

A Dirac Operator for Extrinsic Shape Analysis

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Outline

Goal: extend spectral geometry processing

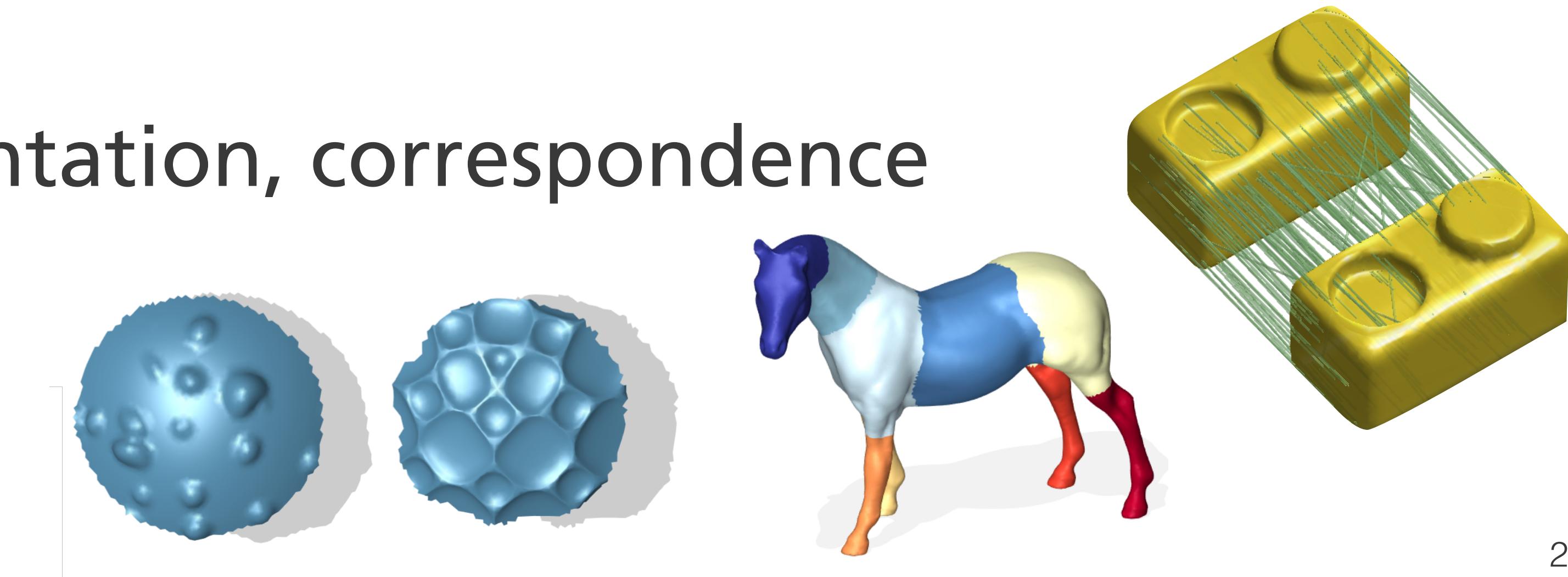
- Traditionally: *intrinsic* only (point-to-point distance)
- Today: *extrinsic* information (bending in space)

Basic idea: develop new differential operators

- Instead of standard Laplacian, use *relative Dirac* operator

Applications:

- Classification, segmentation, correspondence

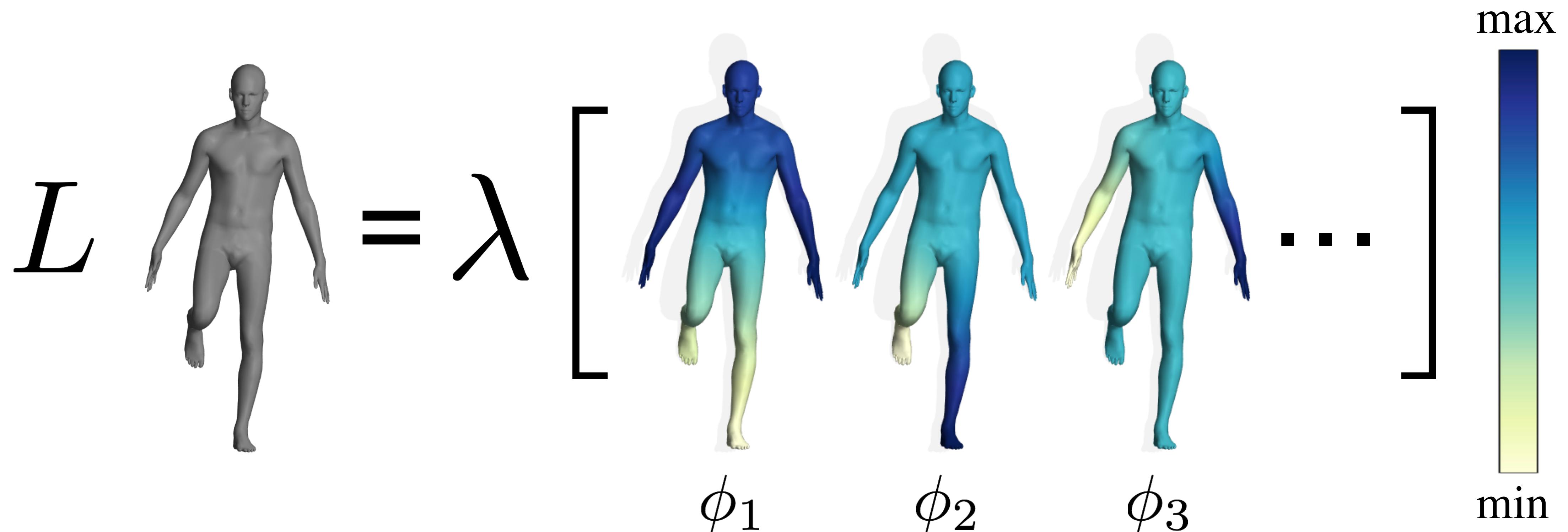


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$$L\phi_i = \lambda_i \phi_i$$

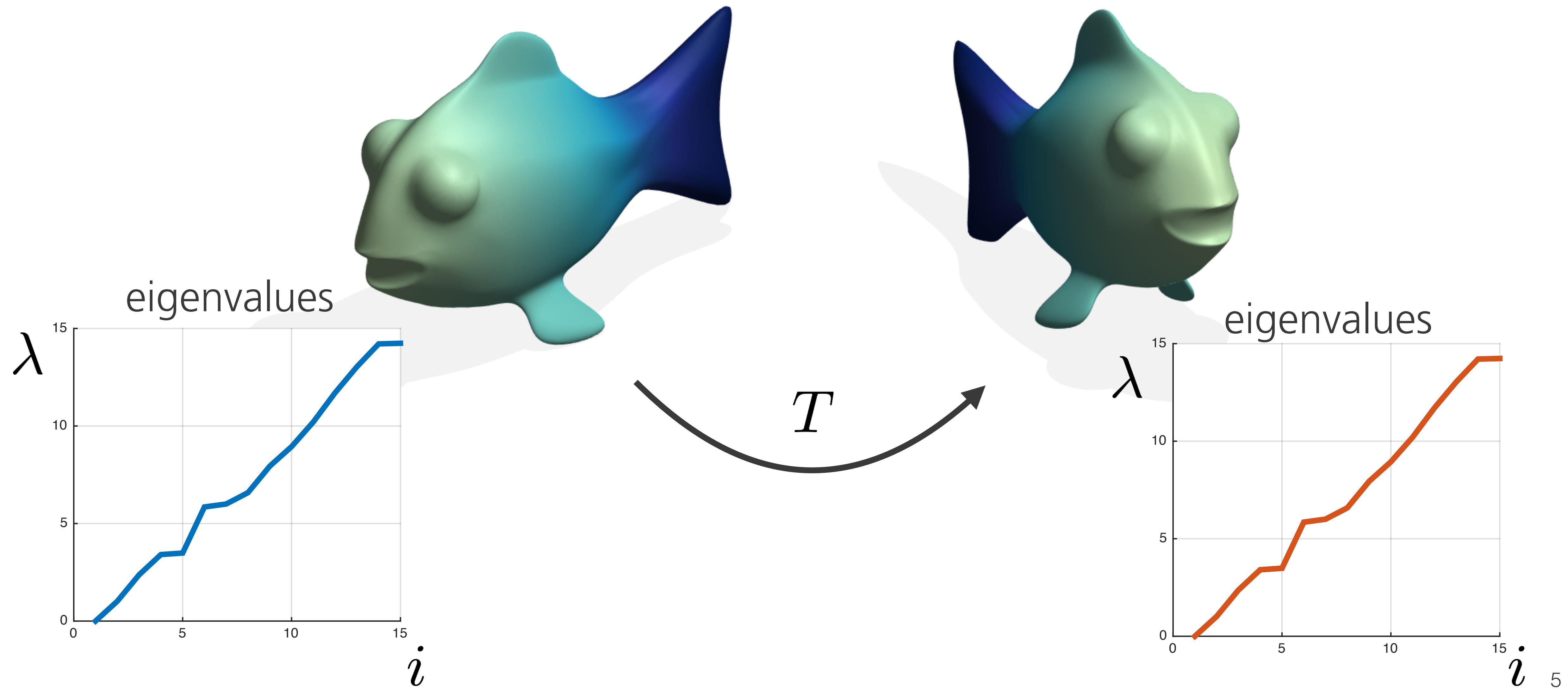
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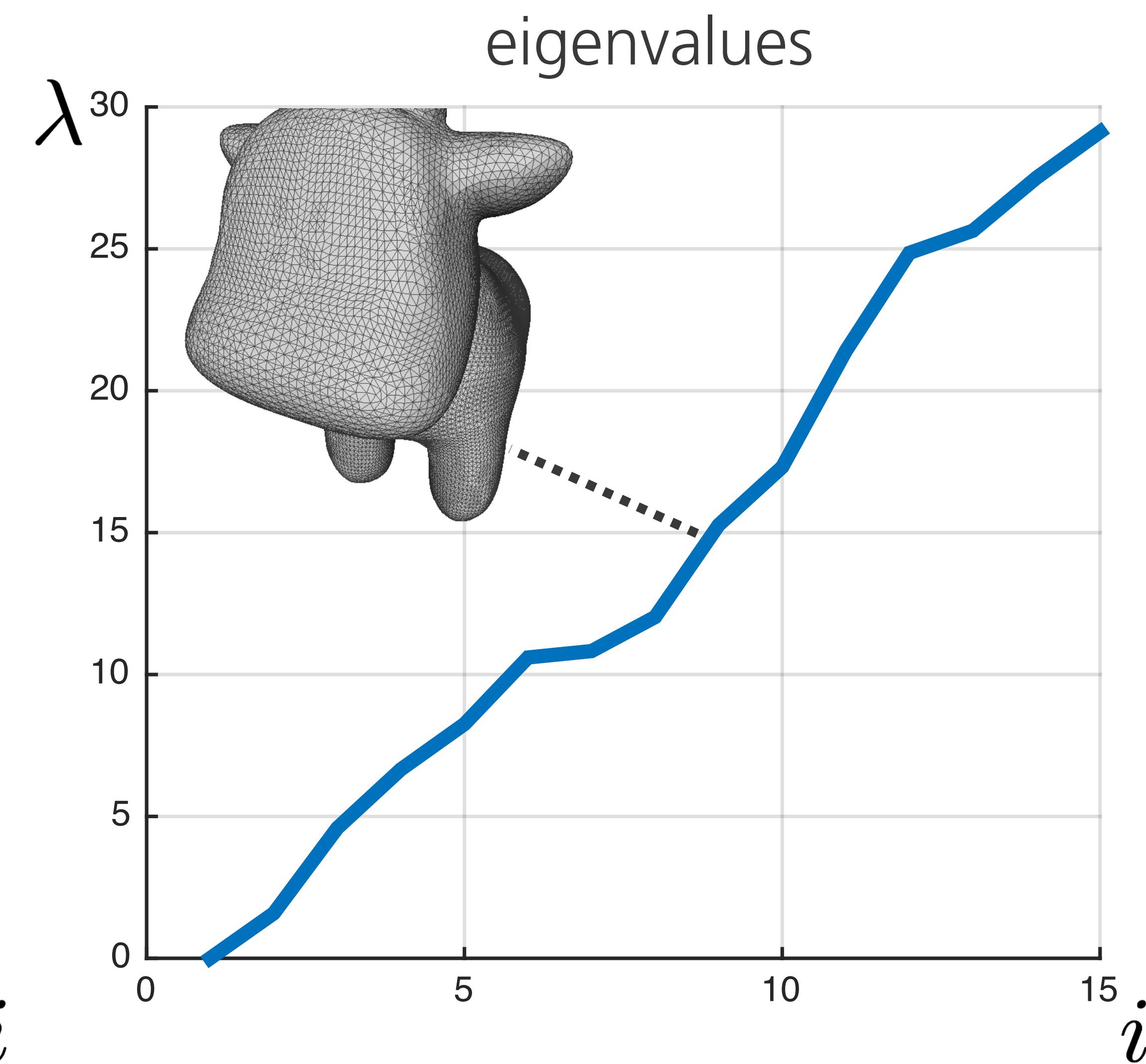
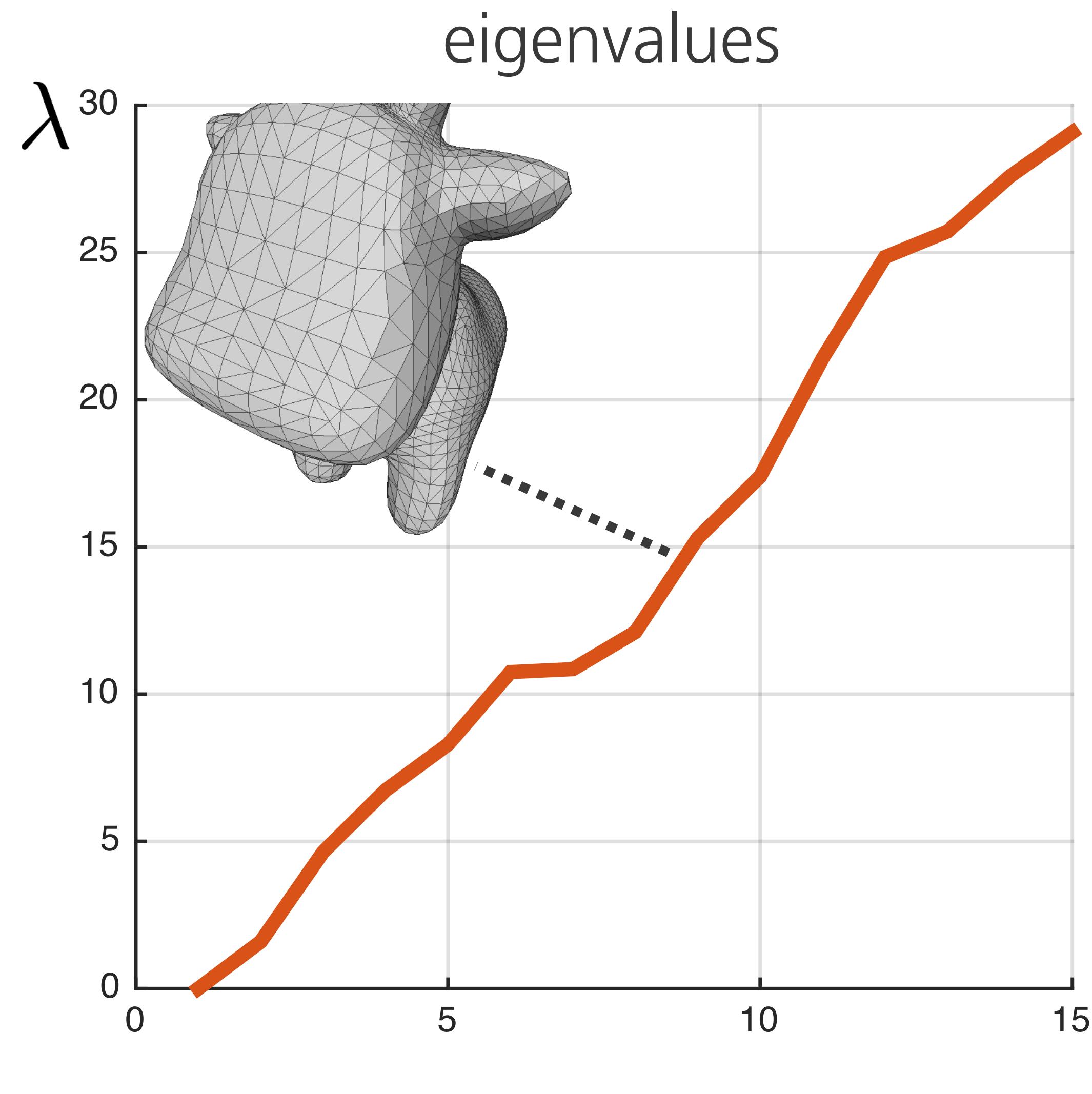


Analogy: “Fourier transform” for surfaces

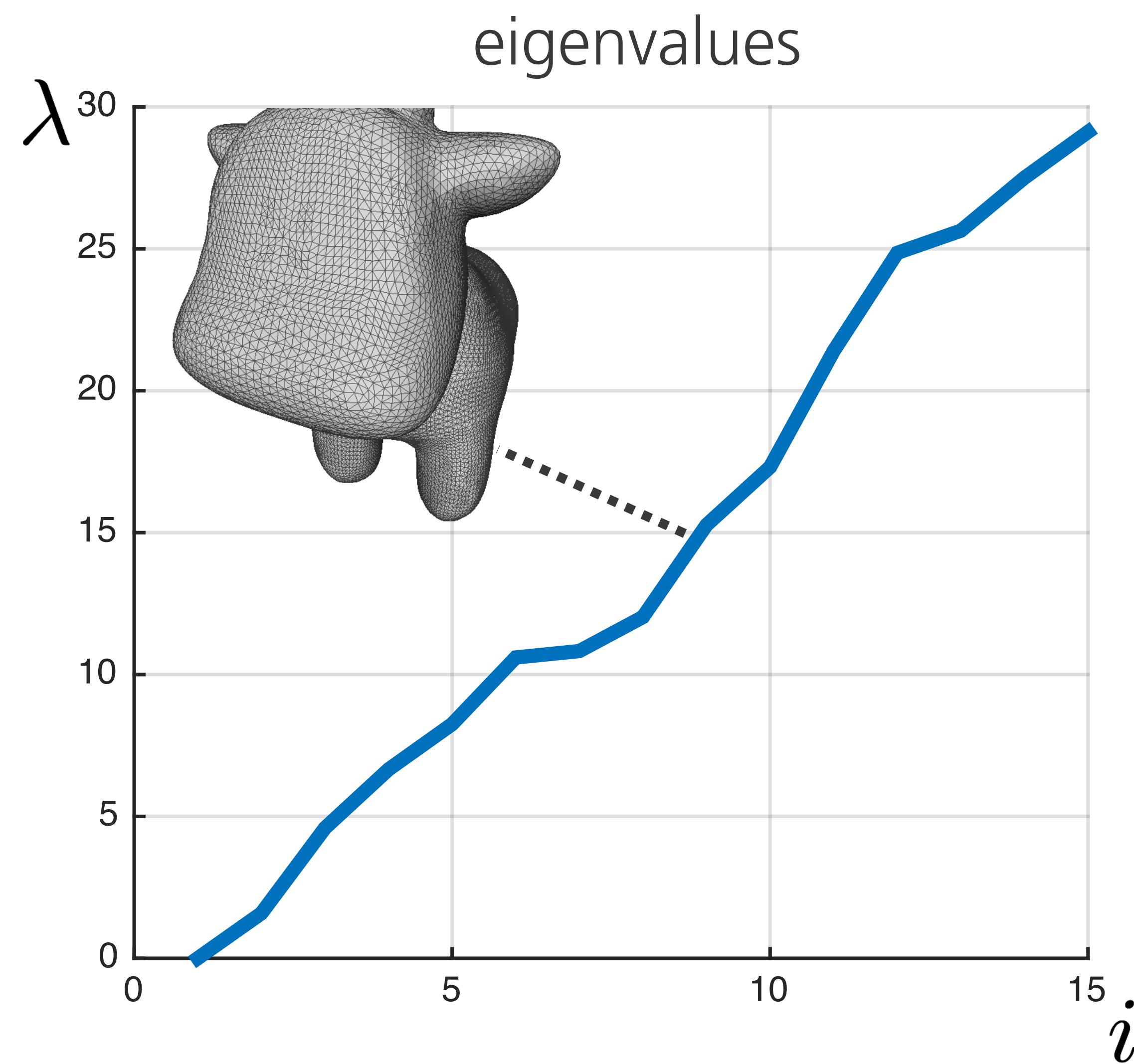
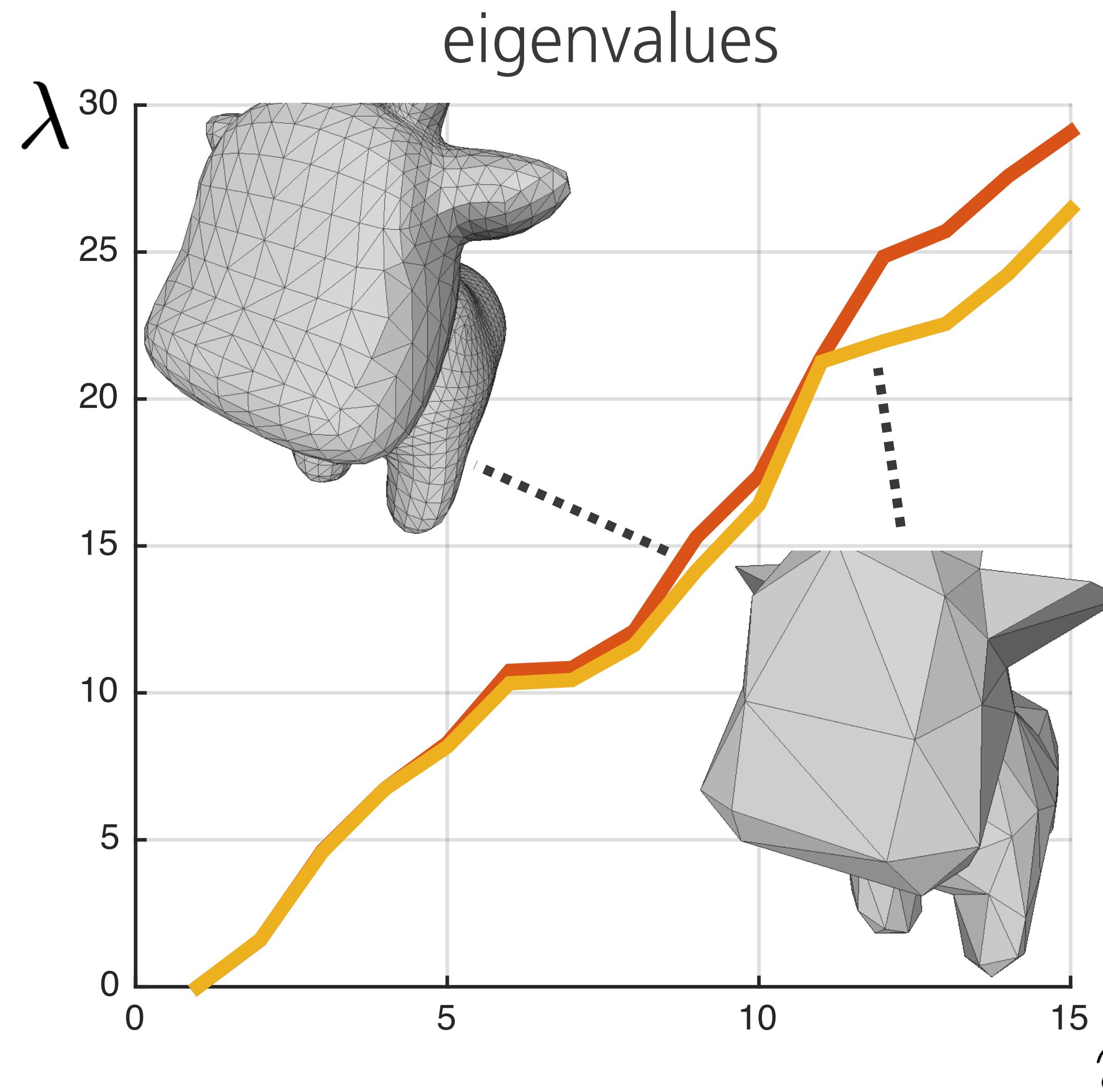
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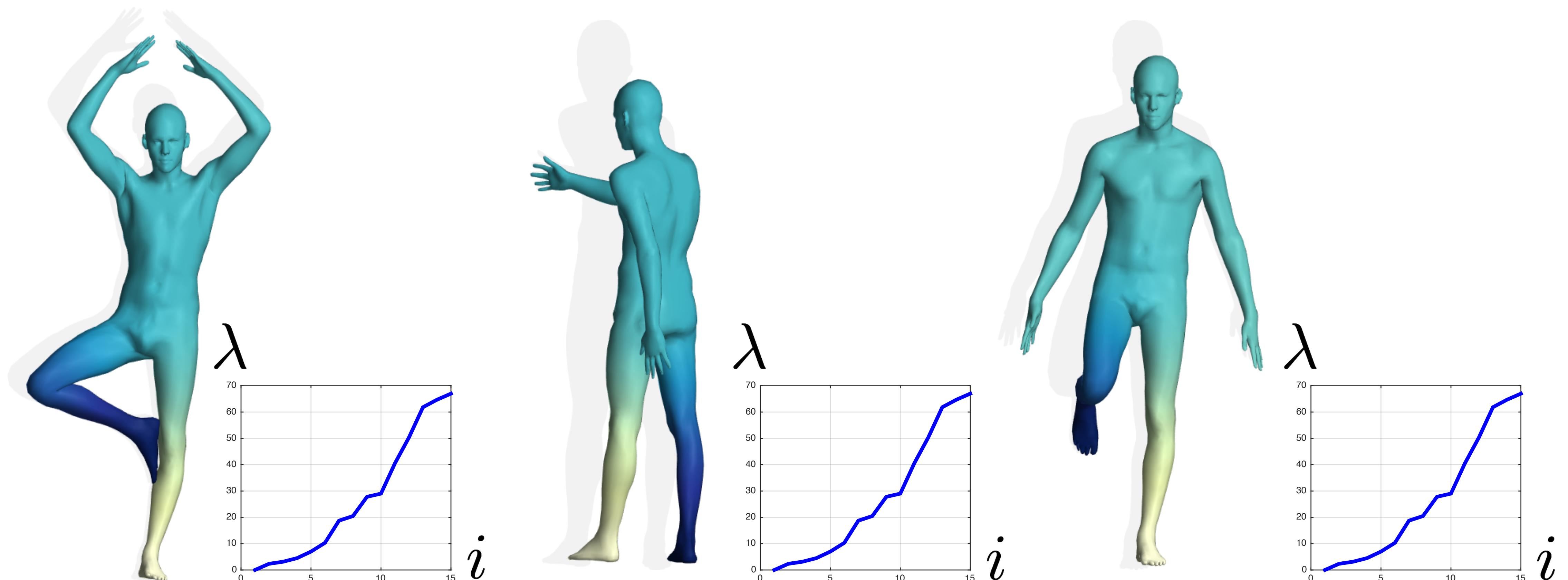


