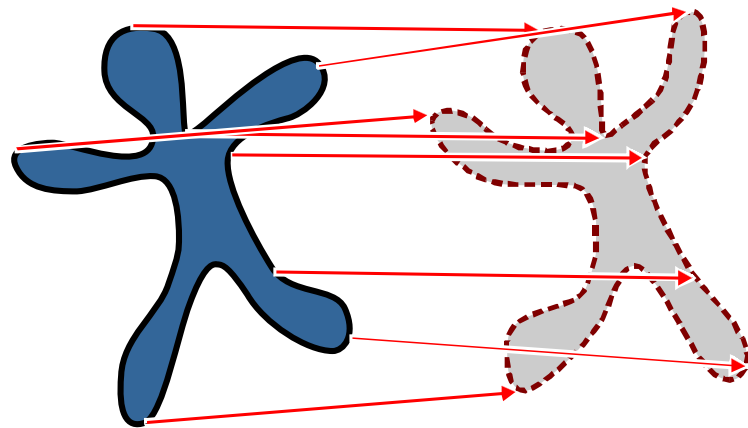


# Computing Correspondences in Geometric Datasets



Non-rigid local registration

Animation Reconstruction

## How many meshes?

- **Two:** Pairwise registration
- **More than two:** multi-view registration

## Initial registration available?

- **Yes:** Local optimization methods
- **No:** Global methods

## Class of transformations?

- **Rotation and translation:** Rigid-body
- **Non-rigid deformations**

# Overview & Problem Statement



## Animation Reconstruction

- Problem Statement
- Basic algorithm
  - Variational reconstruction
  - Adding dynamics
  - Iterative assembly
  - Results

# Real-time Scanners



**space-time  
stereo**

courtesy of James Davis,  
UC Santa Cruz



**color-coded  
structured light**

courtesy of Phil Fong,  
Stanford University

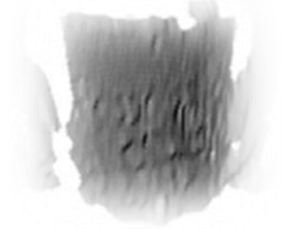


**motion compensated  
structured light**

courtesy of Sören König,  
TU Dresden

## Problems

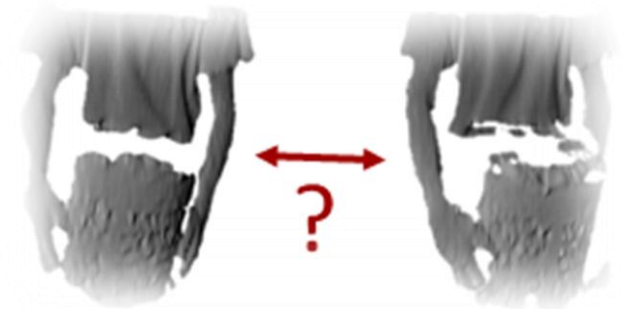
- Noisy data
- Incomplete data (acquisition holes)
- No correspondences



**noise**



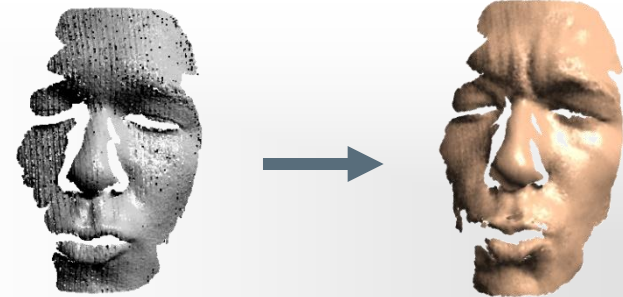
**holes**



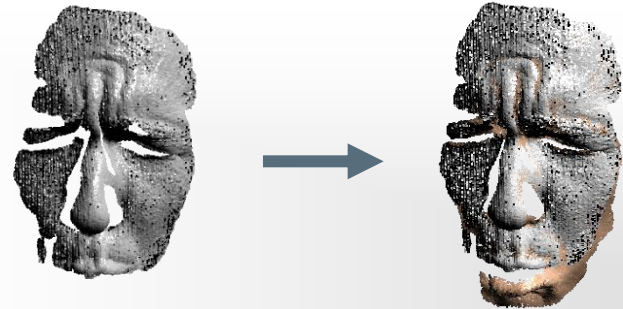
**missing correspondences**

# Animation Reconstruction

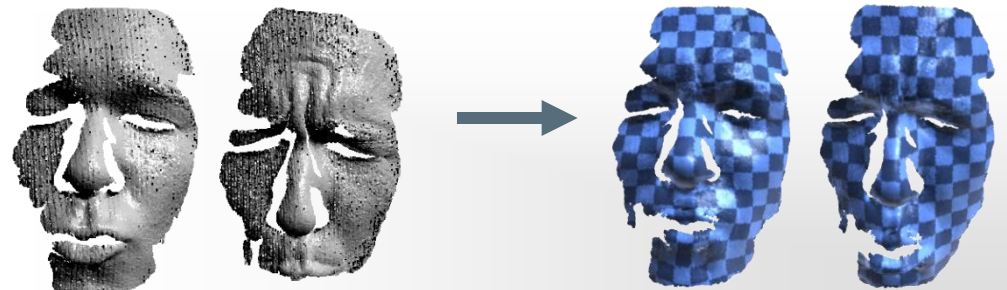
Remove noise, outliers



Fill-in holes  
(from all frames)



Dense correspondences



# Animation Reconstruction

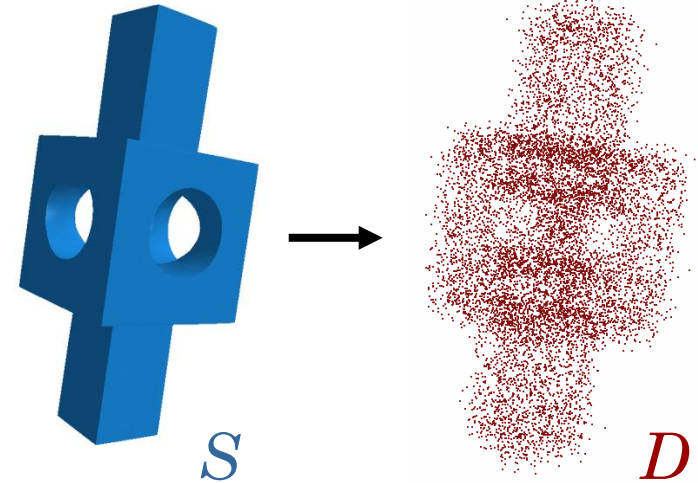
## Overview



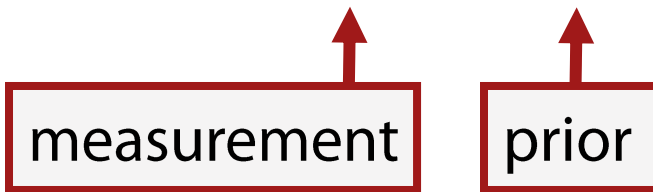


## Variational Approach:

- $S$  – original model  
 $D$  – measurement data
- Variational approach:

