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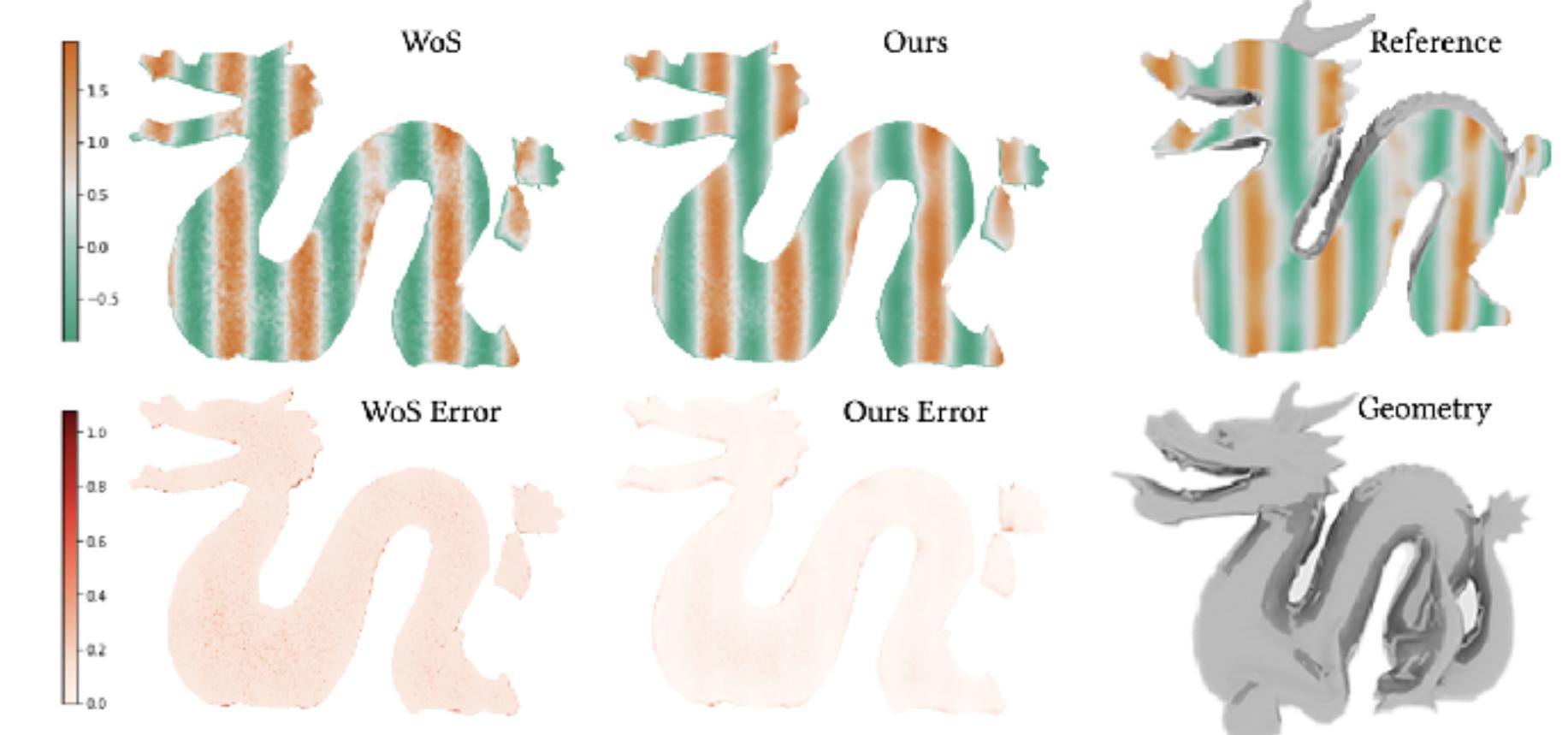
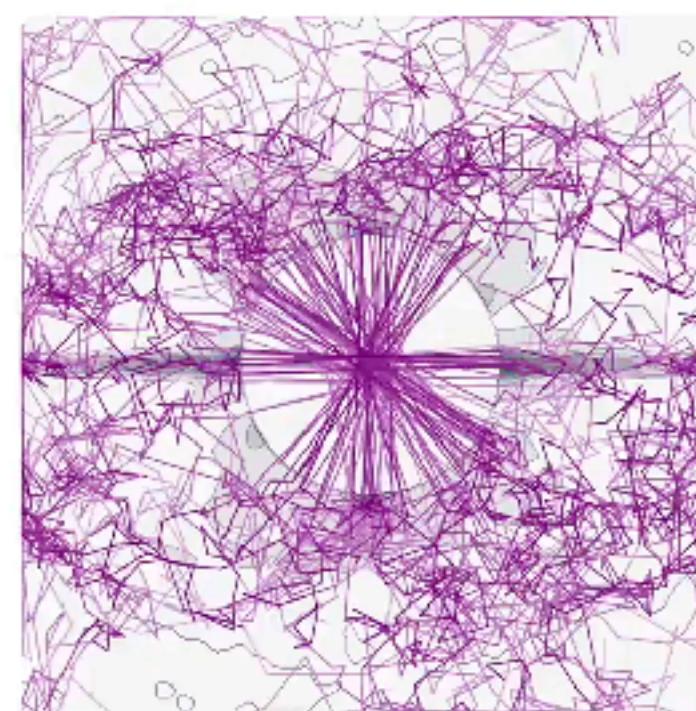
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Shapes as Fields

Toward Geometry Processing without Discretization

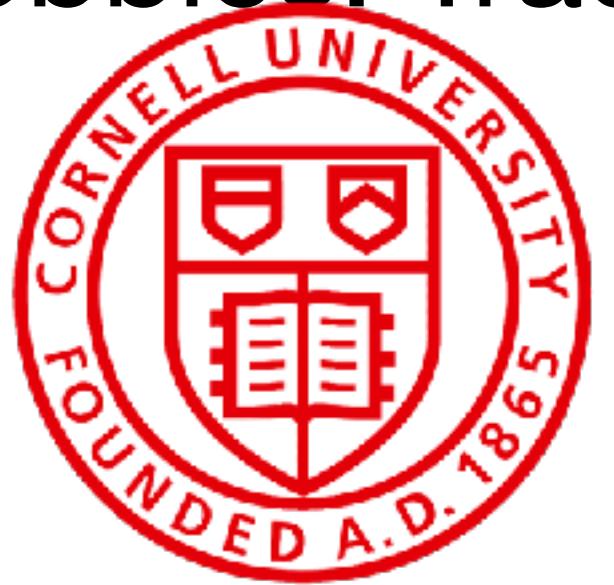
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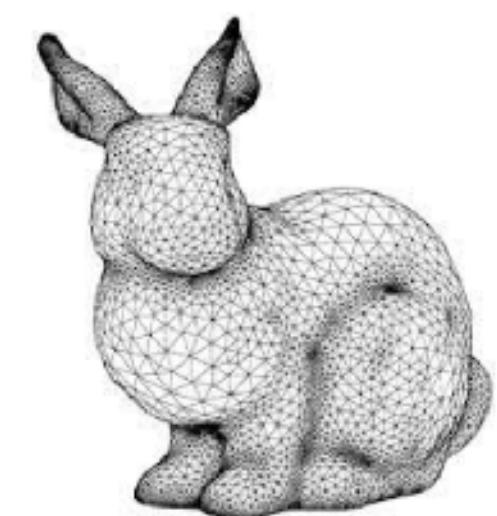
- Ph.D. from Cornell University, advised by Prof. Serge Belongie and Prof. Bharath Hariharan
- Research in the intersection of ML, CV, and CG.
- Collaborate with NVIDIA, Intel, Google, Magic Leap, and Adobe
- Hobbies: Trad climbing, piano



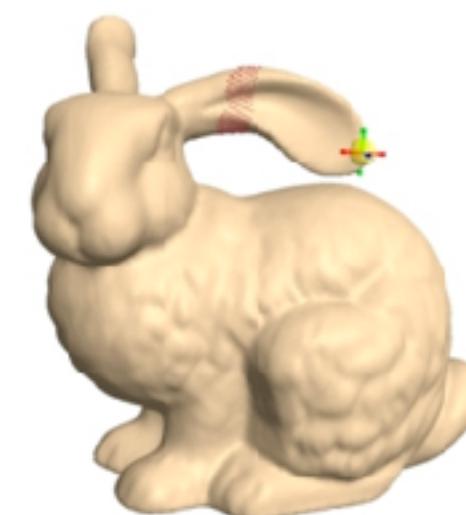
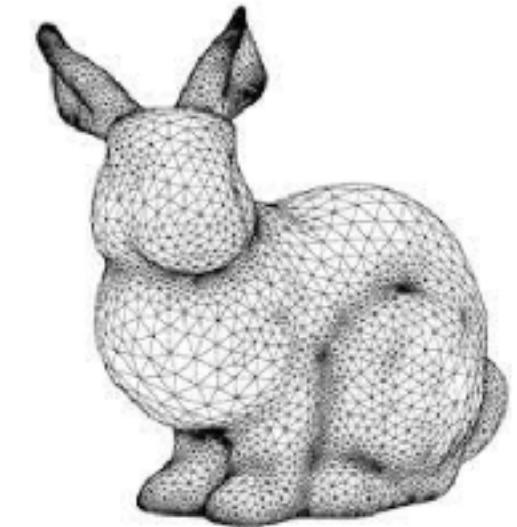
Geometry Processing

Creation, Manipulation, Analysis of Shapes

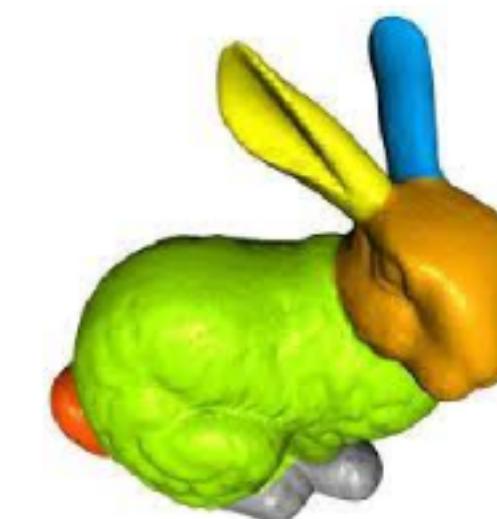
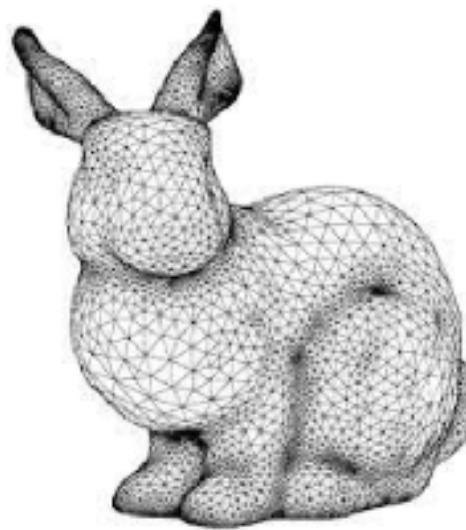
Creation



Manipulation

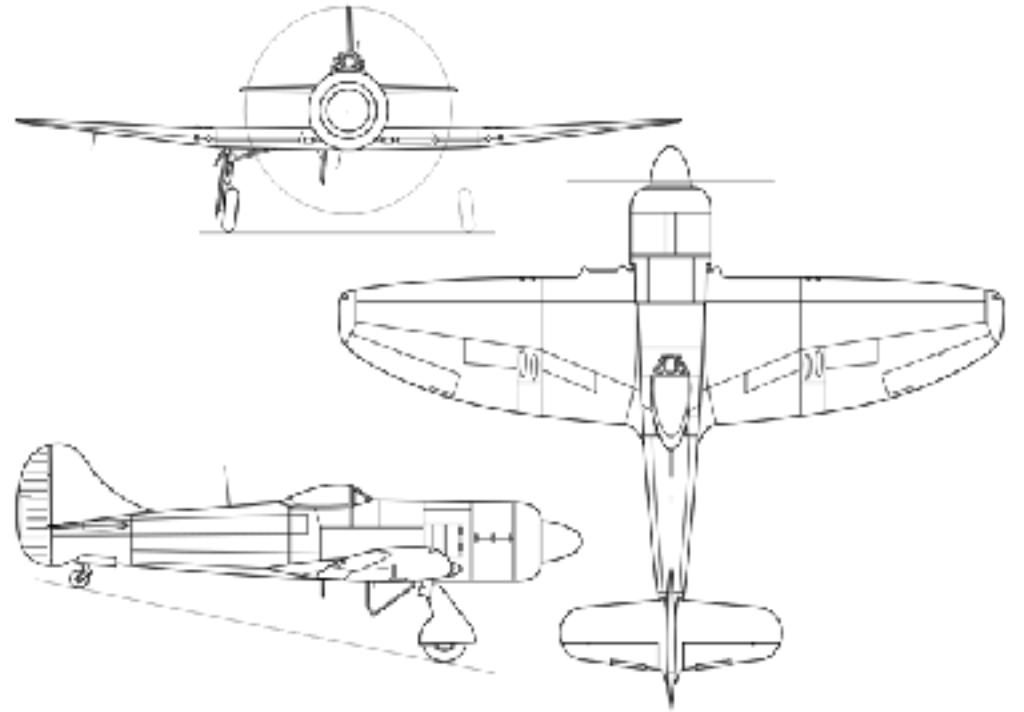


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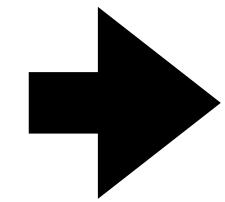
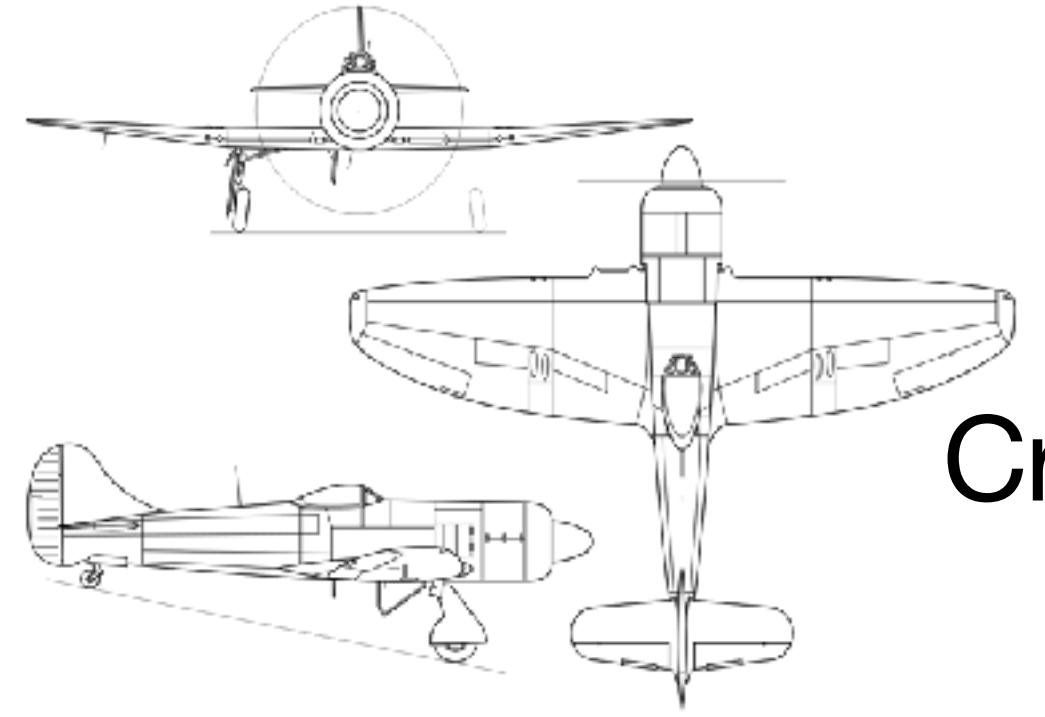
The Birth of a Digital Shape

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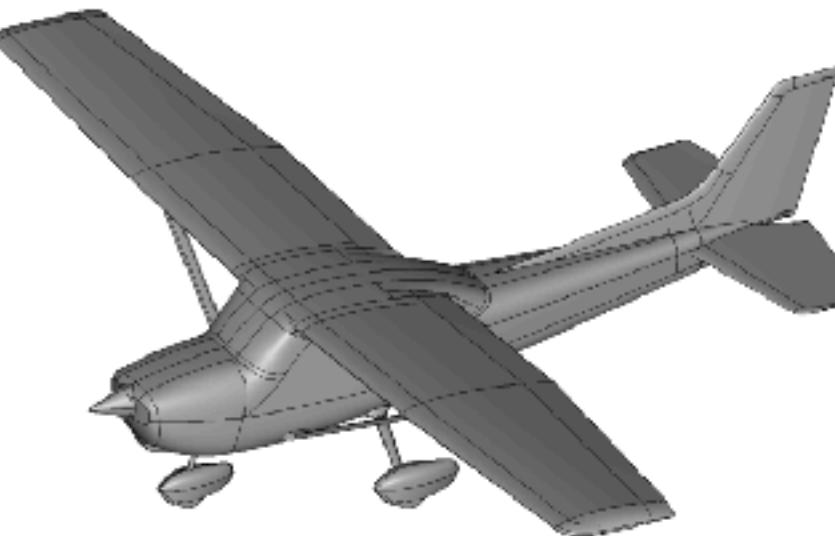


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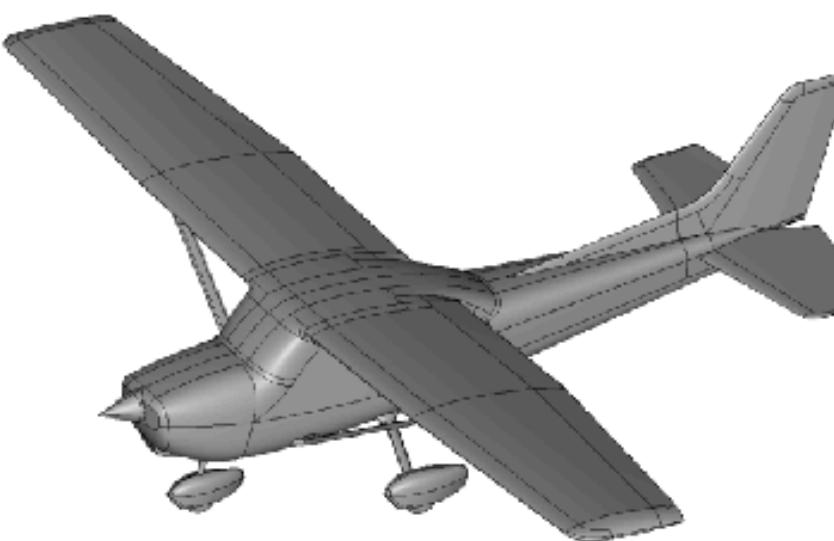
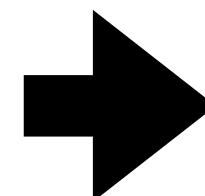
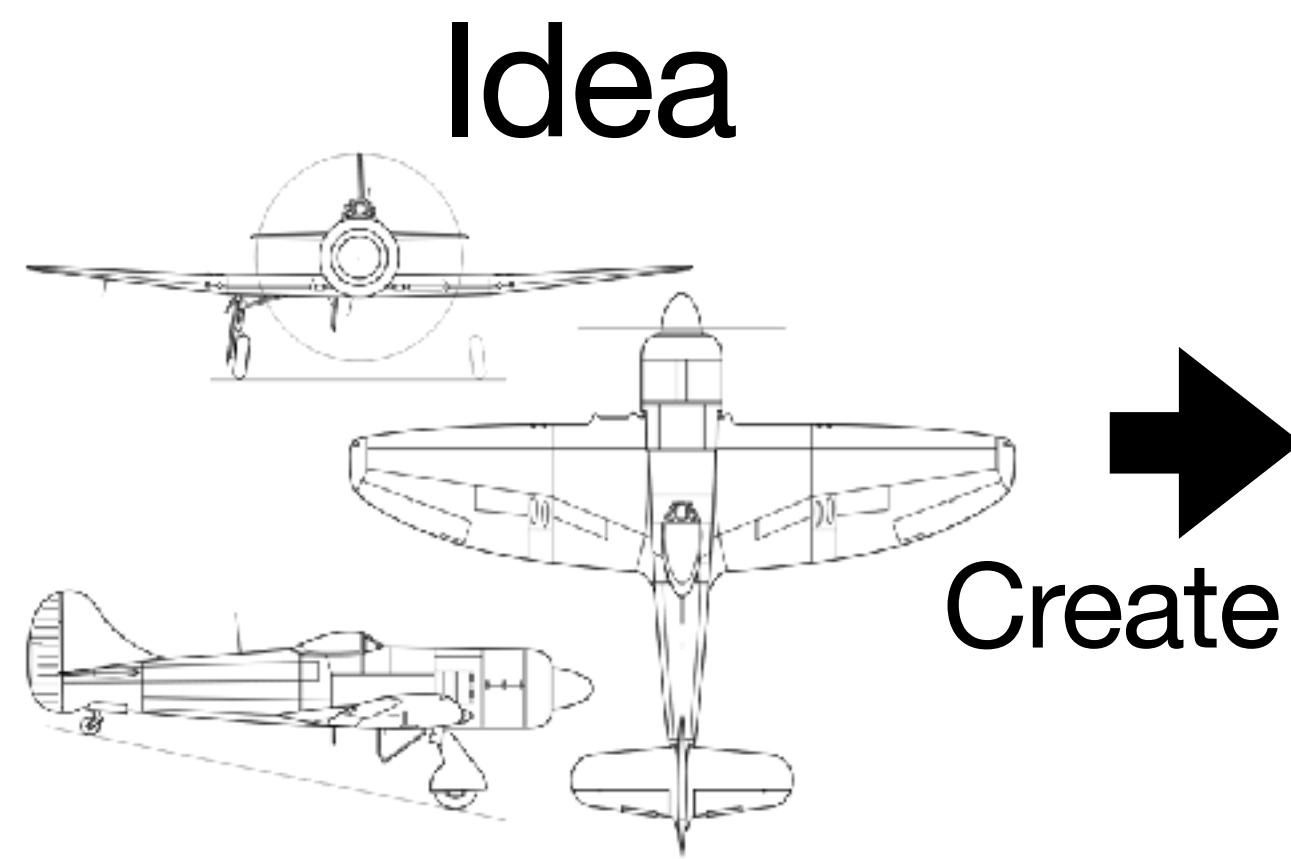
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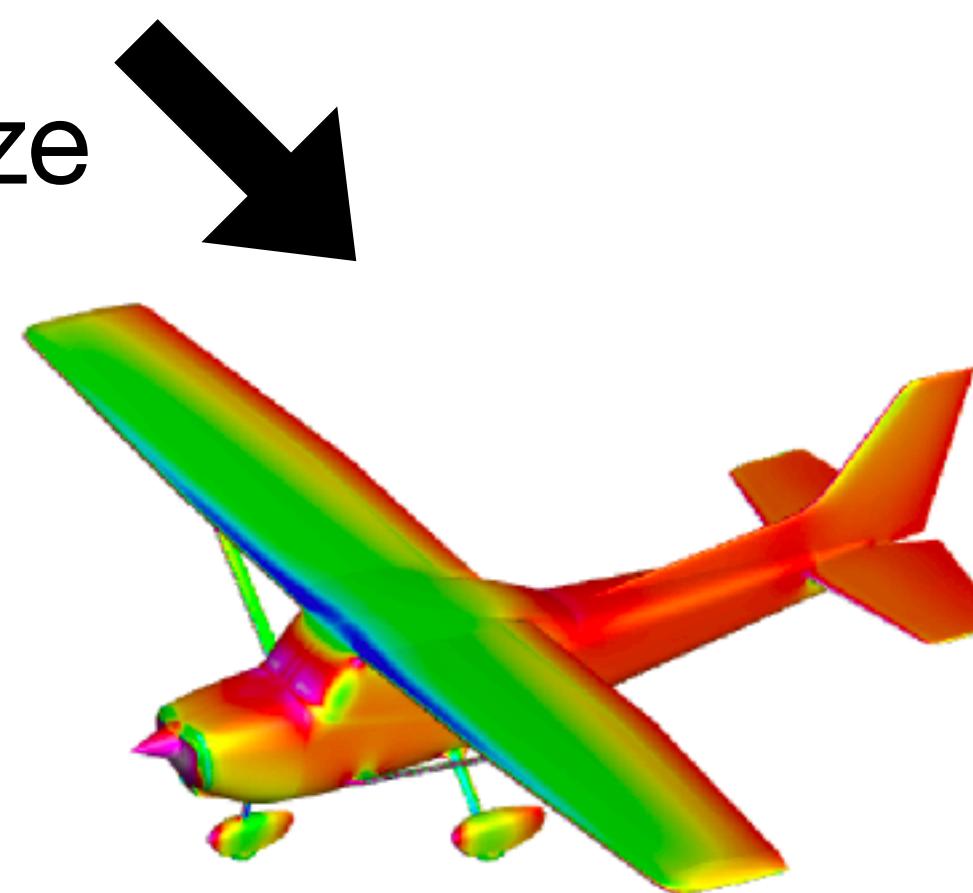


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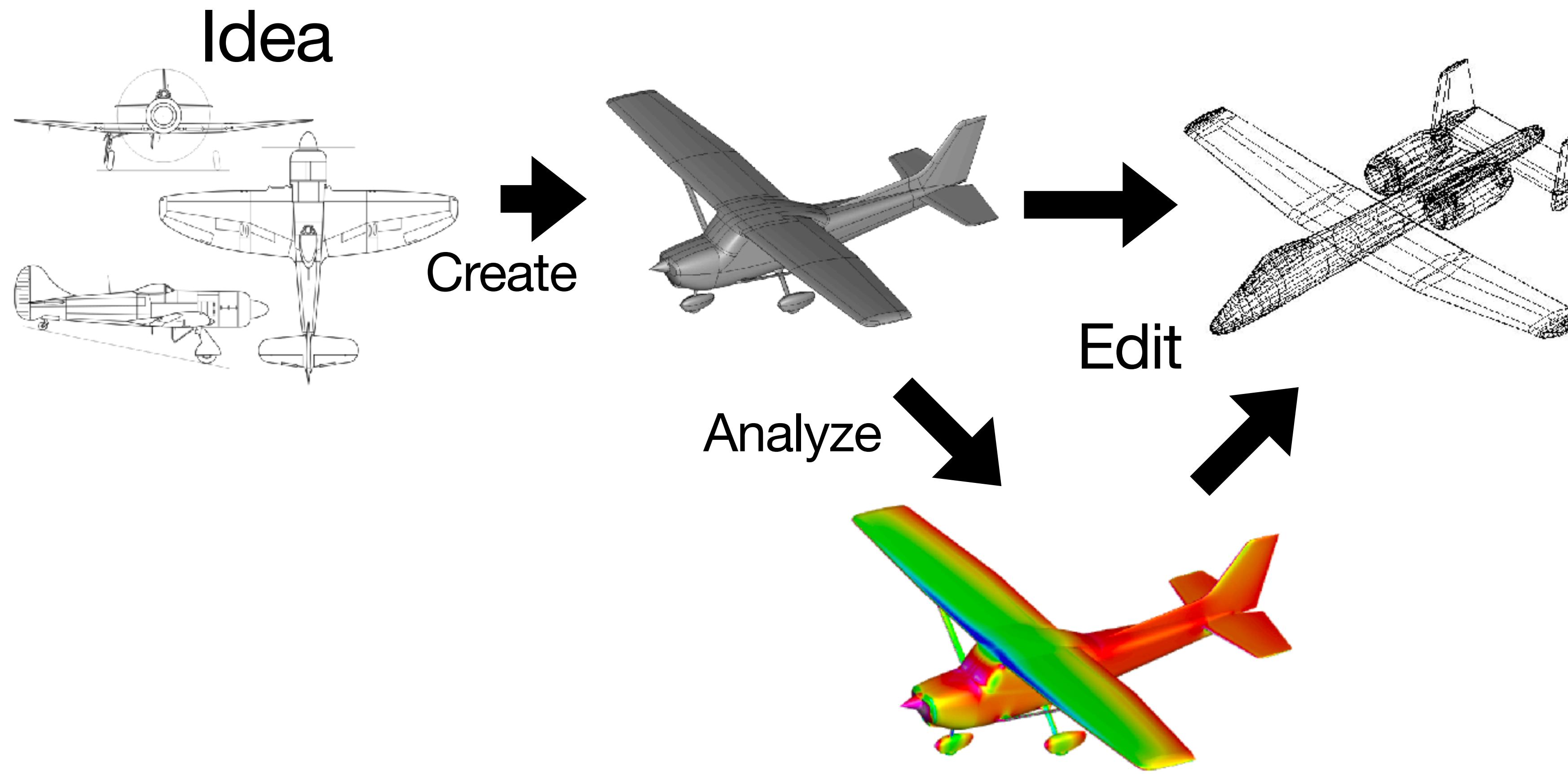


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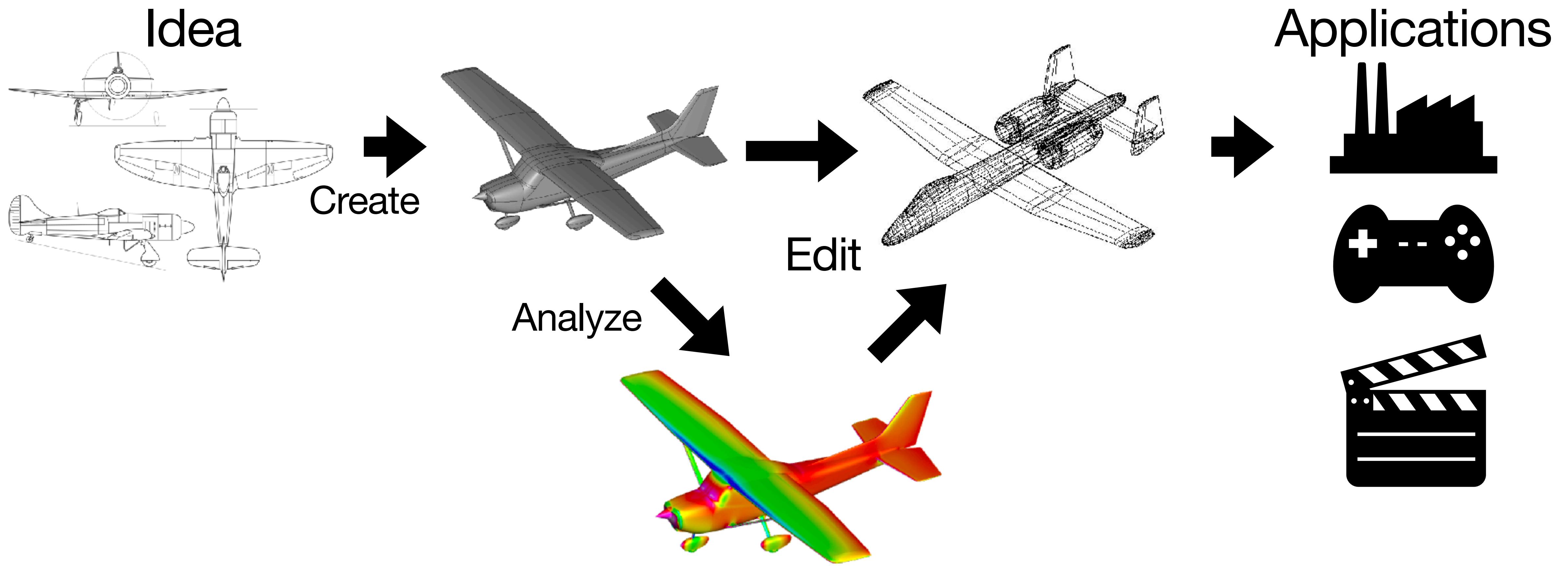
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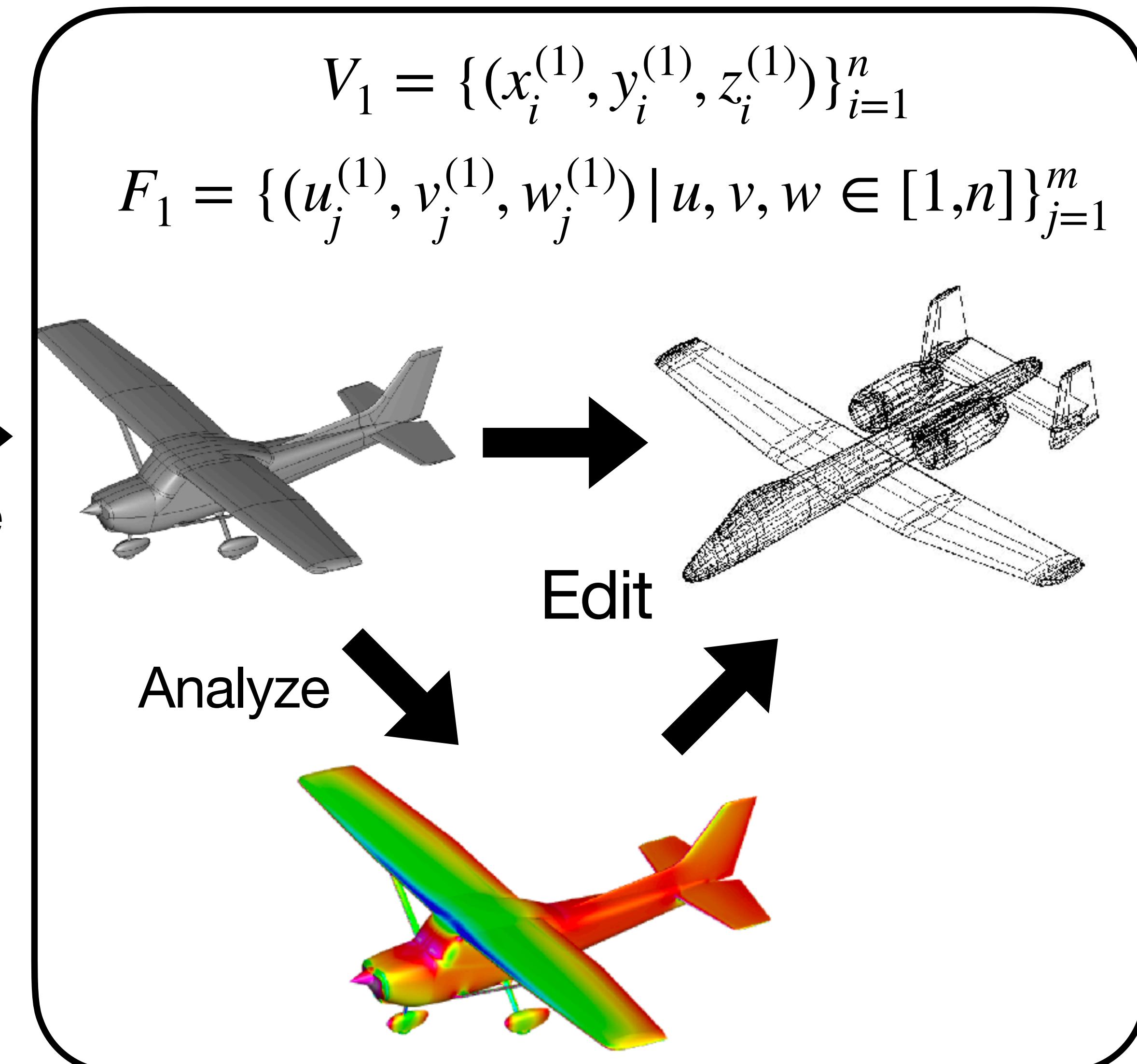
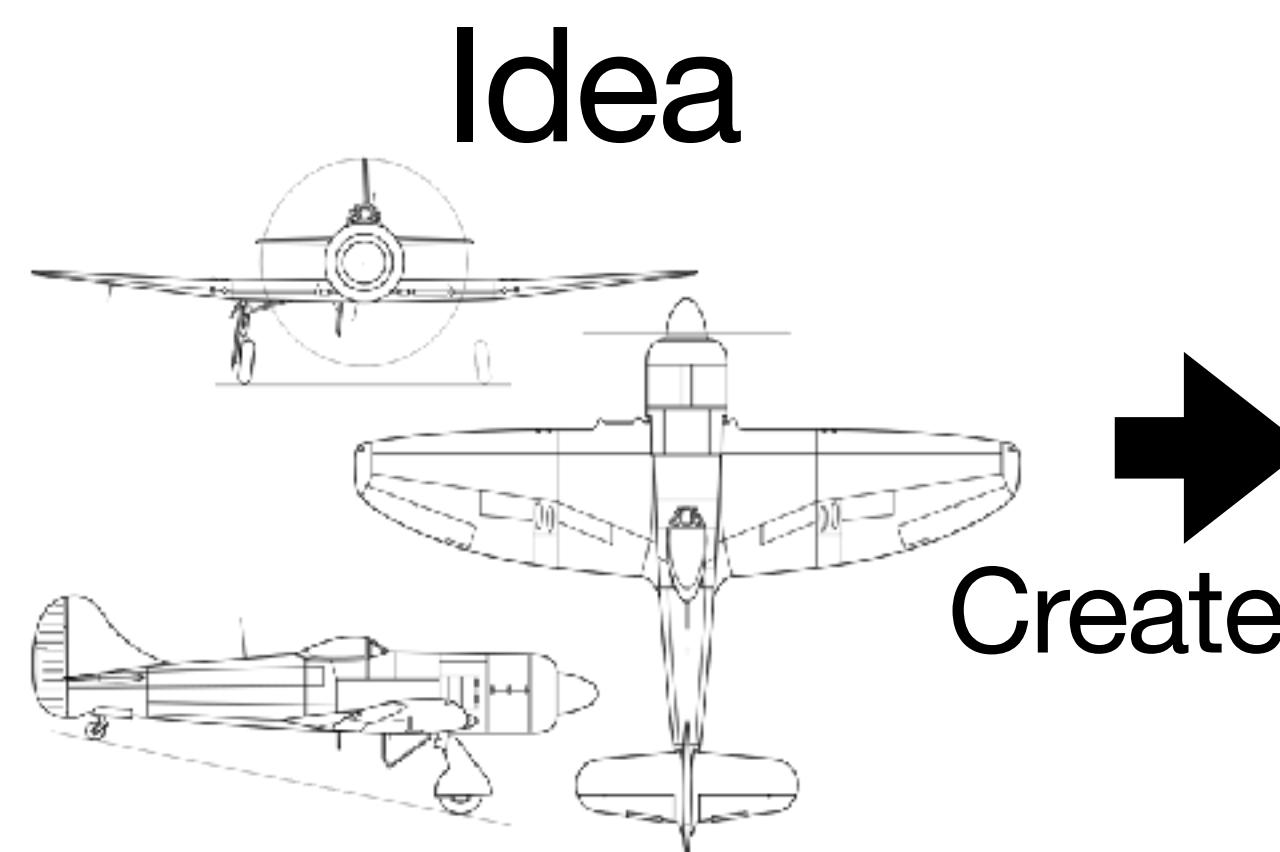
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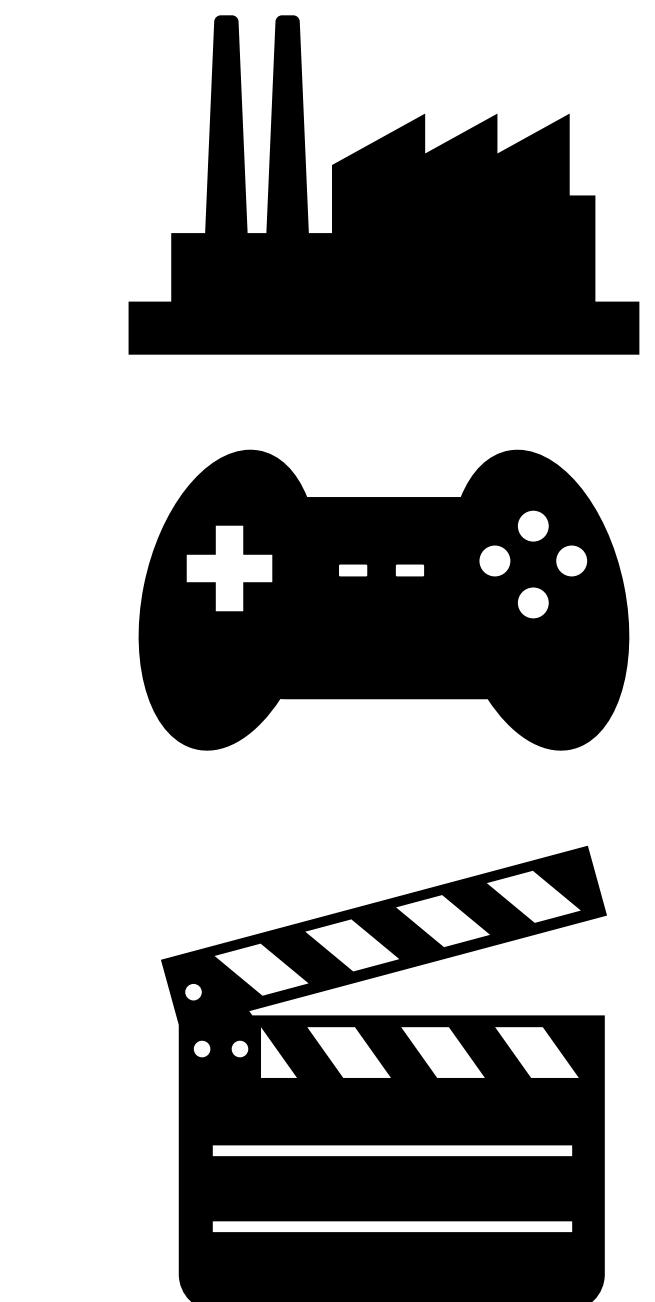
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Geometry Processing is usually done with Mesh



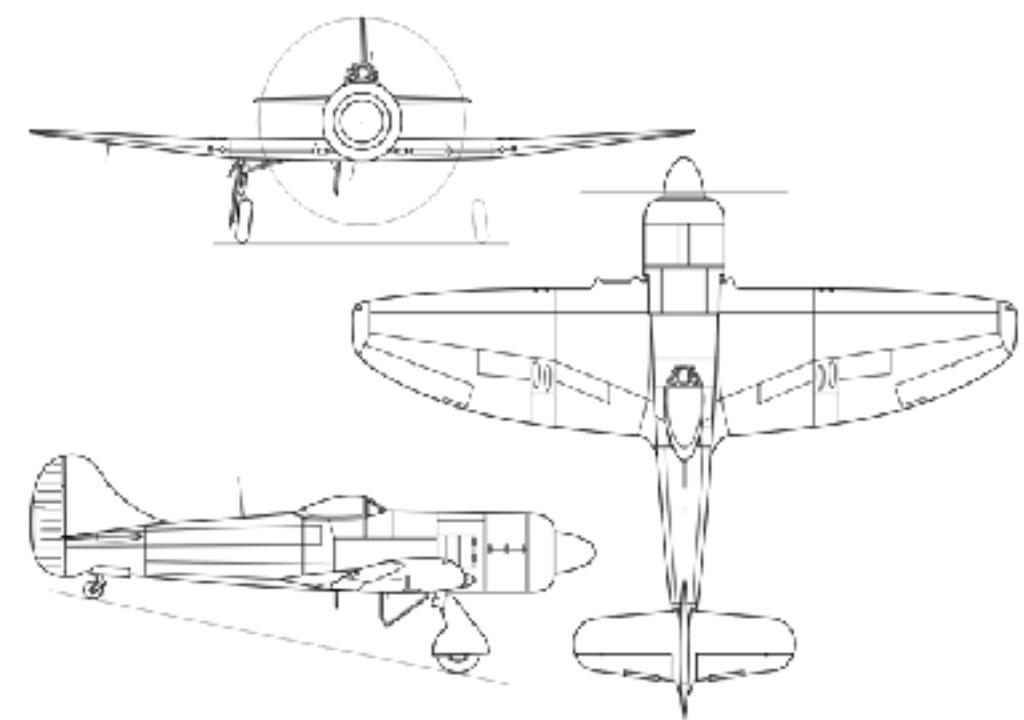
Applications



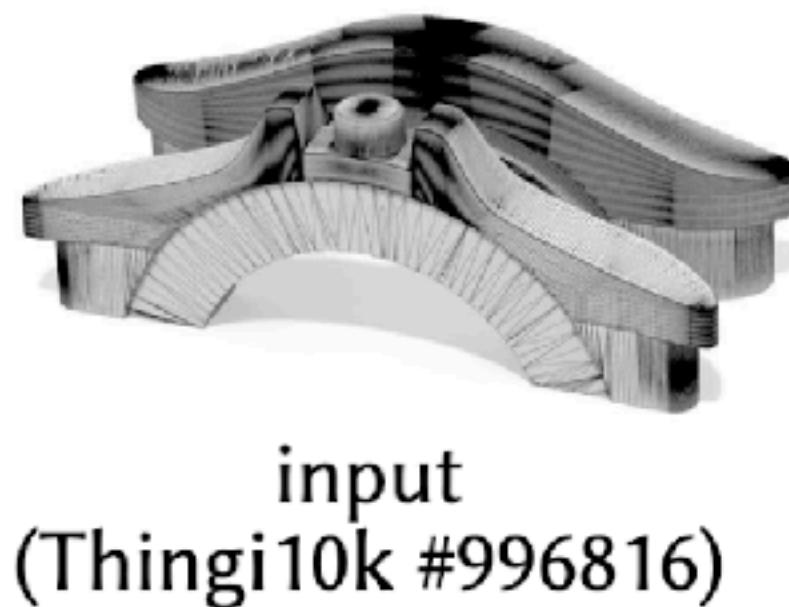
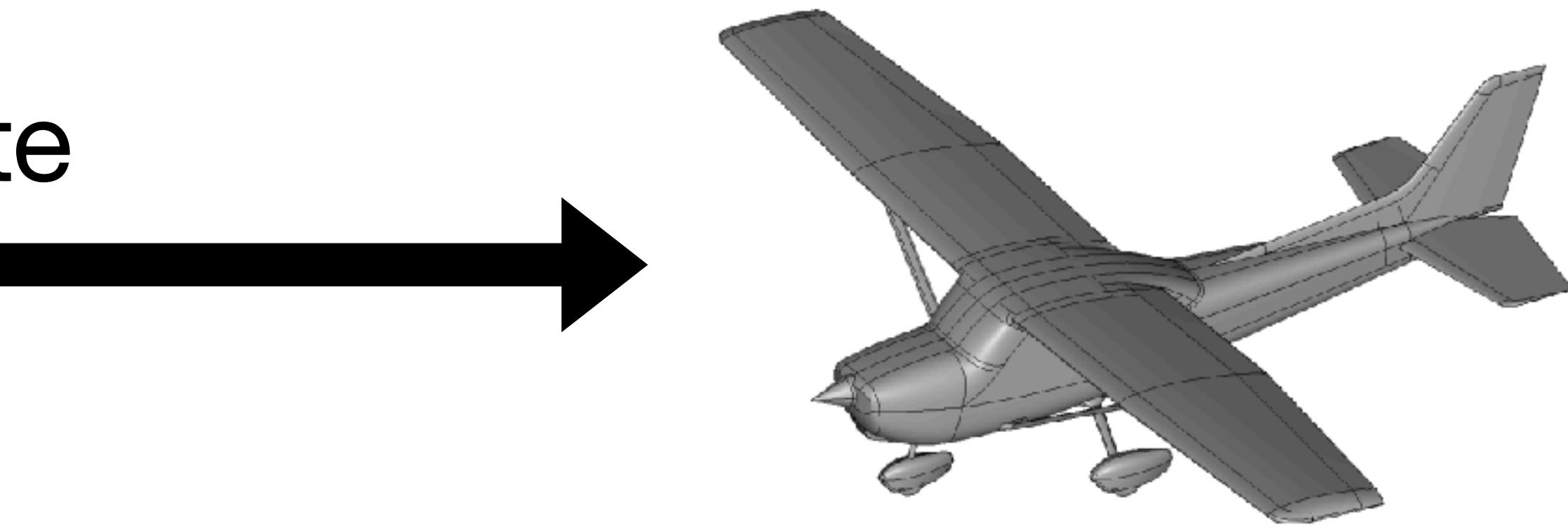
Mesh Creation is Hard

Point clouds,
Sketch,
Image, Ideas,

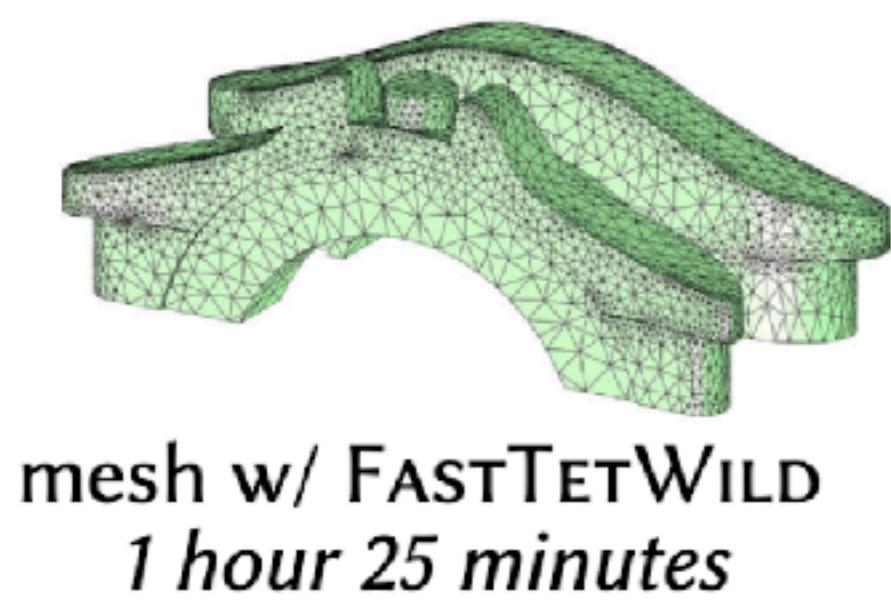
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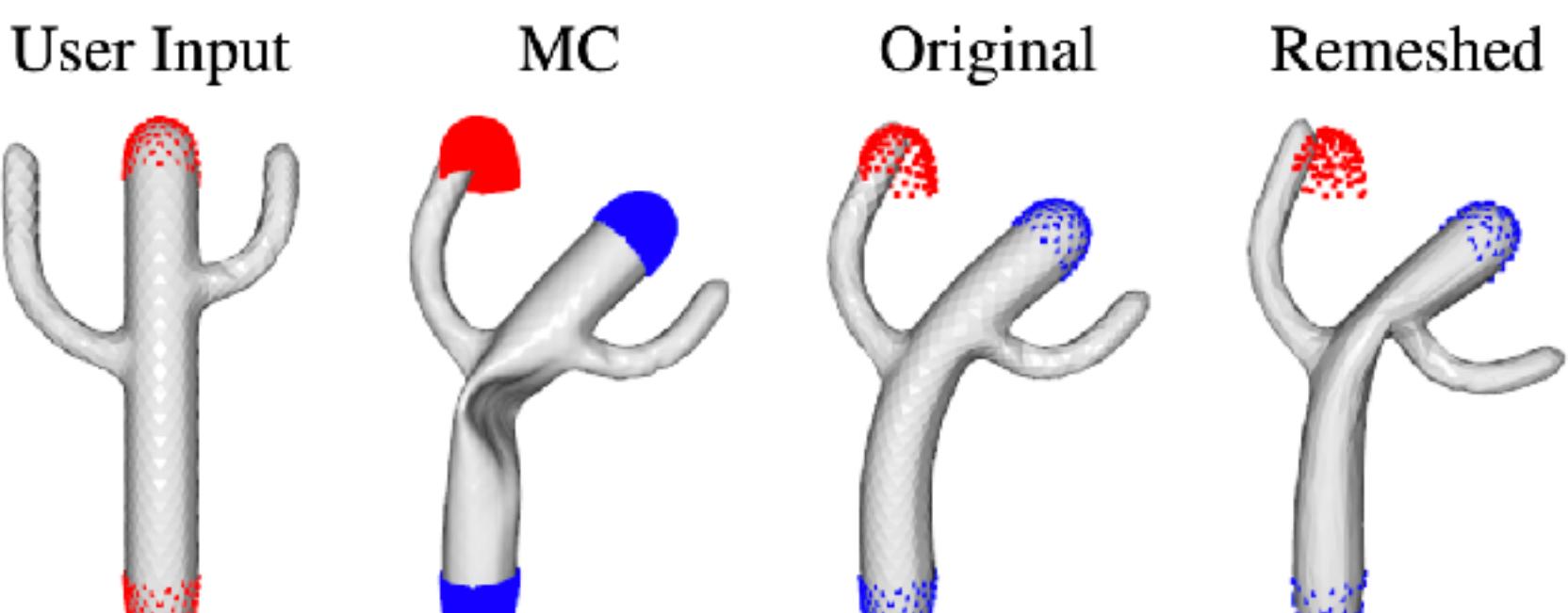
Create



input
(Thingi10k #996816)



(Sawhney et. al., 2020, Sawhney et. al. 2022)



(Yang et. al., 2021)

$$V_1 = \{(x_i^{(1)}, y_i^{(1)}, z_i^{(1)})\}_{i=1}^n$$

$$F_1 = \{(u_j^{(1)}, v_j^{(1)}, w_j^{(1)}) \mid u, v, w \in [1, n]\}_{j=1}^m$$

*"I hate meshes.
I cannot believe how hard this is.
Geometry is hard."*

—David Baraff
Senior Research Scientist
Pixar Animation Studios

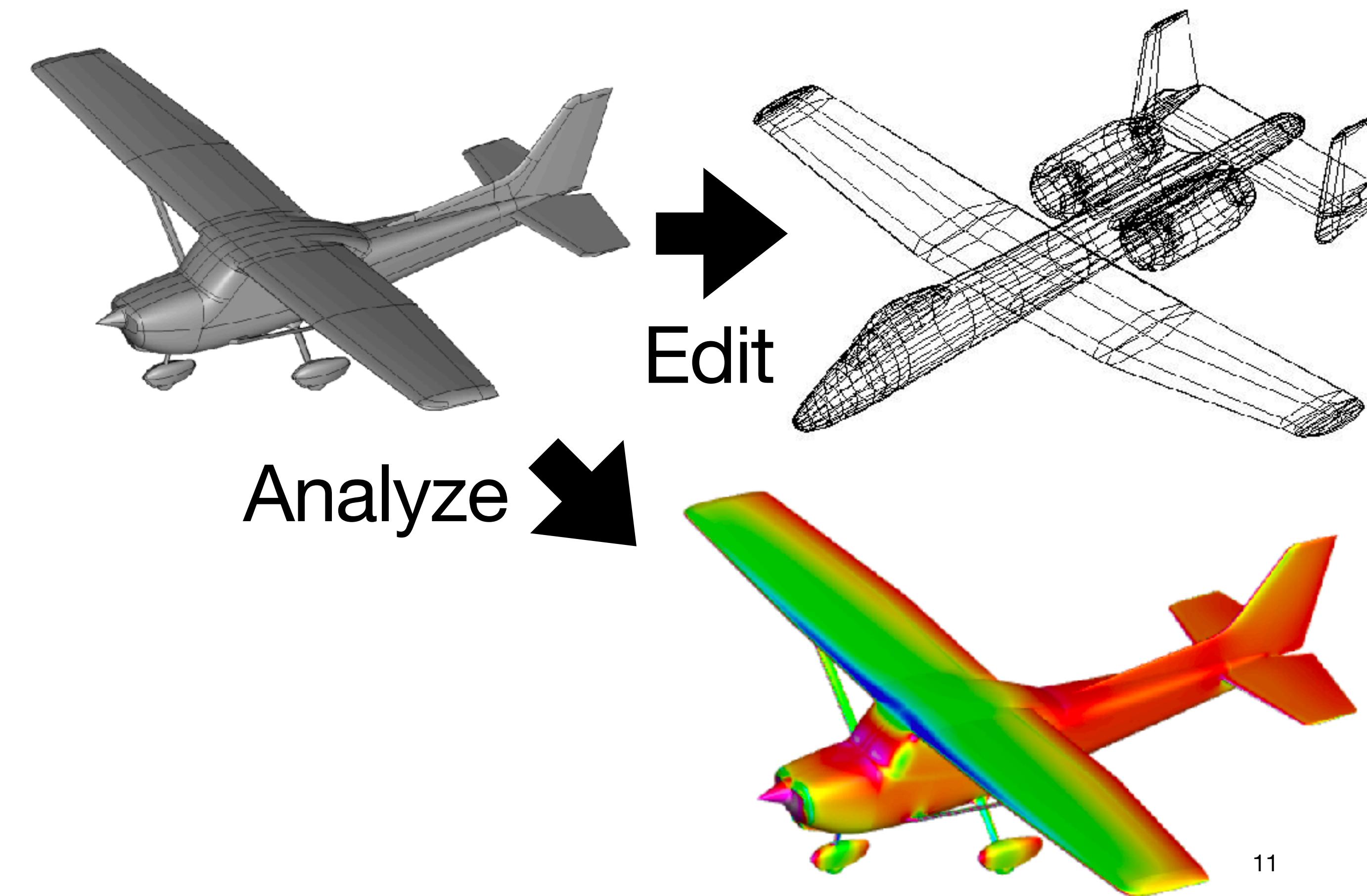
Credit to Prof. Keenan Crane, Monte Carlo Geometry Processing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

Mesh Editing and Analysis are also Difficult

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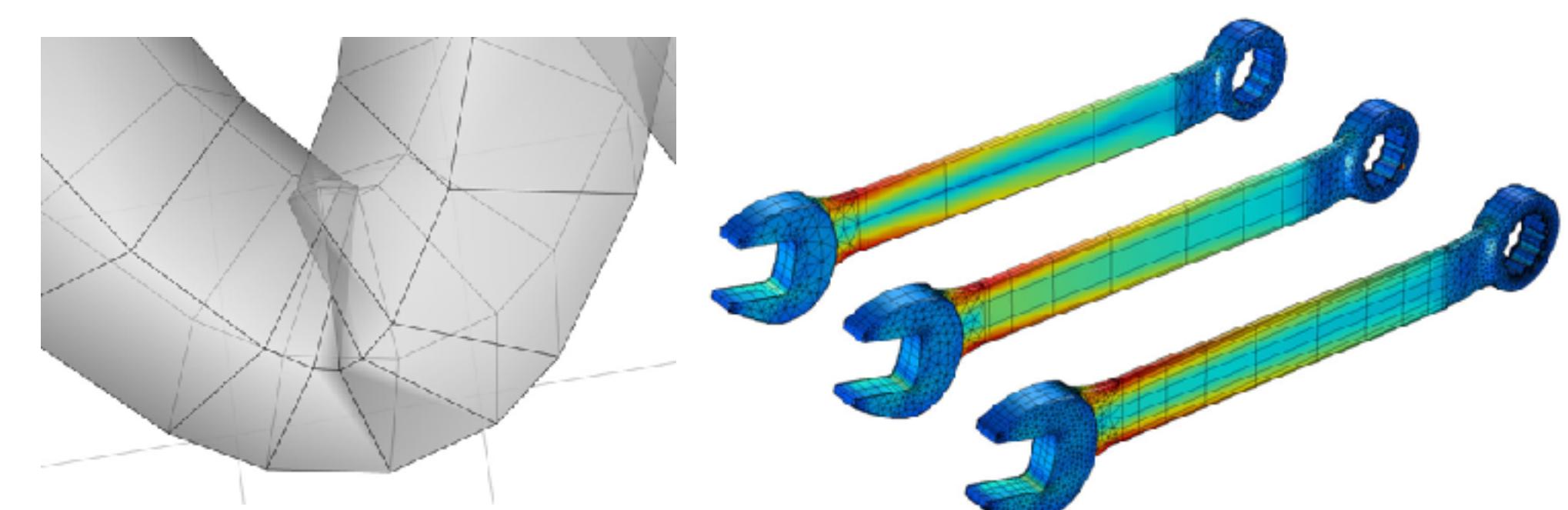
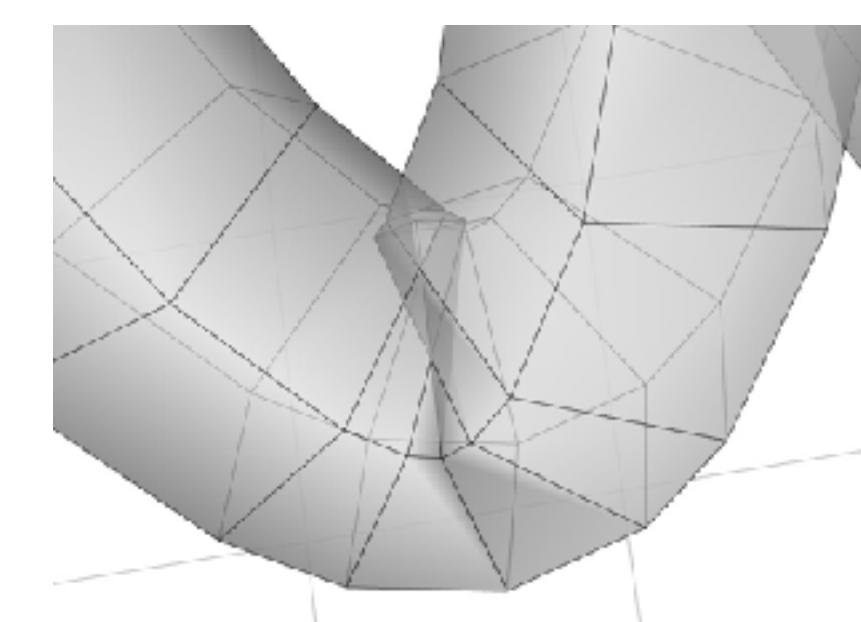
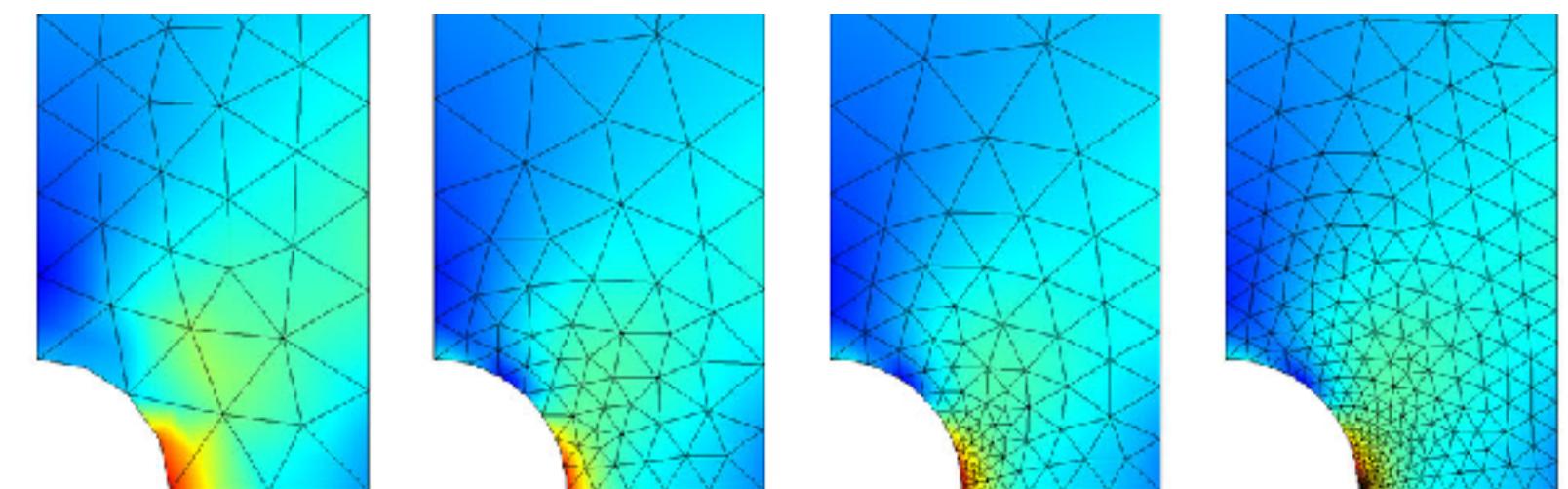


Topological changes



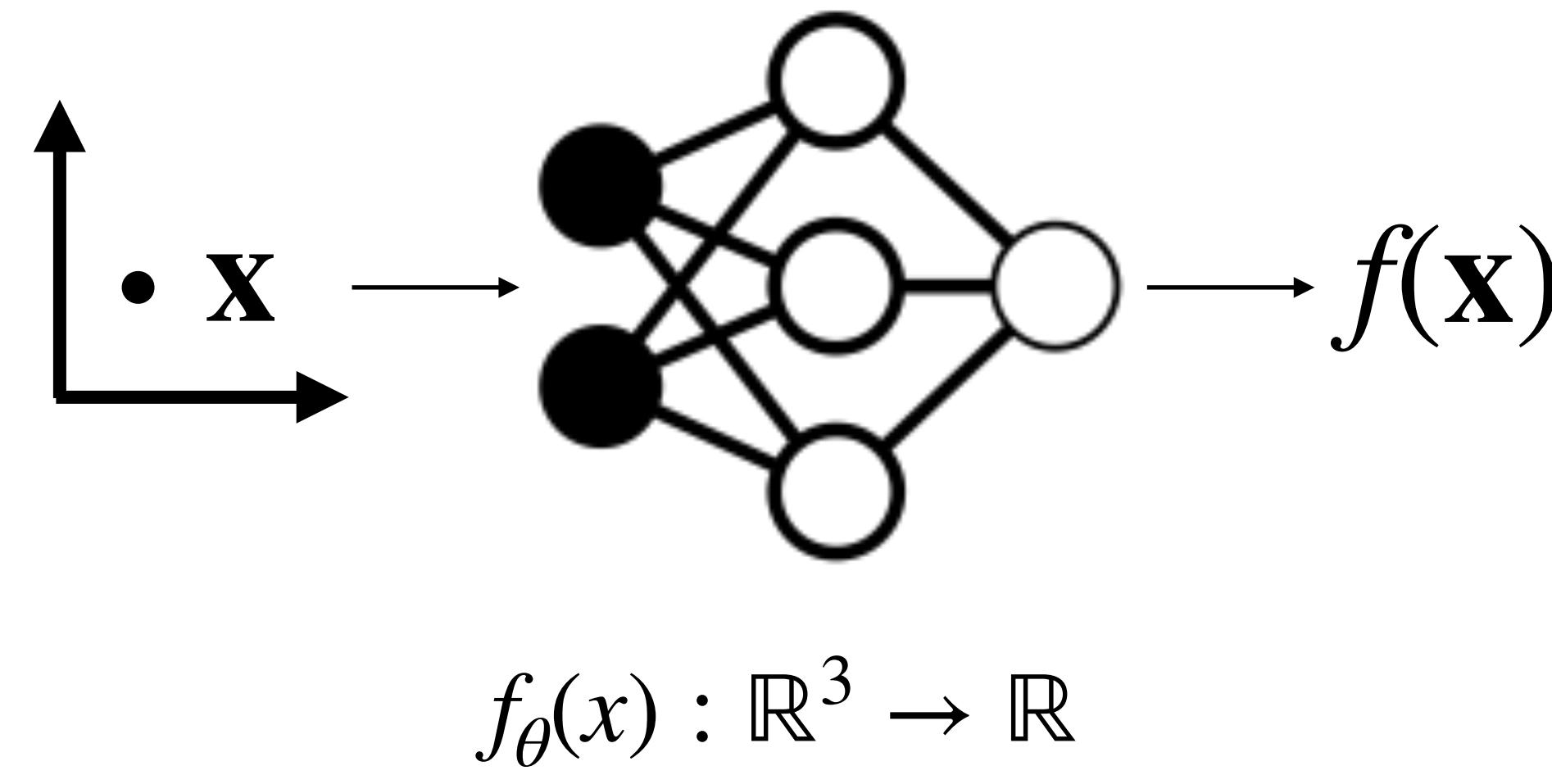
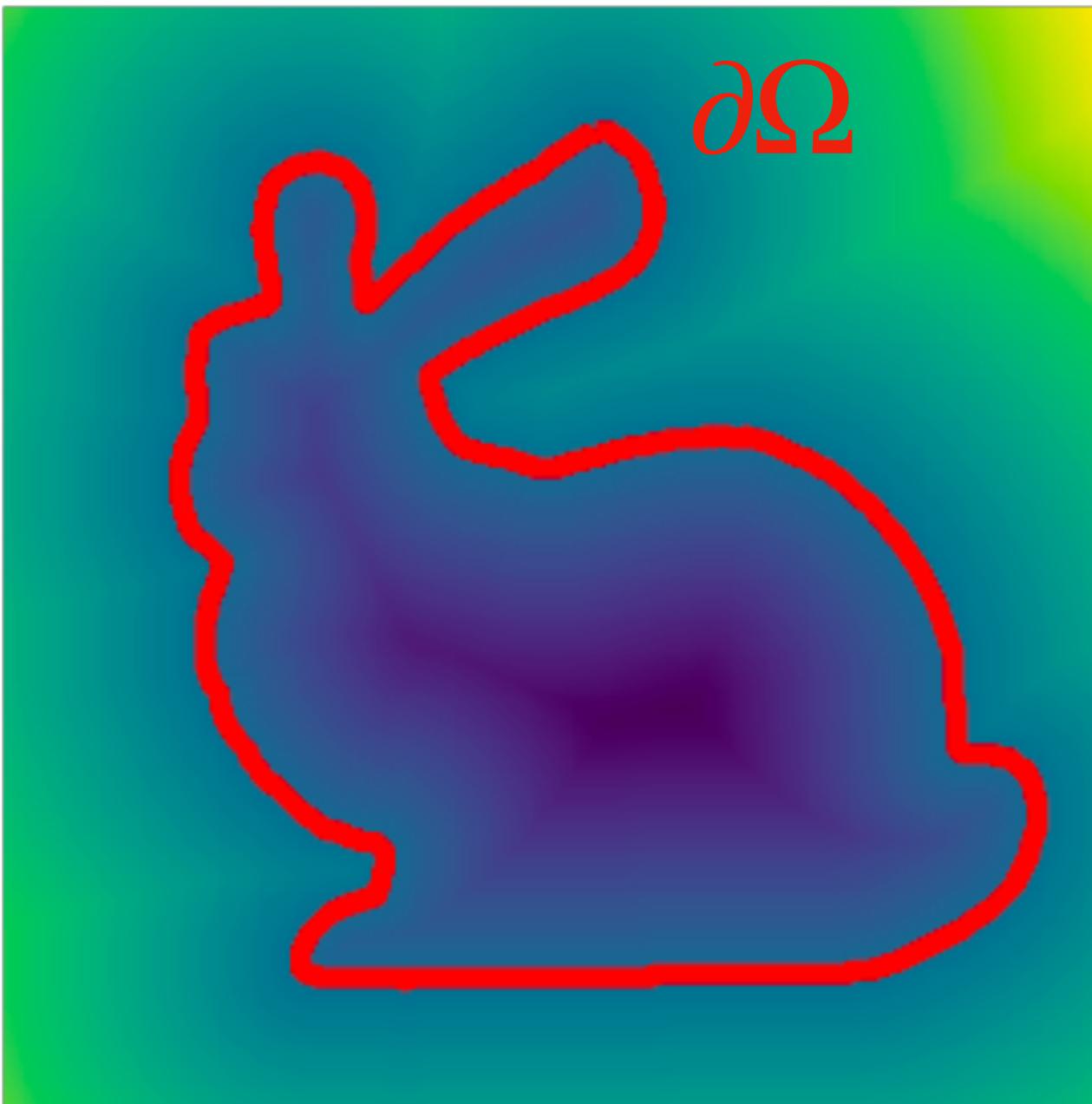
(Liu et. al., SIG 22')

Sensitive to discretization



Can we use a different representation?

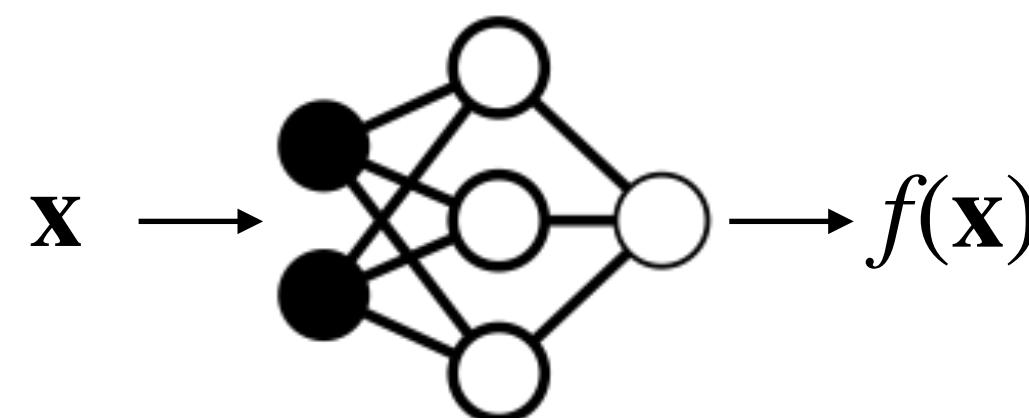
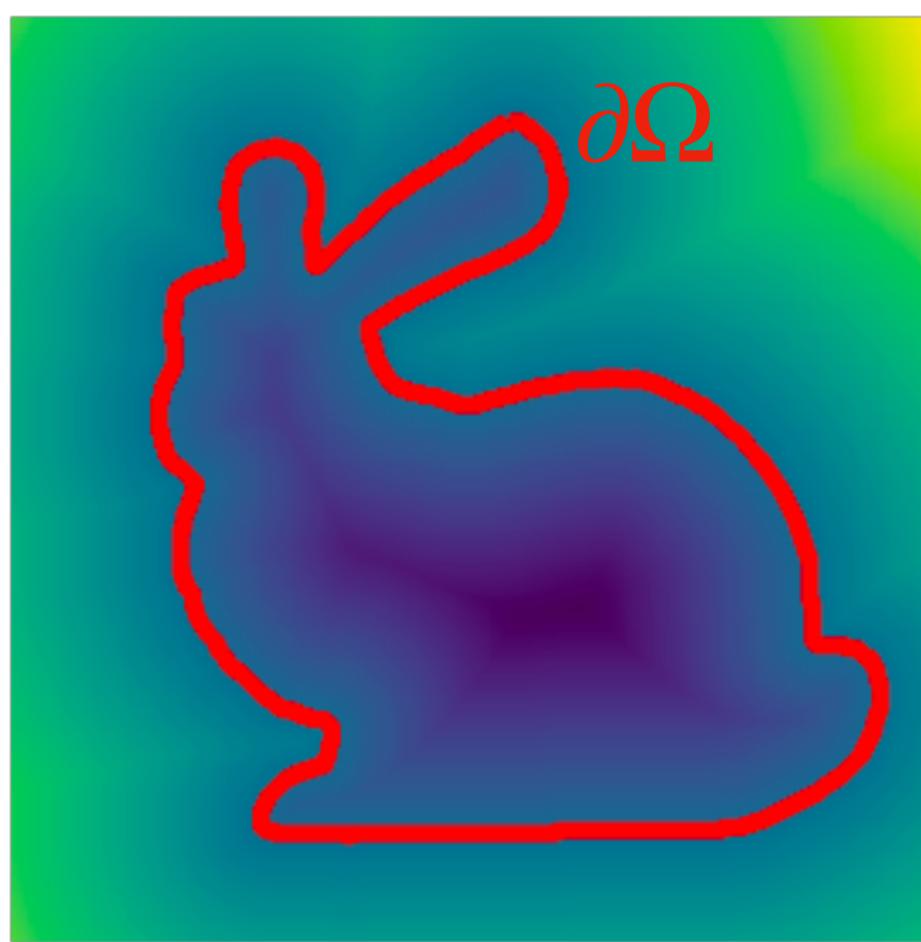
Neural Fields



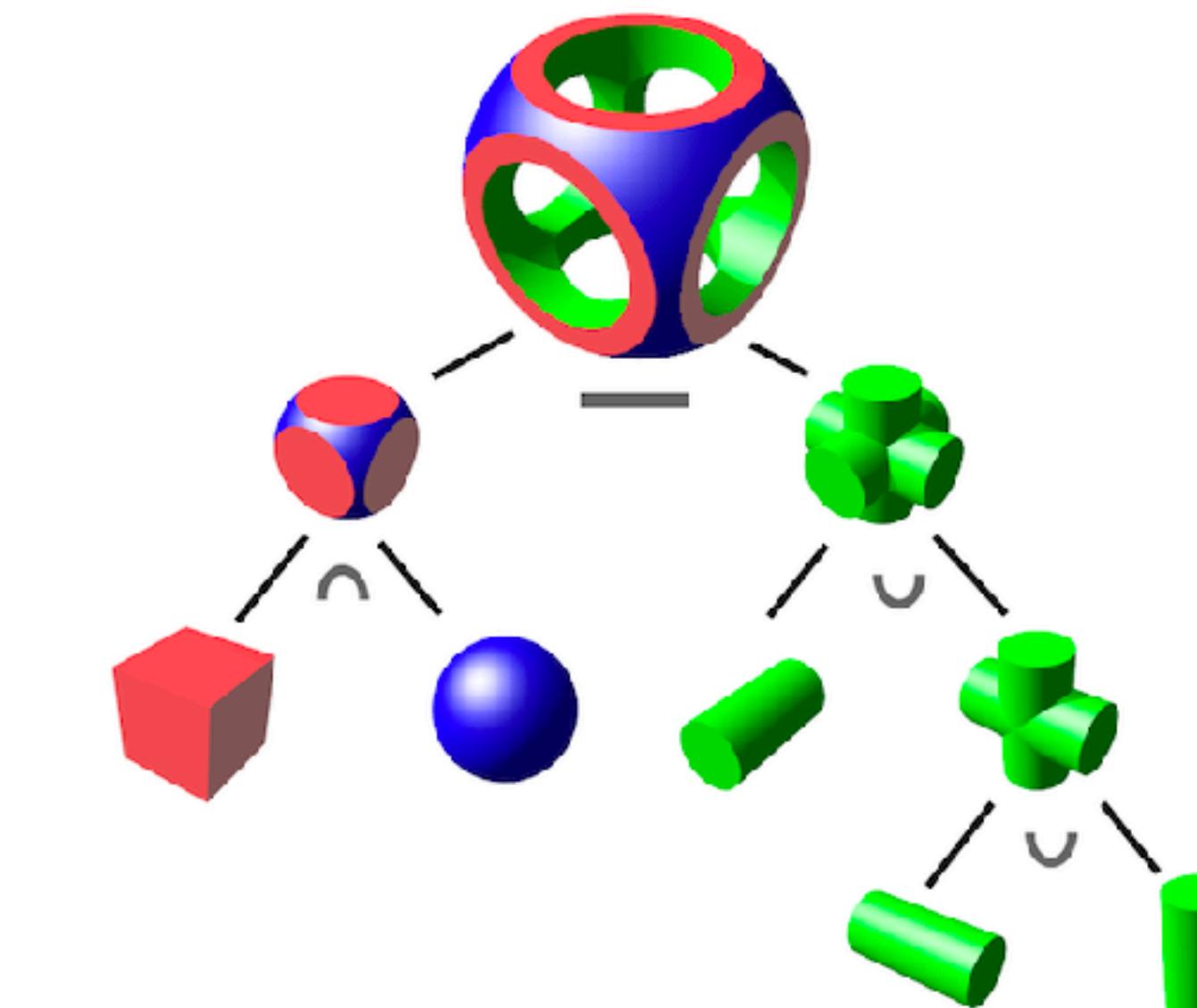
$$f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\partial\Omega = \{\mathbf{x} \mid f(\mathbf{x}) = c\}$$

Neural Fields



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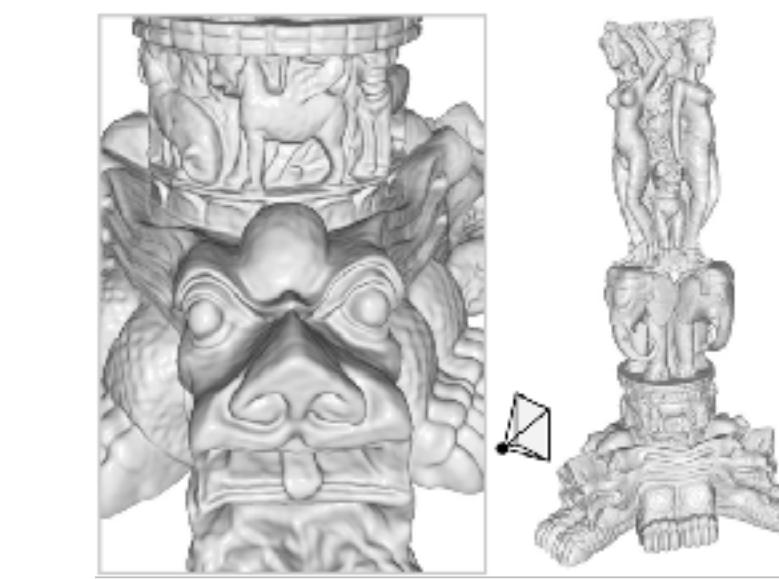


✓ **Topological changes**



✓ **Compact**

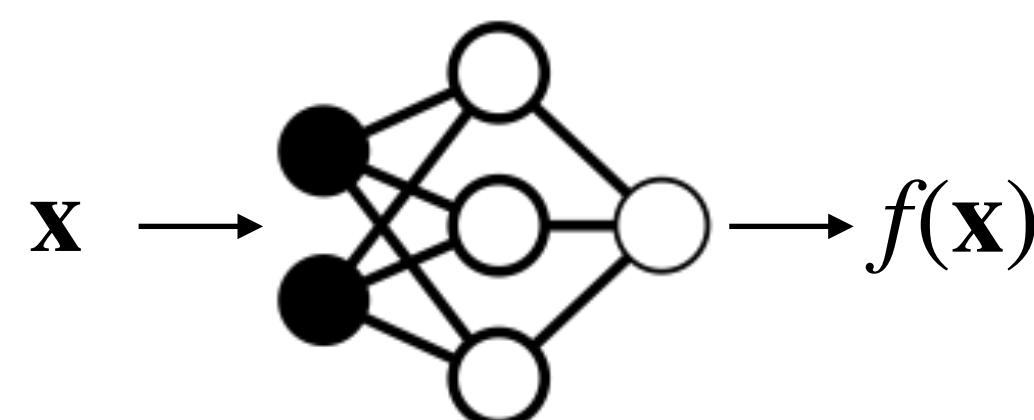
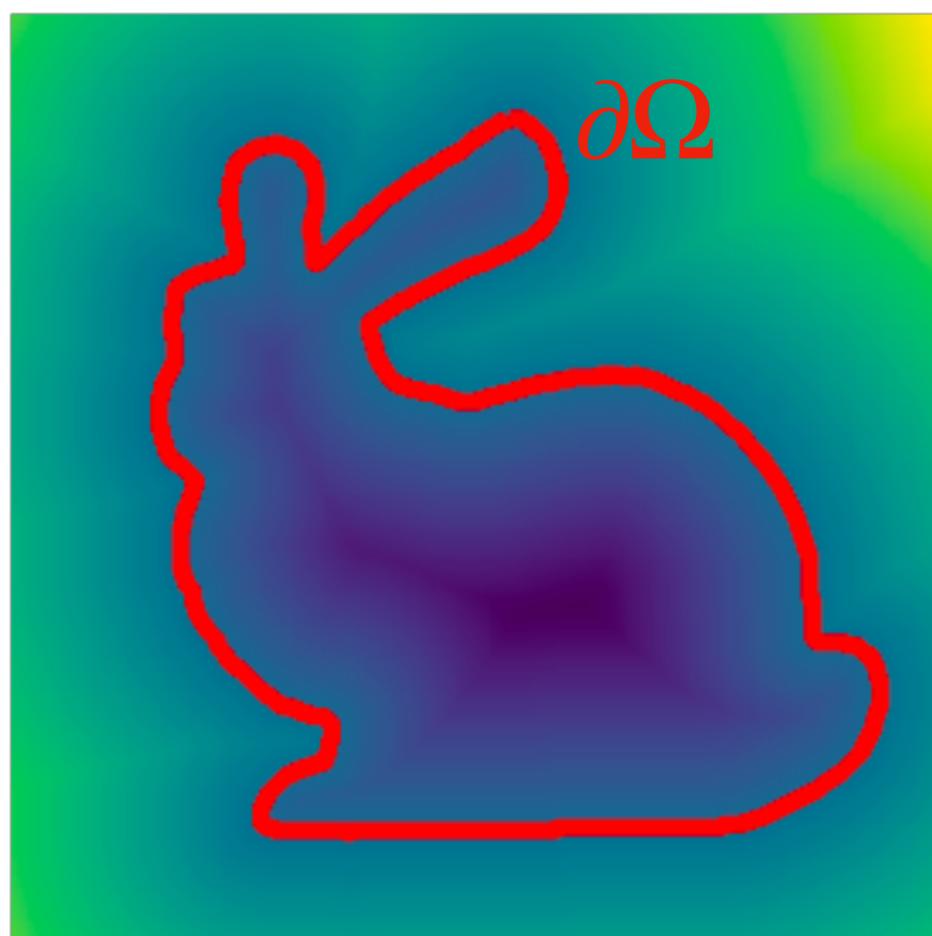
(Davies et al., 2020, Martel et al., 2021,
Mescheder et al., 2021)



✓ **High fidelity**

(Sitzmann et al., 2020, Martel et al., 2021,
Park et al., 2019)

Neural Fields

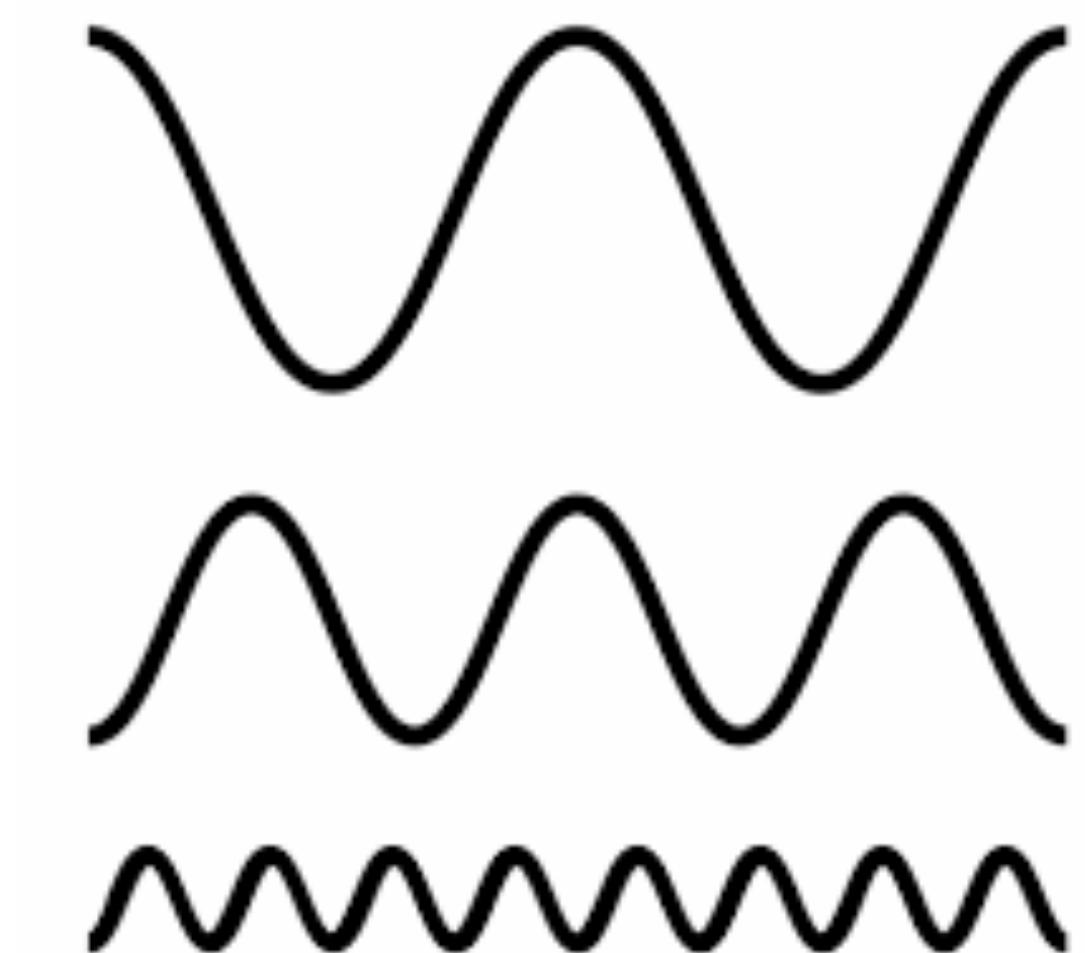


Neural Fields



**Easy to optimize
(with Deep Learning
Frameworks)**

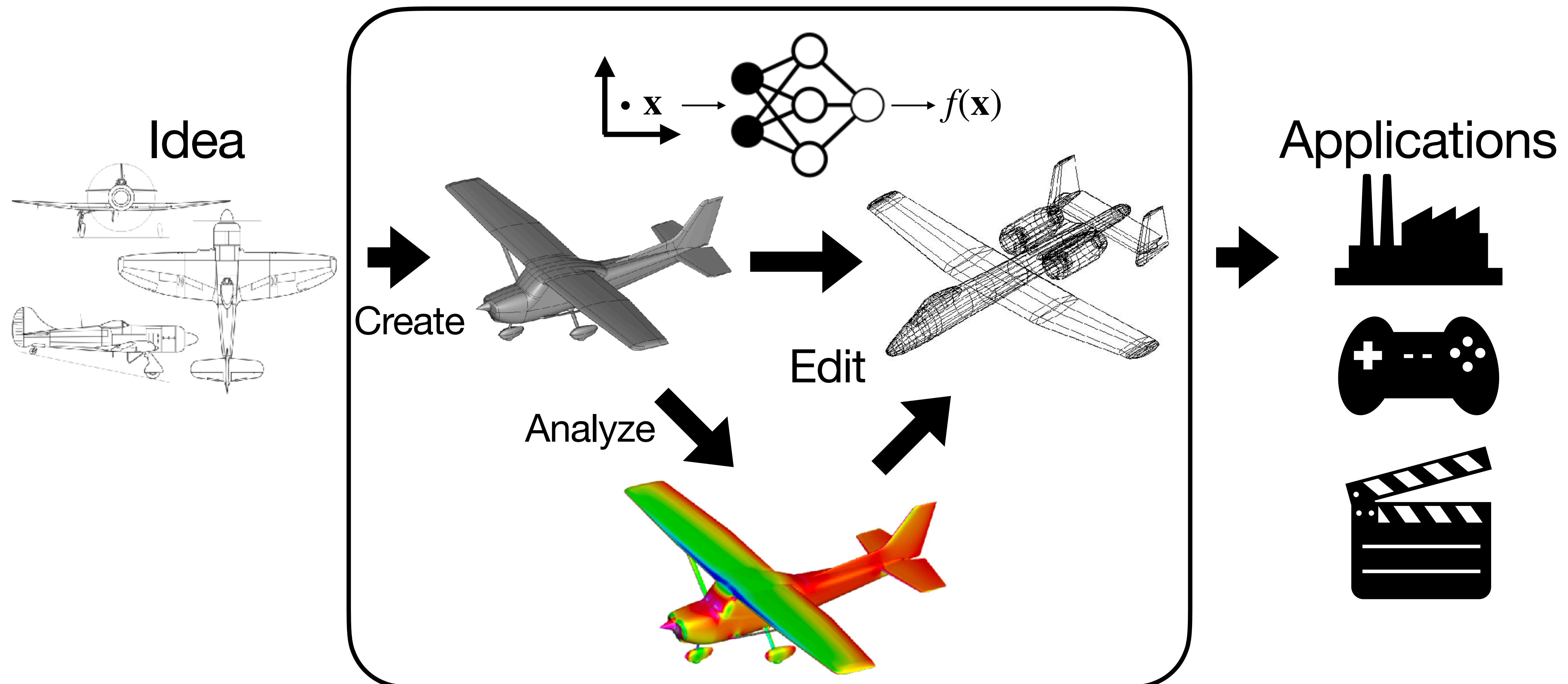
(Sitzmann et al., 2020,
Lindel et al., 2021, Tancik et al., 2022)



