

# Lecture 16:

# Functional Maps

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# Maps and Correspondences

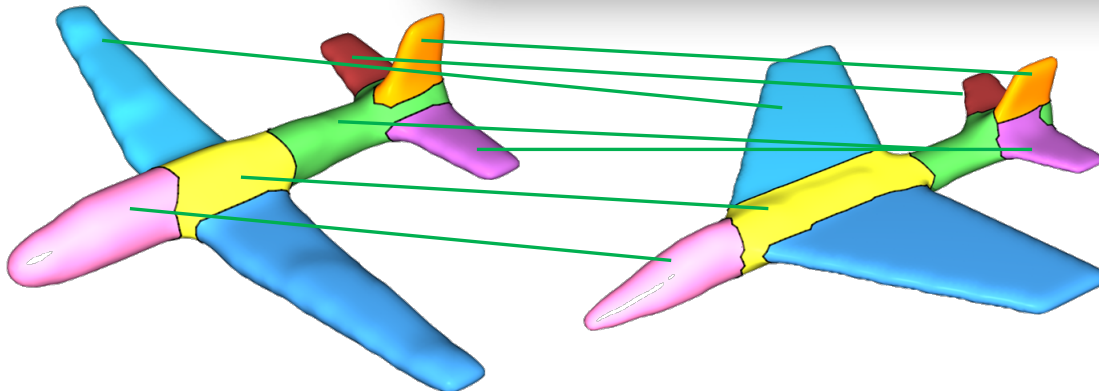
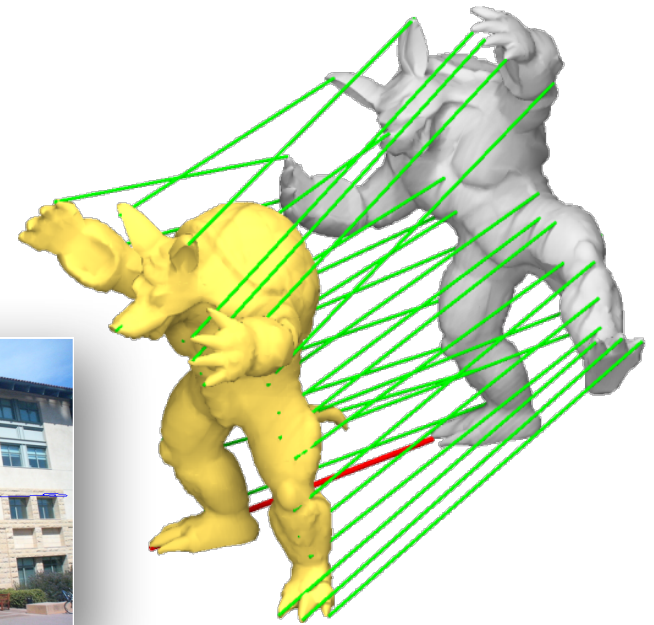
# Maps

$$\phi : X \rightarrow Y$$

**Map from  $X$  to  $Y$**

# Maps and Correspondences

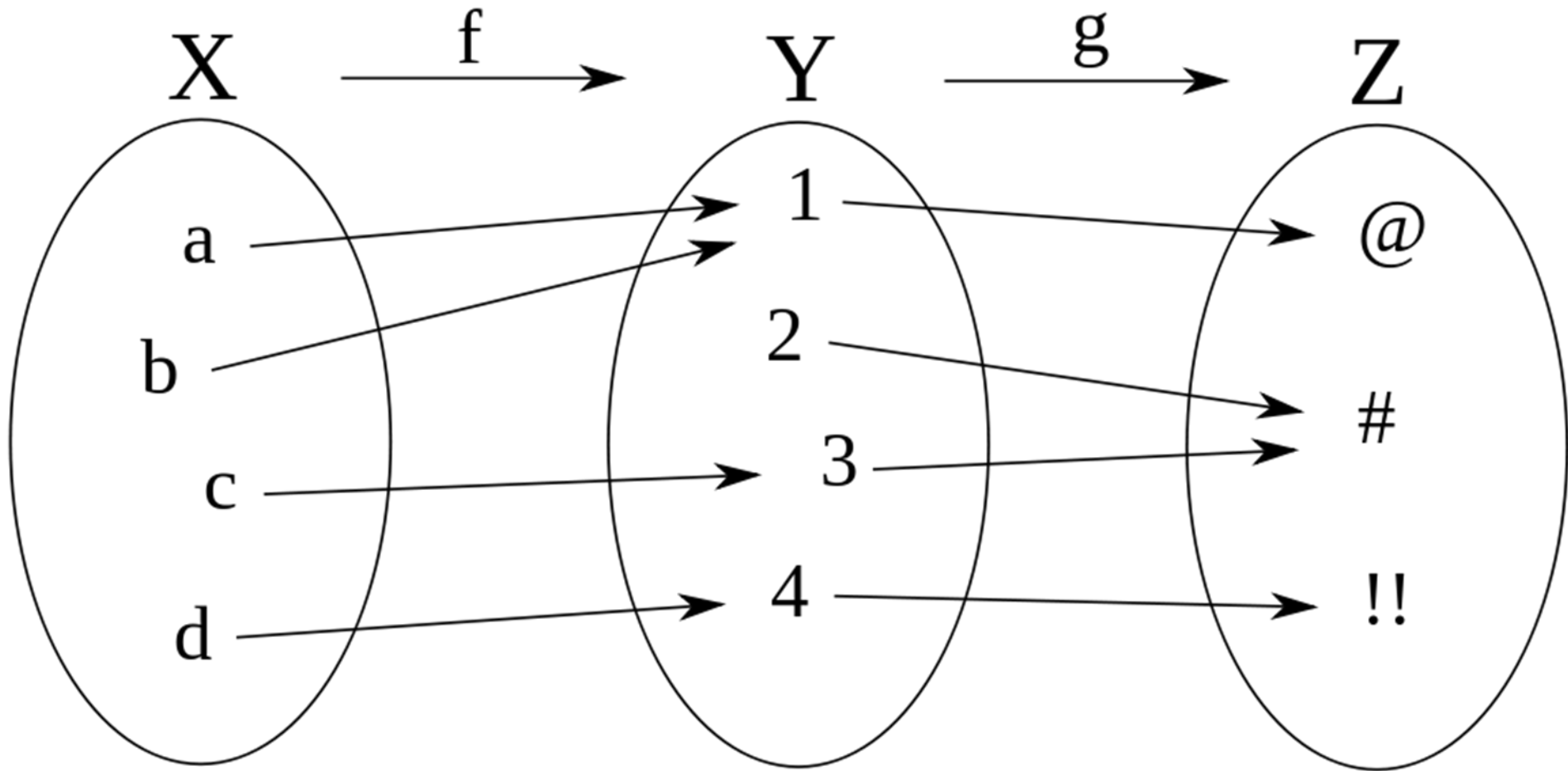
- Multiscale mappings
  - Point/pixel level
  - part level



Maps capture what is the same or similar across two data sets



# Map Composition

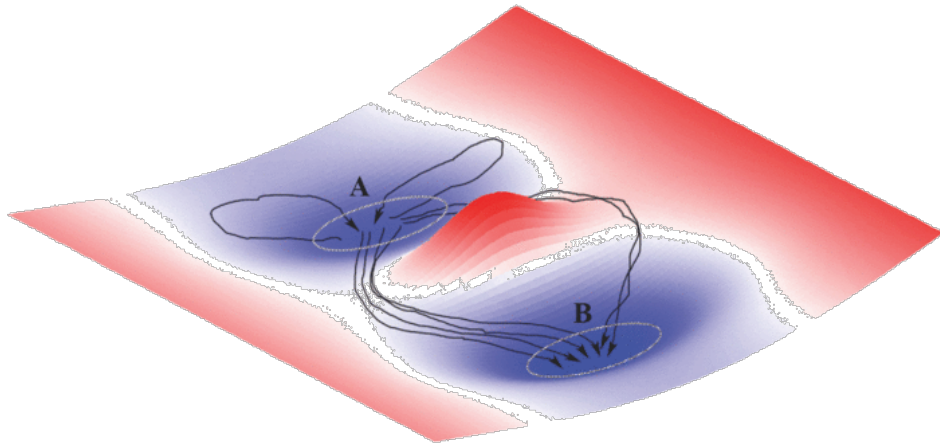


# Problems and Issues

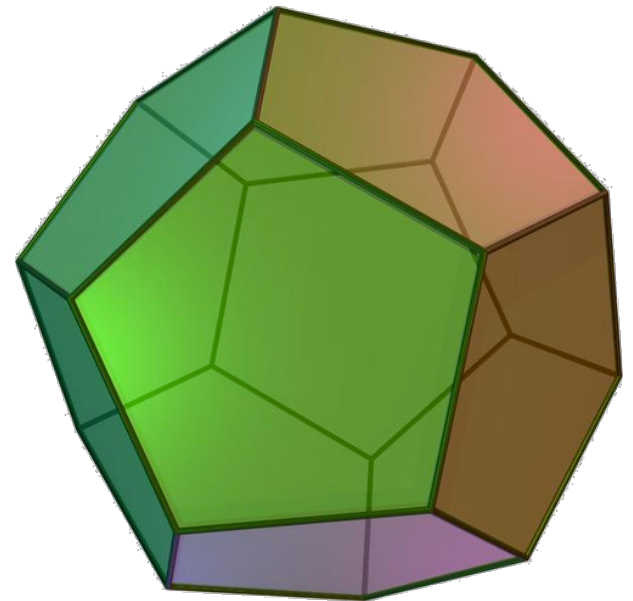


**Symmetry, ambiguity, scale, bad data**

# Non-Convex, Combinatorial Optimization



multiple minima



$n!$  permutations

**Symmetry, ambiguity, scale, bad data**

# A Potential Way Out

Find alternative **representation** more amenable to optimization



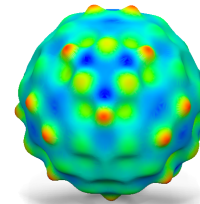
**Redefine the notion of map**

# Function Spaces and Functional Maps

# A Dual View: Functions and Operators

## ◆ Functions on data

- ◆ Properties, attributes, descriptors, part indicators, etc.
- ◆ But also beliefs, opinions, etc



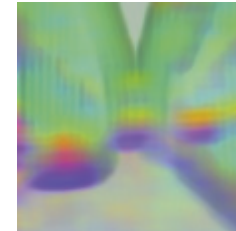
Curvature



Parts

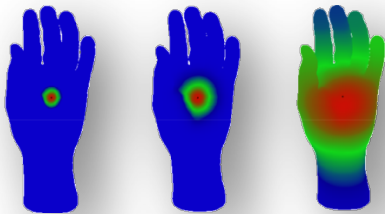
## ◆ Operators on functions

- ◆ Maps of functions to functions
  - ◆ Laplace-Beltrami operator on a manifold  $M$



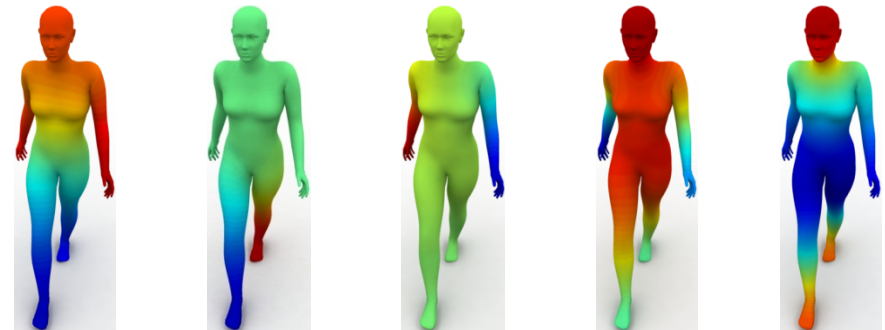
SIFT flow, C. Liu 2011

$$\Delta : C^\infty(M) \rightarrow C^\infty(M), \Delta f = \operatorname{div} \nabla f$$



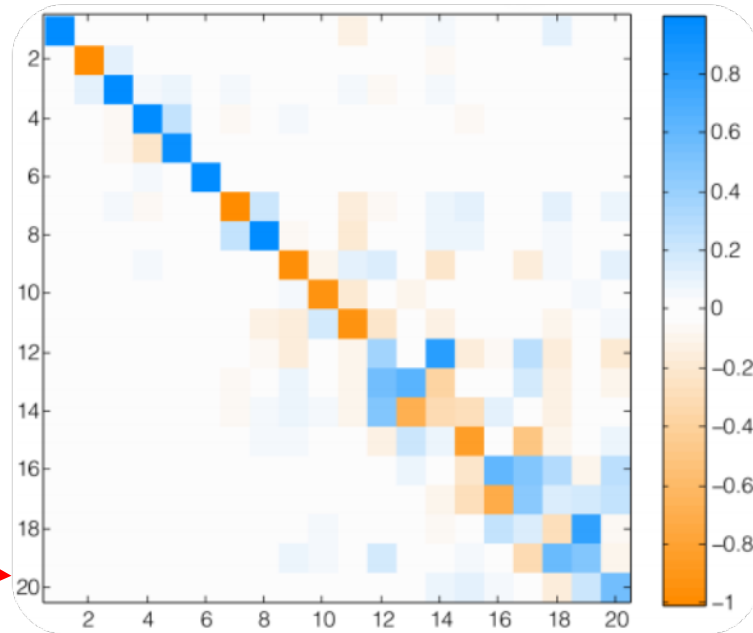
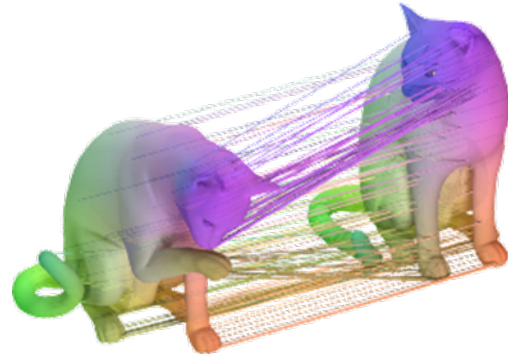
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\Delta u$$

