

Space Deformation

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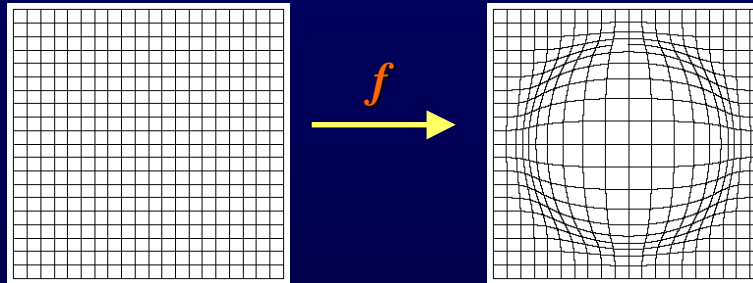
Inspired by the fantastic work of many people

Introduction

- **Earliest reference in Graphics: 1984 [A. Barr'84]**
- **Space deformation is also called free-form modeling or warping**
- **Space deformation is a class of techniques**
- **Some are popular for modeling and animation:
Maya® & 3D Studio®**

What is a space deformation?

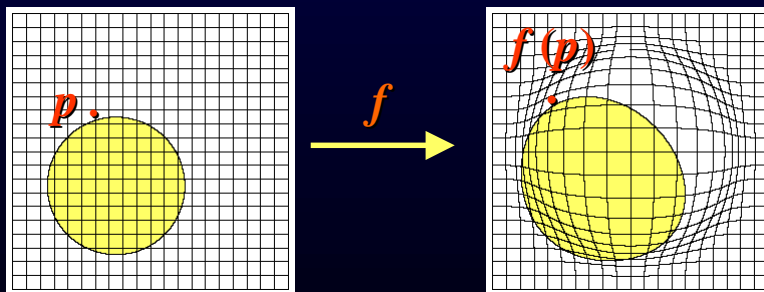
- A mapping from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^n
2D example:



- How is it useful?

- Modelling/animation:
from \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R}^3
object made of points

- Morphing:
from \mathbb{R}^2 to \mathbb{R}^2



Willow (1988), From Morf to Morphing, Fox

- How do people define f ?

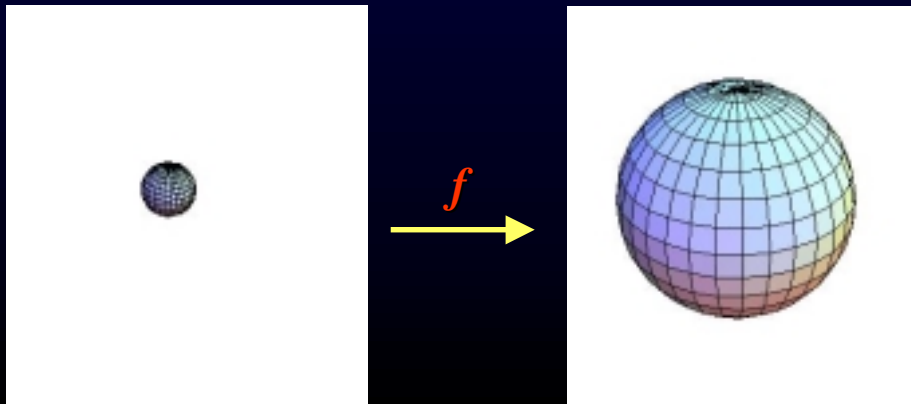
The most simple space deformations (1/3)

- **Affine transformations:**
 - Scale, Translation, Rotation ...
- **Scale**

Short :

$$f(p) = sp$$

f applies to all the point in \mathbb{R}^3



Matrix Form :

$$\begin{pmatrix} s & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} sp_x \\ sp_y \\ sp_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The most simple space deformations (2/3)

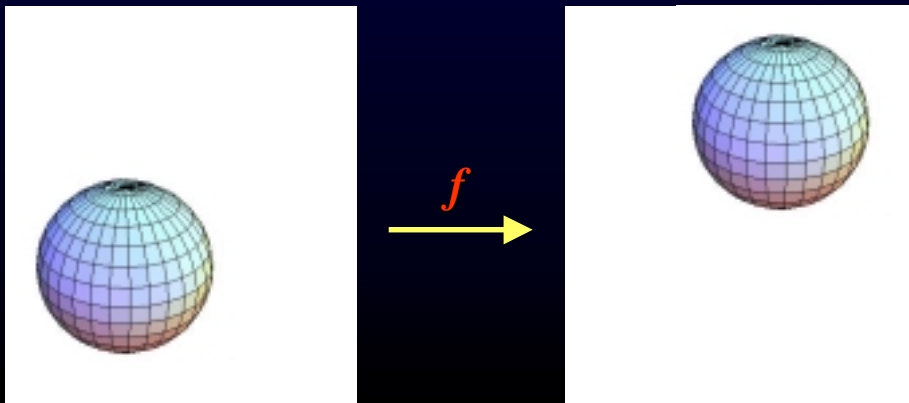
- **Translation**

Short :

$$f(p) = p + \vec{t}$$

Matrix Form :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p_x + t_x \\ p_y + t_y \\ p_z + t_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



The most simple space deformations (3/3)

- **Rotation**

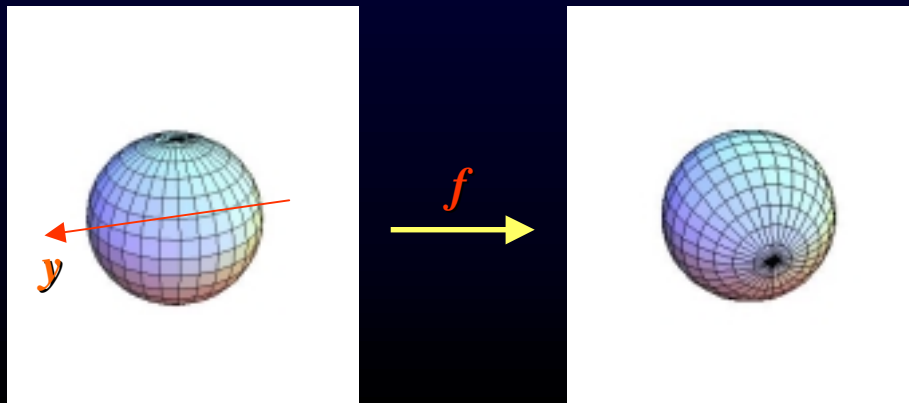
Short :

$$\begin{aligned} f(p) &= (1 - \cos \theta)(p\vec{y})\vec{y} \\ &+ p \cos \theta \\ &+ p \times \vec{y} \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

Matrix Form :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta p_x + \sin \theta p_y \\ -\sin \theta p_x + \cos \theta p_y \\ p_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

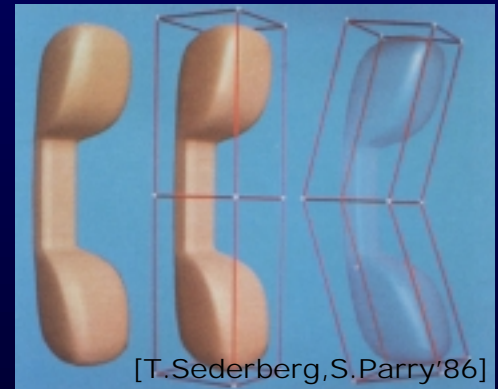


How does it get useful?

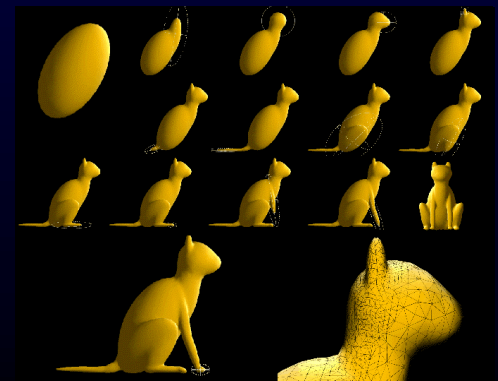
- **Matrix = constant, everywhere...**
- **Deforming is all about control**
 - **Axial Space Deformations**
 - Surface Space Deformations
 - Lattice Space Deformations
 - Specialized Space Deformations



[B. Crespin'96]



[T. Sederberg, S. Parry'86]



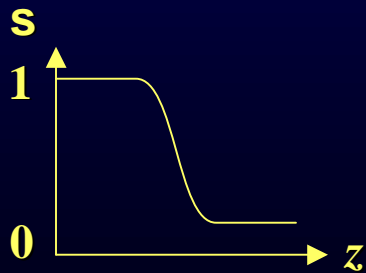
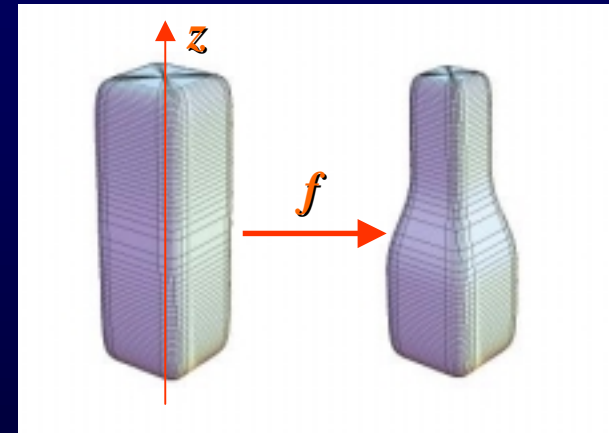
[P. Decaudin'96]

Global Deformation (1/3)

[A. Barr'84]

- **scale** → **taper**

$$\begin{pmatrix} s(z) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s(z) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s(z)p_x \\ s(z)p_y \\ p_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

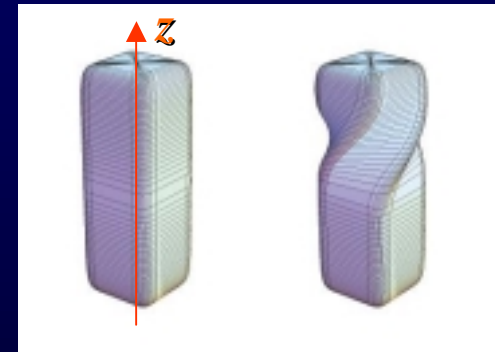
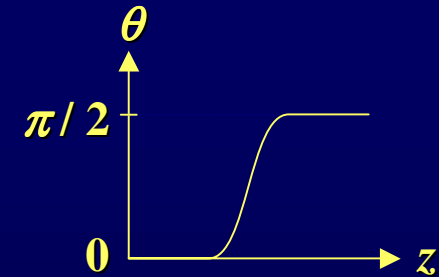


Global Deformation (2/3)

[A. Barr'84]

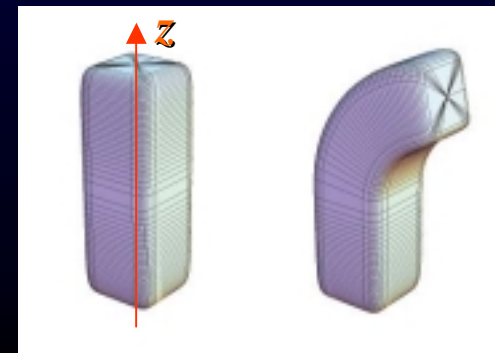
- **rotation in $z \rightarrow$ twist**

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta(z) & \sin \theta(z) & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta(z) & \cos \theta(z) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



- **rotation in $y \rightarrow$ bend**

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta(z) & 0 & -\sin \theta(z) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \theta(z) & 0 & \cos \theta(z) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



(a bit more complex in [A.Barr'84])

Extended Global Deformation (3/3)

[C.Blanc'95]

- translation in $x \rightarrow$ shear

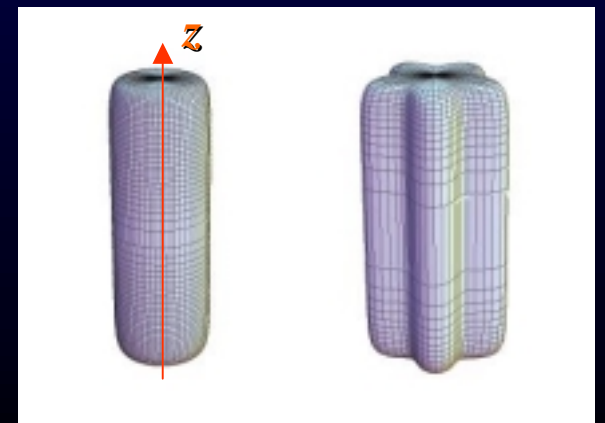
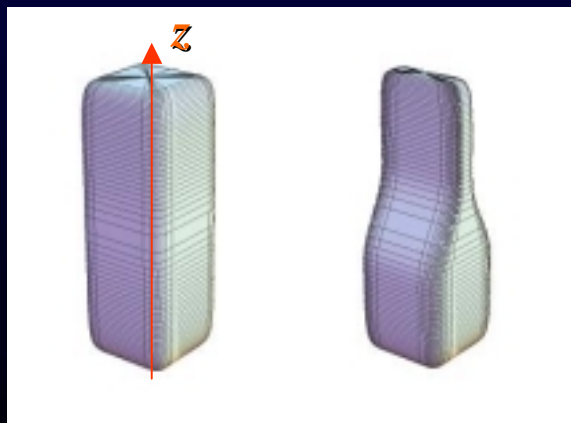
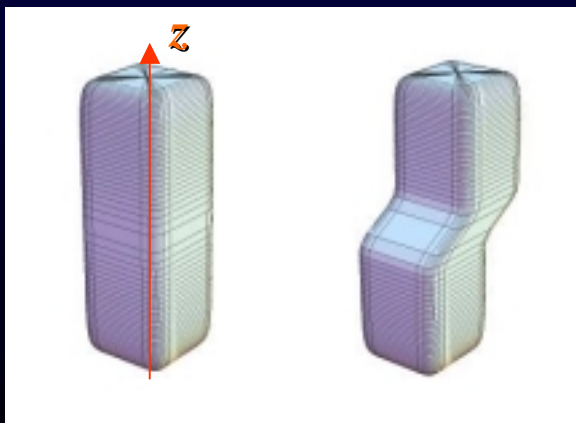
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & t(z) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- scale in $x \rightarrow$ pinch

$$\begin{pmatrix} s(z) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- scale in $\theta \rightarrow$ mould

