

12 - Mesh Deformation

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In this lecture

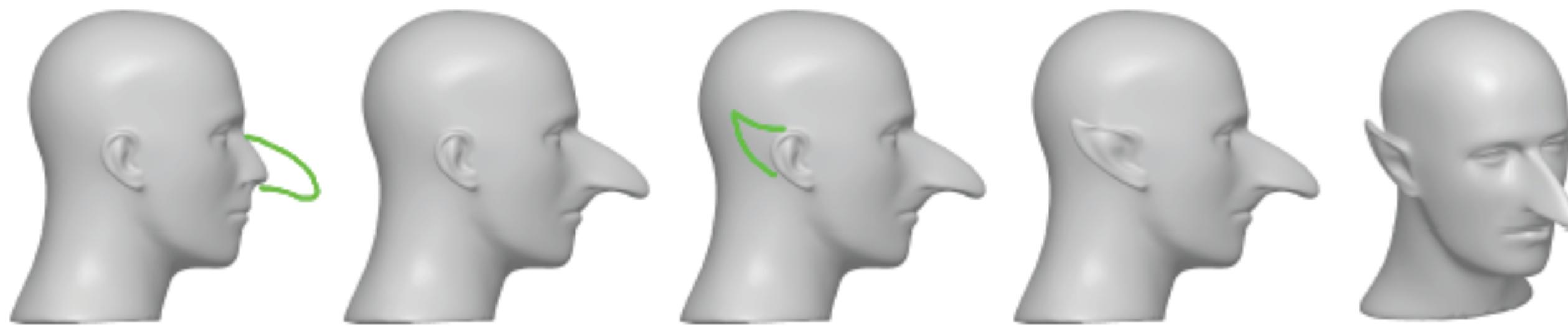
- Paradigms for shape deformation
- Simple linear algorithms

Why Shape Deformation?

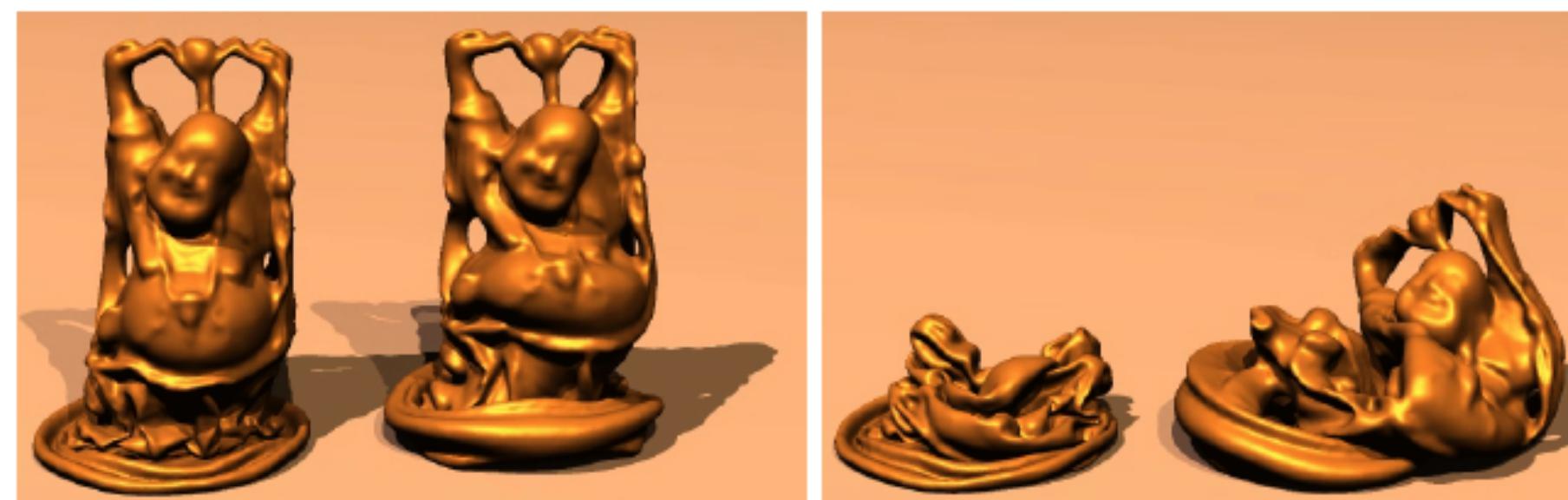
- Animation



- Editing

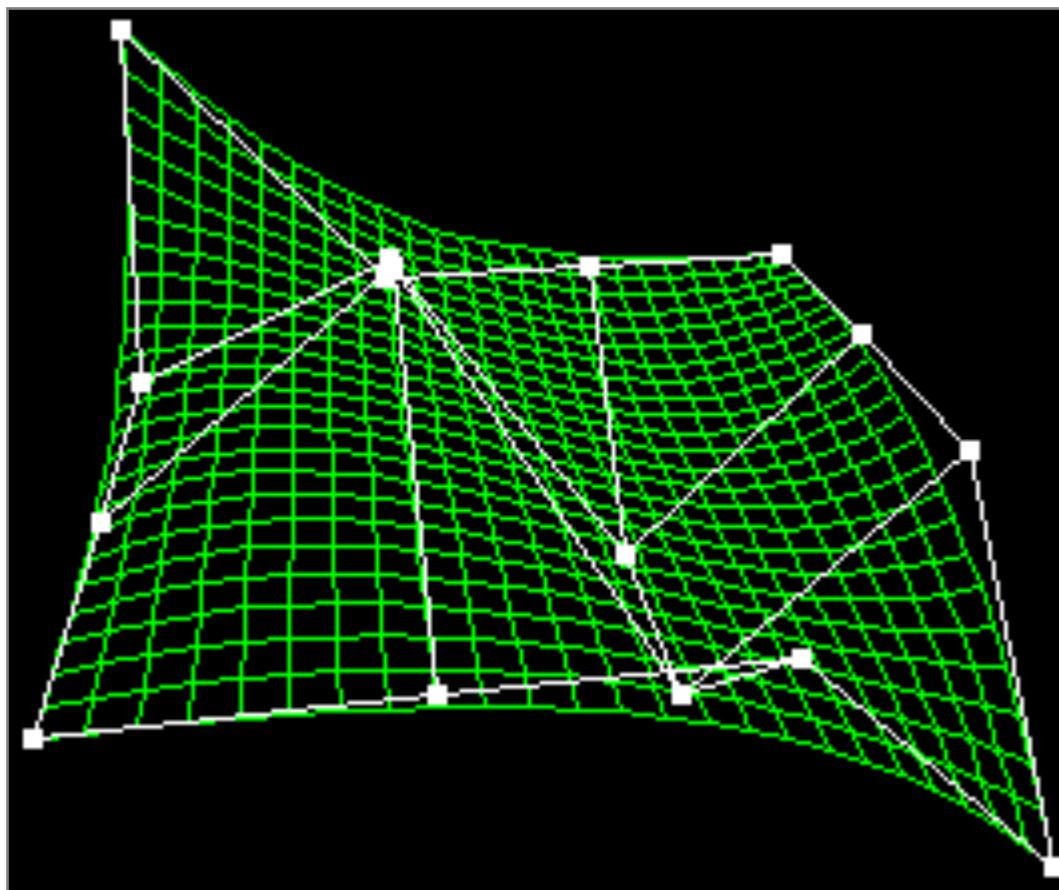
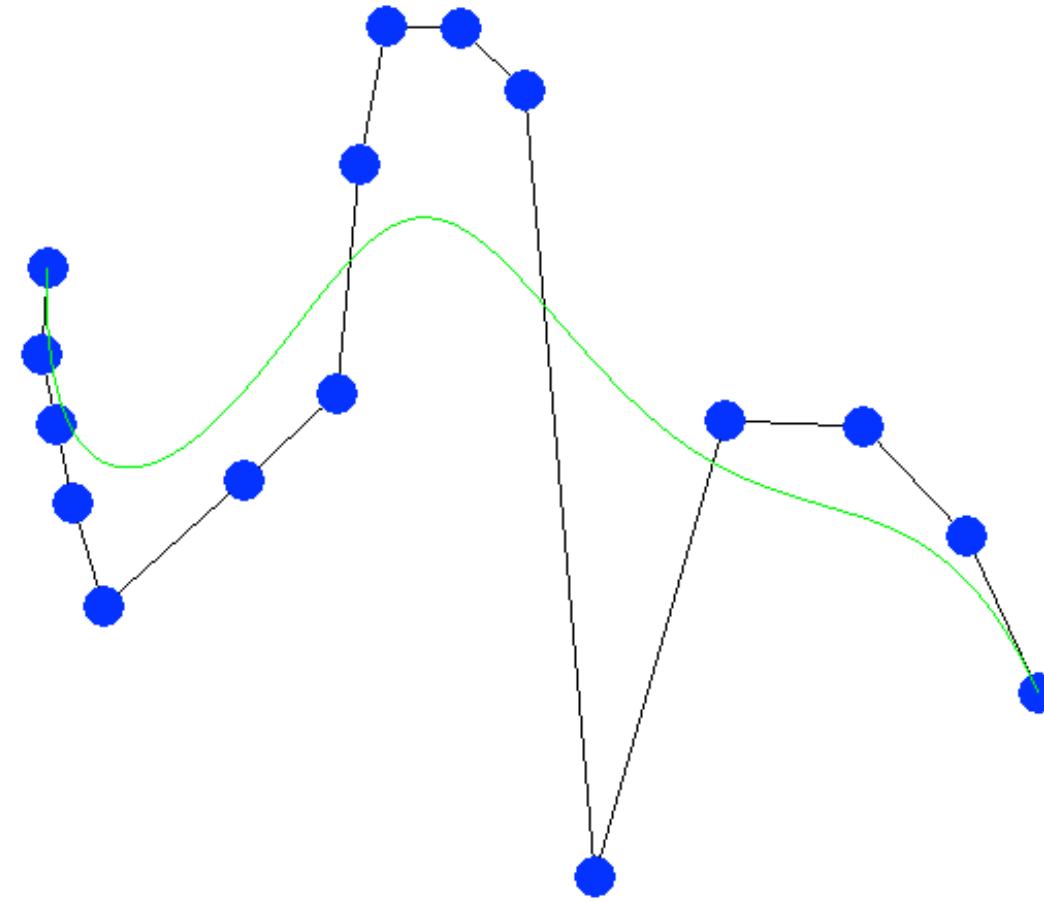


- Simulation



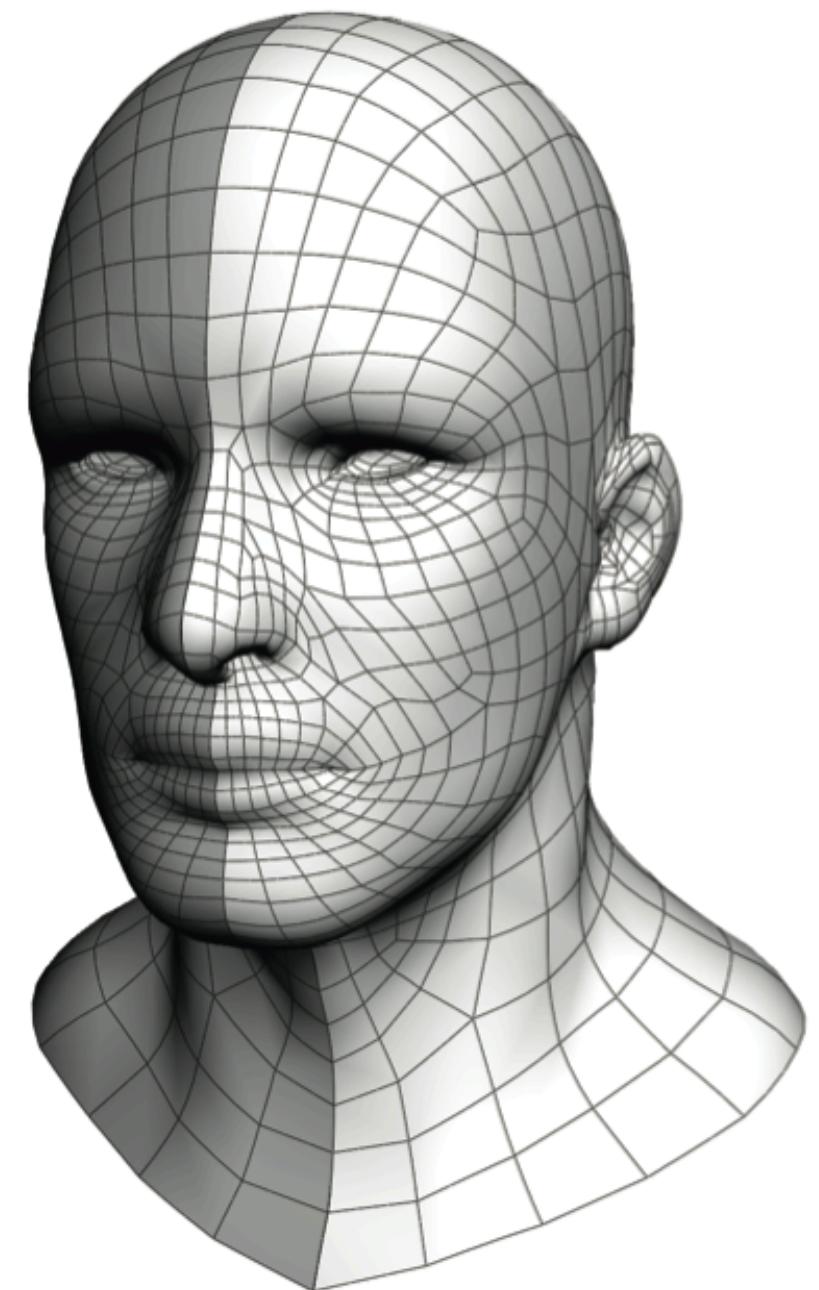
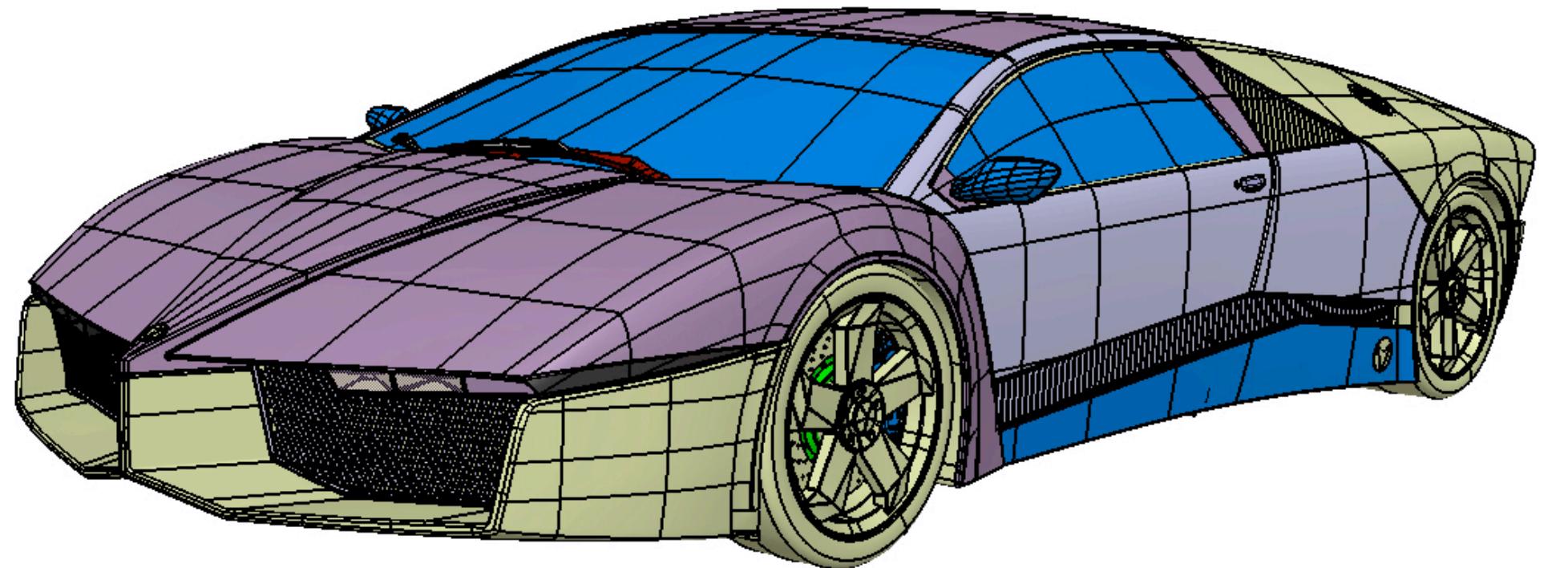
Parametric Curves and Surfaces

- Deformation by control point manipulation
- Built-in deformation mechanism
- Control structure is pre-set (can't pull on arbitrary points)

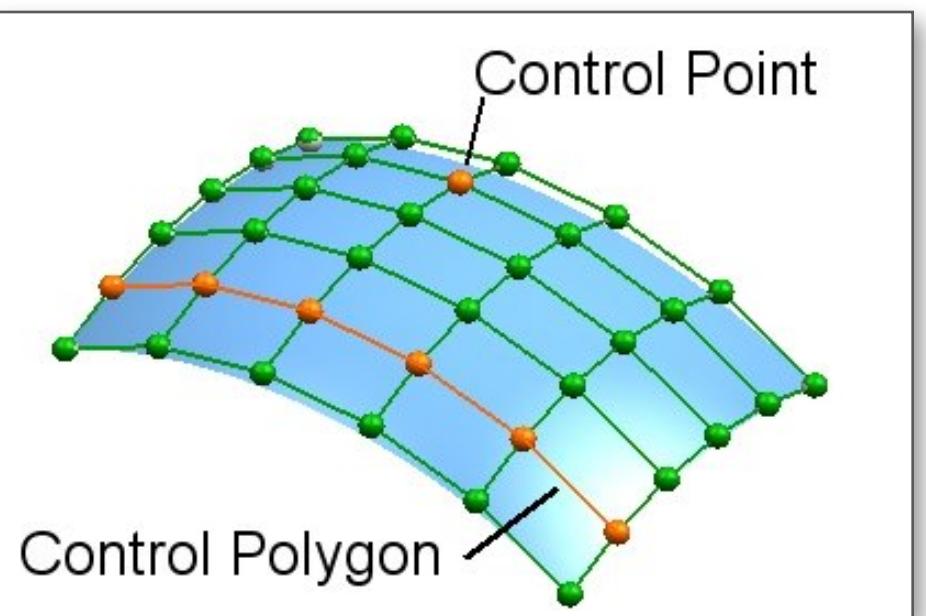


Parametric Curves and Surfaces

- Hard to change / adapt control structure to user needs
- Hard to experiment, need a precise idea of what will be modeled
- See them in the next lectures!



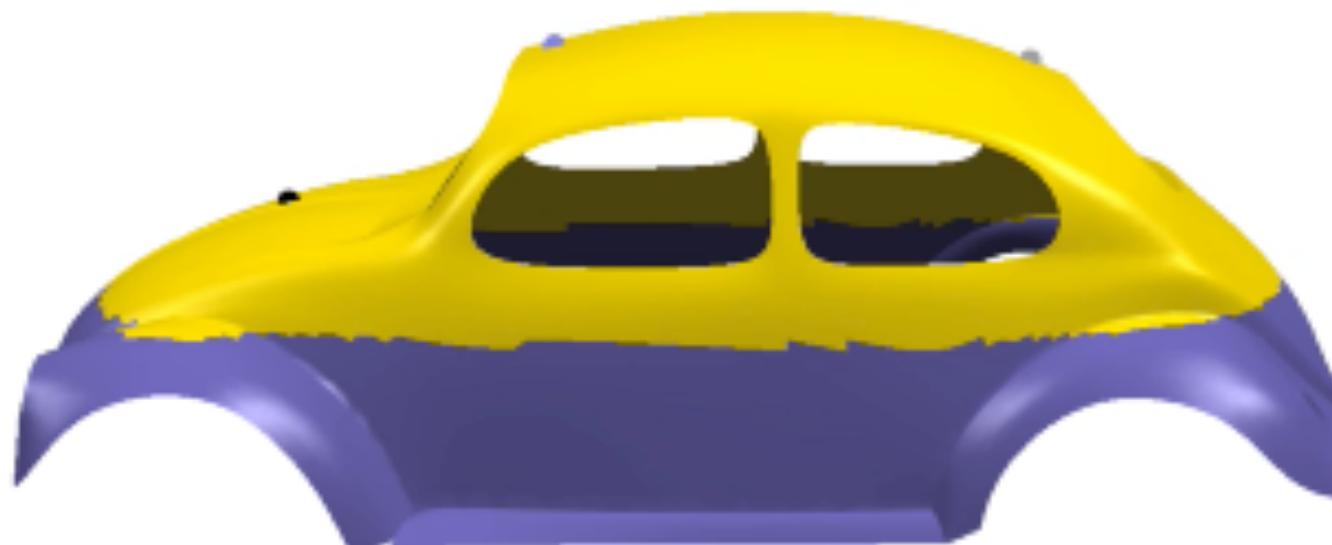
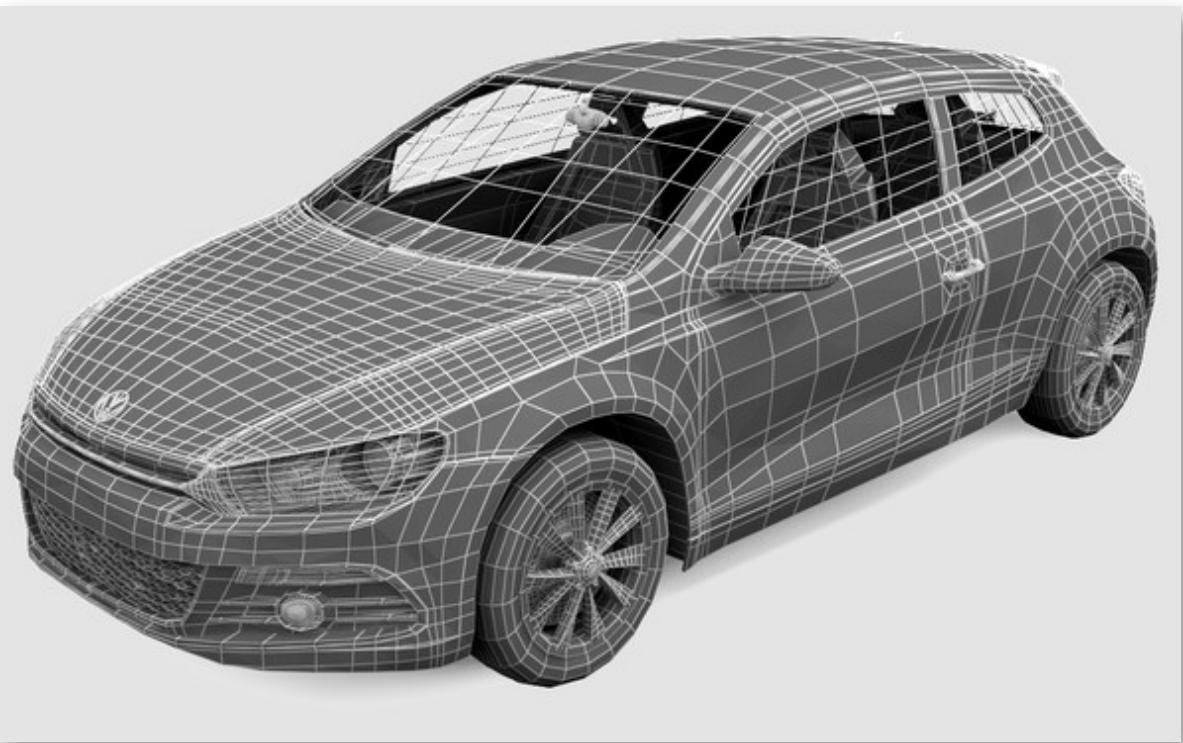
Traditional CAD vs Unstructured Meshes



$$s(u, v) = \sum_{i,j} \mathbf{p}_{i,j} B_i(u) B_j(v)$$

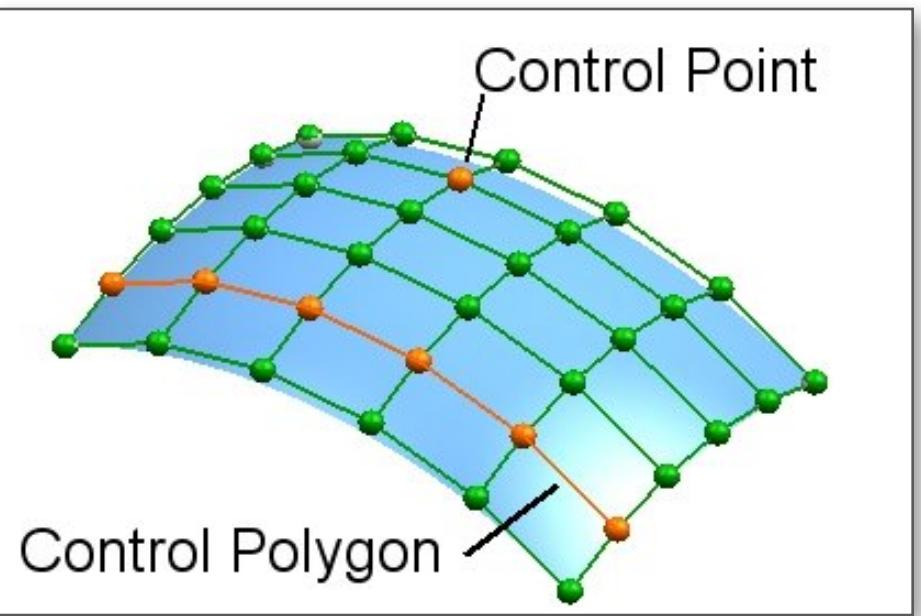


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images from Jacobson et al., SGP 2010

