

# Discovery of Intrinsic Primitives on Triangle Meshes

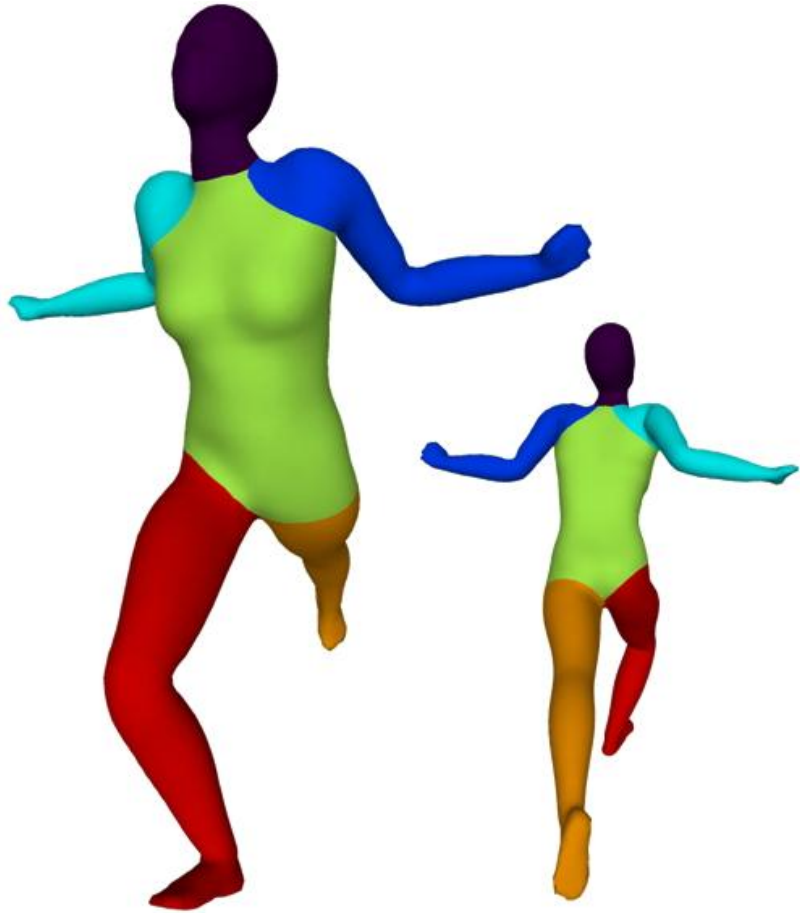


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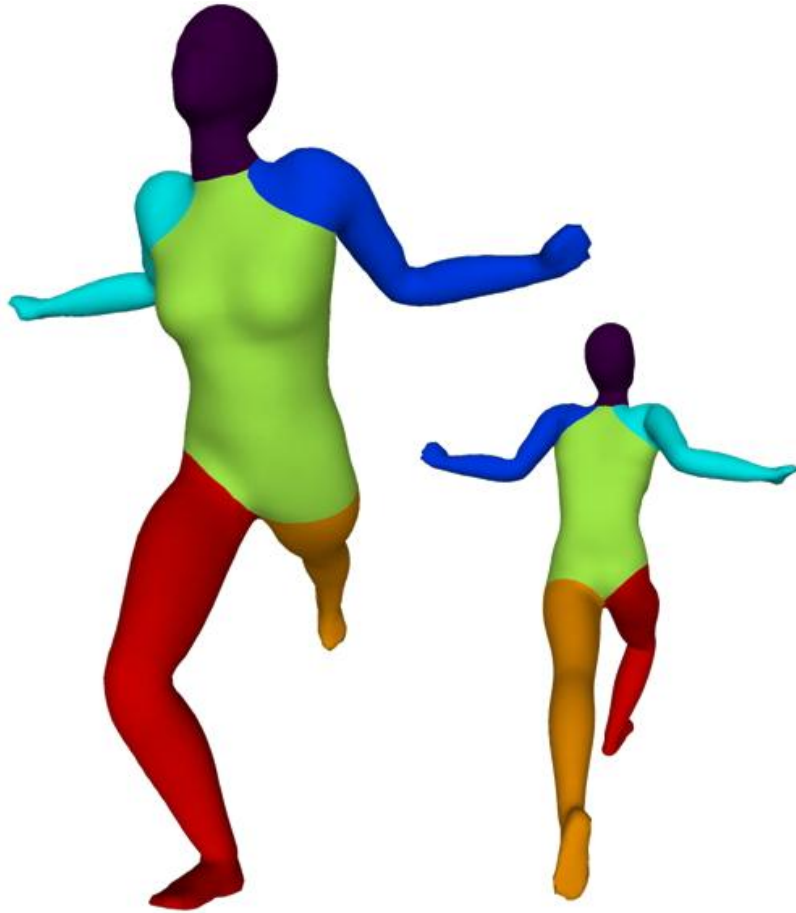


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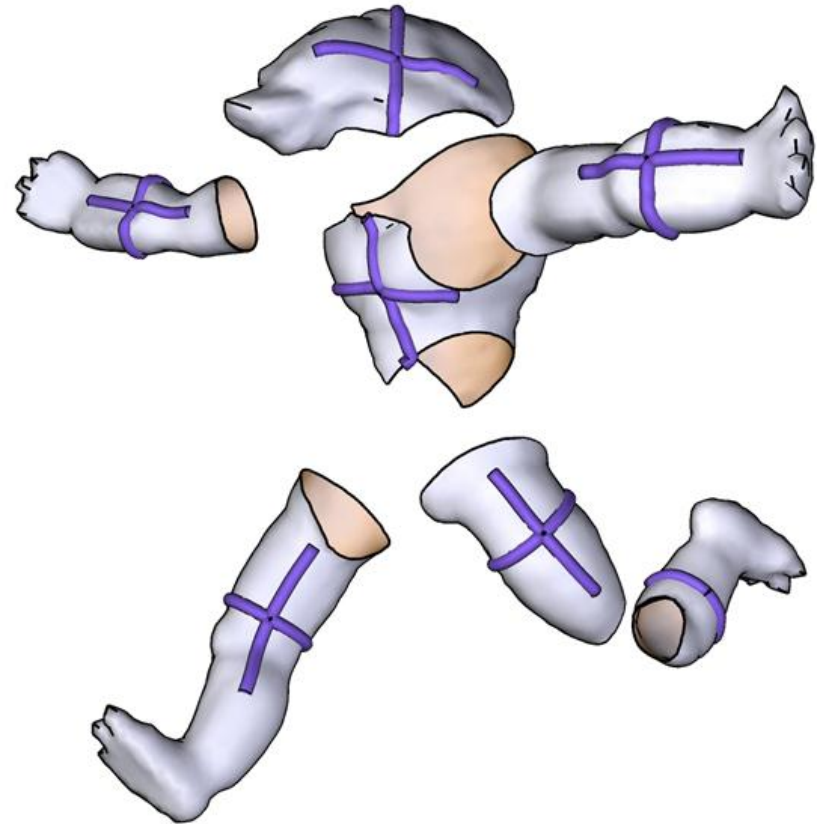


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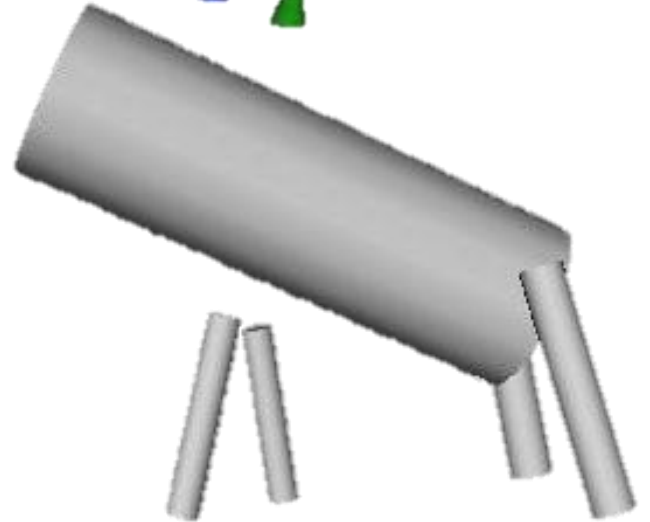
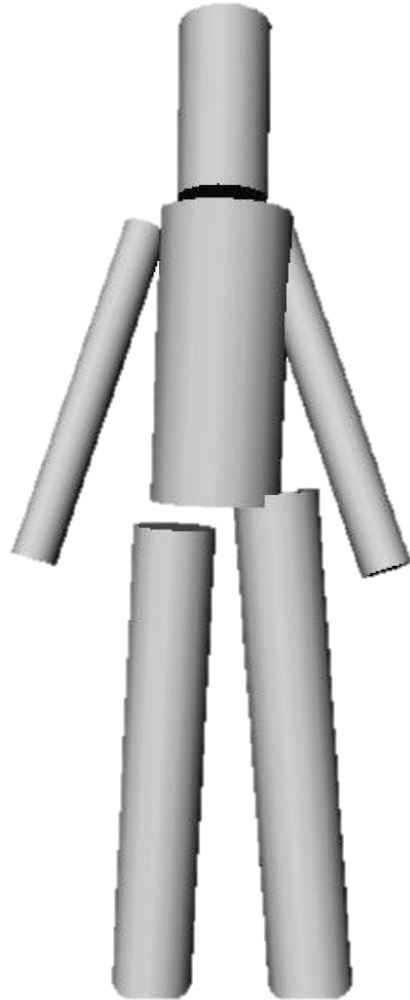
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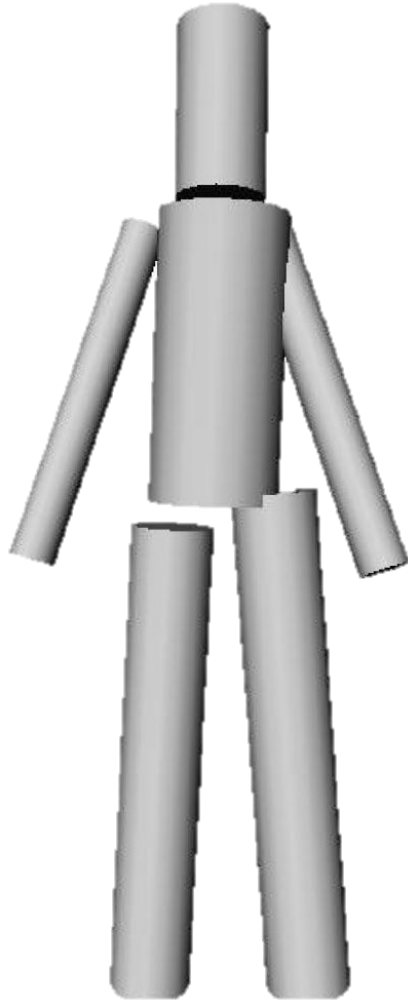
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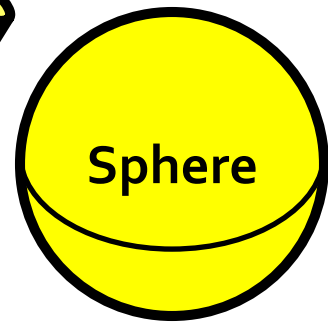
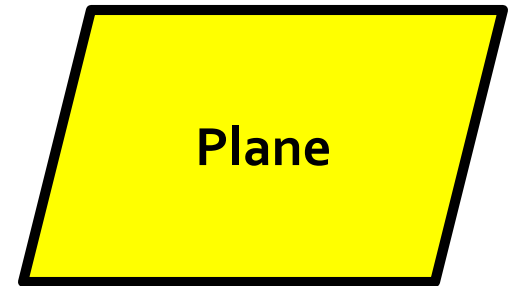
*Hierarchical Mesh Segmentation Based on Fitting Primitives*  
Attene et al, Visual Computer 22.3 (2006)

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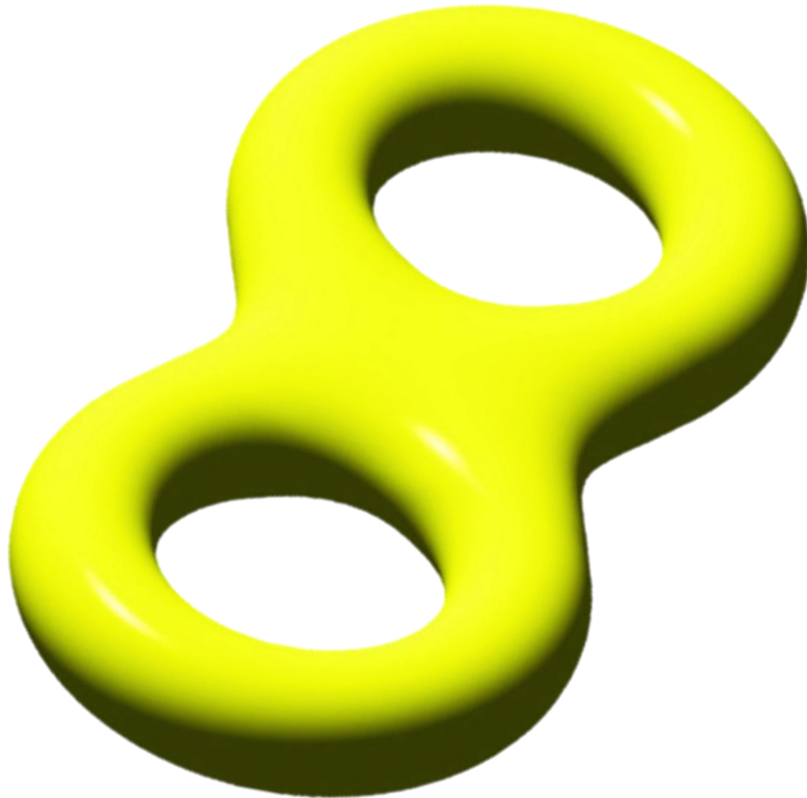


