

Multi-modal Registration of Visual Data

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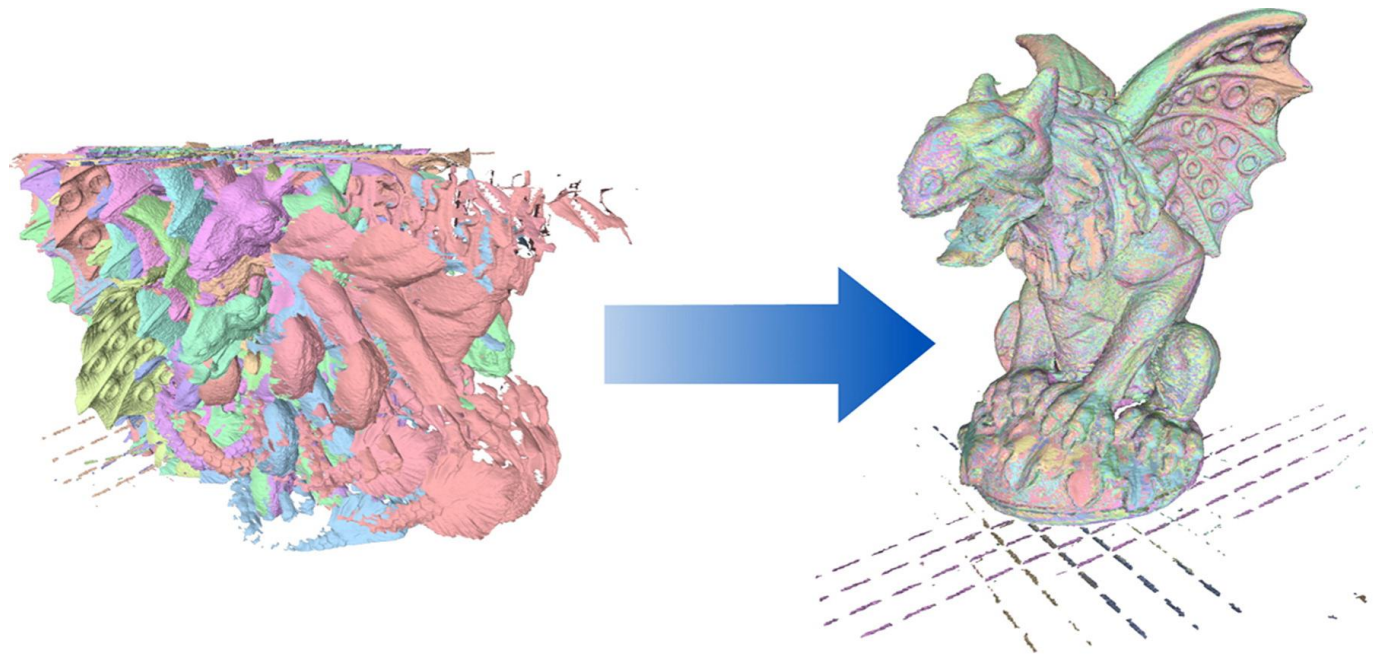
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Features Detection and Description (3D case)

Problem statement and motivations

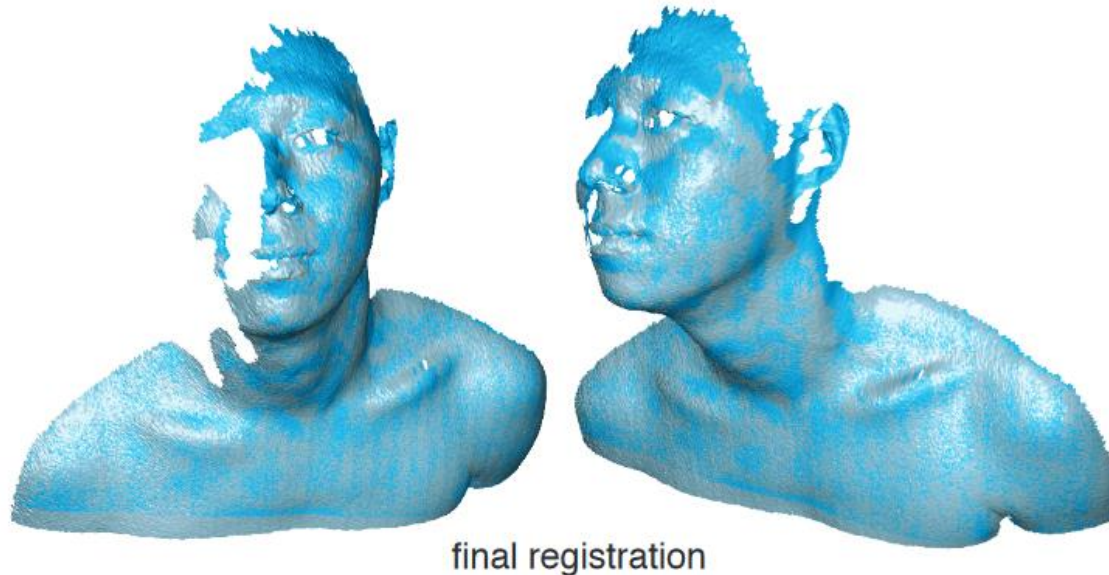
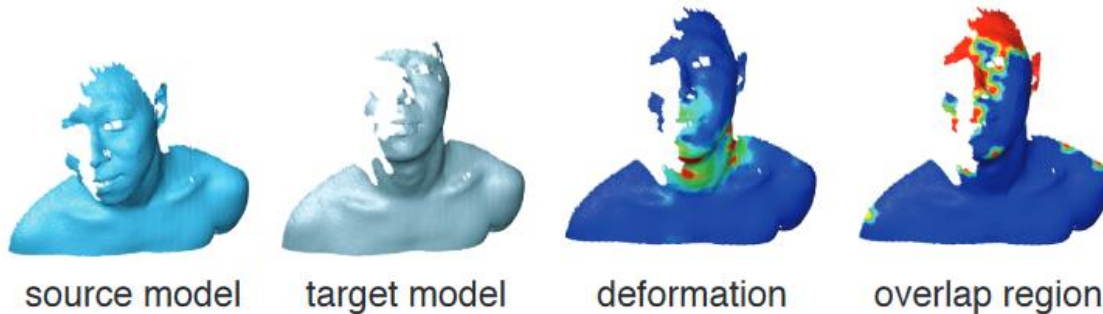
- Correspondences problem:
 - are the two (or more) pieces of geometry *essentially the same*?

**Range Maps
Registration
(rigid
transformation)**



Problem statement and motivations

- Correspondences problem:
 - are the two (or more) pieces of geometry *similar* ?

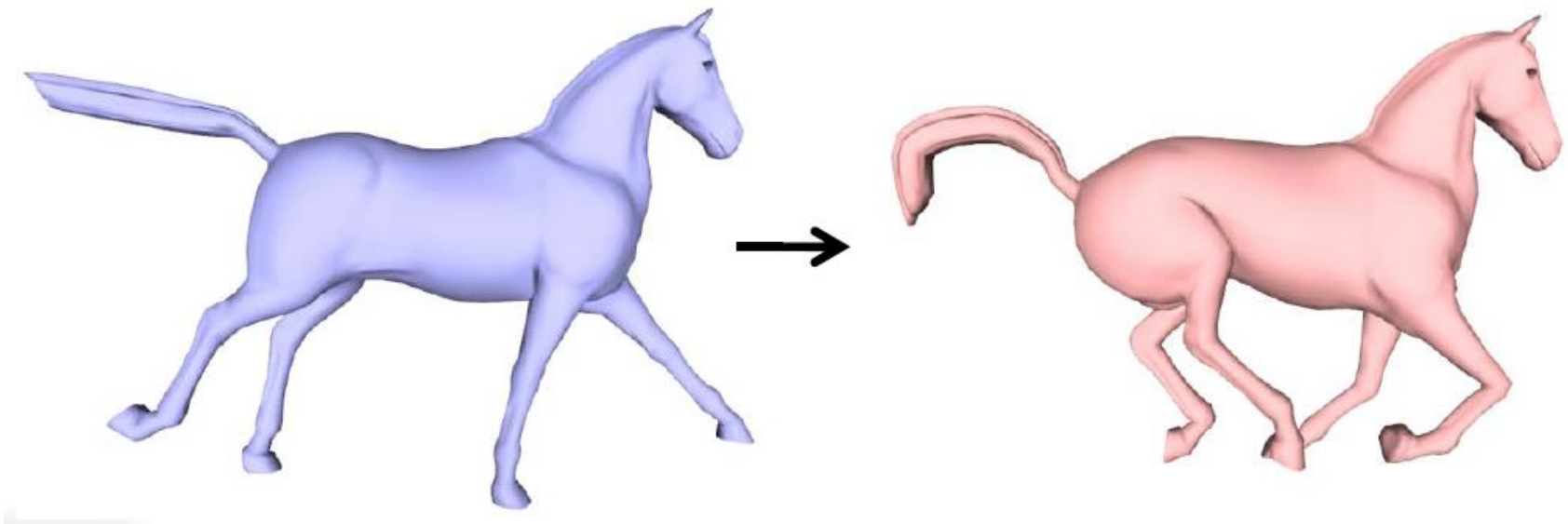


Animation Reconstruction (non-rigid registration)

Image from: Hao Li, Robert Sumner, Mark Pauly, “Global Correspondance Optimization for Non Rigid Registration of Depth Scans”, *Symposium on Geometry Processing (SGP08)*, 2008.

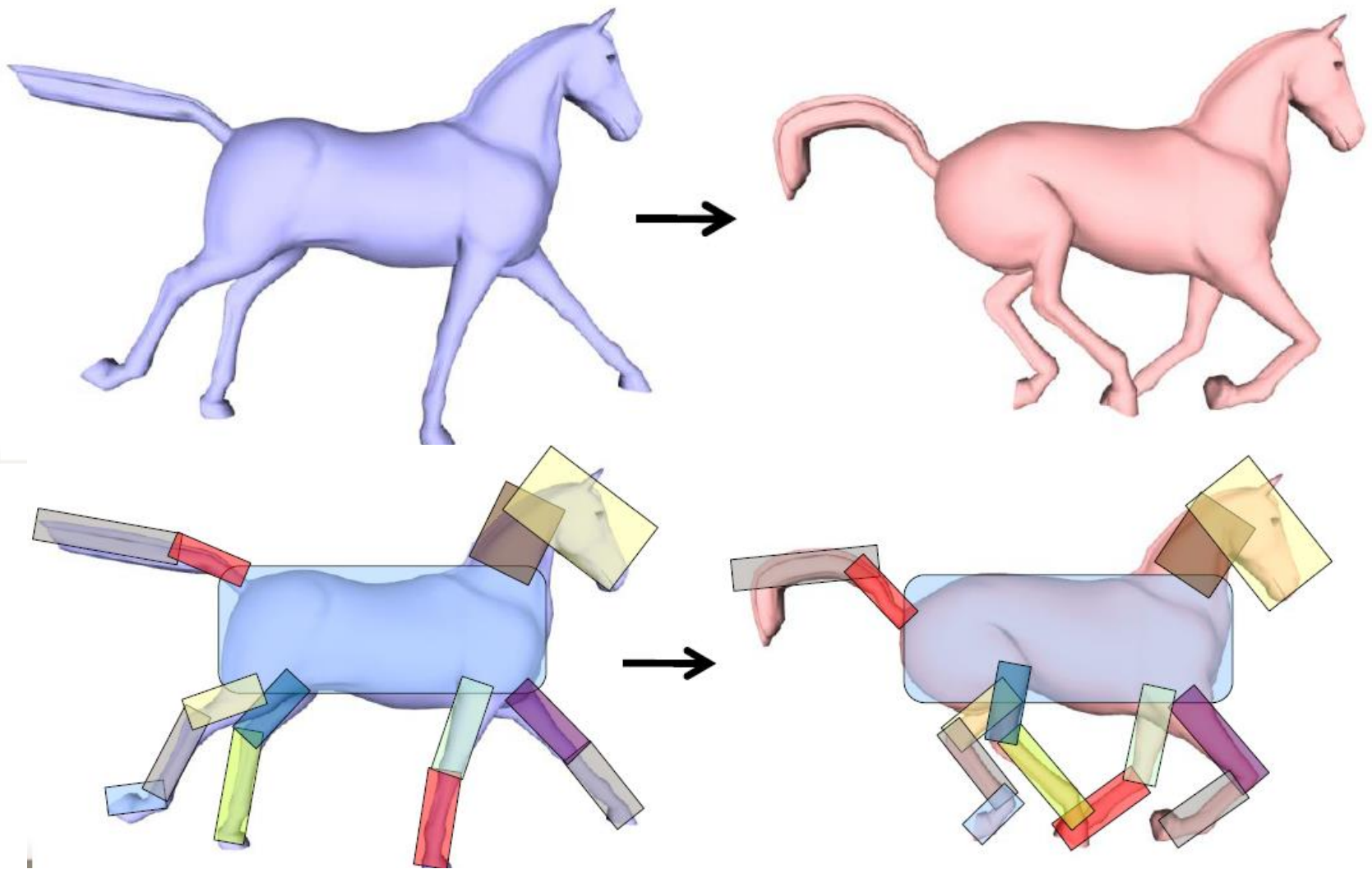
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**Articulated Shape Matching
(parts-based rigid transformation)**

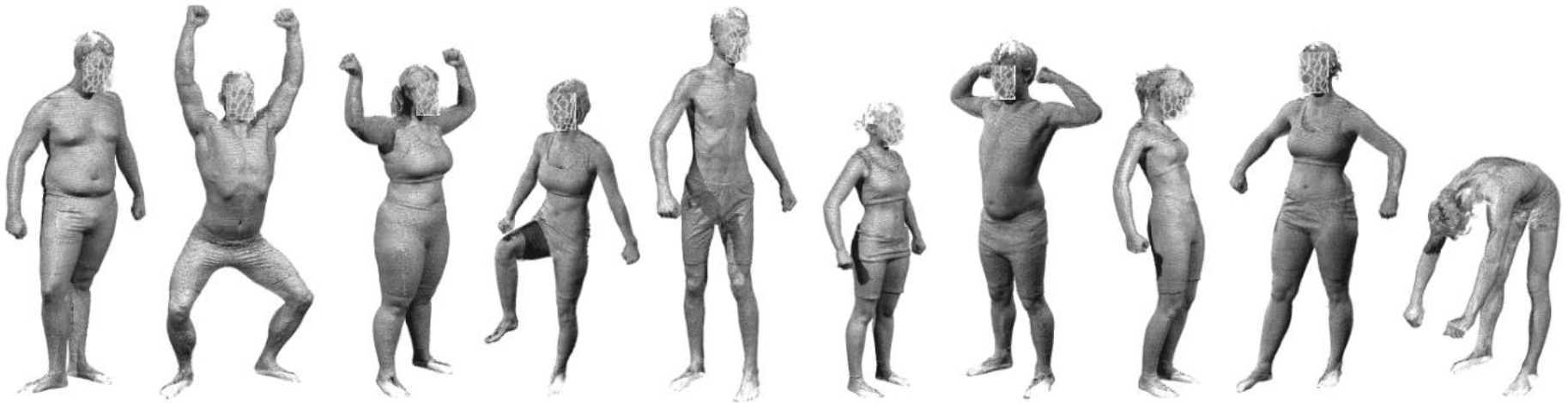
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Images from: W. Chang and M. Zwicker, "Automatic registration for articulated shapes", *Symposium on Geometry Processing (SGP08)*, 2008.