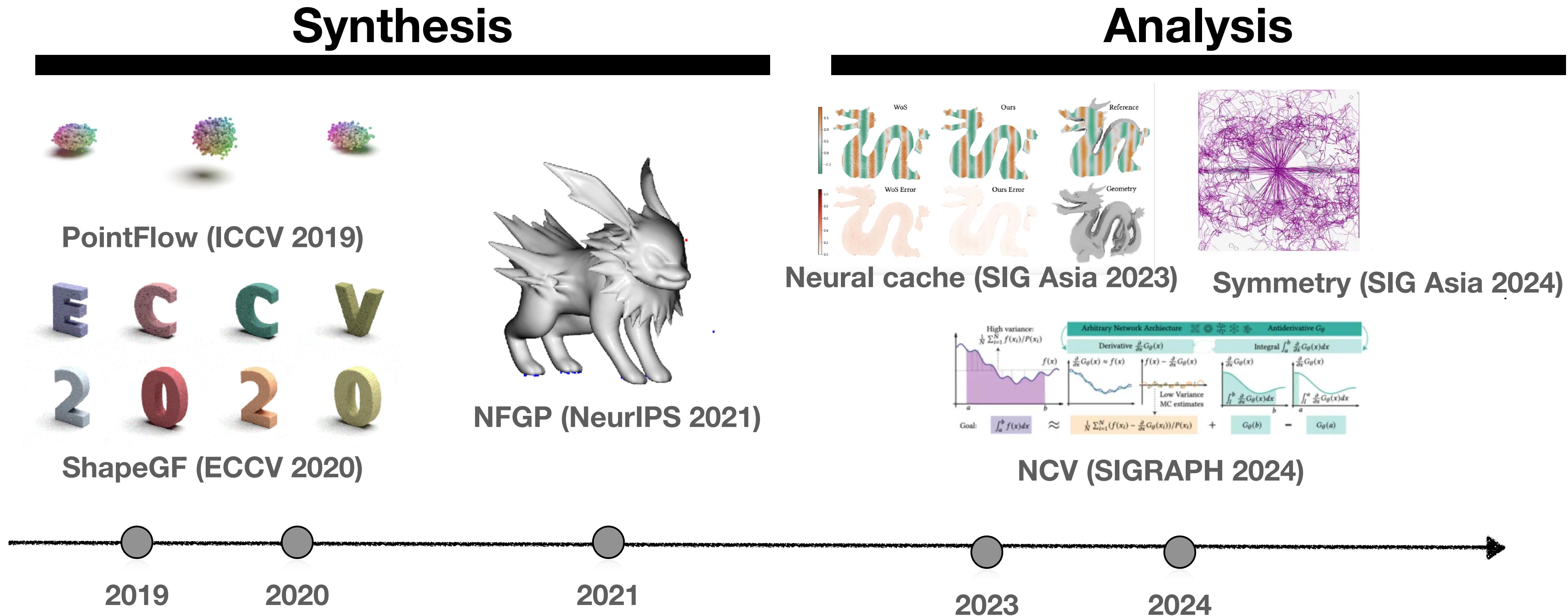
**Continuous, avoid explicit
discretization, and easy
access to gradient**

(Yang et al., 2022)

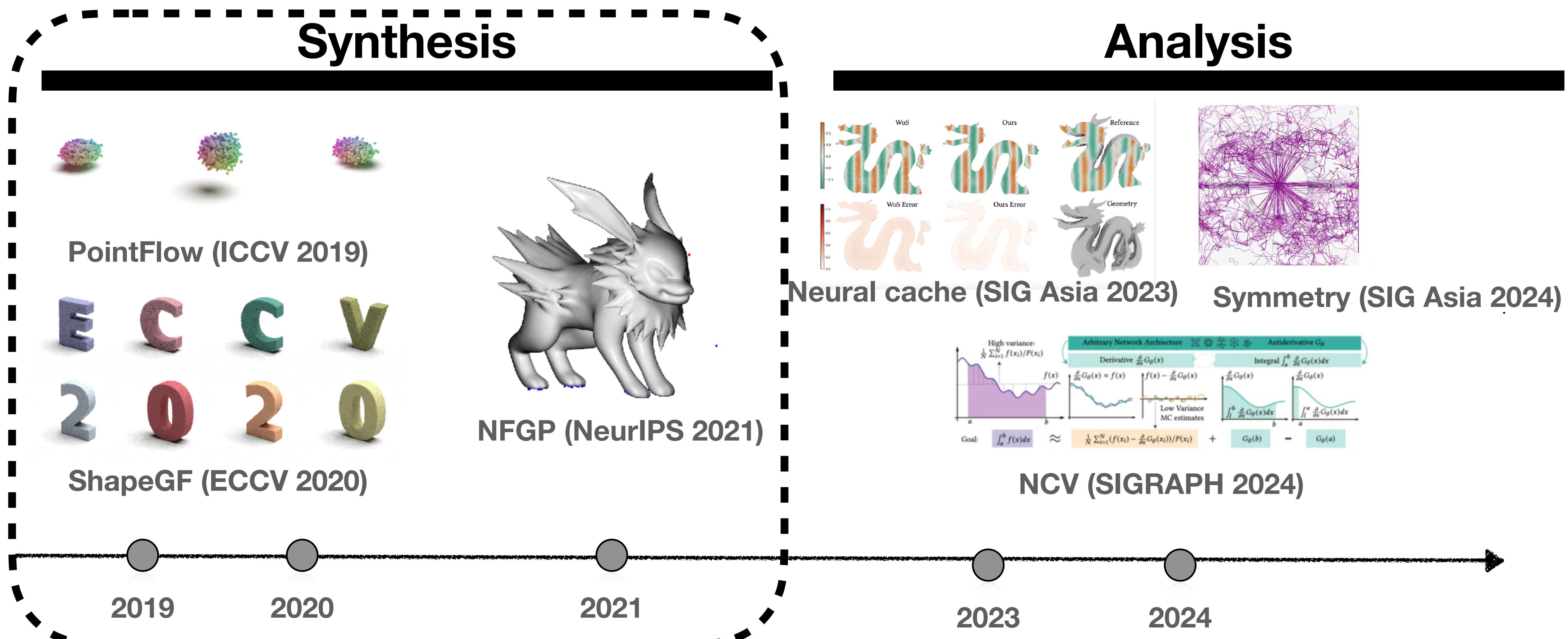
Geometry Processing with Neural Fields



Today's Agenda



Synthesis - Generation

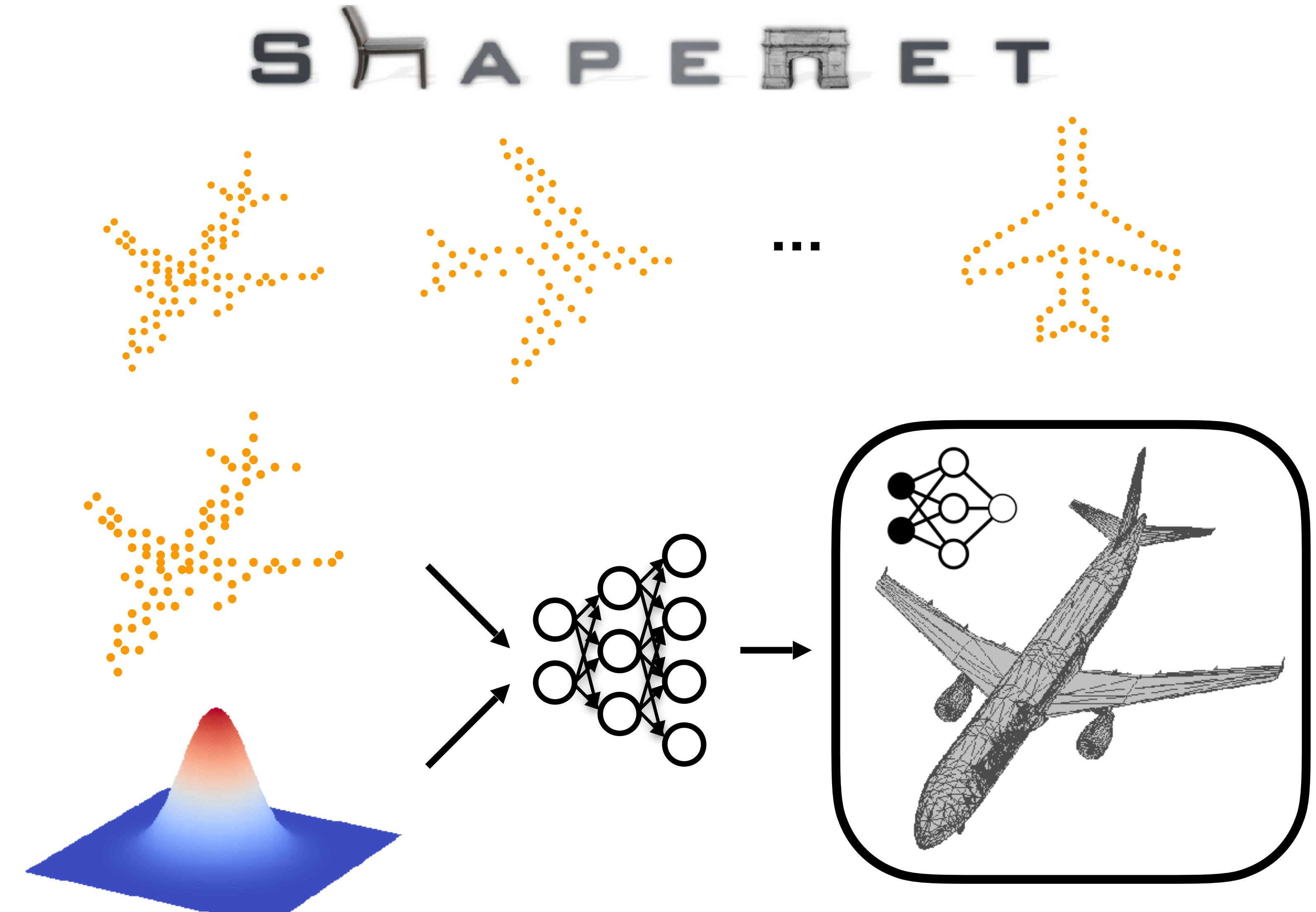


Problem Set-up: Shape Generation

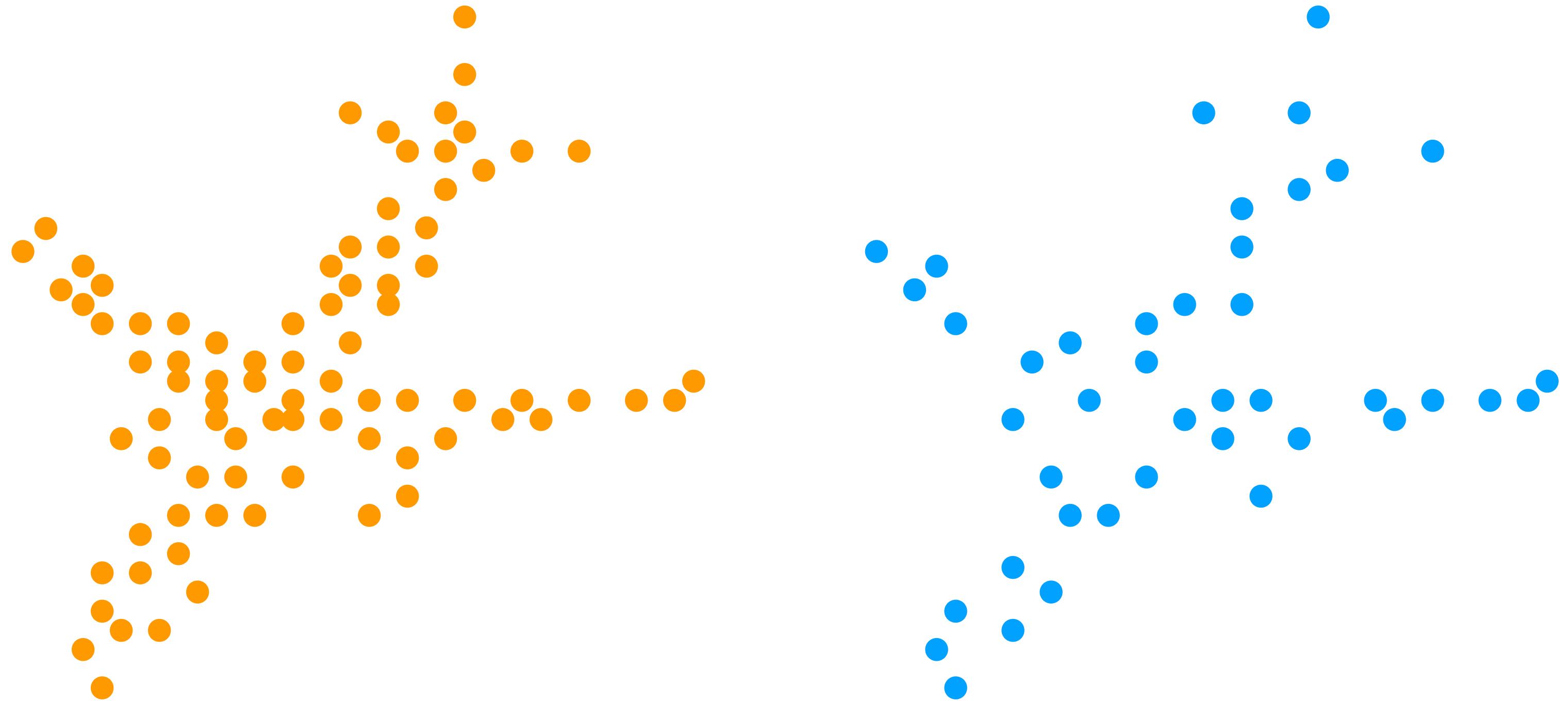
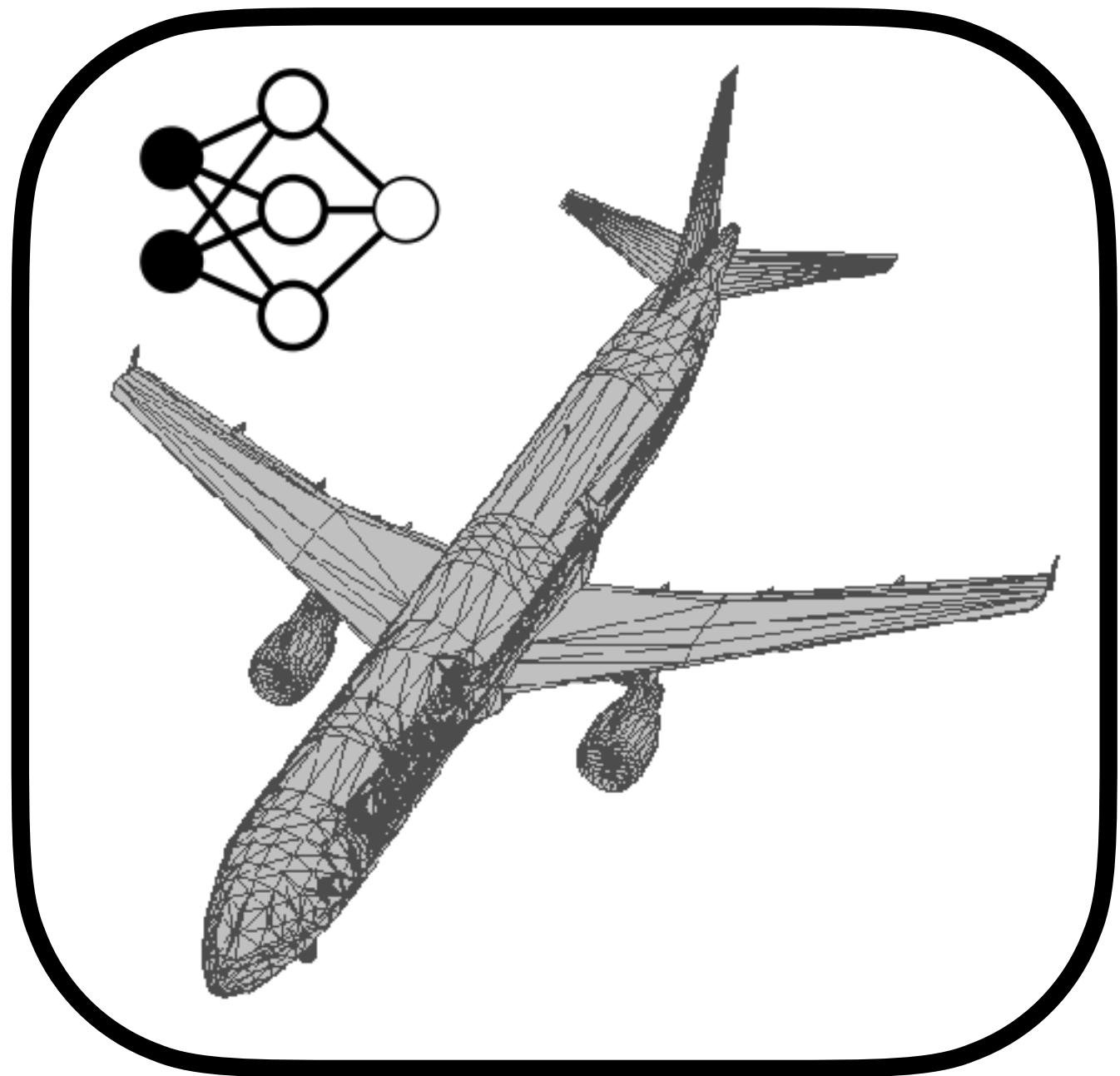
Training

(A collection of
3D point clouds)

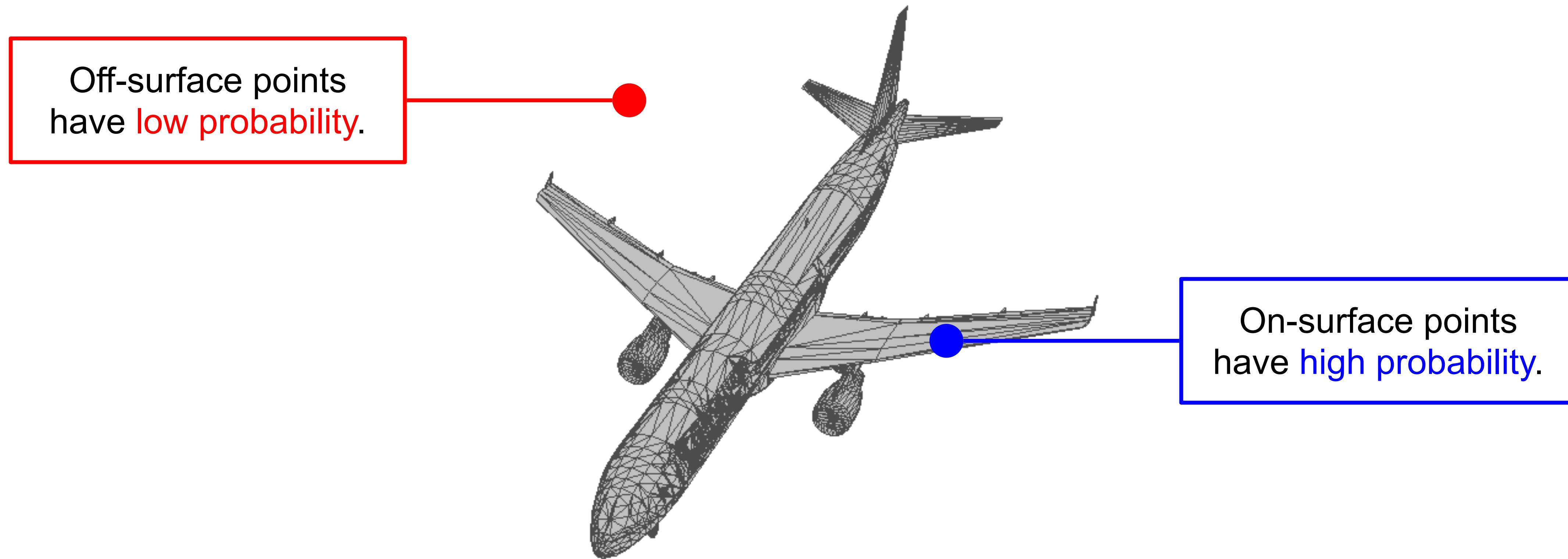
Testing



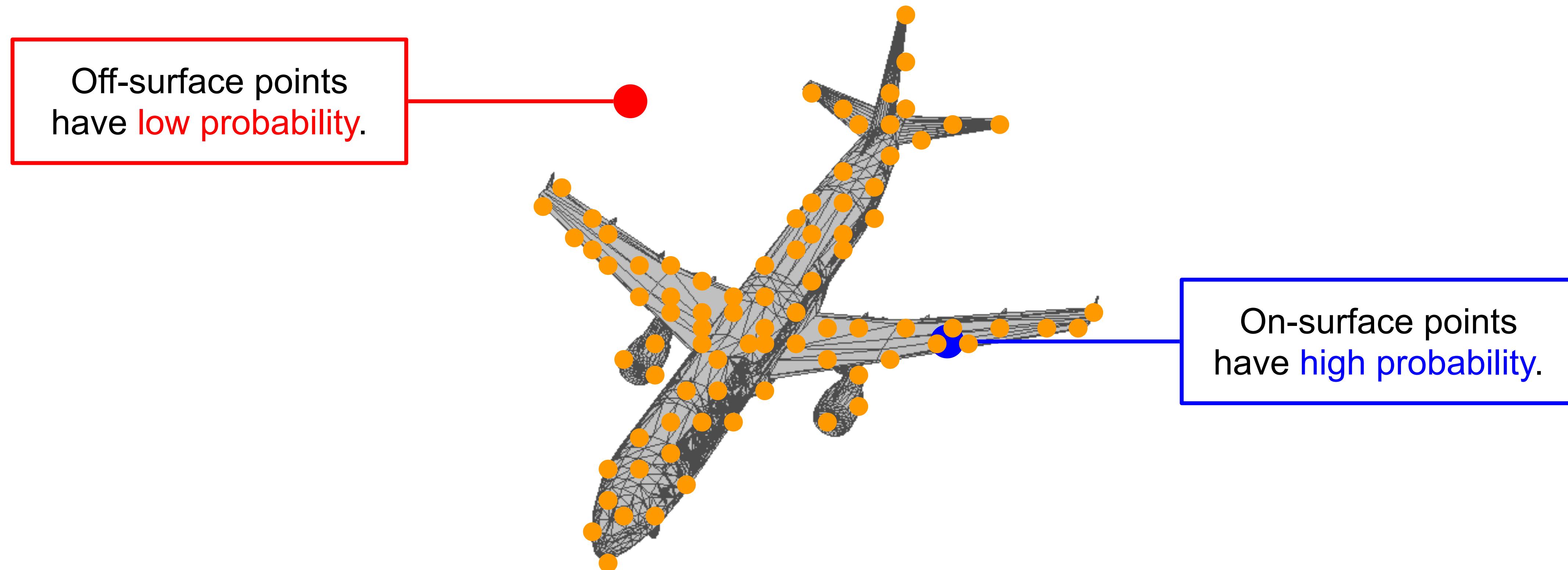
Representation for Arbitrary Size Point Clouds



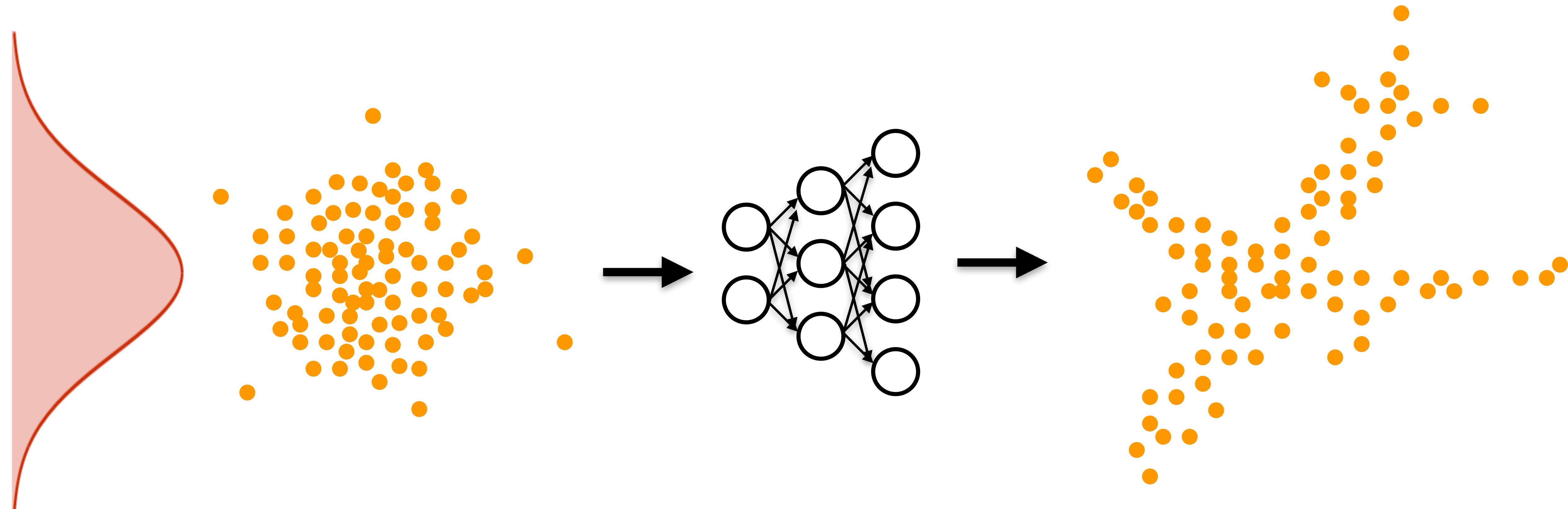
Each shape is a distribution of 3D points.
(i.e. shape as a 3D density field)



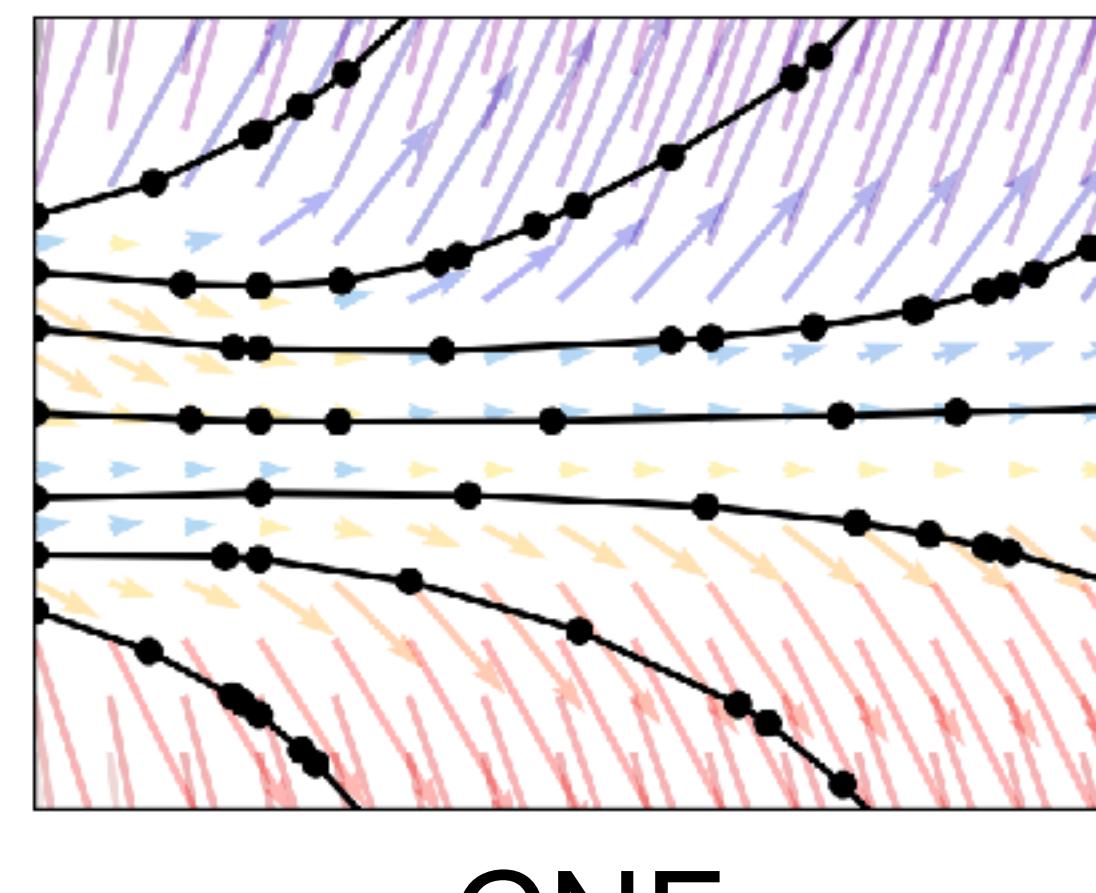
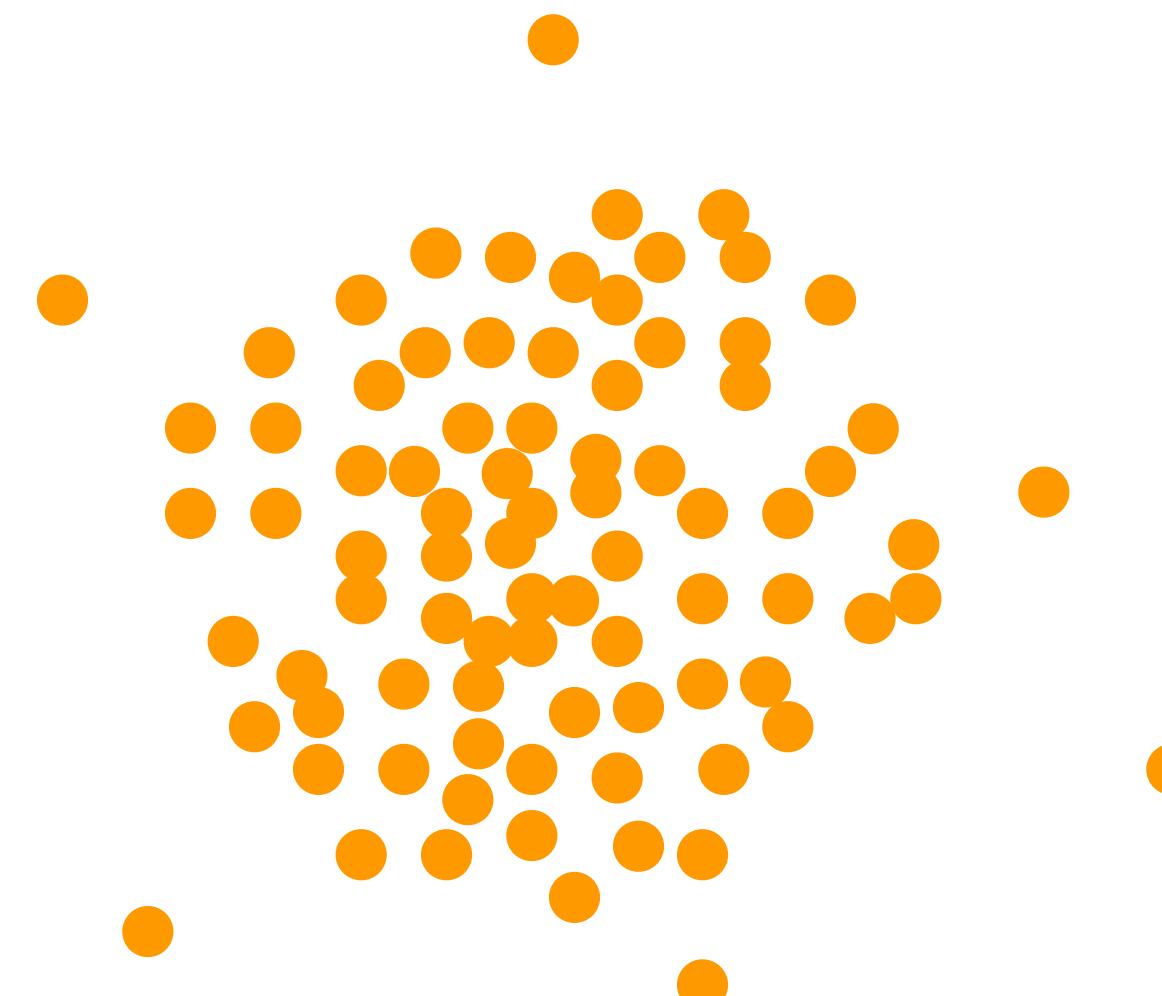
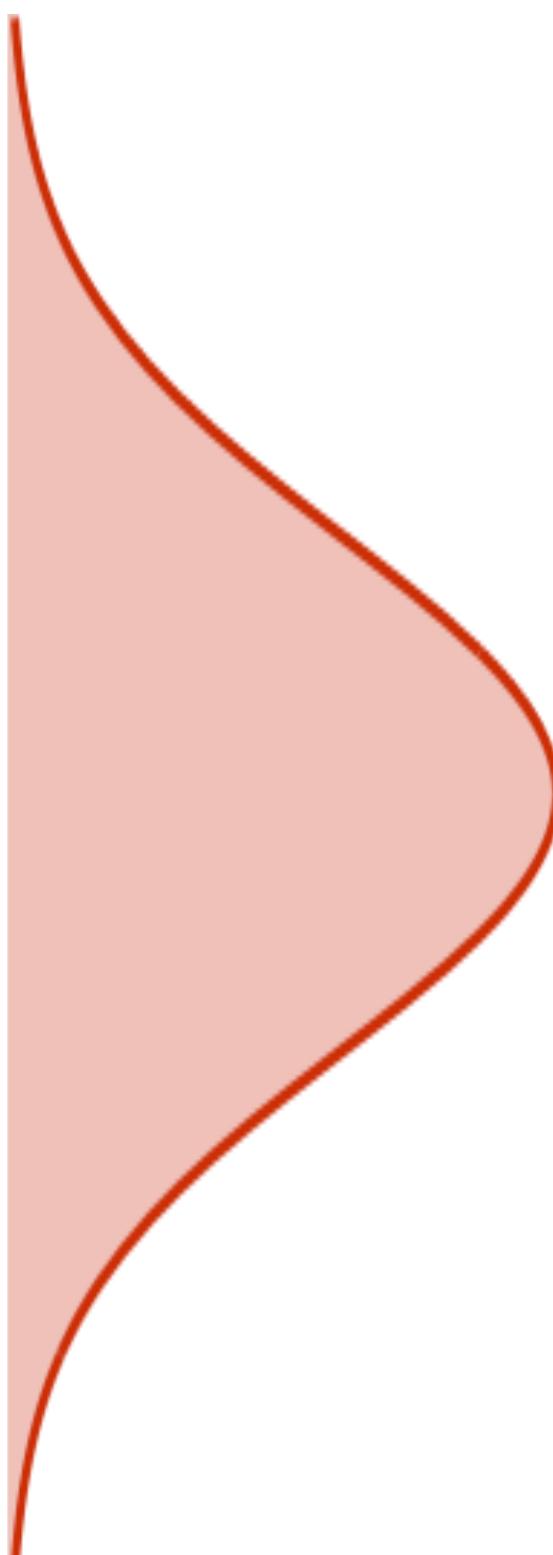
Point cloud is a sampled from such distribution



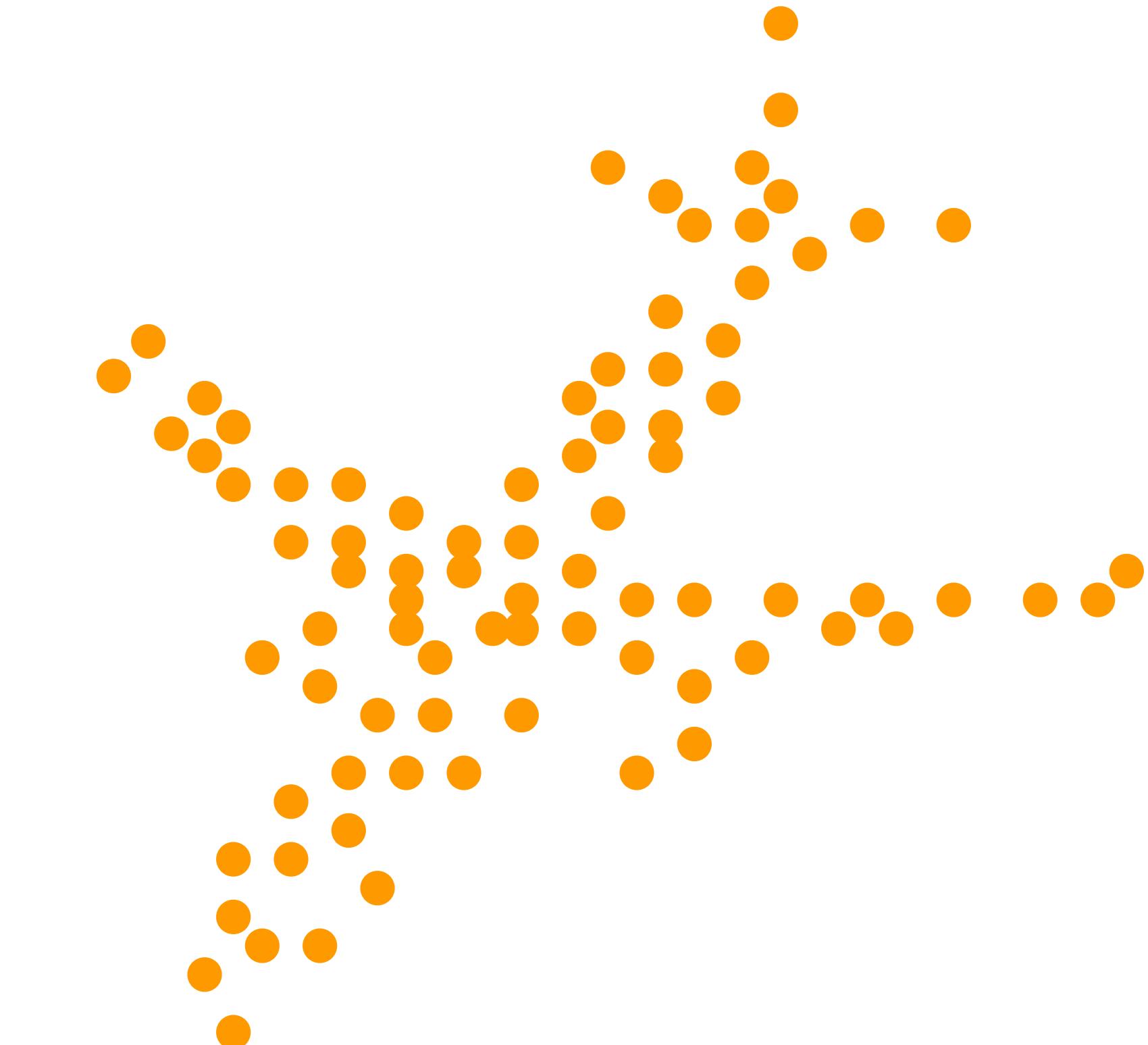
Transforming a Gaussian to a Shape



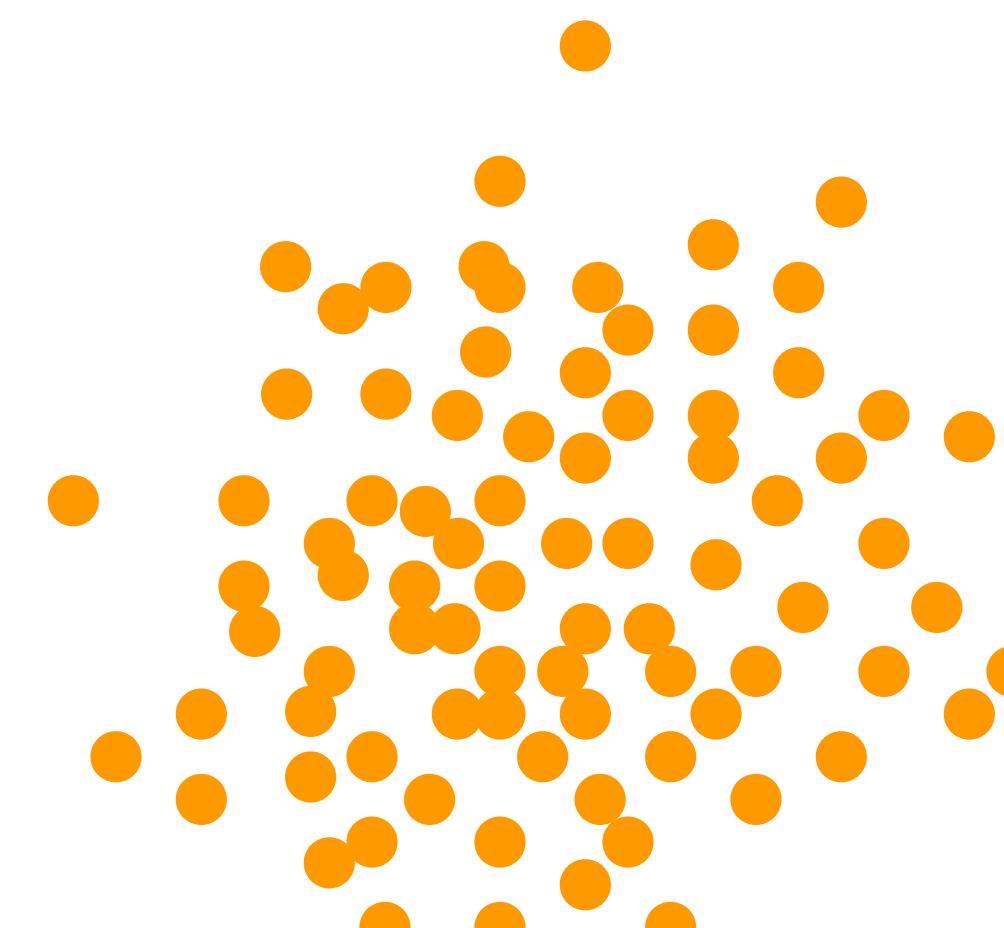
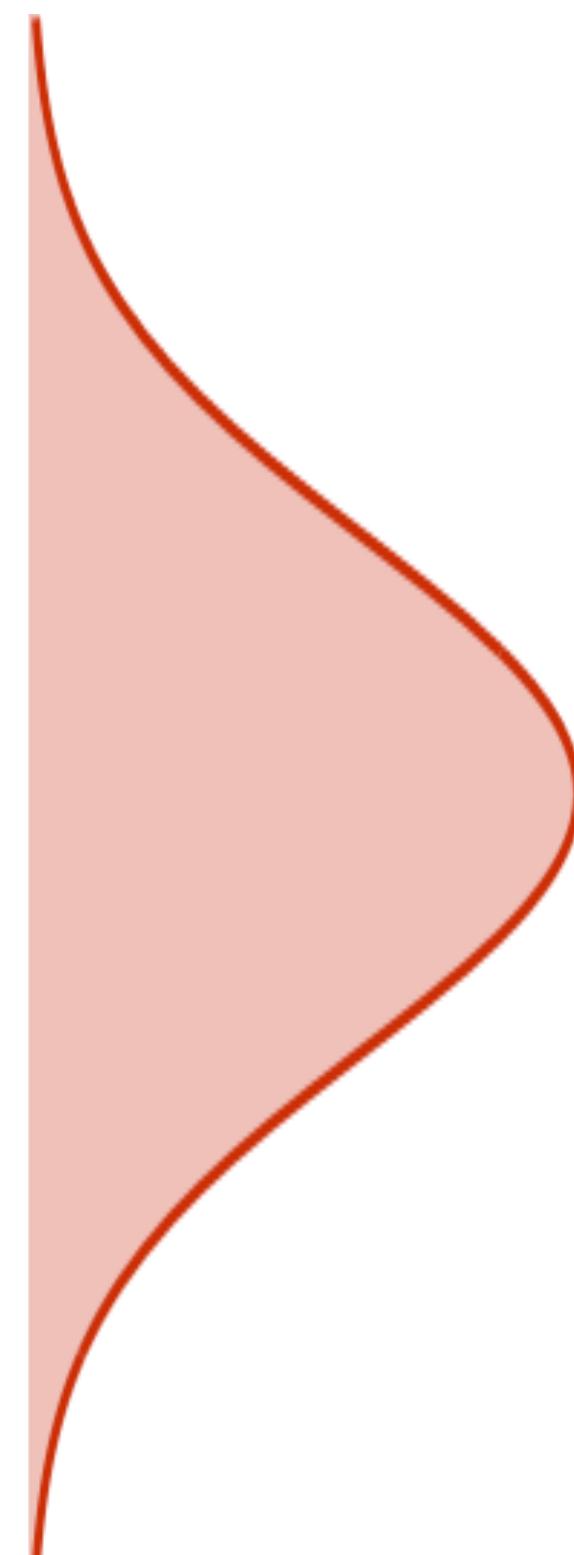
Transforming a Gaussian to a Shape



(Chen et al., 2018)

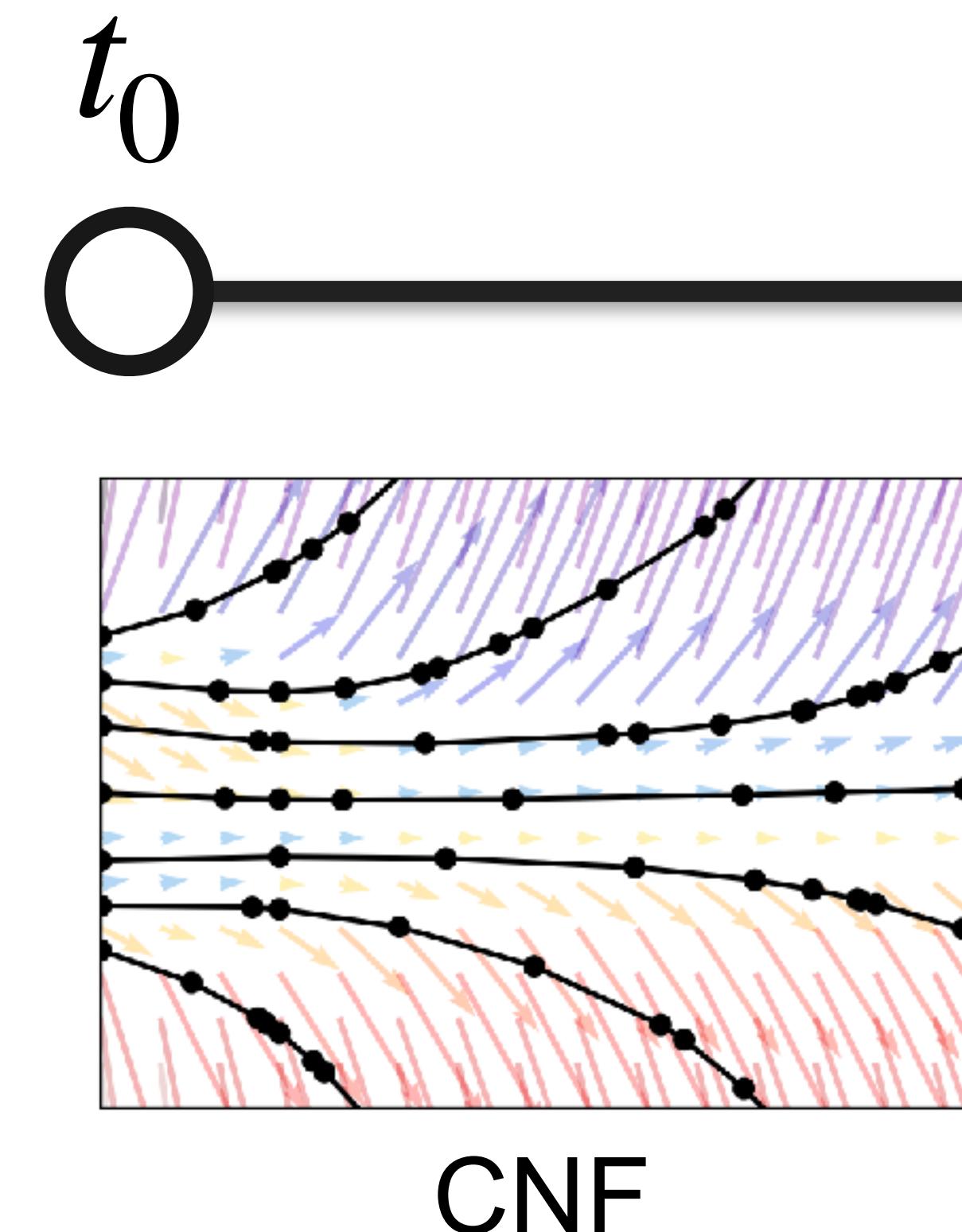


Continuous Normalizing Flow



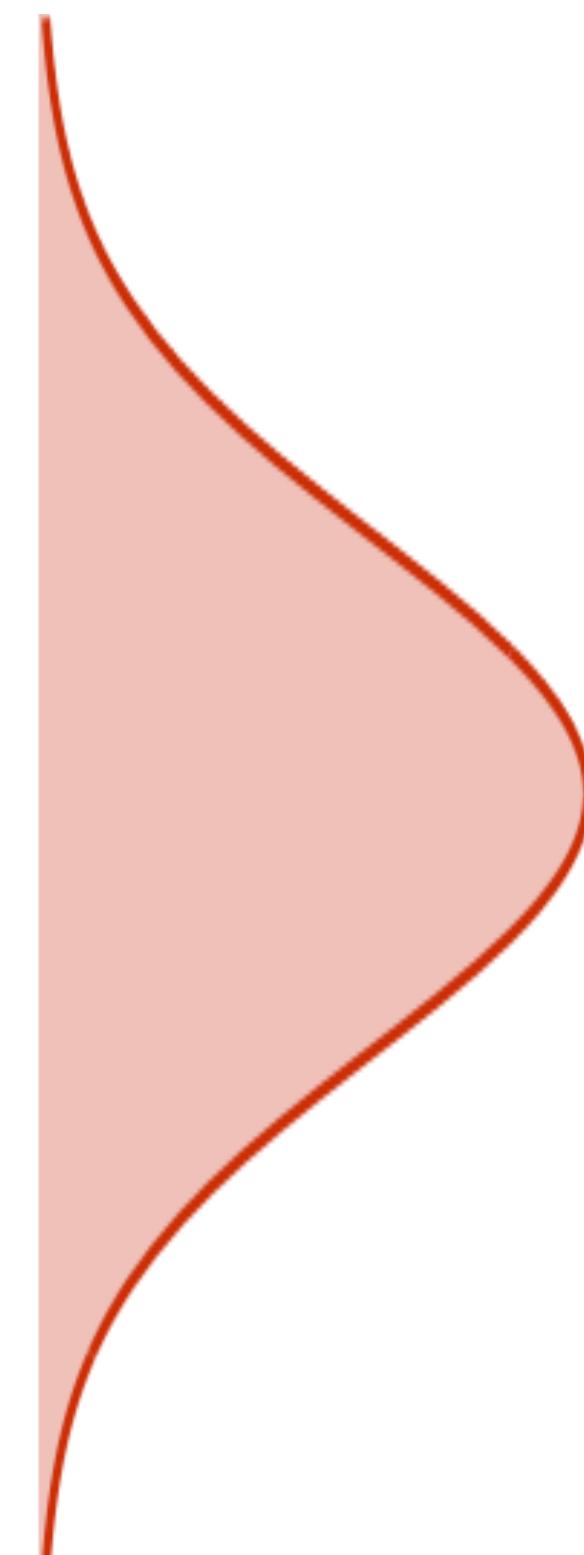
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$$x = y(t_1) = y + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} g_\theta(y(t), t) dt$$

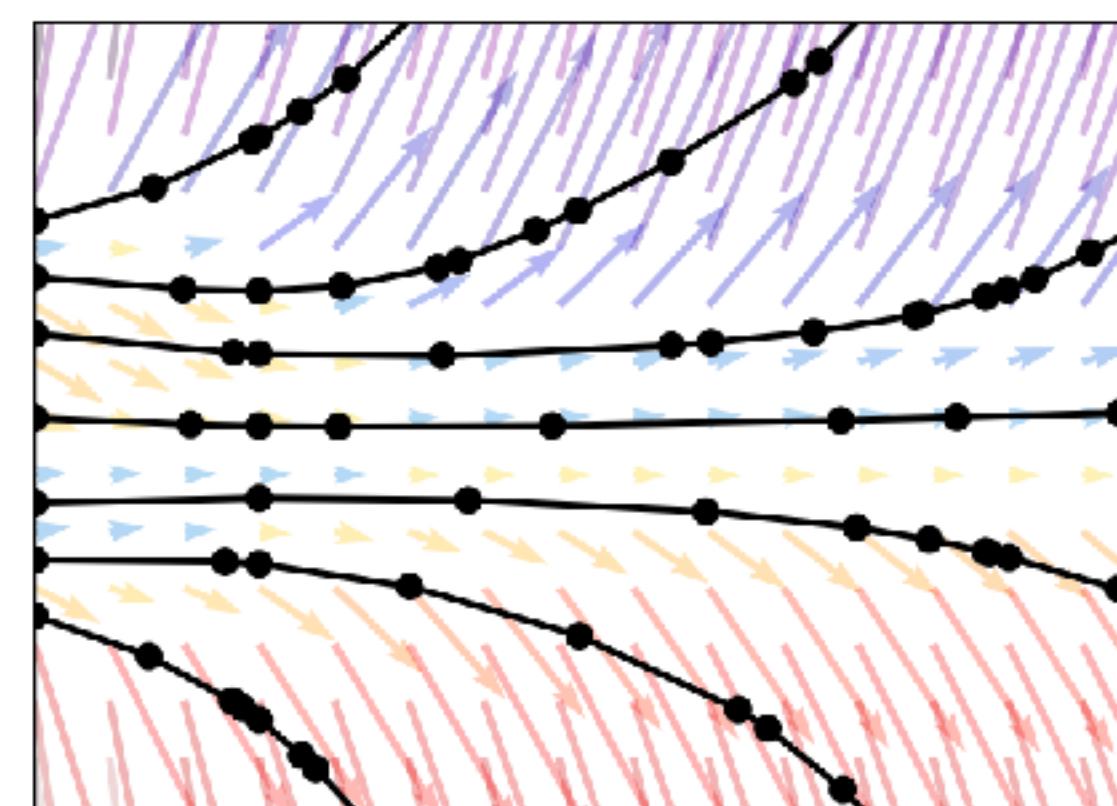


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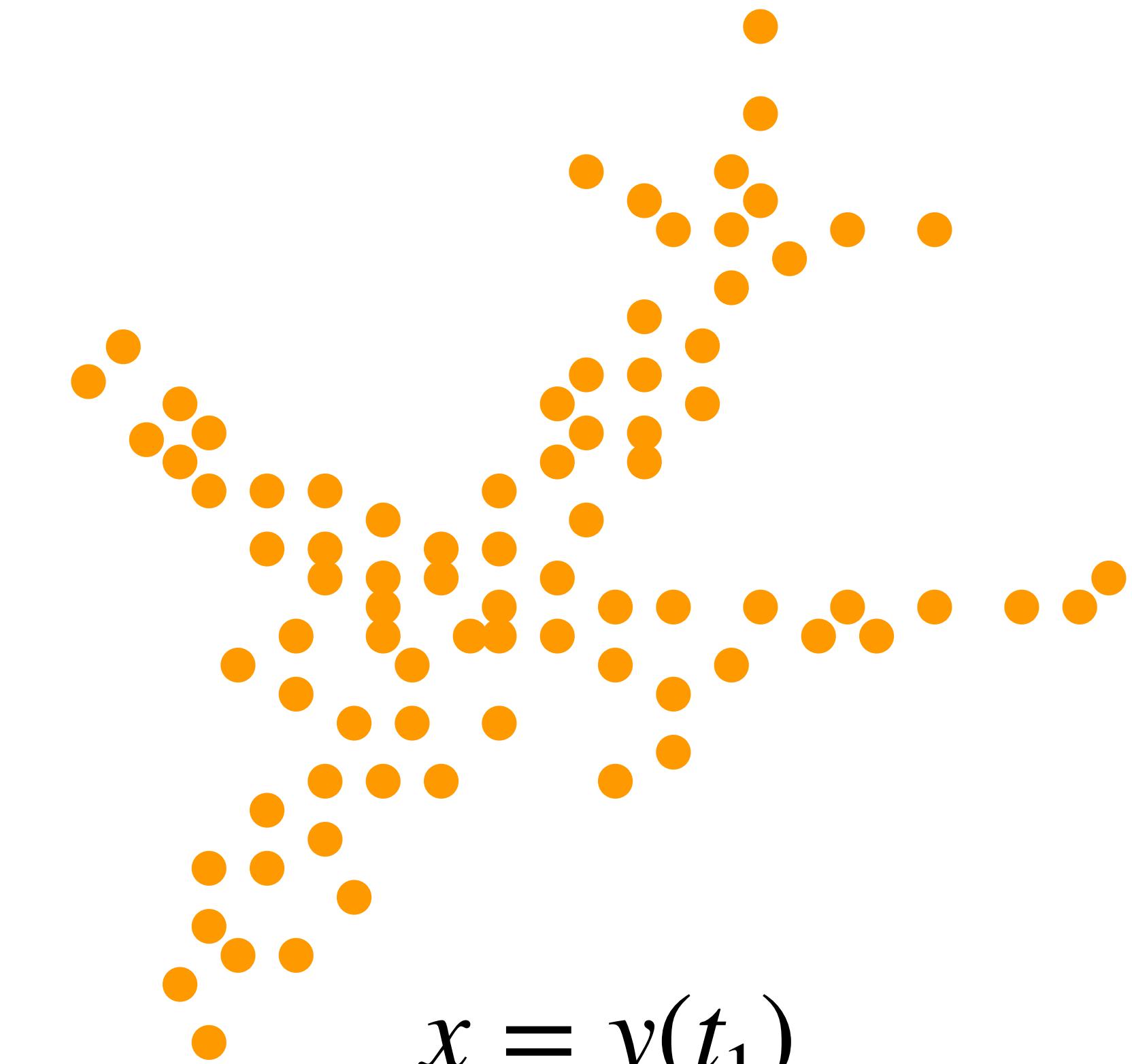


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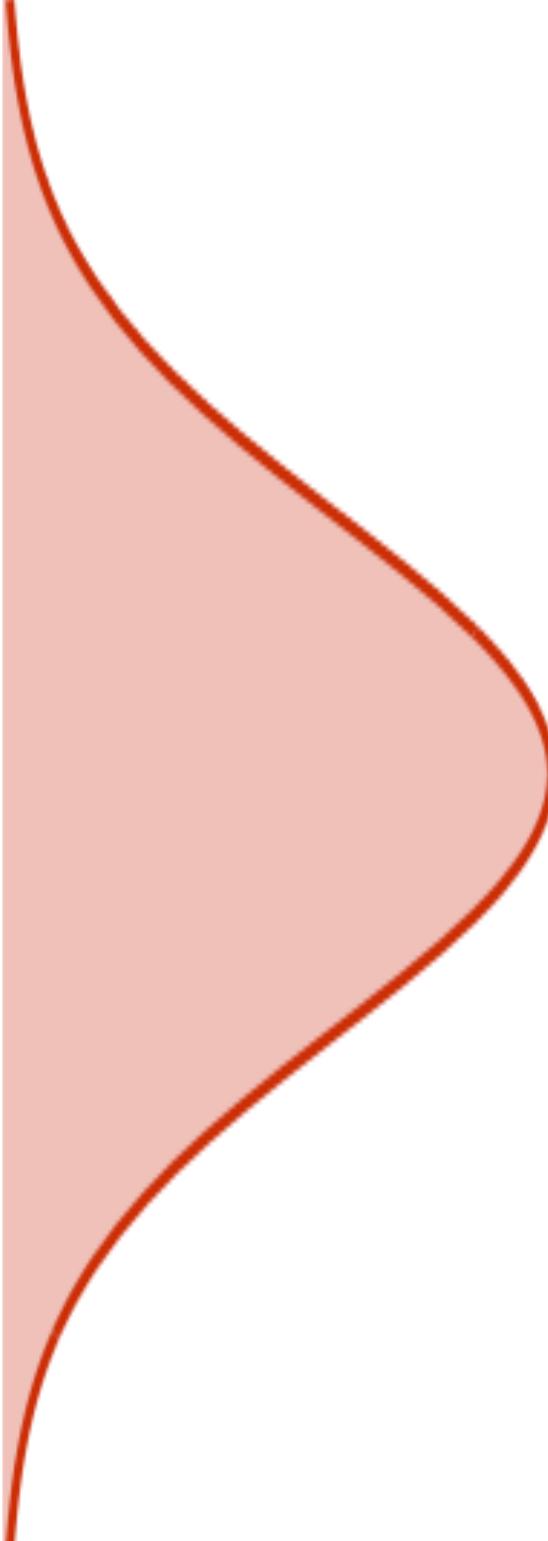
CNF

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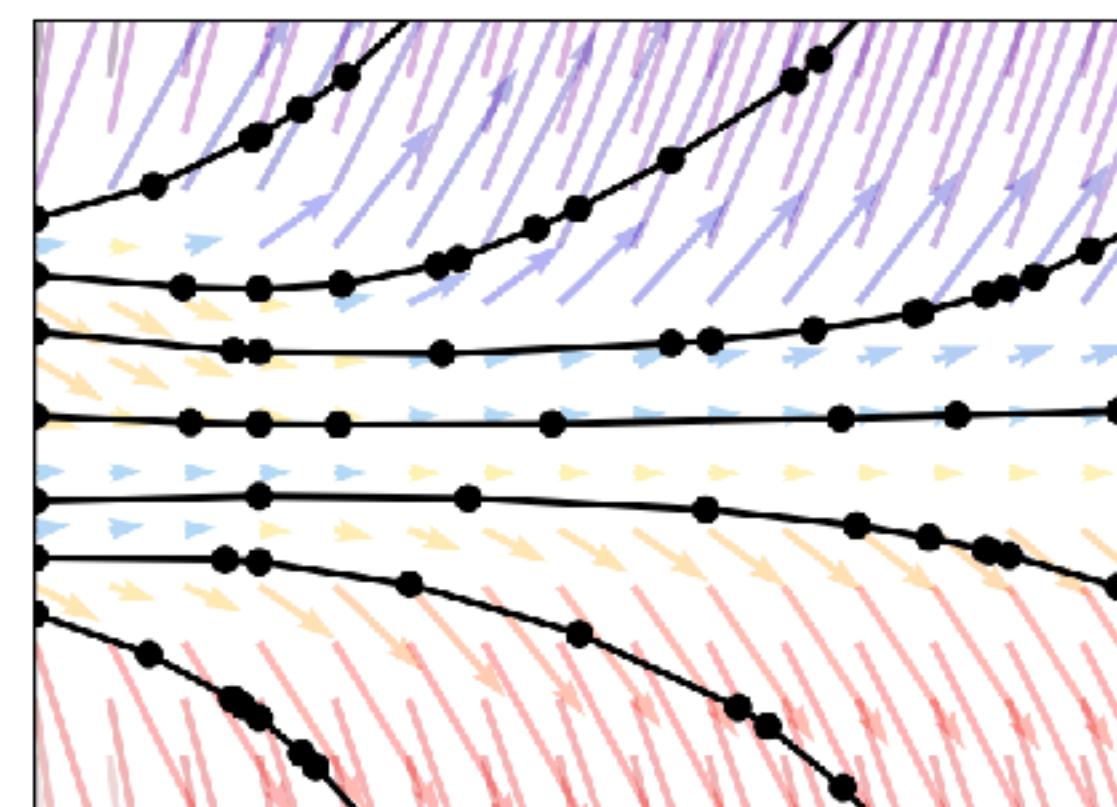


$$x = y(t_1)$$

CNF is invertible



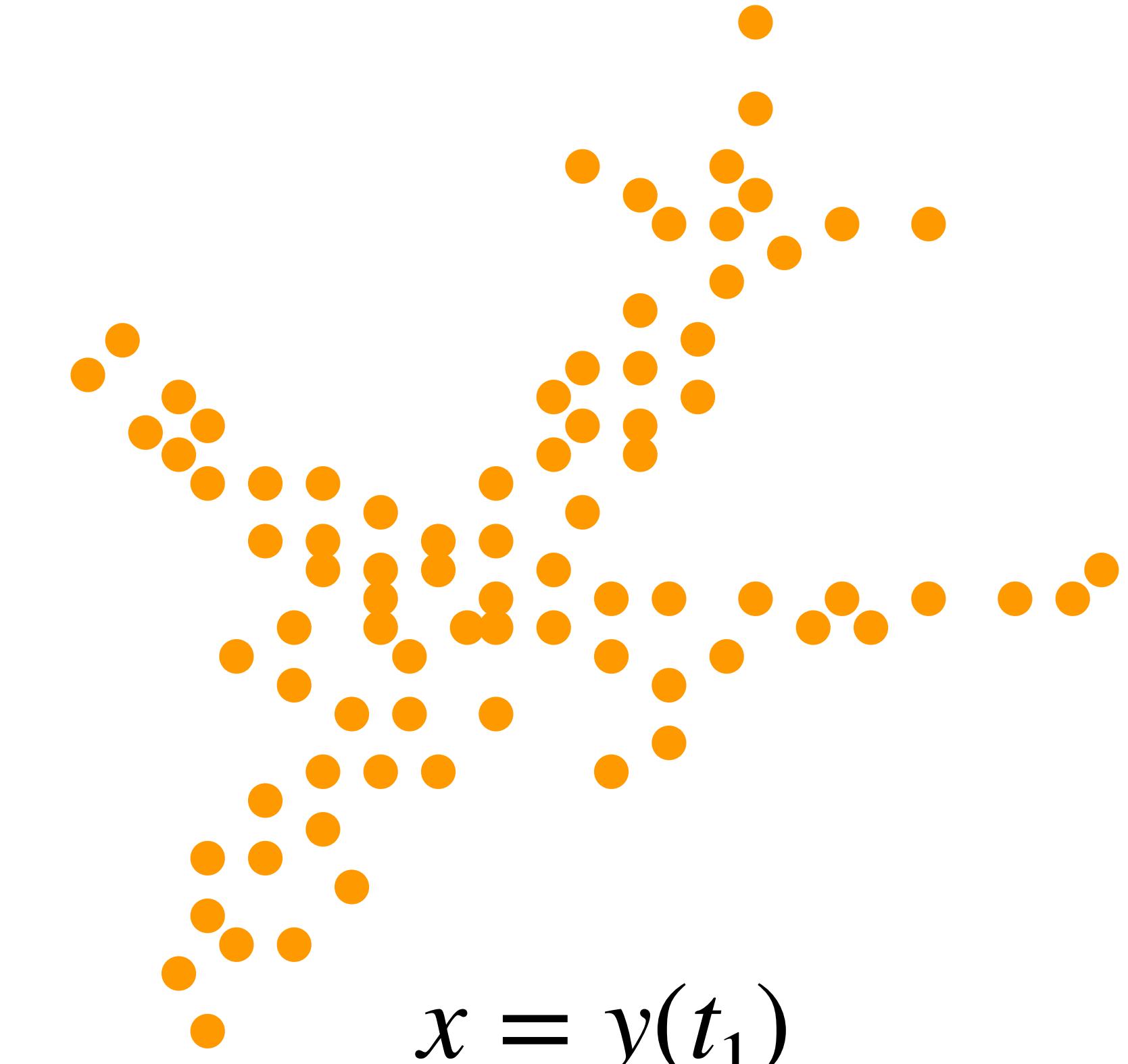
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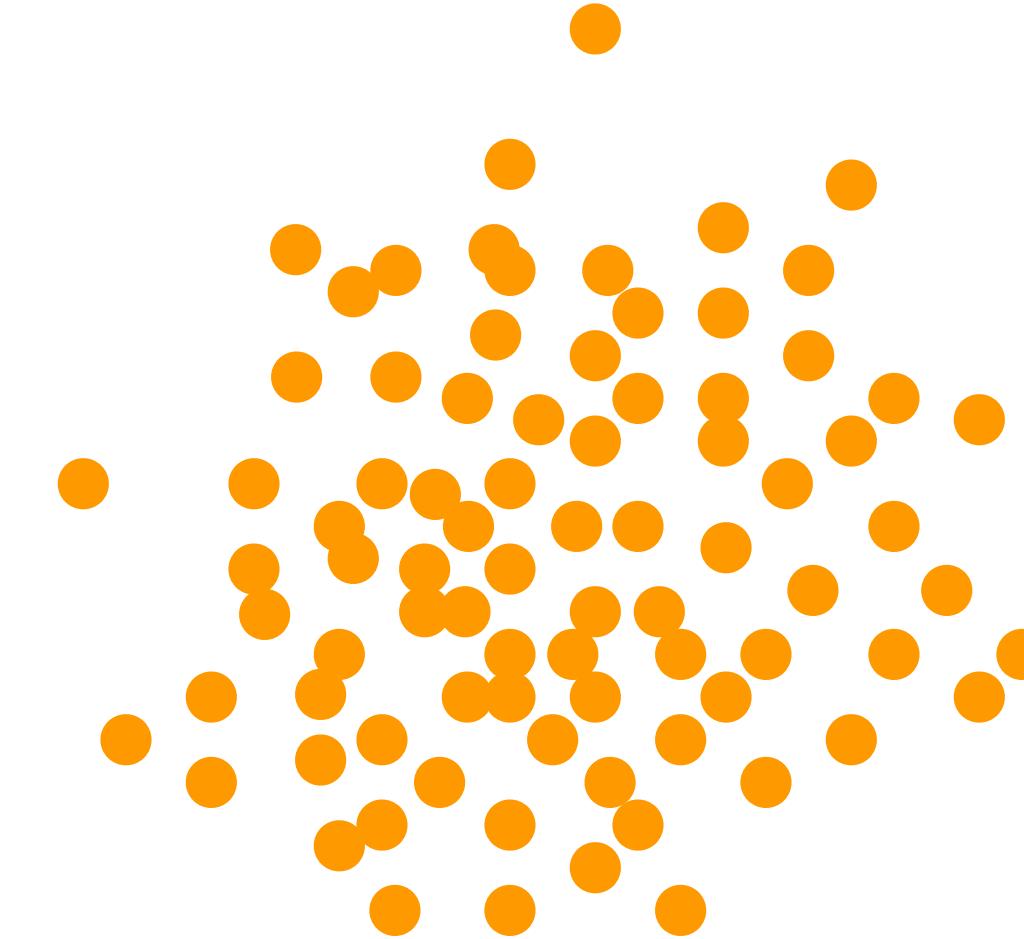
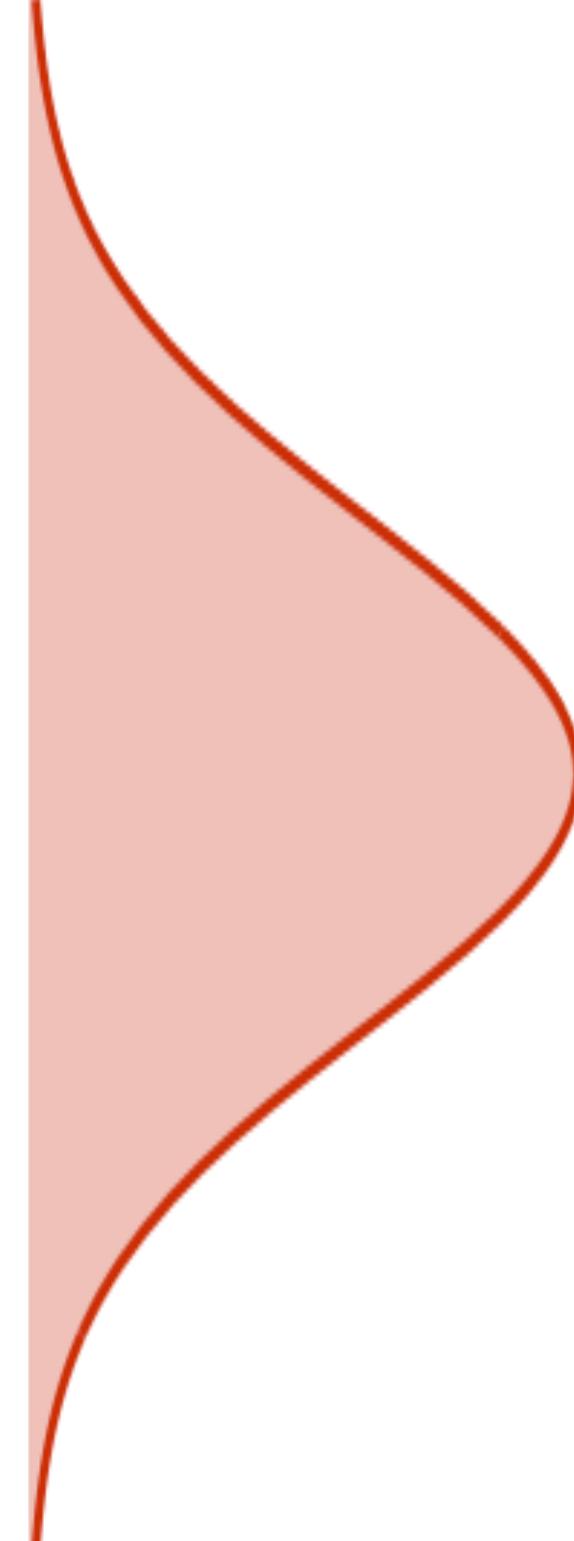
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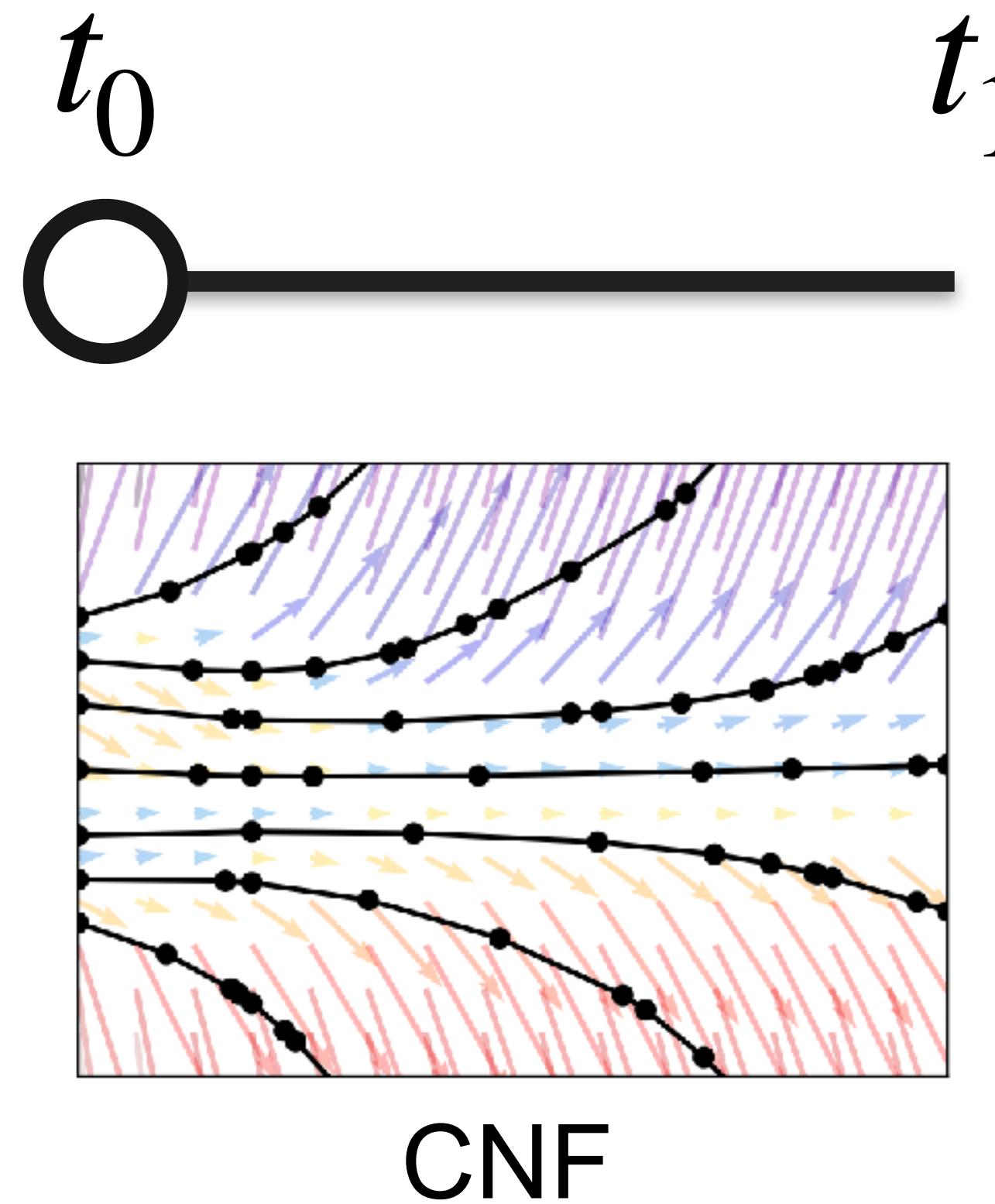


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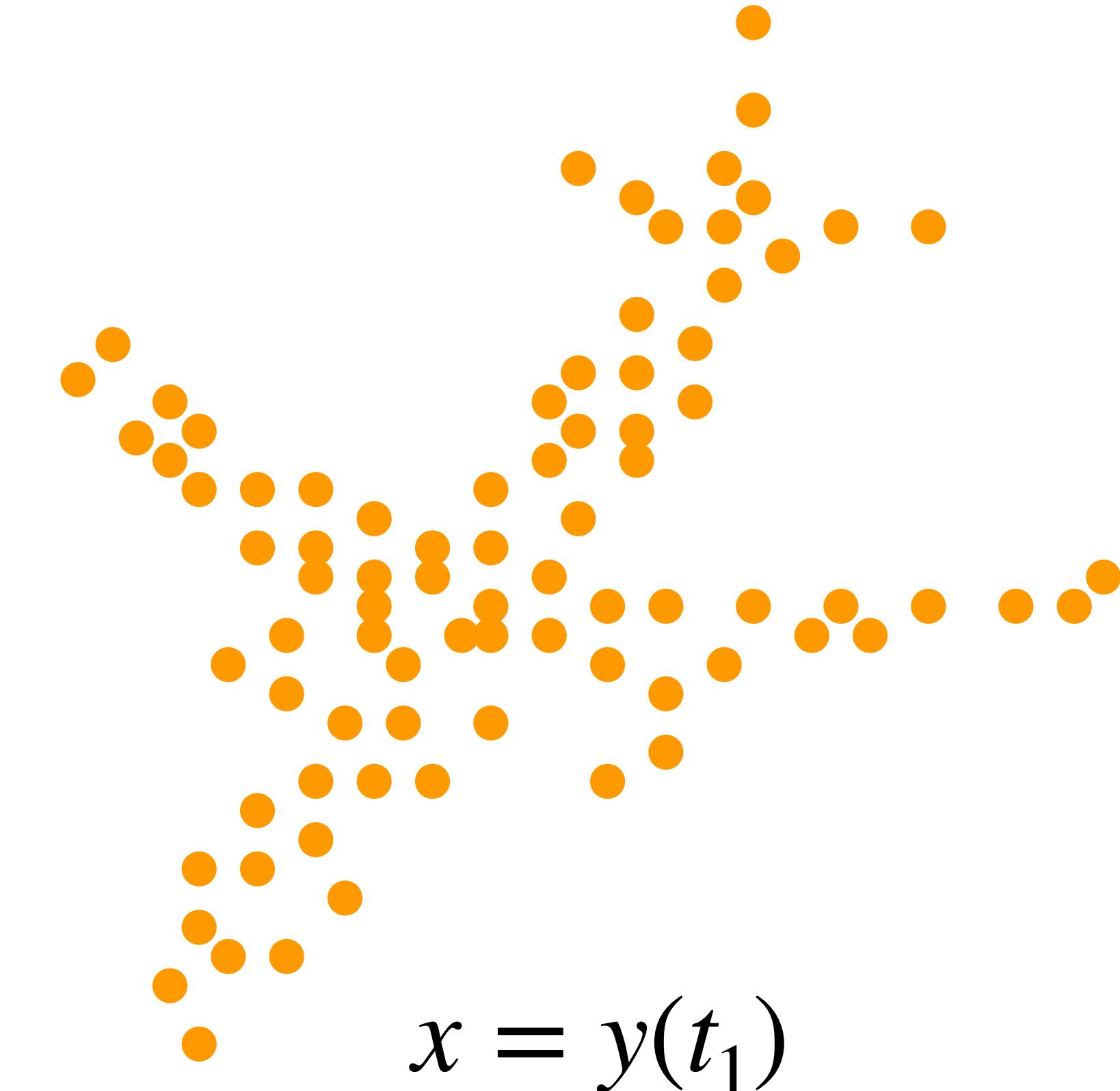


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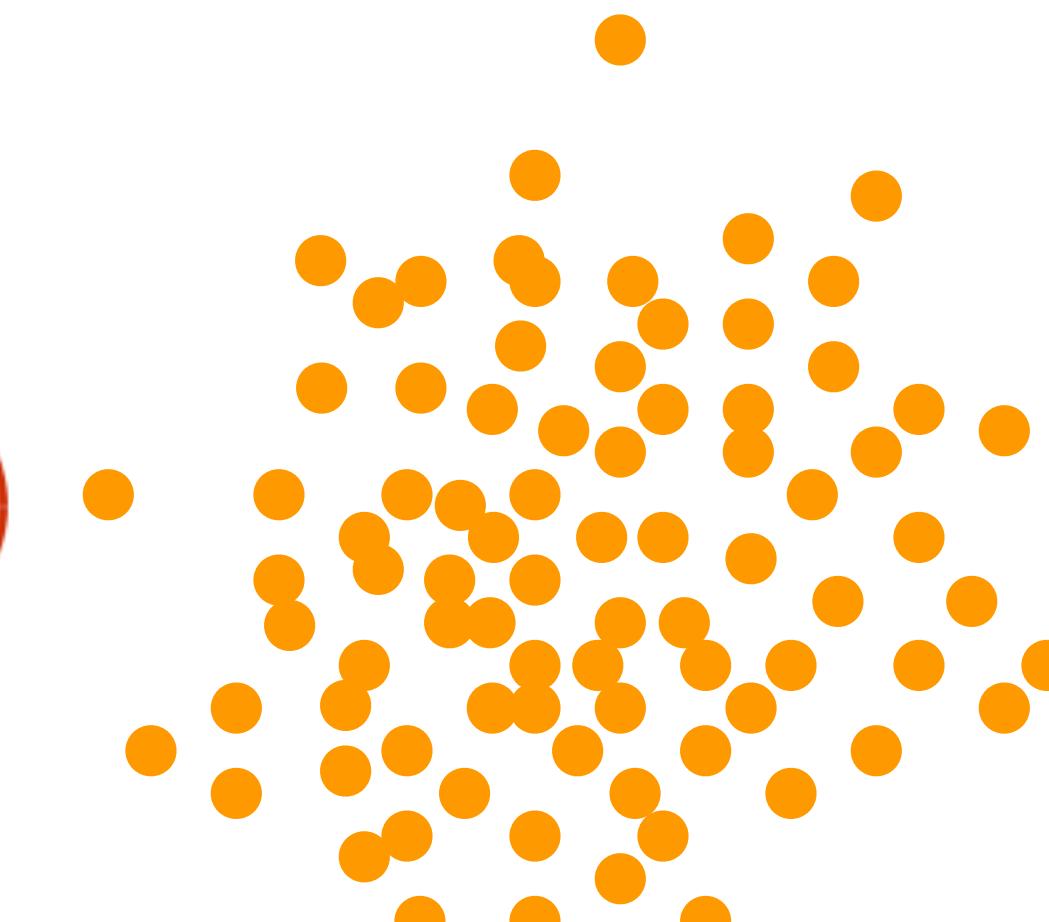
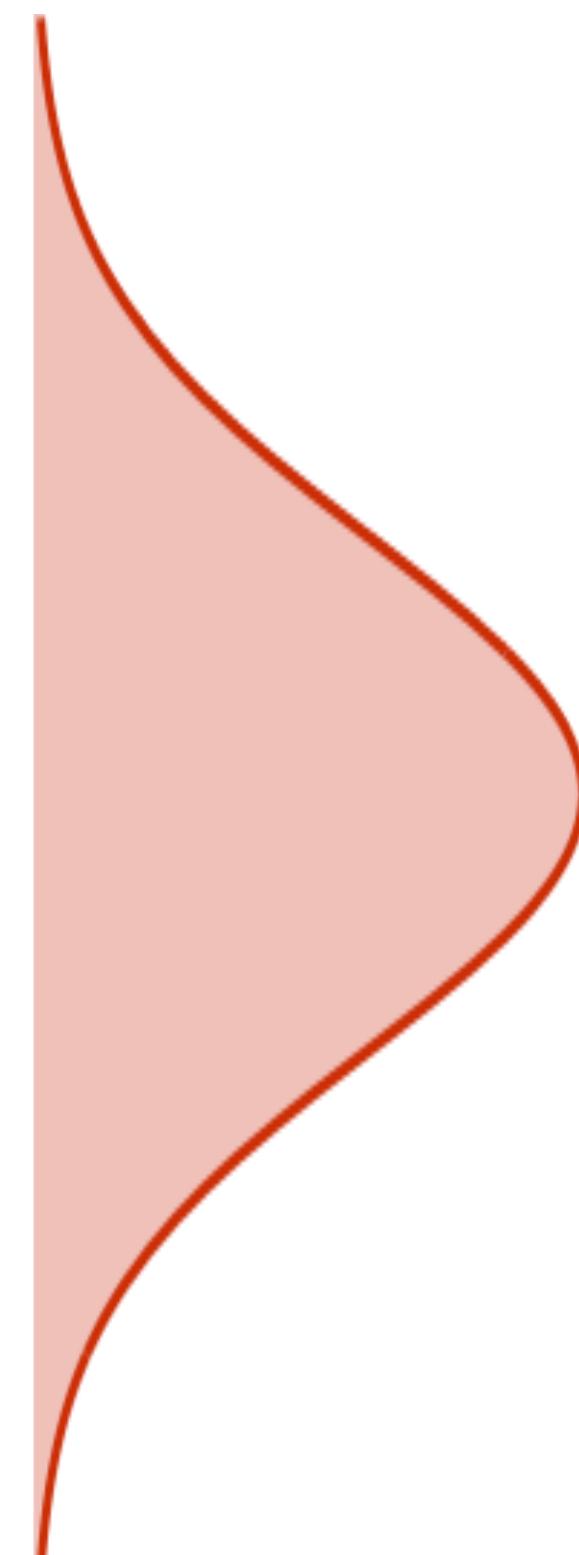
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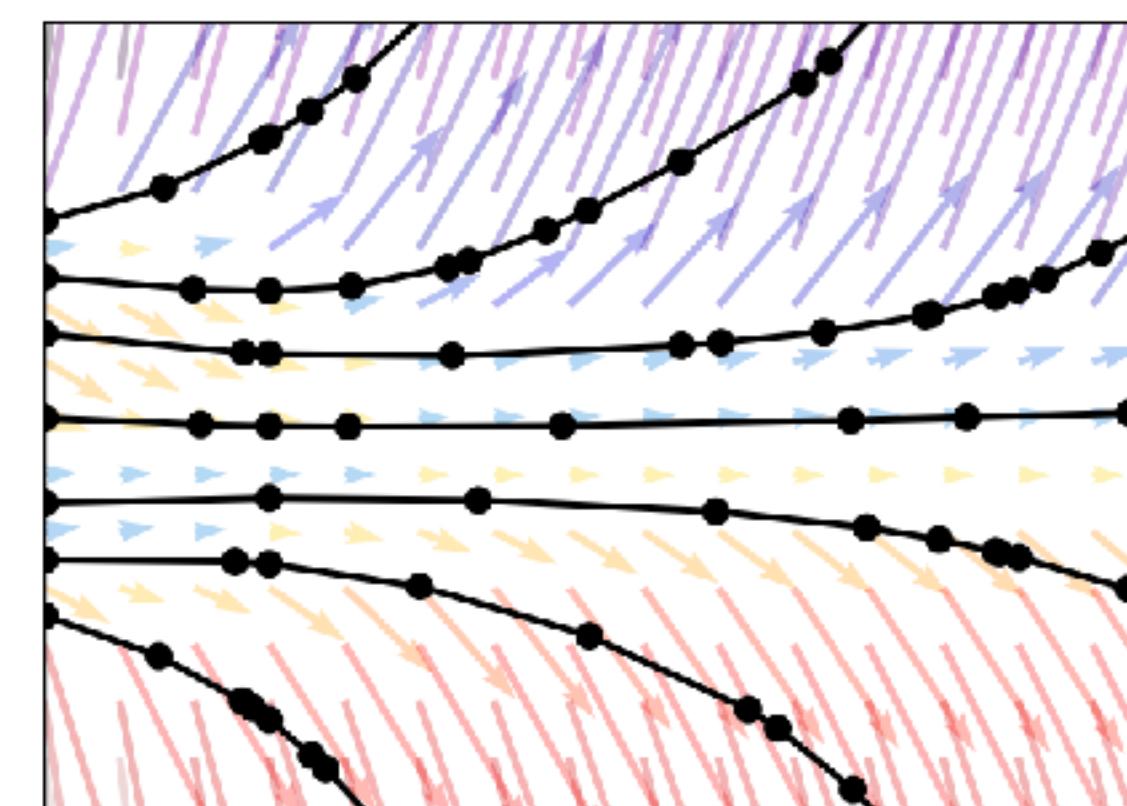


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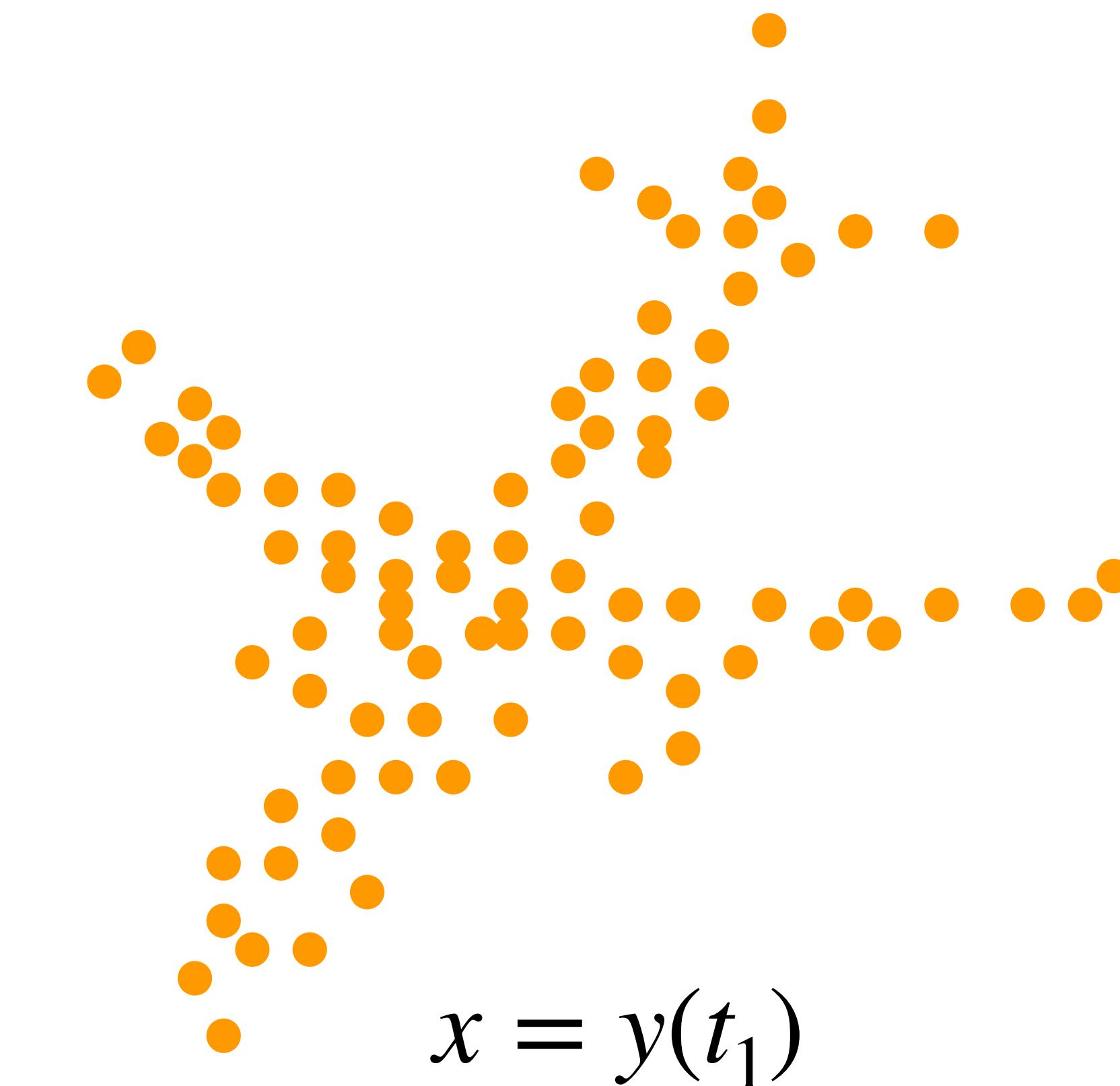
Change of Variable Formula



$$\dot{y} = y(t_0)$$



CNF



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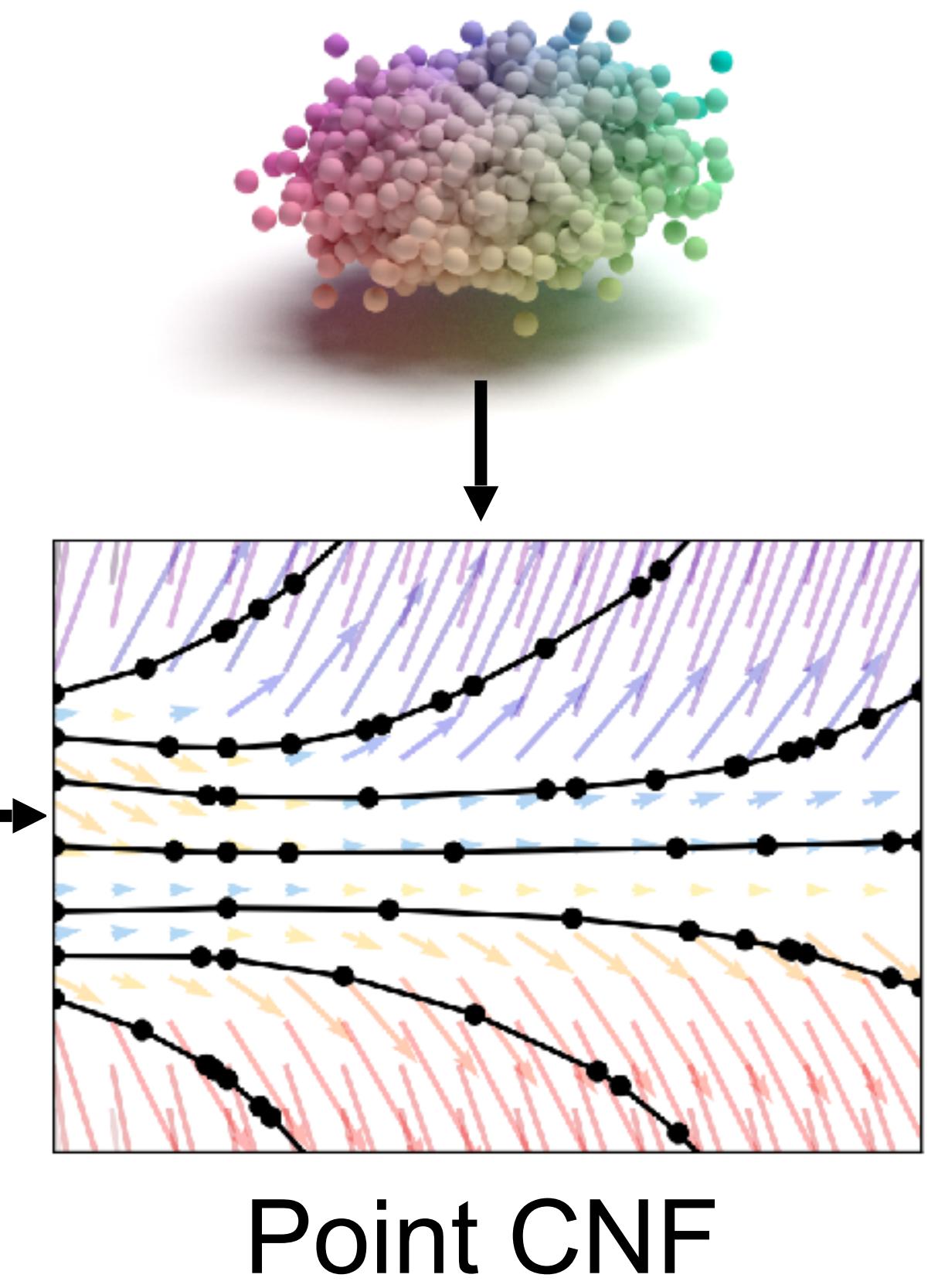
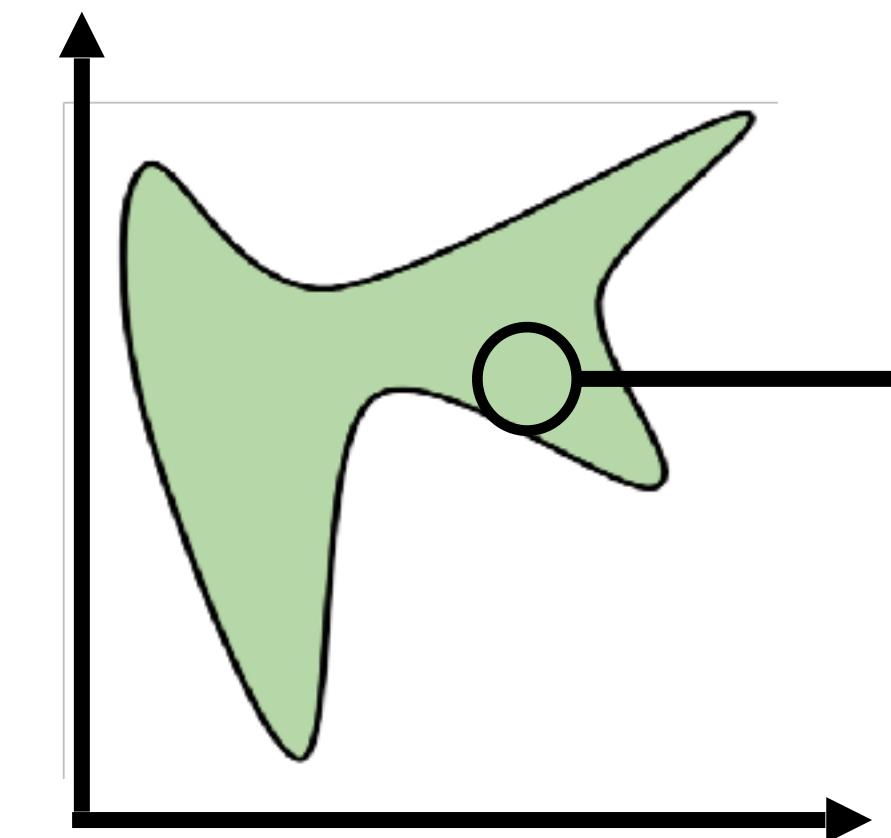
$$\log P(x) = \log P\left(x + \int_{t_1}^{t_0} g_\theta(y(t), t) dt\right) - \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \text{Tr}\left(\frac{\partial g_\theta(x(t), t)}{\partial x(t)}\right) dt$$

