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Symposium on Geometry Processing – Paris – 2018  
*Course on Numerical Optimal Transport* – Bruno Lévy

# OVERVIEW

**Part. 1.** Goals and Motivations

**Part. 2.** Introduction to Optimal Transport

**Part. 3.** Semi-Discrete Optimal Transport

**Part. 4.** Applications in Computational Physics

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## Goals and Motivations

# Part. 1 Optimal Transport

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What I can't create  
I don't understand

Richard Feynman

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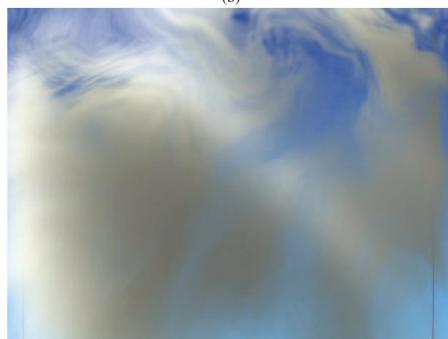
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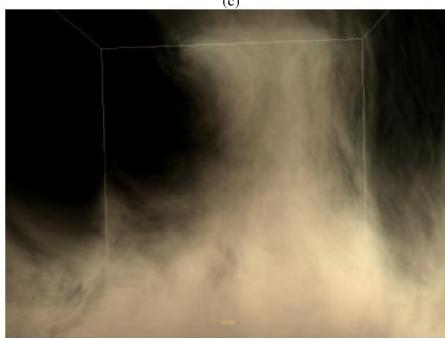
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(d)



(e)



Jos Stam,  
Stable Fluids, 1999  
The art of fluid sim.

Understand fluids  
Explain  
Program



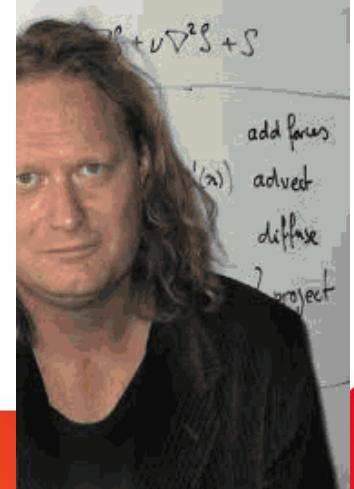
# Part. 1 Optimal Transport

## Goal #1: “Understanding”

I have no formal background in fluid dynamics. I am not an engineer nor do I have a specialized degree in the mathematics or physics of fluids. I am fortunate that I did not have to carry that baggage around. On the other hand, I *do* have degrees in pure mathematics and computer science and have an artsy background. More importantly, I have written computer code that animates fluids.\*

I wrote code That is the bottom line.

**I wrote code**



## Part. 1 Optimal Transport

# Goal #1: “Understanding”

Your mission statement:

1. Understand the stuff

2. Explain it **in simple terms**

*Be a good teacher, to others and to yourself*

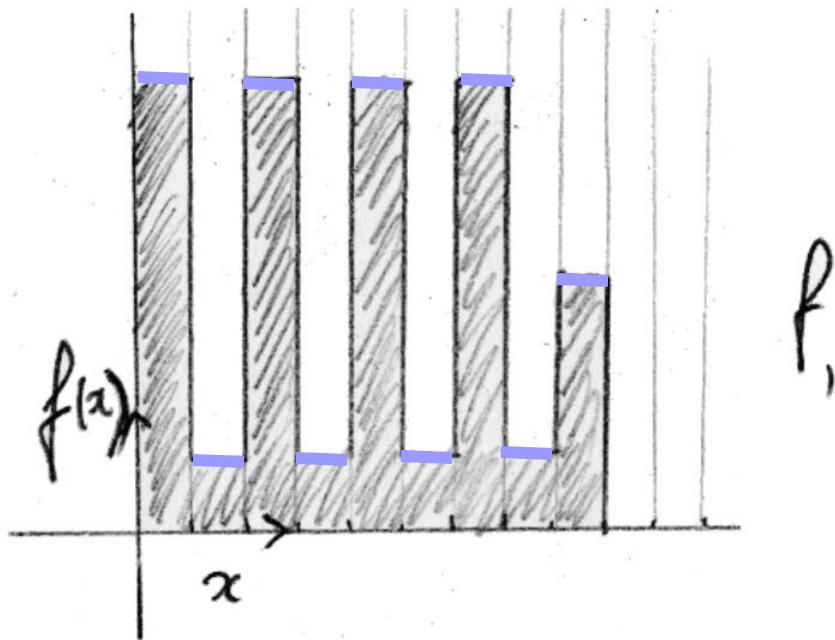
*Know what you know and what you don't know*

*Try to know what you don't know*

3. Program it

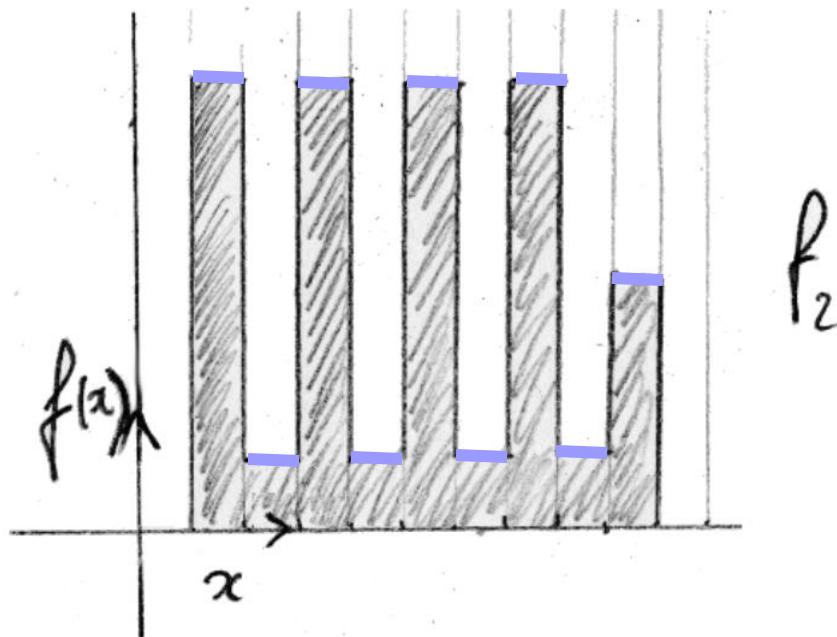
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*Measuring distances between functions*



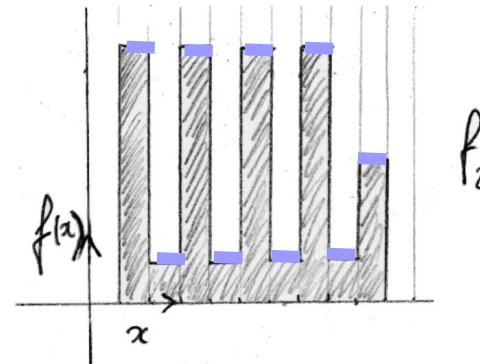
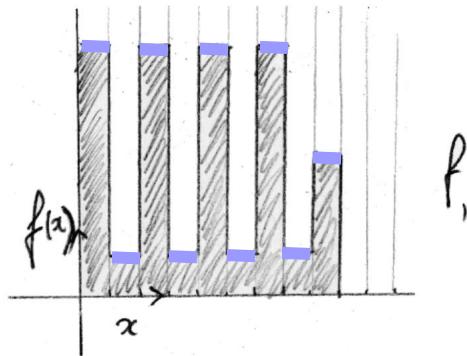
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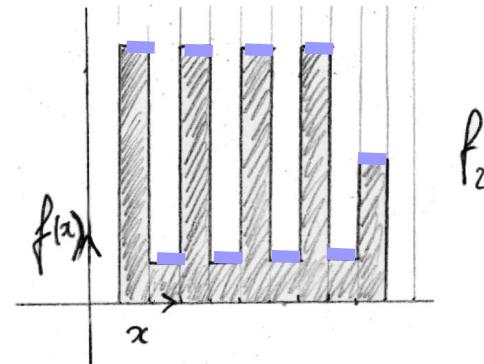
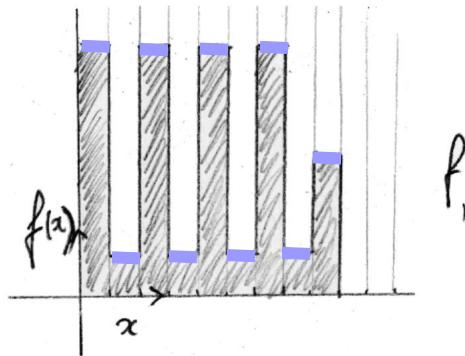
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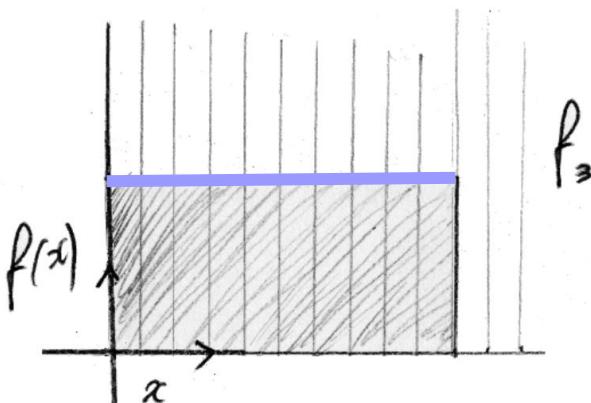
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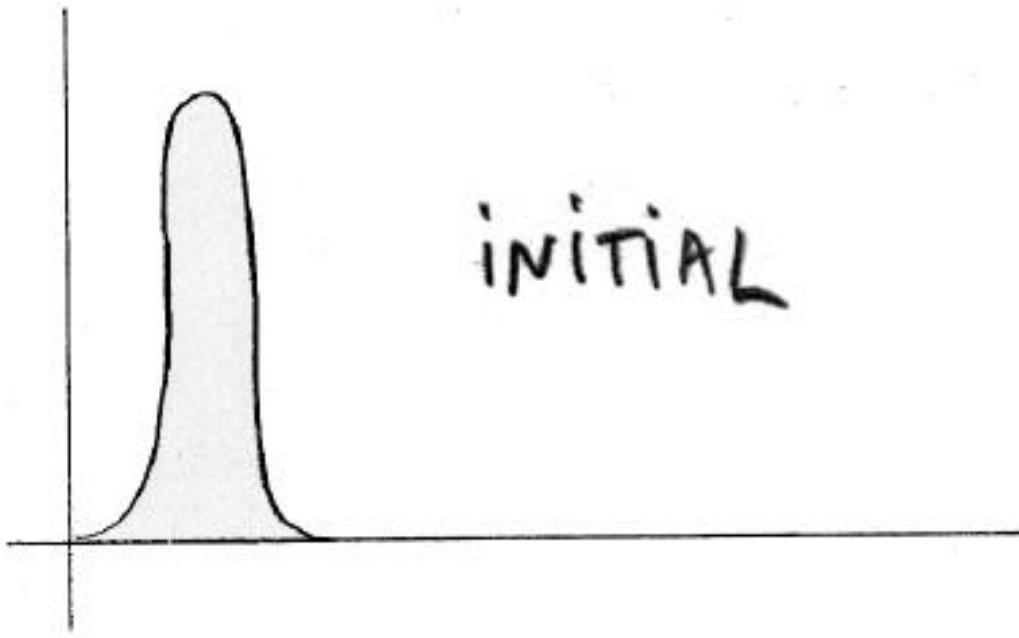


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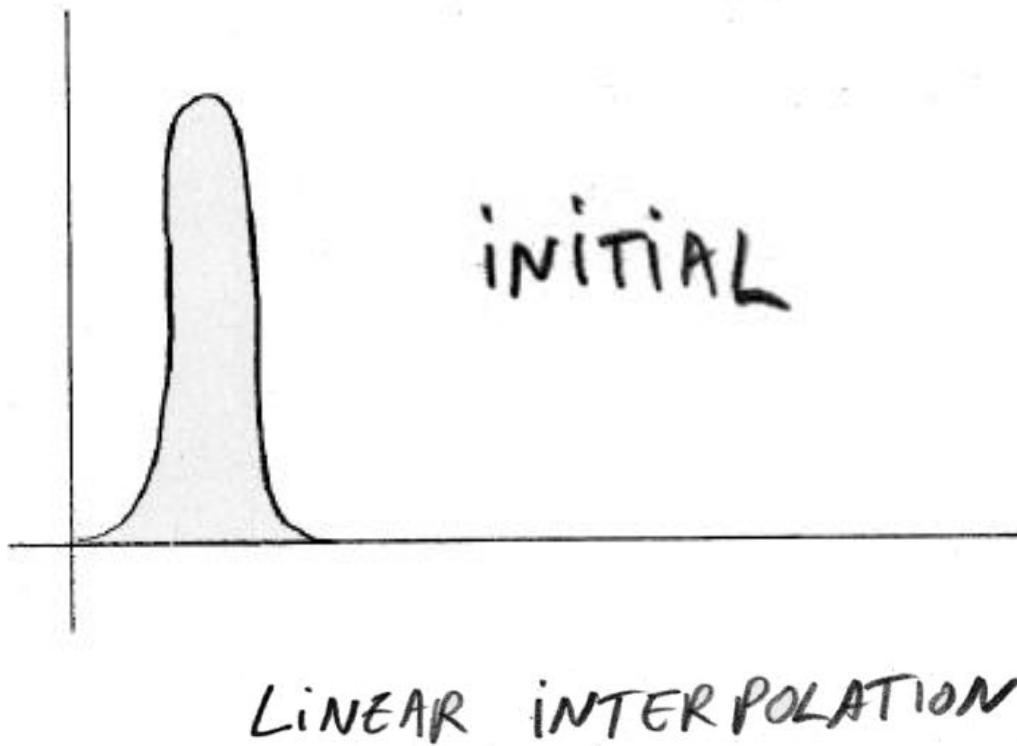
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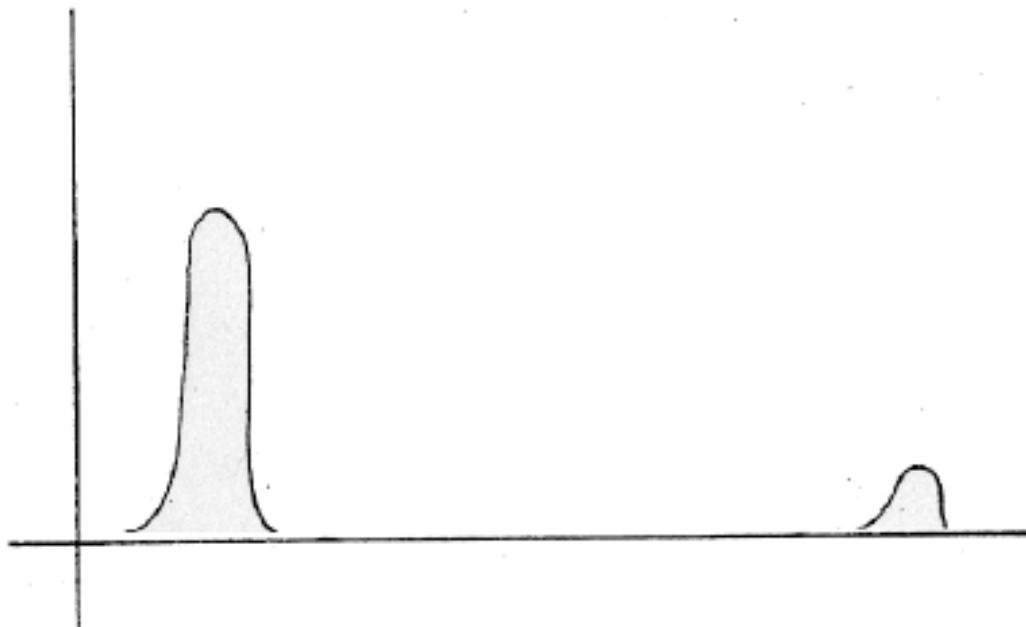
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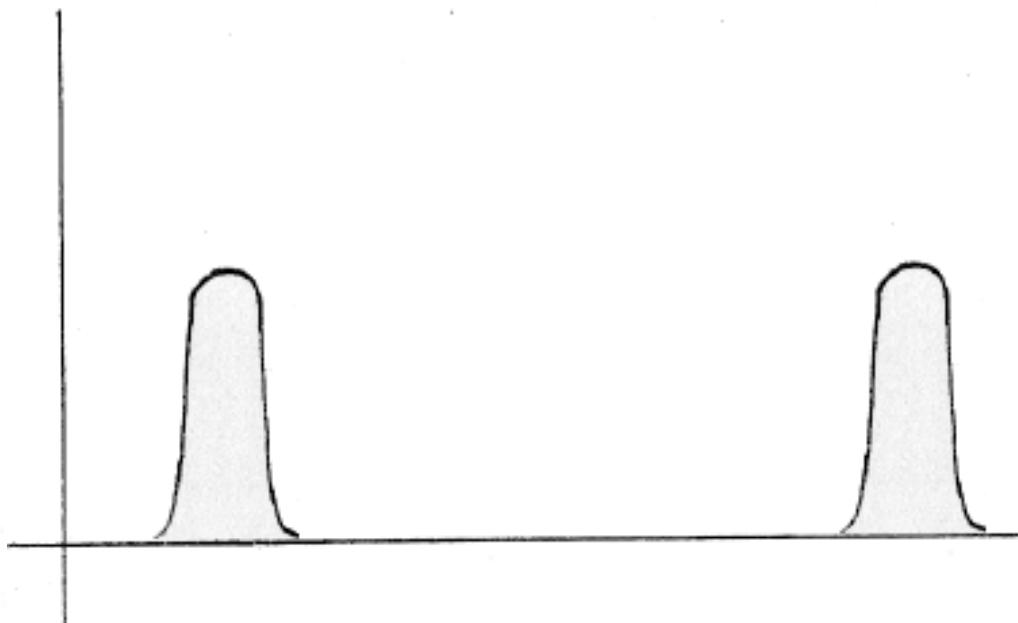
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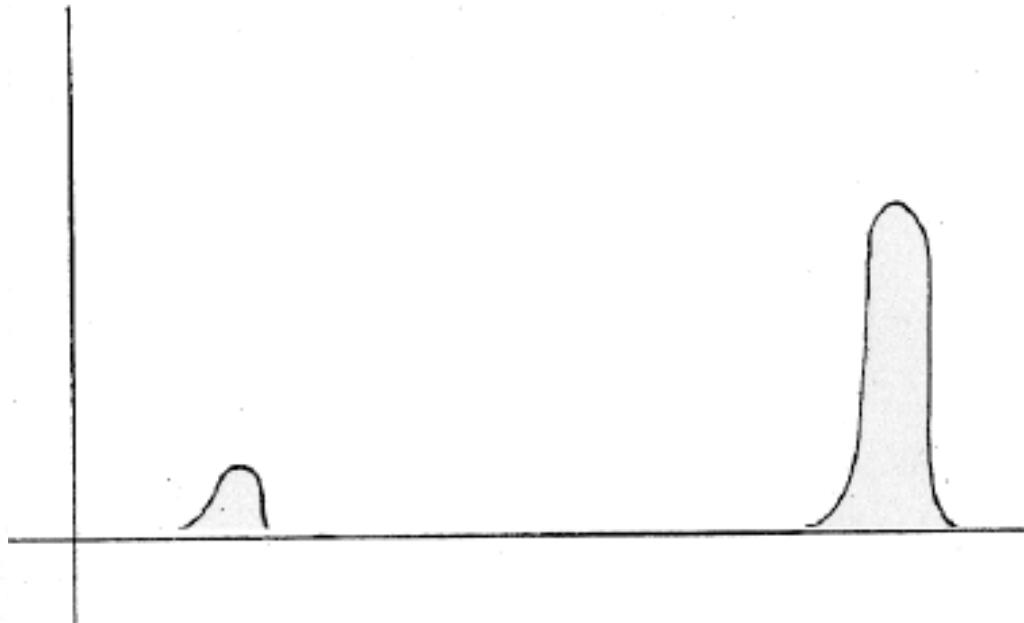
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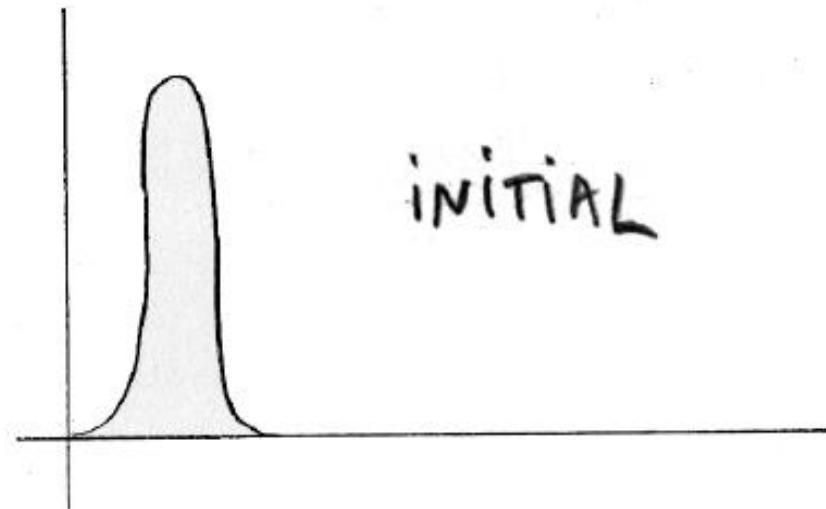
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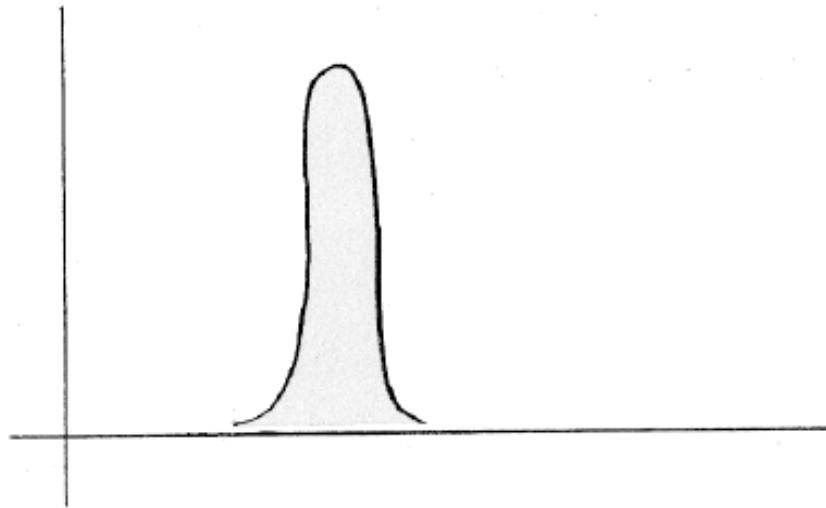
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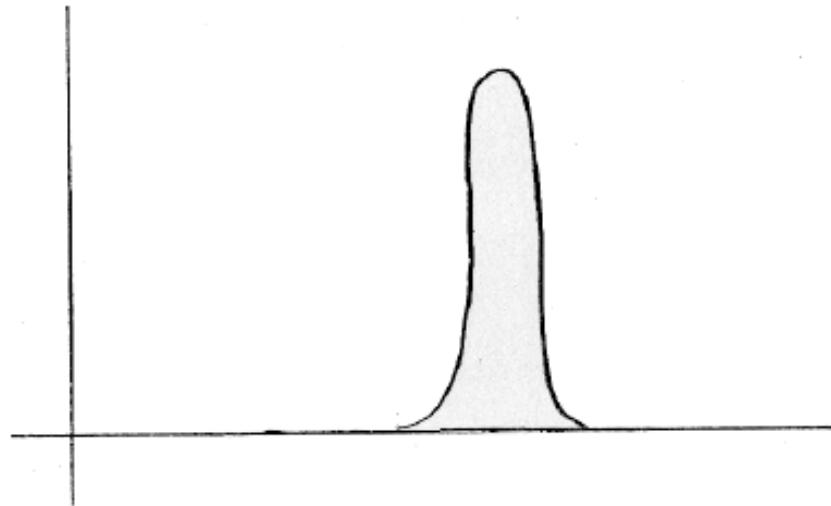
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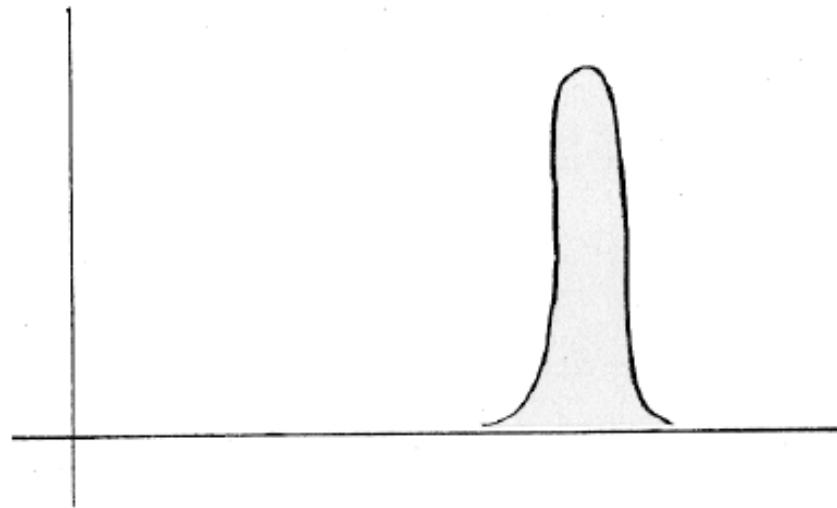
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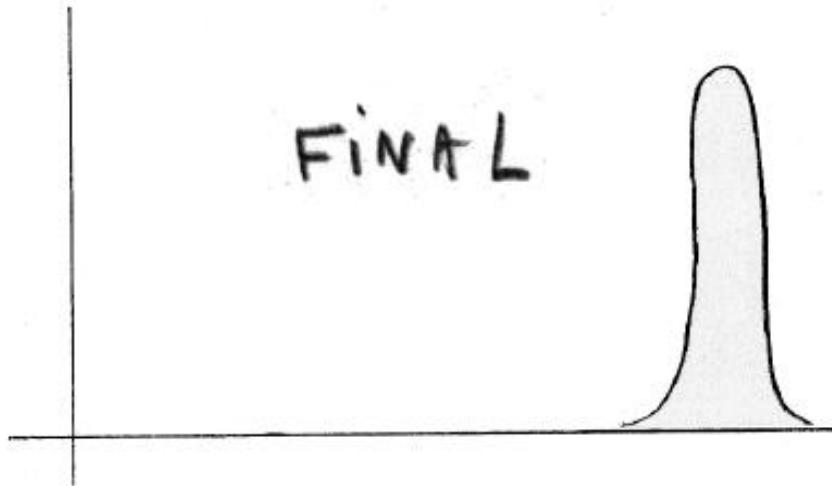
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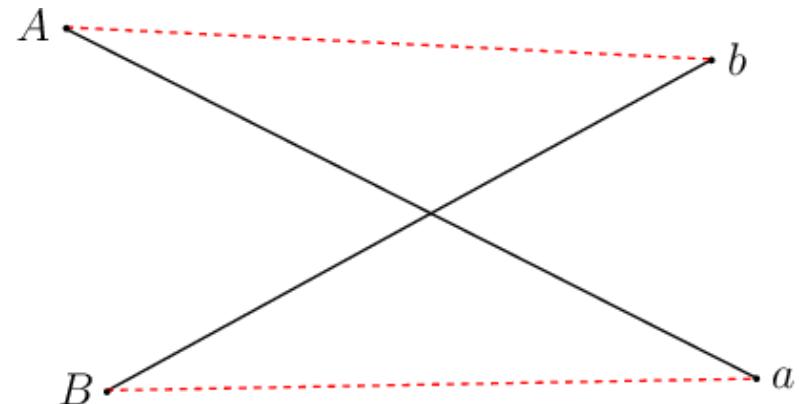
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## Gaspard Monge - 1784

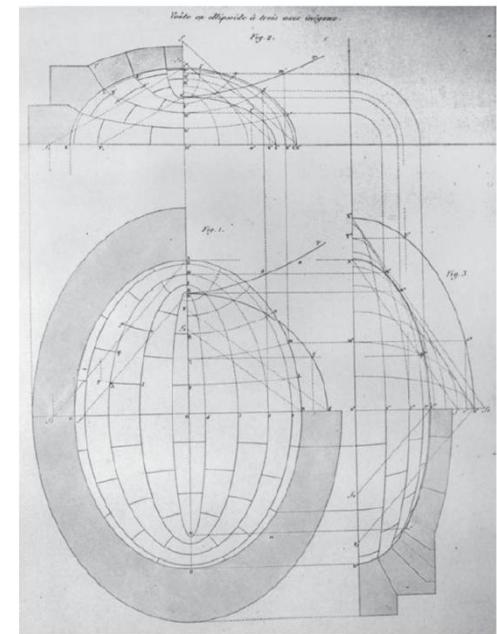
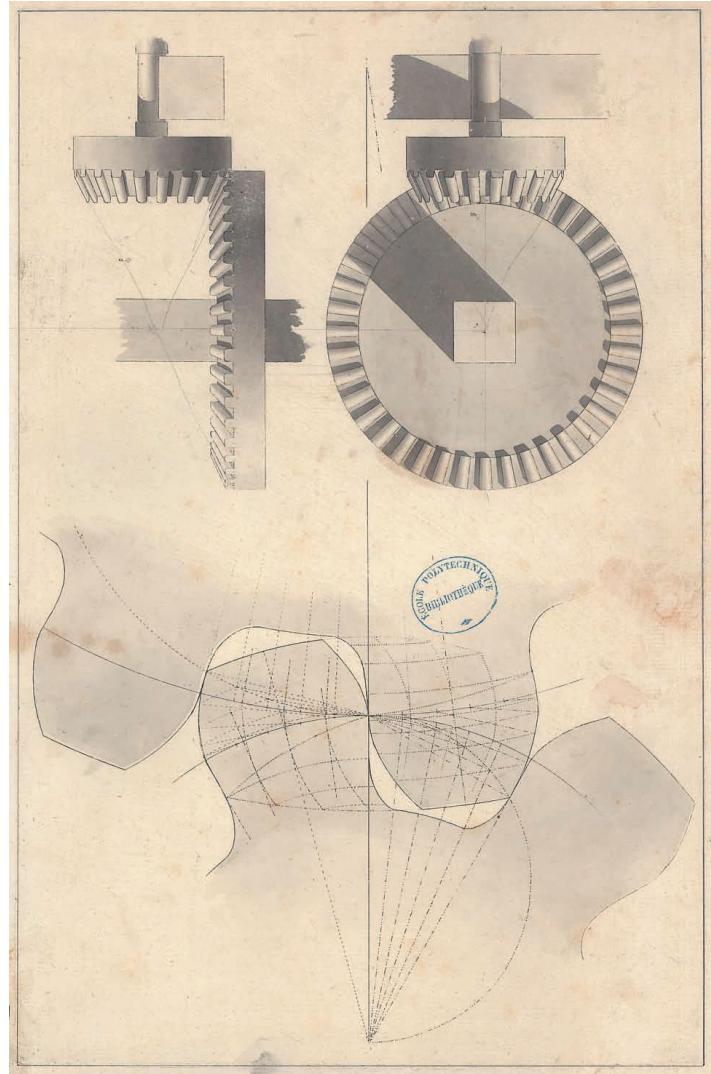
666. MÉMOIRES DE L'ACADEMIE ROYALE  
**MÉMOIRE**  
SUR LA  
**THÉORIE DES DÉBLAIS**  
ET DES REMBLAIS.  
Par M. MONGE.

