Recognizing Deformable Shapes

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Goal

- We are interested in developing algorithms for recognizing and classifying deformable object shapes from range data.

3-D Laser Scanner

Input 3-D Object

Range data

(Cloud of 3-D points)

Post-processing

3-D Output Surface Mesh

- This is a difficult problem that is relevant in several application fields.

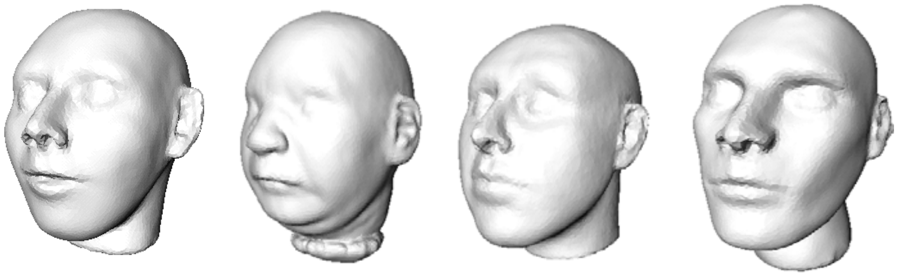
Basic Idea

- Generalize existing numeric surface representations for matching 3-D objects to the problem of identifying shape classes.

Main Contribution

- An algorithmic framework based on symbolic shape descriptors that are robust to deformations as opposed to numeric descriptors that are often tied to specific shapes.

What Kind Of Deformations?



Mandibles

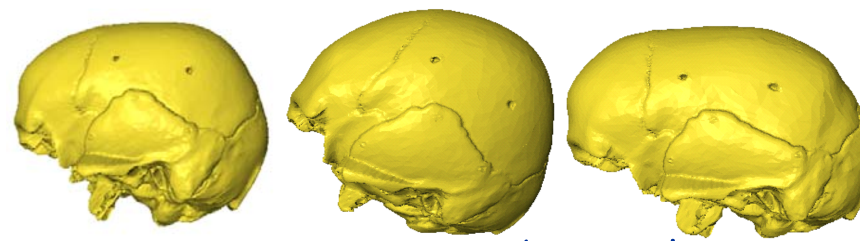
Normal

Abnormal

3-D Faces

Neurocranium

Normal



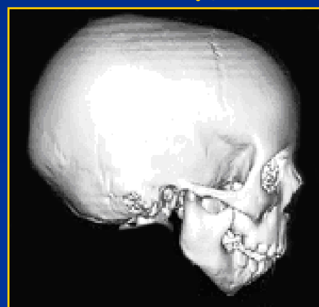
Abnormal

Toy animals

Shape classes: significant amount of intra-class variability

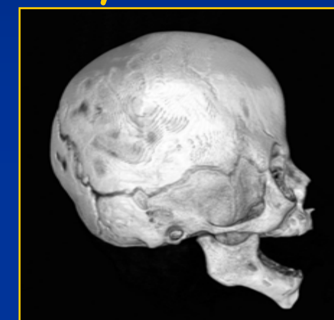
Deformed Infants' Skulls

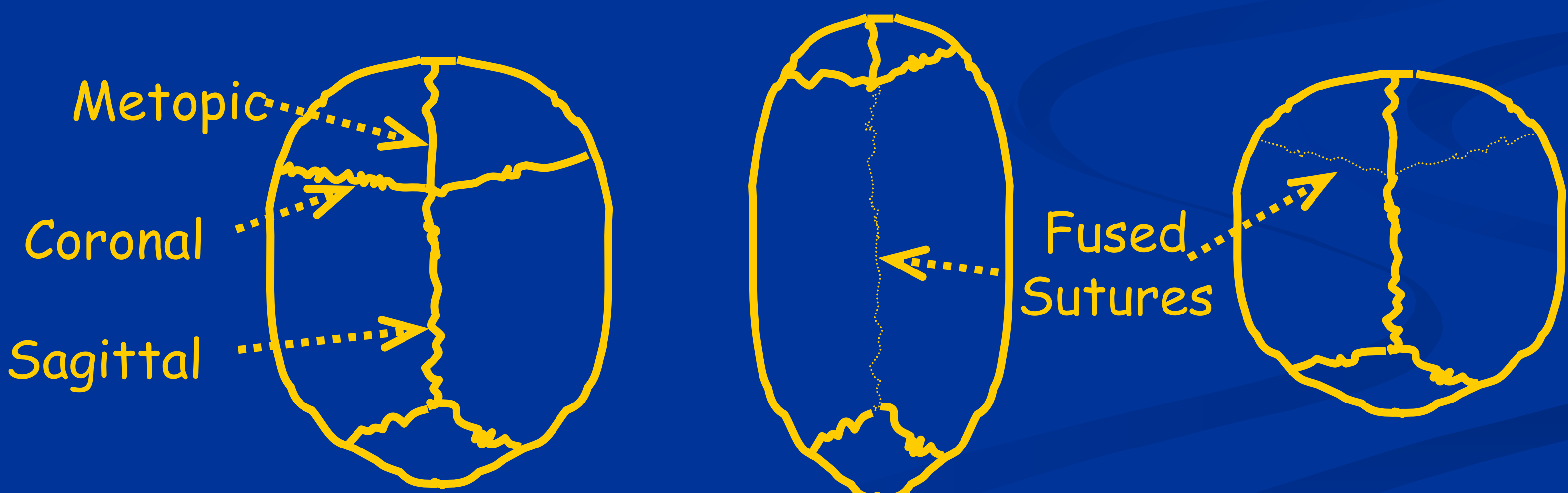
Normal



Sagittal Synostosis

Bicoronal Synostosis

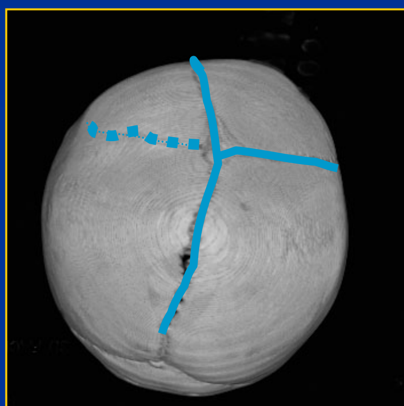




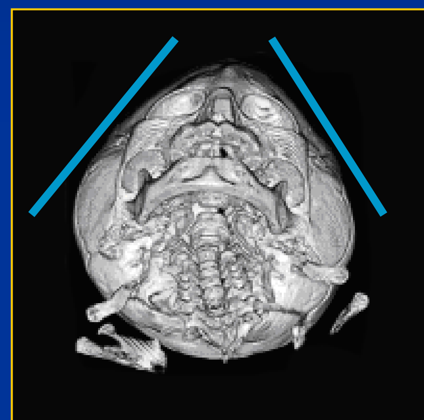
Occurs when sutures of the cranium fuse prematurely (synostosis).

More Craniofacial Deformations

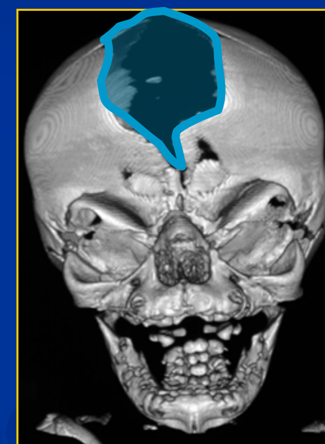
Unicoronal Synostosis

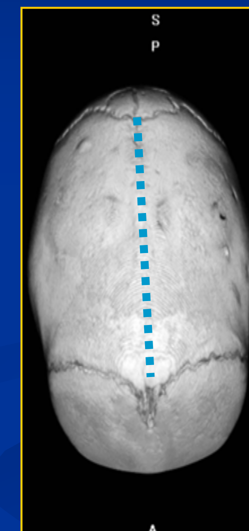


Metopic Synostosis



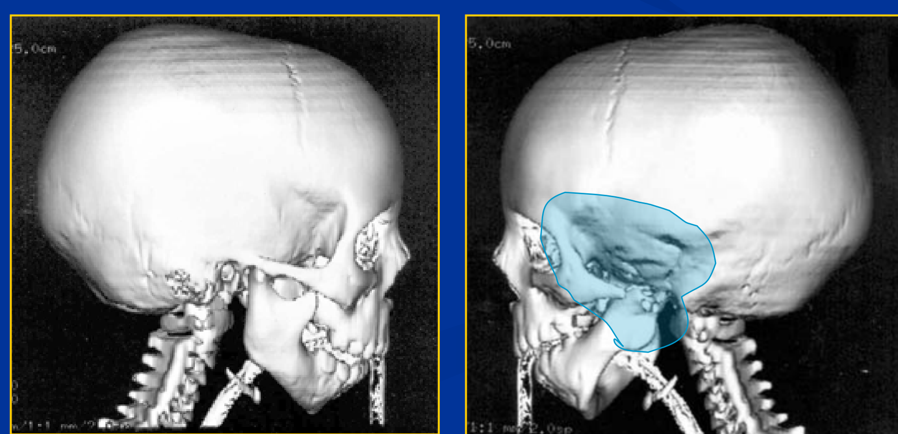
Bicoronal Synostosis





Sagittal Synostosis

Facial Asymmetry



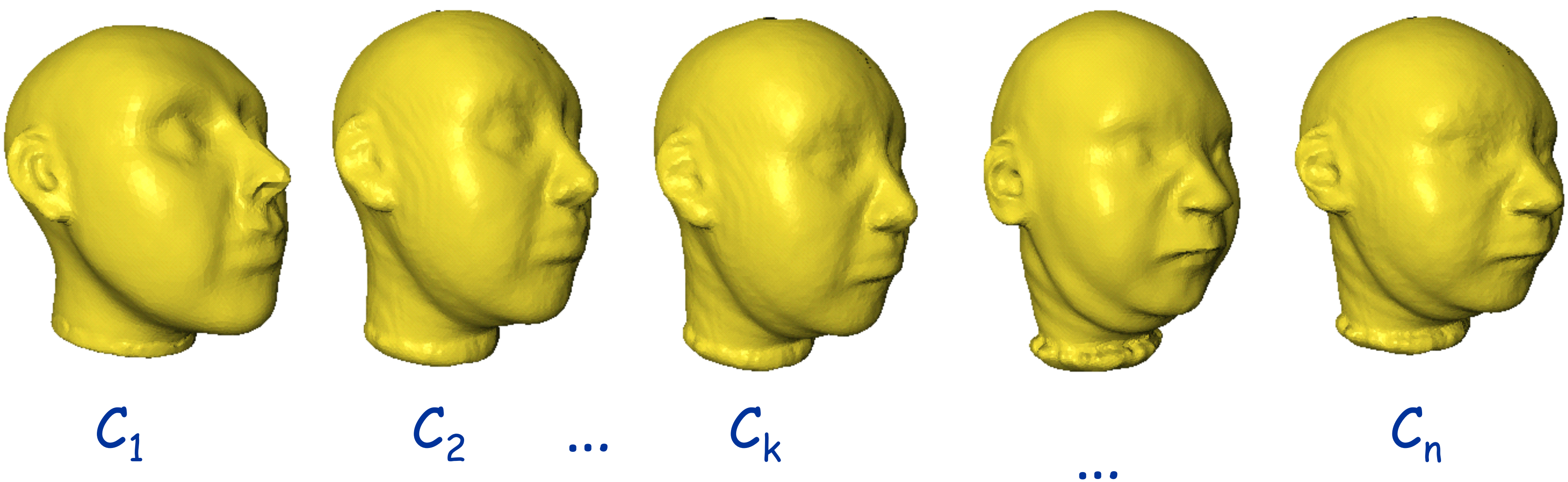
Alignment-Verification Limitations

The approach does not extend well to the problem of identifying classes of similar shapes. In general:

- Numeric shape representations are not robust to deformations.
- There are not exact correspondences between model and scene.
- Objects in a shape class do not align.