Problem statement and motivations

- Correspondences problem:
 - *Similar 3D models*



Shape Analysis and Synthesis
(e.g. shape priors, editing, recognition)

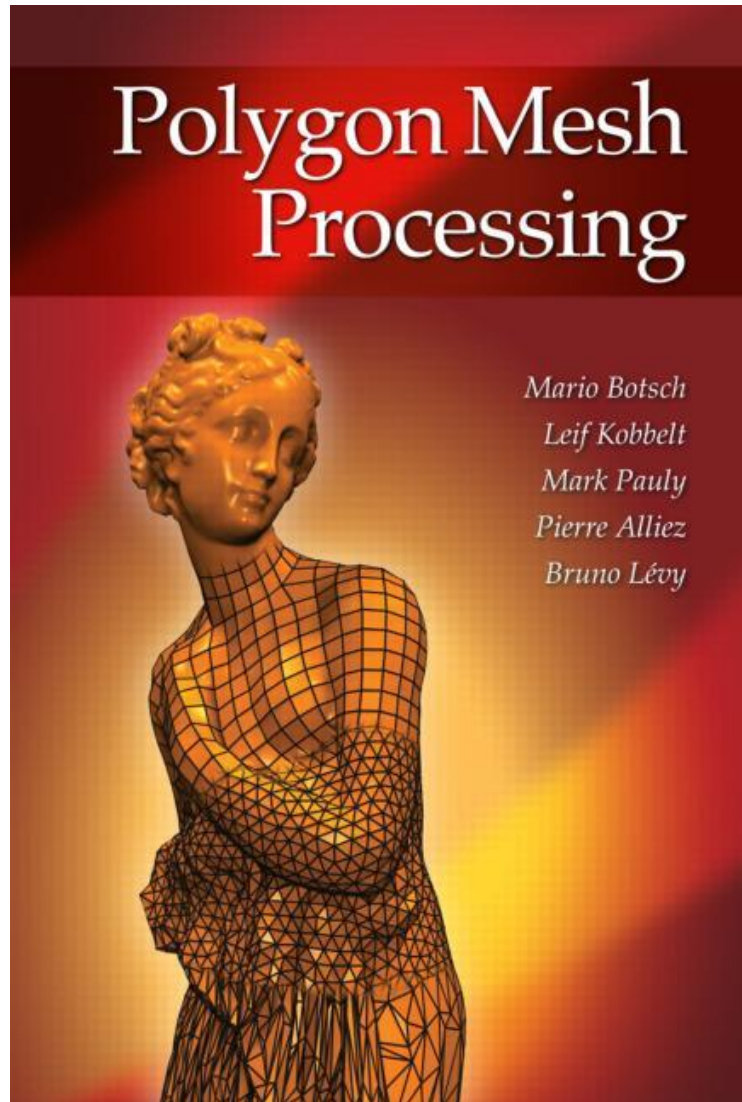
Problem statement and motivations

- Different correspondences problem.
- Different type of data (range maps, point clouds, point clouds with normals, polygonal meshes, geometry+color, etc.).
- These aspects and the specific application should be taken into account.

Geometry Processing

- Representation and Data Structure
- (Discrete) Differential Geometry
- Parameterization
- Remeshing
- Simplification & Approximation
- Model Repair

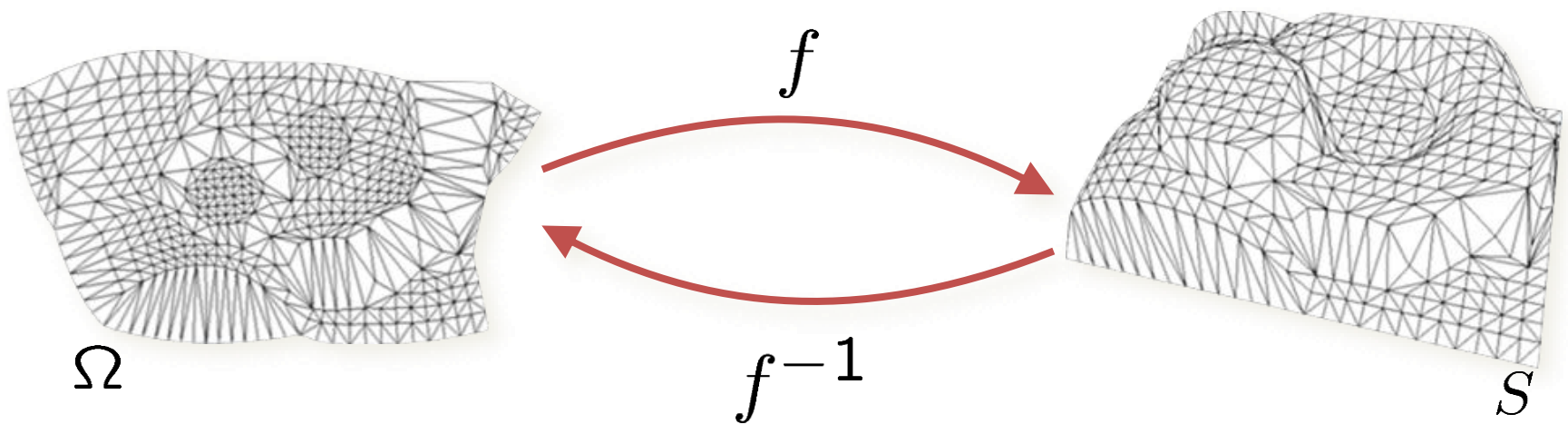
Geometry Processing



**Mario Botsch, Leif Kobbelt, Mark Pauly,
Pierre Alliez and Bruno Levy**
October 7, 2010 by A K Peters/CRC Press
Reference - 250 Pages
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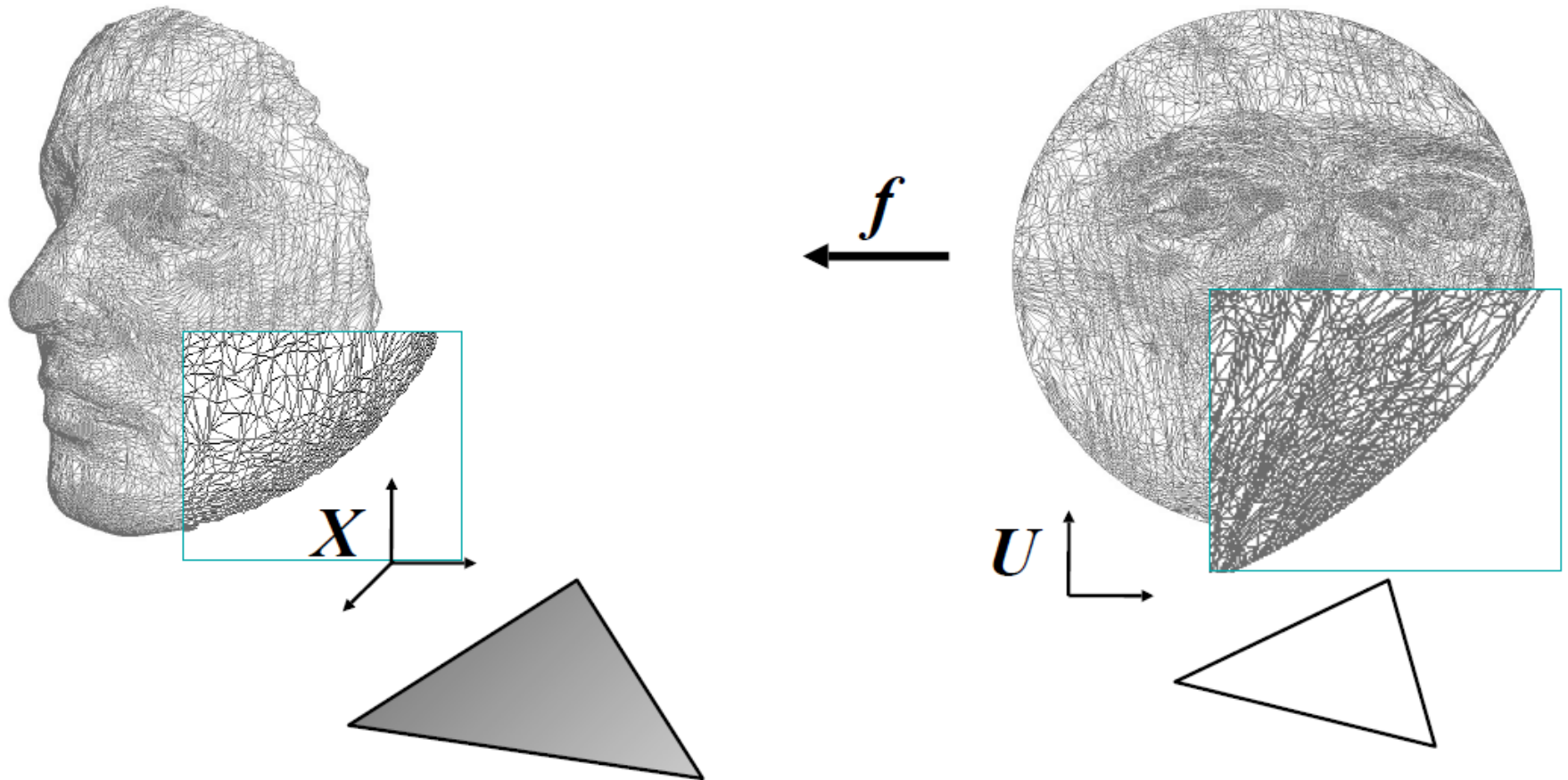
Parameterization

- Surface $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$
- Planar domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$
- Define a mapping $f : \Omega \rightarrow S$ and $f^{-1} : S \rightarrow \Omega$



Parameterization

- Mapping = 2D mesh with same connectivity

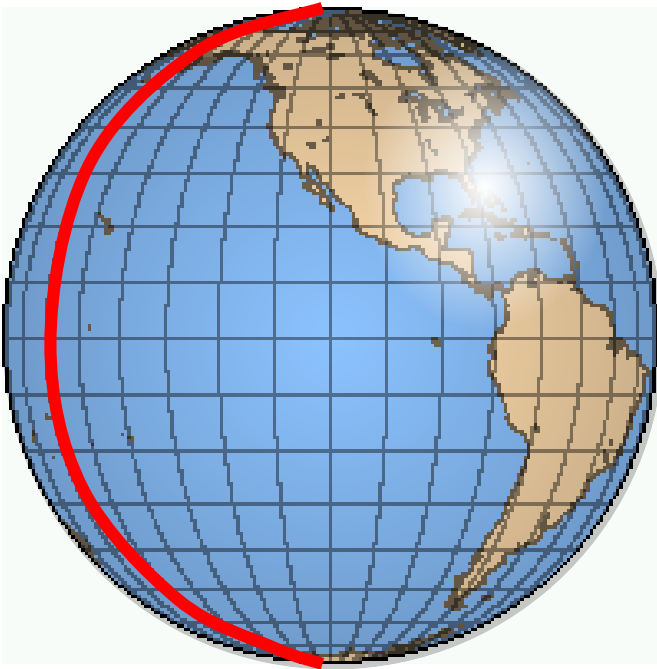


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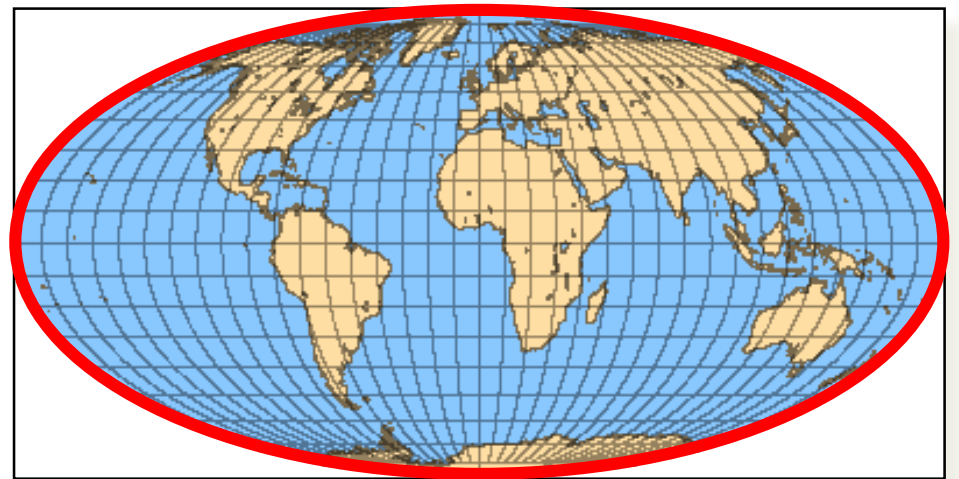
- Parameterization map must be *bijjective* → triangles no overlap in the planar domain.
- Some distortions are always introduced:
 - Some parameterizations are angle-preserving (*conformal*)
 - Some parameterizations are area-preserving (*equi-areal*)
 - Some parameterizations preserve area and angle (*isometric*)

Parameterization - cuts

- The surface may need to be cut (!)



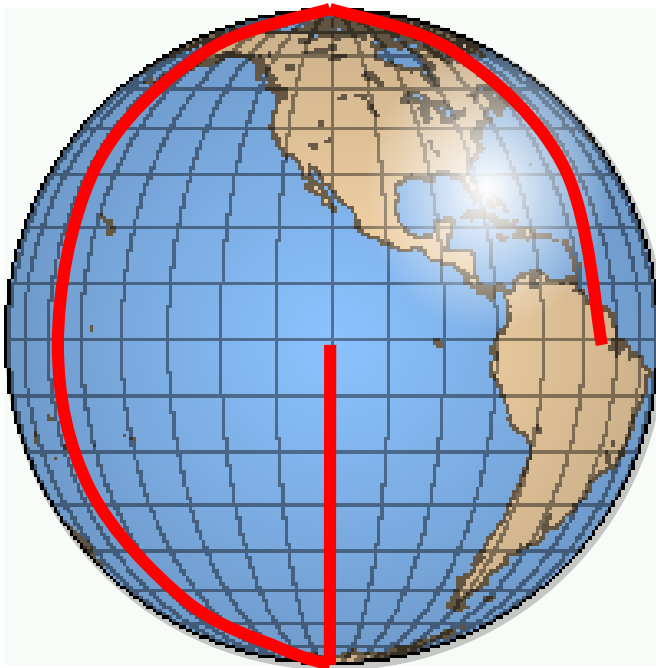
sphere in 3D



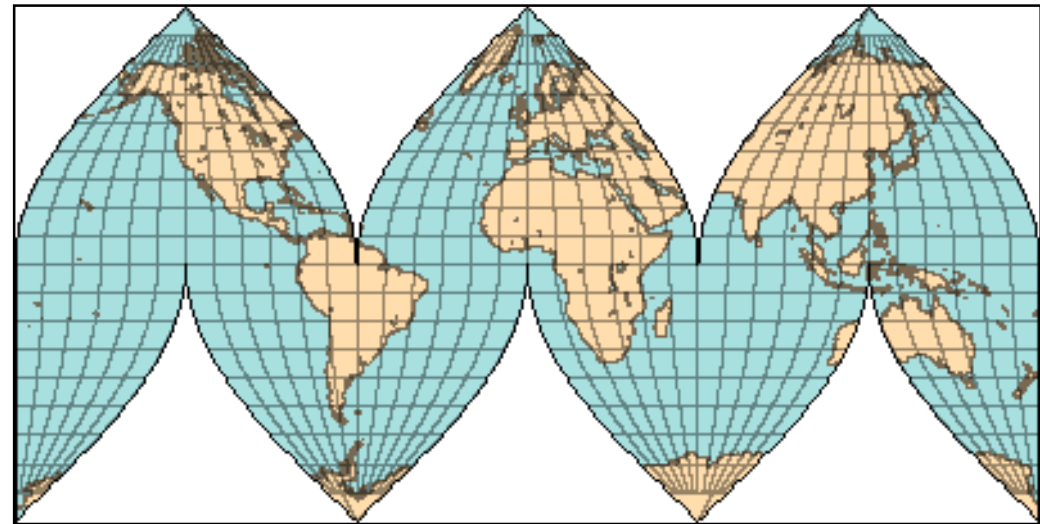
2D surface disk

Parameterization - cuts

- More cuts usually produce less distortions.



