

Estimating affine-invariant structures on triangle meshes

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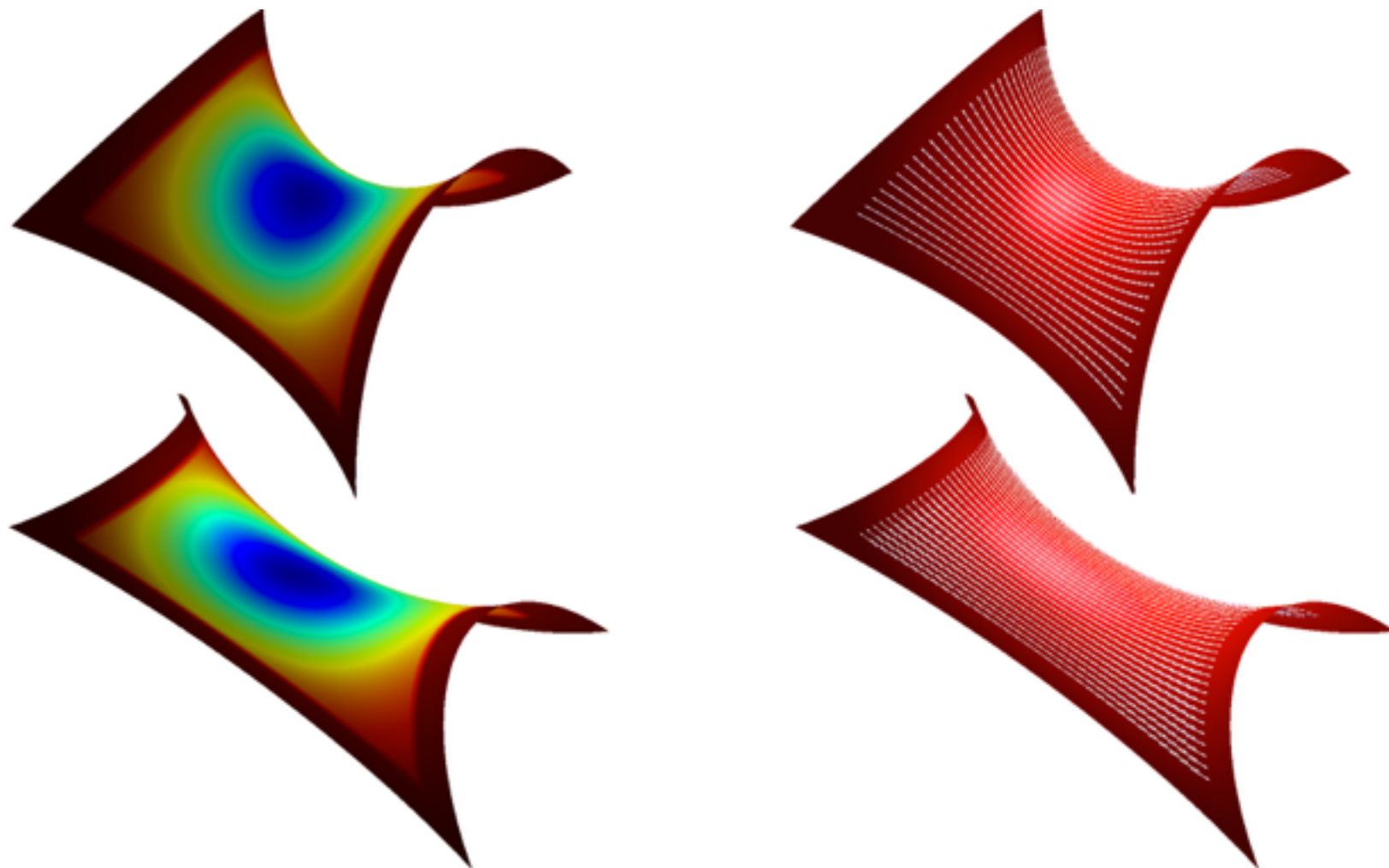
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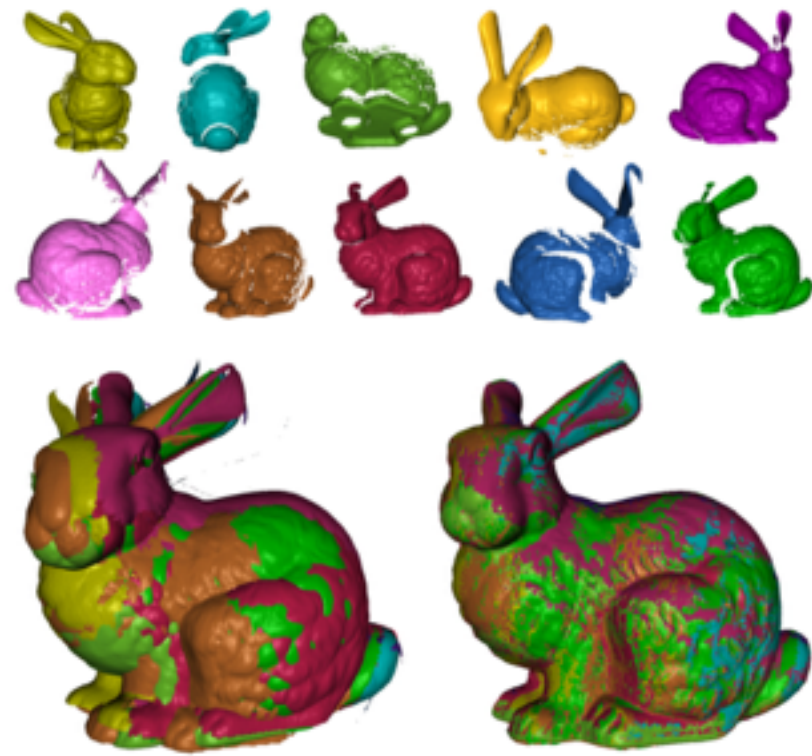
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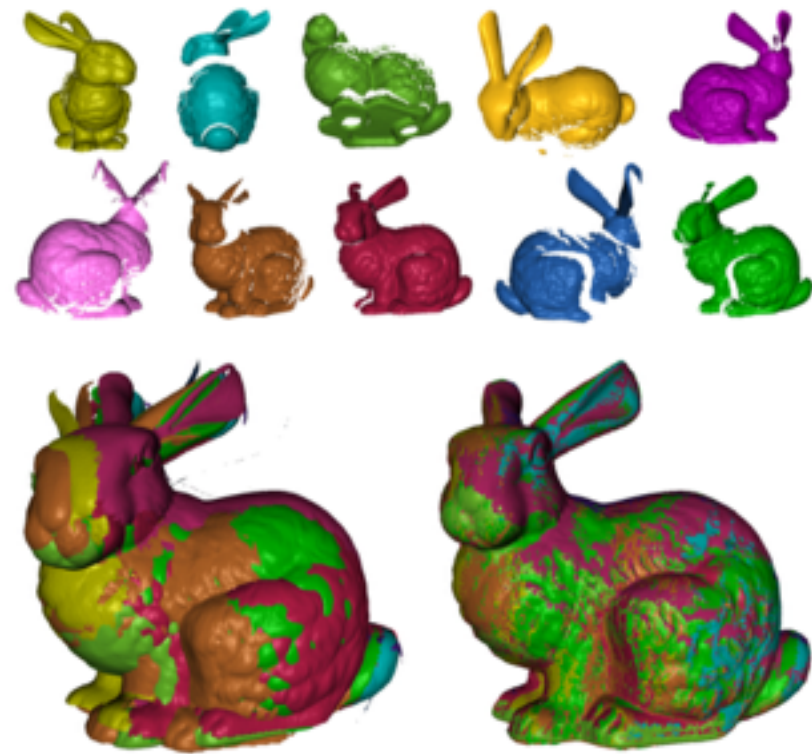
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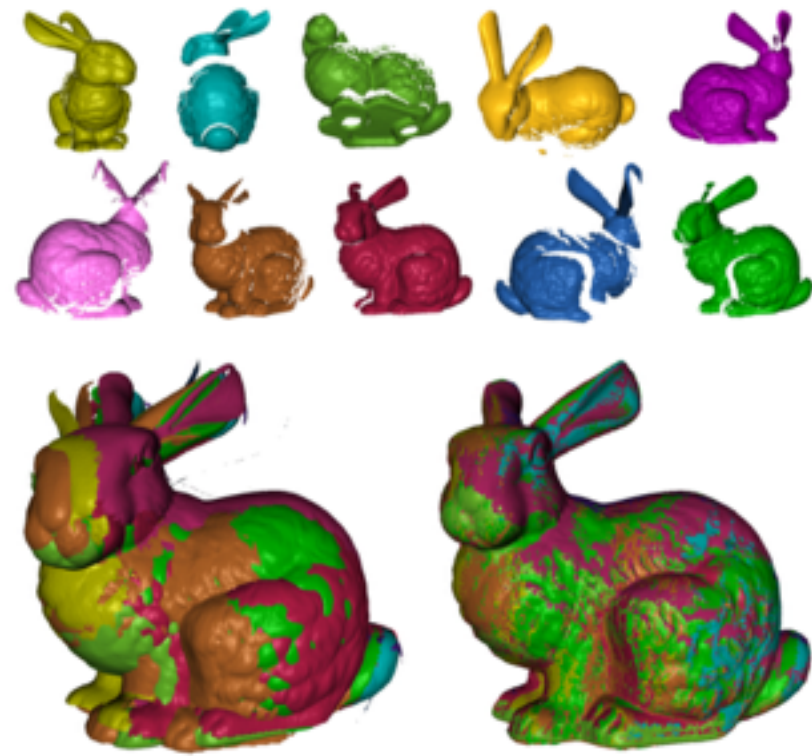
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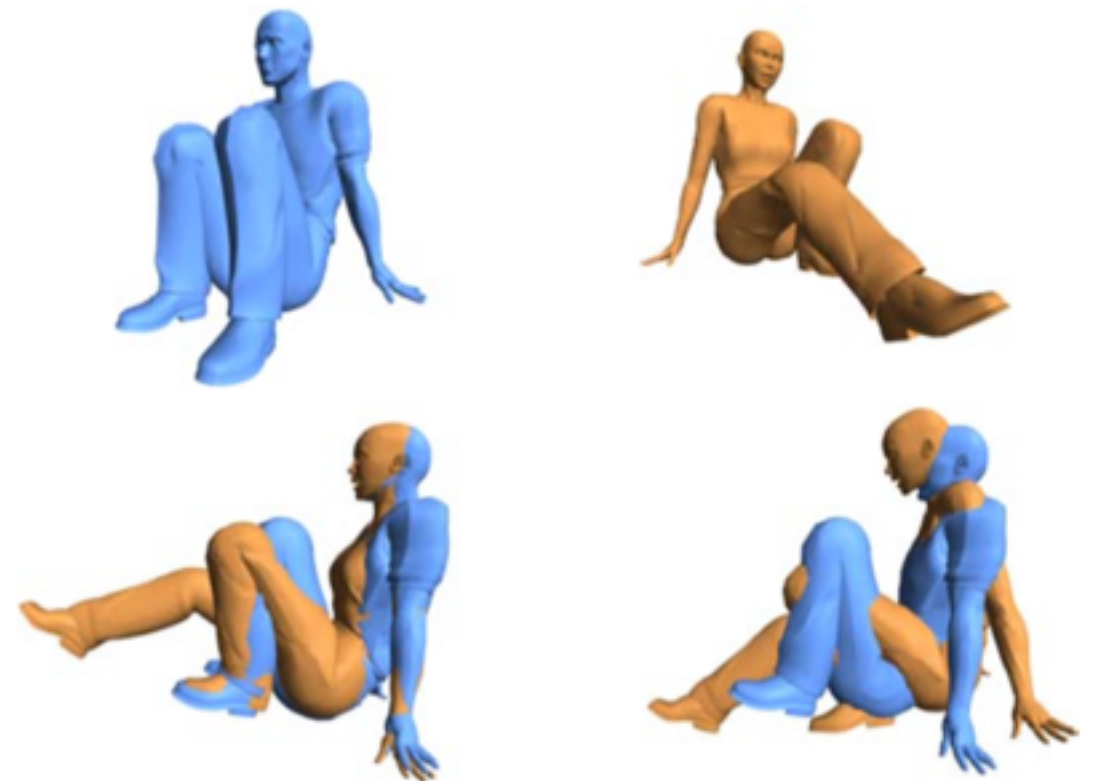


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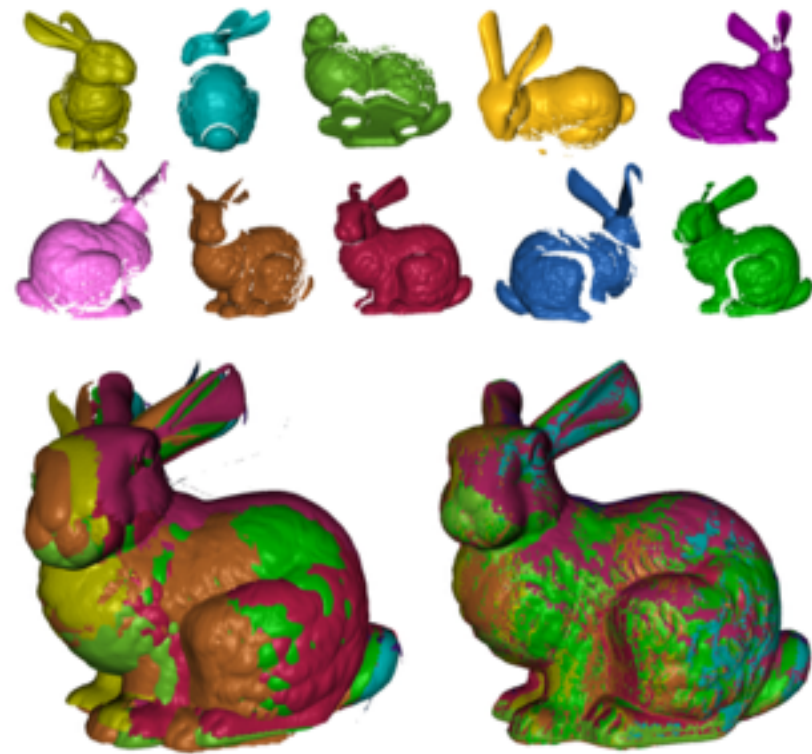
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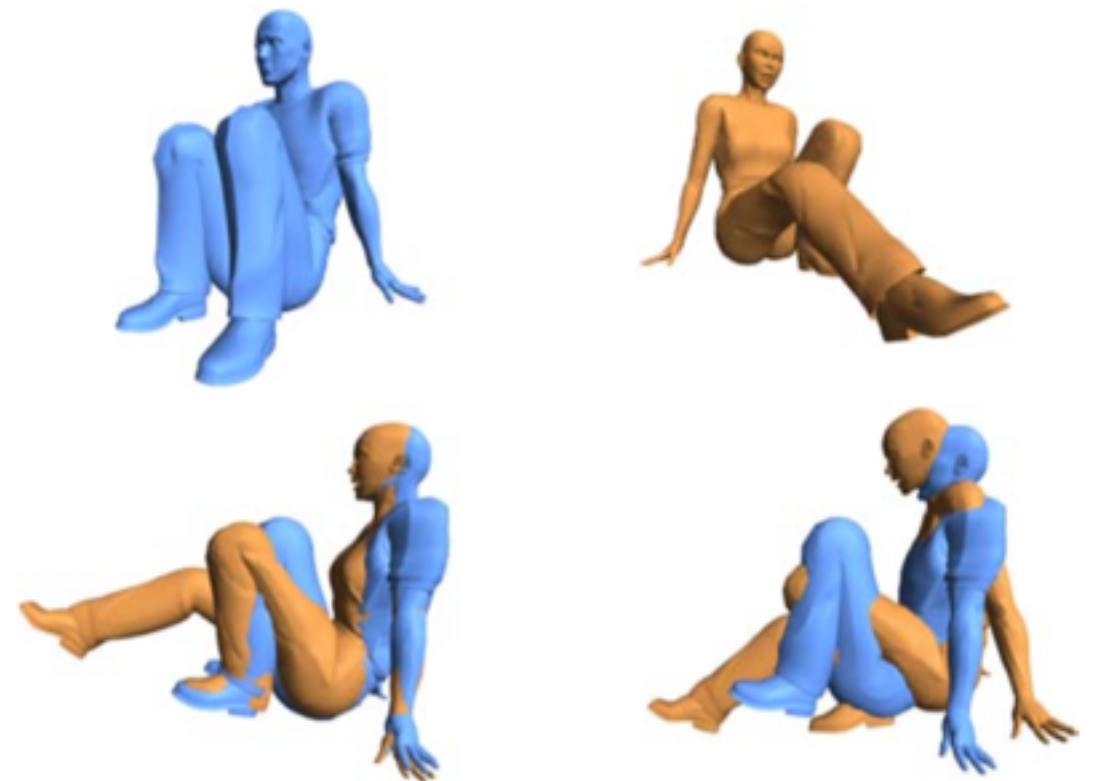
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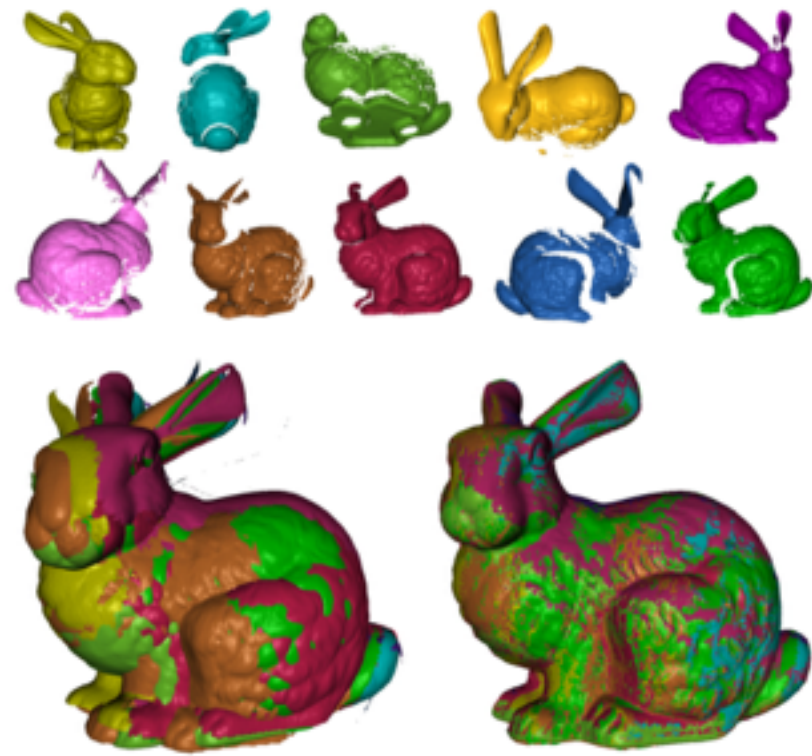
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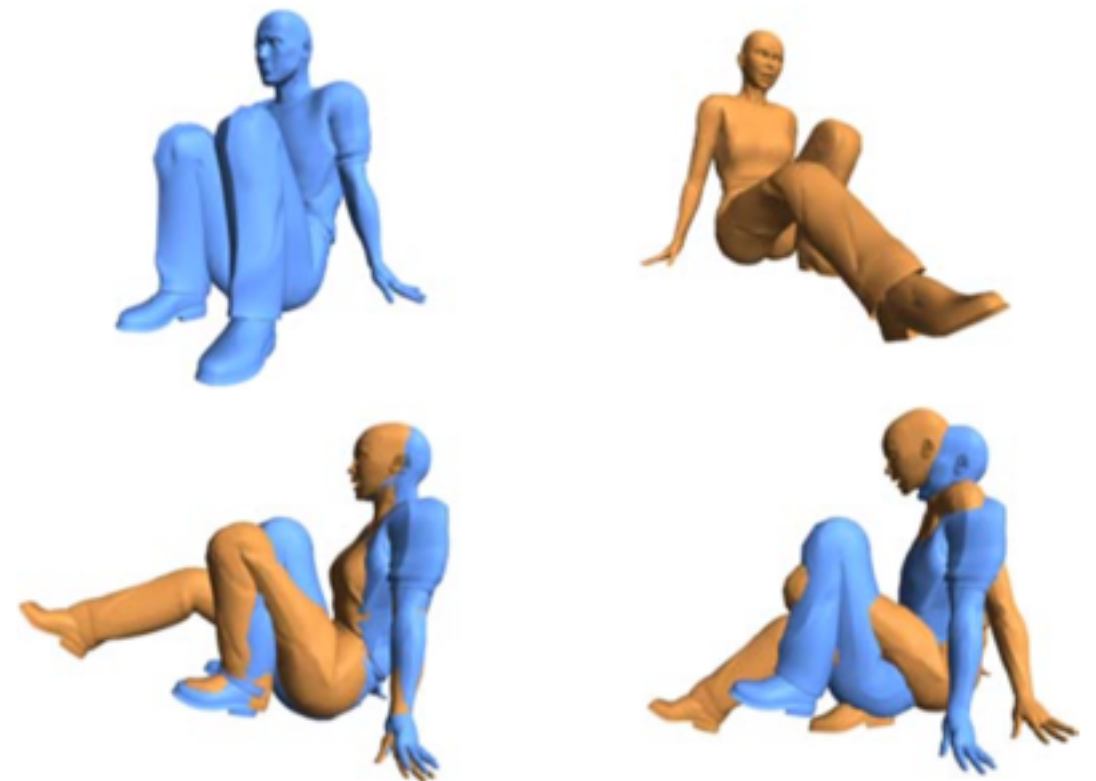
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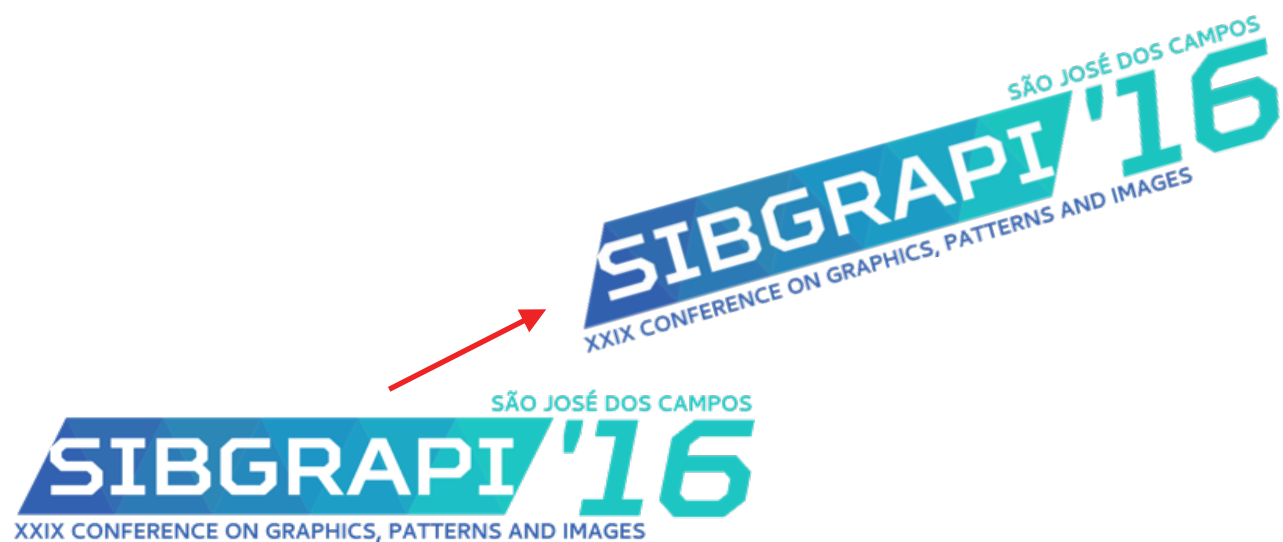
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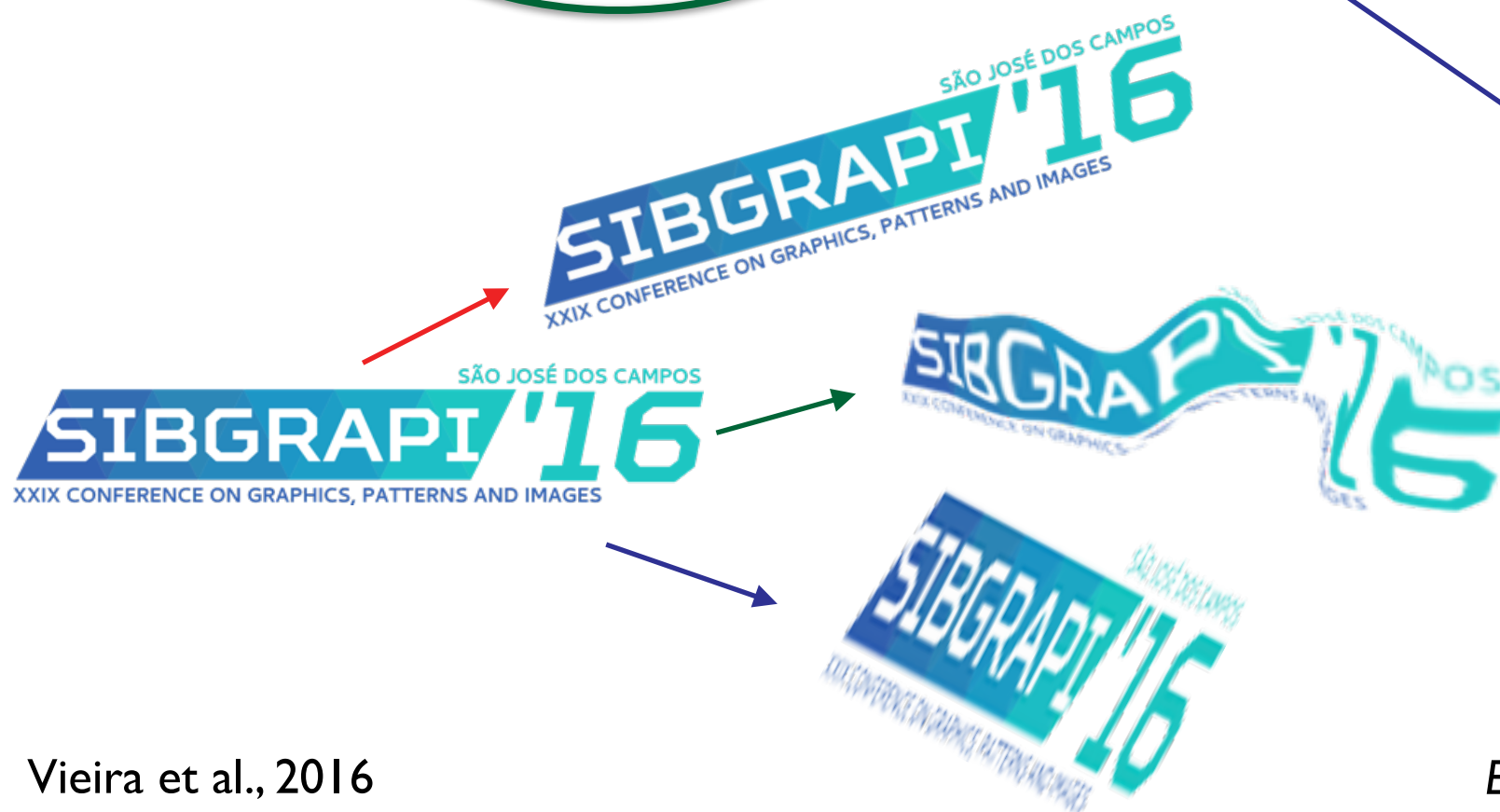
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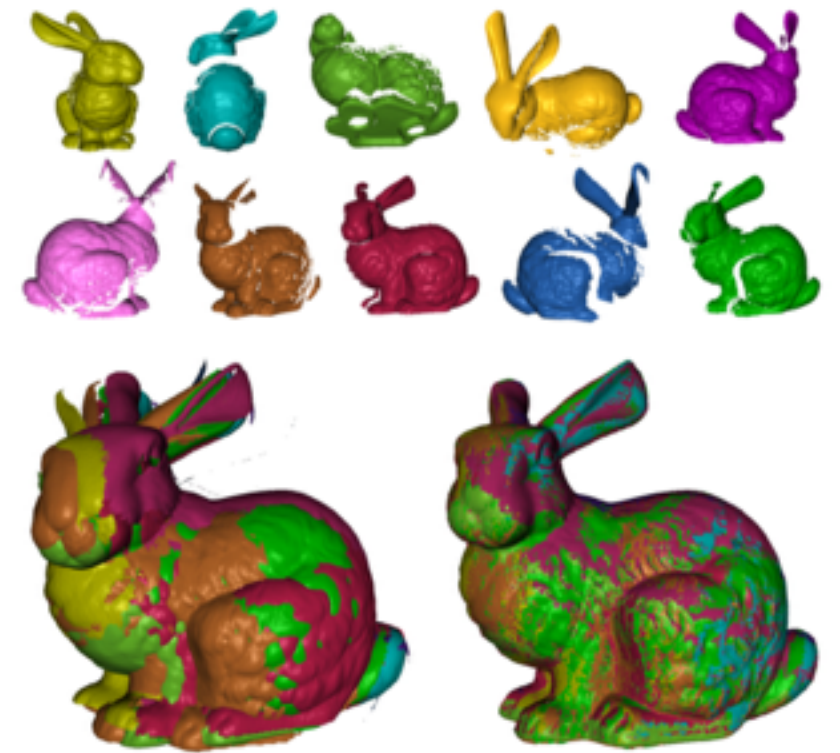
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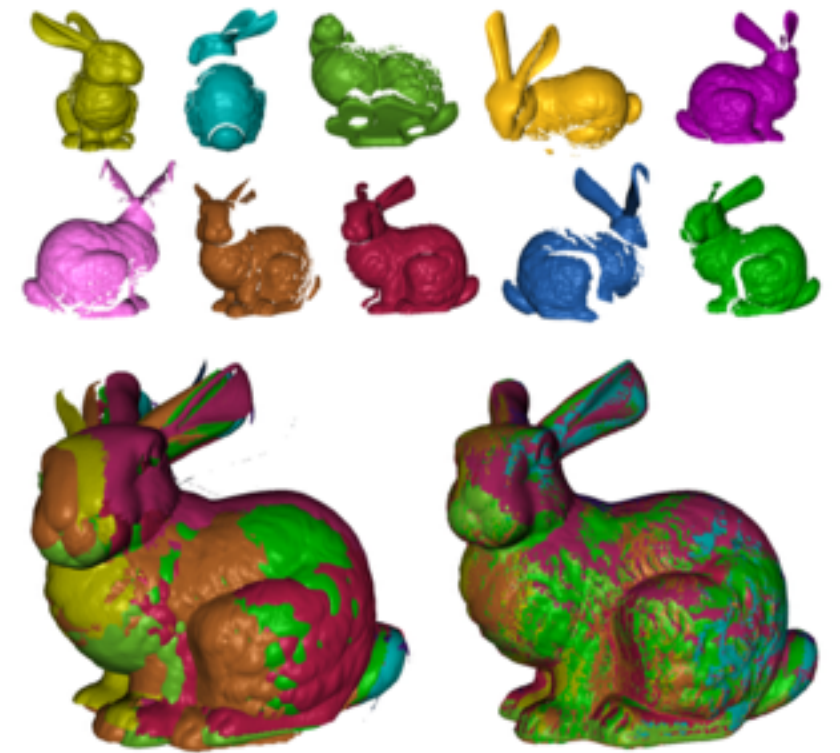


