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***“Spectral Mesh Processing”***

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# Spectral Mesh Processing Applications 2/2



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# Overview



- I. 1D parameterization
- II. Surface quadrangulation
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- IV. Surface characterization
  - Green function
  - Heat kernel

# 1D surface parameterization

## Graph Laplacian



$a_{i,j} = w_{i,j} > 0$  if  $(i,j)$  is an edge

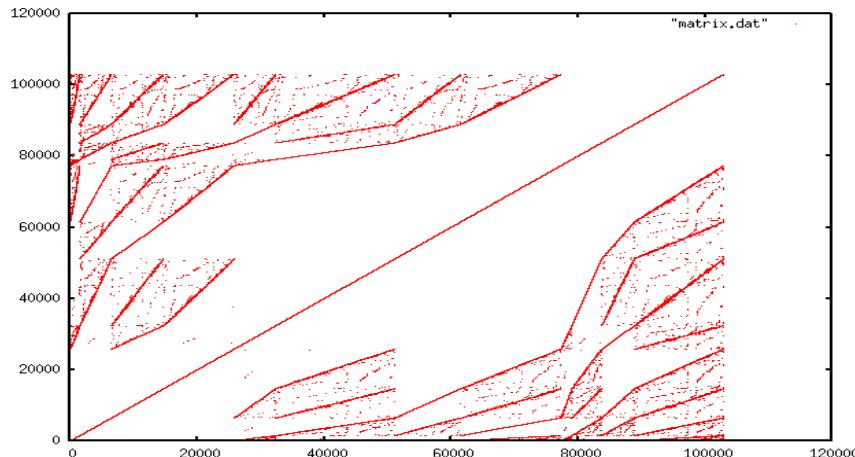
$$a_{i,i} = -\sum a_{i,j}$$

$(1, 1 \dots 1)$  is an eigenvector assoc. with 0

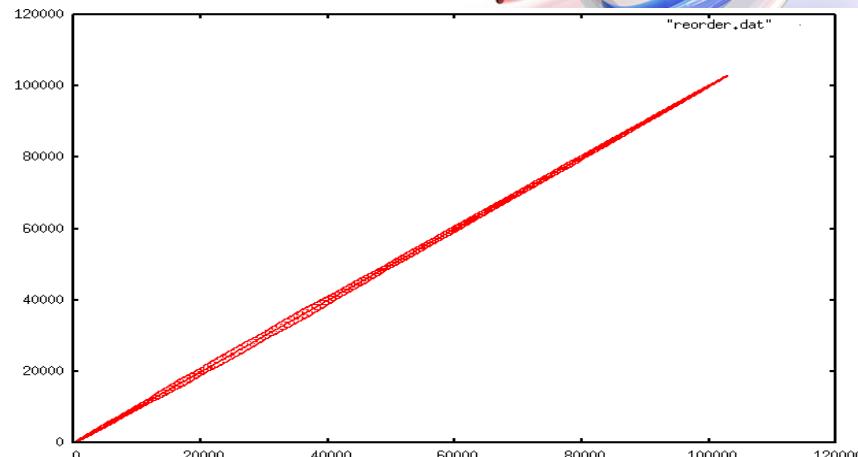
The second eigenvector is interesting  
[Fiedler 73, 75]

