

# Computational Conformal Geometry: Theories, Algorithms and Applications

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## Klein's Erlangen Program

Different geometries study the invariants under different transformation groups.

## Geometries

- Topology - homeomorphisms
- Conformal Geometry - Conformal Transformations
- Riemannian Geometry - Isometries
- Differential Geometry - Rigid Motion

Conformal geometry lays down the theoretic foundation for

- Surface mapping
- Geometry classification
- Shape analysis

Applied in computer graphics, computer vision, geometric modeling, wireless sensor networking and medical imaging, and many other engineering, medical fields.

## History

- In pure mathematics, conformal geometry is the intersection of complex analysis, algebraic topology, Riemann surface theory, algebraic curves, differential geometry, partial differential equation.
- In applied mathematics, computational complex function theory has been developed, which focuses on the conformal mapping between planar domains.
- Recently, computational conformal geometry has been developed, which focuses on the conformal mapping between surfaces.

## History

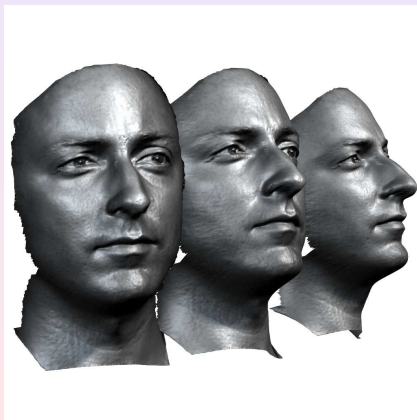
Conventional conformal geometric method can only handle the mappings among planar domains.

- Applied in thin plate deformation (biharmonic equation)
- Membrane vibration
- Electro-magnetic field design (Laplace equation)
- Fluid dynamics
- Aerospace design

# Reasons for Booming

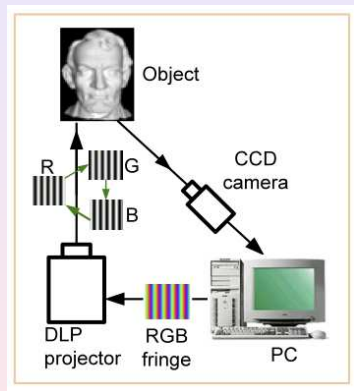
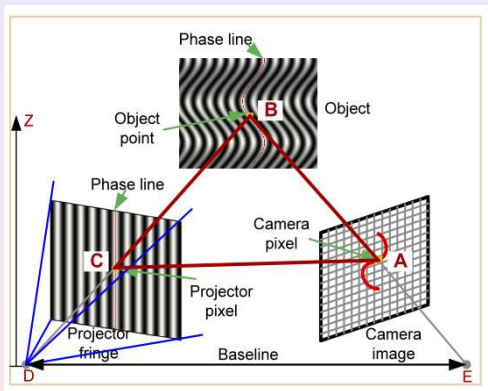
## Data Acquisition

3D scanning technology becomes mature, it is easier to obtain surface data.





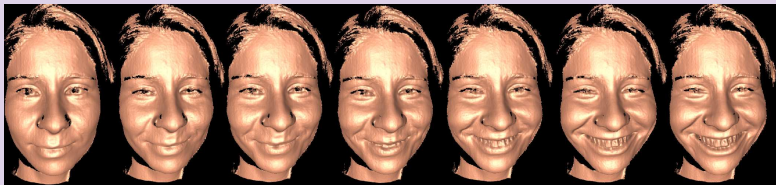
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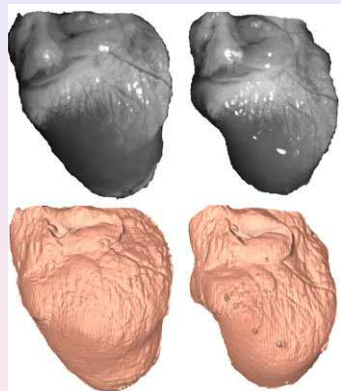
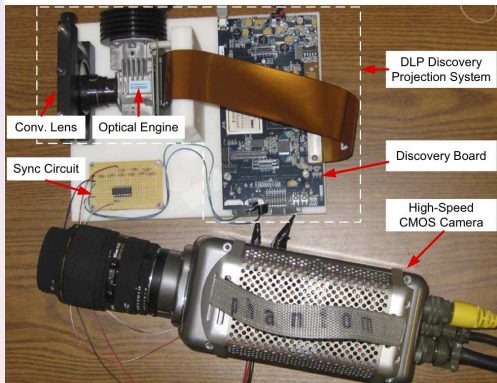
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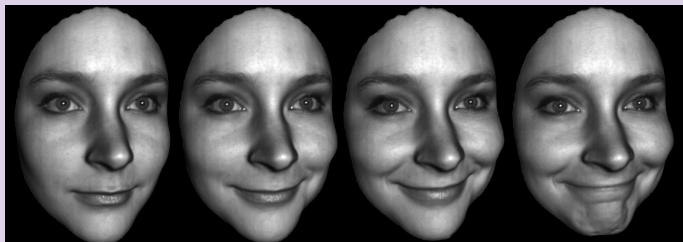


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Our group has developed high speed 3D scanner, which can capture dynamic surfaces 180 frames per second.



## Computational Power

Computational power has been increased tremendously. With the incentive in graphics, GPU becomes mature, which makes numerical methods for solving PDE's much easier.

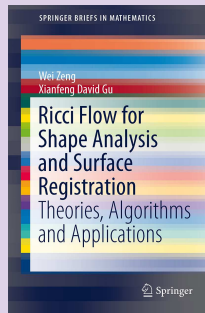
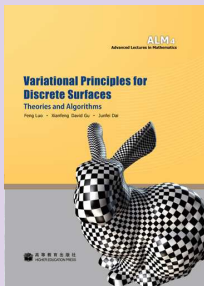
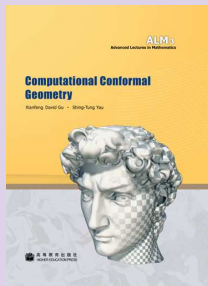
# Fundamental Problems

- 1 Given a Riemannian metric on a surface with an arbitrary topology, determine the corresponding conformal structure.
- 2 Compute the complete conformal invariants (conformal modules), which are the coordinates of the surface in the Teichmüller shape space.
- 3 Fix the conformal structure, find the simplest Riemannian metric among all possible Riemannian metrics
- 4 Given desired Gaussian curvature, compute the corresponding Riemannian metric.
- 5 Given the distortion between two conformal structures, compute the quasi-conformal mapping.
- 6 Compute the extremal quasi-conformal maps.
- 7 Conformal welding, glue surfaces with various conformal modules, compute the conformal module of the glued surface.

## Computational Conformal Geometry Library

- 1 Compute conformal mappings for surfaces with arbitrary topologies
- 2 Compute conformal modules for surfaces with arbitrary topologies
- 3 Compute Riemannian metrics with prescribed curvatures
- 4 Compute quasi-conformal mappings by solving Beltrami equation

The theory, algorithms and sample code can be found in the following books.

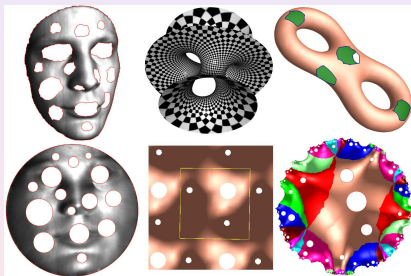
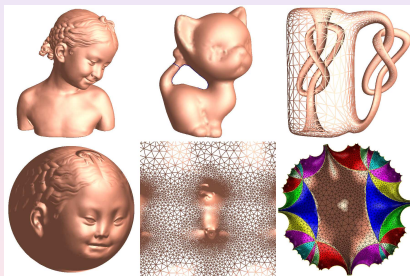


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# Source Code Library

Please email me [gu@cs.sunysb.edu](mailto:gu@cs.sunysb.edu) for updated code library on computational conformal geometry.



# Conformal Structure

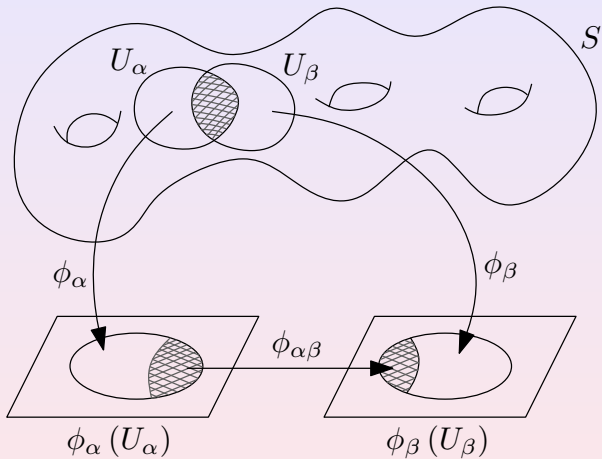
## Definition (Manifold)

$M$  is a topological space,  $\{U_\alpha\} \alpha \in I$  is an open covering of  $M$ ,  $M \subset \cup_\alpha U_\alpha$ . For each  $U_\alpha$ ,  $\phi_\alpha : U_\alpha \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a homeomorphism. The pair  $(U_\alpha, \phi_\alpha)$  is a chart. Suppose  $U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \neq \emptyset$ , the transition function  $\phi_{\alpha\beta} : \phi_\alpha(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta) \rightarrow \phi_\beta(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta)$  is smooth

$$\phi_{\alpha\beta} = \phi_\beta \circ \phi_\alpha^{-1}$$

then  $M$  is called a smooth manifold,  $\{(U_\alpha, \phi_\alpha)\}$  is called an atlas.

# Manifold



# Holomorphic Function

## Definition (Holomorphic Function)

Suppose  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a complex function,  
 $f : x + iy \rightarrow u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ , if  $f$  satisfies Riemann-Cauchy  
equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x},$$

then  $f$  is a holomorphic function.

Denote

$$dz = dx + idy, d\bar{z} = dx - idy, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - i\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right), \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + i\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right)$$

then if  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}} = 0$ , then  $f$  is holomorphic.

## Definition (Conformal Atlas)

Suppose  $S$  is a topological surface, (2 dimensional manifold),  $\mathfrak{A}$  is an atlas, such that all the chart transition functions  $\phi_{\alpha\beta} : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  are bi-holomorphic, then  $A$  is called a conformal atlas.

## Definition (Compatible Conformal Atlas)

Suppose  $S$  is a topological surface, (2 dimensional manifold),  $\mathfrak{A}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{A}_2$  are two conformal atlases. If their union  $A_1 \cup A_2$  is still a conformal atlas, we say  $\mathfrak{A}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{A}_2$  are compatible.

# Conformal Structure

The compatible relation among conformal atlases is an equivalence relation.

## Definition (Conformal Structure)

Suppose  $S$  is a topological surface, consider all the conformal atlases on  $M$ , classified by the compatible relation

$$\{\text{all conformal atlas}\} / \sim$$

each equivalence class is called a conformal structure.

In other words, each maximal conformal atlas is a conformal structure.

# Conformal Structure

## Definition (Conformal equivalent metrics)

Suppose  $g_1, g_2$  are two Riemannian metrics on a manifold  $M$ , if

$$g_1 = e^{2u}g_2, u : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

then  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  are conformal equivalent.

## Definition (Conformal Structure)

Consider all Riemannian metrics on a topological surface  $S$ , which are classified by the conformal equivalence relation,

$$\{\text{Riemannian metrics on } S\} / \sim,$$

each equivalence class is called a conformal structure.



# Relation between Riemannian metric and Conformal Structure

## Definition (Isothermal coordinates)

Suppose  $(S, g)$  is a metric surface,  $(U_\alpha, \phi_\alpha)$  is a coordinate chart,  $(x, y)$  are local parameters, if

$$g = e^{2u}(dx^2 + dy^2),$$

then we say  $(x, y)$  are isothermal coordinates.

## Theorem

*Suppose  $S$  is a compact metric surface, for each point  $p$ , there exists a local coordinate chart  $(U, \phi)$ , such that  $p \in U$ , and the local coordinates are isothermal.*

## Corollary

*For any compact metric surface, there exists a natural conformal structure.*

## Definition (Riemann surface)

A topological surface with a conformal structure is called a Riemann surface.

## Theorem

*All oriented compact metric surfaces are Riemann surfaces.*

# Conformal Mapping

# biholomorphic Function

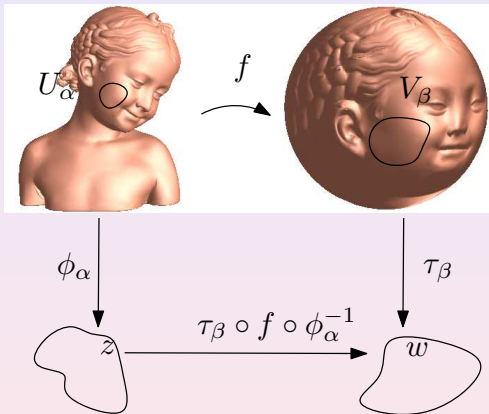
## Definition (biholomorphic Function)

Suppose  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is invertible, both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are holomorphic, then then  $f$  is a biholomorphic function.



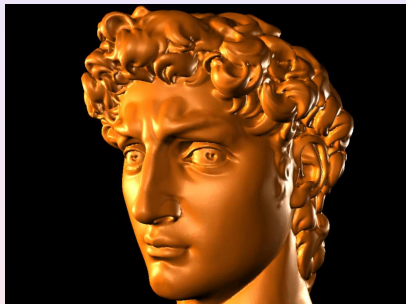
# Conformal Map

$$S_1 \subset \{(U_\alpha, \phi_\alpha)\} \quad S_2 \subset \{(V_\beta, \tau_\beta)\}$$



The restriction of the mapping on each local chart is biholomorphic, then the mapping is conformal.

# Conformal Mapping



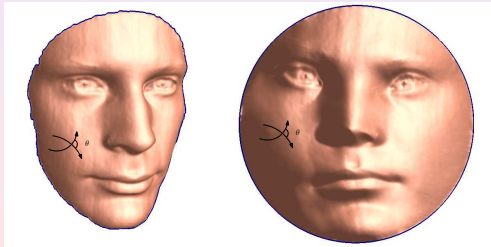
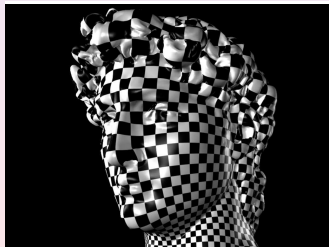
# Conformal Geometry

## Definition (Conformal Map)

Let  $\phi : (\mathcal{S}_1, \mathbf{g}_1) \rightarrow (\mathcal{S}_2, \mathbf{g}_2)$  is a homeomorphism,  $\phi$  is conformal if and only if

$$\phi^* \mathbf{g}_2 = e^{2u} \mathbf{g}_1.$$

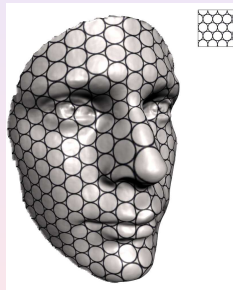
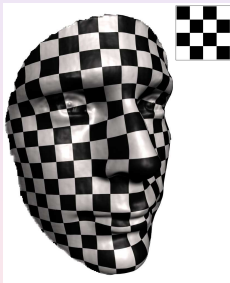
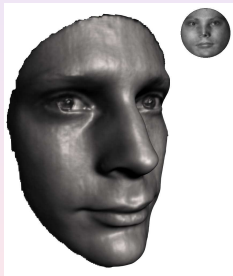
Conformal Mapping preserves angles.



# Conformal Mapping

## Conformal maps Properties

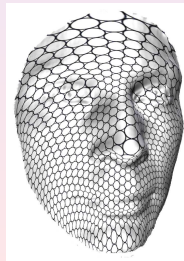
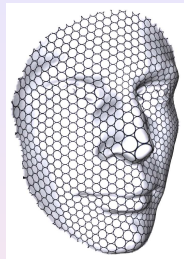
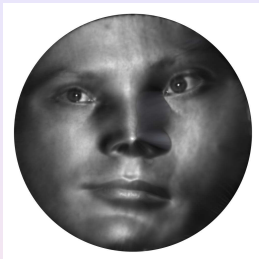
Map a circle field on the surface to a circle field on the plane.





# Quasi-Conformal Map

Diffeomorphisms: maps ellipse field to circle field.

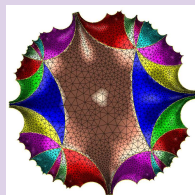
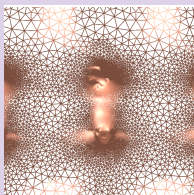
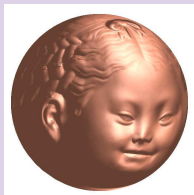
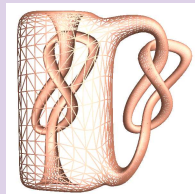


# Uniformization

# Conformal Canonical Representations

## Theorem (Poincaré Uniformization Theorem)

Let  $(\Sigma, \mathbf{g})$  be a compact 2-dimensional Riemannian manifold. Then there is a metric  $\tilde{\mathbf{g}} = e^{2\lambda} \mathbf{g}$  conformal to  $\mathbf{g}$  which has constant Gauss curvature.



Spherical

Euclidean

Hyperbolic

# Uniformization of Open Surfaces

## Definition (Circle Domain)

A domain in the Riemann sphere  $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$  is called a circle domain if every connected component of its boundary is either a circle or a point.

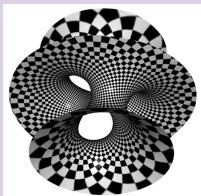
## Theorem

*Any domain  $\Omega$  in  $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$ , whose boundary  $\partial\Omega$  has at most countably many components, is conformally homeomorphic to a circle domain  $\Omega^*$  in  $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$ . Moreover  $\Omega^*$  is unique upto Möbius transformations, and every conformal automorphism of  $\Omega^*$  is the restriction of a Möbius transformation.*

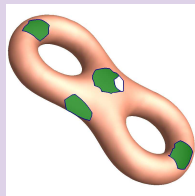
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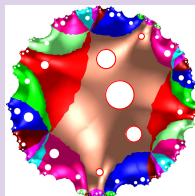
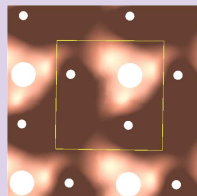
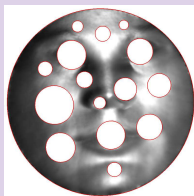
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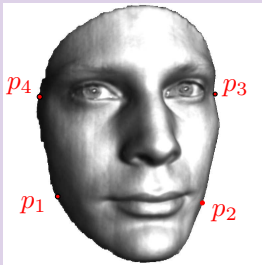
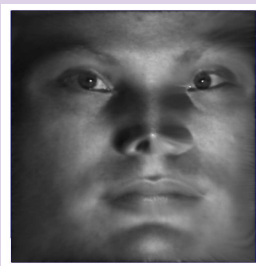
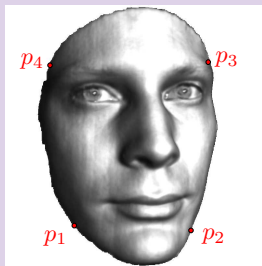
# Conformal Canonical Representation

## Simply Connected Domains



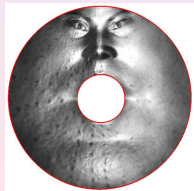
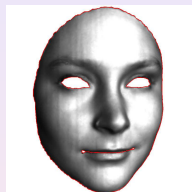
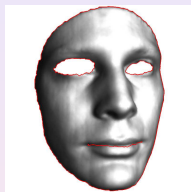
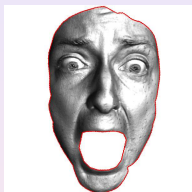
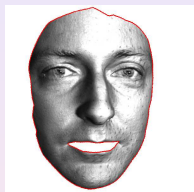
# Conformal Canonical Forms

## Topological Quadrilateral



# Conformal Canonical Forms

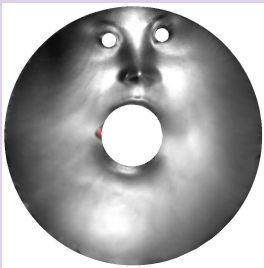
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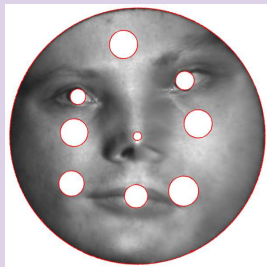
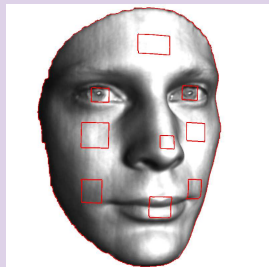
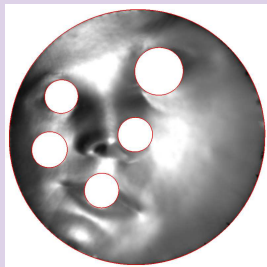
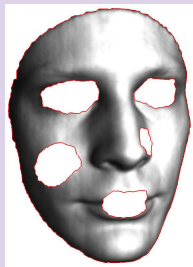
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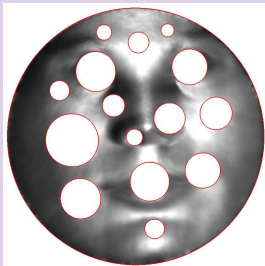
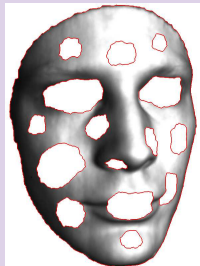
# Conformal Canonical Forms

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# Conformal Canonical Representations

## Definition (Circle Domain in a Riemann Surface)

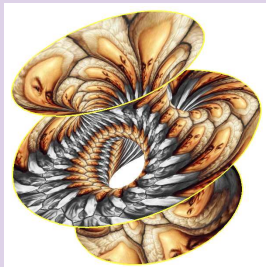
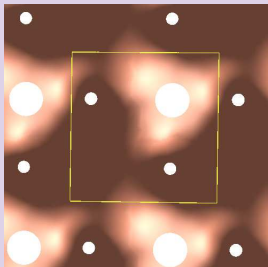
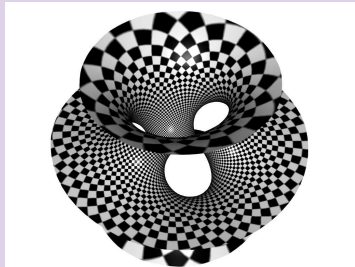
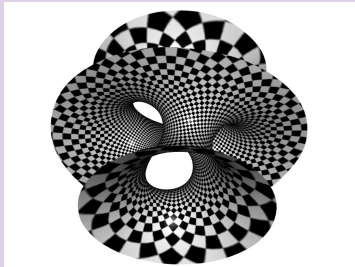
A circle domain in a Riemann surface is a domain, whose complement's connected components are all closed geometric disks and points. Here a geometric disk means a topological disk, whose lifts in the universal cover or the Riemann surface (which is  $\mathbb{H}^2$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^2$  or  $\mathbb{S}^2$  are round).