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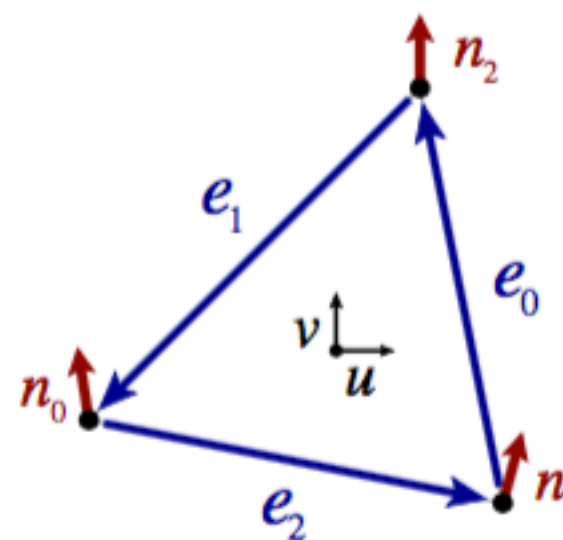
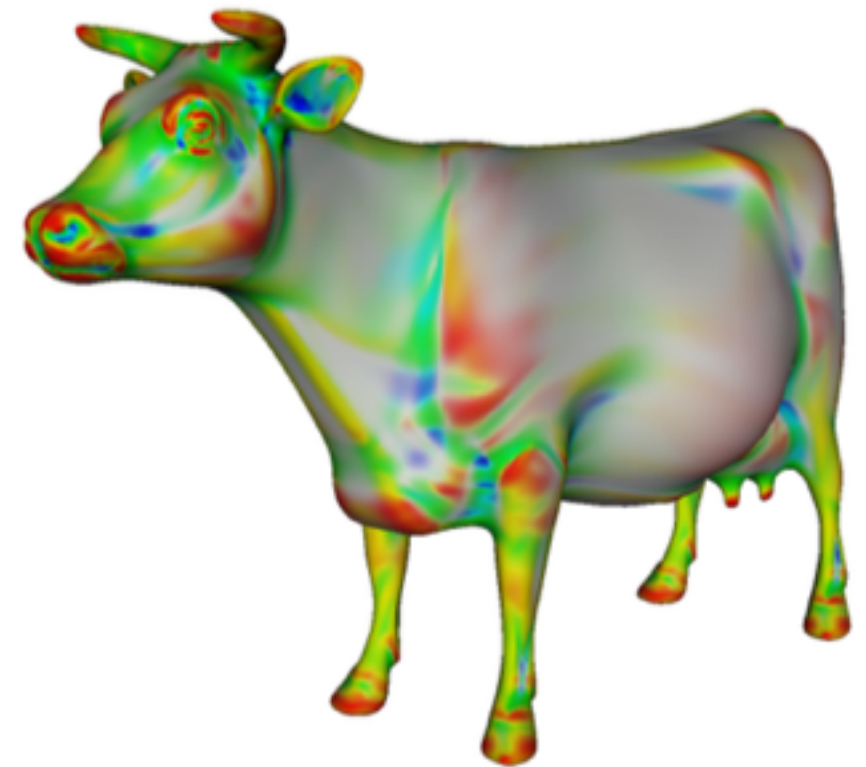
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Related Euclidean Work

Estimating the curvature tensor
from normal vectors

Taubin (1995)

Rusinkiewicz (2003)



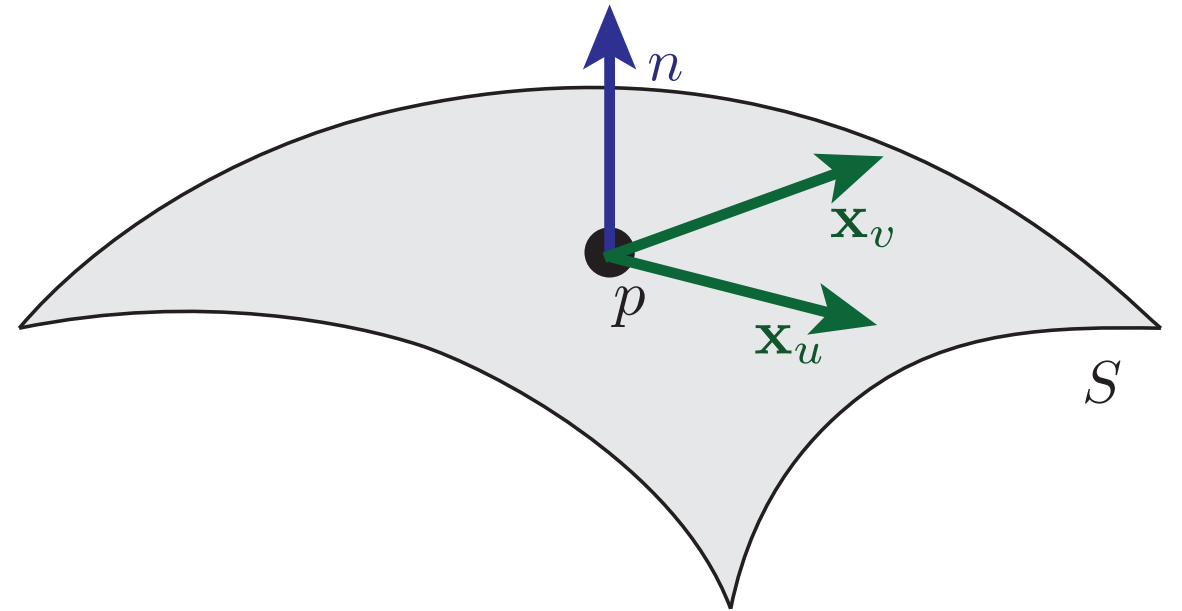
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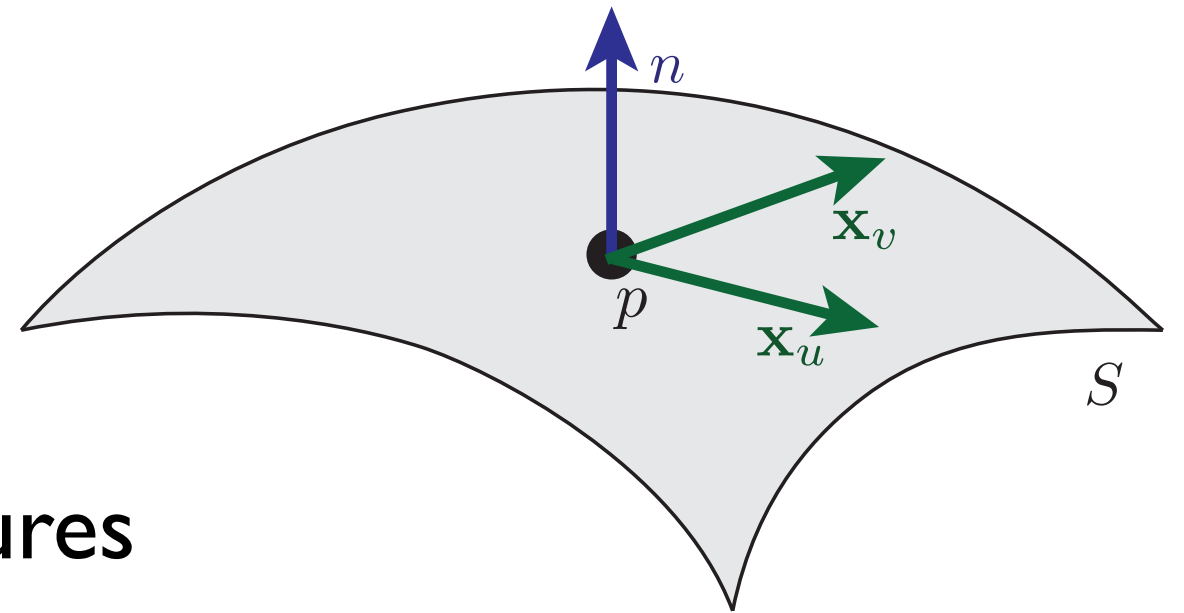


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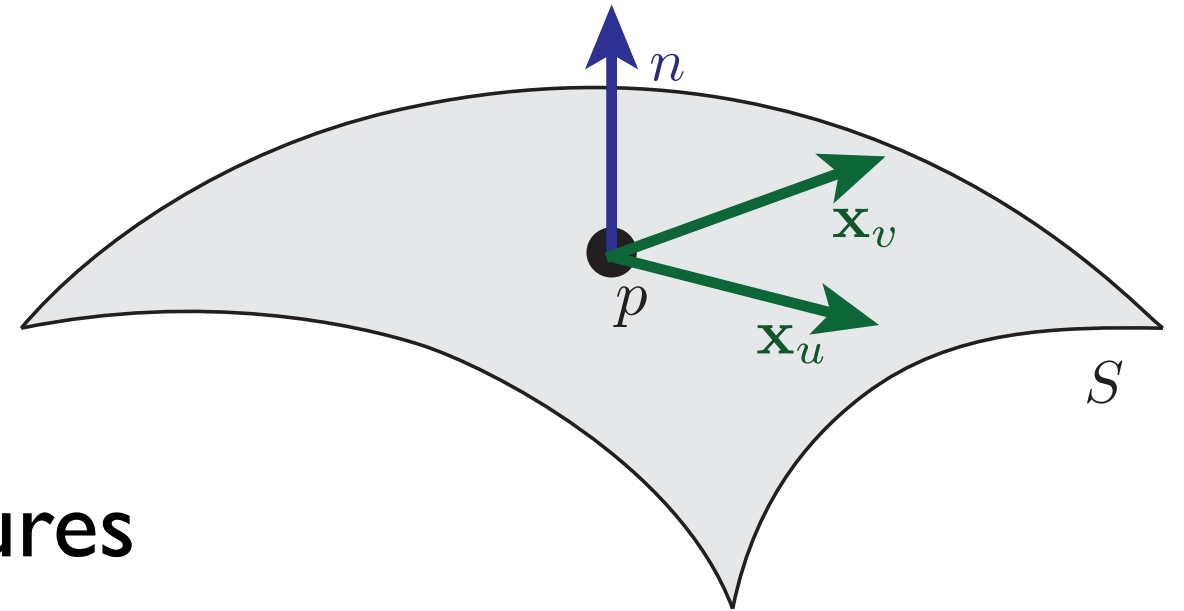
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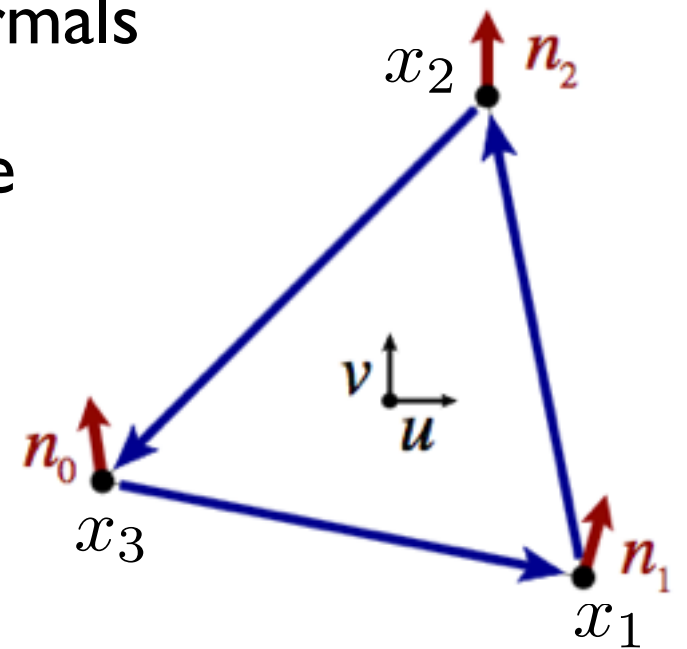
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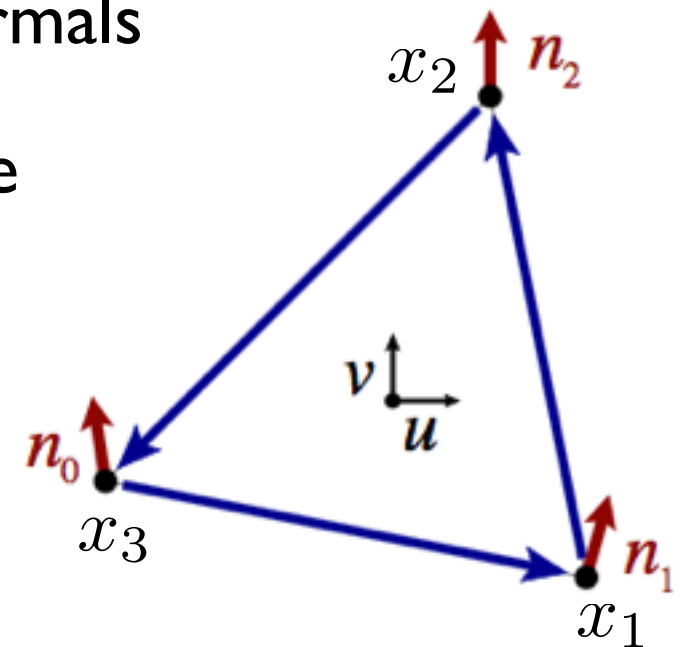
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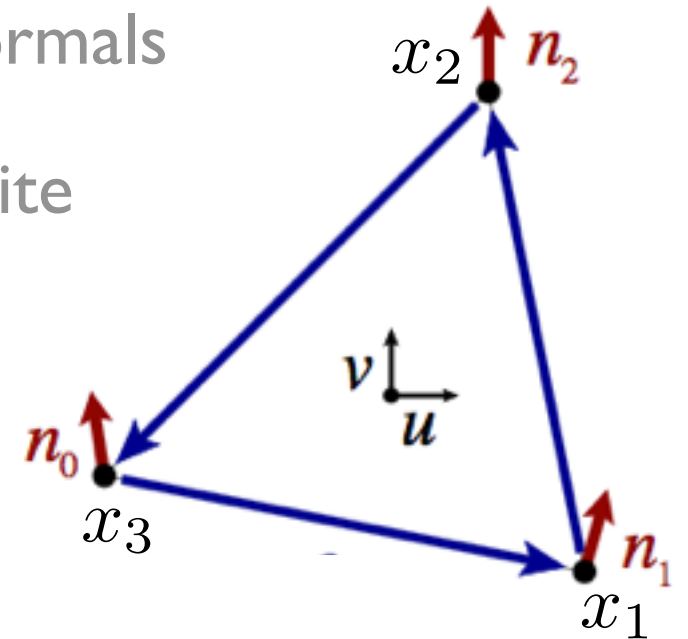


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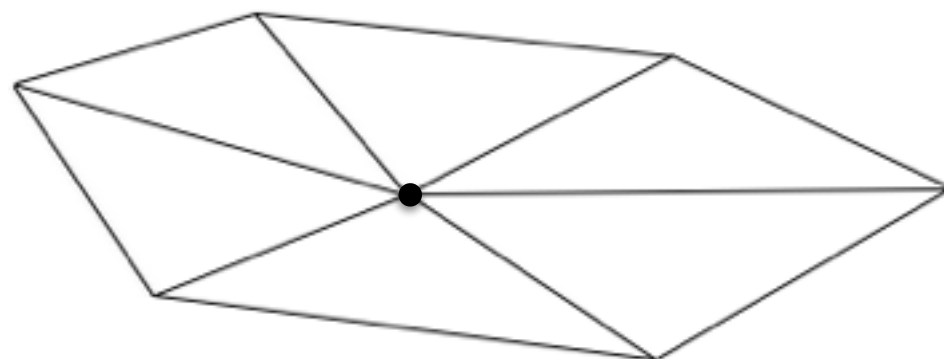
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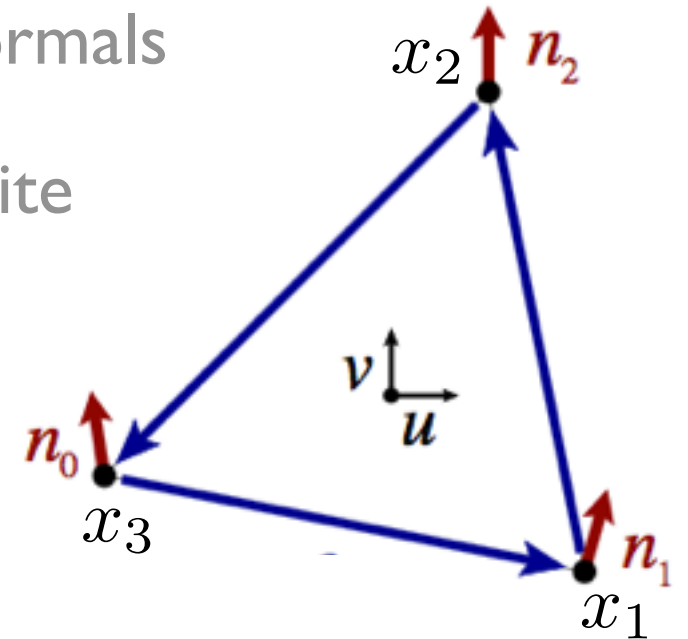


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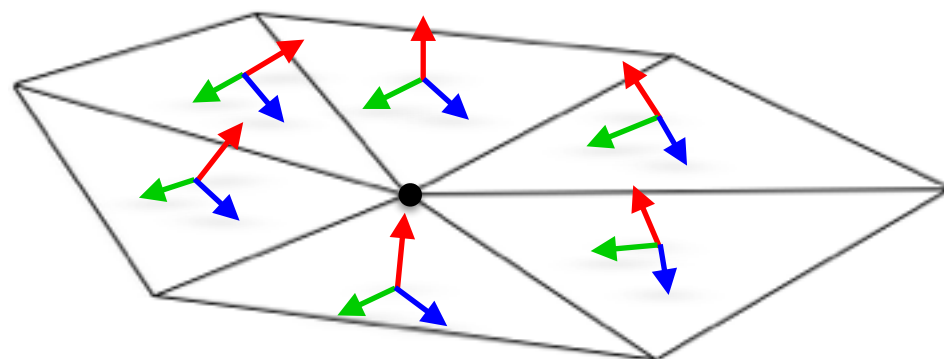
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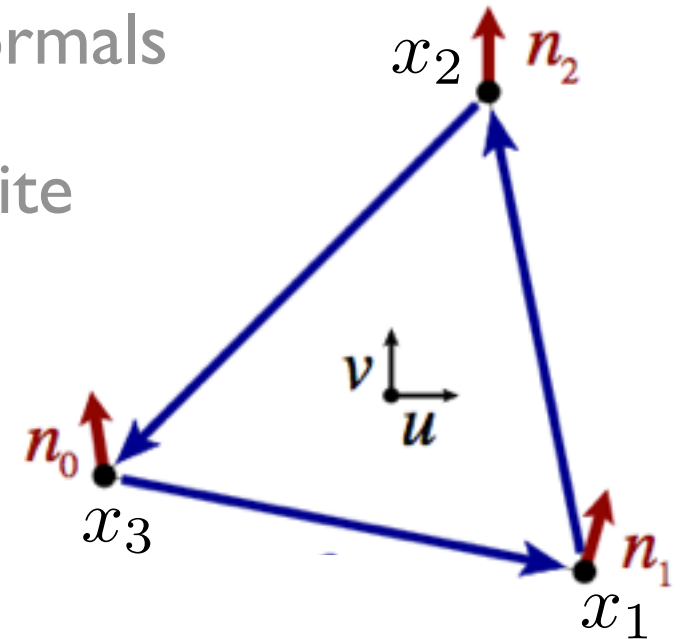