# 1D surface parameterization

## Fiedler vector

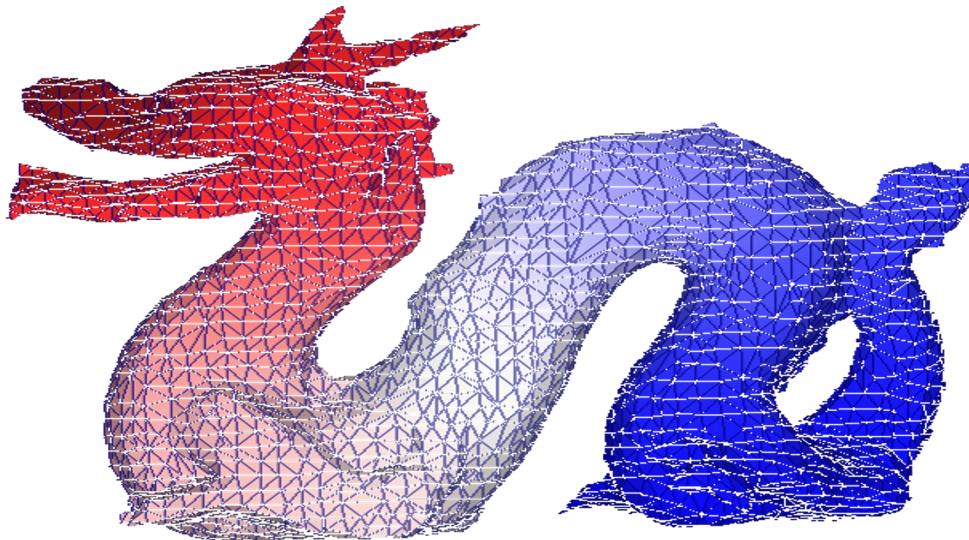


FEM matrix,  
Non-zero entries



Reorder with  
Fiedler vector

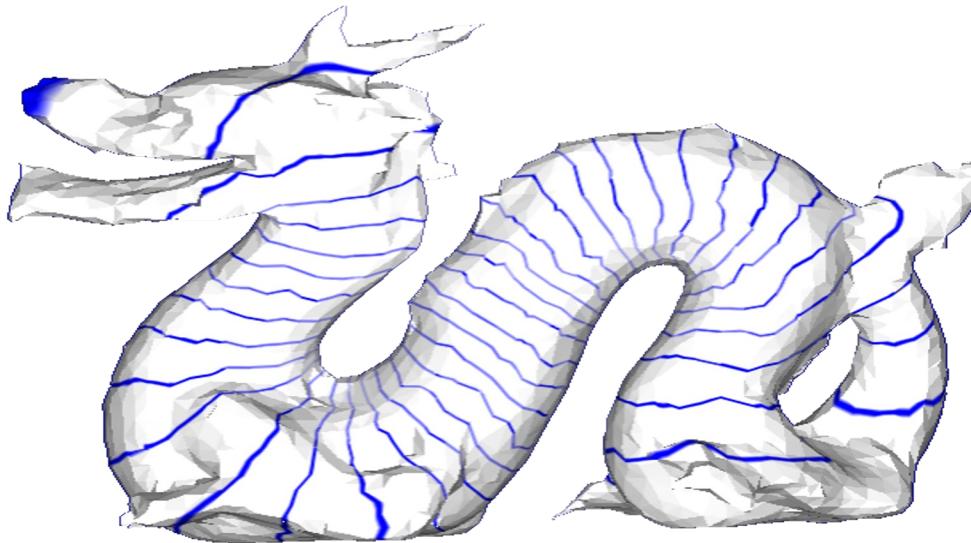
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Streaming meshes  
[Isenburg & Lindstrom]



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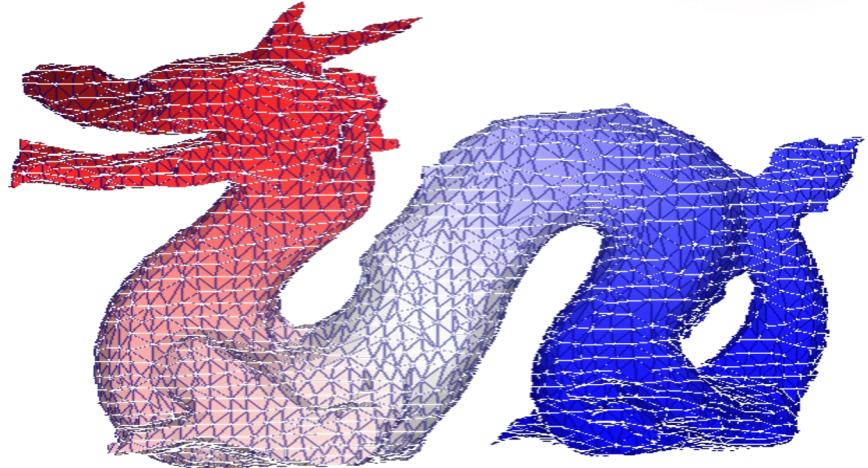
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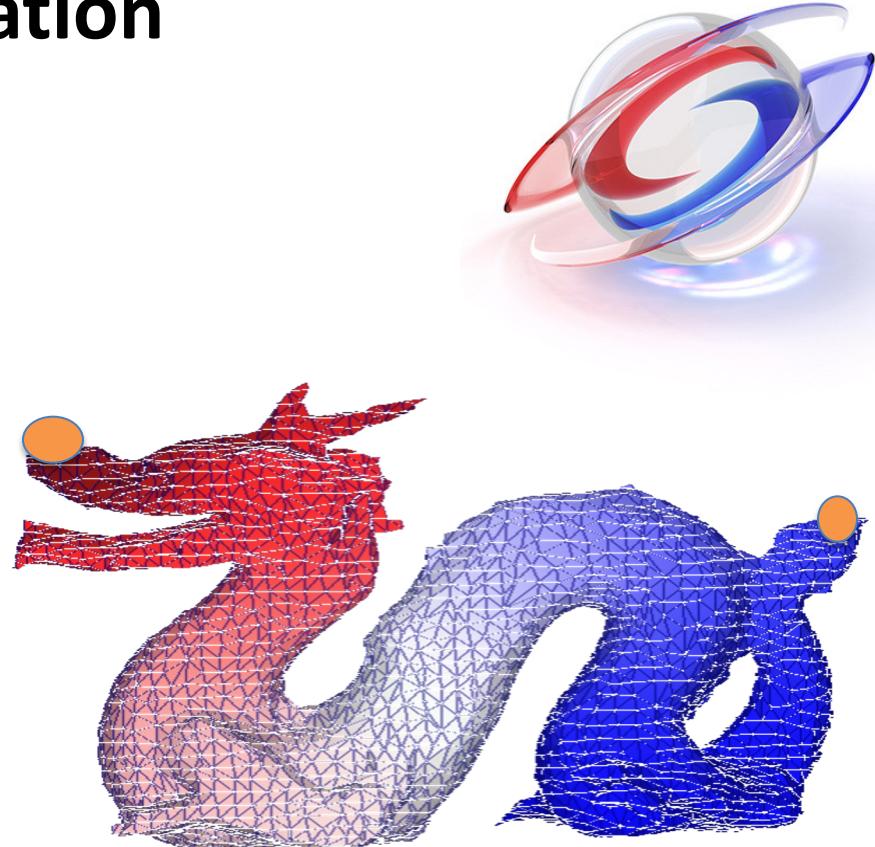
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How to avoid trivial solution ?  
Constrained vertices ?