sphere in 3D



2D surface

Parameterization – example

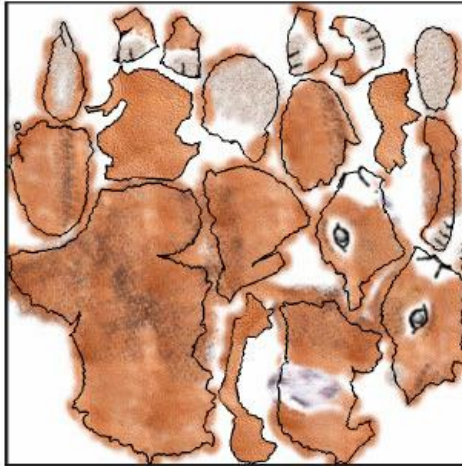
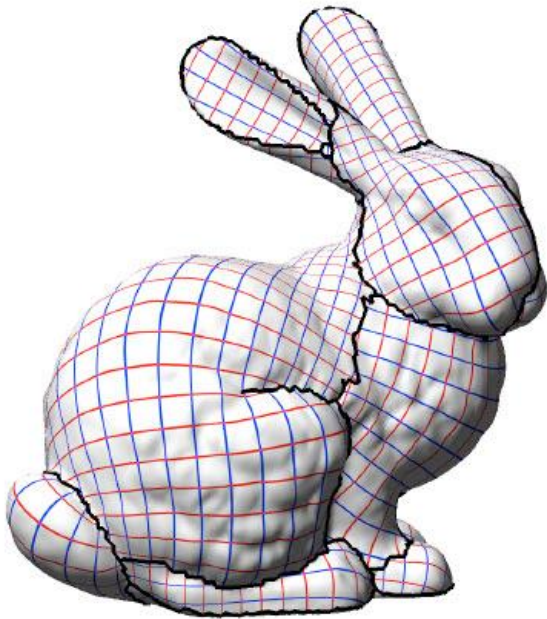
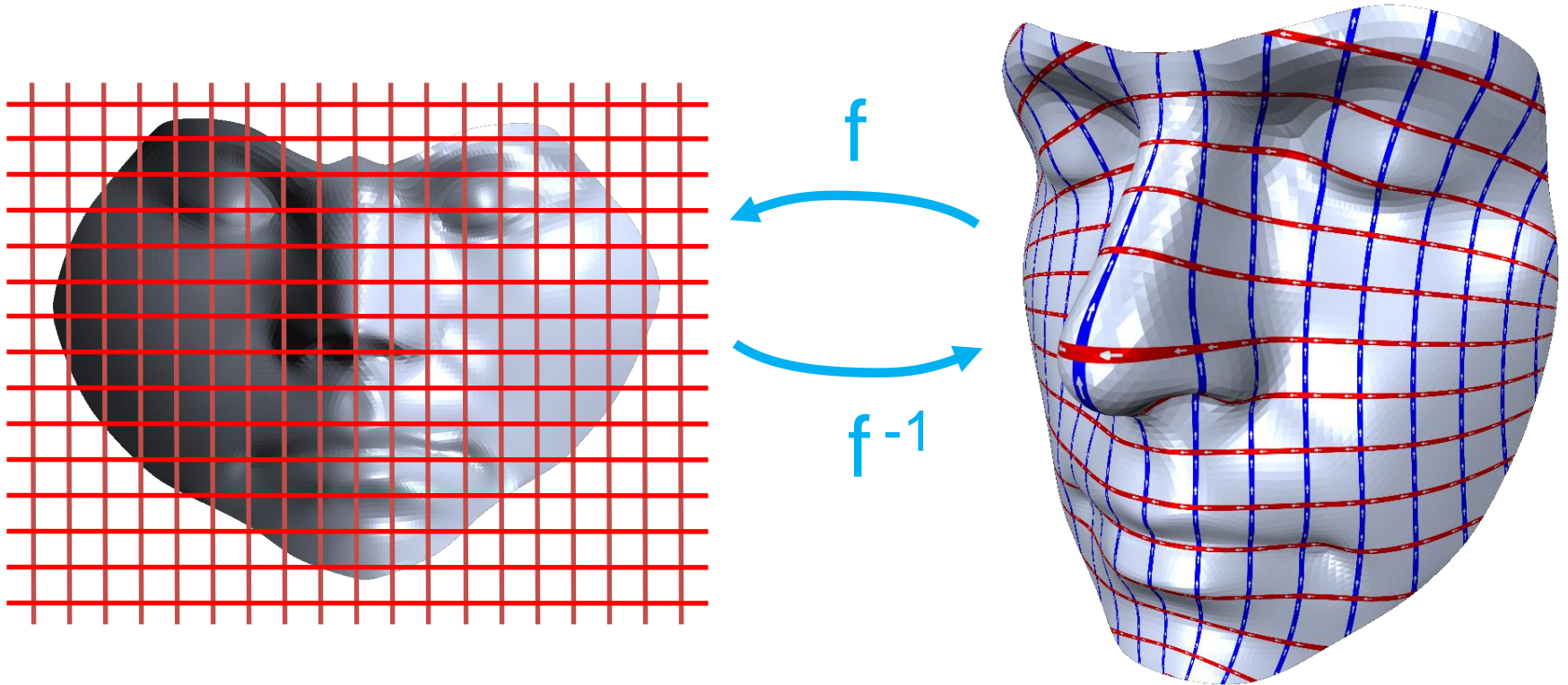


Image from: Lévy, Petitjean, Ray, and Maillot, “Least squares conformal maps for automatic texture atlas generation”, *SIGGRAPH 2002*.

Parameterization – Remeshing



Differential Geometry

- Continuous surface

$$\mathbf{x}(u, v) = \begin{pmatrix} x(u, v) \\ y(u, v) \\ z(u, v) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

- Normal vector

$$\mathbf{n} = (\mathbf{x}_u \times \mathbf{x}_v) / \|\mathbf{x}_u \times \mathbf{x}_v\|$$

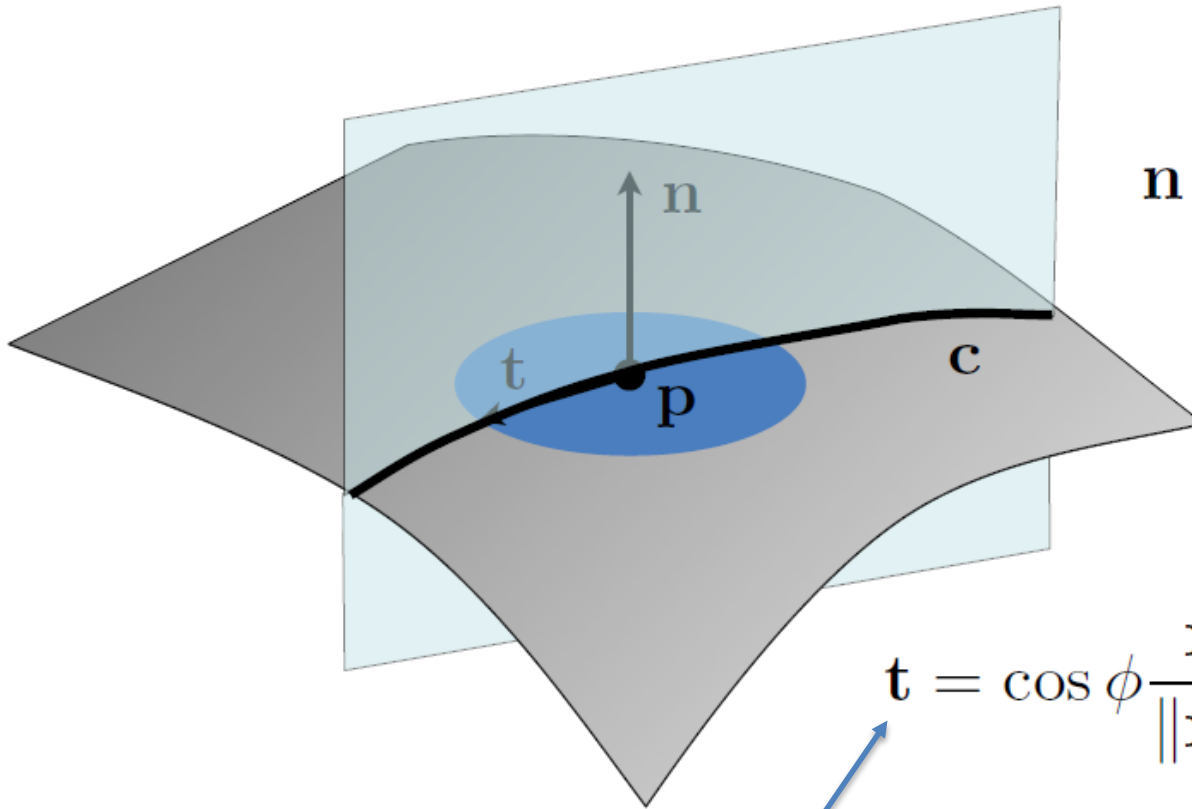
– assuming regular parameterization, i.e.

$$\mathbf{x}_u \times \mathbf{x}_v \neq \mathbf{0}$$



Differential Geometry

- Normal Curvature



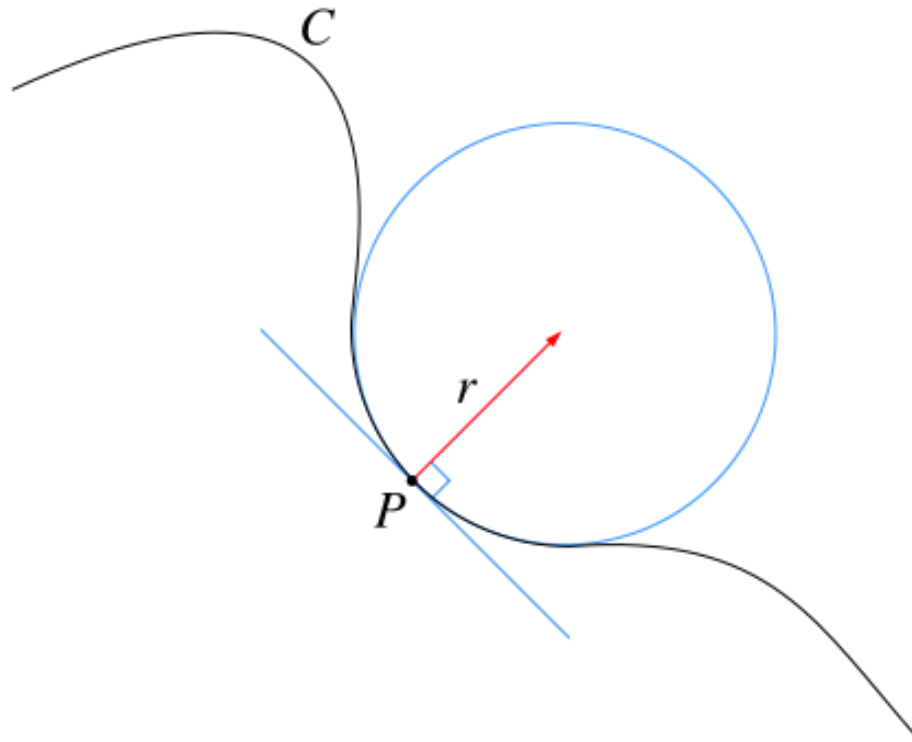
$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\mathbf{x}_u \times \mathbf{x}_v}{\|\mathbf{x}_u \times \mathbf{x}_v\|}$$

$$\mathbf{t} = \cos \phi \frac{\mathbf{x}_u}{\|\mathbf{x}_u\|} + \sin \phi \frac{\mathbf{x}_v}{\|\mathbf{x}_v\|}$$

Tangent vector

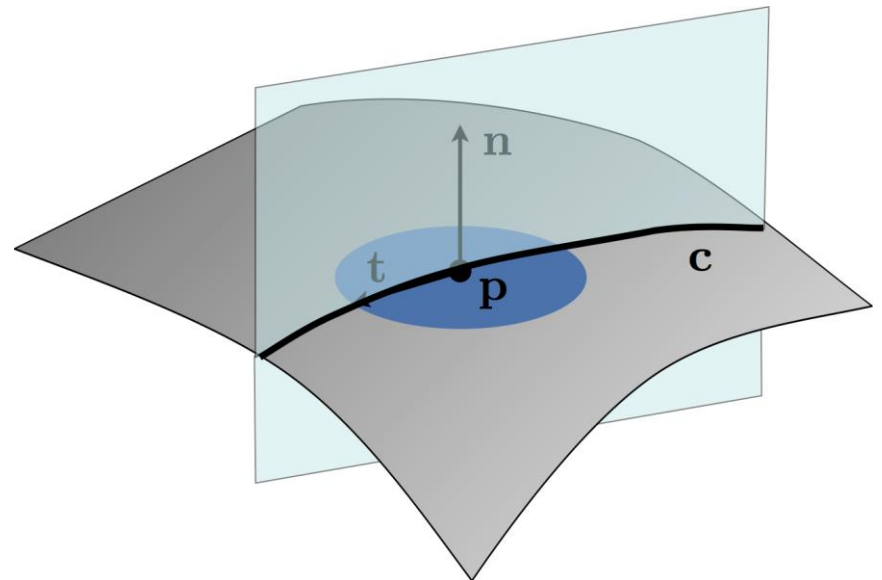
Curvature (2D)

- The curvature of C at P is the reciprocal of the radius of osculating circle at point P .



Principal Curvatures

- For each t , we have a value of curvature.
- The two directions, k_1 and k_2 , where the value of curvature is respectively the *maximum* and *minimum* are said to be the directions of principal curvature.