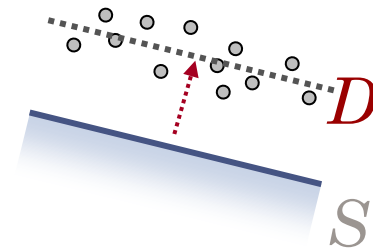


$$E(S | D) \sim E(D | S) + E(S)$$



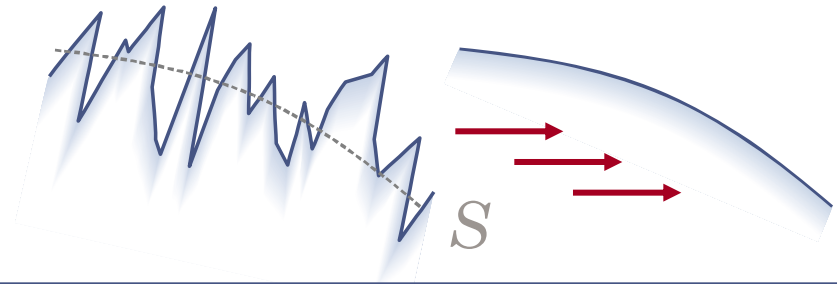
## Data fitting:

$$E(D | S) \sim \sum_i \text{dist}(S, d_i)^2$$



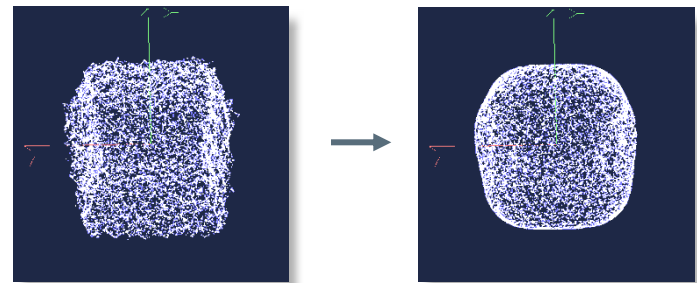
## Prior: Smoothness

$$E_s(S) \sim \int_S \text{curv}(S)^2$$



## Optimization:

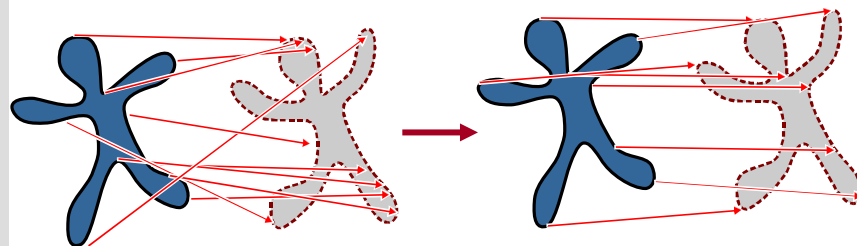
Yields 3D Reconstruction



## Two additional priors:

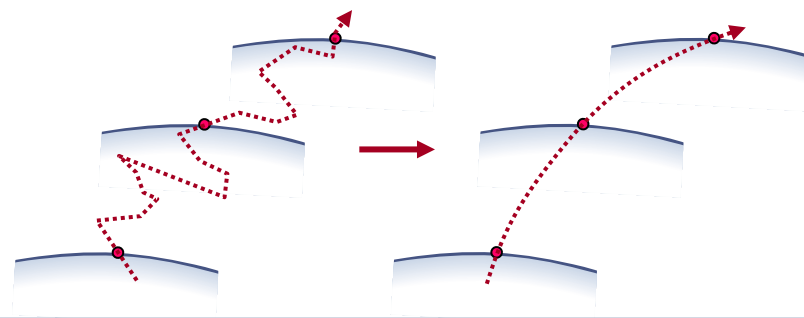
### Deformation

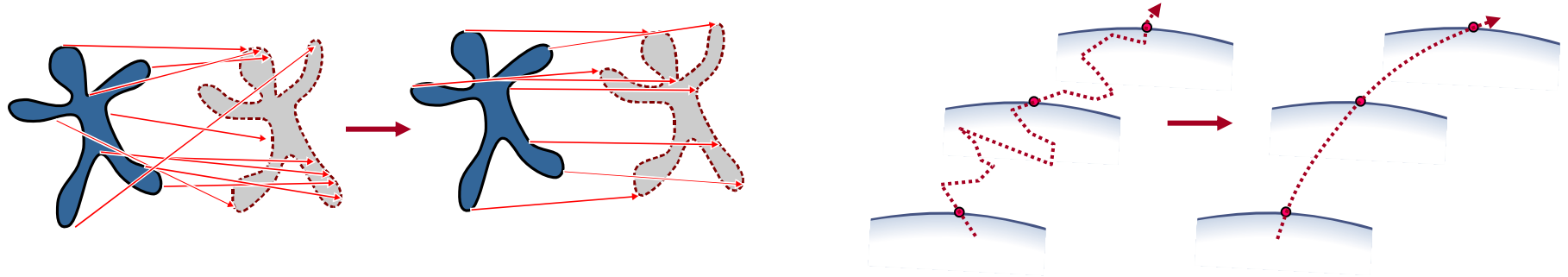
$$E_d(\mathcal{S}) \sim \int_{\mathcal{S}} \text{deform}(\mathcal{S}_t, \mathcal{S}_{t+1})^2$$



### Acceleration

$$E_a(\mathcal{S}) \sim \int_{\mathcal{S}, t} \ddot{\mathbf{s}}(x, t)^2$$





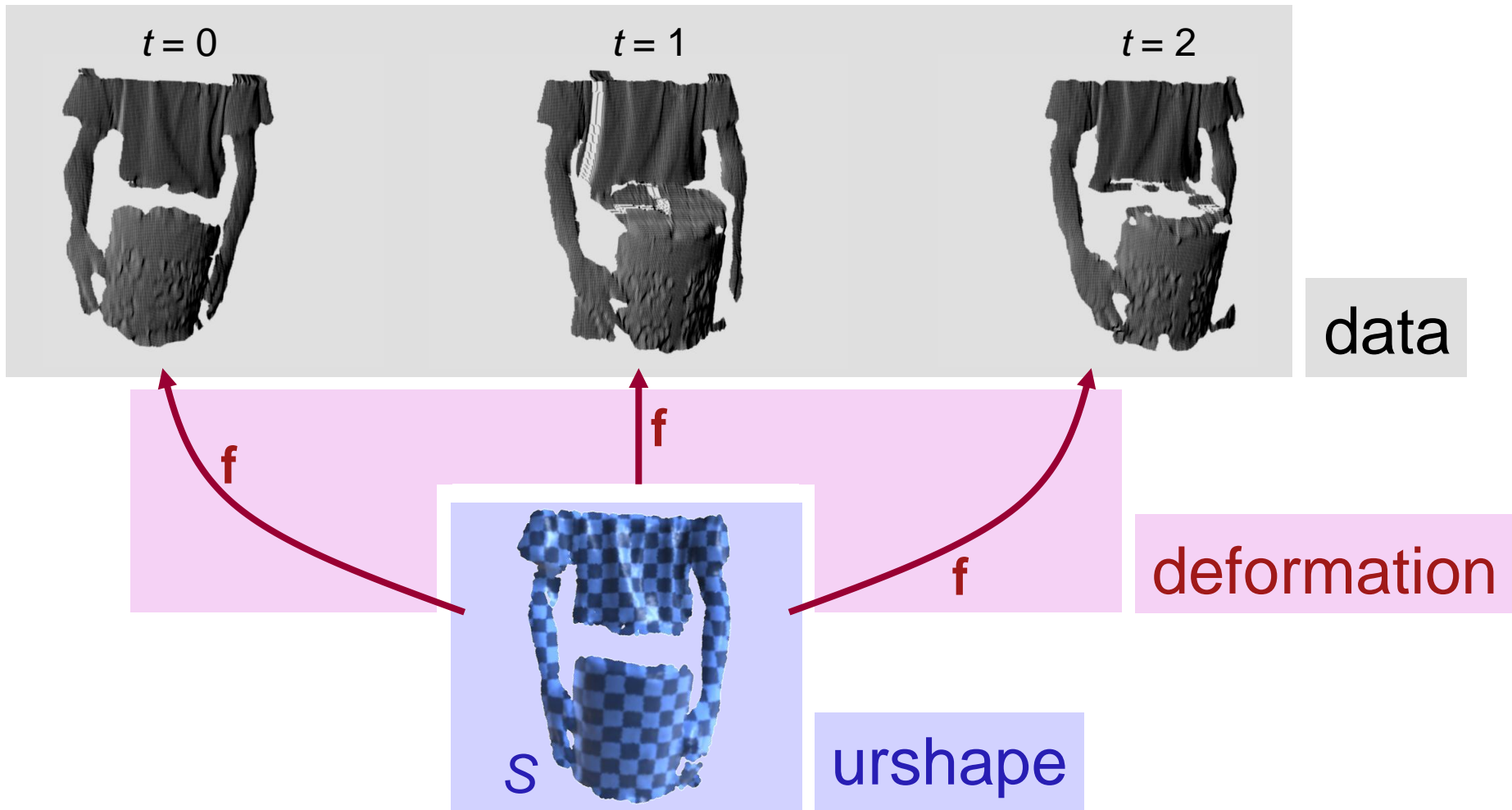
## Not just smooth 4D reconstruction!