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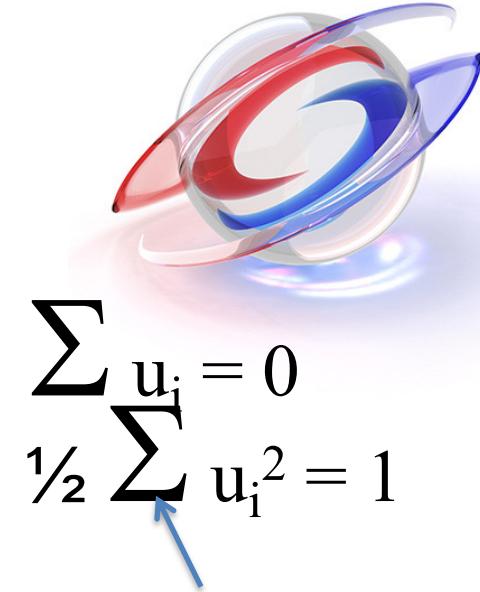
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We need also to constrain the second momentum

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$$L(u) = \frac{1}{2} u^t A u - \lambda_1 u^t \mathbf{1} - \lambda_2 \frac{1}{2} (u^t u - 1)$$

$$\nabla_u L = A u - \lambda_1 \mathbf{1} - \lambda_2 u$$

$u$  = eigenvector of  $A$

$$\nabla_{\lambda_1} L = u^t \mathbf{1}$$

$\lambda_1 = 0$

$$\nabla_{\lambda_2} L = \frac{1}{2}(u^t u - 1)$$

$\lambda_2$  = eigenvalue

# 1D surface parameterization

## Fiedler vector



Rem: Fiedler vector is also a minimizer of the Rayleigh quotient

$$R(A, x) = \frac{x^t A x}{x^t x}$$

The other eigenvectors  $x_i$  are the solutions of :

minimize  $R(A, x_i)$  subject to  $x_i^t x_j = 0$  for  $j < i$

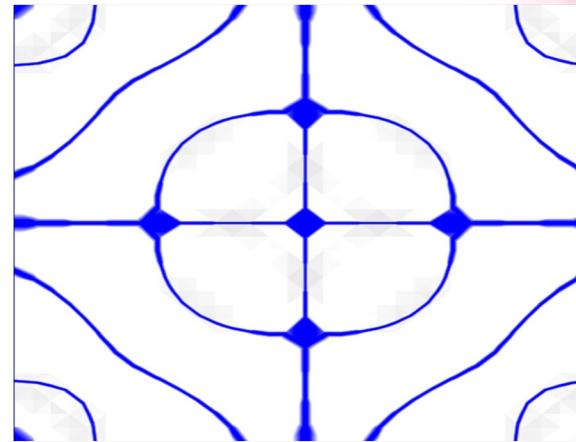
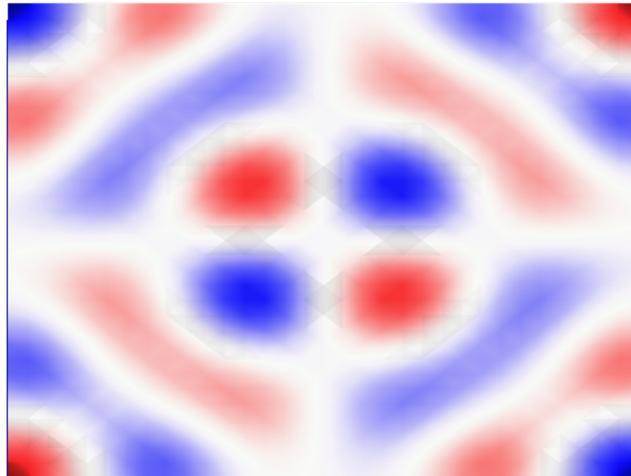
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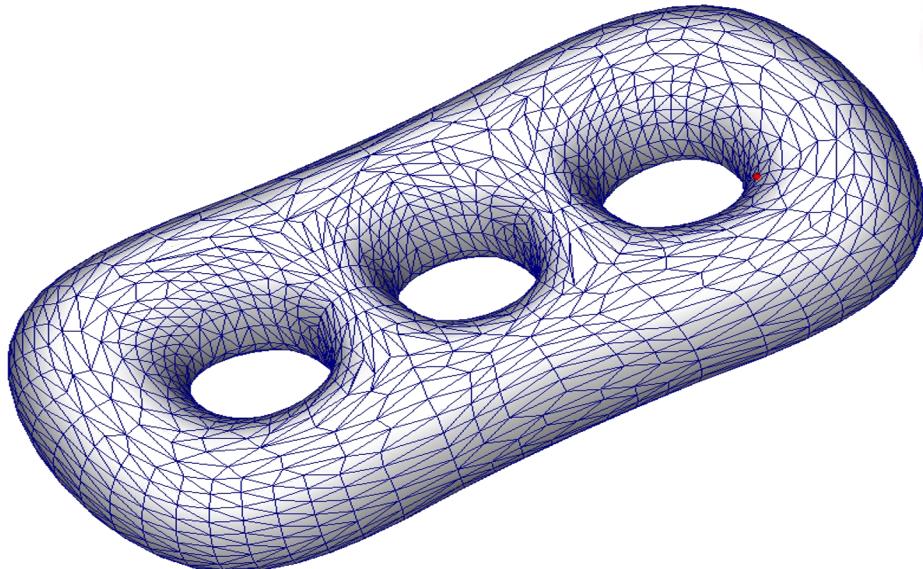
# Surface quadrangulation