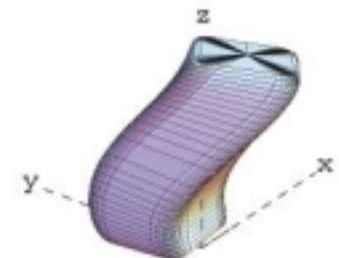
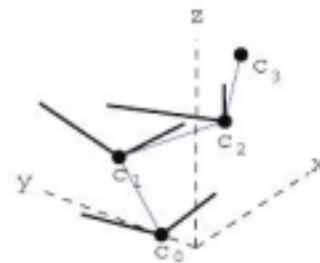
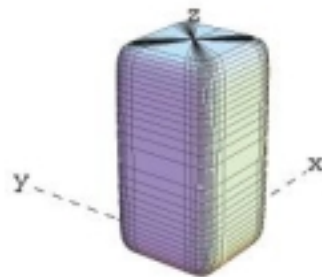
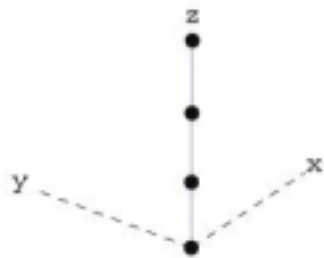
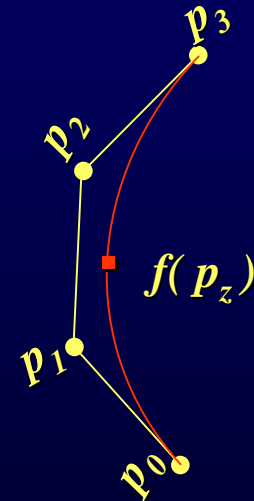
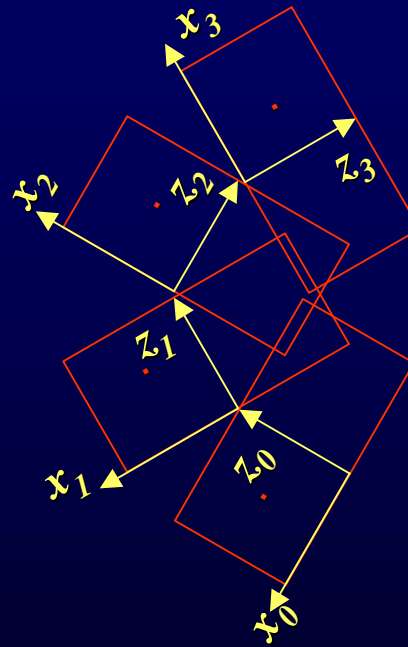
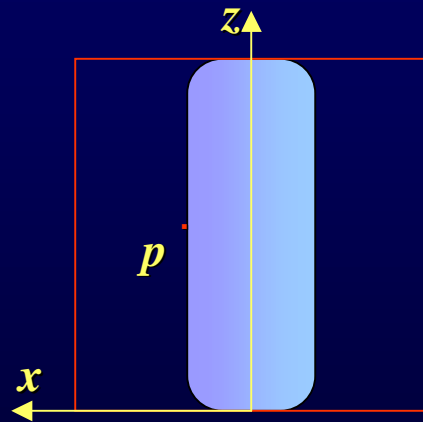
$$\begin{pmatrix} s(\arctan(x, y)) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s(\arctan(x, y)) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



More control (1/2)

[Y.K.Chang and A.P.Rockwood'94]

- **One variable, z , is not enough control**



More control (2/2)

[Y.K.Chang and A.P.Rockwood'94]

- **Bézier curve**

$$f_i^j(p_z) = (1 - p_z)f_i^{j-1}(p_z) + p_z f_{i+1}^{j-1}(p_z)$$

where $f_i^0(p_z) = p_i$

- **Examples**



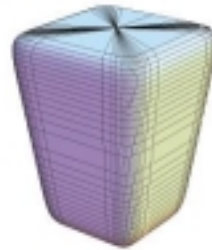
Initial shape



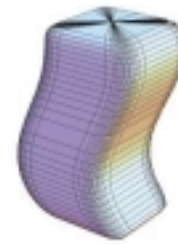
stretch



taper



swell



bend



twist

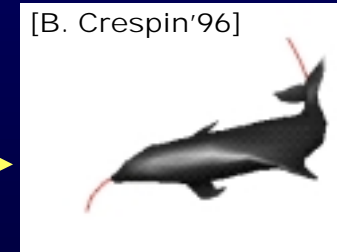
and more...

Generalized Axis

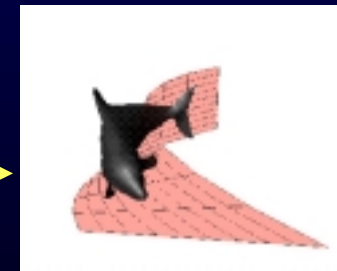
[B. Crespin'96]

- and if initial shape is bent?
- Limitation of previous methods: control along straight axis
- [B. Crespin'96] proposes initially bent axis (and surface)
- 3 steps for the artist
 - Input initial parameters
 - Freeze parameters
 - Input deformation parameters

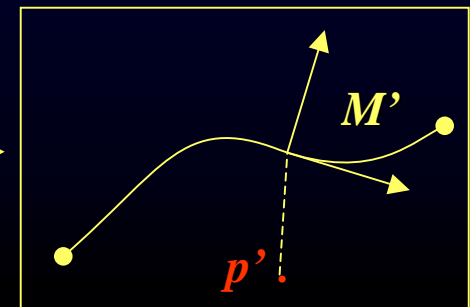
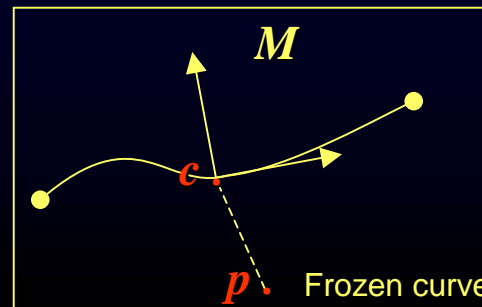
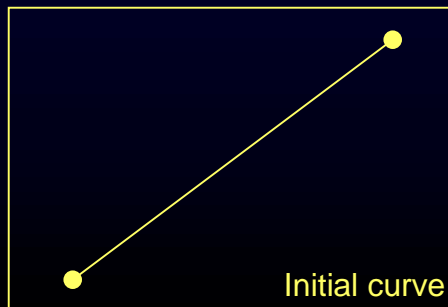
axis



plane



Fast hierarchical closet-point algorithm



Wires (1/3)

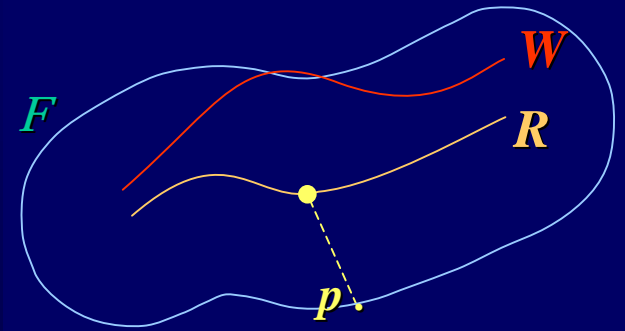
[K.Singh & E.Fiume'98]

- wire \equiv armature used by sculptors

R reference curve

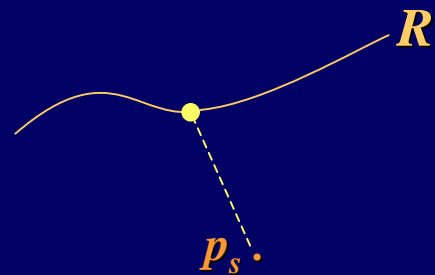
W wire curve

F density function

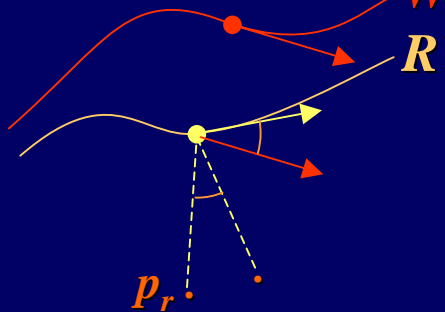


- Deformation = three steps

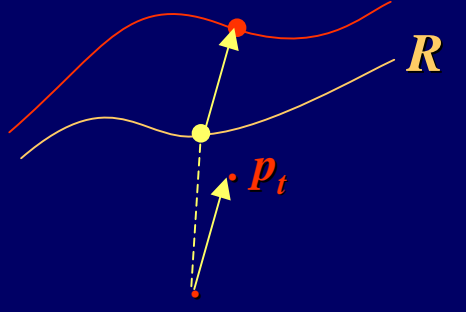
Scale



Rotate



Translate



- The density function modulates each step

- scale factor $s F(p)$
- rotation angle $q F(p)$
- translation vector $t F(p)$

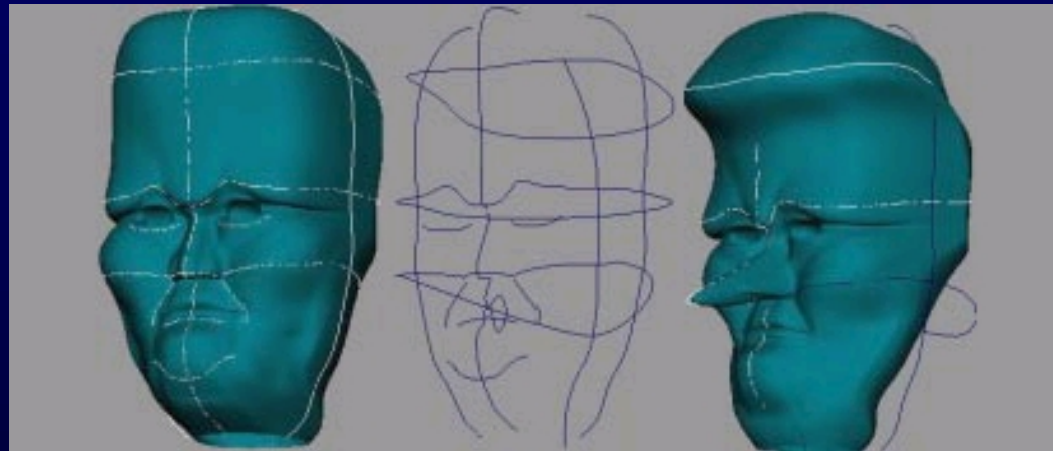


[K.Singh & E.Fiume'98]

Wires (2/3)

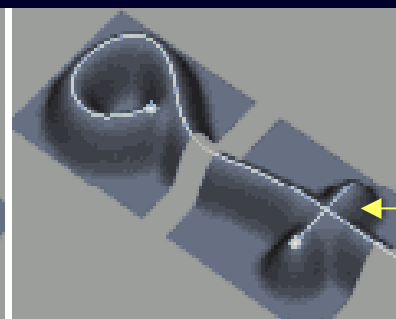
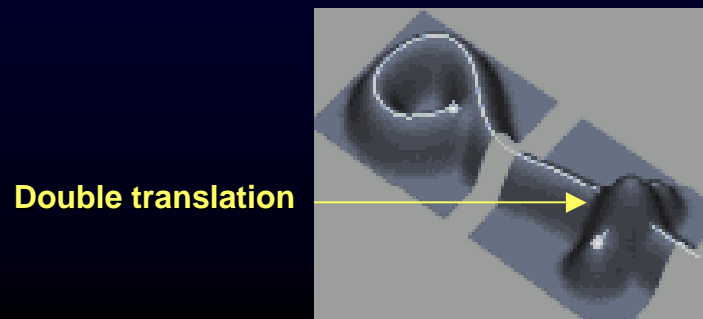
[K.Singh & E.Fiume'98]

- **Multiple wires**



[K.Singh & E.Fiume'98]

- **How do they blend?**



Normalized translation
(with neglected artefacts)

[K.Singh & E.Fiume'98]

Wires (3/3)

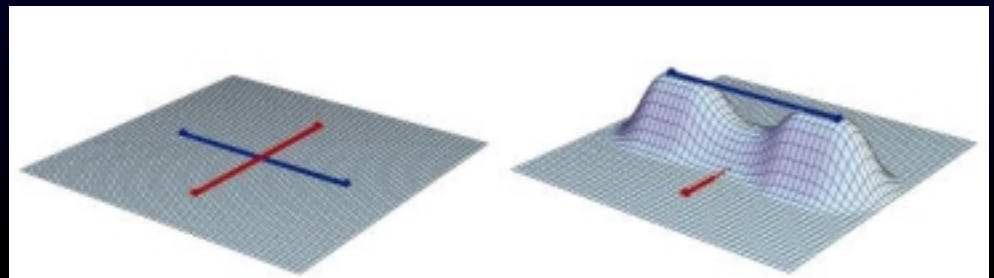
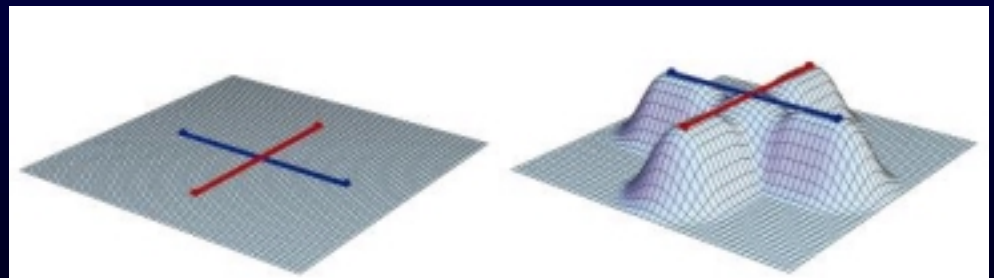
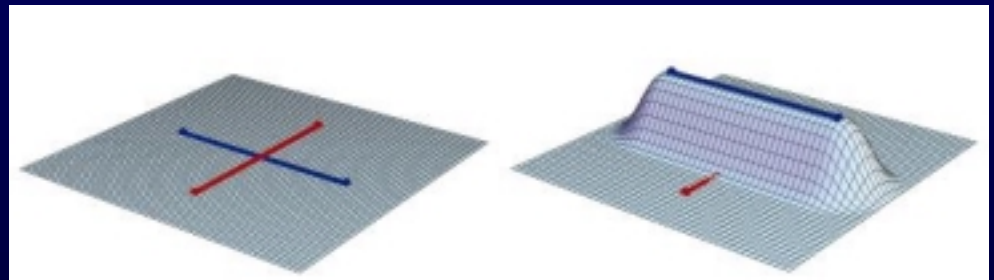
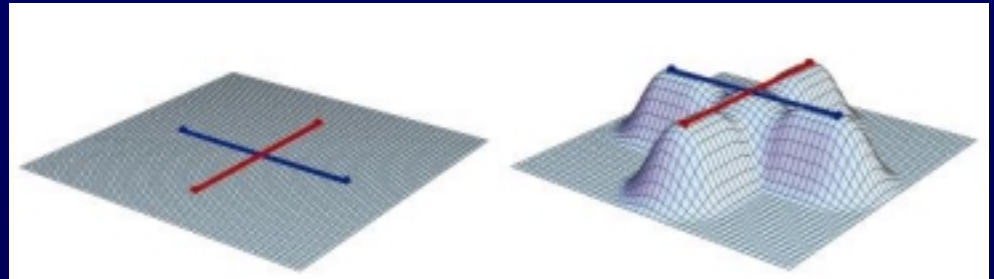
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- Blending multiple wires

$$\Delta p_i = f_i(p) - p$$

$$f(p) = p + \frac{\sum_i \Delta p_i \|\Delta p_i\|}{\sum_i \|\Delta p_i\|}$$

$$f(p) = p + \frac{\sum_i \Delta p_i F_i(p)}{\sum_i F_i(p)}$$

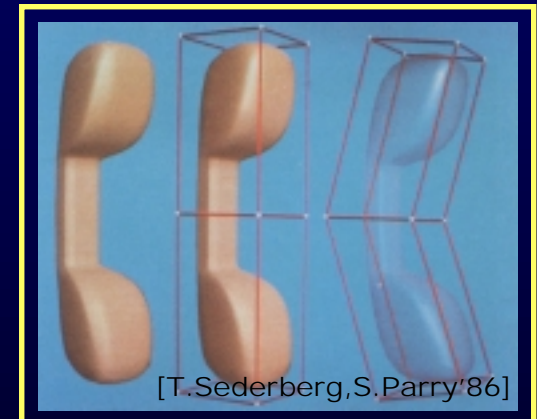
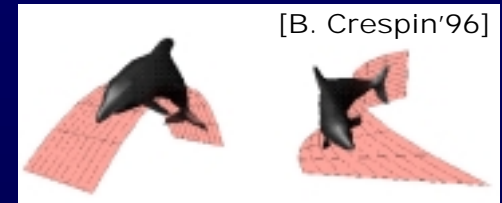