- Minimize
  - Deformation
  - Acceleration
- This is quite different from smoothness of a 4D hypersurface.

# Algorithm Details

## Urshape Factorization

# Factorization



## Variational Model

- Given an initial estimate, improve *urshape* and *deformation*

## Numerical Discretization

- *Shape*
- *Deformation*

## Domain Assembly

- Getting an initial estimate
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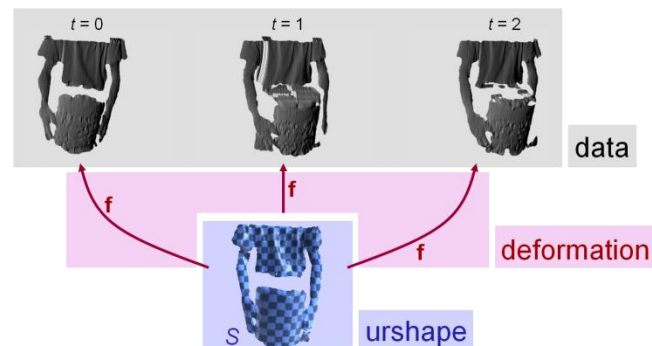
## Energy Function

$$E(f, S) = E_{data} + E_{deform} + E_{smooth}$$

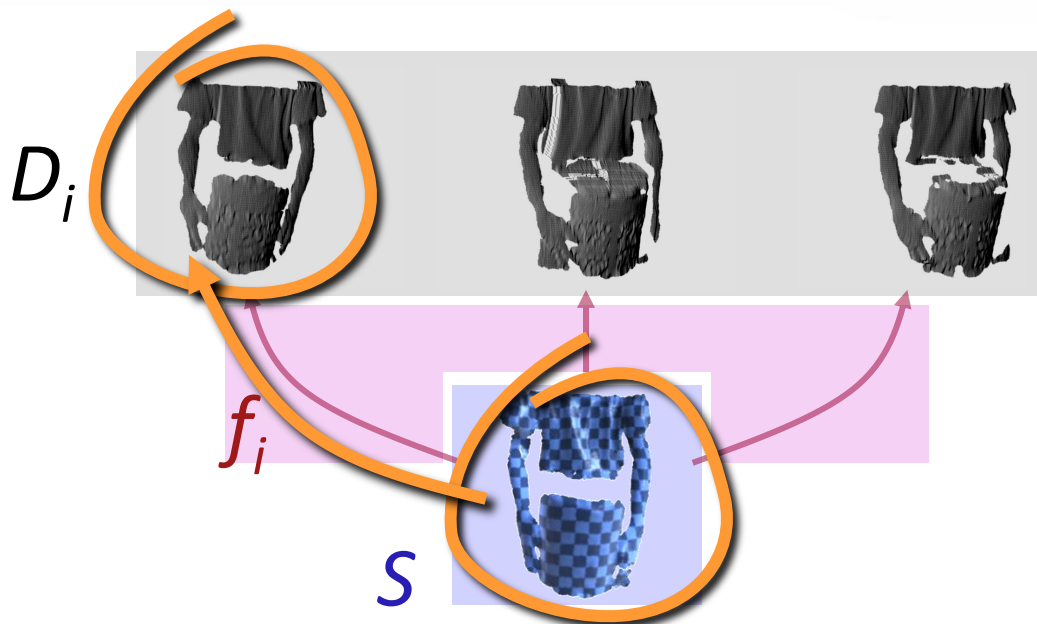
## Components

- $E_{data}(f, S)$  – data fitting
- $E_{deform}(f)$  – elastic deformation, smooth trajectory
- $E_{smooth}(S)$  – smooth surface

Optimize  $S, f$  alternately

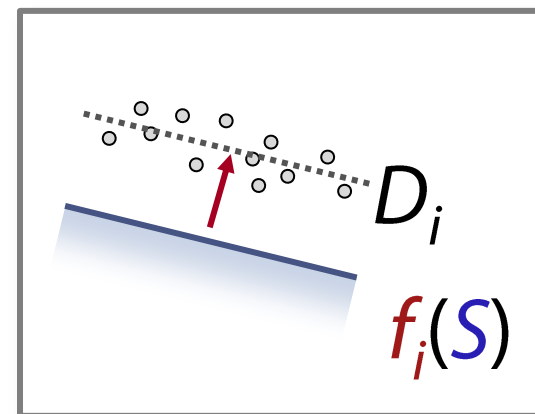


$$E_{data}(f, S)$$

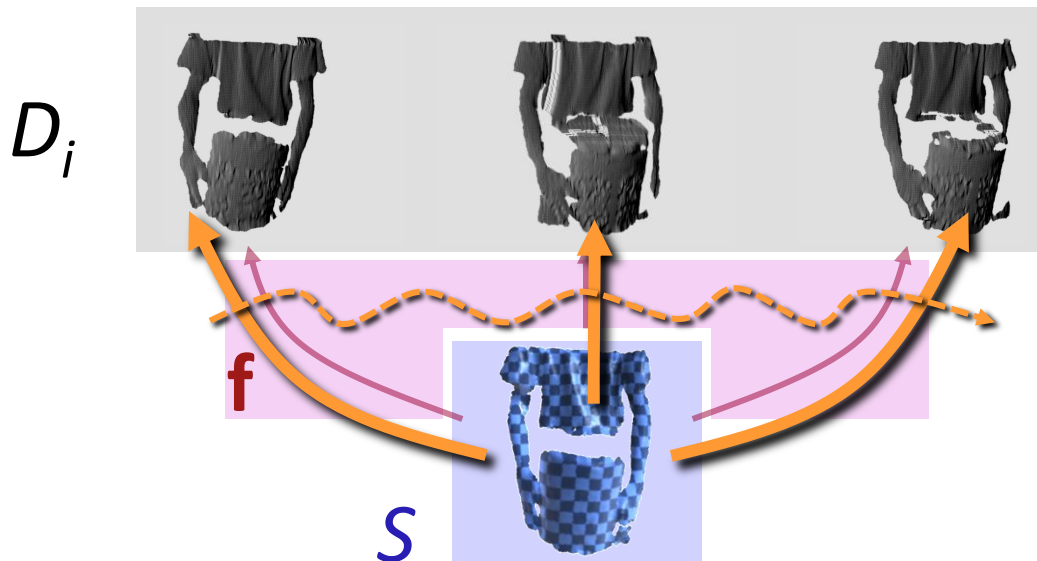


## Data fitting

- Necessary:  $f_i(S) \approx D_i$
- Truncated squared distance function (point-to-plane)