heat diffusion

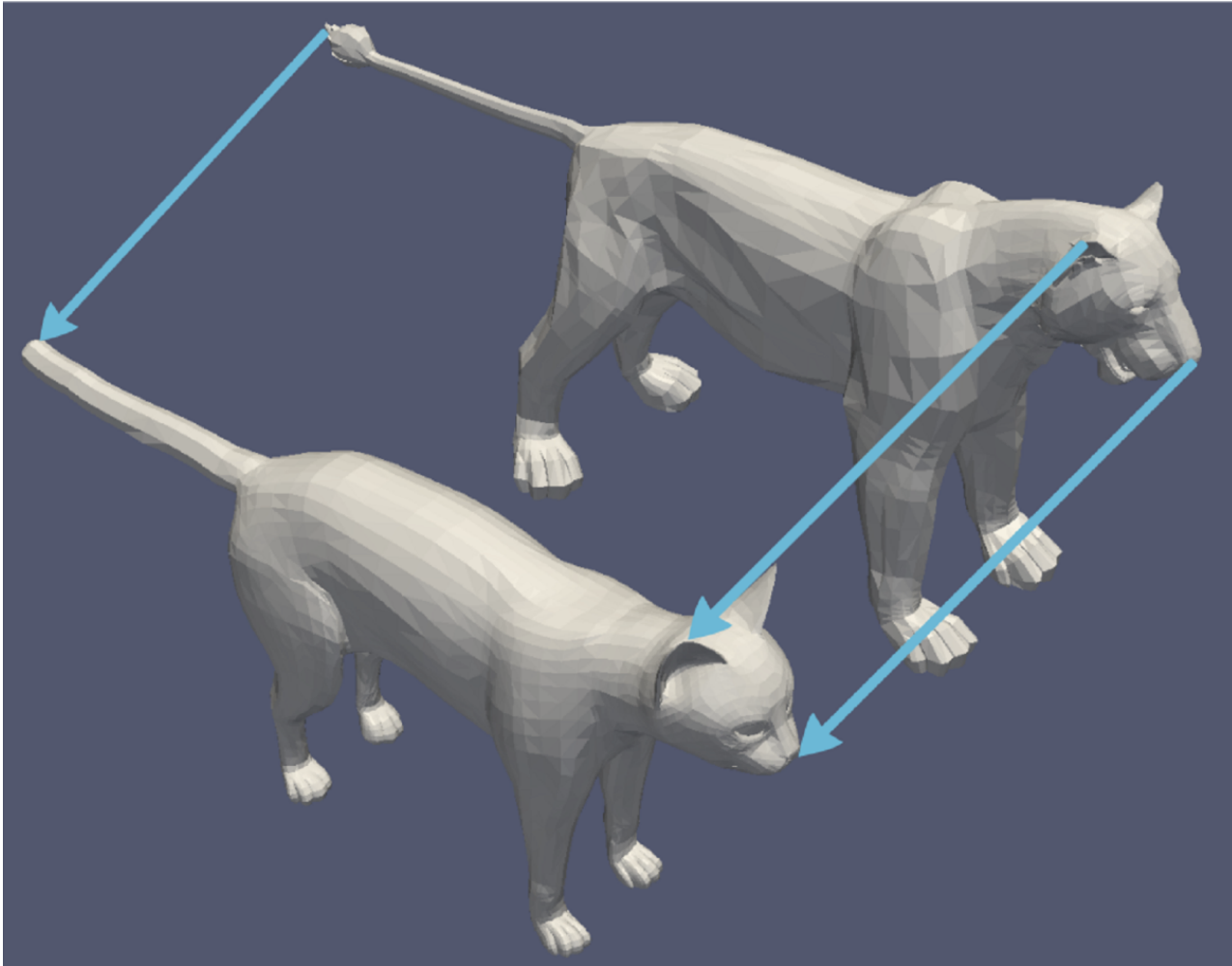


Laplace Beltrami eigenfunctions

# Functional Maps



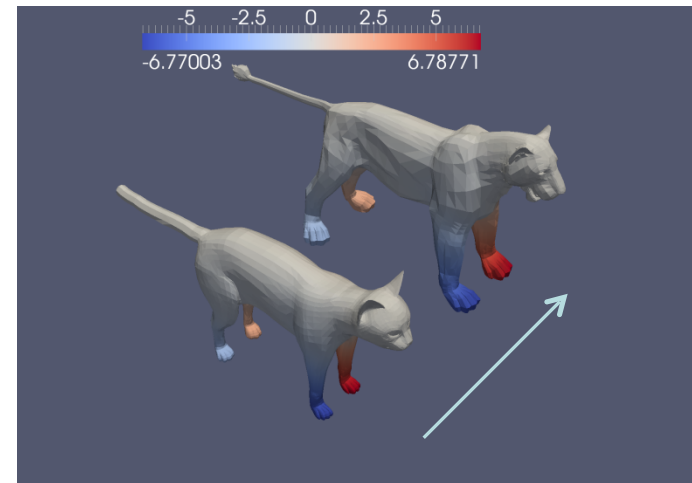
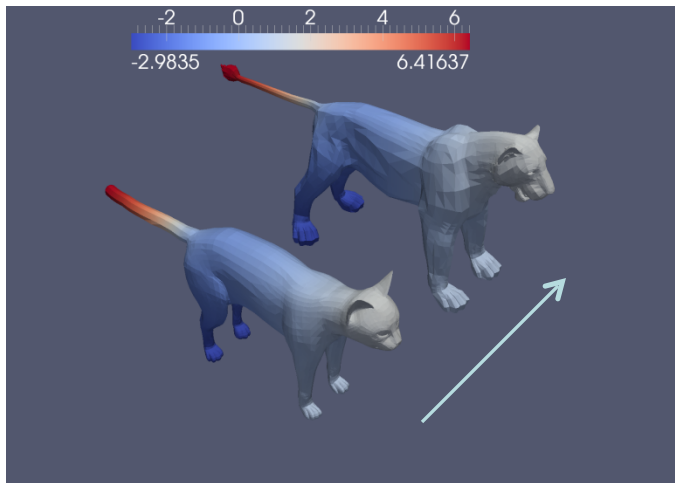
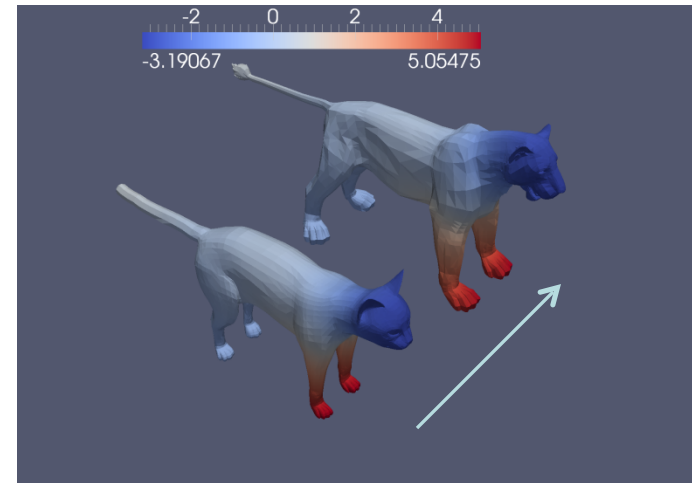
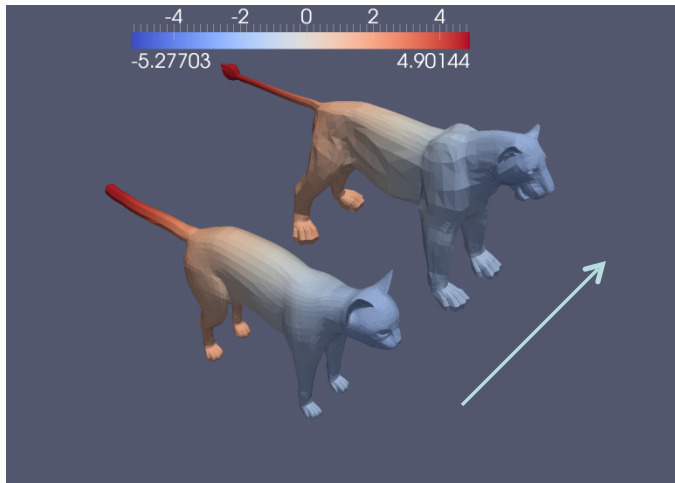
# Starting from a Regular Map $\varphi$



$\varphi: \text{lion} \rightarrow \text{cat}$



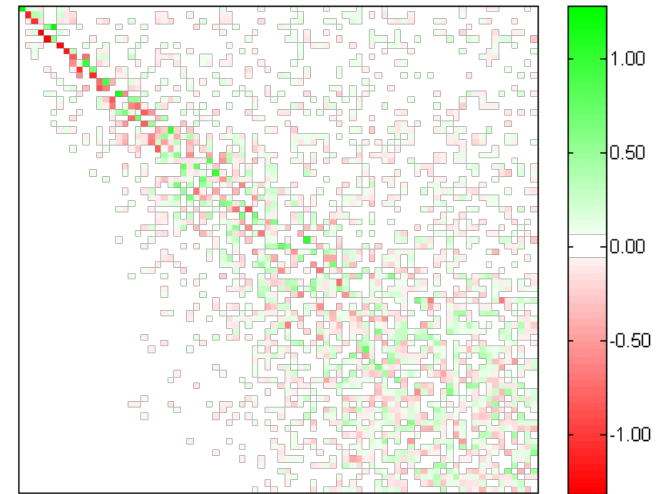
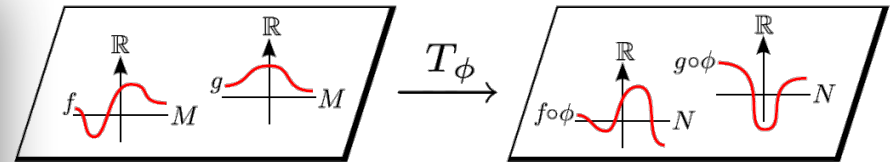
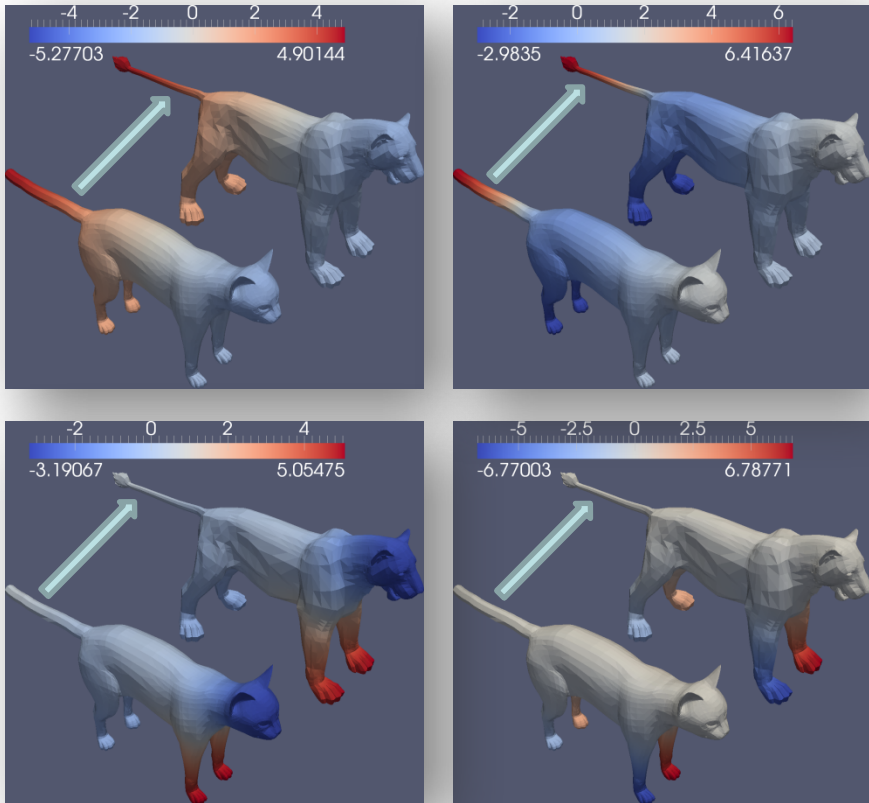
# Attribute Transfer via Pull-Back



$T_\phi: \text{cat} \rightarrow \text{lion}$

# A Contravariant Functor

from cat to lion



Functions on cat are transferred to lion using  $T_\phi$

$T_\phi$  is a linear operator (matrix)

$$T_\phi : L^2(\text{cat}) \rightarrow L^2(\text{lion})$$

# Functional Map

$$\phi : M \rightarrow N$$

$$T_\phi : L^2(N) \rightarrow L^2(M)$$

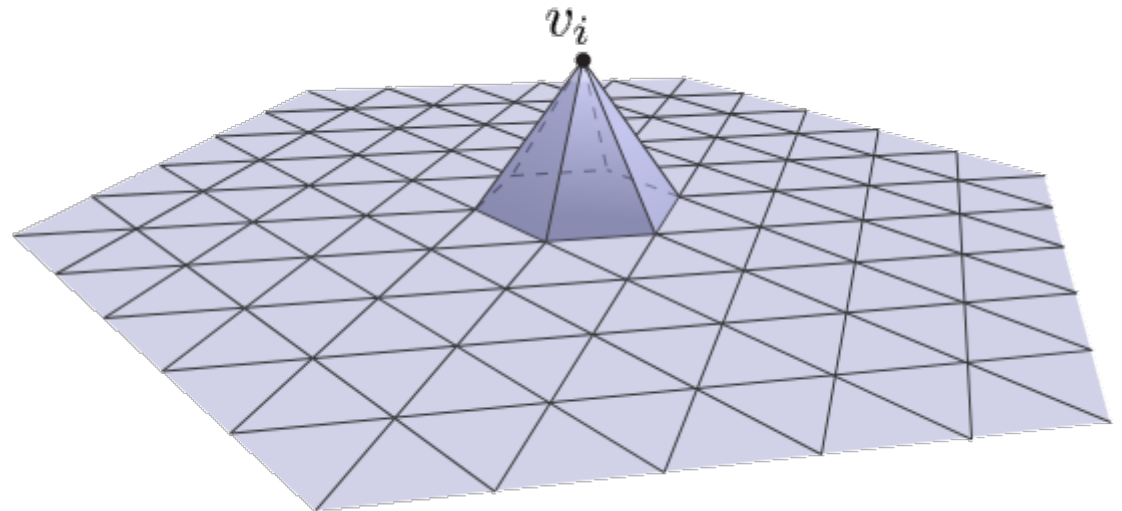
Dual of a  
point-to-point map

# Bases for a Function Space

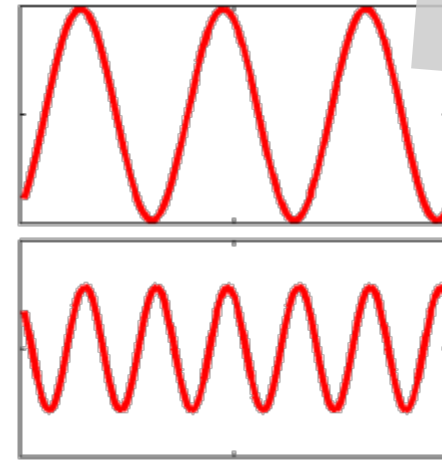
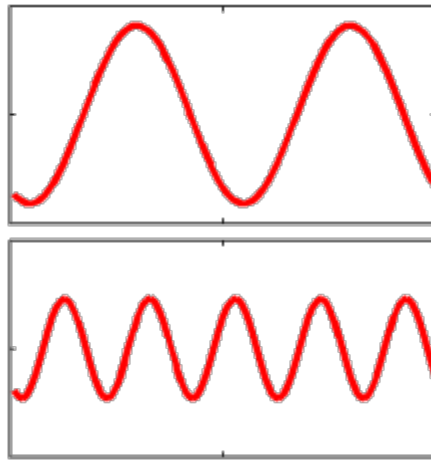
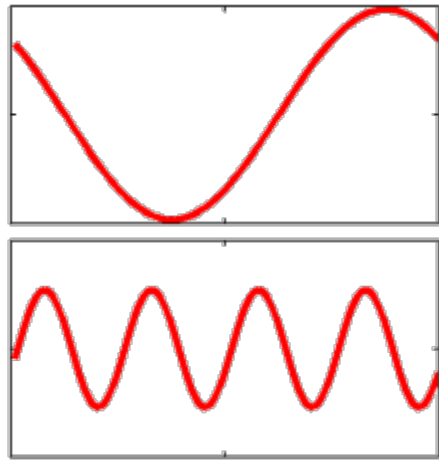
Point basis

