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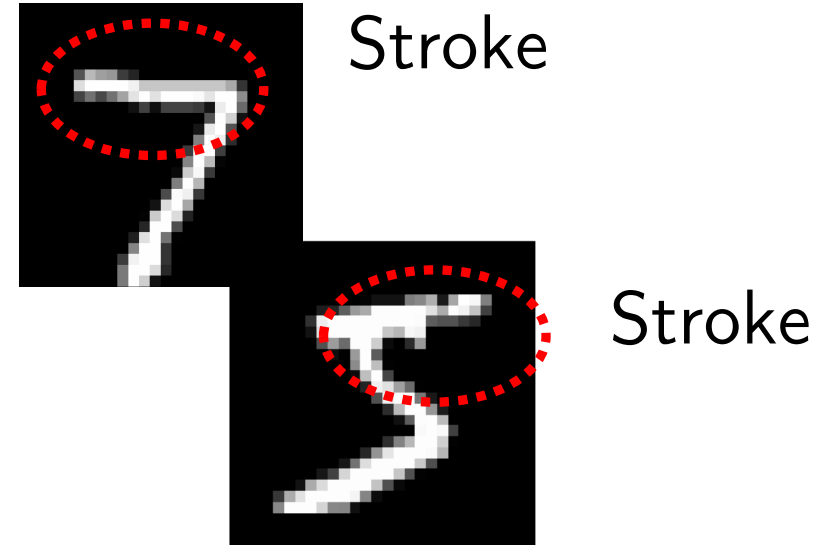
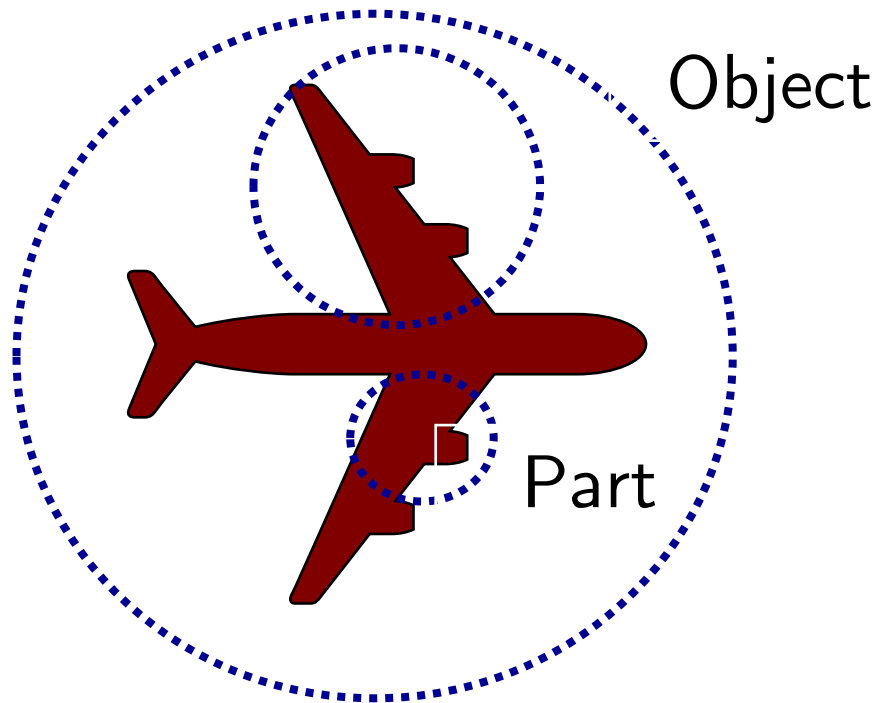
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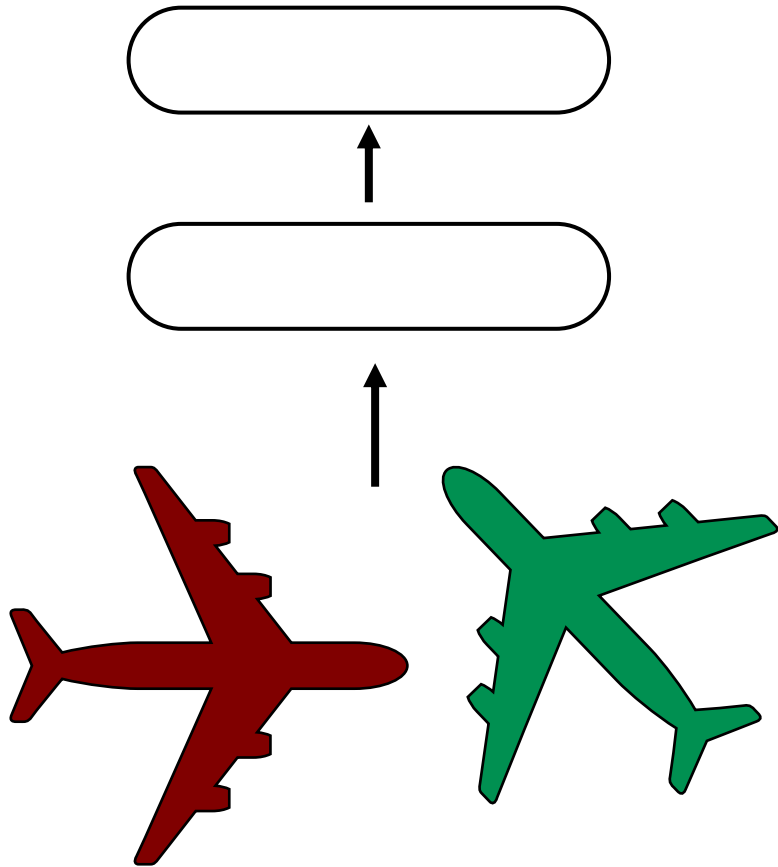
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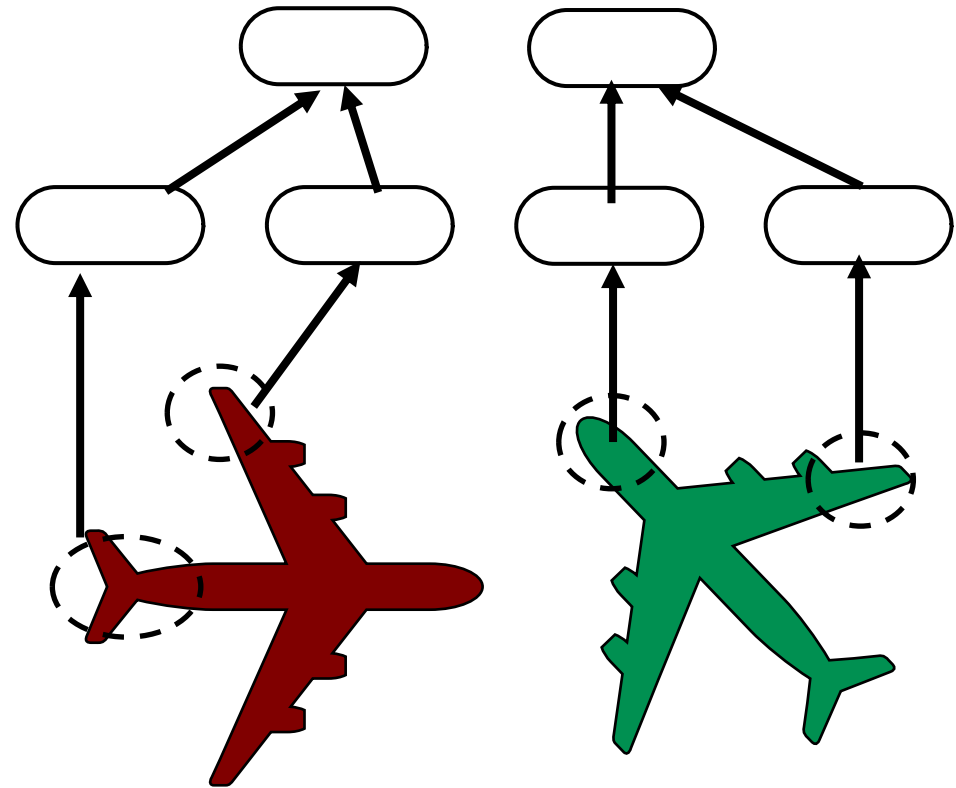
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CNN Representation