Differential Geometry

- Principal Curvatures

- maximum curvature $\kappa_1 = \max_{\phi} \kappa_n(\phi)$

- minimum curvature $\kappa_2 = \min_{\phi} \kappa_n(\phi)$

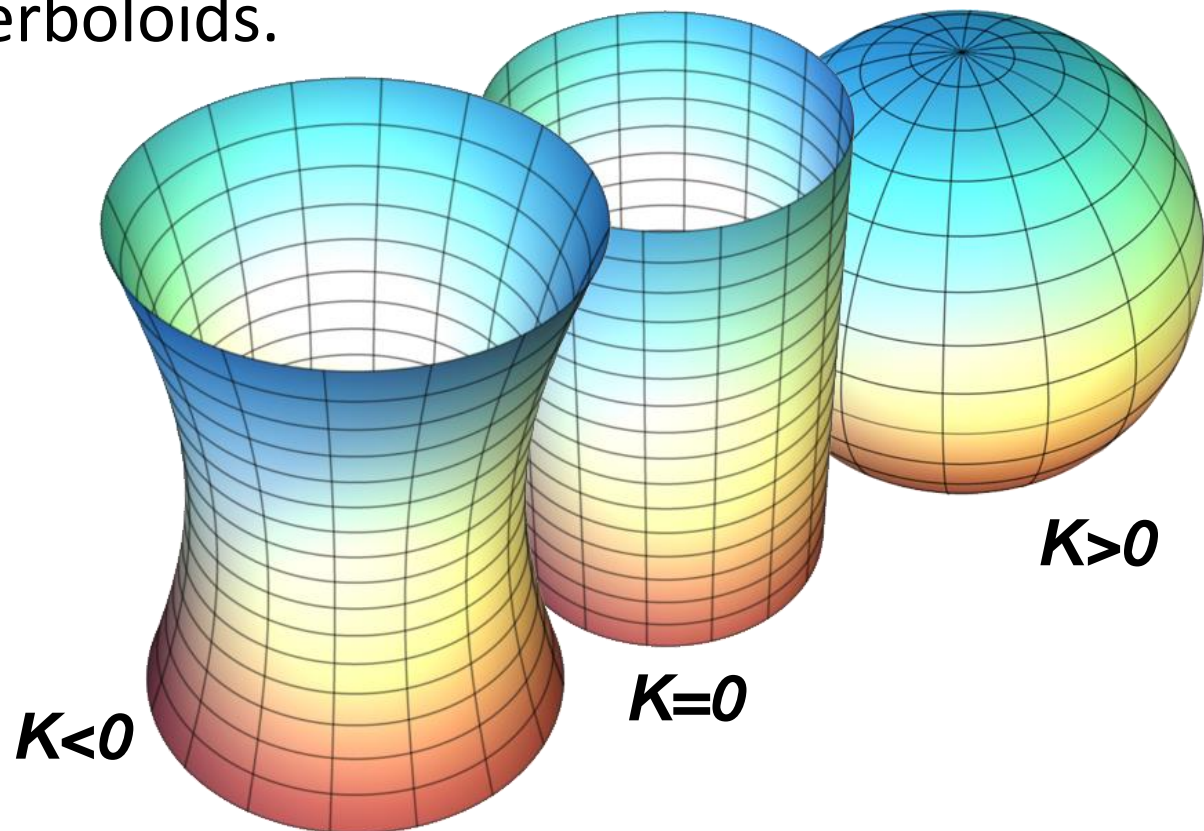
- Euler Theorem: $\kappa_n(\bar{\mathbf{t}}) = \kappa_n(\phi) = \kappa_1 \cos^2 \phi + \kappa_2 \sin^2 \phi$

- Mean Curvature $H = \frac{\kappa_1 + \kappa_2}{2} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \kappa_n(\phi) d\phi$

- Gaussian Curvature $K = \kappa_1 \cdot \kappa_2$

Surface Characterization with Gaussian Curvature

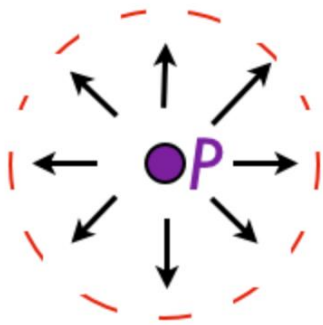
- $K > 0 \rightarrow$ when the surface is elliptical.
- $K = 0 \rightarrow$ locally flat.
- $K < 0 \rightarrow$ for hyperboloids.



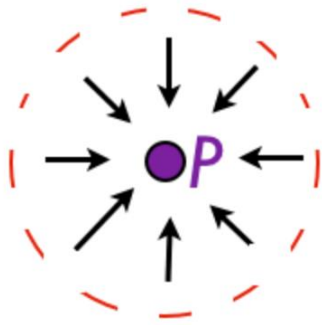
Mean Curvature

- Measure the *divergence* of the normal in a local neighborhood of the surface.
- The **divergence** is an operator that measures how much a vector field originate from or converge upon a given point.
- The Laplacian operator is the divergence of the gradient:

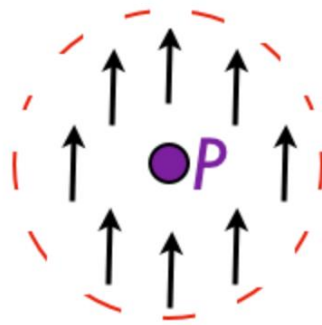
Divergence Operator



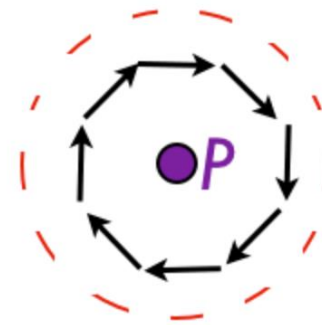
$div_s > 0$



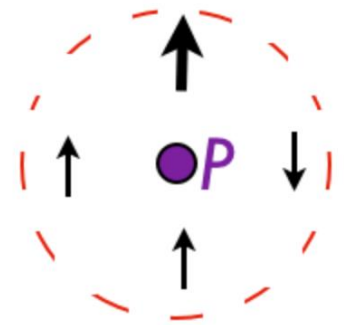
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$div_s = 0$

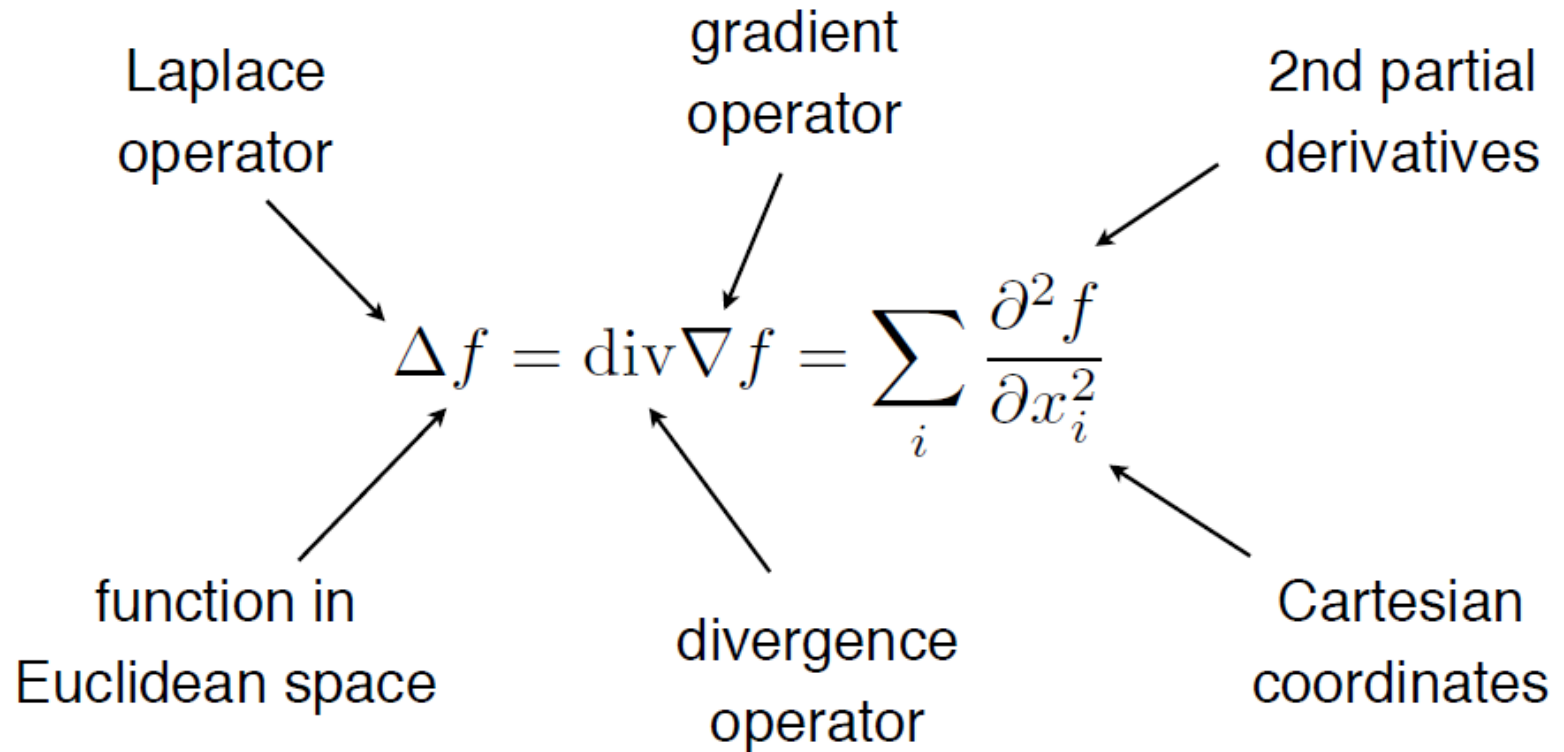


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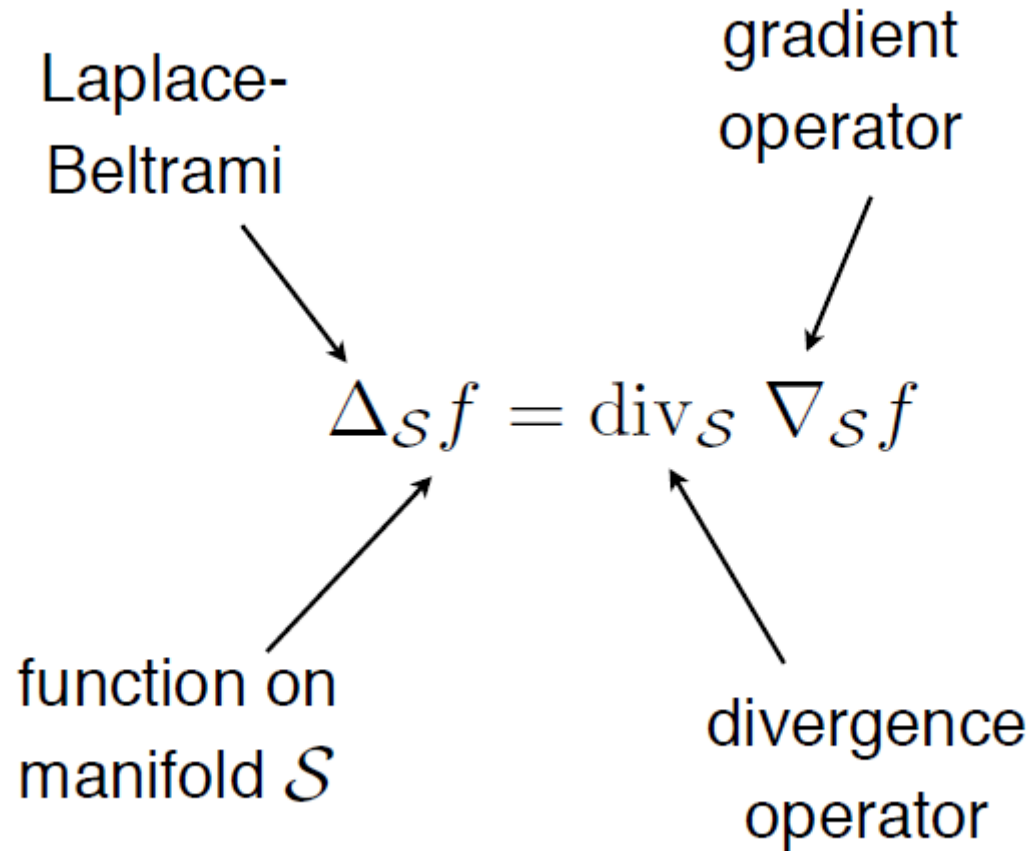


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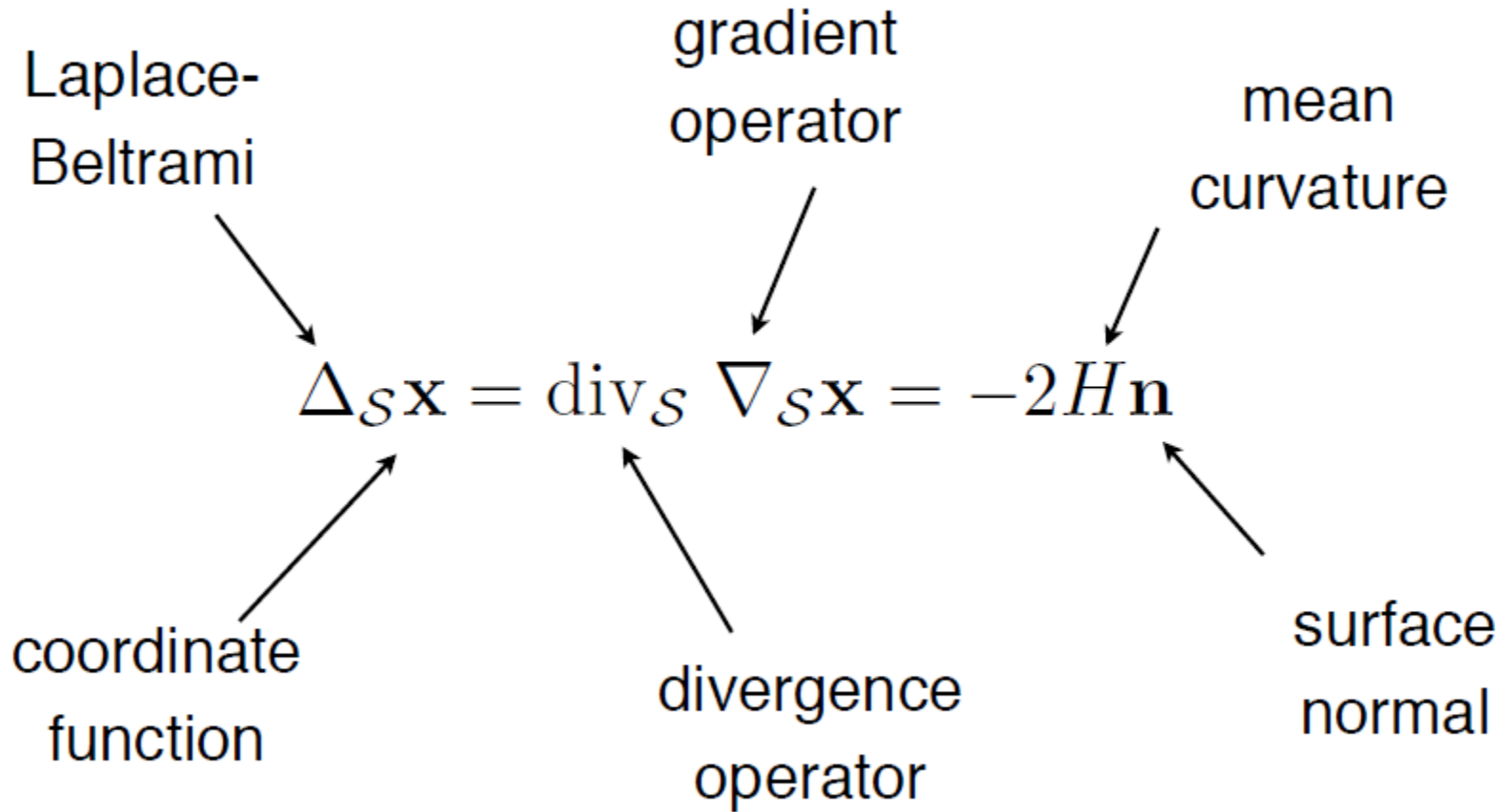
Laplace Operator