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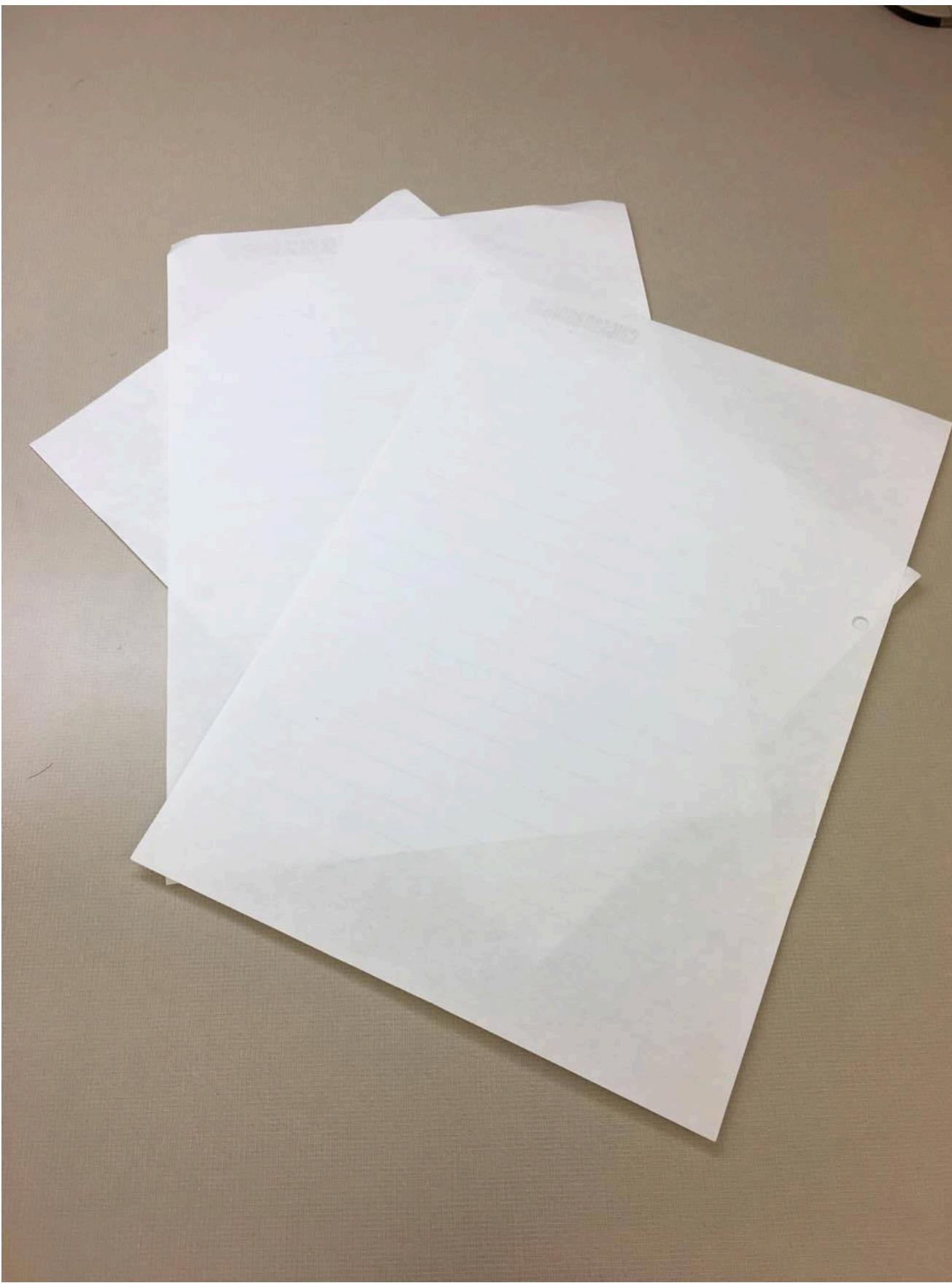
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Benefits from Laplace-Beltrami operator Δ

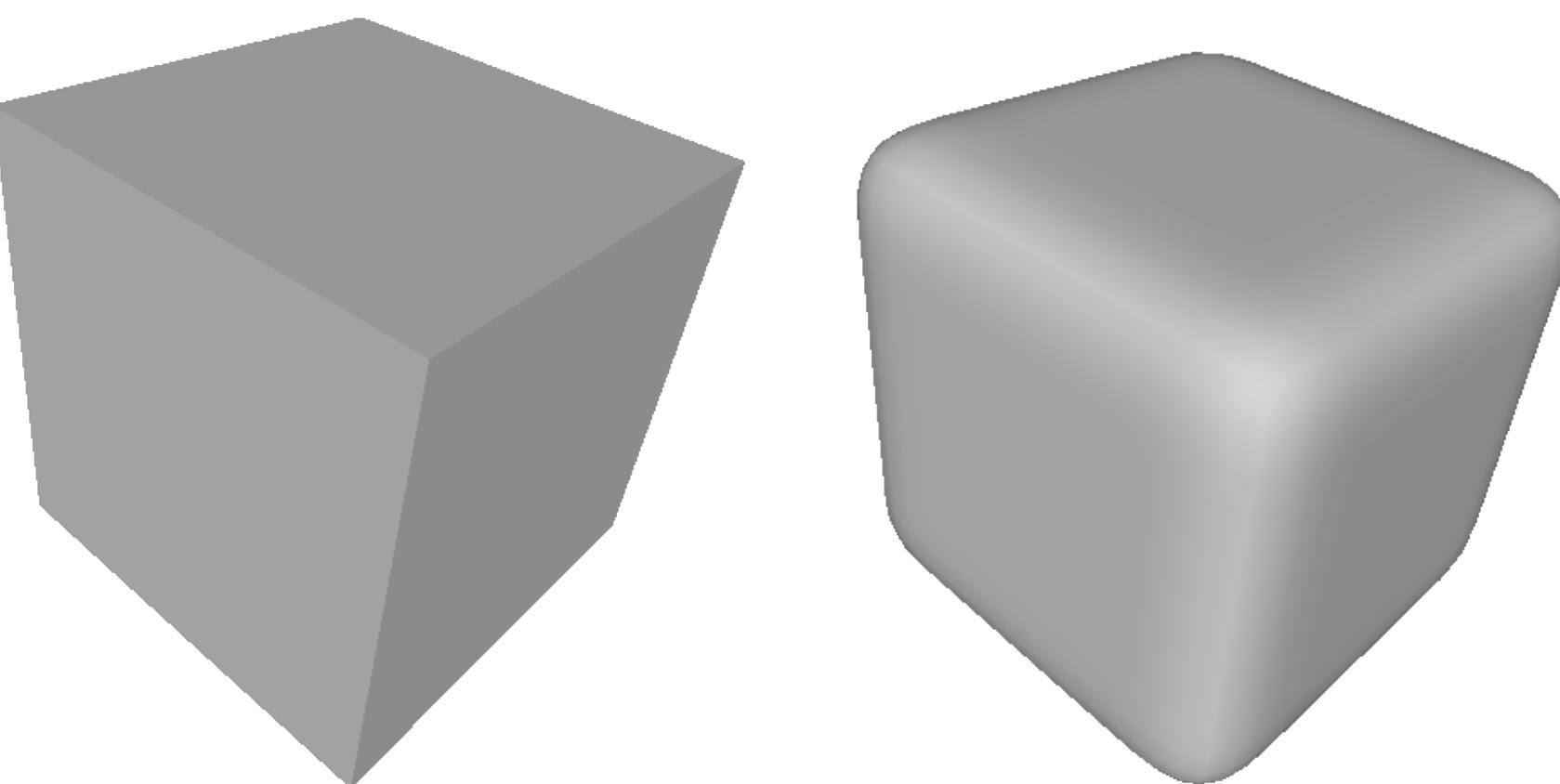
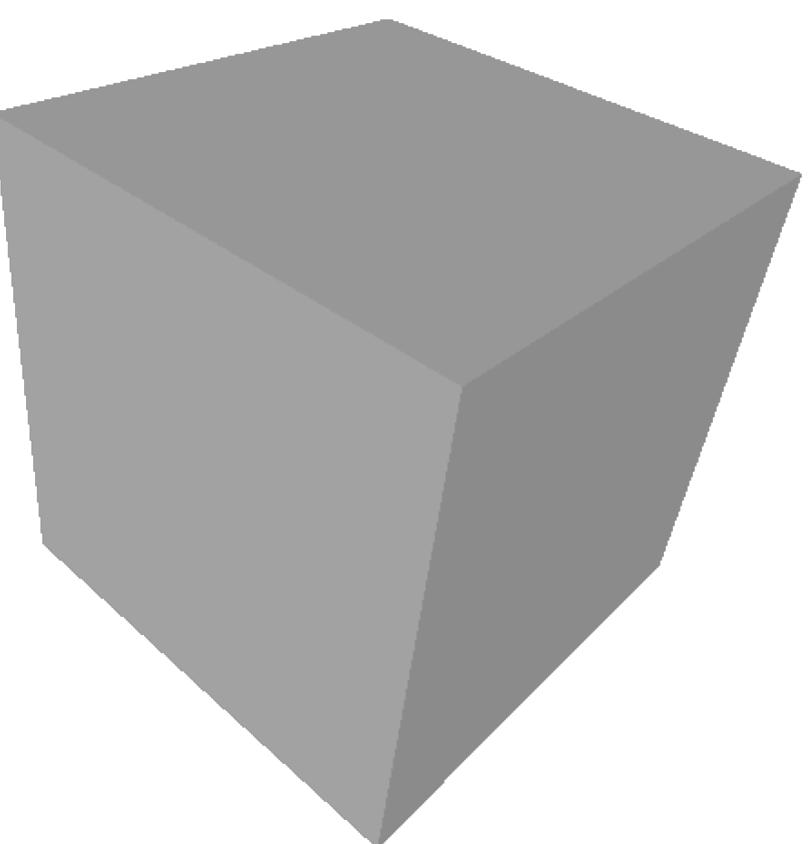
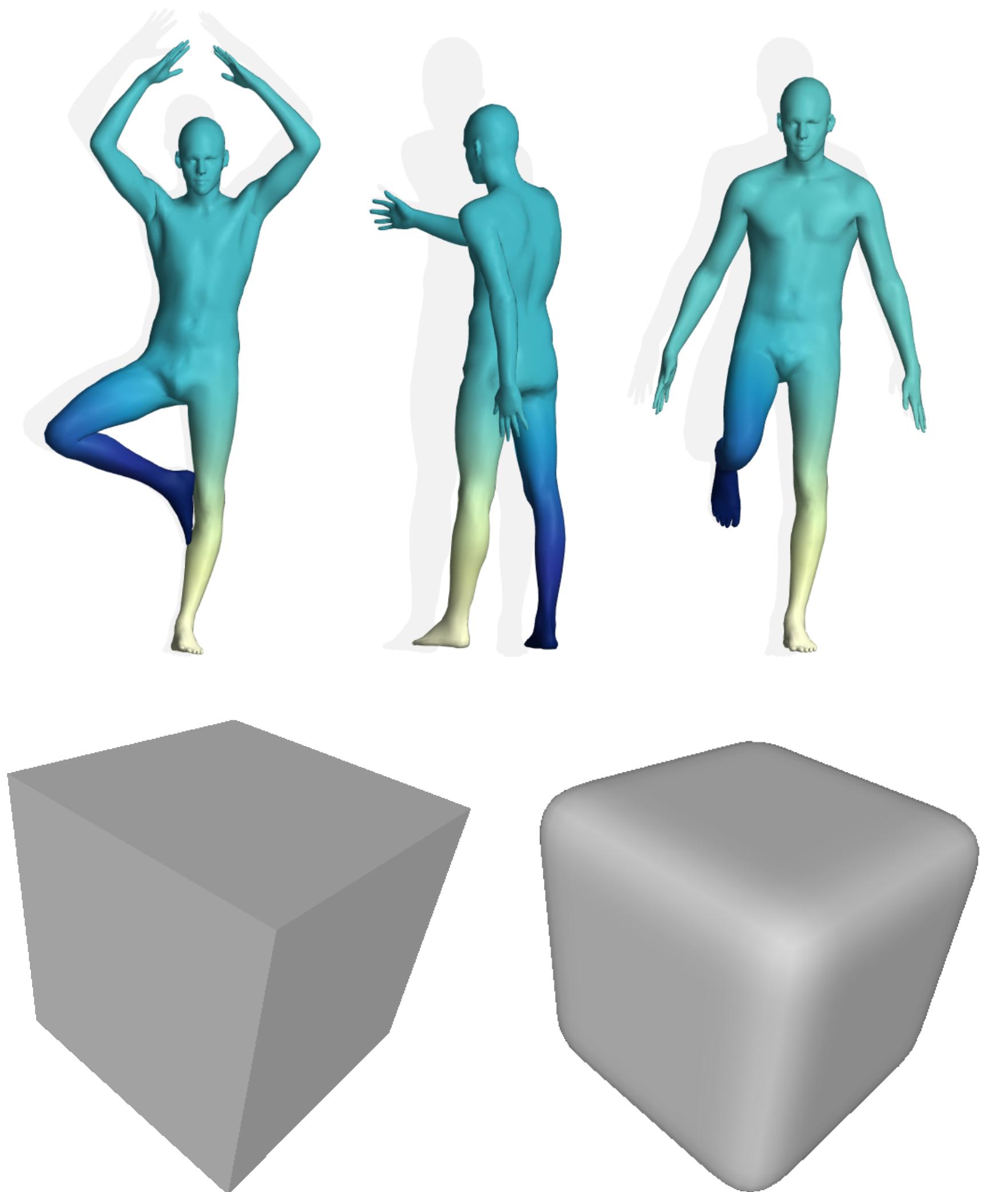


Isometry Invariance

Is it a feature or a bug?



