimizes an entropy-regularized Gromov-Wasserstein (GW) objective. Built upon recent developments in numerical optimal transportation, our algorithm is compact, provably convergent, and applicable to any geometric domain expressible as a metric measure matrix. We provide comprehensive experiments illustrating the convergence and applicability of our algorithm to a variety of graphics tasks. Furthermore, we expand entropic GW correspondence to a framework for other matching problems, incorporating partial distance matrices, user guidance, shape exploration, symmetry detection, and joint analysis of more than two domains. These applications expand the scope of entropic GW correspondence to major shape analysis problems and are stable to distortion and noise.

**Keywords:** Gromov-Wasserstein, matching, entropy

**Concepts:** •Computing methodologies → Shape analysis;

### 1 Introduction

A basic component of the geometry processing toolbox is a tool for *mapping* or *correspondence*, the problem of finding which points on a target domain correspond to points on a source. Many variations of this problem have been considered in the graphics literature, e.g.



**Figure 1:** Entropic GW can find correspondences between a 3D surface (left) and a surface with similar shared semantic structure, a noisy 3D point cloud (right). Each fuzzy map was computed by our algorithm.

are violated these algorithms suffer from local minima. We address this by incorporating local elastic terms into a single global matching problem.

In this paper, we propose a new correspondence problem that minimizes distortion of long- and short-range correspondences. We study an entropically-regularized version of the Gromov-Wasserstein (GW) mapping objective function from [Solomon et al. 2012] that minimizes the distortion of geodesic distances. The correspondence is expressed as a “fuzzy” map  $\Gamma$  between the source and target domains [Kim et al. 2012; Solomon et al. 2012]. The correspondence is then optimized via the weight of an edge between the source and target domains.

Although [Mémoli 2011] and subsequent work have shown the utility of using GW distances for geometric problems, these challenges hampered their practical use. To address these challenges, we build upon recent methods for optimal transportation introduced in [Benard et al. 2015]. While optimal transportation is a well-studied optimization problem from regularized GW computation (linear

```
function GROMOV-WASSERSTEIN( $\mu_0, \mathbf{D}_0, \mu, \mathbf{D}, \alpha, \eta$ )  
    // Computes a local minimizer  $\Gamma$  of (6)  
     $\Gamma \leftarrow \text{ONES}(n_0 \times n)$   
    for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$   
         $\mathbf{K} \leftarrow \exp(\mathbf{D}_0[\mu_0]\Gamma[\mu]\mathbf{D}^\top/\alpha)$   
         $\Gamma \leftarrow \text{SINKHORN-PROJECTION}(\mathbf{K}^{\wedge \eta} \otimes \Gamma^{\wedge(1-\eta)}; \mu_0, \mu)$   
    return  $\Gamma$ 
```

```
function SINKHORN-PROJECTION( $\mathbf{K}; \mu_0, \mu$ )  
    // Finds  $\Gamma$  minimizing  $\text{KL}(\Gamma|\mathbf{K})$  subject to  $\Gamma \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}(\mu_0, \mu)$   
     $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{1}$   
    for  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots$   
         $\mathbf{v} \leftarrow \mathbf{1} \oslash \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{w} \otimes \mu)$   
         $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{1} \oslash \mathbf{K}^\top(\mathbf{v} \otimes \mu_0)$   
    return  $[\mathbf{v}]\mathbf{K}[\mathbf{w}]$ 
```

**Algorithm 1:** Iteration for finding regularized Gromov-Wasserstein distances.  $\otimes, \oslash$  denote elementwise multiplication and division.

# Convex Relaxation

## Tight Relaxation of Quadratic Matching

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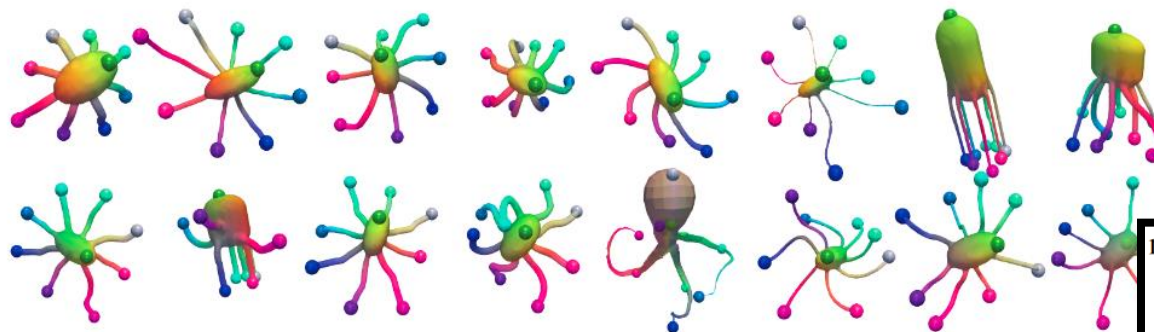


Figure 1: Consistent Collection Matching. Results of the proposed one-stage procedure for finding consistent correspondences between shapes in a collection showing strong variability and non-rigid deformations.

### Abstract

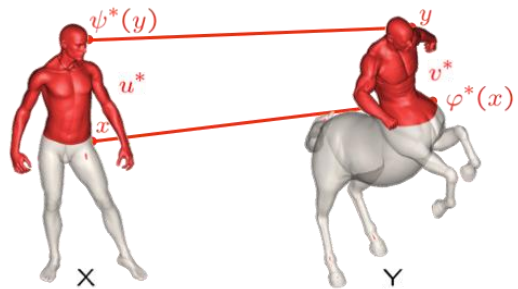
Establishing point correspondences between shapes is extremely challenging as it involves both finding semantically persistent feature points, as well as their combinatorial matching. We focus on the latter and consider the Quadratic Assignment Matching (QAM) model. We suggest a novel convex relaxation for this NP-hard problem that builds upon a rank-one reformulation of the problem in a higher dimension, followed by relaxation in semidefinite program (SDP). Our method is shown to be a certain hybrid of the popular spectral and doubly stochastic relaxations of QAM and in particular we prove that it is tighter than both. Experimental evaluation shows that the proposed relaxation is extremely tight: in the majority of our experiments it achieved the certified global optimum solution for the problem, while other relaxations tend to produce sub-optimal solutions. This, however, comes at the price of solving an SDP in a higher dimension.

$$\begin{aligned} \max_Y \quad & \text{tr}(WY) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Y \succeq [X][X]^T \\ & X \in \text{conv} \Pi_n^k \\ & \text{tr}Y = k \\ & Y \geq 0 \\ & \sum_{qrst} Y_{qrst} = k^2 \\ & Y_{qrst} \leq \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } q = s, r \neq t \\ 0, & \text{if } r = t, q \neq s \\ \min\{X_{qr}, X_{st}\}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

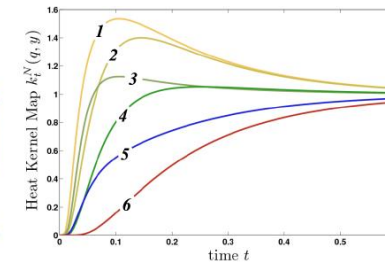
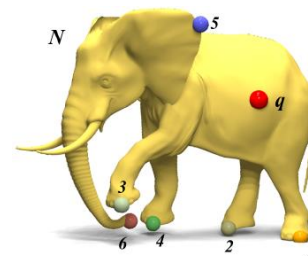
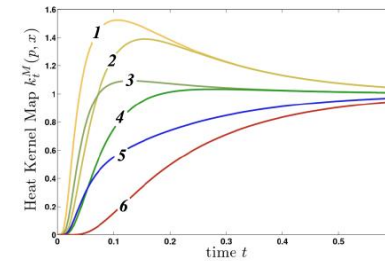
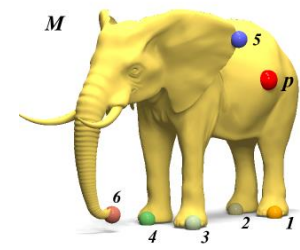
# Continuum

Weak assumptions

Strong assumptions



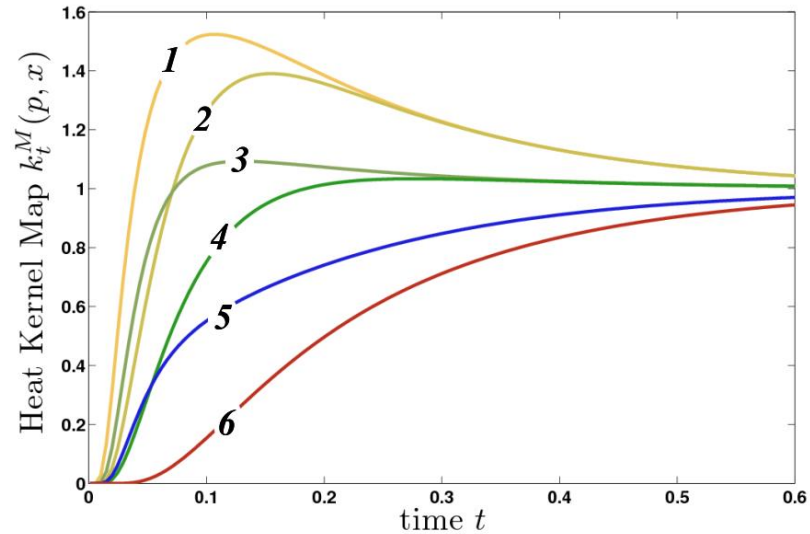
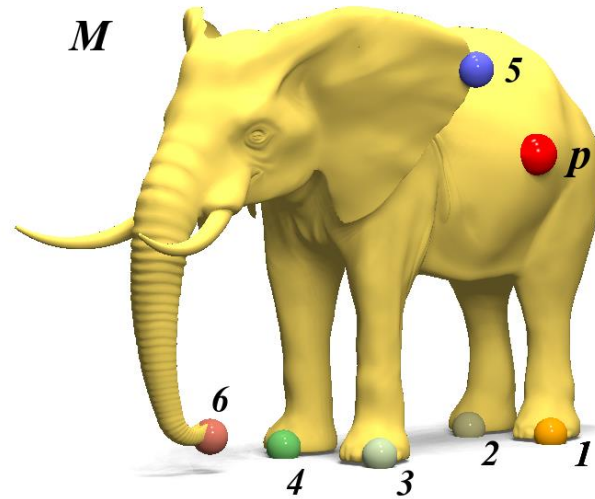
Low-distortion



Isometry

Recall:

# Heat Kernel Map



$$\text{HKM}_p(x, t) := k_t(p, x)$$

**Theorem: Only have to match one point!**

One Point Isometric Matching with the Heat Kernel

Ovsjanikov et al. 2010

*KNN*



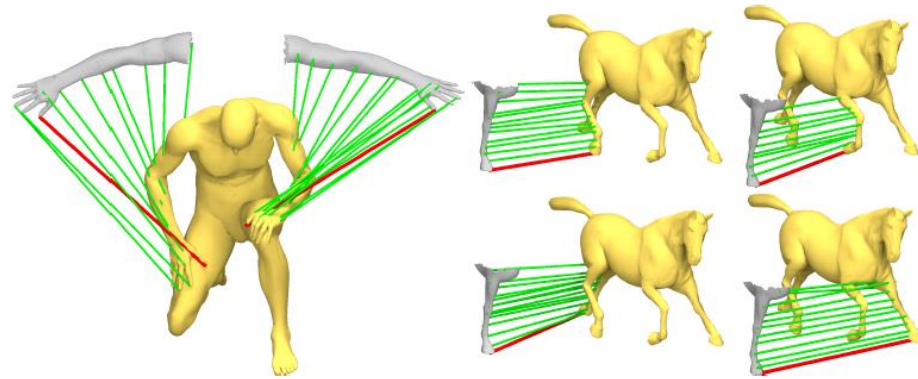
# Tradeoff: Heat Kernel Map

- **Pros:**

- Tiny search space
- Some extension to partial matching

- **Cons:**

- (Extremely) sensitive to deviation from isometry

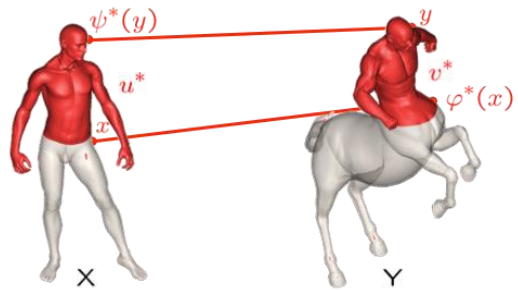


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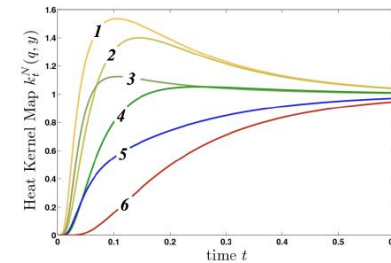
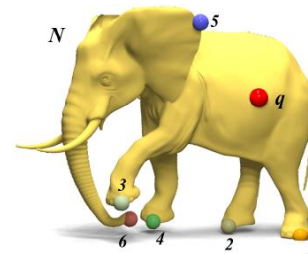
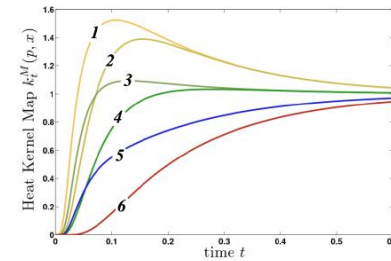
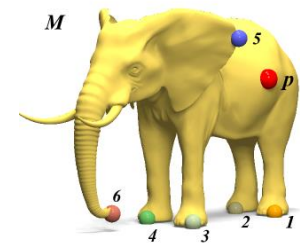
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Low-distortion