## Theorem

*Let  $\Omega$  be an open Riemann surface with finite genus and at most countably many ends. Then there is a closed Riemann surface  $R^*$  such that  $\Omega$  is conformally homeomorphic to a circle domain  $\Omega^*$  in  $R^*$ . More over, the pair  $(R^*, \Omega^*)$  is unique up to conformal homeomorphism.*

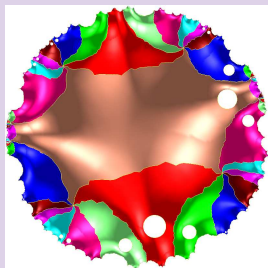
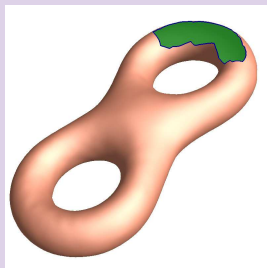
# Conformal Canonical Form

## Tori with holes



# Conformal Canonical Form

## High Genus Surface with holes



# Teichmüller Space

## Definition (Conformal Mapping)

Suppose  $(S_1, \mathbf{g}_1)$  and  $(S_2, \mathbf{g}_2)$  are two metric surfaces,  $\phi : S_1 \rightarrow S_2$  is conformal, if on  $S_1$

$$\mathbf{g}_1 = e^{2\lambda} \phi^* \mathbf{g}_2,$$

where  $\phi^* \mathbf{g}_2$  is the pull-back metric induced by  $\phi$ .

## Definition (Conformal Equivalence)

Suppose two surfaces  $S_1, S_2$  with marked homotopy group generators,  $\{a_i, b_i\}$  and  $\{\alpha_i, \beta_i\}$ . If there exists a conformal map  $\phi : S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ , such that

$$\phi_*[a_i] = [\alpha_i], \phi_*[b_i] = [\beta_i],$$

then we say two marked surfaces are conformal equivalent.

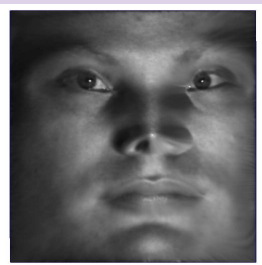
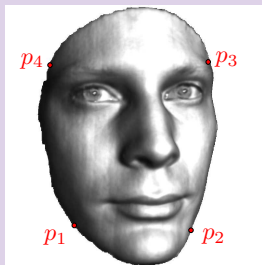


## Definition (Teichmüller Space)

Fix the topology of a marked surface  $S$ , all conformal equivalence classes sharing the same topology of  $S$ , form a manifold, which is called the Teichmüller space of  $S$ . Denoted as  $T_S$ .

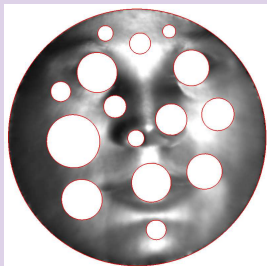
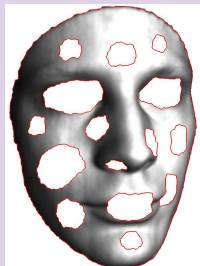
- Each point represents a class of surfaces.
- A path represents a deformation process from one shape to the other.
- The Riemannian metric of Teichmüller space is well defined.

## Topological Quadrilateral



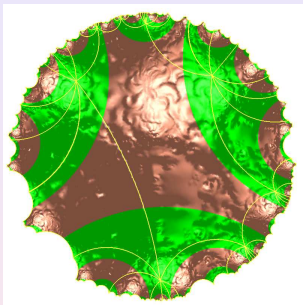
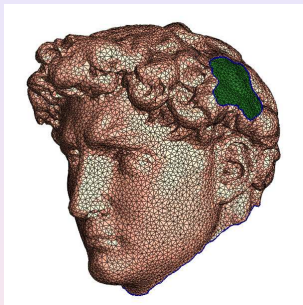
Conformal module:  $\frac{h}{w}$ . The Teichmüller space is 1 dimensional.

## Multiply Connected Domains



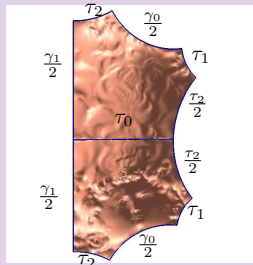
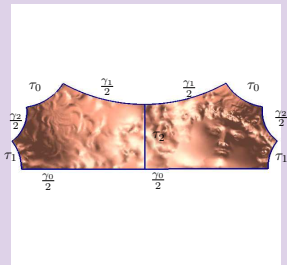
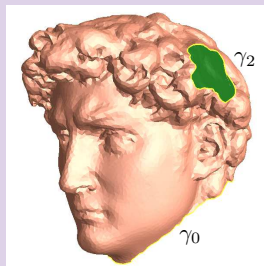
Conformal Module : centers and radii, with Möbius ambiguity.  
The Teichmüller space is  $3n - 3$  dimensional,  $n$  is the number of holes.

# Topological Pants

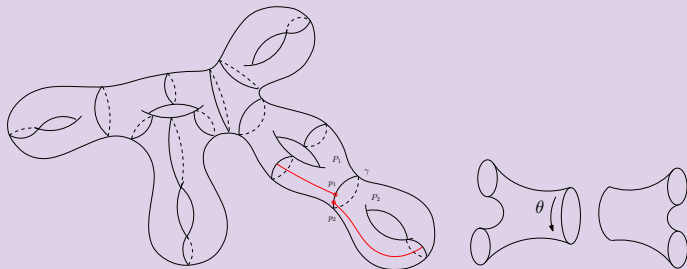


Genus 0 surface with 3 boundaries is conformally mapped to the hyperbolic plane, such that all boundaries become geodesics.

## Topological Pants

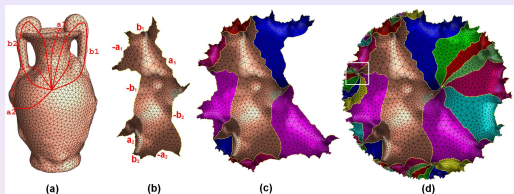


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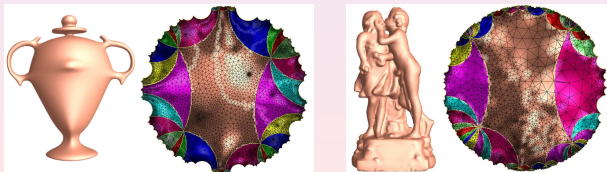


# Compute Teichmüller coordinates

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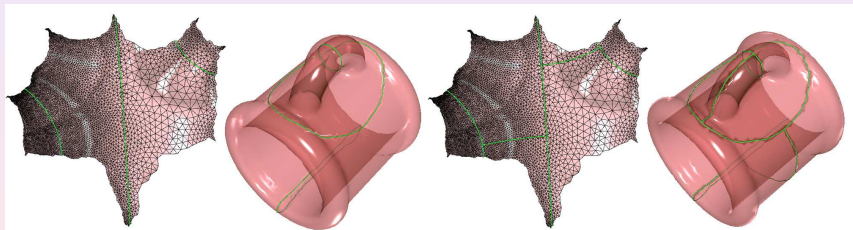


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# Compute Teichmüller Coordinates

Step 3. Pants decomposition using geodesics and compute the twisting angle.

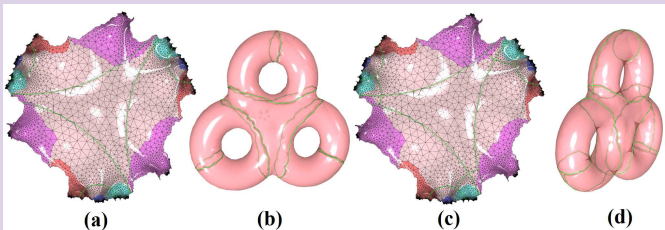




# Teichmüller Coordinates

## Compute Teichmüller coordinates

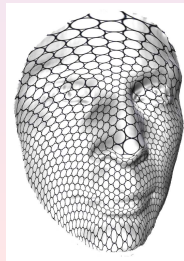
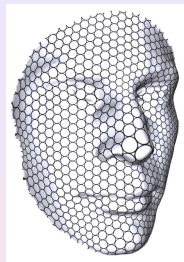
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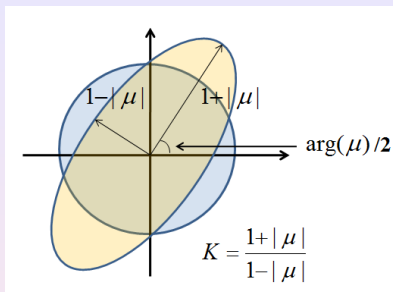
# Quasi-Conformal Maps

# Quasi-Conformal Map

Most homeomorphisms are quasi-conformal, which maps infinitesimal circles to ellipses.



# Beltrami-Equation



## Beltrami Coefficient

Let  $\phi : S_1 \rightarrow S_2$  be the map,  $z, w$  are isothermal coordinates of  $S_1, S_2$ , Beltrami equation is defined as  $\|\mu\|_\infty < 1$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \bar{z}} = \mu(z) \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

## Theorem

*Given two genus zero metric surface with a single boundary,*

$$\{\text{Diffeomorphisms}\} \cong \frac{\{\text{Beltrami Coefficient}\}}{\{\text{Mobius}\}}.$$

# Solving Beltrami Equation

The problem of computing Quasi-conformal map is converted to compute a conformal map.

## Solveing Beltrami Equation

Given metric surfaces  $(S_1, \mathbf{g}_1)$  and  $(S_2, \mathbf{g}_2)$ , let  $z, w$  be isothermal coordinates of  $S_1, S_2, w = \phi(z)$ .

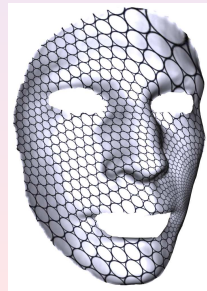
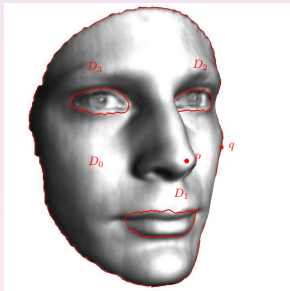
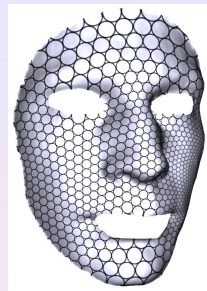
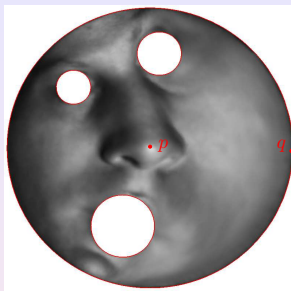
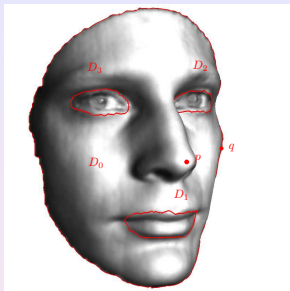
$$\mathbf{g}_1 = e^{2u_1} dzd\bar{z} \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{g}_2 = e^{2u_2} dwd\bar{w}, \quad (2)$$

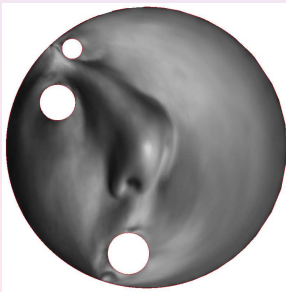
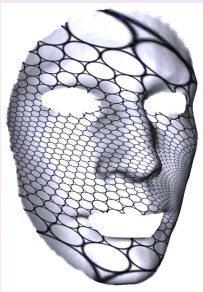
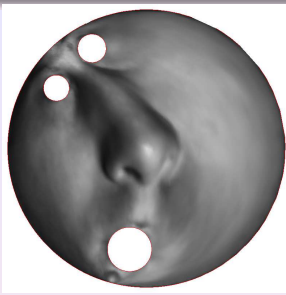
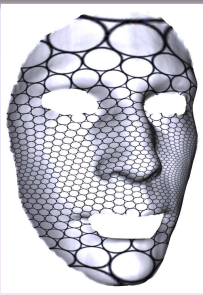
Then

- $\phi : (S_1, \mathbf{g}_1) \rightarrow (S_2, \mathbf{g}_2)$ , quasi-conformal with Beltrami coefficient  $\mu$ .
- $\phi : (S_1, \phi^* \mathbf{g}_2) \rightarrow (S_2, \mathbf{g}_2)$  is isometric
- $\phi^* \mathbf{g}_2 = e^{u_2} |dw|^2 = e^{u_2} |dz + \mu d\bar{z}|^2$ .
- $\phi : (S_1, |dz + \mu d\bar{z}|^2) \rightarrow (S_2, \mathbf{g}_2)$  is conformal.

# Quasi-Conformal Map Examples



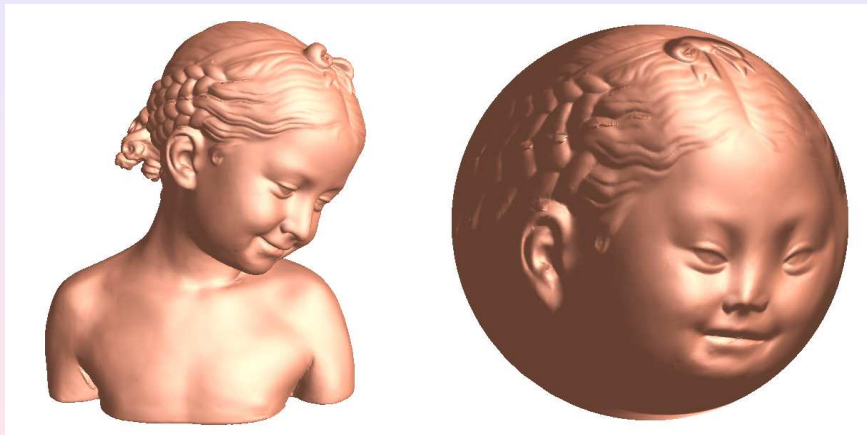
# Quasi-Conformal Map Examples





# Computational Method - Harmonic Mapping

# Spherical harmonic map



# Harmonic Map

Let  $(M, g)$  and  $(N, h)$  be Riemannian manifolds,  $u : M \rightarrow N$  is a  $C^1$  mapping.

$$ds_M^2 = \sum g_{\alpha\beta} dx^\alpha dx^\beta, ds_N^2 = \sum h_{ij}(u(x)) du^i du^j.$$

The pull back metric of  $h$  induced by  $u$  is  $u^*(ds_N^2)$  is a symmetric bilinear form

$$u^*(ds_N^2) = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \left( \sum_{i, j} h_{ij}(u(x)) \frac{\partial u^i}{\partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial u^j}{\partial x^\beta} \right) dx^\alpha dx^\beta.$$

The *energy density* of mapping  $u$  is defined as

$$|du|^2 = \sum_{i, j, \alpha, \beta} g^{\alpha\beta}(x) h_{ij}(u(x)) \frac{\partial u^i}{\partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial u^j}{\partial x^\beta}.$$

# Energy of the mapping

Equivalently, choose an orthogonal frame field under  $u^*(ds_N^2)$ , each basis vector field is of unit length under  $\mathbf{g}$ , the dual 1-forms are  $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n\}$ , such that

$$u^*(ds_N^2) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \lambda_{\alpha} (\omega_{\alpha})^2.$$

The the energy density of the mapping  $u$  is given by

$$|du|^2 = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \lambda_{\alpha}.$$

# Harmonic Energy and Harmonic Mapping

## Definition (Harmonic Energy)

The harmonic energy functional  $E(u)$  is defined as

$$E(u) = \int_M |du|^2 dv_M,$$

where  $dv_M = (\det g)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx$  is the volume element of  $M$ .

## Definition (Harmonic Mapping)

In the space of mappings, the critical points of  $E(u)$  are called harmonic mappings.

# Harmonic Energy Conformal Invariant

Suppose  $u$  is a mapping from a surface  $(S, g)$  to  $(N, h)$ .  
Suppose  $\tilde{g} = e^{2\lambda}g$  is another metric of  $S$ , conformal to  $g$ , then

$$|\tilde{d}u|^2 = e^{-2\lambda}|du|^2, \sqrt{\det \tilde{g}} = e^{2\lambda} \sqrt{\det g},$$

Then  $\tilde{g} = g$ . Harmonic energy is invariant under conformal metric transformation.

## Theorem

*Harmonic energy only depends on the conformal structure of the surface, independent of the choice of Riemannian metric.*

# Harmonic Mapping

Suppose  $N$  is embedded in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $u : S \rightarrow N$  is a harmonic mapping, then

$$\Delta_g u^{T_u N} \equiv 0.$$

where  $\Delta_g u = (\Delta_g u_1, \Delta_g u_2, \Delta_g u_3)$ . Namely,  $\Delta_g u$  is orthogonal to the tangent plane at the target space.

## Definition (Heat flow)

Let  $u : S \rightarrow N \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ , the heat flow is given by

$$\frac{du(x, t)}{dt} = -(\Delta_g u)^{T_{u(x)}N}$$

The heat flow method will deform a mapping to the harmonic mapping under special normalization conditions.



## Theorem

*Harmonic mapping from a genus zero closed surface to the unit sphere must be a conformal mapping.*

## Proof.

Let  $u: S \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^2$ . Choose isothermal coordinates of both surfaces, define

$$\phi(z) = \left\langle \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial \bar{z}} \right\rangle$$

then

$$\phi(z) = \frac{1}{4} \left( \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right|^2 - \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right|^2 - \left\langle \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right\rangle \right).$$

if  $\phi(z) = 0$ , then the mapping is conformal.

On the other hand,  $\frac{\partial \phi(z)}{\partial \bar{z}} = 0$ , then  $\phi(z)$  is holomorphic.

$\phi(z) dz^2$  is globally defined, the so-called Hopf differential.

Sphere has no non-zero holomorphic quadratic differentials.

## Theorem

*The conformal automorphism from a sphere to itself must be a Möbius transformation*

$$z \rightarrow \frac{az + b}{cz + d}, ad - bc = 1, a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}.$$

## Theorem (Rado)

*Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  is a convex domain with smooth boundary. For any homeomorphism  $\phi : S^1 \rightarrow \partial\Omega$ , there exists a unique harmonic mapping  $u : D \rightarrow \Omega$ , such that  $u|_{\partial D} = \phi$ , furthermore,  $u$  is a diffeomorphism.*

# Discrete Approximation

We use piecewise linear triangle mesh to approximate the original surface. suppose  $u : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the harmonic energy is given by

$$E(u) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{[v_i, v_j] \in M} w_{ij} (f(v_i) - f(v_j))^2.$$

The discrete Laplace-Beltrami operator is given by

$$\Delta f(v_i) = \sum_j w_{ij} (f(v_j) - f(v_i)).$$

where  $w_{ij}$  is the cotangent formula.

# Computational Method - Holomorphic Form

## Harmonic 1-form

Each cohomologous class has a unique harmonic 1-form, which represents a vortex free, source-sink free flow field.

## Theorem (Hodge)

*All the harmonic 1-forms form a group, which is isomorphic to  $H^1(M)$ .*

## Theorem (Hodge Decomposition)

$$\Omega^k(M) = \text{Im}d^{k-1} \oplus \text{Im}\delta^{k+1} \oplus H_{\Delta}^k(M).$$

# Compute Harmonic 1-forms

## Harmonic 1-form

Let  $\omega$  be a closed 1-form. Compute a function  $f \in C^0(M, \mathbb{R})$ , such that

$$\delta^1(\omega + df) = 0,$$

then  $\omega + df$  is the unique harmonic 1-form, cohomologous to  $\omega$ .

## Harmonic 1-form Basis



# Compute Harmonic 1-forms

## Harmonic 1-form

Let  $\omega$  be a closed 1-form. Compute a function  $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , such that

$$\sum_j w_{ij}(\omega + df)([v_i, v_j]) = 0, \forall v_i \in V.$$

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## Harmonic 1-form Basis





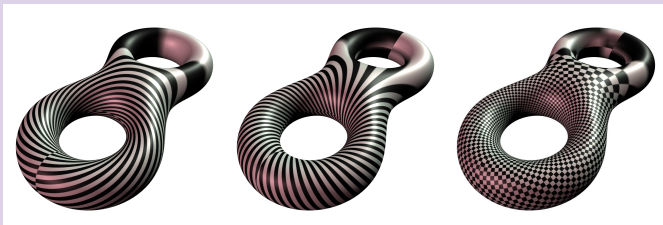
# Hodge Star Operator

## Hodge Star Operator

Let  $(S, \mathbf{g})$  be a metric surface,  $\{e_1, e_2\}$  be an orthonormal frame field,  $\{\frac{\partial}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial}{\partial v}\}$  be the base vector fields,  $\{du, dv\}$  be the dual differential 1-form fields.

$$*du = dv, *dv = -du.$$

## Conjugate harmonic 1-forms $\omega + \sqrt{-1}^* \omega$



# Hodge Star Operator

## Hodge Star Operator

If  $\omega$  is a harmonic 1-form, so is  $^*\omega$ . Suppose  $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_{2g}\}$  is the set basis of harmonic 1-forms, then  $^*\omega = \sum_k \lambda_k \omega_k$ . Locally, on each triangle  $^*(adx + bdy) = ady - bdx$ . Solve linear system

$$\int_M \omega_i \wedge ^*\omega = \sum_k \lambda_k \int_M \omega_i \wedge \omega_k, i = 1, 2, \dots, 2g.$$

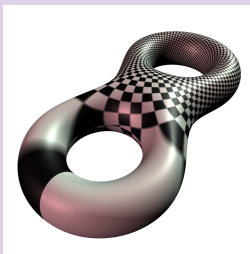
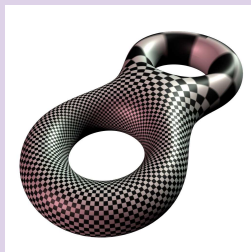
to solve  $\lambda_k$ 's, where  $^*\omega$  on the left hand side is locally evaluated.

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# Holomorphic 1-form

## Holomorphic 1-form Basis



# Topological Quadrilateral

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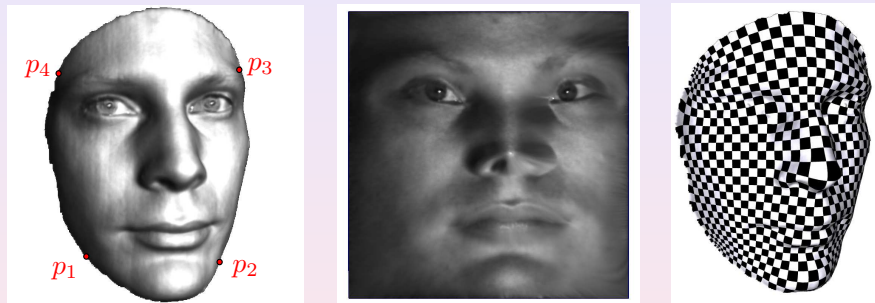


Figure: Topological quadrilateral.