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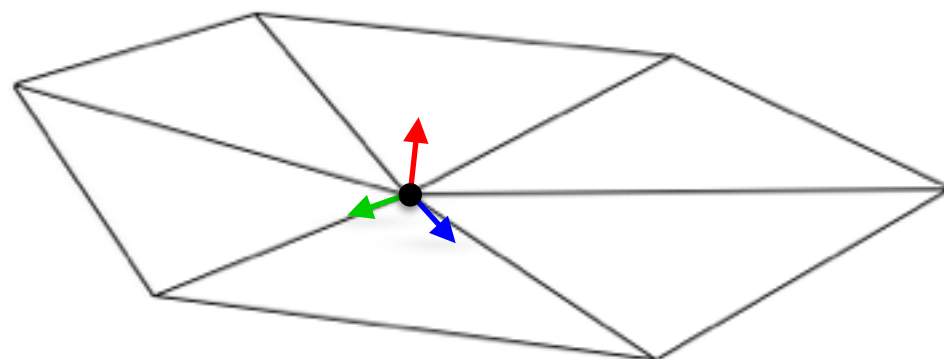
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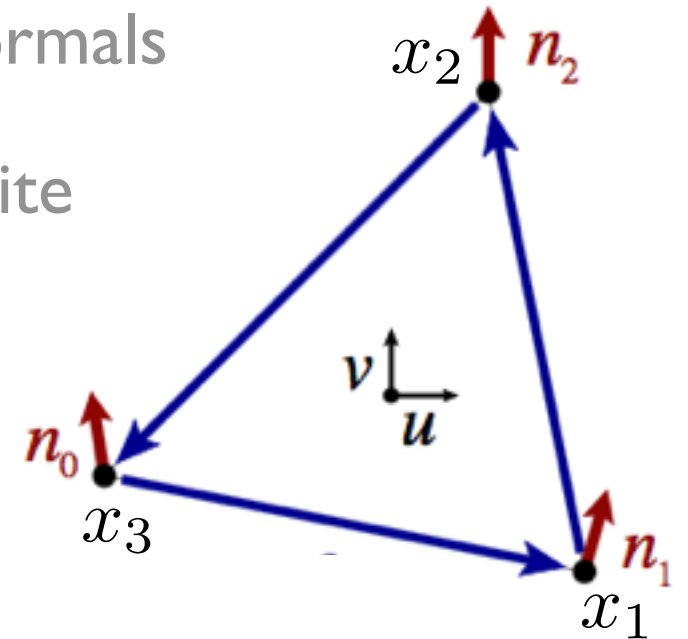


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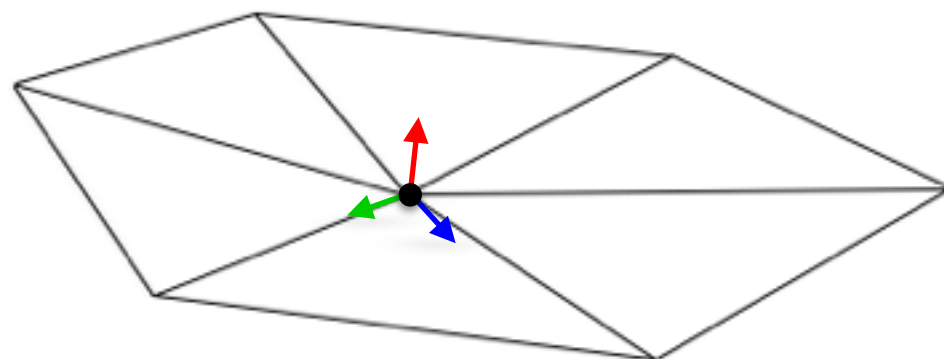
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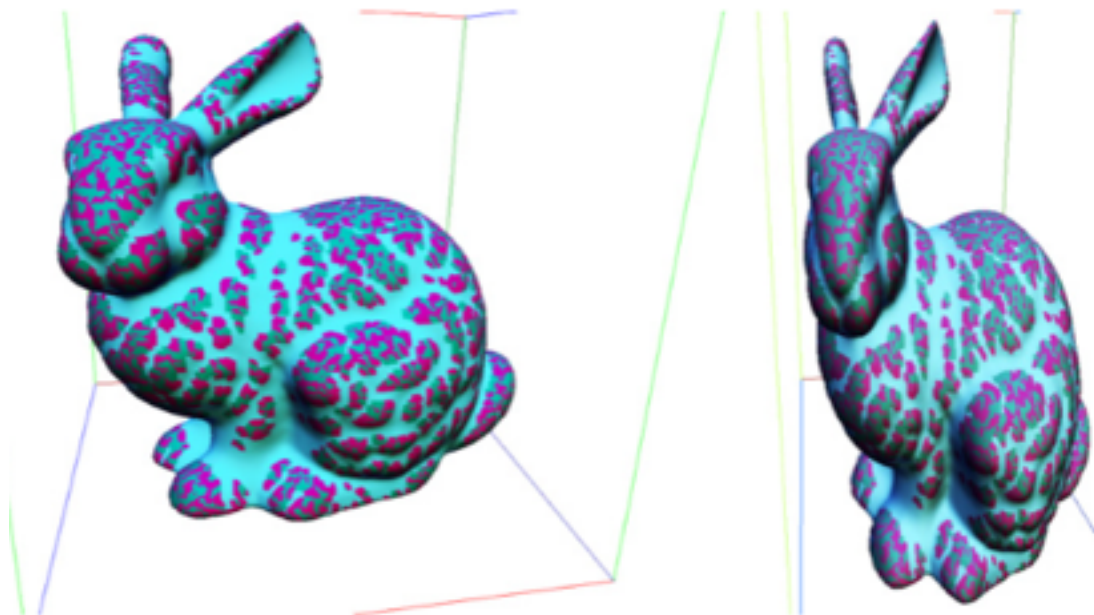


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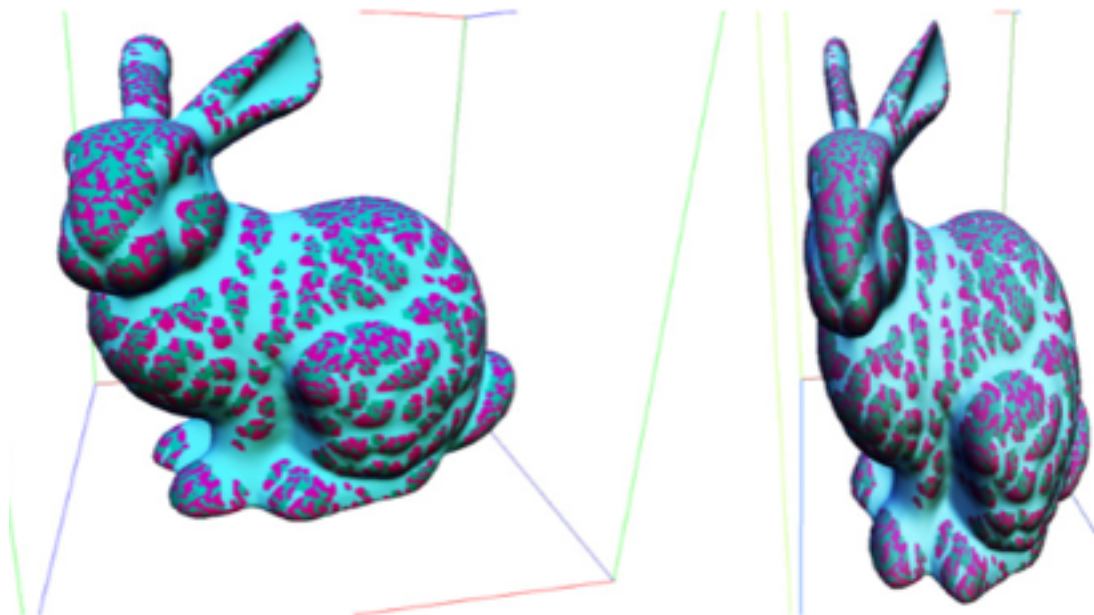


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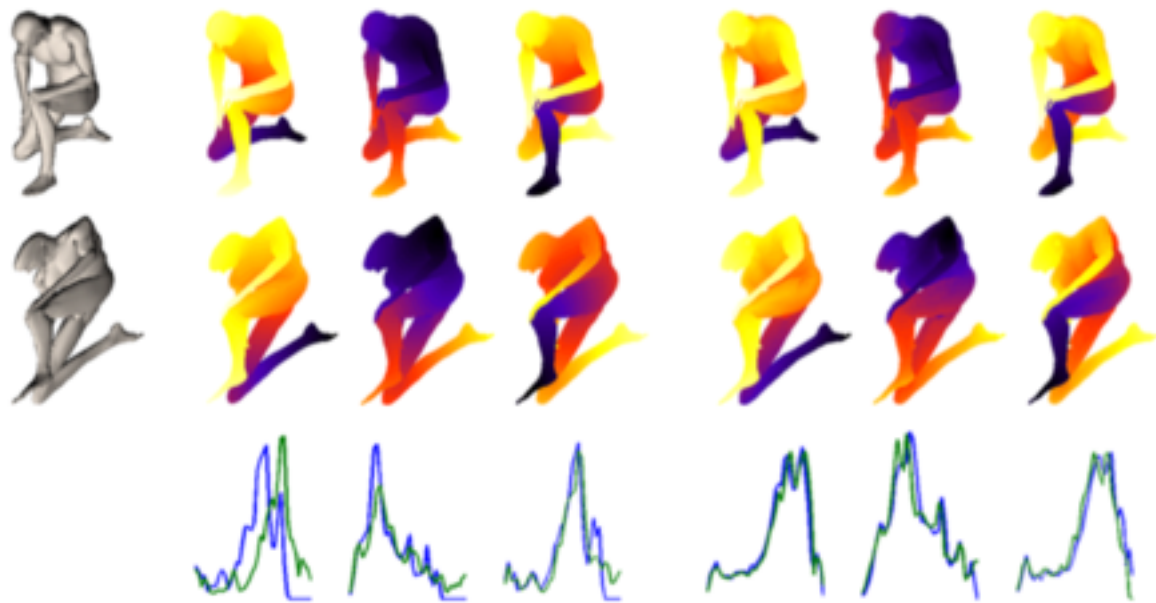
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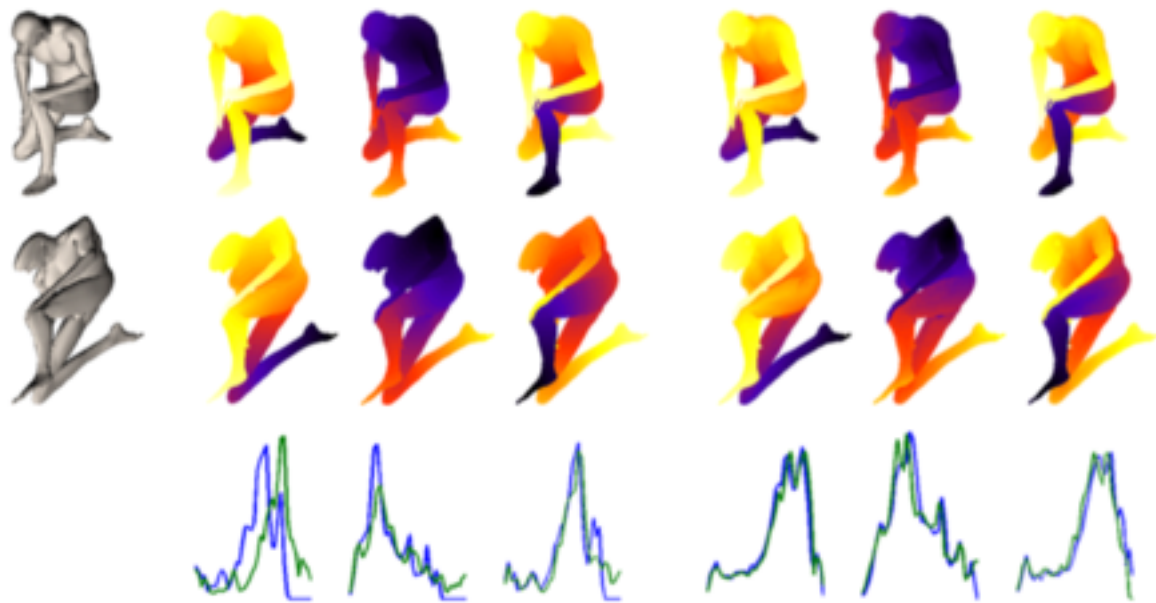
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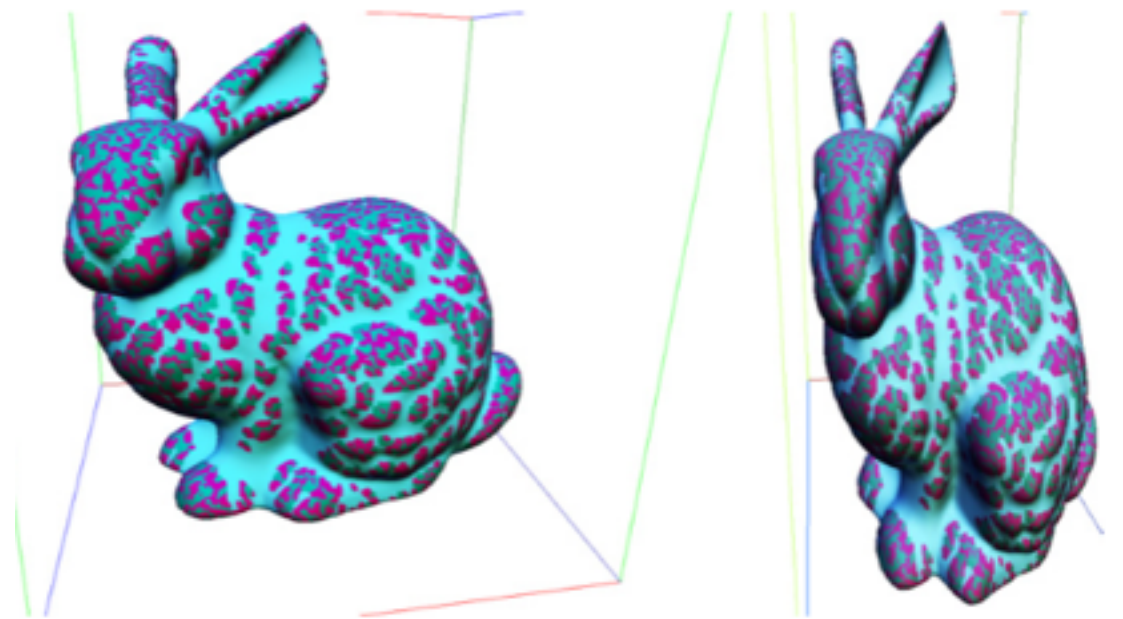
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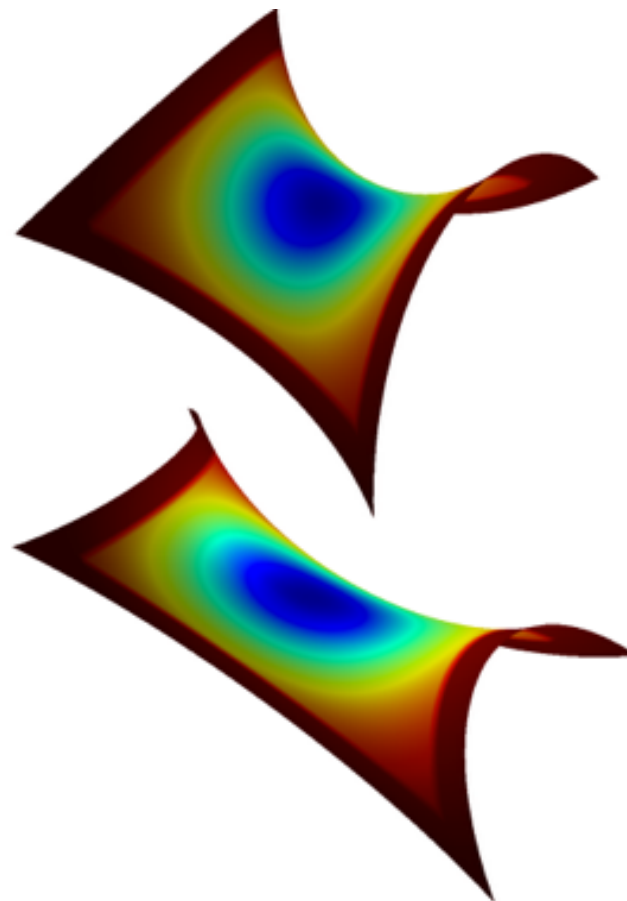
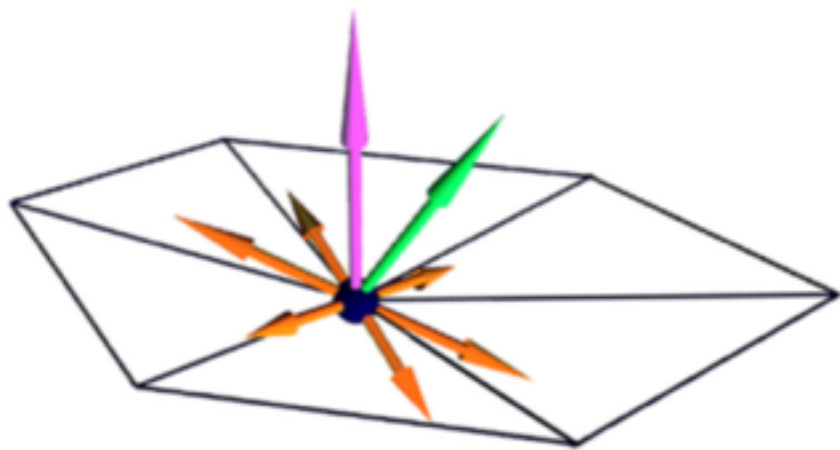


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Contributions

Estimators for equi-affine differential structures on triangle meshes:

- ✓ Discrete affine normal vector
- ✓ Affine curvature tensor
- ✓ Affine Gaussian and mean curvatures
- ✓ Affine principal directions and curvatures