Isometry

# Observation About Mapping

*Angle and area preserving*

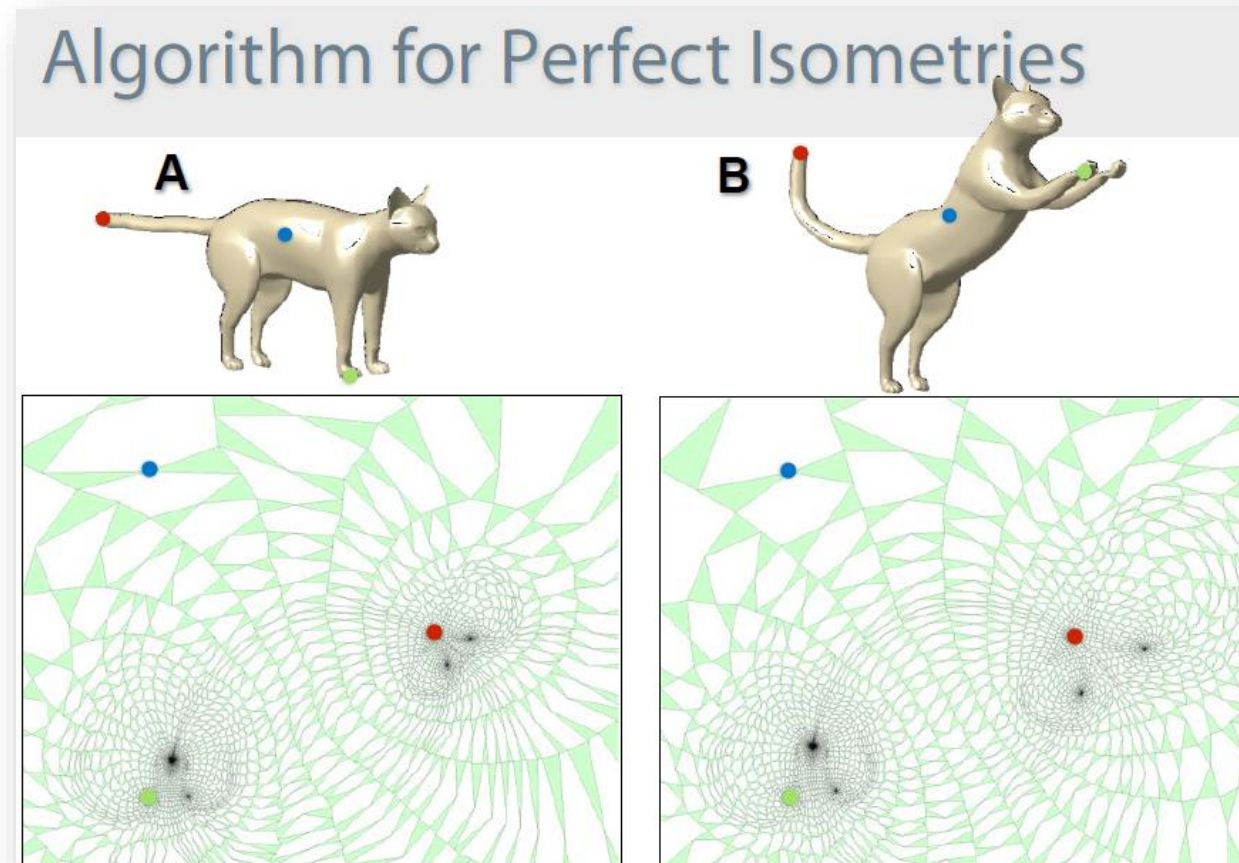
*Angle preserving*

isometries  $\subseteq$  conformal maps

**Hard!**

**Easier**

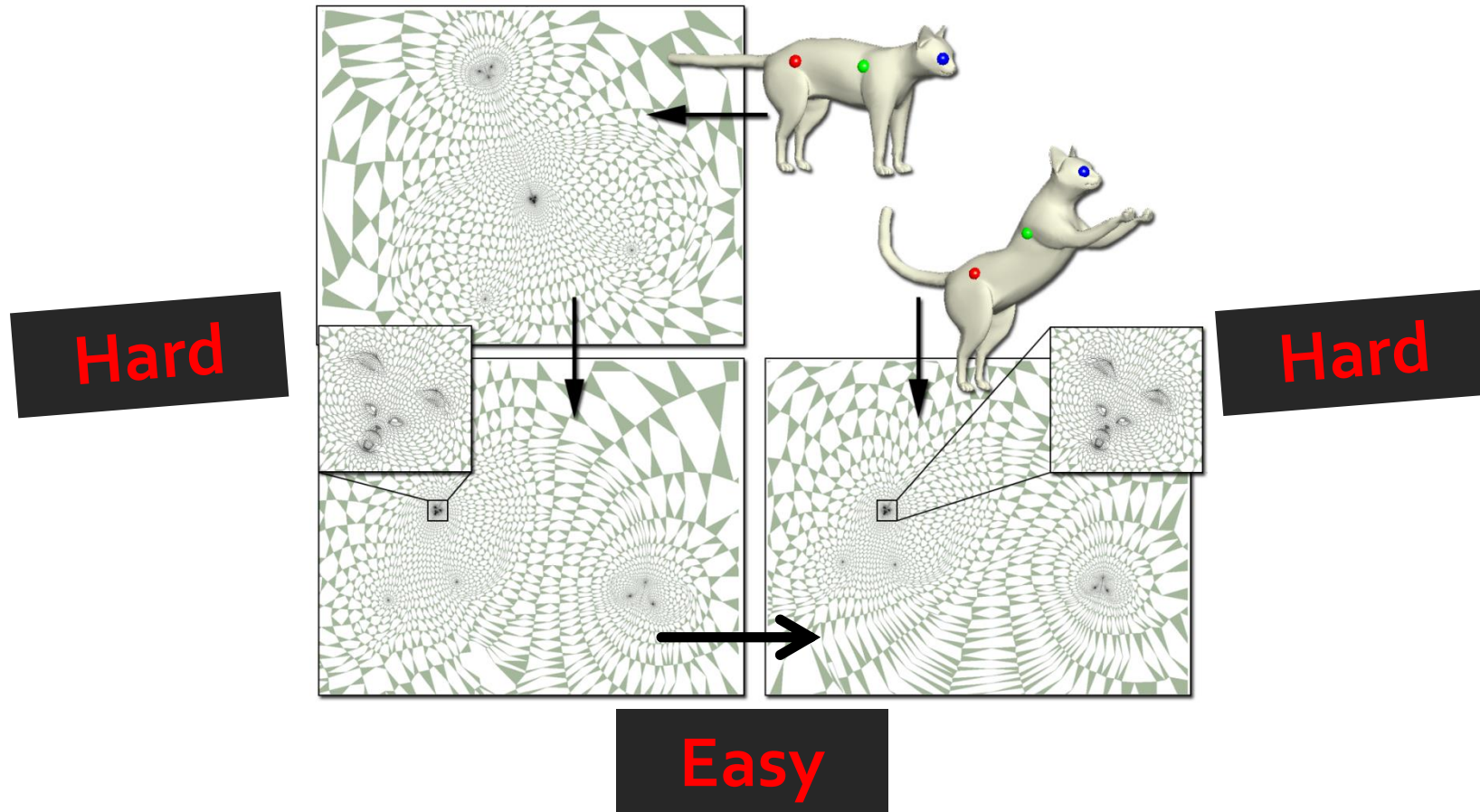
# $O(n^3)$ Algorithm for Perfect Isometry



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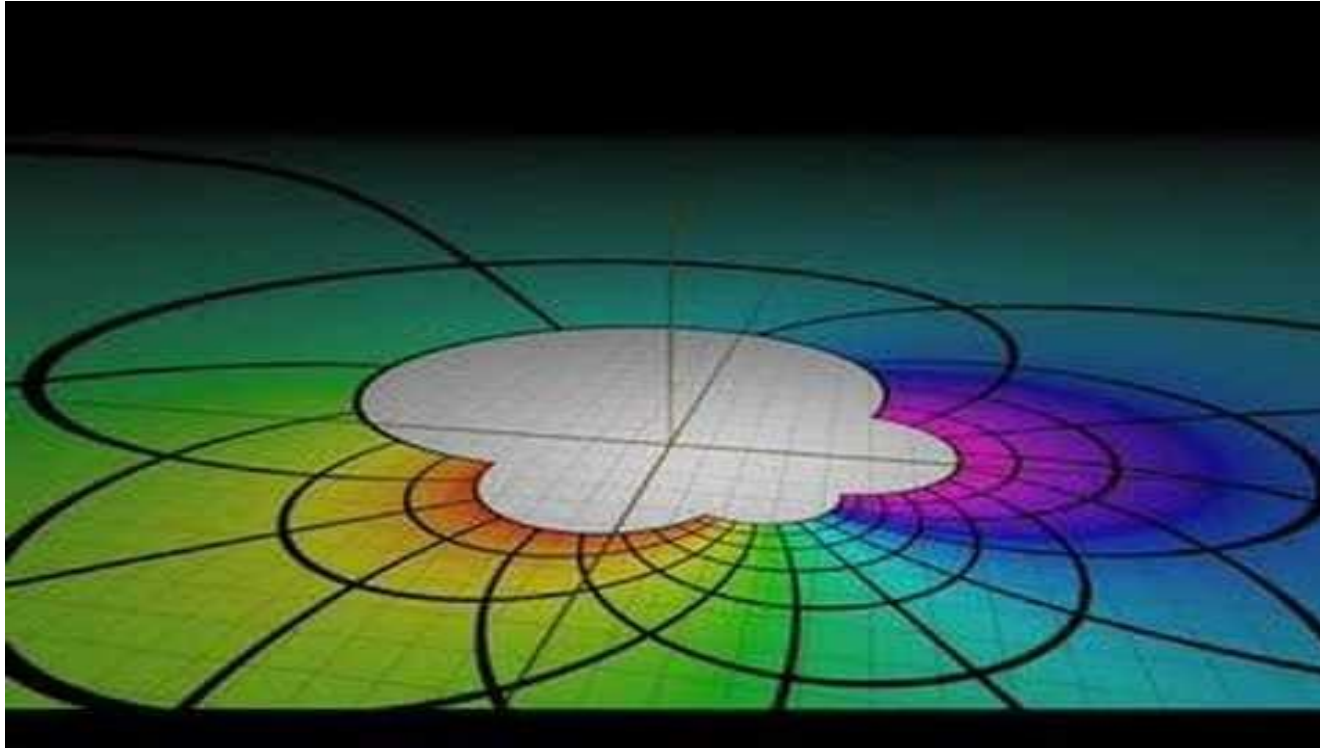
**Map triplets of points**

# Observation



**Hard work is per-surface, not per-map**

# Möbius Transformations

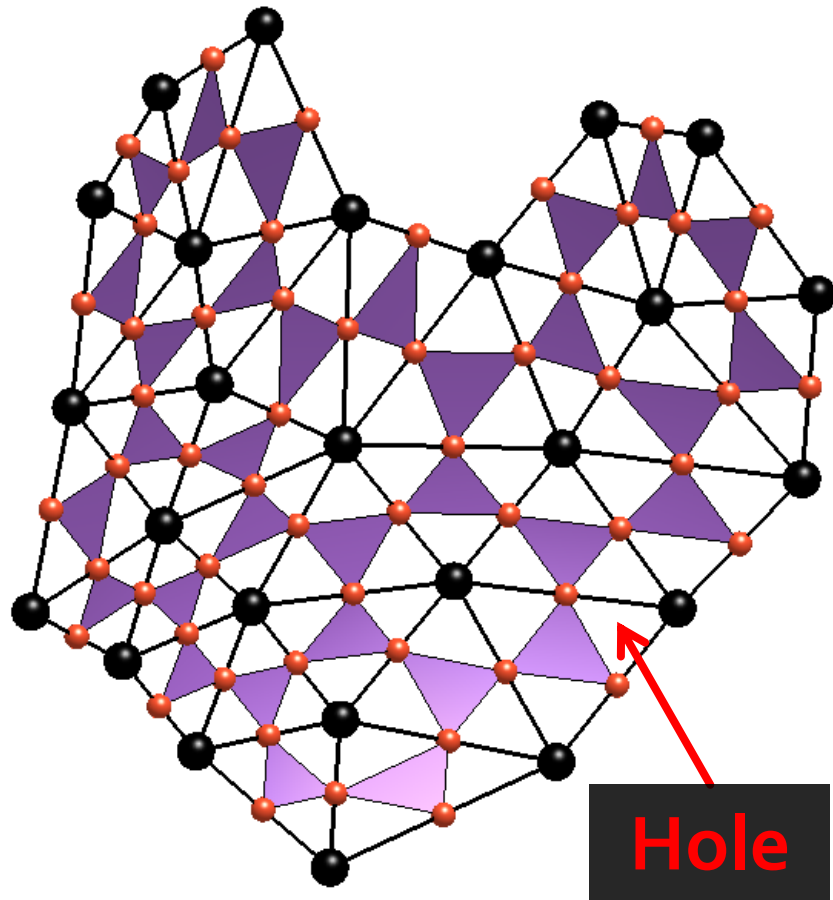


$$\frac{az + b}{cz + d}$$

<http://www.ima.umn.edu/~arnold/moebius>

**Bijjective conformal maps of the  
extended complex plane**

# Mid-Edge Uniformization



$$\Phi(v) = u(v) + iu^*(v)$$

PL,  
continuous

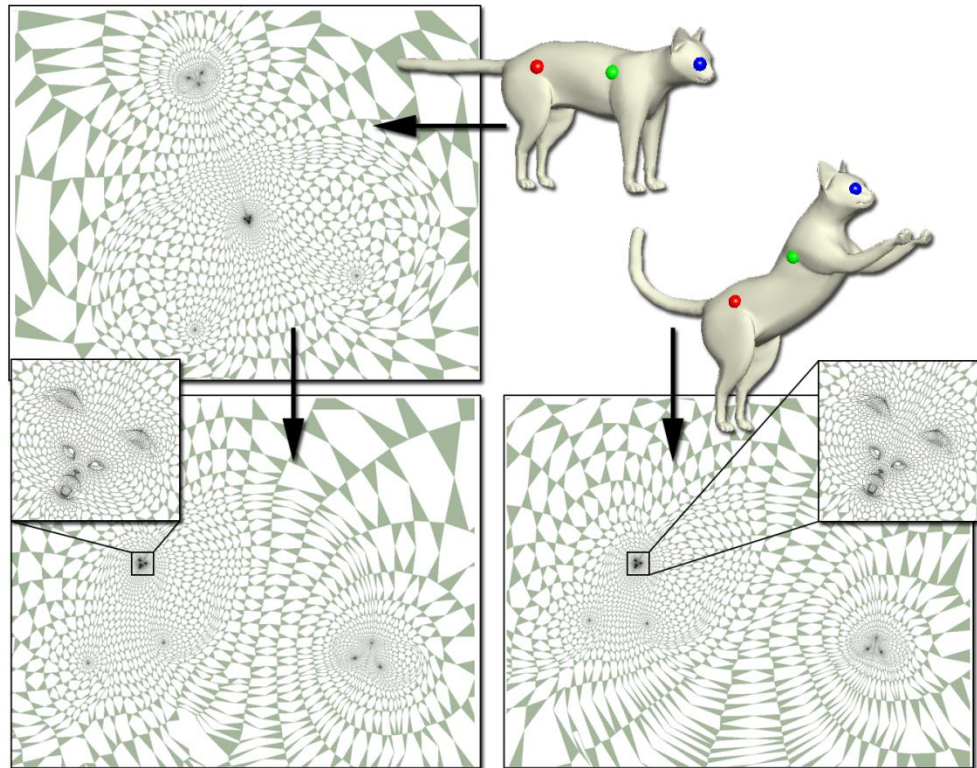
$$\Delta u = 0$$

PL,  
continuous  
at midpoints

Rotate gradient  
of  $u$   $90^\circ$

Cannot scale triangles to flatten

# Möbius Voting



1. Map surfaces to **complex plane**
2. Select **three** points
3. **Map plane to itself** matching these points
4. **Vote** for pairings using distortion metric to weight
5. Return to 2



# Voting Algorithm

**Input:** points  $\Sigma_1 = \{z_k\}$  and  $\Sigma_2 = \{w_\ell\}$

number of iterations  $I$

minimal subset size  $K$

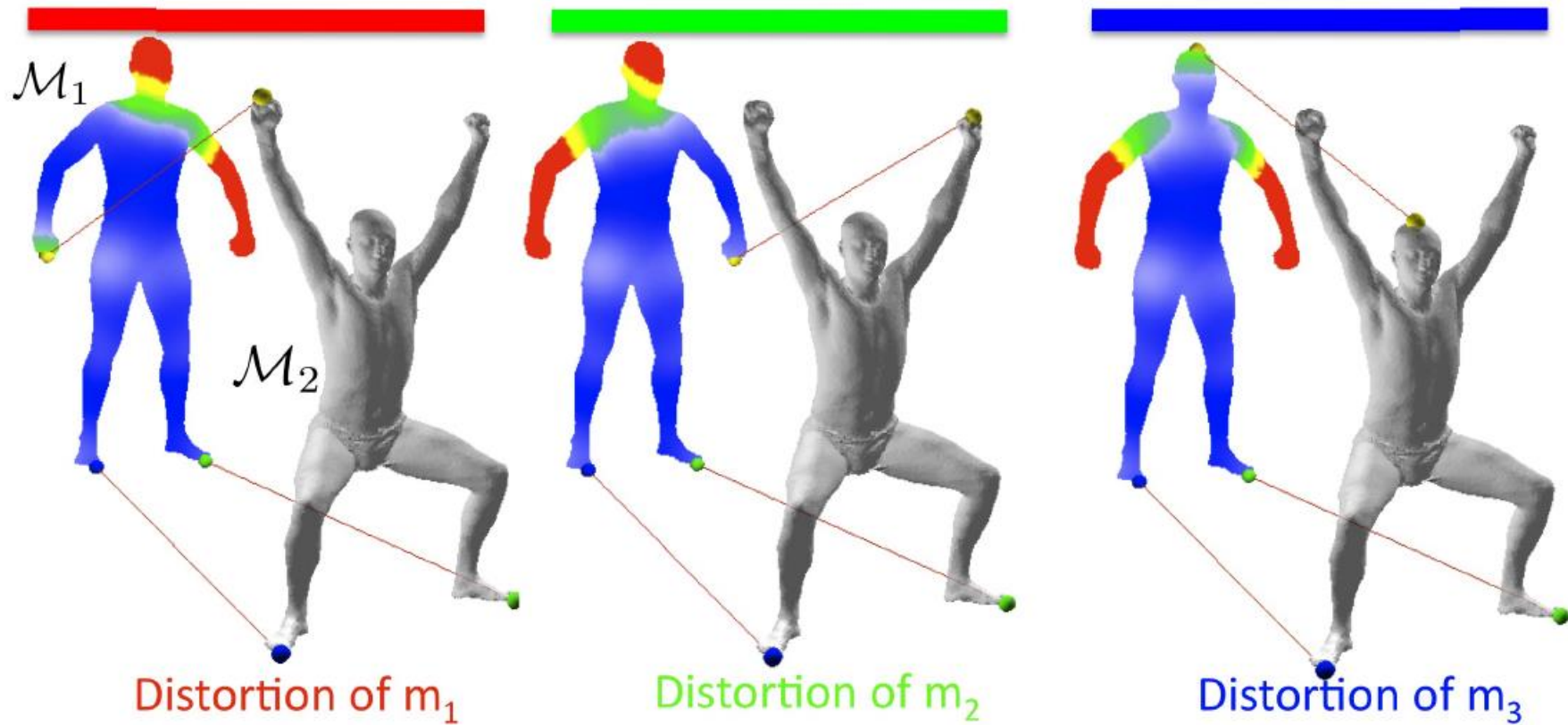
**Output:** correspondence matrix  $C = (C_{k,\ell})$ .

```
/* Möbius voting */
while number of iterations < I do
  Random  $z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \Sigma_1$ .
  Random  $w_1, w_2, w_3 \in \Sigma_2$ .
  Find the Möbius transformations  $m_1, m_2$  s.t.
     $m_1(z_j) = y_j, m_2(w_j) = y_j, j = 1, 2, 3$ .
  Apply  $m_1$  on  $\Sigma_1$  to get  $\bar{z}_k = m_1(z_k)$ .
  Apply  $m_2$  on  $\Sigma_2$  to get  $\bar{w}_\ell = m_2(w_\ell)$ .
  Find mutually nearest-neighbors  $(\bar{z}_k, \bar{w}_\ell)$  to formulate
  candidate correspondence  $c$ .
  if number of mutually closest pairs  $\geq K$  then
    Calculate the deformation energy  $\mathbf{E}(c)$ 
    /* Vote in correspondence matrix */
    foreach  $(\bar{z}_k, \bar{w}_\ell)$  mutually nearest-neighbors do
       $C_{k,\ell} \leftarrow C_{k,\ell} + \frac{1}{\epsilon + \mathbf{E}(c)/n}$ .
    end
  end
end
end
```

