



DIRECTIONAL FIELDS SYNTHESIS, DESIGN, AND PROCESSING

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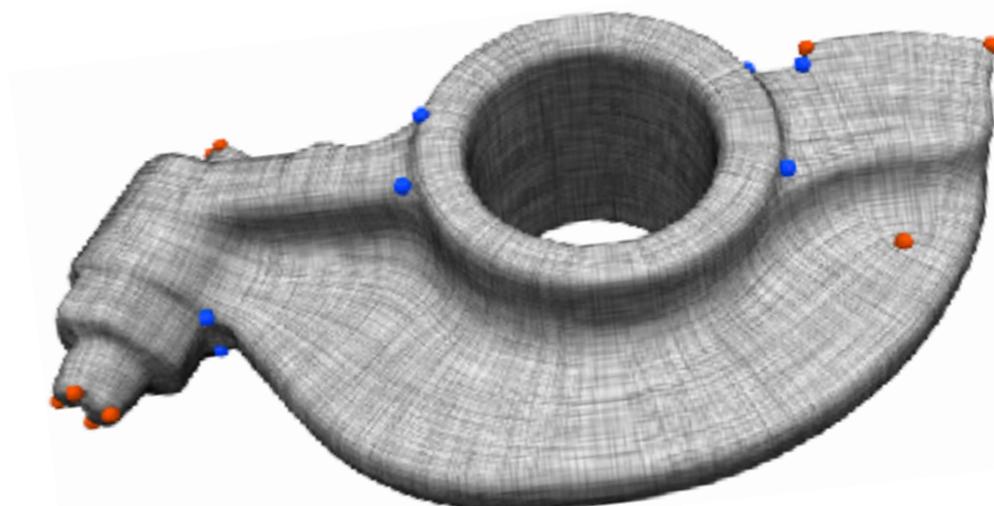
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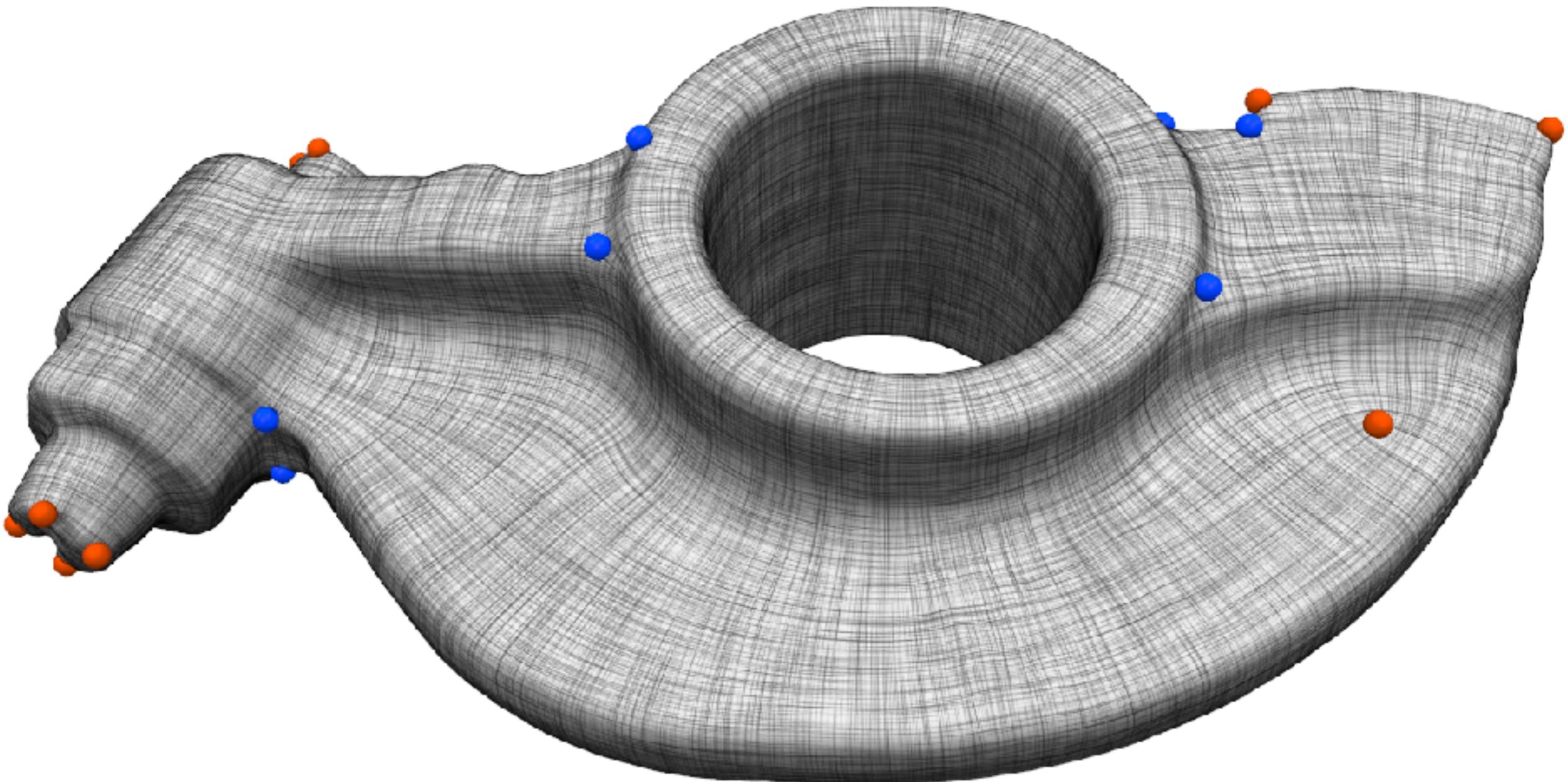
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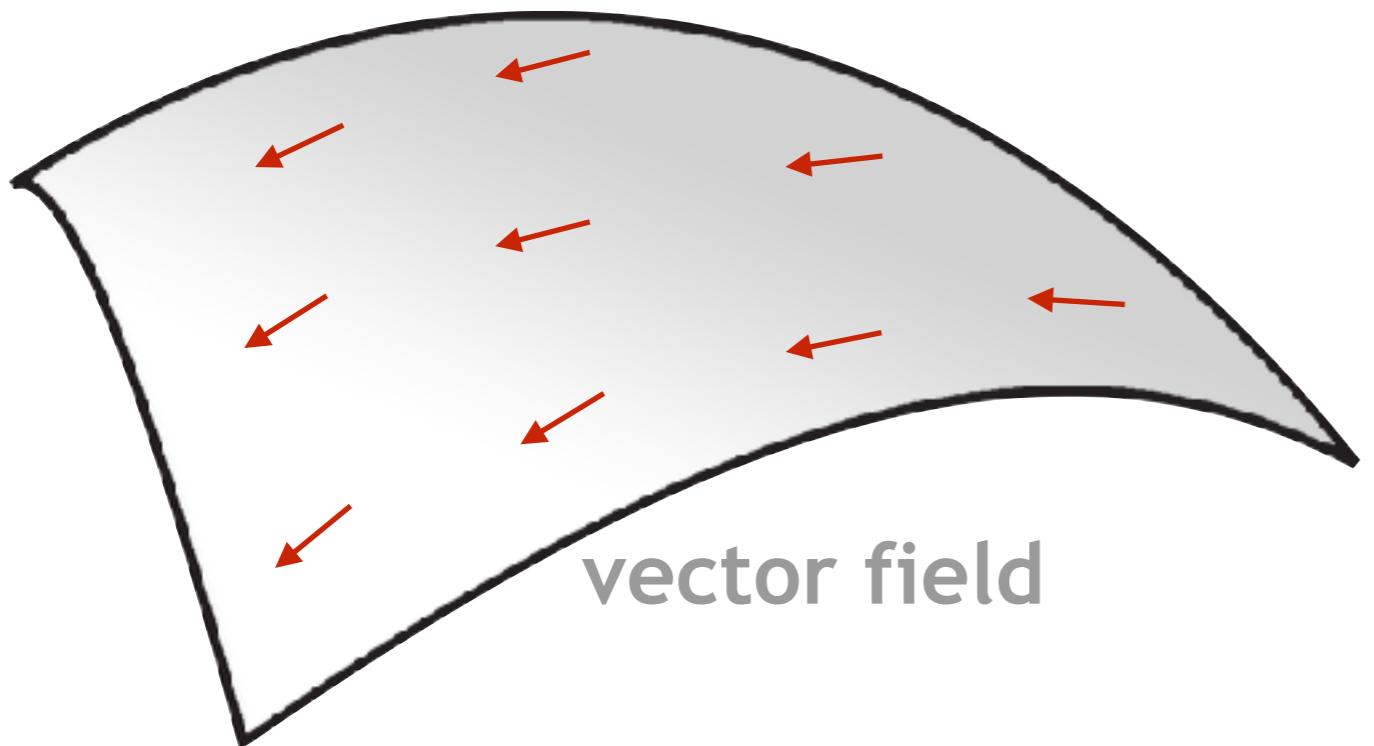


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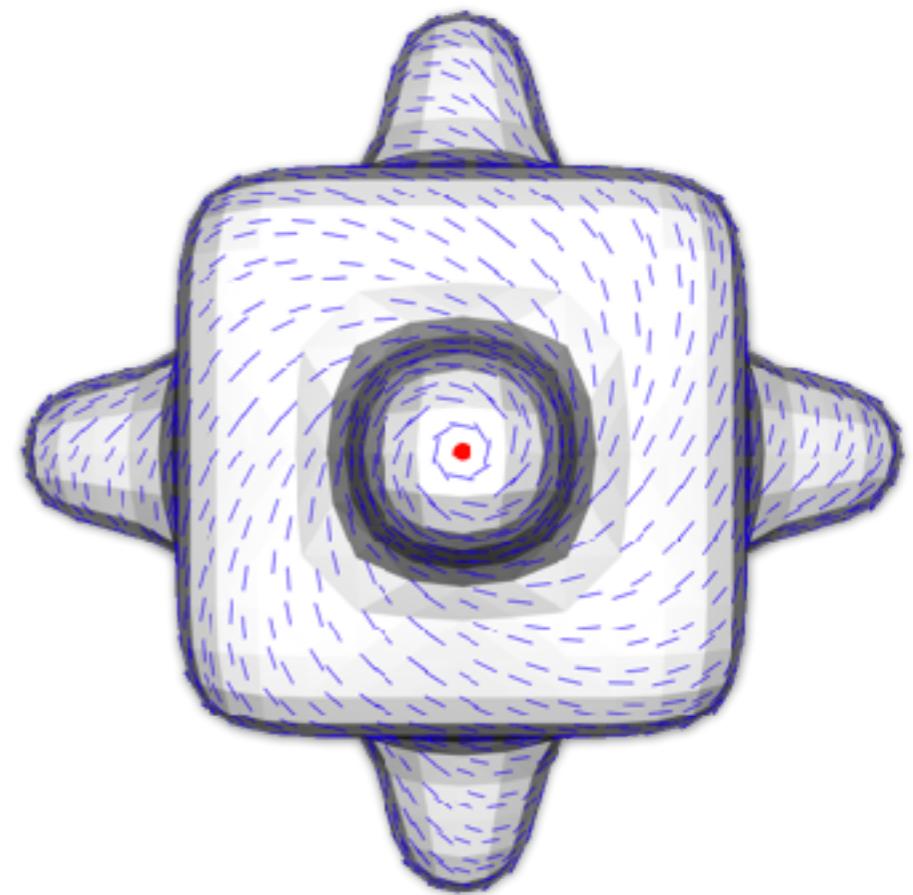
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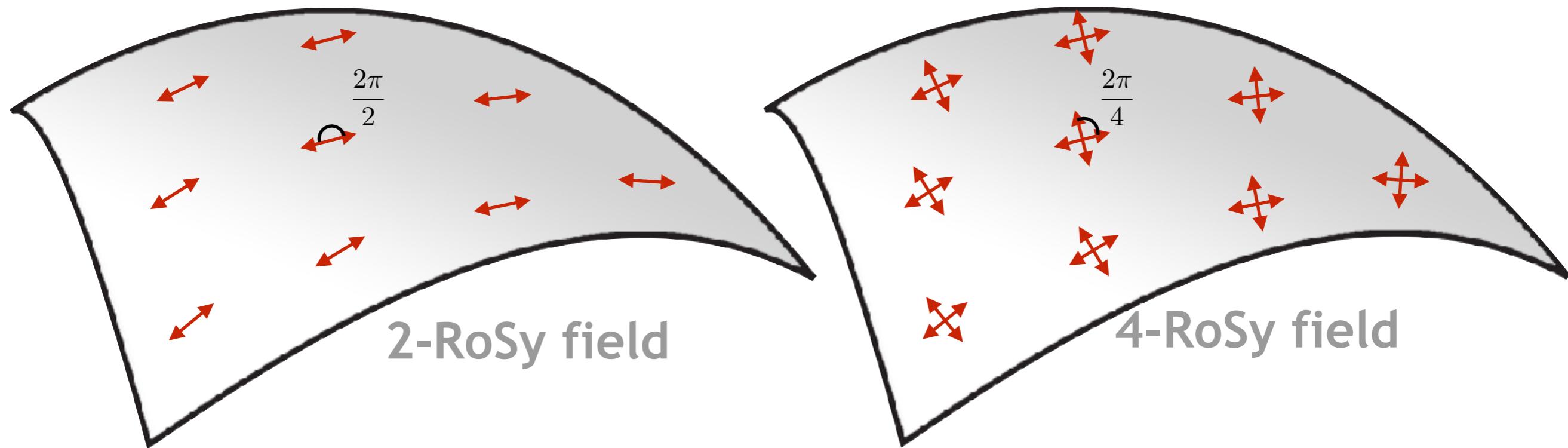
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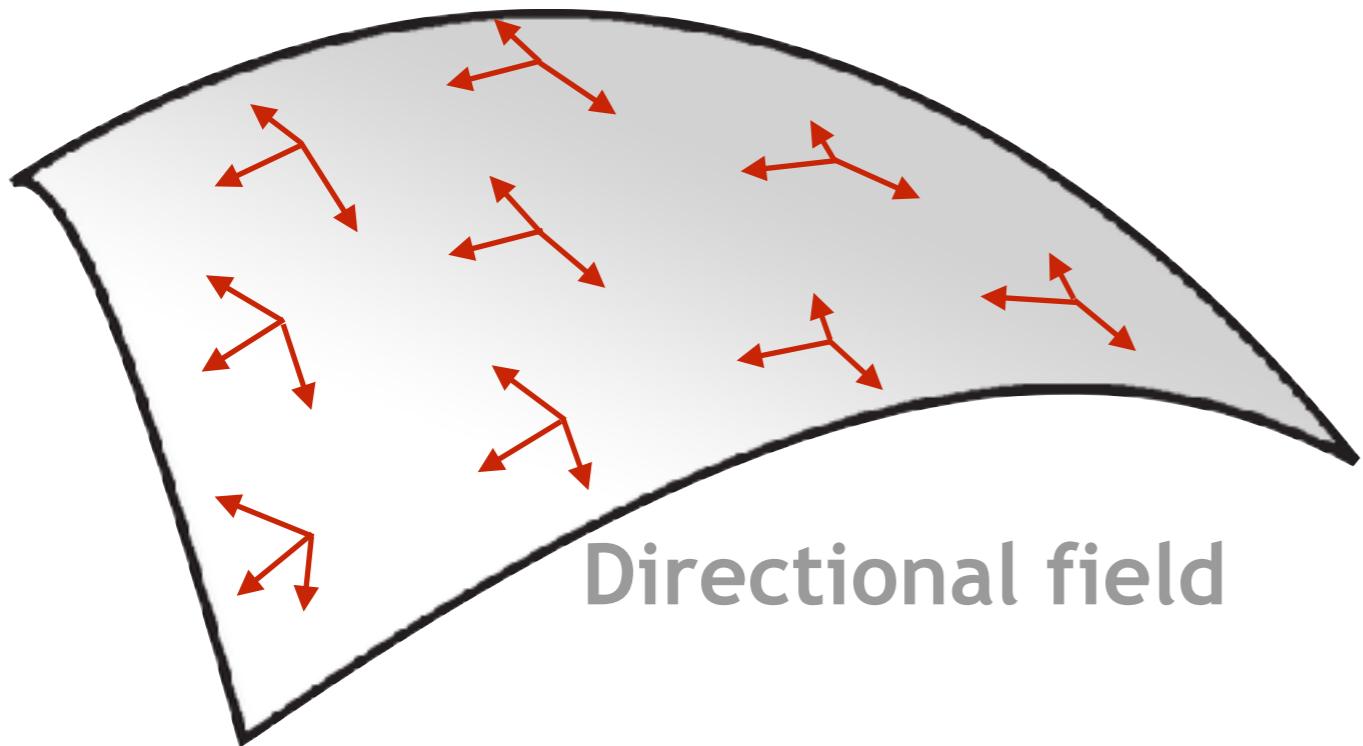
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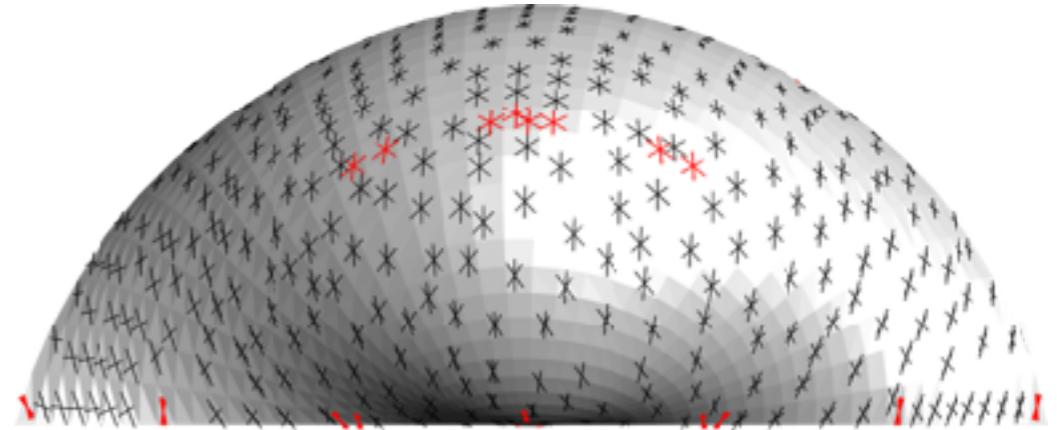
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GENERAL, NON-SYMMETRIC FIELDS



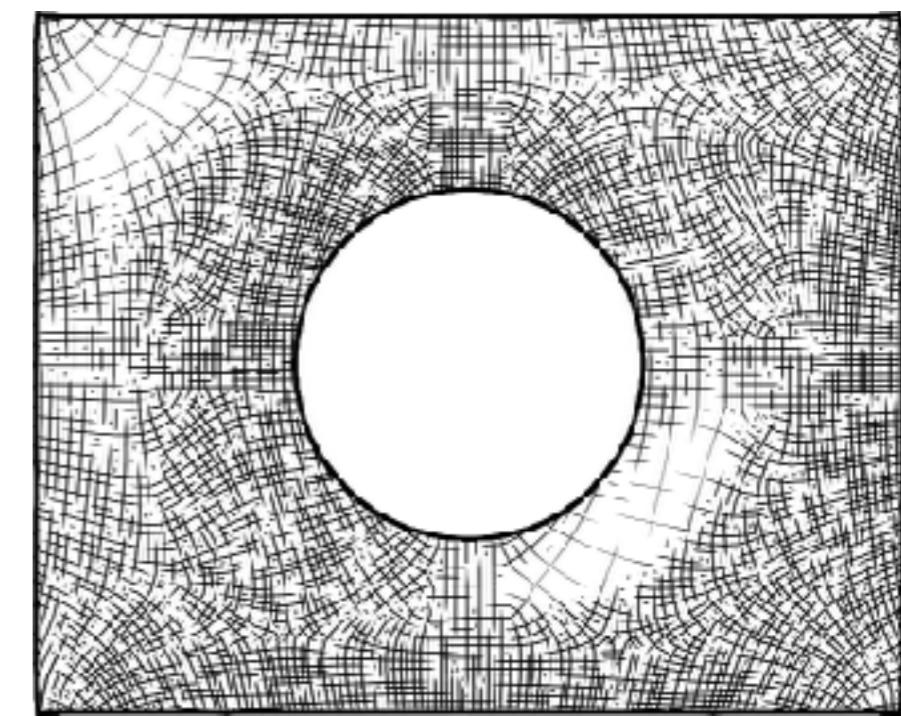
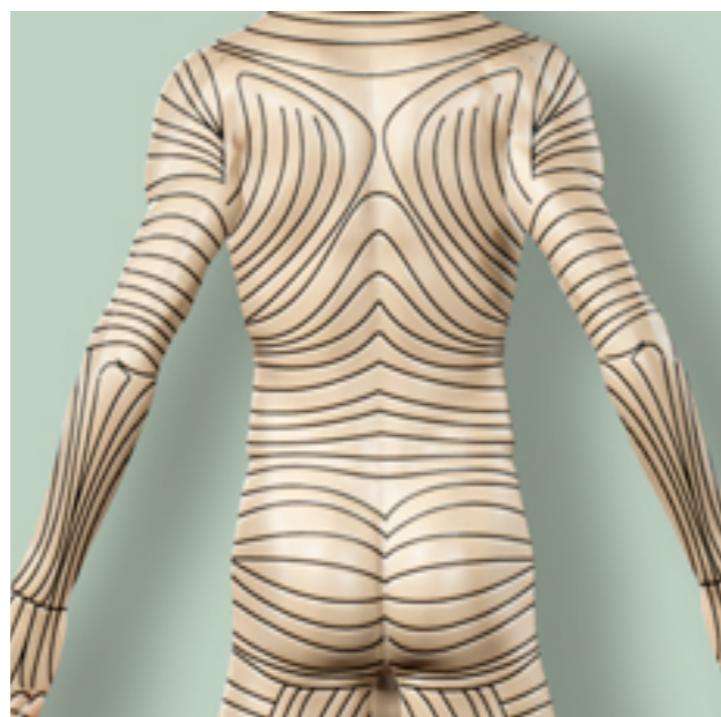
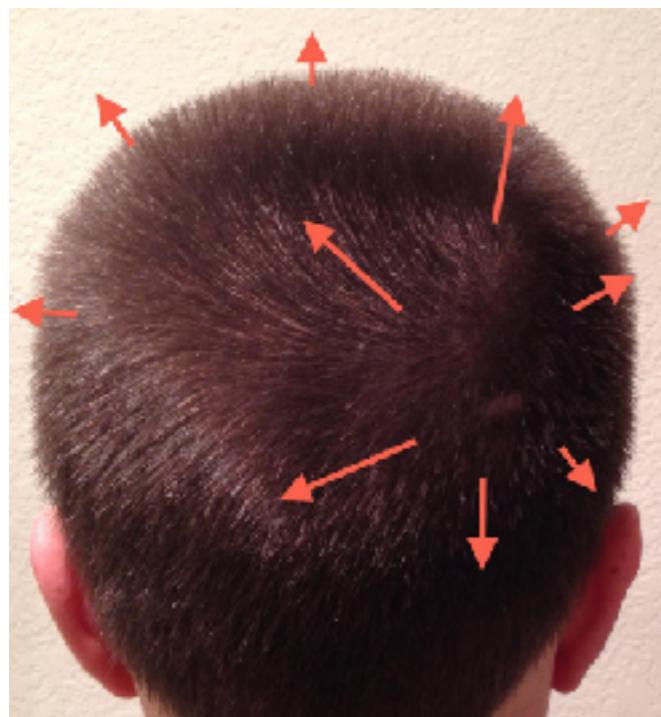
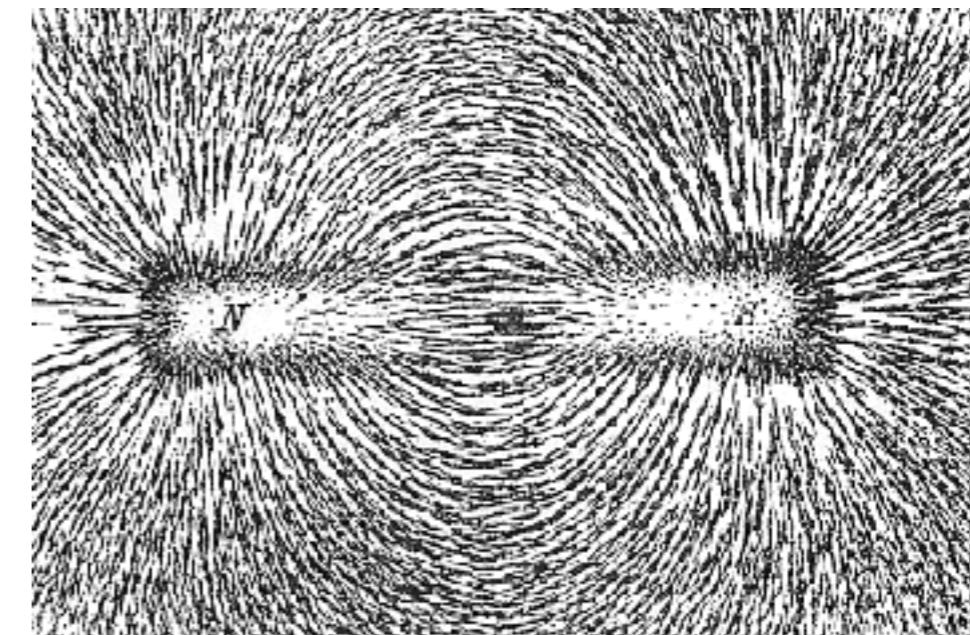
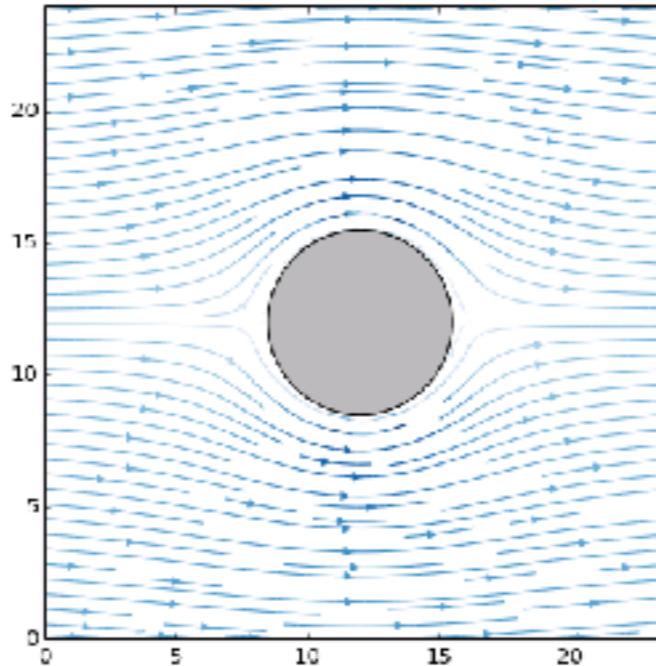
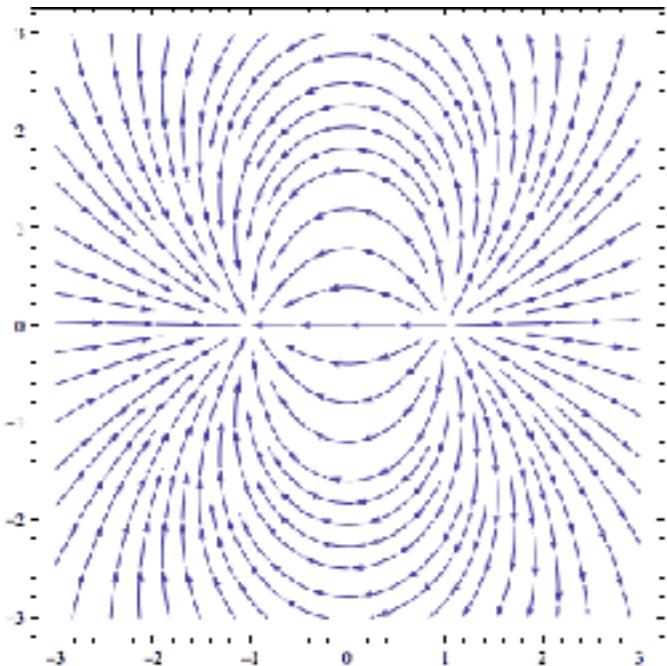
Directional field



How do we create and analyze such fields?

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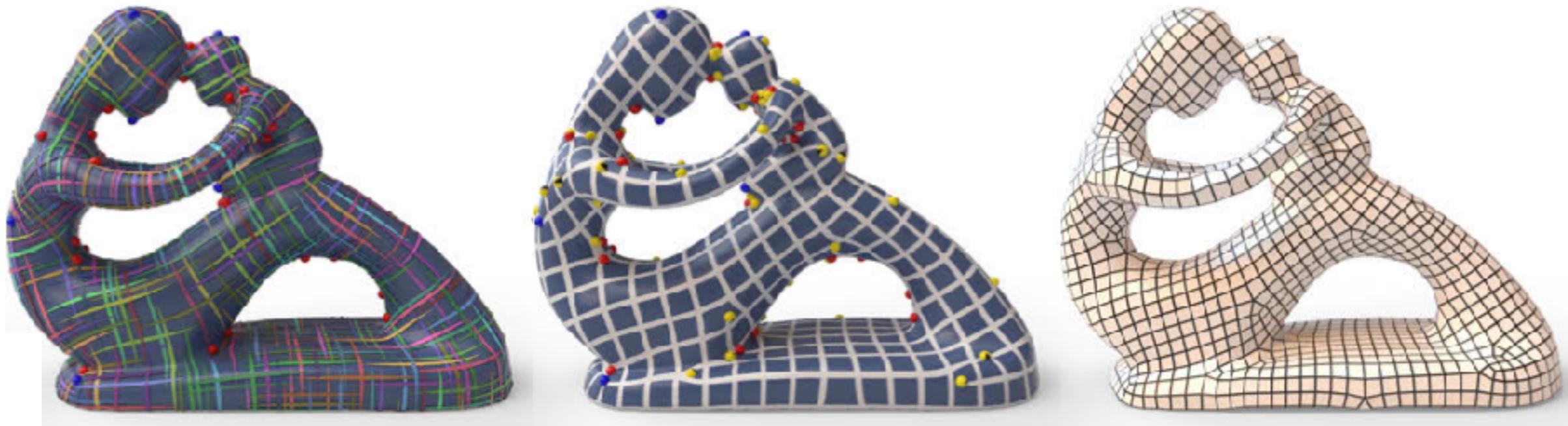
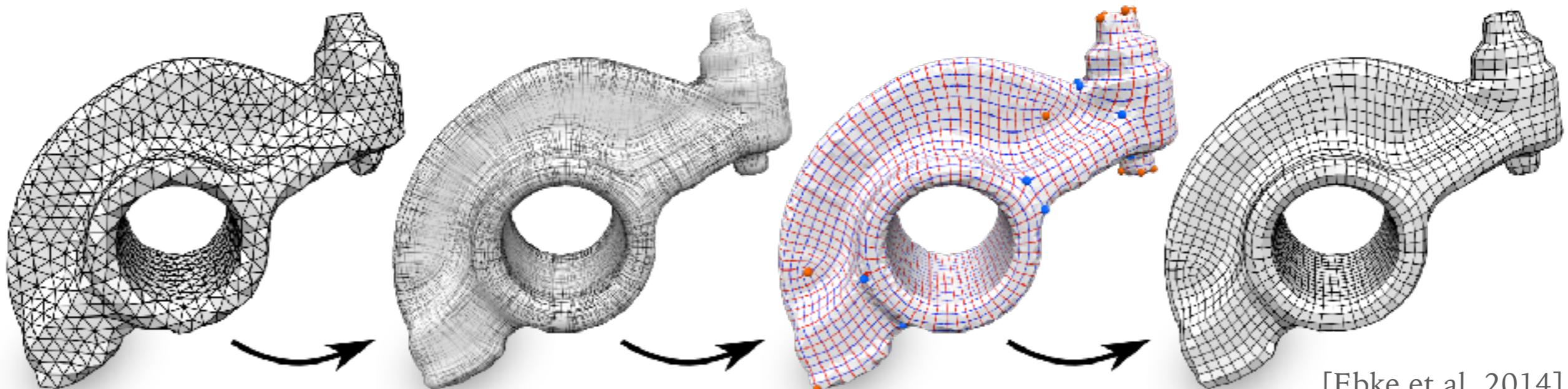
- Appearance in nature



[Pietroni et al. 2015]

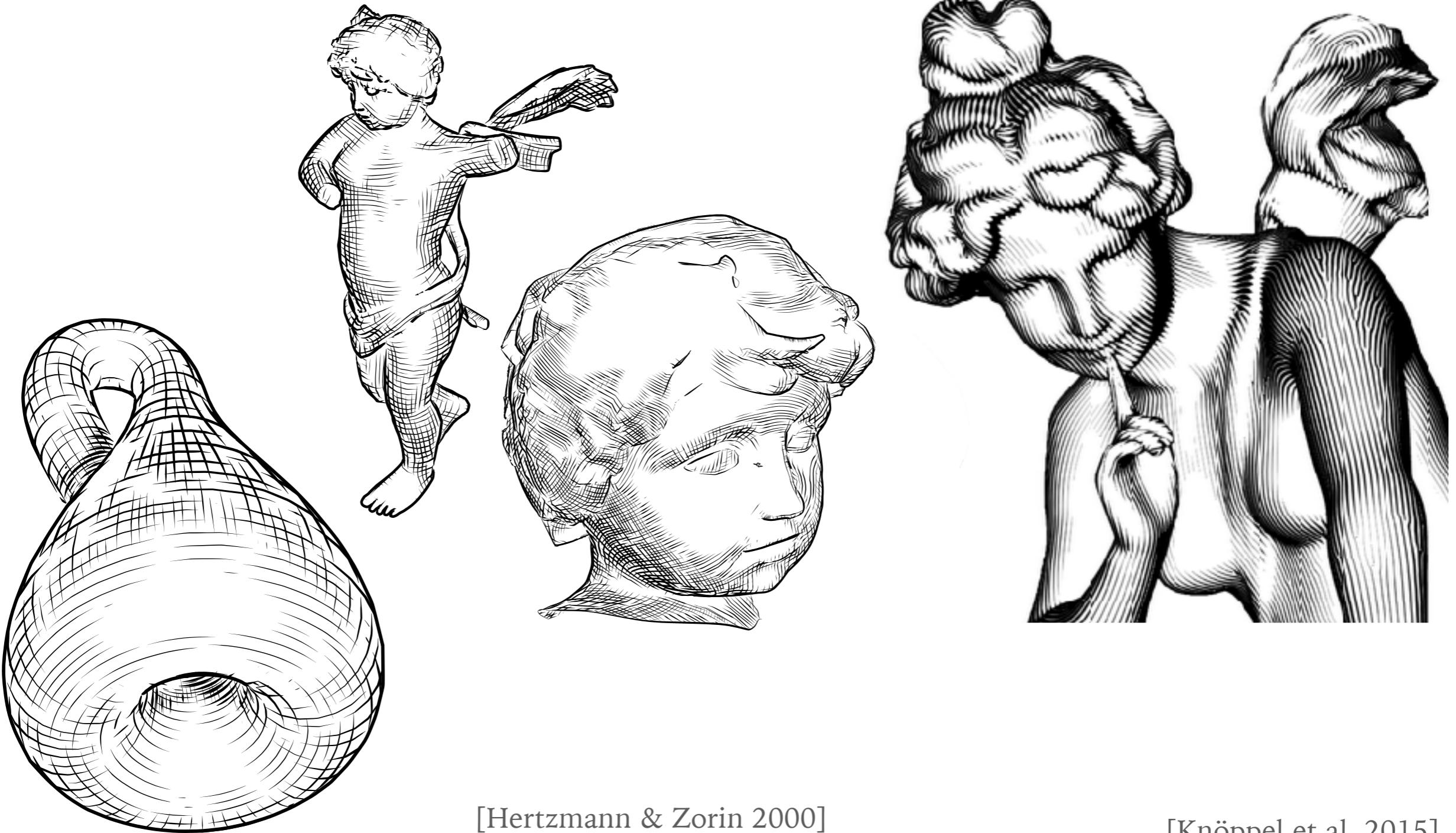
APPLICATION EXAMPLES

- Meshing



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- Illustration

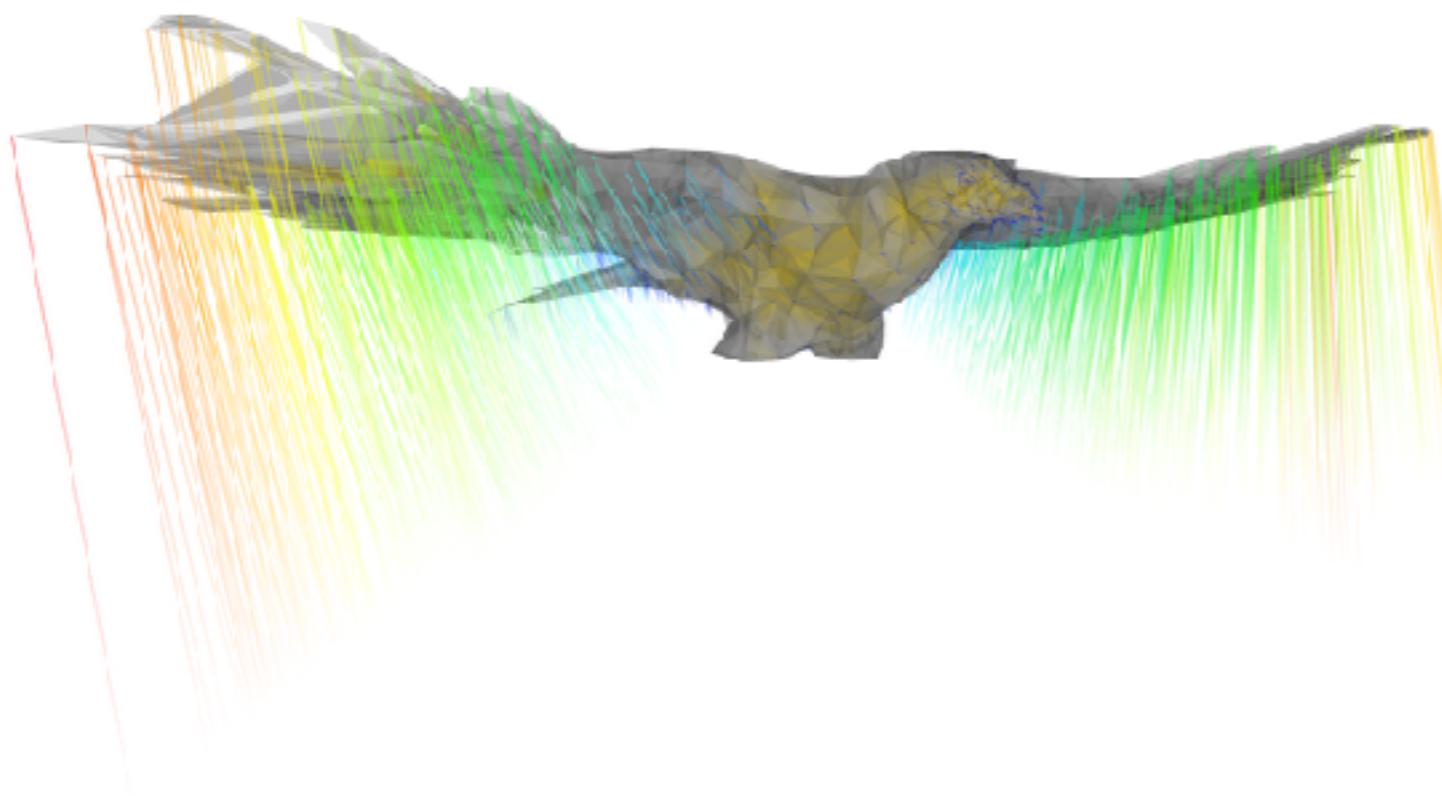


[Hertzmann & Zorin 2000]

