

Shape-from-operators: recovering shapes from intrinsic differential operators

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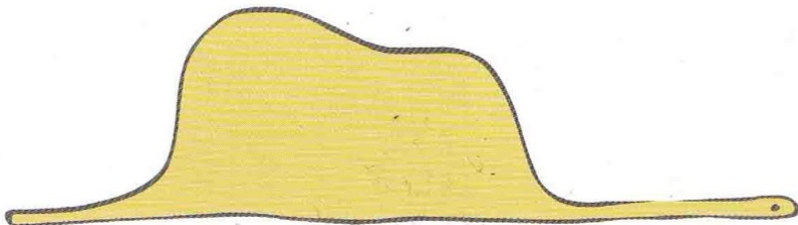




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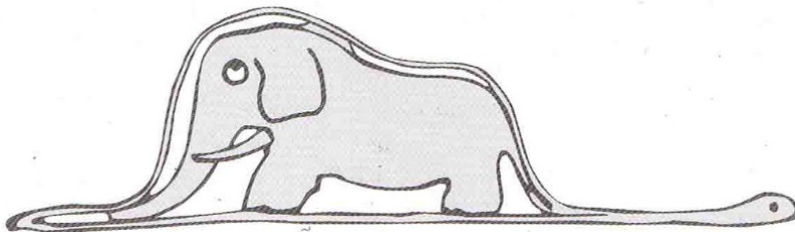
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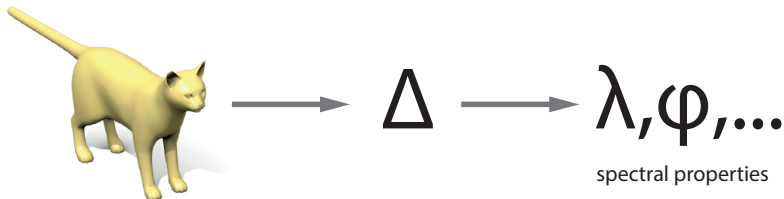
de Saint-Exupéry, *The Little Prince*

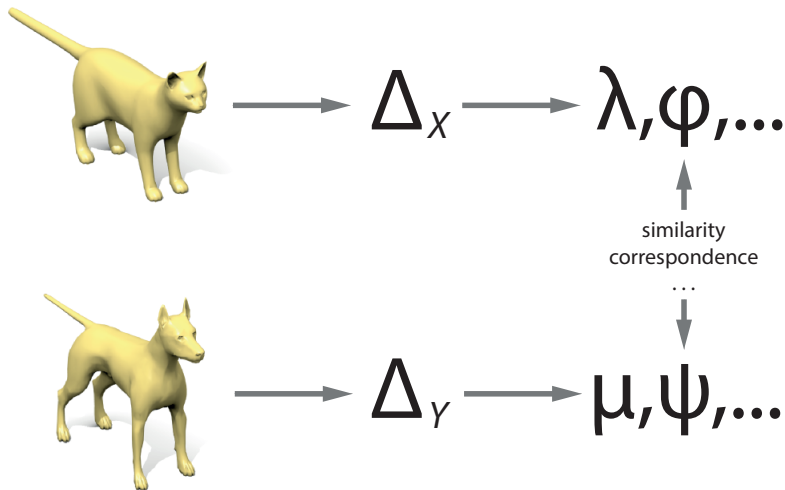


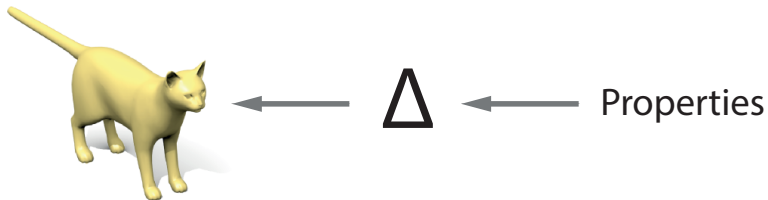


Can one hear the shape of a drum?