# Tradeoff: Möbius Voting

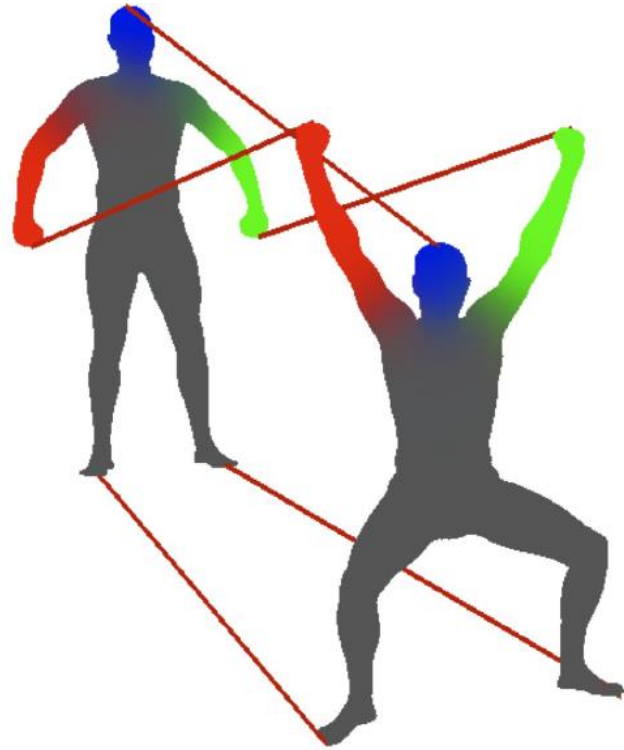
- **Pros:**
  - Efficient
  - Voting procedure handles some non-isometry
- **Cons:**
  - Does not provide smooth/continuous map
  - Does not optimize global distortion
  - Only for genus 0

# Blended Intrinsic Maps

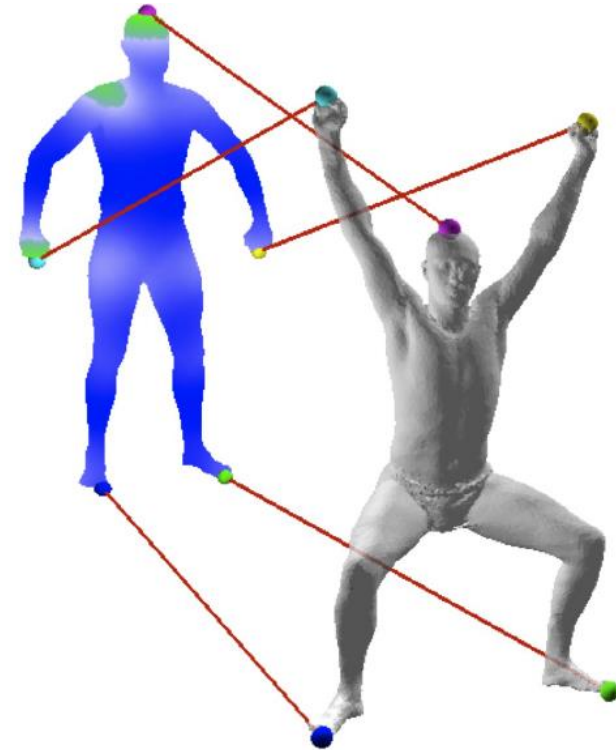


Different conformal maps distorted in different places.

# Use for Dense Mapping



Blending Weights for  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$ , and  $m_3$



Distortion of the Blended Map

**Combine good parts of different maps!**

**Blended Intrinsic Maps**

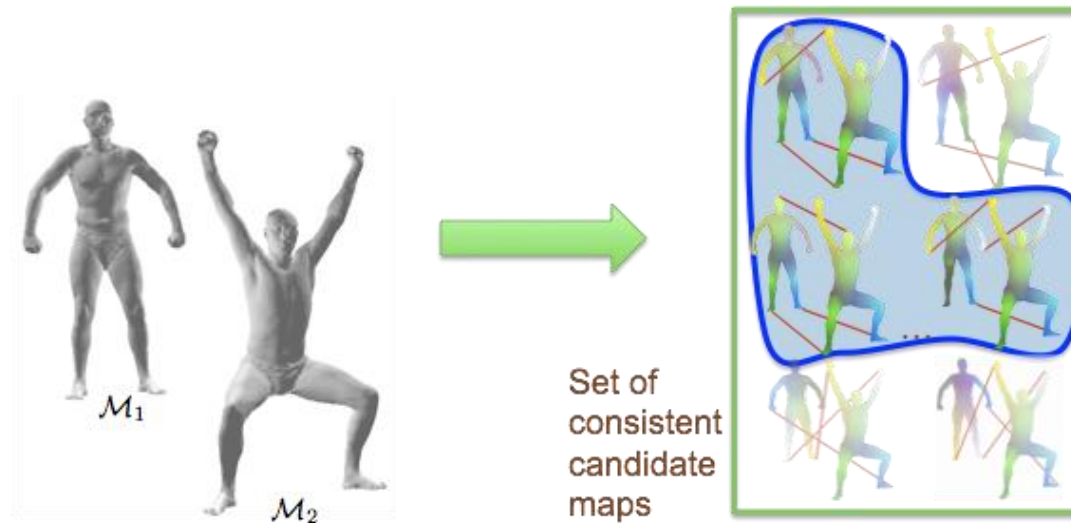
Kim, Lipman, and Funkhouser 2011

# Blended Intrinsic Maps

- **Algorithm:**
  - **Generate consistent maps**
  - **Find blending weights per-point on each map**
  - **Blend maps**

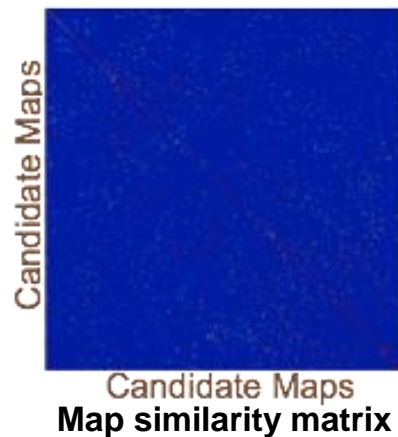
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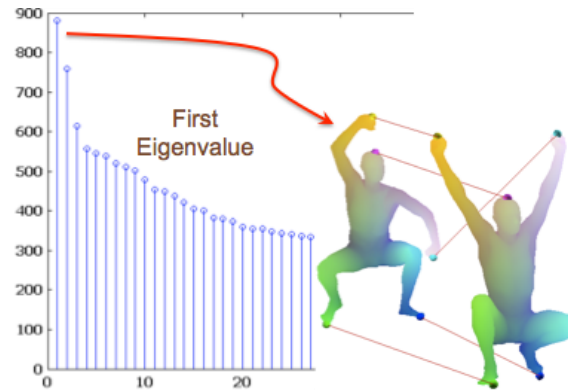
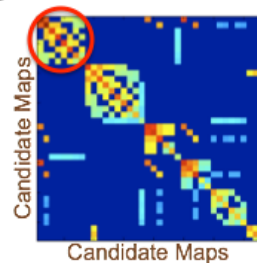
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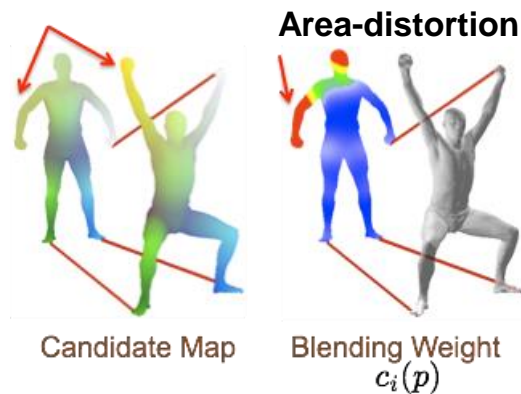
**Eigen-analysis:  
"Block" of similar maps**





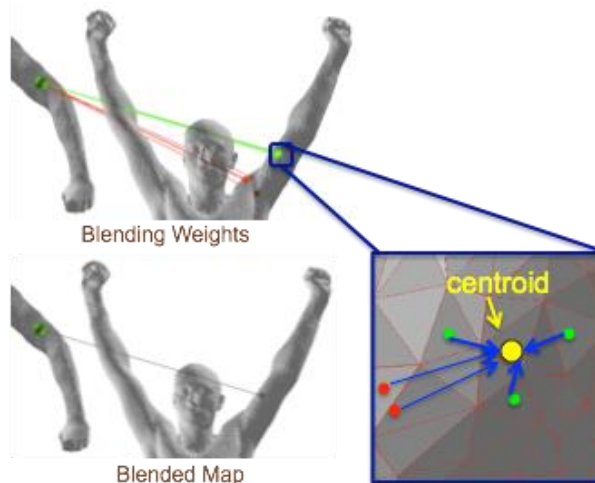
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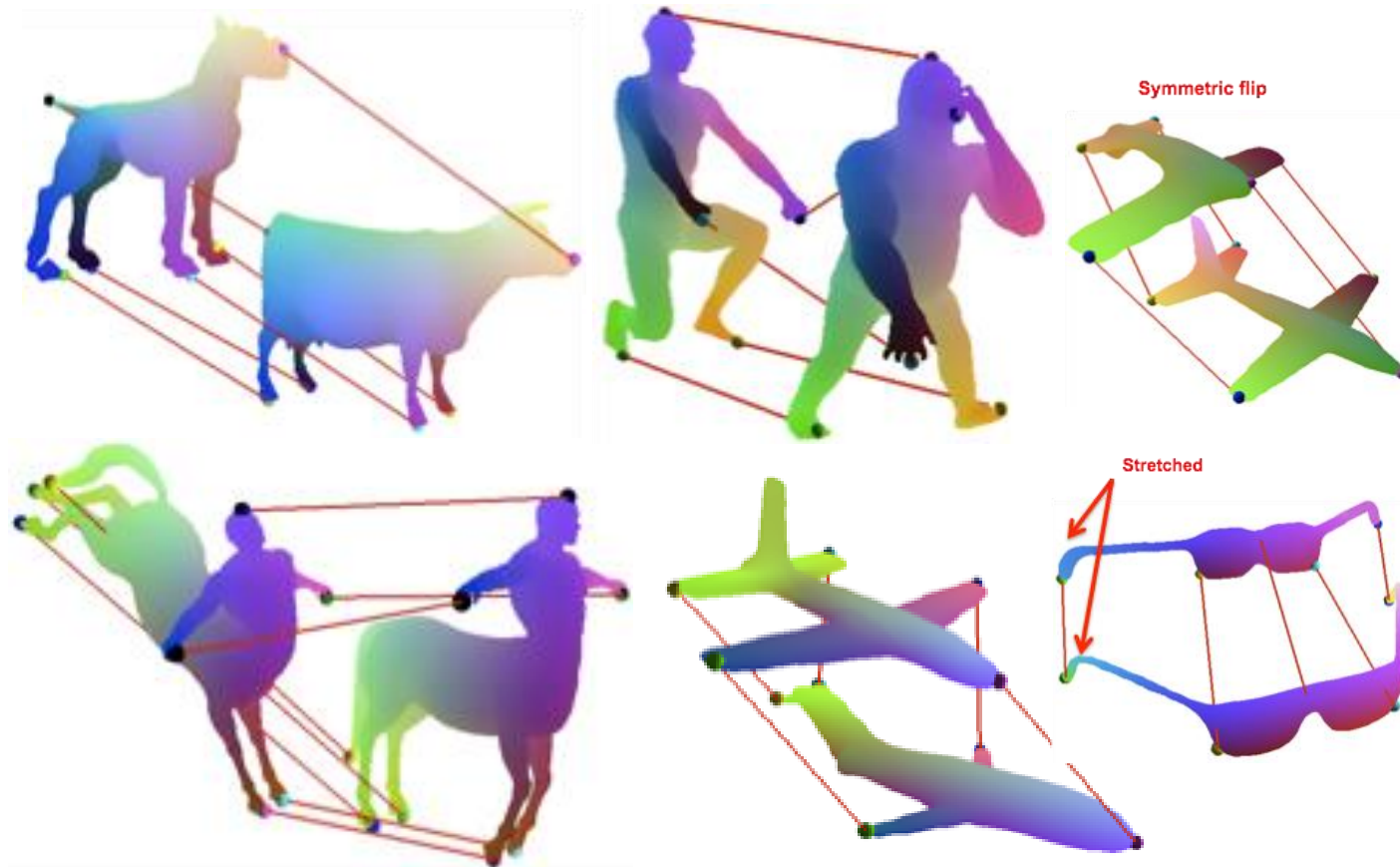


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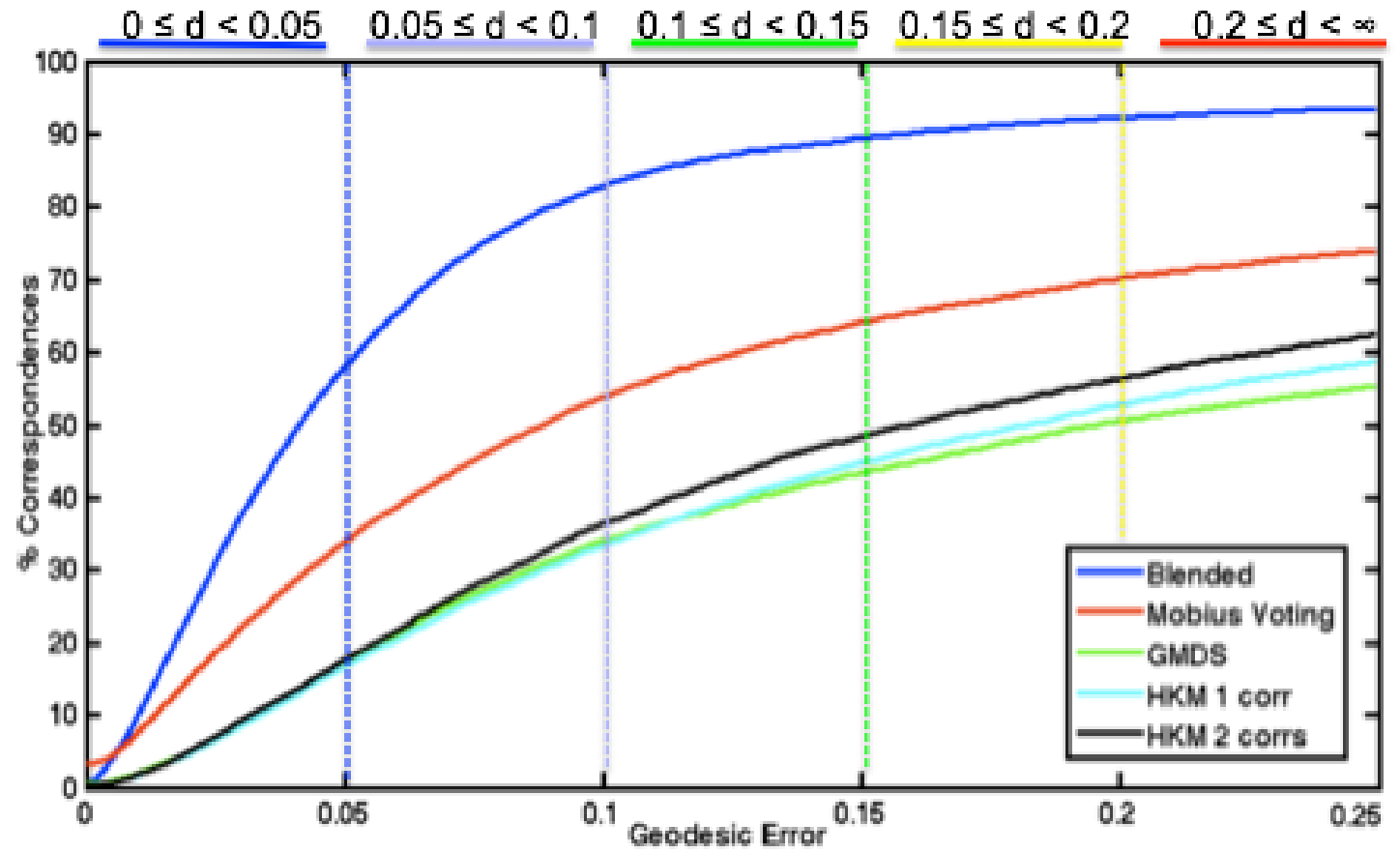
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# Some Examples