[Knöppel et al. 2015]

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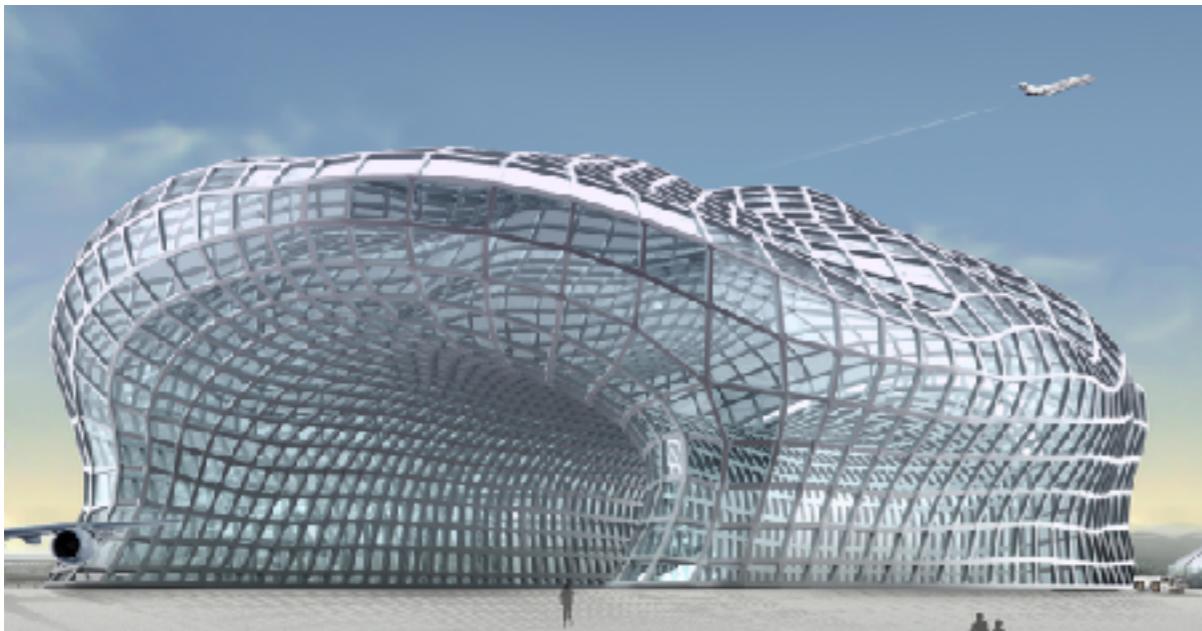
- Deformation



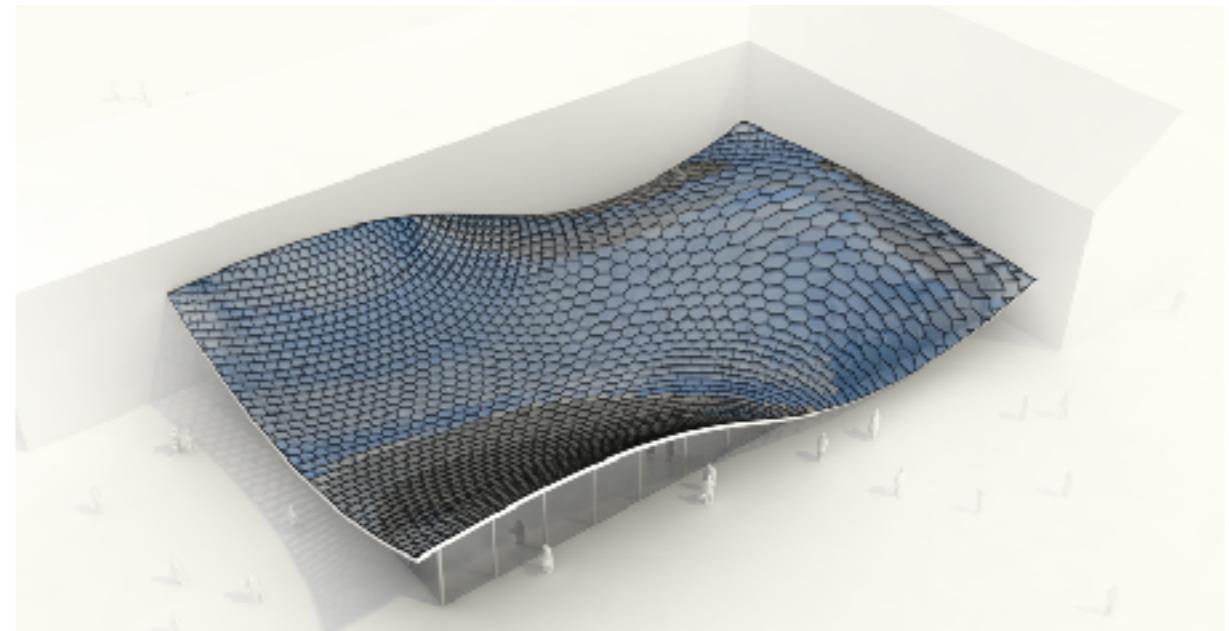
[Martinez Esturo et al. 2014]

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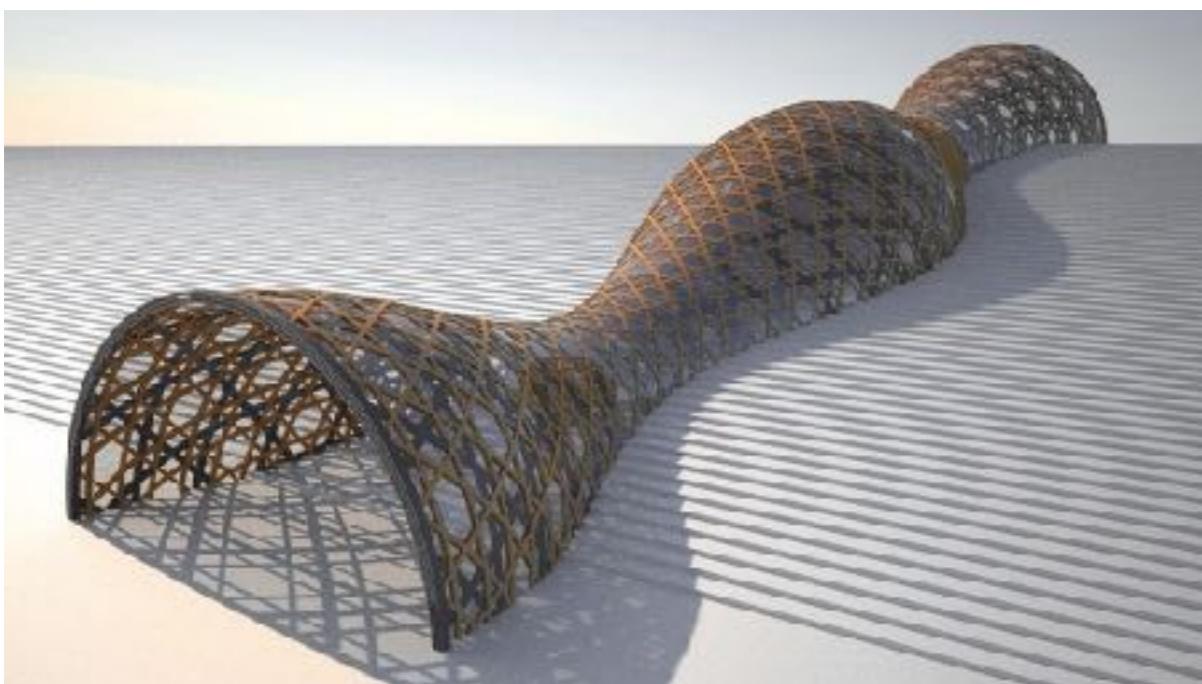
- Architecture



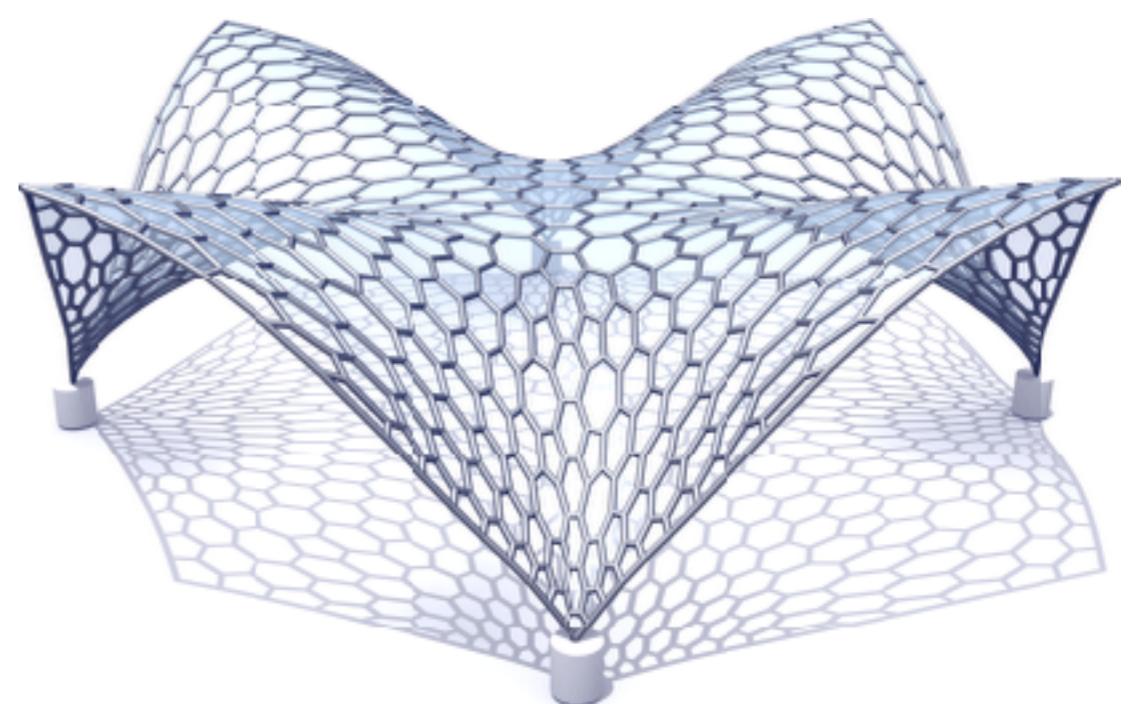
[Liu et al. 2011]



[Vaxman et al. 2015]



[Pottmann et al. 2010]



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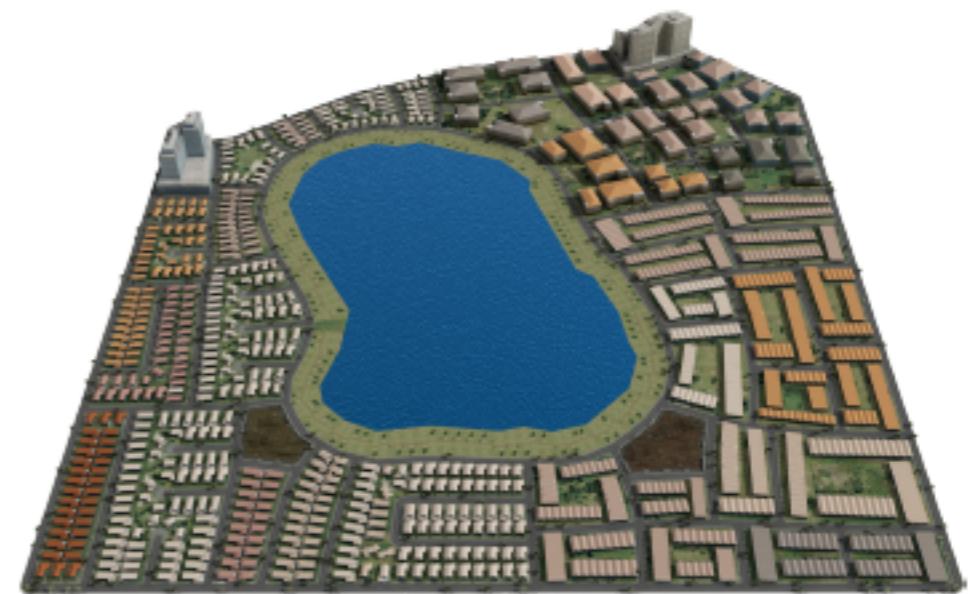
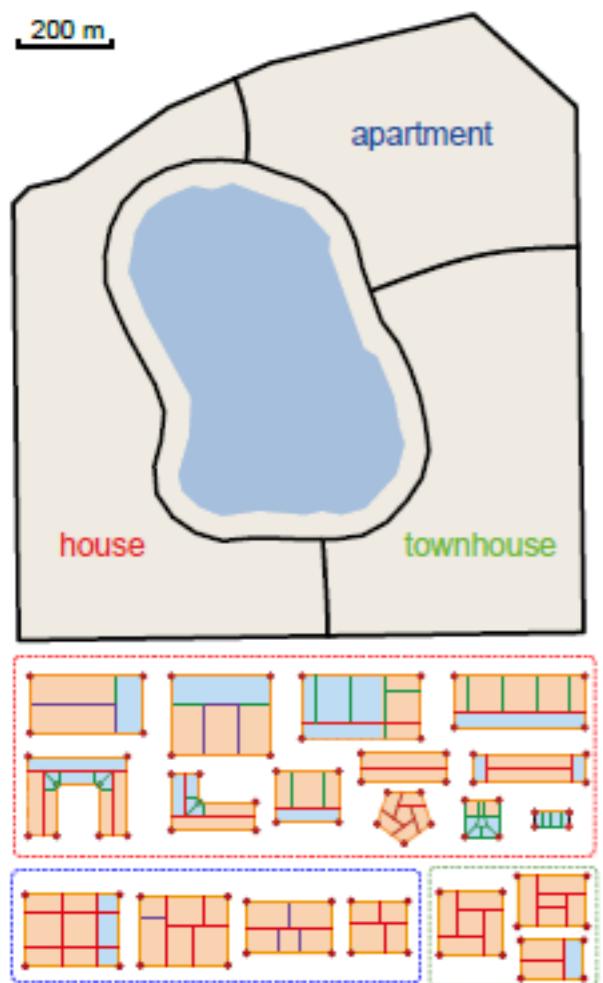
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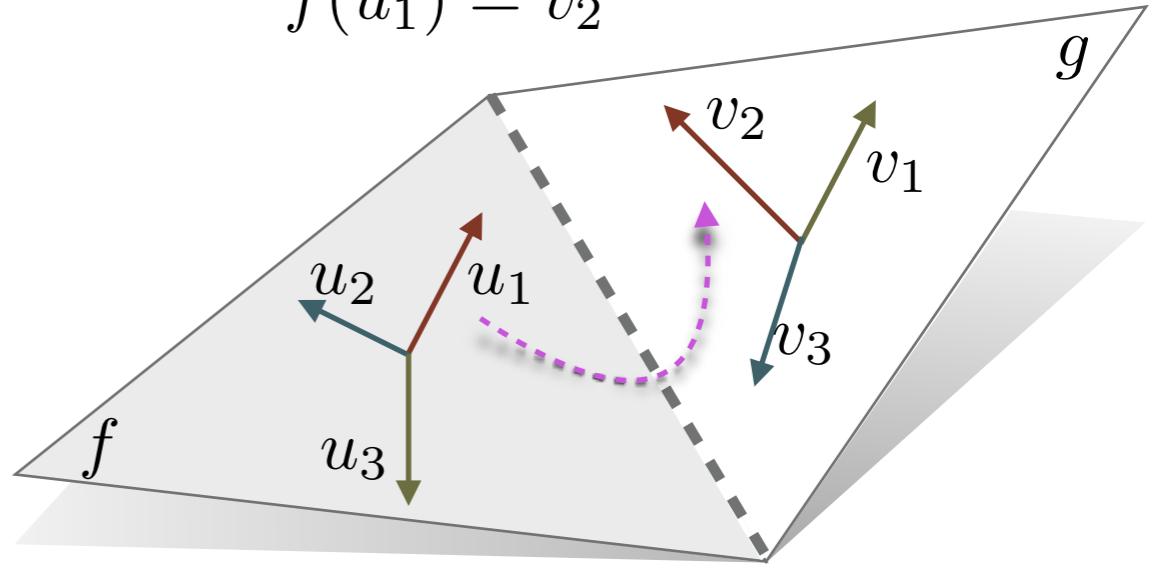
[Ferreira et al. 2013]

URBAN PLANNING



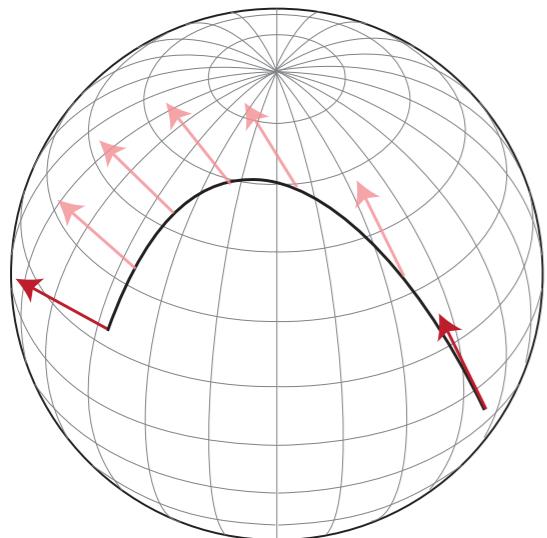
[Yang et al. 2013]

$$f(u_1) = v_2$$

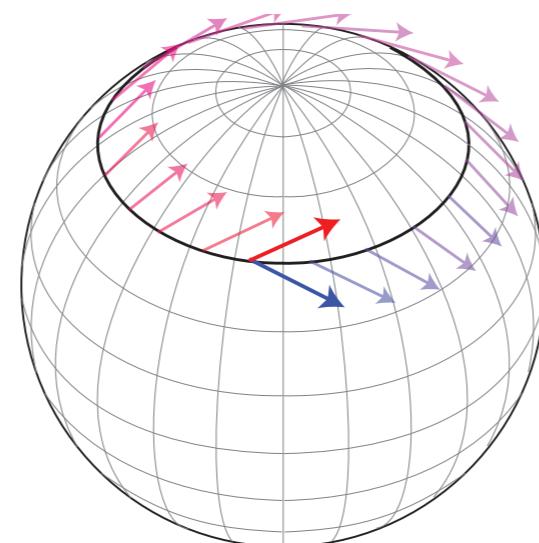


DISCRETIZATION

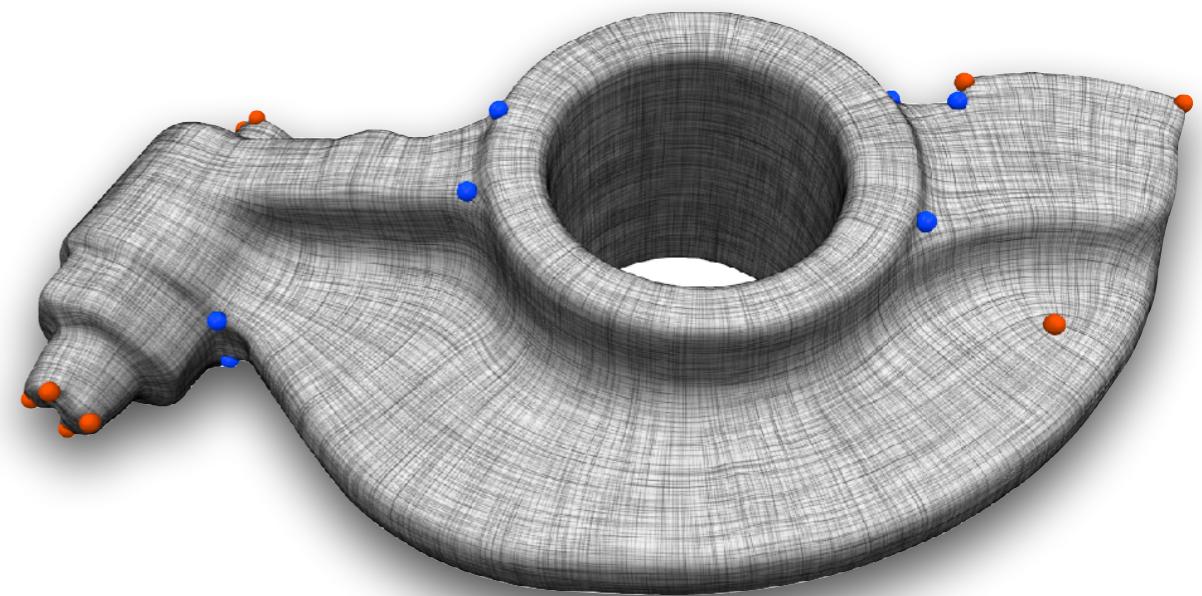
ALL IS WELL KNOWN IN THE CONTINUUM



Parallel Transport

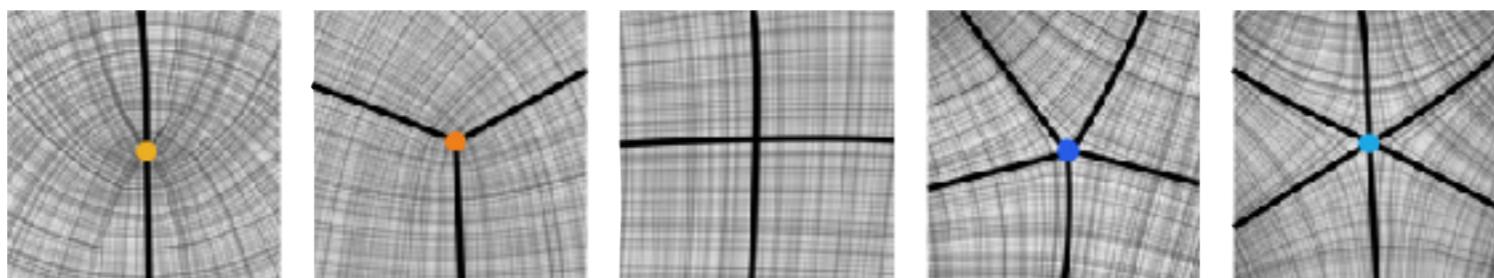


Holonomy



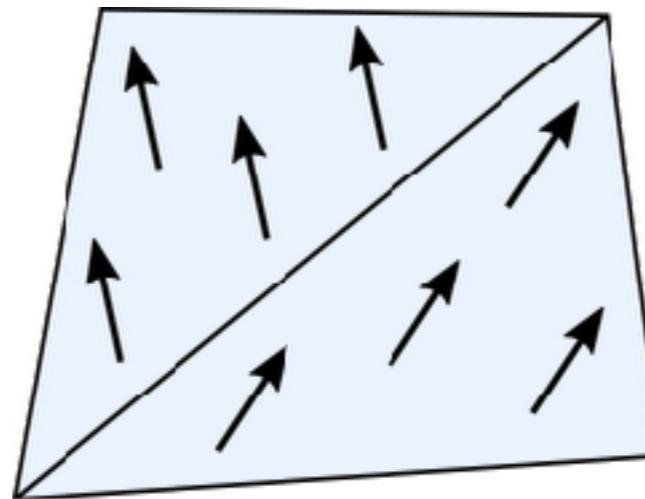
Poincare-Hopf Theorem

Singularities

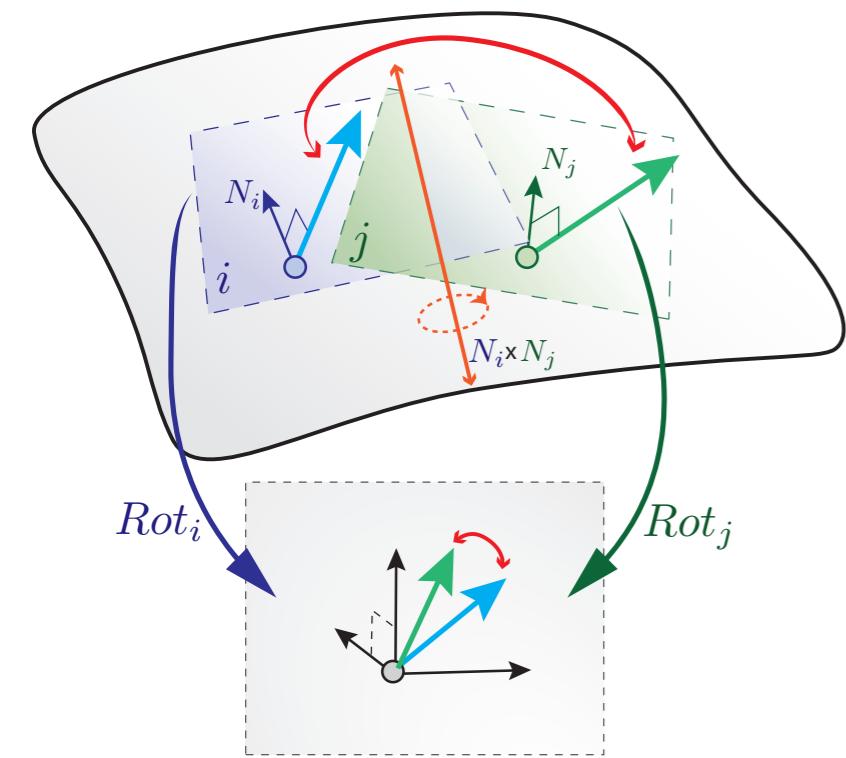


CHALLENGES IN THE DISCRETE SETTING

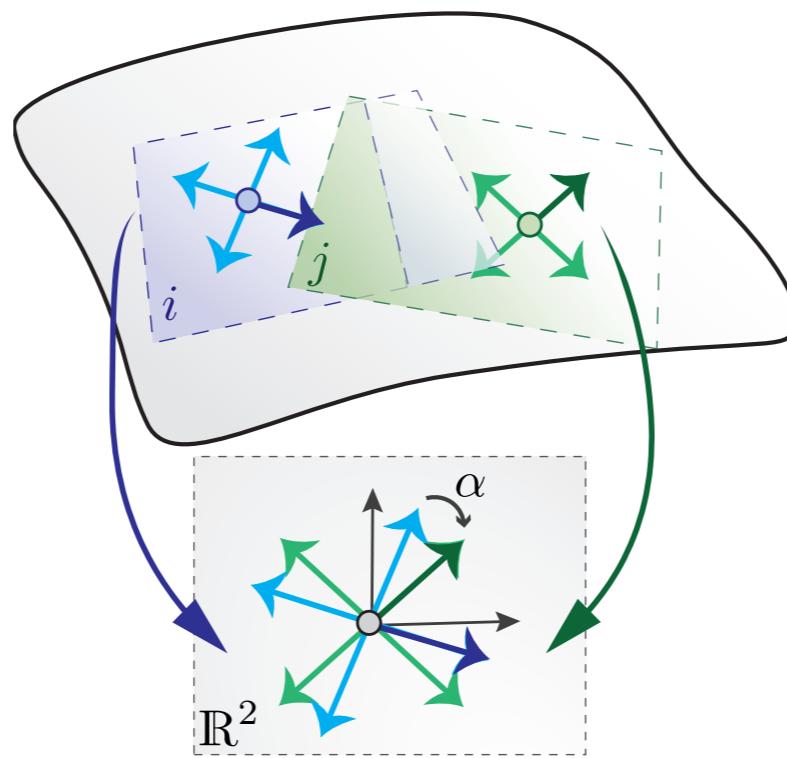
Discontinuity



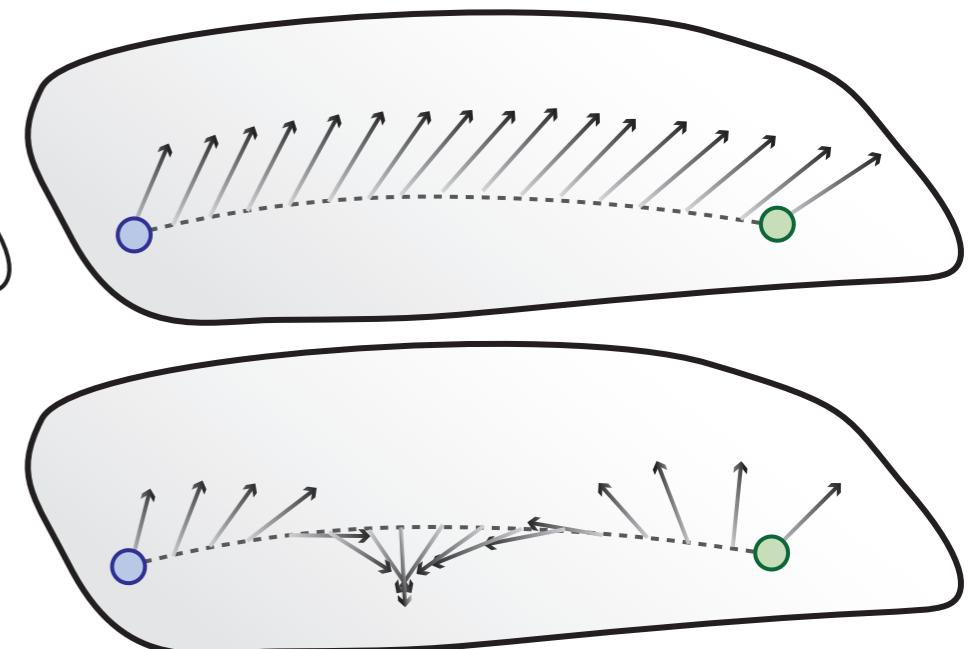
Connection



Matching

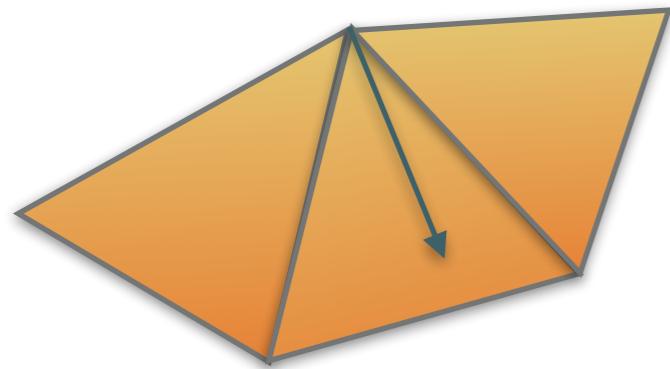


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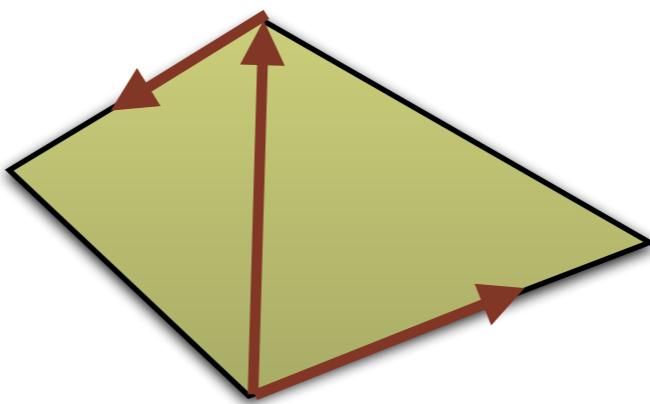


TANGENT SPACES

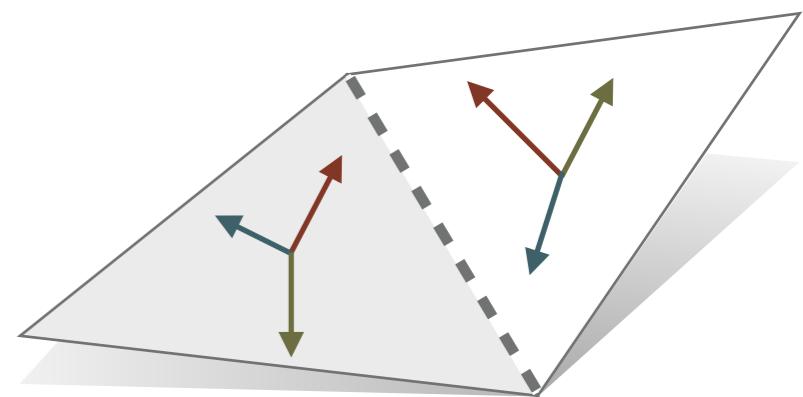
Vertex based



Edge based



Face based



[Polthier and Schmies 98]

[Zhang *et al.* 2006]

[Knöppel *et al.* 2013]

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[Ben-Chen *et al.* 2010]

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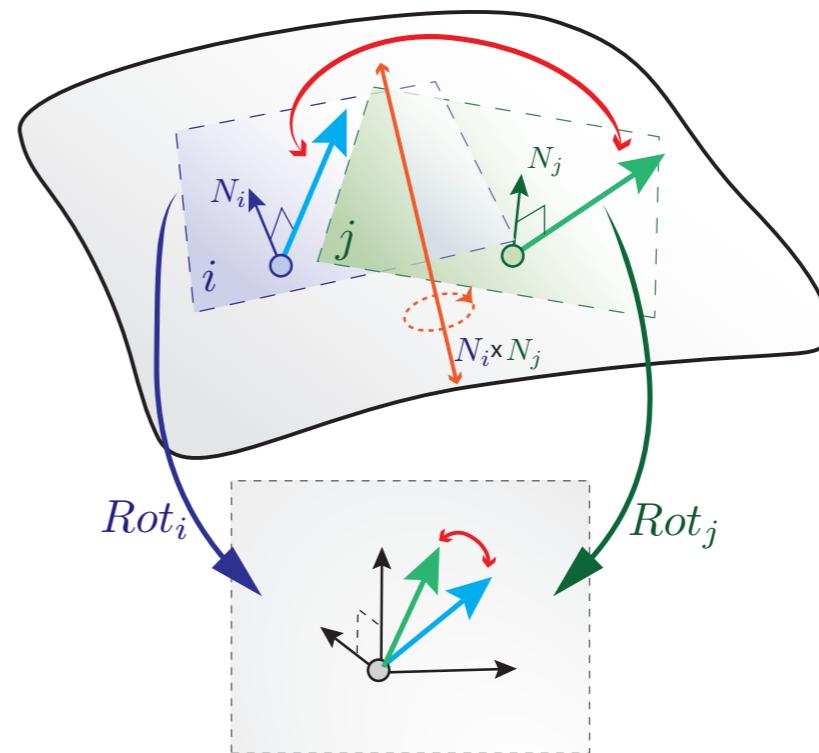
[Diamanti *et al.* 2014]

*Choice of tangent space and differential implications: see [deGoes *et al.* 2016].*

DISCRETE CONNECTION

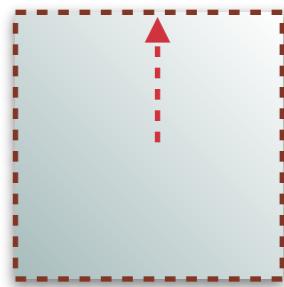
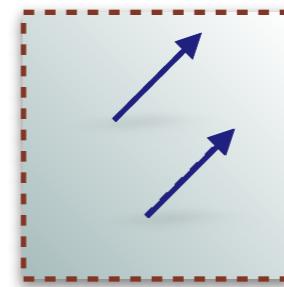
- Bijective linear map between adjacent tangent spaces.
- Popular choice: flattening + single axis system.