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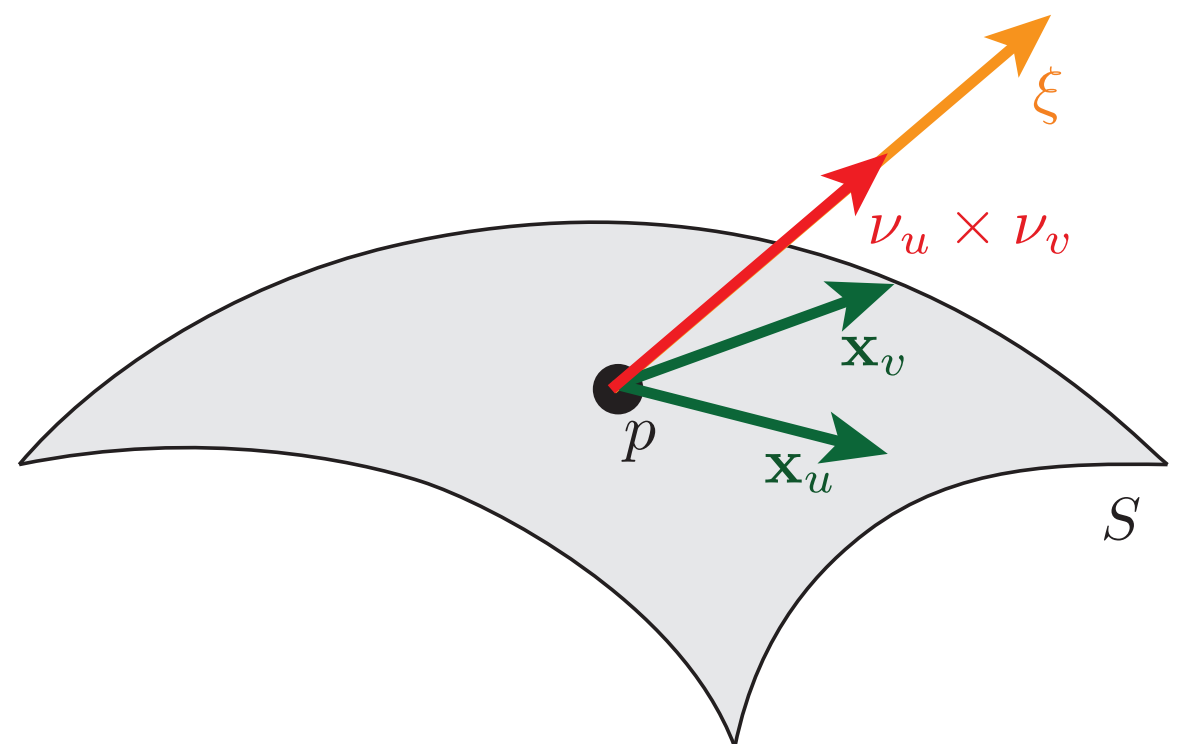
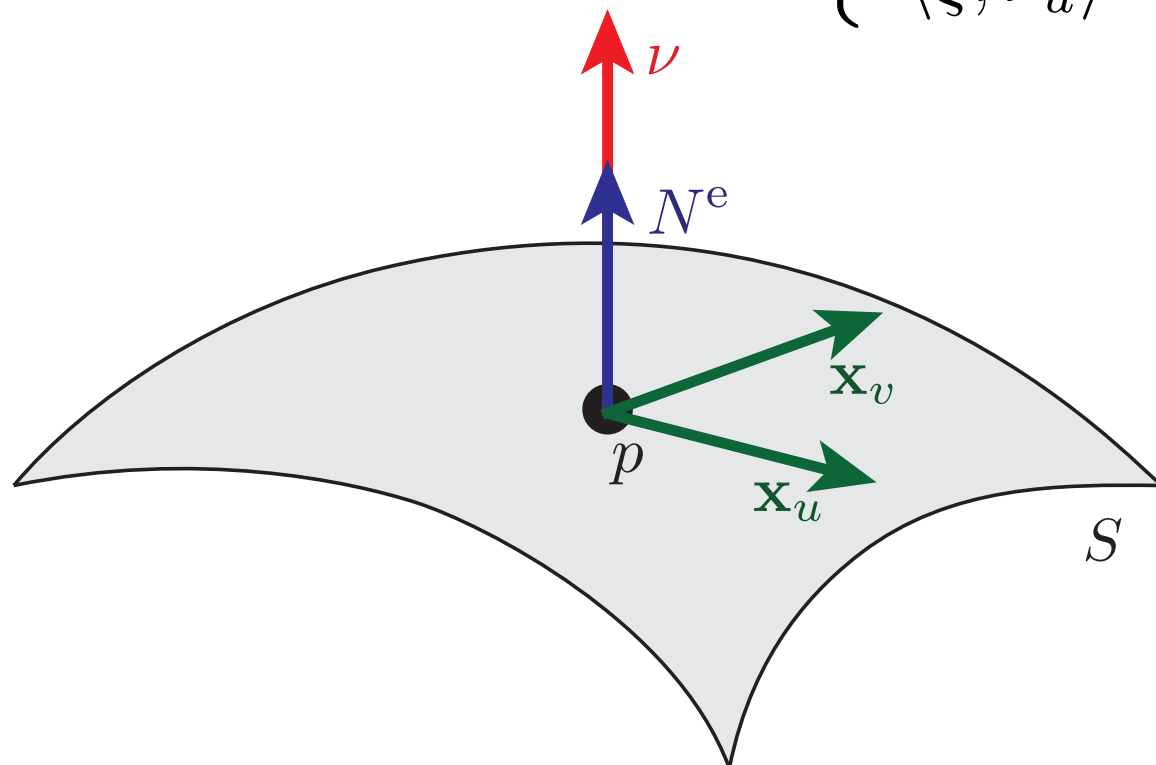
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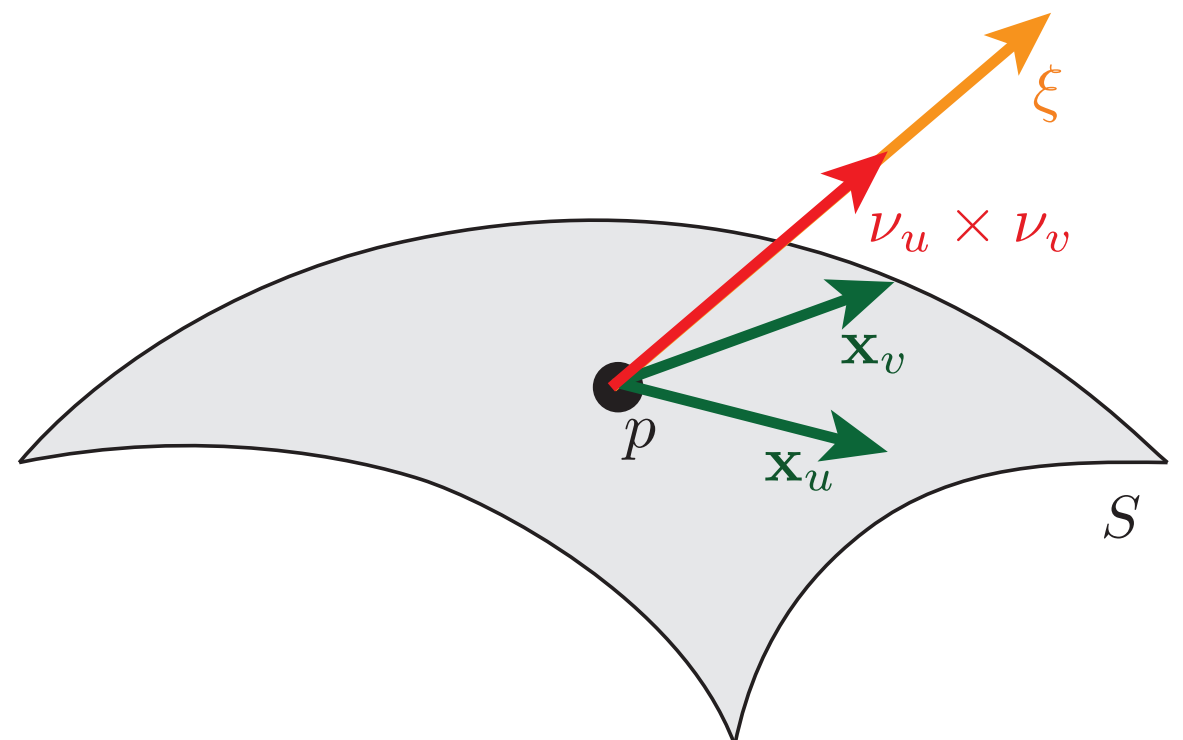
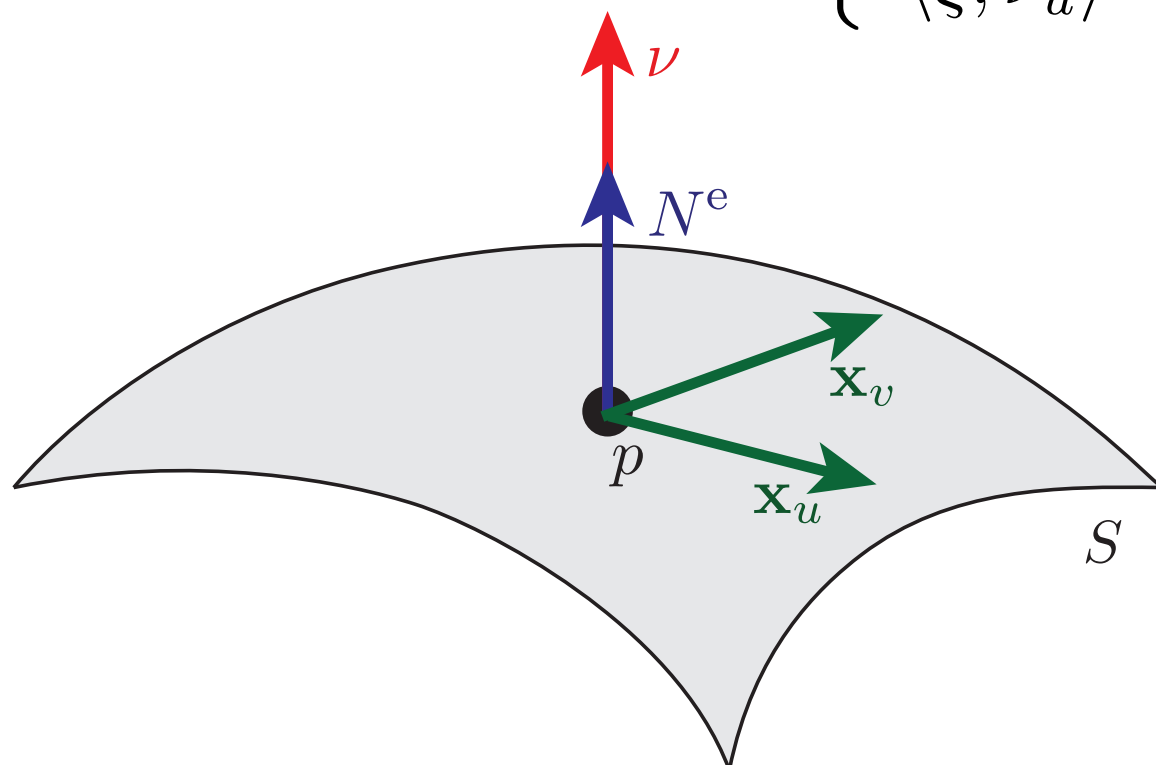
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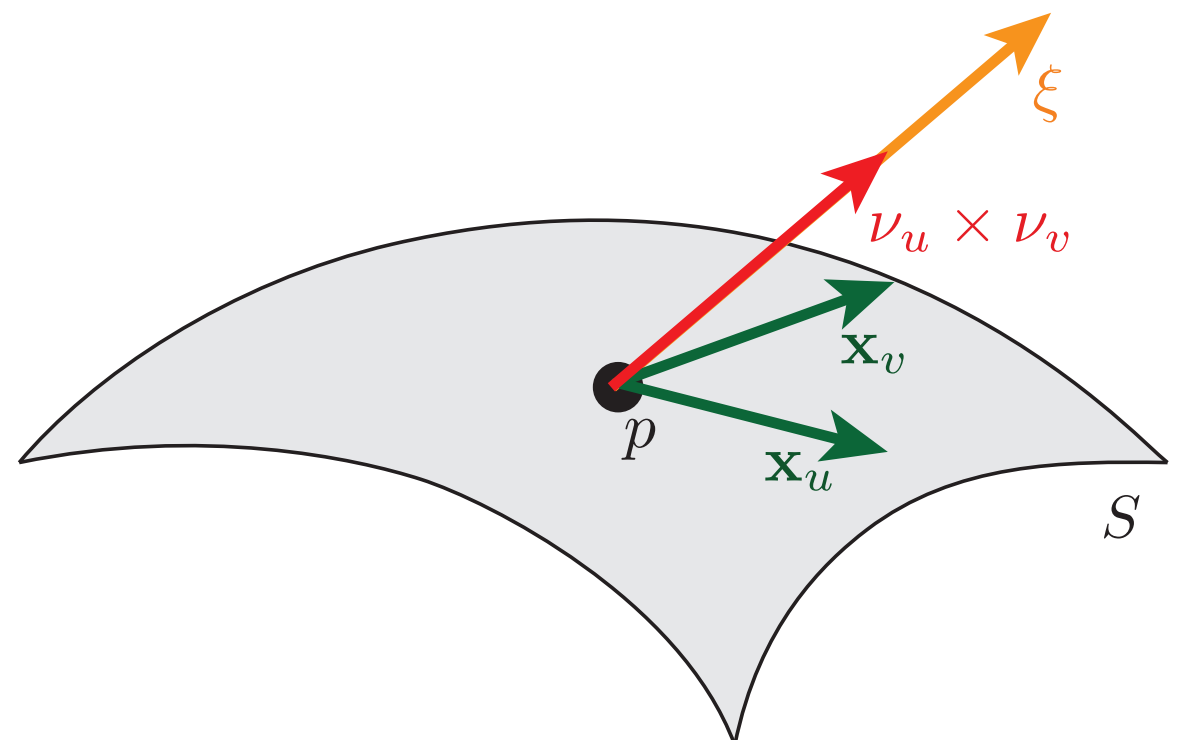
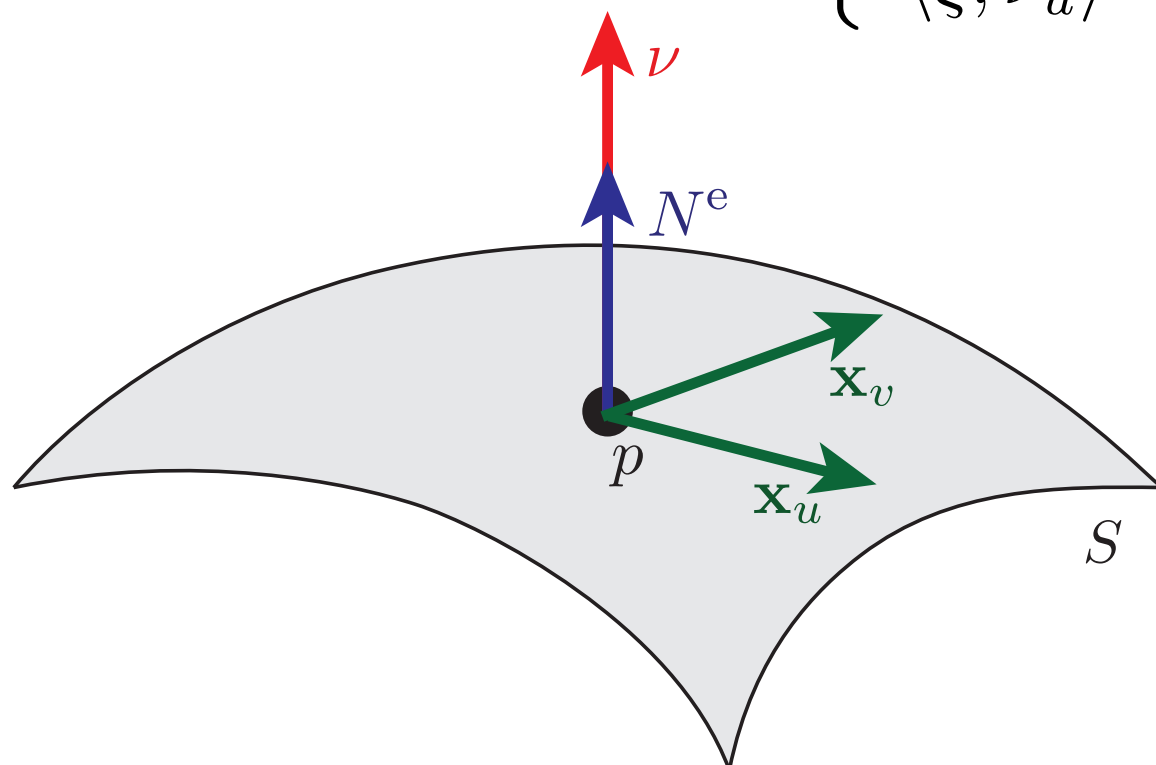
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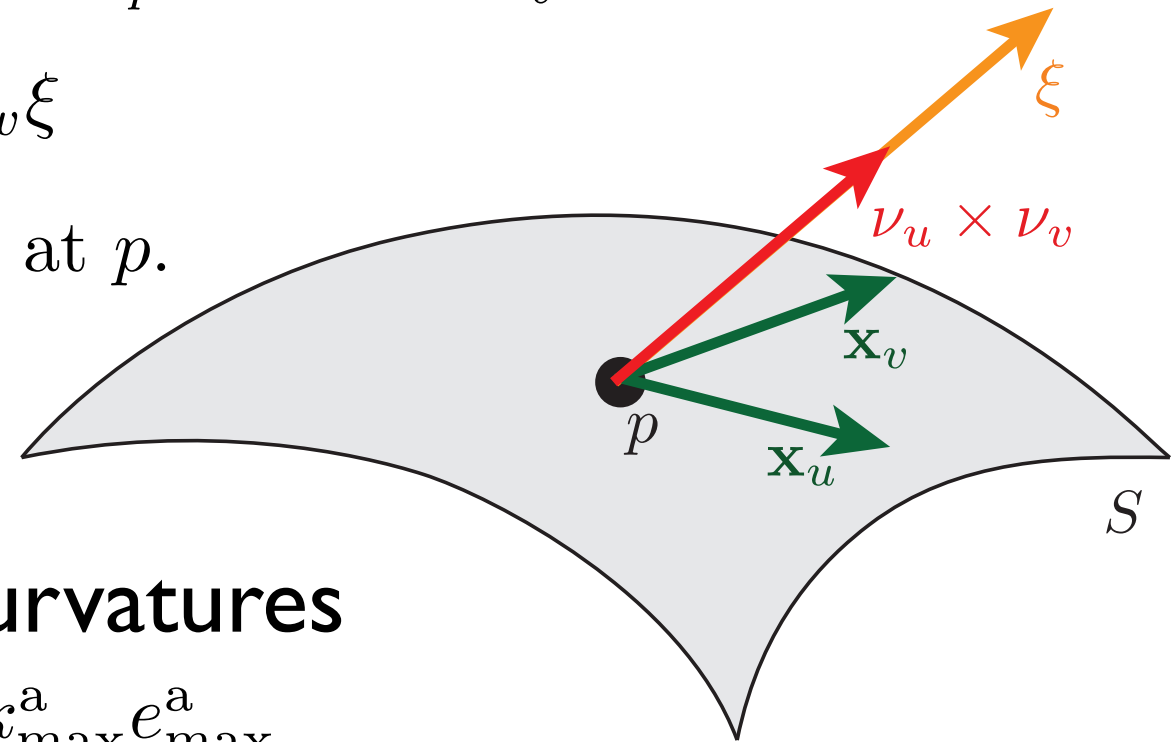
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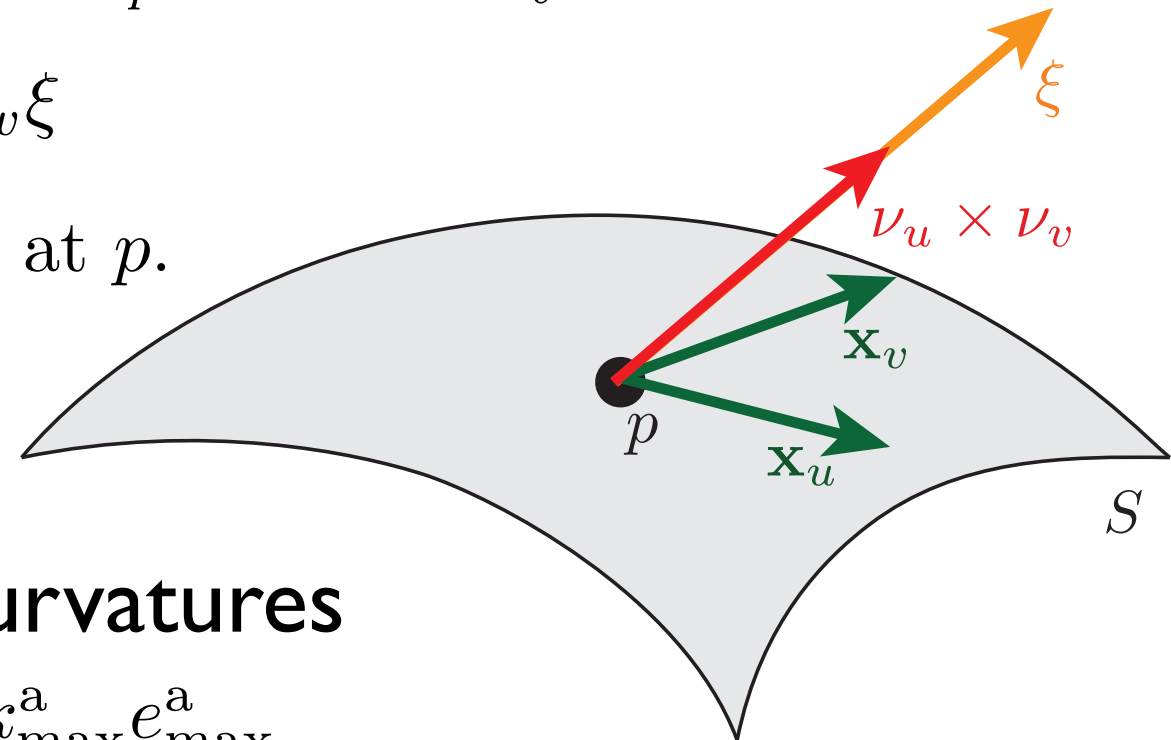
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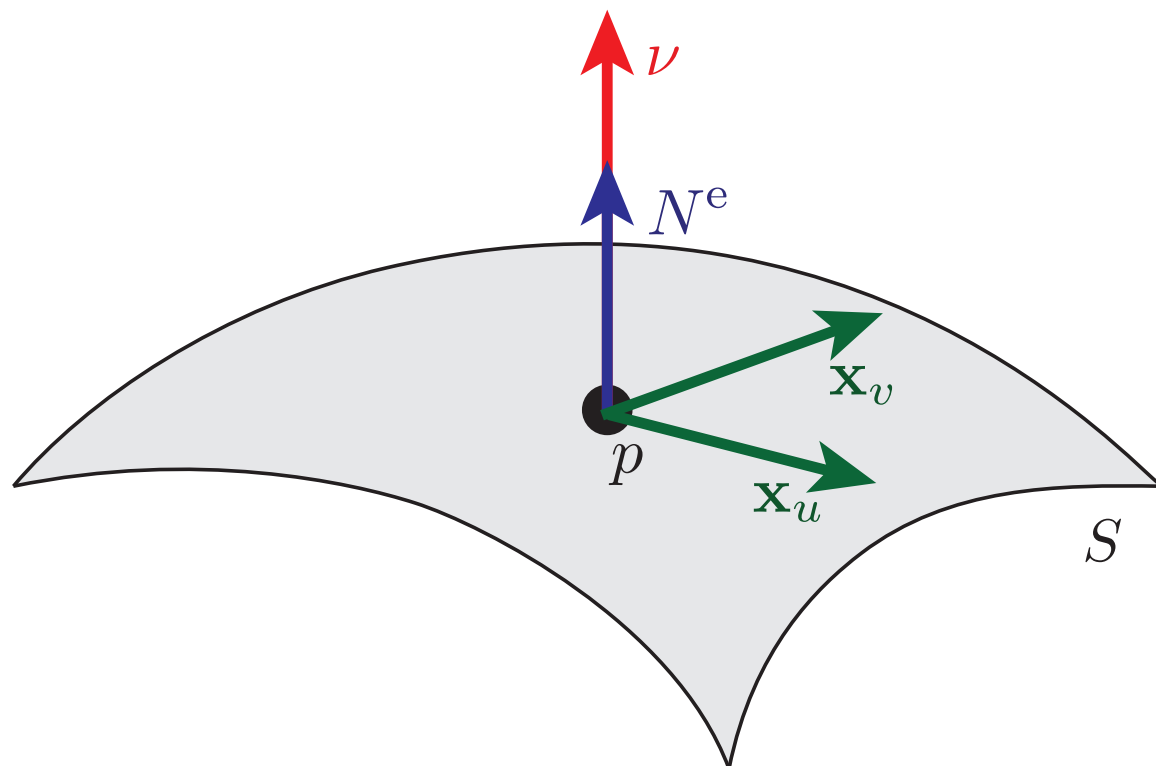
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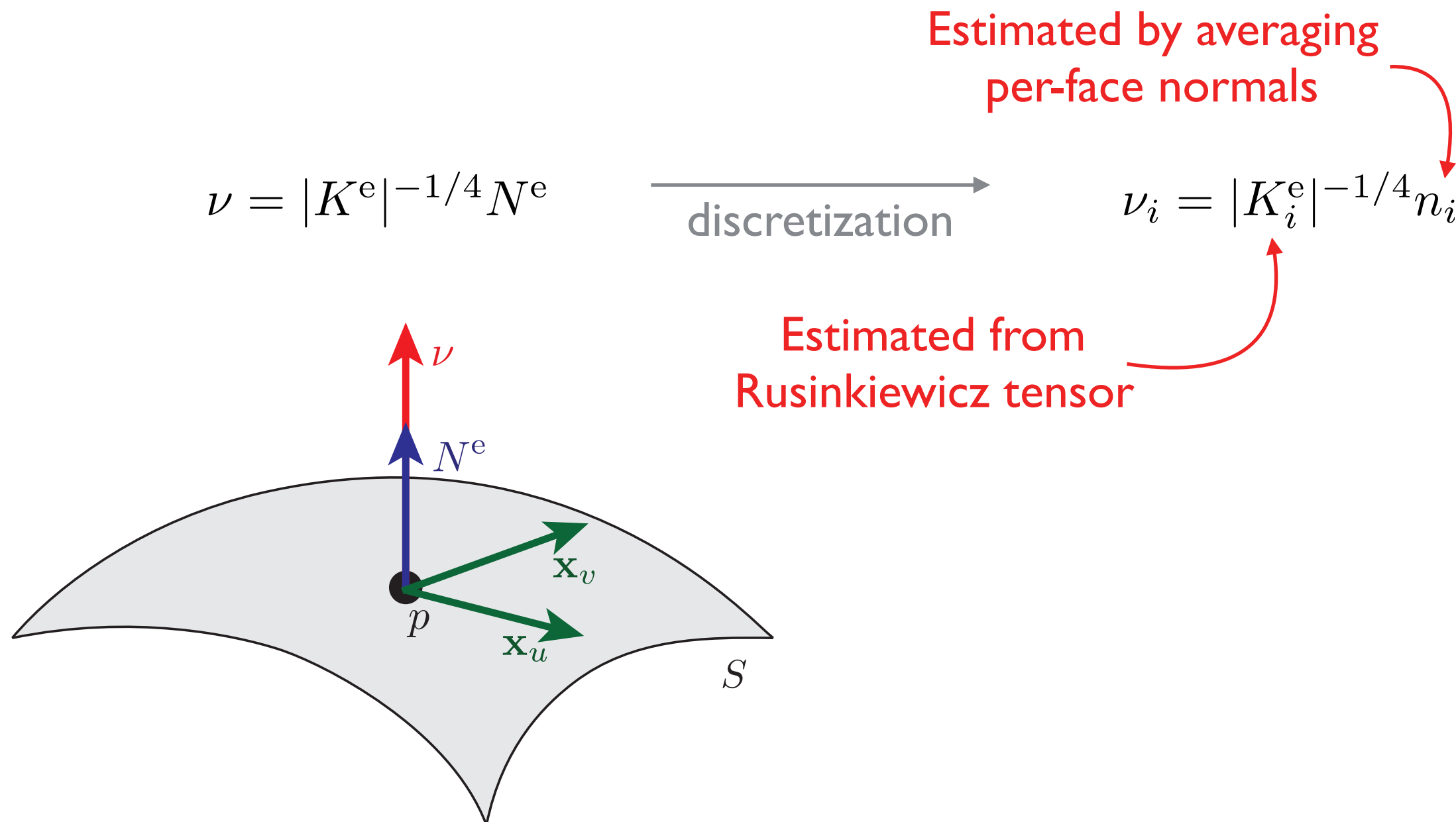
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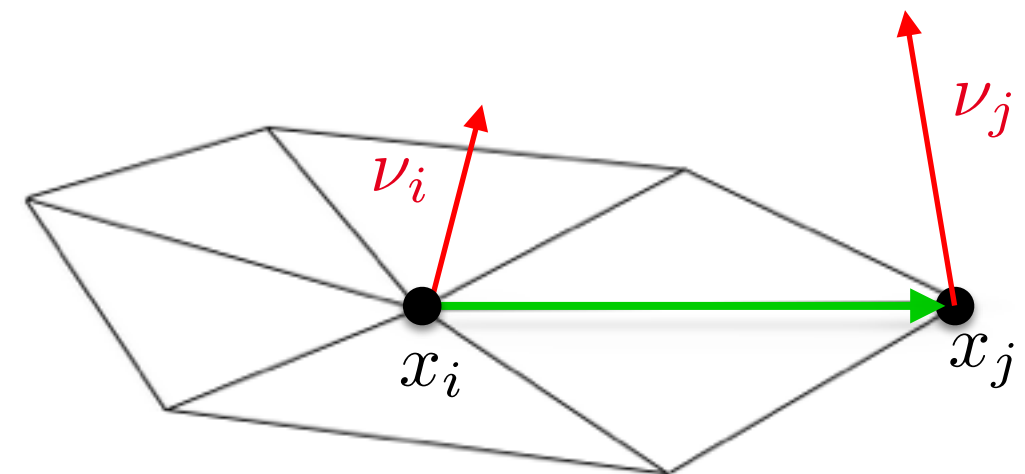
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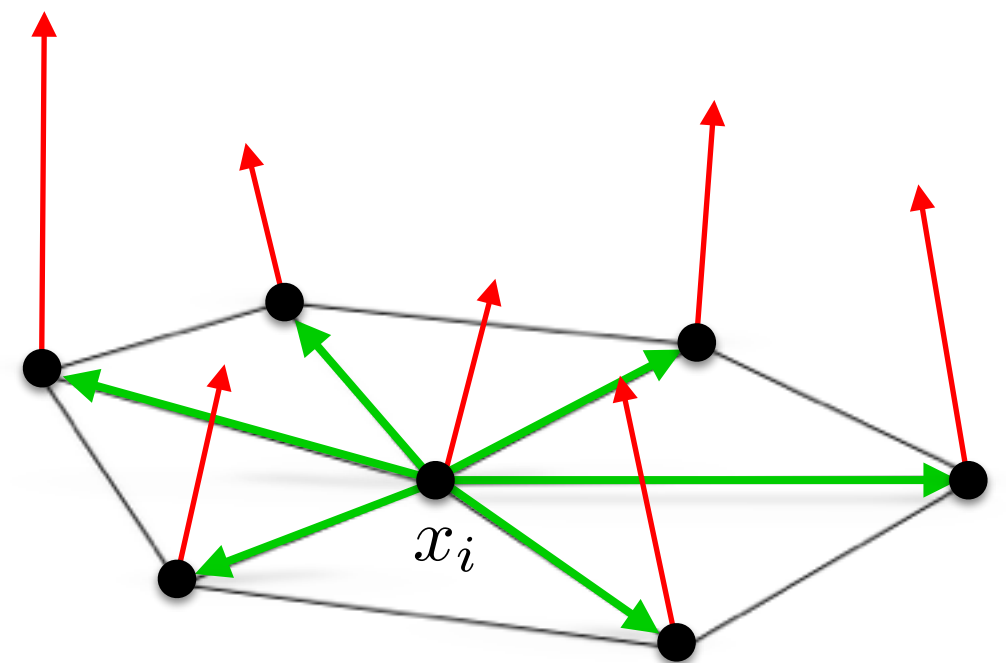
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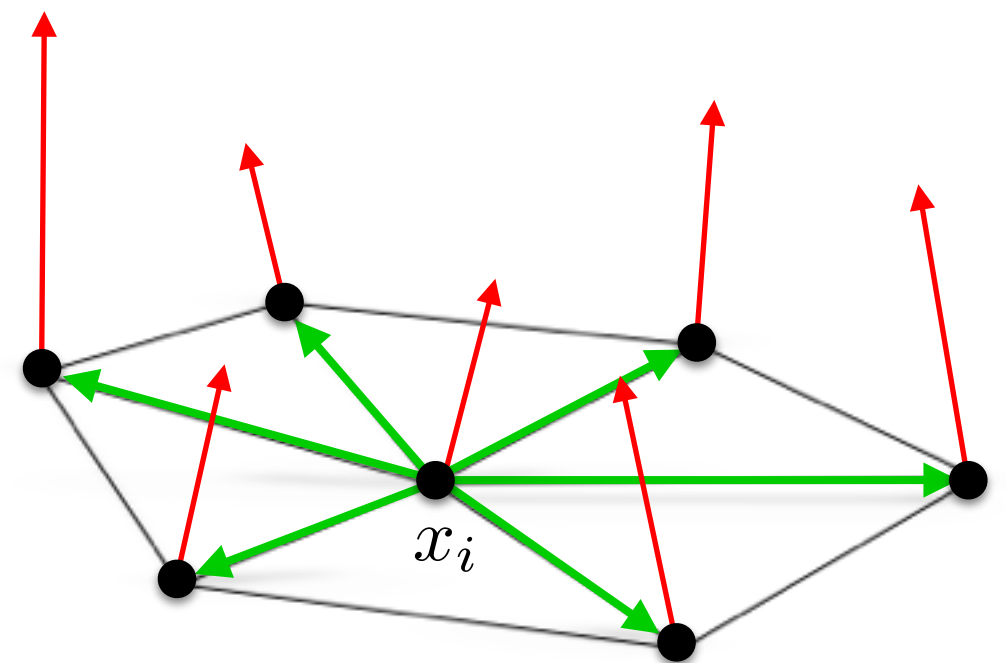
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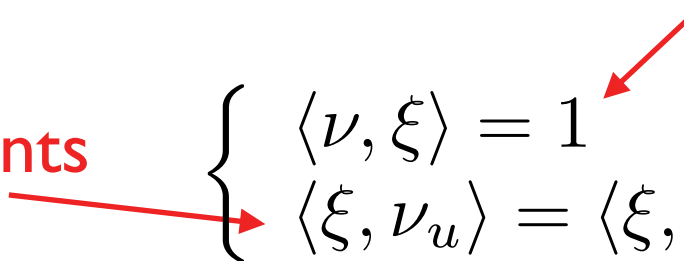
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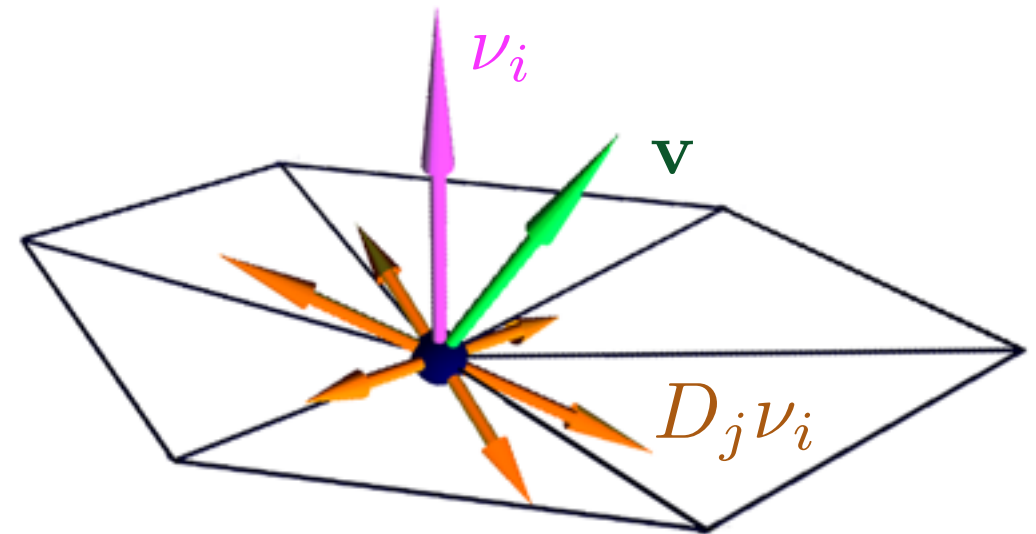
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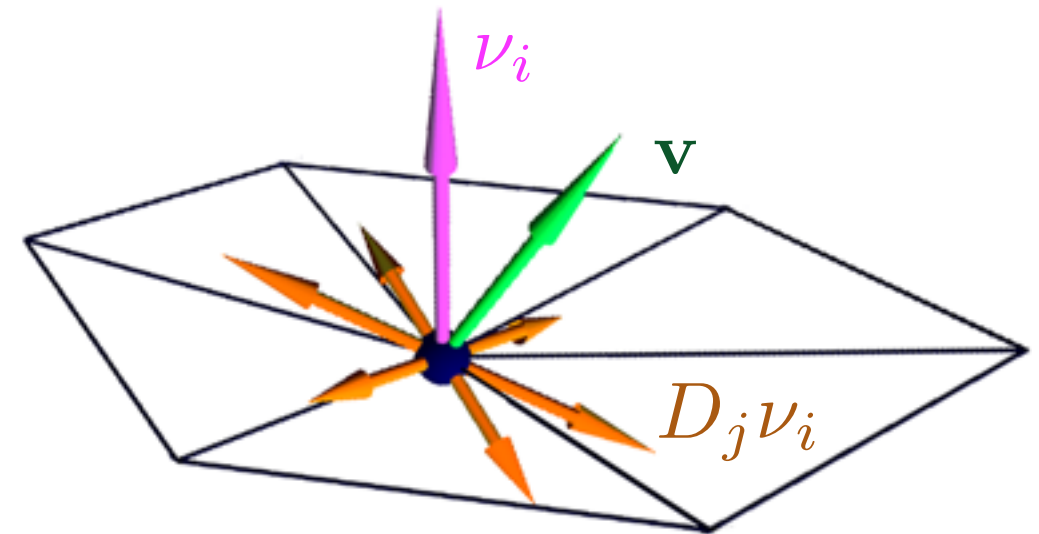