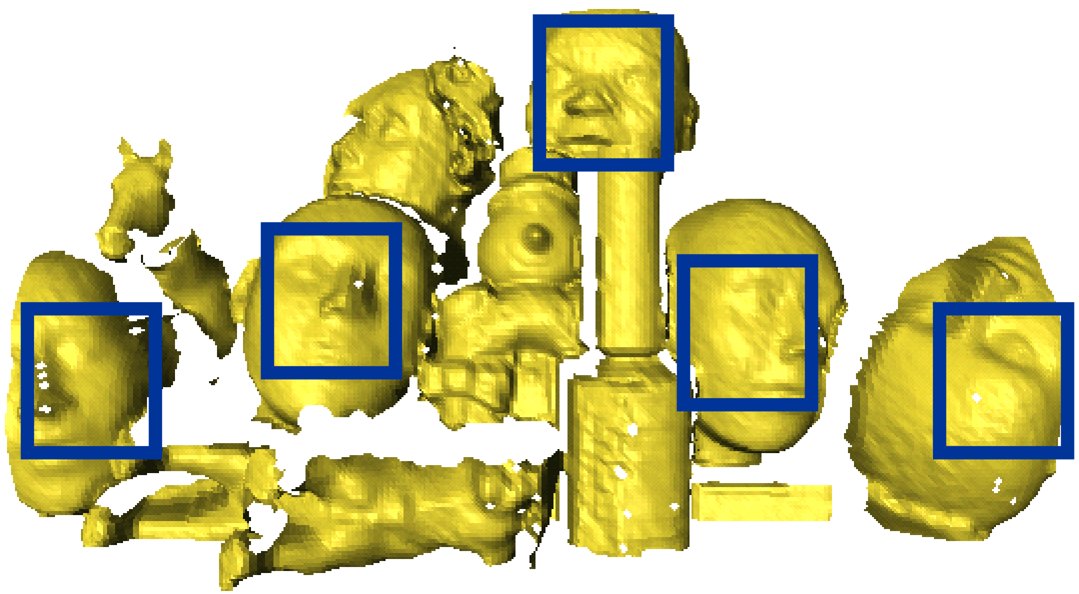
Recognition Problem (1)

- We are given a set of surface meshes $\{C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_n\}$ which are random samples of two *shape classes* **C**



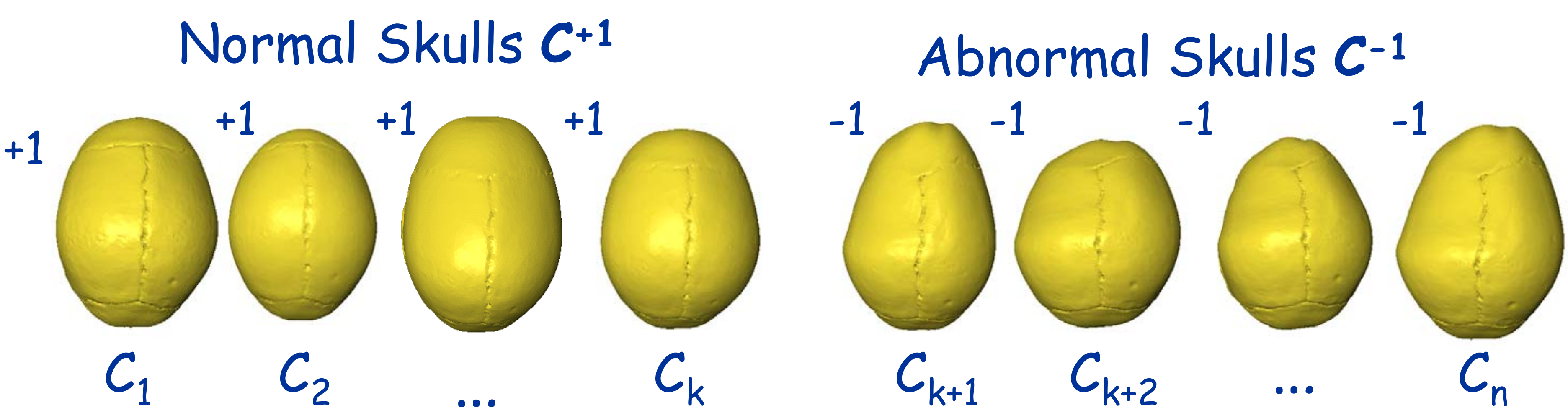
Recognition Problem (2)

- The problem is to use the given meshes and labels to construct an algorithm that determines whether shape class members are present in a single view range scene.



Classification Problem (1)

- We are given a set of surface meshes $\{C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_n\}$ which are random samples of two *shape classes* $\mathbf{C}^{+1}$ *and* $\mathbf{C}^{-1}$,
- where each surface mesh is labeled either by +1 or -1.



Classification Problem (2)

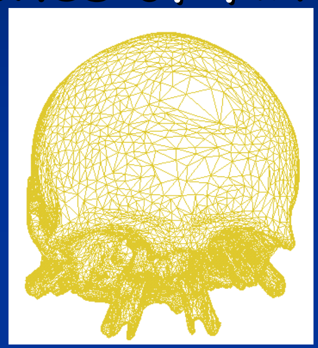
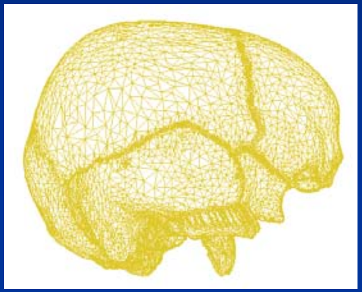
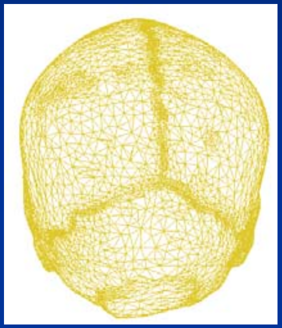
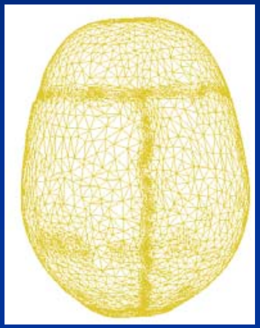
- The problem is to use the given meshes and labels to construct an algorithm that predicts the label of a new surface mesh C_{new}.

C_{new}

Is this skull normal (+1) or abnormal (-1)?

Assumptions

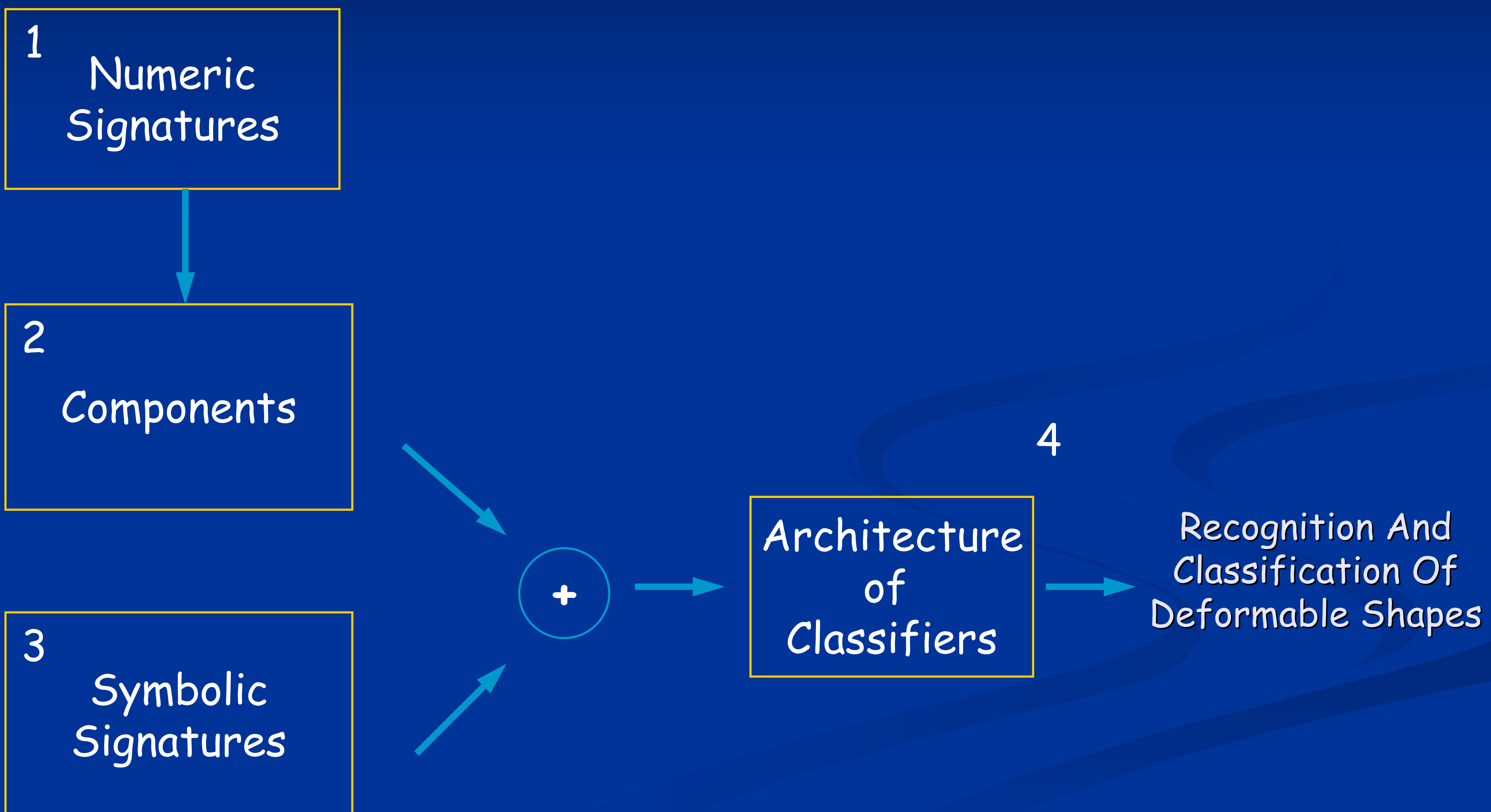
- All shapes are represented as oriented surface meshes of fixed resolution.