Capsule Representation

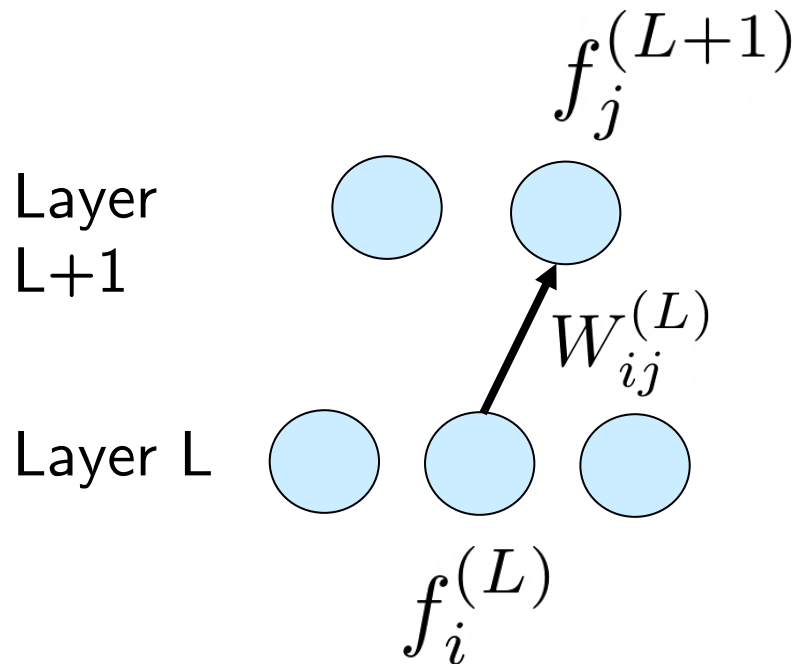
One computational entity per real-world entity



# Capsules: Computing Agreement

- ▶ Transform the feature (pose) in  $f_i^{(L)}$  to the vote for the features  $f_j^{(L+1)}$

$$v_{ij}^{(L)} = W_{ij}^{(L)} f_i^{(L)}$$



- ▶ Compute the agreement:

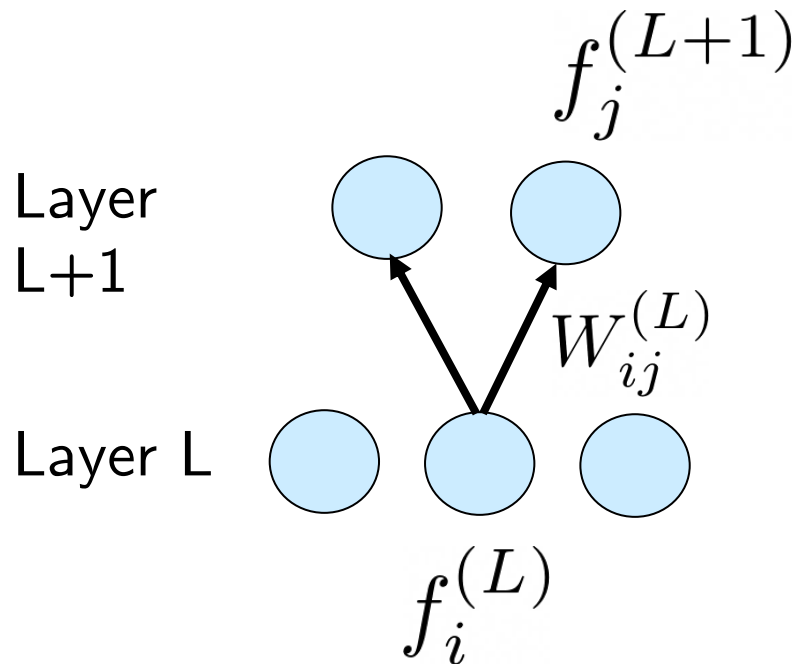
$$\alpha_{ij}^{(L)} = f_j^{(L+1)\top} v_{ij}^{(L)}$$

- ▶ Bi-linear relationship between capsules

# Capsules: Routing

- ▶ Determine routing probabilities:

$$r_{ij}^{(L)} = \frac{\exp(\alpha_{ij}^{(L)})}{\sum_j \exp(\alpha_{ij}^{(L)})}$$



- ▶ **Inverted Attention:** how high-level capsules compete with for attention of low-level capsules
- ▶ **Normalization over j.**
- ▶ Opposite to attention used in Transformer.

