

# Numerical Optimal Transport and Applications

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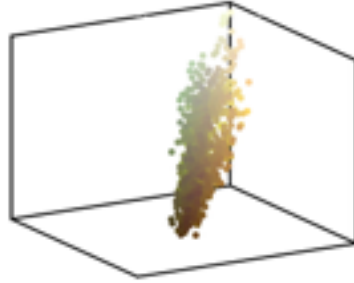
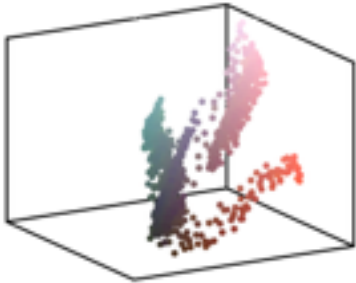
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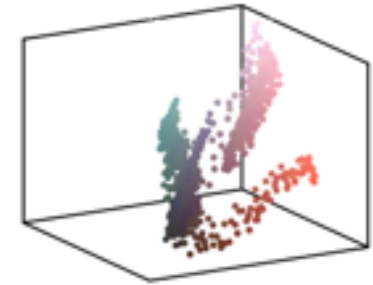
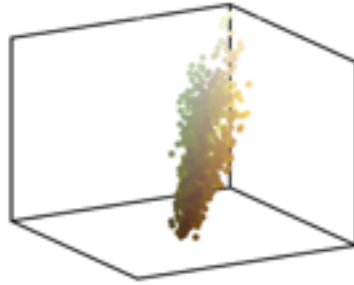
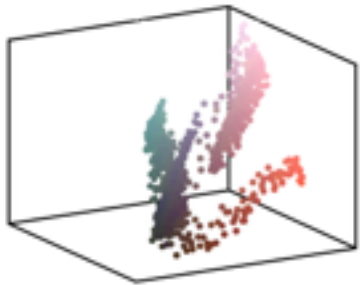
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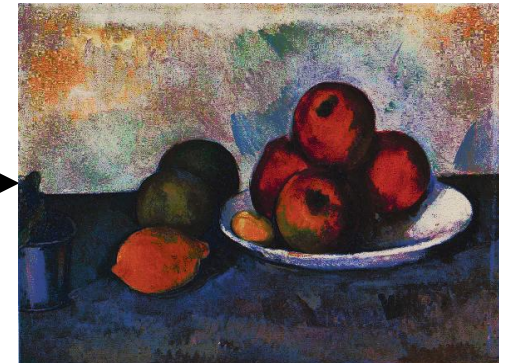
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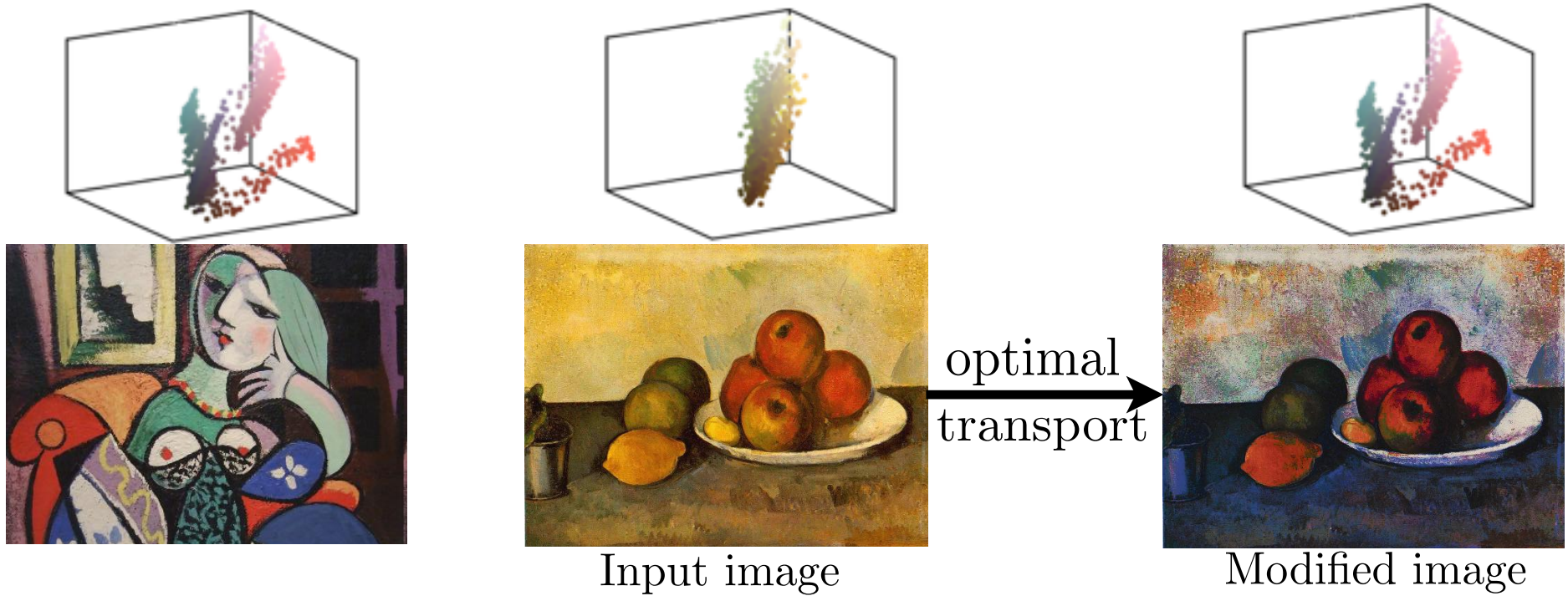
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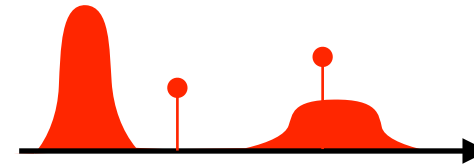
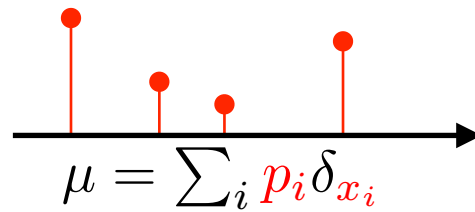
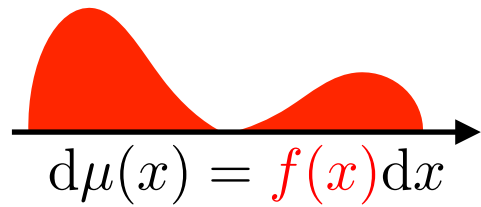
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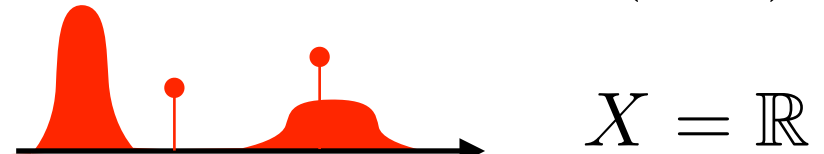
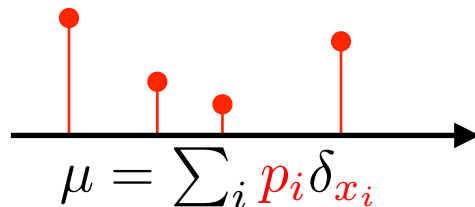
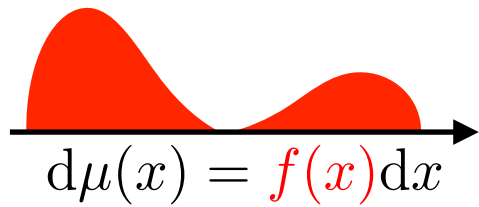
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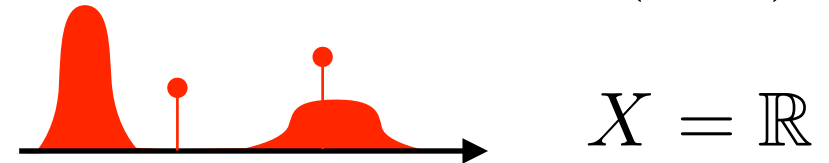
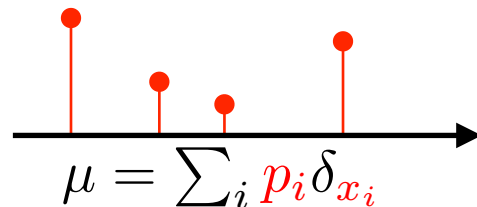
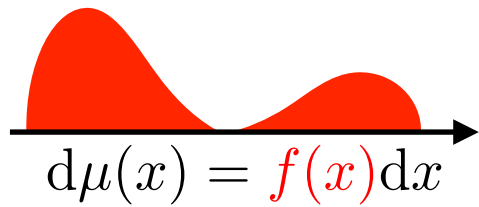
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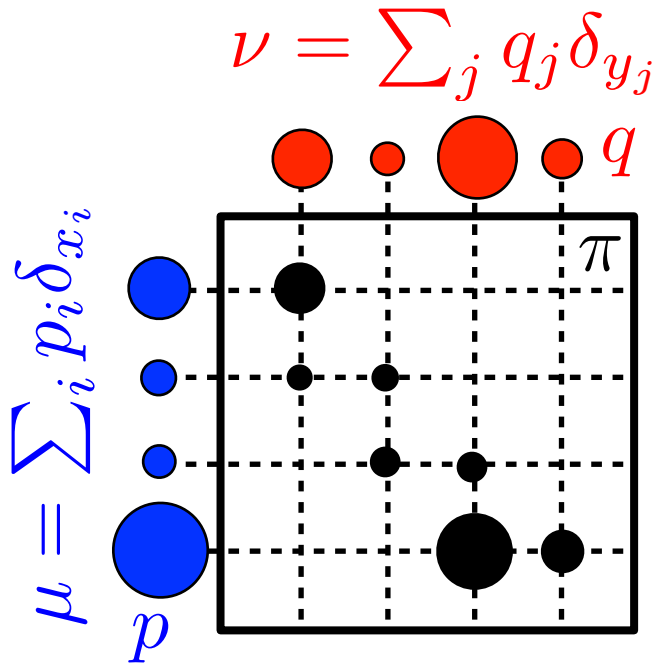
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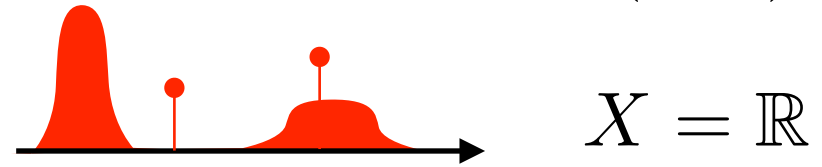
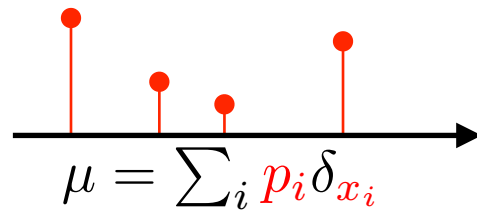
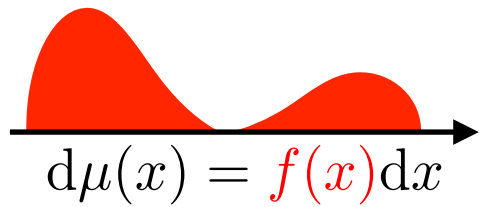
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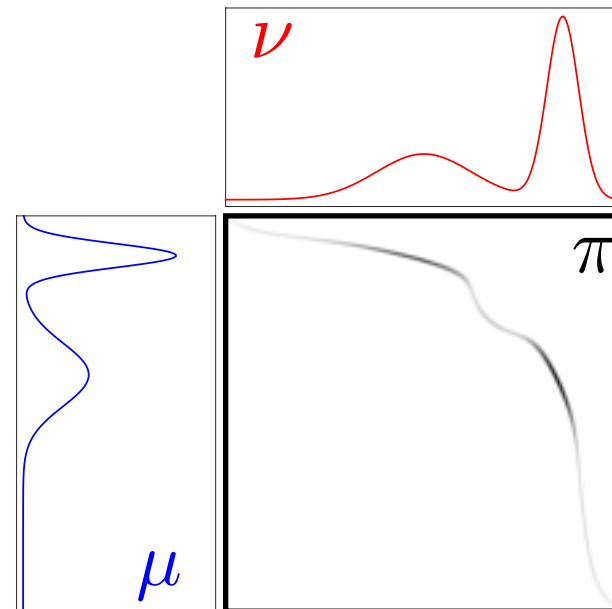
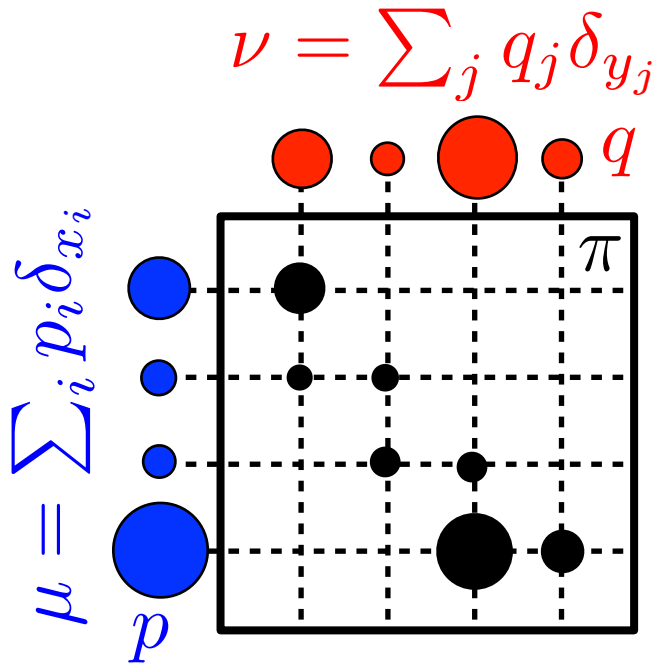
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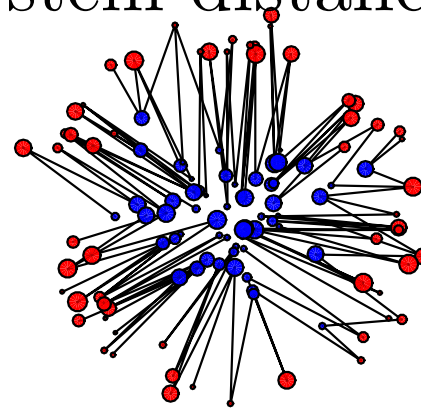
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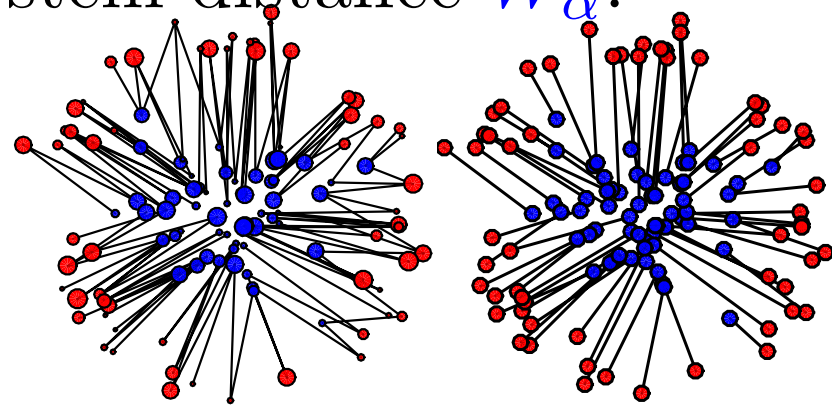
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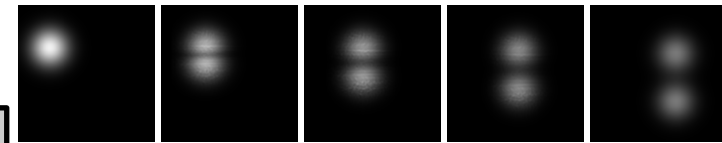
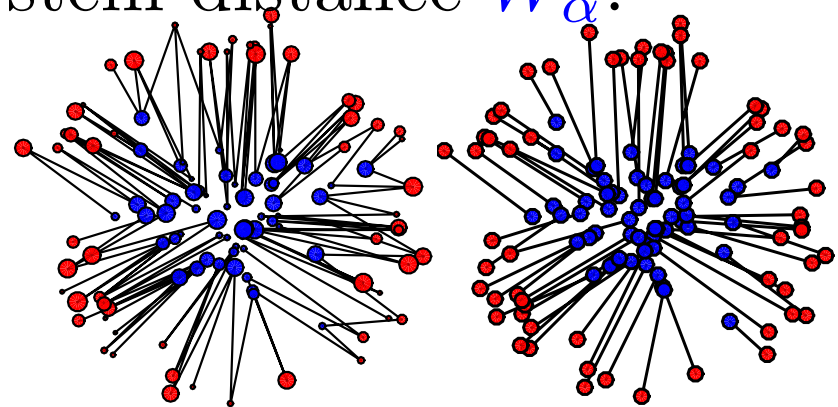
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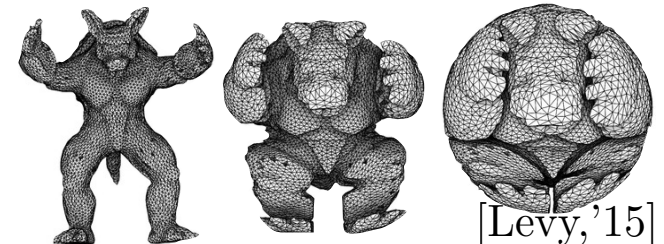
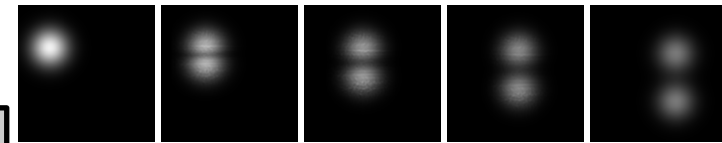
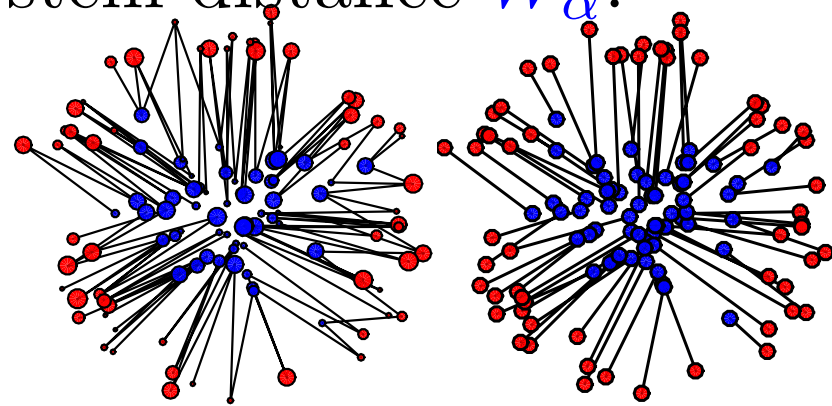
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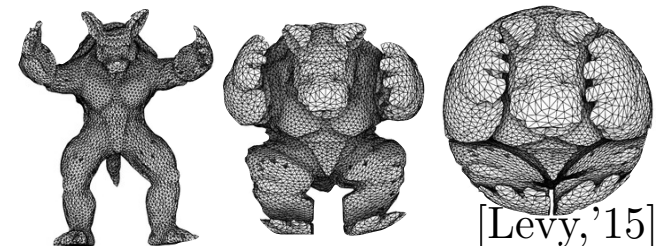
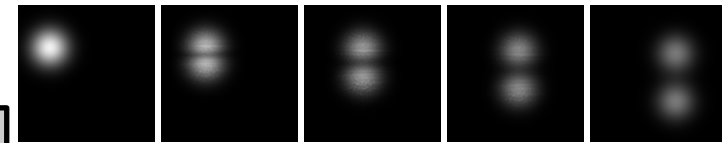
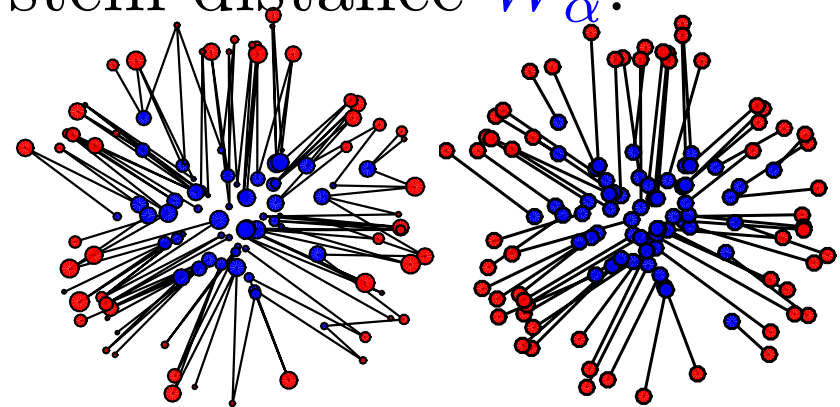
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[Levy, '15]