Finite-element basis

Local bases



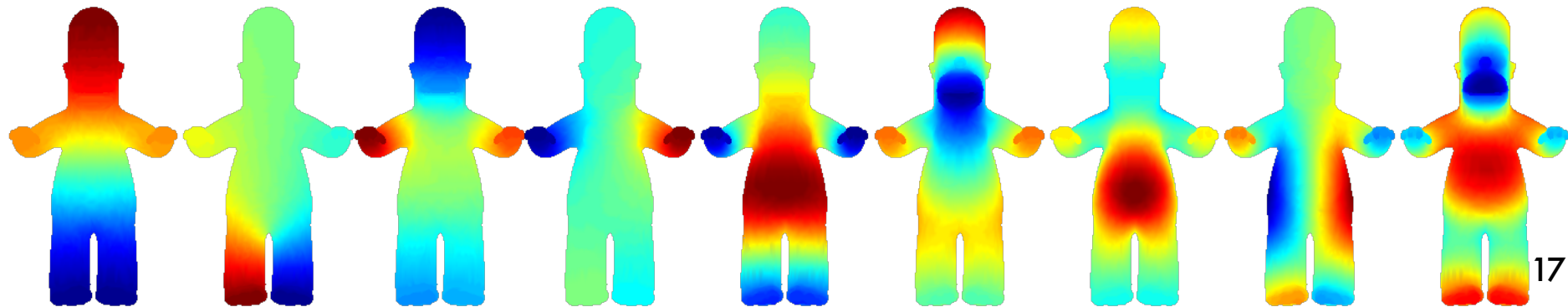
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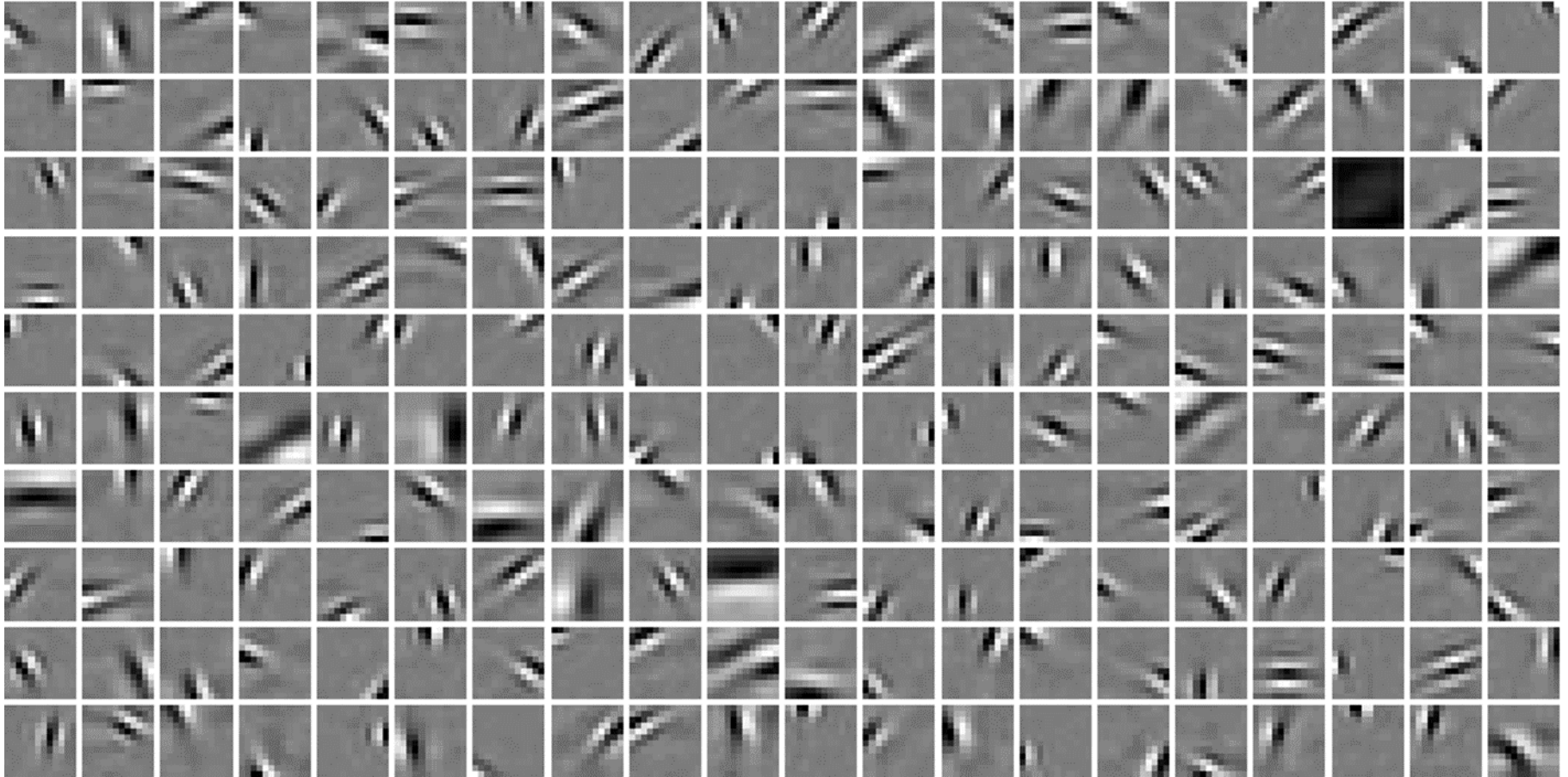
**Fourier**

**Laplace-Beltrami**

global support

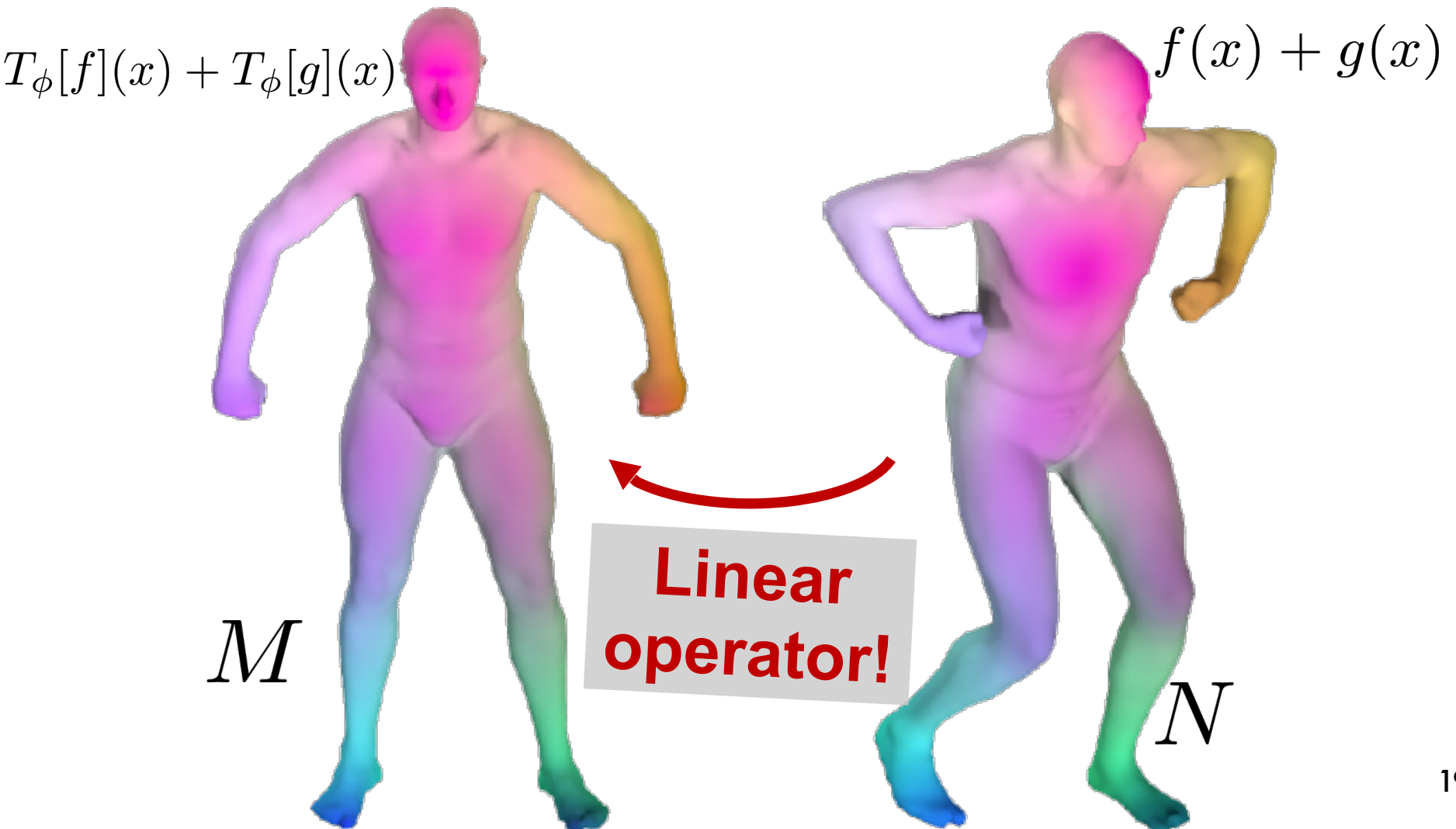


# More Exotic Bases Possible



**Textons, wavelets, ...**

# Exploit Linearity

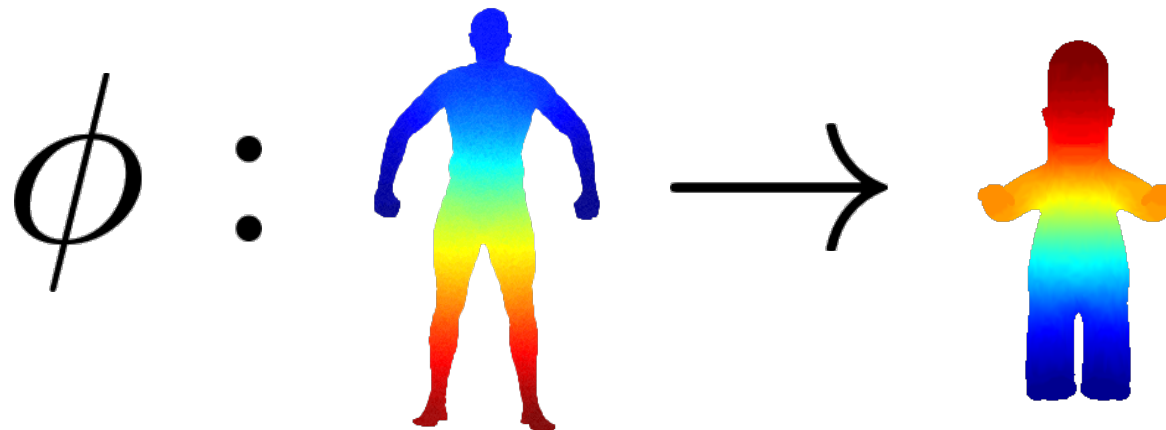




# Application of Basis

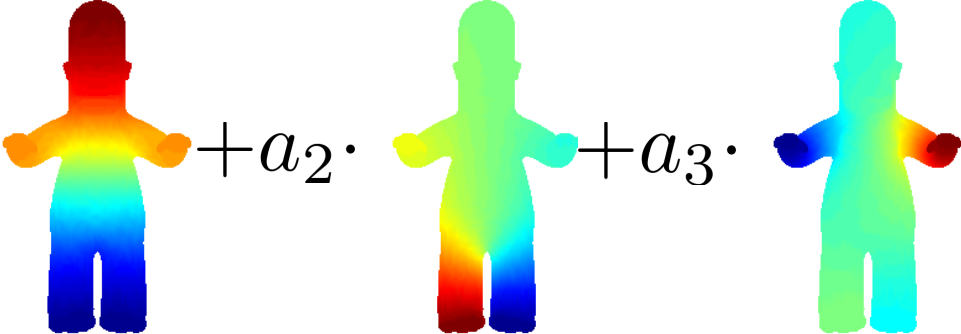
$$f(x) = a_1 \cdot \text{[Person 1]} + a_2 \cdot \text{[Person 2]} + a_3 \cdot \text{[Person 3]} + \dots$$

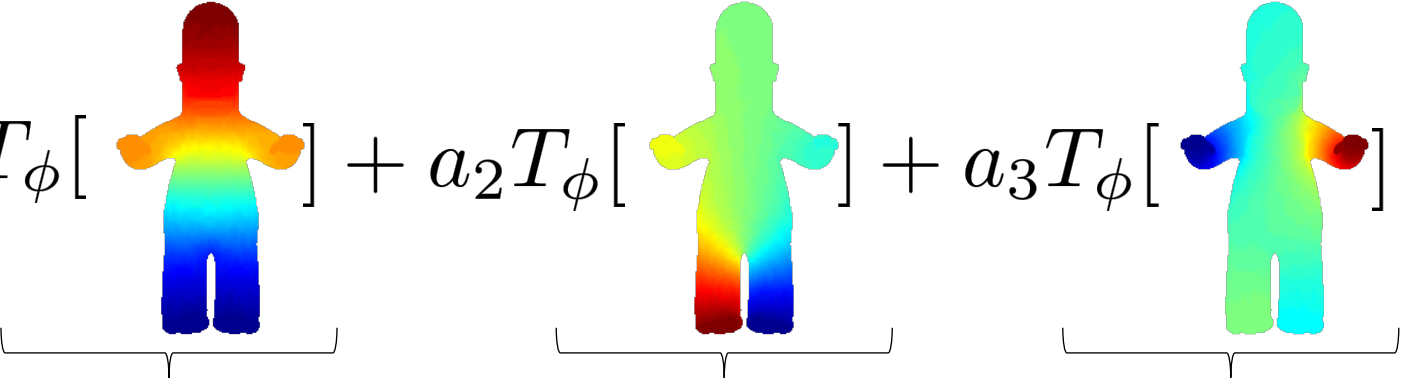
The equation shows a function  $f(x)$  as a linear combination of three basis elements. Each basis element is a stylized human figure with a vertical color gradient from blue at the bottom to red at the top. The first figure has a red head and neck, transitioning through yellow and green to blue at the feet. The second figure has a green head and neck, transitioning through yellow and red to blue at the feet. The third figure has a cyan head and neck, transitioning through yellow and red to blue at the feet. The figures are separated by plus signs, and the sequence ends with an ellipsis.