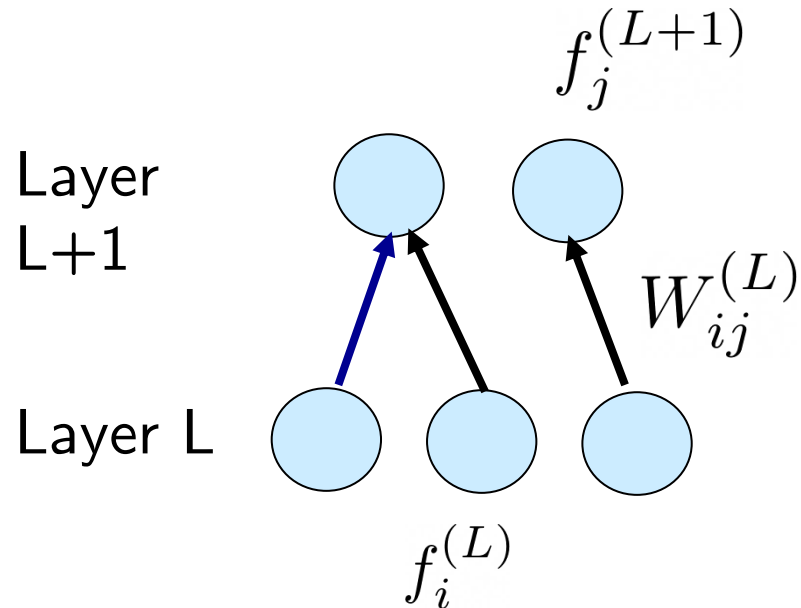
$$v_{ij}^{(L)} = W_{ij}^{(L)} f_i^{(L)}$$

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# Capsules: Updates

- Update layer L+1 capsule  $f_j^{(L+1)}$

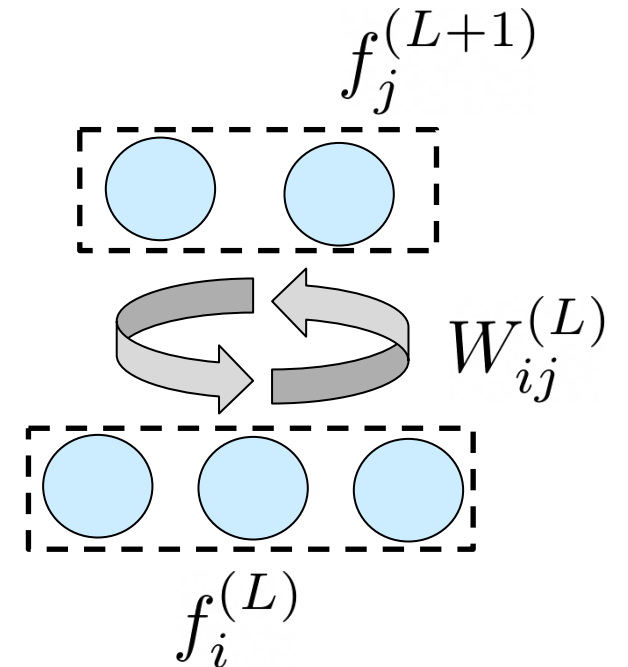
$$f_j^{(L+1)} = \sum_i r_{ij}^{(L)} v_{ij}^{(L)} = \sum_i r_{ij}^{(L)} W_{ij}^{(L)} f_i^{(L)}$$



- Note that this is a **Linear Aggregation**.
- Agreement depends on features (poses) at both layers → Iterative Updates.

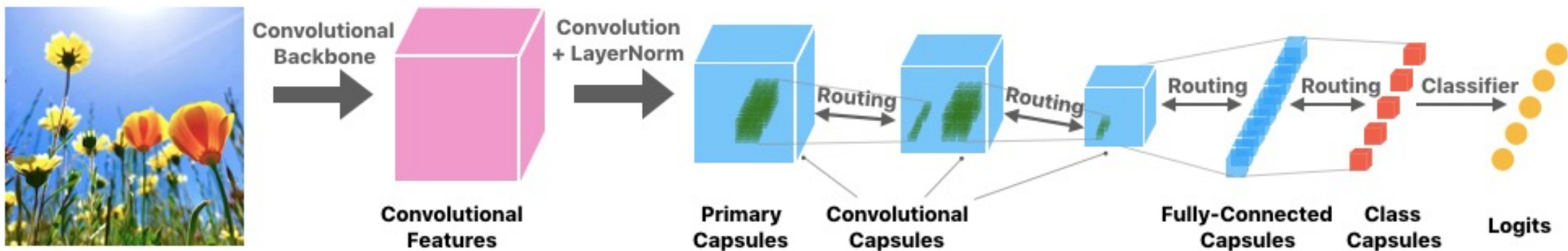
# Inverted Dot-Product Attention Routing Algorithm

- ▶ Vote:  $v_{ij}^{(L)} = W_{ij}^{(L)} f_i^{(L)}$
- ▶ Agreement:  $\alpha_{ij}^{(L)} = f_j^{(L+1)\top} v_{ij}^{(L)}$
- ▶ Routing Probabilities:  $r_{ij}^{(L)} = \frac{\exp(\alpha_{ij}^{(L)})}{\sum_j \exp(\alpha_{ij}^{(L)})}$
- ▶ Update:  $f_j^{(L+1)} = \sum_i r_{ij}^{(L)} v_{ij}^{(L)}$
- ▶ Repeat

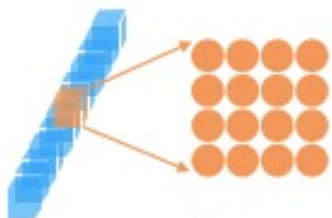


# Capsule Net

A capsule network = a backbone CNN block + convolutional capsule layers + fully-connected capsule layers