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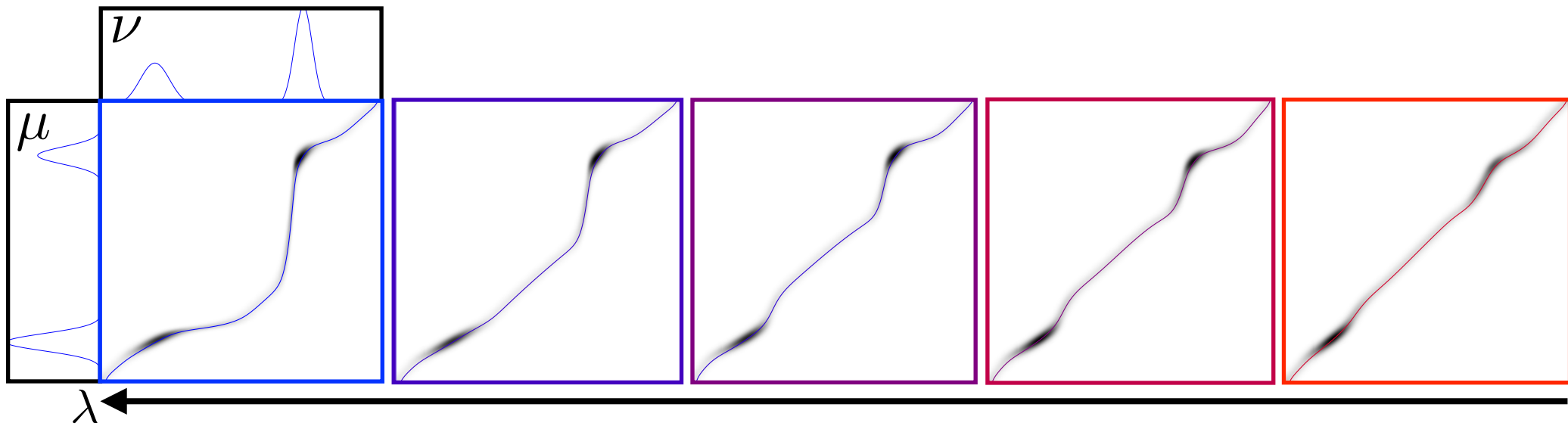
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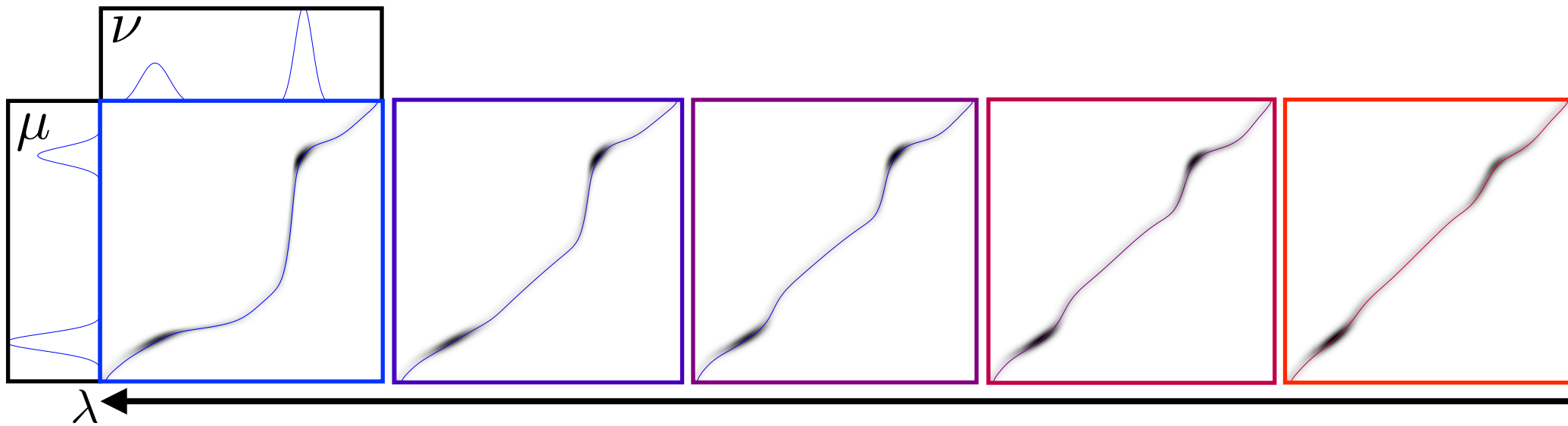
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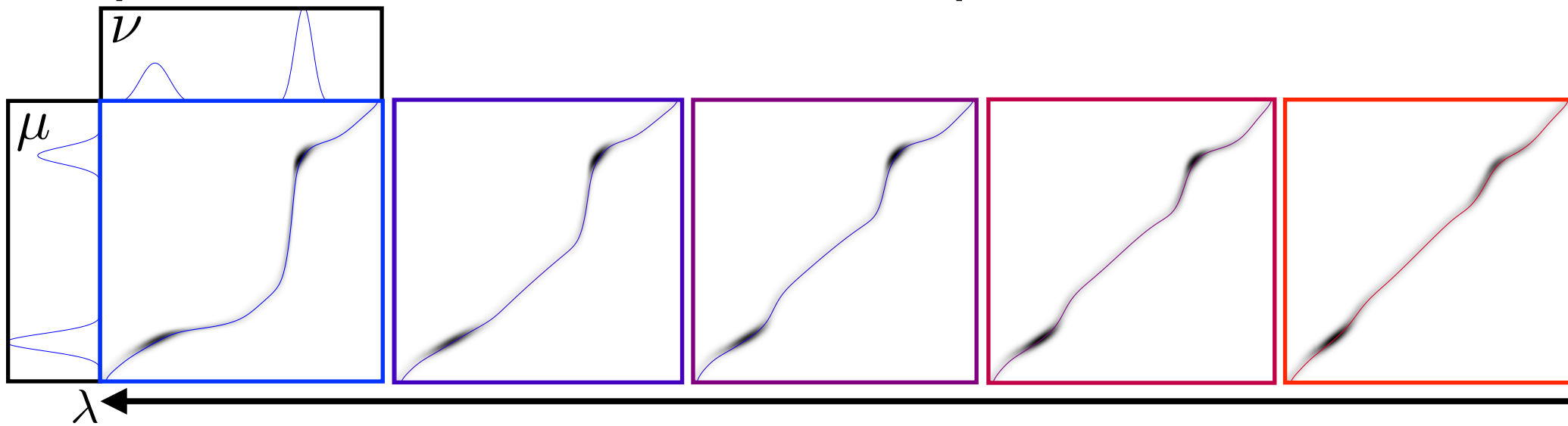
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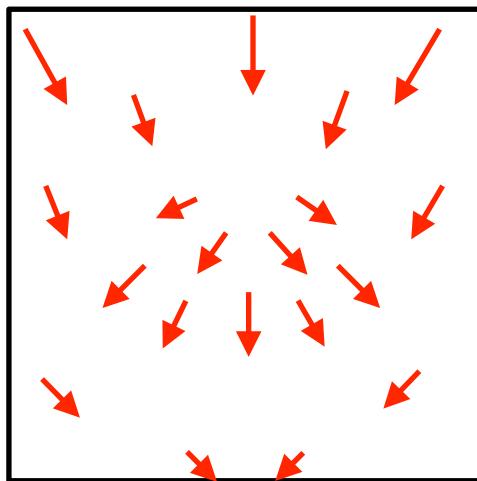
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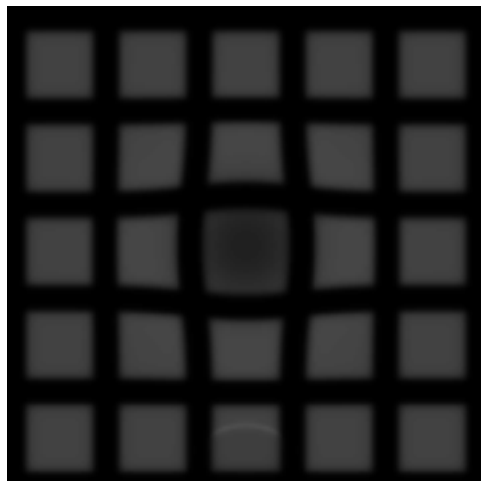
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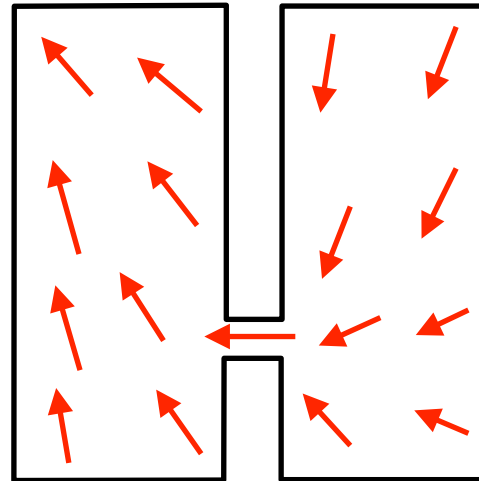
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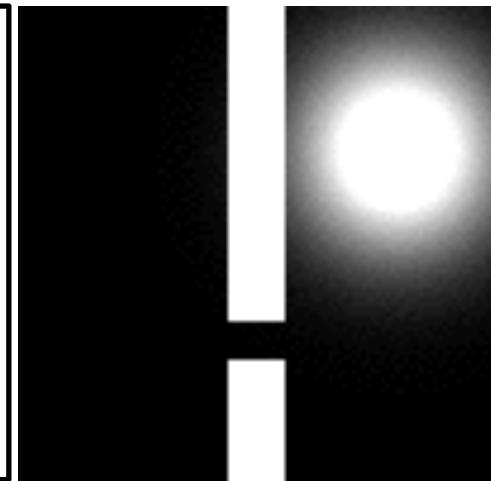
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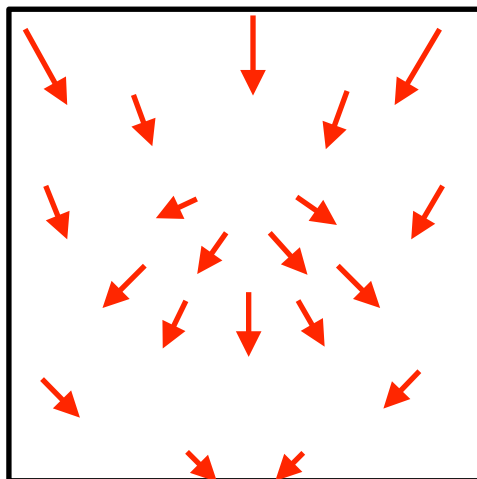
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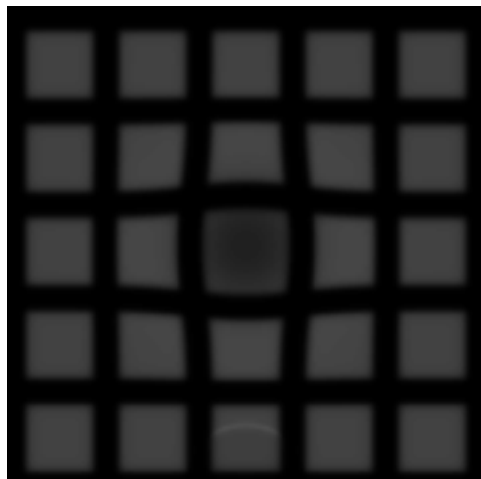
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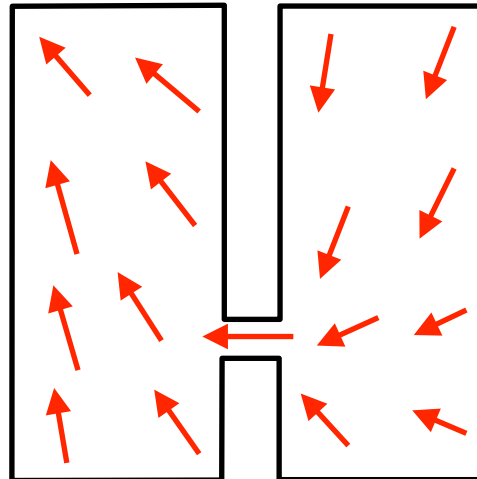