LORSQU'ON doit transporter des terres d'un lieu dans un autre, on a coutume de donner le nom de *Déblai* au volume des terres que l'on doit transporter, & le nom de



# Part. 1 Optimal Transport

## Gaspard Monge – geometry and light



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Monge-Brenier-Villani, the french connection



**Cédric Villani**

Optimal Transport Old & New  
Topics on Optimal Transport



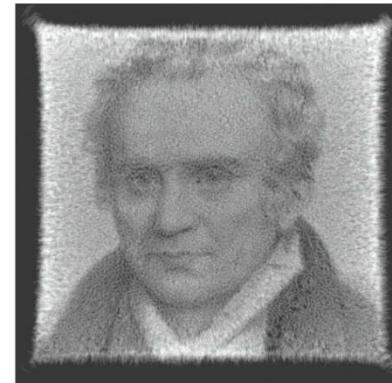
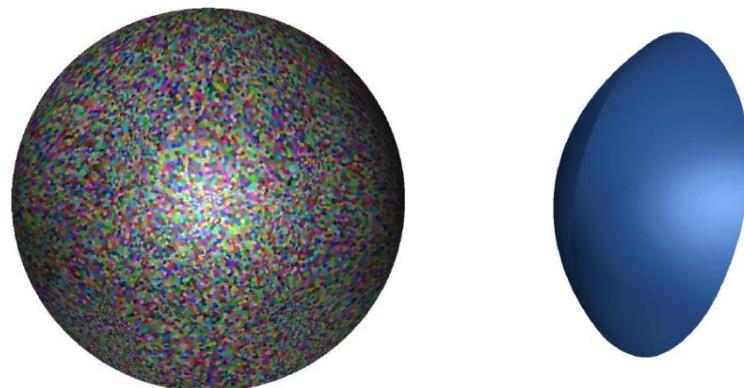
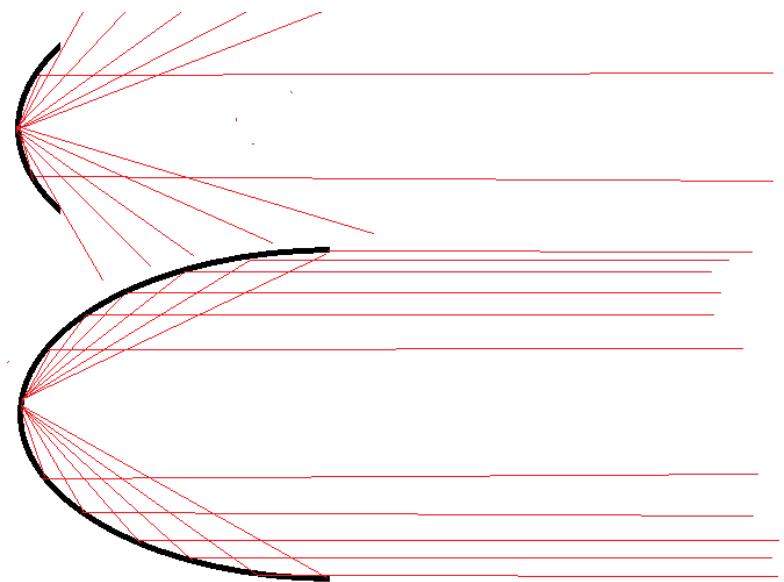
**Yann Brenier**

The polar factorization theorem  
(Brenier Transport)

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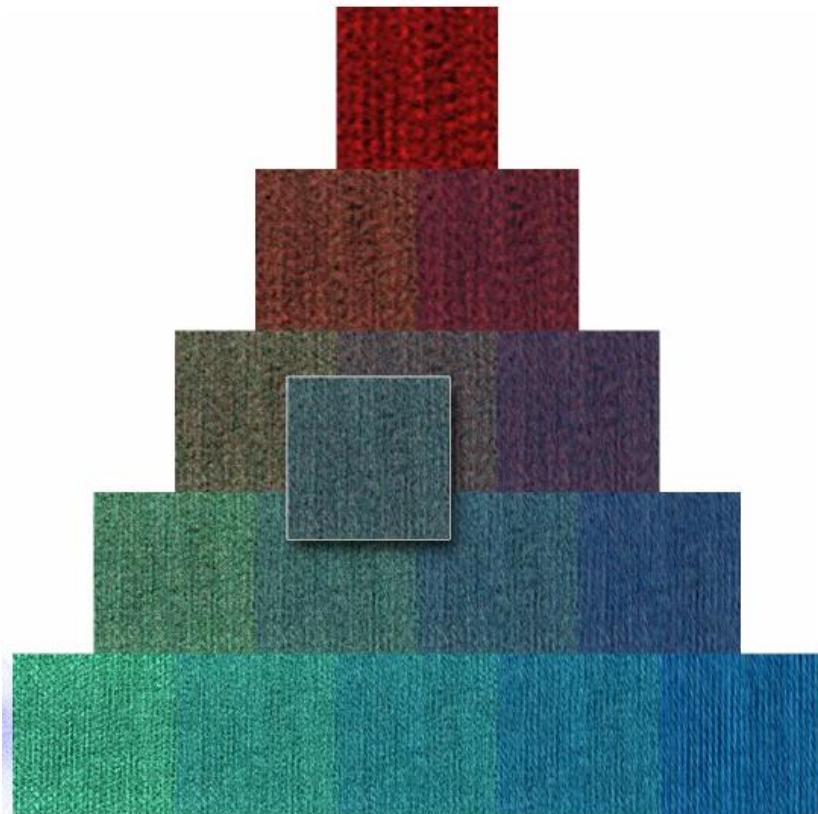
Optimal transport  
geometry and light

[Caffarelli, Kochengin, and Oliker 1999]



[Castro, Merigot, Thibert 2014]

# Part. 1 Optimal Transport – Image Processing



Barycenters / mixing textures

[Nicolas Bonneel, Julien Rabin, Gabriel  
Peyré, Hanspeter Pfister]



Video-style transfer,  
A.I., “data sciences”

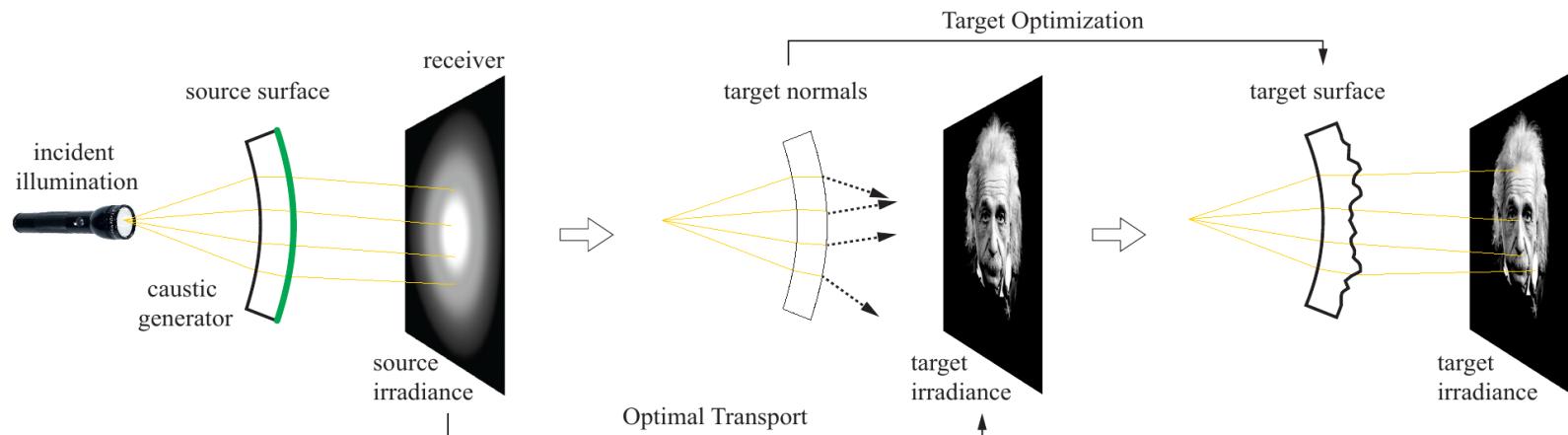
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Paris, Hanspeter Pfister]  
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## Optimal transport - geometry and light



[Chwartzburg, Testuz, Tagliasacchi, Pauly, SIGGRAPH 2014]

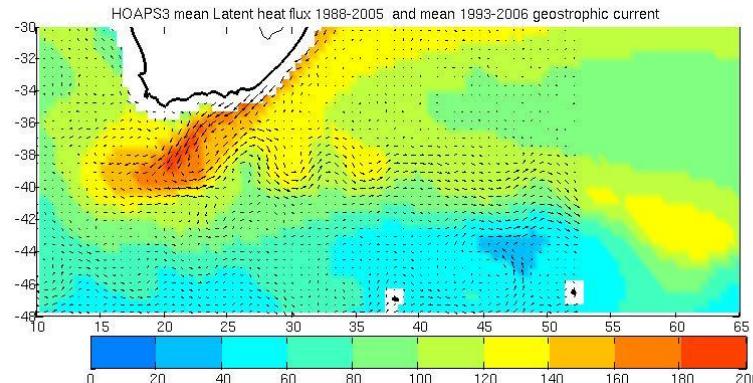


# Part. 1. Motivations

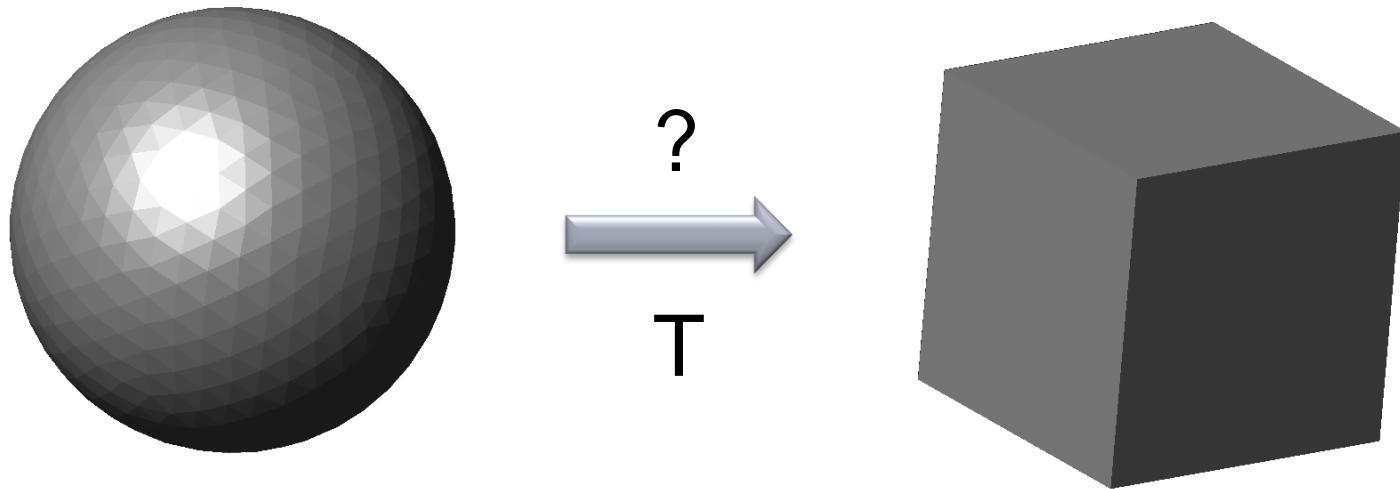
Discretization of functionals involving the Monge-Ampère operator,  
**Benamou, Carlier, Mérigot, Oudet**  
*arXiv:1408.4536*

The variational formulation of the Fokker-Planck equation  
**Jordan, Kinderlehrer and Otto**  
*SIAM J. on Mathematical Analysis*

## Geostrophic current

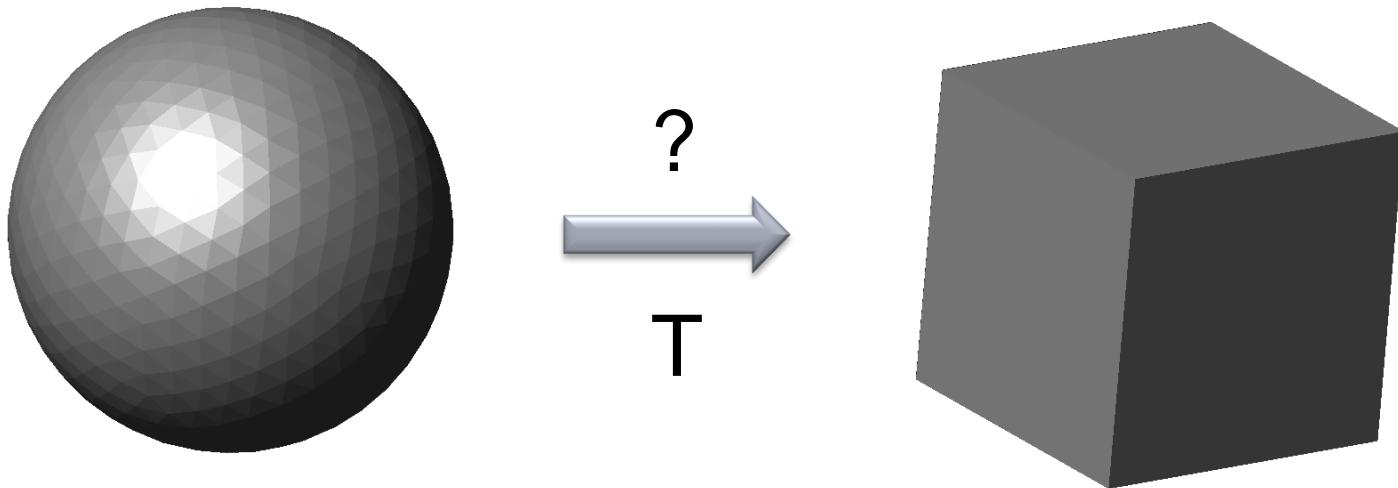


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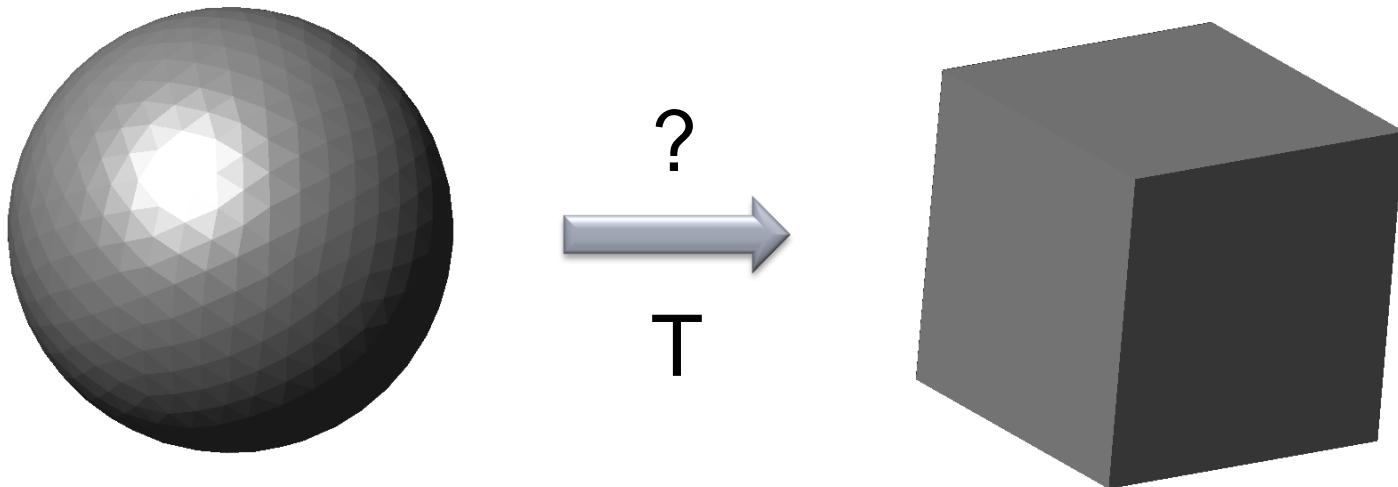
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The “effort” of the best  $T$  defines a **distance** between the shapes

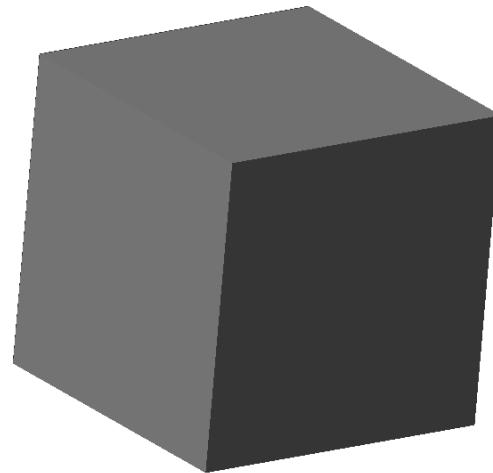
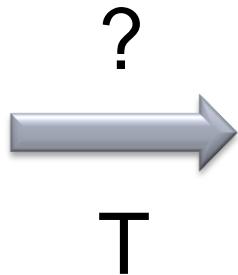
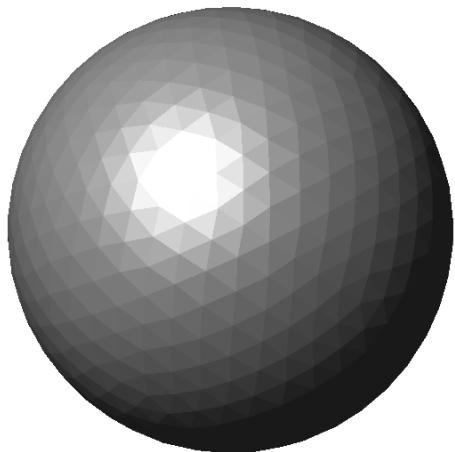
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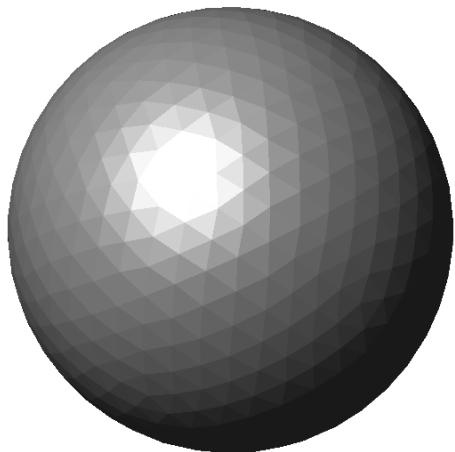
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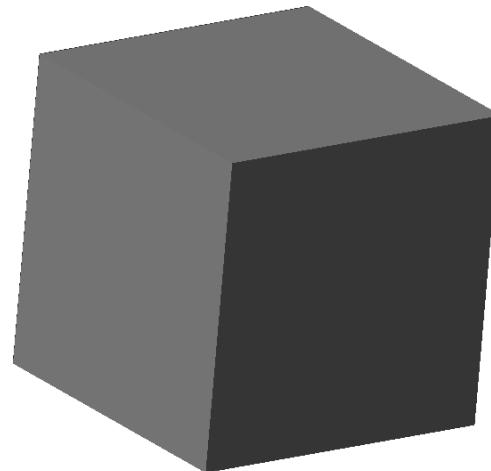
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“minimum action principle”

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T

A large gray arrow pointing from left to right, with a question mark above it and the letter 'T' below it, indicating a transformation or mapping.

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“conservation law”

“minimum action principle”

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# 2

## Optimal Transport an elementary introduction

## Part. 2 Optimal Transport – Monge's problem



$(X;\mu)$



$(Y;\nu)$

Two measures  $\mu, \nu$  such that  $\int_X d\mu(x) = \int_Y d\nu(x)$

## Part. 2 Optimal Transport – Monge's problem



$(X; \mu)$



$(Y; v)$

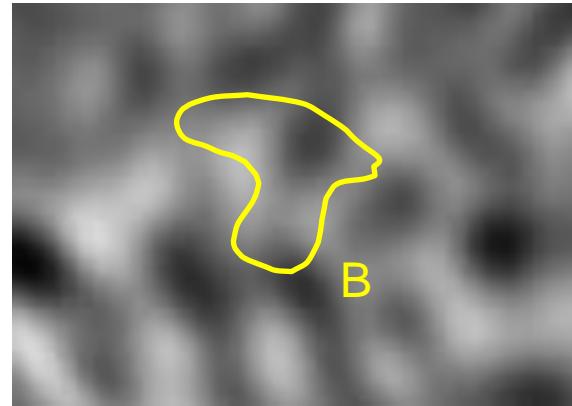
A map  $T$  is a *transport map* between  $\mu$  and  $v$  if  
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*(Borel subset = subset that can be measured)*

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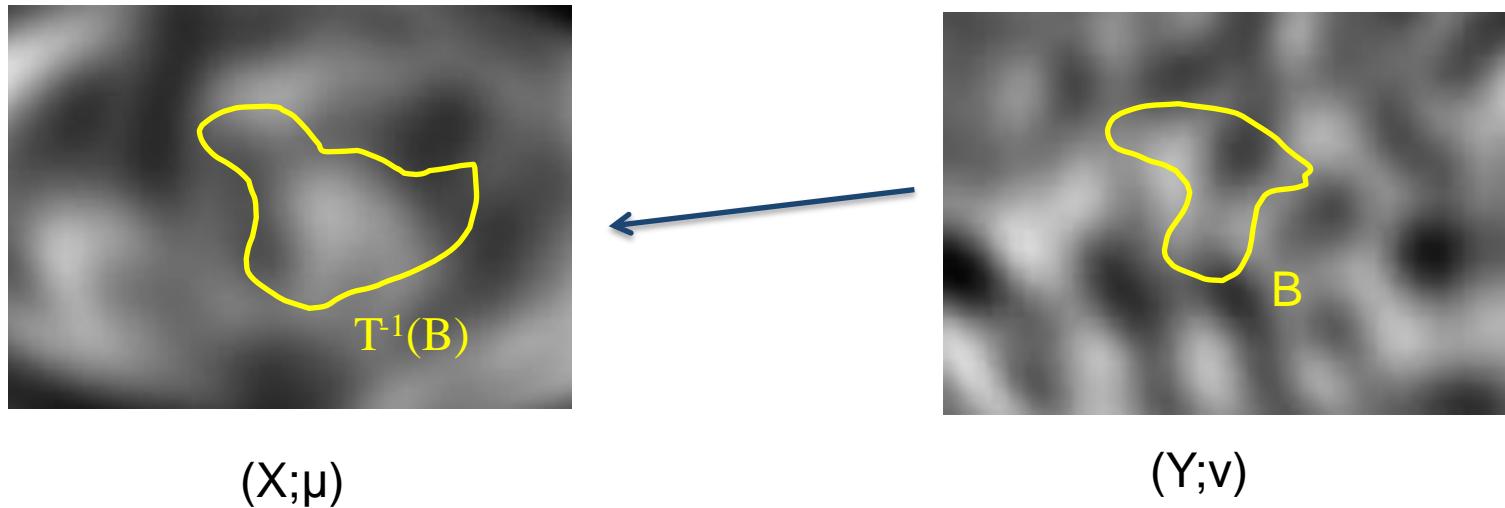
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Notation: if  $T$  is a *transport map* between  $\mu$  and  $\nu$   
then one writes  $\nu = T\#\mu$  ( $\nu$  is the *pushforward* of  $\mu$ )

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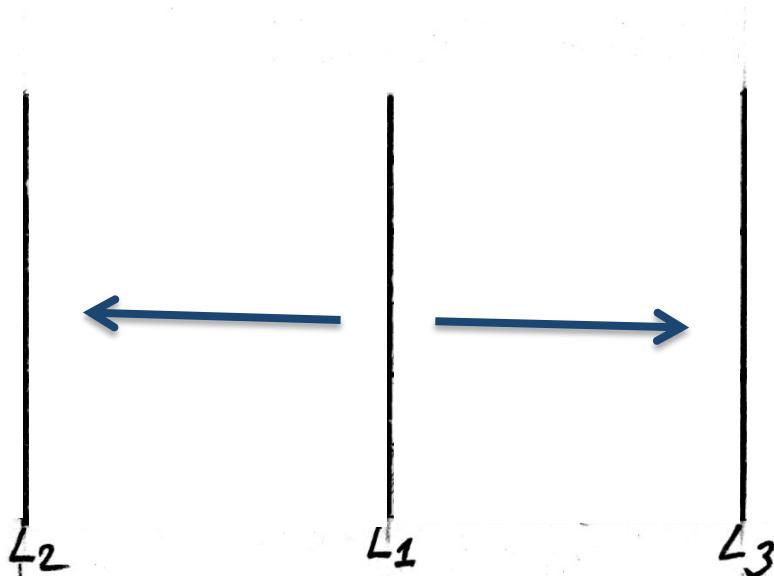
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- Difficult to study
- If  $\mu$  has an atom (isolated Dirac),  
it can only be mapped to another Dirac  
( $T$  needs to be a map)

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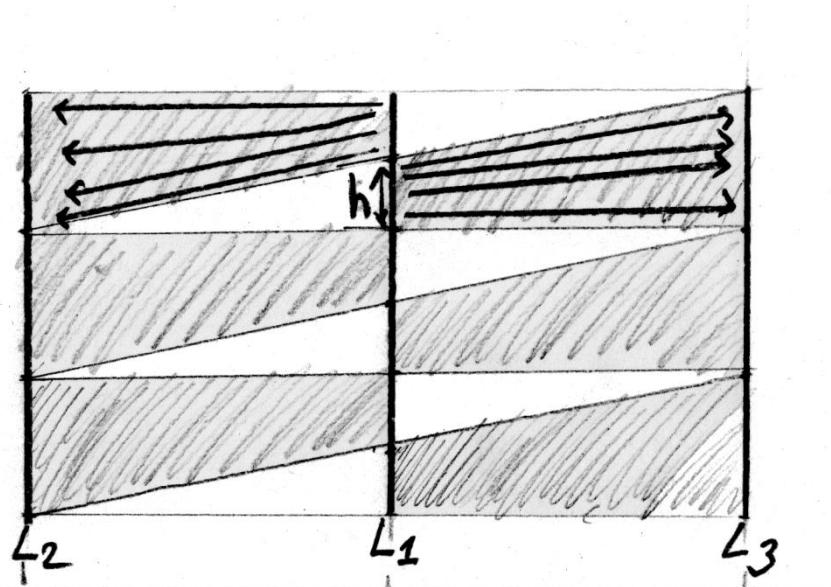


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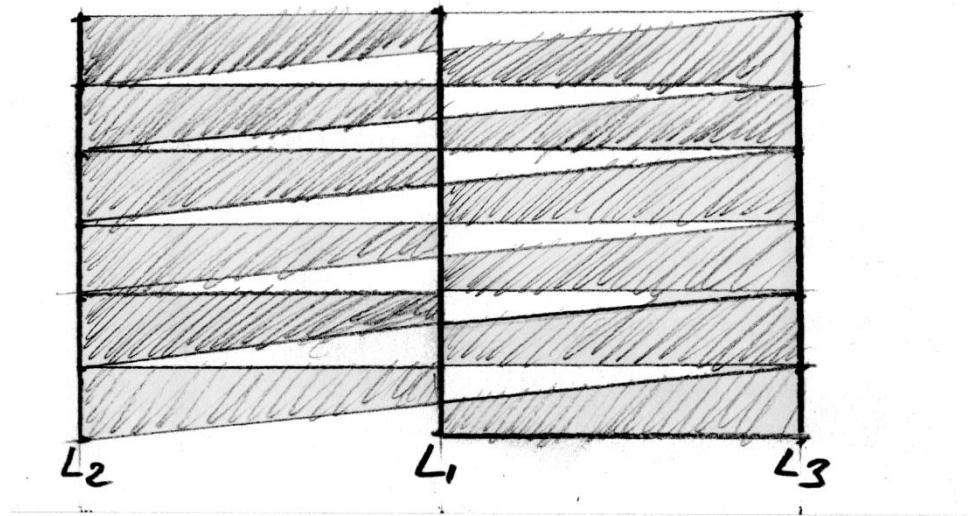


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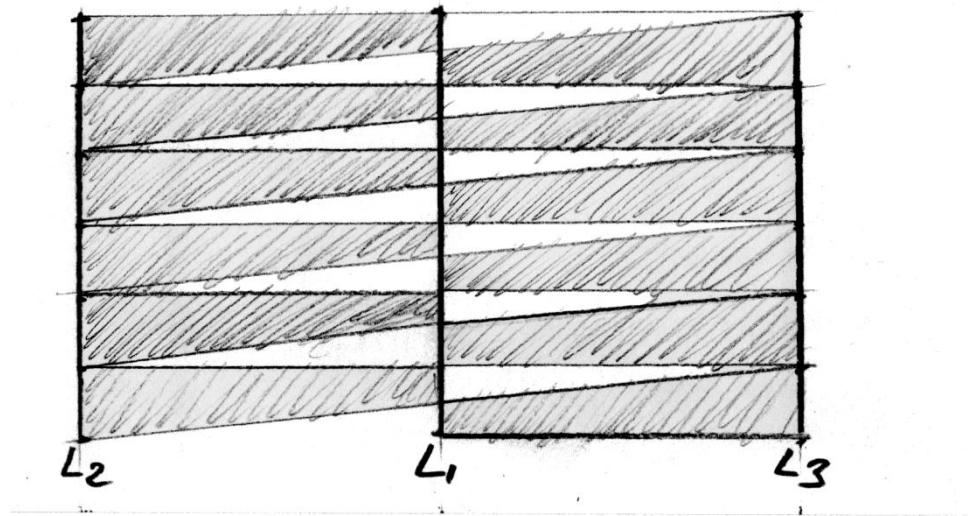


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The infimum is never realized by a map, need for a relaxation

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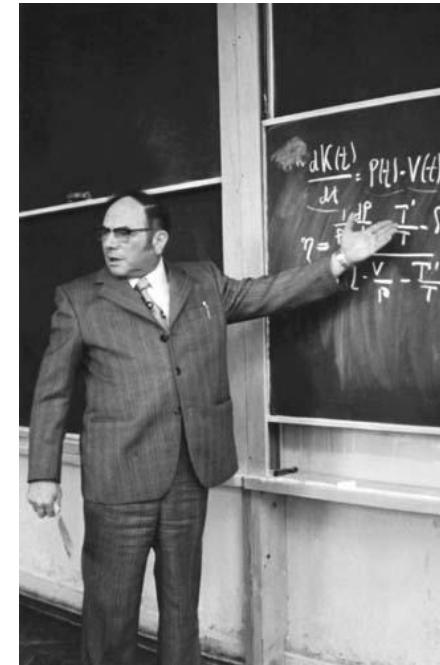
## Kantorovich's problem (1942):

Find a measure  $\gamma$  defined on  $X \times Y$

such that  $\int_{X \text{ in } X} d\gamma(x,y) = dv(y)$

and  $\int_{Y \text{ in } Y} d\gamma(x,y) = d\mu(x)$

that minimizes  $\iint_{X \times Y} \|x - y\|^2 d\gamma(x,y)$



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“ $\gamma(x,y)$ ” :  
How much sand goes from  $x$  to  $y$

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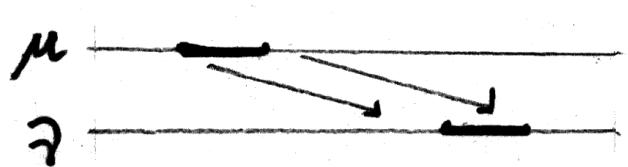
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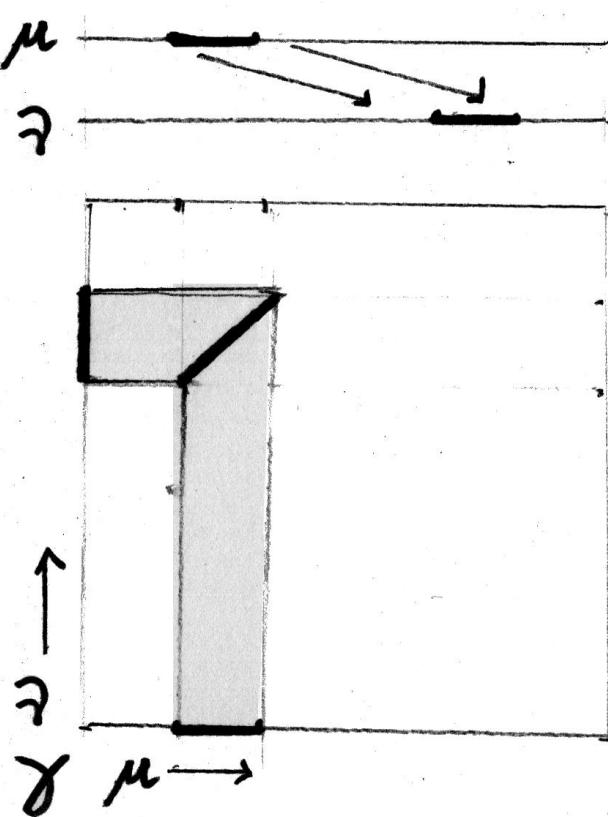
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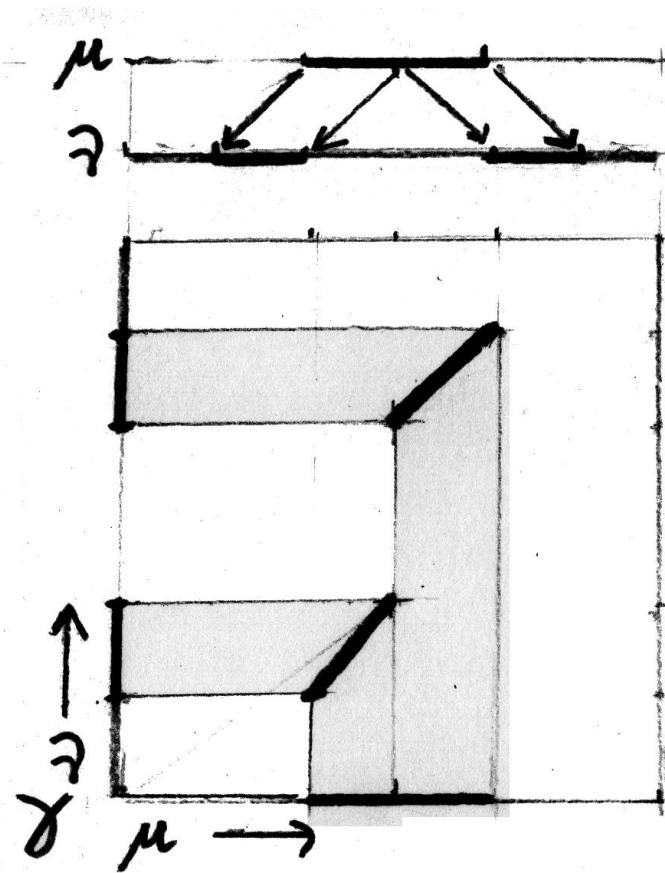
Transport plan – example 1/4 : translation of a segment

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Transport plan – example 2/4 : splitting a segment

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*Proof.*  $(Id \times T)\sharp\mu$  belongs to  $\pi(\mu, \nu)$ , therefore  $(P_2)\sharp(Id \times T)\sharp\mu = \nu$ , or  $((P_2) \circ (Id \times T))\sharp\mu = \nu$ , thus  $T\sharp\mu = \nu$   $\square$

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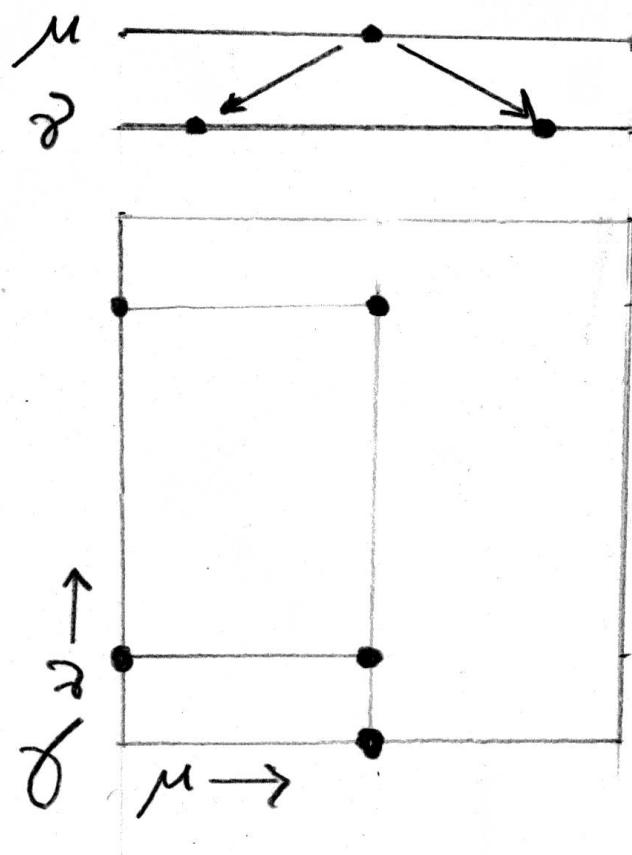
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With this observation, for transport plans of the form  $\gamma = (Id \times T)\sharp\mu$ , (K) becomes