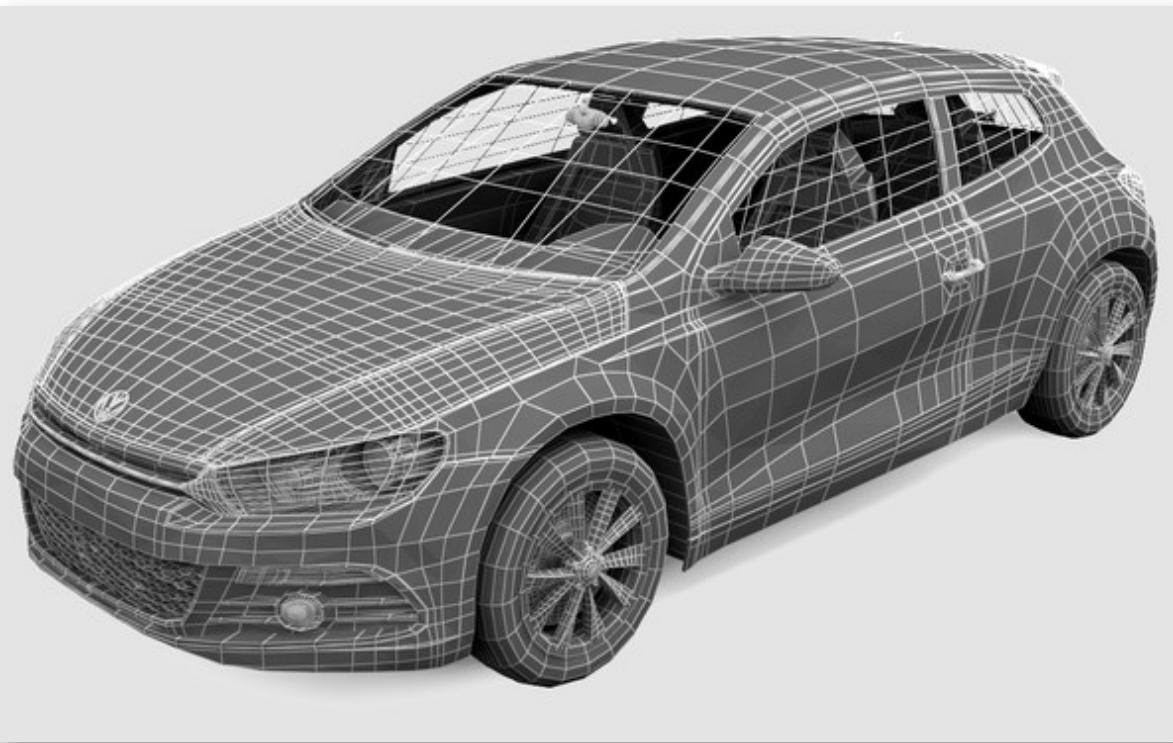
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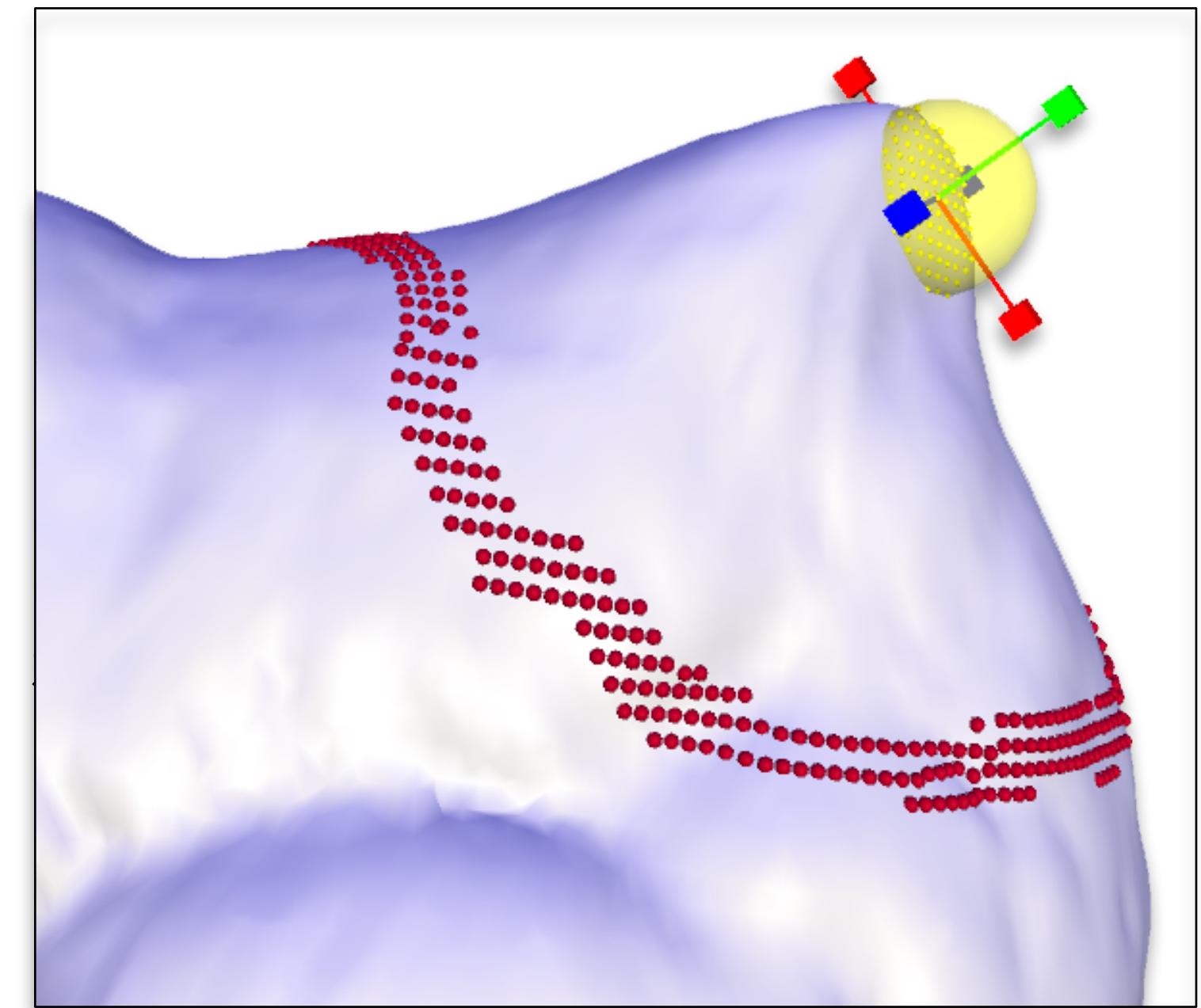


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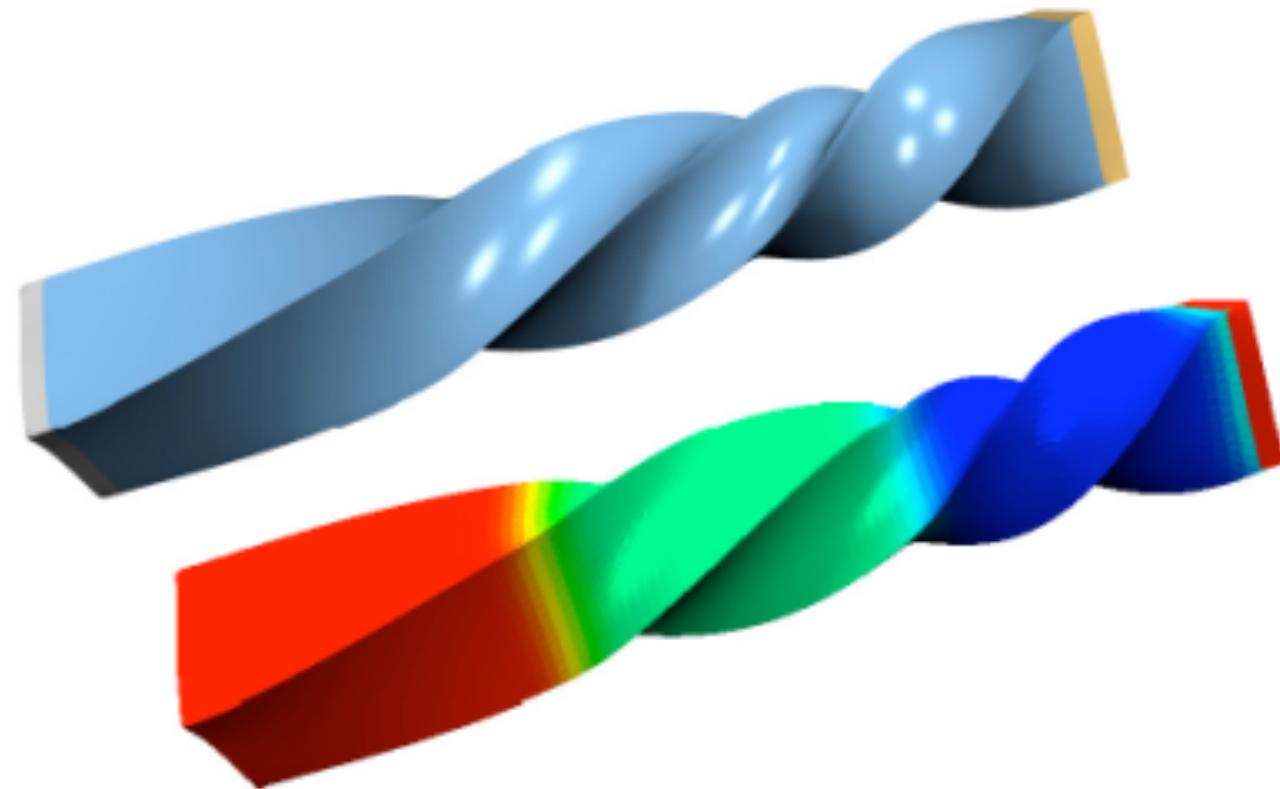
Mesh Deformation

- Naïve method: dragging single vertices
 - Cumbersome
 - Hard to control
- Smarter:
 - Introduce a small set of deformation handles
 - Makes deformation/editing easier
 - Introduces a trade-off between degrees of freedom and deformation task
 - Create a small set of control parameters
 - Affine transformations



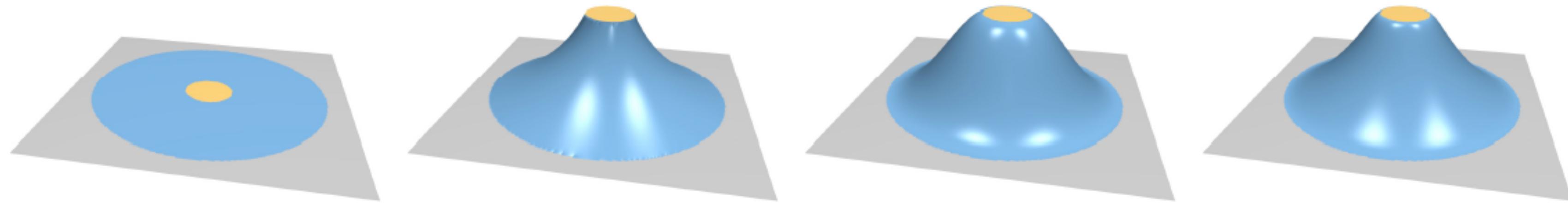
Deformation: Common Paradigms

- **Surface based deformation**
 - Optimization on the surface
 - Physically motivated: variants of elastic energy minimization
- **Space deformation**
 - Deforms some 2D/3D space using a *cage*
 - Deformation propagation to all points in the space
 - Independent of shape representation

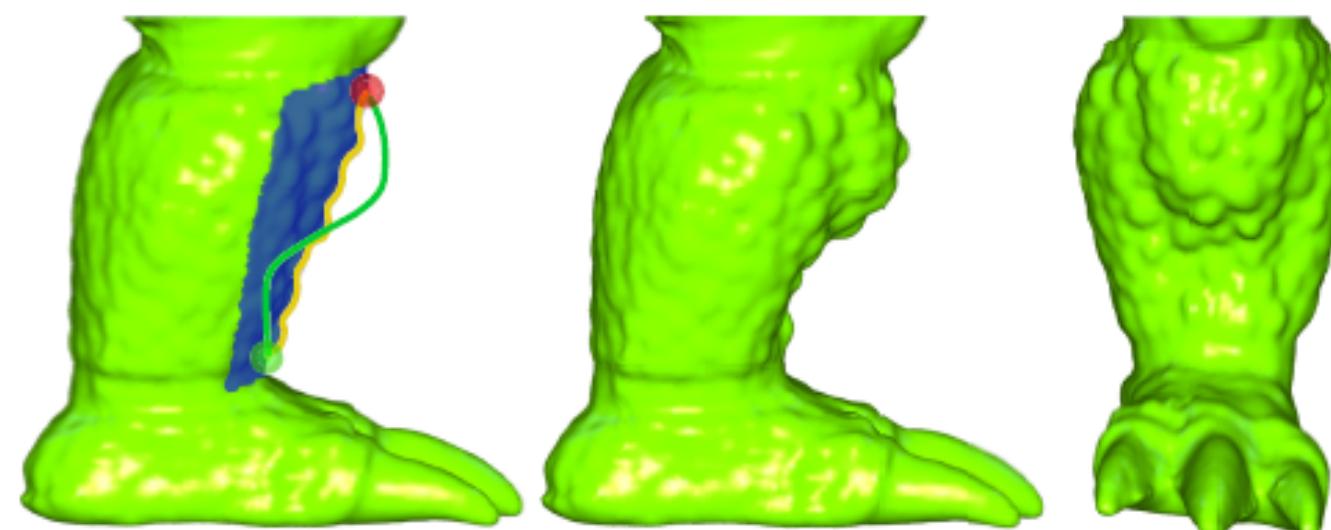
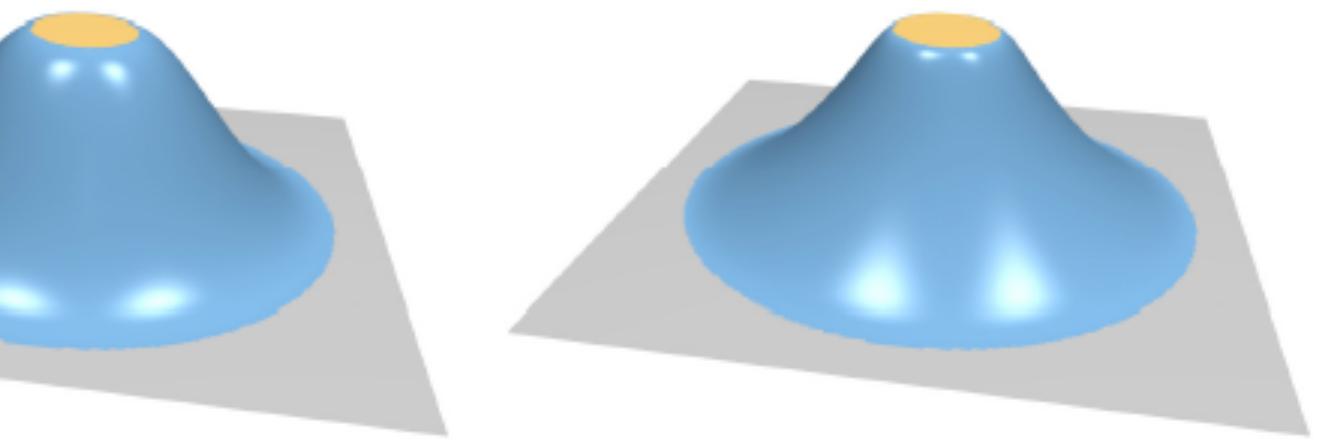


Surface-based Deformations: Examples

- Region of interest (ROI) + affine deformation handle with variable boundary continuity

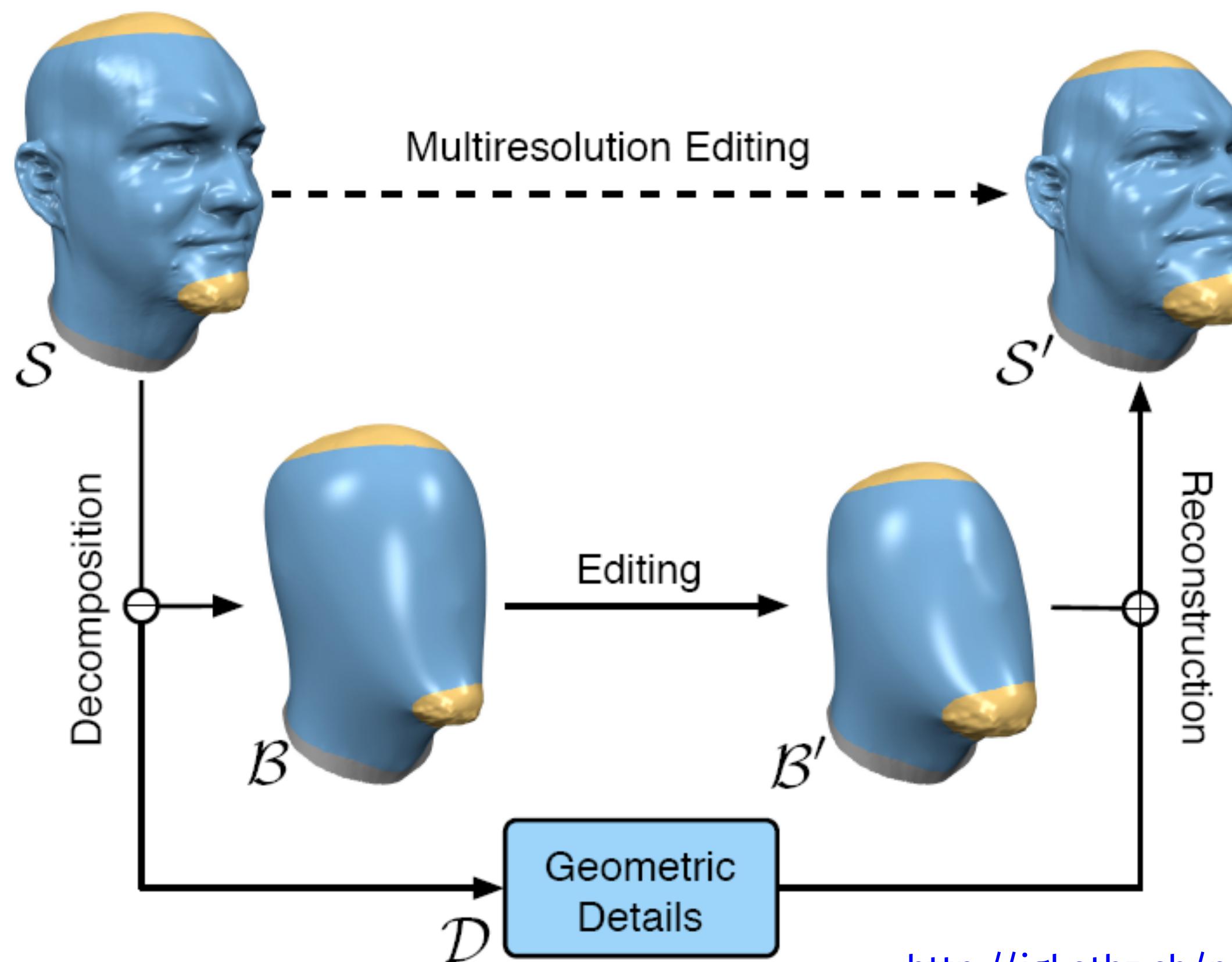


- Intuitive sketch-based deformation interfaces



Surface-based Deformations: Examples

- Multi-resolution mesh editing



<http://igl.ethz.ch/projects/deformation-survey/>

Surface-based Deformations: General Framework

- Find a mesh that optimizes some objective functional and satisfies modeling constraints

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{def}} = \underset{\mathbf{x}'}{\operatorname{argmin}} E(\mathbf{x}') \quad s.t. \quad \mathbf{x}'_i = \mathbf{c}_i$$

Surface-based Deformations: Linear Methods

- Triangle gradient methods
(2004-2005)

