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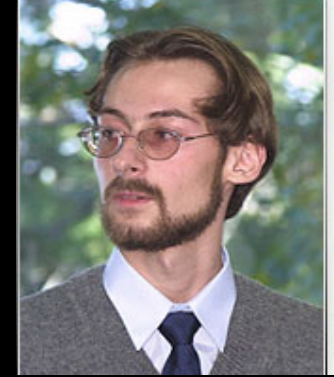
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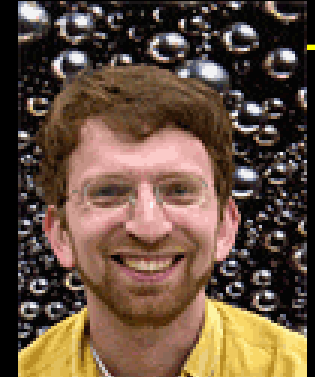
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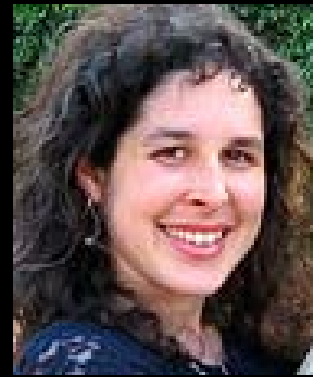
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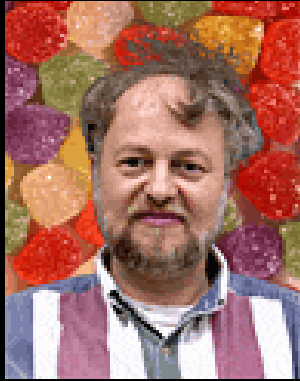


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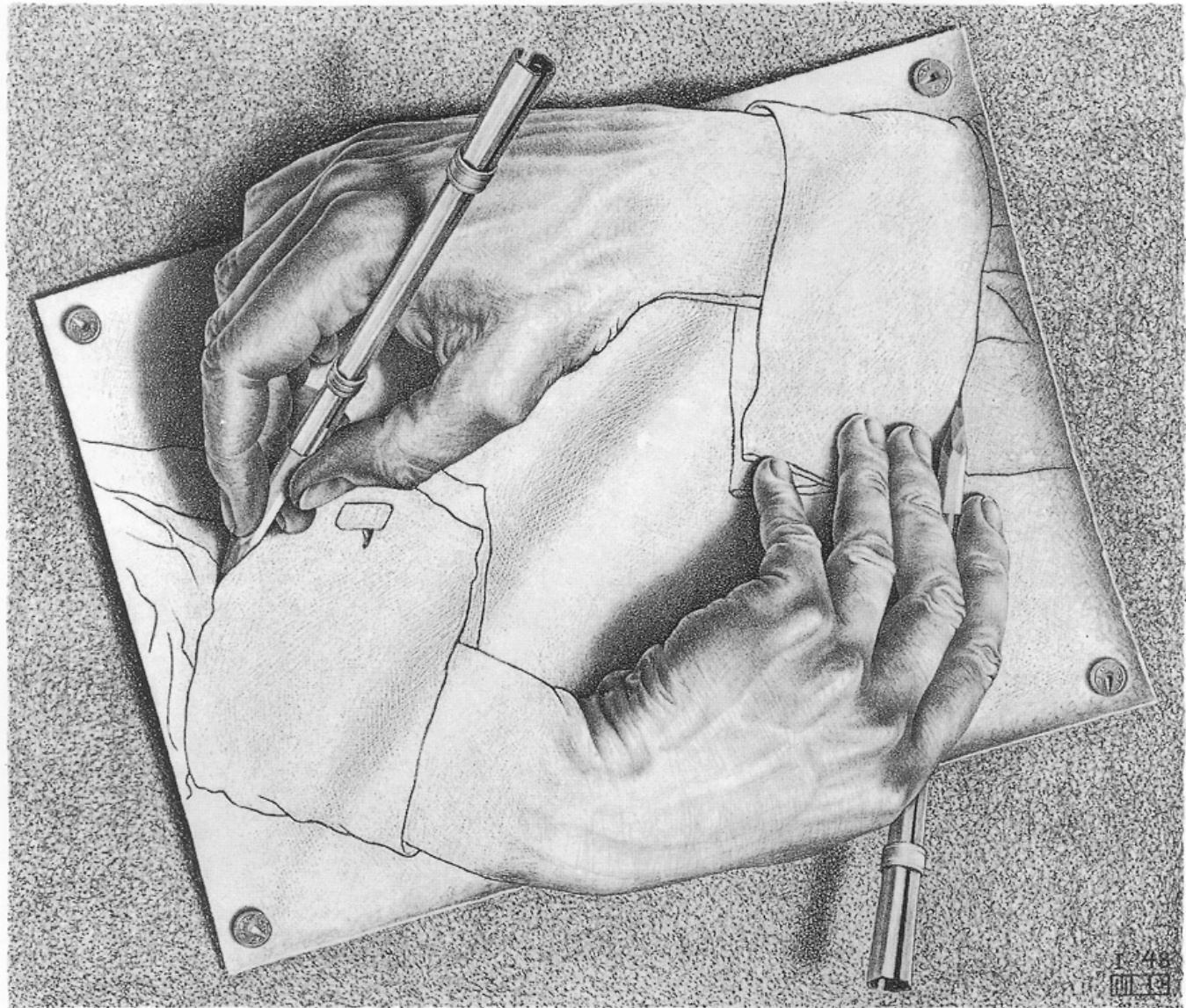


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# On Edge Detection and Integration

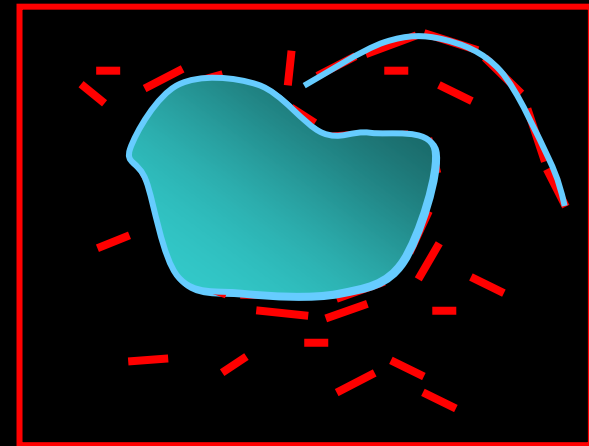


# Edge Detection

## □ Edge Detection:

◆ The process of labeling the locations in the image where the gray level's "rate of change" is high.

■ **OUTPUT:** "edgels" locations, direction, strength



## □ Edge Integration:

◆ The process of combining "local" and perhaps sparse and non-contiguous "edgel"-data into meaningful, long edge curves (or closed contours) for segmentation

■ **OUTPUT:** edges/curves consistent with the local data



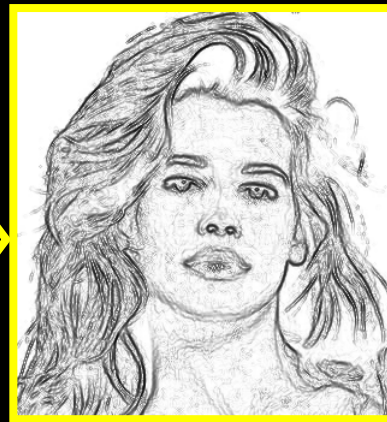
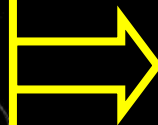


# The "New-Wave"

- ❑ Snakes
- ❑ Geodesic Active Contours
- ❑ (Variational) Model Driven Edge Detection



Image



Edge Indicator  
Function



"nice" curves that optimize a functional of  $g(\cdot)$ , i.e.

$$\int_{\text{curve}} g(\cdot) ds$$

nice: "regularized", smooth,  
fit some prior information

Edge Curves

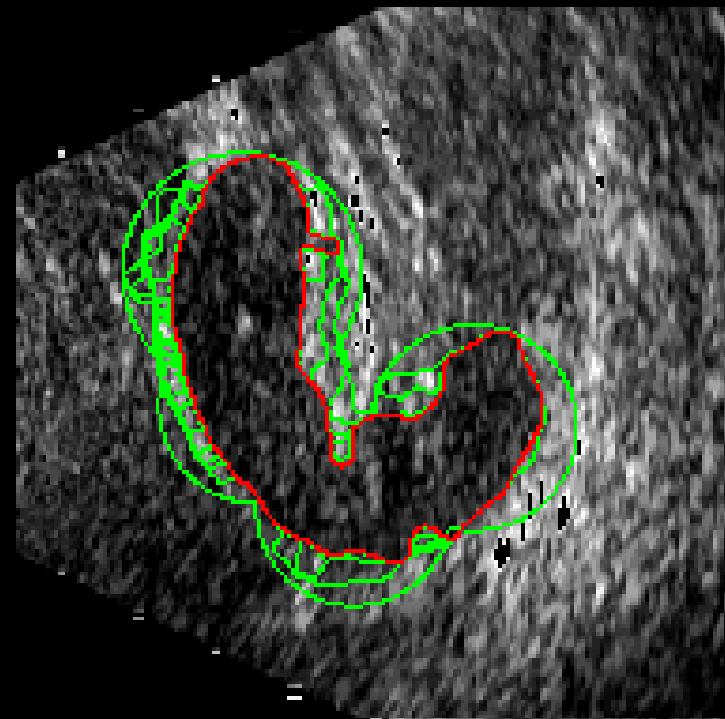
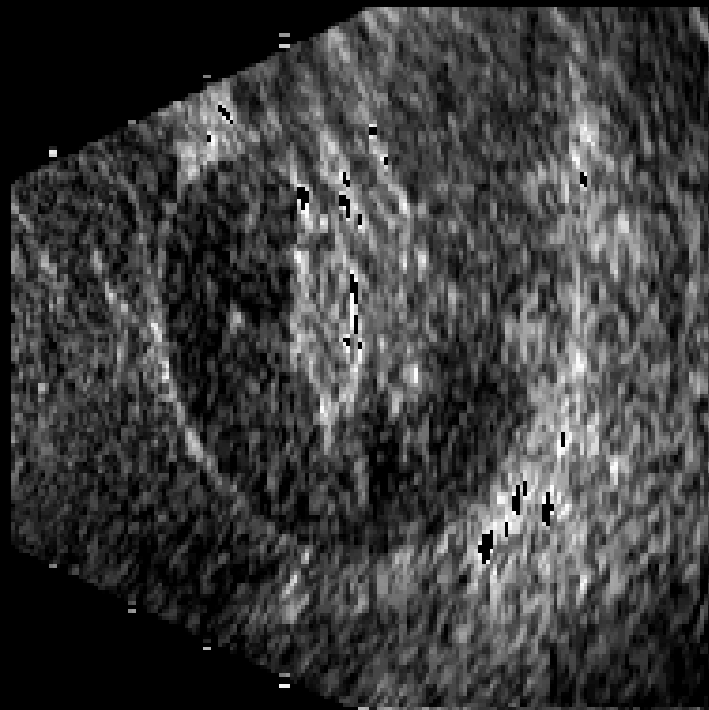
$$g(x, y) = \frac{1}{1 + |\nabla(G_\sigma * I)|^2}$$

# Segmentation



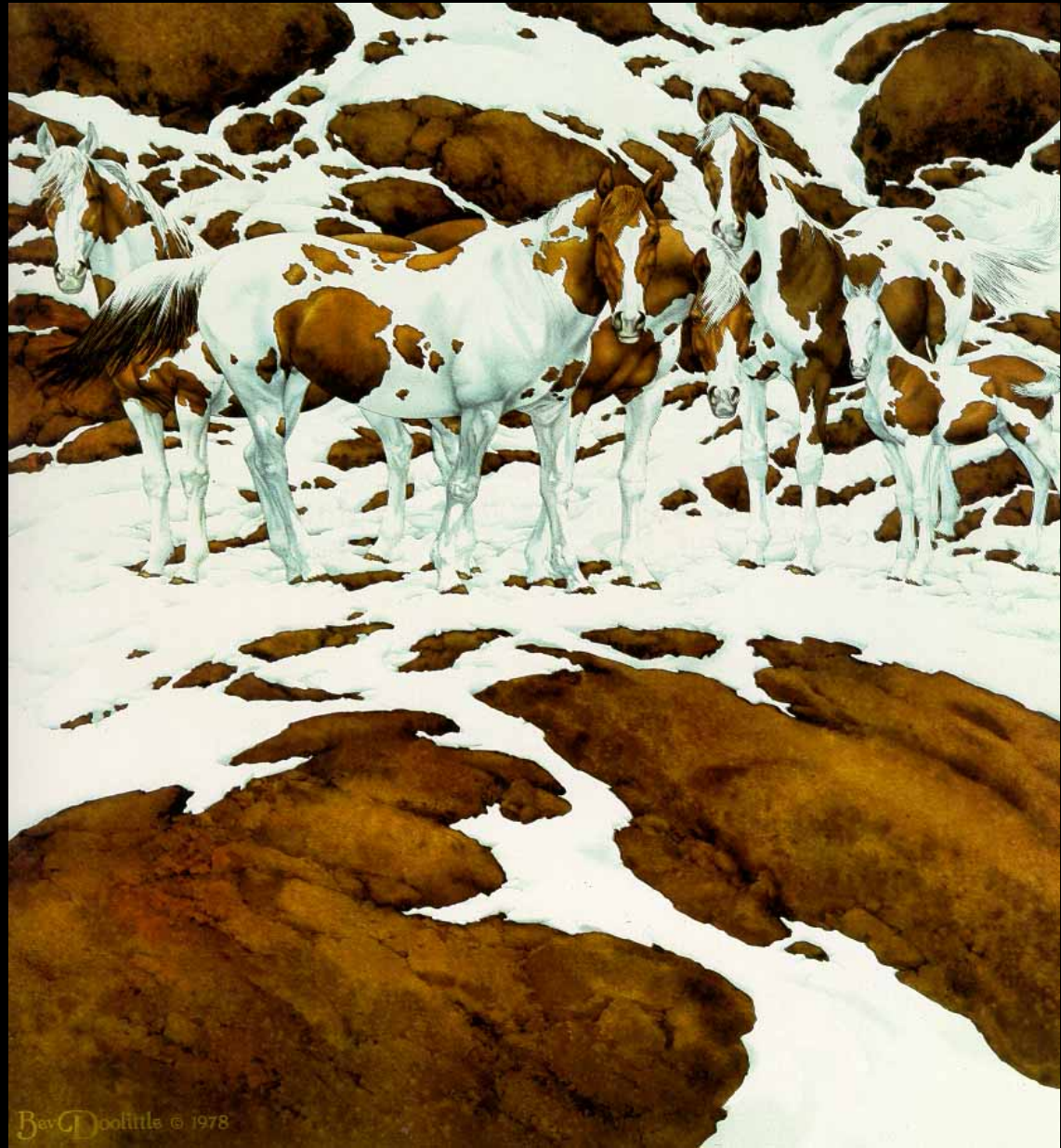
# Segmentation

## □ Ultrasound images



Caselles Kimmel Sapiro 1995

Pintos



# Segmentation

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- With a good prior who needs the data...

# Wrong Prior???



$$\int g(C) ds \Rightarrow \frac{dC}{dt} = \left( g(C) \kappa - \langle \nabla g(C), \vec{N} \rangle \right) \vec{N}$$

## Experiments - Color Segmentation

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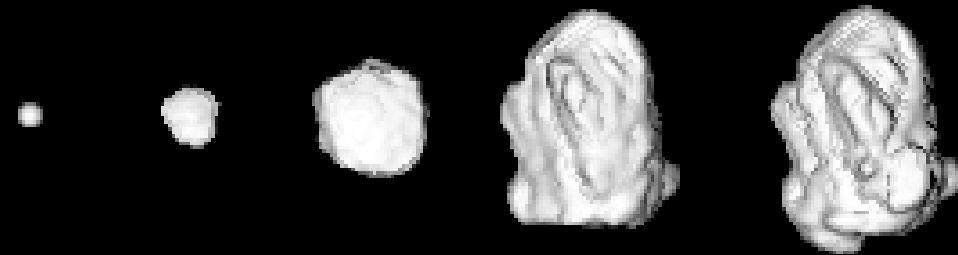
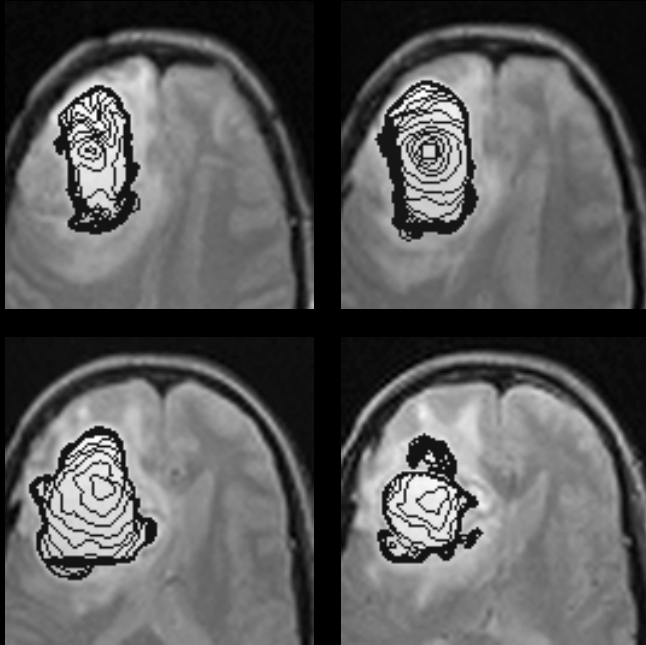
Goldenberg, Kimmel, Rivlin, Rudzsky,  
IEEE T-IP 2001

$$\iint g(S) da \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = \left( g(S)H - \langle \nabla g(S), \vec{N} \rangle \right) \vec{N}$$

## Tumor in 3D MRI

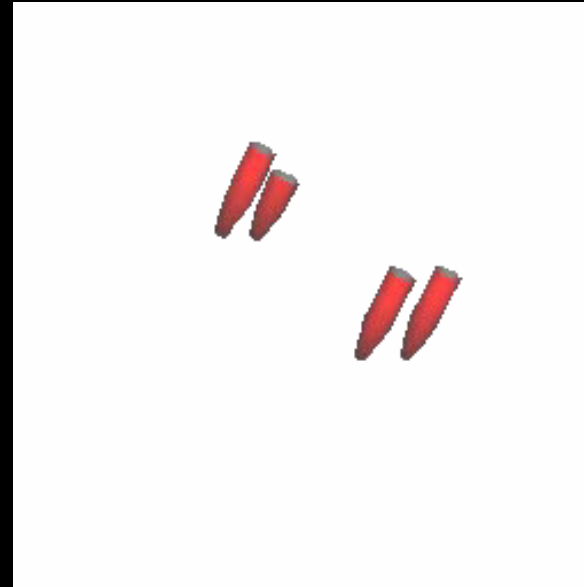
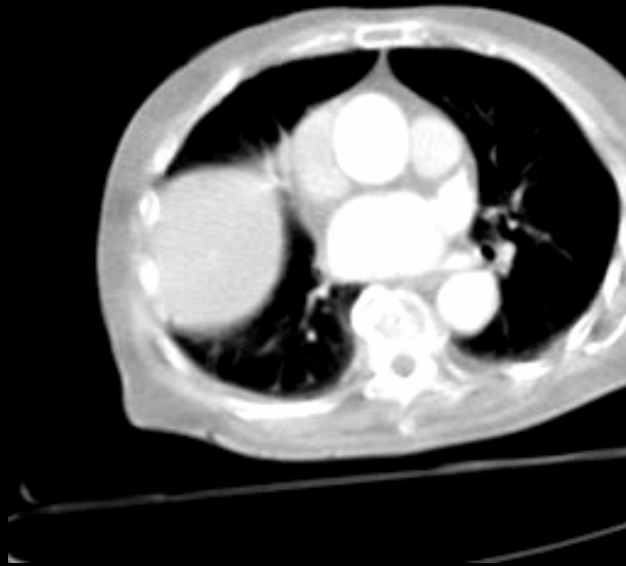
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$$\iiint g(M)dv \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = \left( g(M)H - \langle \nabla g(M), \vec{N} \rangle \right) \vec{N}$$

## Segmentation in 4D



Malladi, Kimmel, Adalsteinsson,  
Caselles, Sapiro, Sethian  
SIAM Biomedical workshop 96



$$\int g(C) ds \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = \left( g(C) \kappa - \langle \nabla g(C), \vec{N} \rangle \right) \vec{N}$$

# Tracking in Color Movies



Goldenberg, Kimmel, Rivlin, Rudzsky,  
IEEE T-IP 2001

$$\int g(C) ds \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = \left( g(C) \kappa - \langle \nabla g(C), \vec{N} \rangle \right) \vec{N}$$

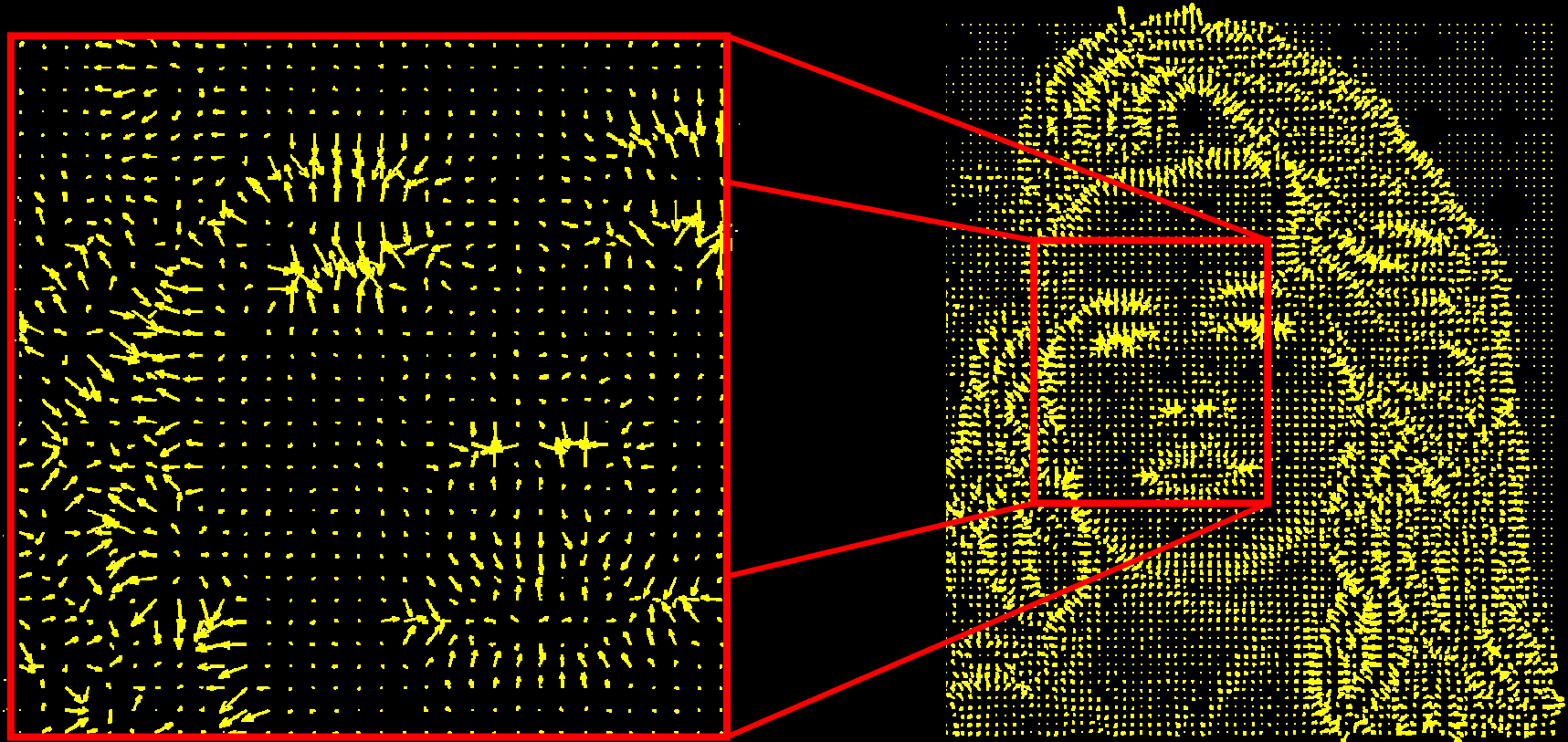
# Tracking in Color Movies



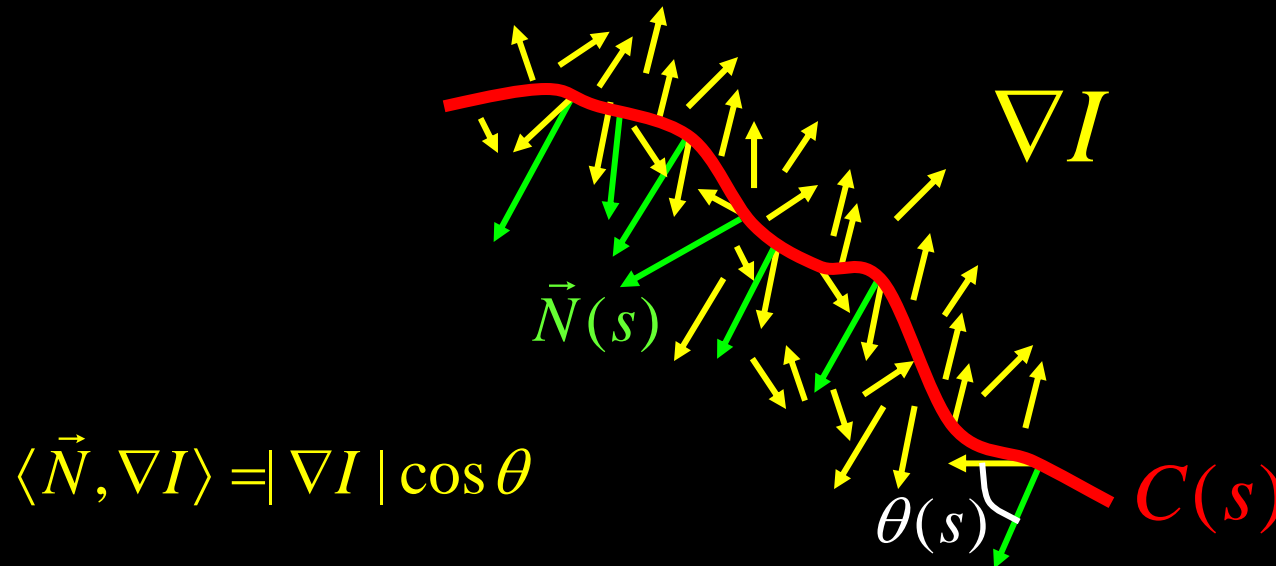
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# Edge Gradient Estimators

$$I(x, y) \longrightarrow \nabla I$$



# Edge Gradient Estimators



□ We want a curve with large  $|\nabla I|$  points and small  $\theta$ 's so:

□ Consider the functional 
$$E(C) = \int_C \langle \vec{N}, \nabla I \rangle ds$$

# The Classic Connection

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Suppose  $\rho(\alpha) = \alpha$  and we consider a closed contour for  $C(s)$ .

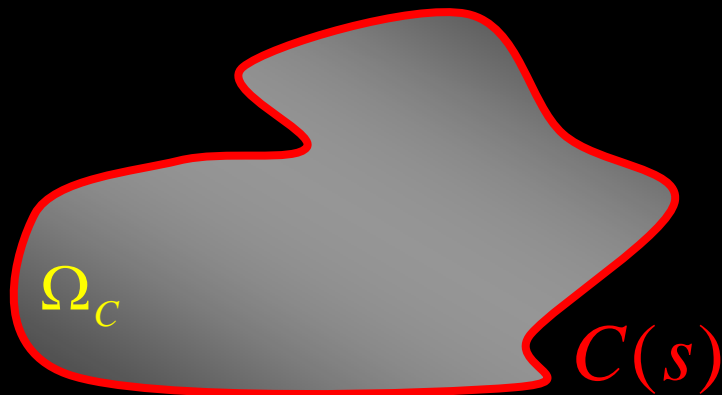
We have

$$E(C) = \oint_{C(s)} \langle \nabla I, \vec{N} \rangle ds$$

and by Green's Theorem we have

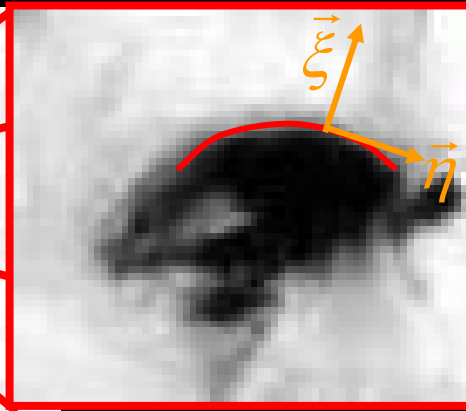
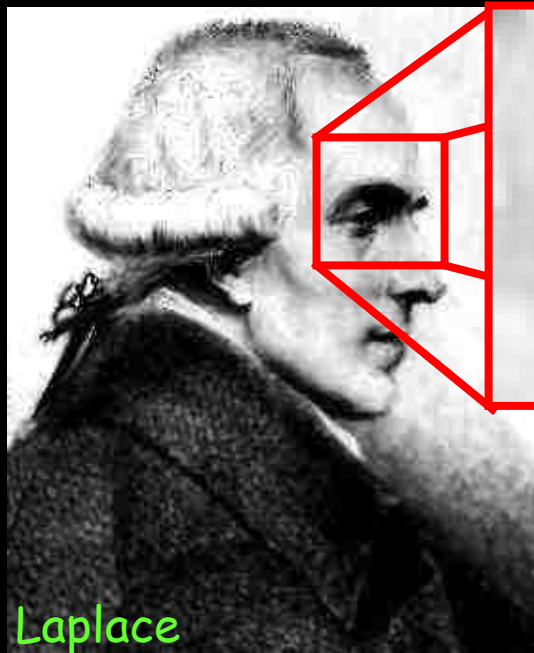
$$= \iint_{\text{Area within } C(s)} \text{div}(\nabla I) dx dy$$

$$= \iint_{\text{Area within } C(s)} \Delta I(x, y) dx dy$$



# Haralick/Canny-like Edge Detector

- Haralick suggested  $I_{\xi\xi} = 0$  as edge detector



$$\Delta I = I_{xx} + I_{yy} = I_{\xi\xi} + I_{\eta\eta}$$



$$I_{\xi\xi} = \Delta I - I_{\eta\eta}$$

Alignment

Topological Homogeneity

# Haralick/Canny Edge Detector $I_{\xi\xi} = 0$

□ Haralick

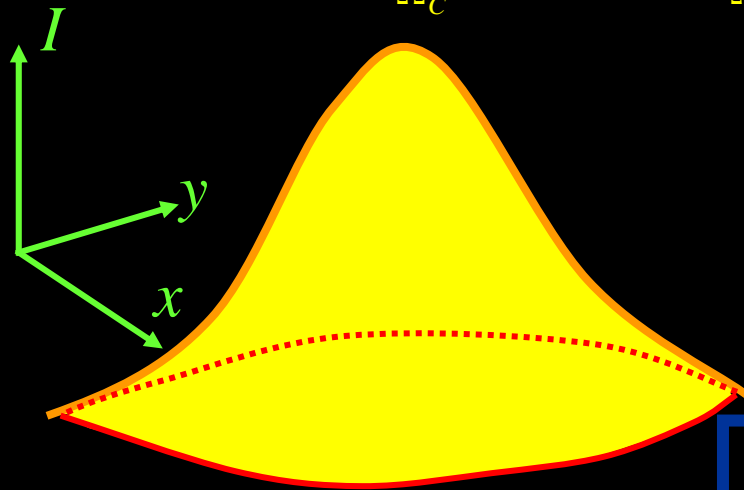
$$I_{\xi\xi} = \Delta I - I_{\eta\eta}$$

$$I_{\eta\eta} = \operatorname{div} \left( \frac{\nabla I}{|\nabla I|} \right) |\nabla I| = \kappa_I |\nabla I|$$

co-area

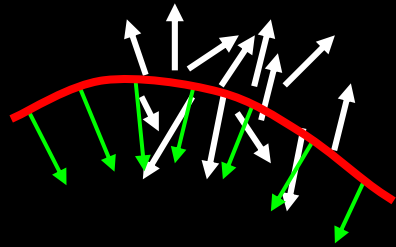
Kronrod

$$\iint_{\Omega_C} I_{\eta\eta} dx dy = \iint_{\Omega_C} \kappa_I |\nabla I| dx dy = \iint_{\Omega_C} \kappa_I ds dI = 2\pi \int dI$$



$$\iint_{\Omega_C} I_{\eta\eta} dx dy = 2\pi h$$

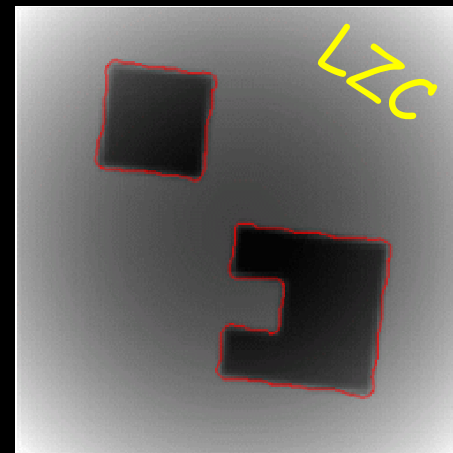
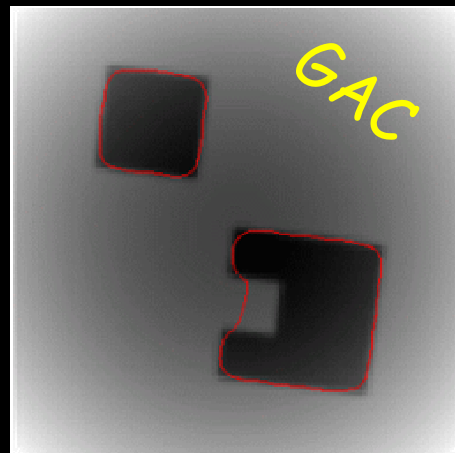
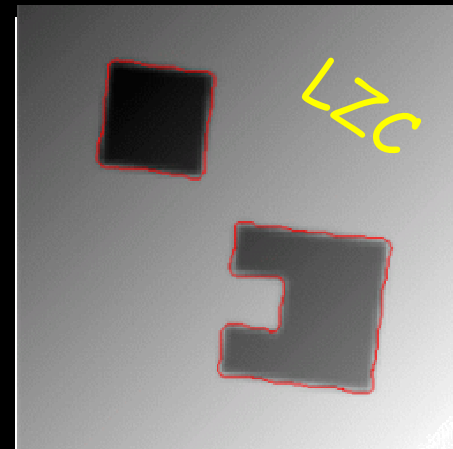
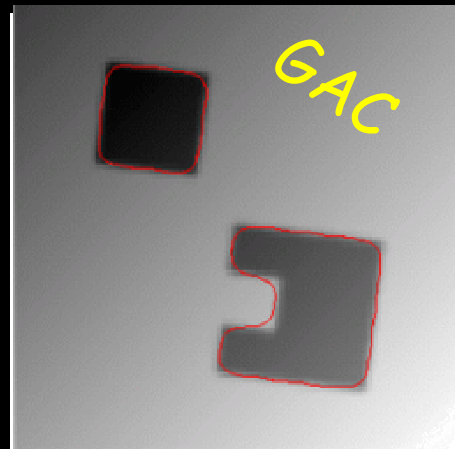
Thus,  $I_{\xi\xi} = 0$  indicates optimal alignment + topological homogeneity