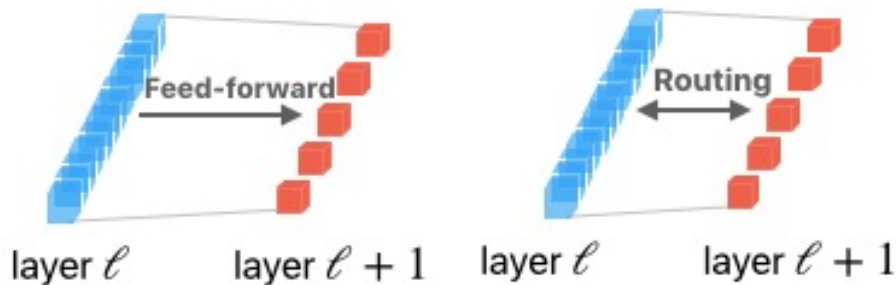


A capsule layer  
= group of capsules



A capsule  
= group of neurons (pose)

Traditional v.s. CapsNet Inference



Routing

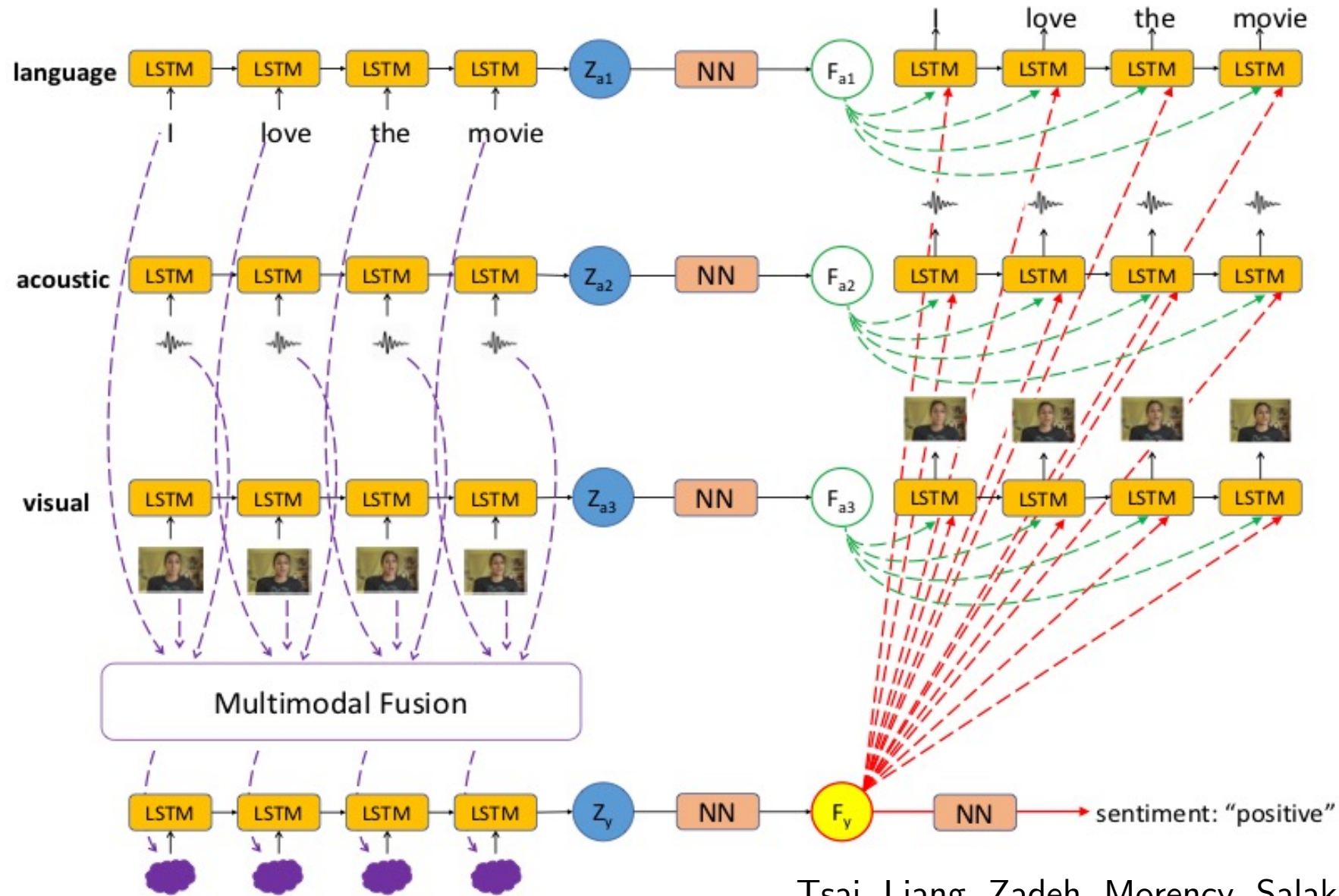




# Multimodal Language

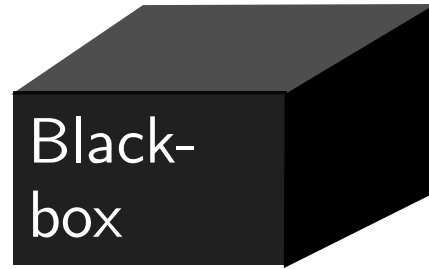
- ▶ Human Language is naturally multimodal.
- ▶ It contains textual (e.g. spoken/written words), visual (e.g. body gestures) and acoustic (e.g. voice tones) modalities.
- ▶ It is important to understand both single modality and interactions between modalities in modeling multimodal language.