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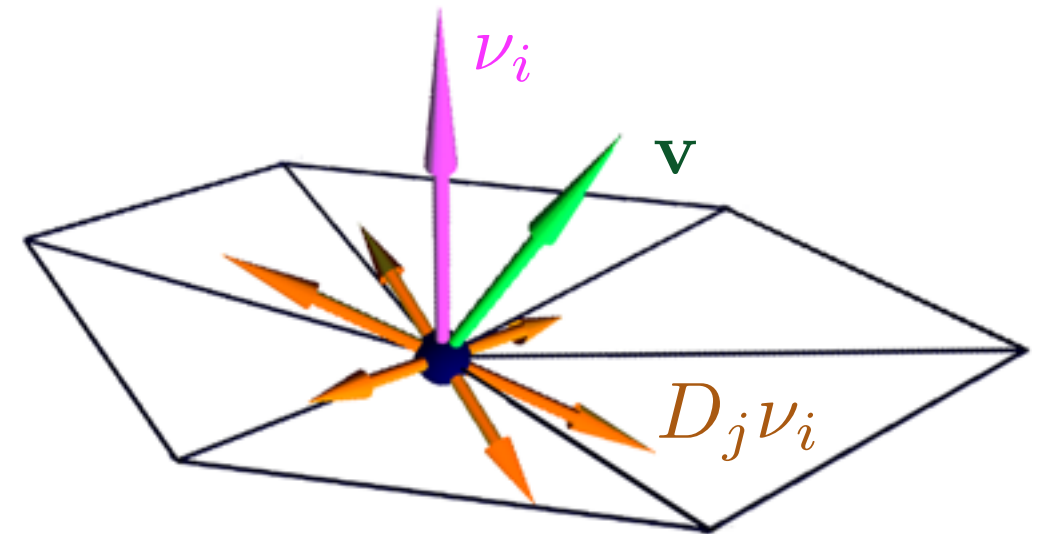
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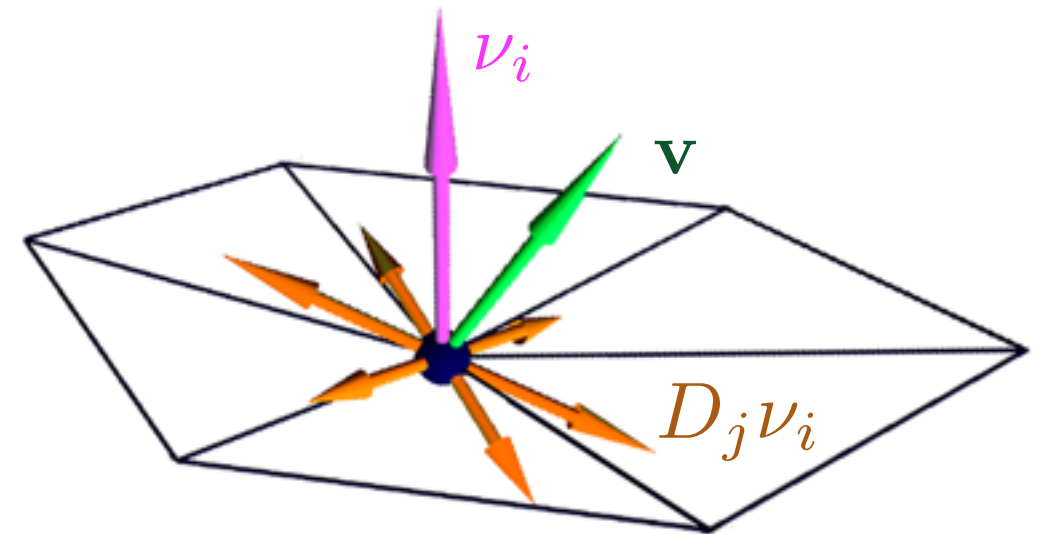
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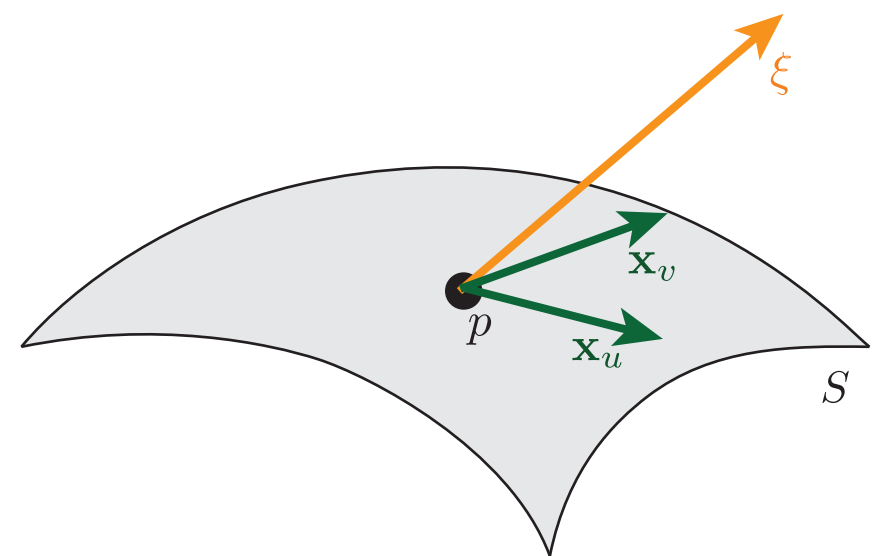
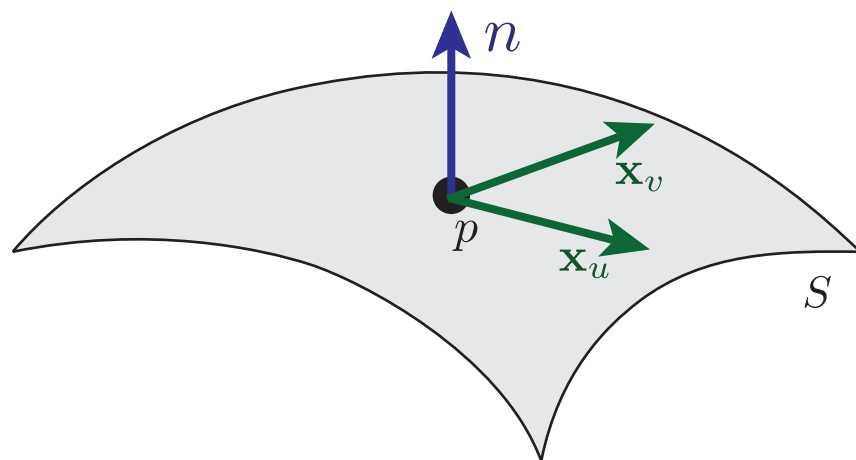
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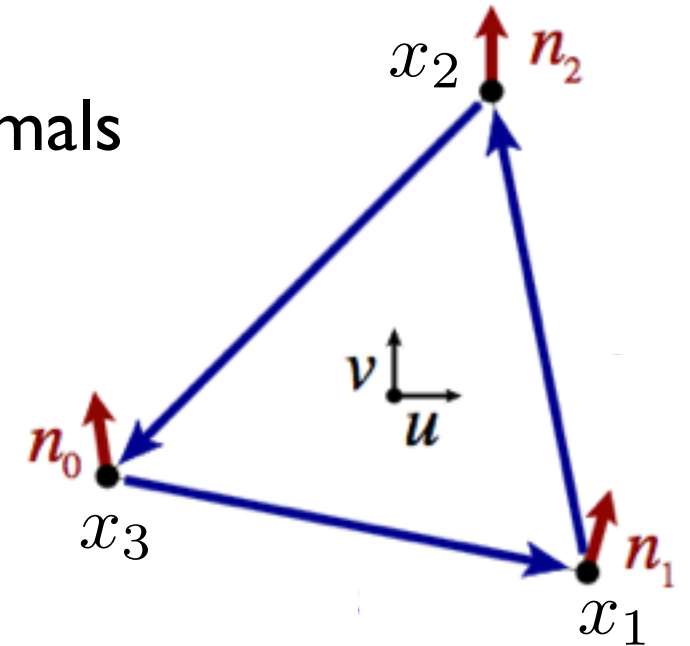


Back to the Euclidean Rusinkiewicz tensor...

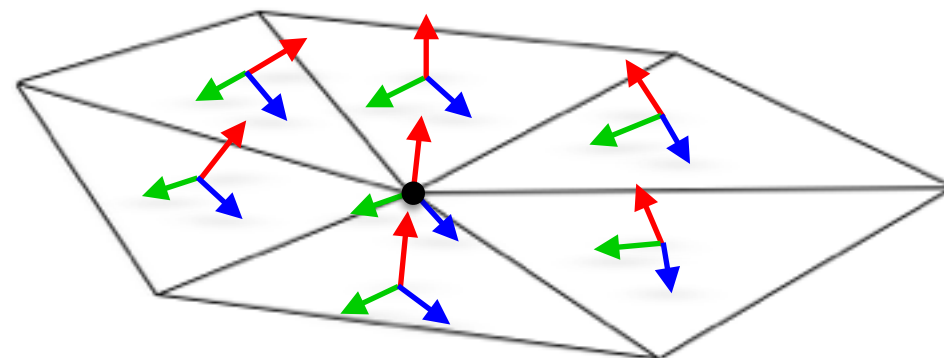
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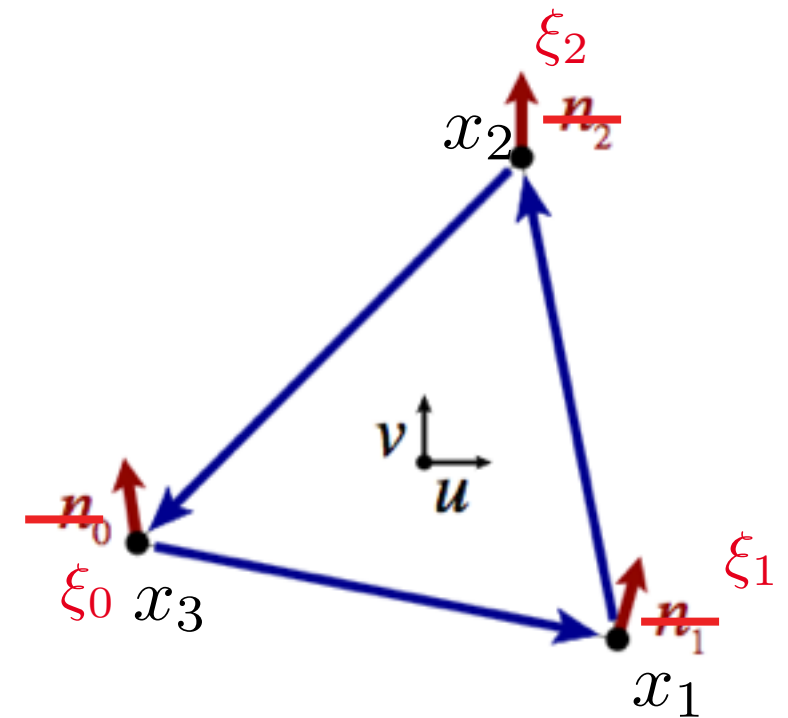
only normal vectors are required to discretize the shape operator!

Rusinkiewicz tensor + affine geometry

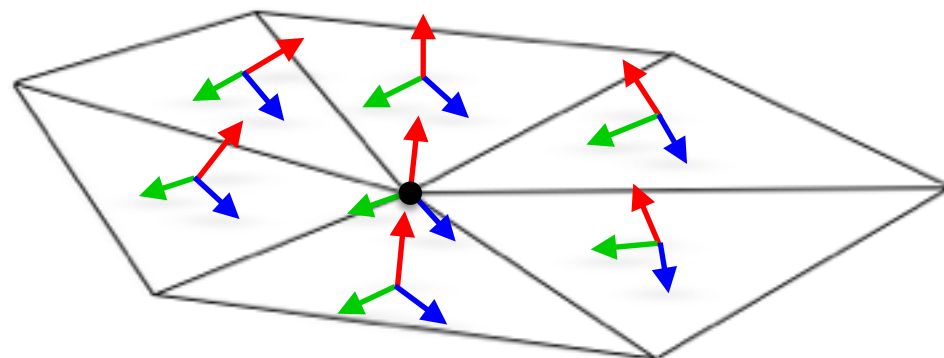
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Experiments

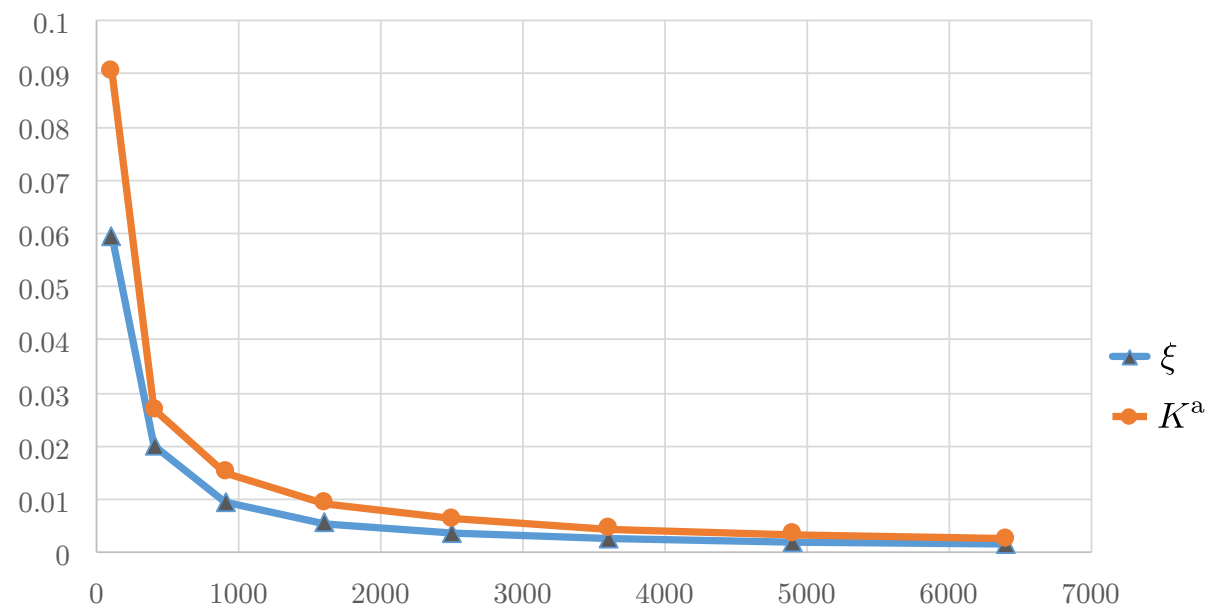
Convergence and scalability

Meshes uniformly tessellated from analytical models at different resolutions:

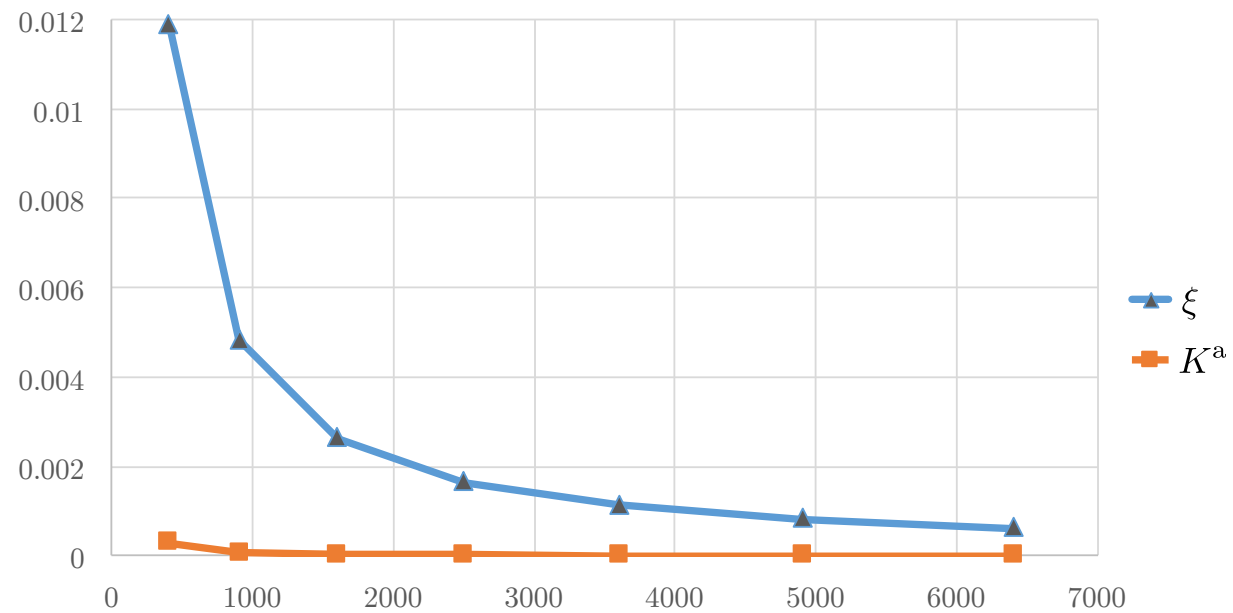
Model	Equation	Range for u	Range for v
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Comparison with exact measures from analytical models

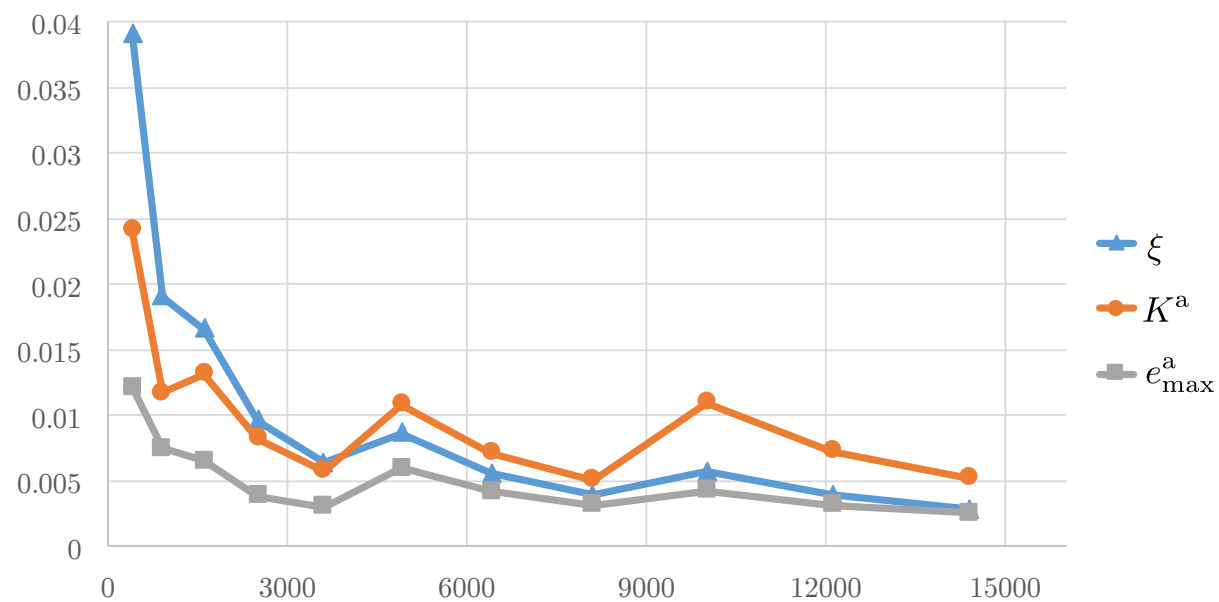
Average relative error as a measure of accuracy