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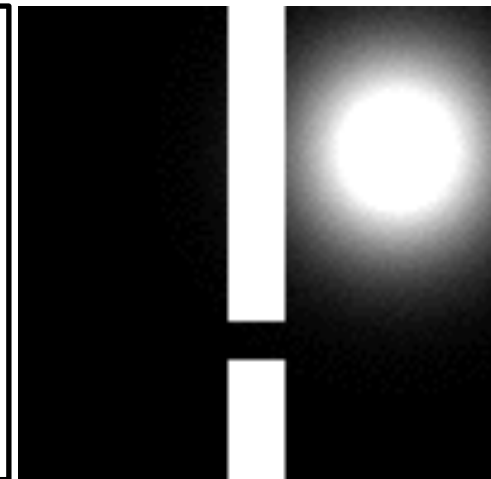
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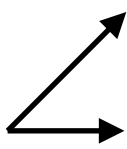
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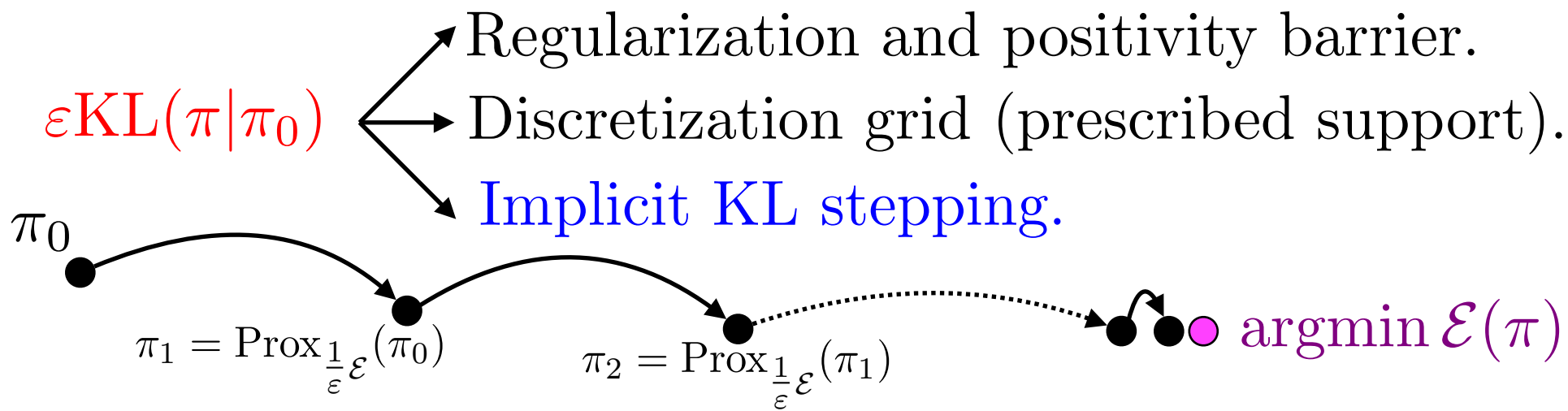
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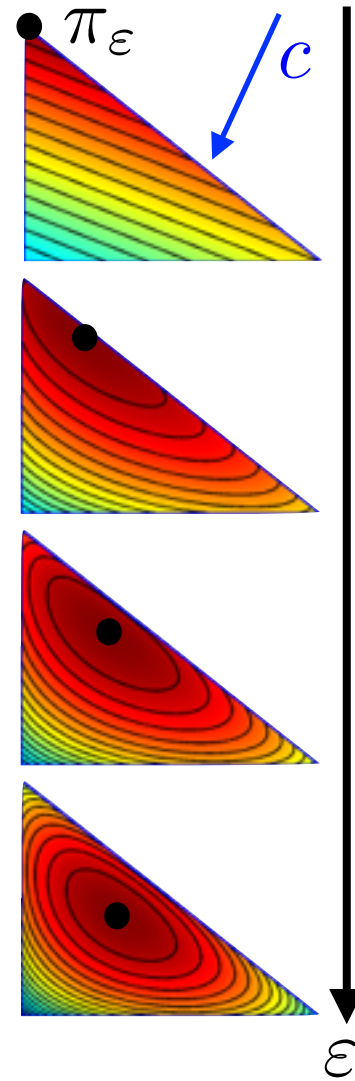
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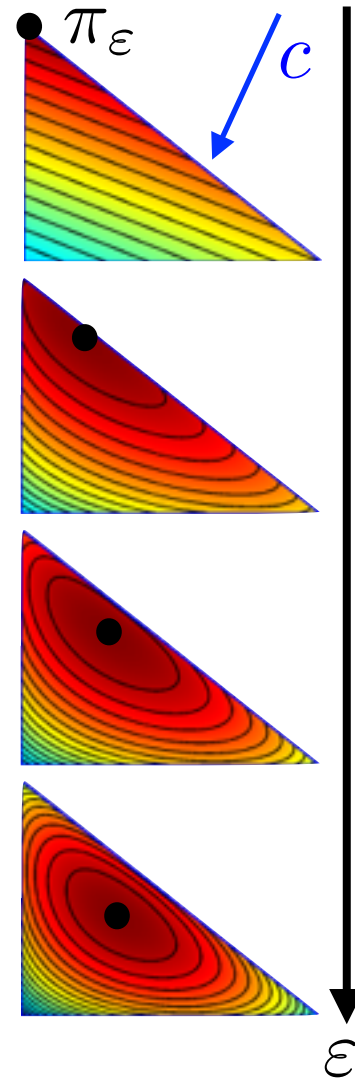
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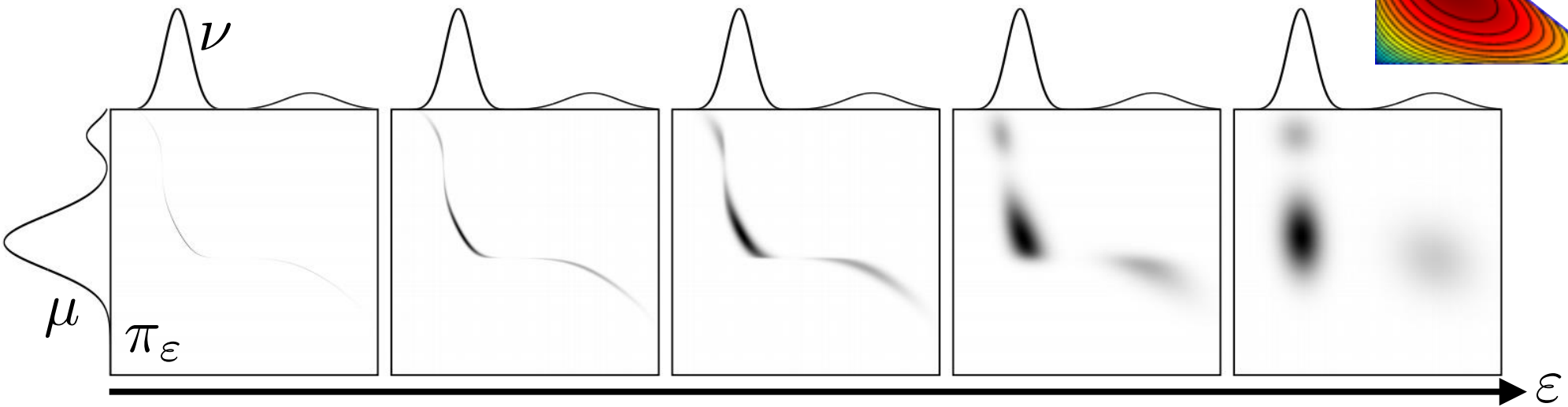
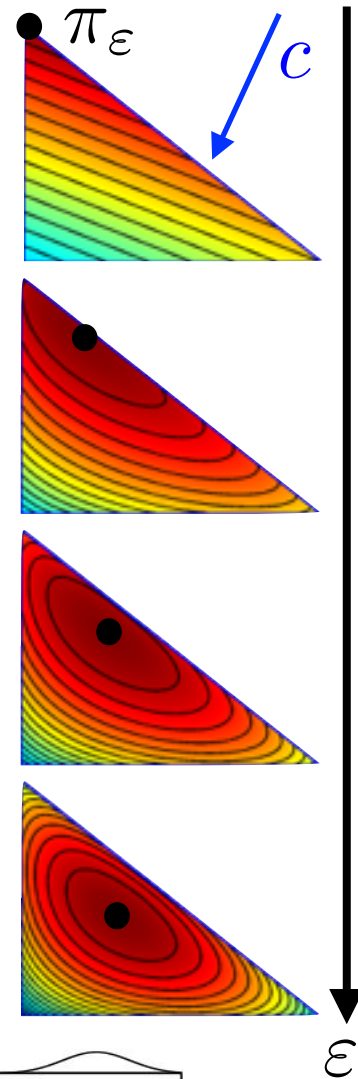
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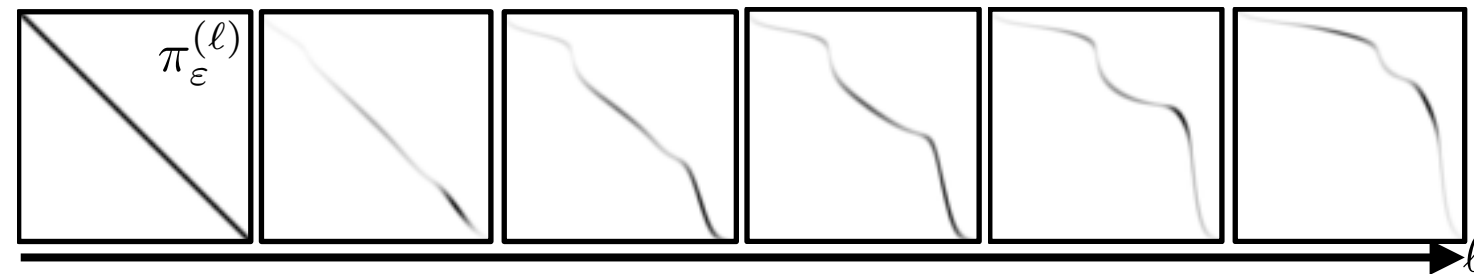
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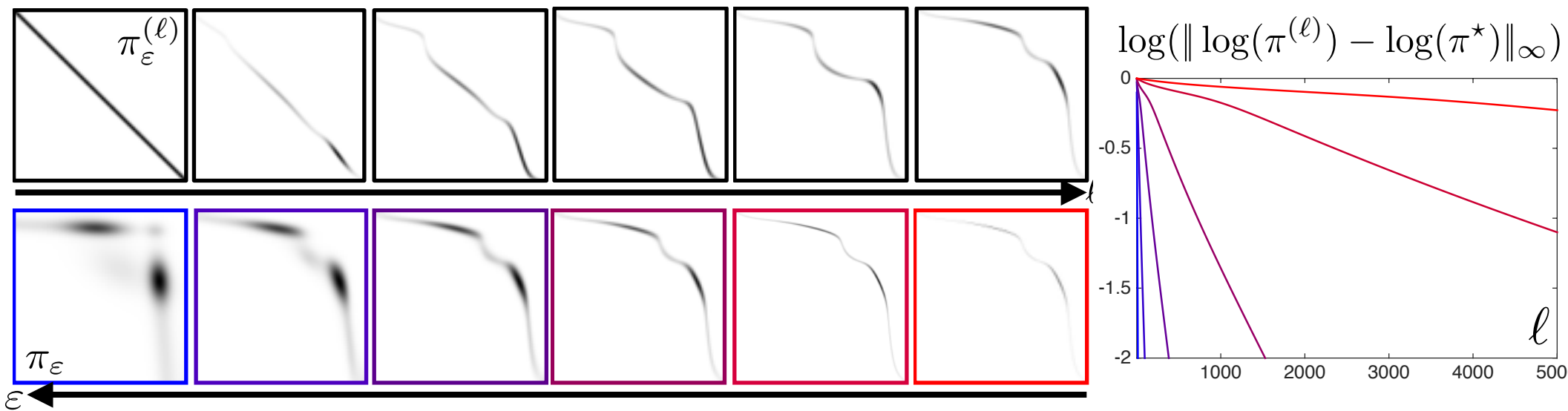
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[Franklin,Lorenz 1989]