# Topological Quadrilateral

## Definition (Topological Quadrilateral)

Suppose  $S$  is a surface of genus zero with a single boundary, and four marked boundary points  $\{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4\}$  sorted counter-clock-wisely. Then  $S$  is called a topological quadrilateral, and denoted as  $Q(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4)$ .

## Theorem

*Suppose  $Q(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4)$  is a topological quadrilateral with a Riemannian metric  $\mathbf{g}$ , then there exists a unique conformal map  $\phi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , such that  $\phi$  maps  $Q$  to a rectangle,  $\phi(p_1) = 0$ ,  $\phi(p_2) = 1$ . The height of the image rectangle is the conformal module of the surface.*

# Topological Quadrilateral

Assume the boundary of  $Q$  consists of four segments

$\partial Q = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3 + \gamma_4$ , such that

$$\partial\gamma_1 = p_2 - p_1, \partial\gamma_2 = p_3 - p_2, \partial\gamma_3 = p_4 - p_3, \gamma_4 = p_1 - p_4.$$

We compute two harmonic functions  $f_1, f_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , such that

$$\begin{cases} \Delta f_1 & = 0 \\ f_1|_{\gamma_1} & = 0 \\ f_1|_{\gamma_3} & = 1 \\ \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \mathbf{n}}|_{\gamma_2 \cup \gamma_4} & = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \Delta f_2 & = 0 \\ f_2|_{\gamma_2} & = 0 \\ f_2|_{\gamma_4} & = 1 \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \mathbf{n}}|_{\gamma_1 \cup \gamma_3} & = 0 \end{cases}$$

# Topological Quadrilateral

The  $df_1$  and  $df_2$  are two exact harmonic 1-forms. We need to find a scalar  $\lambda$ , such that  $*df_1 = \lambda df_2$ , this can be achieved by solving the following equation,

$$\int_S df_1 \wedge *df_2 = \lambda \int_S df_1 \wedge df_2.$$

Then the desired holomorphic 1-form  $\omega = df_1 + i\lambda df_2$ . The conformal mapping is given by

$$\phi(p) = \int_q^p \omega,$$

where  $q$  is the base point, the path from  $q$  to  $p$  is arbitrarily chosen.



# Topological Annulus

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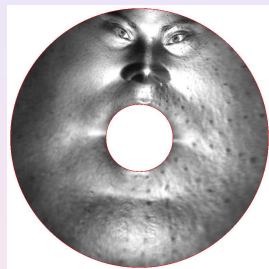
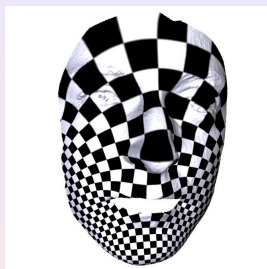
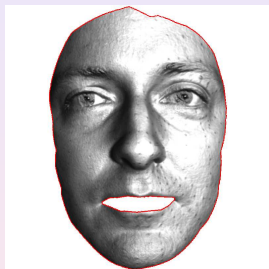


Figure: Topological annulus.

# Topological Annulus

## Definition (Topological Annulus)

Suppose  $S$  is a surface of genus zero with two boundaries, the  $S$  is called a topological annulus.

## Theorem

*Suppose  $S$  is a topological annulus with a Riemannian metric  $\mathbf{g}$ , the boundary of  $S$  are two loops  $\partial S = \gamma_1 - \gamma_2$ , then there exists a conformal mapping  $\phi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , which maps  $S$  to the canonical annulus,  $\phi(\gamma_1)$  is the unit circle,  $\phi(\gamma_2)$  is another concentric circle with radius  $\gamma$ . Then  $-\log \gamma$  is the conformal module of  $S$ . The mapping  $\phi$  is unique up to a planar rotation.*

# Topological Annulus

First, we compute a harmonic function  $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , such that

$$\begin{cases} f|_{\gamma_1} &= 0 \\ f|_{\gamma_2} &= 1 \\ \Delta f &= 0 \end{cases}$$

Then  $df$  is an exact harmonic 1-form. Then we compute a harmonic 1-form  $\tau$ , such that  $\int_{\gamma_1} \tau = 1$ .

# Topological Annulus

Then we compute a constant  $\lambda$ , such that  $*df = \lambda\tau$ , by solving the following equation,

$$\int_S df \wedge *df = \lambda \int_S df \wedge \tau.$$

Then  $\omega = df + i\lambda\tau$  is a holomorphic 1-form. Let  $\text{Im}g(\int_{\gamma_1} \omega) = k$ . The conformal mapping is given by

$$\phi(p) = \exp\left(\frac{2\pi}{k} \int_q^p \omega\right).$$

# Topological Annulus

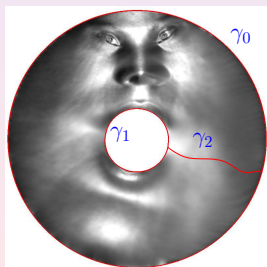
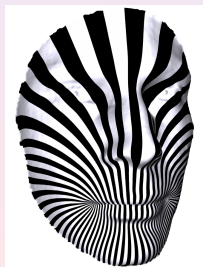
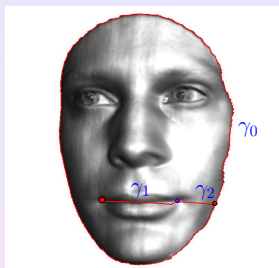


Figure: Topological annulus.

# Riemann Mapping

## Simply Connected Domains





## Definition (Topological Disk)

Suppose  $S$  is a surface of genus zero with one boundary, the  $S$  is called a topological disk.

## Theorem

*Suppose  $S$  is a topological disk with a Riemannian metric  $\mathbf{g}$ , then there exists a conformal mapping  $\phi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , which maps  $S$  to the canonical disk. The mapping  $\phi$  is unique up to a Möbius transformation,*

$$z \rightarrow e^{i\theta} \frac{z - z_0}{1 - \bar{z}_0 z}.$$

Punch a small hole in the disk, then use the algorithm for topological annulus to compute the conformal mapping. The punched hole will be mapped to the center.

# Multiply connected domains

# Multiply-Connected Annulus

## Definition (Multiply-Connected Annulus)

Suppose  $S$  is a surface of genus zero with multiple boundaries, then  $S$  is called a multiply connected annulus.

## Theorem

*Suppose  $S$  is a multiply connected annulus with a Riemannian metric  $\mathbf{g}$ , then there exists a conformal mapping  $\phi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , which maps  $S$  to the unit disk with circular holes. The radii and the centers of the inner circles are the conformal module of  $S$ . Such kind of conformal mapping are unique up to Möbius transformations.*

# Conformal Slit Mapping



Figure: Harmonic forms and holomorphic forms.

## Slit Mapping

Suppose there are  $n + 1$  boundary components  $\{\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n\}$ .  $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n\}$  are the holomorphic 1-form basis. Choose two boundary components,  $\gamma_0, \gamma_1$ , solve linear equation  $\omega = \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k \omega_k$ ,

$$\text{img}\left(\int_{\gamma_0} \omega\right) = 2\pi, \text{img}\left(\int_{\gamma_1} \omega\right) = -2\pi, \text{img}\left(\int_{\gamma_k} \omega\right) = 0, 2 \leq k \leq n.$$

Then the mapping is given by

$$p \rightarrow \exp \int_q^p \omega,$$

where  $q$  is the base point on the surface.

# Conformal Circular Slit Mapping

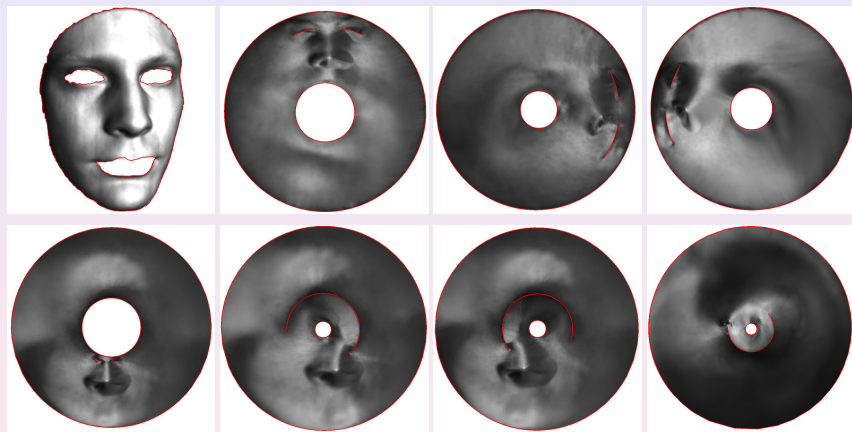


Figure: Conformal circular slit mapping.

# Hole Filling

Adding sample points in the center hole, use Delaunay triangulation to fill in with boundary constraints.

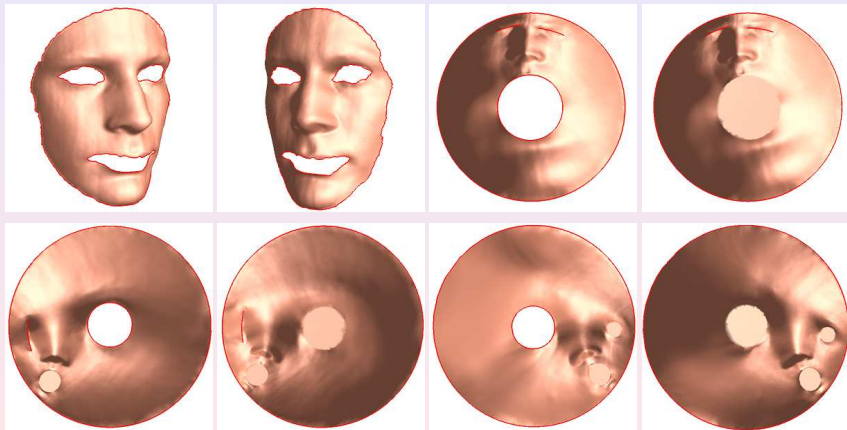
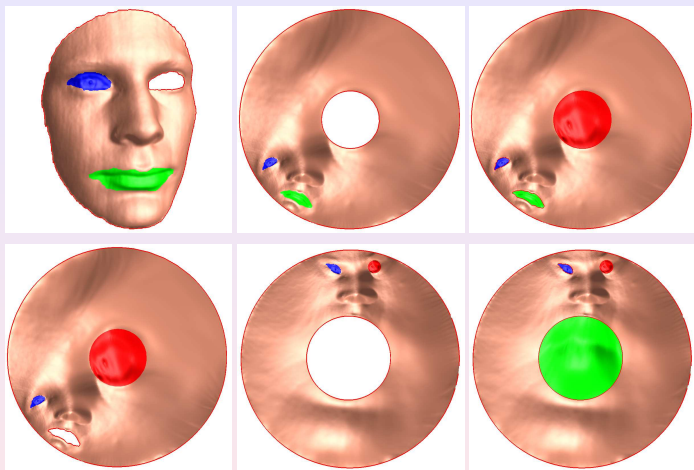


Figure: Fill interior holes.



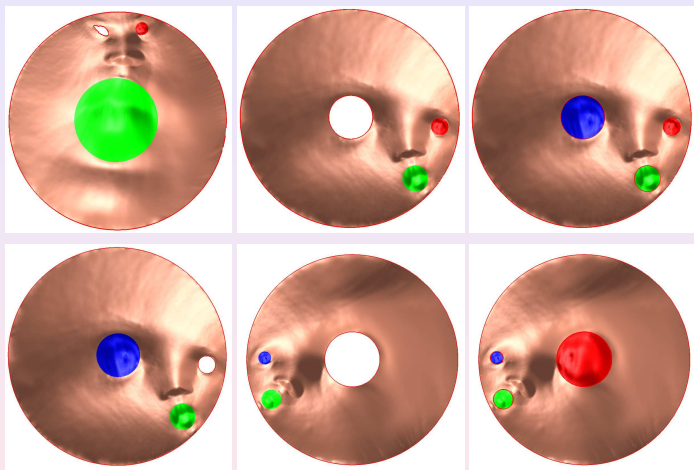


# Koebe's Iteration - I



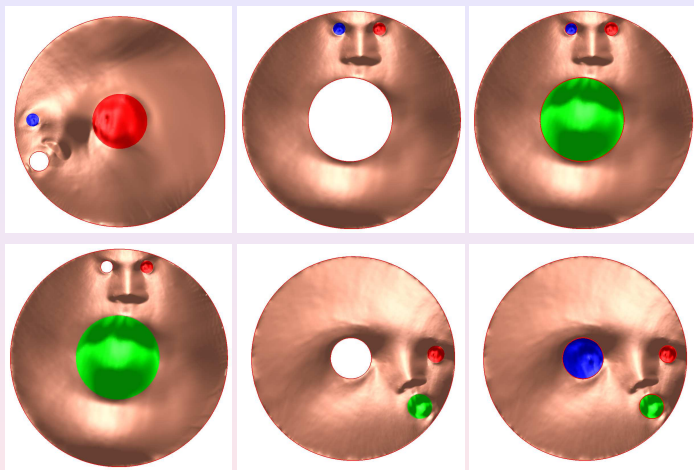
**Figure:** Koebe's method for computing conformal maps for multiply connected domains.

# Koebe's Iteration - II



**Figure:** Koebe's method for computing conformal maps for multiply connected domains.

# Koebe's Iteration - III



**Figure:** Koebe's method for computing conformal maps for multiply connected domains.

## Theorem (Gu and Luo 2009)

*Suppose genus zero surface has  $n$  boundaries, then there exists constants  $C_1 > 0$  and  $0 < C_2 < 1$ , for step  $k$ , for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,*

$$|f_k \circ f^{-1}(z) - z| < C_1 C_2^{2[\frac{k}{n}]},$$

*where  $f$  is the desired conformal mapping.*

# Topological Torus

# Topological torus

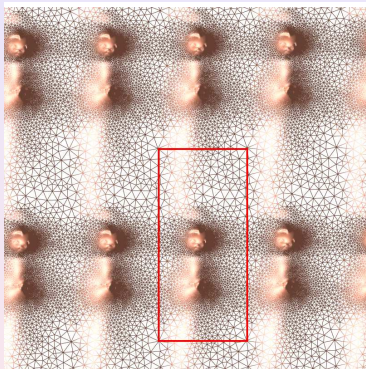
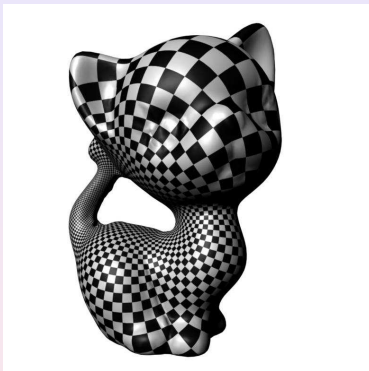


Figure: Genus one closed surface.

# Topological Torus

- 1 We compute a basis for the fundamental group  $\pi_1(S)$ ,  $\{\gamma_1, \gamma_2\}$ .
- 2 Compute the holomorphic 1-form basis  $\omega_1, \omega_2$ , such that  $\int_{\gamma_i} \omega_j = \delta_{ij}$ .
- 3 Slice the surface along  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$  to get a fundamental domain  $\tilde{S}$ ,
- 4 The conformal mapping  $\phi : \tilde{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is given by

$$\phi(p) = \int_q^p \omega_1,$$

where  $q$  is the base point, the path from  $q$  to  $p$  in  $\tilde{S}$  can be arbitrarily chosen.

# Topological Torus

Suppose  $a + ib = \int_{\gamma_2} \omega_1$ , then  $a + ib$  is the conformal module of the torus. The deck transformation group generators are

$$T_1(z) = z + 1, T_2(z) = z + a + ib.$$

By using all deck transformations to translate  $\phi(\tilde{S})$ , we can conformally map the universal covering space of  $S$  onto the whole complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ , each fundamental domain is a parallelogram.



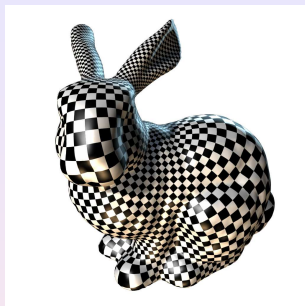
# Computational Method - Surface Ricci Flow

# Discrete Curvature Flow

## Isothermal Coordinates

A surface  $\Sigma$  with a Riemannian metric  $\mathbf{g}$ , a local coordinate system  $(u, v)$  is an isothermal coordinate system, if

$$\mathbf{g} = e^{2\lambda(u,v)}(du^2 + dv^2).$$



## Gaussian Curvature

The Gaussian curvature is given by

$$K(u, v) = -\Delta_{\mathbf{g}}\lambda = -\frac{1}{e^{2\lambda(u,v)}}\Delta\lambda(u, v),$$

where  $\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial v^2}$ .

# Conformal Metric Deformation

## Definition

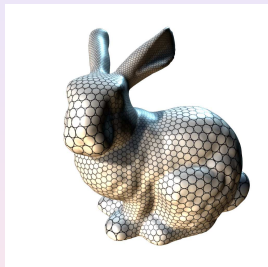
Suppose  $\Sigma$  is a surface with a Riemannian metric,

$$\mathbf{g} = \begin{pmatrix} g_{11} & g_{12} \\ g_{21} & g_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

Suppose  $\lambda : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a function defined on the surface, then  $e^{2\lambda} \mathbf{g}$  is also a Riemannian metric on  $\Sigma$  and called a **conformal metric**.  $\lambda$  is called the conformal factor.

$$\mathbf{g} \rightarrow e^{2\lambda} \mathbf{g}$$

Conformal metric deformation.



Angles are invariant measured by conformal metrics.

## Yamabe Equation

Suppose  $\bar{\mathbf{g}} = e^{2\lambda} \mathbf{g}$  is a conformal metric on the surface, then the Gaussian curvature on interior points are

$$\bar{K} = e^{-2\lambda} (-\Delta_{\mathbf{g}} \lambda + K),$$

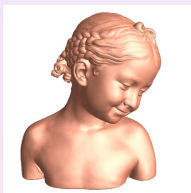
geodesic curvature on the boundary

$$\bar{k}_g = e^{-\lambda} (-\partial_n \lambda + k_g).$$

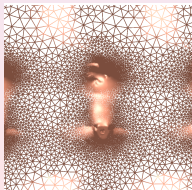
# Uniformization

## Theorem (Poincaré Uniformization Theorem)

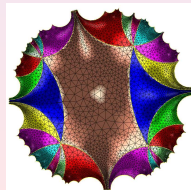
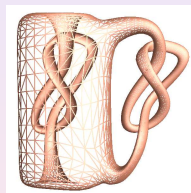
Let  $(\Sigma, \mathbf{g})$  be a compact 2-dimensional Riemannian manifold. Then there is a metric  $\tilde{\mathbf{g}} = e^{2\lambda} \mathbf{g}$  conformal to  $\mathbf{g}$  which has constant Gauss curvature.



Spherical



Euclidean



Hyperbolic



## Definition (Hamilton's Surface Ricci Flow)

A closed surface with a Riemannian metric  $\mathbf{g}$ , the Ricci flow on it is defined as

$$\frac{dg_{ij}}{dt} = -2Kg_{ij}.$$

If the total area of the surface is preserved during the flow, the Ricci flow will converge to a metric such that the Gaussian curvature is constant every where.

## Key Idea

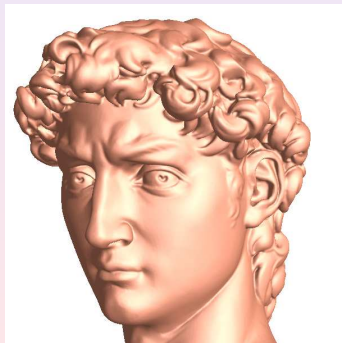
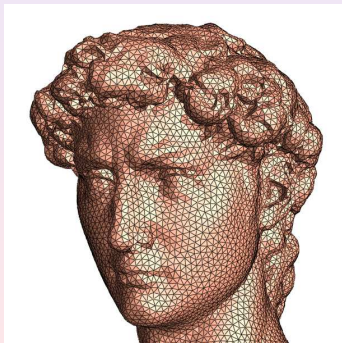
$K = -\Delta_{\mathbf{g}}\lambda$ , Roughly speaking,  $\frac{dK}{dt} = \Delta_{\mathbf{g}}\frac{d\lambda}{dt}$ . Let  $\frac{d\lambda}{dt} = -K$ , then

$$\frac{dK}{dt} = \Delta_{\mathbf{g}}K + 2K^2$$

Heat equation!

# Generic Surface Model - Triangular Mesh

- Surfaces are represented as polyhedron triangular meshes.
- Isometric gluing of triangles in  $\mathbb{E}^2$ .
- Isometric gluing of triangles in  $\mathbb{H}^2, \mathbb{S}^2$ .

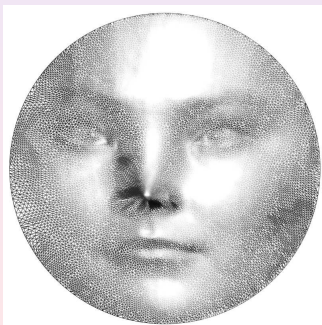
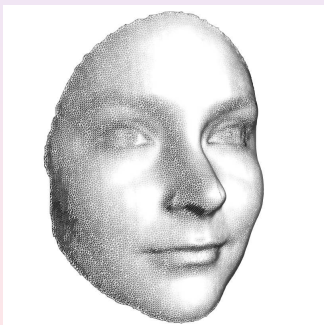


# Discrete Metrics

## Definition (Discrete Metric)

A Discrete Metric on a triangular mesh is a function defined on the vertices,  $l : E = \{\text{all edges}\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ , satisfies triangular inequality.

A mesh has infinite metrics.





# Discrete Curvature

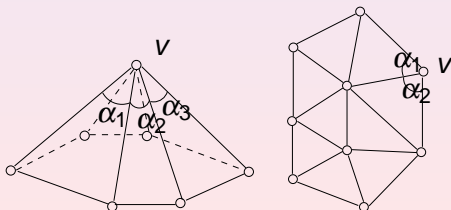
## Definition (Discrete Curvature)

Discrete curvature:  $K : V = \{\text{vertices}\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$ .