[Ray *et al.* 2008]
[Crane *et al.* 2010]
[Knöppel and Pinkall 2015]



DISCRETE TOPOLOGY: ROTATION

- What happens in between?
- Valid **rotation** choices:



$$\delta_{ij} = \frac{\pi}{4} + 2\pi k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

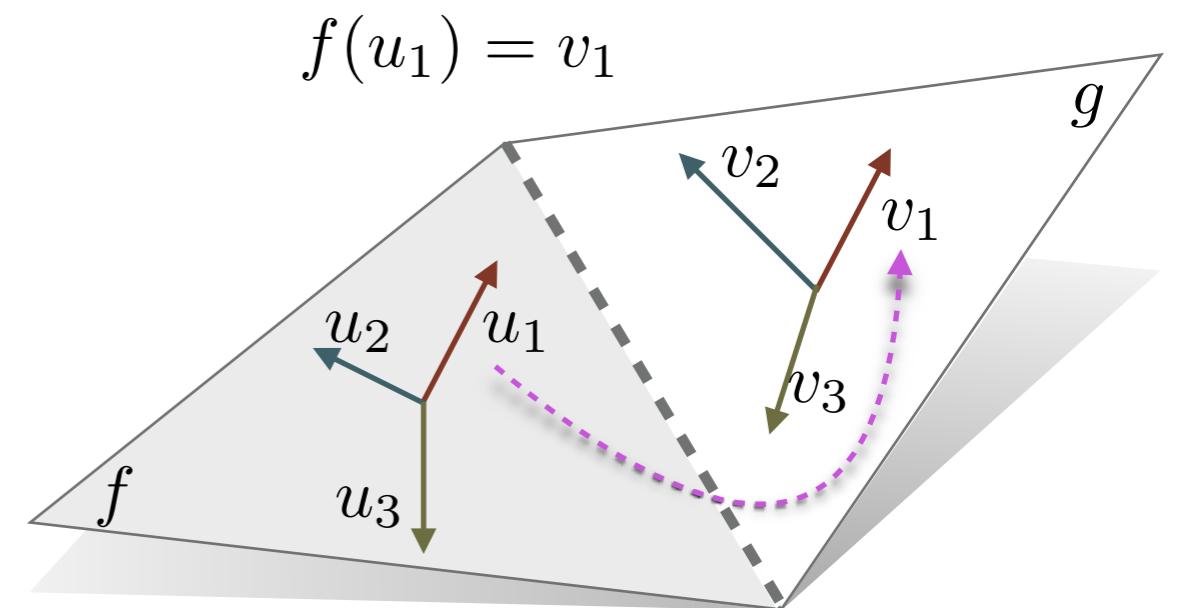
Principal Rotation *Period Jump*

[Li *et al.* 2006]

- Implicit/Cartesian: can only assume principal.
- Explicit/polar/angle-based: period given.

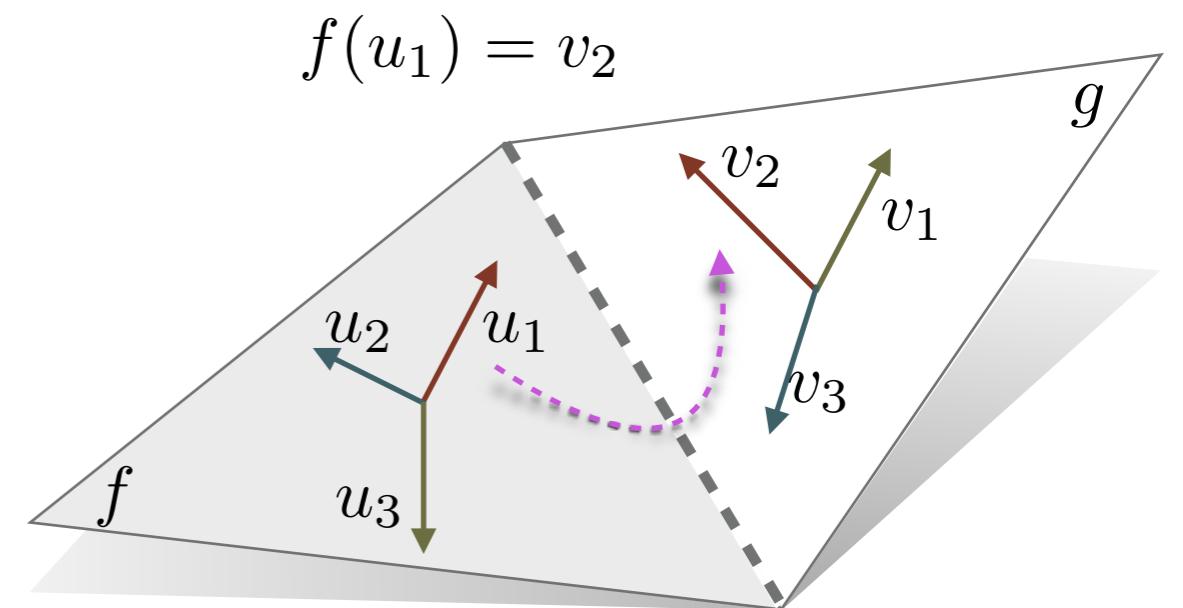
MATCHING

- Which direction to which other?
- Reduction: order-preserving. [Diamanti *et al.* 2014]
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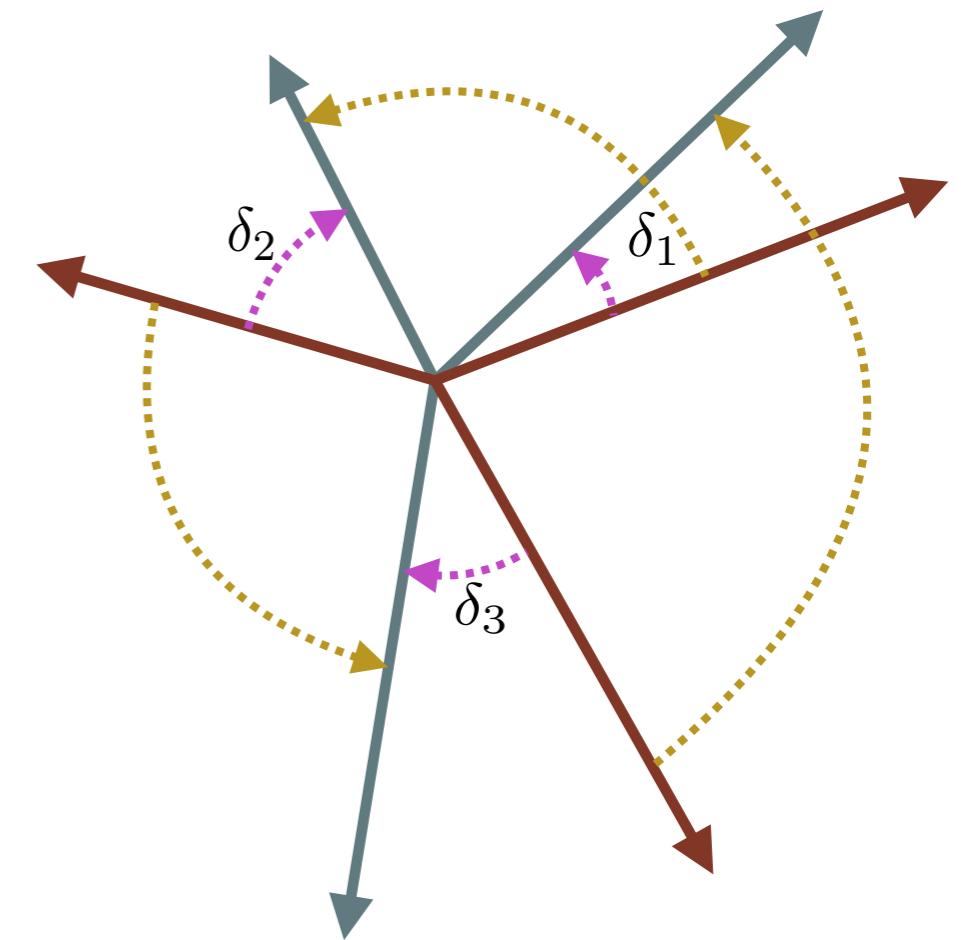


EFFORT

- Sum of matching rotations.
 - **Intuition:** generalize “closest angle” to “minimum effort”.
- All order-preserving matchings differ by $2\pi k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$
- Principal matching: the matching with $Y = [-\pi, \pi]$

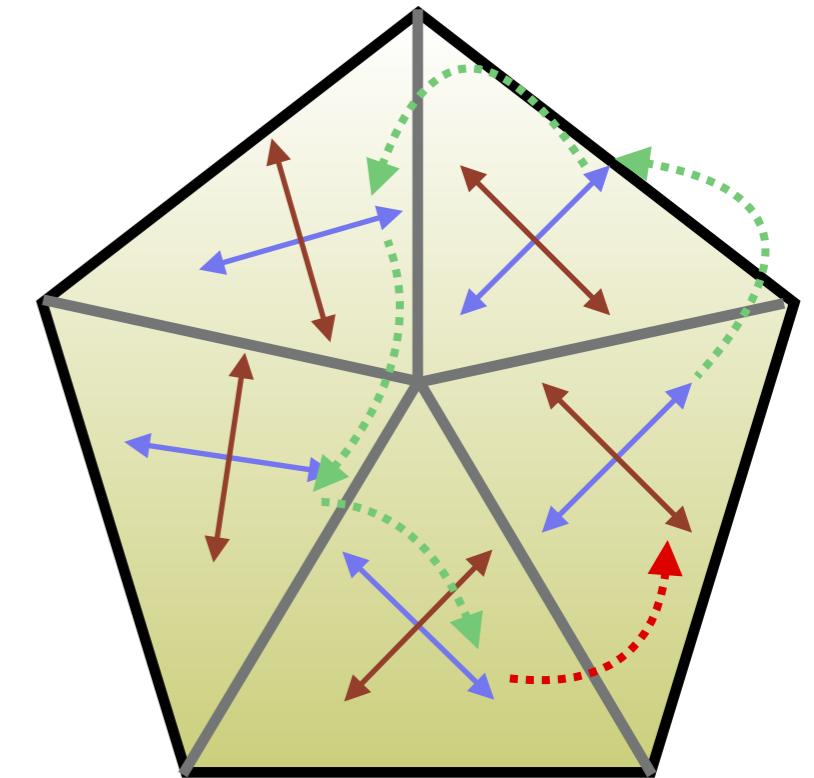
$$Y_1 = \delta_1 + \delta_2 + \delta_3$$

$$Y_2 = \delta_1 + \delta_2 + \delta_3 + 2\pi$$



SINGULARITIES

- Around a matching cycle, directional returns to itself.
- Up to a different matching!
- Directional field as **trivial connections**. [Crane *et al.* 2010]
 - Induced Curvature: $\frac{2\pi}{k}$
- Regular cycles: index 0
- Sum of indices: $2 - 2g$

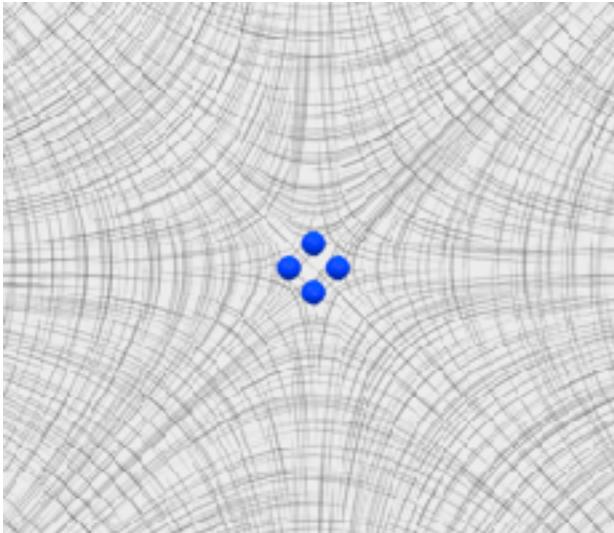


Index of singularity: $\frac{1}{k}$

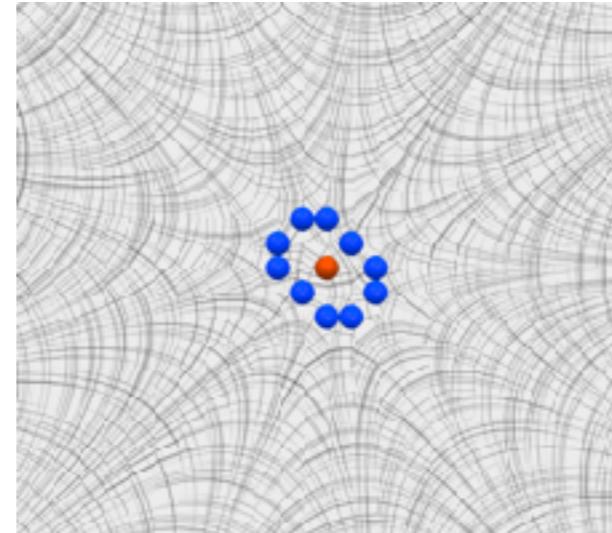
SAMPLING PROBLEM

- Implicit field: principal matching assumed.
- Low valence cycles: limited rotation sums.
- Higher order singularities cannot be represented!
- In practice: promoting low-degree singularity cycles (“**singularity party**”).

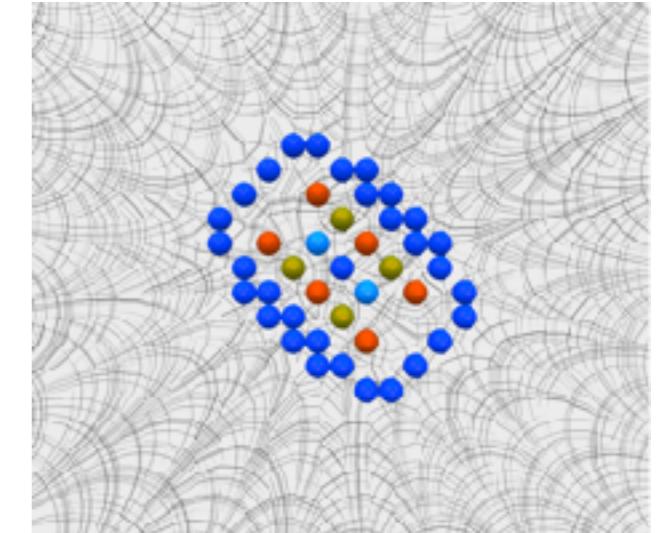
$$-\frac{4}{4}$$

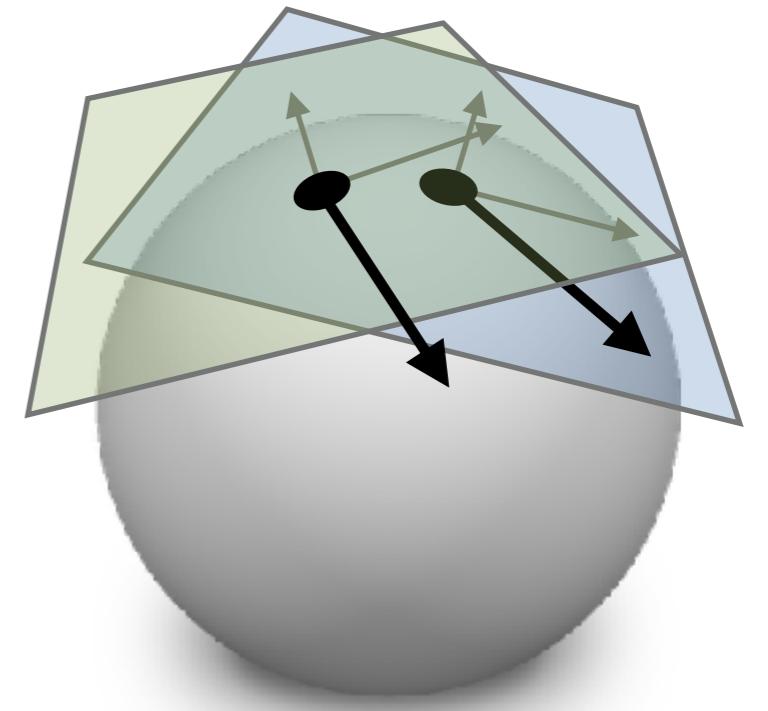


$$-\frac{9}{4}$$



$$-\frac{21}{4}$$





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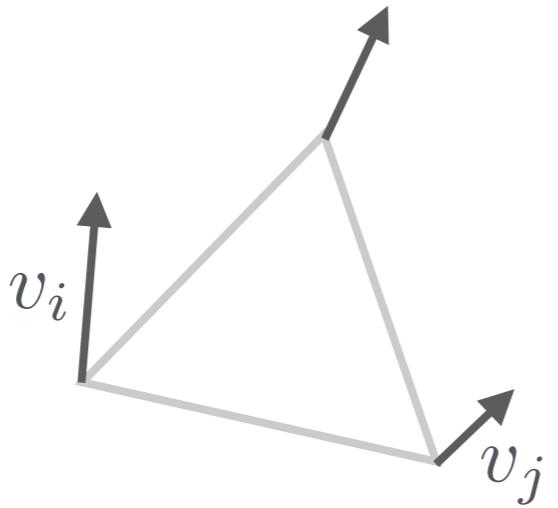
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Model problem:

$$|\nabla v|^2 \rightarrow \min$$

v_i “-” v_j



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$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

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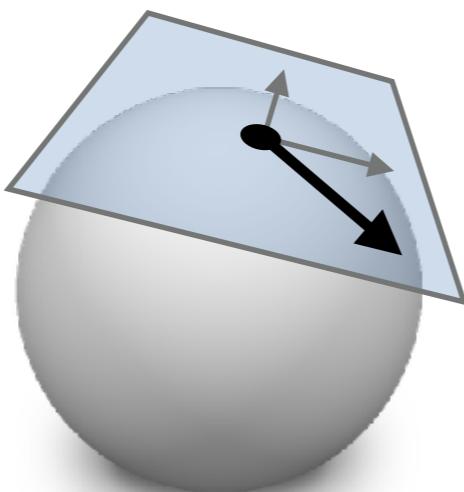
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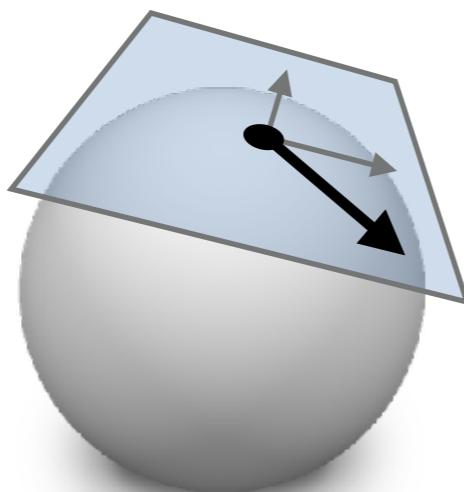


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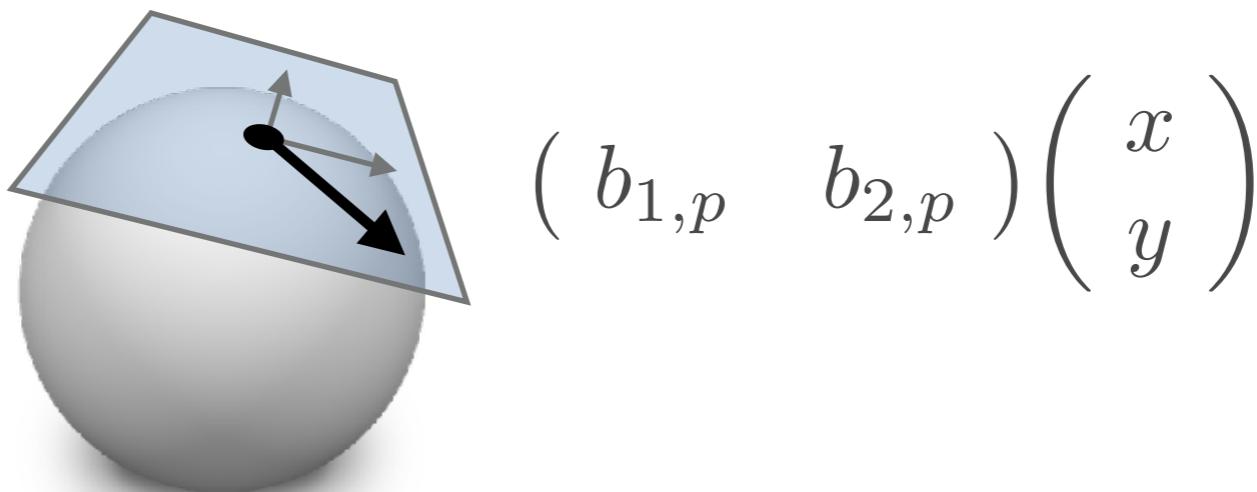
$$\begin{pmatrix} b_{1,p} & b_{2,p} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

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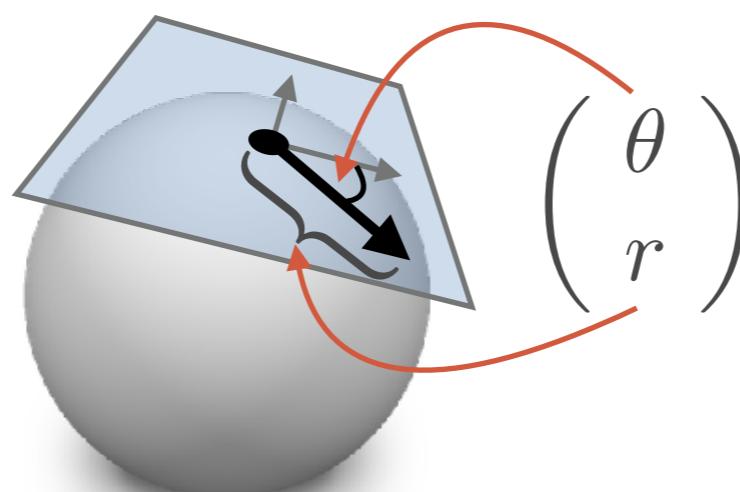
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- Polar



REPRESENTATION

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direction (unit length) field

- Cartesian

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \theta \\ r \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\theta)$$

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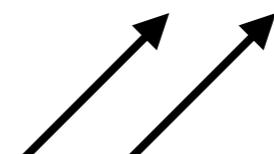
$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1 \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0.7 \\ 0.7 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0.7 \\ 0.7 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

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$$45^\circ - 405^\circ \neq 0$$

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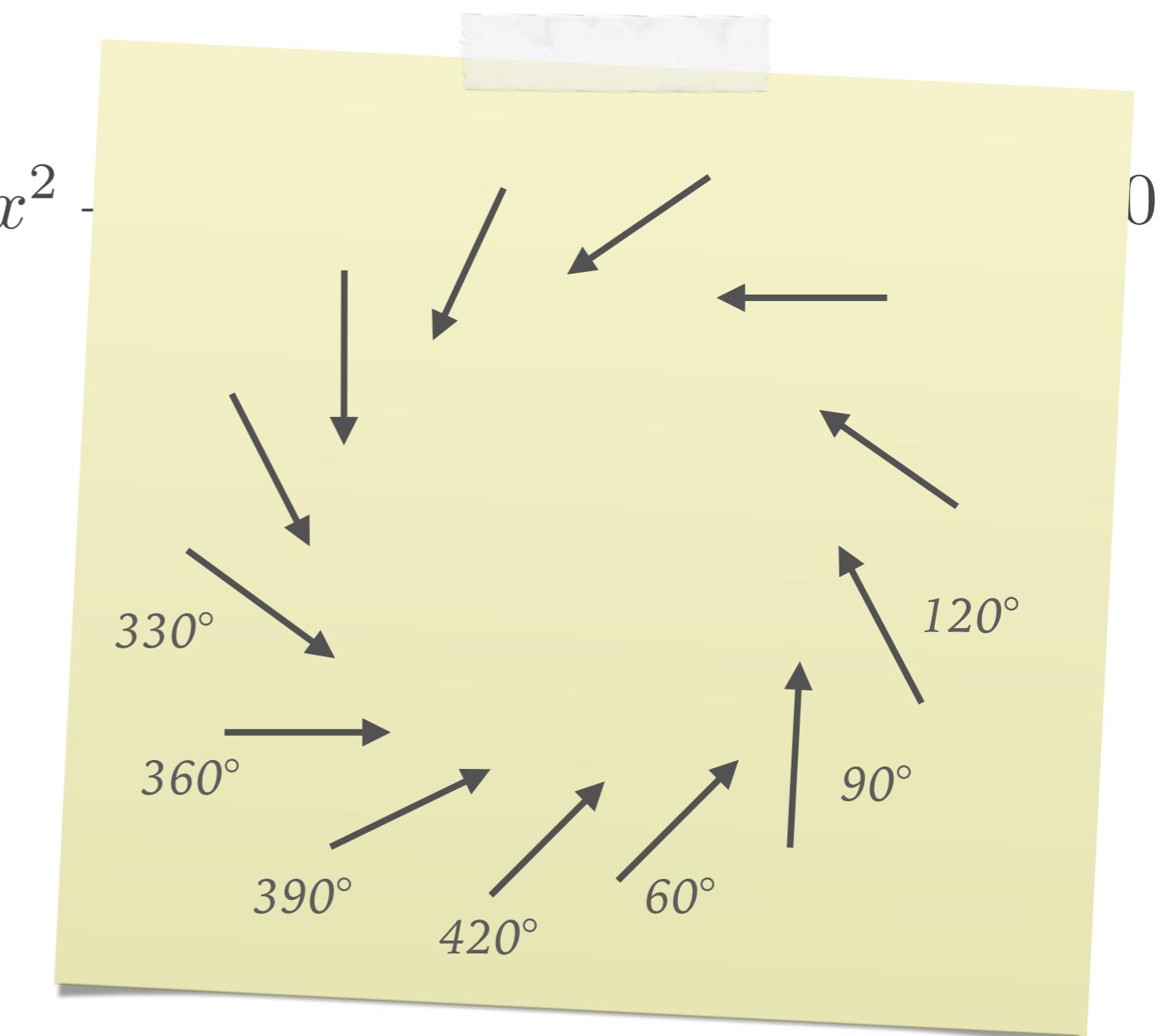
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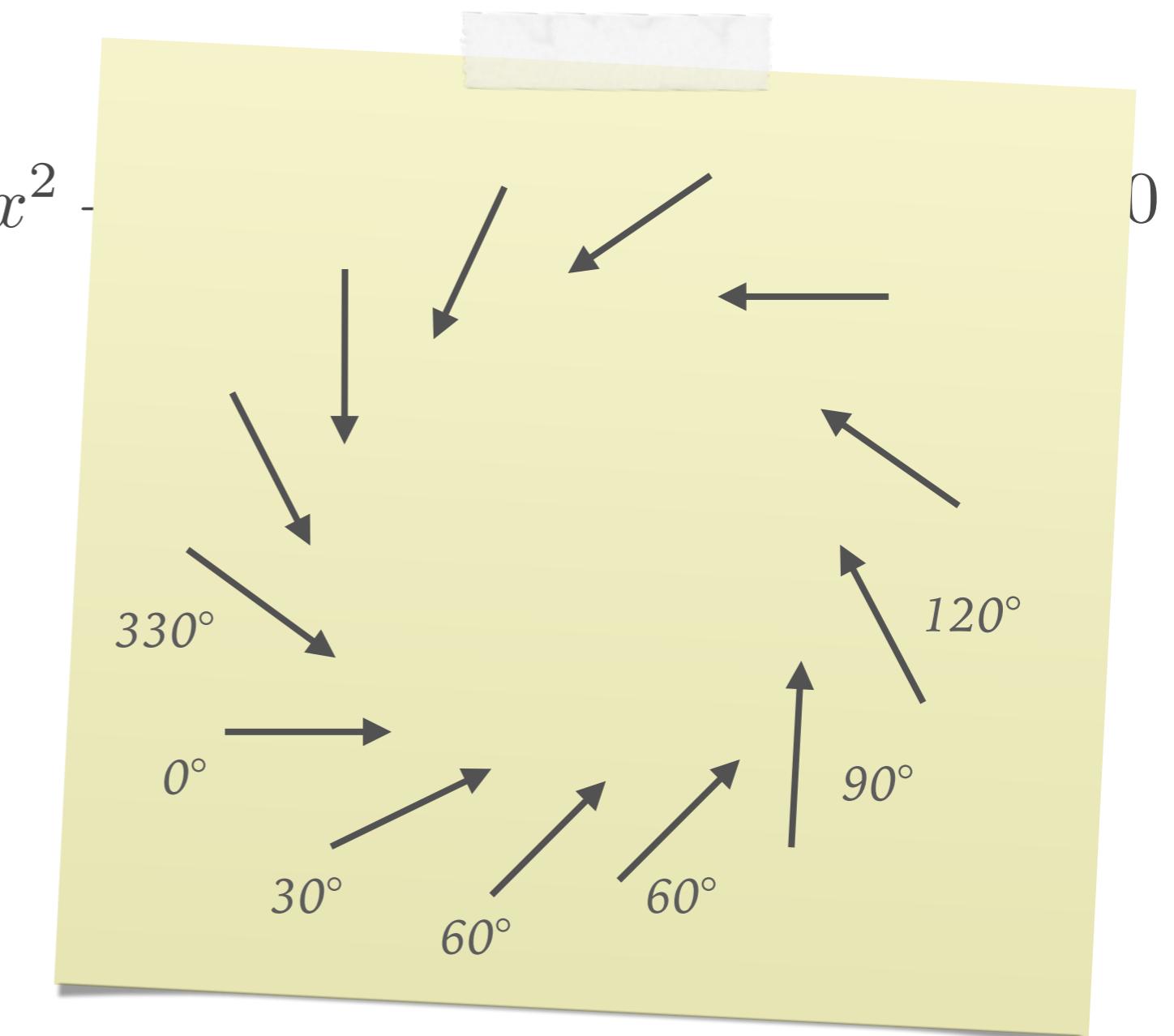
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built-in

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$$\theta_i - \theta_j \bmod 2\pi$$

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$$\min_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \theta_i - \theta_j + k2\pi$$