Sensitivity to Metric Distortion

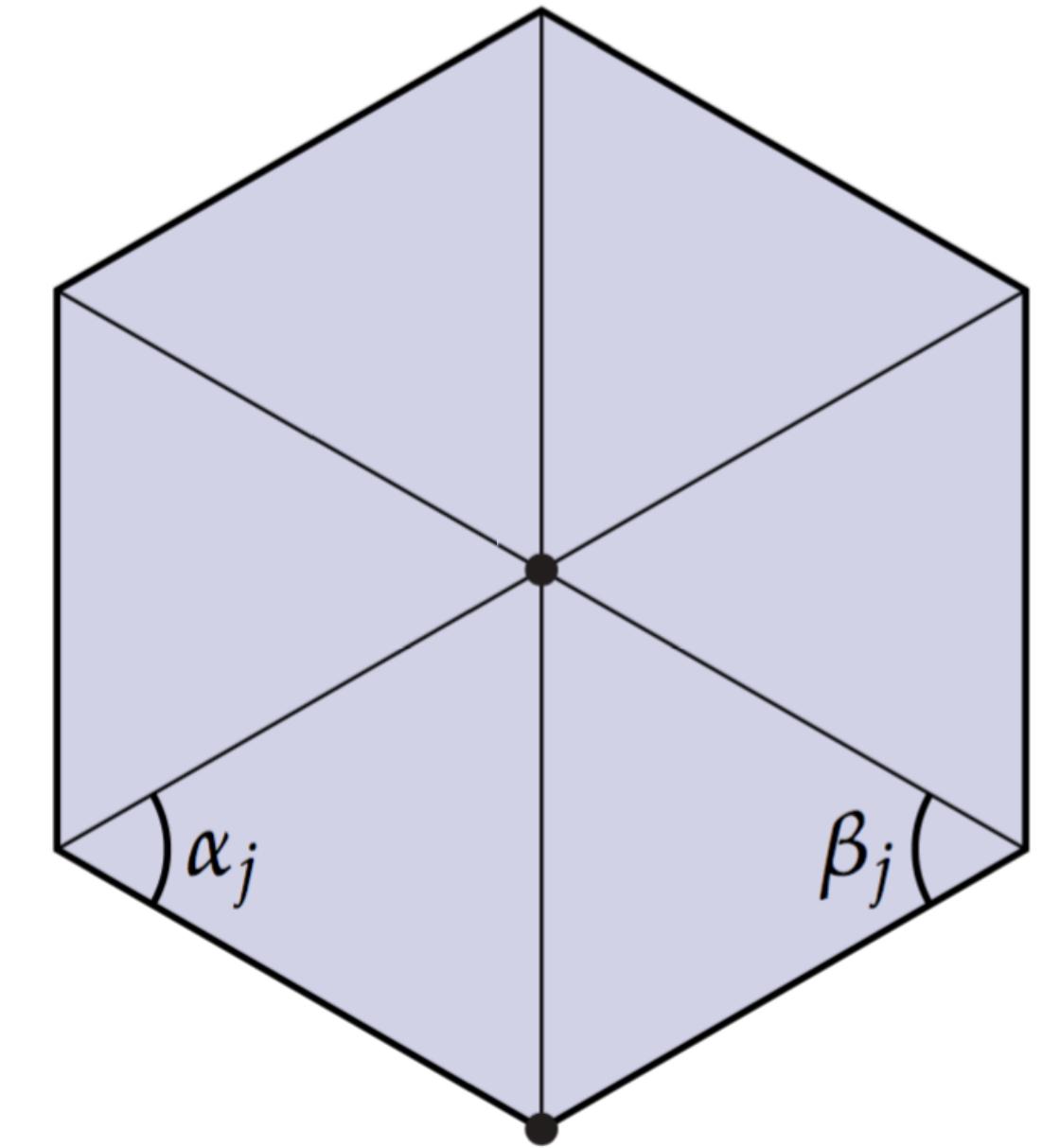


(Discrete) Differential Operators

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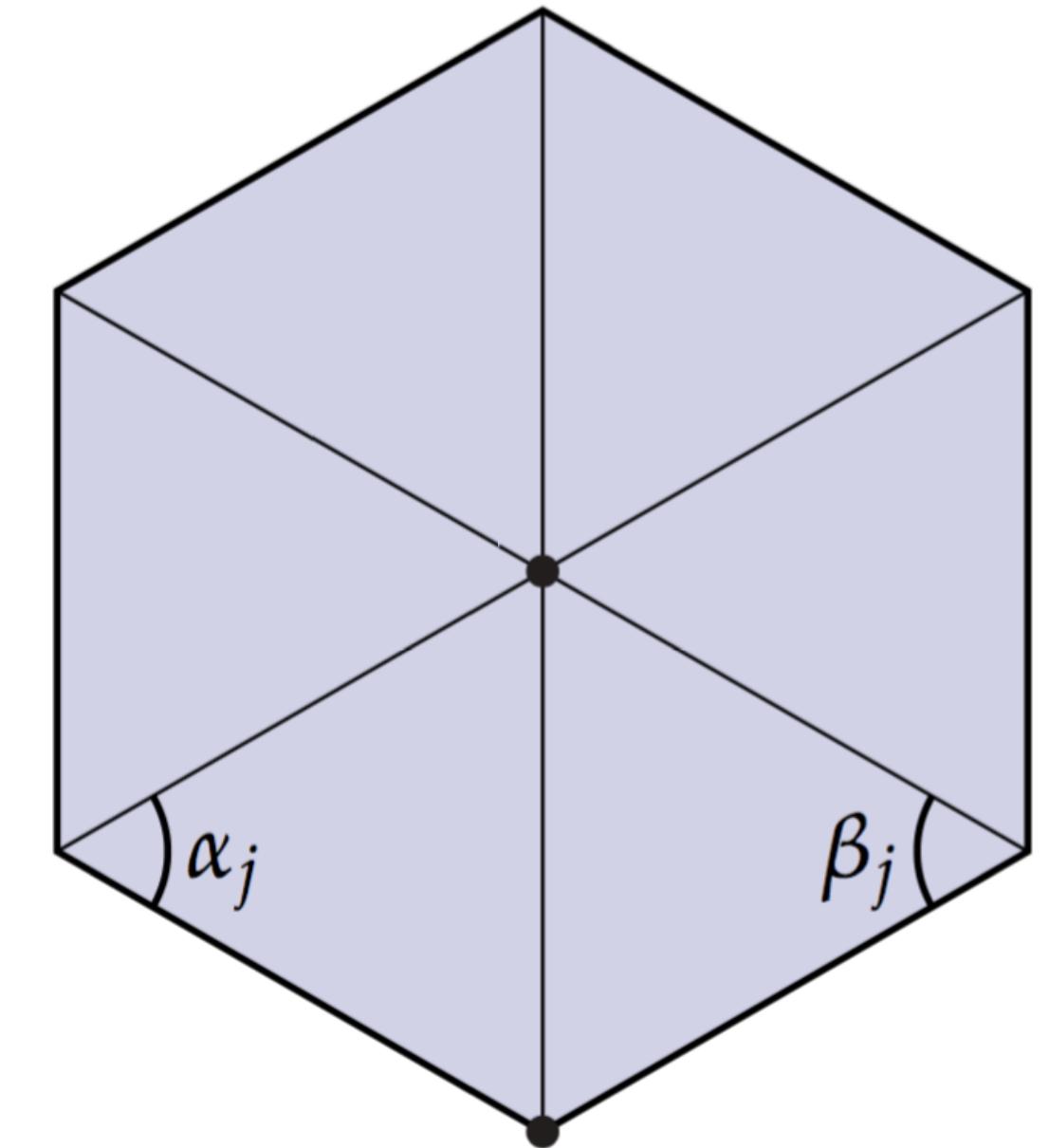


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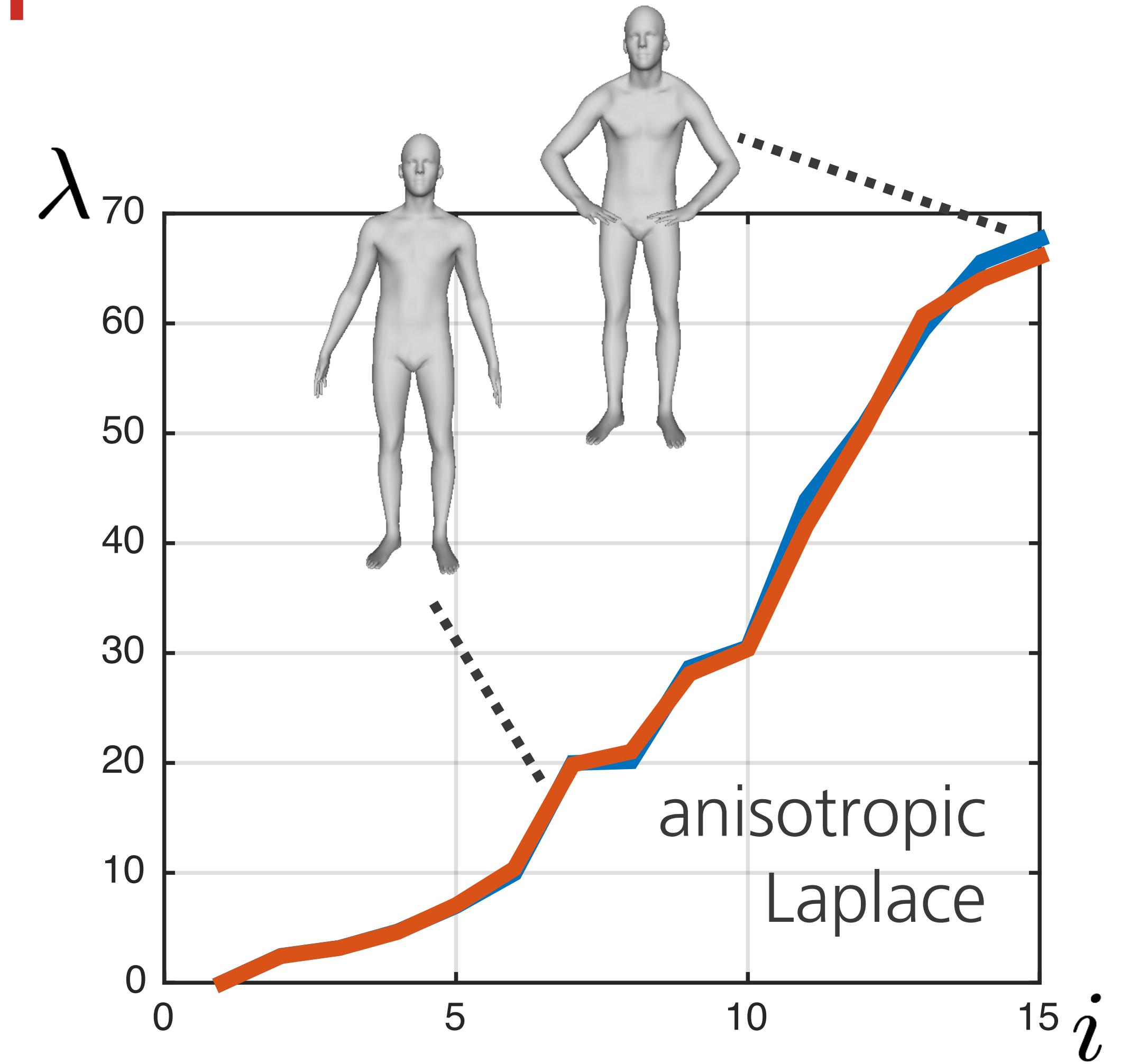
- Key idea:
Laplace only depends on **edge lengths!**
Edge length is a intrinsic quantity



Not Purely Intrinsic Operators

- Mixture of intrinsic and extrinsic information
- Existing operators:
 - Anisotropic Laplace
 - Modified Dirichlet energy

How sensitive?



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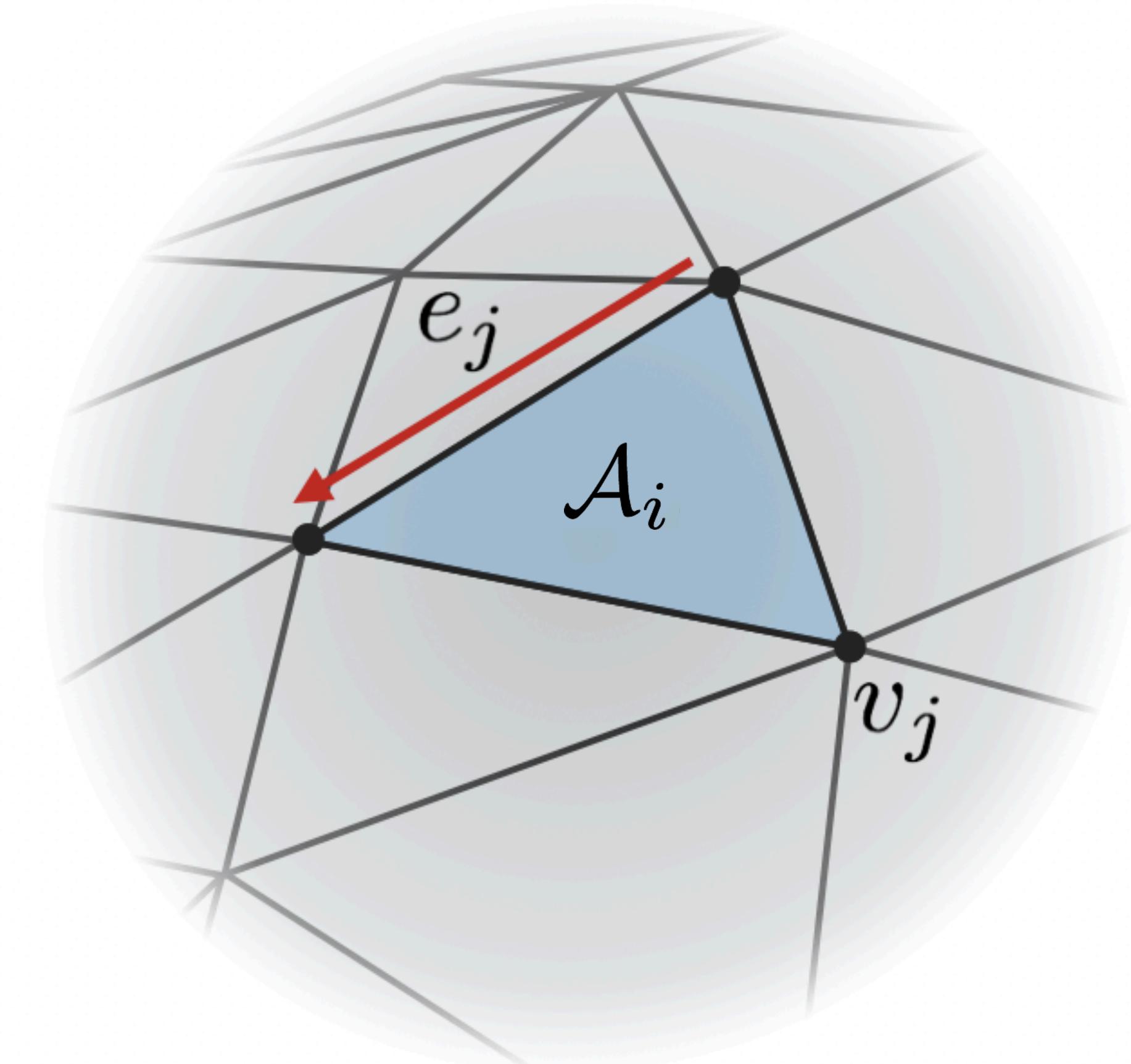
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Quaternionic Dirac Operator D

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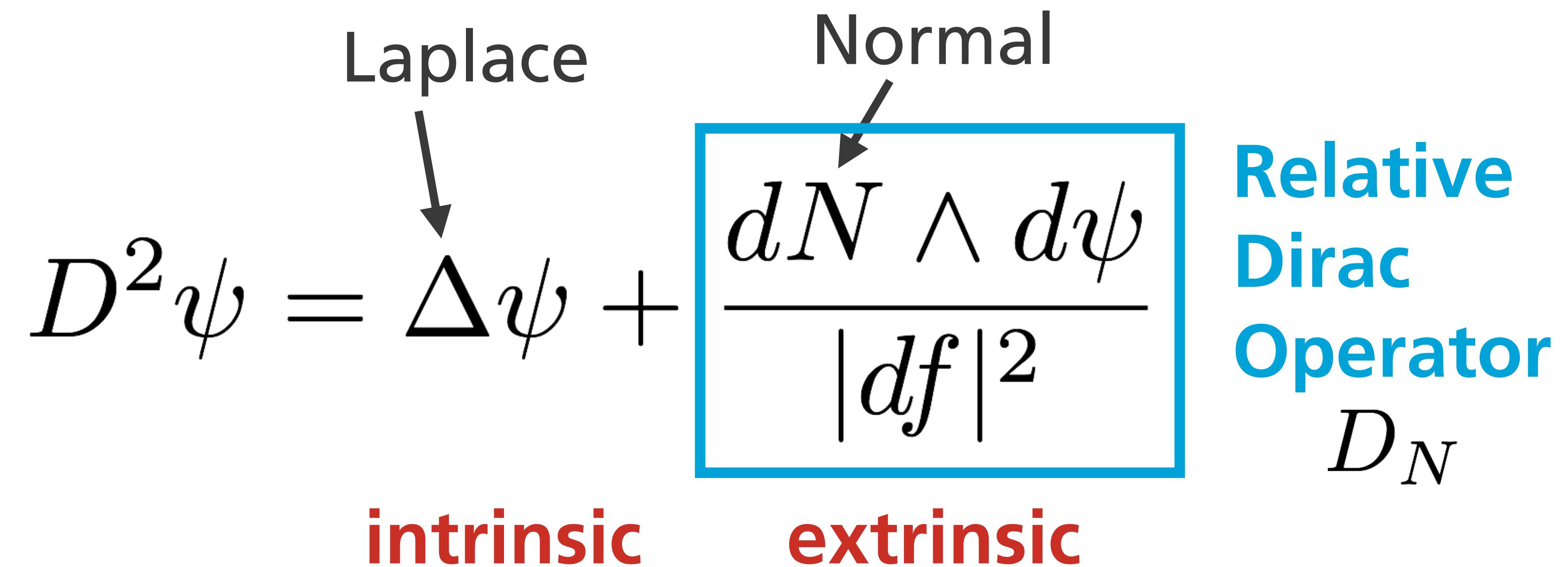
Square of Dirac Operator

$$D^2\psi = \Delta\psi + \frac{dN \wedge d\psi}{|df|^2}$$

intrinsic extrinsic

Laplace Normal

Relative
Dirac
Operator
 D_N



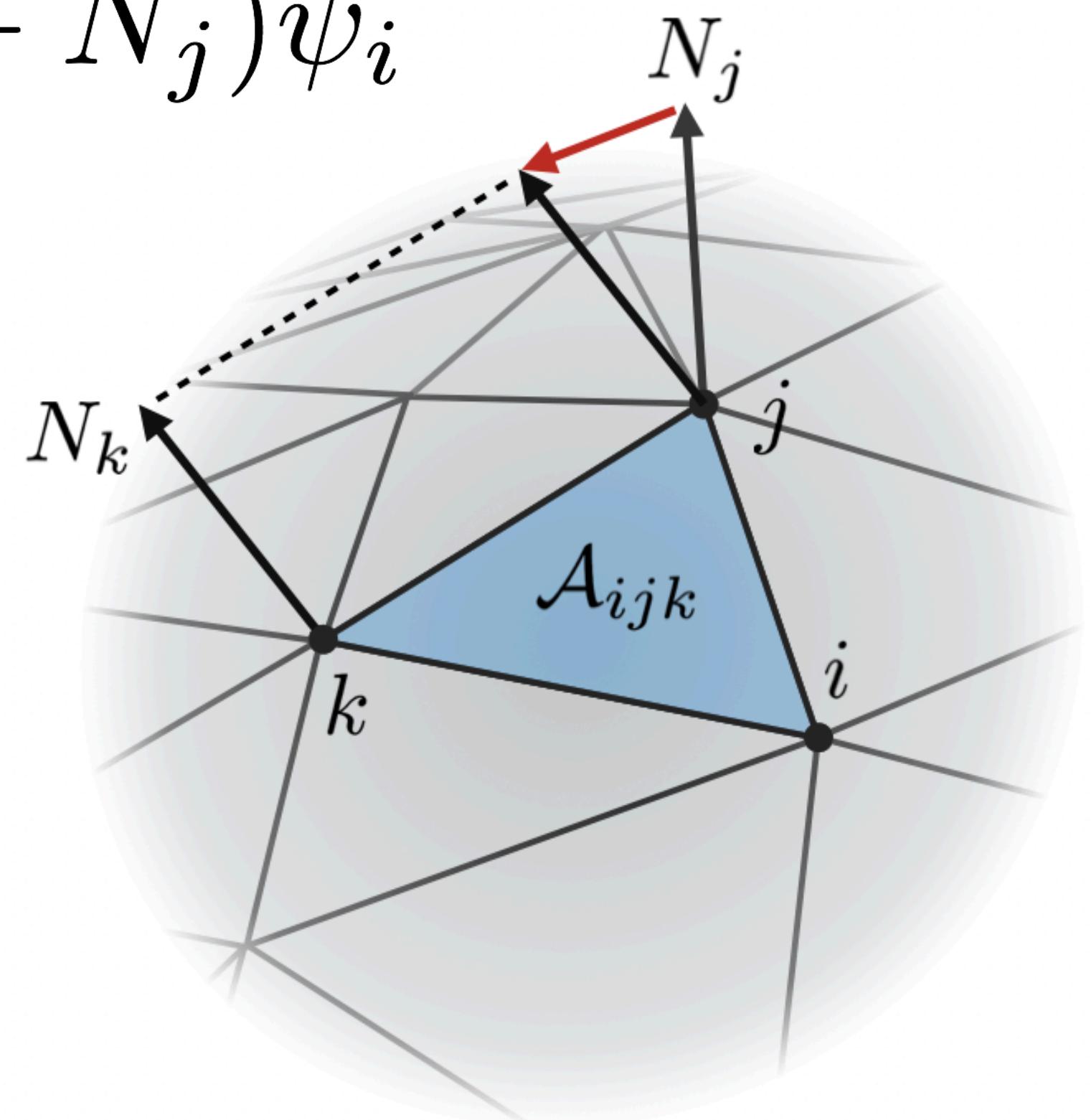
Discretization

- Discrete relative Dirac

$$(D_N \psi)_{ijk} = -\frac{1}{2\mathcal{A}_{ijk}} \sum_{pqr \in \mathcal{C}(ijk)} (N_k - N_j)\psi_i$$