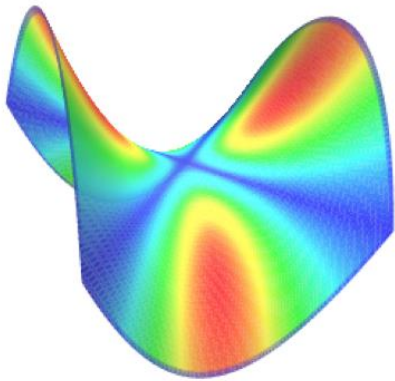
Laplace-Beltrami Operator



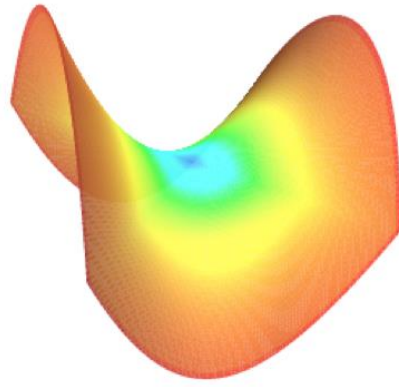
Laplace-Beltrami Operator



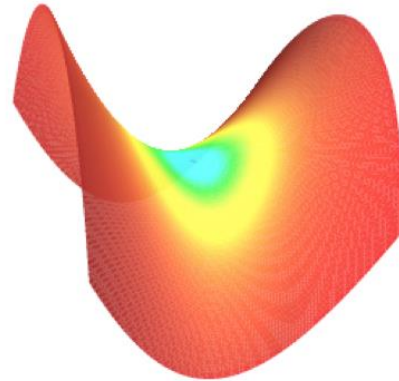
Mean and Gaussian Curvature



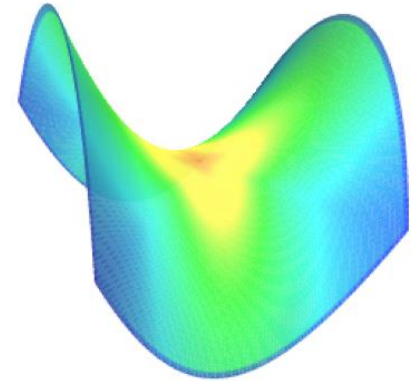
Mean (H)



Gaussian (K)



Min (k_2)



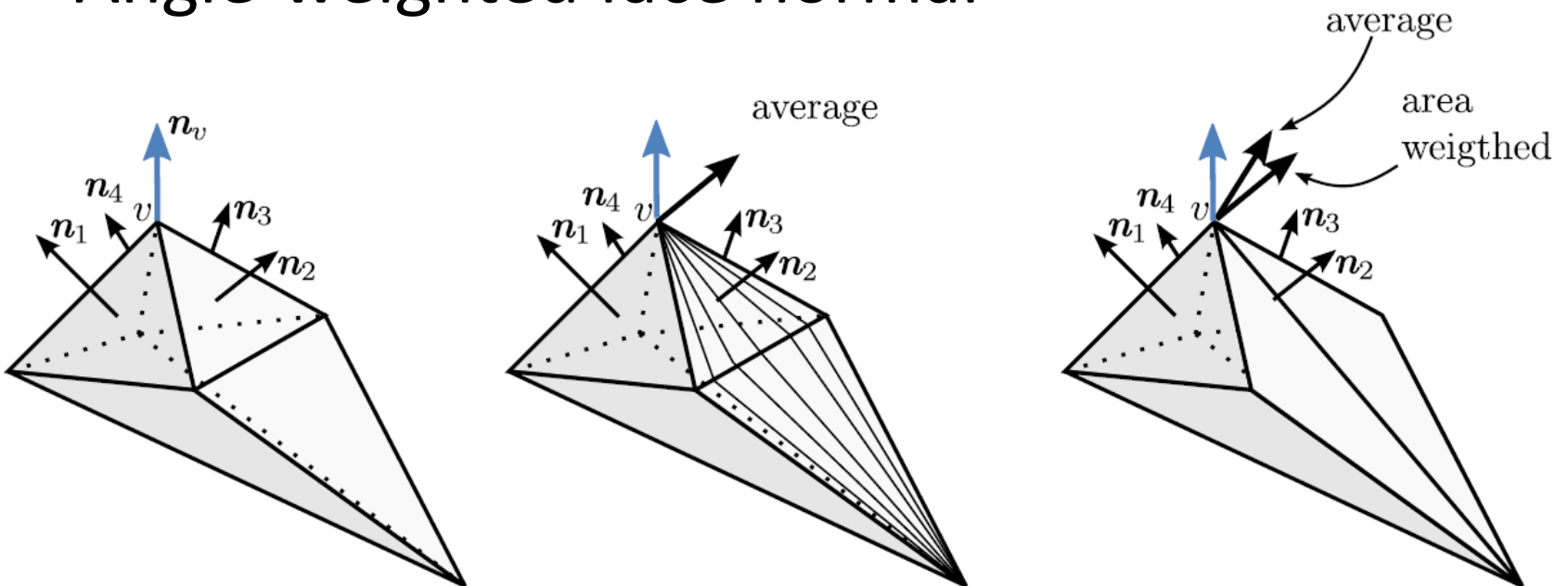
Max (K_1)

Discrete Differential Geometry

- Meshes are a piecewise linear approximation of the corresponding (smooth) surface.
- Surface normal ?
- Curvature ?
- Laplace operator ?

Normal estimation

- Vertex normal \rightarrow average the face normal of the incident faces
- Area-weighted face normal
- Angle-weighted face normal



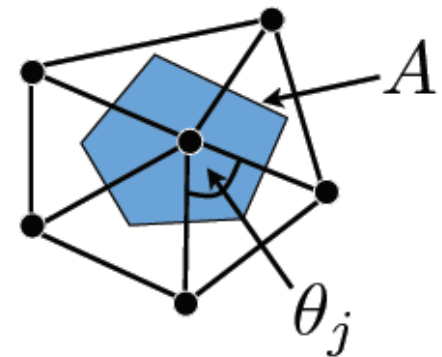
Discrete Curvatures

- Mean curvature

$$H = \|\Delta_{\mathcal{S}}\mathbf{x}\|$$

- Gaussian curvature

$$G = (2\pi - \sum_j \theta_j) / A$$



- Principal curvatures

$$\kappa_1 = H + \sqrt{H^2 - G}$$

$$\kappa_2 = H - \sqrt{H^2 - G}$$

Discrete Laplace-Beltrami

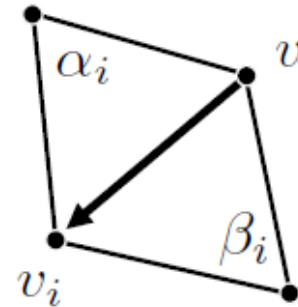
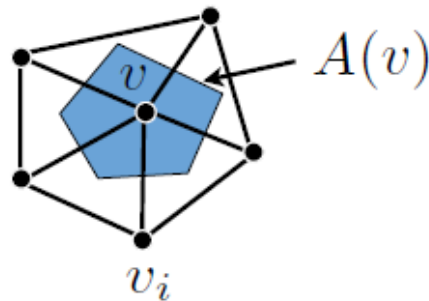
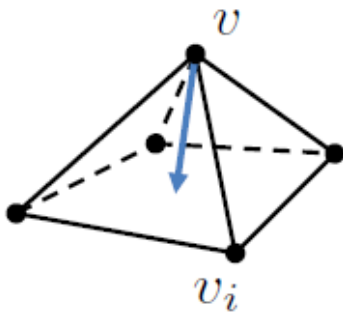
Assuming uniform discretization

$$\Delta_{uni} f(v) := \frac{1}{|\mathcal{N}_1(v)|} \sum_{v_i \in \mathcal{N}_1(v)} (f(v_i) - f(v))$$

Discrete Laplace-Beltrami

More general formulation

$$\Delta_S f(v) := \frac{2}{A(v)} \sum_{v_i \in \mathcal{N}_1(v)} (\cot \alpha_i + \cot \beta_i) (f(v_i) - f(v))$$



Range Maps

- We do not need a parameterization (!)
- To apply 2D features detectors/descriptors is more natural (but it works?).
- Local vs global methods.
- Pairwise vs multi-view registration.

Range Maps

- Let's take a look at [1] and [2] (we are interested in the pairwise registration part only)

Range Maps

- Global methods often produce a coarse registration → *fine registration* is required.
- Standard method → ICP* (Iterative Closest Point)
- Many variants exists.

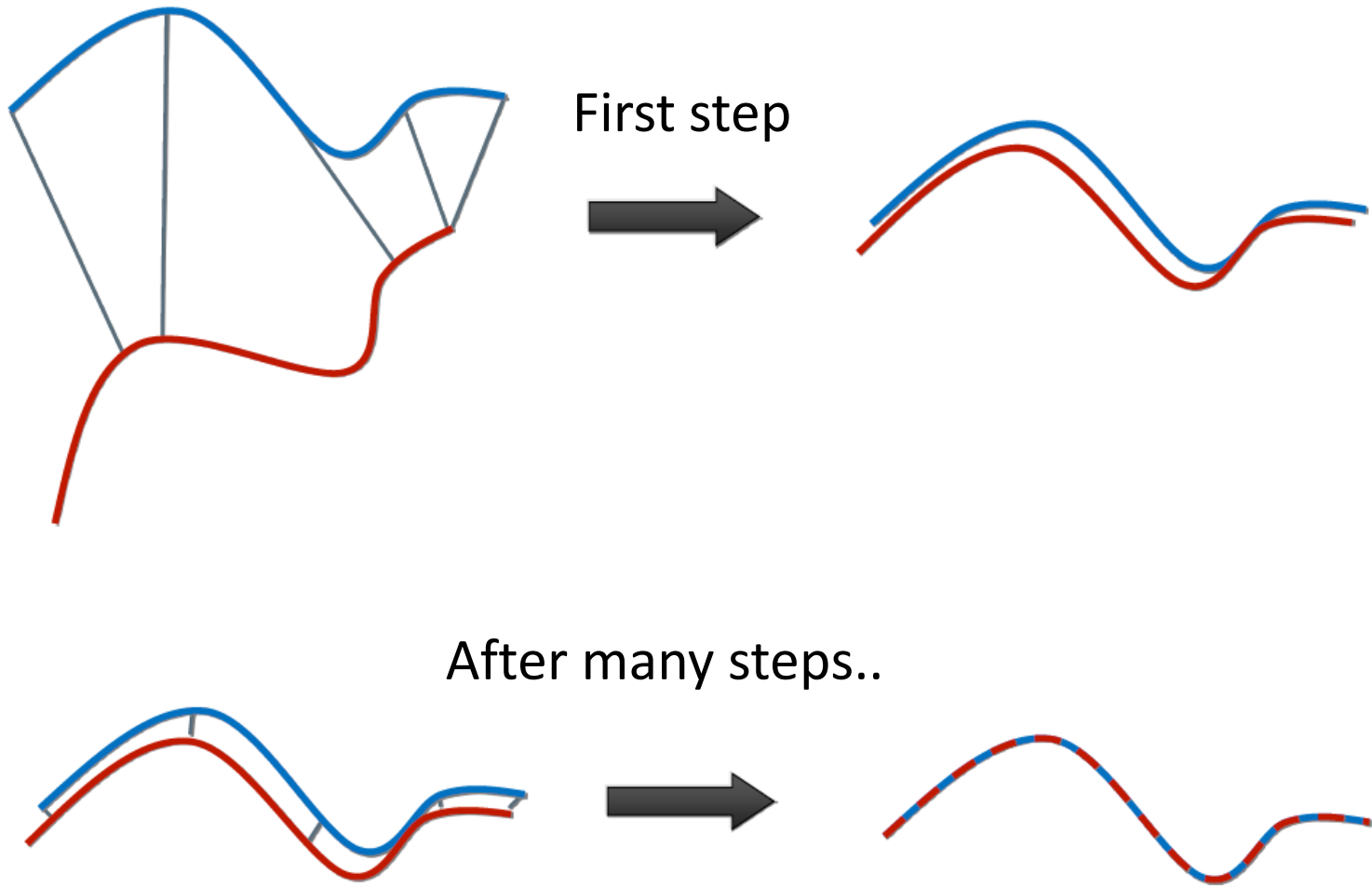
*Paul J. Besl and Neil D. MacKay, "A Method for Registration of 3D Shapes", *IEEE Tran. PAMI*, Vol. 14(2), Feb, 1992.

Iterative Closest Points (ICP)

- Select points randomly (e.g. 1000 points)
- Match each point with the closest point on the other surface
- Reject pairs with distance $>$ threshold
- Iterate to minimize:

$$E = \sum |(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{p}_i + \mathbf{t}) - \mathbf{q}|^2$$

Iterative Closest Points (ICP)

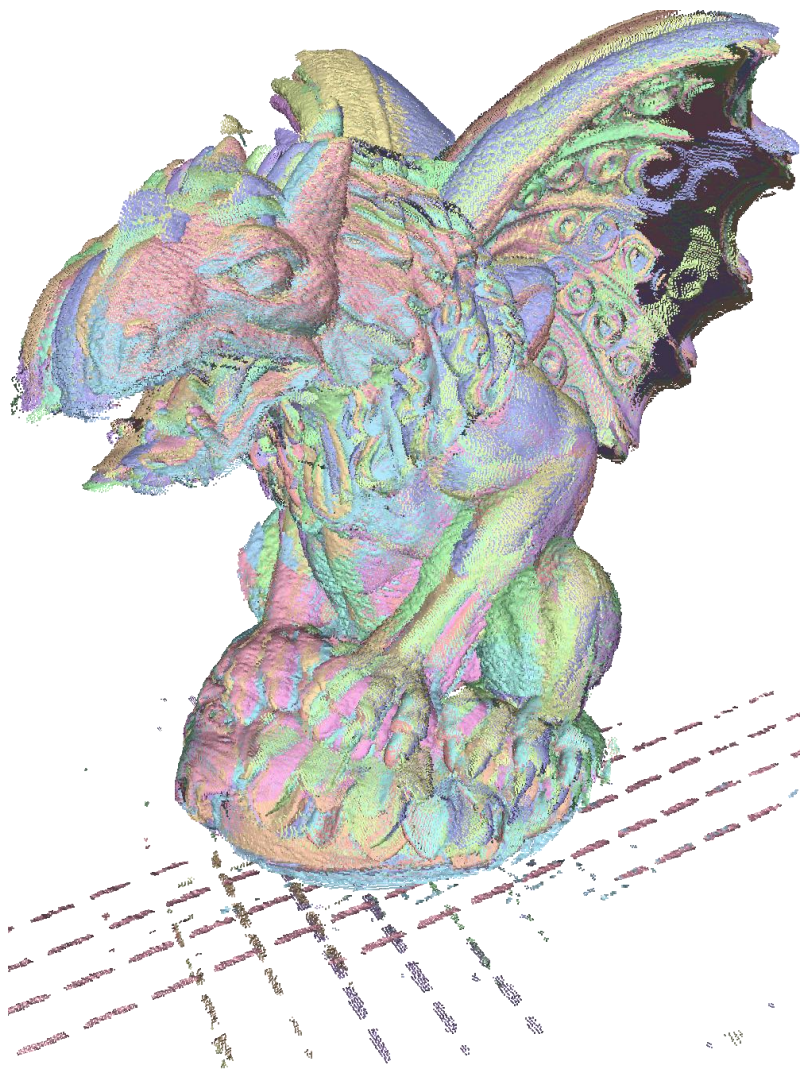


ICP - Variants

- Better Selection (e.g. stable sampling)
- Points Matching
 - Only plausible matching are confirmed (e.g. compatibility of normals)
- Reject certain pairs
- Comparison of many variants in [Rusinkiewicz & Levoy, 3DIM 2001]

***S. Rusinkiewicz and M. Levoy, “Efficient Variants of the ICP Algorithms”, 3DIM 2001.**

ICP - example



Before ICP



After ICP

Keypoints Detectors and Descriptors (for meshes/point clouds)

- Many different keypoint detectors and descriptors
 - Curvature-based (fixed-scale, multi-scale)
 - SIFT-inspired
 - Histogram-based (defined on a volume, on a tangent plane, etc.)
 - .. and many others.
- Sometime complex/informative detection/description is not necessary.. (e.g. 4PCS for point cloud registration).

