

17 - Spatial And Skeletal Deformations

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Space Deformations



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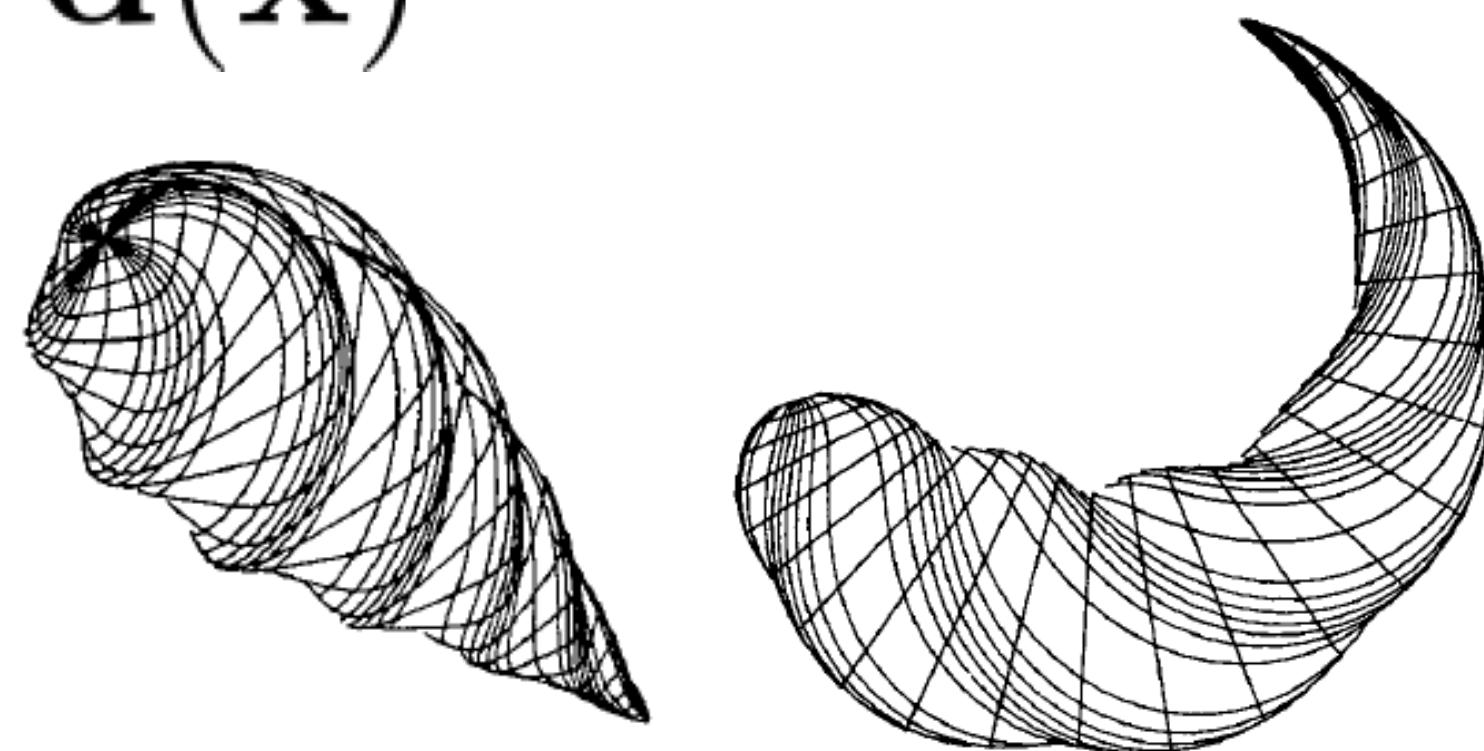
- Displacement function defined on the ambient space

$$\mathbf{d} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

- Evaluate the function on the points of the shape embedded in the space

$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x})$$

Twist warp
Global and local deformation of solids
[A. Barr, SIGGRAPH 84]



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Freeform Deformations

- Control object
- User defines displacements \mathbf{d}_i for each element of the control object
- Displacements are interpolated to the entire space using basis functions

$$B_i(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{d}_i B_i(\mathbf{x})$$

- Basis functions should be smooth for aesthetic results



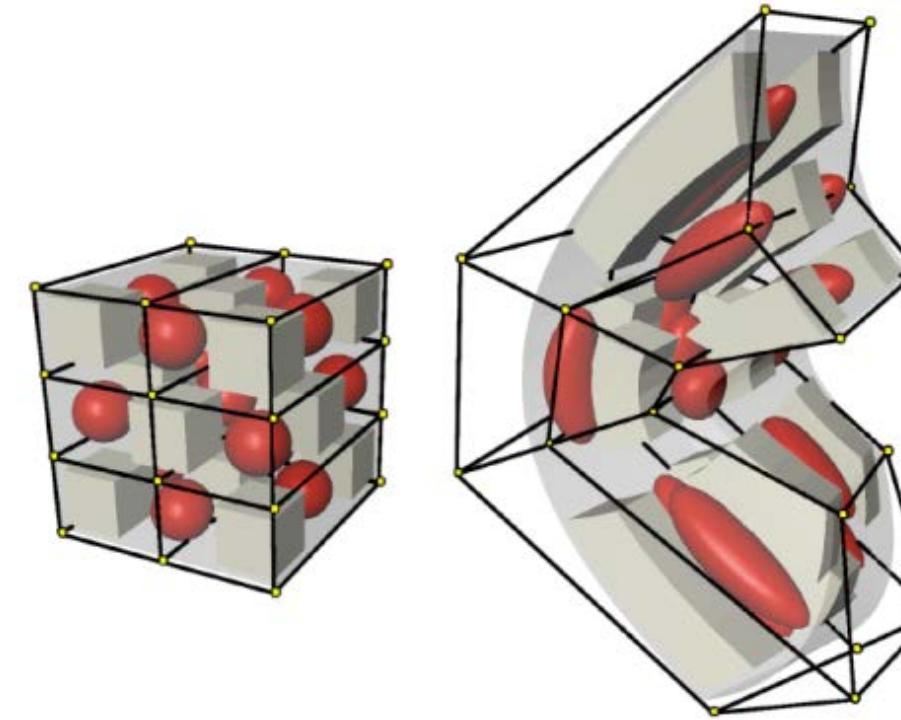
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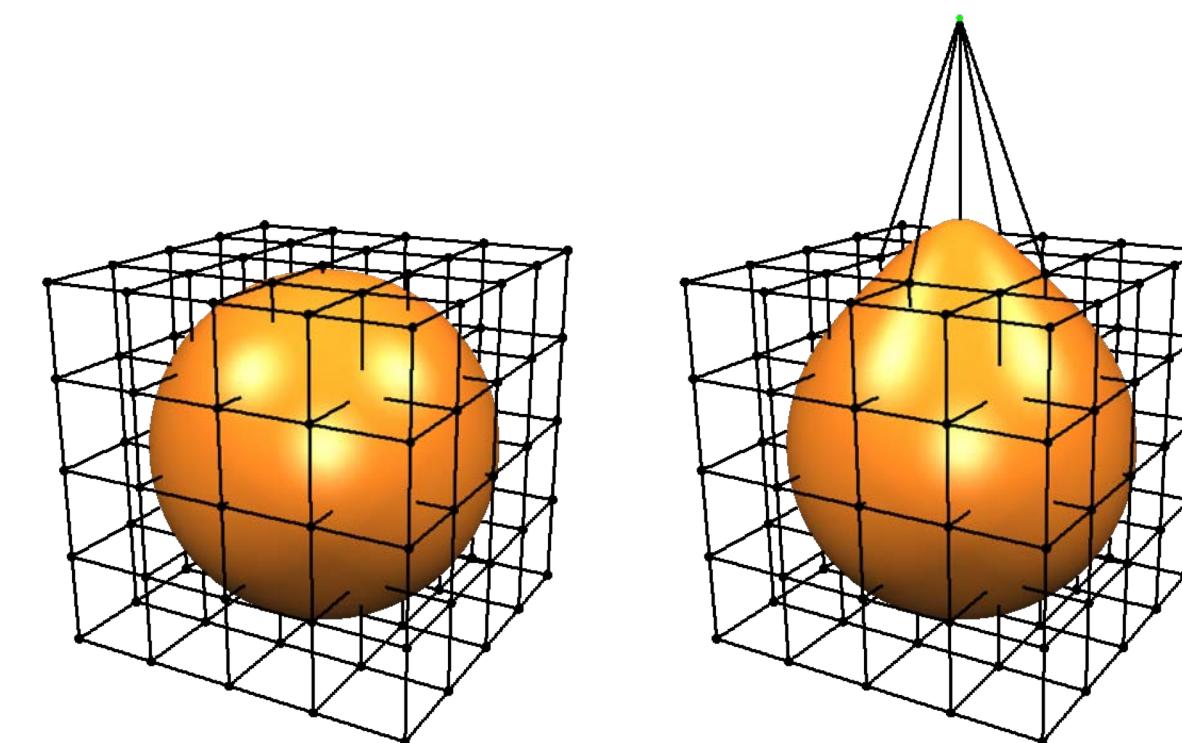
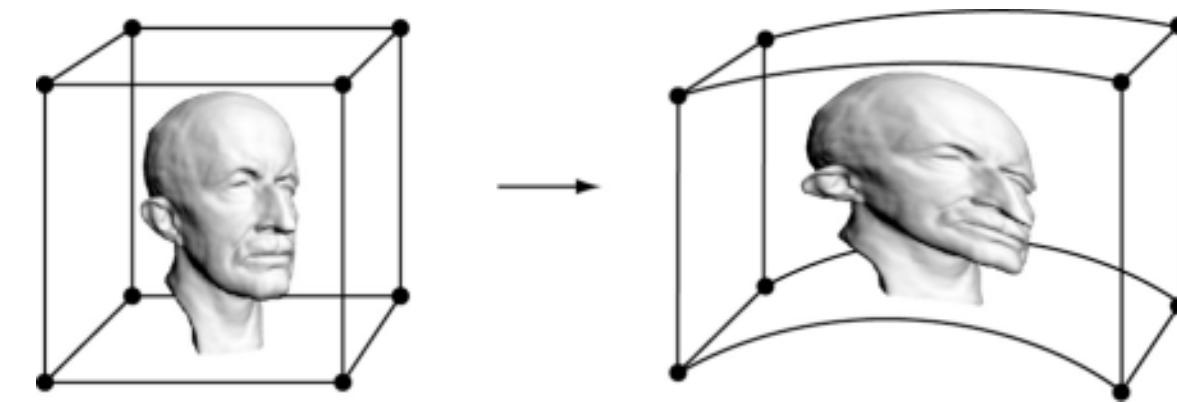
[Sederberg and Parry 86]

- Control object = lattice
- Basis functions $B_i(\mathbf{x})$ are trivariate tensor-product splines:

$$\mathbf{d}(x, y, z) = \sum_{i=0}^l \sum_{j=0}^m \sum_{k=0}^n \mathbf{d}_{ijk} N_i(x) N_j(y) N_k(z)$$



<http://tom.cs.byu.edu/~tom/papers/ffd.pdf>

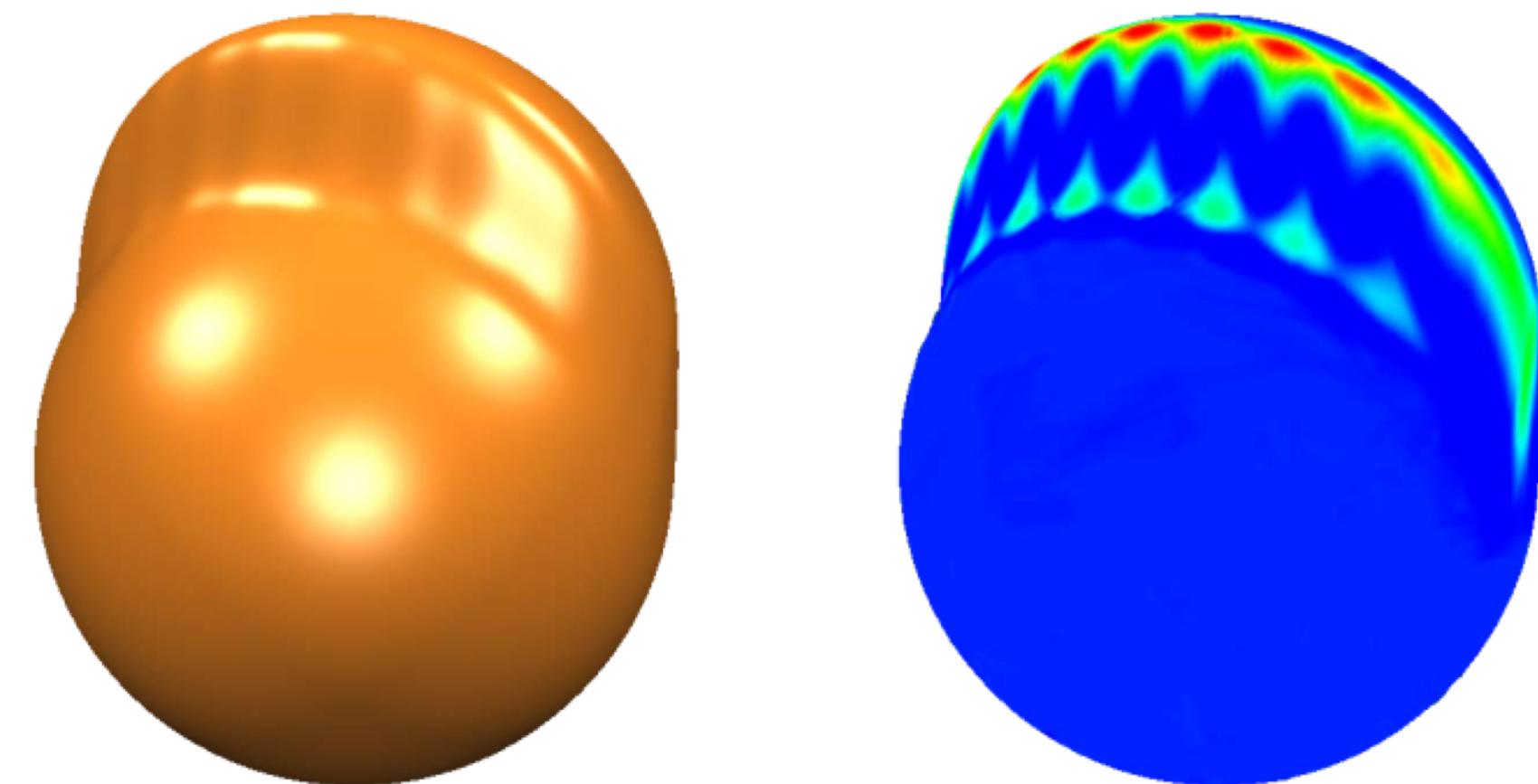


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Freeform Deformation

[[Sederberg and Parry 86](#)]

- Aliasing artifacts
- Interpolate deformation constraints?
 - Only in least squares sense



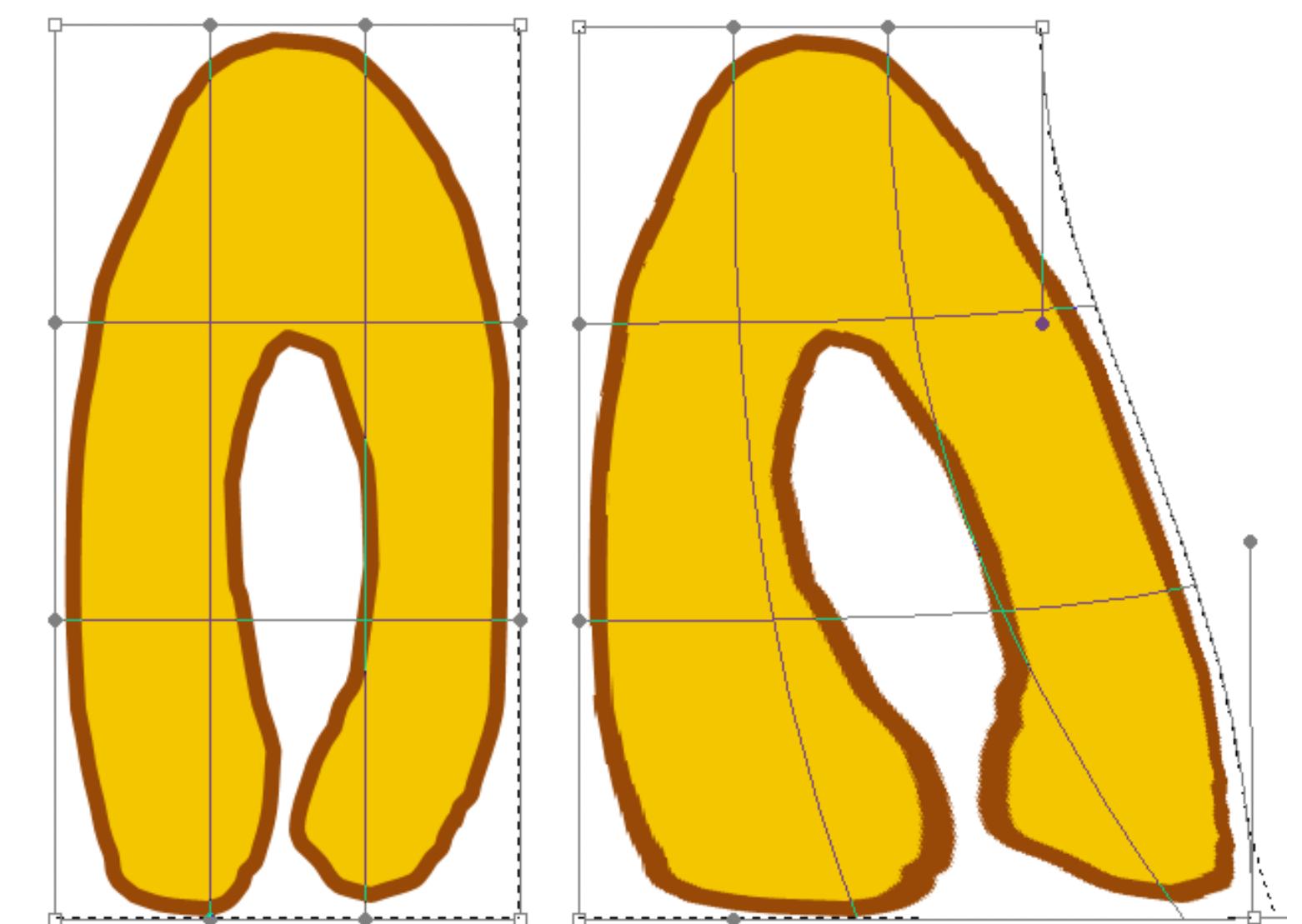
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Limitations of Lattices as Control Objects

- Difficult to manipulate
- The control object is not related to the shape of the edited object
- Parts of the shape in close Euclidean distance always deform similarly, even if geodesically far



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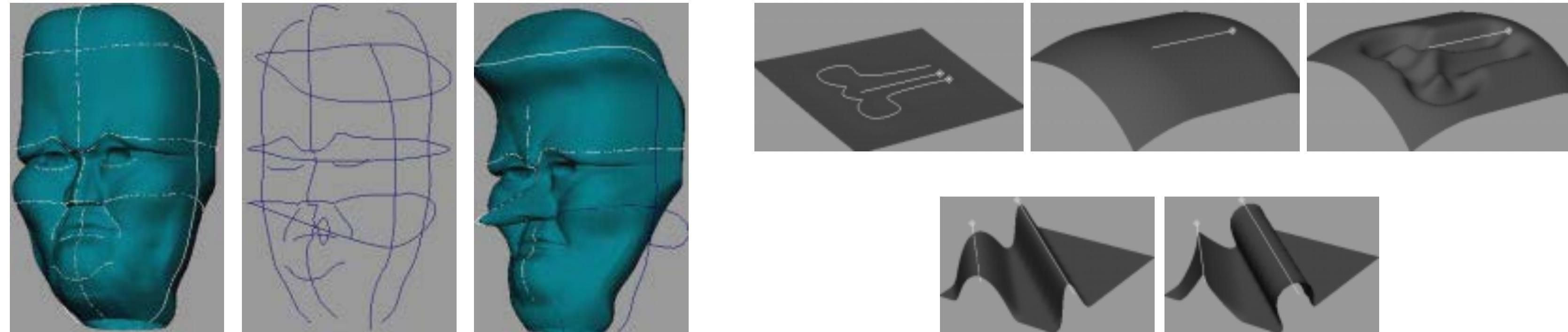


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Wires

[Singh and Fiume 98]

- Control objects are arbitrary space curves
- Can place curves along meaningful features of the edited object
- Smooth deformations around the curve with decreasing influence



<http://www.dgp.toronto.edu/~karan/pdf/ksinghpaperwire.pdf>

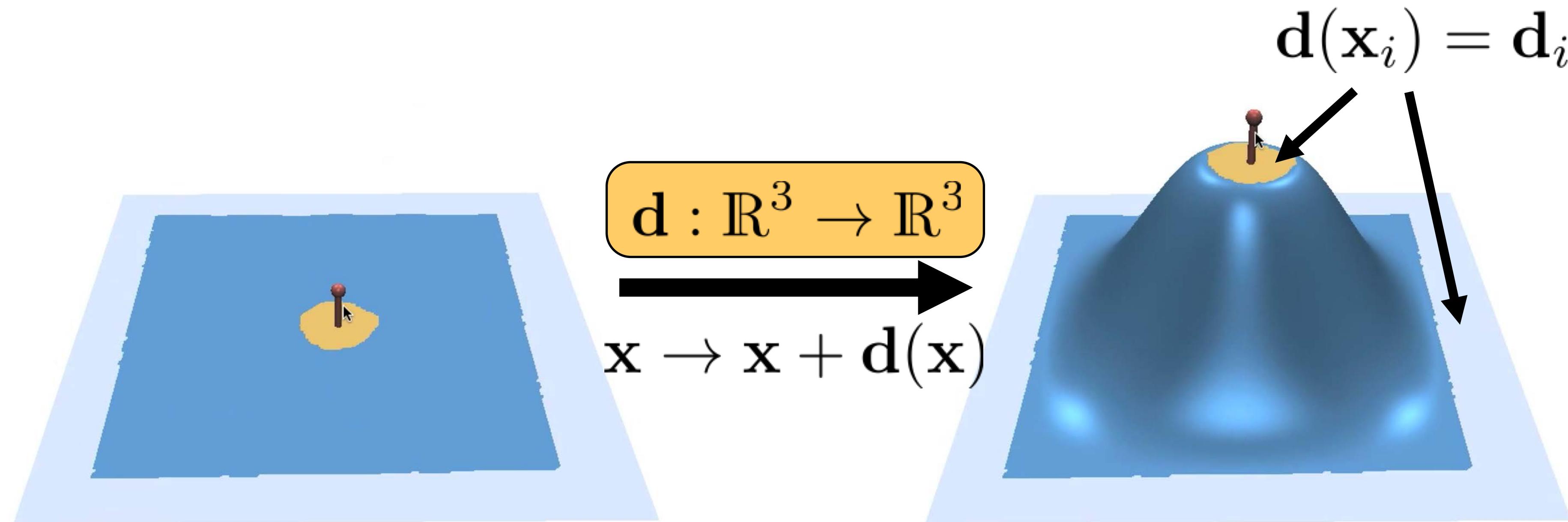


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Handle Metaphor

[Real-Time Shape Editing using Radial Basis Functions, Botsch and Kobbelt, EUROGRAPHICS 2005]

- Wish list for the displacement function $\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x})$:
 - Interpolate prescribed constraints
 - Smooth, intuitive deformation



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Radial Basis Functions

[Real-Time Shape Editing using Radial Basis Functions, Botsch and Kobbelt, EUROGRAPHICS 2005]

- Represent deformation by RBFs

$$\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_j \mathbf{w}_j \varphi(\|\mathbf{c}_j - \mathbf{x}\|) + \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{x})$$

- Basis function $\varphi(r) = r^3$
 - C^2 boundary constraints
 - Highly smooth / fair interpolation