- Matrix form

$$D_{N_{ijk},i} = -\frac{N_k - N_j}{2\mathcal{A}_{ijk}}$$



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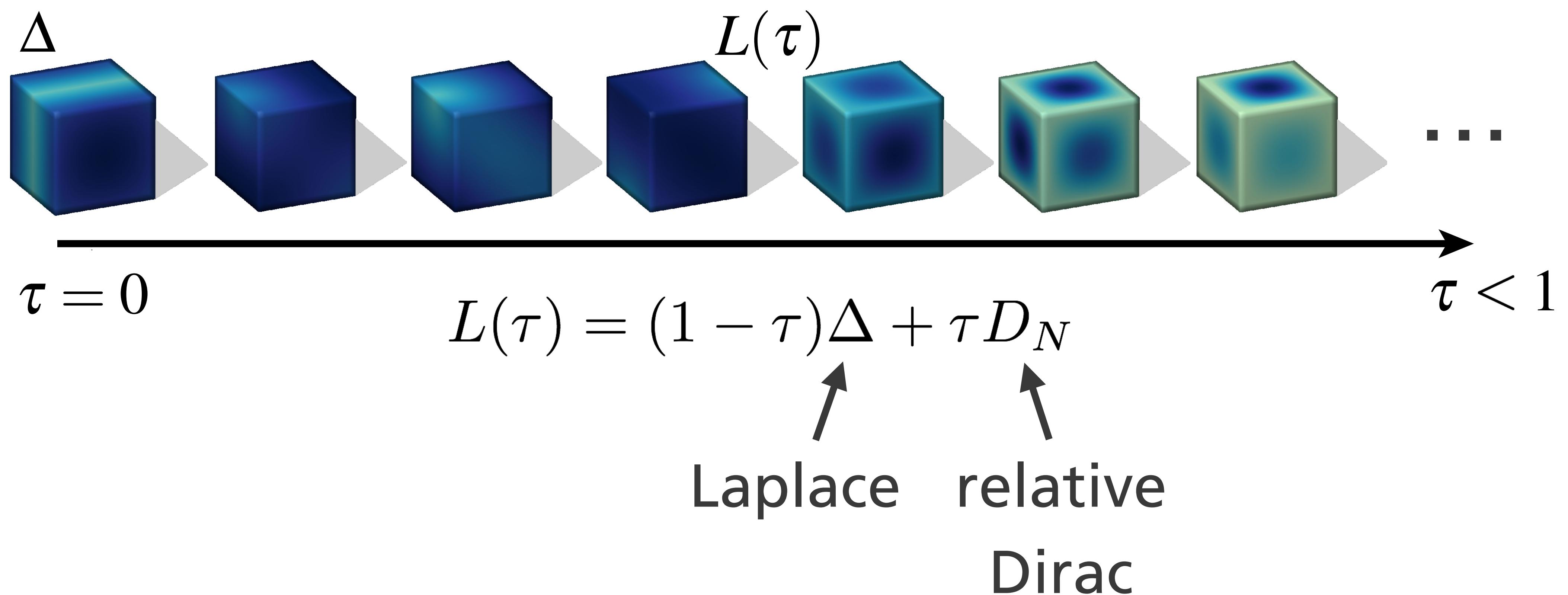
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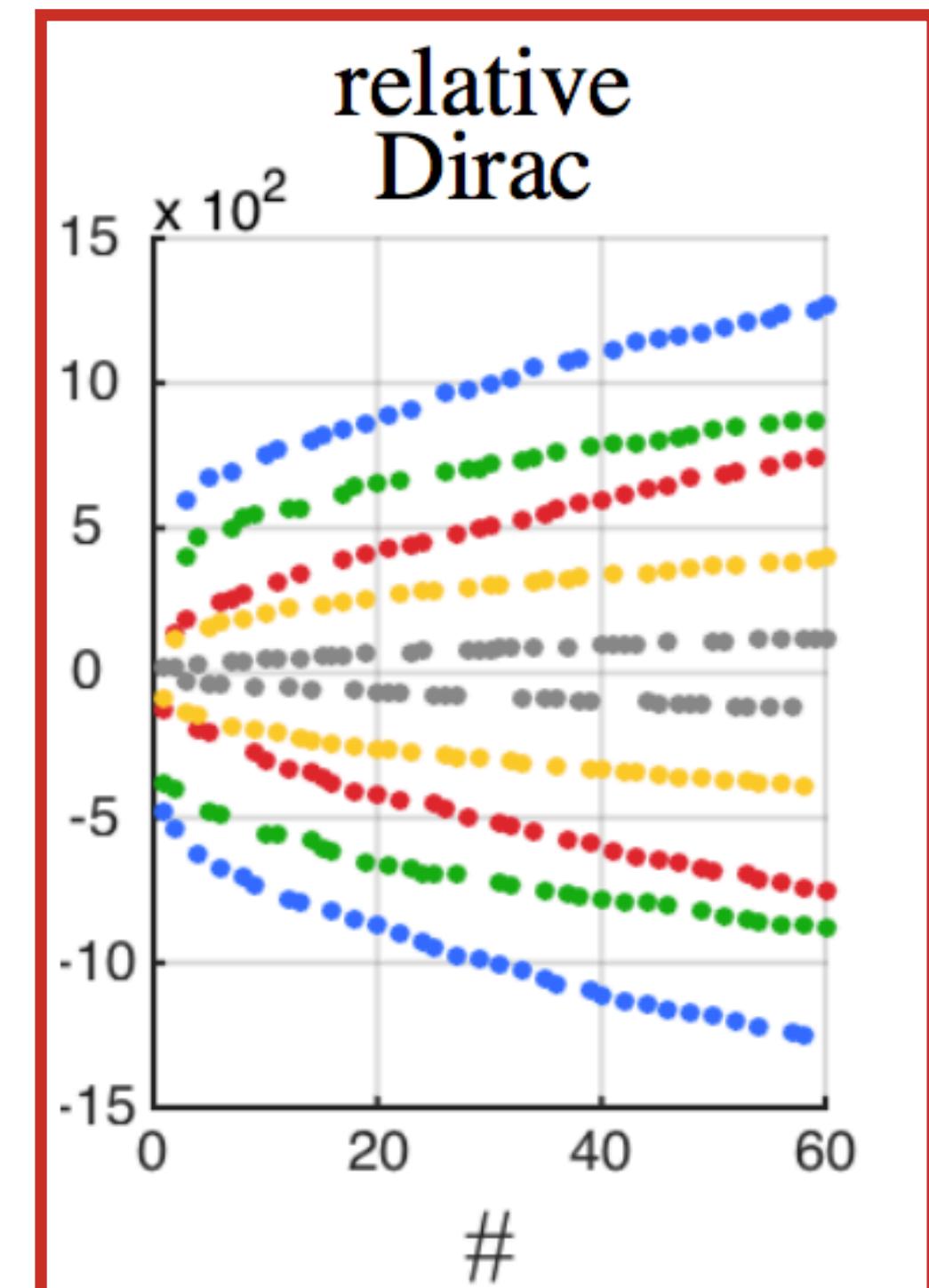
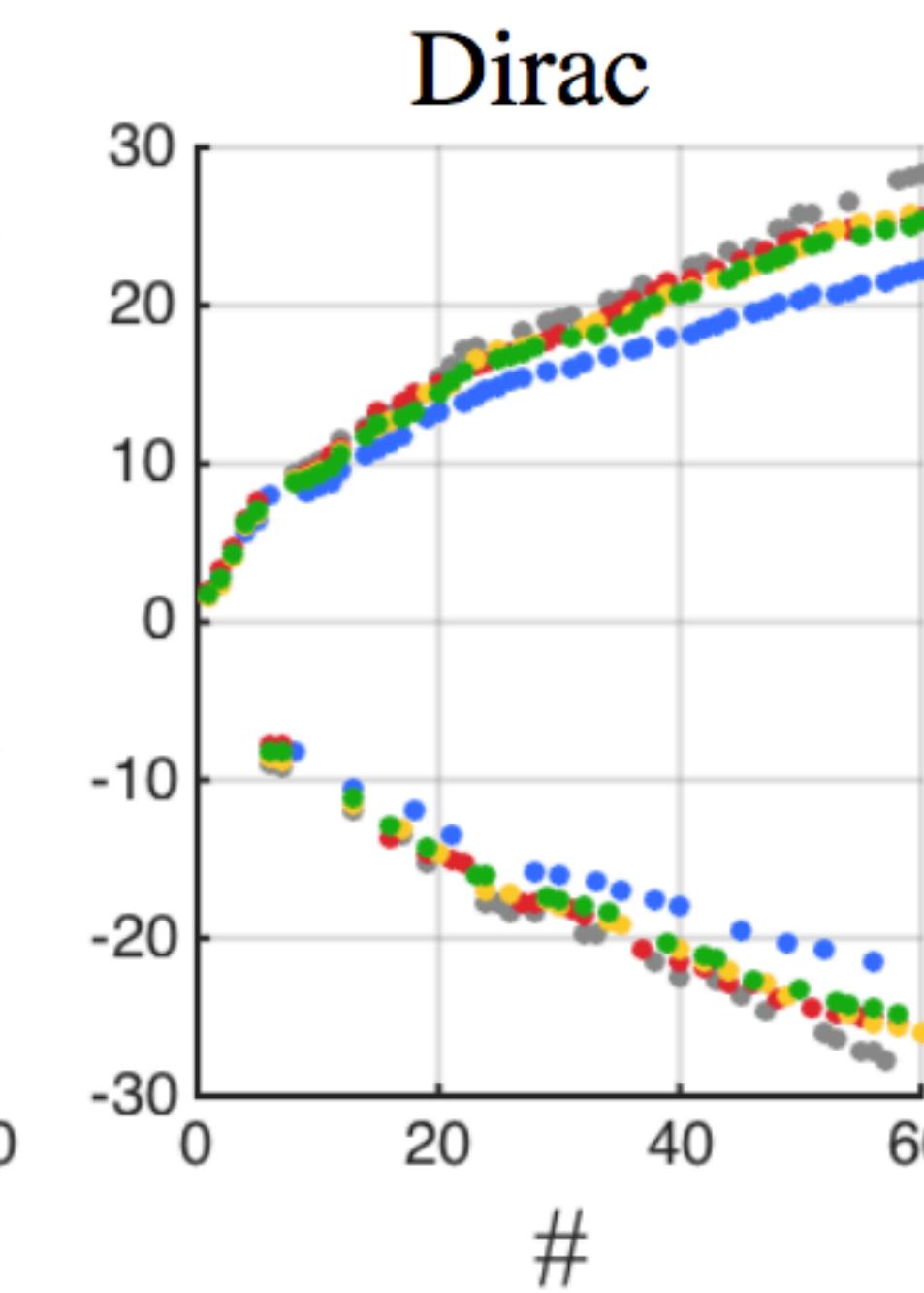
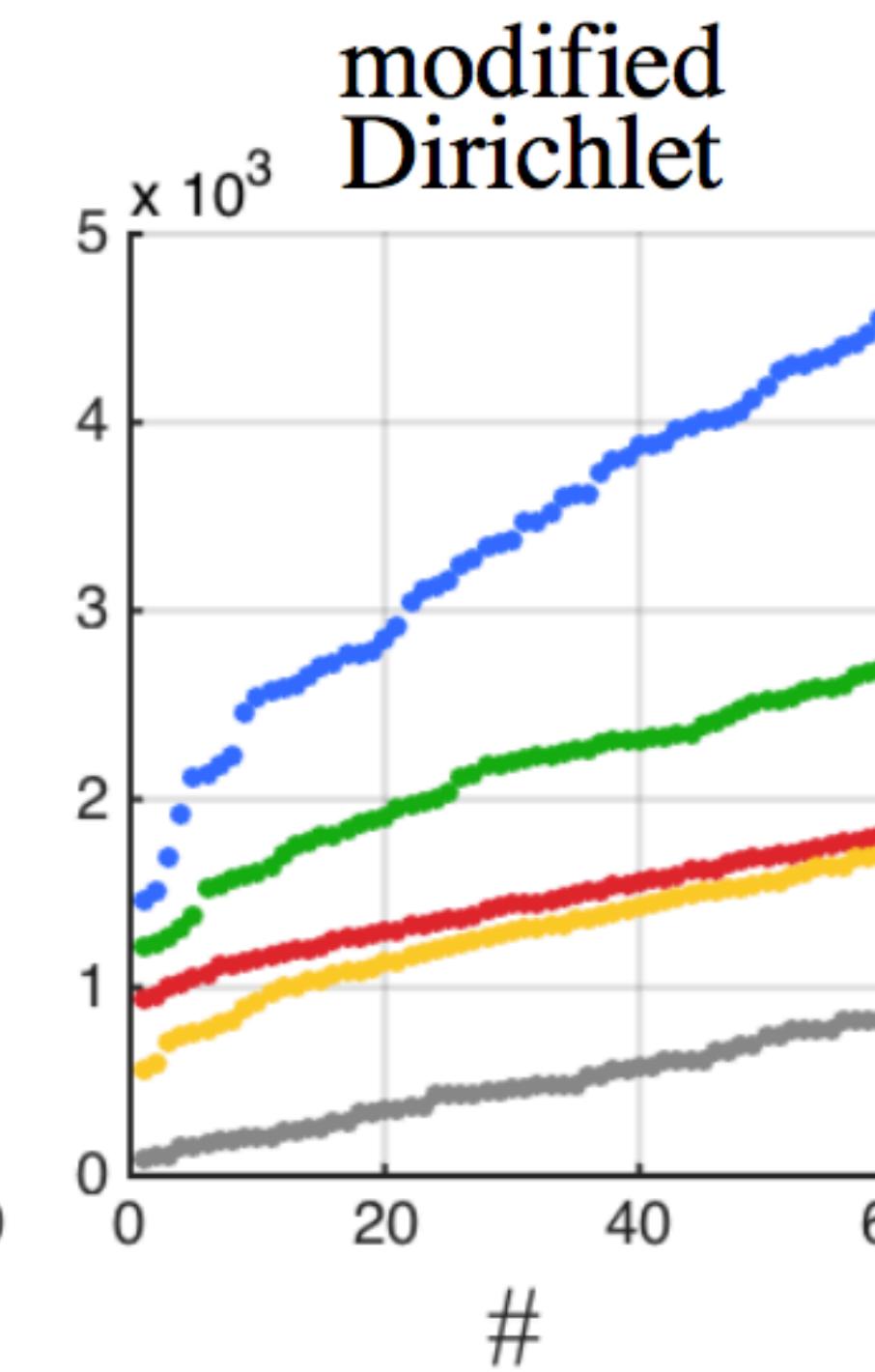
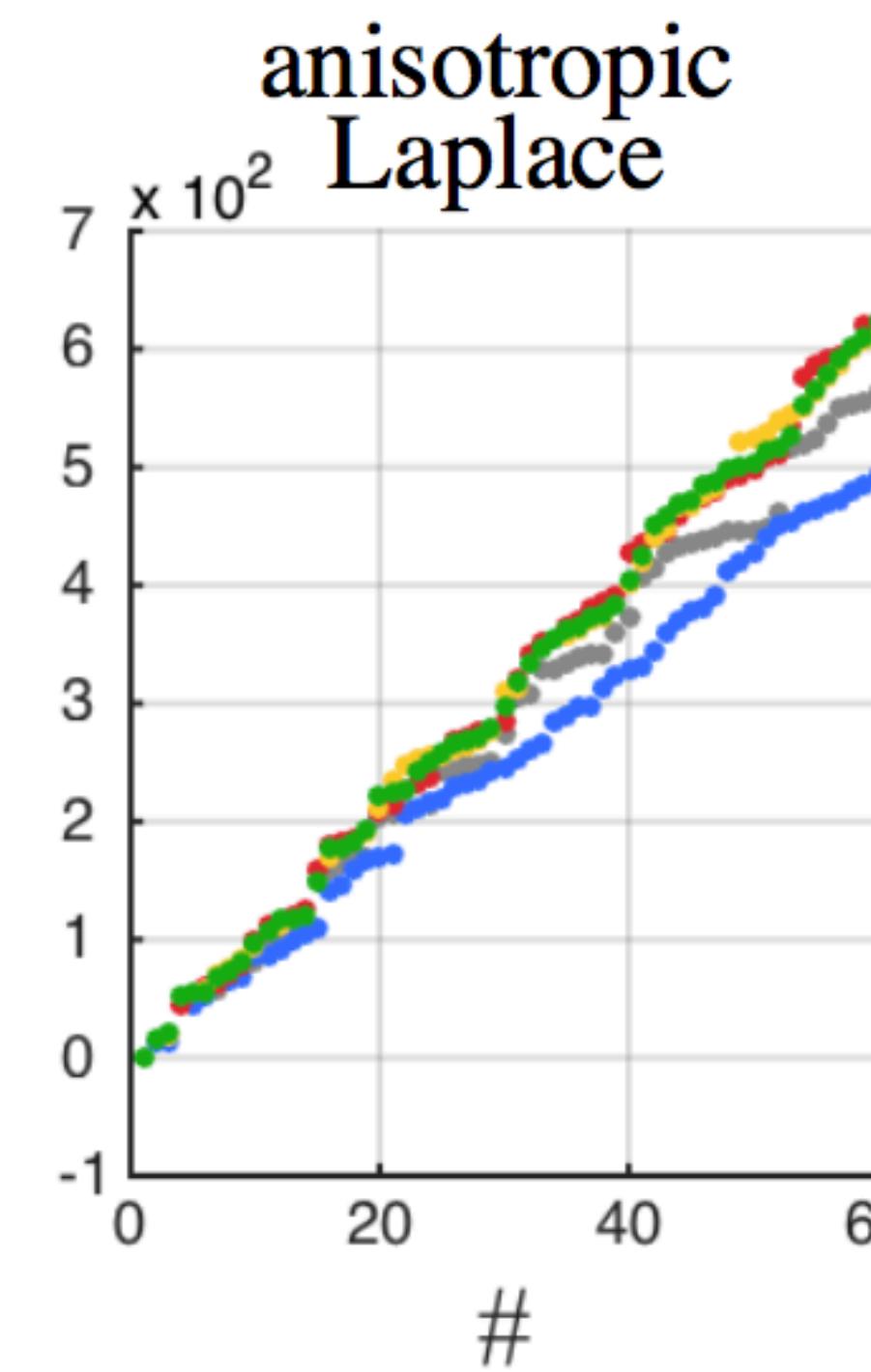
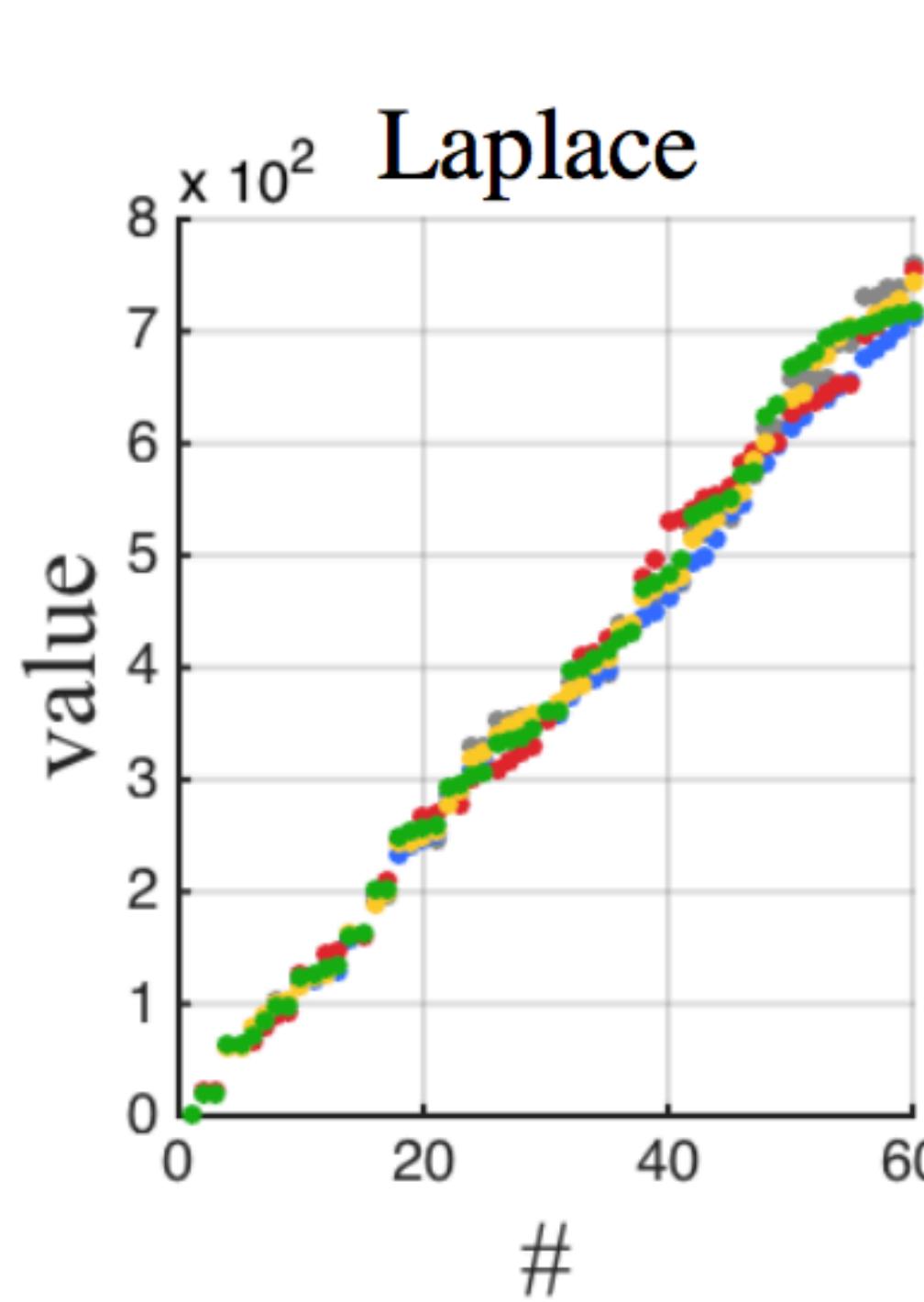
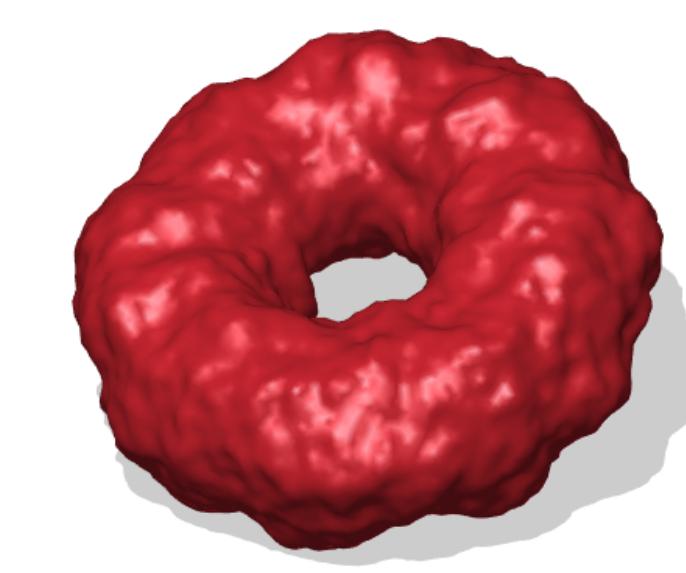
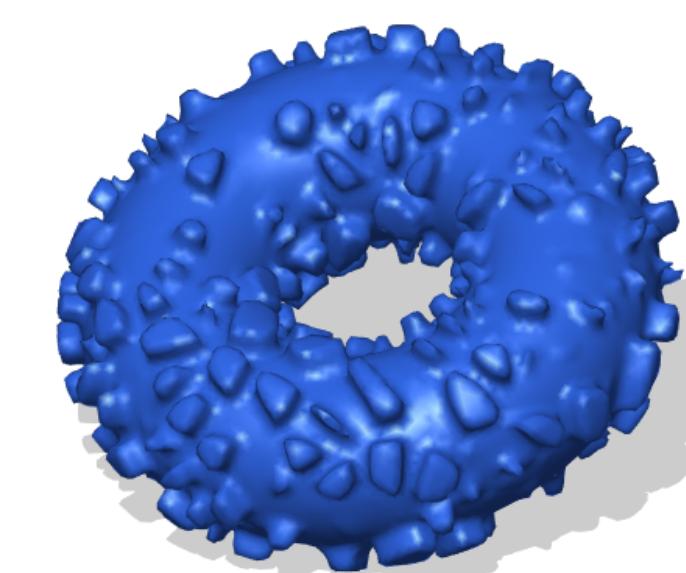
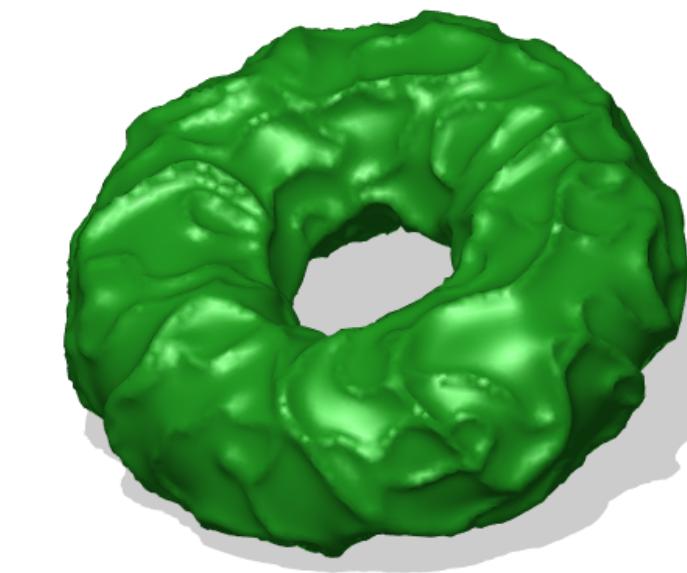
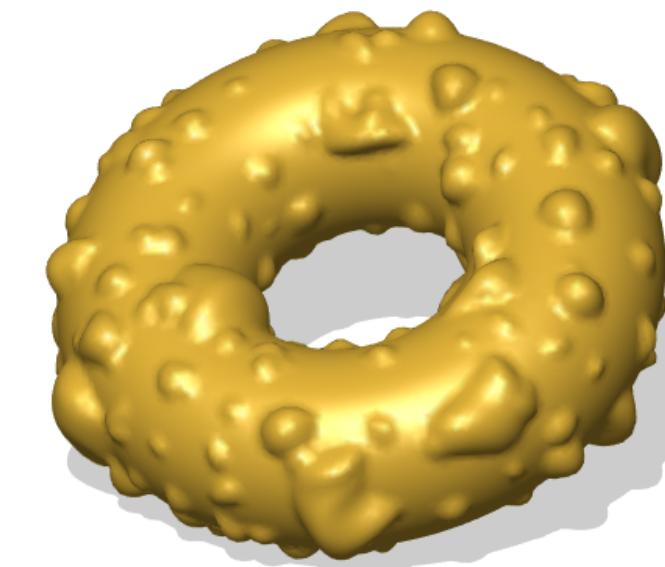
Not isometry invariant!!