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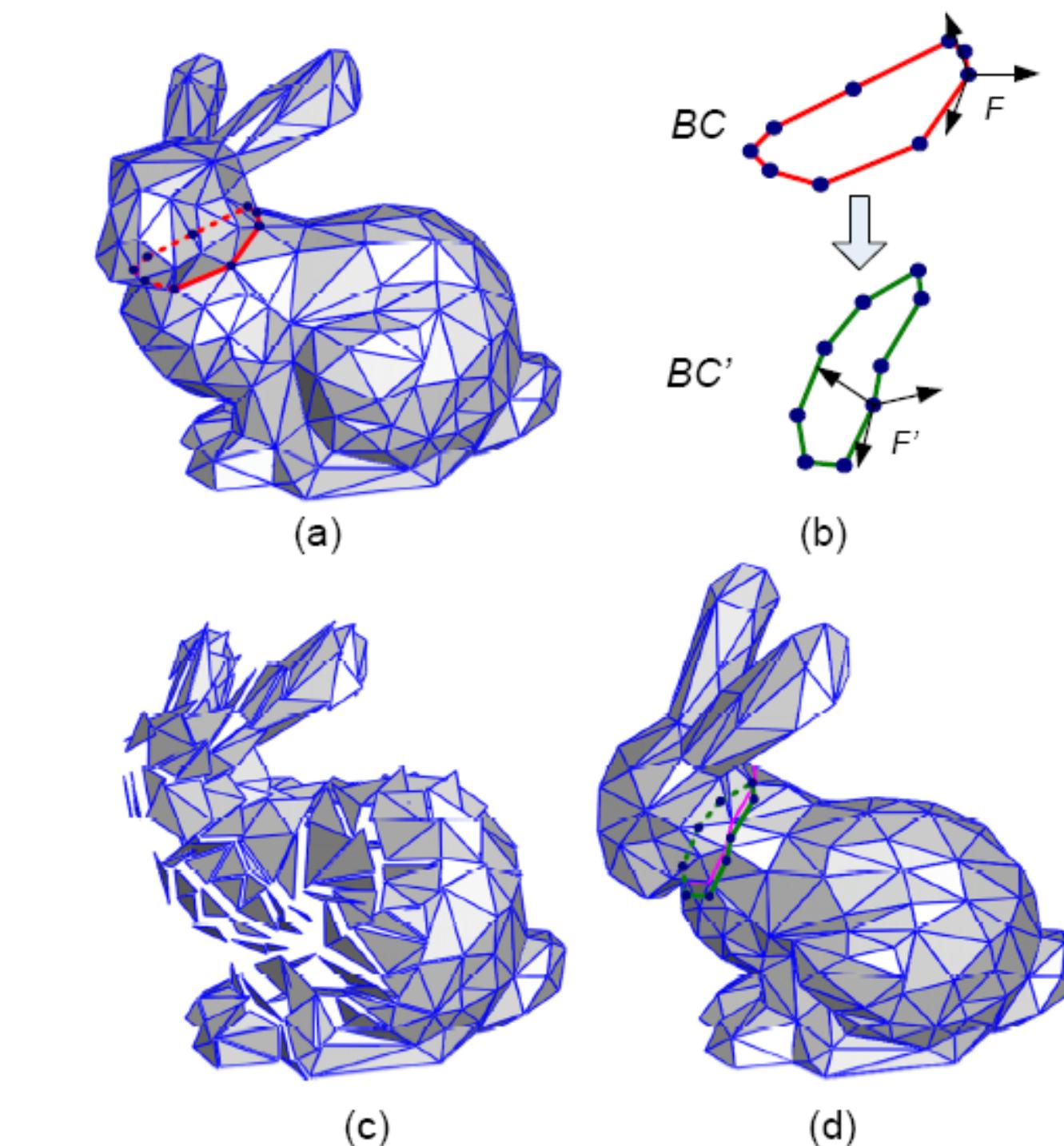
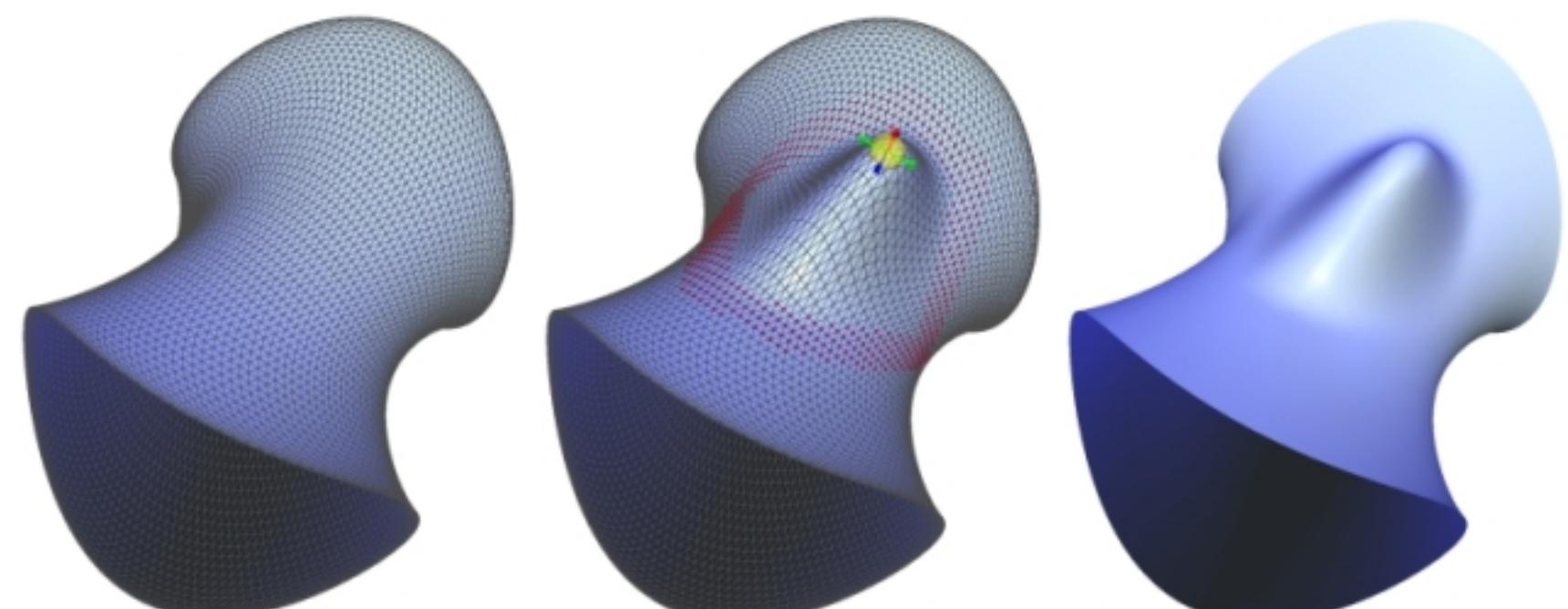
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- Laplacian surface editing
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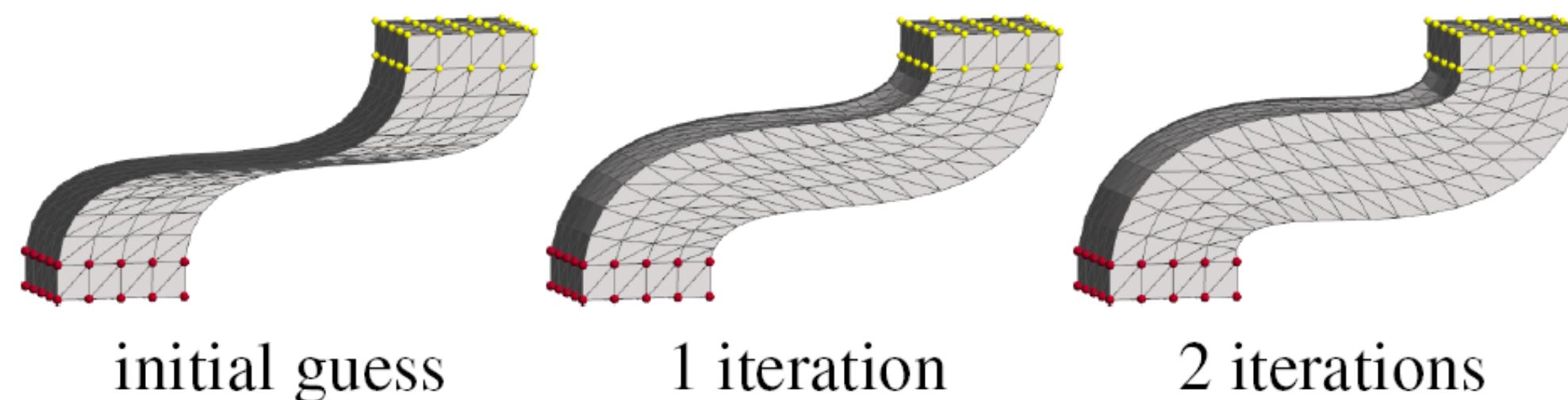
Surface-based Deformations: Nonlinear Methods

- As Rigid as Possible surface modeling

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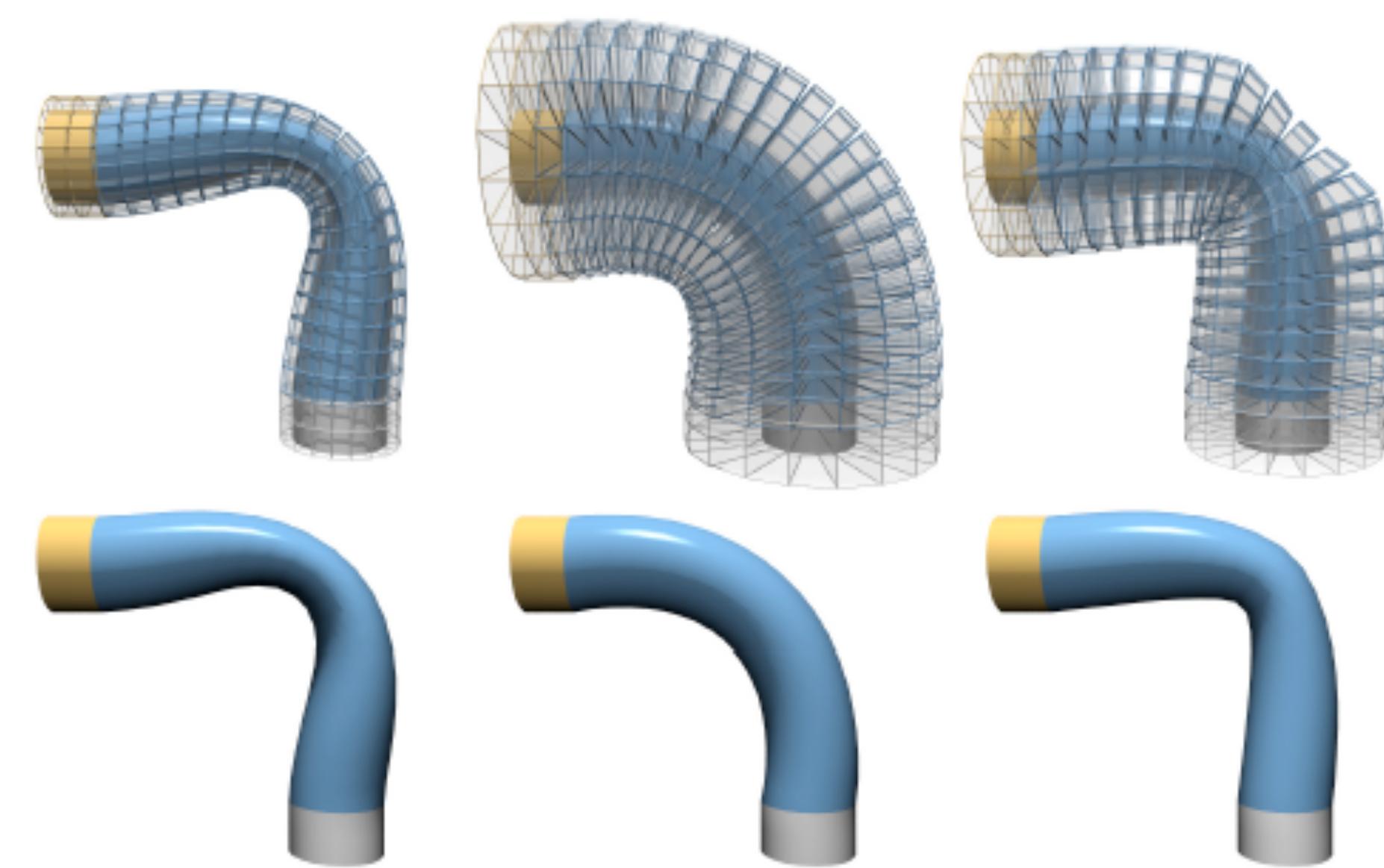
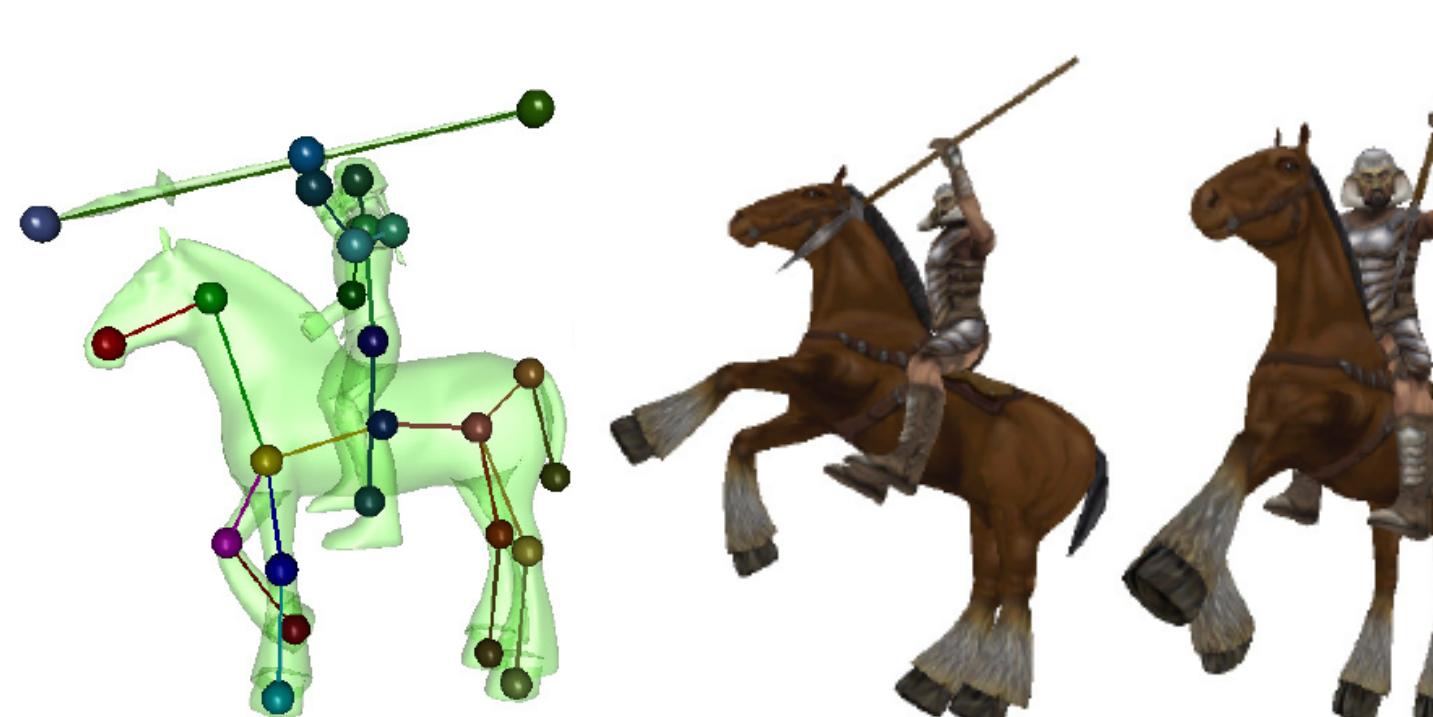


- PriMo

<http://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=1281959>

- Mesh Puppetry

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Surface-based Deformations: Summary So Far

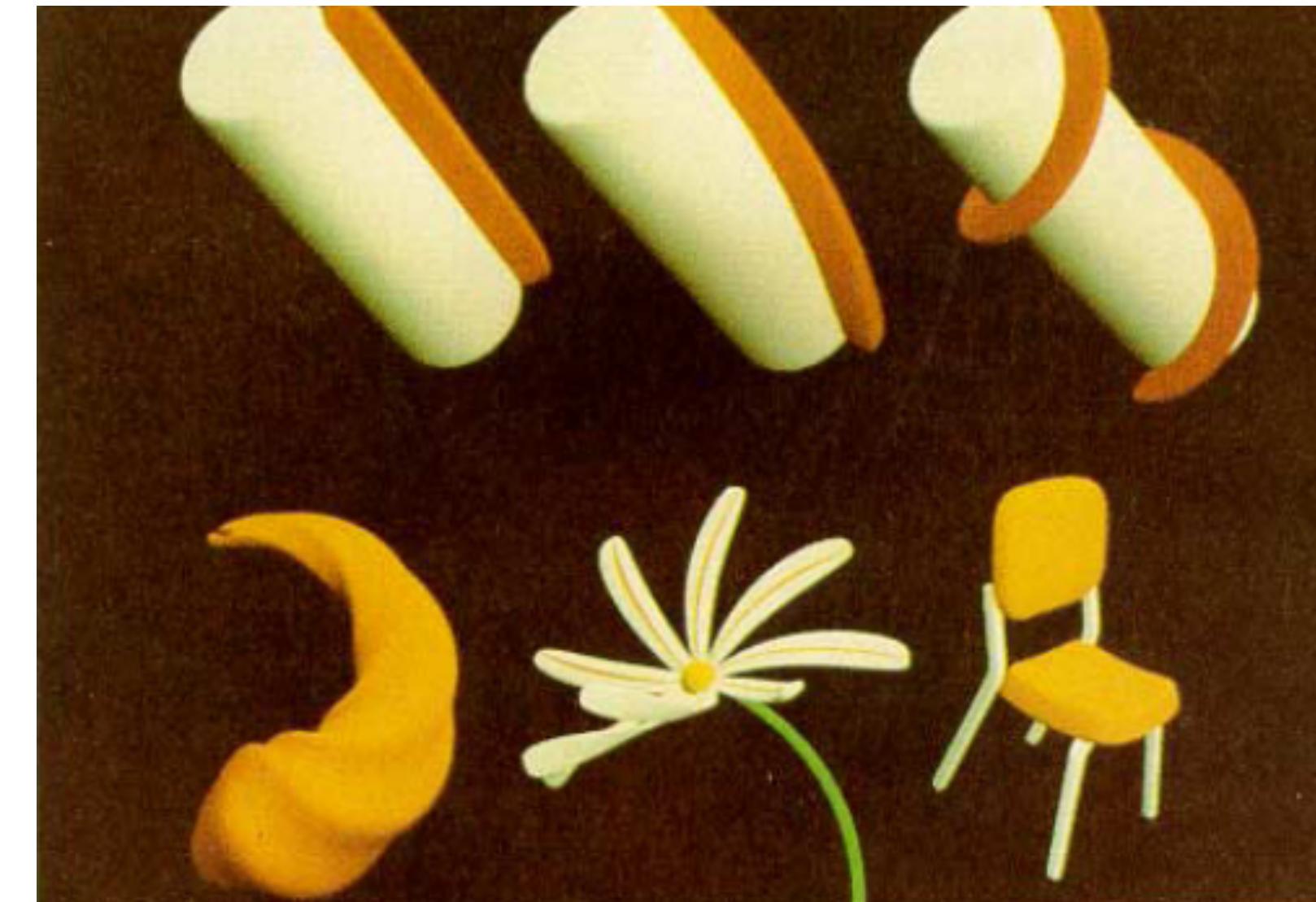
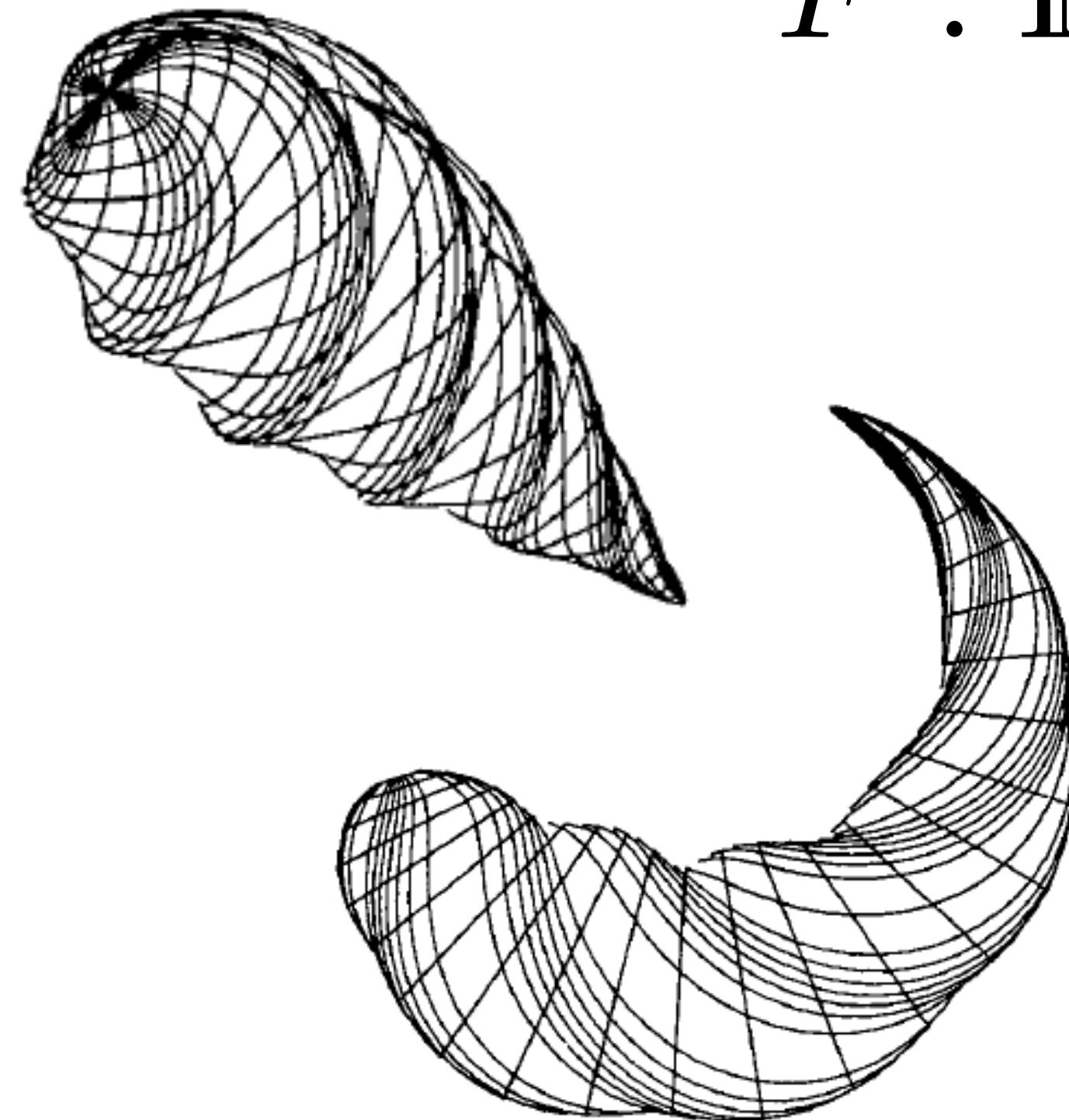
- Objective functional expressed in the mesh elements (vertices)
- Complexity depends on the mesh resolution
- Linear methods:
 - Solve a global linear system on the mesh
 - Usually suffer from some artifacts
- Nonlinear methods
 - Fewer artifacts but slower, and harder to implement

Space Deformations

Early seminal work in computer graphics

- Global and local deformation of solids [Barr 1984] <http://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=808573>

$$F : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$



Space Deformations

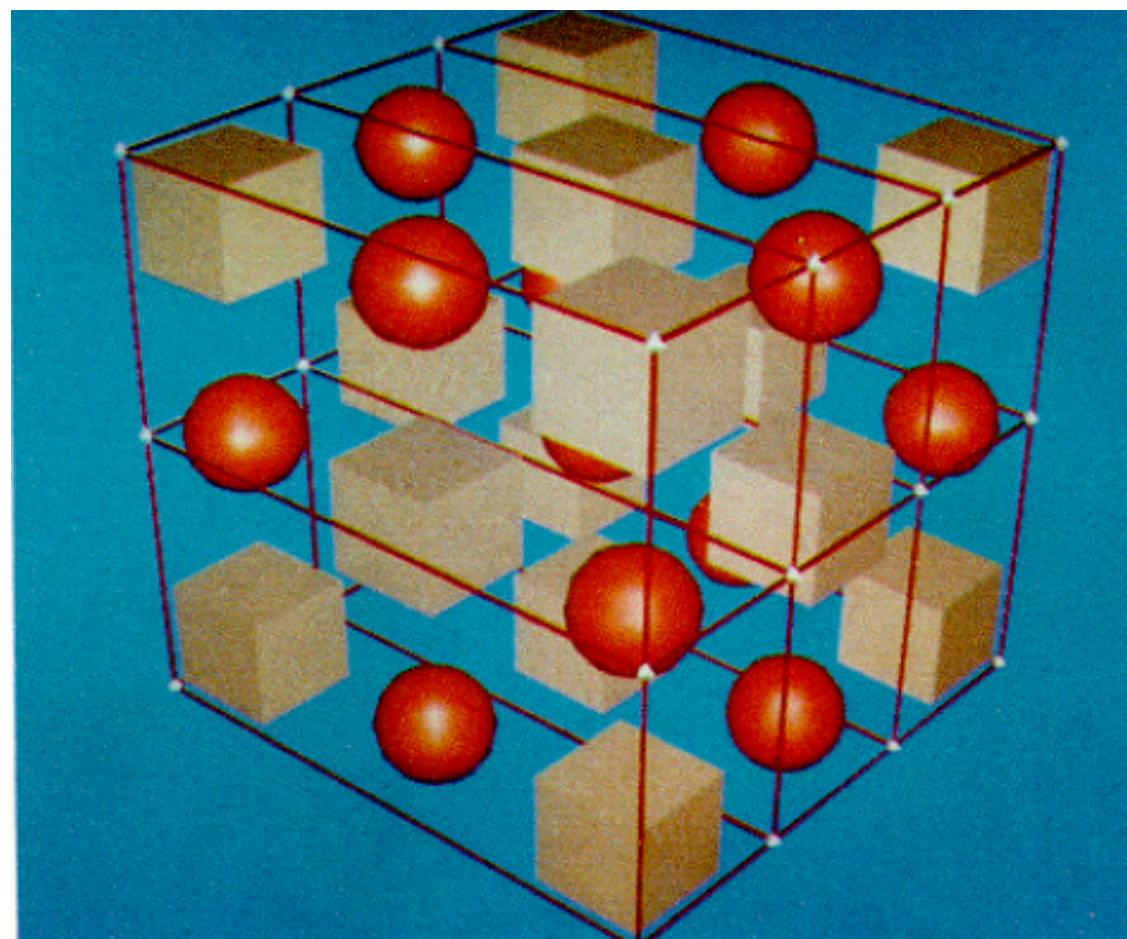
Early seminal work in computer graphics

- Free form deformations

[Sederberg and Parry 1986] <http://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=15903>