# Interpretability

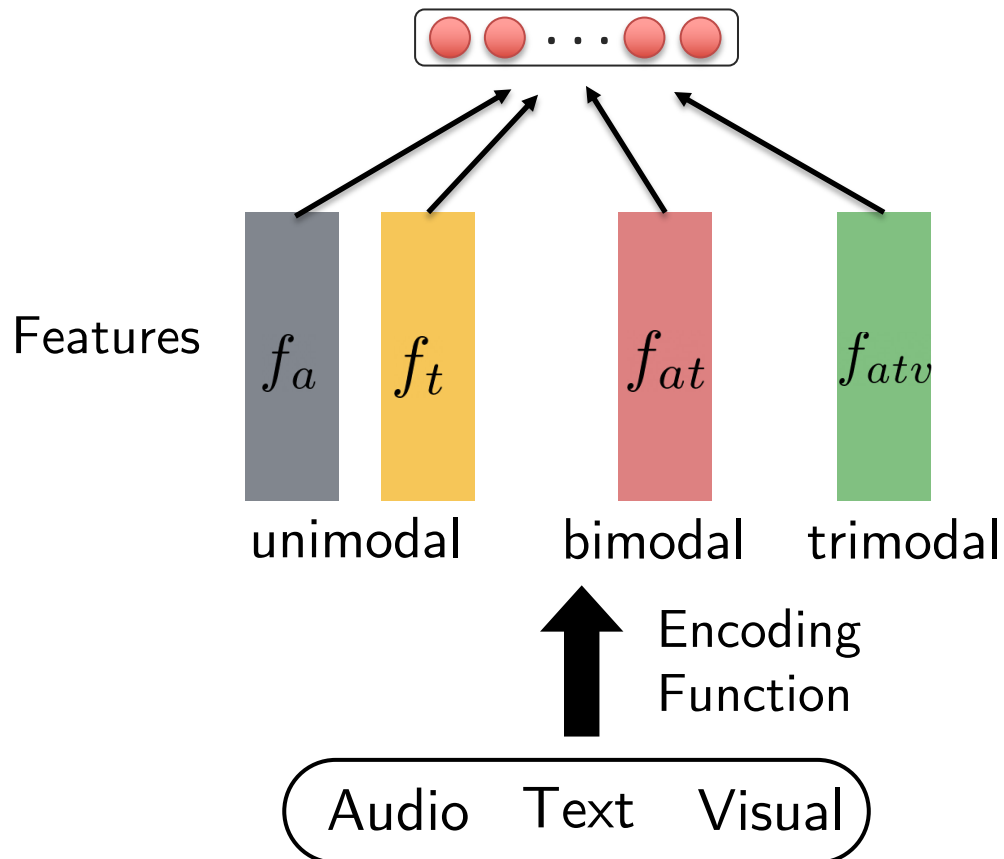
Multimodal  
Input



Prediction

- ▶ Interpretability allows to identify crucial explanatory features for model prediction.
- ▶ Provide further insight into multimodal learning, improving model design or dataset debugging.

# Multimodal Models

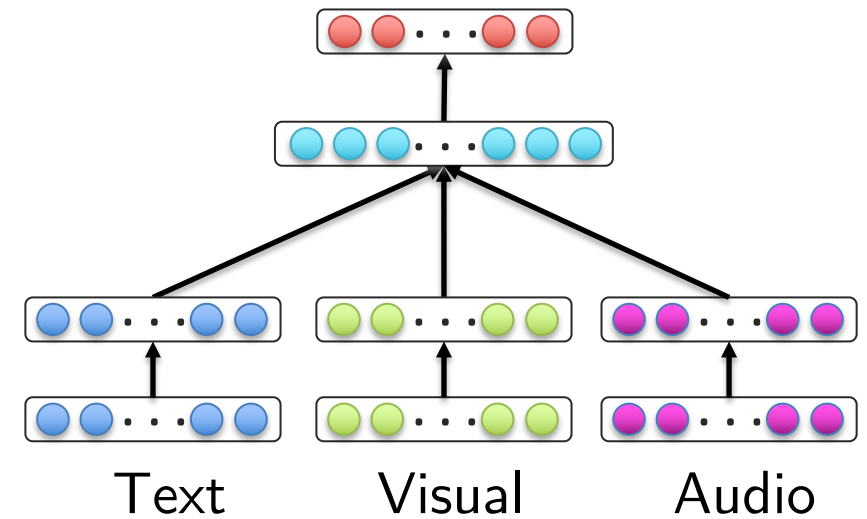
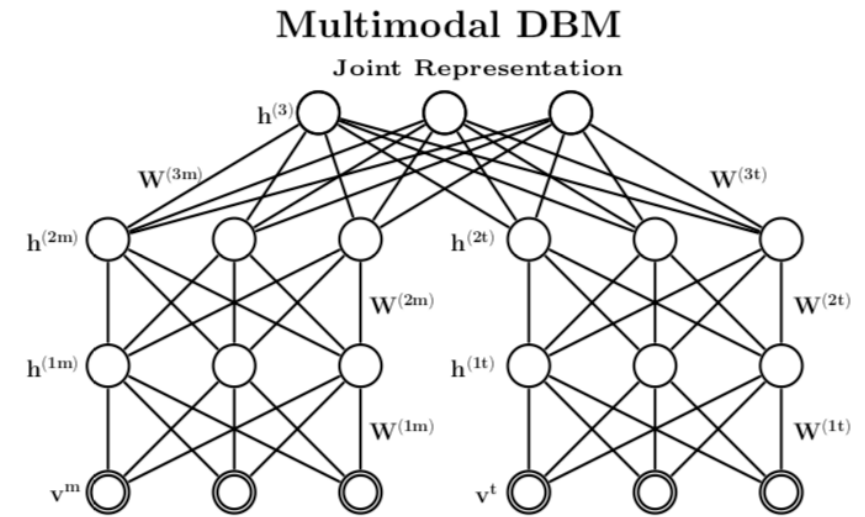
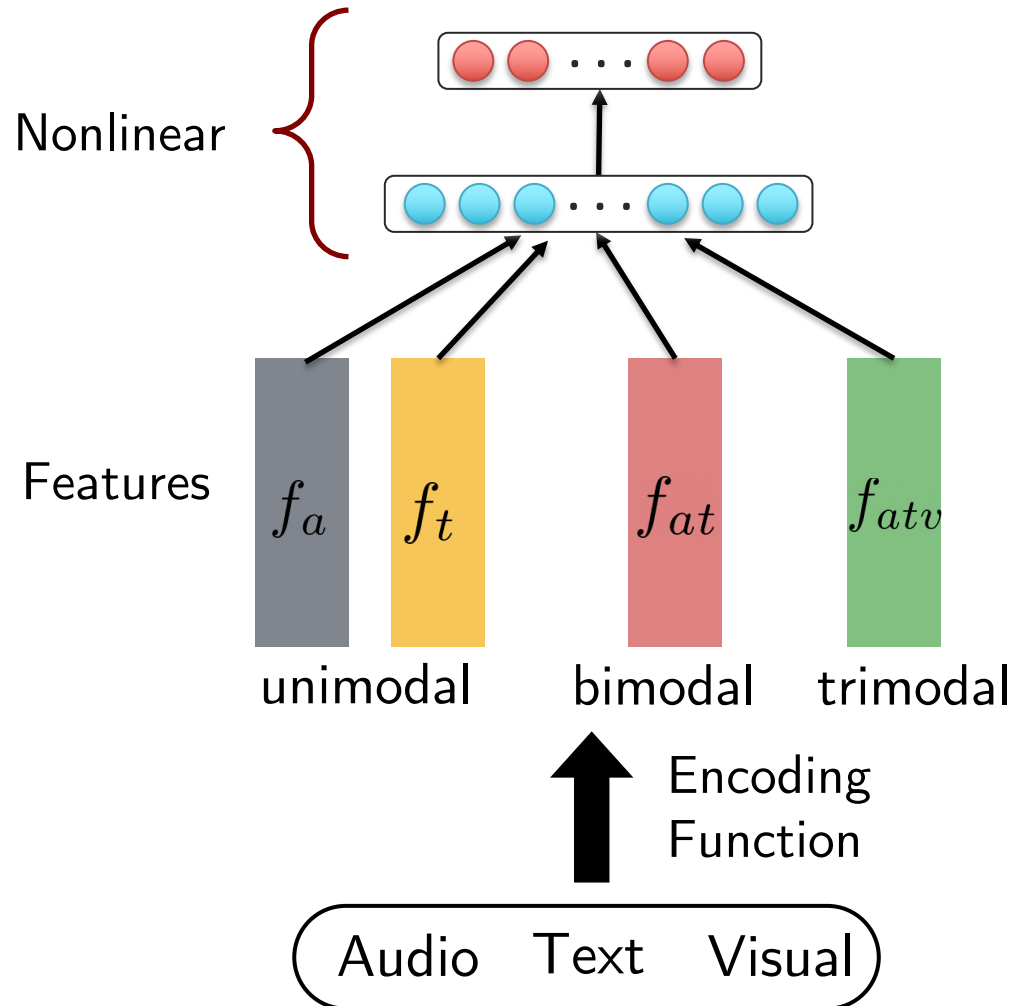