From Intrinsic to Extrinsic

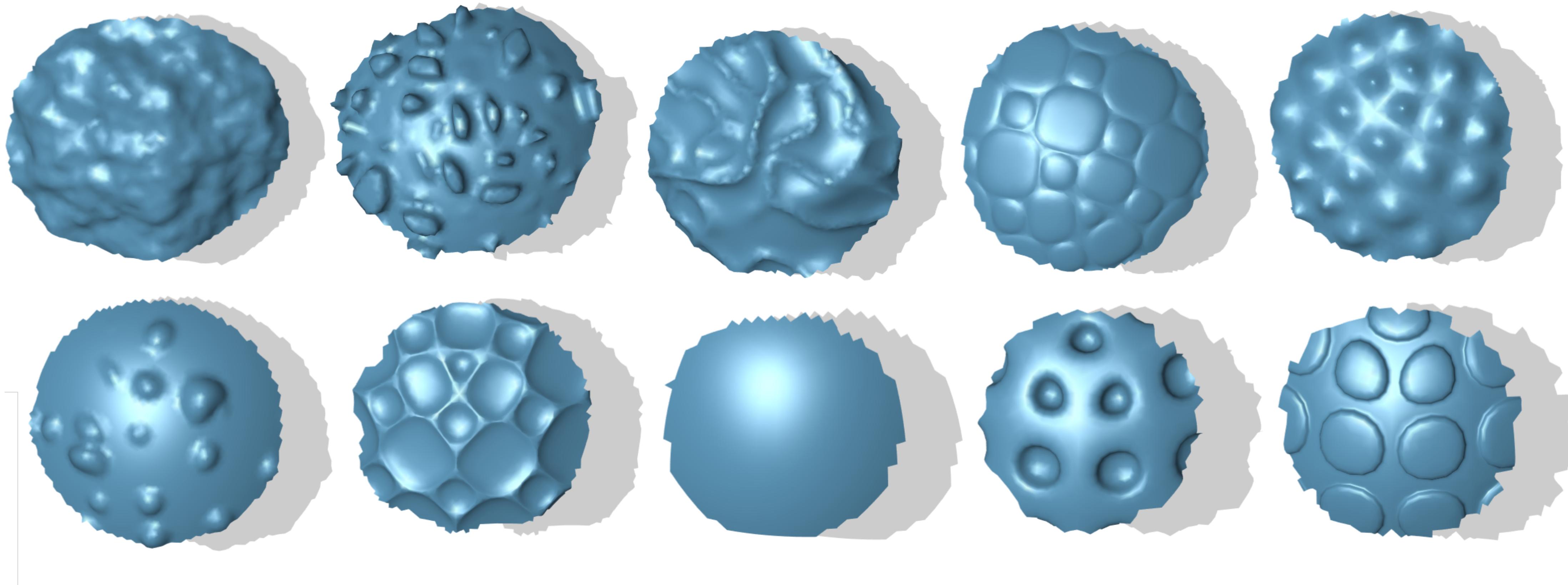


Applications

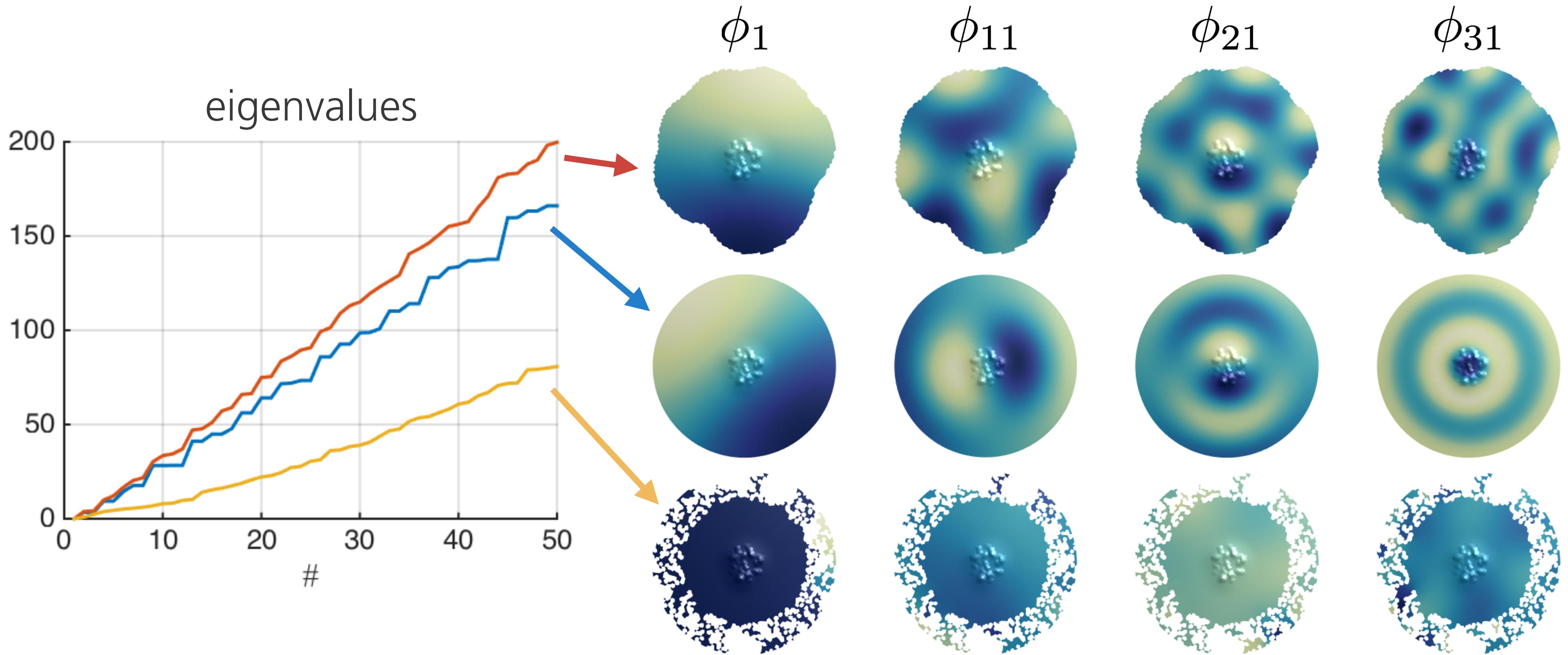
Surface Texture Classification



Patch Classification



Laplace



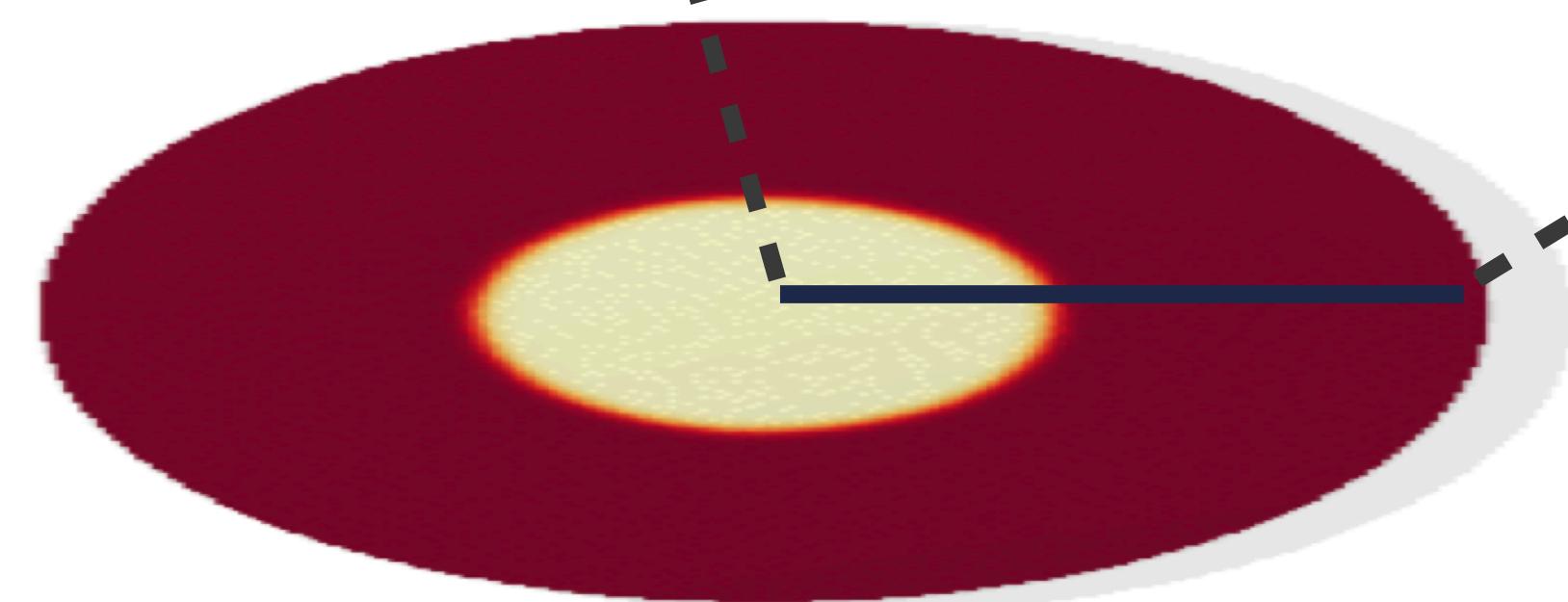
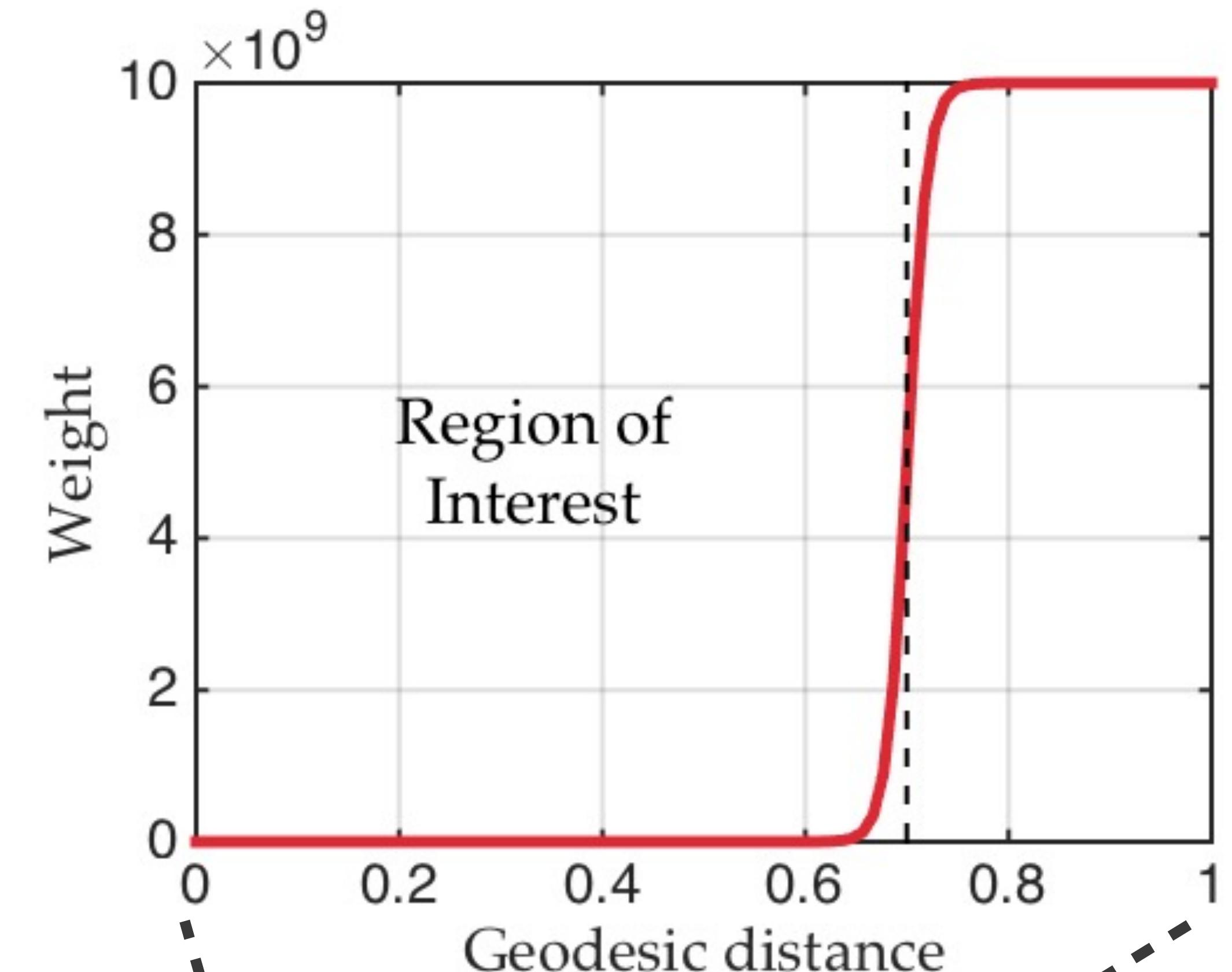
Infinite Potential Well

- Modified sigmoid function

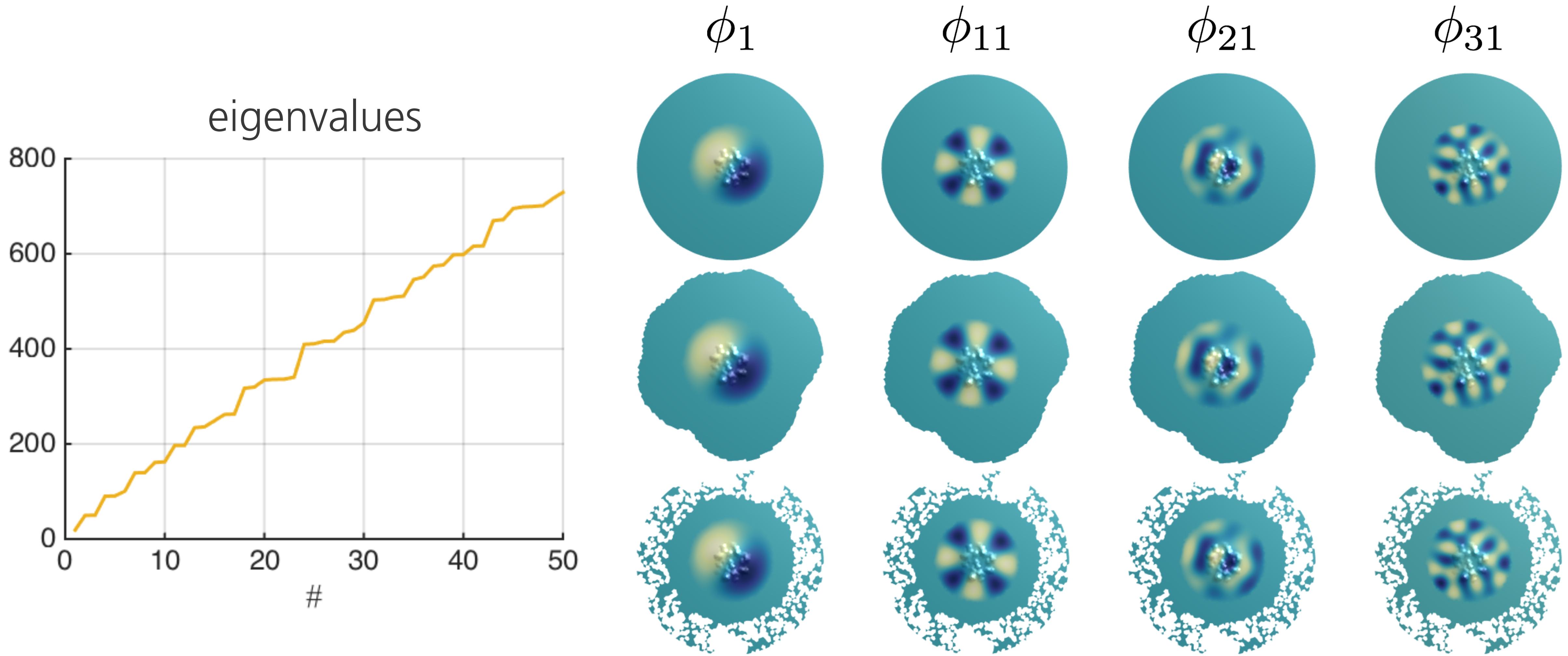
$$U(p) = \frac{c}{1 + (e^{-(d(p,q)-\beta)})^\gamma}$$

- Operator with potential well

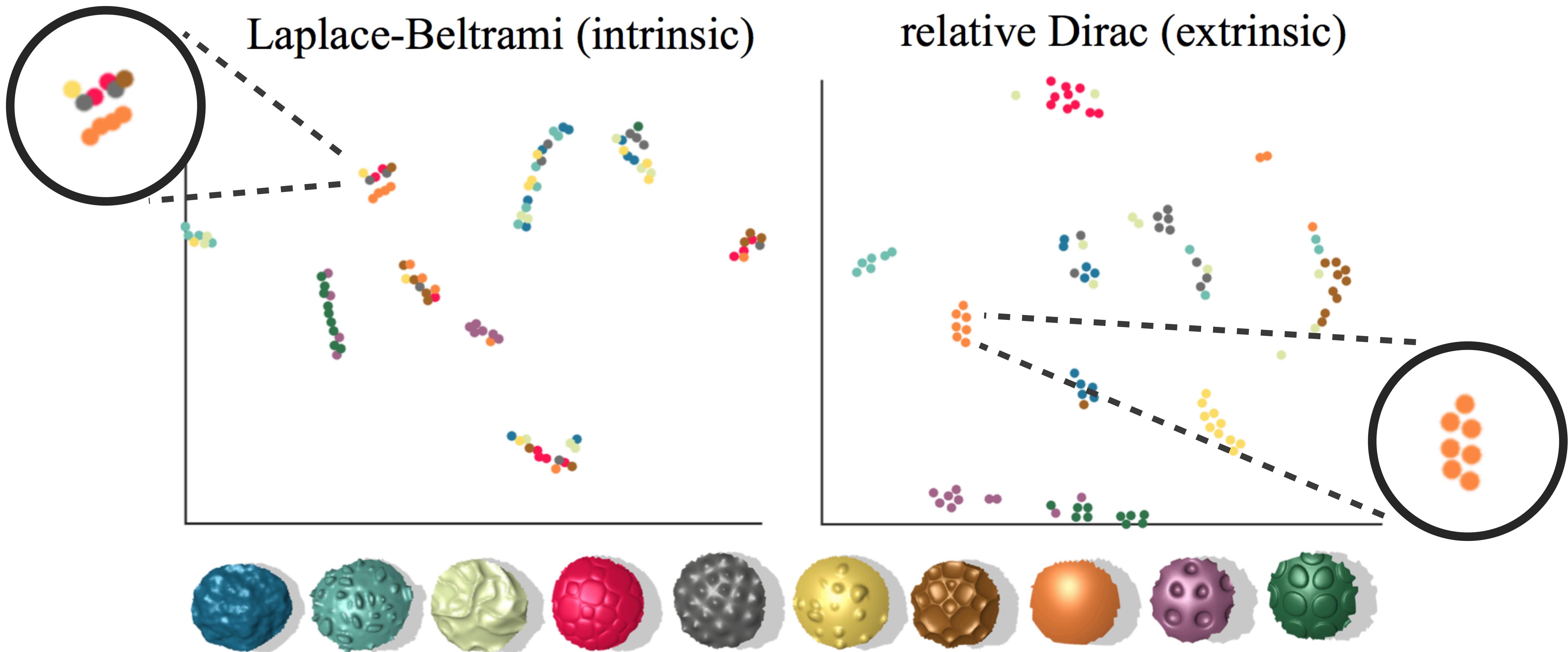
Ex: $\Delta \rightarrow \Delta + U$



Laplacian with Infinite Potential Well



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Segmentation

Step 1: Adapt **global point signature** to the magnitude of Dirac

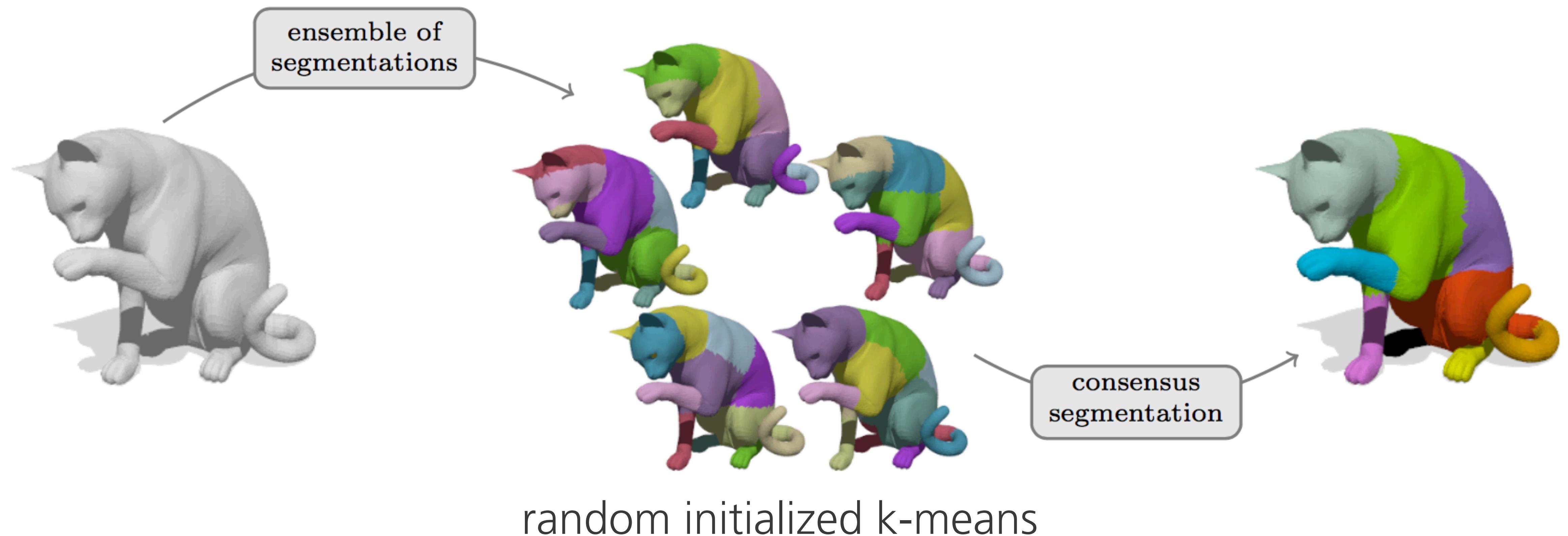
$$v \mapsto \left(\frac{|\phi_1(v)|}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}}, \frac{|\phi_2(v)|}{\sqrt{\lambda_2}}, \frac{|\phi_3(v)|}{\sqrt{\lambda_3}}, \dots \right)$$