- Uses trivariate tensor product polynomial basis

$$f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$



Space Deformations

Early seminal work in computer graphics

- Can be designed to be volume preserving

$$f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$



$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = (F(x, y, z), G(x, y, z), H(x, y, z))$$

then the Jacobian is the determinant

$$Jac(\mathbf{F}) = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial G}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial H}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix}$$

Space Deformations: Basic Idea

- Design a set of coordinates for all points in \mathbb{R}^d w.r.t. the “cage” vertices
 - Each point \mathbf{x} can be represented as a weighted sum of cage points \mathbf{p}_i

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

- When the cage changes, the coords stay the same, substitute the new cage geometry:

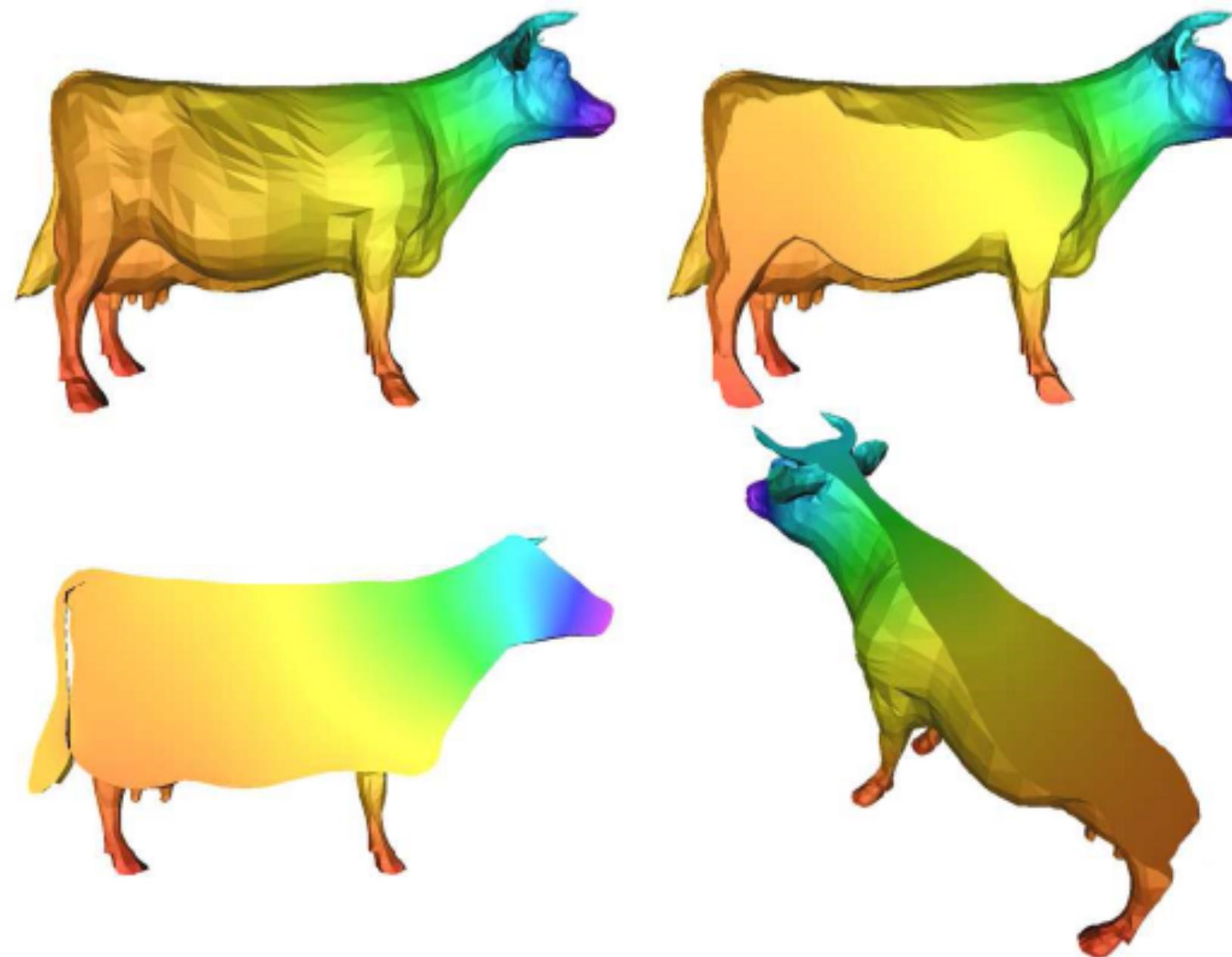
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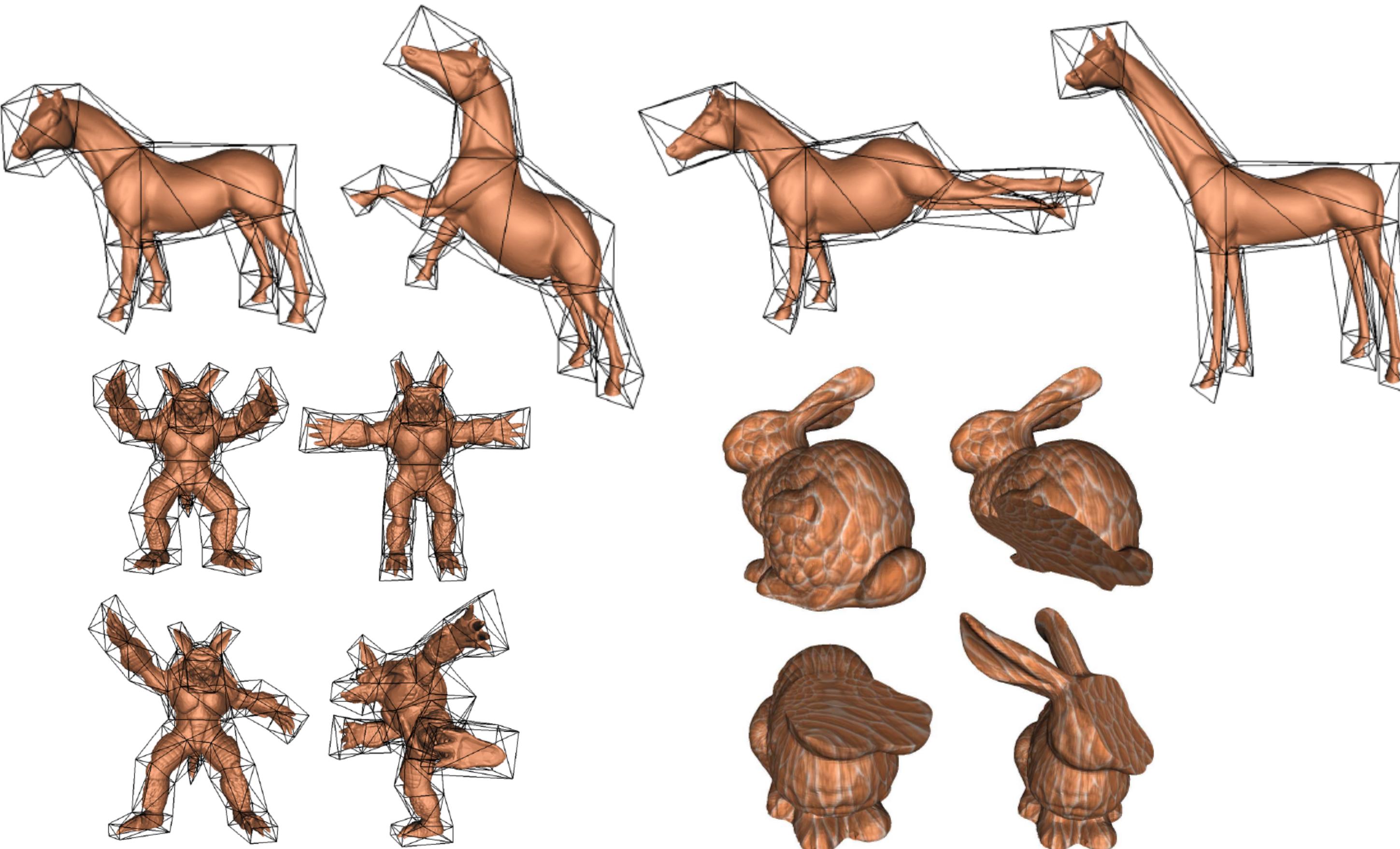
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- The coordinates are smoothly varying and guarantee continuity inside the volume



Space Deformations: Examples

- Mean value coordinates for closed tri meshes

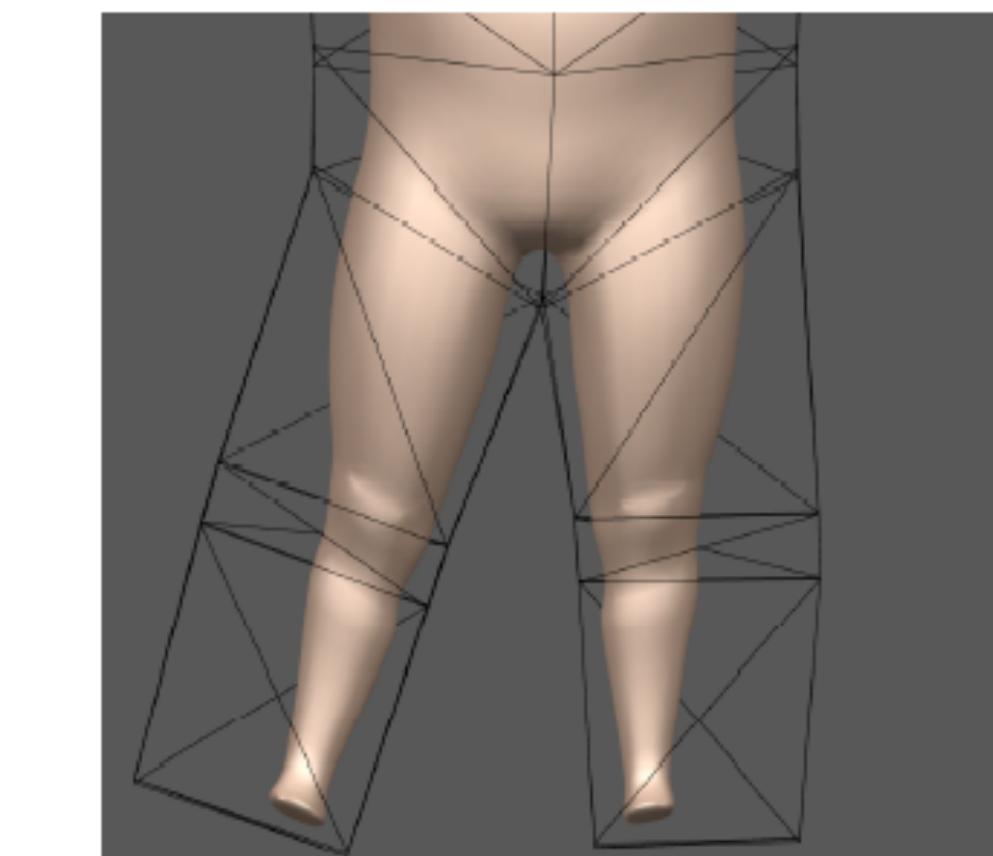
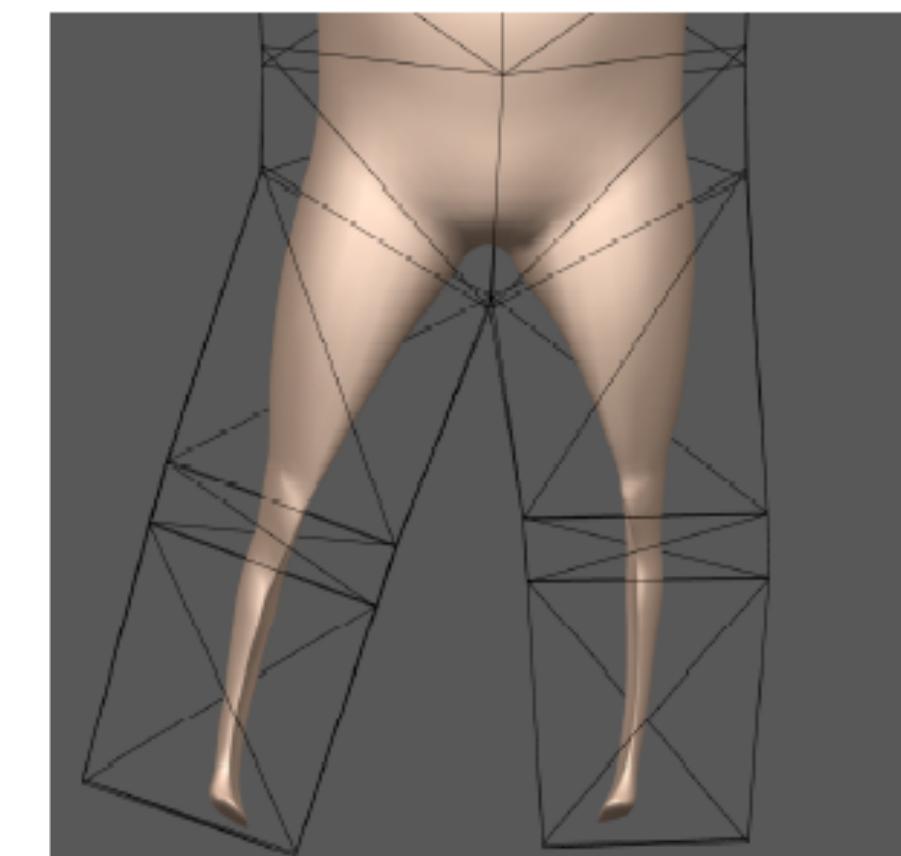
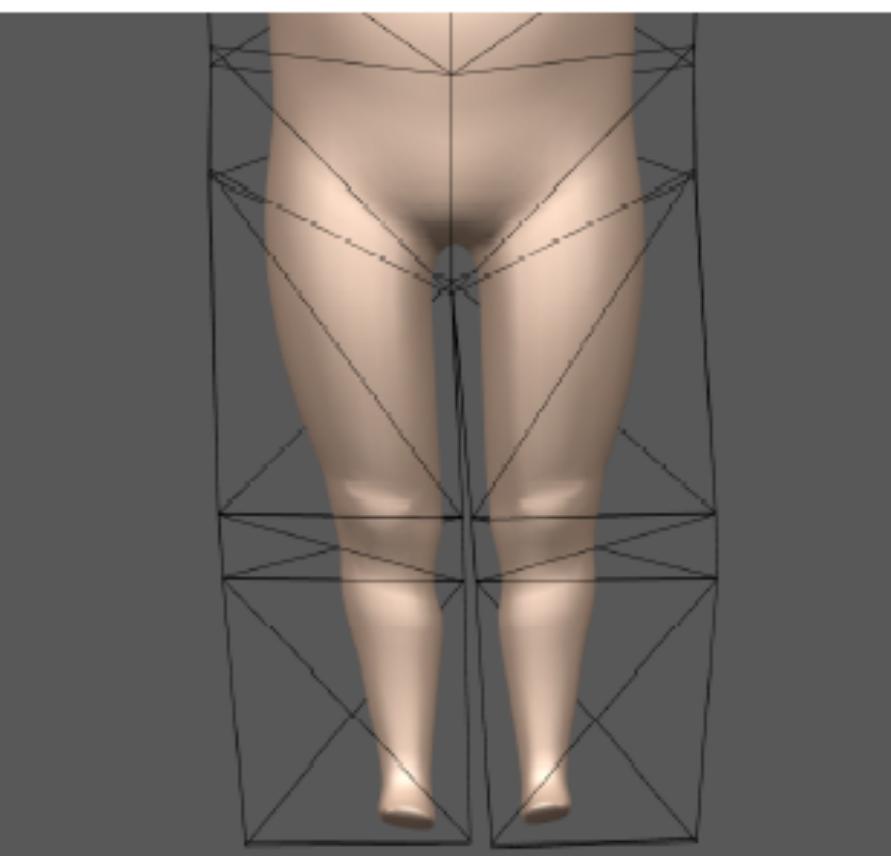
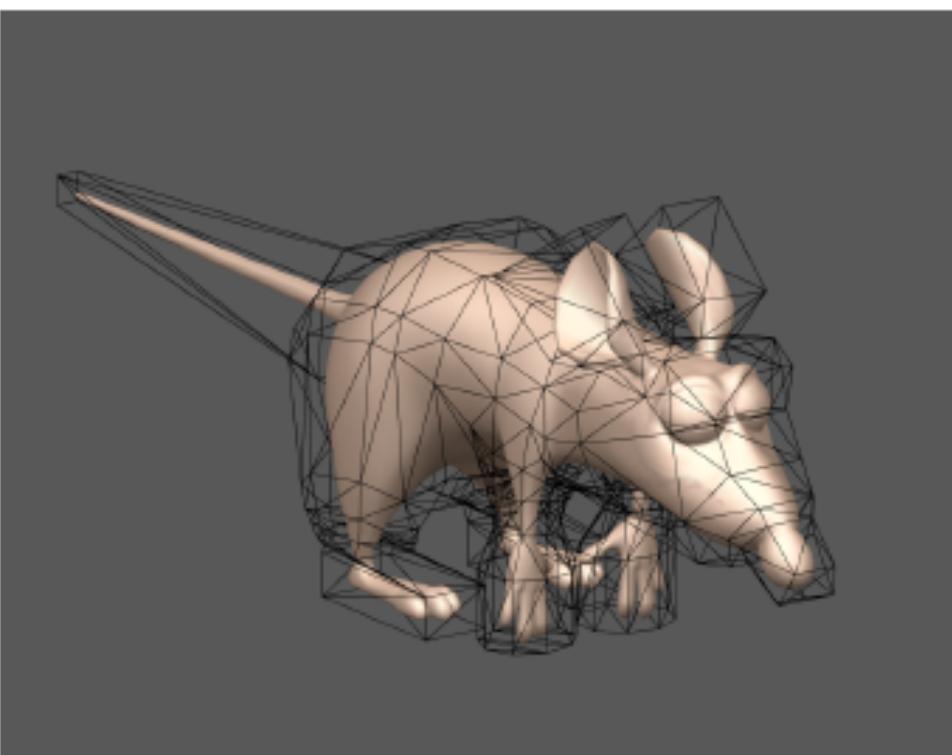


[Ju et al. 2005]

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Space Deformations: Examples

- Harmonic coordinates [Joshi et al. 2007]

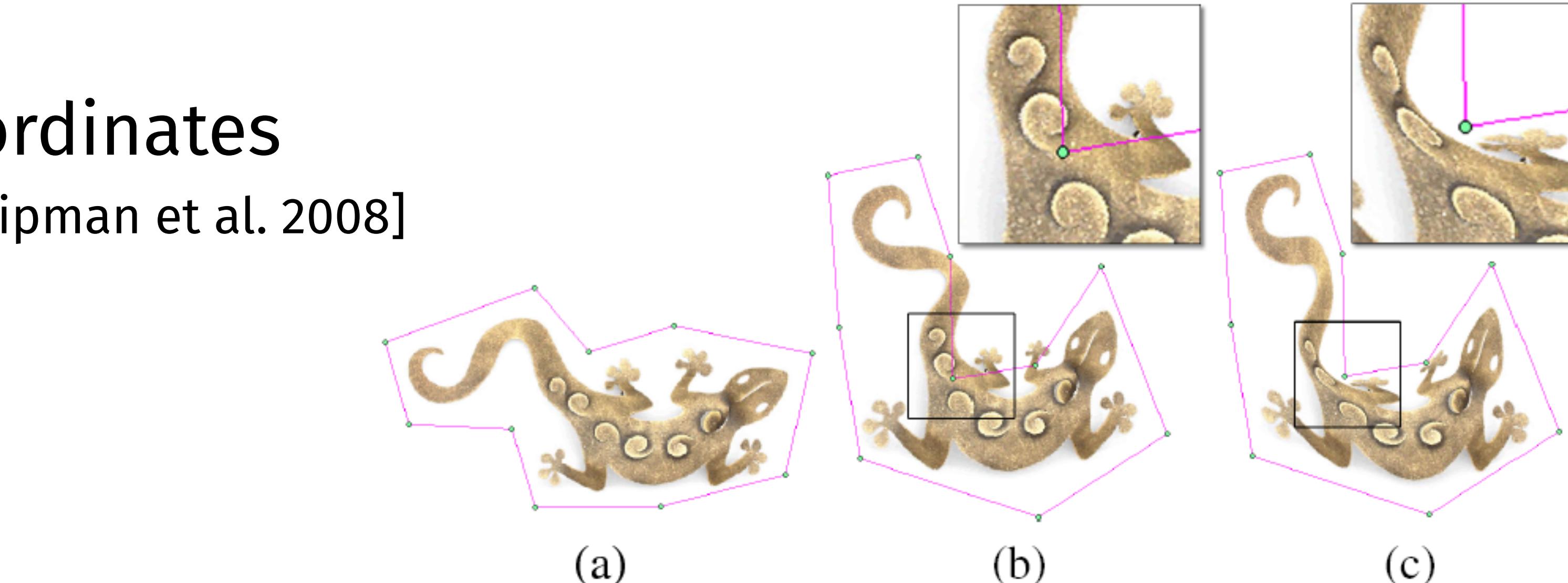


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Space Deformations: Examples

- Green coordinates

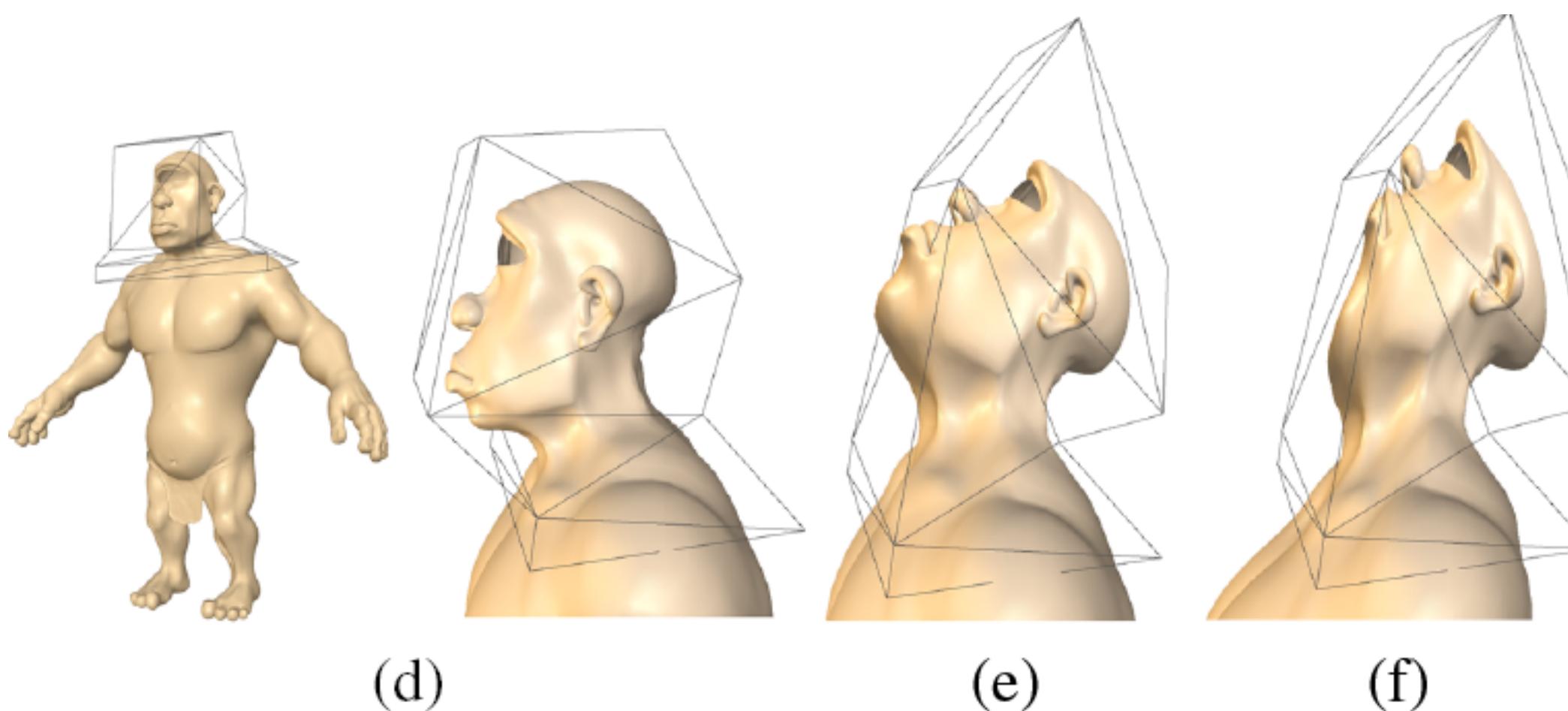
[Lipman et al. 2008]