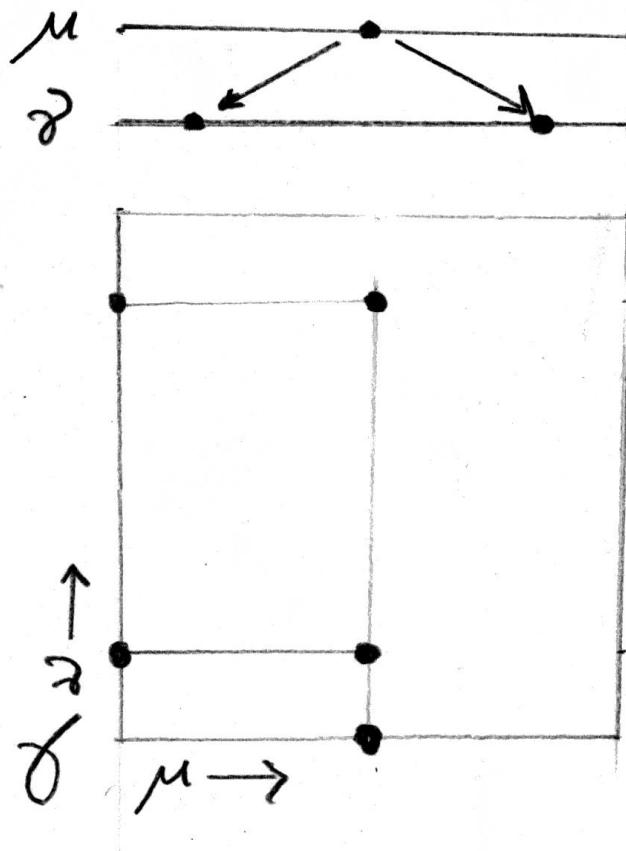
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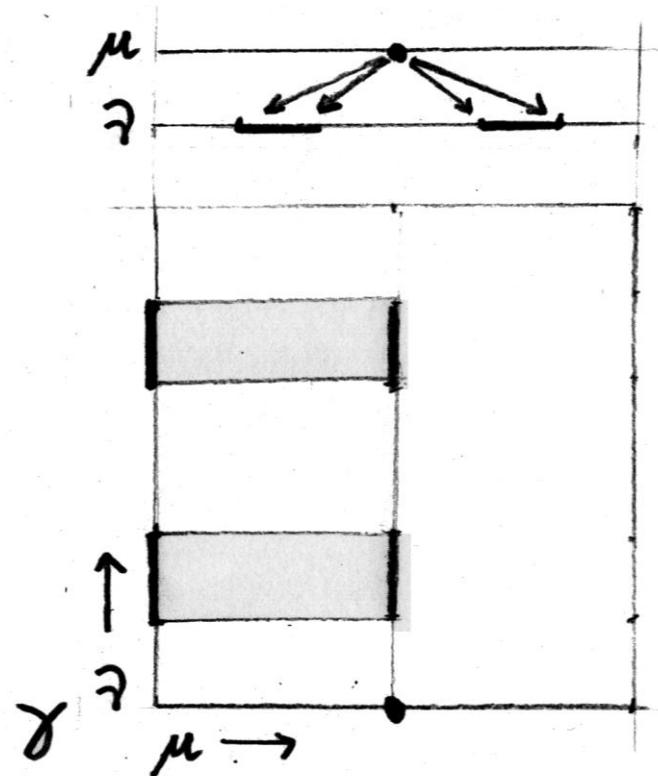
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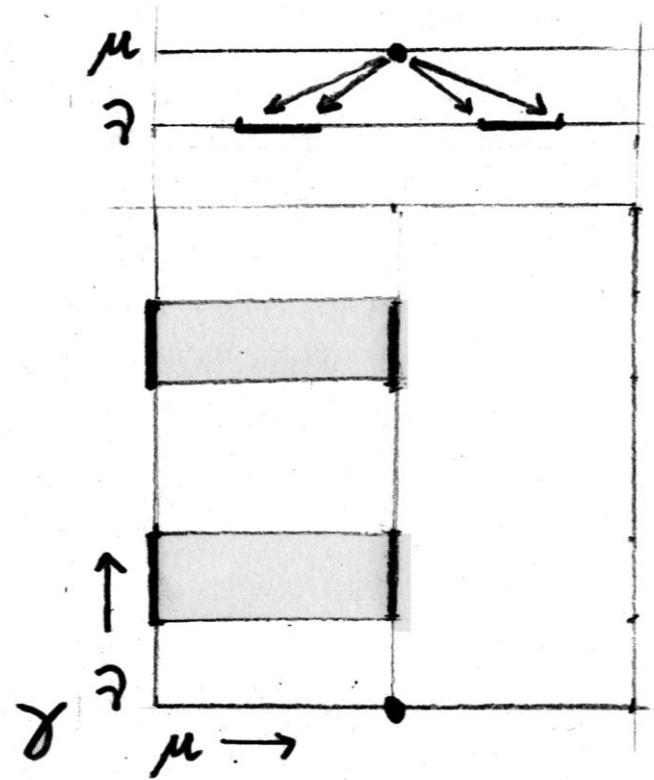
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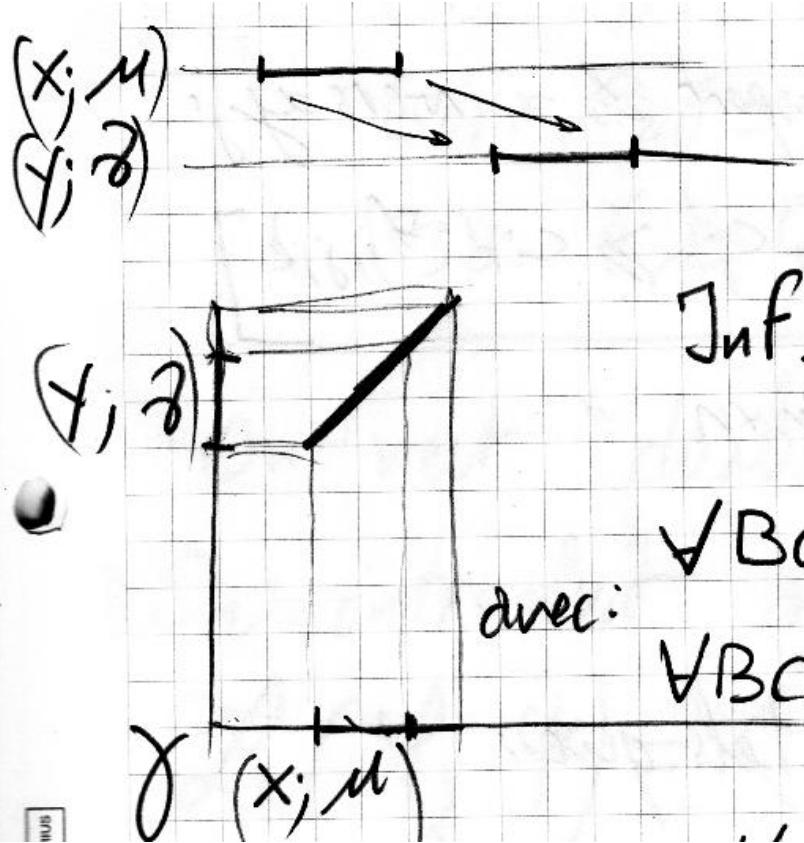
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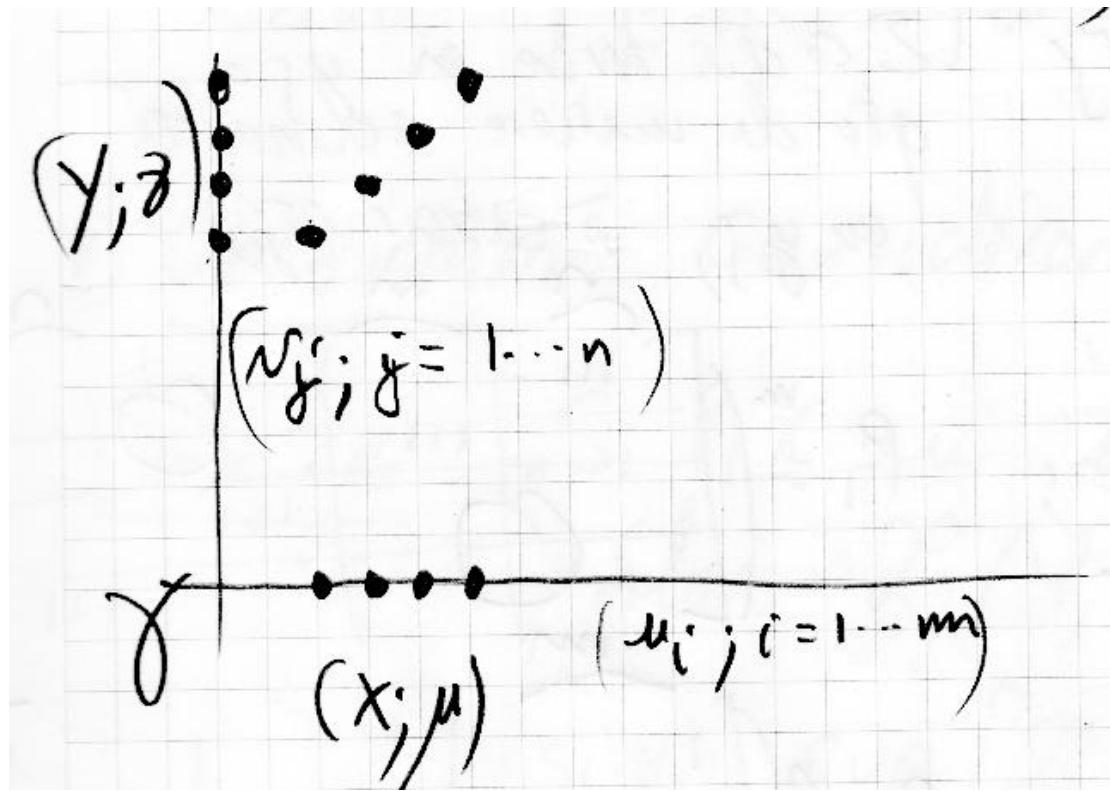


$$\inf_{\gamma} \int_{X \times Y} c(x, y) d\gamma$$

avec:  $\sqrt{B} \subset X, \int_B d\mu = \int_{B \times Y} d\gamma \quad (\rho_1 \# \delta = \mu)$

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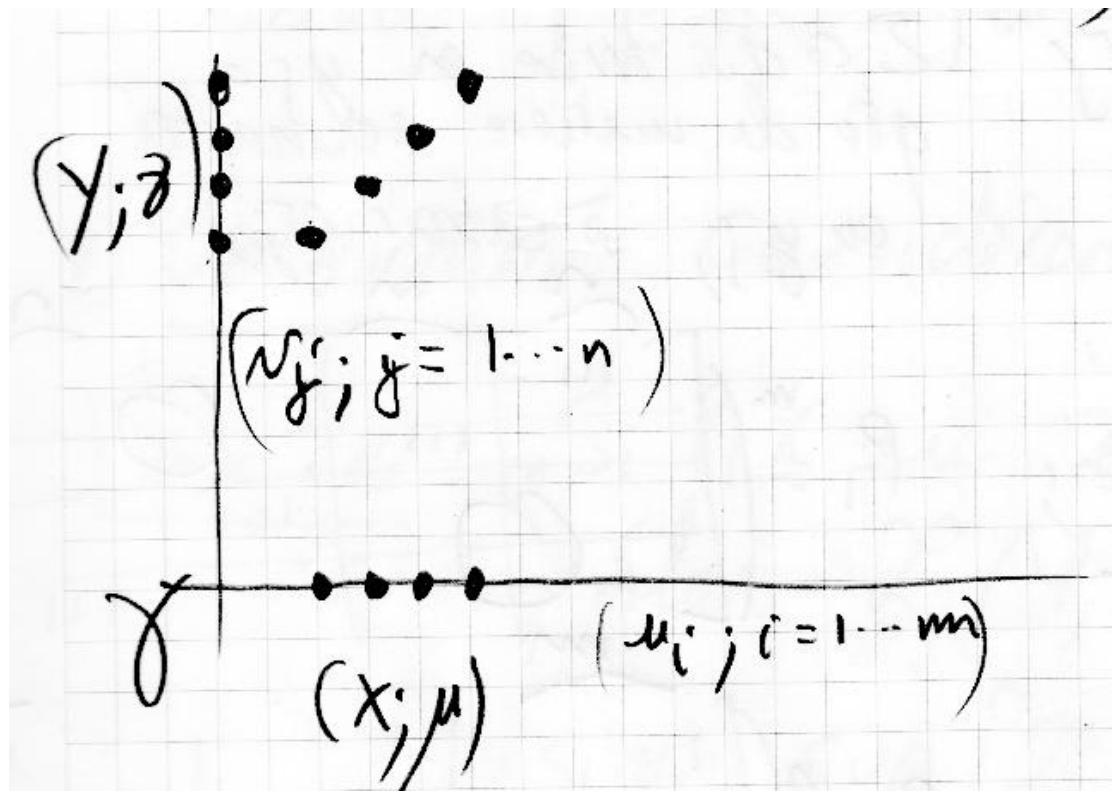


Duality is easier to understand with a discrete version  
Then we'll go back to the continuous setting.

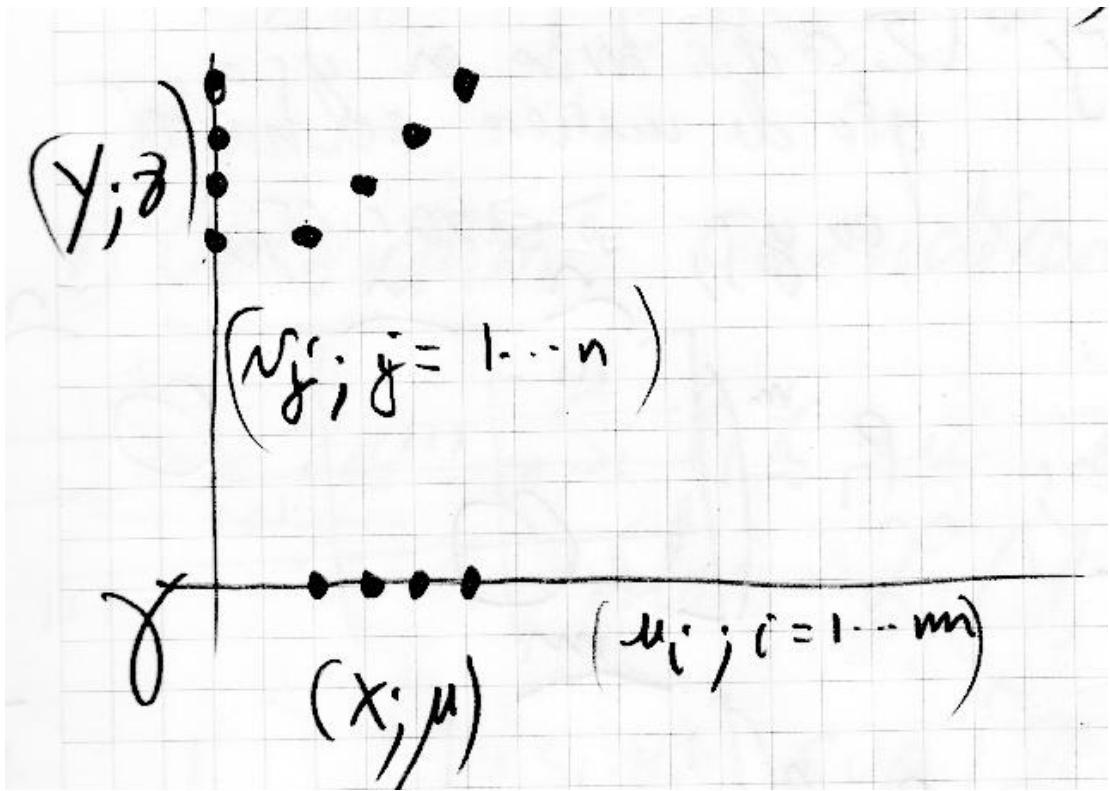
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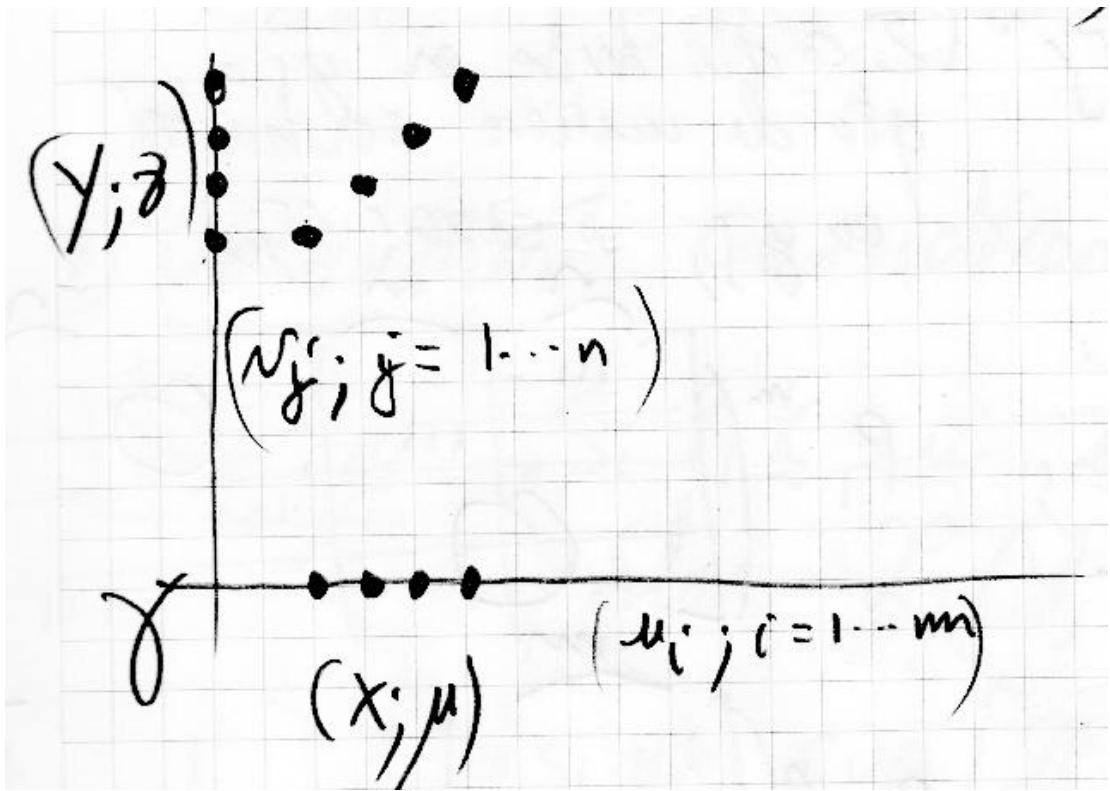
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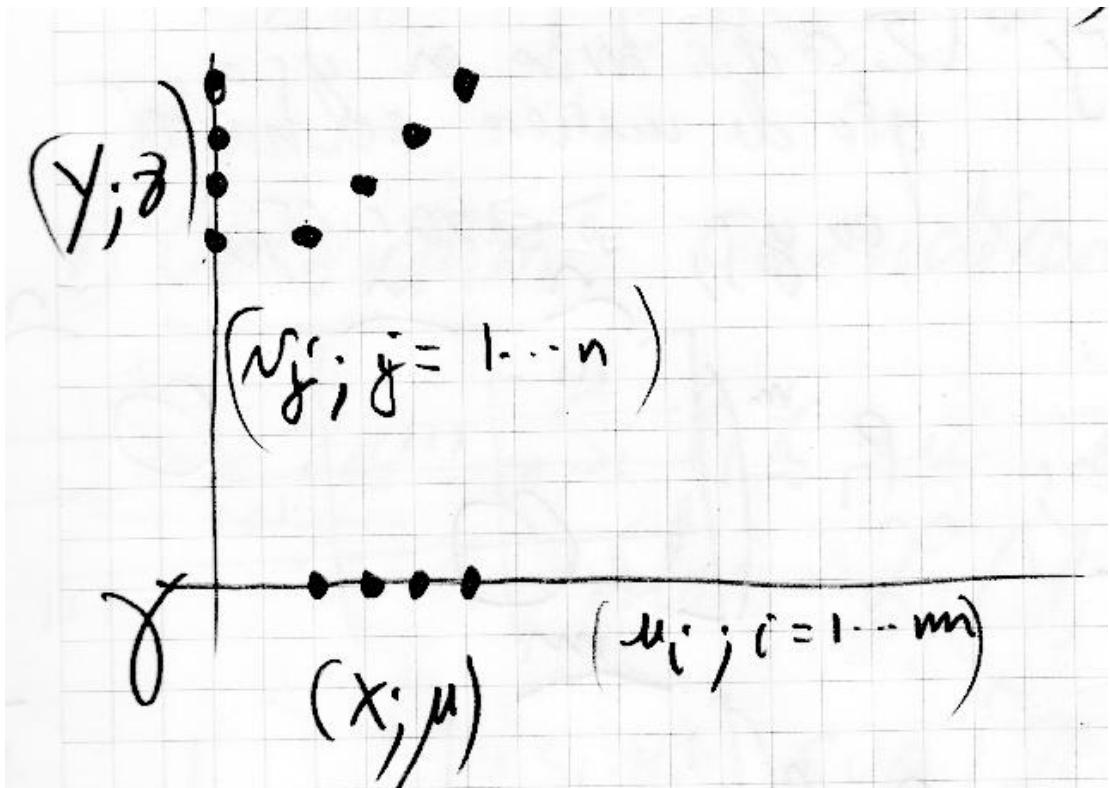
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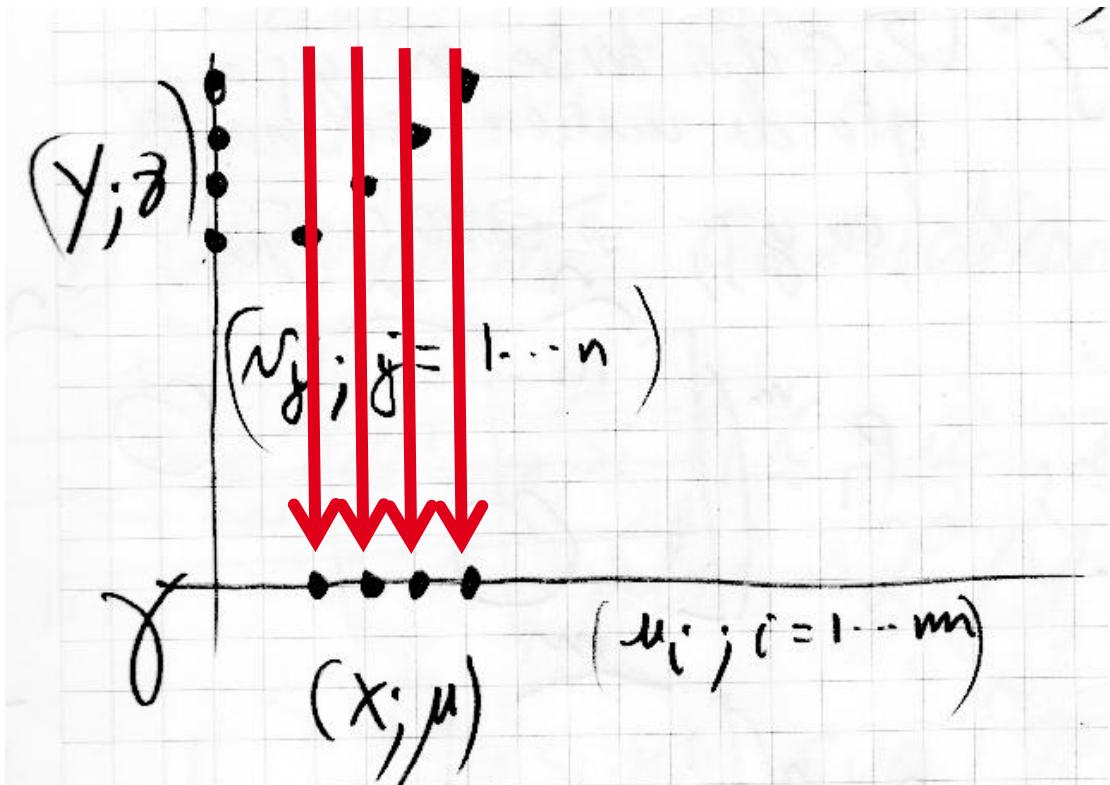
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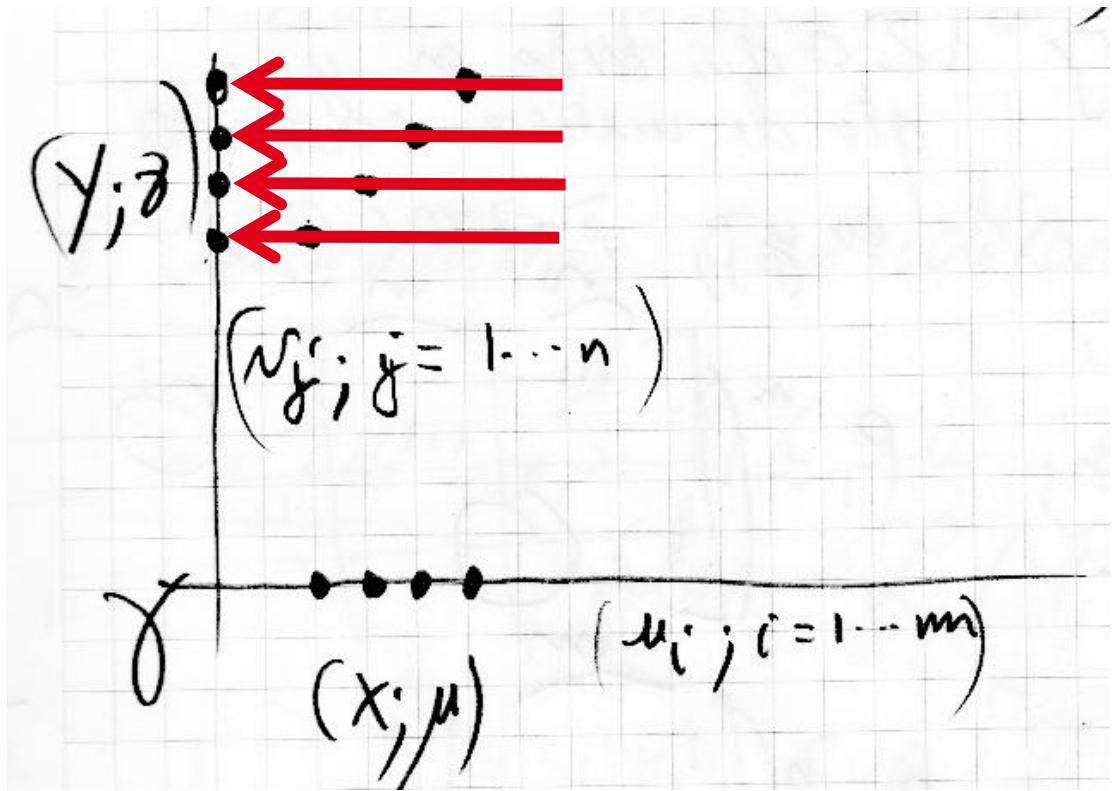
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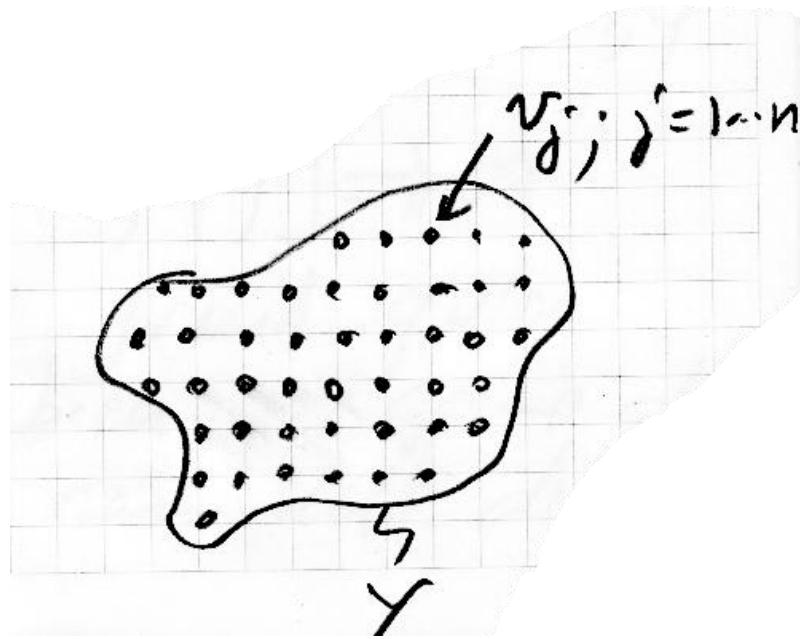
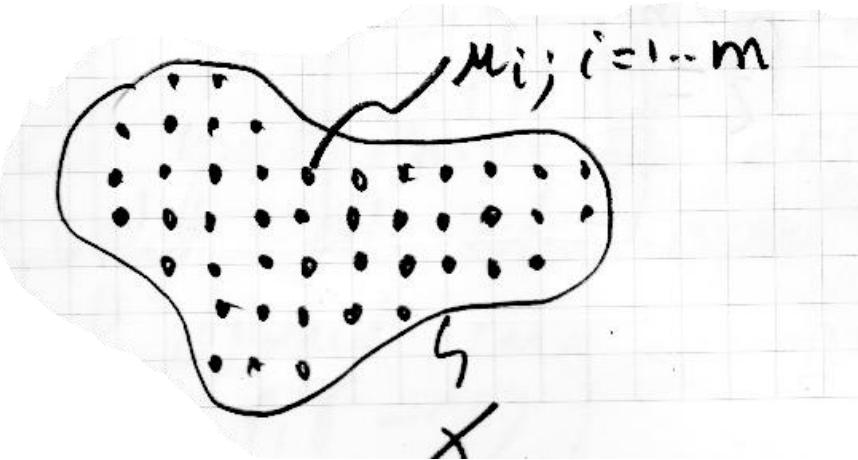
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# Part. 2 Optimal Transport – Kantorovich dual

## Kantorovich's problem:

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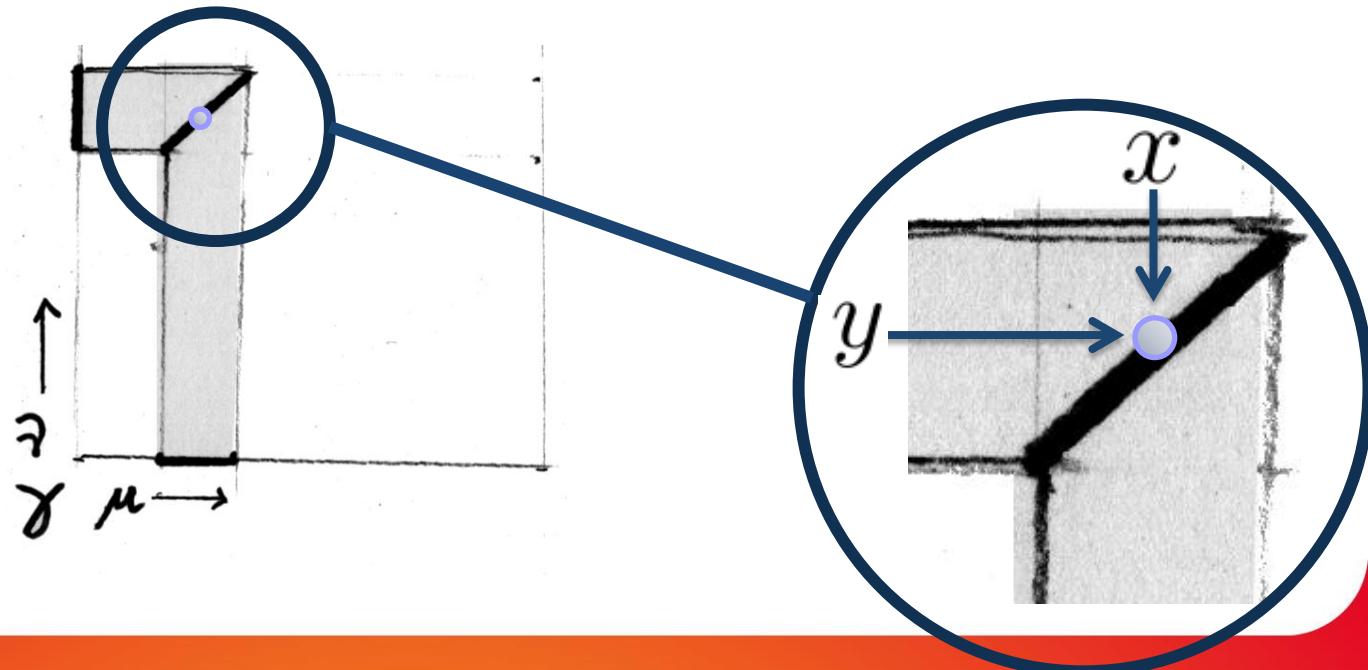
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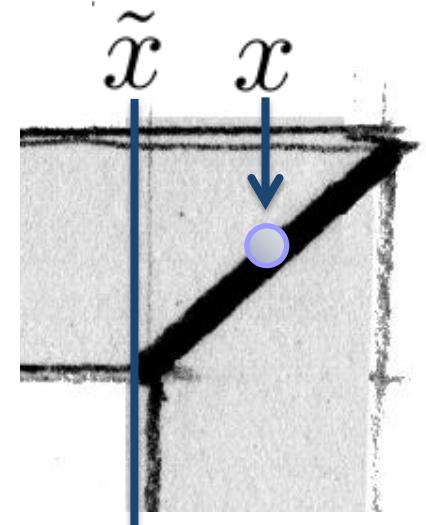
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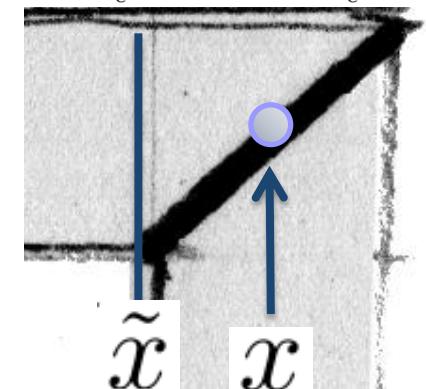
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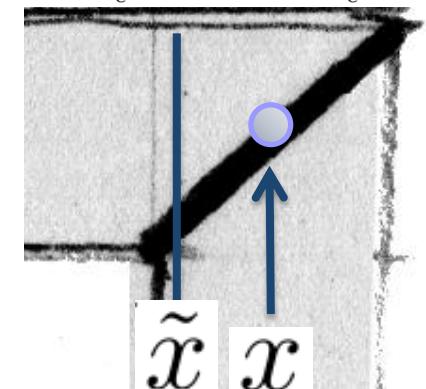
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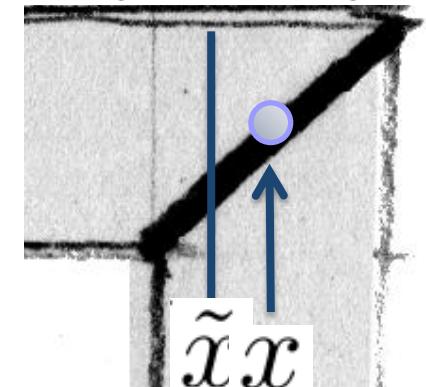
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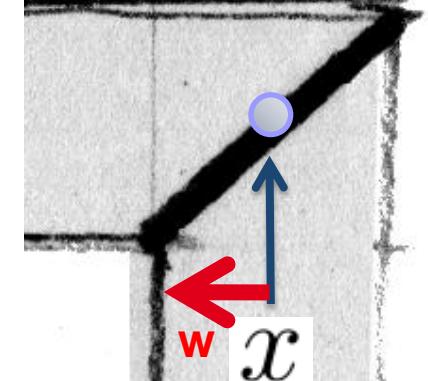
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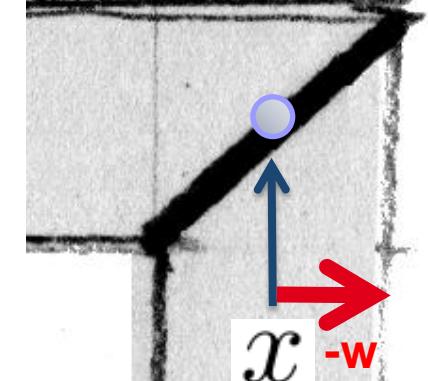
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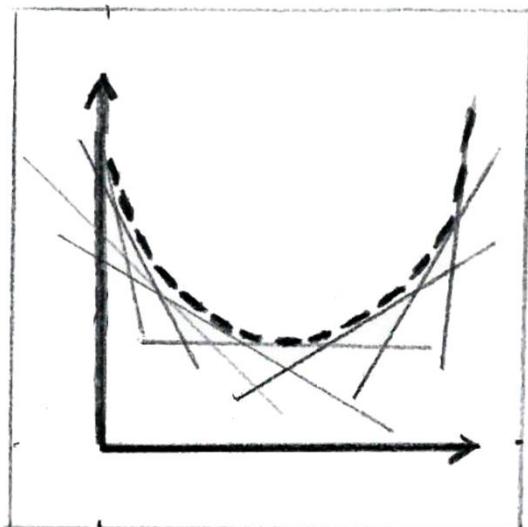
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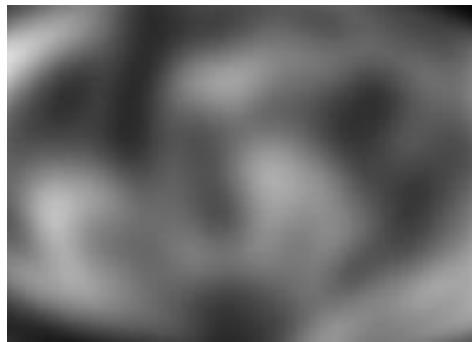
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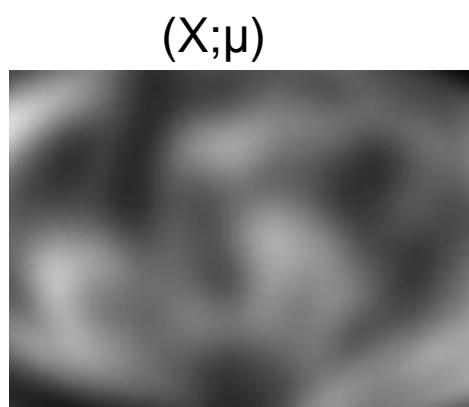


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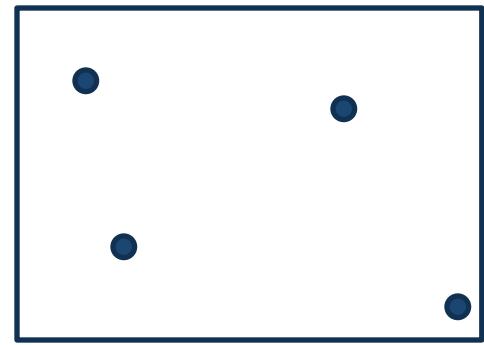


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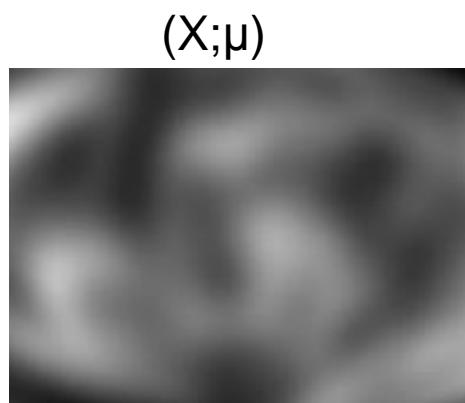