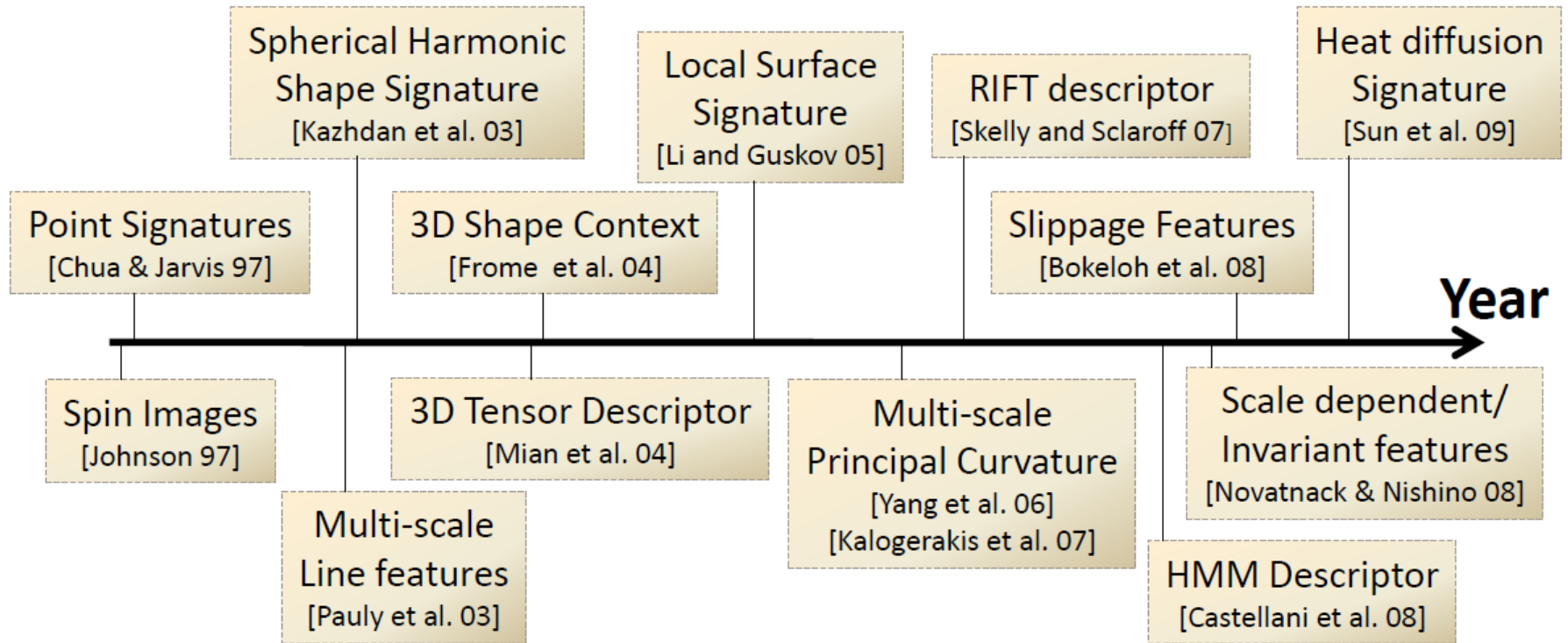
Keypoints Detectors and Descriptors (for meshes/point clouds)

- For an evaluation of keypoint detectors refer to [1].
- For an evaluation of keypoint descriptors refer to [2].

[1] F. Tombari, S. Salti, L. Di Stefano, "Performance Evaluation of 3D Keypoint Detectors", *Int. J. of Computer Vision*, Vol. 102(1), pp. 198-220, 2013.

[2] "A Comprehensive Performance Evaluation of 3D Local Feature Descriptors", *Int. J. of Computer Vision*, Vol. 116(1), pp. 66-89, 2016.

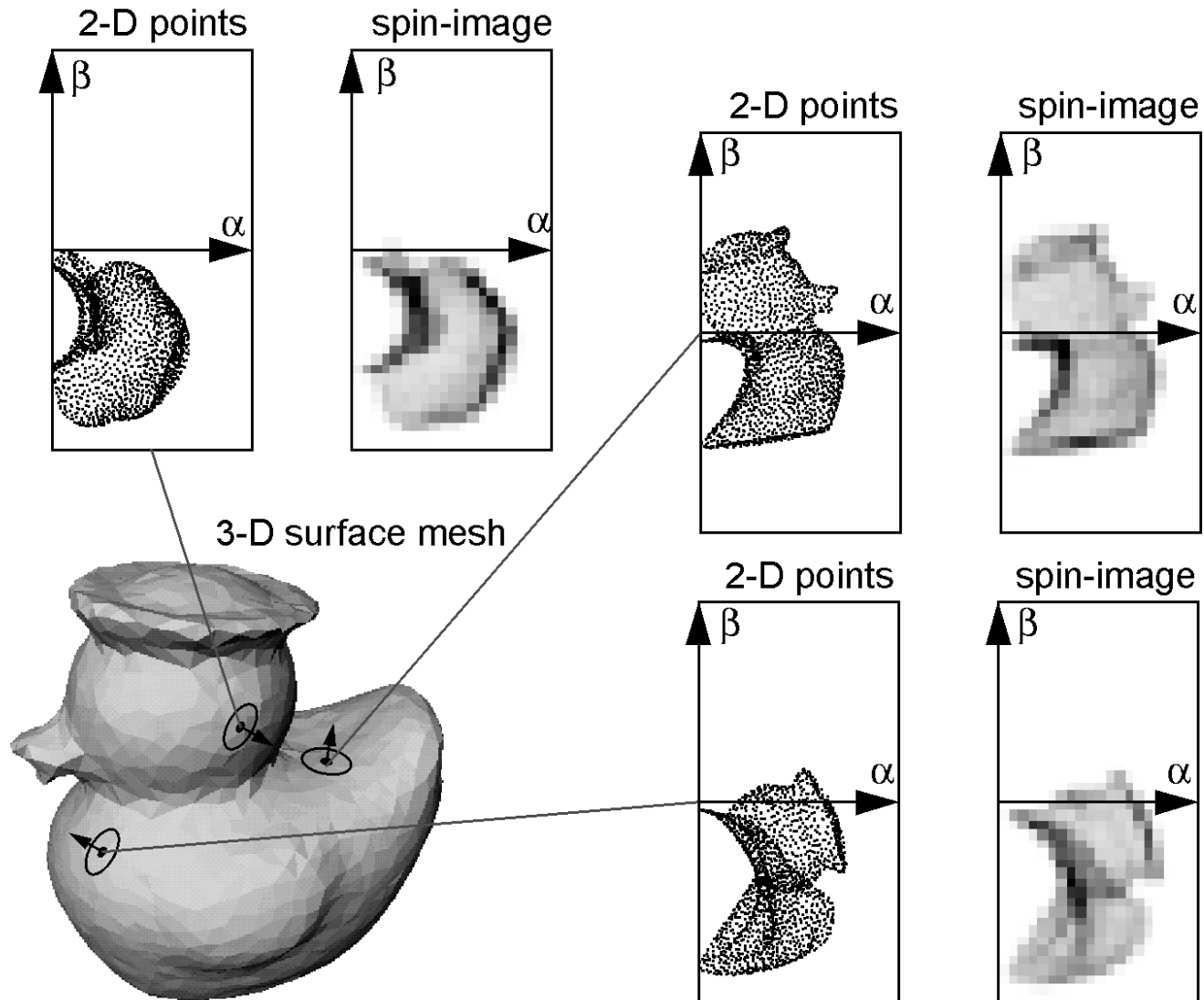
Surface Descriptors along the Timeline



Spin Images

- Originally developed for surface matching.
- It is a dense description.
- Main idea → to associate to each vertex a small “image”.
- It works in *object-centered* coordinate system.

Main Idea Explained

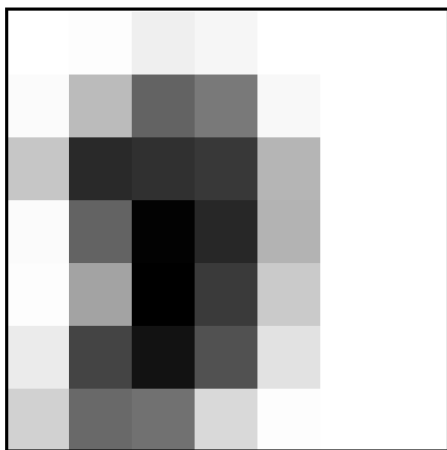


Parameters

- α (radial coord.) : perpendicular distance to the line through the surface normal
- β (elevation): signed perpendicular distance w.r.t the tangent plane
- *Bin size* : geometric width of the bins in the spin image
- *Image width*: Number of rows and cols in a square spin image
- Support angle: the maximum angle between the normal direction and the normal of the points that are allowed to contribute to the spin image.

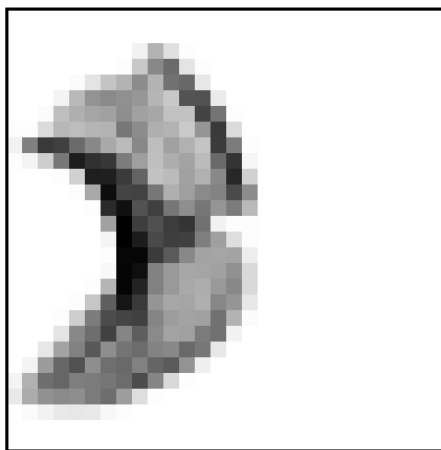
Effect of the parameters

Bin Size



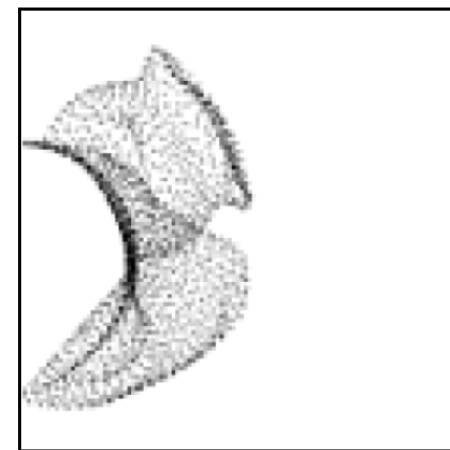
(a)

4x mesh resolution



(b)

\approx mesh resolution

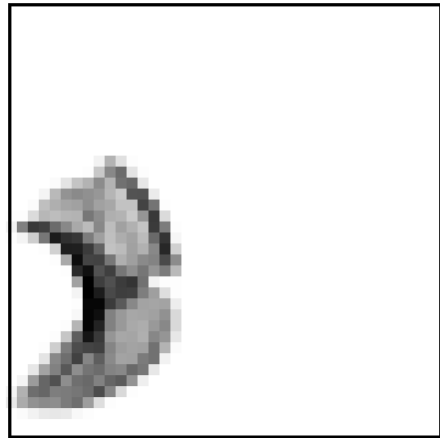
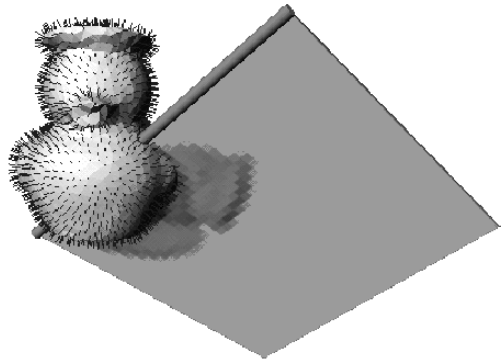


(c)

$\frac{1}{4}$ mesh resolution

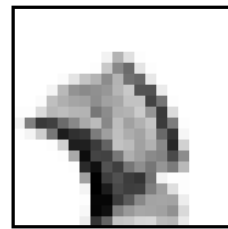
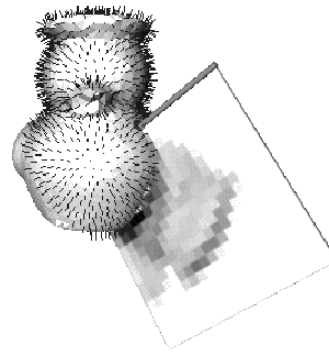
Effect of the parameters

Image width



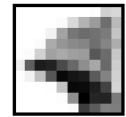
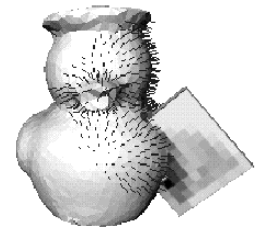
(a)

40 pixels



(b)

20 pixels

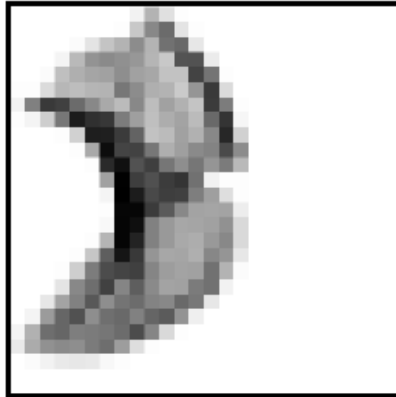
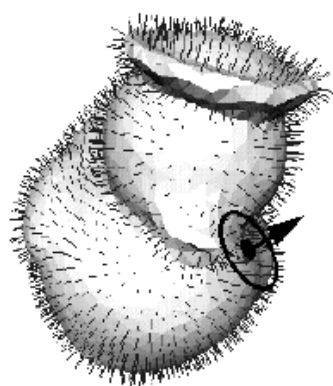


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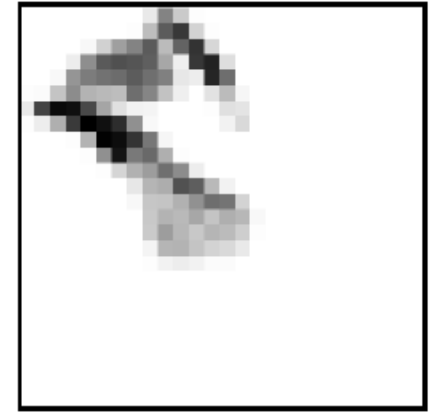
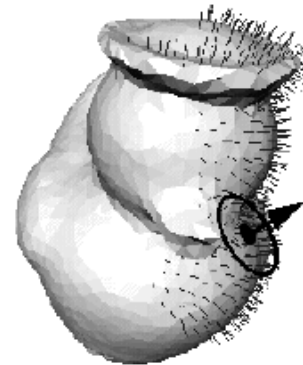
10 pixels

Effect of the parameters

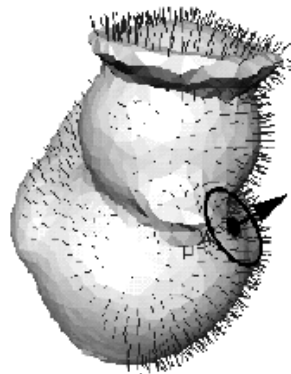
Support angle



180 degree



90 degree



60 degree

Andrew E. Johnson and M. Hebert, "Using Spin Images for Efficient Object Recognition in Cluttered 3D Scenes", *IEEE Tran. PAMI*, Vol. 21(5), May, 1999.