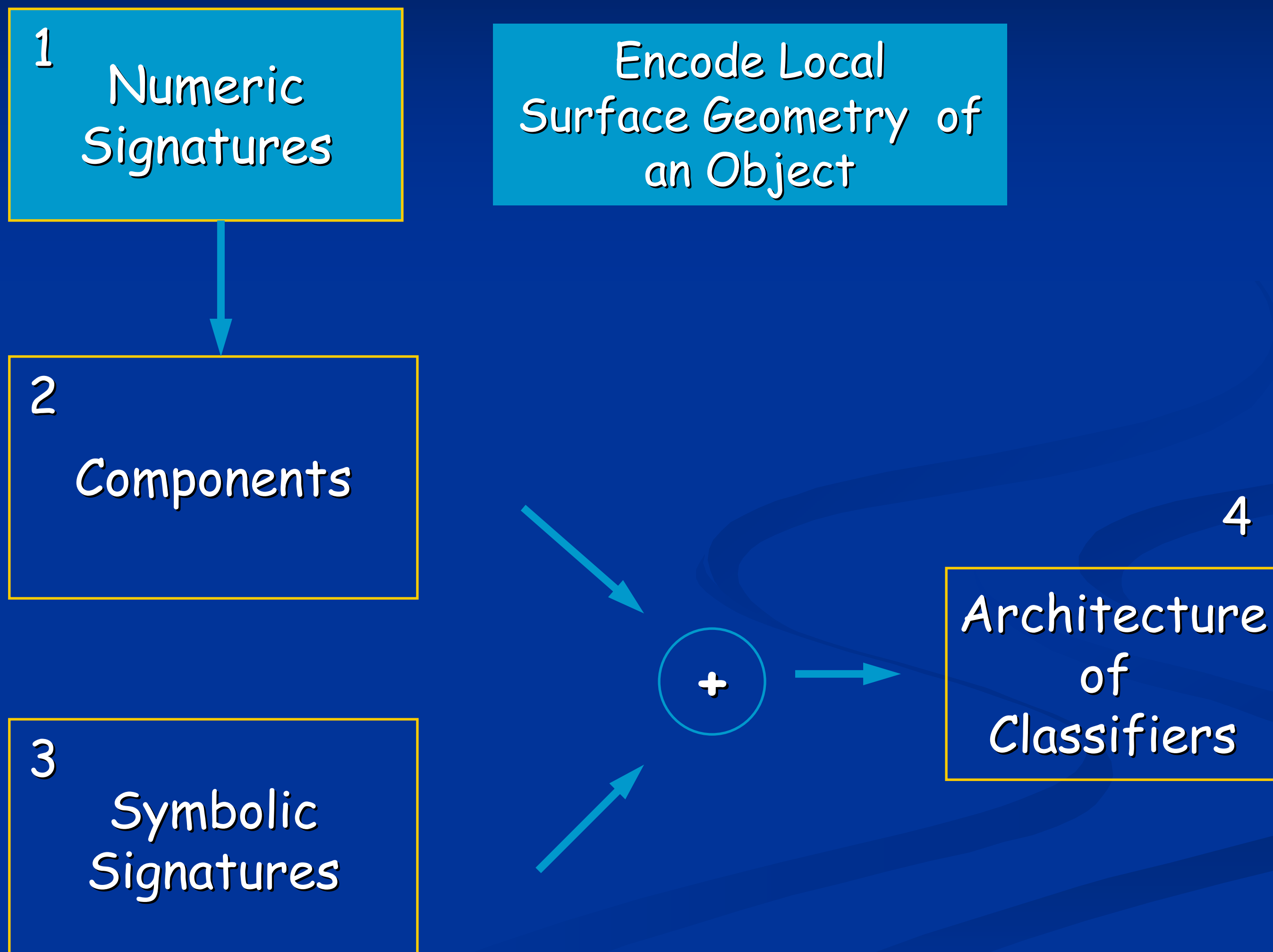
- The vertices of the meshes in the training set are in full correspondence.

- Finding full correspondences : hard problem yes … but it is approachable (use morphable models technique: Blantz and Vetter, SIGGRAPH 99; C. R. Shelton, IJCV, 2000; Allen et al., SIGGRAPH 2003).