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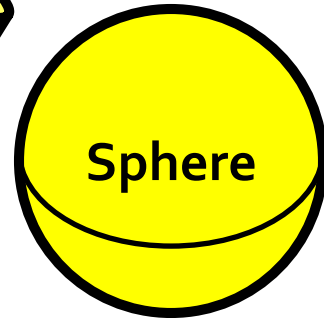
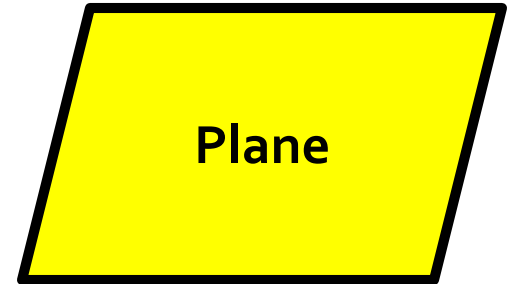


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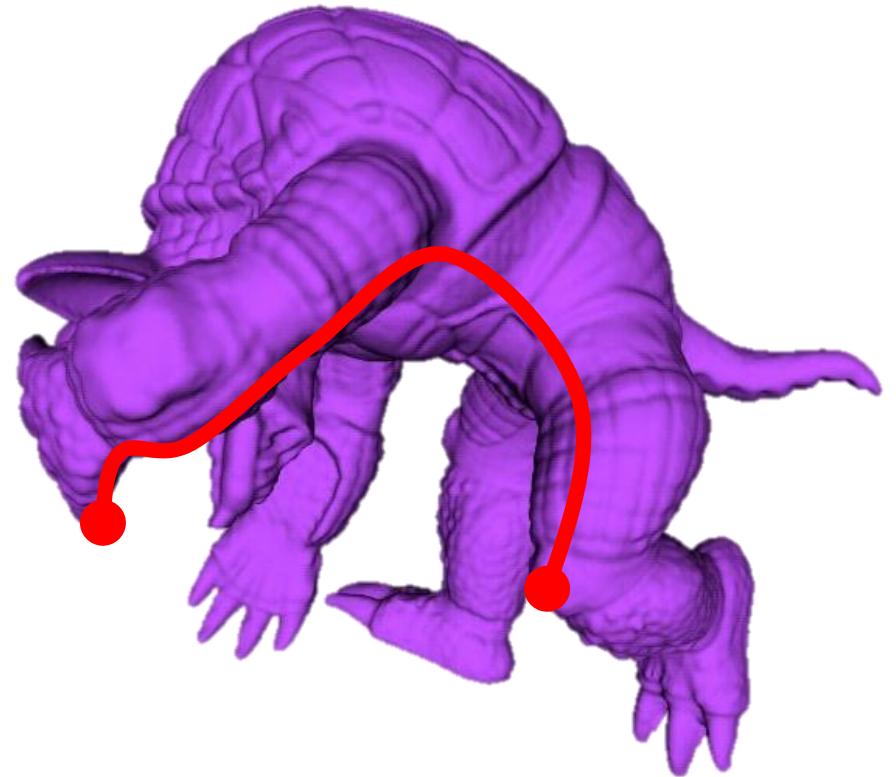
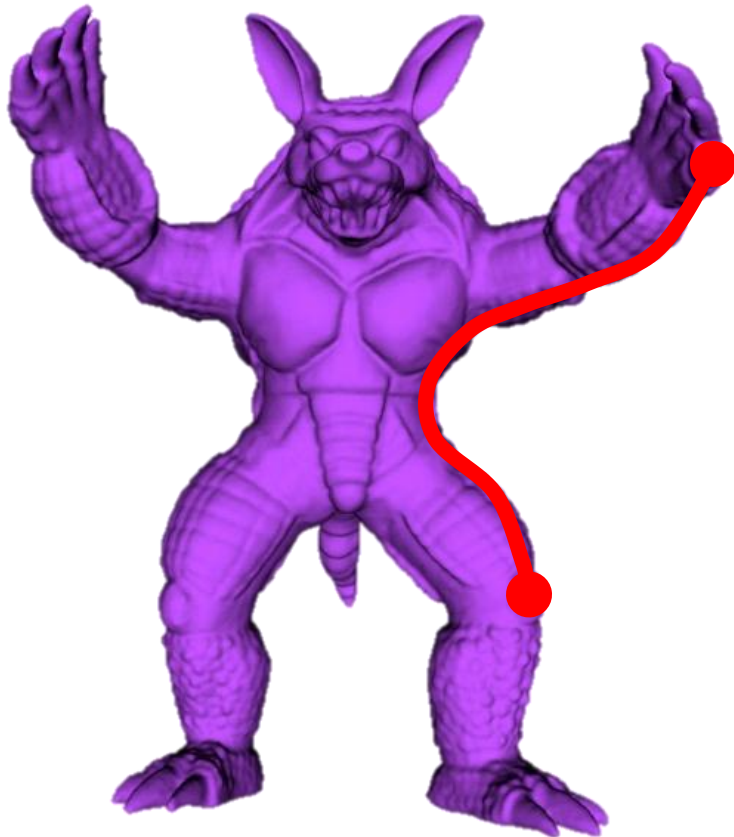
How do you choose?

# Idea: Let Parts Bend



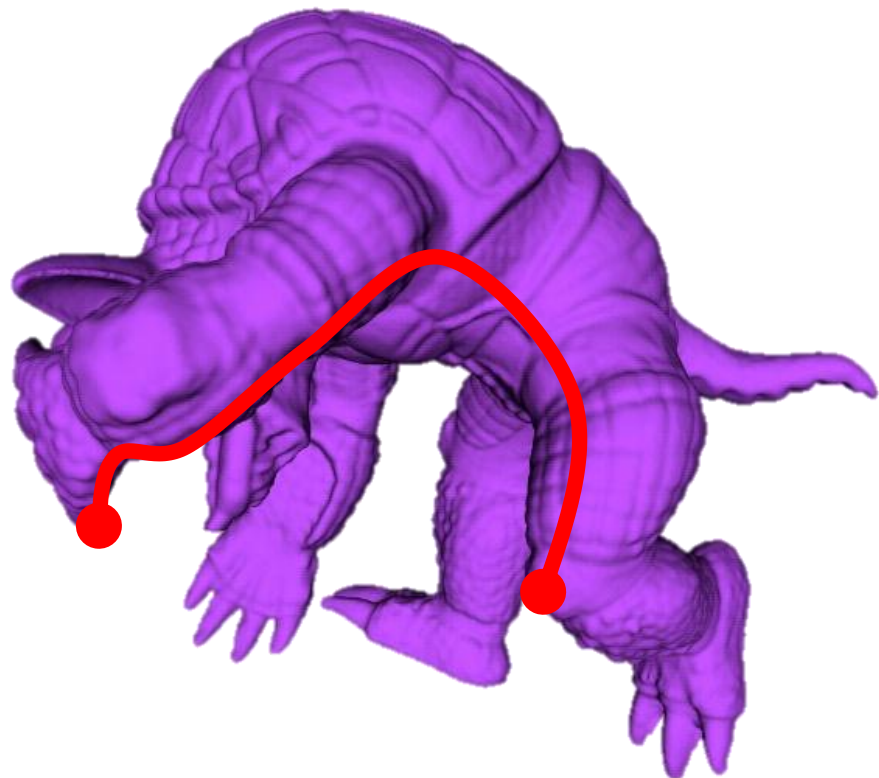
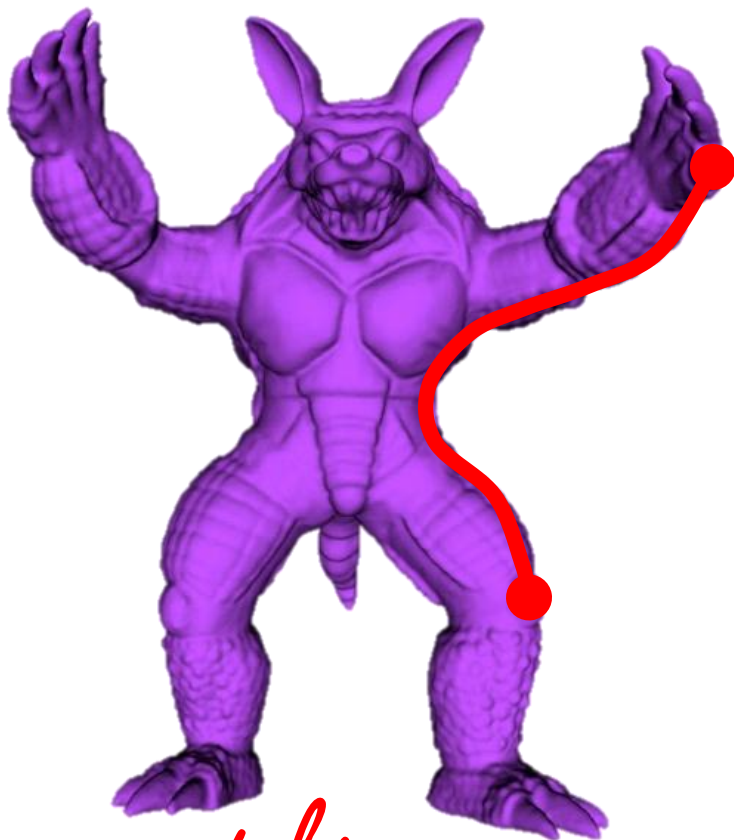


# Isometric Deformation



**Preserves Pairwise Distances**

# *Near-* ^ Isometric Deformation



*Approximately*  
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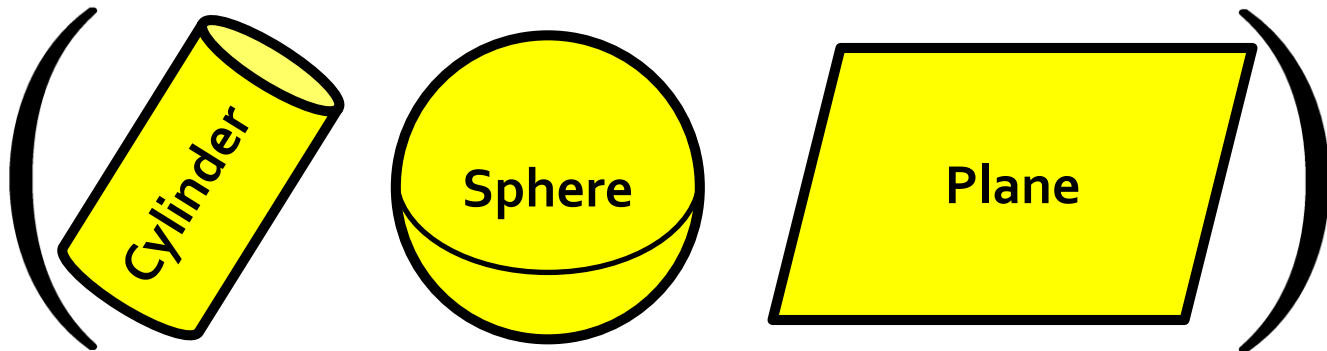
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# Approach

- Find symmetries using **approximate Killing vector fields**
- Compute and cluster **isometry-invariant point signatures**

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Killing  
Vector  
Fields

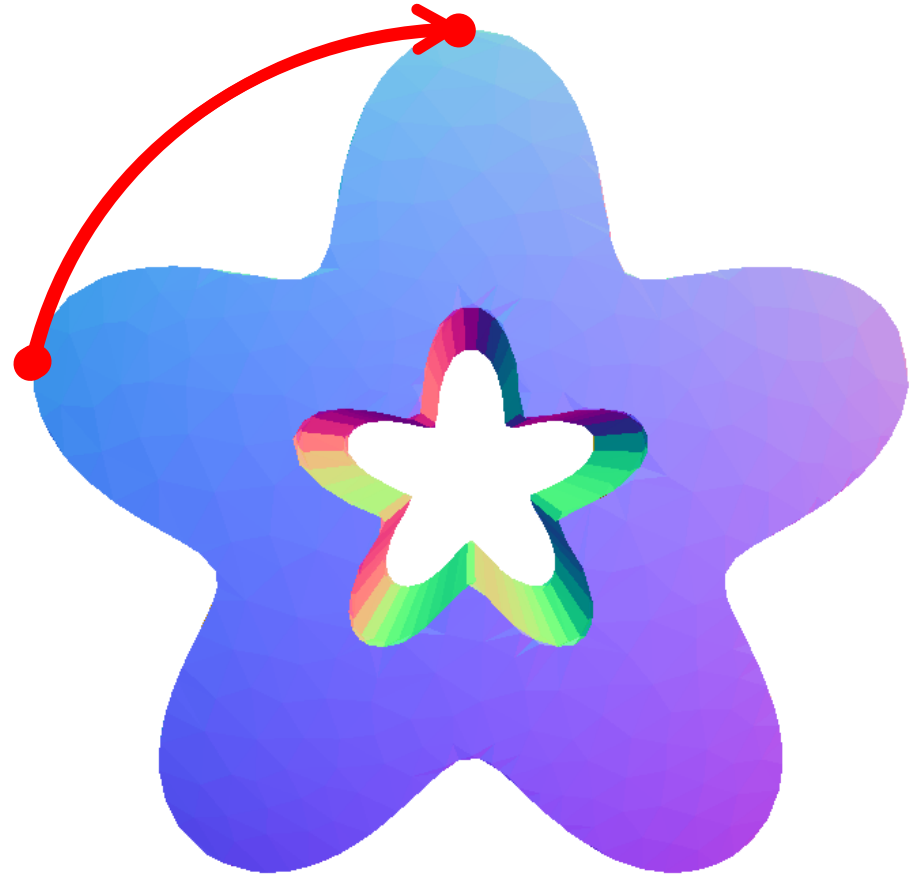
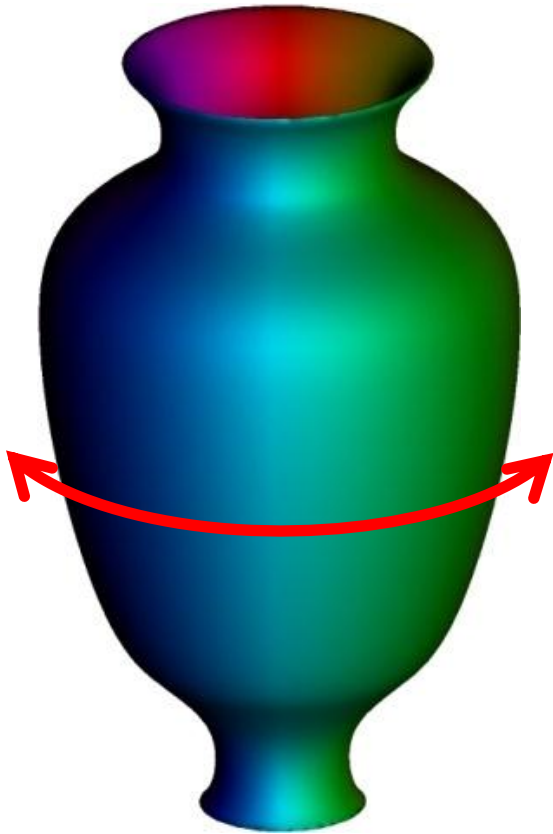
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# Killing Vector Fields