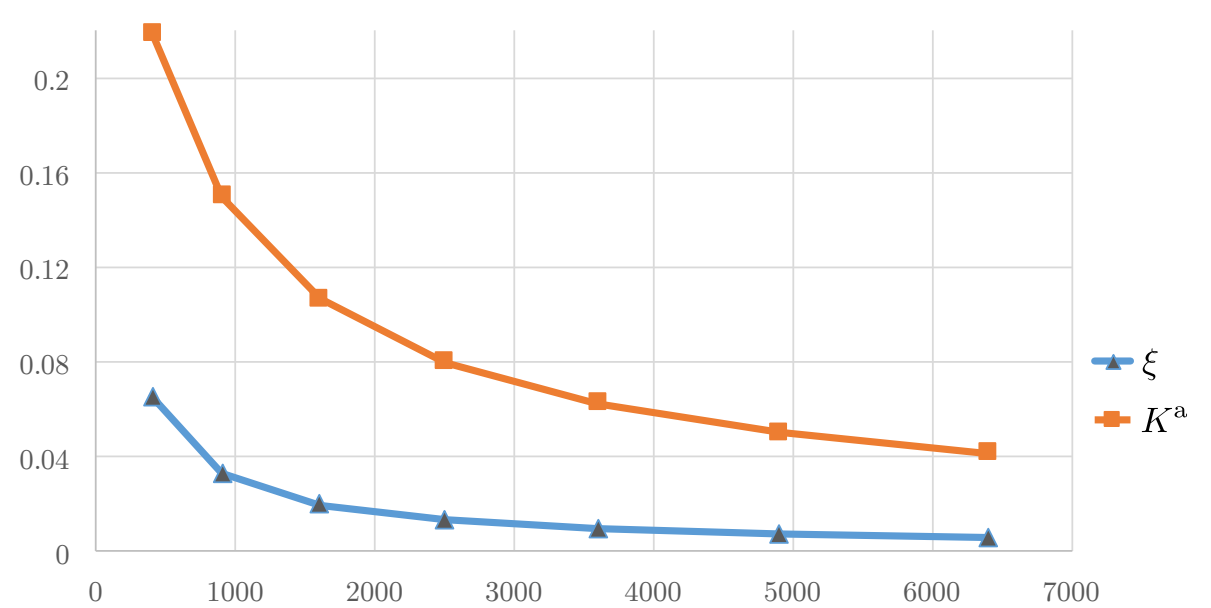
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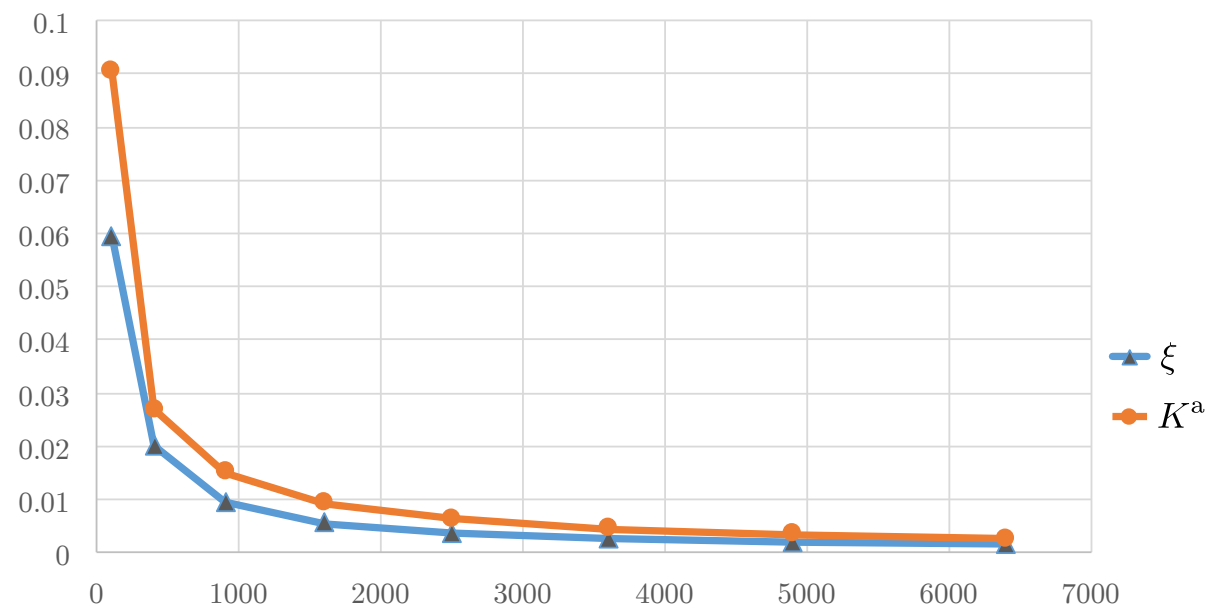
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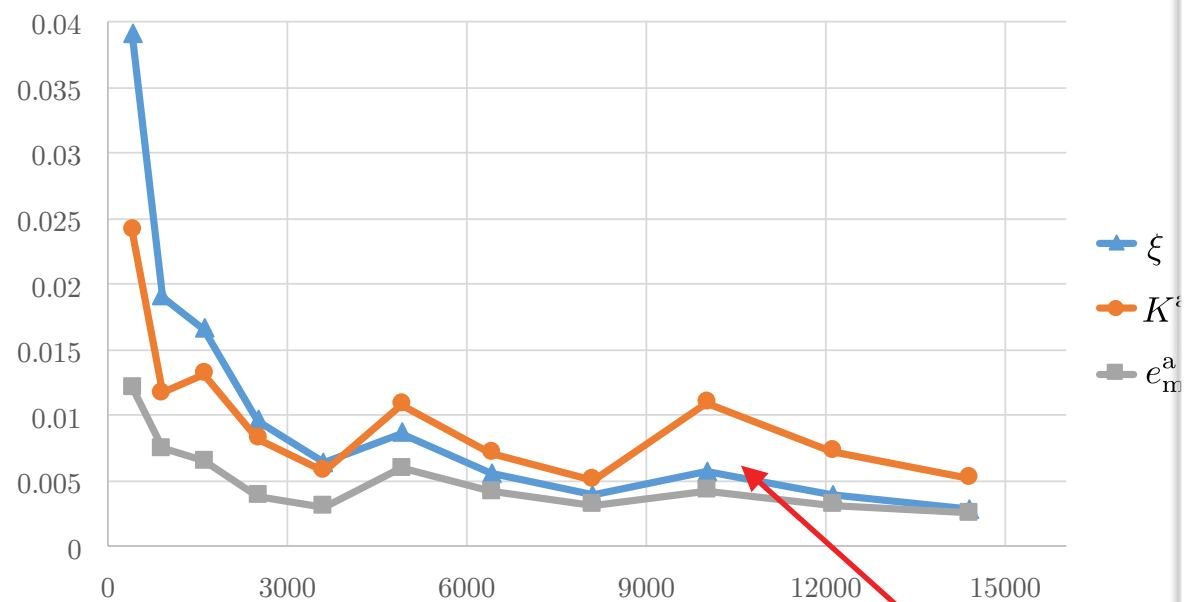
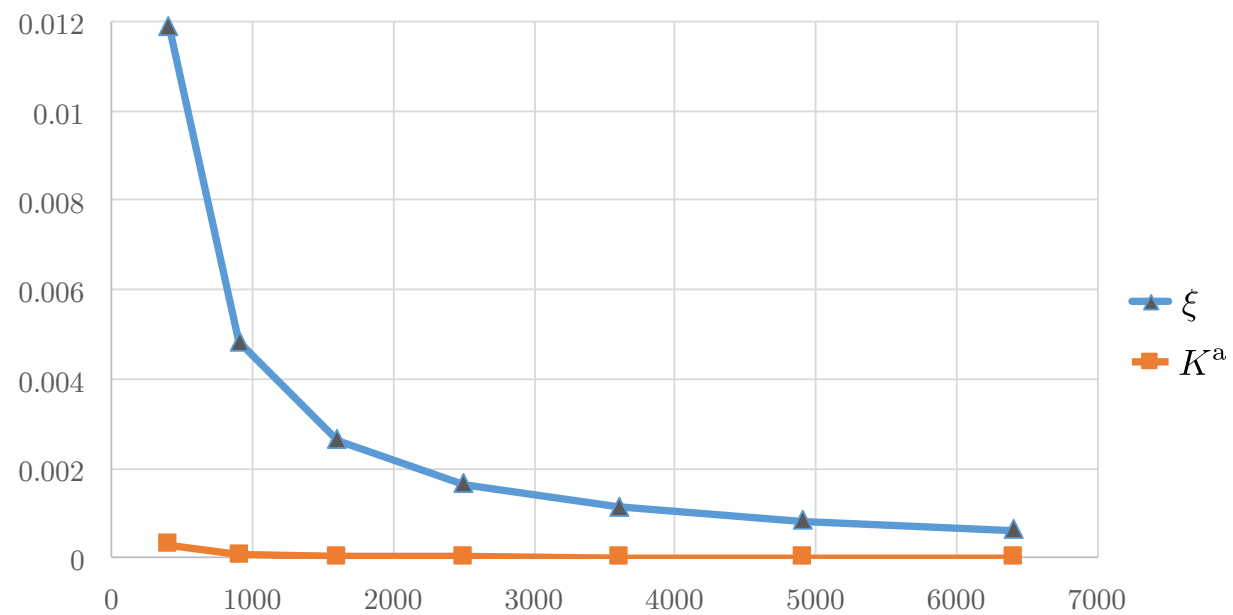
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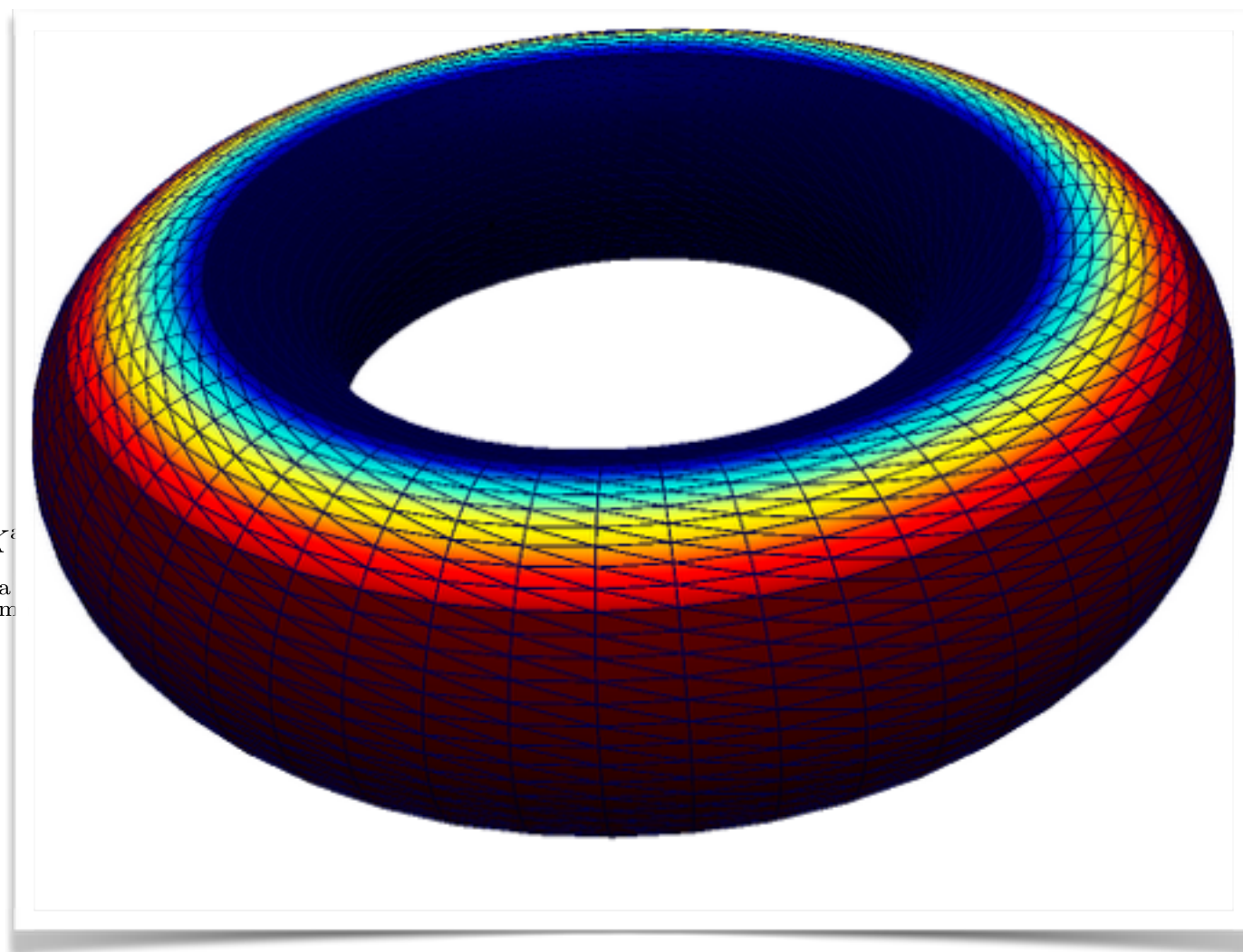
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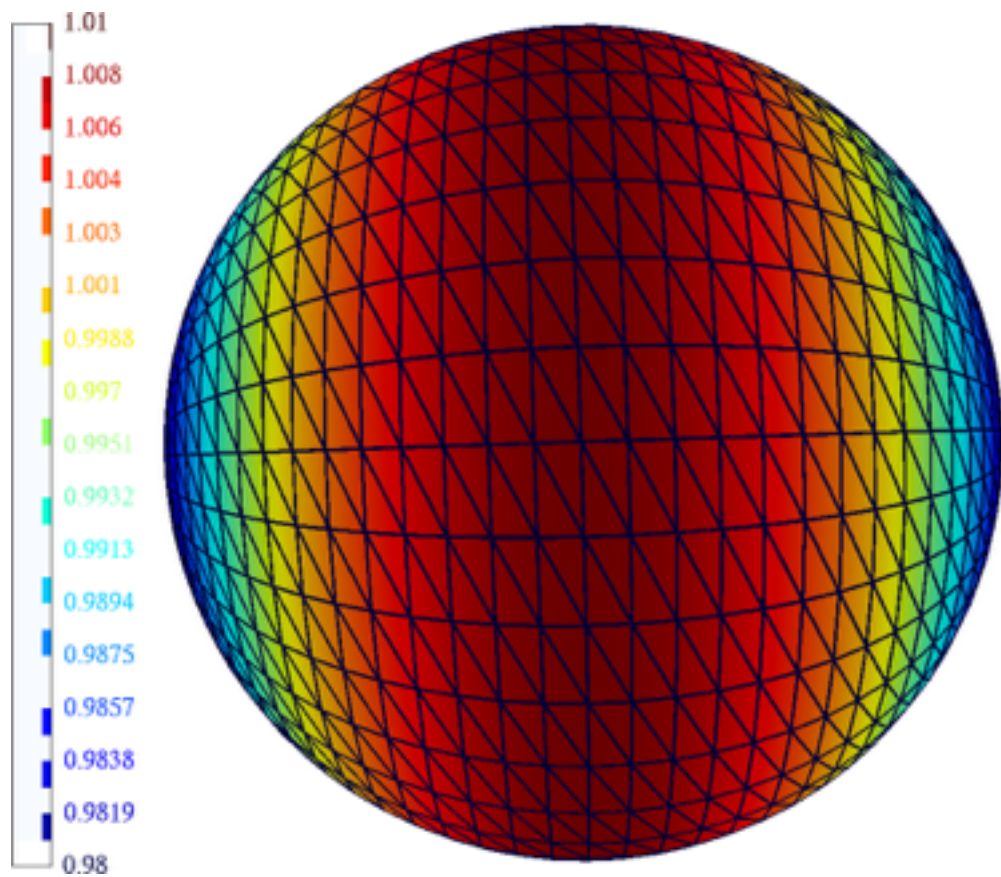
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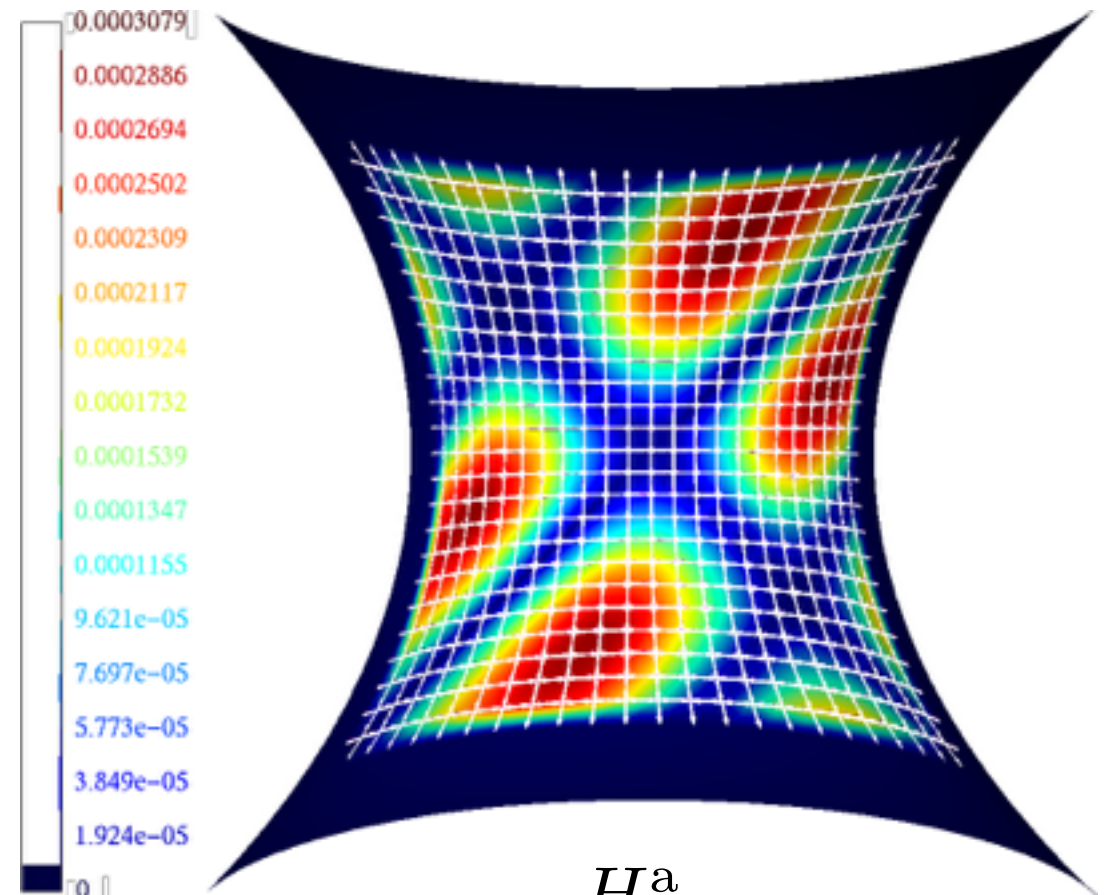
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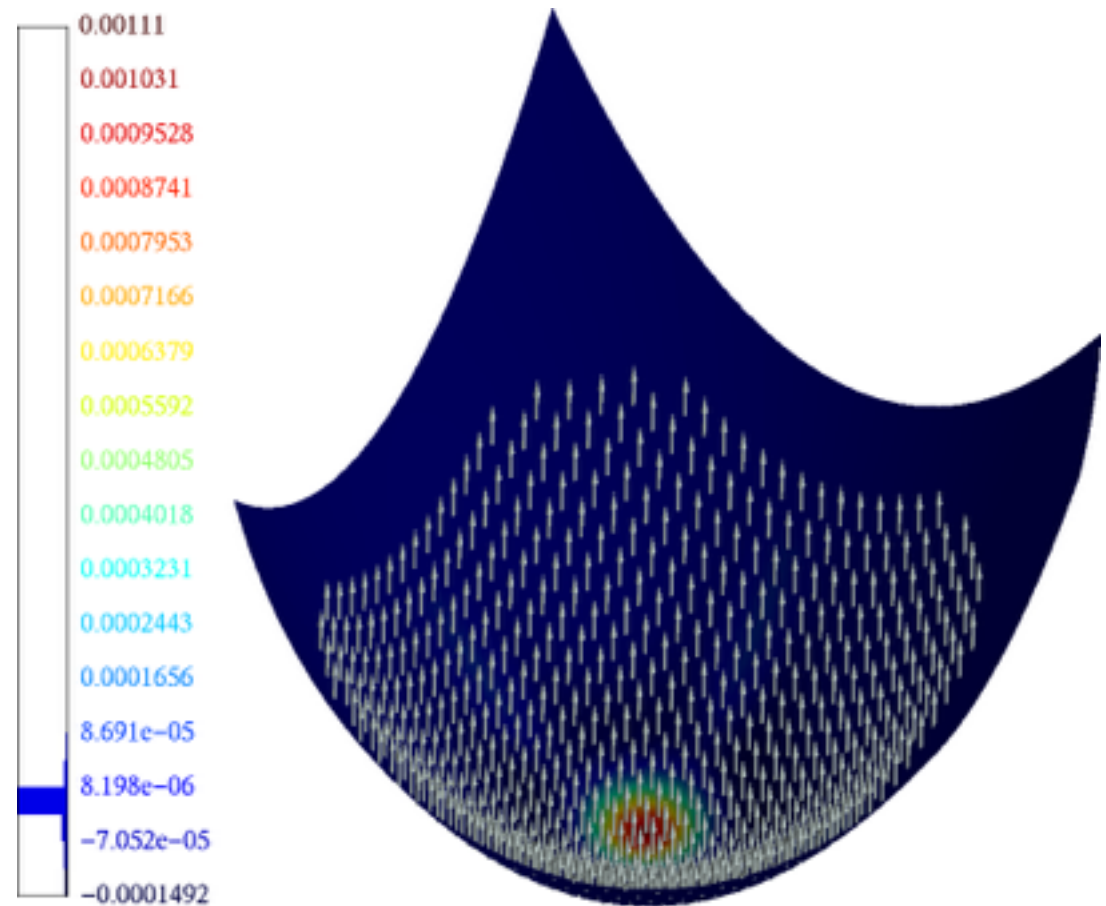
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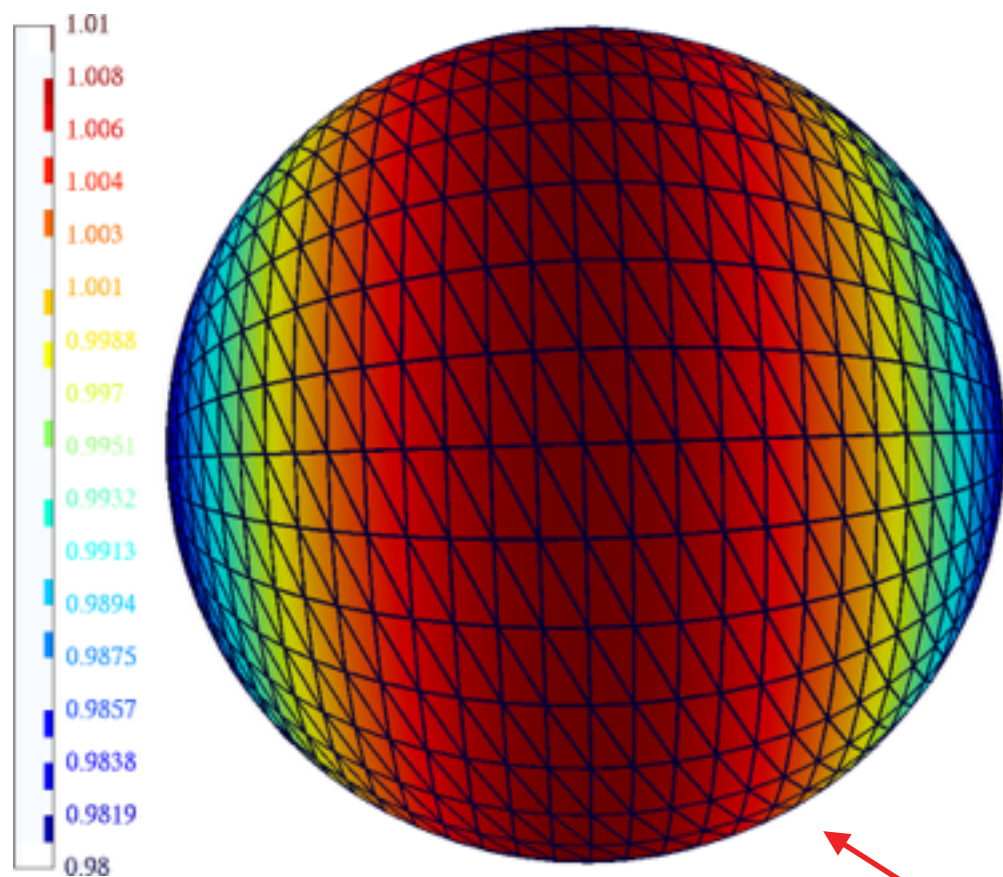
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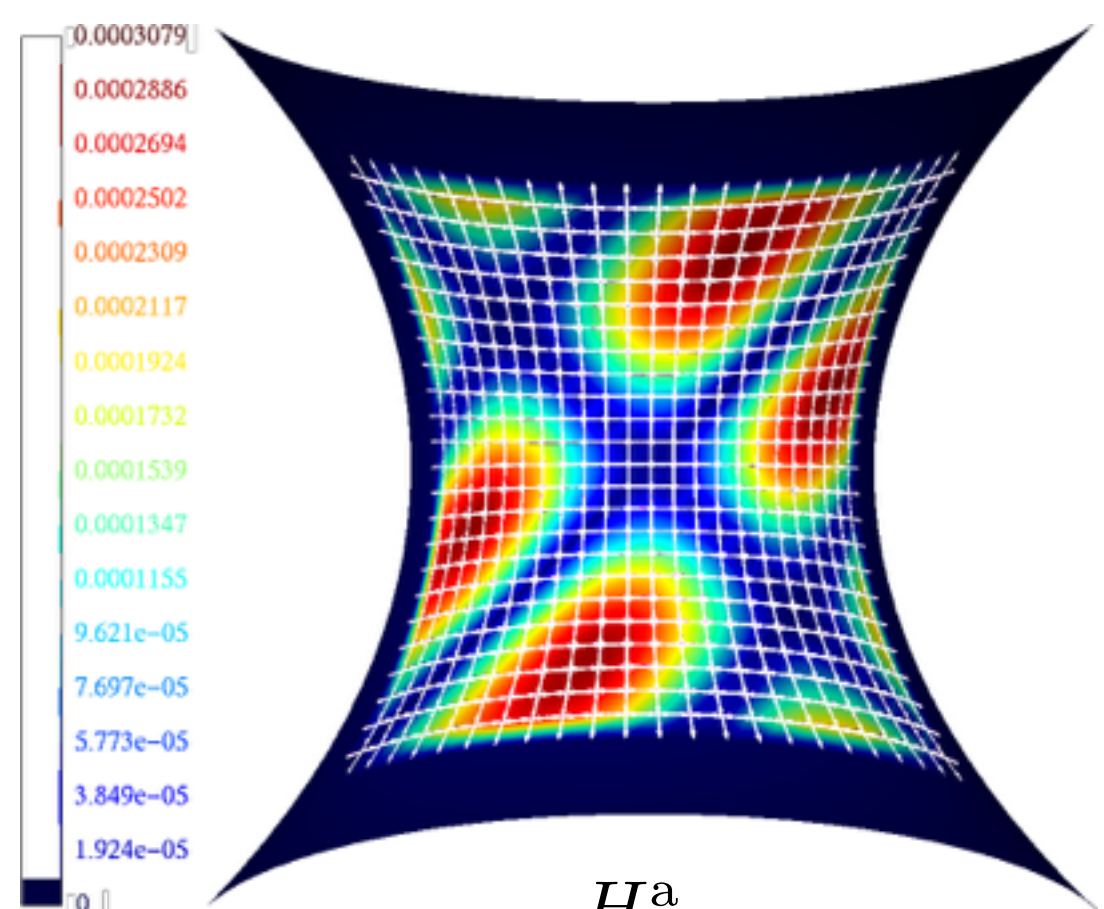