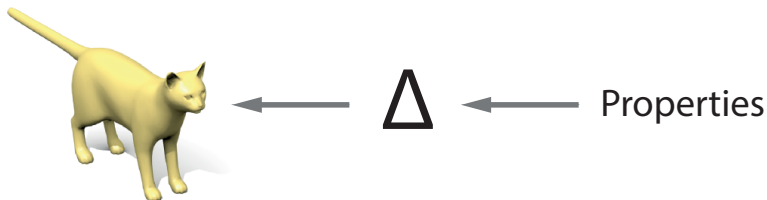








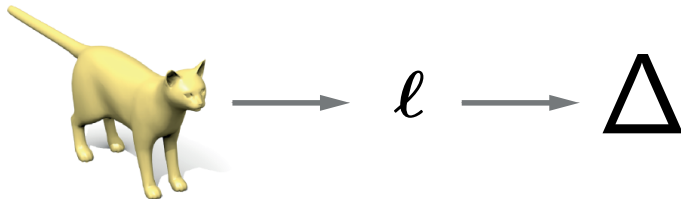
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- Embedding from angles¹, curvature², discrete fundamental forms³,...
- Edge length from Laplacian^{4,5}
- Closest commuting operators⁶
- Laplacian colormaps⁷

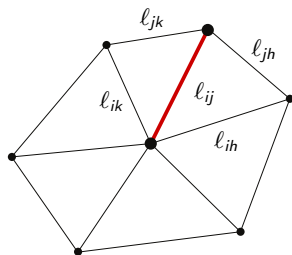
¹Sheffer, de Sturler 2001; ²Ben-Chen et al. 2008; ³Wang et al. 2012; ⁴Zeng et al. 2012; ⁵de Goes et al. 2014; ⁶B, Glashoff, Loring 2013; ⁷Eynard, Kovnatsky, B 2014



- Laplacian is **intrinsic** = expressible in terms of discrete metric (edge lengths)
- Embedding induces a discrete metric (and thus also a Laplacian)
- Not unique: many embeddings give rise to the same metric (isometries)

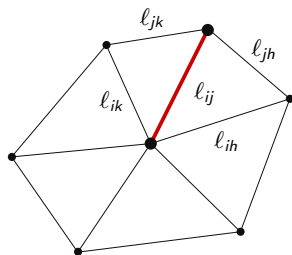
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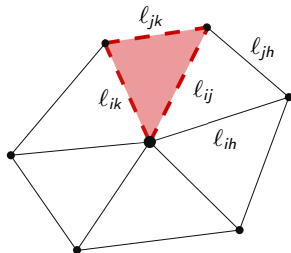
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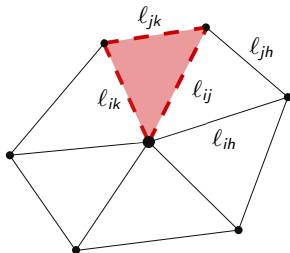
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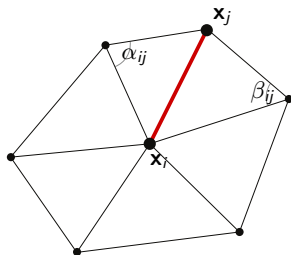
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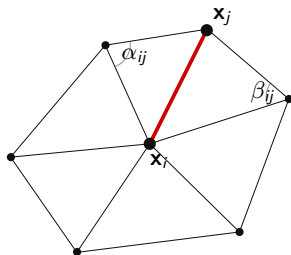
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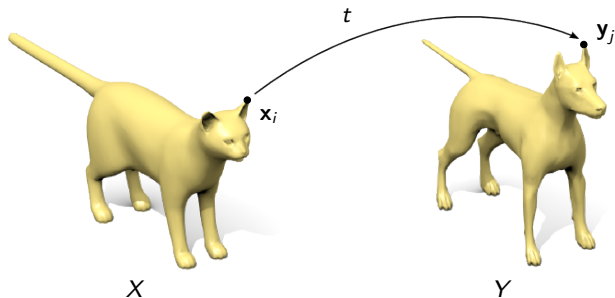
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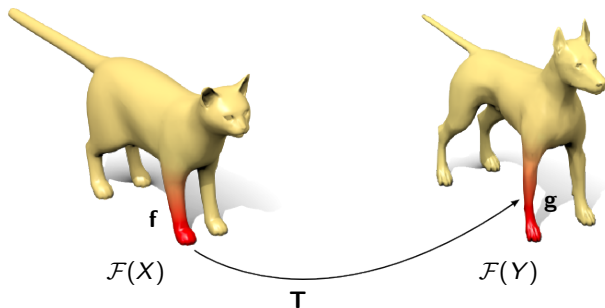
- Cotangent weights

$$w_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{\cot(\alpha_{ij}) + \cot(\beta_{ij})}{2}, & (i, j) \in E \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