(a)

(b)

(c)



(d)

(e)

(f)

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Space Deformations: Summary So Far

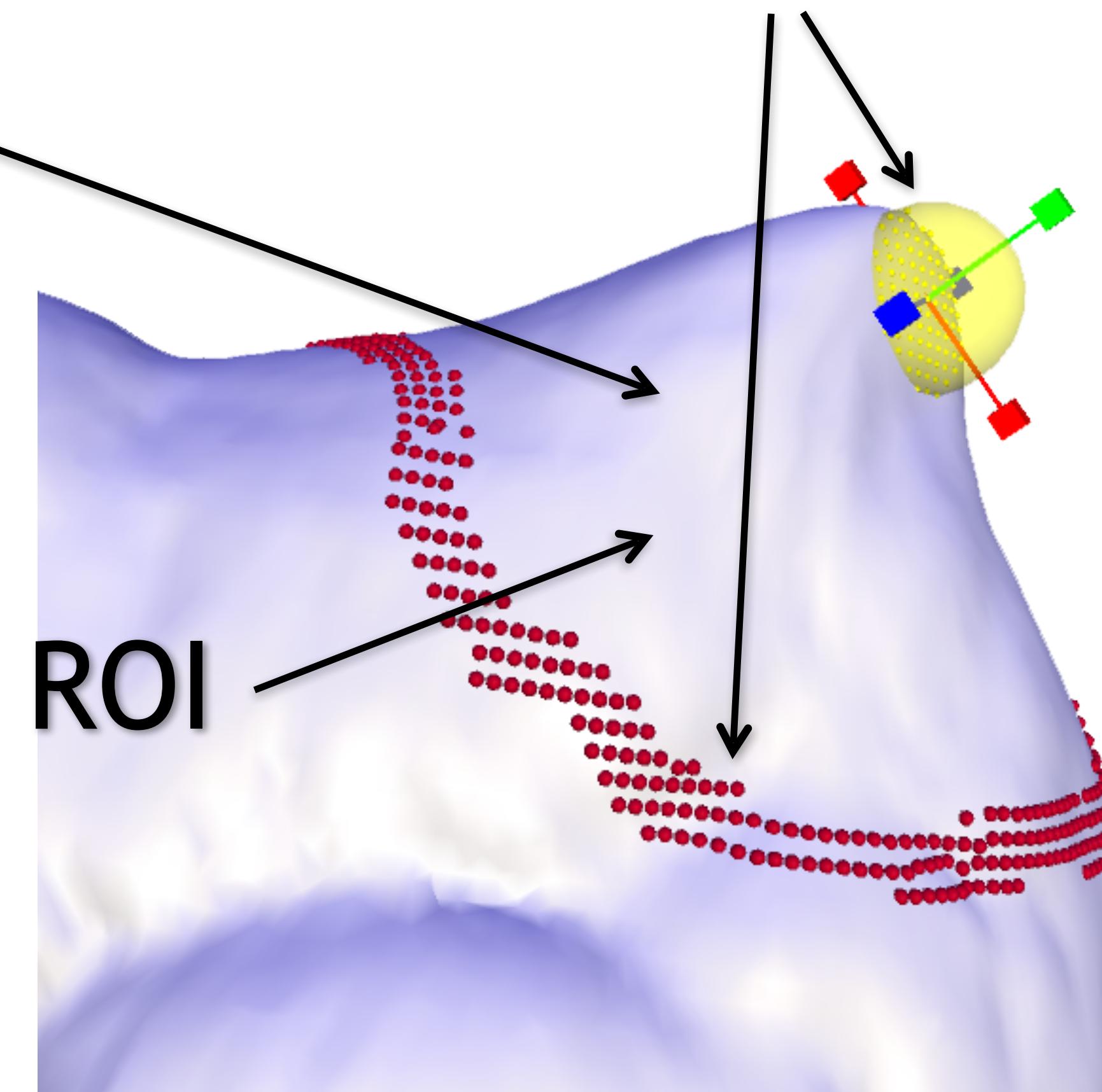
- Complexity depends mainly on the cage; linear in the number of mesh elements
 - Parallel execution, GPU!
- Can handle disconnected components or even just point sets
- Harder to control the surface properties since the whole space is being warped

Surface-based Differential Deformations

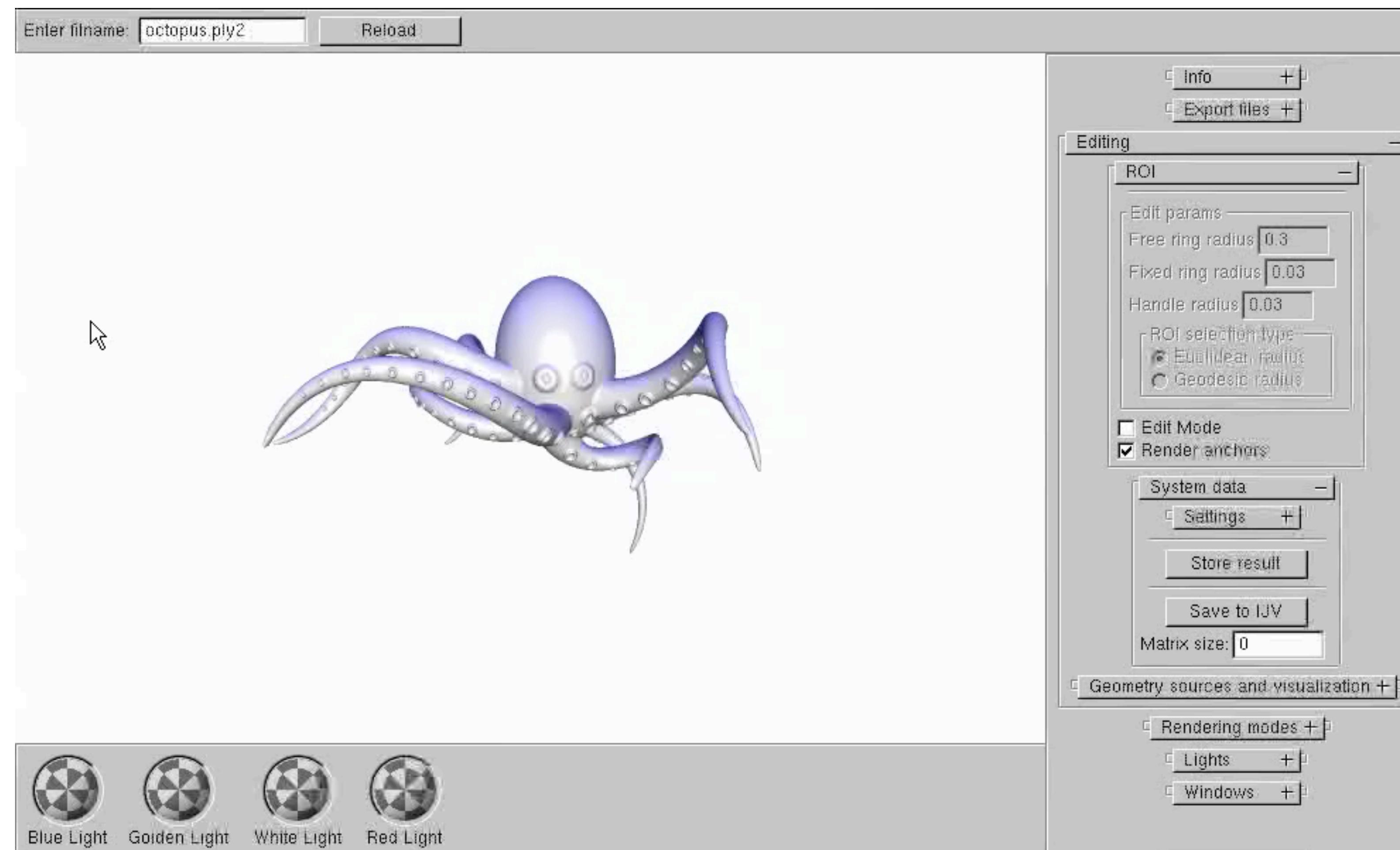
Surface-based Deformation: ROI-Handle Editing Metaphor

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{def}} = \underset{\mathbf{x}'}{\operatorname{argmin}} E(\mathbf{x}') \quad s.t. \quad \mathbf{x}'_i = \mathbf{c}_i$$

- ROI is bounded by a belt (static anchors)
- Manipulation through handle(s) – affine transformations

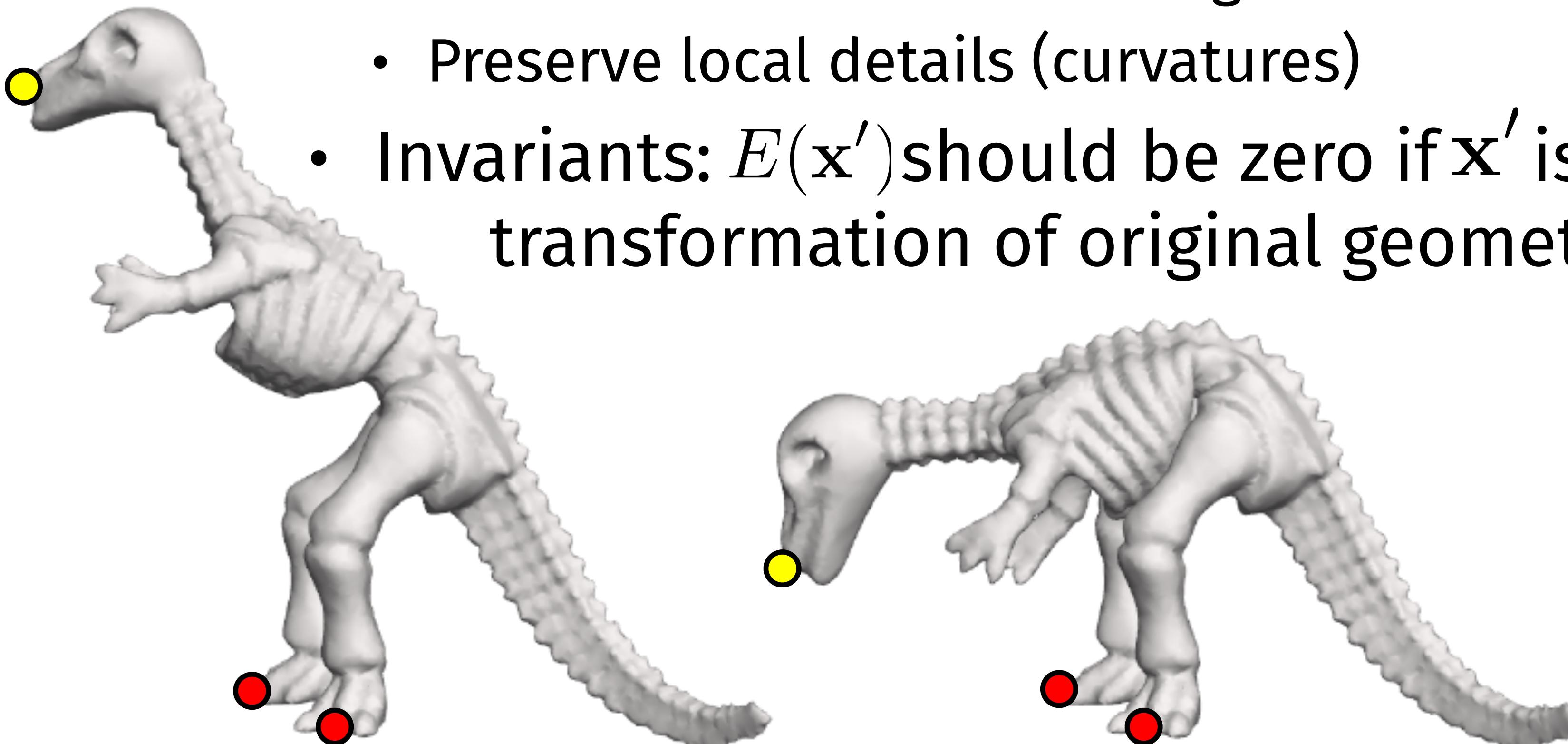


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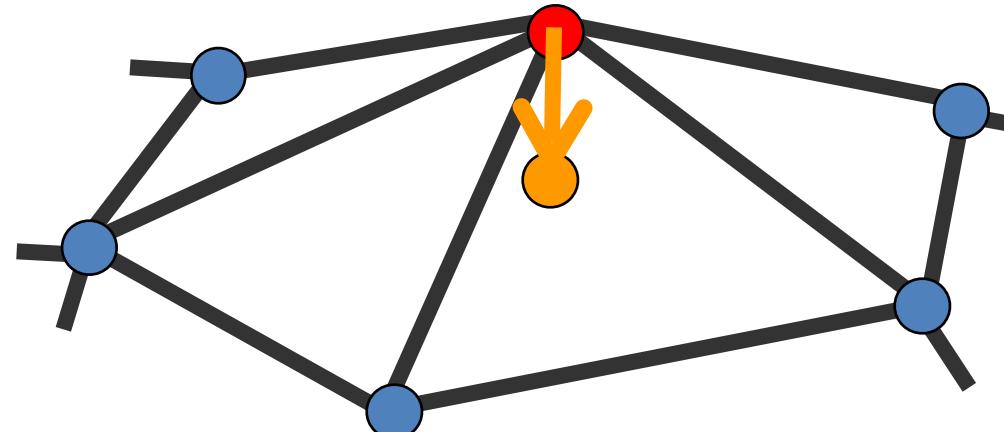
How to Define $E(\mathbf{x}')$?

- Intuitive deformations:
 - Smooth deformation on the global scale
 - Preserve local details (curvatures)
 - Invariants: $E(\mathbf{x}')$ should be zero if \mathbf{x}' is a rigid transformation of original geometry \mathbf{X}



Recap: Differential Coordinates

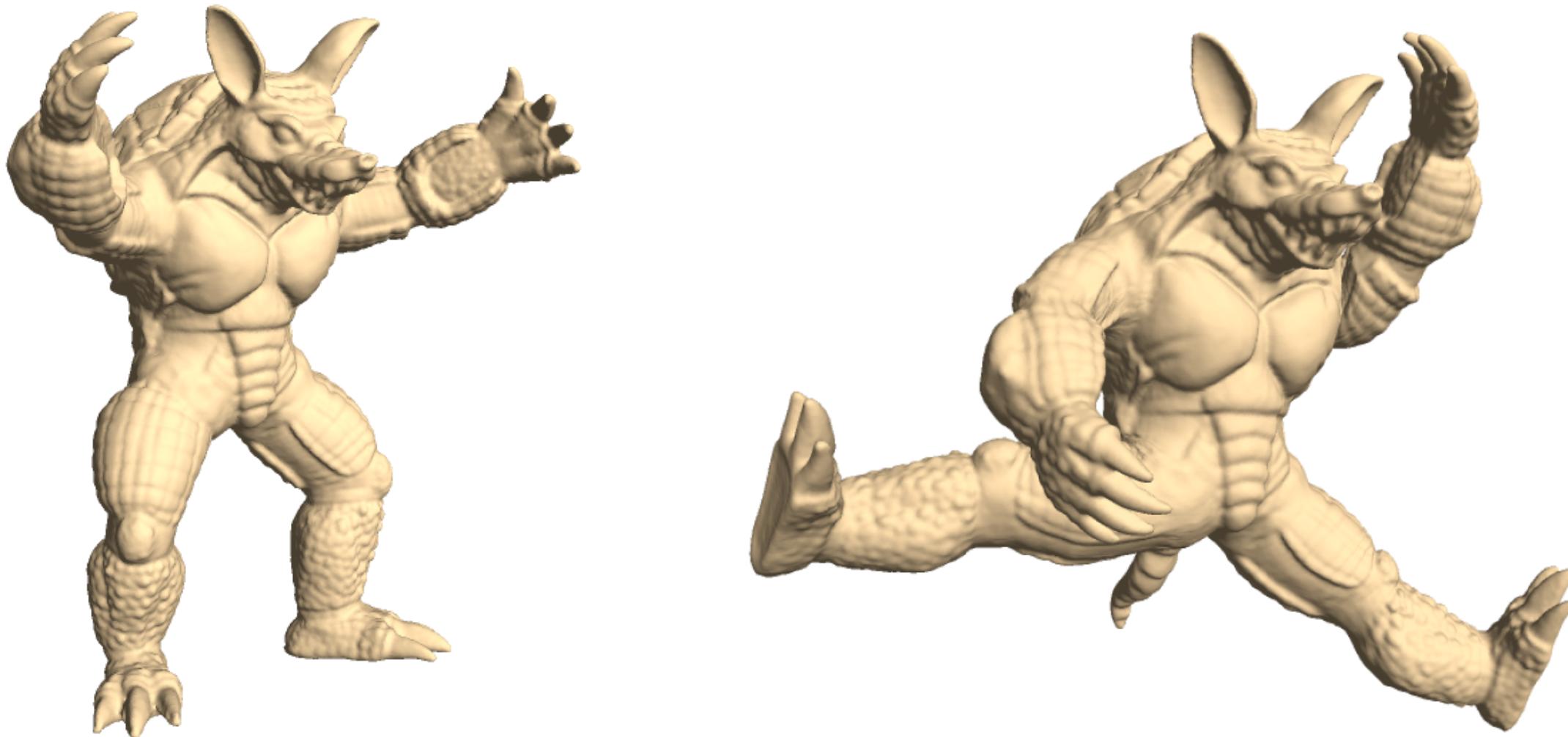
- Detail = *smooth*(surface) – surface
- Smoothing = averaging



$$\delta_i = \frac{1}{W_i} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} w_{ij} (\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i) \approx -2H_i \mathbf{n}_i$$

Recap: Differential Coordinates

- Represent *local detail* at each surface point
 - More descriptive of the shape than just xyz
 - Linear transition from xyz to δ
 - Useful for operations on surfaces where surface details are important



Simple Laplacian Editing

- Preserve mean curvature normal [≈ differential coordinates] at every point in the ROI [≈ every vertex of the ROI]

continuous:
$$E(\mathcal{S}') = \int_{\mathcal{S}'} \|\Delta \mathbf{x}' - \delta\|^2 d\mathbf{x}'$$

discrete:
$$E(\mathbf{x}') = \sum_{i=1}^n A_i \|\Delta(\mathbf{x}'_i) - \delta_i\|^2$$

Simplifying the Laplacian Energy

$$\begin{aligned} E(\mathbf{x}') &= \sum_{i=1}^n A_i \|\Delta(\mathbf{x}'_i) - \delta_i\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n A_i (\Delta(\mathbf{x}'_i)^T \Delta(\mathbf{x}'_i) - 2\Delta(\mathbf{x}'_i)^T \delta_i + \delta_i^T \delta_i) = \\ &= \mathbf{x}'^T \underbrace{L^T M L}_{\text{cotan matrix}} \mathbf{x}' - 2\mathbf{x}'^T \underbrace{L^T M}_{\text{cotan matrix}} \delta + \text{const} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \mathbf{L} \\ n \times n \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \mathbf{M}^{-1} \\ \text{cotan matrix} \end{matrix}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} L^T M L &= (M^{-1} L_w)^T M (M^{-1} L_w) = L_w M^{-1} M M^{-1} L_w = \\ &= L_w M^{-1} L_w \longleftarrow \text{Symmetric sparse matrix!} \end{aligned}$$

Minimizing the Laplacian Energy

- To find the minimum, gradient = 0 and substitute the modeling constraints

$$E(\mathbf{x}') = \mathbf{x}'^T L_w M^{-1} L_w \mathbf{x}' - 2\mathbf{x}'^T L_w \delta + \text{const}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}'} E(\mathbf{x}') = 2L_w M^{-1} L_w \mathbf{x}' - 2L_w \delta$$

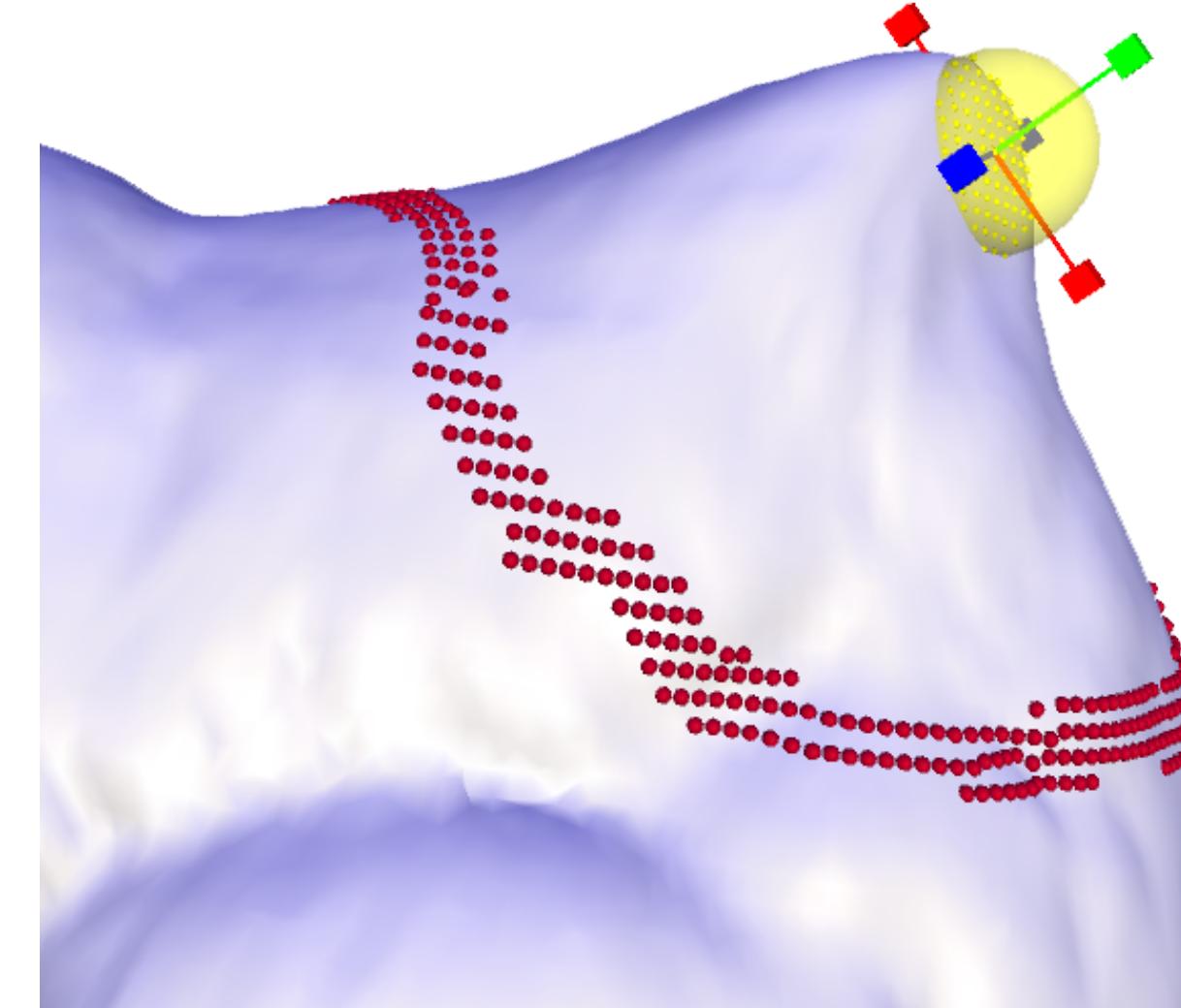
$$\mathbf{x}'_i = \mathbf{c}_i, \quad i \in \mathcal{C}$$

Minimizing the Laplacian Energy

$$A \mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{b}$$

Matrix depends on the initial mesh and the indices of the constraints only.
Matrix is fixed!