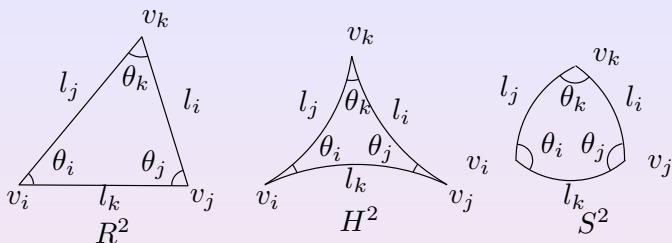
$$K(v) = 2\pi - \sum_i \alpha_i, v \notin \partial M; K(v) = \pi - \sum_i \alpha_i, v \in \partial M$$

## Theorem (Discrete Gauss-Bonnet theorem)

$$\sum_{v \notin \partial M} K(v) + \sum_{v \in \partial M} K(v) = 2\pi\chi(M).$$



# Discrete Metrics Determines the Curvatures



Angle and edge length relations: cosine laws  $\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{H}^2, \mathbb{S}^2$

$$\cos l_i = \frac{\cos \theta_i + \cos \theta_j \cos \theta_k}{\sin \theta_j \sin \theta_k} \quad (3)$$

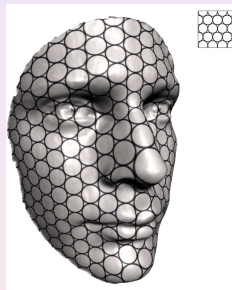
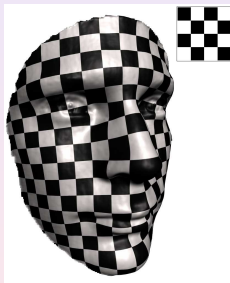
$$\cosh l_i = \frac{\cosh \theta_i + \cosh \theta_j \cosh \theta_k}{\sinh \theta_j \sinh \theta_k} \quad (4)$$

$$1 = \frac{\cos \theta_i + \cos \theta_j \cos \theta_k}{\sin \theta_j \sin \theta_k} \quad (5)$$

# Discrete Conformal Metric Deformation

## Conformal maps Properties

- transform infinitesimal circles to infinitesimal circles.
- preserve the intersection angles among circles.



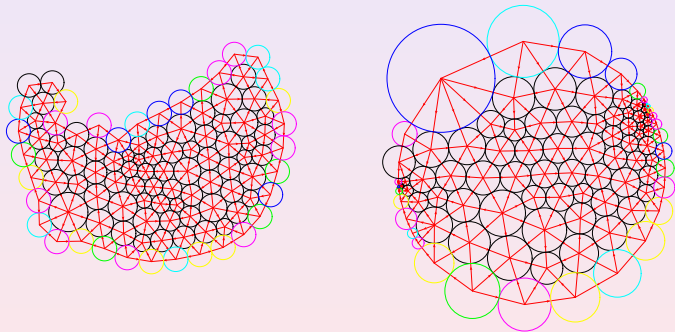
Idea - Approximate conformal metric deformation

Replace infinitesimal circles by circles with finite radii.

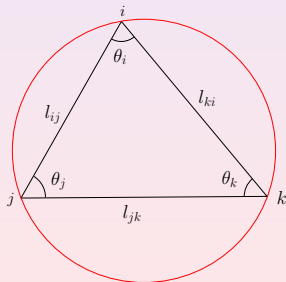
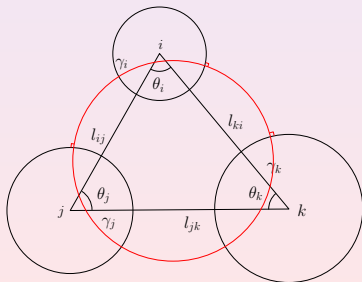
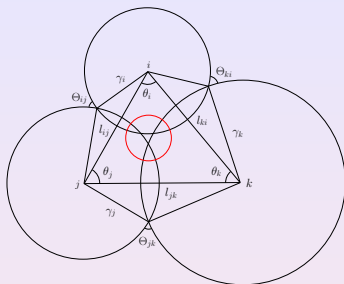
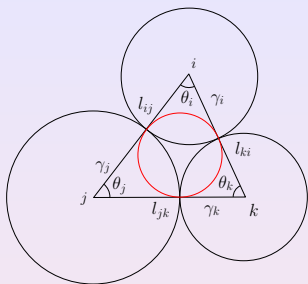
# Discrete Conformal Metric Deformation

## Circle Patterns

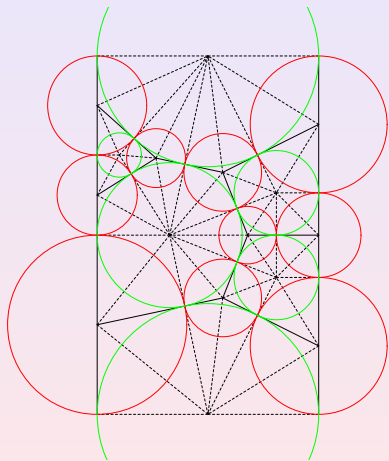
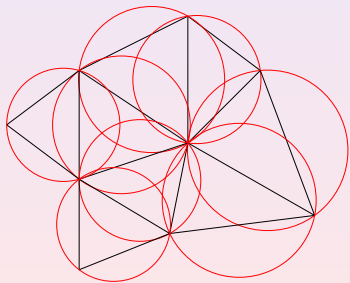
There are many local settings for circle patterns. The radius is variable, the intersection angles do not change.



# Circle Patterns



# Circle Patterns



## Circle Packing

- Thurston introduced circle packing metric for studying 3-manifolds in 1978.
- Sullivan and Rodin proved Thurston's circle packing conjecture in 1987.
- The first variational principle for CP metrics was founded by Colin de Verdiere (1991).
- Zheng-Xu He and O. Schramm proved the classical Riemannian mapping theorem in 1994.
- Chow and Luo built the connection between Ricci flow and circle packing in 2003.
- Springborn, Bobenko and Schroder's circle pattern in 2005.

# Circle Packing Metric

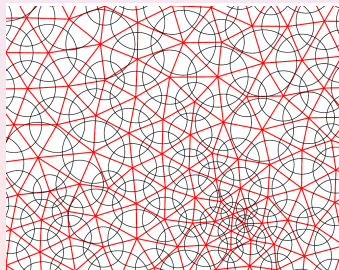
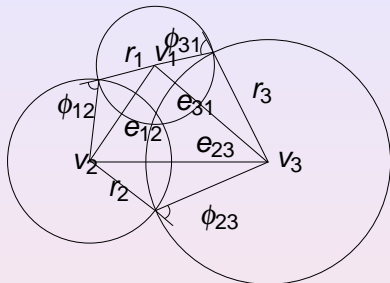
## CP Metric

We associate each vertex  $v_i$  with a circle with radius  $\gamma_i$ . On edge  $e_{ij}$ , the two circles intersect at the angle of  $\phi_{ij}$ . The edge lengths are

$$l_{ij}^2 = \gamma_i^2 + \gamma_j^2 + 2\gamma_i\gamma_j \cos \phi_{ij}$$

CP Metric  $(\Sigma, \Gamma, \Phi)$ ,  $\Sigma$  triangulation,

$$\Gamma = \{\gamma_i | \forall v_i\}, \Phi = \{\phi_{ij} | \forall e_{ij}\}$$





# Discrete Conformal Factor

## Conformal Factor

Defined on each vertex  $\mathbf{u} : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$u_i = \begin{cases} \log \gamma_i & \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \log \tanh \frac{\gamma_i}{2} & \mathbb{H}^2 \\ \log \tan \frac{\gamma_i}{2} & \mathbb{S}^2 \end{cases}$$

## Properties

- Symmetry

$$\frac{\partial K_i}{\partial u_j} = \frac{\partial K_j}{\partial u_i}$$

- Discrete Laplace Equation

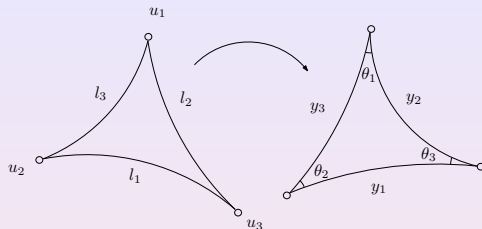
$$d\mathbf{K} = \Delta d\mathbf{u},$$

$\Delta$  is a discrete Laplace-Beltrami operator.

- Feng Luo, *Combinatorial Yamabe Flow on Surfaces*, Commun.Contemp.Math., Vol.6 Num. 5, Pages 765-780, **2004**.
- Boris Springborn and Peter Schröder and Ulrich Pinkall, *Conformal equivalence of triangle meshes*, ACM Trans. Graph., vol.27 Num. 3, pages 1-11, **2008**.

# Discrete Conformal Factor for Yamabe Flow

Discrete conformal metric deformation:



conformal factor

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{y_k}{2} &= e^{u_i} \frac{l_k}{2} e^{u_j} & \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \sinh \frac{y_k}{2} &= e^{u_i} \sinh \frac{l_k}{2} e^{u_j} & \mathbb{H}^2 \\ \sin \frac{y_k}{2} &= e^{u_i} \sin \frac{l_k}{2} e^{u_j} & \mathbb{S}^2\end{aligned}$$

Properties:  $\frac{\partial K_i}{\partial u_j} = \frac{\partial K_j}{\partial u_i}$  and  $d\mathbf{K} = \Delta d\mathbf{u}$ .

## Unified framework for both Discrete Ricci flow and Yamabe flow

- Curvature flow

$$\frac{du}{dt} = \bar{K} - K,$$

- Energy

$$E(\mathbf{u}) = \int \sum_i (\bar{K}_i - K_i) du_i,$$

- Hessian of  $E$  denoted as  $\Delta$ ,

$$d\mathbf{K} = \Delta d\mathbf{u}.$$

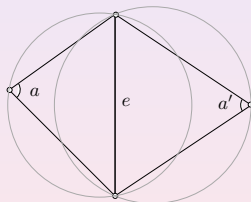
## One Example: Discrete Yamabe Flow

# Delaunay Triangulation

## Definition (Delaunay Triangulation)

Each PL metric  $d$  on  $(S, V)$  has a Delaunay triangulation  $T$ , such that for each edge  $e$  of  $T$ ,

$$a + a' \leq \pi,$$



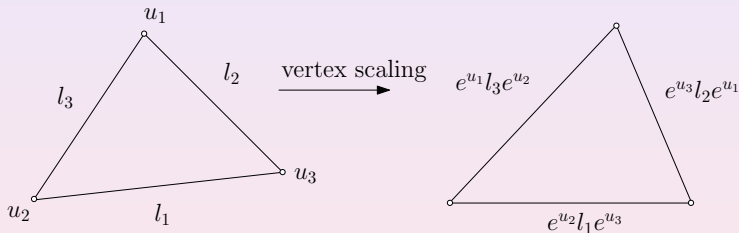
It is the dual of Voronoi decomposition of  $(S, V, d)$

$$R(v_i) = \{x \mid d(x, v_i) \leq d(x, v_j) \text{ for all } v_j\}$$

# Discrete Conformality

## Definition (Conformal change)

Conformal factor  $u : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Discrete conformal change is vertex scaling.



proposed by physicists Rocek and Williams in 1984 in the Lorenzian setting. Luo discovered a variational principle associated to it in 2004.

## Definition (Discrete Yamabe Flow)

$$\frac{du(v_i)}{dt} = \bar{K}(v_i) - K(v_i)$$

## Theorem (Luo)

*The discrete Yamabe flow converge exponentially fast,  
 $\exists c_1, c_2 > 0$ , such that*

$$|u_i(t) - u_i(\infty)| < c_1 e^{-c_2 t}, |K_i(t) - K_i(\infty)| < c_1 e^{-c_2 t},$$



## Definition (Discrete Conformal Equivalence)

PL metrics  $d, d'$  on  $(S, V)$  are discrete conformal,

$$d \sim d'$$

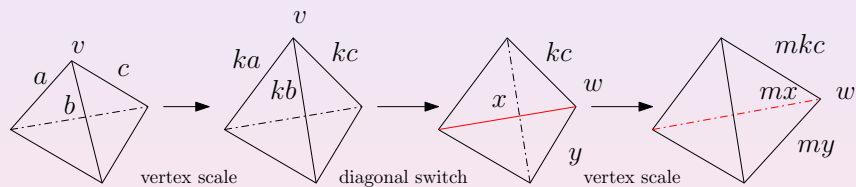
if there is a sequence  $d = d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k = d'$  and  $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k$  on  $(S, V)$ , such that

- 1  $T_i$  is Delaunay in  $d_i$
- 2 if  $T_i \neq T_{i+1}$ , then  $(S, d_i) \cong (S, d_{i+1})$  by an isometry homotopic to  $id$
- 3 if  $T_i = T_{i+1}$ ,  $\exists u: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , such that  $\forall$  edge  $e = [v_i, v_j]$ ,

$$l_{d_{i+1}}(e) = e^{u(v_i)} l_{d_i} e^{u(v_j)}$$

# Discrete Conformality

## Discrete conformal metrics



## Theorem (Gu-Luo-Sun-Wu (2013))

$\forall$  PL metrics  $d$  on closed  $(S, V)$  and  $\forall \bar{K} : V \rightarrow (-\infty, 2\pi)$ , such that  $\sum \bar{K}(v) = 2\pi\chi(S)$ ,  $\exists$  a PL metric  $\bar{d}$ , unique up to scaling on  $(S, V)$ , such that

- 1  $\bar{d}$  is discrete conformal to  $d$
- 2 The discrete curvature of  $\bar{d}$  is  $\bar{K}$ .

Furthermore,  $\bar{d}$  can be found from  $d$  from a discrete curvature flow.

## Remark

$\bar{K} = \frac{2\pi\chi(S)}{|V|}$ , discrete uniformization.

## Theorem (Gu-Luo-Wu (2016))

*Discrete conformal mapping produced by dynamic Yambe flow converges to the smooth conformal mapping.*

# Main Theorem

- 1 The uniqueness of the solution is obtained by the convexity of discrete surface Ricci energy and the convexity of the admissible conformal factor space ( $u$ -space).
- 2 The existence is given by the equivalence between PL metrics on  $(S, V)$  and the decorated hyperbolic metrics on  $(S, V)$  and the Ptolemy identity.

X. Gu, F. Luo, J. Sun, T. Wu, "A discrete uniformization theorem for polyhedral surfaces", arXiv:1309.4175.



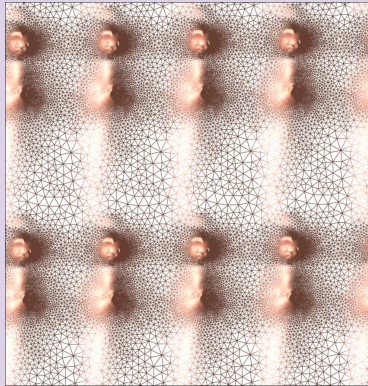
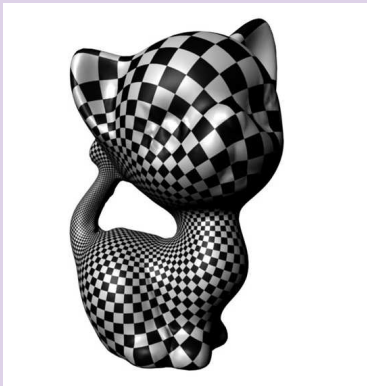
# Algorithm

Input: a closed triangle mesh  $M$ , target curvature  $\bar{K}$ , step length  $\delta$ , threshold  $\varepsilon$

Output: a PL metric conformal to the original metric, realizing  $\bar{K}$ .

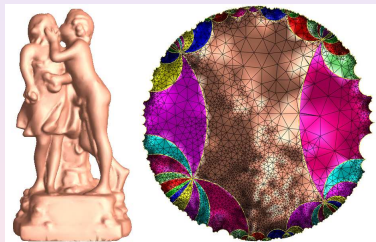
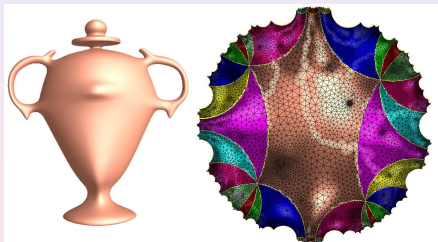
- 1 Initialize  $u_i = 0, \forall v_i \in V$ .
- 2 compute edge length, corner angle, discrete curvature  $K_i$
- 3 update to Delaunay triangulation by edge swap
- 4 compute edge weight  $w_{ij}$ .
- 5  $\mathbf{u}_+ = \delta \Delta^{-1}(\bar{\mathbf{K}} - \mathbf{K})$
- 6 normalize  $\mathbf{u}$  such that the mean of  $u_i$ 's is 0.
- 7 repeat step 2 through 6, until the  $\max | \bar{K}_i - K_i | < \varepsilon$ .

# Genus One Example



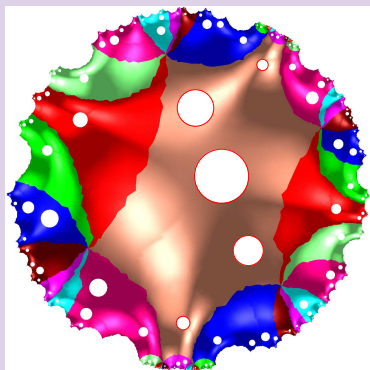
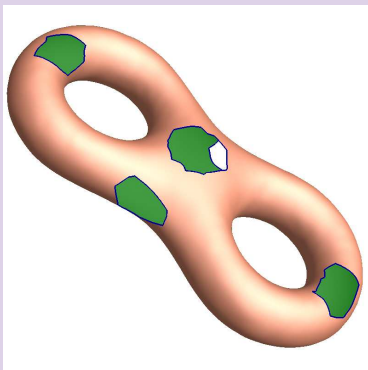
# Hyperbolic Ricci Flow

Computational results for genus 2 and genus 3 surfaces.





# Hyperbolic Koebe's Method



# Applications

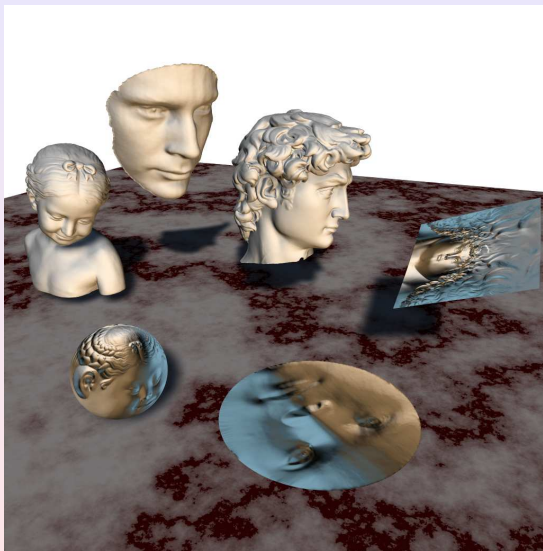
# Computer Graphics

## Graphics

- Surface Parameterization, texture mapping
- Texture synthesis, transfer
- Vector field design
- Shape space and retrieval.

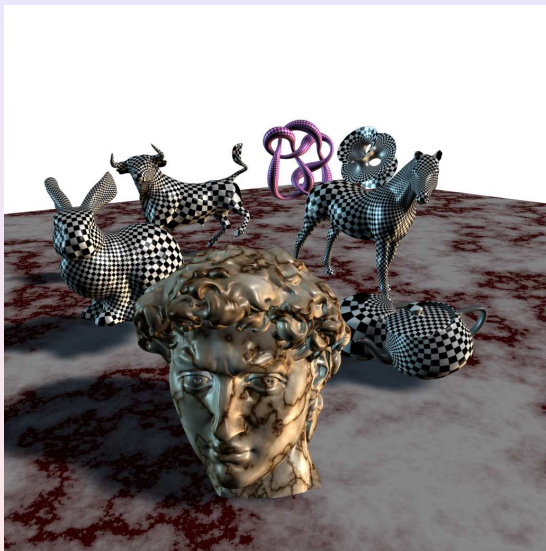
# Surface Parameterization

Map the surfaces onto canonical parameter domains



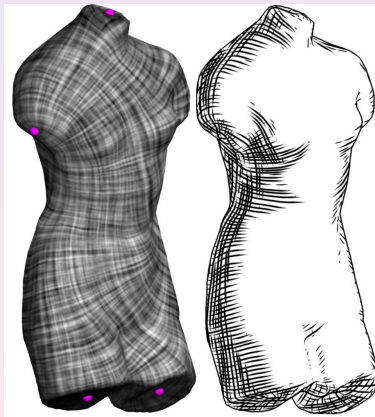
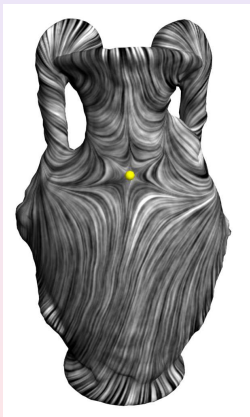
# Surface Parameterization

Applied for texture mapping.



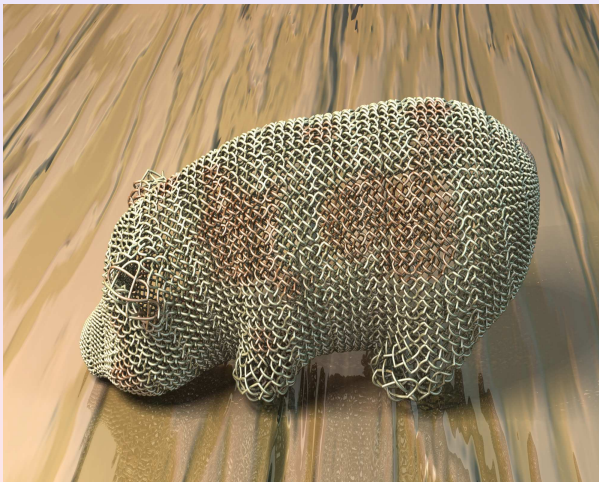
# n-Rosy Field Design

Design vector fields on surfaces with prescribed singularity positions and indices.



# n-Rosy Field Design

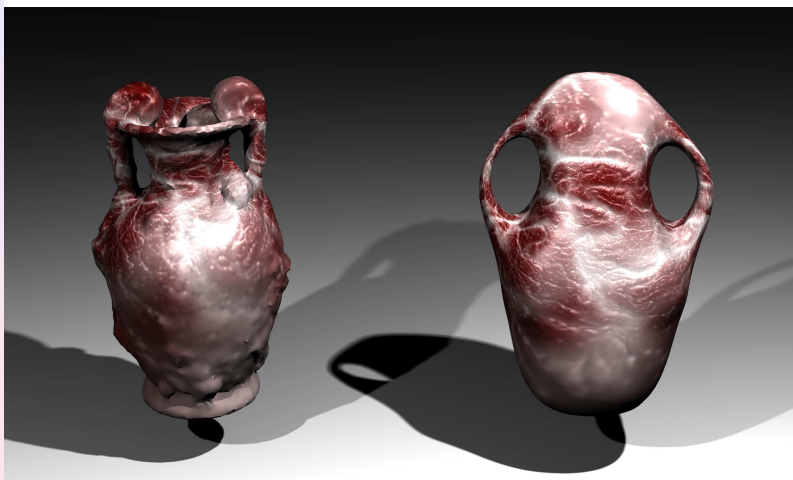
Convert the surface to knot structure using smooth vector fields.