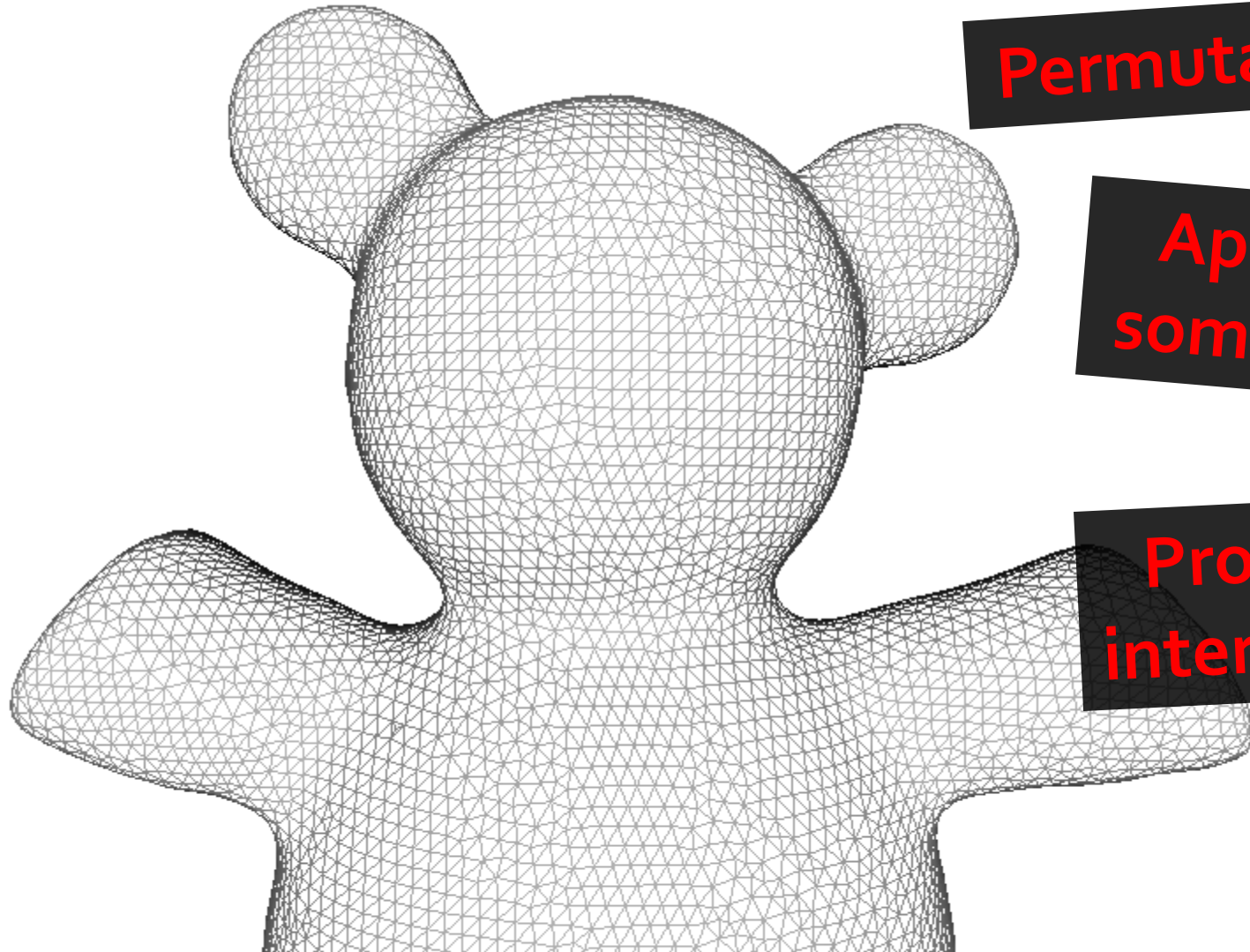
# Evaluation



# Tradeoff: Blended Intrinsic Maps

- **Pros:**
  - Can handle non-isometric shapes
  - Efficient
- **Cons:**
  - Lots of area distortion for some shapes
  - Genus 0 manifold surfaces

# Subtlety: Representation



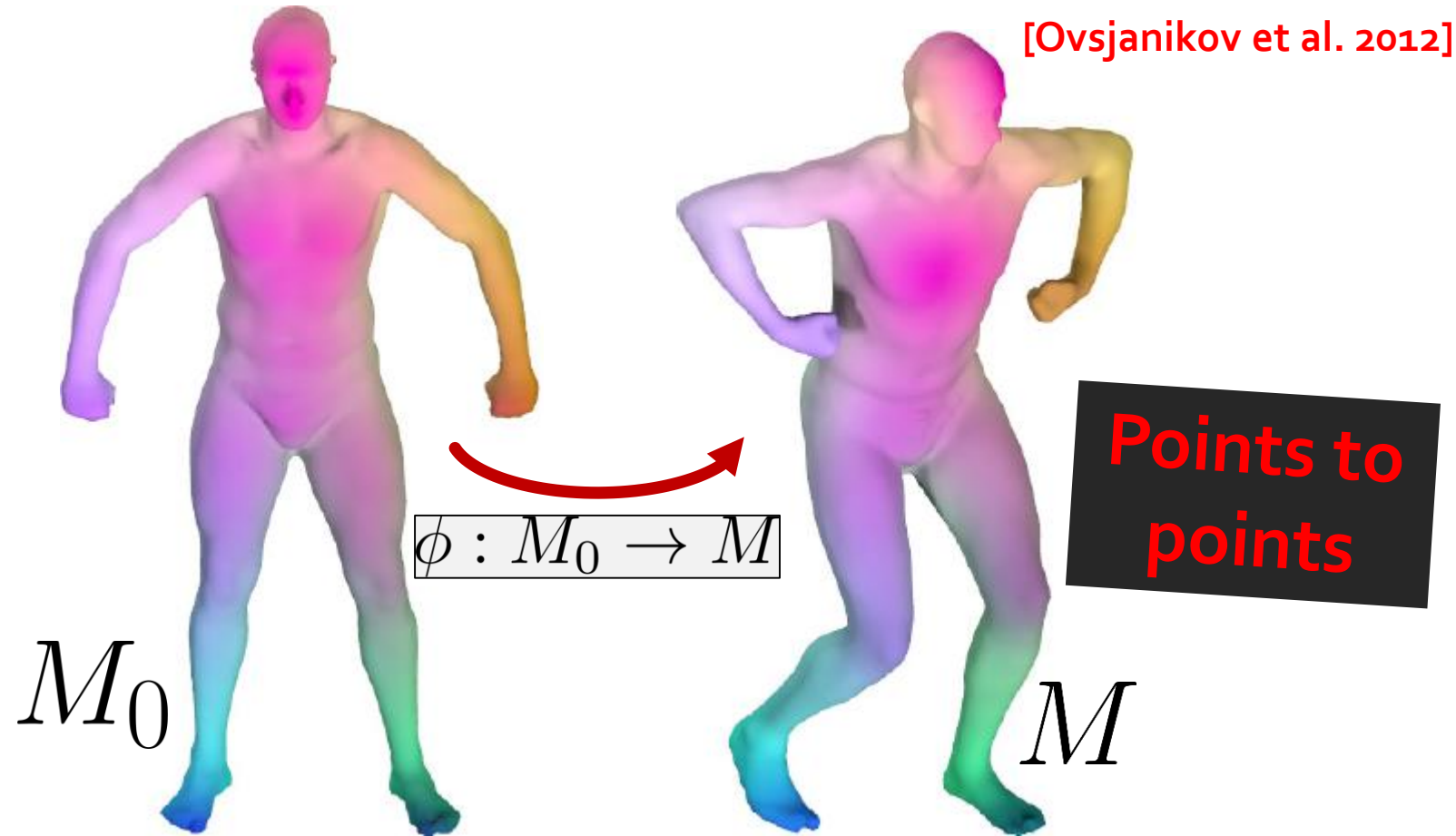
Permutation?

Approximation of something smooth?

Probabilistic interpretation?

Invertibility?

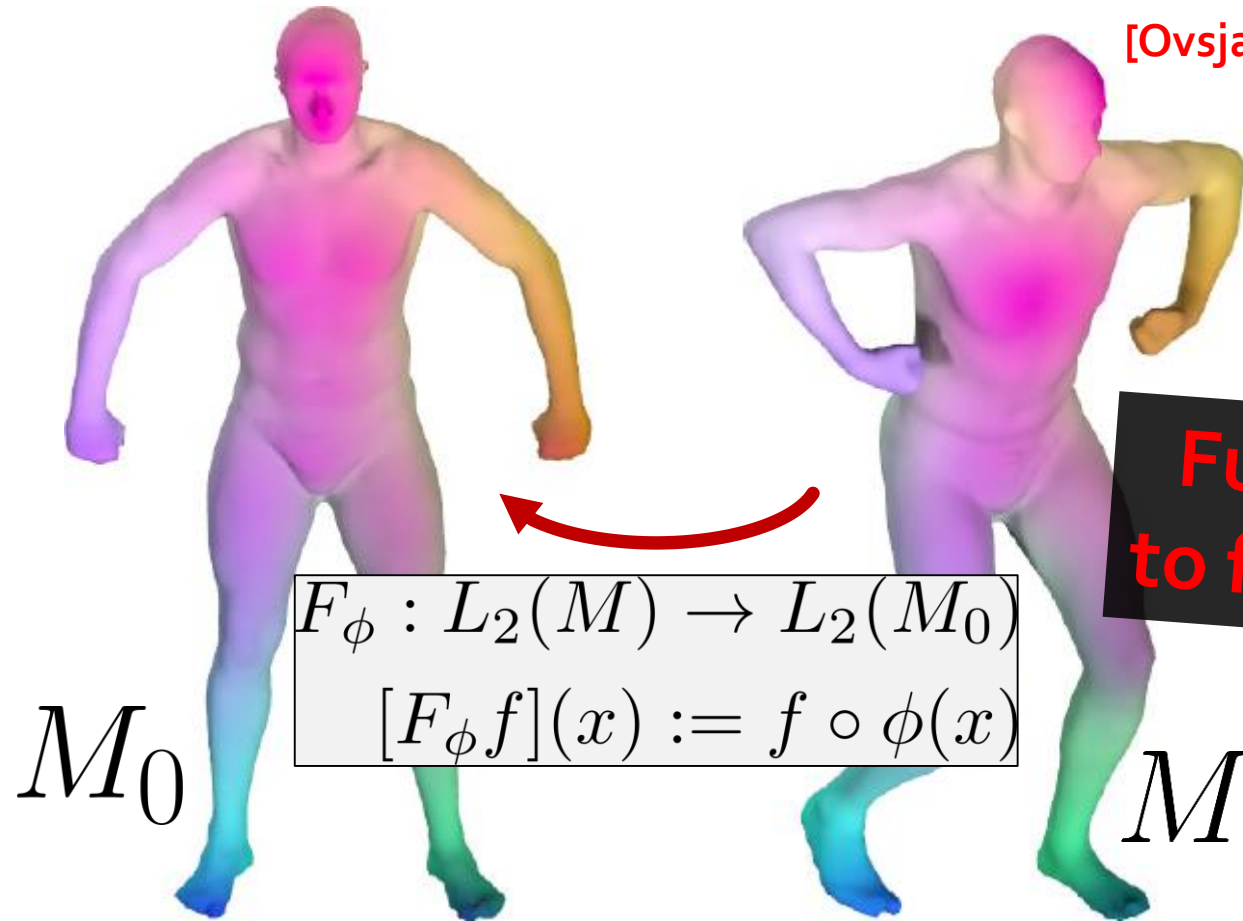
# Functional Maps



Points on  $M_0$  to points on  $M$

# Functional Maps

[Ovsjanikov et al. 2012]



Functions  
to functions

Functions on  $M$  to functions on  $M_0$



# Mathematical Sidebar

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## Category theory

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**Category theory** formalizes **mathematical structure** and its concepts in terms of a **labeled directed graph** called a *category*, whose nodes are called *objects*, and whose labelled directed edges are called *arrows* (or *morphisms*).<sup>[1]</sup> A category has two basic properties: the ability to **compose** the arrows **associatively**, and the existence of an **identity** arrow for each object. The language of category theory has been used to formalize concepts of other high-level abstractions such as **sets**, **rings**, and **groups**. Informally, category theory is a general theory of functions.

Several terms used in category theory, including the term "morphism", are used differently from their uses in the rest of mathematics. In category theory, morphisms obey conditions specific to category theory itself.

**Samuel Eilenberg** and **Saunders Mac Lane** introduced the concepts of categories, **functors**, and **natural transformations** from 1942–45 in their study of **algebraic topology**, with the goal of understanding the processes that preserve mathematical structure.

Category theory has practical applications in **programming language theory**, for example the usage of **monads** in **functional programming**. It may also be used as an axiomatic foundation for mathematics, as an alternative to **set theory** and other proposed foundations.

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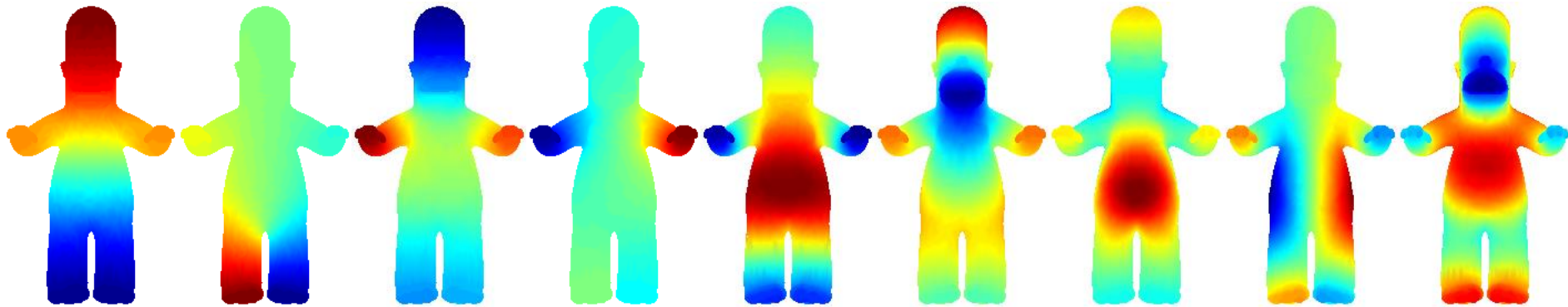
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  - Further concepts and results
  - Higher-dimensional categories

Schematic representation of a category with objects  $X, Y, Z$  and morphisms  $f, g, g \circ f$ . (The category's three identity morphisms  $1_X, 1_Y$  and  $1_Z$ , if explicitly represented, would appear as three arrows, from the letters  $X, Y$ , and  $Z$  to themselves, respectively.)

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# Functional Maps

[Ovsjanikov et al. 2012]

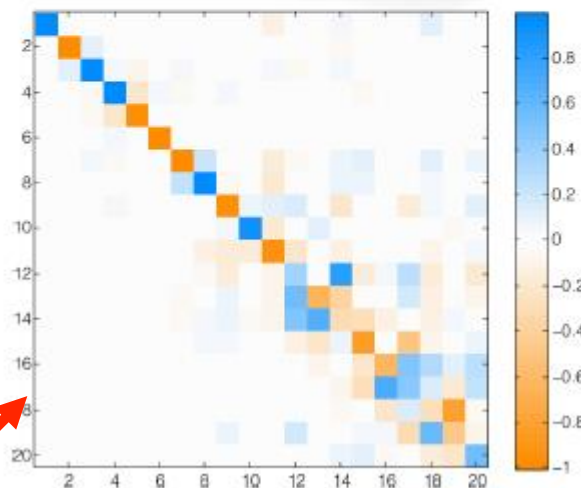


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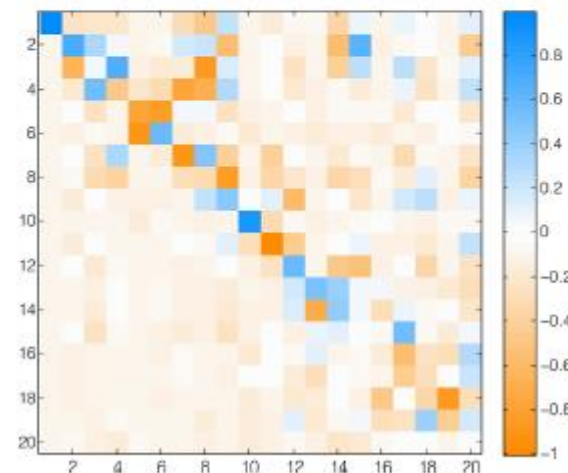
*Functional map:*

Matrix taking Laplace-Beltrami (Fourier) coefficients on  $M$  to coefficients on  $M_0$

# Example Maps



(c) *left to right map*



(d) *head to tail map*

**Nearly identity:  
Not a mistake!**

# Functional Maps

- **Simple Algorithm**
  - Compute some geometric functions to be preserved:  $A, B$
  - Solve in least-squares sense for  $C$ :  $B = CA$
- **Additional Considerations**
  - Favor commutativity
  - Favor orthonormality (if shapes are isometric)
  - Efficiently getting point-to-point correspondences

# Tradeoff: Functional Maps

- **Pros:**
  - Condensed representation
  - Linear
  - Alternative perspective on mapping
  - **Many** recent papers with variations
- **Cons:**
  - Hard to handle non-isometry  
*Some progress in last few years!*