Nodal sets are sets of curves intersecting at constant angles

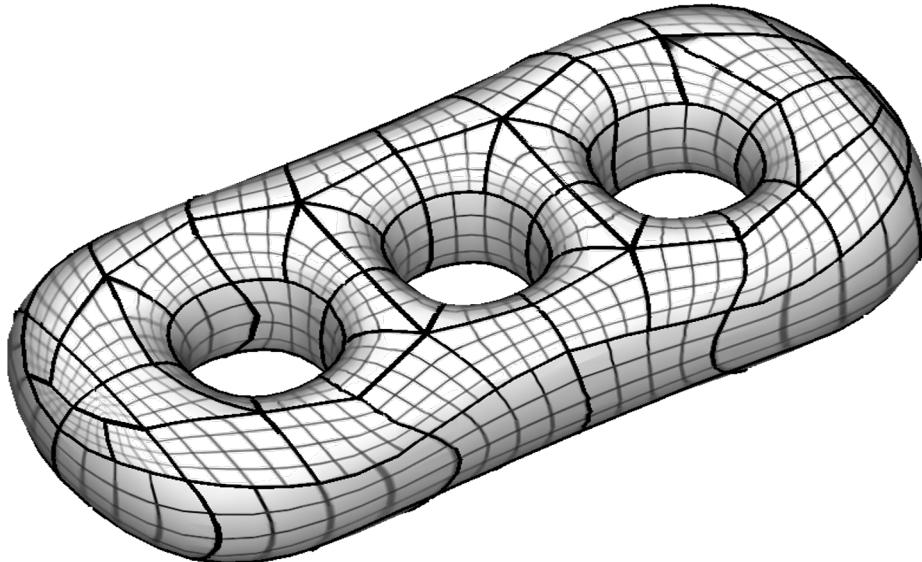


The  $N$ -th eigenfunction has at most  $N$  eigendomains

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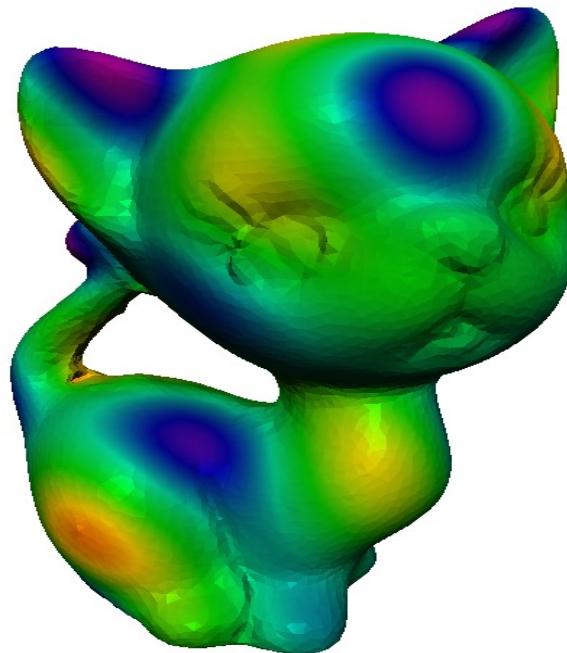


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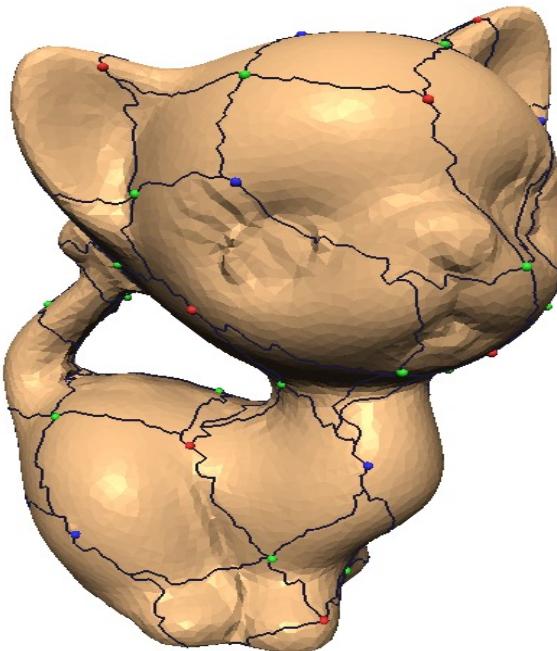


[L 2006], [Vallet & L 2006]

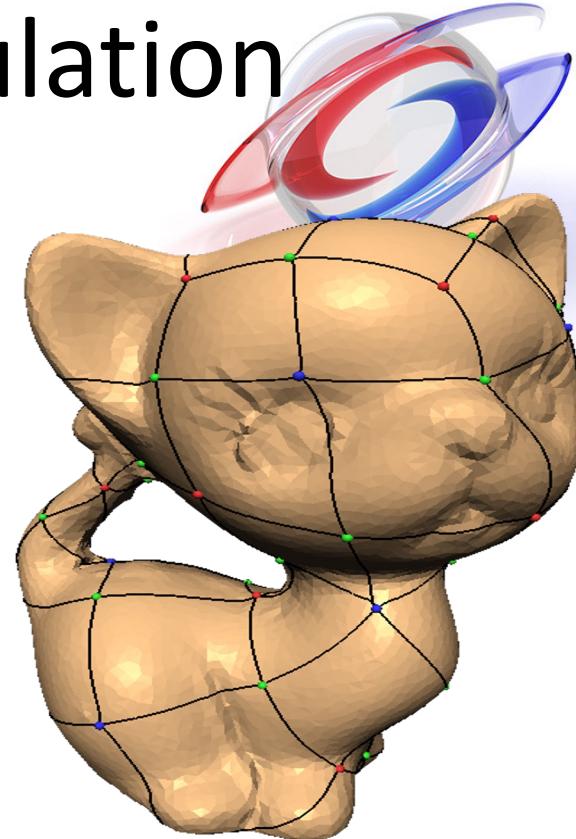
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One eigenfunction