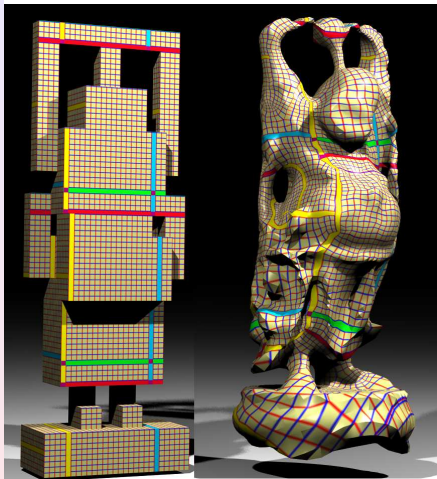
# Texture Transfer

Transfer the texture between high genus surfaces.

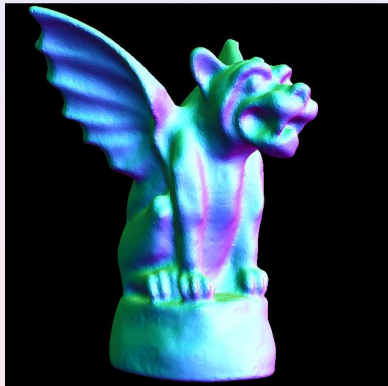


# Polycube Map

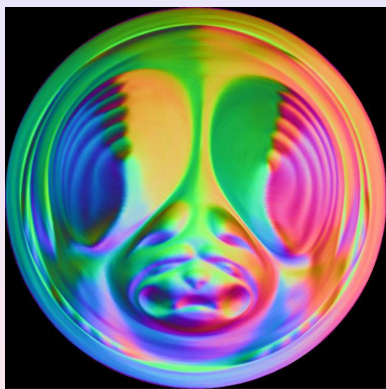
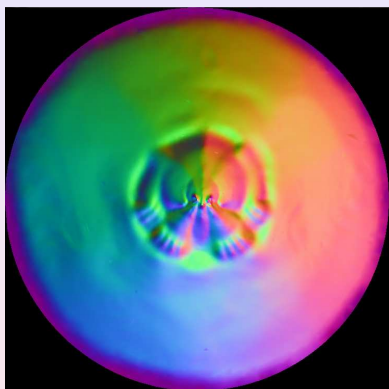
Compute polycube maps for high genus surfaces.



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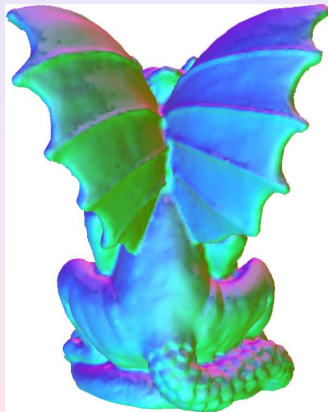


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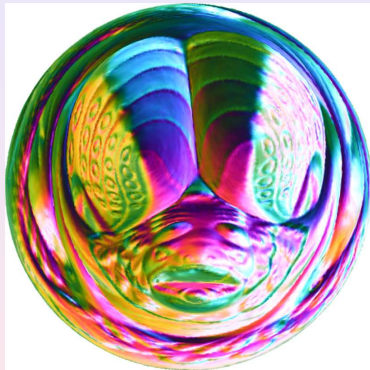
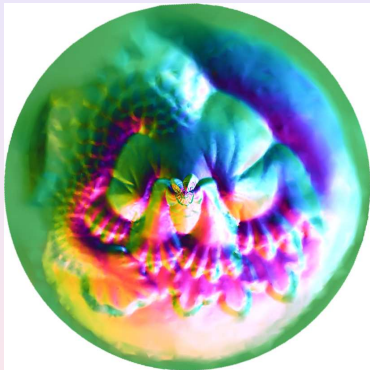


- Quasi-conformal geometry controls angle-distortion;
- Optimal mass transportation map controls area-distortion;

# Normal Map



# Normal Map



# Volumetric Parameterization

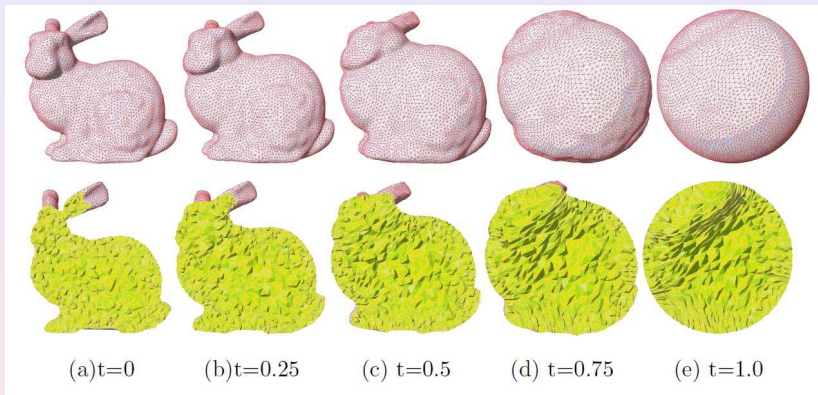


Figure: Volumetric morphing using our method.

# Volumetric Parameterization

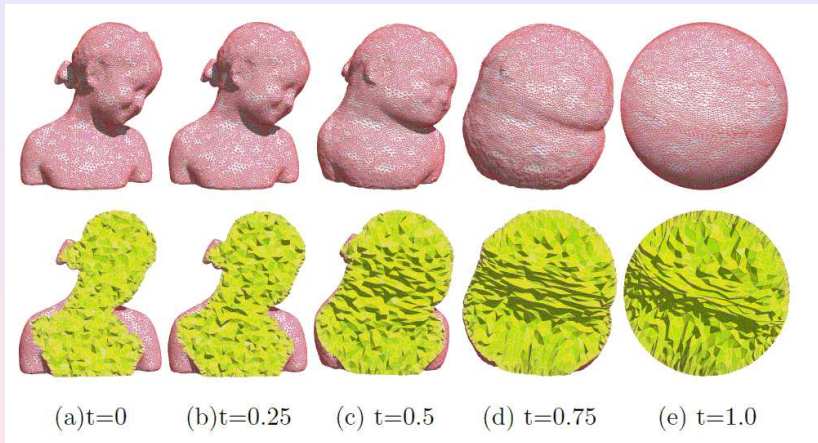


Figure: Volumetric morphing using our method.



# Computer Vision

## Vision

- Compute the geometric features and analyze shapes.
- Shape registration, matching, comparison.
- Tracking.

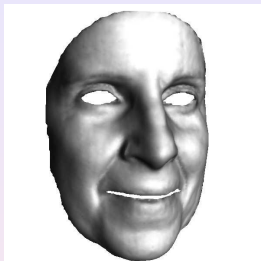
# Surface Matching

Isometric deformation is conformal. The mask is bent without stretching.



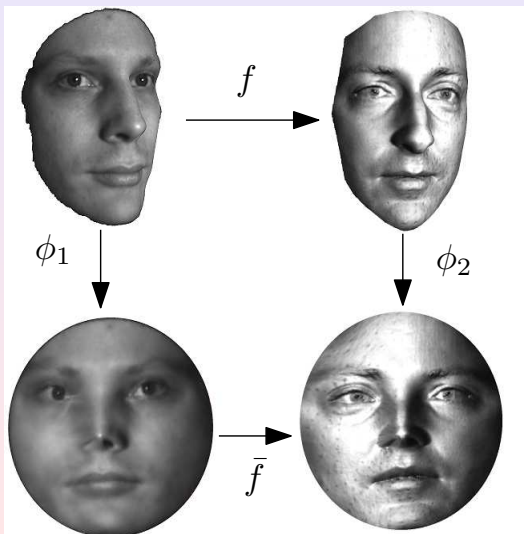
# Surface Matching

Facial expression change is not-conformal.

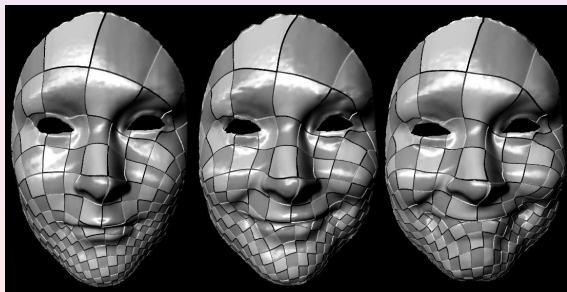
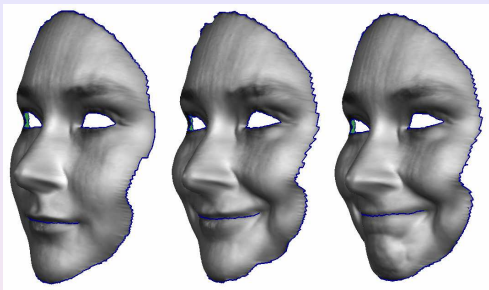


# Surface Matching

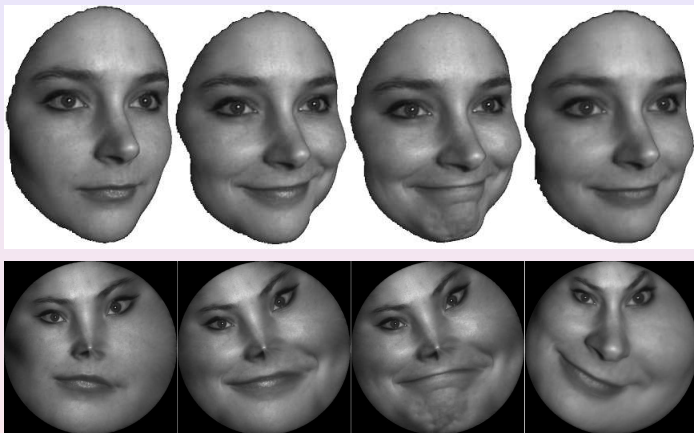
3D surface matching is converted to image matching by using conformal mappings.



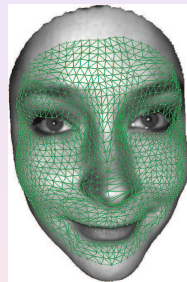
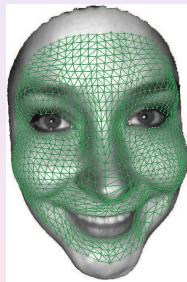
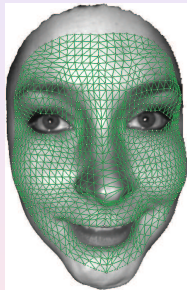
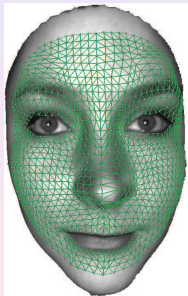
# Face Surfaces with Different Expressions are Matched



# Face Expression Tracking



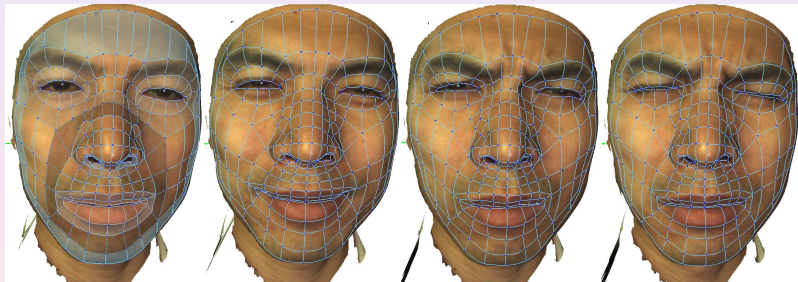
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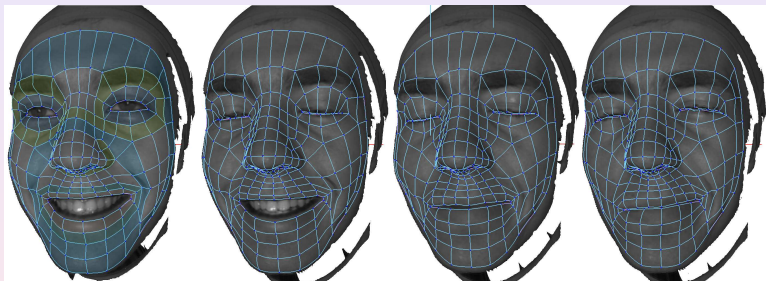


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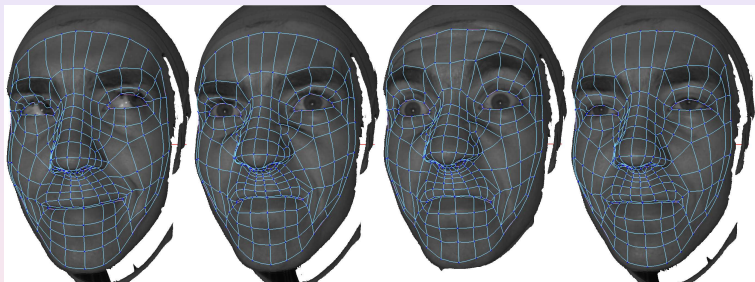
Single Mesh for facial expression transfer.



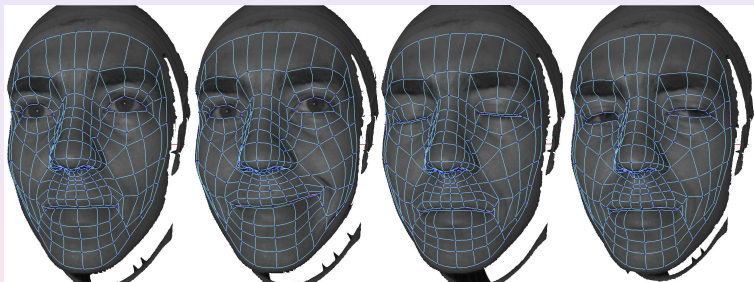
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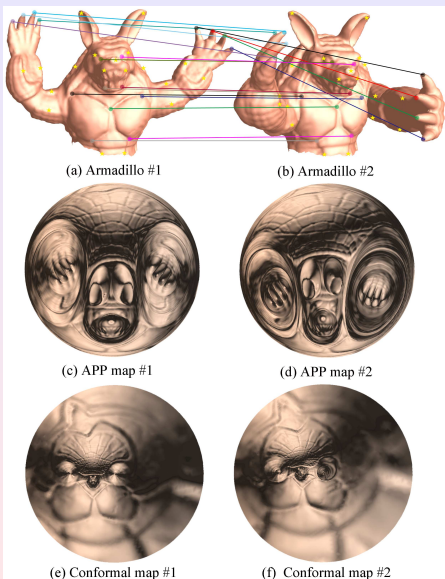
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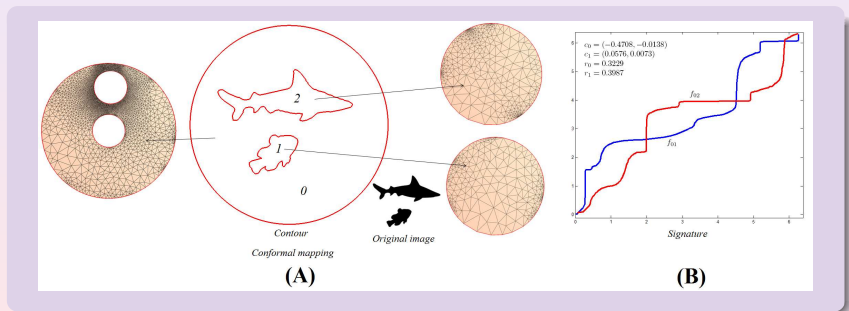


# Surface Registration



# 2D Shape Space-Conformal Welding

$$\{2D \text{ Contours}\} \cong \frac{\{Diffeomorphism \text{ on } S^1\} \cup \{Conformal \text{ Module}\}}{\{Mobius \text{ Transformation}\}}$$



# Wasserstein Distance

Given a metric surface  $(S, \mathbf{g})$ , a Riemann mapping  $\varphi : (S, \mathbf{g}) \rightarrow \mathbb{D}^2$ , the conformal factor  $e^{2\lambda}$  gives a probability measure on the disk. The shape distance is given by the Wasserstein distance.

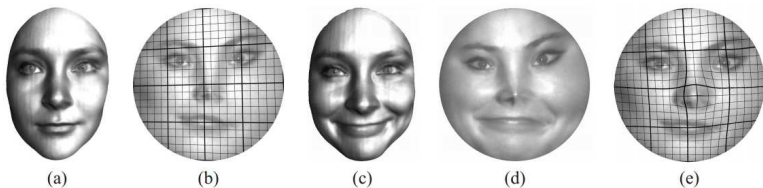


Fig. 9: The computation of Wasserstein distance

# Expression Classification

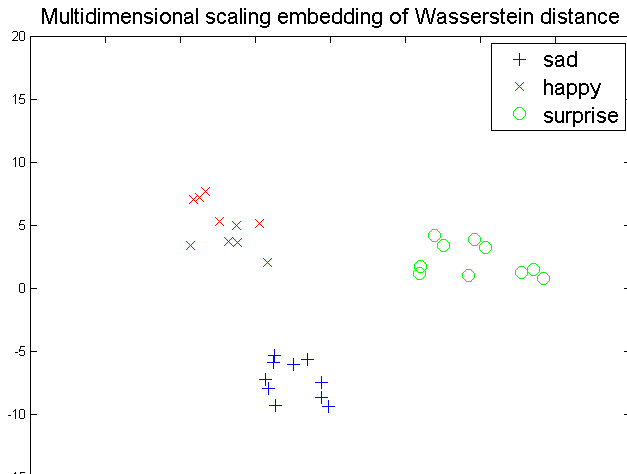


Fig. 10: Face surfaces for expression clustering. The first row is “sad”, the second row is “happy” and the third row is “surprise”.



# Expression Classification

Compute the Wasserstein distances among all the facial surfaces, isometrically embed on the plane using MDS method, perform clustering.

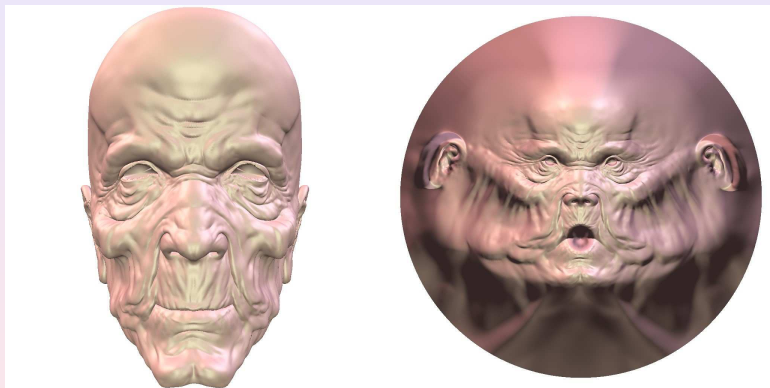


# Curvature Sensitive Remeshing

## Algorithm Pipeline

- 1 Compute the conformal parameterization of the input surface  $\varphi : (S, \mathbf{g}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{D}, dzd\bar{z})$ ,
- 2 Compute the optimal mass transportation map  $\psi : (\mathbb{D}, dx dy) \rightarrow (\mathbb{D}, \mu)$ , where  $\mu$  is the combination of the surface area element  $e^{2\lambda} dx dy$  and the absolute value of the Gaussian curvature measure  $|K(x, y)| dx dy$ ,
- 3 Uniformly sample on the preimage of the OMT map  $\psi^{-1}(\mathbb{D})$ ,
- 4 Pull back the samples to the conformal parameter domain  $\varphi(S)$ , compute the Delaunay triangulation  $T$ ,
- 5 Pull back the triangulation  $T$  to the original surface  $S$ , which induces the remeshing of  $S$ .