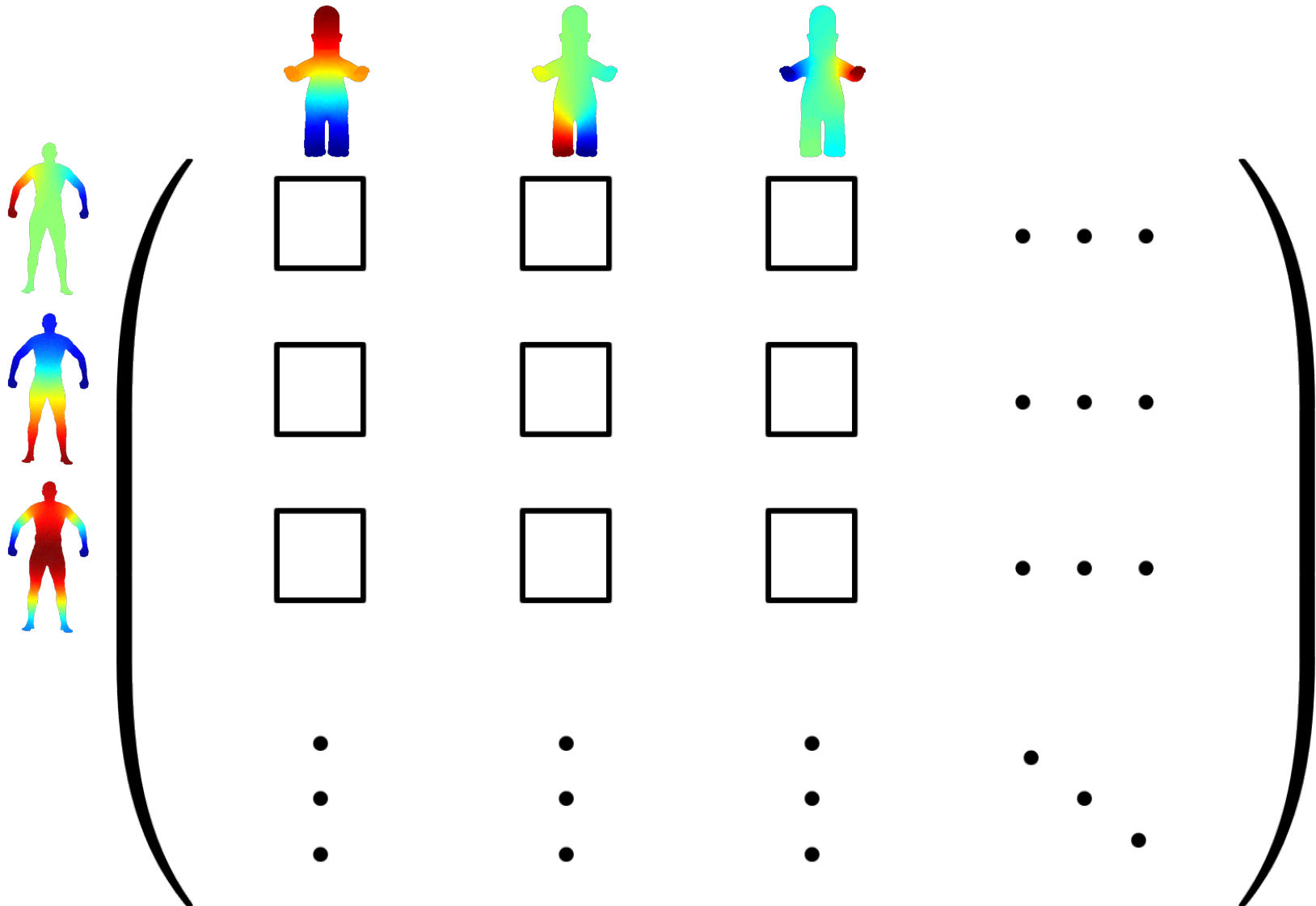
# Application of Basis

$$T_\phi[f](x) = T_\phi[a_1 \cdot \text{img}_1 + a_2 \cdot \text{img}_2 + a_3 \cdot \text{img}_3 + \dots]$$


$$= a_1 T_\phi[\text{img}_1] + a_2 T_\phi[\text{img}_2] + a_3 T_\phi[\text{img}_3] + \dots$$


Enough to know these

# Functional Map Matrix



# Functional Map Representation

## Definition

For a fixed choice of basis functions  $\{\phi^M\}$  and  $\{\phi^N\}$ , and a bijection  $T : M \rightarrow N$ , define its **functional representation** as a matrix  $C$ , s.t. for all  $f = \sum_i a_i \phi_i^M$ , if  $T_F(f) = \sum_i b_i \phi_i^N$  then:

$$\mathbf{b} = C\mathbf{a}$$

If  $\{\phi^M\}$  and  $\{\phi^N\}$  are both orthonormal w.r.t. some inner product, then

$$C_{ij} = \langle T_F(\phi_i^M), \phi_j^N \rangle.$$

# Map Composition

$$\phi_1 : M \rightarrow N, \phi_2 : N \rightarrow P$$

$$T_{\phi_1} : L^2(N) \rightarrow L^2(M)$$

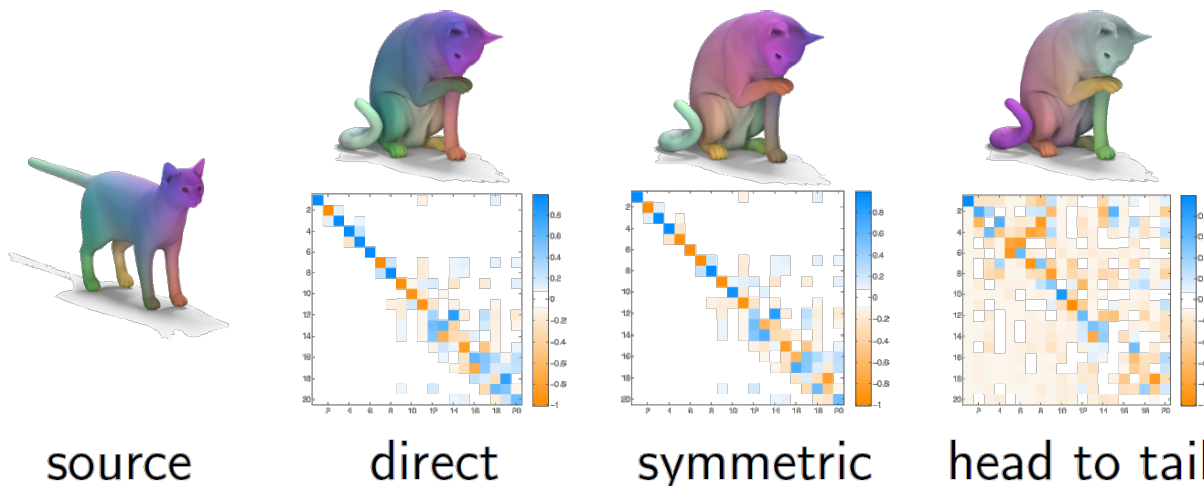
$$T_{\phi_2} : L^2(P) \rightarrow L^2(N)$$

$$T_{\phi_1} [T_{\phi_2} [f]]$$

**Matrix multiplication**

# Maps as Linear Operators

- ◆ An ordinary shape map lifts to a linear operator mapping the function spaces
- ◆ With a truncated hierarchical basis, compact representations of functional maps are possible as ordinary matrices
- ◆ Map composition becomes ordinary matrix multiplication
- ◆ Functional maps can express many-to-many associations, generalizing classical 1-1 maps



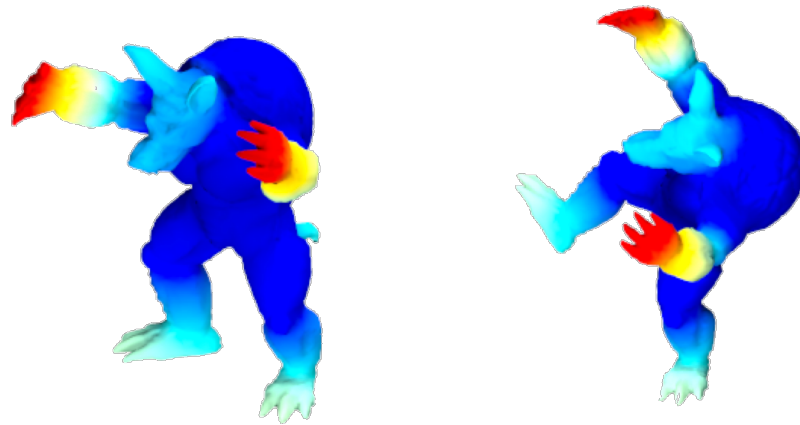
Using truncated  
Laplace-Beltrami  
basis

# Estimating the Mapping Matrix

Suppose we don't know  $C$ . However, we expect a pair of functions  $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  to correspond. Then,  $C$  must be s.t.

$$C\mathbf{a} \approx \mathbf{b}$$

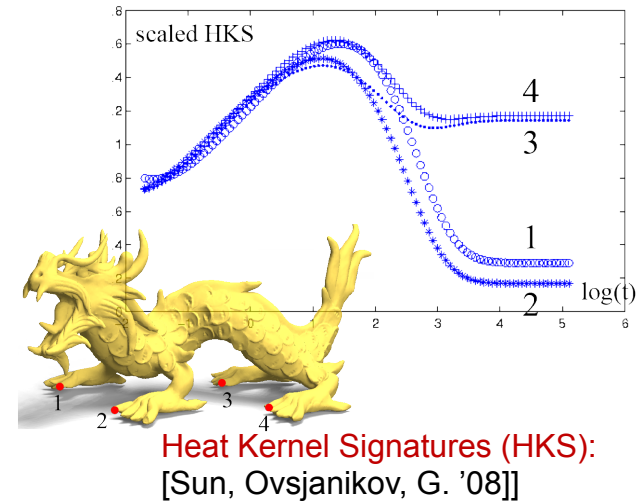
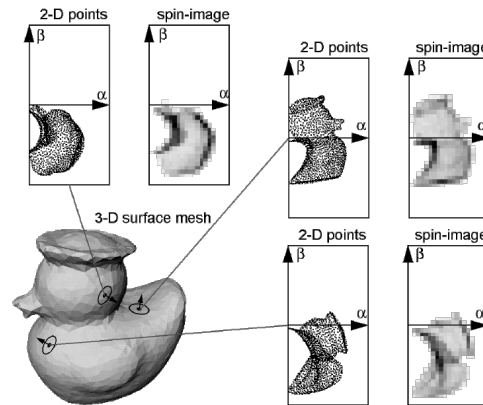
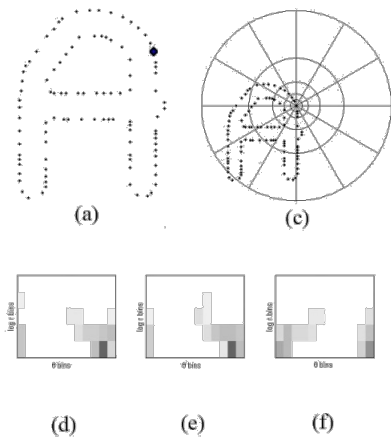
where  $f = \sum_i \mathbf{a}_i \phi_i^M$ ,  $g = \sum_i \mathbf{b}_i \phi_i^N$



Given enough  $\{\mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{b}_i\}$  pairs in correspondence, we can recover  $C$  through a linear least squares system.

# Plenty of Functions: Descriptors for Points and Parts

For shapes, there are many descriptors with various types of invariances

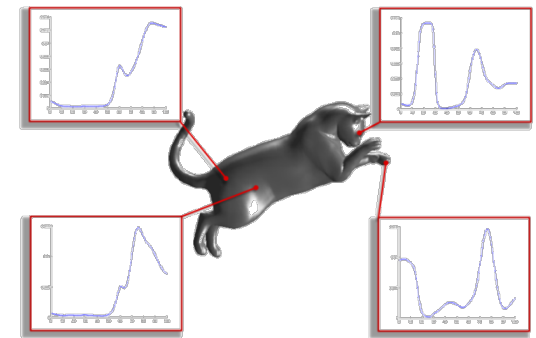


Shape Contexts: [Belongie et al. '00, Frome et al. '04]  
Spin Images: [Johnson, Hebert '99]

Rigid invariance  
(extrinsic)

Isometric invariance  
(intrinsic)

Wave Kernel Signatures (WKS):  
[Aubry et al. '11]



# Function Preservation Constraints

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Function preservation constraint is quite general and includes:

- Descriptor preservation (e.g. Gaussian curvature, spin images, HKS, WKS).
- Landmark correspondences (e.g. distance to the point).
- Part correspondences (e.g. indicator function).
- Texture preservation



# Commutativity Regularization

In addition, we can phrase an operator commutativity constraint: given two operators  $S_1 : \mathcal{F}(M, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(M, \mathbb{R})$  and  $S_2 : \mathcal{F}(N, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(N, \mathbb{R})$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F}(M, \mathbb{R}) & \xrightarrow{C} & \mathcal{F}(N, \mathbb{R}) \\ S_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow S_2 \\ \mathcal{F}(M, \mathbb{R}) & \xrightarrow{C} & \mathcal{F}(N, \mathbb{R}) \end{array}$$

Thus:  $CS_1 = S_2C$  or  $\|CS_1 - S_2C\|$  should be minimized

Note: this is a linear constraint on  $C$ .  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  could be symmetry operators or e.g. Laplace-Beltrami or Heat operators.

# Operator Commutativity

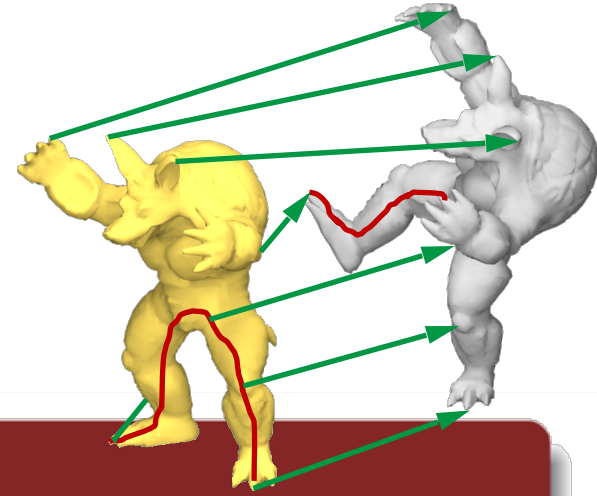
$$C \Delta_1 \approx \Delta_2 C$$

Differentiate and then transport

Transport and then differentiate



# Isometry Regularizer



Lemma 1:

The mapping is *isometric*, if and only if the functional map matrix commutes with the Laplacian:

$$C\Delta_1 = \Delta_2C$$

Also conformality, area or volume preservation, etc.

# Volume Preservation Regularizer

## Lemma 2:

The mapping is *locally volume preserving*, if and only if the functional map matrix is *orthonormal*:

$$C^T C = \mathbf{I}$$

Rotations/reflections in functions space

# Conformal Regularization

Lemma 3:

If the mapping is *conformal* if and only if:

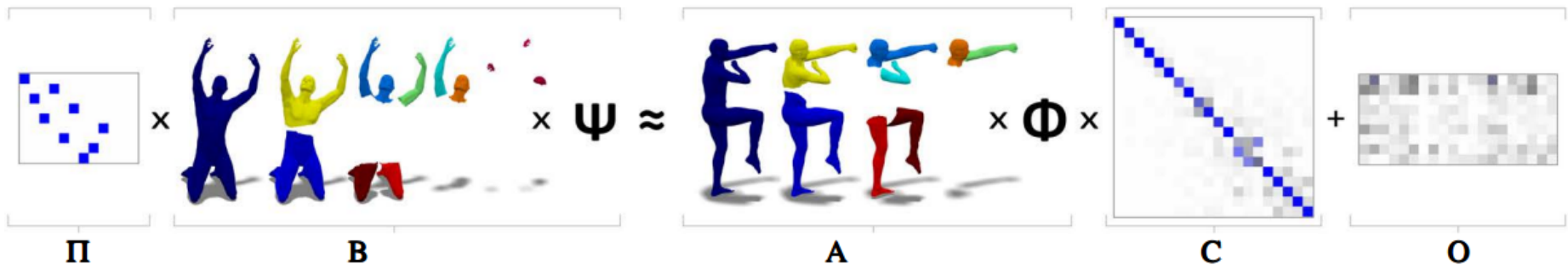
$$C^T \Delta_1 C = \Delta_2$$

Using these regularizations, we get a very efficient shape matching method.