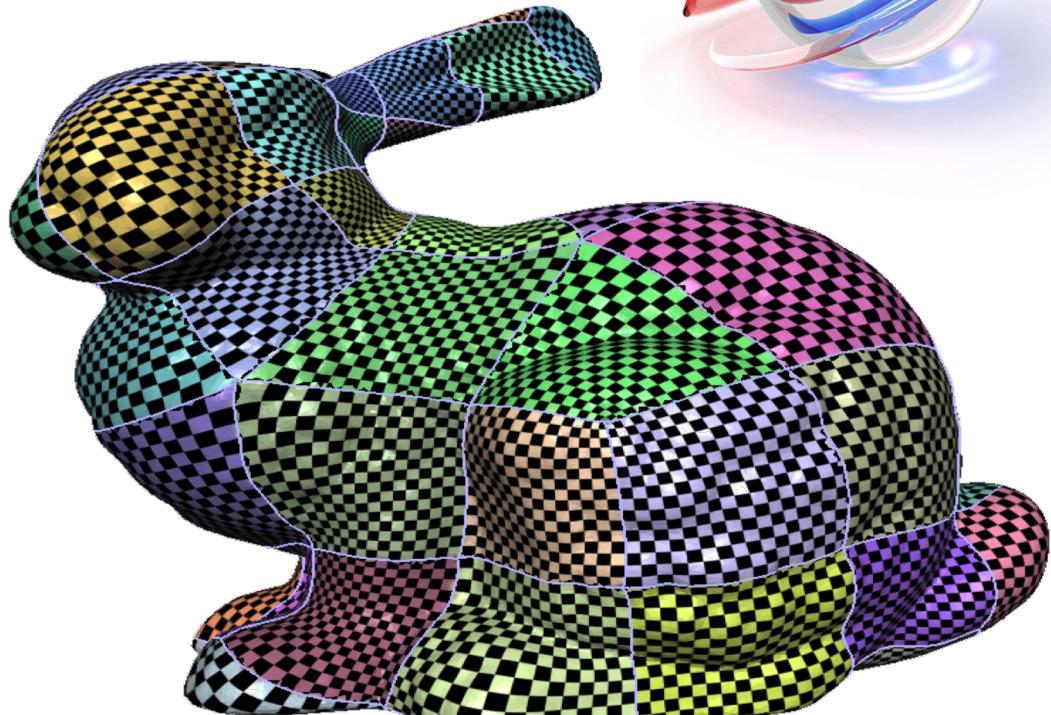
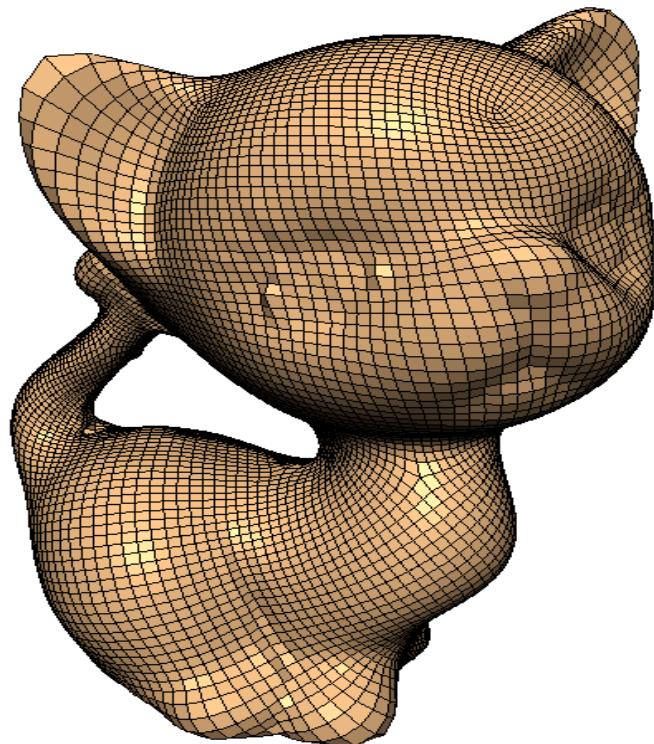
Morse complex



Filtered morse complex

[Dong and Garland 2006]