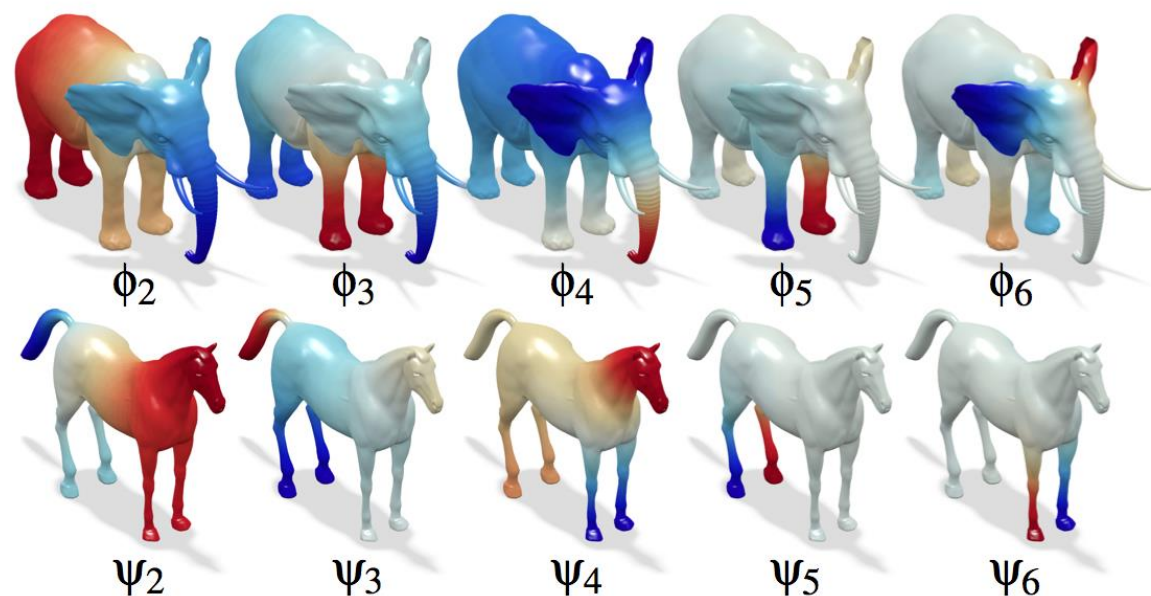
# Other Operators for Commutativity

- Compose with inverse map for identity [Eynard et al. 2016]
- Laplacian of displaced mesh [Corman et al. 2017]
- Diagonal operator from descriptor [Nogneng and Ovsjanikov 2017]
- Infinitesimal displacement rate of change of Laplacian [Corman and Ovsjanikov 2018]
- Kernel matrix [Wang et al. 2018]
- Operators built from matched curves [Gehre et al. 2018]
- Pointwise products of functions [Nogneng et al. 2018]
- Subdivision hierarchies [Shoham et al. 2019]
- Resolvent of Laplacian operator [Ren et al. 2019]

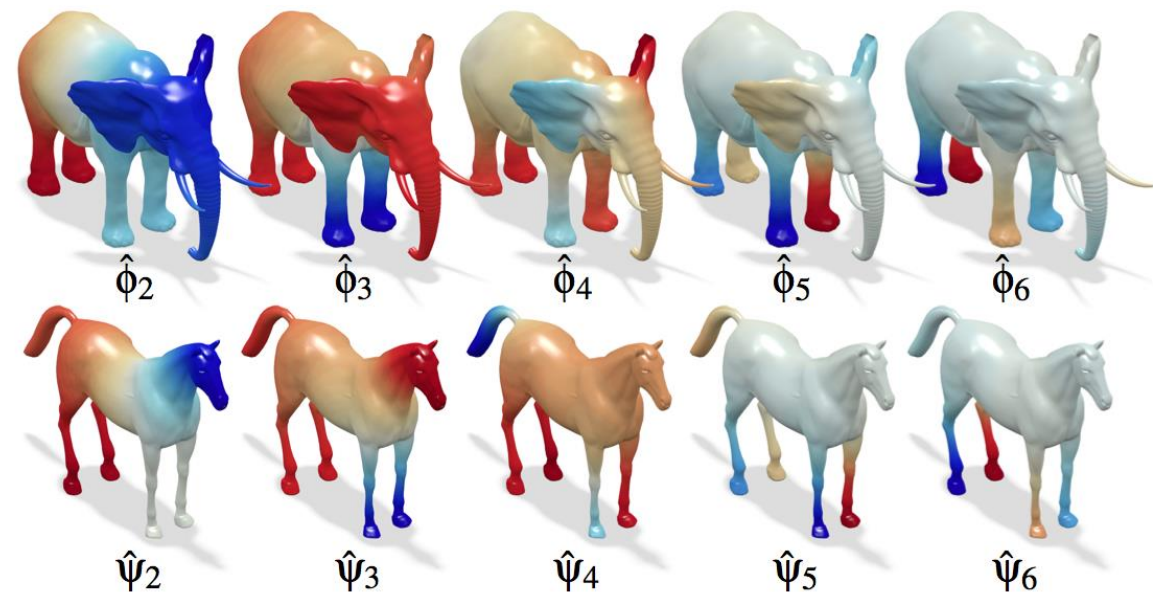
*...and others*

*Example extension:*

# Coupled Quasi-Harmonic Basis



Laplacian eigenbases



Coupled quasi-harmonic bases

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\Phi, \Psi} & \text{off}(\Phi^\top W_X \Phi) + \text{off}(\Psi^\top W_Y \Psi) + \mu \|F^\top \Phi - G^\top \Psi\|_{\text{Fro}}^2 \\ \text{s.t.} & \Phi^\top D_X \Phi = I \\ & \Psi^\top D_Y \Psi = I \end{aligned}$$

*Example extension:*

# Leverage Symmetry



- Symmetry generators are self-maps
- Can quotient functional spaces by symmetries



Example extension:

# Map Upsampling

## ZOOMOUT: Spectral Upsampling for Efficient Shape Correspondence

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We present a simple and efficient method for refining maps or correspondences by iterative upsampling in the spectral domain that can be implemented in a few lines of code. Our main observation is that high quality maps can be obtained even if the input correspondences are noisy or are encoded by a small number of coefficients in a spectral basis. We show how this approach can be used in conjunction with existing initialization techniques across a range of application scenarios, including symmetry detection, map refinement across complete shapes, non-rigid partial shape matching and function transfer. In each application we demonstrate an improvement with respect to both the quality of the results and the computational speed compared to the best competing methods, with up to two orders of magnitude speed-up in some applications. We also demonstrate that our method is both robust to noisy input and is scalable with respect to shape complexity. Finally, we present a theoretical justification for our approach, shedding light on structural properties of functional maps.

CCS Concepts: • **Computing methodologies** → **Shape analysis**.

Additional Key Words and Phrases: Shape Matching, Spectral Methods, Functional Maps

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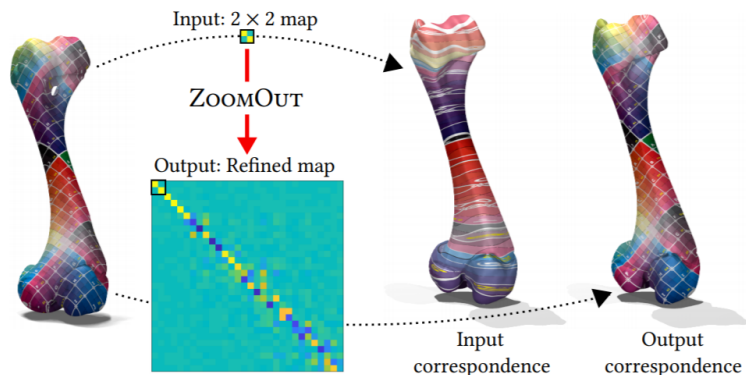
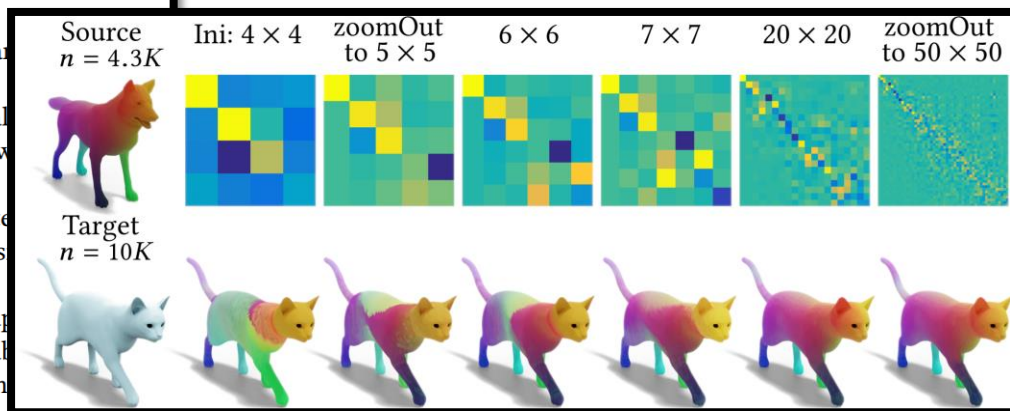


Fig. 1. Given a small functional map, here of size  $2 \times 2$  which corresponds to a very noisy point-to-point correspondence (middle right) our method can efficiently recover both a high resolution functional and an accurate dense point-to-point map (right), both visualized via texture transfer from the source shape (left).

spaces [Biasotti et al. 2016; Jain and Zhang 2006; Maks Ovsjanikov et al. 2012]. Despite significant recent advances in their wide practical applicability, however, spectral methods can be computationally expensive and unstable with respect to the dimensionality of the spectral embedding. On the other hand, the reduced dimensionality results in very approximate maps that lose medium and high-frequency details and leading to artifacts in applications.

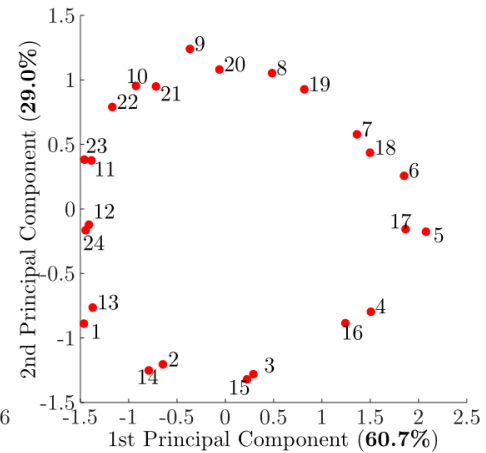
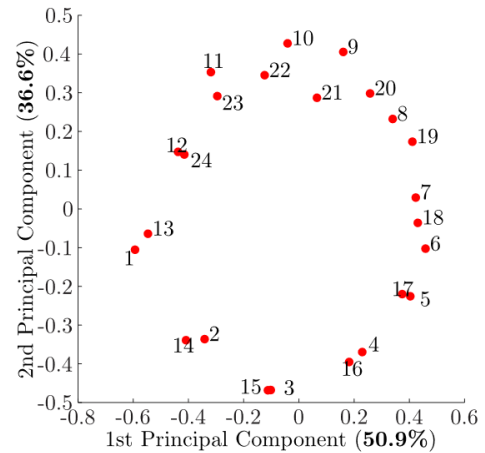
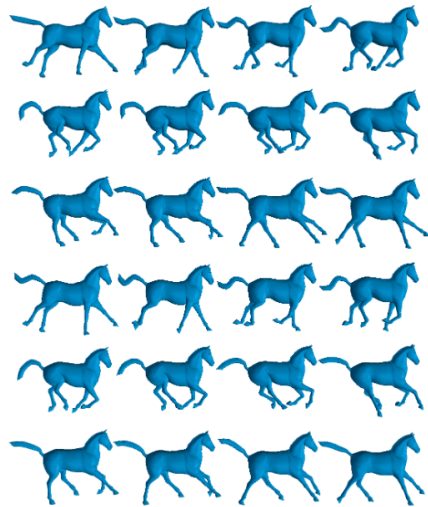
In this paper, we show that a higher resolution map can be recovered from a lower resolution one through a remarkable and efficient iterative spectral up-sampling technique, which consists of the following two basic steps:

- (1) Given  $k = k_0$  and an initial  $C_0$  of size  $k_0 \times k_0$ .
- (2) Compute  $\arg \min_{\Pi} \|\Pi \Phi_{\mathcal{N}}^k C_k^T - \Phi_{\mathcal{M}}^k\|_F^2$ .
- (3) Set  $k = k + 1$  and compute  $C_k = (\Phi_{\mathcal{M}}^k)^+ \Pi \Phi_{\mathcal{N}}^k$ .
- (4) Repeat the previous two steps until  $k = k_{\max}$ .



*Example application:*

# Shape Differences



$$D = (H^M)^{-1} F^T H^N F$$

“Map-based exploration of intrinsic shape differences and variability” (Rustamov et al., 2013)

# Inner Products

[Rustamov et al. 2013]

$$\langle f, g \rangle_A := \int_M f(x)g(x) dA$$

$$\langle f, g \rangle_C := \int_M [\nabla f(x) \cdot \nabla g(x)] dA$$

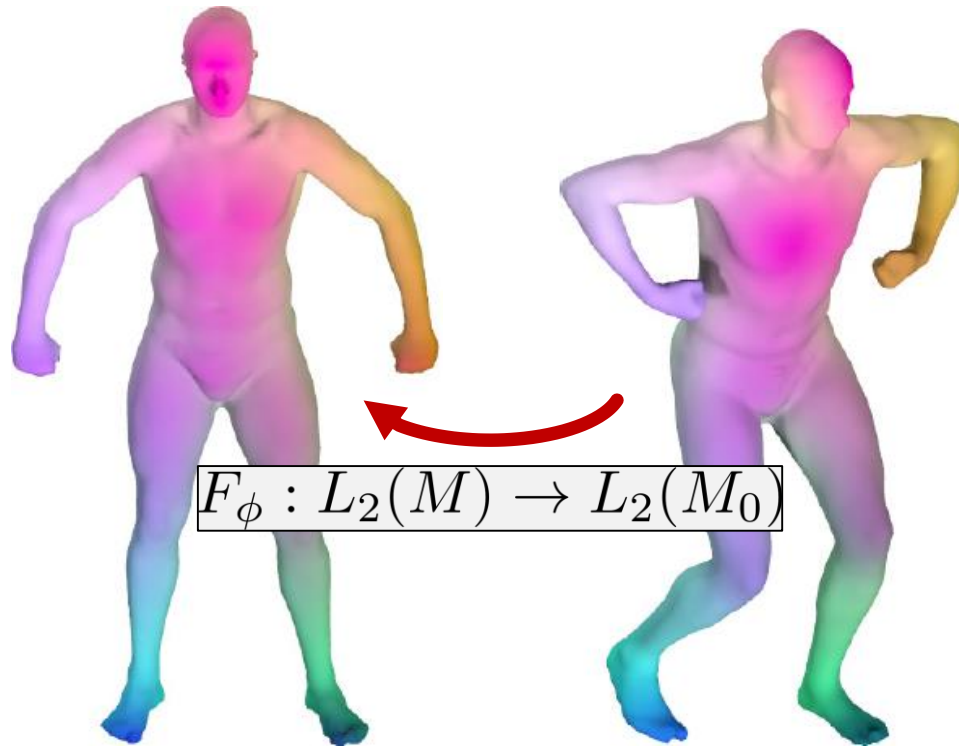
**Object of study:**

Inner product matrix

$$M_{ij} := \langle \psi_i, \psi_j \rangle$$

# Shape Differences

[Rustamov et al. 2013]



*Trick:*

**Compare surfaces  
by comparing inner  
product matrices.**

$$\langle f, g \rangle_F^M := \langle F_\phi[f], F_\phi[g] \rangle^{M_0} \quad D = (H^M)^{-1} F^\top H^N F$$

**Functional map *pulls back* products**

# Continuous Question

[Rustamov et al. 2013]

*Given*

area-based and conformal  
inner product matrices,

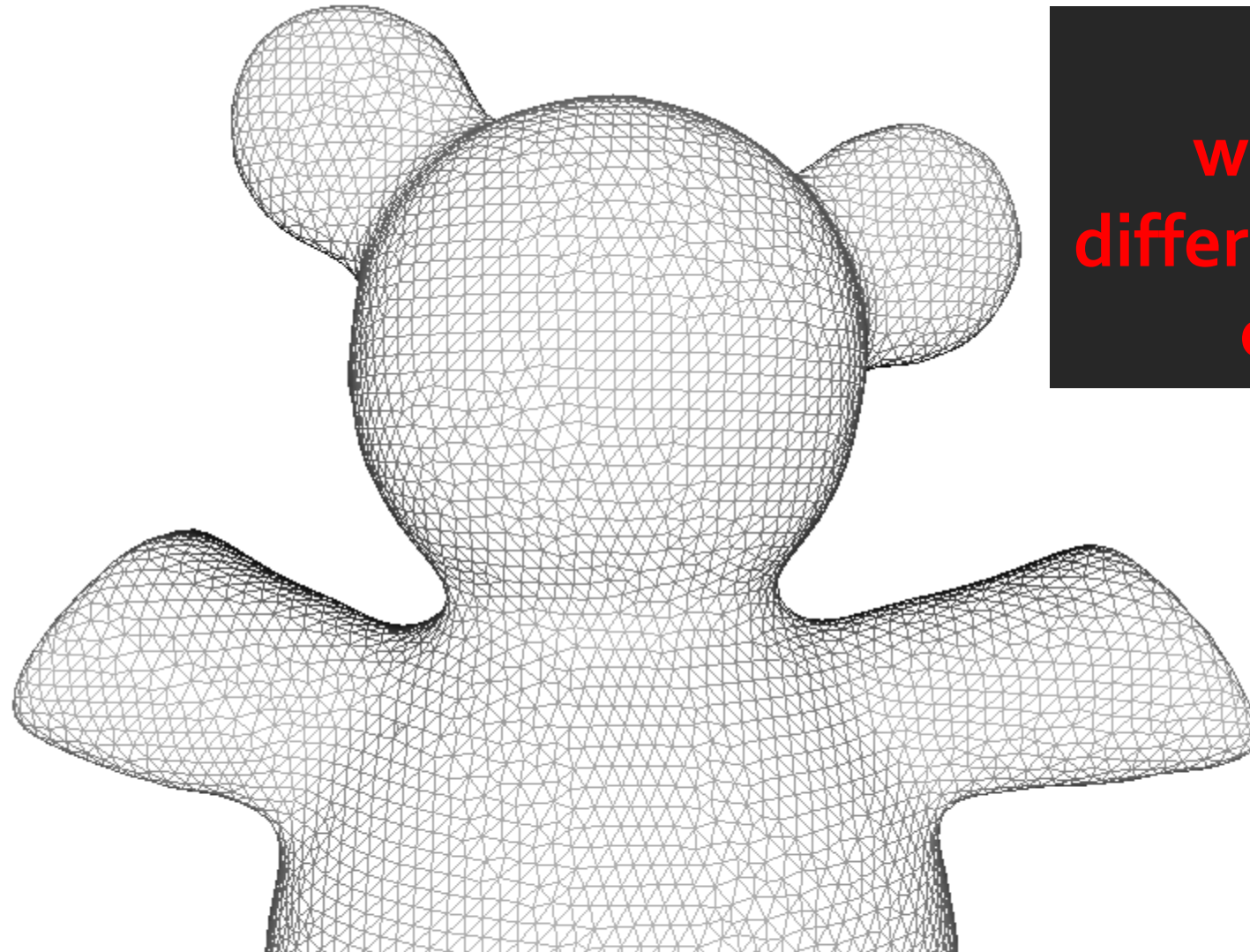
*can you compute*

lengths and angles?