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$k \text{ const.}$

explicit choice of period
 \Rightarrow control over topology

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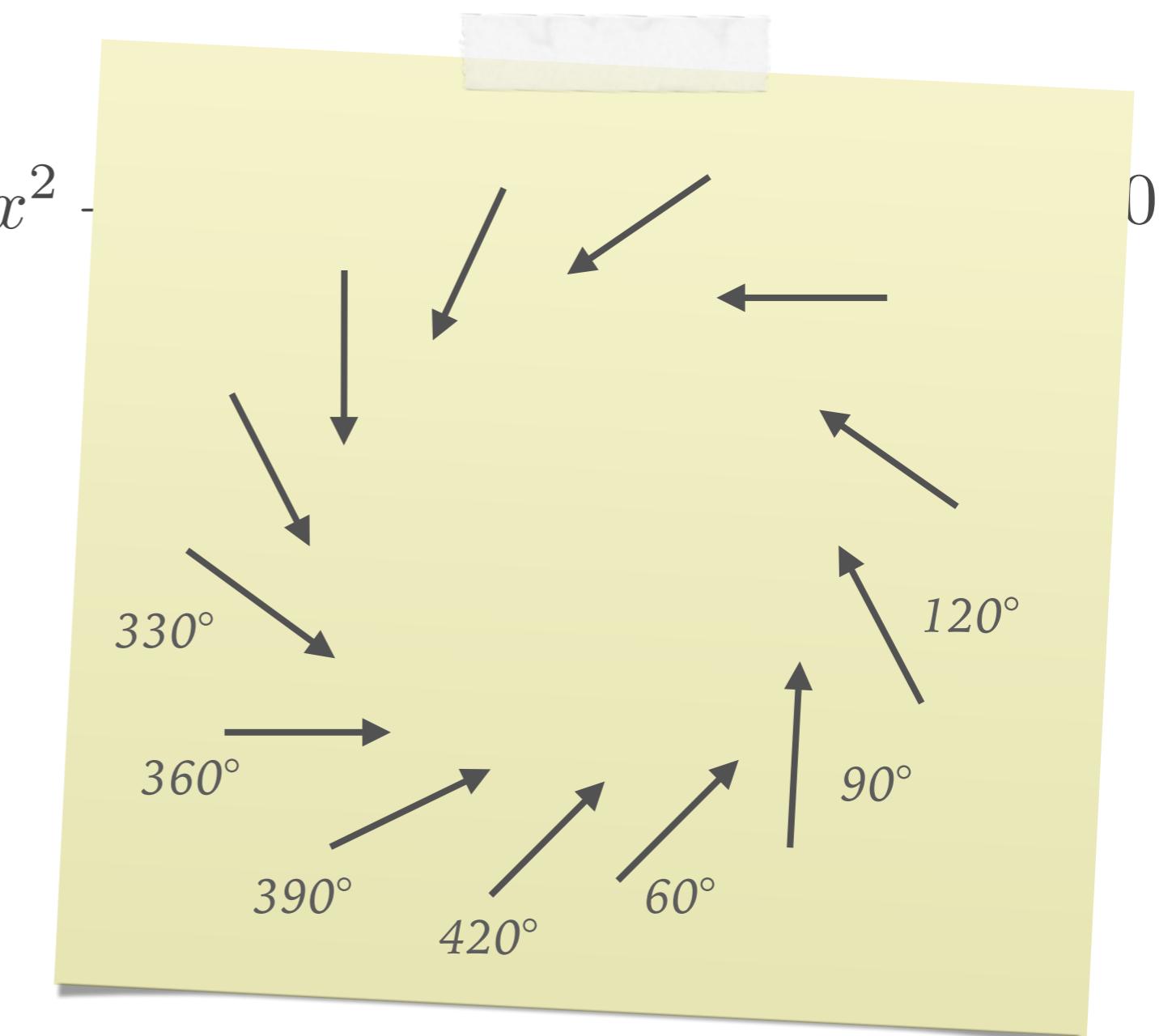
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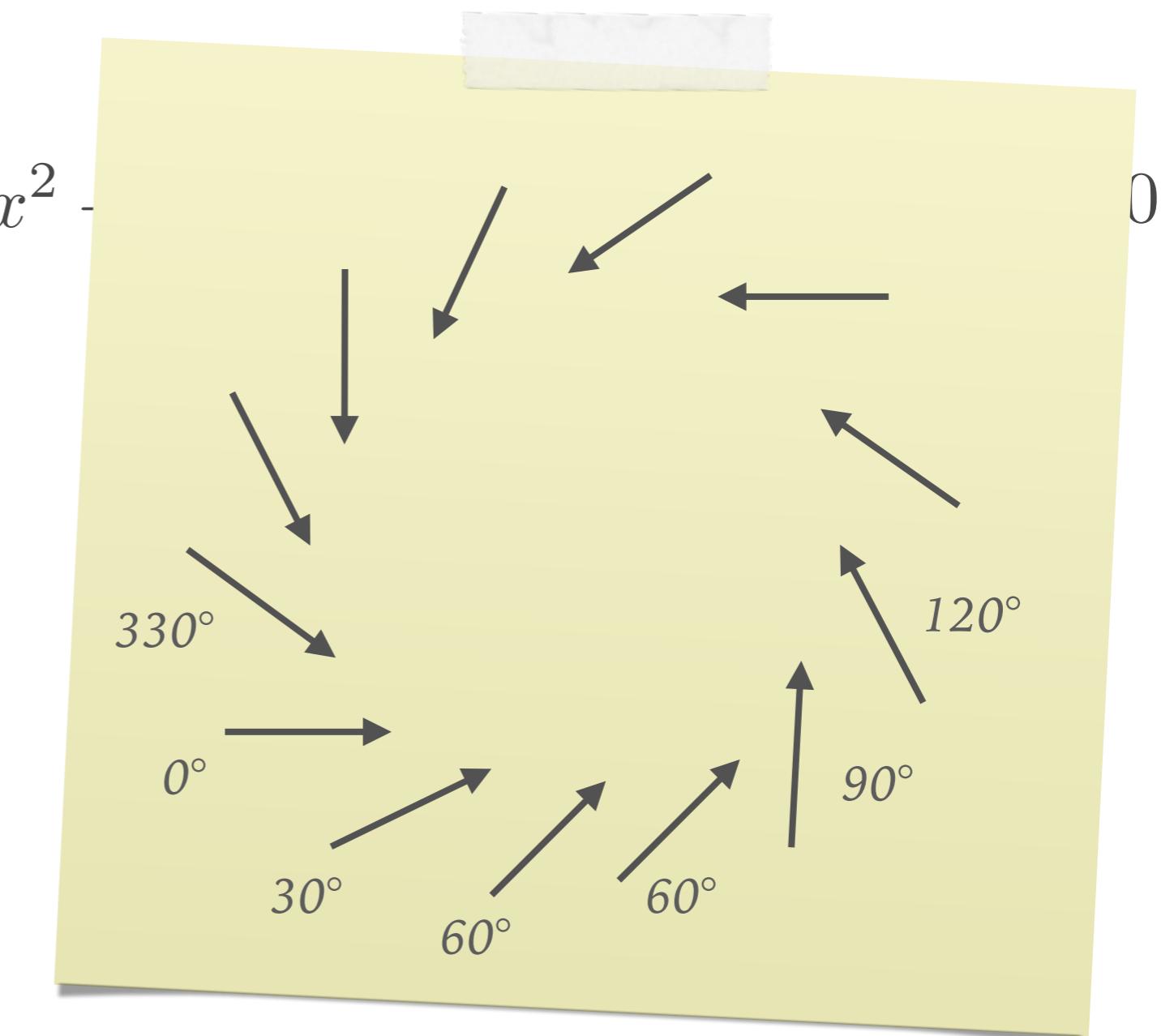
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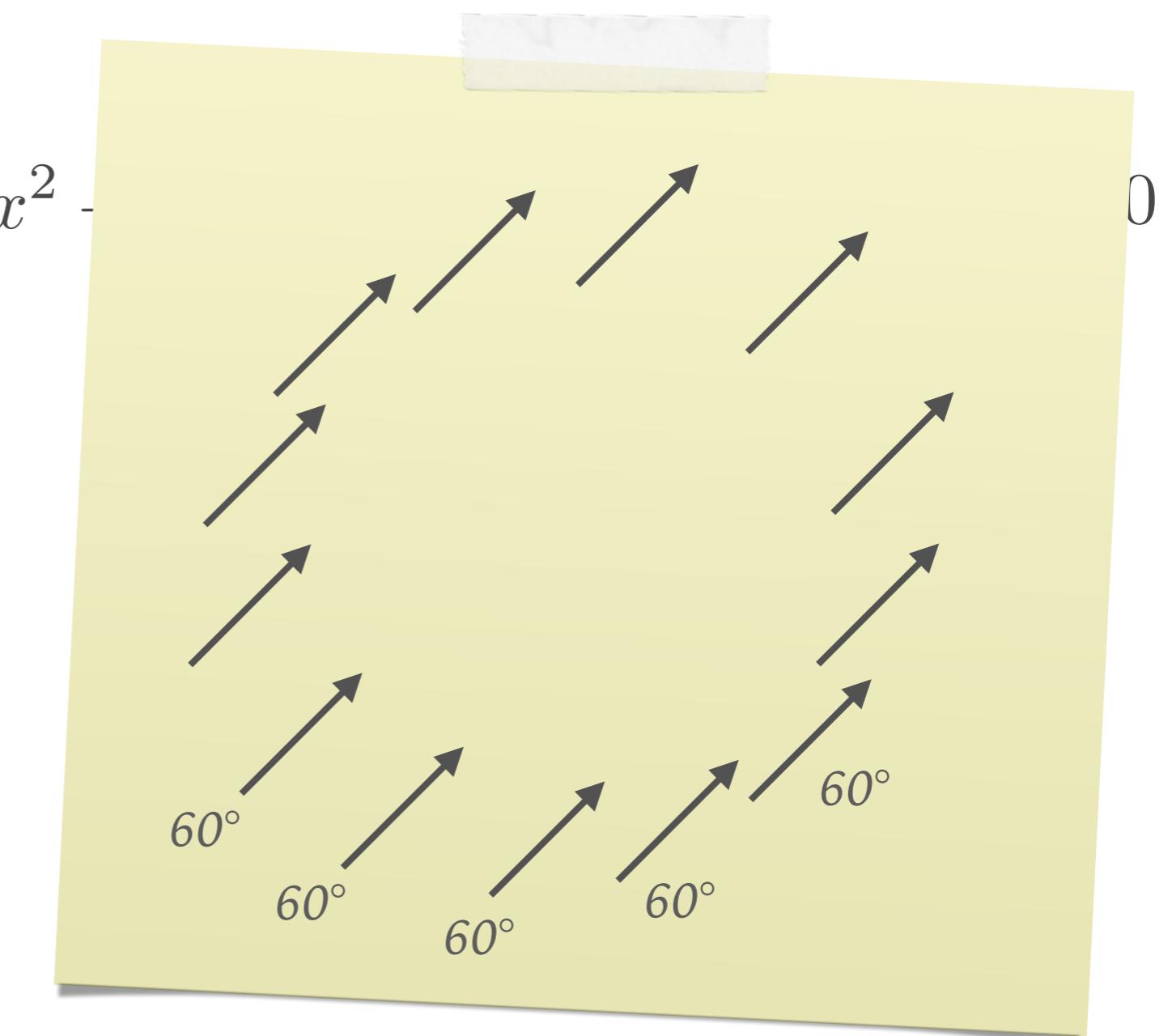
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$$r e^{i\theta}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\theta_i - \theta_j + k2\pi$$

k integer

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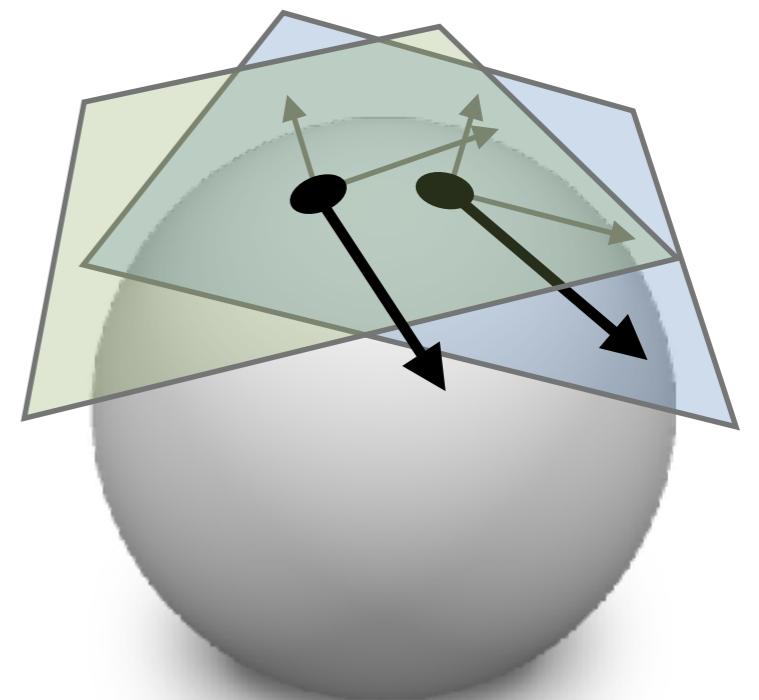
- Differences between tangent vectors?

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$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

- Angle

$$\theta$$



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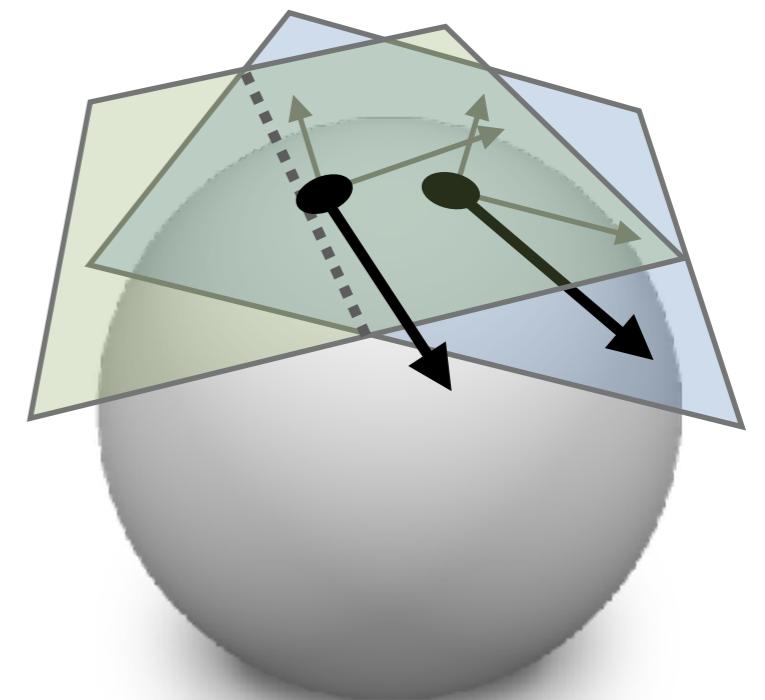
$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}_j - \begin{pmatrix} \cos X_{ij} & -\sin X_{ij} \\ \sin X_{ij} & \cos X_{ij} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}_i$$

- Angle

Period Jump

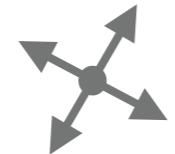
$$\theta_j - \theta_i + \cancel{X_{ij}} + \cancel{p_{ij}} 2\pi$$

Transition angle

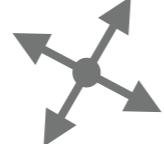


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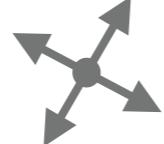
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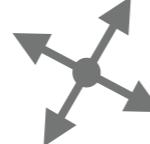
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- simply use multiple $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ or $\begin{pmatrix} \theta \\ r \end{pmatrix}$ per location?

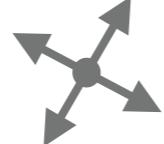
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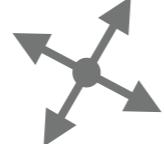
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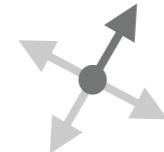
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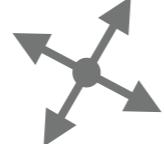
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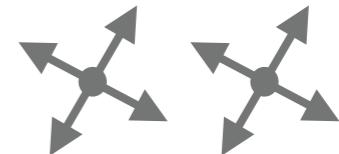


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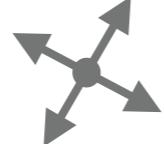
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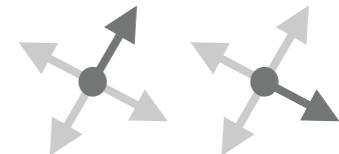
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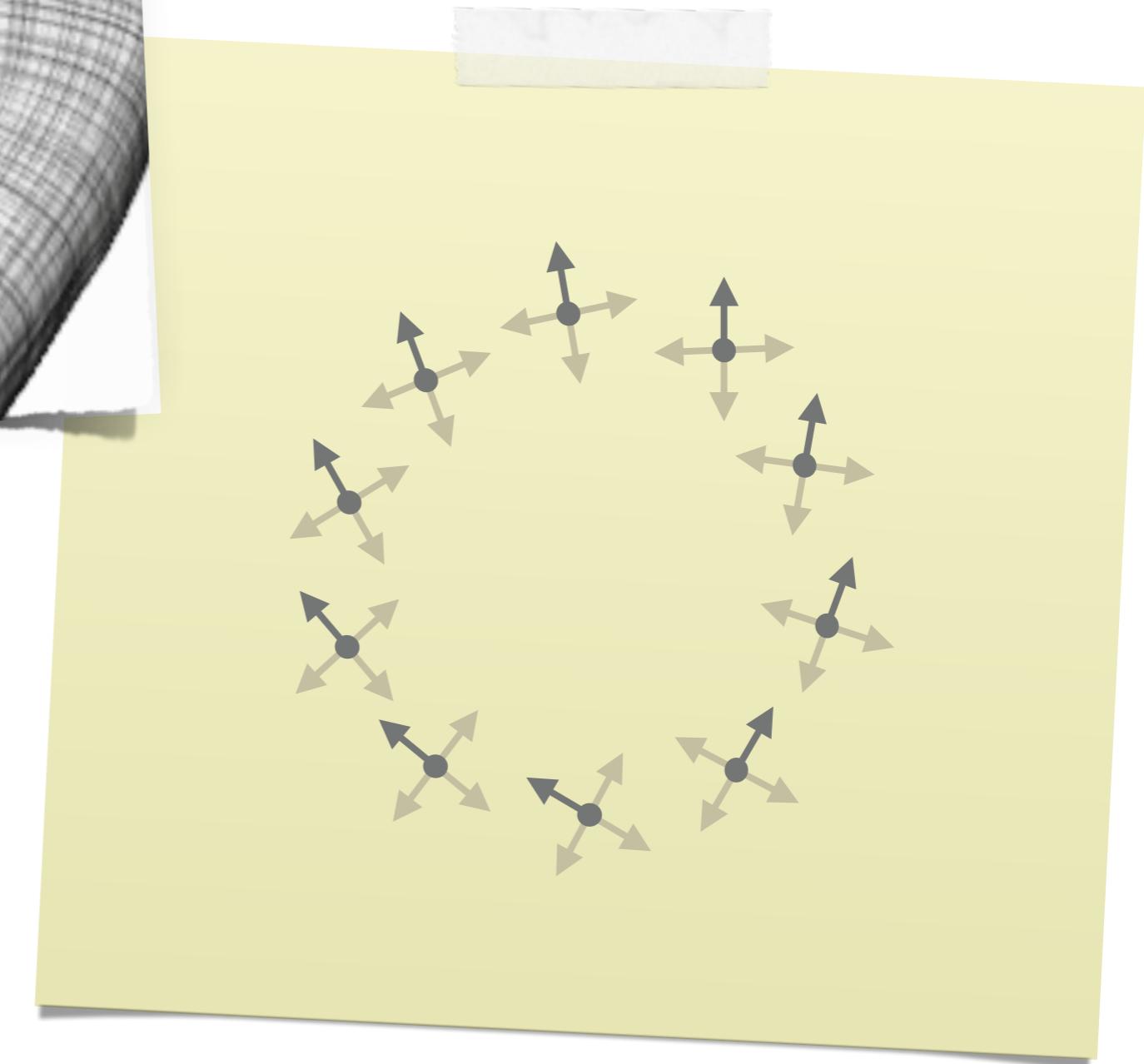
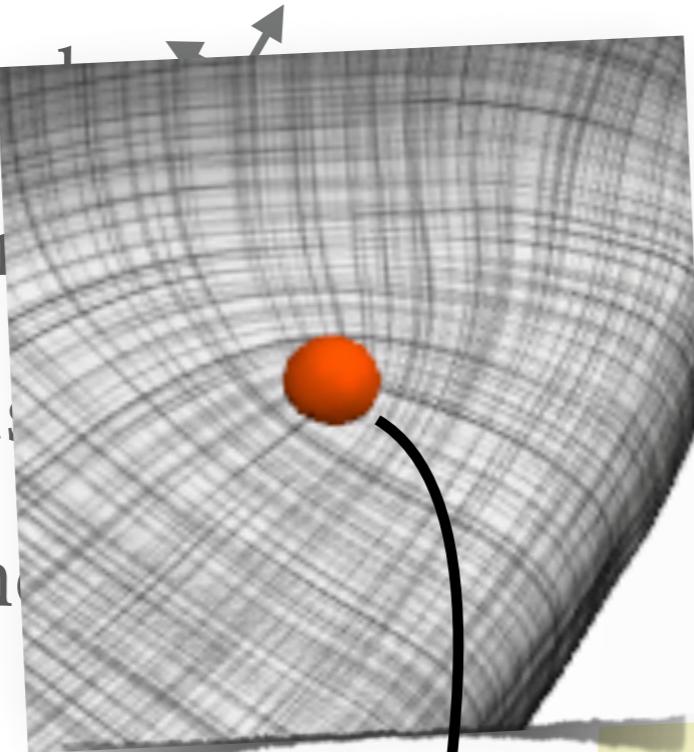
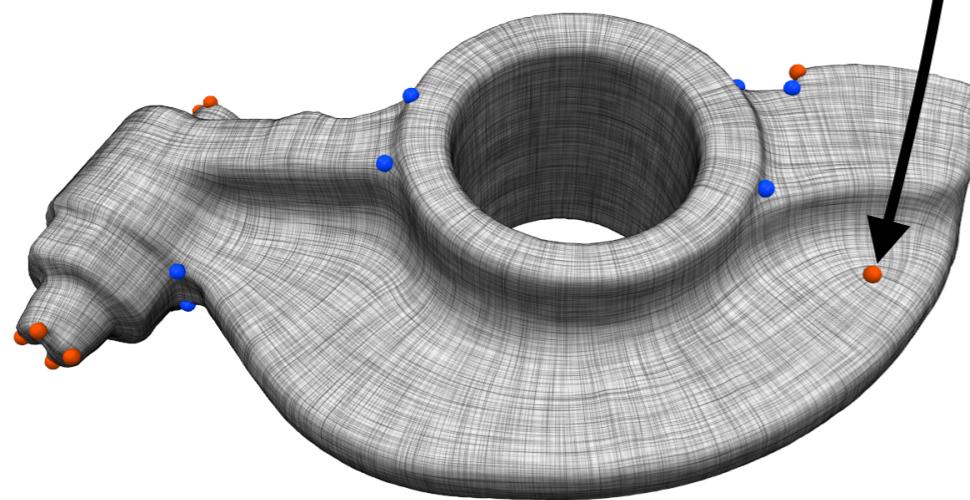
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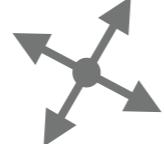


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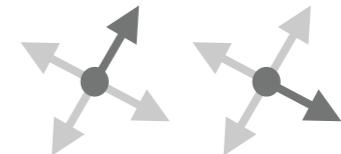
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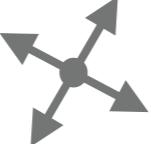
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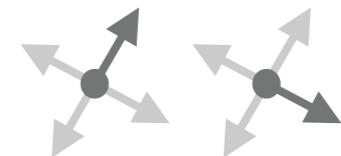
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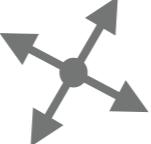
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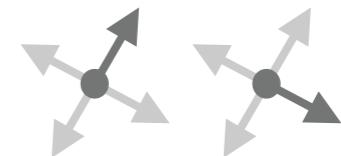
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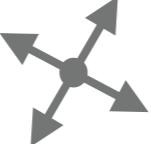
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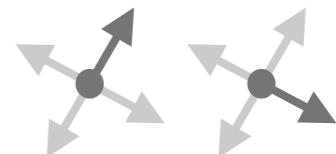


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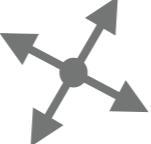
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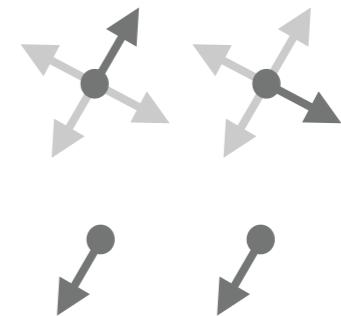
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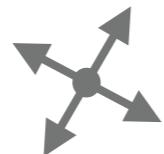


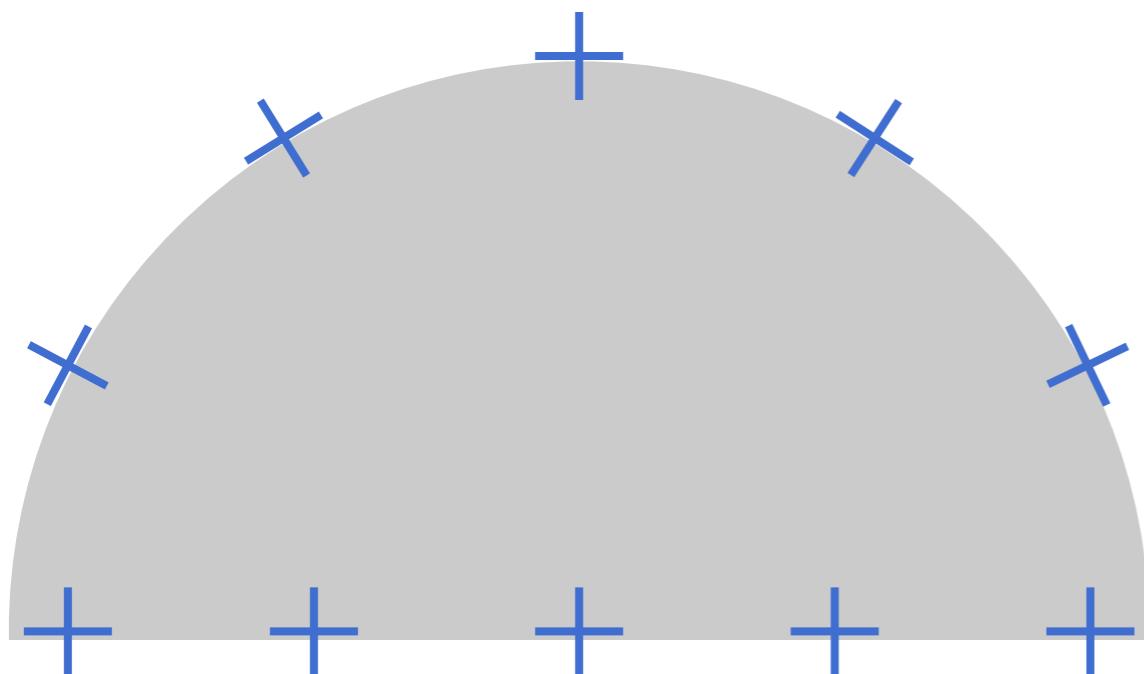
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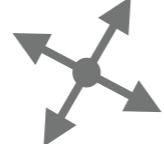
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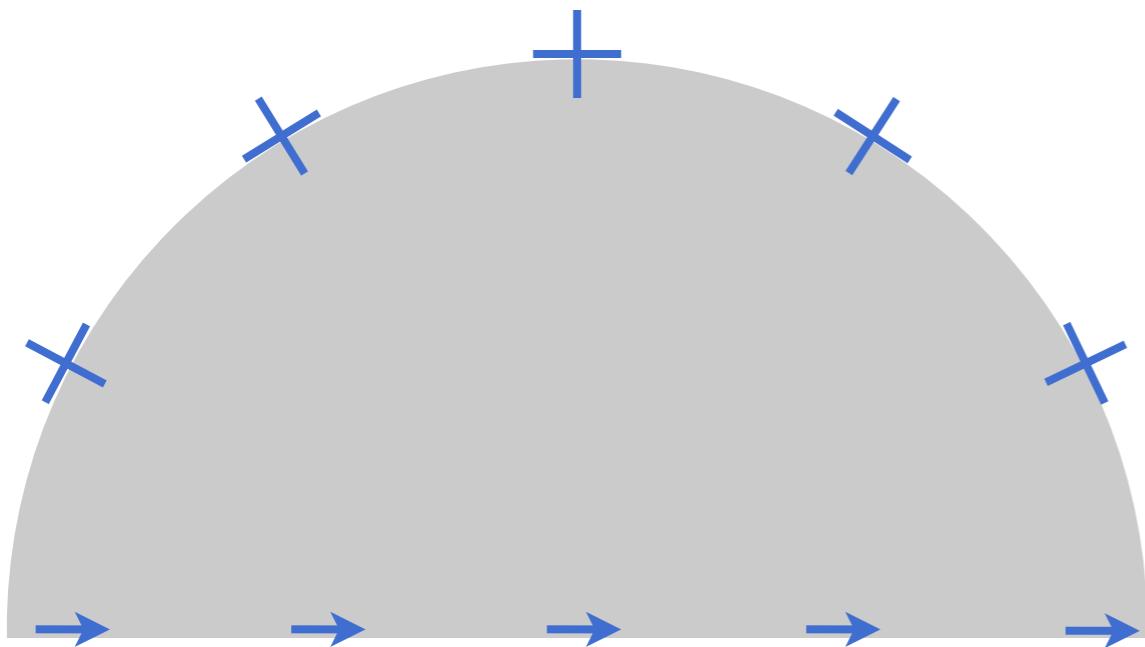
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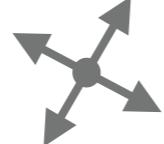


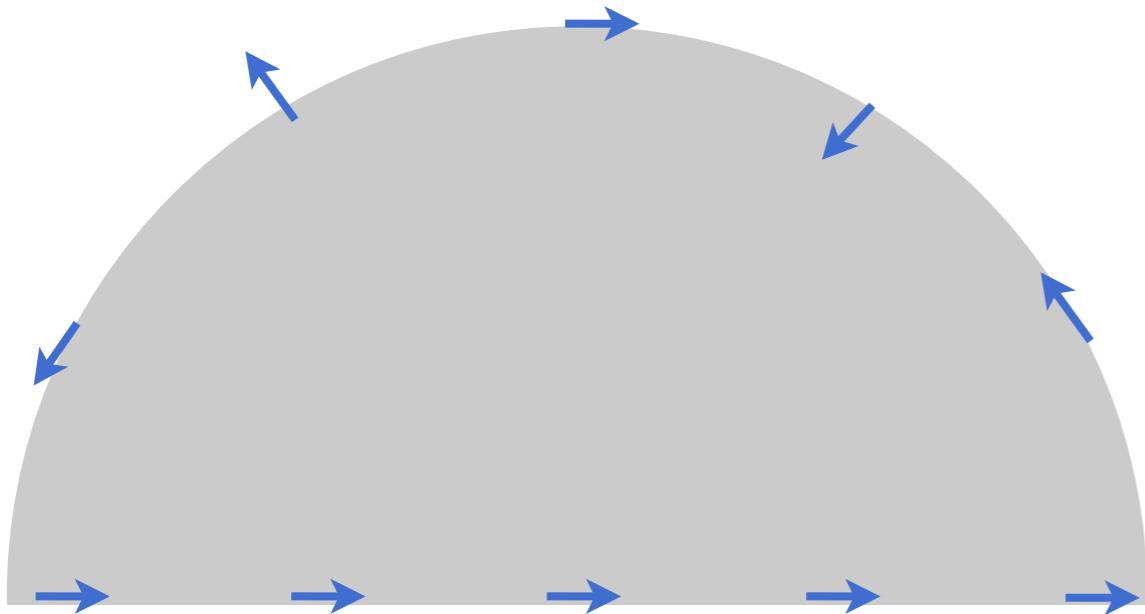
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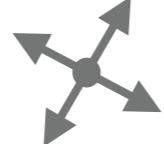


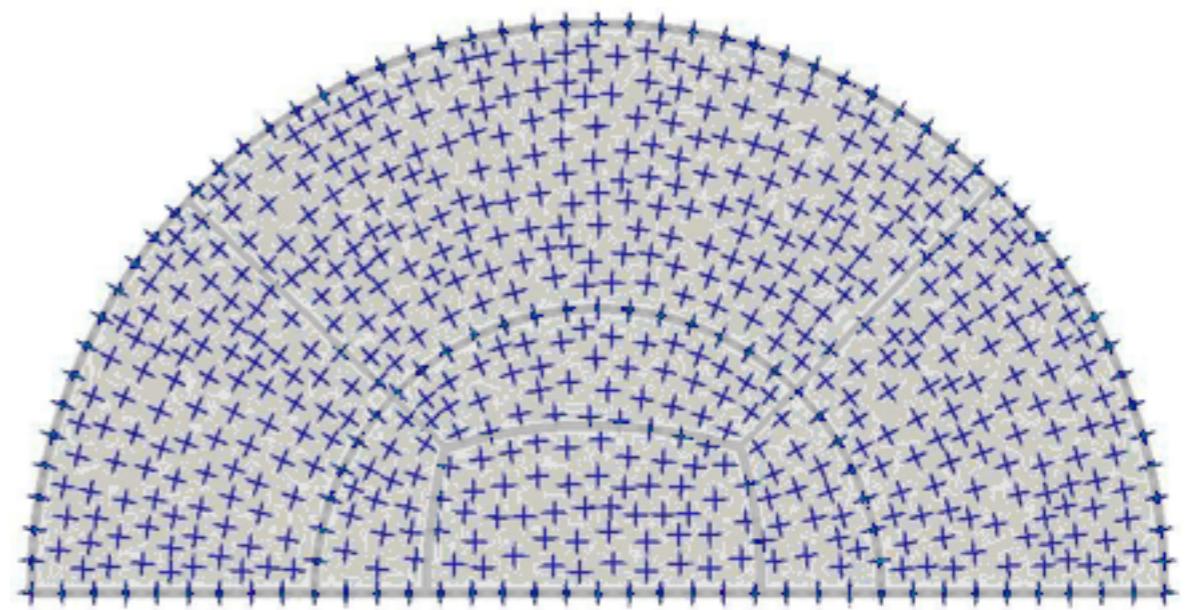
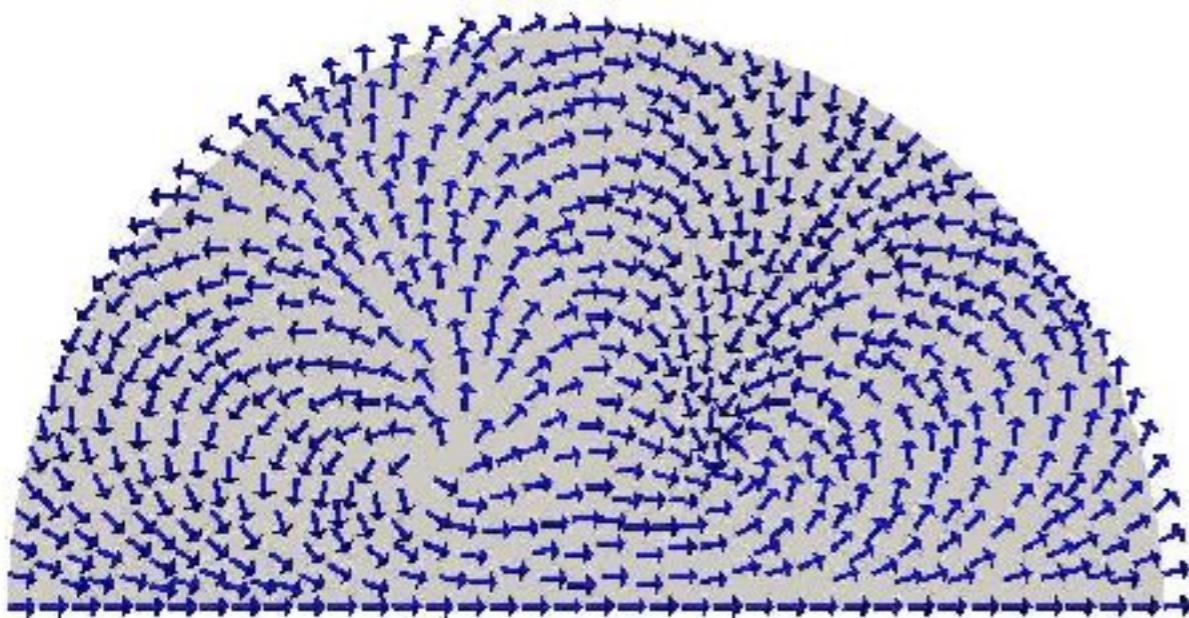
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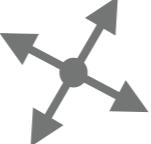
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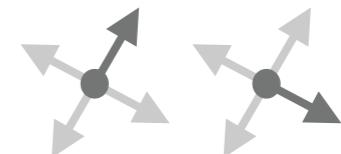


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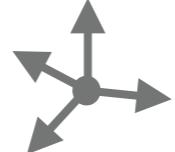
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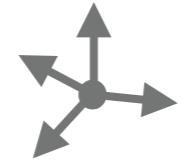
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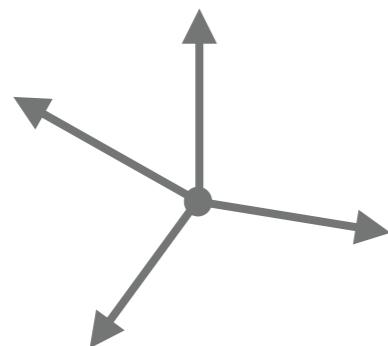
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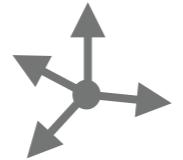


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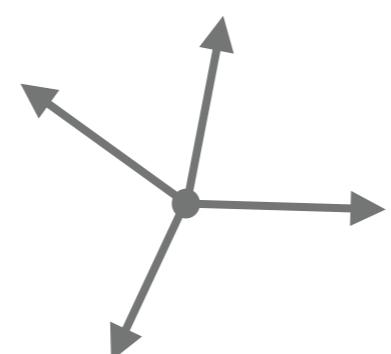
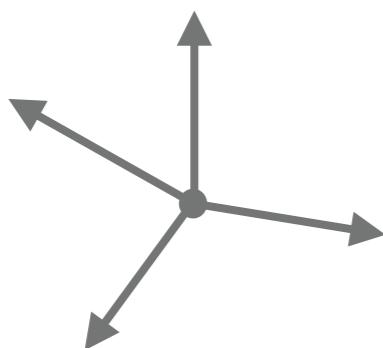


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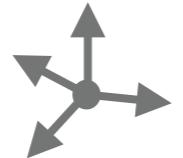


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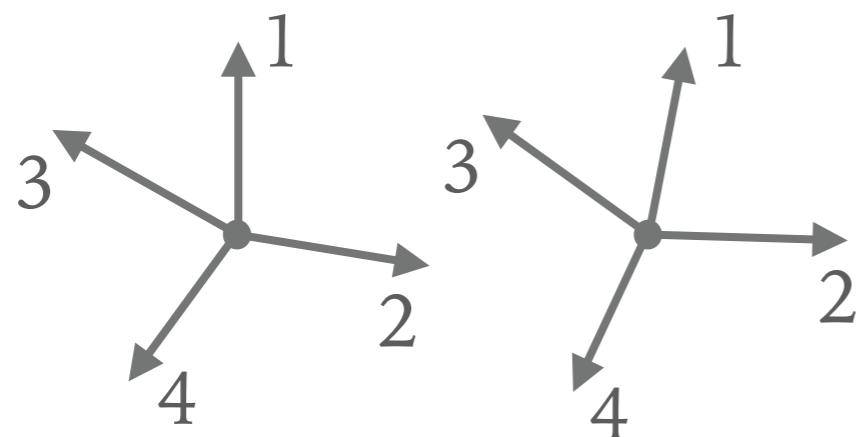


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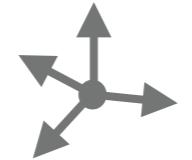