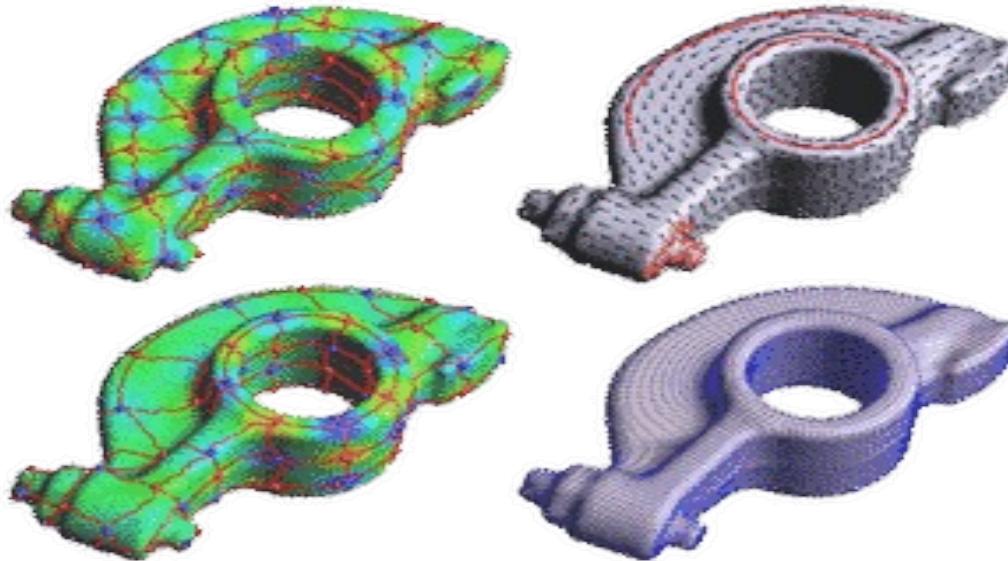
# Surface quadrangulation



Reparameterization of the quads



# Surface quadrangulation



Improvement in [Huang, Zhang, Ma, Liu, Kobbelt and Bao 2008], takes a guidance vector field into account.

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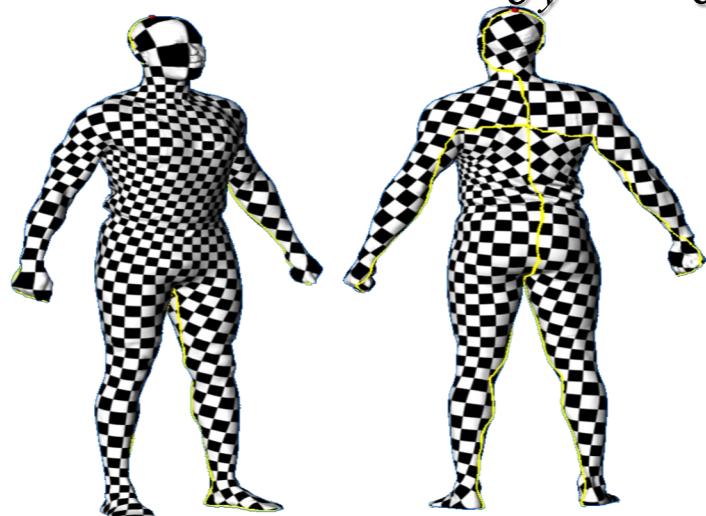


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# Surface parameterization

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Discrete conformal mapping:

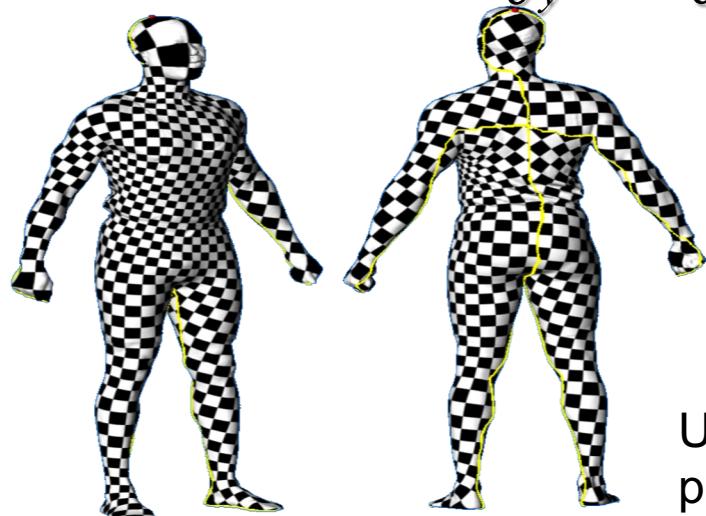
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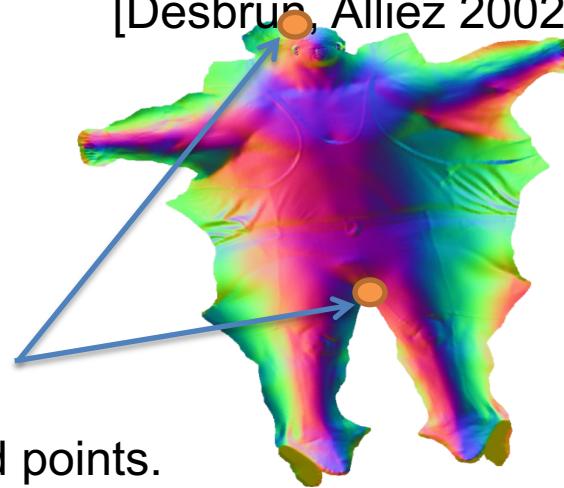
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Uses  
pinned points.