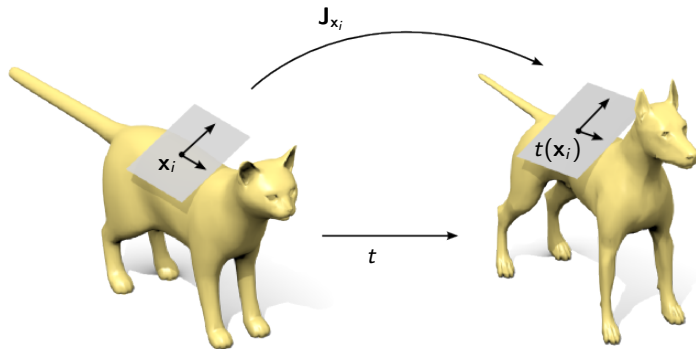


Point-wise maps $t: X \rightarrow Y$



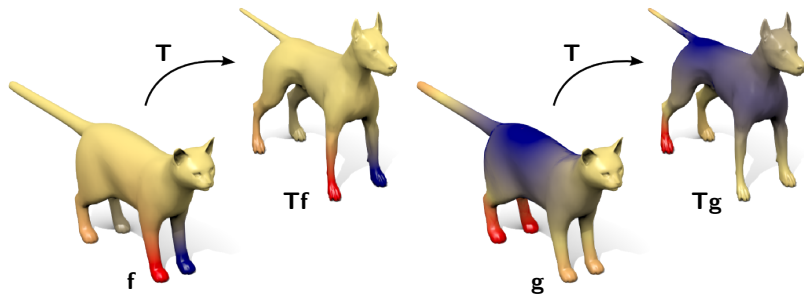
Functional maps $\mathbf{T}: \mathcal{F}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(Y)$

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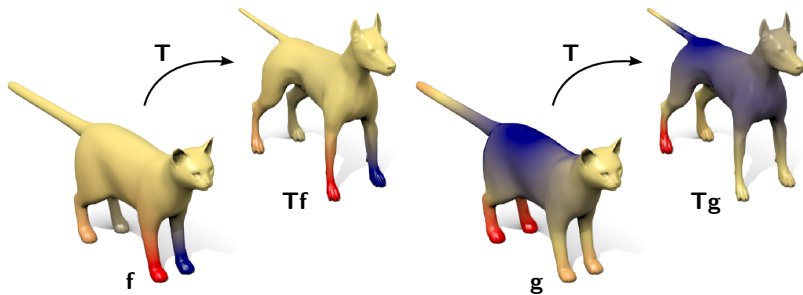
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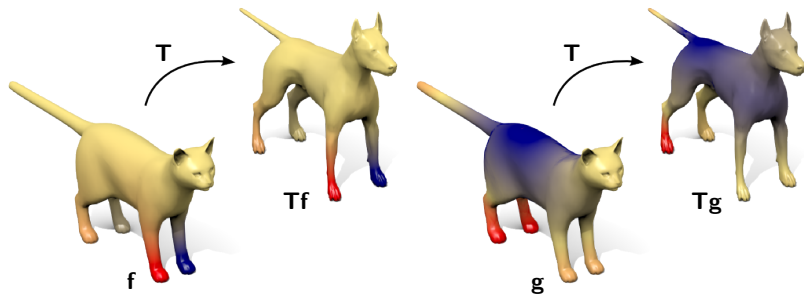
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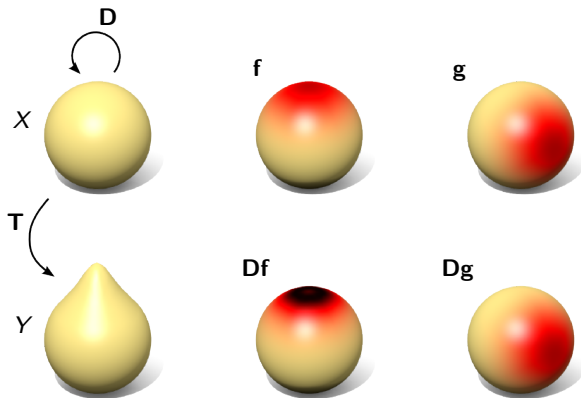