Local rate: [Knight 2008]



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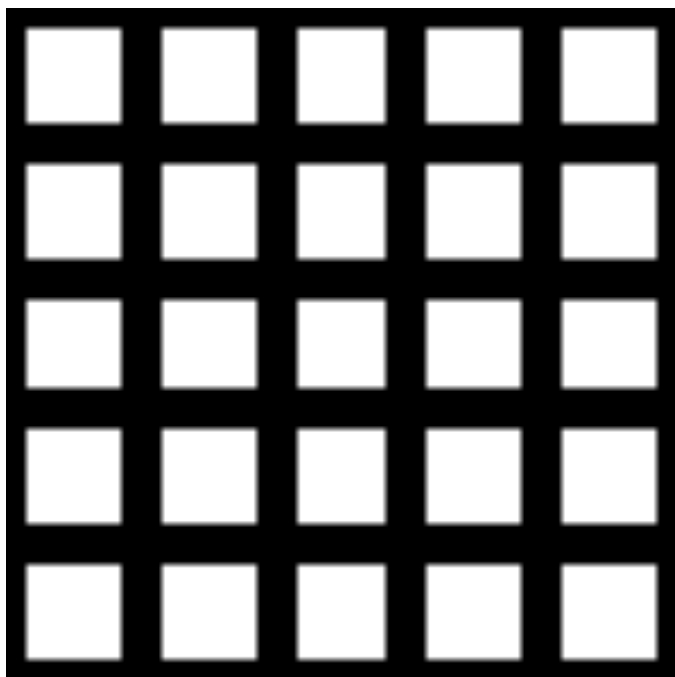
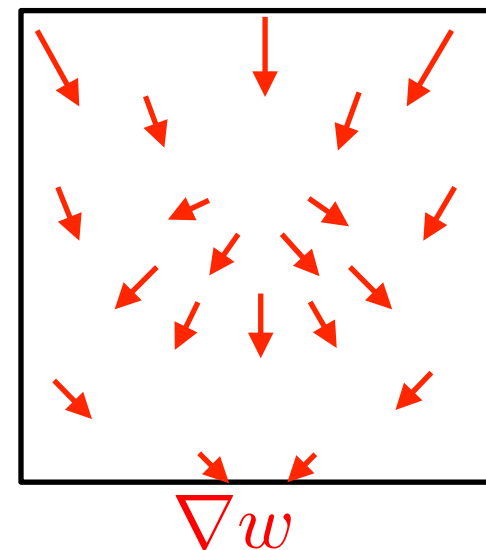
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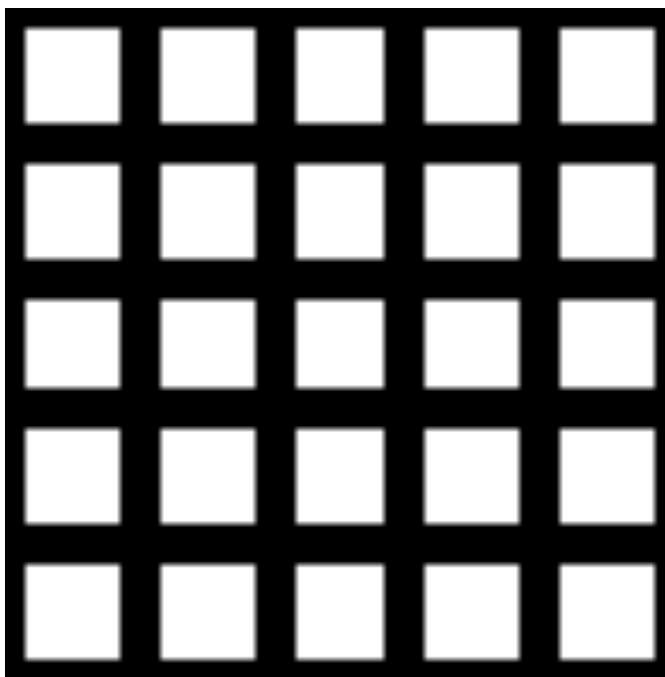
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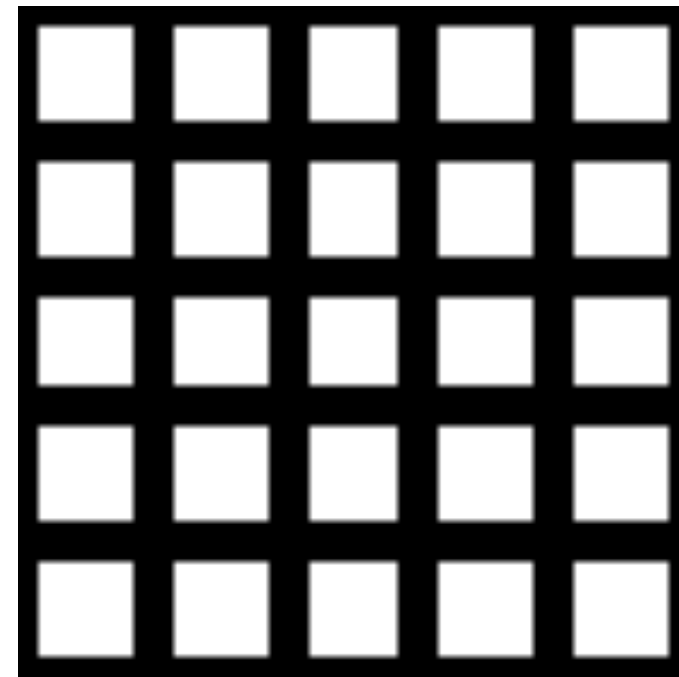
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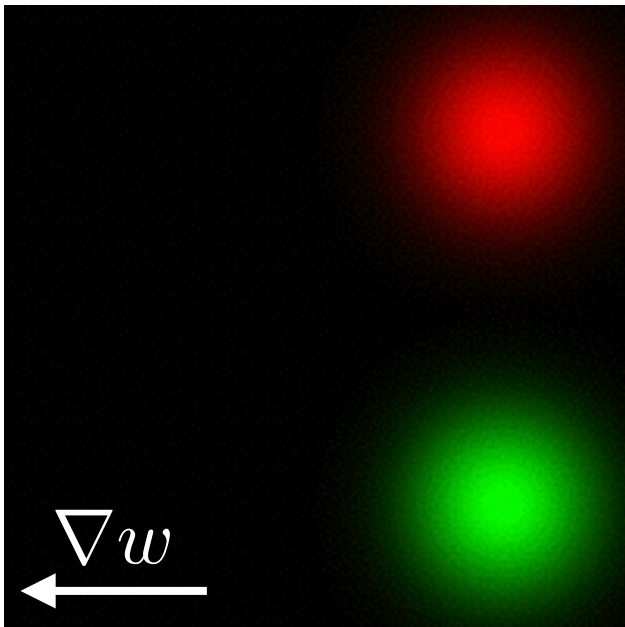
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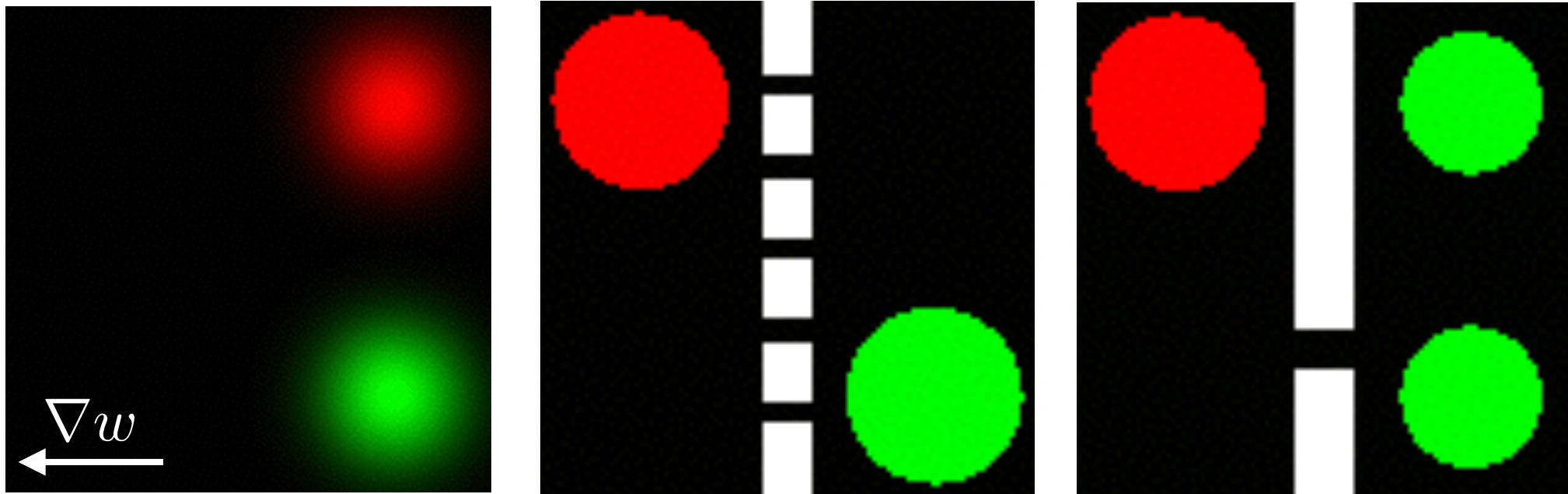
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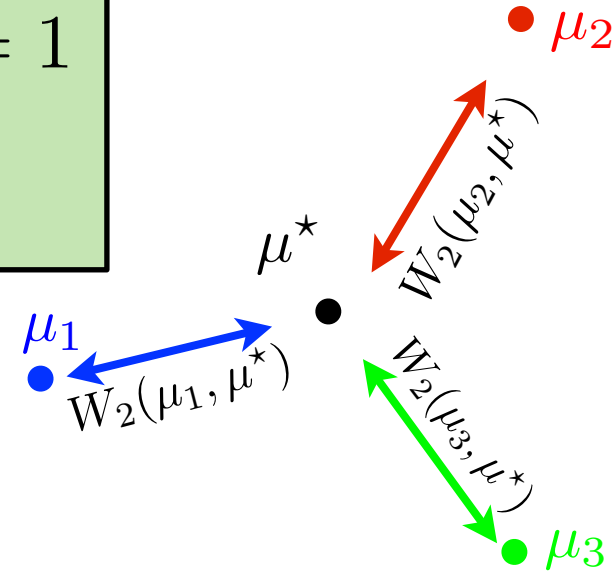
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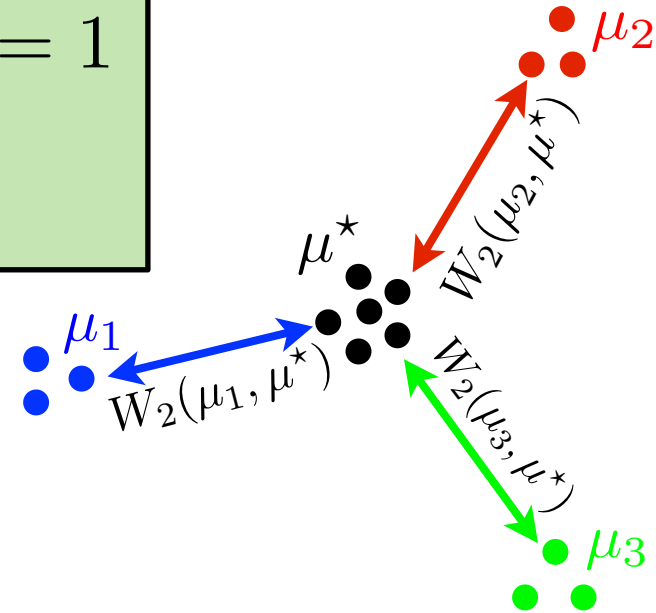


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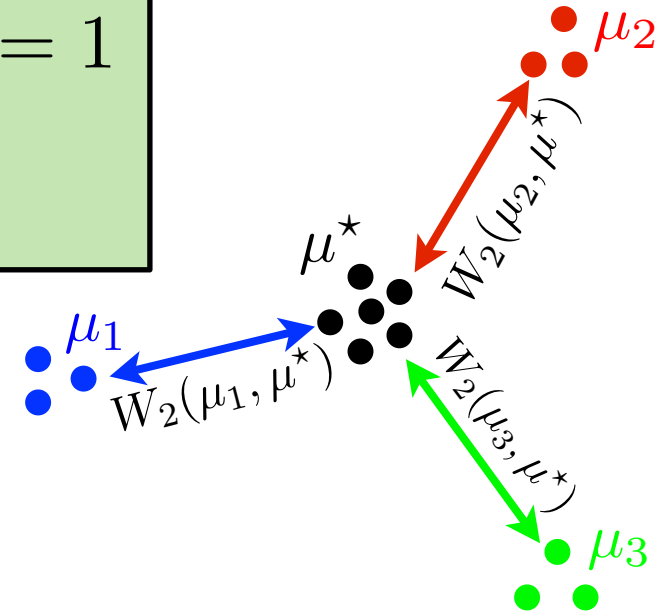
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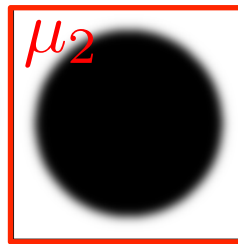
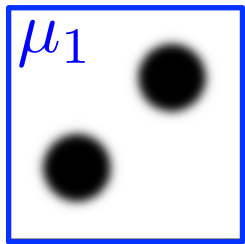