point on the surface eigenvectors eigenvalues

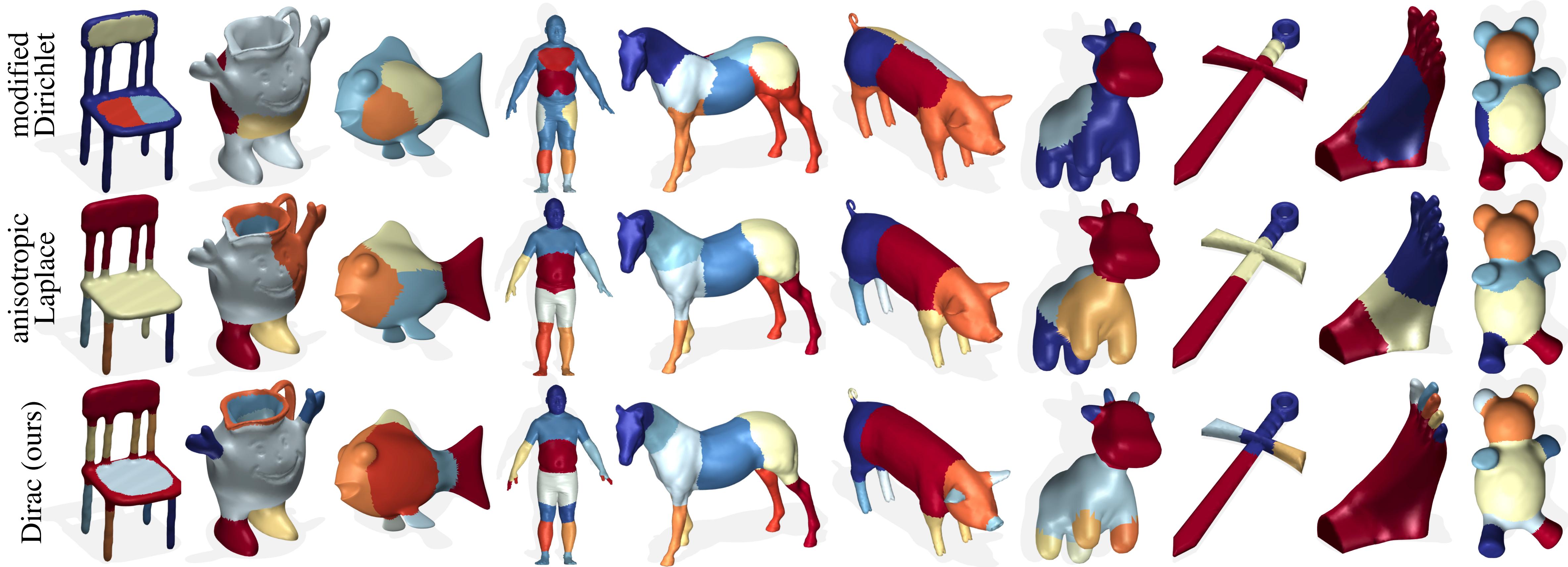
The diagram illustrates the construction of a global point signature. It starts with a point v on a surface, indicated by an upward arrow. This point is mapped to a sequence of values enclosed in parentheses. Each value in the sequence is the absolute value of a function $\phi_i(v)$ divided by the square root of a corresponding eigenvalue λ_i . Two arrows point from specific parts of the formula to labels: one arrow points from the term $|\phi_i(v)|/\sqrt{\lambda_i}$ to the word "eigenvectors", and another arrow points from the term $\sqrt{\lambda_i}$ to the word "eigenvalues".

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Step 2: Apply the **consensus segmentation** algorithm

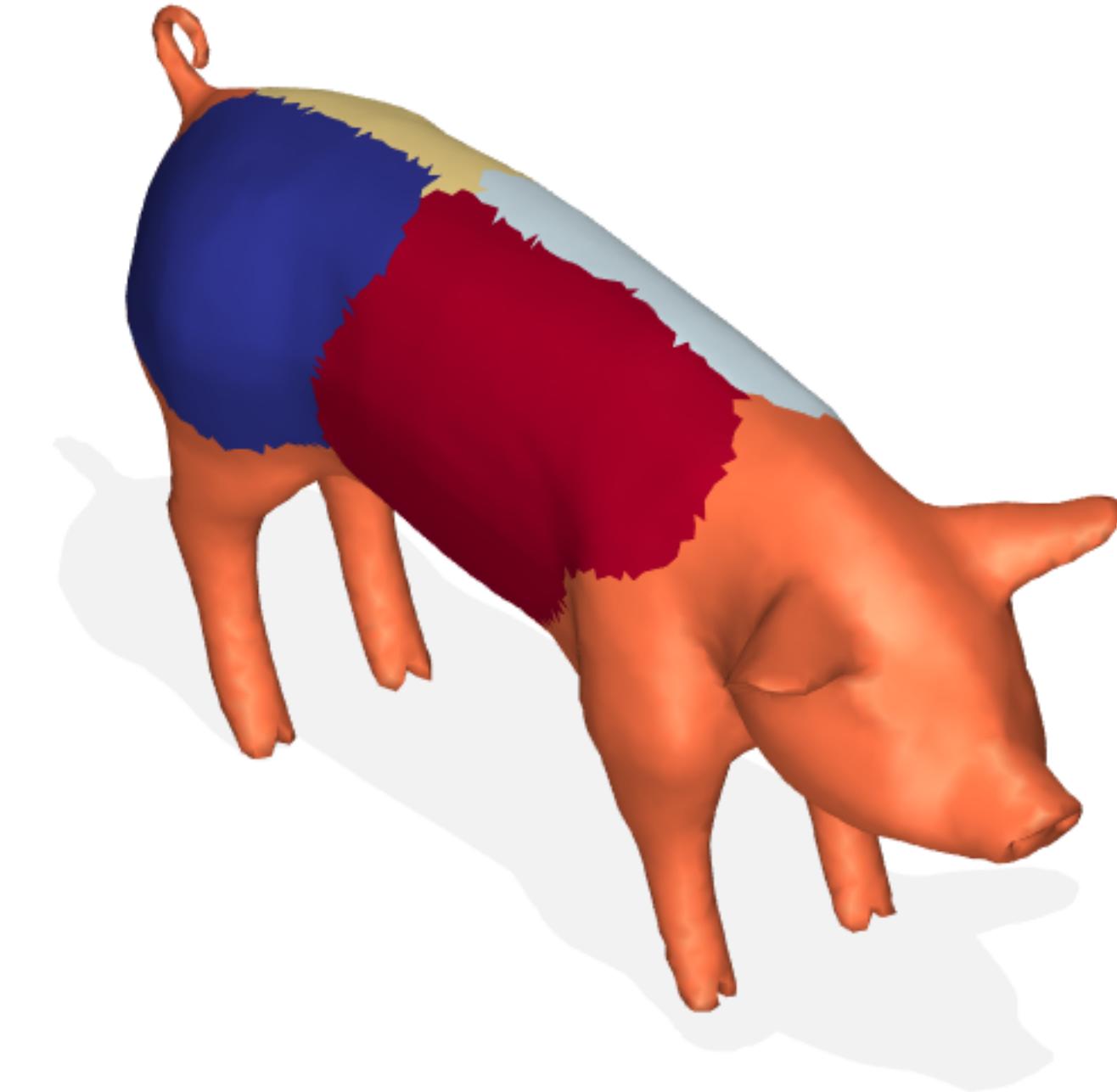


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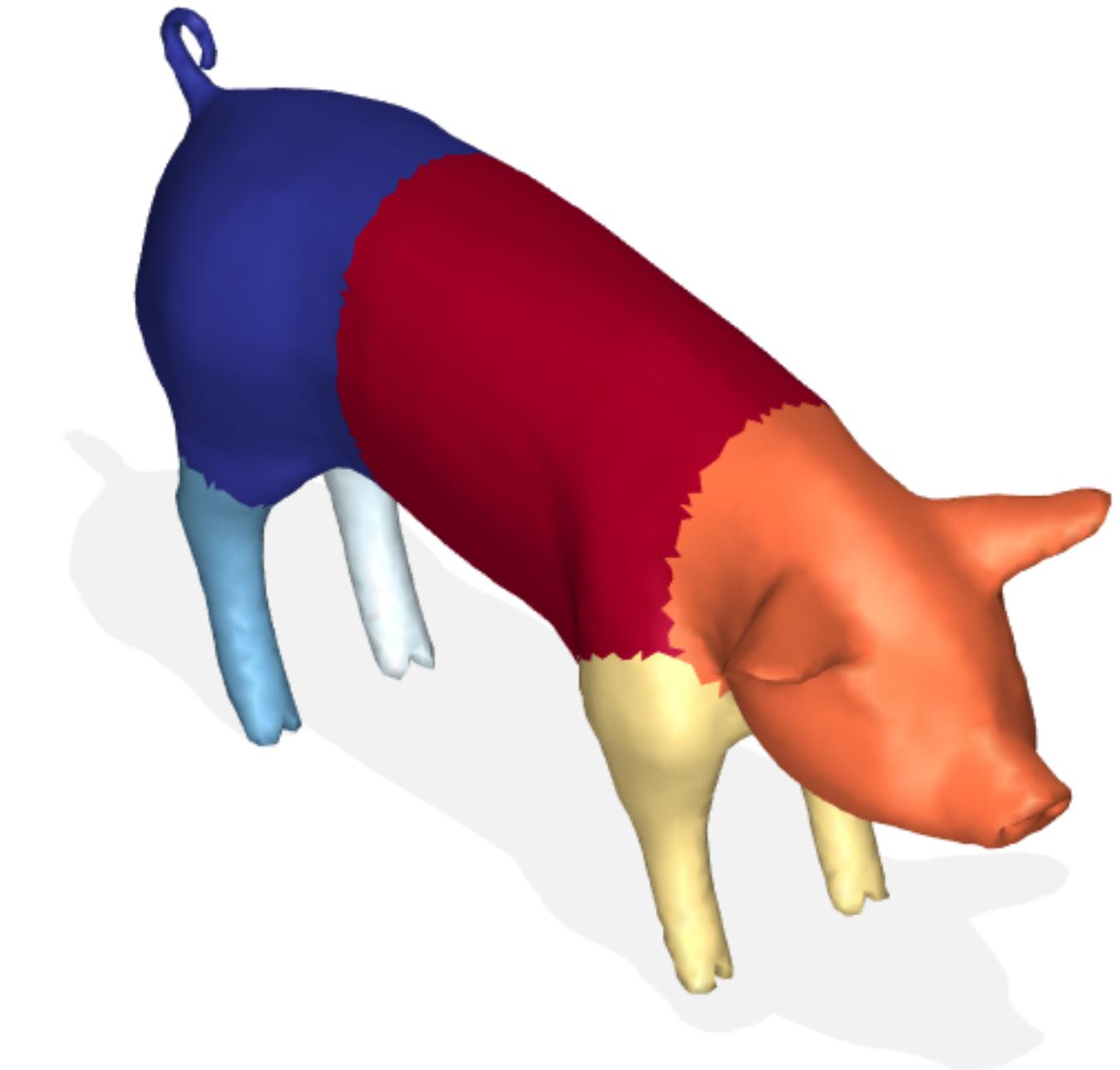


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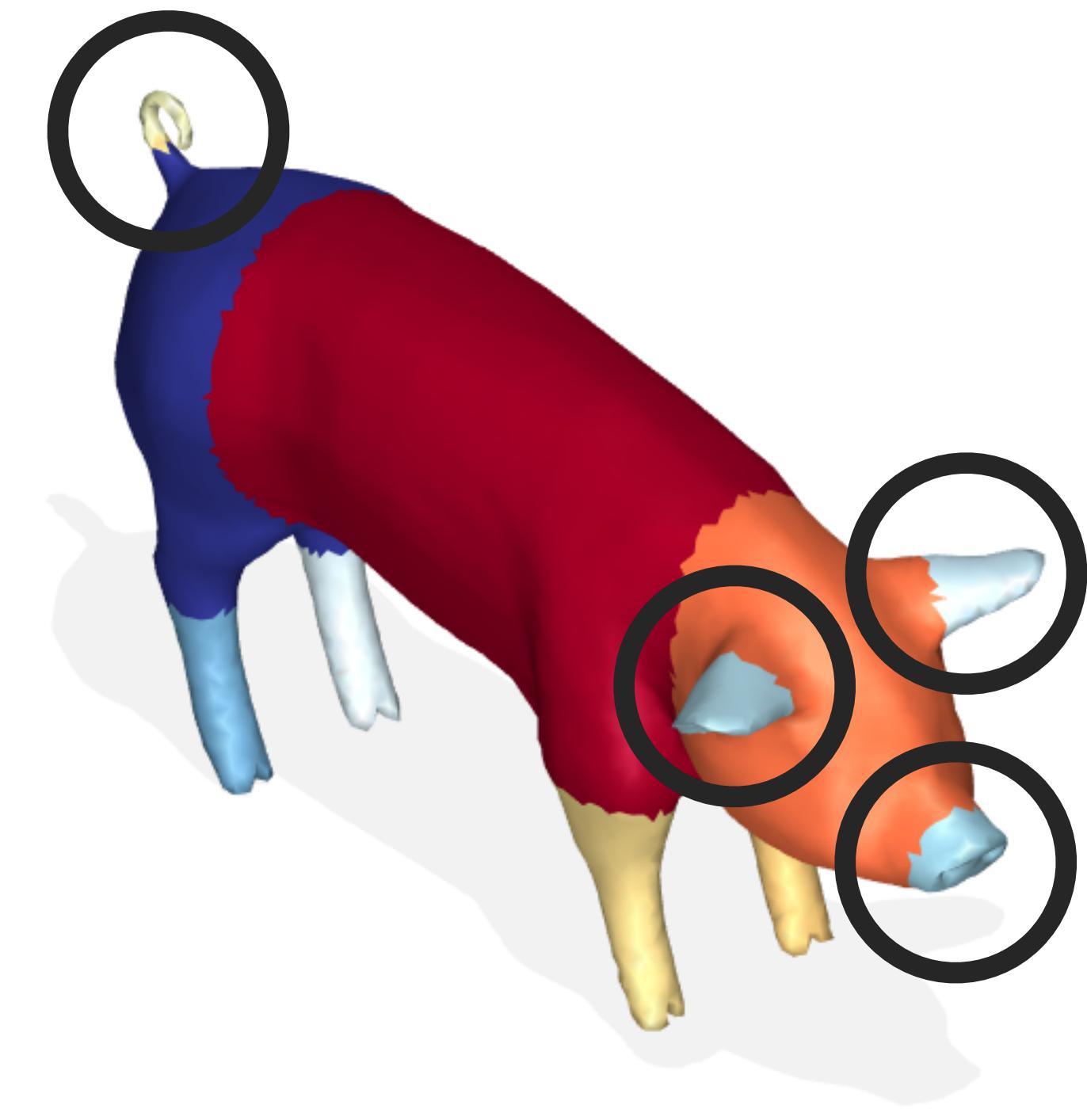
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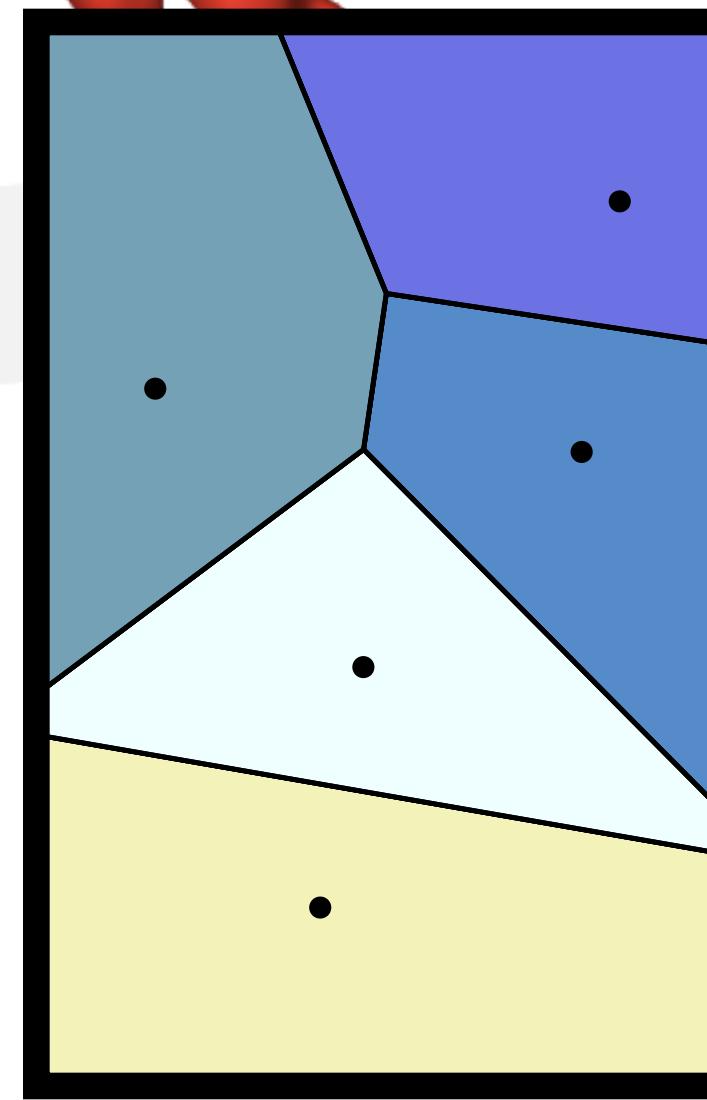
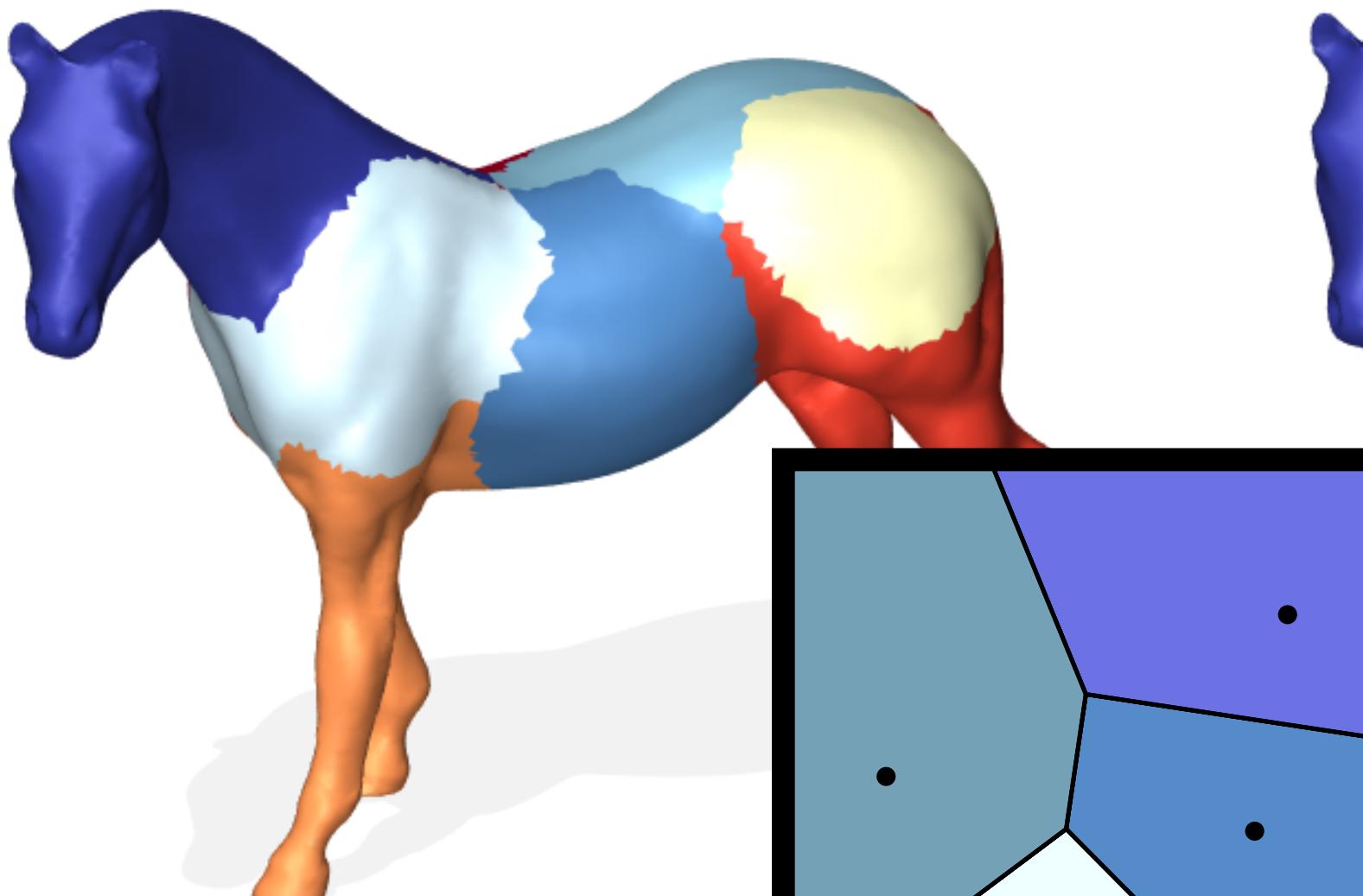