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Riesz theorem: there exists a unique self-adjoint linear operator $D: \mathcal{F}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(X)$ such that

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- Captures the **difference** in the geometry of the two shapes
- **Depends** on choice of inner product

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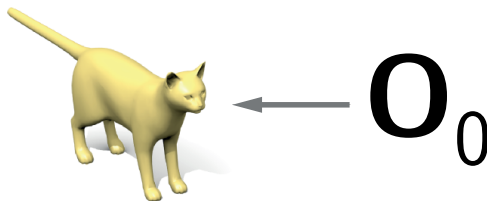
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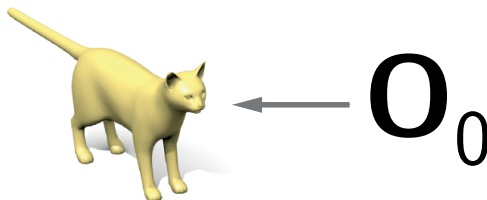
- if $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}$, the map preserves the angles

- if $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}$, the map is an isometry



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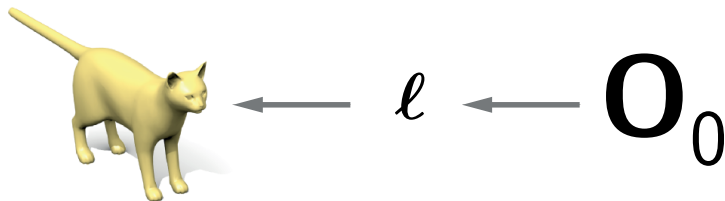
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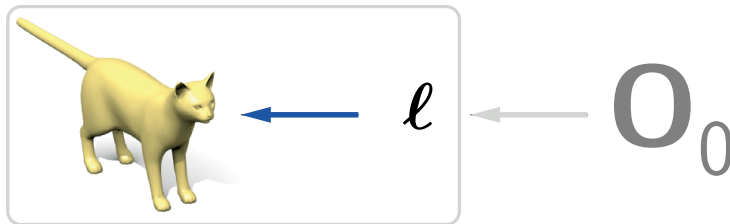
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Note: \mathbf{O} depends on \mathbf{X} indirectly through the discrete metric $\ell(\mathbf{X})$, very hard for optimization!



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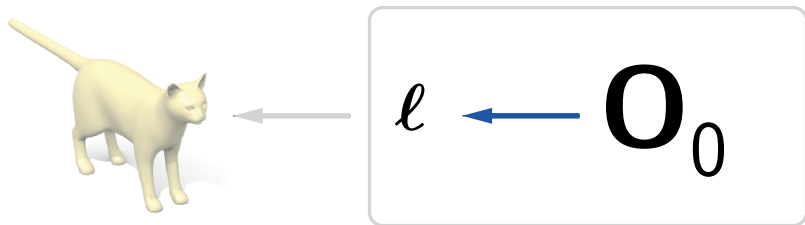
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SMACOF algorithm: fixed point iteration of the form

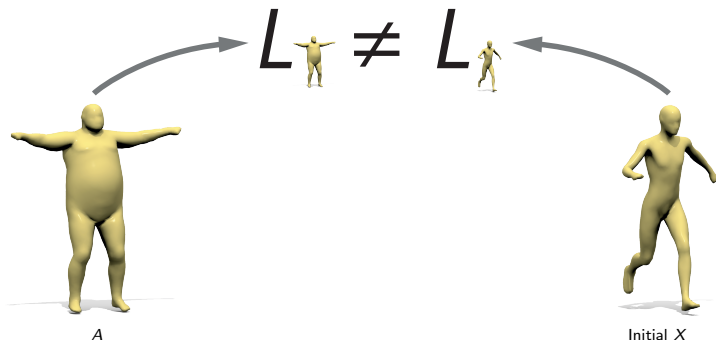
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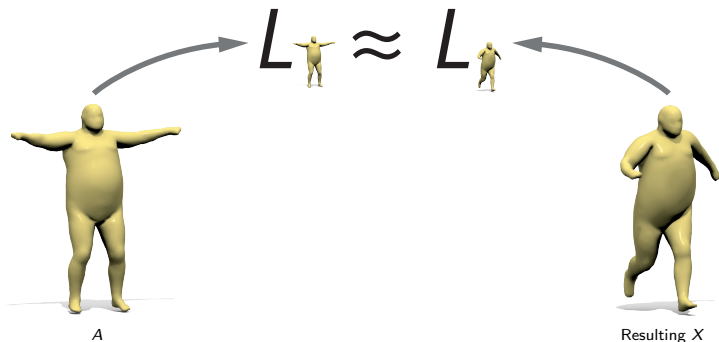