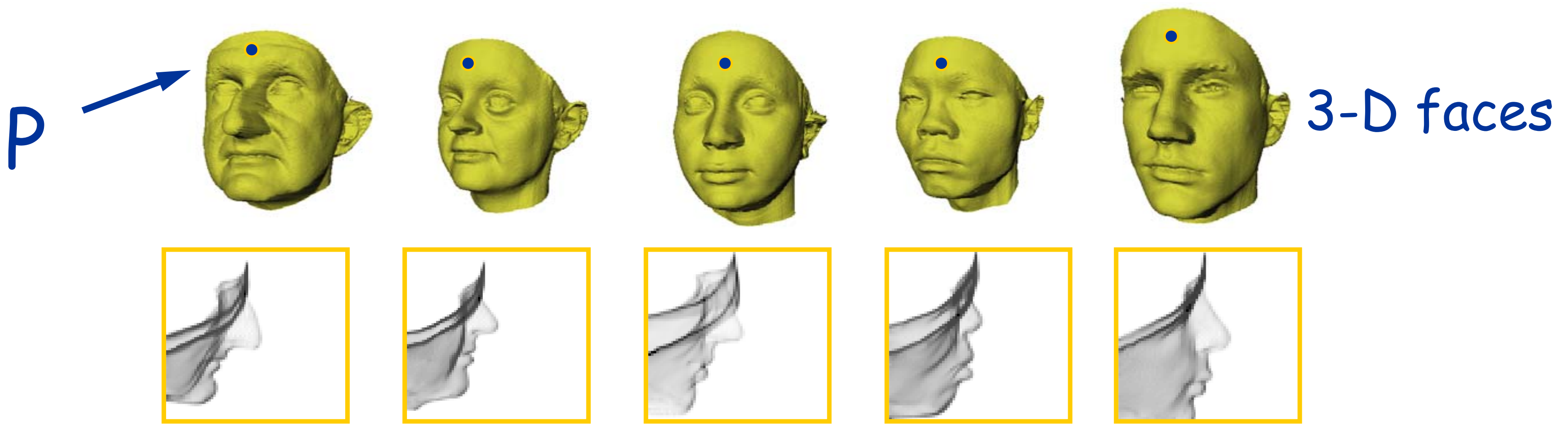
Four Key Elements To Our Approach



Numeric Signatures



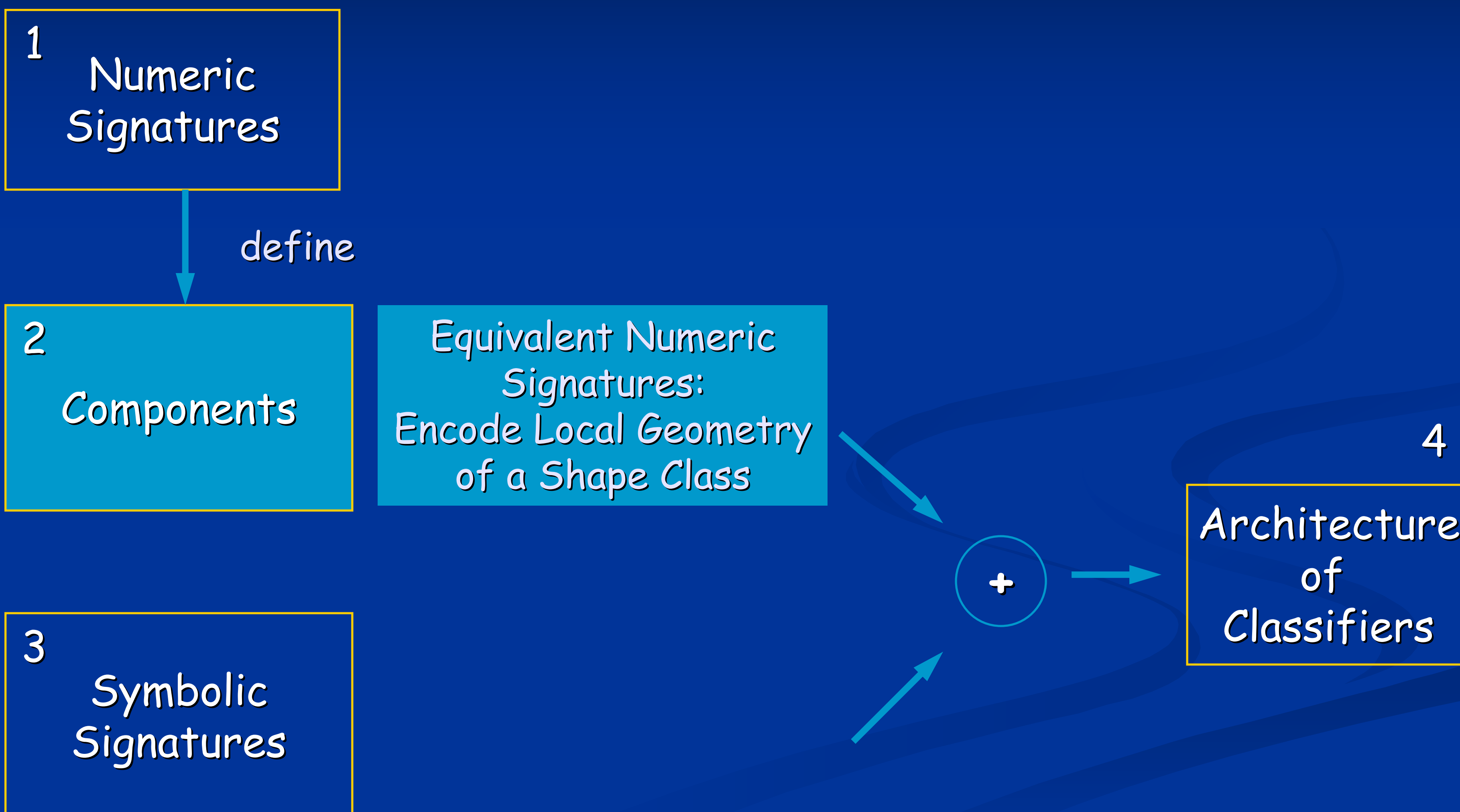
Numeric Signatures: Spin Images



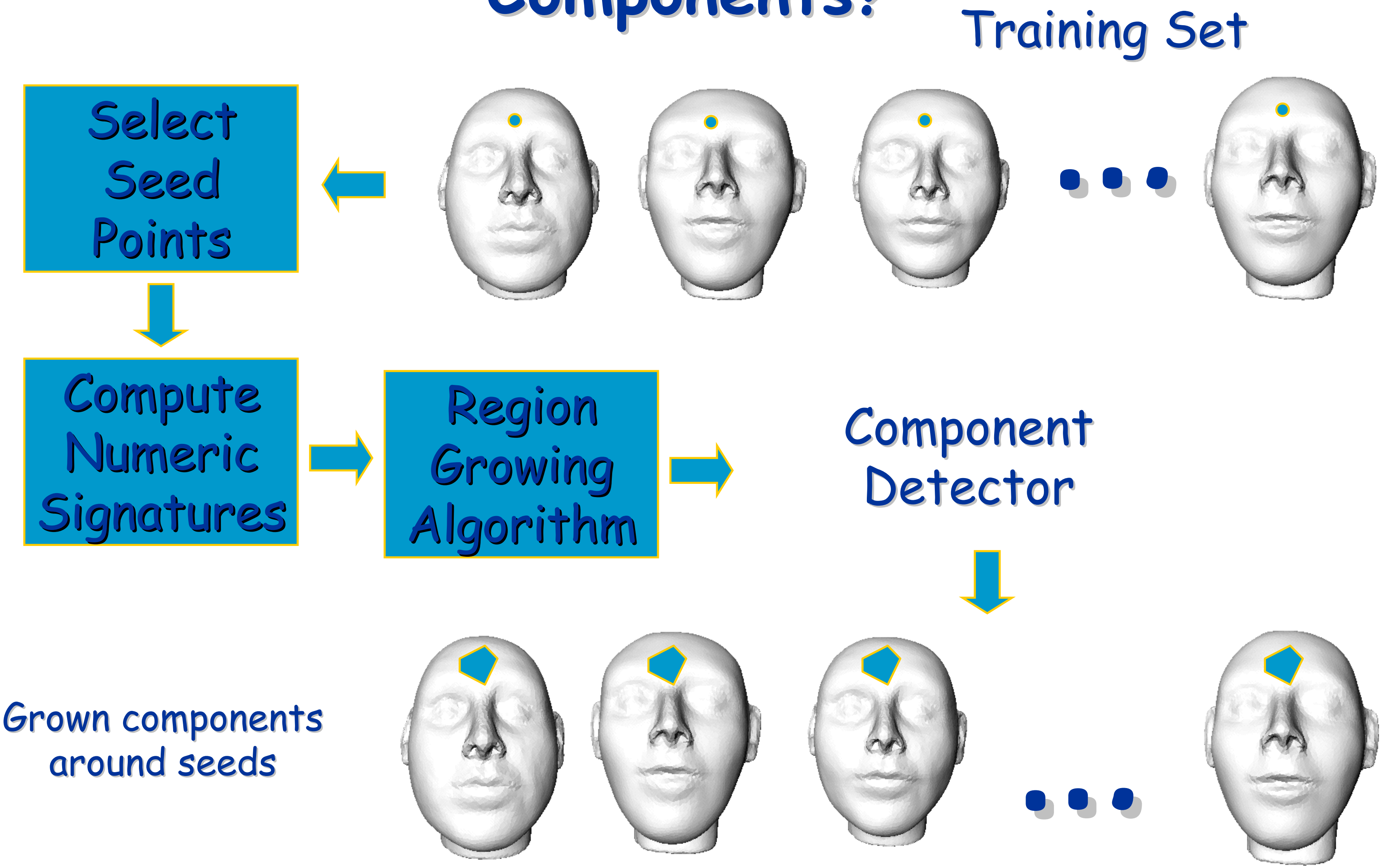
Spin images for point *P*

- Rich set of surface shape descriptors.
- Their spatial scale can be modified to include local and non-local surface features.
- Representation is robust to scene clutter and occlusions.

Components

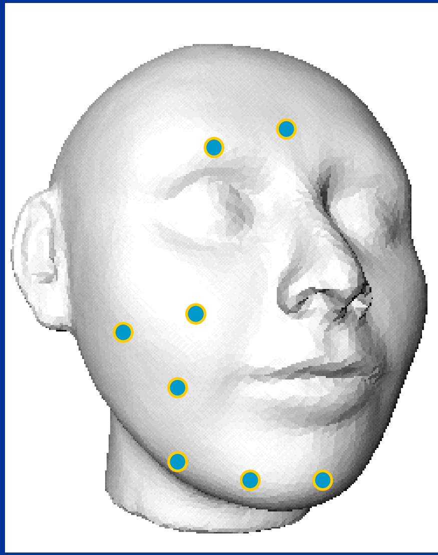

1
Numeric Signatures
define
2
Components
Equivalent Numeric Signatures:
Encode Local Geometry of a Shape Class
3
Symbolic Signatures
+
4
Architecture of Classifiers

How To Extract Shape Class Components?



Component Extraction Example

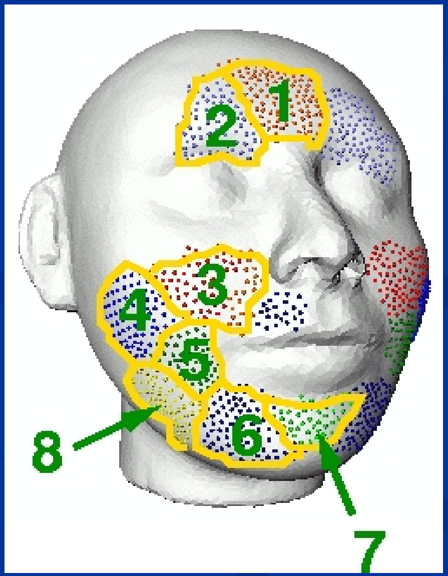
Selected 8 seed points by hand



Grow one region at the time (get one detector per component)