Encoding multiple shapes

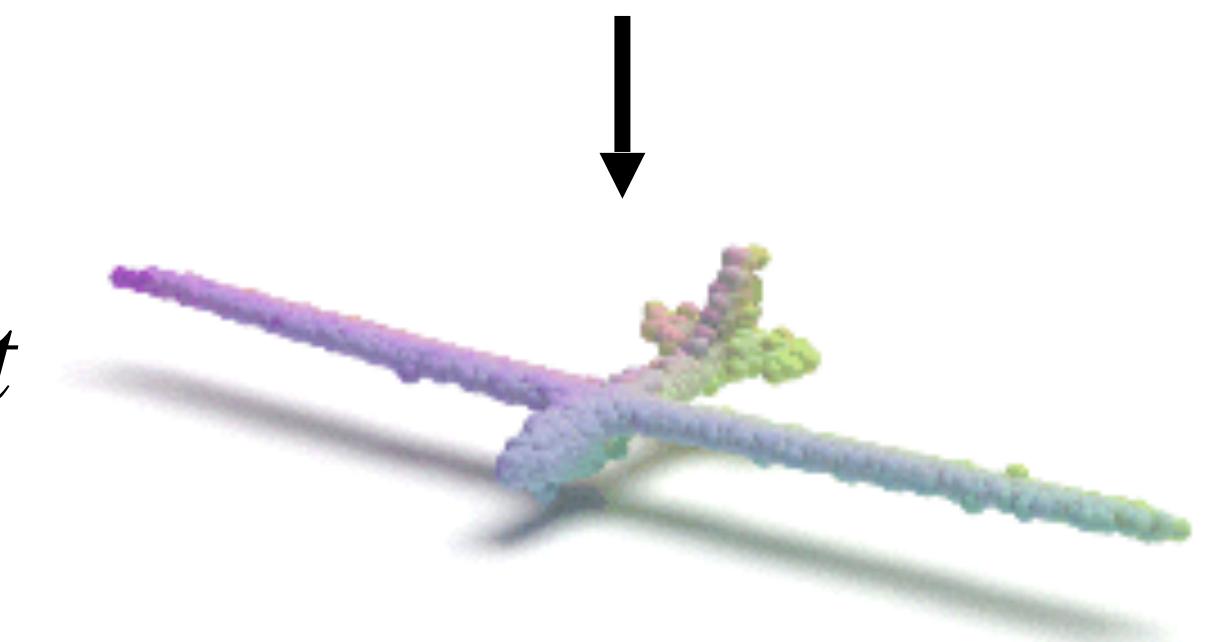
$$g_{\theta} : \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

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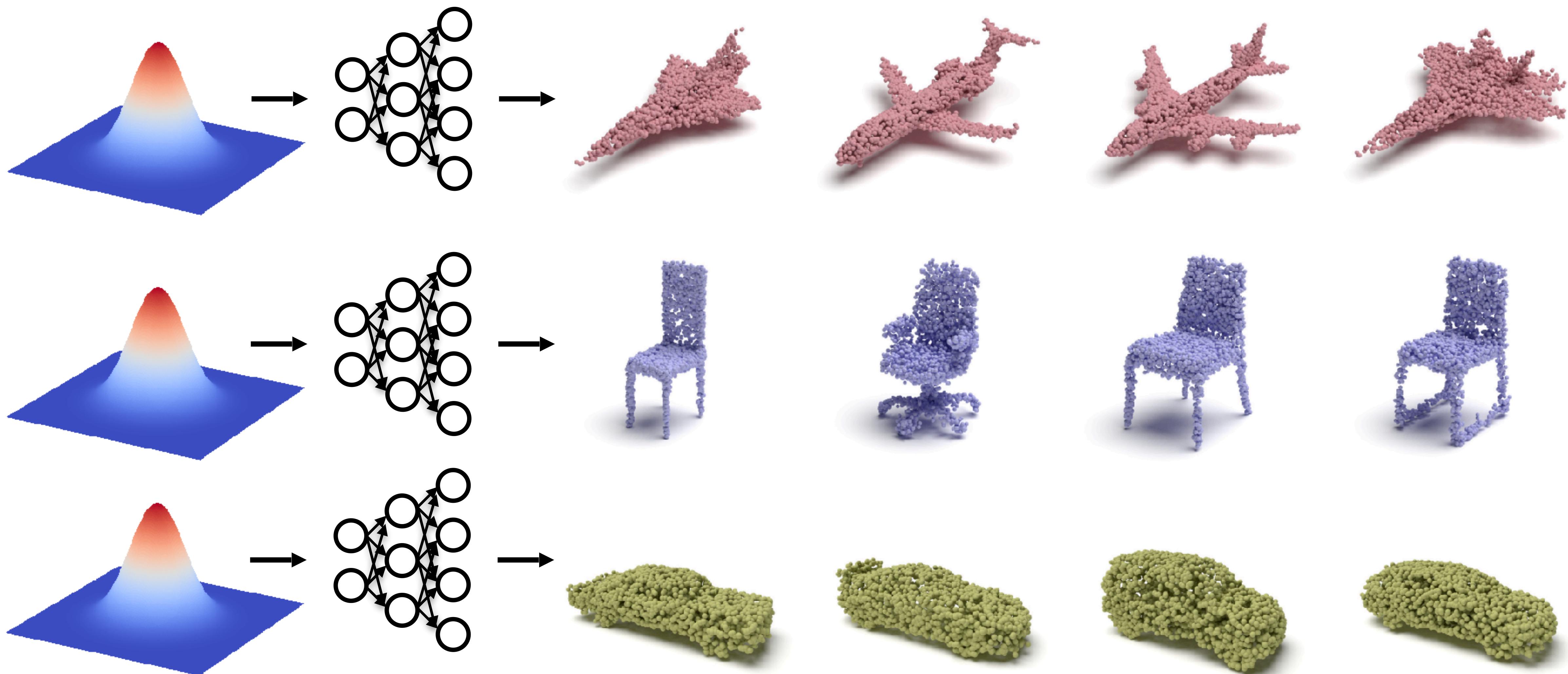
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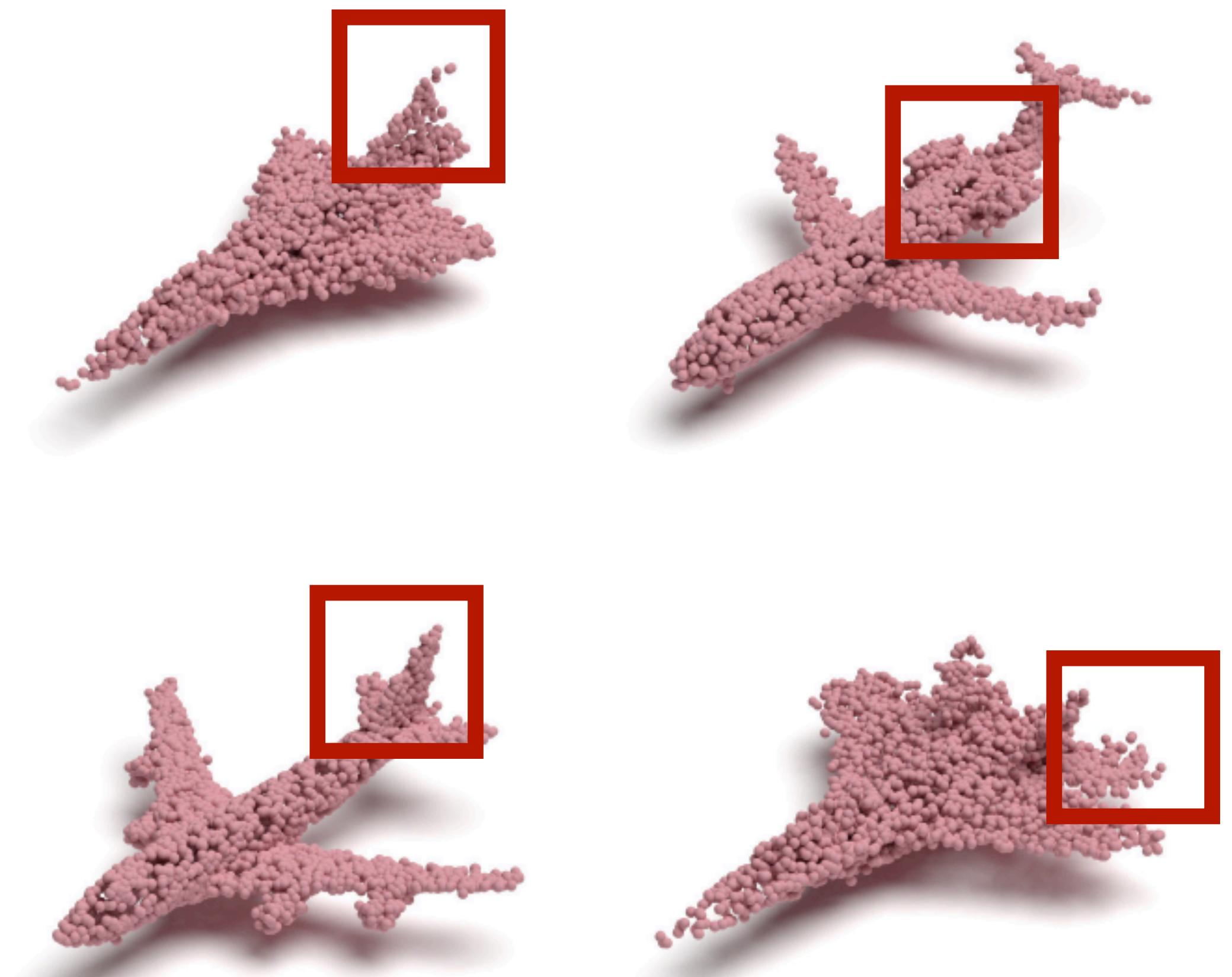
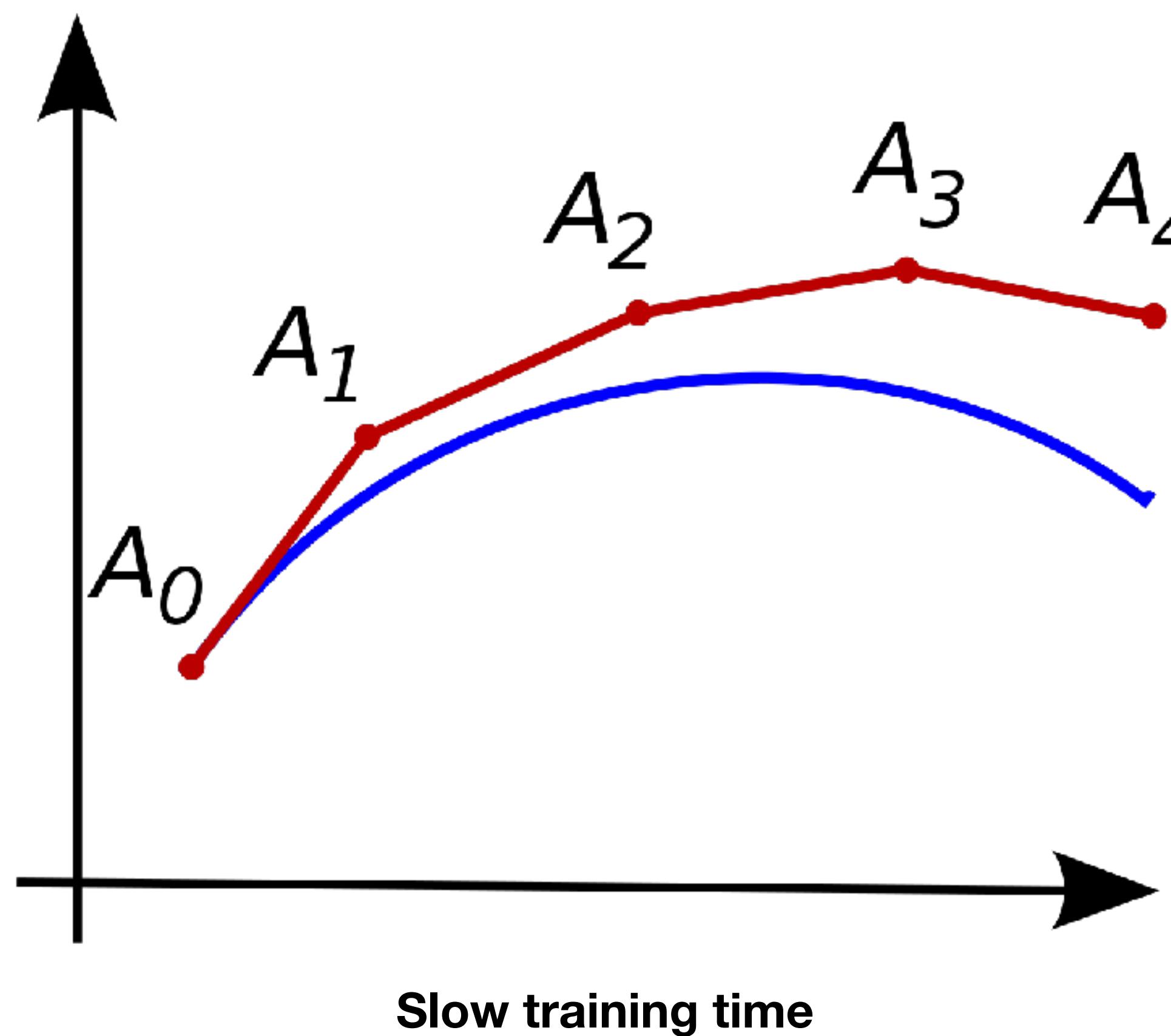
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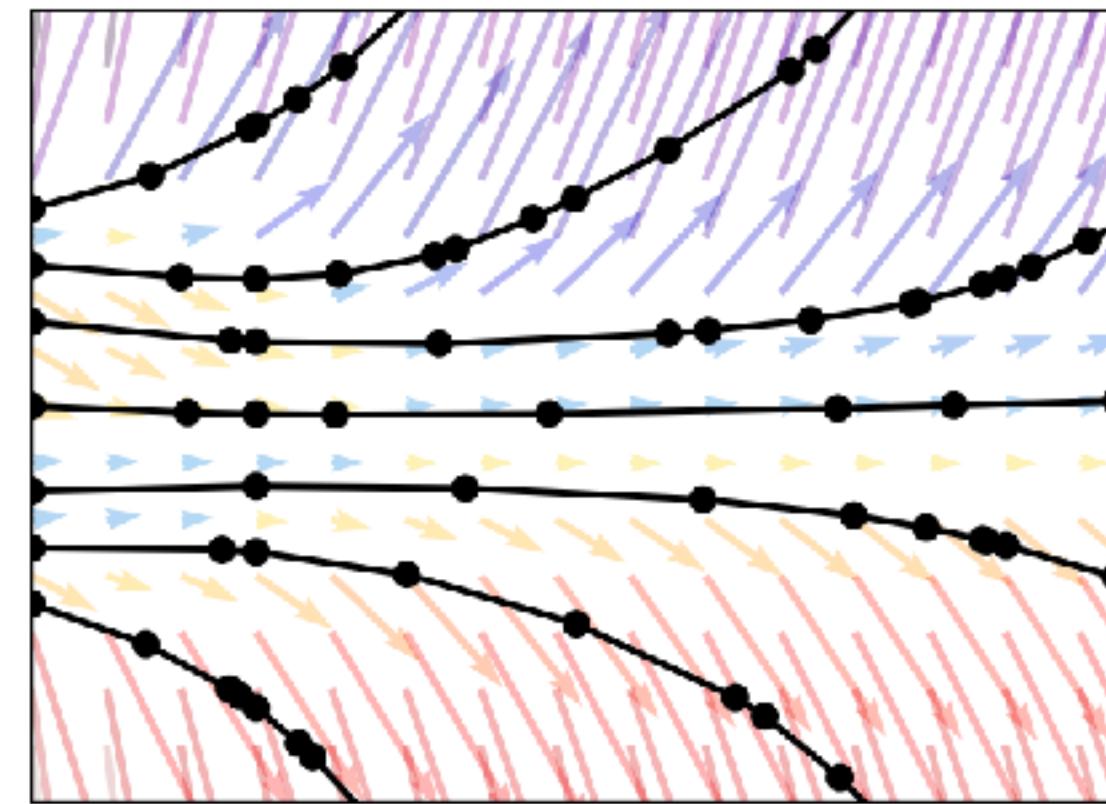
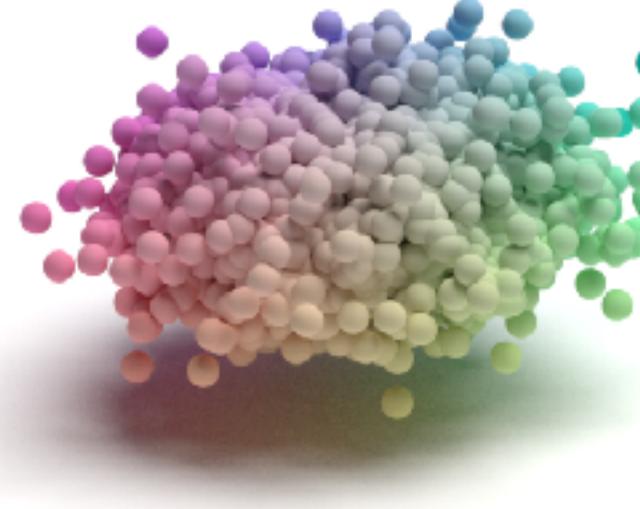
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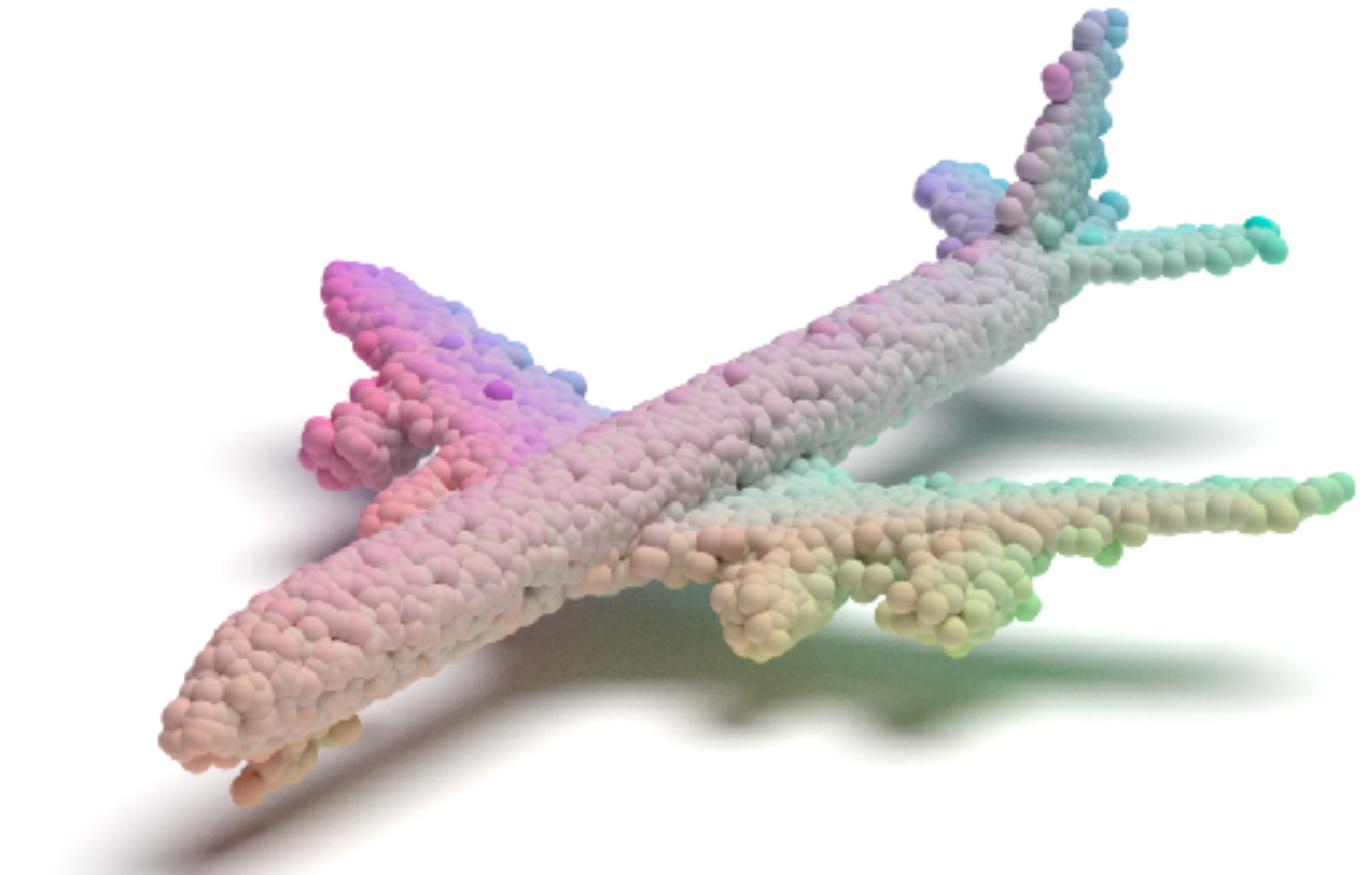
Limitation



Modeling a normalized distribution is hard



Point CNF

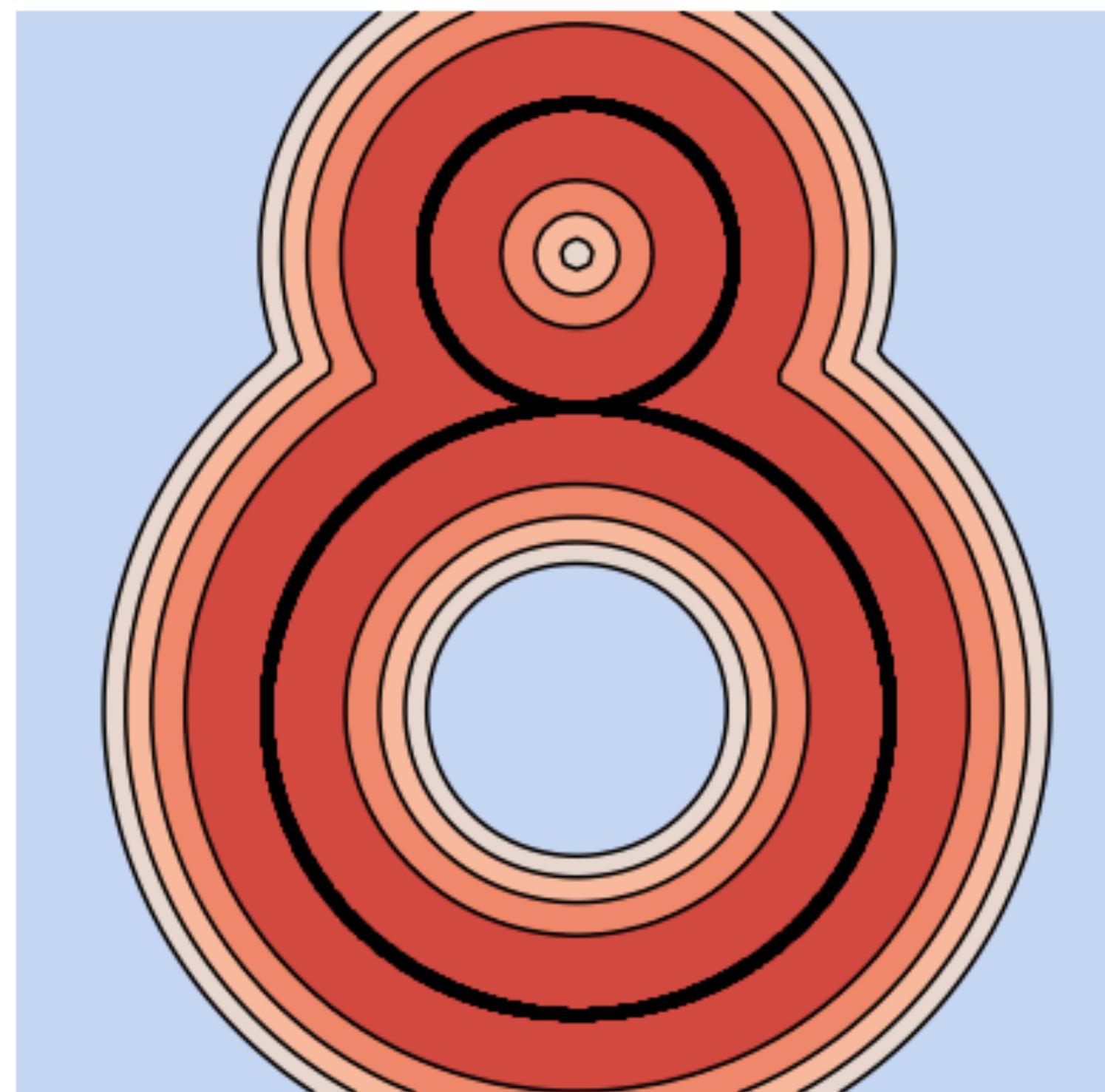


$$\log P(x) = \log P\left(x + \int_{t_1}^{t_0} g_\theta(y(t), t) dt\right) - \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \text{Tr}\left(\frac{\partial g_\theta(x(t), t)}{\partial x(t)}\right) dt$$

Invertible
(Restricted)

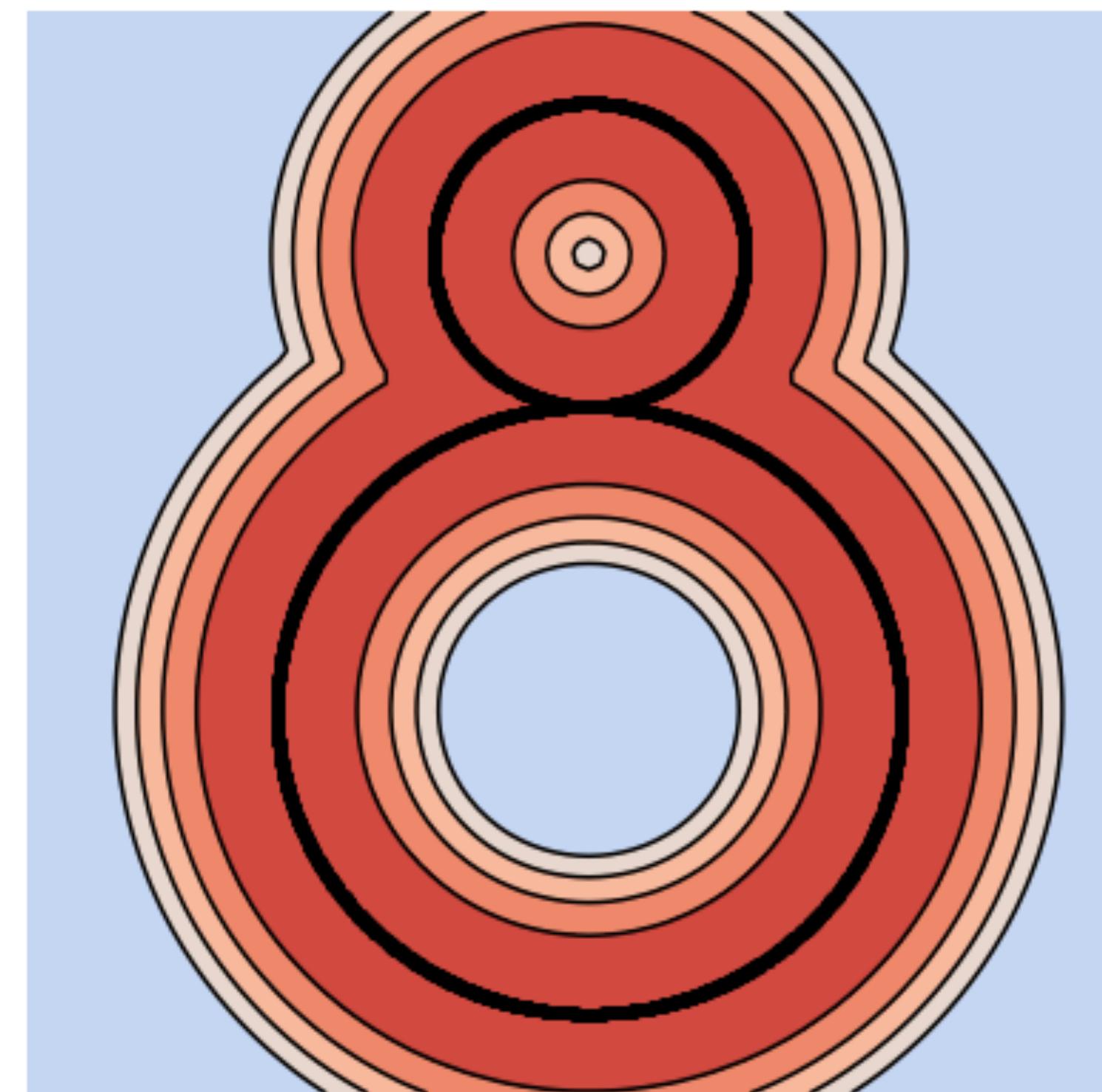
Normalizing
(Slow, create noise)

Each shape is an unnormalized 3D density fields.



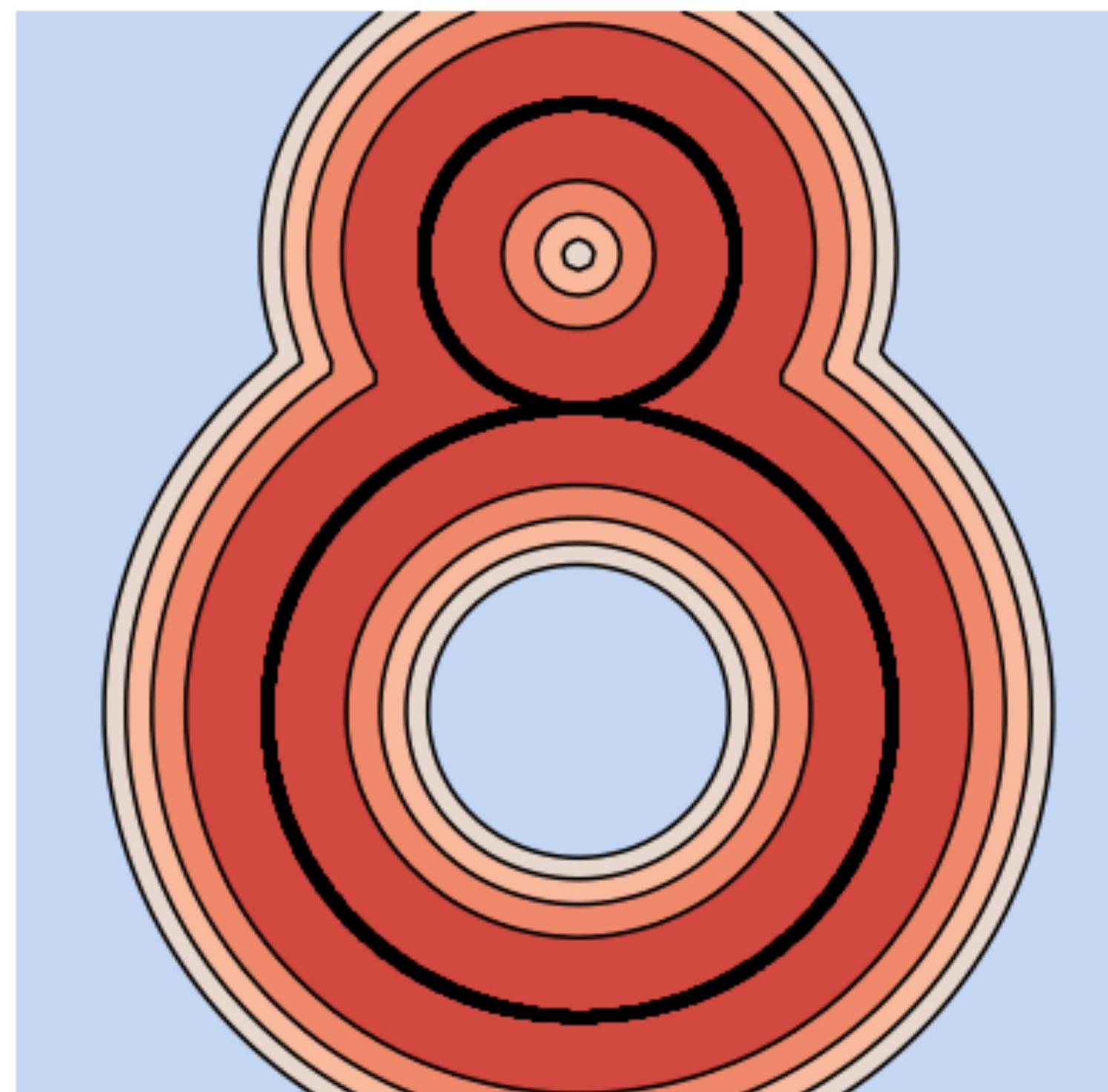
Density field

Different scale, SAME SHAPE



Density field

Representing an unnormalized 3D density field



Unnormalized density field

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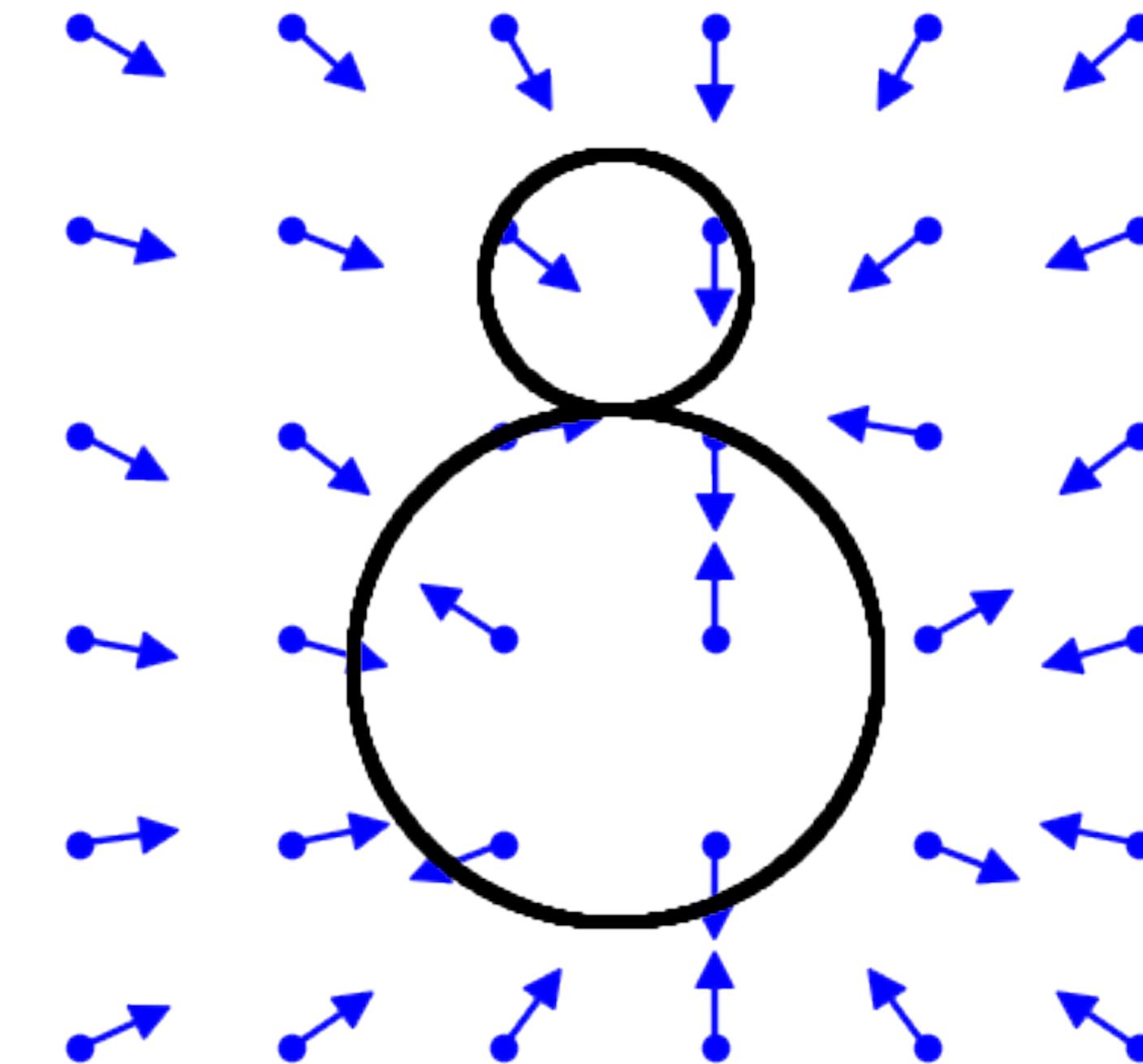
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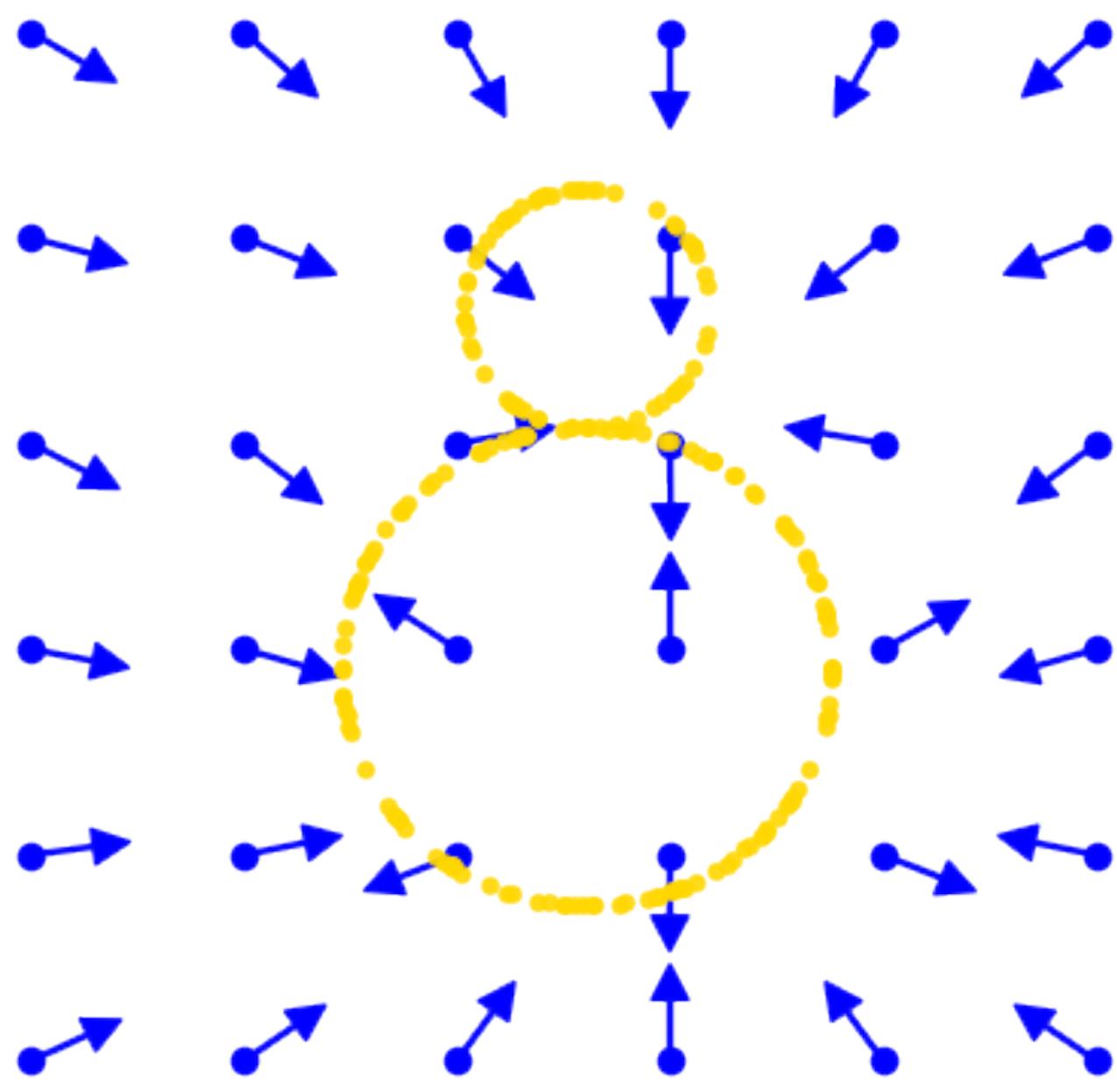
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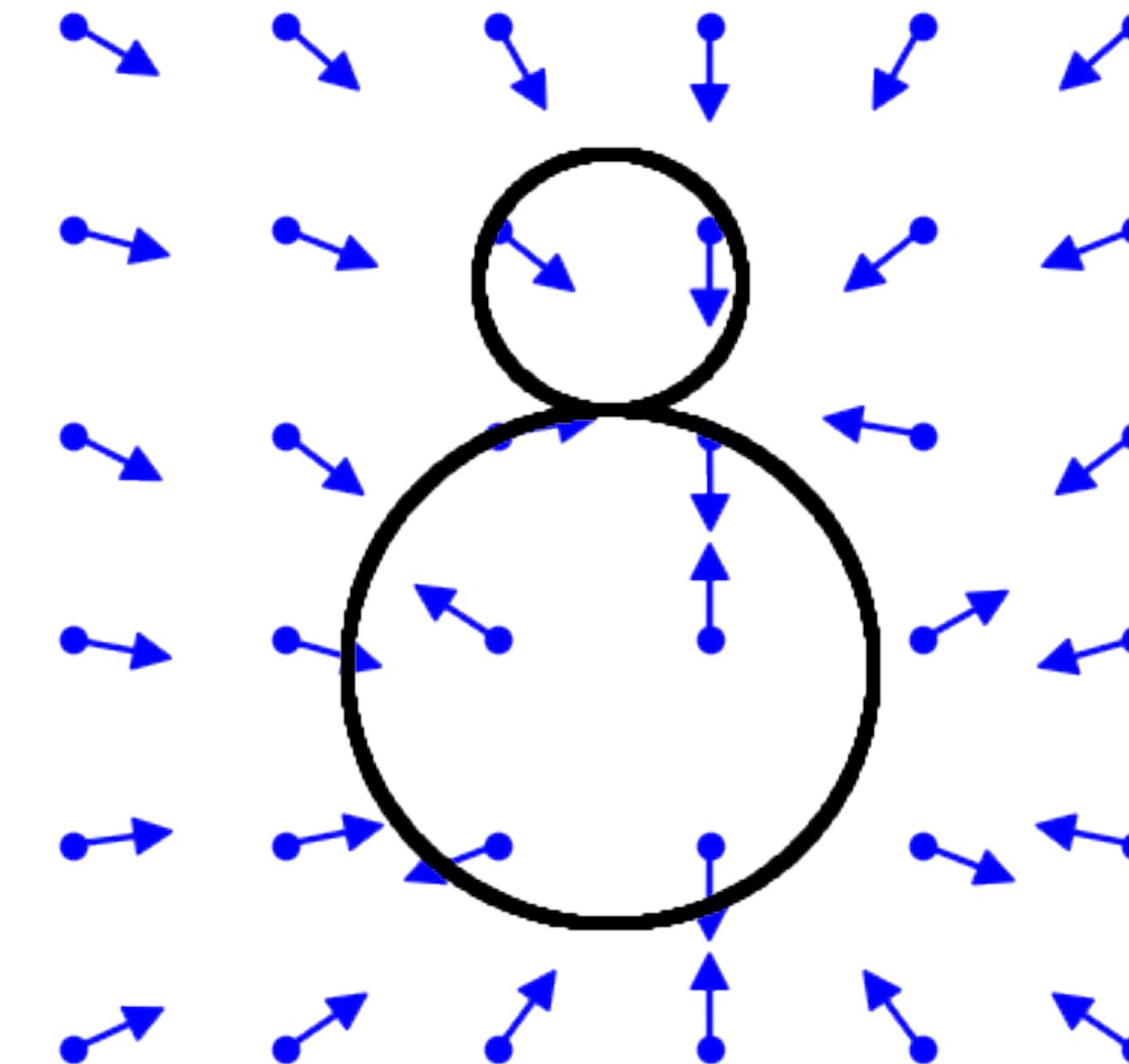


Gradient field

Representing an unnormalized 3D density field.

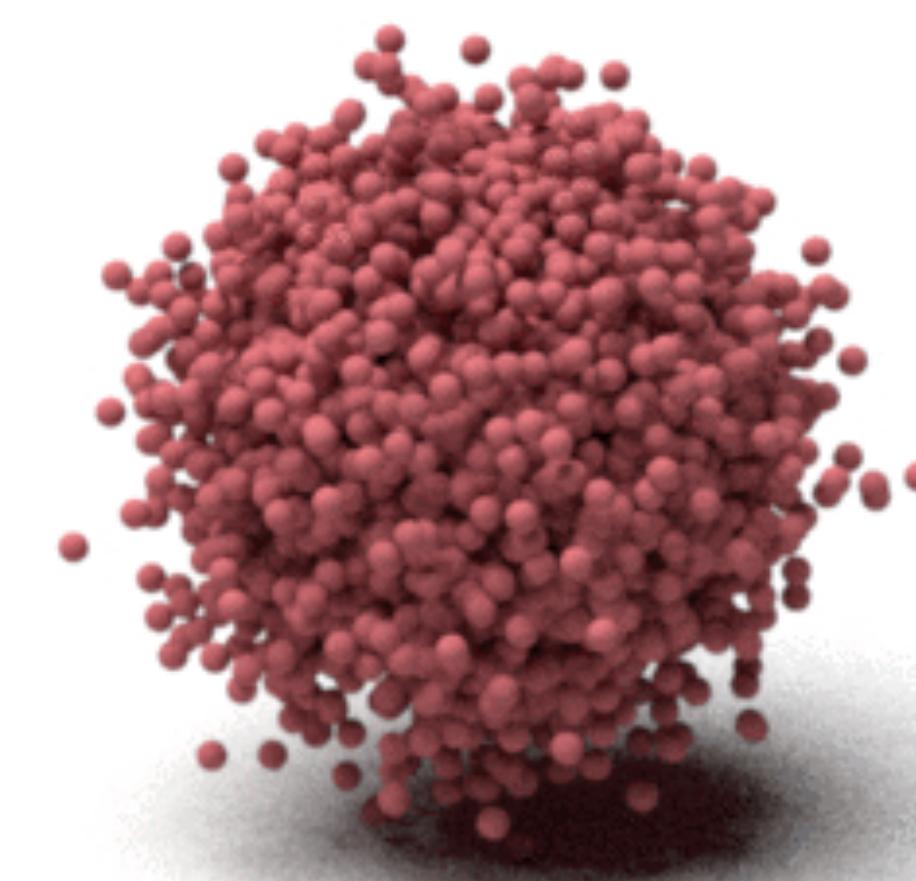
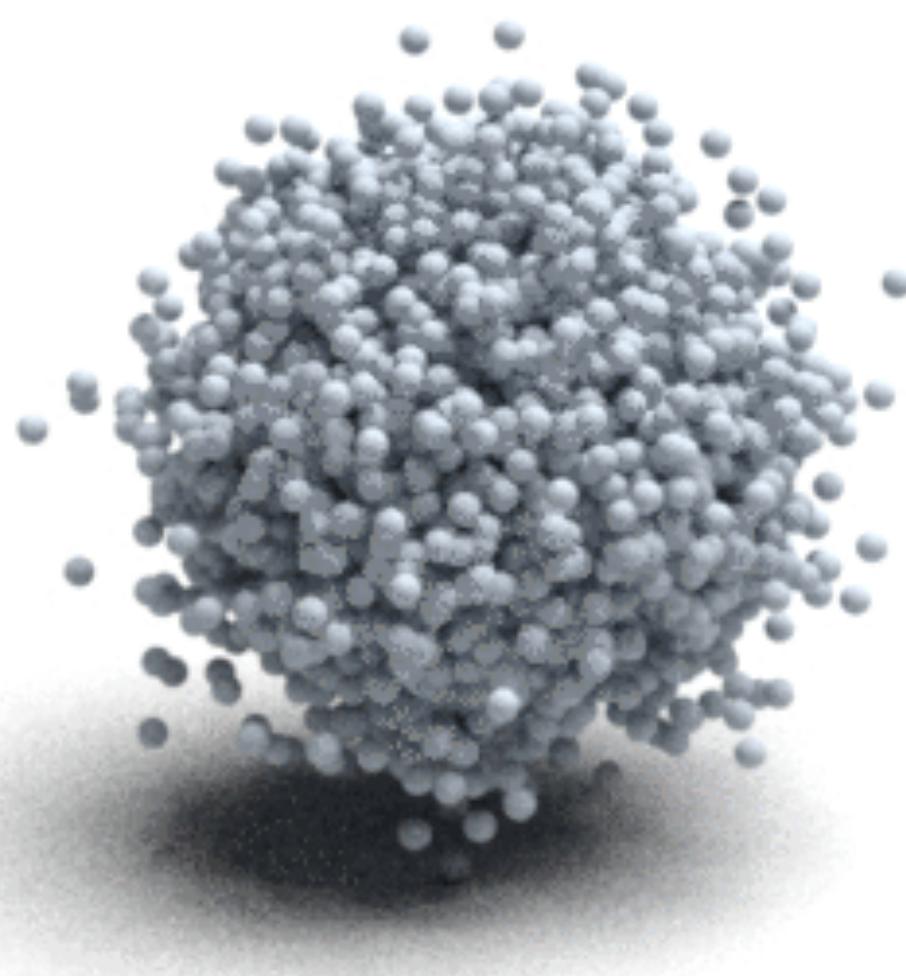


**Point cloud creation as
stochastic gradient ascend**



Gradient field

Complicated topologies and non-watertight mesh



Learning Gradient Fields for Shape Generation

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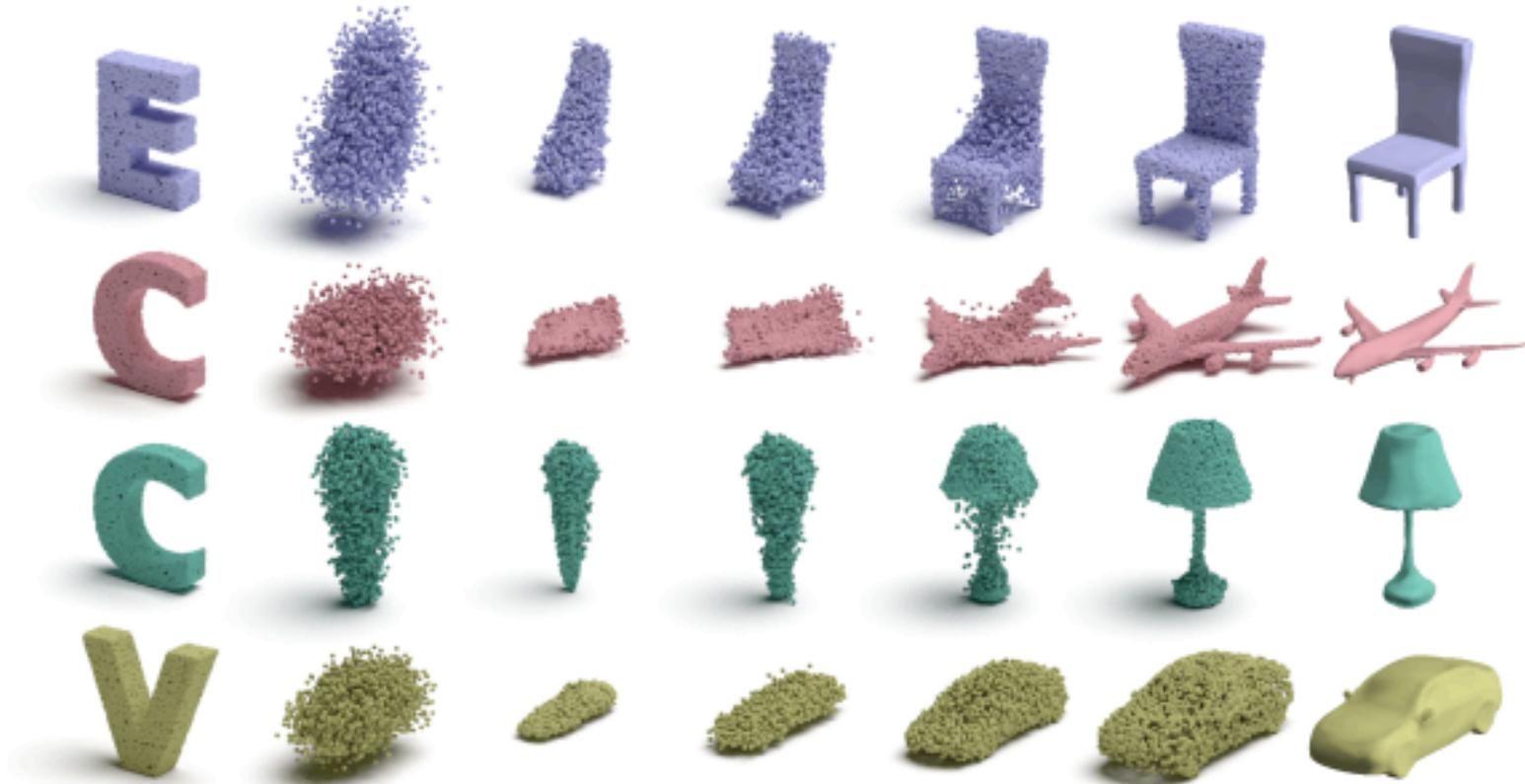
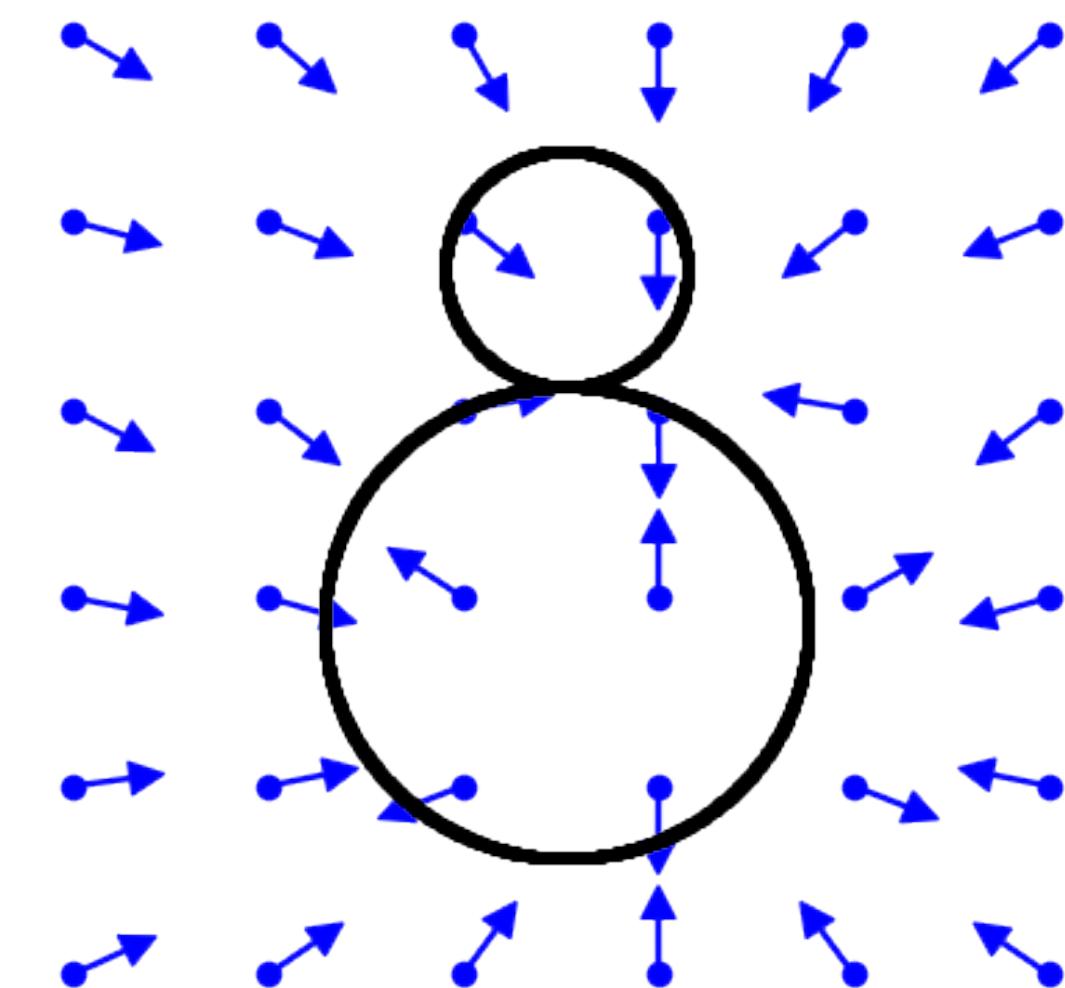


Fig. 1. To generate shapes, we sample points from an arbitrary prior (depicting the letters “E”, “C”, “C”, “V” in the examples above) and move them stochastically along a learned gradient field, ultimately reaching the shape’s surface. Our learned fields also enable extracting the surface of the shape, as demonstrated on the right.

Abstract. In this work, we propose a novel technique to generate shapes from point cloud data. A point cloud can be viewed as samples from a distribution of 3D points whose density is concentrated near the surface of the shape. Point cloud generation thus amounts to moving randomly sampled points to high-density areas. We generate point clouds by performing stochastic gradient ascent on an unnormalized probability density, thereby moving sampled points toward the high-likelihood regions. Our model directly predicts the gradient of the log density field and can be trained with a simple objective adapted from score-based generative models. We show that our method can reach state-of-the-art performance for point cloud auto-encoding and generation, while also allowing for extraction of a high-quality implicit surface. Code is available at <https://github.com/RuojinCai/ShapeGF>.

Keywords: 3D generation, generative models

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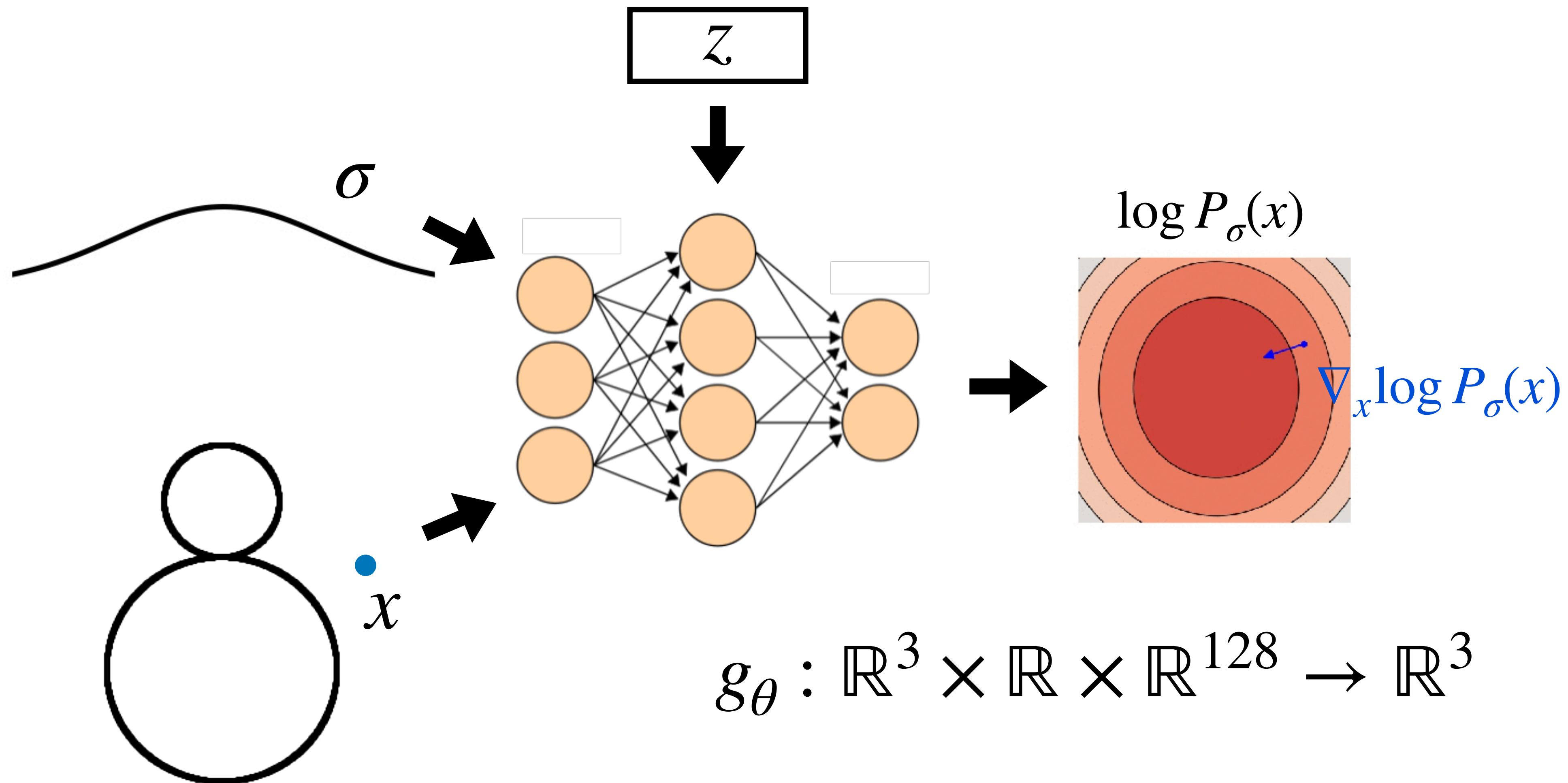


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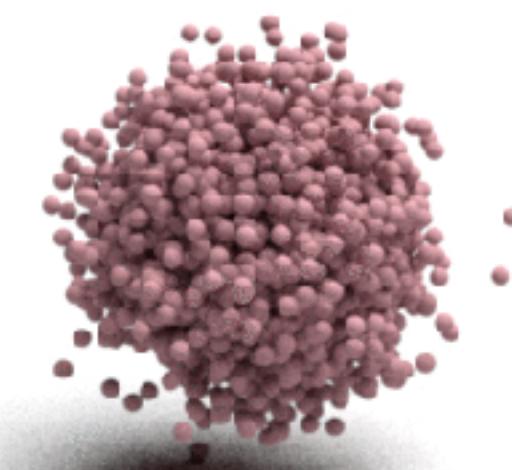
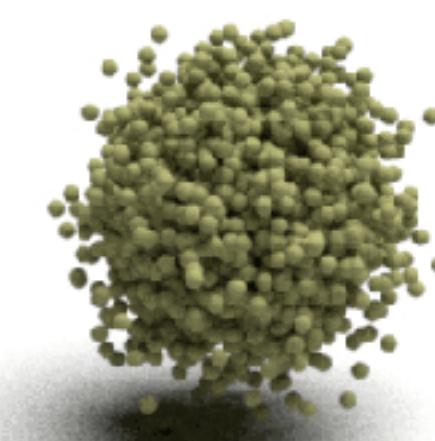
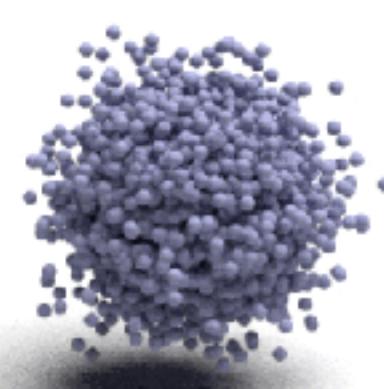
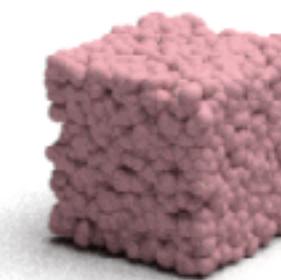
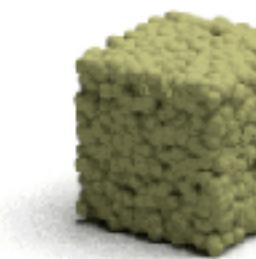
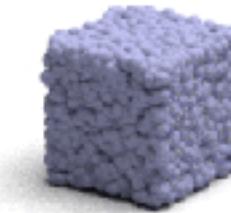


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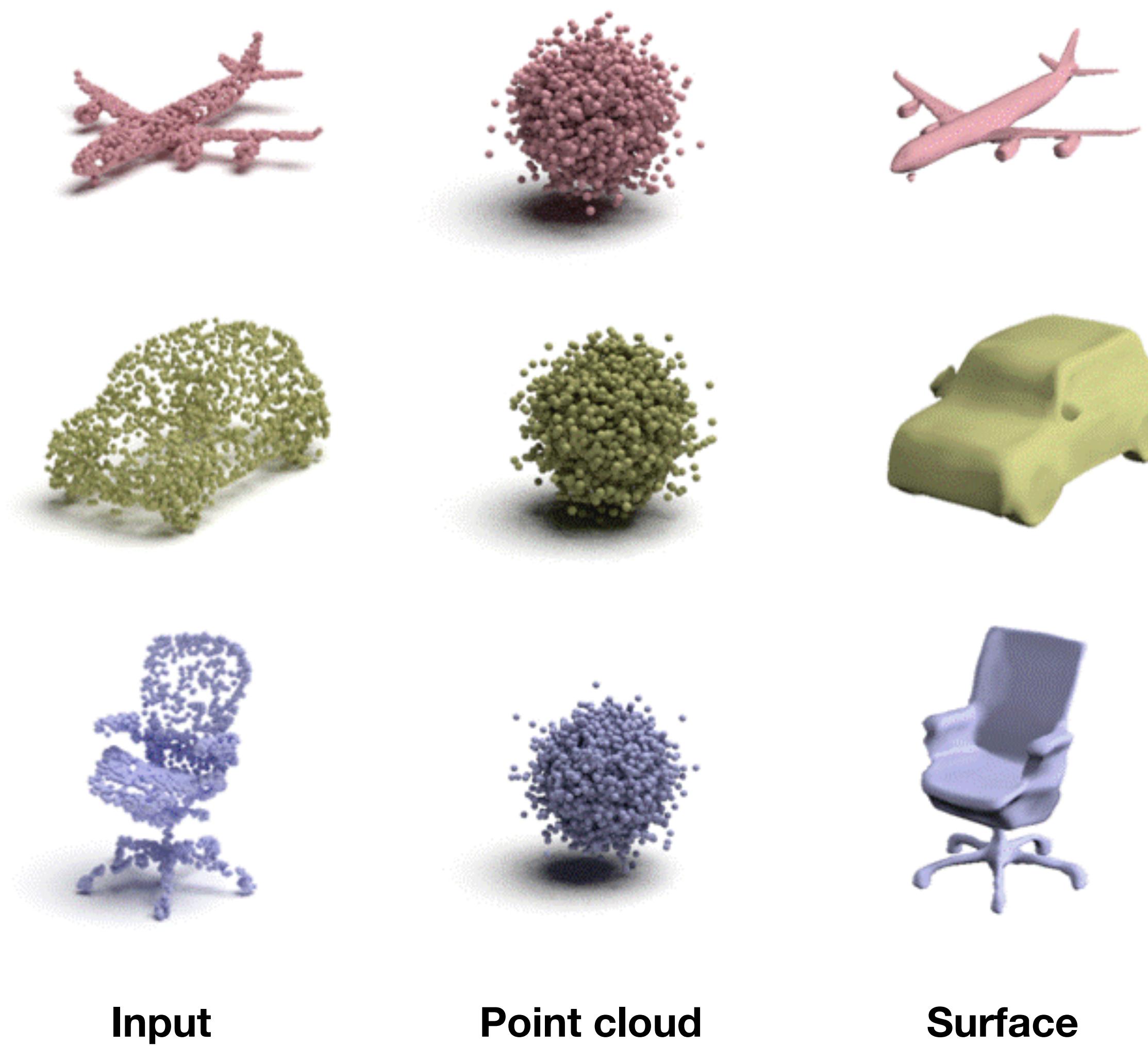
Learning a conditional neural gradient field



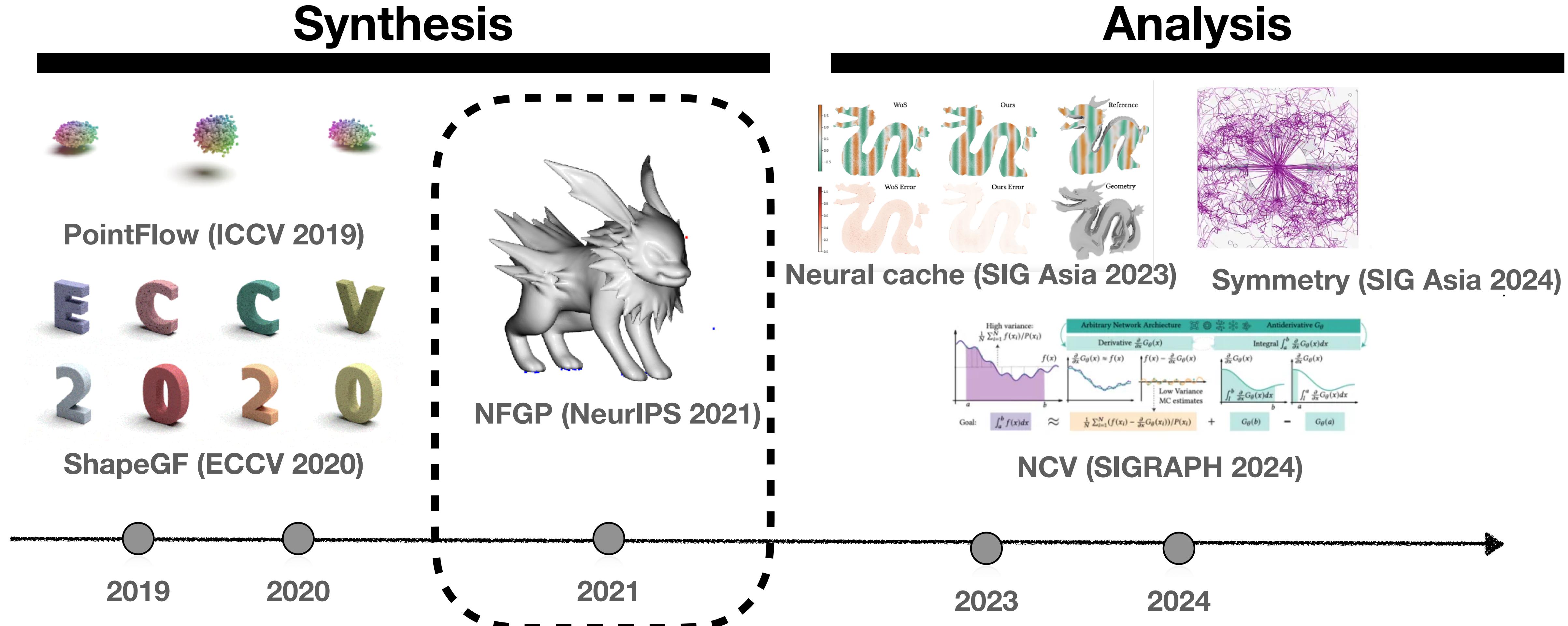
Generation results



Auto-encoding and surface extraction



Synthesis - Editing



Elastic Deformation



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Elastically Deformable Models

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Abstract: The theory of elasticity describes deformable materials such as rubber, cloth, paper, and flexible metals. We employ elasticity theory to construct differential equations that model the behavior of non-rigid curves, surfaces, and solids as a function of time. Elastically deformable models are active; they respond in a natural way to applied forces, constraints, ambient media, and impenetrable obstacles. The models are fundamentally dynamic and realistic animation is created by numerically solving their underlying differential equations. Thus, the description of shape and the description of motion are unified.

Keywords: Modeling, Deformation, Elasticity, Dynamics, Animation, Simulation
CR categories: G.1.8—Partial Differential Equations; I.3.5—Computational Geometry and Object Modeling (Curve, Surface, Solid, and Object Representations); I.3.7—Three-Dimensional Graphics and Realism

1. Introduction

Methods to formulate and represent instantaneous shapes of objects are central to computer graphics modeling. These methods have been particularly successful for modeling rigid objects whose shapes do not change over time. This paper develops an approach to modeling which incorporates the physically-based dynamics of flexible materials into the purely geometric models which have been used traditionally. We propose models based on elasticity theory which conveniently represent the shape and motion of deformable materials, especially when those materials interact with other physically-based computer graphics objects.

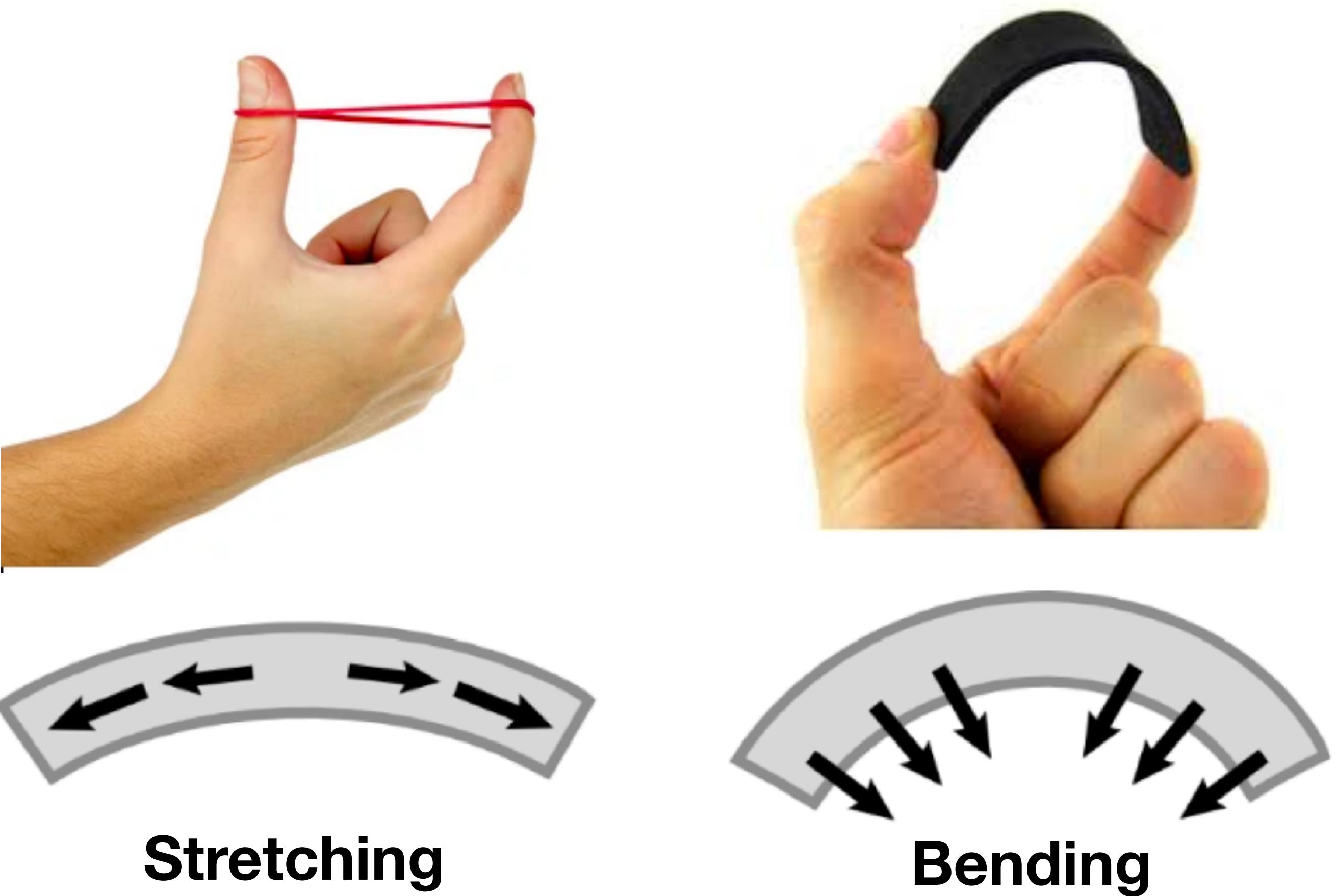
1.1. Physical Models versus Kinematic Models

Most traditional methods for computer graphics modeling are kinematic; that is, the shapes are compositions of geometrically or algebraically defined primitives. Kinematic models are passive because they do not interact with each other or with external forces. The models are either stationary or are subjected to motion according to prescribed

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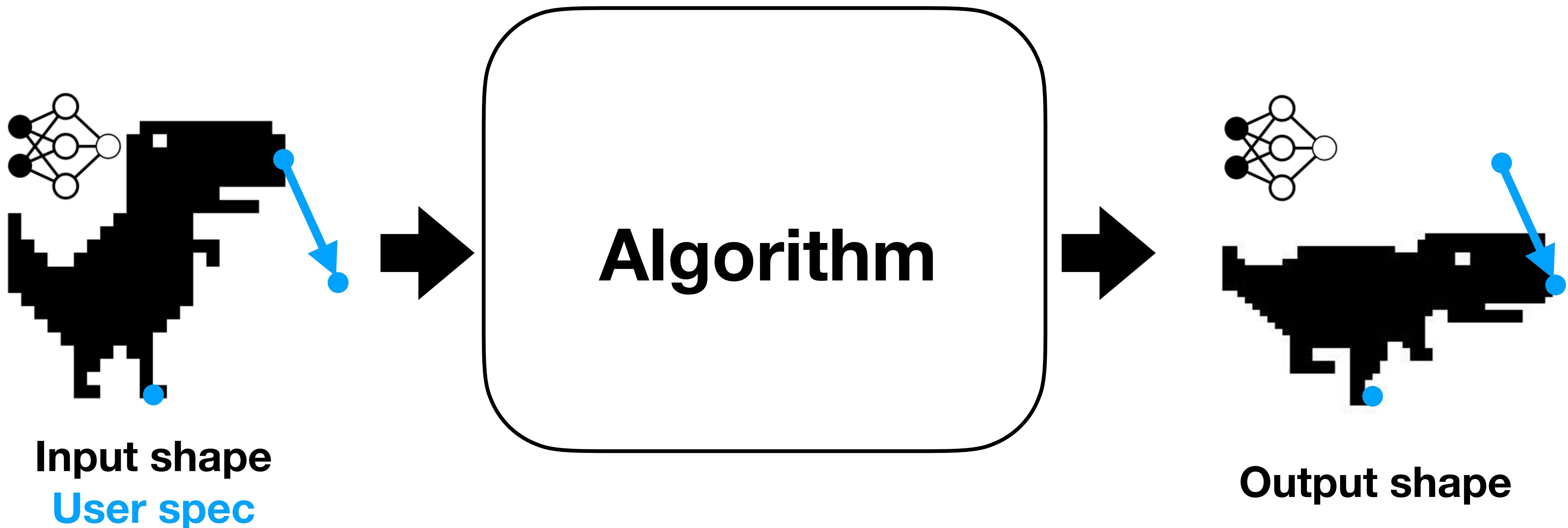


Stretching

Bending

Terzopoulos et. al., 1987;
Sorkine and Alexa, 2007;
Levi and Gotsman, 2015

Elastic Deformation with Neural Fields

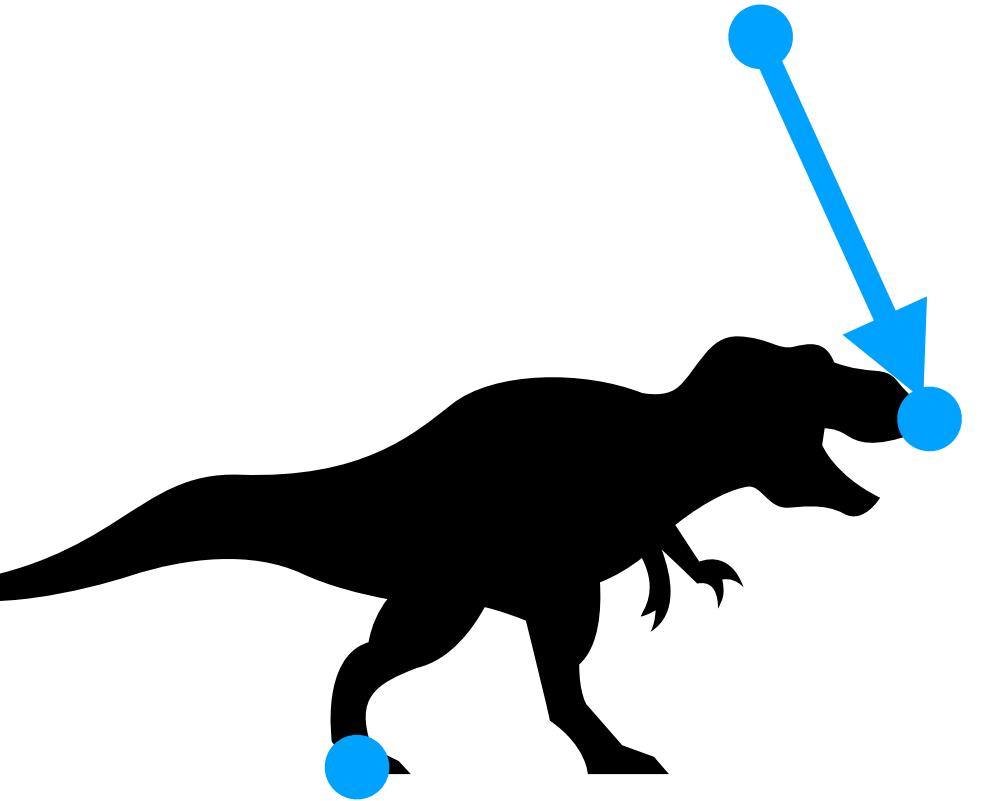
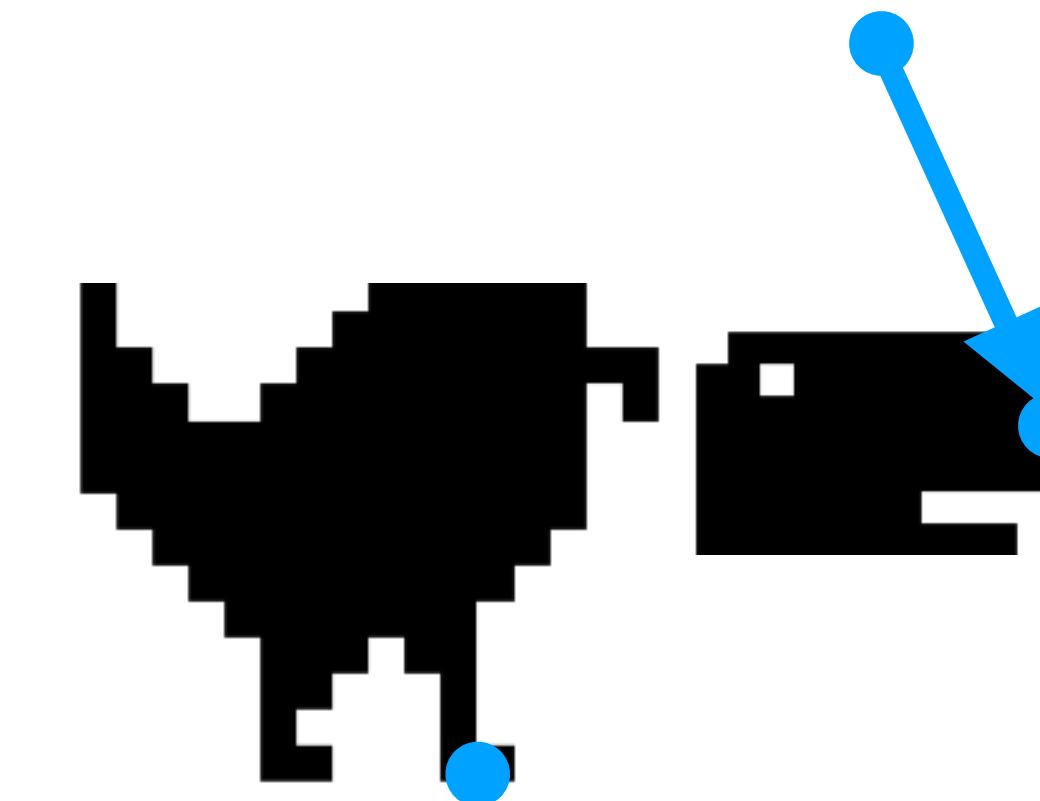


Elastic Deformation is under constrained

Input (sparse!)