# Curvature Sensitive Parameterization(CSP)



Original face mesh

Conformal parameterization

# Curvature Sensitive Parameterization(CSP)



Original face mesh

Area preserving  
parameterization



# Curvature Sensitive Parameterization(CSP)



Original face mesh

CSP:  $\text{area} + \text{curvature} \times 0.1$

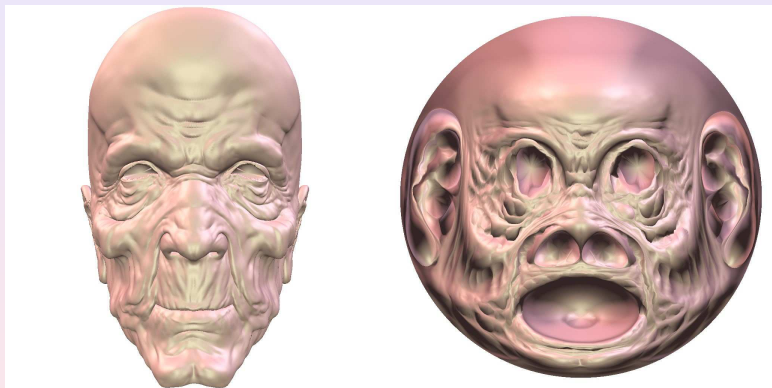
# Curvature Sensitive Parameterization(CSP)



Original face mesh

CSP:  $\text{area} + \text{curvature} \times 0.2$

# Curvature Sensitive Parameterization(CSP)

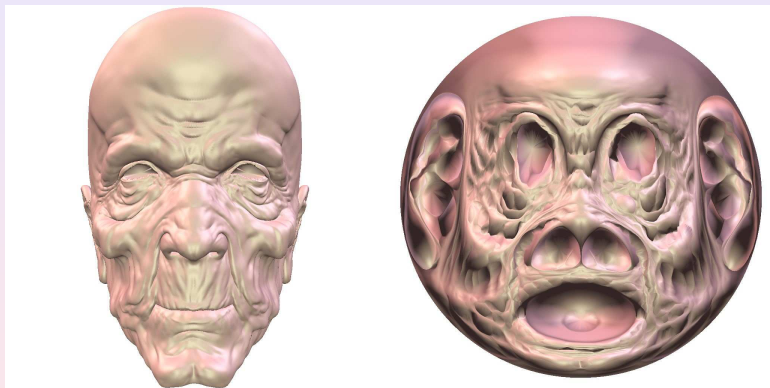


Original face mesh

CSP: area + curvature  $\times 0.4$



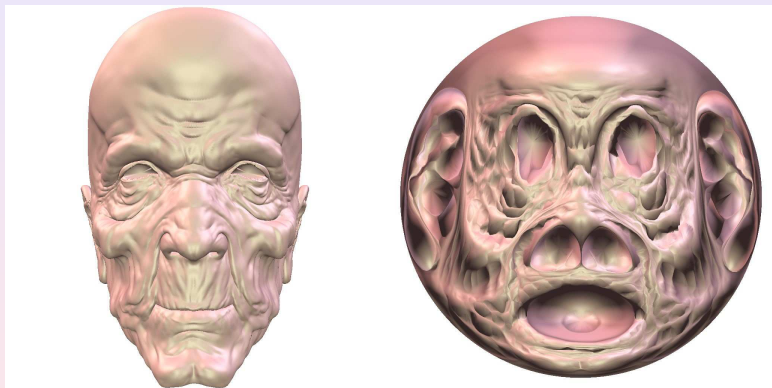
# Curvature Sensitive Parameterization(CSP)



Original face mesh

CSP:  $\text{area} + \text{curvature} \times 0.8$

# Curvature Sensitive Parameterization(CSP)



Original face mesh

CSP: area + curvature  $\times 1.0$

# Curvature Sensitive Parameterization(CSP)



Original face mesh

CSP: area + curvature  $\times 2.0$

# Compare Multi-scale remeshing between APP and CSP



(a) APP

(b) original  
mesh(140K)

(c) CSP

# Compare Multi-scale remeshing between APP and CSP

Remeshing: 1K vertices



(a) APP  
wireframe

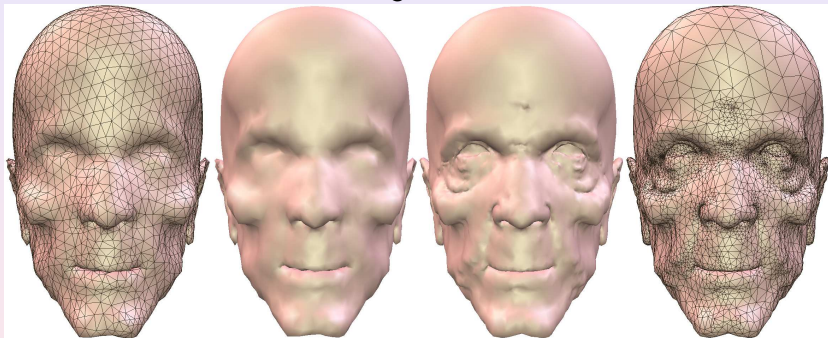
(b) APP smooth

(c) CSP smooth

(d) CSP  
wireframe

# Compare Multi-scale remeshing between APP and CSP

Remeshing: 2K vertices



(a) APP  
wireframe

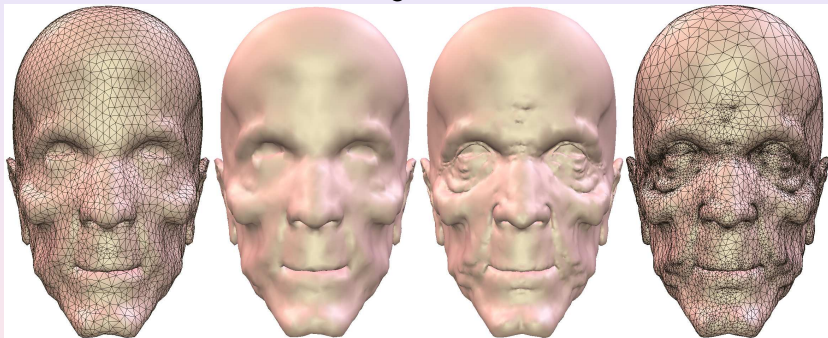
(b) APP smooth

(c) CSP smooth

(d) CSP  
wireframe

# Compare Multi-scale remeshing between APP and CSP

Remeshing: 4K vertices



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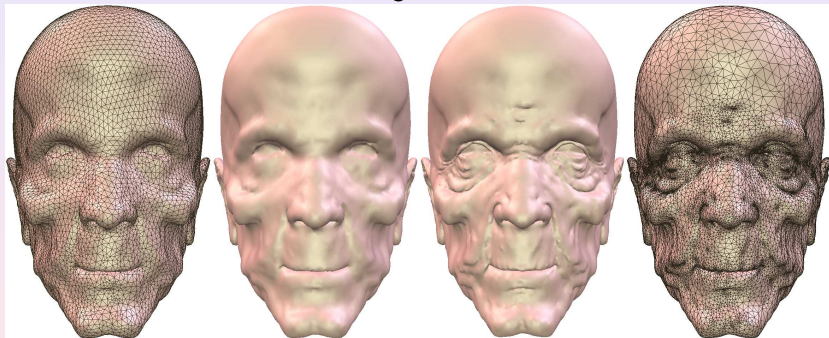
(b) APP smooth

(c) CSP smooth

(d) CSP  
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# Compare Multi-scale remeshing between APP and CSP

Remeshing: 8K vertices



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wireframe

(b) APP smooth

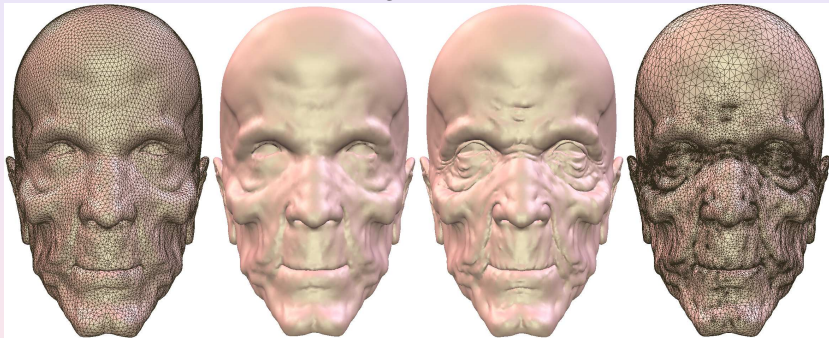
(c) CSP smooth

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# Compare Multi-scale remeshing between APP and CSP

Remeshing: 16K vertices



(a) APP  
wireframe

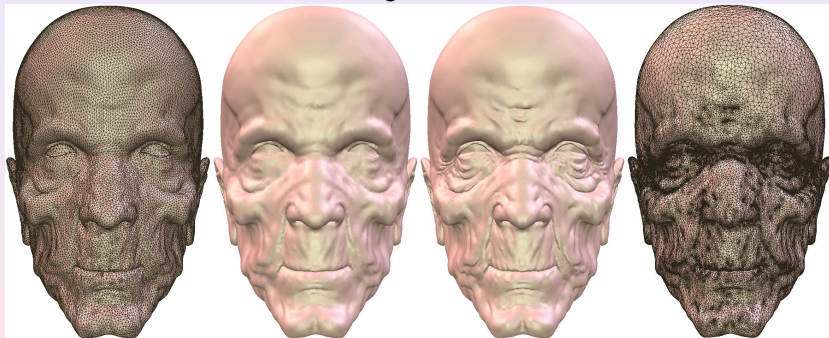
(b) APP smooth

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# Compare Multi-scale remeshing between APP and CSP

Remeshing: 32K vertices



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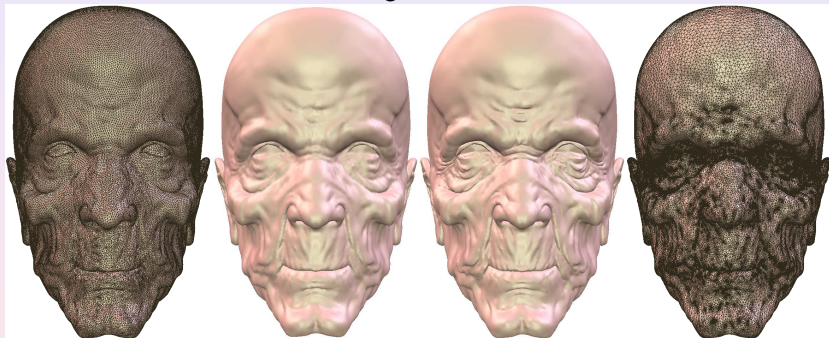
(b) APP smooth

(c) CSP smooth

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wireframe

# Compare Multi-scale remeshing between APP and CSP

Remeshing: 64K vertices



(a) APP  
wireframe

(b) APP smooth

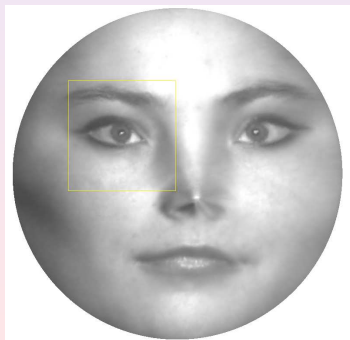
(c) CSP smooth

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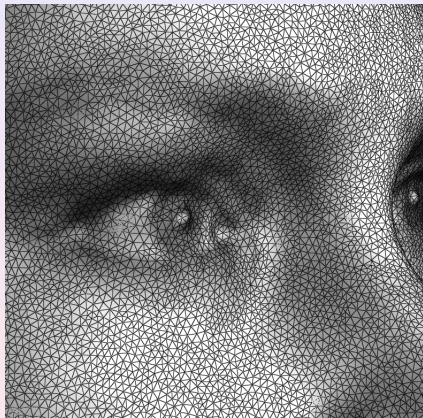
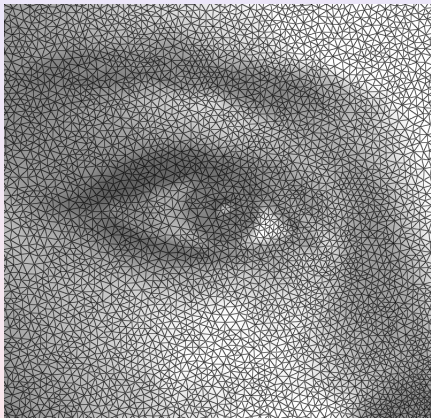
## Theorem

*Suppose  $S$  is a surface with a Riemannian metric. Then there exist meshing method which ensures the convergence of curvatures.*

Key idea: Delaunay triangulations on uniformization domains.  
Angles are bounded, areas are bounded.



# Meshing



# Curvature Measure Convergence

## Theorem

*Let  $M$  be a compact Riemannian surface embedded in  $\mathbb{E}^3$  with the induced Euclidean metric,  $T$  the triangulation generated by Delaunay refinement on conformal uniformization domain, with circumradius bound  $\varepsilon$ . If  $B$  is the relative interior of a union of triangles of  $T$ , then*

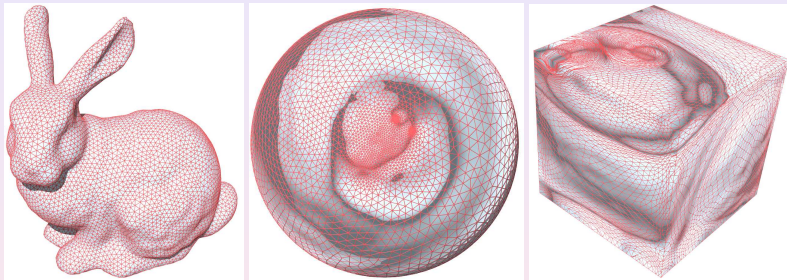
$$\begin{aligned} |\phi_T^G(B) - \phi_M^G(\pi(B))| &\leq K\varepsilon \\ |\phi_T^H(B) - \phi_M^H(\pi(B))| &\leq K\varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

*where  $\pi : T \rightarrow M$  is the closest point projection,  $\phi^H, \phi^G$  are the mean and Gaussian curvature measures, where*

$$K = O(\text{area}(B)) + O(\text{length}(\partial B)).$$

# Hexahedral Meshing

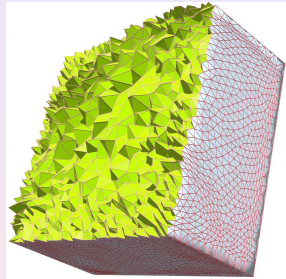
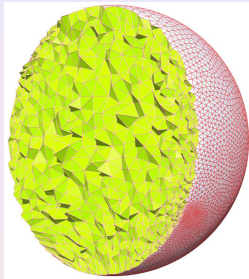
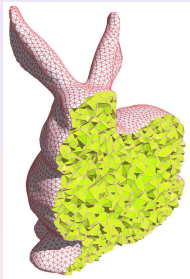
# Genus Zero Case



(a) Stanford bunny (b) Spherical mapping (c) Cube mapping

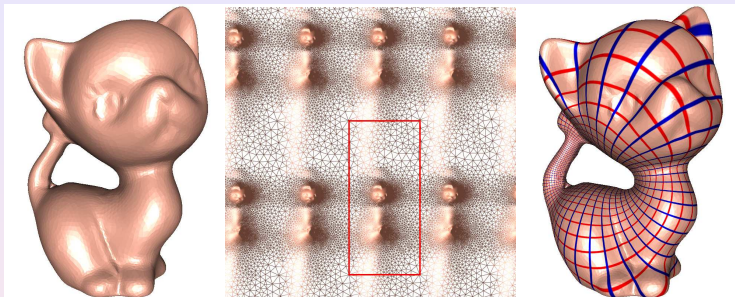


# Genus Zero Case



(d) Solid bunny (e) Solid ball mapping (f) Solid cube mapping

# Genus One Case



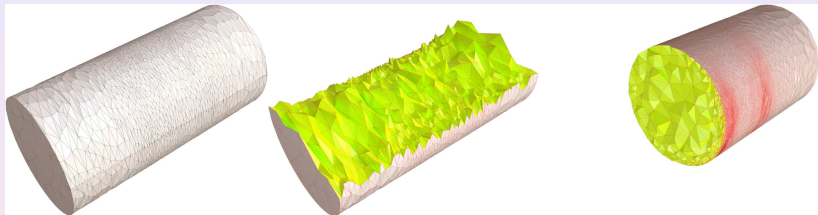
(a) Kitten surface

(b) Flat torus

(c) Quad-mesh

**Figure:** A genus one closed surface can be conformally and periodically mapped onto the plane, each fundamental domain is a parallelogram. The subdivision of the parallelogram induces a quad-mesh of the surface.

# Genus One Case



**Figure:** The interior of the kitten surface is mapped onto a canonical solid cylinder.

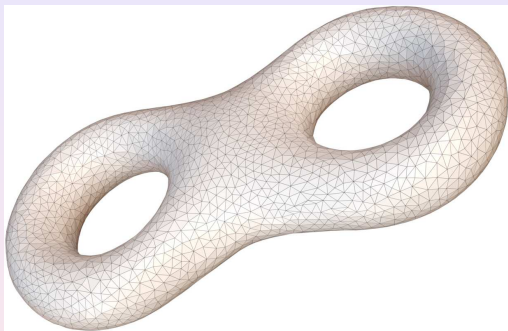


Figure: Input Surface  $\partial\Omega$ .

# Algorithmic Pipeline

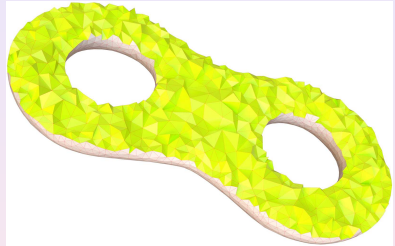
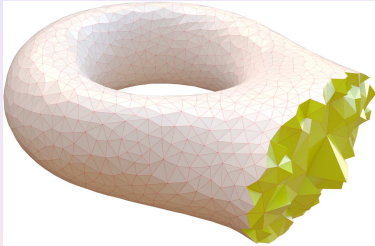
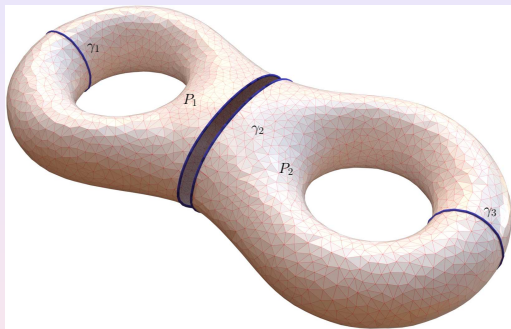


Figure: Tetrahedral meshing  $\Omega$ .

# Algorithmic Pipeline



**Figure:** Admissible curve system  $\{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_{3g-3}\}$ , pants decomposition  $\{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{2g-2}\}$ .

# Algorithmic Pipeline

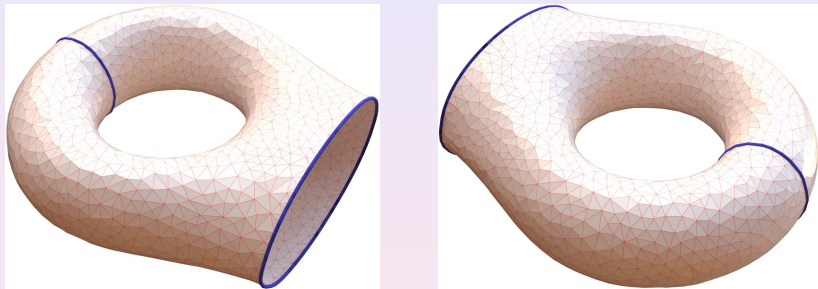


Figure: Pairs of pants  $\{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{2g-2}\}$ .

# Algorithmic Pipeline

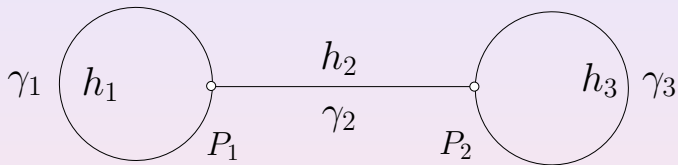


Figure: Pants decomposition graph.



# Strebel Differentials



Figure: Foliation, Holomorphic quadratic differential.

# Algorithmic Pipeline

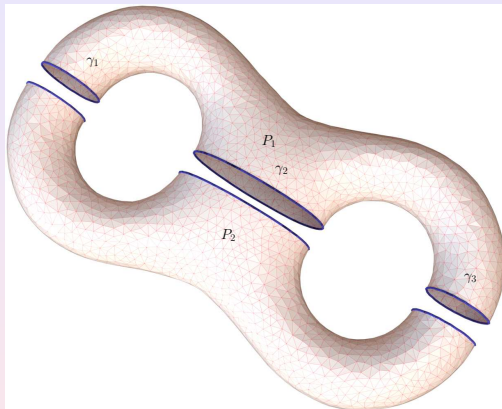


Figure: Admissible curve system, pants decomposition.

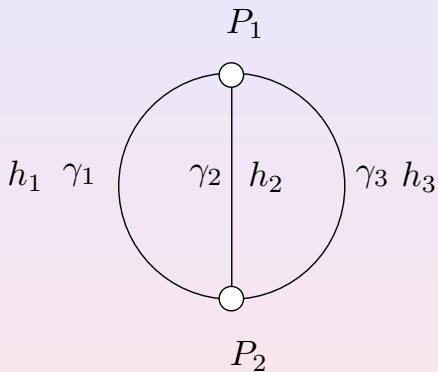


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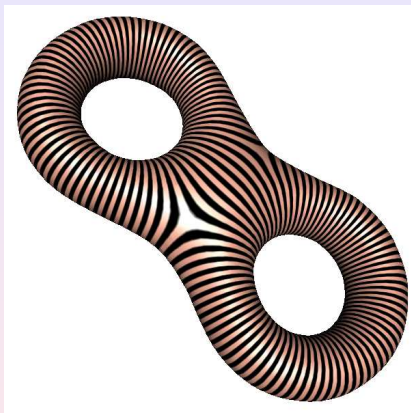


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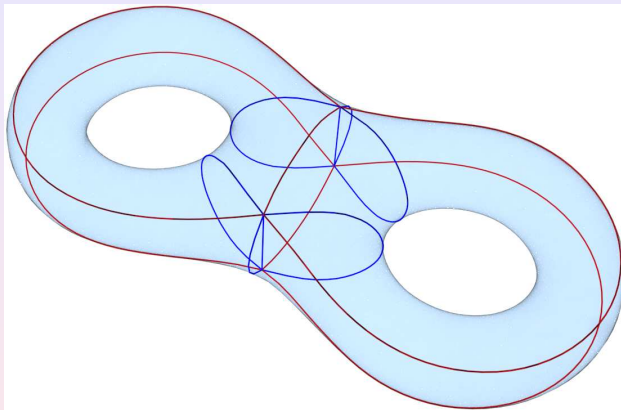


Figure: Critical horizontal trajectories and vertical trajectories.

# Algorithmic Pipeline

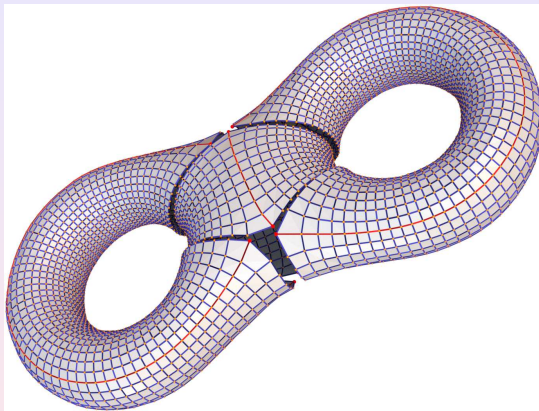


Figure: Quad-Mesh  $\mathcal{Q}$  and the cylindrical decomposition.

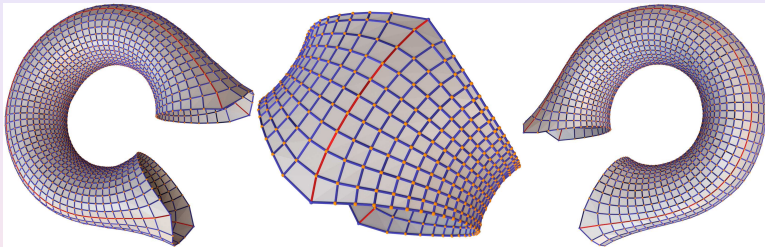


Figure: Cylindrical decomposition.

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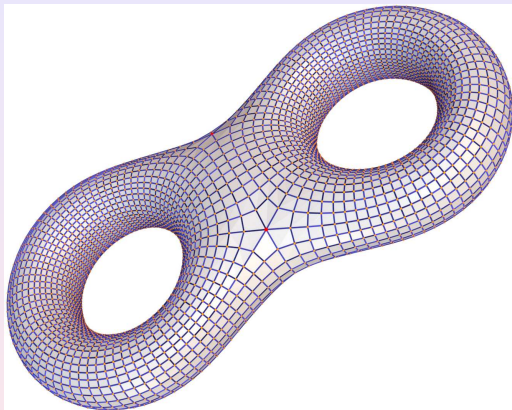


Figure: Colorable quadrilateral mesh, all vertex valences are even.



# Algorithmic Pipeline

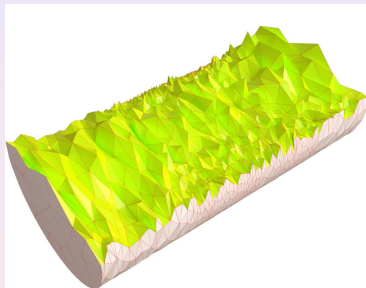
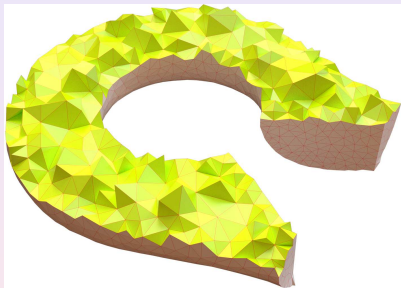


Figure: Left solid cylinder, maps to the canonical solid cylinder.