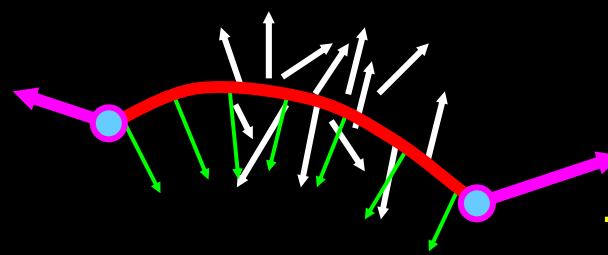


# Closed contours $L_\rho + \epsilon L_g$

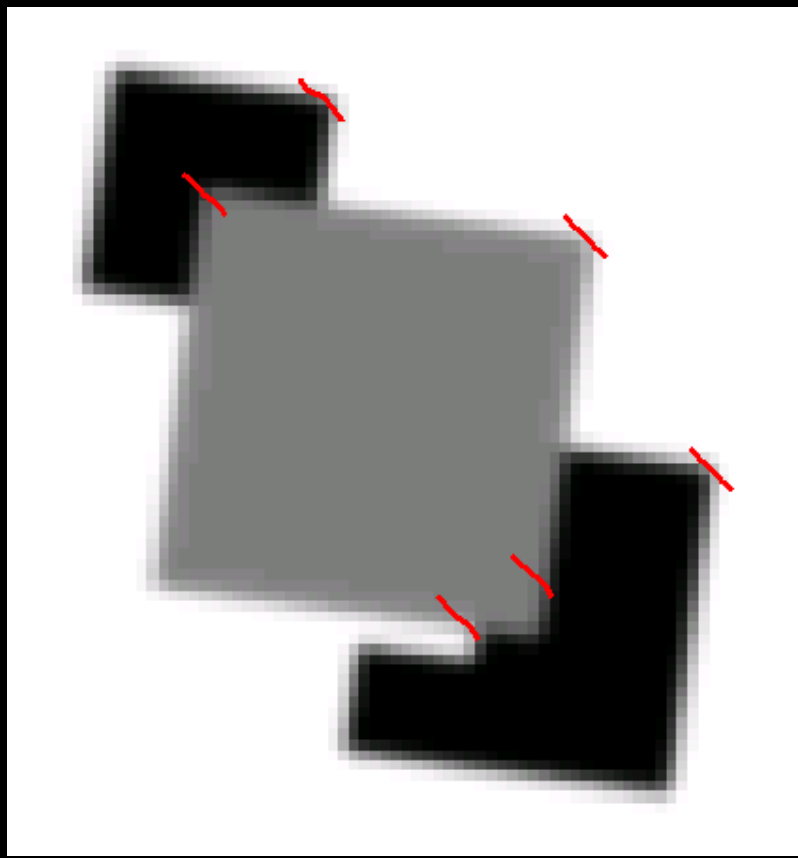
EL eq.

$$\left( \text{sign}(\langle \vec{N}, \vec{V} \rangle) \text{div}(\vec{V}) + \epsilon (\kappa g - \langle \vec{N}, \nabla g \rangle) \right) \vec{N} = 0$$





# Open contours $L_\rho - L$



# Geometric Measures

Weighted arc-length  $\int_C g(C(s)) ds \Rightarrow (\kappa g - \langle \nabla g, \vec{N} \rangle) \vec{N} = 0$

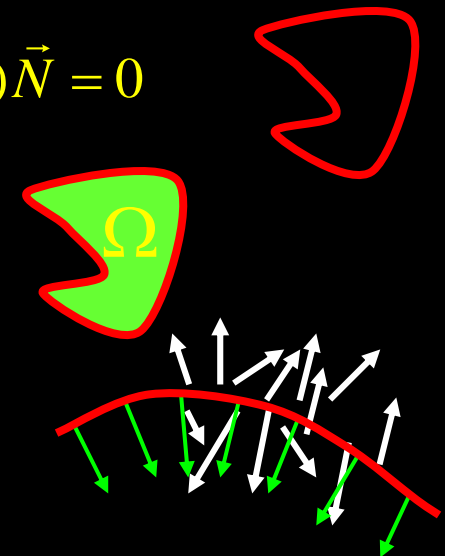
Weighted area  $\iint_{\Omega} g(x, y) da \Rightarrow g \vec{N} = 0$

Alignment  $\int_C \langle \vec{N}, \vec{V} \rangle ds \Rightarrow \text{div}(\vec{V}) \vec{N} = 0$

Robust-alignment  $\int_C |\langle \vec{N}, \vec{V} \rangle| ds \Rightarrow \text{sign}(\langle \vec{N}, \vec{V} \rangle) \text{div}(\vec{V}) \vec{N} = 0$

e.g.  $\int_C \langle \vec{N}, \nabla I \rangle ds \Rightarrow \Delta I \vec{N} = 0$

Variational meaning for **Marr-Hildreth** edge detector



# Geometric Measures

Minimal variance  $\iint_{\Omega_C} (I - c_1)^2 da + \iint_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_C} (I - c_2)^2 da$

Simplified Mumford-Shah, Zhu-Yuille,

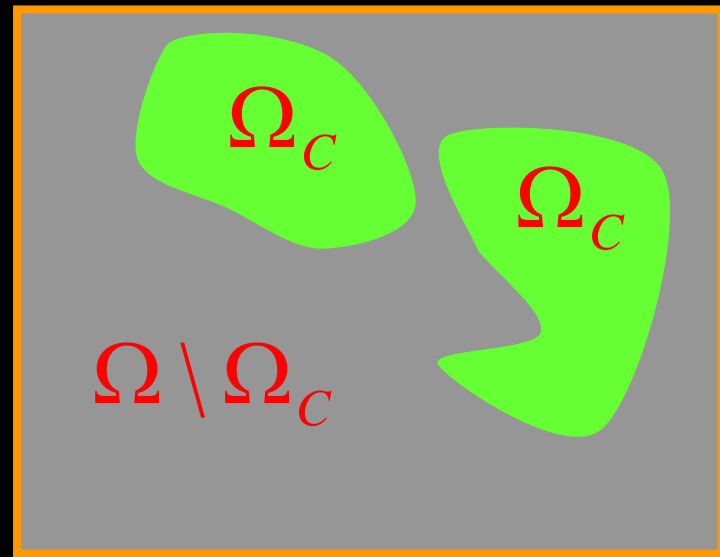
Chan-Vese, Max-Lloyd, regularized VQ, Threshold,...

$$\Rightarrow (c_1 - c_2) \left( I - \frac{c_1 + c_2}{2} \right) \vec{N} = 0$$

$$c_1 = \frac{\int_{\Omega_C} I da}{\int_{\Omega_C} da}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{\int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_C} I da}{\int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_C} da}$$

$$C_t = (c_2 - c_1) \left( I - \frac{c_1 + c_2}{2} \right) \vec{N} = 0$$

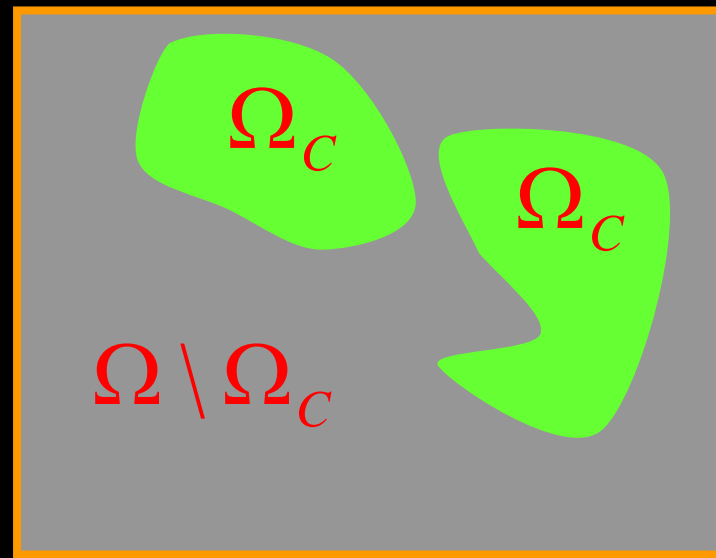


# Geometric Measures

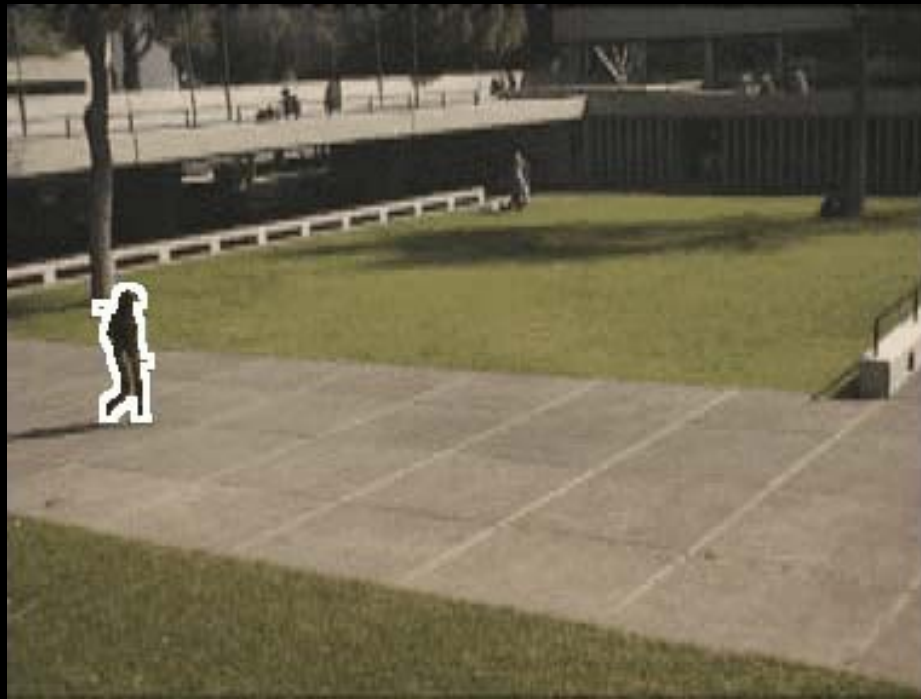
Robust minimal deviation  $\iint_{\Omega_C} |I - c_1| da + \iint_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_C} |I - c_2| da$

$$\Rightarrow (|I - c_1| - |I - c_2|) \vec{N} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} c_1 = \text{median}_{\Omega_C}(I(x, y)) \\ c_2 = \text{median}_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_C}(I(x, y)) \\ C_t = (|I - c_2| - |I - c_1|) \vec{N} \end{cases}$$



# Tracking



Goldenberg, Kimmel, Rivlin, Rudzsky,  
ECCV 2002

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ECCV 2002

# Information extraction



Goldenberg, Kimmel, Rivlin, Rudzsky,  
ECCV 2002



# Classification (dogs & cats)



walk



run



gallop



cat...

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# Classification (people)



walk



run

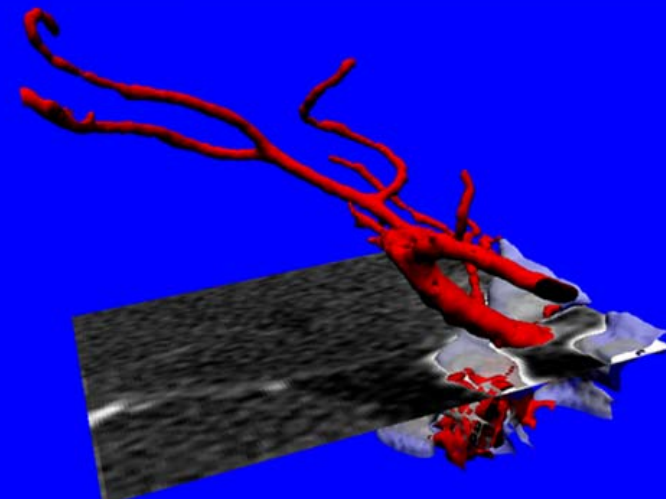
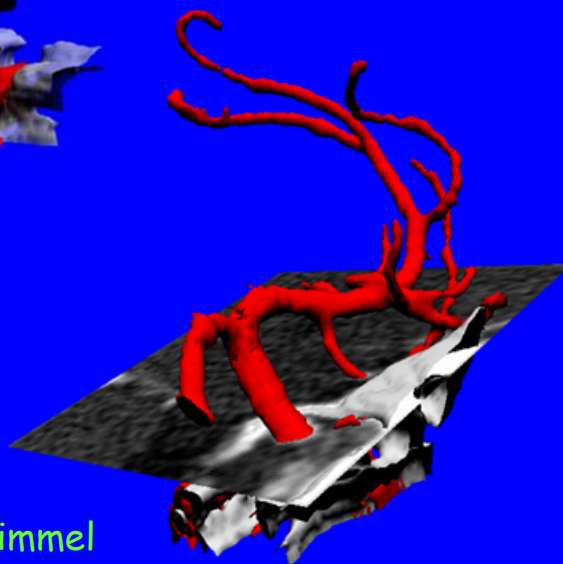
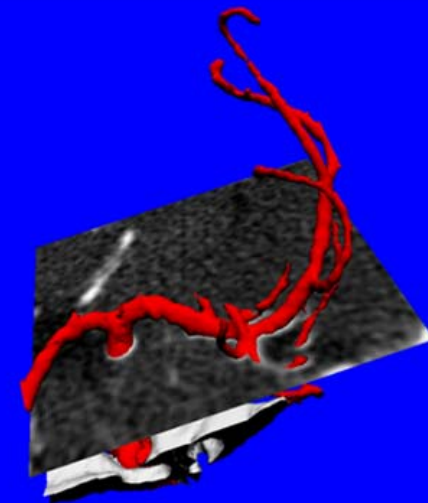
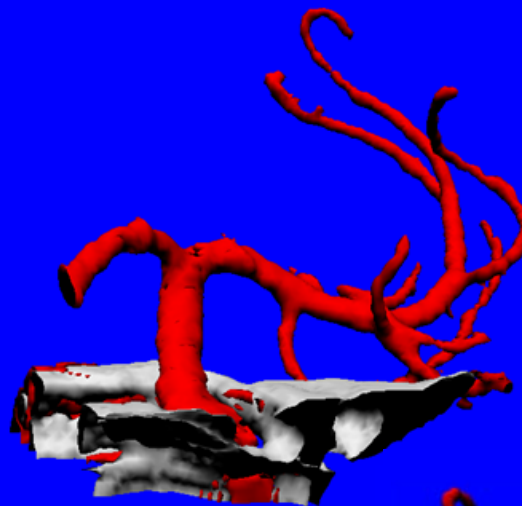
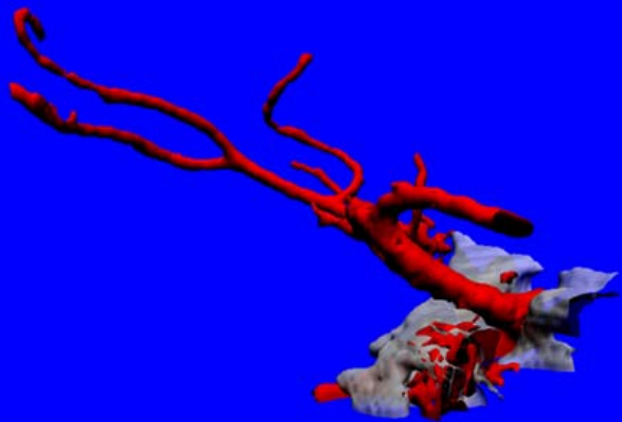
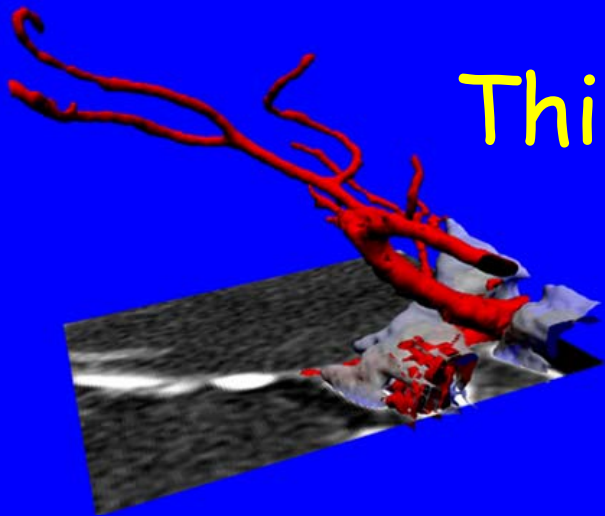


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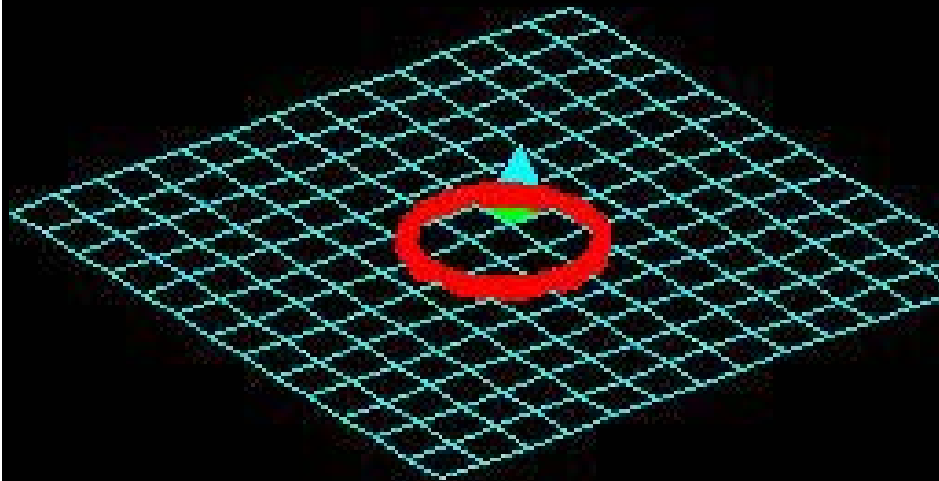


# Thin Structures

$$I_{\xi\xi} = \Delta I - I_{\eta\eta} - I_{\gamma\gamma} \\ = \Delta I - H |\nabla I|$$



# Distance maps and minimal geodesics



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*Escher, Rind 1955*

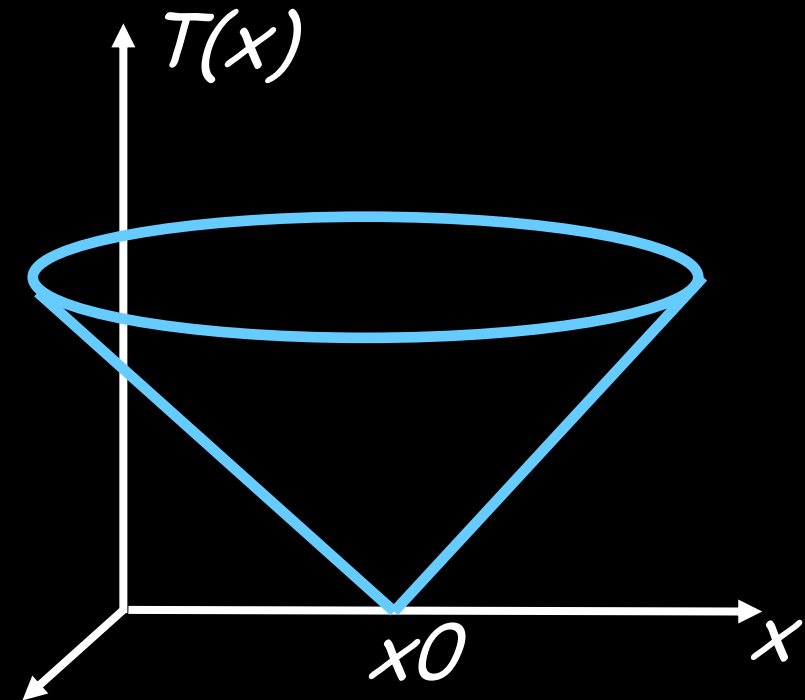
## Measuring geodesic distances: Fast Marching on Triangulated Domains

□ Find distance  $T(x)$ , given  $T(x_0)=0$ .

□ Solution:  $T(x)=|x-x_0|$ .

□  $\left| \frac{d}{dx} T(x) \right| = 1$  except  $x_0$ .

□ Or in 2D  $|\nabla T(x, y)| = 1$  where

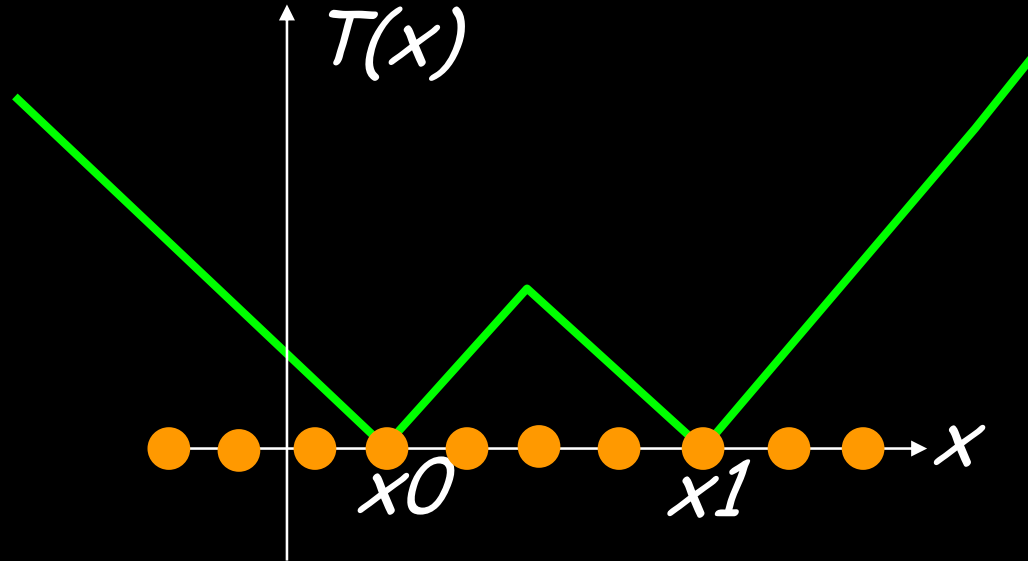


$$|\nabla T(x, y)|^2 \equiv \left( \frac{d}{dx} T \right)^2 + \left( \frac{d}{dy} T \right)^2$$

# Consistent Approximation

$$\left| \frac{d}{dx} T(x) \right| = 1$$

- $\left| \frac{d}{dx} T(x) \right| \approx \max \{ (T_i - T_{i-1}) / h, (T_i - T_{i+1}) / h, 0 \}$
- Updated  $i$  has always  $T_i > \min \{ T_{i-1}, T_{i+1} \}$
- 'upwind' from where the 'wind blows'



# Update Procedure

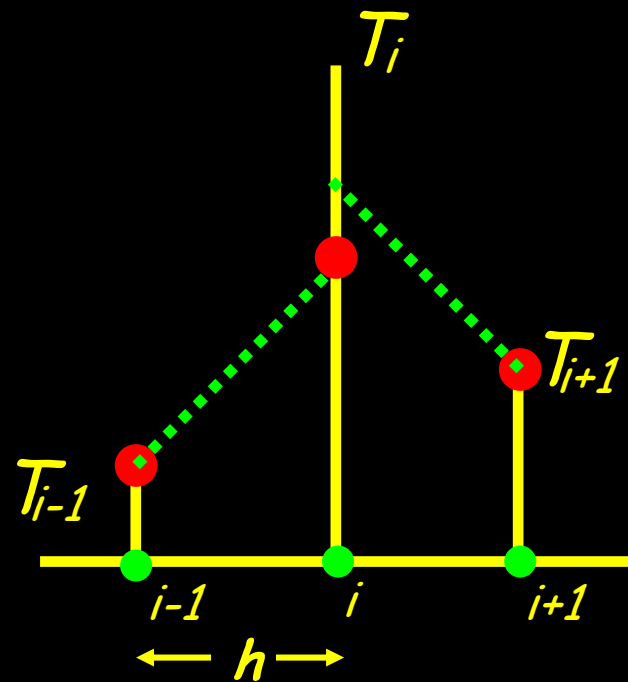
Set  $T_i = \infty$ , and  $T(x_0) = T(x_1) = 0$ .

REPEAT UNTIL convergence,

■ FOR each  $i$

★  $m = \min \{T_{i-1}, T_{i+1}\}$

★  $T_i = \min \{T_i, m + h\}$



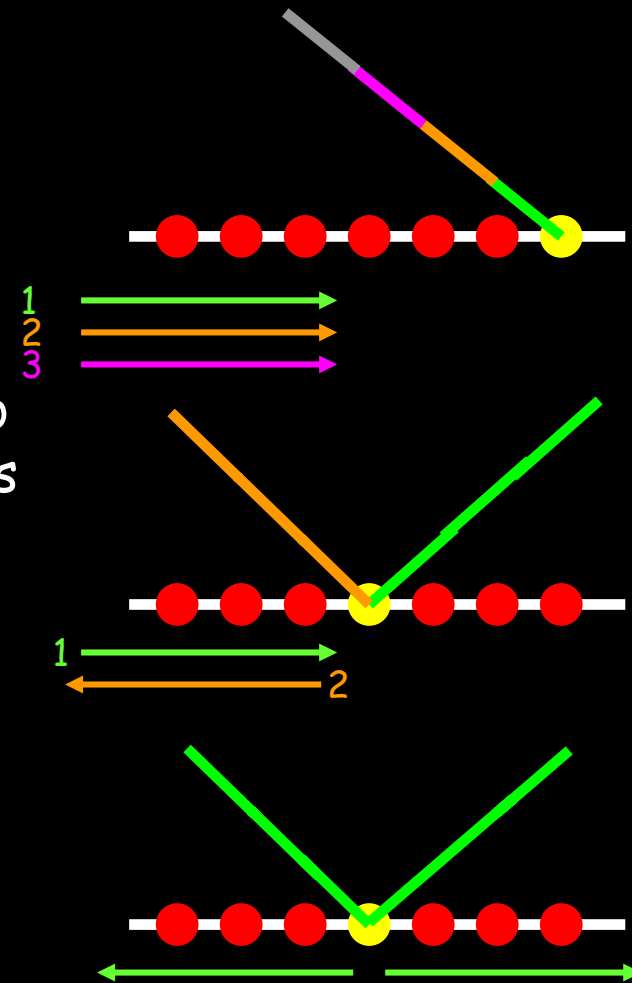
# Update Order

What is the optimal order of updates?

**Solution I:** Scan the line successively left to right.  $N$  scans, i.e.  $O(N^2)$

**Solution II:** Left to right followed by right to left. Two scans are sufficient. (Danielson's distance map 1980)

**Solution III:** Start from  $x_0$ , update its neighboring points, accept updated values, and update their neighbors, etc.



# 2D Approximation

Initialization:

- $\forall \{i, j\}: T_{ij} = \text{given initial value or } \infty$

Update:

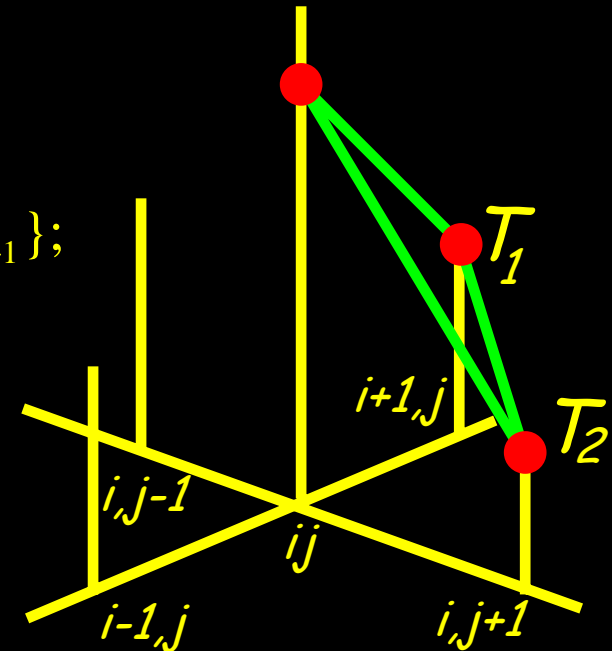
- $T_1 = \min\{T_{i-1,j}, T_{i+1,j}\}; \quad T_2 = \min\{T_{i,j-1}, T_{i,j+1}\};$

IF ( $|T_1 - T_2| < 1$ ) THEN

$$T = \frac{T_1 + T_2 + \sqrt{2 - (T_1 - T_2)^2}}{2};$$

ELSE  $T = \min\{T_1, T_2\} + 1;$

$T_{ij} = \min\{T_{ij}, T\};$



Fitting a tilted plane with gradient 1, and two values anchored at the relevant neighboring grid points.