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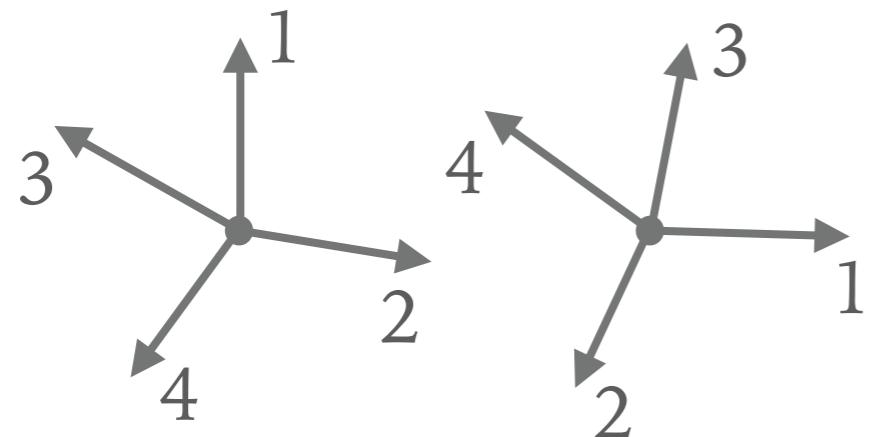


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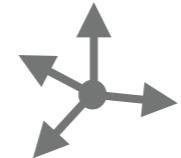


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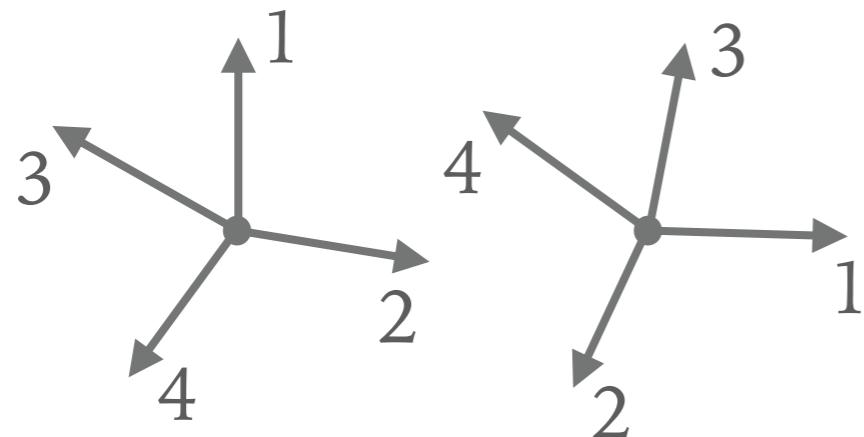


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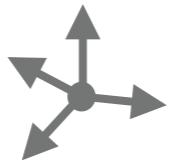
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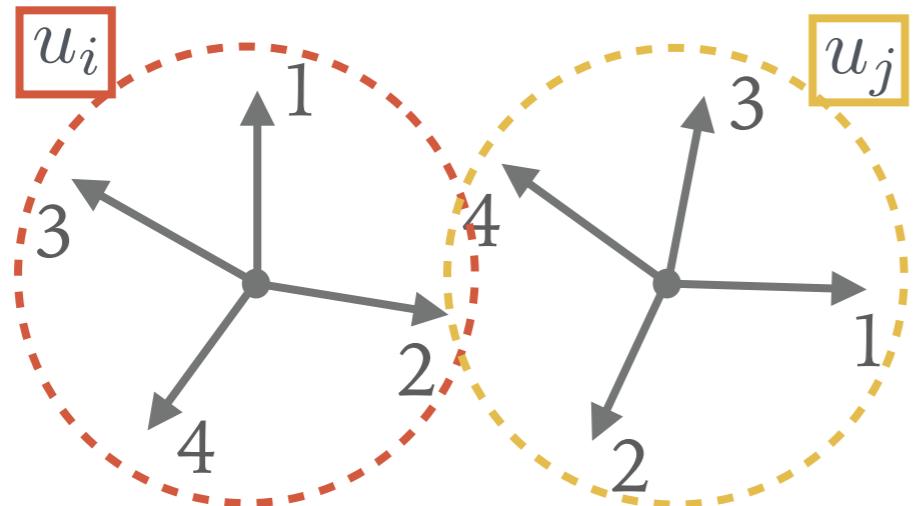
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REPRESENTATION

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F invertible (up to symmetry)

$$(x - a)(x - b)(x - c)$$

$$= x^3 + (a + b + c)x^2 + (ab + ac + bc)x + (abc)$$

$$\rightarrow (a + b + c \mid ab + ac + bc \mid abc)$$

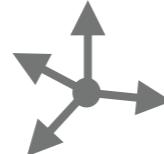
N -PolyVector

$$(\quad u \quad , \quad v \quad , \quad w \quad) =: F(a, b, c)$$

[Diamanti et al. 2014]

$$(a + b + c + d \mid ab + ac + ad + bc + bd + cd \mid abc + abd + acd + bcd \mid abcd)$$

REPRESENTATION

- N directionals 

- use complex numbers, complex polynomials

$$a = x + iy$$

$$a = re^{i\theta}$$

- non-symmetric

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$-a^4$

$$\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \sin N\theta \\ \cos N\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

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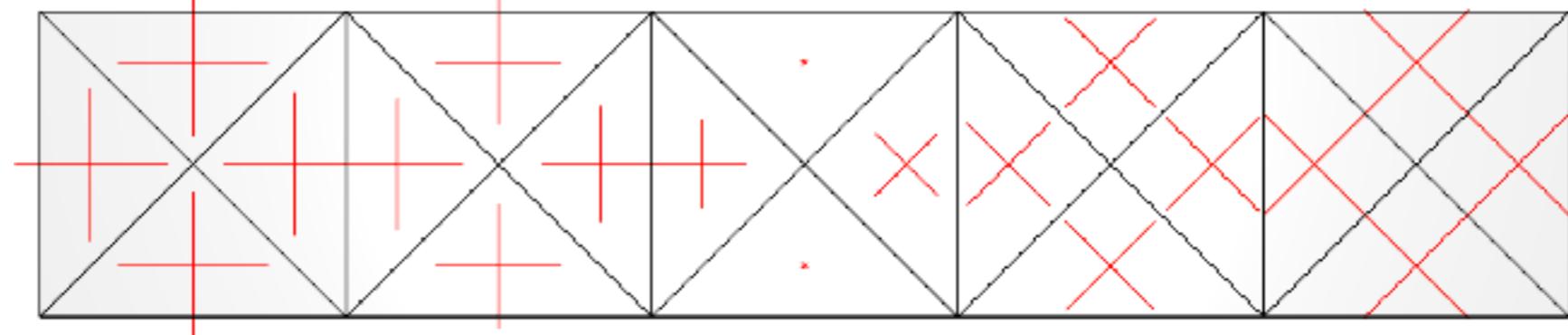
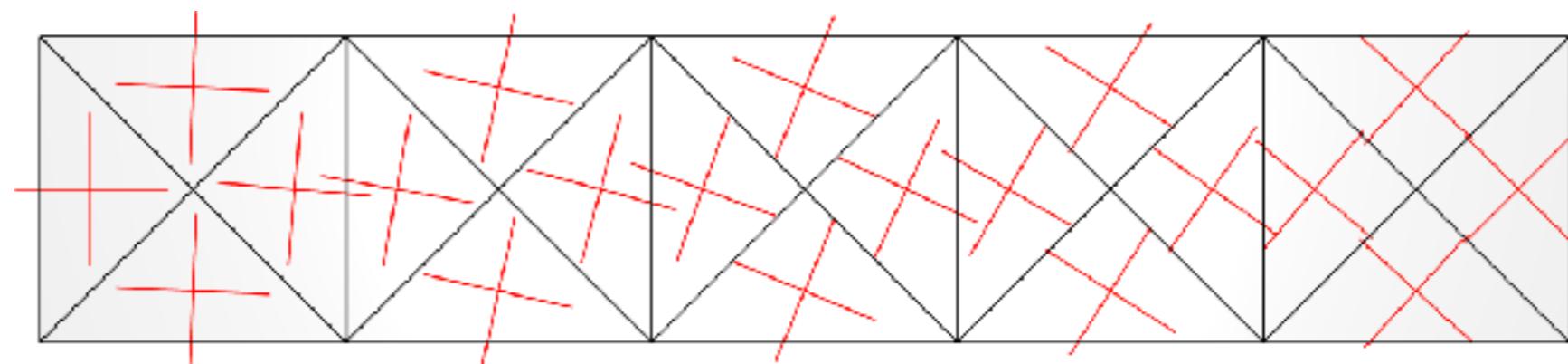
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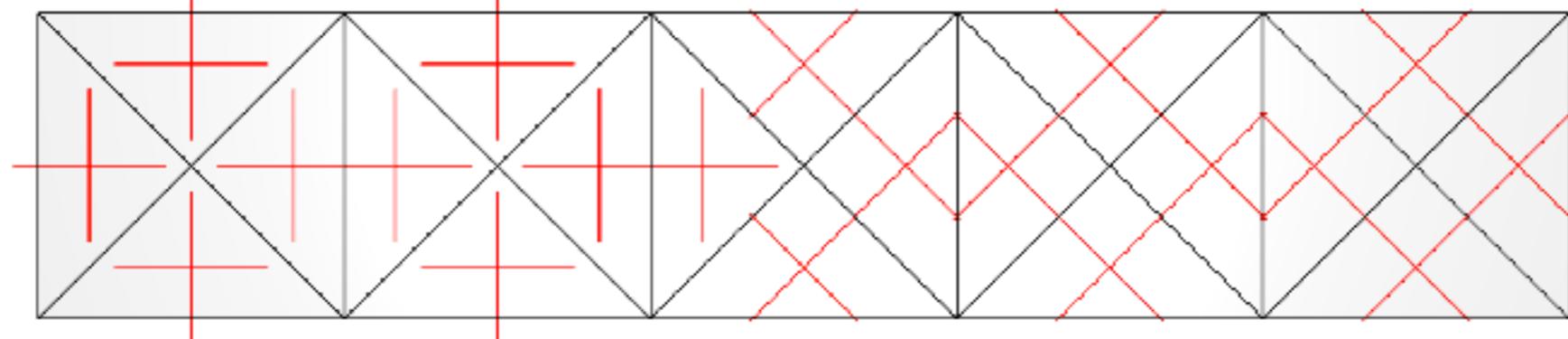
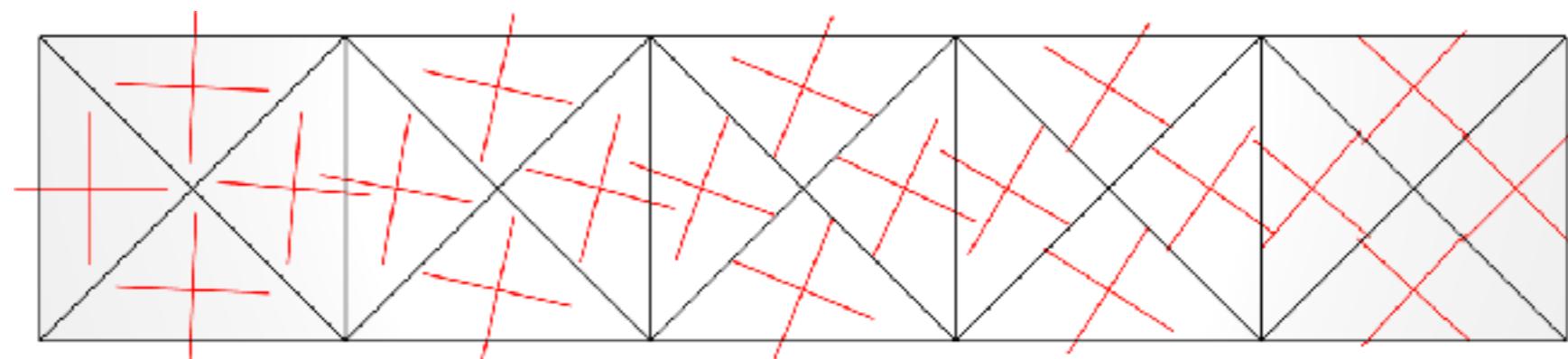
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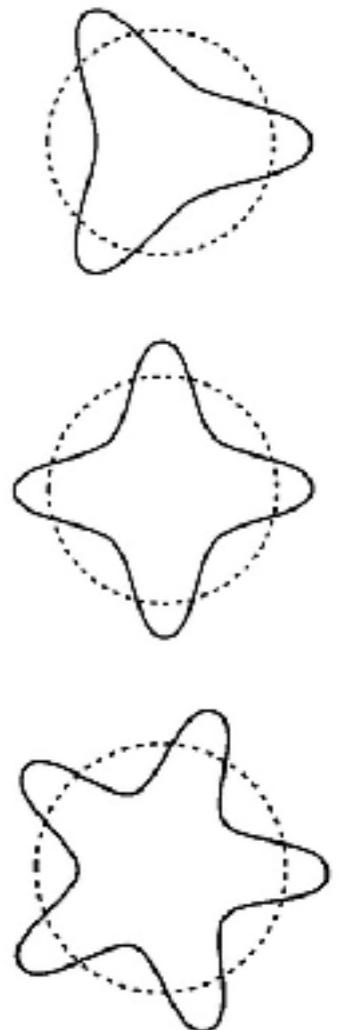
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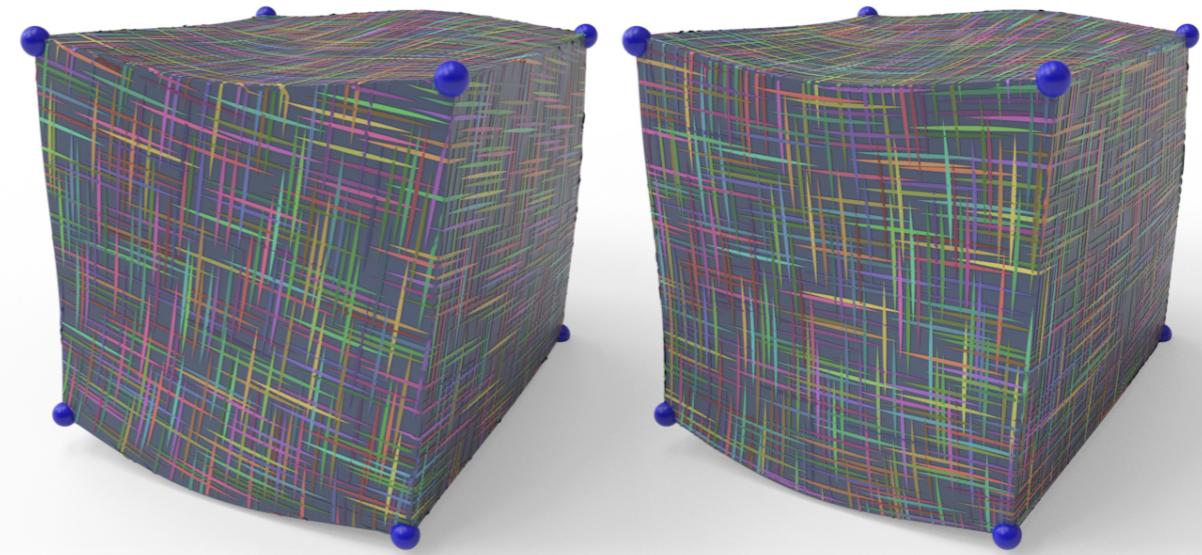
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1-form
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REPRESENTATION

- Alternatives
 - Extrema of periodic circular functions (SH)
 - Eigenvectors of tensors (spd matrices)
 - Functional representation
 - ...

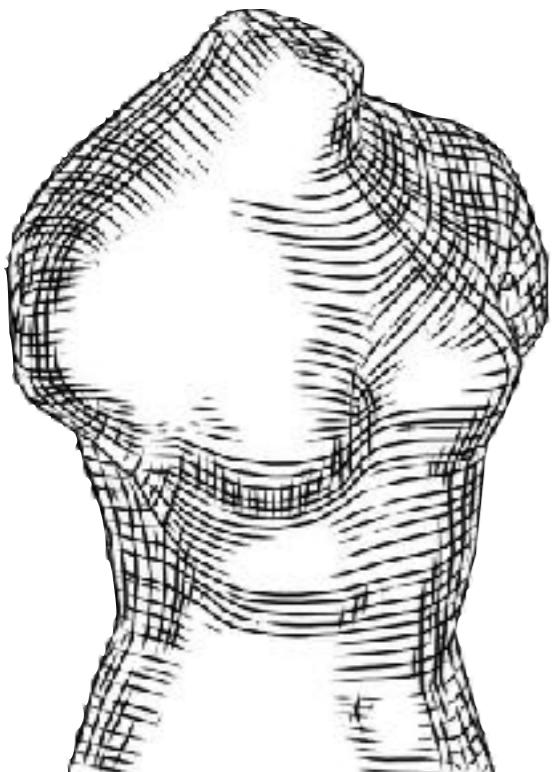




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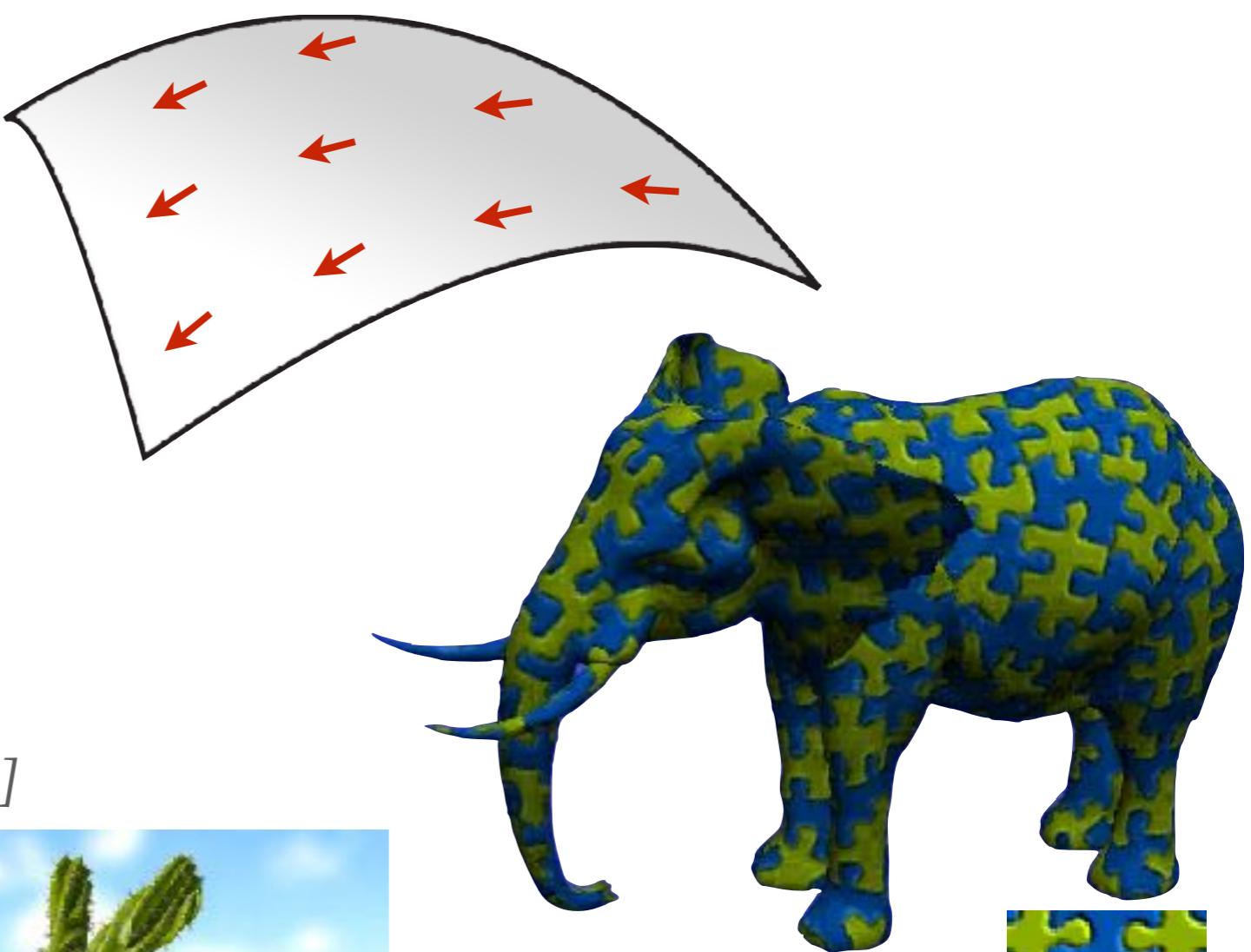
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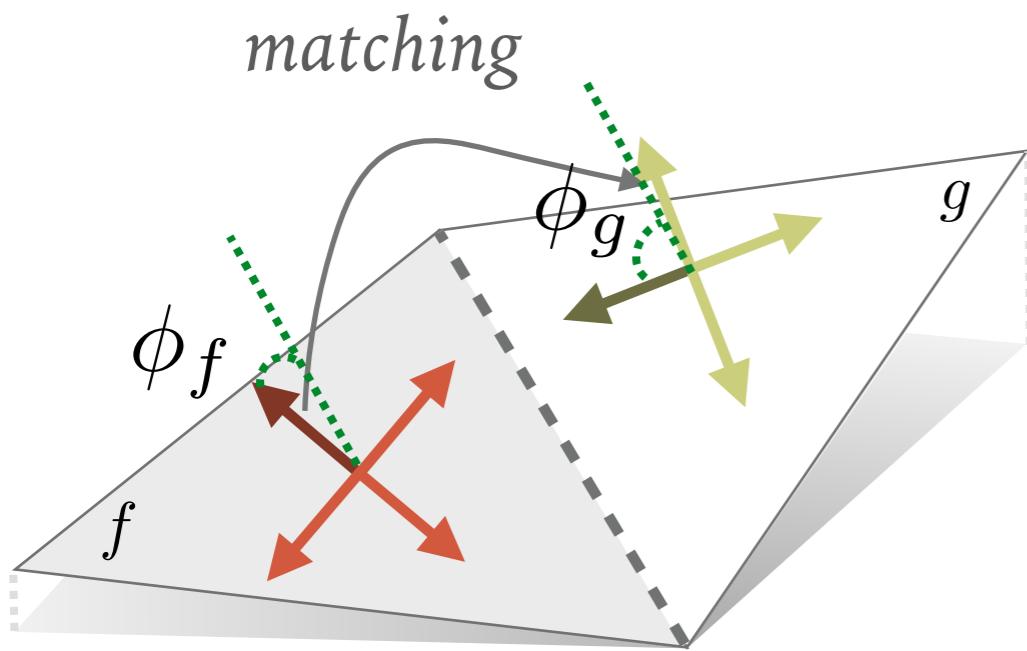
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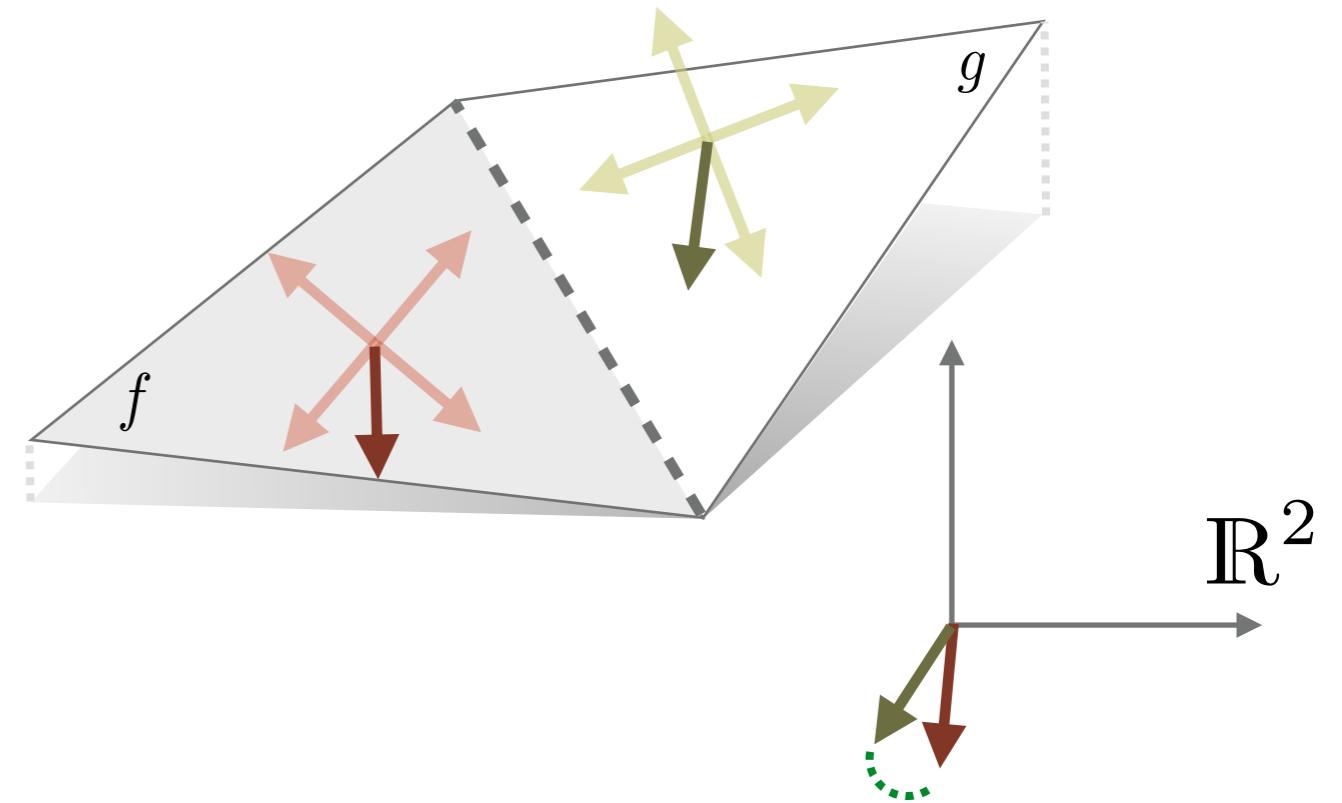
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angle-based approaches

compare matching angles

[Hertzmann et al. 2000] [Crane et al. 2010]
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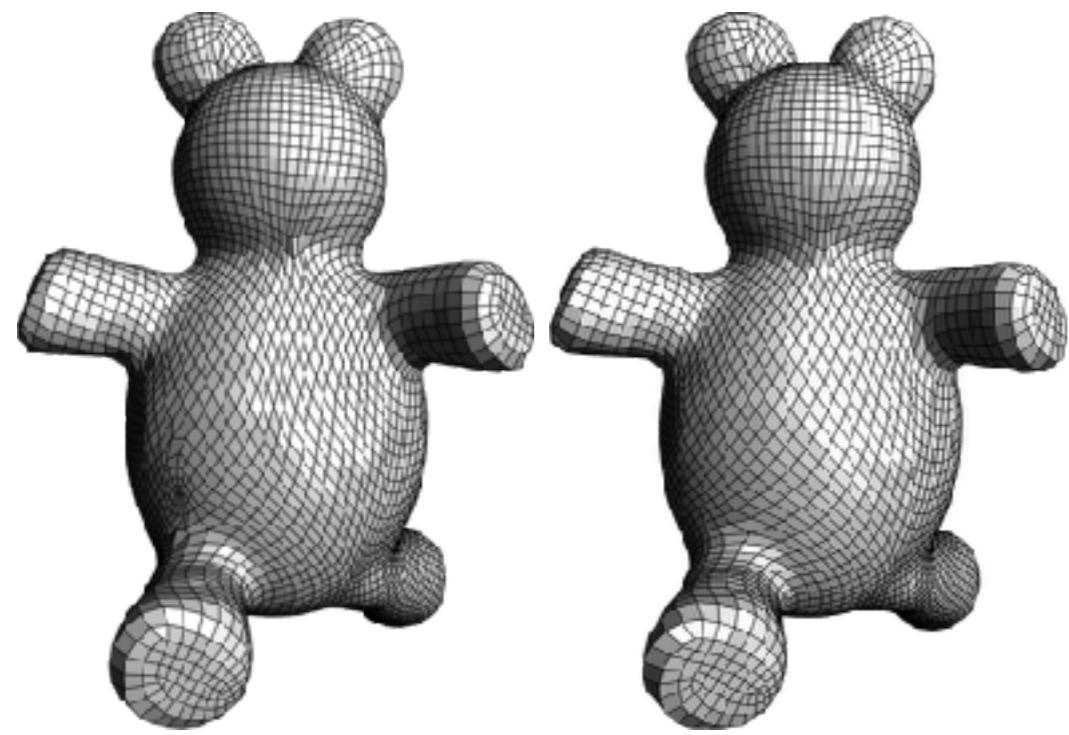
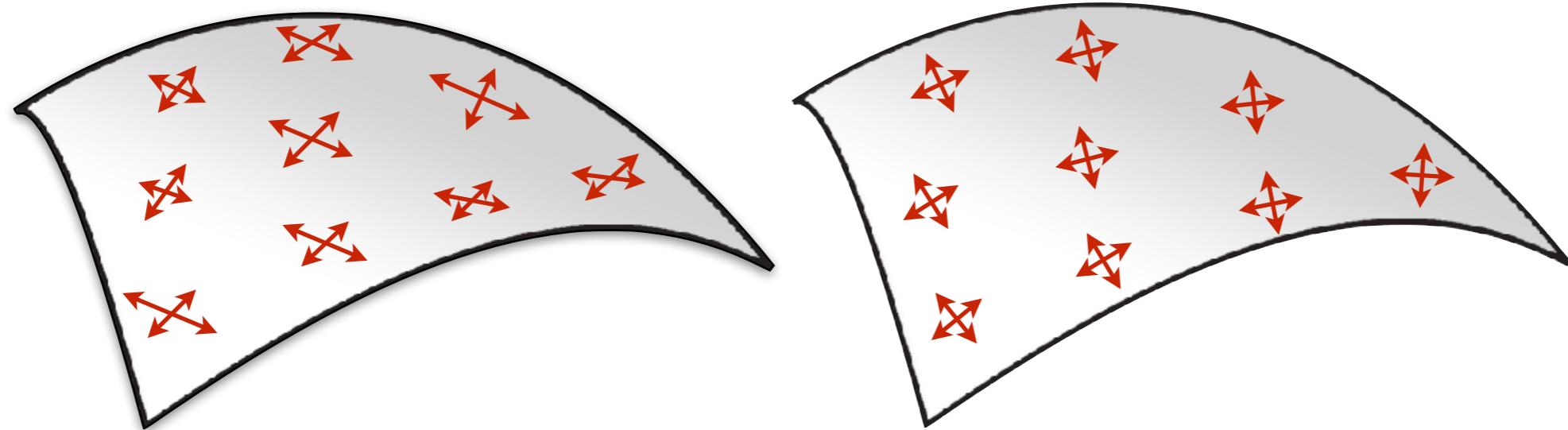
cartesian/complex approaches

compare representative vectors

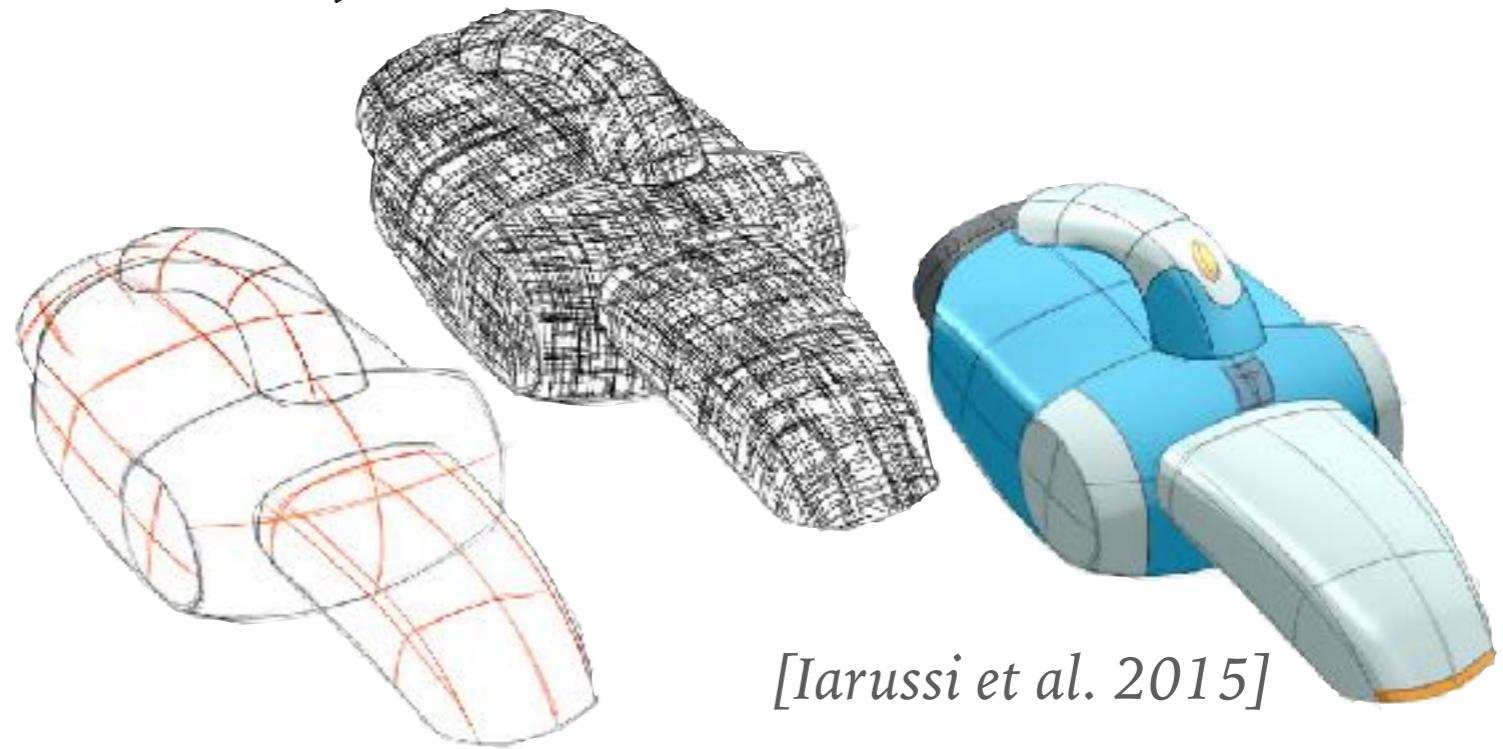
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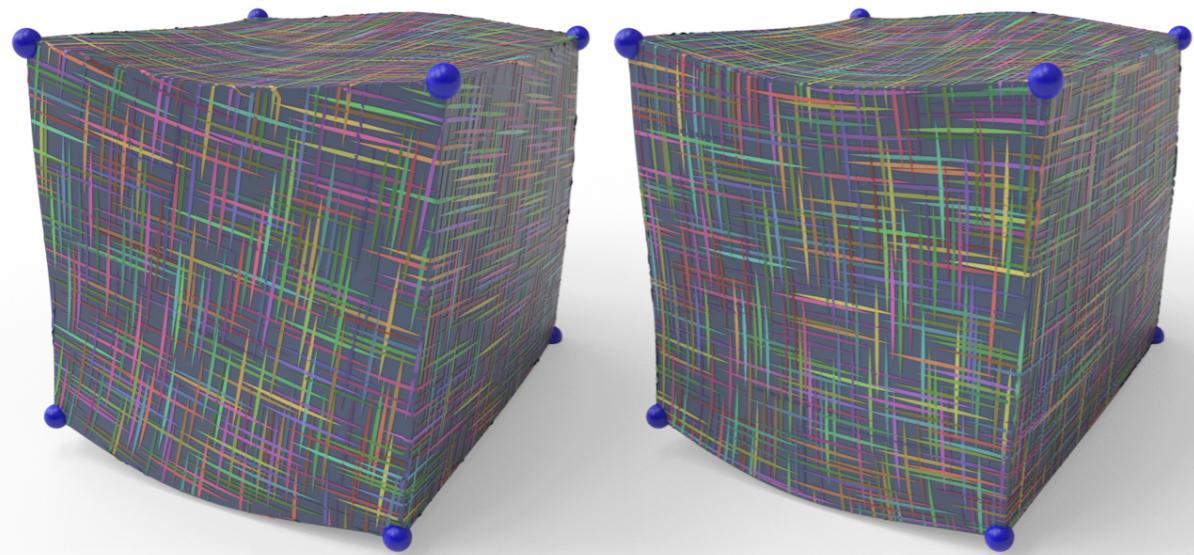