# Sparcity in a Localized Basis

$$\min \|C\|_{2,1}$$

Sum of Euclidean norms of cols

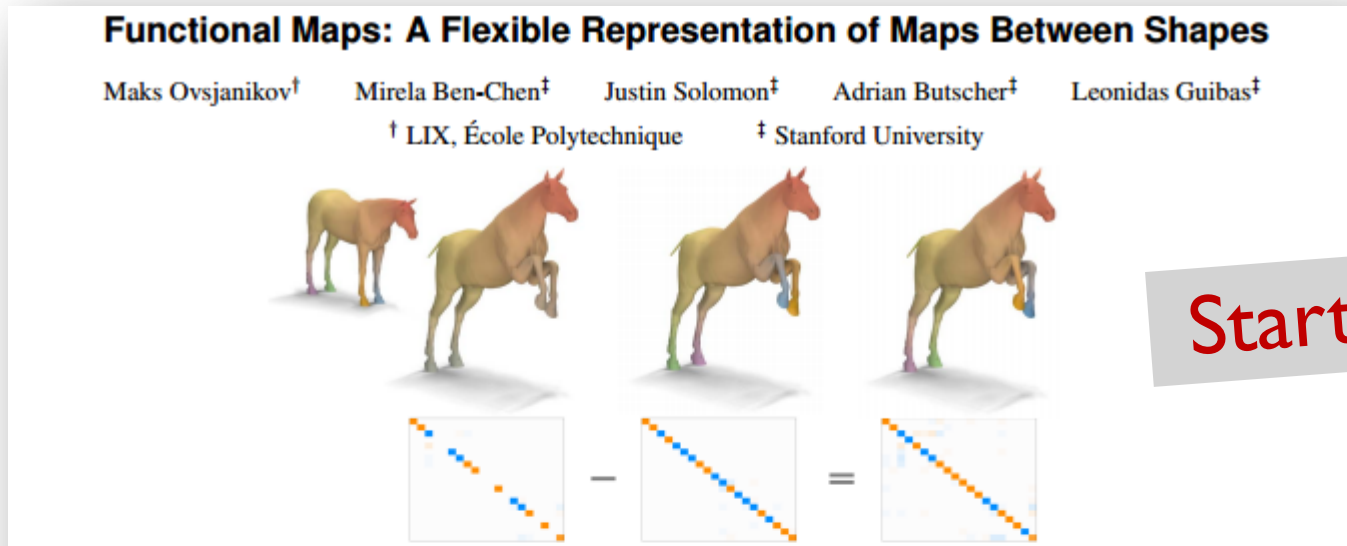


Sparse Modeling of Intrinsic Correspondences (Pokrass, Bronstein<sup>2</sup>, Sprechmann, Sapiro)

# General Optimization for Maps

$$\min_C \quad \begin{aligned} & \|CD_1 - D_2\|_2^2 \\ & [+ \alpha \|C\Delta_1 - \Delta_2 C\|_{\text{Fro}}^2] \\ & [+ \beta \|C\|_{2,1}] \end{aligned}$$

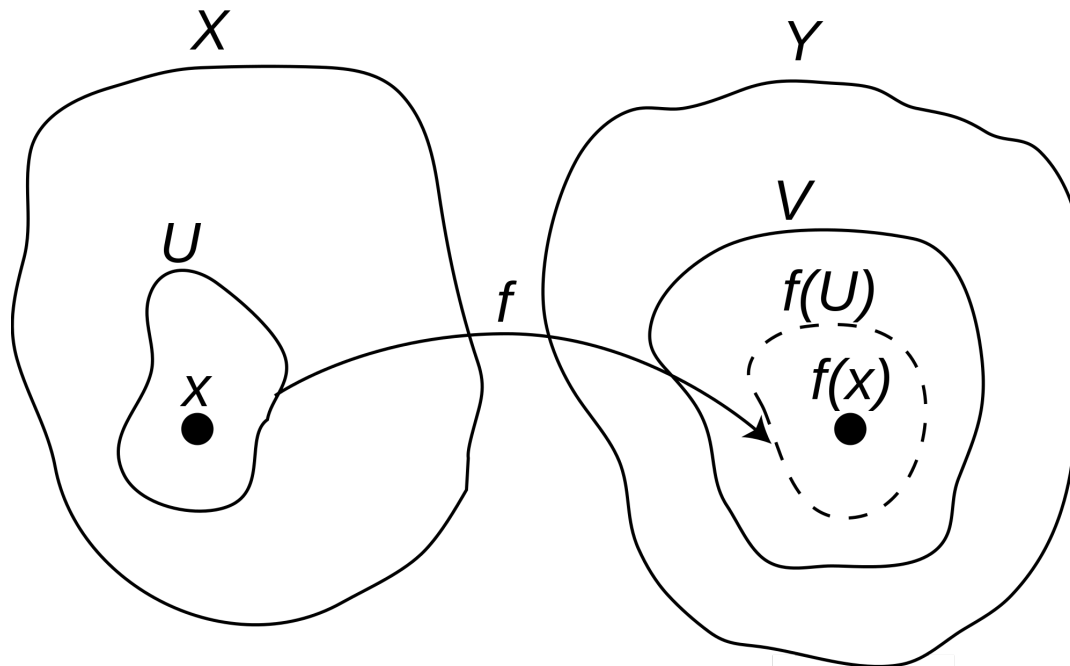
such that  $[C^\top C = I]$



**Figure 1:** Horse algebra: the functional representation and map inference algorithm allow us to go beyond point-to-point maps. The source shape (top left corner) was mapped to the target shape (left) by posing descriptor-based functional constraints which do not disambiguate symmetries (i.e. without landmark constraints). By further adding correspondence constraints, we obtain a near isometric map which reverses

# Map Continuity

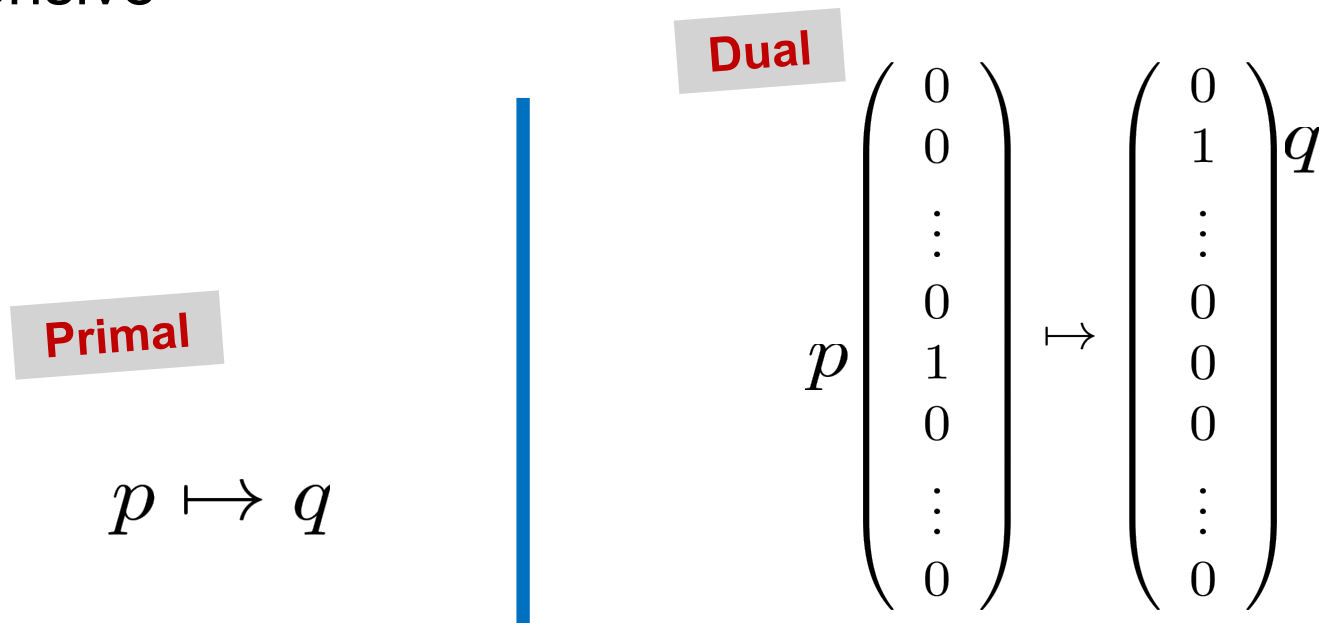
- ◆ Not explicitly enforced
- ◆ Implicit in the choice of basis





# From Functional to Point-to-Point Maps

- ◆ Can try transporting delta functions individually -- expensive



$$\delta_x = (\phi_1^M(x), \phi_2^M(x), \phi_3^M(x), \dots)$$

# Application: Segmentation Transfer



# Map Visualization

Even given a map  $T : M \rightarrow N$ , it is often hard to visualize it.



Common visualizations:

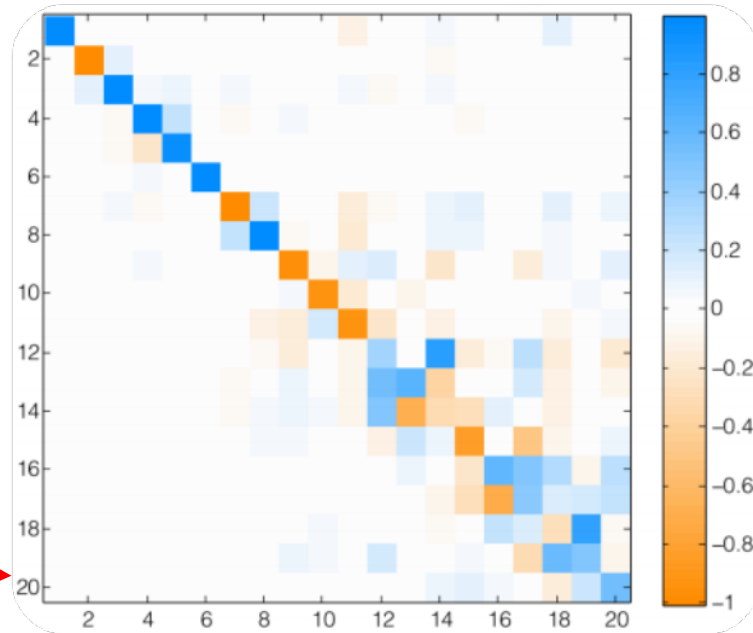
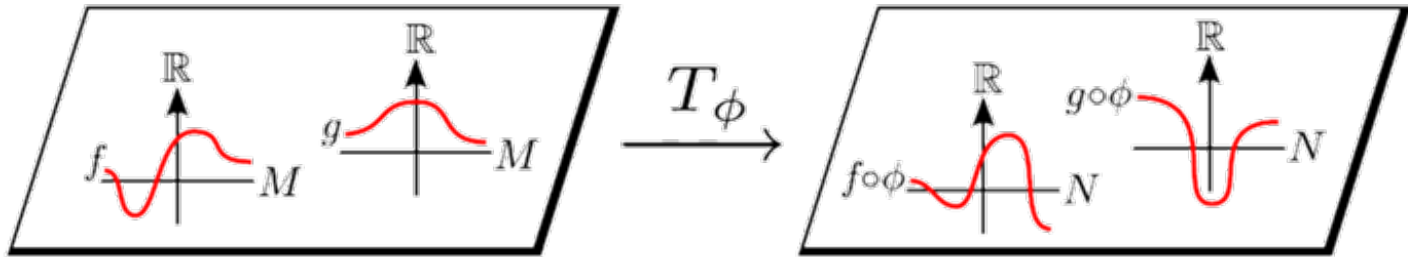
- Connecting (some) points by lines
- Plotting a function  $f$  on  $N$  and  $f \circ T$  on  $M$ .

Question: how to pick a “good” function  $f$ .

# Conclusion

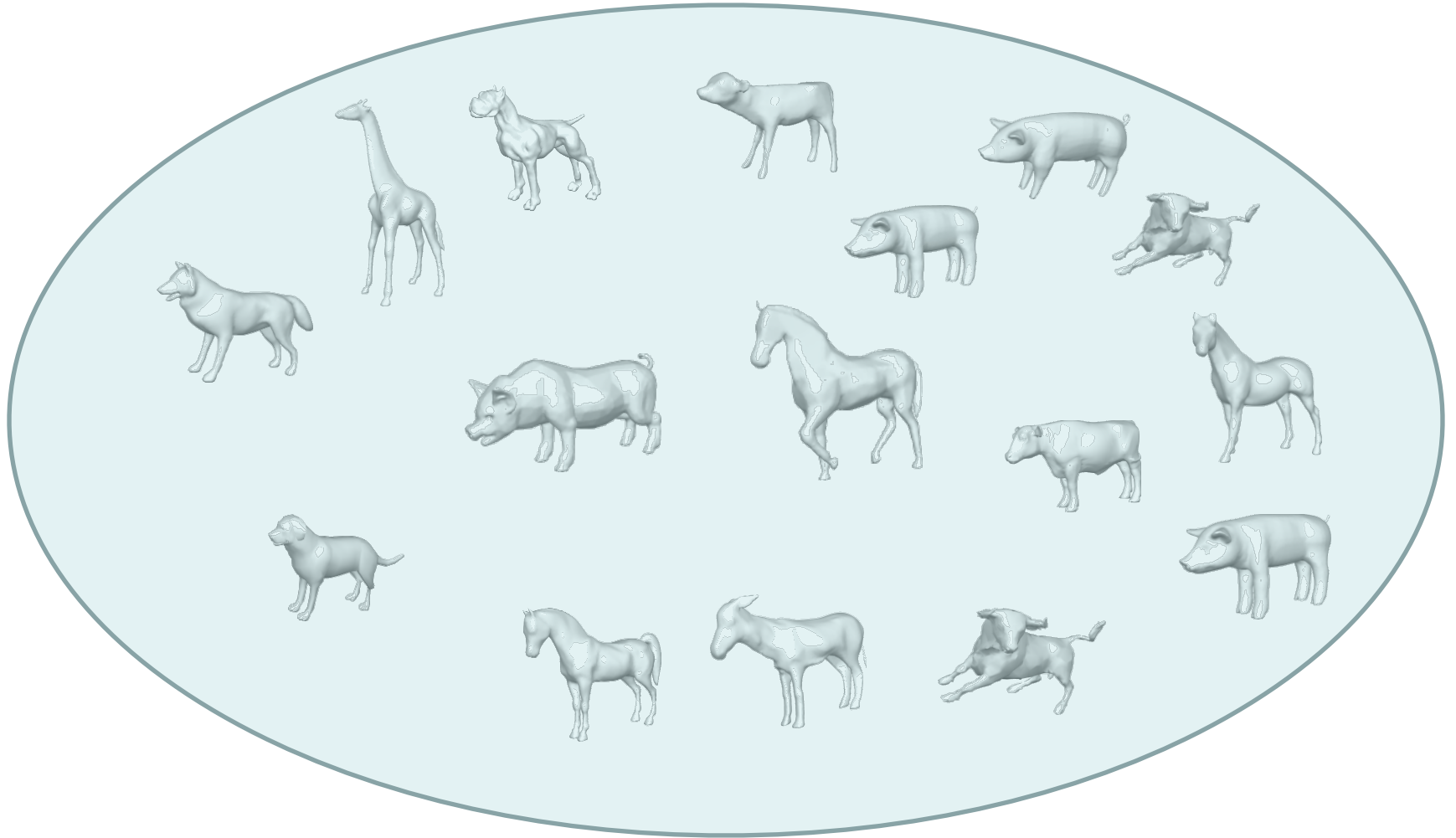
- ◆ Many geometry processing tasks are best viewed as linear operators on functional spaces
- ◆ Operator composition, inversion and inference all lead to simple algebraic operations
- ◆ Using multiscale bases can improve compactness
- ◆ Performing spectral analysis on the operators can reveal the structure in a way that is easy to visualize