# Discrete Question

[Corman et al. 2017]



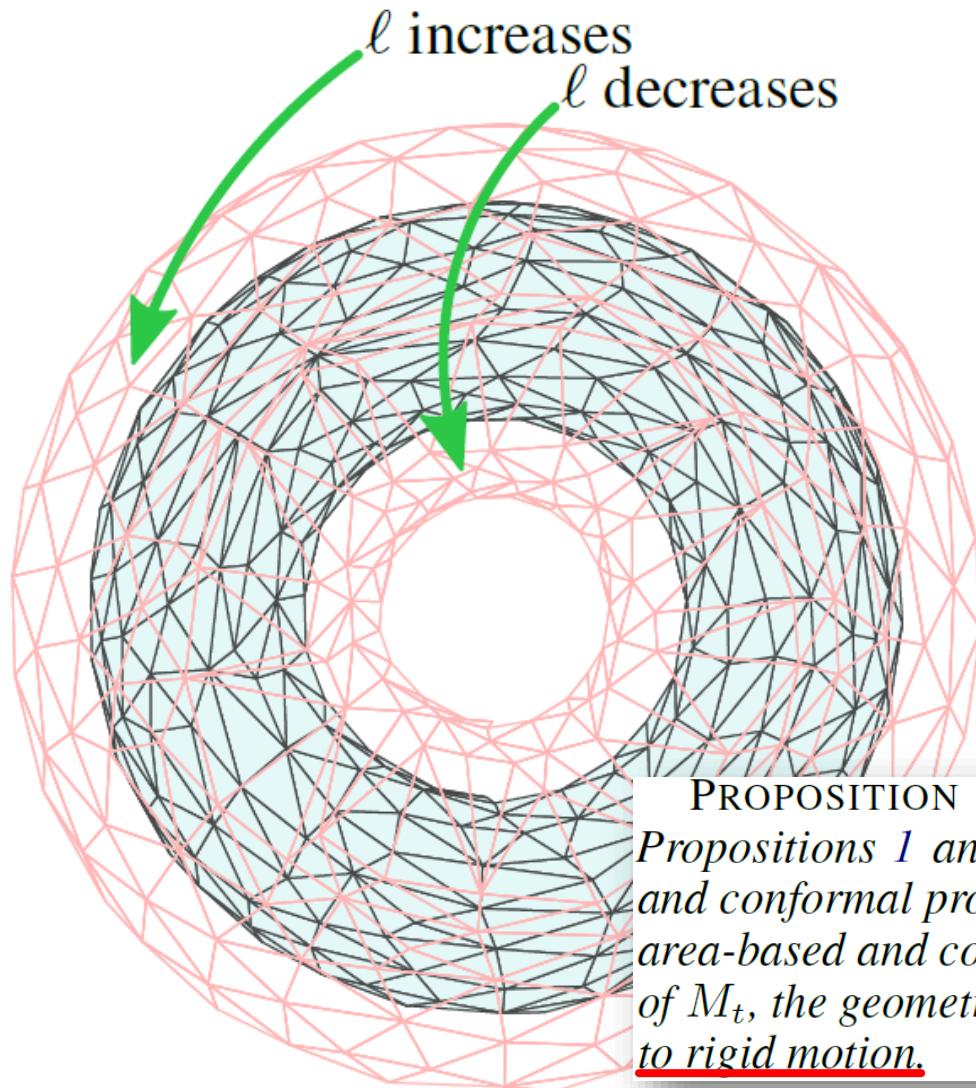
*Precisely*  
what do shape  
differences determine  
on meshes?



Edge  
lengths.

# Extension to Extrinsic Shape

[Corman et al. 2017]



**Throw in the  
offset surface.**

*Encodes mean curvature!*

PROPOSITION 4. *Suppose a mesh  $M$  satisfies the criteria in Propositions 1 and 2. Given the topology of  $M$ , the area-based and conformal product matrices  $A(\mu)$  and  $C(\nu; \mu)$  of  $M$ , and the area-based and conformal product matrices  $A_t(\mu_t)$  and  $C(\nu_t; \mu_t)$  of  $M_t$ , the geometry of  $M$  can (almost always) be reconstructed up to rigid motion.*

# Useful Survey

## Computing and Processing Correspondences with Functional Maps

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# Deep Functional Maps

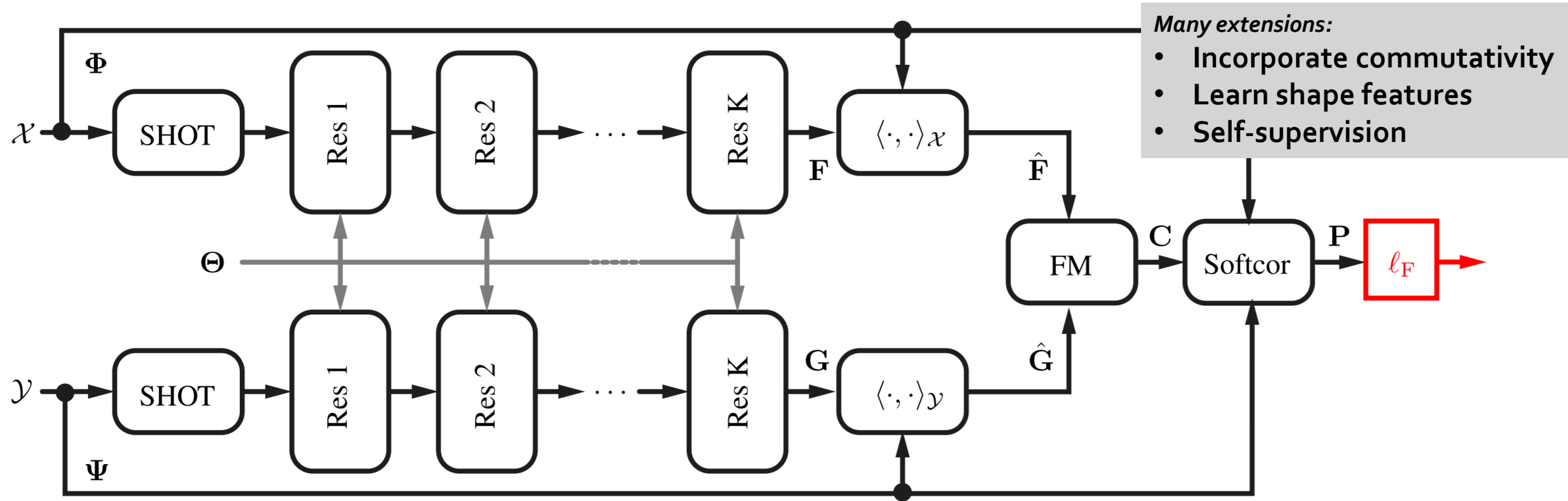


Figure 3. **FMNet architecture.** Input point-wise descriptors (SHOT [38] in this paper) from a pair of shapes are passed through an identical sequence of operations (with shared weights), resulting in refined descriptors  $\mathbf{F}$ ,  $\mathbf{G}$ . These, in turn, are projected onto the Laplacian eigenbases  $\Phi$ ,  $\Psi$  to produce the spectral representations  $\hat{\mathbf{F}}$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{G}}$ . The functional map (FM) and soft correspondence (Softcor) layers, implementing Equations (3) and (6) respectively, are not parametric and are used to set up the geometrically structured loss  $\ell_F$  (5).

“Deep functional maps: Structured prediction for dense shape correspondence” (Litany et al. 2017)

# Correspondence Problems

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# Reversible Harmonic Maps

## Reversible Harmonic Maps between Discrete Surfaces

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Information transfer between triangle meshes is of great importance in computer graphics and geometry processing. To facilitate this process, a *smooth and accurate map* is typically required between the two meshes. While such maps can sometimes be computed between nearly-isometric meshes, the more general case of meshes with diverse geometries remains challenging. We propose a novel approach for *direct* map computation between triangle meshes without mapping to an intermediate domain, which optimizes for the *harmonicity* and *reversibility* of the forward and backward maps. Our method is general both in the information it can receive as input, e.g. point landmarks, a dense map or a functional map, and in the diversity of the geometries to which it can be applied. We demonstrate that our maps exhibit lower conformal distortion than the state-of-the-art, while succeeding in correctly mapping key features of the input shapes.

CCS Concepts: • **Computing methodologies** → **Shape analysis**;

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

Mapping 3D shapes to one another is a basic task in computer graphics and geometry processing. Correspondence is needed, for example, to transfer artist-generated assets such as texture and pose from one mesh to another [Sumner and Popović 2004], to compute in-between shapes using shape interpolation [Heeren et al. 2012; Von-Tycowicz et al. 2015], and to carry out statistical shape

domain (e.g. [Aigerman and Lipman 2016]). While such methods minimize distortion of the maps into the intermediate domain, the distortion of the composed map can be large. This problem is exacerbated when the input shapes have significantly different geometric features, such as four-legged animals with different leg lengths: a cat and a giraffe. In this case, the *isometric distortion* of the optimal map is expected to be large, and thus minimizing the distortion of the two maps into an intermediate domain is quite different from minimizing the distortion of the composition.

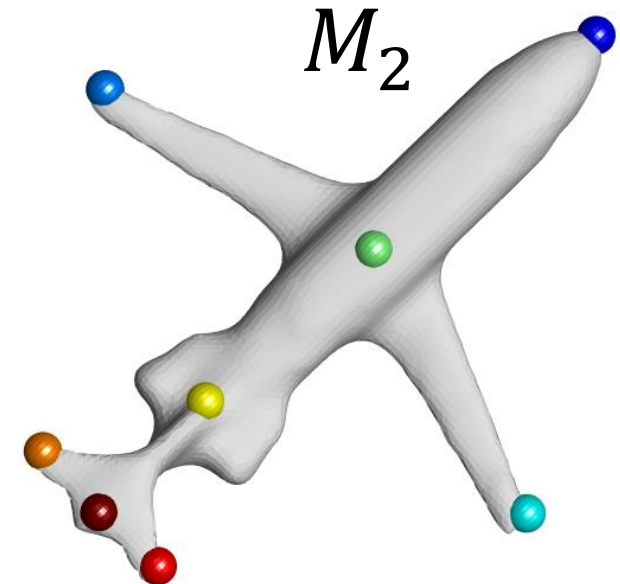
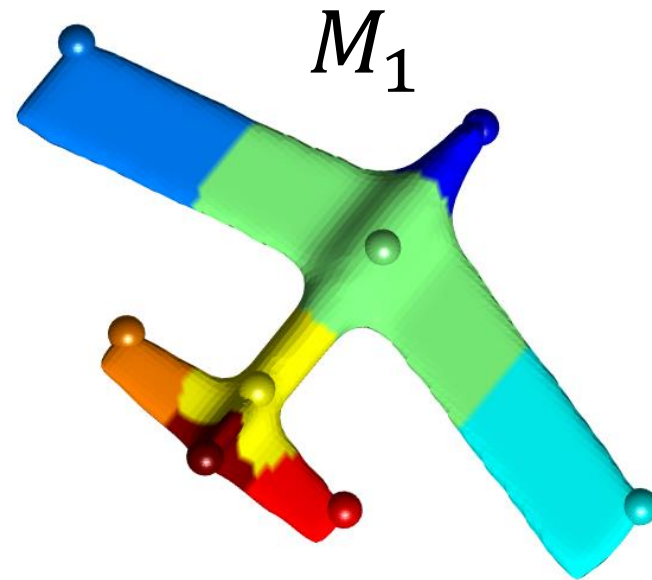
We propose a novel approach for computing a smooth and reversible map between surfaces that are not isometric to each other without requiring an intermediate domain. We incorporate semantic information by starting from some user guidance given in the form of sparse landmark constraints or a functional correspondence. Our main contribution is the formulation of an optimization problem whose objective is to minimize the *geodesic Dirichlet energy* of the forward and backward maps, while maximizing their reversibility. We compute an approximate solution to this problem using a high-dimensional Euclidean embedding and an optimization technique known as *half-quadratic splitting* [Geman and Yang 1995]. We demonstrate that our maps have considerably lower local distortion than those from state-of-the-art methods for the difficult case of non-isometric deformations. We further show that our maps are semantically accurate by measuring their adherence to self-symmetries of the input shapes, their agreement with ground-

Example of a method for dense correspondence.

# Approach

Input: a sparse set of landmarks  $(p_i, q_i)$

- Initialize the map by mapping **geodesic cells** of each landmark  $p_i$  to the corresponding landmark  $q_i$



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- Optimize the map with respect to an **energy** that promotes **smoothness** and **bijection**

# Approach

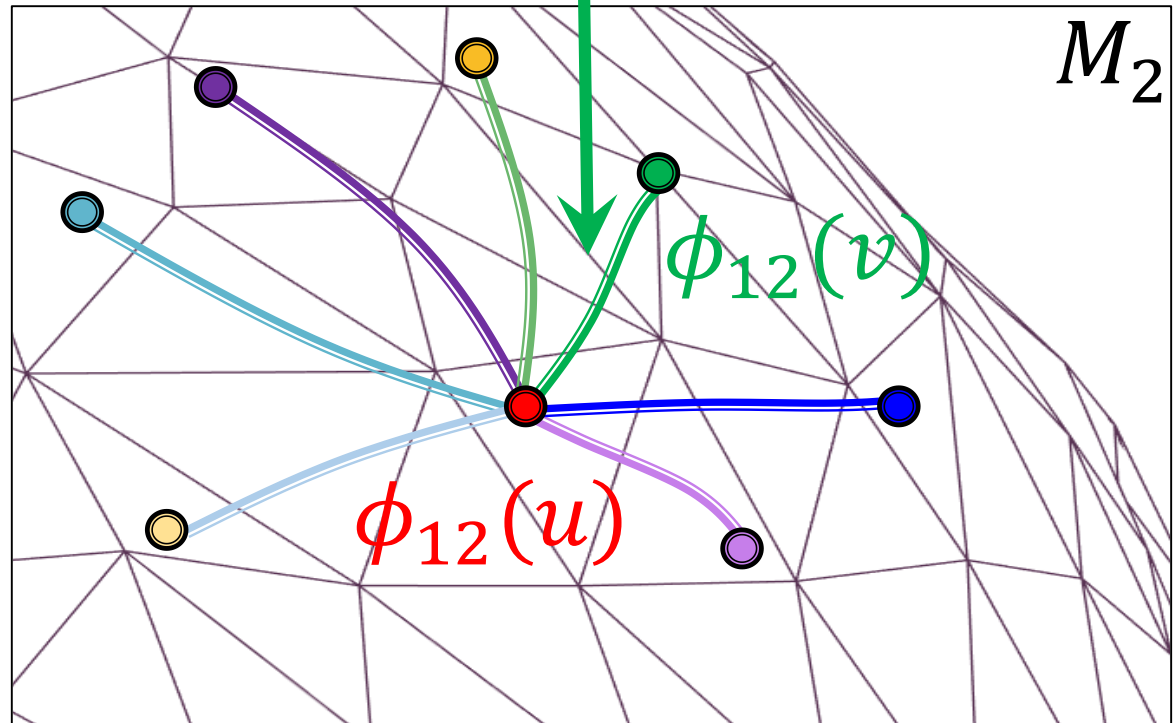
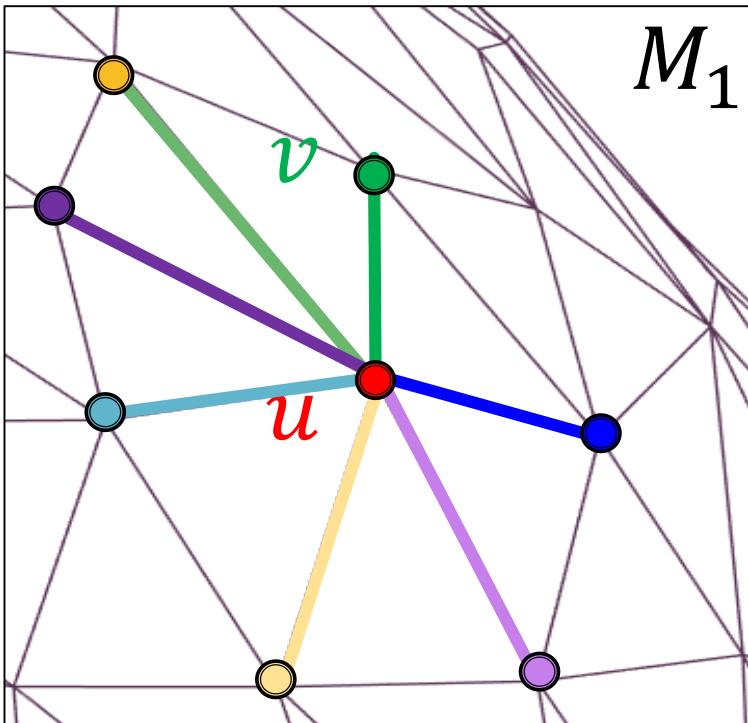
Measures **smoothness** of a map:

$$E(\phi_{12}) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{M_1} |d\phi_{12}|^2$$