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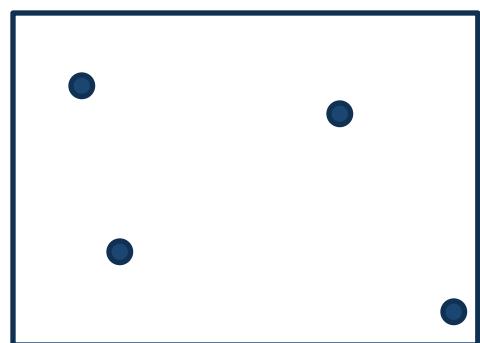
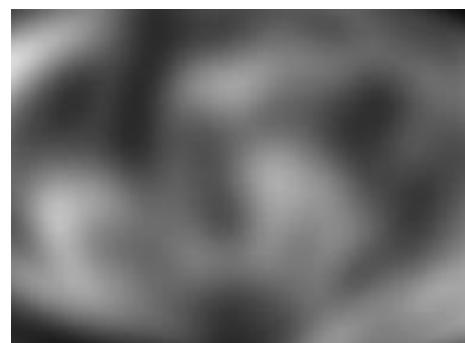
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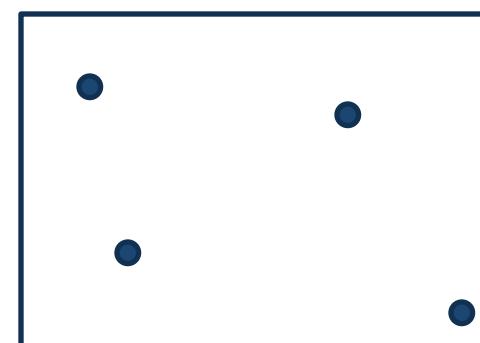
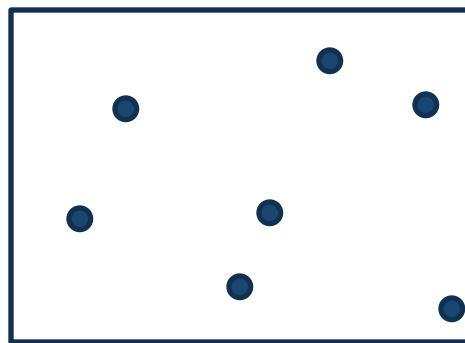
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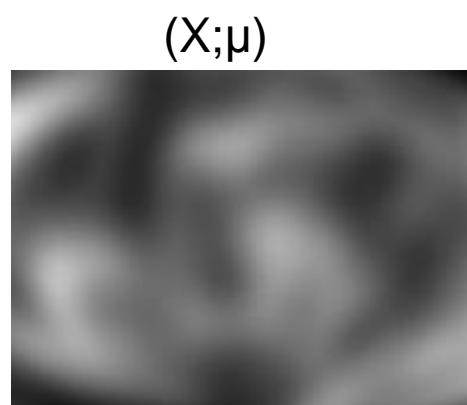


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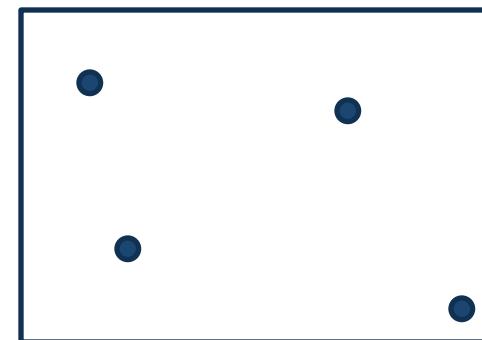
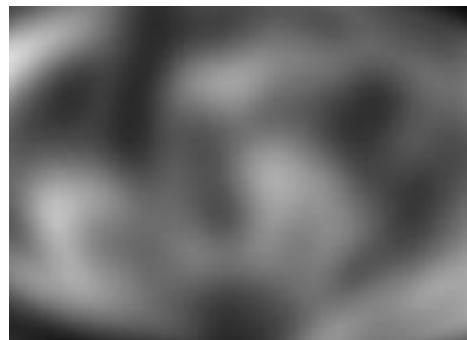
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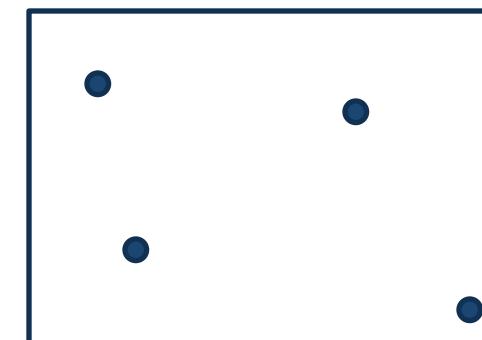
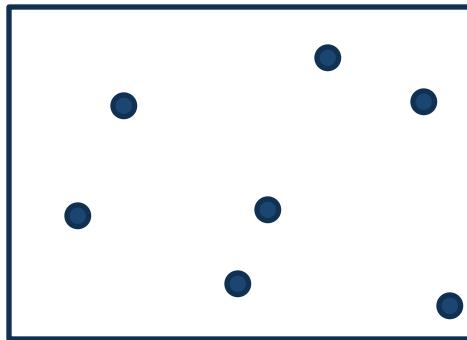
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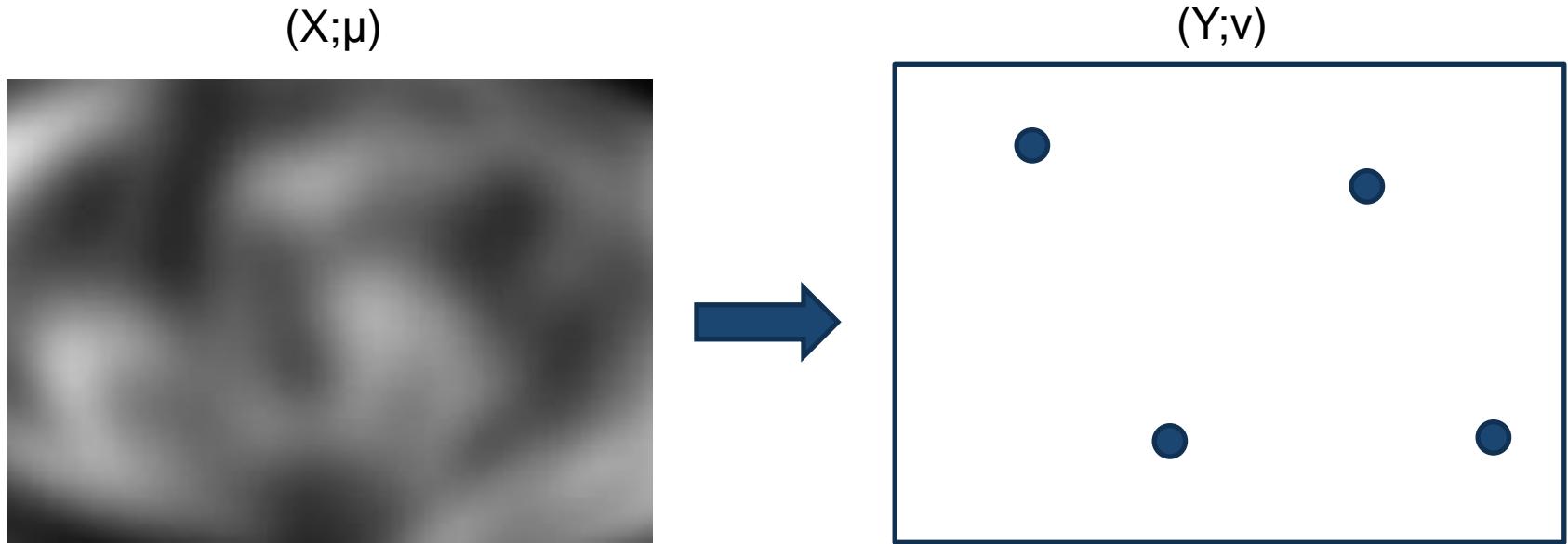
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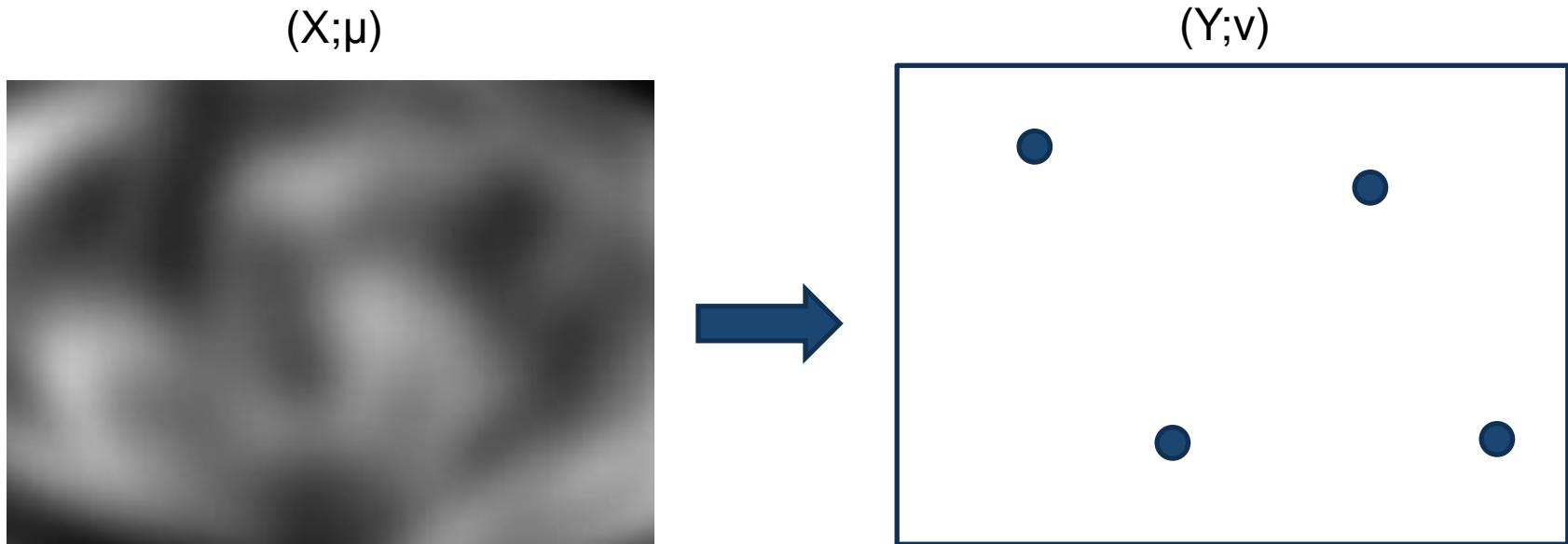


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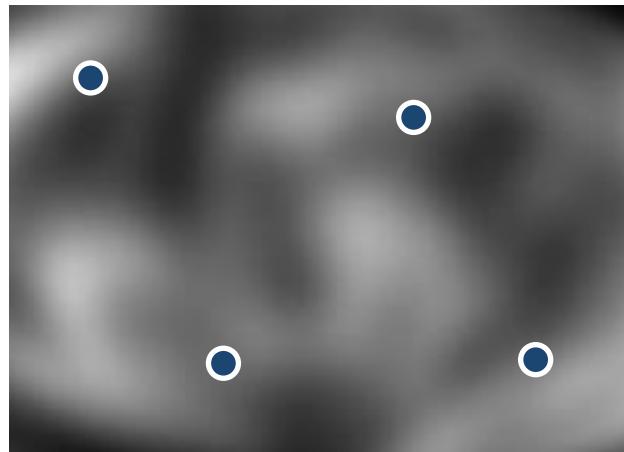


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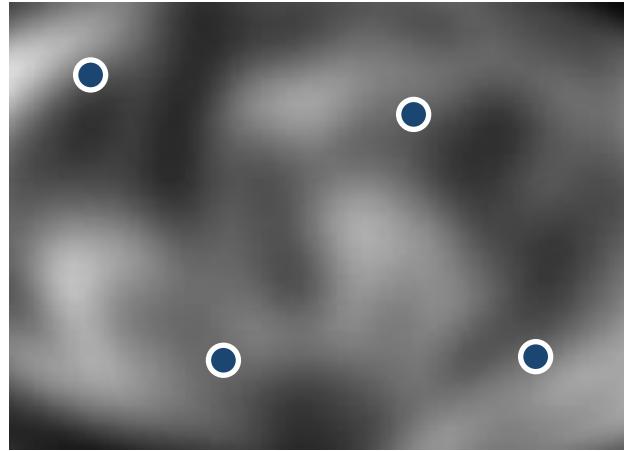


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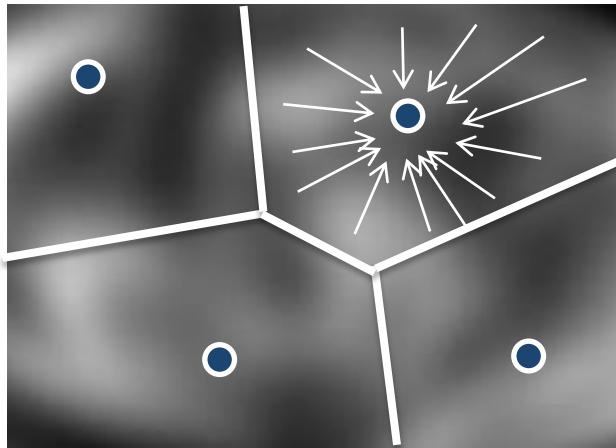
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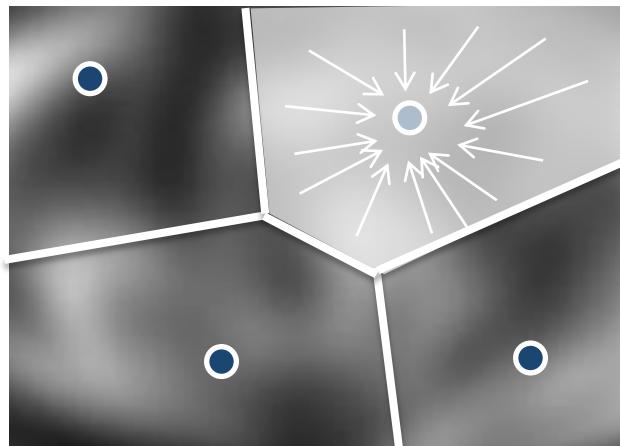
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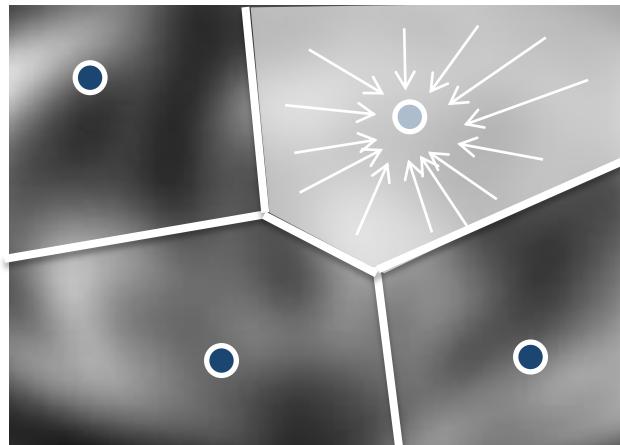
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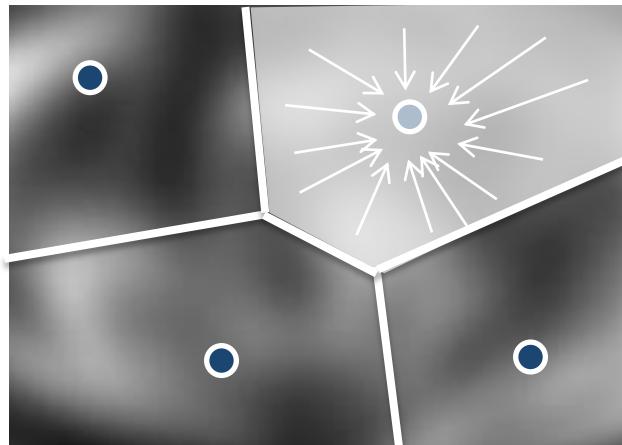
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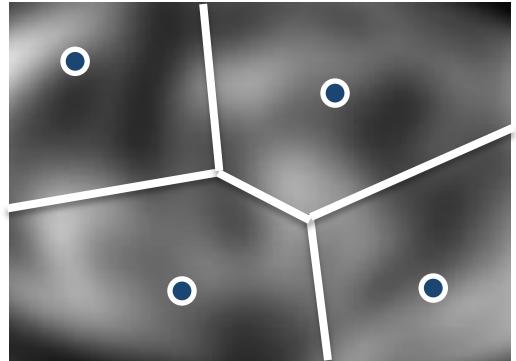
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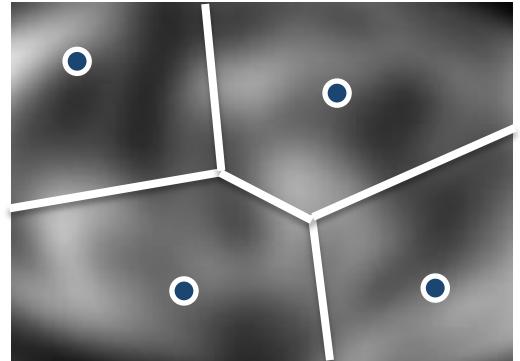


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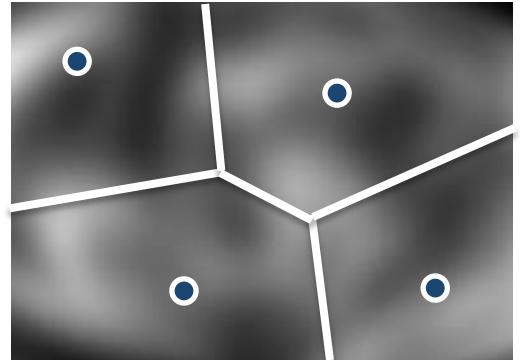
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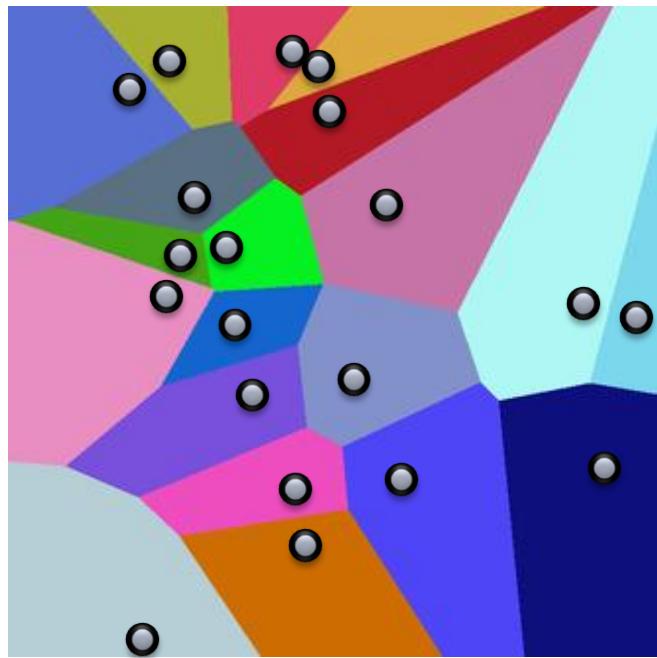
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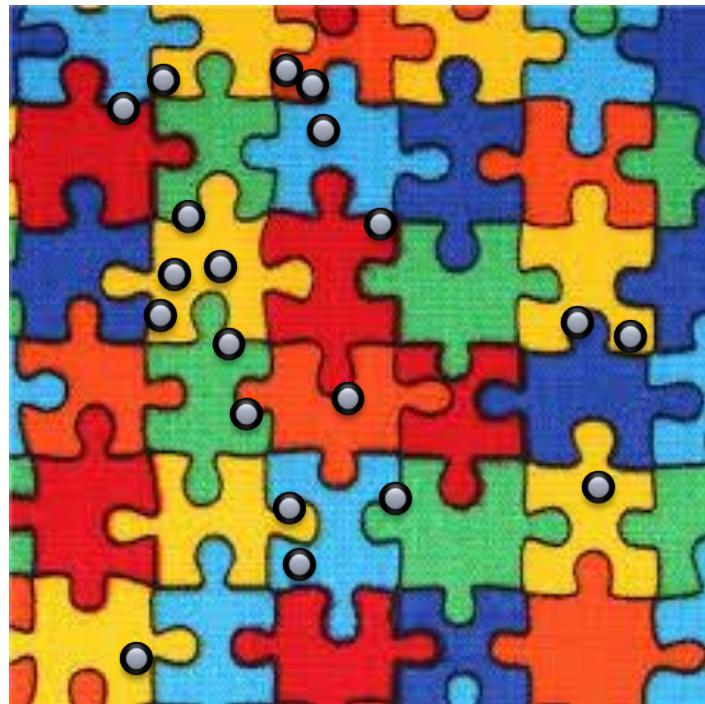
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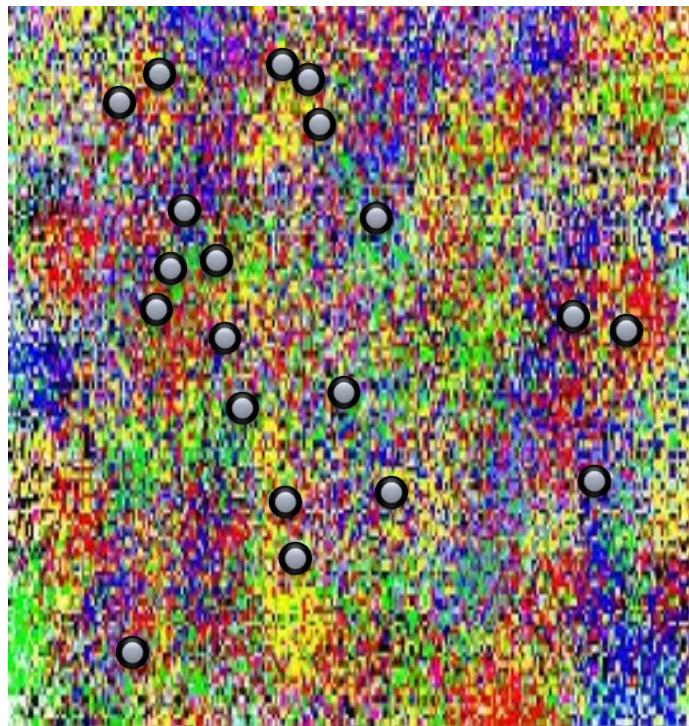
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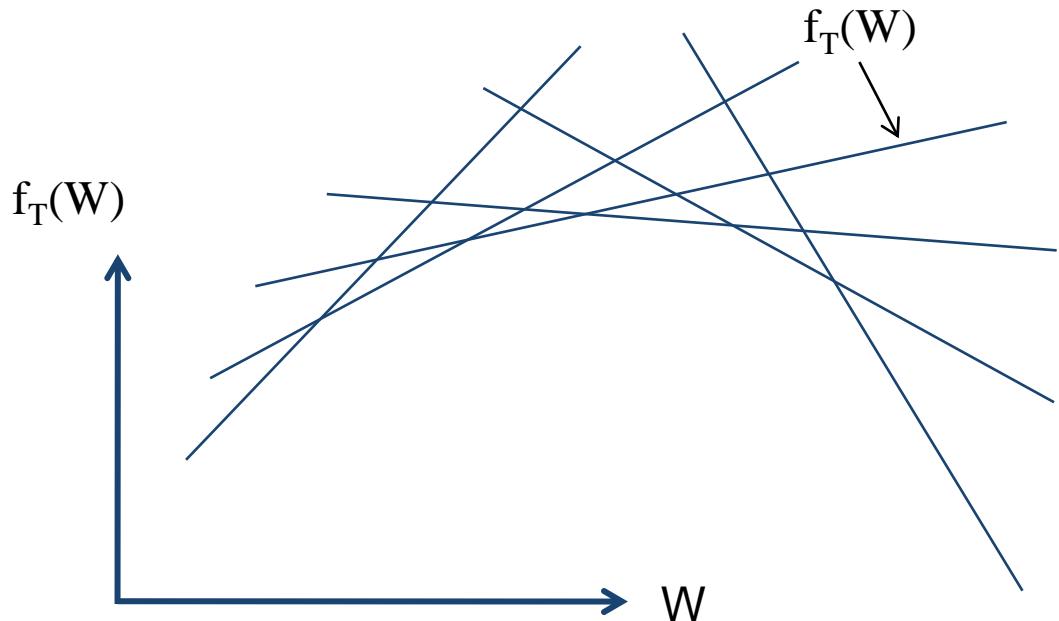


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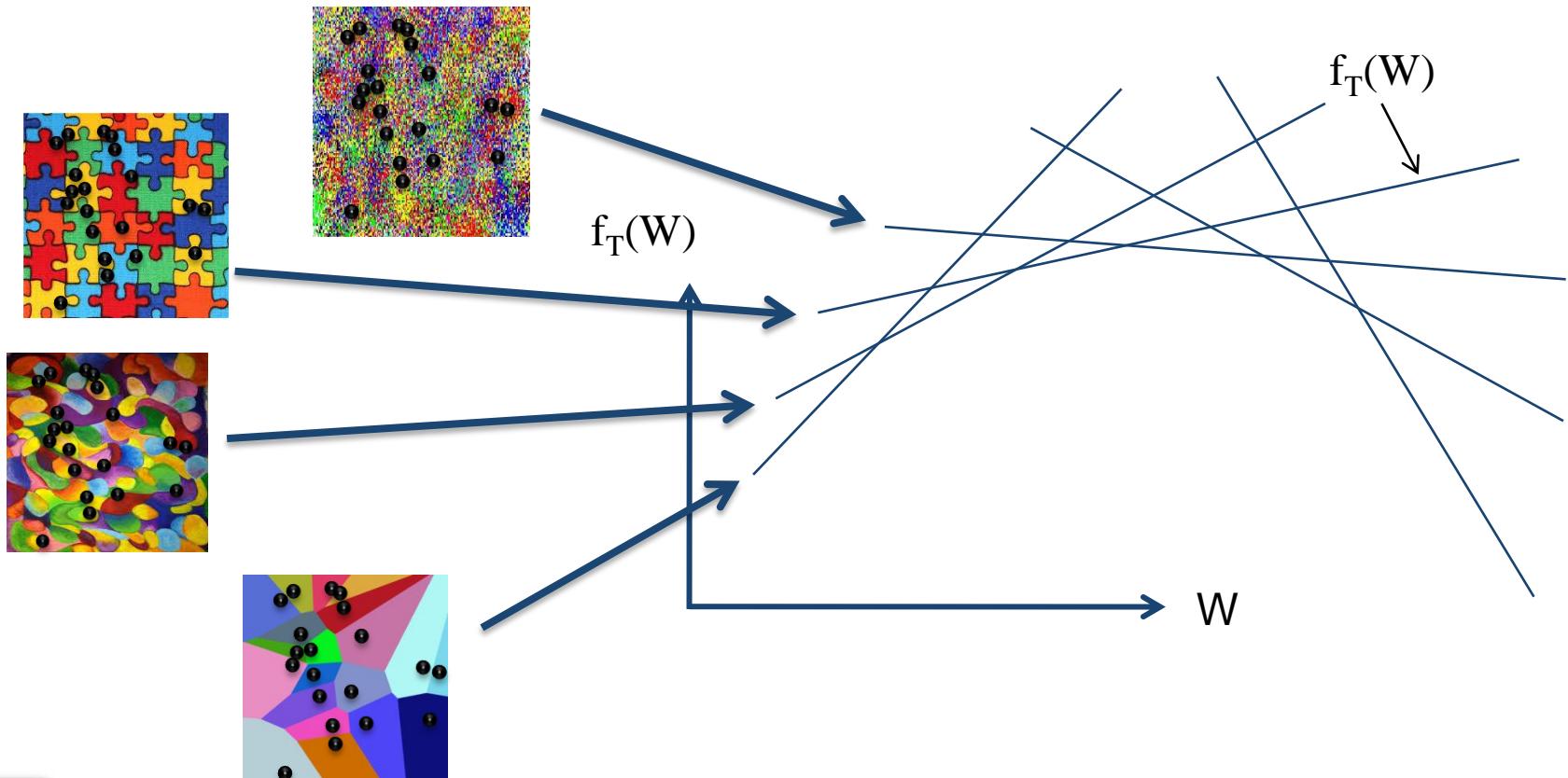