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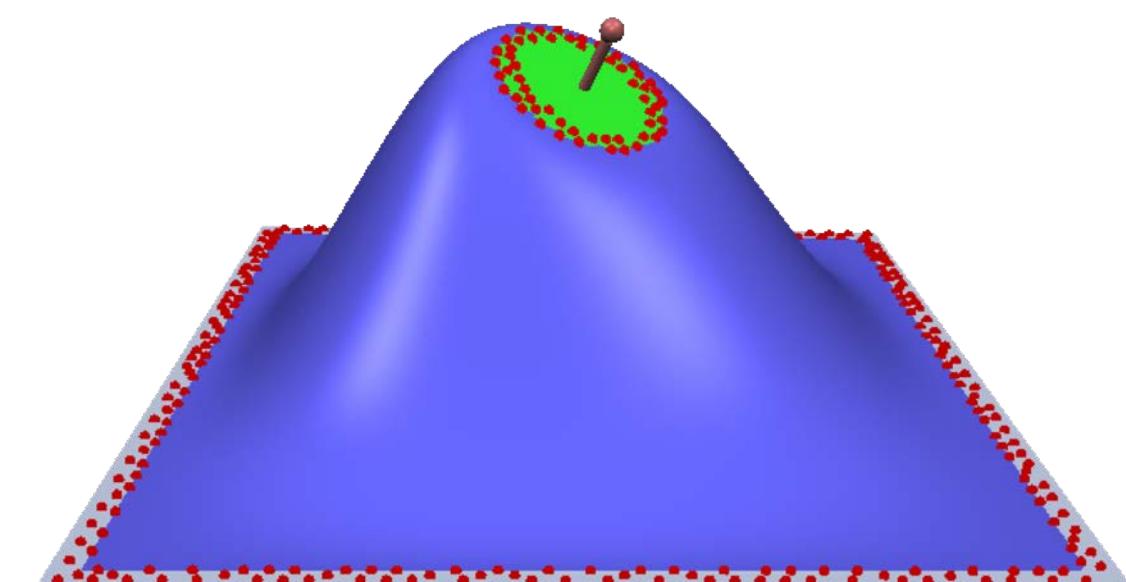
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- RBF fitting
 - Interpolate displacement constraints
 - Solve linear system for \mathbf{w}_j and \mathbf{p}



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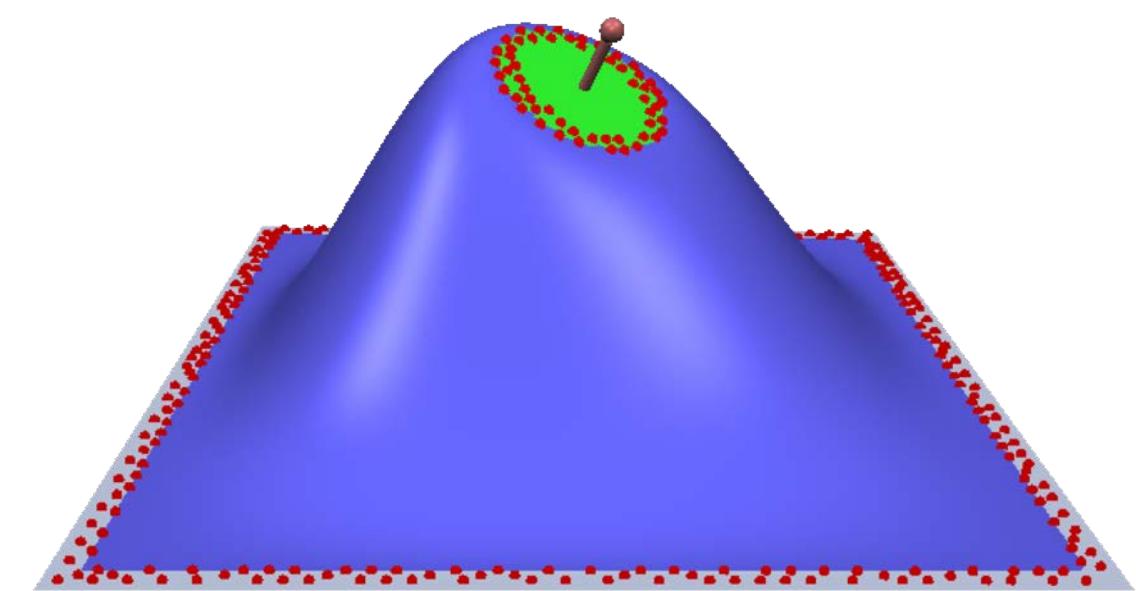
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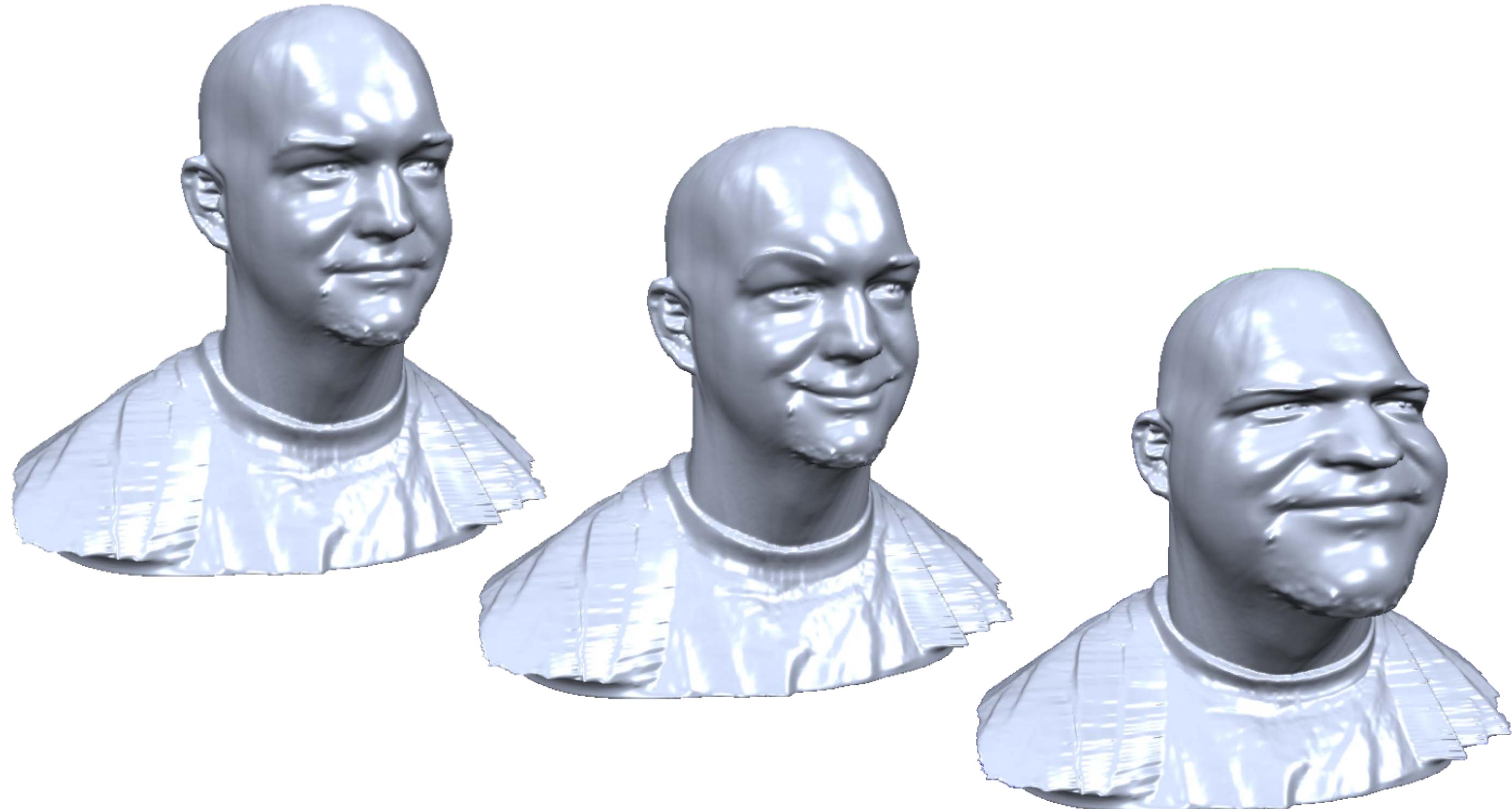
- RBF evaluation
 - Function \mathbf{d} transforms points
 - Jacobian $^{-T}$ $\nabla \mathbf{d}^{-T}$ transforms normals
 - Precompute basis functions
 - Evaluate on the GPU!



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Local & Global Deformations

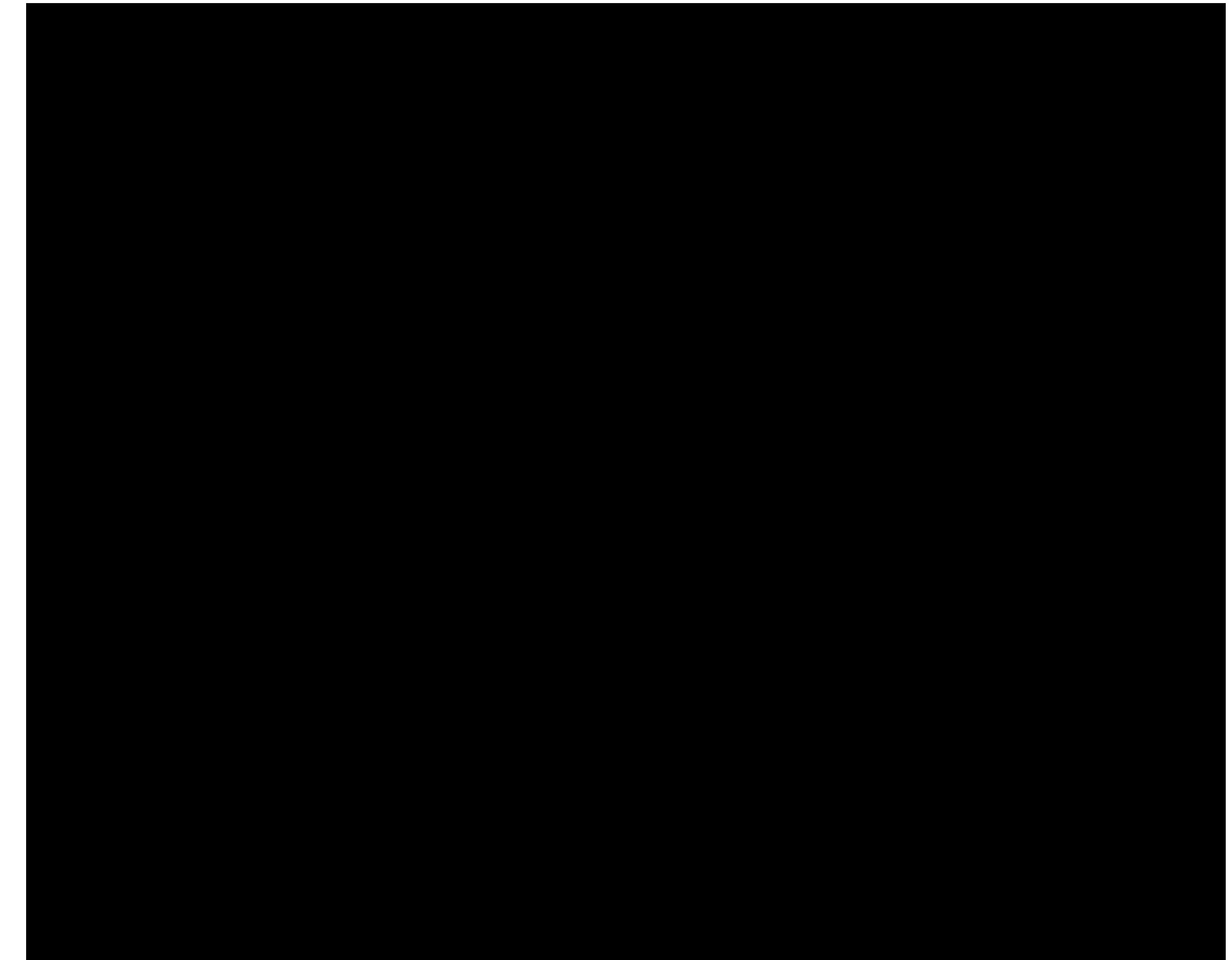
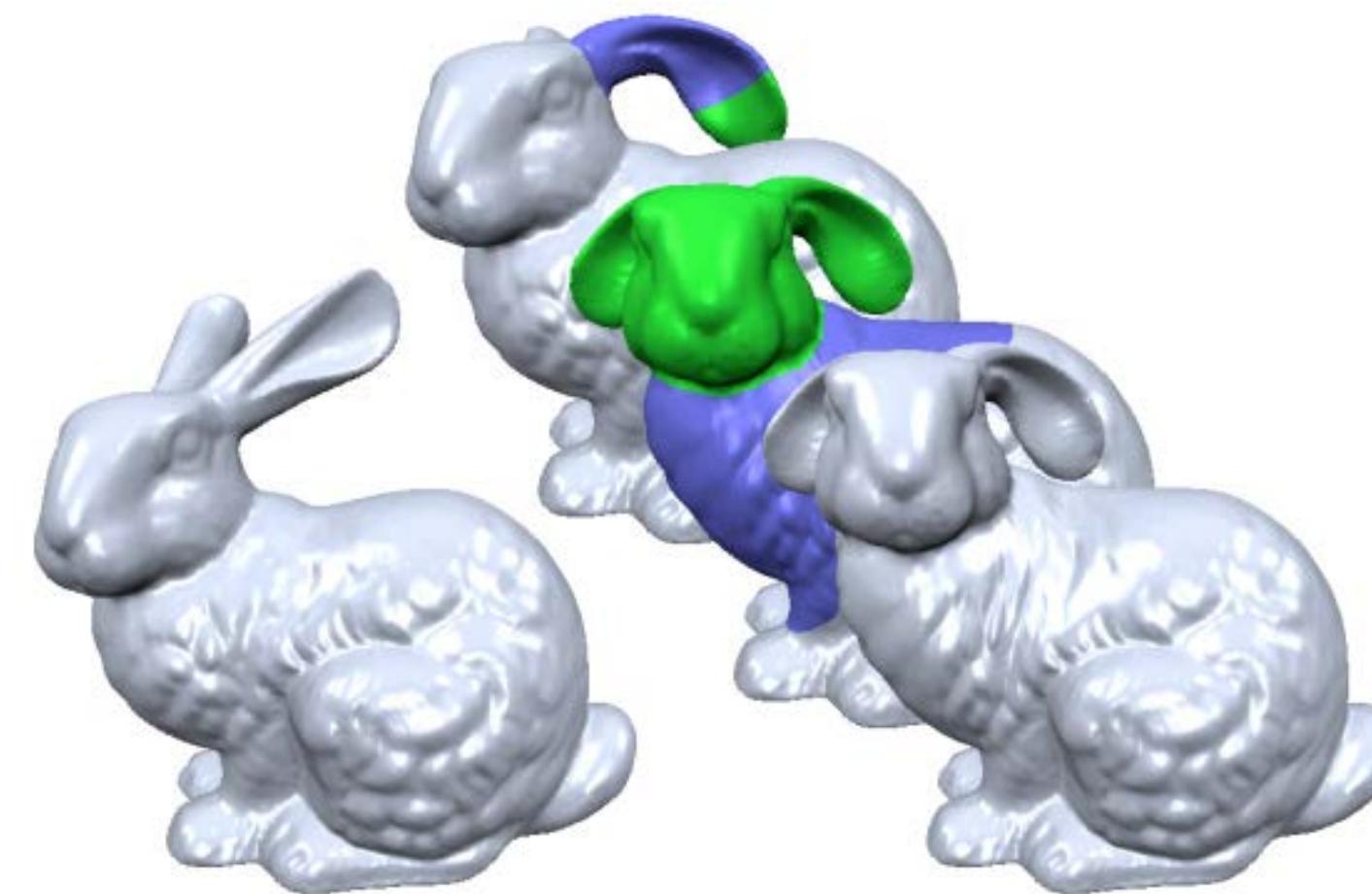
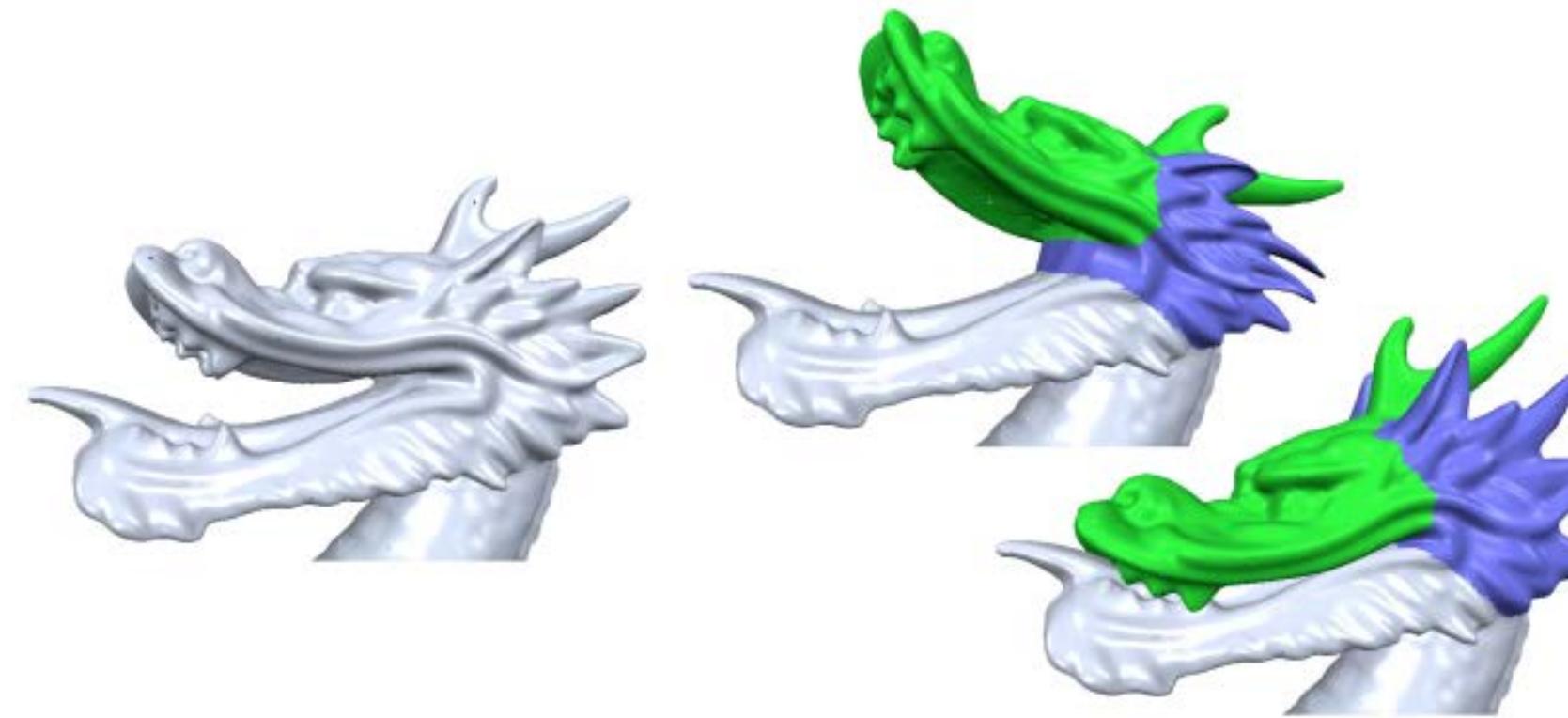
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1M vertices

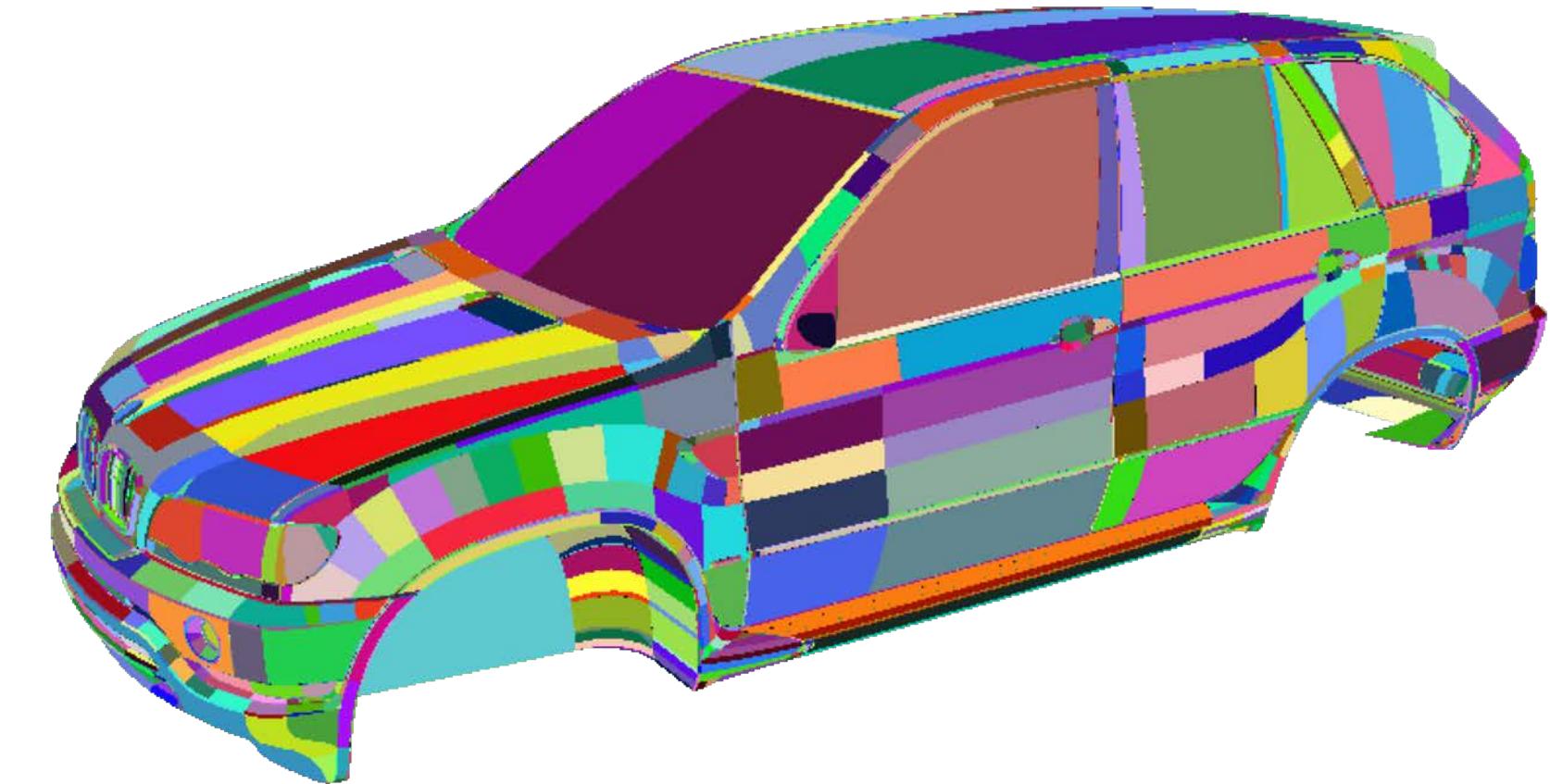


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Space Deformations

Summary so far

- Handle arbitrary input
 - Meshes (also non-manifold)
 - Point sets
 - Polygonal soups
 - ...
- Complexity mainly depends on the control object, not the surface