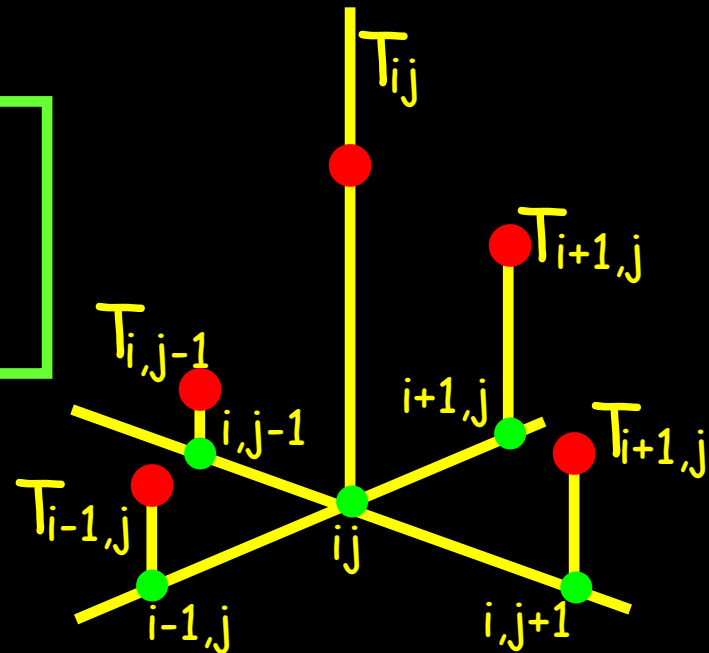
## Upwind approximation in 2D

$$\left(\max\{D^{-x}_{ij}T, -D^{+x}_{ij}T, 0\}\right)^2 + \left(\max\{D^{-y}_{ij}T, -D^{+y}_{ij}T, 0\}\right)^2 = 1,$$

where  $D^{-x}_{ij}T = \frac{(T_{ij} - T_{i-1,j})}{h}$

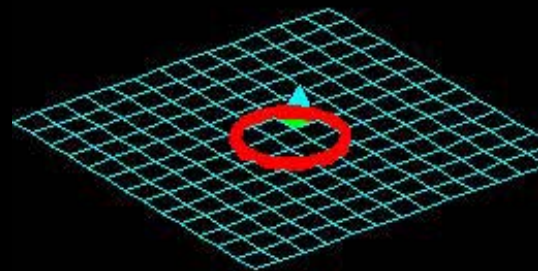


$$\left(\max\{T_{ij} - \min\{T_{i-1,j}, T_{i+1,j}\}, 0\}\right)^2 + \left(\max\{T_{ij} - \min\{T_{i,j-1}, T_{i,j+1}\}, 0\}\right)^2 = h^2,$$



# Computational Complexity

- ❑  $T$  is systematically constructed from smaller to larger  $T$  values.
- ❑ Update of a heap element is  $O(\log N)$ .
- ❑ Thus, upper bound of the total is  $O(N \log N)$ .



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# Edge Integration

Cohen-Kimmel, IJCV, 1997.

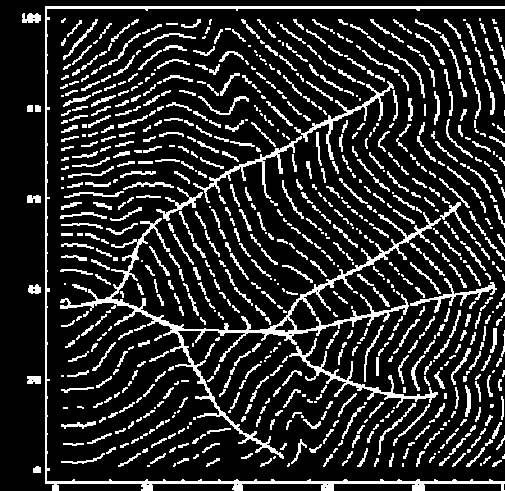
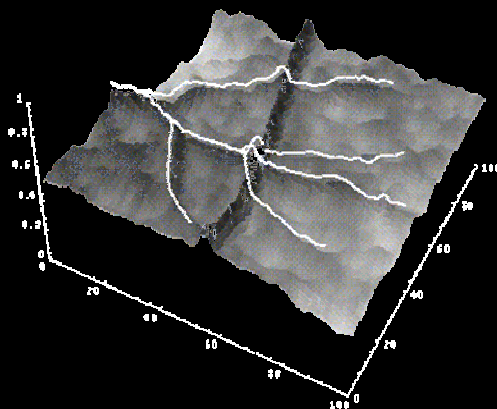
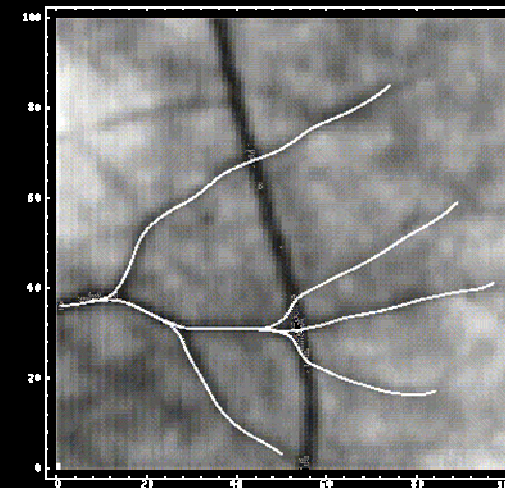
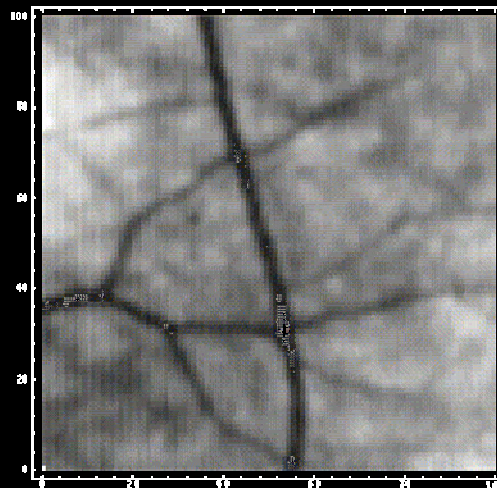
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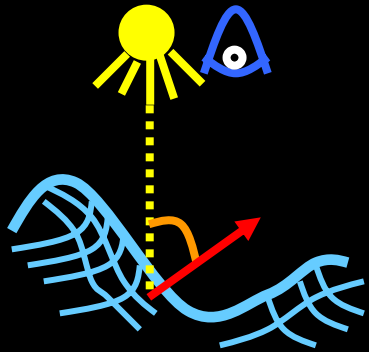
$$(D_x T)^2 + (D_y T)^2 = F_{ij}^2$$

given  $T(p)=0$

Minimal geodesic w.r.t.

$$ds^2 = F^2(I)(dx^2 + dy^2)$$





# Shape from Shading

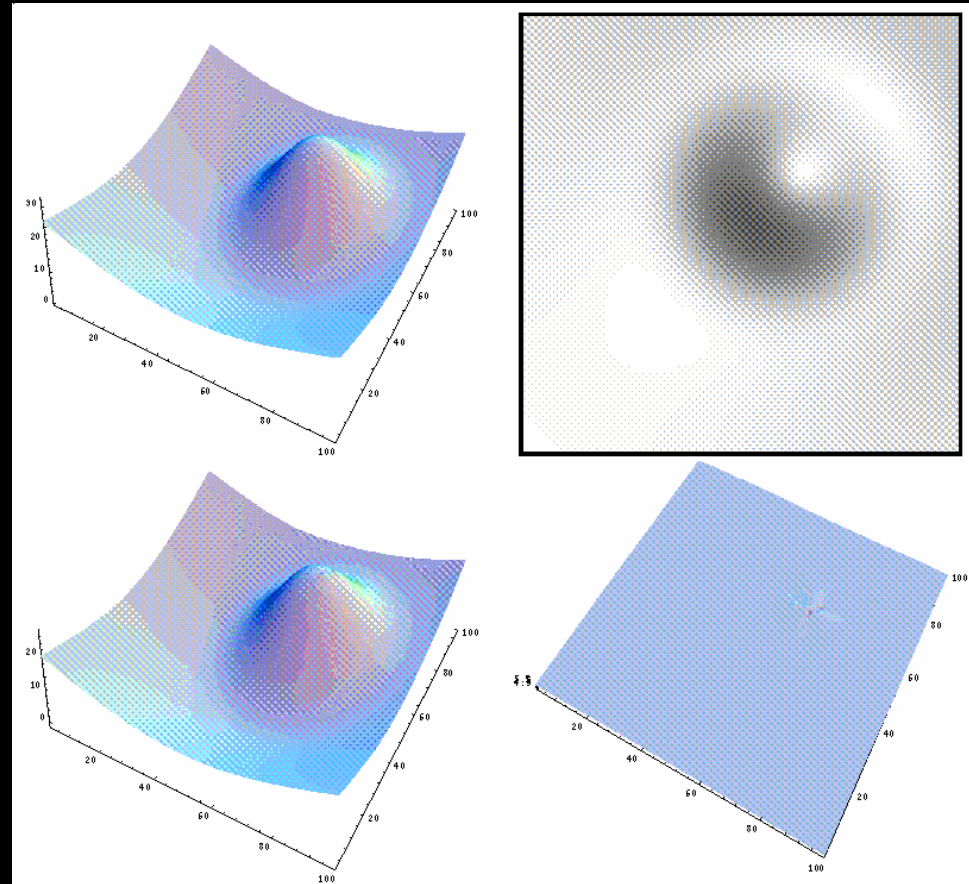
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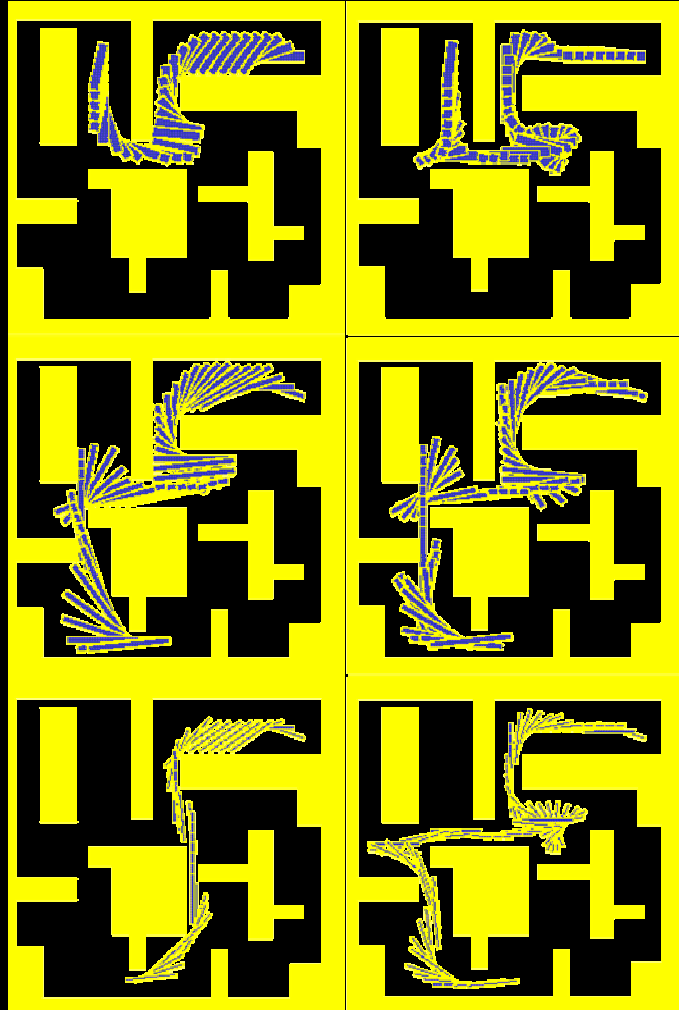
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Minimal geodesic w.r.t.

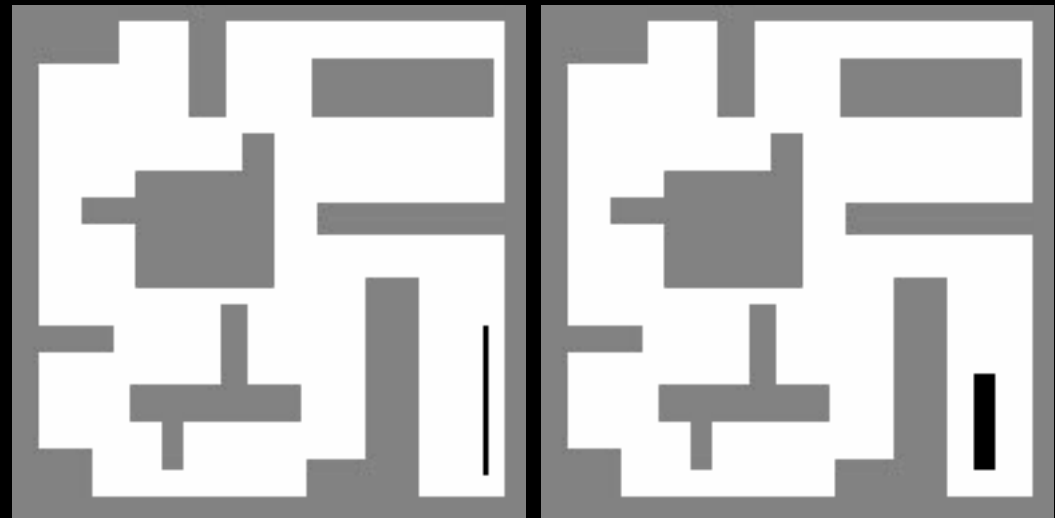
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# Path Planning 3 DOF



$$(D_x T)^2 + (D_y T)^2 + (D_\phi T)^2 = F_{ijk}^2$$



$$ds^2 = F^2(x, y, \phi)(dx^2 + dy^2 + d\phi^2)$$

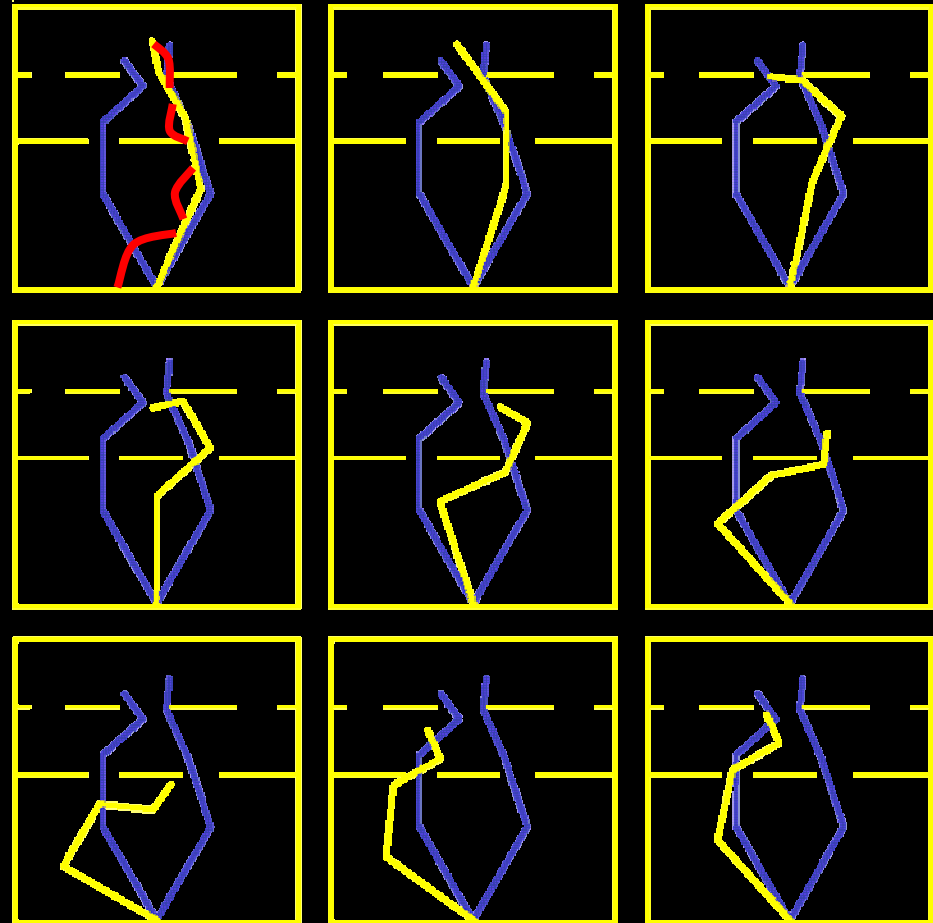
# Path Planning 4 DOF

Solve the Eikonal Eq. in 4D

$$(D_{\varphi_1} T)^2 + (D_{\varphi_2} T)^2 + (D_{\varphi_3} T)^2 + (D_{\varphi_4} T)^2 = F_{ijkl}^2$$

Minimal geodesic w.r.t.

$$ds^2 = F^2(\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3, \varphi_4)(d\varphi_1^2 + d\varphi_2^2 + d\varphi_3^2 + d\varphi_4^2)$$



# Update Acute Angle

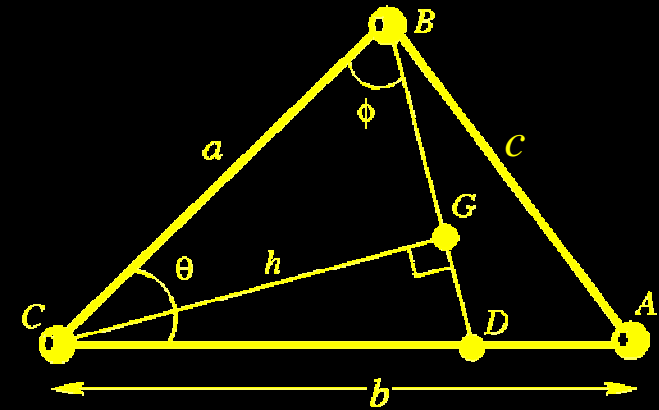
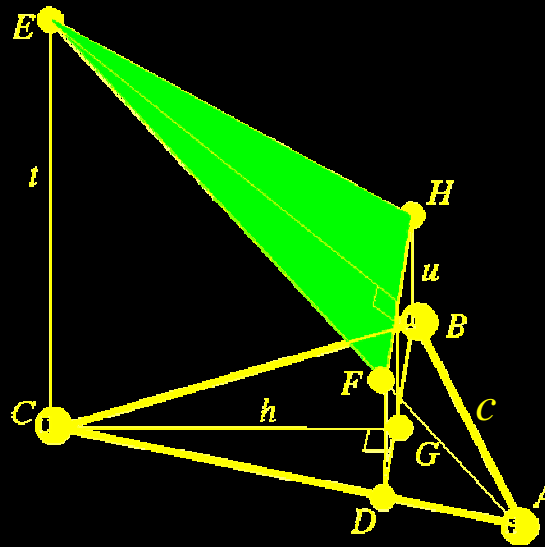
Given  $ABC$ , update  $C$ .

Consistency and monotonicity:

Update only  $\phi$  from within the triangle'  $h$  in  $ABC$

Find  $t=EC$  that satisfies the gradient approximation

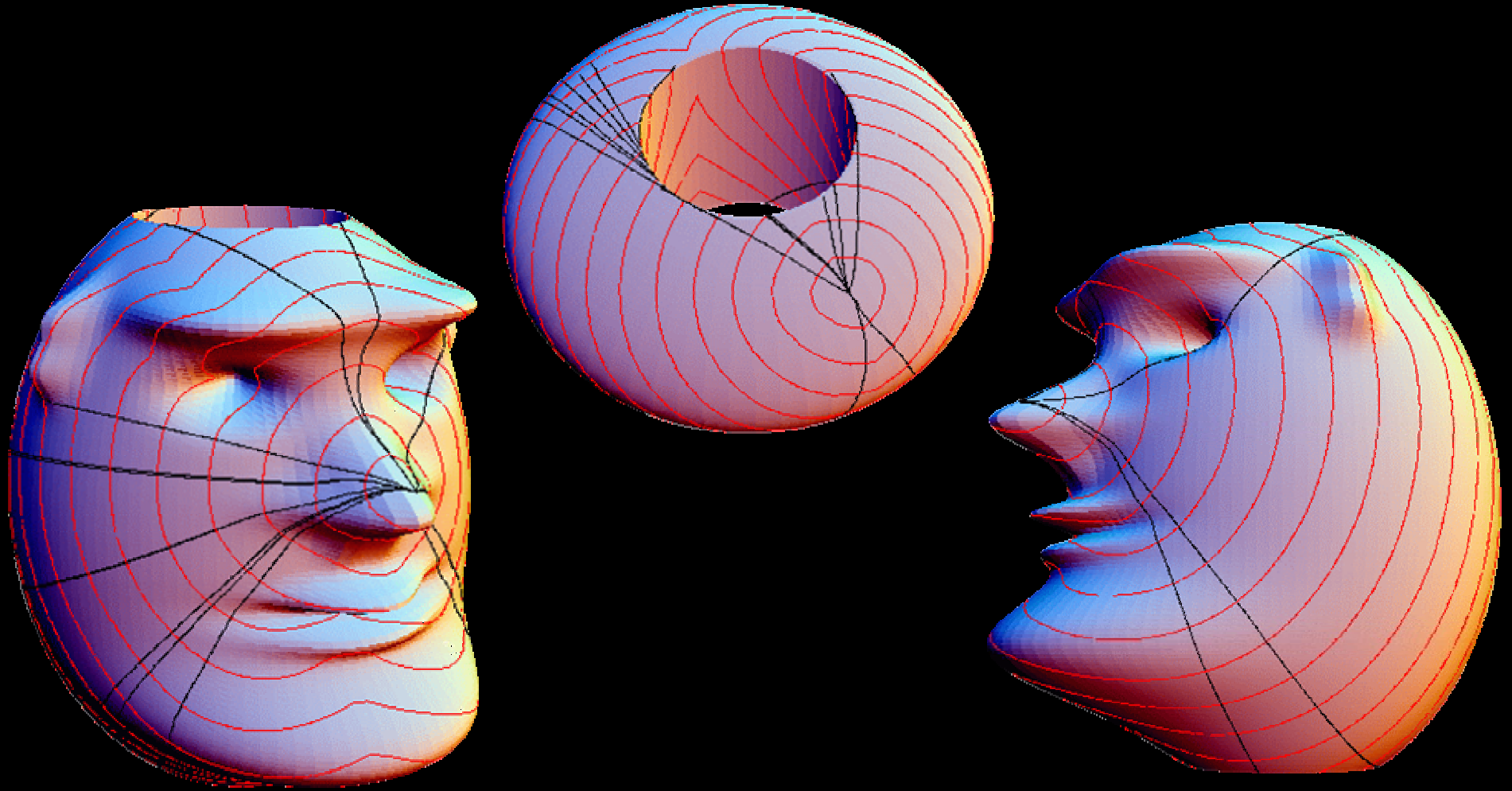
$$(t-u)/h=1.$$





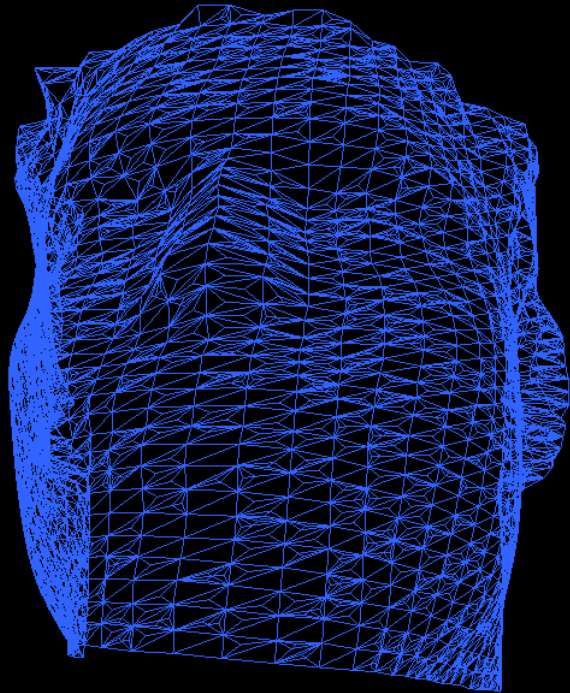
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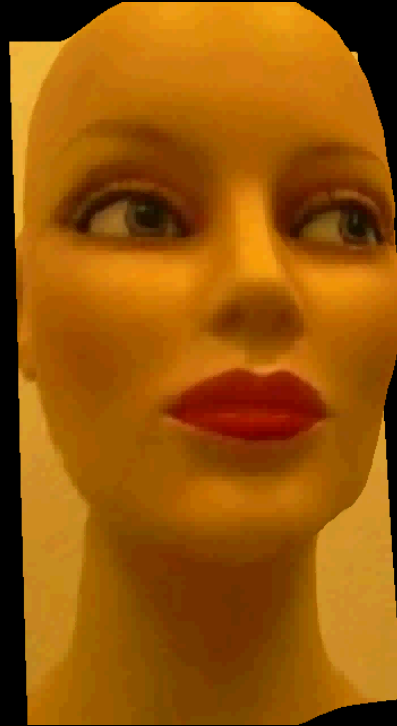


Kimme and Sethian, PONAS 1998

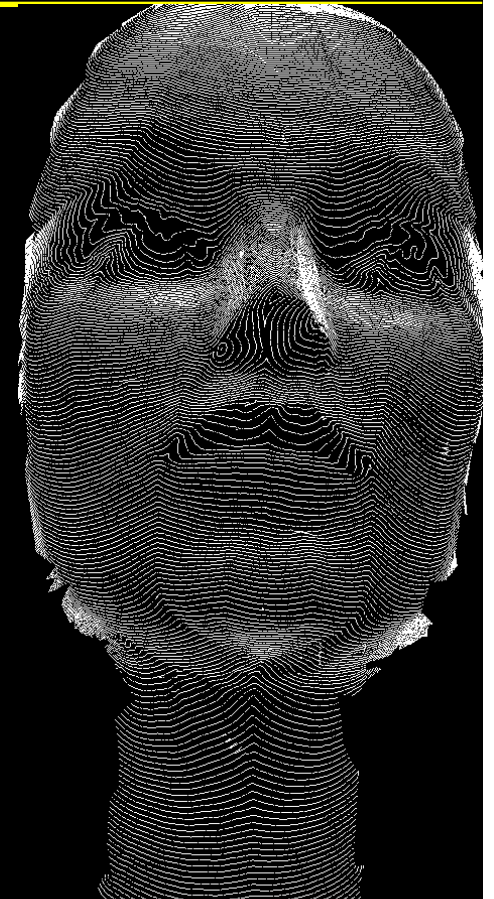
# More Applications



re-triangulation



semi-manual  
segmentation



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Tomorrow:  
Flat embedding and  
isometric invariant  
signatures

Applications:  
Lip Reading  
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THEORY, ALGORITHMS, AND APPLICATIONS



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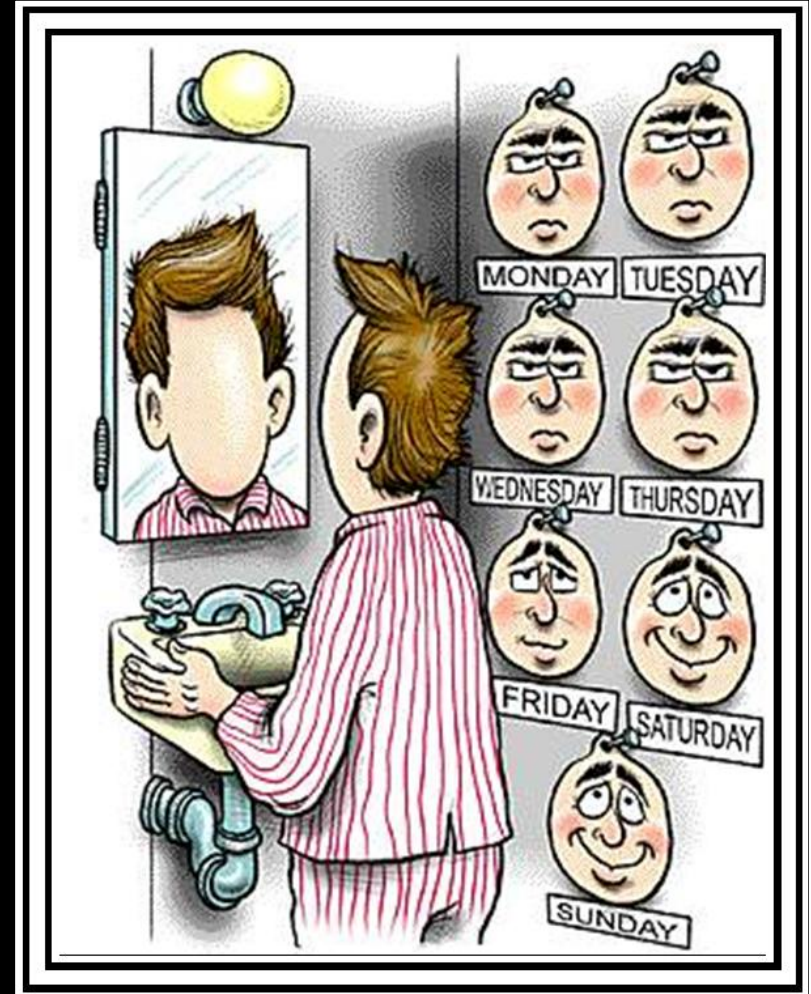
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# Matching Isometric Manifolds by Flat Embedding

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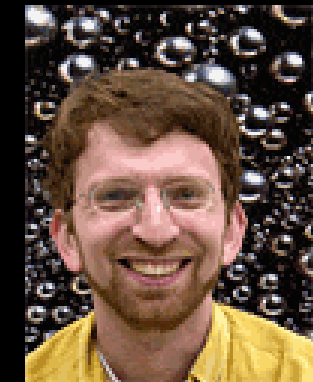
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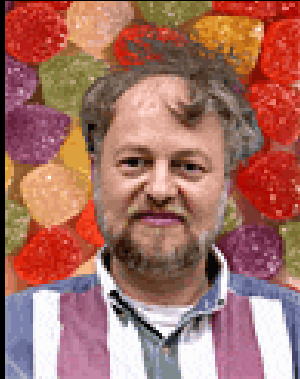