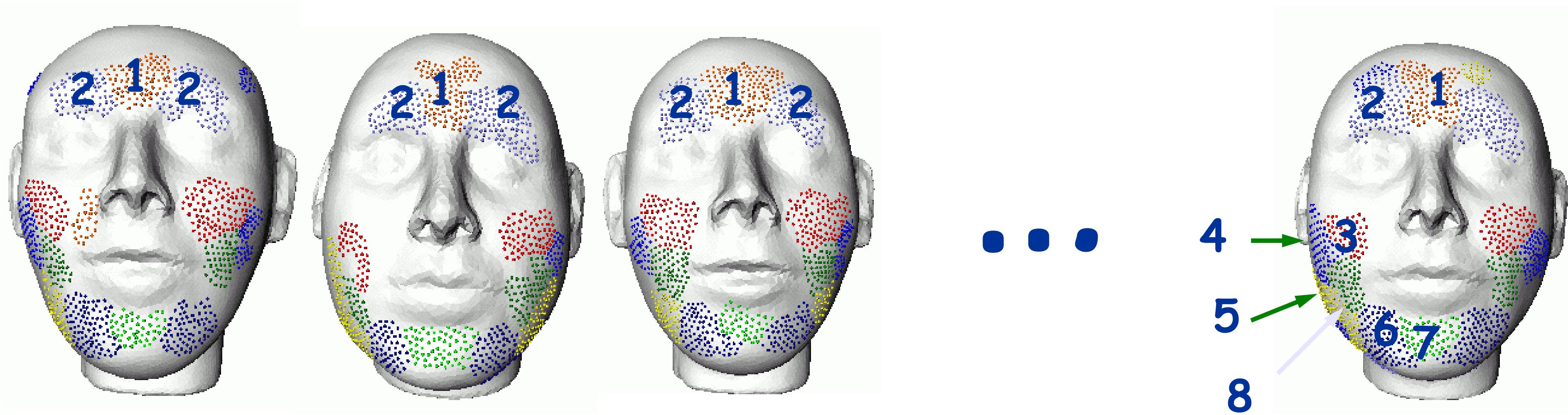
Region Growing

Labeled Surface Mesh



Detected components on a training sample

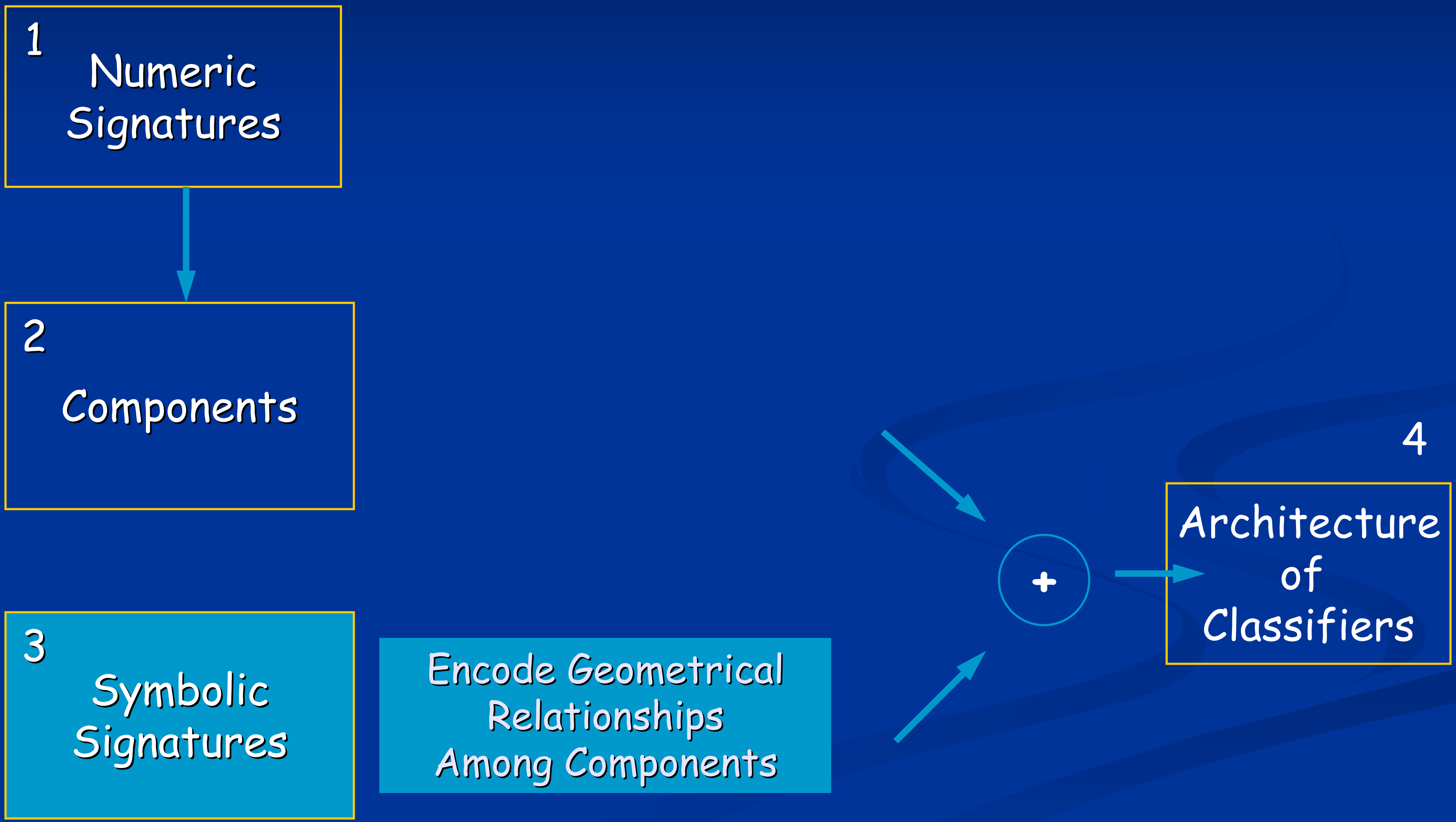
How To Combine Component Information?



Extracted components on test samples

Note: Numeric signatures are invariant to mirror symmetry; our approach preserves such an invariance.