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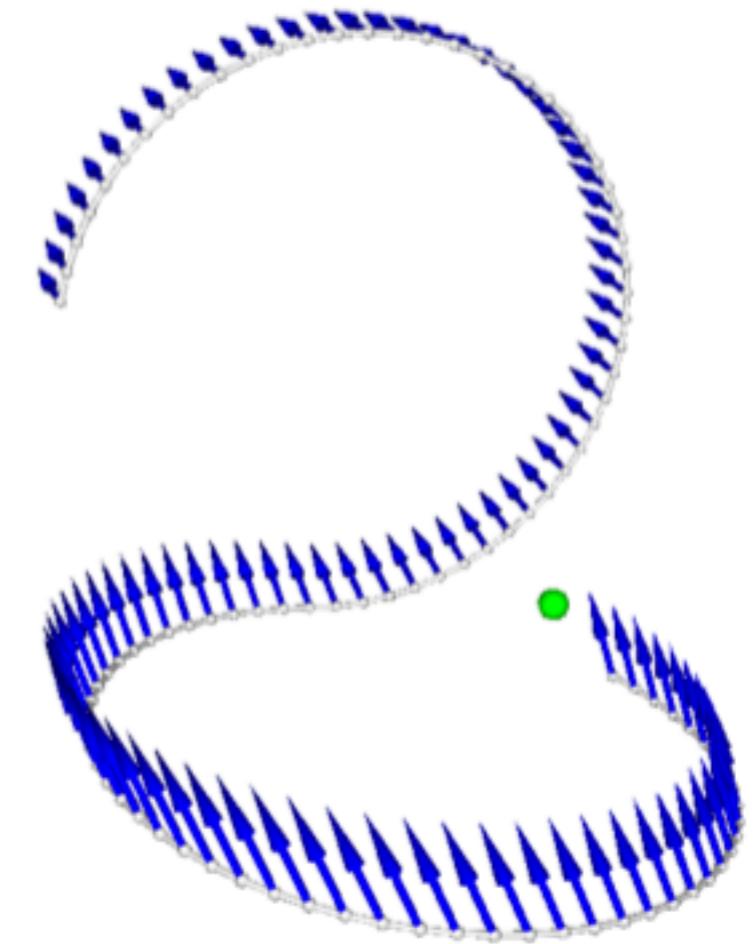


[Iarussi et al. 2015]

OBJECTIVES – ALIGNMENT TO FEATURES



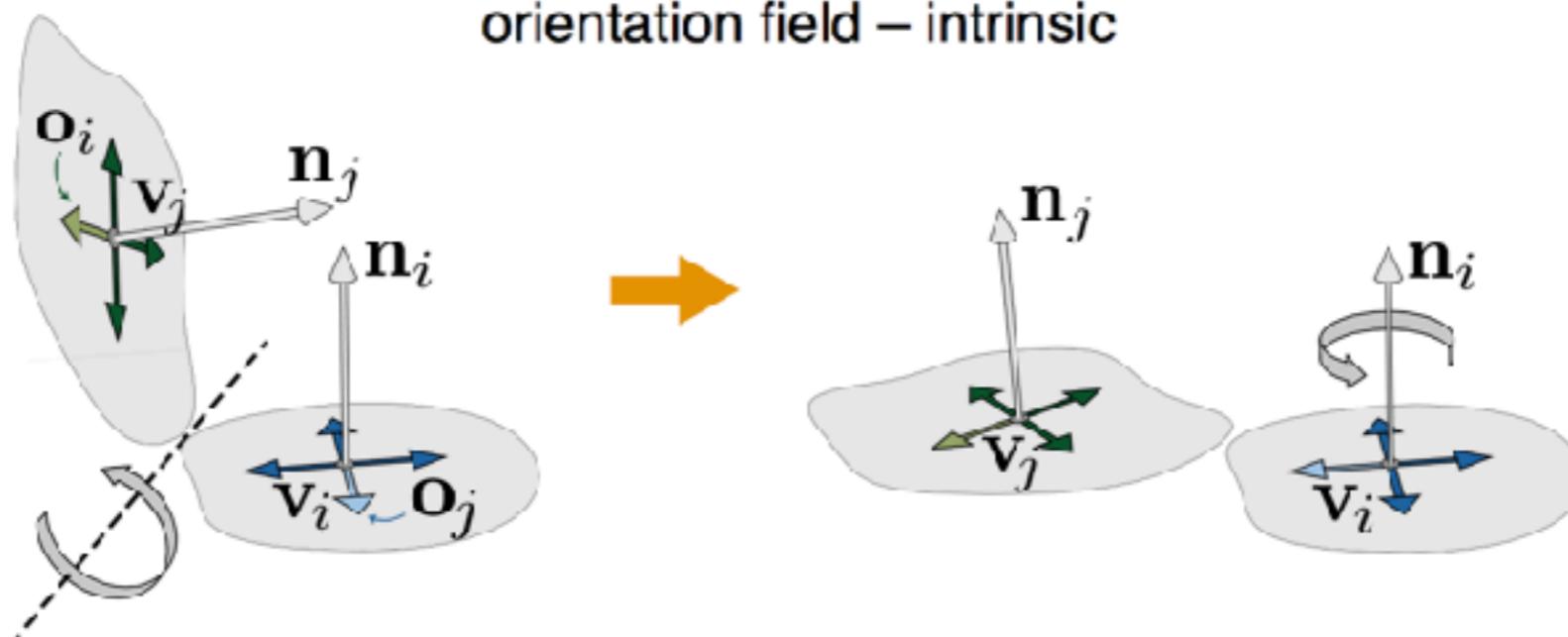
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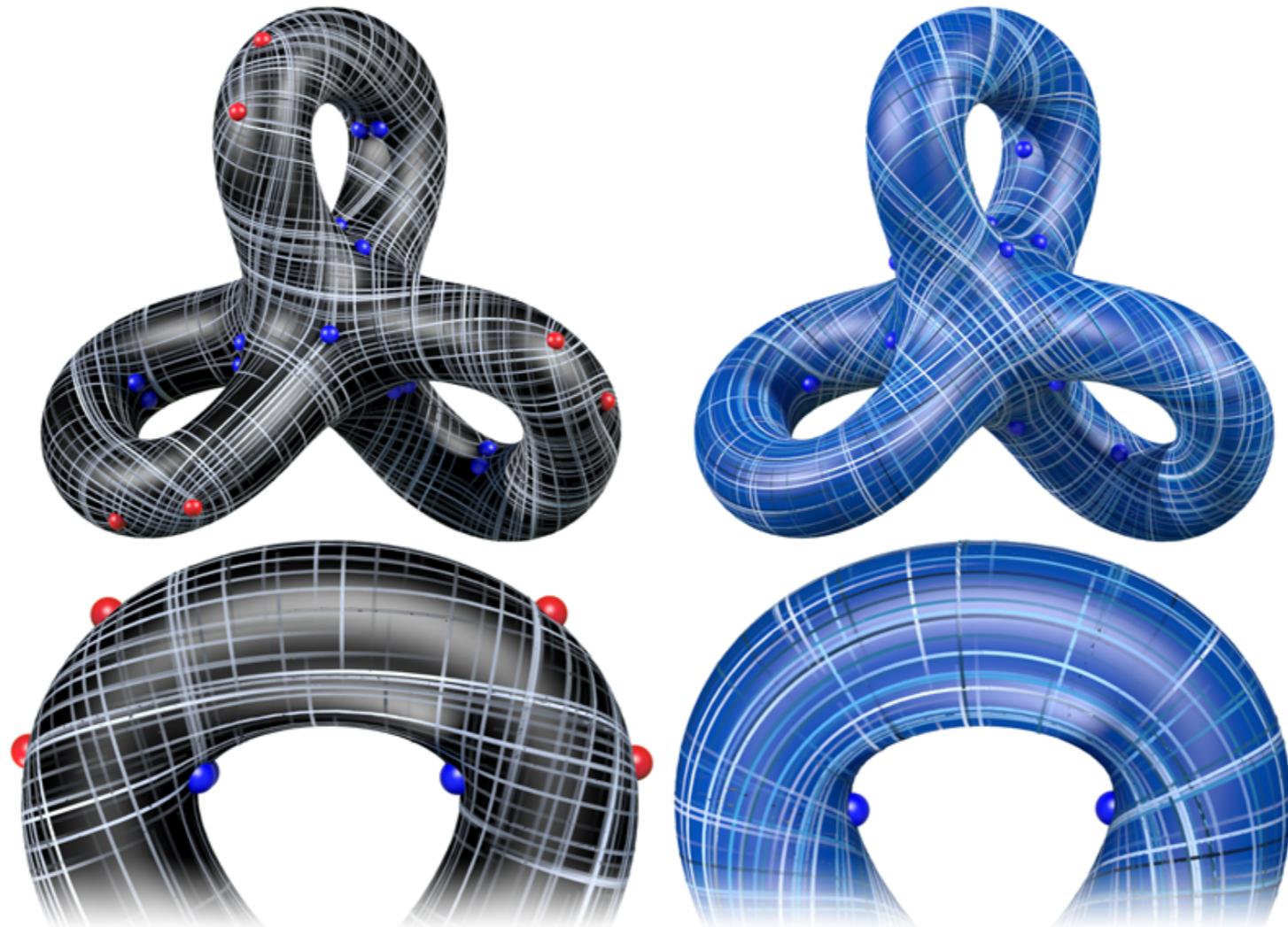
[*Huang et al. 2016*]

OBJECTIVES – ALIGNMENT TO FEATURES

orientation field – intrinsic



OBJECTIVES – SINGULARITY CONTROL



[Knöppel et al. 2013]

OBJECTIVES – ISOMETRY INDUCING

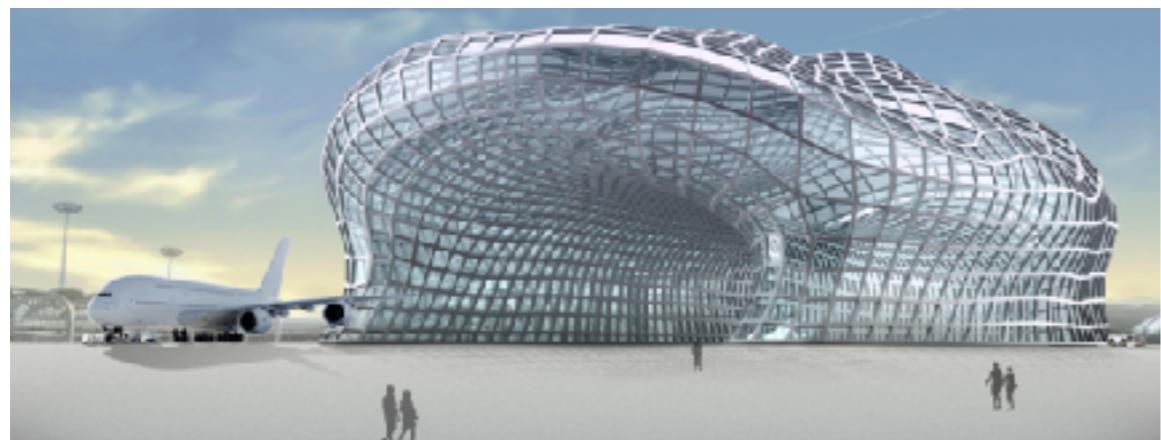


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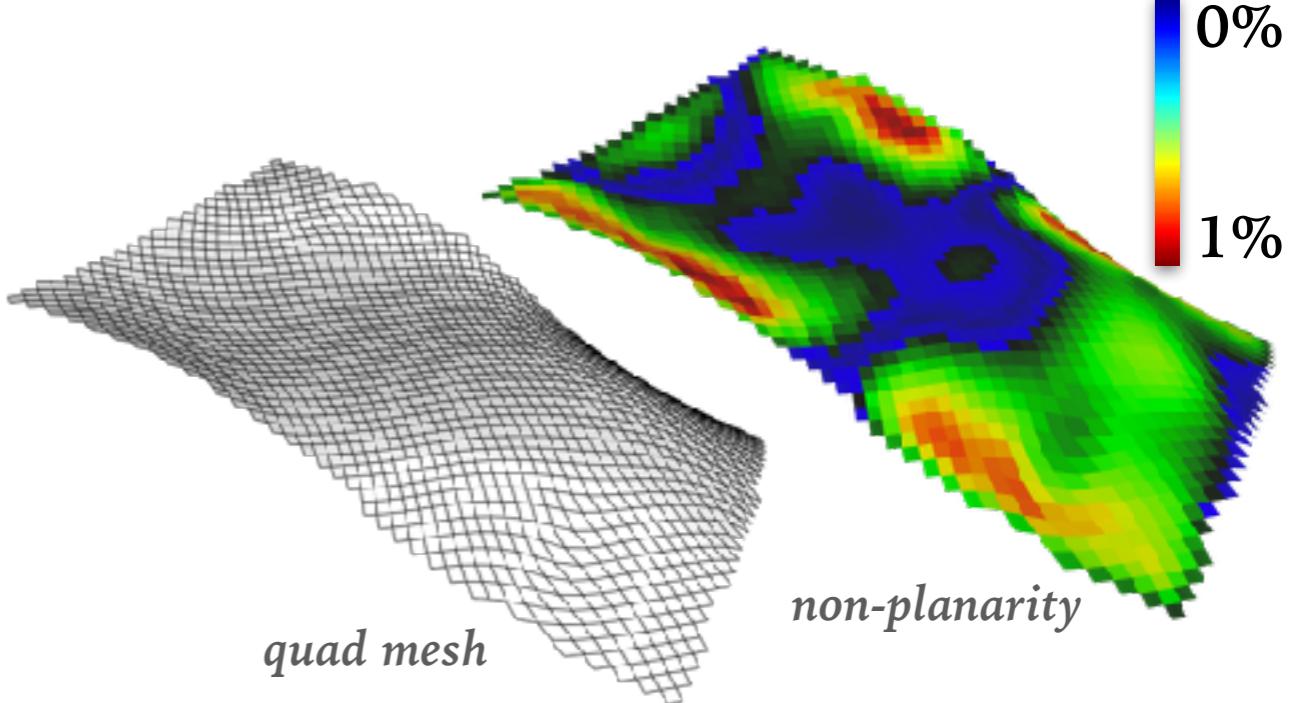


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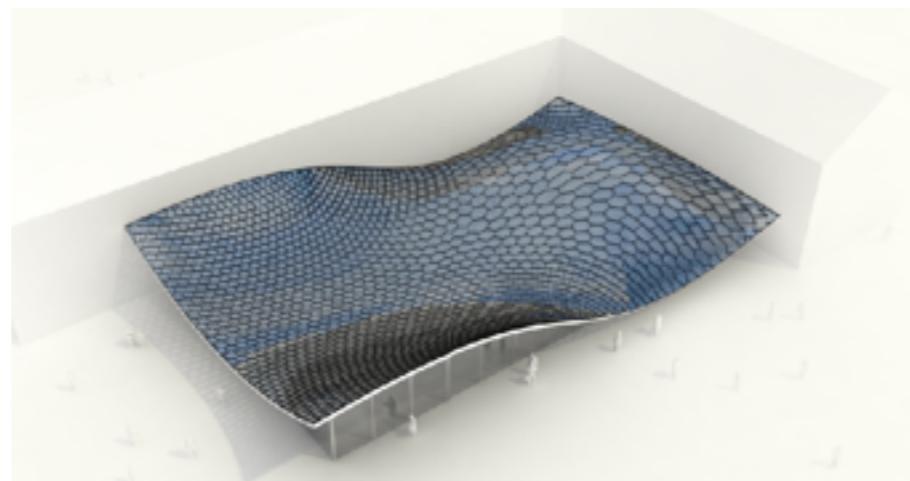
OBJECTIVES - CONJUGACY (PLANARITY)



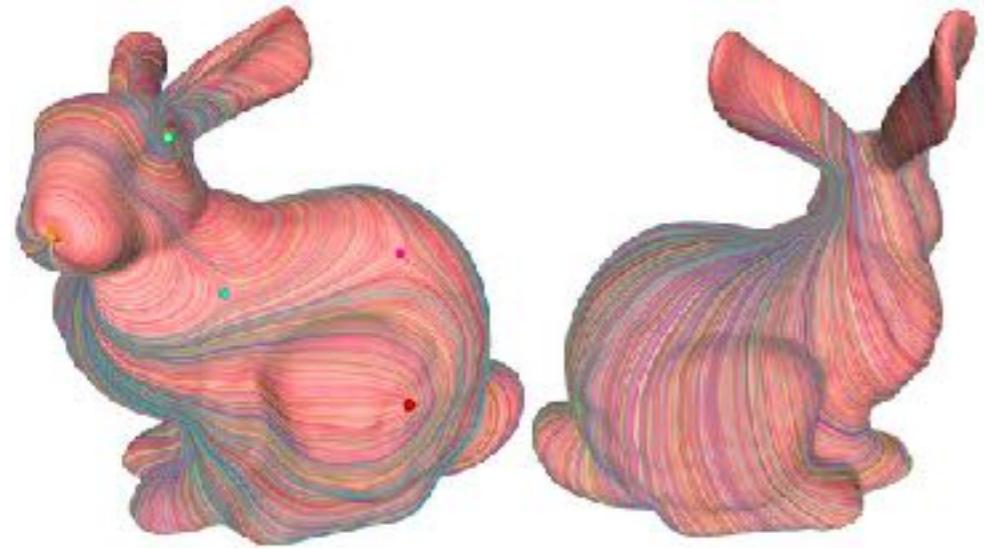
[Liu et al. 2011]



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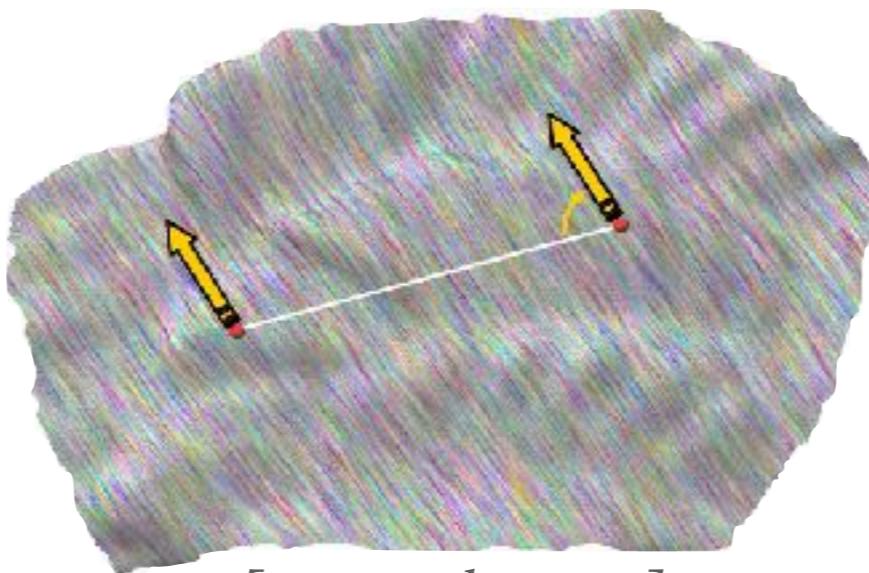
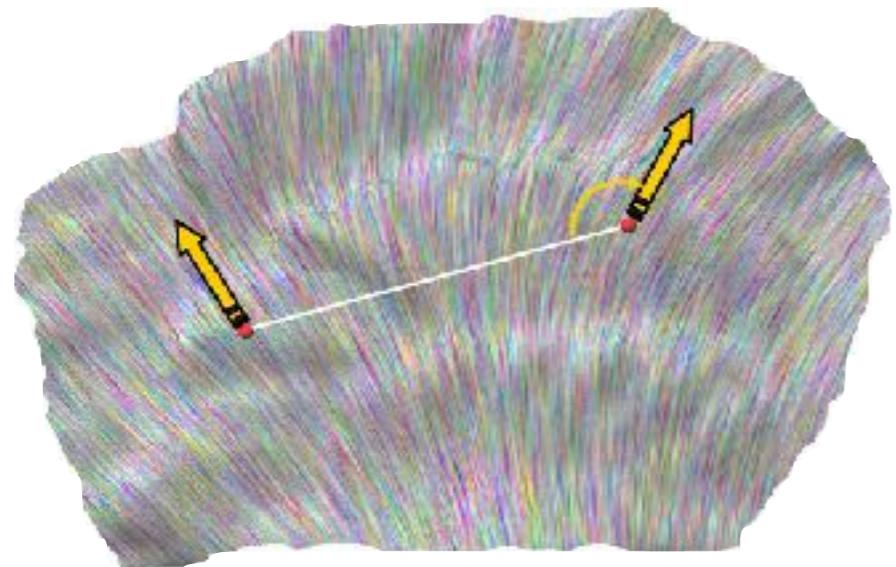


[Vaxman et al. 2015]

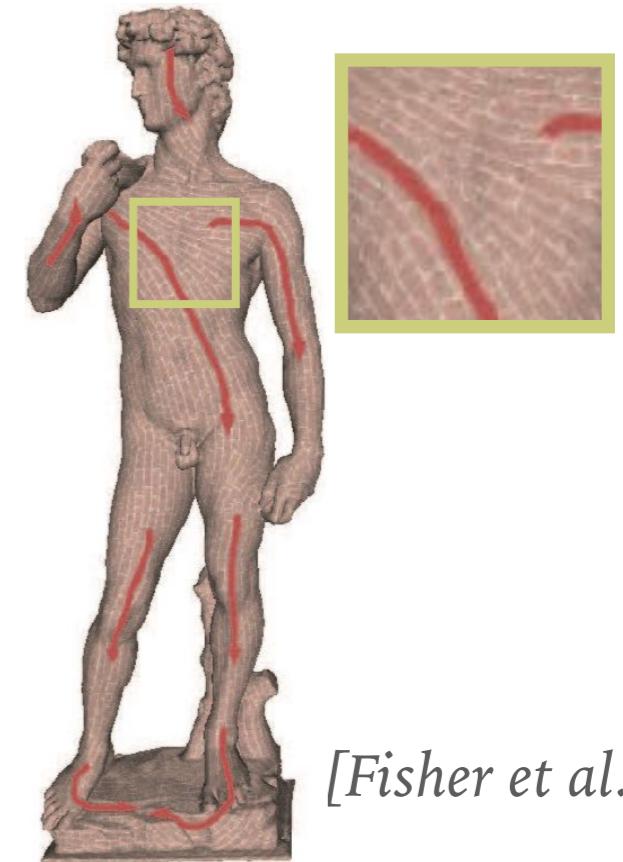


CONSTRAINTS

CONSTRAINTS - ALIGNMENT



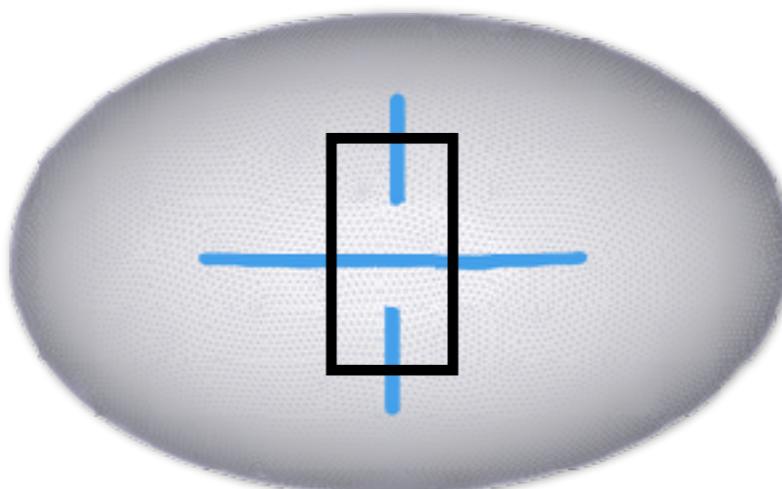
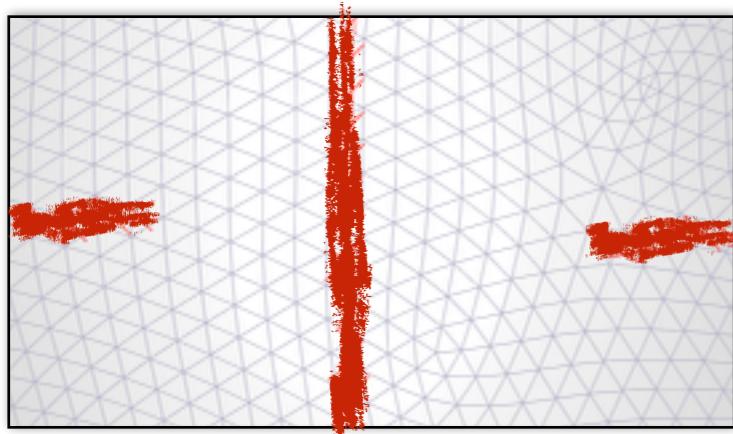
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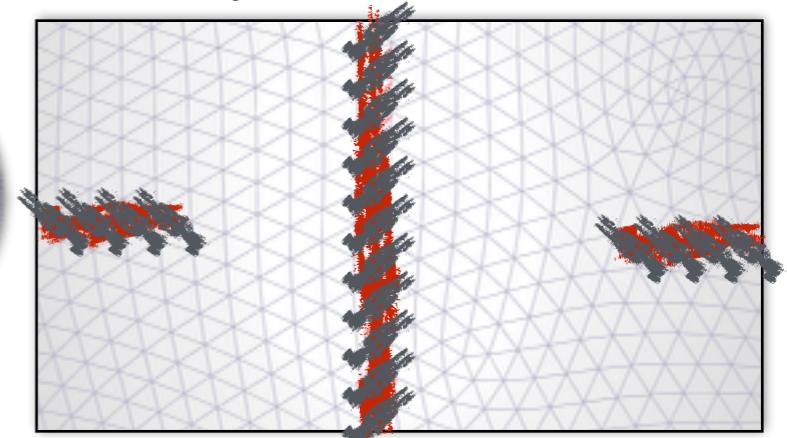
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- Complete or Partial

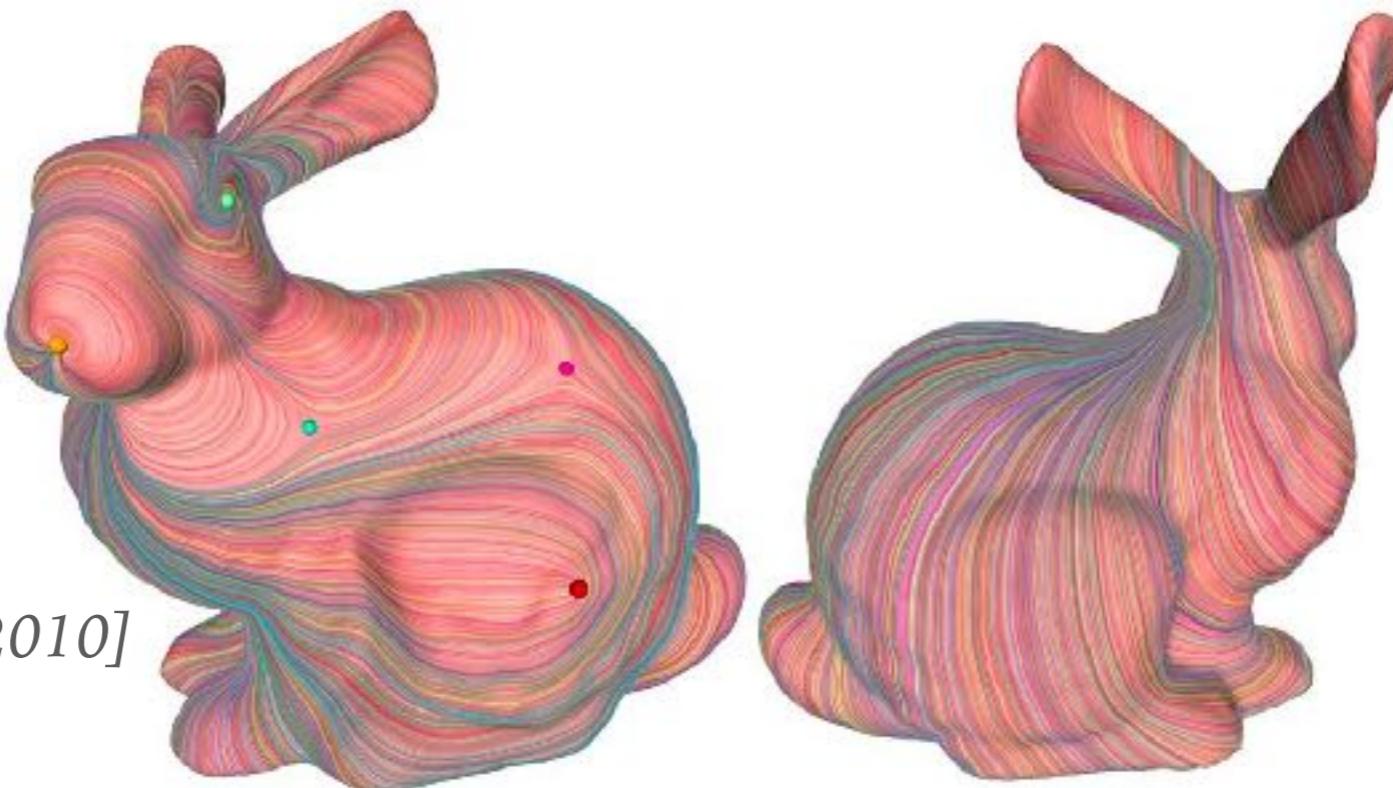
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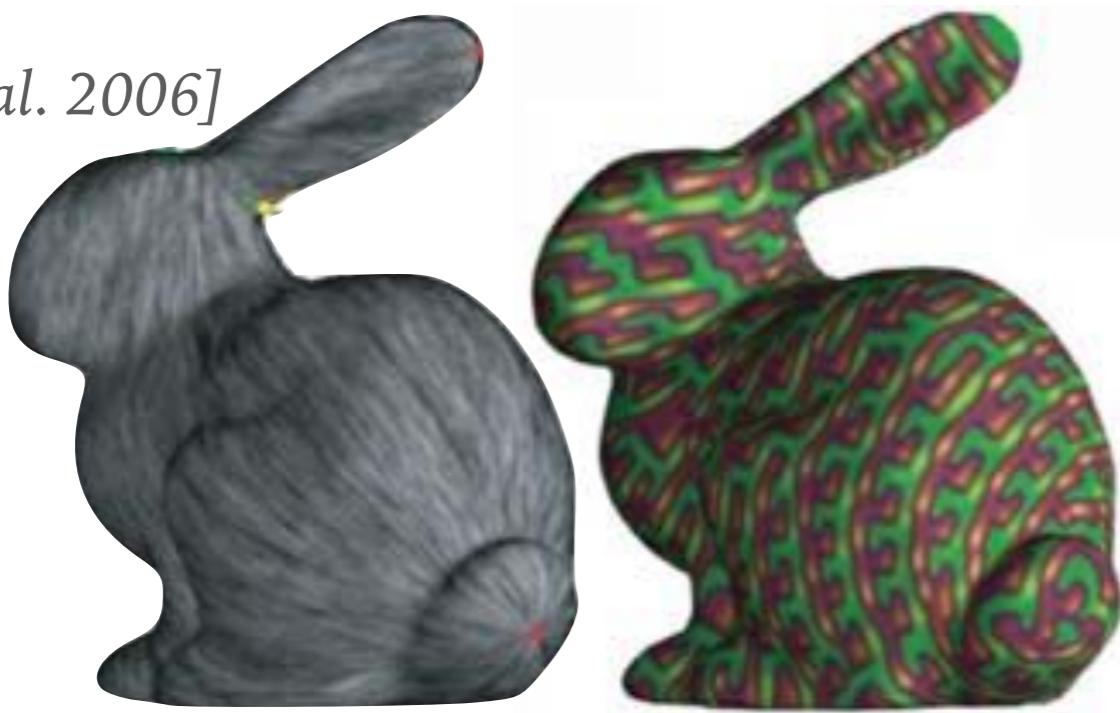
full constraints



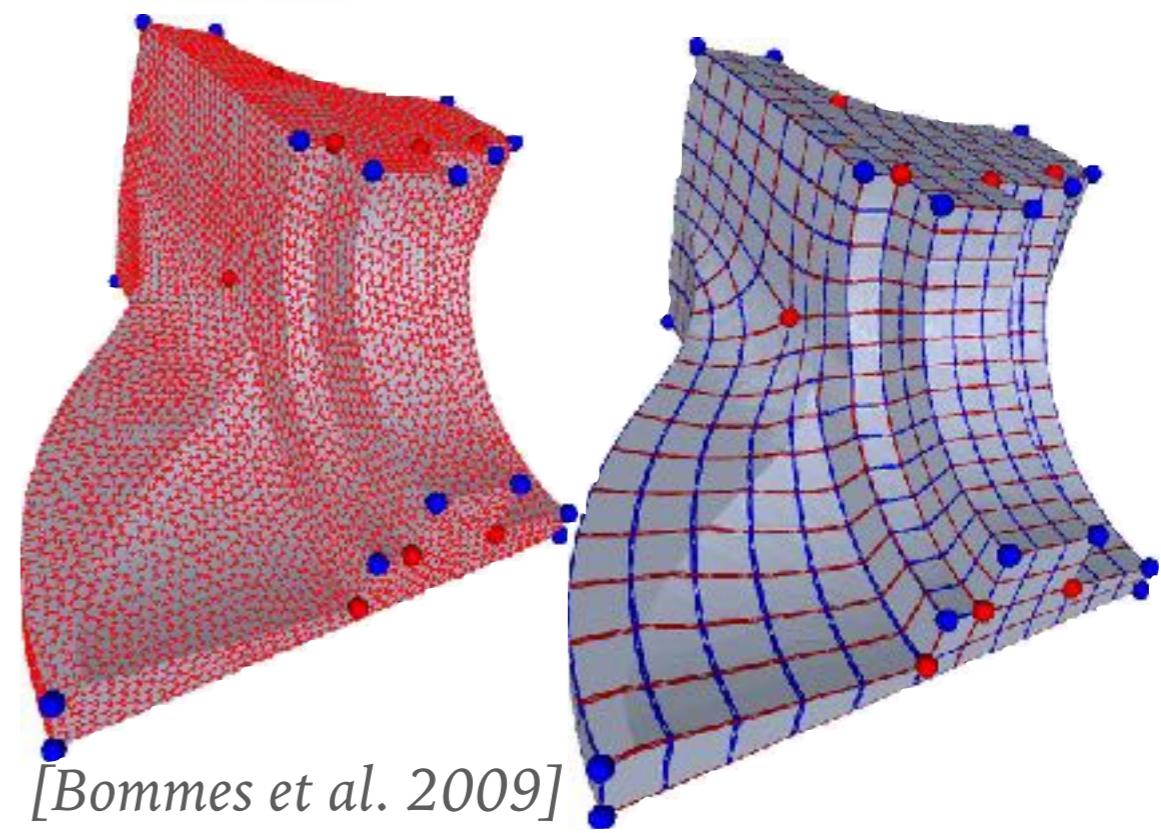
CONSTRAINTS - TOPOLOGY



[Crane et al. 2010]

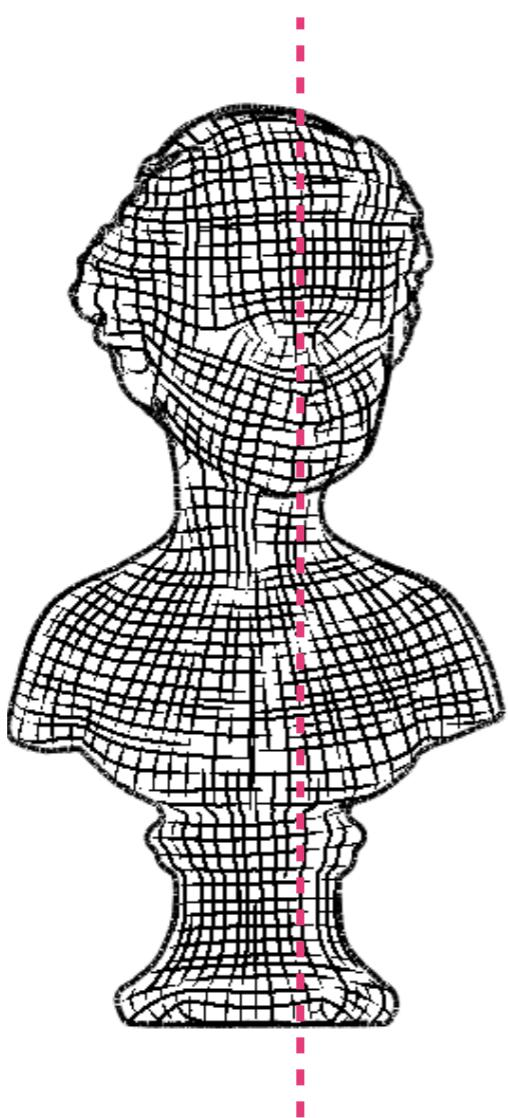


[Zhang et al. 2006]