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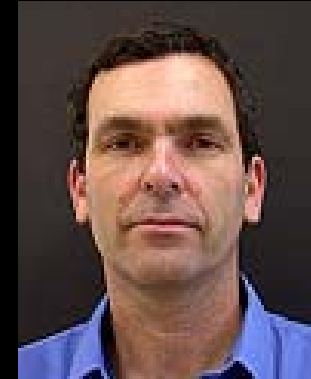
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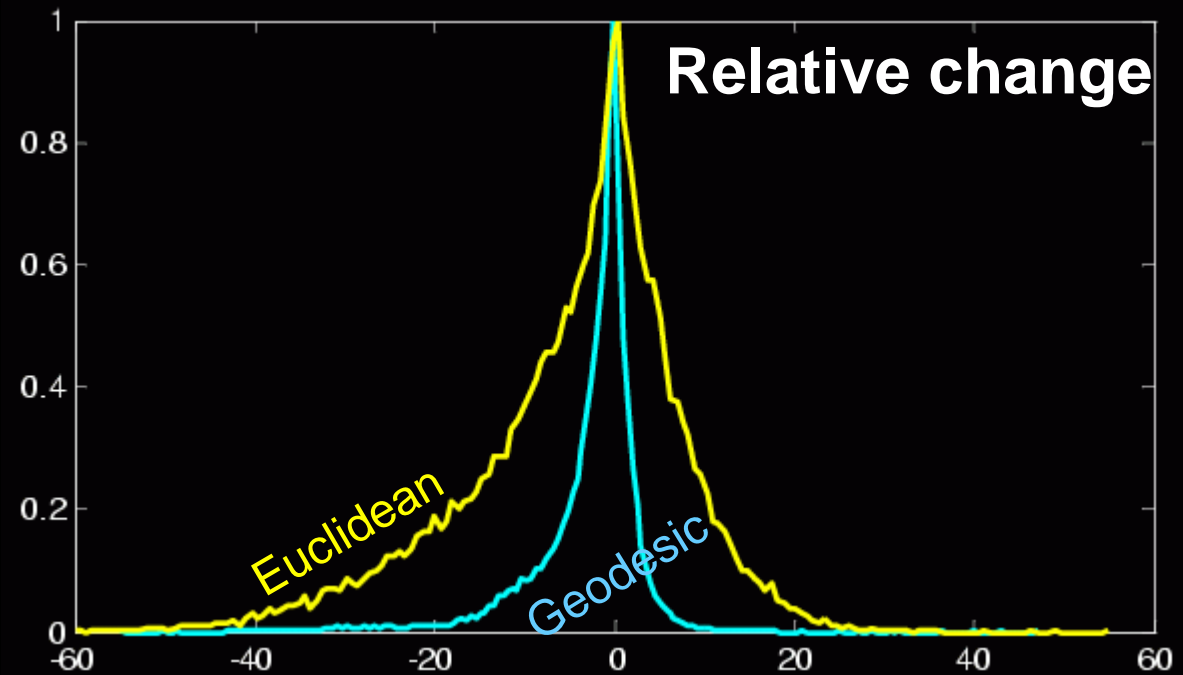
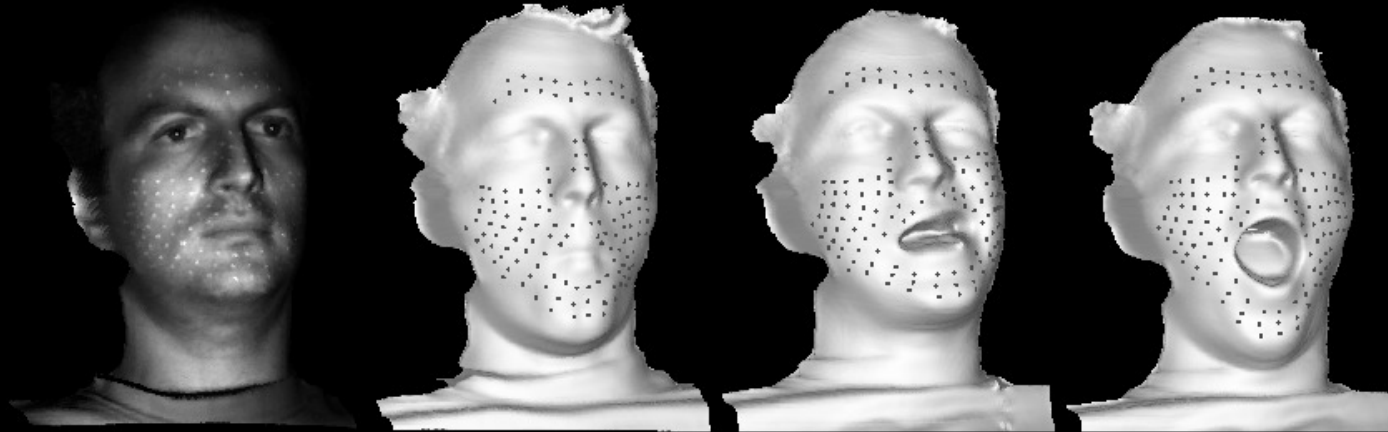


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# Expressions are $\sim$ isometries

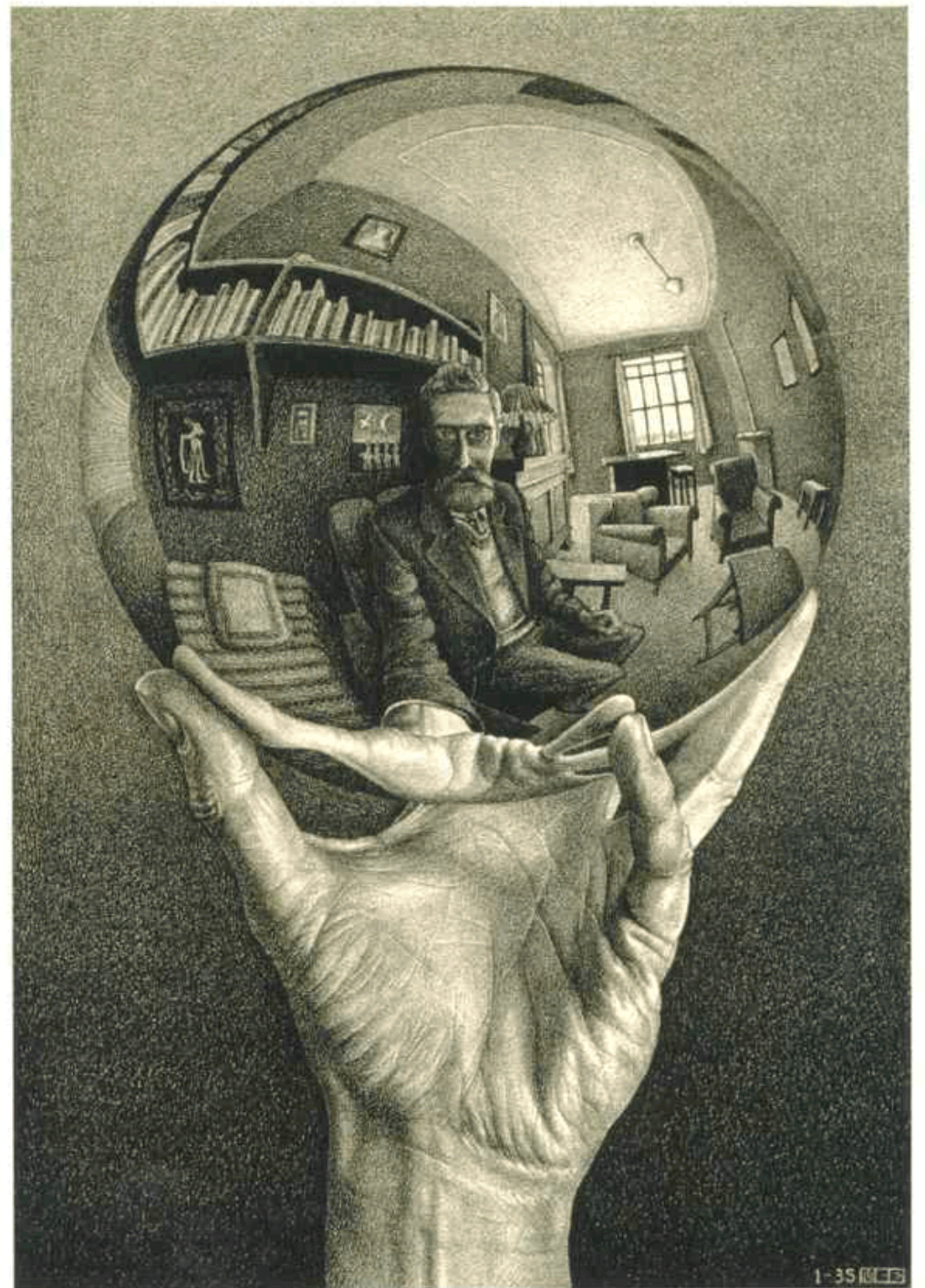


## Open mouth & isometric expressions

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**On MDS,  
Lip Reading,  
Texture Mapping,  
and  
Isometric Signatures**



## How it all started... (my story)

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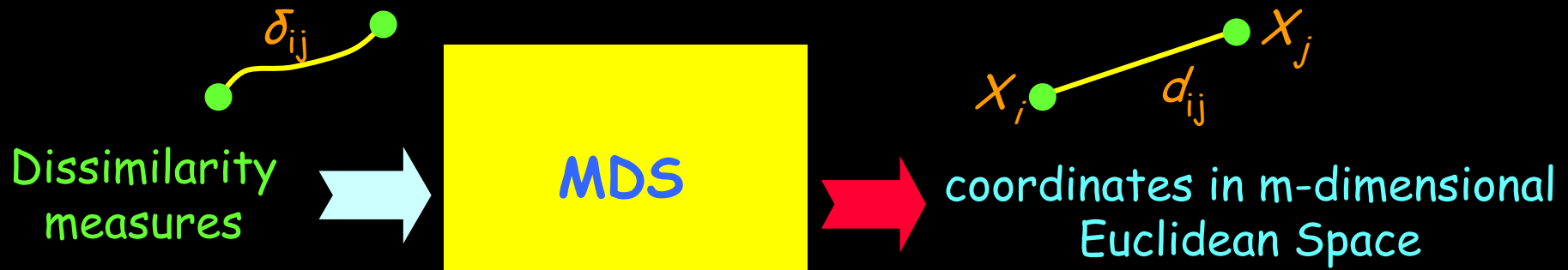
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1998	Kimmel Sethian	PONAS	geodesic distances
2000	Zigelman Kimmel Kiryati	TVCG	texture mapping
2001	A. Elad Kimmel	TPAMI	isometric signatures
2003	Bronstein <sup>2</sup> Kimmel	AVBPA	3D face recognition
2003	Spira Kimmel	scale space	geodesic distances
2004	Bronstein <sup>2</sup> Spira Kimmel	ECCV	3D recognition without 3D
2005	Bronstein <sup>2</sup> Kimmel	scale space	S3 embedding
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# Multidimensional scaling



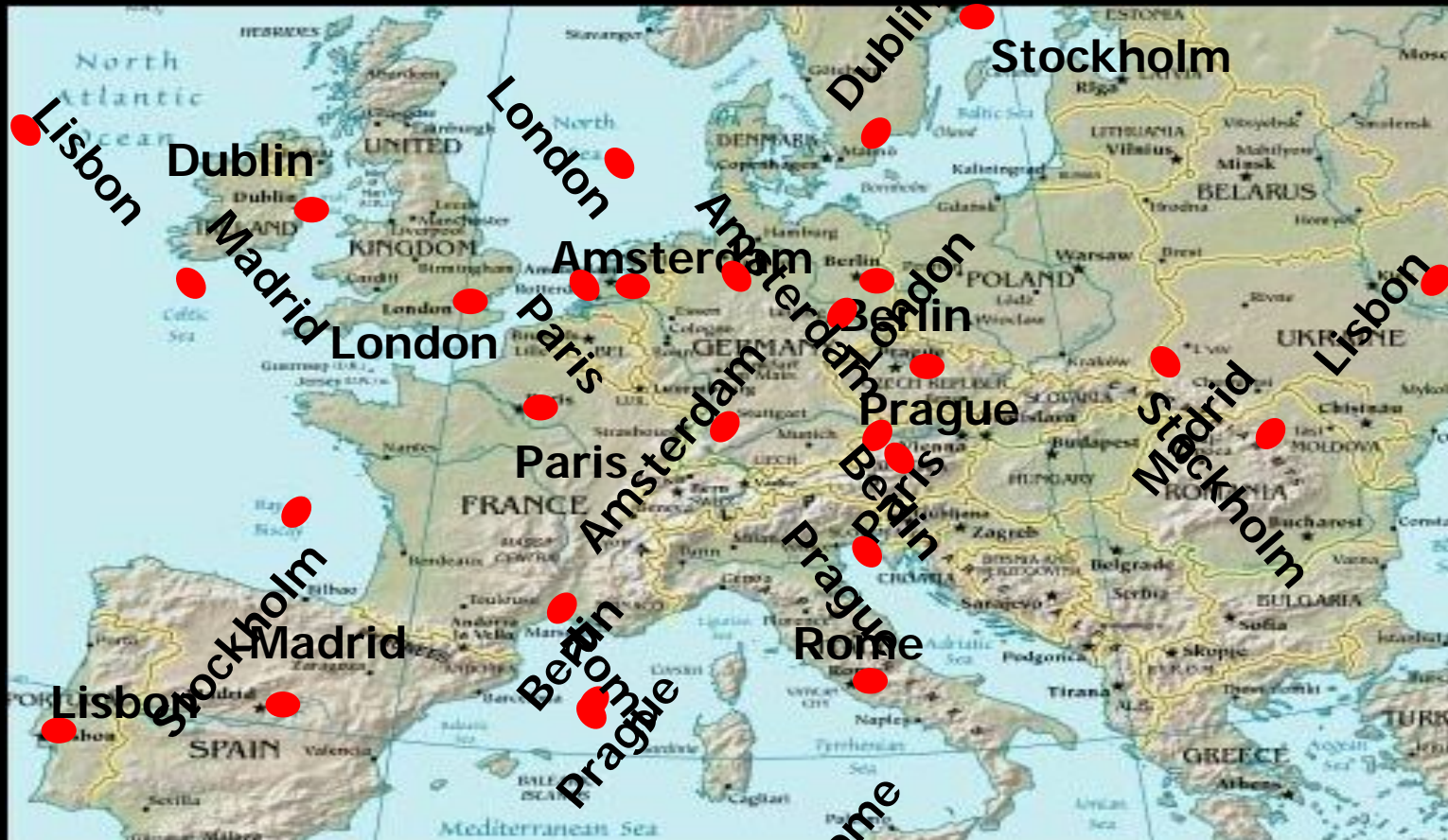
# Multidimensional scaling

- MDS is a family of methods that map similarity measurements among objects, to points in a small dimensional Euclidean space.
- Enables to explore the geometric structure of the data.



$$\text{Stress} = \frac{\sum w_{ij} (\delta_{ij} - d_{ij}(X))^2}{\sum w_{ij} \delta_{ij}^2}$$

# A simple example



Rotation  
Reflection

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
12.7	0	32.8	29.4	14.6	8.8	4.5	6.4	16.4	13.8
4.1	13.9	13.2	14.9	9.0	8.2	16.6	19.6	25.4	0

Young et al. 1930,  
Torgerson & Gower 1952, 1958, 1966.

# Classical scaling

Given  $n$  points in  $R^k$ , denote  $\mathbf{p}_i = [x_i^1, x_i^2, \dots, x_i^k]^T$

Define coordinates vector  $\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n]^T$

The Euclidean distance between 2 points:

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} |\mathbf{p}_1|^2 & |\mathbf{p}_1|^2 & \dots & |\mathbf{p}_1|^2 \\ |\mathbf{p}_2|^2 & |\mathbf{p}_2|^2 & \dots & |\mathbf{p}_2|^2 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ |\mathbf{p}_n|^2 & |\mathbf{p}_n|^2 & \dots & |\mathbf{p}_n|^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$d_{ij}^2 = |\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_j|^2 = |\mathbf{p}_i|^2 - 2\mathbf{p}_i \mathbf{p}_j^T + |\mathbf{p}_j|^2$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{Q} - 2\mathbf{P}\mathbf{P}^T + \mathbf{Q}^T$$

$$\mathbf{J}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{Q}^T - 2\mathbf{P}\mathbf{P}^T)\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0} - 2\tilde{\mathbf{P}}\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^T$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^T$$

$$-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{J}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}^T \Rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{P}}^T = \mathbf{\Lambda}^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{U}^T$$

# Classical scaling

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Matlab code  
for 2D flattening

```
J = eye(n) - ones(n)./ n;  
B = -0.5 * J * D * J;  
[U, L] = eigs(B, 2, 'LM');  
newy = sqrt(L(1,1)). * U(:,1);  
newx = sqrt(L(2,2)). * U(:,2);
```

Or a single command (Matlab 6.5)

```
Y = cmdscale(D);  
newx = Y(1,:);  
newy = Y(2,:);
```

# Analyzing and Synthesizing Lips Movements

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Lip-reading is a difficult task.

Goal: Recognize a limited set of words.



Previous Lip synthesis:

- video-rewrite (Bregler)

- eigenfacemasks (Van Gool).

Previous Lip Reading:

- HMM (Bregler, 1998) (the bartender problem),

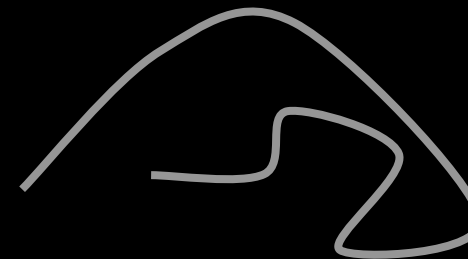
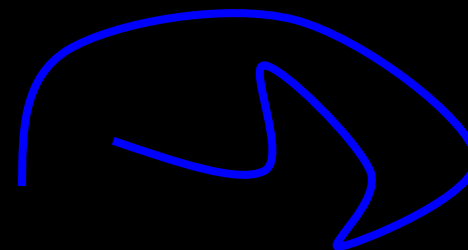
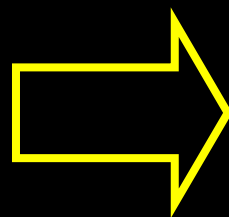
- PCA (Li et al. 1997) (eigensequences),

- NN and SVM (Bregler, Duchnowski).

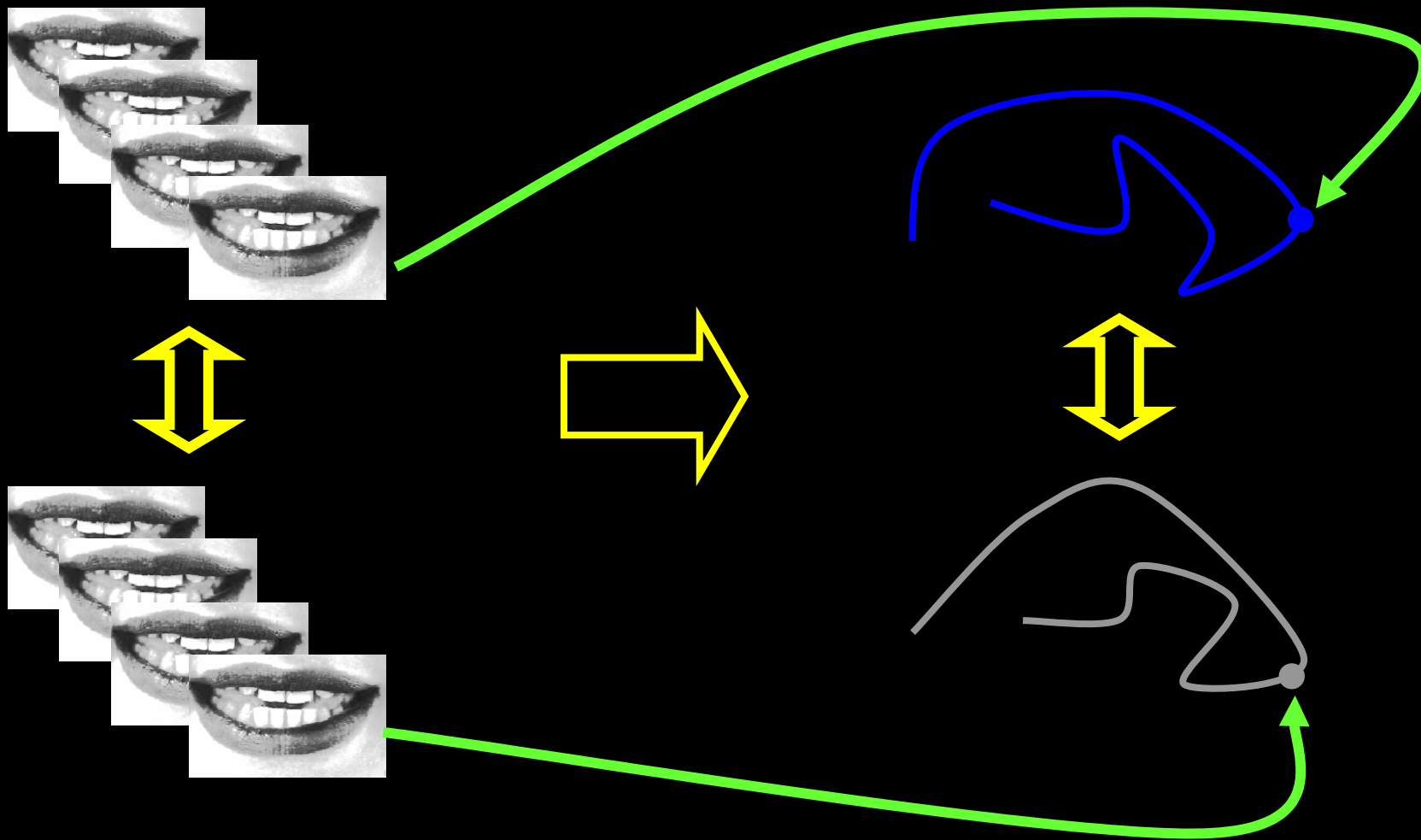
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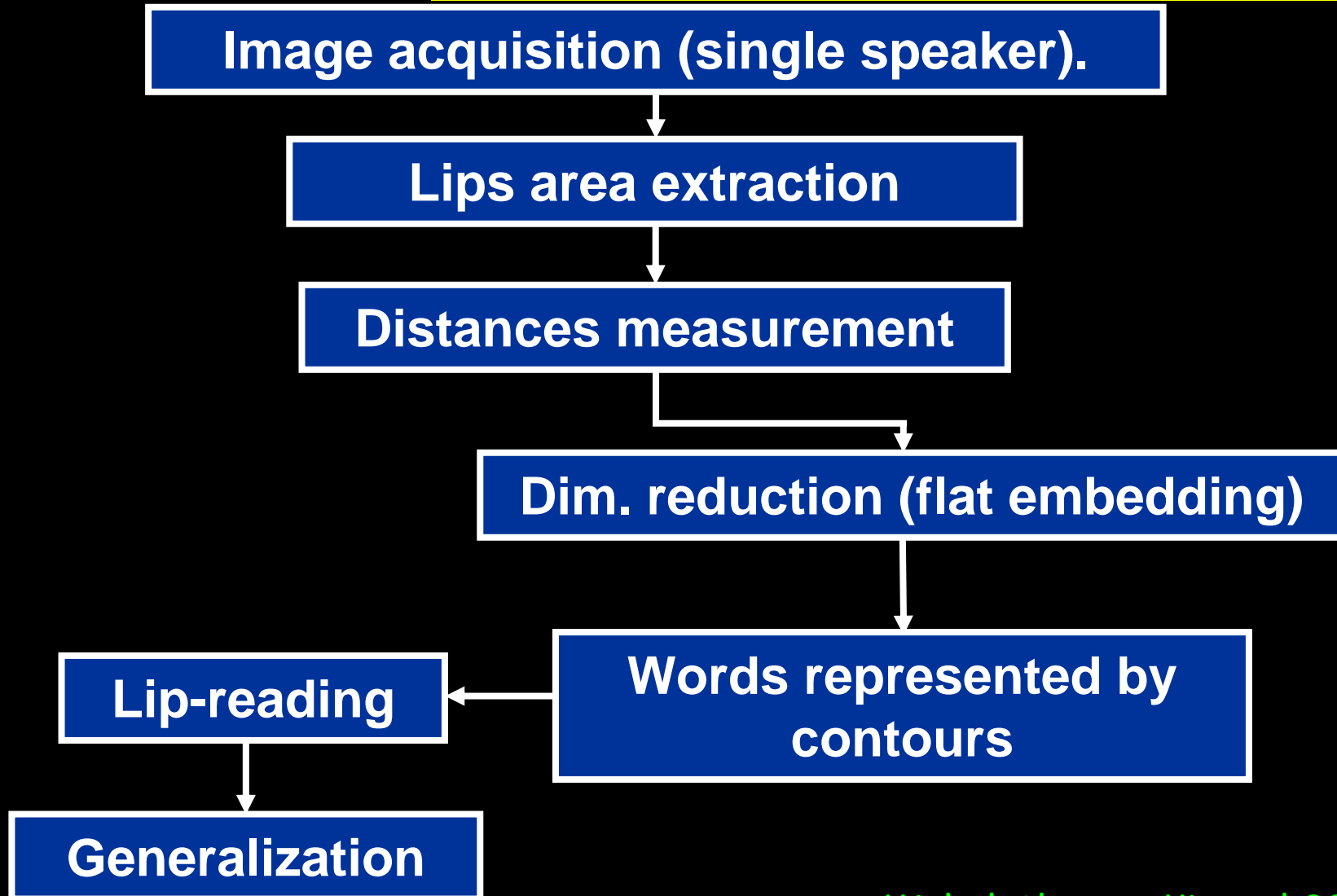
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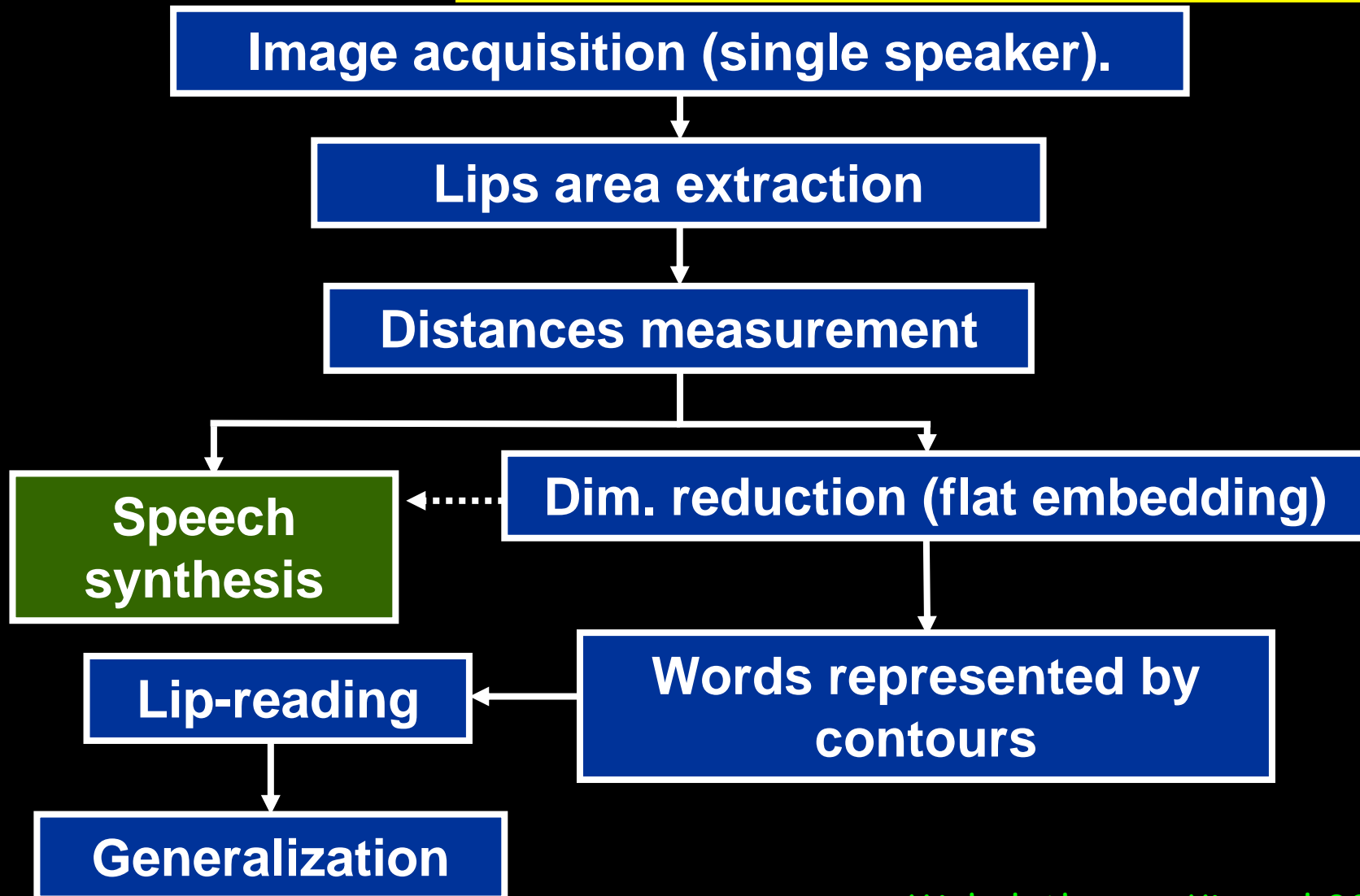
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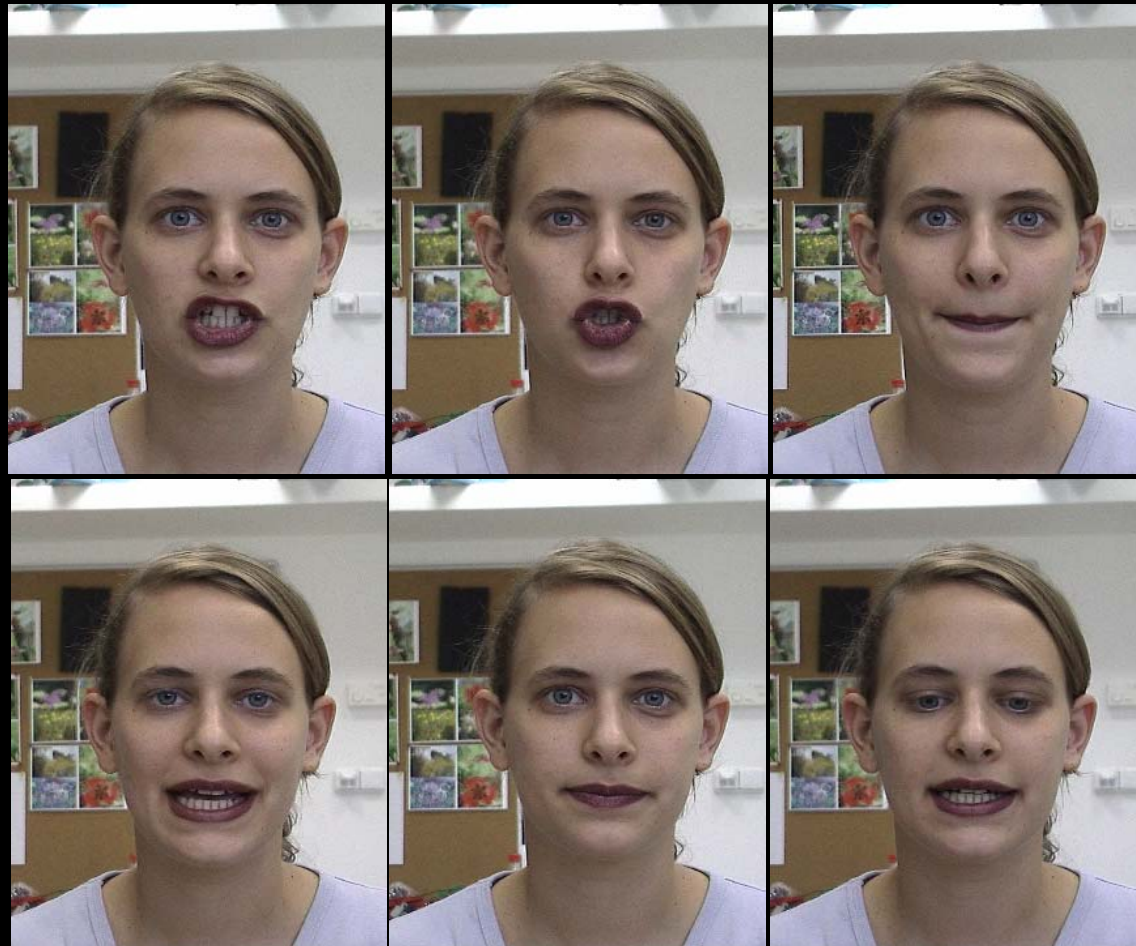
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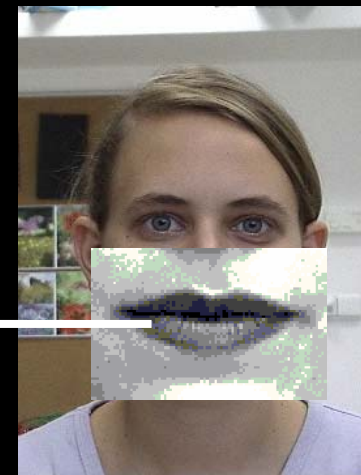


## Image acquisition (single speaker).



# Lips Area extraction

- ❑ nose used for alignment
- ❑ images aligned using affine model
- ❑ The mouth area section is extracted as gray level images.