Multiple possible outputs

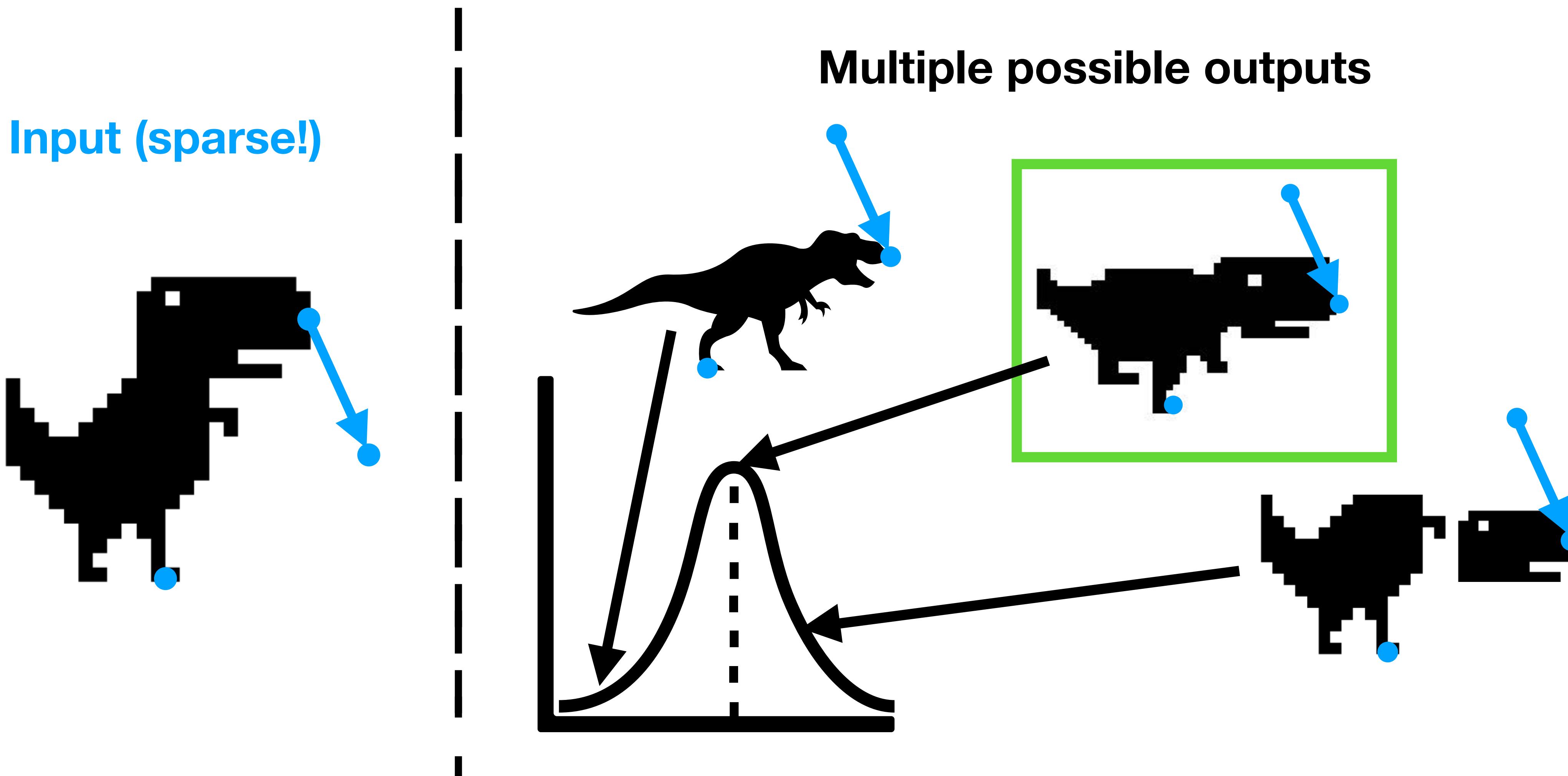


Broken head :(

Changed surface details

Editing algorithm requires prior knowledge

Shape Priors for Editing



Quantify Priors



$f: (u, v) \mapsto (x, y, z)$

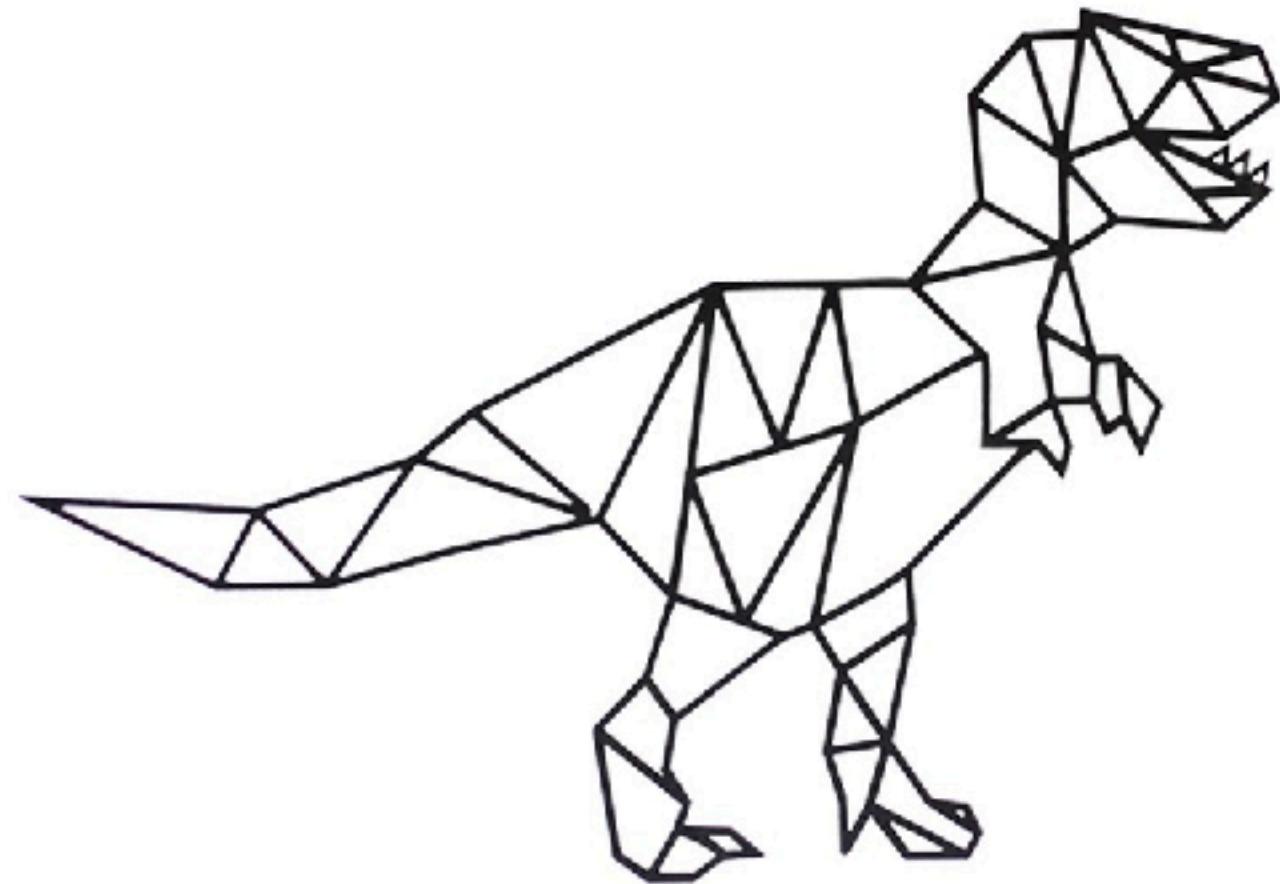
Normal

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

Curvature

$$\mathbf{II} = \begin{bmatrix} f_{uu}^T \mathbf{n} & f_{uv}^T \mathbf{n} \\ f_{vu}^T \mathbf{n} & f_{vv}^T \mathbf{n} \end{bmatrix} \quad \kappa = \frac{|\mathbf{II}|}{|\mathbf{I}|}$$

Quantify Prior - Mesh



$$V = \{(x_i, y_i, z_i)\}_{i=1}^n$$

$$F = \{(u, v, w) \mid 1 \leq u, v, w, \leq n\}$$

Normal

$$\mathbf{n}_{i,j,k} = \frac{(V_j - V_i) \times (V_k - V_i)}{|(V_j - V_i) \times (V_k - V_i)|}$$

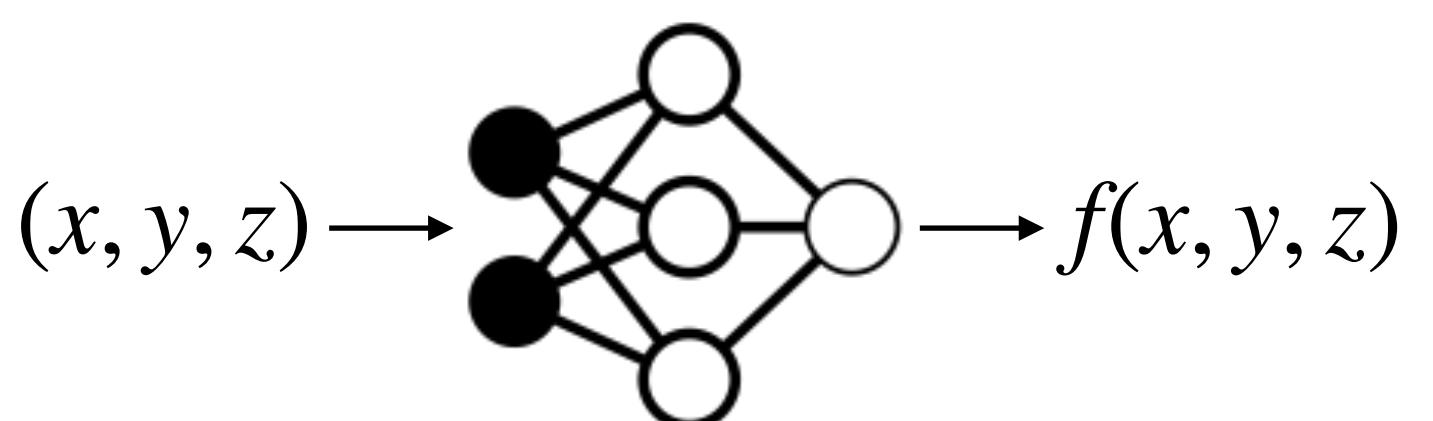
Curvature

$$\kappa_i = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} (\cot \alpha_{ij} + \cot \beta_{ij})(V_i - V_j)$$

Quantify Prior - Neural Fields



Normal



Curvature

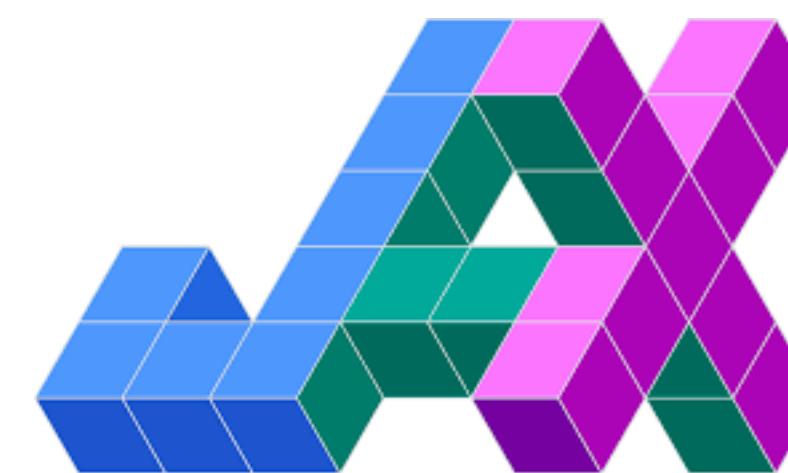
$$\partial\Omega = \{(x, y, z) \mid f(x, y, z) = 0\}$$

Differentiability of Neural Fields

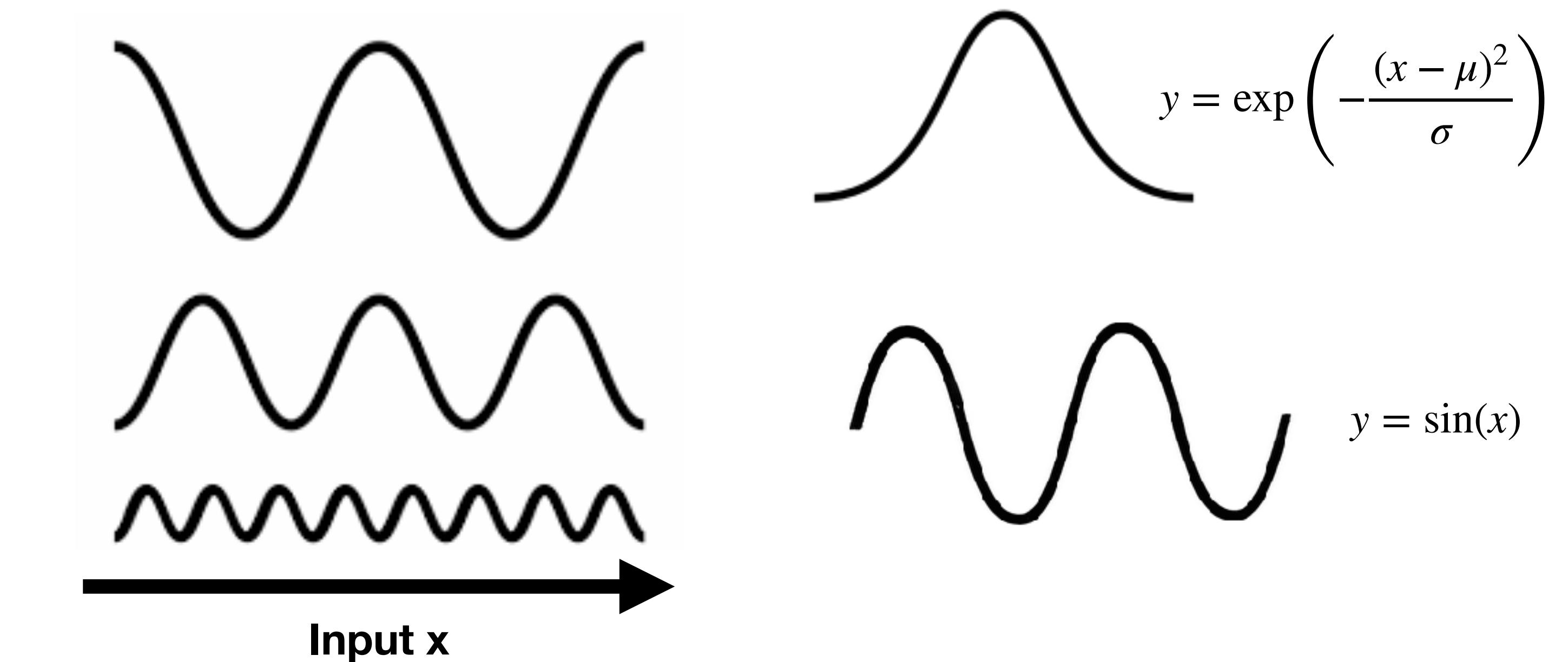
PyTorch



TensorFlow



AutoGrad Frameworks



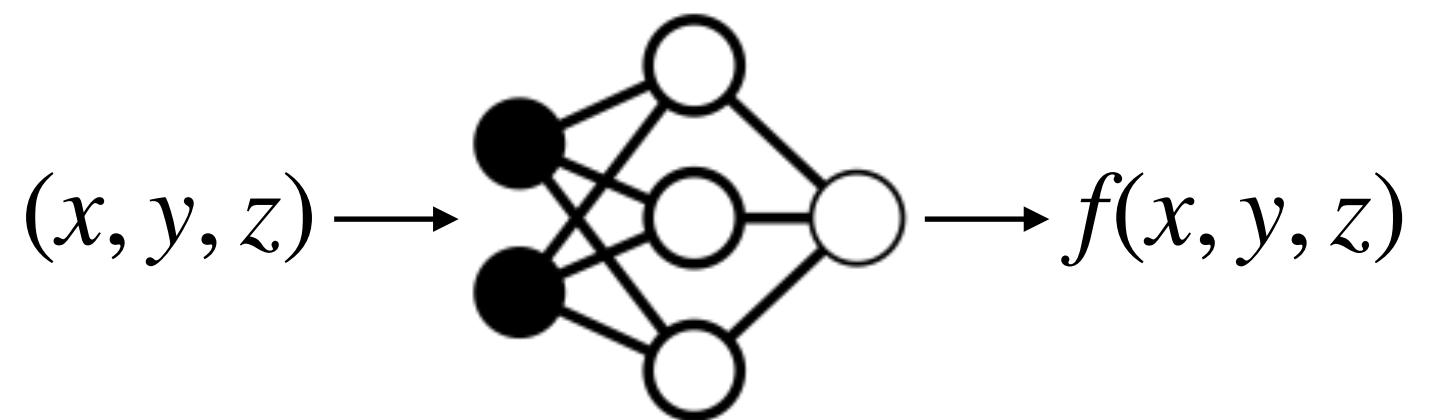
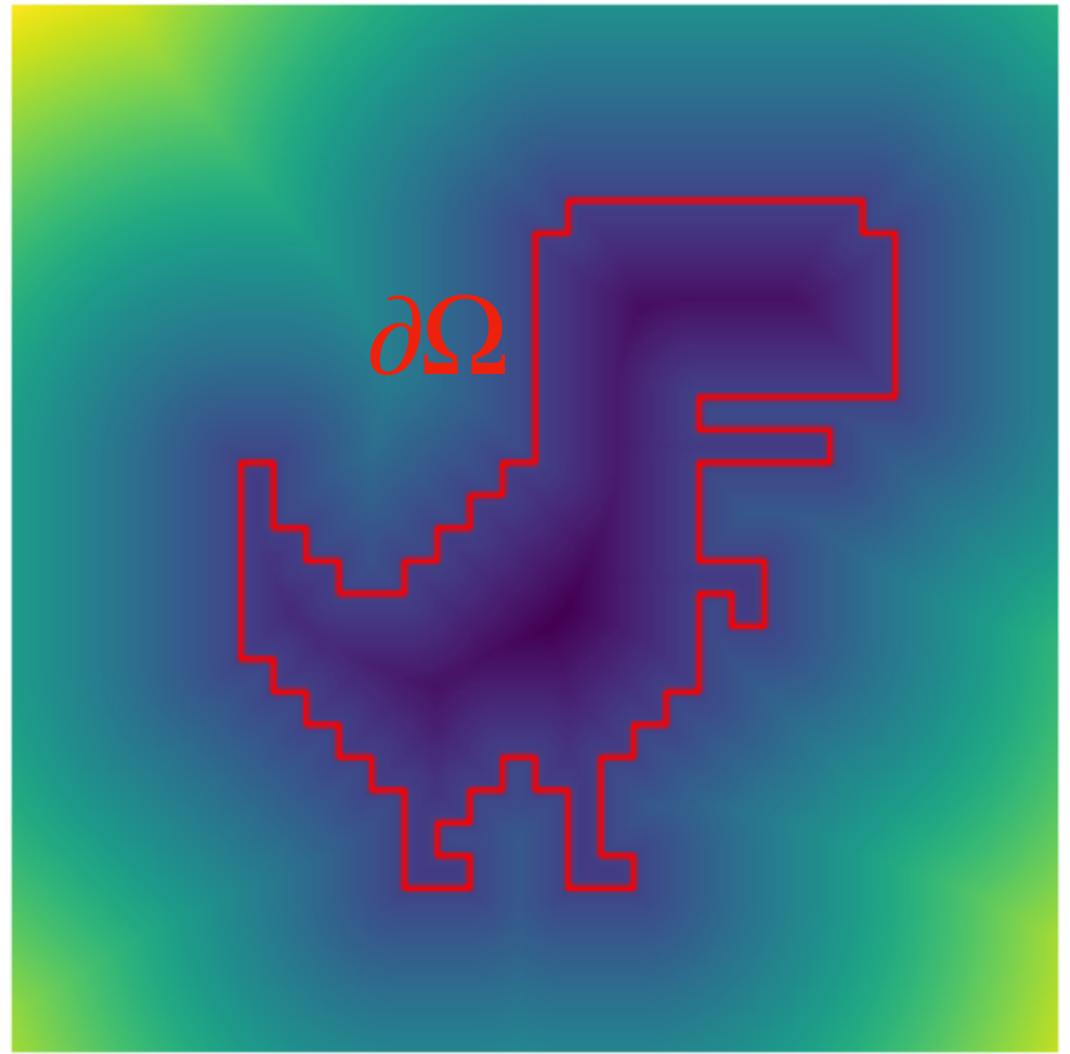
Positional Encoding

(Tannic et al., 2020, Mildenhall et al., 2020)

Smooth Activation

(Sitzmann et al., 2020, Chng et al., 2022,
Ramasinha et al. 2022, Zheng et al., 2021,
Fathony et al., 2021)

Quantify Prior - Neural Fields



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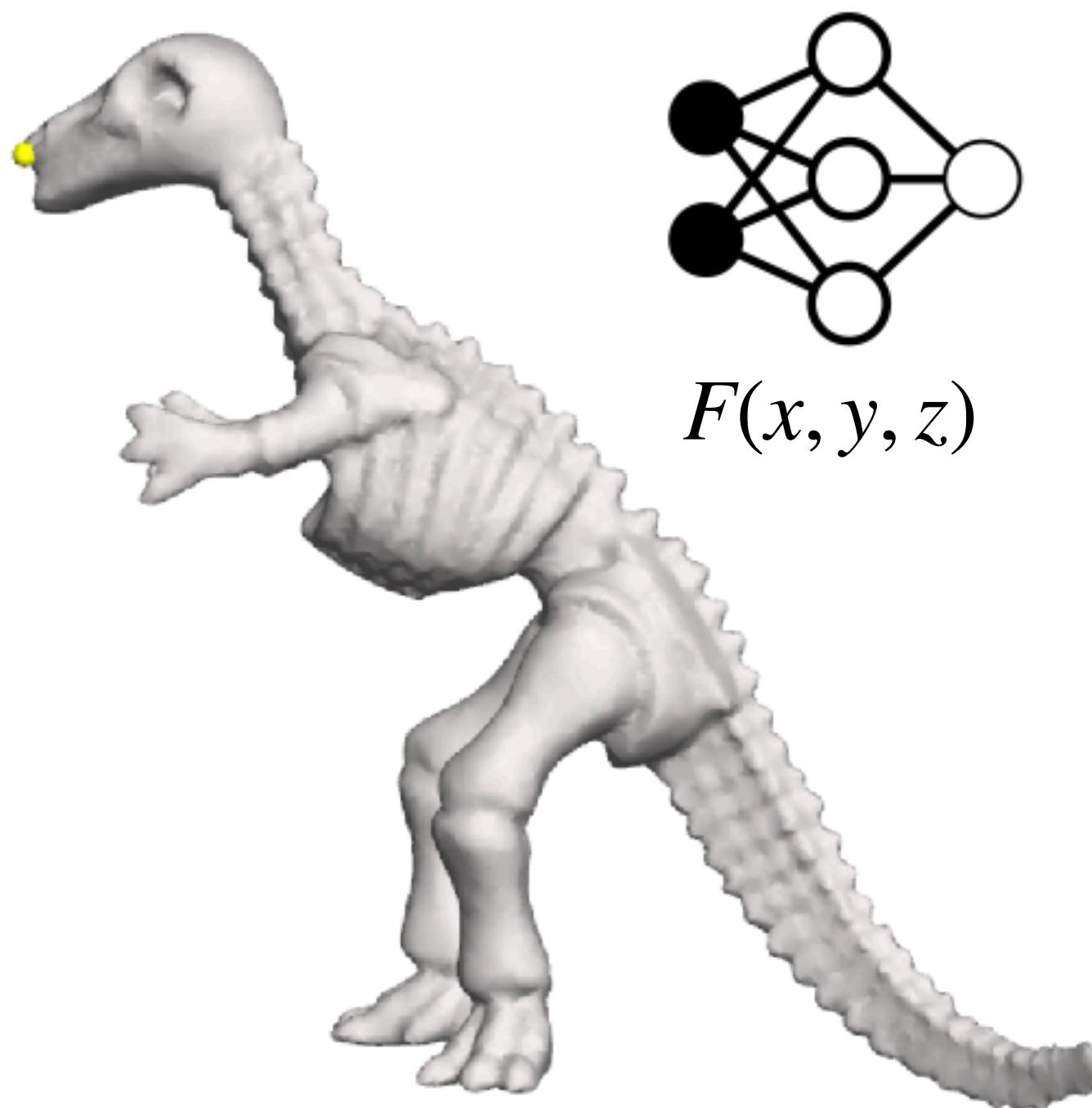
Normal

$$\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\nabla f(\mathbf{x})}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|}$$

Curvature

$$\kappa(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{2}\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\nabla f(\mathbf{x})}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|} \right)$$

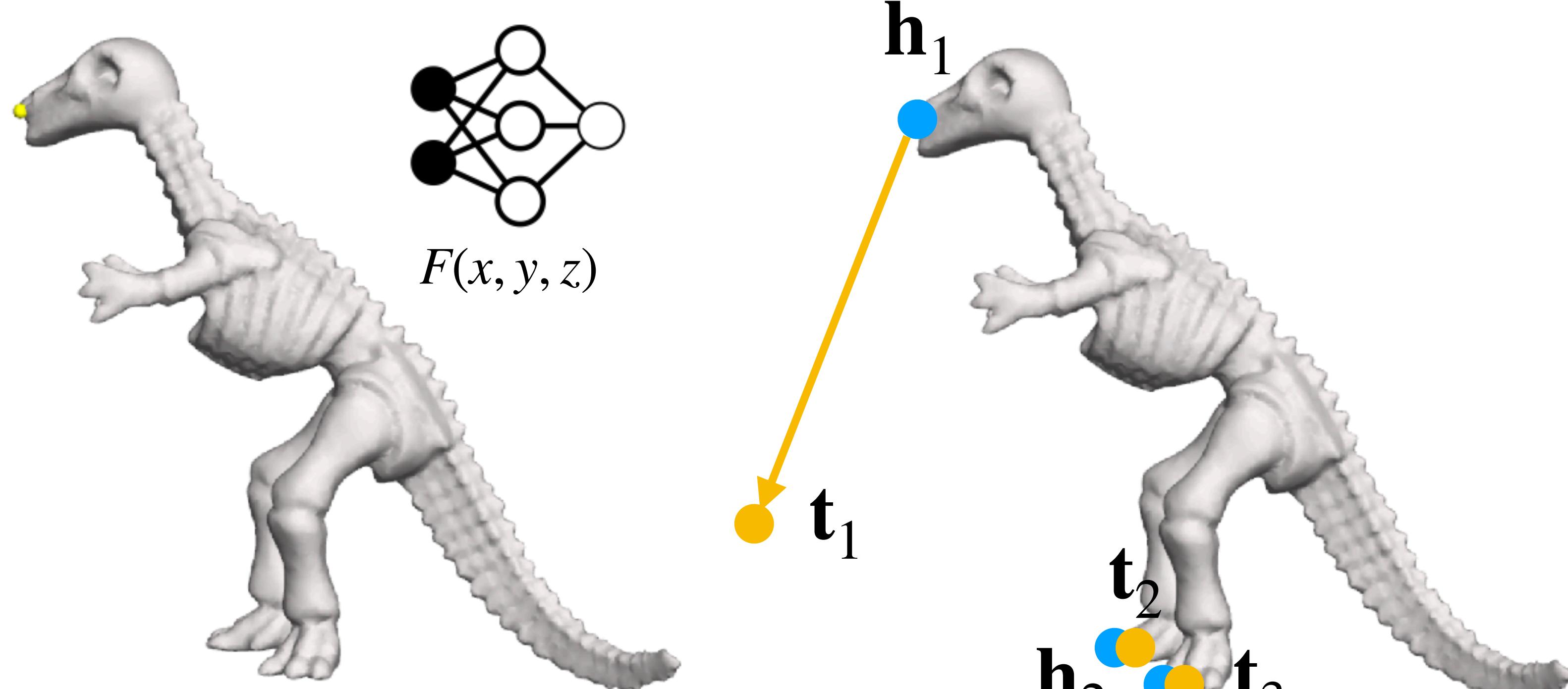
Problem Setup



$$F(\mathbf{x}) \approx \sigma(\mathbf{x}) \min_{\mathbf{p} \in \partial\Omega} \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{x}\|$$

$$\sigma(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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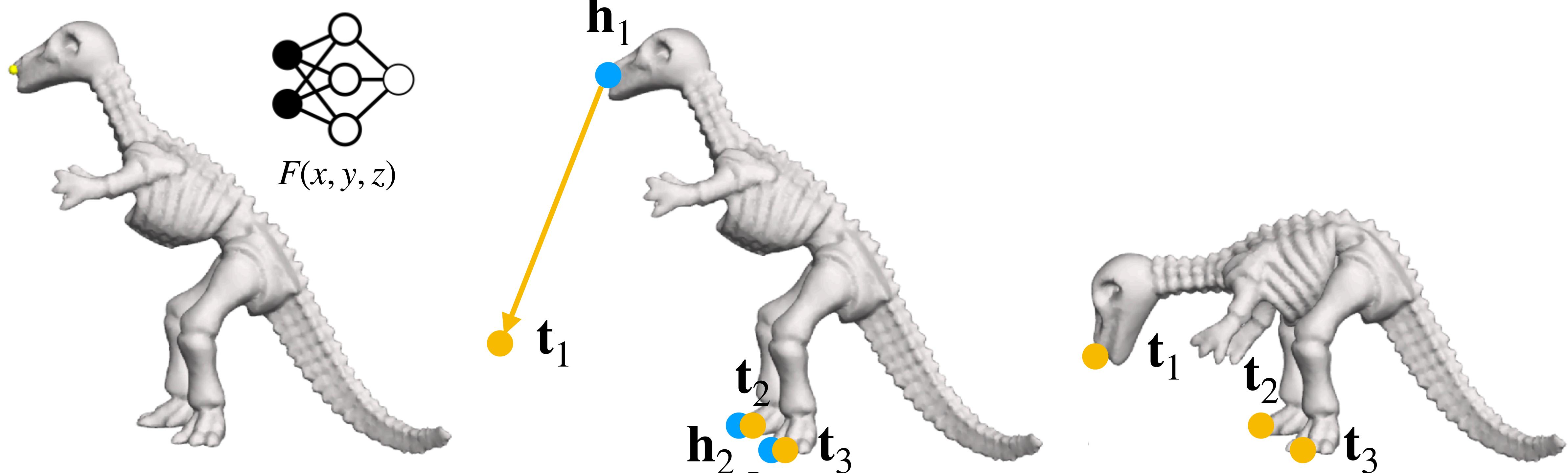


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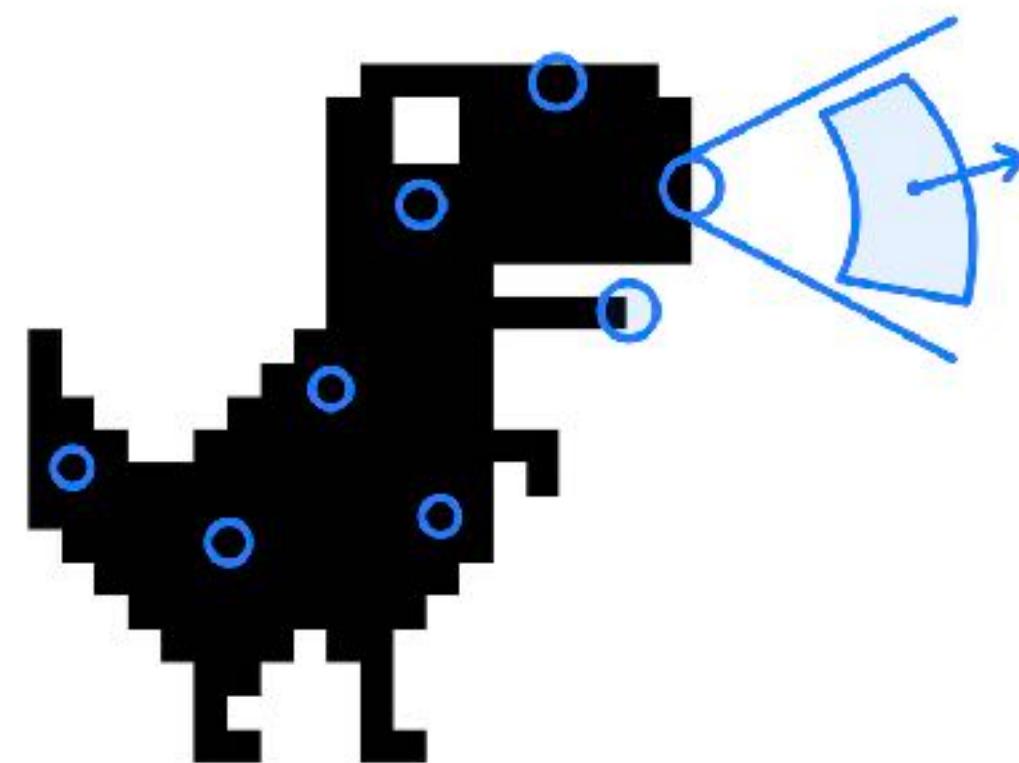
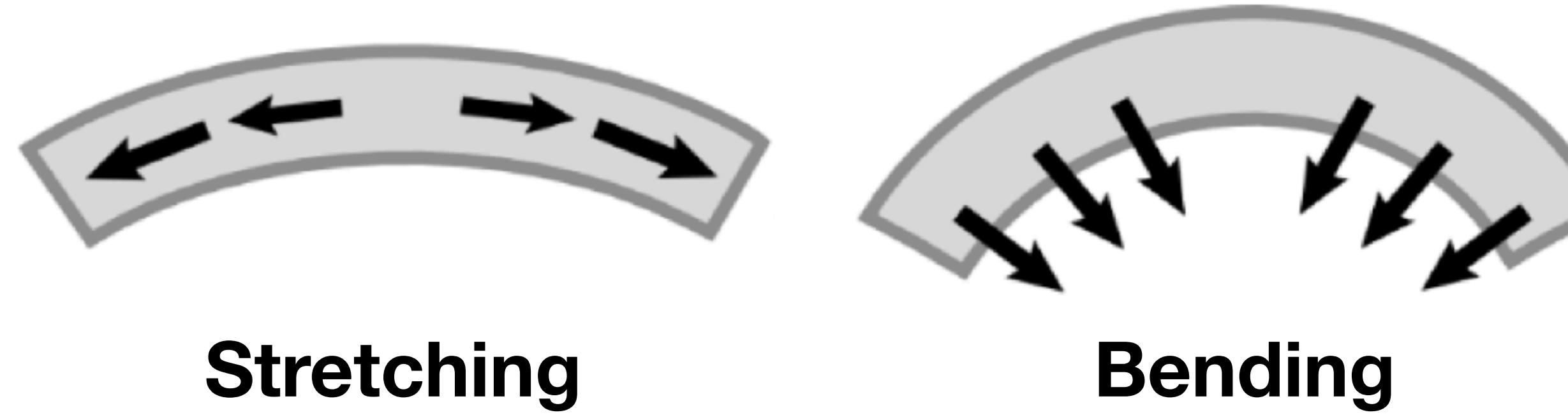
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Desired Output
Natural Elastic Deformation

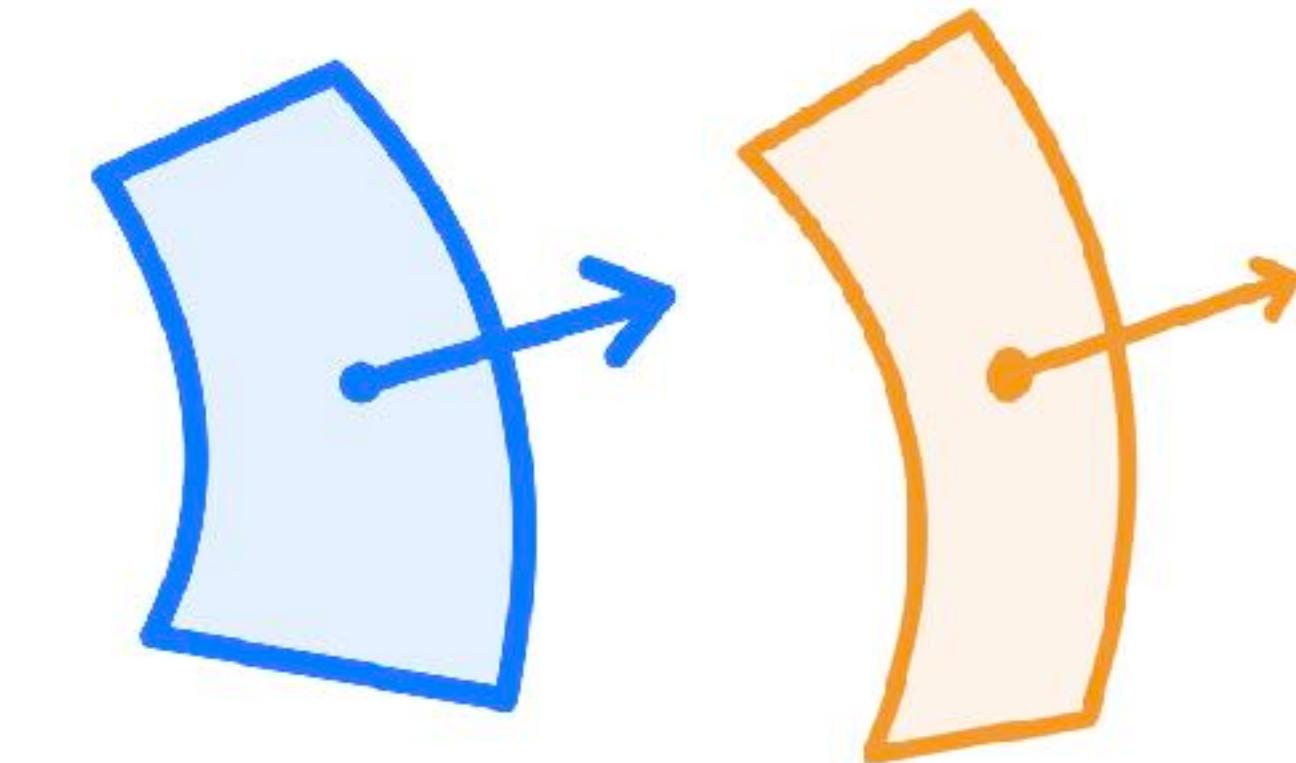
Elastic Deformation



1. Sampling



2. Correspondences



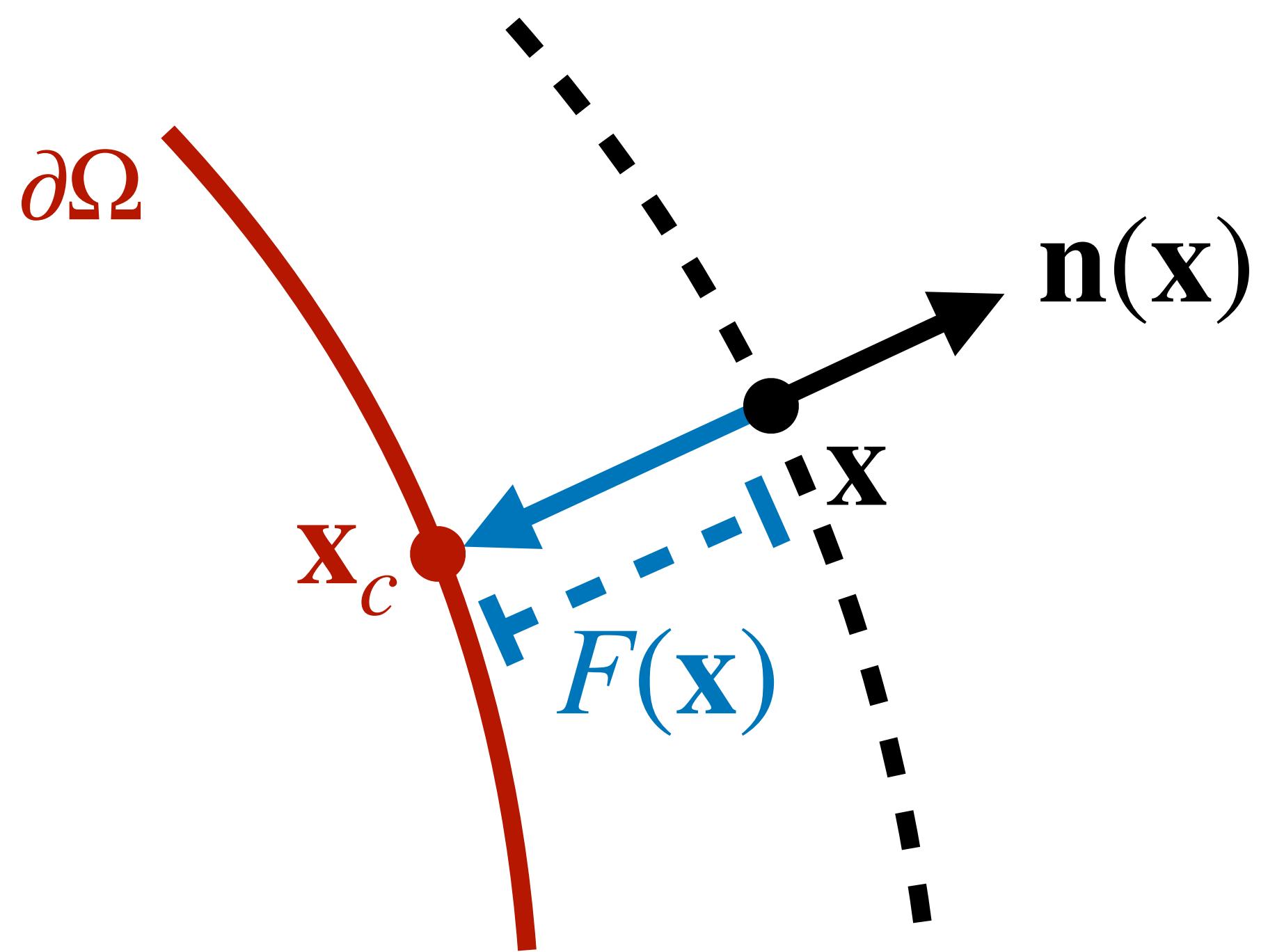
3. Comparing

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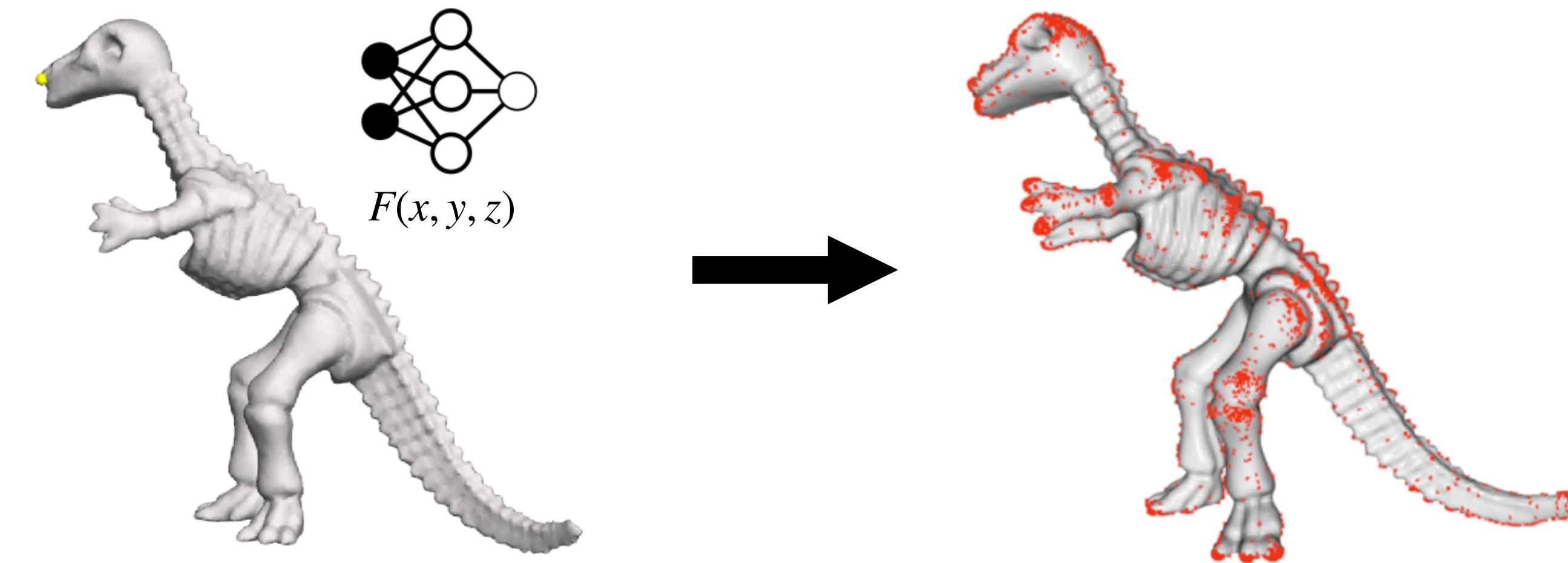
$$F(\mathbf{x}) \approx SDF(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\mathbf{x}_c = \arg \min_{\mathbf{p} \in \partial\Omega} |\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{x}|$$

$$= \mathbf{x} - F(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x})$$



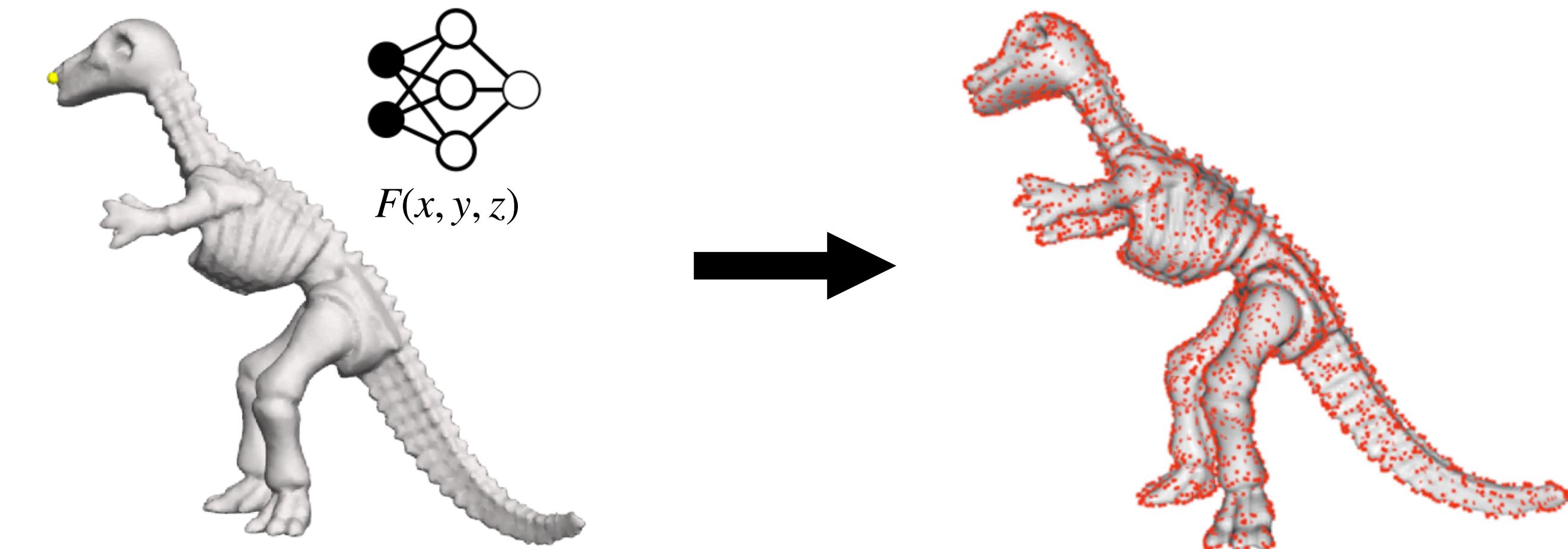
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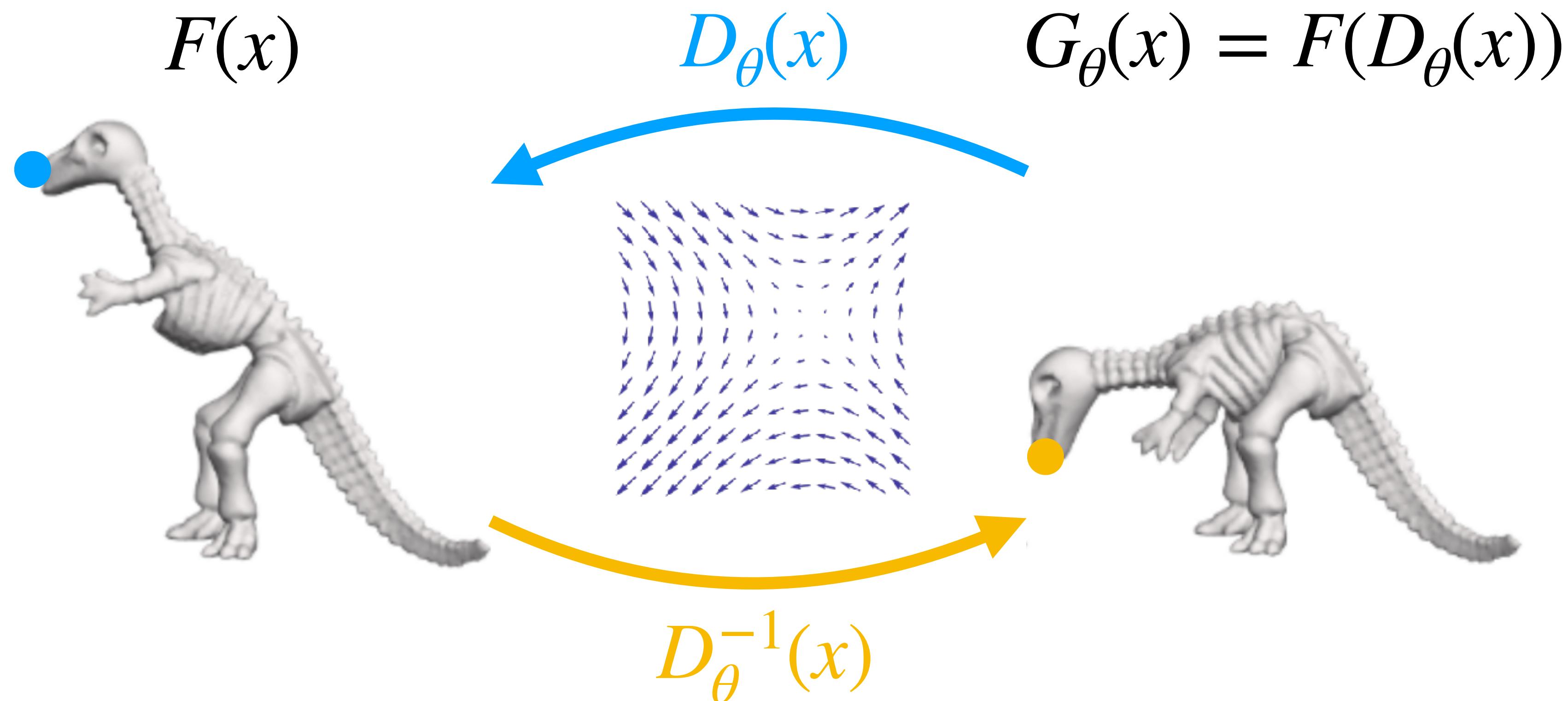
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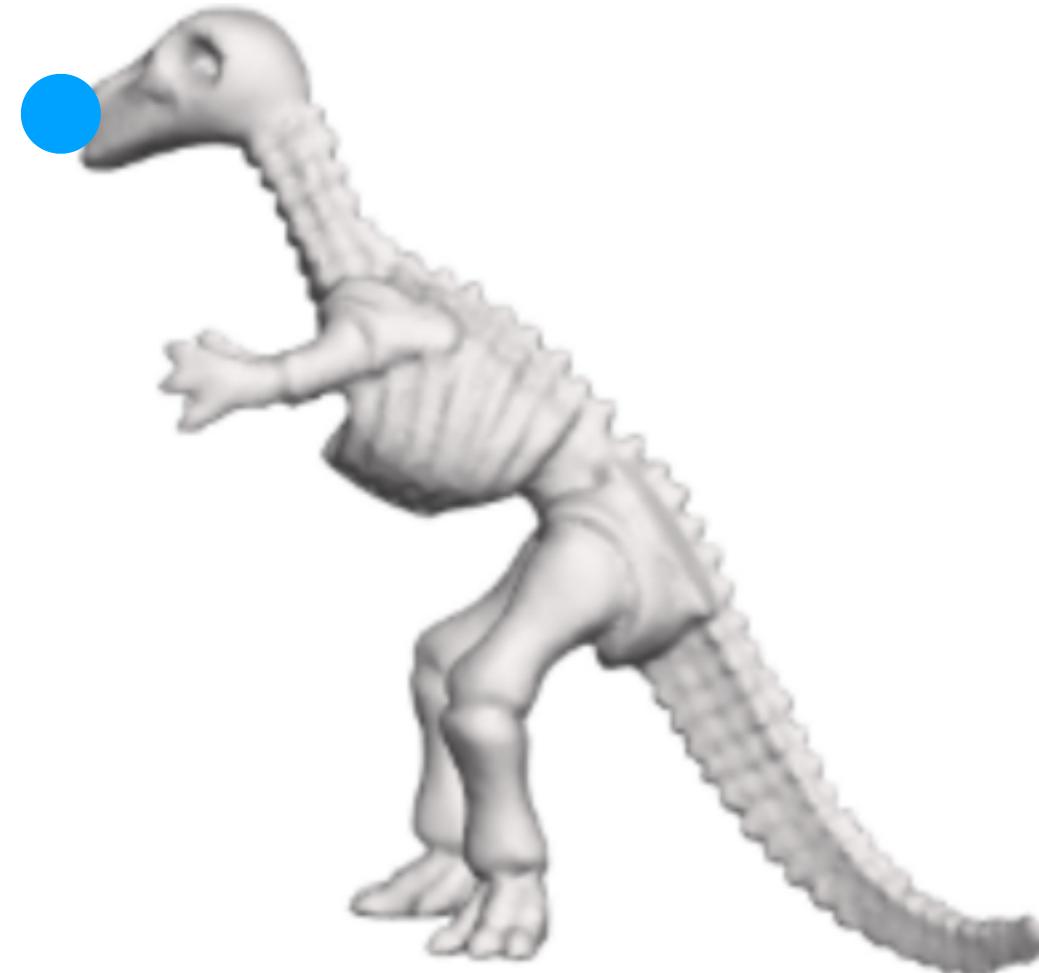
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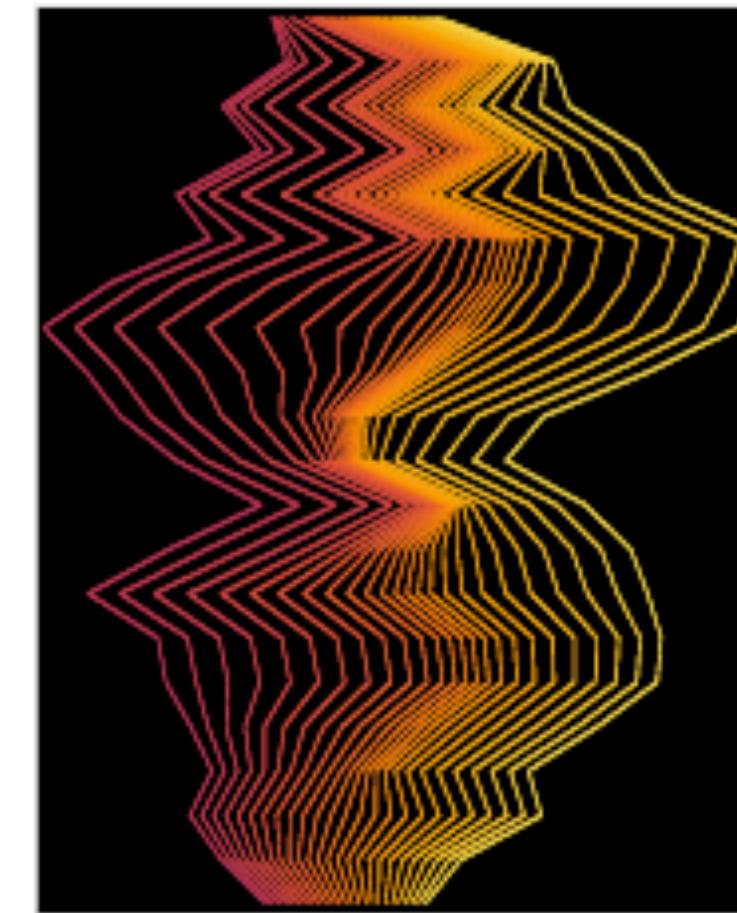


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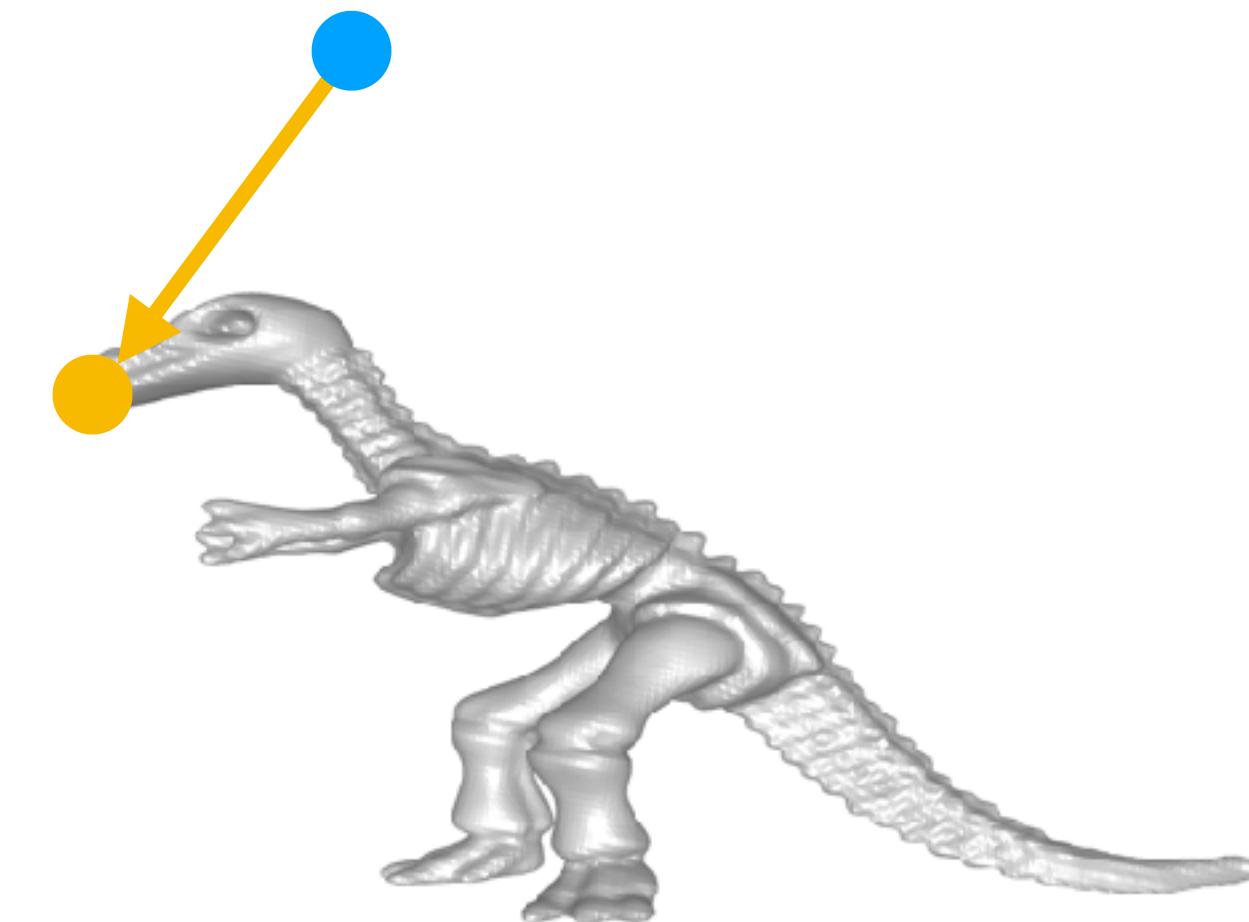
$$F(x)$$



$$D_\theta(x) = x + g_\theta(x)$$



$$G_\theta(x) = F(D_\theta(x))$$



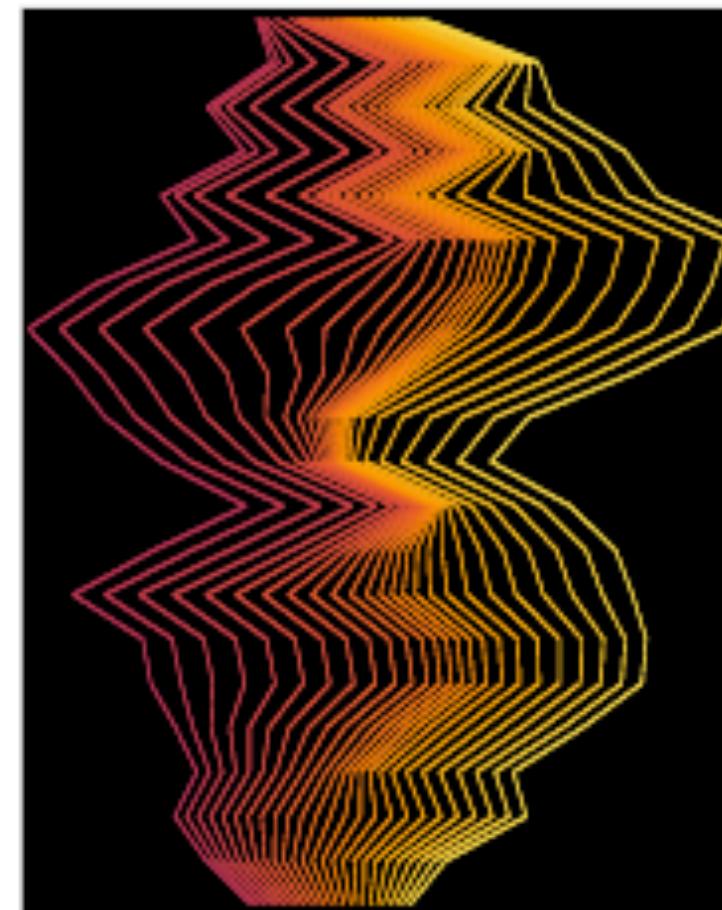
Invertible ResNet
(Behrmann et. al., 2019)

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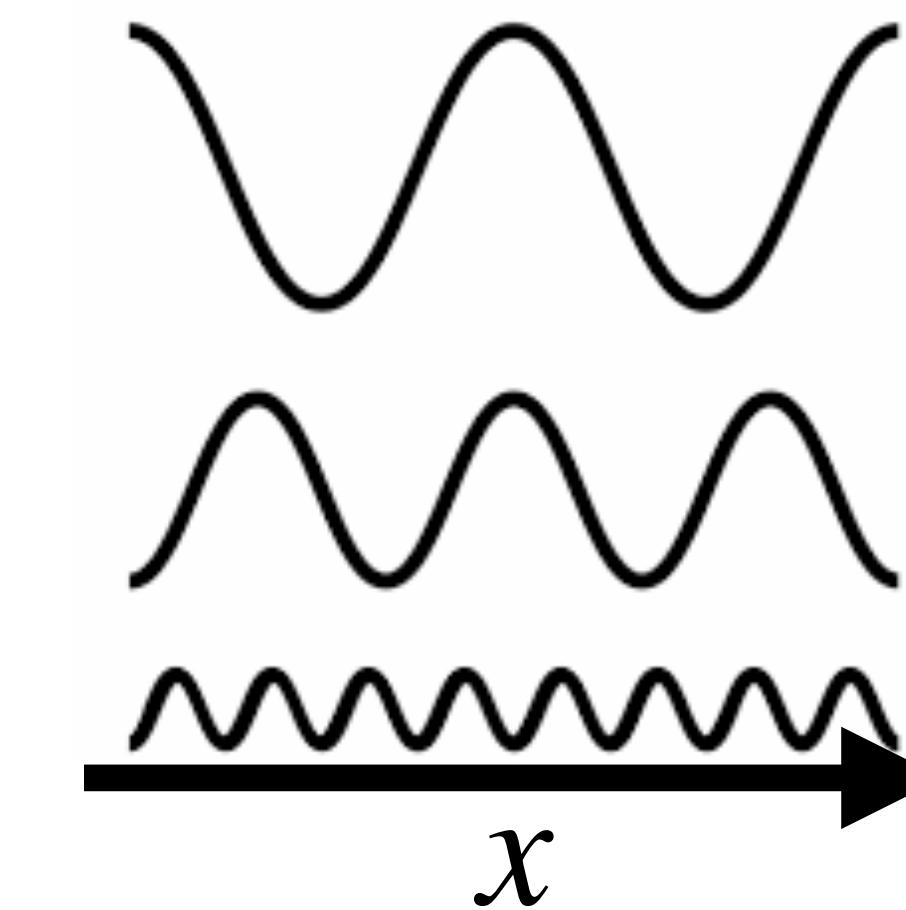


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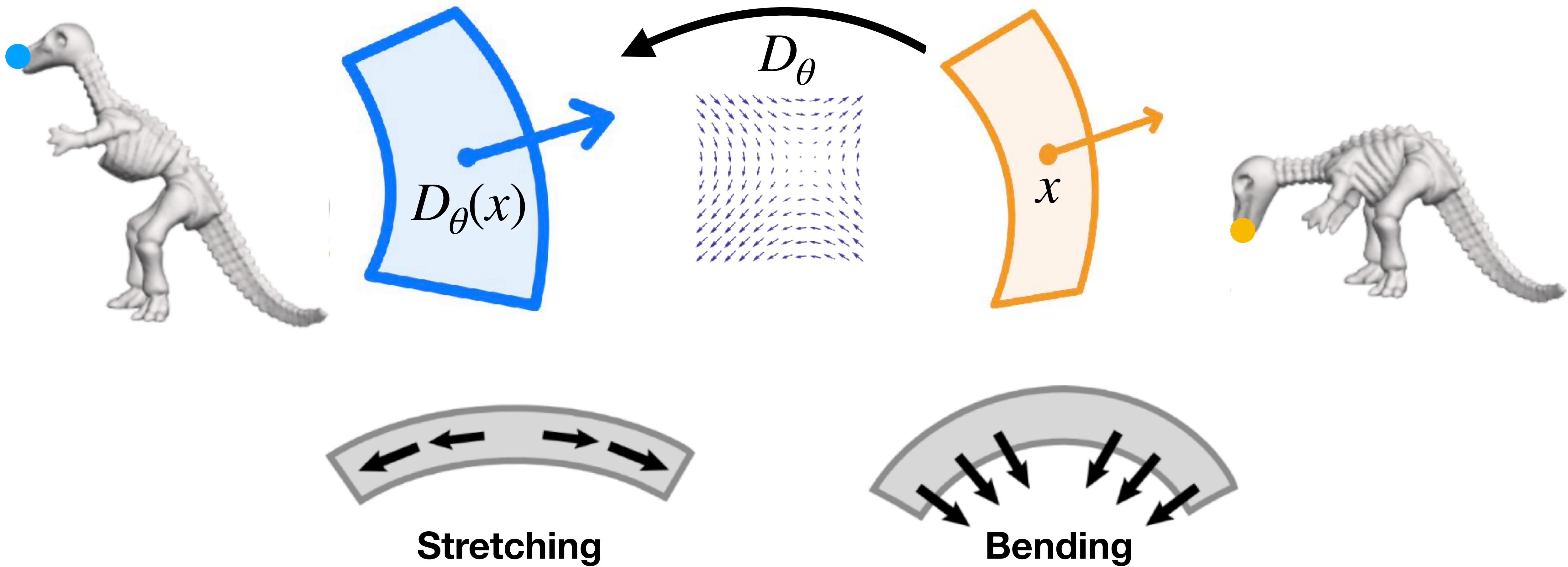
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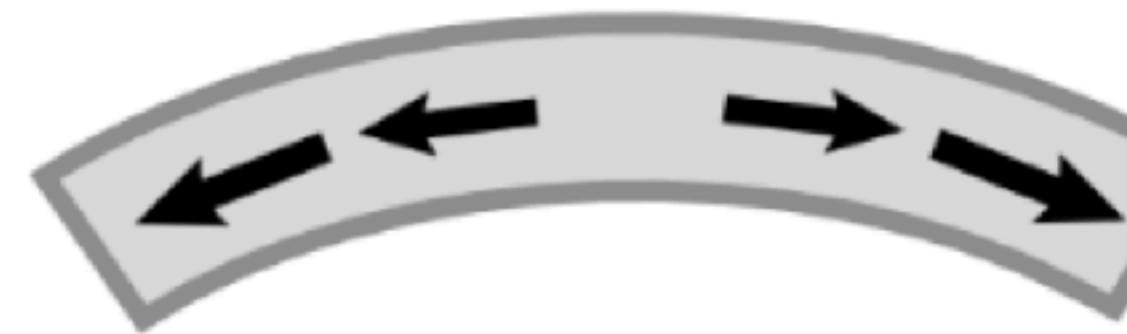
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Positional Encoding



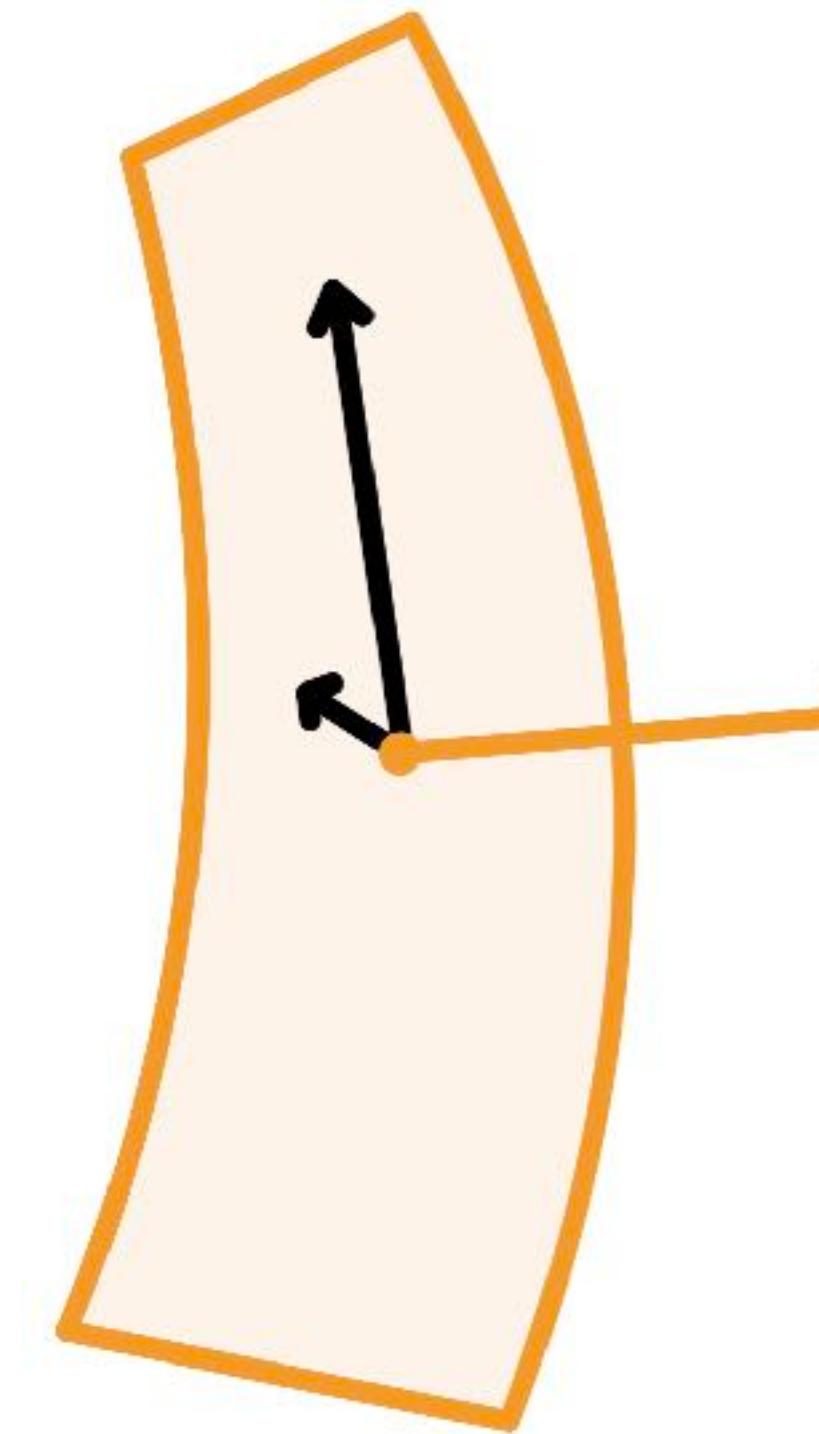
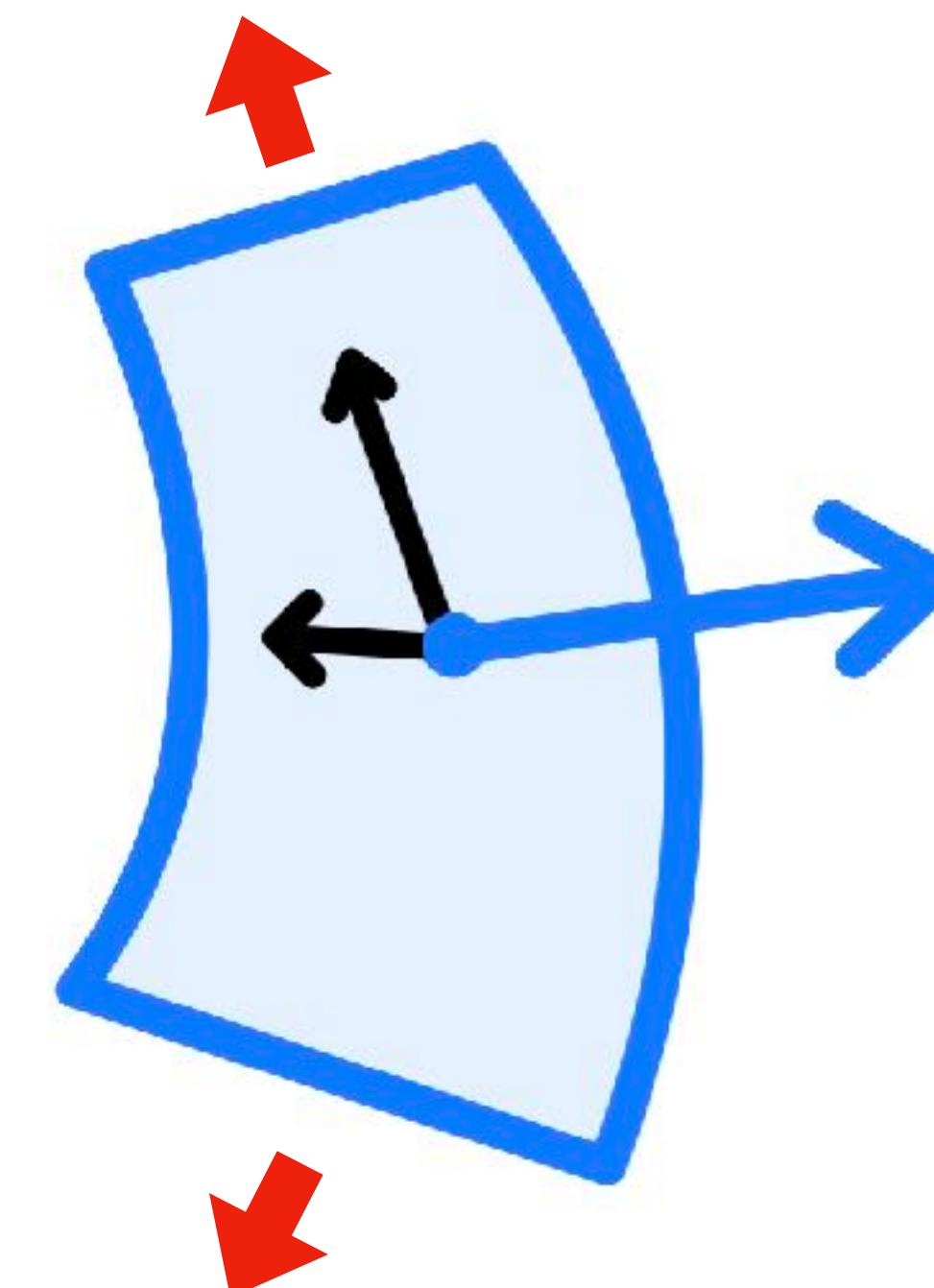
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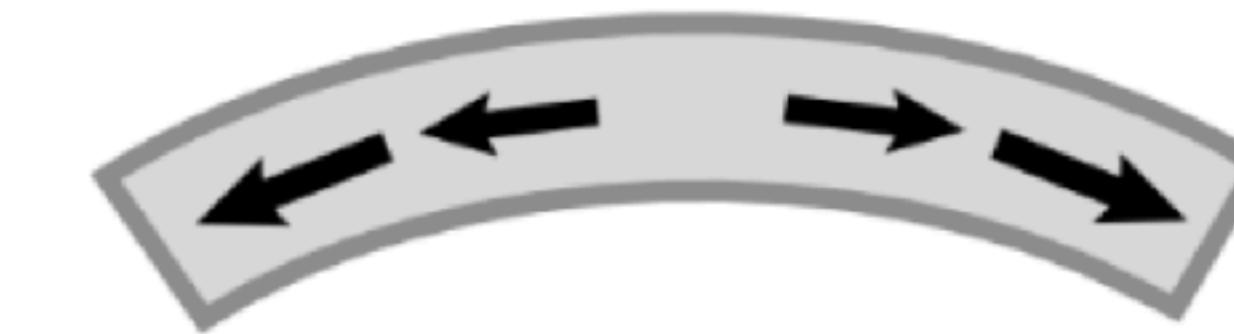
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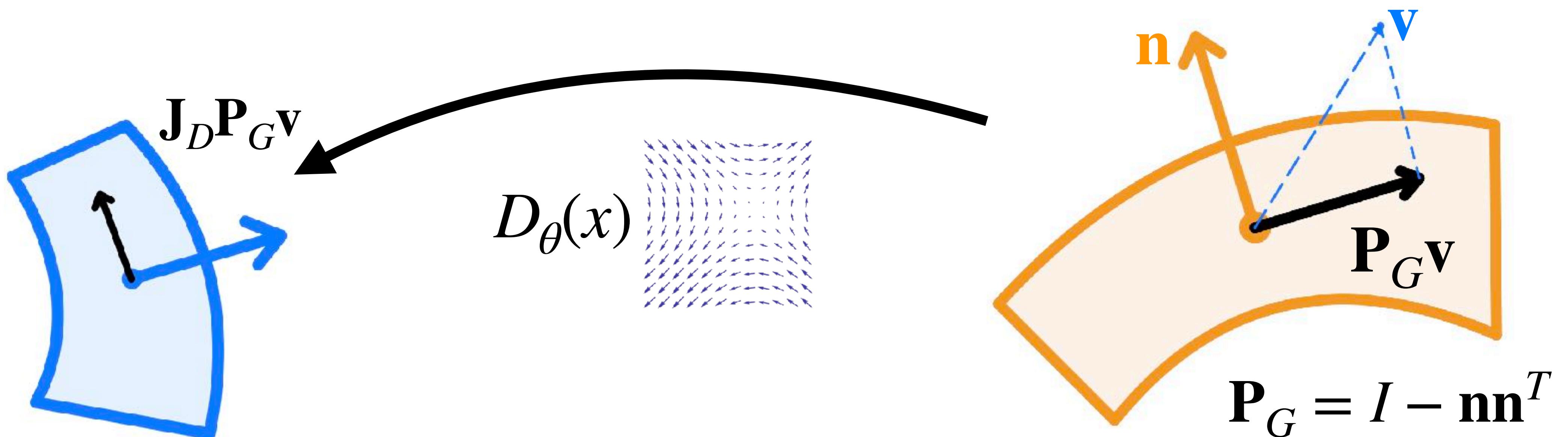
Stretch - change of tangent
dot-product



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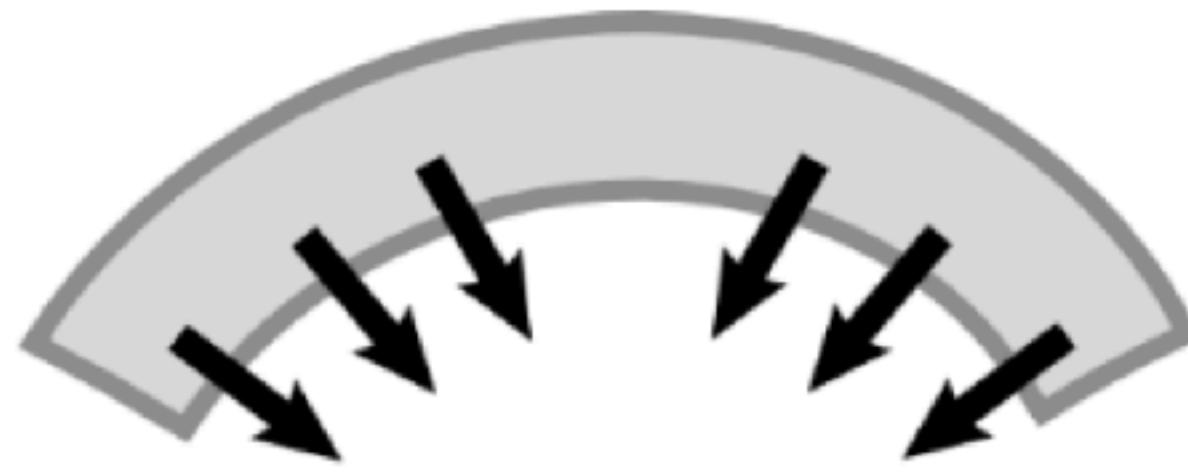


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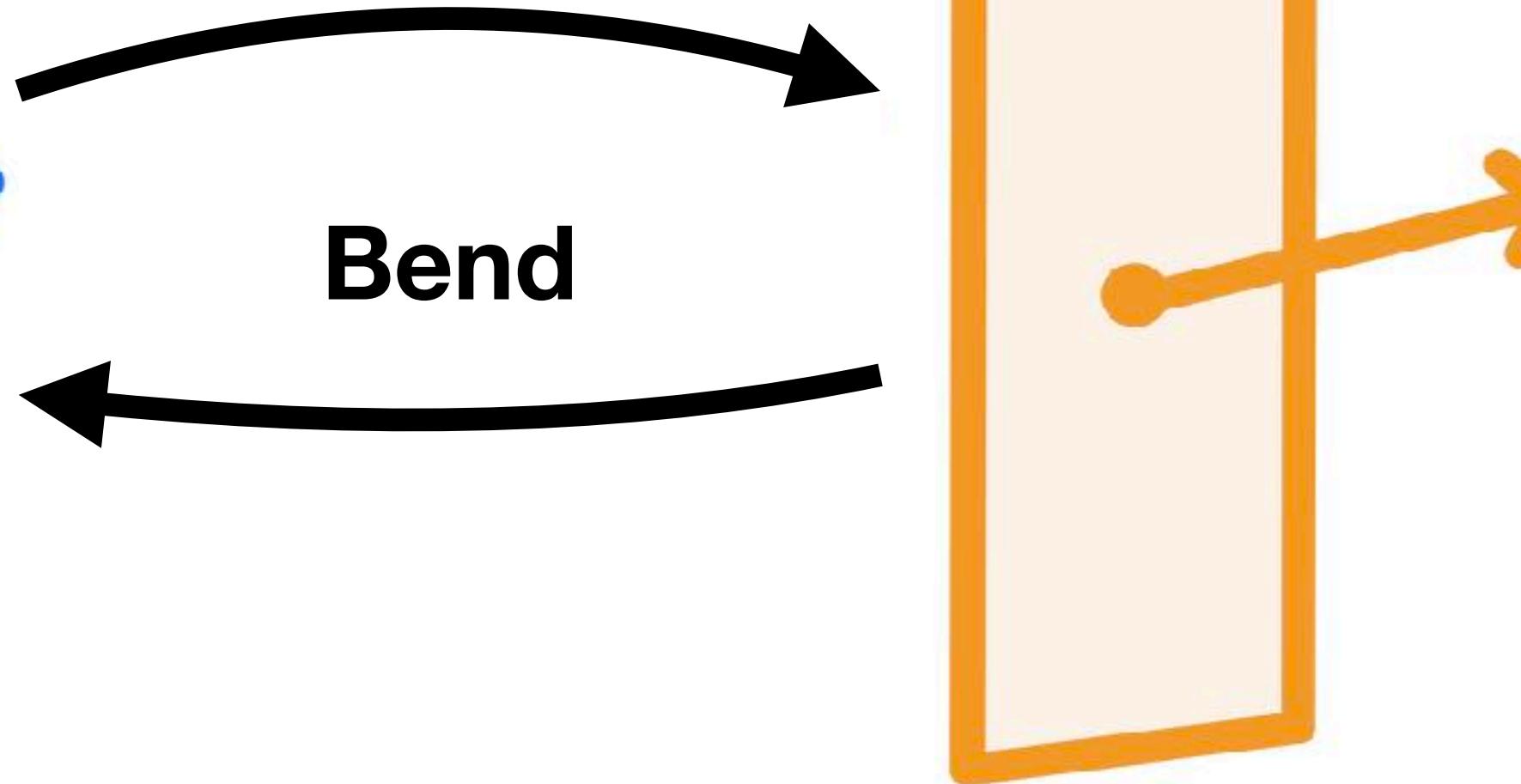
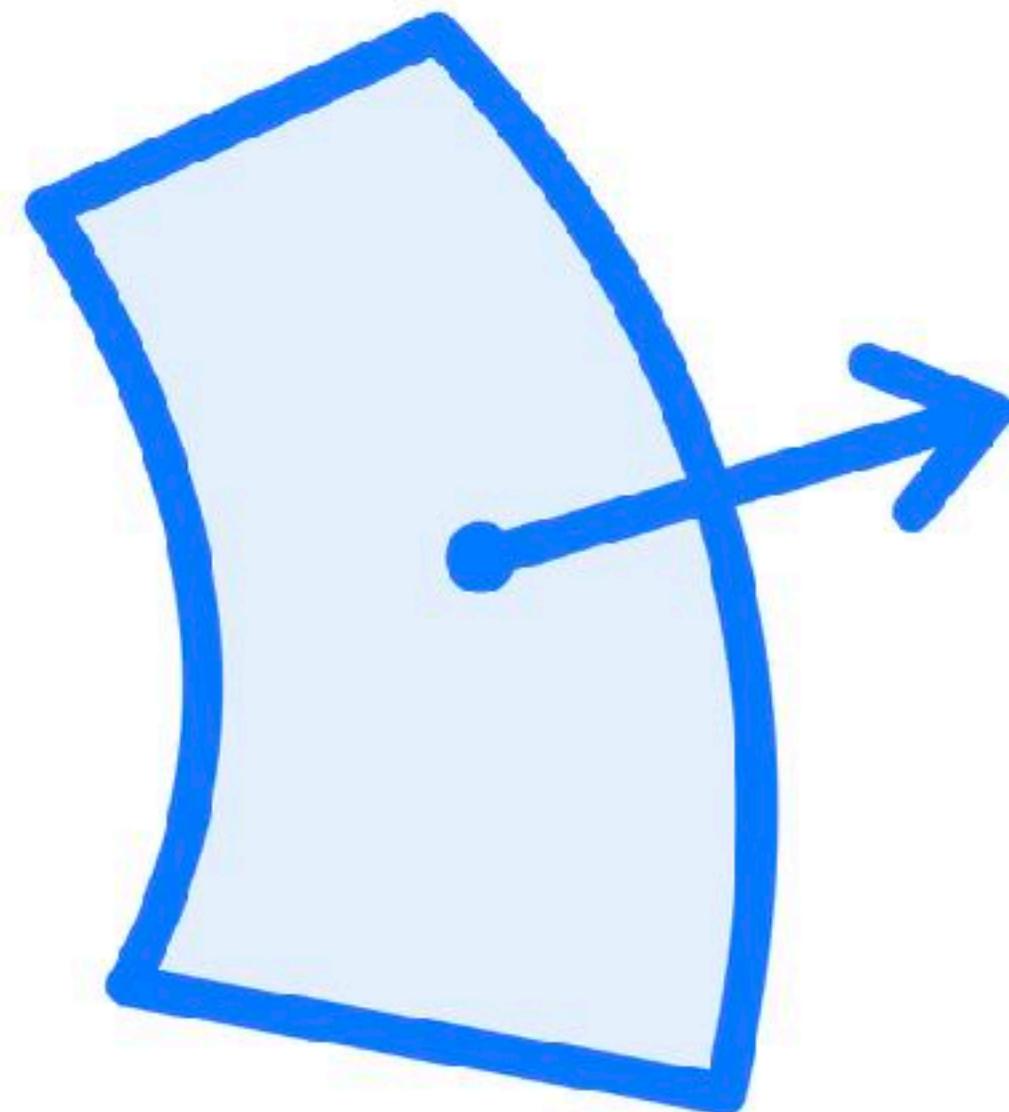


$$\mathcal{L}_s = \int \| \mathbf{P}_G^T (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{J}_D^T \mathbf{J}_D) \mathbf{P}_G \|_F dx$$

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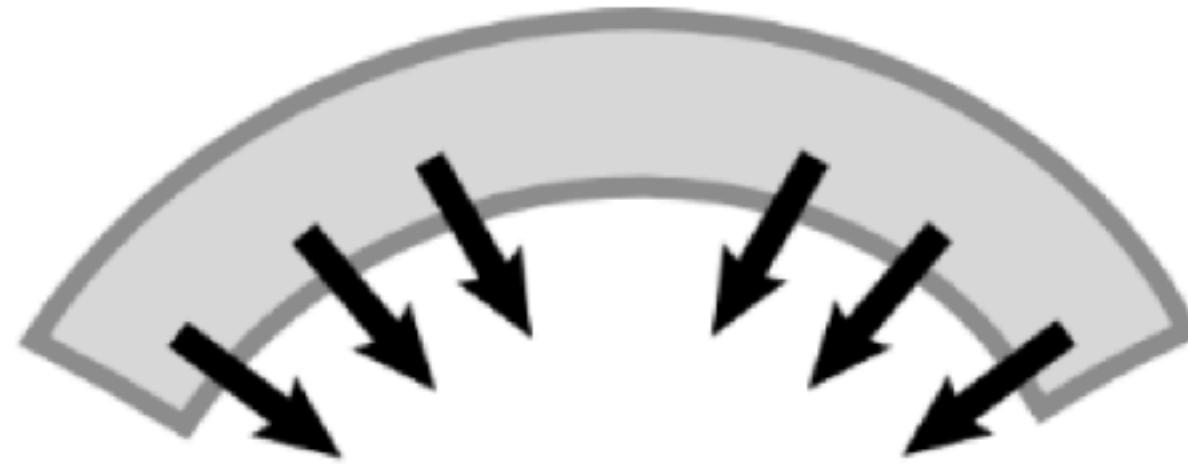


Bending - change of curvature



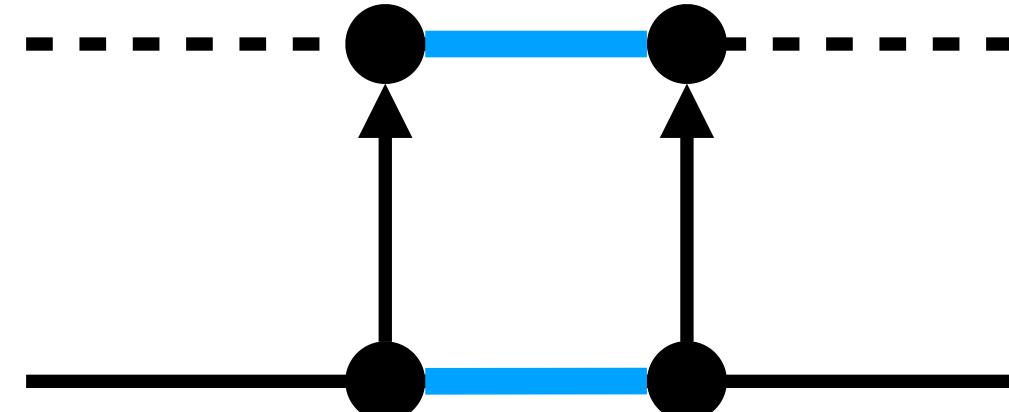
Less curved

Step 3: Comparing

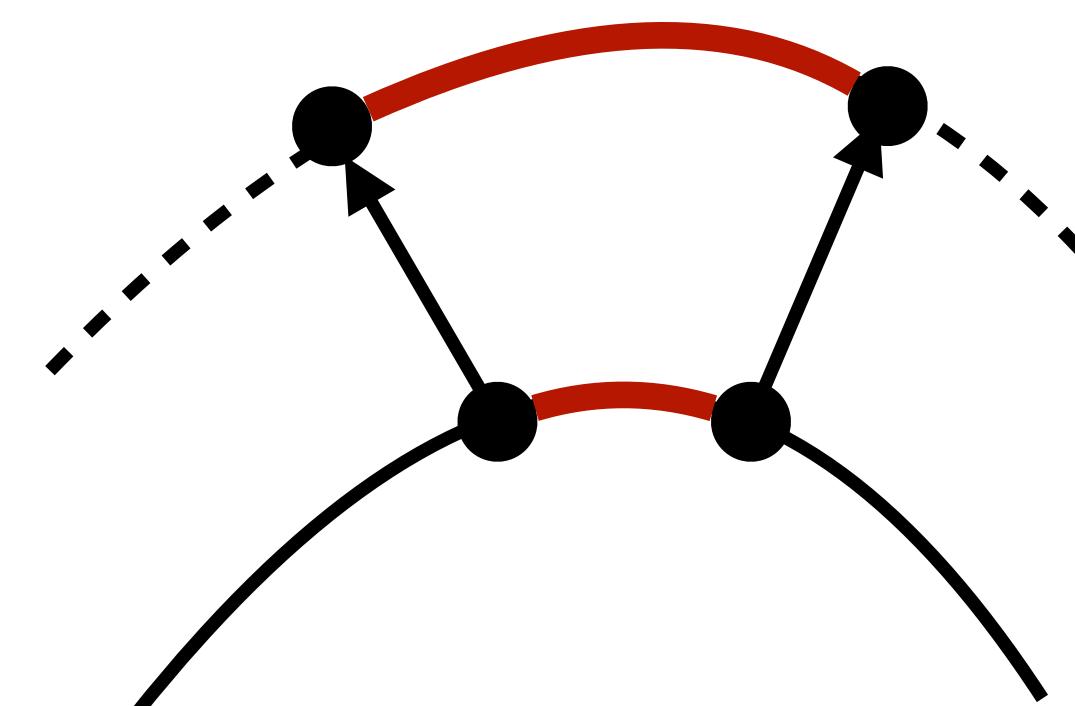


Bending - change of **curvature**

Curvature - change along normal direction



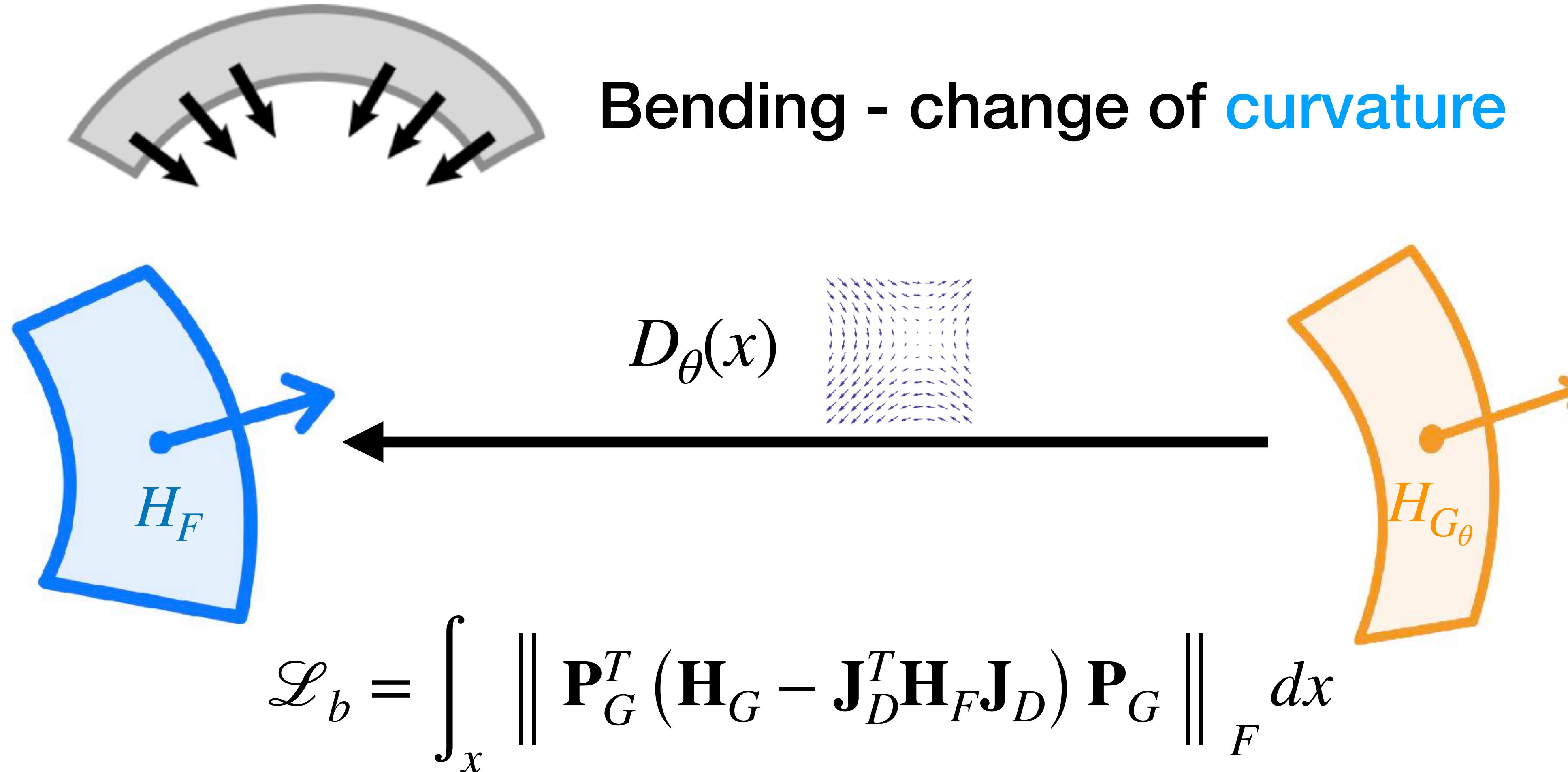
Low curvature
Little change



High curvature
Large change

$$H_f = \begin{bmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} & f_{xz} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} & f_{yz} \\ f_{zx} & f_{zy} & f_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 3: Comparing