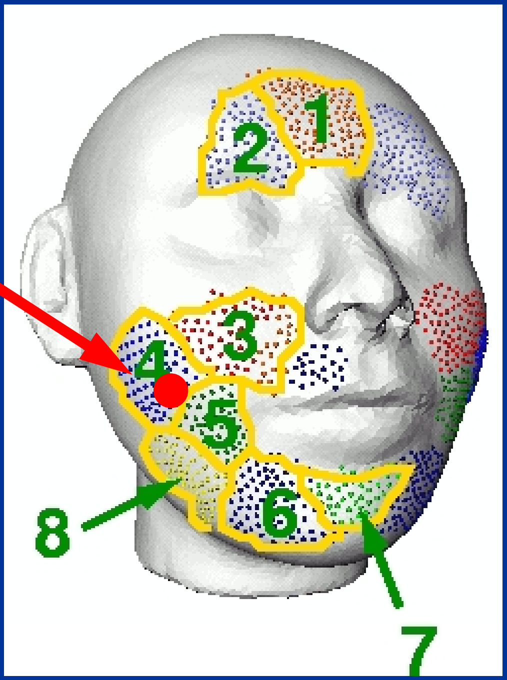
Symbolic Signatures



Symbolic Signature

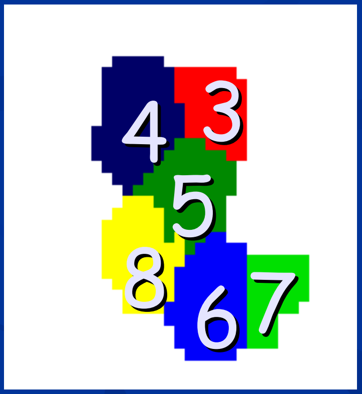
Labeled
Surface Mesh

Critical
Point P



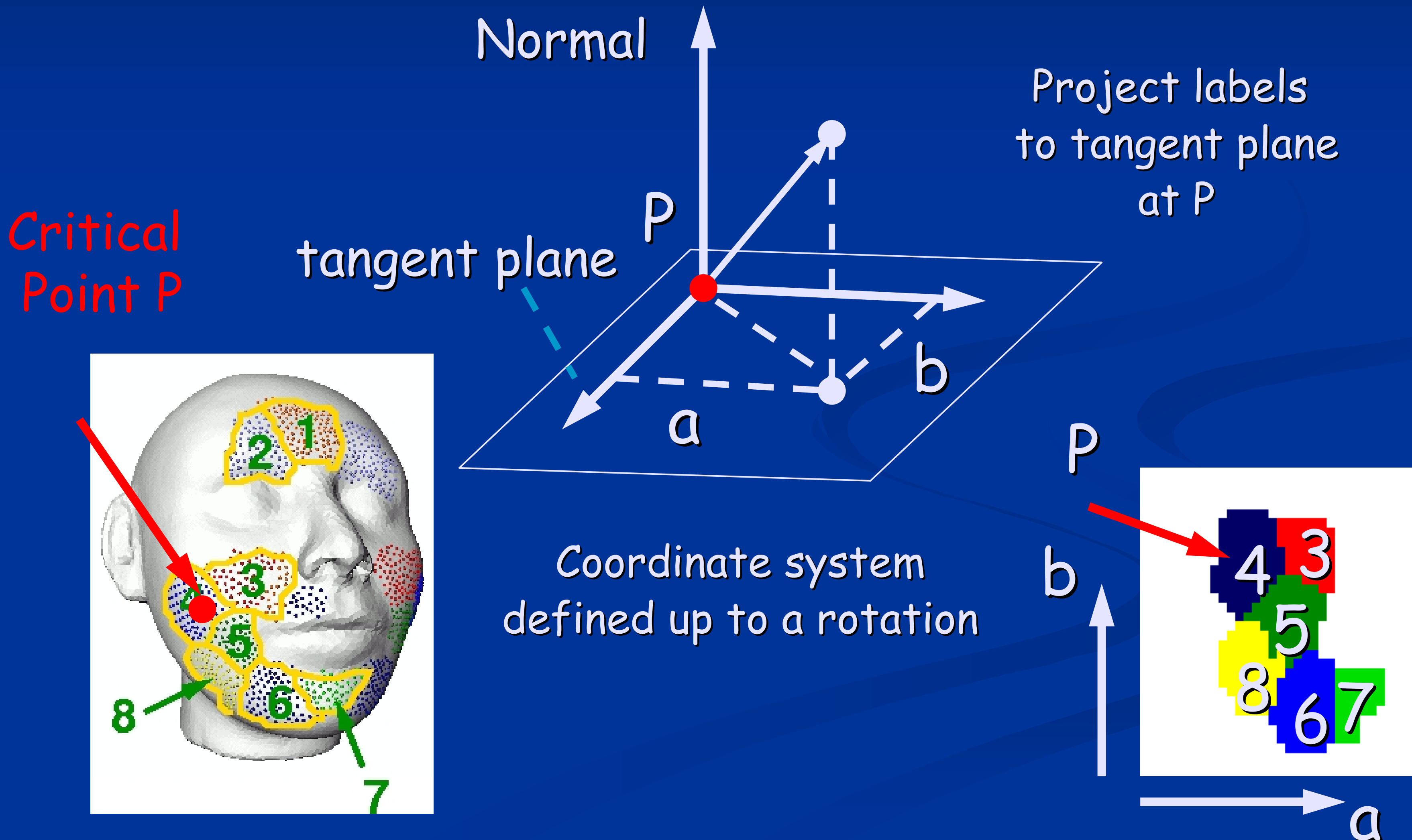
Encode
Geometric
Configuration

Symbolic
Signature at P

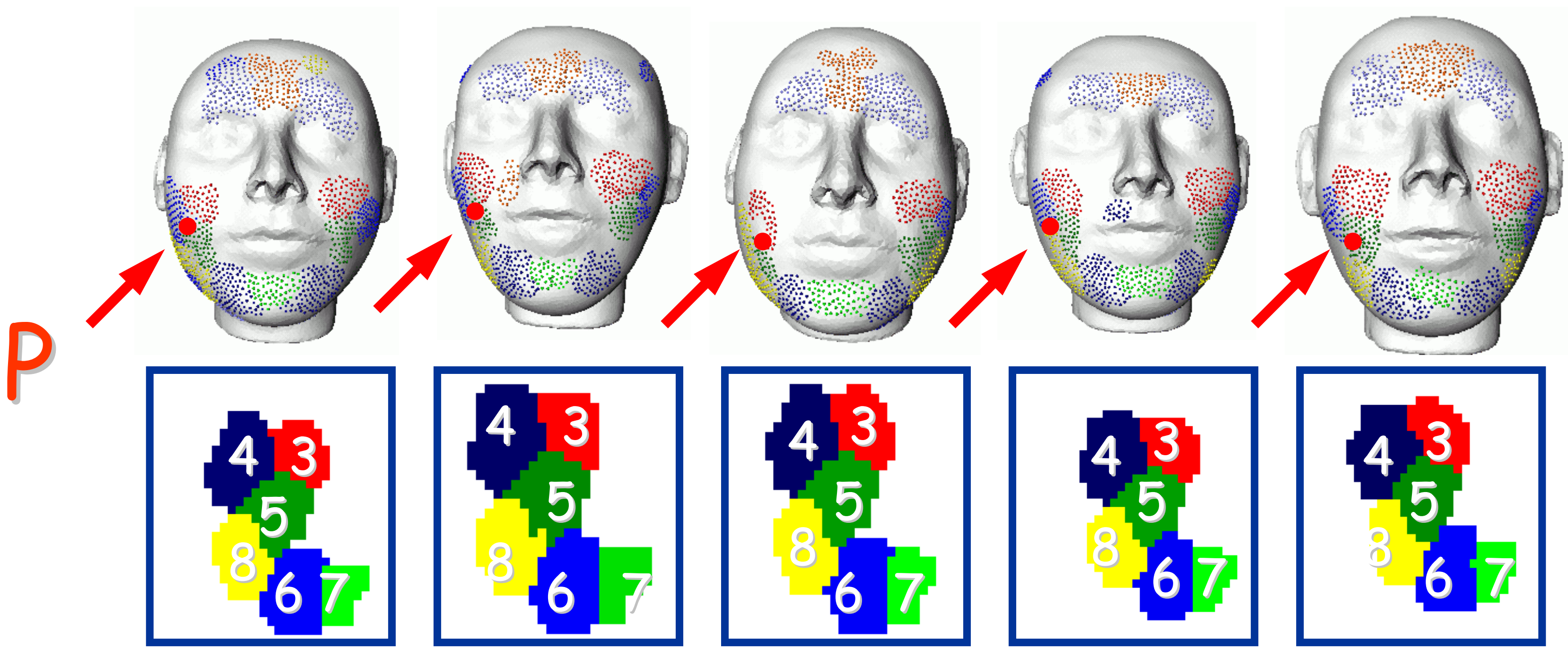


Matrix storing
component
labels

Symbolic Signature Construction

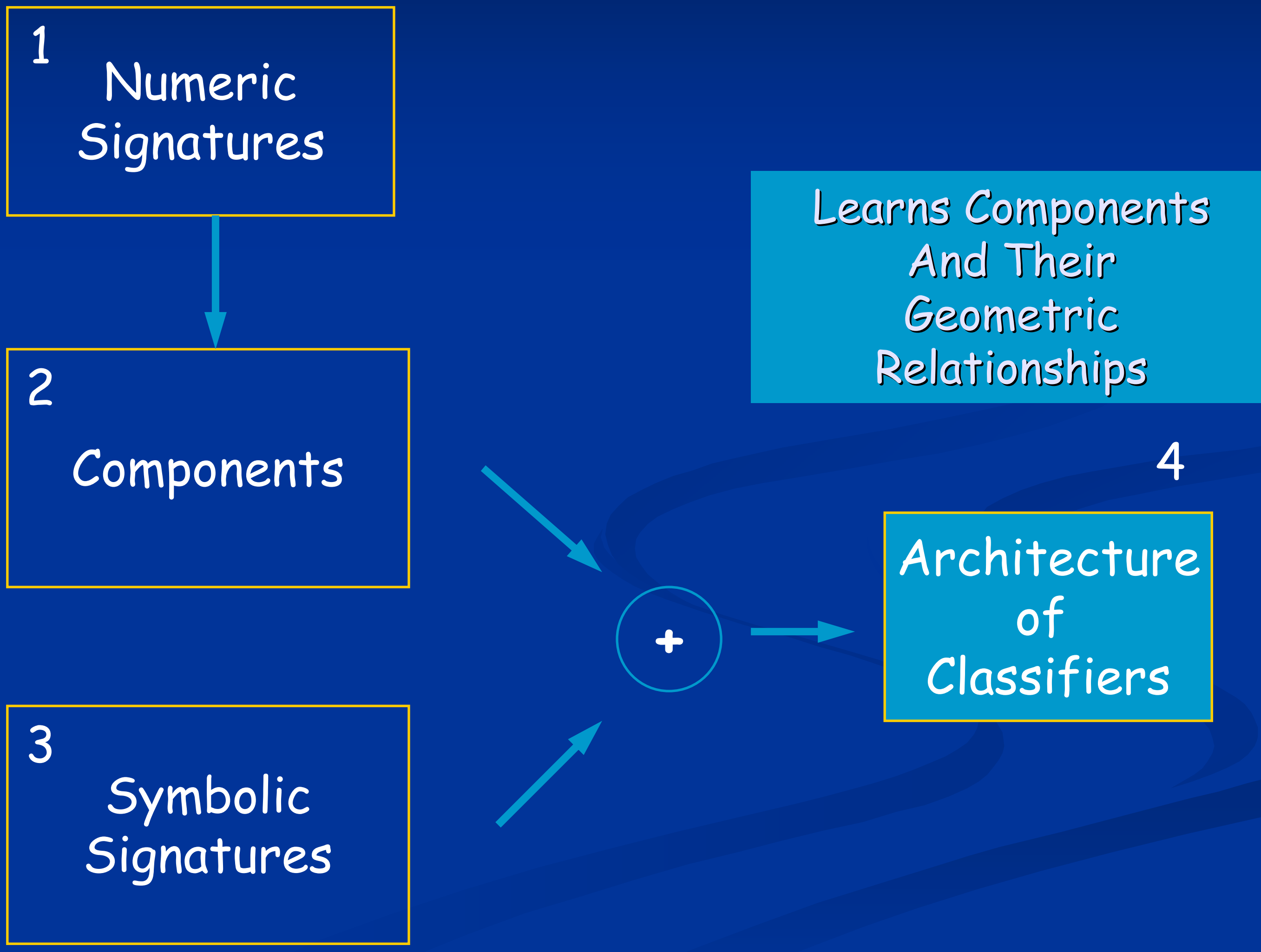


Symbolic Signatures Are Robust To Deformations



Relative position of components is stable across deformations: experimental evidence

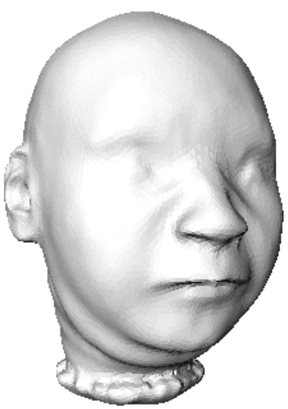
Architecture of Classifiers



Proposed Architecture (Classification Example)

Verify spatial configuration of the components

Input → **Identify Components** → Labeled Mesh → **Identify Symbolic Signatures** → Class Label



Surface Mesh

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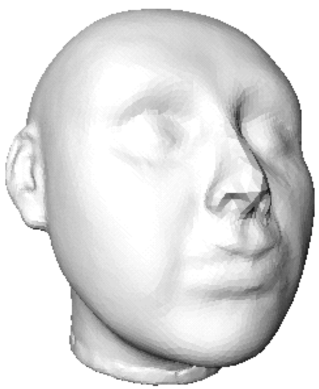
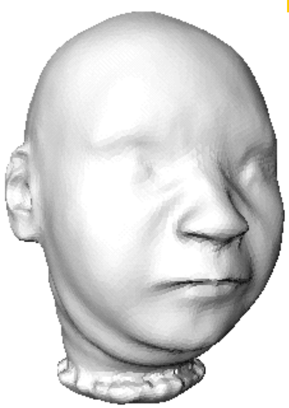
(Abnormal)

Two classification stages

At Classification Time (1)

Surface Mesh





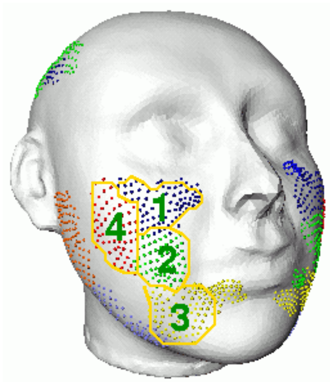
Bank of Component Detectors

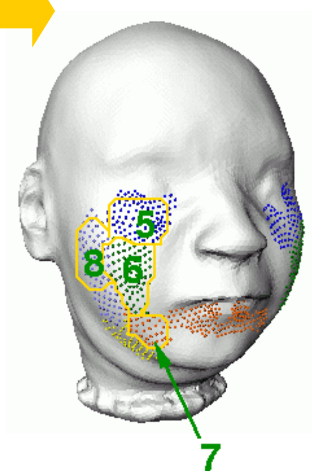
Multi-way classifier

Assigns Component Labels

Identify Components

Labeled Surface Mesh





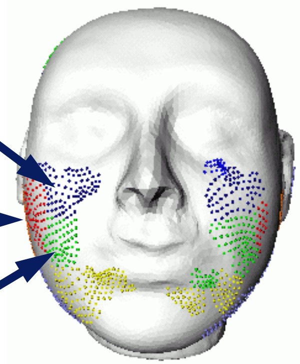
At Classification Time (2)

Labeled
Surface Mesh

1

4

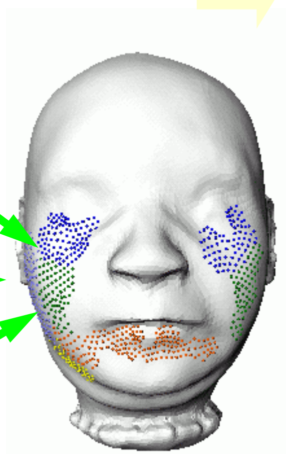
2



5

6

8



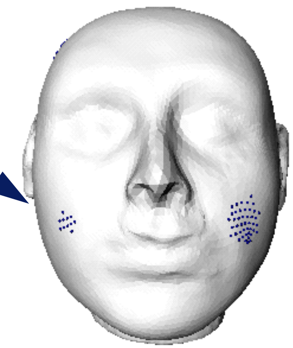
Bank of Symbolic Signatures Detectors

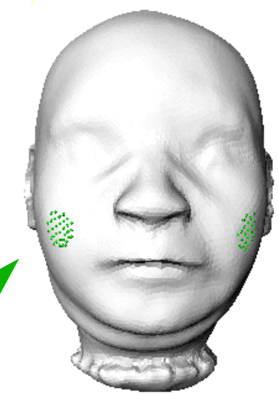
Two detectors

Assigns Symbolic Labels

Symbolic pattern
for components
1,2,4

+1





Symbolic pattern
for components
5,6,8

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Architecture Implementation

- ALL our classifiers are (off-the-shelf) ν-Support Vector Machines (ν-SVMs) (Schölkopf et al., 2000 and 2001).
- Component (and symbolic signature) detectors are one-class classifiers.
- Component label assignment: performed with a multi-way classifier that uses pairwise classification scheme.
- Gaussian kernel.