Wilhelm Killing  
1847-1923

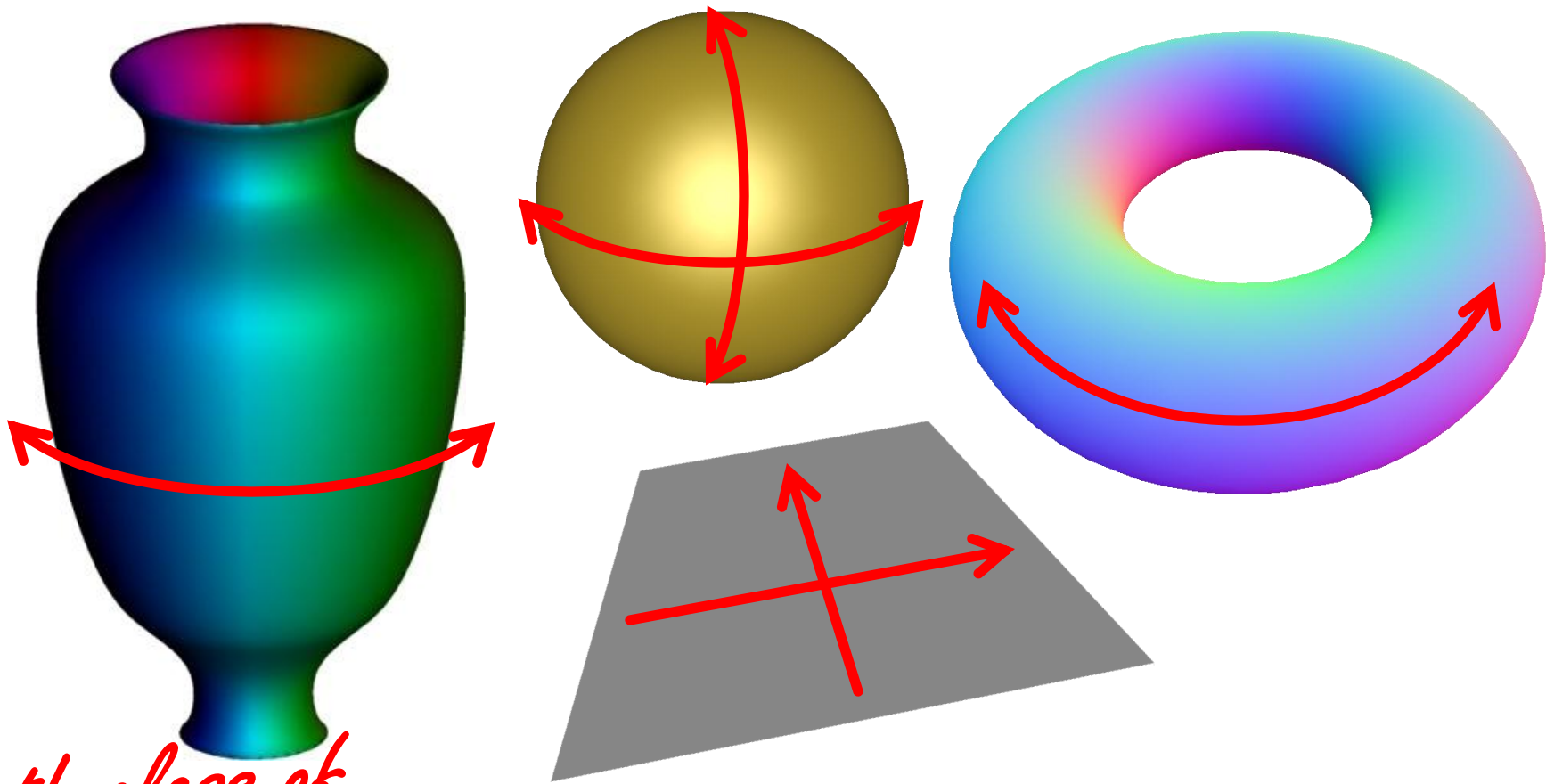
# Self-Isometry



**Distance-Preserving Self Map**



# Continuous Self-Isometry

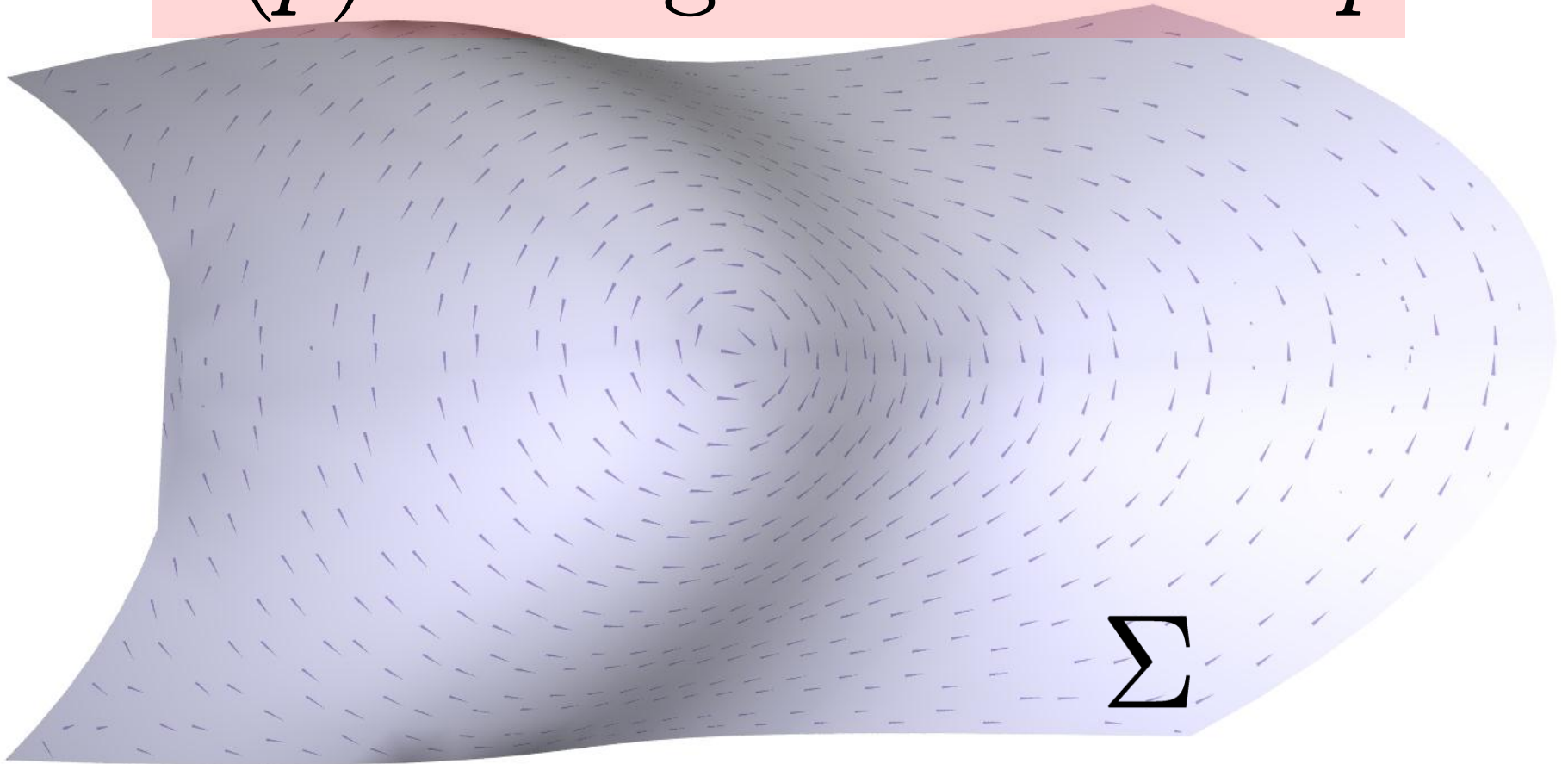


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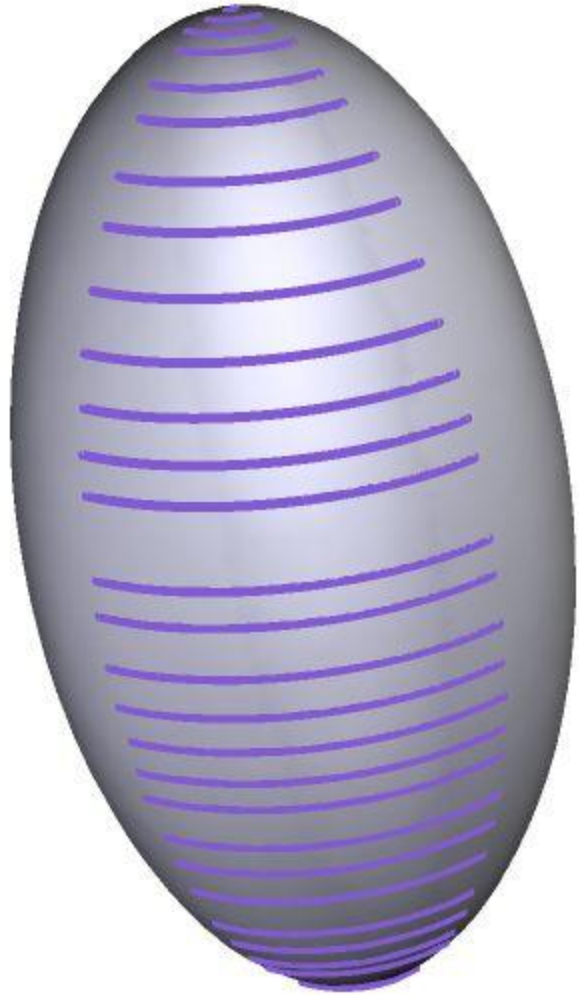
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# Tangent Vector Field

$\omega(p)$  = tangent vector at  $p$



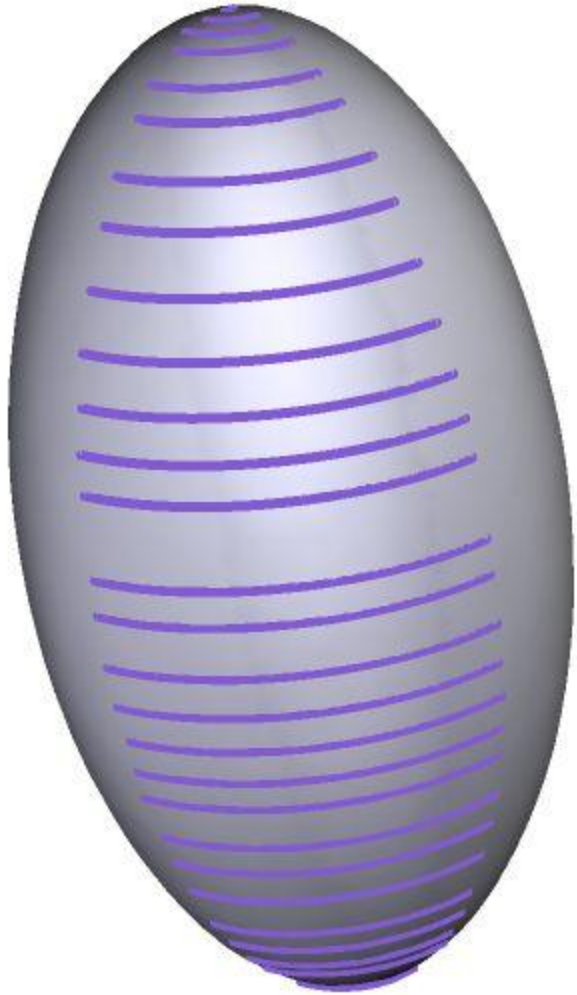
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Killing vector field

$$\frac{d\phi_t}{dt} : \Sigma \rightarrow T\Sigma$$

# Discrete Approximate KVFs

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## On Discrete Killing Vector Fields and Patterns on Surfaces

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### Abstract

*Symmetry is one of the most important properties of a shape, unifying form and function. It encodes semantic information on one hand, and affects the shape's aesthetic value on the other. Symmetry comes in many flavors, amongst the most interesting being intrinsic symmetry, which is defined only in terms of the intrinsic geometry of the shape. Continuous intrinsic symmetries can be represented using infinitesimal rigid transformations, which are given as tangent vector fields on the surface – known as Killing Vector Fields. As exact symmetries are quite rare, especially when considering noisy sampled surfaces, we propose a method for relaxing the exact symmetry constraint to allow*