- ▶ We can use a linear prediction:

$$\hat{y} = \beta_1 f_a + \beta_2 f_t + \beta_3 f_v + \beta_{12} f_{at} + \beta_{13} f_{av} + \beta_{23} f_{tv} + \beta_{123} f_{atv}$$

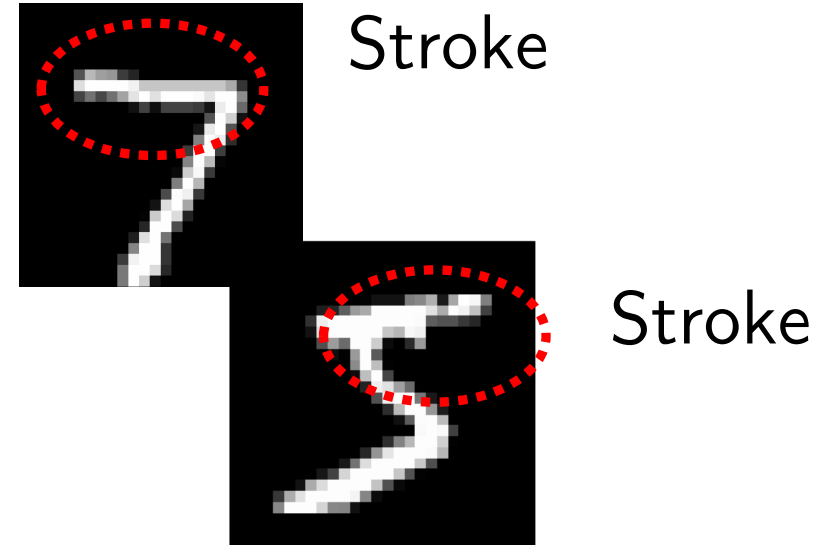
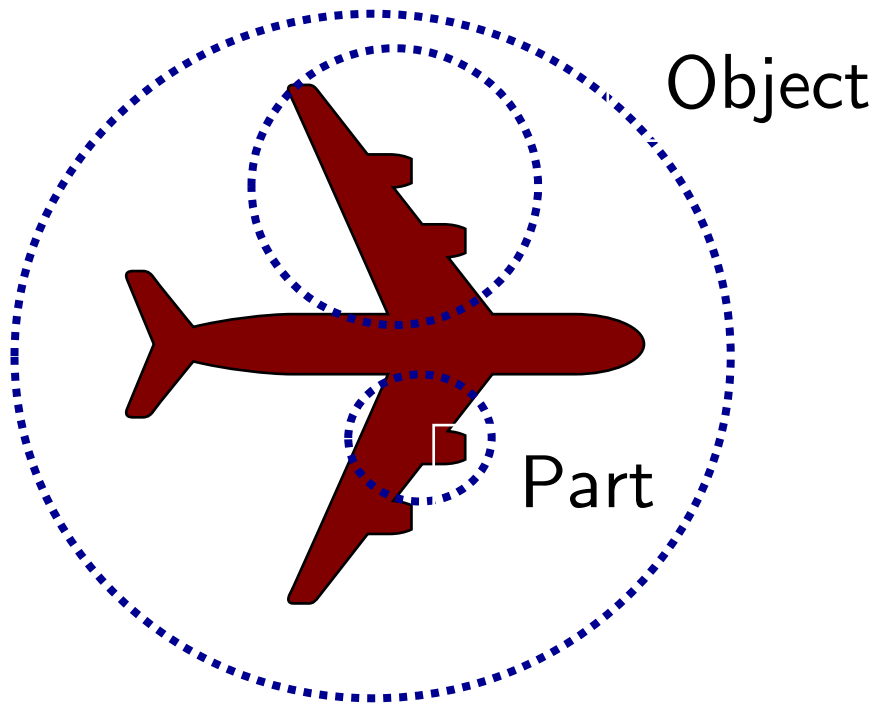
- ▶ Betas can provide **global interpretability**: the general insight of the importance of explanatory features over the whole dataset
- ▶ **Local interpretability**: the high-resolution insight of feature importance specifically depending on each *individual* sample during training/inference