# Functional Maps



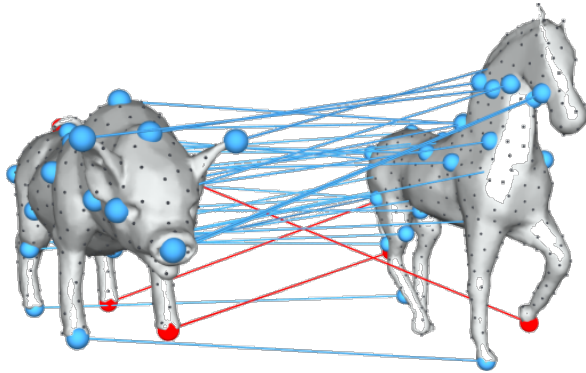
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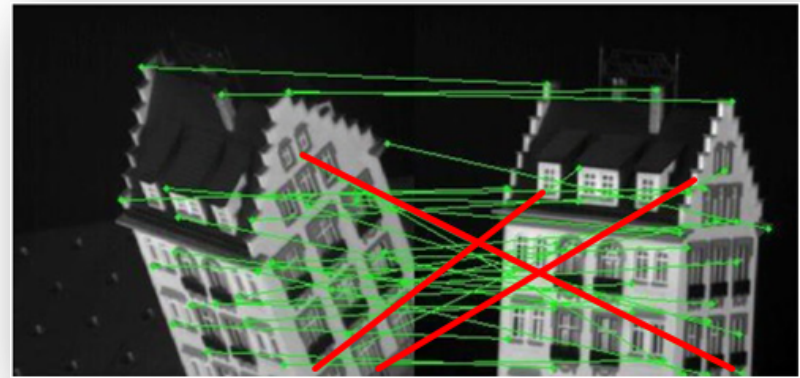


Maps Join Data Together

# Individual Maps Can Have Errors



Blended intrinsic maps  
[Kim et al. 11]



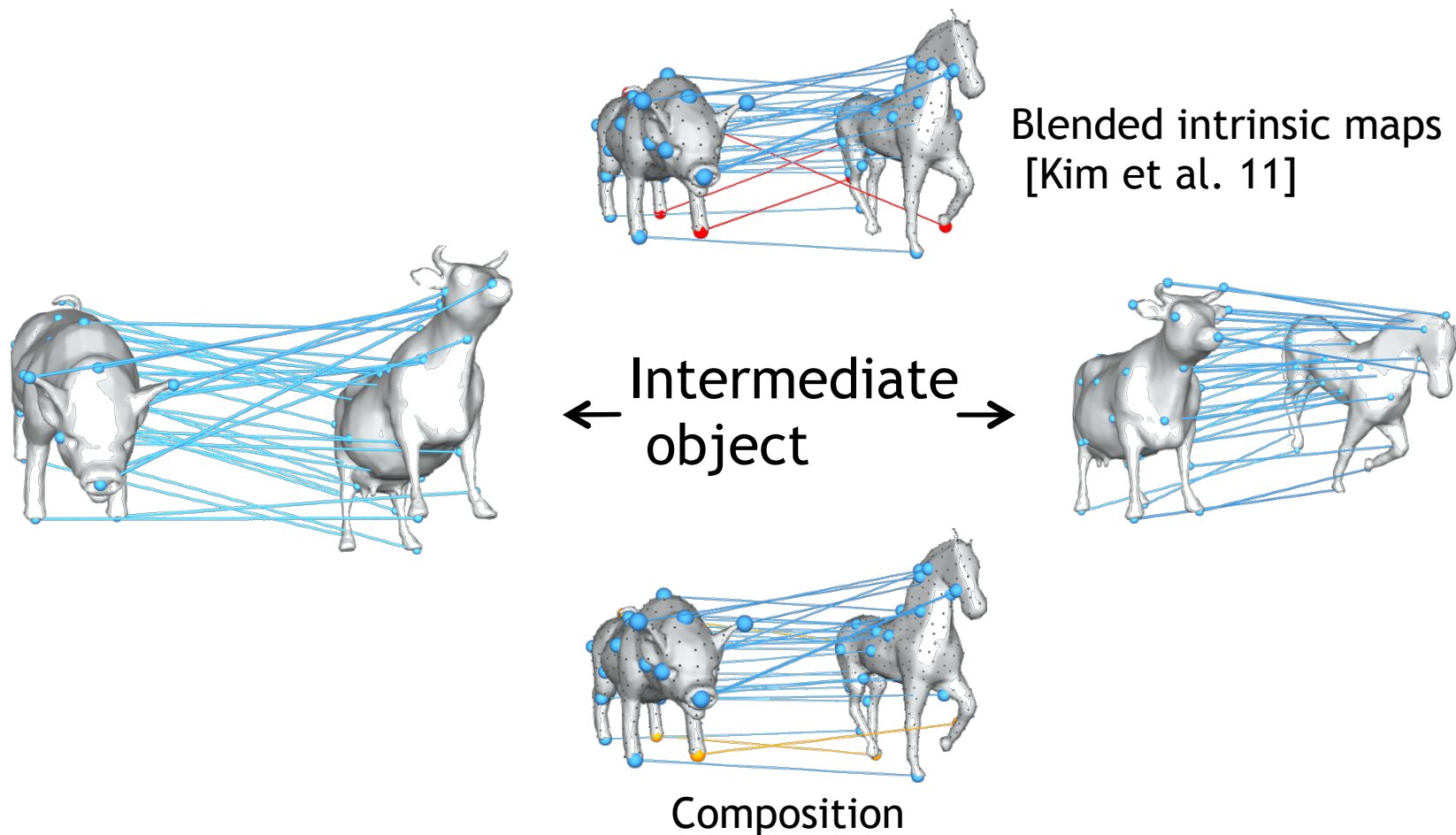
Learning-based graph matching  
[Leordeanu et al. 12]

State-of-the-art techniques

**Wrong correspondences**



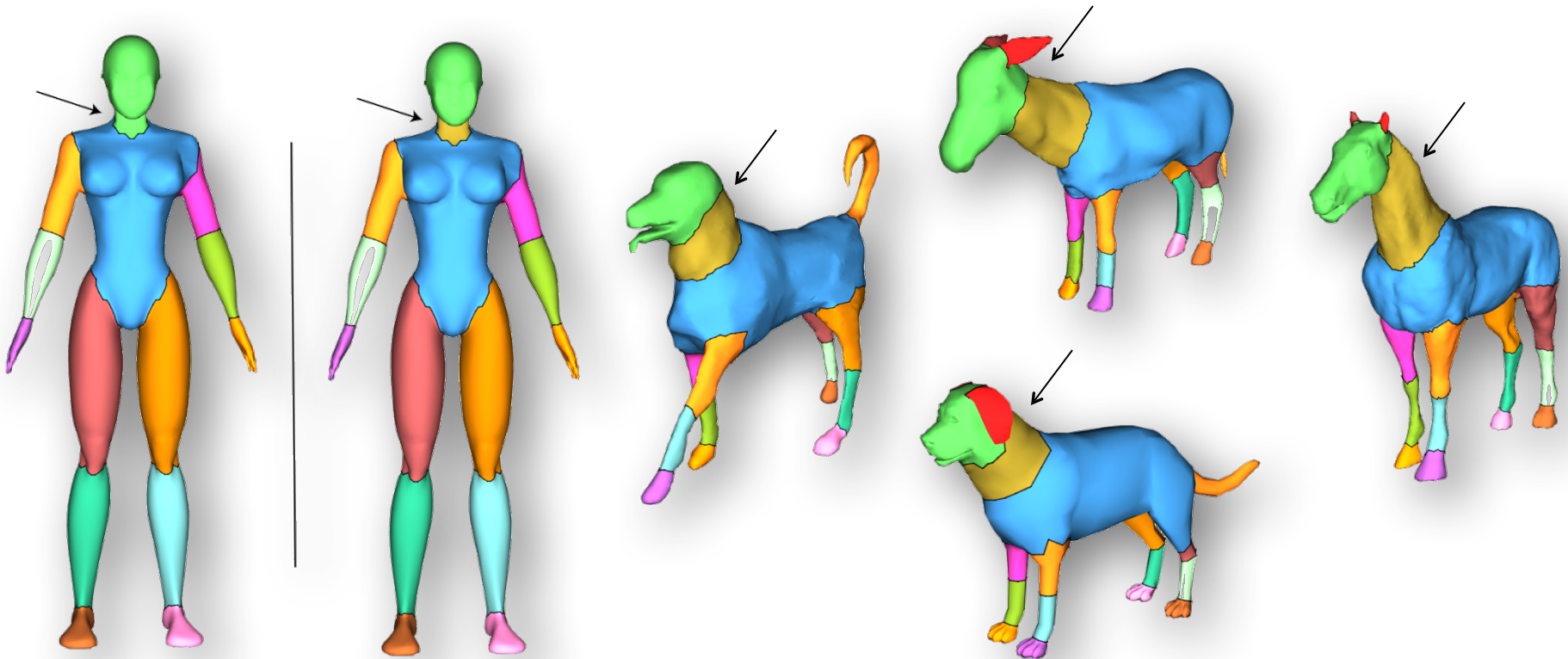
# Combining Maps



**Composition can correct correspondences**

# Individual Data Set Operations Can Have Errors

- ◆ The interpretation of a particular piece of geometric data is deeply influenced by our interpretation of other related data



3D Segmentation

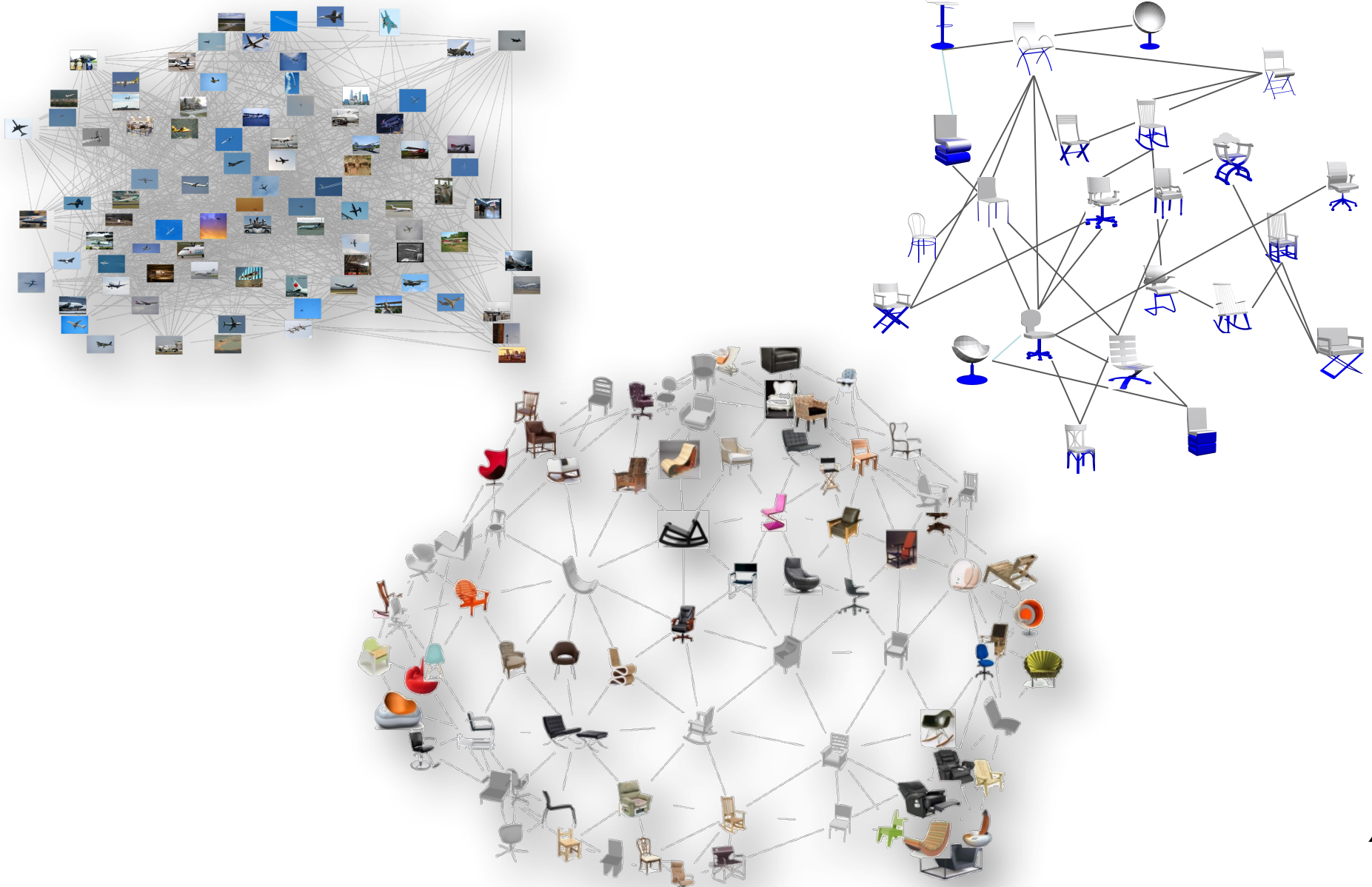
# The Network View: Information Transport Between Visual Data

# Networks of Images



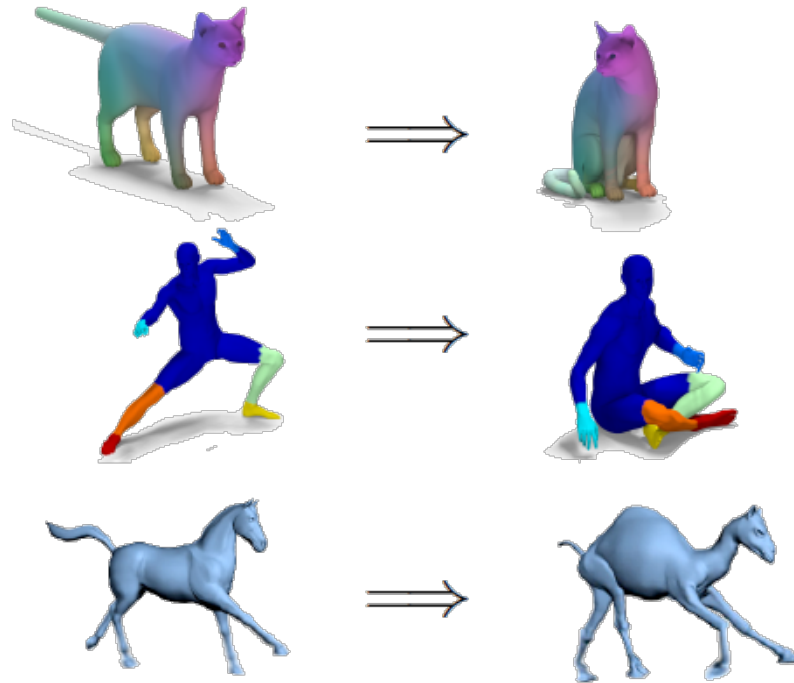


# Or of Shapes, Or of Both



# Good Correspondences or Maps are Information Transporters

texture and  
parametrization



segmentation  
and labels

deformation

**Maps are based on matching**

# Matching Has Been Extensively Studied

## Learning Graph Matching

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### Abstract

*As a fundamental problem in pattern recognition, graph matching has found a variety of applications in the field of computer vision. In graph matching, patterns are modeled as graphs and pattern recognition amounts to finding a correspondence between the nodes of different graphs. There are many ways in which the problem has been formulated, but most can be cast in general as a quadratic assignment problem, where a linear term in the objective function encodes node compatibility functions and a quadratic term encodes edge compatibility functions. The main research focus in this theme is about designing efficient algorithms for solving approximately the quadratic assignment problem, since it is NP-hard.*

*In this paper, we turn our attention to the complementary problem: how to estimate compatibility functions such that the solution of the resulting graph matching problem best matches the expected solution that a human would manually provide. We present a method for learning graph matching: the training examples are pairs of graphs and the "labels" are matchings between pairs of graphs. We present experimental results with real image data which give evidence that learning can improve the performance of standard graph matching algorithms. In particular, it turns out that linear assignment with such a learning scheme may improve over state-of-the-art quadratic assignment relaxations. This finding suggests that for a range of problems where quadratic assignment was thought to be essential for securing good results, linear assignment, which is far more efficient, could be just sufficient if learning is performed. This enables speed-ups of graph matching by up to 4 orders of magnitude while retaining state-of-the-art accuracy.*

### 1. Introduction

Graphs are commonly used as abstract representations for complex scenes, and many computer vision problems can be formulated as an attributed graph matching problem, where the nodes of the graphs correspond to local features of the image and edges correspond to relational aspects between features (both nodes and edges can be attributed,

quadratic assignment problem, which consists in finding an assignment that maximizes an objective function encoding local compatibilities (a linear term) and structural compatibilities (a quadratic term). The main body of research in graph matching has then been focused on devising more accurate and/or faster algorithms to solve the problem approximately (since it is NP-hard). The compatibility function used in graph matching are typically handcrafted.