Outline

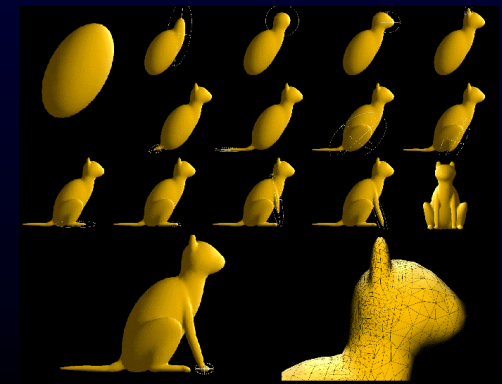
- **More control...**
 - Axial Space Deformations
 - Surface Space Deformations
 - ➔ **Lattice Space Deformations**
 - Specialized Space Deformations



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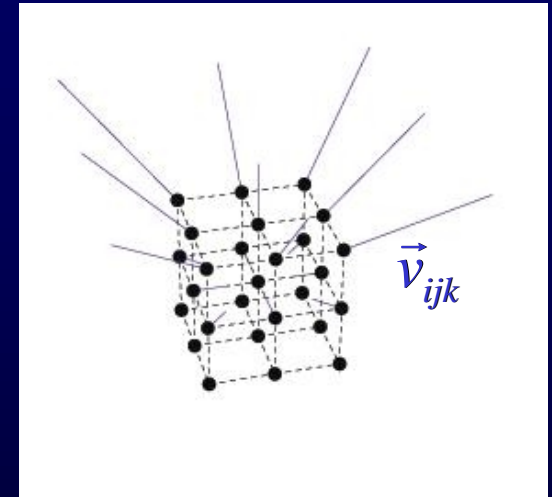
Lattice Space Deformation

- **2 interpretations**

- A blurred grid of displacement **vectors**

$$p_{def} = p + f_{\vec{v}}(\vec{v}_{ijk}, p)$$

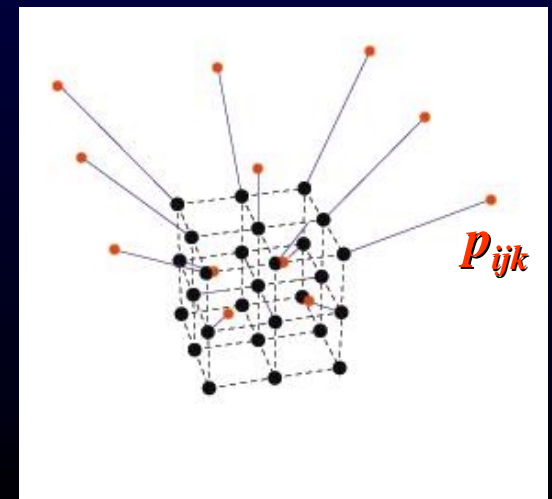
- physical analogy: flux of a fluid
electromagnetic field
- more insight: straight path from
source to destination



- A blurred grid of new **positions**

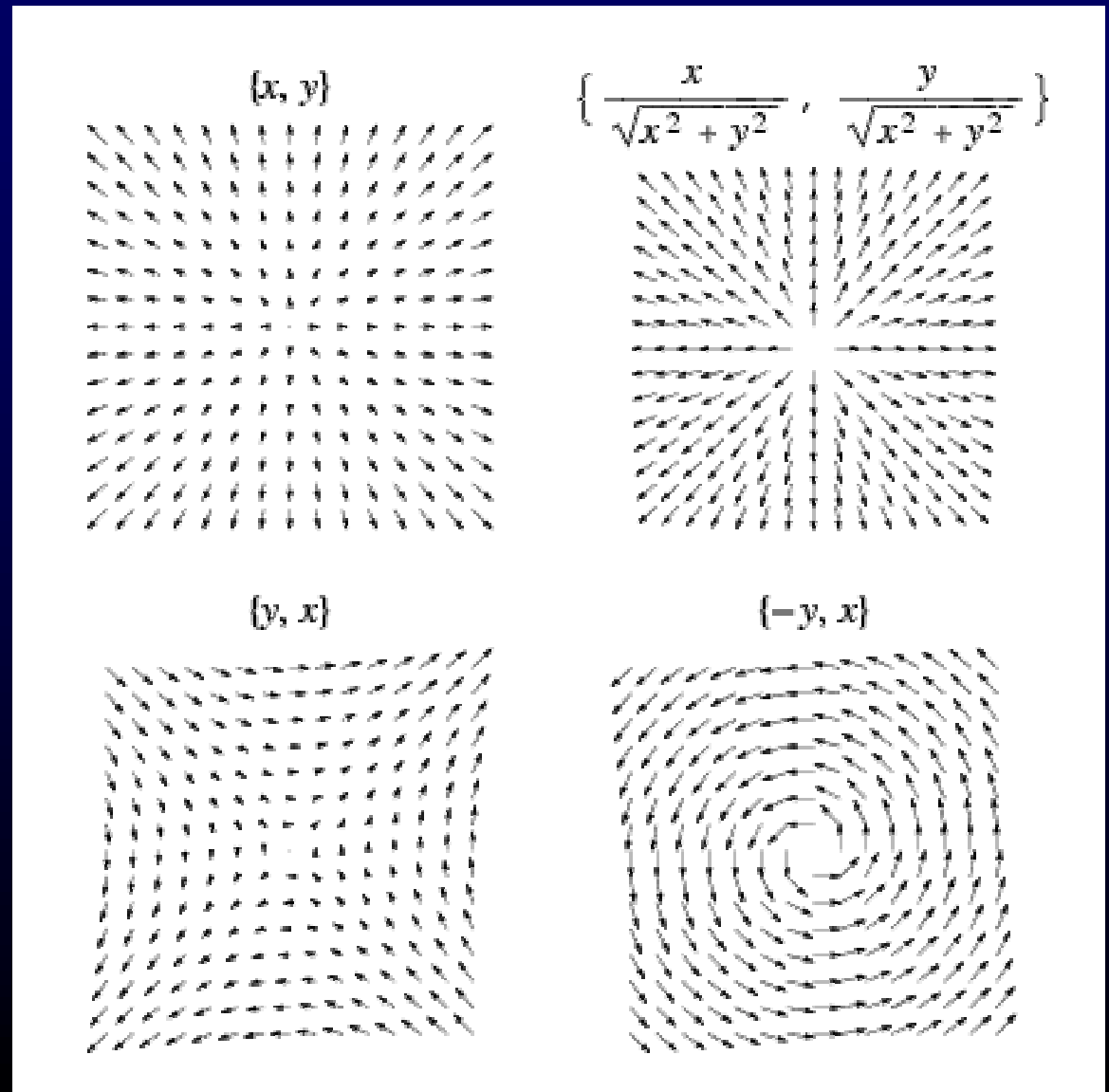
$$p_{def} = f_p(p_{ijk}, p)$$

$$\vec{v}(p) = \sum_k \left(B_k^n(z) \sum_j \left(B_j^m(y) \sum_i B_i^l(x) \vec{v}_{ijk} \right) \right)$$



Vector fields

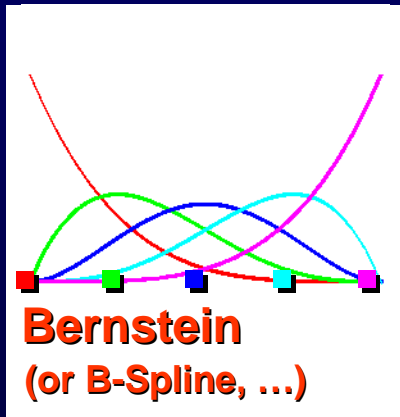
- Examples in 2D



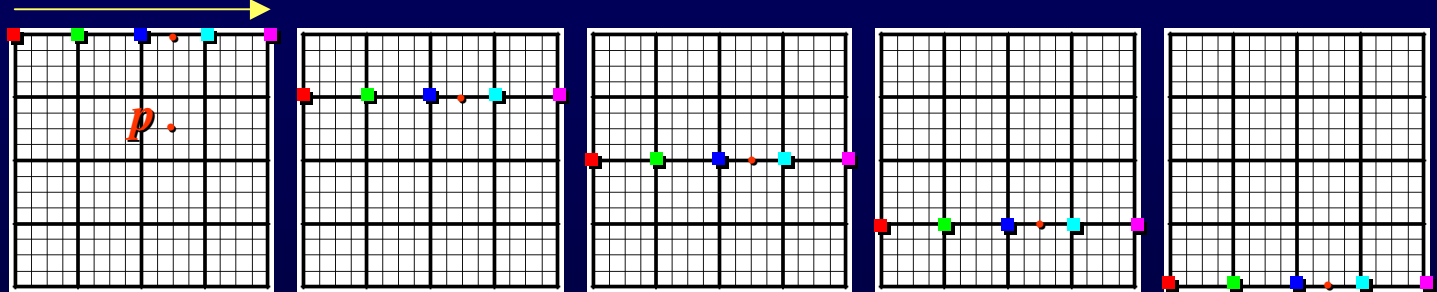
Blurring a vector field

[T.Sederberg & S.Parry'86]

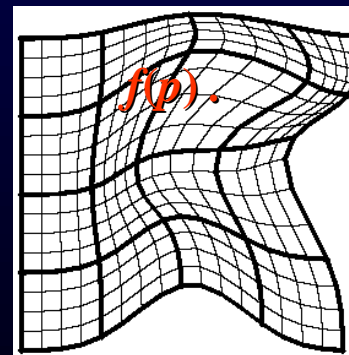
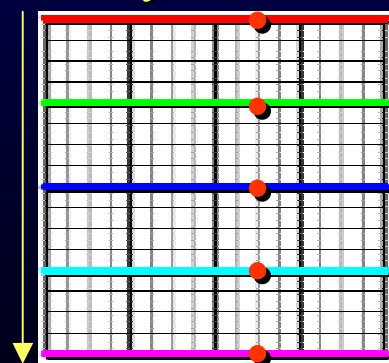
- Influence curves, in each dimension. 5x5 lattice in 2D :



1. in x



2. in y



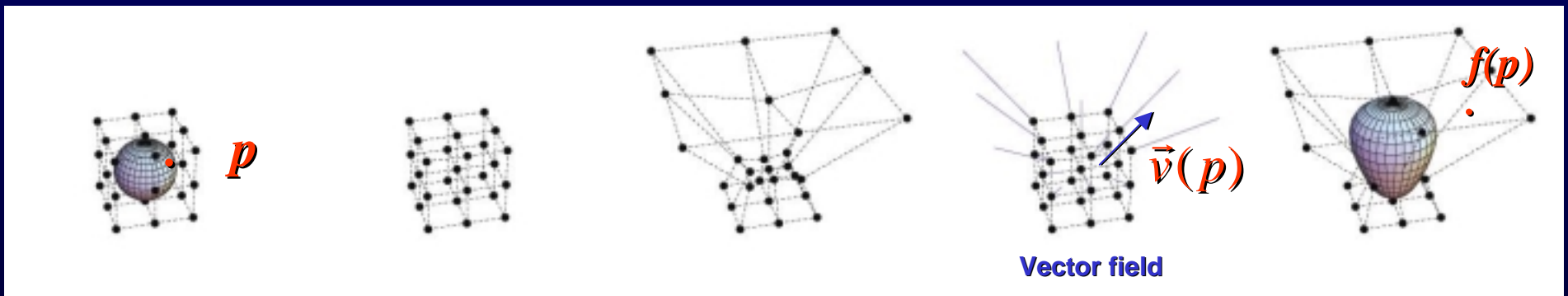
$$\sum_j \left(B_j^m(j, y) \sum_i B_i^l(x) \vec{v}_{ij} \right)$$

- Easy to find p 's coordinates in the lattice
- Limitation: the lattice is regular

Basic FFD (1/2)

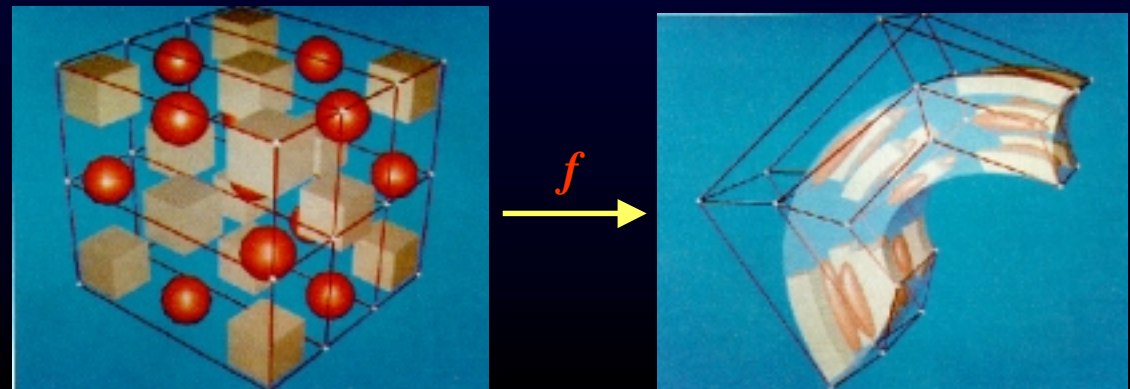
[T.Sederberg & S.Parry'86]

- [A. Barr'84] [B. Crespin'96] deformation constant along a straight axis/plane or a bent axis/plane
- More control: vectors specified at points, and smooth them out



Steps

- Place lattice
- Move control points
- Apply the field to the points



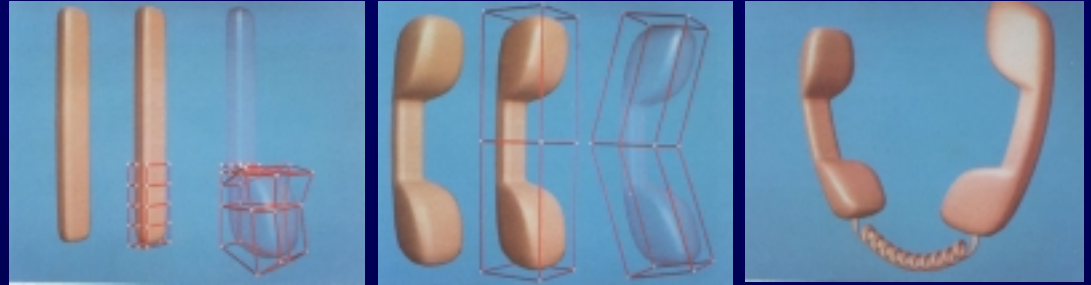
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Basic FFD (2/2)