# AKVFs: Main Idea

Vector field:  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^E$

Operator (matrix)  $K$  measuring  
deviation from isometry

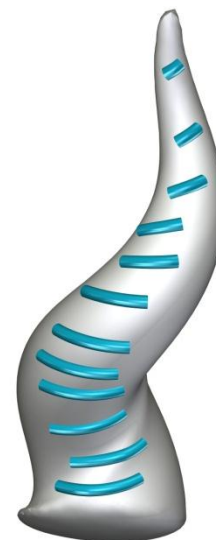
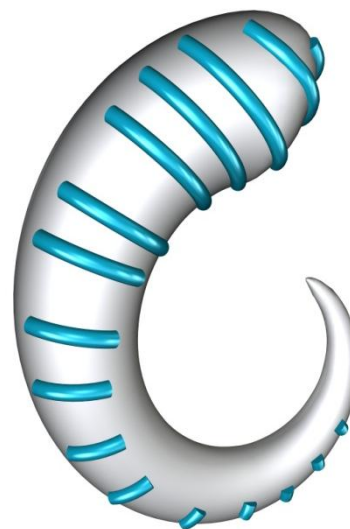
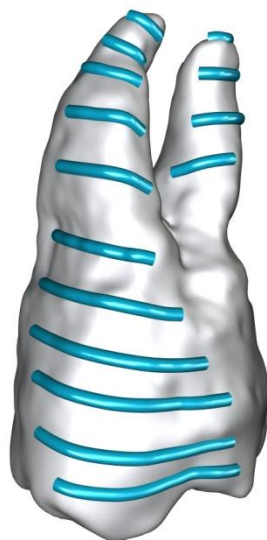
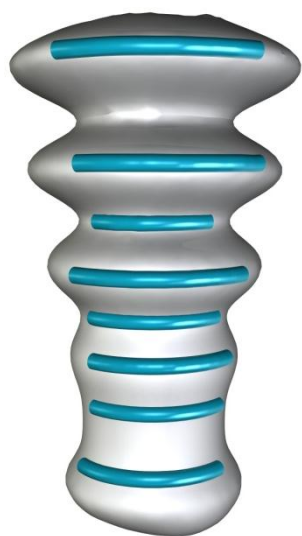
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Want to minimize  $\|K\omega\|^2$  subject to  $\|\omega\| = 1$



Find eigenvectors (“eigenfields”) of  $K$

# AKVF Examples

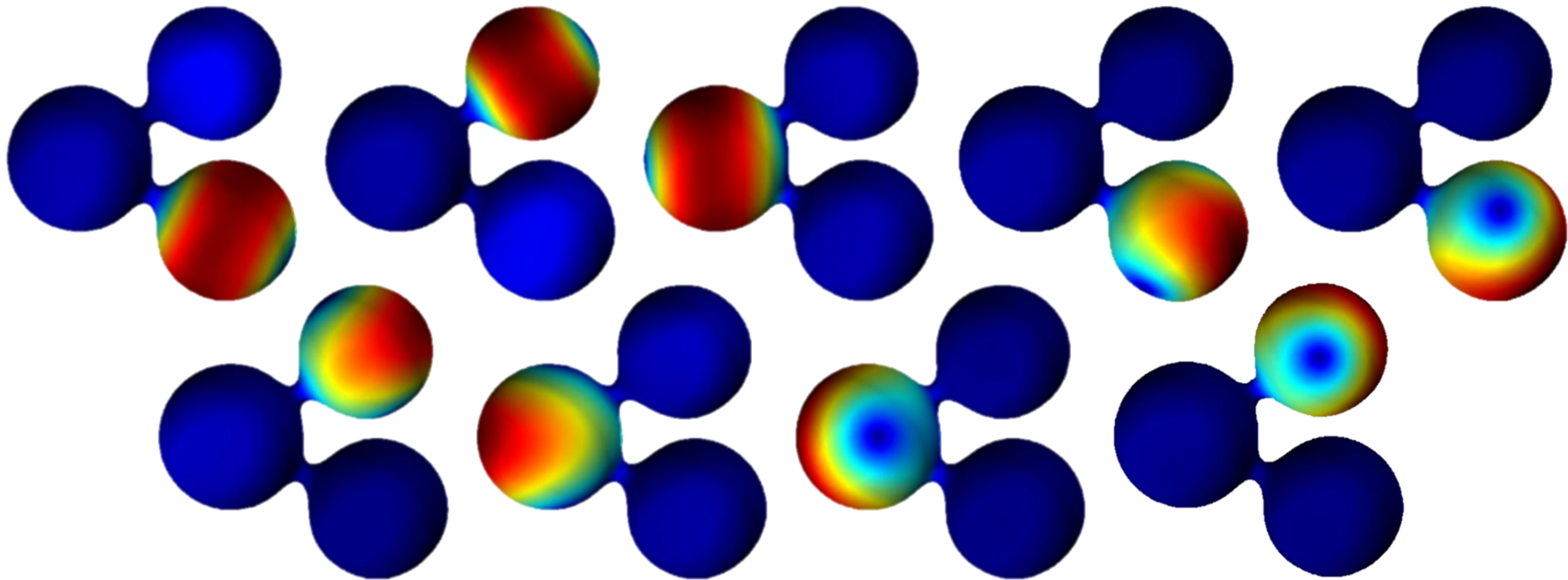


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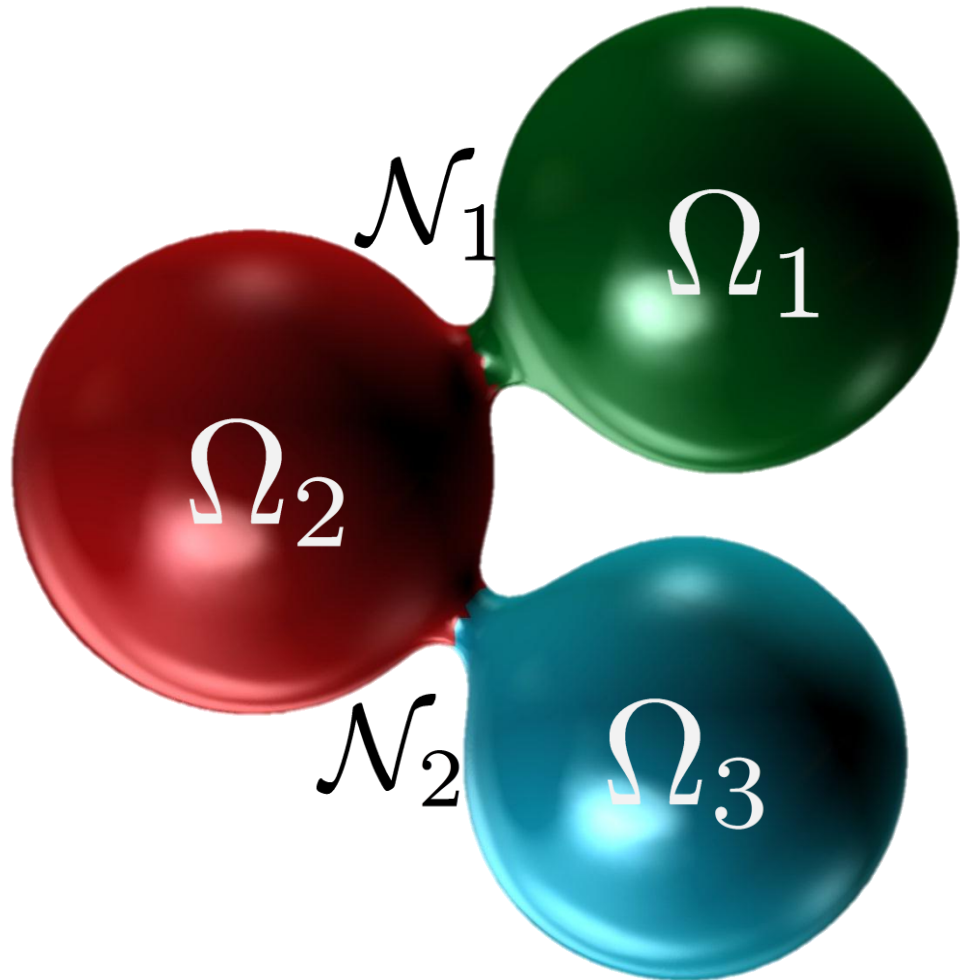


# Observation

Eigenfields of  $K$  are  
localized on parts!



# Composite Shape



- $i$  = component  $i$
- $i \subseteq$  surface  $\Sigma_i$
- $\mathcal{N}_i$  = neck  $i$

# Motivating Theorem

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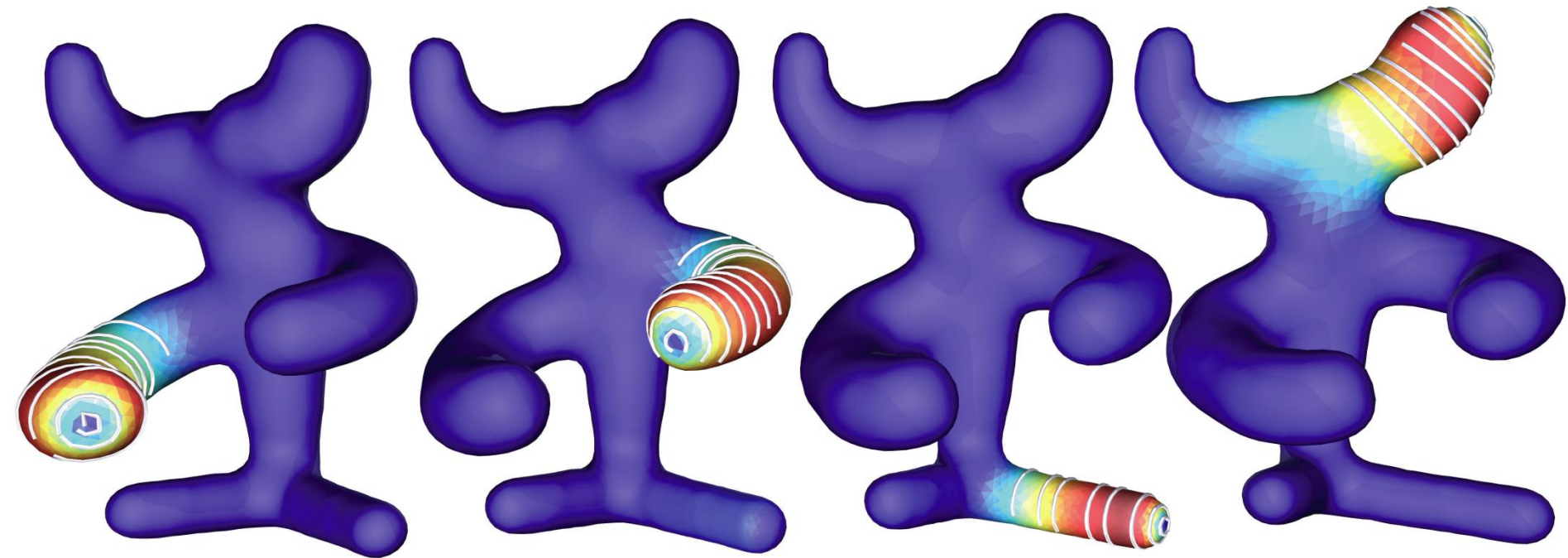
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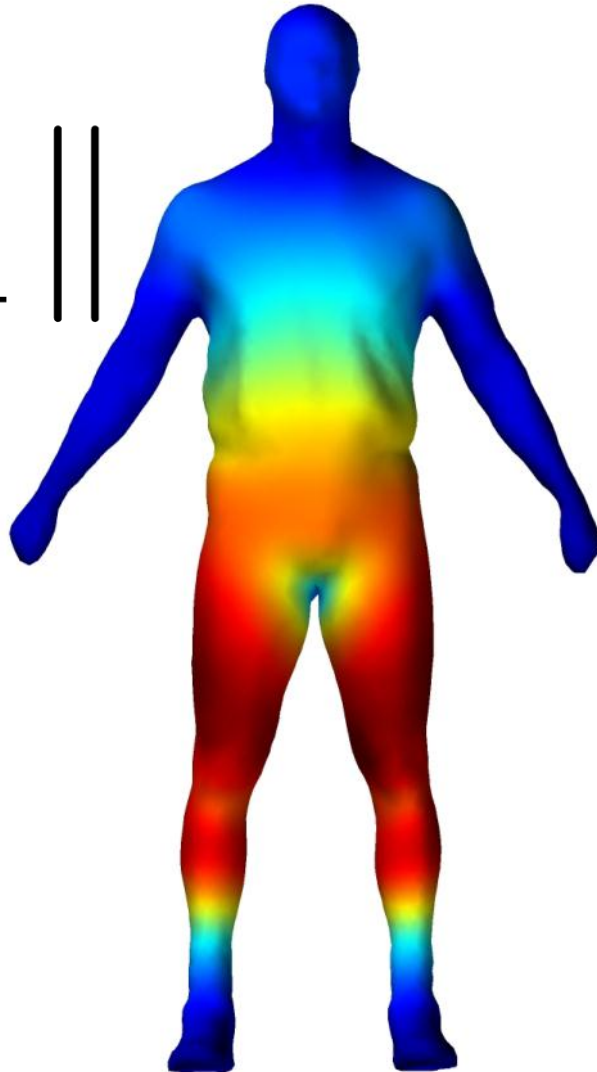
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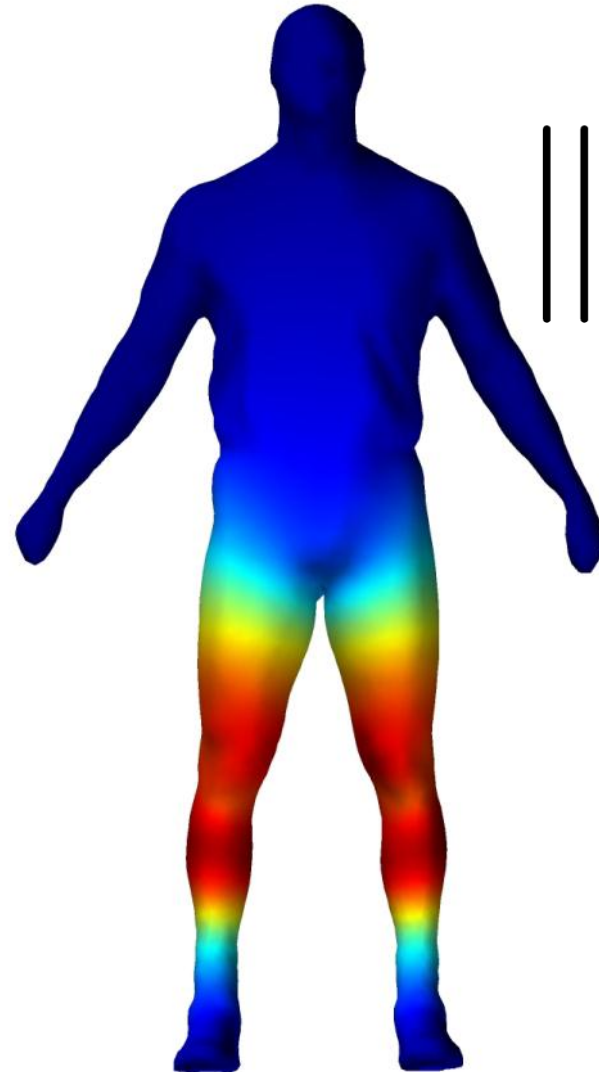