# Multimodal Models: In Practice



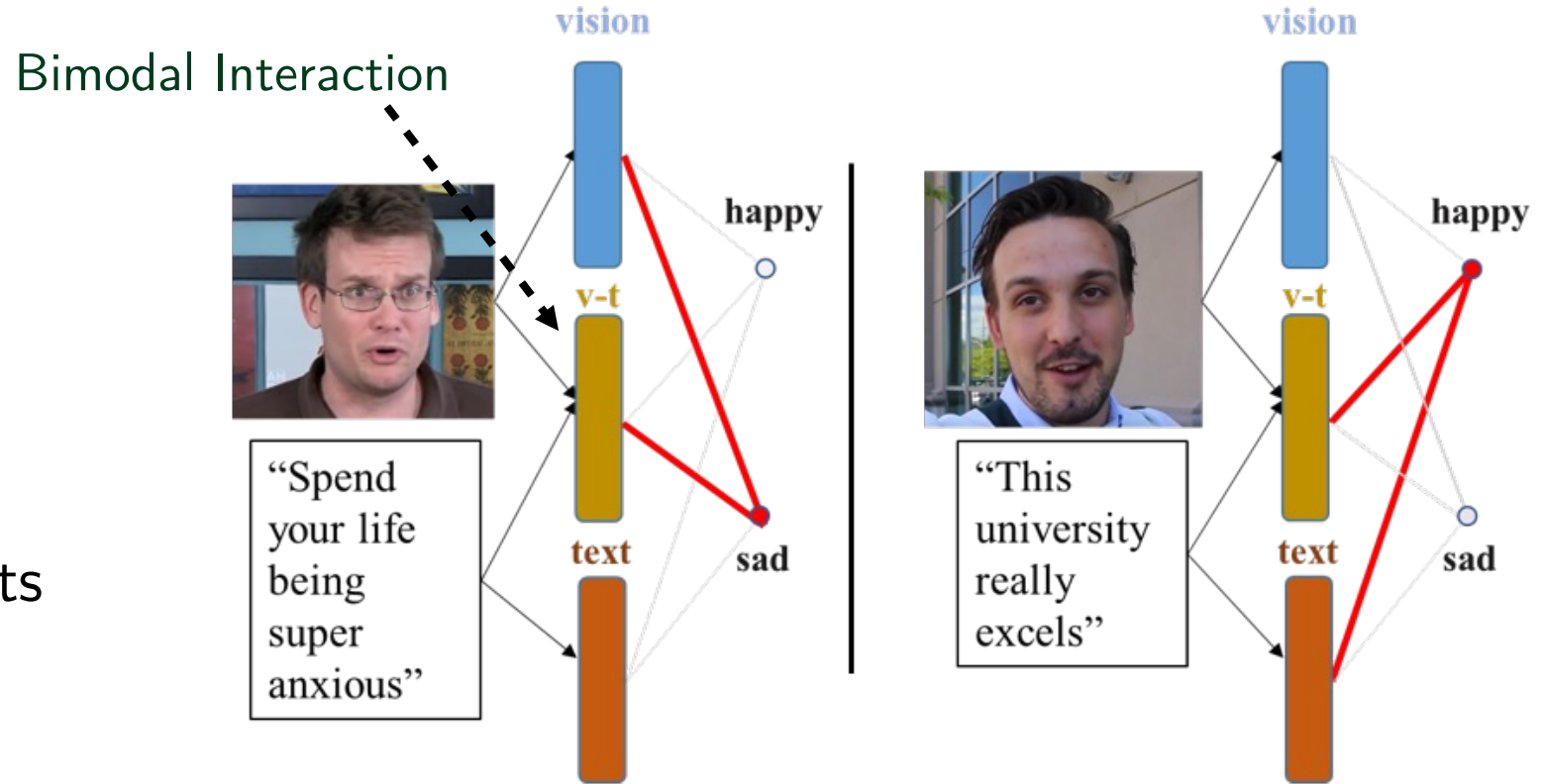
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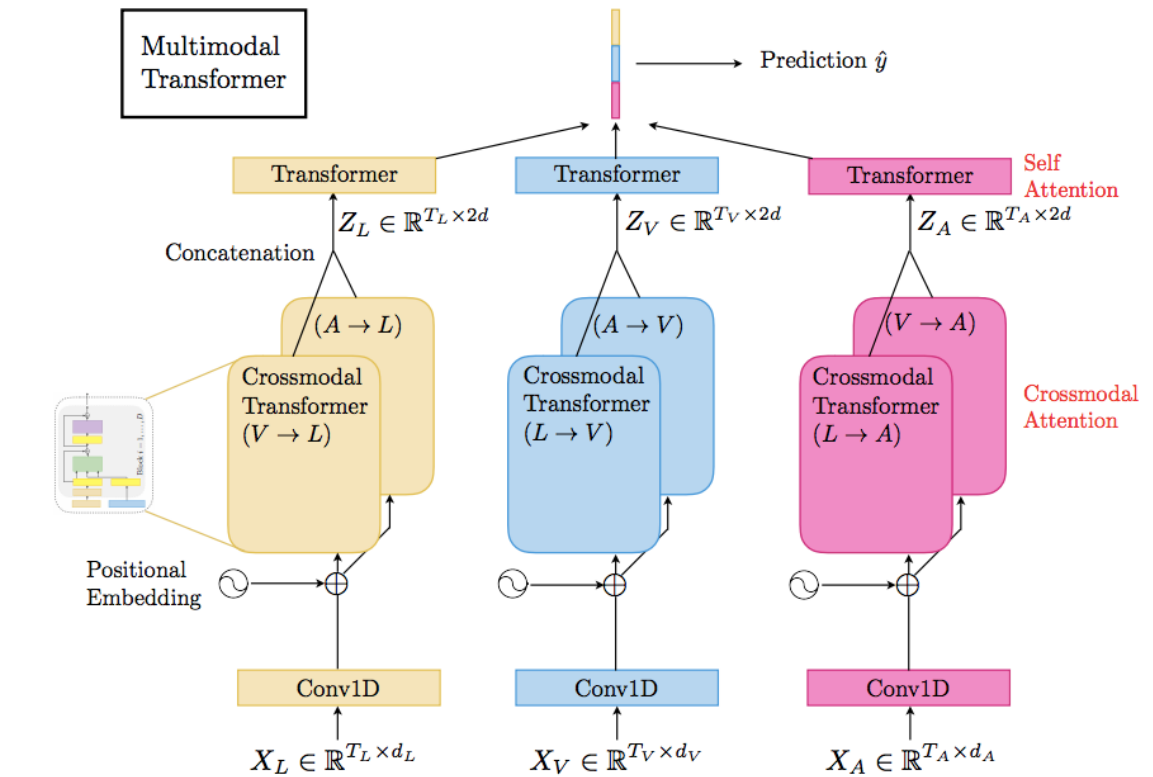
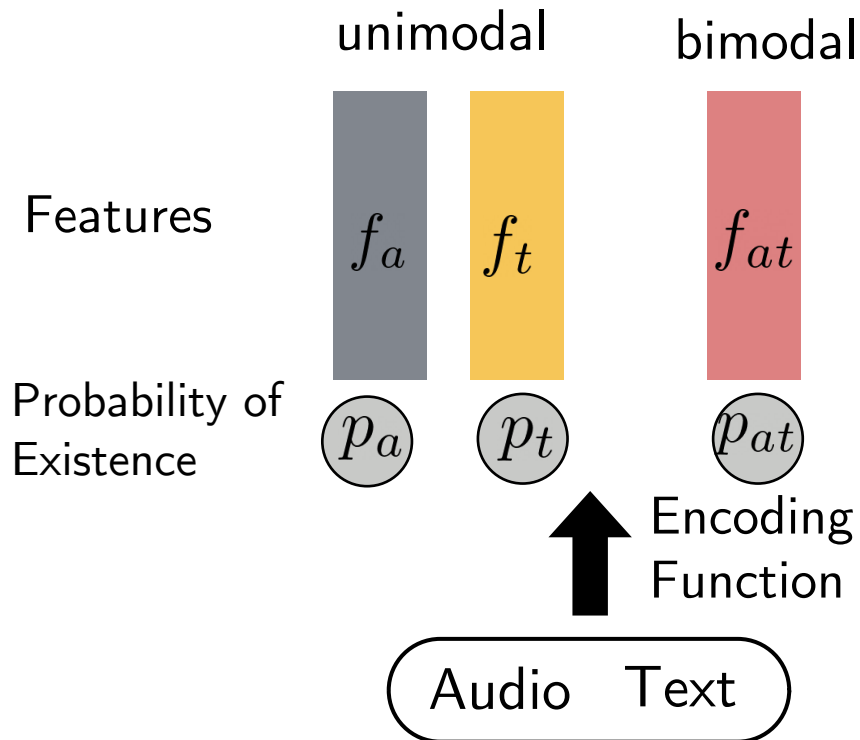
# Multimodal Routing