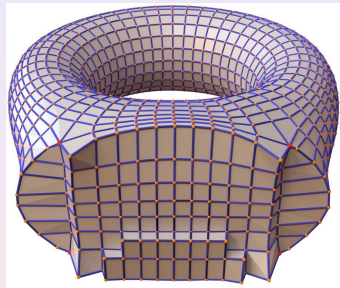
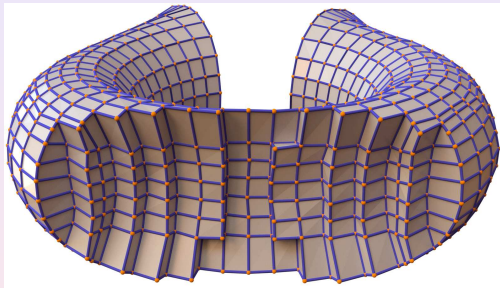


Figure: Hexahedral meshing of solid cylinders.

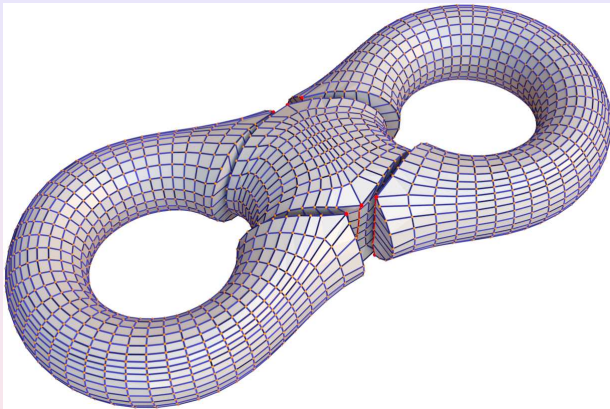


Figure: Hexahedral mesh  $\mathcal{H}$  of the interior volume  $\Omega$ .

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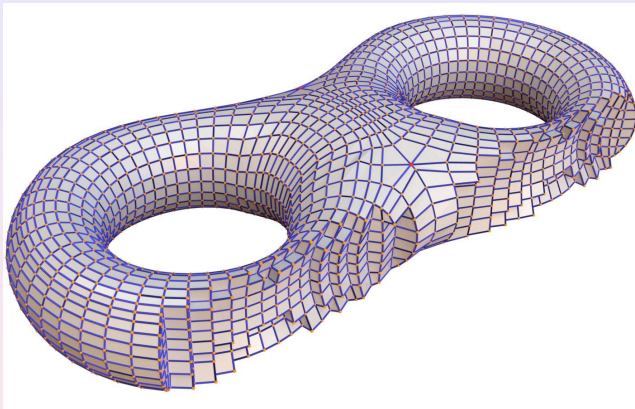


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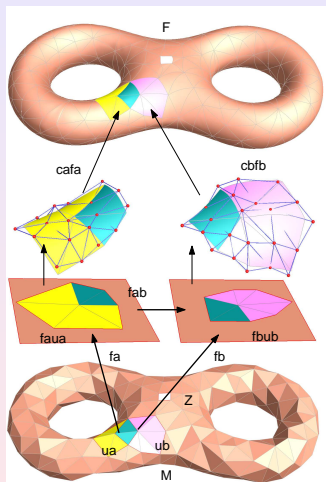
## Manifold Spline

- Convert scanned polygonal surfaces to smooth spline surfaces.
- Conventional spline scheme is based on affine geometry. This requires us to define affine geometry on arbitrary surfaces.
- This can be achieved by designing a metric, which is flat everywhere except at several singularities (extraordinary points).
- The position and indices of extraordinary points can be fully controlled.

## Extraordinary Points

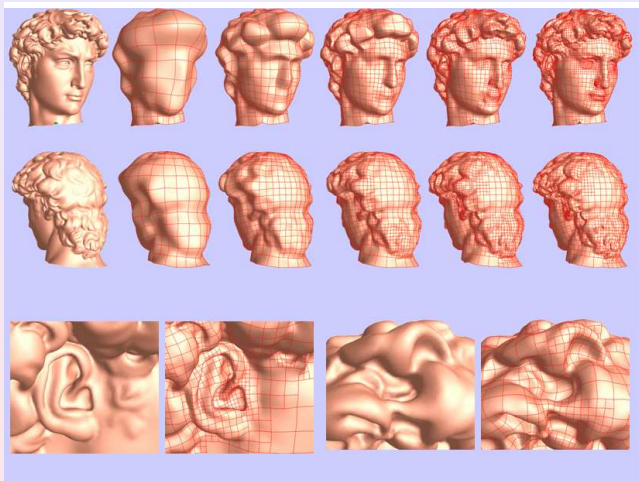
- Fully control the number, the index and the position of extraordinary points.
- For surfaces with boundaries, splines without extraordinary point can be constructed.
- For closed surfaces, splines with only one singularity can be constructed.

# Manifold Spline



# Manifold Spline

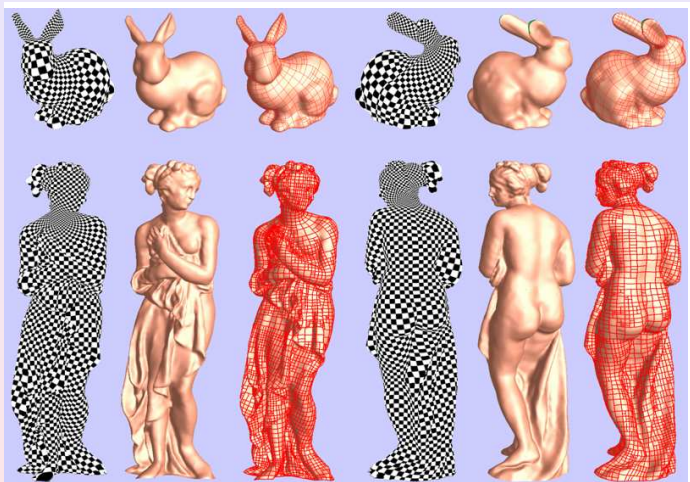
Converting a polygonal mesh to TSplines with multiple resolutions.





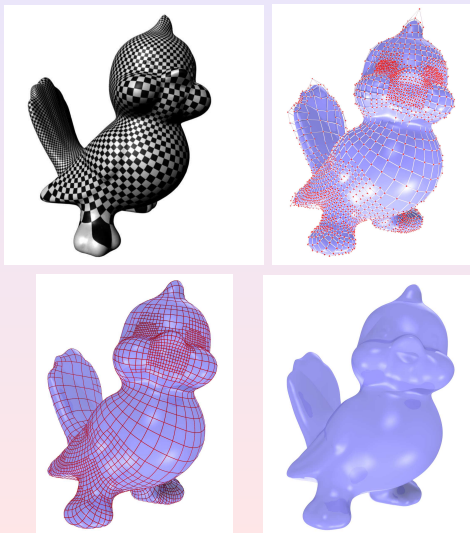
# Manifold Spline

Converting scanned data to spline surfaces.



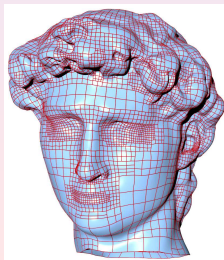
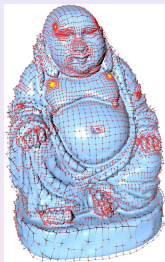
# Manifold Spline

Converting scanned data to spline surfaces, the control points, knot structure are shown.



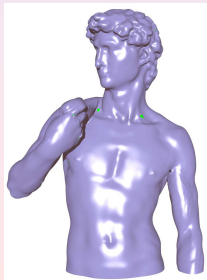
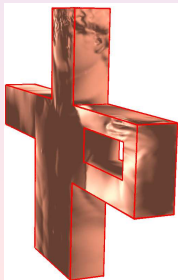
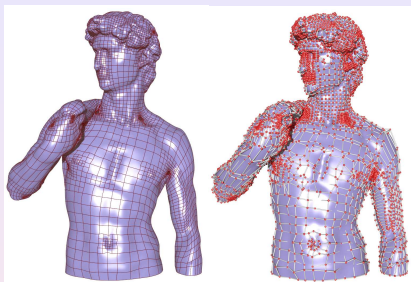
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Converting scanned data to spline surfaces, the control points, knot structure are shown.

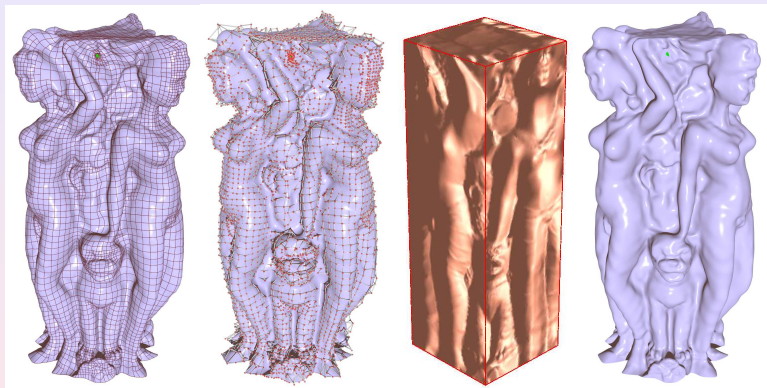


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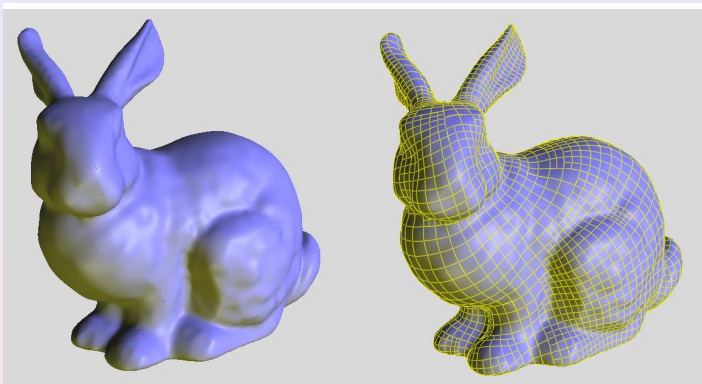
Polygonal mesh to spline, control net and the knot structure.



# Manifold Spline

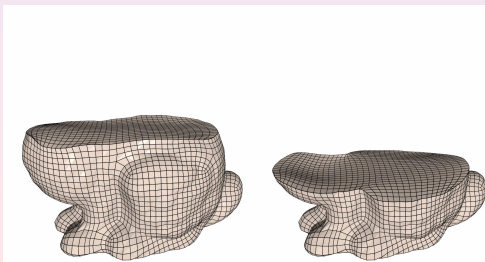
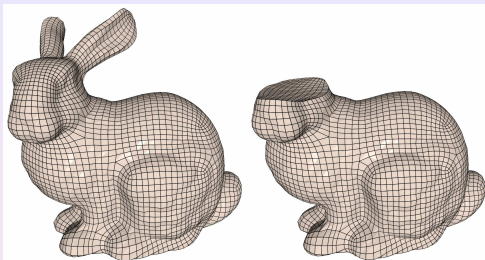


# Manifold Spline



# Manifold Spline

volumetric spline.





(a) Front view



(b) Angle-preserving



(c) Area-preserving



(d) Back view

*Angle-preserving parameterization vs. area-preserving parameterization*



(a) 2x



(b) 3x



(c) 4x



(d) 6x

*Importance driven parameterization. The Buddha's head region is magnified by different factors*



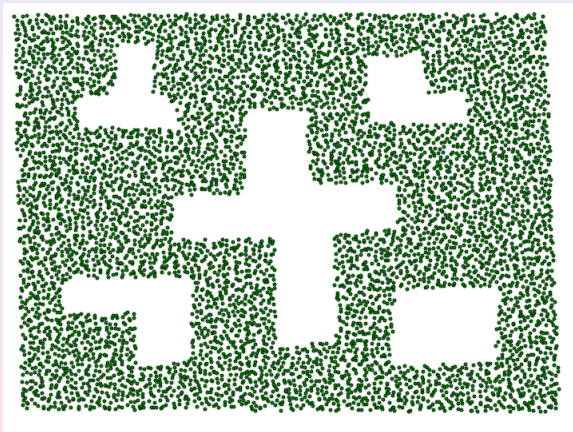
# Wireless Sensor Network

## Wireless Sensor Network

- Detecting global topology.
- Routing protocol.
- Load balancing.
- Isometric embedding.

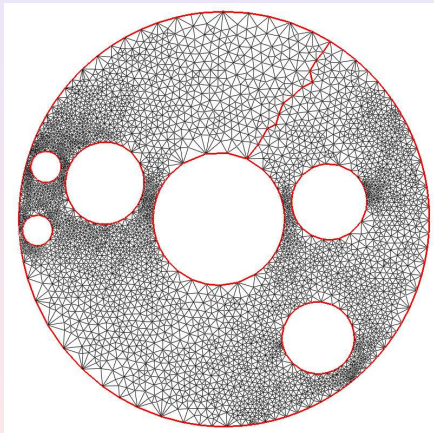
# Greedy Routing

Given sensors on the ground, because of the concavity of the boundaries, greedy routing doesn't work.

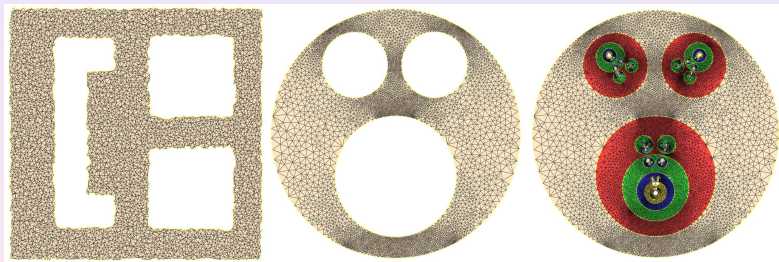


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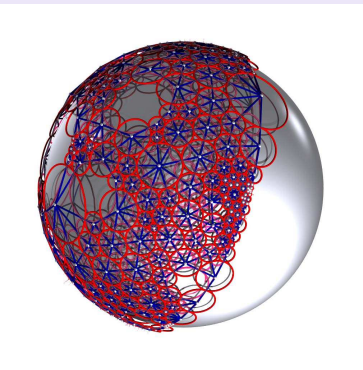
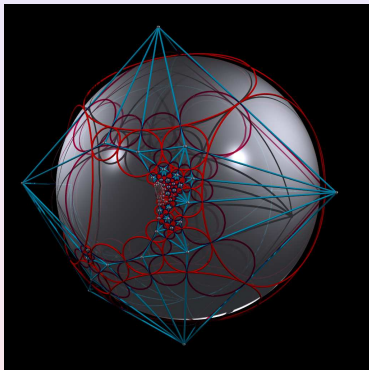
Map the network to a circle domain, all boundaries are circles, greedy routing works.



## Schoktty Group - Circular Reflection



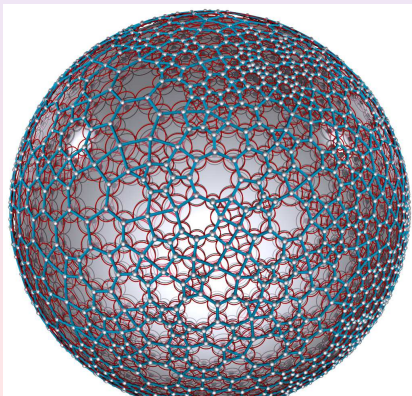
## Optimal Planar Graph Embedding.



# Graph Embedding

## Thurston-Andreev Theorem

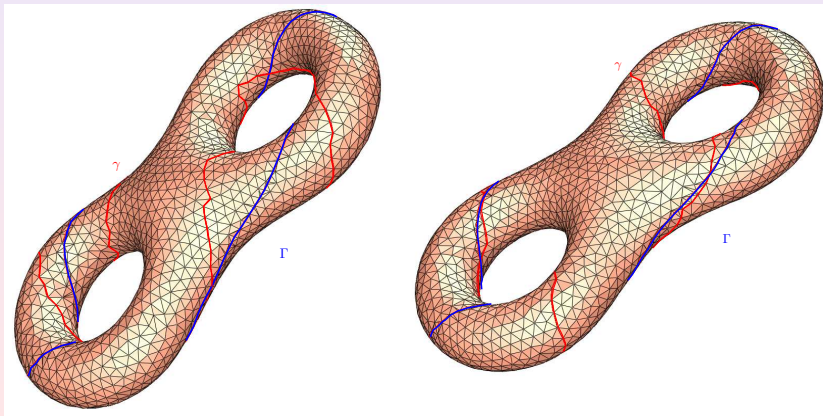
A planar graph can be embedded on the unit sphere, such that the face circles are orthogonal to vertex circles; the circles at the vertices of an edge are tangent to each other. Such kind of embedding differ by a Möbius transformation.



# Computational Topology Application

## Canonical Homotopy Class Representative

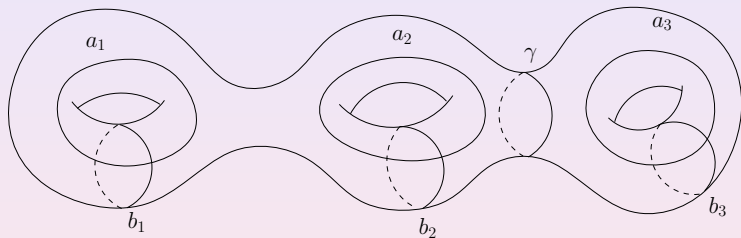
Under hyperbolic metric, each homotopy class has a unique geodesic, which is the representative of the homotopy class.





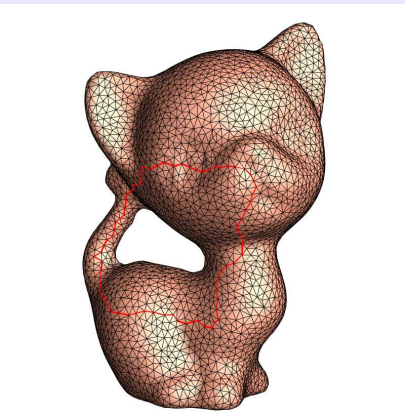
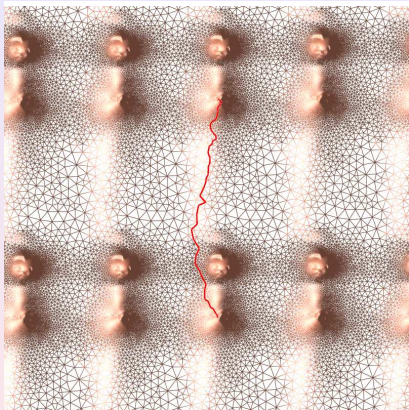
# Shortest Word Problem

Shortest word Problem (NP Hard):

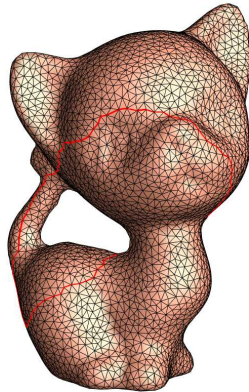
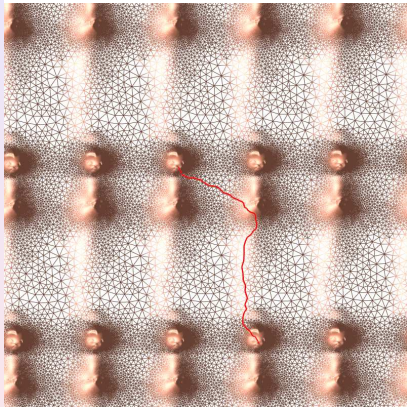


$$\gamma = a_1 b_1 a_1^{-1} b_1^{-1} a_2 b_2 a_2^{-1} b_2^{-1} = (a_3 b_3 a_3^{-1} b_3^{-1})^{-1}$$

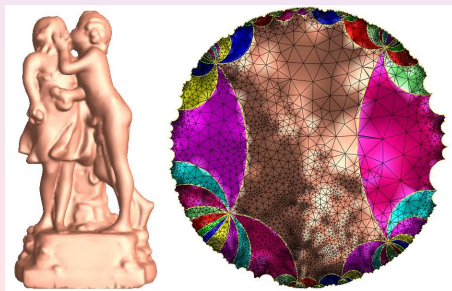
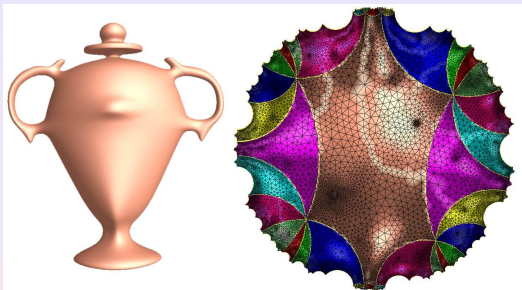
# Loop Lifting



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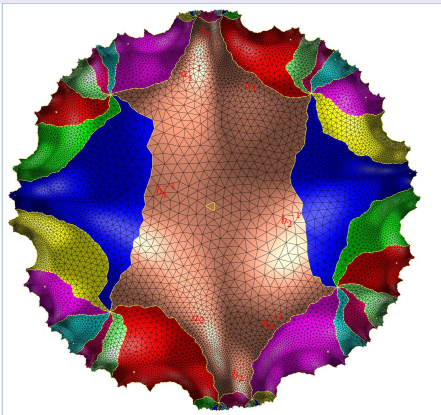
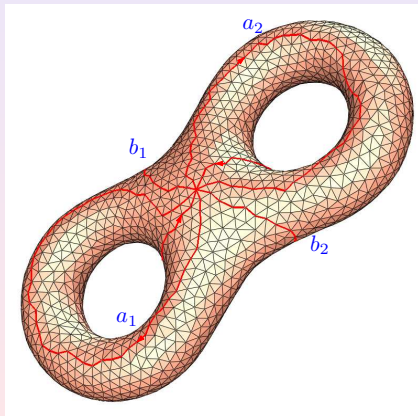


# Hyperbolic Ricci Flow



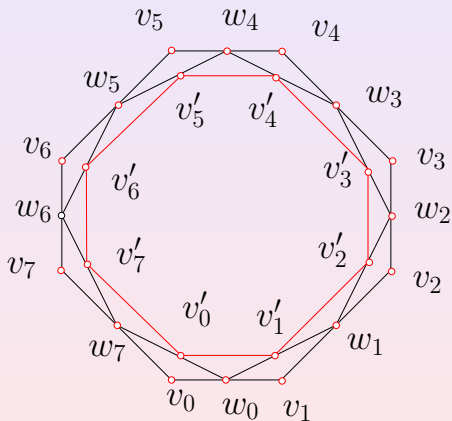
# Hyperbolic Yamabe Flow

Lifting a loop from base surface to the universal covering space.