Experimental Validation

Recognition Tasks: 4 (T1 - T4)

Classification Tasks: 3 (T5 – T7)

No. Experiments: 5470

Setup

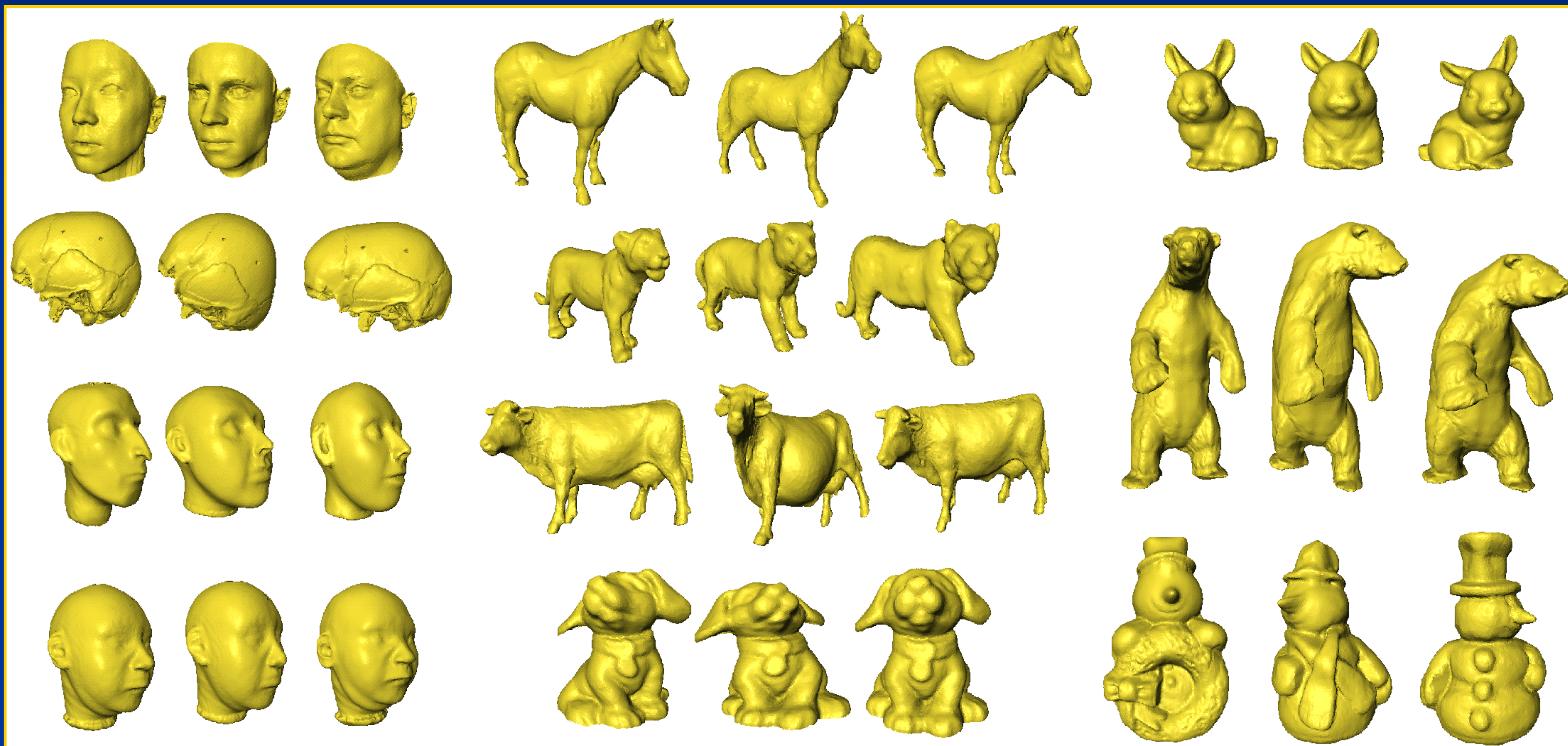
Rotary Table

Recognition

Laser

Classification

Shape Classes

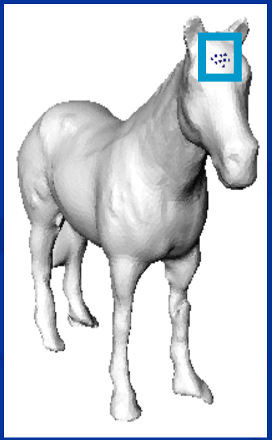
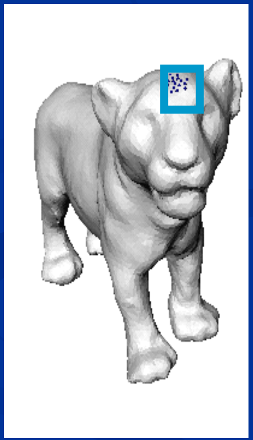


Task 1: Recognizing Single Objects (1)

- No. Shape classes: 9.
- Training set size: 400 meshes.
- Testing set size: 200 meshes.
- No. Experiments: 1960.
- No. Component detectors:3.
- No. Symbolic signature detectors: 1.
- Numeric signature size: 40x40.
- Symbolic signature size: 20x20.
- No clutter and occlusion.

Task 1: Recognizing Single Objects (2)

- Snowman: 93%.
- Rabbit: 92%.
- Dog: 89%.
- Cat: 85.5%.
- Cow: 92%.
- Bear: 94%.
- Horse: 92.7%.
- Human head: 97.7%.
- Human face: 76%.

Recognition rates (true positives)

(No clutter, no occlusion, complete models)

Tasks 2-3: Recognition In Complex Scenes (1)

- No. Shape classes: 3.
- Training set size: 400 meshes.
- Testing set size: 200 meshes.
- No. Experiments: 1200.
- No. Component detectors:3.
- No. Symbolic signature detectors: 1.
- Numeric signature size: 40x40.
- Symbolic signature size: 20x20.
- T2 – low clutter and occlusion.

Task 2-3: Recognition in Complex Scenes (2)

Shape Class	True Positives	False Positives	True Positives	False Positives
Snowmen	91%	31%	87.5%	28%
Rabbit	90.2%	27.6%	84.3%	24%
Dog	89.6%	34.6%	88.12%	22.1%

Task 2 Task 3

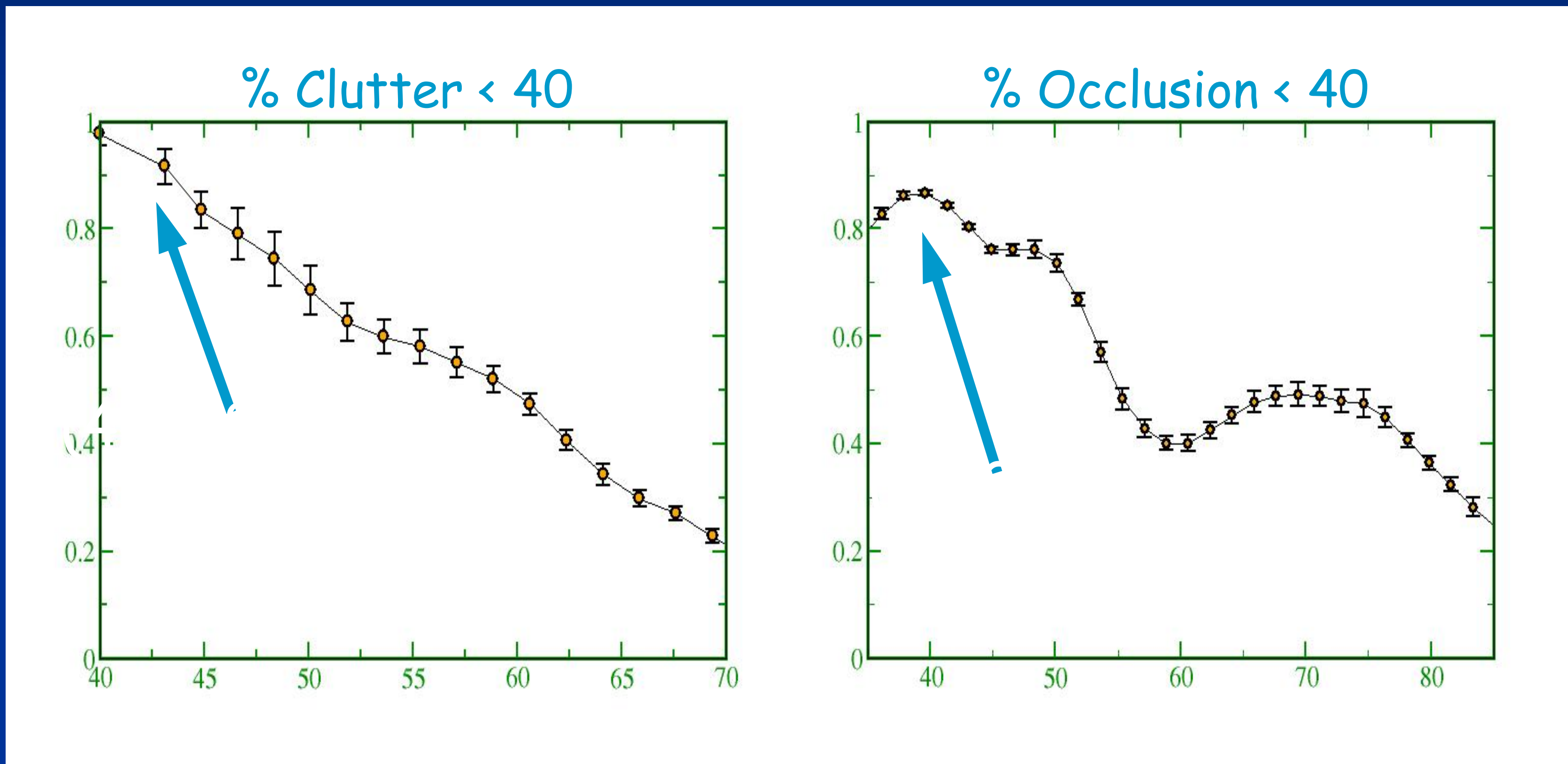
Task 2-3: Recognition in Complex Scenes (3)

Task 4: Recognizing Human Heads (1)

- No. Shape classes: 1.
- Training set size: 400 meshes.
- Testing set size: 250 meshes.
- No. Experiments: 710.
- No. Component detectors:8.
- No. Symbolic signature detectors: 2.
- Numeric signature size: 70x70.
- Symbolic signature size: 12x12.