- 3M triangles
- 10k components
- Not oriented
- Not manifold

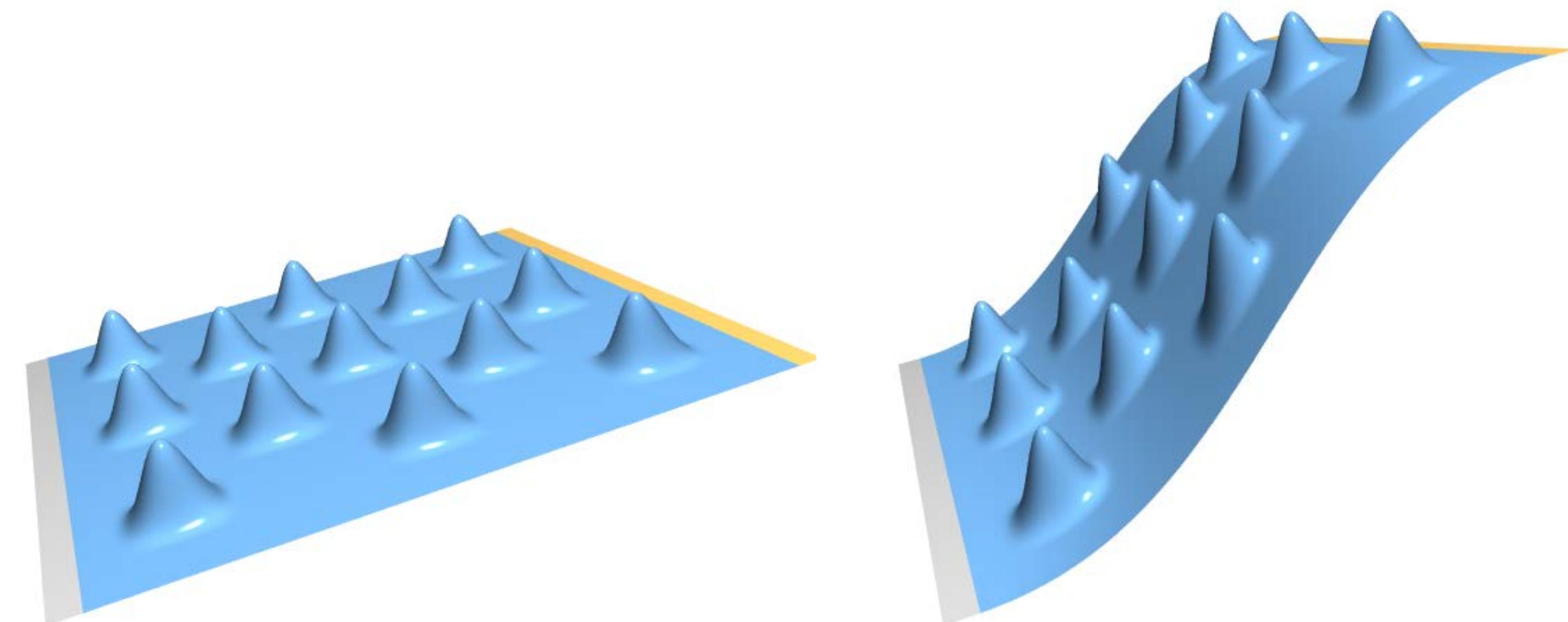


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Space Deformations

Summary so far

- The deformation is only loosely aware of the shape that is being edited
- Small Euclidean distance → similar deformation
- Local surface detail may be distorted

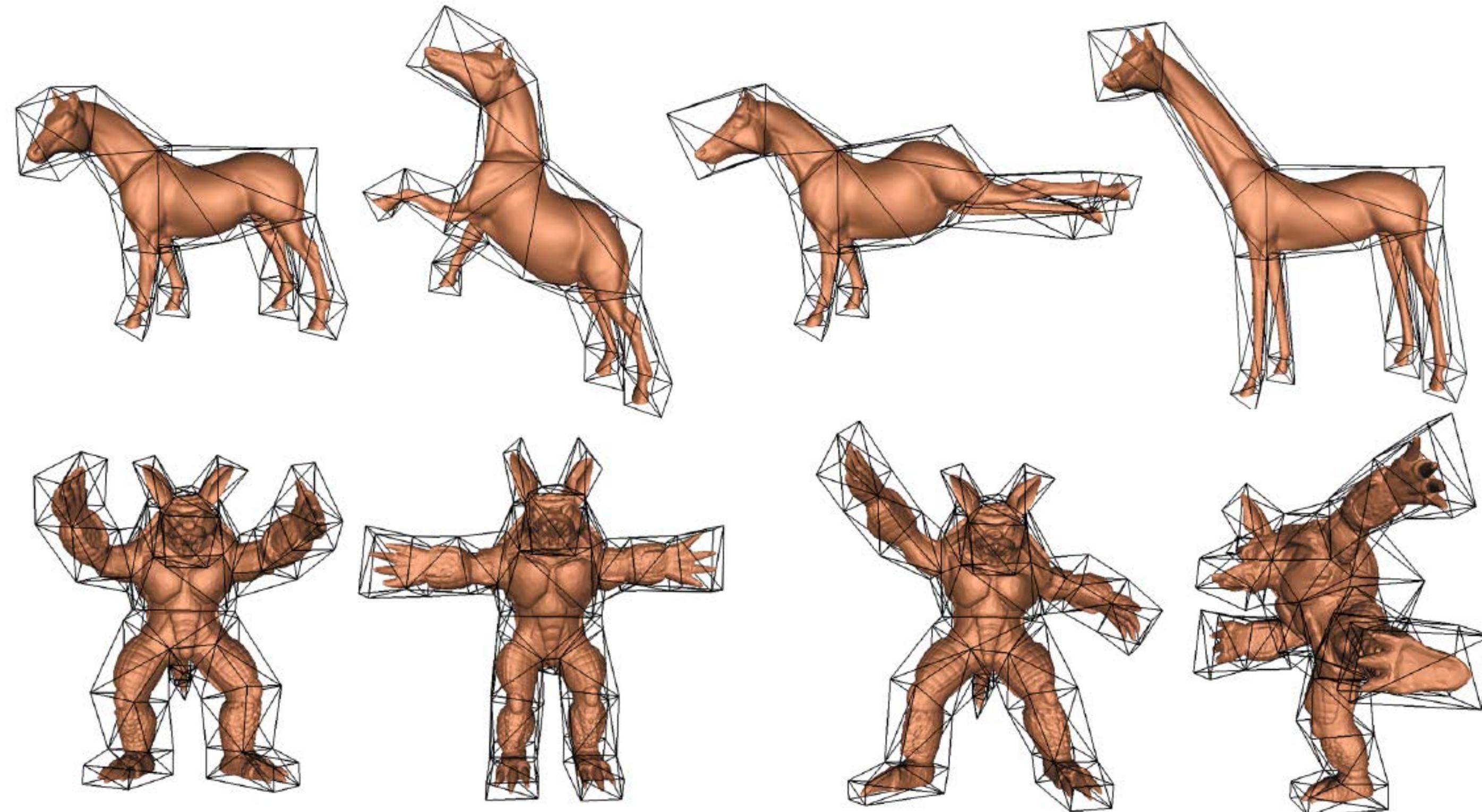


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Cage-based Deformations

[Ju et al. 2005]

- Cage = crude version of the input shape
- Polytope (not a lattice)



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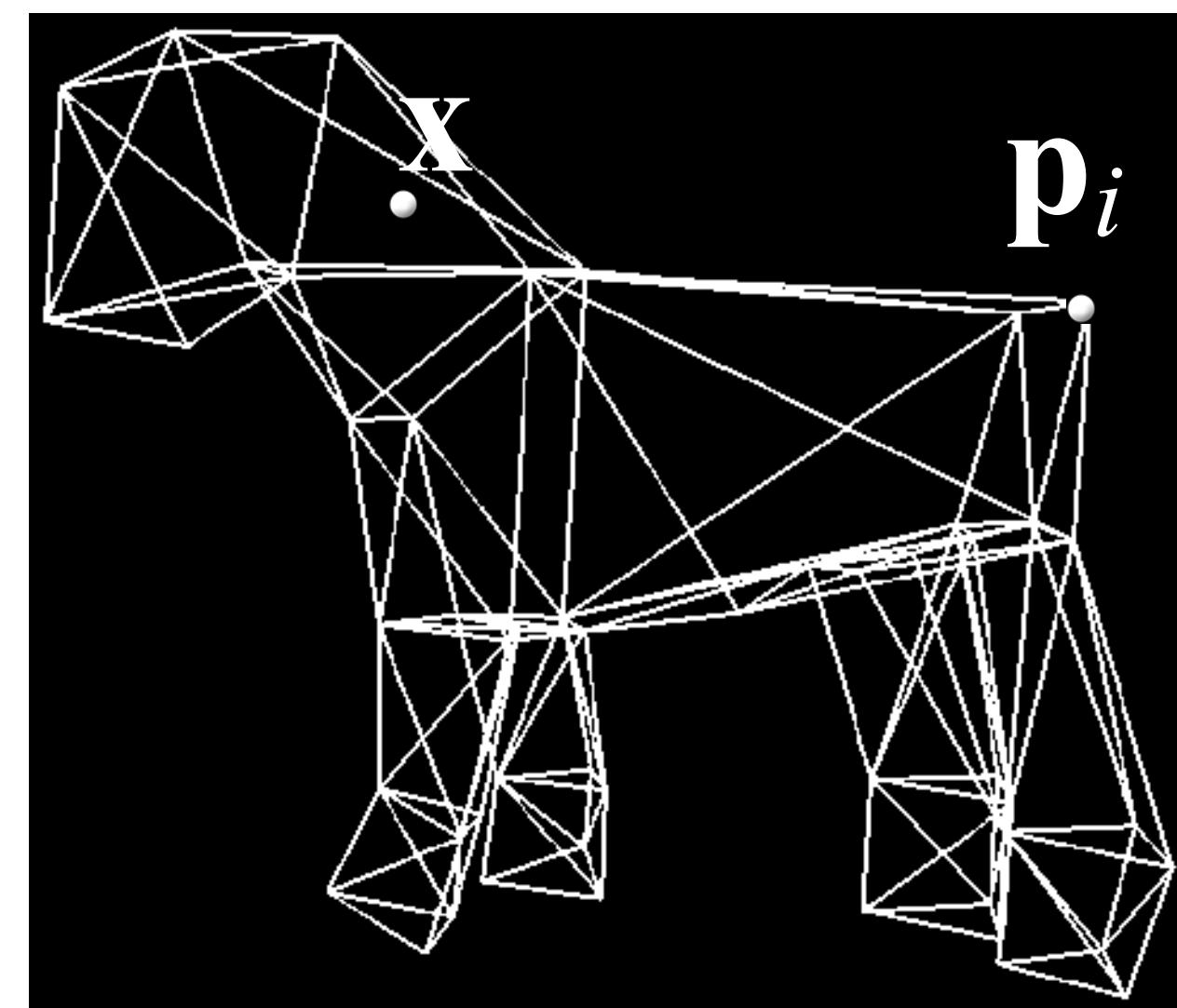


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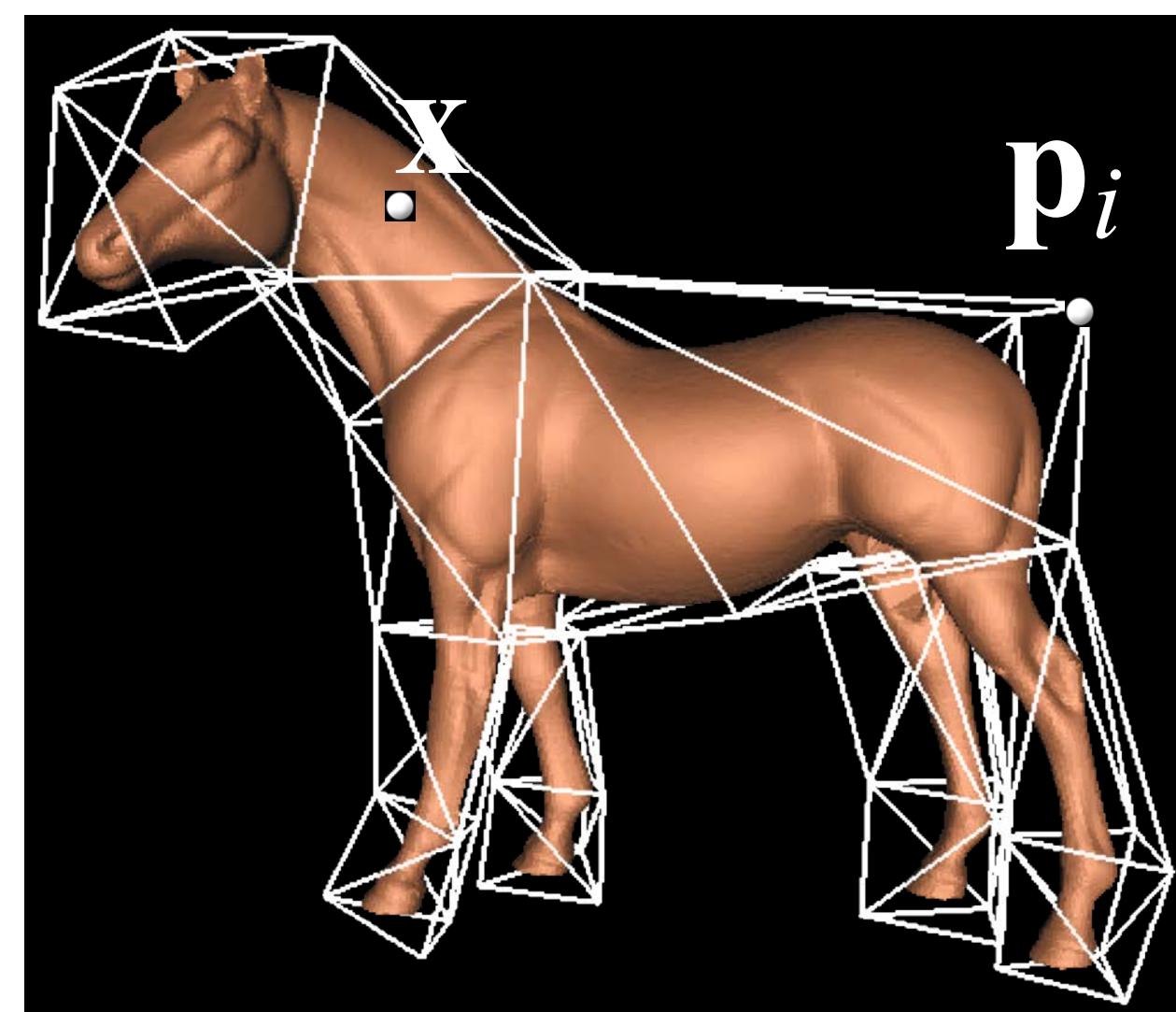


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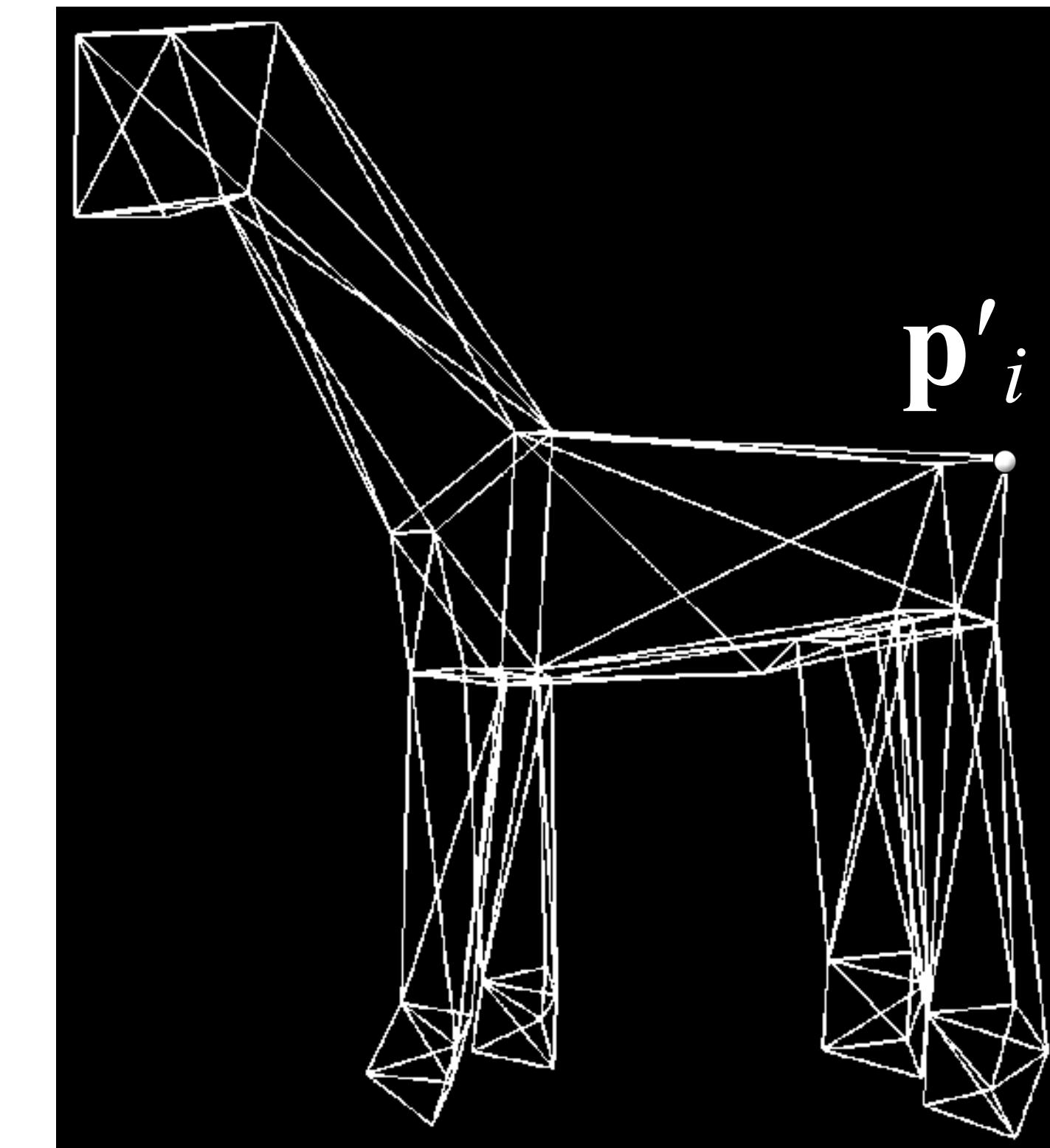
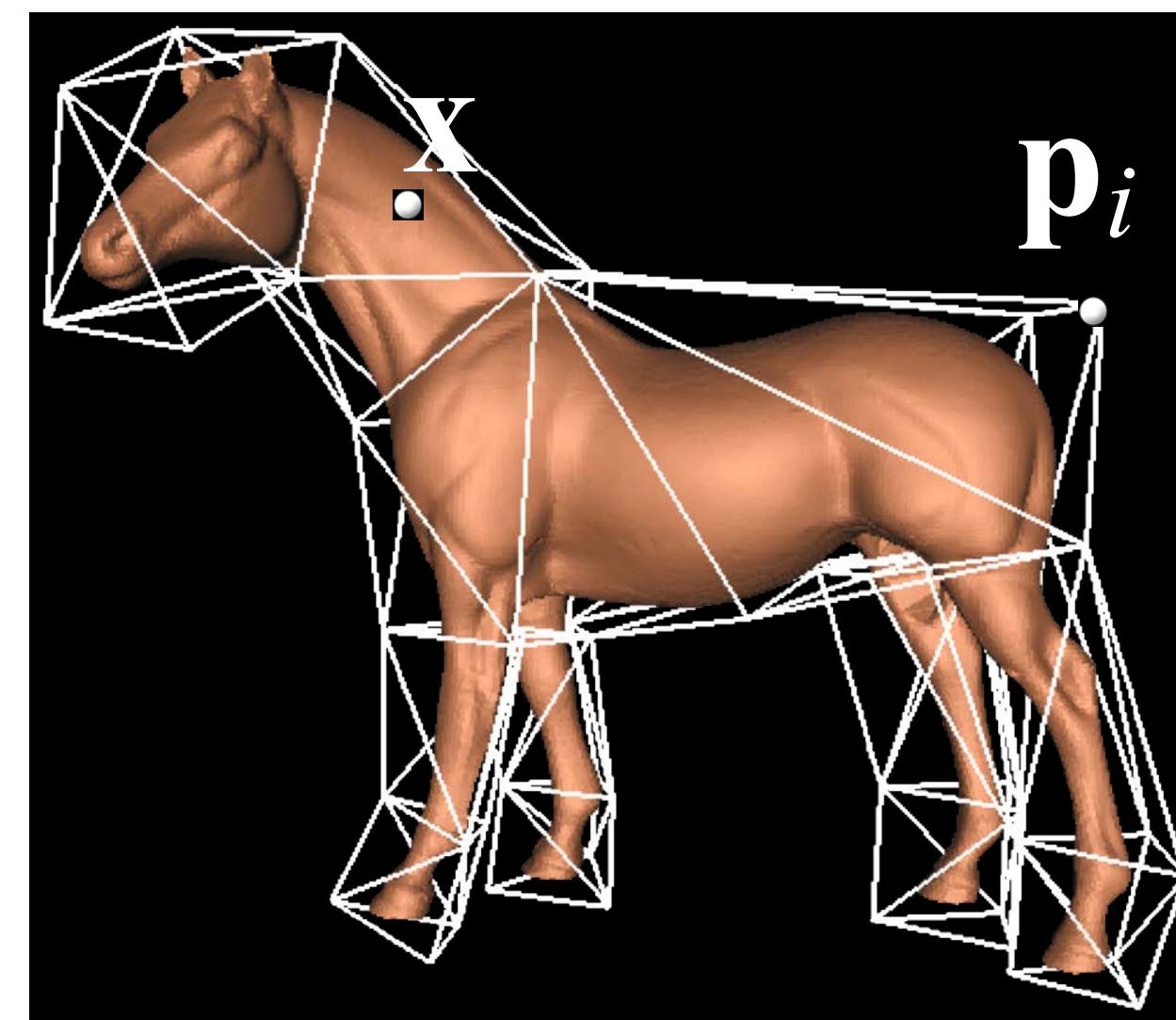
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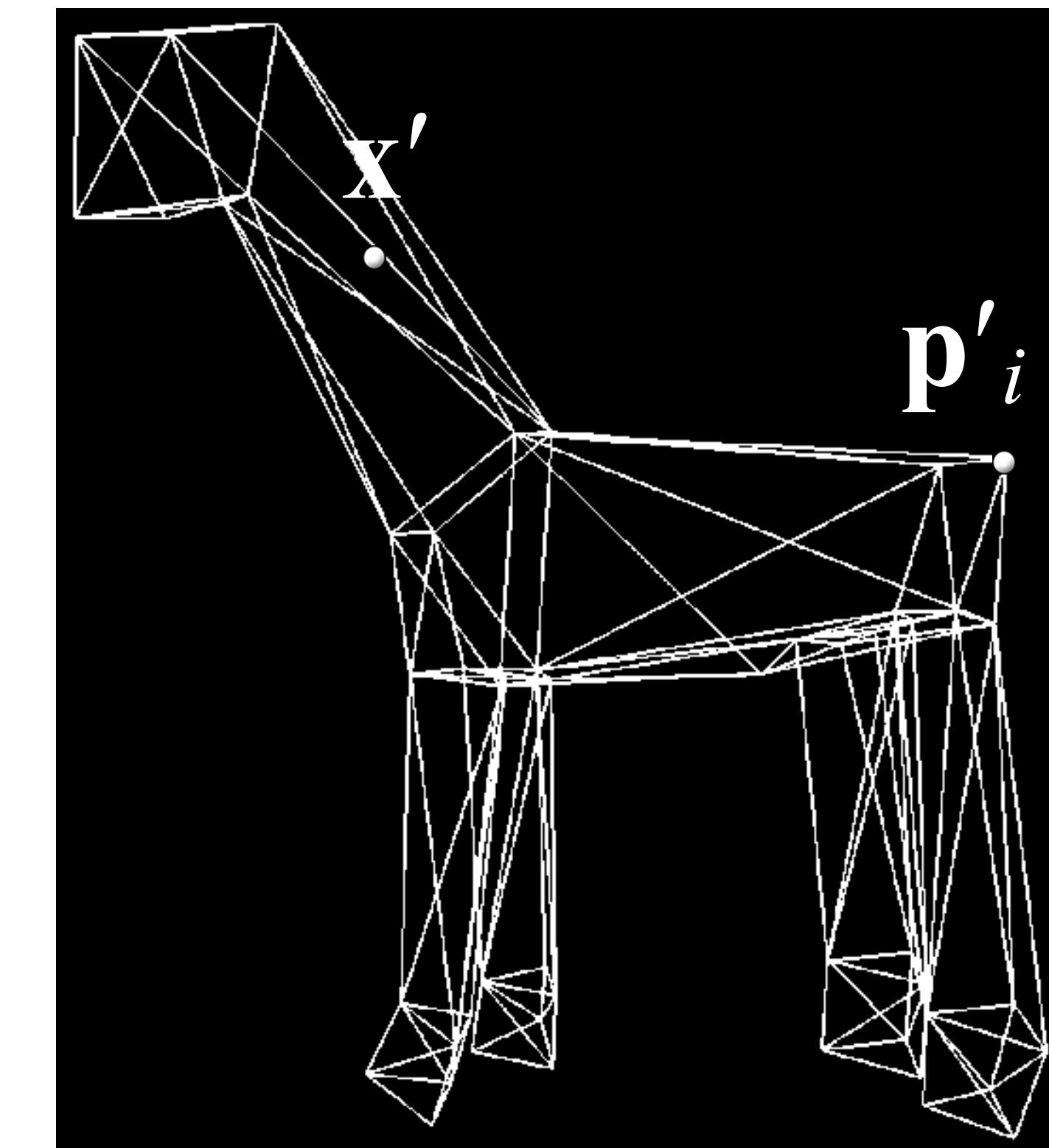
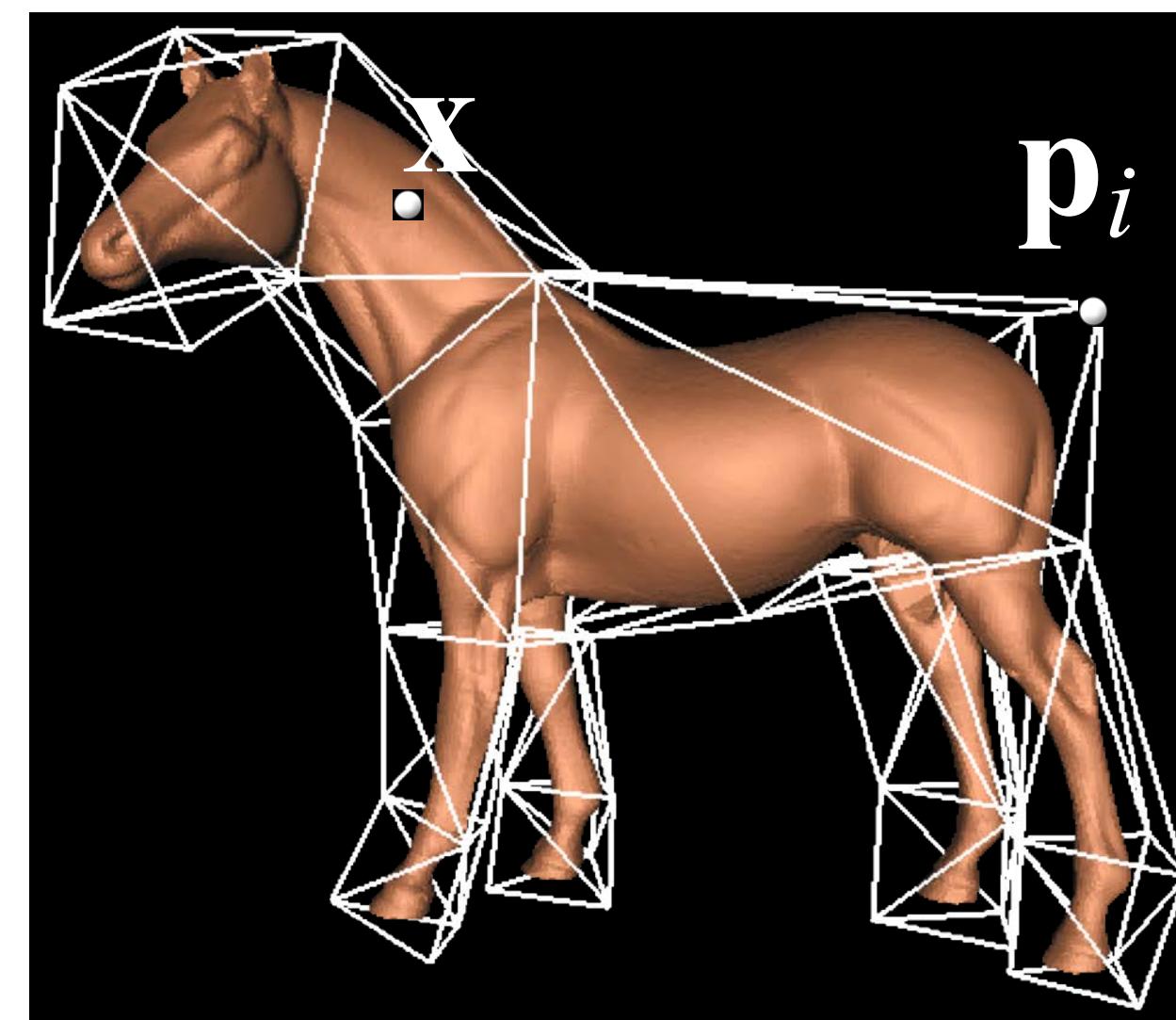