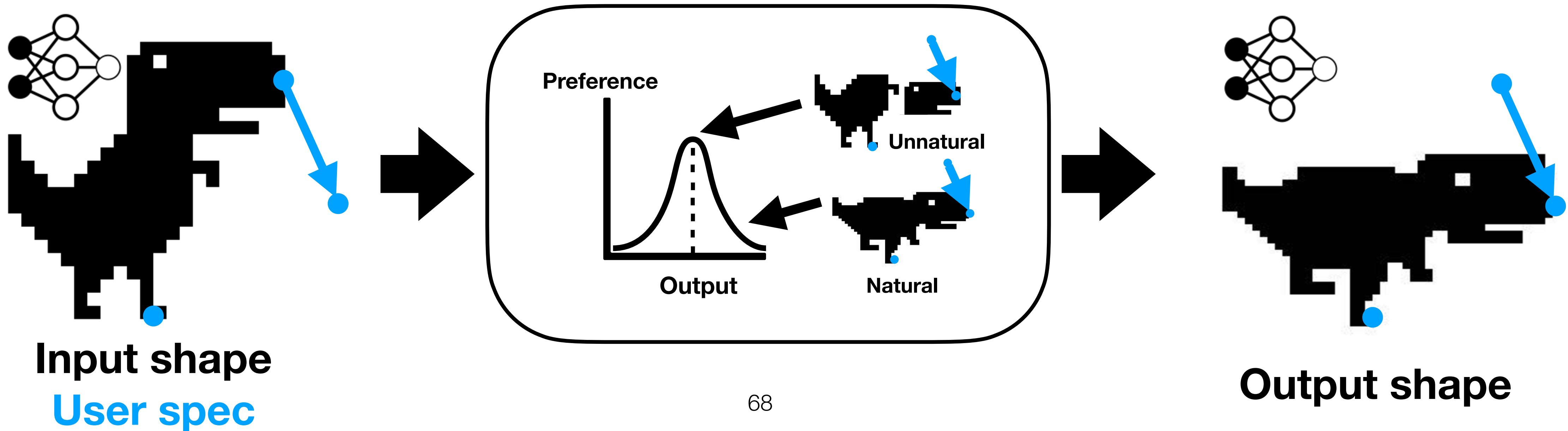
Final Objective

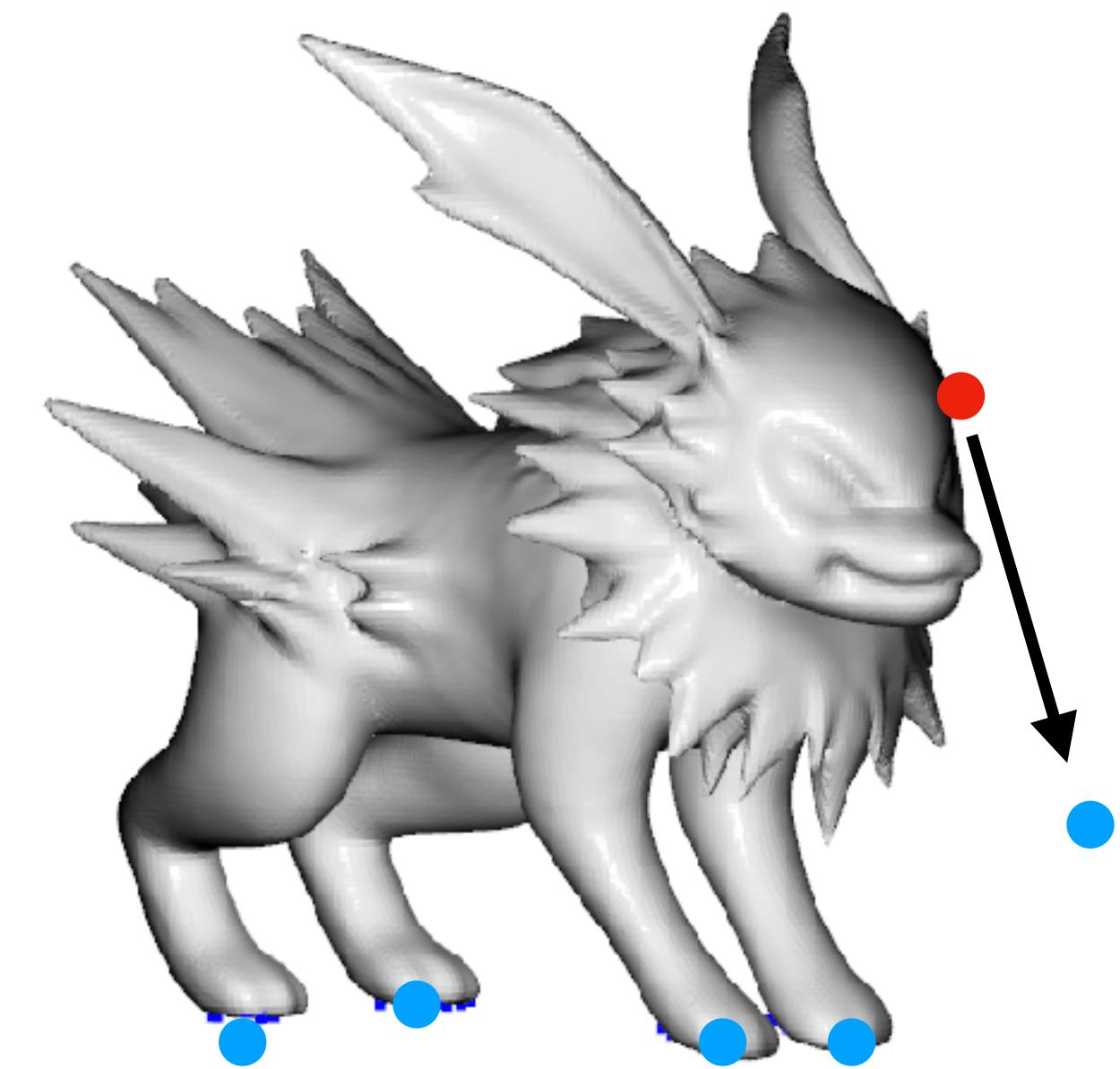
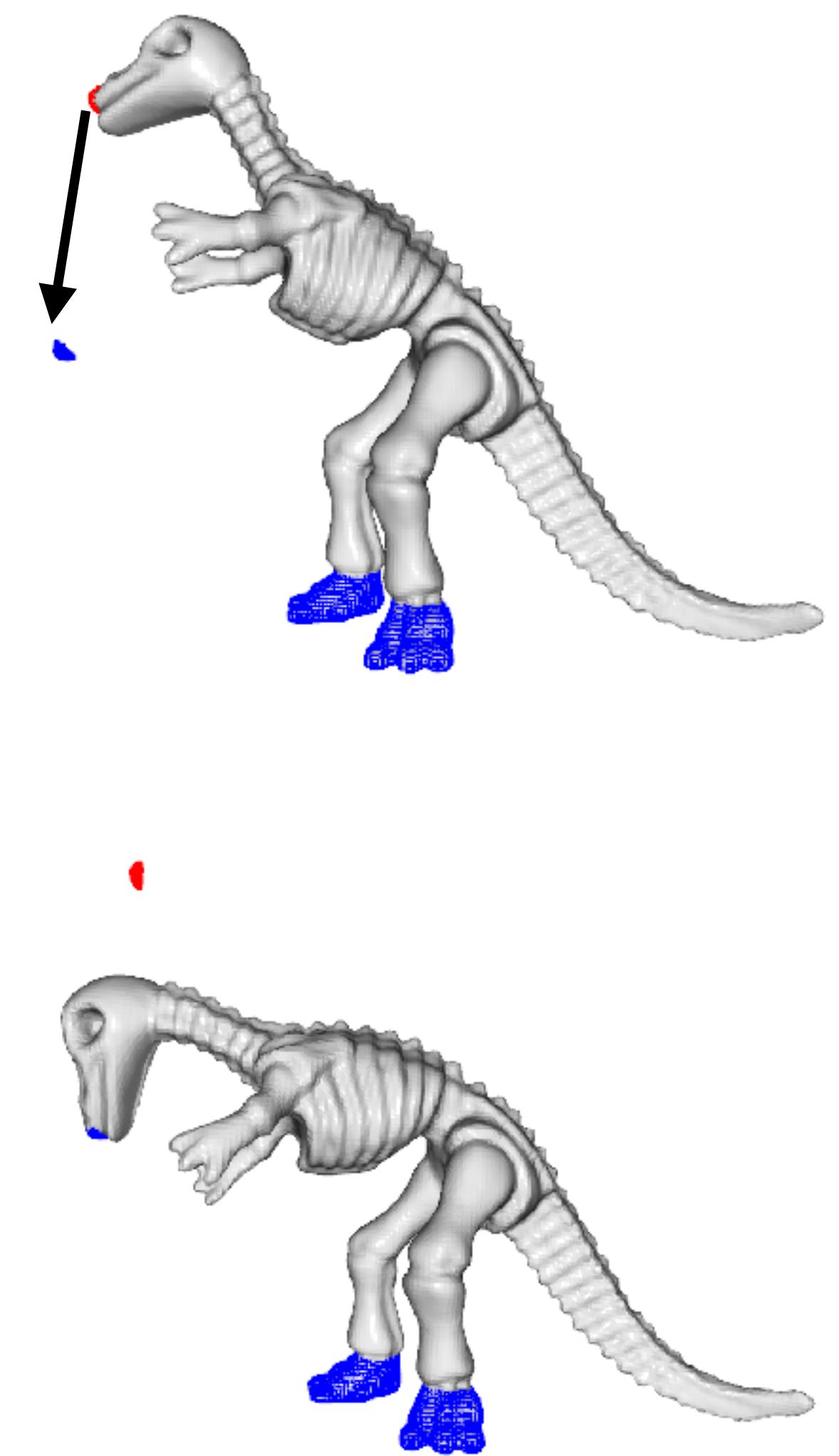
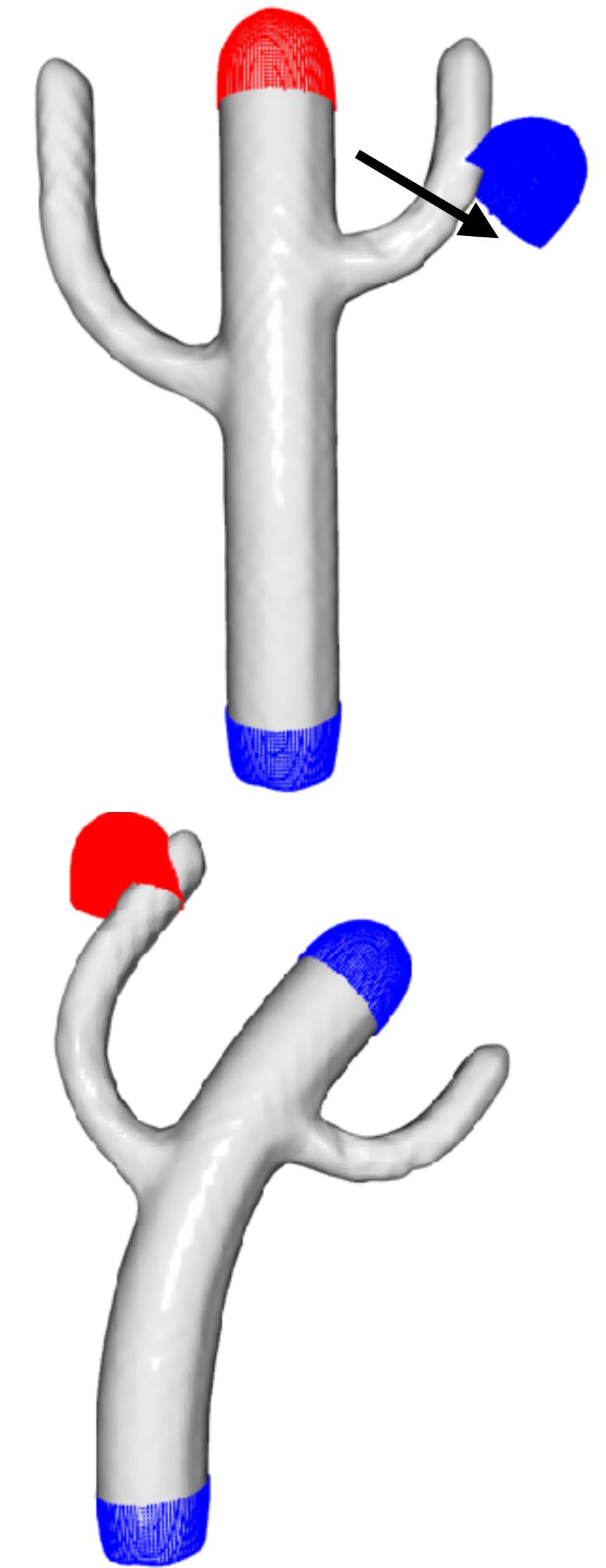
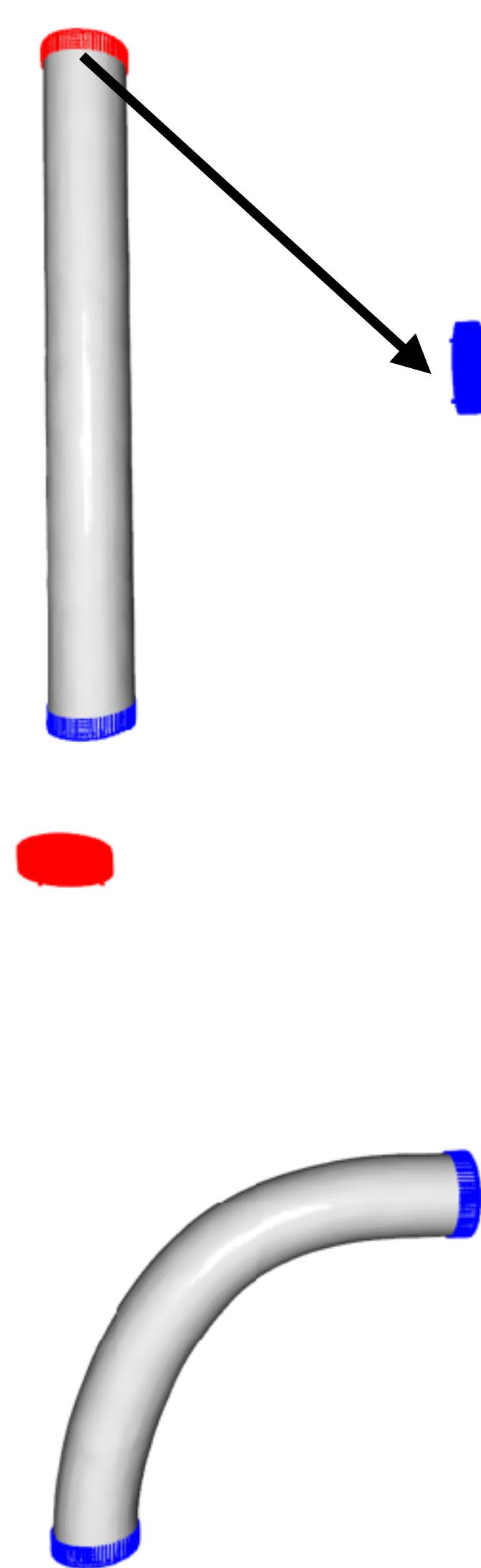
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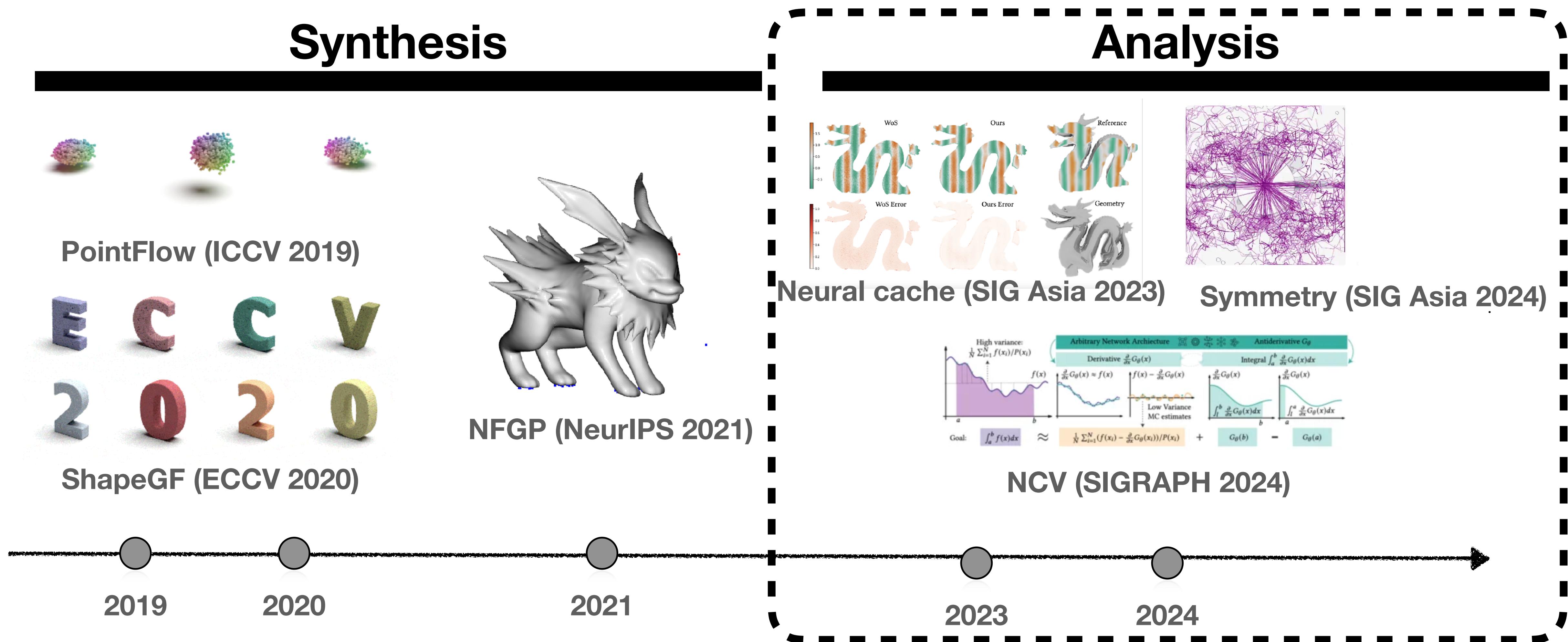
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$$\min_{\theta} k_s \mathcal{L}_s + k_b \mathcal{L}_b + k_c \mathcal{L}_{spec}$$





Analysis - Solving PDEs

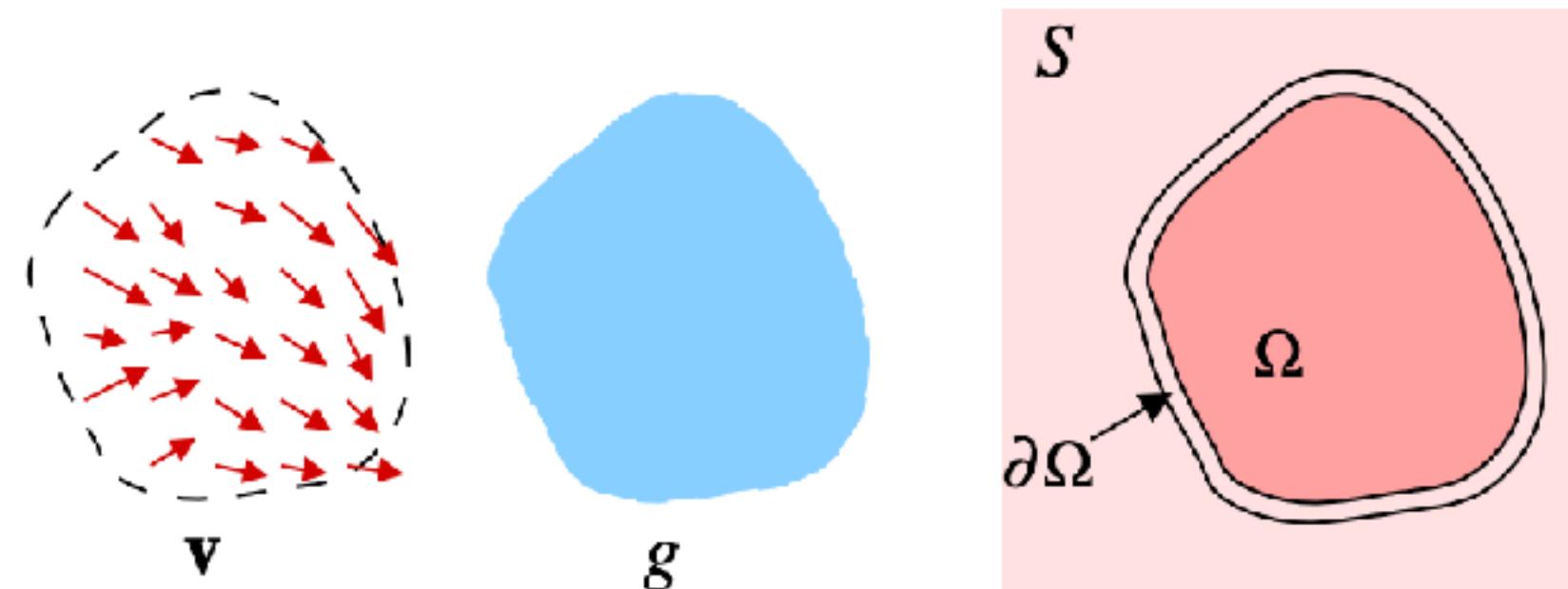
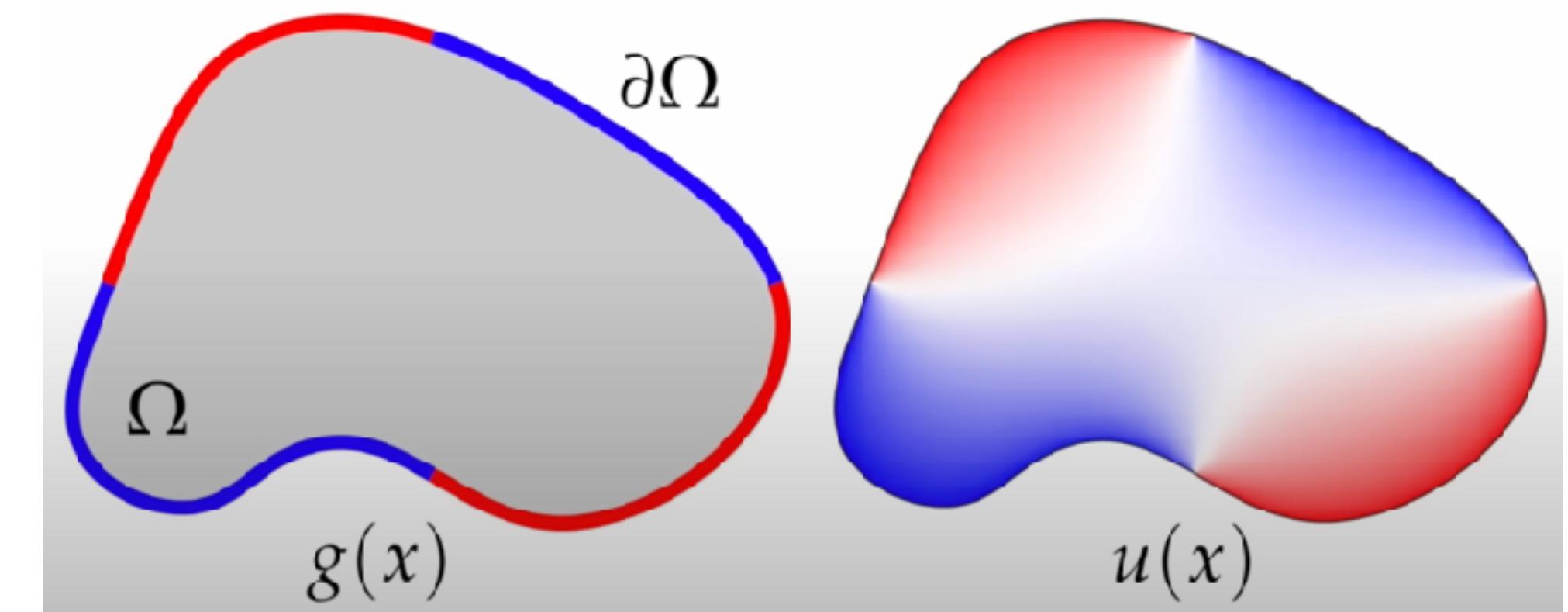


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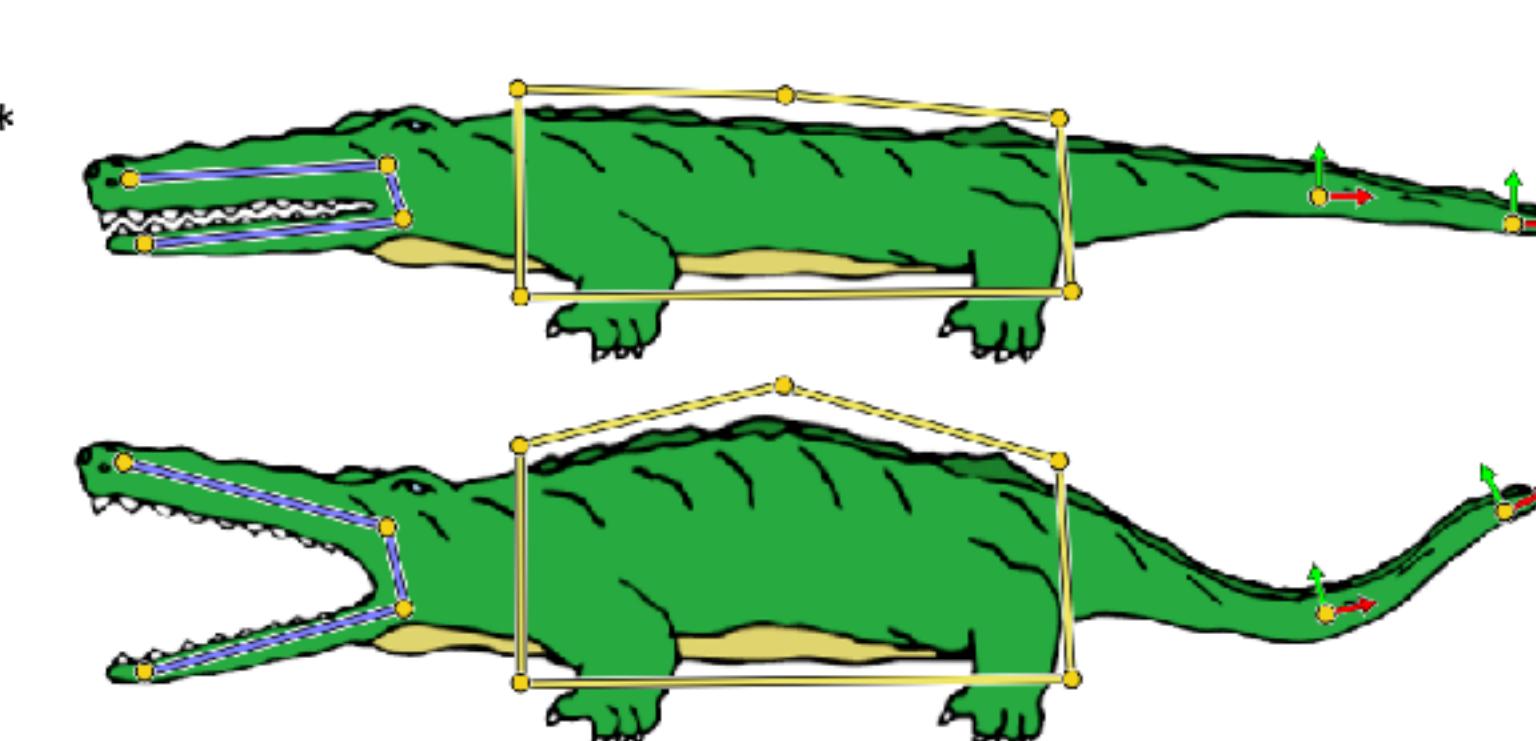
Equations that involve partial derivatives.

e.g. Laplace Equation

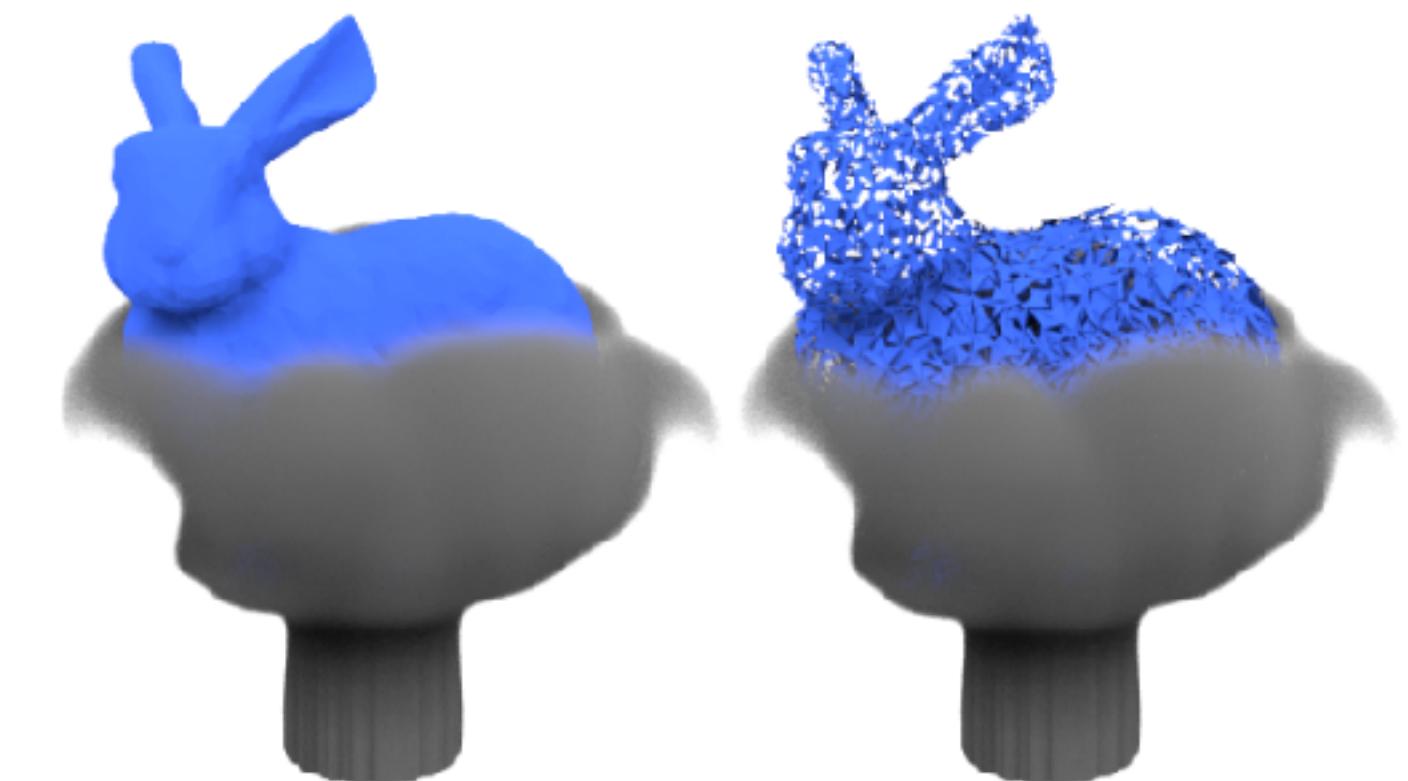
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(Poisson eq) Image Editing
(Perez, Gangnet, and Blake, 2012)



(Biharmonic equation) Deformation
(Jacobson et. al, 2011)



(Navier-Stokes) Fluid Simulation
(Rioux-Lavoie et. al, 2022)

Solving PDEs - Finite-element Method

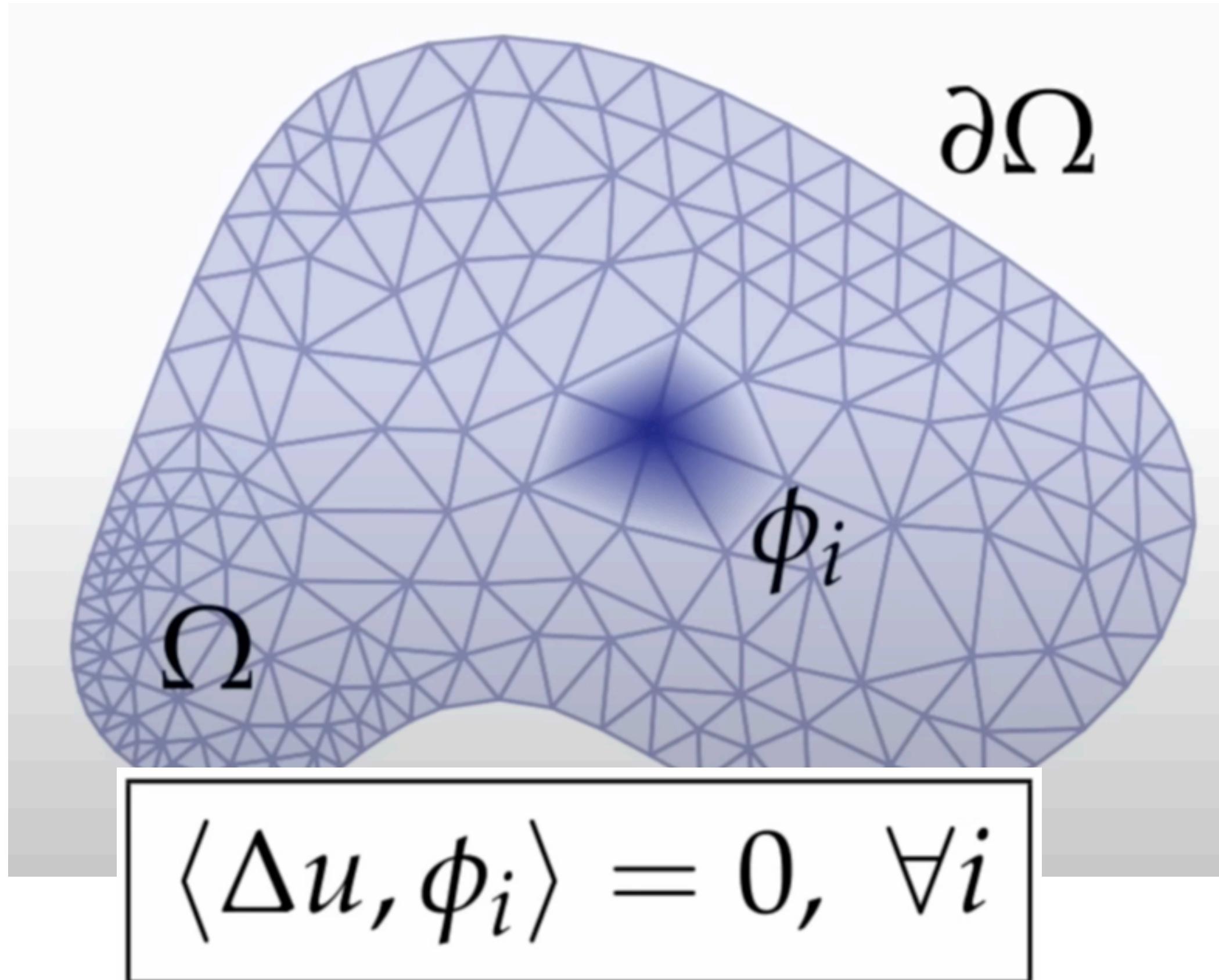


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Solving PDEs - Finite-element Method

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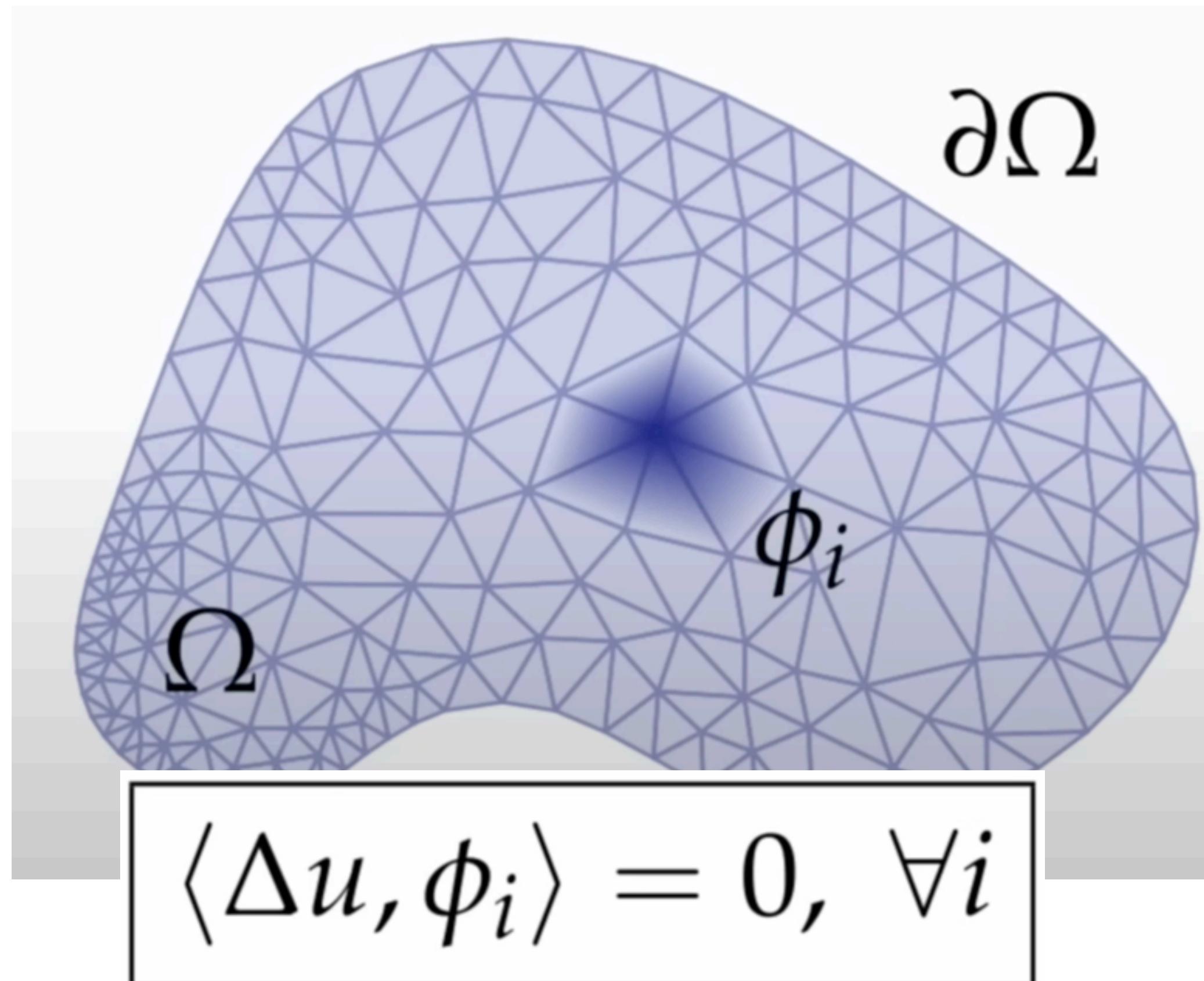
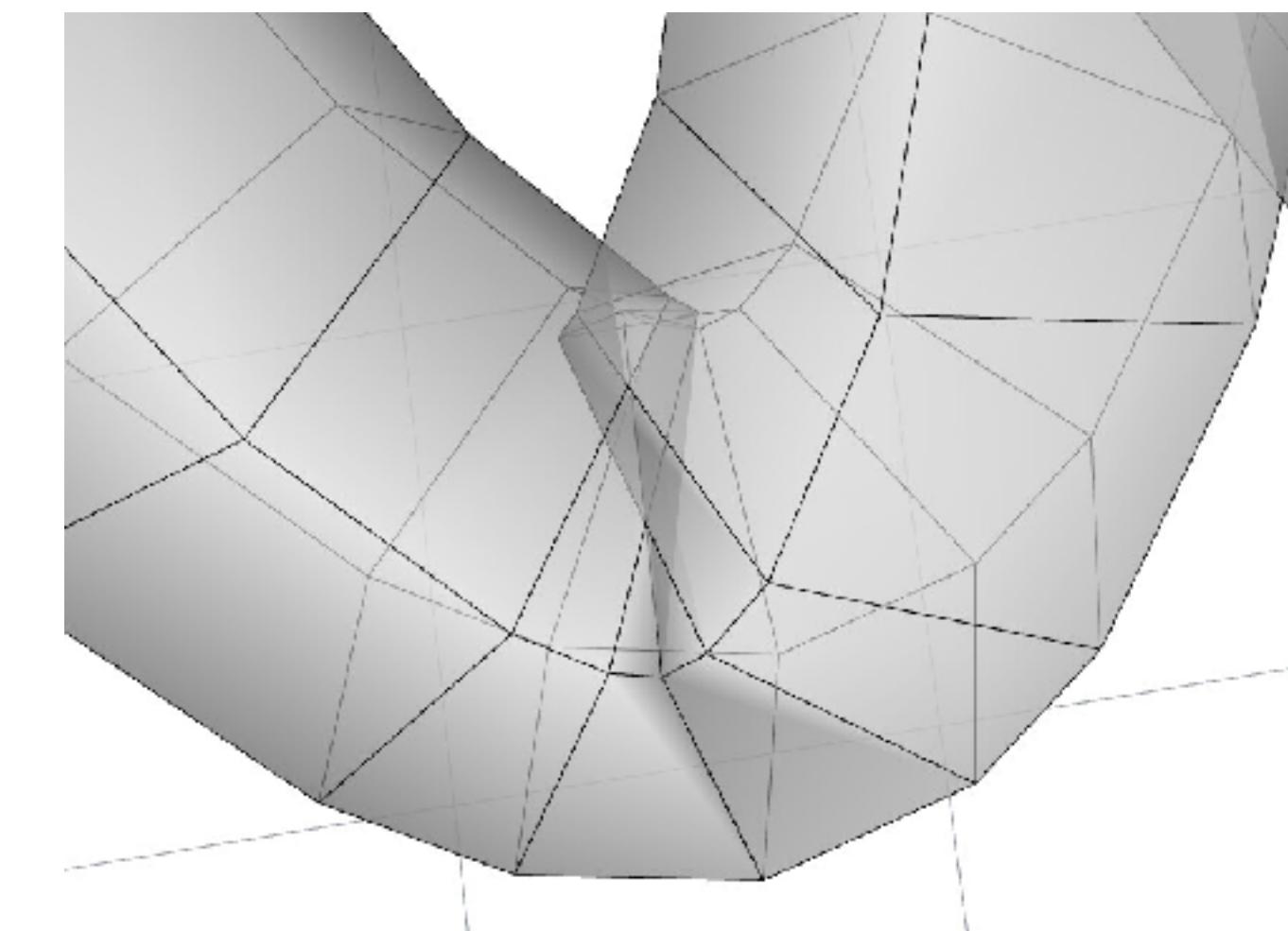
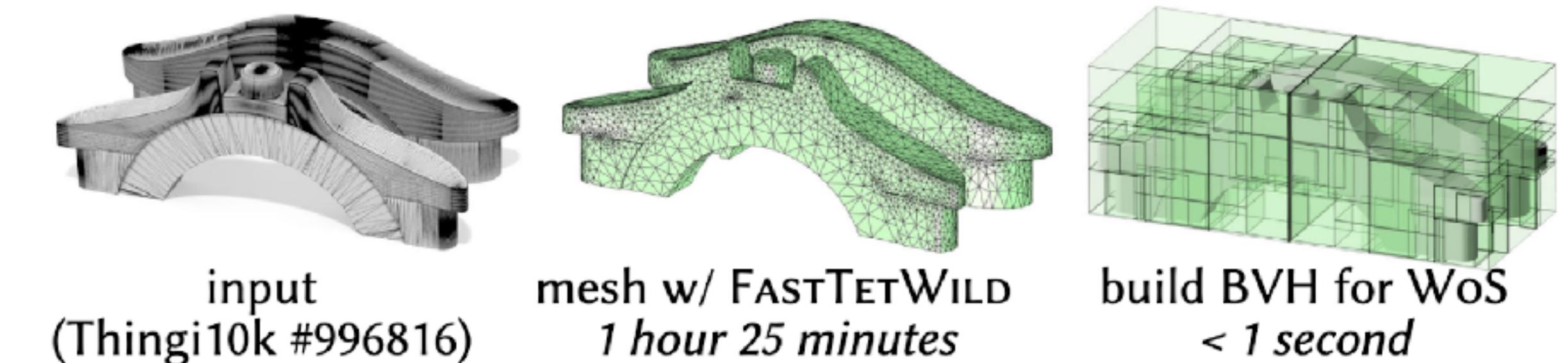


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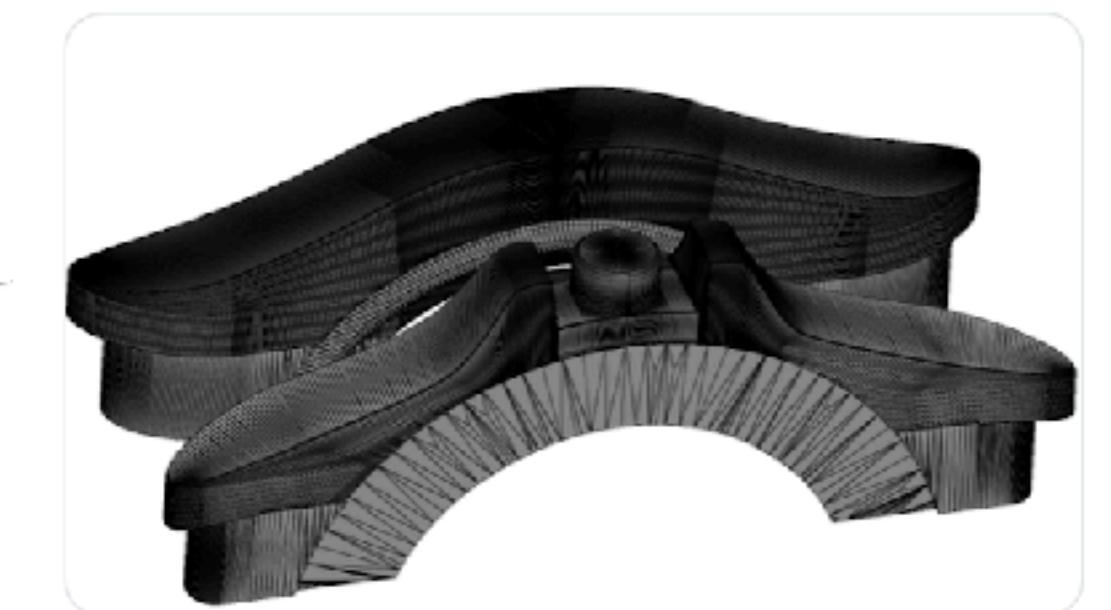


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If you do mesh processing, a probably know this mesh, right ?

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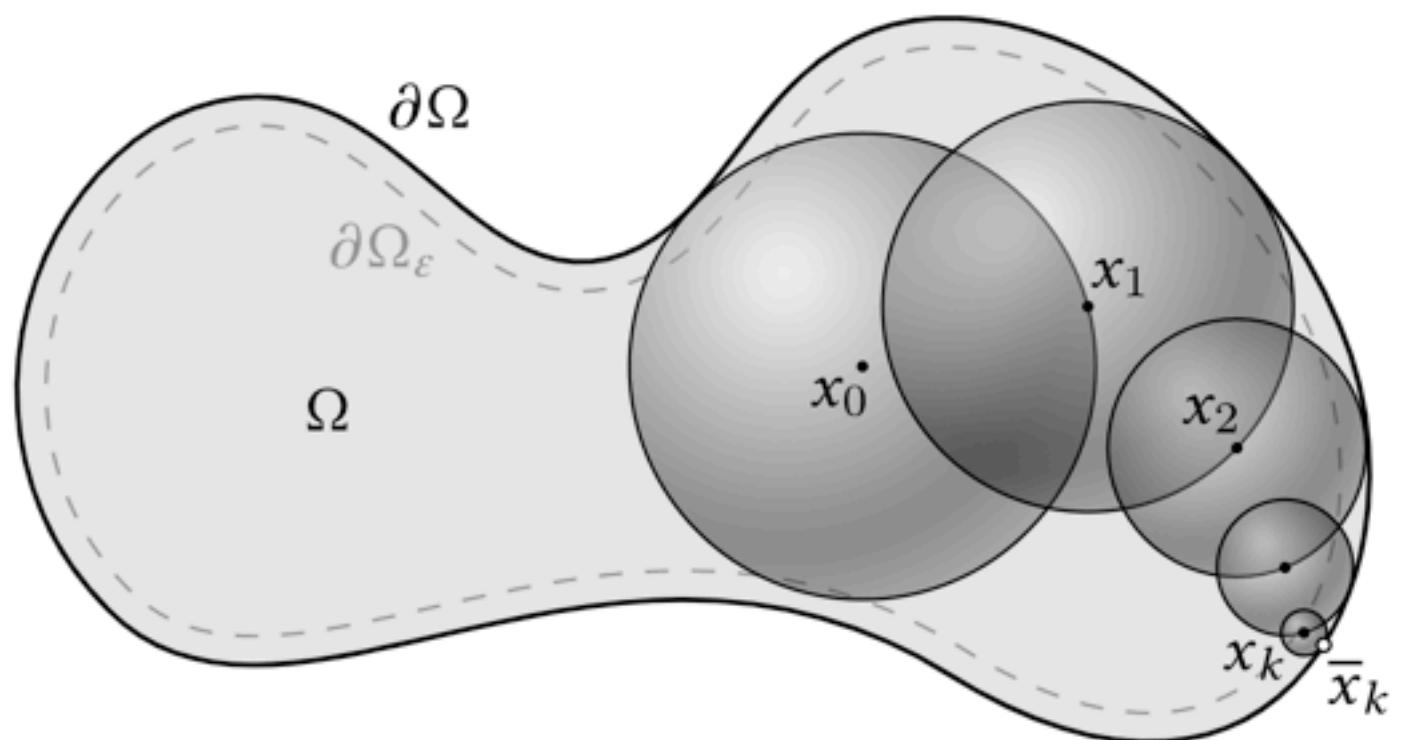
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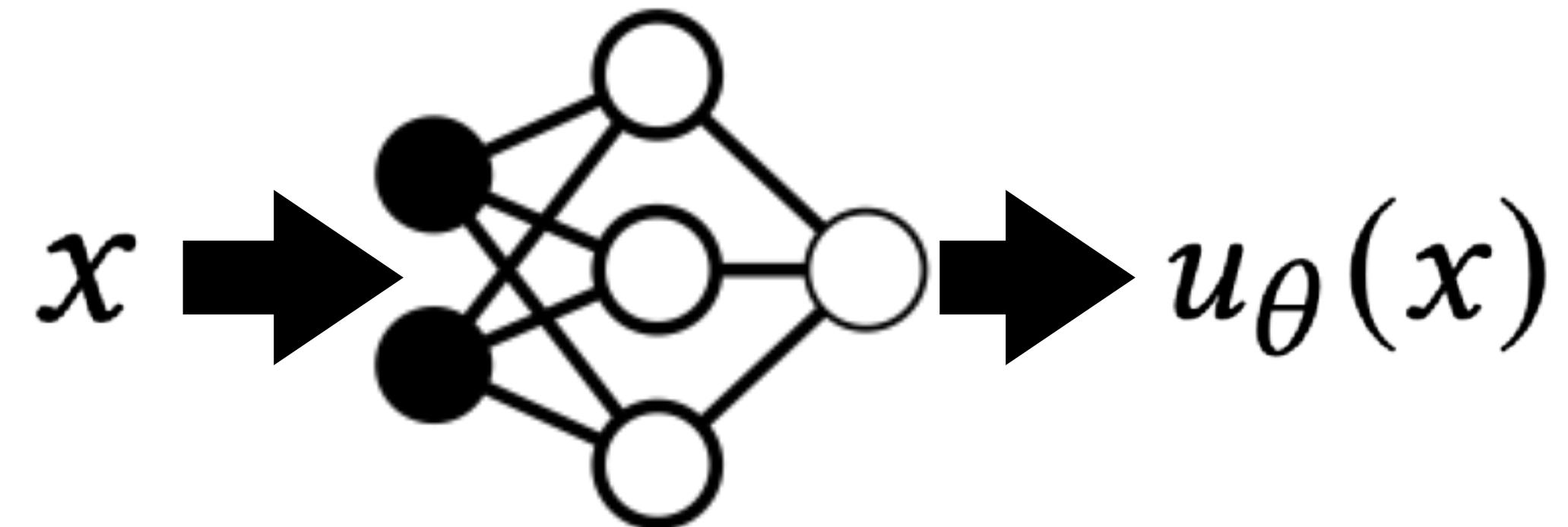
Can we solve PDEs without Discretization?



$$\hat{u}(x) = \begin{cases} g(\bar{x}) & \text{if } d_{\Omega}(x) < \epsilon \\ \hat{u}(y_i), y_i \sim \mathcal{U}_{\partial B(x)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Derive an integral solution for the PDE;
estimate the integral by Monte Carlo method.

(Shawney and Crane, 2020)

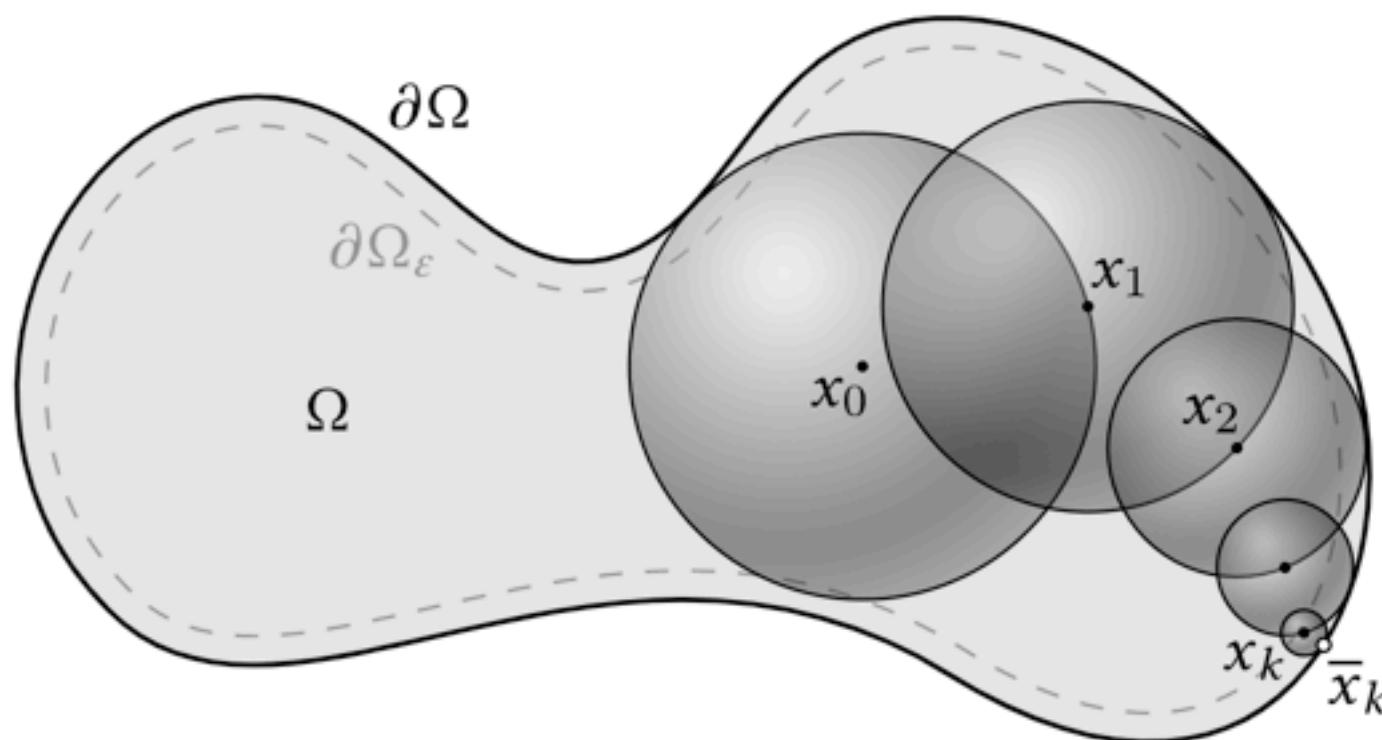


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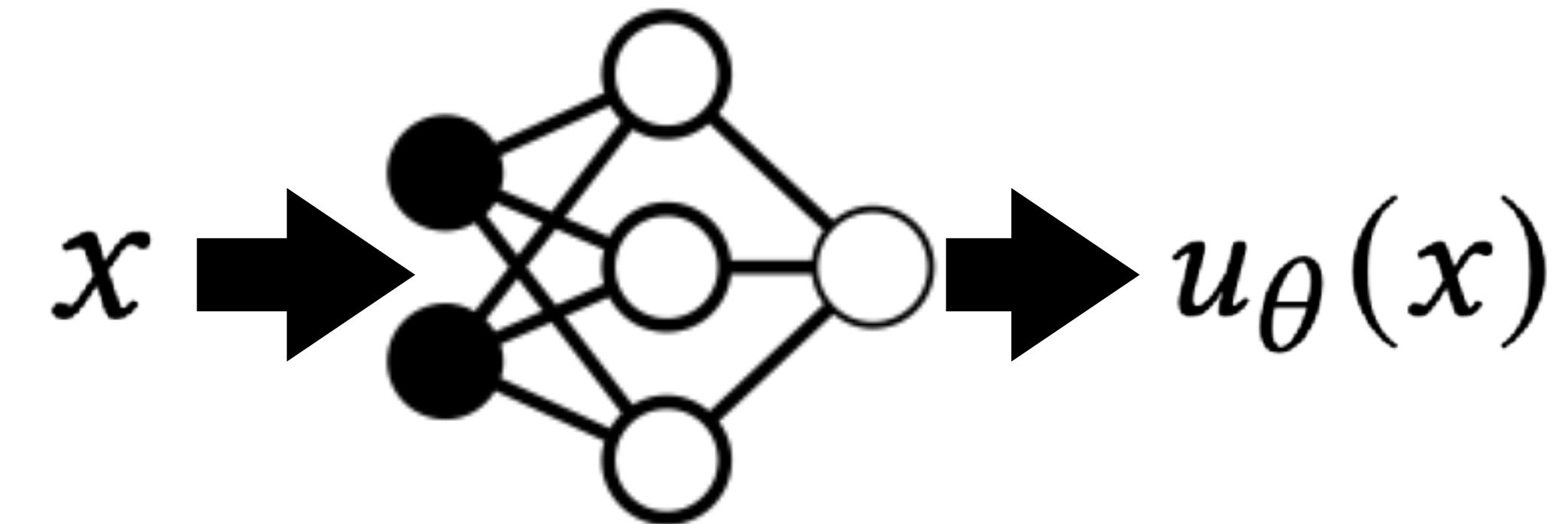
Neural network represent the mapping from spatial coordinate to the PDE solutions; train with losses to enforce PDE constraints.

(Raissi et. al., 2019, Sitzmann et. al., 2020)

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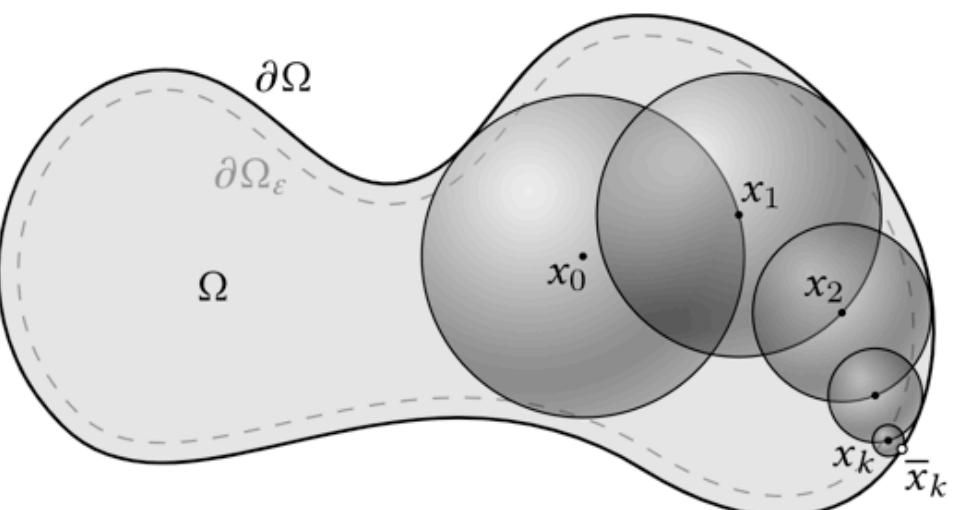
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High variance (slow)

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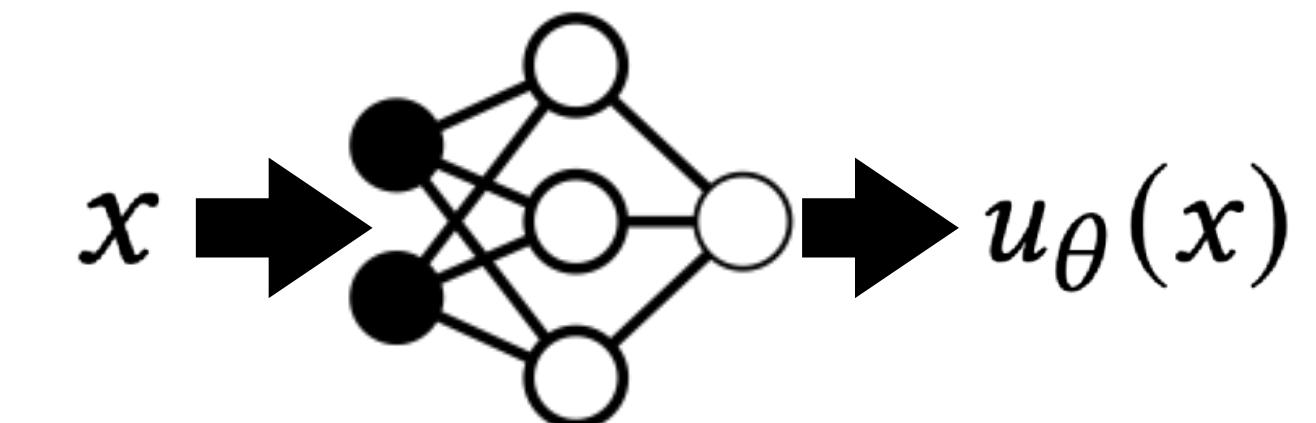
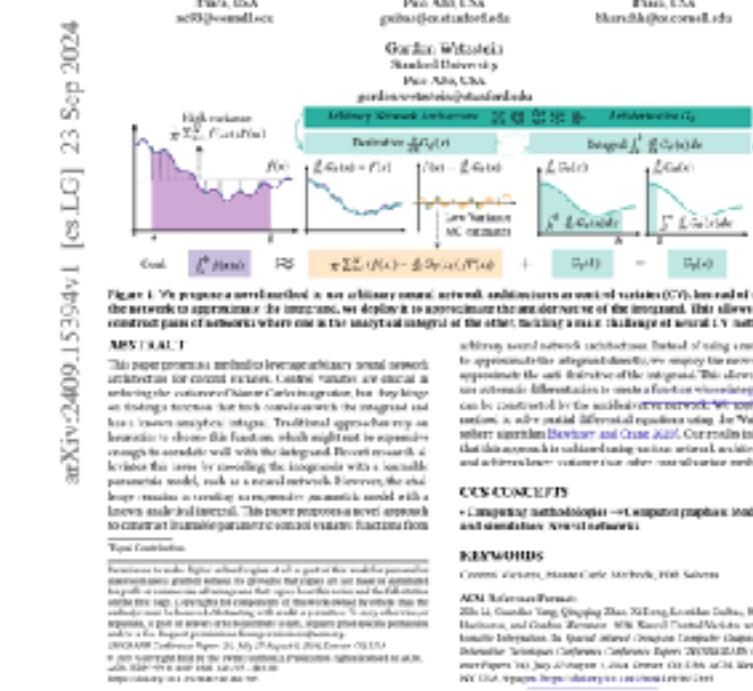
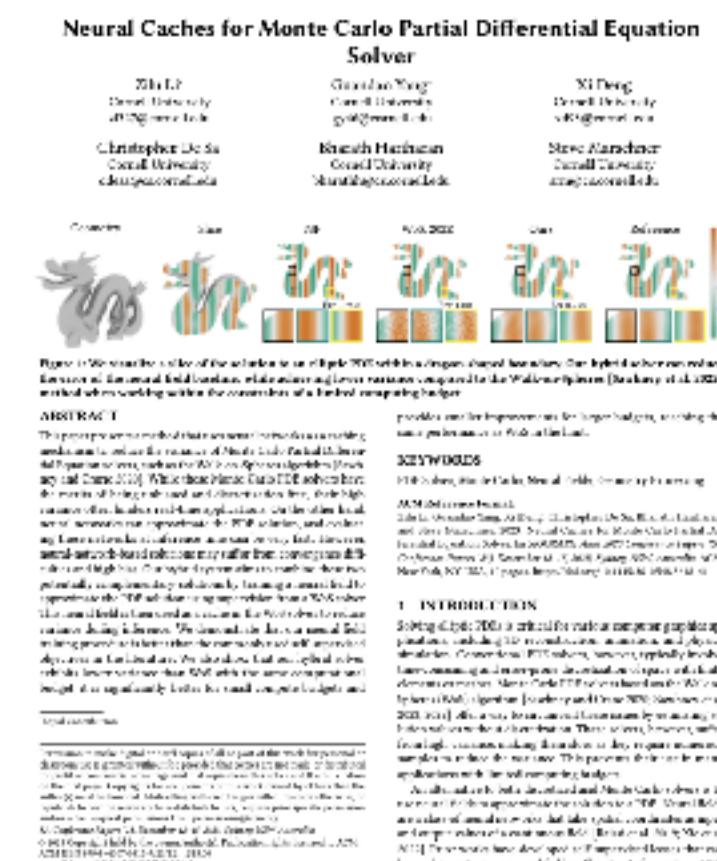


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High variance (slow)

Our hypothesis: hybrid methods are better!



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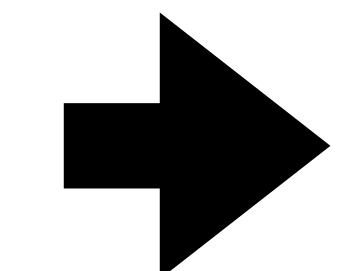
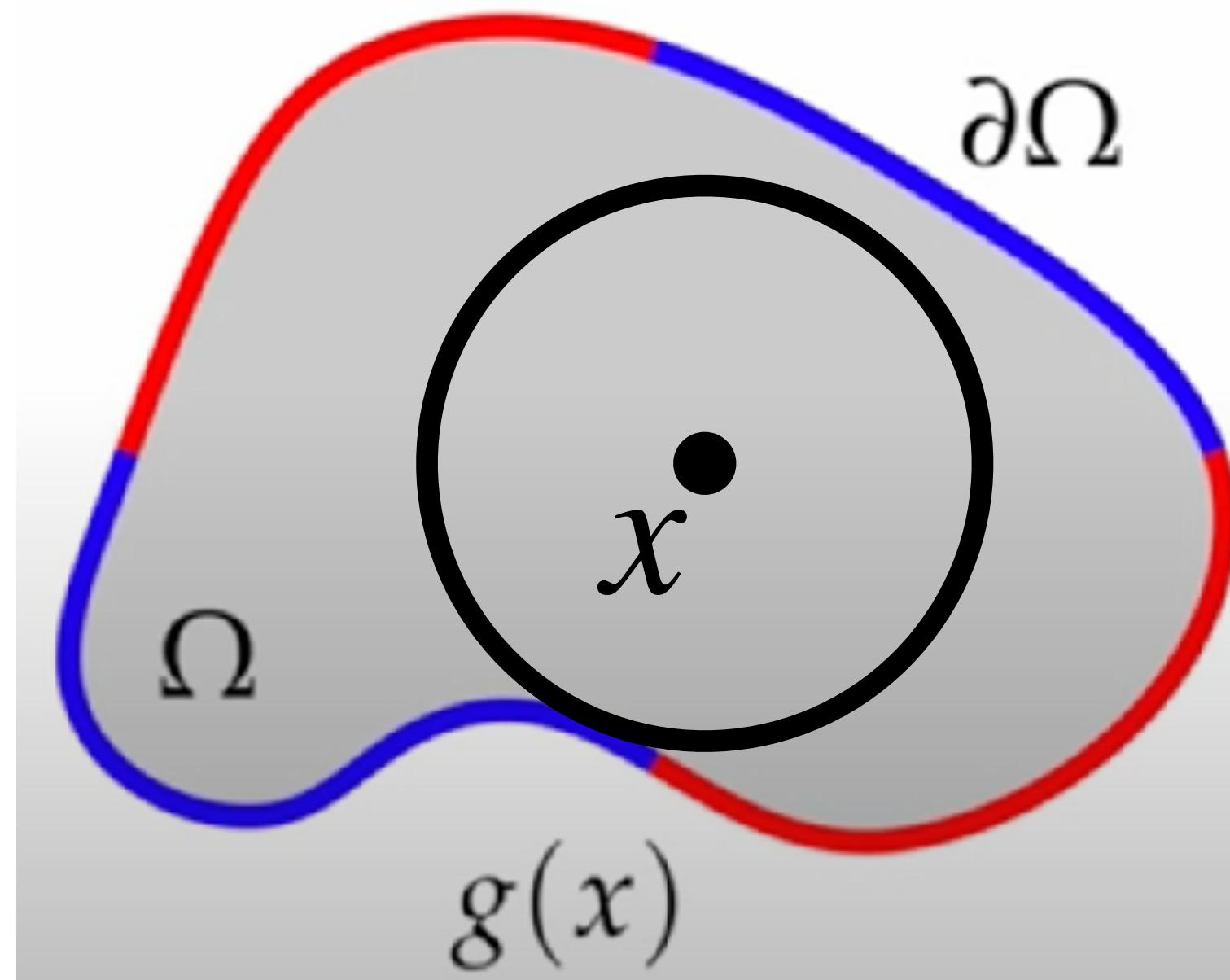
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Monte Carlo Solver for Laplace Equation

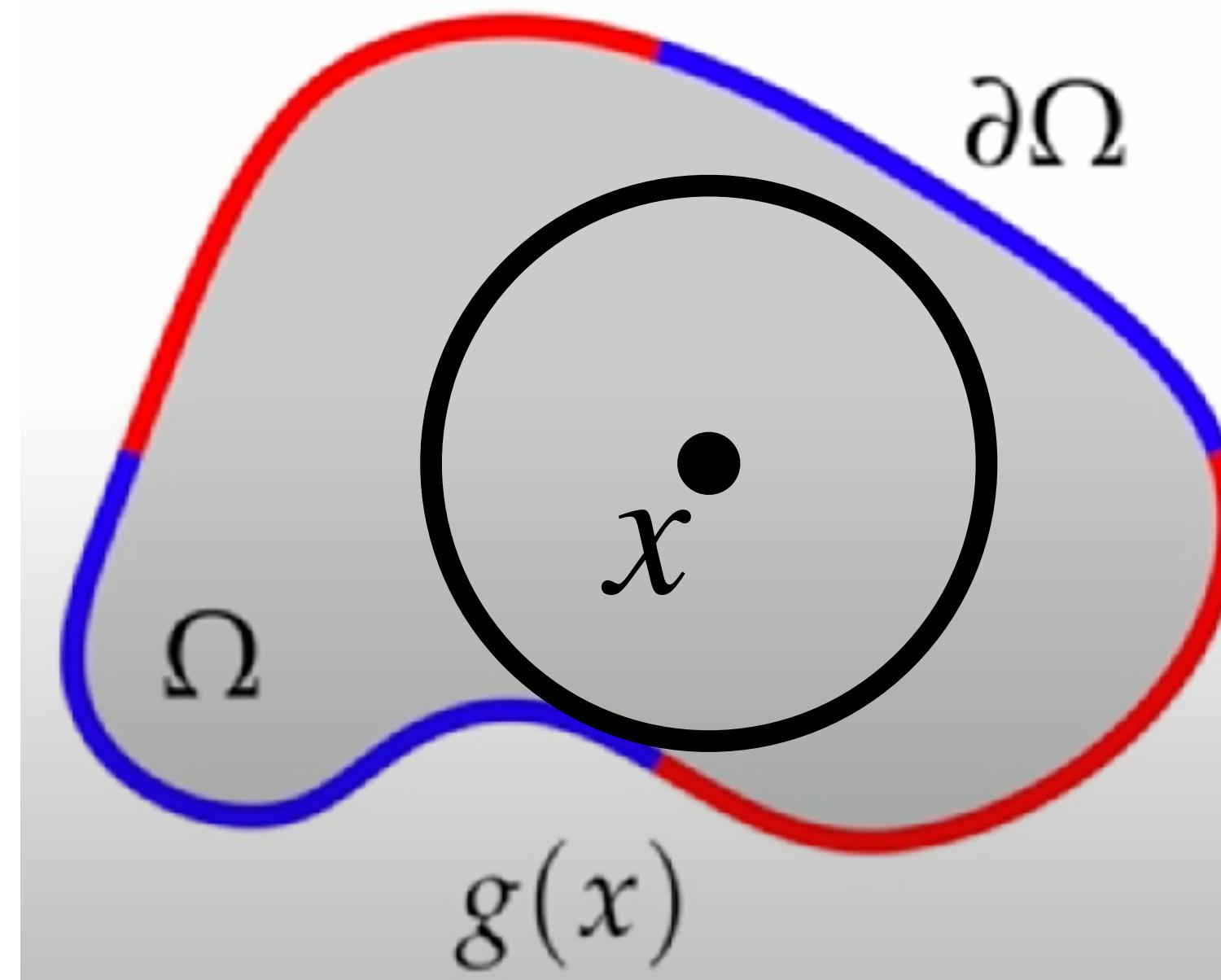
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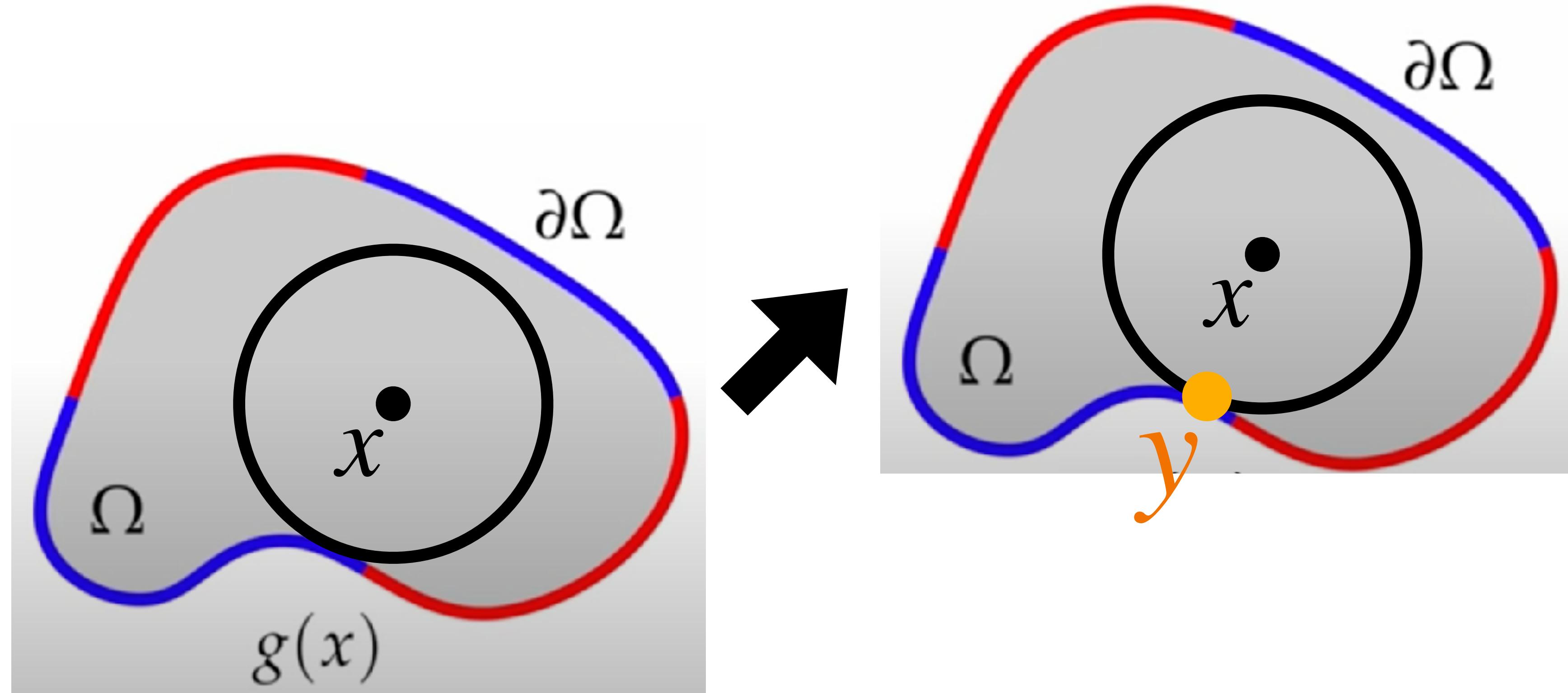


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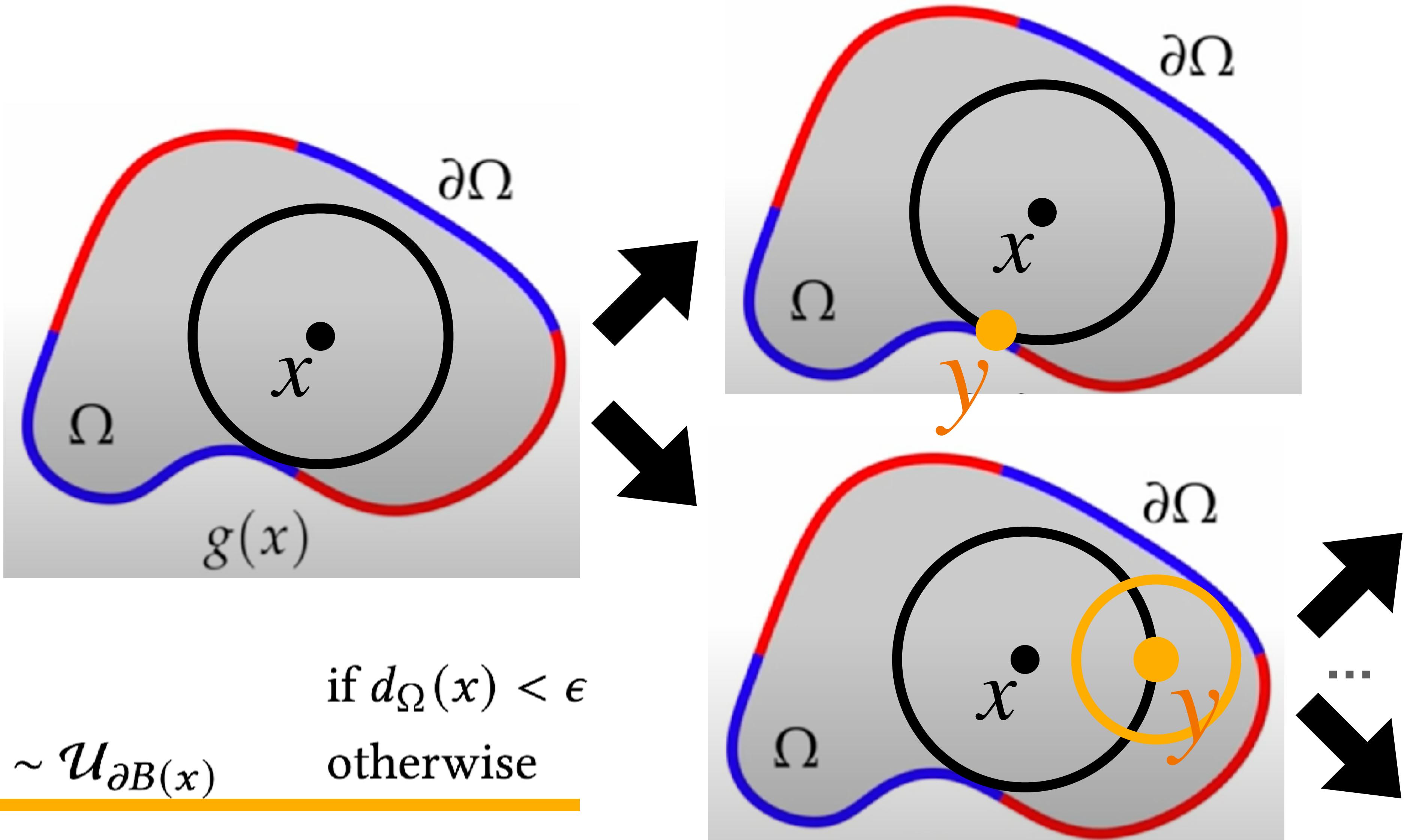
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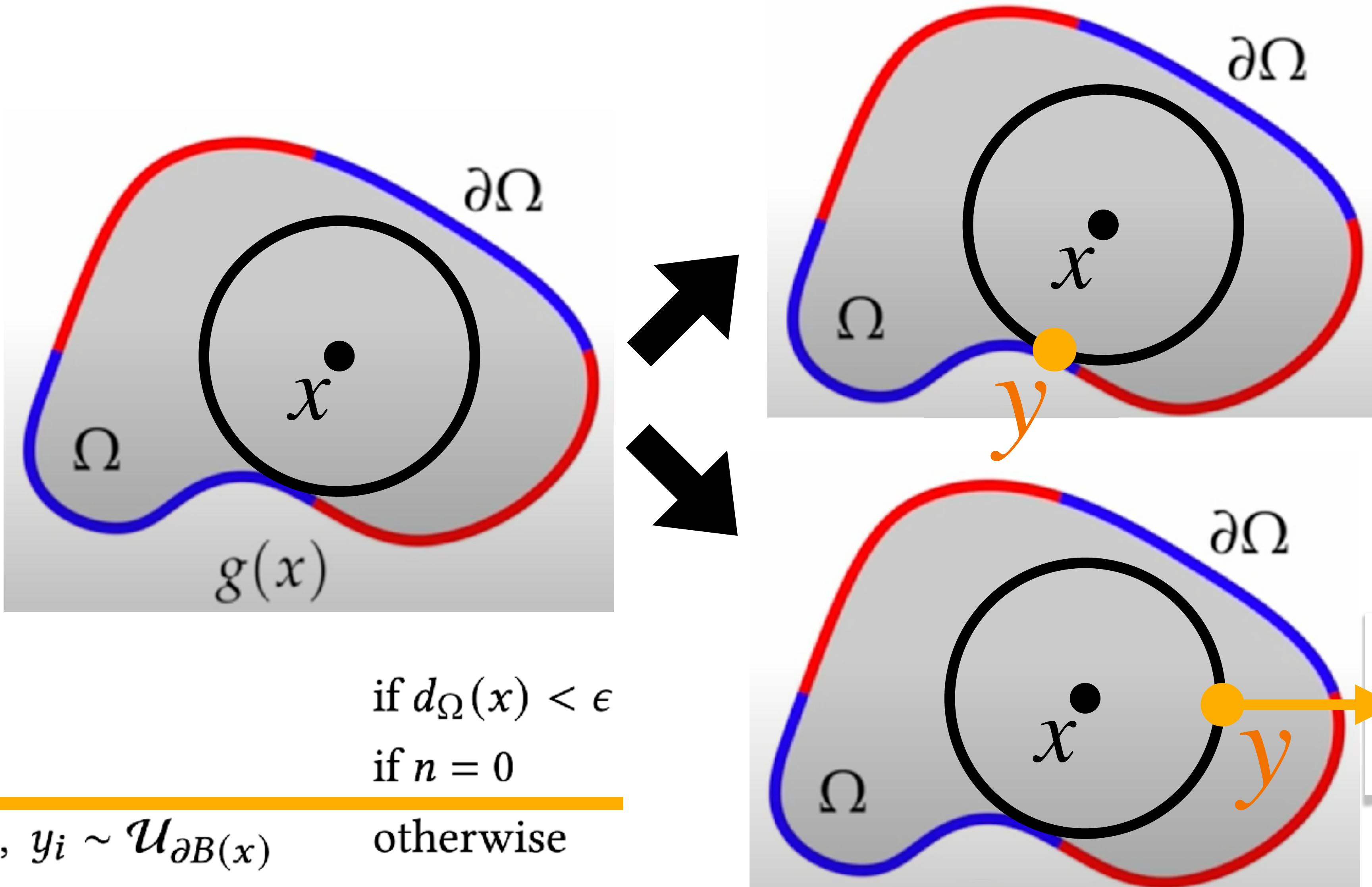
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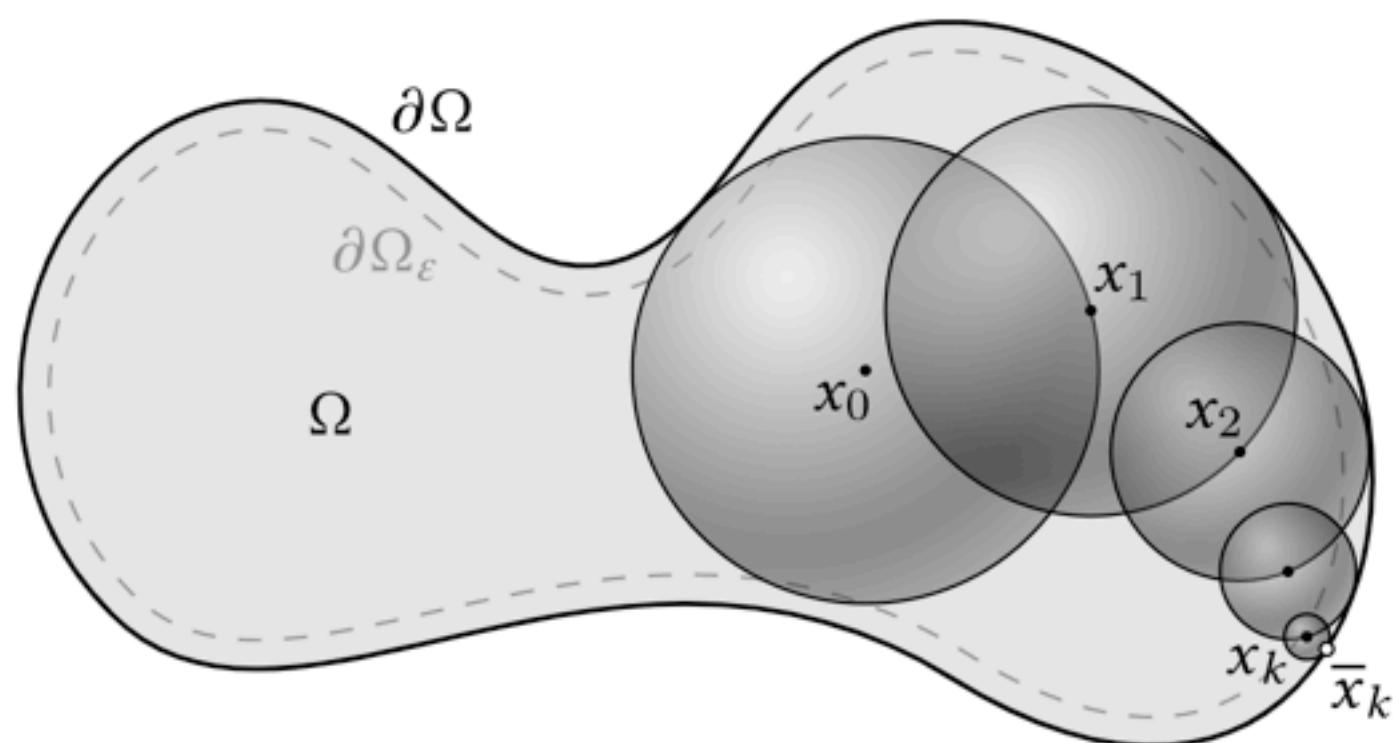


Our Method

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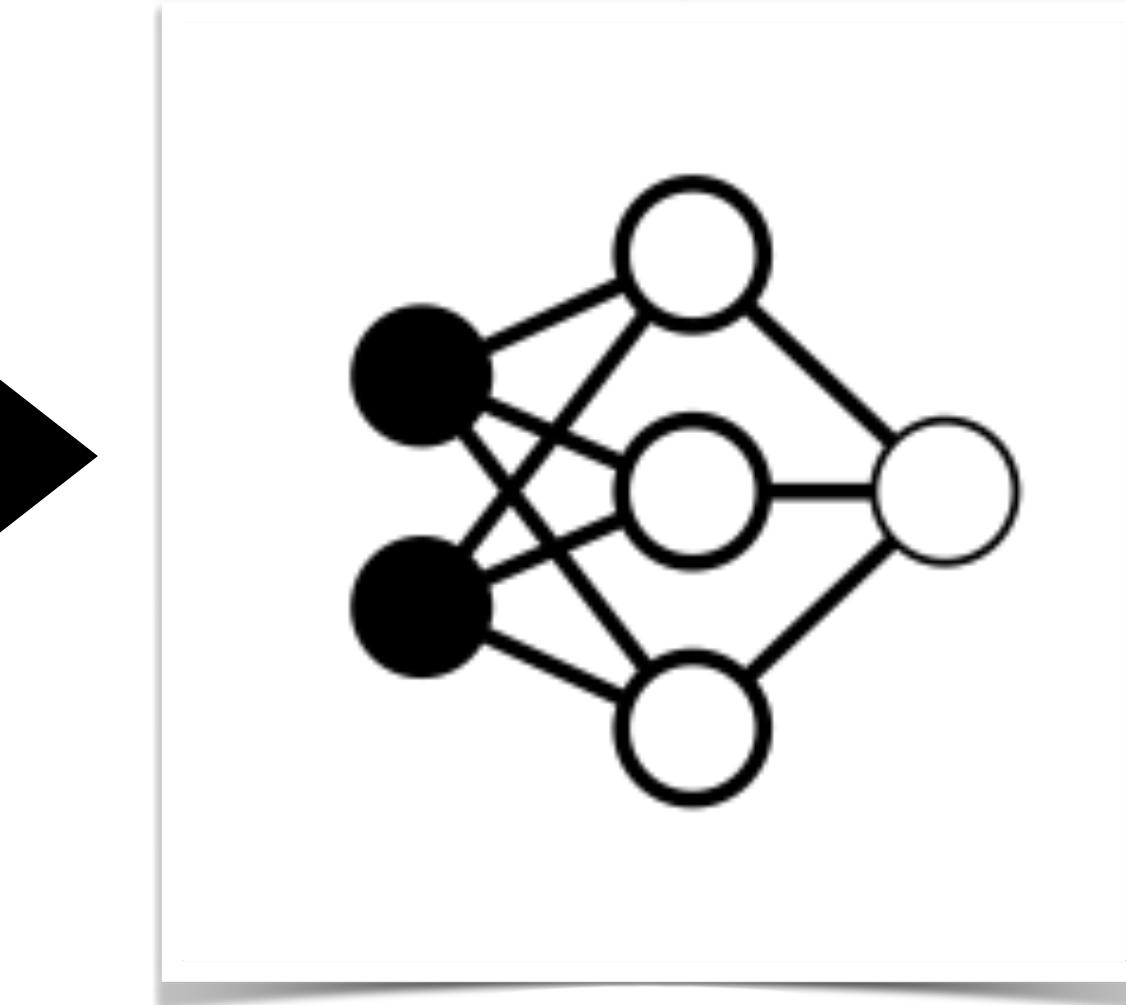
Our method - training