Advantages / Disadvantages

- Sampling of the surfaces → we need an uniform sampling for reliably matching.
- Parameters definition.
- Spin images are able to deal with cluttering/occlusion in complex scene.
- Matching problems
 - False positive (not distinctive in some parts)
 - False negative (sensitive to noise)

MeshDOG / MeshHOG*

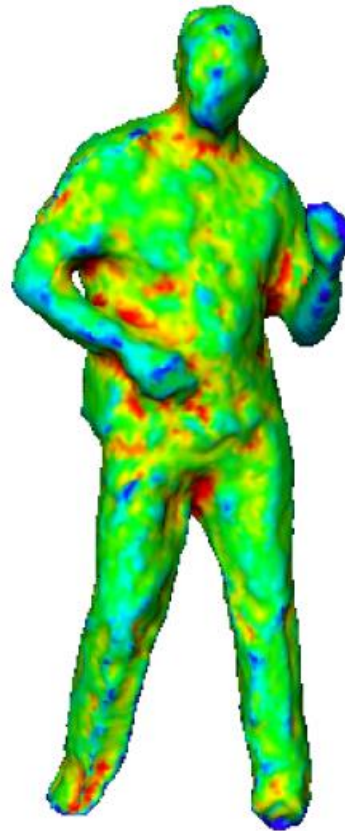
- For matching and tracking surface evolving during time (animation reconstruction).
- Detector+descriptor for any scalar field associated with a 2D manifold.
- It extends DOG and HOG.
- The descriptor is able to capture local geometric and/or photometric properties in an elegant fashion.

***A. Zaharescu, E. Boyer, K. Varasani and R. Horaud, “Surface Feature Detection and Description with Applications to Mesh Matching”, *CVPR’09*, 2009.**

MeshDOG / MeshHOG



**Photometric
Information**

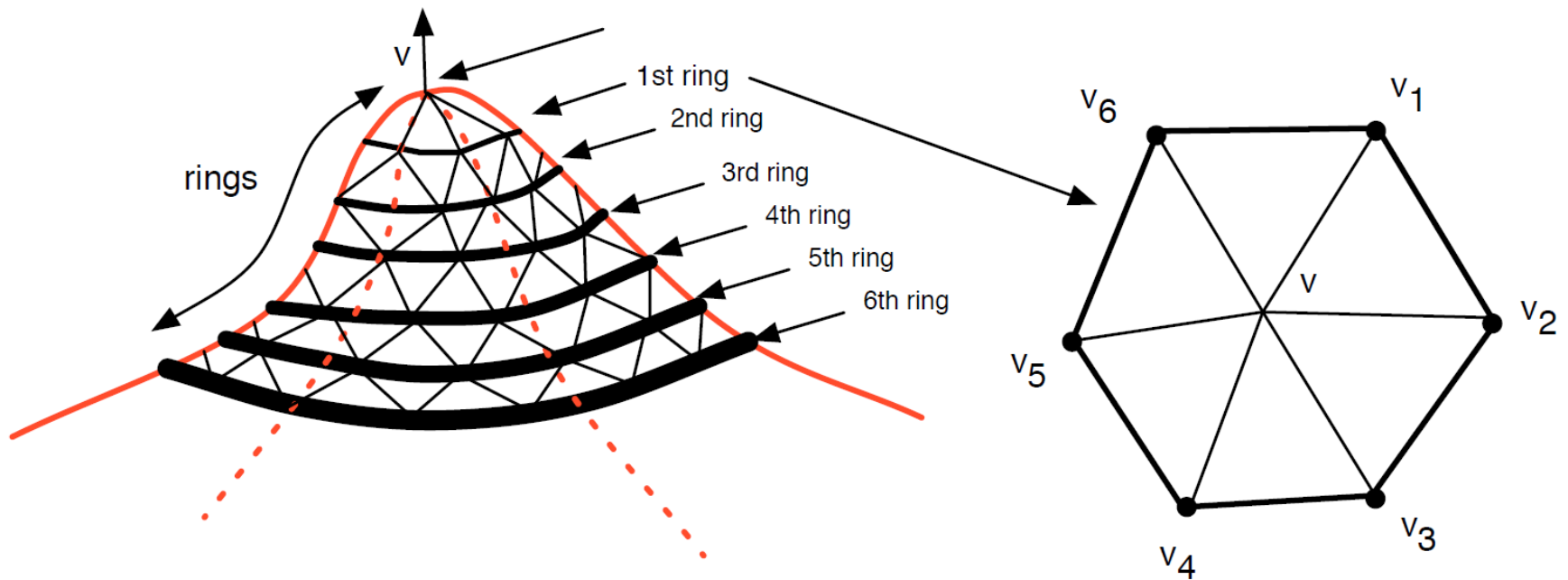


**Mean
Curvature**



MeshDOG

- Let's consider the N -ring of a vertex v :



MeshDOG – Definitions

- Directional Derivative:

$$D_{\vec{u}} f(\mathbf{v}) = \nabla_S f(\mathbf{v}) \cdot \vec{u}$$

- Discrete Directional Derivative:

$$D_{\vec{e}_{ij}} f(\mathbf{v}_i) = \frac{1}{\|\vec{v}_i v_j\|} (f(\mathbf{v}_j) - f(\mathbf{v}_i))$$

MeshDOG – Definitions

- Discrete Gradient:

$$\nabla_S f(\mathbf{v}_i) = \sum_{v_j \in rg(v_i, 1)} (w_{ij} D_{\vec{e}_{ij}} f(\mathbf{v}_i)) \vec{u}_{ij},$$

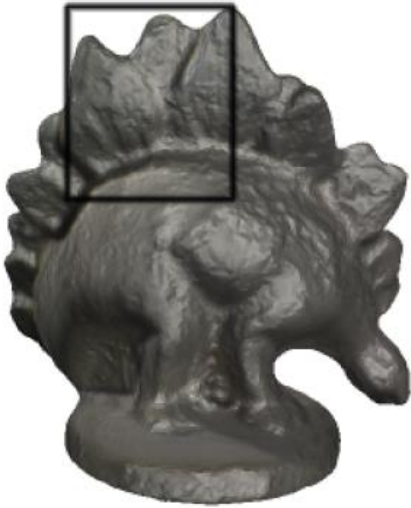
- Discrete Convolution:

$$(f * k)(v_i) = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{v_j \in N_n(v_i)} k(\|\vec{v}_i v_j\|) f(\mathbf{v}_j)$$

MeshDOG – Computation

- At this point MeshDOG is computed similarly to the 2D case:
 - $f_0 = f ; f_1 = f_0 * g ; f_2 = f_1 * g ; \dots$
 - $DOG_1 = f_1 - f_0 ; DOG_2 = f_2 - f_1 ; \dots$
- Keypoints \rightarrow scale-space maxima (1-ring)
- Only the top 5% magnitude are considered.
- Corneriness is analyzed and non-corners are discarded.

MeshDOG - Example



MeshHOG

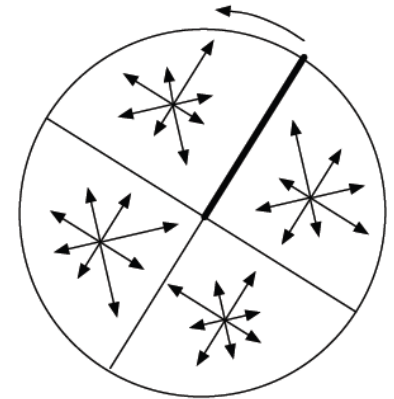
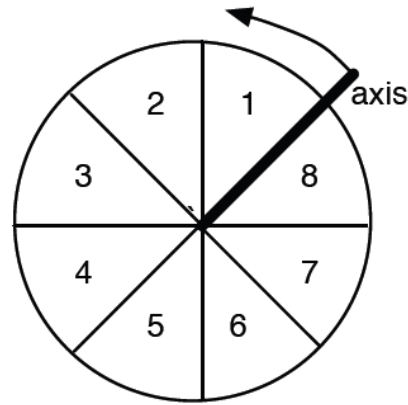
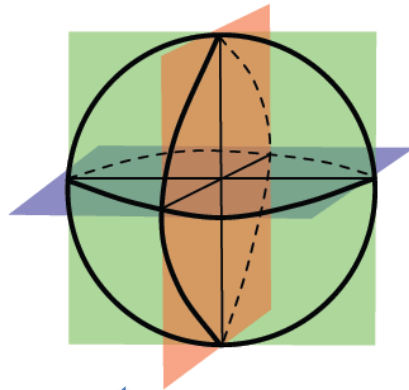
- The descriptor for the vertex v is computed using a support region of size r (r -ring).
- The size of the support region is chosen as a fraction of the total surface area.
- Local Coordinate System is defined as:

$$\{ \vec{\mathbf{a}}_v, \vec{\mathbf{n}}_v, \vec{\mathbf{a}}_v \times \vec{\mathbf{n}}_v \}$$

**Dominant
orientation**

Vertex normal

MeshHOG

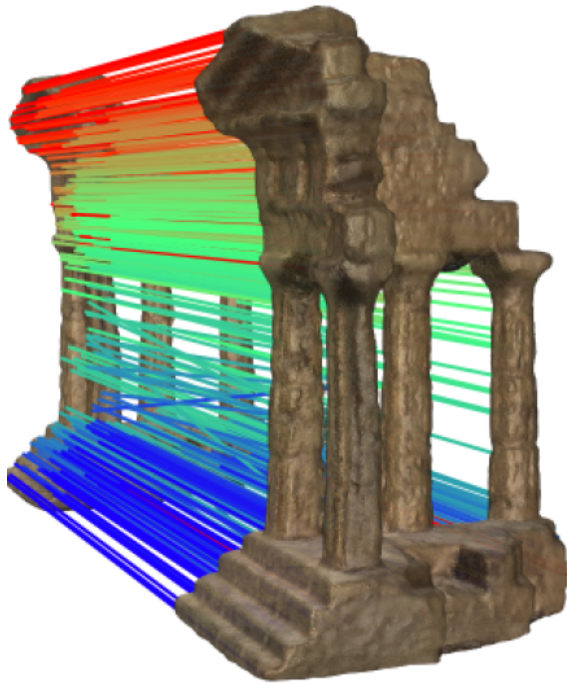


**Orthonormal planes
where the 3D histogram
is projected**

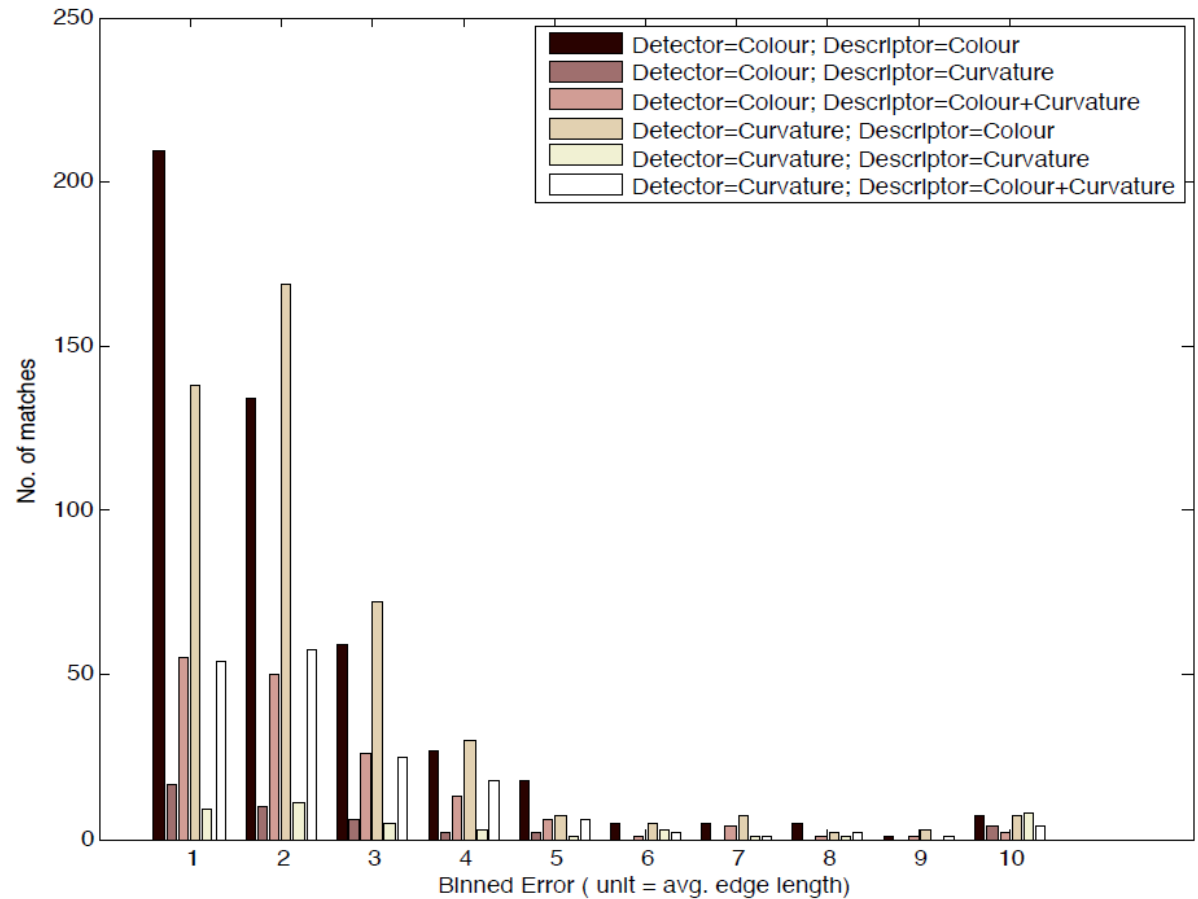
**Polar Coordinate System
for creating the histogram**