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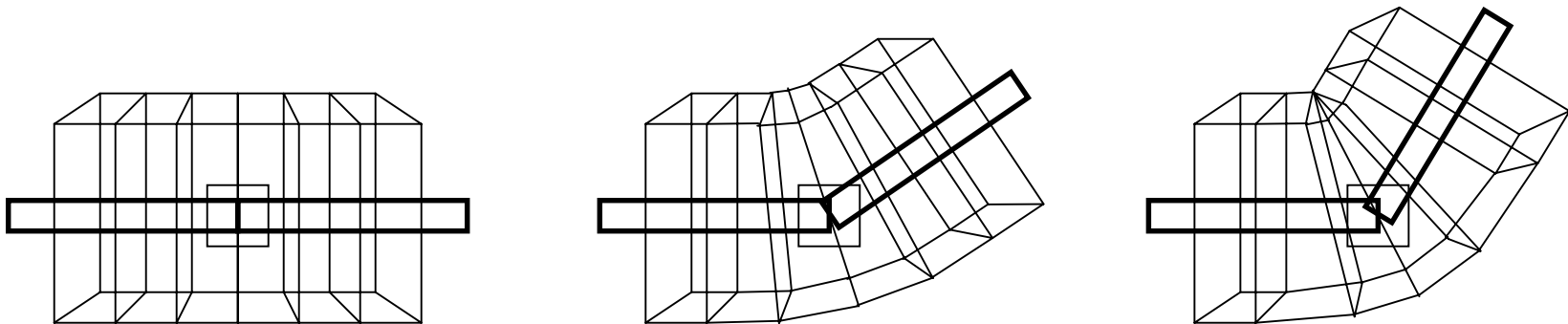
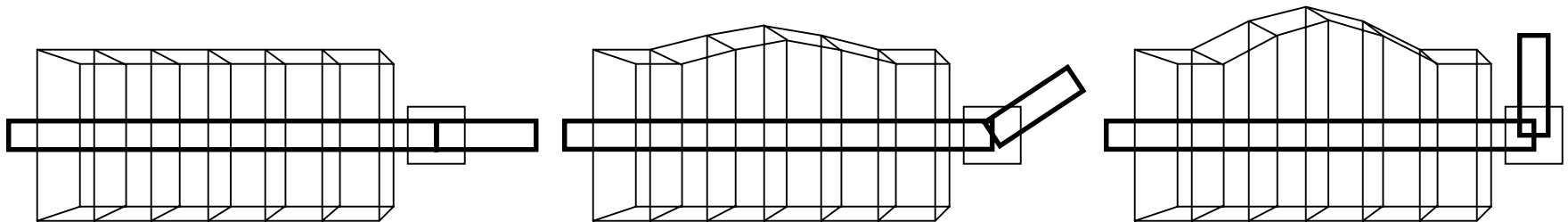
- **Examples of application**

- **Modeling**



- **Animation**

[T.Sederberg & S.Parry'86]



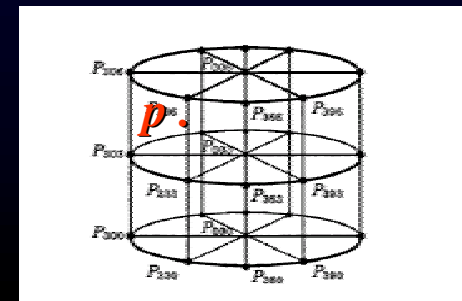
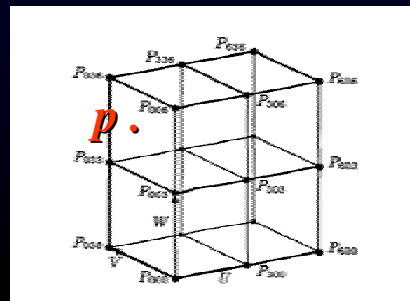
Extended FFD - Structured Lattice

[S.Coquillart'90]

- Initially deformed lattice
 - cells are not cubes. They are small 4x4x4 FFD



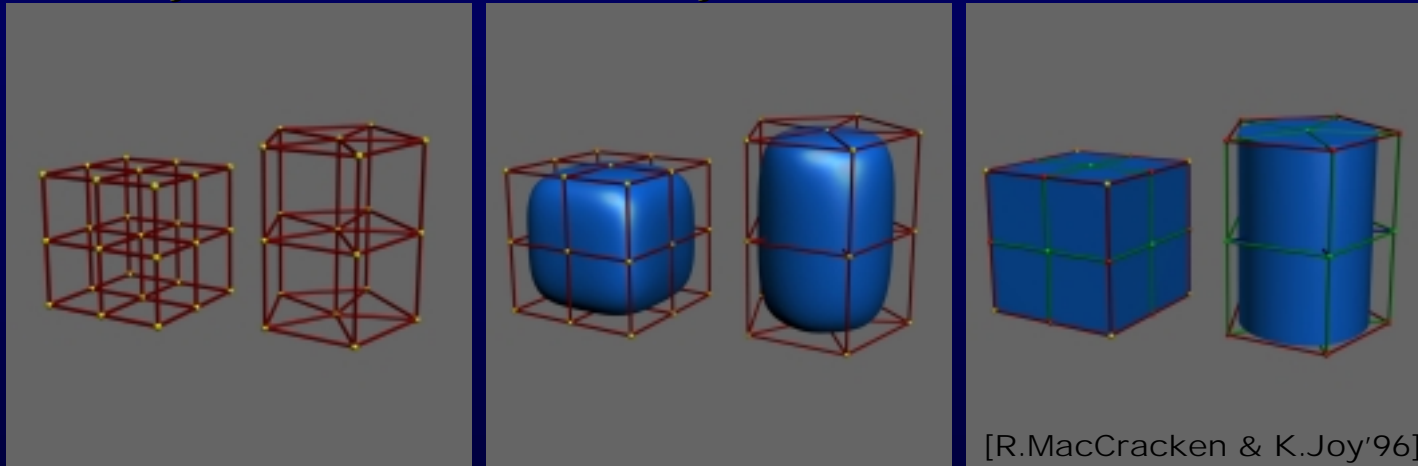
- Drawbacks:
 - numerical computation of local coordinates in a deformed lattice
 - tedious connection of cells



SFFD (1/2)

[R.MacCracken & K.Joy'96]

- **Lattice \equiv subdivision volume**
rich variety of lattices & continuity across faces



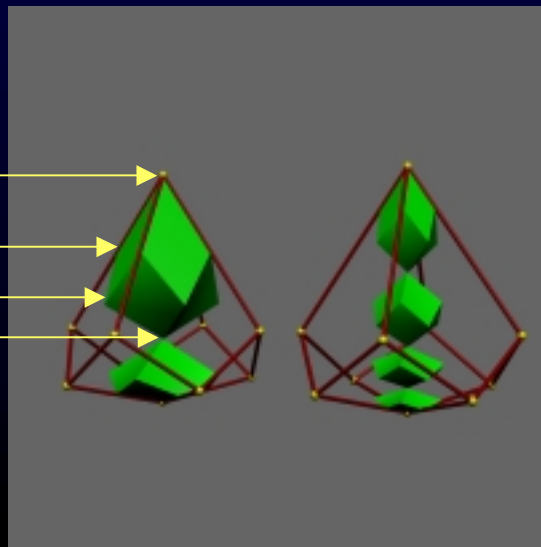
- **Subdivision rules for**

vertex point

edge point

face point

cell point



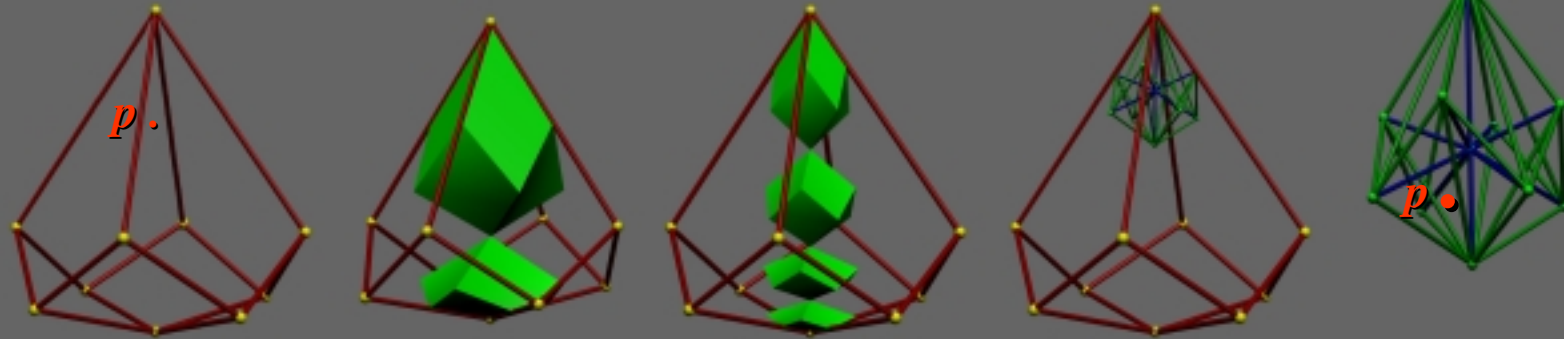
There is no parameterization
for subdivision surfaces/lattices

How is a point assigned
lattice coordinates?

SFFD (1/2)

[R.MacCracken & K.Joy'96]

point location: path through subdivision + local cell coordinates

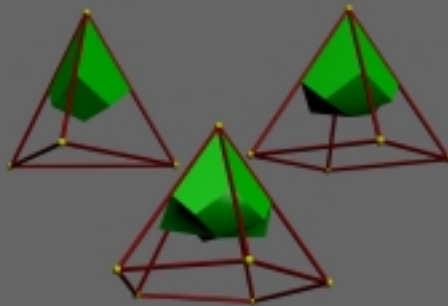


4-cell

[R.MacCracken & K.Joy'96]

3-cell

4-cell

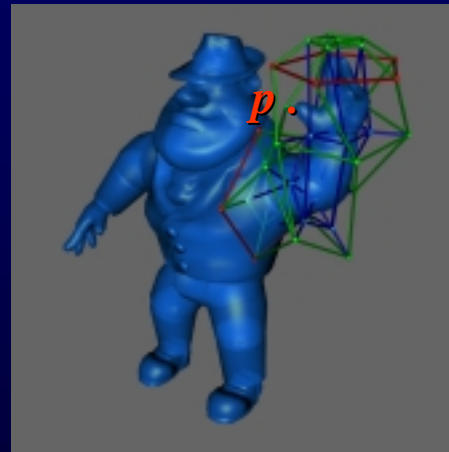
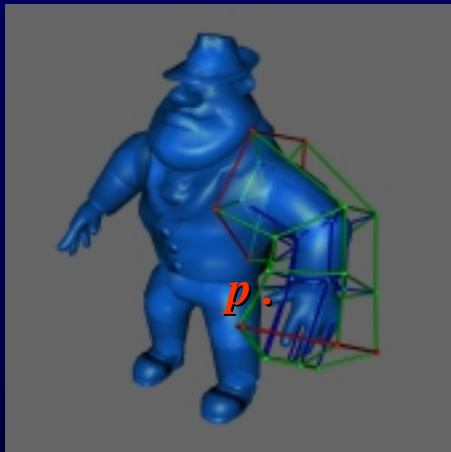


5-cell

- rich variety of lattice shapes and topology
 - after 1st subdivision: all cells are n-cells

SFFD (2/2)

[R.MacCracken & K.Joy'96]



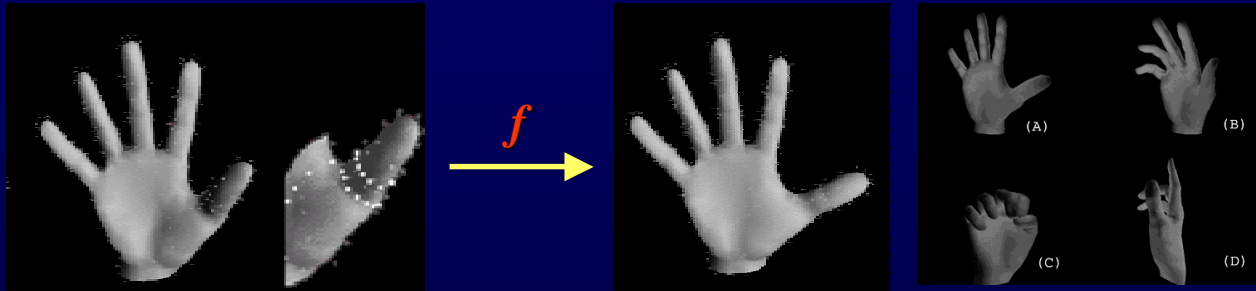
[R.MacCracken & K.Joy'96]

- find position of p in lattice and hold local coordinates
- move lattice
- Trace new position of p in new lattice using local coordinates

FFD - Avoiding Lattice (3/3)

[L.Moccozet & N.Magnenat-Thalman'97]

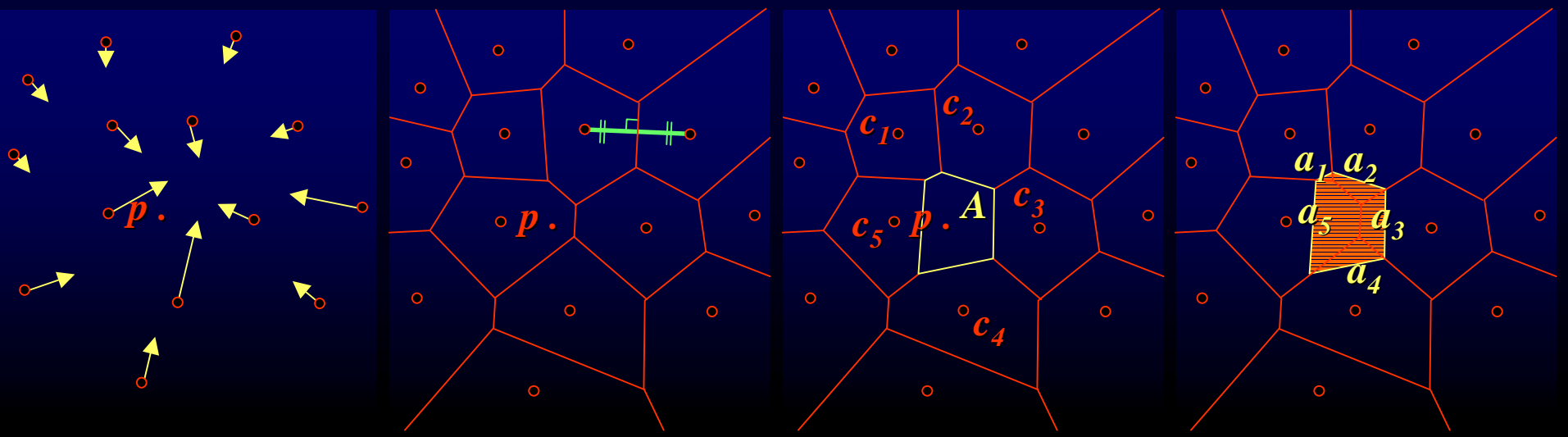
- **Lattice defined over arbitrary points:**



[L.Moccozet & N.Magnenat-Thalman'97]

- **Voronoi cells**
- **Sibson coordinates \equiv linear interpolant,**
(smoothed out with multivariate Bernstein polynomials)

$$\vec{v}(p) = \frac{\sum_i a_i \vec{v}_i}{A}$$



About explicit lattices

- In FFD, EFFD, SFFD... : too many control points \Rightarrow self-occlusion
- Control-points = preset handles
- A Single Control point cannot “grab” the surface. The surface slips.