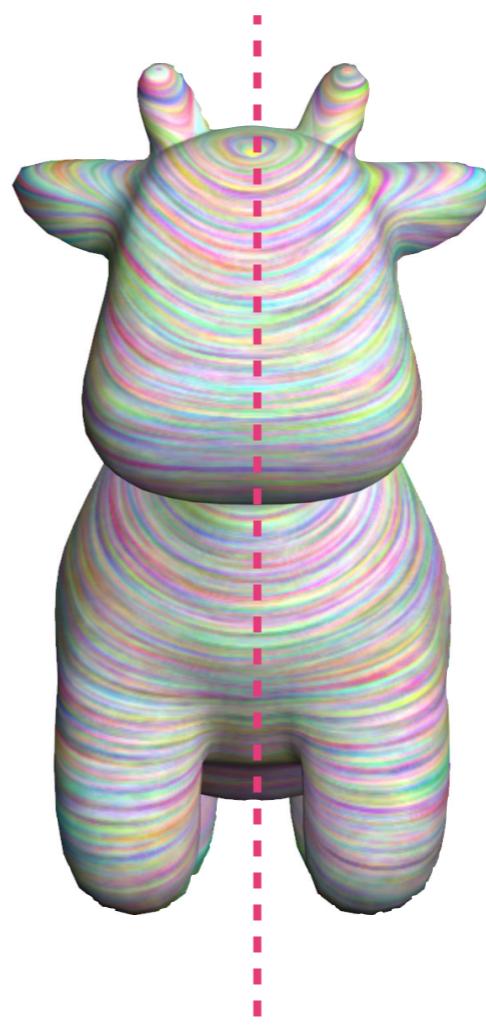


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CONSTRAINTS - SYMMETRY

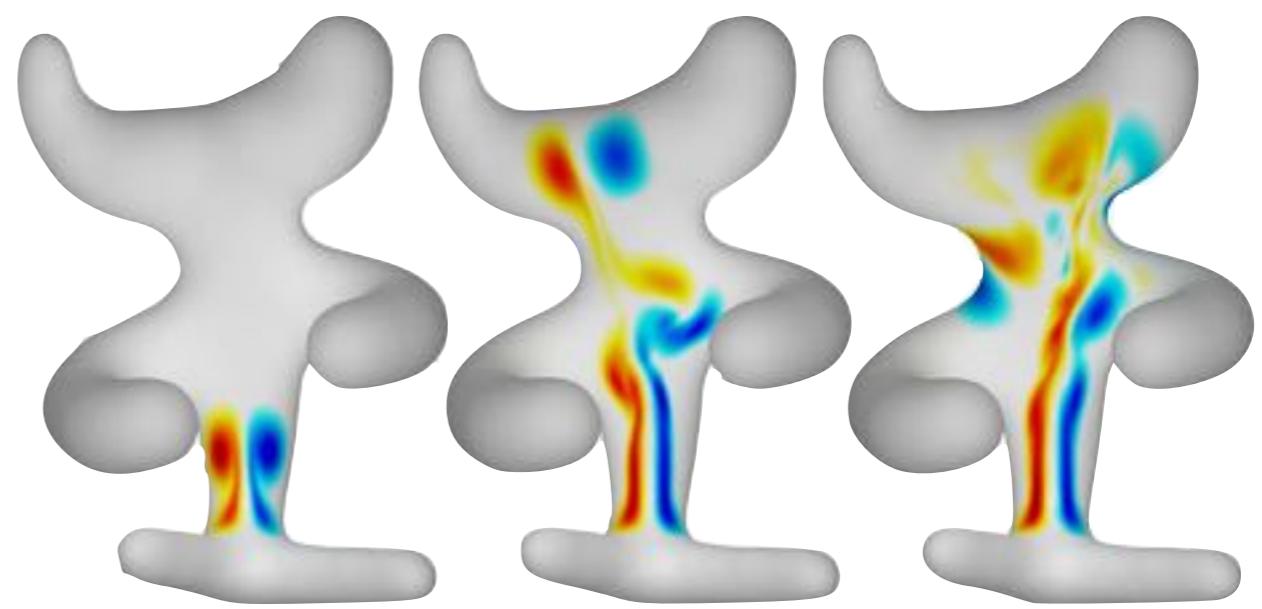
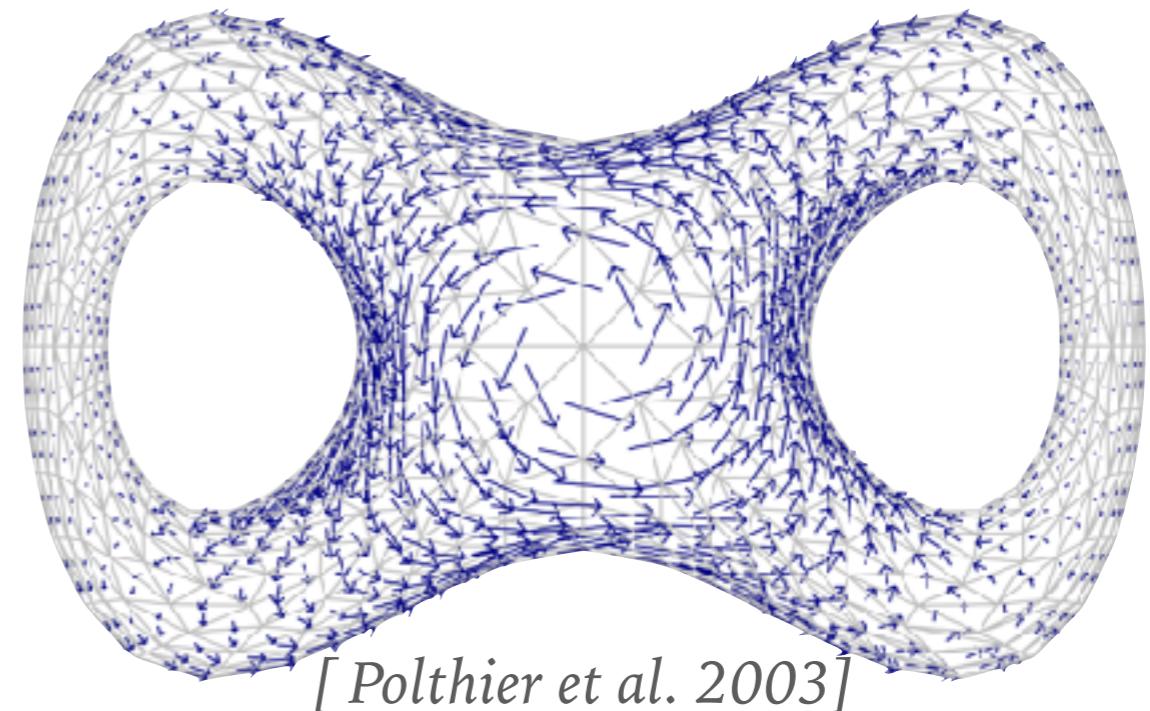
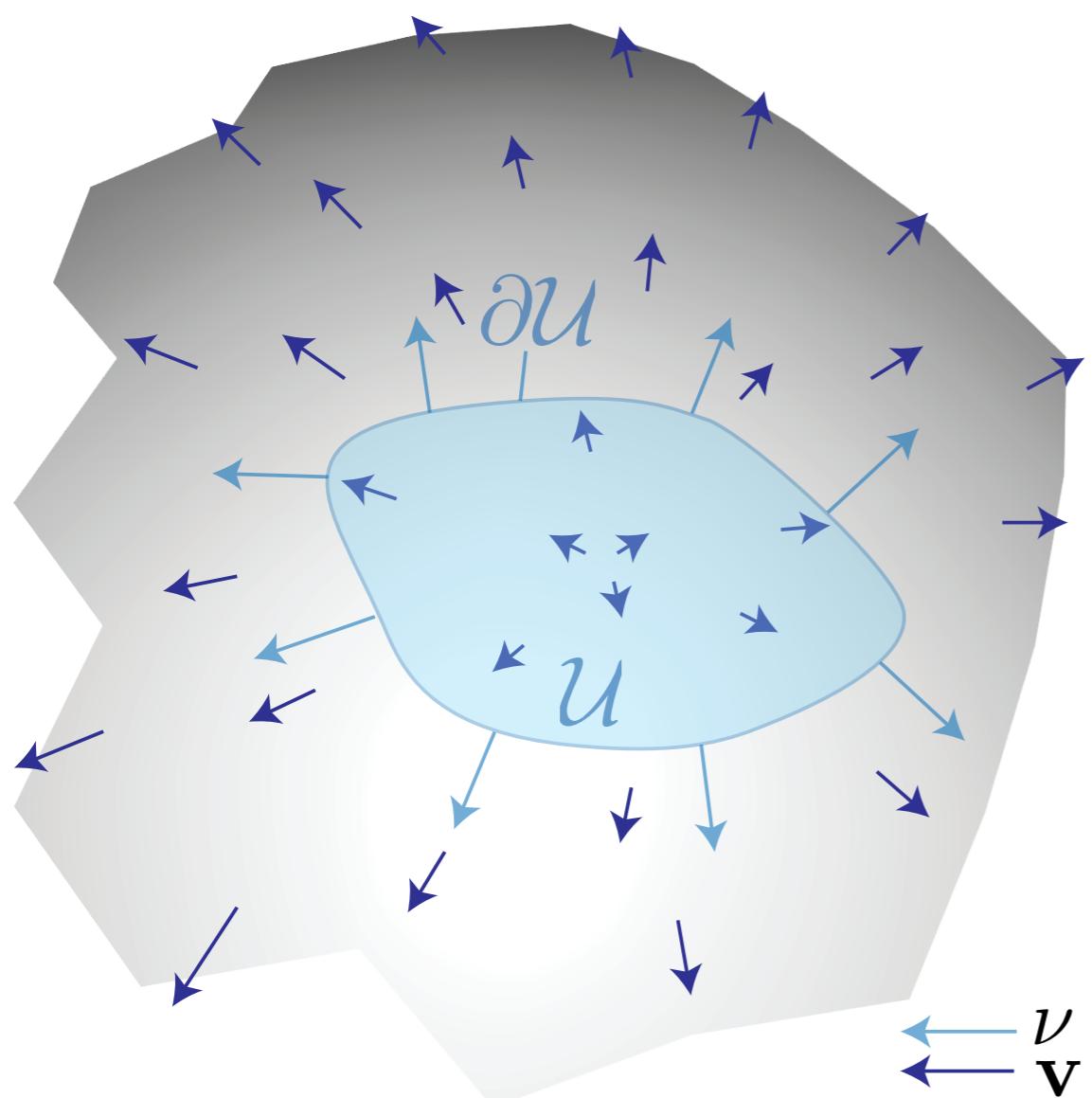


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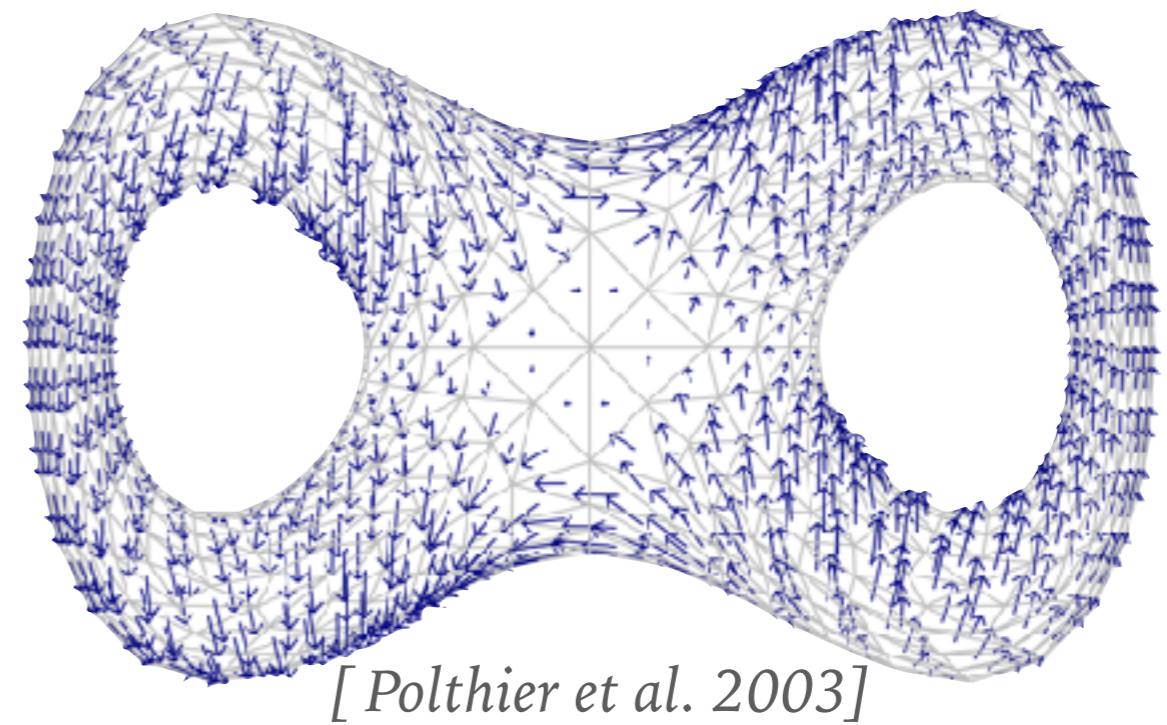
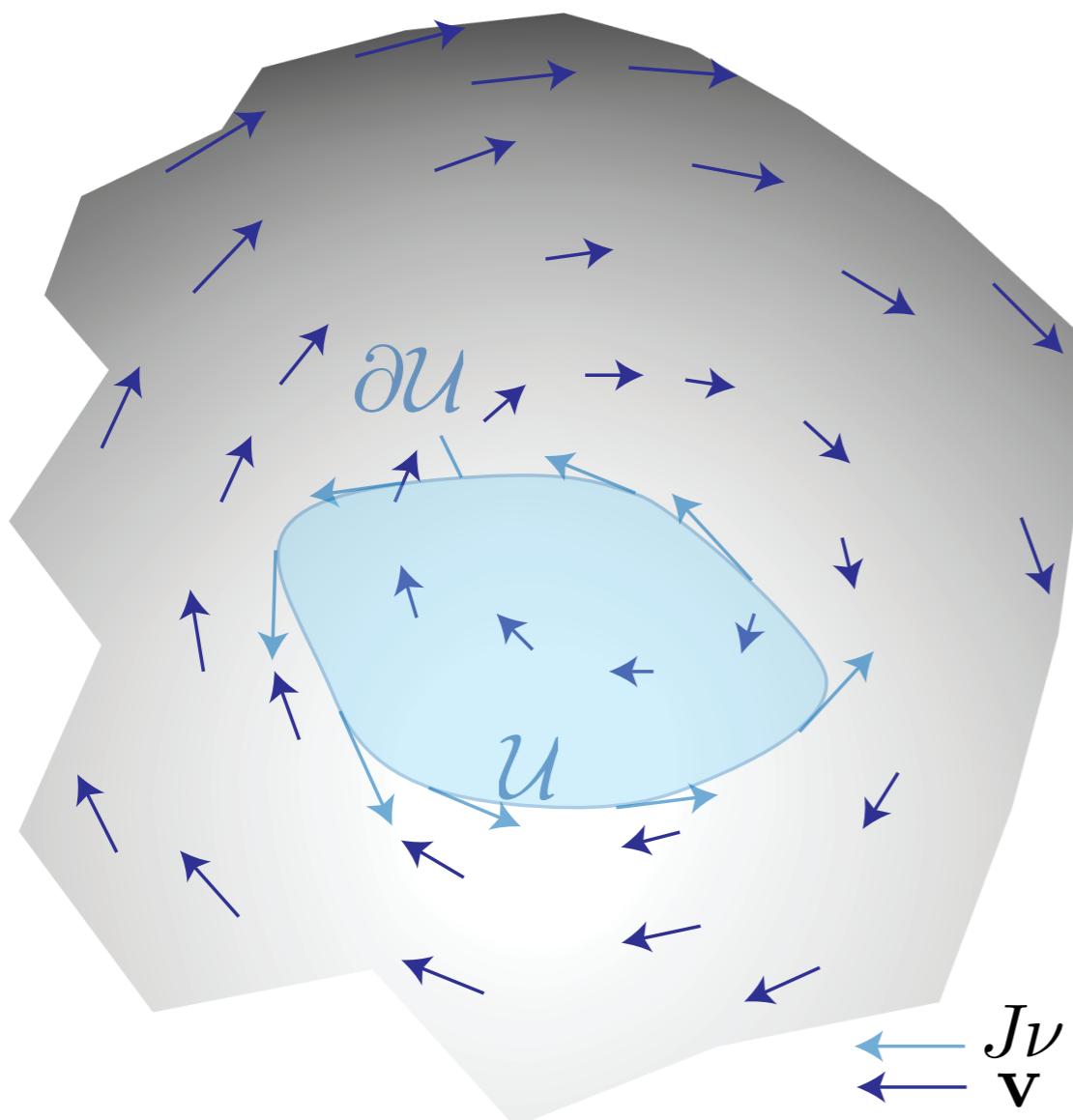
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CONSTRAINTS - DIFFERENTIAL - DIVERGENCE



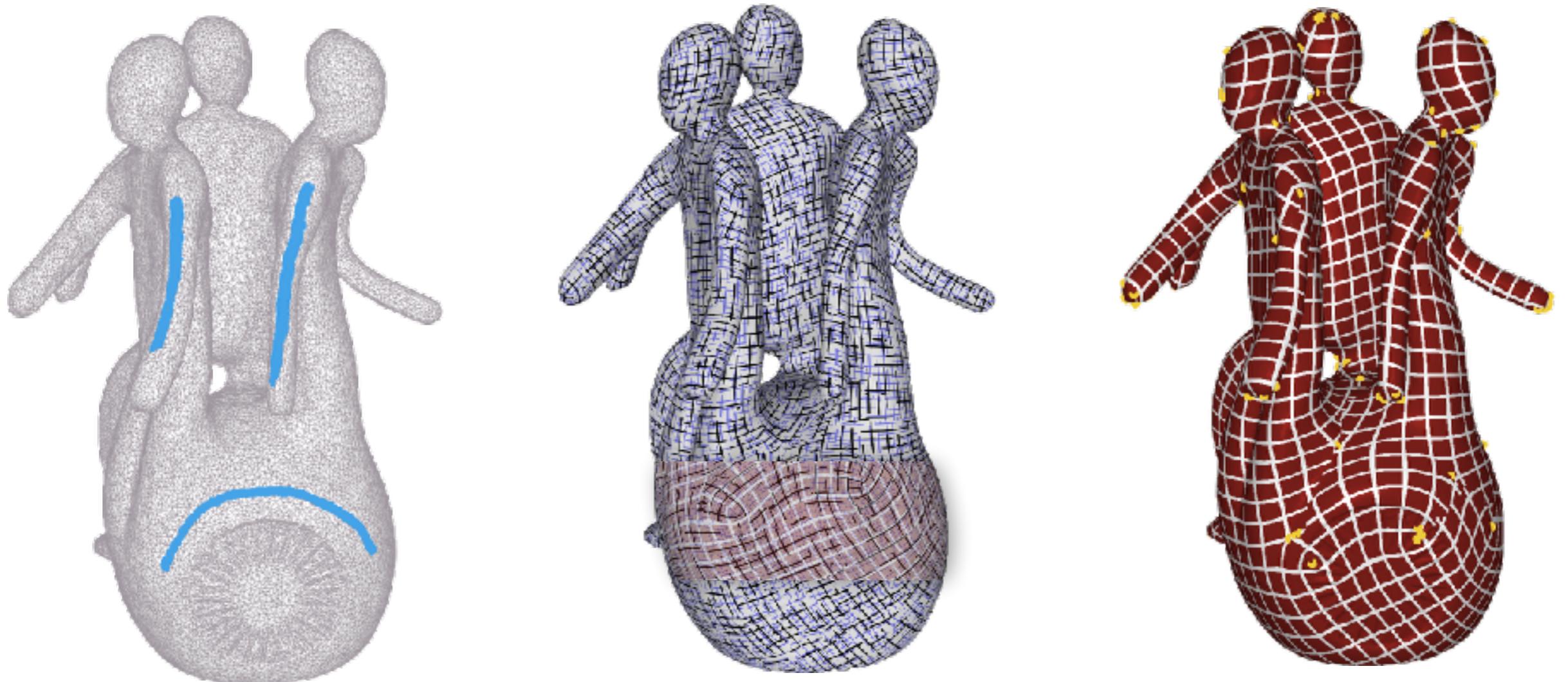
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CONSTRAINTS - DIFFERENTIAL - CURL



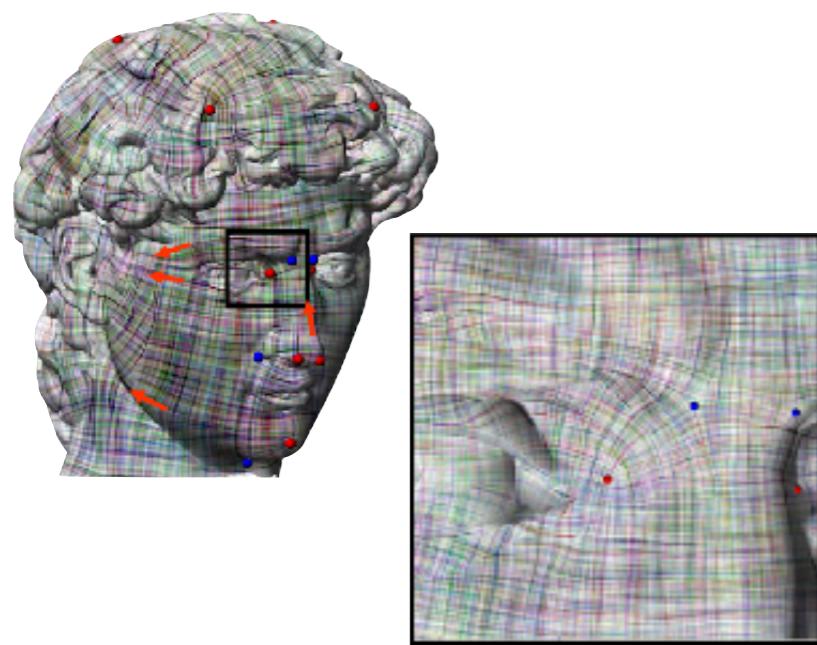
[Polthier et al. 2003]

CONSTRAINTS - DIFFERENTIAL - CURL



[Diamanti et al. 2015]

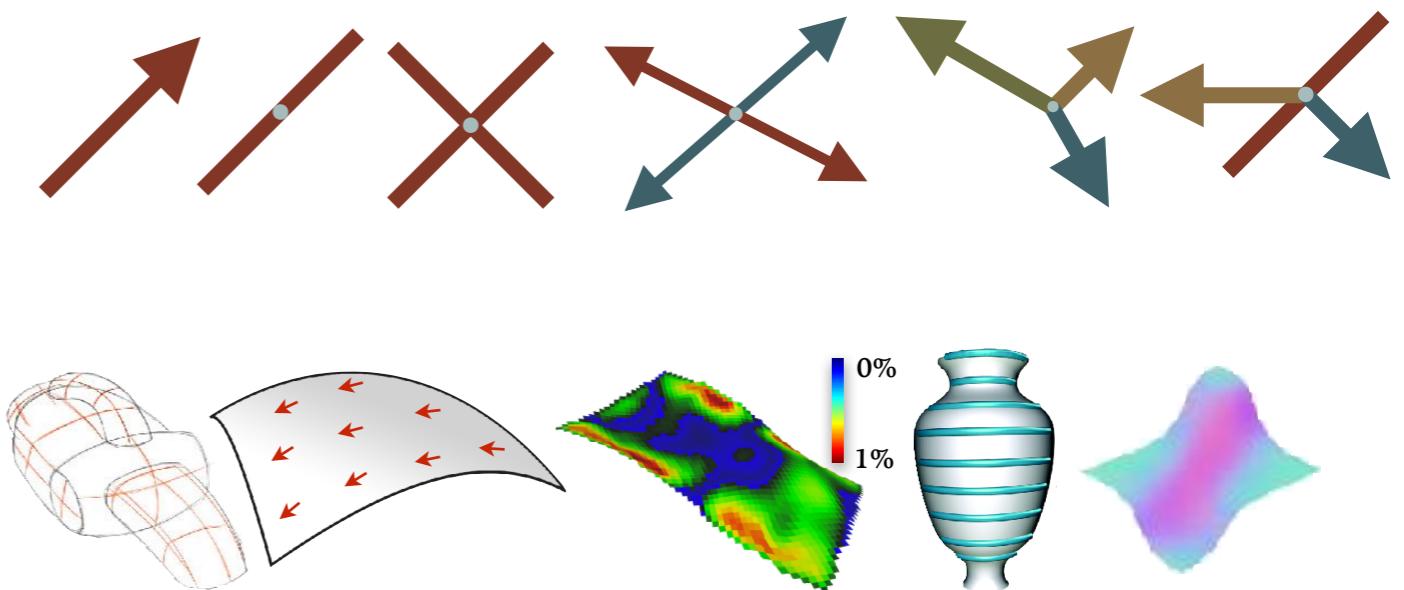
HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT METHOD?



Demos: ./libdirectional/examples

CHOOSING THE RIGHT METHOD

- Choose the type of object
- Determine what the ideal field is (objective)
- Consider the types of guarantees required
- Consider design strategy in terms of efficiency, convergence,...
 - this affects the choice of representation
- Consider discretization preference

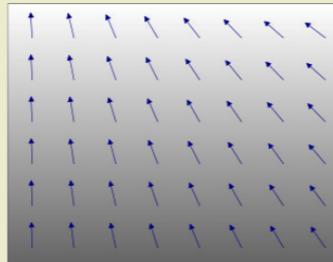
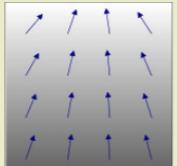


CASE STUDY: VECTOR FIELDS



Objective: Fairness

[Pedersen et al. 1995]



[Turk et al. 2001]



[Praun et al. 2000]

Objective: Other

Isometries - Killing

[Ben-Chen et al. 2010] [Azencot et al. 2013]

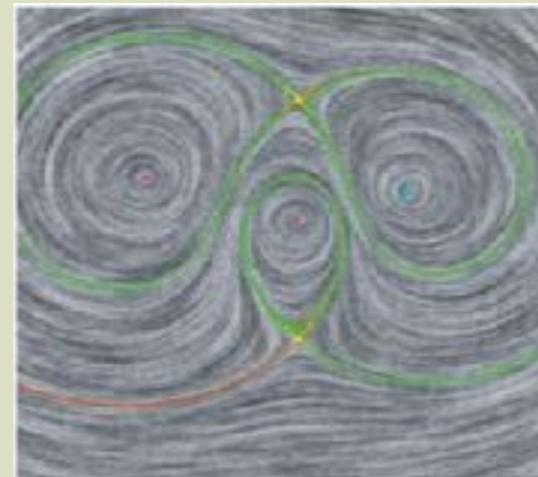
Curl / Divergence Control

[Fisher et al. 2007]

[Zhang et al. 2006]

Symmetries

[Azencot et al. 2013]



Constraints: Directional

hard

[Pedersen et al. 1995]

[Praun et al. 2000]

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soft

[Turk et al. 2001]

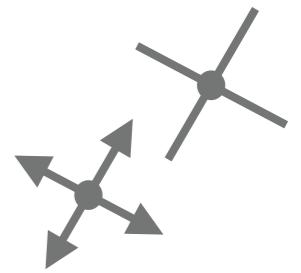
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soft + singularity control

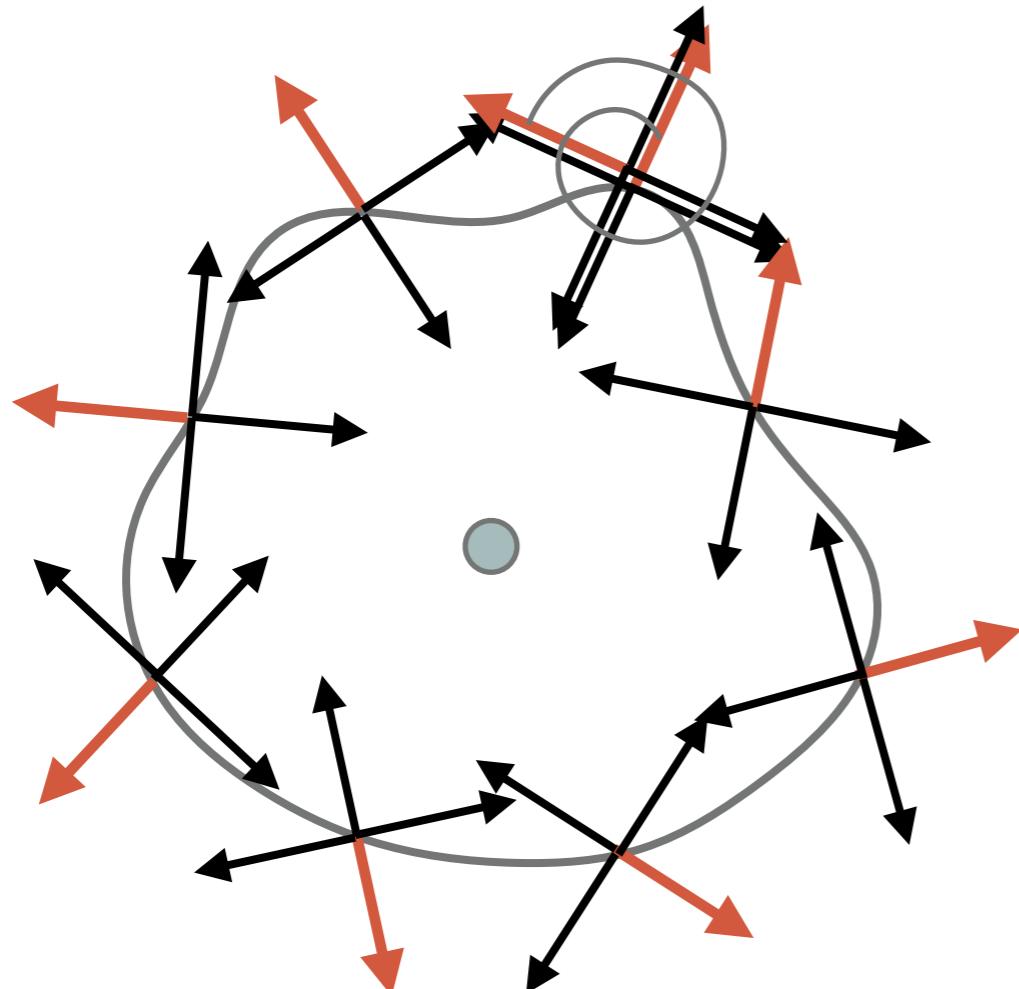
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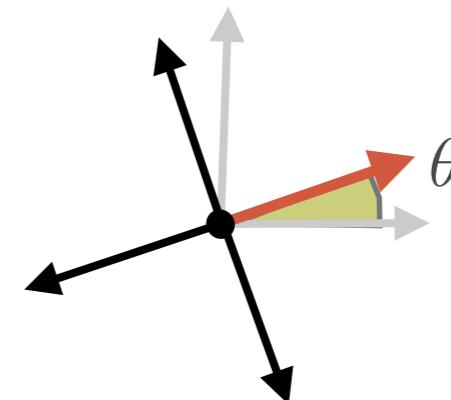
CASE STUDY: N-DIRECTIONAL FIELD, FIXED TOPOLOGY



- Objective: “As-parallel-as-possible”
- Singularity prescription straightforward with angle based representations

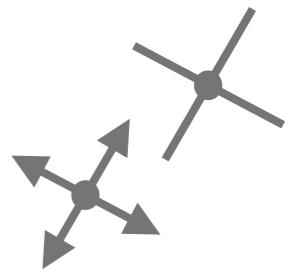


desired singularity index = 5/4

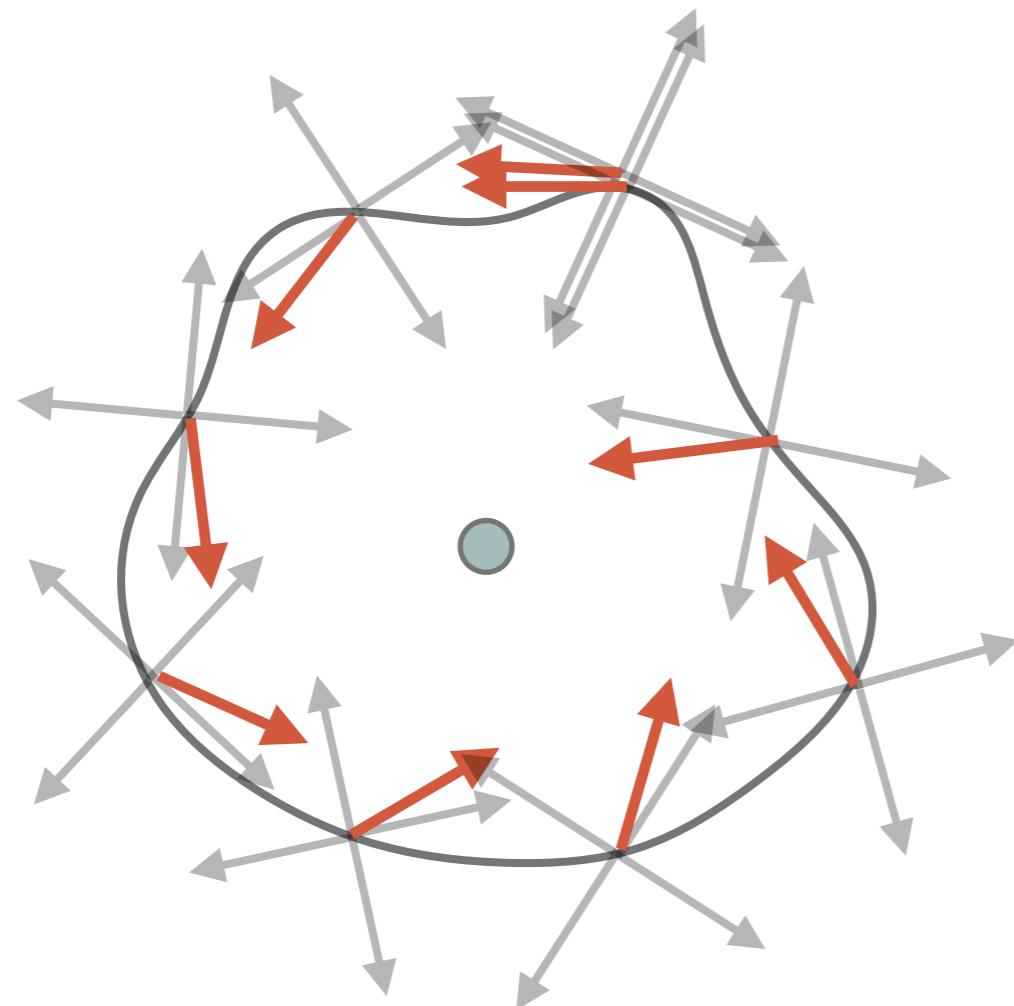


*angle-based representation
of a 4-direction field*

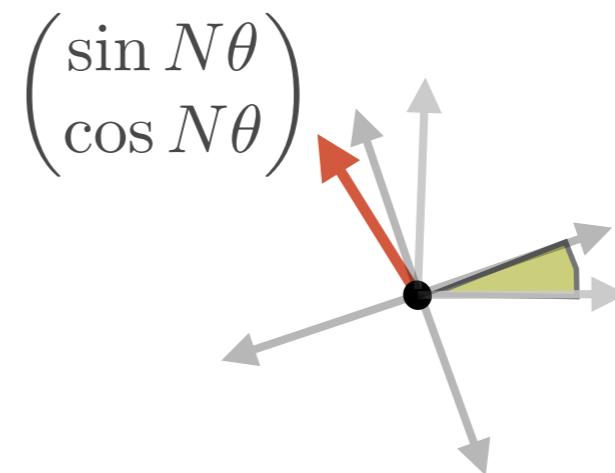
CASE STUDY: N-DIRECTIONAL FIELD, FIXED TOPOLOGY



- Objective: “As-parallel-as-possible”
- Cartesian/Complex representative insensitive to 2π rotations