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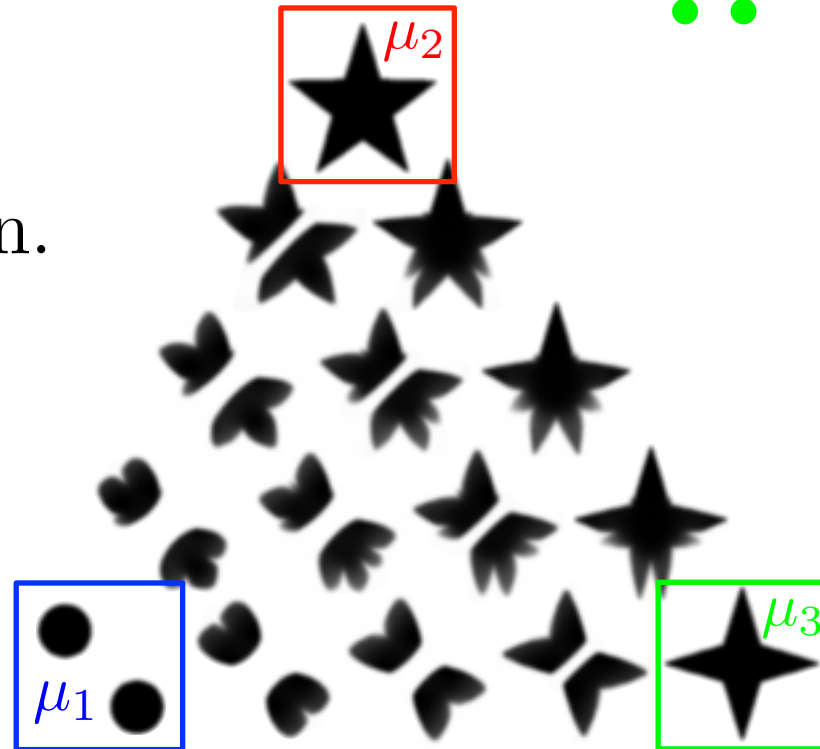
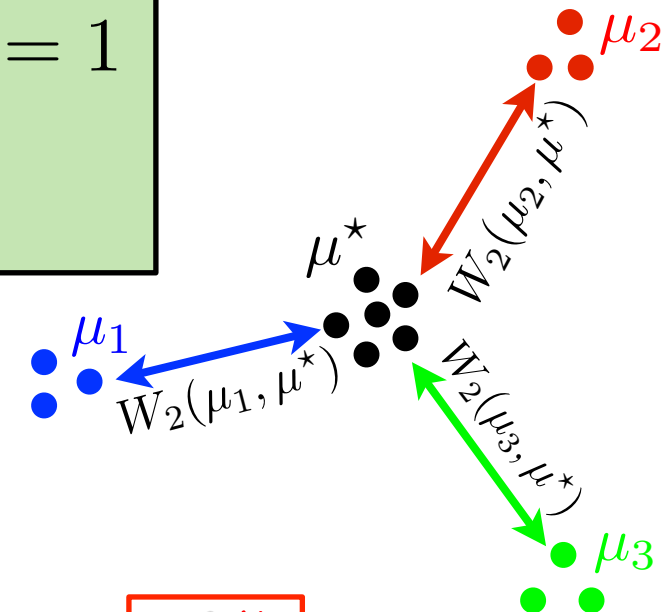
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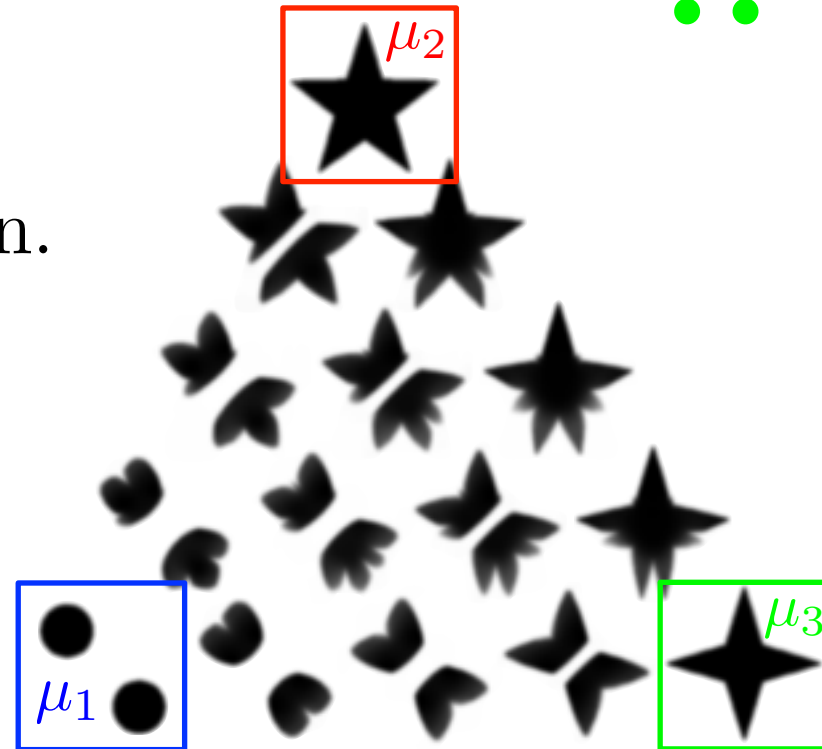
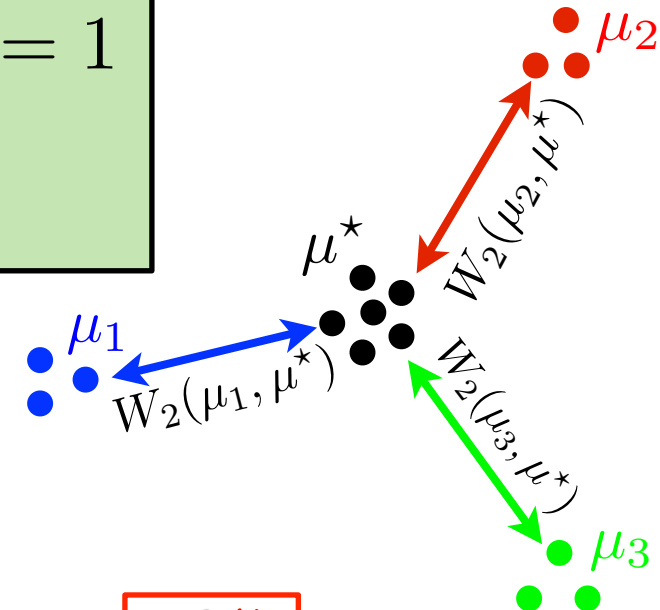


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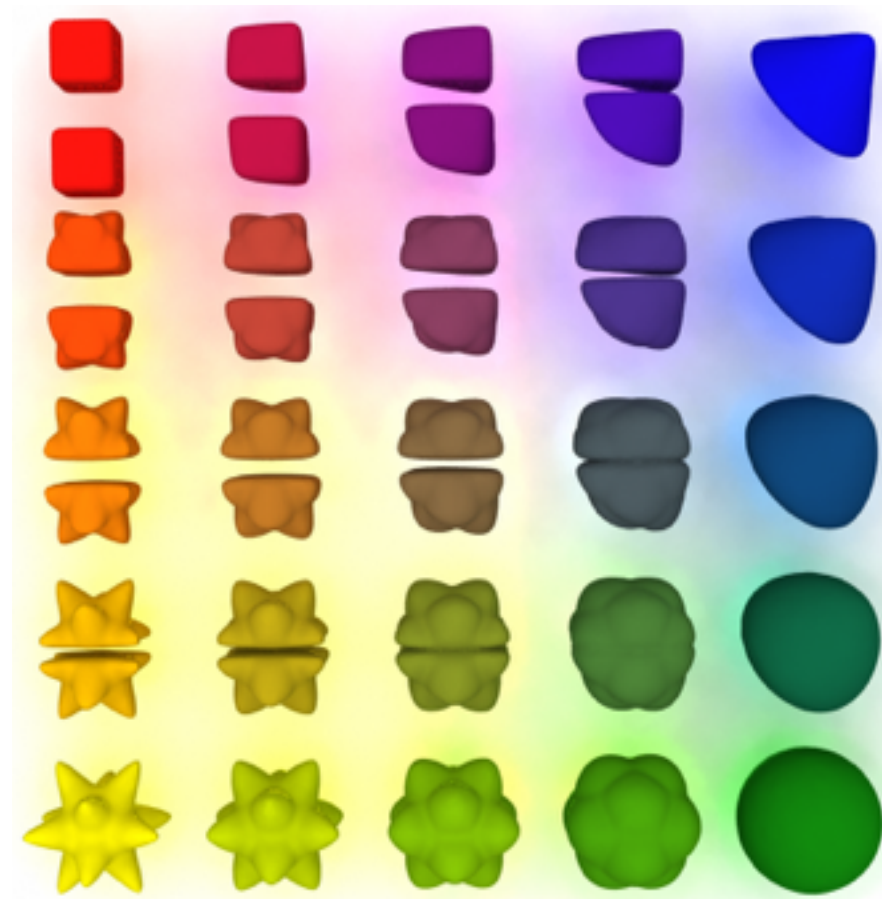
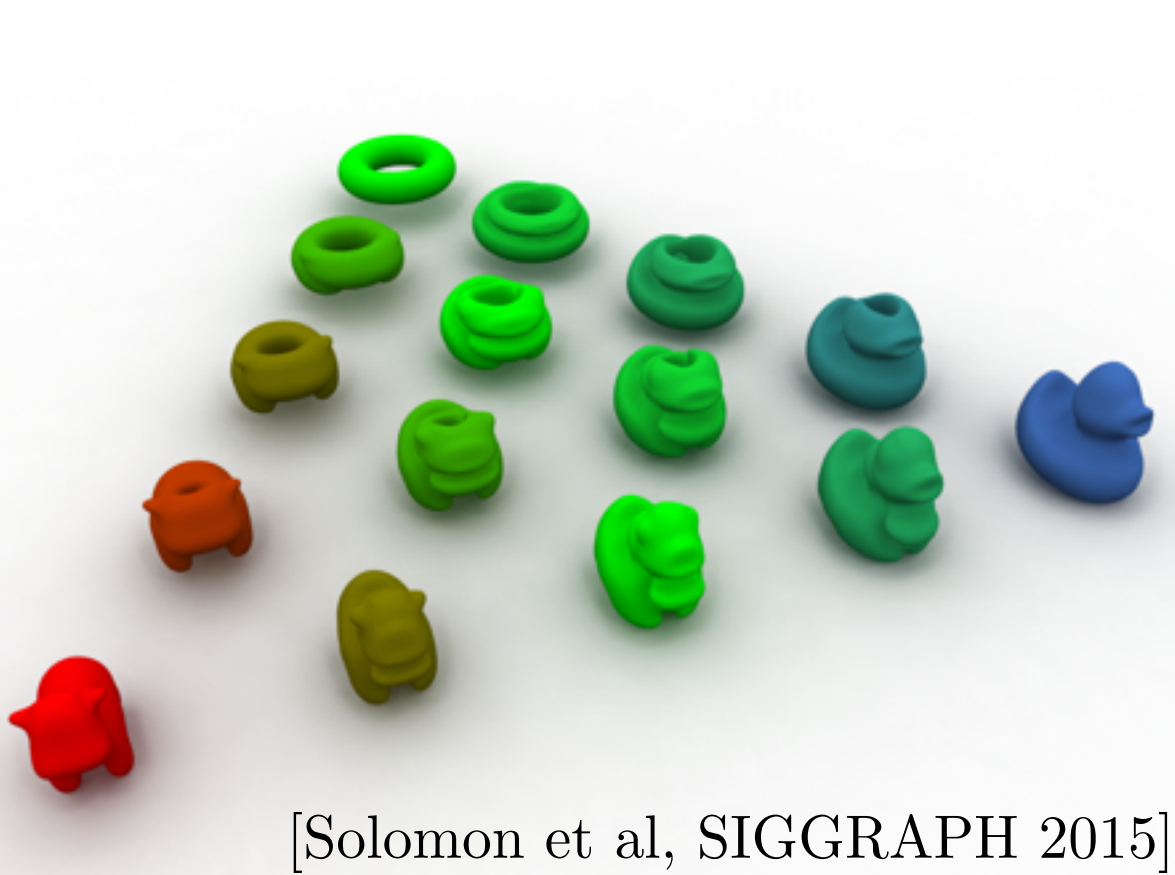
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# Regularized Barycenters

$$\min_{(\pi_k)_{k,\mu}} \left\{ \sum_k \lambda_k (\langle c, \pi_k \rangle + \varepsilon \text{KL}(\pi_k | \pi_{0,k})) ; \forall k, \pi_k \in \Pi(\mu_k, \mu) \right\}$$

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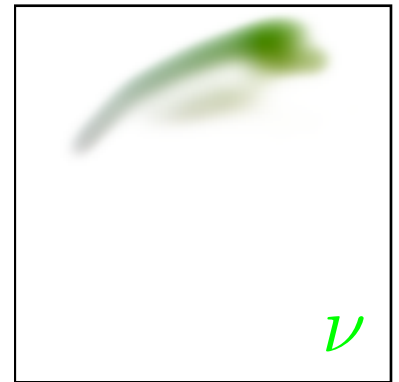
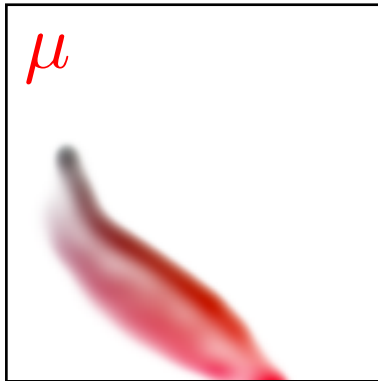


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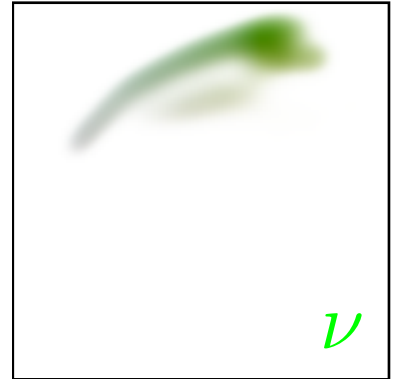
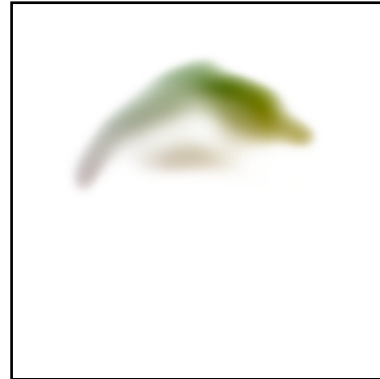
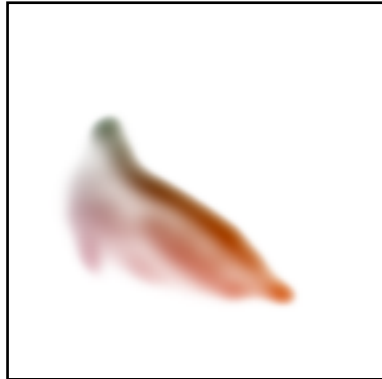
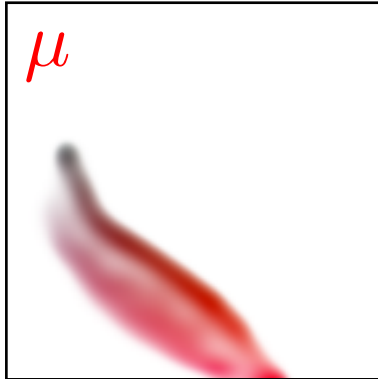
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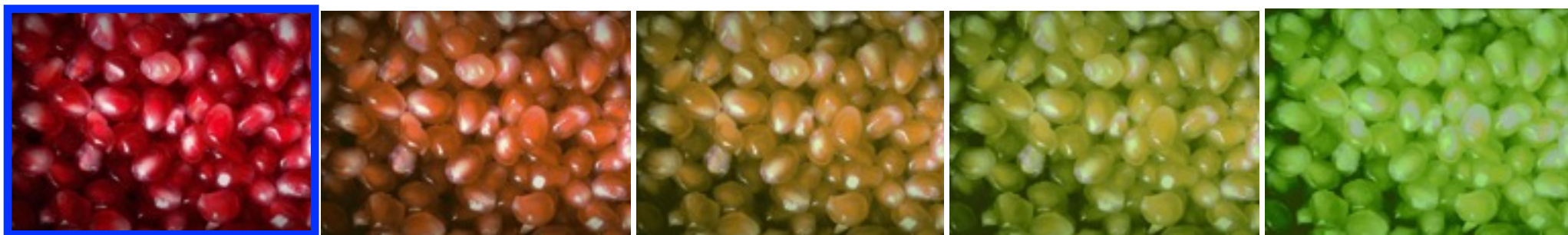


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Compute  
Wasserstein  
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Project on  
the barycenter

# Overview

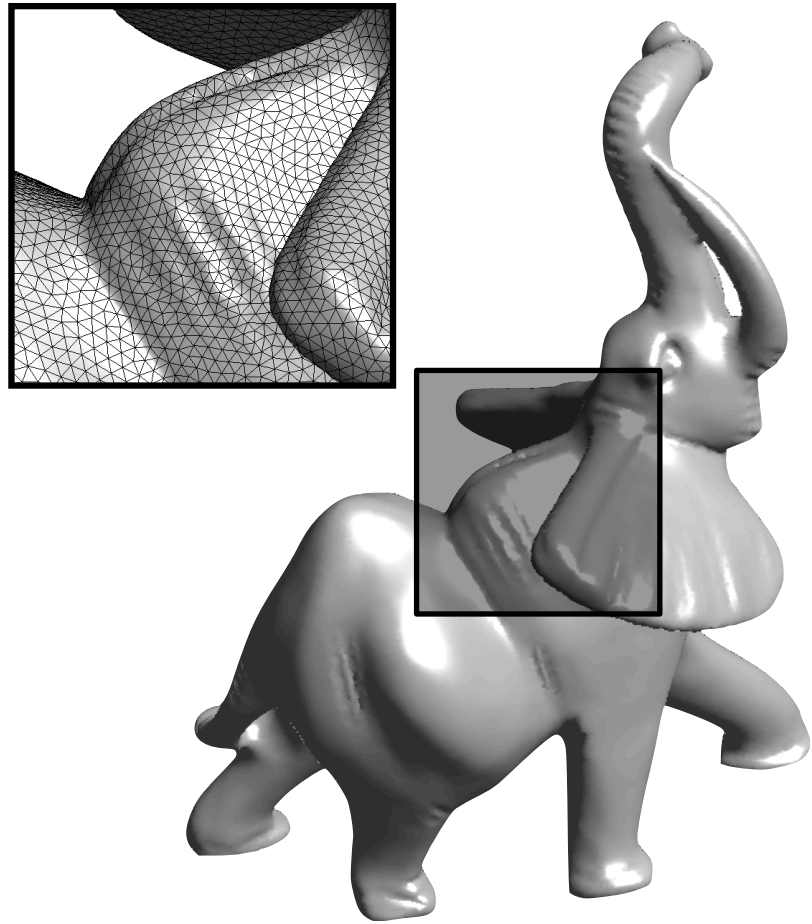
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- Transportation-like Problems
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- **Heat Kernel Approximation**