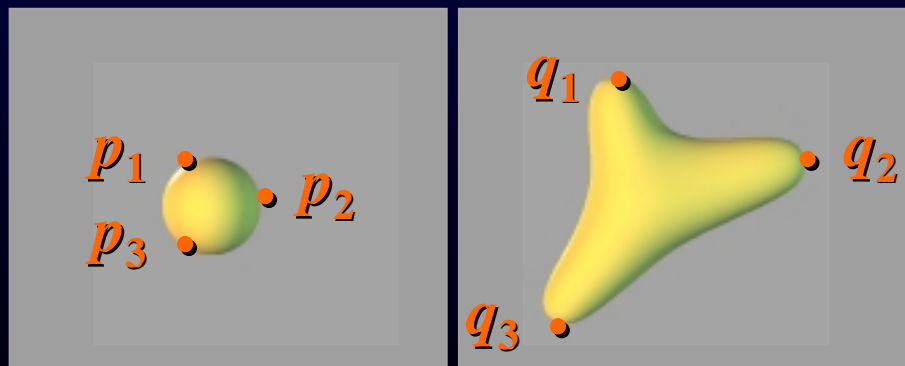


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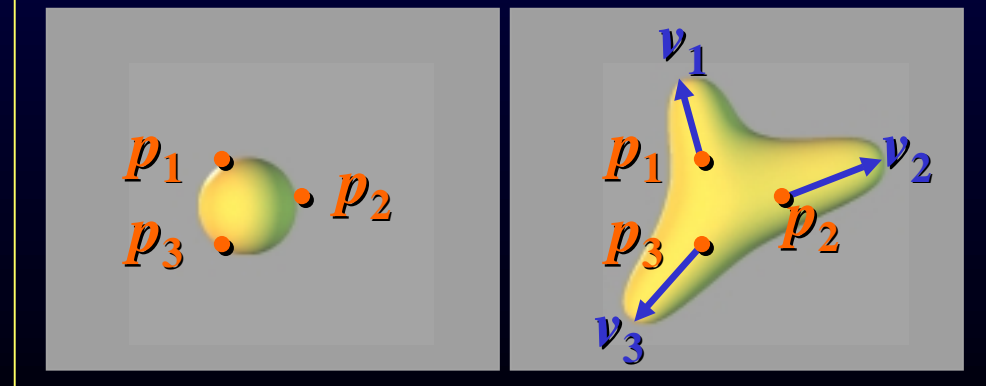
\leftarrow no control points

- Instead of a lattice, pairs of...

point and image s (p_i, q_i)



point and displacement points (p_i, v_i)

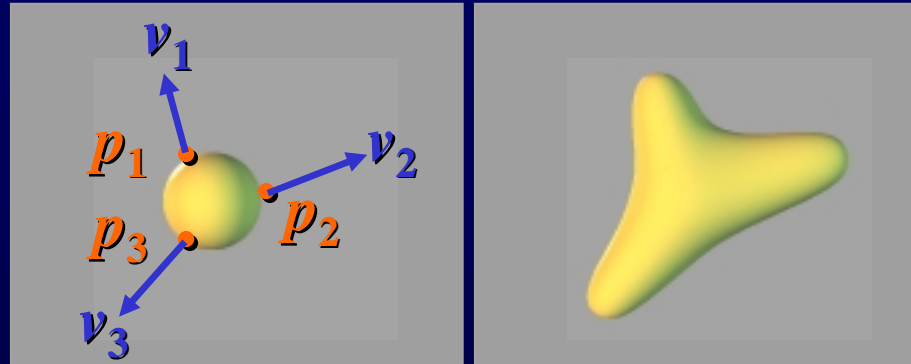


3 techniques with no explicit lattice definition...

Circumventing the Lattice with FFD (1/2)

[W.Hsu J.Hughes & H.Kaufman'92]

- **Deduce control points from constraints on points**



$$\vec{v}(p) = \sum_k \left(B_k^n(z) \sum_j \left(B_j^m(y) \sum_i B_i^l(x) \vec{v}_{ijk} \right) \right)$$

- **how can we find the \vec{v}_{ijk} that satisfy the pairs given by the artist (\vec{v}_i, p_i) ?**

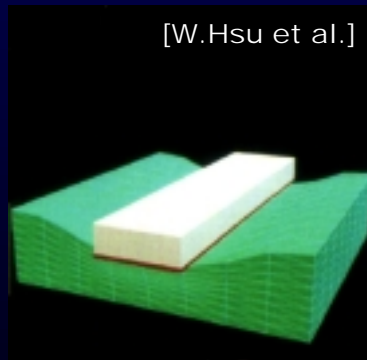
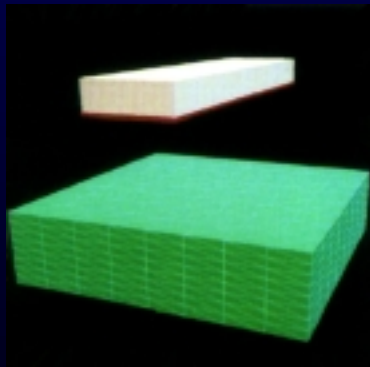
$$\vec{v}(p) = B(p) \begin{pmatrix} \vec{v}_{000} \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_{lmn} \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_i = B(p_i) \begin{pmatrix} \vec{v}_{000} \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_{lmn} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \vec{v}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} B(p_1) \\ \vdots \\ B(p_n) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{v}_{000} \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_{lmn} \end{pmatrix}$$

Circumventing the Lattice with FFD (2/2)

[W.Hsu J.Hughes & H.Kaufman'92]

- Find a matrix's pseudo-inverse

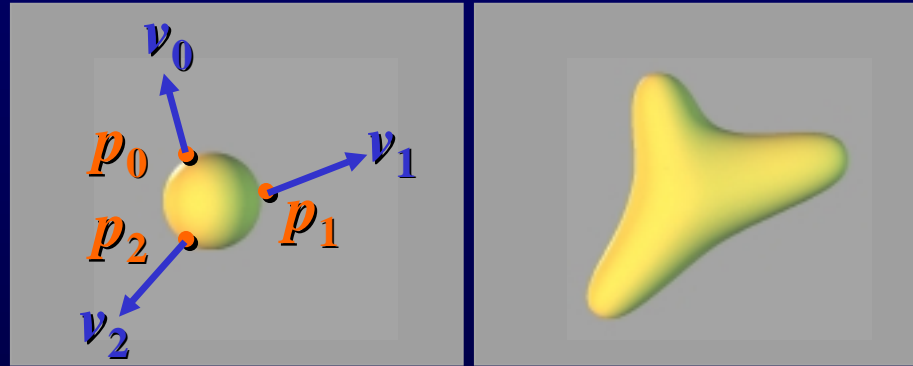
$$\begin{pmatrix} \vec{v}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} B(p_1) \\ \vdots \\ B(p_n) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{v}_{000} \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_{lmn} \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} B(p_1) \\ \vdots \\ B(p_n) \end{pmatrix}^+ \begin{pmatrix} \vec{v}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{v}_{000} \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_{lmn} \end{pmatrix}$$



- Too many constraints \Rightarrow system over-determined

Circumventing the Lattice with polynomial basis functions

[P.Borrel & D.Bechmann'91]



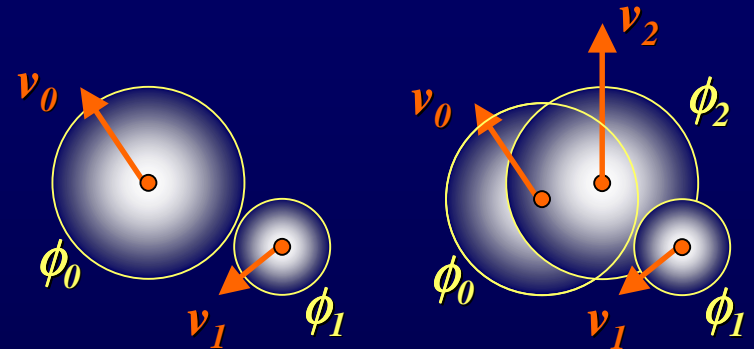
$$\begin{pmatrix} \vec{v}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} B(p_1) \\ \vdots \\ B(p_n) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{v}_{000} \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_{lmn} \end{pmatrix}$$

- **B does not have to be a filter. It could be anything**
 - Polynomials
 - Piecewise Polynomials (B-Spline)
- **Enables to generalize FFD to \mathbb{R}^n**
- **Hard to predict behaviour**

Circumventing the Lattice with RBF

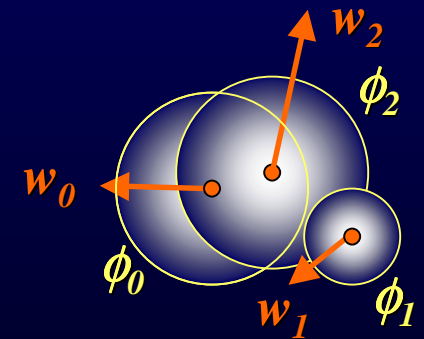
[P.Borrel & A.Rappoport'94]

- **SCODEF: triplets** (p_i, \vec{v}_i, r_i) $\vec{v}(p_i) = \vec{v}_i$
- **B is a radial basis function**
- **naïve deformation** : $\vec{v}(p) = \sum_i (\vec{v}_i \phi_i(p))$



- **exact control** : replace v_i with some w_i

$$\vec{v}(p) = \sum_i (\vec{v}_i \phi_i(p))$$



- **All in a matrix:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} \vec{v}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_n^T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1(p_1) & \cdots & \phi_n(p_1) \\ \vdots \\ \phi_1(p_n) & \cdots & \phi_n(p_n) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w_1^T \\ \vdots \\ w_n^T \end{pmatrix}$$



[P.Borrel & A.Rappoport'94]

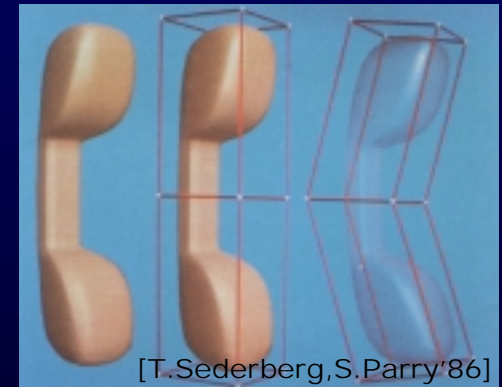
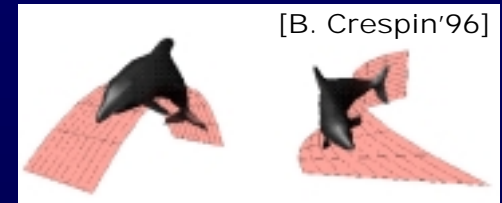
- **Finding the $w_i \Leftrightarrow$ finding the inverse of a square matrix**

Outline

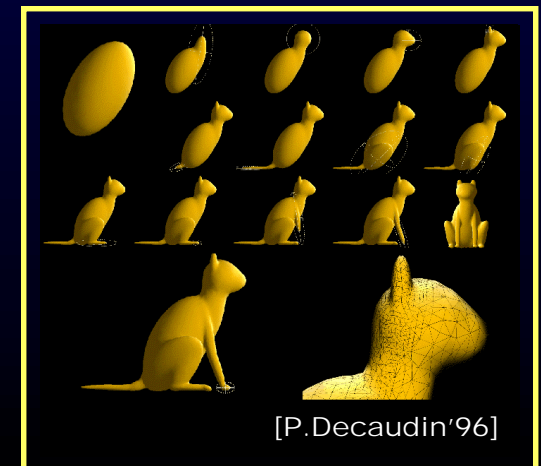
- **More control**
 - Axial Space Deformations
 - Surface Space Deformations
 - Lattice Space Deformations
 - ➔ **Specialized Space Deformations**



[B. Crespin'96]



[T. Sederberg, S. Parry'86]

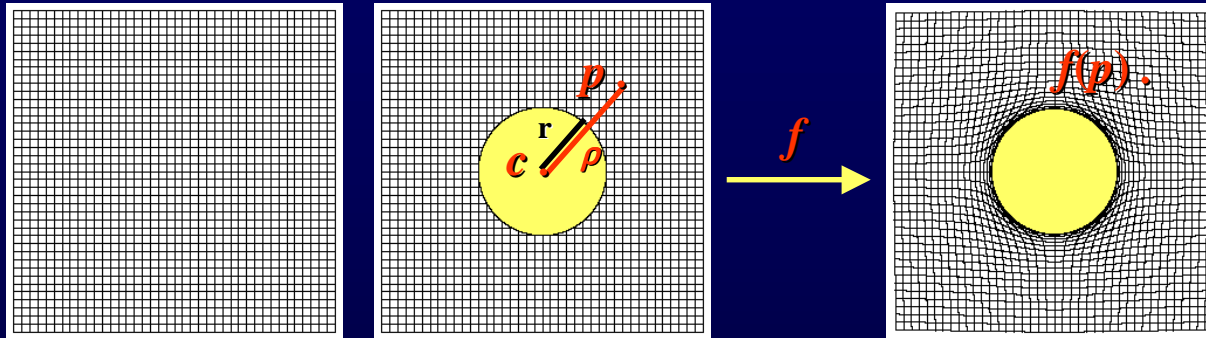


[P. Decaudin'96]

Controlled Volume increase

[P. Decaudin'96]

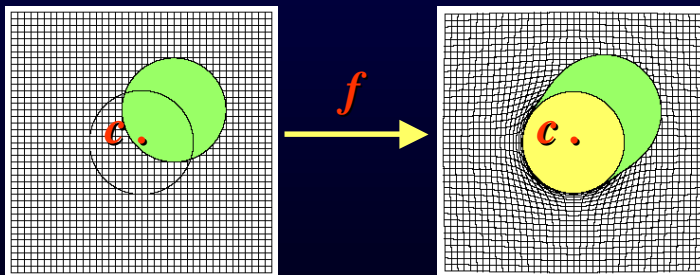
- Insert an object of volume V in space



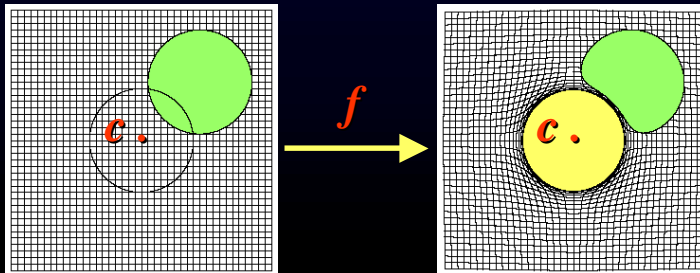
$$f(p) = c + \sqrt[3]{r^3 + \rho^3}$$

- Restrictions:

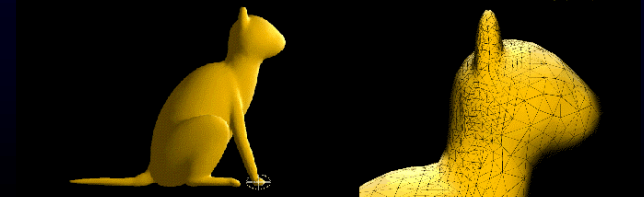
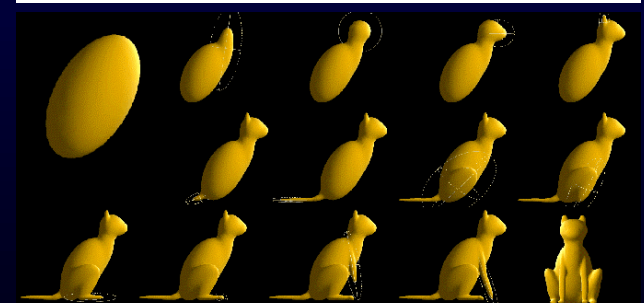
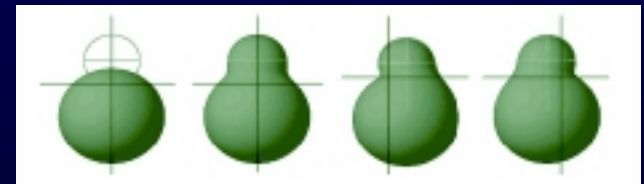
- c inside tool
- discontinuous at c



c inside shape:
Volume is increased by V



c outside shape:
volume is maintained



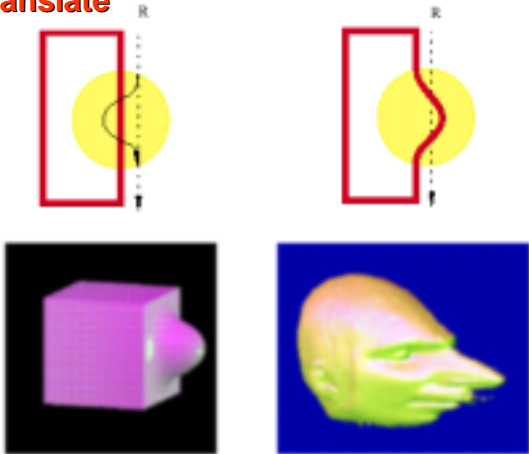
[P. Decaudin'96]