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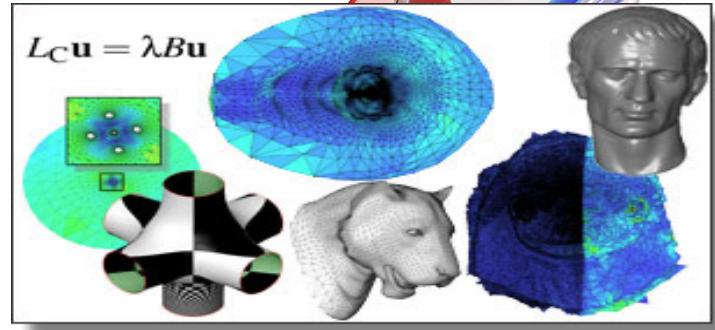
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# Surface parameterization

[Muellen, Tong, Alliez, Desbrun 2008]

Use Fiedler vector,  
i.e. the minimizer of  $R(A, x) = x^t A x / x^t x$   
that is orthogonal to the trivial constant solution



Implementation:

- (1) assemble the matrix of the discrete conformal parameterization
- (2) compute its eigenvector associated with the first non-zero eigenvalue

See <http://alice.loria.fr/WIKI/>

Graphite tutorials – Manifold Harmonics

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# Surface characterization

## Green Function



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$$\text{Using } G(x,y) = \frac{\sum \phi_i(x) \phi_i(y)}{\lambda_i} \text{ Works !}$$

$$(\Delta G(x,y) = \sum \phi_i(x) \phi_i(y) = \delta(x-y))$$

*Note: Convergence of  $G$  series needs to be proved (complicated)*

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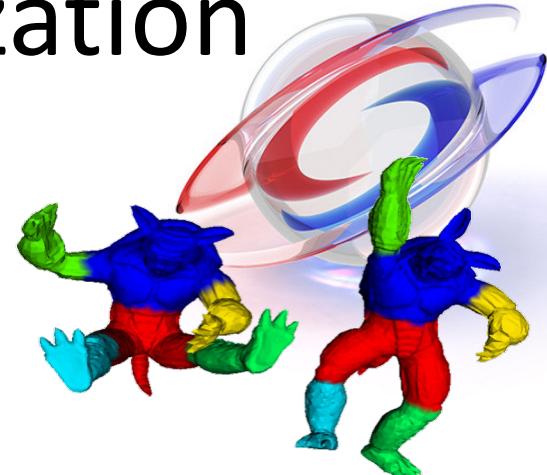
Summary:

Solution Poisson equation:  $\Delta f = g$

$$f = \int G(x,y) f(y) dy$$

Connection with GPS embedding [Rustamov 2007]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GPS}(x) &= [\phi_1(x)/\sqrt{\lambda_1}, \phi_2(x)/\sqrt{\lambda_2}, \dots, \phi_i(x)/\sqrt{\lambda_i}, \dots] \\ G(x,y) &= \text{GPS}(x) * \text{GPS}(y) \end{aligned}$$



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Pose-invariant  
embedding

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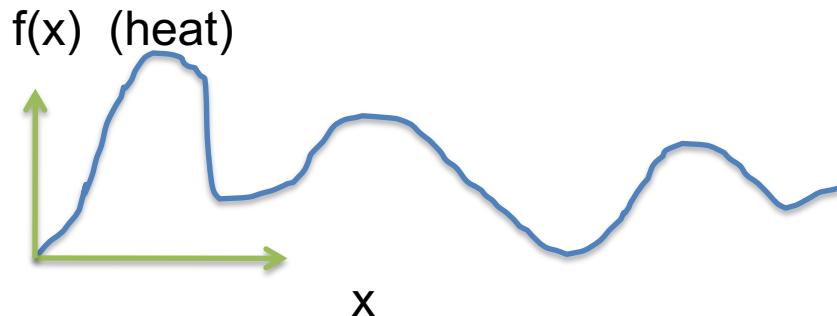
Green function

**Heat kernel**

# Surface characterization

## Heat equation

The heat equation:  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = -\Delta f$



$t = 0$

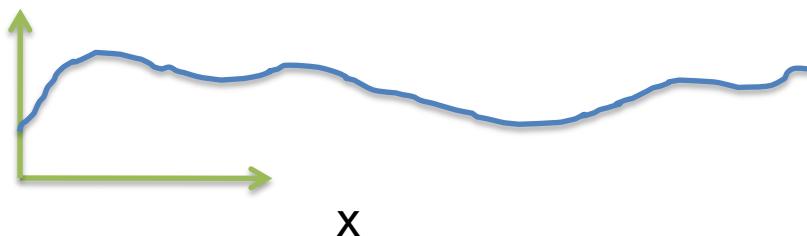
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$f(x)$  (heat)



$t = 100$

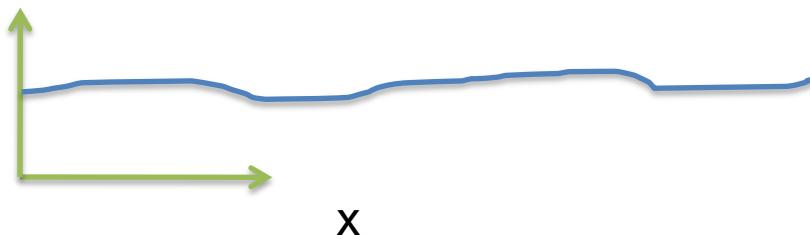
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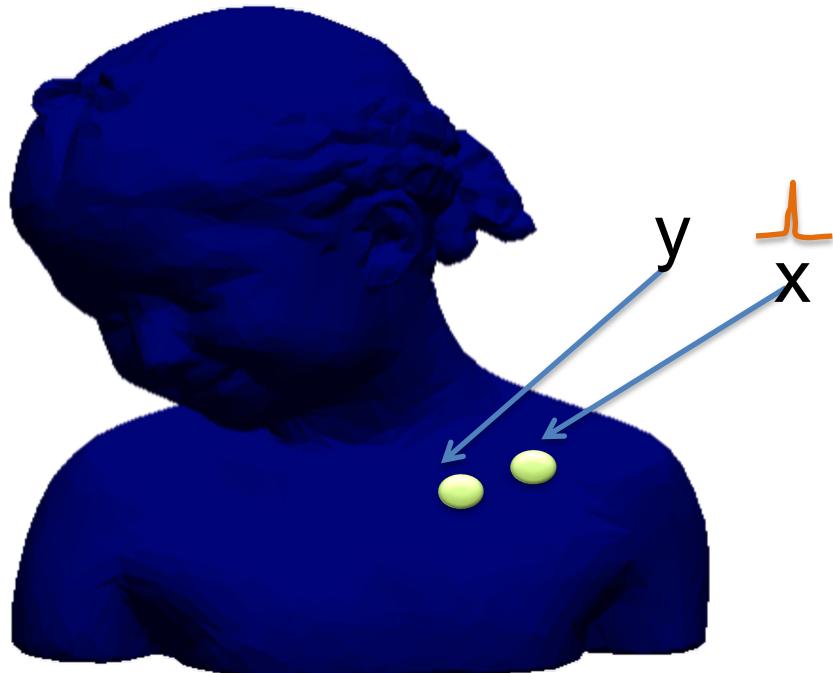
Heat kernel:  $K(t,x,y) = \sum e^{-\lambda_i t} \phi_i(x) \phi_i(y)$