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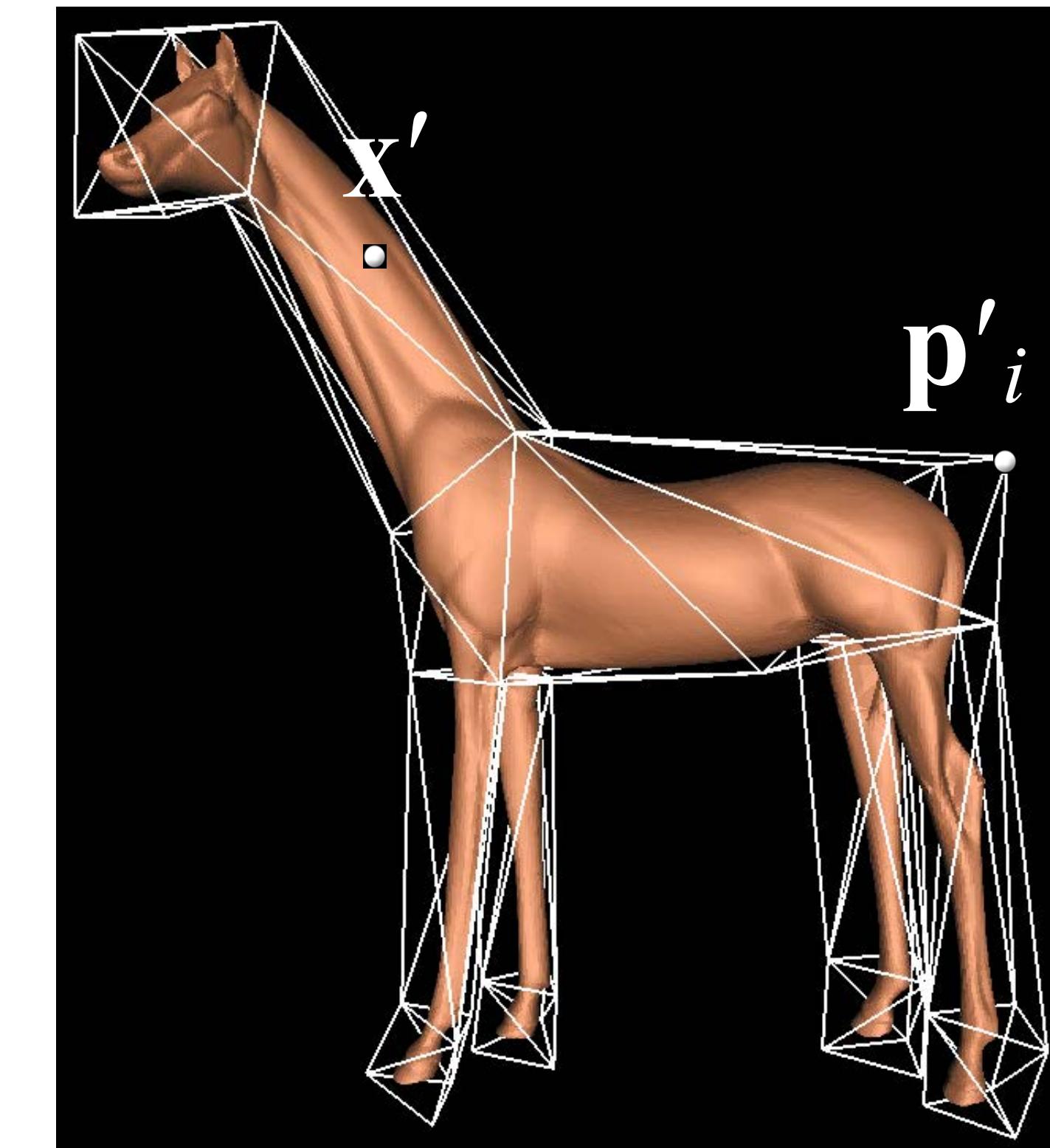
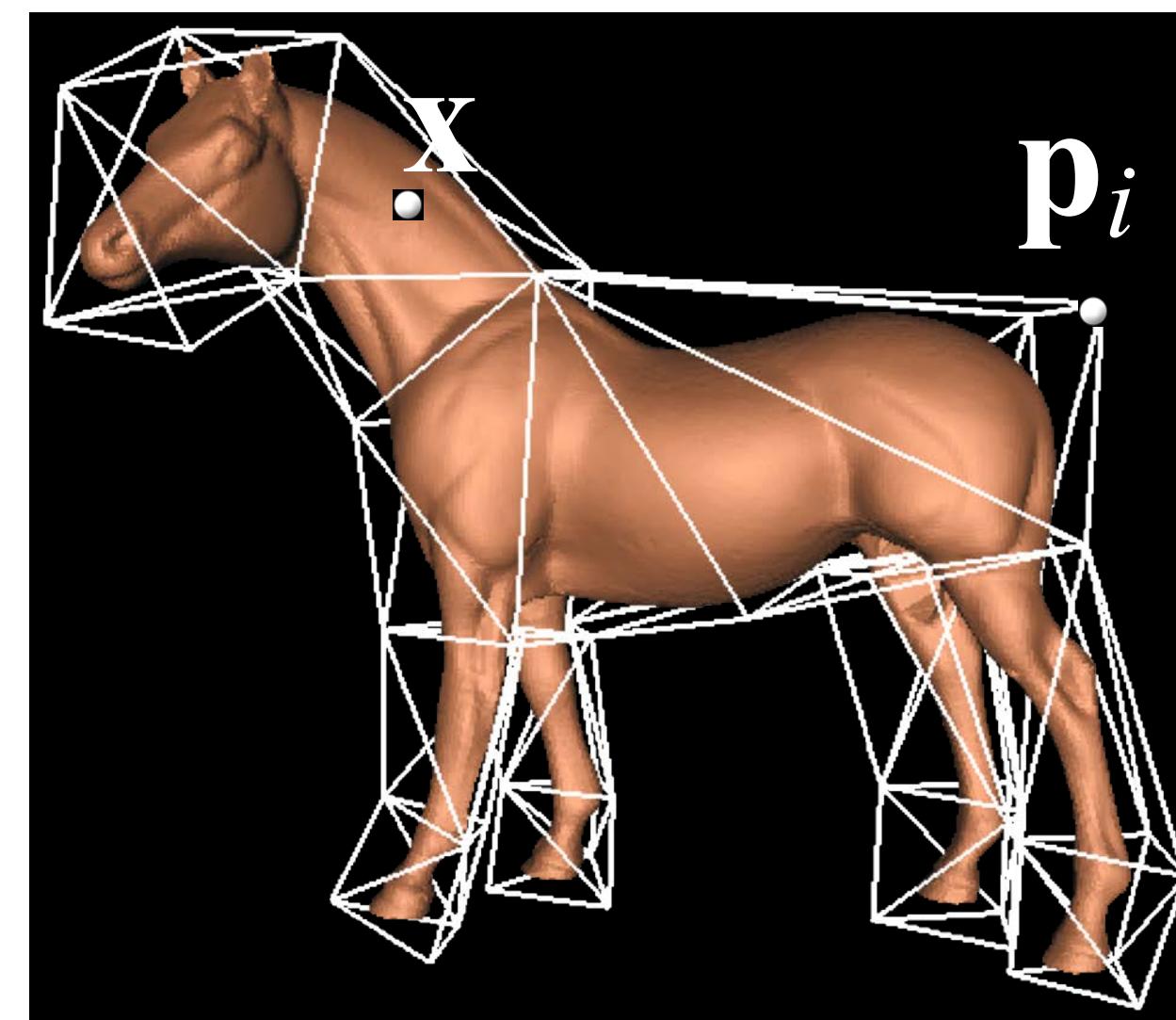


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Generalized Barycentric Coordinates

- Lagrange property:

$$w_i(\mathbf{p}_j) = \delta_{ij}$$

- Reproduction:

$$\forall \mathbf{x}, \sum_{i=1}^k w_i(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{p}_i = \mathbf{x}$$

- Partition of unity:

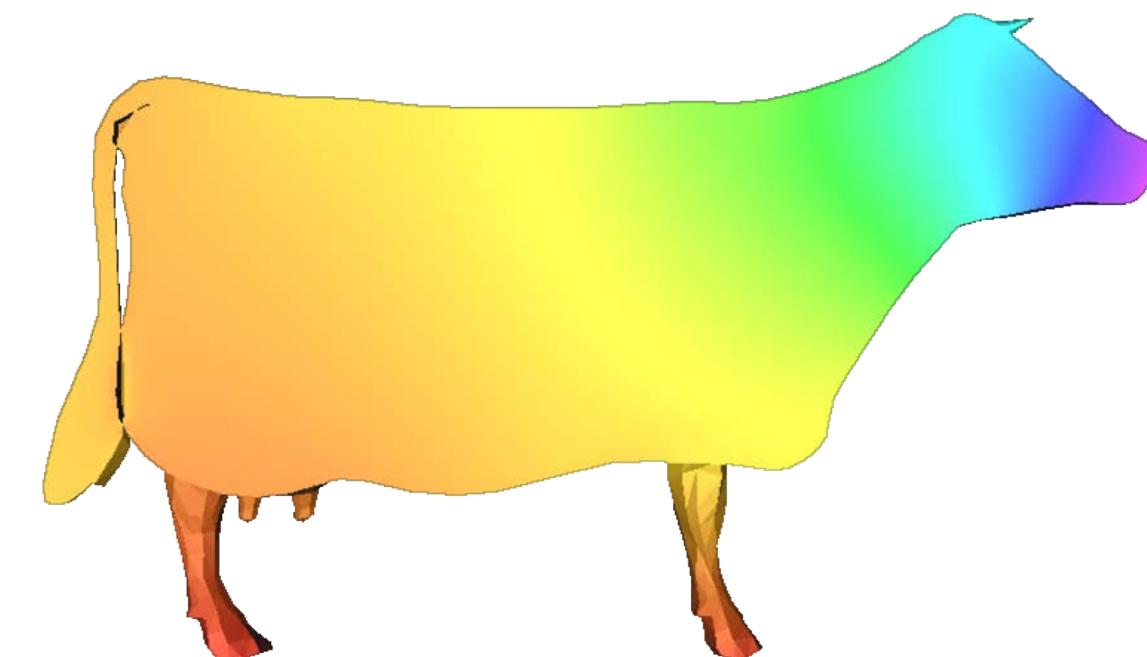
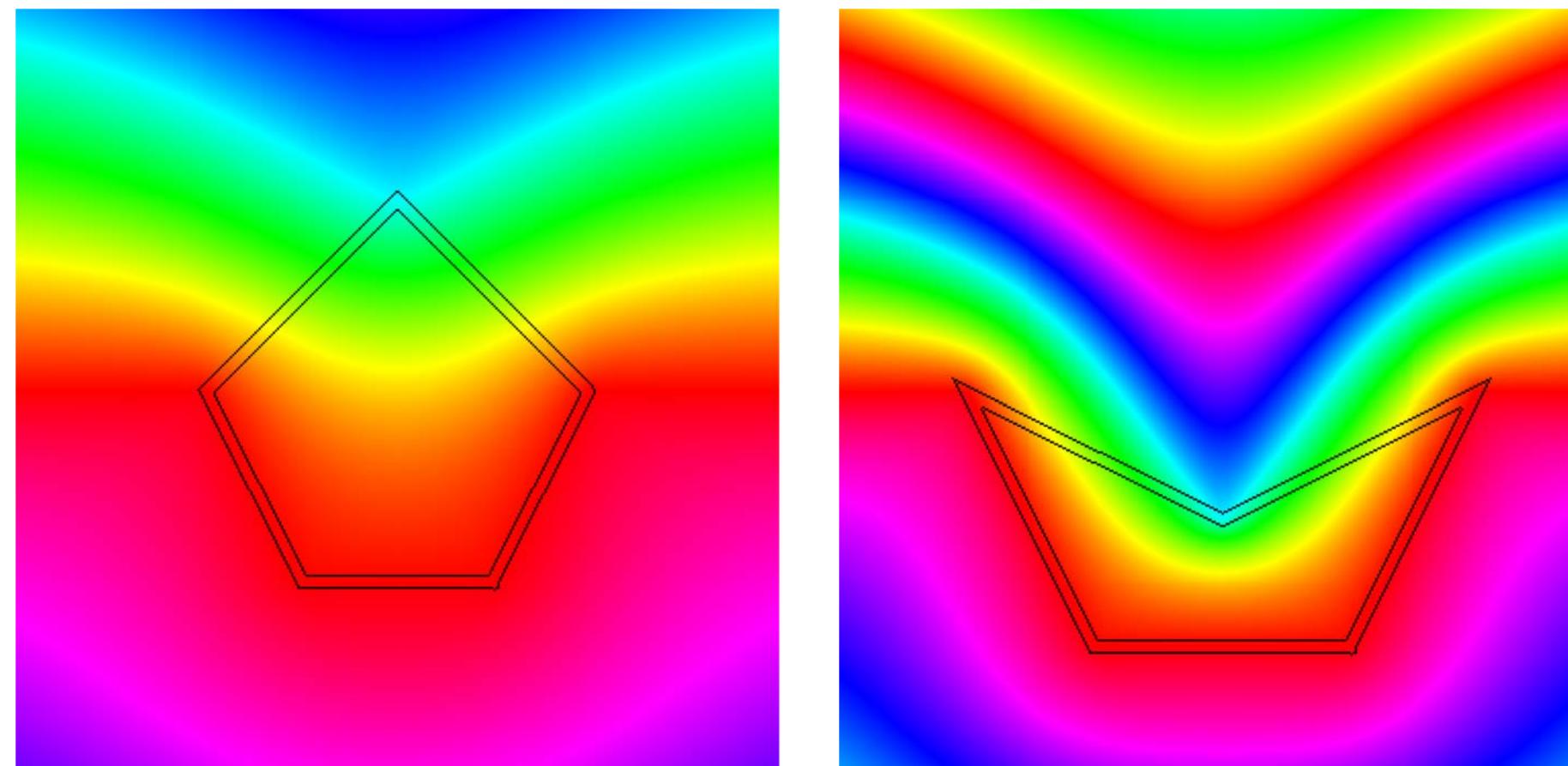
$$\forall \mathbf{x}, \sum_{i=1}^k w_i(\mathbf{x}) = 1$$



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Coordinate Functions

- Mean-value coordinates
[Floater 2003*, Ju et al. 2005]
 - Generalization of barycentric coordinates
 - Closed-form solution for $w_i(\mathbf{x})$