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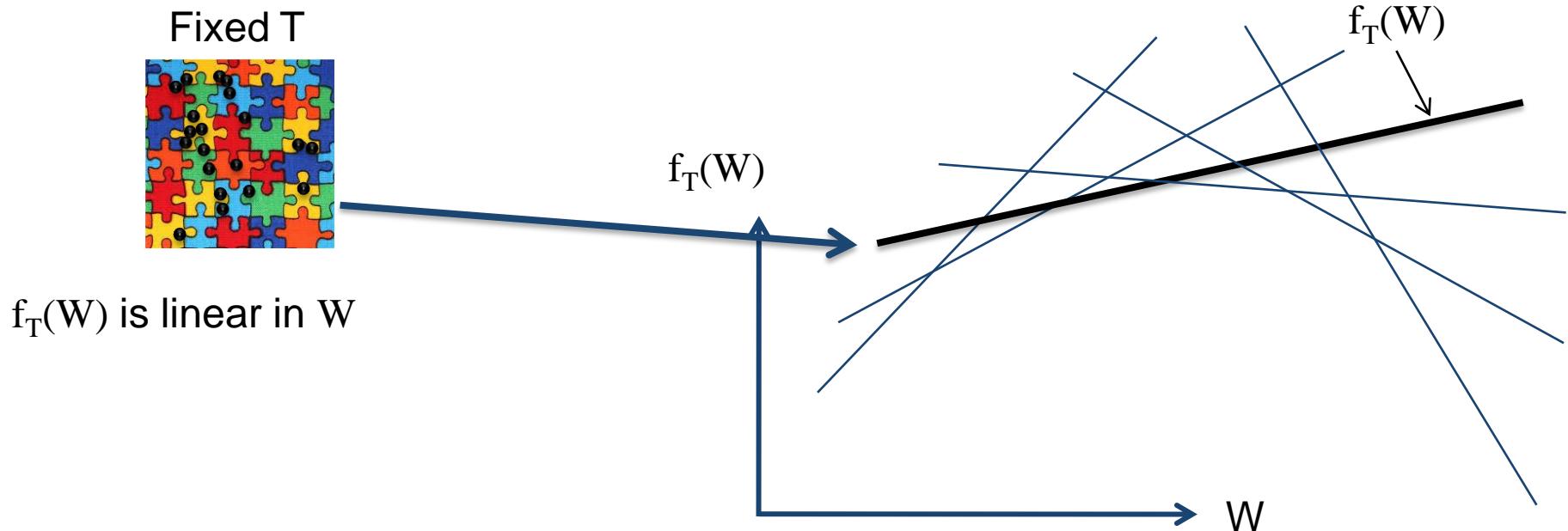
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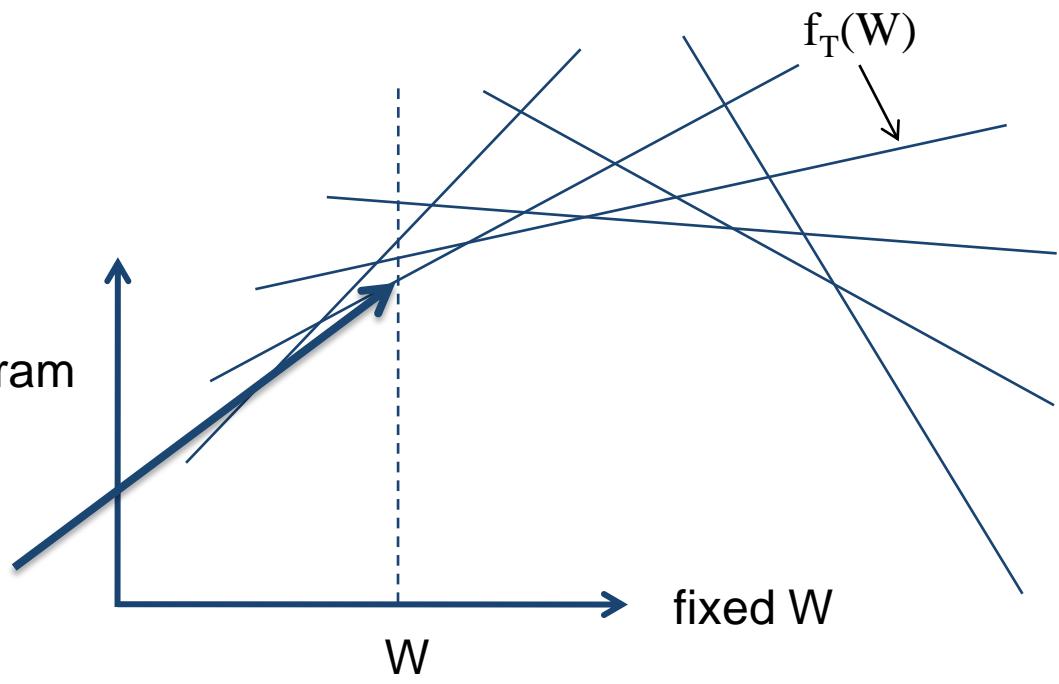
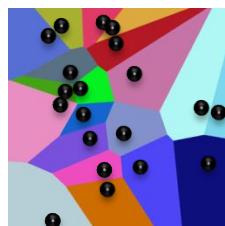
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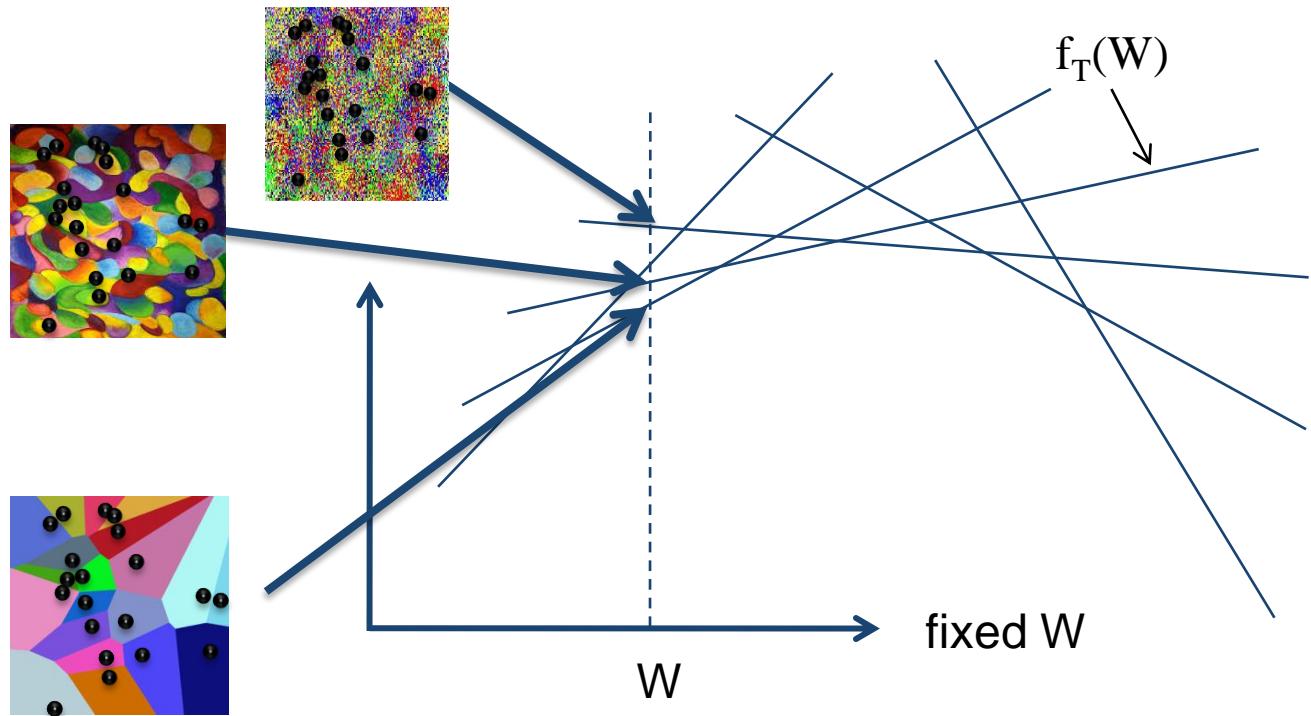
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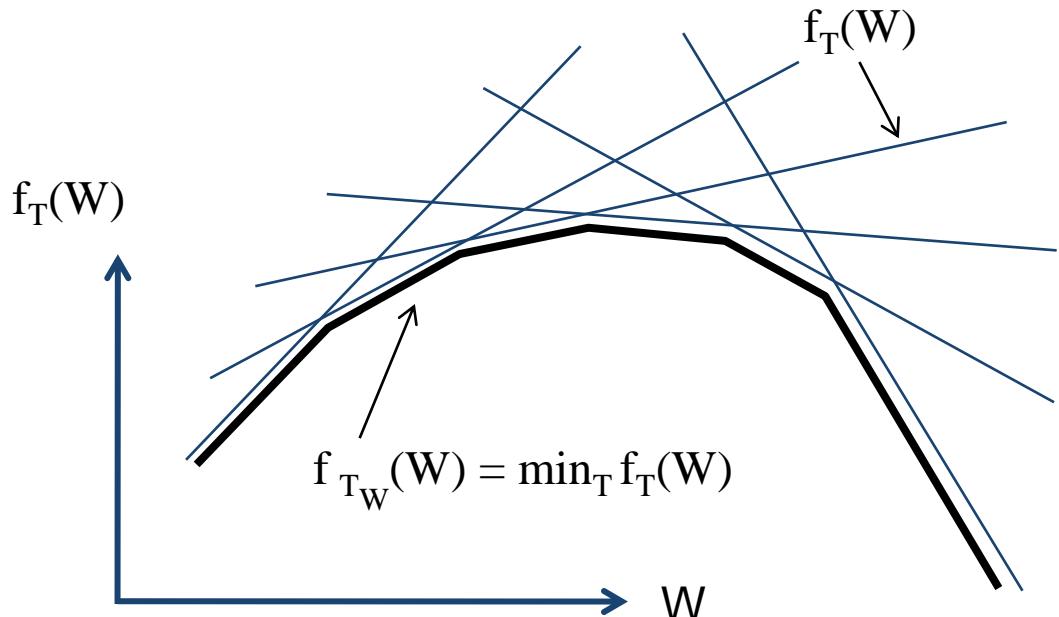
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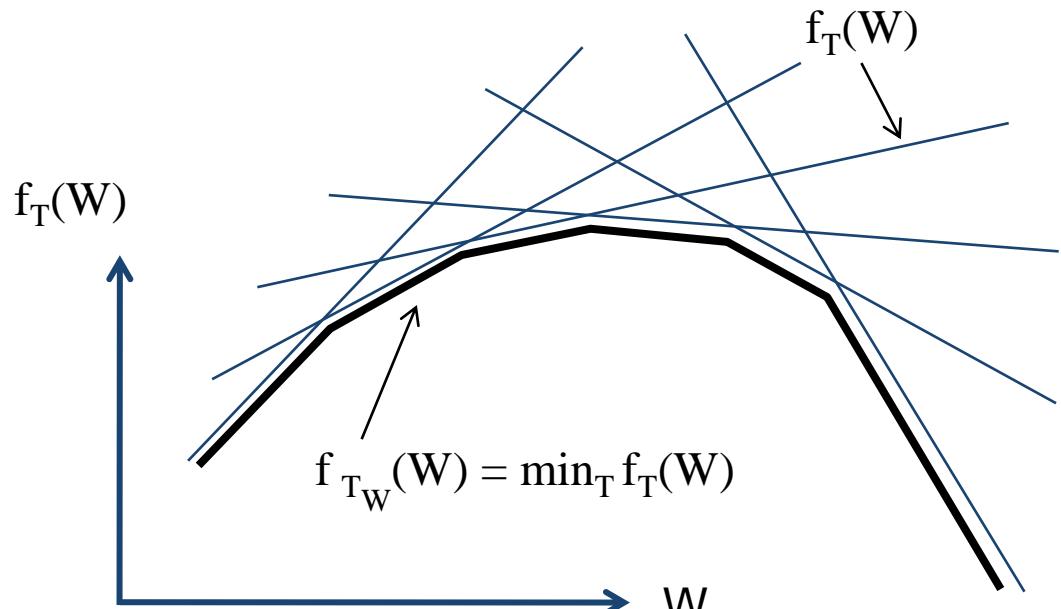
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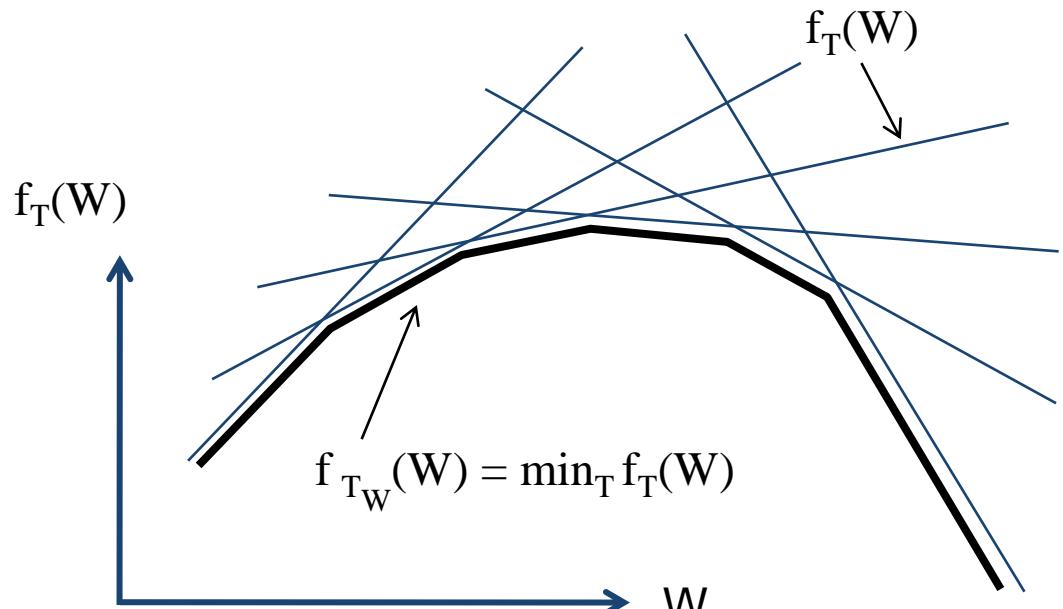
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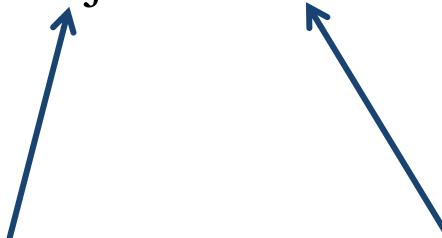
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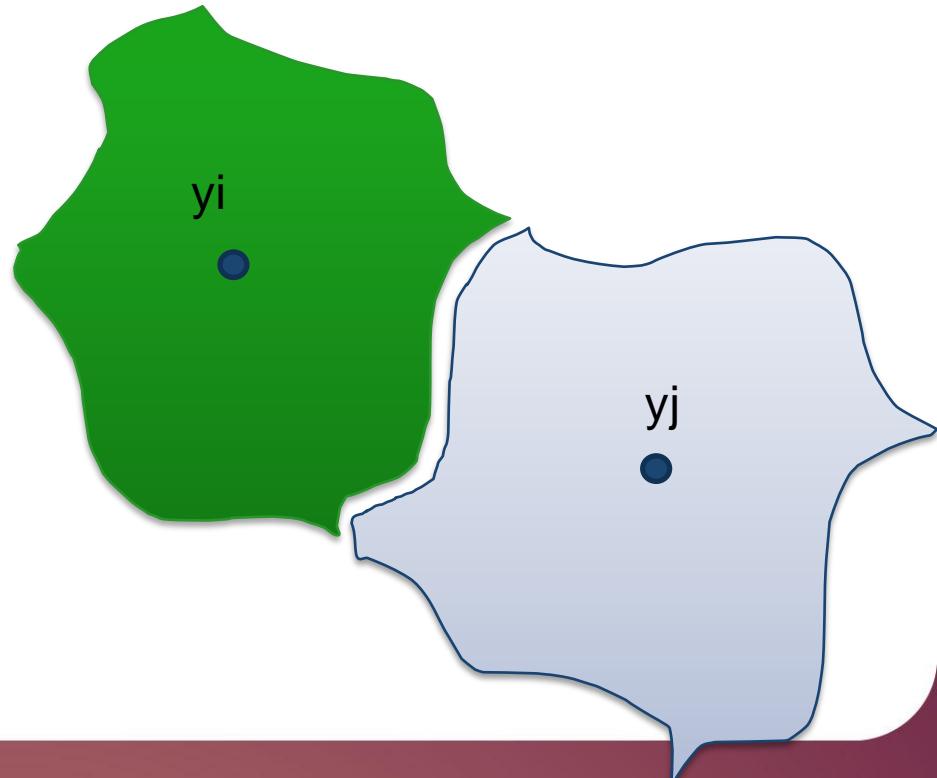
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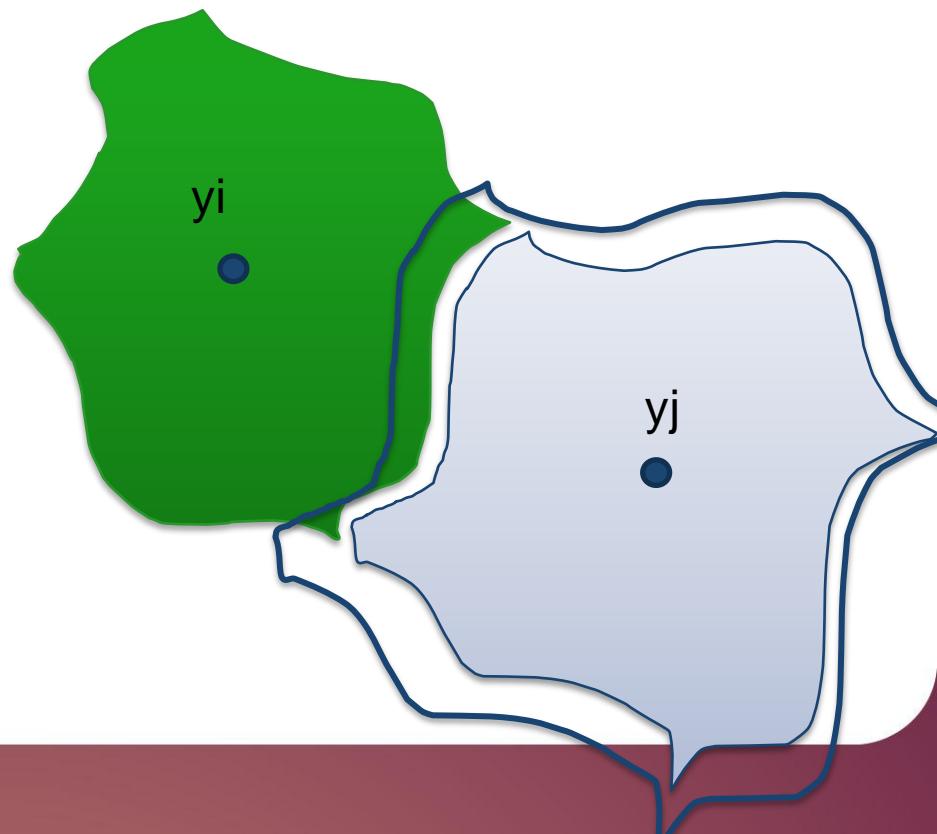


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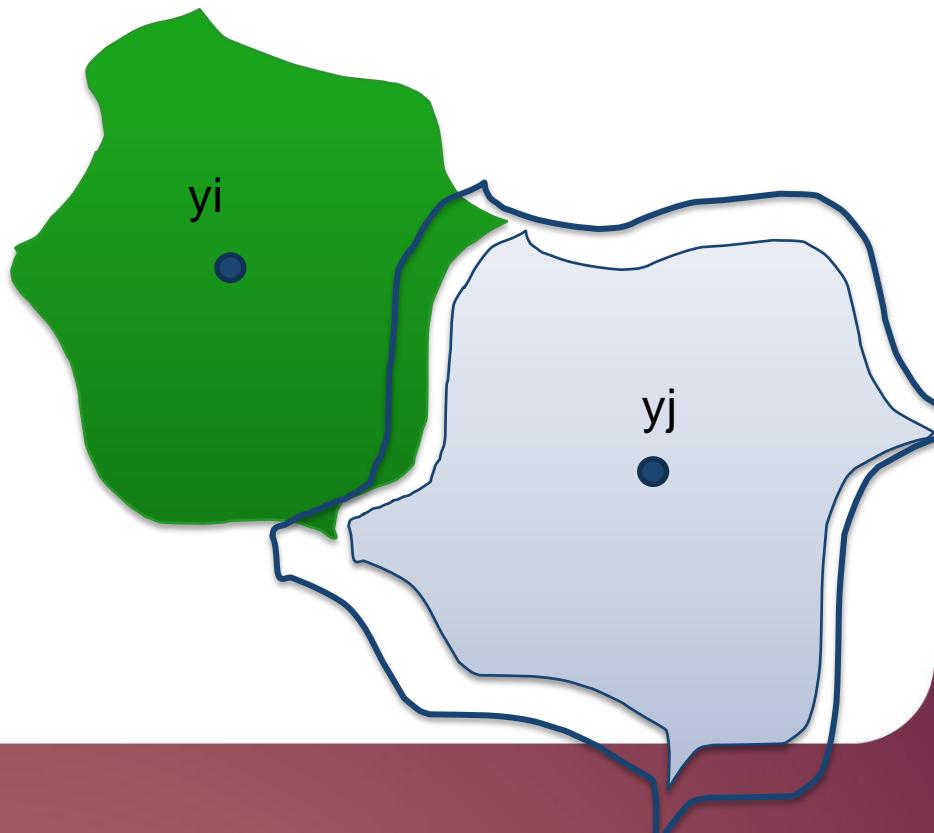
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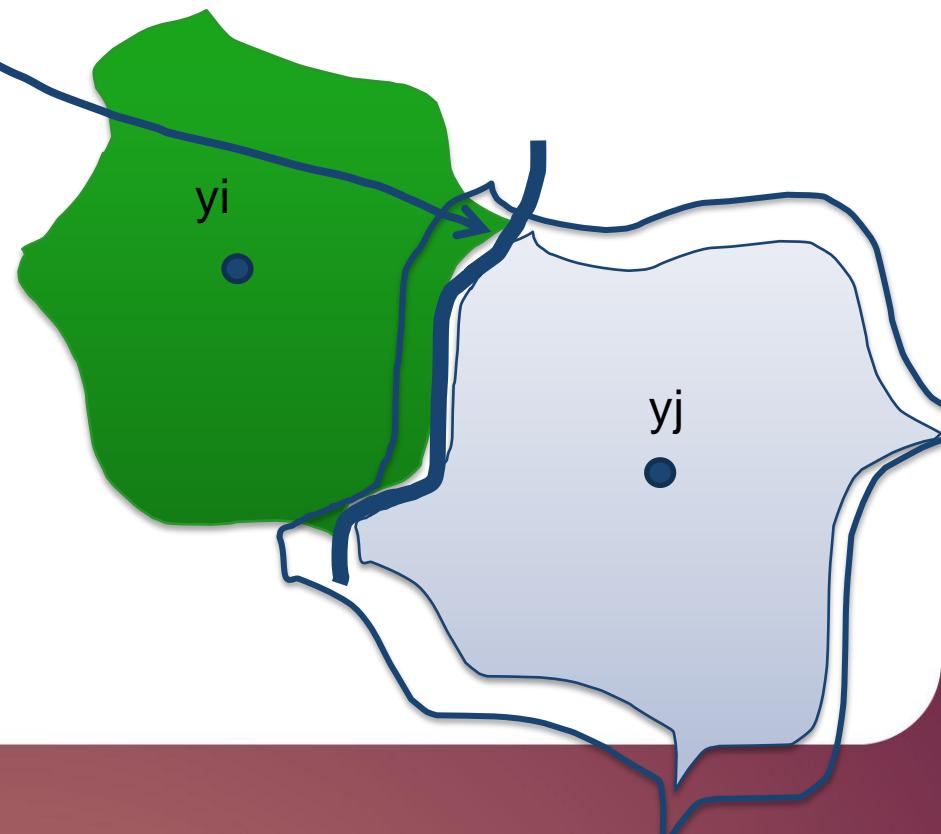


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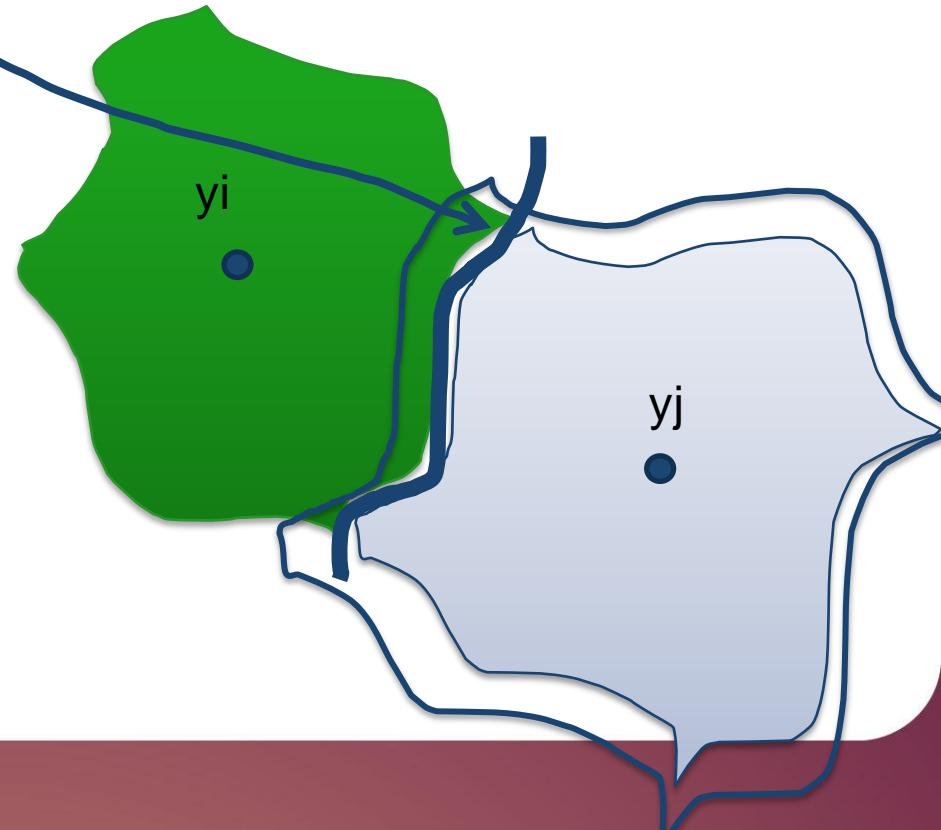
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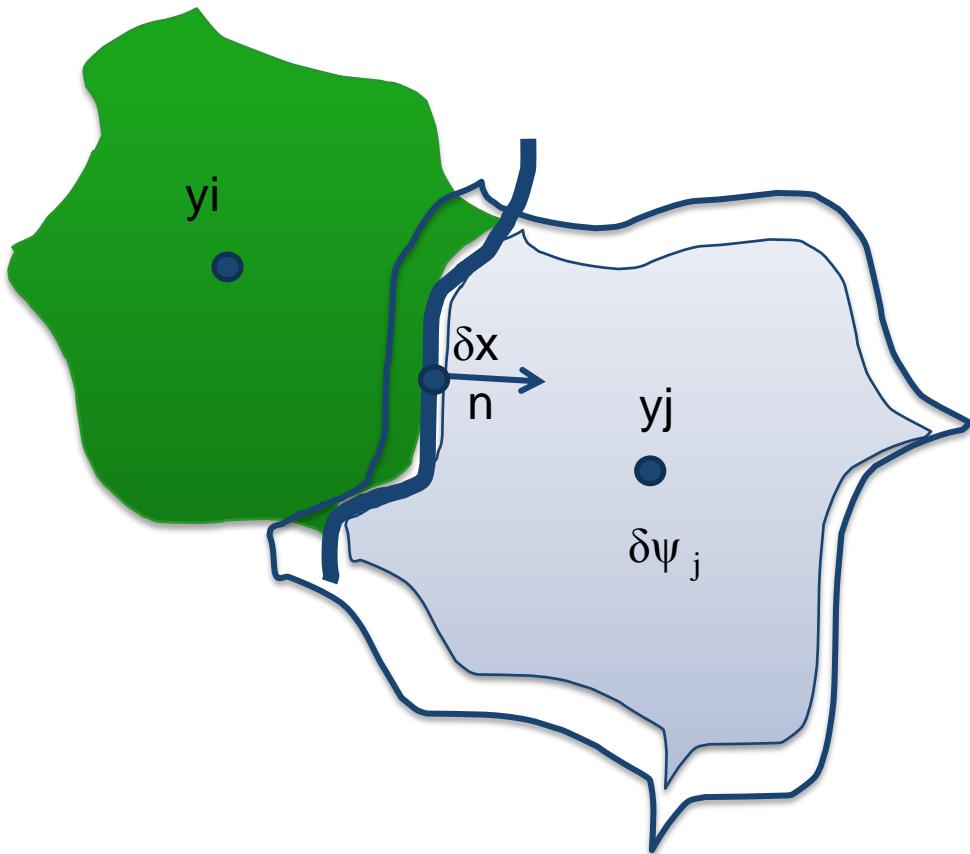
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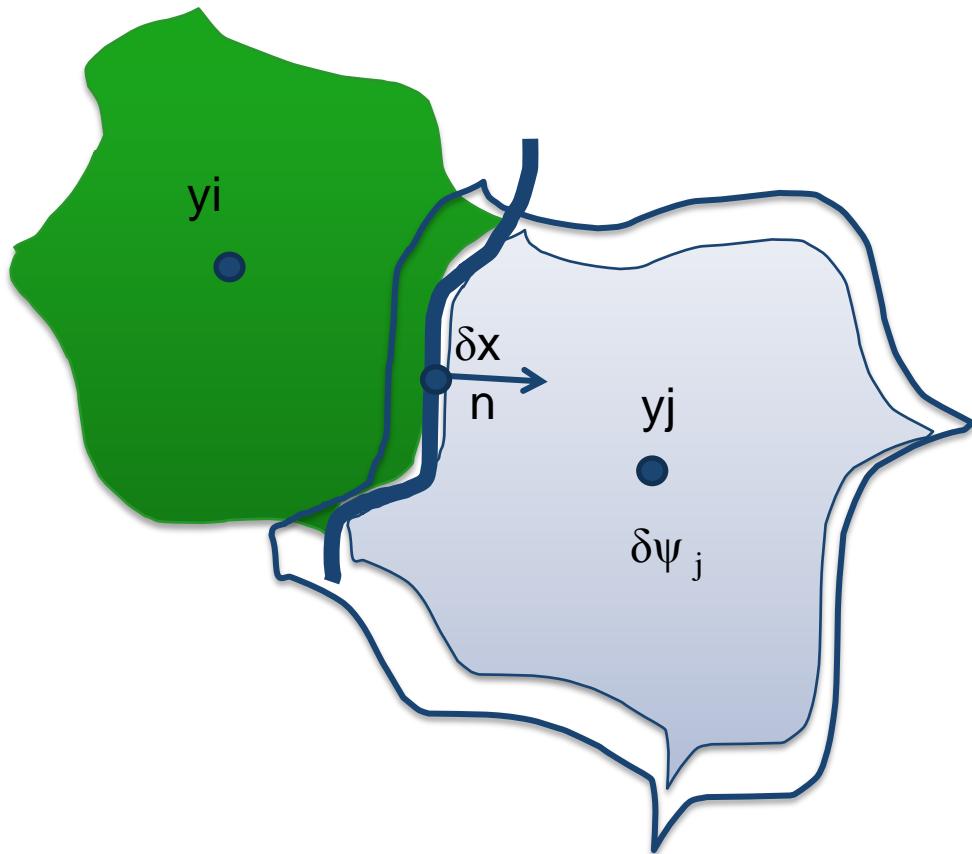
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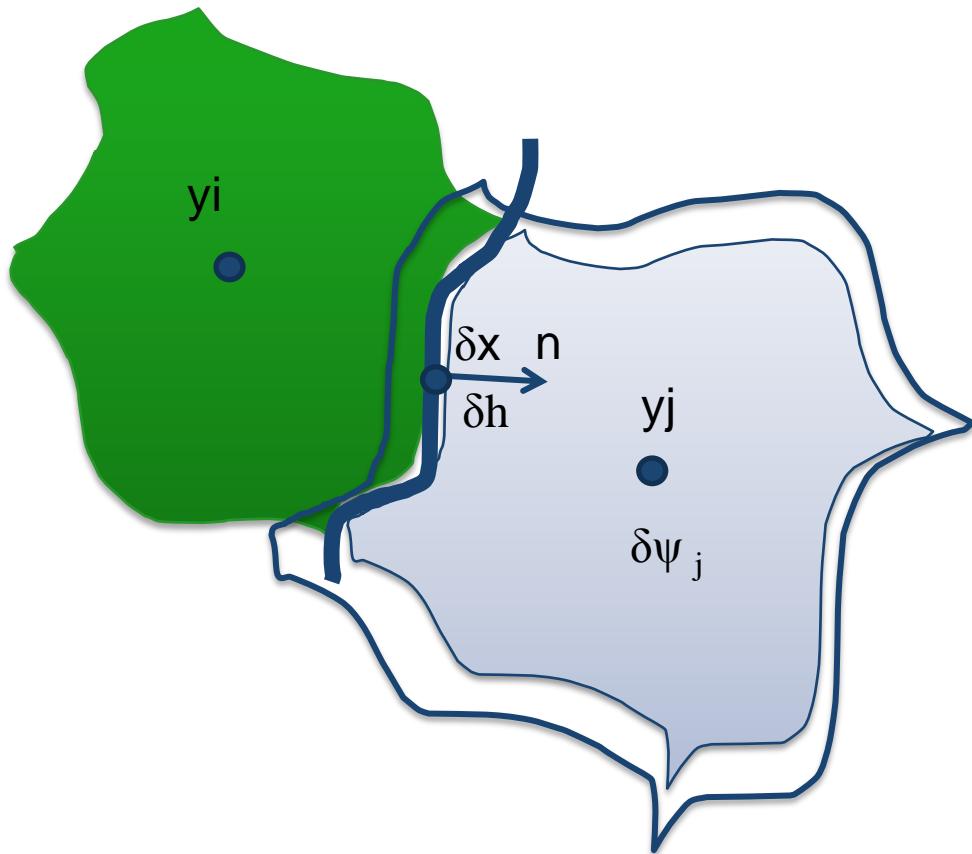
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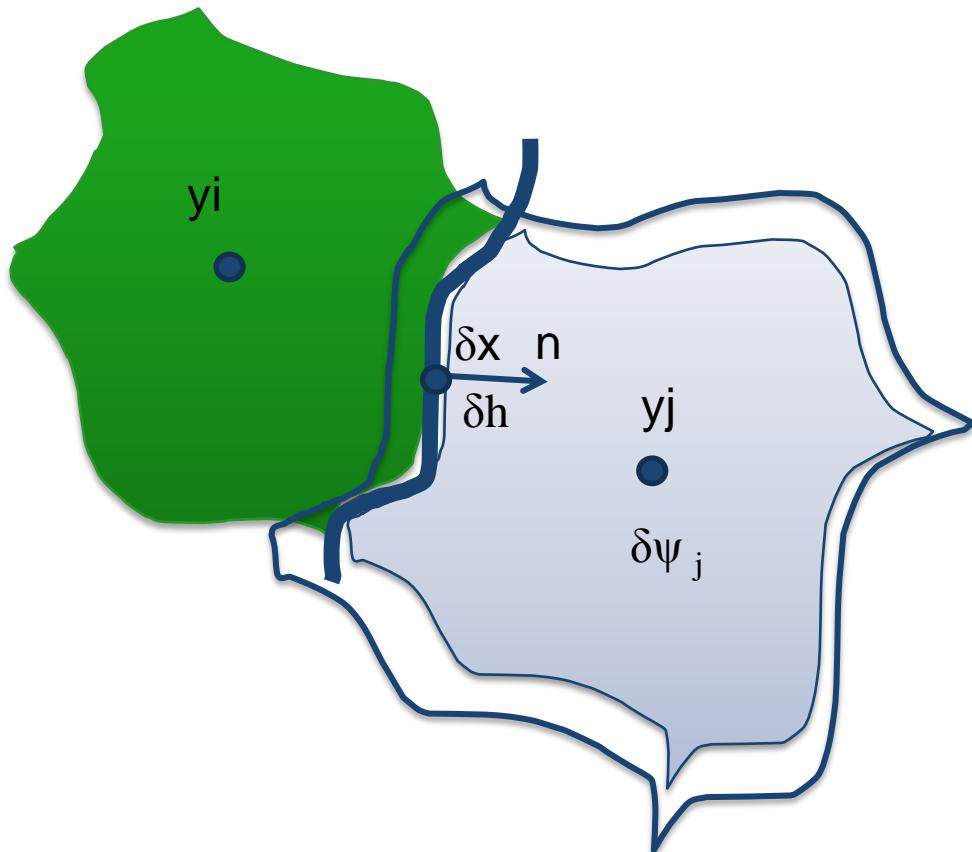
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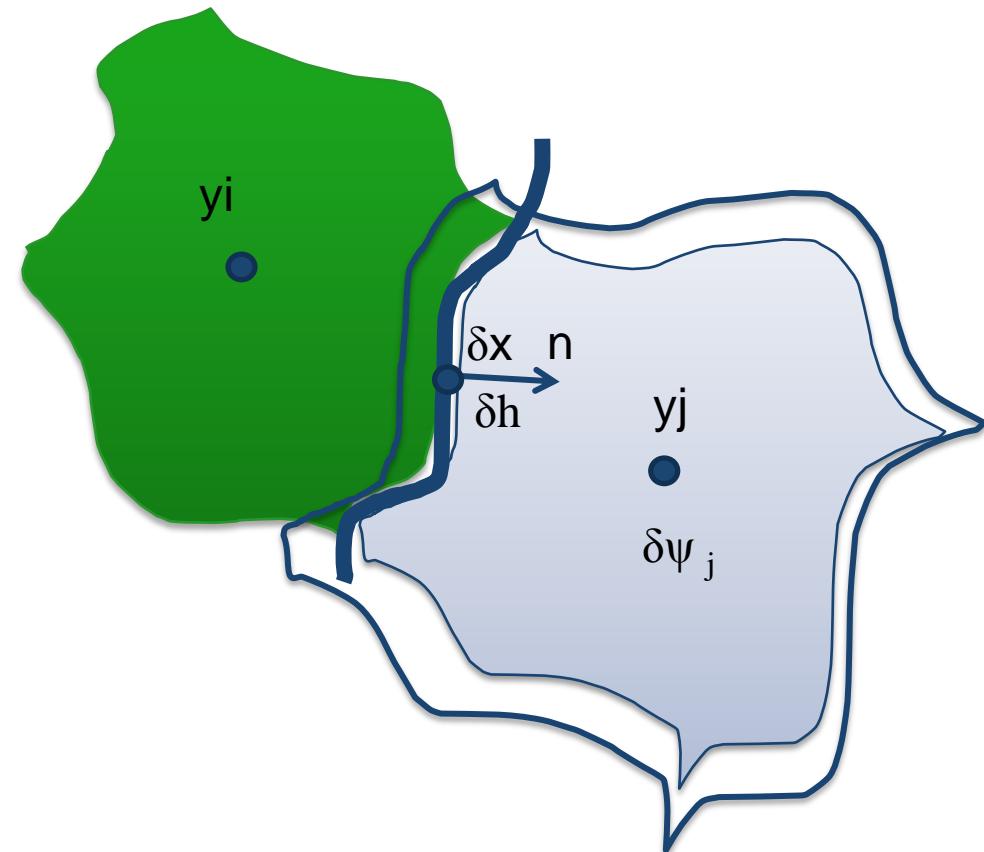
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$IP_1$  FEM Laplacian (not a big surprise)

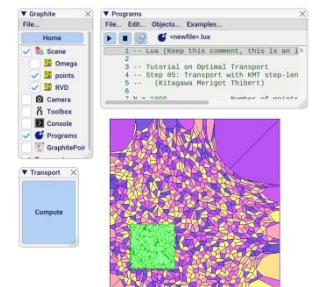
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Let's program it !