A map is **harmonic** if it is a critical point of the Dirichlet energy

# Approach

$$E_D(\phi_{12}) = \sum_{(u,v) \in E_1} w_{uv} \underbrace{d_{M_2}^2(\phi_{12}(u), \phi_{12}(v))}_{\text{distance in } M_2}$$

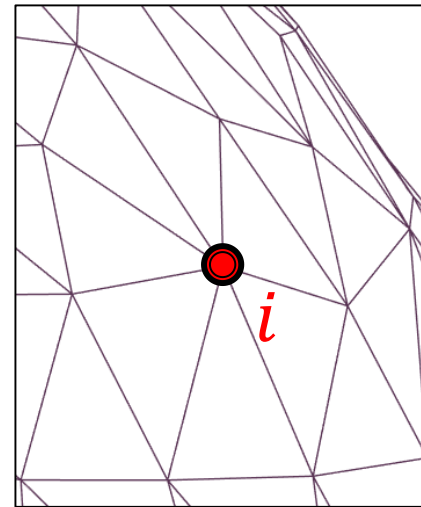




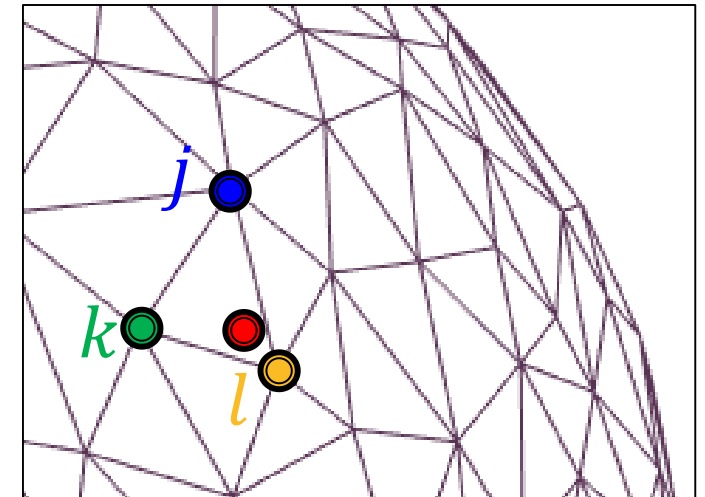
# Discrete Precise Maps

Stochastic matrices with barycentric coordinates at each row:

$$P_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} & j & k & l \\ & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ -0.1 & -0.2 & -0.7 & \\ & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{pmatrix} \text{row } i$$



$M_1$



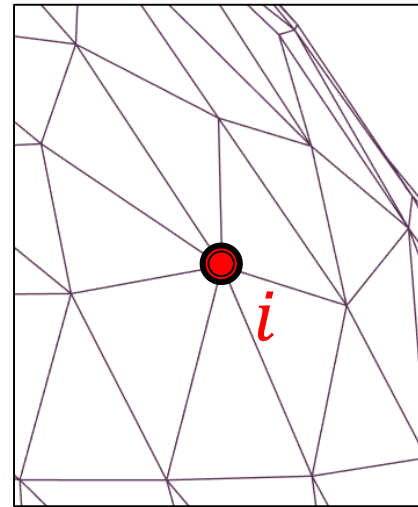
$M_2$

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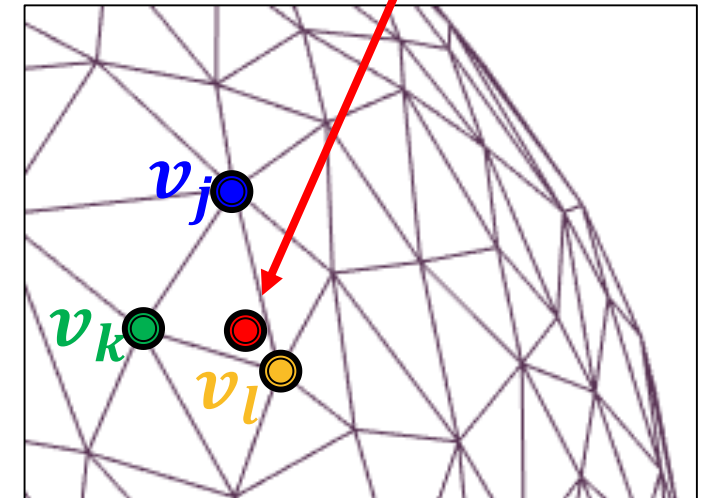
Stochastic matrices with barycentric coordinates at each row:

$$\begin{matrix}
 & \begin{matrix} j & k & l \end{matrix} \\
 \begin{matrix} i \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} - & - & - \\ 0.1 & 0.2 & 0.7 \\ - & - & - \\ - & - & - \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} -v_j- \\ -v_k- \\ -v_l- \end{pmatrix} \\
 & P_{12} & V_2
 \end{matrix}$$

$V_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_2 \times 3}$  is a matrix with vertex coordinates of  $M_2$



$M_1$



$M_2$

# Discretization of Dirichlet Energy

If we replace the geodesic distances by Euclidean distances, the discrete Dirichlet energy is:

$$E_D^{Euc}(P_{12}) = \|P_{12}V_2\|_{W_1}^2 = \text{Trace}((P_{12}V_2)^T W_1 P_{12}V_2)$$

$W_1$  is a matrix with  $-w_{ij}$  at entry  $i, j$ , and the sum of the weights on the diagonal

$$W_1 = \begin{pmatrix} & j & i & k \\ i & -w_{ij} & \sum_v w_{iv} & -w_{ik} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Discrete Dirichlet Energy

We use a *high dimensional embedding* where Euclidean distances approximate geodesic distances (MDS)

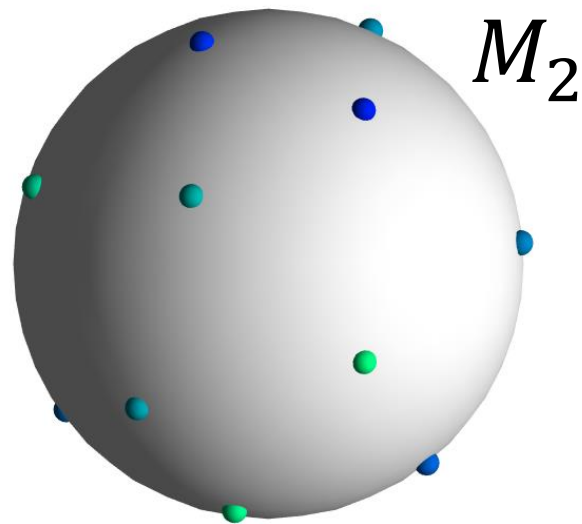
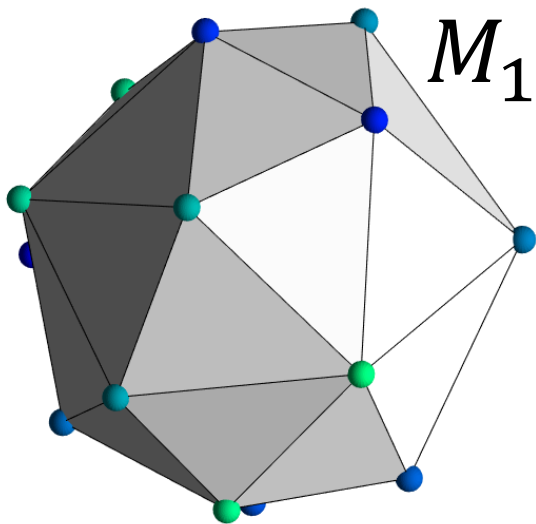
$$X_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_2 \times 8}$$

Then, the discrete Dirichlet energy is approximated by:

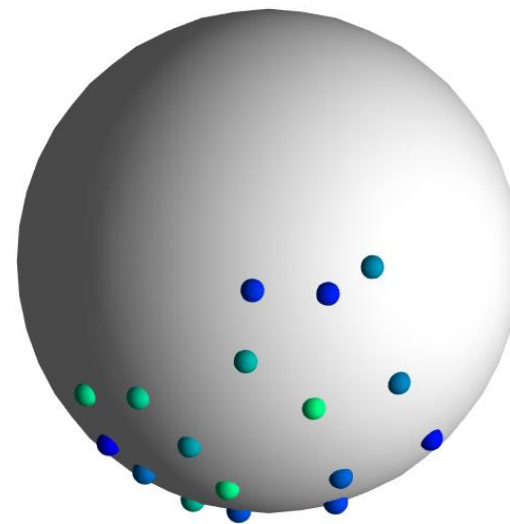
$$E_D(P_{12}) = \|P_{12}X_2\|_{W_1}^2$$

# Minimizing the Dirichlet Energy

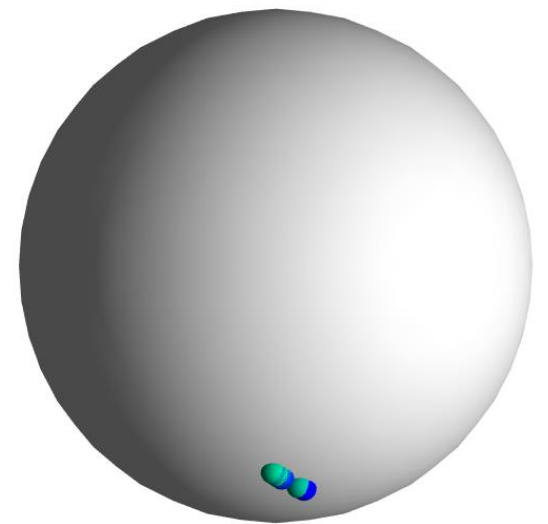
A map that maps all vertices to a single point is harmonic  
Minimizing the harmonic energy “shrinks” the map:



Initial map (Id)

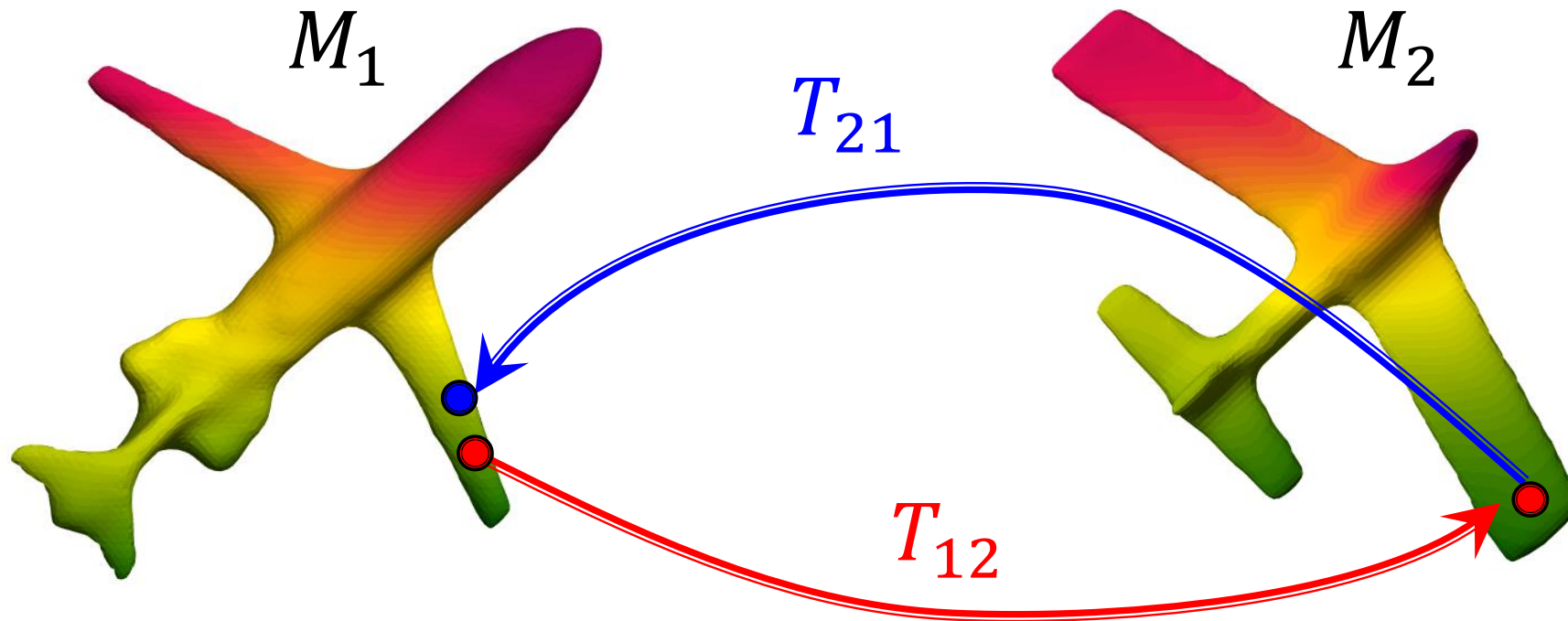


optimize  $E_D$



# Reversibility

- We add a **reversibility term** to prevent the map from shrinking

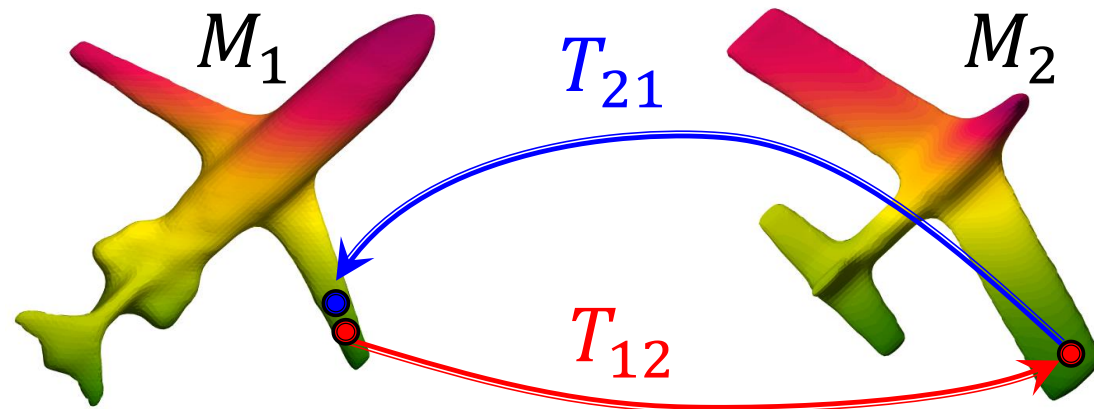


# Reversibility

Continuous setting:

$$E_R(T_{12}, T_{21}) = \sum_{v \in V_1} d_{M_2}(v, T_{21}(T_{12}(v))) + \sum_{v \in V_2} d_{M_1}(v, T_{12}(T_{21}(v)))$$

The term  $E_R(T_{12}, T_{21})$  promotes *injectivity* and *surjectivity*

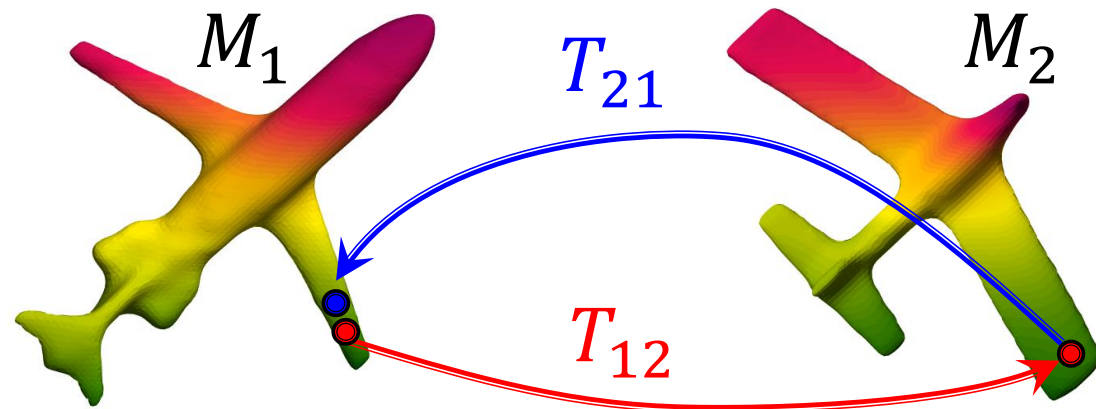


# Reversibility

Discrete setting:

$$E_R(P_{12}, P_{21}) = \|P_{21}P_{12}X_2 - X_2\|_{M_2}^2 + \|P_{12}P_{21}X_1 - X_1\|_{M_1}^2$$

Again we use  $X_1, X_2$  the high dimensional embedding of each shape to approximate geodesic distances