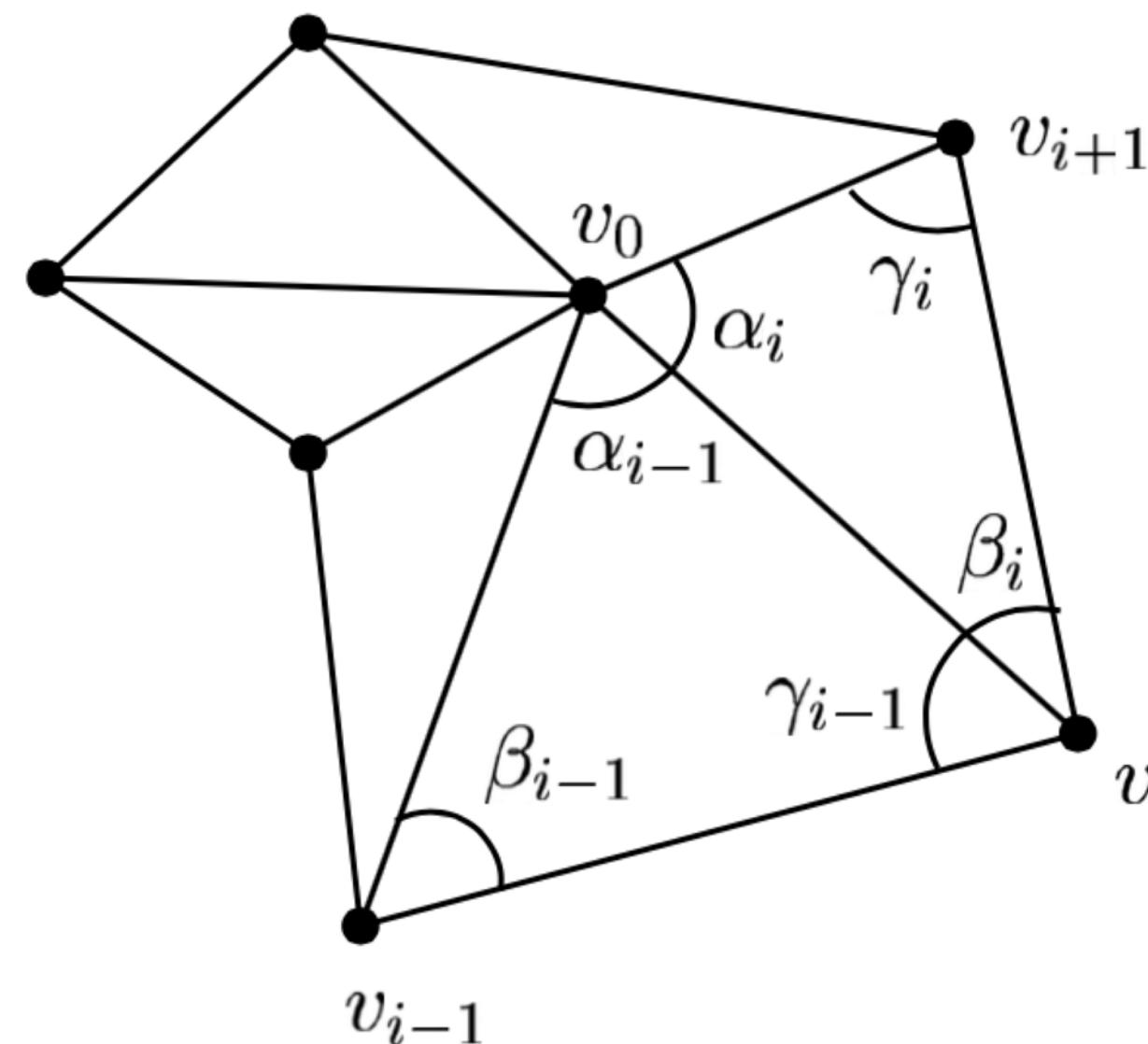


* Michael Floater, “Mean value coordinates”, CAGD 20(1), 2003



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2D Mean Value Coordinates

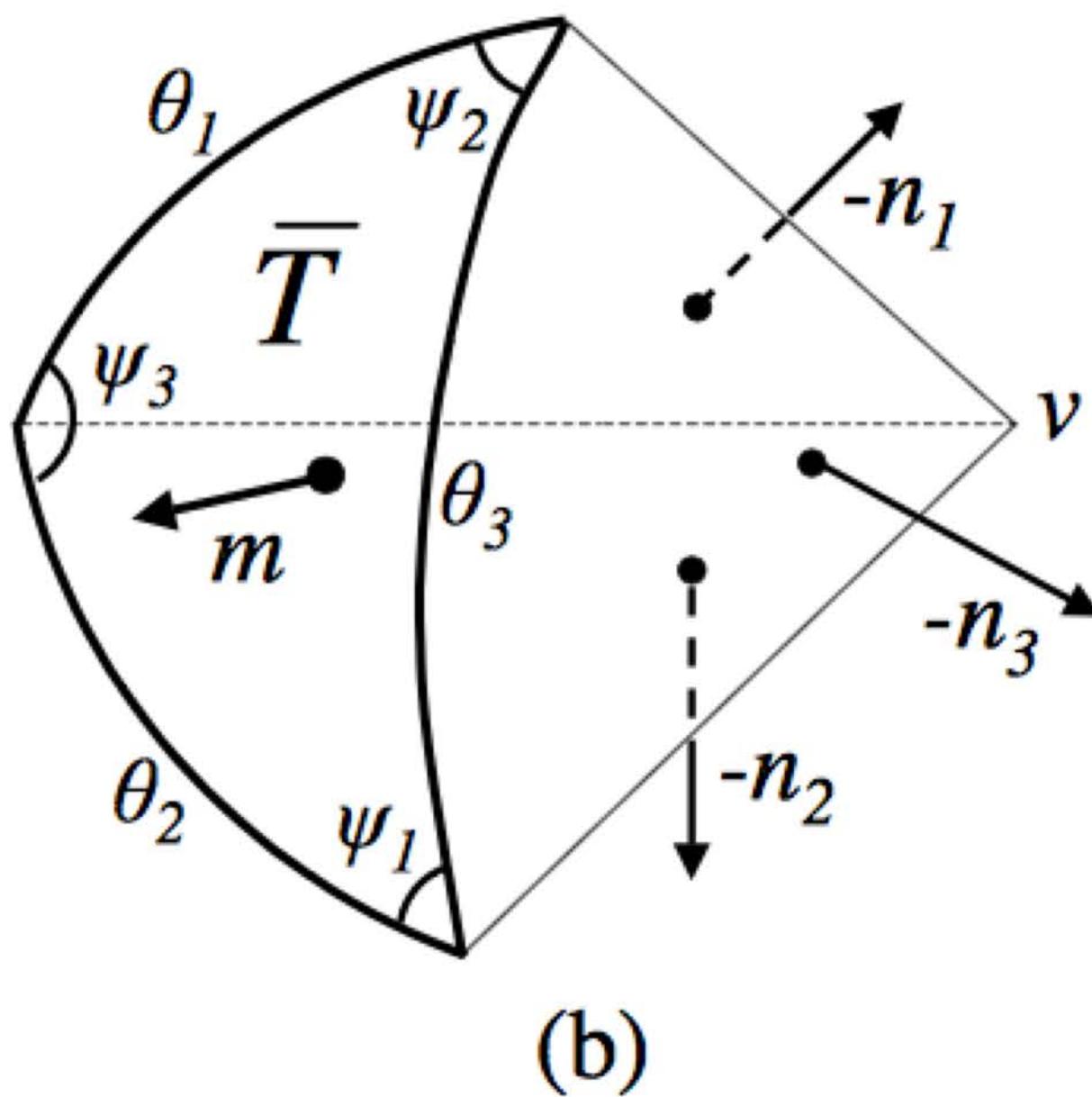
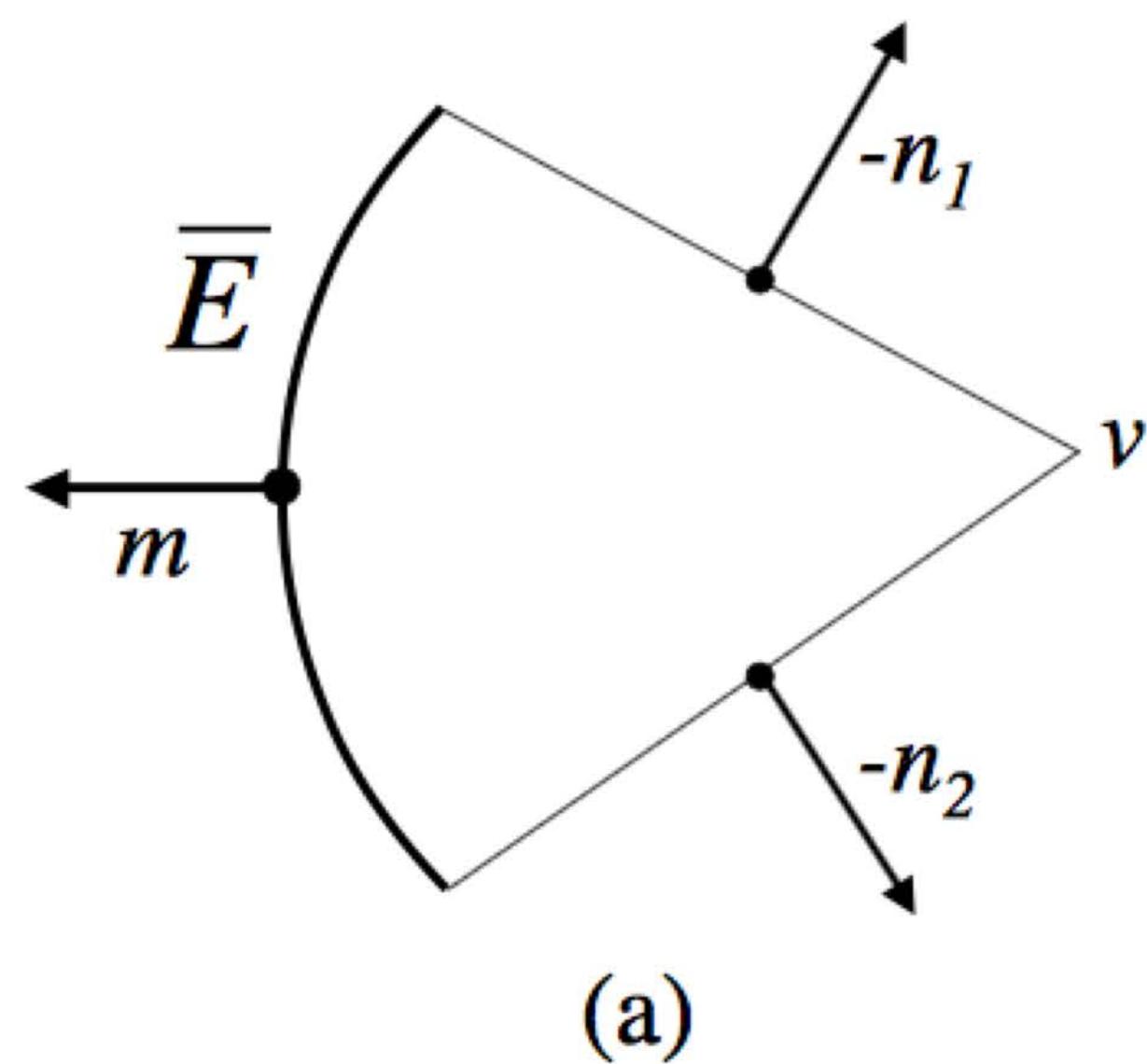


$$\lambda_i = \frac{w_i}{\sum_{j=1}^k w_j}, \quad w_i = \cot \beta_{i-1} + \cot \gamma_i.$$



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3D Mean Value Coordinates



Mean Value Coordinates for Closed
Triangular Meshes
Tao Ju, Scott Schaefer, Joe Warren

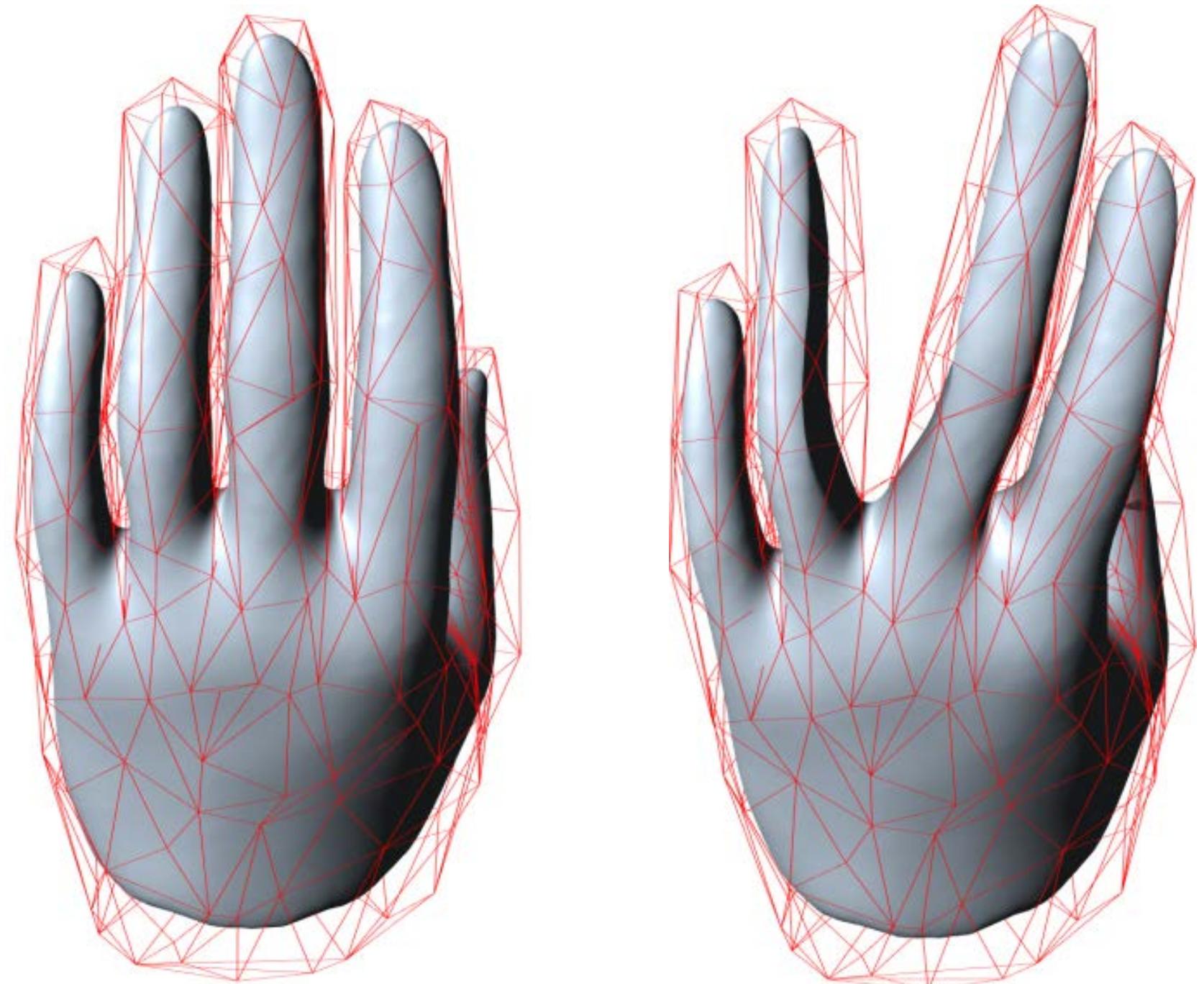
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// Robust evaluation on a triangular mesh
for each vertex  $p_j$  with values  $f_j$ 
     $d_j \leftarrow \|p_j - x\|$ 
    if  $d_j < \varepsilon$  return  $f_j$ 
     $u_j \leftarrow (p_j - x)/d_j$ 
     $totalF \leftarrow 0$ 
     $totalW \leftarrow 0$ 
    for each triangle with vertices  $p_1, p_2, p_3$  and values  $f_1, f_2, f_3$ 
         $l_i \leftarrow \|u_{i+1} - u_{i-1}\|$  // for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ 
         $\theta_i \leftarrow 2 \arcsin[l_i/2]$ 
         $h \leftarrow (\sum \theta_i)/2$ 
        if  $\pi - h < \varepsilon$ 
            //  $x$  lies on  $t$ , use 2D barycentric coordinates
             $w_i \leftarrow \sin[\theta_i] d_{i-1} d_{i+1}$ 
            return  $(\sum w_i f_i) / (\sum w_i)$ 
         $c_i \leftarrow (2 \sin[h] \sin[h - \theta_i]) / (\sin[\theta_{i+1}] \sin[\theta_{i-1}]) - 1$ 
         $s_i \leftarrow \text{sign}[\det[u_1, u_2, u_3]] \sqrt{1 - c_i^2}$ 
        if  $\exists i, |s_i| \leq \varepsilon$ 
            //  $x$  lies outside  $t$  on the same plane, ignore  $t$ 
            continue
         $w_i \leftarrow (\theta_i - c_{i+1} \theta_{i-1} - c_{i-1} \theta_{i+1}) / (d_i \sin[\theta_{i+1}] s_{i-1})$ 
         $totalF += \sum w_i f_i$ 
         $totalW += \sum w_i$ 
     $f_x \leftarrow totalF / totalW$ 
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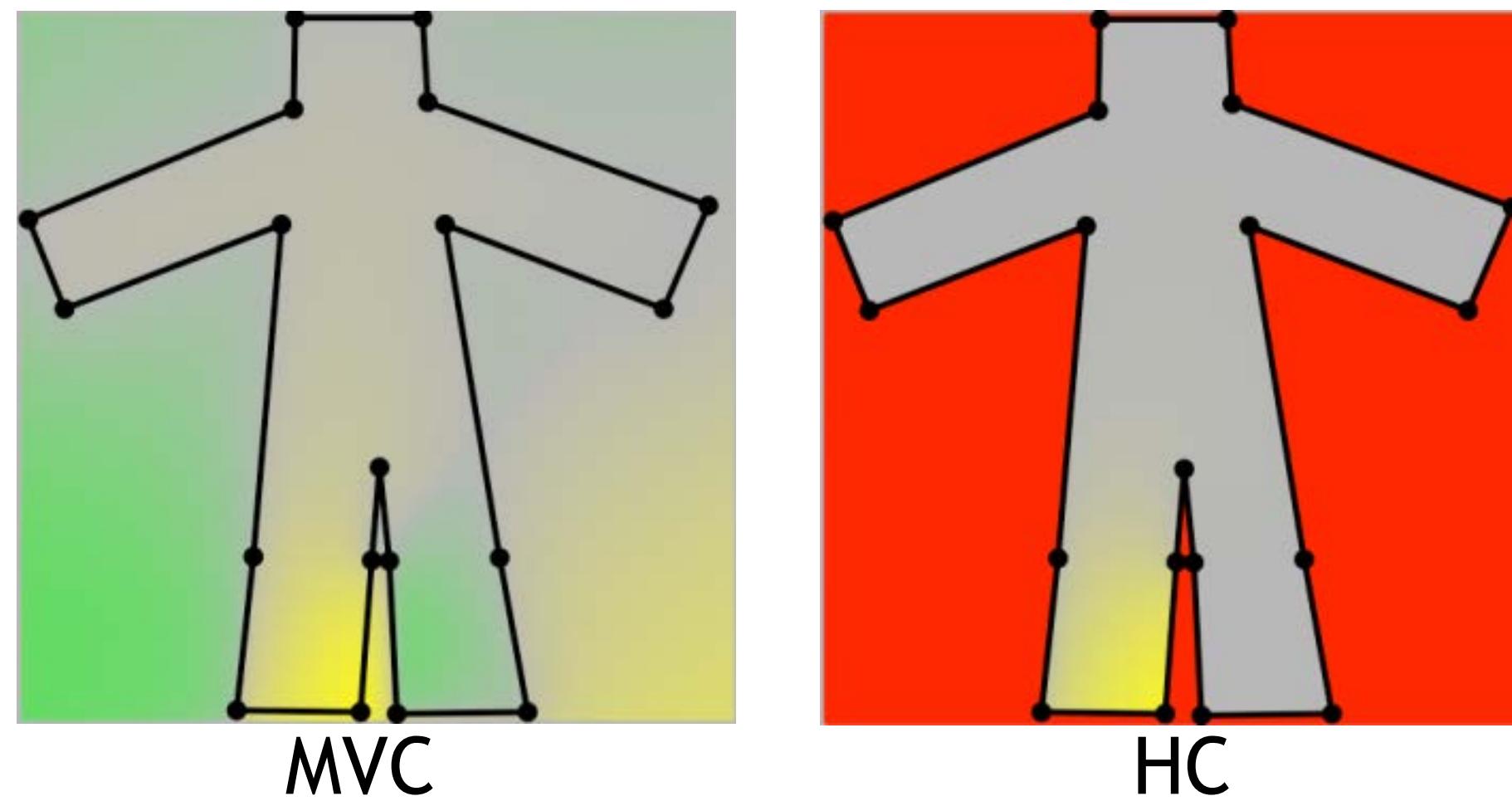
- Mean-value coordinates
[Floater 2003, Ju et al. 2005]
 - Not necessarily positive on non-convex domains



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Coordinate Functions

- Harmonic coordinates ([Joshi et al. 2007](#))
 - Harmonic functions $h_i(\mathbf{x})$ for each cage vertex \mathbf{p}_i
 - Solve $\Delta h = 0$
subject to: h_i linear on the boundary s.t. $h_i(\mathbf{p}_j) = \delta_{ij}$



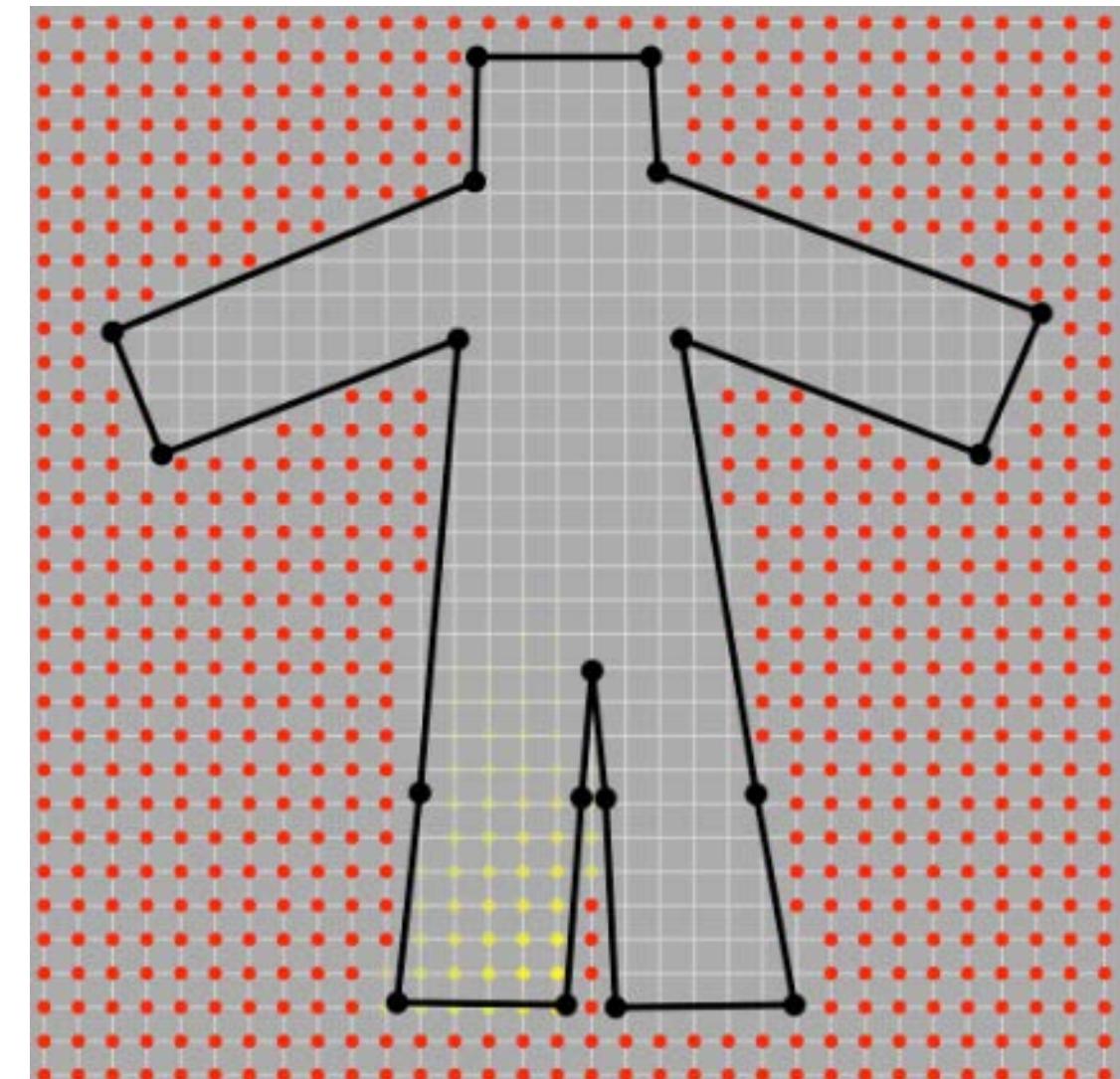
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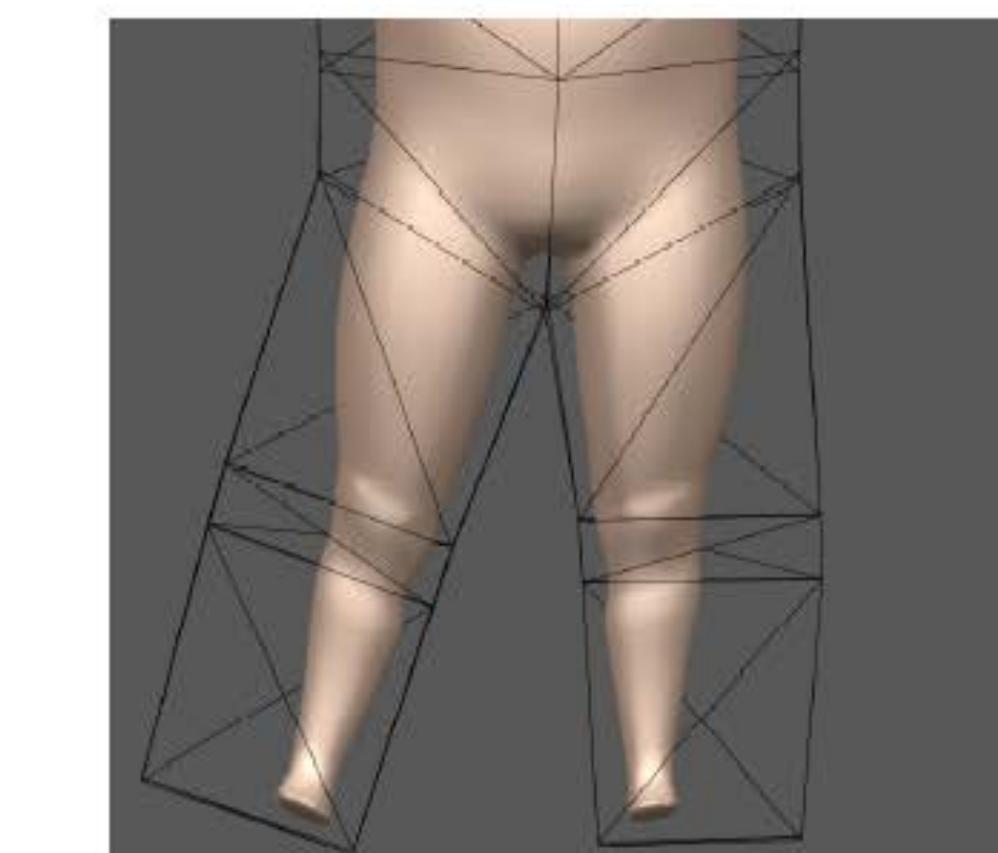
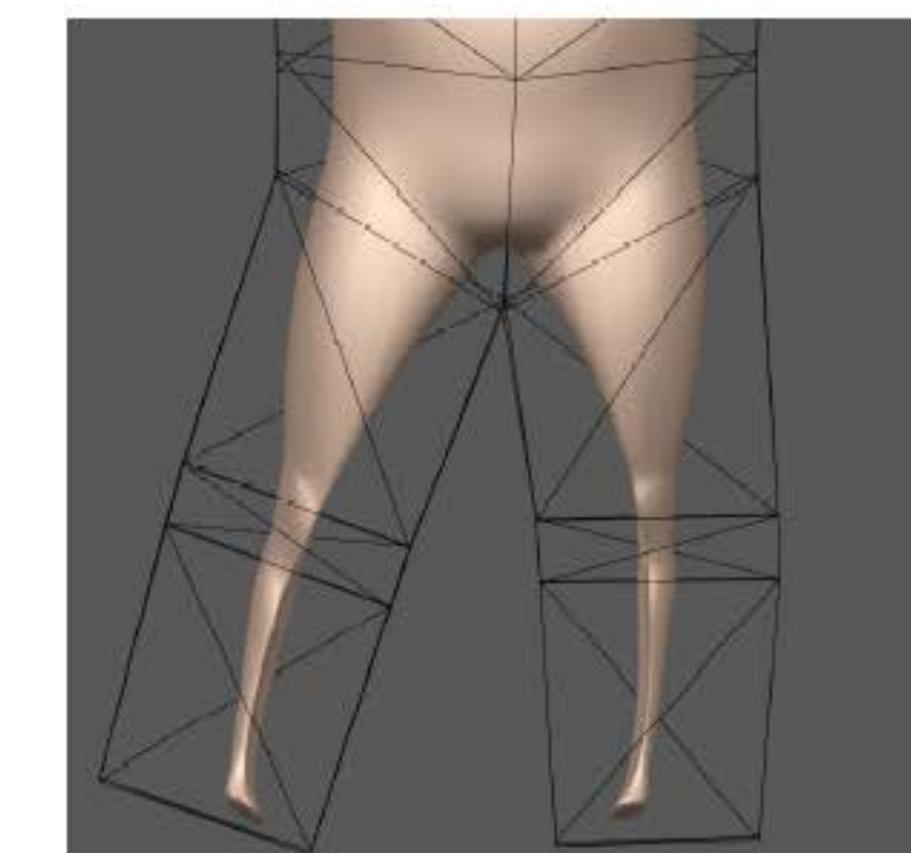
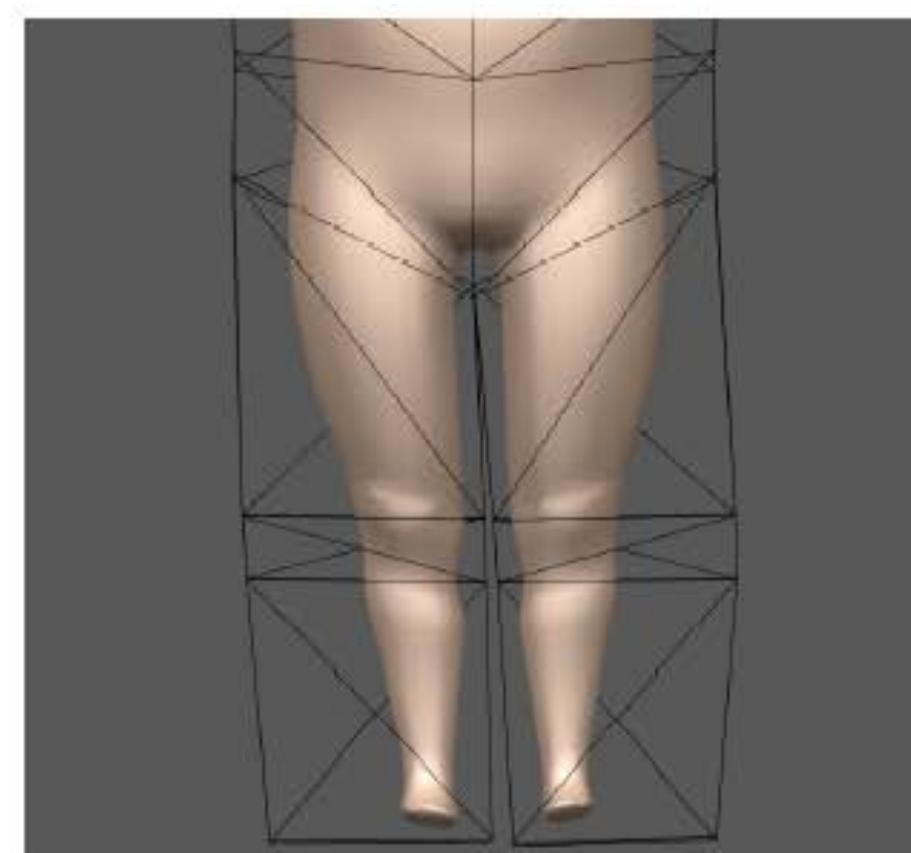
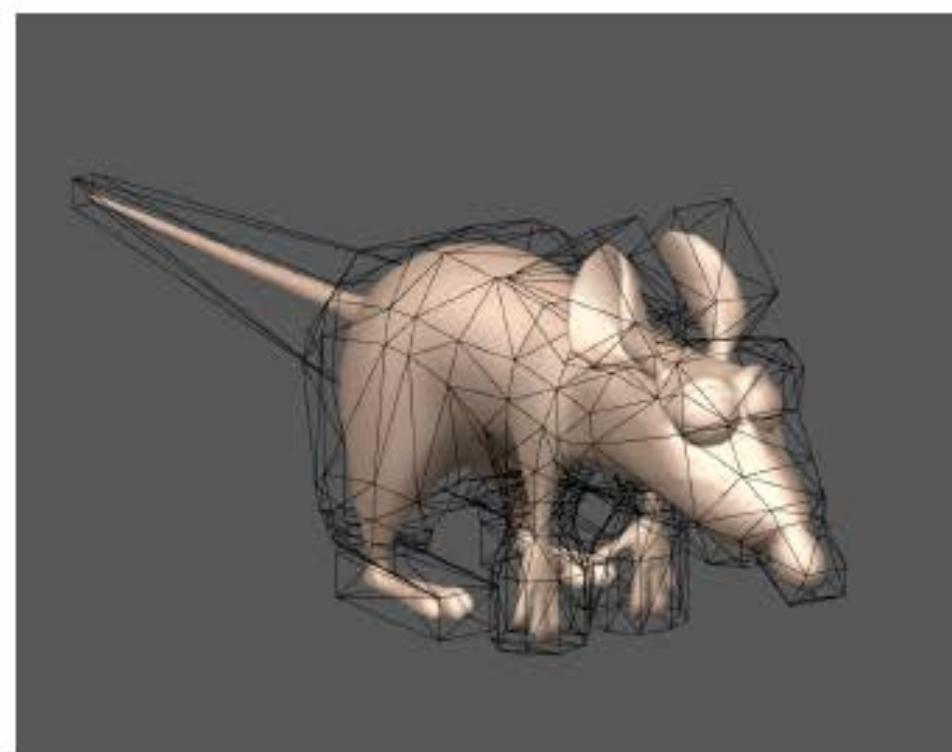
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- Volumetric Laplace equation
- Discretization, no closed-form