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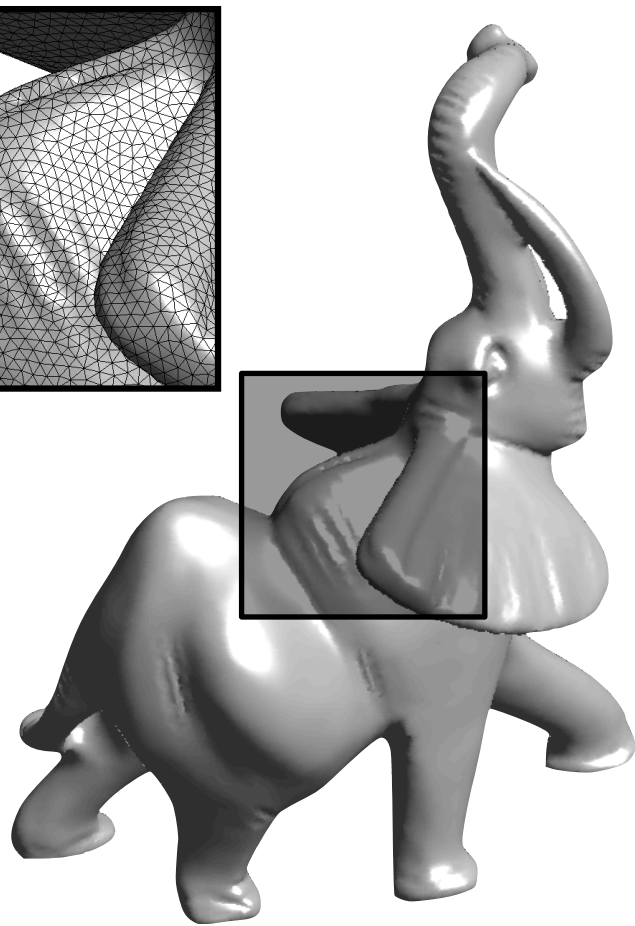
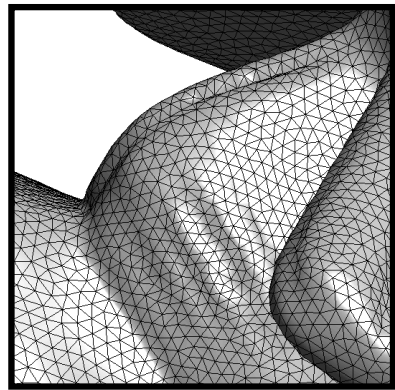
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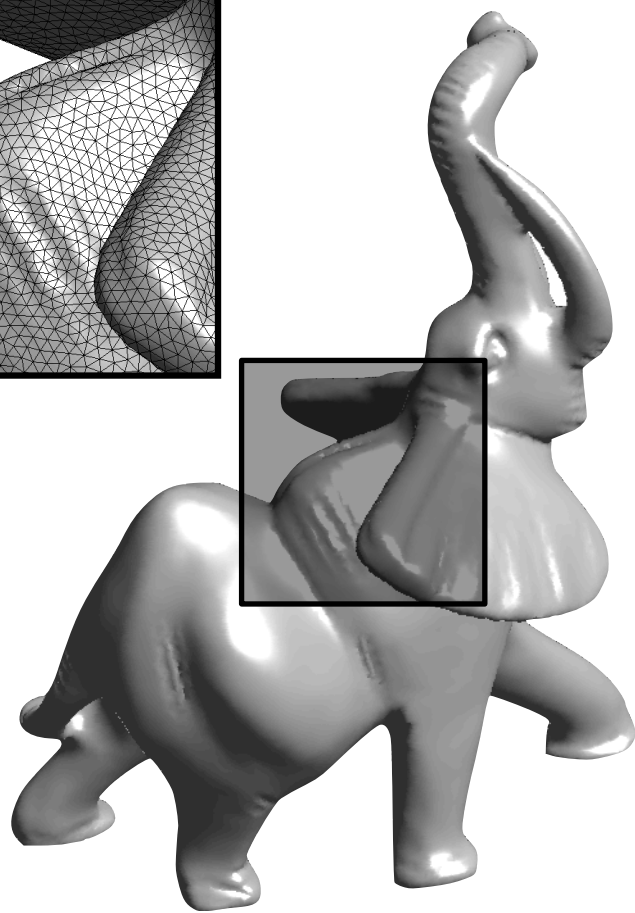
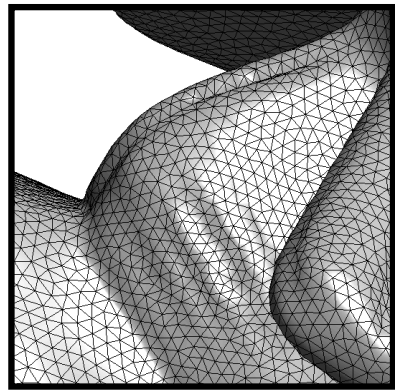
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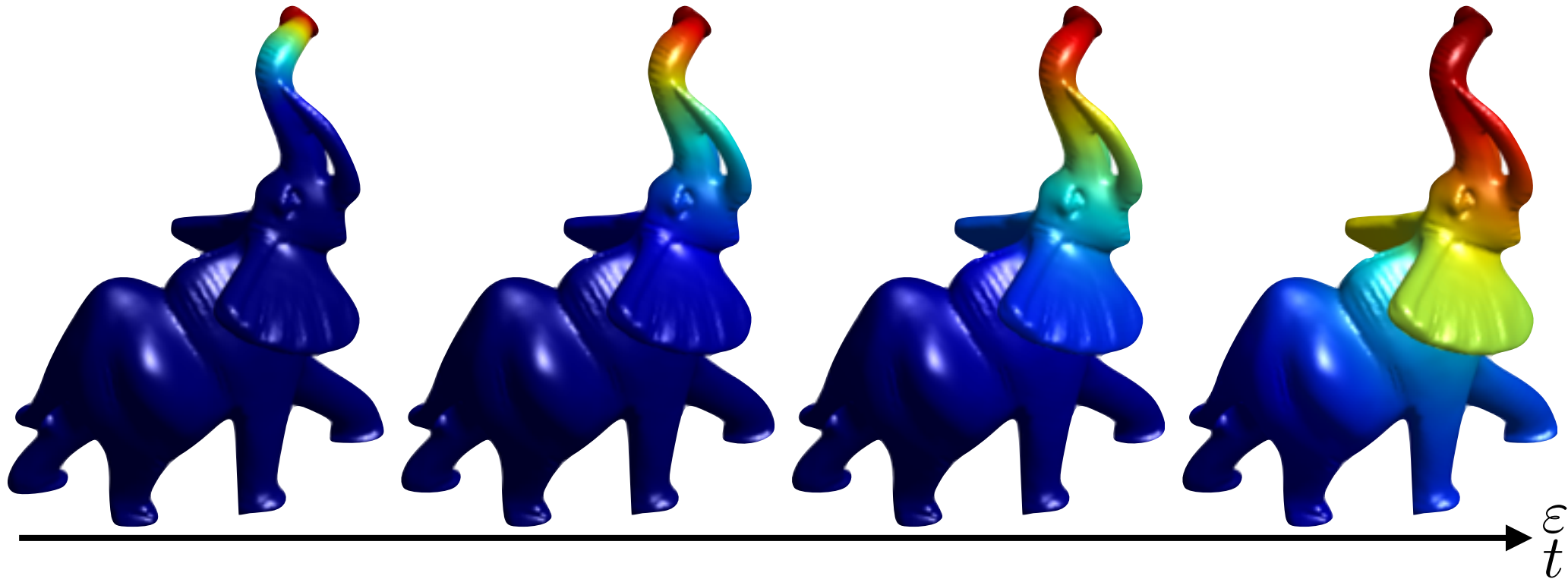
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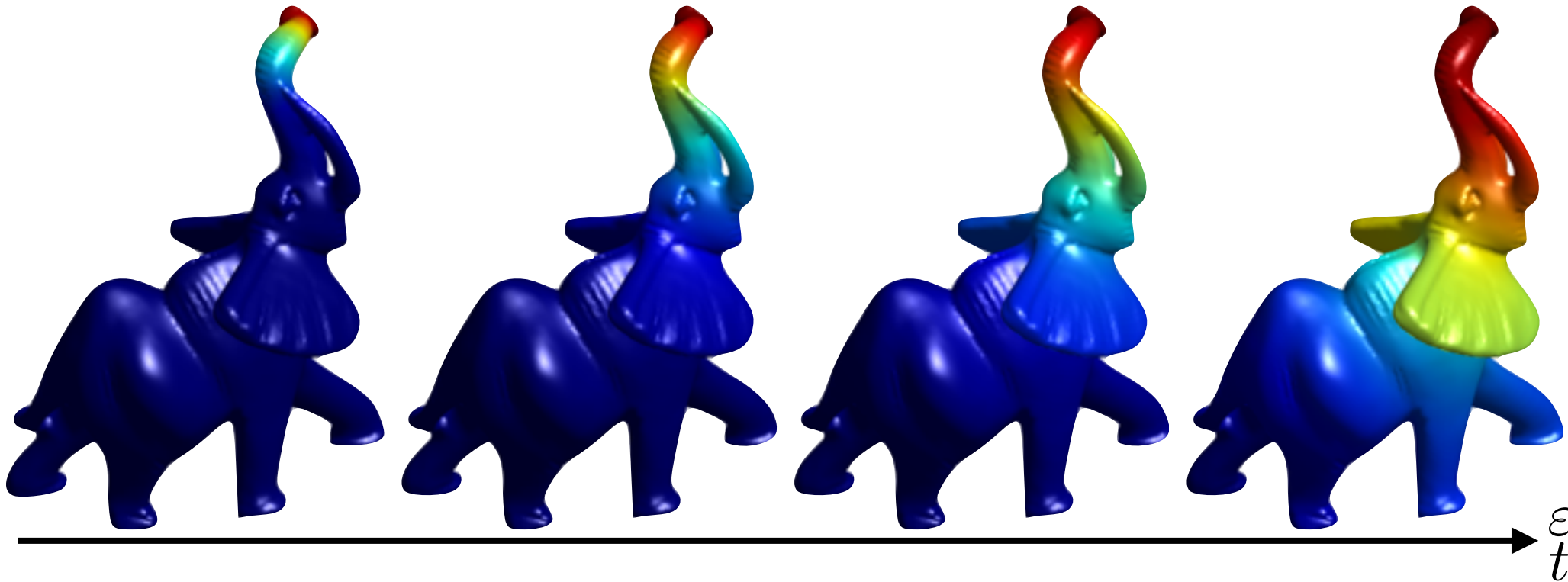




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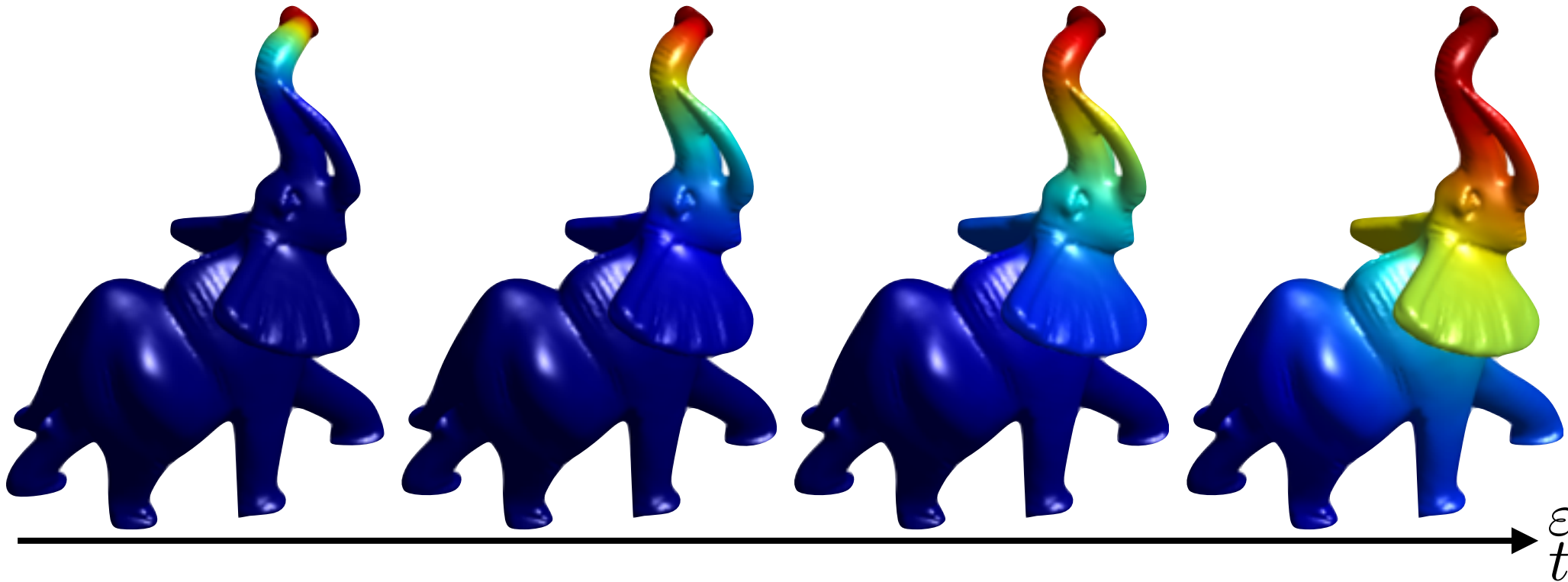