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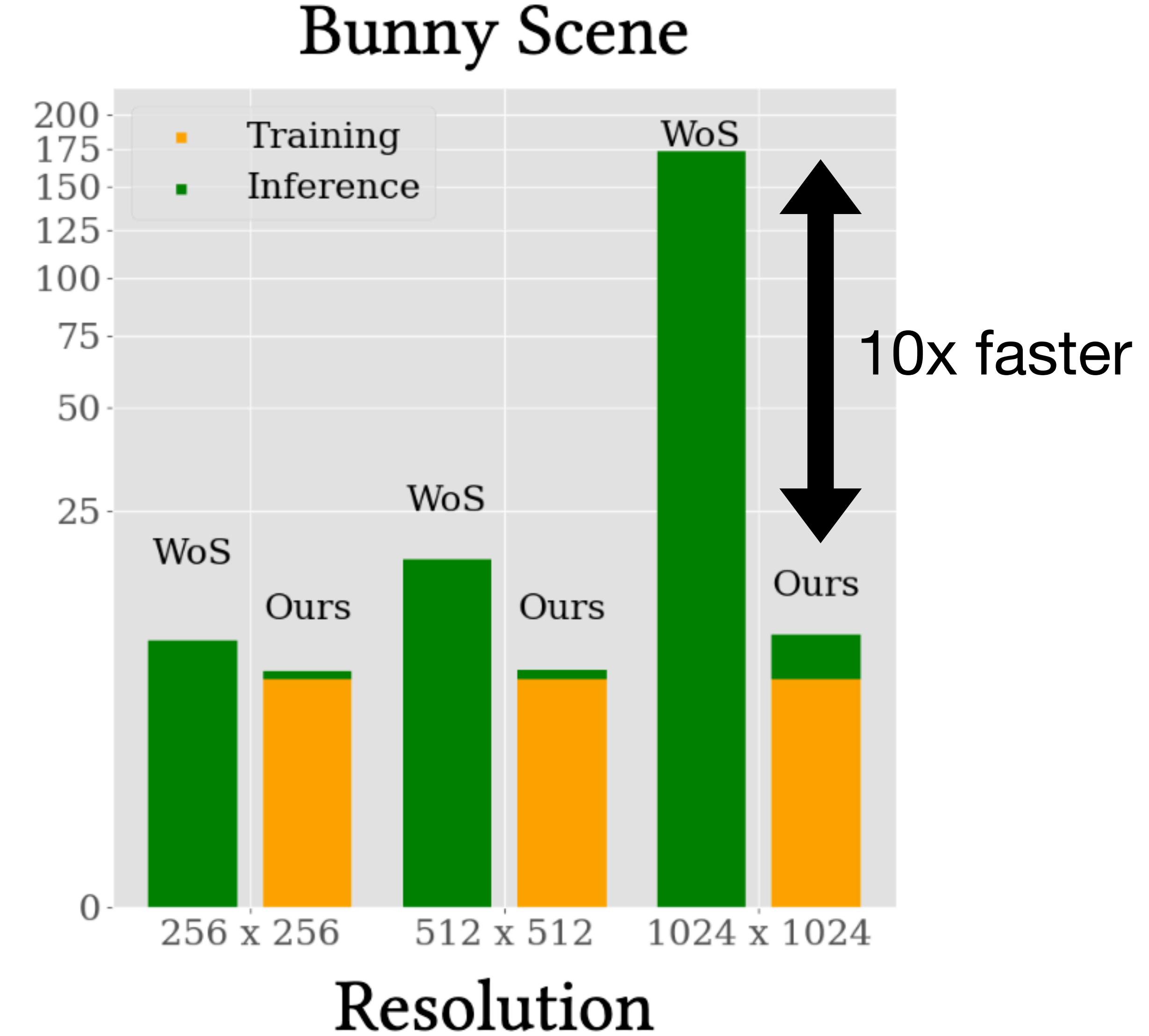
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$$(x_0^{(n)}, \hat{u}(x_0^{(n)}))$$



$$y_i^{(k+1)} = (ky_i^{(k)} + \hat{u}(x_i))/(k + 1)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_t(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|u_\theta(x_i) - y_i^{(t)}\|^2$$



Geo

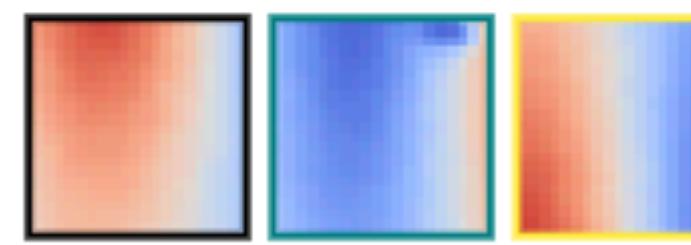
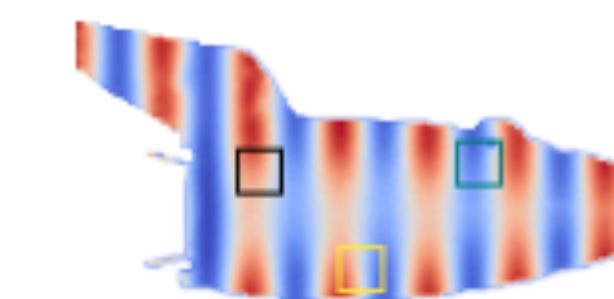
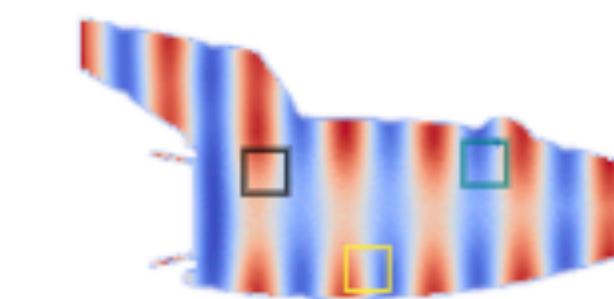
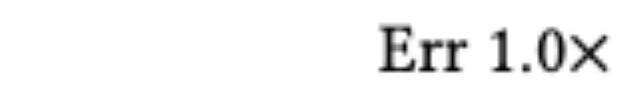
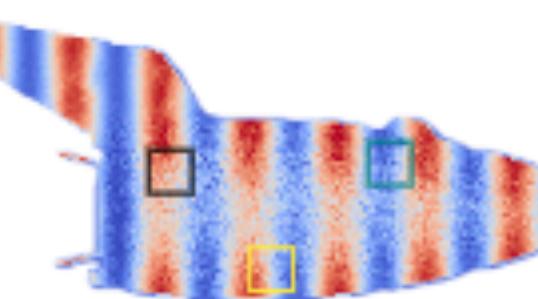
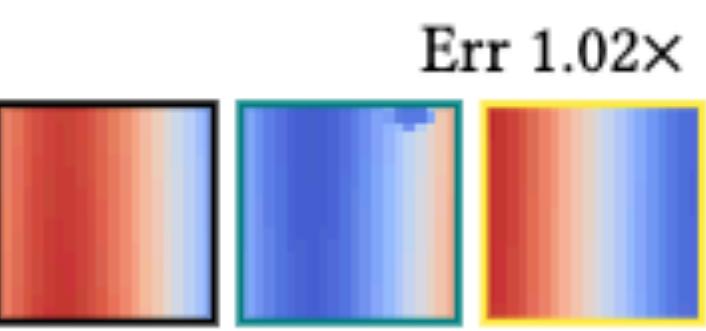
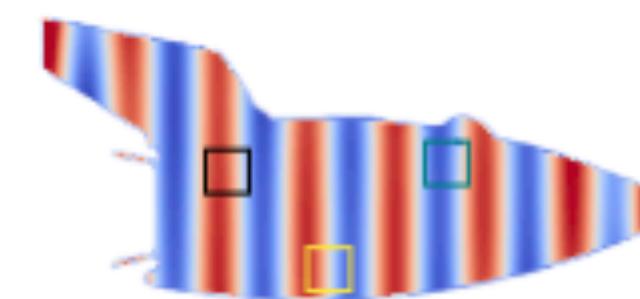
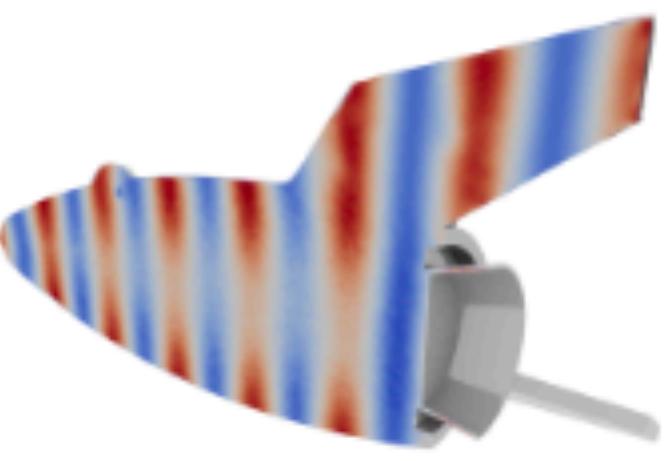
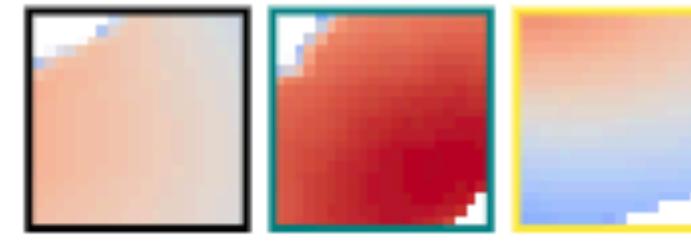
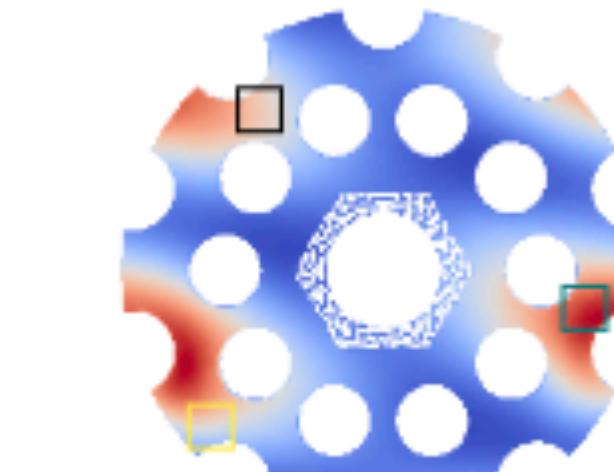
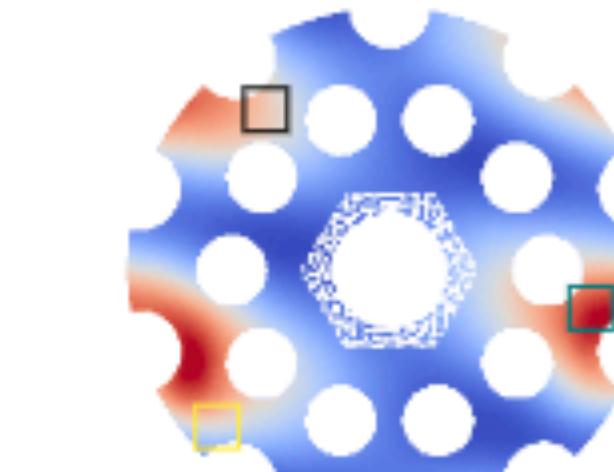
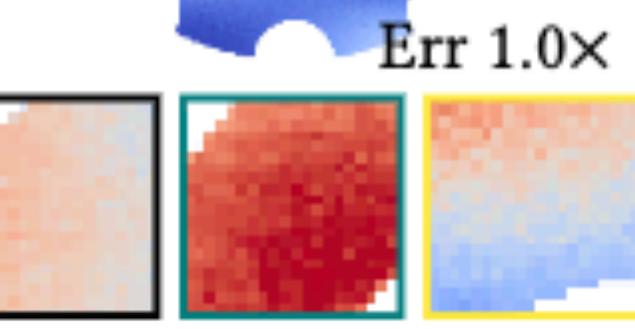
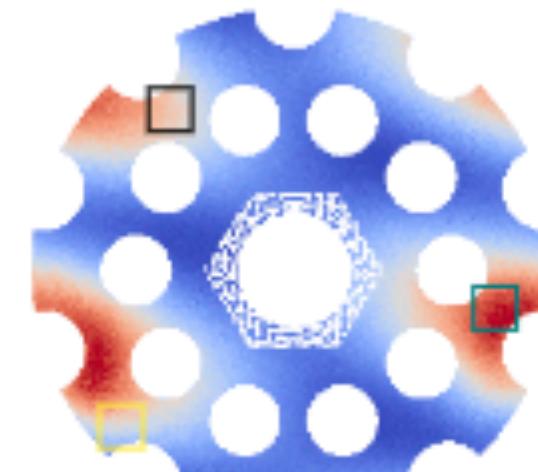
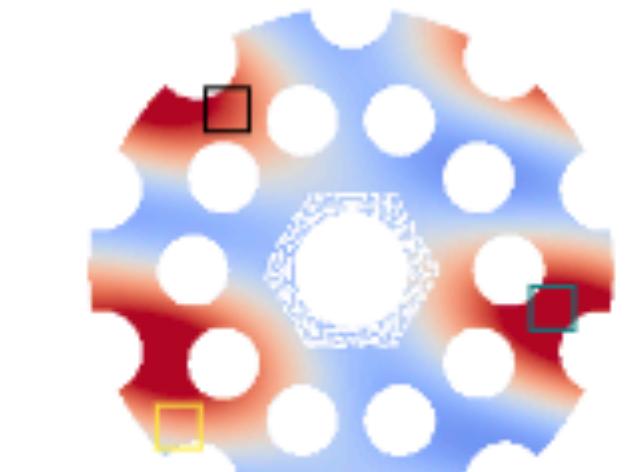
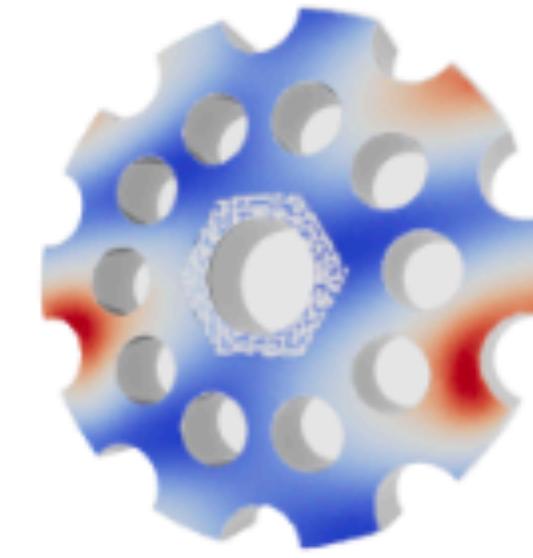
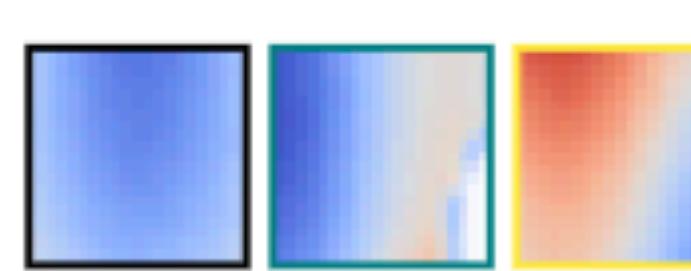
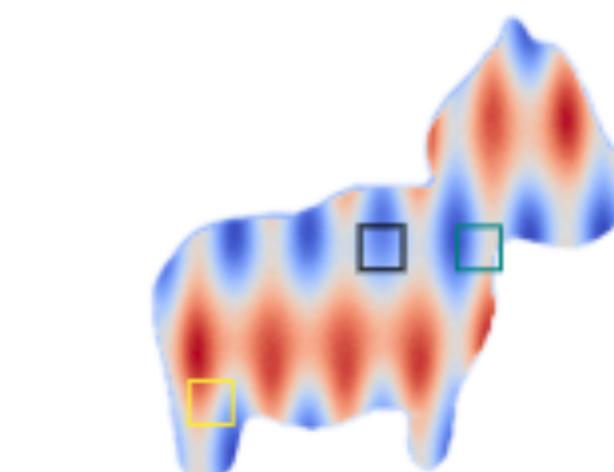
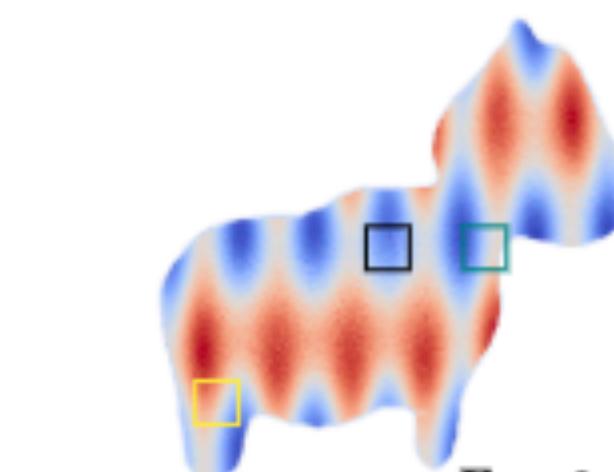
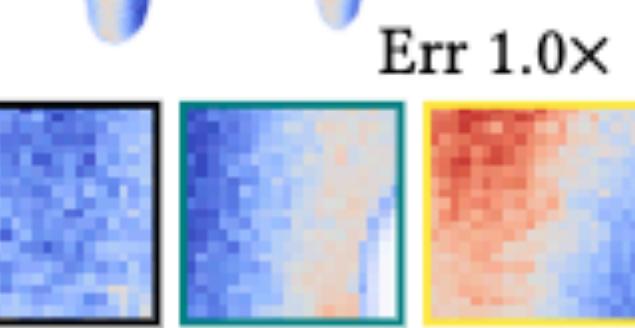
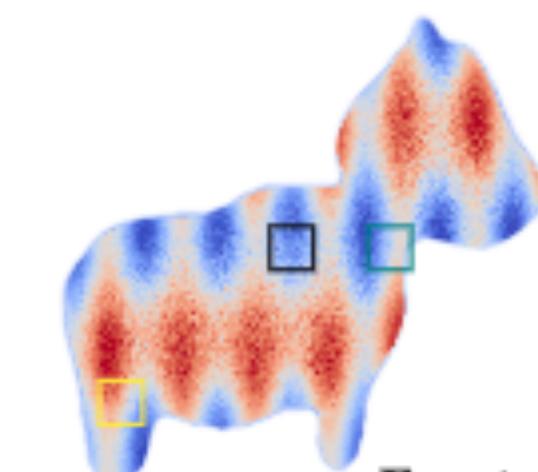
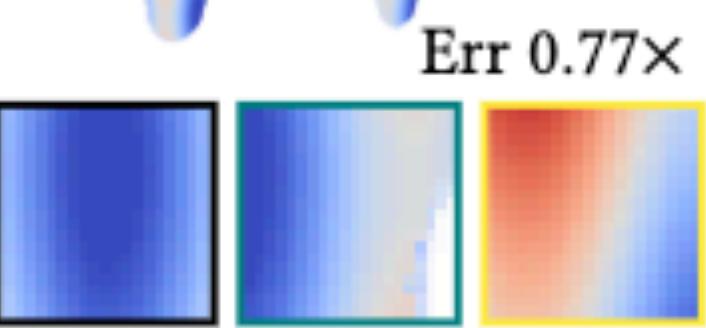
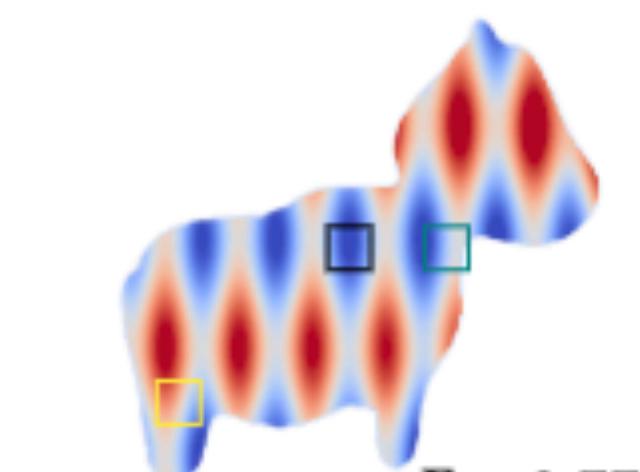
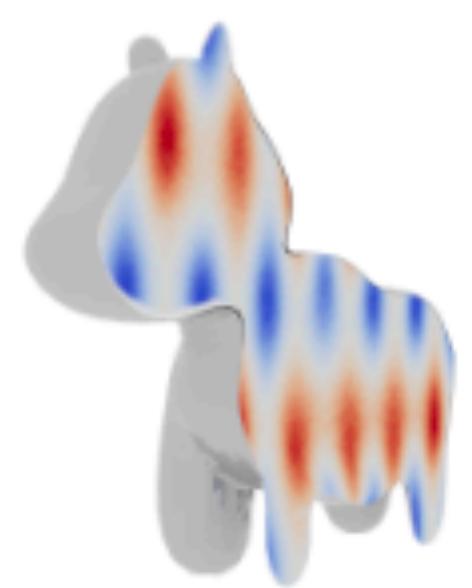
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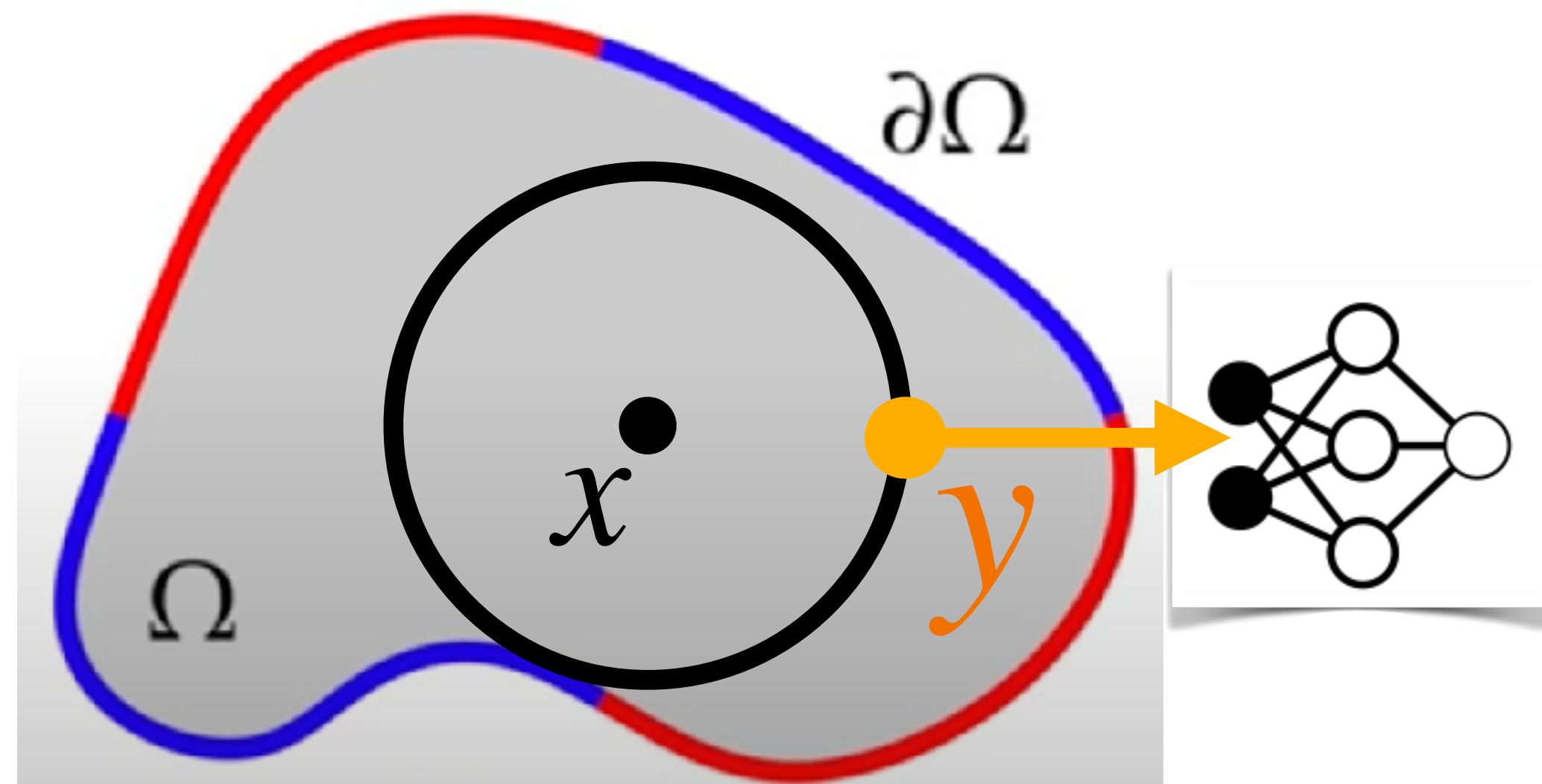
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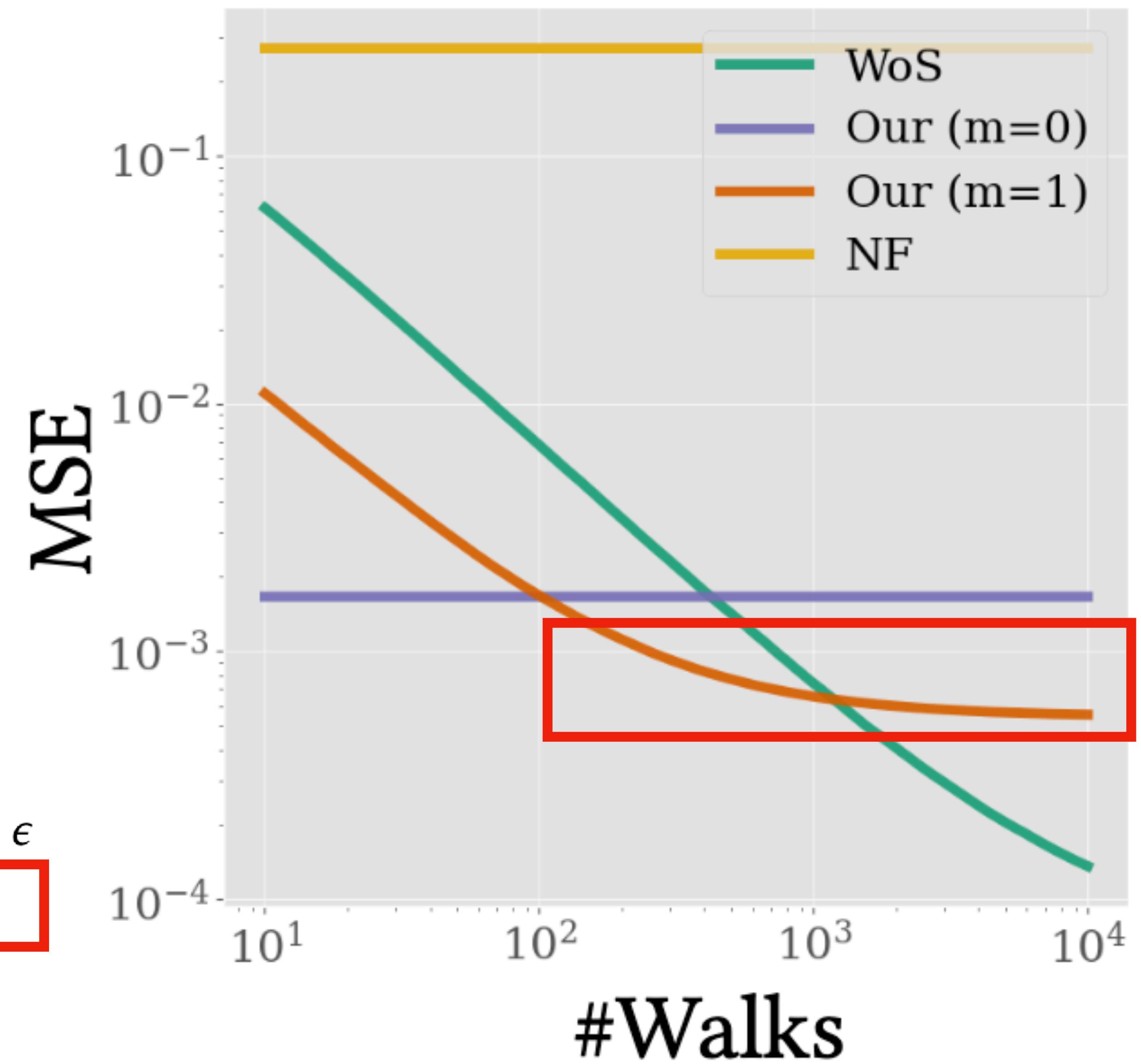
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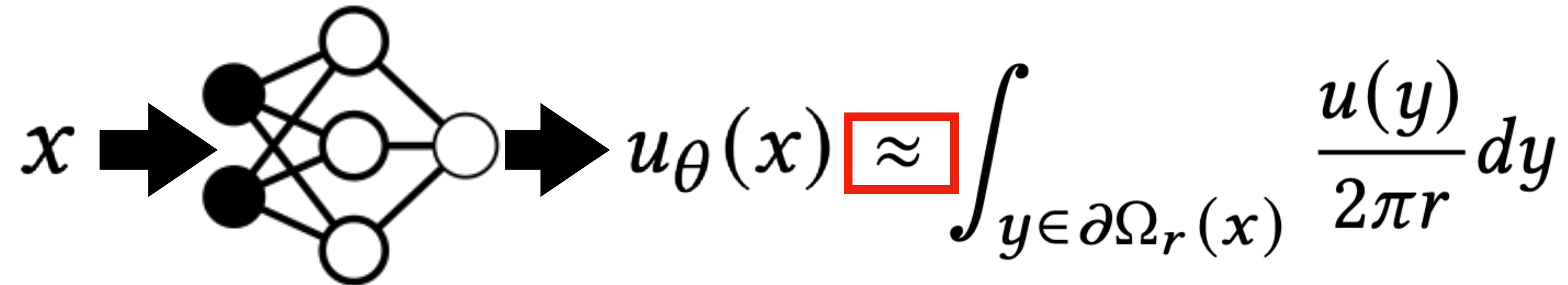
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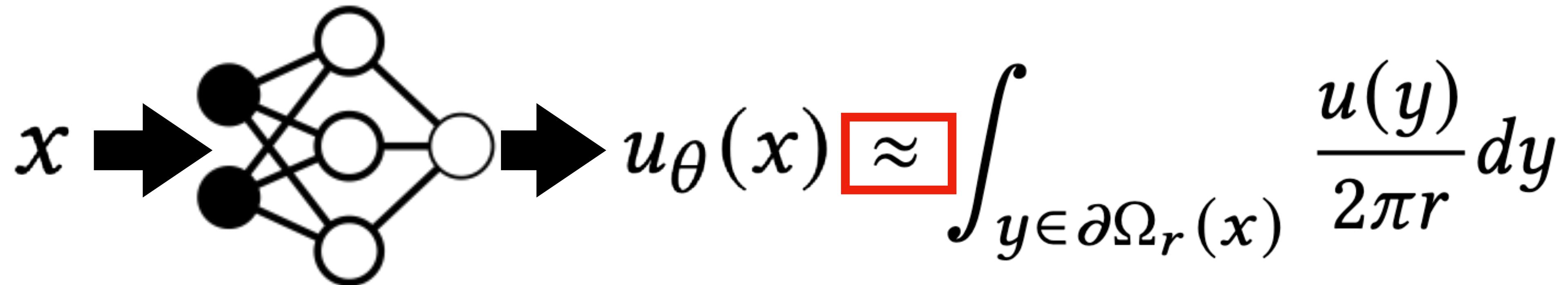
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Neural field is a biased estimator for Integral

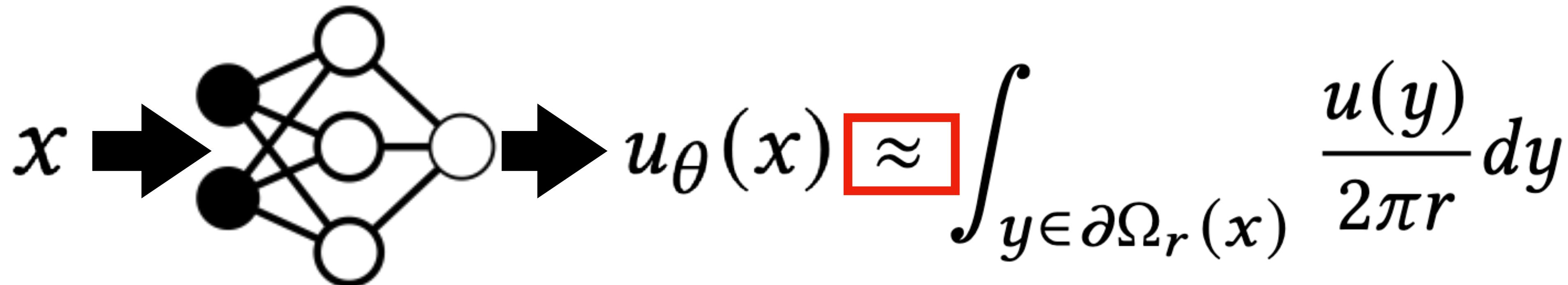


Solution: Control Variates



$$\int_{y \in \partial\Omega_r(x)} \frac{u(y)}{2\pi r} dy = u_\theta(x) - u_\theta(x) + \int_{y \in \partial\Omega_r(x)} \frac{u(y)}{2\pi r} dy$$

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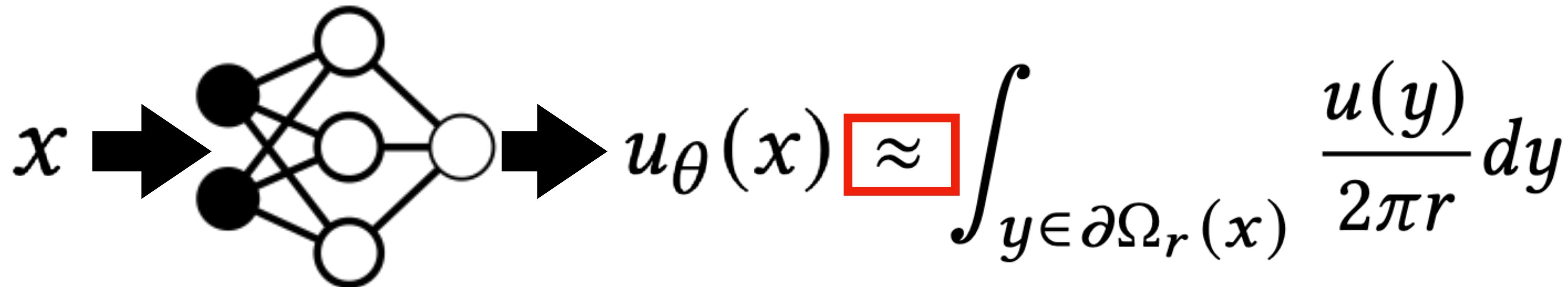


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Solution: Control Variates

Two requirements:

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$$\mathbb{V}[u(y) - v_\theta(y)] \ll \mathbb{V}[u(y)]$$

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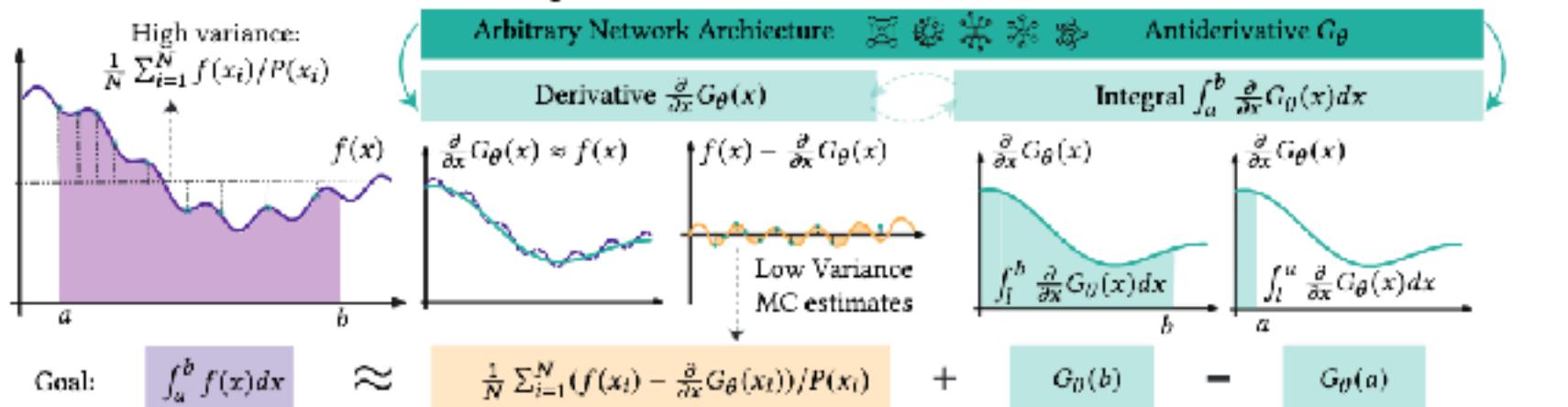


Figure 1: We propose a novel method to use arbitrary neural network architectures as control variates (CV). Instead of using the network to approximate the integrand, we deploy it to approximate the antiderivative of the integrand. This allows us to construct pairs of networks where one is the analytical integral of the other, tackling a main challenge of neural CV methods.

ABSTRACT

This paper presents a method to leverage arbitrary neural network architecture for control variates. Control variates are crucial in reducing the variance of Monte Carlo integration, but they hinge on finding a function that both correlates with the integrand and has a known analytical integral. Traditional approaches rely on heuristics to choose this function, which might not be expressive enough to correlate well with the integrand. Recent research alleviates this issue by modeling the integrands with a learnable parametric model, such as a neural network. However, the challenge remains in creating an expressive parametric model with a known analytical integral. This paper proposes a novel approach to construct learnable parametric control variates functions from

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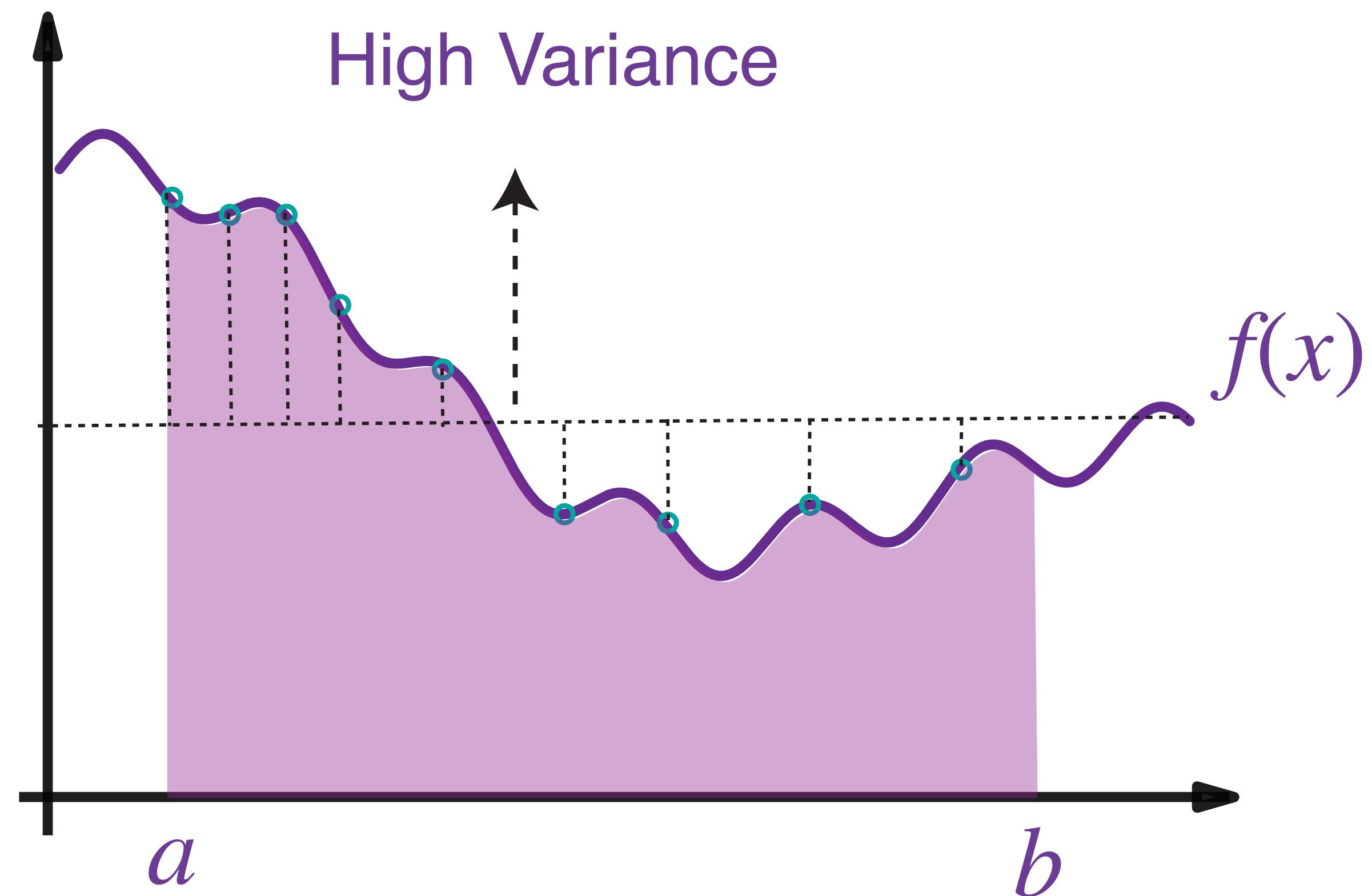
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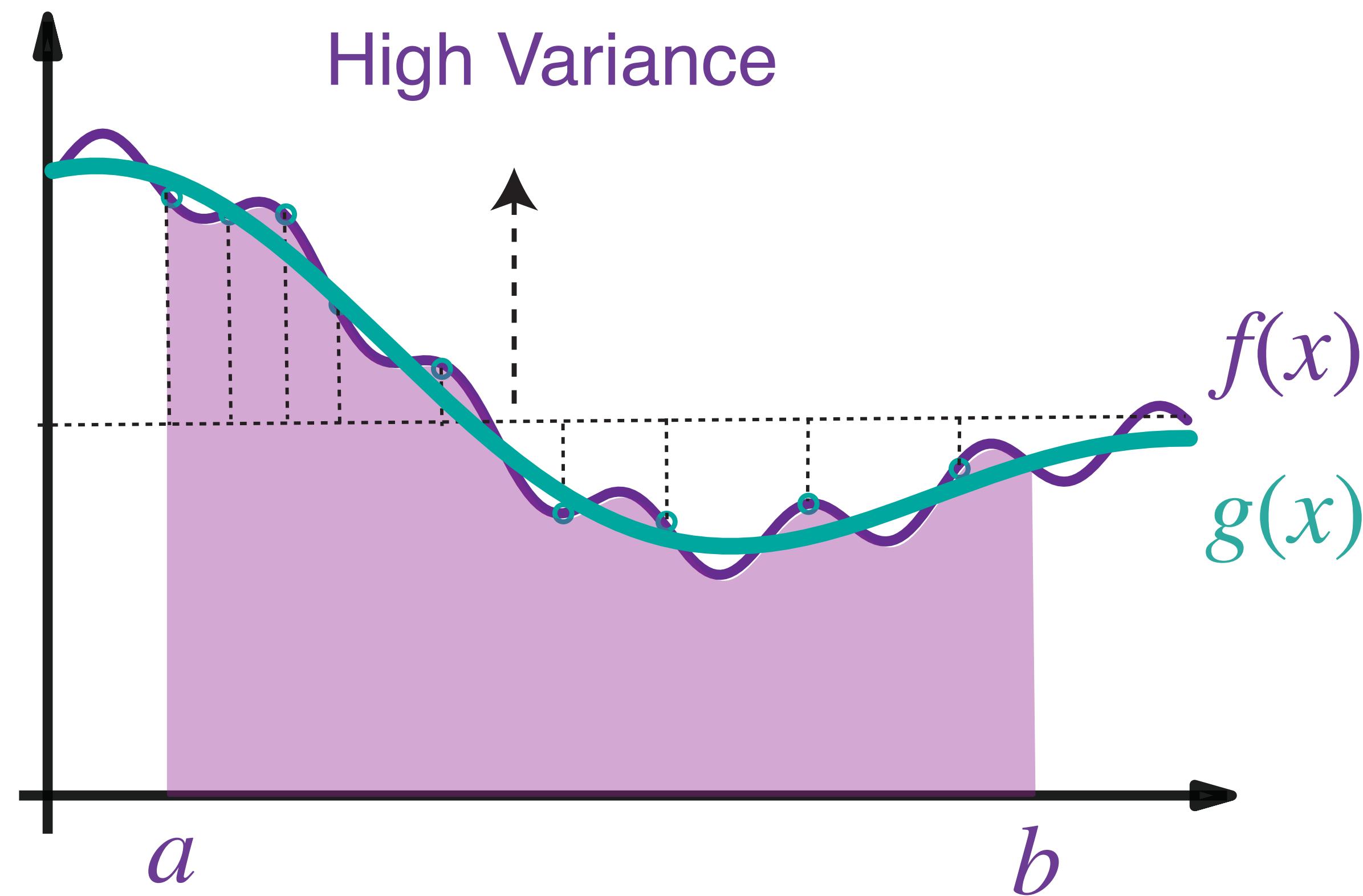
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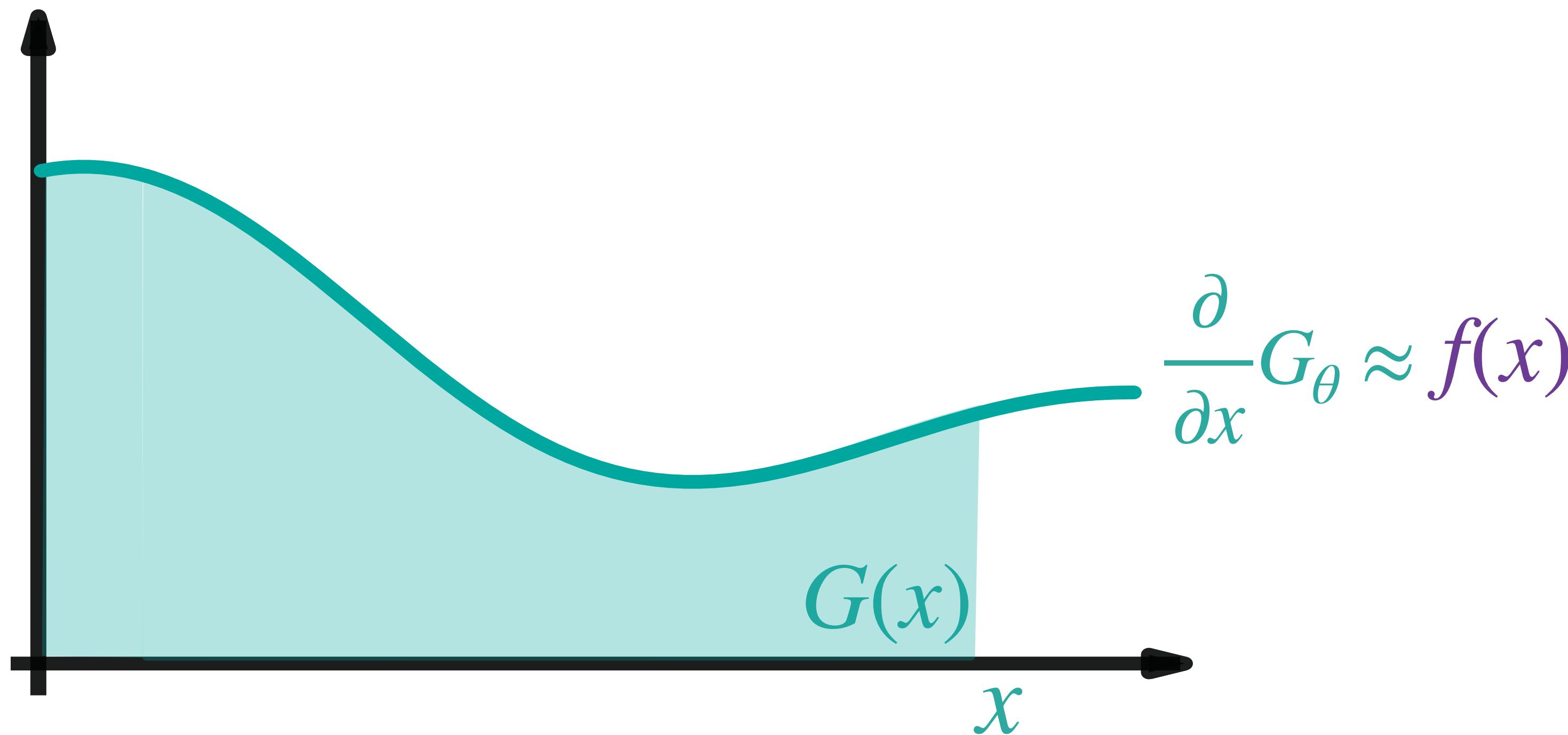
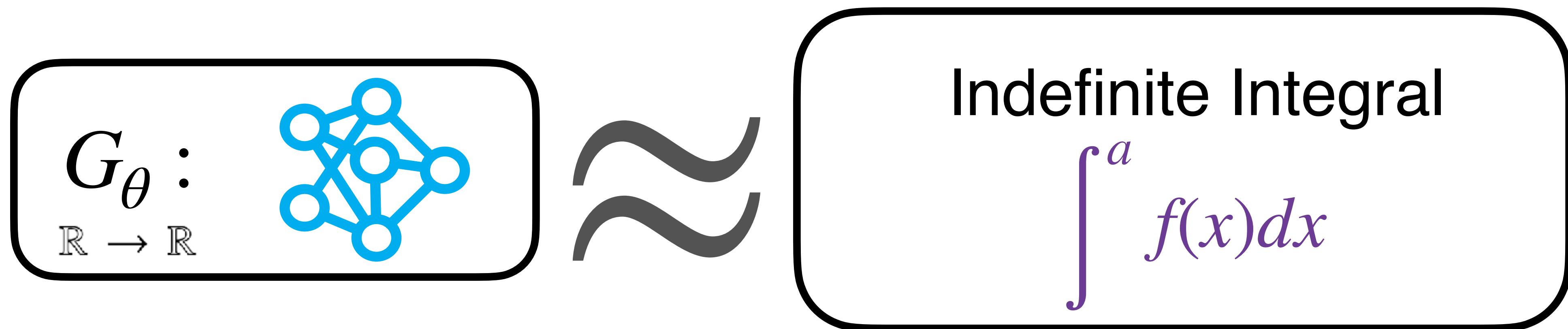


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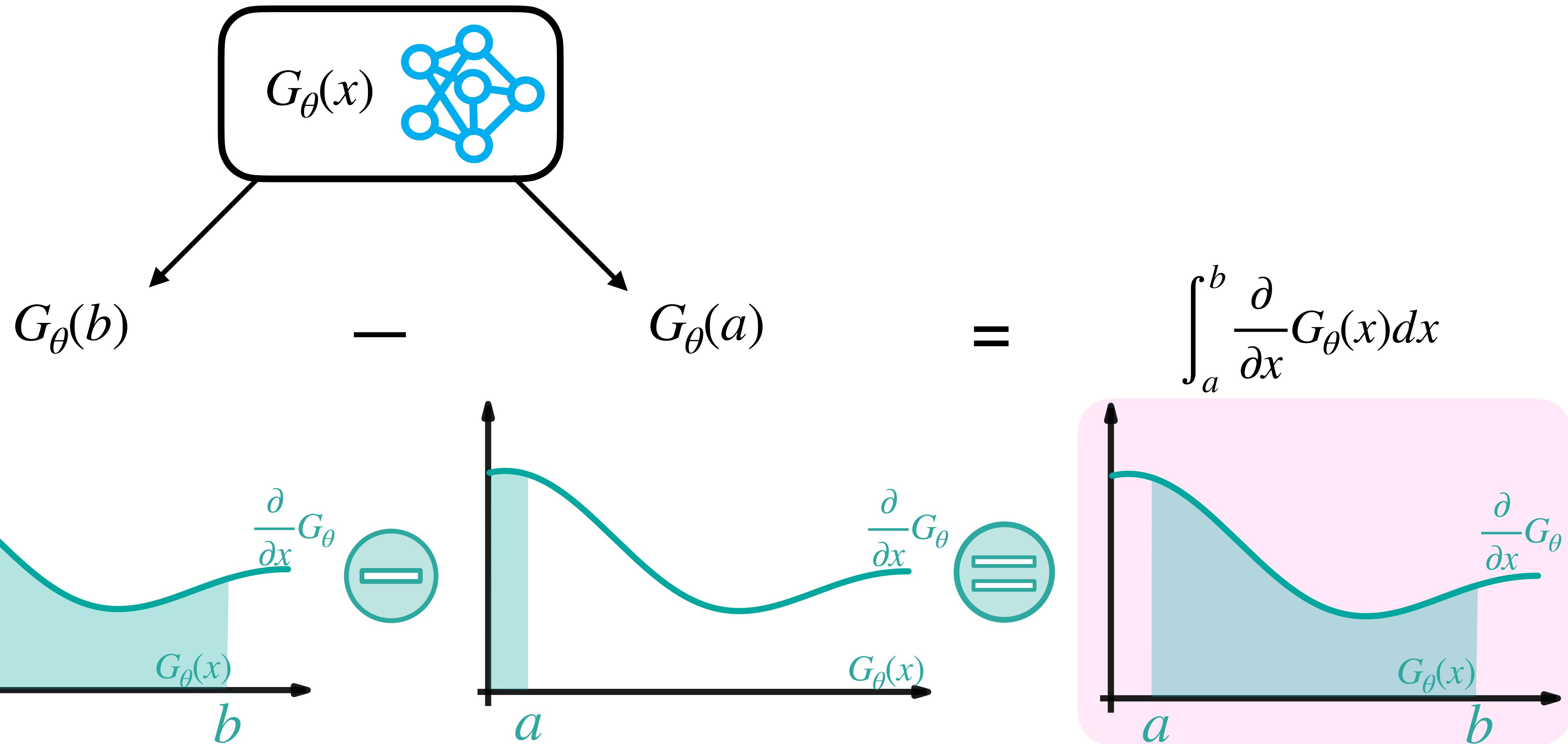
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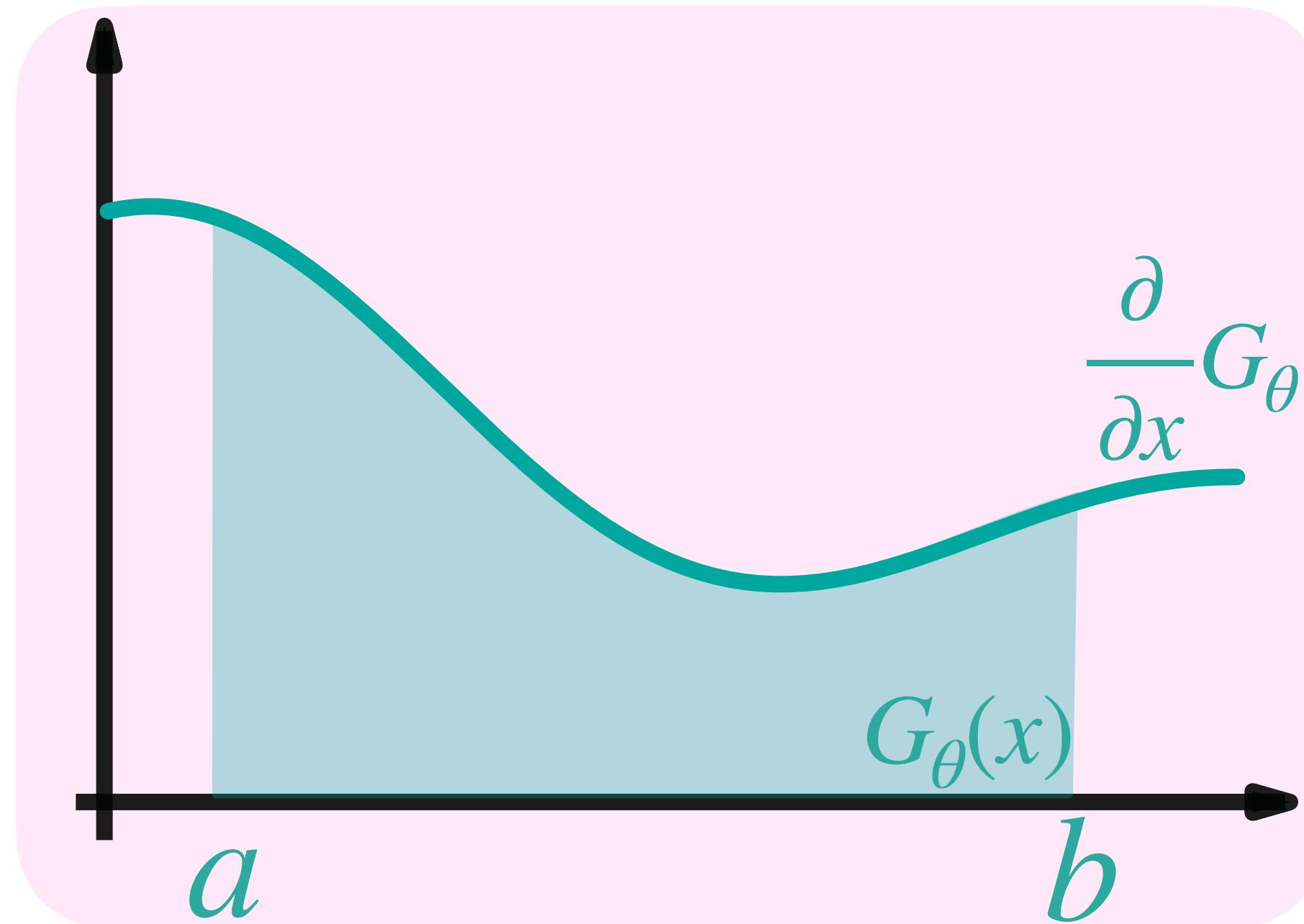
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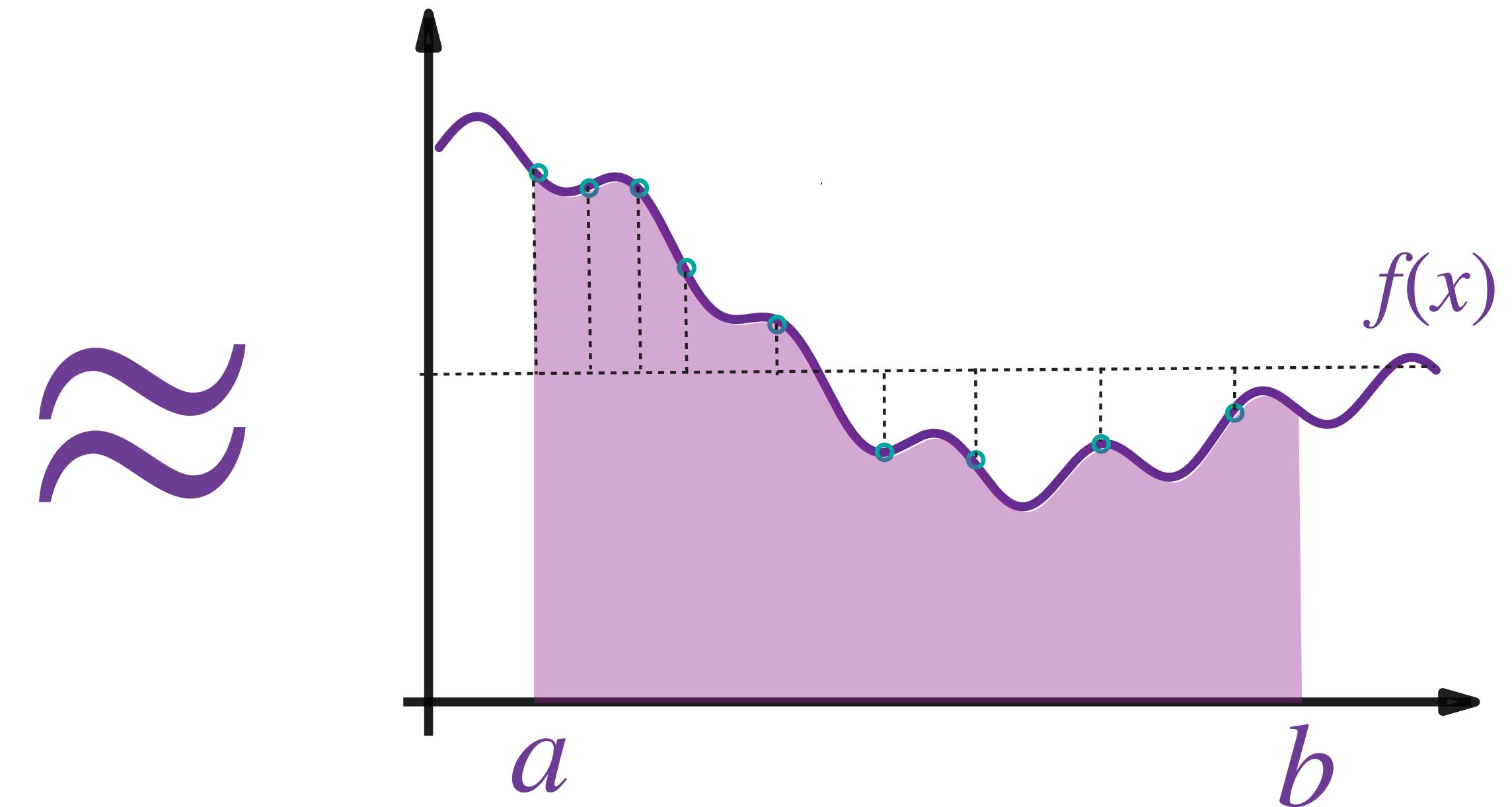
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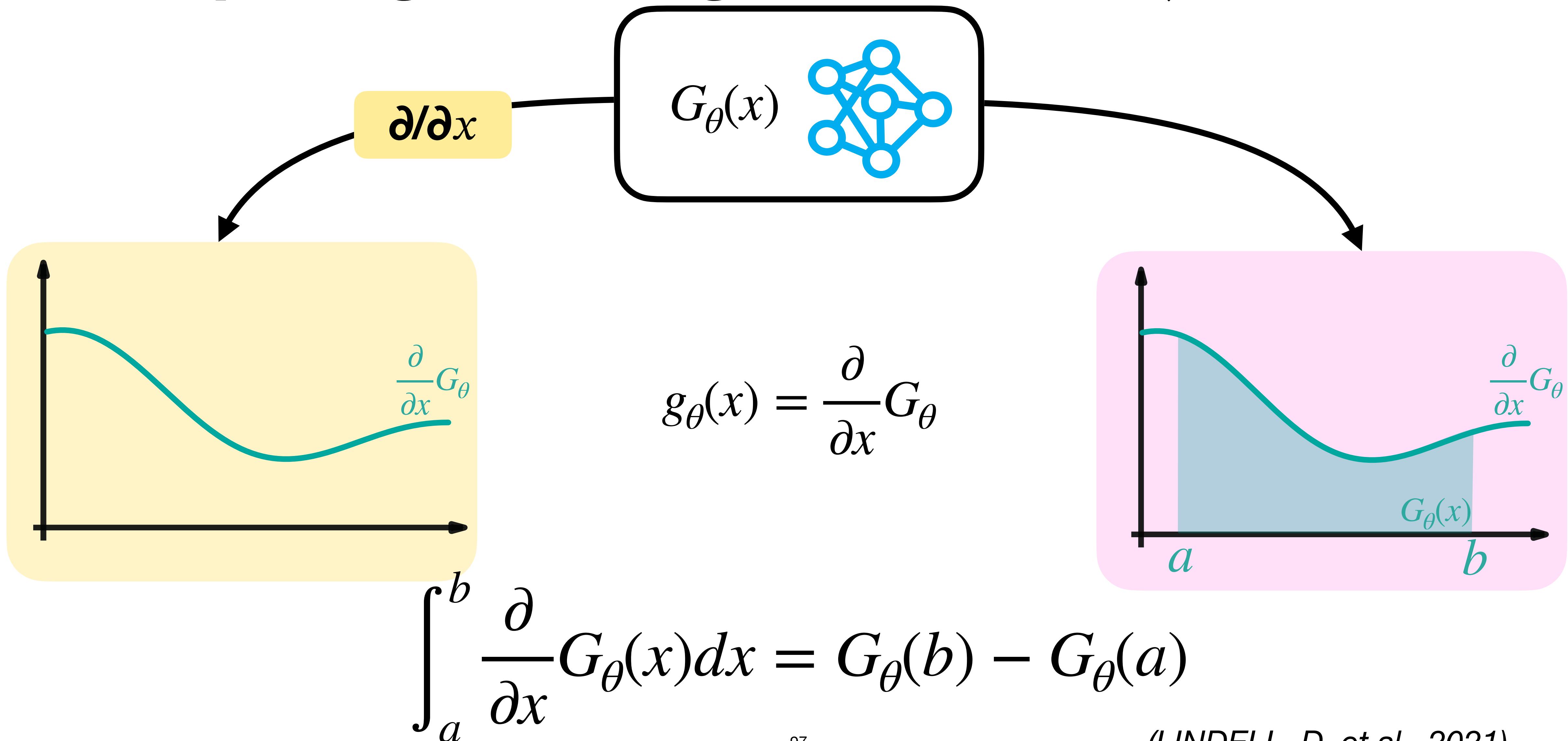
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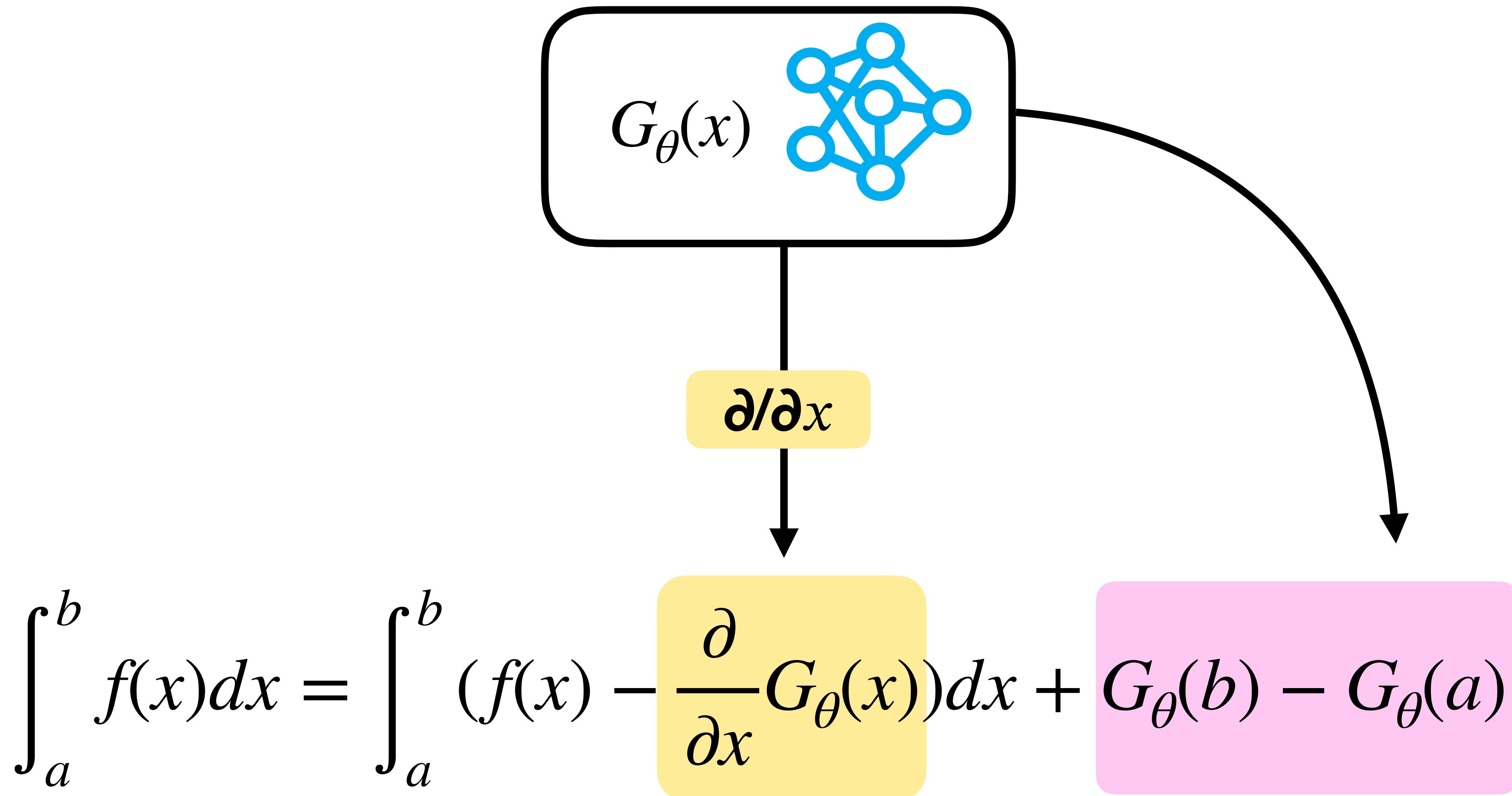
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Computing the Integrand $g(x)$

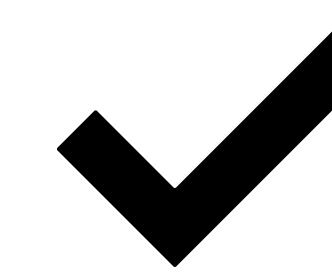
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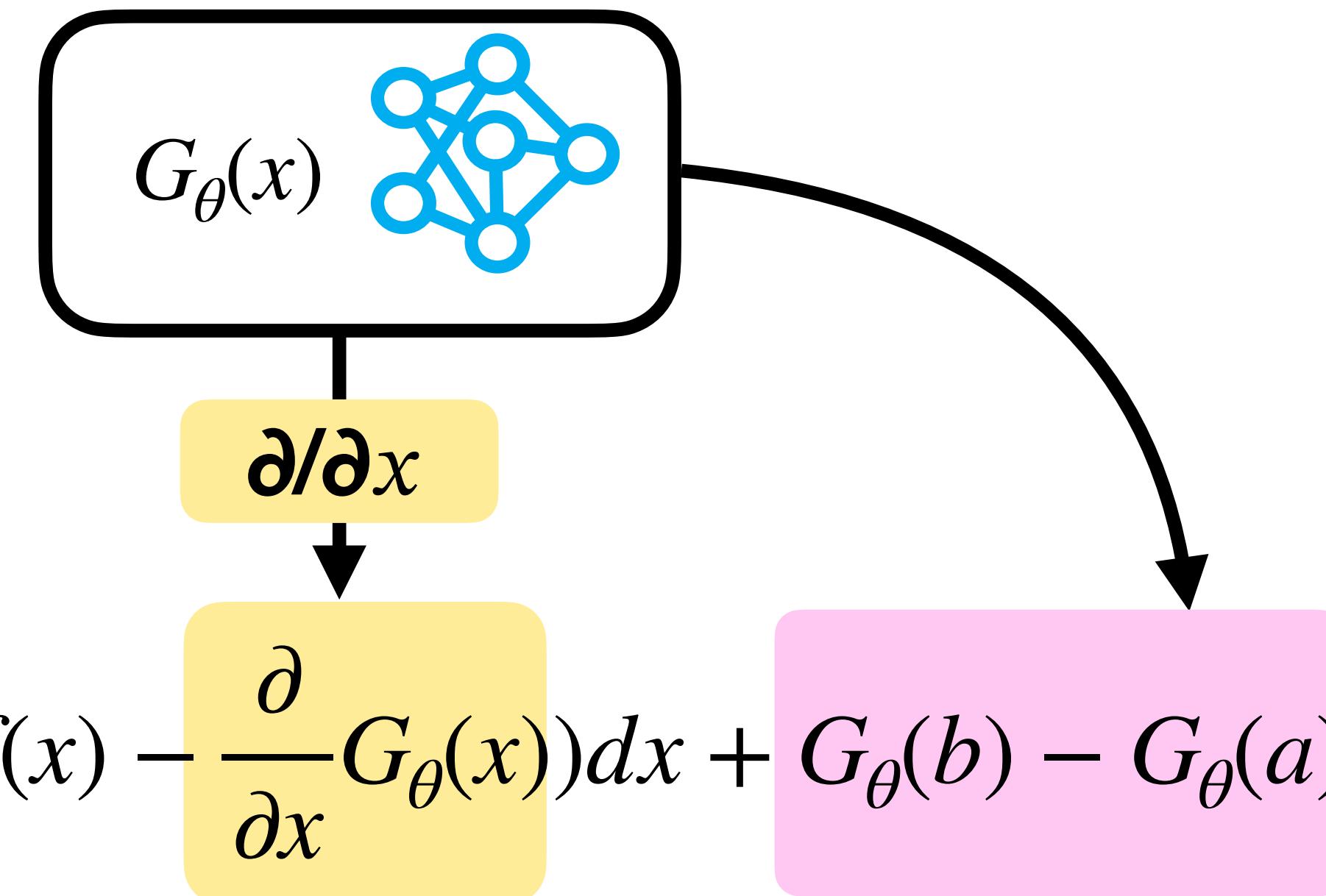
Constructing Control Variates



Training



$$\mathbb{V}[u(y) - v_\theta(y)] << \mathbb{V}[u(y)]$$



Objective: Minimizing the Variance

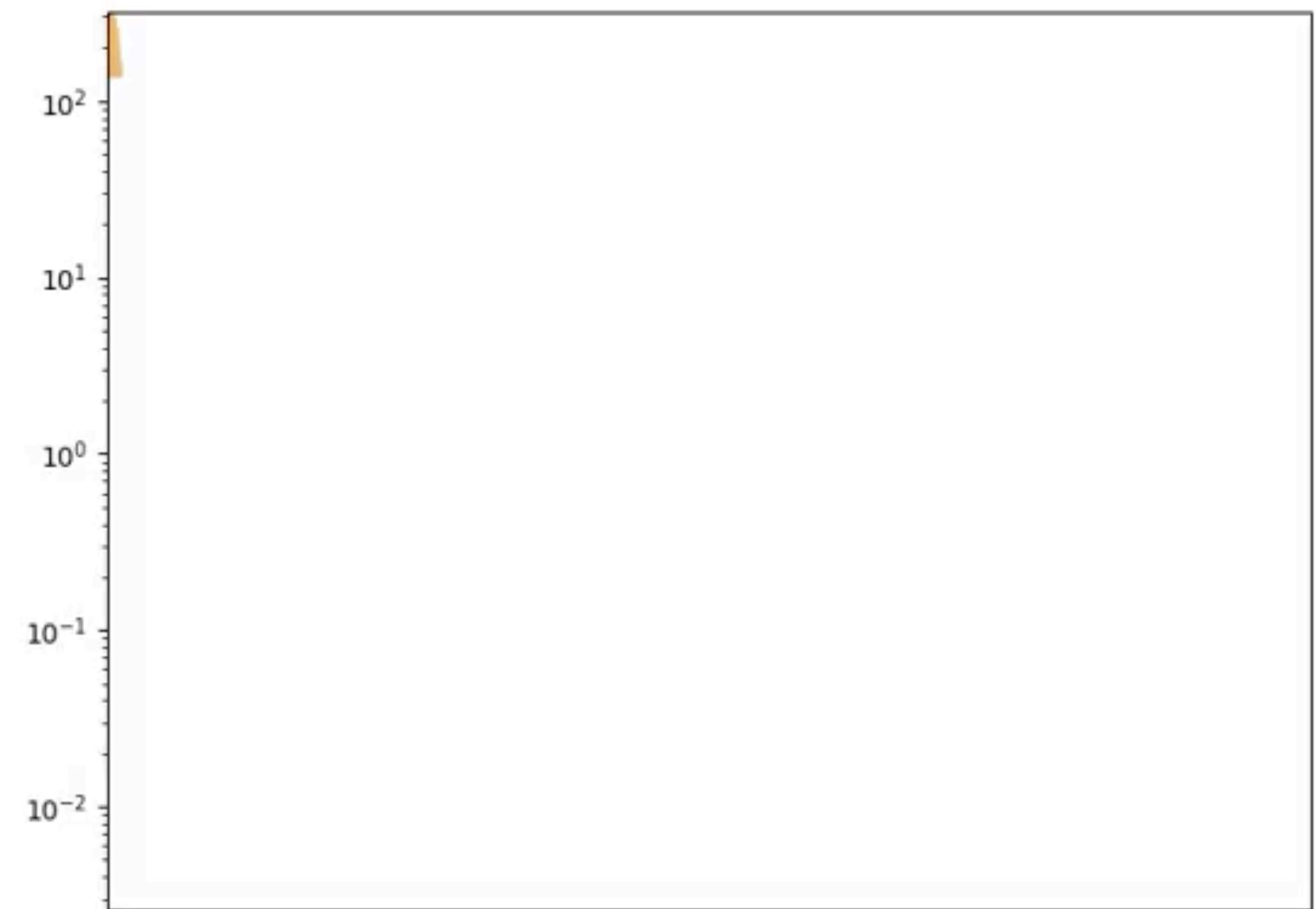
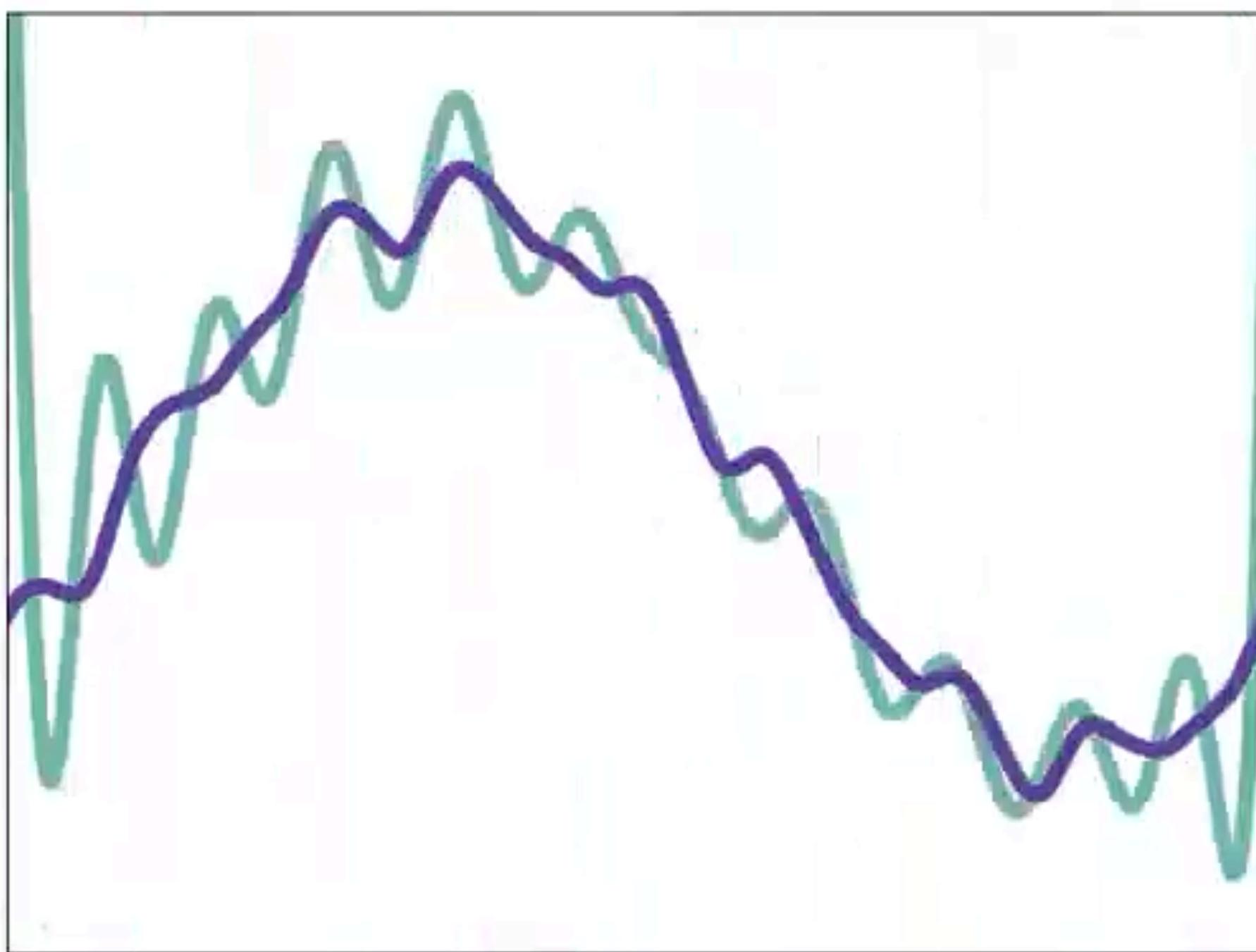
$$\mathbb{V} = \int_a^b \left(f(x) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} G_\theta(x) \right)^2 dx - \left(G_\theta(a) - G_\theta(b) - \int_a^b f(x) dx \right)^2$$

Training the Derivative Network

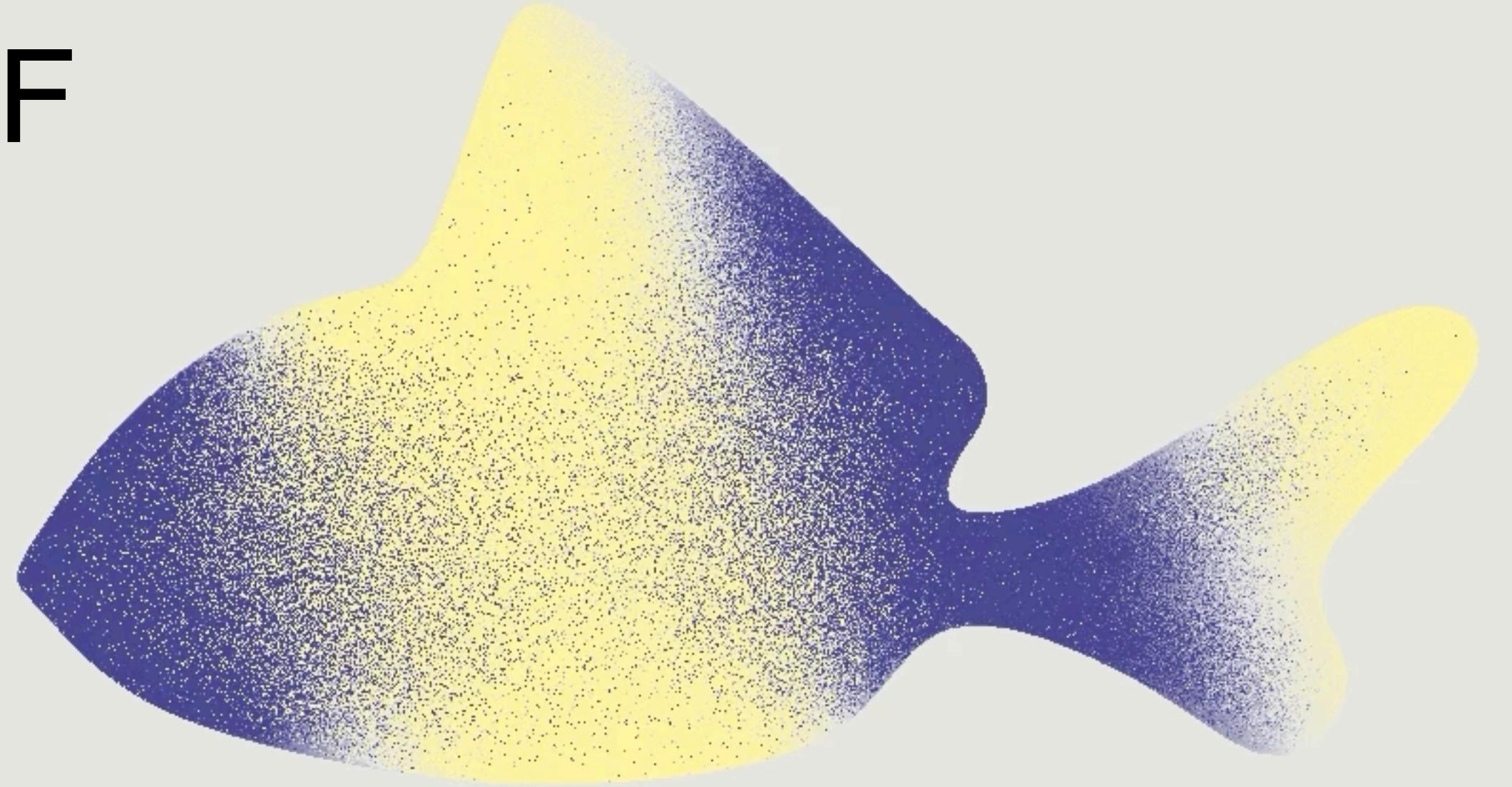
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$$\text{Var}(f - g)$$

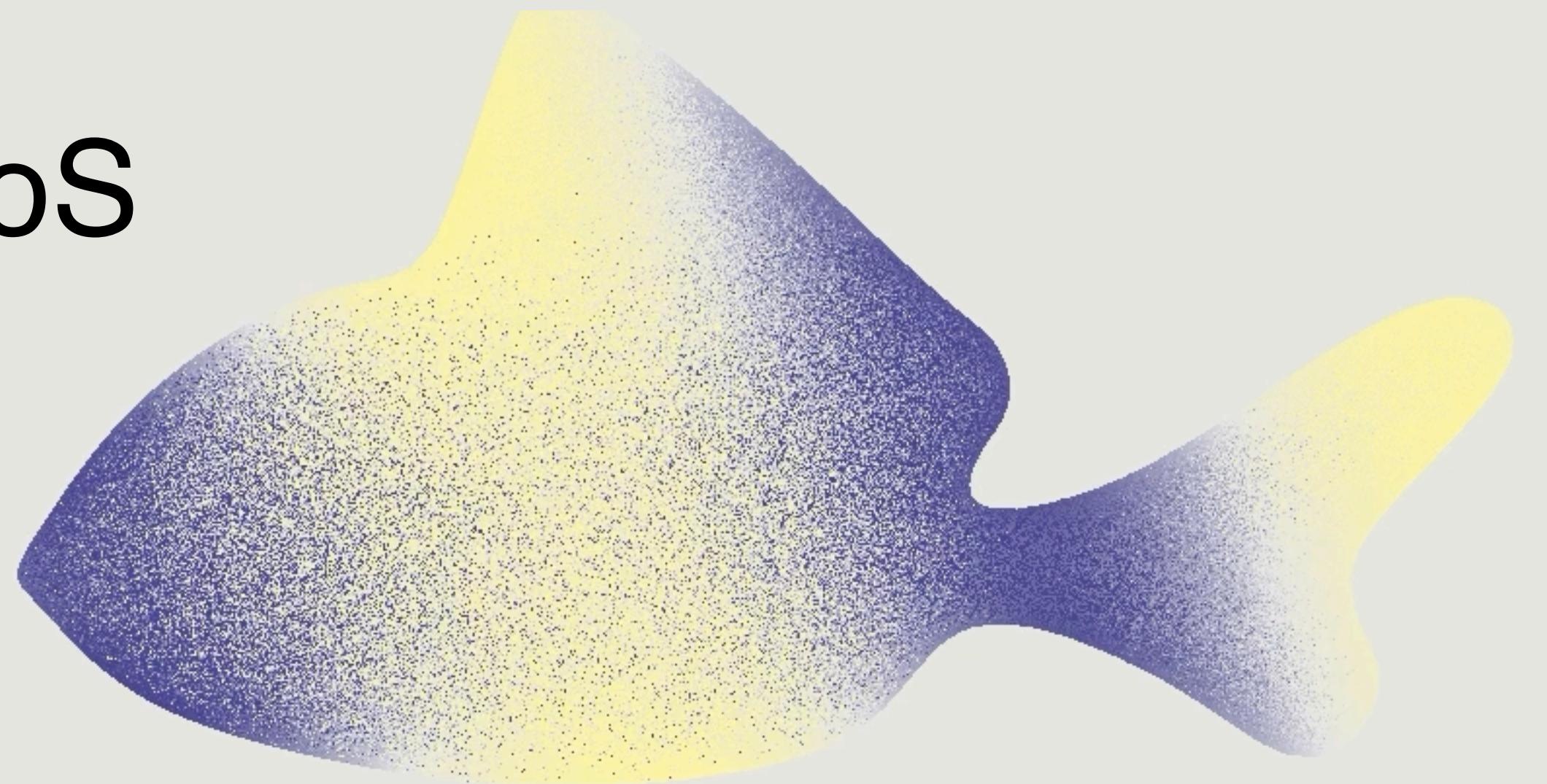


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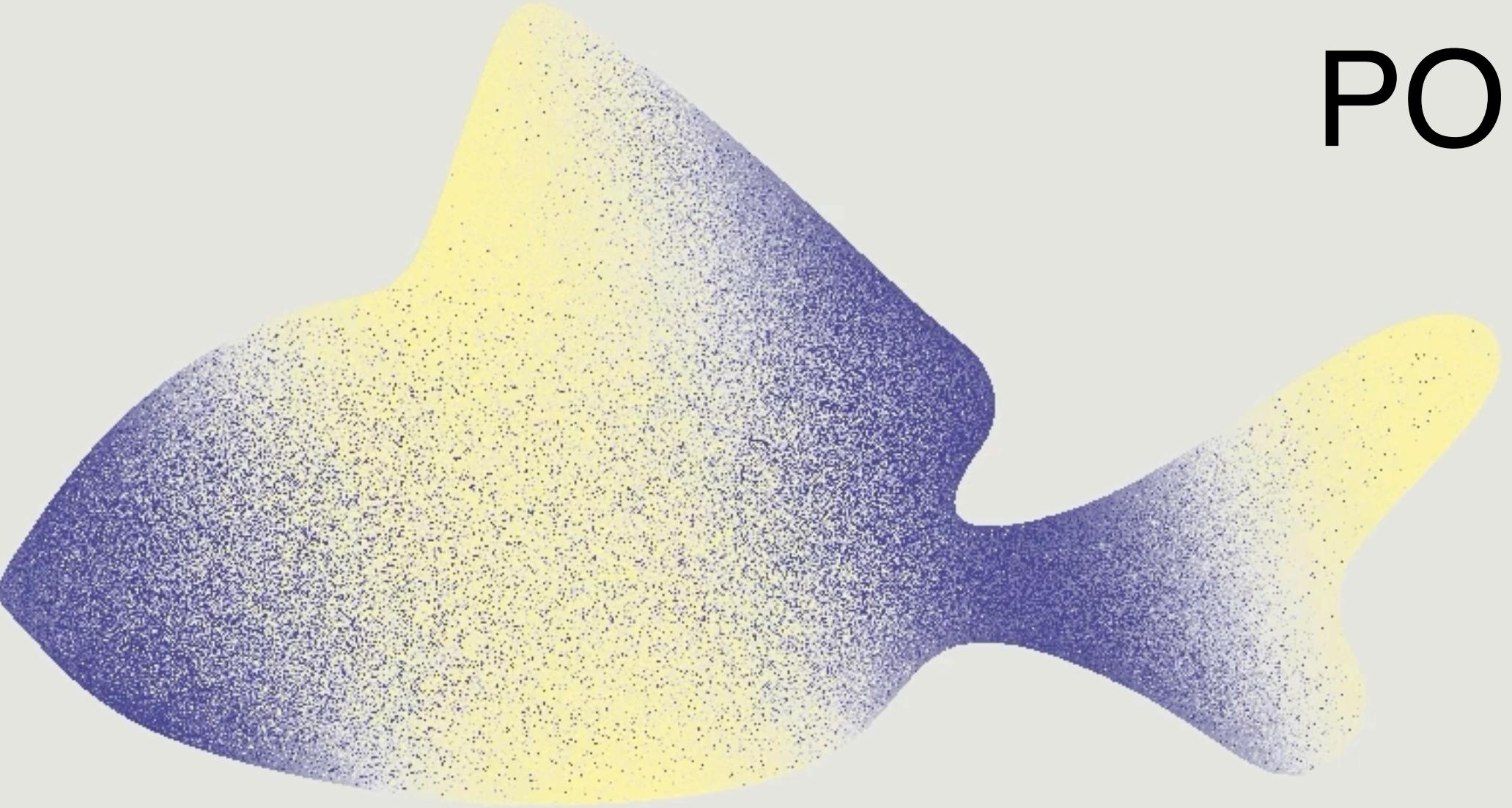
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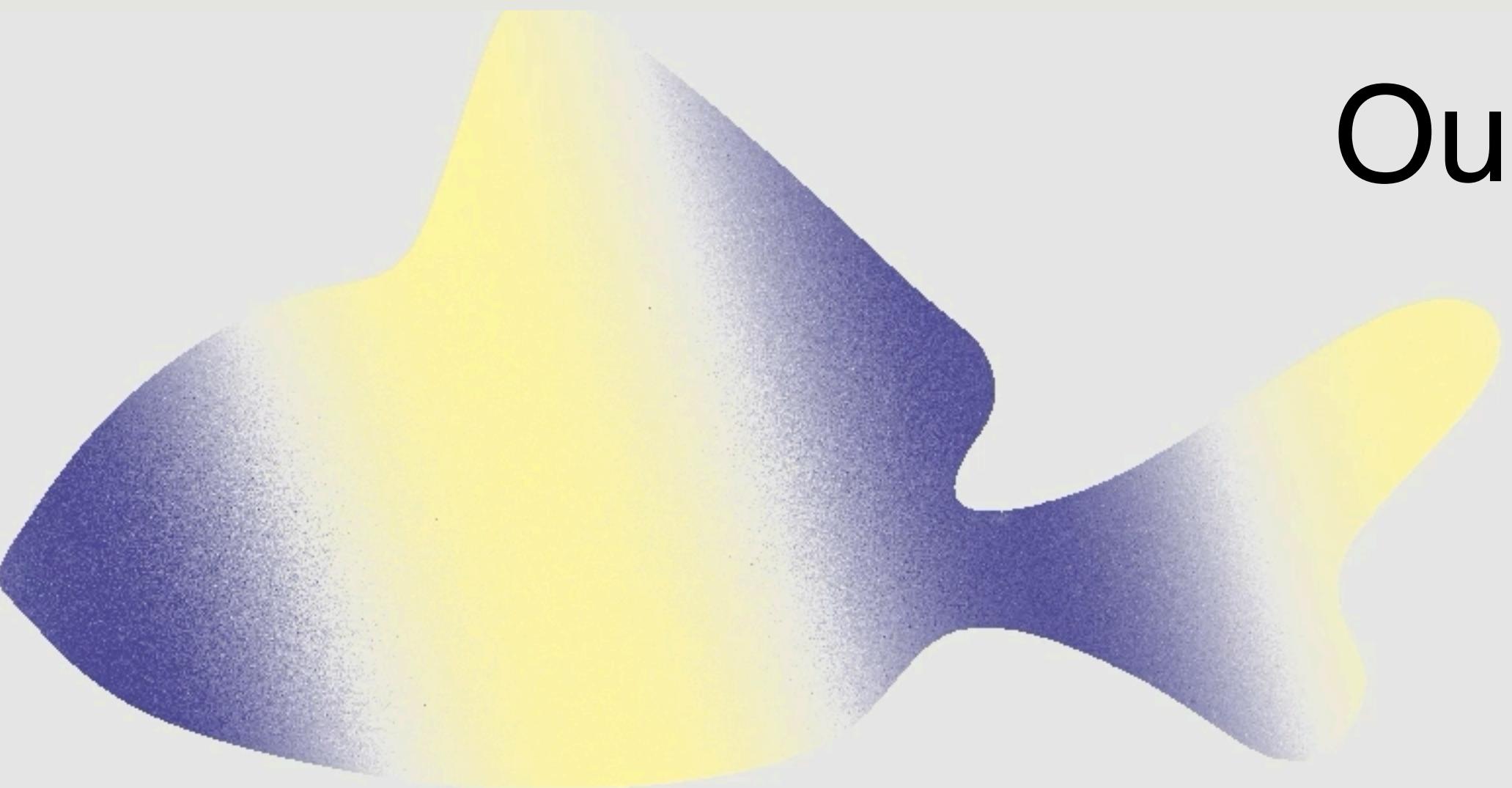
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POLY