An interesting question arises in this context. If we are given two attributed graphs,  $G$  and  $G'$ , should the optimal match be uniquely determined? For example, assume first that  $G$  and  $G'$  come from two images acquired with a surveillance camera in an airport's lounge. Now, assume the same  $G$  and  $G'$  instead come from two images in a photographer's image database. Should the optimal match be the same in both situations? If the algorithm takes into account exclusively the graphs to be matched, the optimal solution will be the same<sup>1</sup> since the graph pair is the same in both cases. This is how graph matching is approached today.

In this paper we address what we believe to be a limitation of this approach. We argue that, if we know the "conditions" under which a pair of graphs has been extracted, we should take into account *how graphs arising in the conditions are typically matched*. However, we do not have the information on the "conditions" explicitly into account since this is obviously not practical. Instead, we approach the problem from a purely statistical inference perspective. First we extract graphs from a number of images acquired in the same conditions as those for which we want to solve whatever the word "conditions" mean (e.g. from the surveillance camera or the photographer's database). We then manually provide what we understand to be the optimal matches between pairs of the resulting graphs. This information is then used in a learning algorithm which learns a map from the space of pairs of graphs to the space of matches. In terms of the quadratic assignment problem, the learning algorithm amounts to (in a loose language) adjusting the node and edge compatibility functions in a way that the expected optimal match in a test pair of graphs agrees with the expected match they would have had they been in the training set. In this formulation, the learning problem consists of a quadratic program which is readily solved

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### Abstract

*We introduce the notion of co-saliency for image matching. Our matching algorithm combines the discriminative power of feature correspondences with the descriptive power of matching segments. Co-saliency matching score favors correspondences that are consistent with 'soft' image segmentation as well as with local point feature matching. We express the matching model via a joint image graph (JIG) whose edge weights represent intra- as well as inter-image relations. The dominant spectral components of this graph lead to simultaneous pixel-wise alignment of the images and saliency-based synchronization of 'soft' image segmentation. The co-saliency score function, which characterizes these spectral components, can be directly used as a similarity metric as well as a positive feedback for updating and establishing new point correspondences. We present experiments showing the extraction of matching regions and pointwise correspondences, and the utility of the global image similarity in the context of place recognition.*

### 1. Introduction

Correspondence estimation is one of the fundamental challenges in computer vision lying in the core of many

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1. Each region coherence



**Abstract**—We present a novel approach to measuring similarity between two shapes. The measurement of similarity is preceded by 1) selecting a set of correspondences to estimate an aligning transform. In order to provide context, to each point. The shape context at a reference point is a globally discriminative characterization. Correspondence estimation is solved for correspondences as an optimal assignment problem. This allows us to solve for correspondences as an optimal assignment problem that best aligns the two shapes; regularized by a term measuring the magnitude of the aligning transform. The dissimilarity between the two shapes is computed as a term measuring the magnitude of the aligning transform. The problem of finding the stored prototype shape that is maximally similar to the test shape is solved using the COIL data set.

**Index Terms**—Shape, object recognition, digit recognition, color, image matching.

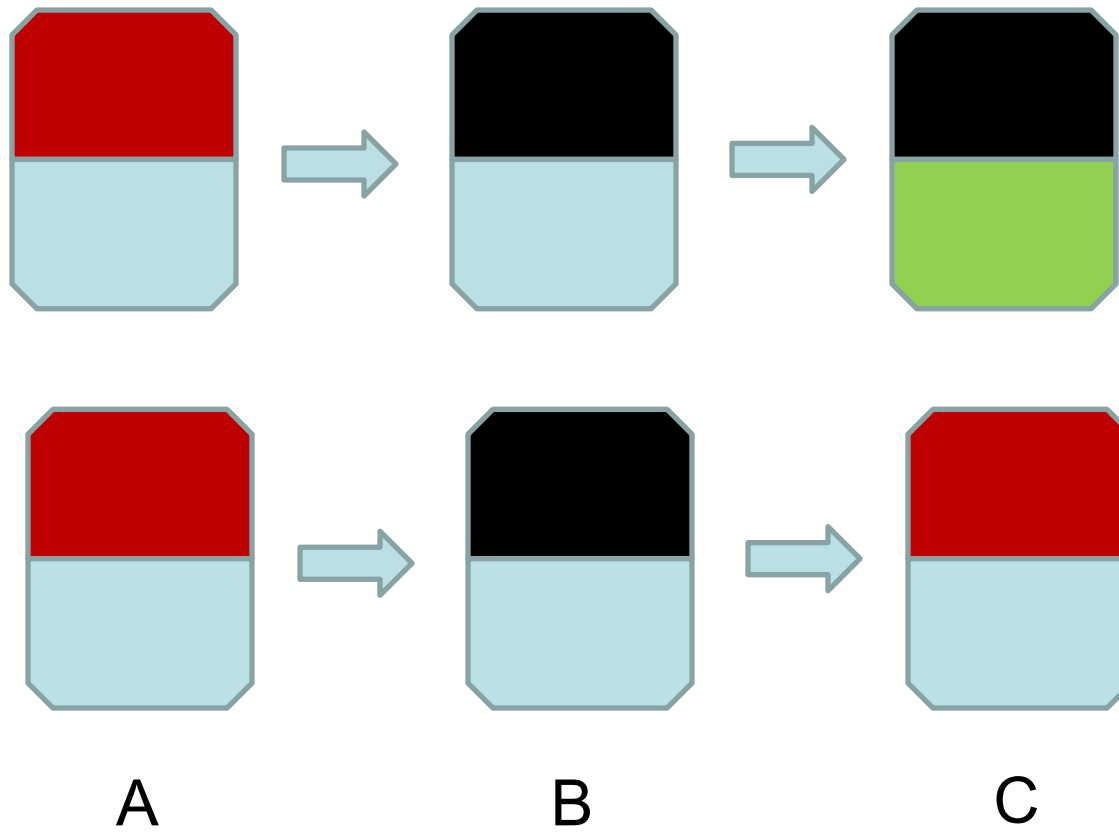
### INTRODUCTION

REGARDING the two handwritten digits in Fig. 1. Regarding the two images, the pixel brightness values and comparison norms, they are very different. However, regarding the human observer, they appear rather similar to a human observer. The main contribution in this paper is to operationalize this notion of similarity, with the ultimate goal of using it as a basis for a high-level recognition. We approach this as a three-step process:

1. Solve the correspondence problem between the two images. 2. Compute the correspondences to estimate an aligning transform, and 3. Compute the distance between the two shapes as a function of matching errors between corresponding points, together with a term measuring the magnitude of the aligning transformation.

One of our approach is a tradition of matching shapes that can be traced at least as far back as the work of Thompson. In his classic work, *On Growth and Form*, Thompson observed that related but not identical

# Maps vs. Distances/Similarities Networks vs. Graphs



“Persistence” of Correspondences



# Societies, or Social Networks of Data Sets

Our understanding of data can greatly benefit from extracting these relations and building relational networks.

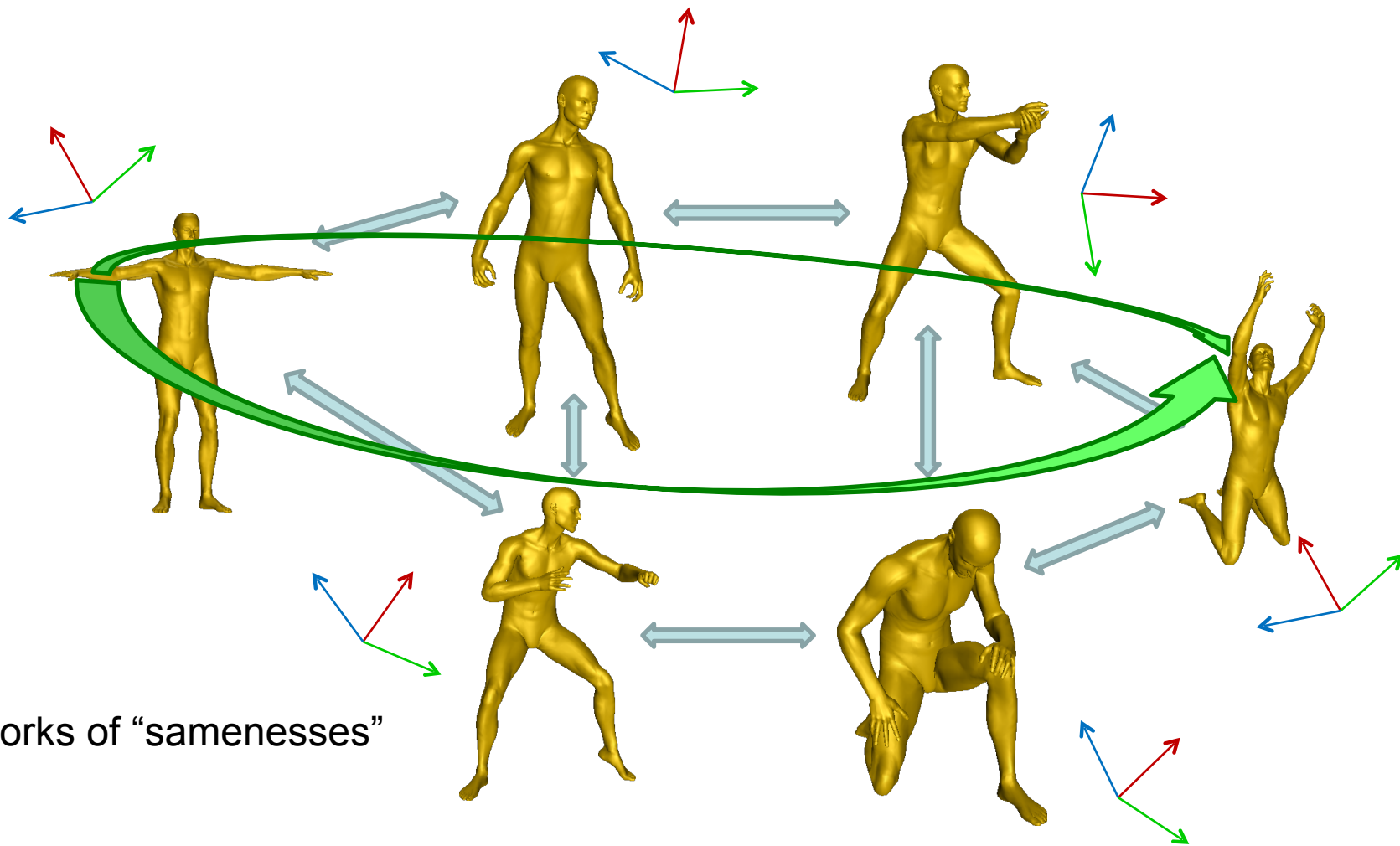
We can exploit the relational network to

- transport information around the network
- assess the validity of operations or interpretations of data (by checking consistency against related data)
- assess the quality of the relations themselves (by checking consistency against other relations through cycle closure, etc.)
- extract shared structure among the data

Thus the network becomes the great regularizer in joint data analysis.

# Consistency of Network Transport

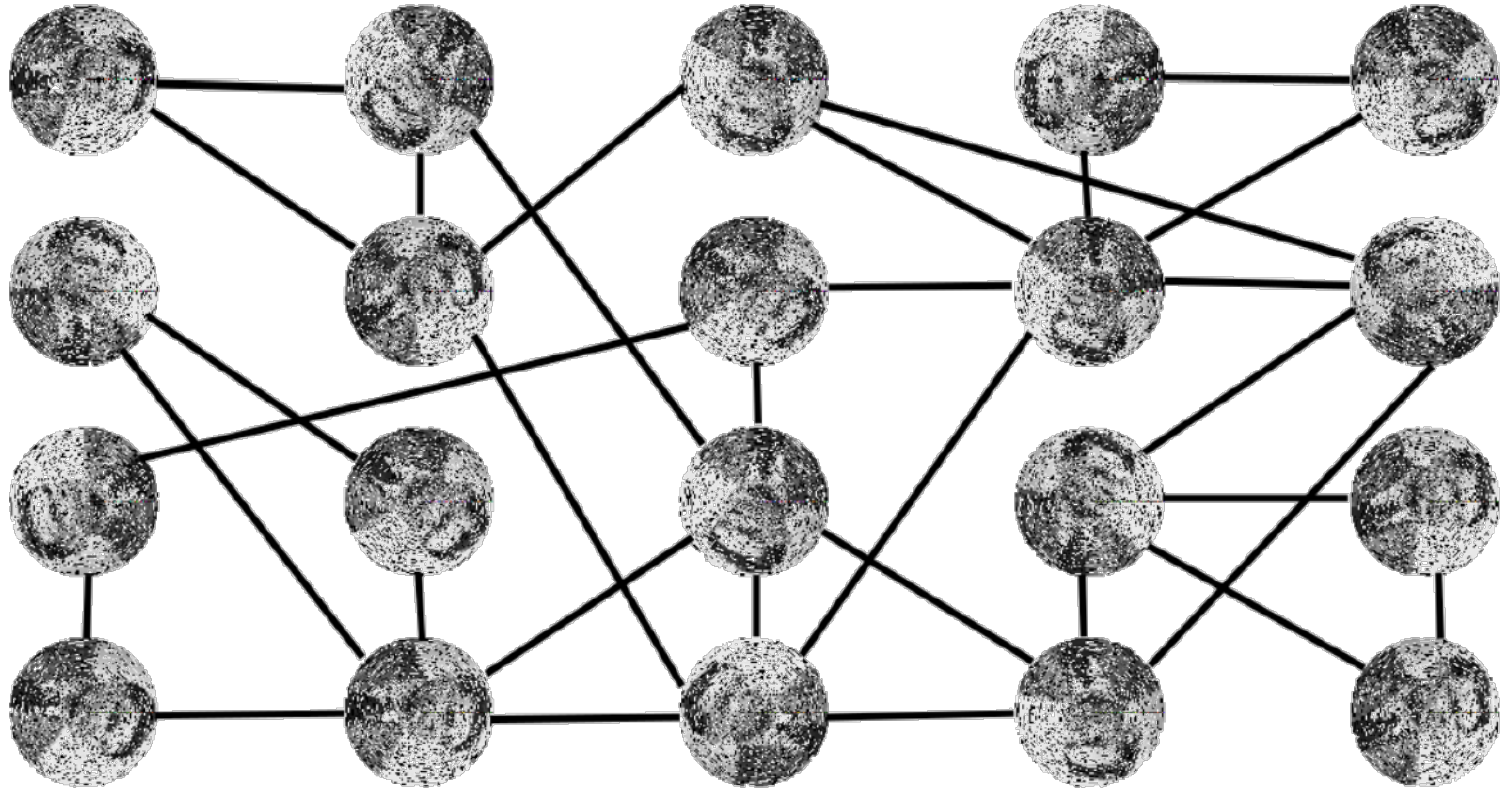
# Map Networks for Related Data



Networks of "samenesses"