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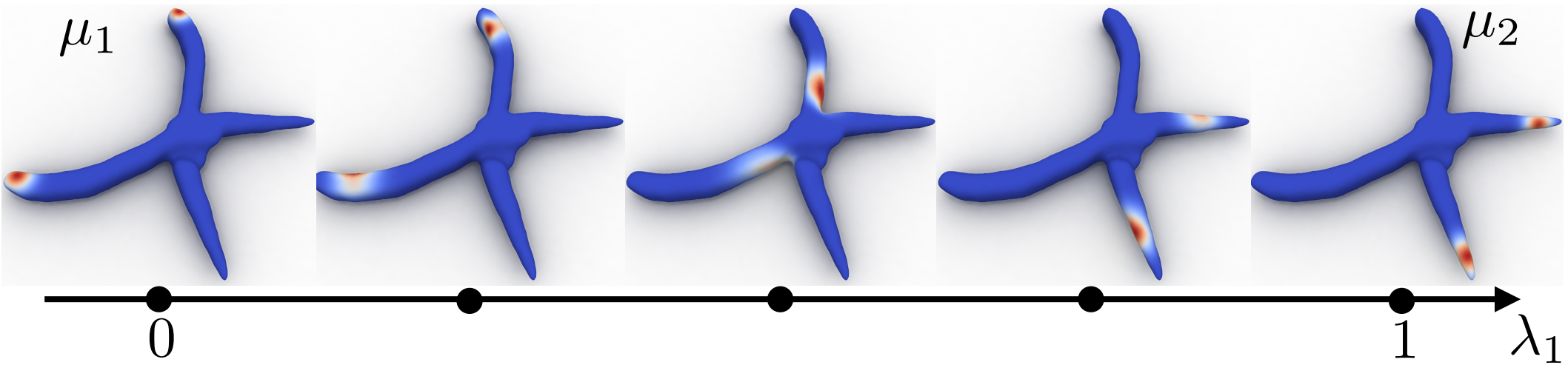
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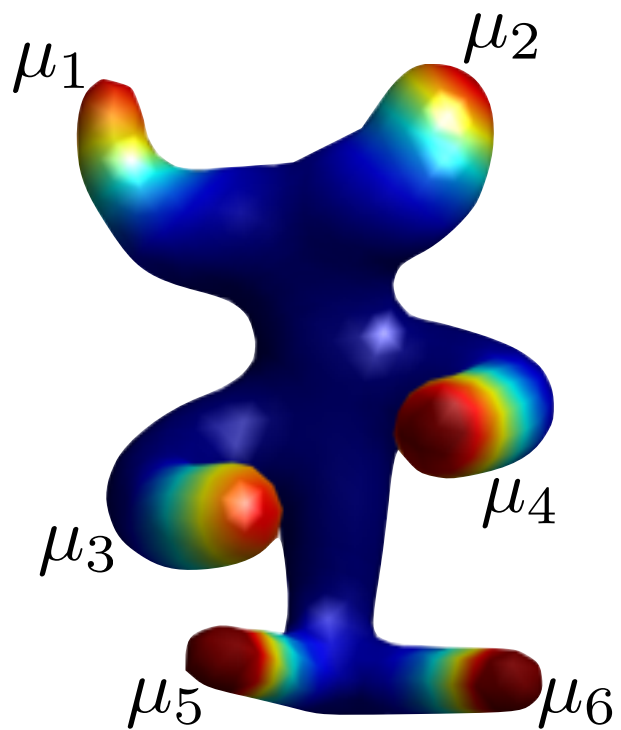
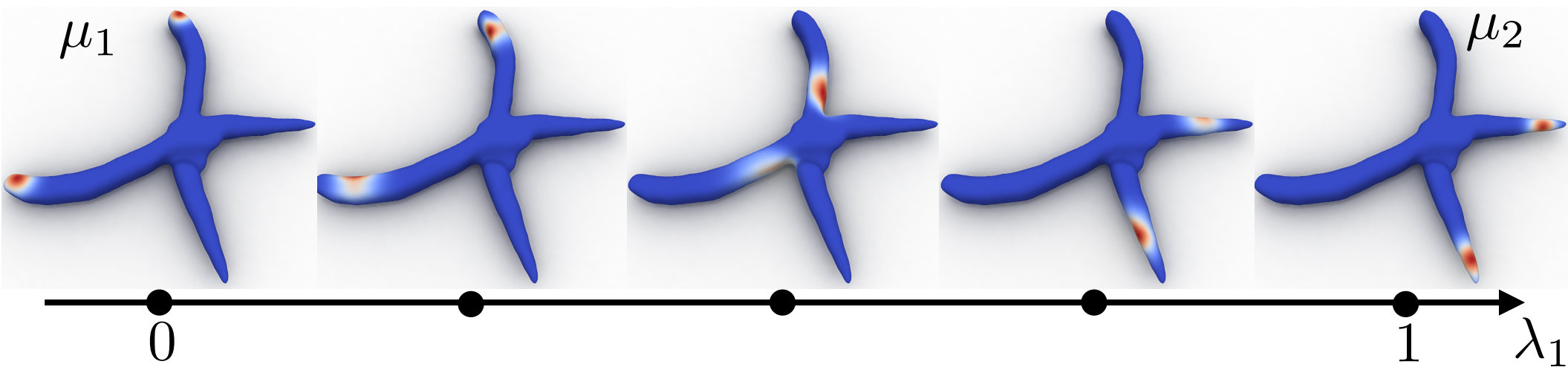
Sinkhorn kernel:  $K \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} e^{-\frac{d_M^2}{\varepsilon}} \approx u_\varepsilon \approx (\text{Id} - \frac{\varepsilon}{\ell} \Delta_M)^{-\ell}$



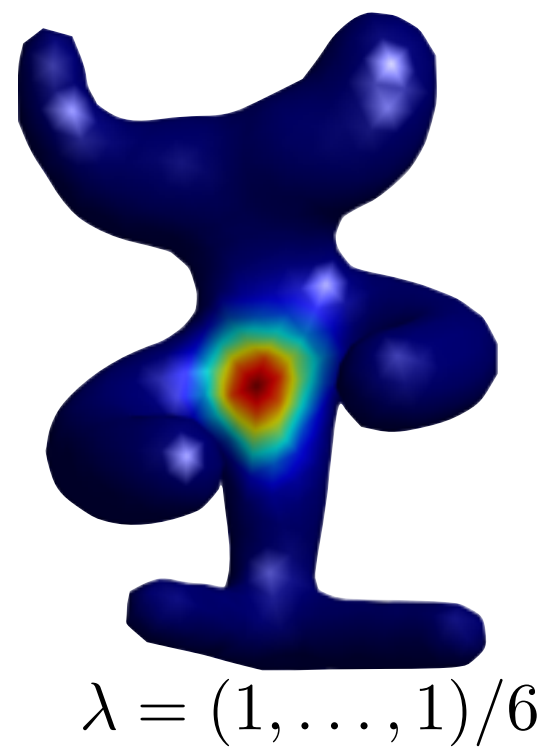
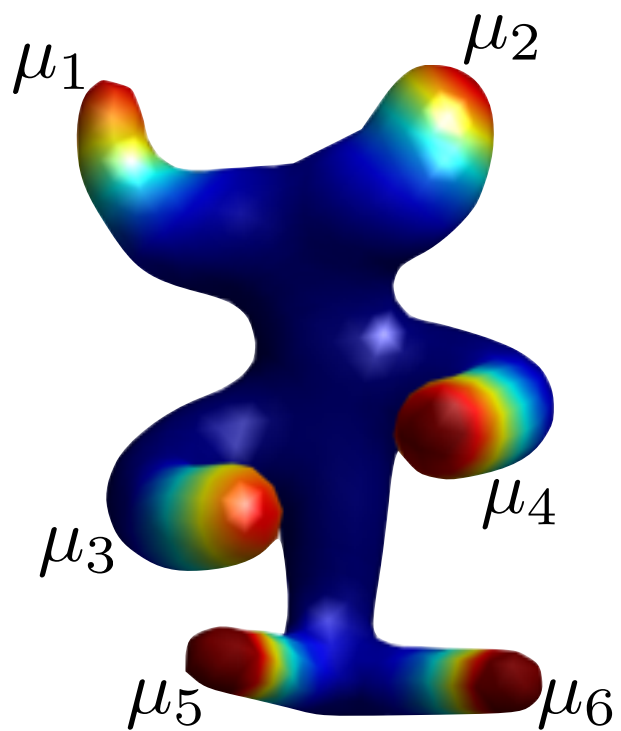
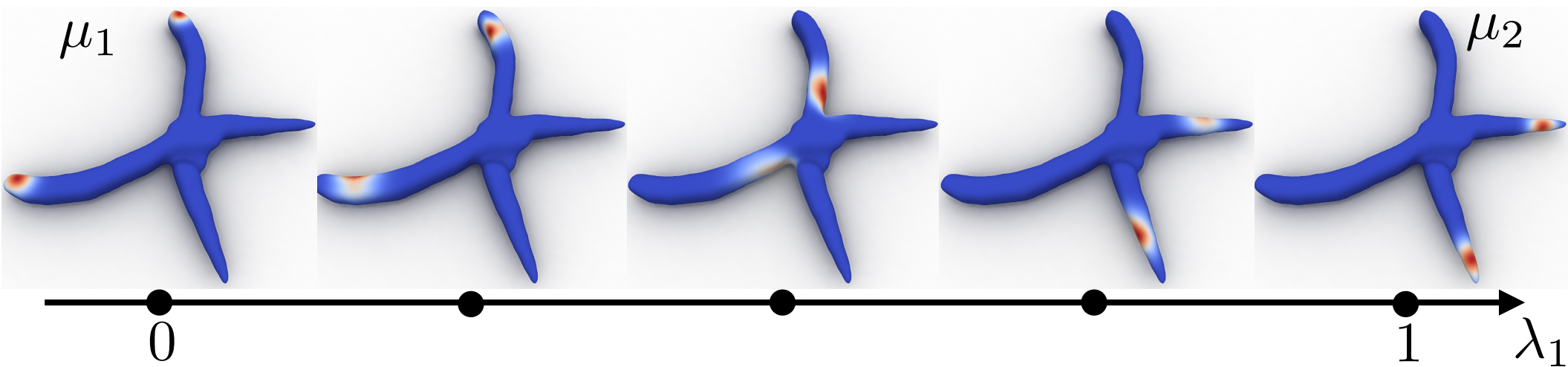
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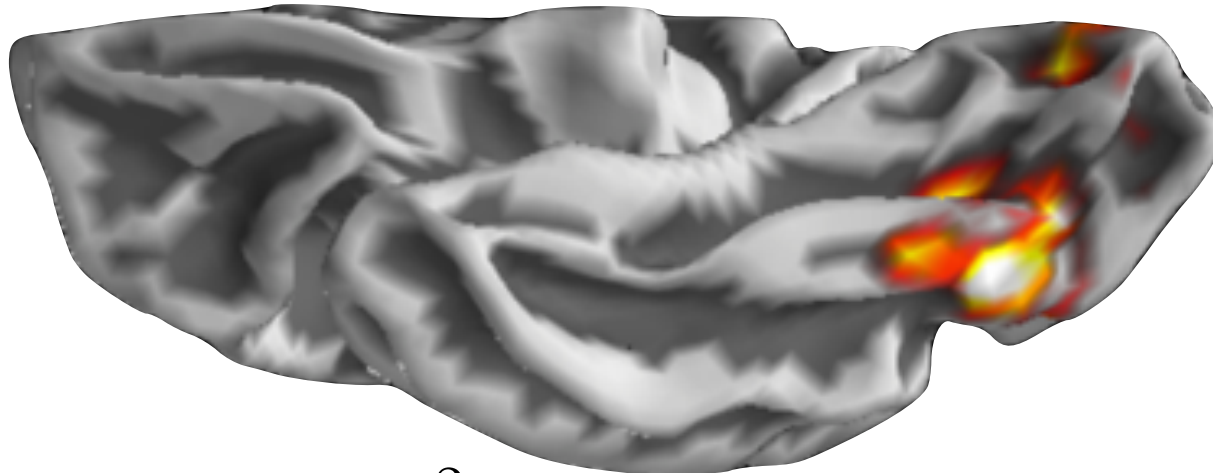
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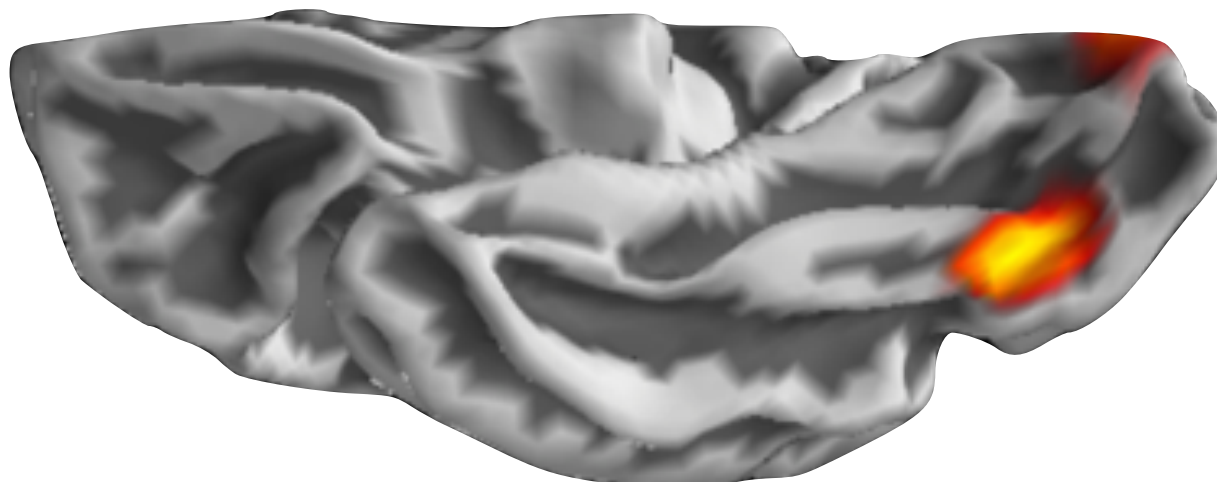


# MRI Data Processing [with A. Gramfort]

Ground cost  $c = d_M$ : geodesic on cortical surface  $M$ .