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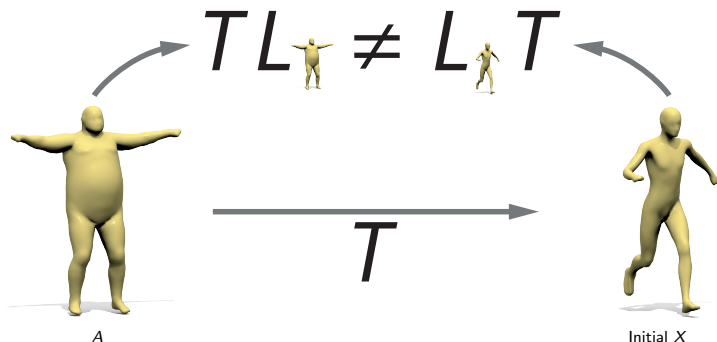
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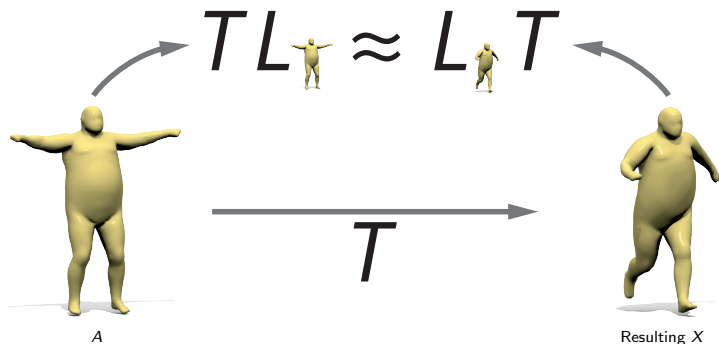
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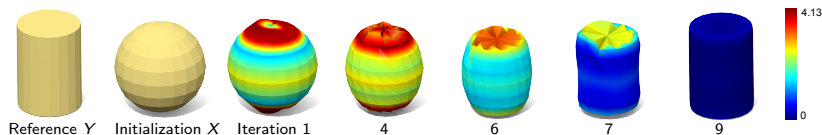
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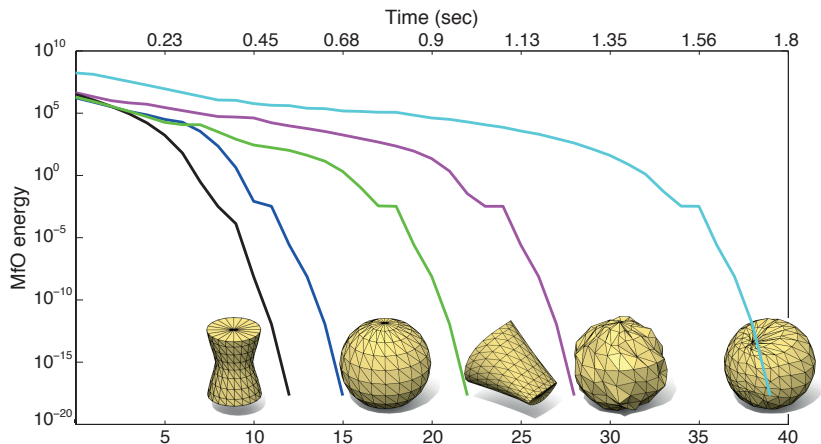
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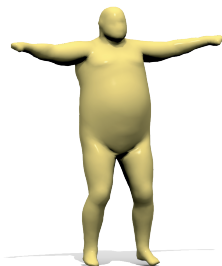
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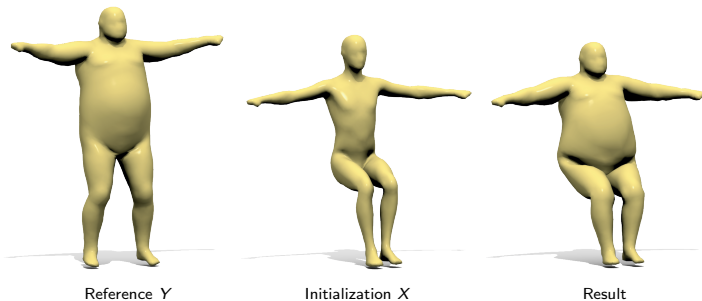
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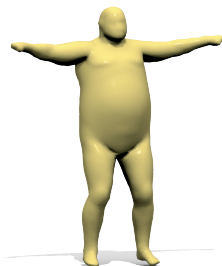
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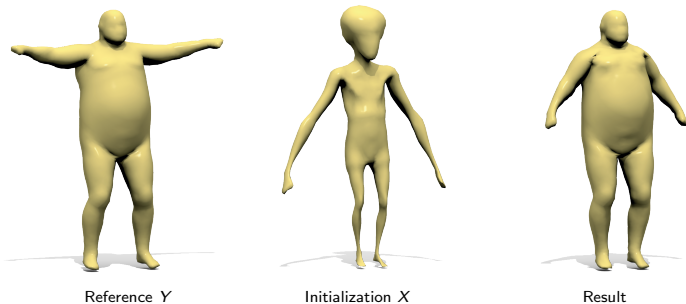
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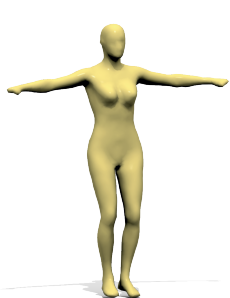
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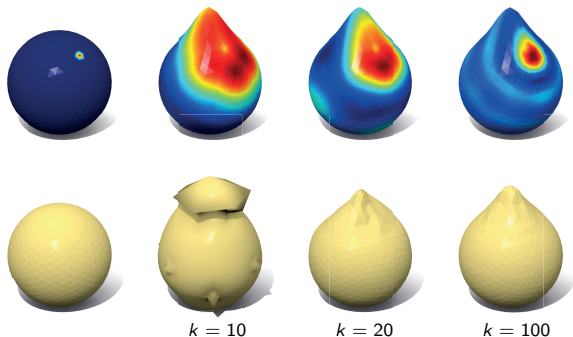