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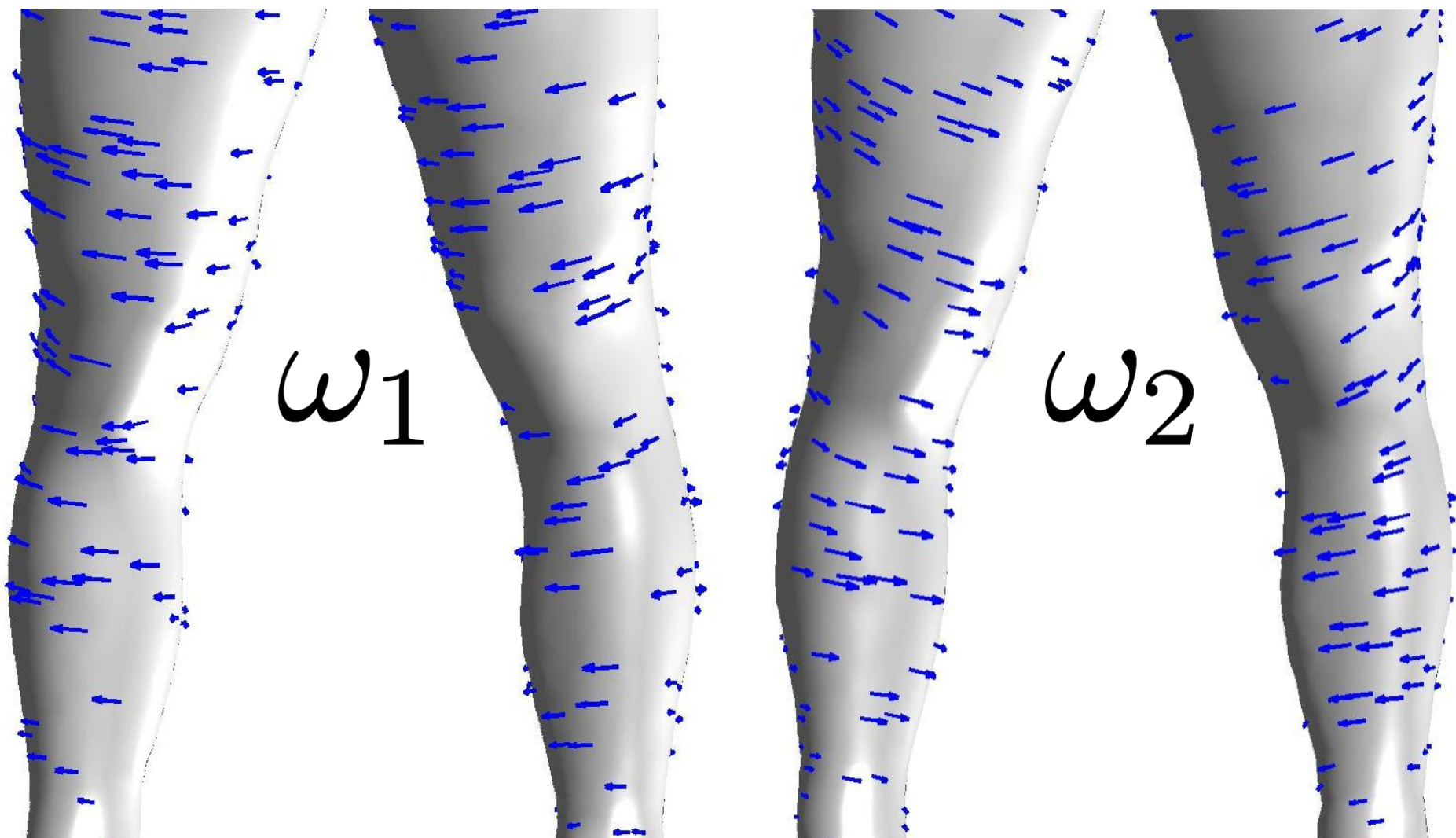


$\|\omega_2\|$



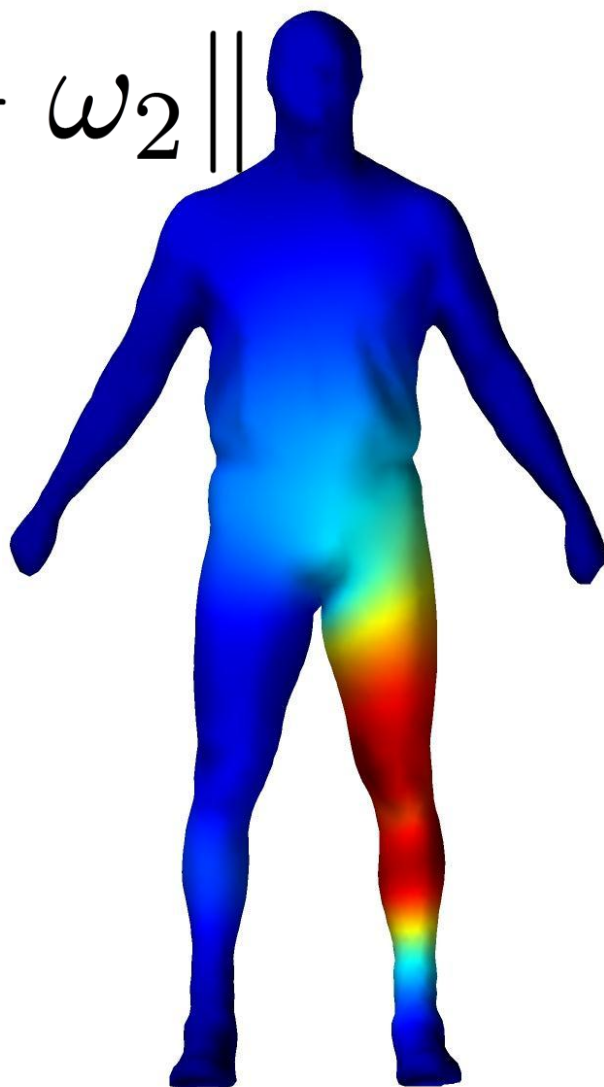


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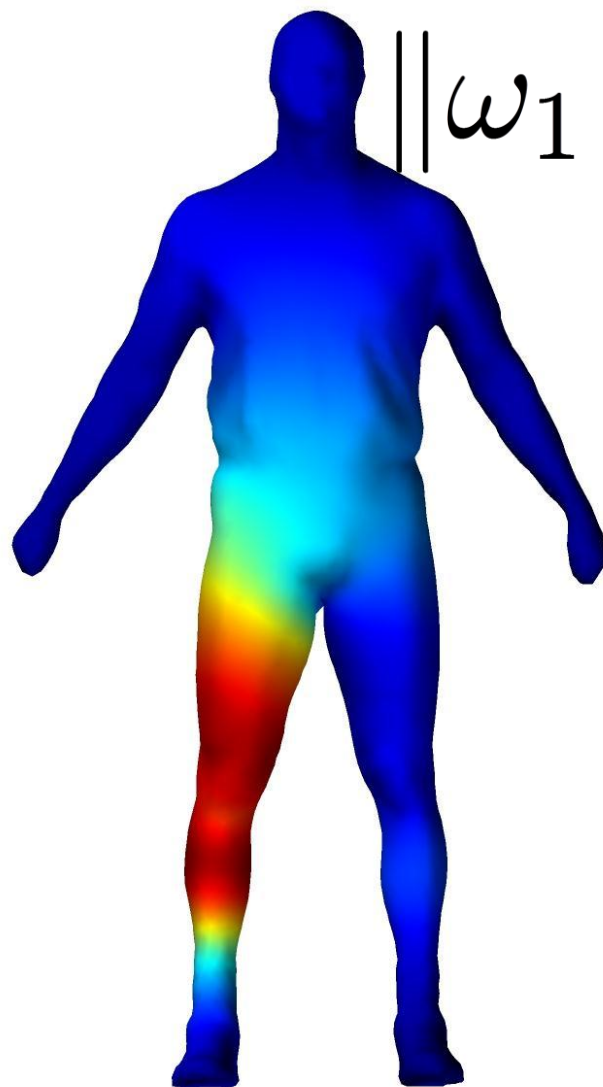


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$$\|\omega_1 - \omega_2\|$$



$$\|\omega_1 + \omega_2\|$$



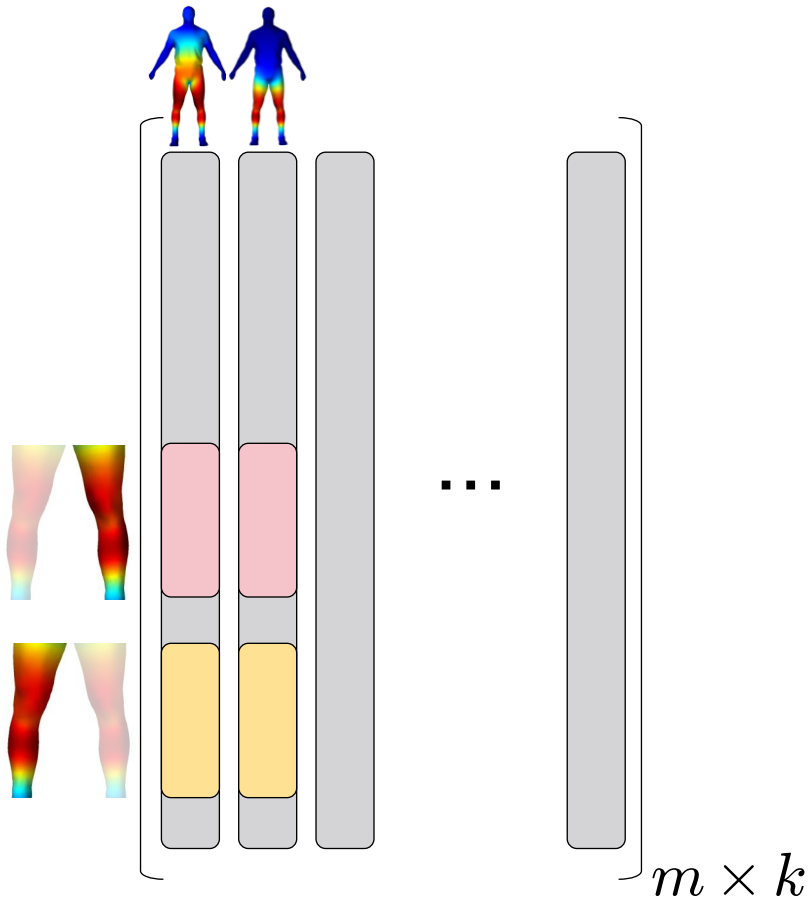
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$$E(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \int_{\Sigma} \|\omega_1\|^2 \|\omega_2\|^2$$

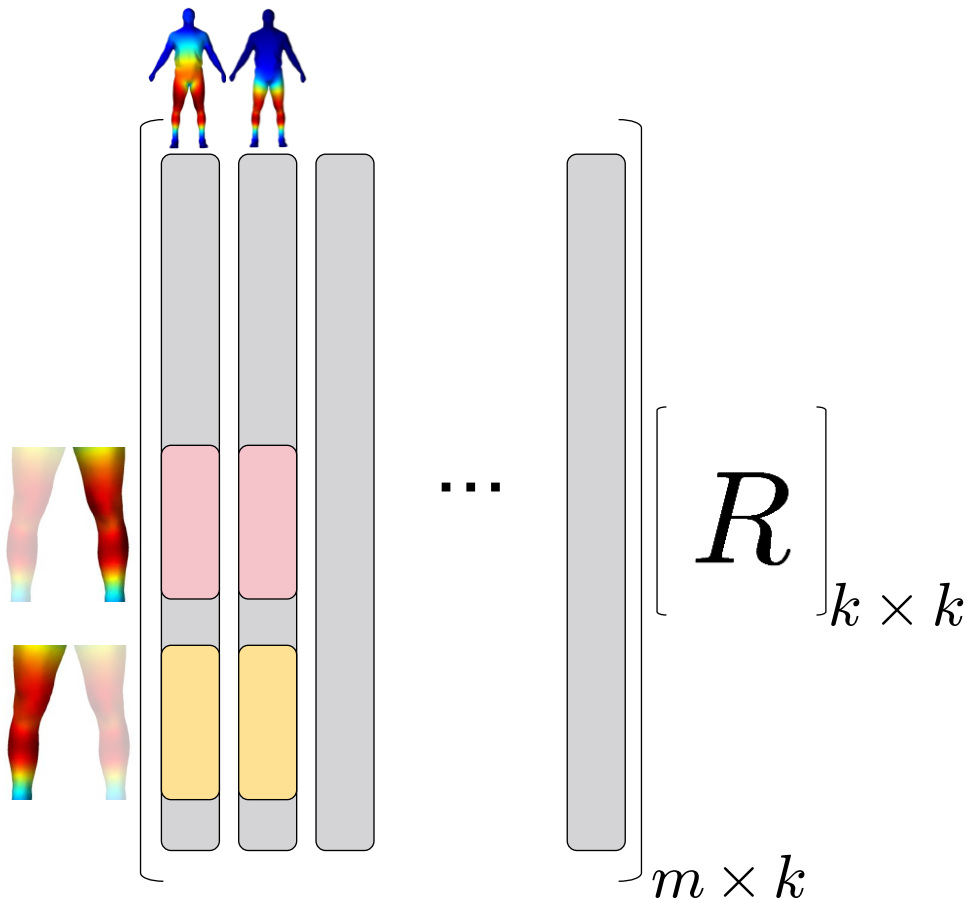


$$E(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_N) = \sum_i \sum_{j>i} E(\omega_i, \omega_j)$$