Task 4: Recognizing Human Heads (2)

Recognition Rate

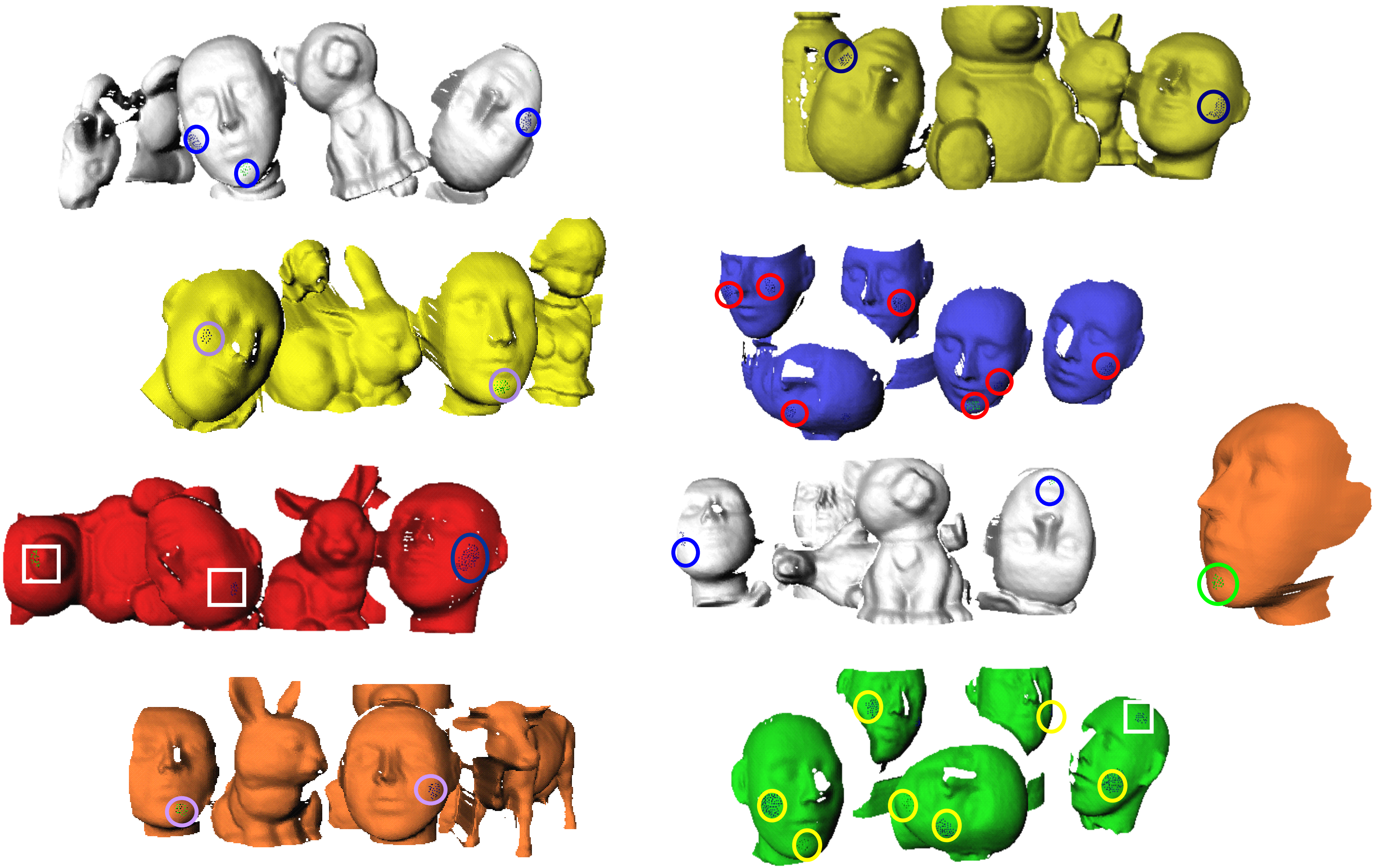


% Occlusion

% Clutter

FP rate: ~1%,

Task 4: Recognizing Human Heads (3)



Task 5: Classifying Normal vs. Abnormal Human Heads (1)

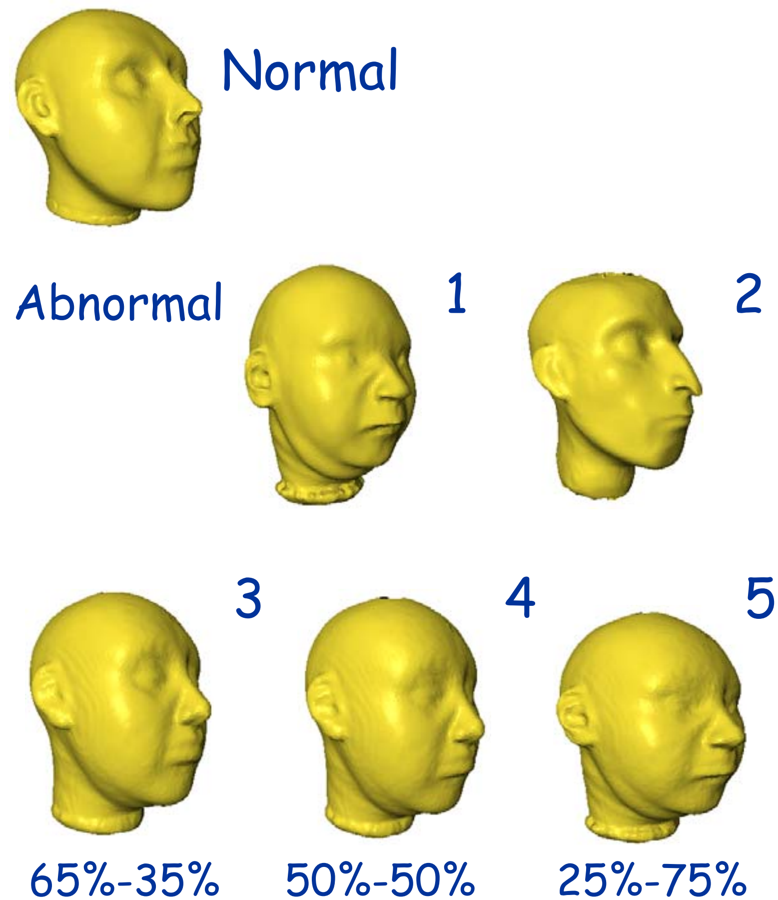
- No. Shape classes: 6.
- Training set size: 400 meshes.
- Testing set size: 200 meshes.
- No. Experiments: 1200.
- No. Component detectors:3.
- No. Symbolic signature detectors: 1.
- Numeric signature size: 50x50.
- Symbolic signature size: 12x12.

Task 5: Classifying Normal vs. Abnormal Human Heads (1)

Five Cases

Shape Classes	Classification Accuracy %
Normal vs. Abnormal 1	98
Normal vs. Abnormal 2	100
Abnormal 1 vs. 3	98
Abnormal 1 vs. 4	97
Abnormal 1 vs. 5	92

Full models



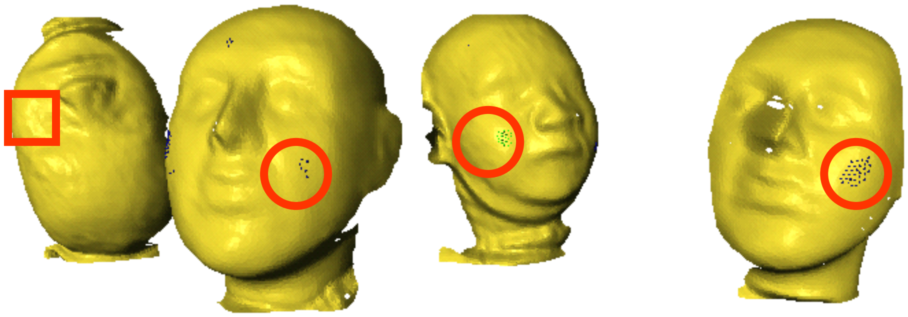
(convex combinations of Normal and Abnormal 1)

Task 6: Classifying Normal vs. Abnormal Human Heads In Complex Scenes(1)

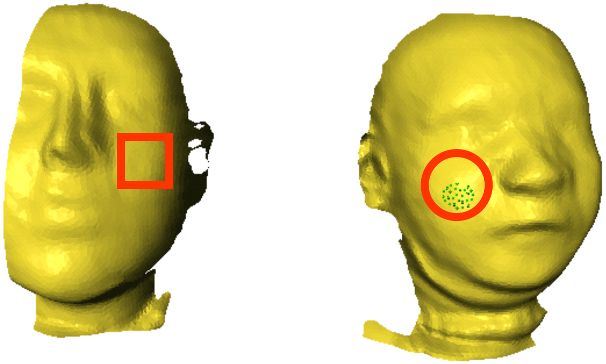
- No. Shape classes: 2.
- Training set size: 400 meshes.
- Testing set size: 200 meshes.
- No. Experiments: 1200.
- No. Component detectors:3.
- No. Symbolic signature detectors: 1.
- Numeric signature size: 100x100.
- Symbolic signature size: 12x12.

Task 6: Classifying Normal vs. Abnormal Human Heads In Complex Scenes(1)

Shape Classes	Classification Accuracy %
Normal vs. Abnormal 1	88



Range scenes – single view



Clutter < 15%
and occlusion < 50%

Task 7: Classifying Normal vs. Abnormal Neurocranium (1)

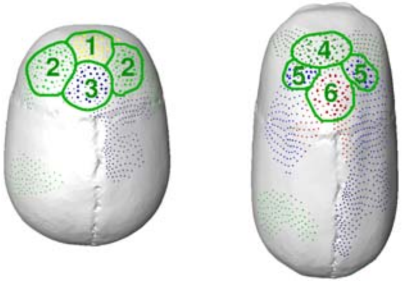
- No. Shape classes: 2.
- Training set size: 400 meshes.
- Testing set size: 200 meshes.
- No. Experiments: 2200.
- No. Component detectors:3.
- No. Symbolic signature detectors: 1.
- Numeric signature size: 50x50.
- Symbolic signature size: 15x15.

Task 7: Classifying Normal vs. Abnormal Neurocranium (2)

100 Experiments

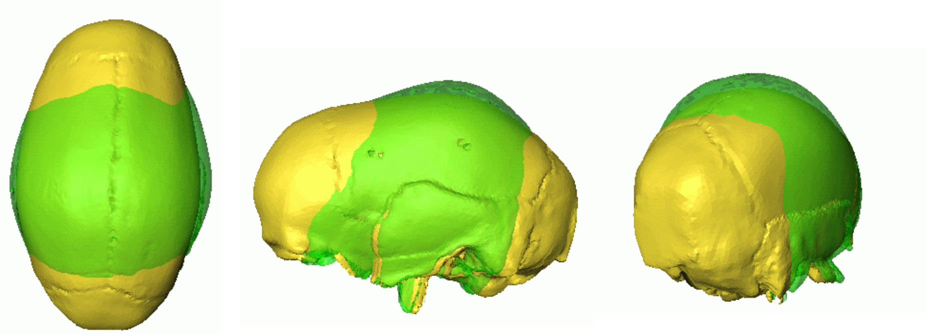
Shape Classes	Classification Accuracy %
Normal vs. Abnormal	89

No clutter and occlusion



Normal

Abnormal
(sagittal synostosis)



Superimposed models

Main Contributions (1)

- A novel symbolic signature representation of deformable shapes that is robust to intra-class variability and missing information, as opposed to a numeric representation which is often tied to a specific shape.
- A novel kernel function for quantifying symbolic signature similarities.

Main Contributions (2)

- A region growing algorithm for learning shape class components.
- A novel architecture of classifiers for abstracting the geometry of a shape class.
- A validation of our methodology in a set of large scale recognition and classification experiments aimed at applications in scene analysis and medical diagnosis.

Main Contributions (3)

- Our approach:
- Is general can be applied to a variety of shape classes.
- Is robust to clutter and occlusion
- It Works in practice
- Is a step forward in 3-D object recognition research.