Solution of the heat equation:  $f(t,x) = \int K(t,x,y) f(0,y) dy$

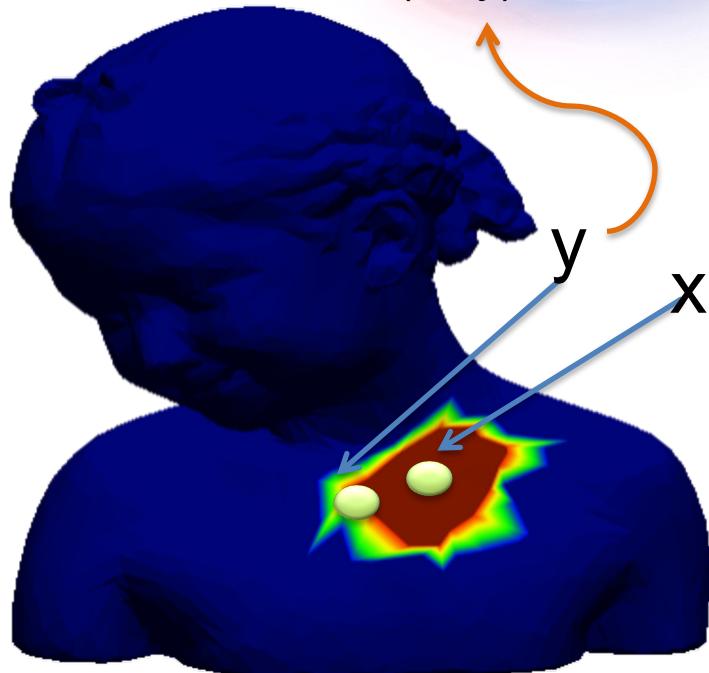
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Heat equation - What is the meaning of  $K(t,x,y)$  ?

Initial time: we inject a Dirac of heat at  $x$



How much heat do we get at  $y$  after  $t$  seconds ?  $K(t,x,y)$



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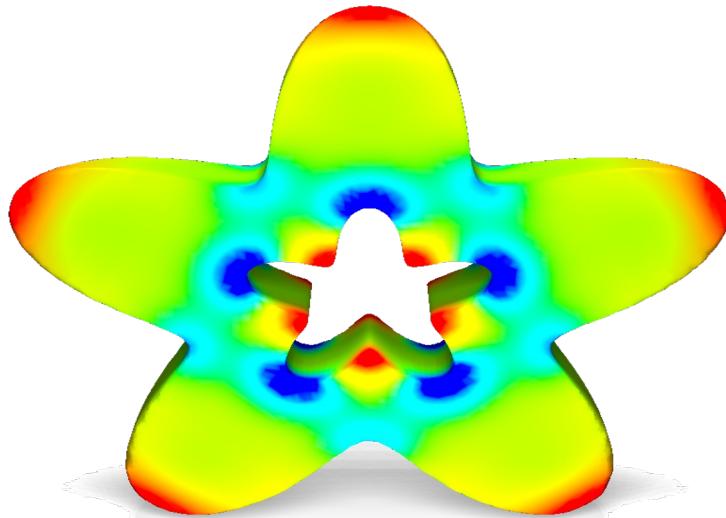


Heat Kernel Signature [Sun, Ovsjanikov and Gubas 09]

Auto-diffusion [Gebal, Baerentzen, Anaes and Larsen 09]

How much heat remains at  $x$  after  $t$  seconds ?

$$ADF(t,x) = HKS(t,x) = K(t,x,x) = \sum e^{-\lambda_i t} \phi_i^2(x)$$



Applications:  
shape signature,  
segmentation using Morse decomposition,  
...

# Summary



- Minimizing Rayleigh quotient instead of using « pinning » enforces global constraints (moments) that avoid the trivial solution
  - *fieldler vector for streaming meshes [Isenburg et.al]*
  - *Spectral conformal parameterization [Muellen et.al]*
- The notion of fundamental solution plays a ... fundamental role.  
Strong connections with spectral analysis (and this is what Fourier invented Fourier analysis for !)
  - *Green function / Poisson equation - GPS coordinates [Rustamov]*
  - *Heat kernel signature , [Sun et.al] / auto-diffusion function [Gebal et.al]*
- More to explore: the Variational Principle (see Wikipedia)