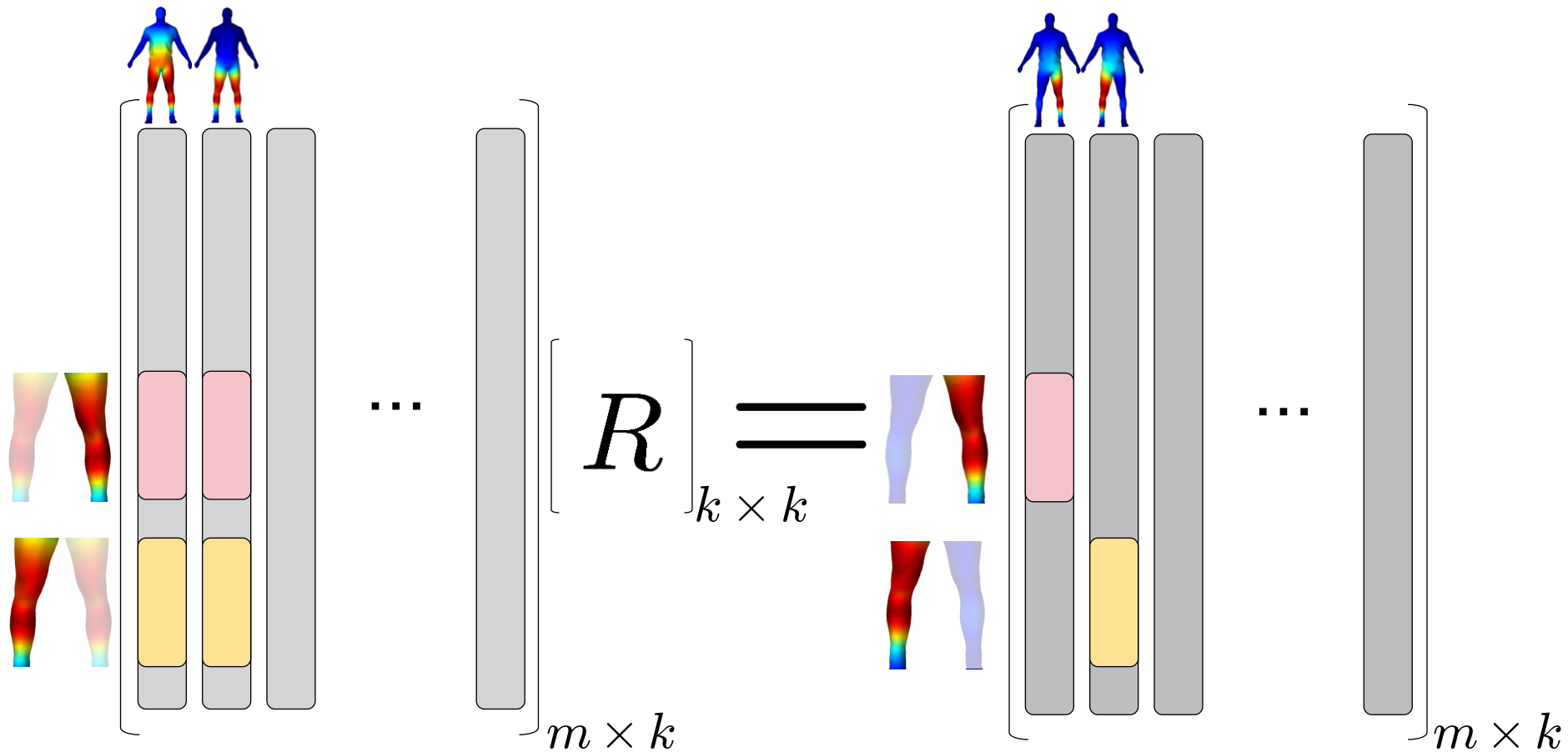
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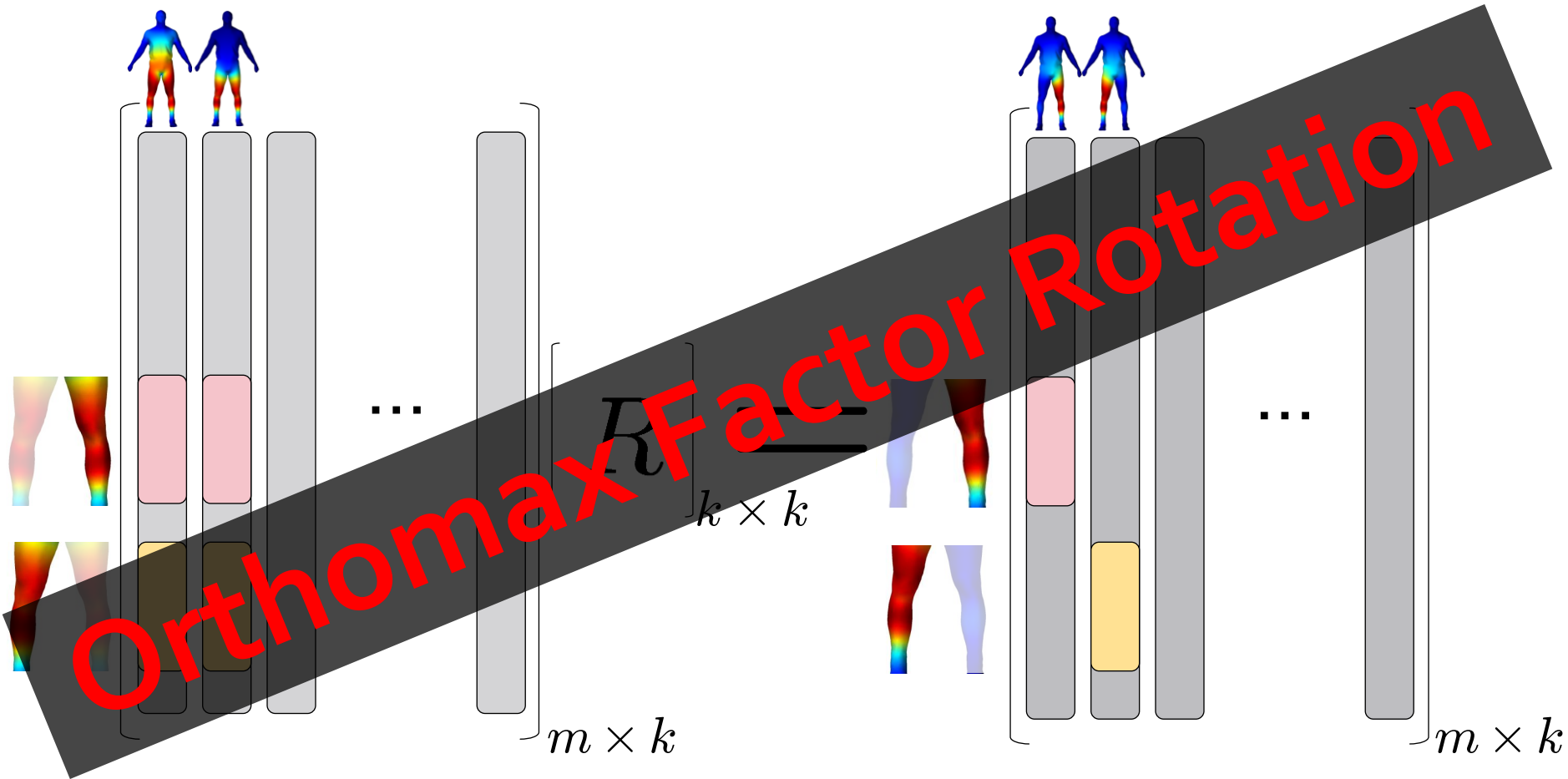
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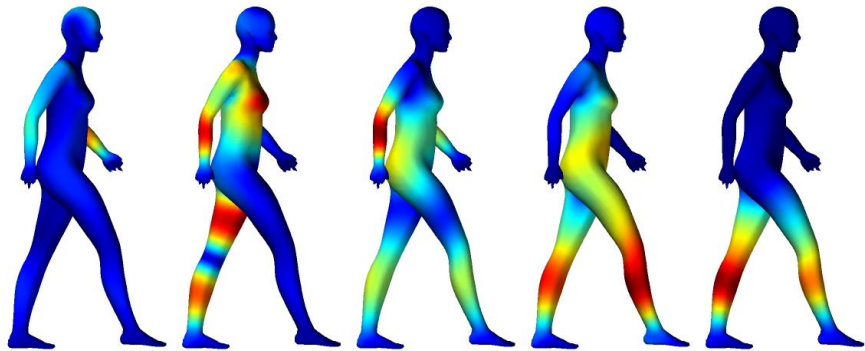
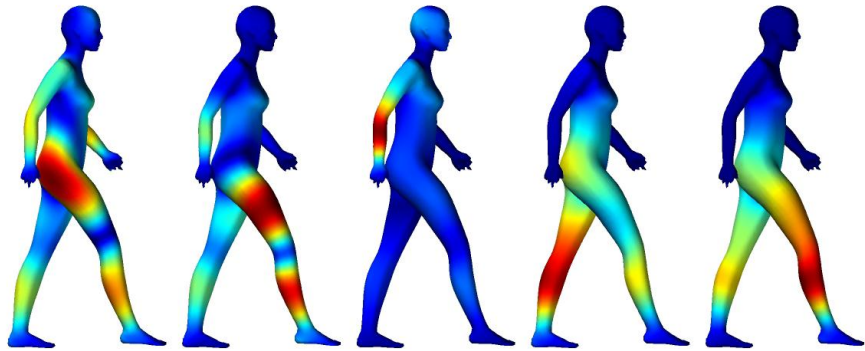
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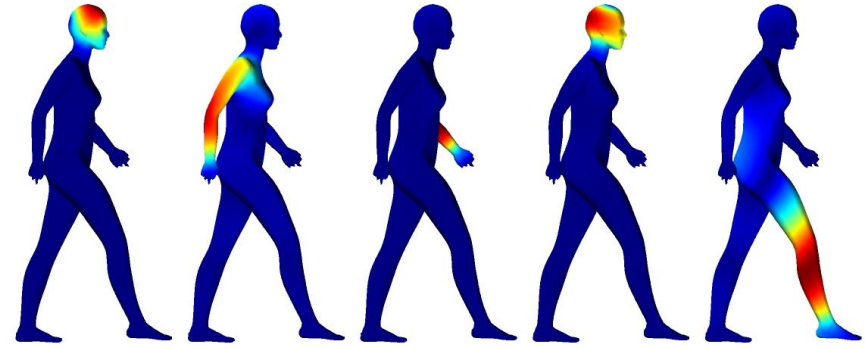
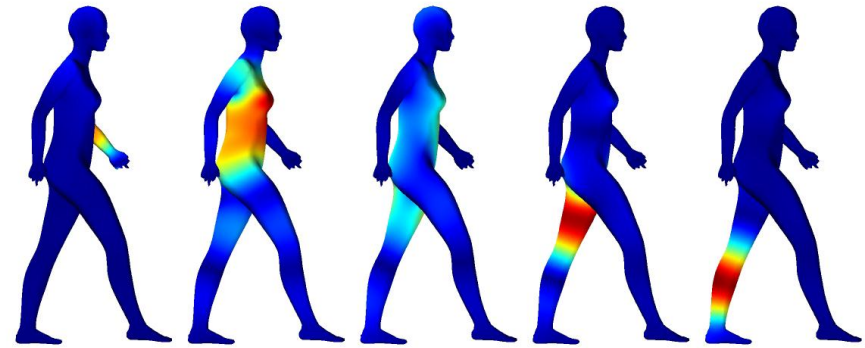
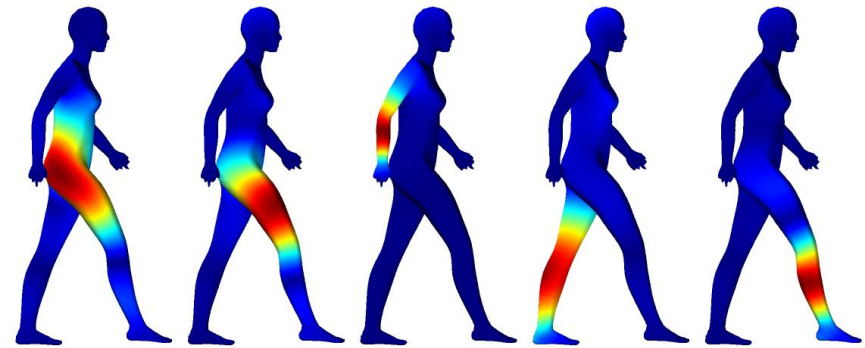
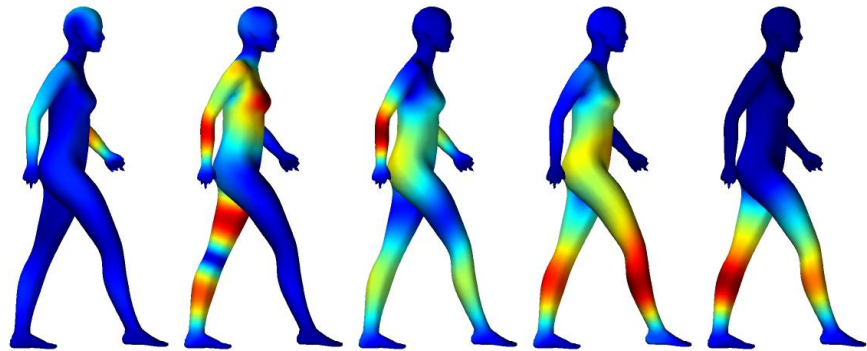
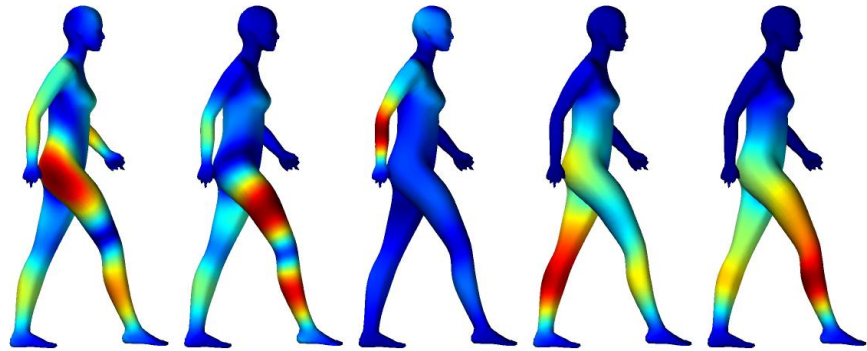