Hierarchical algorithm [Mérigot]

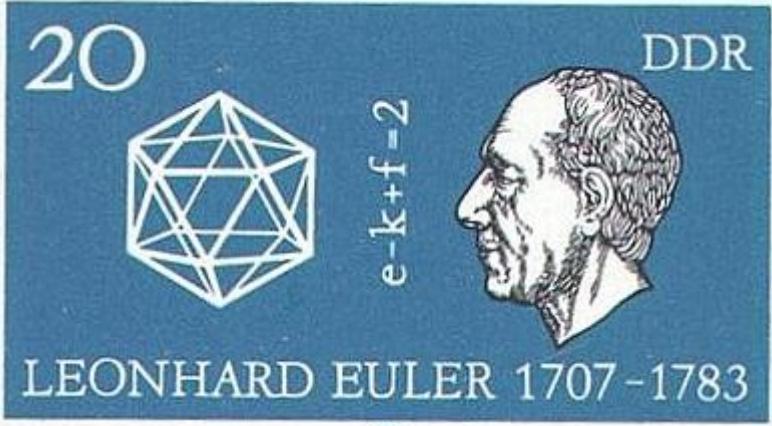
Geometry, 3D [L], [L, Schwindt]

Damped Newton algorithm, [Kitagawa, Mérigot, Thibert]



# 4

## Optimal Transport applications in computational physics



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Hamilton,  
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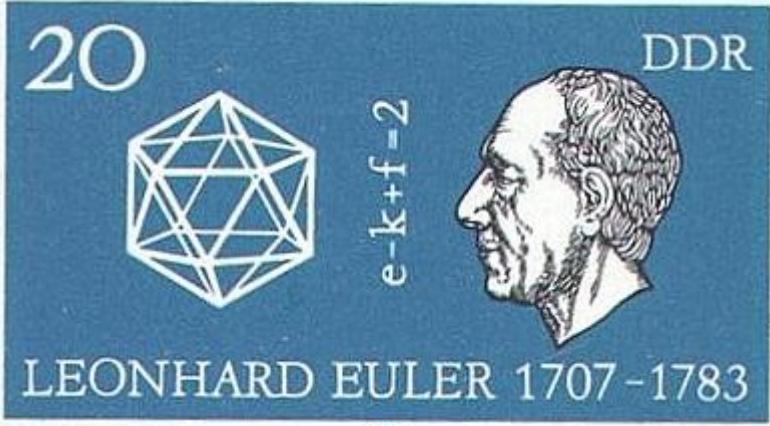
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Short summary of the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Landau,Lifshitz Course of Theoretical Physics



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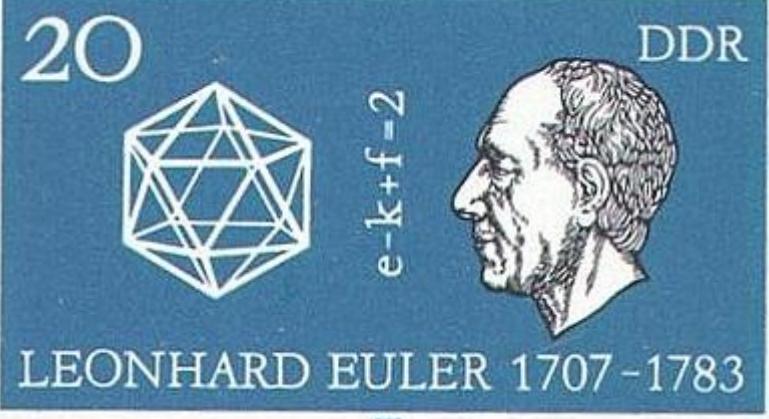
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$$e - k + f = 2$$

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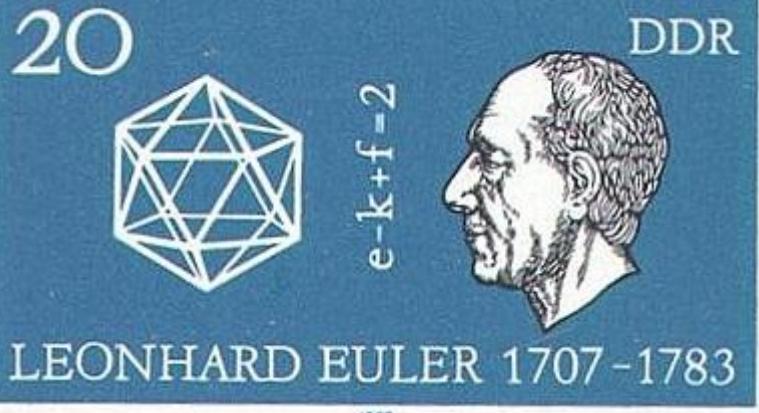
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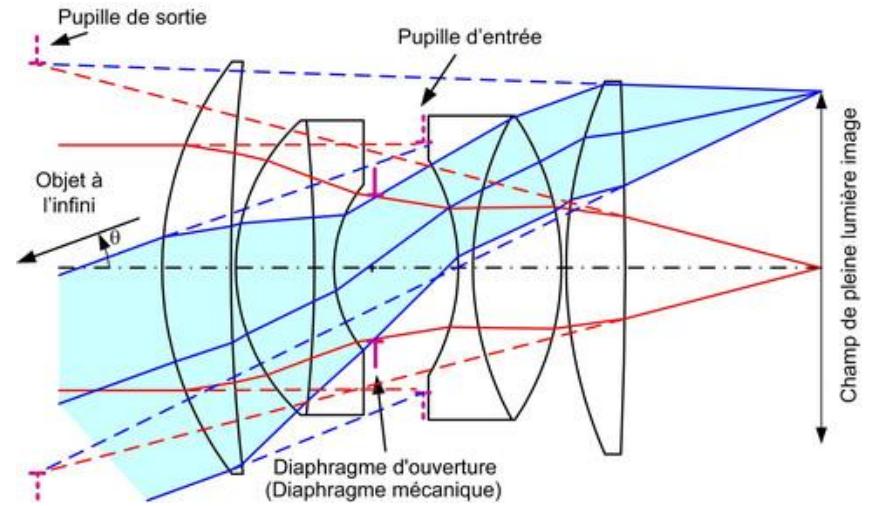
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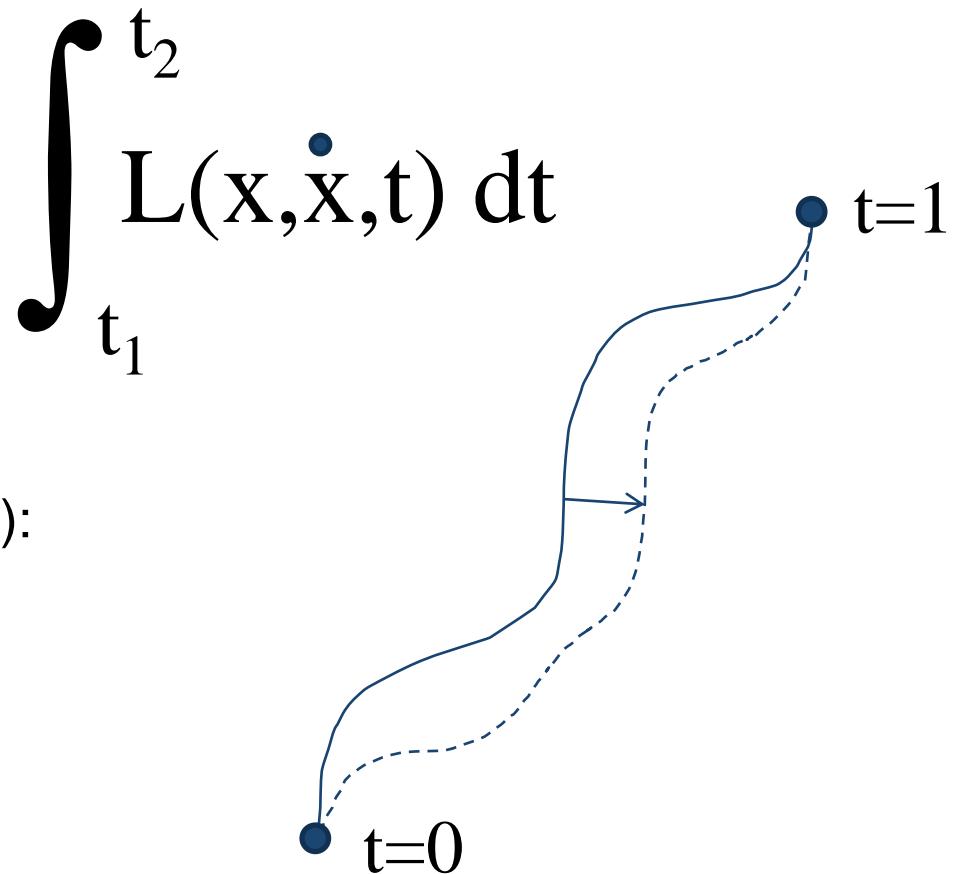
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*(relativistic setting – just for fun...)*

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$$E = \frac{1}{2} \gamma m v^2 + mc^2$$

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In quantum mechanics non just the extreme path contributes to the probability amplitude

$$K(B, A) = \sum_{\text{overall possible paths}} \phi[x(t)]$$

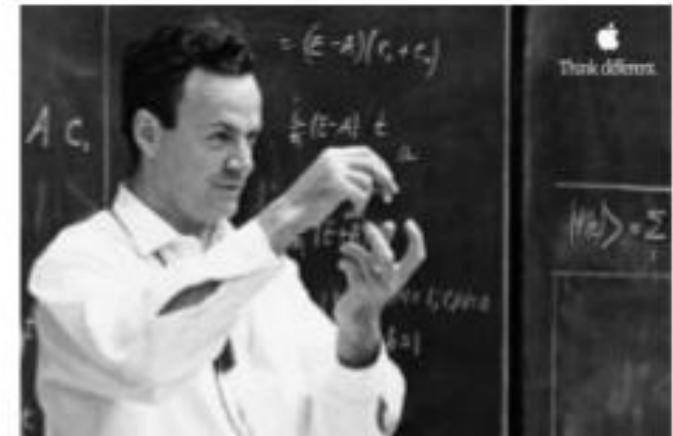
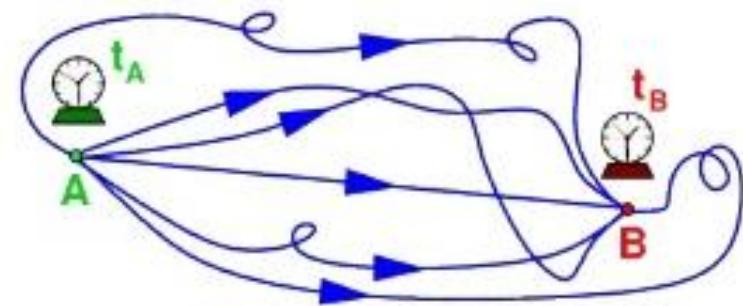
where

$$\phi[x(t)] = A \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} S[x(t)]\right)$$

Feynman's path integral formula

$$K(B, A) = \int_A^B \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} S[B, A] Dx(t)\right)$$

$$P(B, A) = |K(2, 1)|^2$$



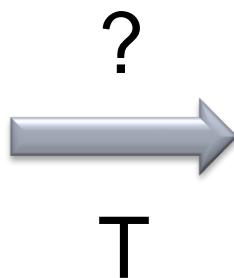
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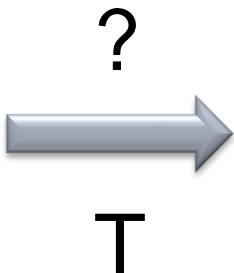


$\rho_1$                                $\rho_2$

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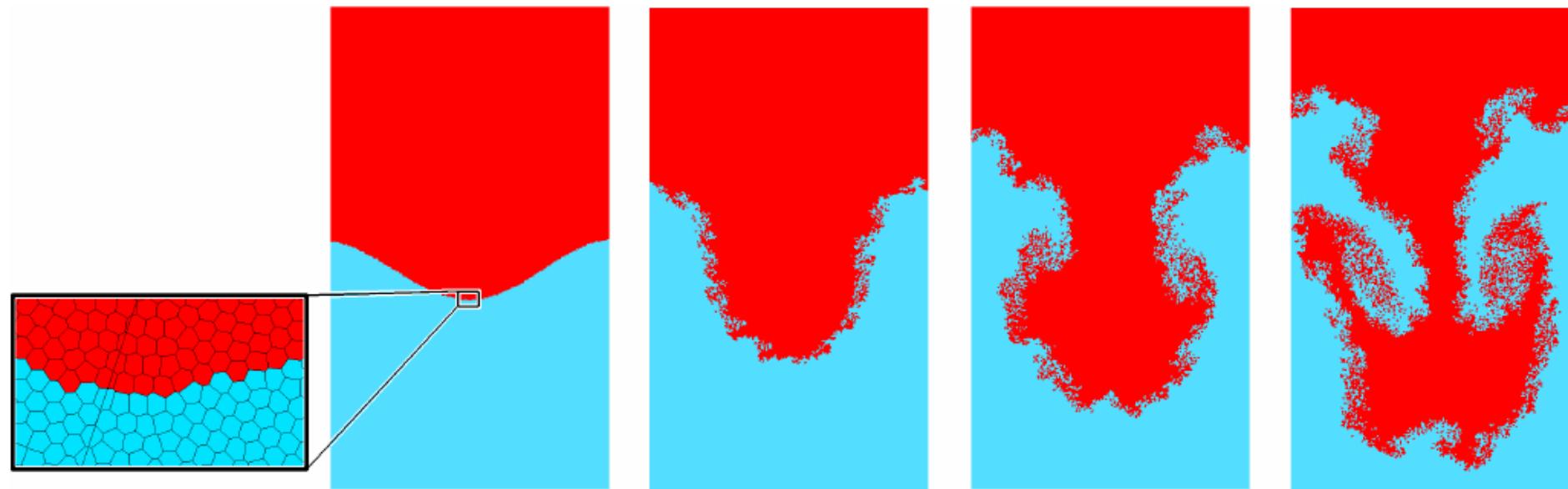
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Minimize  $C(T) = \int_{\Omega} \rho_1(x) \|x - T(x)\|^2 dx$   
s.t.  $T$  is measure-preserving

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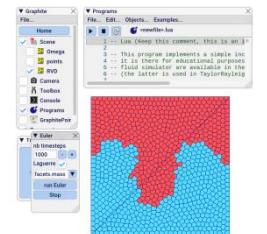


Le schéma [Mérigot-Gallouet]

Applications en graphisme: [De Goes et.al] (power particles)

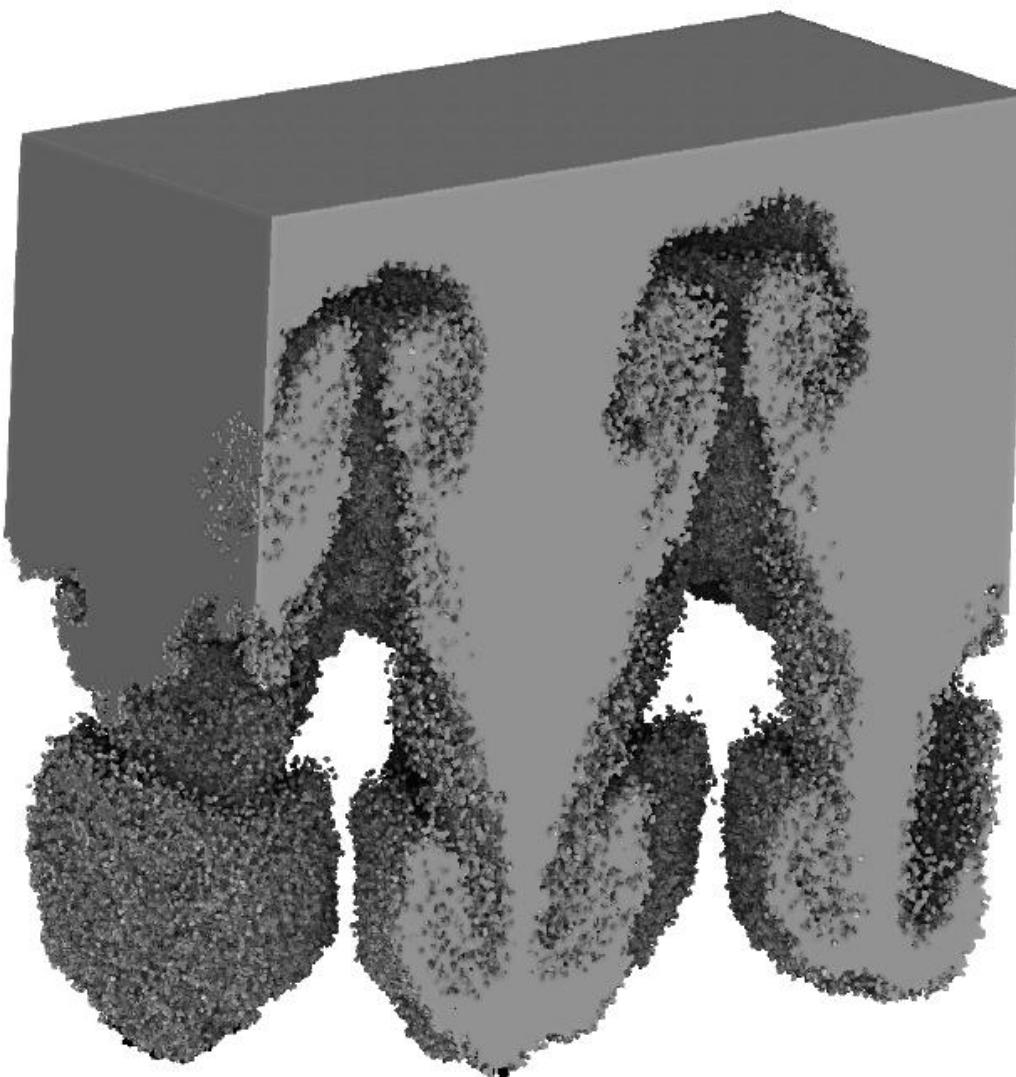
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Let's code it !



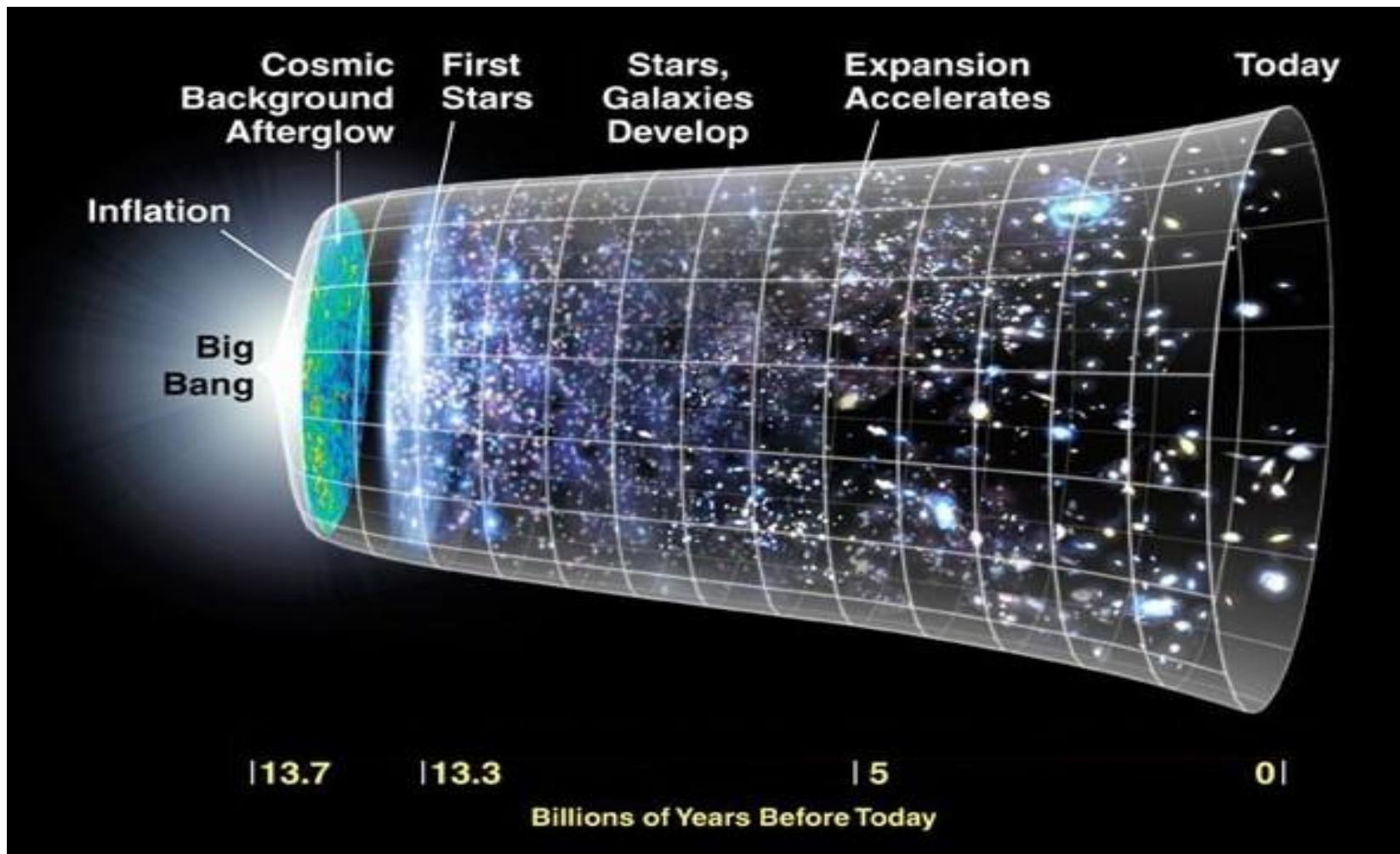
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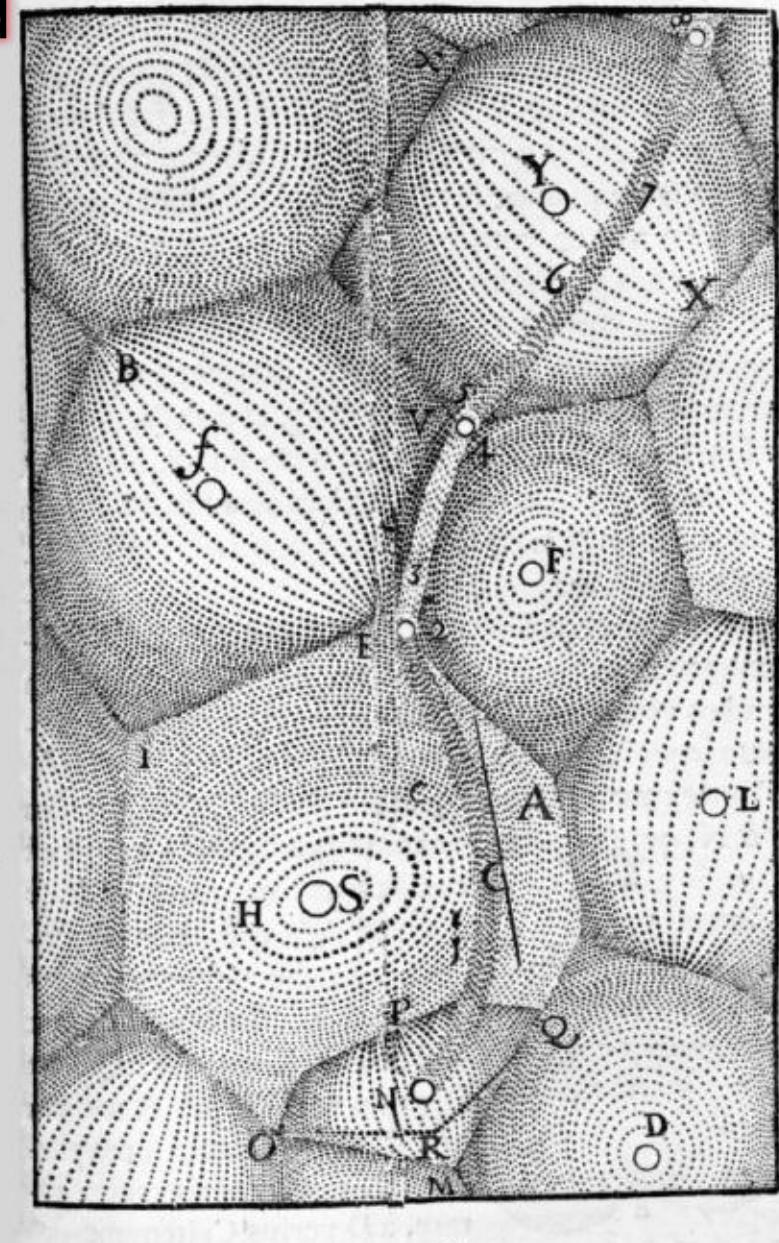
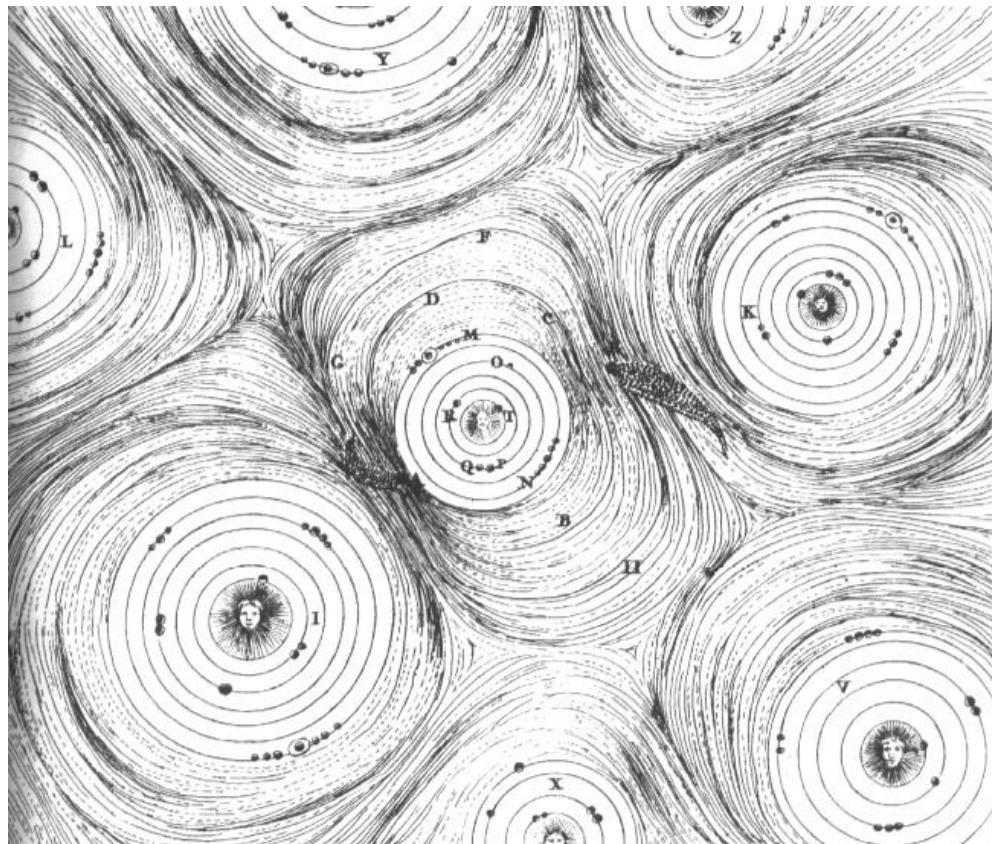
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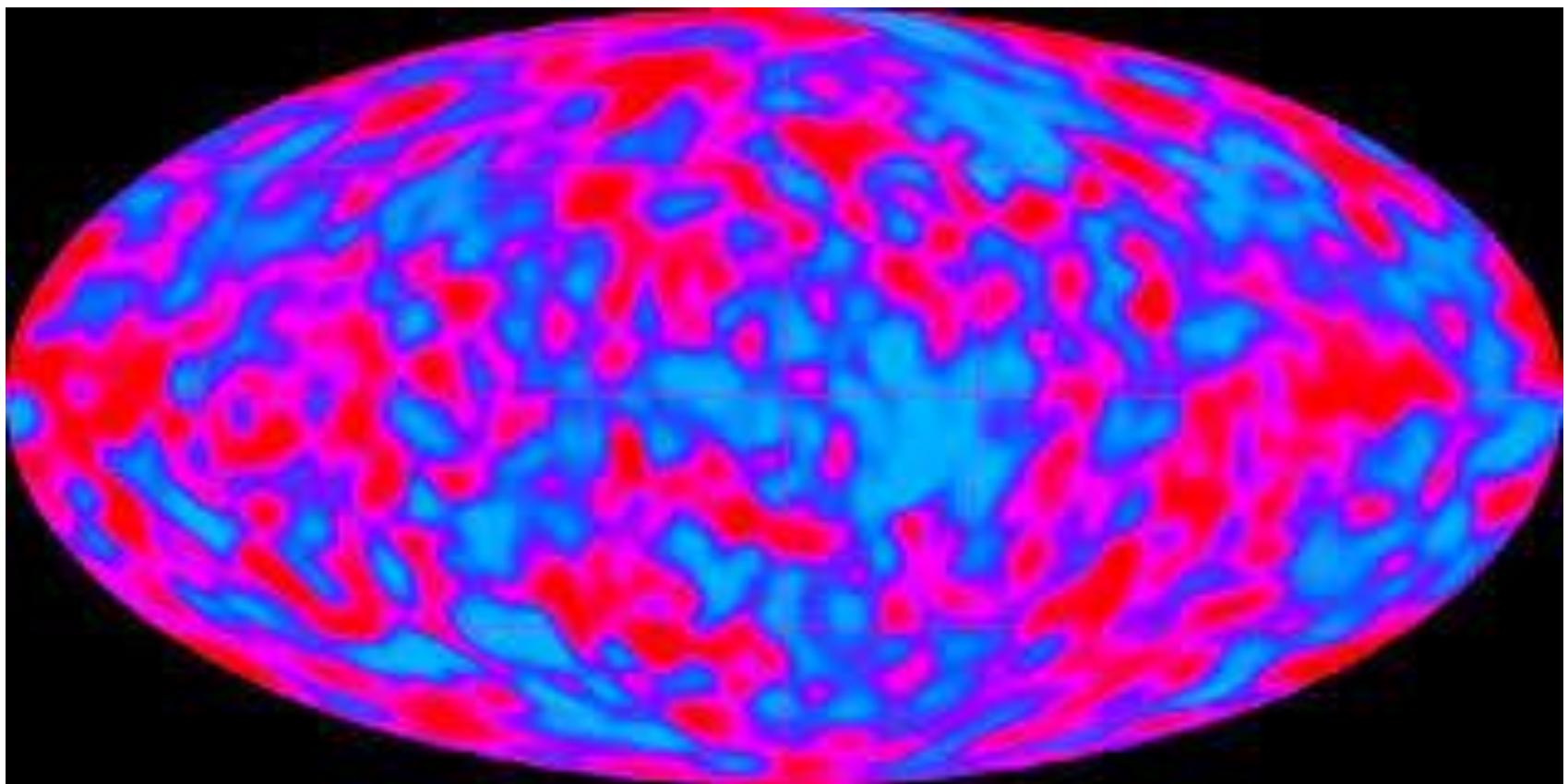
René Descartes - 1663



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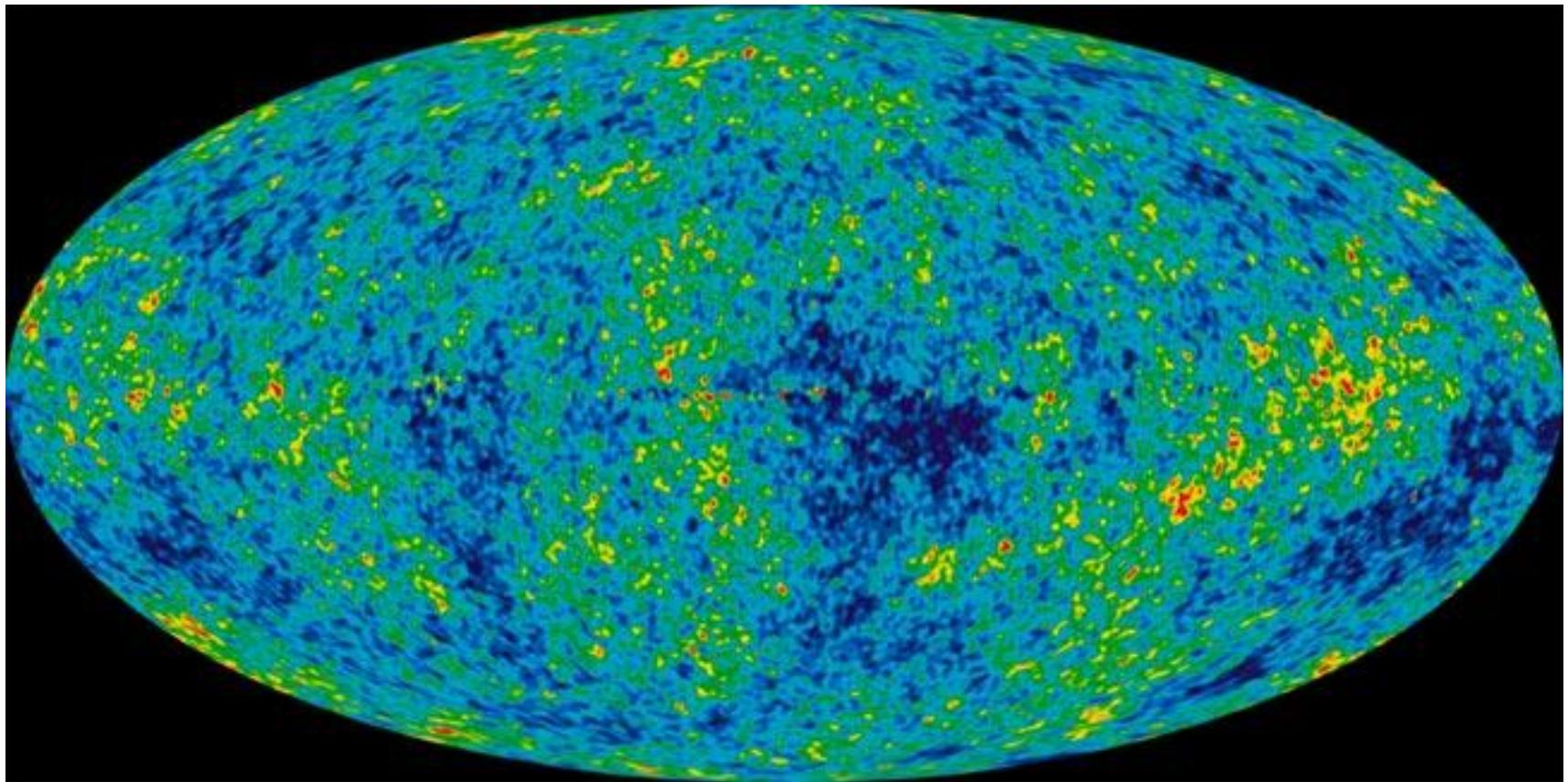
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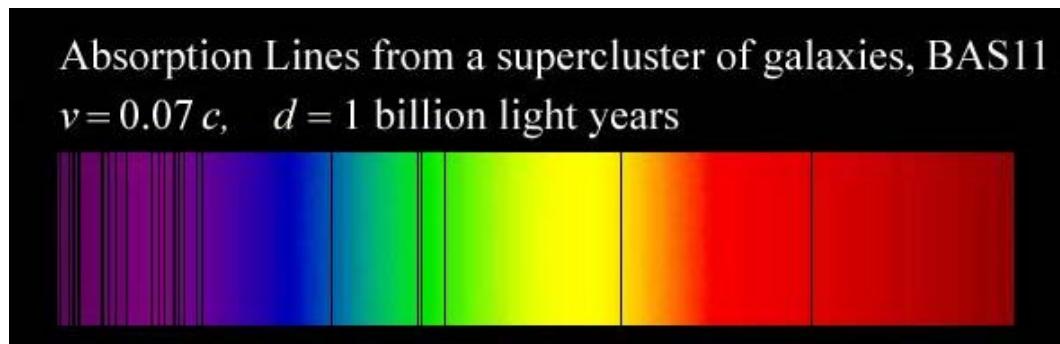
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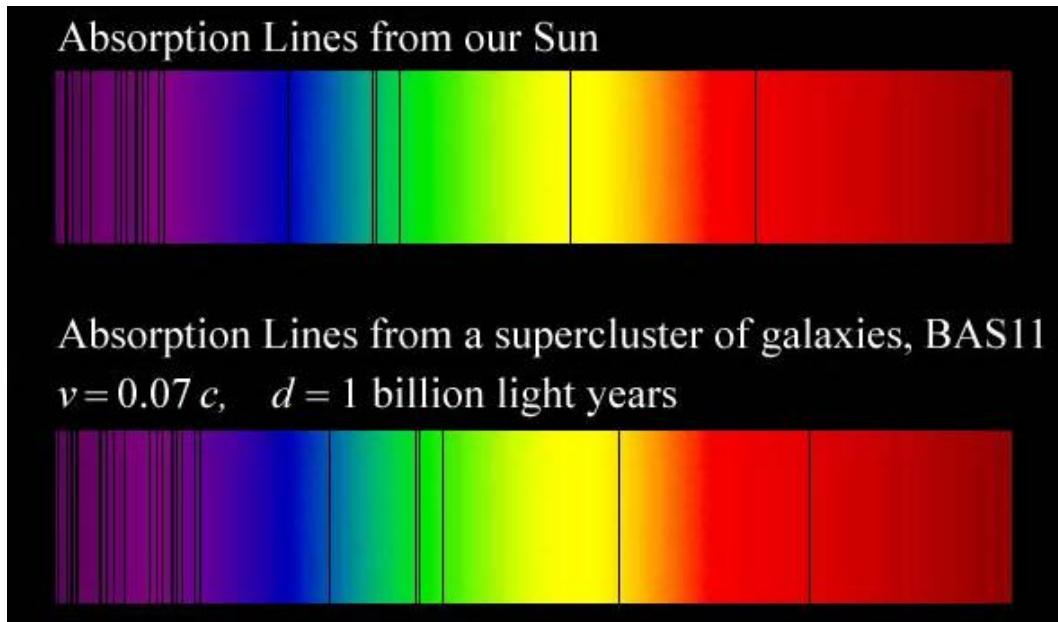
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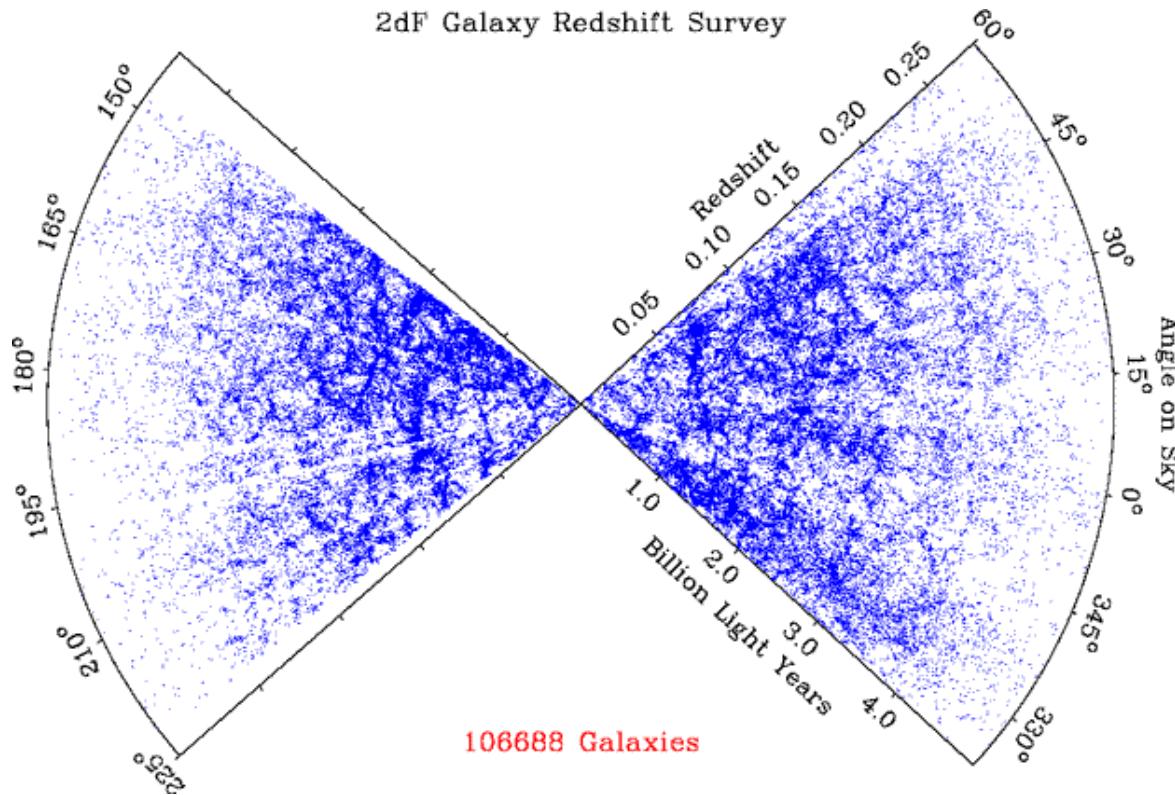
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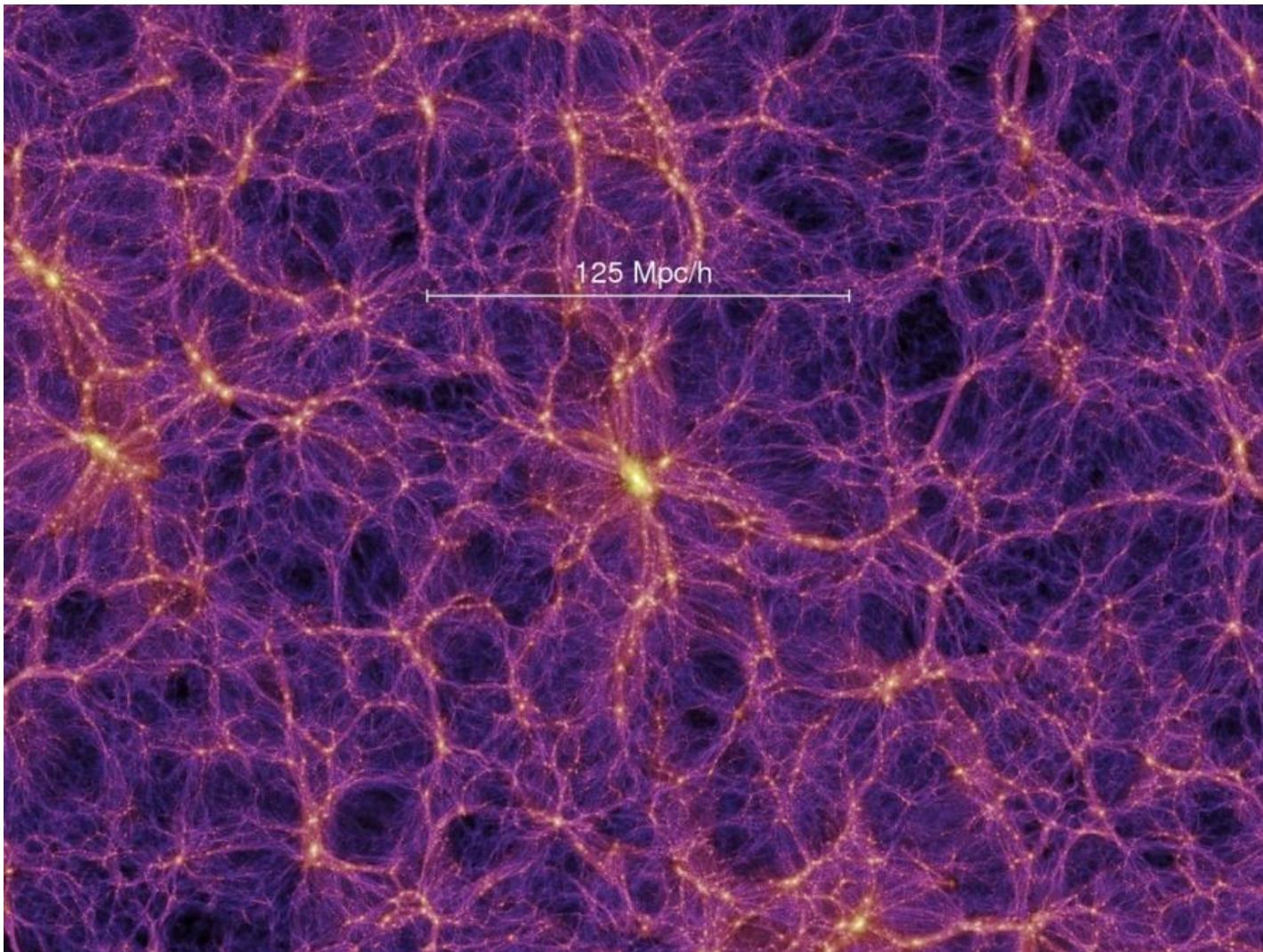
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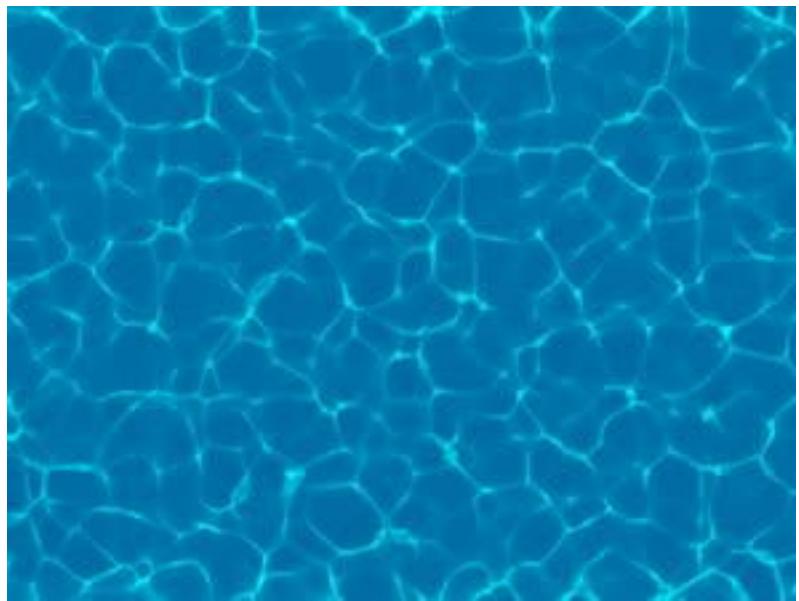
$pc/h$  : parsec (= 3.2 années lumières)