Right-hand side contains the coordinates of the constraints (handles)



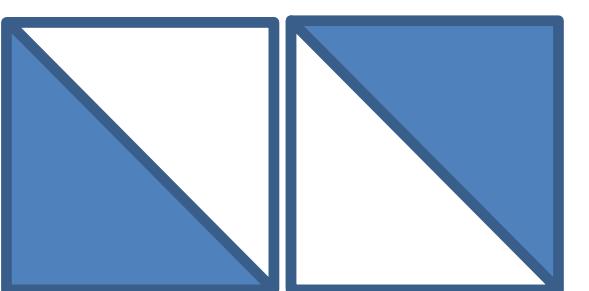
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Sparse Cholesky
decomposition:

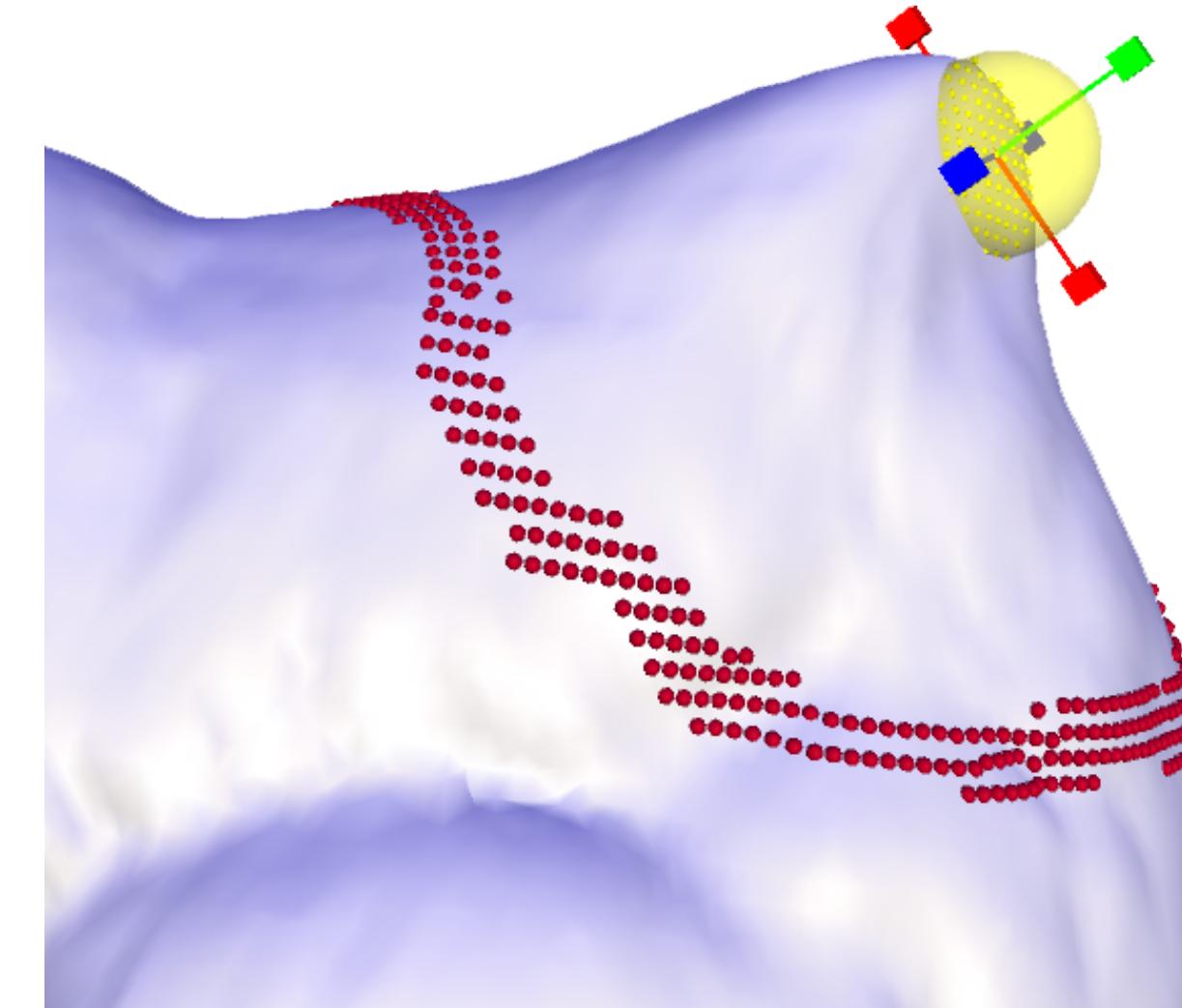
$$A = L_{\text{chol}} L_{\text{chol}}^T$$



At run-time: just back-substitution!

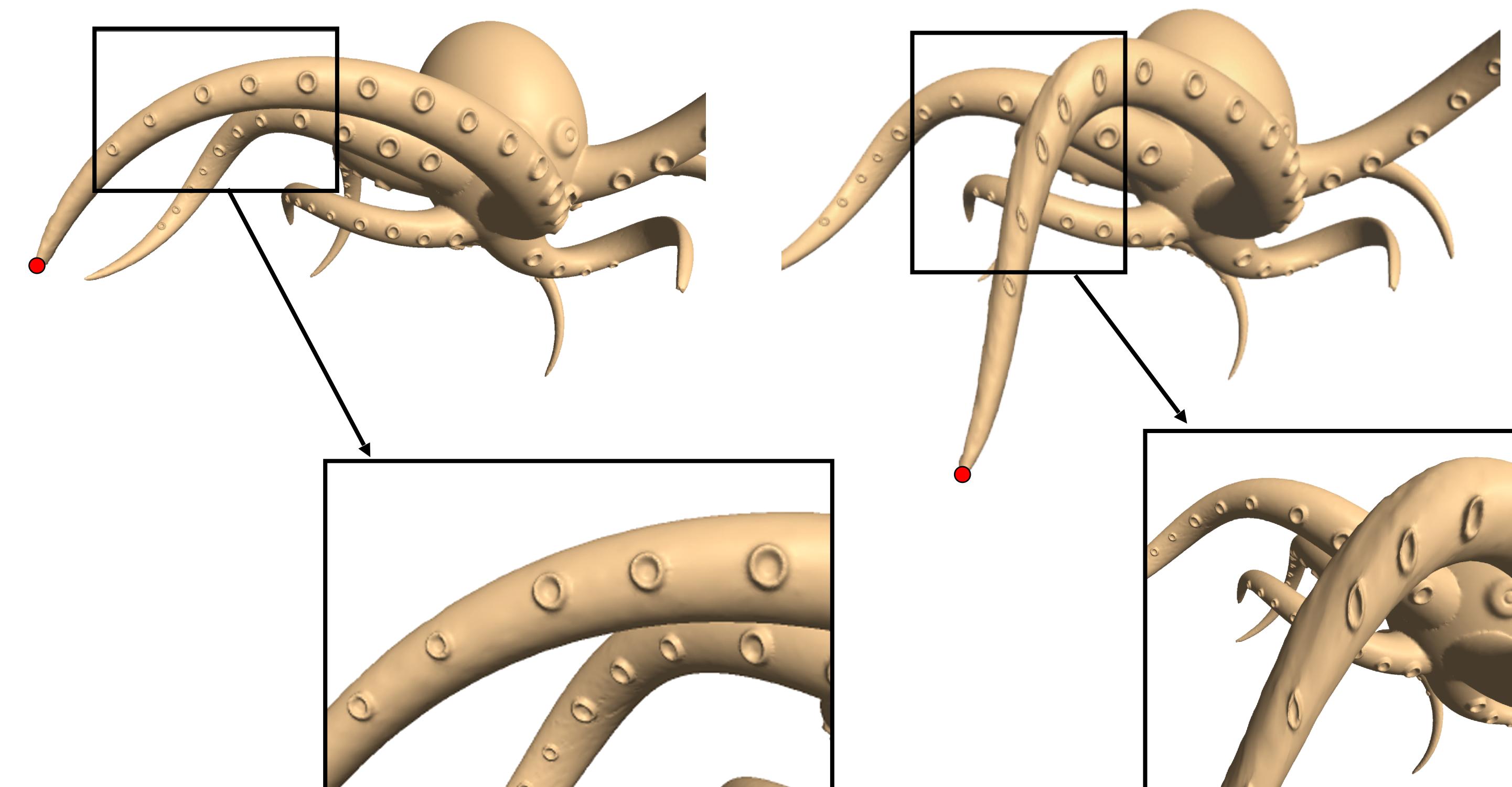
$$L_{\text{chol}} \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}$$

$$L_{\text{chol}}^T \mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{y}$$

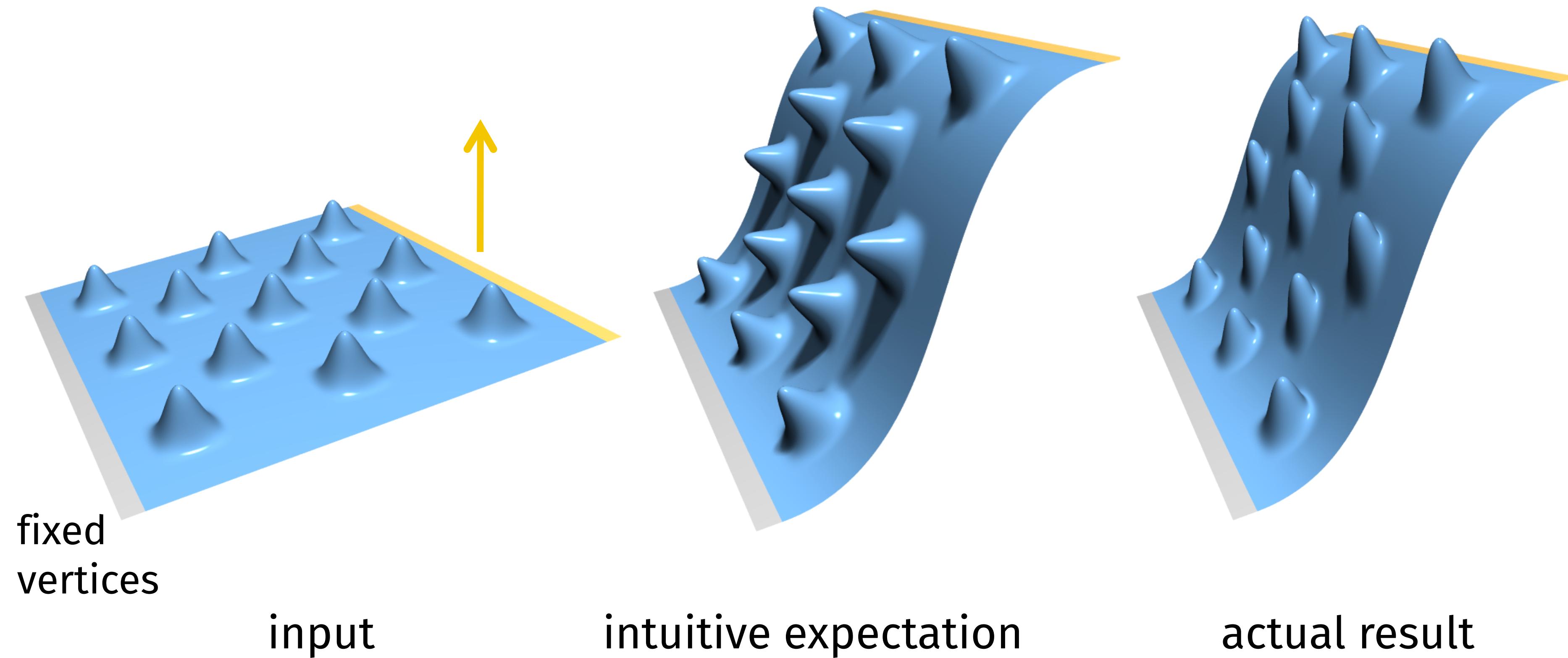


Fundamental Problem: Invariance to Transformations

- The basic Laplacian operator is *translation*-invariant, but not *rotation*-invariant
- $E(x')$ attempts to preserve the **original global orientation** of the details (the normal directions)

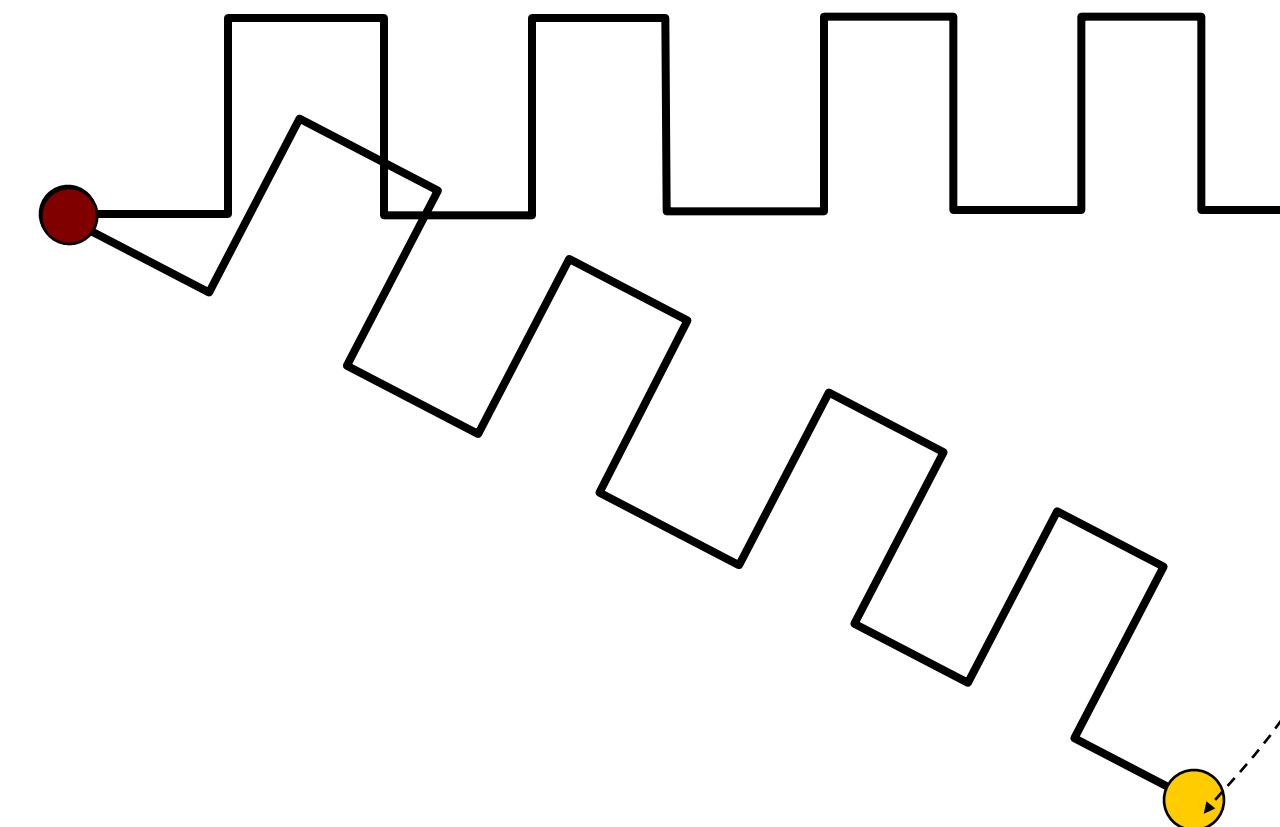


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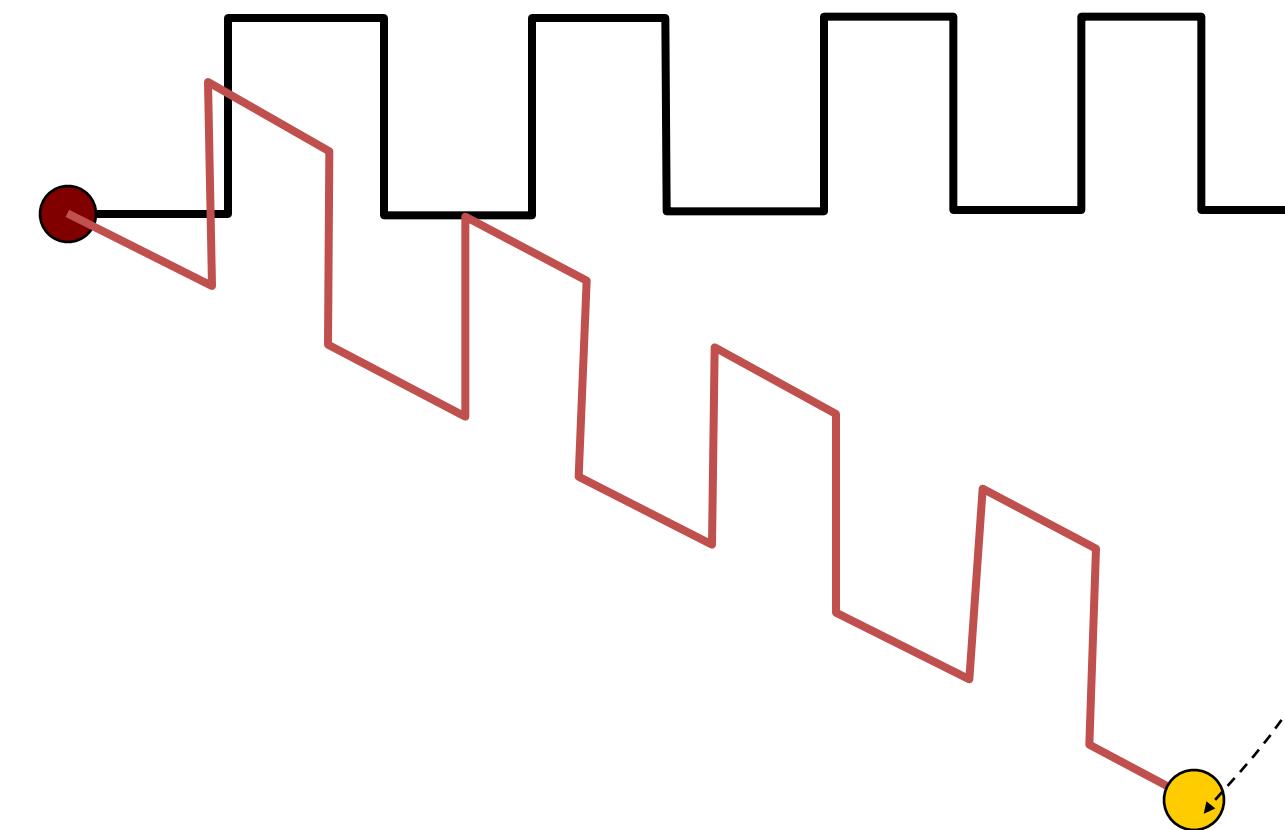
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Energy Functional

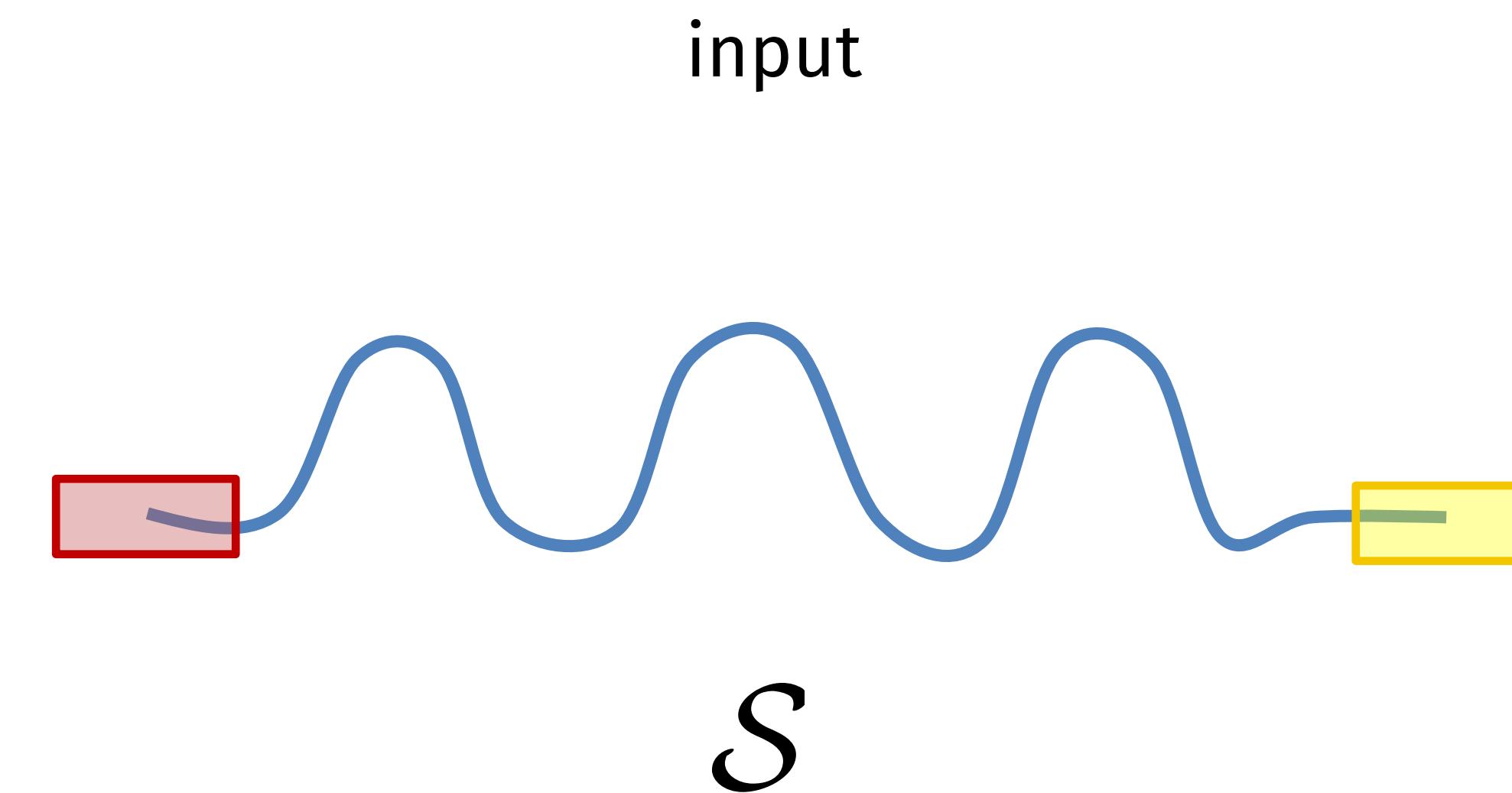
- We need a rigid-invariant energy...