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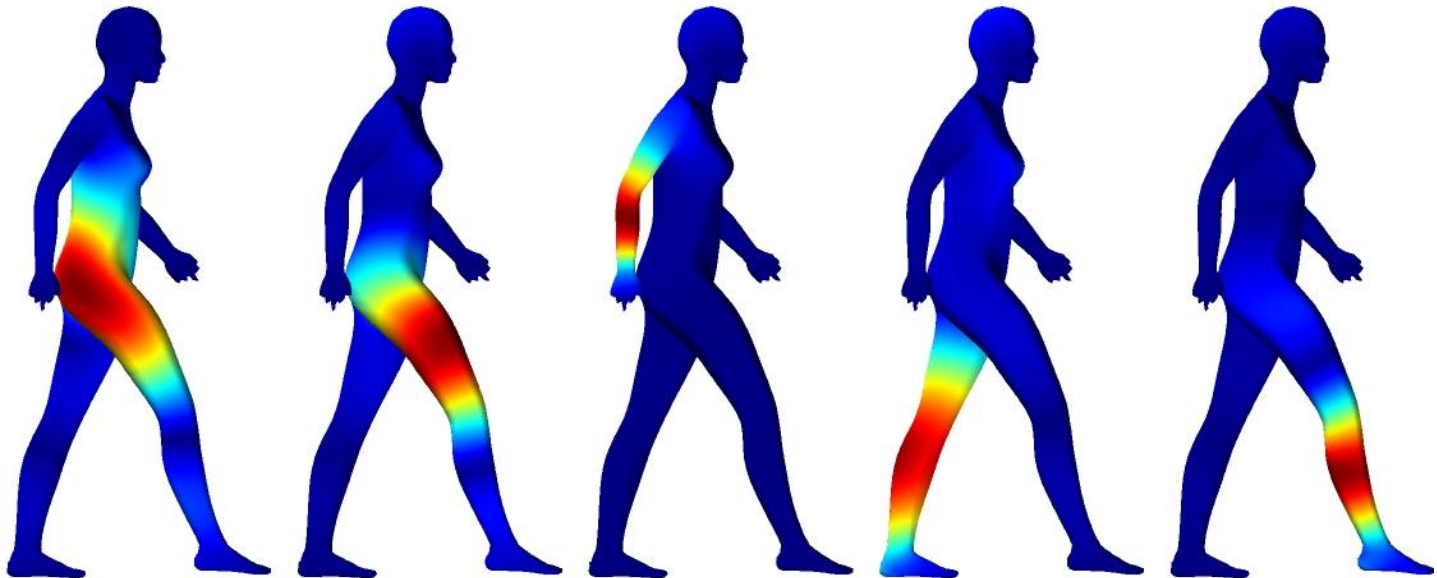
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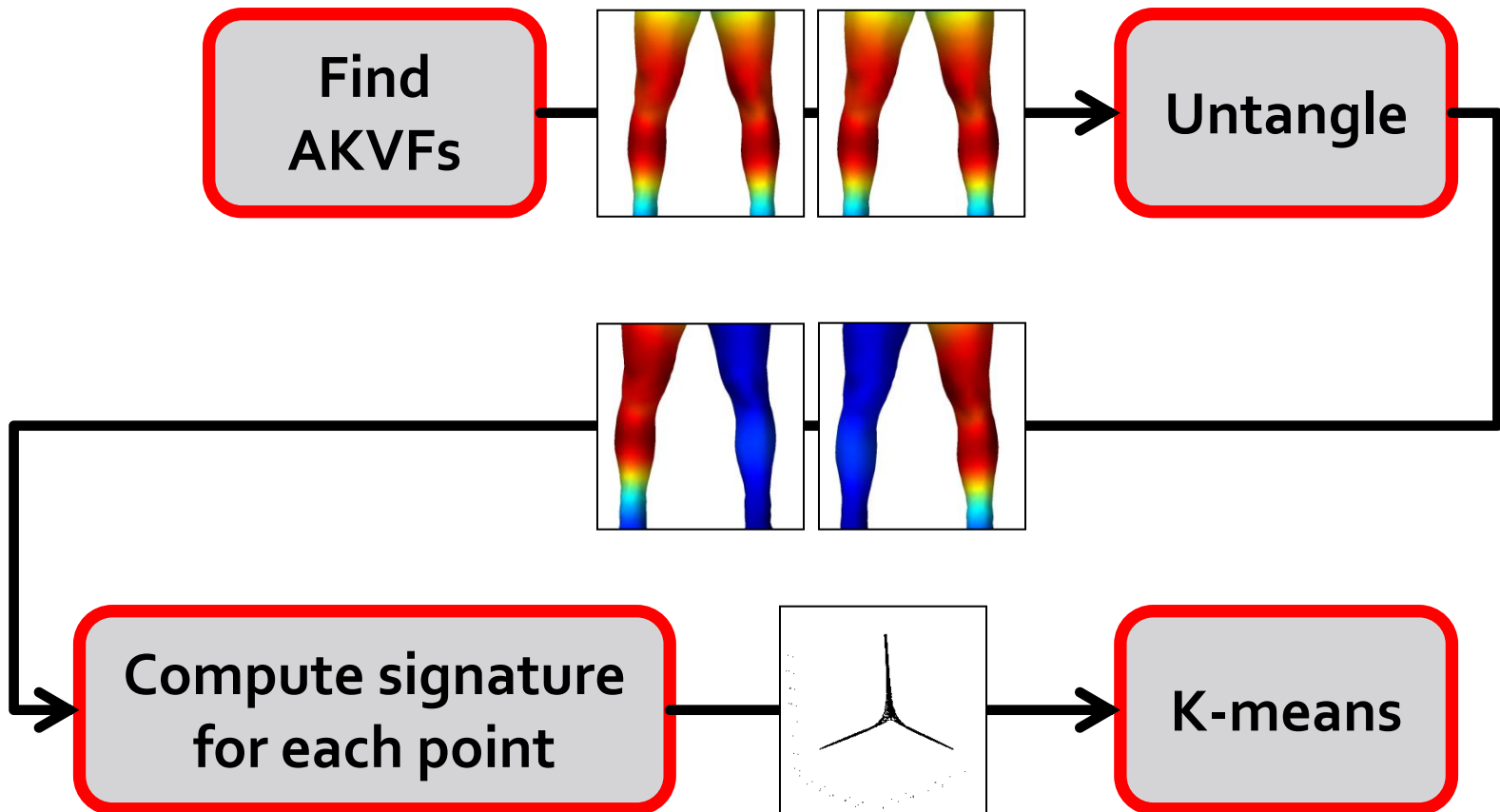
# Signatures for Part Discovery