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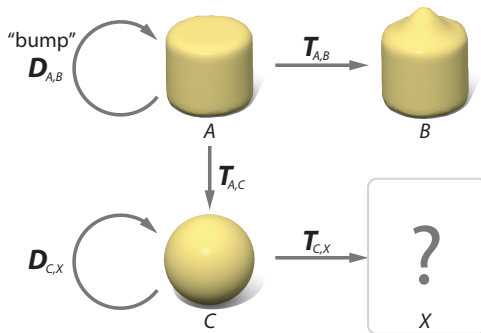
Sensitivity to map quality

Functional map approximated as a matrix $\mathbf{T} \approx \Psi \mathbf{C}^\top \Phi^\top$ of rank k using the first functions in Fourier expansion (larger k = better map)



Shape-from-Laplacian result for different quality of the map \mathbf{T}
(initial shape: sphere, reference Laplacian: bumped sphere)

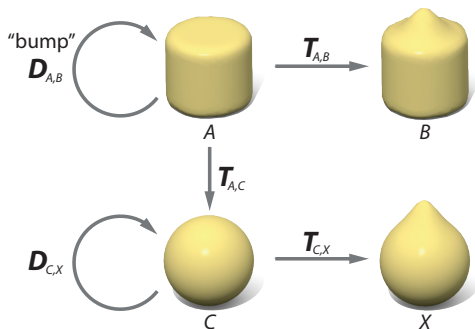
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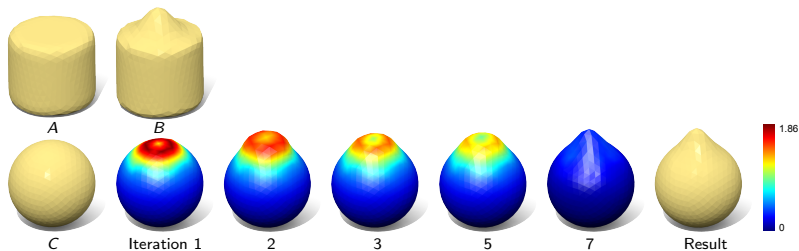
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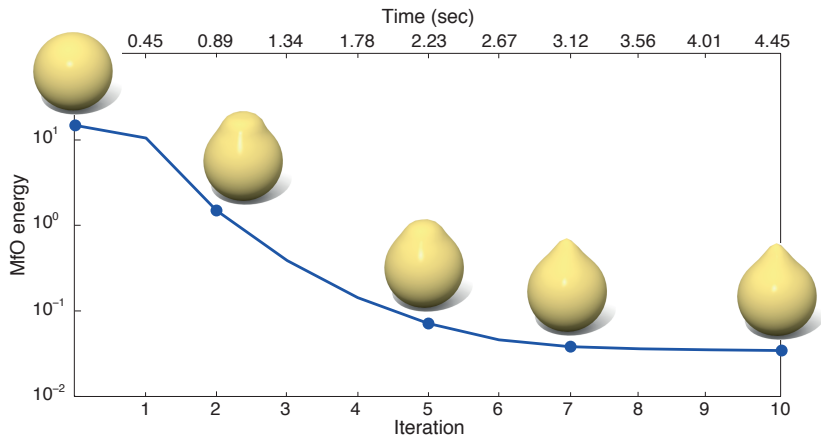
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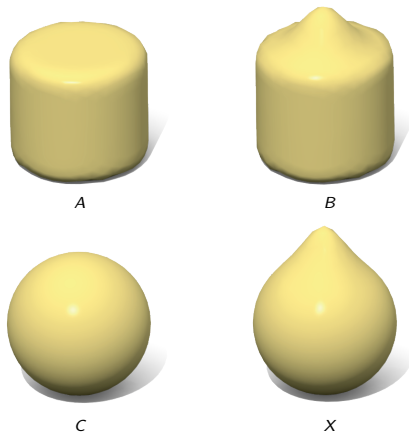