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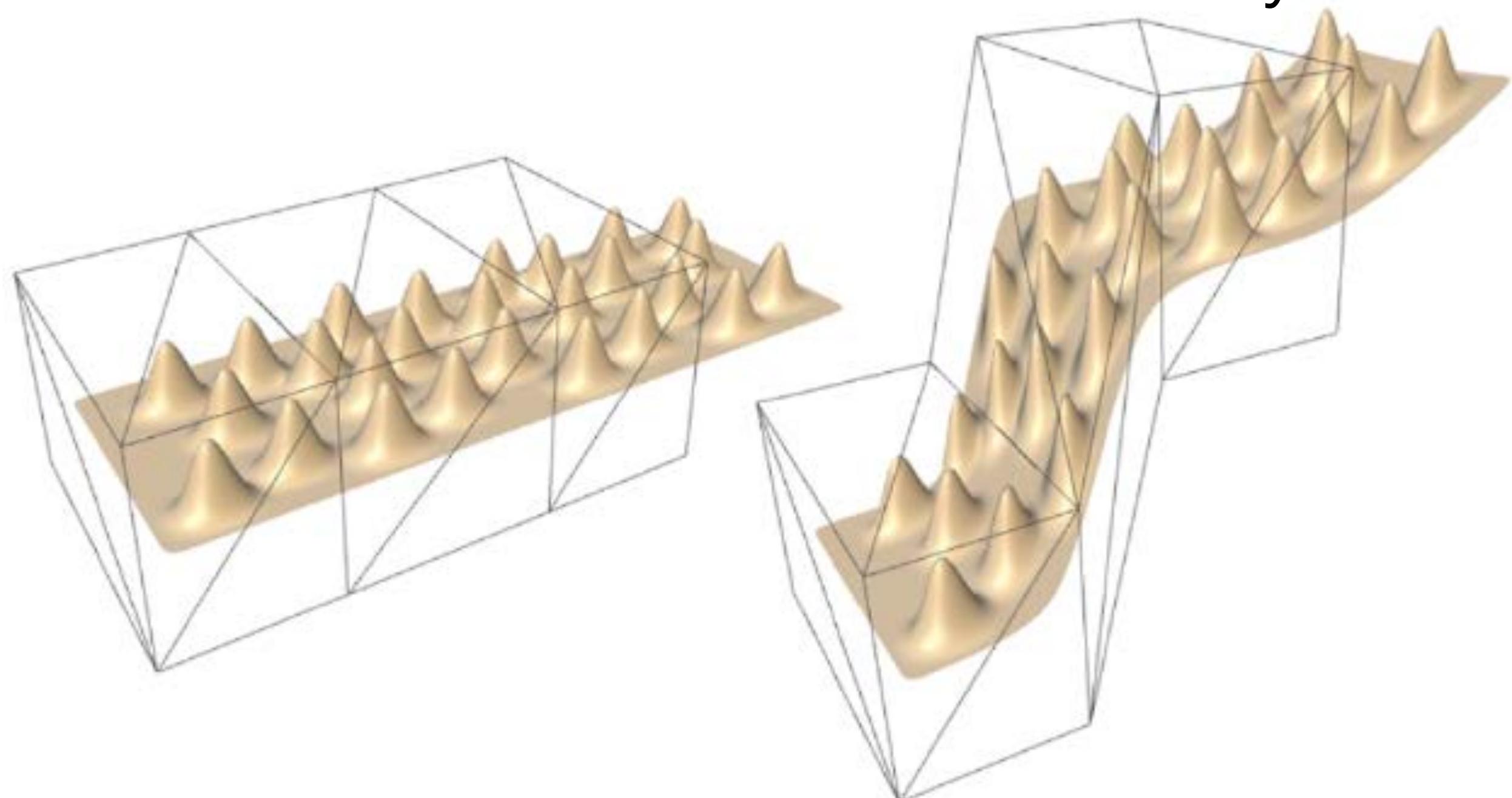
Coordinate Functions

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Coordinate Functions

- **Green coordinates** (Lipman et al. 2008)
- Observation: previous vertex-based basis functions always lead to affine-invariance!



<http://www.wisdom.weizmann.ac.il/~ylipman/GC/gc.htm>

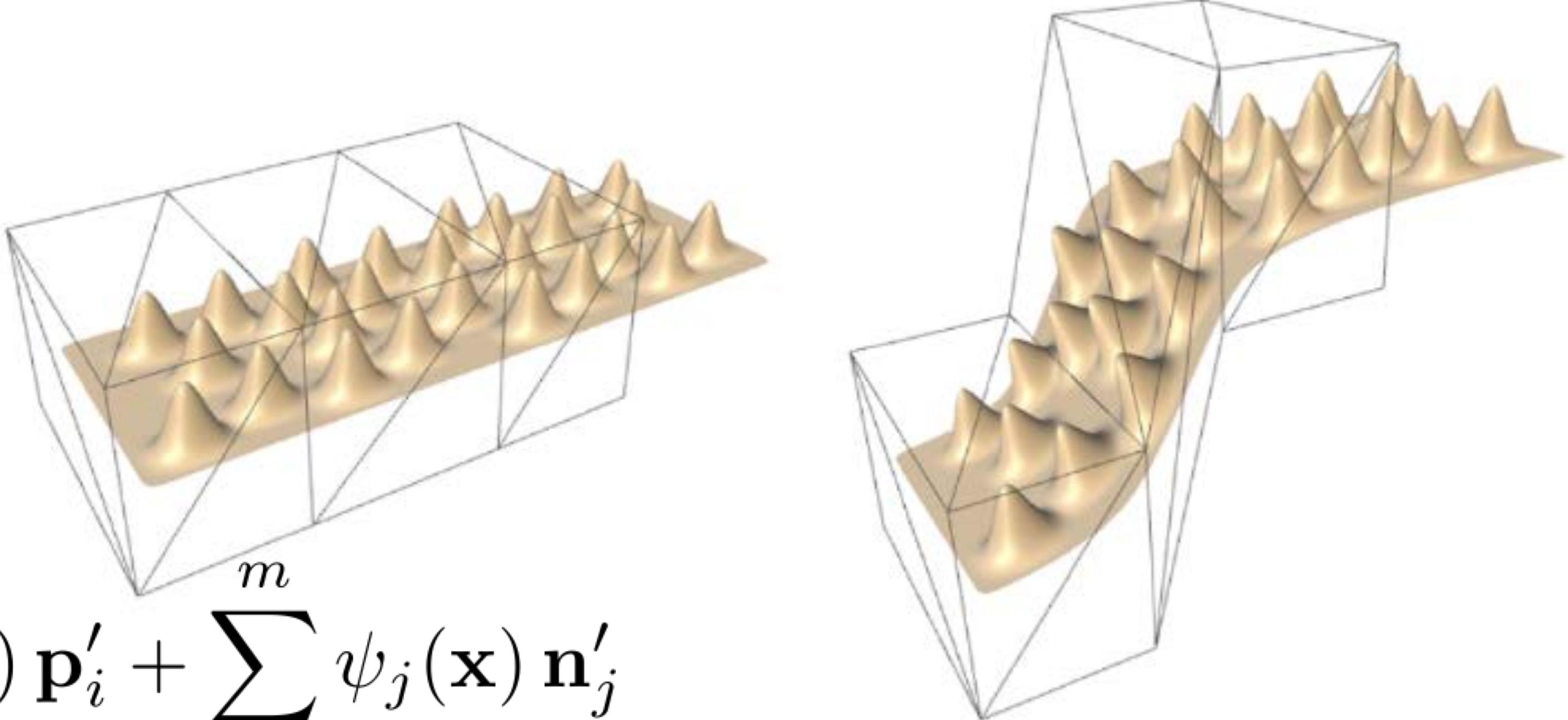


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Coordinate Functions

- **Green coordinates** (Lipman et al. 2008)
- Correction: Make the coordinates depend on the cage faces as well

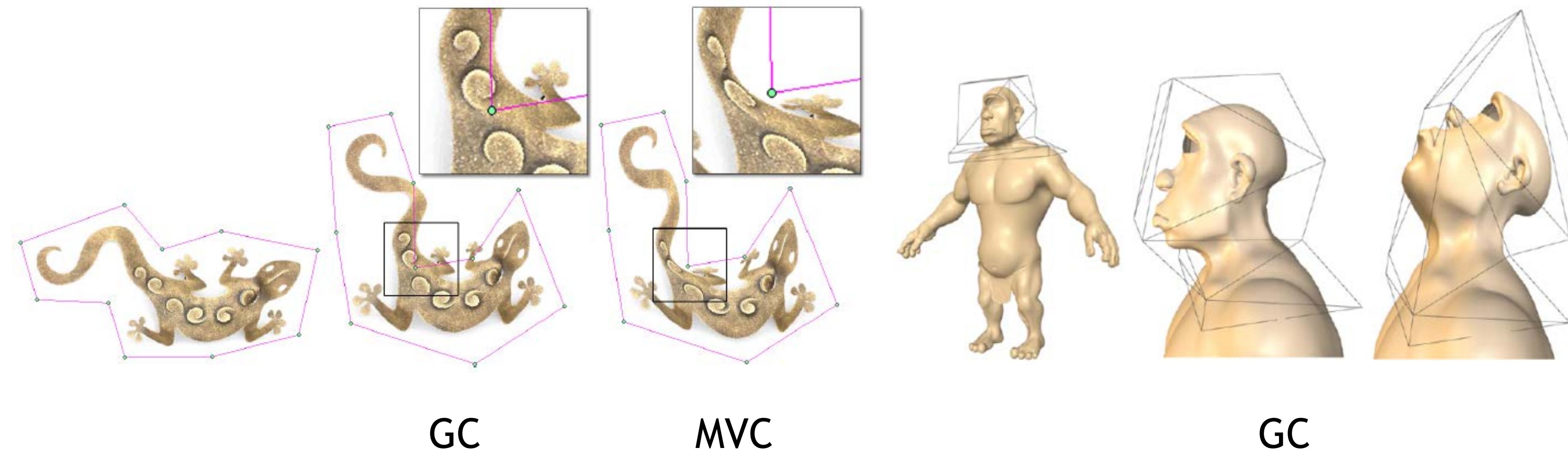
$$\mathbf{x}' = \sum_{i=1}^k w_i(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{p}'_i + \sum_{j=1}^m \psi_j(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{n}'_j$$



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Coordinate Functions

- **Green coordinates** (Lipman et al. 2008)
- Closed-form solution
- Conformal in 2D, quasi-conformal in 3D



Cage-based methods: Summary

Pros:

- Nice control over volume
 - Squish/stretch

Cons:

- Hard to control details of embedded surface



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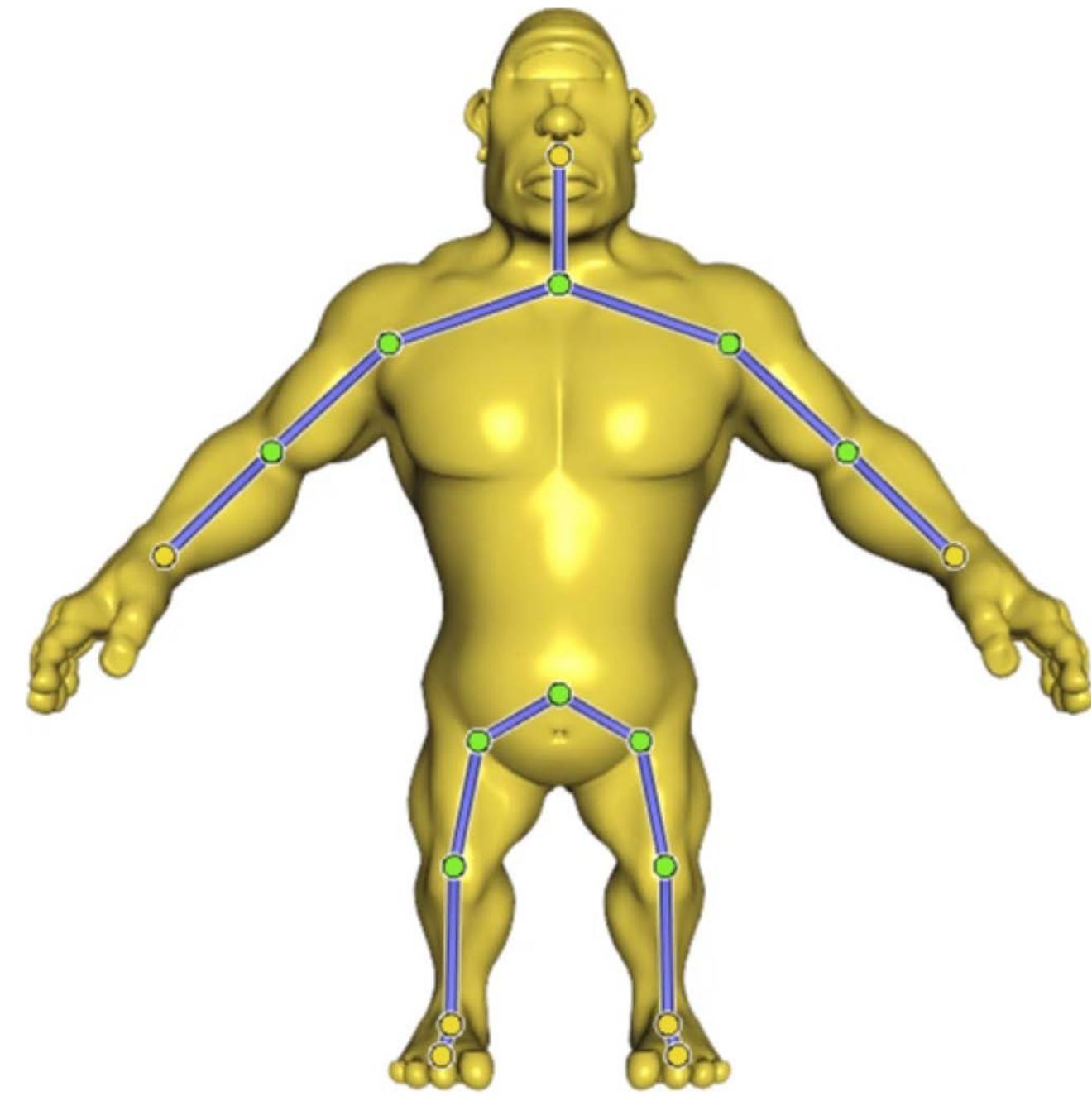
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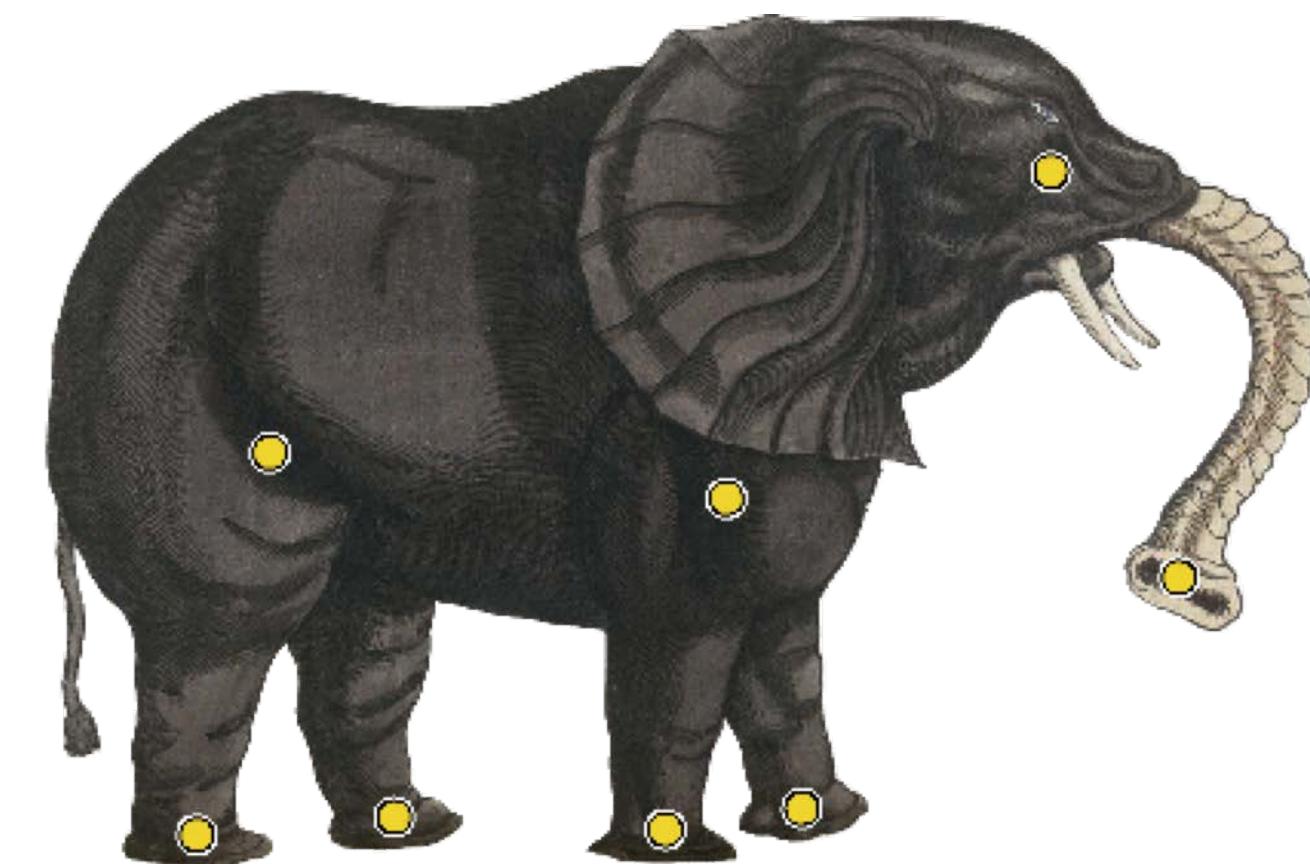
LBS generalizes to different handle types