The millenium simulation project, Max Planck Institute fur Astrophysik

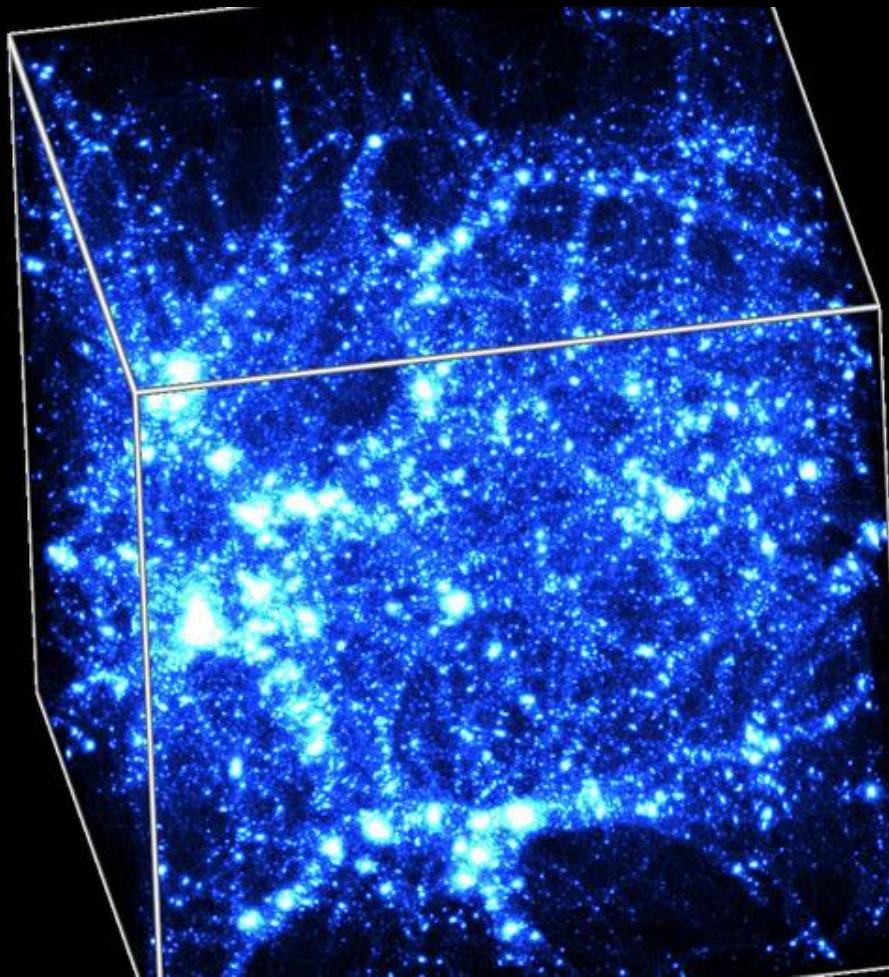
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The universal swimming pool



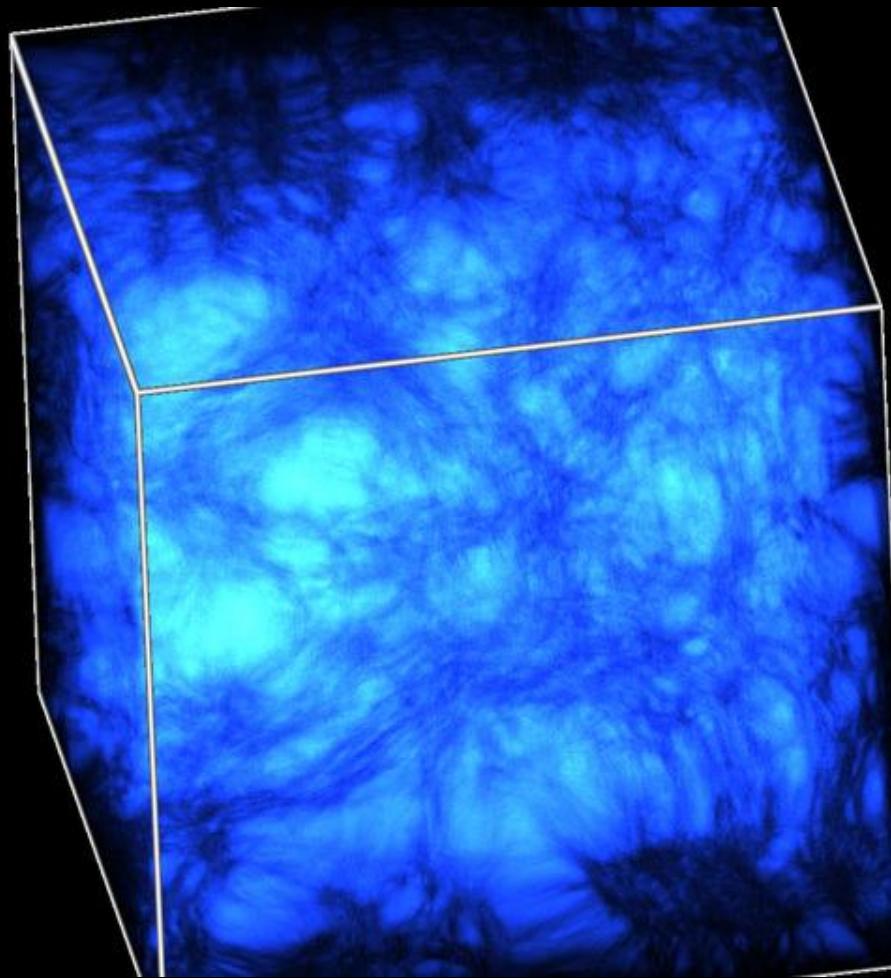
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Time = Now



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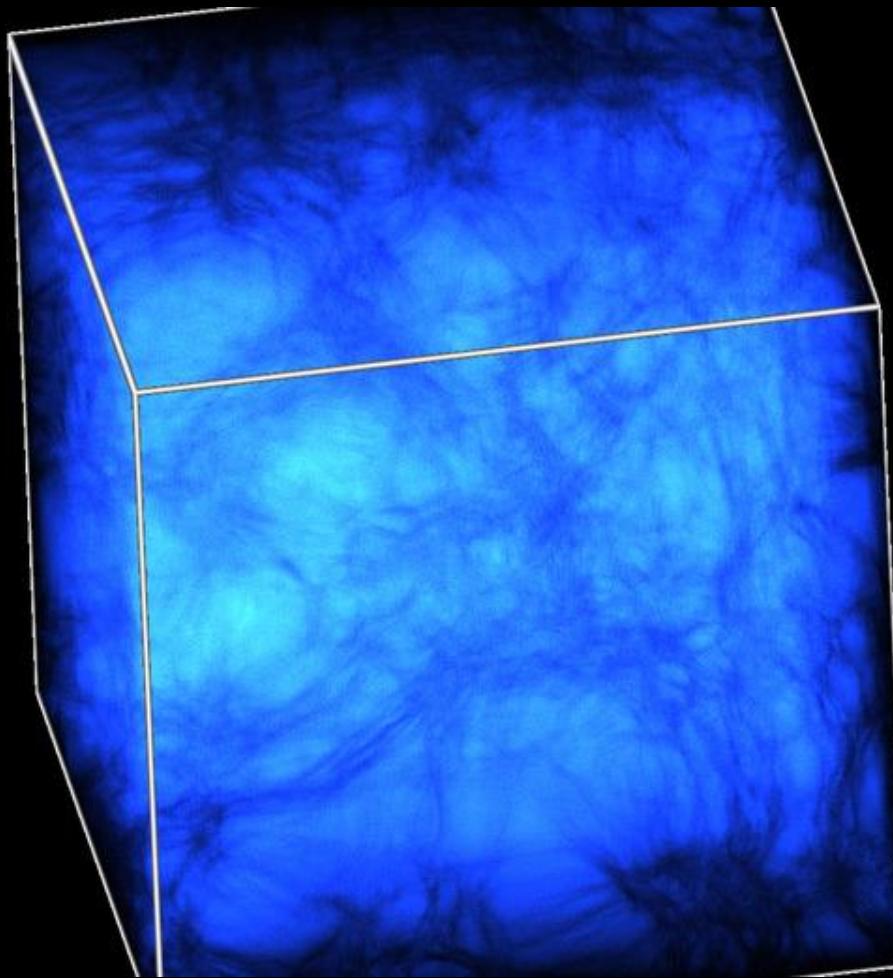
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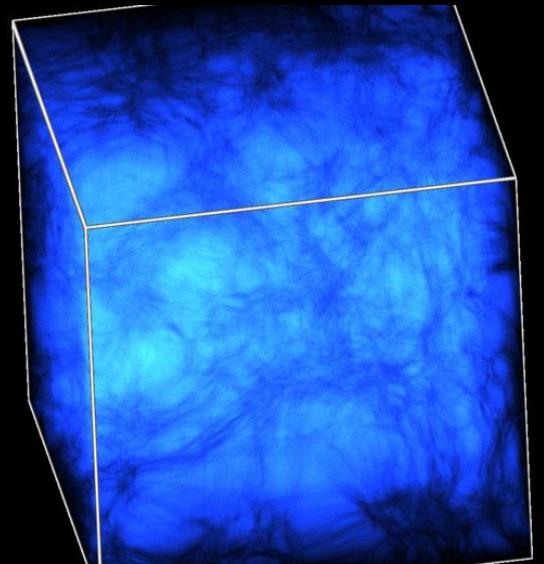
Time = BigBang  
(- 13.7 billion Y)



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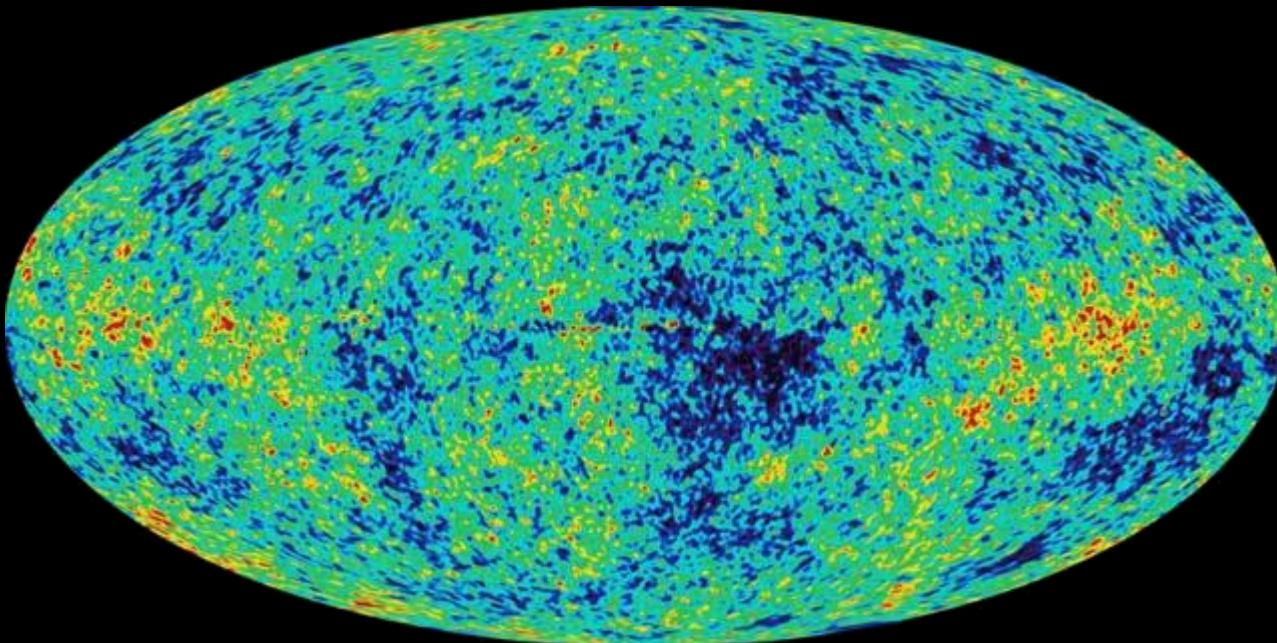
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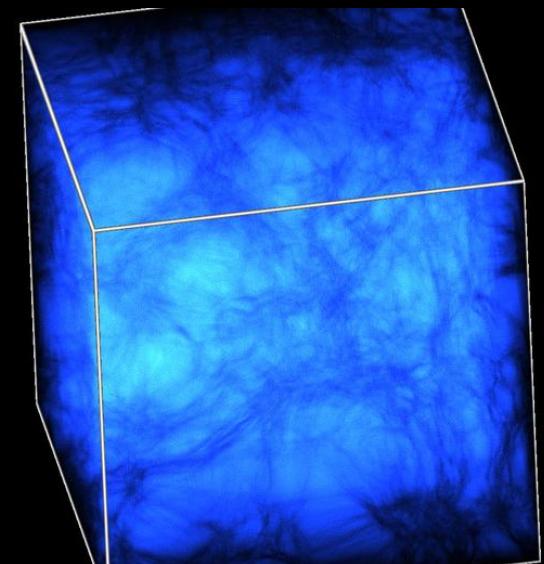
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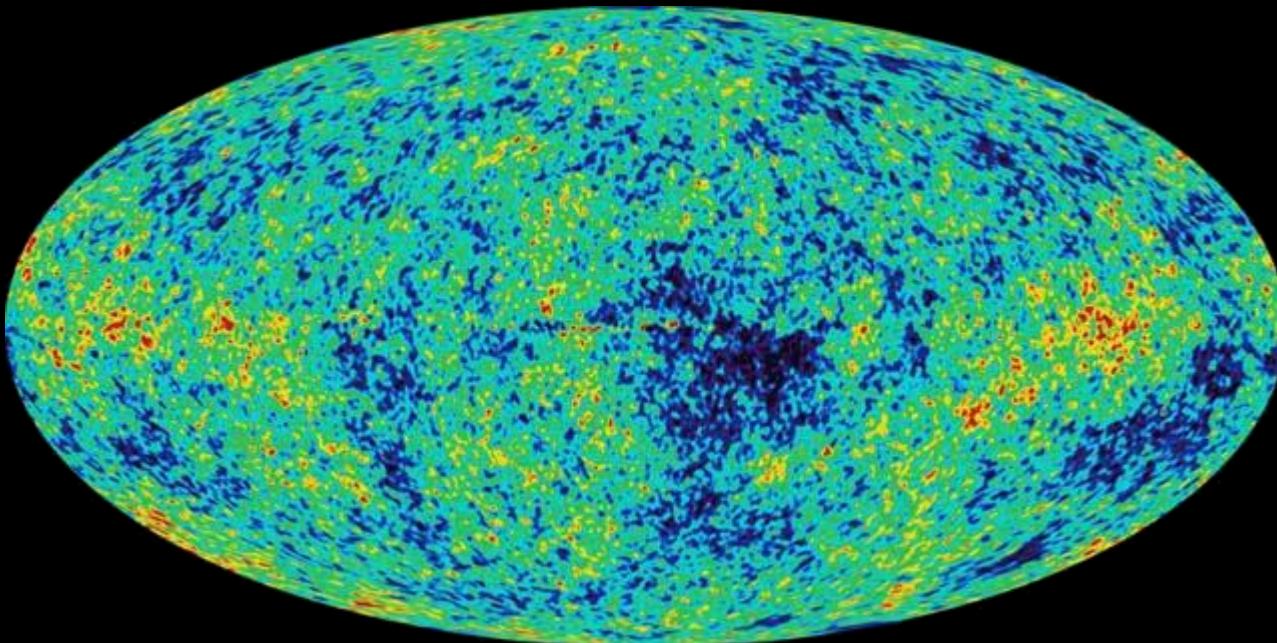
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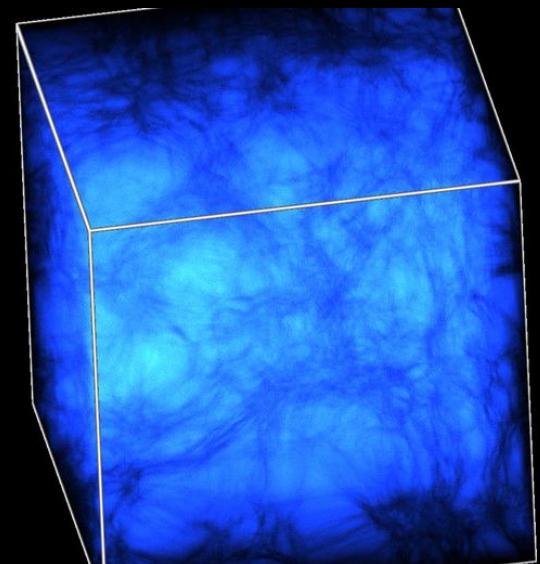
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*Do they match ?*

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# Conclusions – Open questions

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[Cuturi & Peyré] – regularized discrete optimal transport – why does it work ?

Hint 1: Minimum action principle subject to conservation laws

Hint 2: Entropy = dual of temperature ; Legendre = Fourier $[(+, *) \rightarrow (\text{Max}, +)]$ ...

## \* More continuous numerical algorithms ?

[Benamou & Brenier] fluid dynamics point of view – very elegant, but 4D problem !!

FEM-type adaptive discretization of the subdifferential (graph of T) ?

## \* Can we characterize OT in other semi-discrete settings ?

measures supported on unions of spheres

piecewise linear densities

## \* Connections with computational geometry ?

Singularity set [Figalli] = set of points where T is discontinuous

Looks like a “mutual power diagram”, anisotropic Voronoi diagrams

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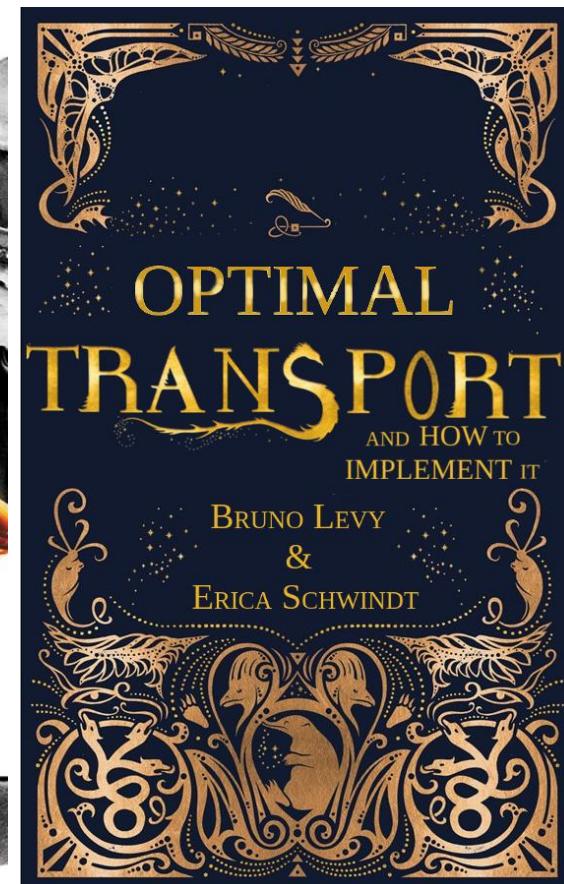
All the sourcecode/documentation available from:

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Demo: [www.loria.fr/~levy/GLUP/vorpaview](http://www.loria.fr/~levy/GLUP/vorpaview)

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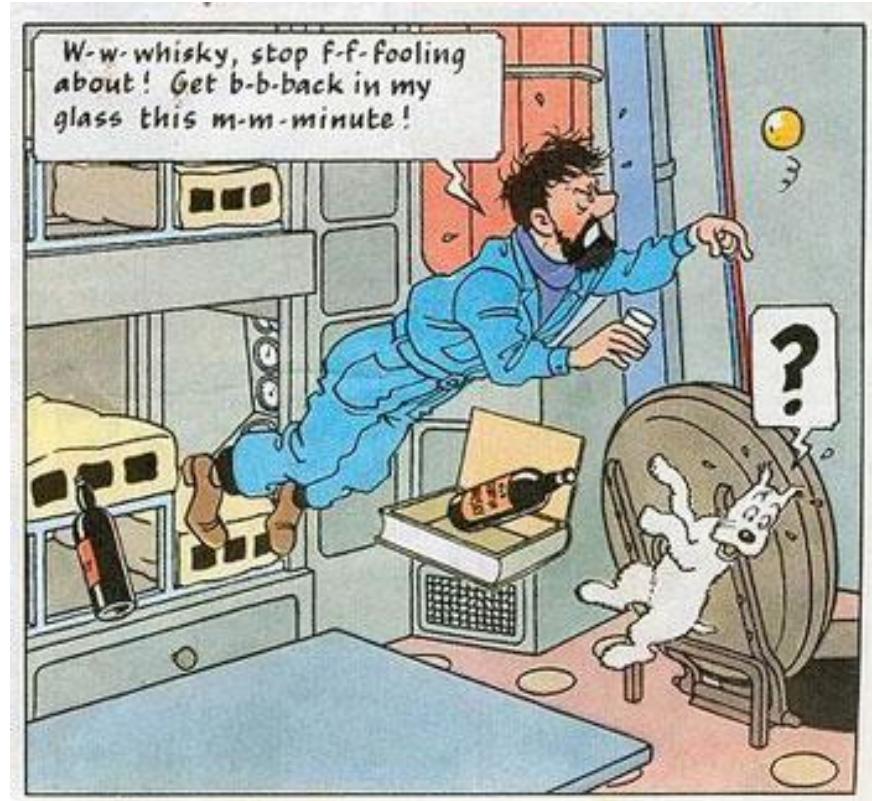
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# Bonus Slides

## The Isoperimetric Inequality

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**For a given volume,  
ball is the shape that minimizes border area**

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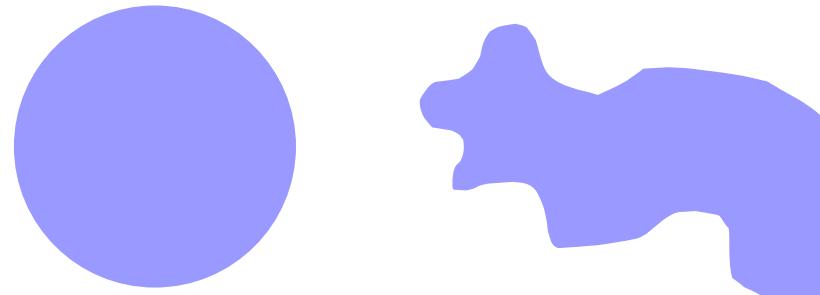
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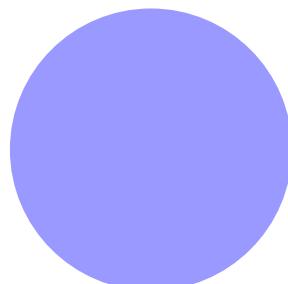
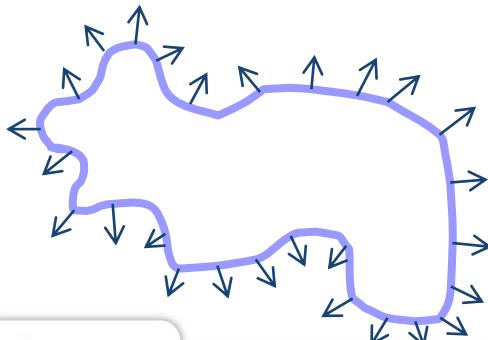
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# Bonus Slides