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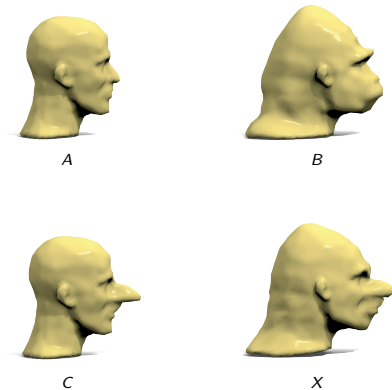
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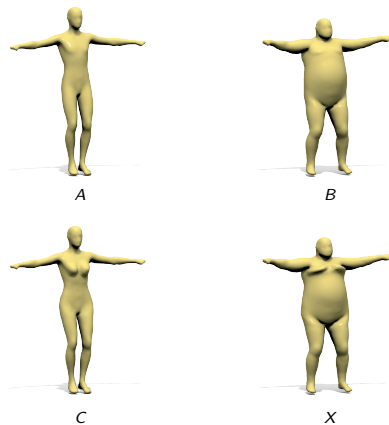
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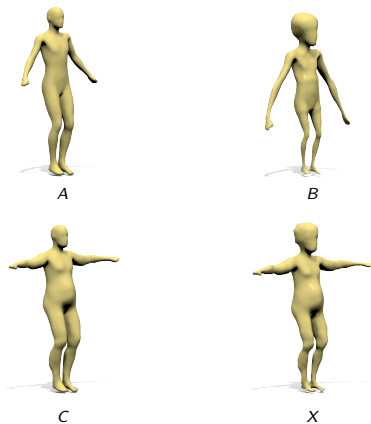
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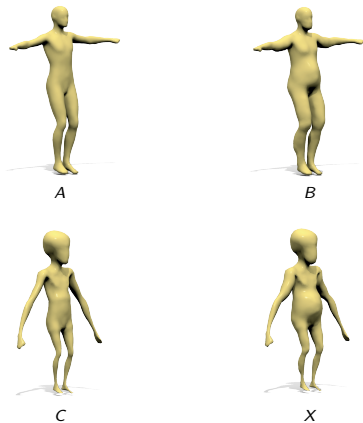
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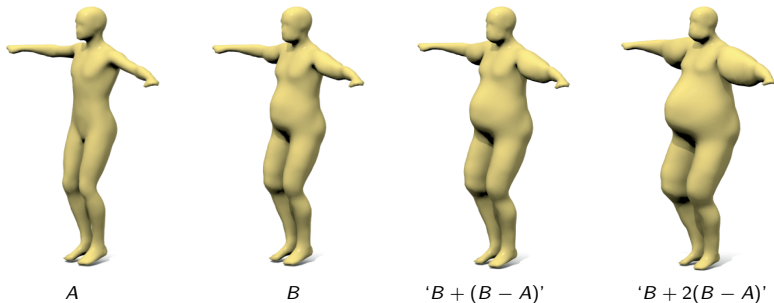
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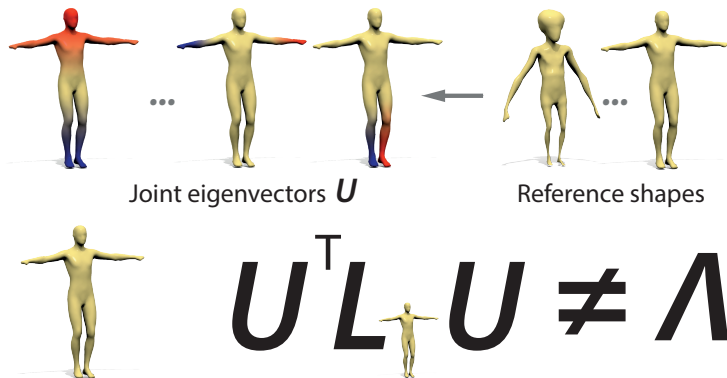
Shape exaggeration obtained by applying the difference operator between A, B to B several times.