Reversible

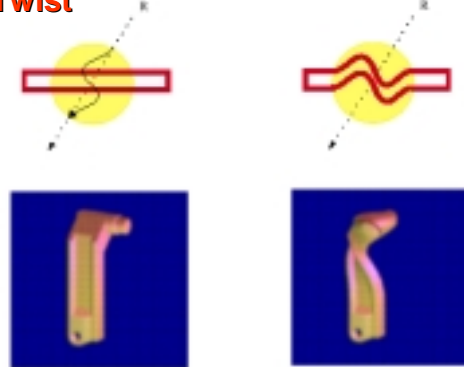
[Y.Kurzion & R.Yagel'97]

- Deforming a shape \leftrightarrow undeforming rays. 4 local operators:

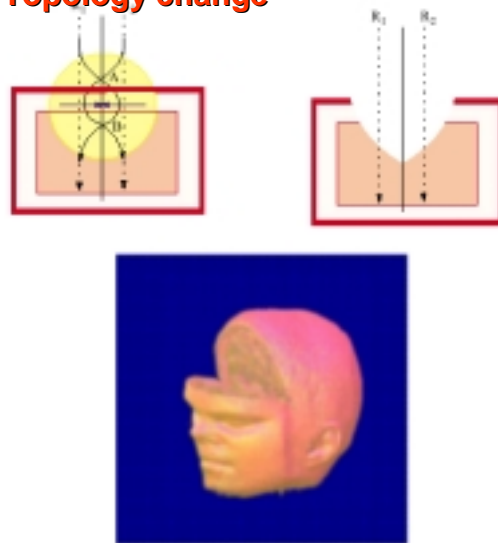
Translate



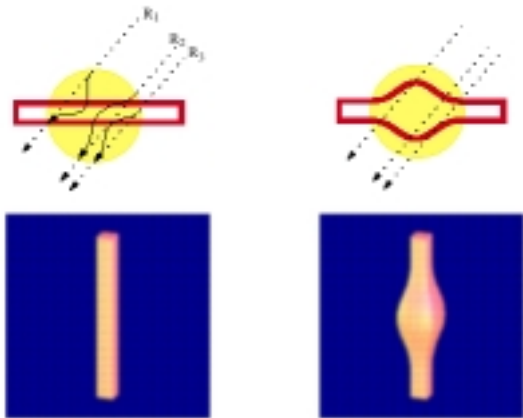
Twist



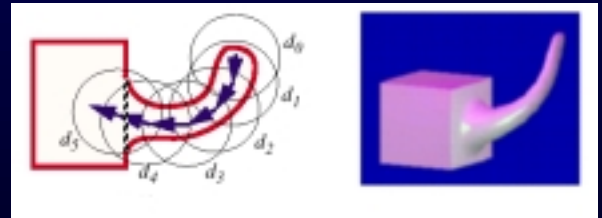
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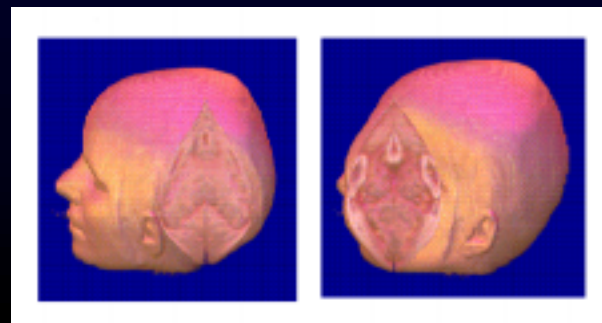
Scale



Modeling by composition of operators



Application: exploring volume data



“Implicit” FFD

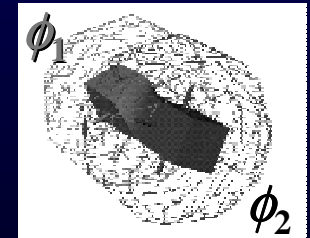
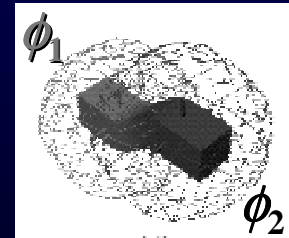
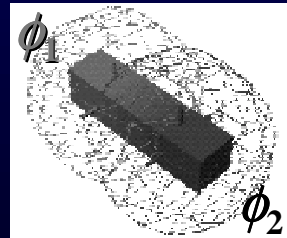
[B. Crespín'96]

- **Single tool**

$$f(p) = p + \varphi(p)(f(p) - p)$$

- **Idea:**
replace SCODEF's expensive parameter tuning with cunning blending
 - **partitions of unity blending :**

$$f(p) = p + \frac{\sum_i \varphi_i(p)(f_i(p) - p)}{\sum_i \varphi_i(p)}$$



- **Combination functions :**

$$f(p) = p + \frac{\sum_i \Gamma_i(p) \varphi_i(p) \Delta p_i}{\sum_i \varphi_i(p)}$$

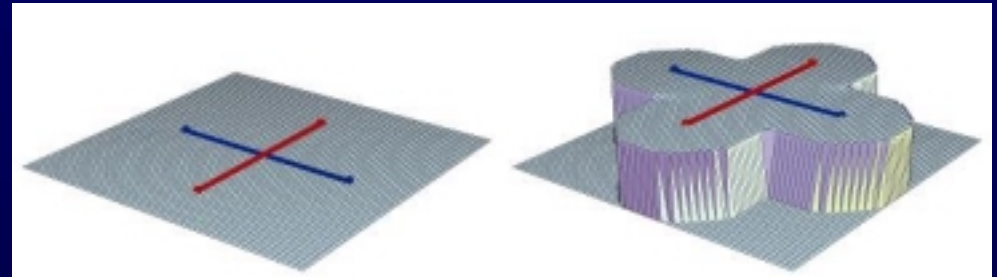
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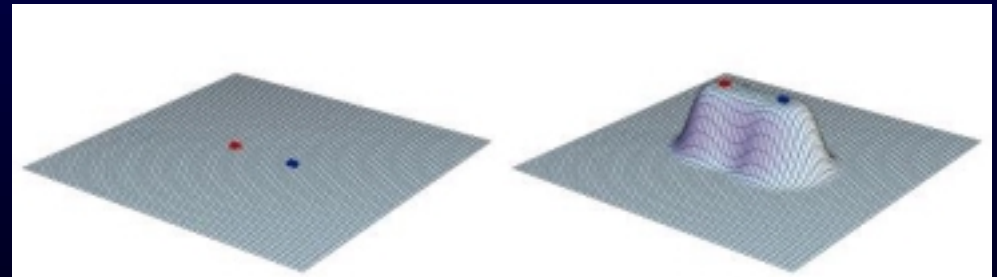
[B. Crespin'96]

- **Blending**

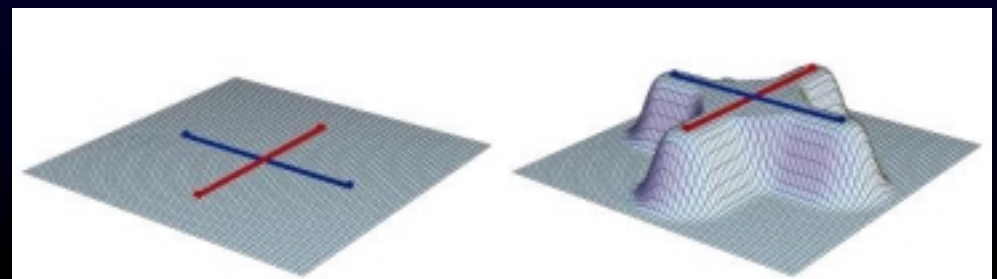
$$f(p) = p + \frac{\sum_i \varphi_i(p) \Delta p_i}{\sum_i \varphi_i(p)}$$



$$f(p) = p + \frac{\sum_i \gamma_i(p) \varphi_i(p) \Delta p_i}{\sum_i \varphi_i(p)}$$



Discontinuity at crossing skeletons,
where $\sum_i \varphi_i(p) > 1$

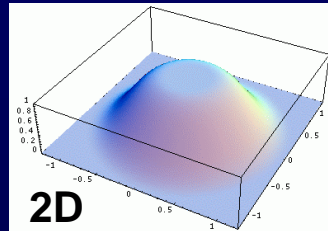


Sweepers

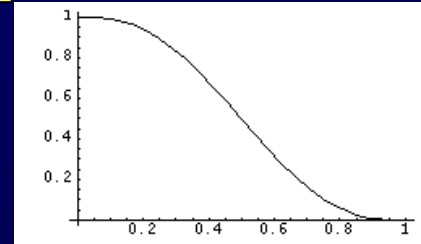
[A.Angelidis et al. '02]

- **Tool = amount of transformation, in [0,1]**

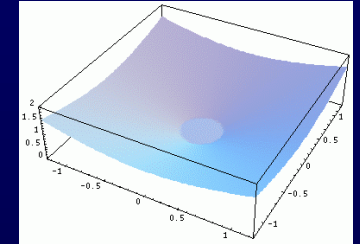
- Smooth
- Local



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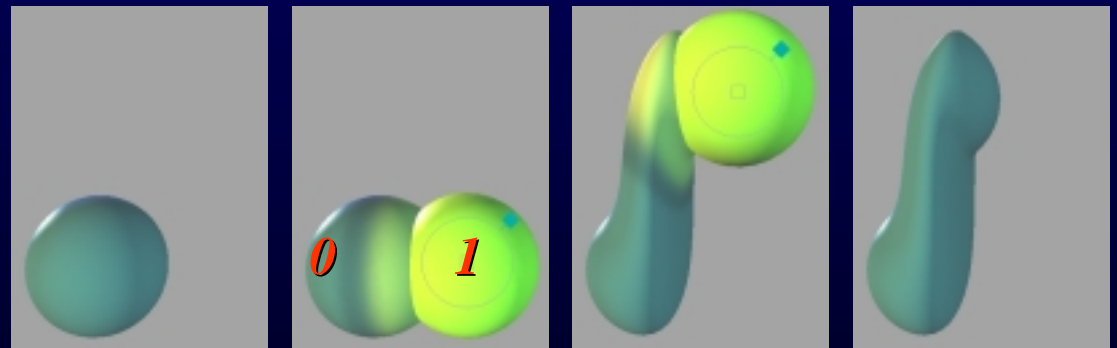


o



- **User input = transformation**

- Translation, scale, rotation,
modulated with
amount of transformation



- **What is a natural way of taking fraction of a transformation ?**

- Matrix exponentiation

$$f(p) = M^{\varphi(p)} p$$

$$= \exp(\varphi(p) \log(M)) p$$

$$\exp(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$\log(1-x) = -x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} \dots$$

Sweepers

[A. Angelidis et al. '02]

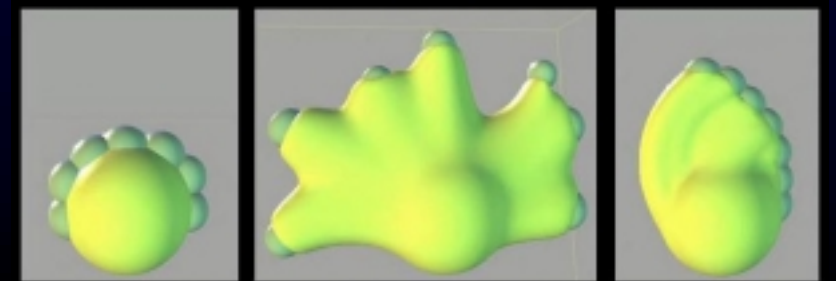
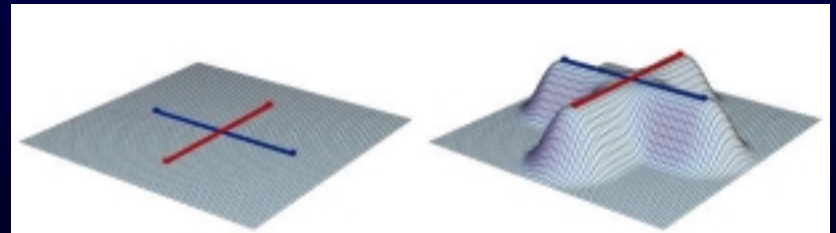
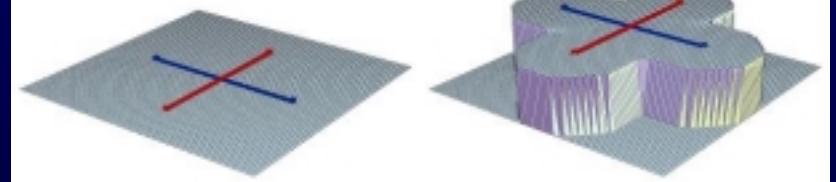
- **Blending multiple tools**

$$f(p) = p + \frac{\sum_i \varphi_i(p) \Delta p_i}{\sum_i \varphi_i(p)}$$

$$f(p) = p + \frac{\sum_i \varphi_i(p) \Delta p_i}{\sum_i \varphi_i(p)} (1 - \prod_i (1 - \varphi_i(p)))$$

$$f(p) = \exp\left(\frac{(1 - \prod_i (1 - \varphi_i(p))) \sum_i \varphi_i(p) \log M_i}{\sum_i \varphi_i(p)}\right) p$$

(not sweepers)

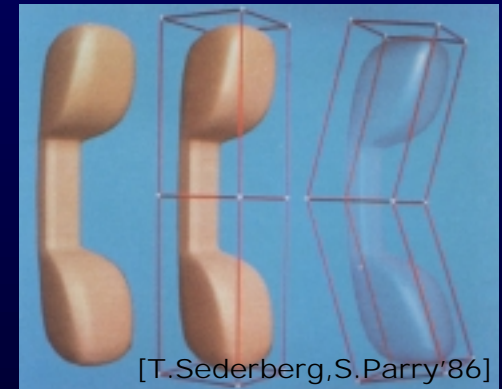
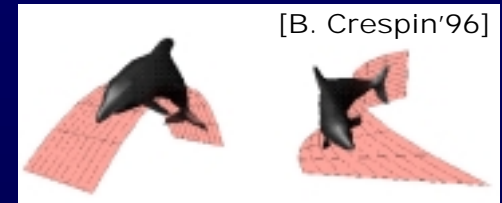


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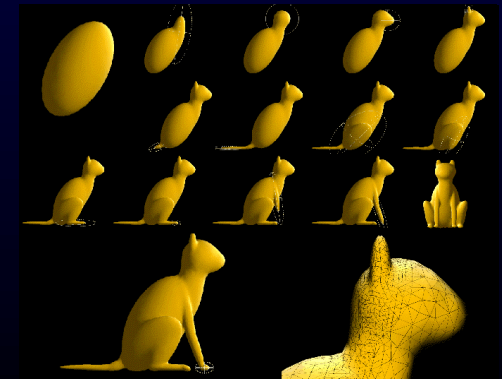
- More control
 - Axial Space Deformations
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 - Specialized Space Deformations
- ➔ More on Space Deformation
 - Morphing, modeling, animation, rendering, blending, coherency and volume.