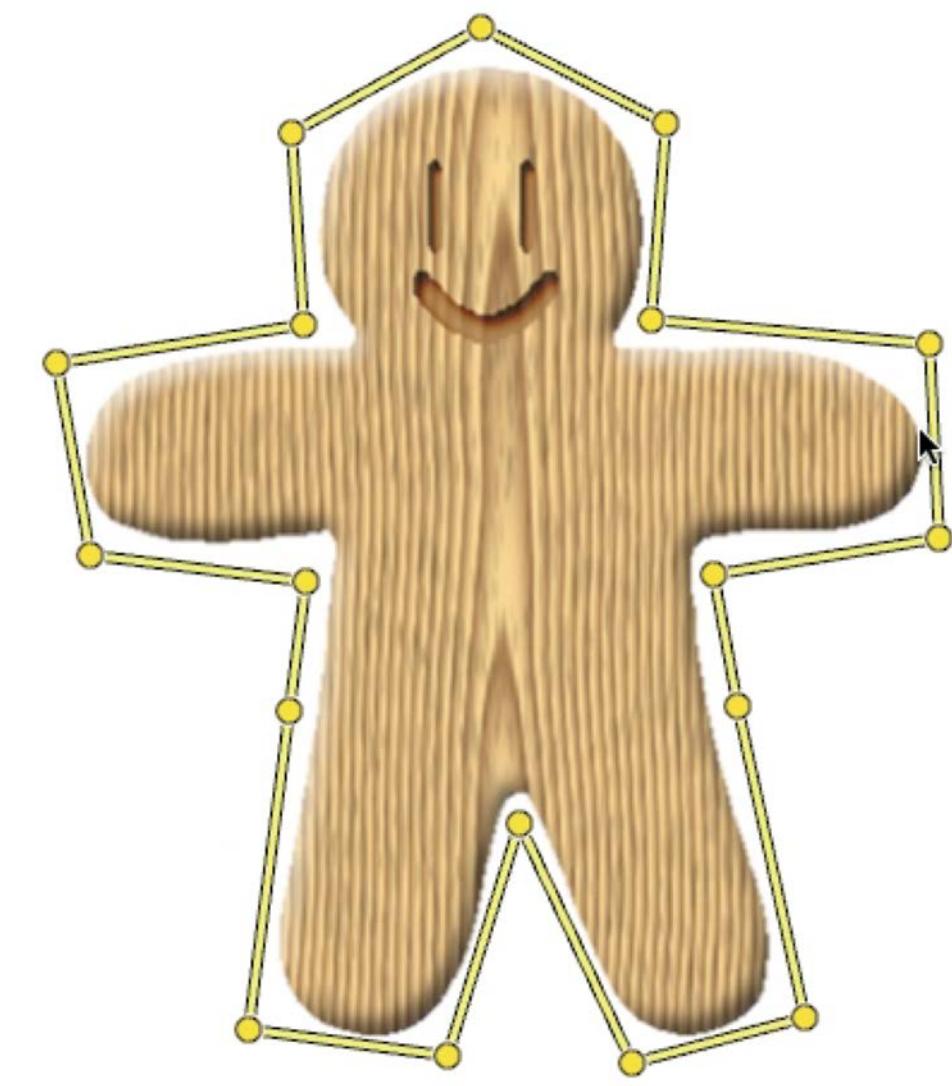
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regions

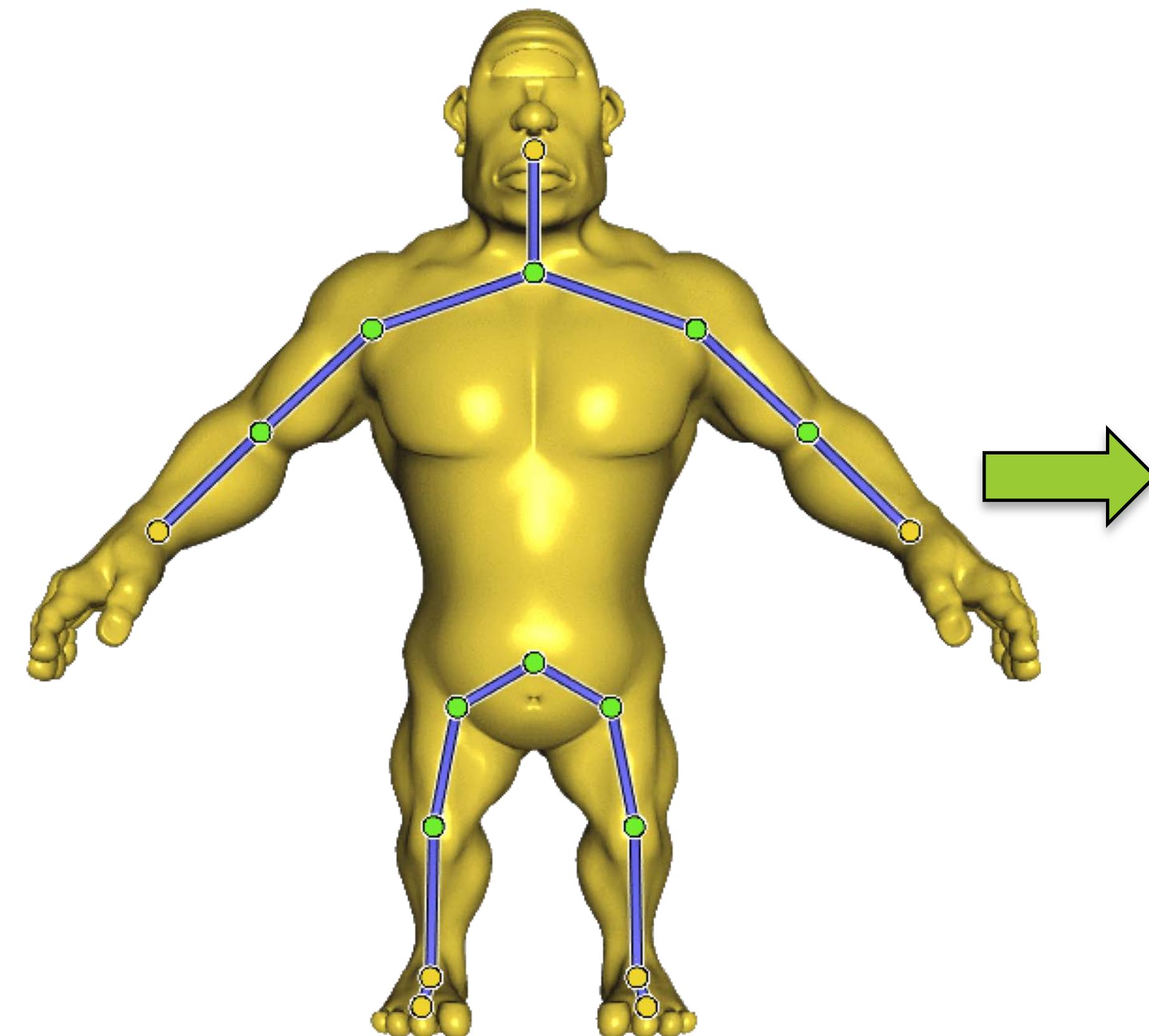


points



cages

Linear Blend Skinning rigging preferred for its real-time performance

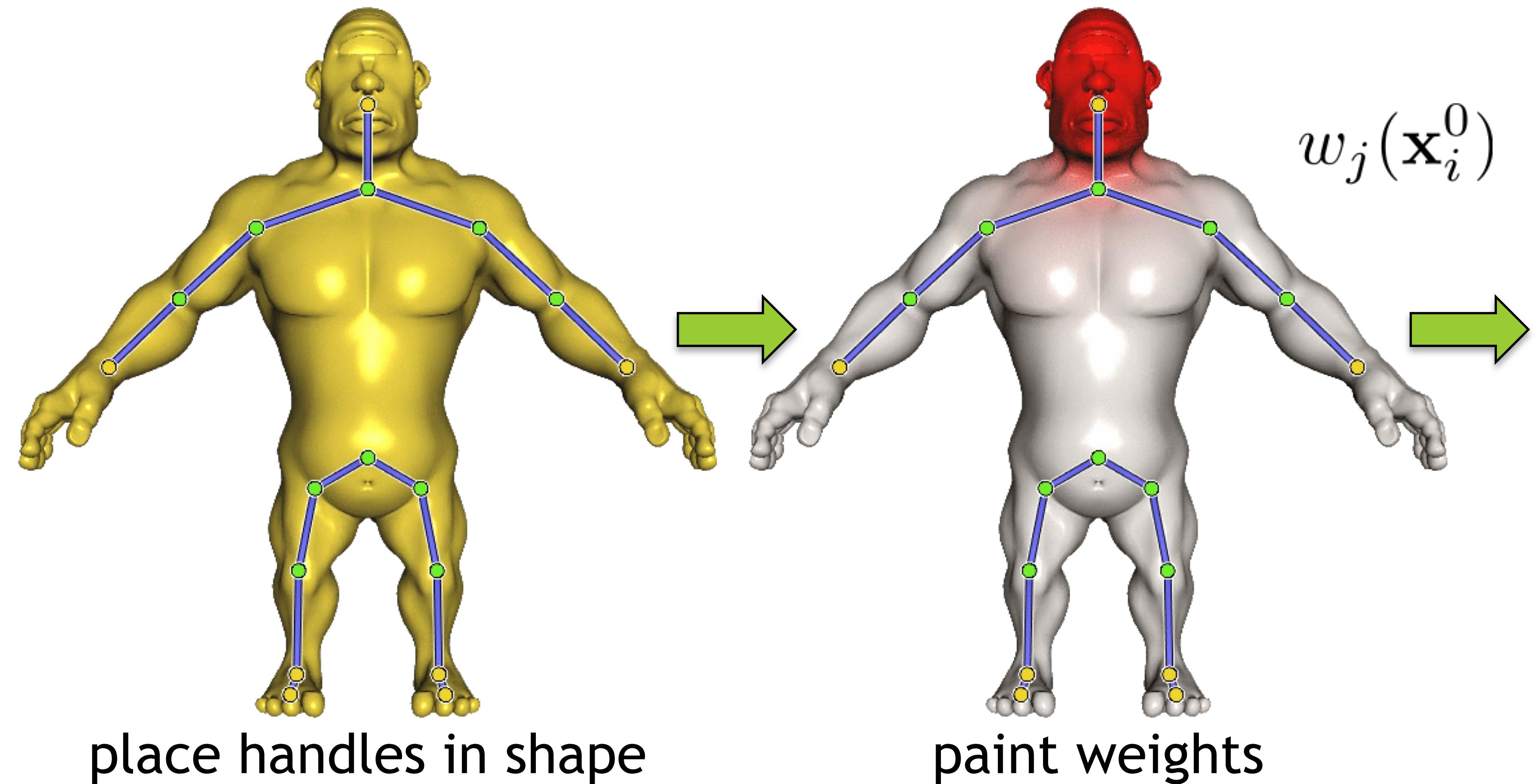


place handles in shape

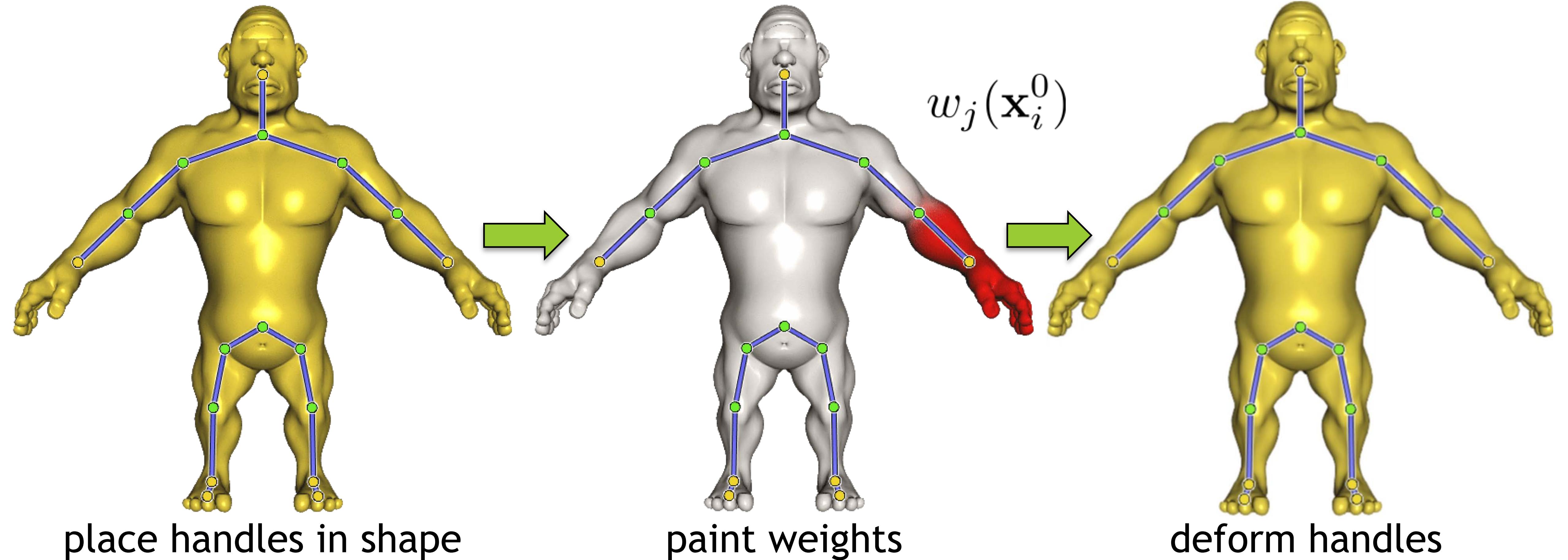


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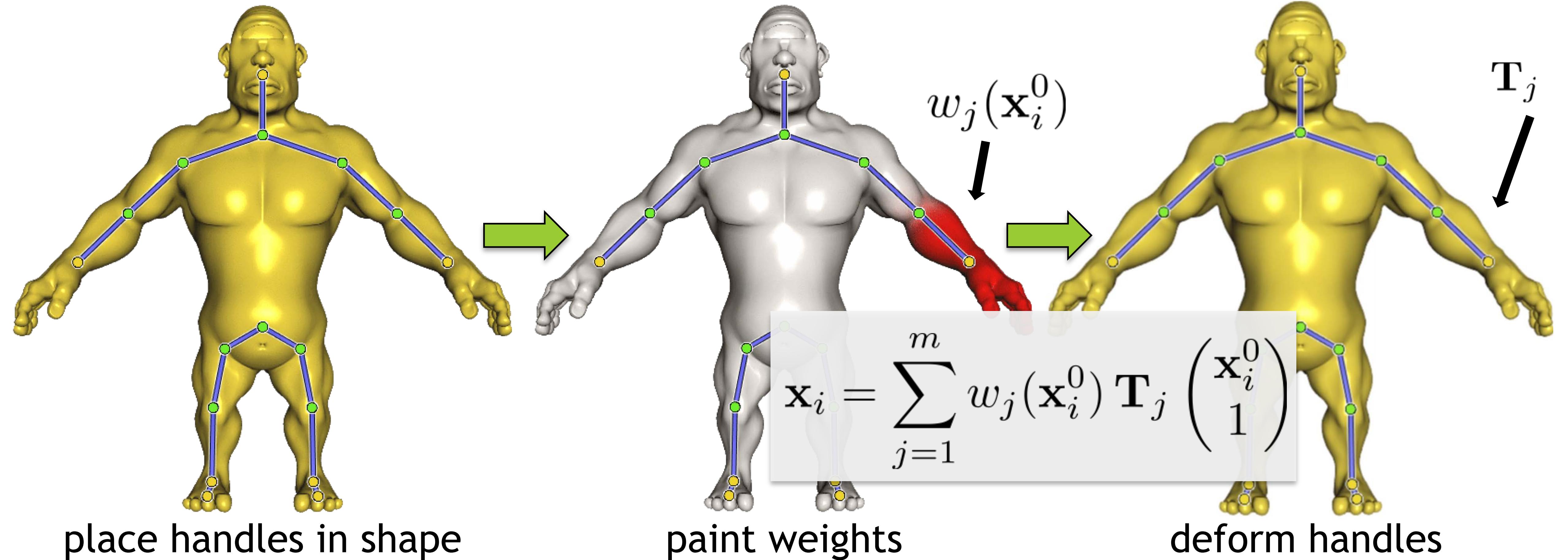
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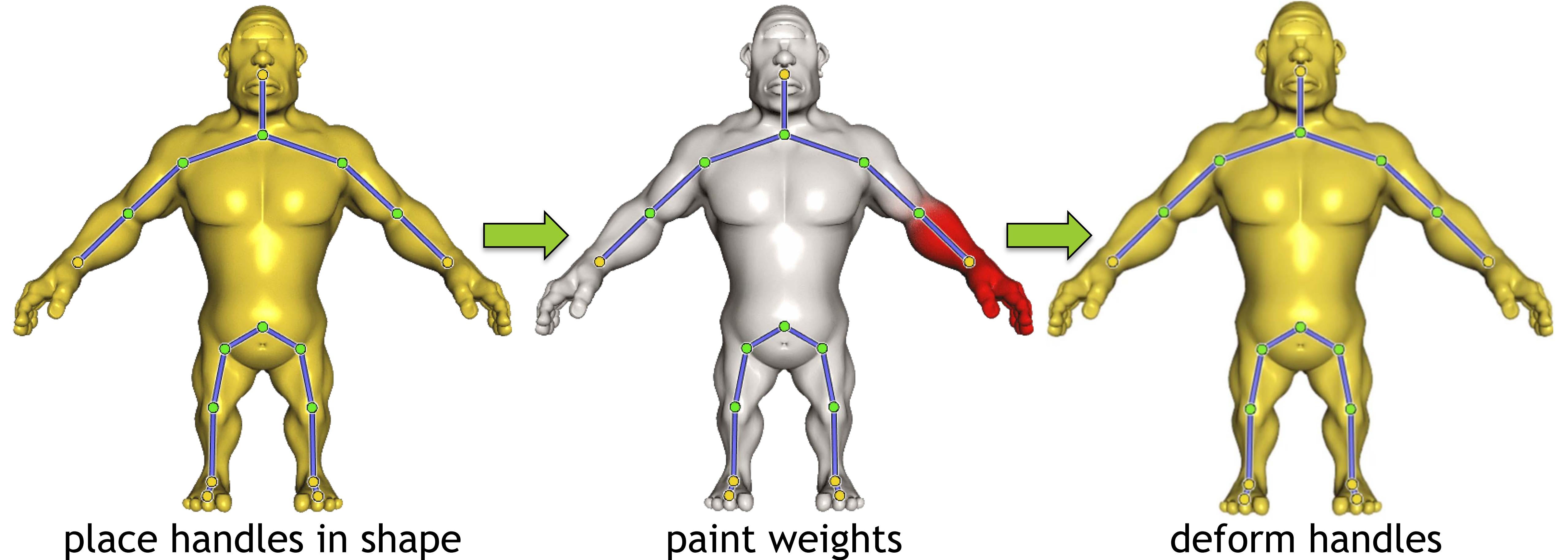
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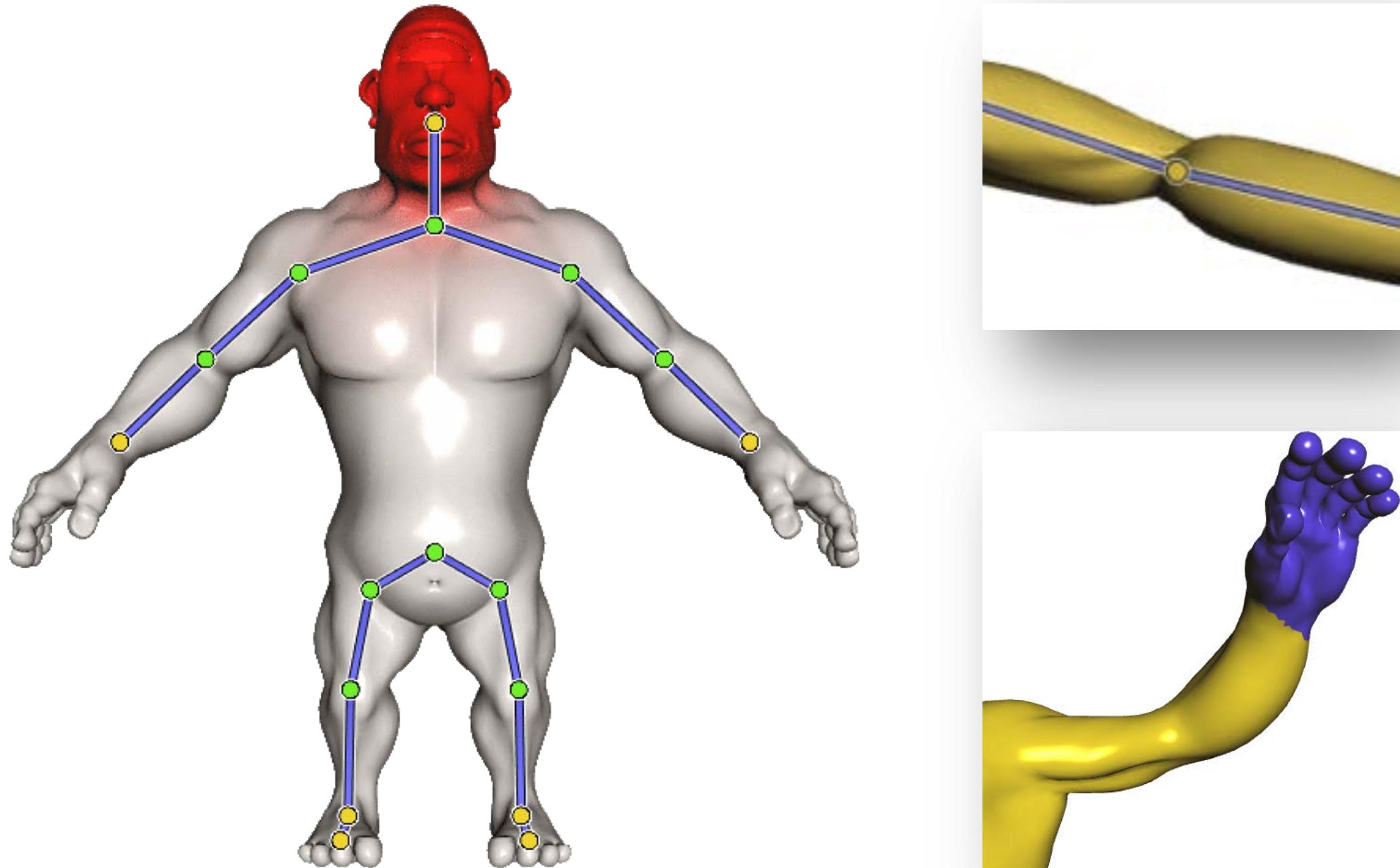
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Challenges with LBS

- Weight functions w_j
 - Can be manually painted or automatically generated
- Degrees of freedom \mathbf{T}_j
 - Exposed to the user (possibly with a kinematic chain)
- Richness of achievable deformations
 - Want to avoid common pitfalls – candy wrapper, collapses

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \sum_{j=1}^m w_j(\mathbf{x}_i^0) \mathbf{T}_j \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_i^0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