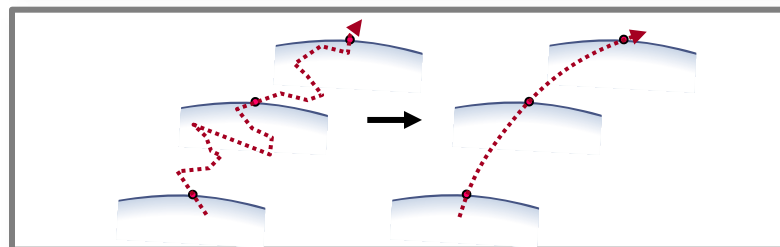
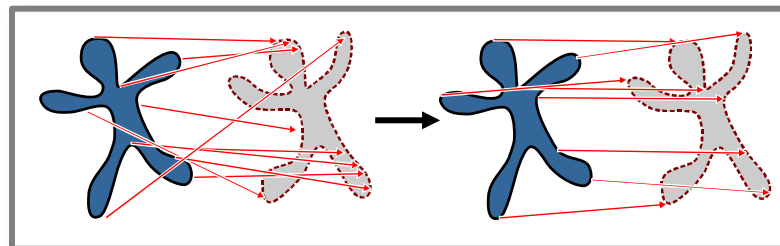


# Elastic Deformation Energy



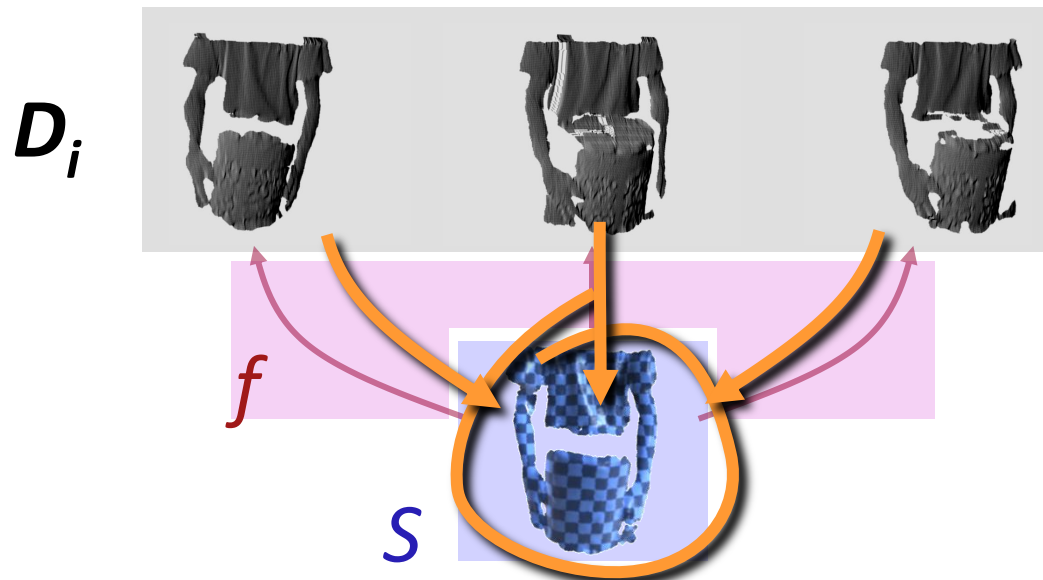
## Regularization

- Elastic energy
- Smooth trajectories



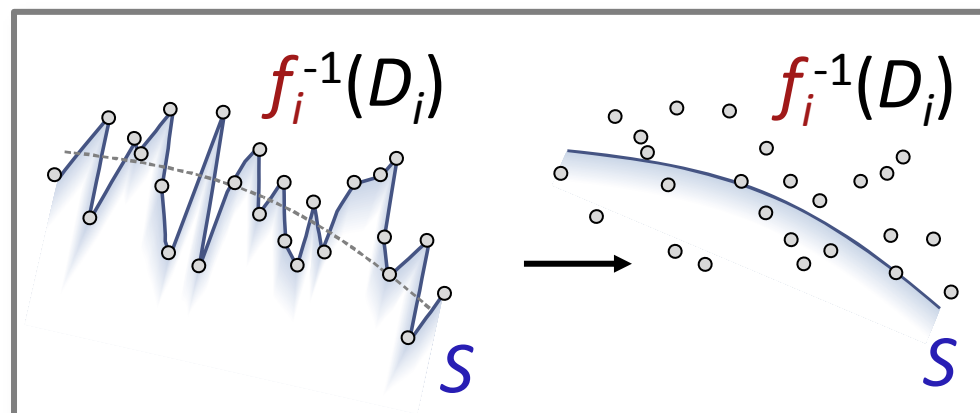
# Surface Reconstruction

$E_{smooth}(S)$

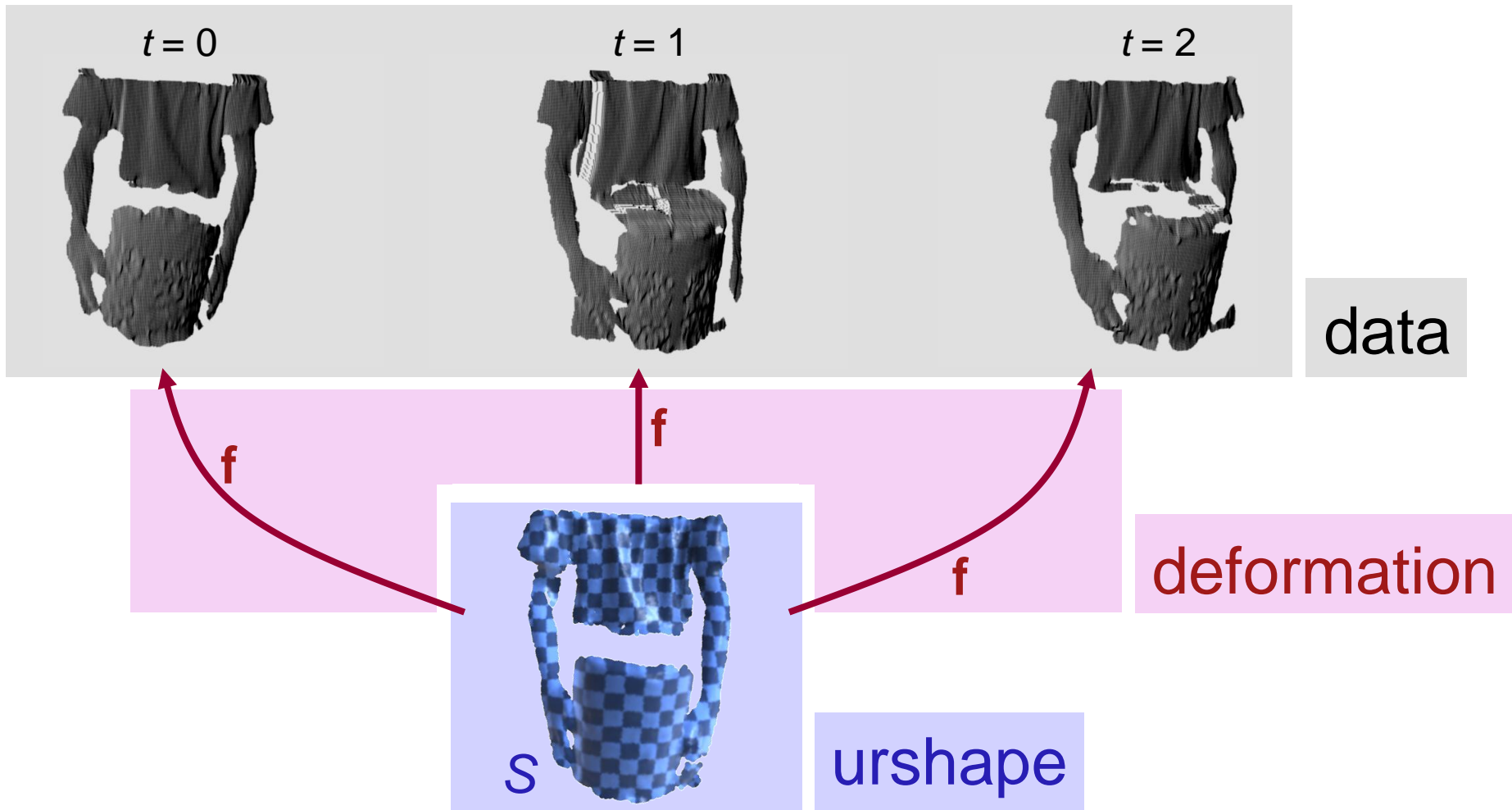


## Data fitting

- Smooth surface
- Fitting to noisy data



# Factorization



## Variational Model

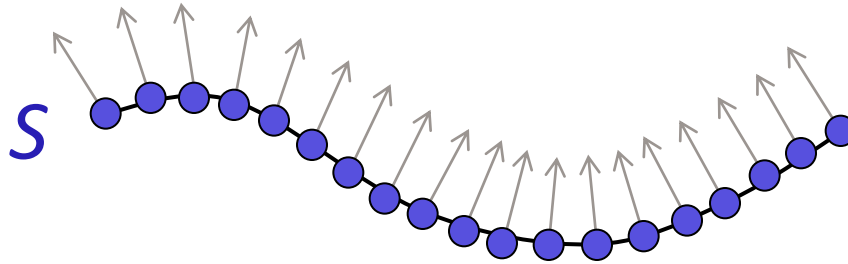
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## Numerical Discretization

- *Shape*
- *Deformation*

## Domain Assembly

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- *Urshape* assembly



## Shape Representation:

- Graph of *surfels* (point + normal + local connectivity)
- $E_{smooth}$  – neighboring planes should be similar

## Simple Smoothness Priors:

- Similar surfel normals:

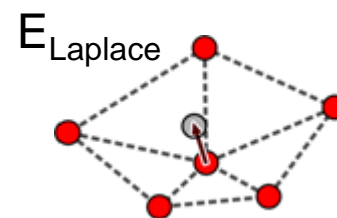