[B. Crespin'96]



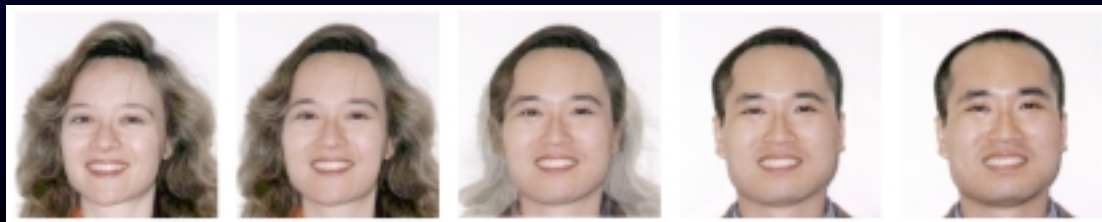
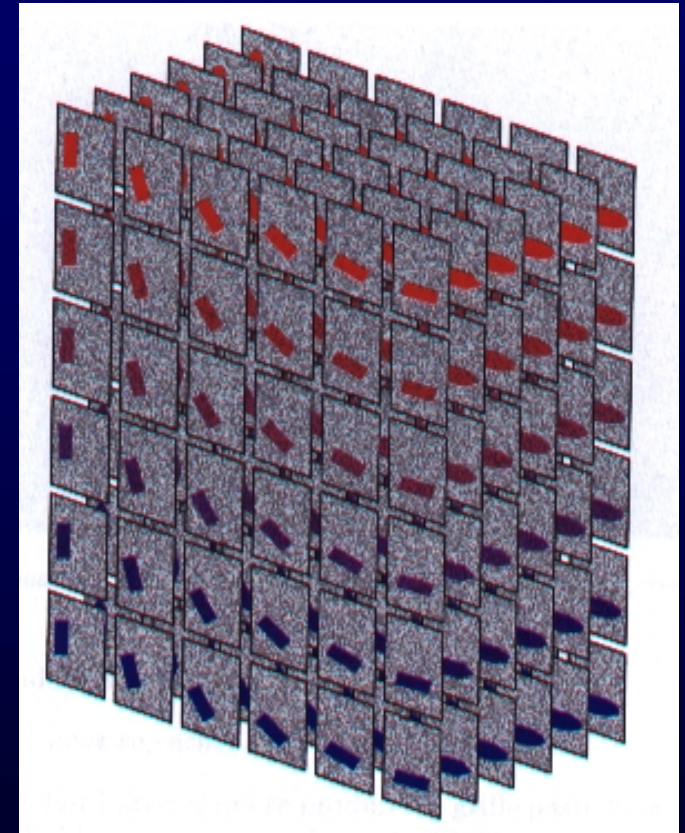
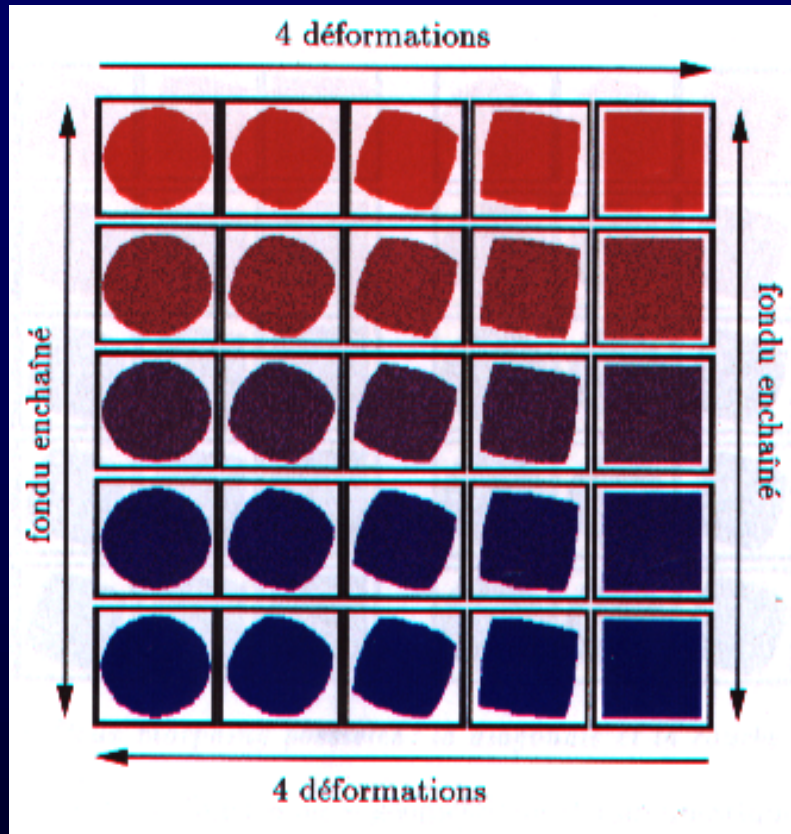
[T. Sederberg, S. Parry'86]



[P. Decaudin'96]

Morphing

2D change of shape & color



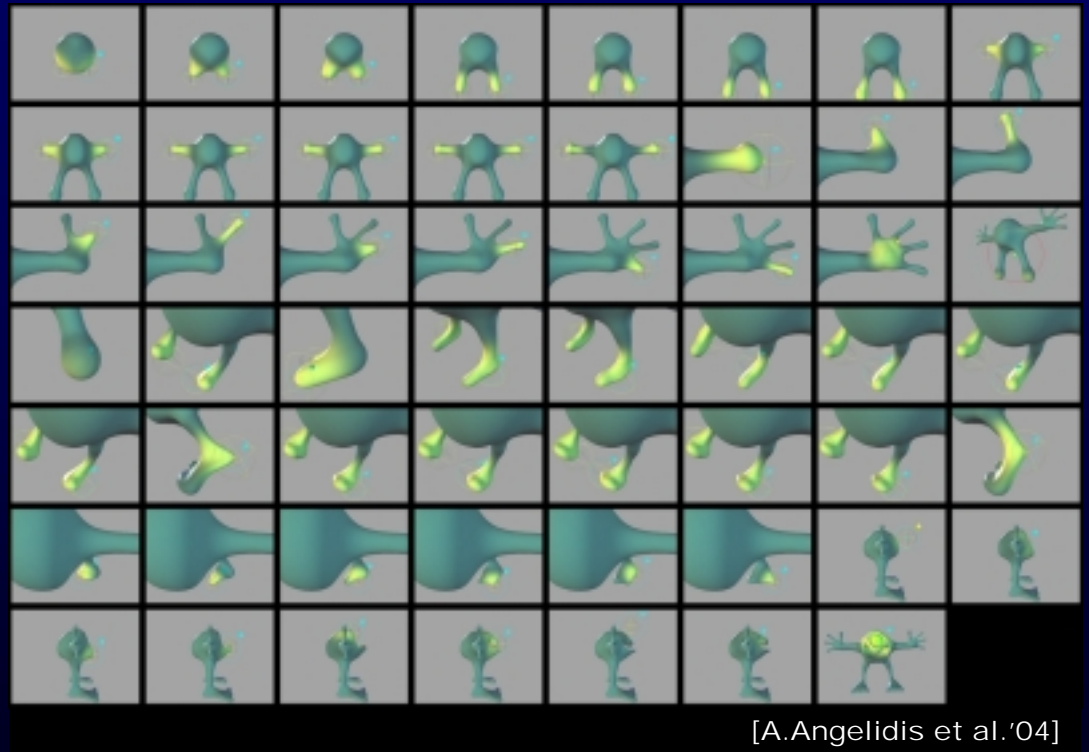
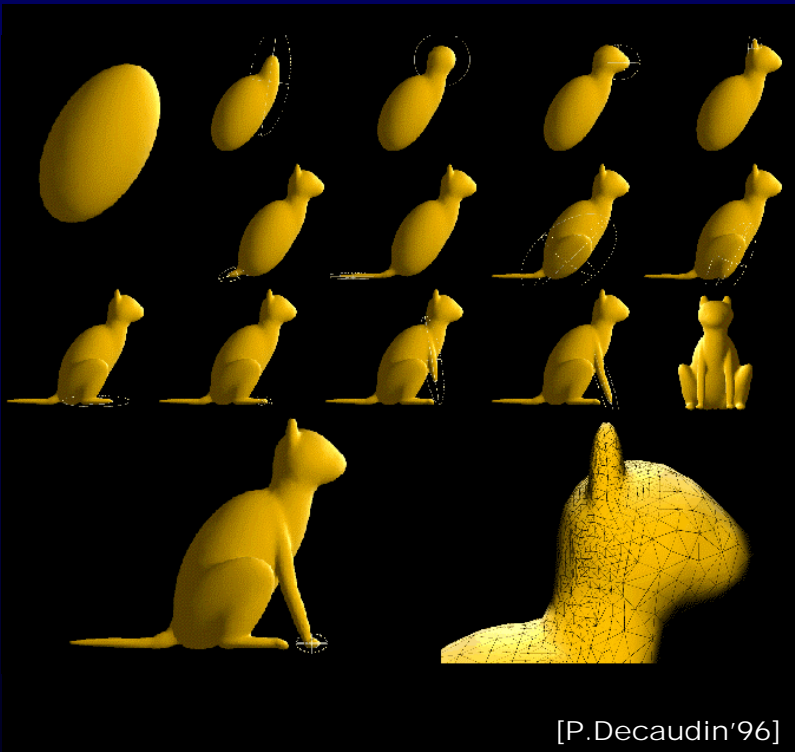
Deformations handle
change of shape
Color is some other function

[Lee, Chwa, Shin'95]

Modeling

- **Apply a series of functions:**

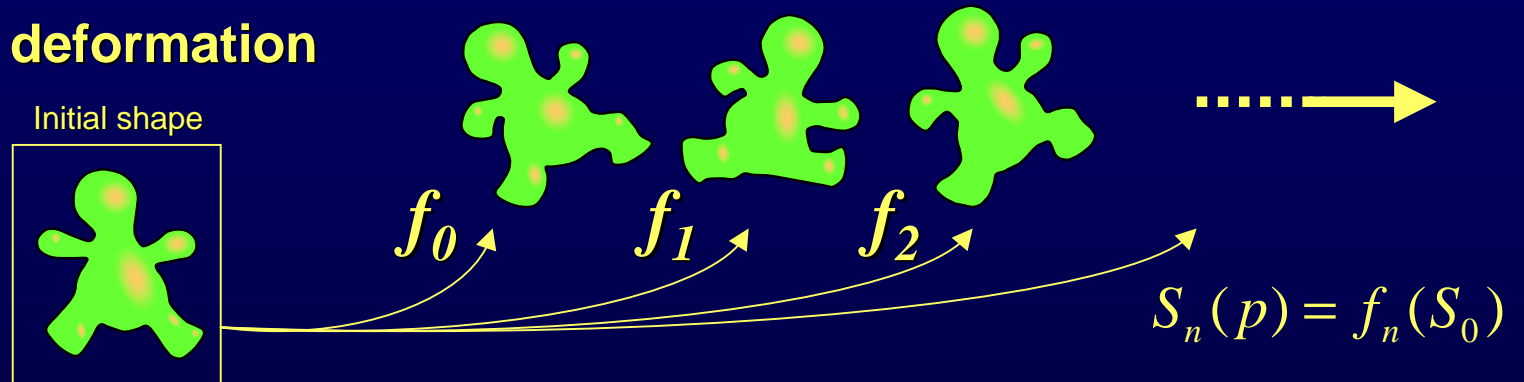
$$S_n(p) = f_n(f_{n-1}(\dots f_3(f_2(f_1(S_0))))))$$



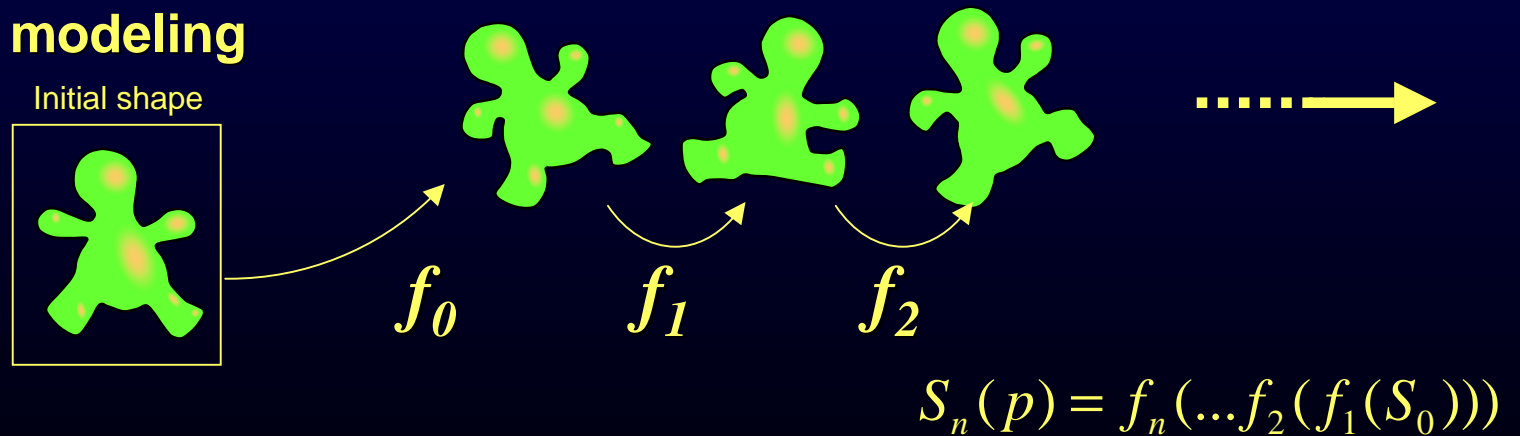
- **History**
 - undo
 - a description of the shape in itself