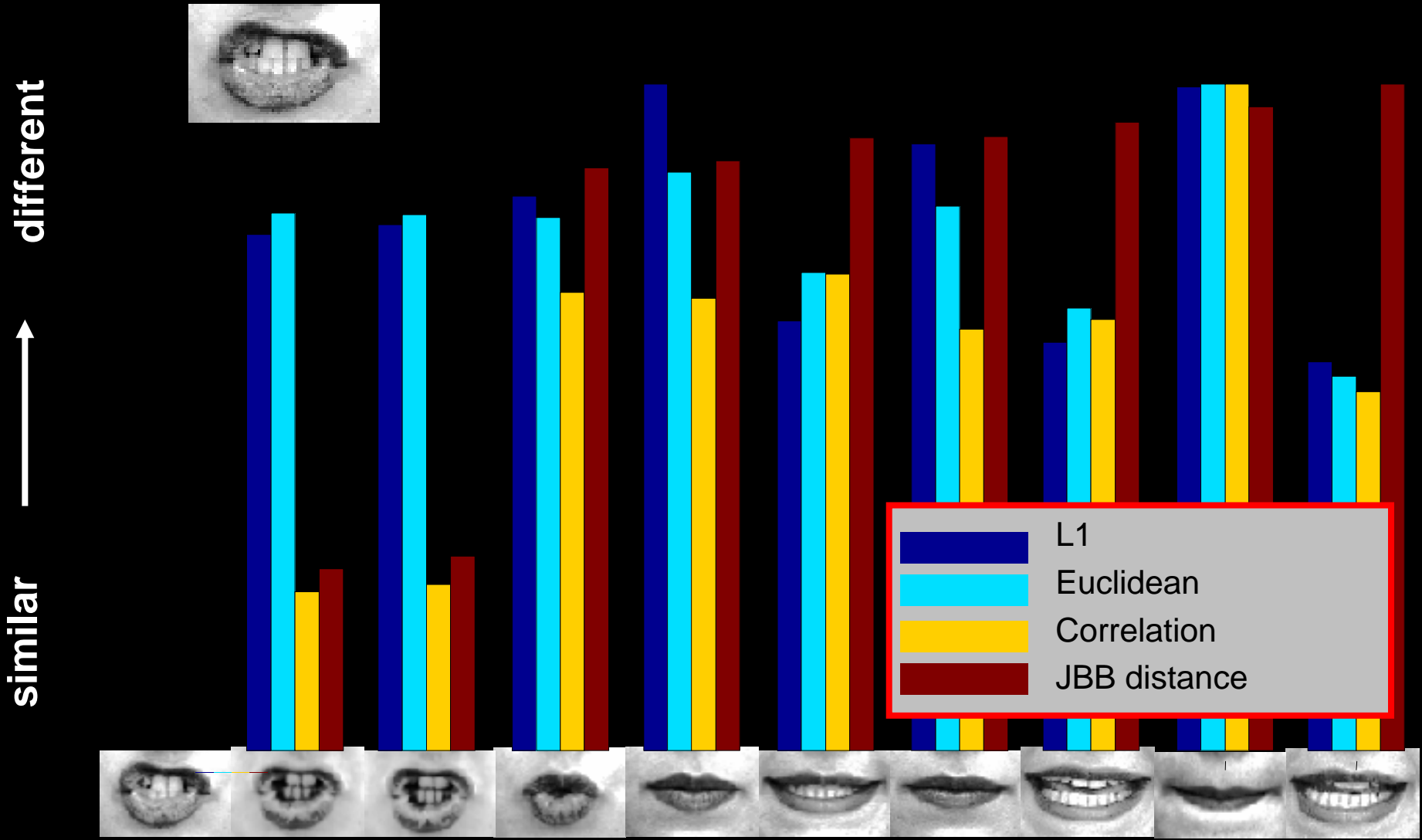
# Distances measurement

- Variation on Jacobs, Belhumeur, Basri (1998)

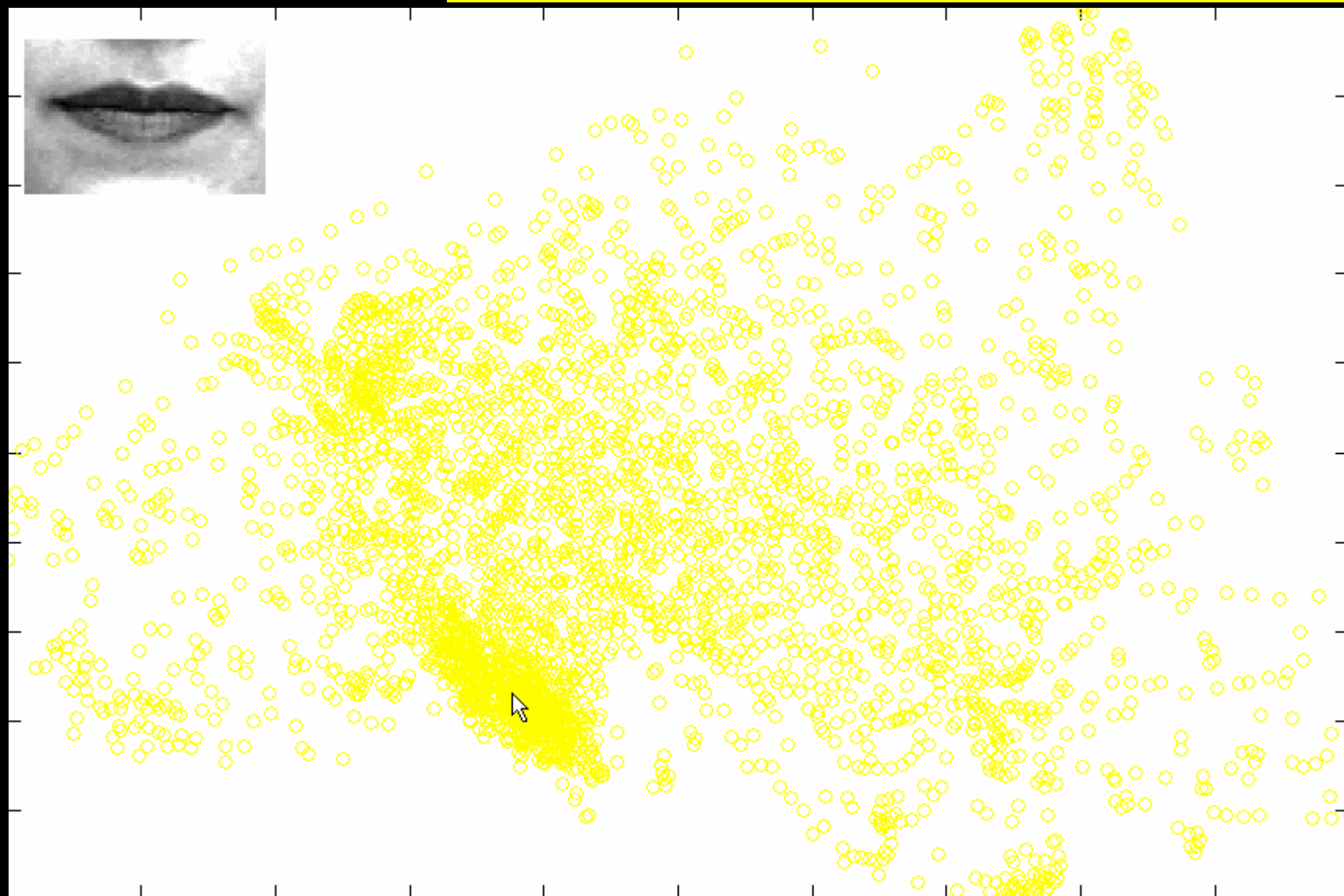
$$E(I, J) = \iint I \cdot J \cdot \left| \nabla \left( \frac{I}{J} \right) \right| \cdot \left| \nabla \left( \frac{J}{I} \right) \right| dx dy$$

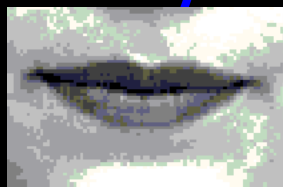
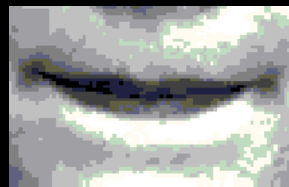
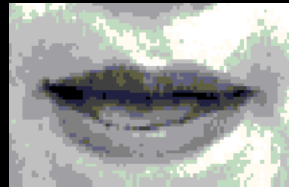
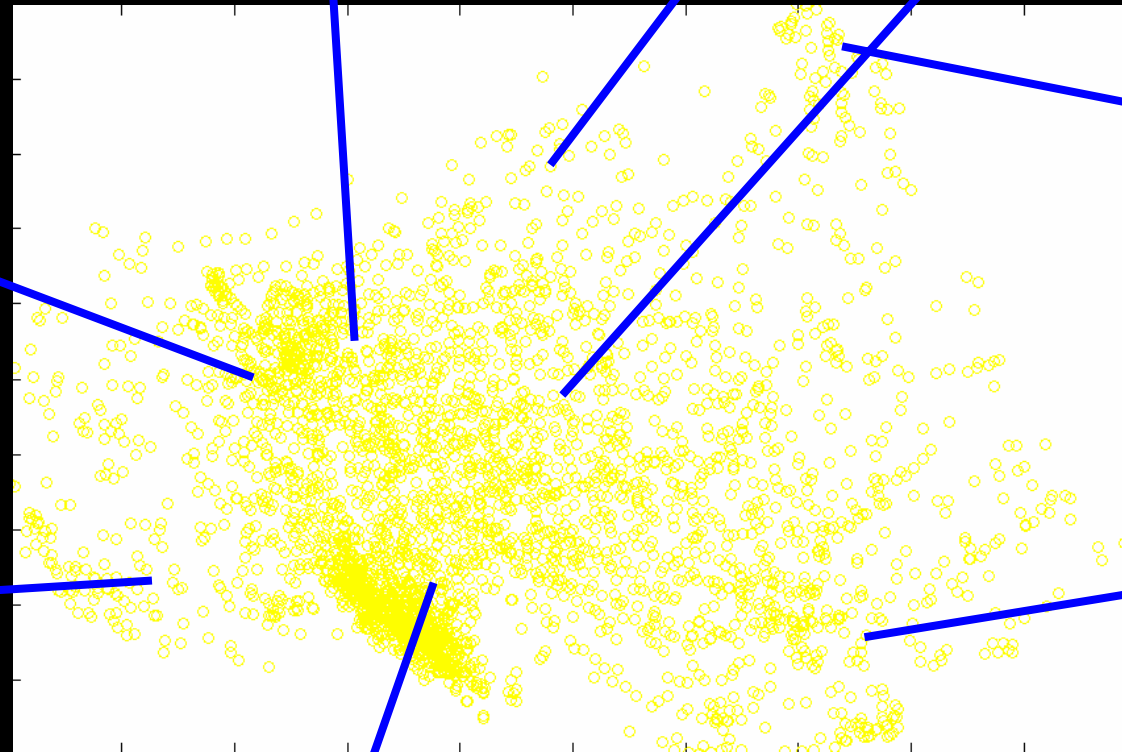
- ~ Invariant to changes in illumination.
- Symmetric consideration.
- Avoid singularities in dark areas.

# Comparing JBB to other measures



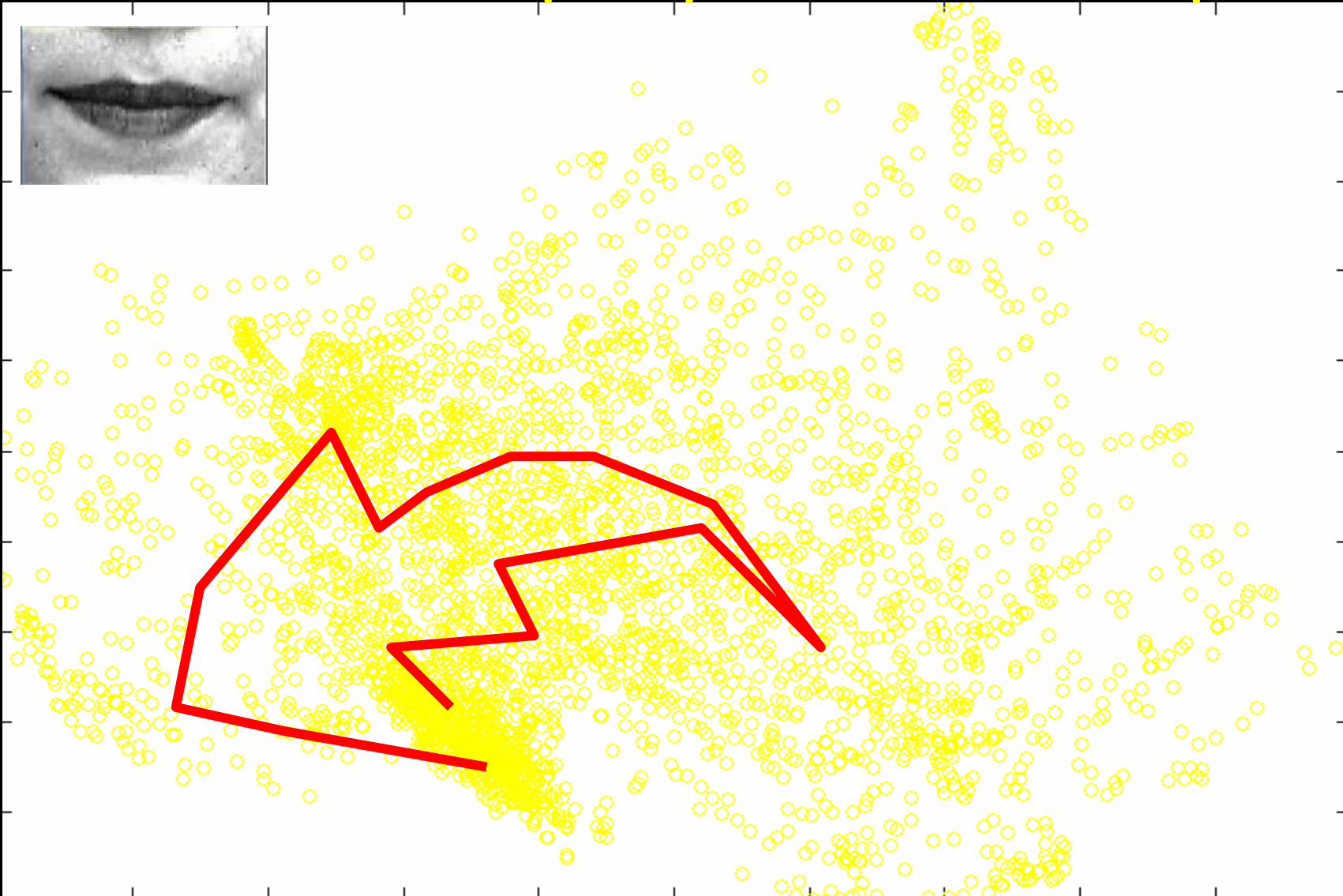
# Lip representation space





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# Lip representation space



# Speech Synthesis

- ❑ Linear interpolation in intensity space is not natural.
- ❑ The transition between syllables should be embedded in the lip representation space.

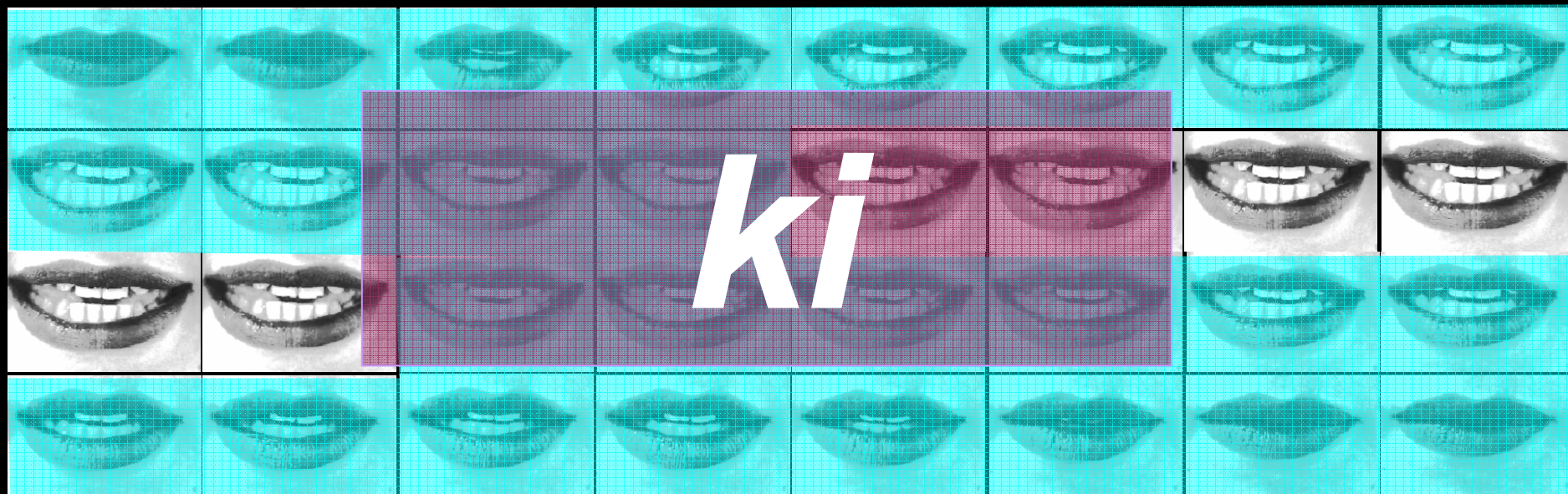
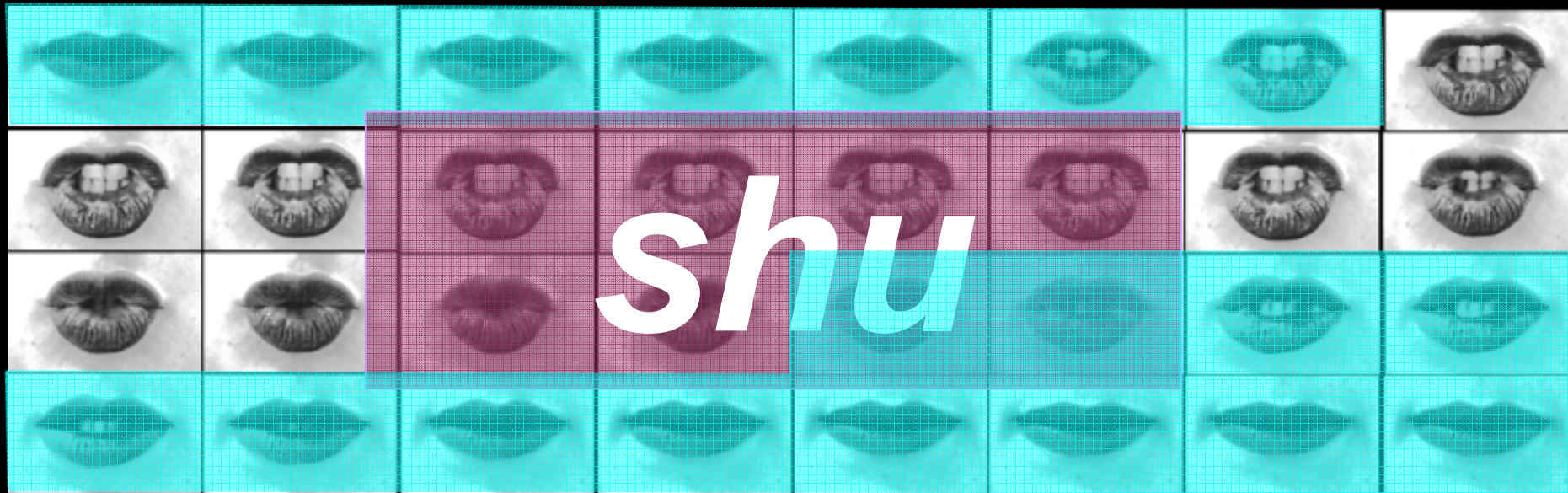


# Visual Articulation Signature

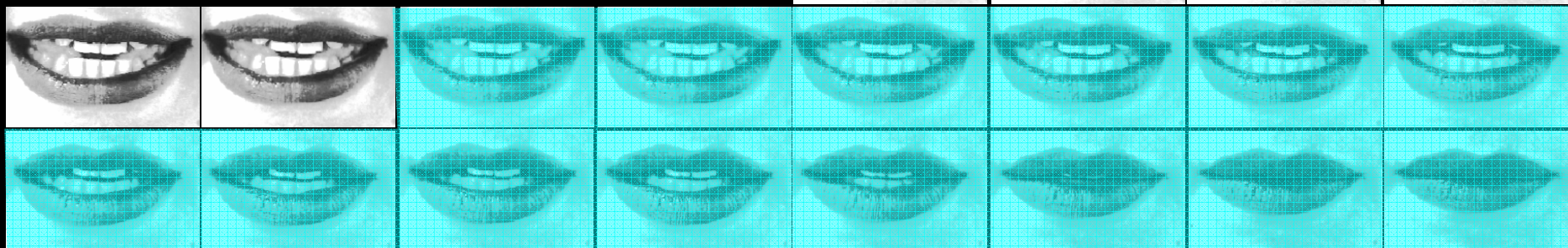
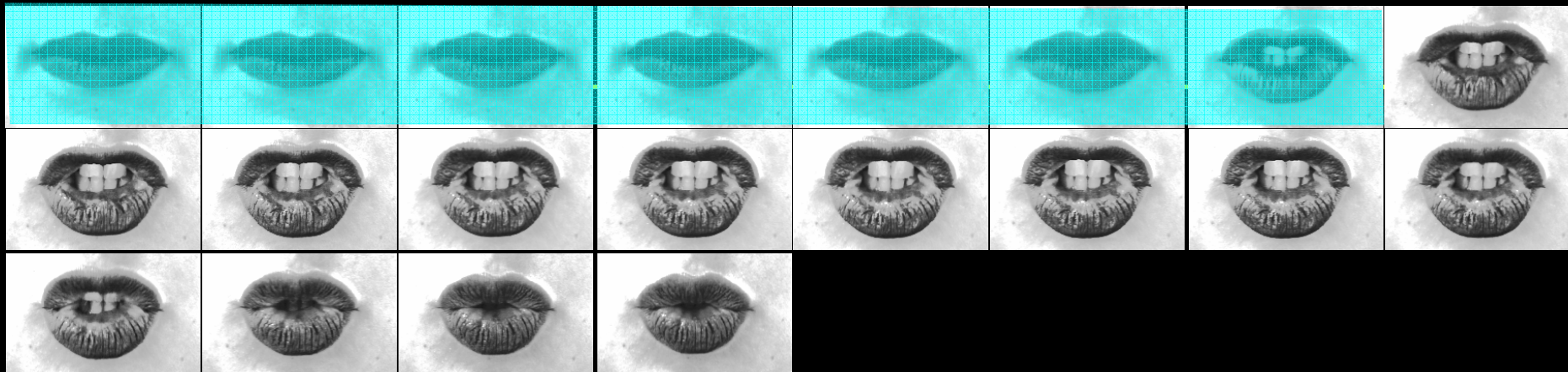
- ❑ *Visual articulation signature (VAS)* - the series of mouth configurations that occur in order for a sound to be vocalized.



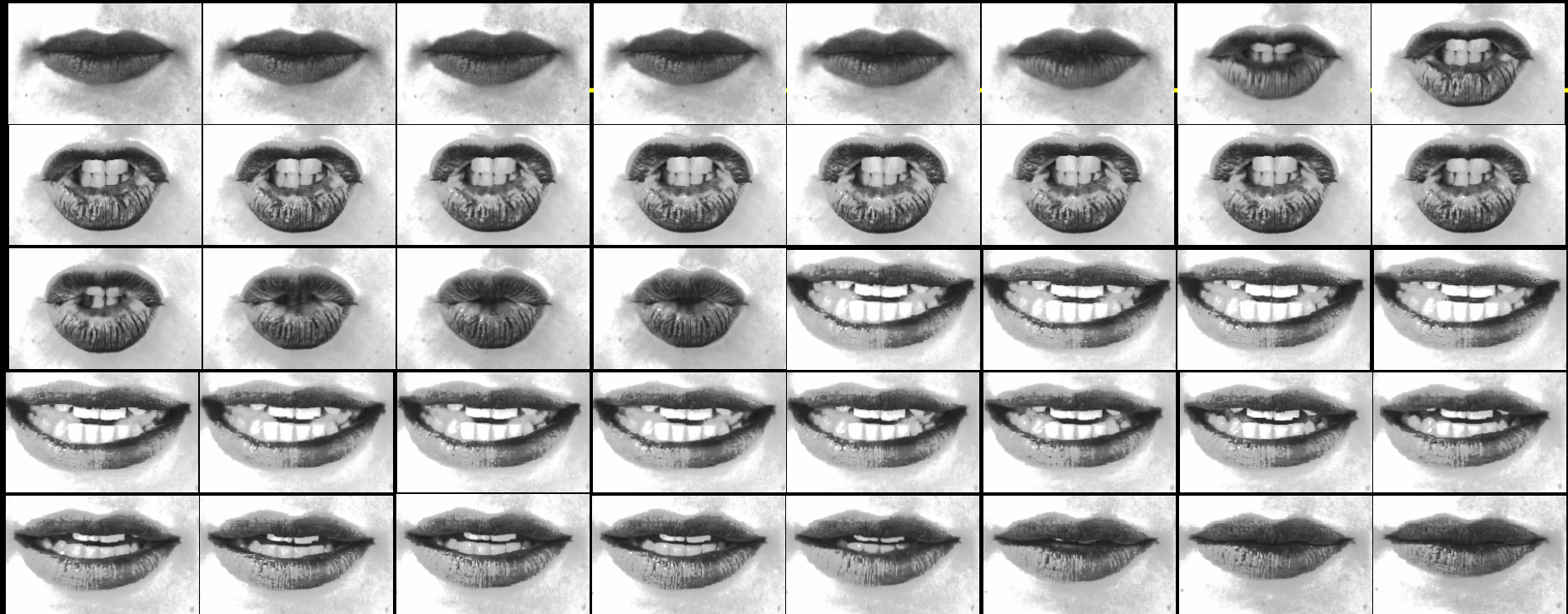
# Synthesis - SHU+KI



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# Synthesis - Example

- ❑ Concatenate the VAS of the syllables that make the word.
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Shu



Ki



Shuki – simple  
concatenation



Shuki– smooth  
transition

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Mi



La



MiLa – simple  
concatenation

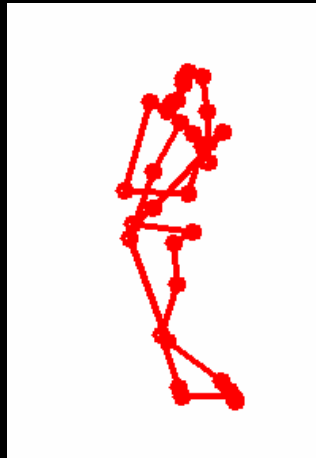


MiLa – smooth  
transition

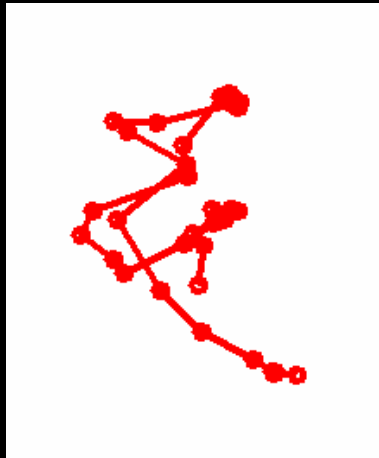
# Lip-reading Test

16  
different  
words

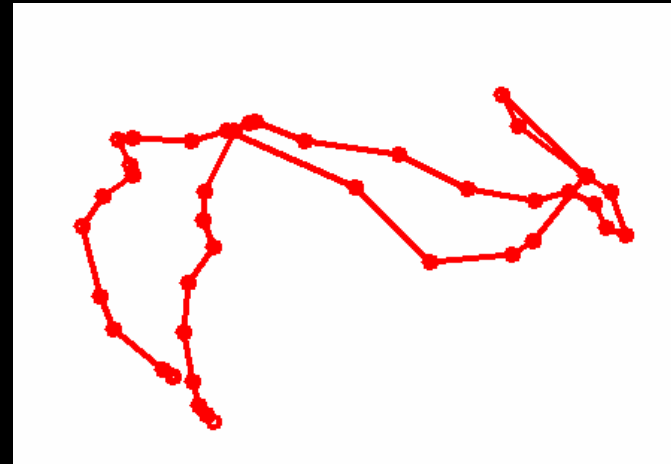
"Coffee"



"Cola"



"Champagne"



...