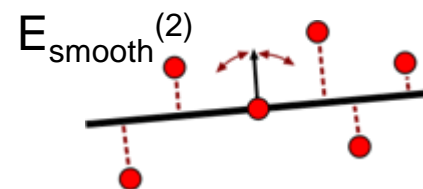
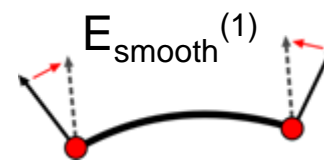
$$E_{smooth}^{(1)}(S) = \sum_{surfels} \sum_{neighbors} (n_i - n_{i_j})^2, \quad \|n_i\| = 1$$

- Surfel positions – flat surface:

$$E_{smooth}^{(2)}(S) = \sum_{surfels} \sum_{neighbors} \langle \mathbf{s}_i - \mathbf{s}_{i_j}, \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{s}_i) \rangle^2$$

- Uniform density:

$$E_{Laplace}(S) = \sum_{surfels} \sum_{neighbors} (\mathbf{s}_i - average)^2$$

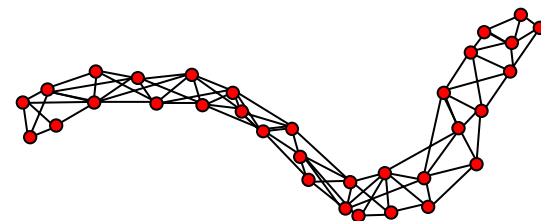


[c.f. Szeliski et al. 93]



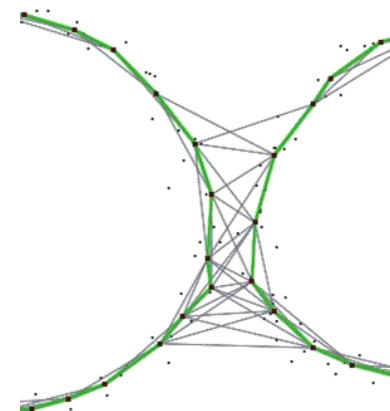
## Topology estimation

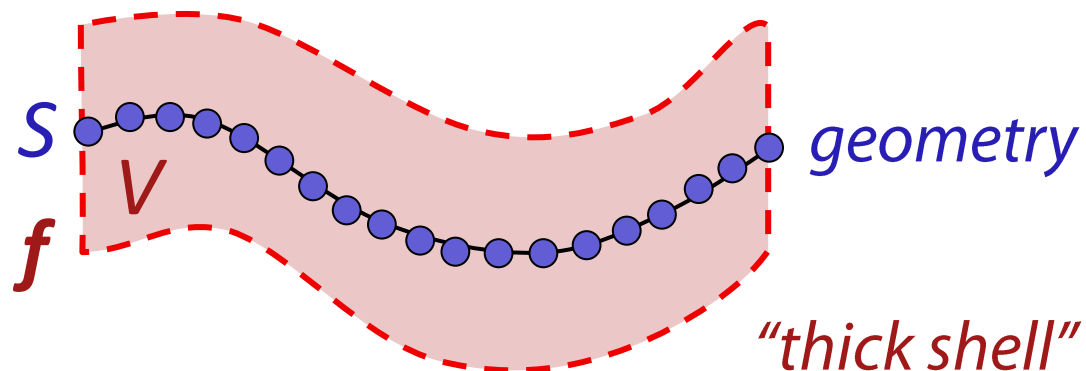
- Domain of  $S$ , base shape (topology)
- Here, we assume this is easy to get
- In the following
  - $k$ -nearest neighborhood graph
  - Typically:  $k = 6..20$



## Limitations

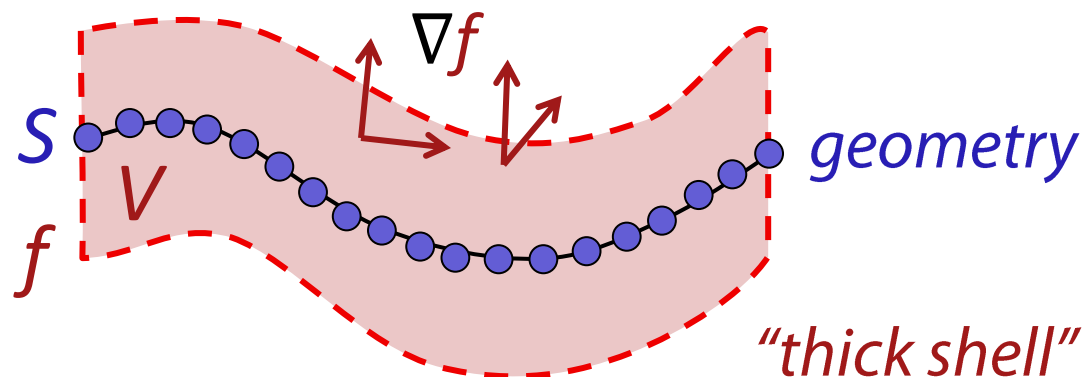
- This requires dense enough sampling
- Does not work for undersampled data