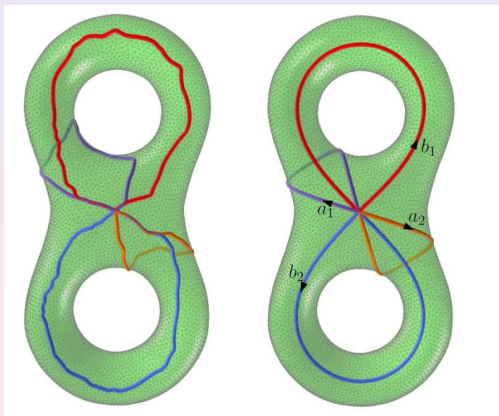
# Birkoff Curve Shortening

Birkoff curve shortening deforms a loop to a geodesic.



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# Computing Shortest Word

- 1 Compute the uniformization metric using Ricci flow.
- 2 Compute the geodesic loop by Birkoff curve shortening.
- 3 Lift the geodesic loop to the universal covering space.
- 4 Trace the lifted loop to compute the word.



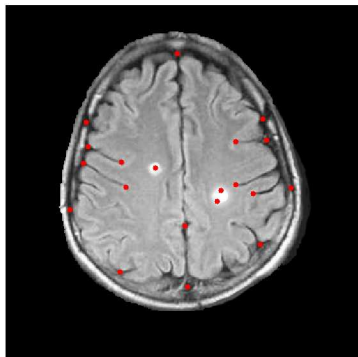
## Medical Imaging

Quantitatively measure and analyze the surface shapes, to detect potential abnormality and illness.

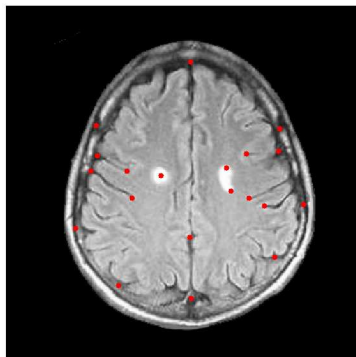
- Shape reconstruction from medical images.
- Compute the geometric features and analyze shapes.
- Shape registration, matching, comparison.
- Shape retrieval.

# Image registration : Brain MRI

Registration problem :

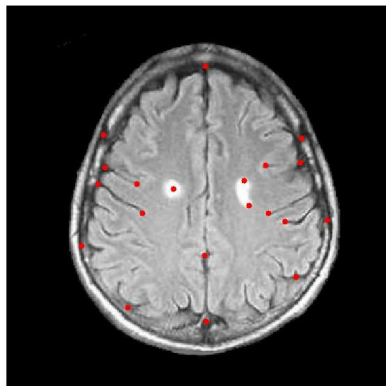


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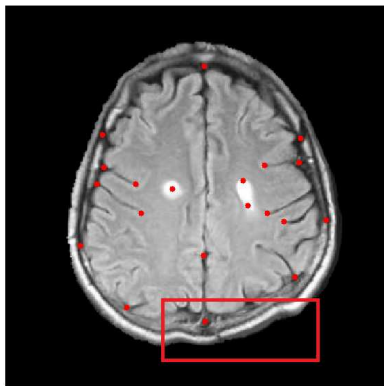


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Landmark only :

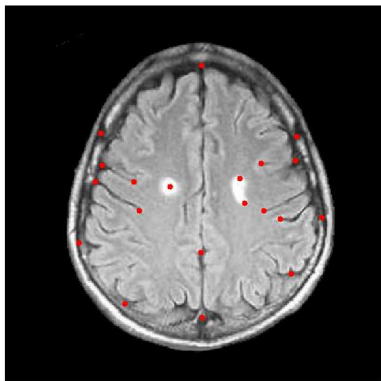


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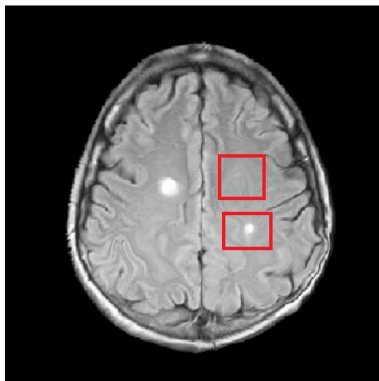


**Landmark**

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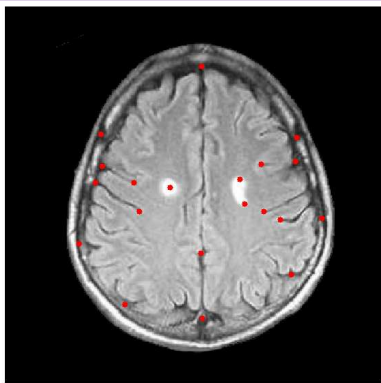


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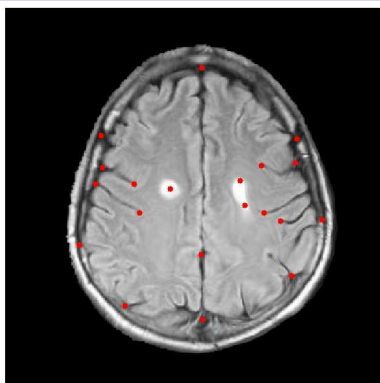


**Intensity**

Landmark + intensity only :



**Target**



**Landmark +  
intensity**

# Image registration : X-ray bone



## Landmark only :



**Target**



**Landmark**

## Intensity only :



**Target**



**Intensity**



## Landmark + Intensity :

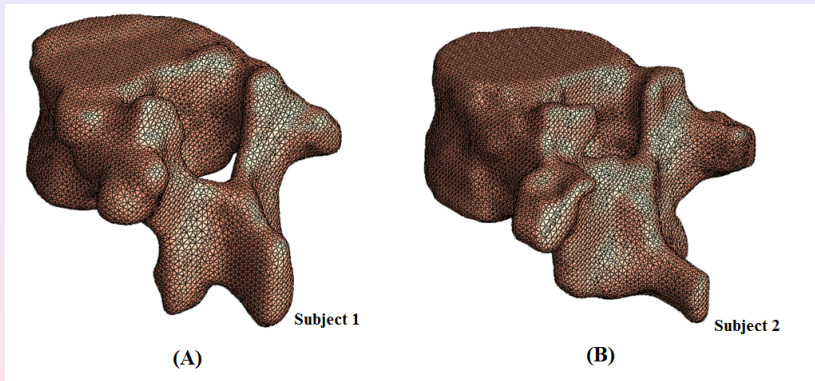


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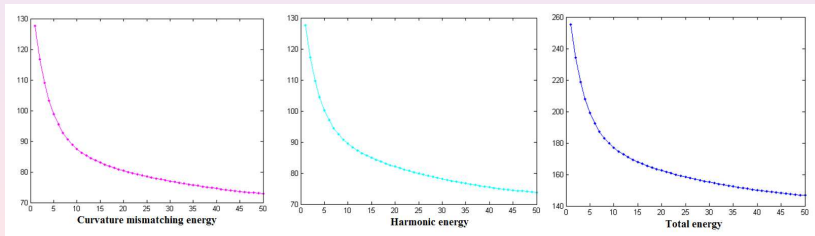
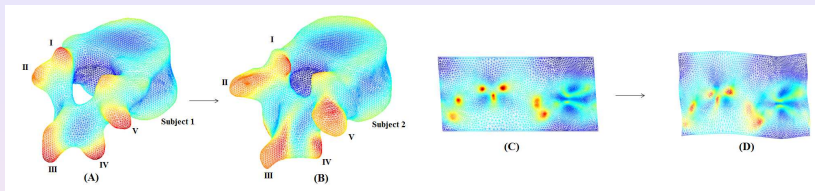


**Intensity +  
Landmark**

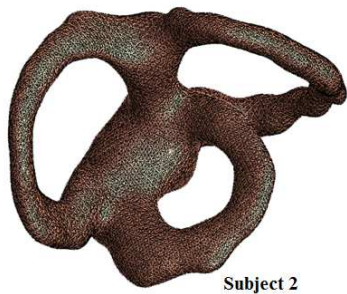
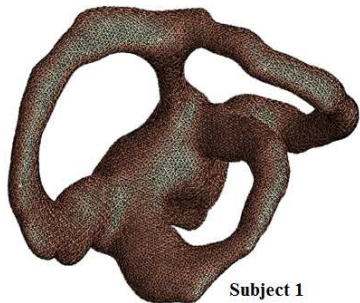
# Medical registration : Vertebral bone

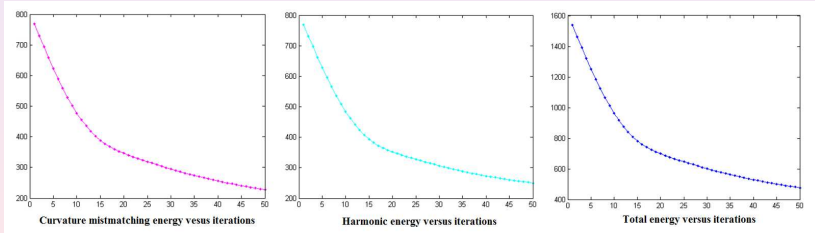
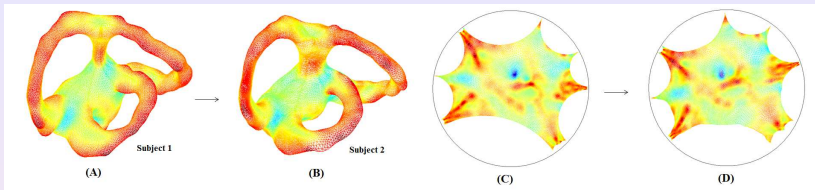


# Registration result:



# Medical registration : Vestibular system

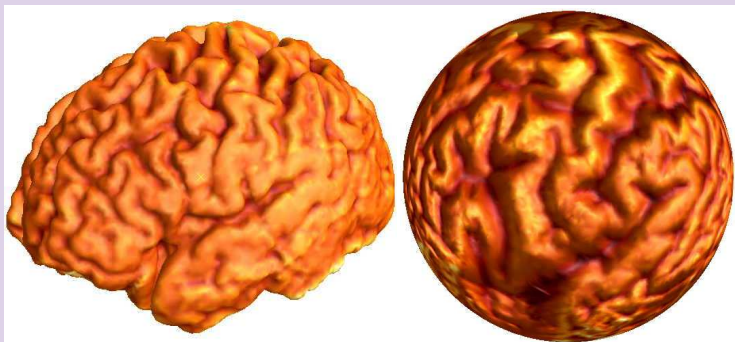




# Conformal Brain Mapping

## Brain Cortex Surface

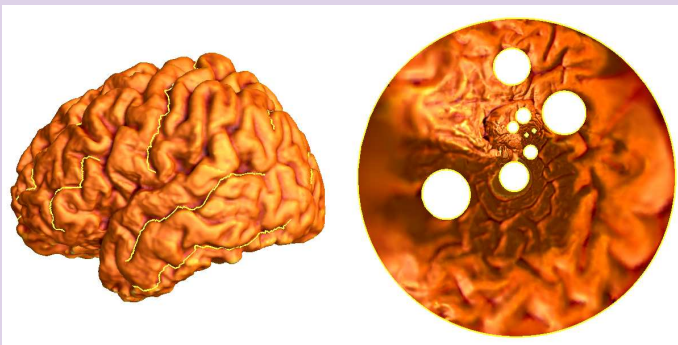
Conformal Brain Mapping for registration, matching, comparison.



# Conformal Brain Mapping

Using conformal module to analyze shape abnormalities.

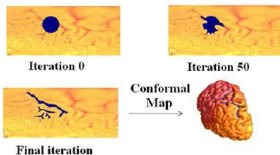
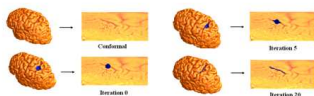
## Brain Cortex Surface



# Automatic sulcal landmark Tracking

- With the conformal structure, PDE on Riemann surfaces can be easily solved.
- Chan-Vese segmentation model is generalized to Riemann surfaces to detect sulcal landmarks on the cortical surfaces automatically

## ■ Extraction of high mean curvature region by Chan-Vese segmentation



$$F(c_1, c_2, \psi) = \int_S (I_f - c_1)^2 H(\psi) dS + \int_S (I_f - c_2)^2 (1 - H(\psi)) dS + \nu \int_S |\nabla_S H(\psi)| dS$$

$$c_1 = \frac{\int_D I_f \circ \phi(x, y) H(\psi \circ \phi(x, y)) \lambda(x, y) dx dy}{\int_D H(\psi \circ \phi(x, y)) \lambda(x, y) dx dy}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{\int_D I_f \circ \phi(x, y) (1 - H(\psi \circ \phi(x, y))) \lambda(x, y) dx dy}{\int_D (1 - H(\psi \circ \phi(x, y))) \lambda(x, y) dx dy}$$

Euler Lagrange equation is:

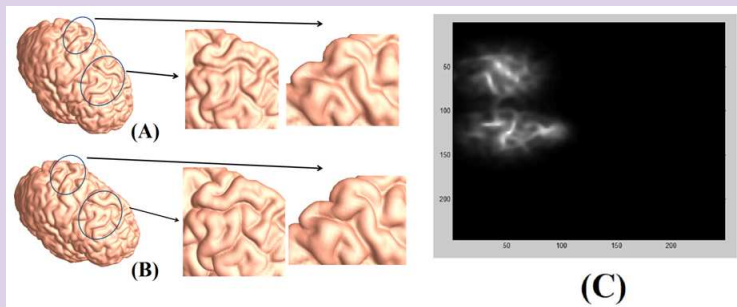
$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \lambda \delta(\psi) \left[ \nu \operatorname{div}_S \left( \frac{\nabla_S \psi}{\|\nabla_S \psi\|_S} \right) - (I_f - c_1)^2 - (I_f - c_2)^2 \right] \text{ or}$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi \circ \phi}{\partial t} = \lambda \delta(\psi \circ \phi) \left[ \nu \frac{1}{\lambda} \operatorname{div} \left( \sqrt{\lambda} \frac{\nabla \psi \circ \phi}{\|\nabla \psi \circ \phi\|} \right) - (I_f \circ \phi - c_1)^2 - (I_f \circ \phi - c_2)^2 \right]$$



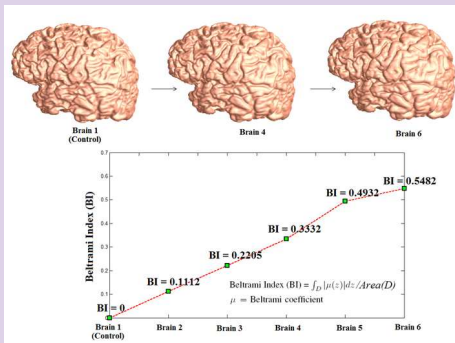
# Abnormality detection on brain surfaces

The Beltrami coefficient of the deformation map detects the abnormal deformation on the brain.

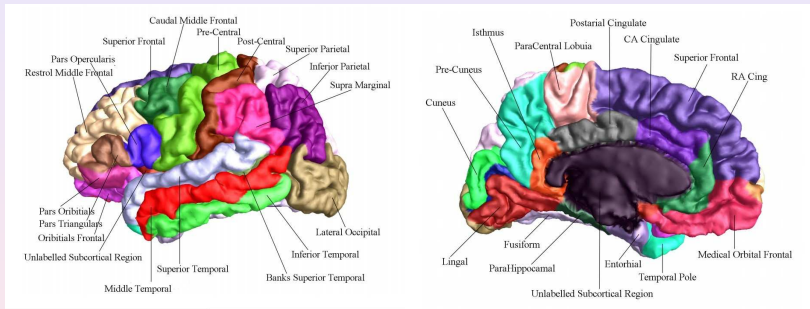


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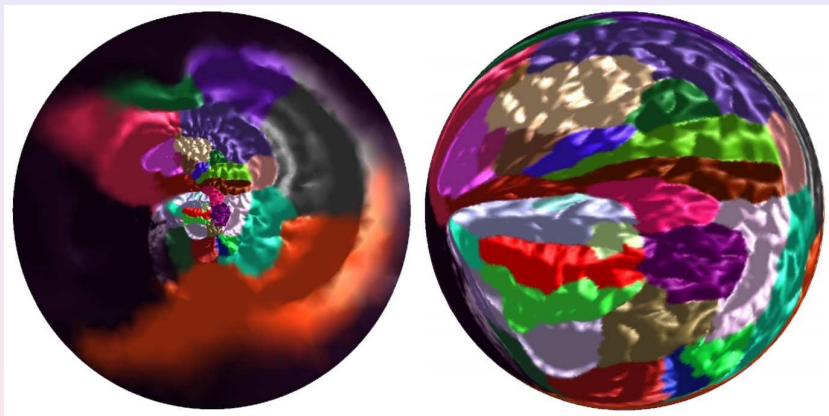
The brain is undergoing gyri thickening (commonly observed in Williams Syndrome) The Beltrami index can effectively measure the gyrification pattern of the brain surface for disease analysis.



# Alzheimer Study

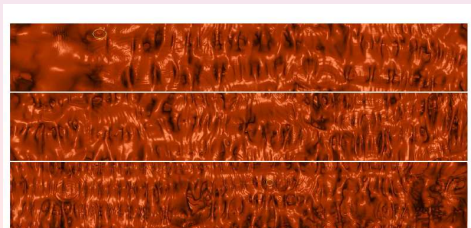
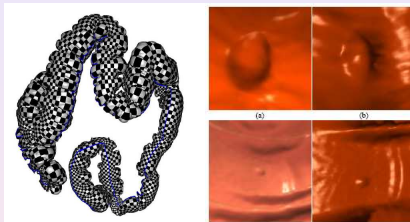


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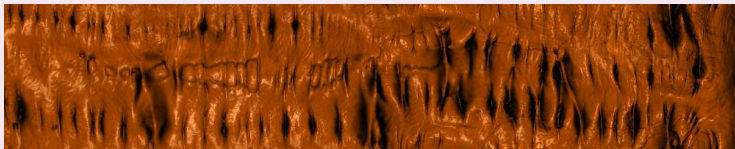
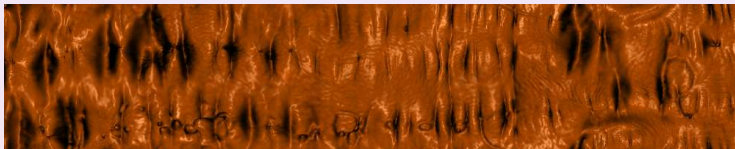
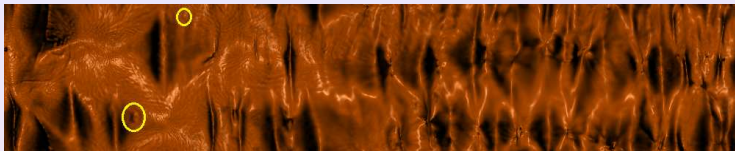


# Virtual Colonoscopy

Colon cancer is the 4th killer for American males. Virtual colonoscopy aims at finding polyps, the precursor of cancers. Conformal flattening will unfold the whole surface.



# Colon Flattening



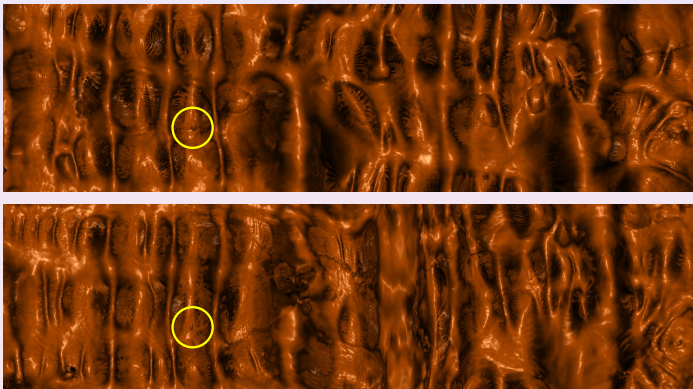
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Supine and prone registration. The colon surfaces are scanned twice with different postures, the deformation is not conformal.



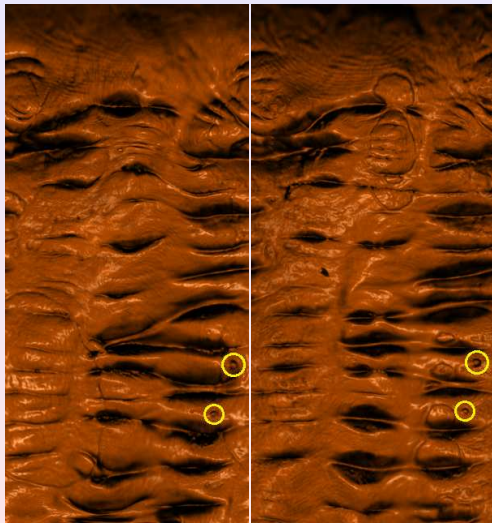
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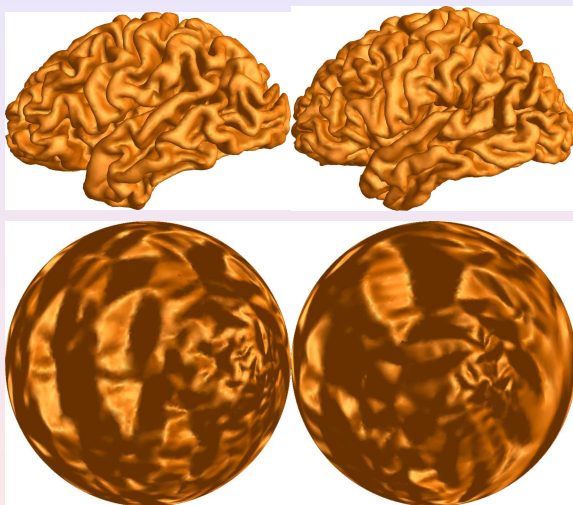


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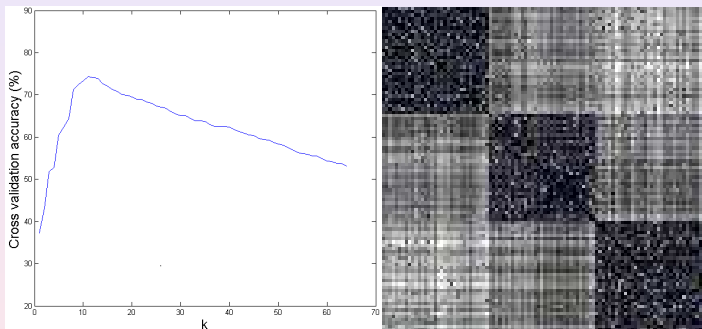


# Brain Morphometry

IQ from shape



## IQ from shape



# 3D Fabrication



# 3D Fabrication





Figure: Fabrication by plain weaving.

- Conformal structure is more flexible than Riemannian metric
- Conformal structure is more rigid than topology
- Conformal geometry can be used for a broad range of engineering applications.

# Thanks

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# Thank you!