**Path Invariance**

# Transform Synchronization Problems

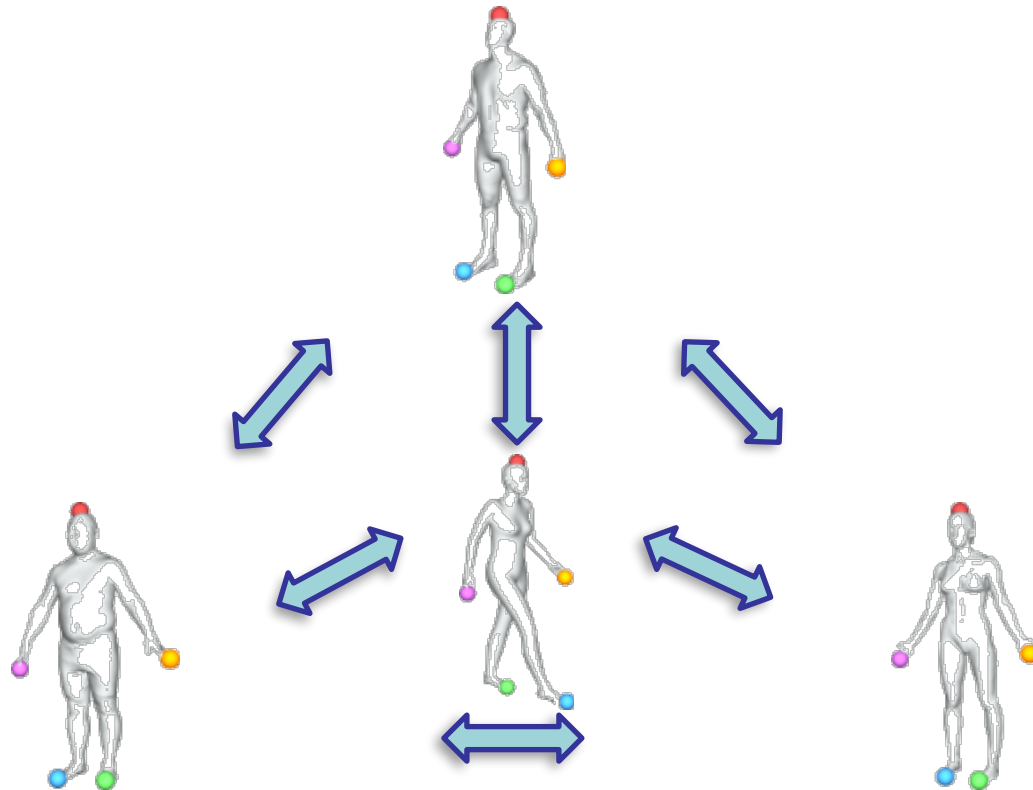


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**Path invariance  $\equiv$  Cycle consistency**

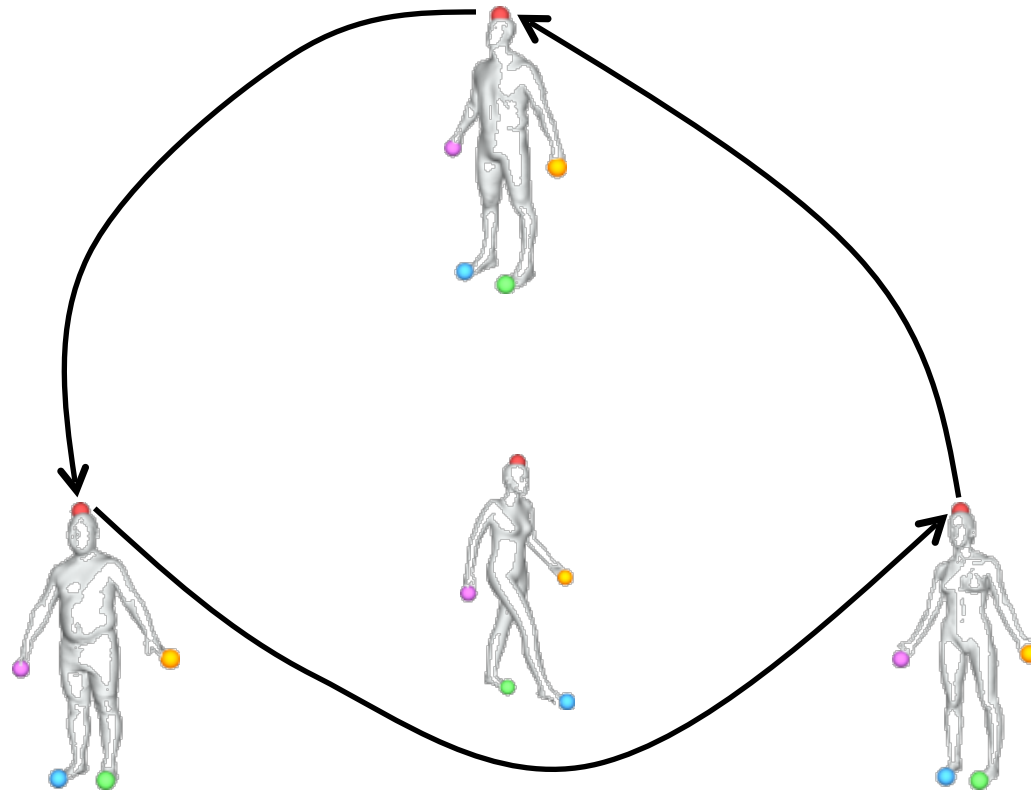
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- ◆ Maps are consistent along cycles



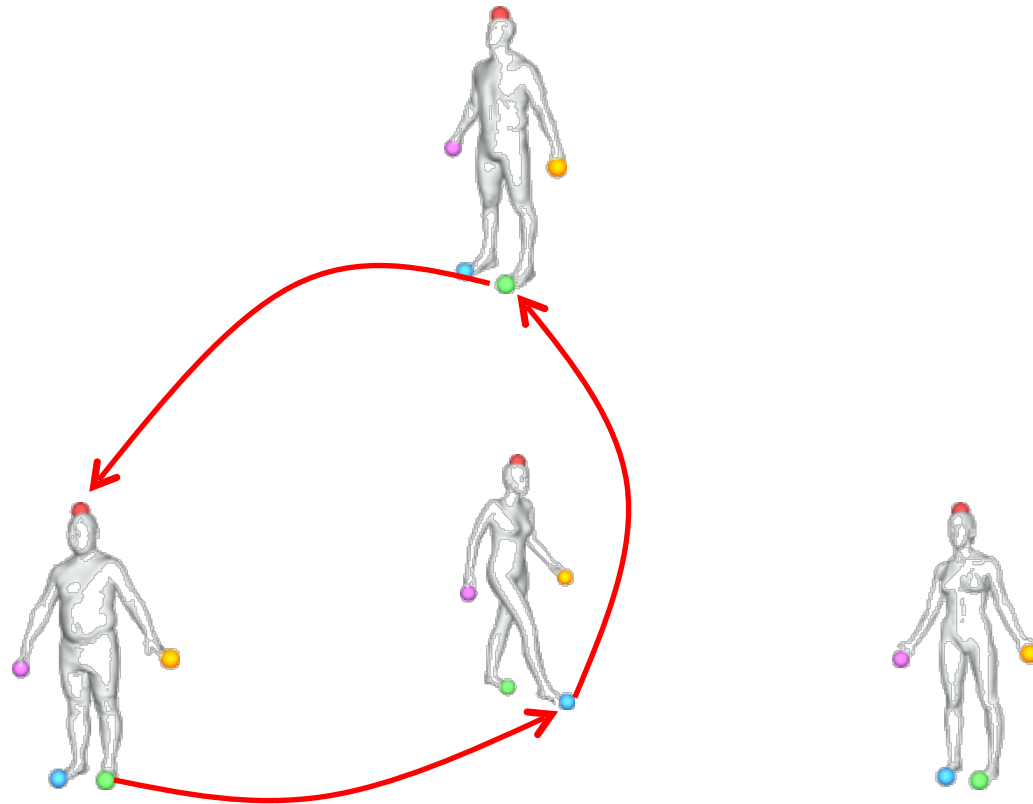
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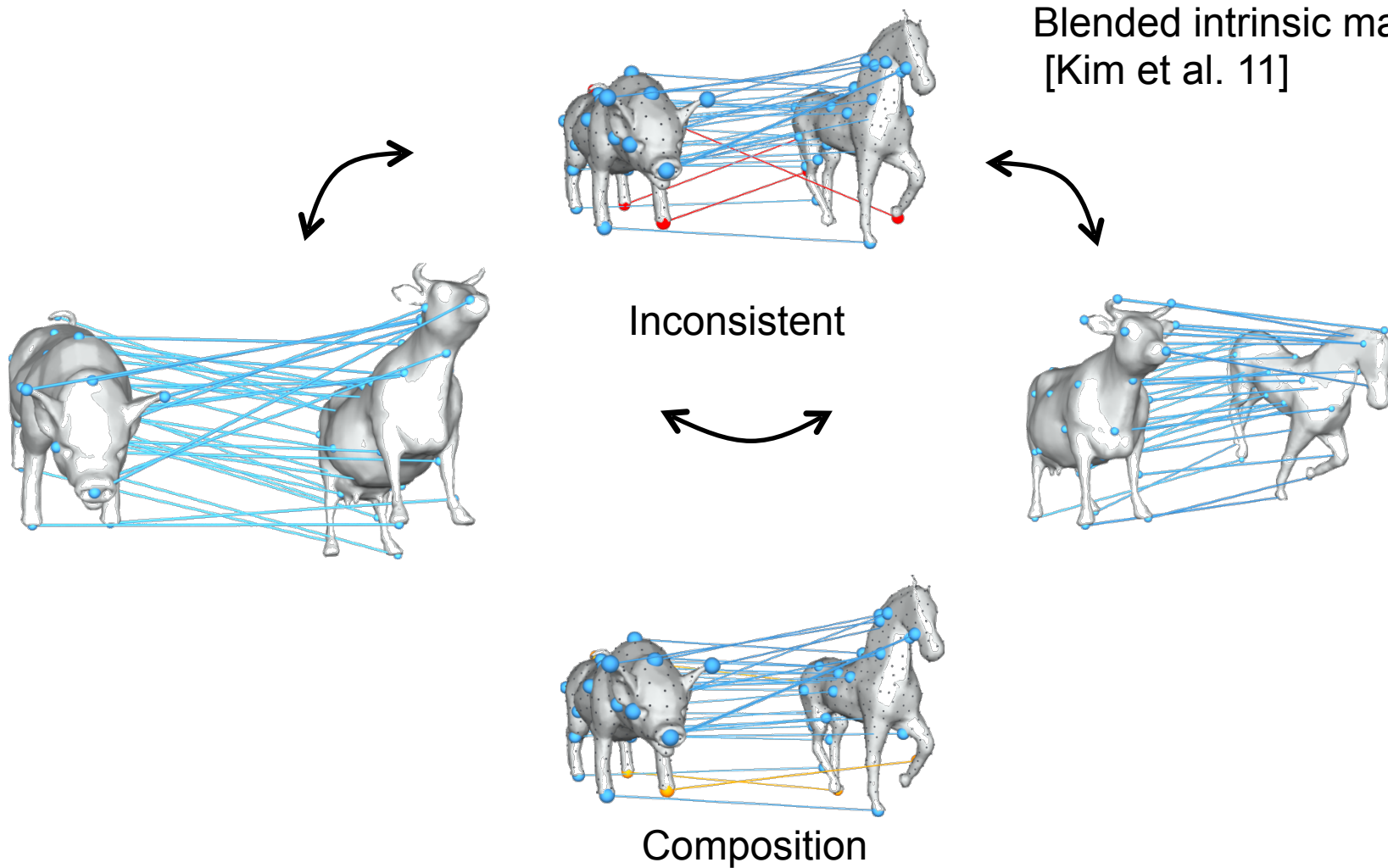
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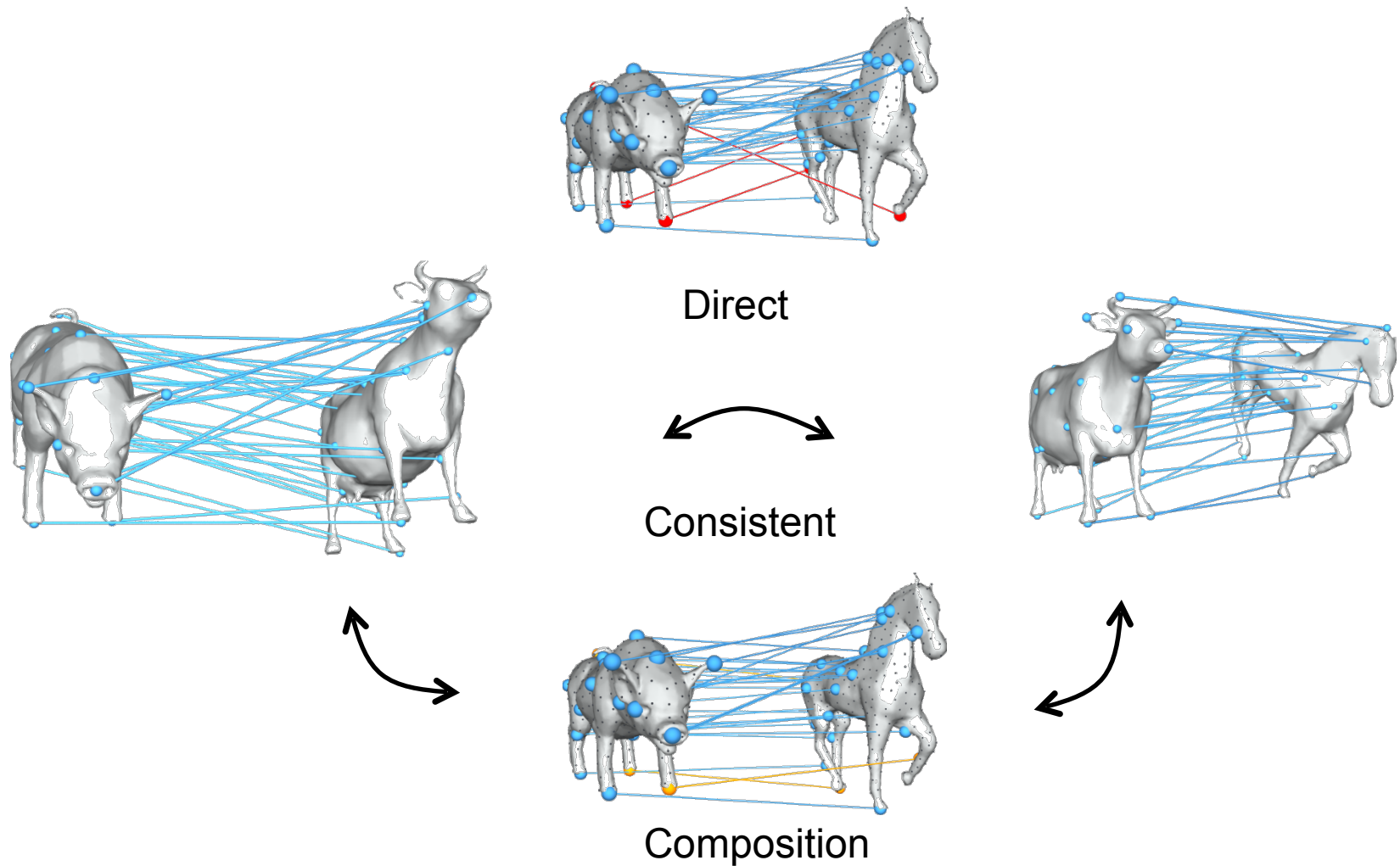
# Cycle Consistency

Blended intrinsic maps  
[Kim et al. 11]





# Cycle Consistency Can Help



**The End**