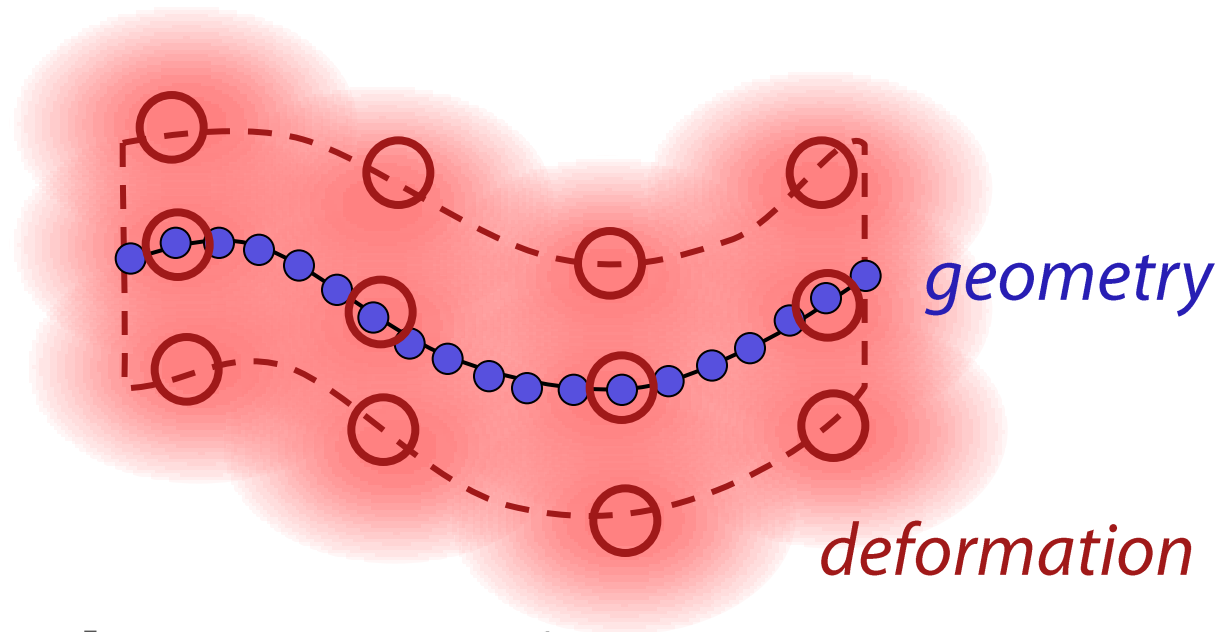
## Volumetric Deformation Model

- Surfaces embedded in "stiff" volumes
- Easier to handle than "thin-shell models"
- General – works for non-manifold data



## Deformation Energy

- Keep deformation gradients  $\nabla f$  as-rigid-as-possible
- This means:  $\nabla f^T \nabla f = \mathbf{I}$
- Minimize:  $E_{deform} = \int_T \int_V \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}, t)^T \nabla f(\mathbf{x}, t) - \mathbf{I}\|^2 d\mathbf{x} dt$

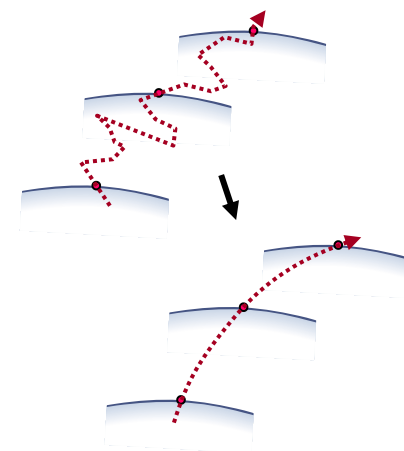


## Numerical representation

- Spatial basis functions
- For example: Gaussians, MLS functions, ...

## More Regularization

- Volume preservation:  $E_{vol} = \int_T \int_V \|\det(\nabla f) - 1\|^2$ 
  - Stability
- Acceleration:  $E_{acc} = \int_T \int_V \|\partial_t^2 f\|^2$ 
  - Smooth trajectories
- Velocity (weak):  $E_{vel} = \int_T \int_V \|\partial_t f\|^2$ 
  - Damping



## Variational Model

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## Numerical Discretization

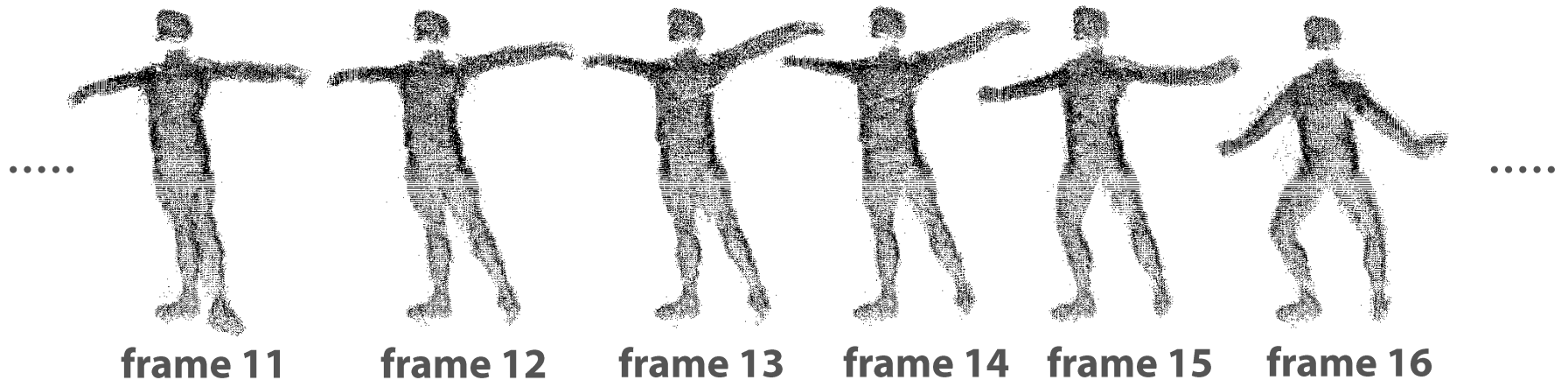
- *Deformation*
- *Shape*

## Domain Assembly

- Getting an initial estimate
- *Urshape* assembly

## Adjacent frames are similar

- Solve for frame pairs first
- Assemble urshape step-by-step



[data set courtesy of C. Theobald, MPC-VCC]