**4 Spatial polar slices
8 Orientation slices**

MeshDOG+MeshHOG – Results



(c) Temple - Matches

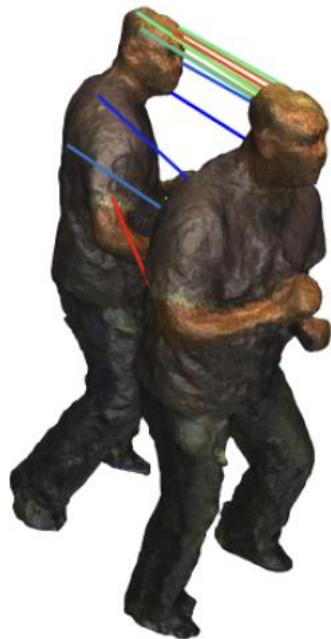


(d) Temple - Errors

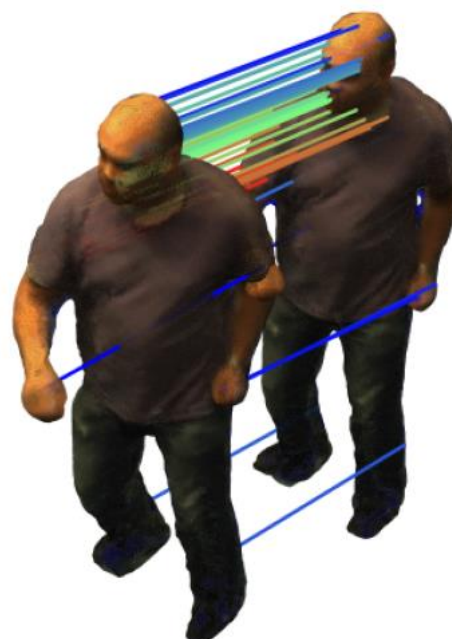
MeshDOG+MeshHOG - Results



(a) MeshHOG



(b) MeshHOG



(c) SIFT



(d) SIFT

Heat Kernel Signature (HKS)

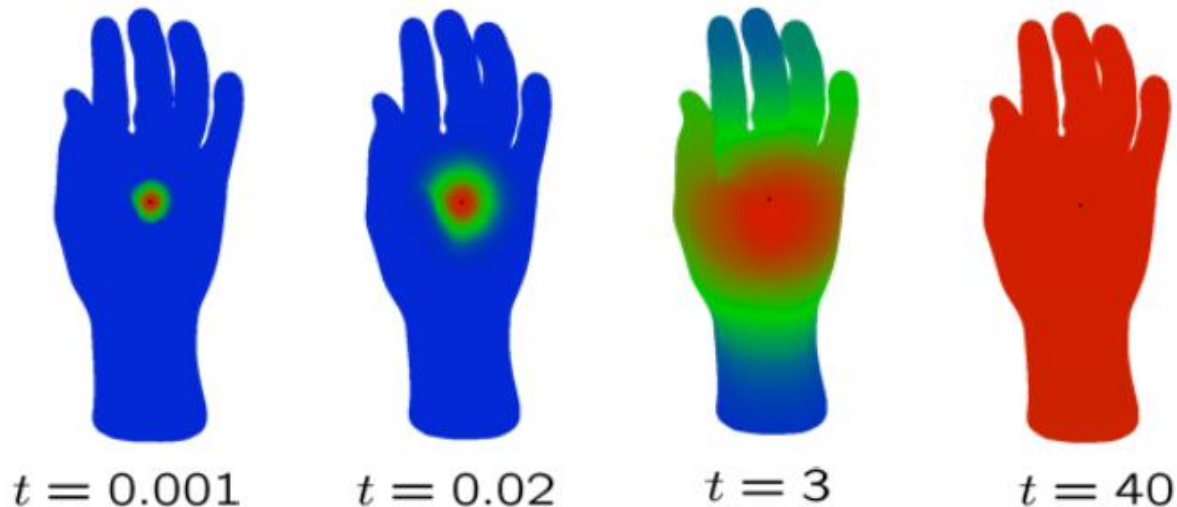
- *Goal*: find multi-scale signature:
 - Robust (not change if the shape is perturbed)
 - Intrinsic (invariant to isometric transformation)
 - Efficient (easy to compute at multiple scale)
- *The idea is to use as signature the heat diffusion process on a shape* → the restriction of the heat kernel to the temporal domain is used.

Heat Diffusion on a Manifold

Heat kernel $k_t(x, y) : \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x, t) = \int_{\mathcal{M}} k_t(x, y) f(y, 0) dy$$

$k_t(x, y)$: amount of heat transferred from x to y in time t .



Heat Kernel Properties

- *Intrinsic* \rightarrow invariant under *isometric* transformation (given an isometry $T: M \rightarrow N$)

$$\kappa_t^M(x, y) = \kappa_t^N(T(x), T(y)) \quad \forall x, y \in M \quad \forall t$$

- *Robust* (to local deformations \rightarrow all the paths are taken into account)
- *Multi-scale* (as t increase, heat diffusion influences larger and larger neighborhood)

Heat Kernel Signature

- We would like to use the heat kernel $k_t(x, \cdot)$ as the signature of the point x at scale t but..
 - It is function of the entire manifold !
 - It is difficult to compare two signatures.
- \Rightarrow *The heat kernel is restricted on the temporal domain.*

Heat Kernel Signature

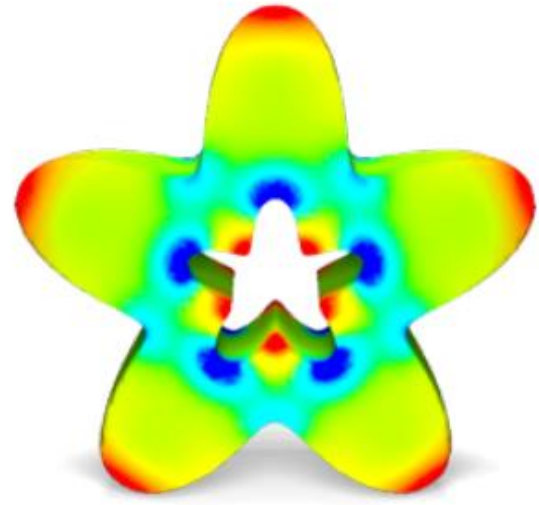
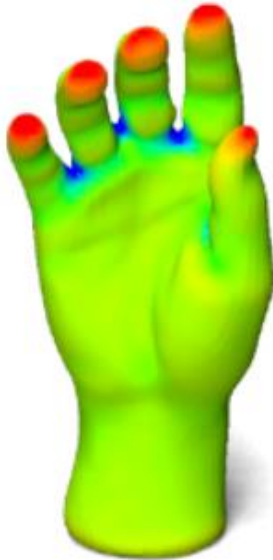
- Given a point x on the manifold M , the Heat Kernel Signature (HKS) is defined as:

$$HKS(x) : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, HKS(x, t) = k_t(x, x)$$

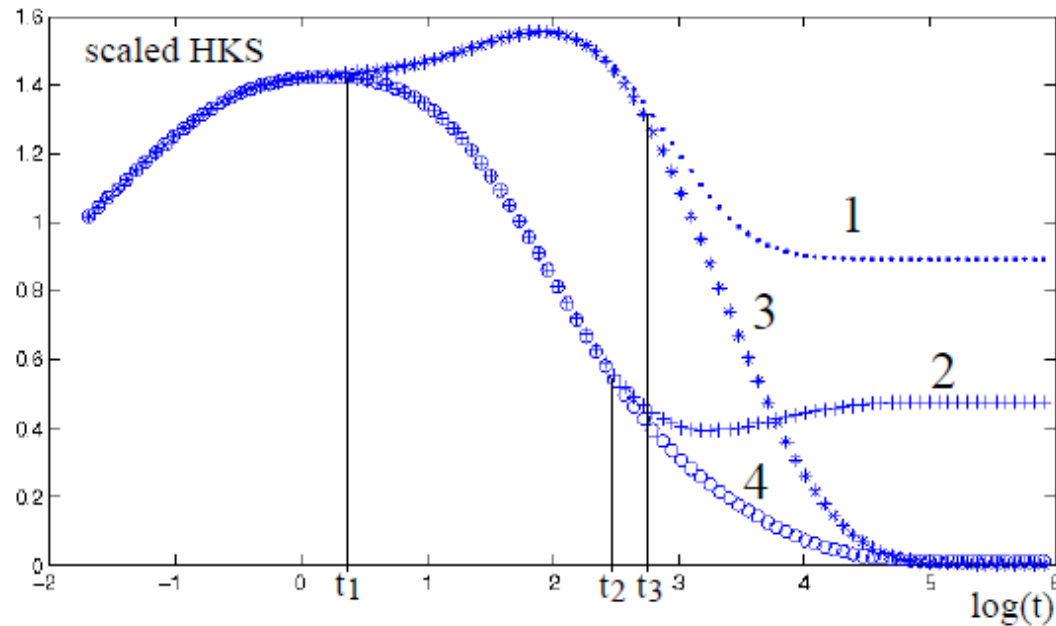
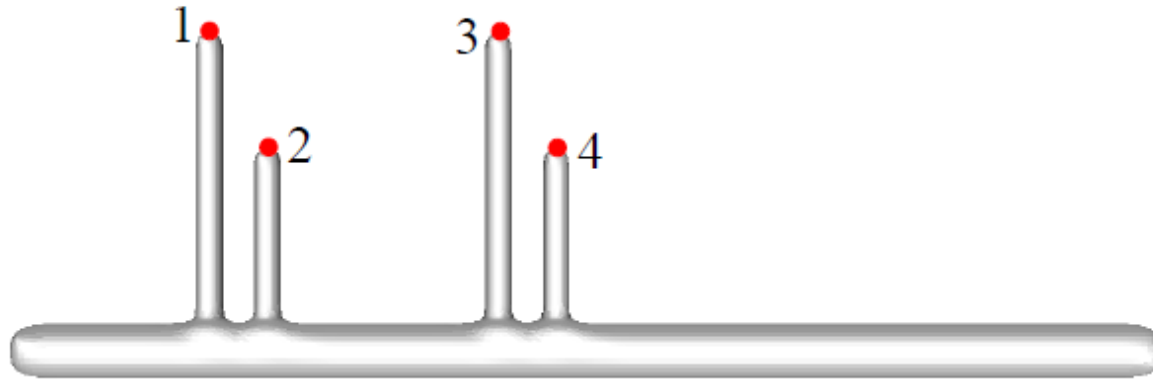
Relation with the Gaussian Curvature

Valid for small values of t

$$k_t(x, x) = \frac{1}{4\pi t} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i t^i \quad a_0 = 1, a_1 = \frac{1}{6}K$$



HKS – Multi-Scale Properties Illustration



HKS – Computation

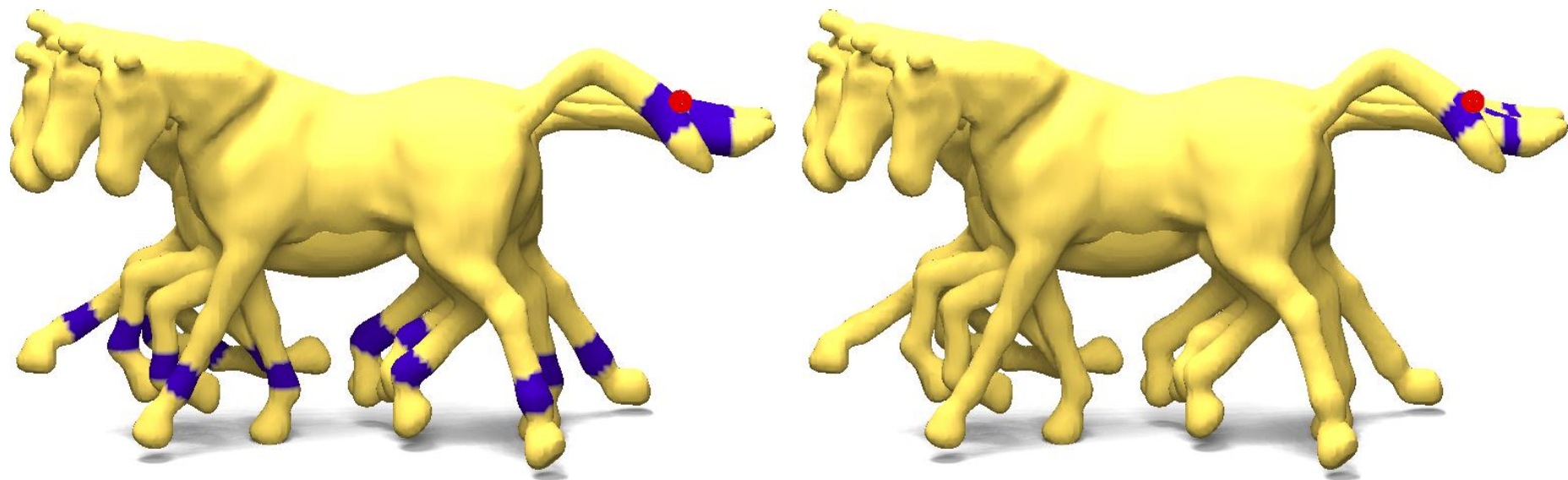
- On a compact manifold:

$$k_t(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^N e^{-t\lambda_i} \phi_i(x) \phi_i(y)$$

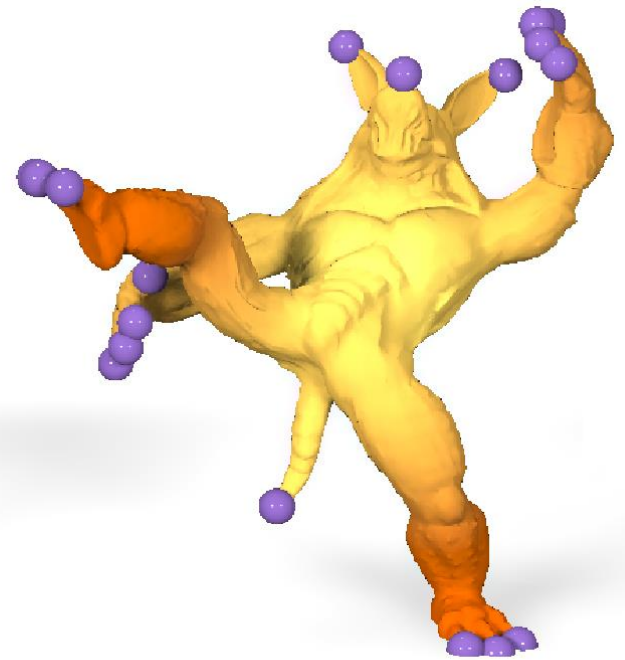
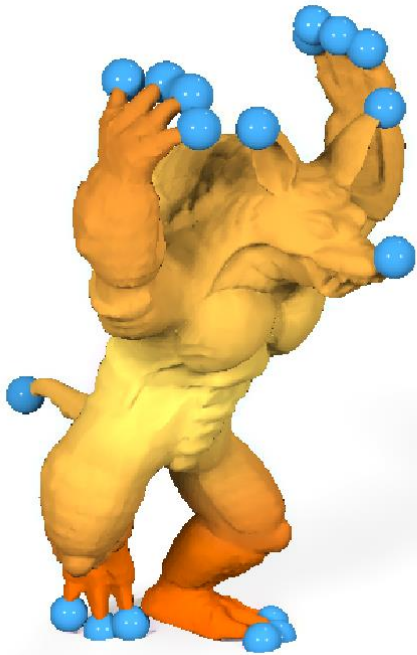
where λ_i, ϕ_i are, respectively, the i -th eigenvalue and eigenfunction of the Laplace-Beltrami operator.

- Laplacian operator can be put in matrix form for the entire mesh \rightarrow use the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of this matrix.

HKS - Results



HKS – Results



Recap

- Different correspondence problems, different data types, different applications → many different solutions to find correspondences on geometric data.
- Notions of geometry processing are fundamental (e.g. discrete curvature).
- Some solutions are
 - Curvature-based
 - Inspired by works about 2D features (e.g. SIFT-inspired)
 - Usually local descriptors are designed by aggregating geometric properties using different type of histograms (defined on a local tangent plane, on a volume, etc.).

Questions ?