# Total Energy

We combine the Dirichlet energy and the reversibility term:

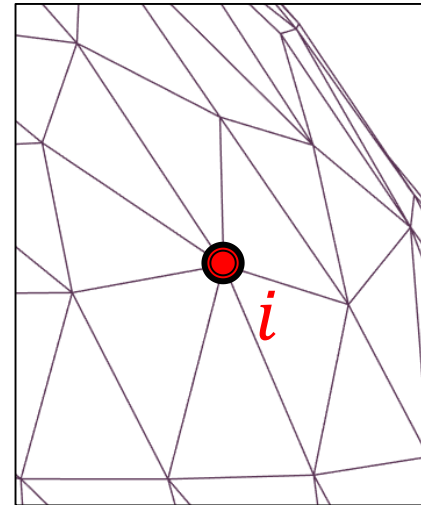
$$E(P_{12}, P_{21}) = \alpha E_D(P_{12}) + \alpha E_D(P_{21}) + (1 - \alpha) E_R(P_{12}, P_{21})$$

The parameter  $\alpha$  controls the trade off between the terms

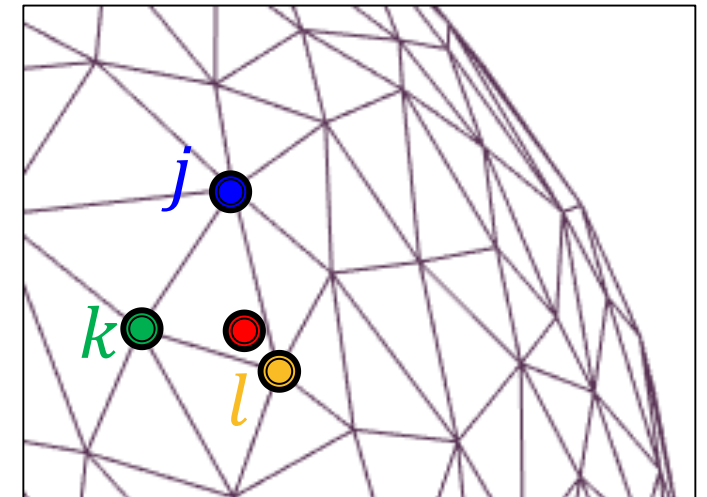
# Optimization

All the terms are quadratic, but  $P_{12}, P_{21}$  are constrained to the feasible set of precise maps

$$P_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} & j & k & l \\ & \vdots & & \\ -0.1 & -0.2 & -0.7 & \\ & \vdots & & \end{pmatrix} \text{row } i$$



$M_1$



$M_2$

$$E(P_{12}, P_{21}) = \alpha E_D(P_{12}) + \alpha E_D(P_{21}) + (1 - \alpha) E_R(P_{12}, P_{21})$$

# Optimization

We know how to optimize functions of the form:

$$\arg \min_{P_{12} \in S} \|P_{12}A - B\|^2$$

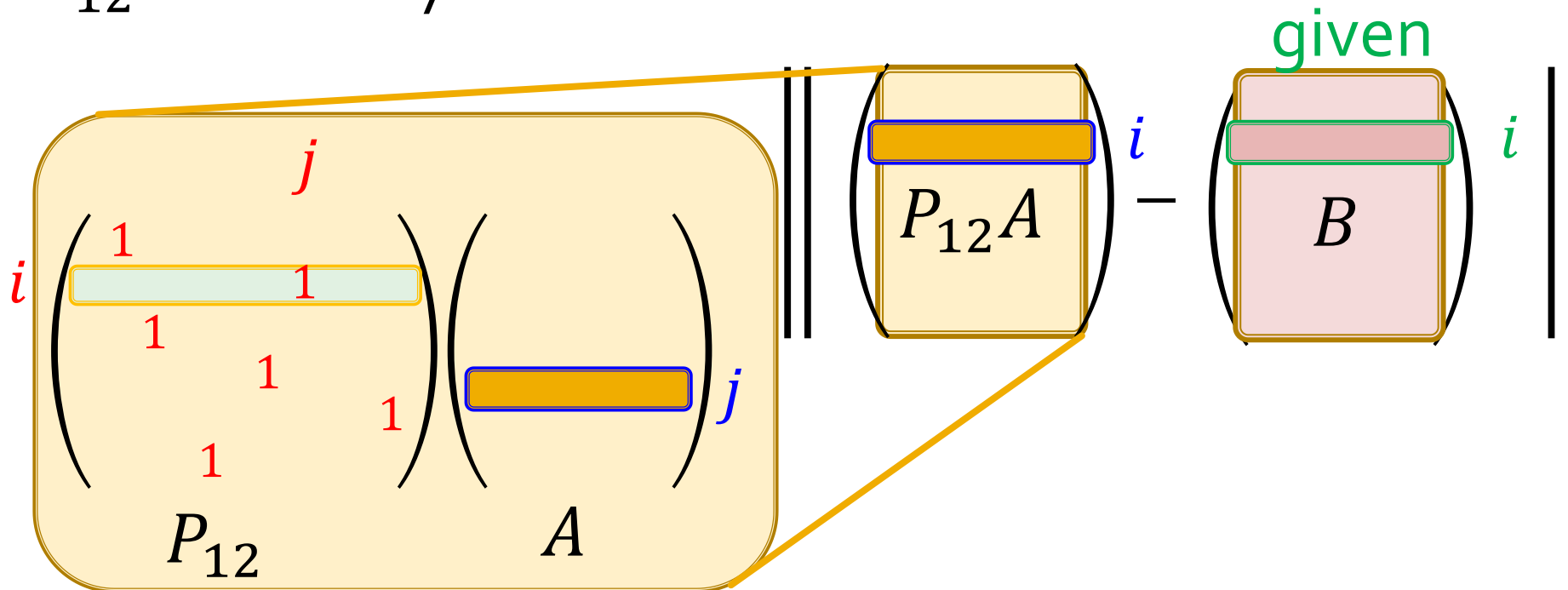
$S$  is the feasible set of precise maps

# Optimization

$$P_{12}^* = \arg \min_{P_{12} \in S} \|P_{12}A - B\|_{M_1}^2$$

If we constrain to **vertex-to-vertex** maps (subset of feasible set):

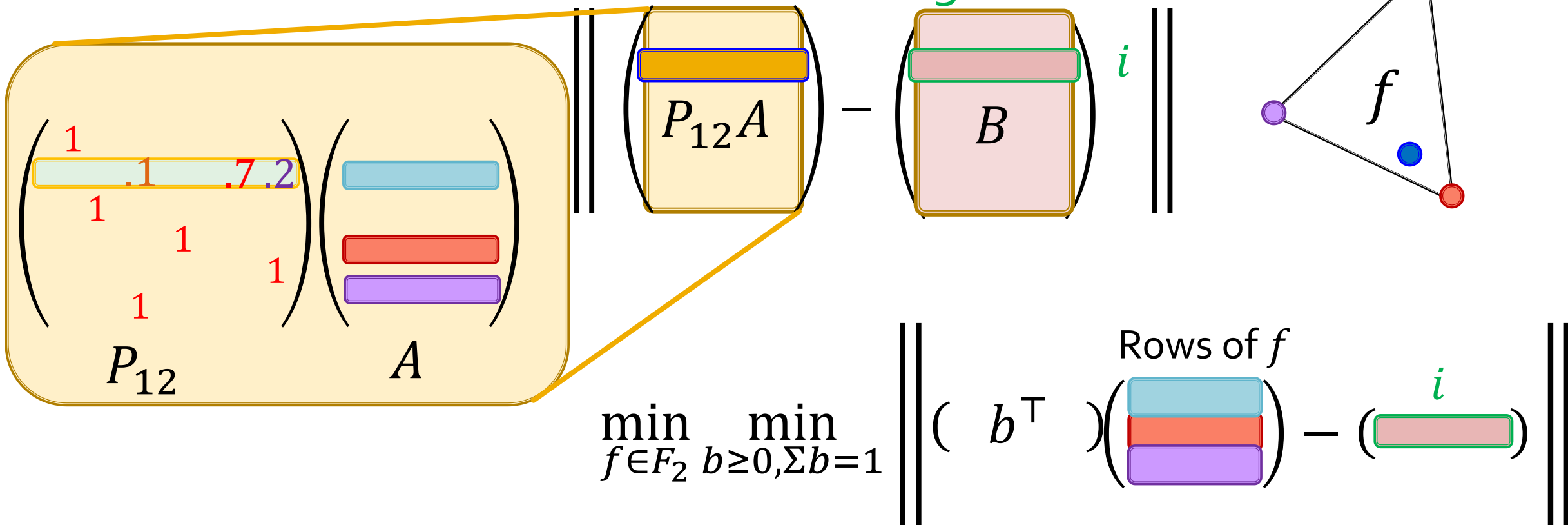
$P_{12}$  is a binary stochastic matrix



# Optimization

$$P_{12}^* = \arg \min_{P_{12} \in \mathcal{S}} \|P_{12}A - B\|_{M_1}^2$$

If  $P_{12}$  is any precise map:



# Optimization

$$P_{12}^* = \arg \min_{P_{12} \in S} \|P_{12}A - B\|_{M_1}^2$$

If  $P_{12}$  is any **precise** map:

$$\min_{f \in F_2} \min_{b \geq 0, \sum b = 1} \left\| \left( b^\top \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Rows of } f \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right) - \left( \begin{array}{c} i \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right) \right\|$$

Seems expensive

- Optimize barycentric coordinates by projecting the  $i_{th}$  row to a triangle in  $\mathbb{R}^{k_2}$  (geometric algorithm)
- Parallelizable!

# Optimization

Our energies are not of this form exactly:

$$E_D(P_{12}) = \text{Tr}((P_{12}X_2)^\top W_1 P_{12} X_2)$$

$$E_R(P_{12}, P_{21}) = \underbrace{\|P_{21}P_{12}X_2 - X_2\|_{M_2}^2}_{\text{}} + \|P_{12}P_{21}X_1 - X_1\|_{M_1}^2$$

We use “half quadratic splitting” such that our energy is of the desired form

# Optimization

Introduce new variables

- $X_{12}$  should approximate  $P_{12}X_2$ , so we add a term  $\|P_{12}X_2 - X_{12}\|^2$
- $X_{21}$  should approximate  $P_{21}X_1$ , so we add a term  $\|P_{21}X_1 - X_{21}\|^2$

We replace  $P_{12}X_2$  by  $X_{12}$  wherever it bothers our optimization



# Optimization

We rewrite our energies with the new variables:

$$E_D(X_{12}) = \text{Tr}(X_{12}^\top W_1 X_{12})$$

$$E_R(X_{12}, X_{21}, P_{12}, P_{21}) = \|P_{21}X_{12} - X_2\|_{M_2}^2 + \|P_{12}X_{21} - X_1\|_{M_1}^2$$

$$E_Q(X_{12}, P_{12}) = \|P_{12}X_2 - X_{12}\|_{M_1}^2$$

# Optimization

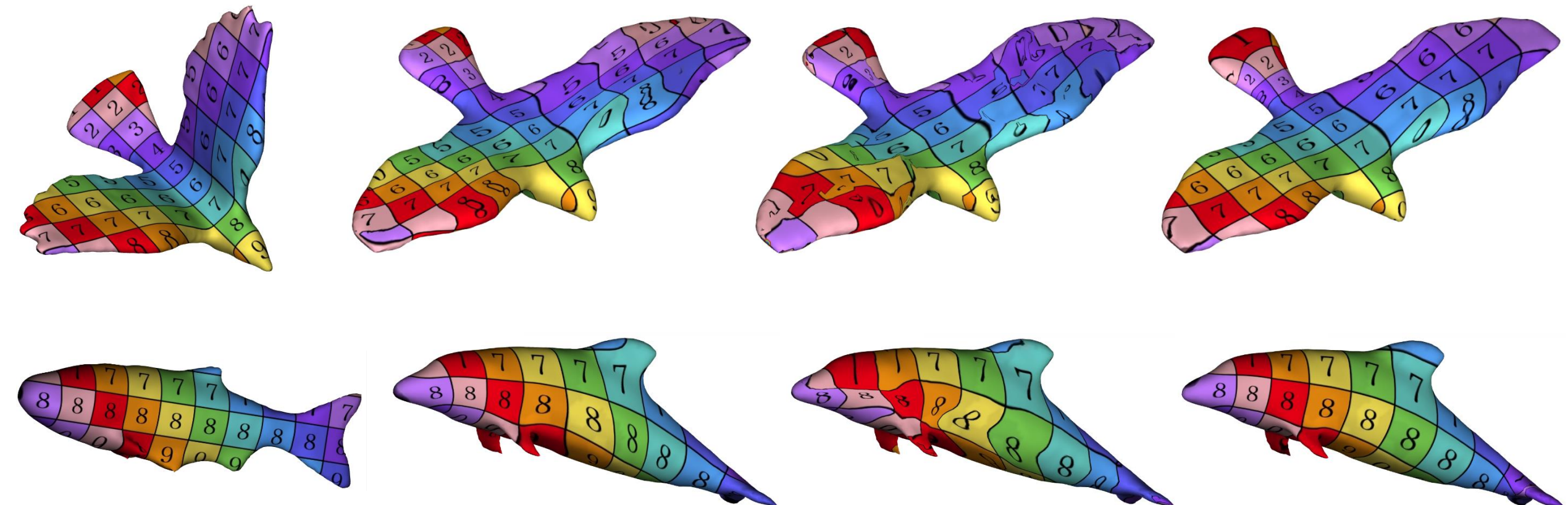
We optimize the energy:

$$E(X_{12}, X_{21}, P_{12}, P_{21}) = \alpha E_D(X_{12}) + \alpha E_D(X_{21}) + \text{Dirichlet}$$
$$+ (1 - \alpha) E_R(X_{12}, X_{21}, P_{12}, P_{21}) + \text{Reversibility}$$
$$+ \beta E_Q(X_{12}, P_{12}) + \beta E_Q(X_{21}, P_{21}) \quad \text{Penalty}$$

by alternately optimizing for each variable

- Optimize  $P_{12}$  or  $P_{21}$  using projection
- Optimize  $X_{12}$  or  $X_{21}$  by solving a linear system

# Results



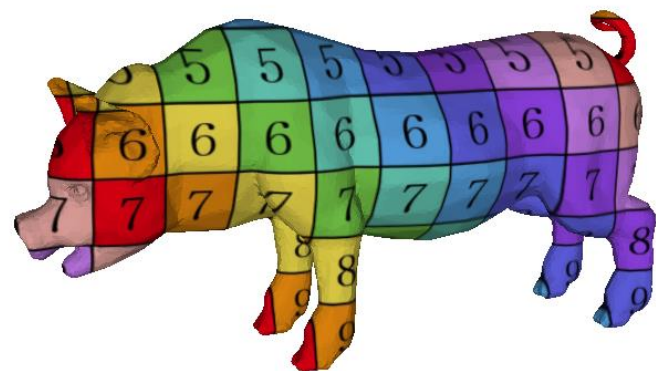
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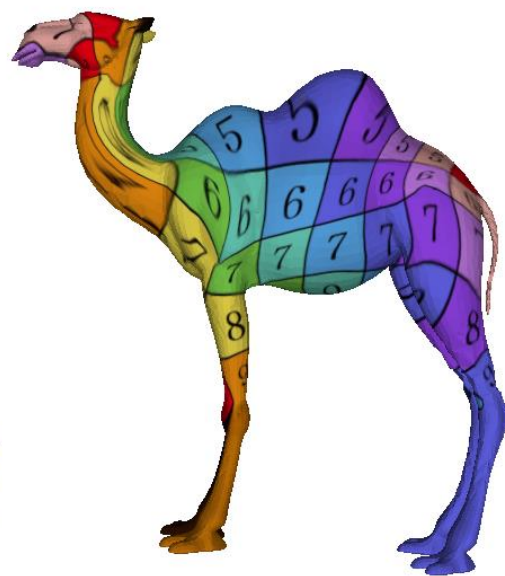
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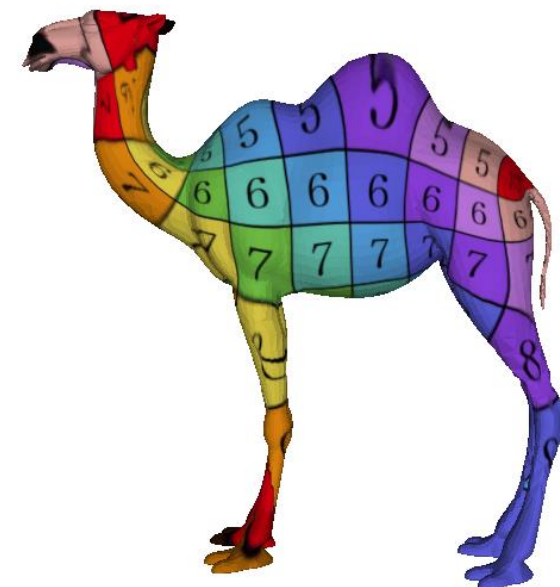
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