# Hierarchical Merging

data



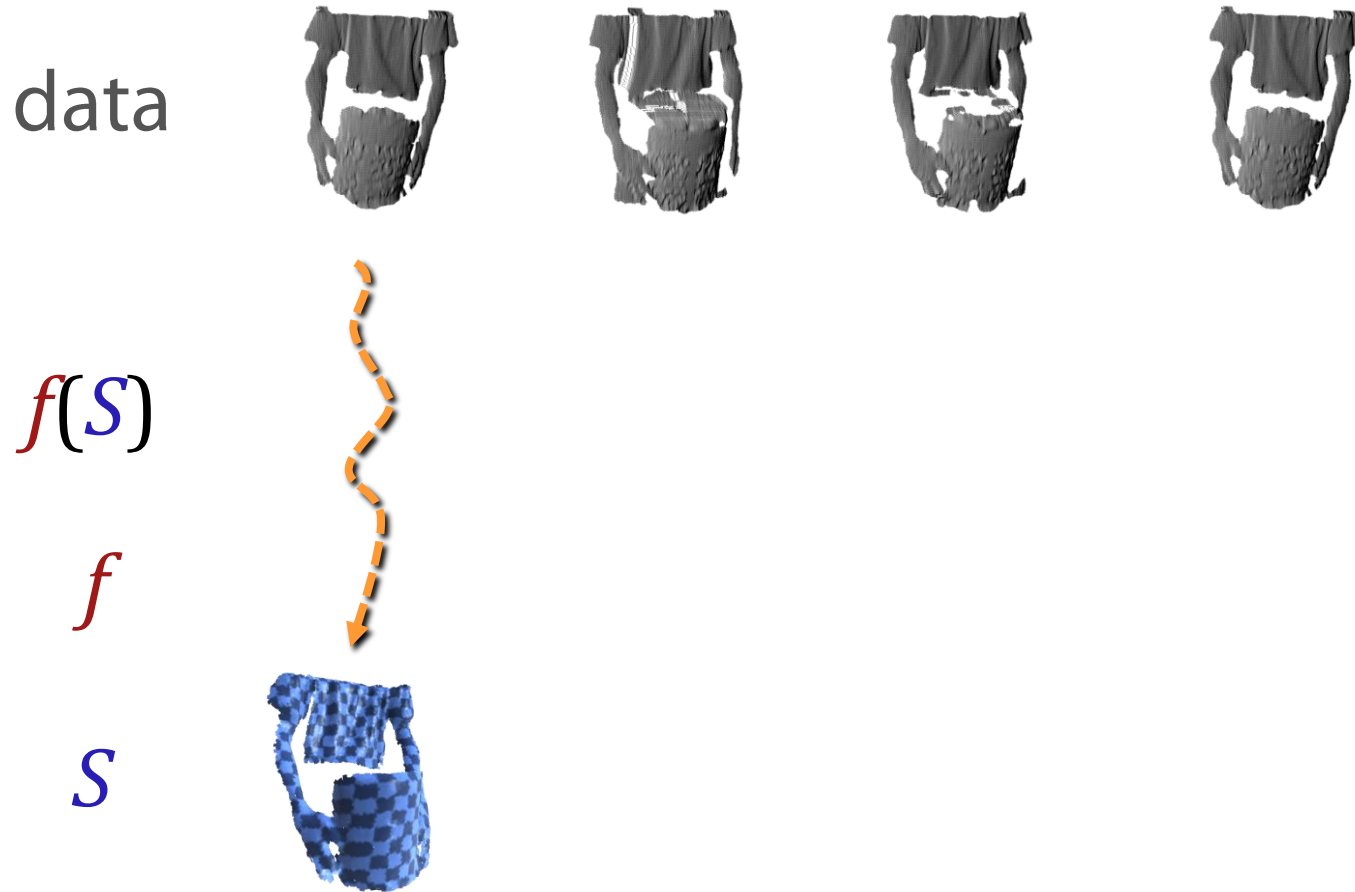
$f(S)$

$f$

$S$



# Hierarchical Merging

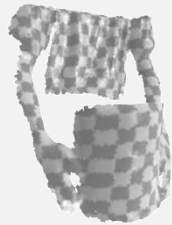


# Initial Urshapes

data



$f(S)$



$f$

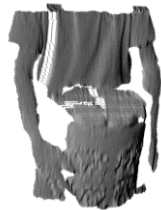


$S$

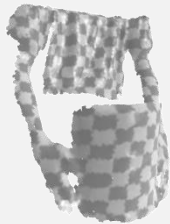


# Initial Urshapes

data



$f(S)$



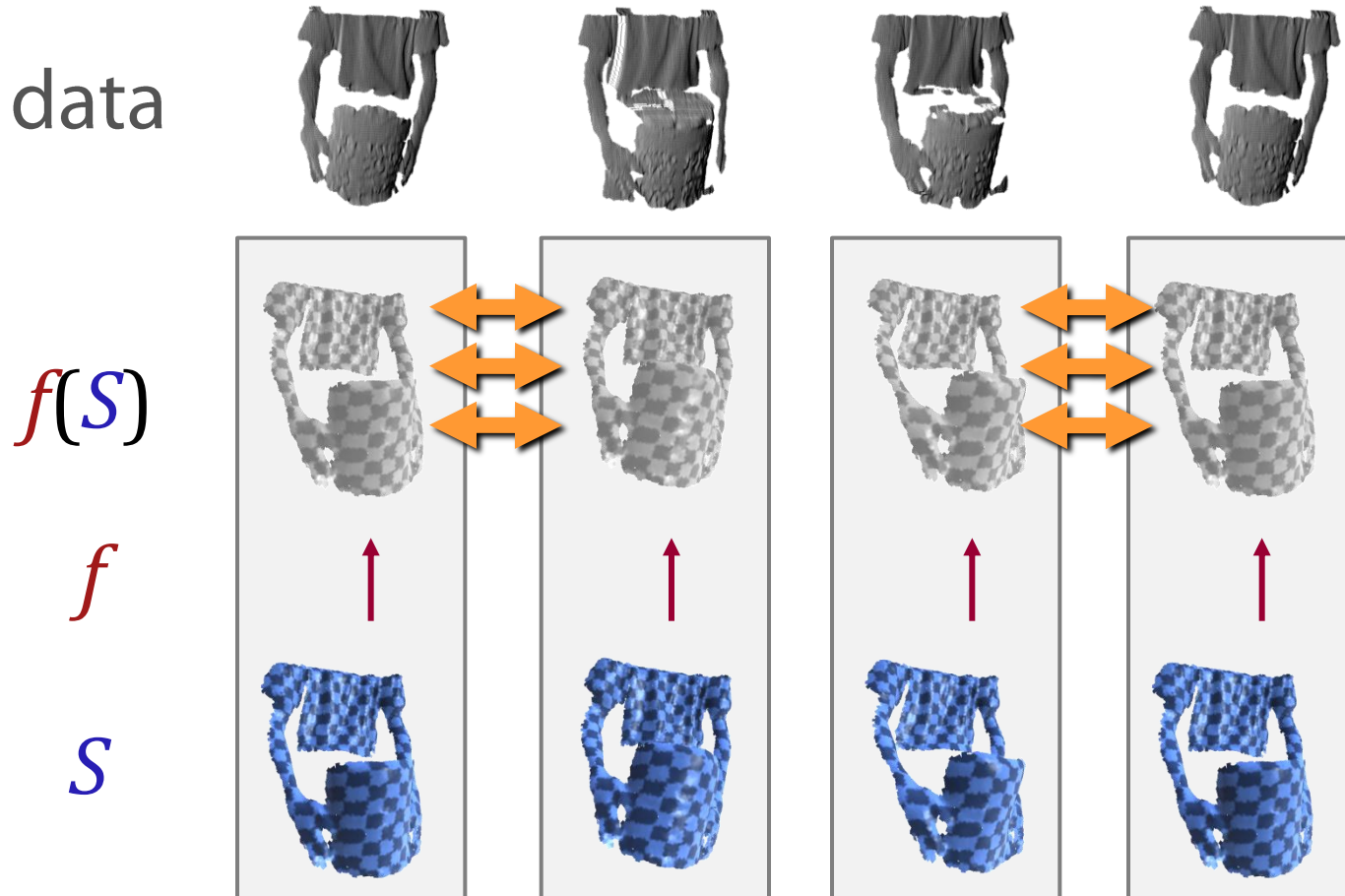
$f$



$S$

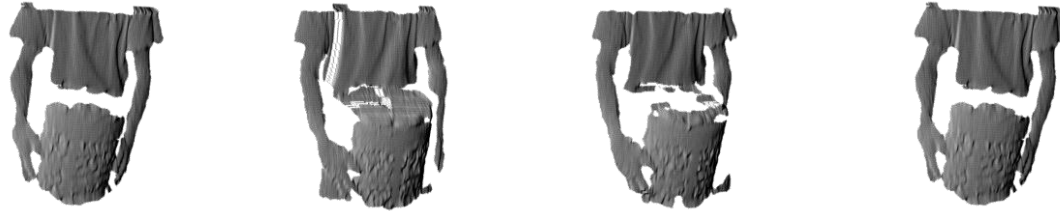


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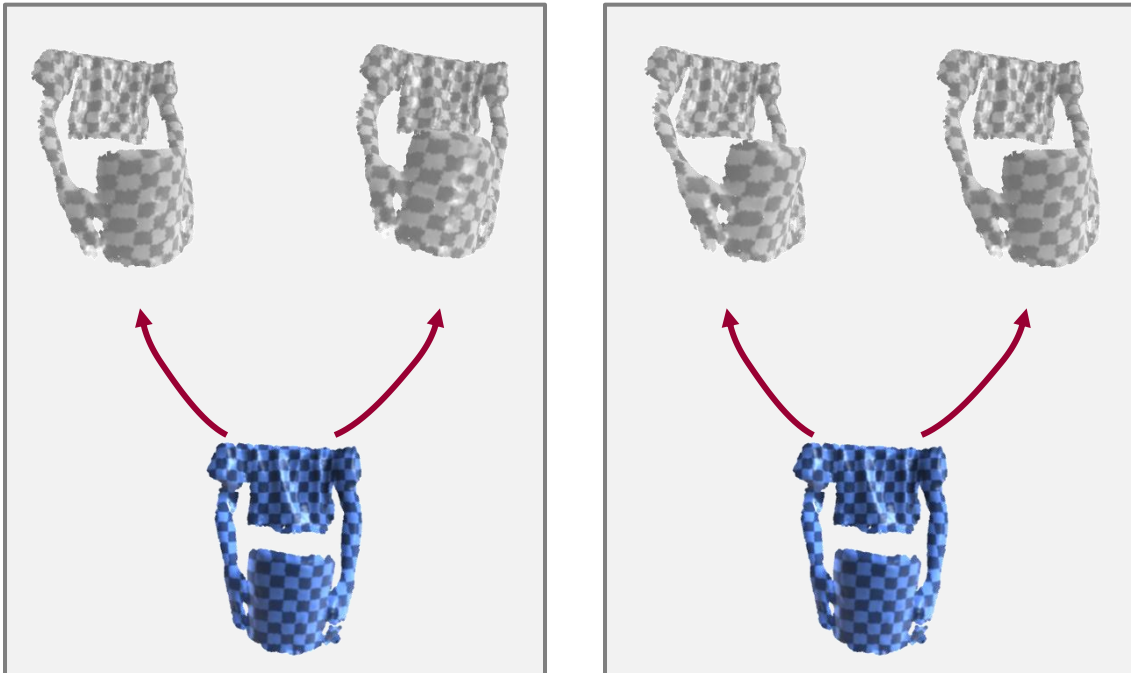