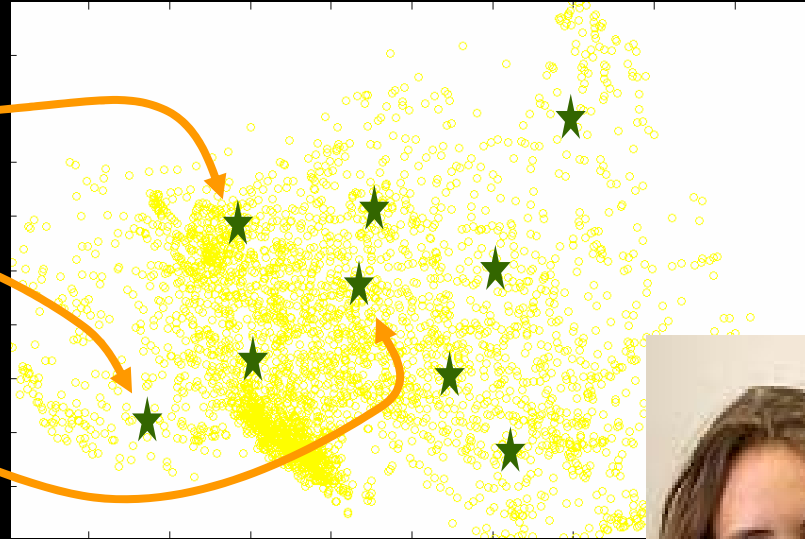
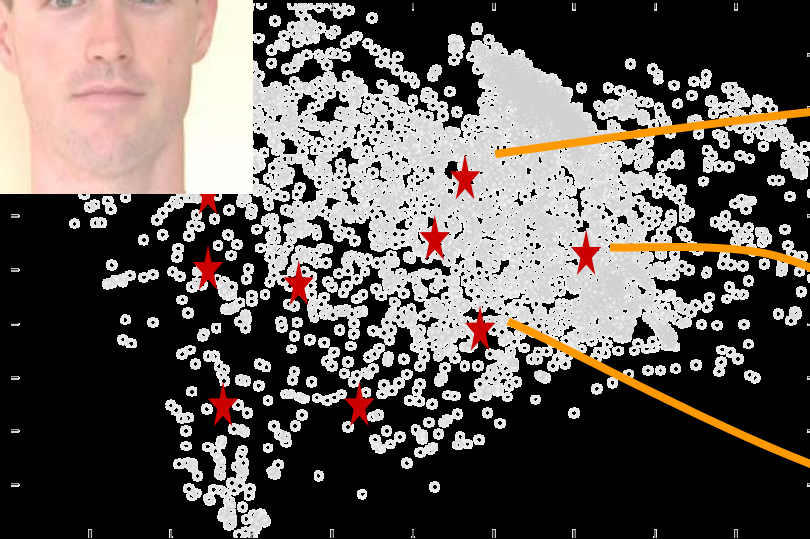
The lips area is extracted and a  
new contour is computed

The word contour is then matched  
to all others.

success rate

96%

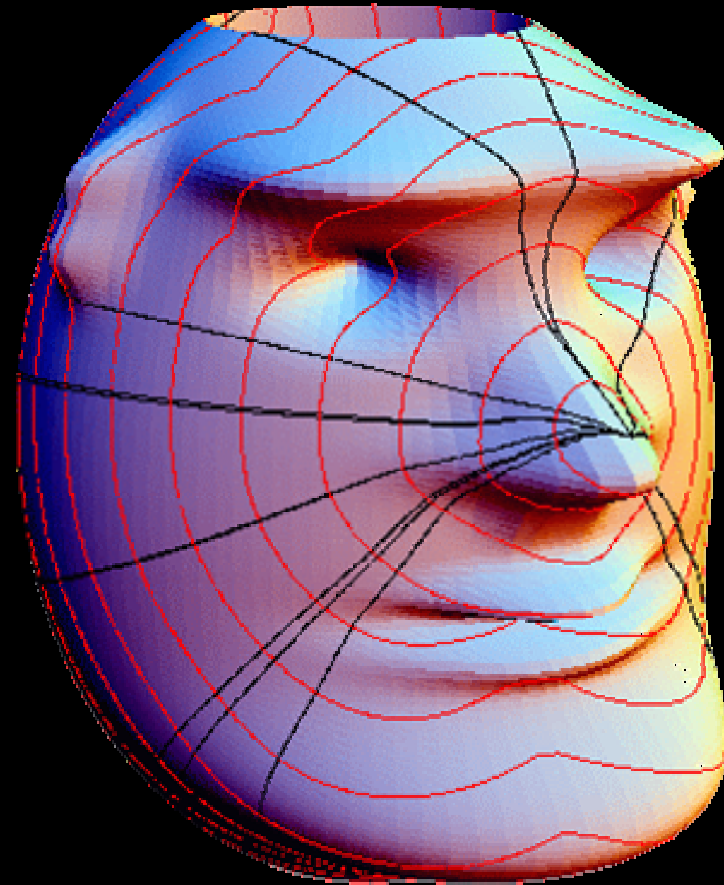
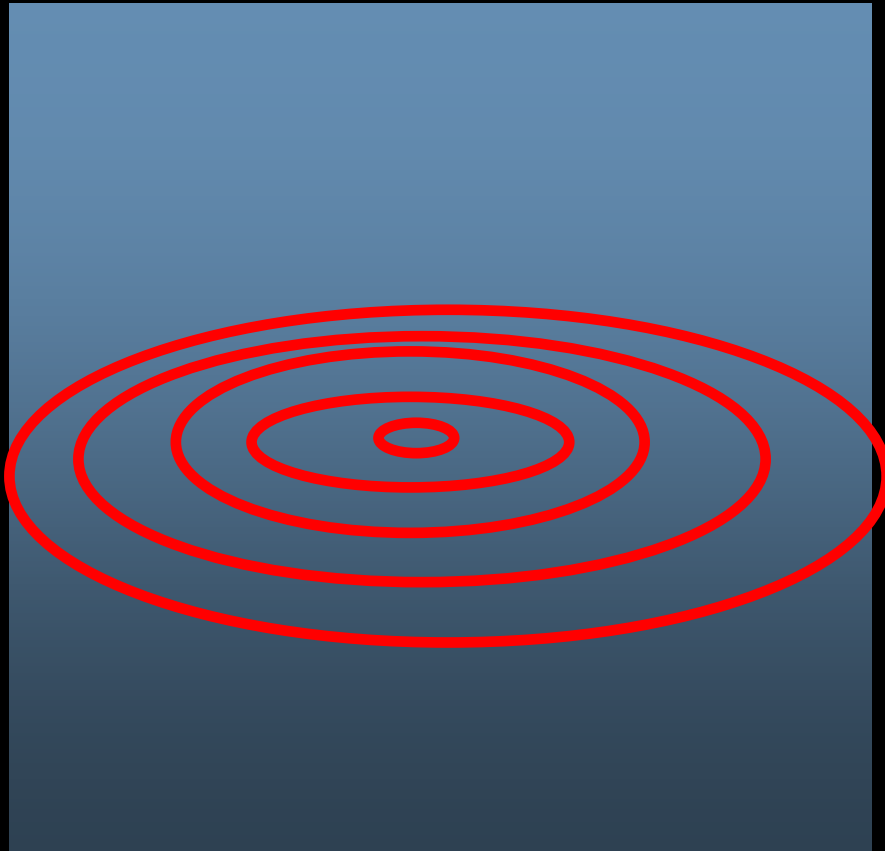
# Generalization: Images as anchors



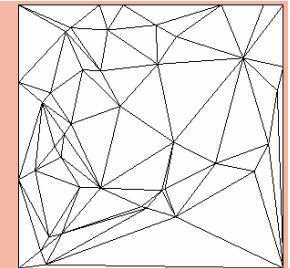
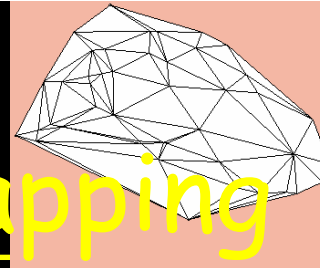
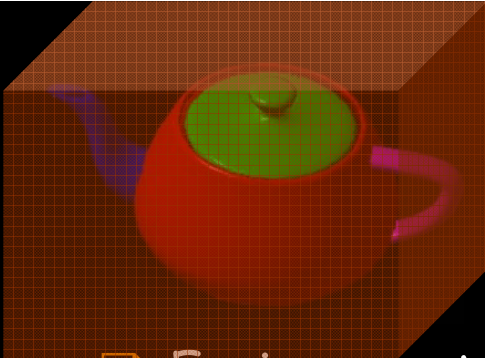
1st hit recognition rate 70%,  
2nd hit rate 80%.

# Distance Maps and Minimal Geodesics

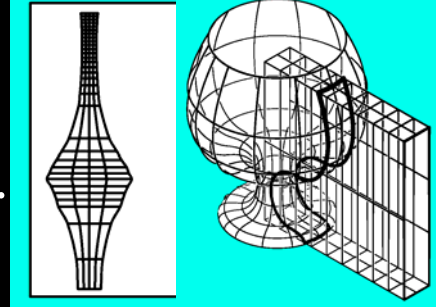
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# Texture Mapping



- ❑ Environment mapping: Blinn, Newell (76).
- ❑ Environment mapping: Greene, Bier and Sloan (86).
- ❑ Free-form surfaces: Arad and Elber (97).
- ❑ Polyhedral surfaces: Floater (96, 98), Levy and Mallet (98).
- ❑ Multi-dimensional scaling: Schwartz, Shaw and Wolfson (89).



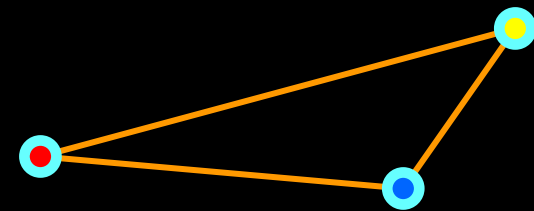
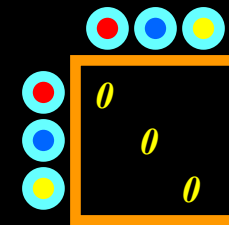
## Difficulties:

- ❑ Need for user intervention.
- ❑ Local and global distortions.
- ❑ Restrictive boundary conditions.
- ❑ High computational complexity.

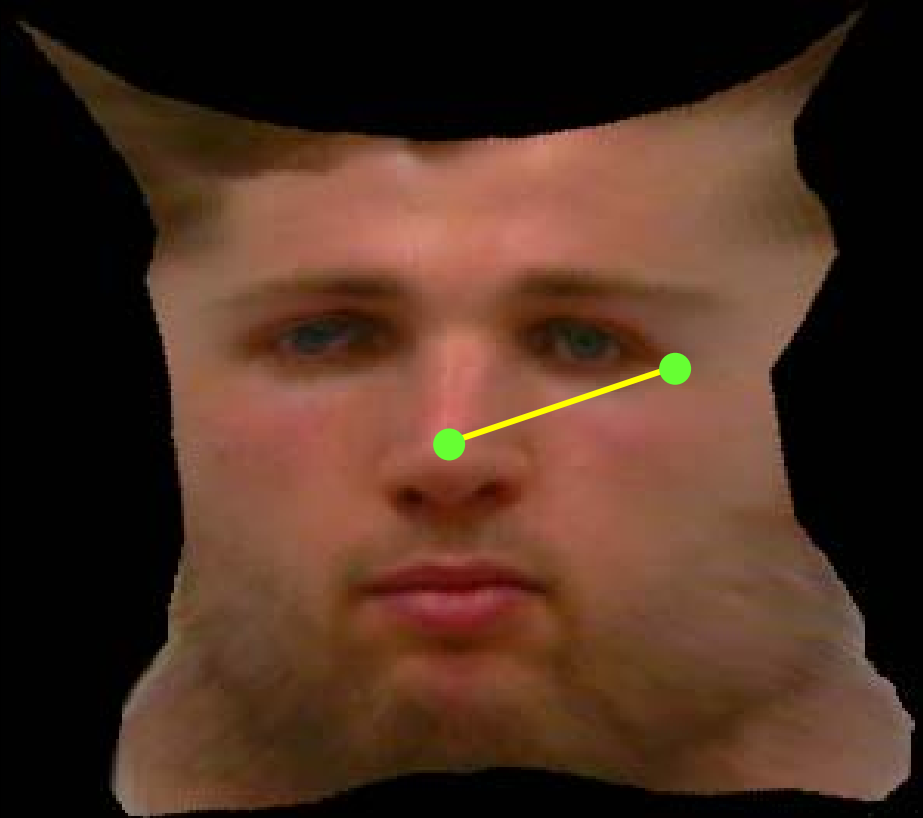
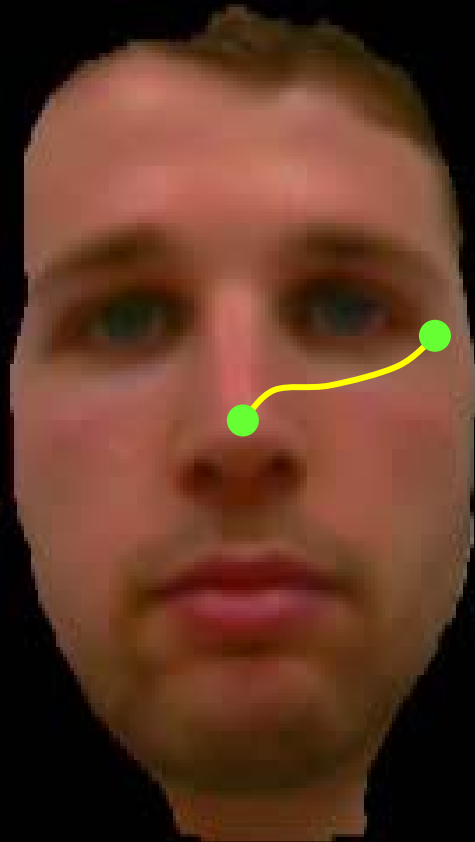


# Flattening via MDS

- ❑ Compute geodesic distances between pairs of points.
- ❑ Construct a square distance matrix of geodesic distances<sup>2</sup>.
- ❑ Find the coordinates in the plane via multi-dimensional scaling.  
The simplest is 'classical scaling'.
- ❑ Use the flattened coordinates for texturing the surface, while preserving the texture features.

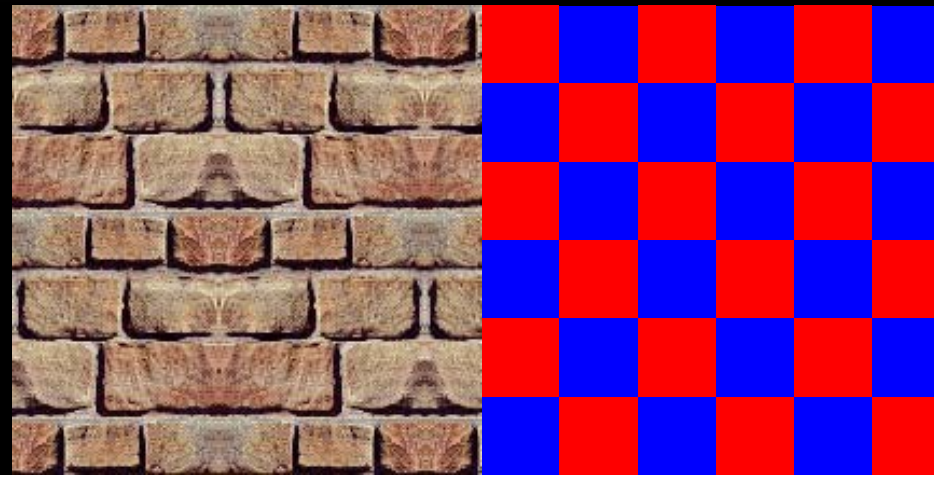
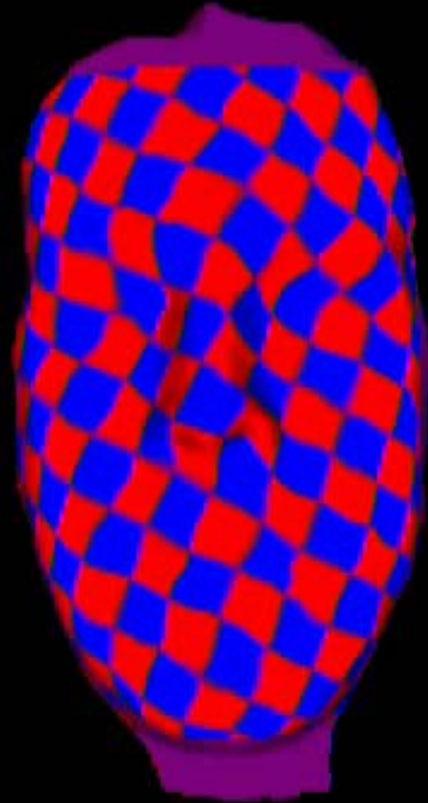


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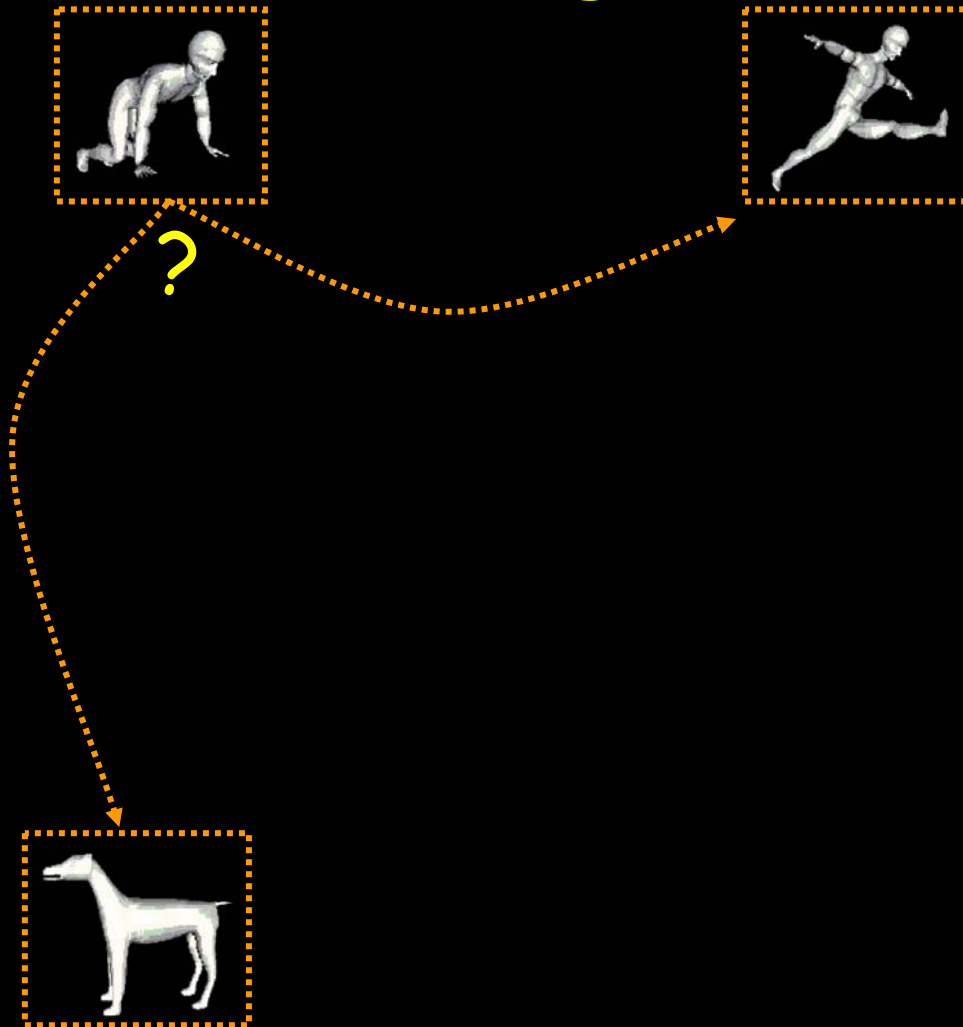


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# Flattening

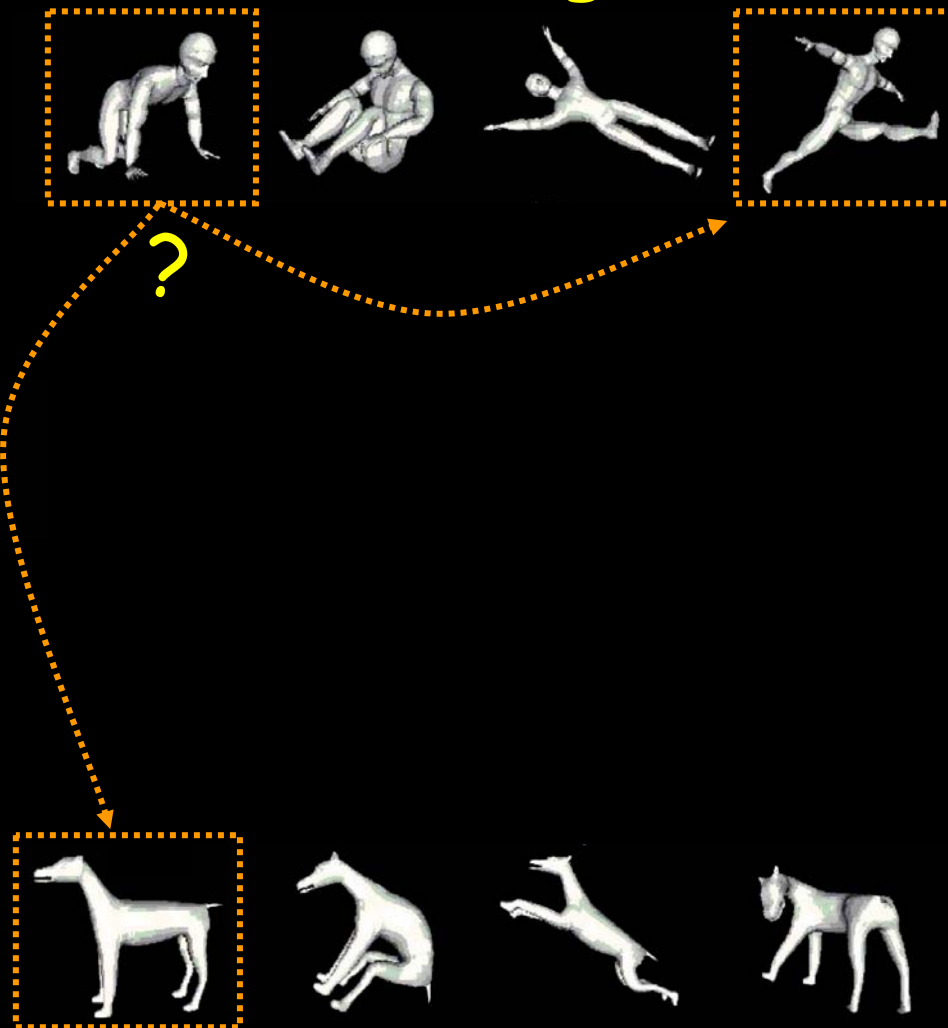


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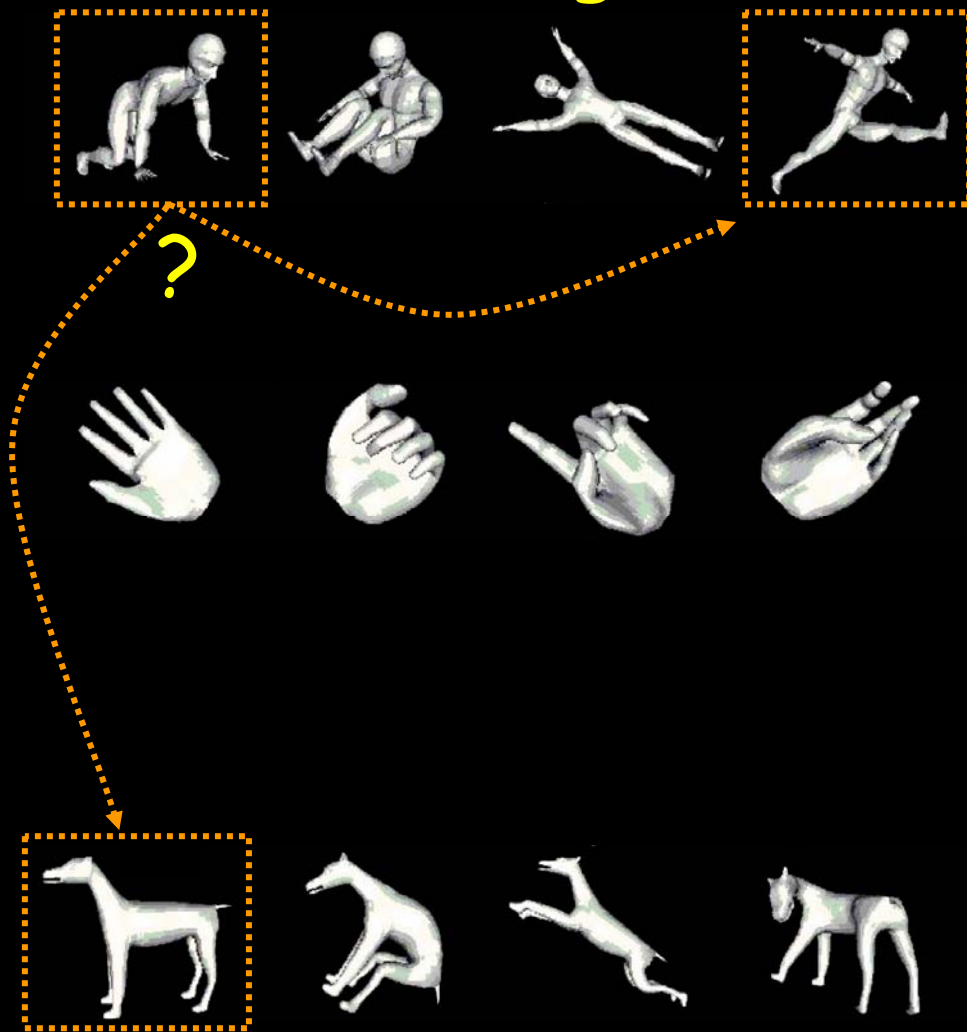
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# Bending invariant signatures



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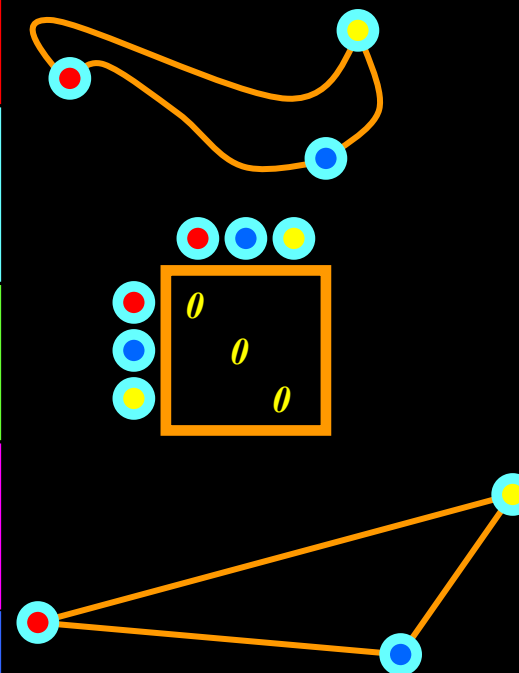
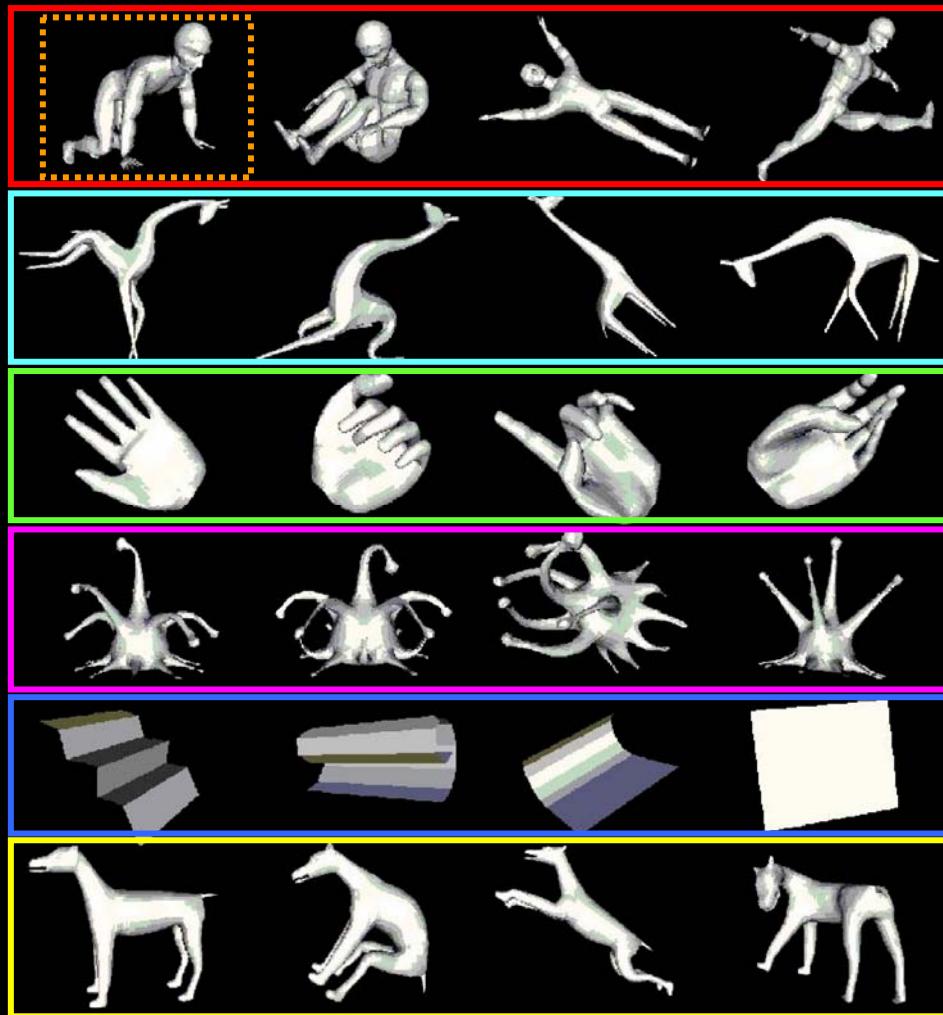
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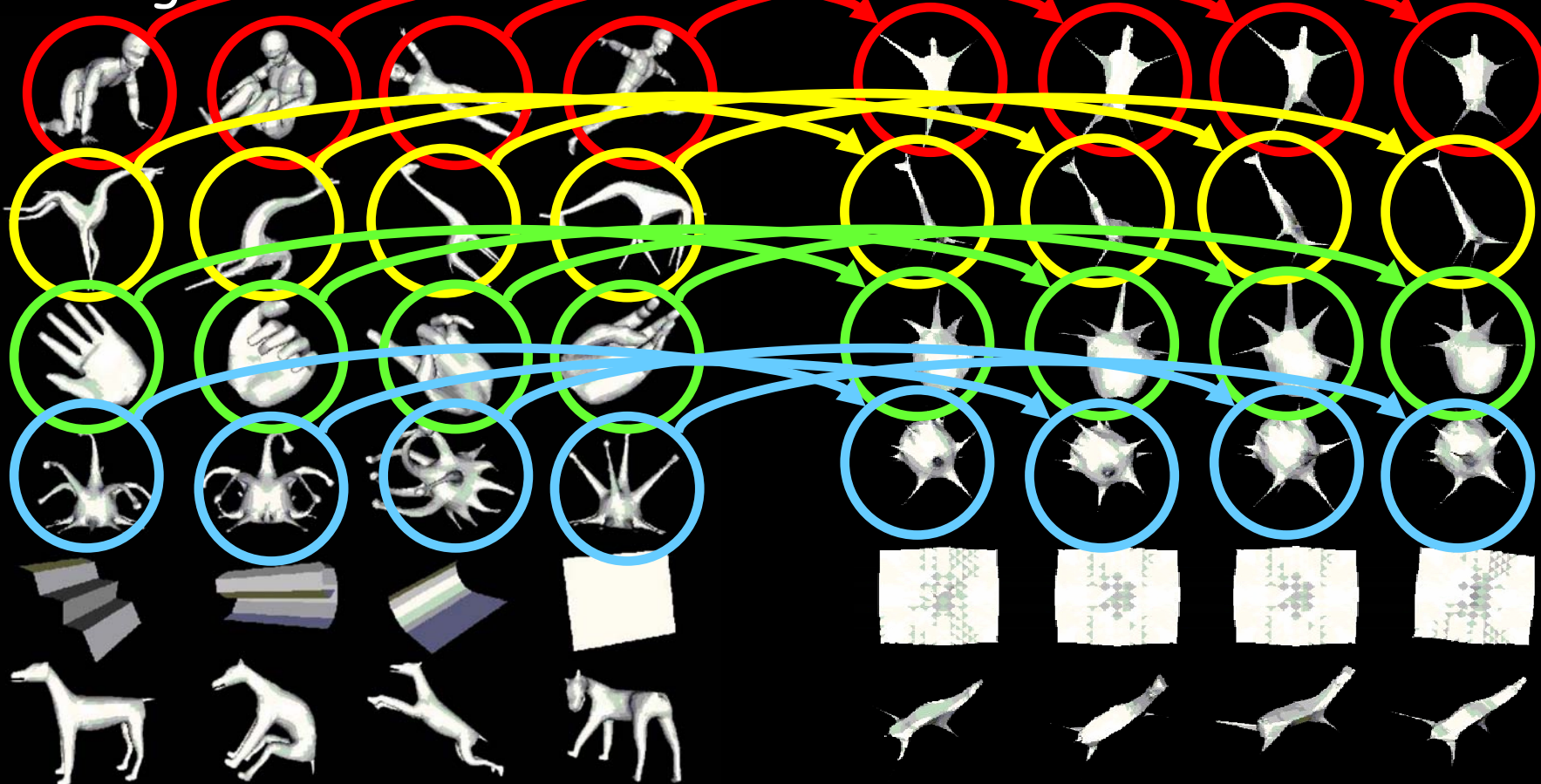
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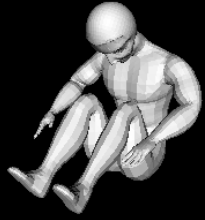


# Bending invariant signatures

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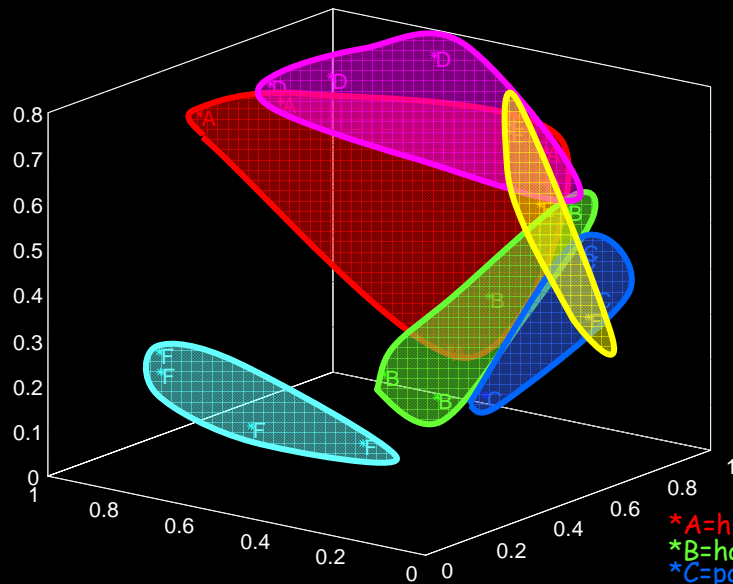
Canonical surfaces in  $\mathbb{R}^3$