## Plotting the potential & optics

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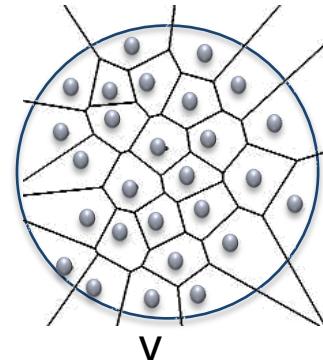
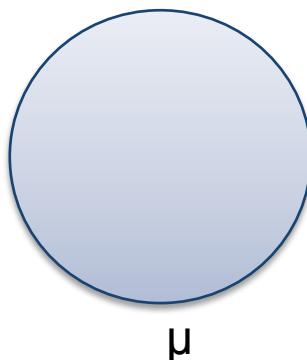
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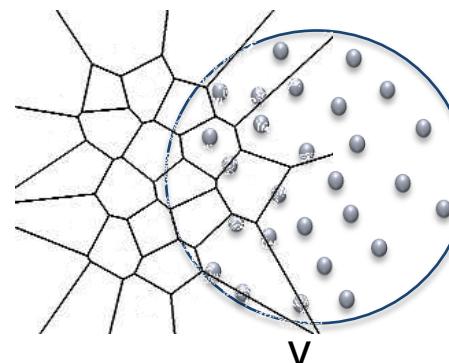
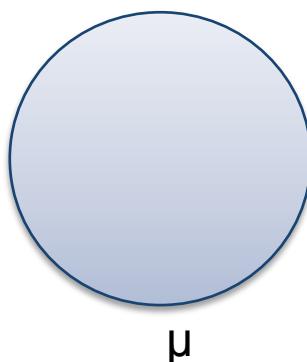
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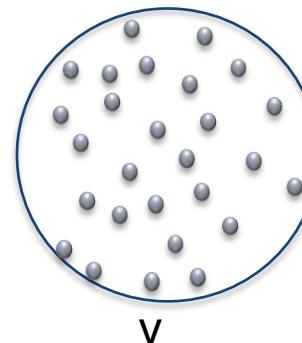
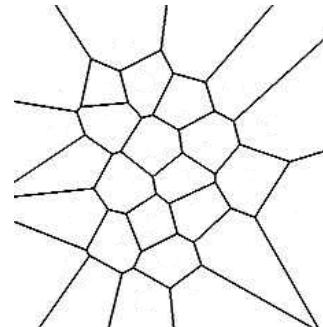
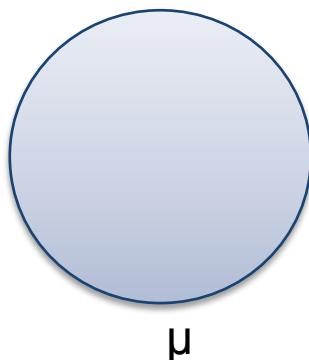
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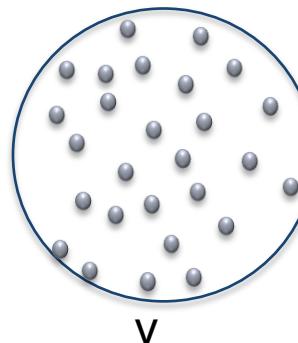
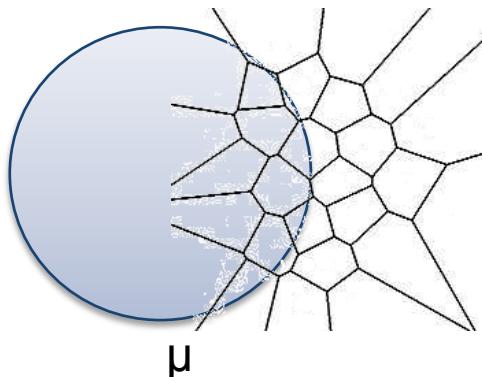
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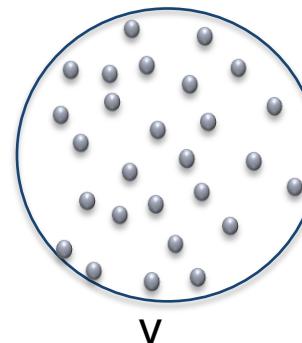
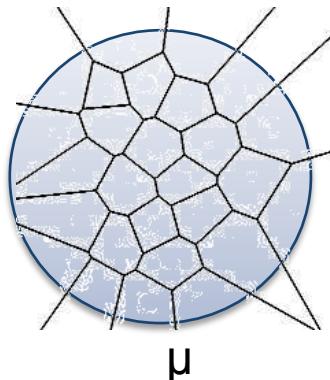
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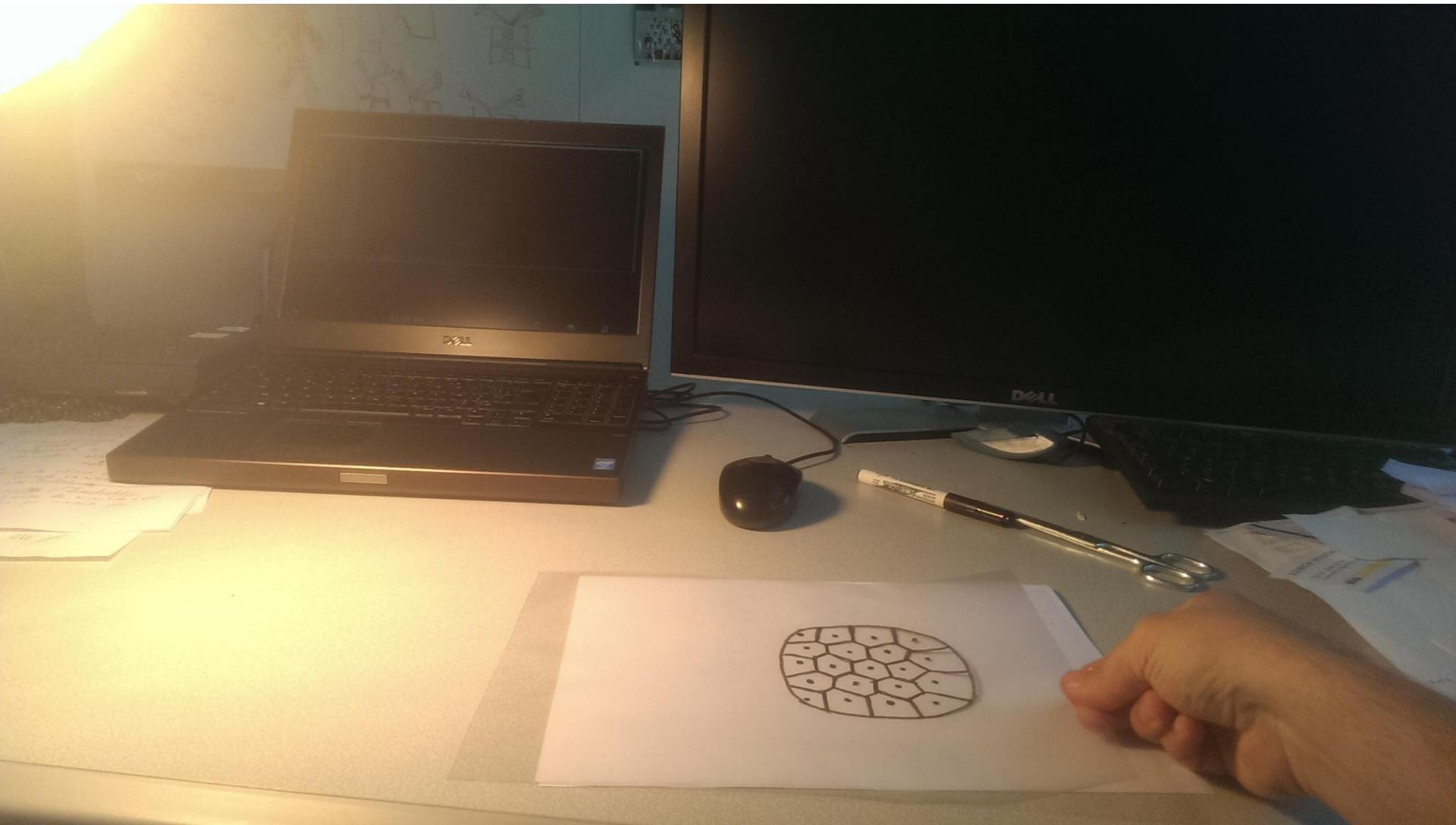
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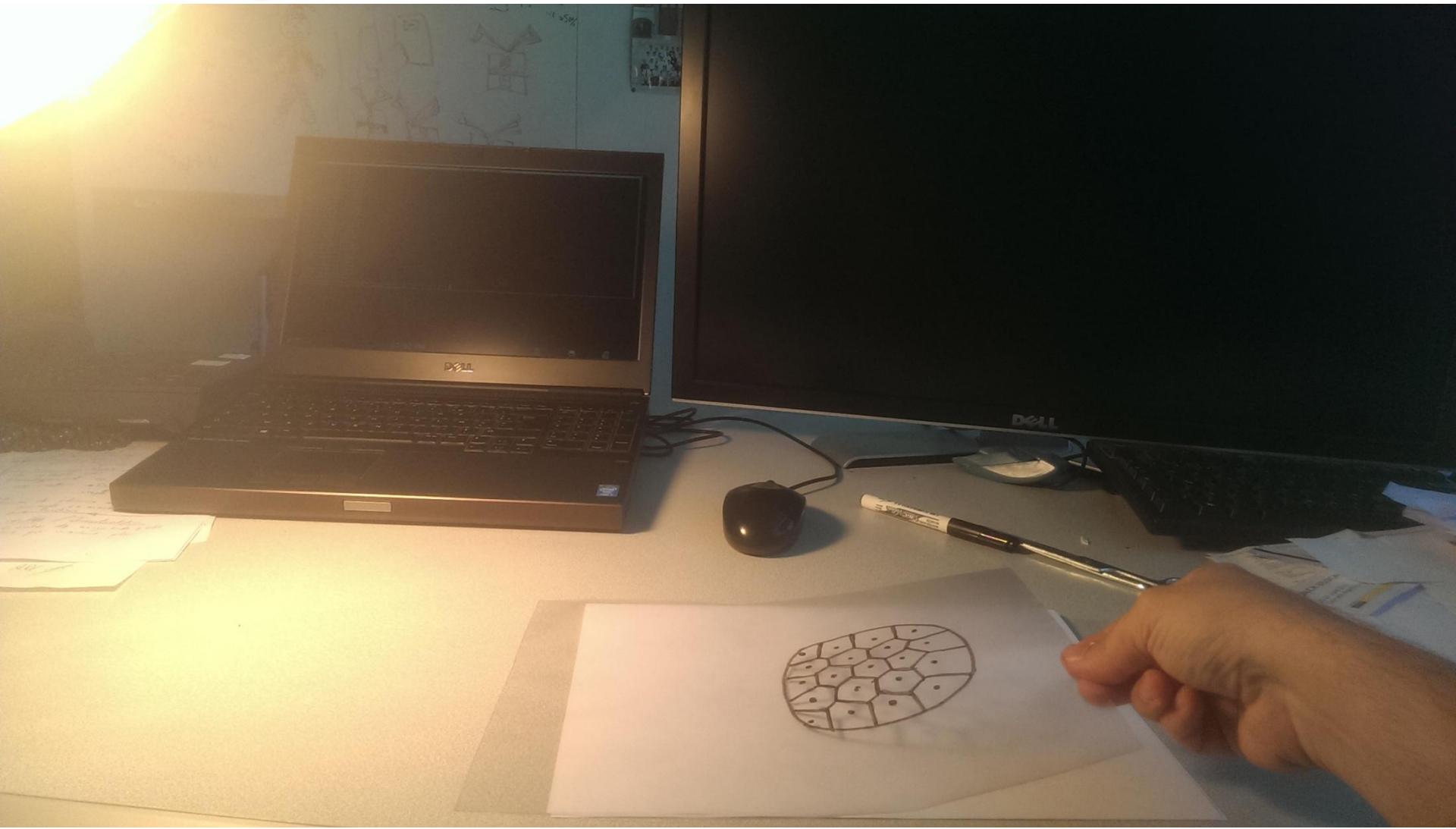
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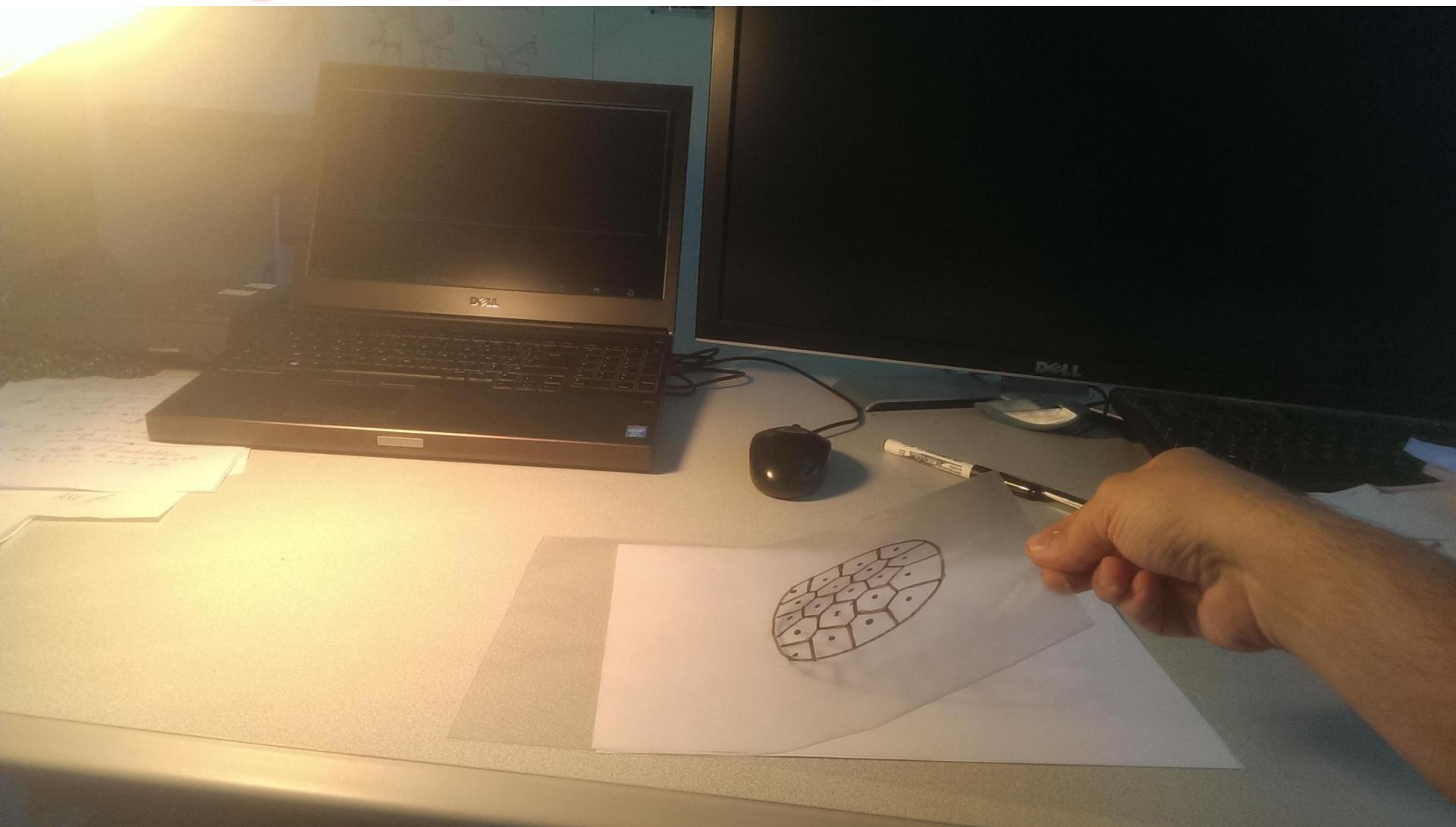
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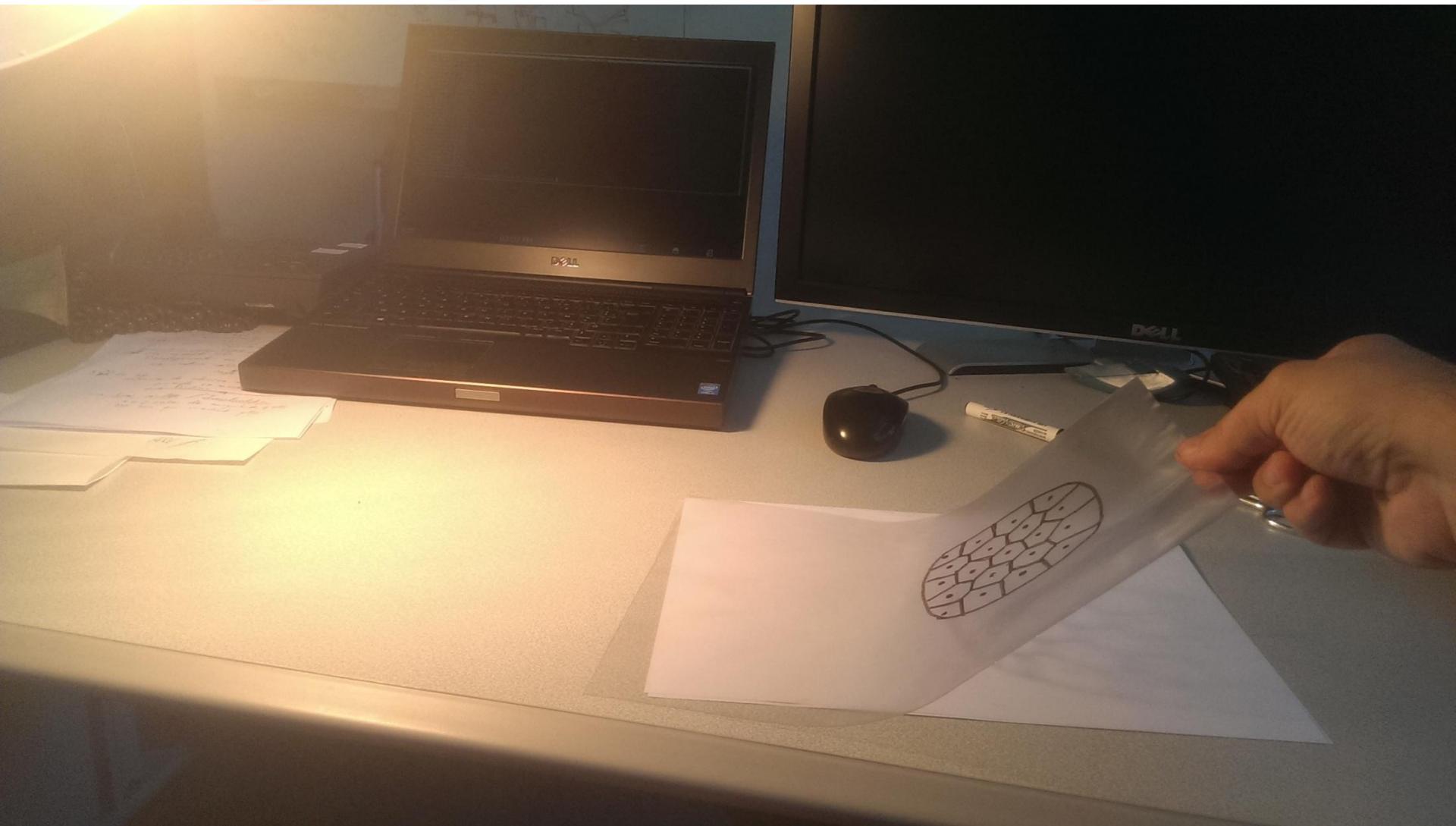
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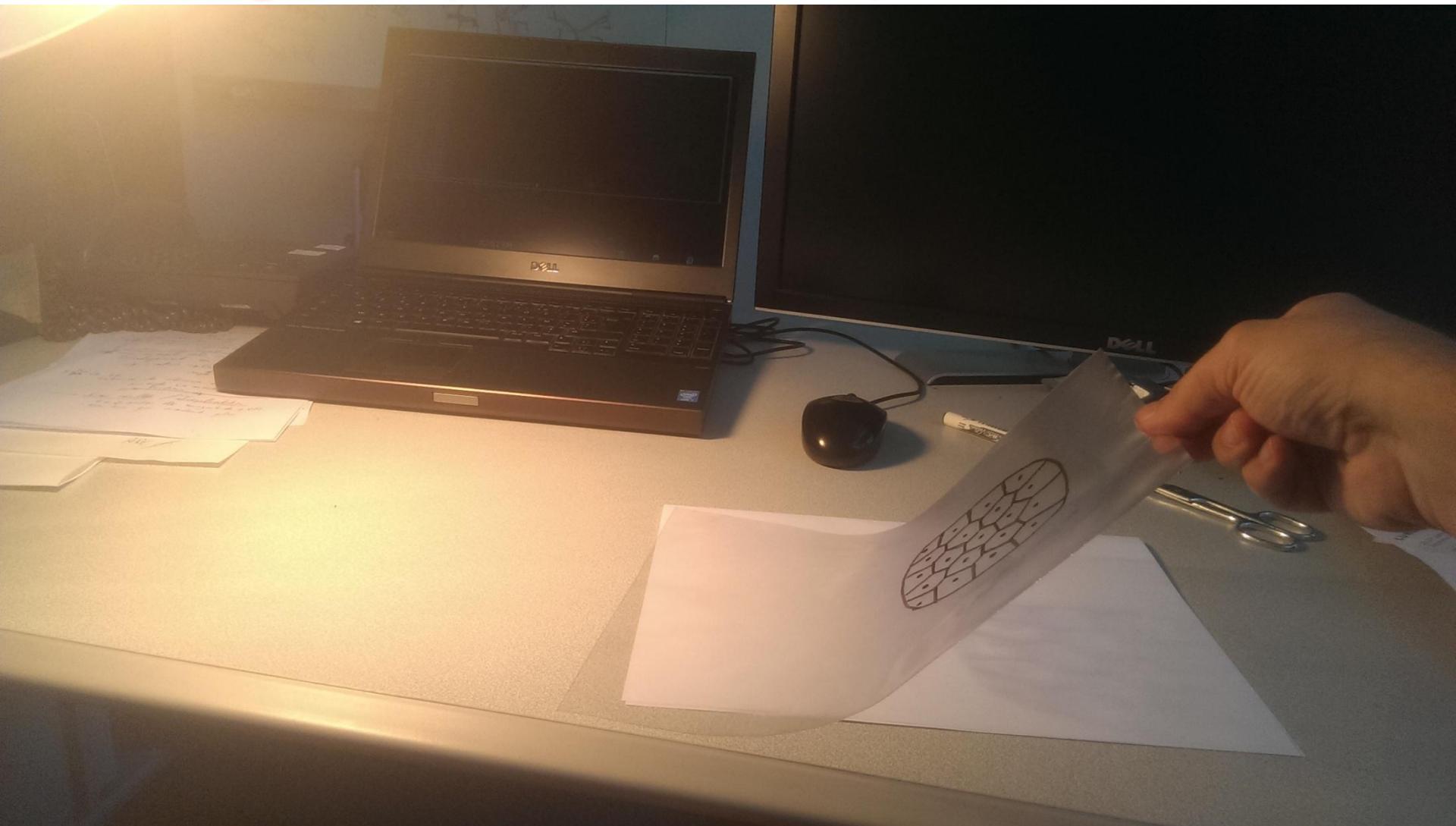
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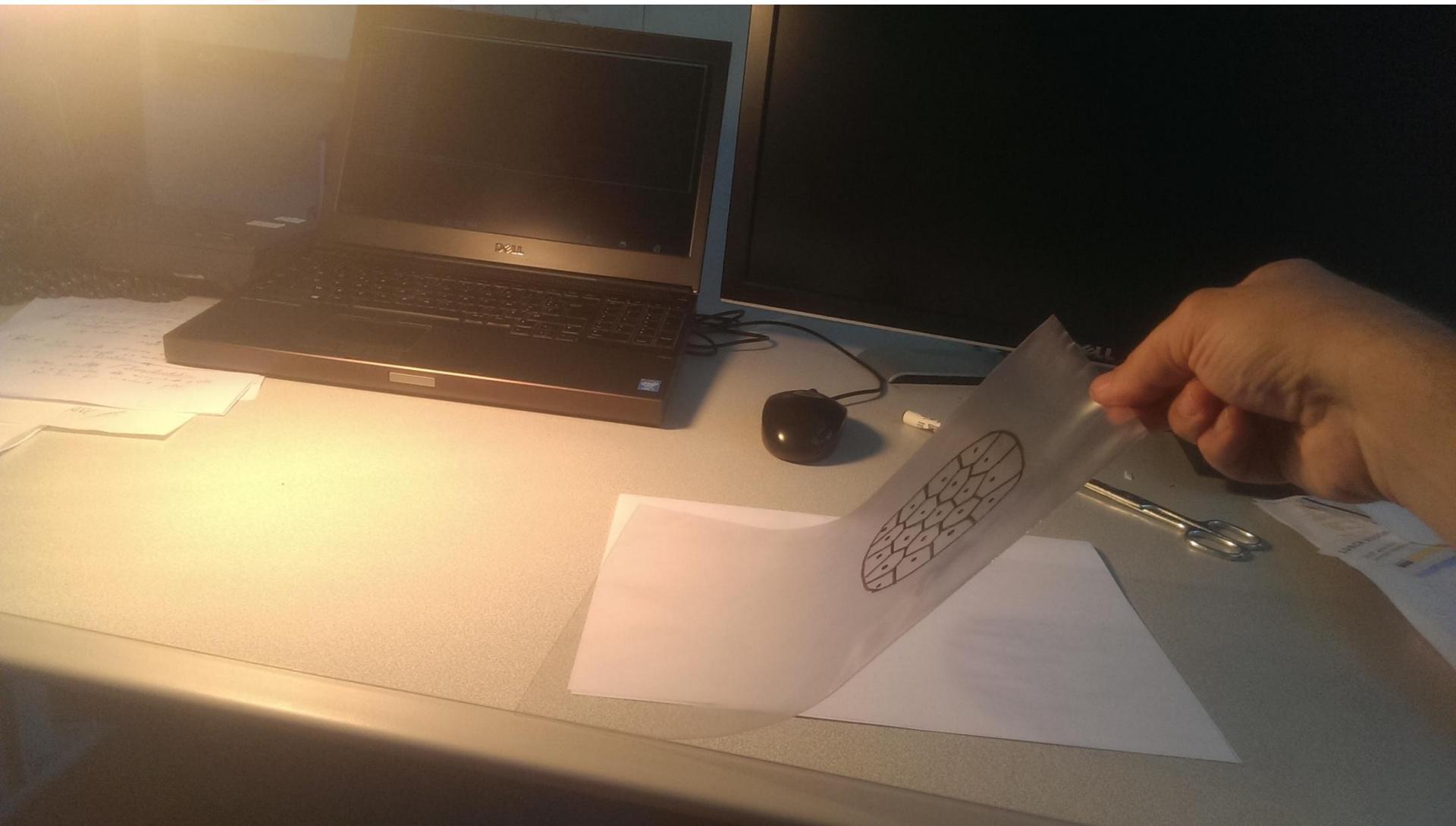
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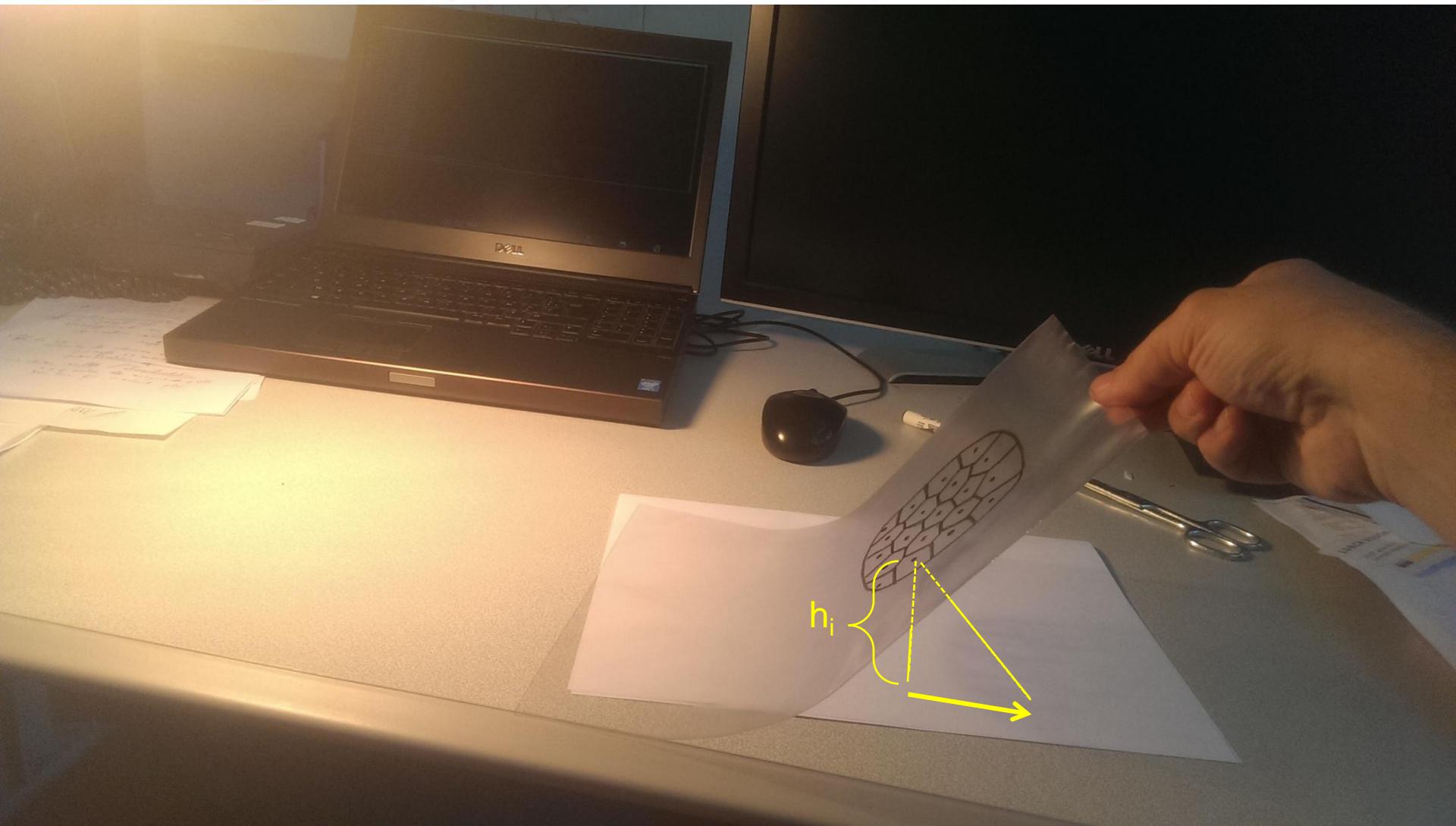
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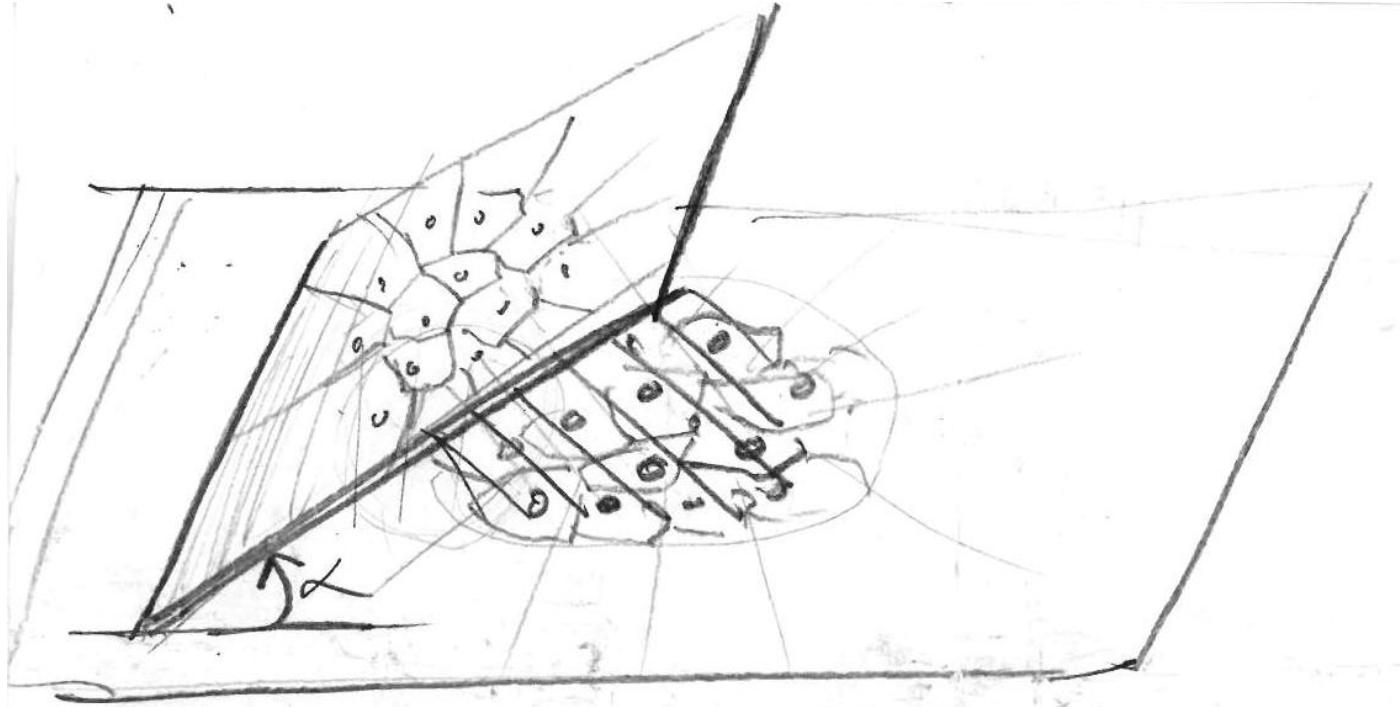
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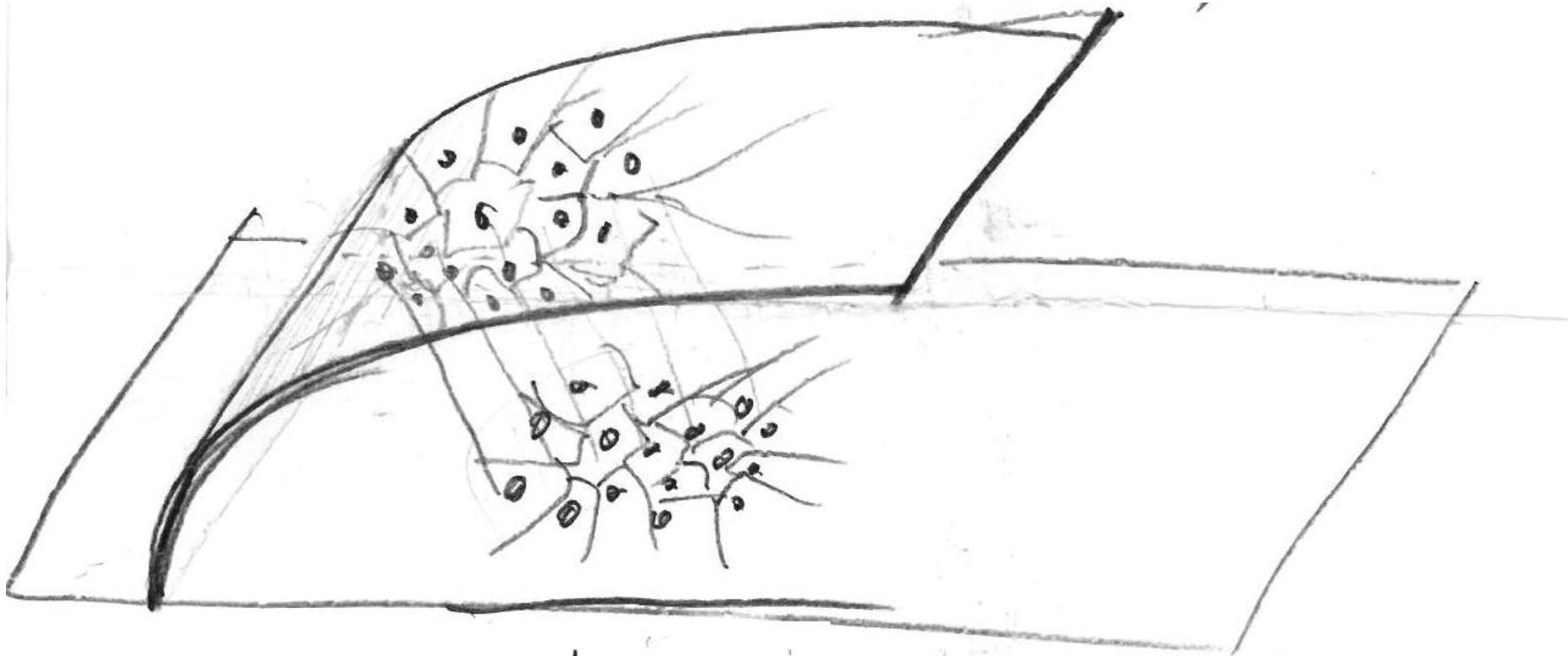


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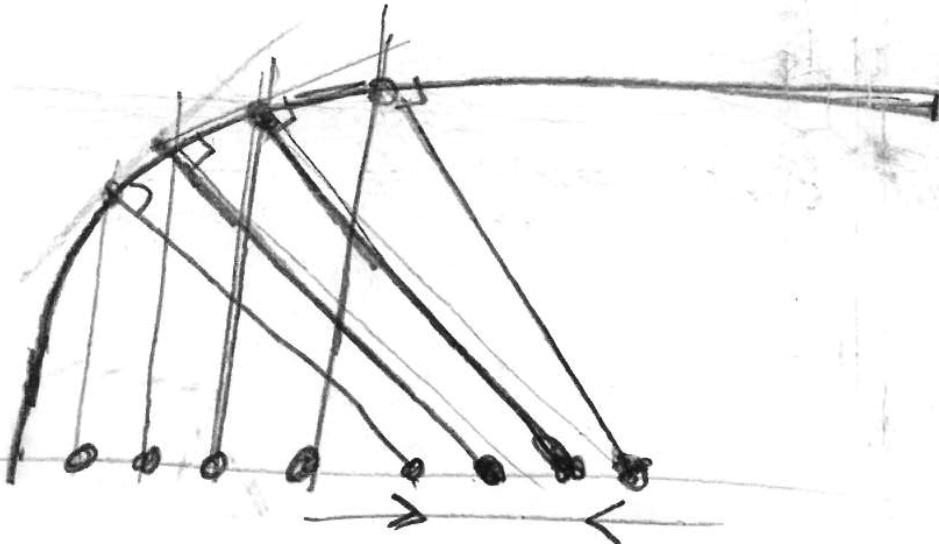
Translating a Voronoi diagram -  
1st Try : linear lifting  
(FAIL : scales by  $1/\cos(\alpha)$ )

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2<sup>nd</sup> Try : Curved lifting

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“converging beams” can compensate the  
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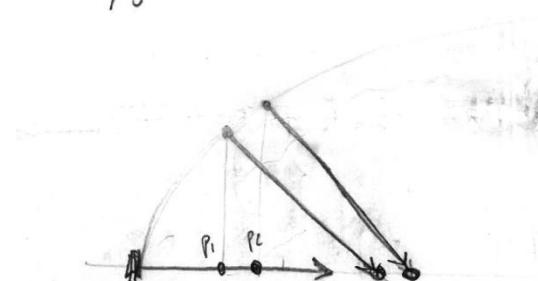
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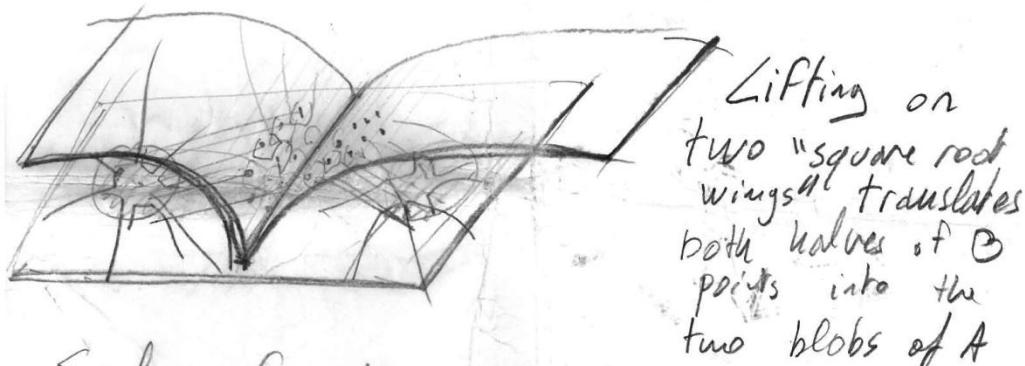
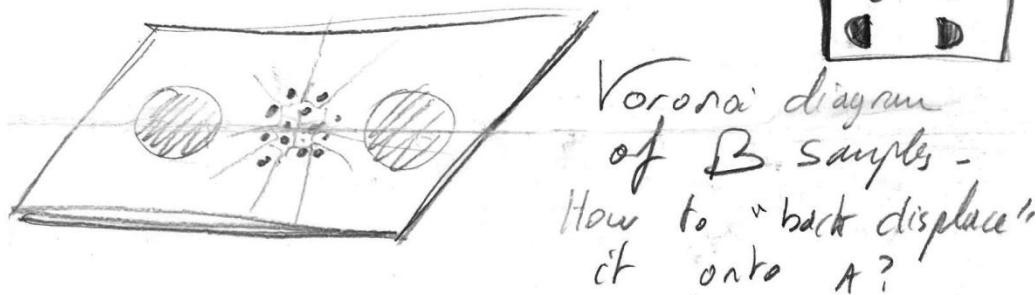
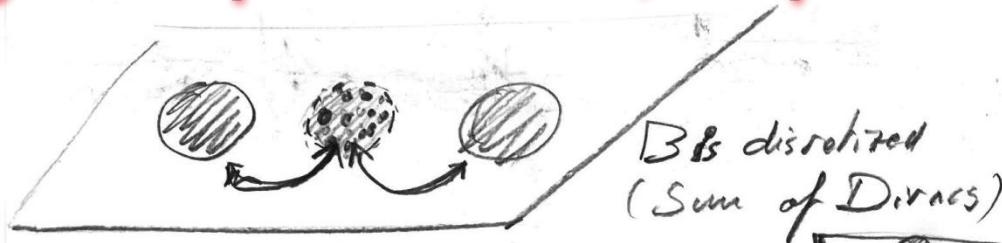
$$h_i^2 = (2T \cdot p_i + \text{cte})$$

$$h_i = \sqrt{2T \cdot p_i - \min(T \cdot p)}$$



Translation d'un diagramme de Voronoï  
sectionnel - Retourment en racine canoë

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is equivalent to solve for the "square root  
wings" ( $h(x,y)$  scalar function) Ref - Name of eqn. Simple  
Unconstrained

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Numerical Experiment: *A disk becomes two disks*