Var 1.24 x

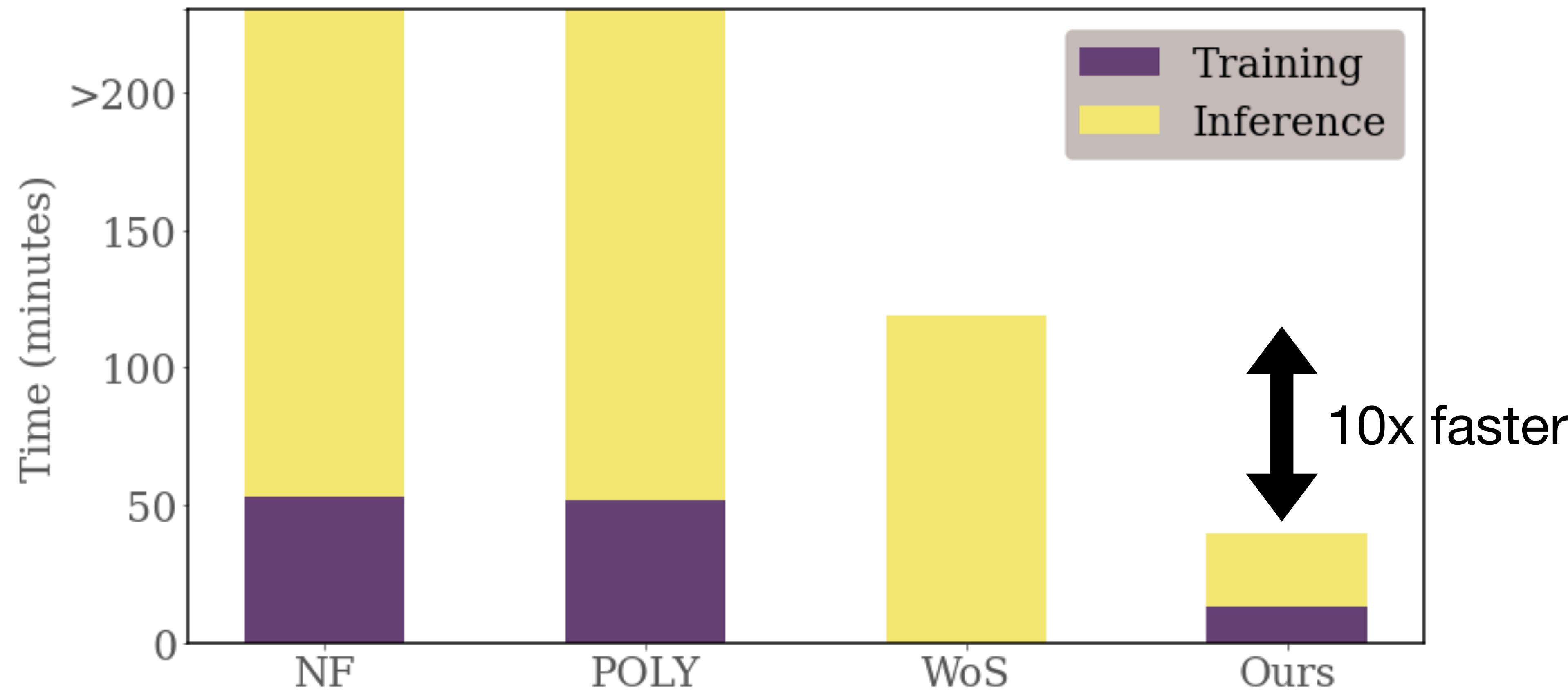
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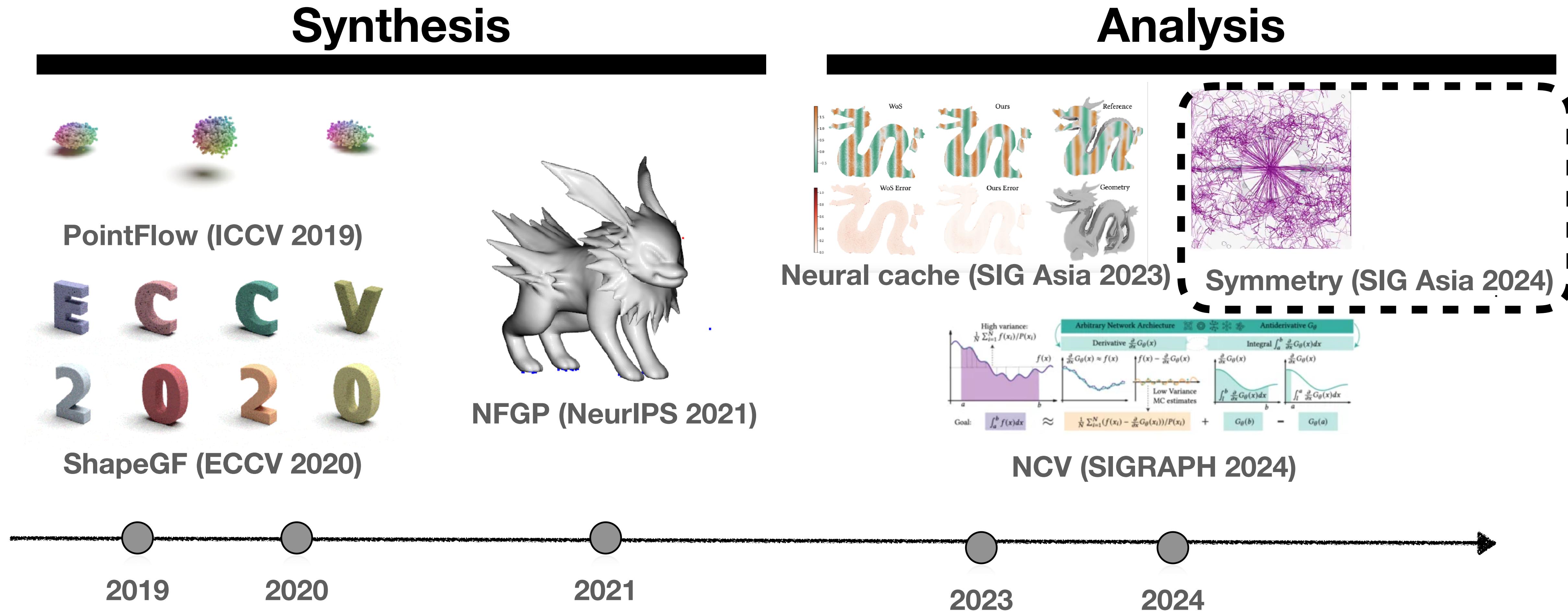
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Our estimator is faster for high resolution

Computational Time Breakdown to Create a 1024 Resolution Image

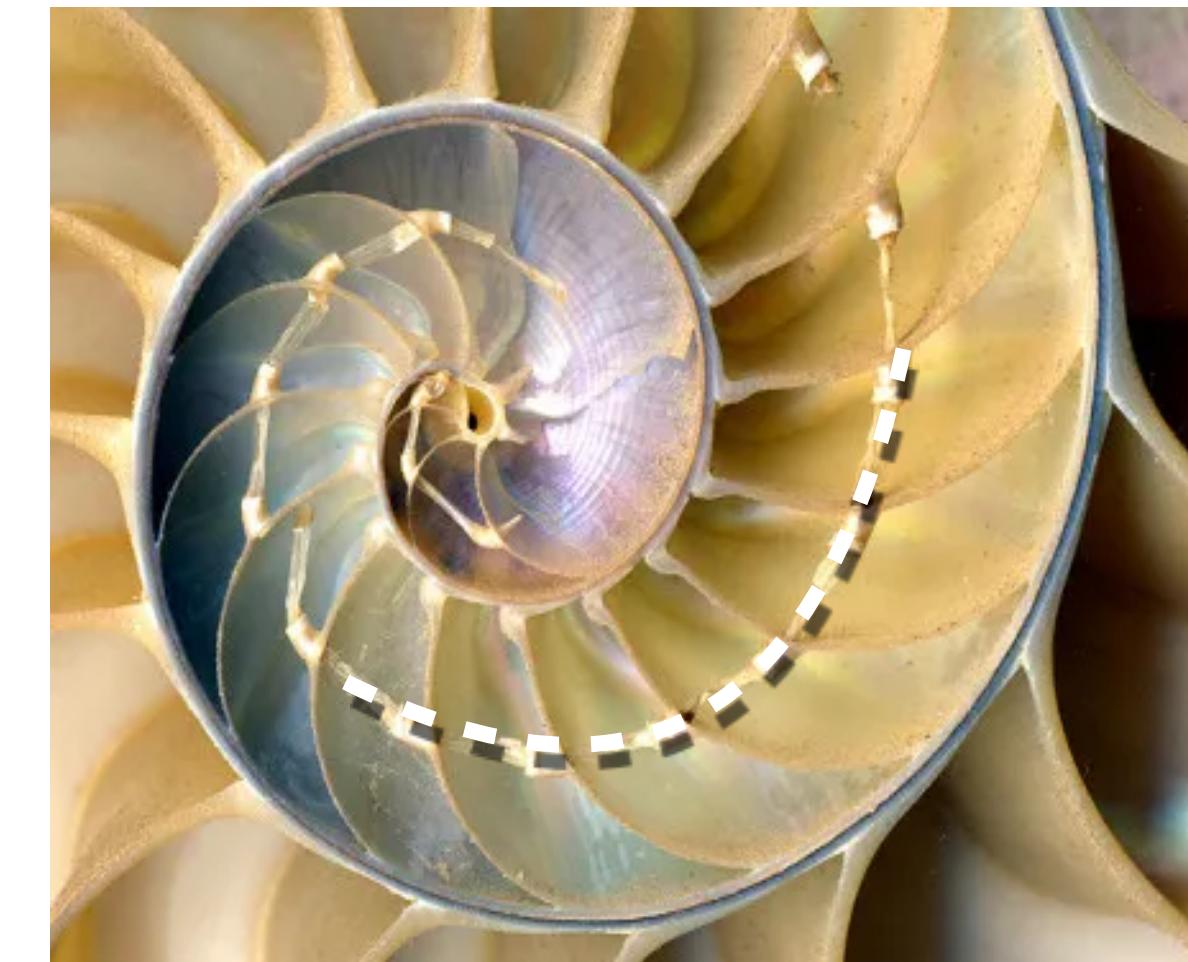
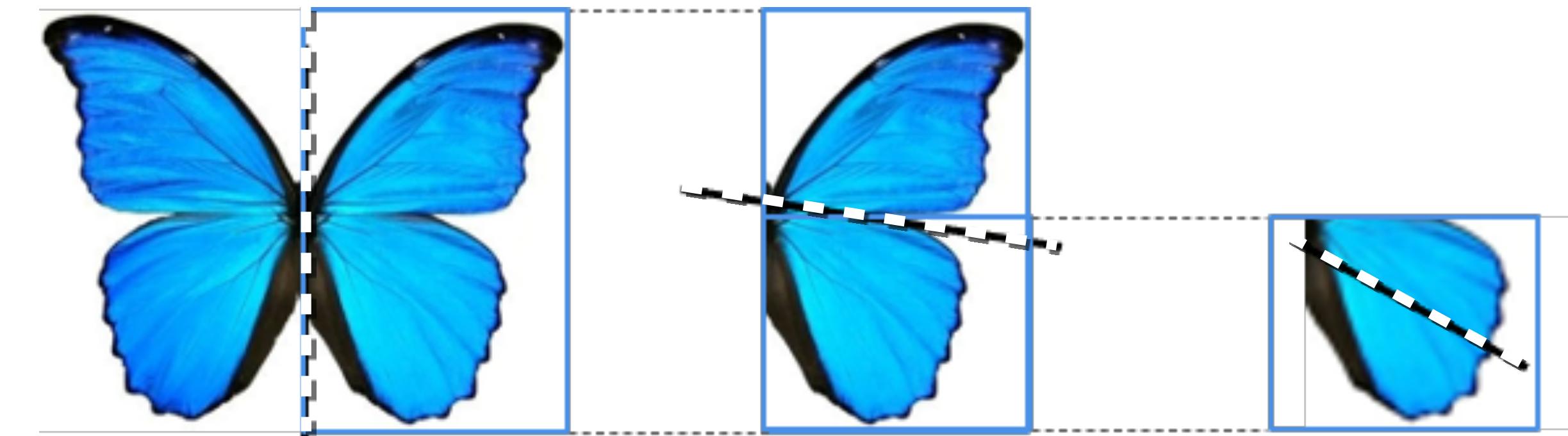
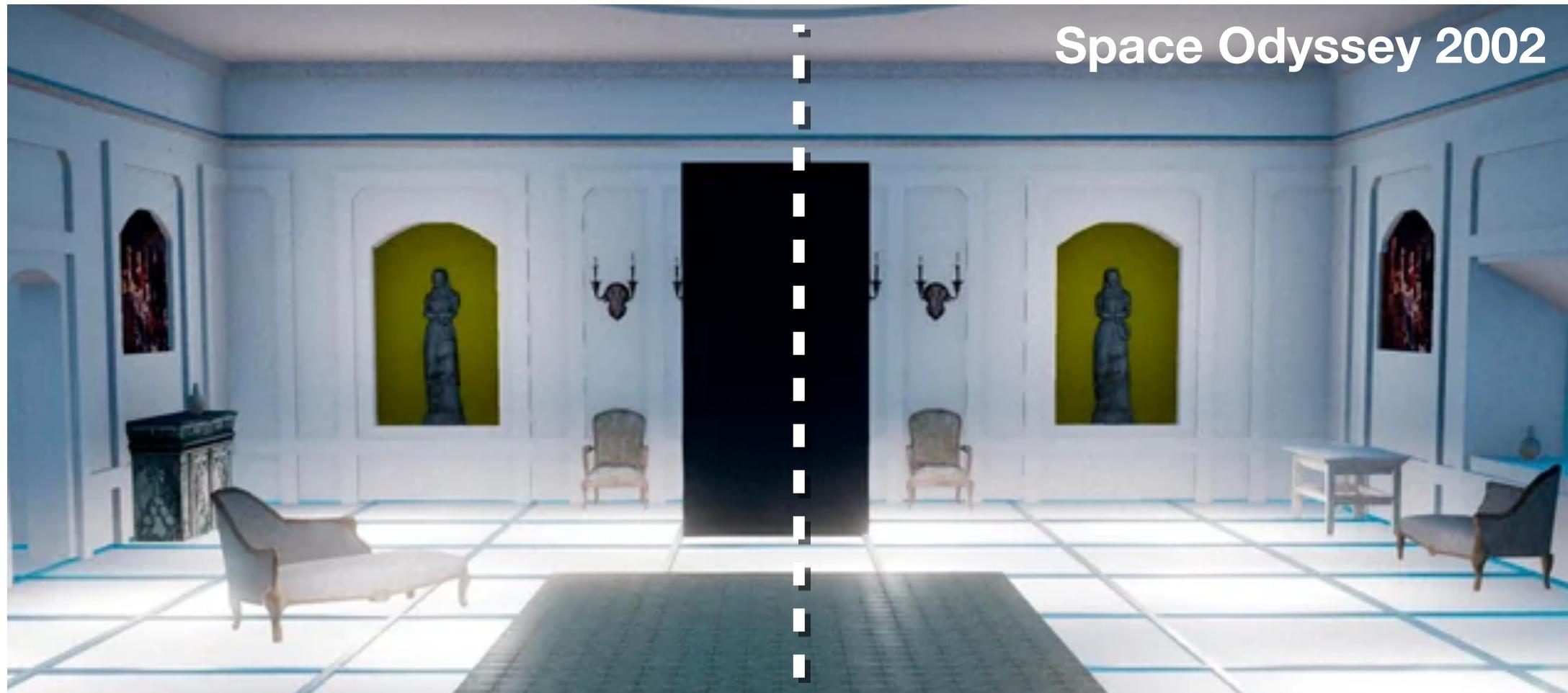
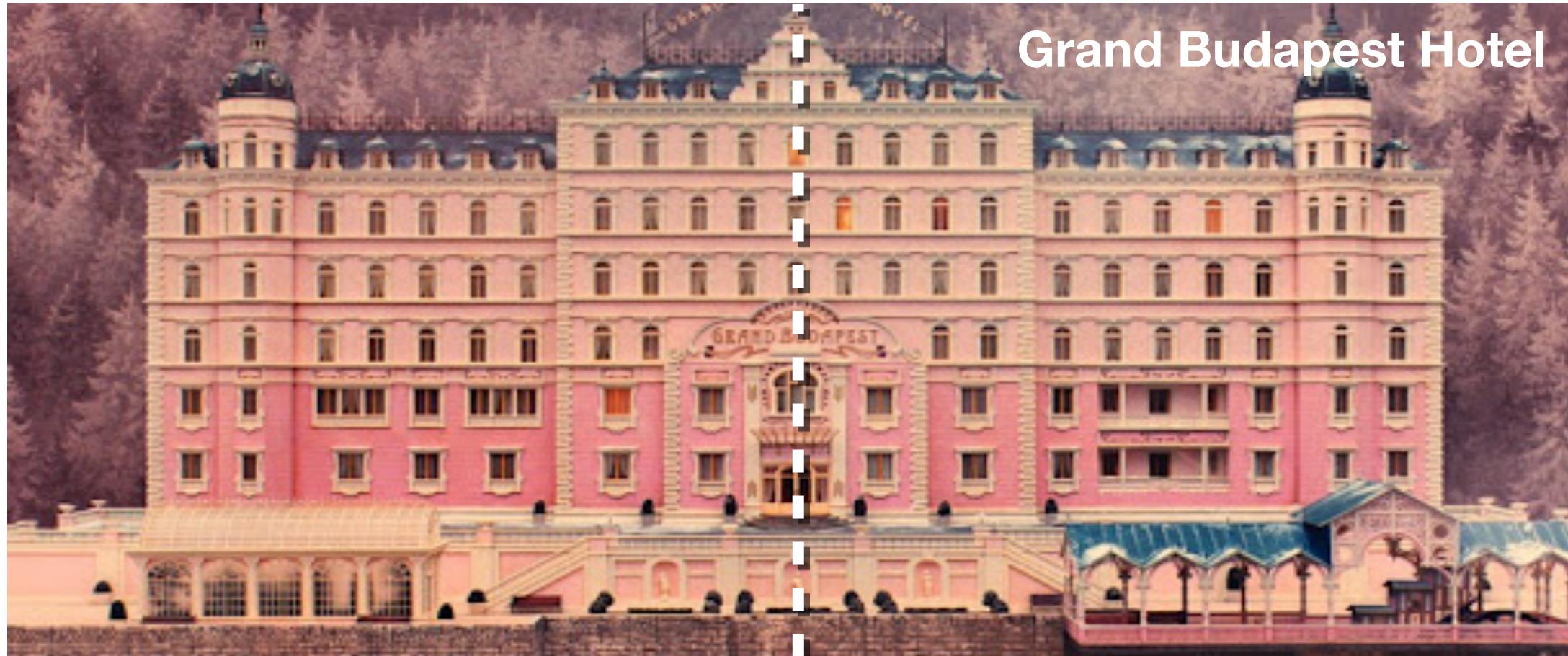


Analysis - Symmetry Detection



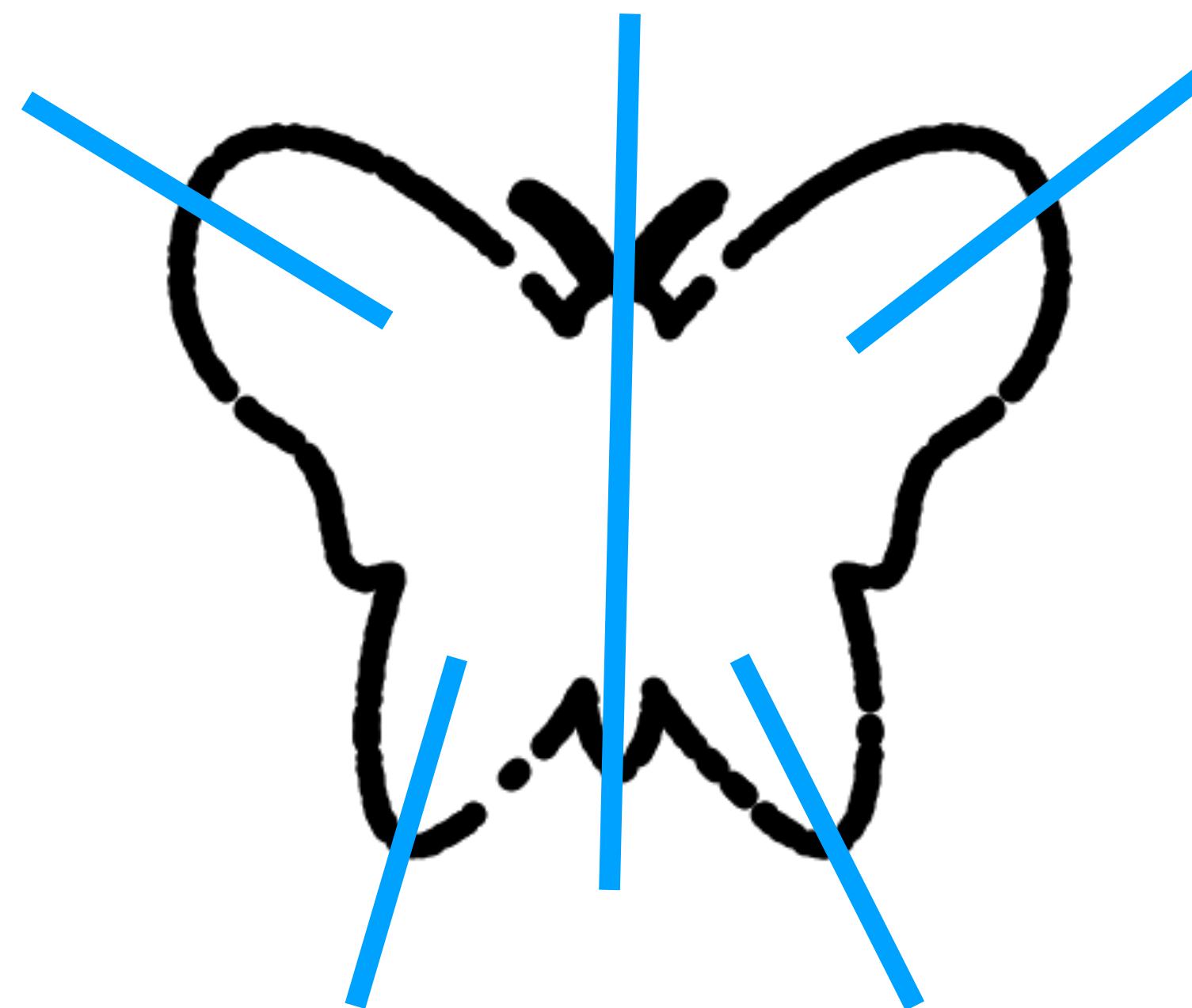
Symmetry is ubiquitous

How do we detect symmetry of a shape?



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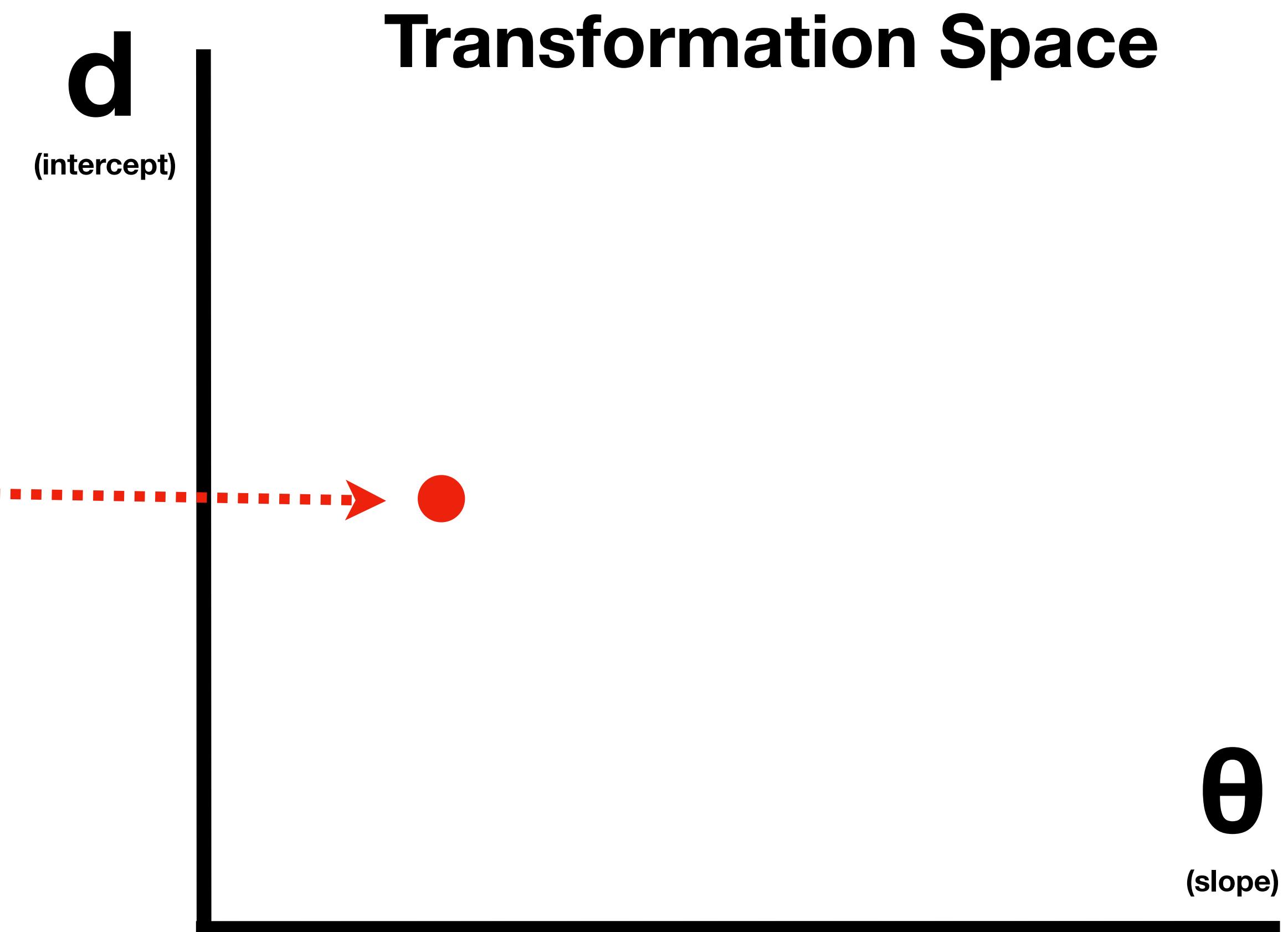
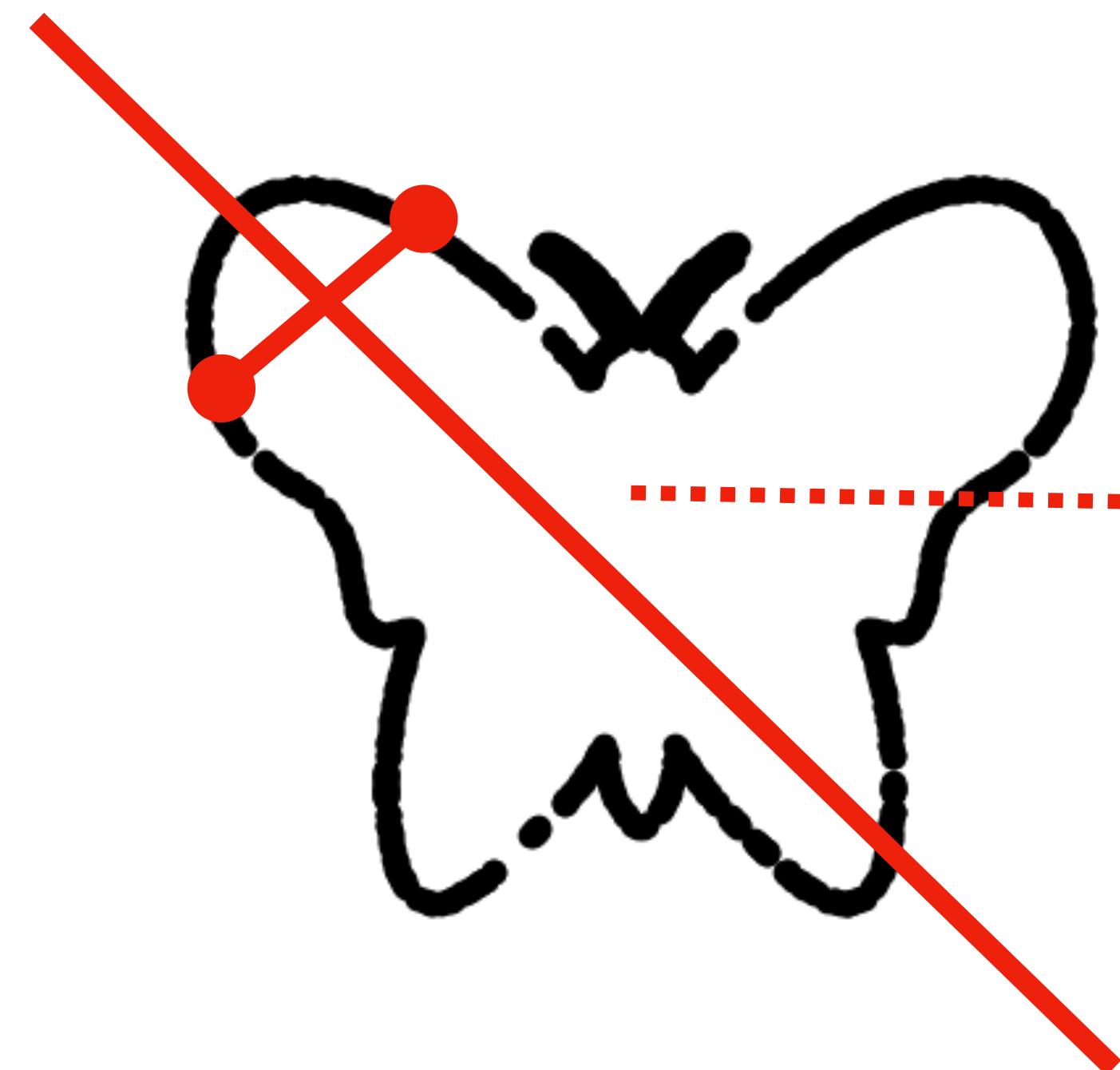
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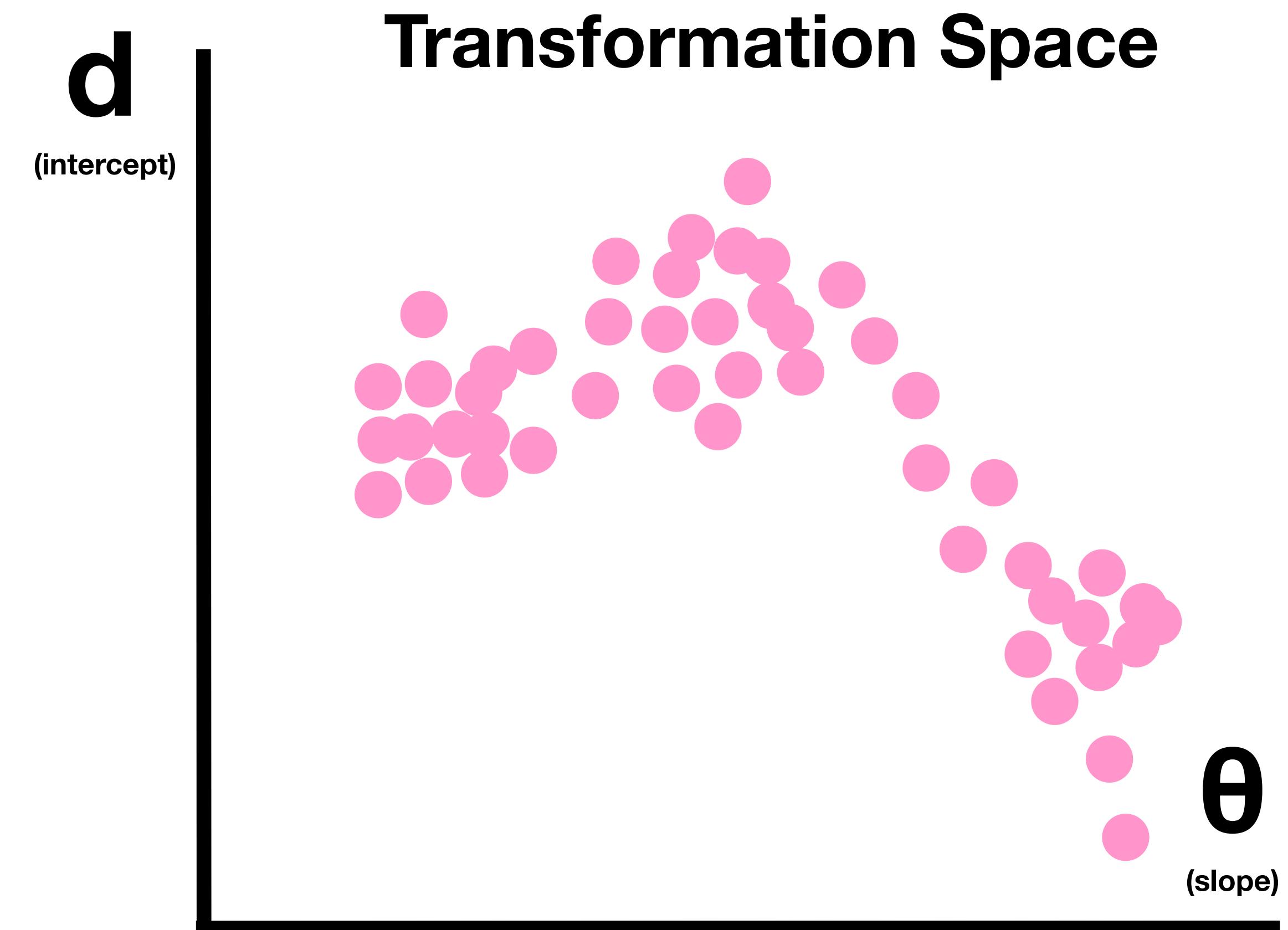
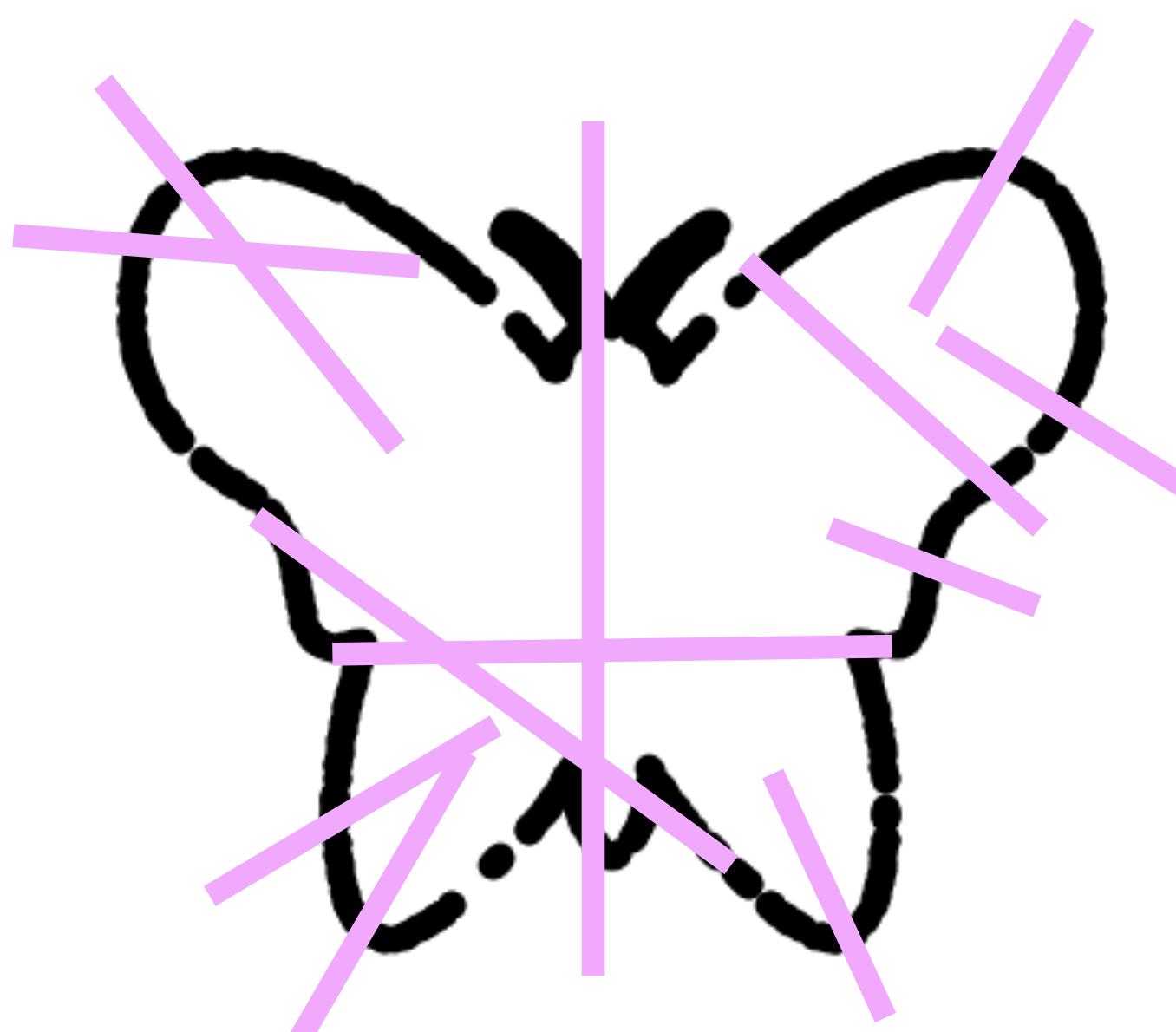
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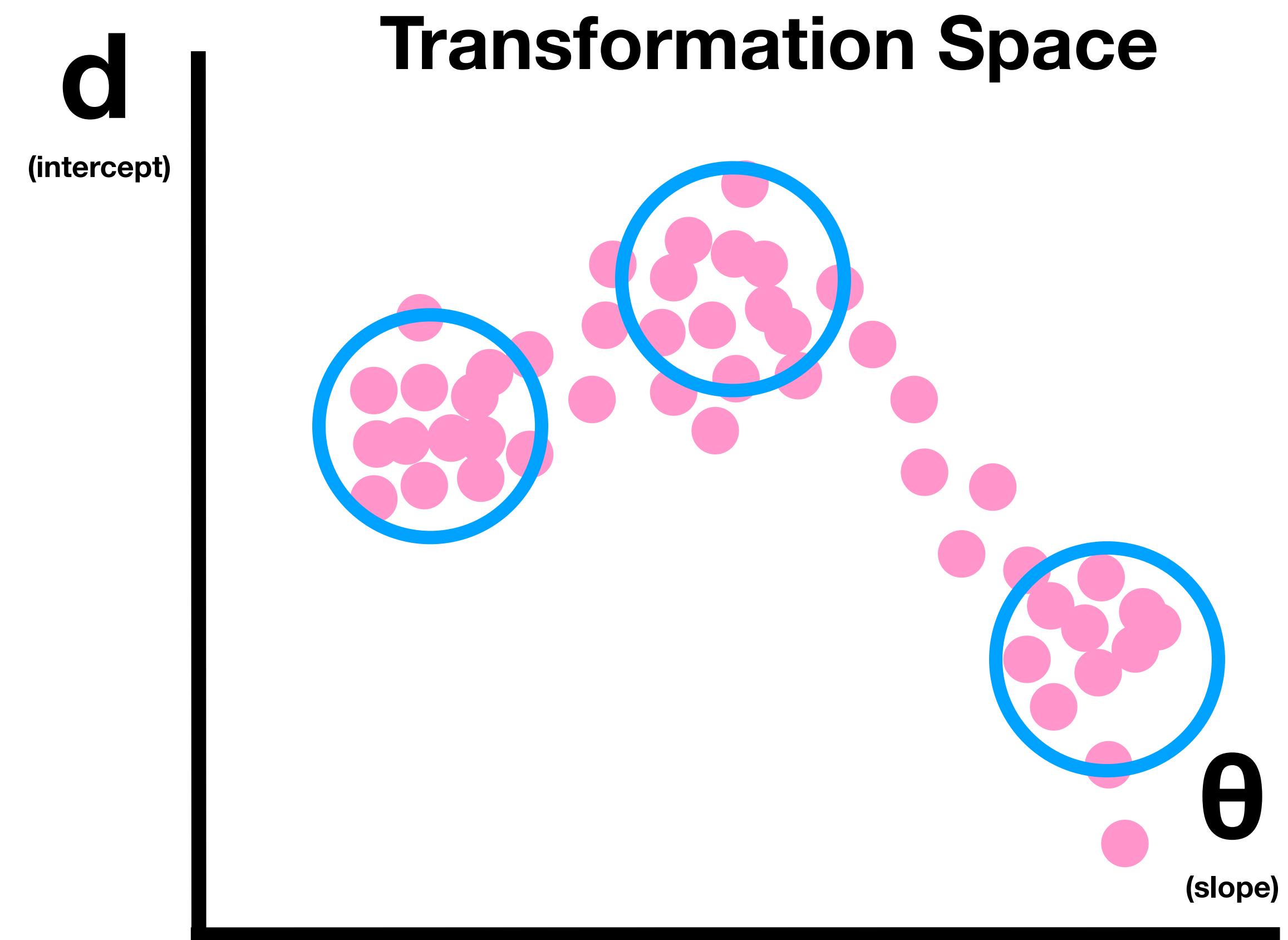
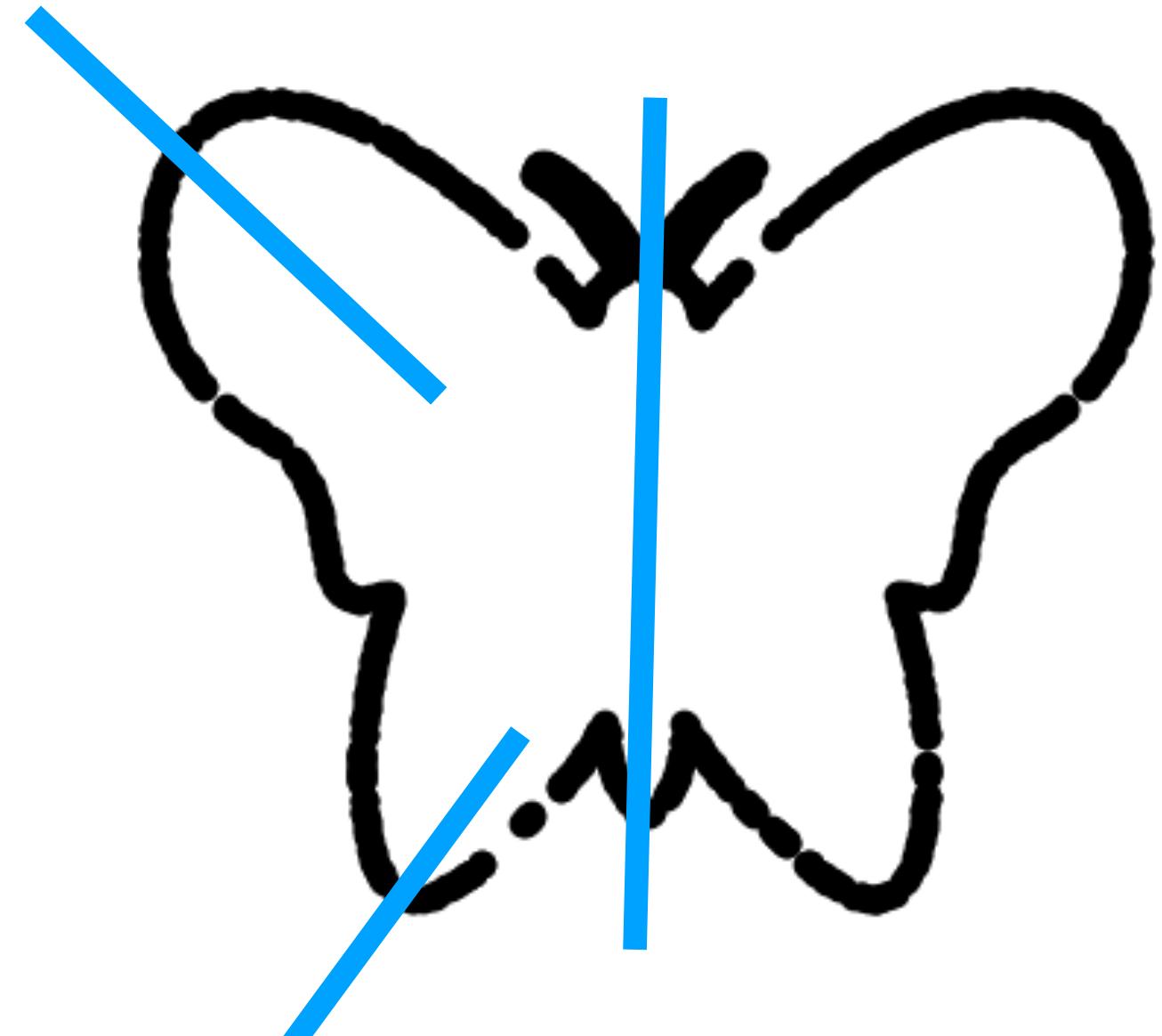
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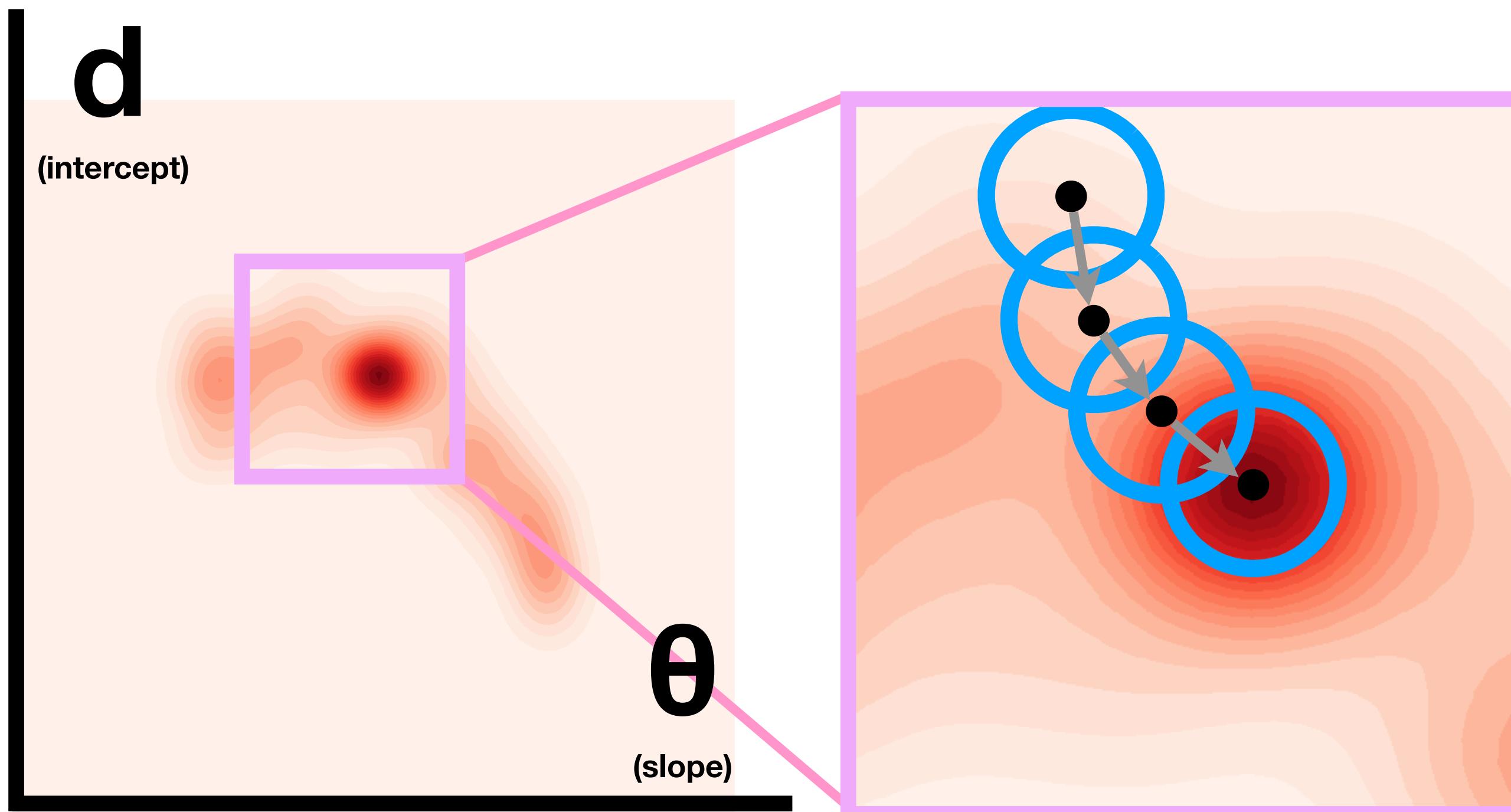
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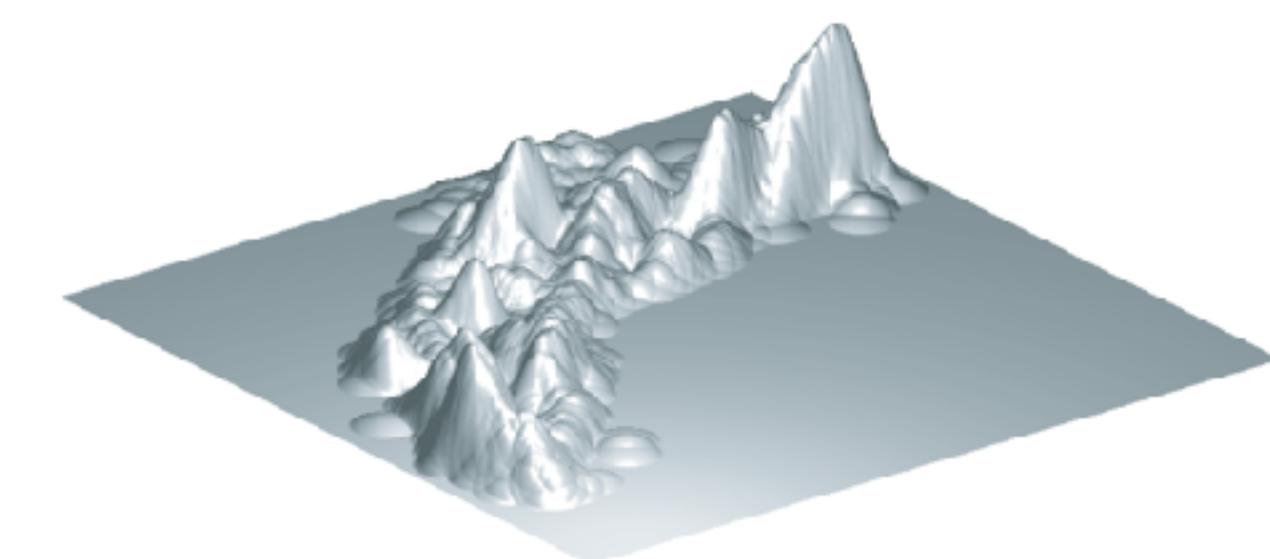
How do we detect symmetry of a shape?

Prior works - mean shift to seek mode



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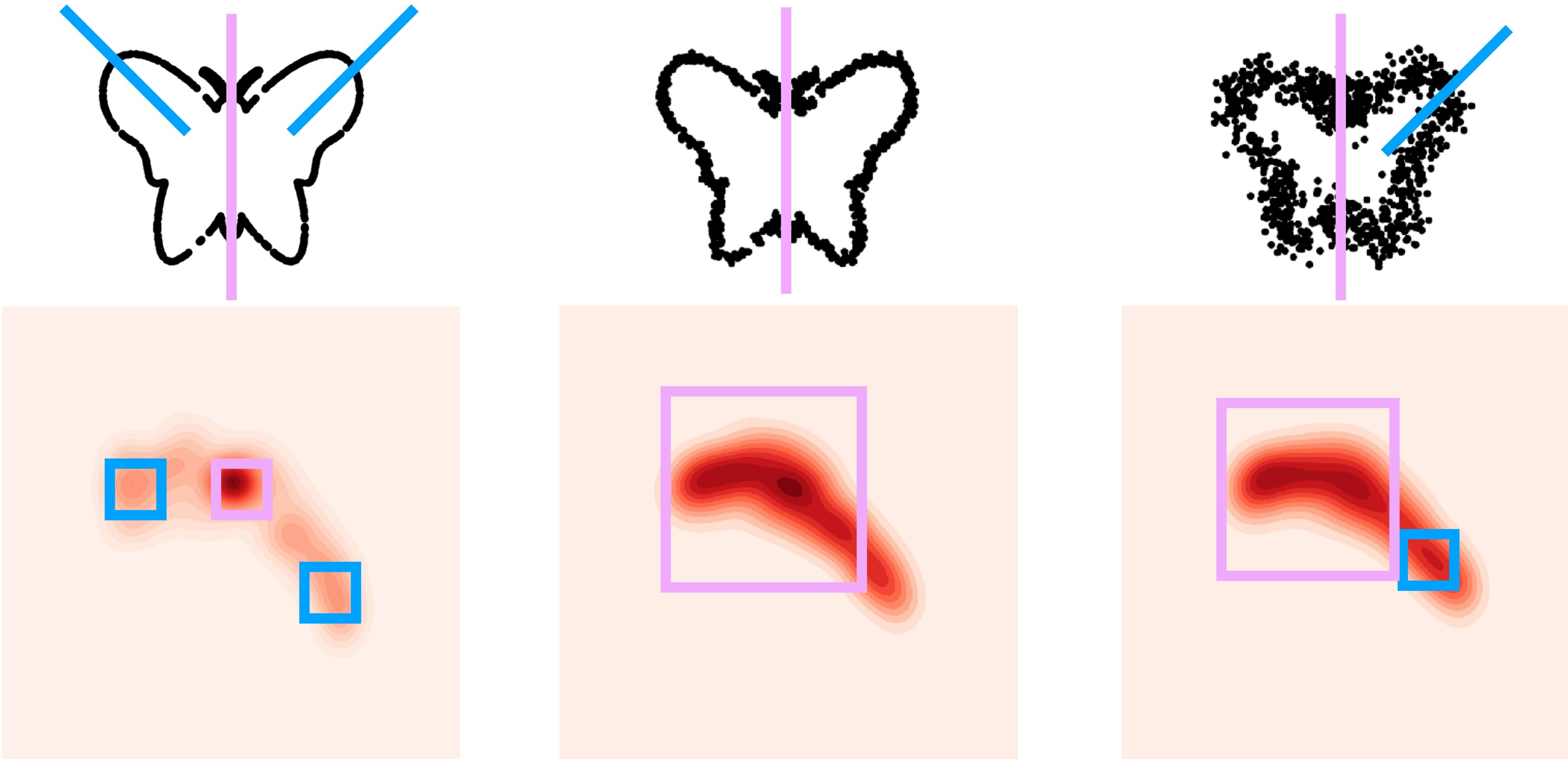
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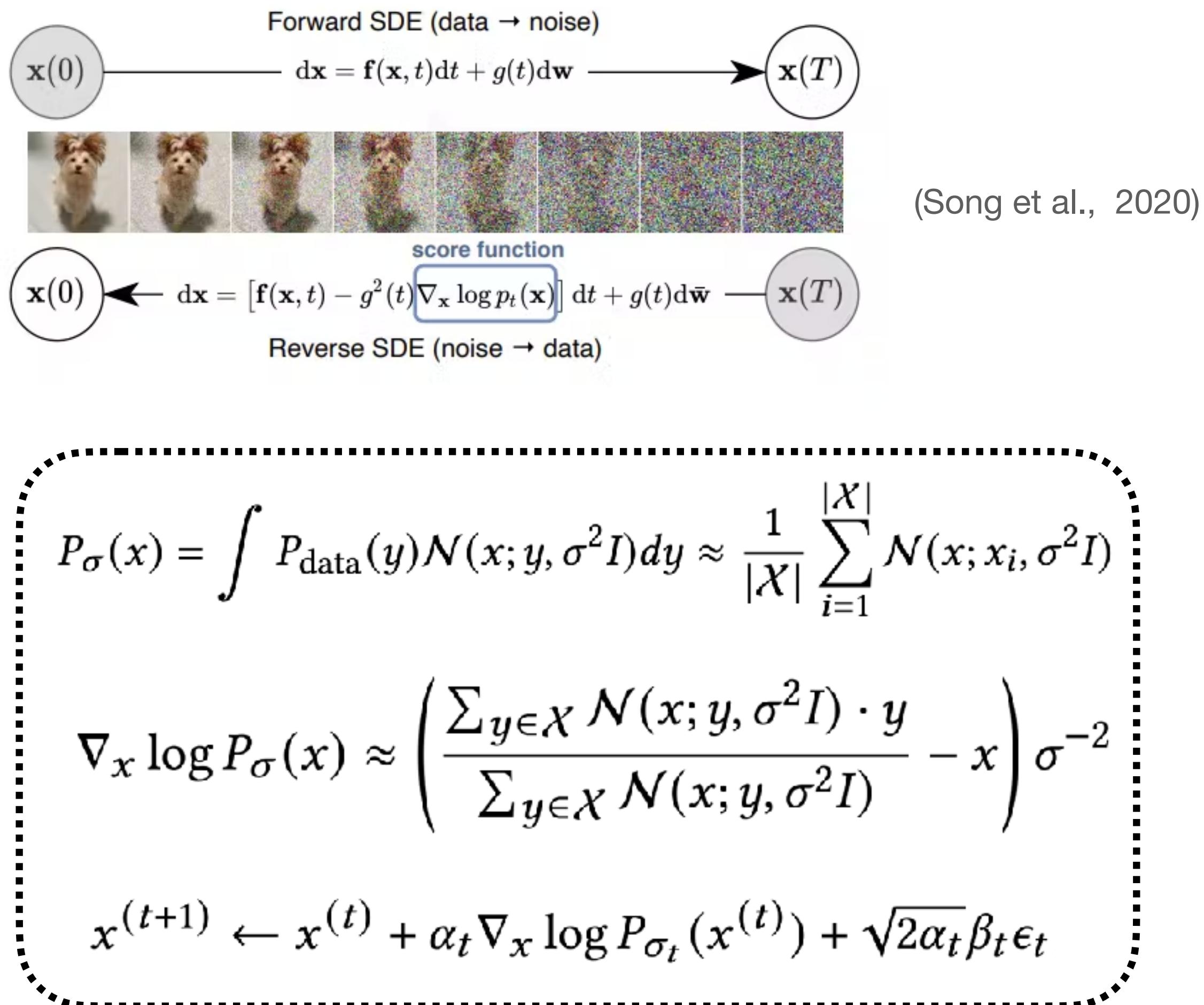
$$T^{(k+1)} \leftarrow \frac{\sum_{T' \in N_k} K((T' - T^{(k)})h^{-1})T'}{\sum_{T' \in N_k} K((T' - T^{(k)})h^{-1})}$$

How do we detect symmetry?

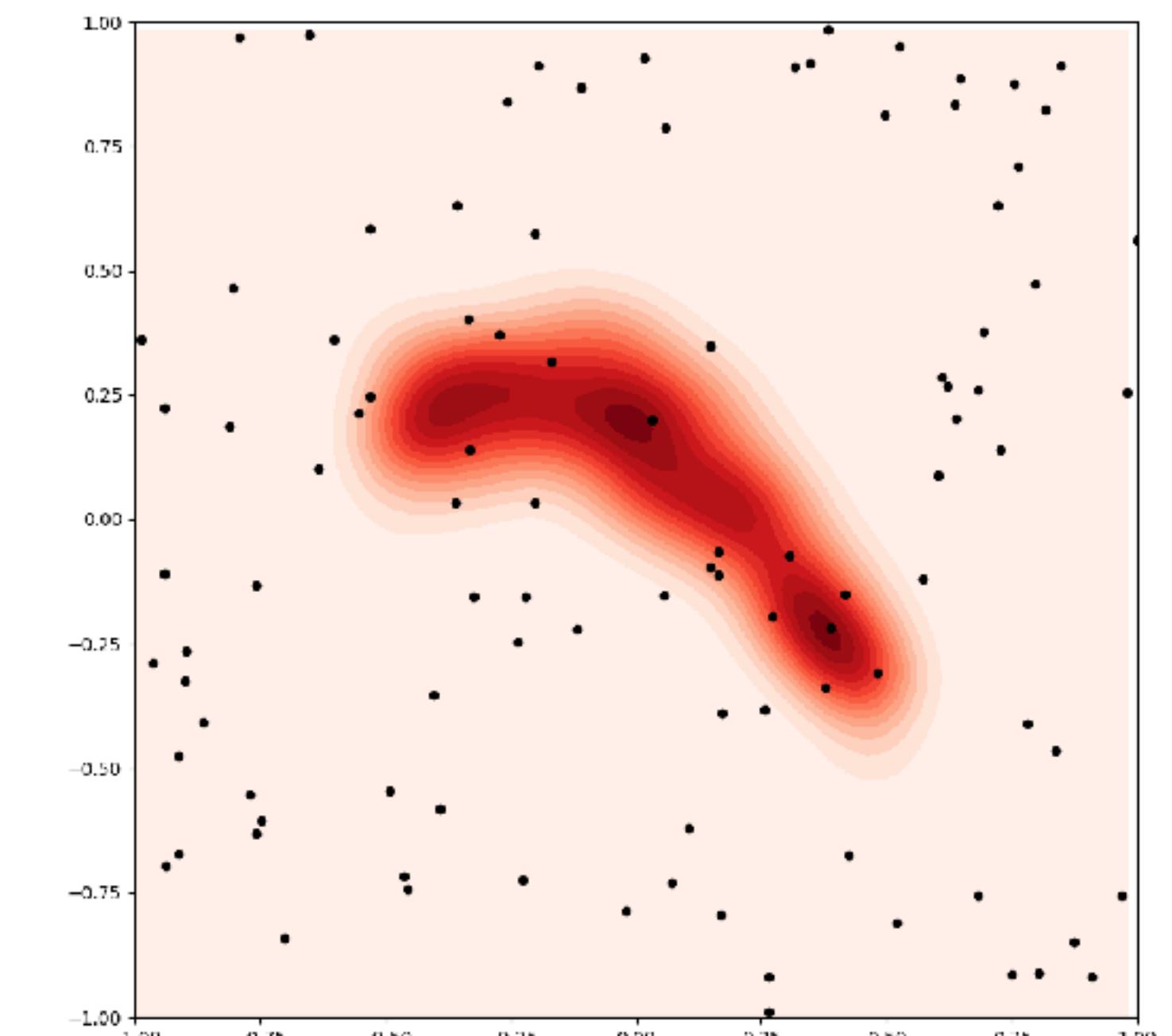
Prior works limitation: unable to handle noisy shape



Other mode-seeking algorithms?

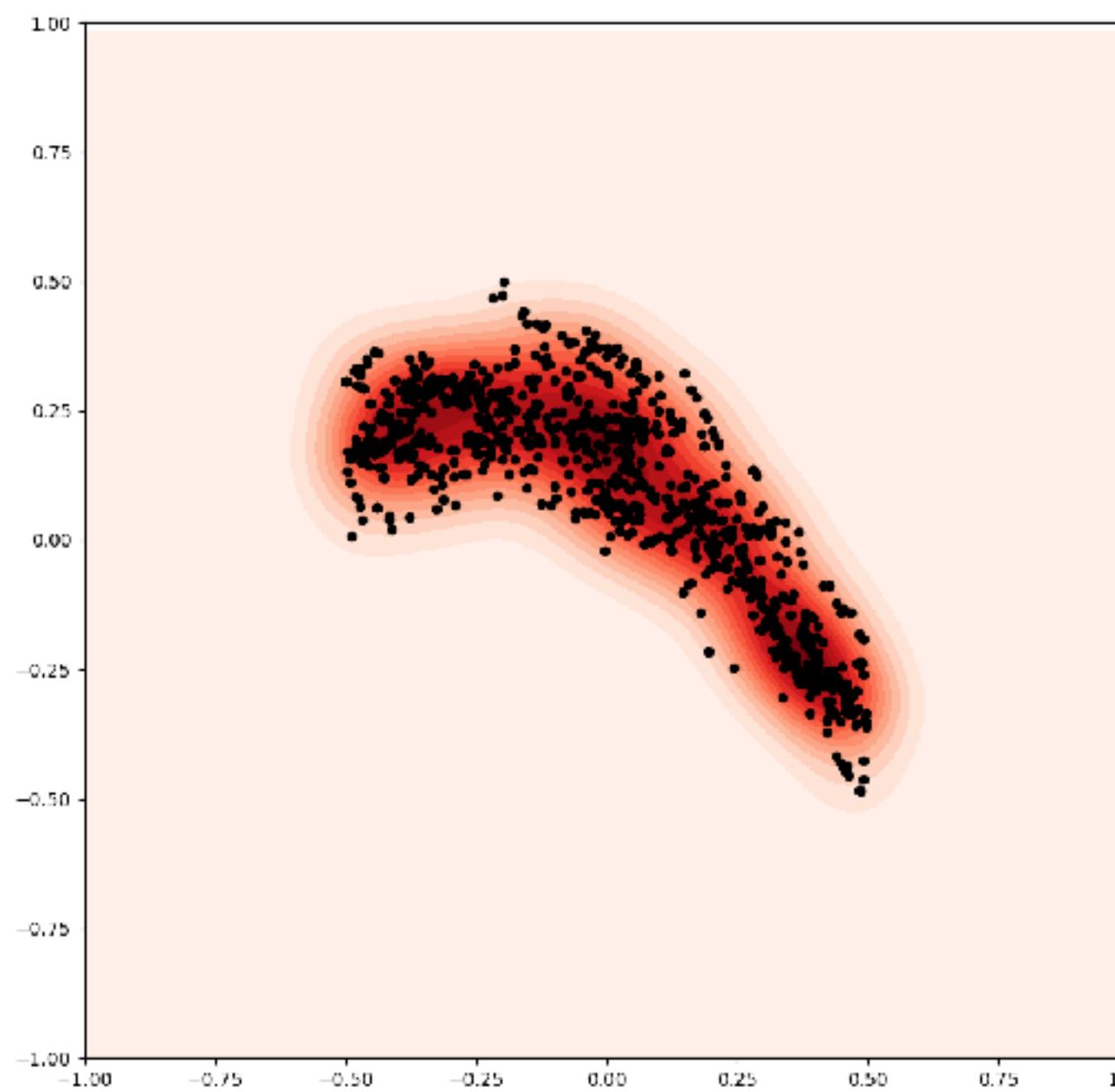


Langevin



Mean shift is a form of Langevin without Stochasticity

Meanshift



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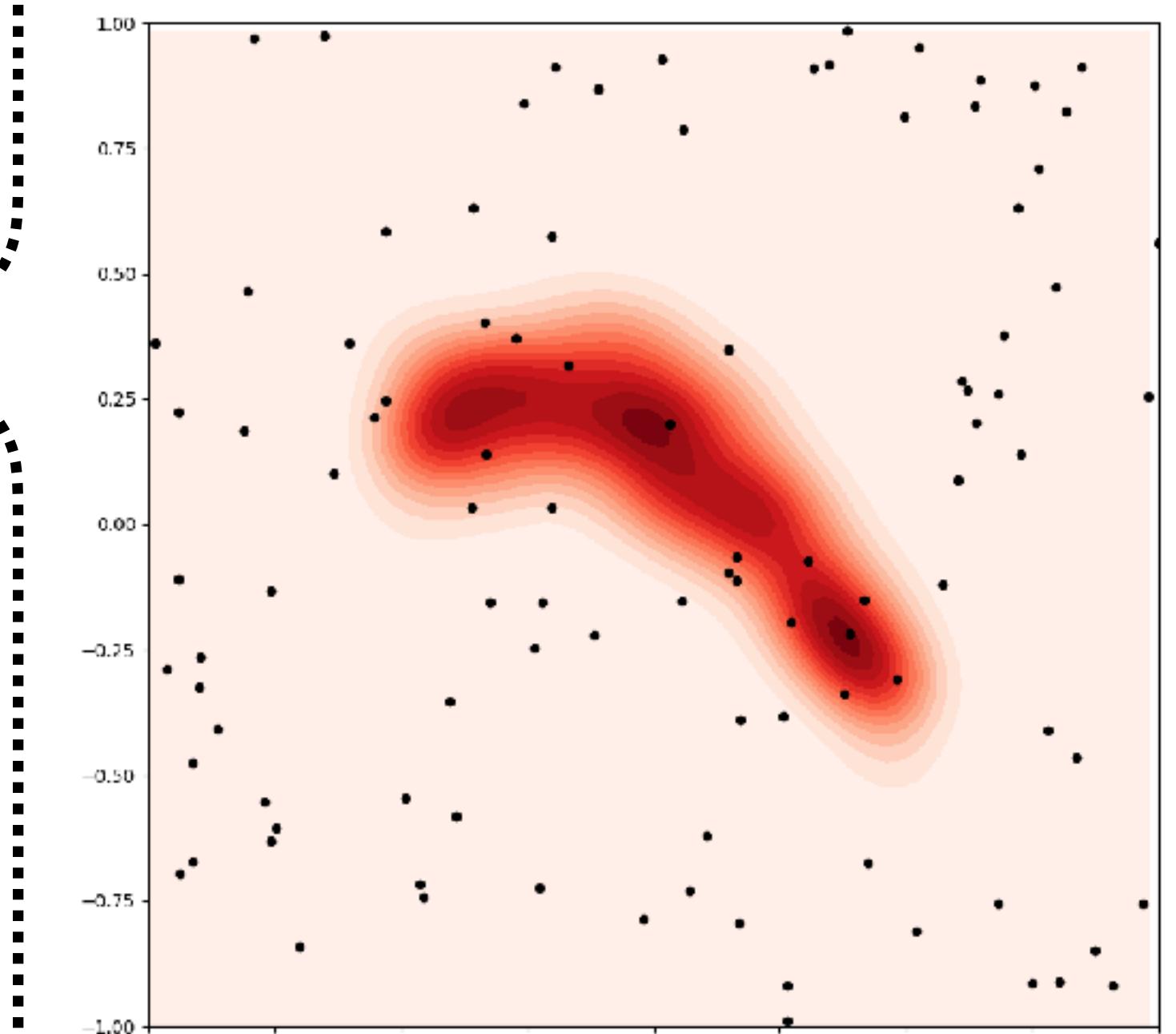
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$$\nabla_x \log P_\sigma(x) \approx \left(\frac{\sum_{y \in \mathcal{X}} \mathcal{N}(x; y, \sigma^2 I) \cdot y}{\sum_{y \in \mathcal{X}} \mathcal{N}(x; y, \sigma^2 I)} - x \right) \sigma^{-2}$$

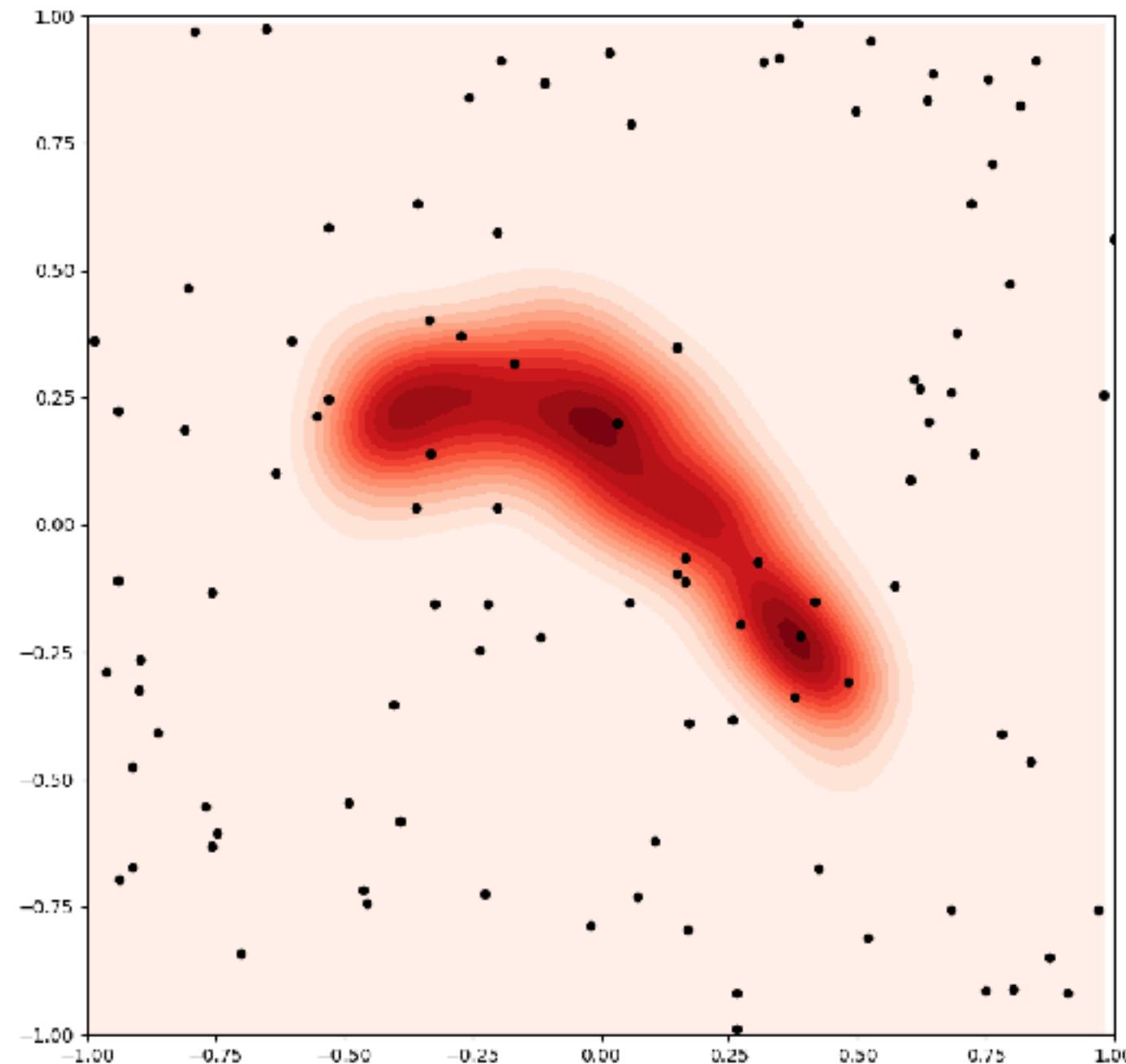
$$x^{(t+1)} \leftarrow x^{(t)} + \alpha_t \nabla_x \log P_{\sigma_t}(x^{(t)}) + \sqrt{2\alpha_t} \rho_t \varepsilon_t$$

Langevin



Our method: Langevin with Stochasticity

Langevin

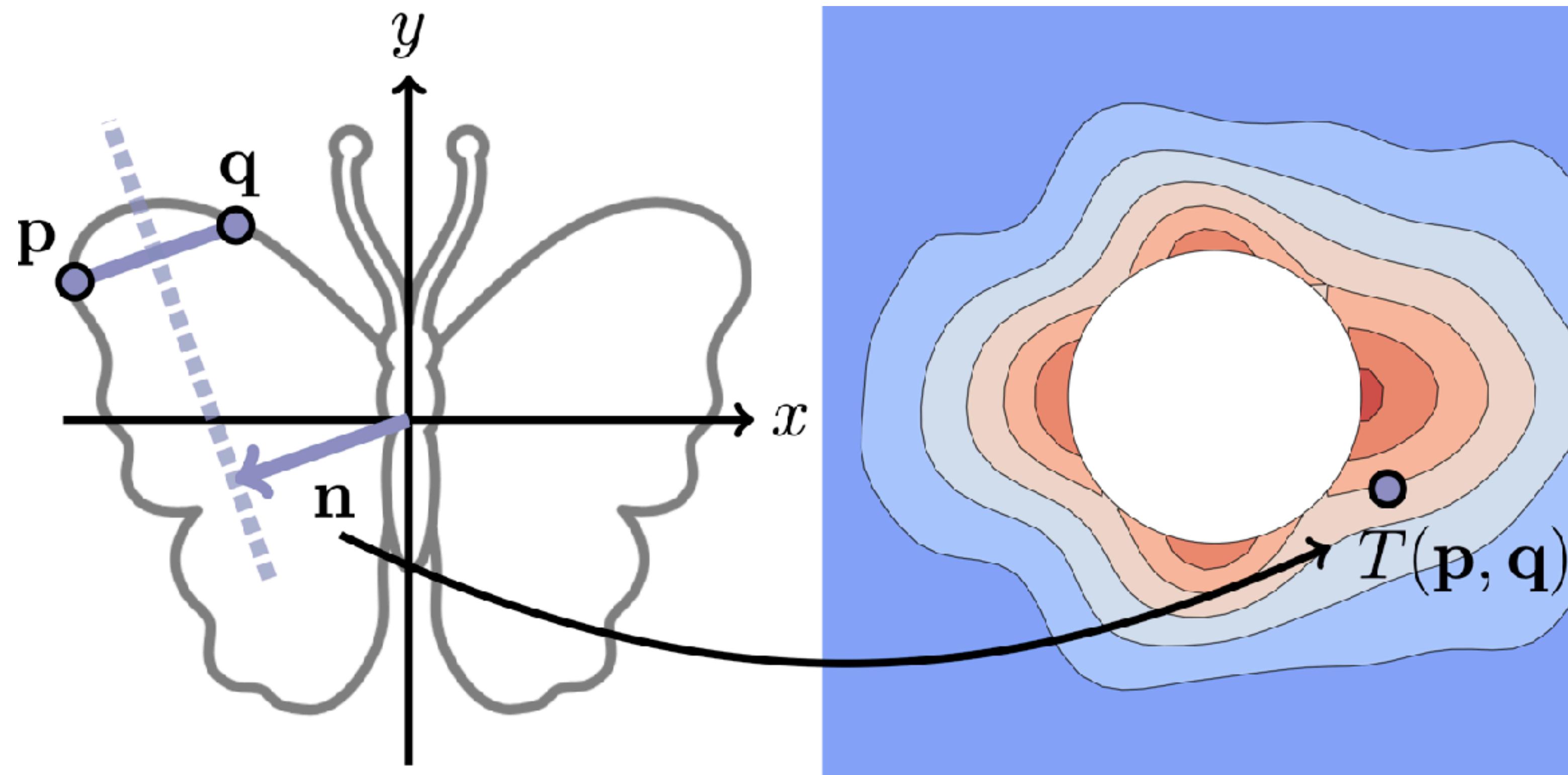


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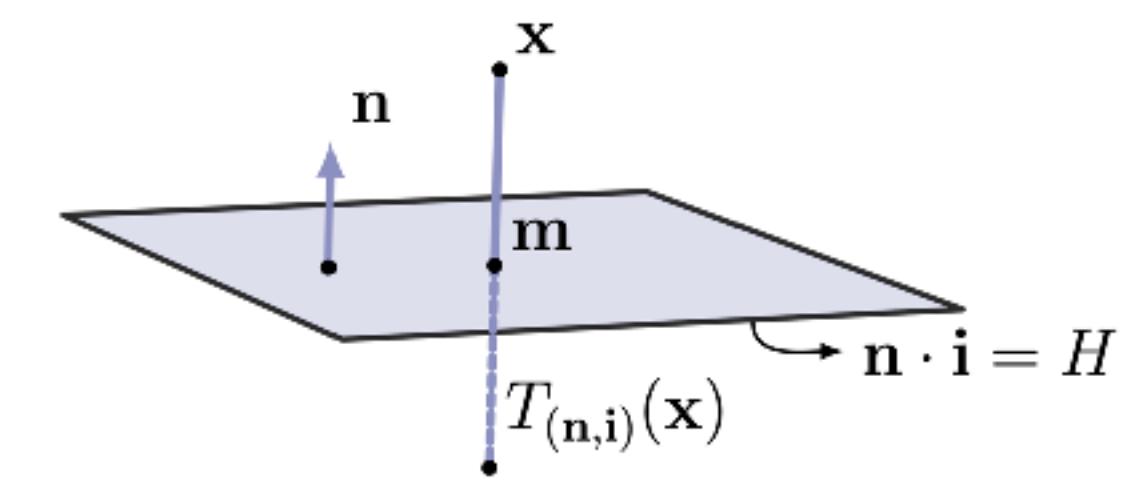
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Step 1: Create Transformation Space

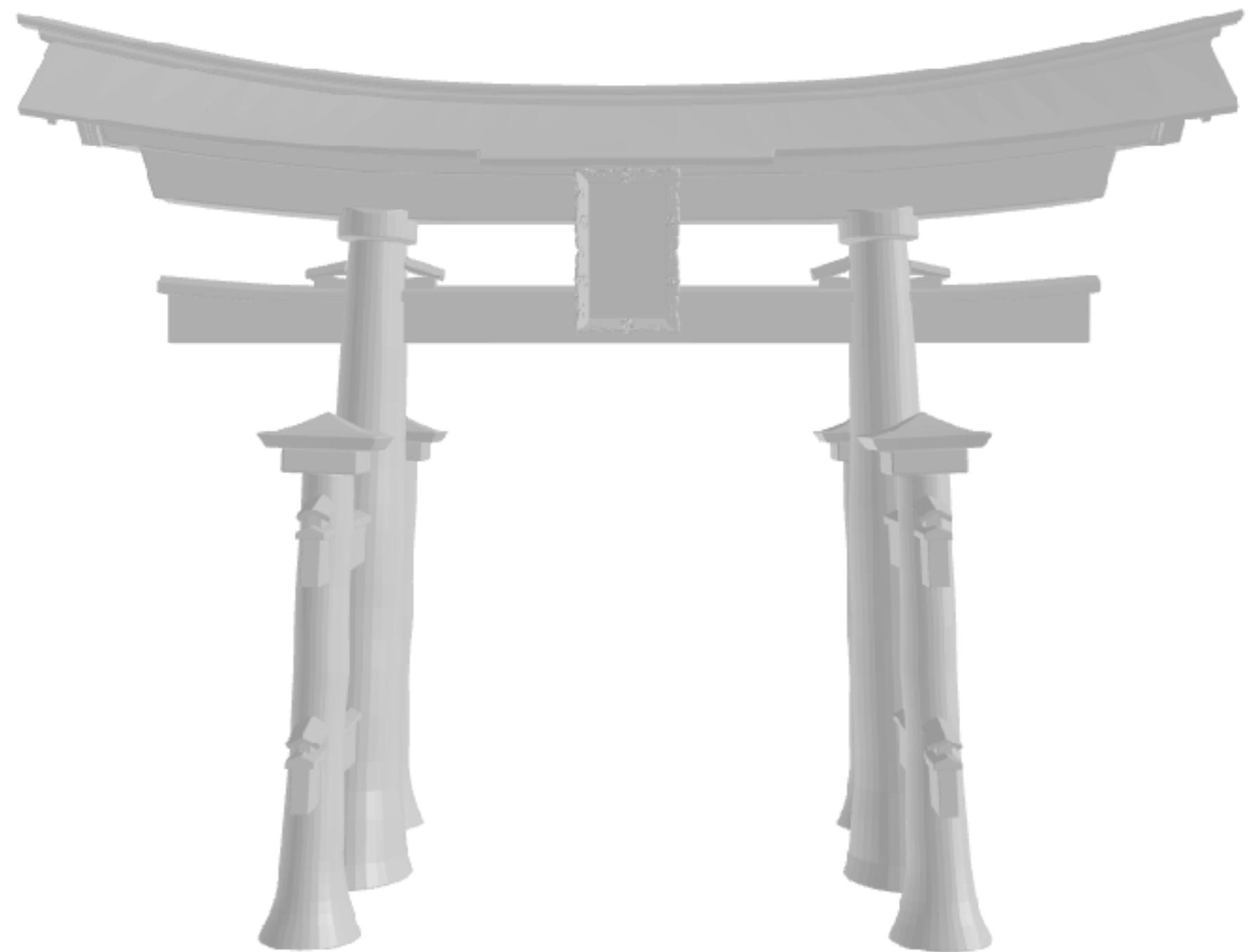


$$T(p, q) = n(p, q) \cdot (\text{sign}(l(p, q)) \cdot k + l(p, q))$$

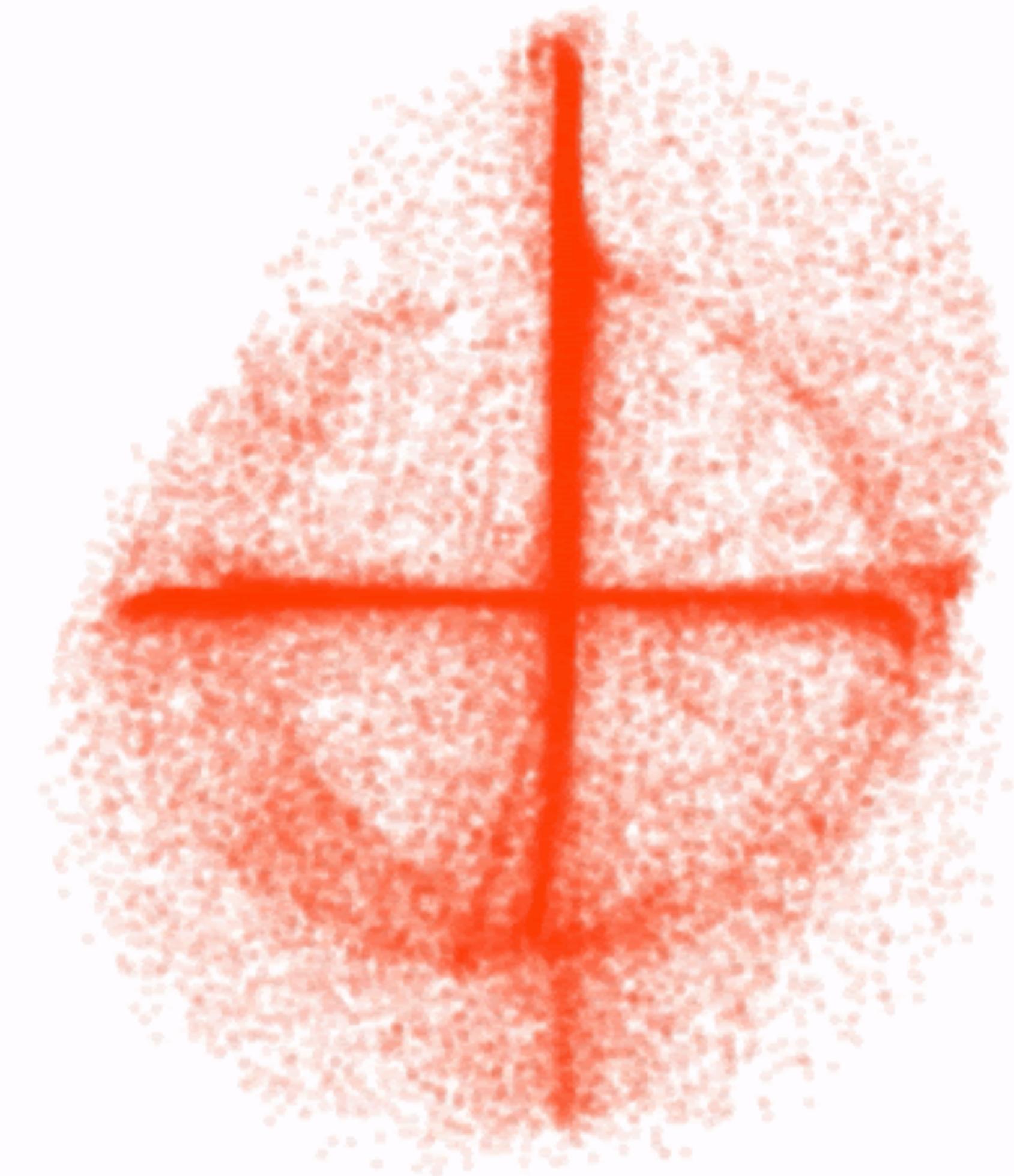
Transformation Space in 3D



Raw 3D shape



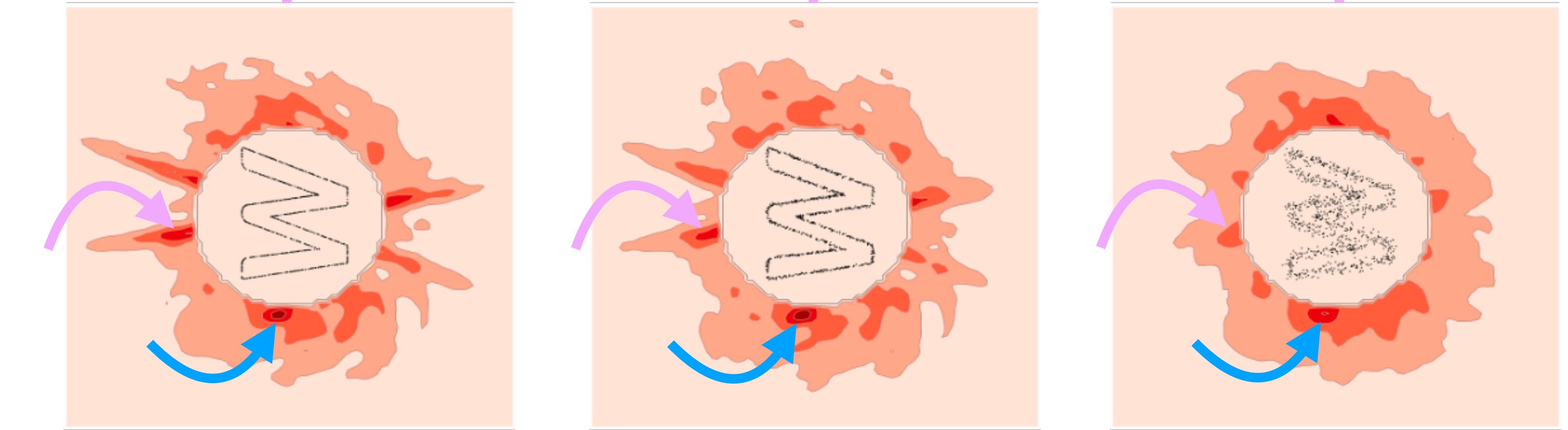
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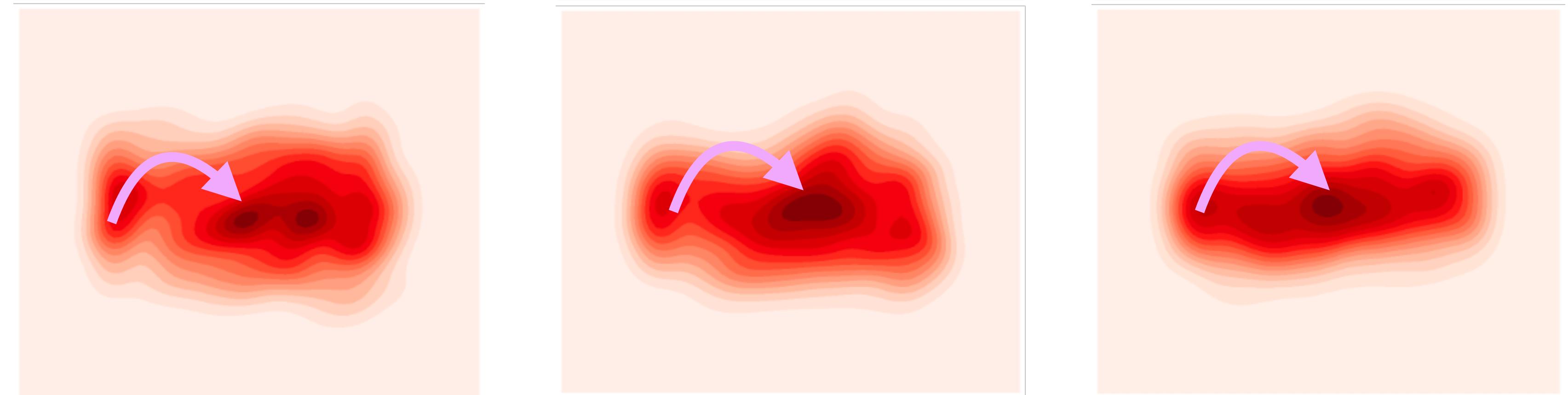
**Geometry
Key symmetry**