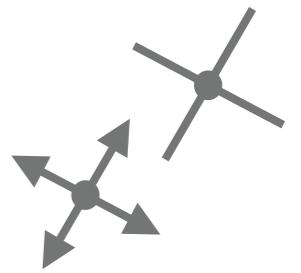
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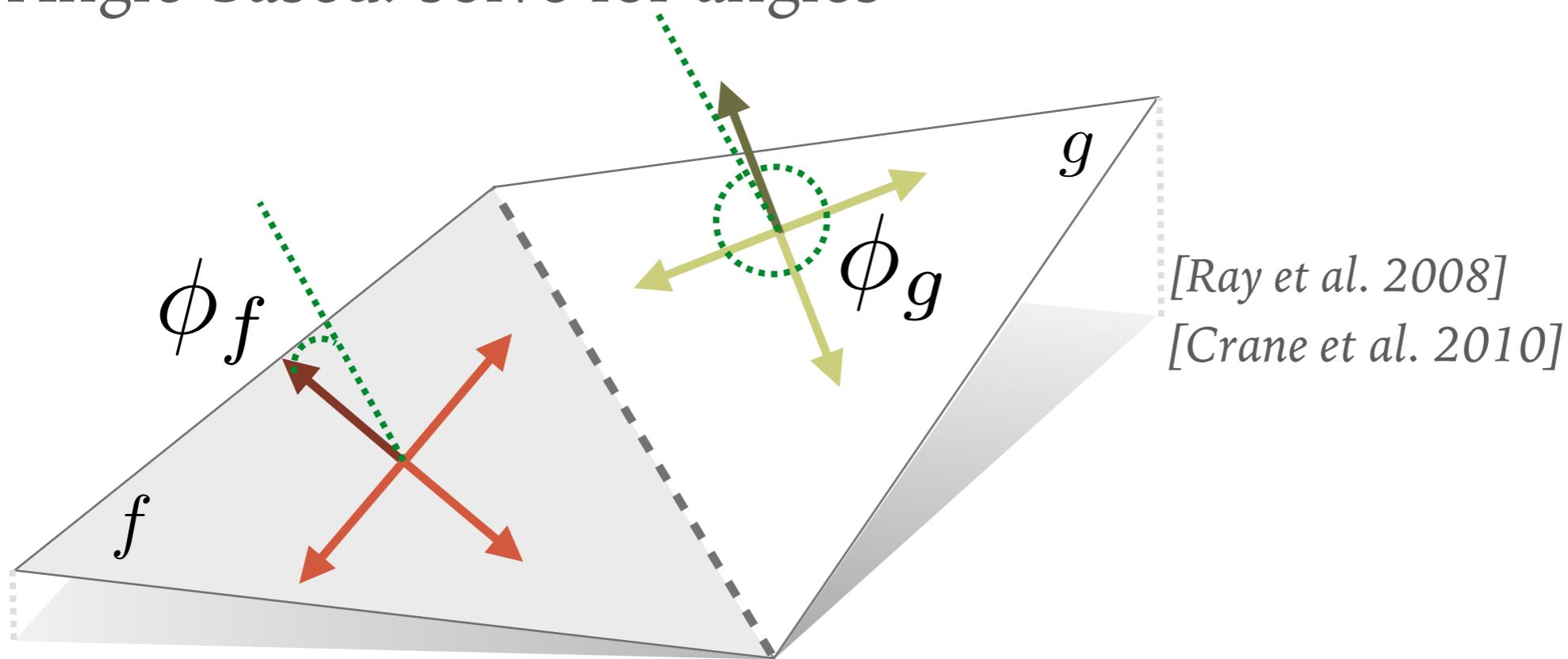
*cartesian representation of
a 4-direction field*

*How to prescribe angle difference
 $2\pi + \pi/4$ with principal rotation/
matching?*

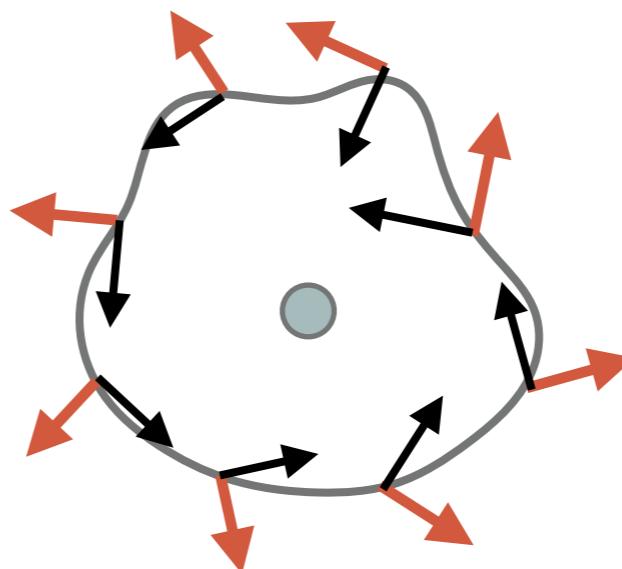
CASE STUDY: N-DIRECTIONAL FIELD, FIXED TOPOLOGY



- Angle-based: solve for angles



- linear system
- at least one constraint needed



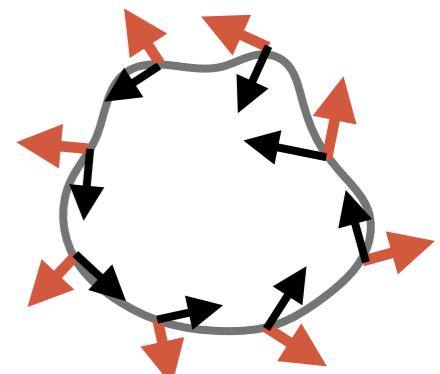
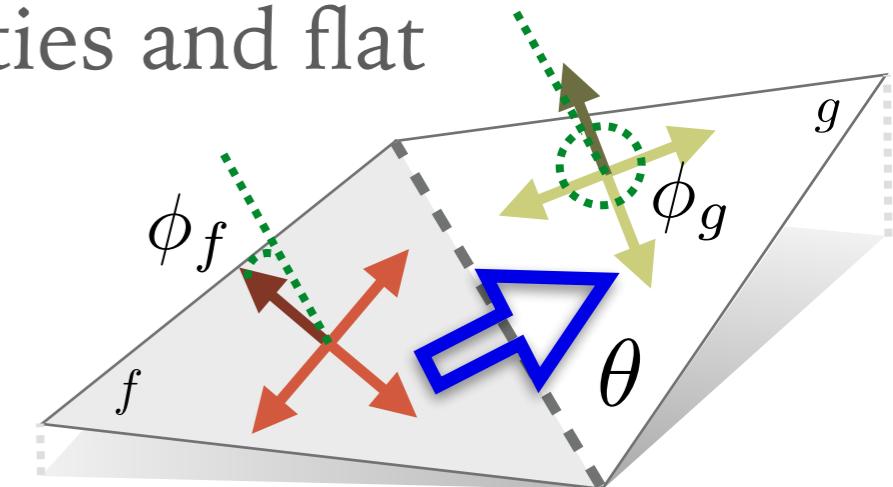
DEMO: TRIVIAL CONNECTIONS

- Input:
 - Original vertex curvatures k_0 .
 - Prescribed curvatures k (cone singularities and flat vertices).
- Output:
 - Edge-based deviation from parallelity θ .
 - Objective: as-parallel as possible.
 - Linearly-constrained quadratic minimization:

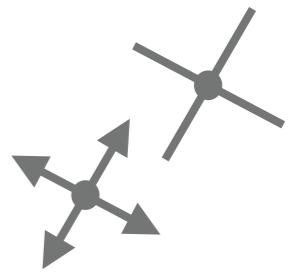
As parallel as possible —>

$$\theta = \operatorname{argmin} |\theta|^2 \text{ s.t.}$$

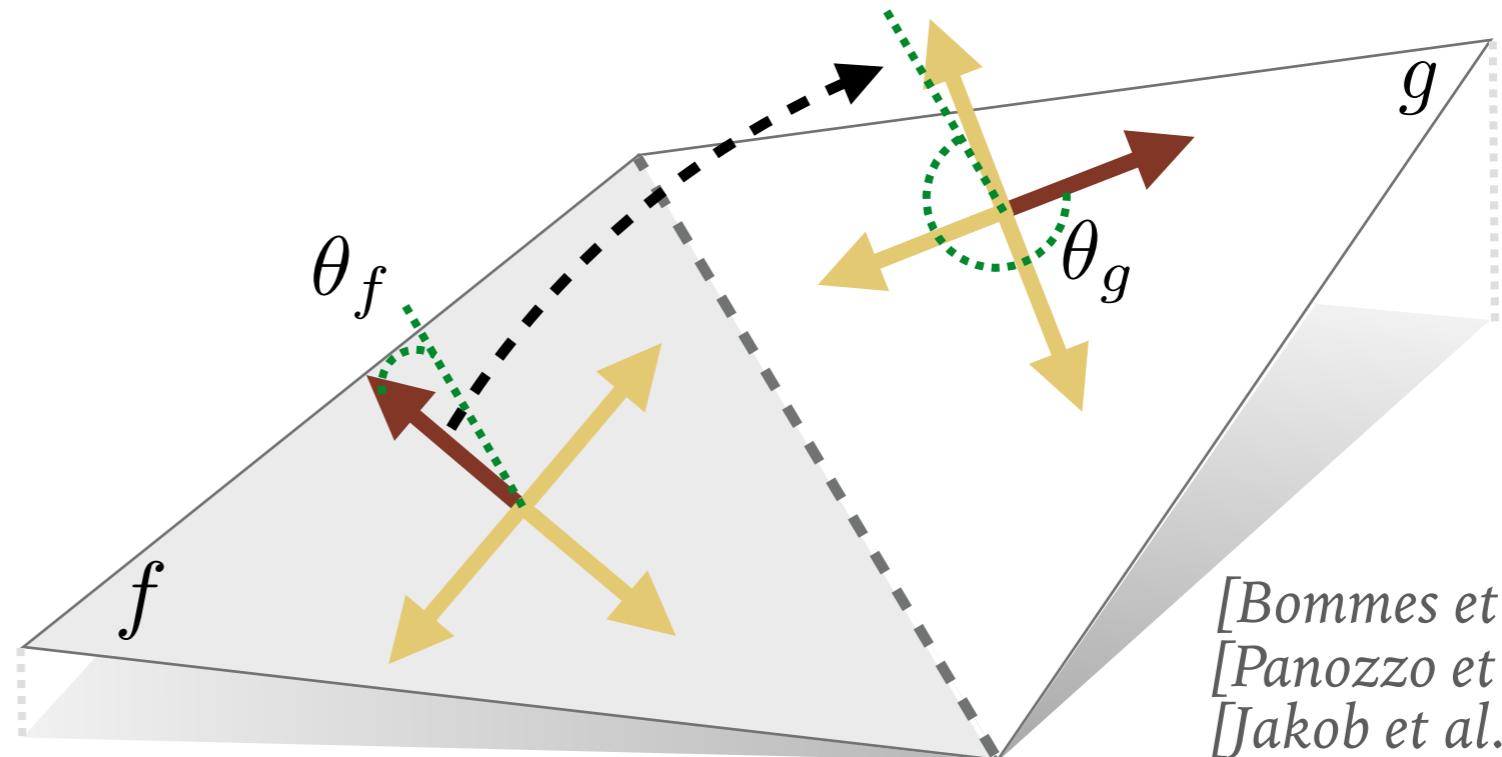
Prescribed Singularities —> $(d_0)^T \theta = k - k_0$



CASE STUDY: N-DIRECTIONAL FIELD, FREE TOPOLOGY



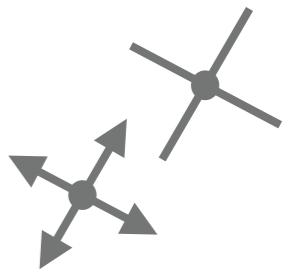
- Objective: “As-parallel-as-possible”
- Explicitly model topology (typically angle-based)
 - Matchings are explicitly modeled
 - Mixed Integer Optimization
 - Local minima



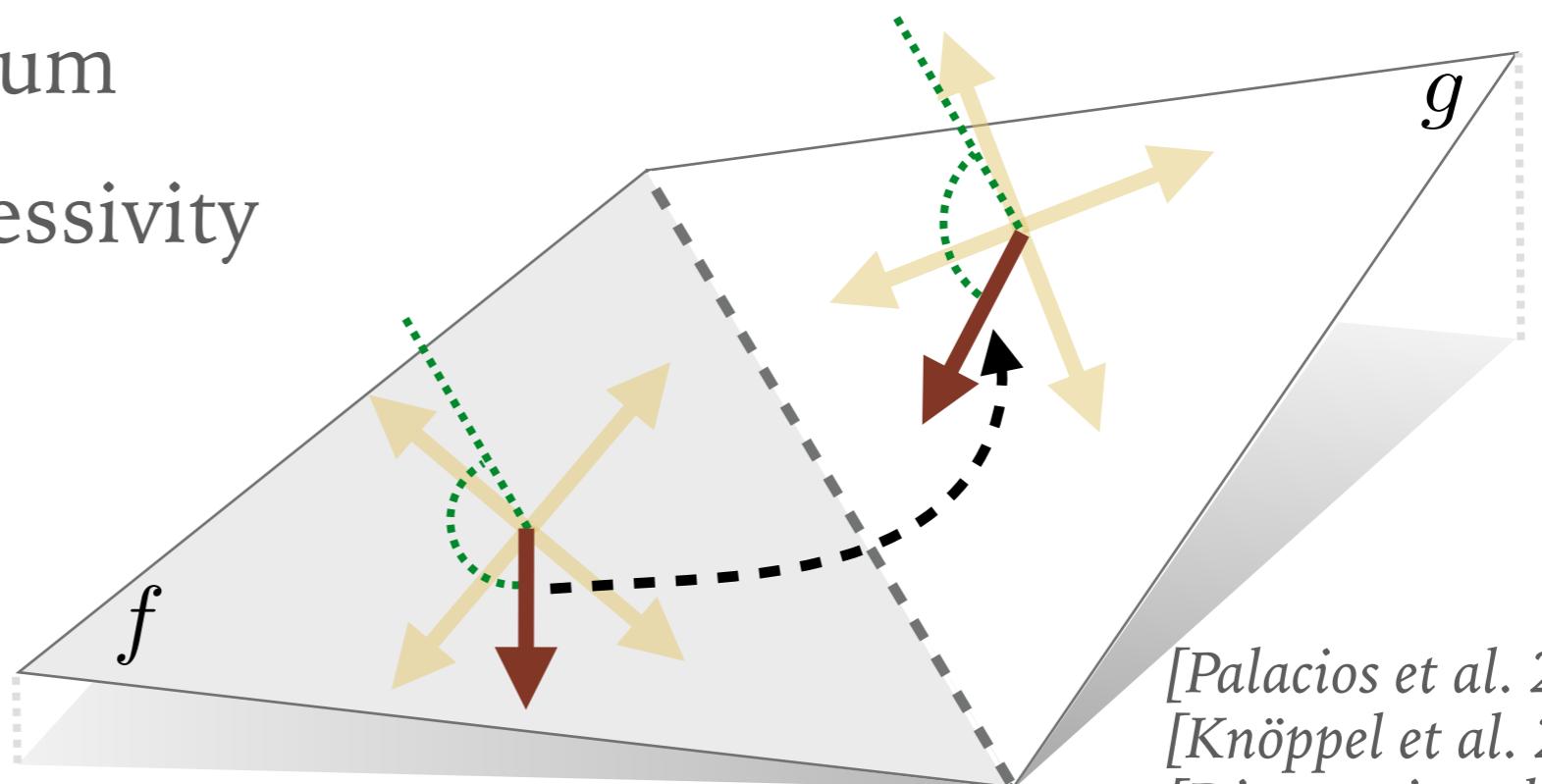
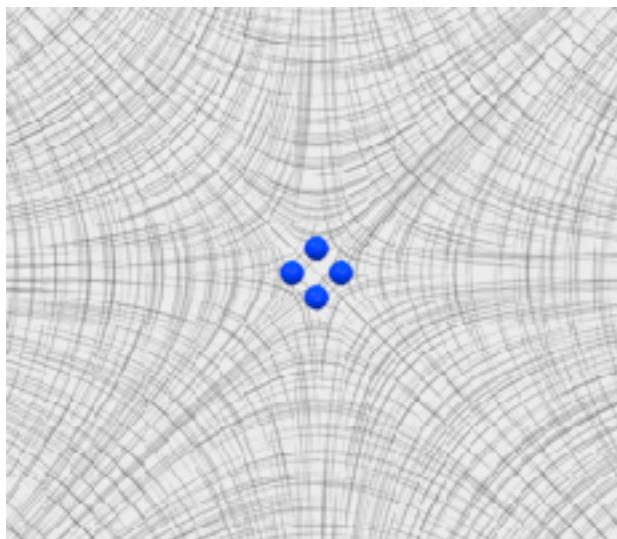
[Bommes et al. 2009]
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[Jakob et al. 2015]

$$(\theta_f + \rho_{fg} \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_g)^2 \quad \rho_{fg} \in \mathbb{I}$$

CASE STUDY: N-DIRECTIONAL FIELD, FREE TOPOLOGY



- Objective: “As-parallel-as-possible”
- Implicit topology with principal matchings (typically cartesian/complex)
 - Linear problem
 - Global optimum
 - Limited expressivity



[Palacios et al. 2007]
[Knöppel et al. 2013]
[Diamanti et al. 2014]

DEMO: GLOBALLY OPTIMAL

- Input: N-RoSy as single complex number per constrained face

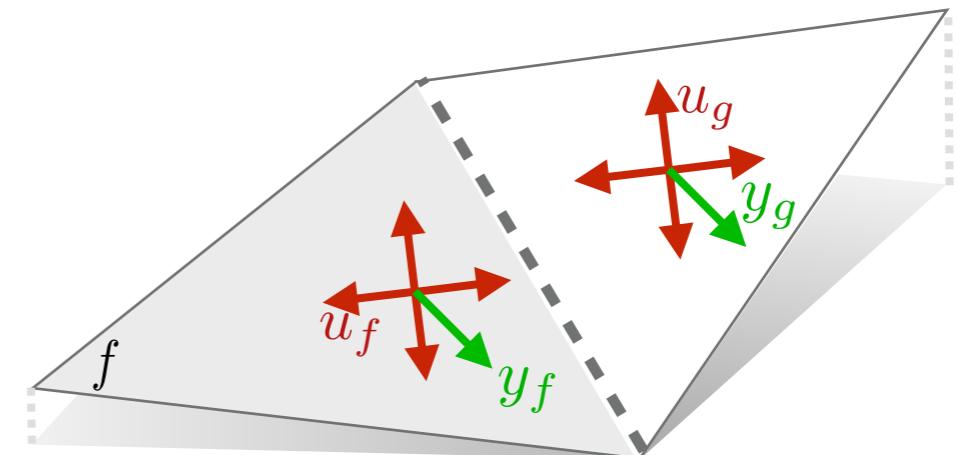
$$y_f = (u_f)^N$$

- Output: interpolation to all free faces $y_{f_{known}} = (u_{f_{known}})^N$

- Minimizing energy: $\min_{\mathbf{y}} E_{smooth}(\mathbf{y})$

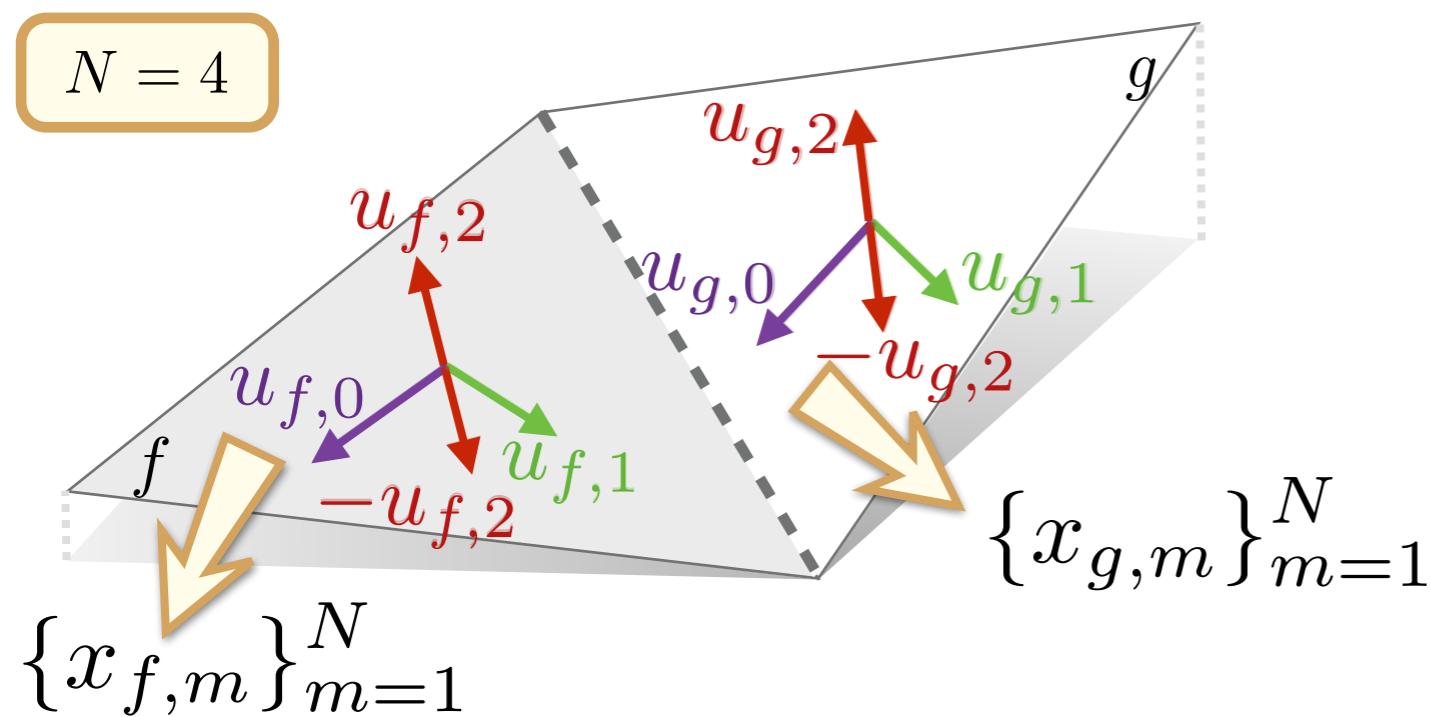
$$E_{smooth}(\mathbf{y}) = \sum_{(f,g)} |(\bar{e}_f)^N y_f - (\bar{e}_g)^N y_g|^2 = \mathbf{y}^T Q \mathbf{y}$$

- Take roots of all y_f



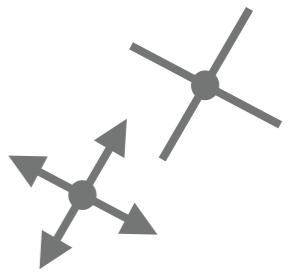
DEMO: POLYVECTORS

- Representing set of polynomial coefficients instead of single N-RoSy.
- Roots of polynomial = directional.
- Interpolating each like in **globally optimal**.



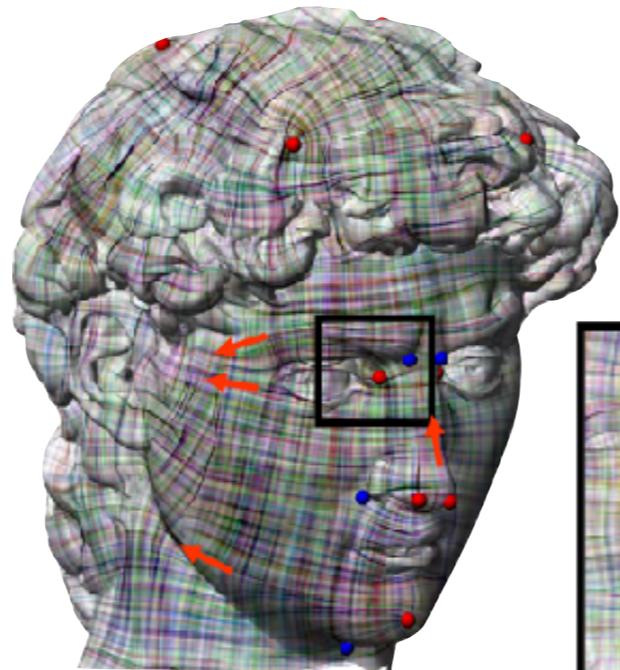
Ideally smooth field
of m -th coefficient

$$x_{f,m}(\bar{e}_f)^m = x_{g,m}(\bar{e}_g)^m$$
$$\forall m \in \{0, \dots, N-1\}$$

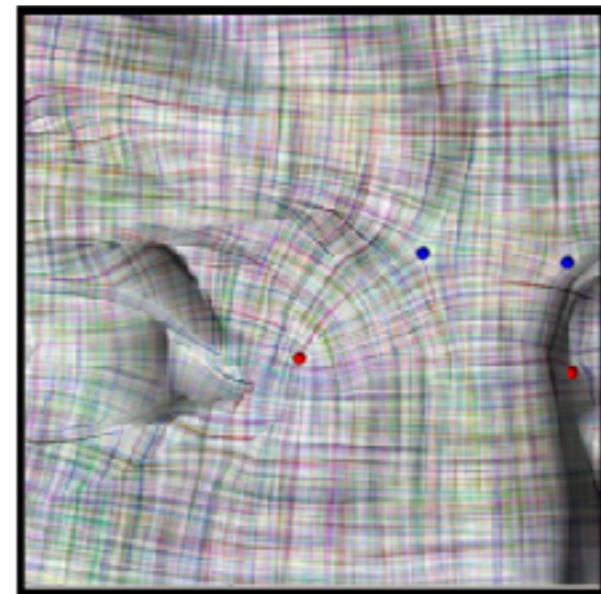


HOW ABOUT CONSTRAINTS?

- Sparse “Hard”



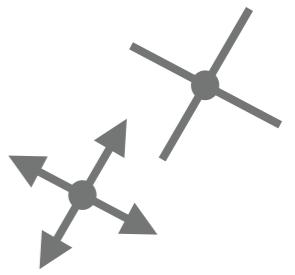
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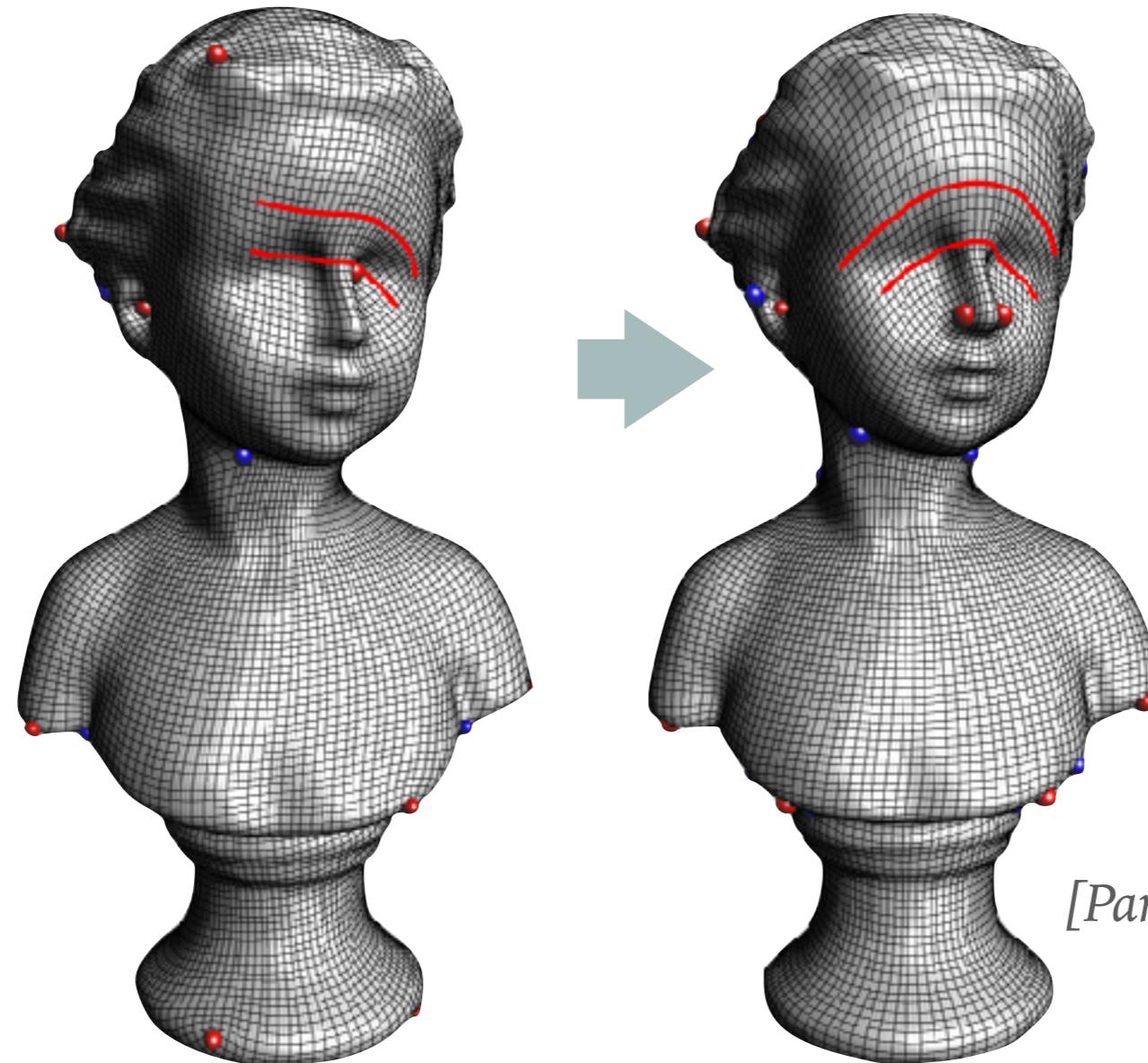
[Crane et al. 2010]
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- Also partial constraints! [Iarussi et al. 2015] [Diamanti et al. 2015]

HOW ABOUT CONSTRAINTS?

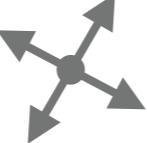


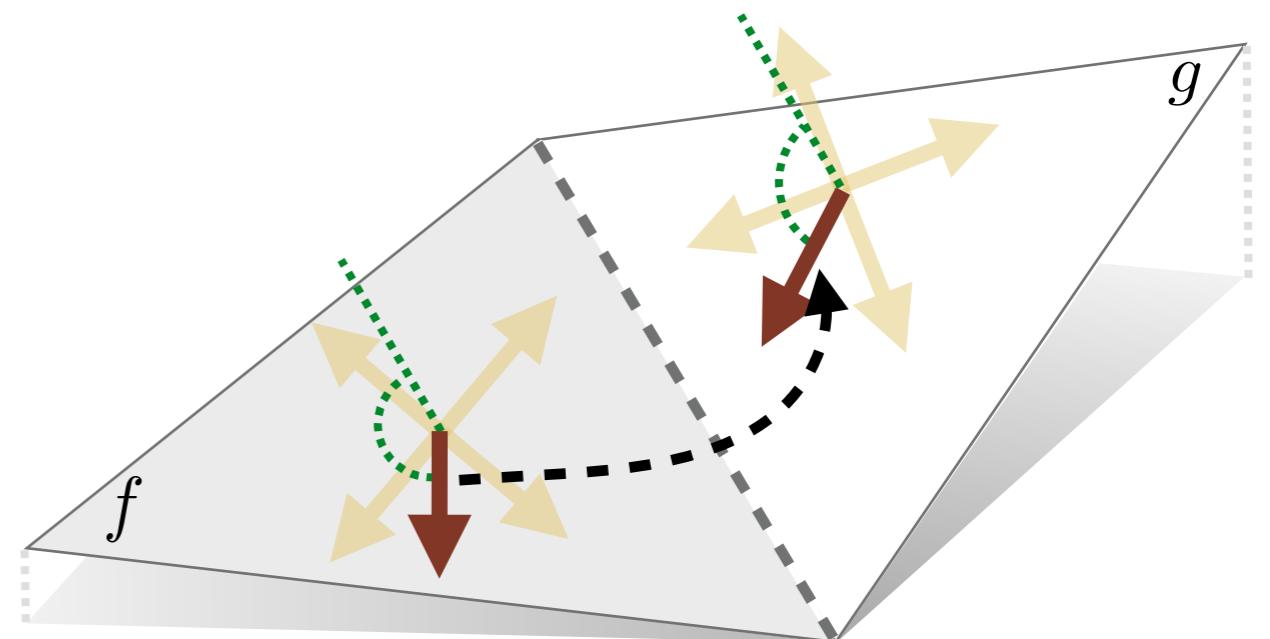
- Soft constraints

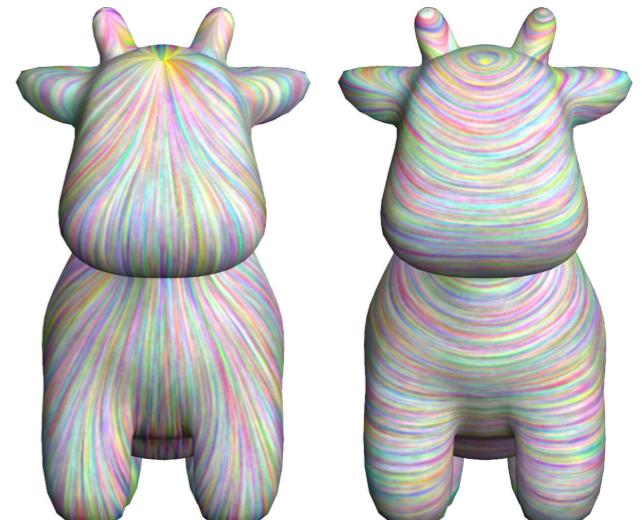
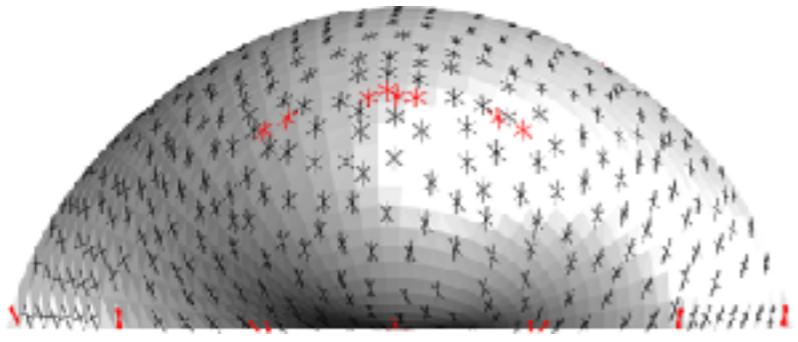


[Panozzo et al. 2012]

AVOIDING THE TRIVIAL SOLUTION

- Eg. N-Vector Fields  with a cartesian/complex representation
- Zero Field is perfectly smooth!
- Constraints are necessary
 - Per-vector unit-norm constraint [Palacios et al. 2007]
 - Integrated norm constraint [Knöppel et al. 2013]
 - Enough hard constraints [Diamanti et al. 2014]

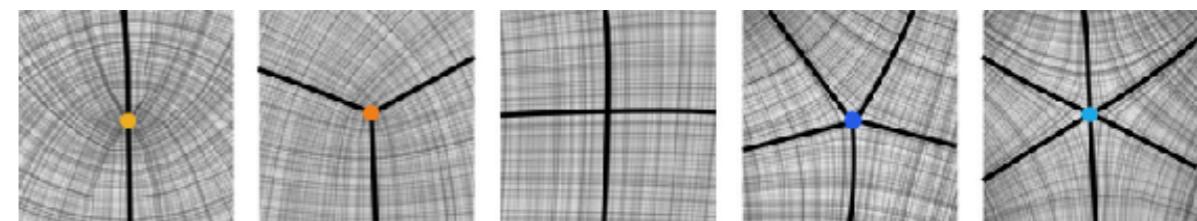
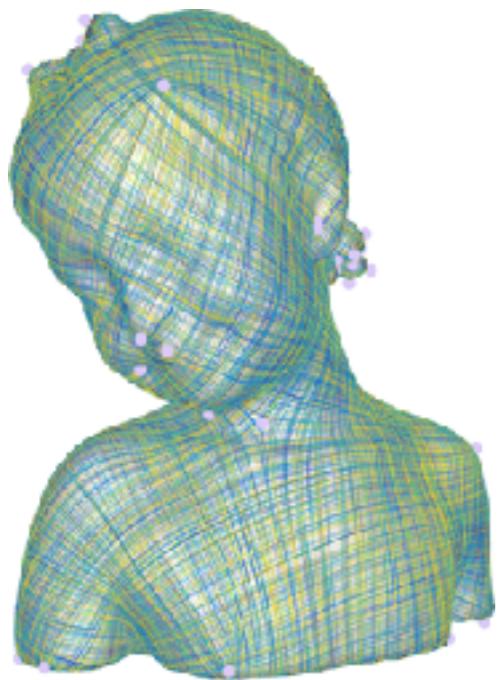




Symmetry

Anti-symmetry

THANK YOU!



*Course repository: <https://github.com/avaxman/DirectionalFieldSynthesis>