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Properties of the Weights

$$\sum_{j \in H} w_j(\mathbf{x}^0) = 1$$

Partition of unity

Handle vertices

$$w_j|_{H_k} = \delta_{jk}$$

w_j is linear along cage faces

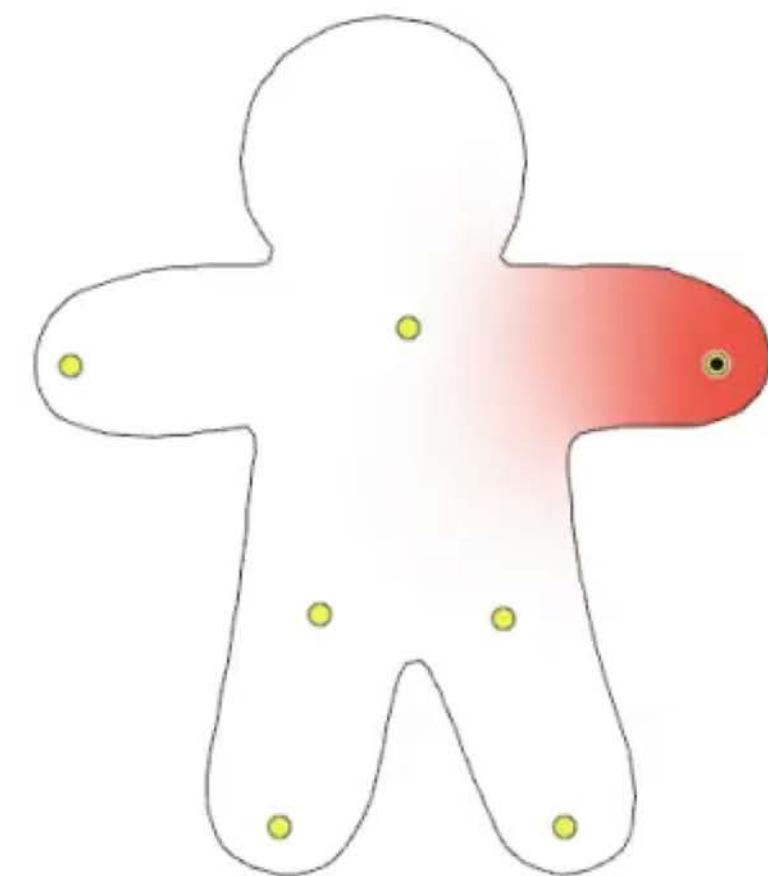
Interpolation of handles



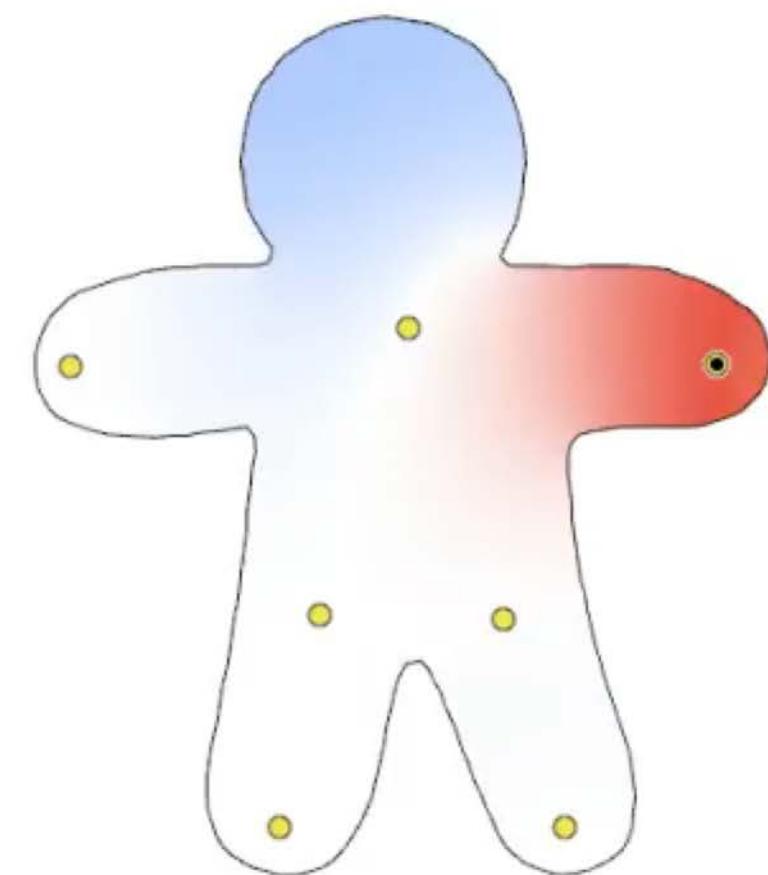
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Weights Should Be Positive

Bounded Biharmonic
Weights
[Jacobson et al. 2011]



Unconstrained biharmonic
[Botsch and Kobbel 2004]



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Weights Should Be Smooth



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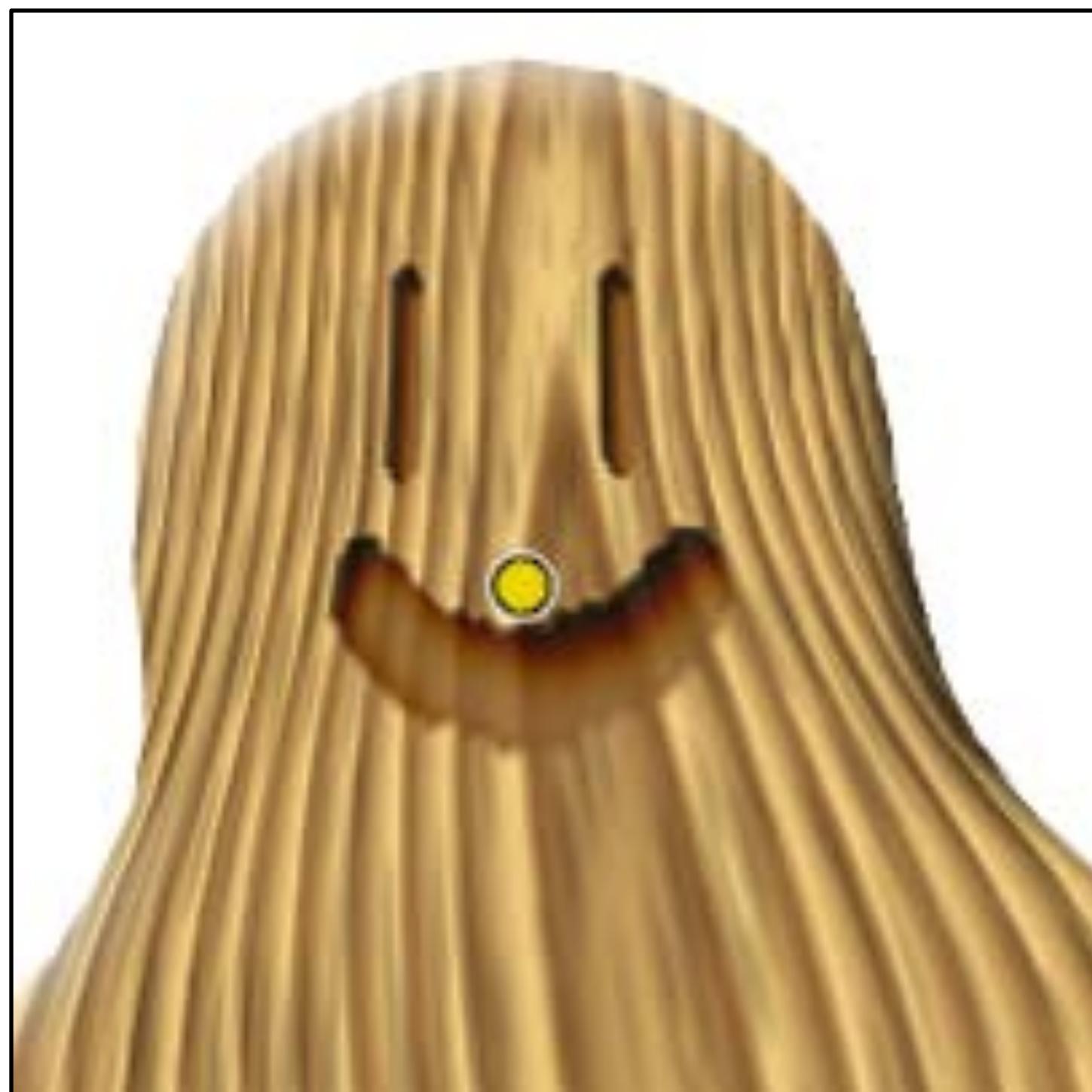


Extension of Harmonic Coordinates
[Joshi et al. 2005]

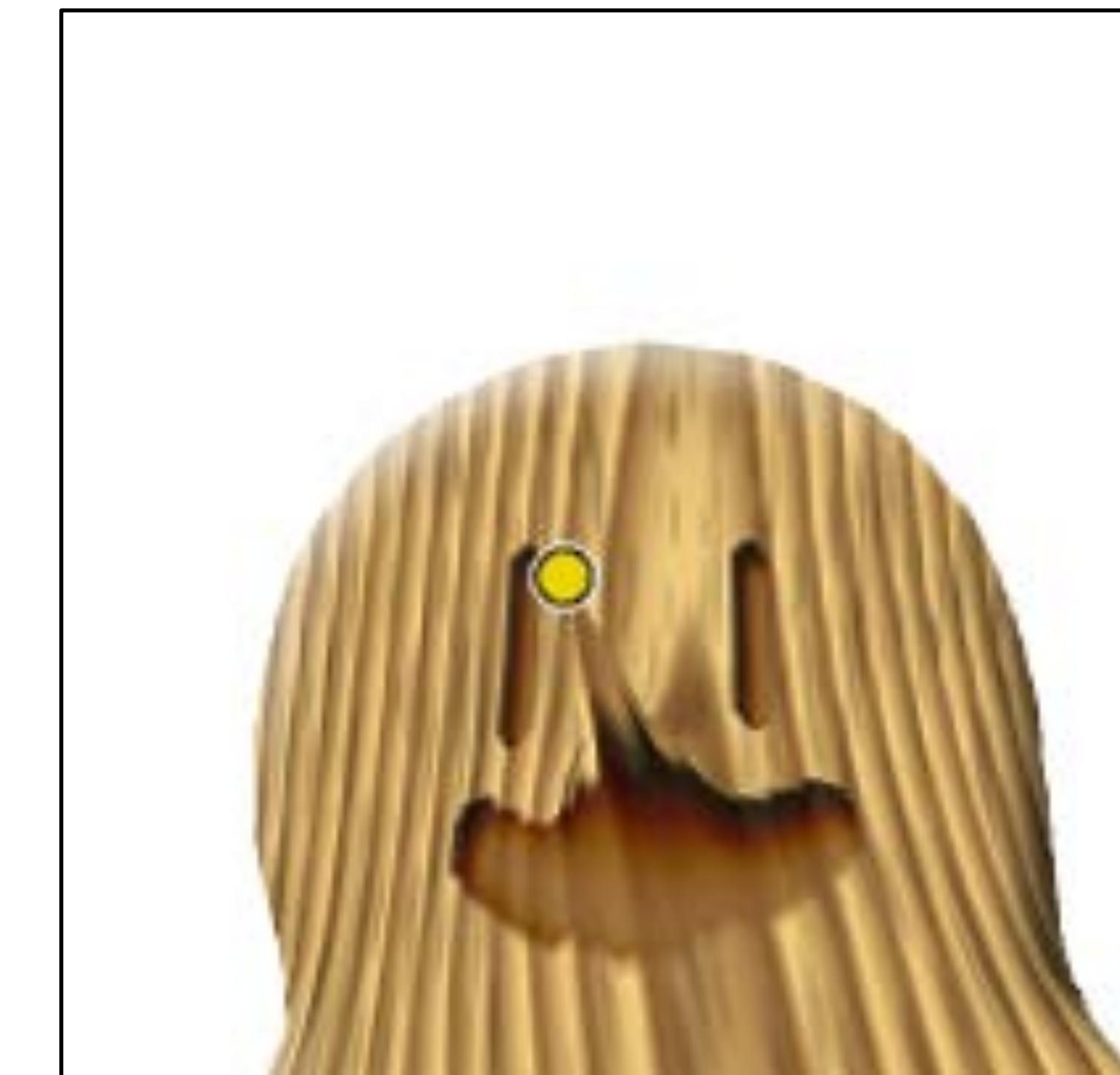


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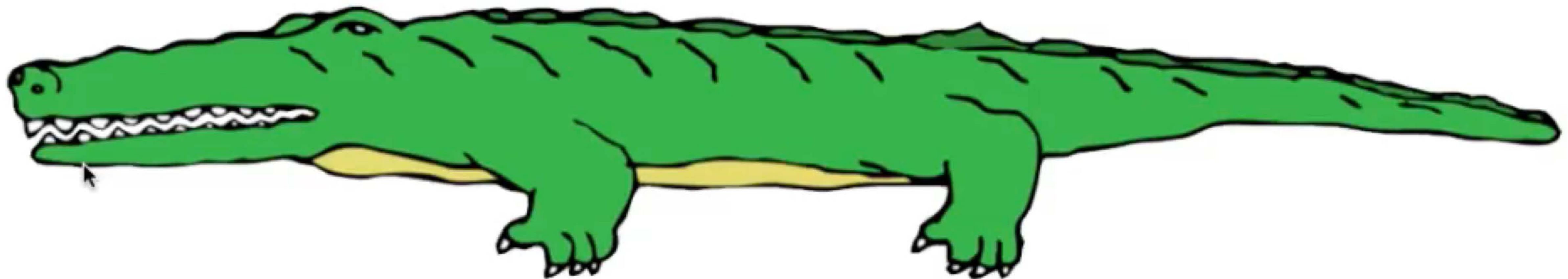
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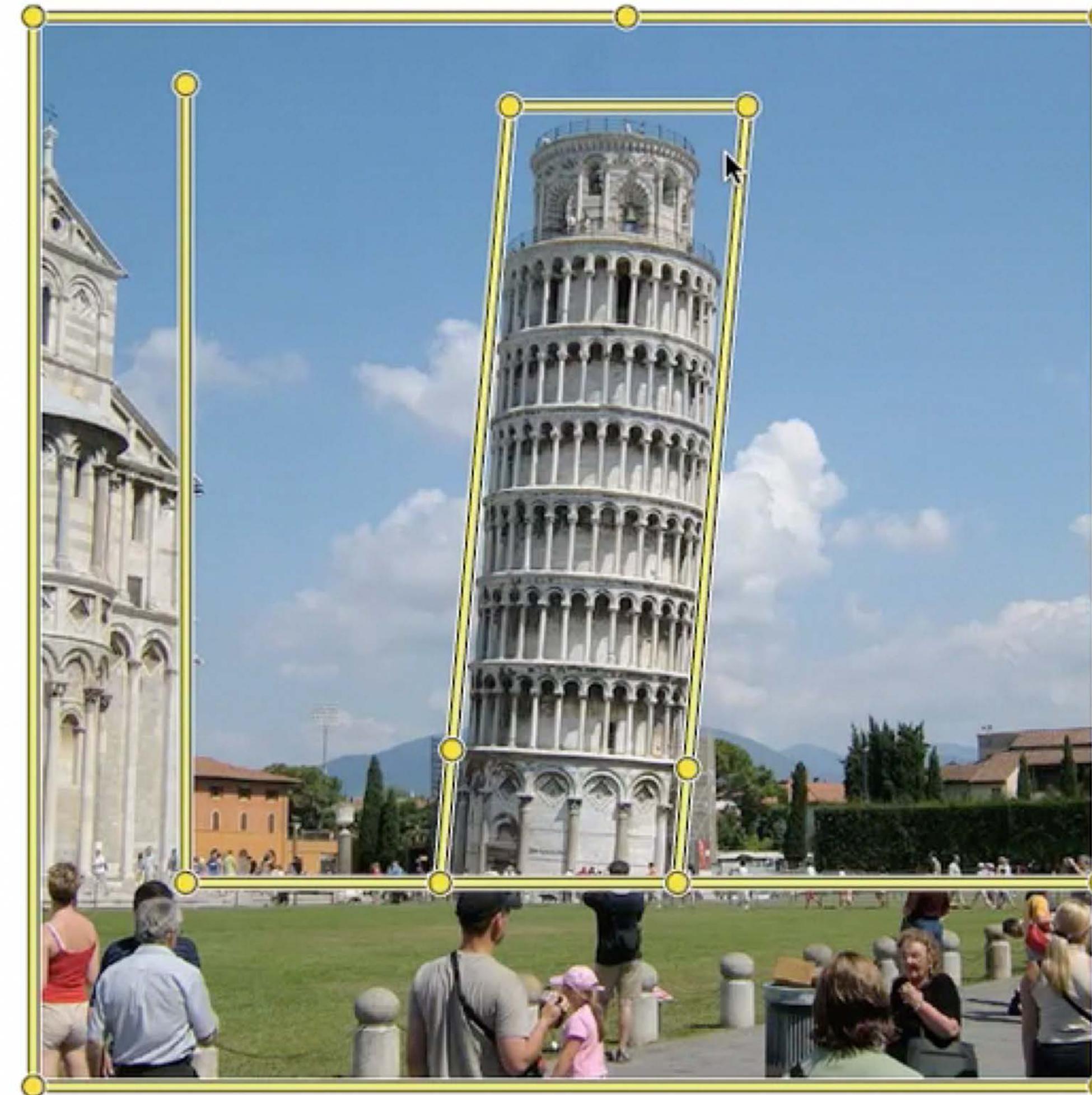


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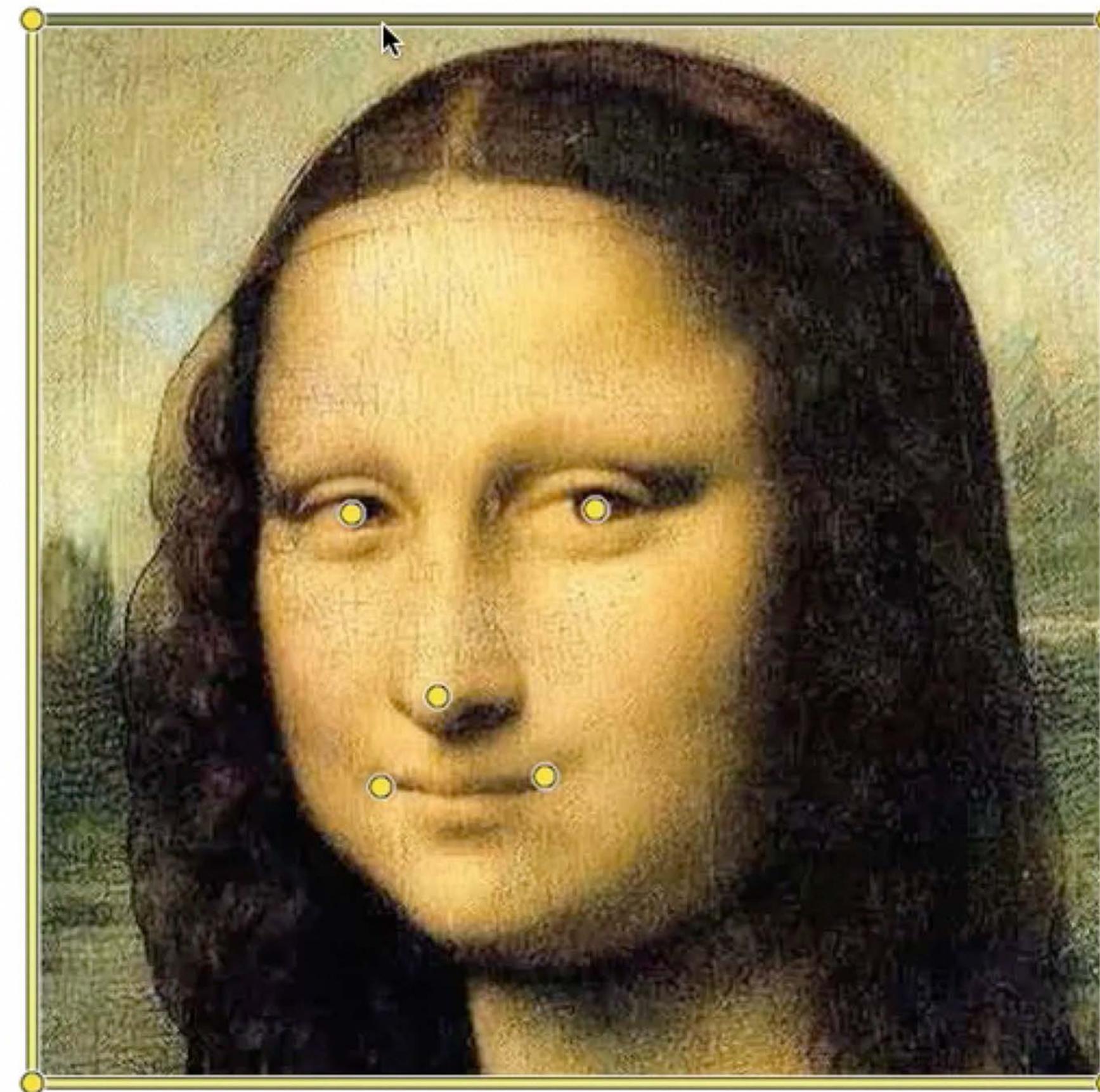
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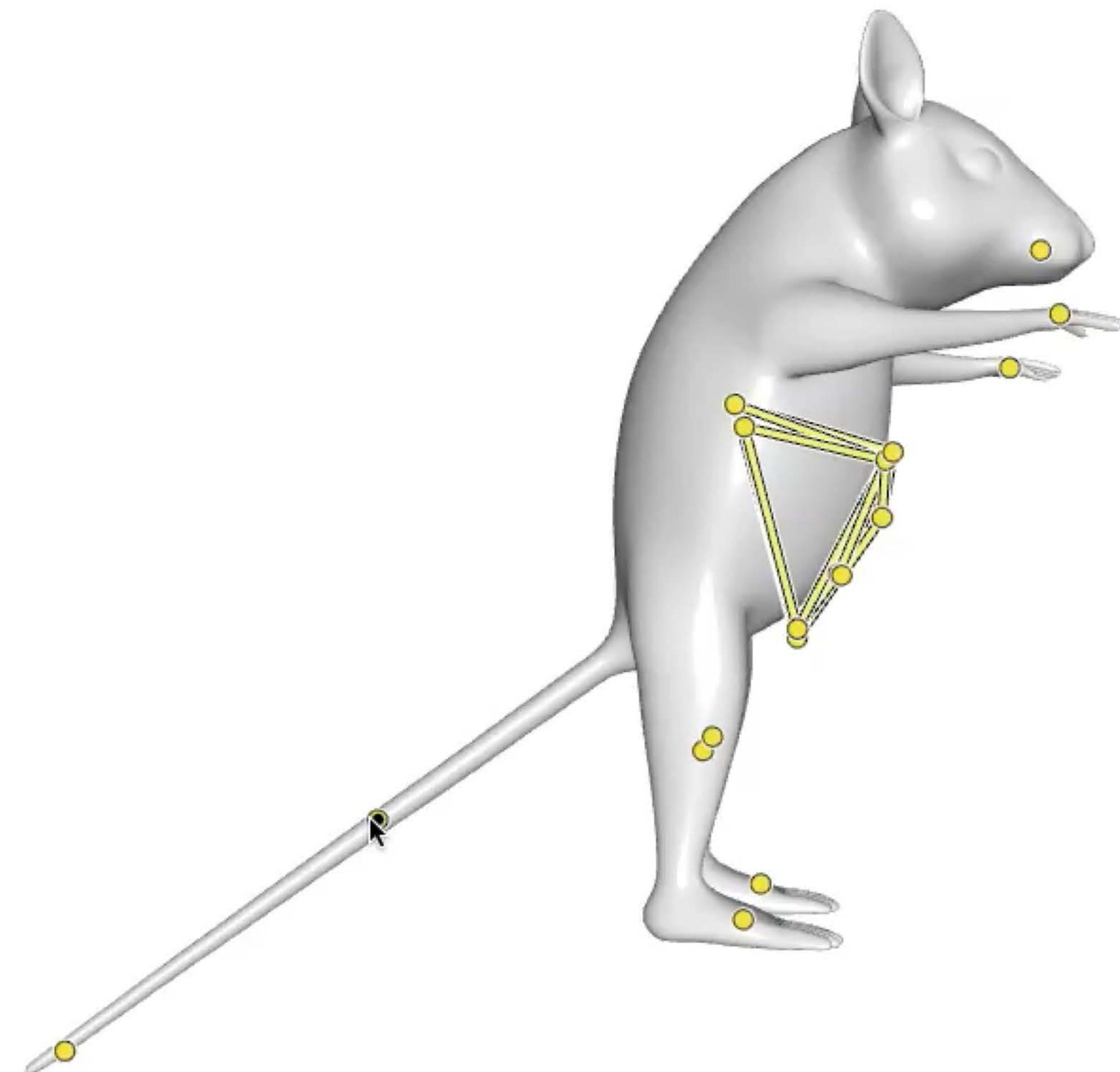
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