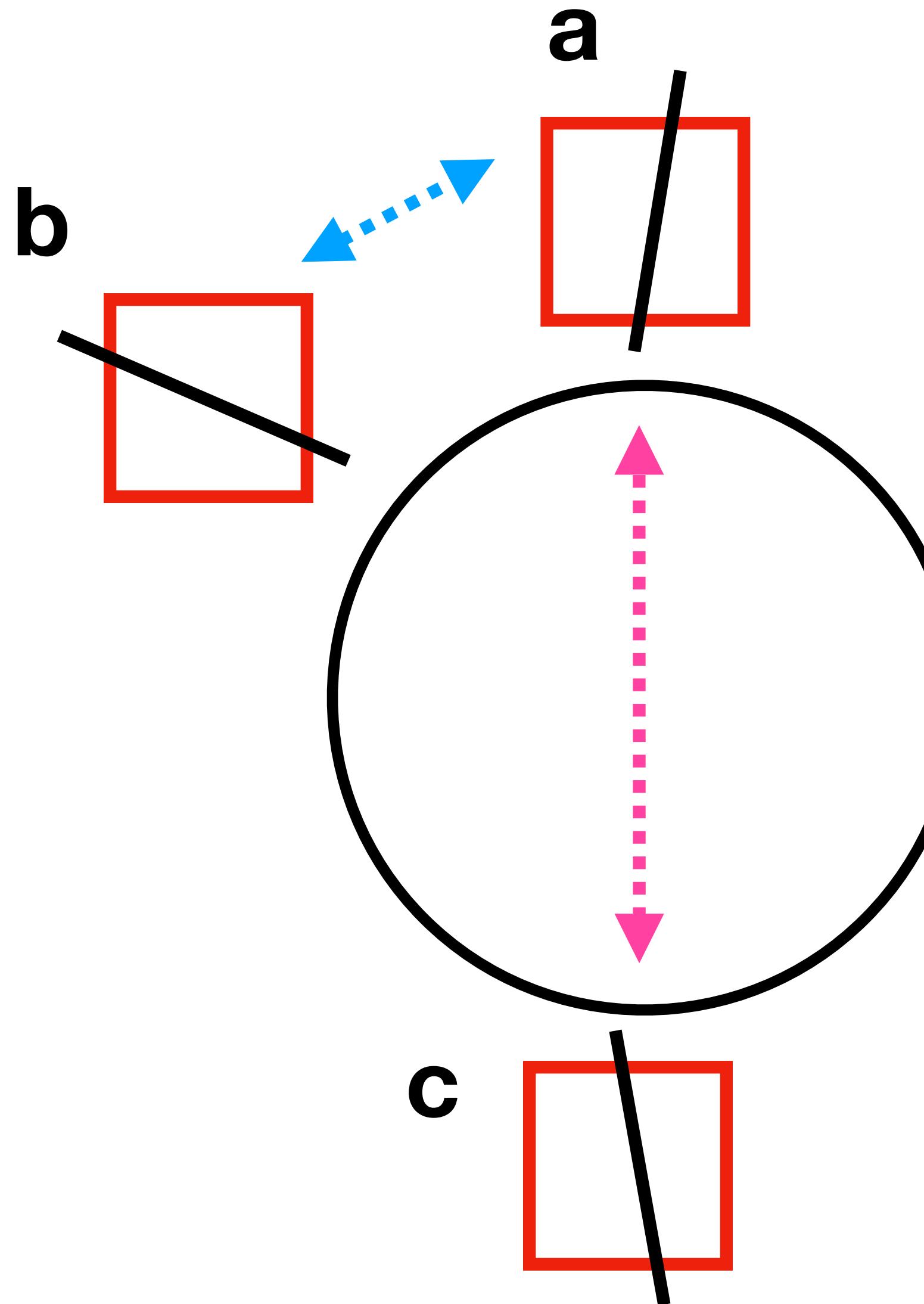
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Step 2: Define Distance Function

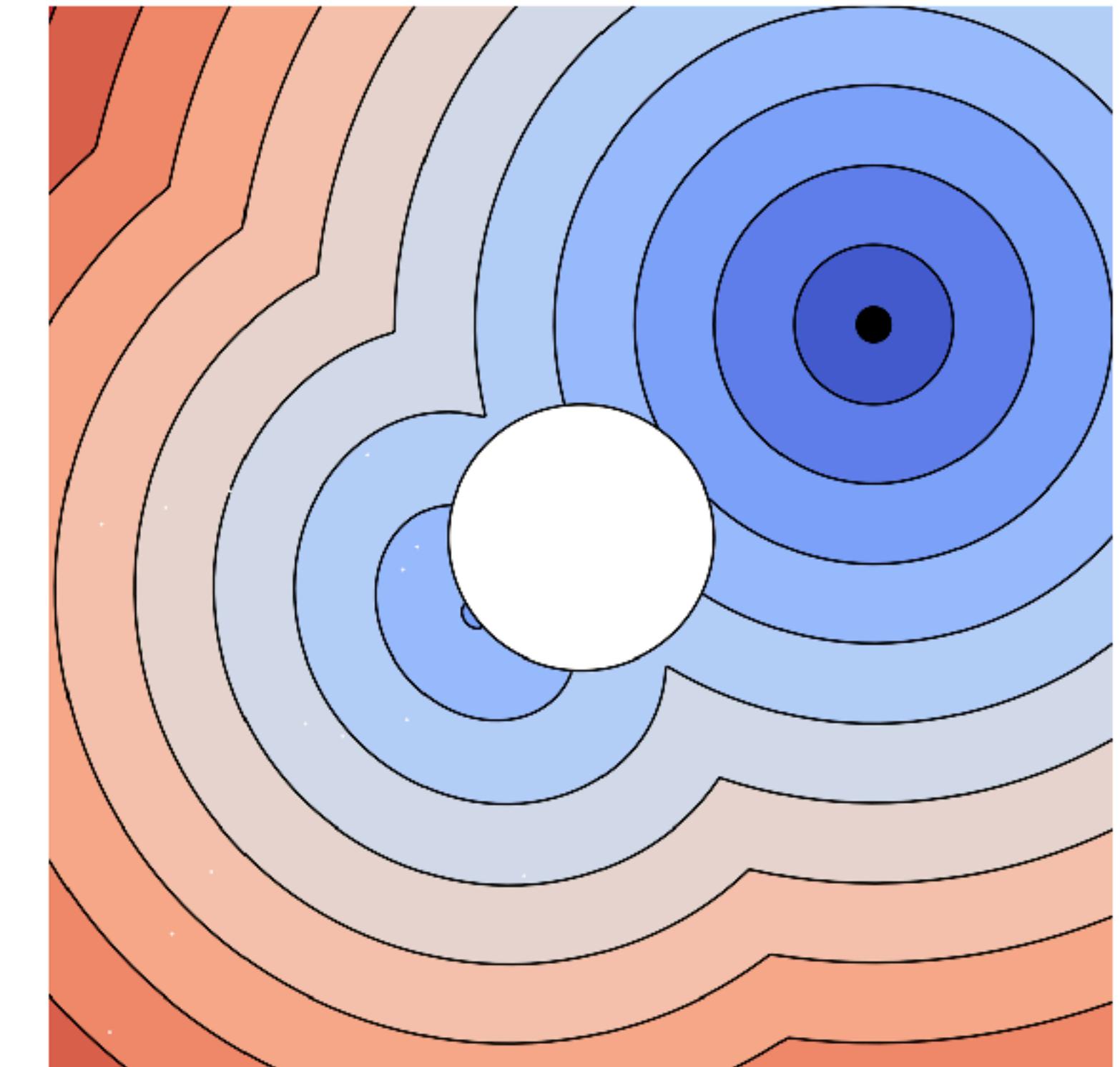
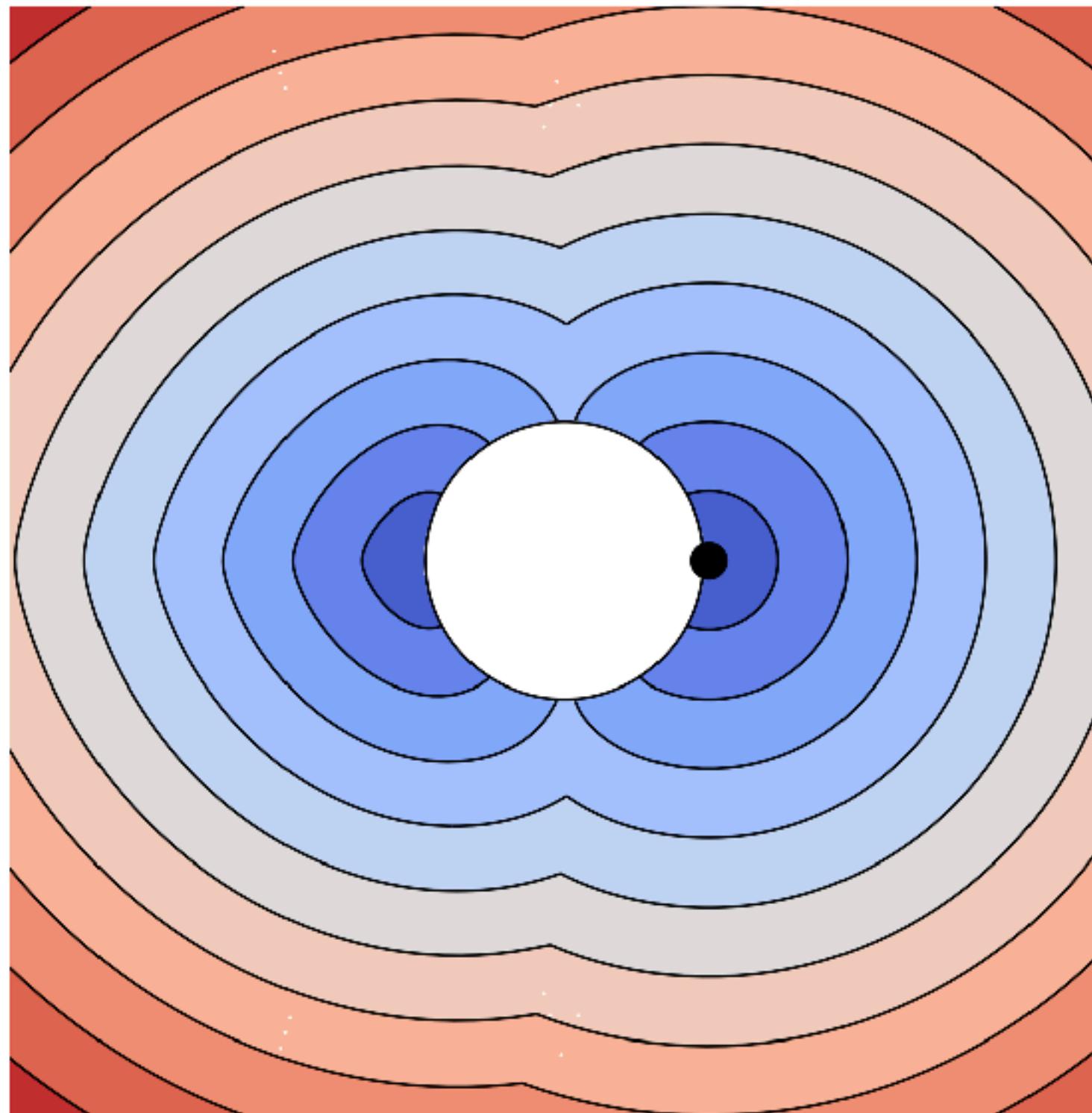
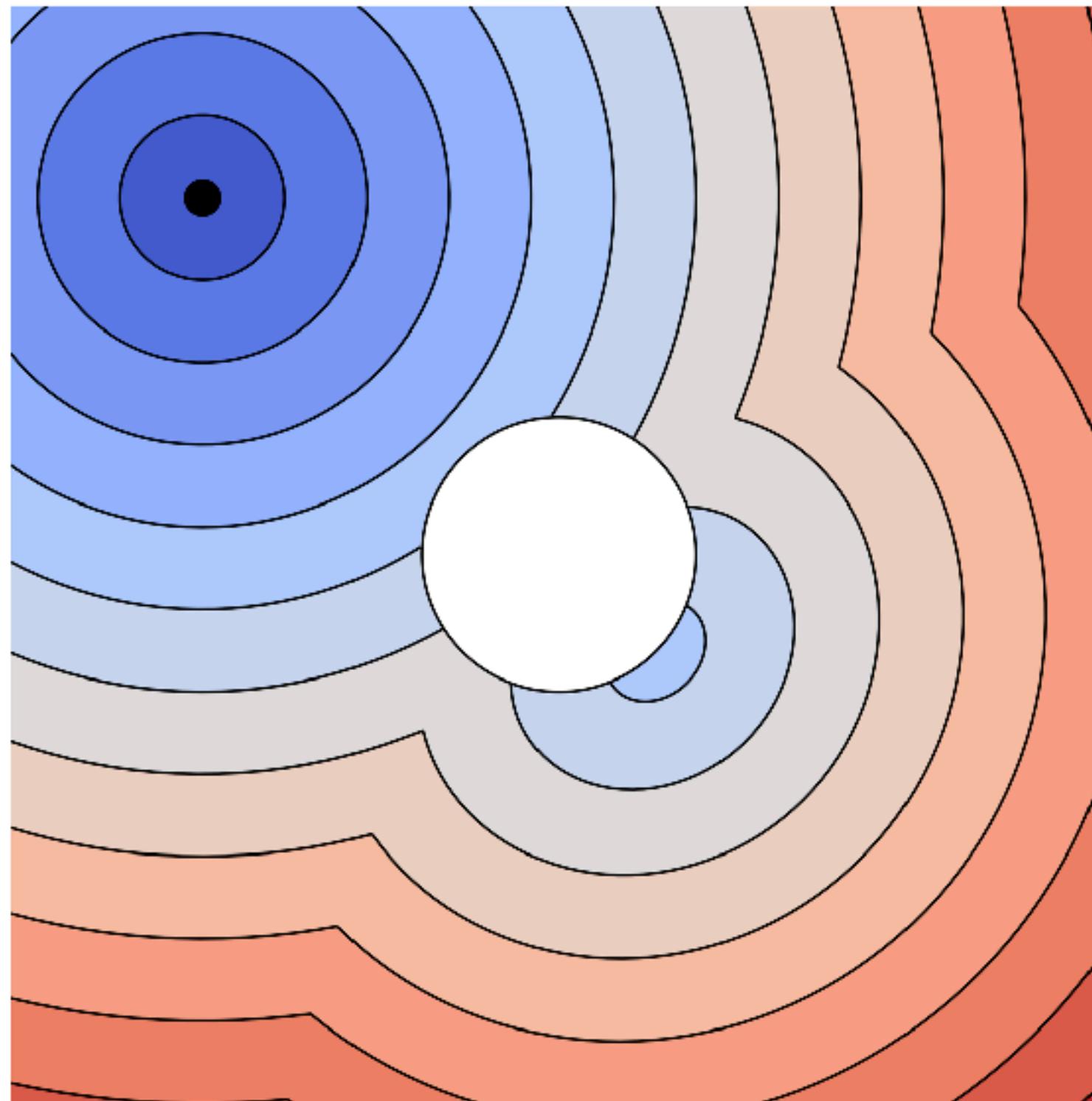


$\text{dist}(a,b) > \text{dist}(a,c)$

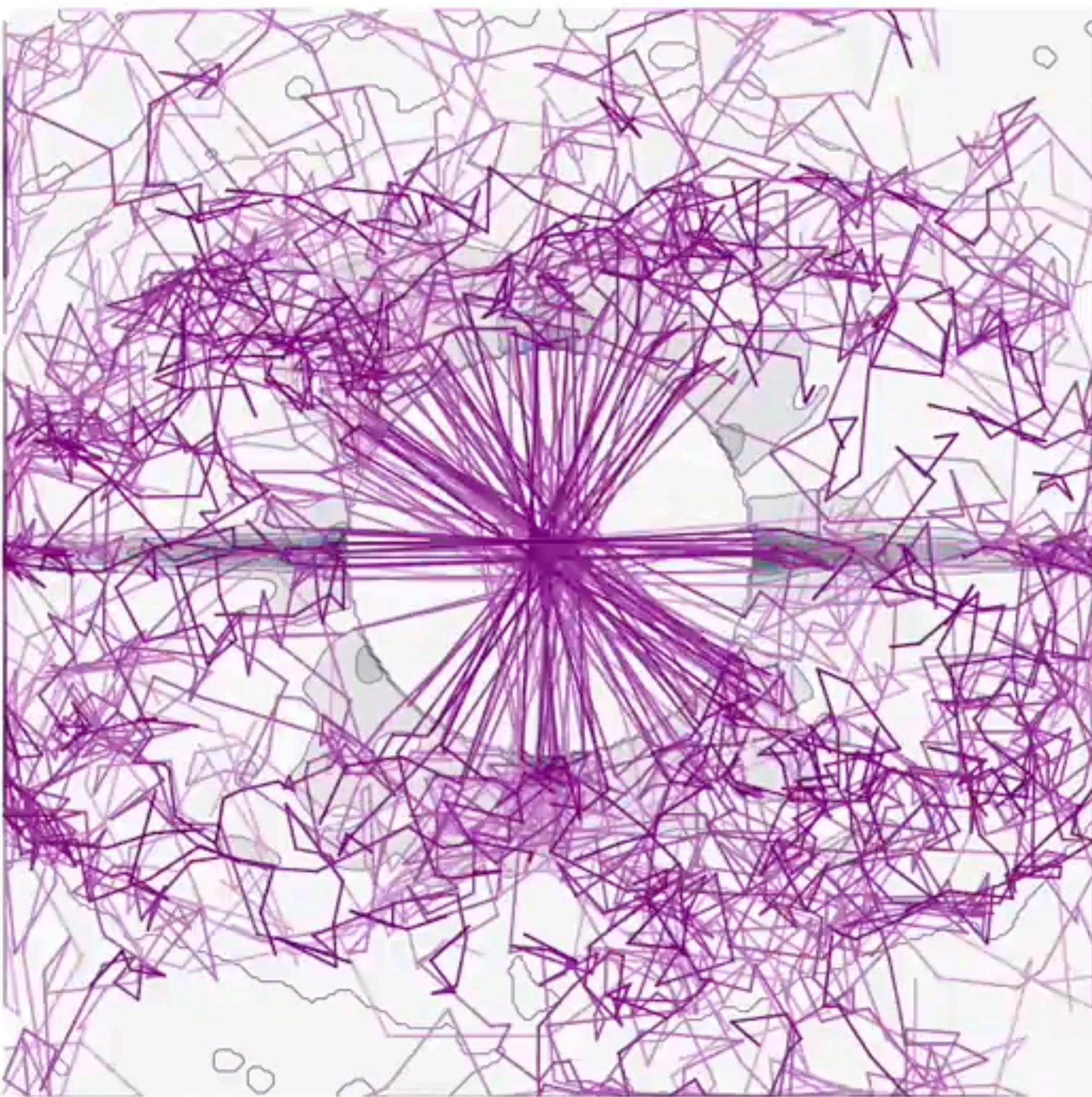
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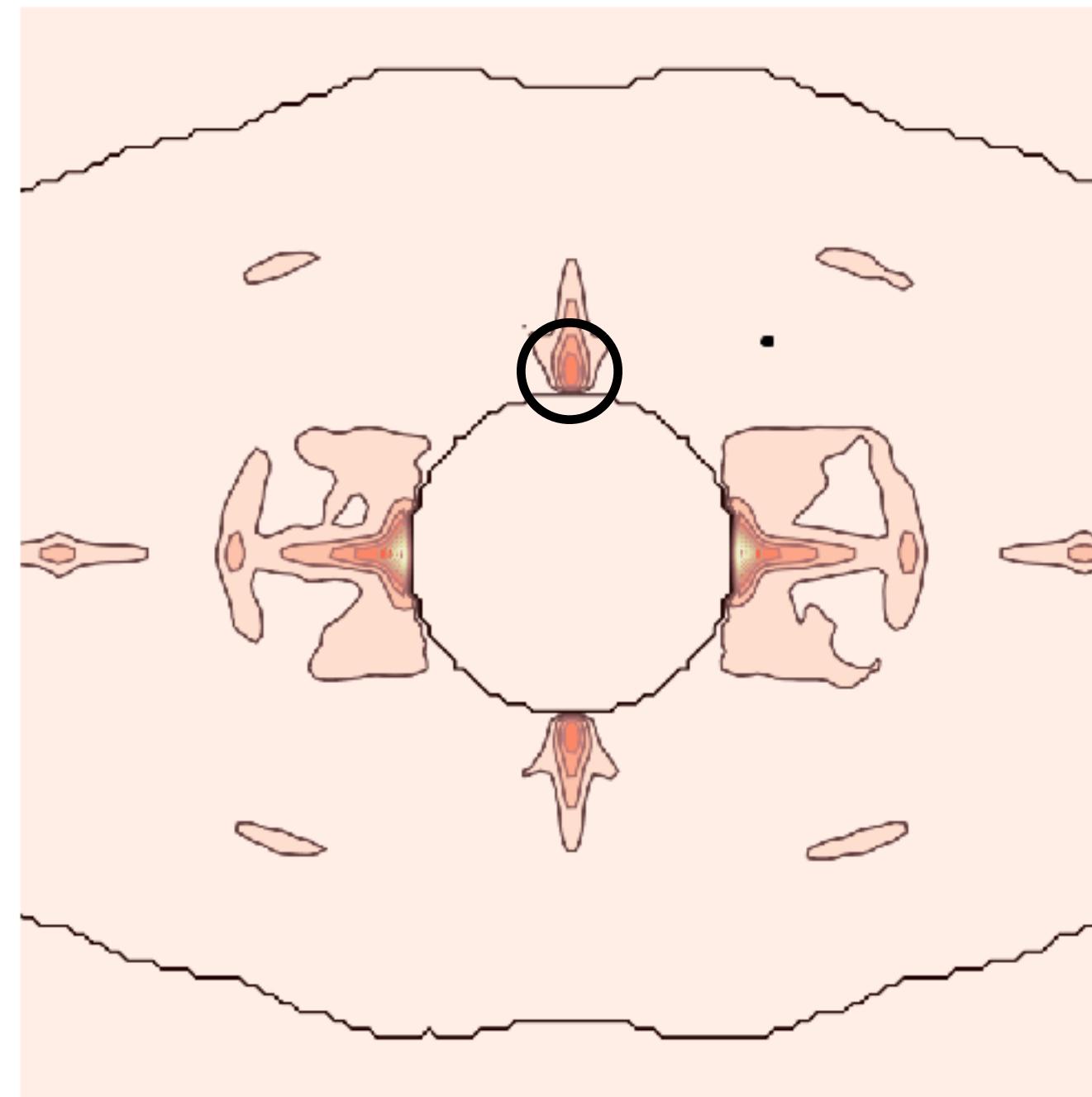
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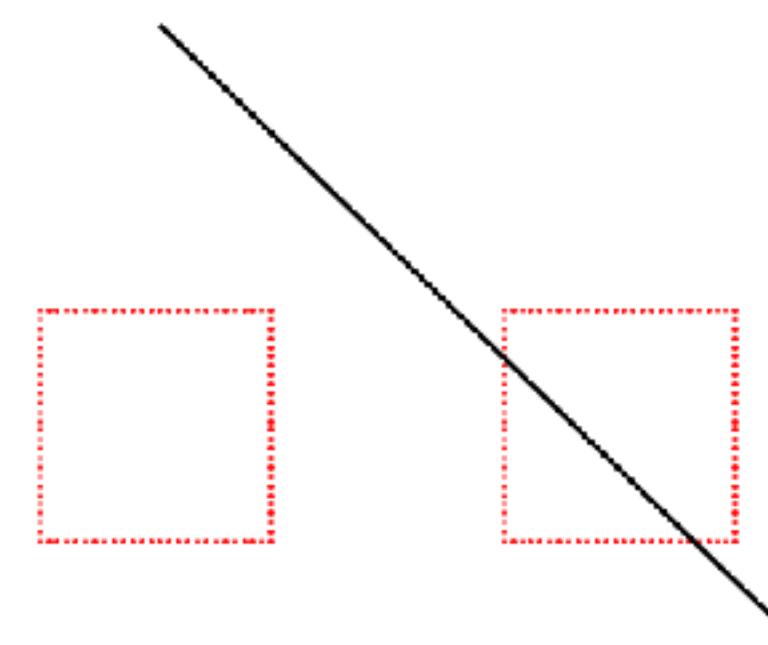
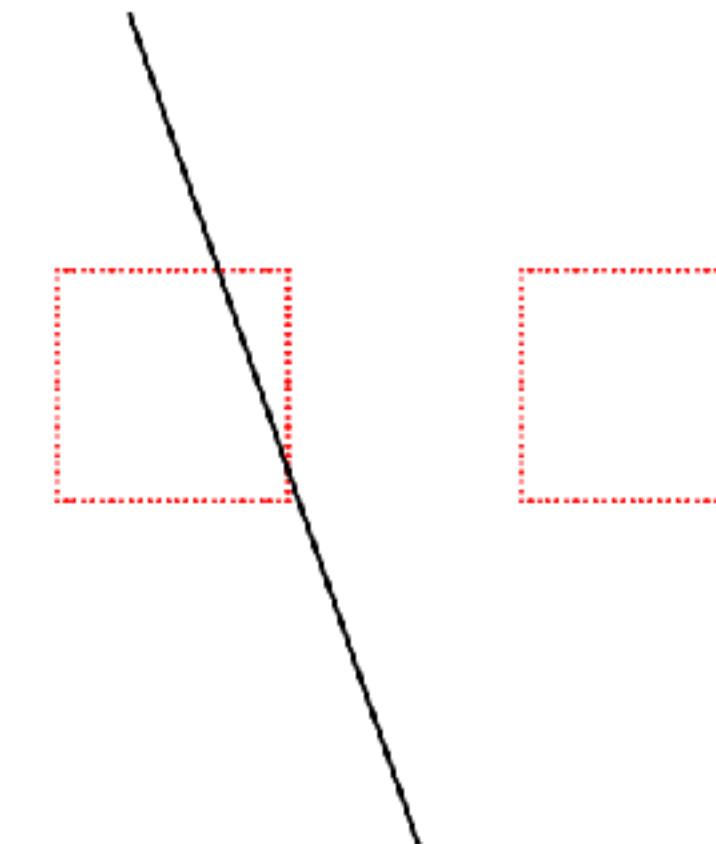
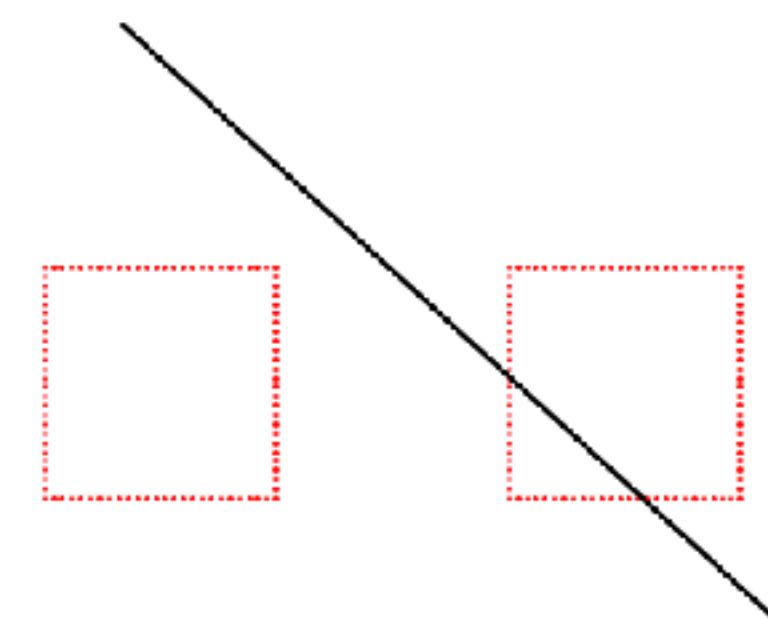
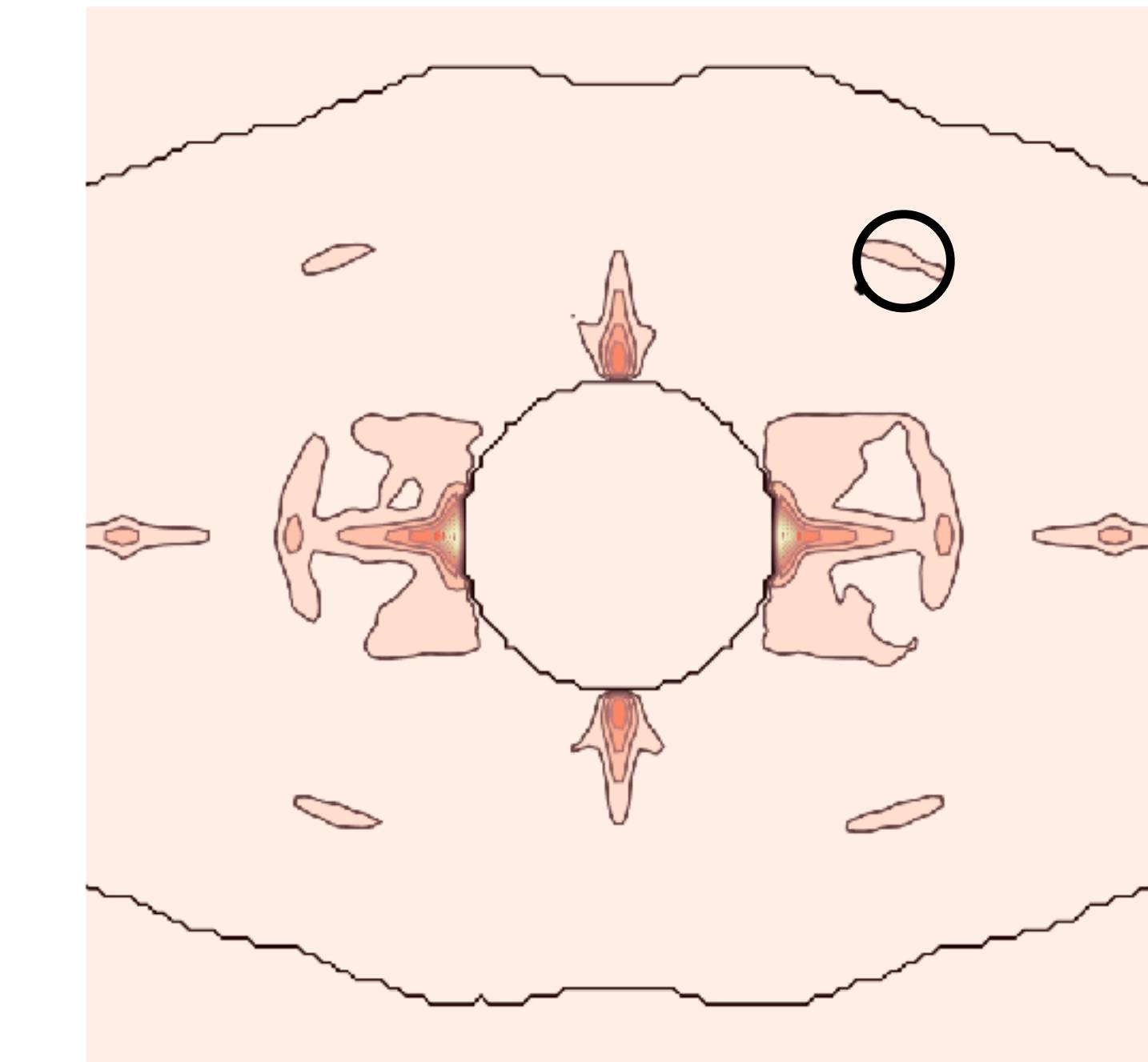
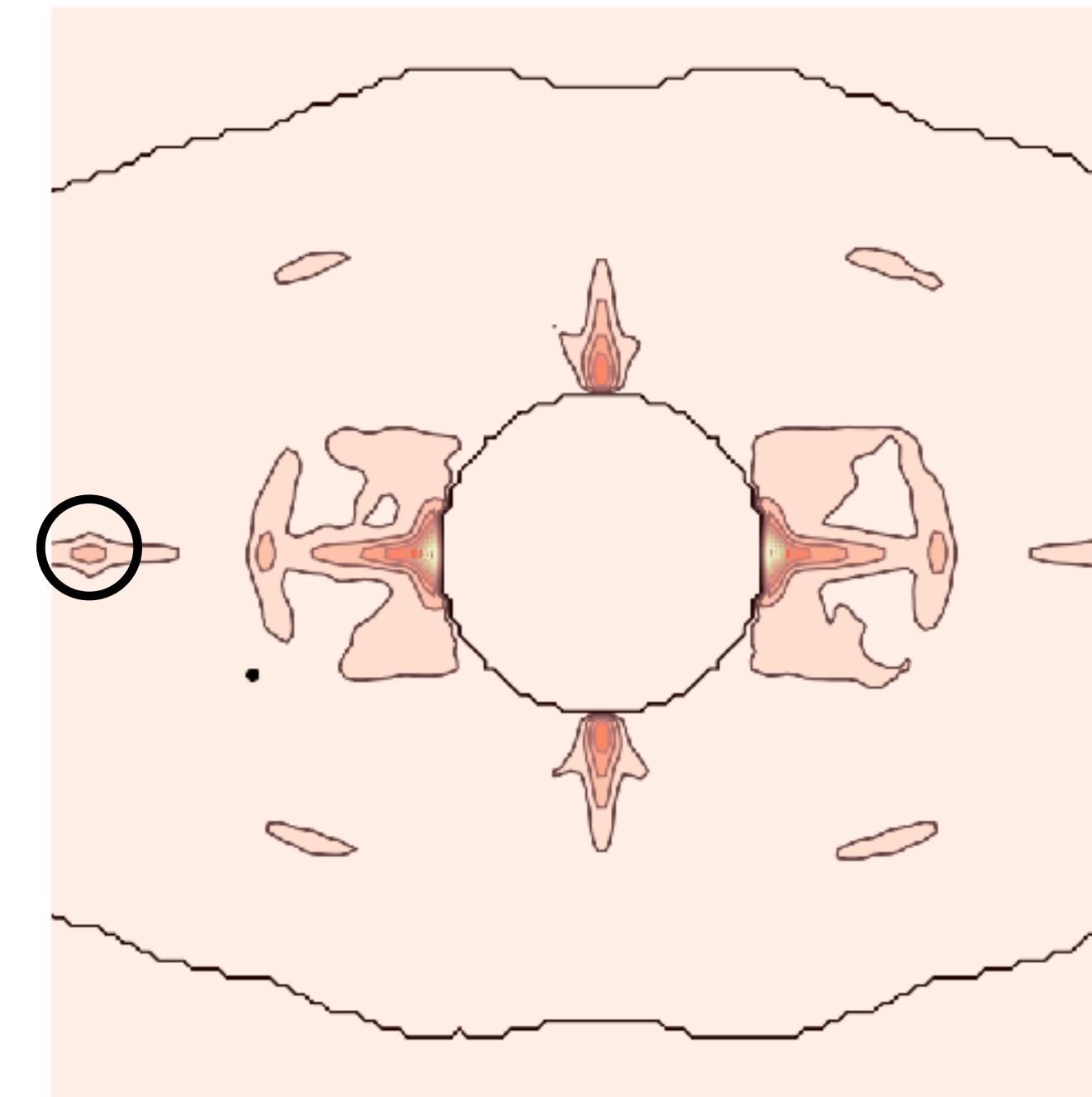
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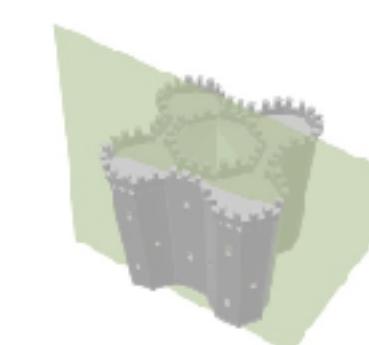
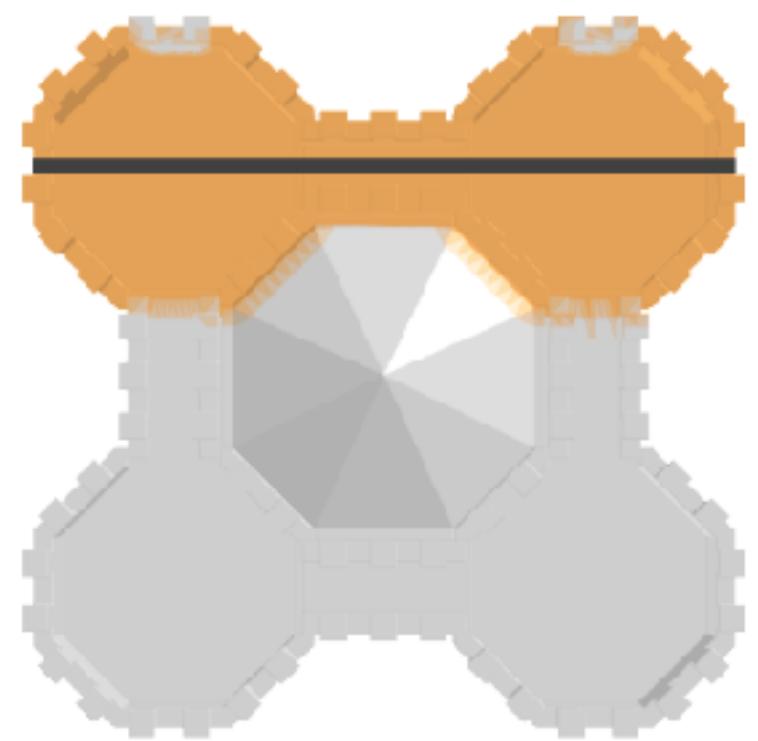
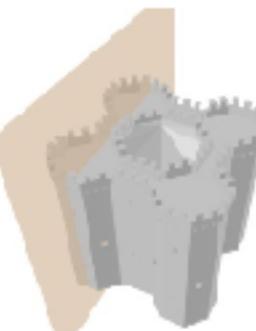
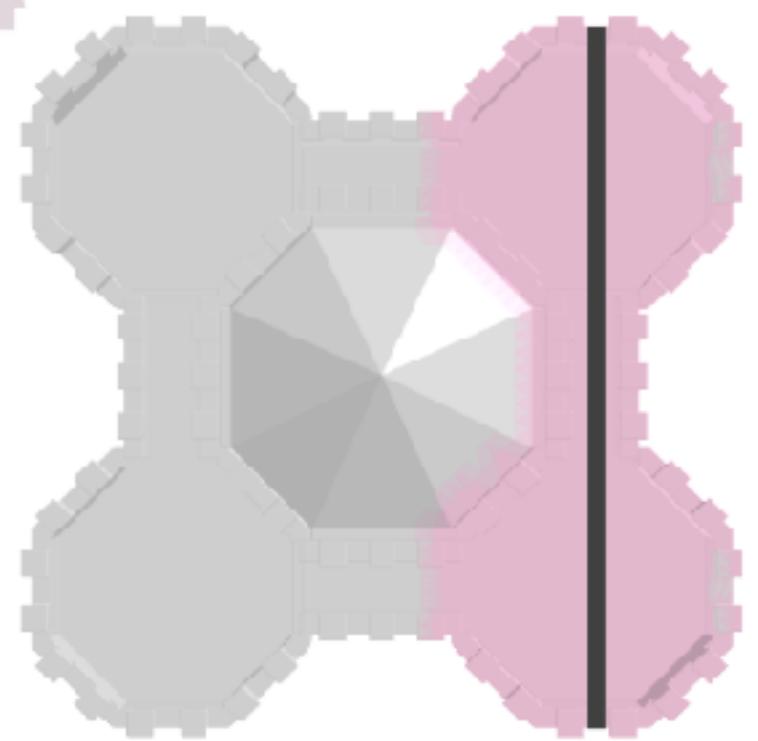
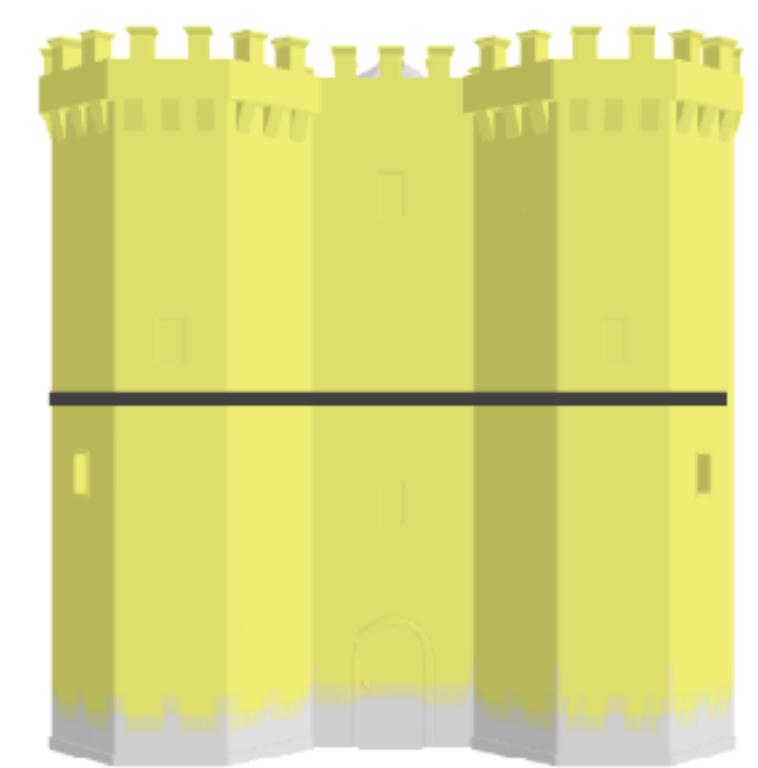
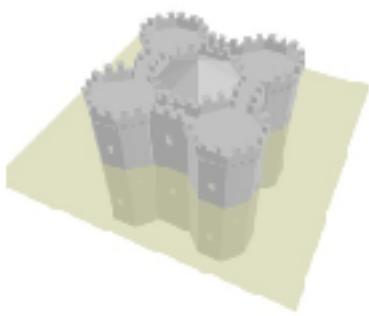
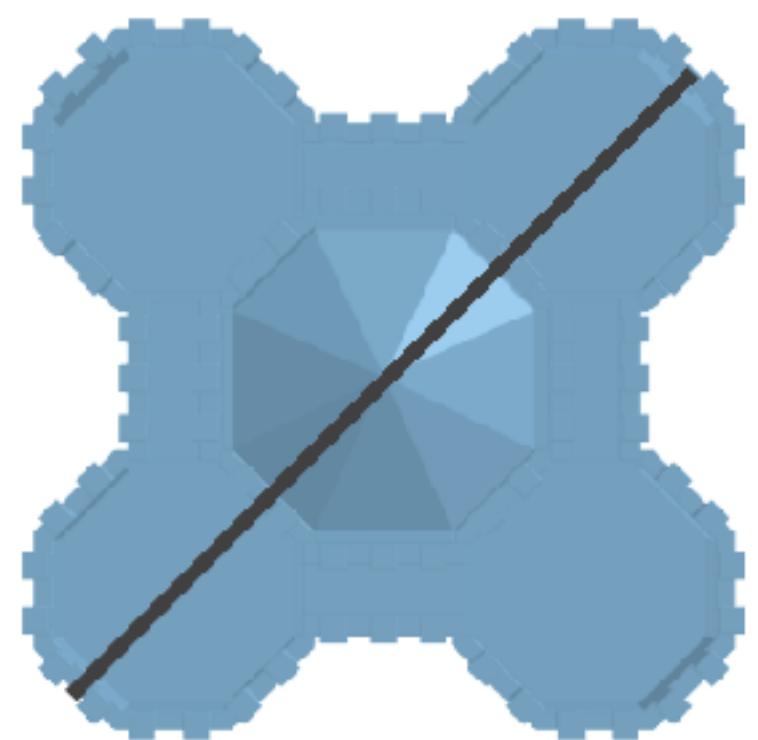
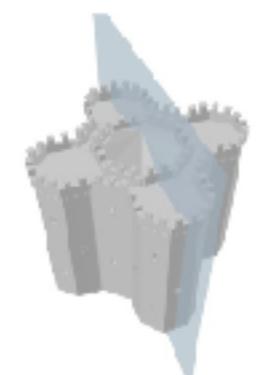
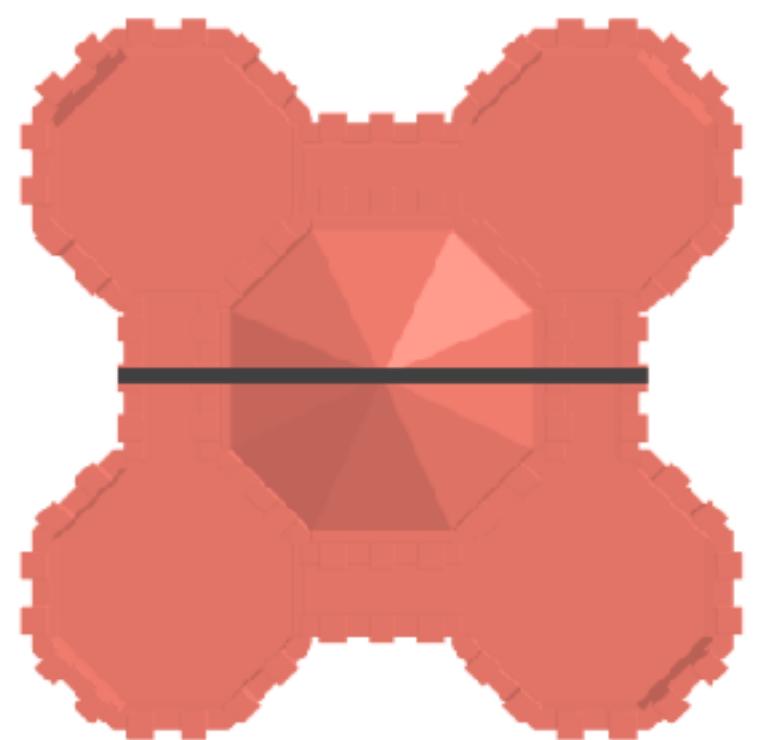
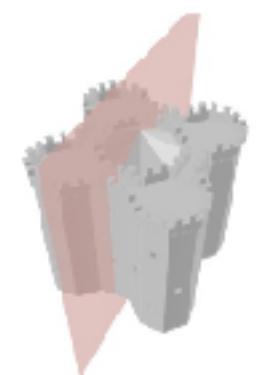
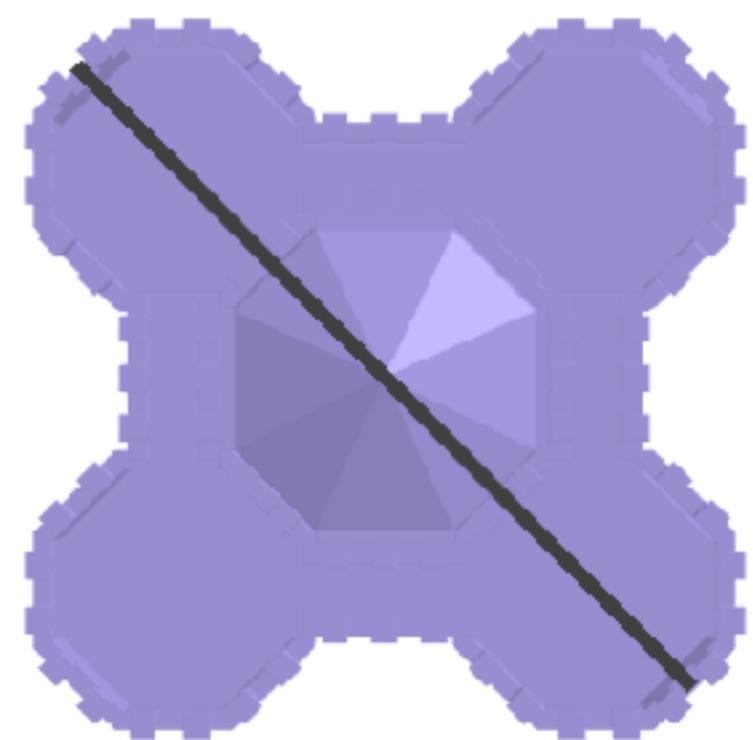
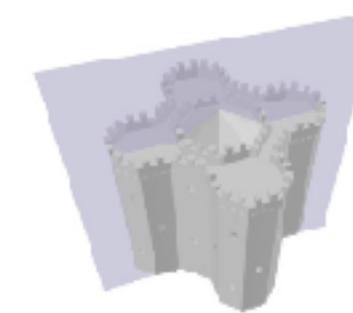


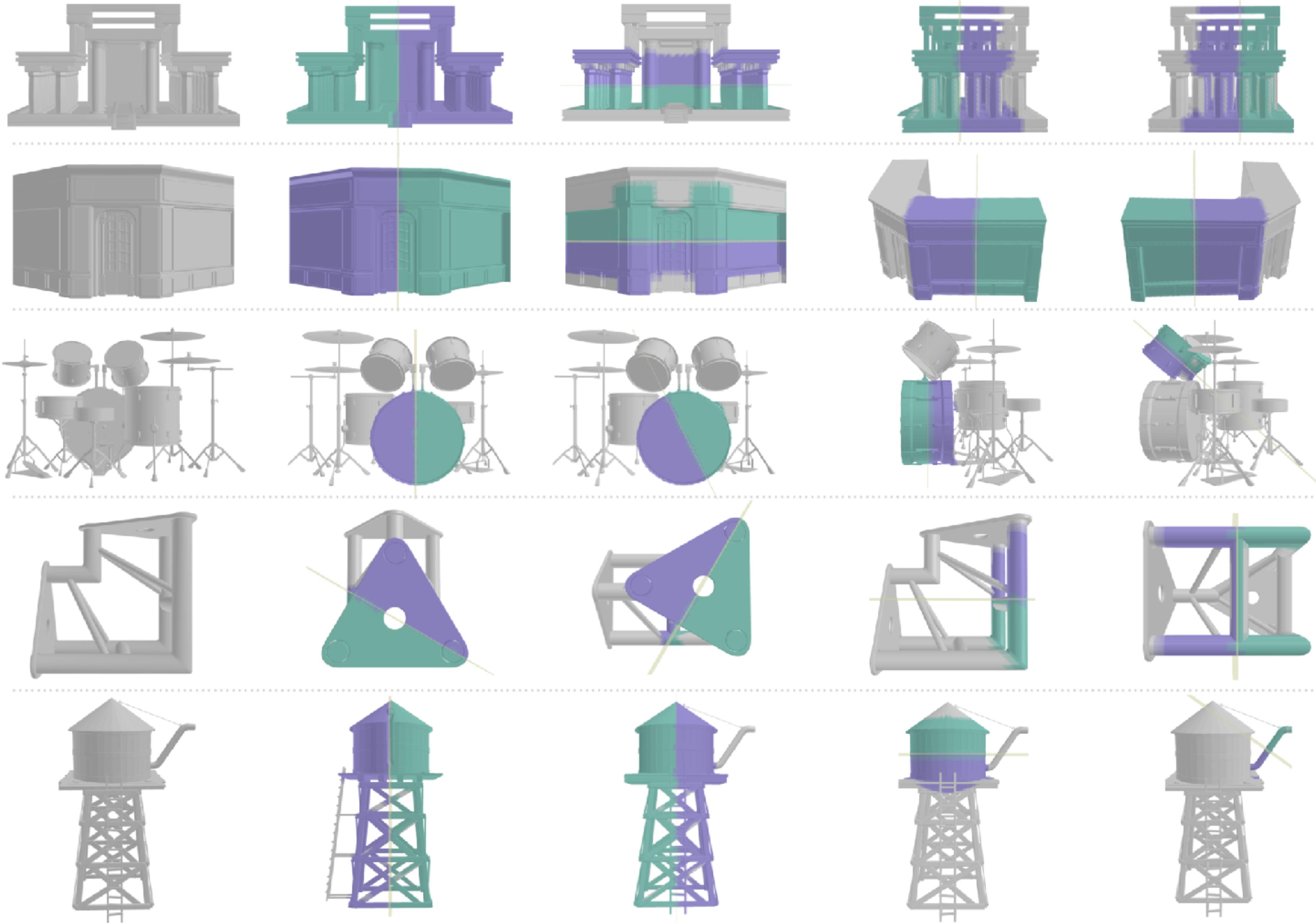
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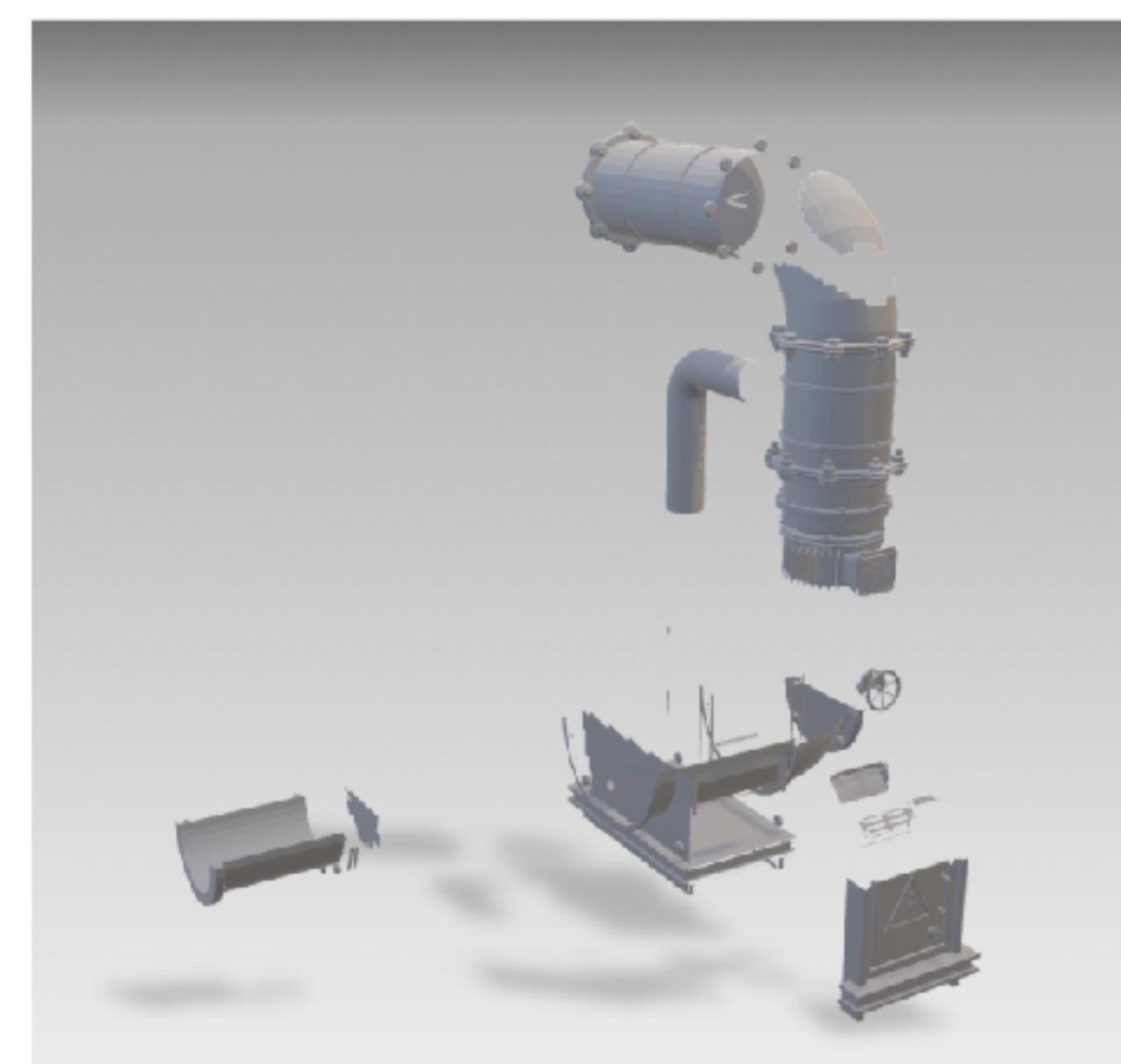
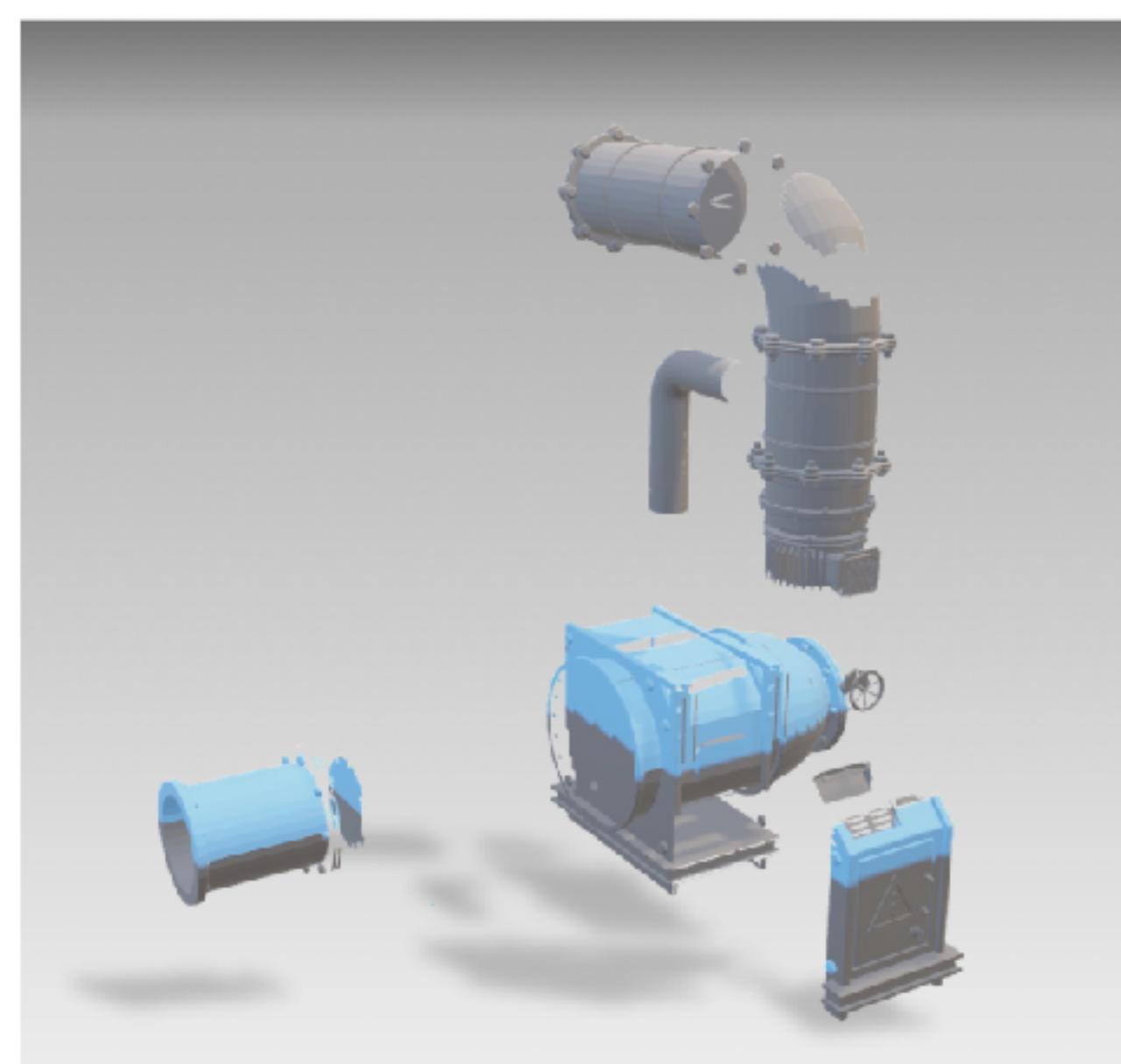
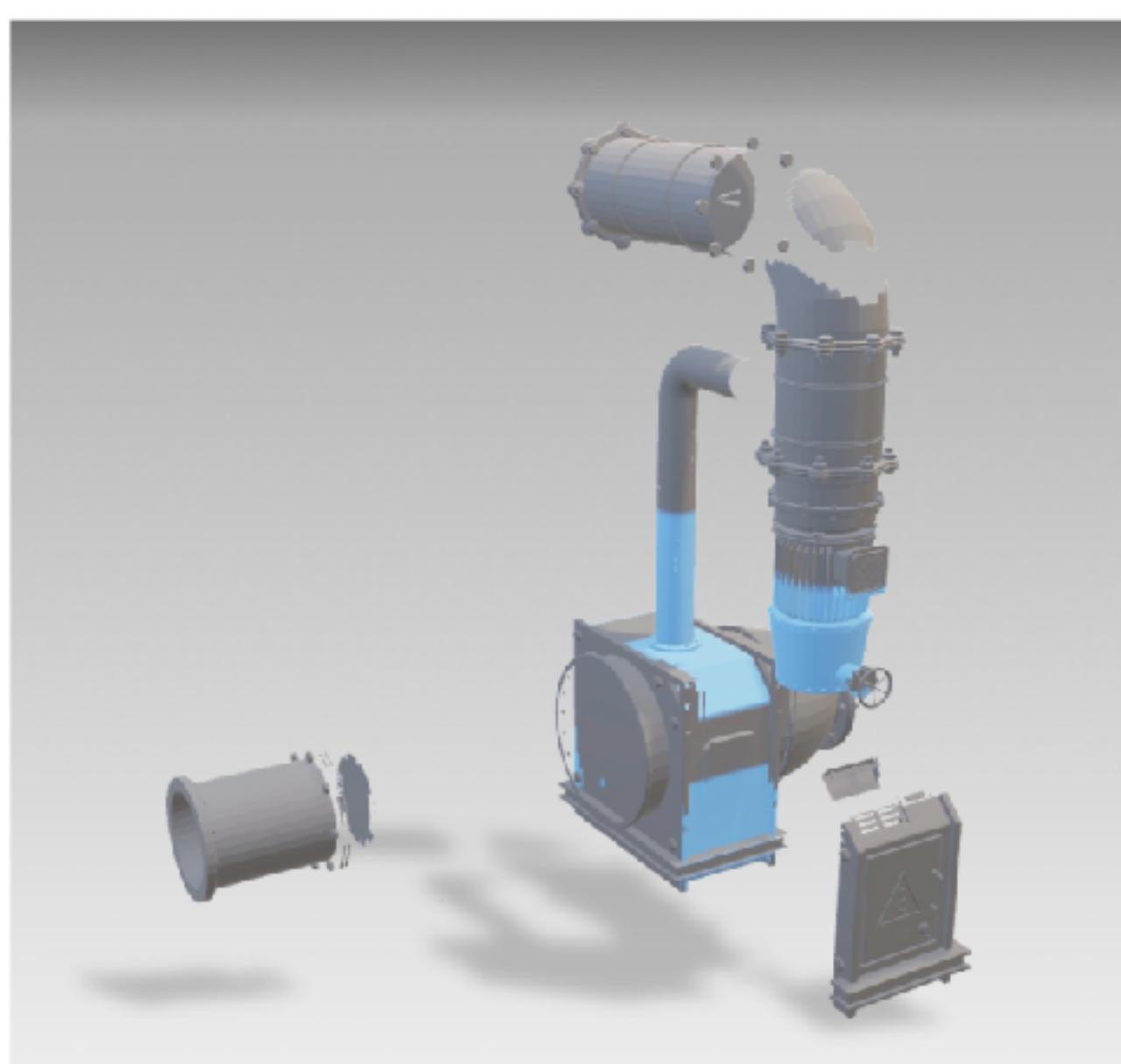
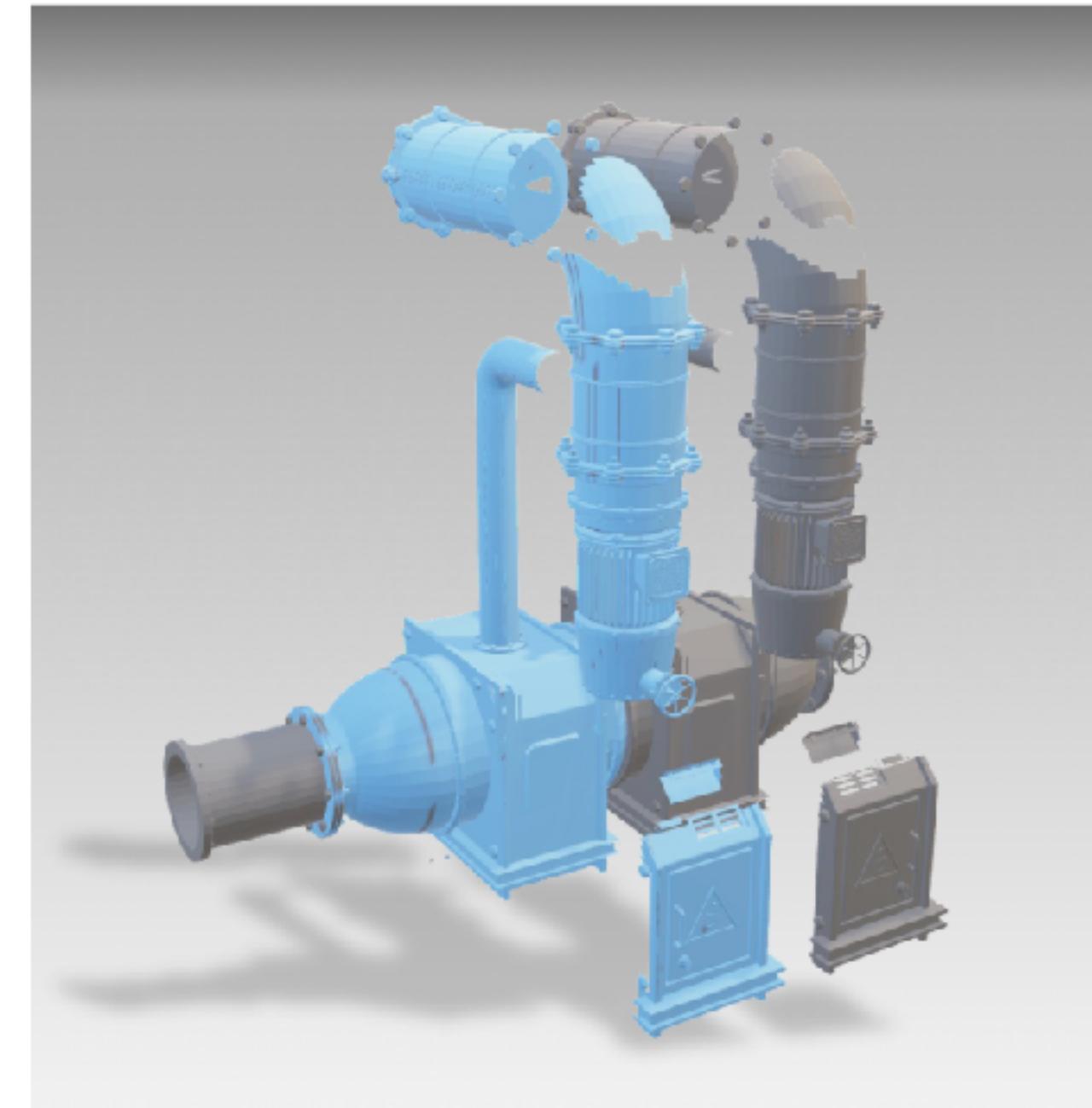
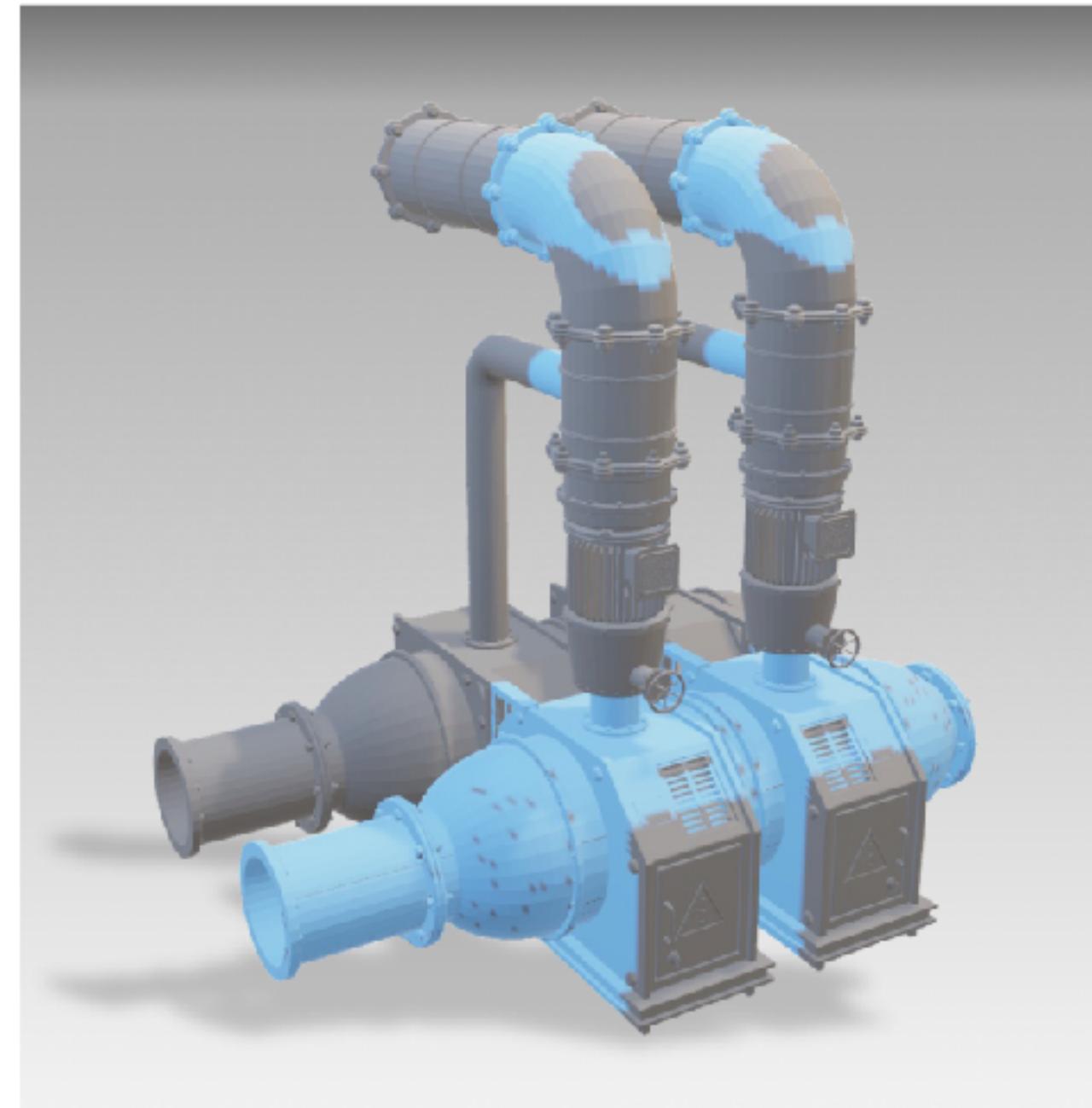
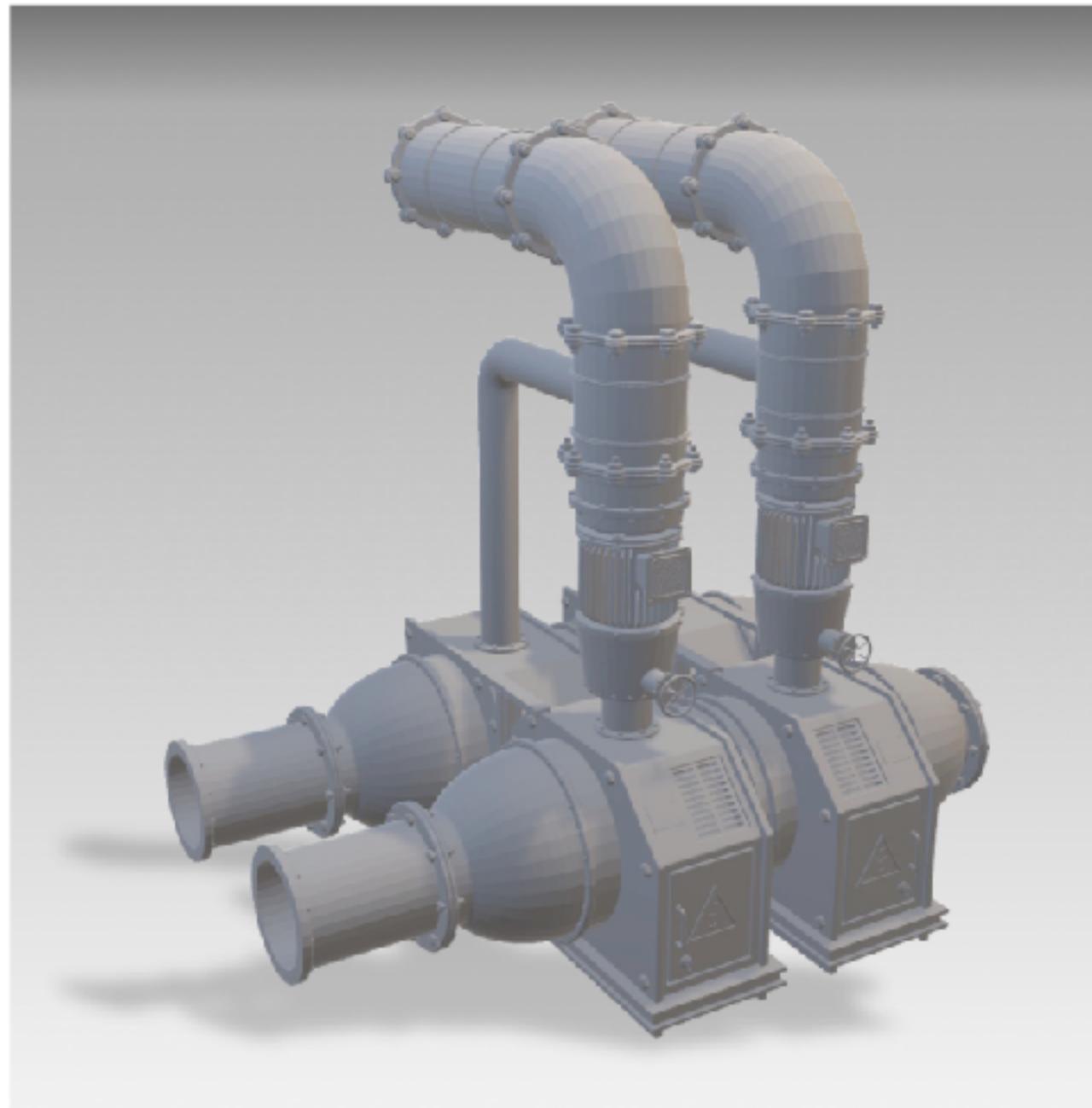


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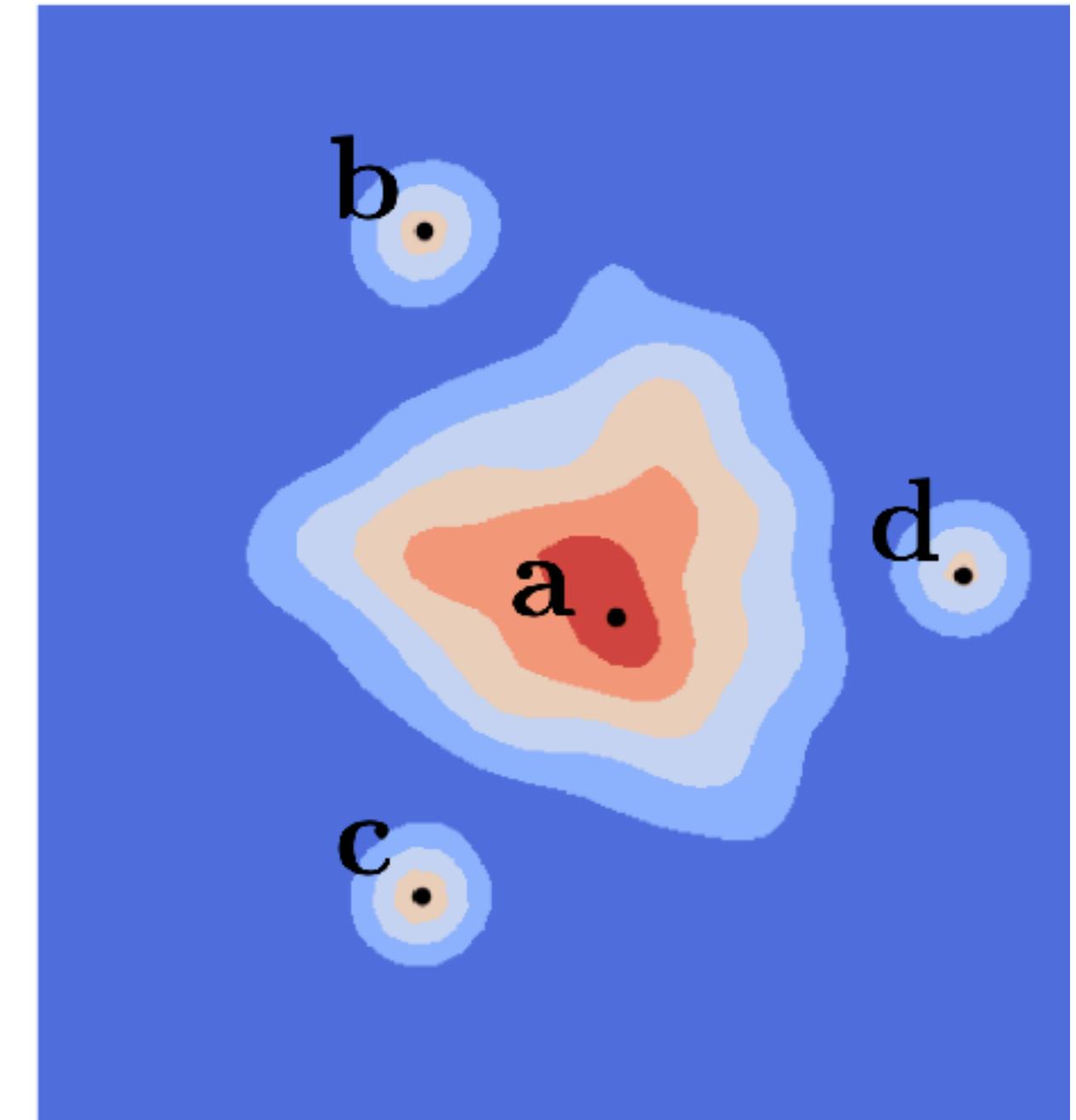
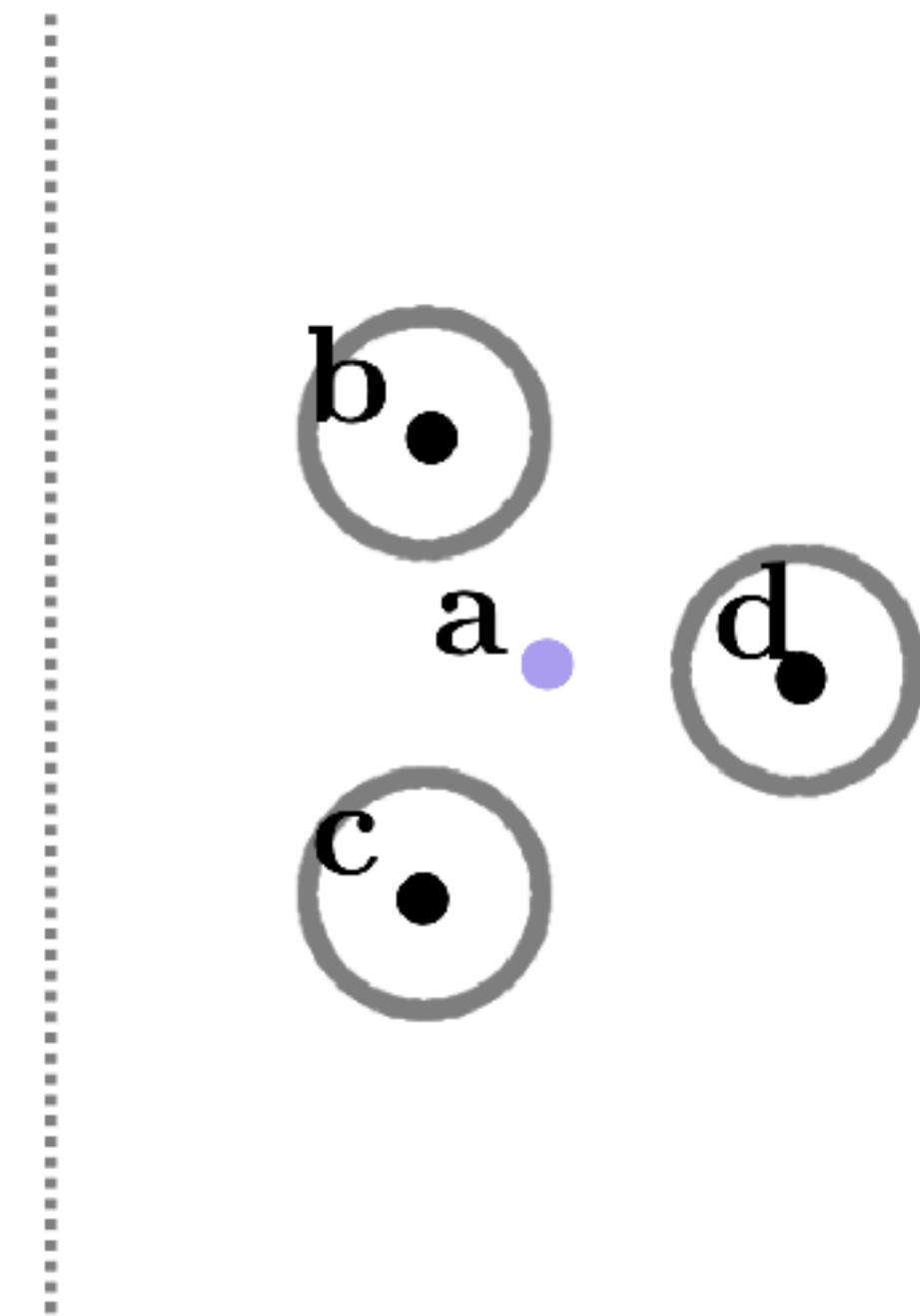
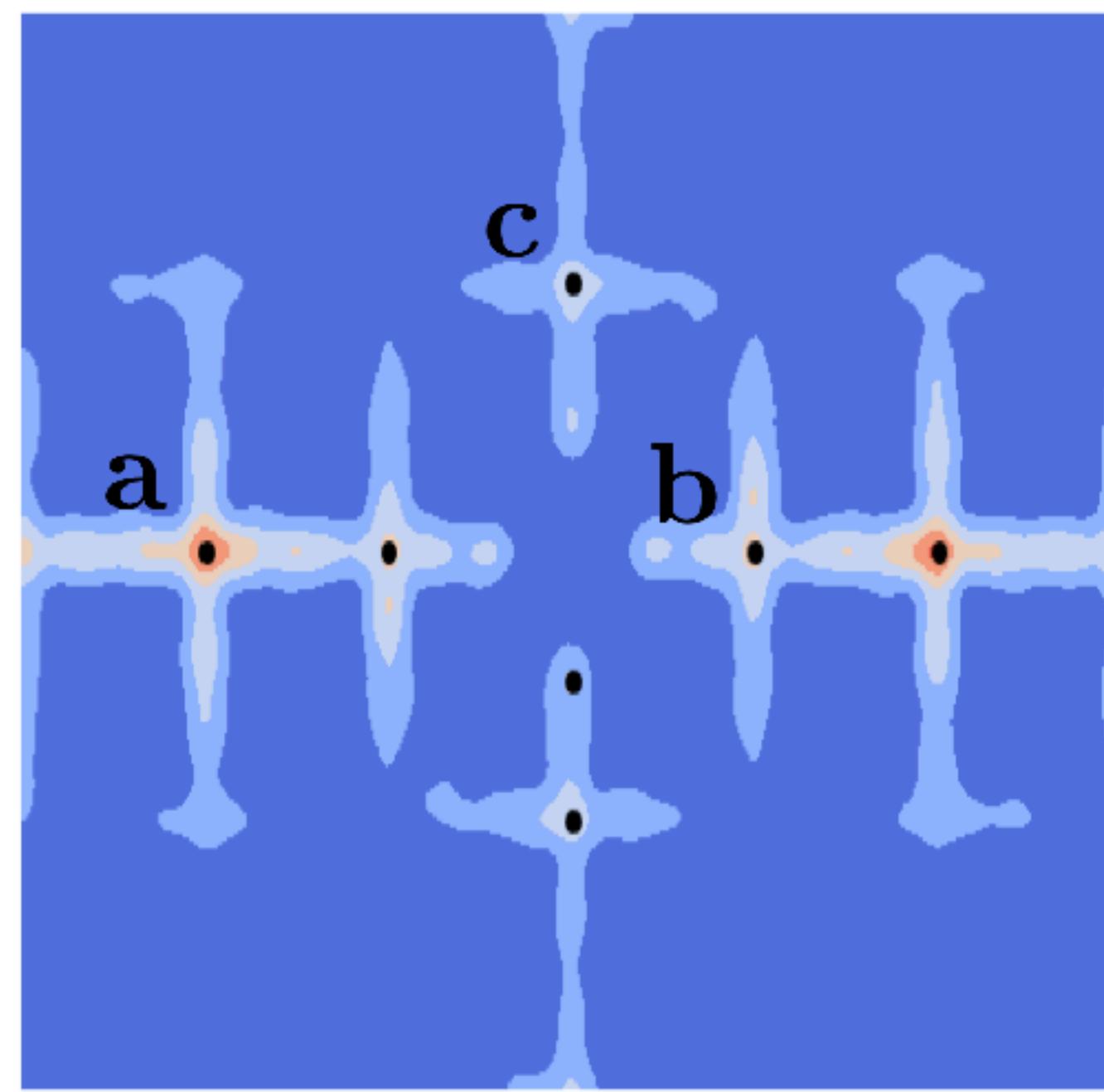
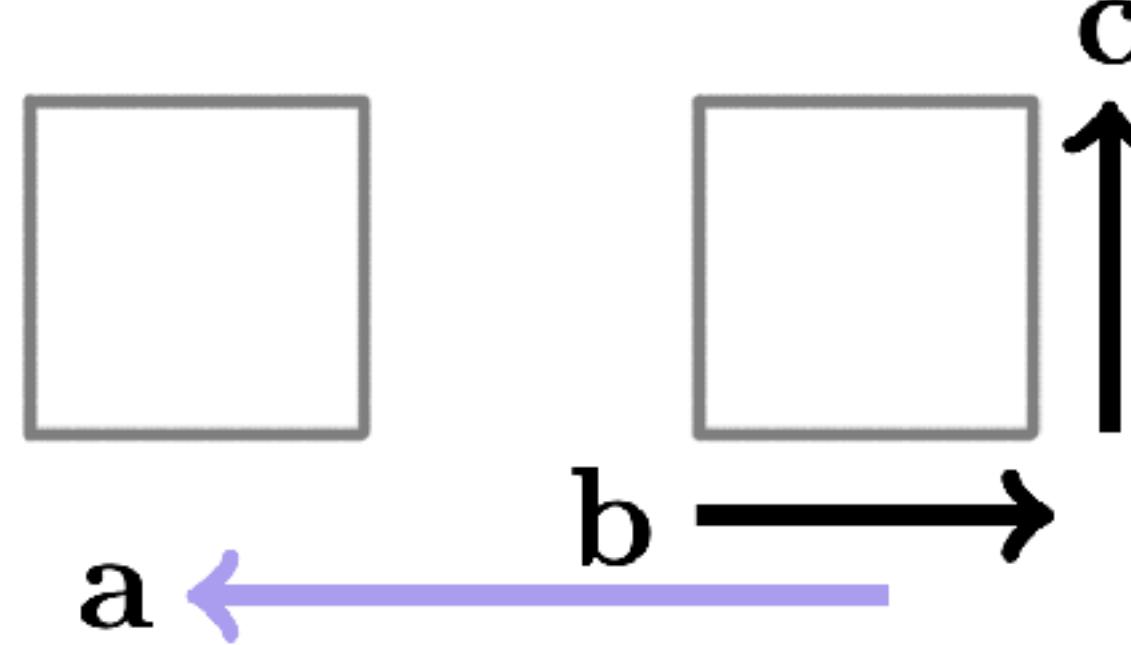




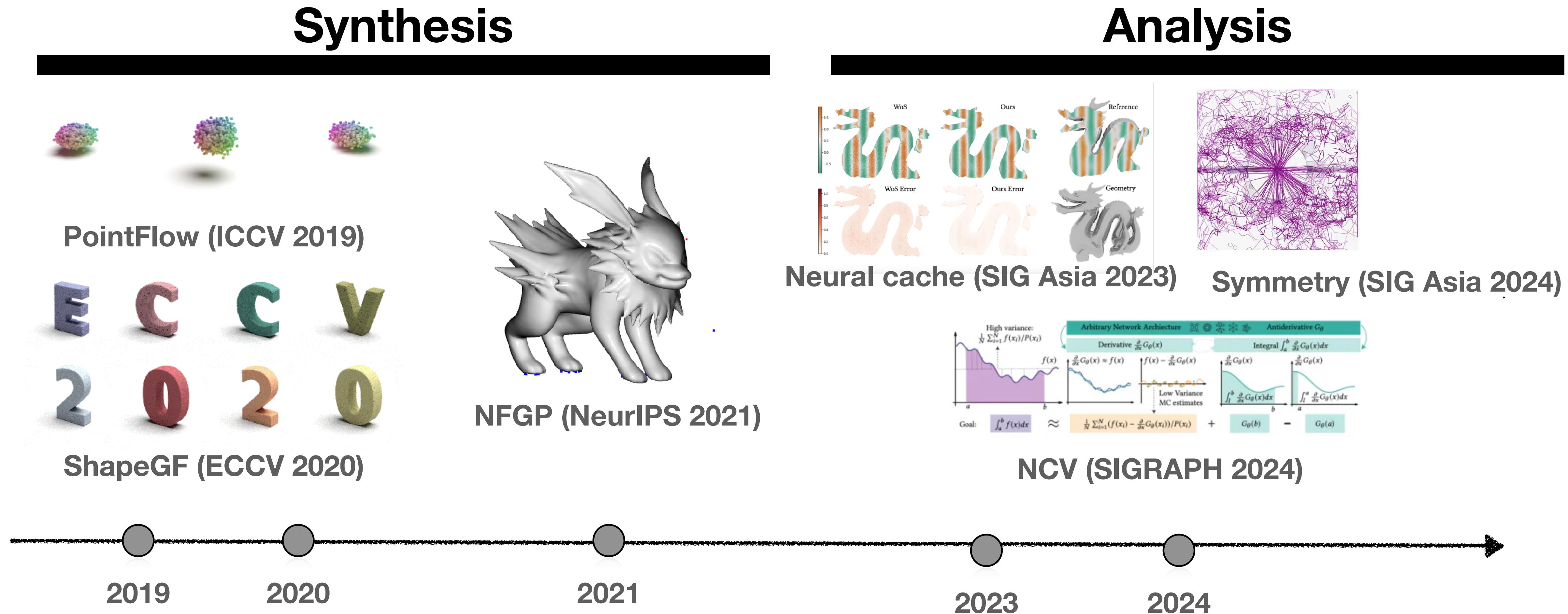




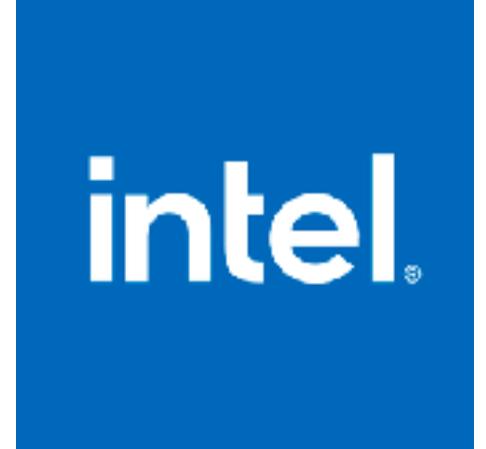
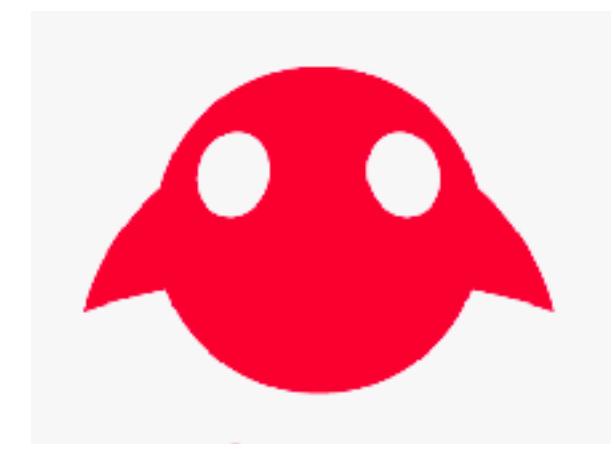
Additional symmetry types



Analysis - Symmetry Detection



Thank you all!



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Jack Liu



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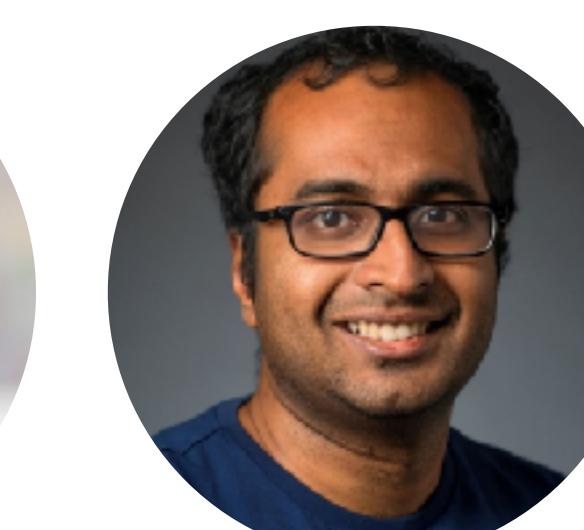
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