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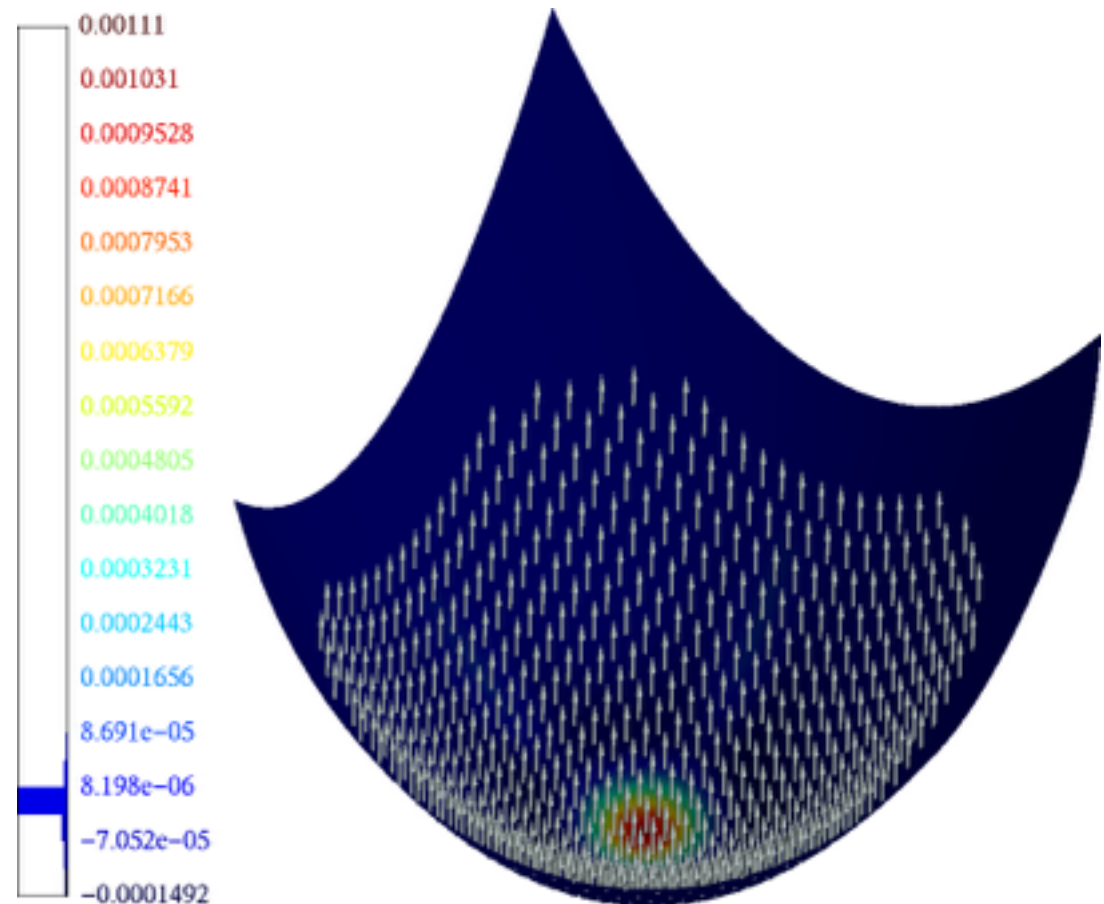
non-uniform color
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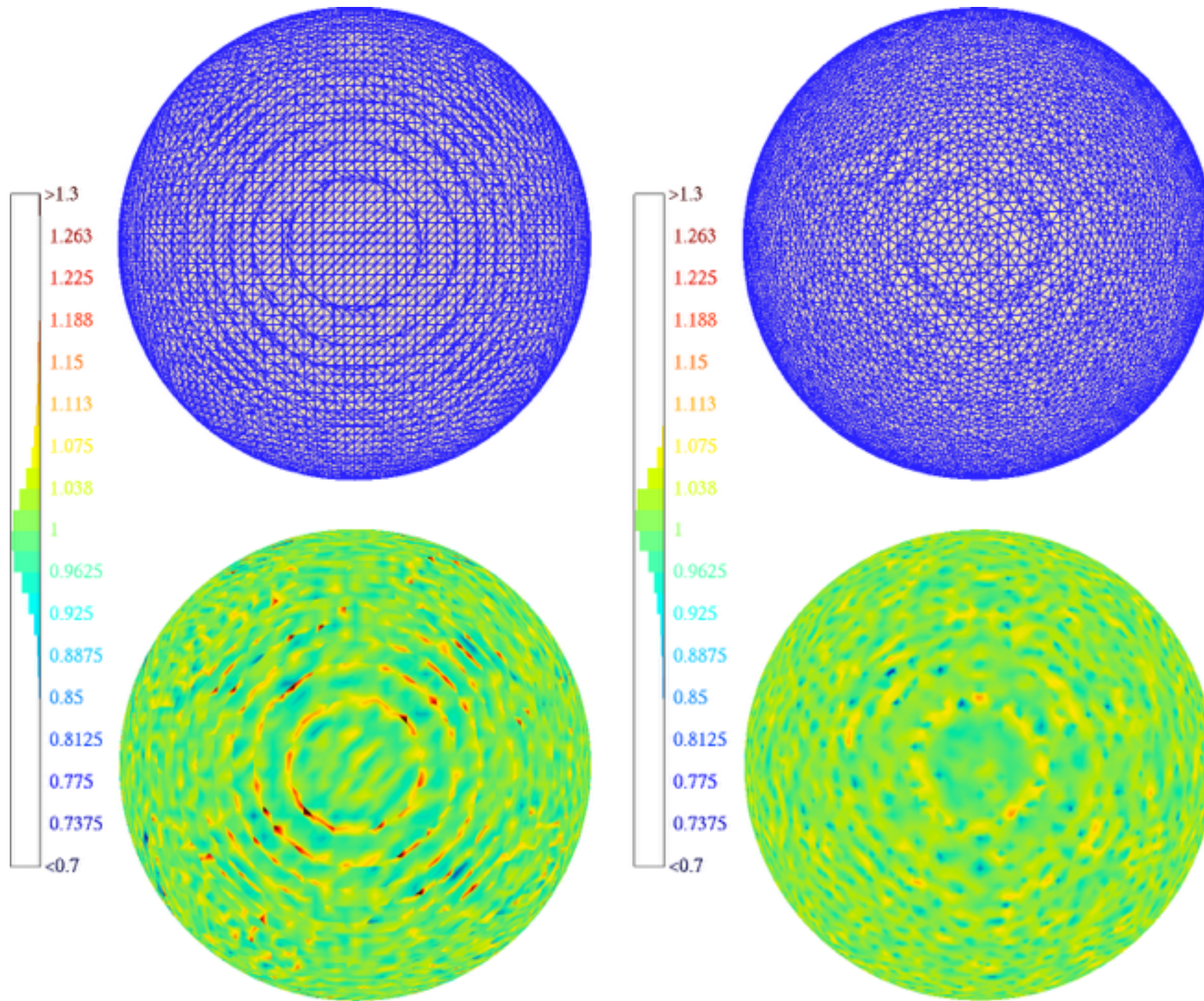


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Mesh regularity



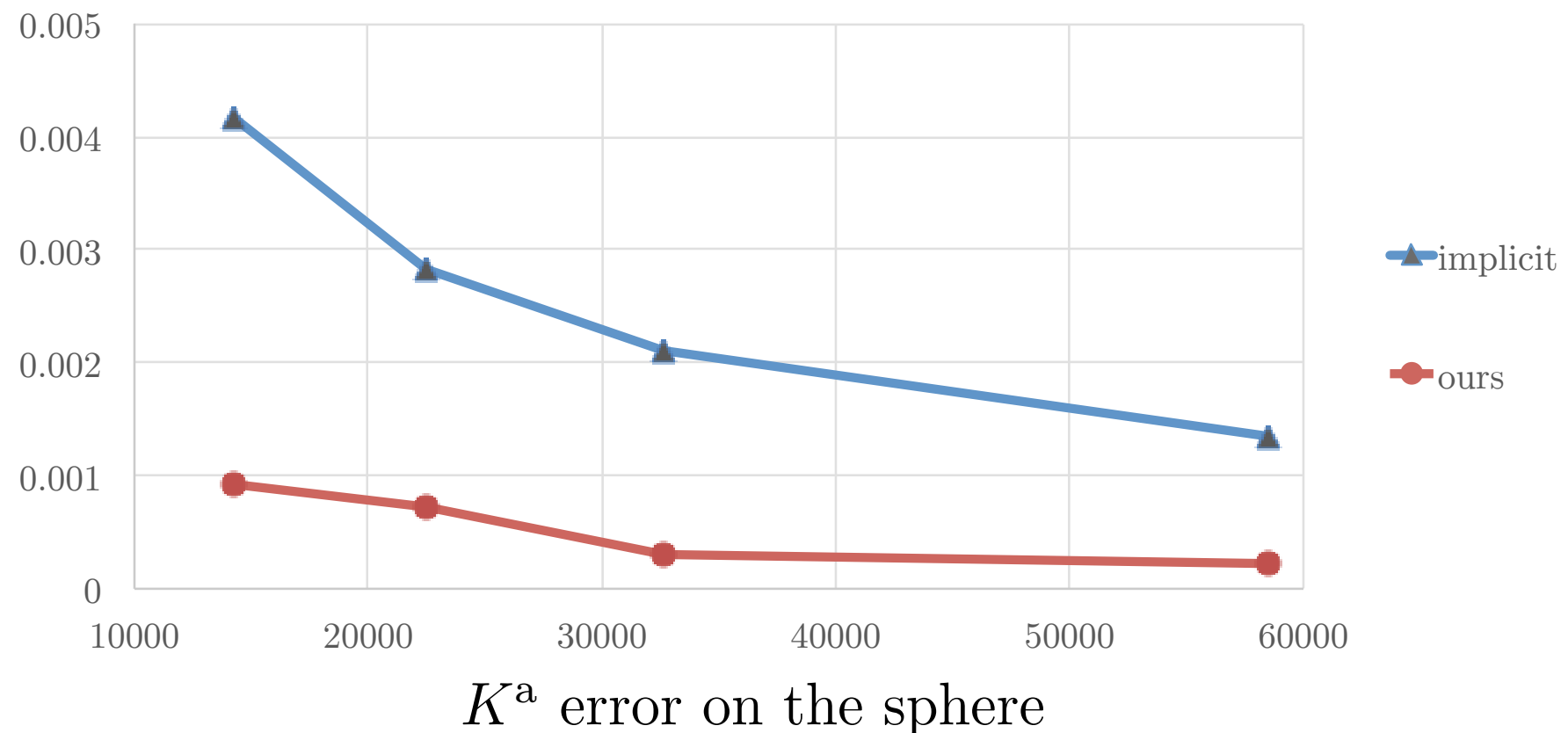
K^a , non-smoothed

K^a , smoothed

Comparison with Andrade and Lewiner (2012)

Not so fair: explicit vs. implicit: mean absolute error for meshes with 14.000 vertices.

Model	Implicit 	Ours
Sphere	0.0041	0.0012
Ellipsoid	0.0035	0.0335
Paraboloid	0	8.96×10^{-7}
Torus	1.5265	0.0462



Invariance

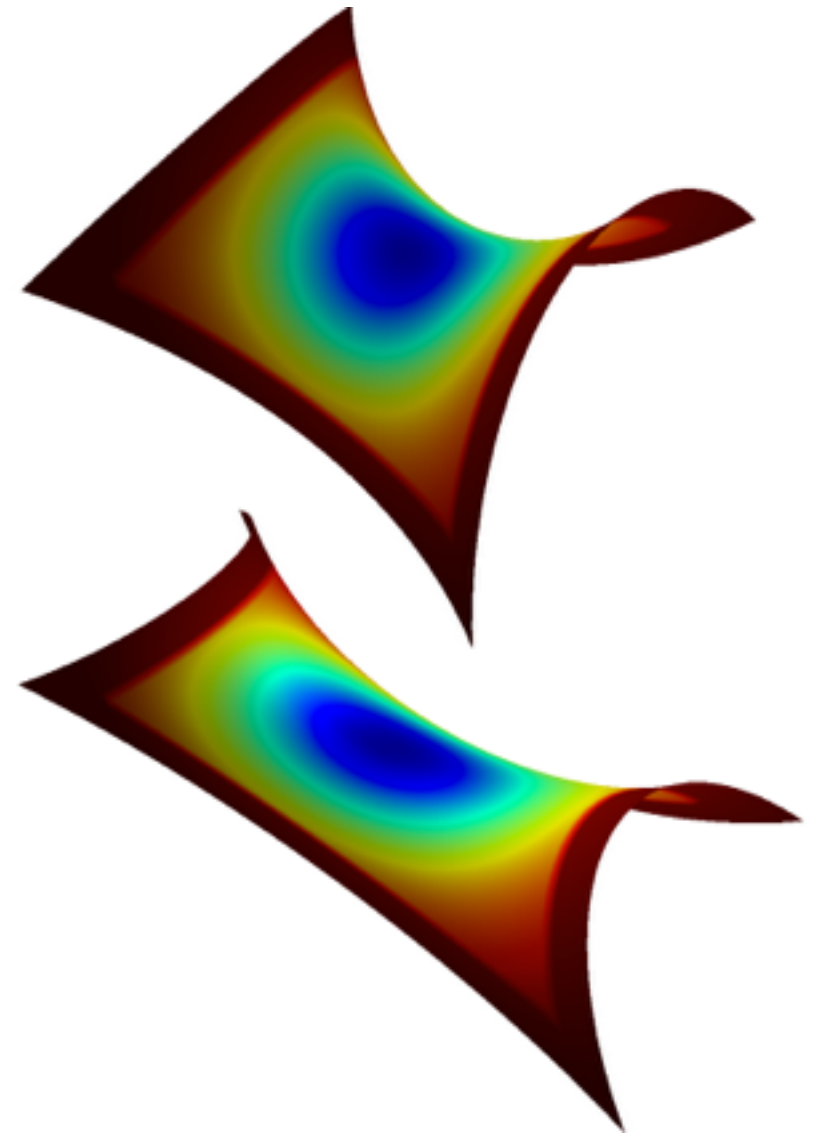
Experiments on equi-affine transformations with increasing spectral radius

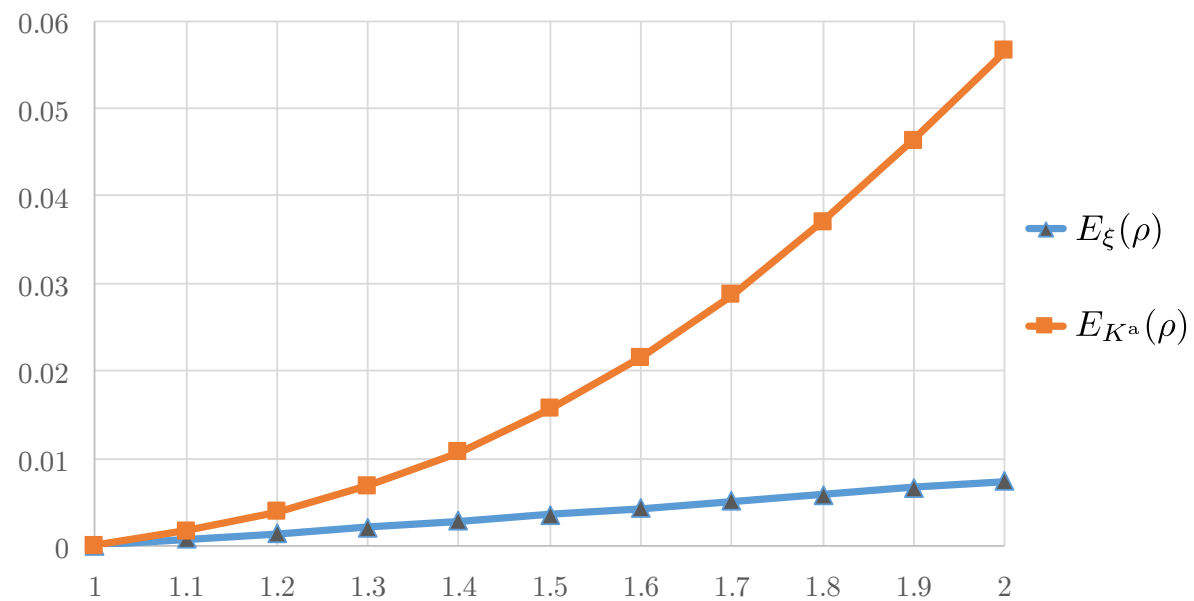
Average relative covariance error:

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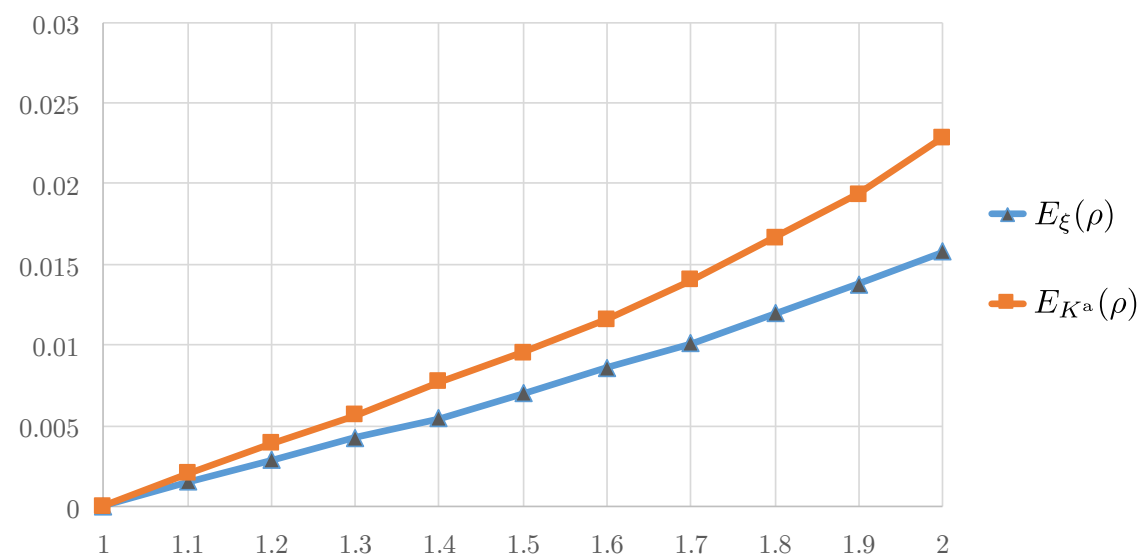
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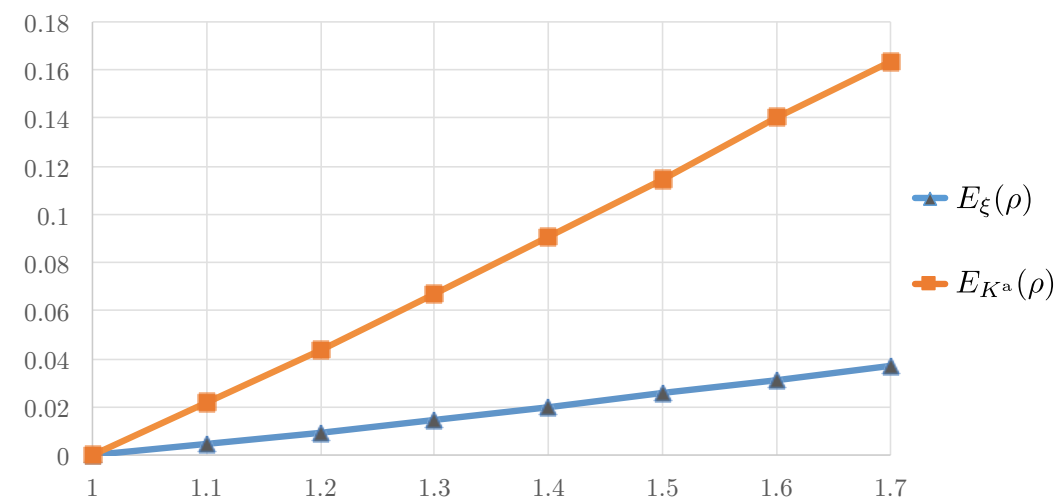