# Align & Optimize

data



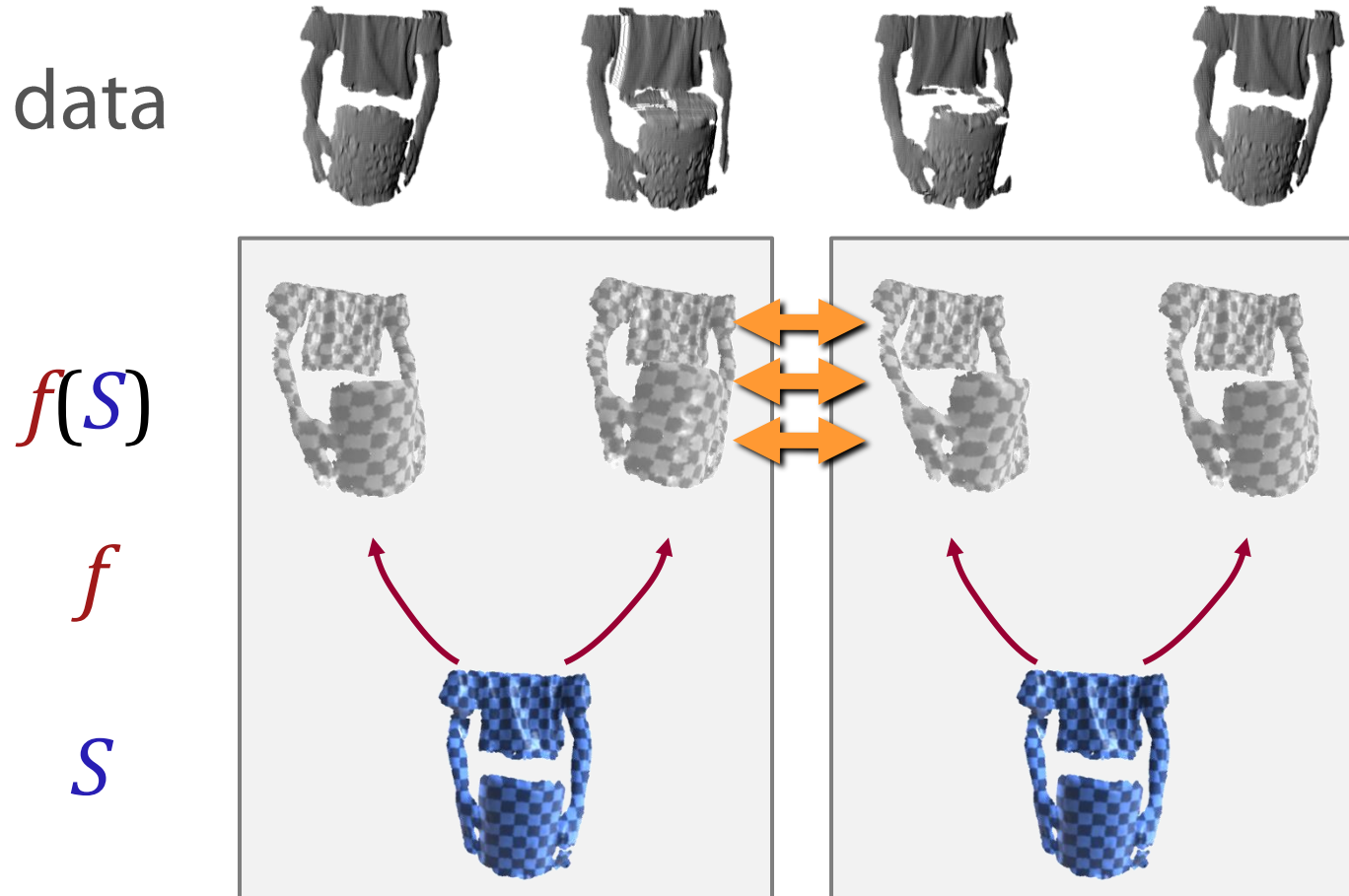
$f(S)$



$f$

$S$

# Hierarchical Alignment

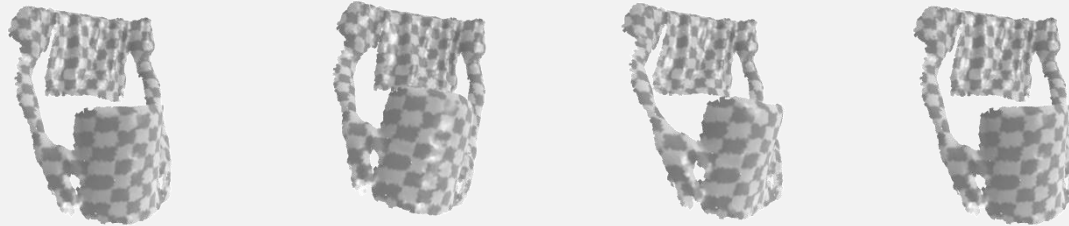


# Hierarchical Alignment

data



$f(S)$



$f$



$S$



# Results







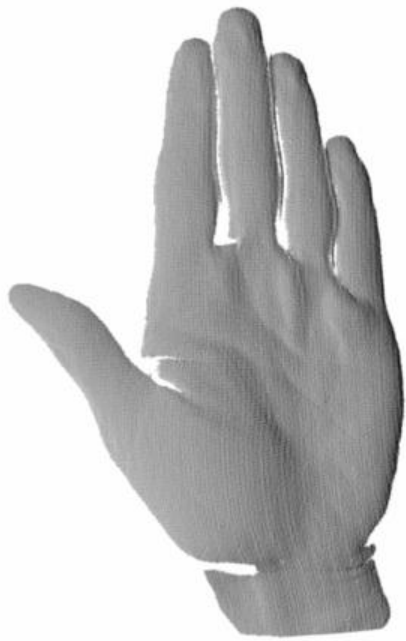
*79 frames, 24M data pts, 21K surfels, 315 nodes*



*98 frames, 5M data pts, 6.4K surfels, 423 nodes*



*120 frames,  
30M data pts,  
17K surfels,  
1,939 nodes*



*34 frames,  
4M data pts,  
23K surfels,  
414 nodes*