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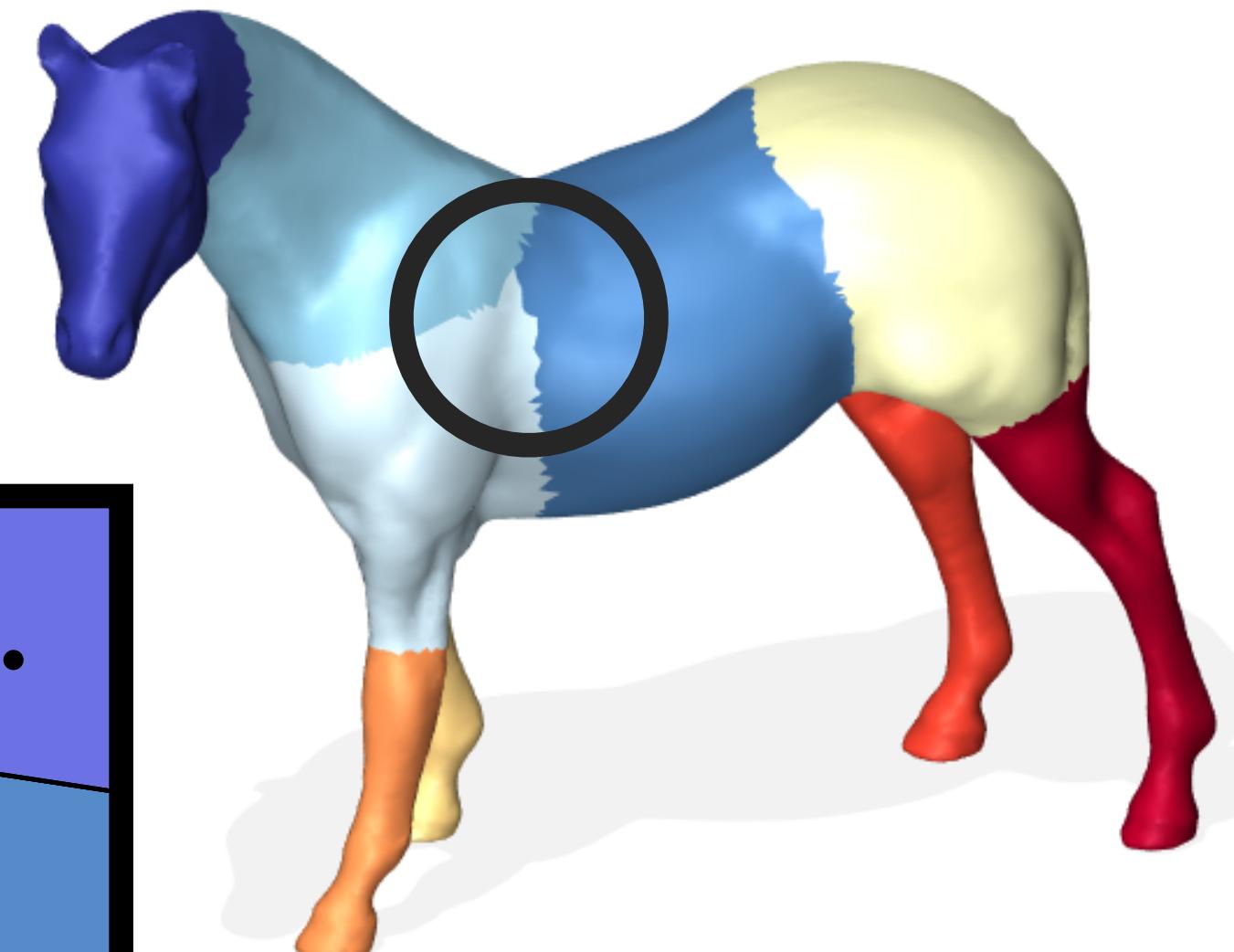


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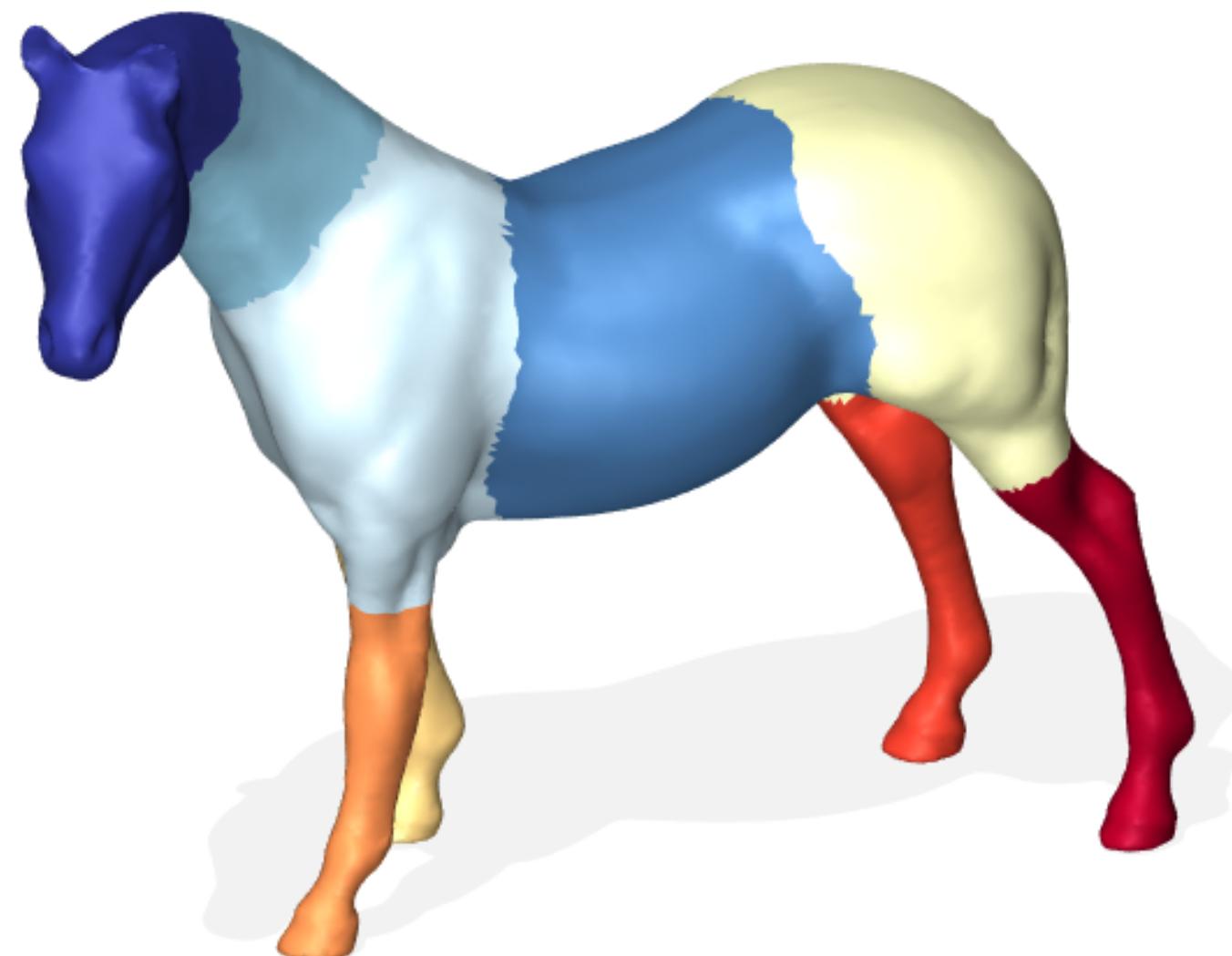
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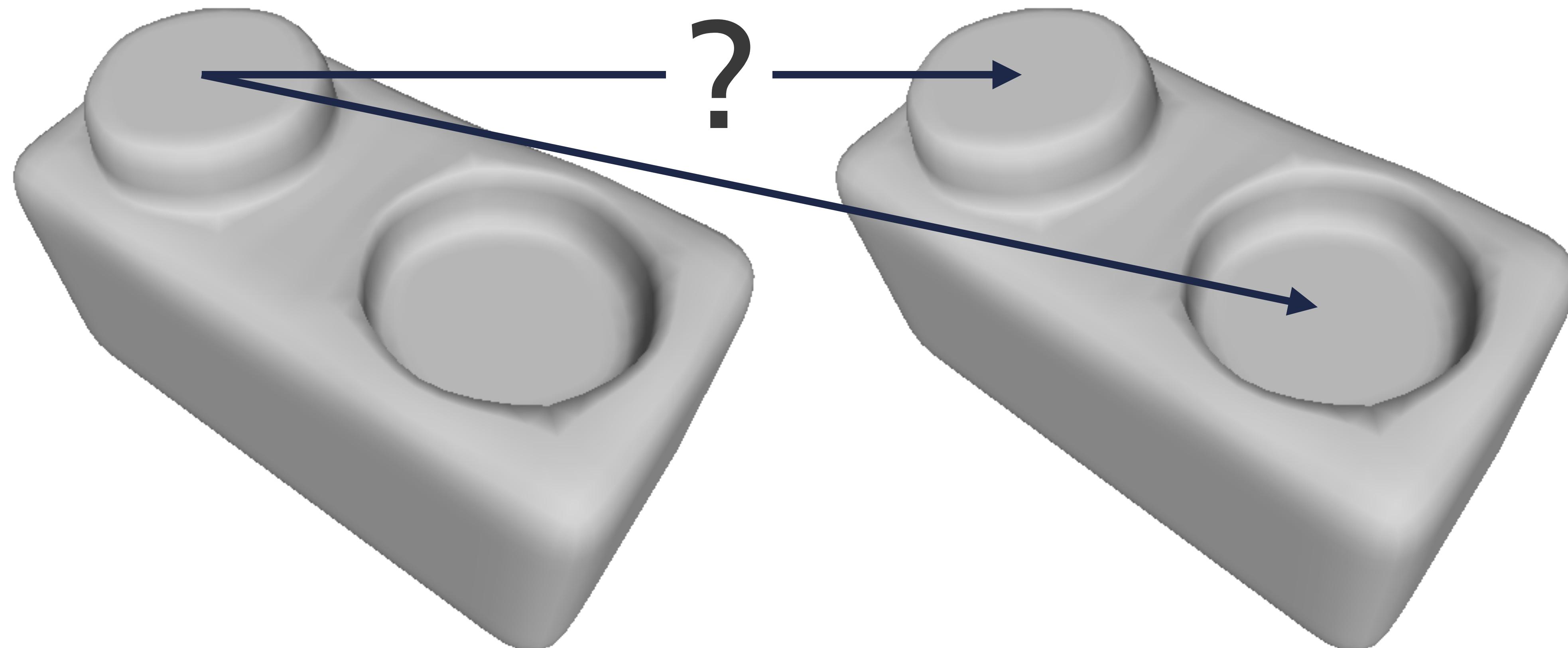


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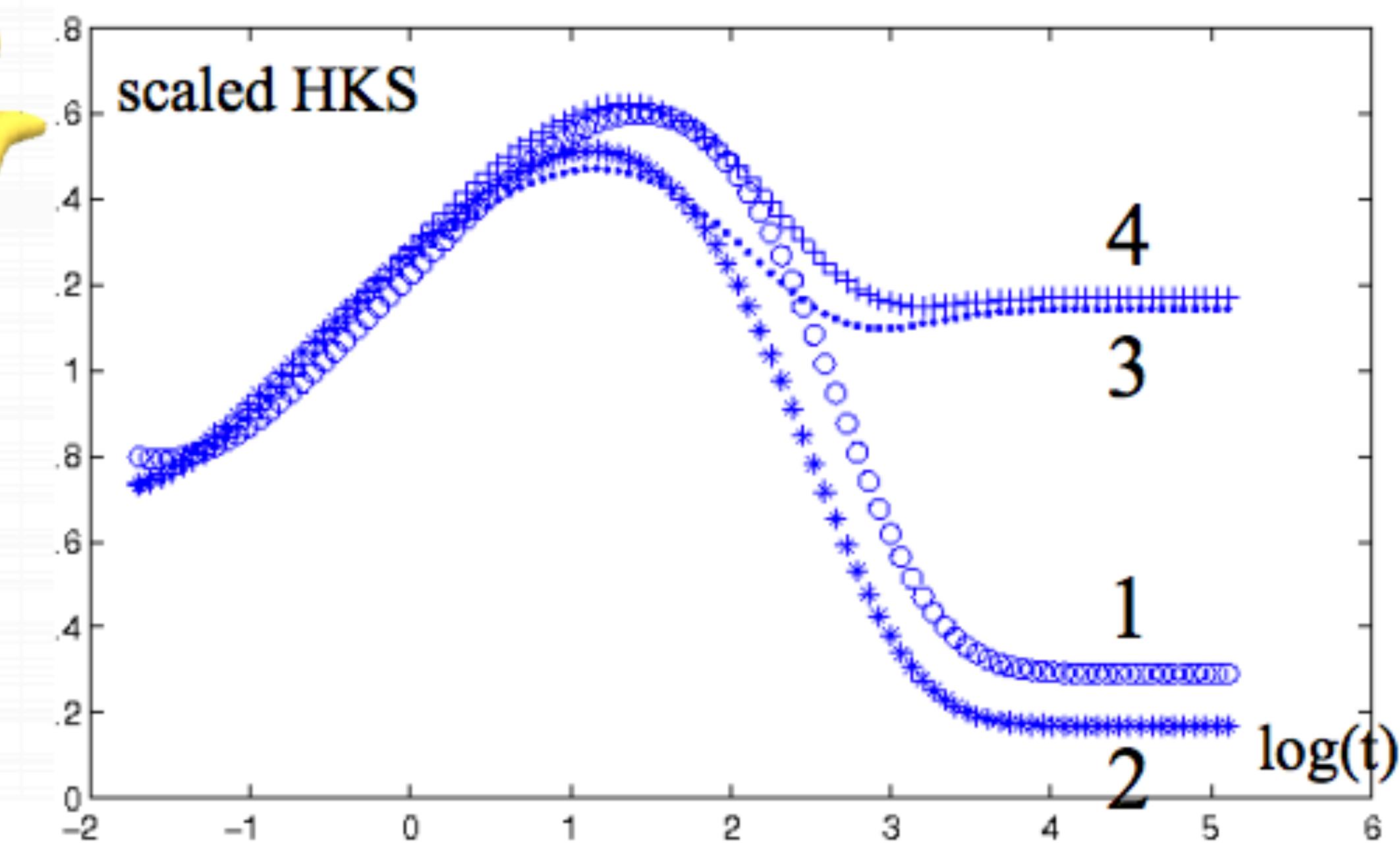
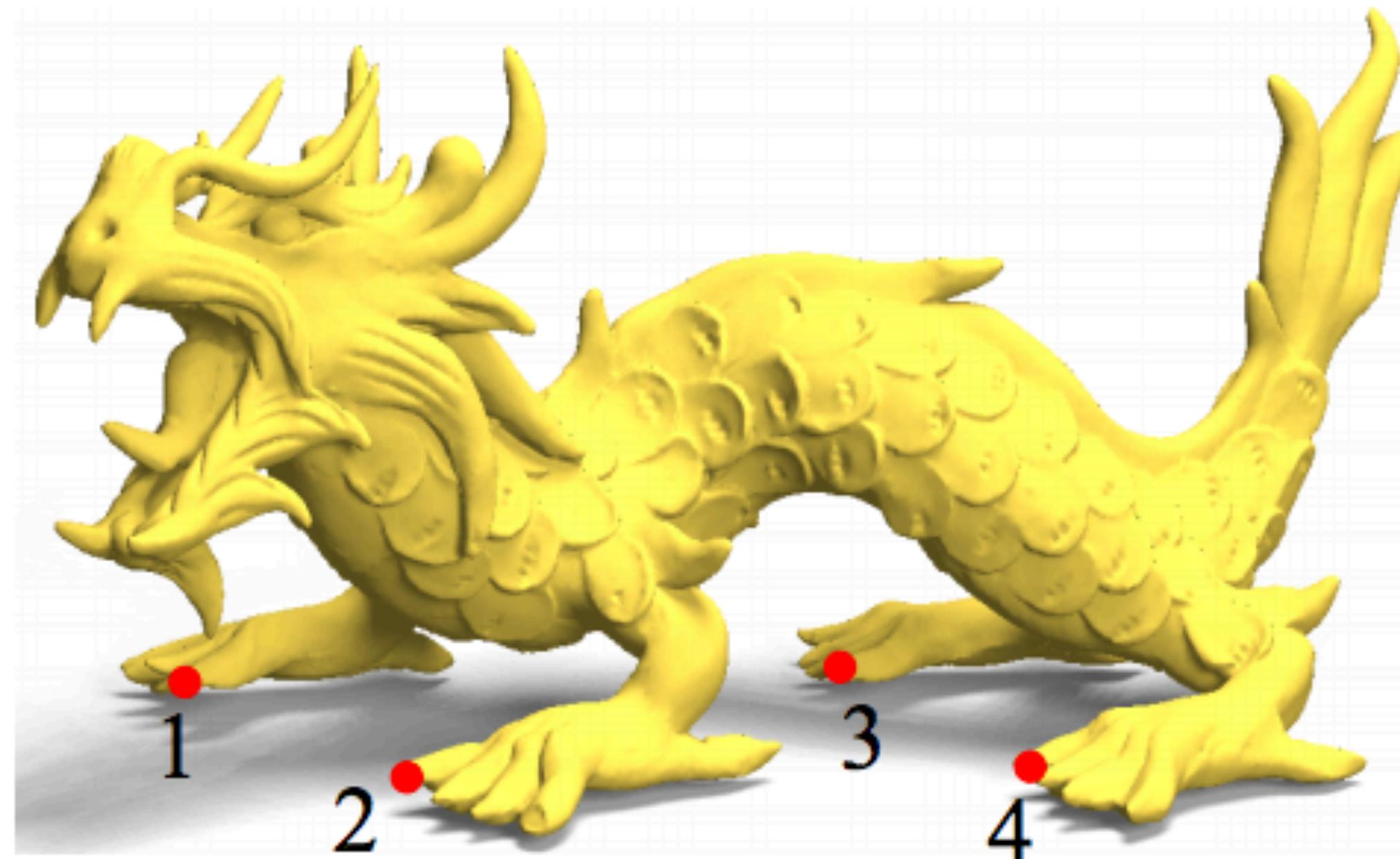