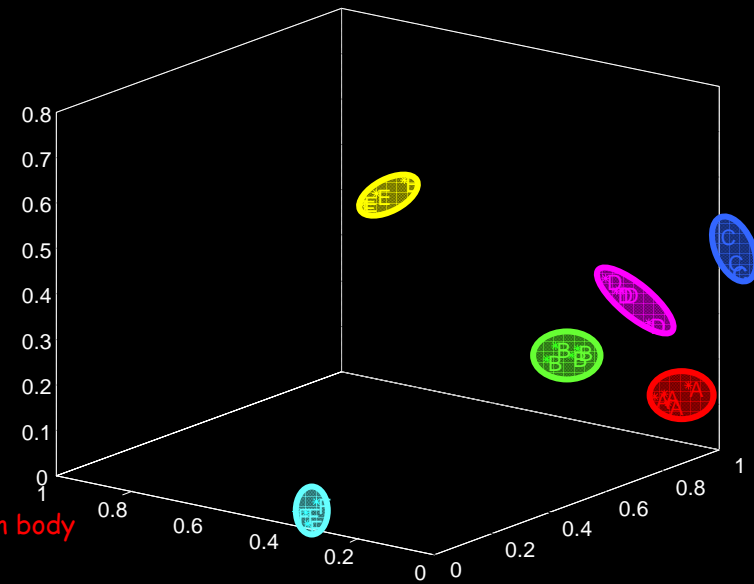


# Classification

Original surfaces

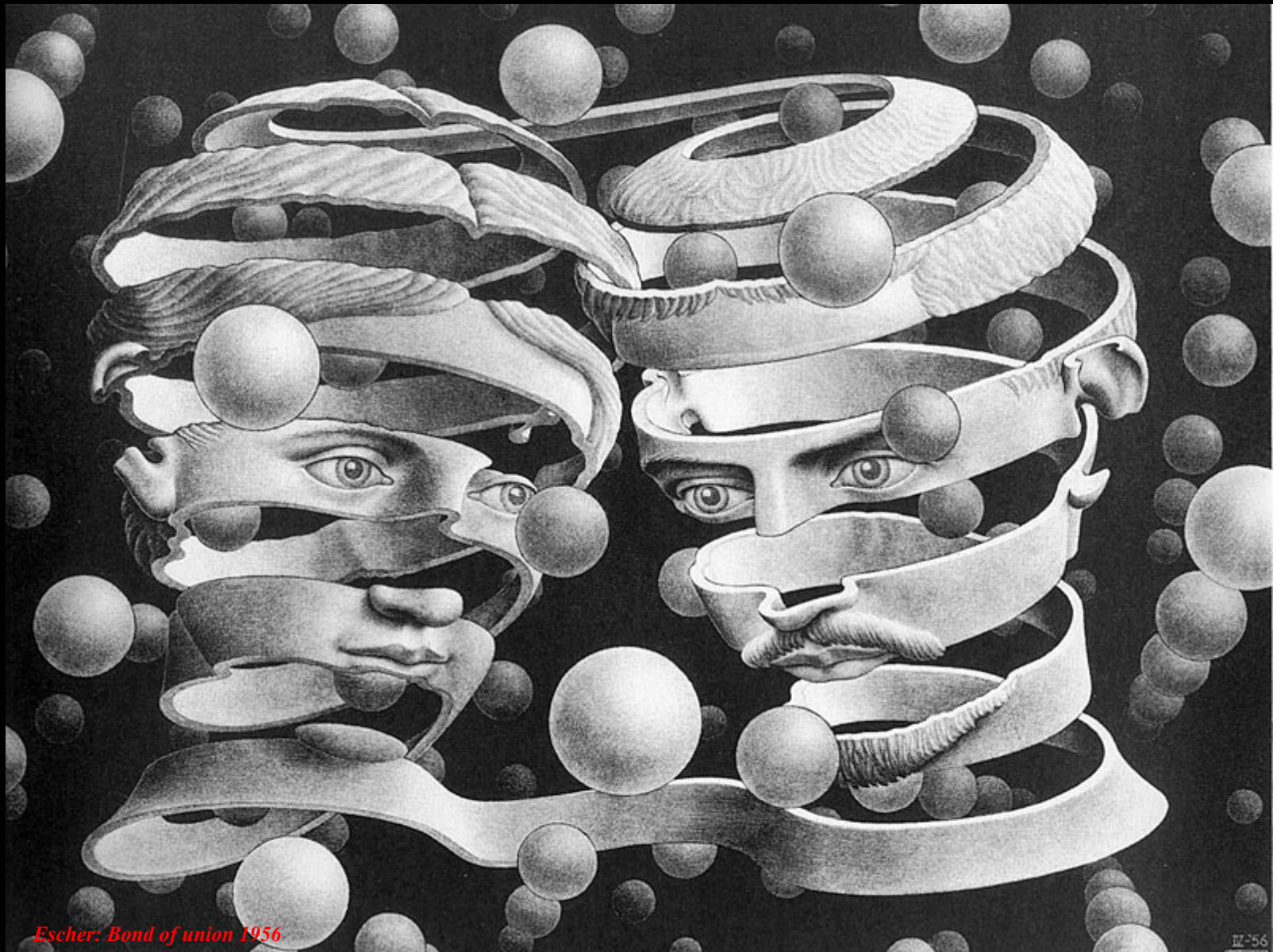


Our signatures



- \*A=human body
- \*B=hand
- \*C=paper
- \*D=hat
- \*E=dog
- \*F=giraffe

# Face Recognition



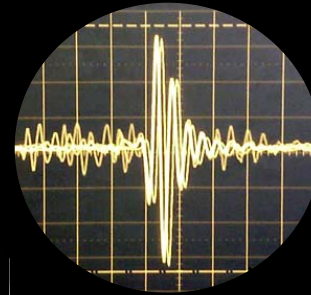
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# Some BIOMETRIC Techniques

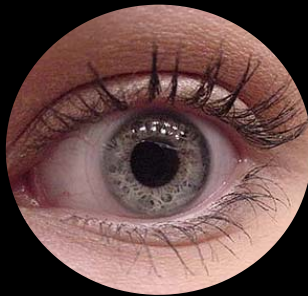
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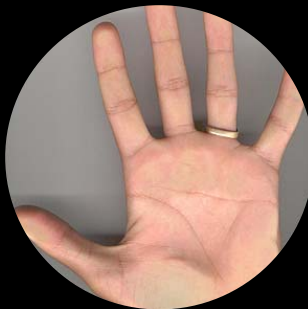
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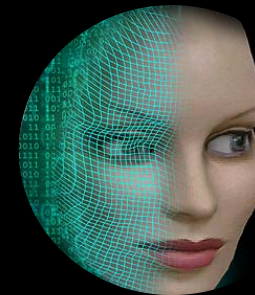
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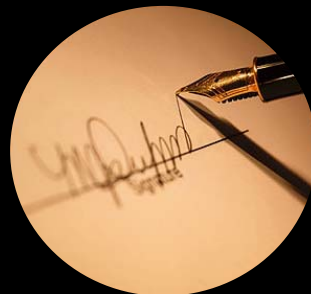
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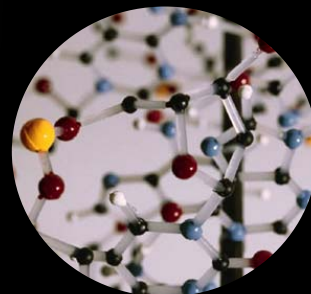
FACE



SIGNATURE



DNA



Weight, Height, Color, Smell, ...

# Twins test



who is Michael?

# FACE RECOGNITION: PROBLEMS

**False acceptance:** accept impostors as authenticated persons.

**False rejection:** fail to recognize an authenticated person.

ILLUMINATION and MAKEUP



image = light reflected from the face,  
different illuminations yield different images,  
thus recognized as different subjects.

FACIAL EXPRESSIONS



Modern face recognition algorithms unable  
to deal with facial expressions.

**SOLUTION: THREE DIMENSIONAL FACE RECOGNITION**

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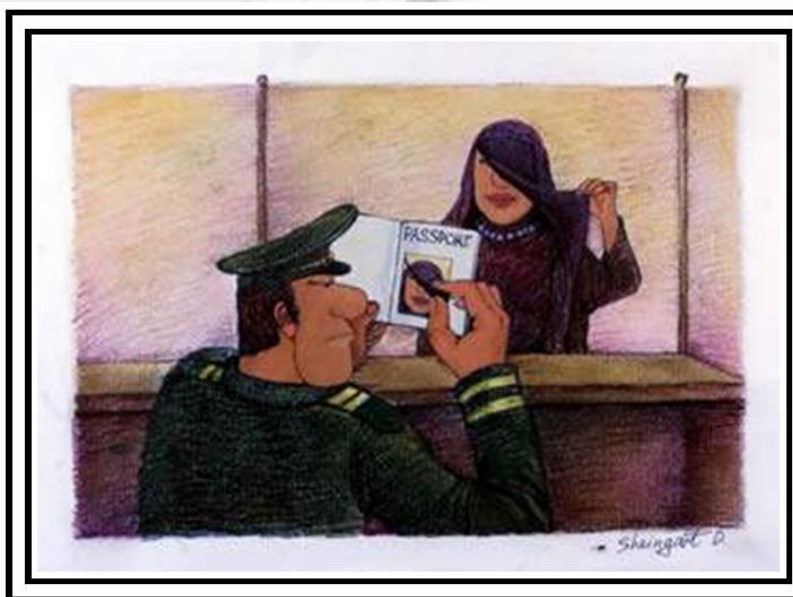
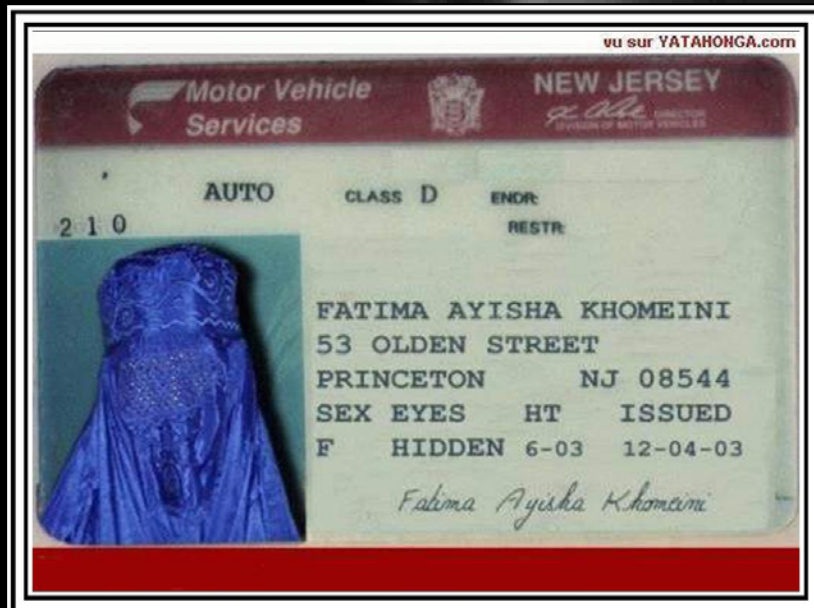
# 2D face recognition

## CONS

- Less accurate than other biometrics
- Sensitive to environment conditions, postures, and expressions.
- Sensitivity to fooling (makeup)

## PROs

- No direct contact
- Friendly to users (indirect contact)
- Passive monitoring (surveillance)
- Low cost



# Why 3D?

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2D information is sometimes misleading...



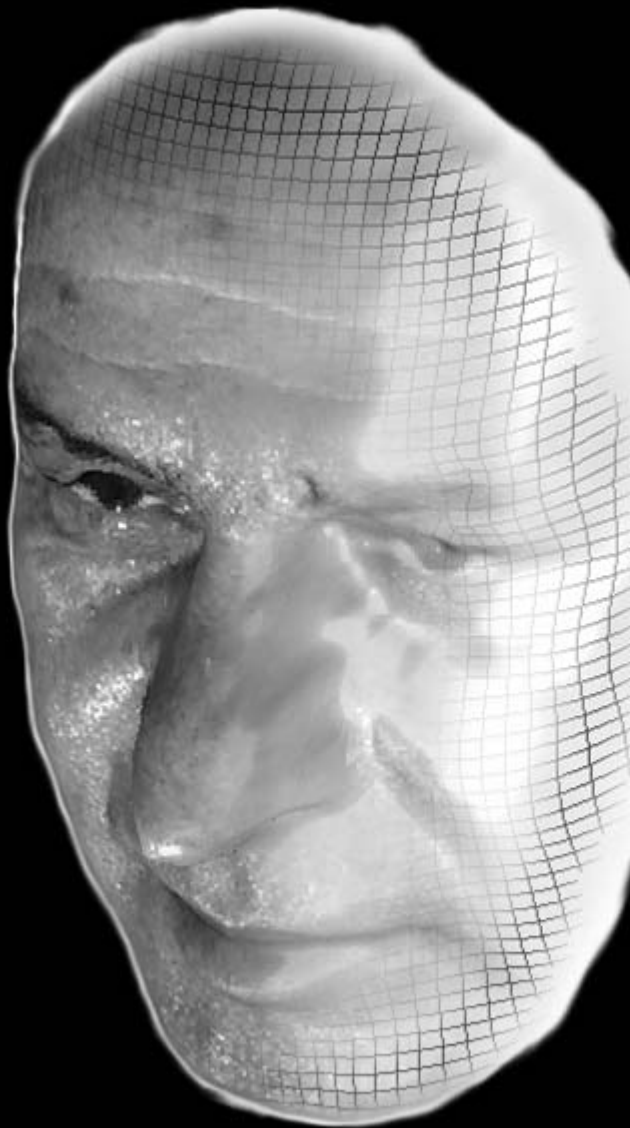
# Why 3D?

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...and affected by different factors

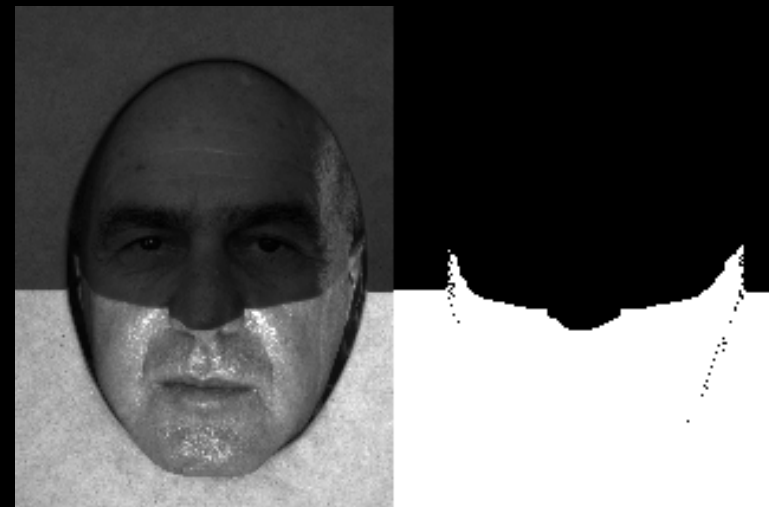


Can a 2D system tell that these images are all of the same subject?



## Coded light range video camera

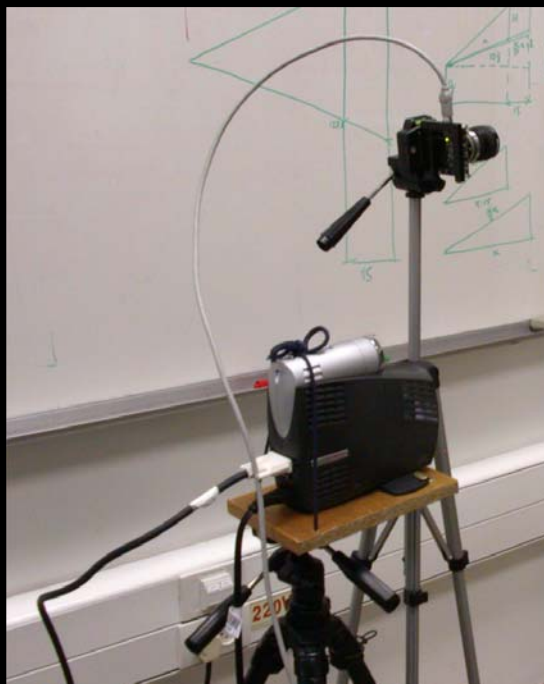
$N$  patterns allow angular ( $\sim$ depth) resolution of  $2^N$ .



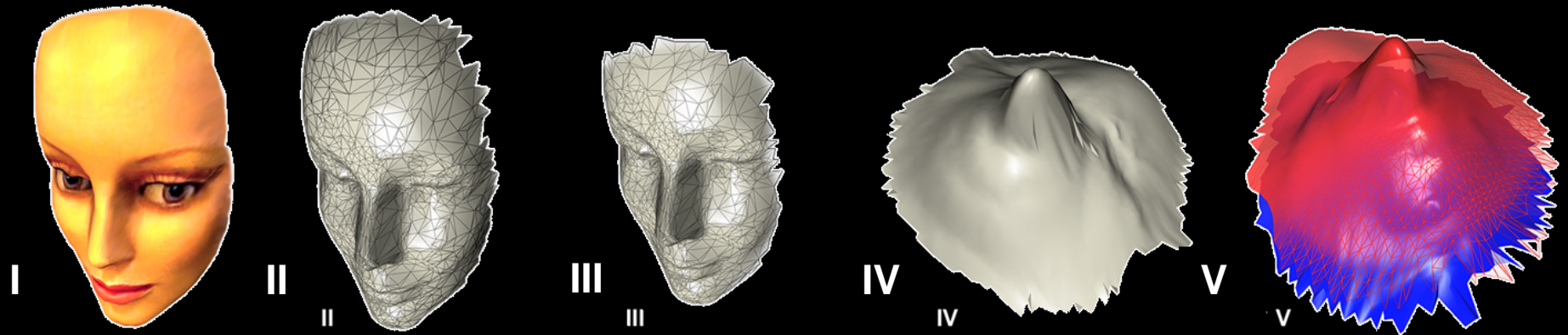
ex-minister of science, Matan Vilnai.

Our new scanner works at less than 150msec,  
Components cost  $\sim$ 3k\$

## Coded light range video camera



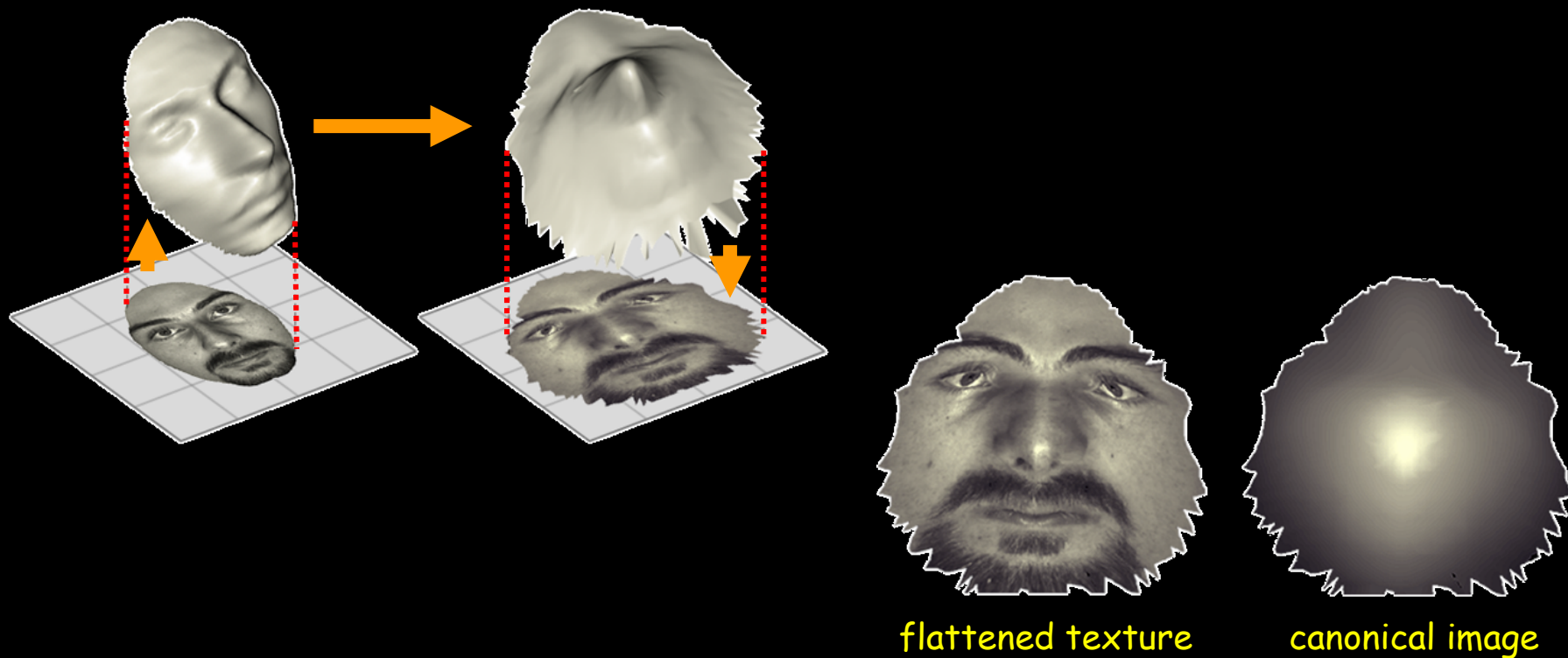
## 3D recognition via geometric invariants



- Range camera acquires facial surface (I).
- The surface is smoothed (II), subsampled and cropped (III).
- Fast marching computes geodesic distances on the surface.
- Facial surface is flattened via MDS (IV).
- Rigid surface matching using the canonical surfaces (V).

# Eigenforms

- The training set include: flattened texture + canonical image.
- Applying eigendecomposition to the two sets, we get two eigenspaces.
- The resulting eigenvectors are our eigenforms.



# 3D FACE RECOGNITION STAGES



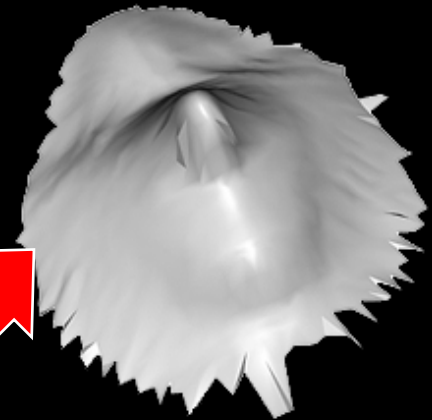
**3D SURFACE  
ACQUISITION**



**CROPPING**



**SMOOTHING**



**CANONICAL  
SURFACE**

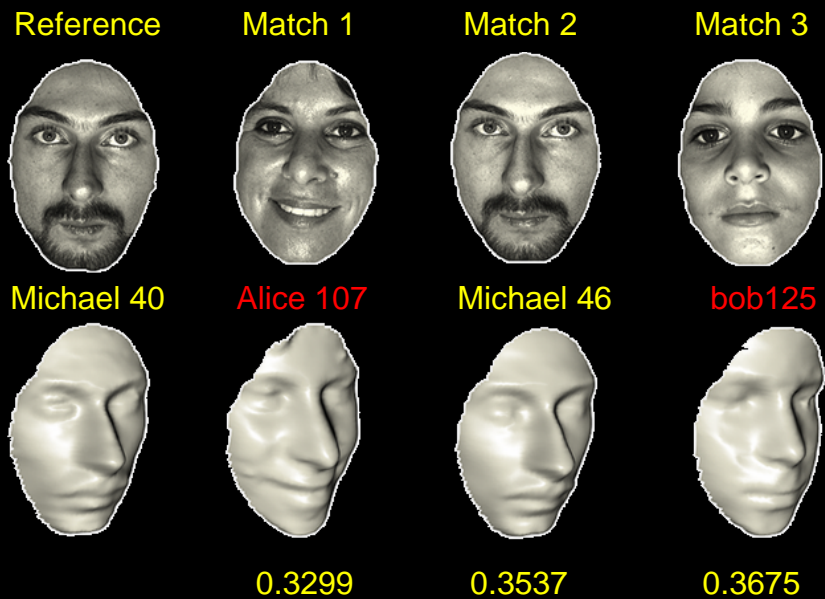


**CANONICAL  
IMAGE**

# TWINS TEST I

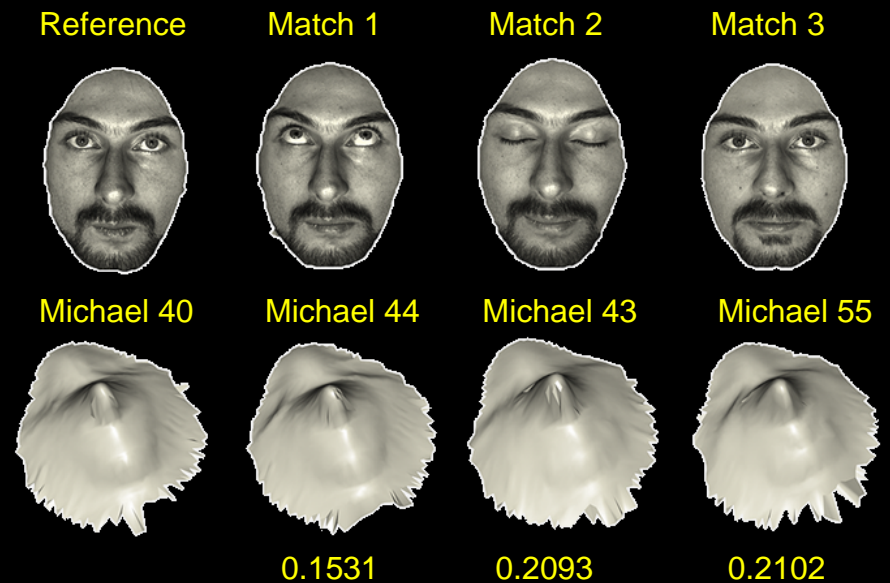
- Recognizing twins, a challenging test for face recognition.

## SURFACE MATCHING



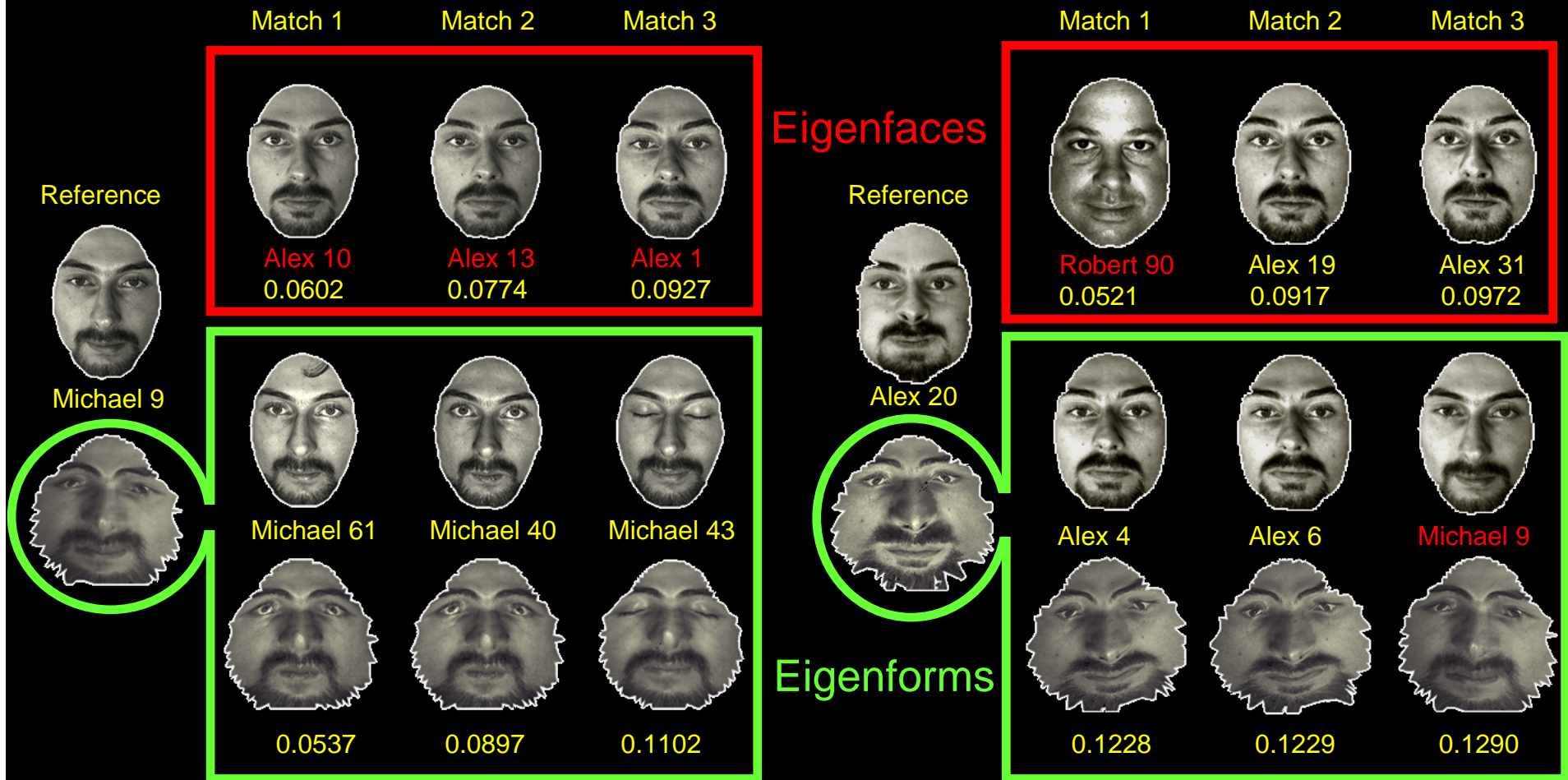
Facial surfaces as rigid objects  $\rightarrow$  inaccurate.

## CANONICAL FORM MATCHING



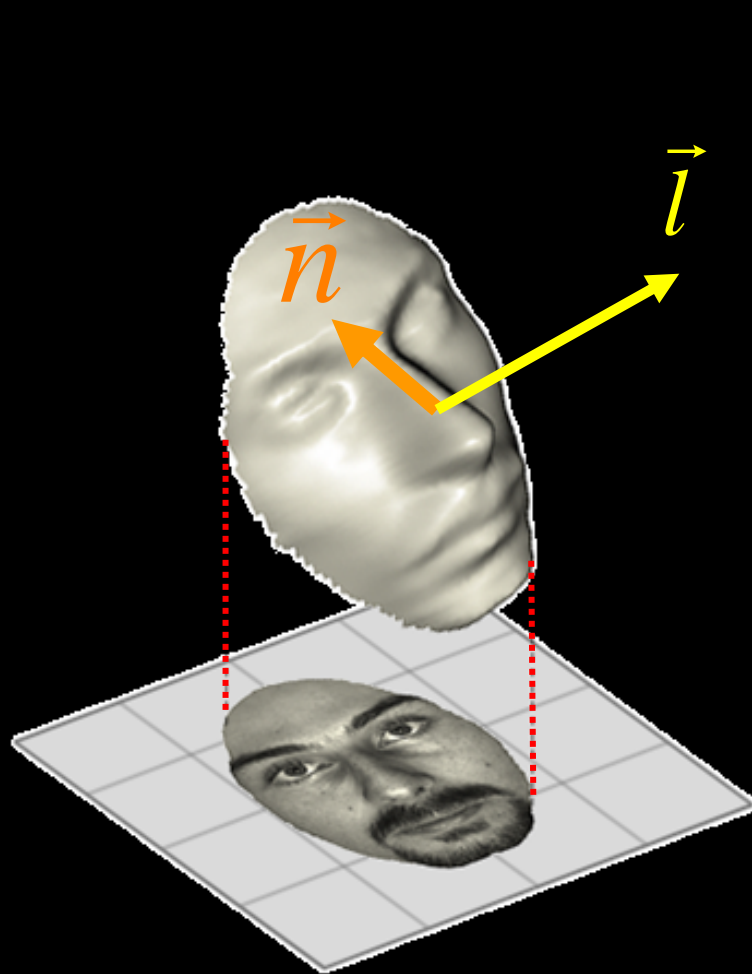
Canonical forms tell apart identical twins.