Shape-from-eigenvectors



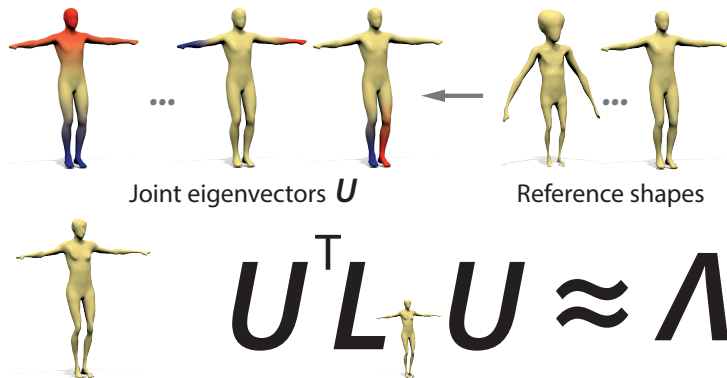


**What is the shape whose Laplacian
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Given an orthonormal basis $\mathbf{U} = (\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_r)$ on $\mathcal{F}(X)$ and $\mathbf{\Lambda} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r)$, deform shape X such that \mathbf{U} is an (approximate) eigenbasis of its Laplacian

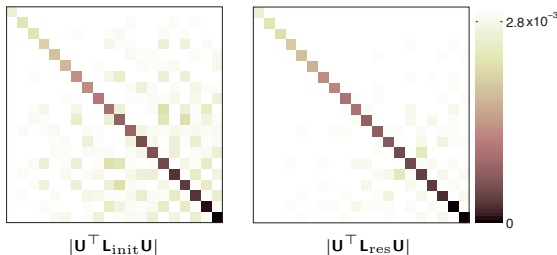
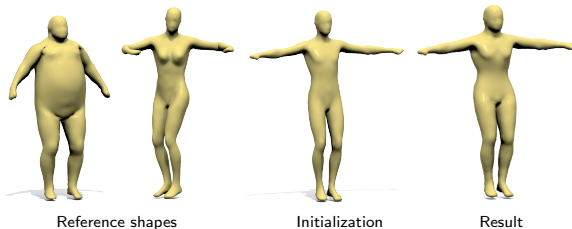
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