Correspondence

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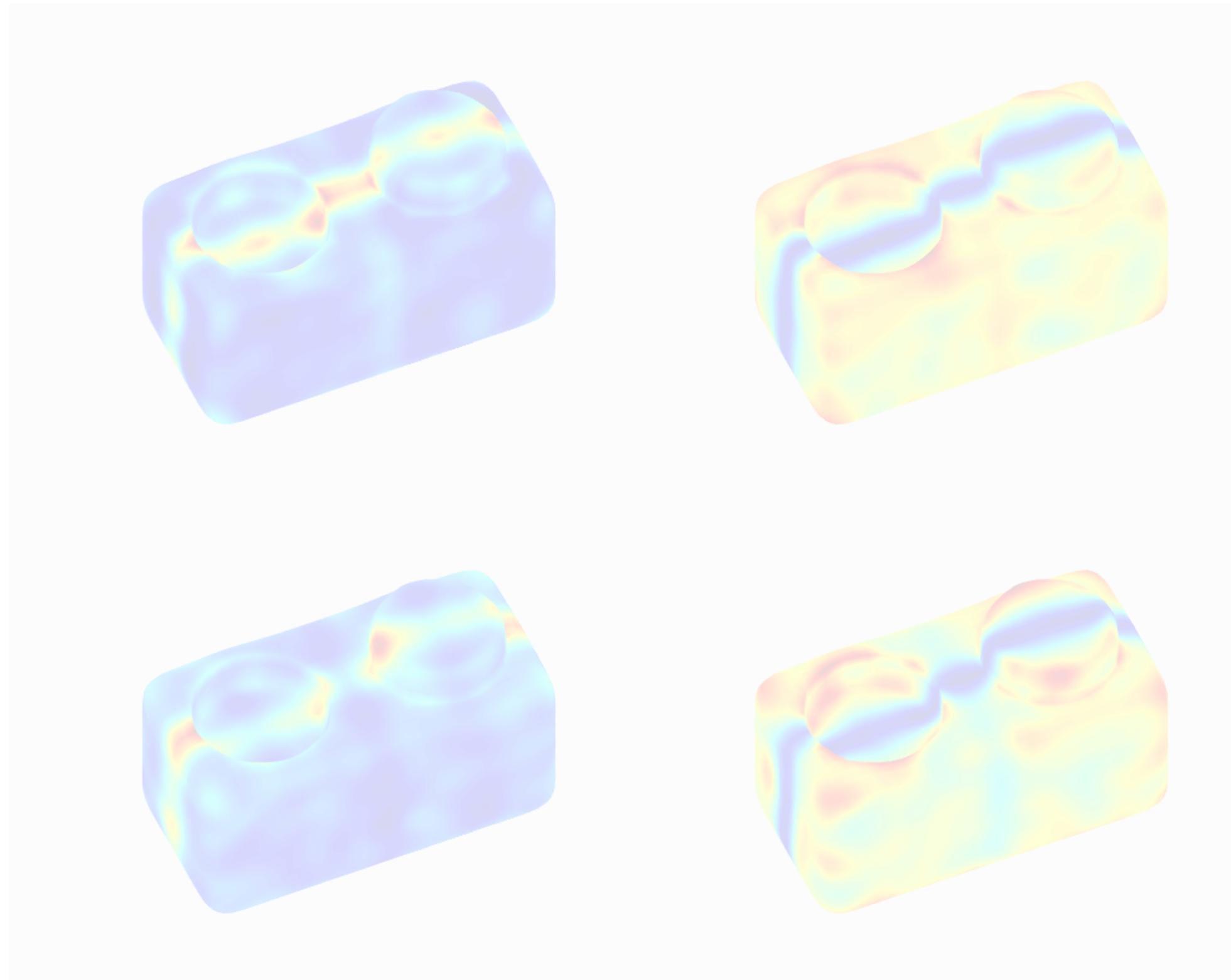
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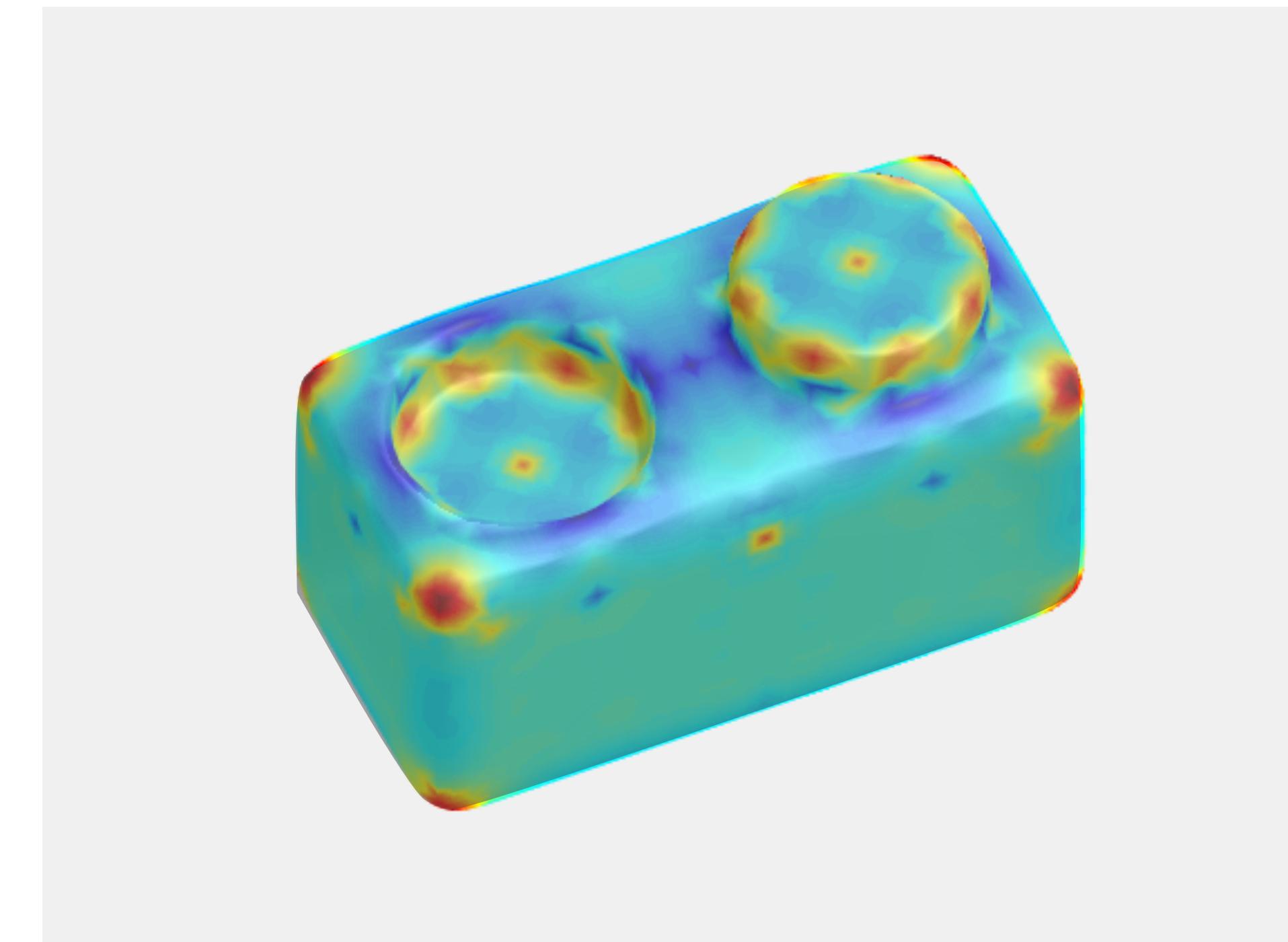
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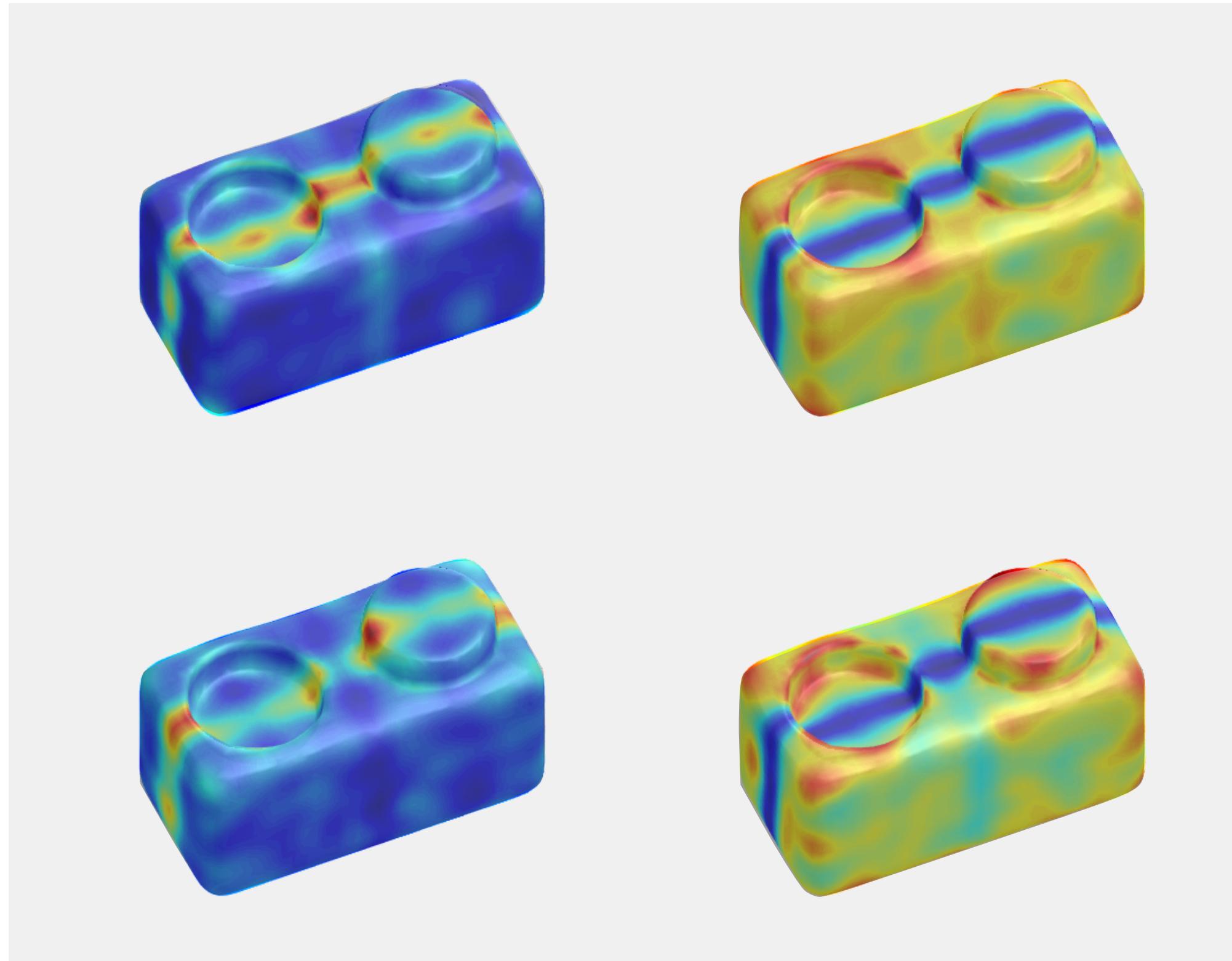
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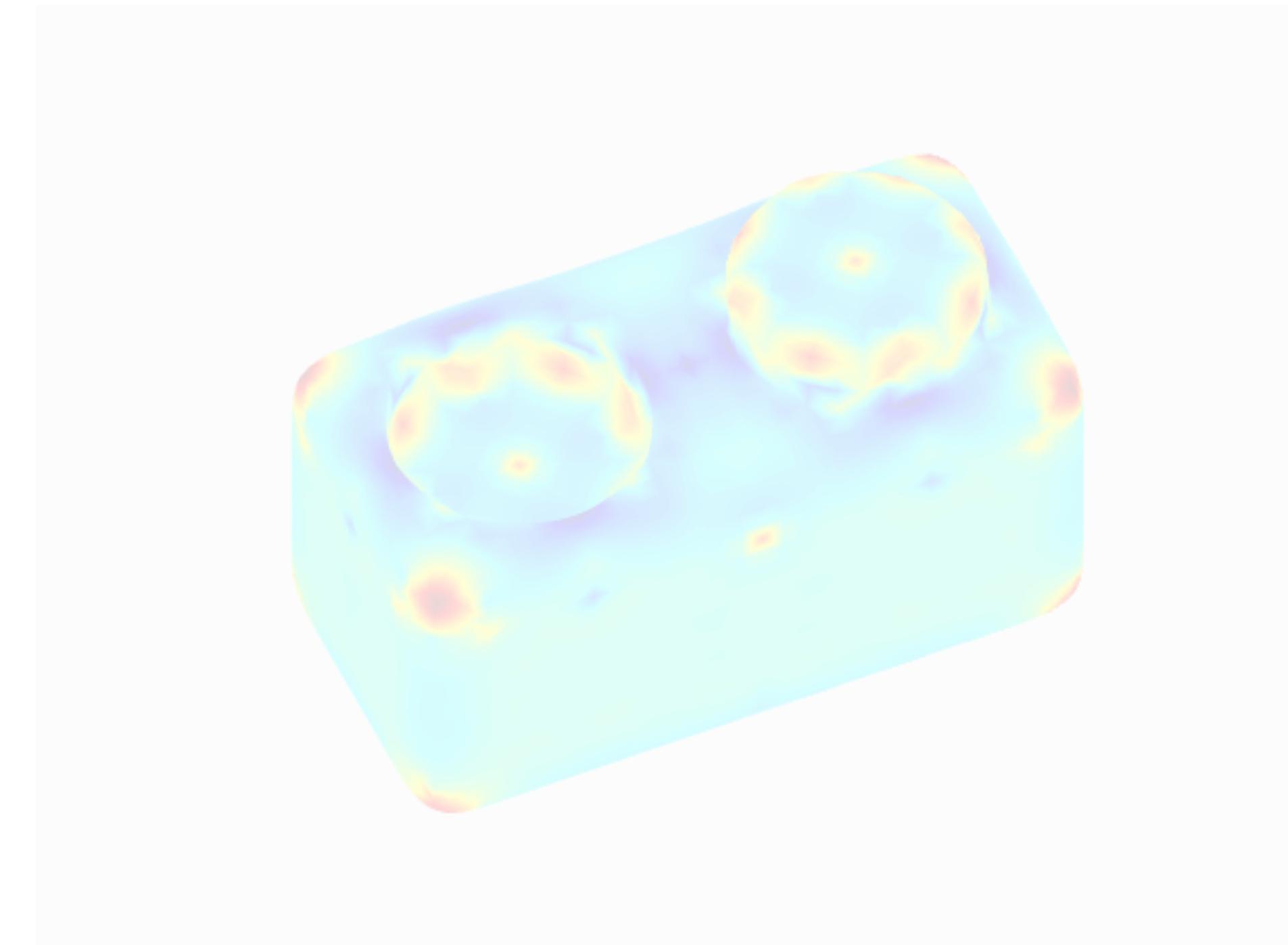
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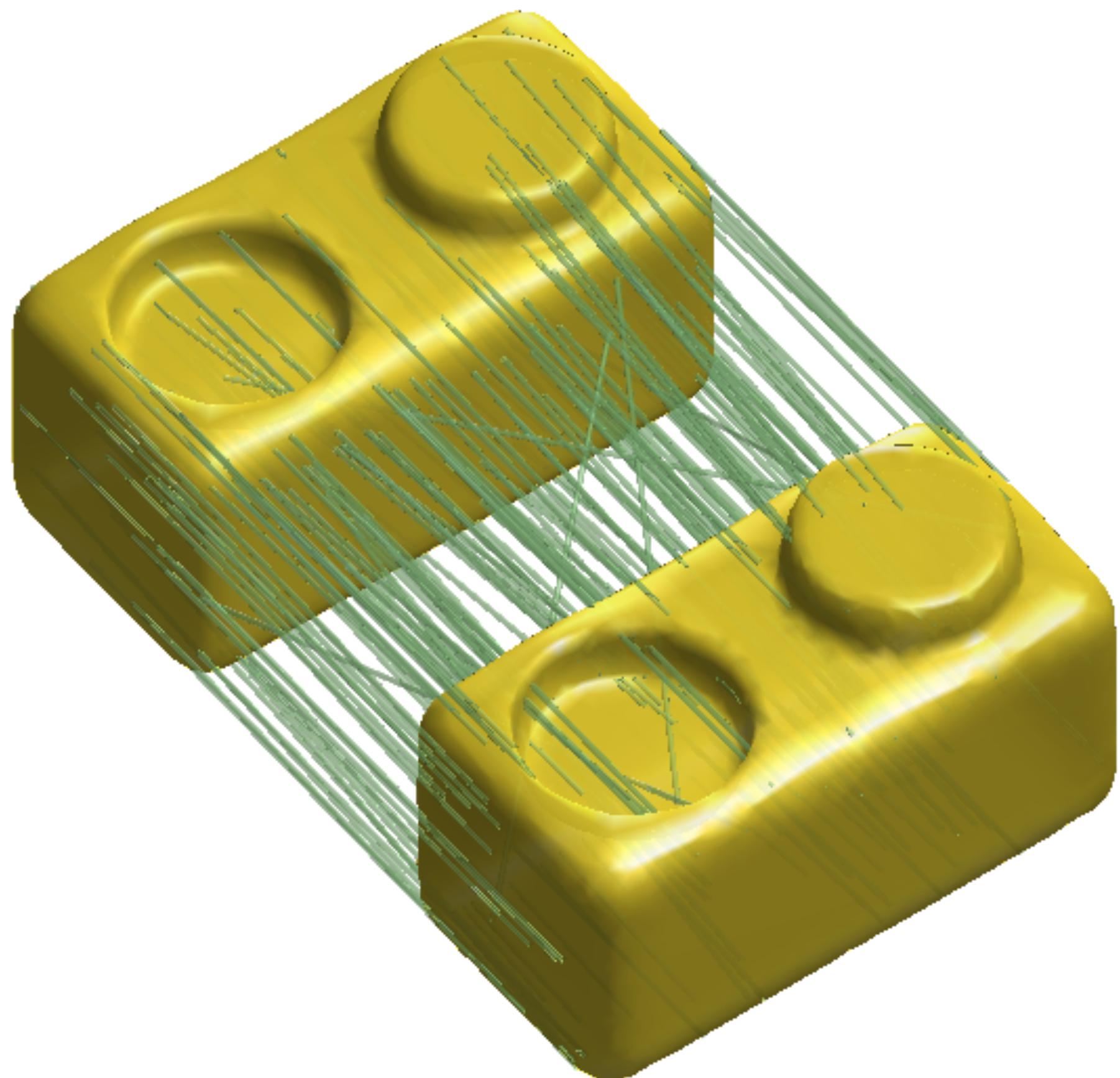


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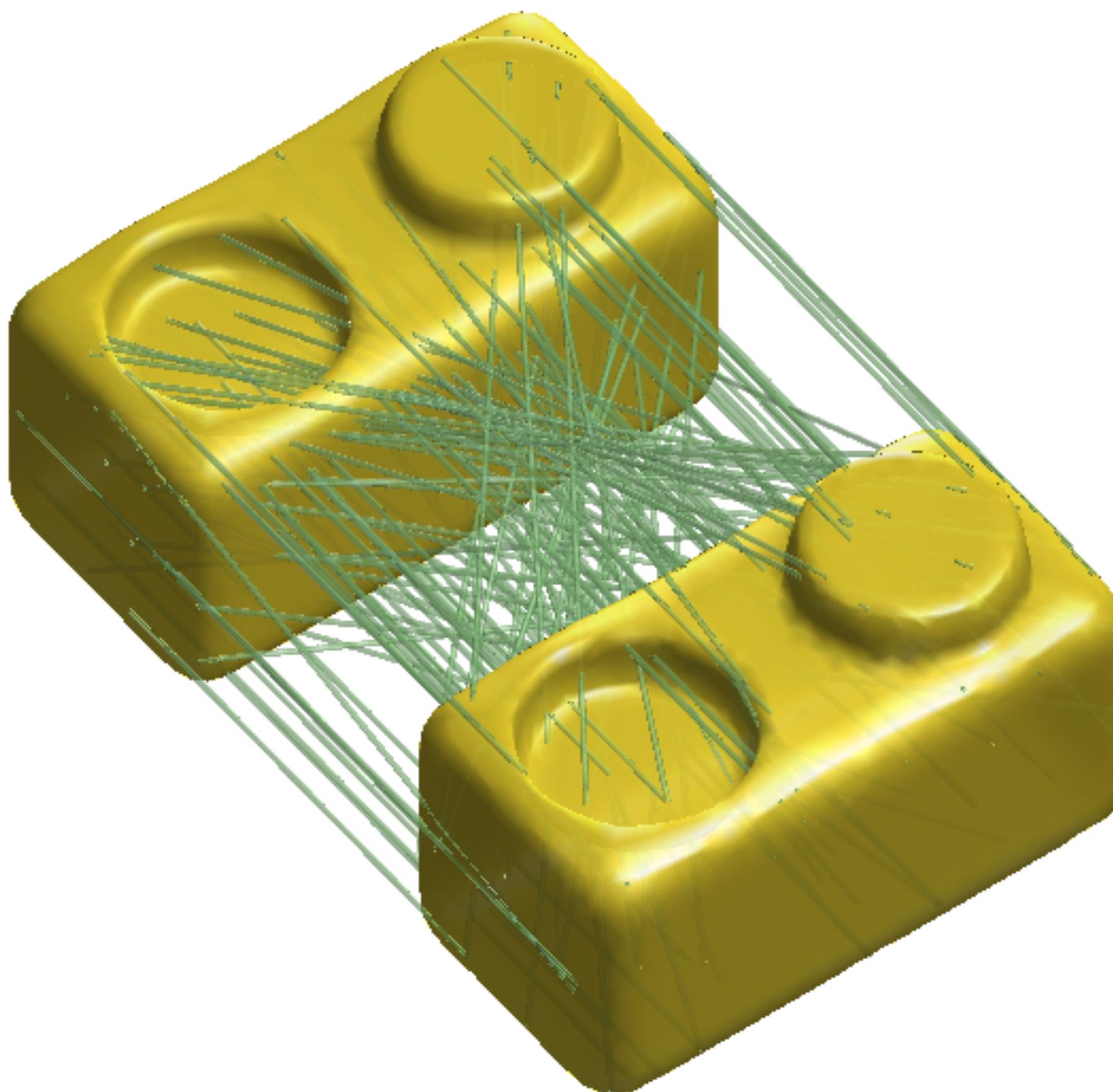


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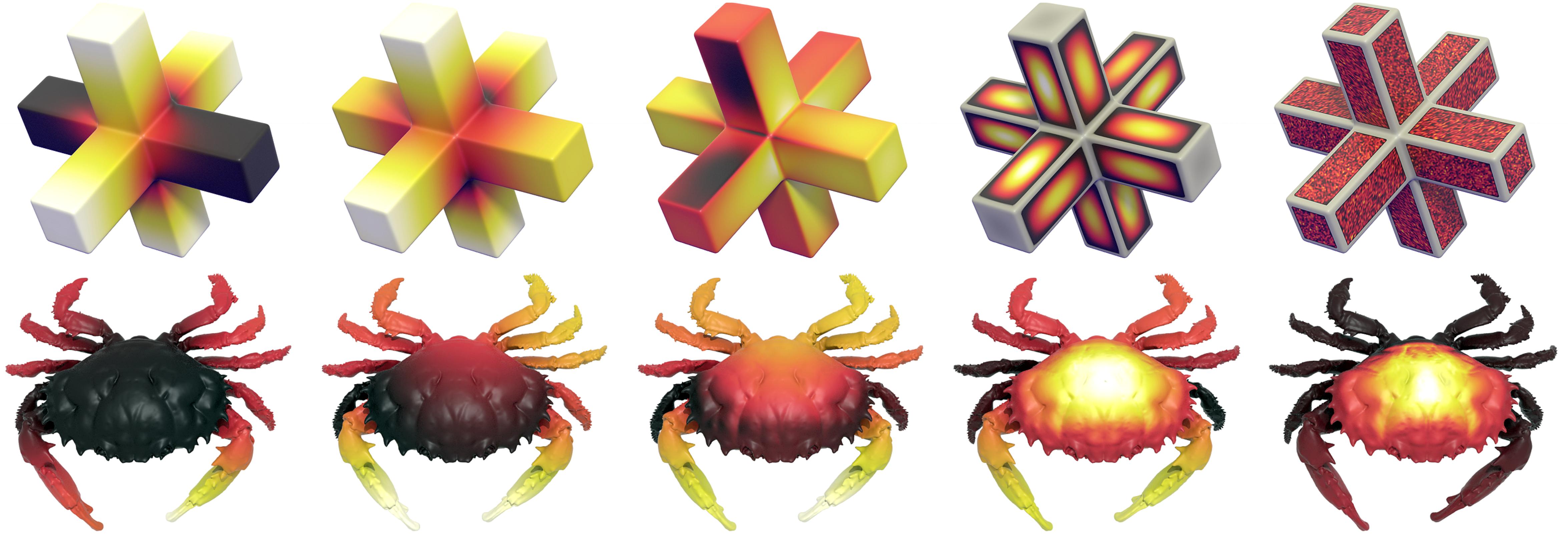
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<https://github.com/alecjacobson/gptoolbox.git>



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