# Twins test II



# Invariance to the effects of pose on the intensity

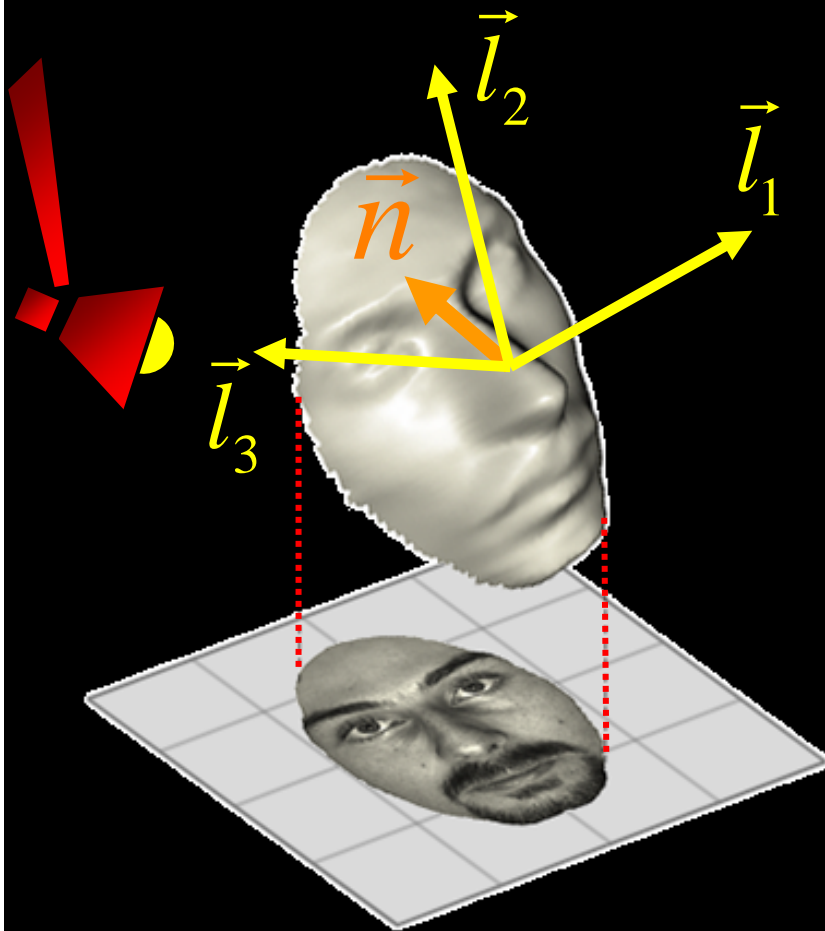
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$$I(x, y) = \rho(x, y) \langle \vec{l}, \vec{n}(x, y) \rangle$$

As the intensity, the normal (surface), and light are known, we can solve for the albedo

# Do we need the facial surface?



$$I_1(x, y) = \rho(x, y) \langle \vec{l}_1, \vec{n}(x, y) \rangle$$

$$I_2(x, y) = \rho(x, y) \langle \vec{l}_2, \vec{n}(x, y) \rangle$$

$$I_3(x, y) = \rho(x, y) \langle \vec{l}_3, \vec{n}(x, y) \rangle$$

Photometric Stereo:

- Compute the normal from 3 images:  
same camera different light sources.
- The normal is enough for all computations.
- No need to integrate the surface  
using Poisson solvers.

# In the news

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## Twins crack face recognition puzzle

Monday, March 10, 2003 Posted: 9:51 AM EST (1451 GMT)

HAIFA, Israel (Reuters) -- For a fleeting moment, Mohamed Atta appeared on an airport security camera minutes before he boarded one of the planes which crashed into the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.



Was there any way the camera or its operator would have been able to identify Atta as a suspect before he hijacked and flew the first of two planes into the twin towers?

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Israelis Michael and Alex Bronstein think they have the answer.

The computer whiz-kids -- 22-year-old identical twins almost impossible to tell apart -- have applied a new technology to recognizing faces in a way that may yet revolutionize international security.

"I said it to them as a joke: if you succeed in building a system that can distinguish between the two of you, you'll get (a grade of) 100," said the twins' professor, Ron Kimmel of the Technion Institute in Haifa.

"They succeeded and got 100. They are brilliant."

The technology scans and maps the human face as a three-dimensional surface, providing a far more accurate reference for identifying a person than current systems, most of which rely on two-dimensional images, Kimmel said.

The product can potentially meet a wide range of security needs in a world shaken by the September 11 attacks and a series of bombings blamed on Osama Bin Laden's al Qaeda network, of which Atta was a suspected member.

Kimmel and one of his former pupils, Assi Elad, had already developed the algorithms used as building-blocks for the face-recognition system. The Bronstein twins constructed a 3-D scanner, together with engineer Eyal Gordon

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### המהדורה המודפסת << מוסף הארץ

## מציאו את ההבדלים

לפתח מערכת זיהוי פנים שיכולה להבדיל אפילו בין שניהם

בטכניון הם נחשבים לתופעת טבע. "האחים ברונסטיין" שמה. תאומים זהים לחלוטין, אלכס (הבכור) ומיכאל, בני 22, בעלי מניירות דומות להפליא, שמתעניינים באותם תחומים, לומדים באותה פקולטה (הנדסת חשמל), לוקחים אותם הקורסים ומסיימים באותו ממוצע ציונים, מקסימום בהפרש סטודנט.

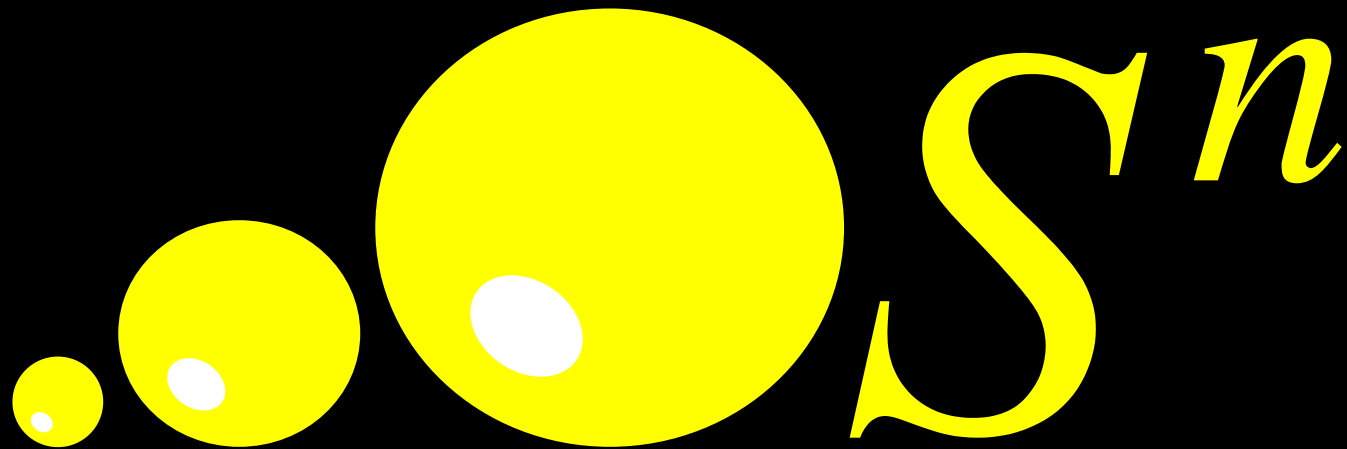
בטכניון מספר שבמסדרונות המוסד קשה להתעלם מהם: שני ילדים טובים שמתלבשים אותו הדבר - אפודות סרוגות, עניבות, סוודרים - צועדים בעליצות עם תיק הג'יימס בונד, באותה יד כמובן. תוך שהם משכיבים אחד את השני מצחוק.

באחרונה, בהנחיית פרופ' רון קימל מהפקולטה למדעי המחשב, הצליחו השנייה ממדינת, שמשוגלת להבחין אפילו בין שני תאומים בחוגי הפיתוח המדעי על מערכת כחידו שמשמסן את המערכת של הברונסטיינים כחידו הקיימות מבוססות ברובן על צילום דו ממדי תלות בתנאי תאורה ובשינויים בתנוחת הראש והבעות הפנים. המערכת של הברונסטיינים פותרת את רוב הקשיים של המערכות הקיימות ומבטיחה לספק דיוק מרבי ותגובה מיידית, ובעלות נמוכה. בעולם של אחרי 11 בספטמבר עשוי המוצע שלהם להיות הדבר הבא בתחום האבטחה של המערכת של הברונסטיינים הוא לציבור סופר של

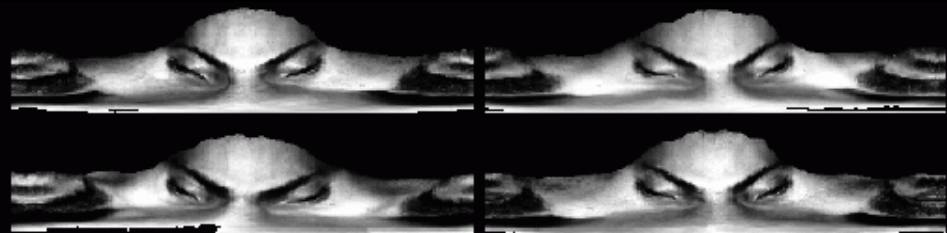
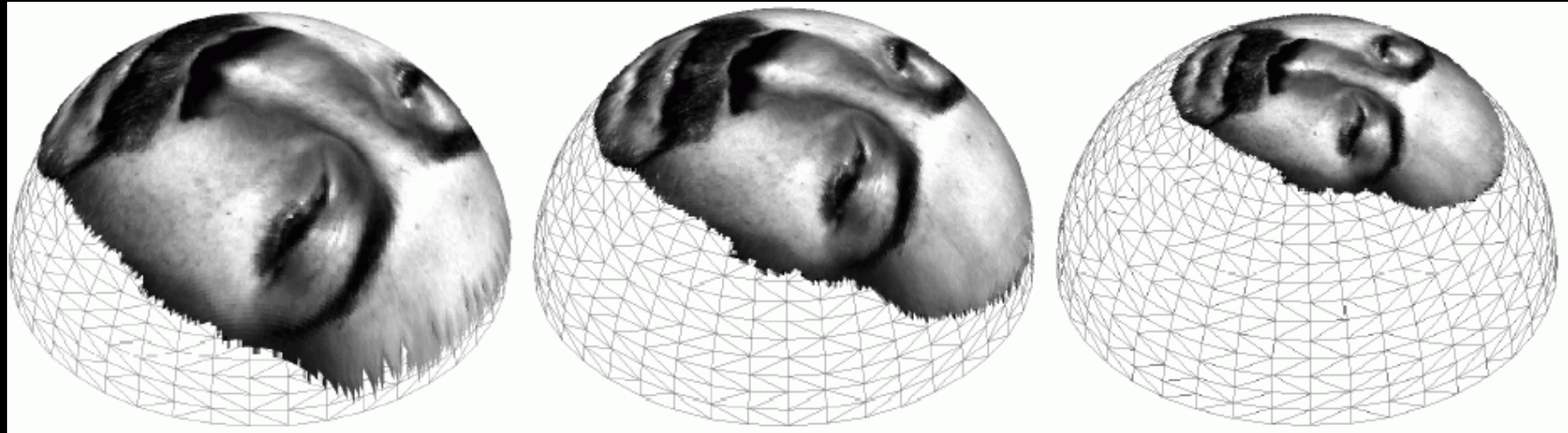
## Why flat embedding?

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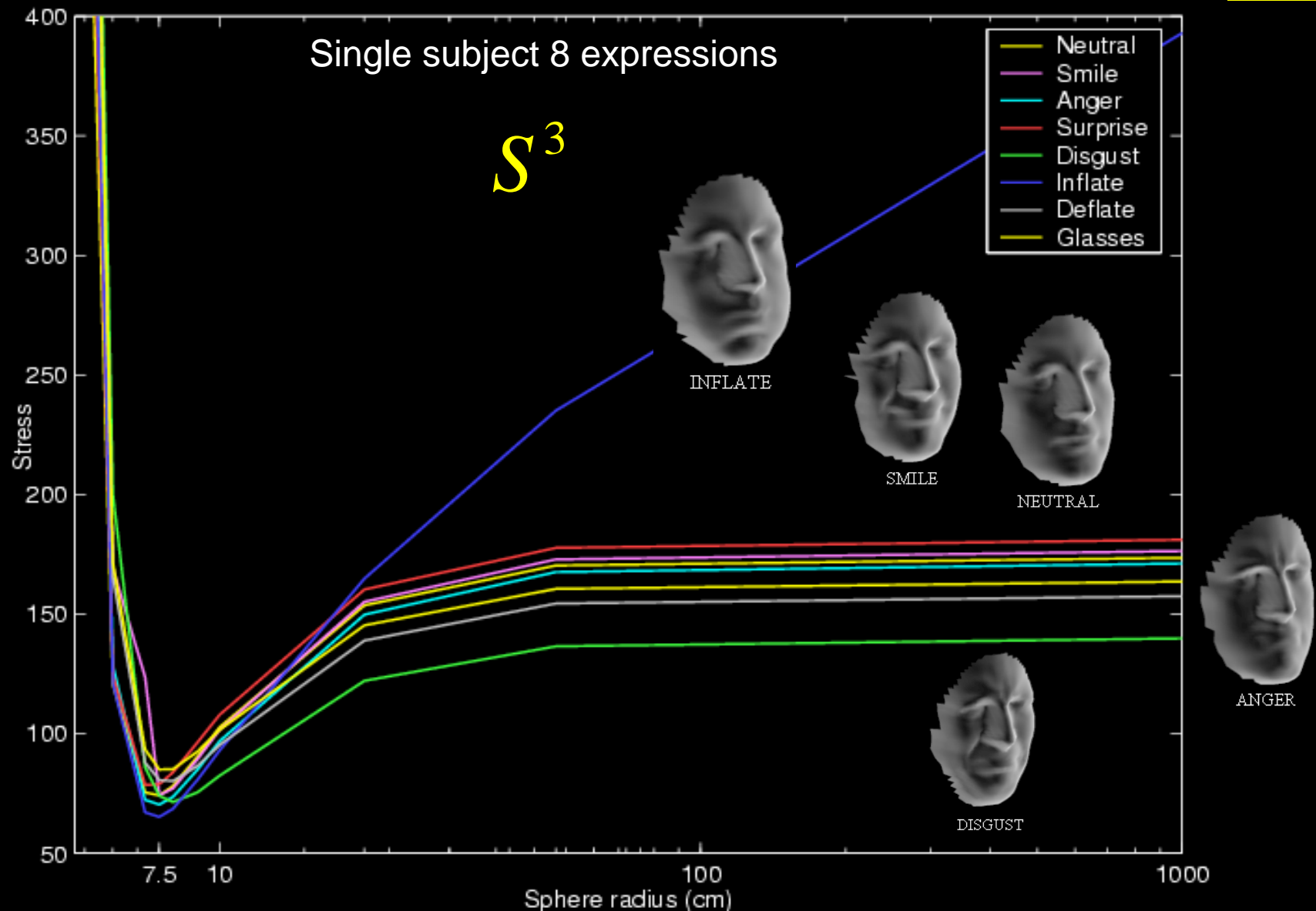
- ◆ Is there another space that better captures the face intrinsic geometry yet still provides the convenient comparison property of a flat embedding space?



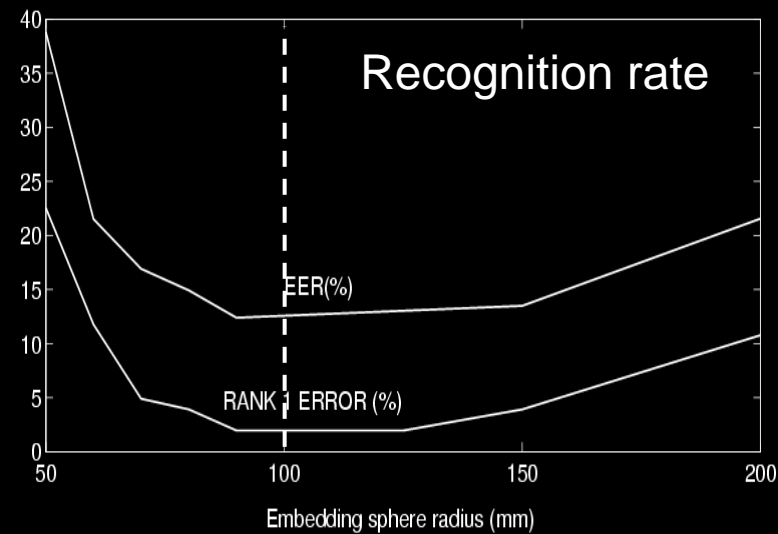
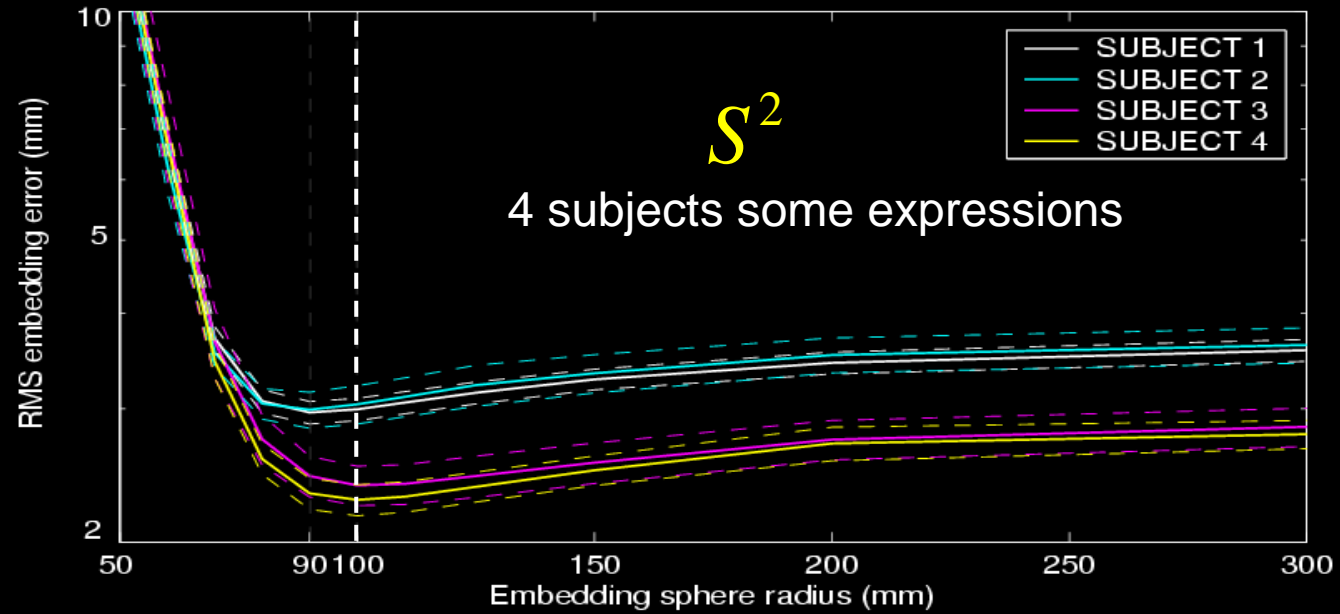
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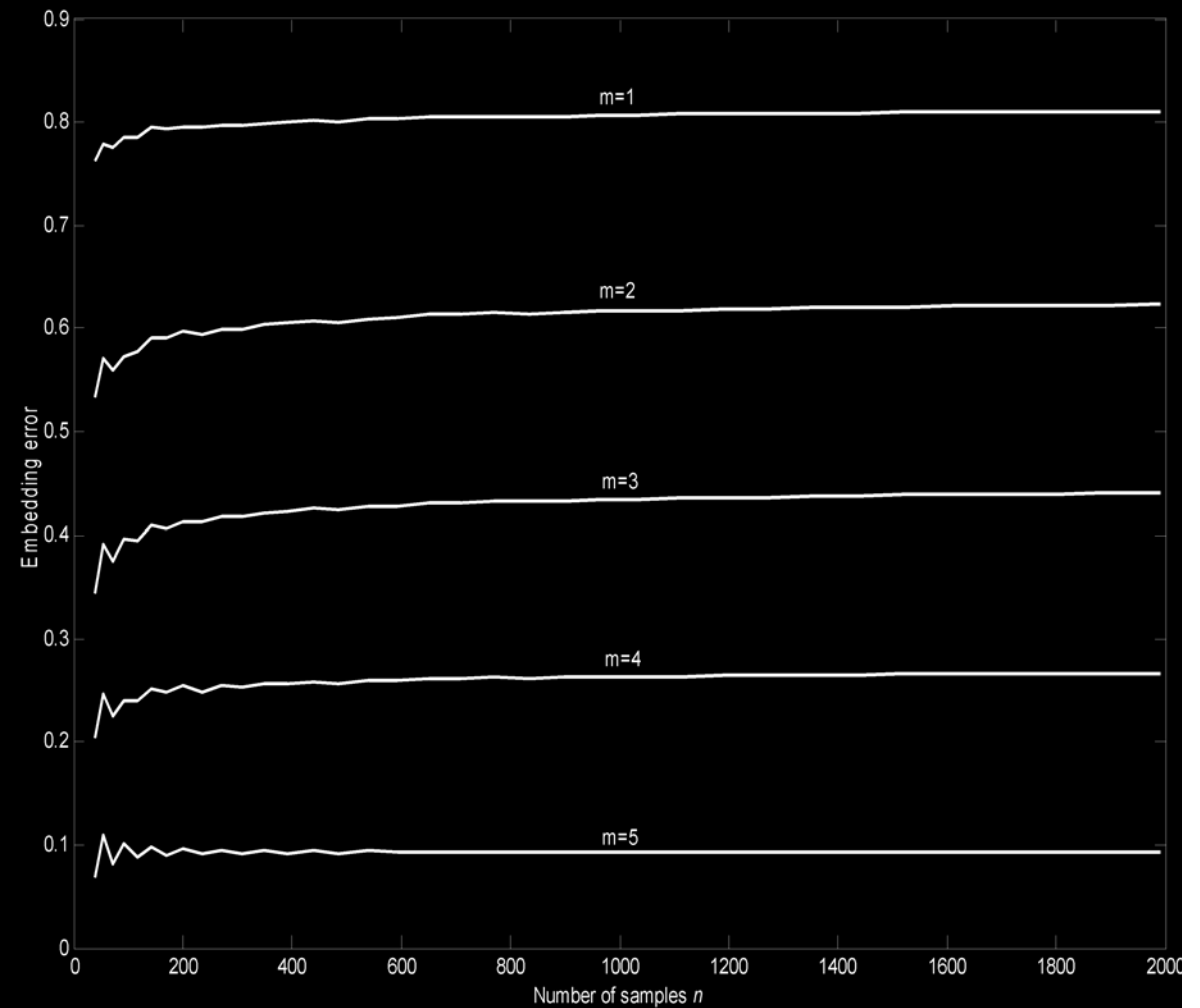
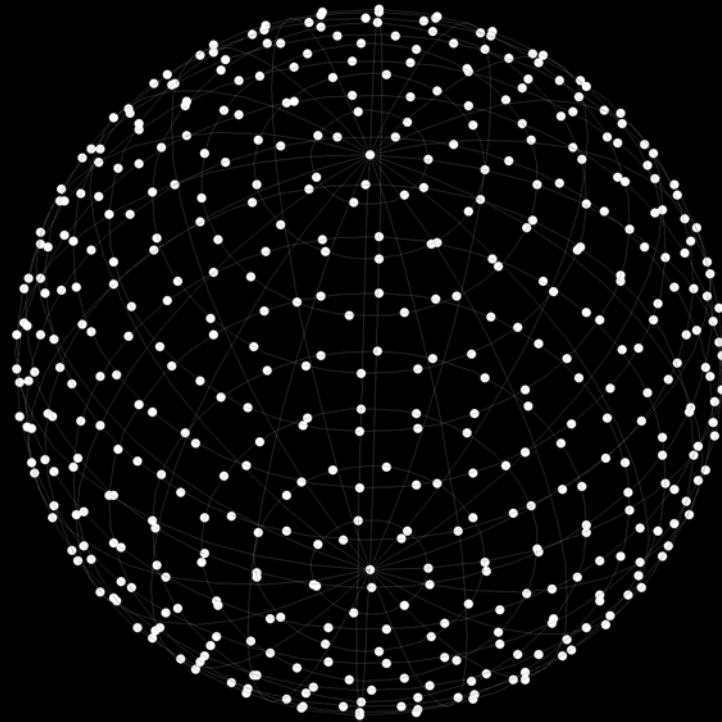
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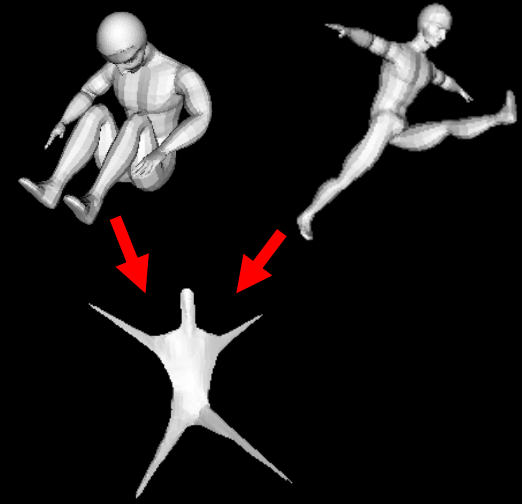


# FLAT EMBEDDING SAMPLED SURFACES



Embedding a sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Asymptotic behavior with number of samples: embedding error decreases as embedding dimension  $m$  grows.

## Flat embedding?



Beyond Bourgain theorem (1985):

For  $n$  points metric space there is a flat embedding with distortion  $O(\log n)$

- ◆ Does a smooth surface has a flat embedding with bounded distortion error?

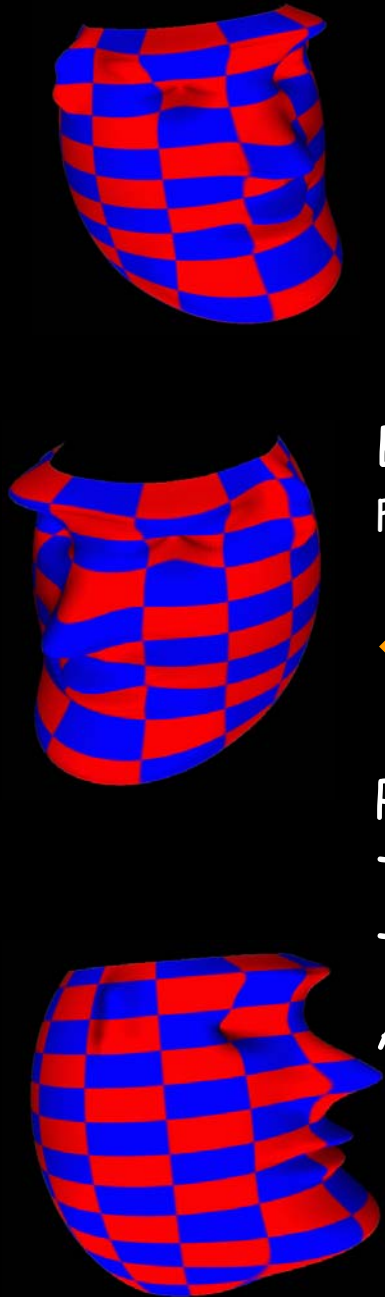
Partial answers:

Tight bound for 1D curves (spectral distortion)

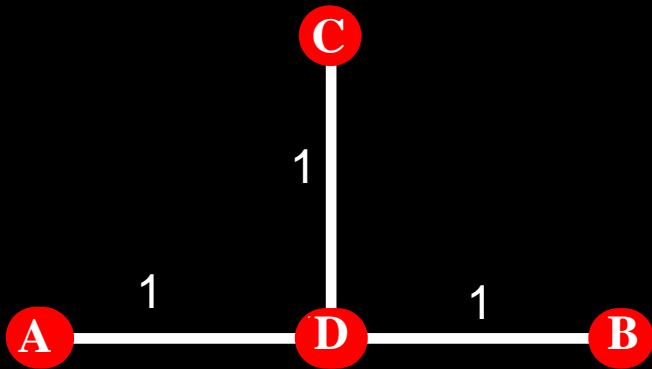
Tight numerical bound for spheres (spectral distortion)

And numerical evidence for faces.

Next goal: A sampling theorem  
for isometric surfaces



# Embedding arbitrary metric spaces in flat domains

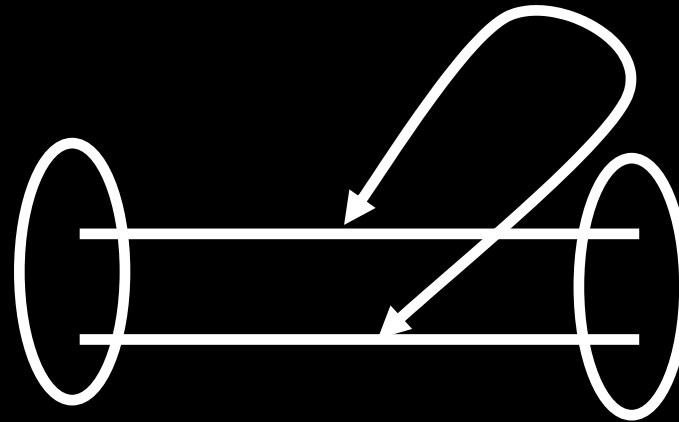
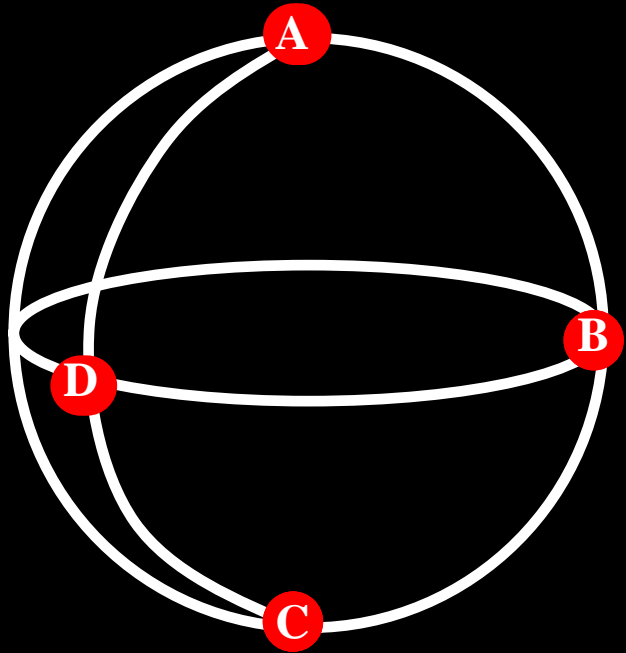


	A	B	C	D
A	0	2	2	1
B	2	0	2	1
C	2	2	0	1
D	1	1	1	1



# Embedding arbitrary metric spaces in flat domains

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## Future directions:

- Better models
- Better numerical methods
- Better coding
- Better hardware
- Better analysis of the  
large scale problem

# NUMERICAL GEOMETRY OF IMAGES

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A close-up, high-contrast image of a human face, focusing on the eyes and nose. The image is rendered in a dark, monochromatic blue-green color scheme. The text "3D FACE" is overlaid in the center, rendered in a metallic, 3D font with a slight shadow and a bright highlight on the top edge of the letters. The background is a blurred, close-up of a face, with the eyes and nose visible. The overall effect is futuristic and technological.

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