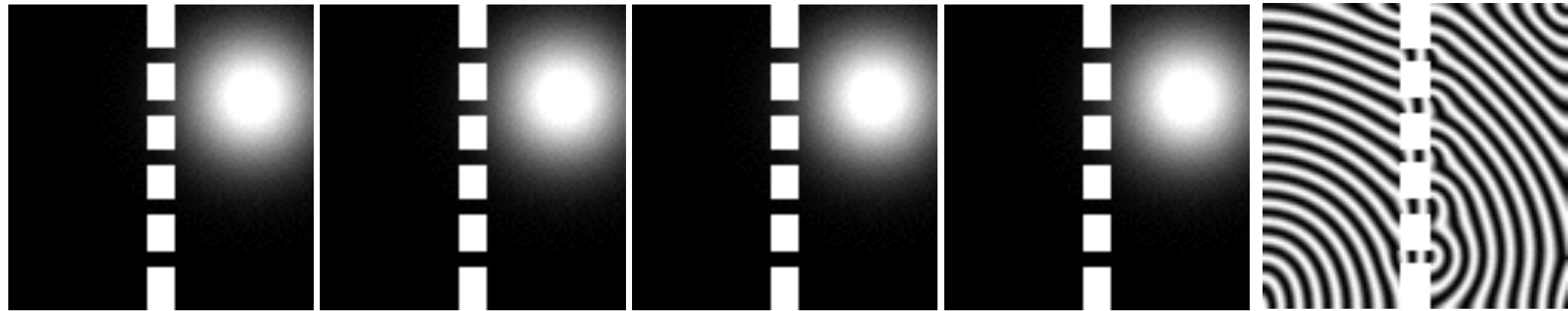
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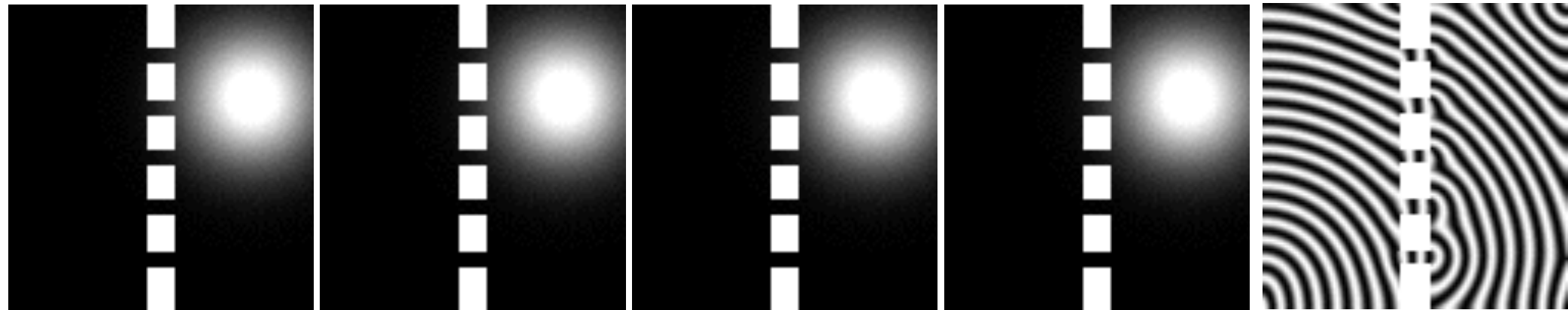
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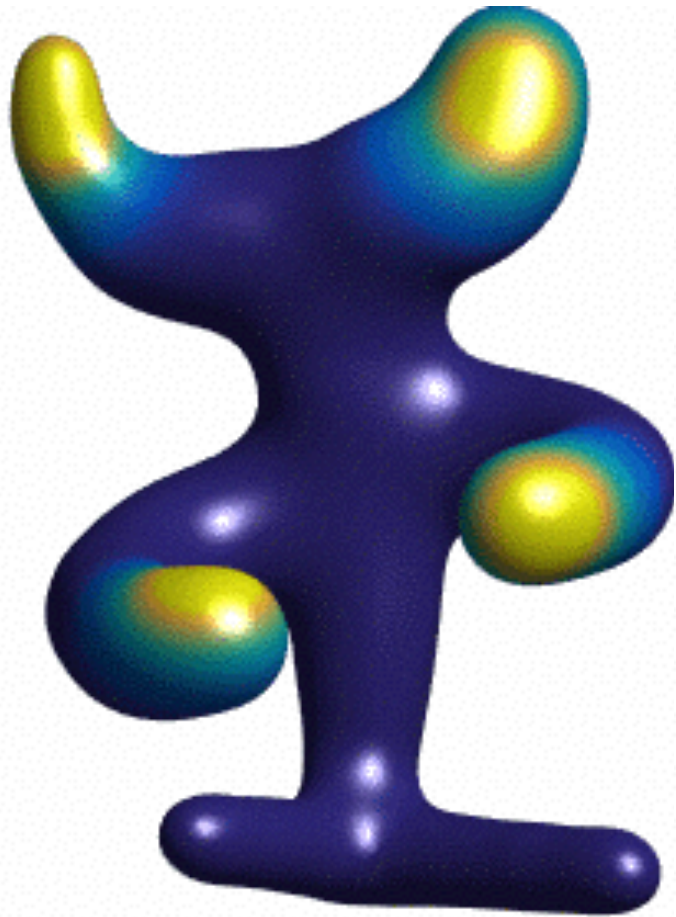
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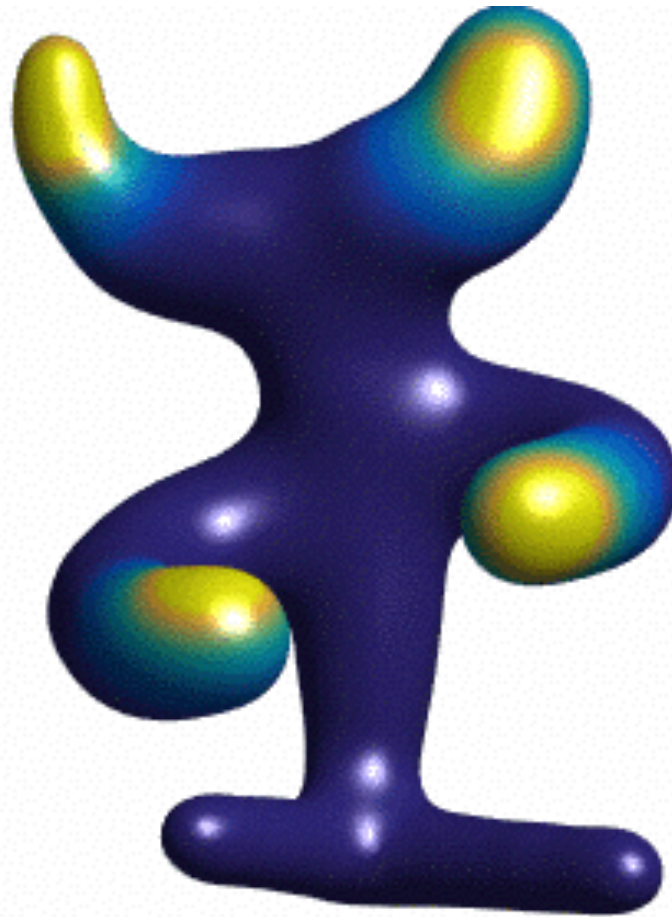


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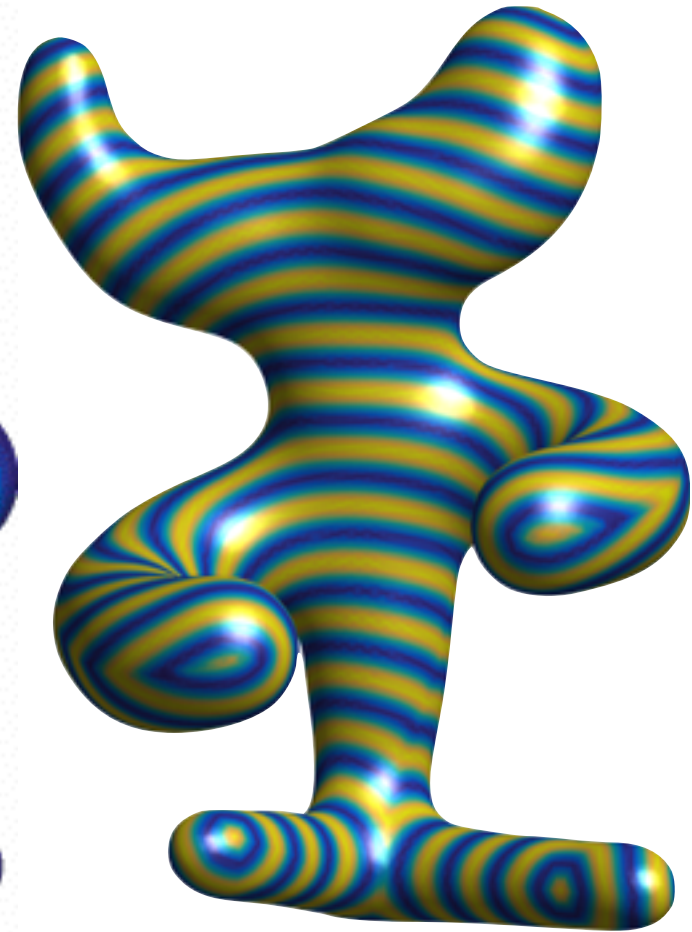
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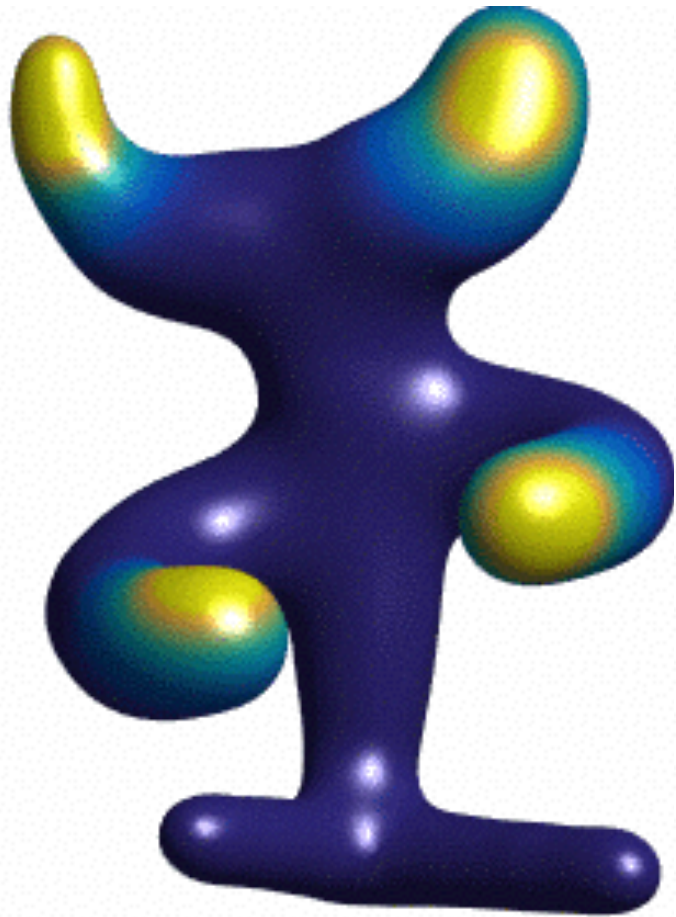
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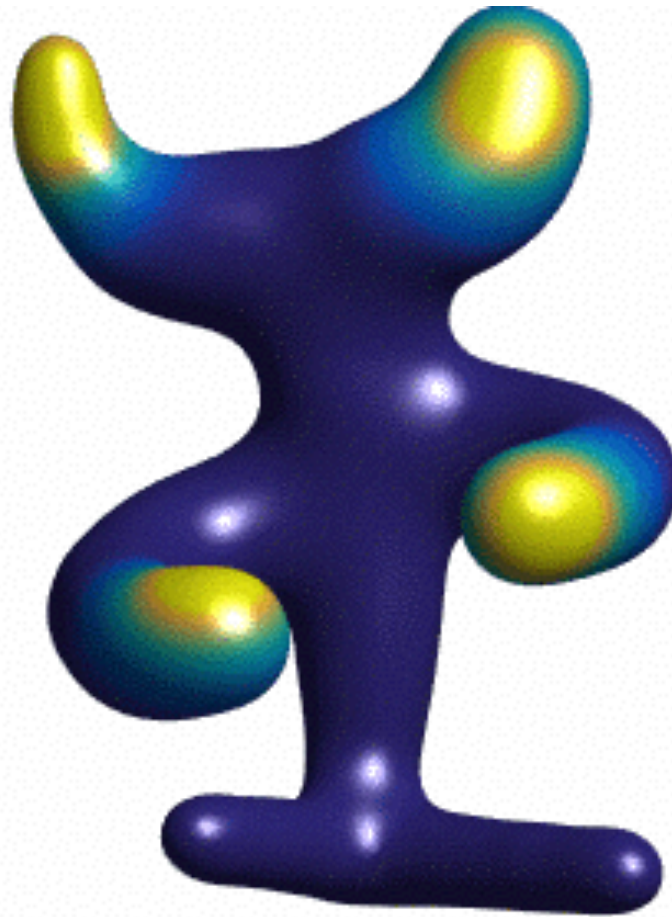
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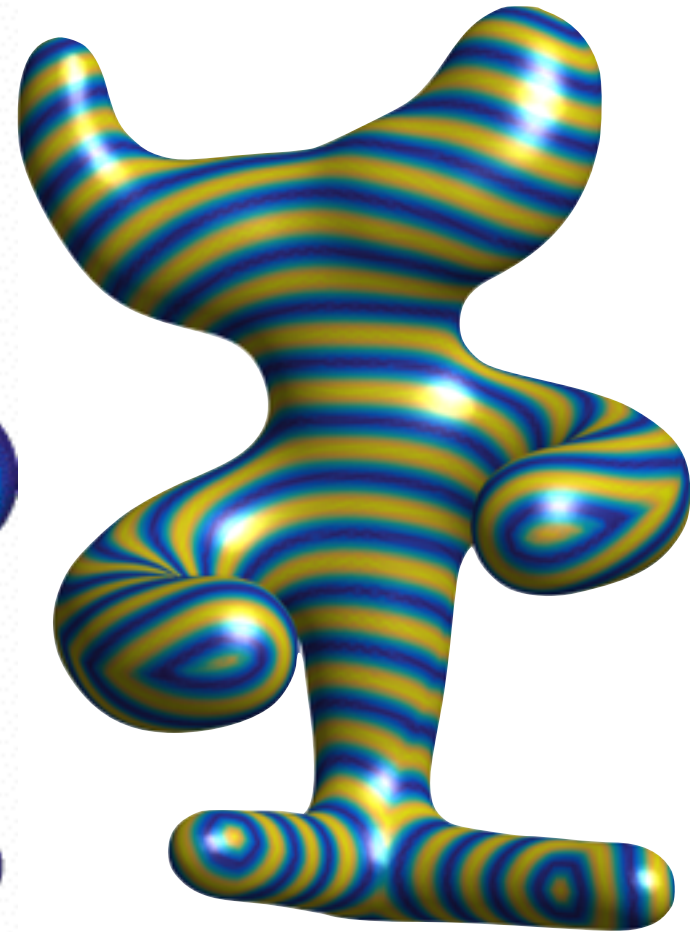
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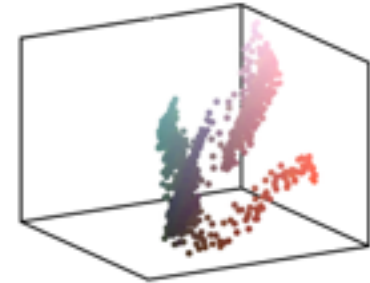




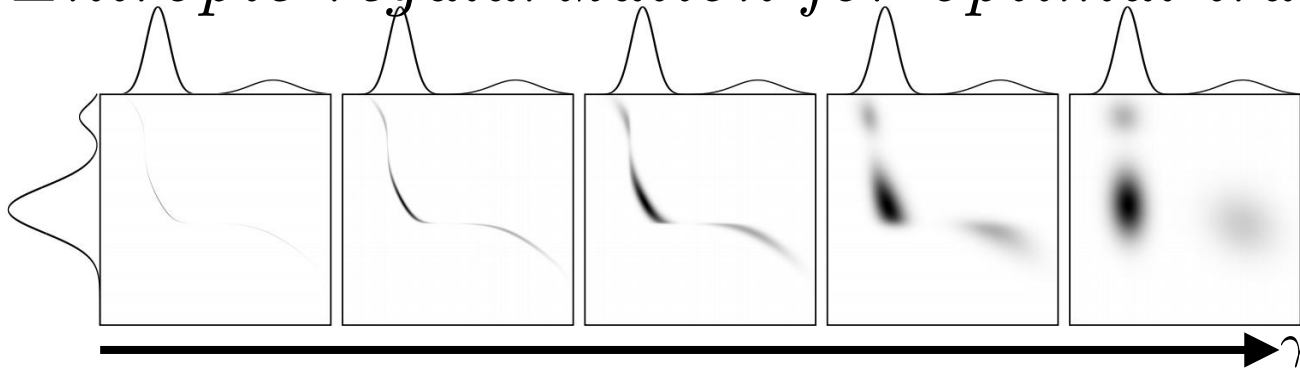


# Conclusion

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*Entropic regularization for optimal transport.*



*Barycenters, unbalanced OT, gradient flows, ...*