$$\varphi(p) = (\|u_1(p)\|, \|u_2(p)\|, \dots, \|u_N(p)\|)$$

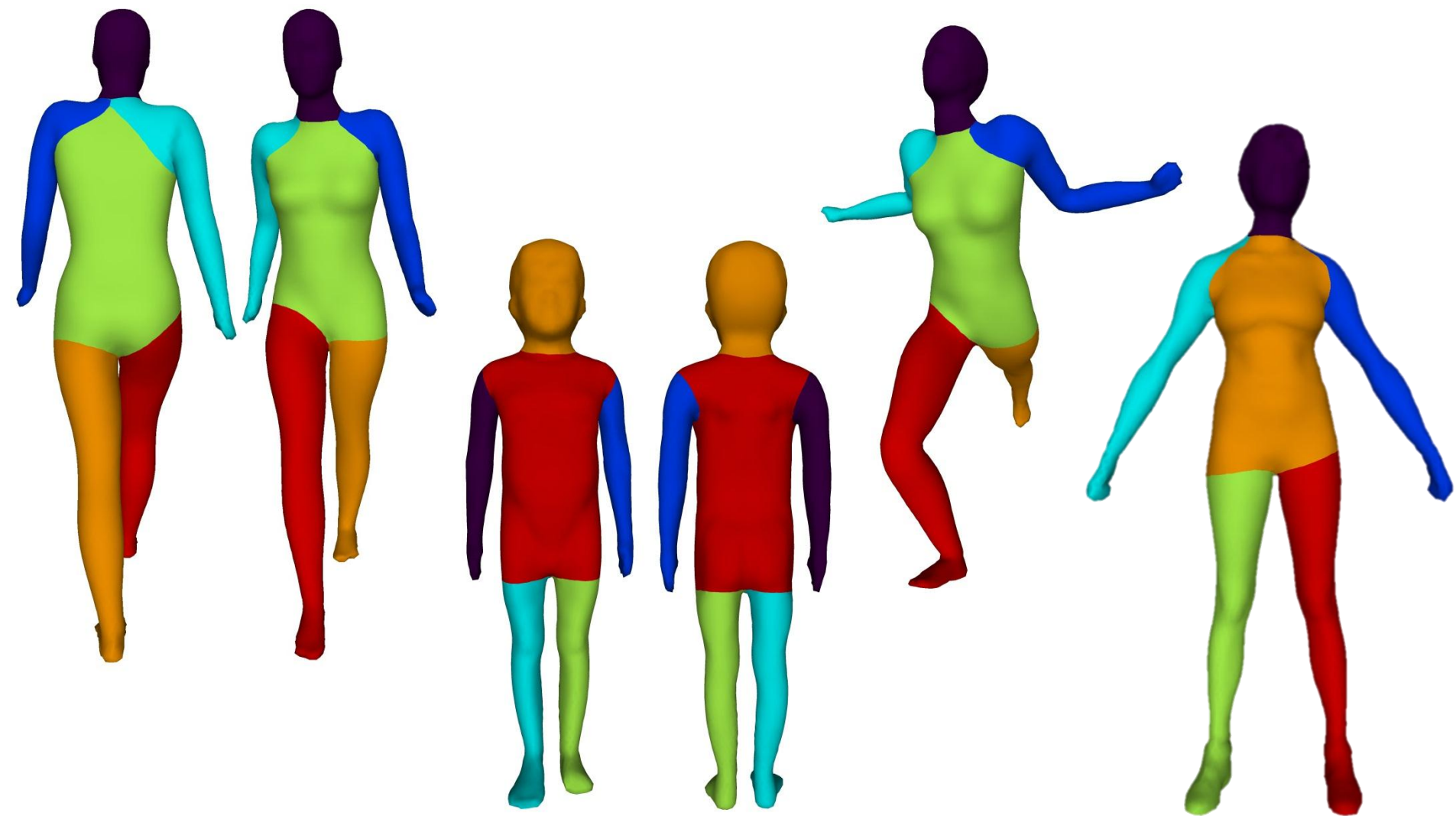
Untangled vector fields



# Segmentation Algorithm



# Segmentation Results



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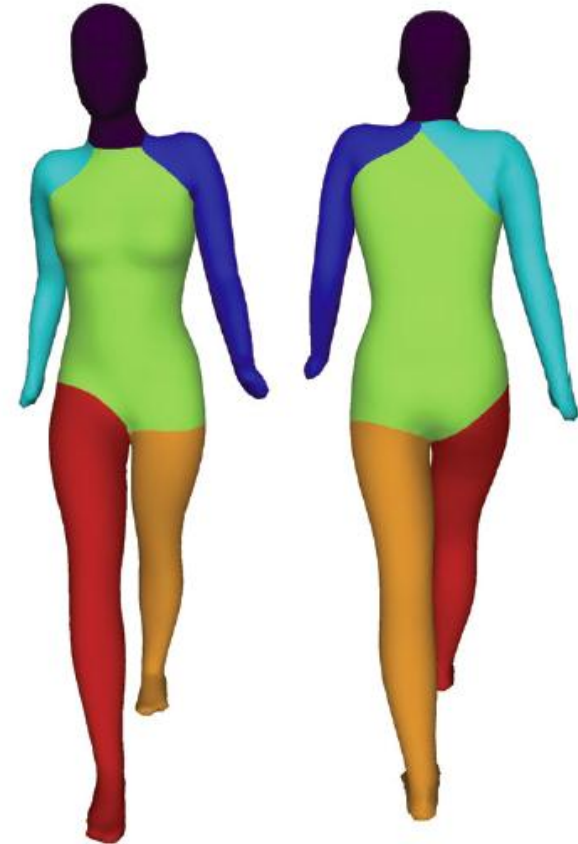
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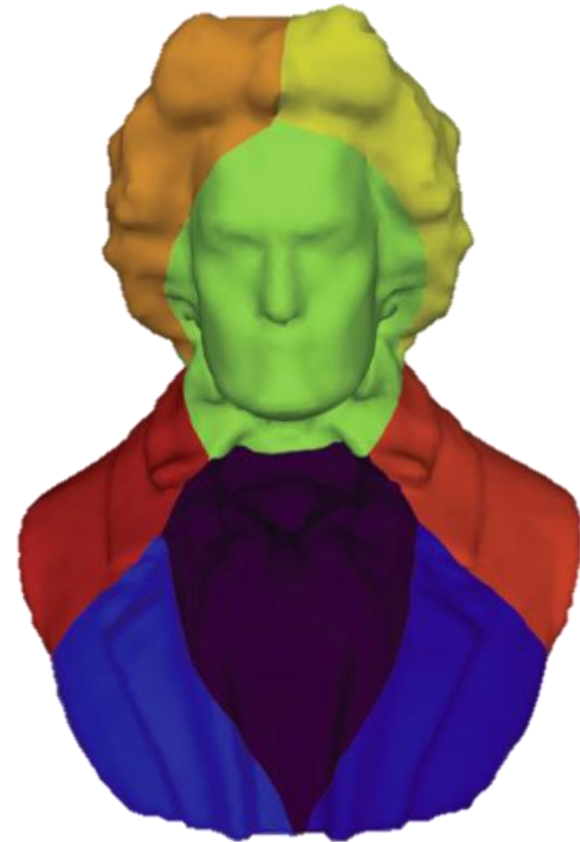
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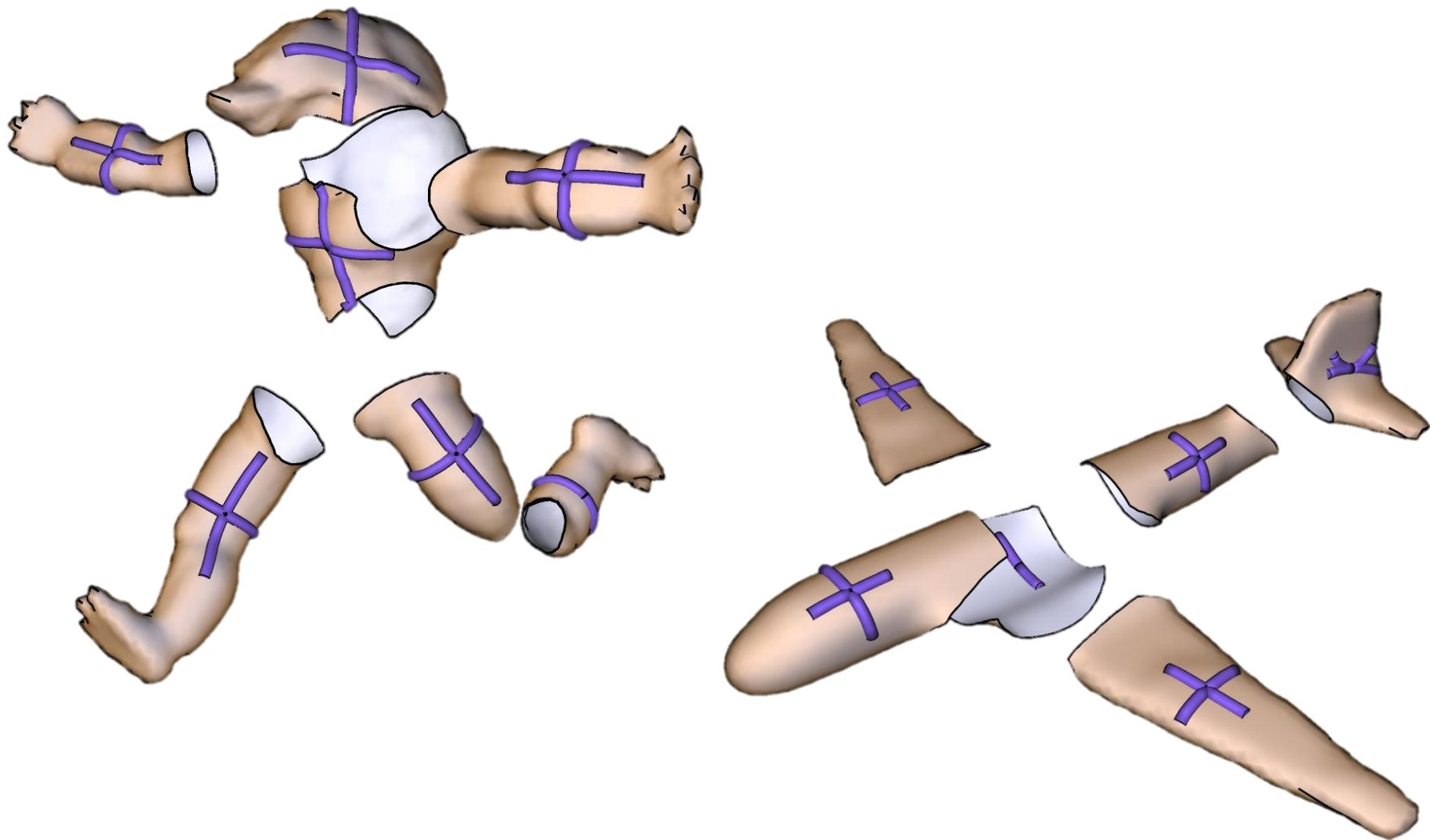


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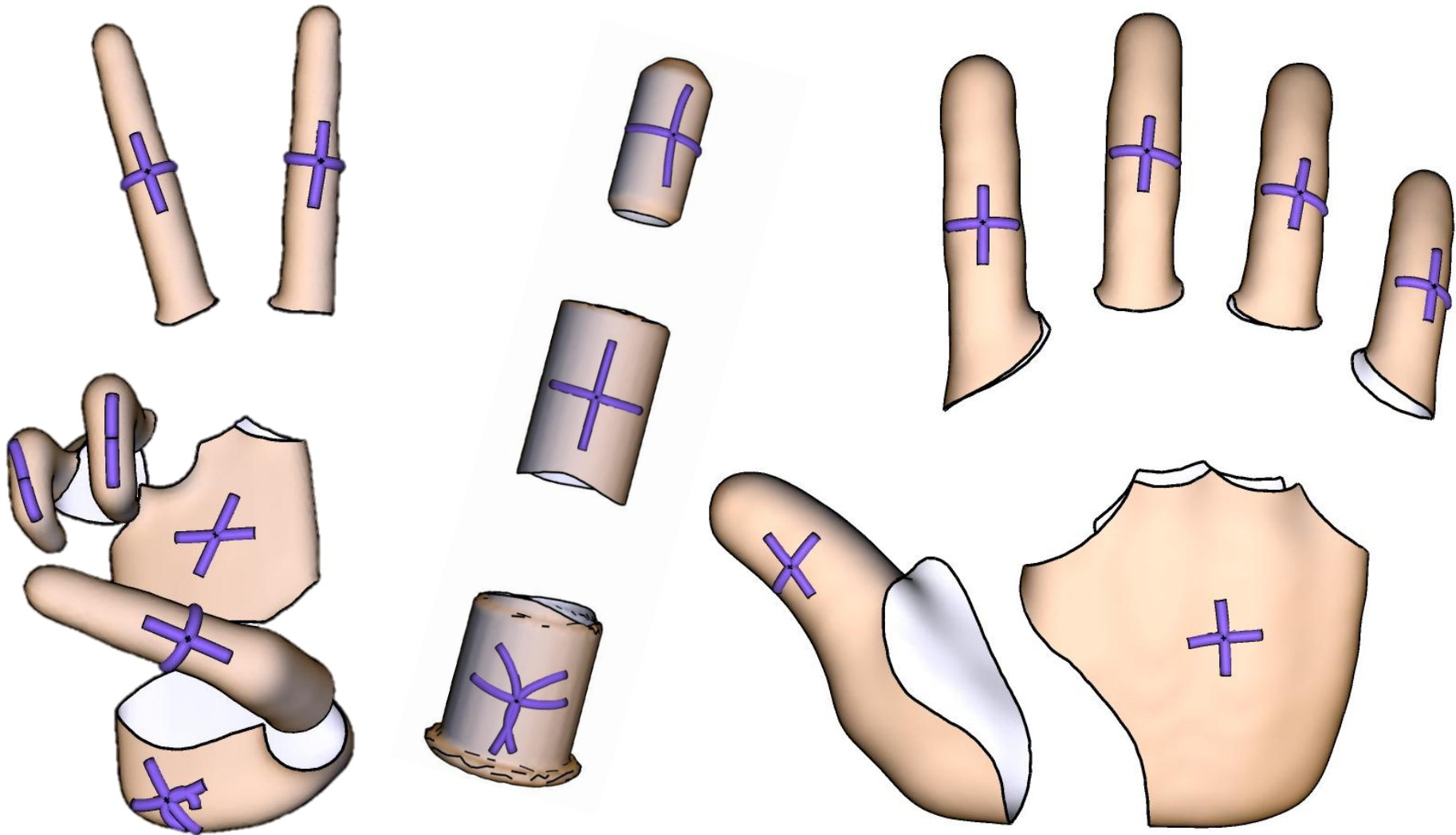
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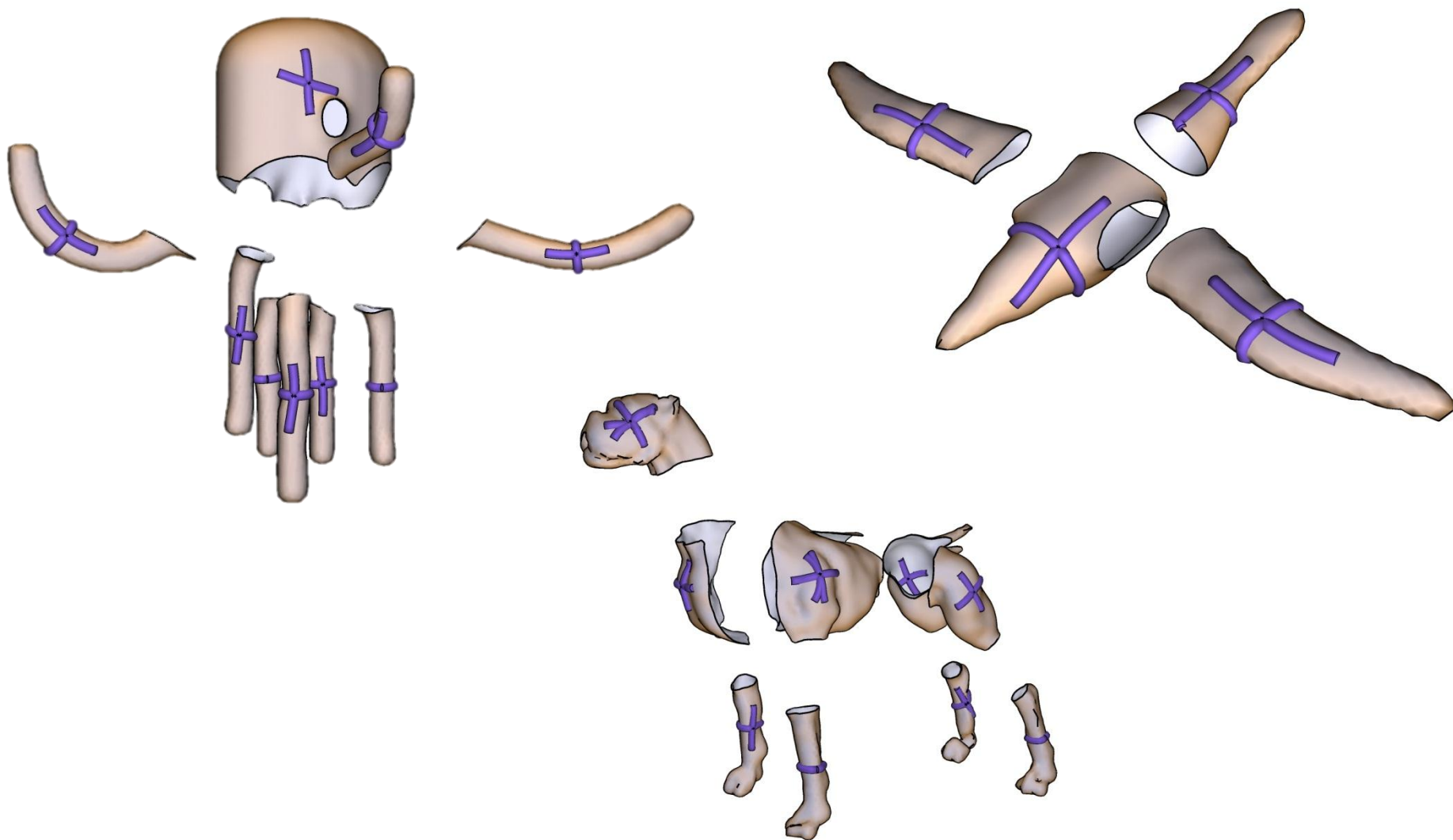




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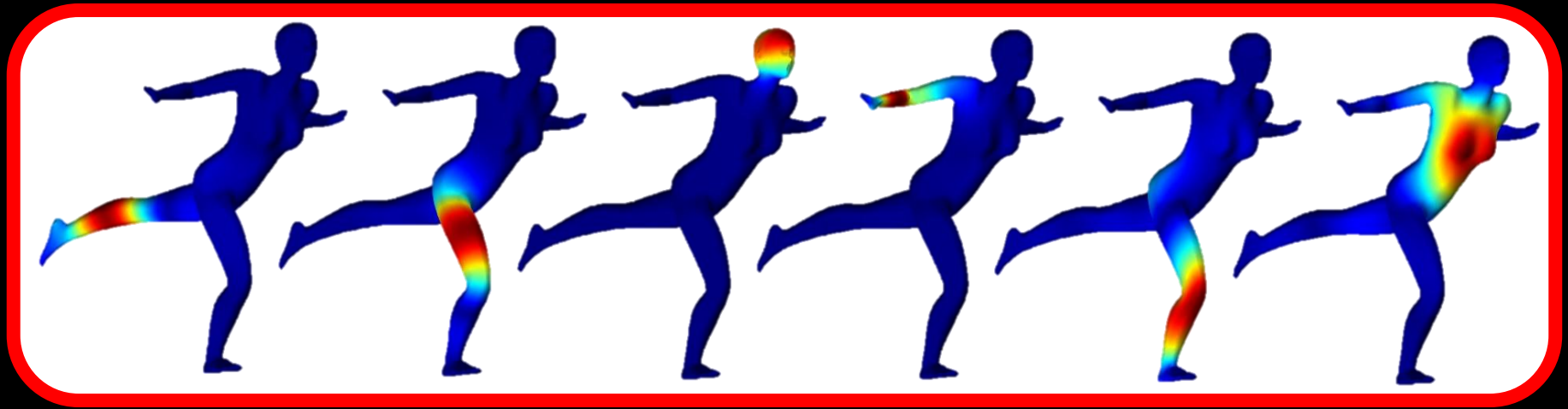


# Conclusions

1. Segmentation into **intrinsically symmetric parts**
2. **KVFs of a composite** come from KVFs of its parts
3. **Untangle** KVFs for better localization

# Special Thanks





Questions?