$$E(\mathbf{x}') = \sum_{i=1}^n A_i \|\Delta(\mathbf{x}'_i) - \delta_i\|^2$$



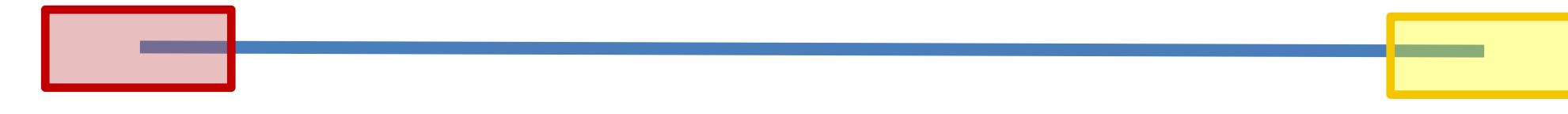
Need to locally
rotate the *target*
m.c. normals

Fixing Local Rotations: Multiresolution Approach



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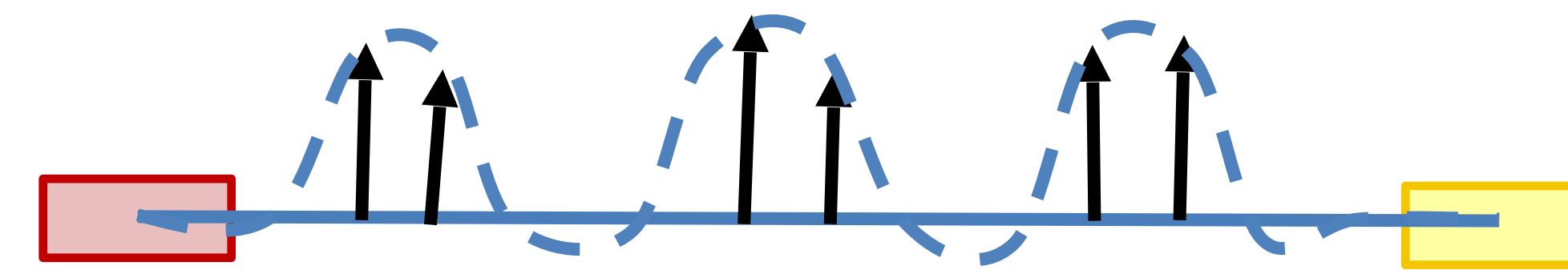
Smooth base surface



\mathcal{B}

Fixing Local Rotations: Multiresolution Approach

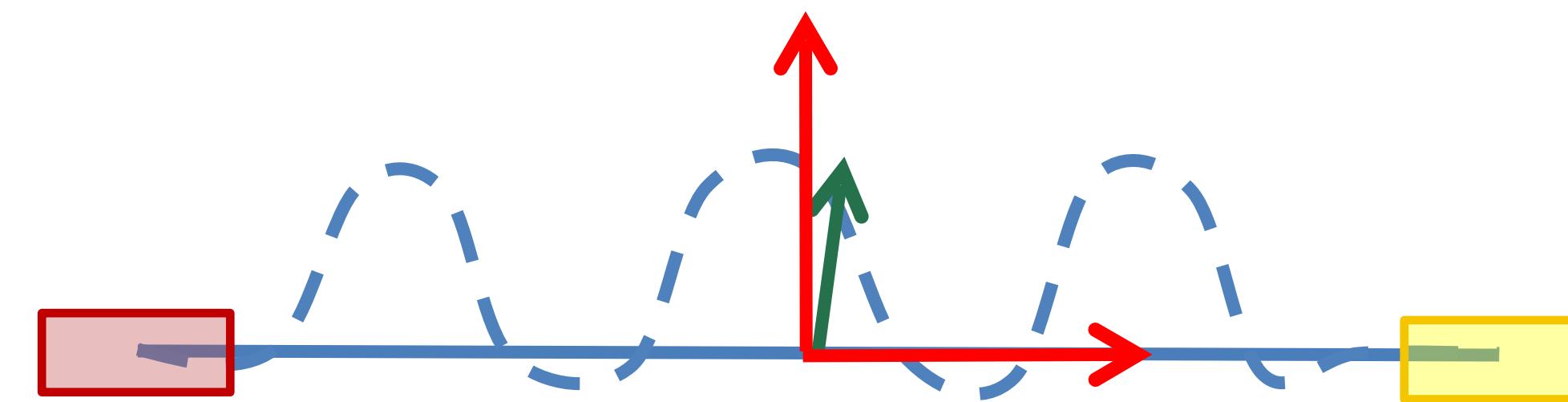
Details – displacement vectors



$$\mathcal{S} - \mathcal{B}$$

Fixing Local Rotations: Multiresolution Approach

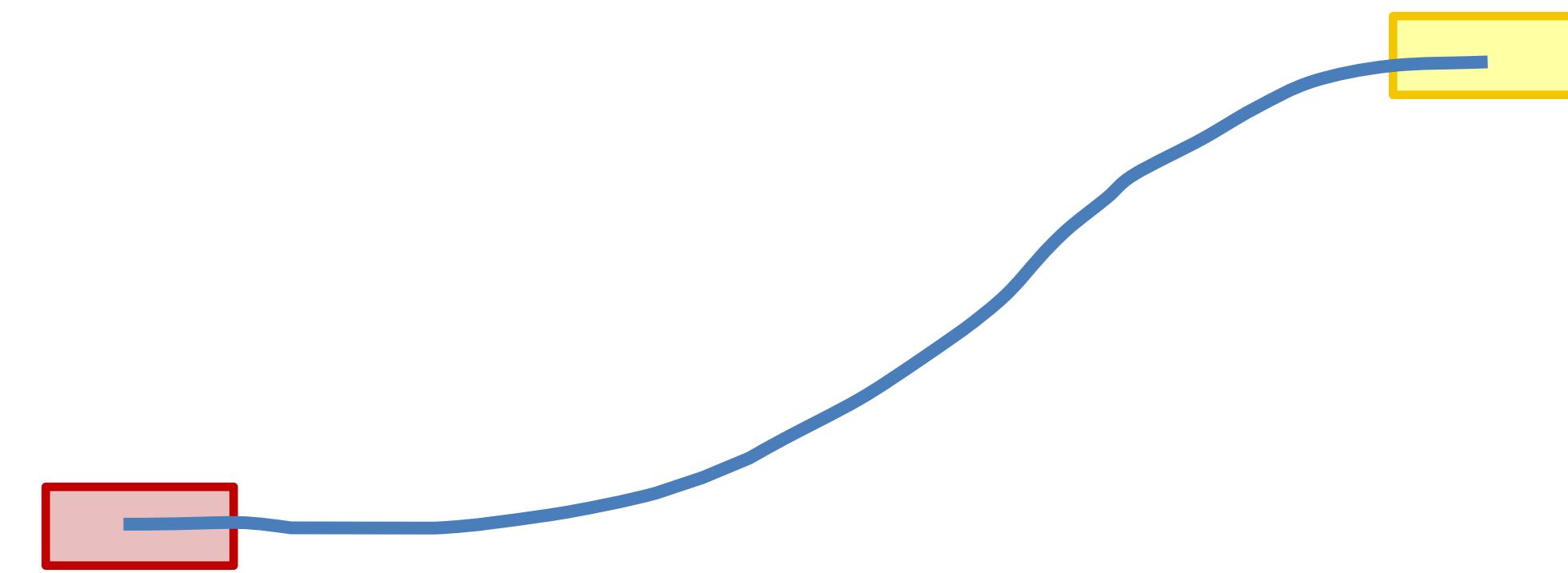
Encode details in the local frame of B



$$\mathbf{d}_i = a_1 \mathbf{t}_i + a_2 \mathbf{n}_i$$

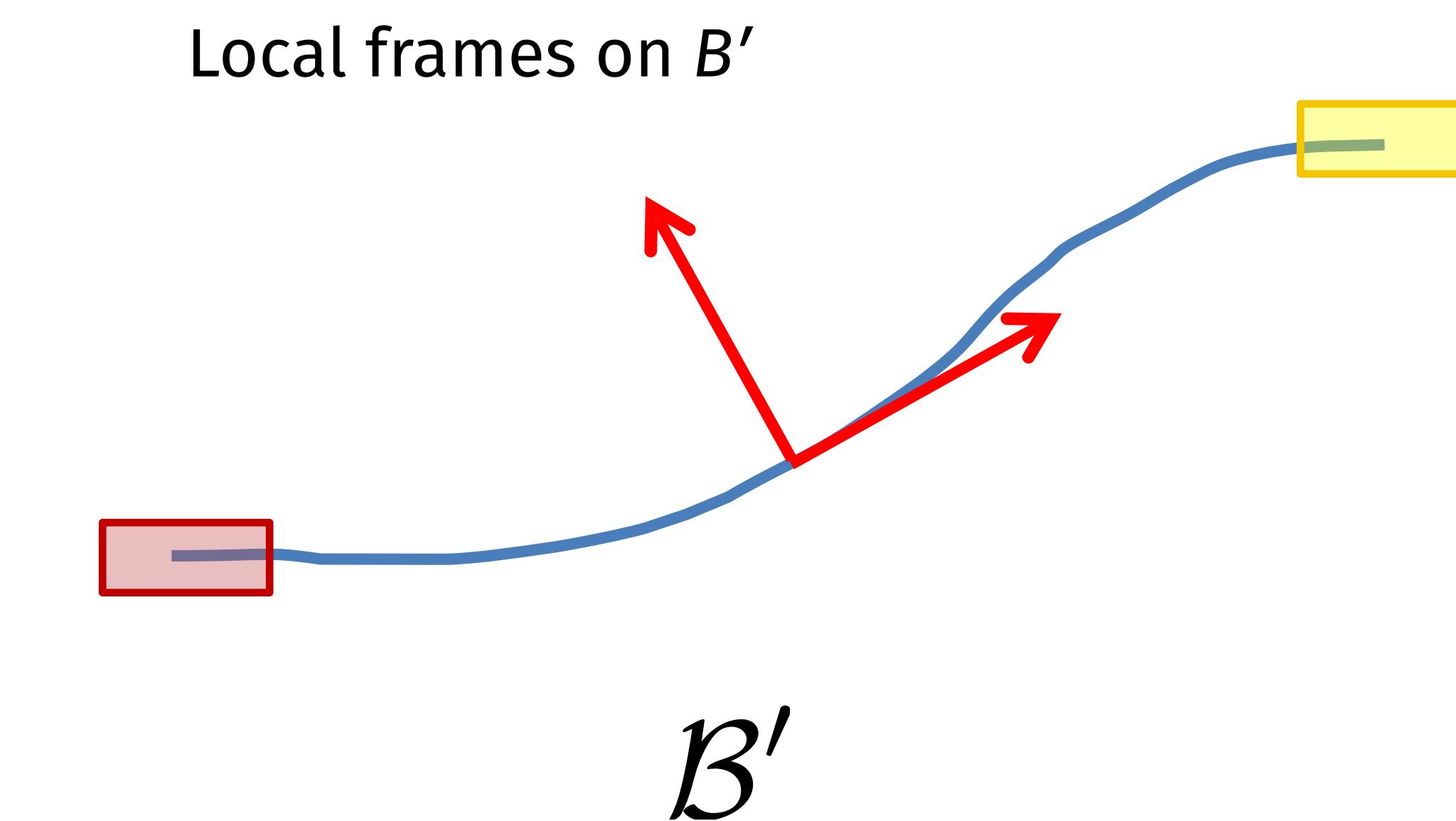
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Deform smooth base surface



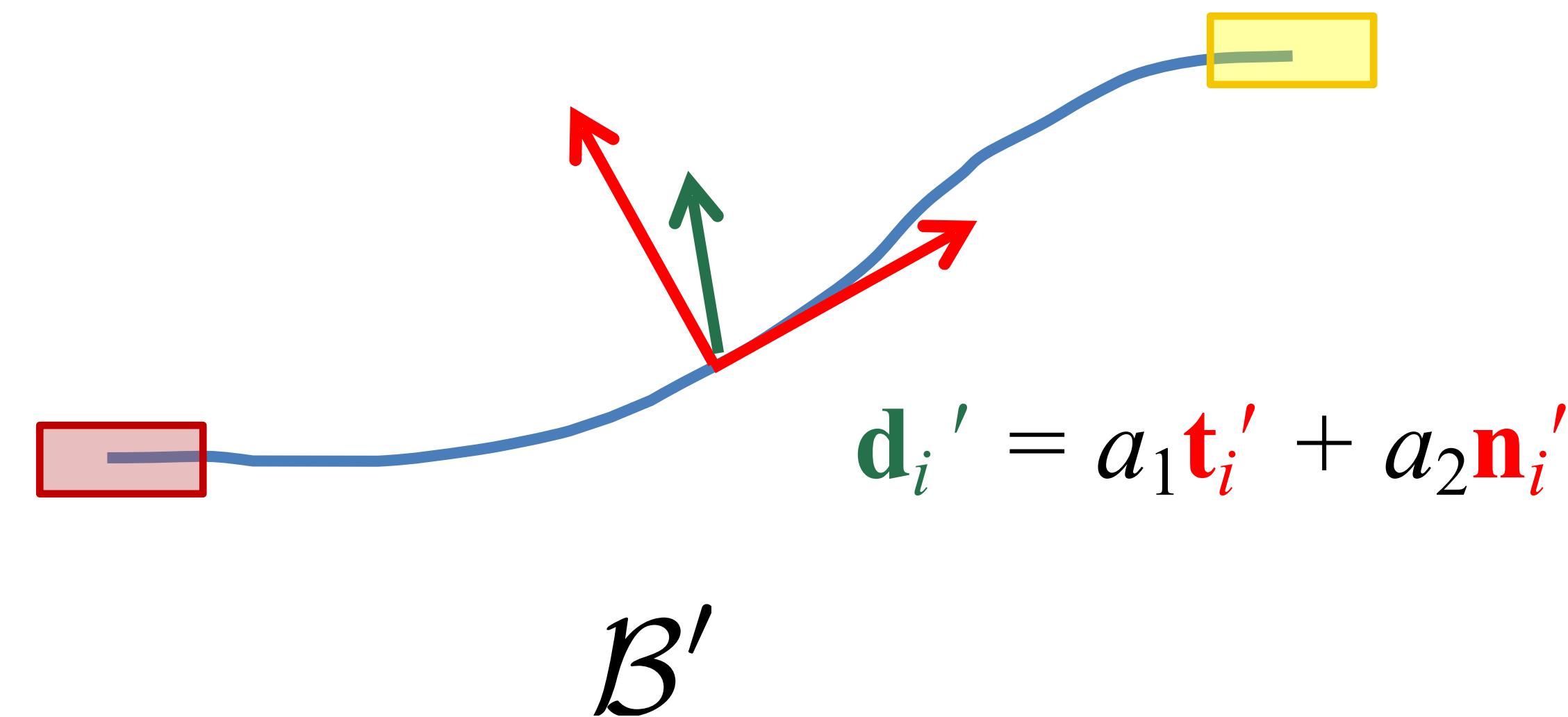
\mathcal{B}'

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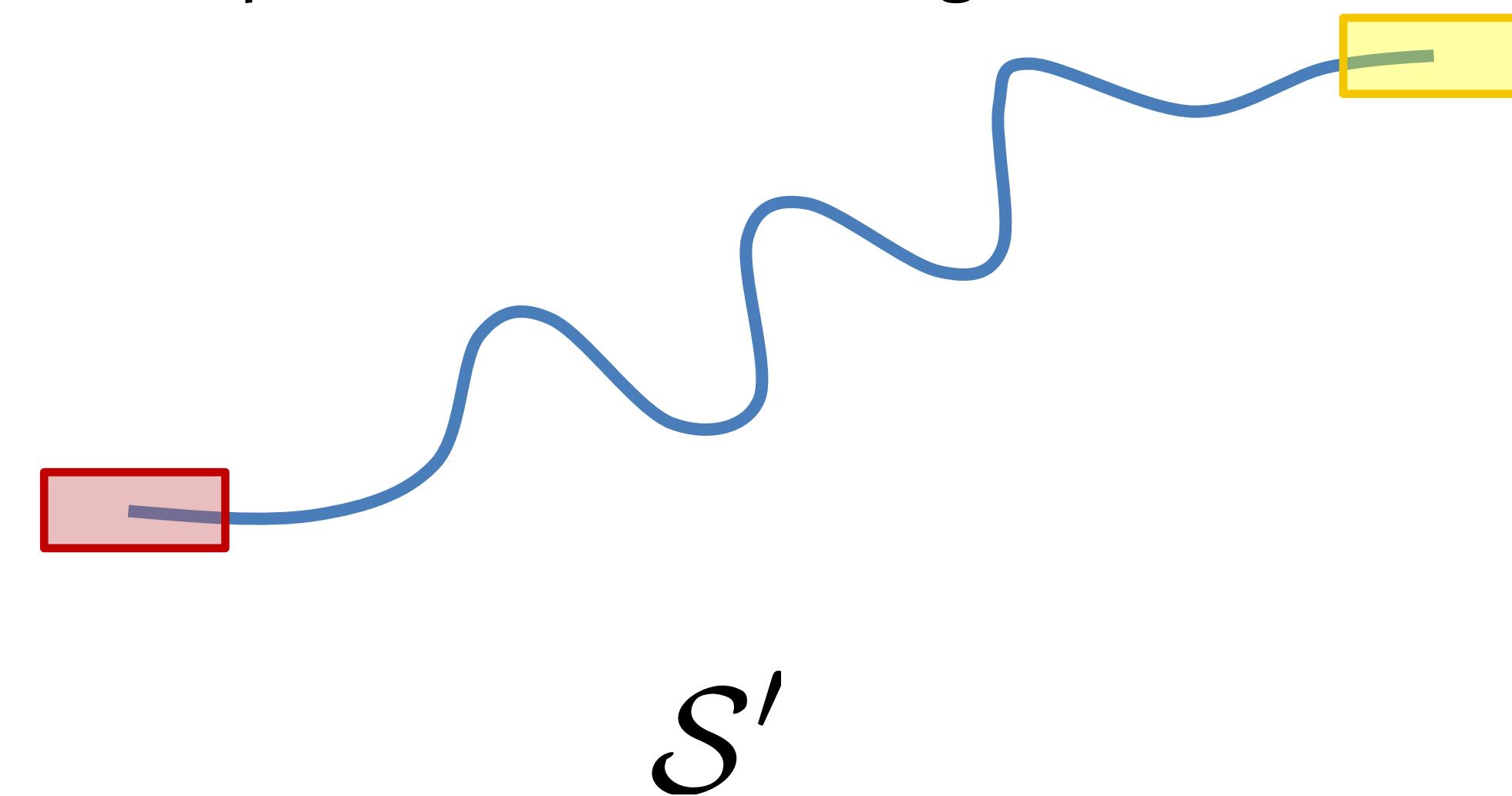
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Add details back – in local frame!



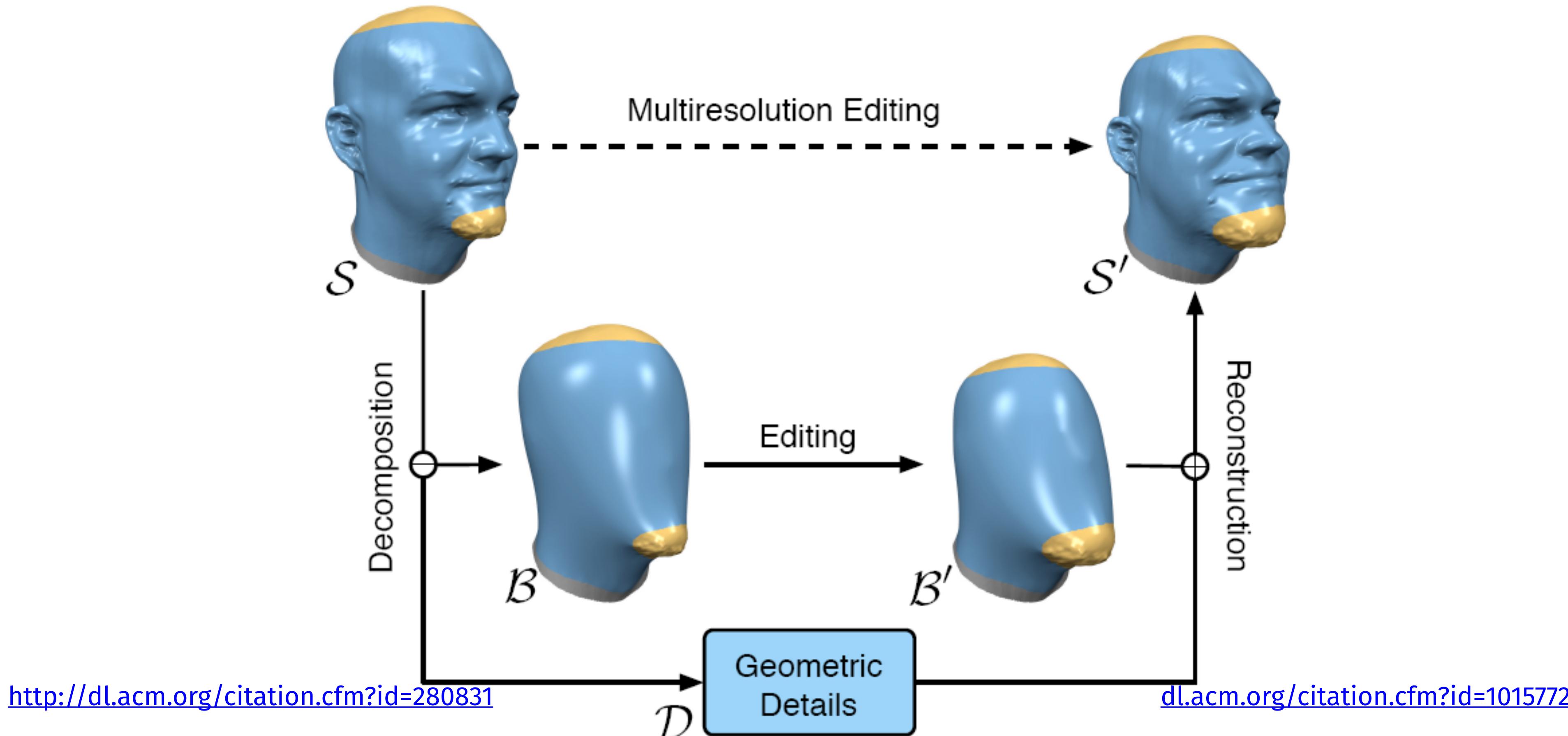
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Displace the vertices to get the result