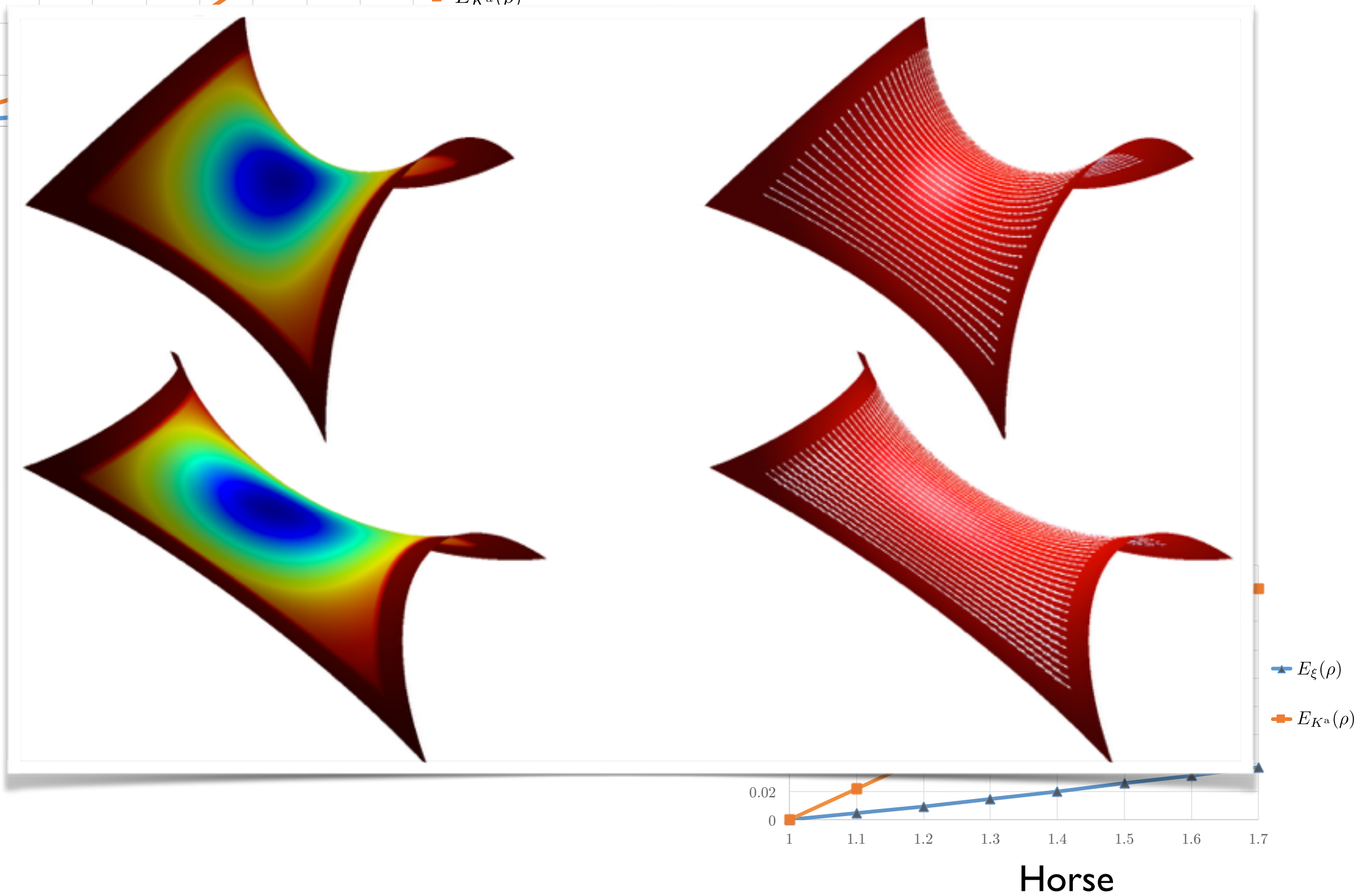
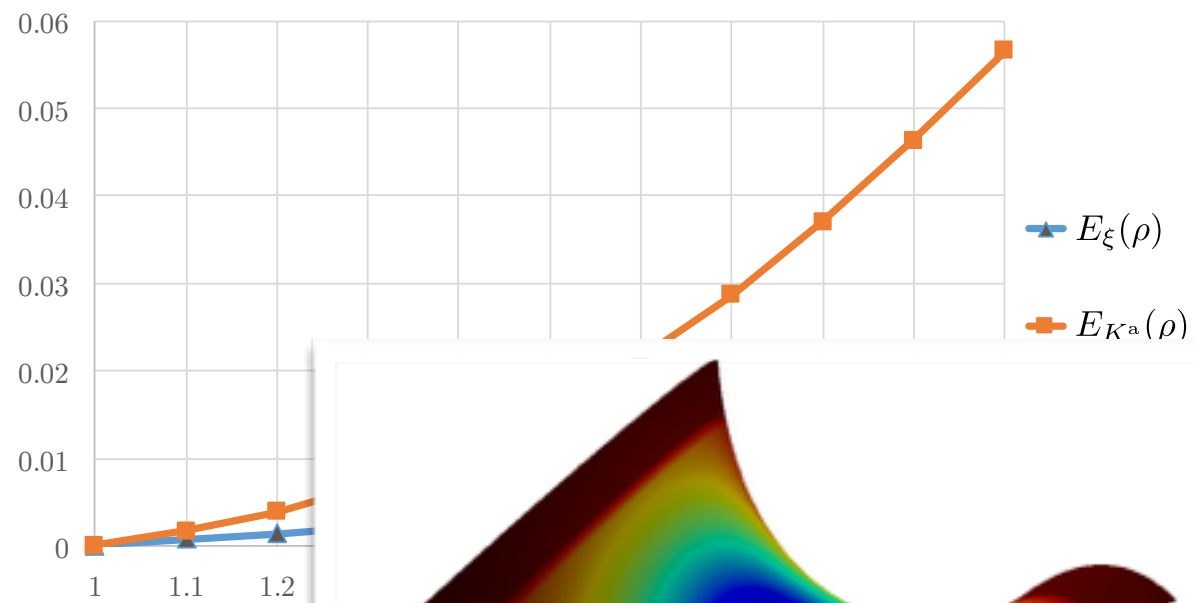
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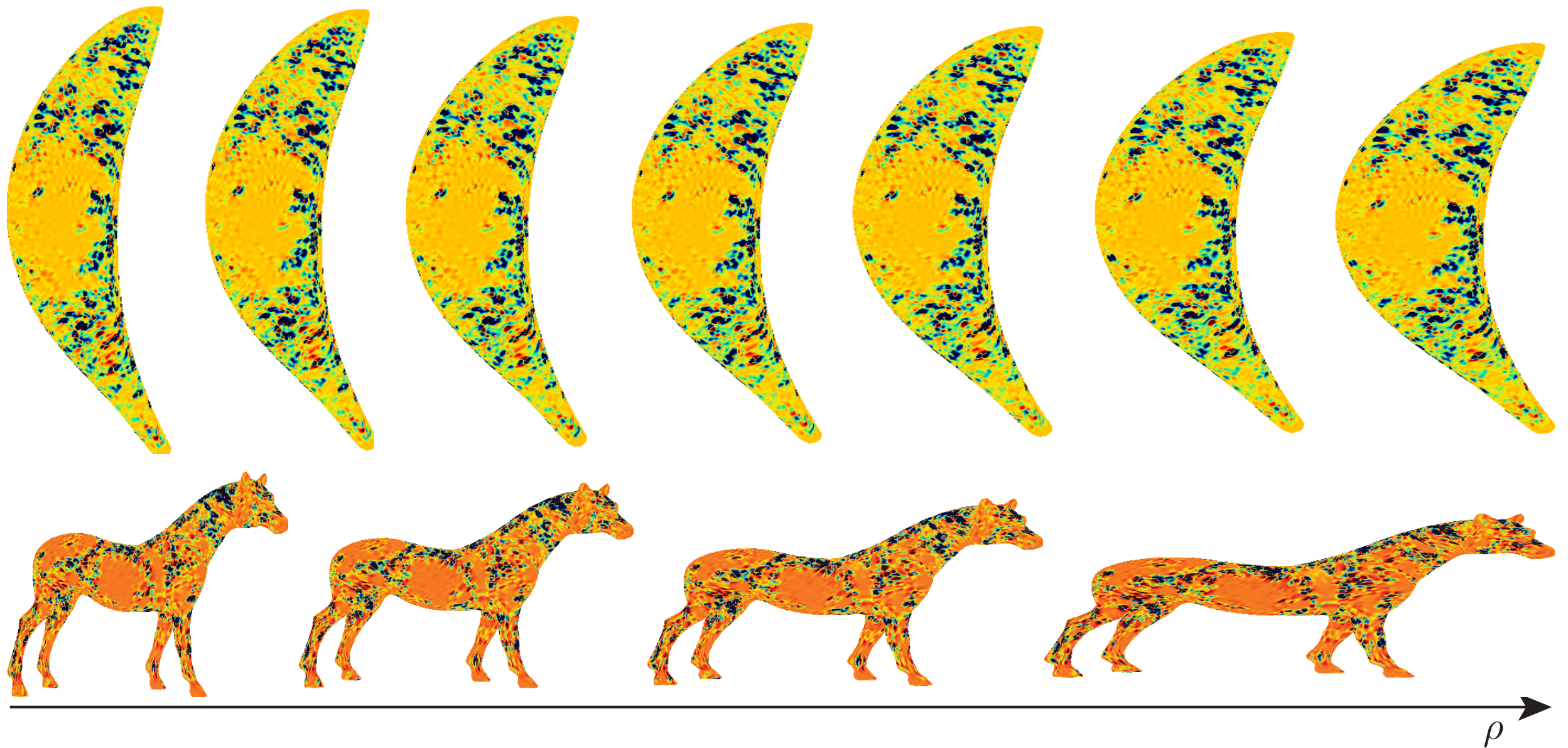
Torus



Horse



Invariance on real-world meshes



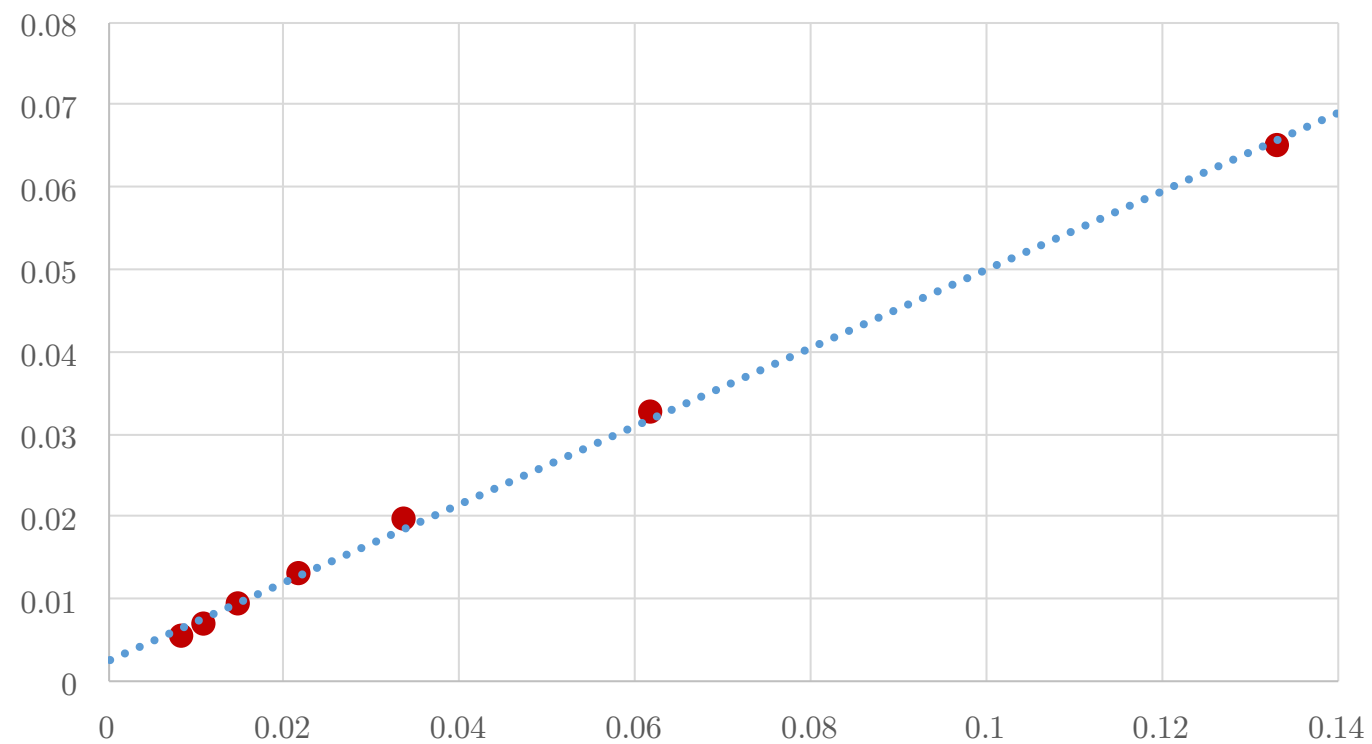
Error correlation

Affine estimators error depends on Euclidian Gaussian curvature estimators accuracy!

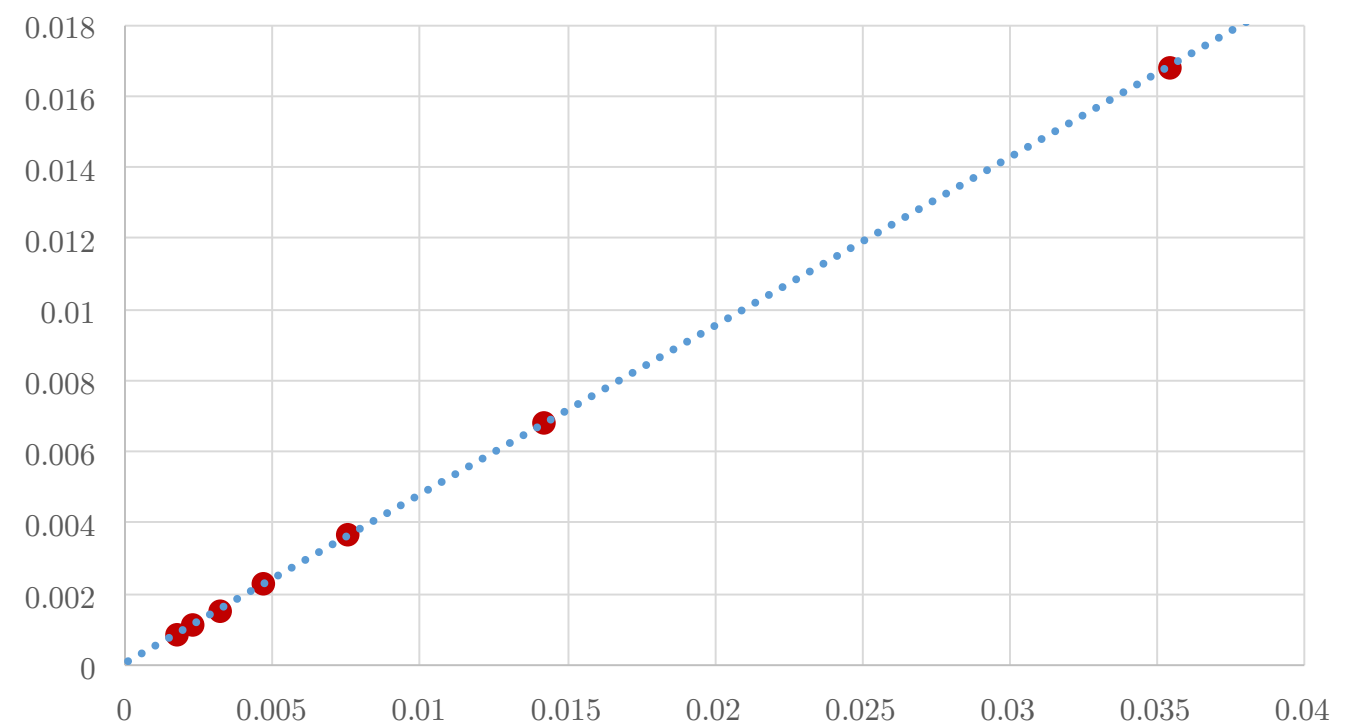
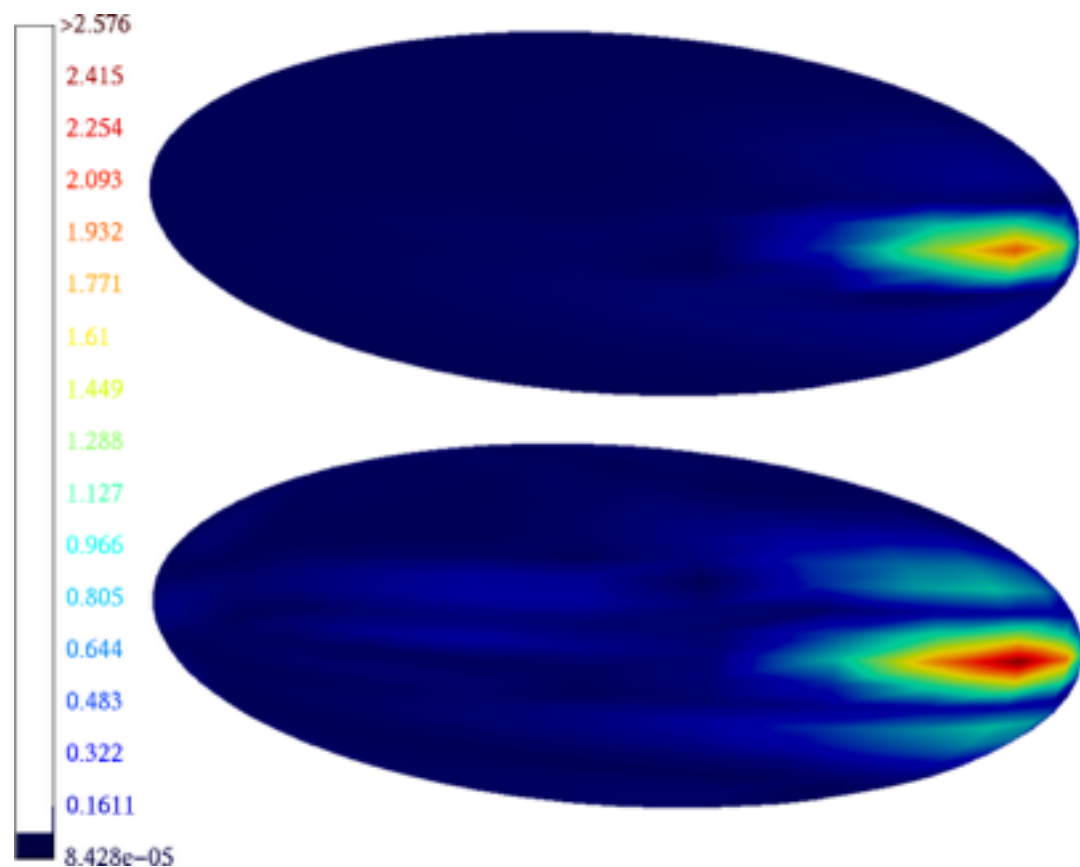
$$\nu_i = |K_i^e|^{-1/4} n_i$$

Estimated from
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ellipsoid K^e error $\times \xi$ error



Enneper's surface K^e error $\times K^a$ error

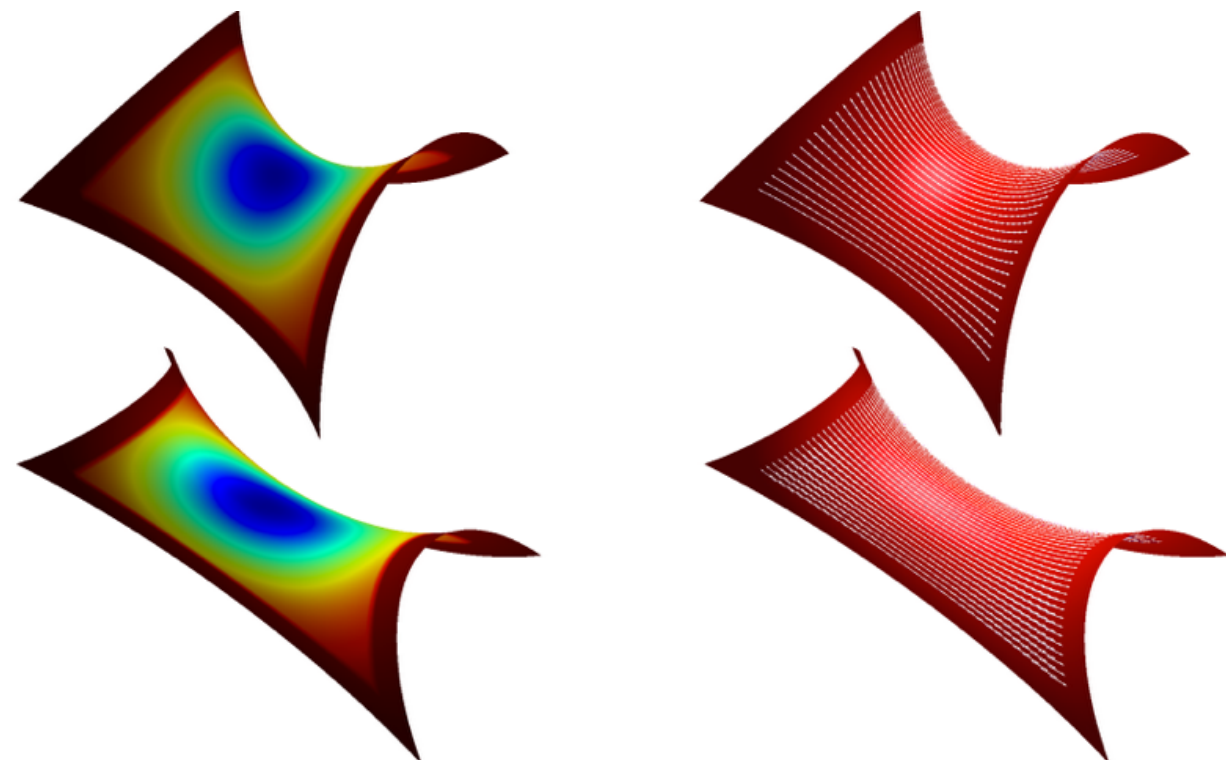
Limitations & Future Work

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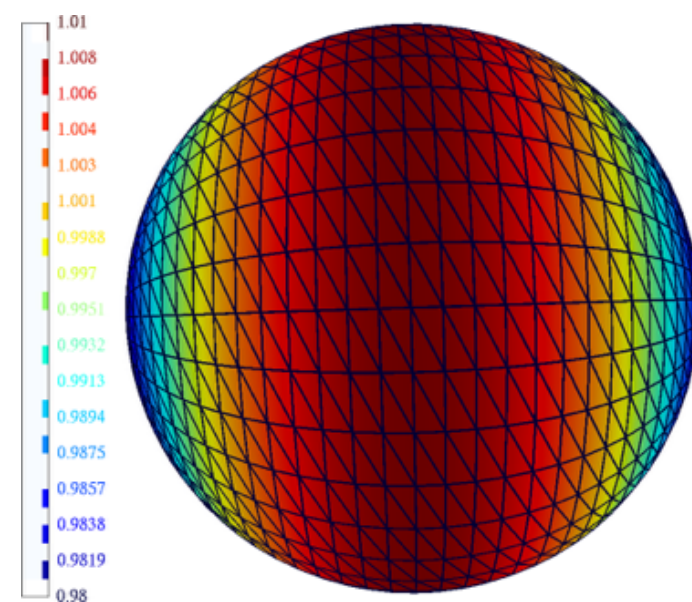
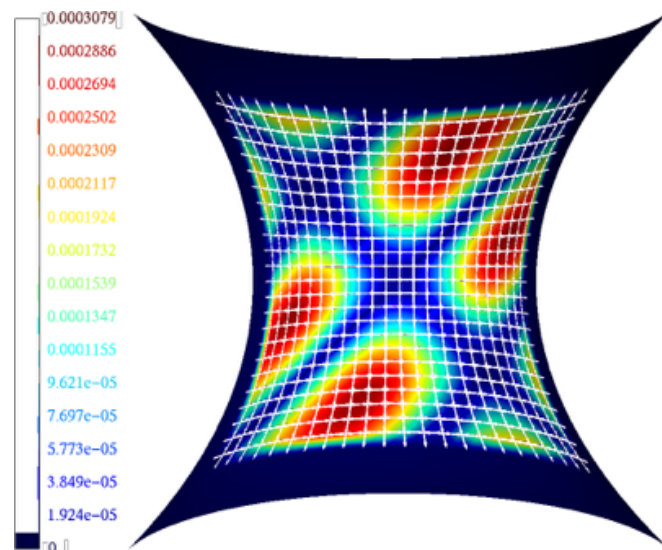
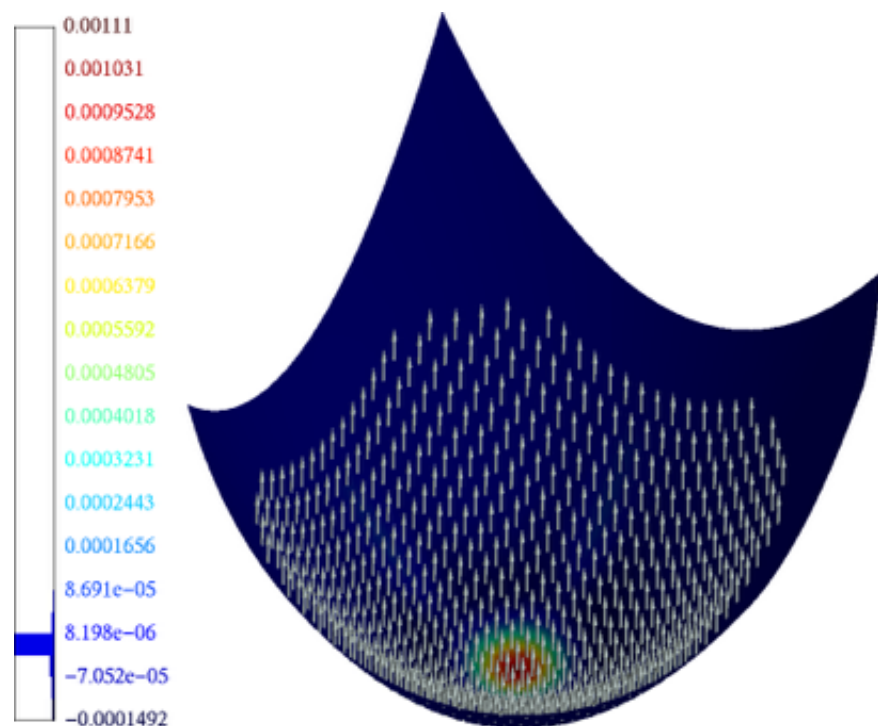
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- ✓ Estimators accuracy depends on Euclidean estimators
- ✓ Next step: develop practical affine invariant descriptors for shape analysis

which kind of neighborhoods are more accurate for our estimators?



Thank you for your attention!



Questions?