Animation

- **Animated deformation**



- **Animated modeling**

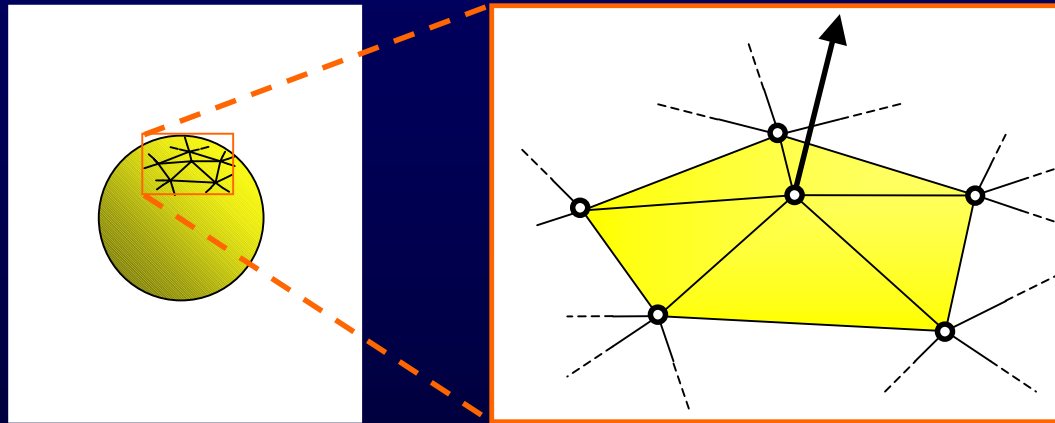


Rendering

- **Normals/tangent**

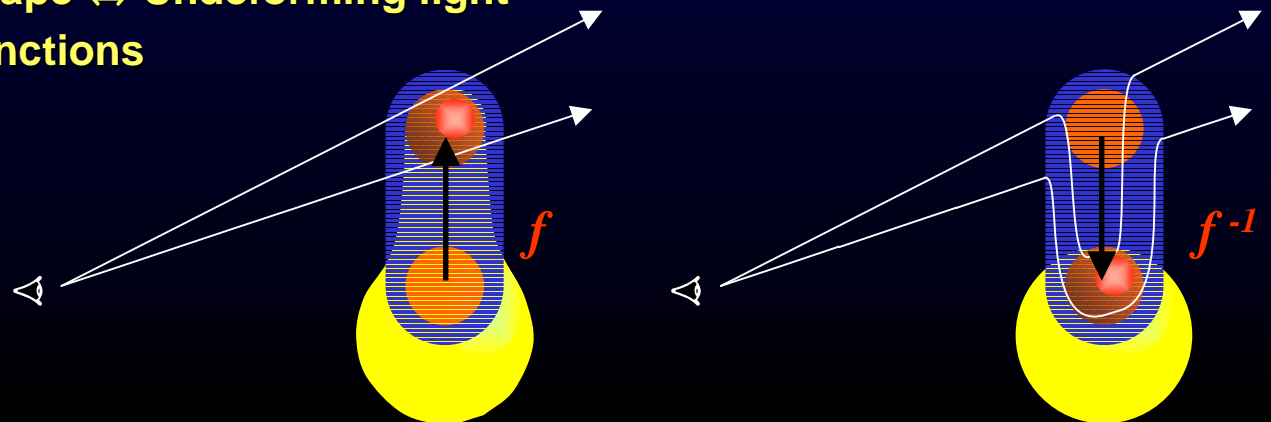
$$f(\vec{n}) = J^{-1T} \vec{n}$$

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix}$$



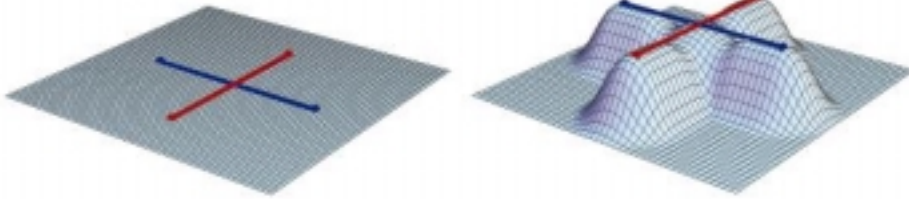
- **Undeformable shapes**

- Deforming shape \Leftrightarrow Undeforming light
- Reversible functions

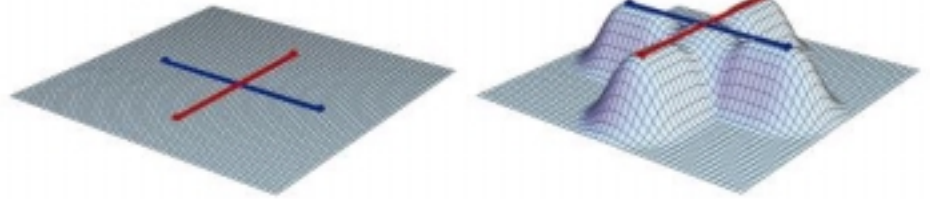


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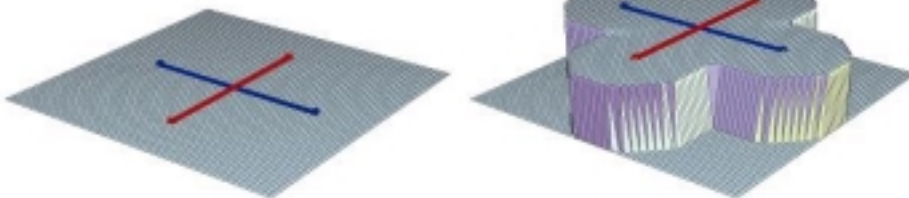
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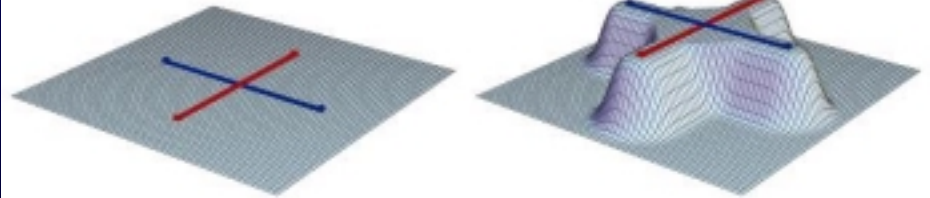
Wires 2



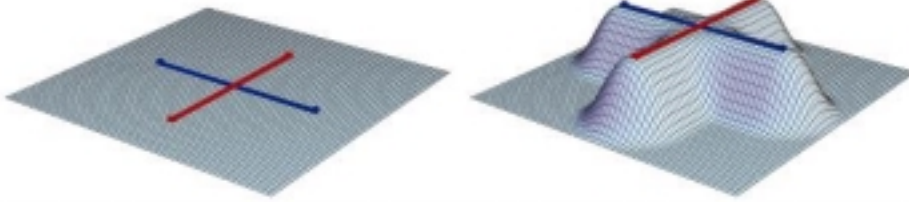
IFFD 1



IFFD 2



Sweepers



Blendeforming (1/2)

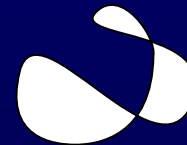
[D.Mason & G.Wyvill'00]

- **What is a self-intersection?**

- surface incoherency



no self-intersection



self-intersection

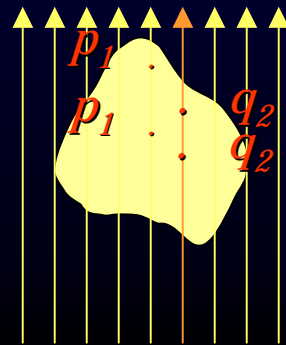
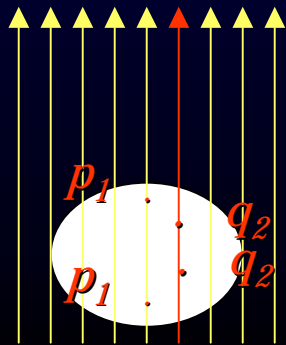
- **How can they appear?**

- foldover: deformation is surjective

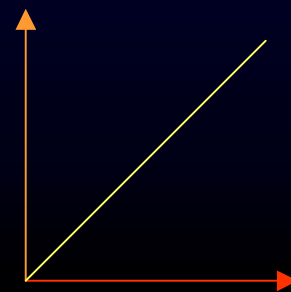
- **Cure foldover \Rightarrow bound *slope* of deformation.**

- **Blendeforming:**

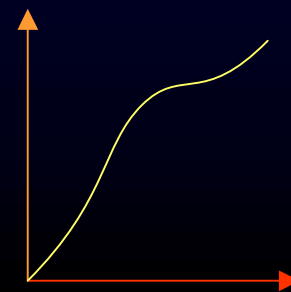
deformation follows lines of flux \Rightarrow find a solution for individual lines



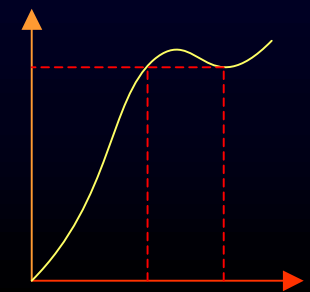
problem solved in 1D \Rightarrow solved in 3D



id



foldover-free



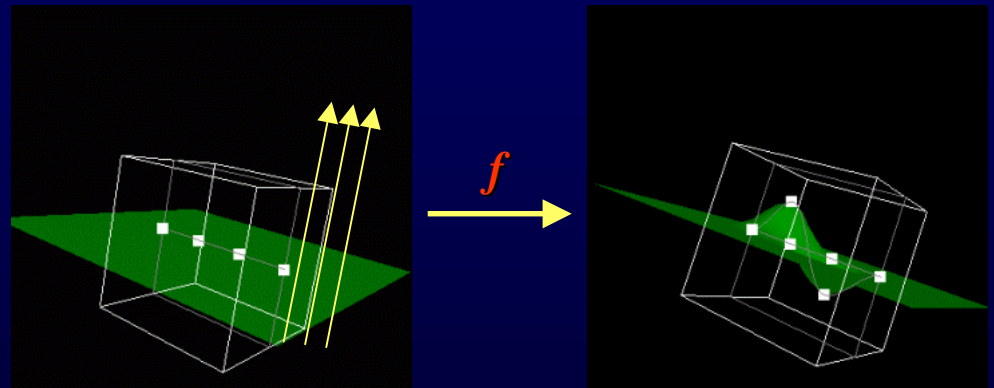
foldover

Blendeforming (2/2)

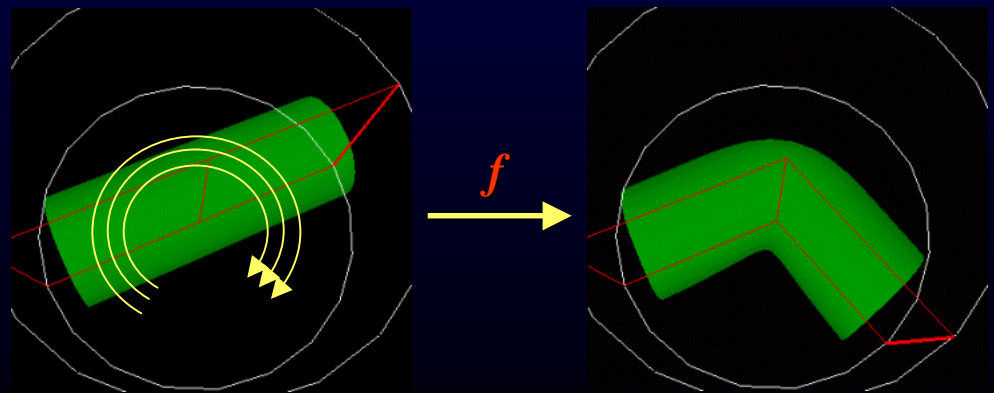
[D.Mason & G.Wyvill'00]

- **Examples**

- **Straight lines of flux**



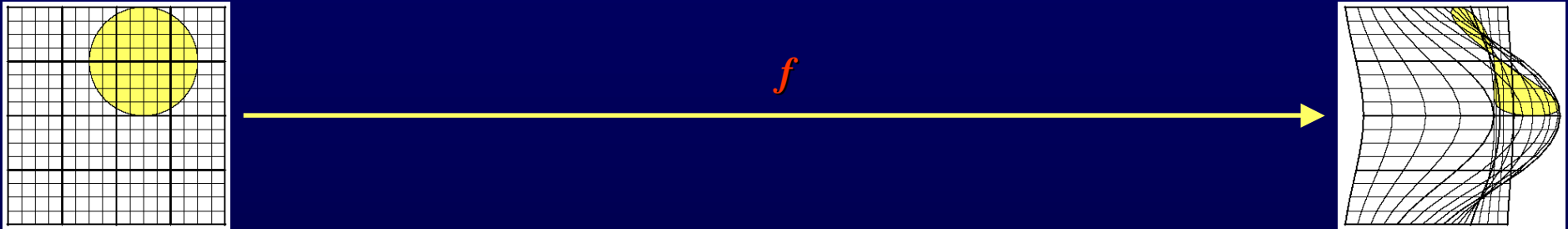
- **Circular lines of flux**



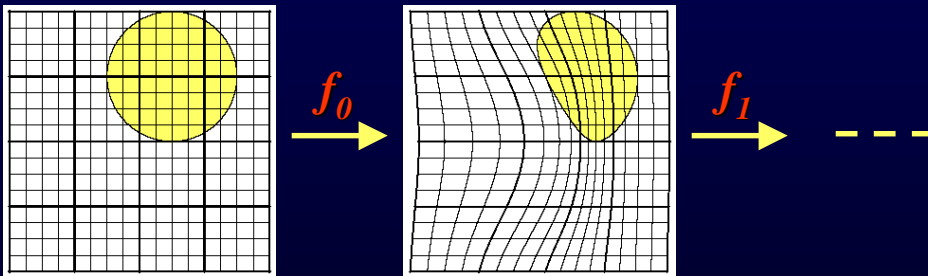
Foldover-free DMFFD

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- Foldover with FFD: destroys coherency



- Cure: decompose large DMFFD in a series of “small-enough” DMFFD



- In 3D

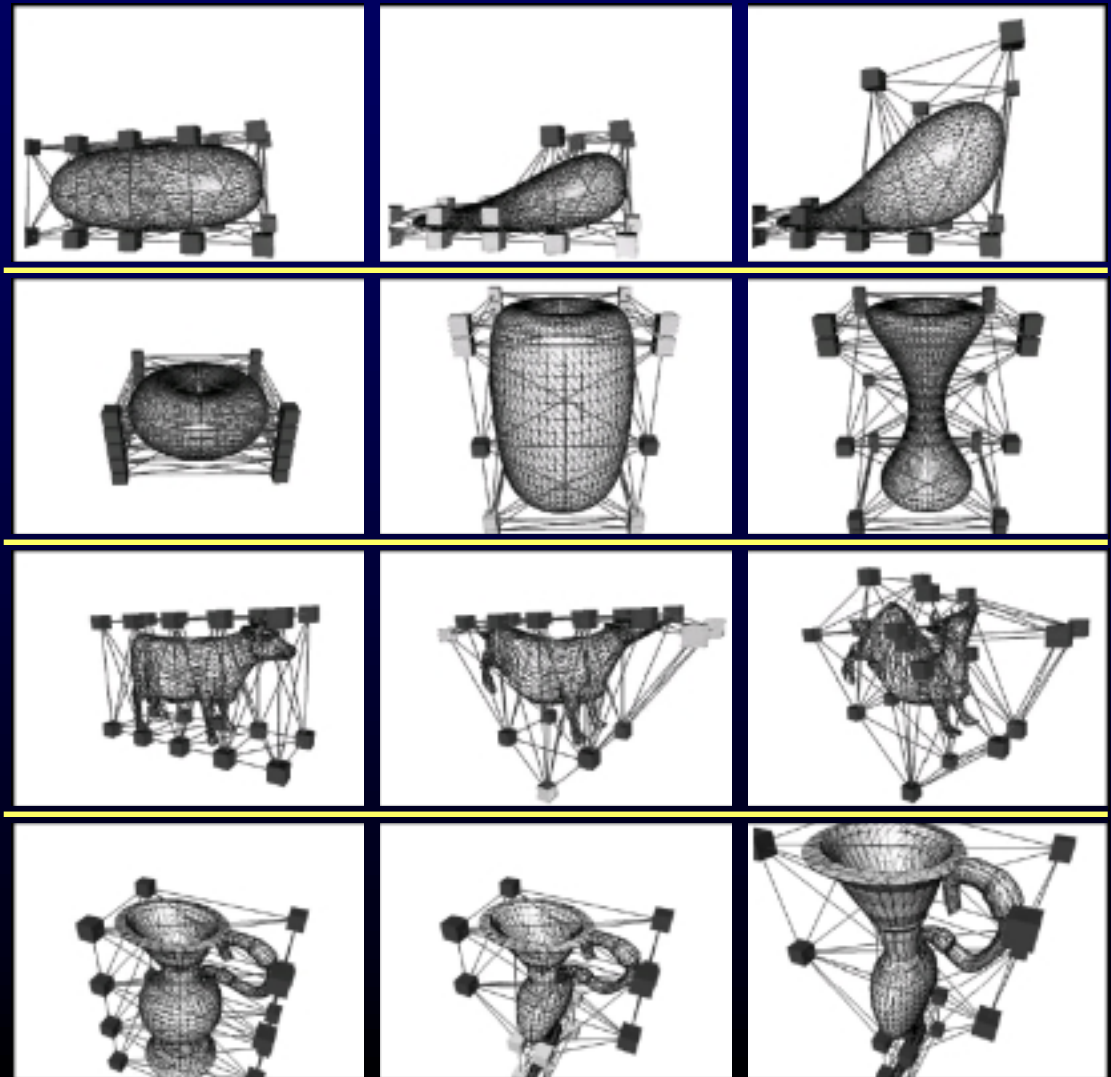


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Volume with FFD

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- **Quantity of material :**
preserve volume.



Conclusion

- **Space Deformation is compatible with vertex shaders**
- **Accurate rendering of a deformed shape is still an issue**
- **The race to popularity**
 - **Implicit surfaces = scalar field**
 - **Space deformation = vector field (or worse)**