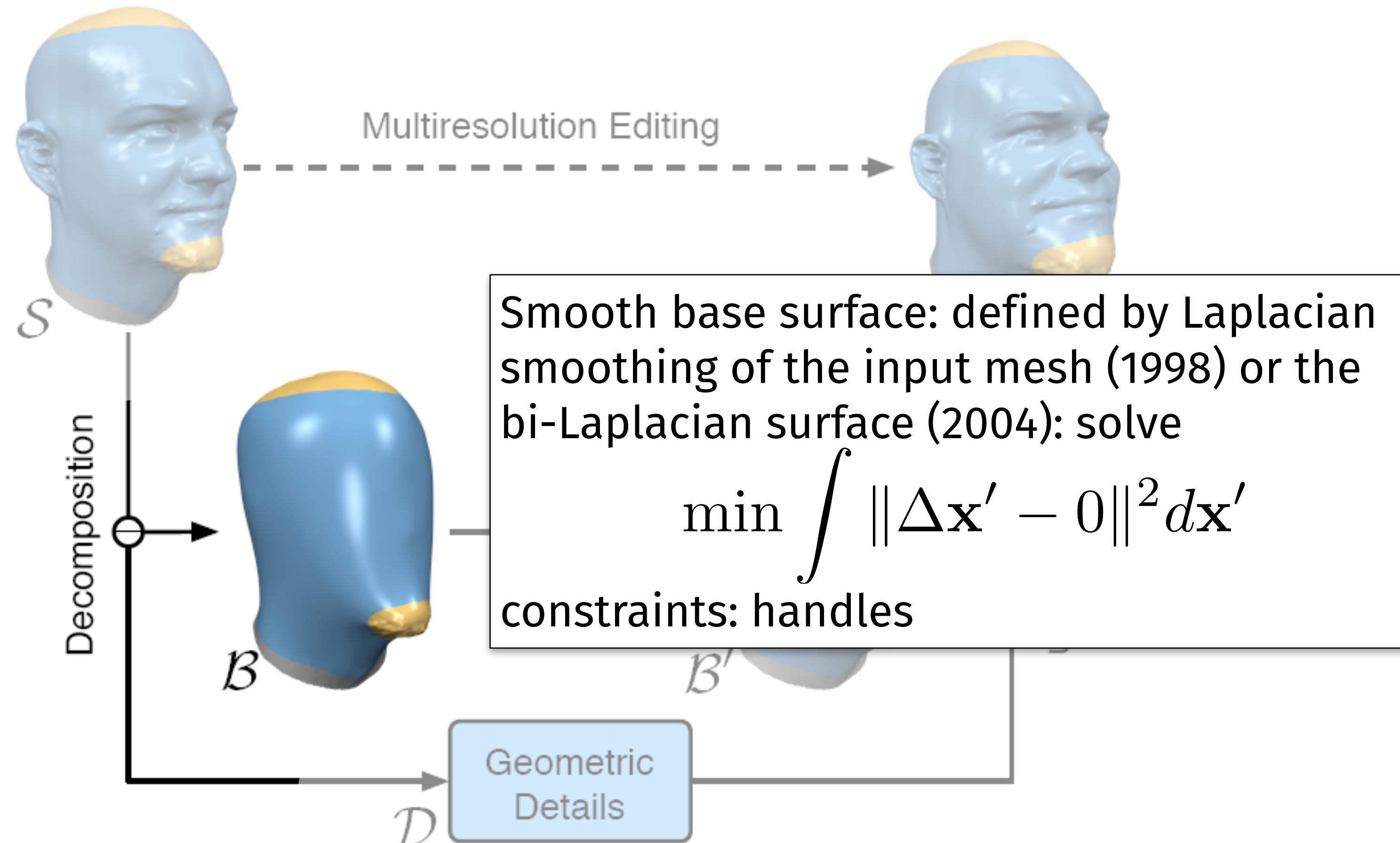
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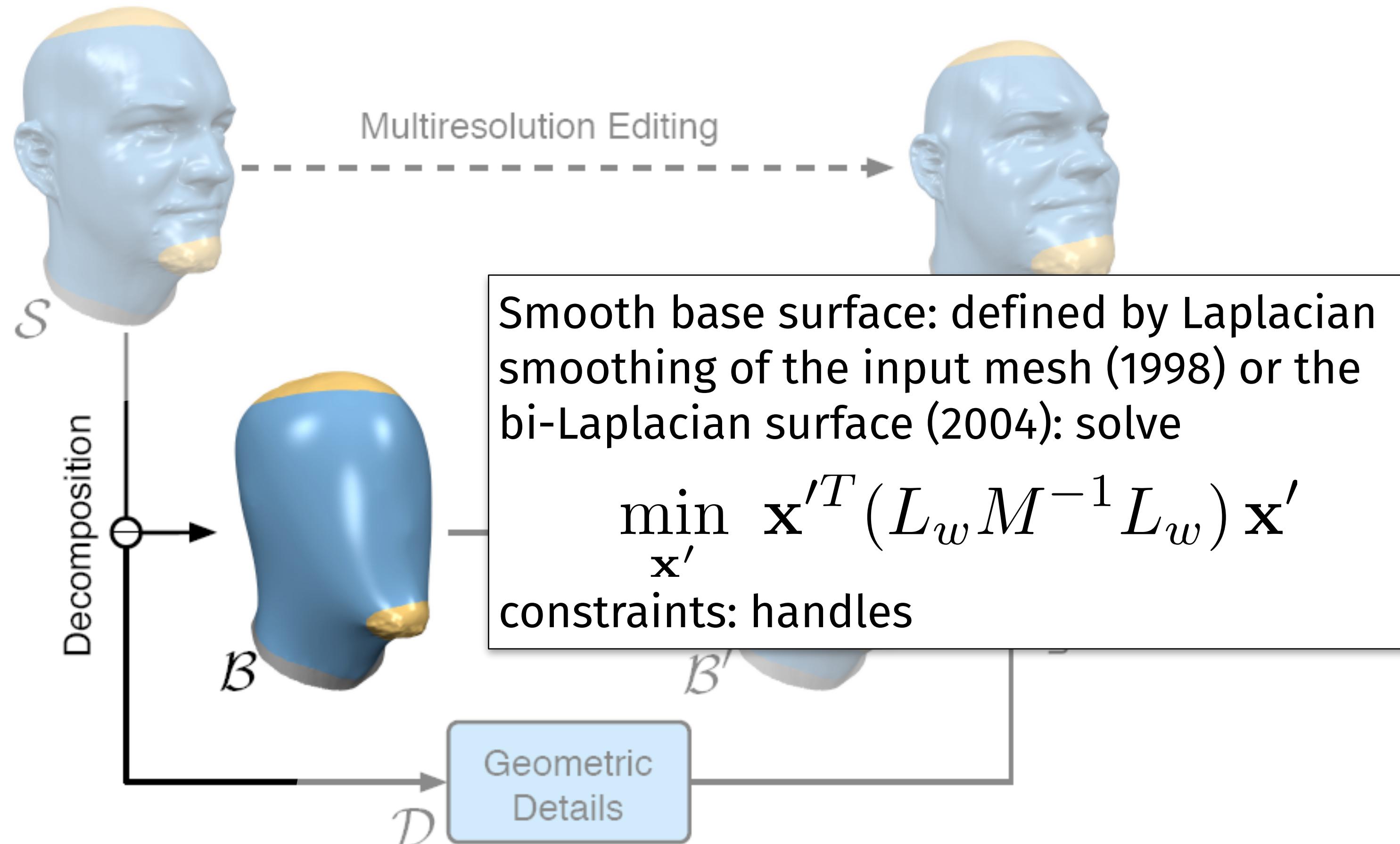
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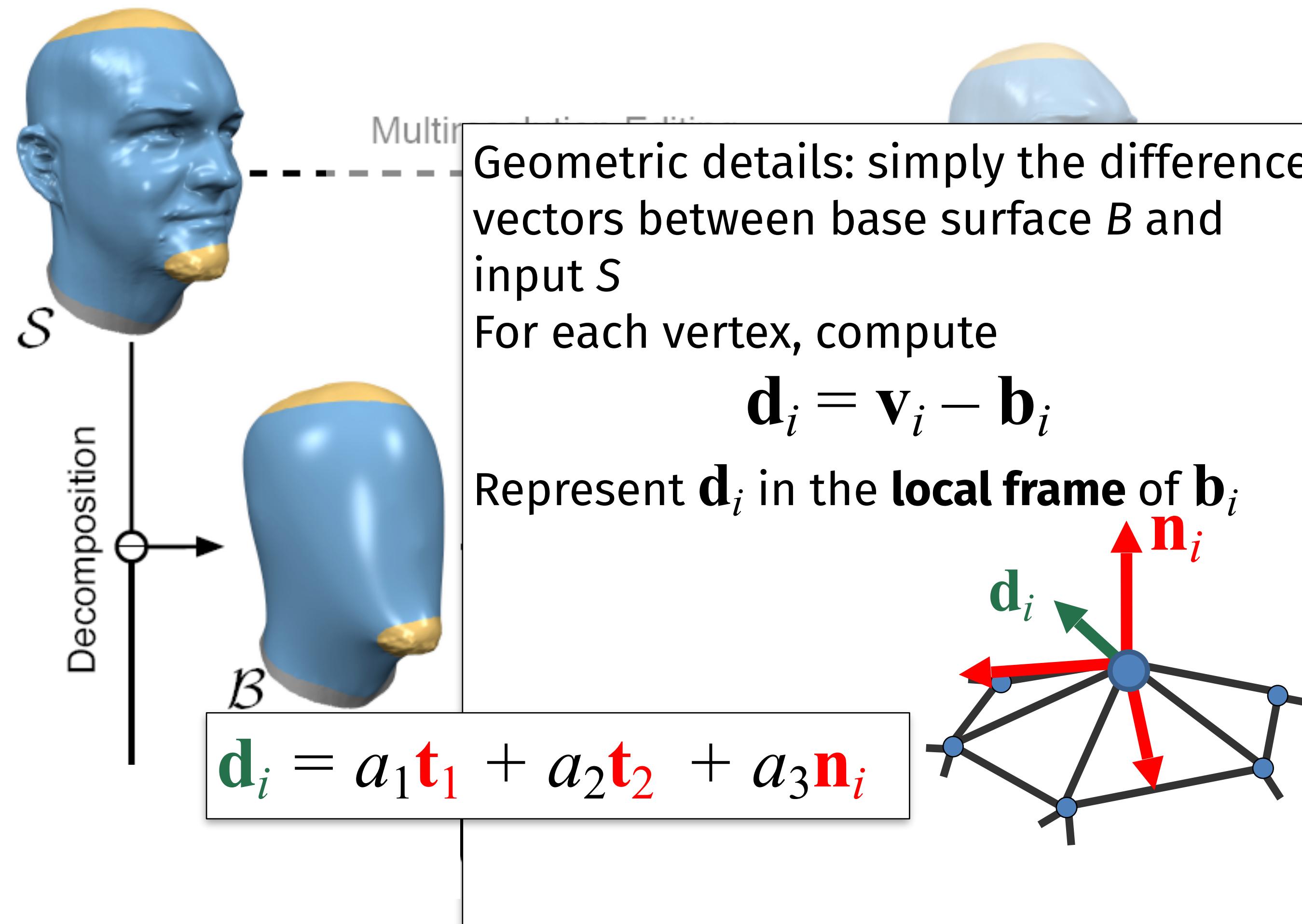
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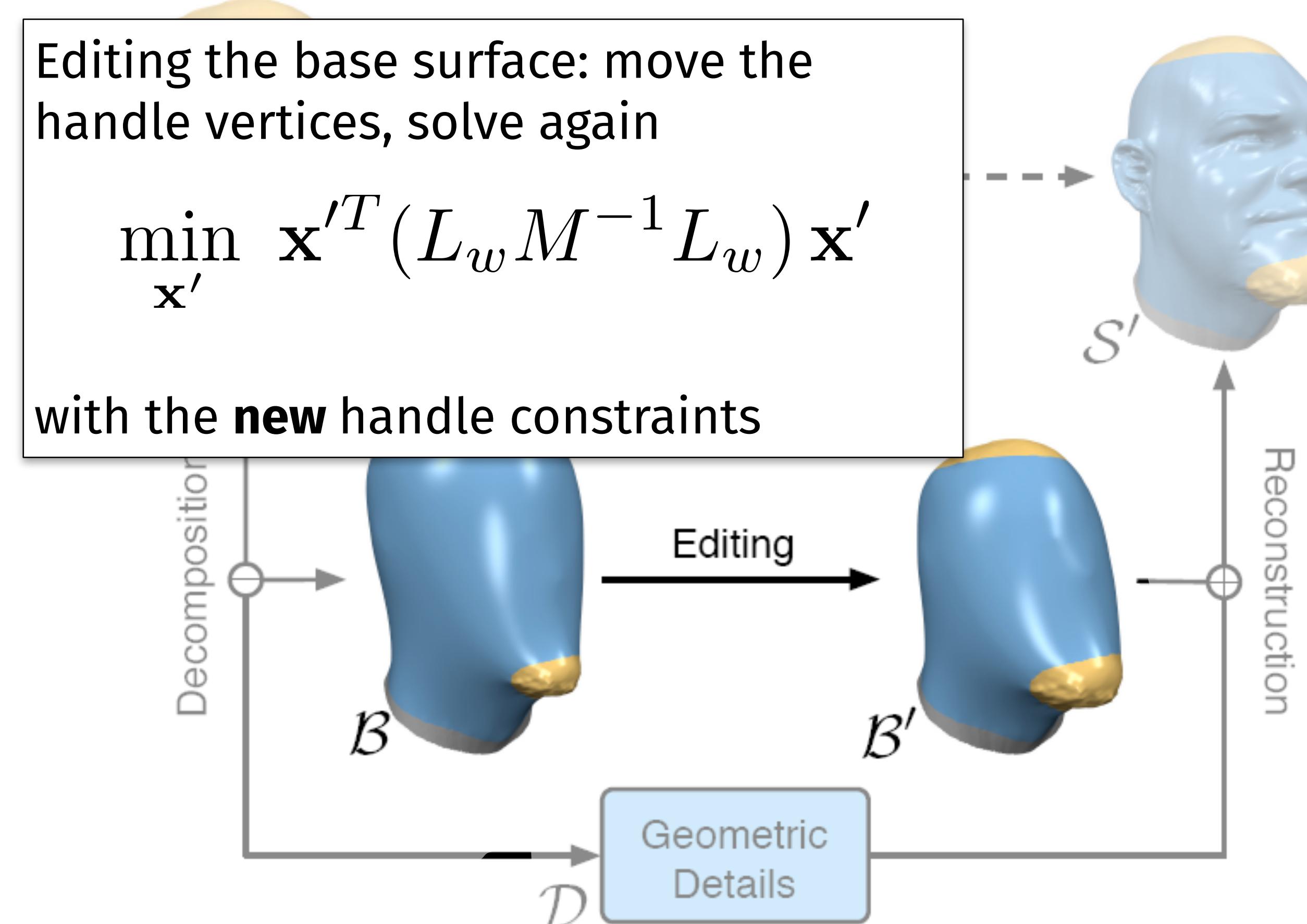
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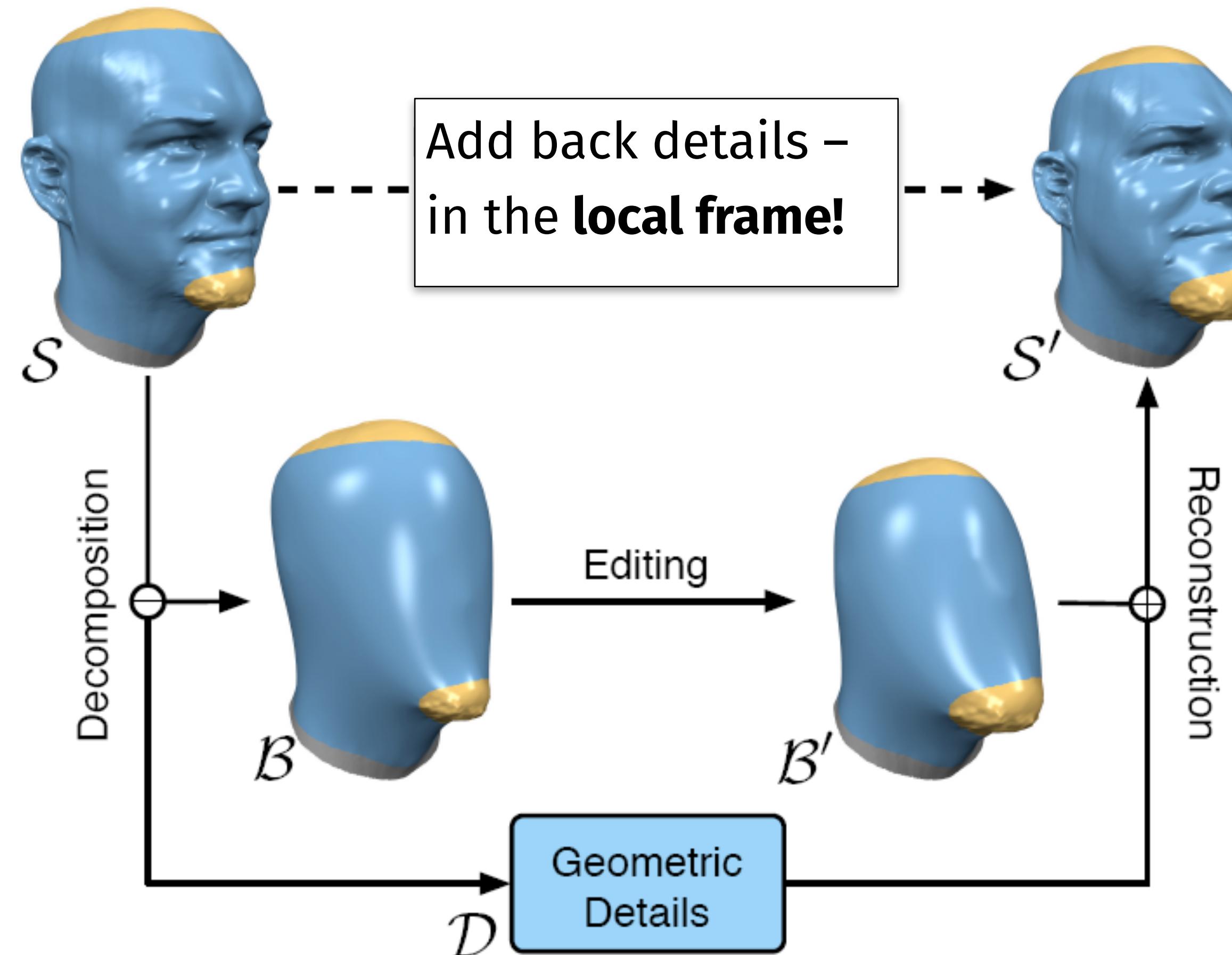
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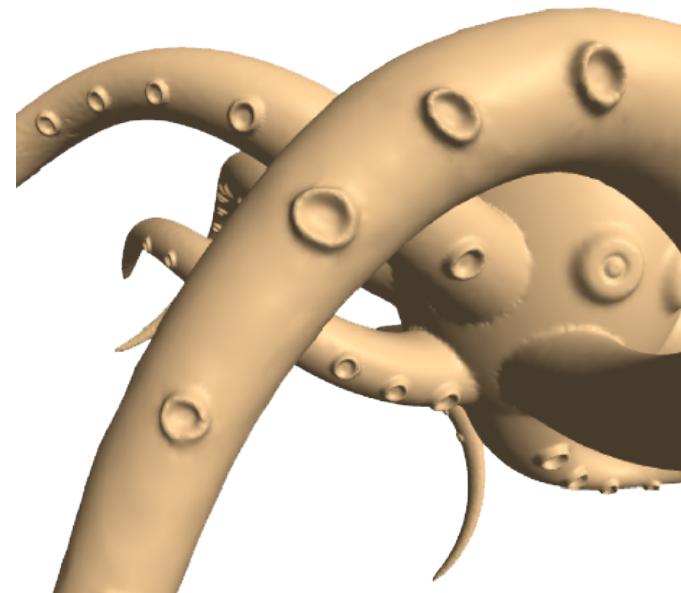
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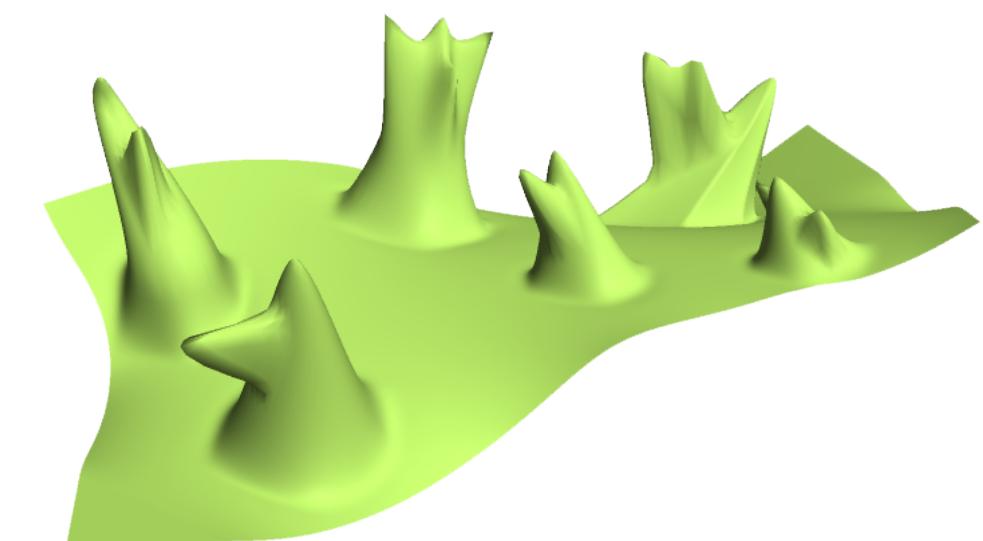


Multiresolution Framework: Discussion

- Advantages:
 - Fast! Linear solve for the base surface deformation, and then add back displacements
 - Intuitive, easy to implement
- Problem: works only for small height fields (when details vectors are small)



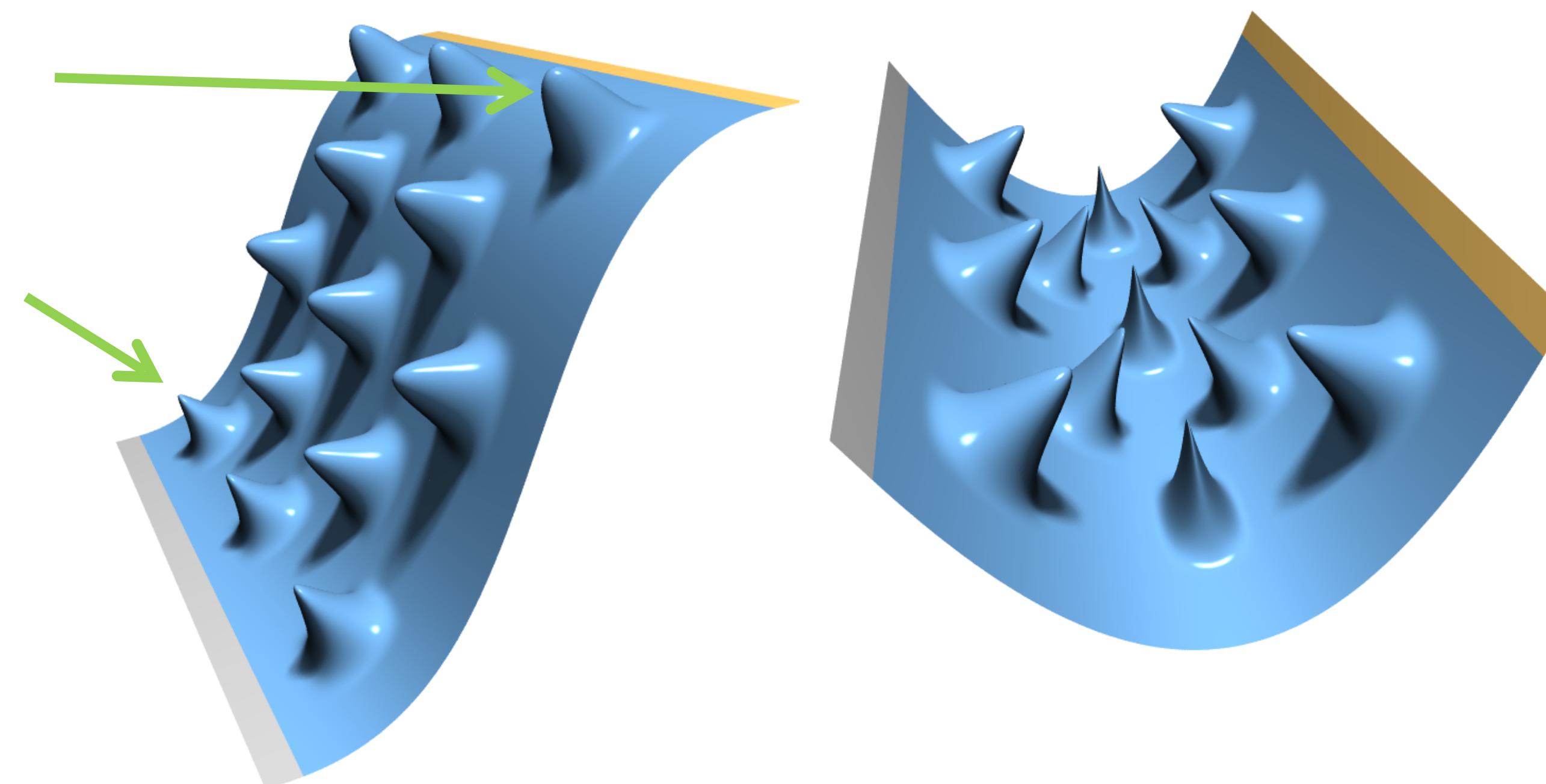
almost a height field



not a height field

Multiresolution Framework: Discussion

- Problem: If detail vectors are too big we get overshooting and **self-intersections**, especially in concave cases



Thank you