- ▶ Dynamically adjust local weights of unimodal/multimodal features
- ▶ Iteratively update concepts and routing coefficients
- ▶ Use the updated concepts for prediction



# Input Representation

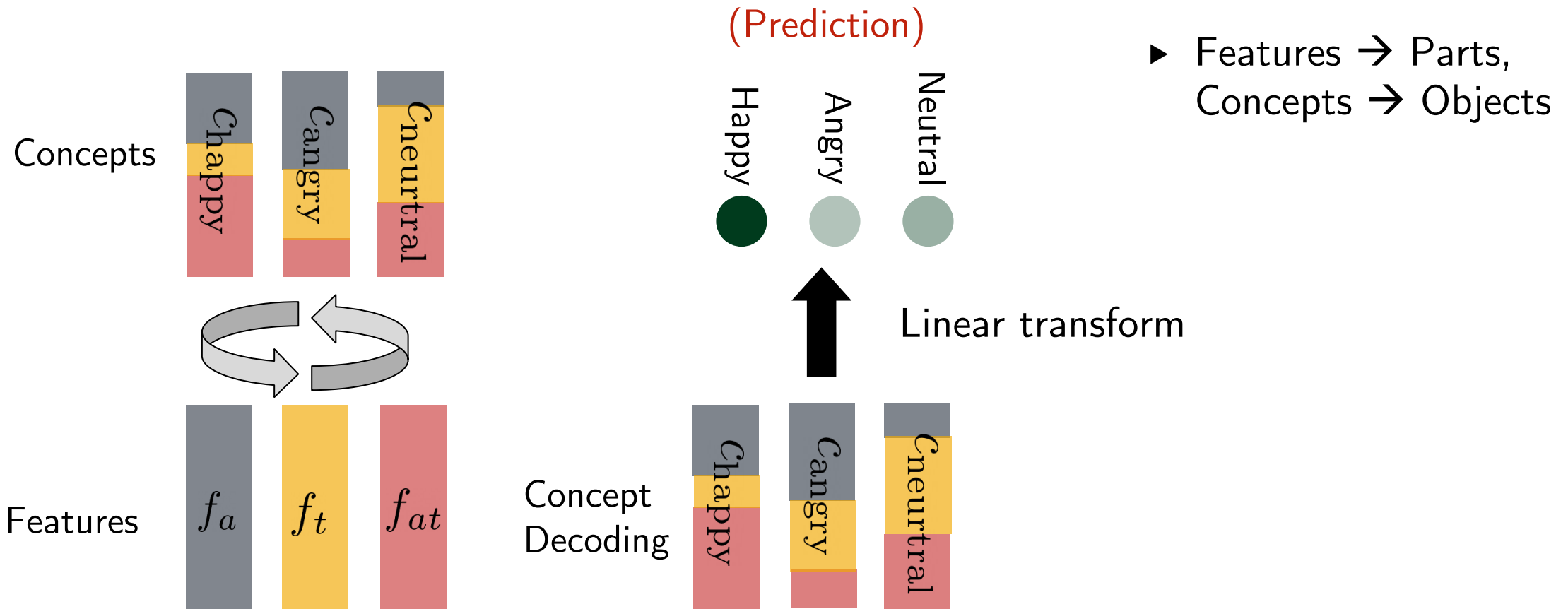
- ▶ For example, let  $x_a, x_t$  represent raw audio/textual features
- ▶ Through encoding, we obtain feature vectors  $f_a, f_t$ , and bimodal  $f_{at}$



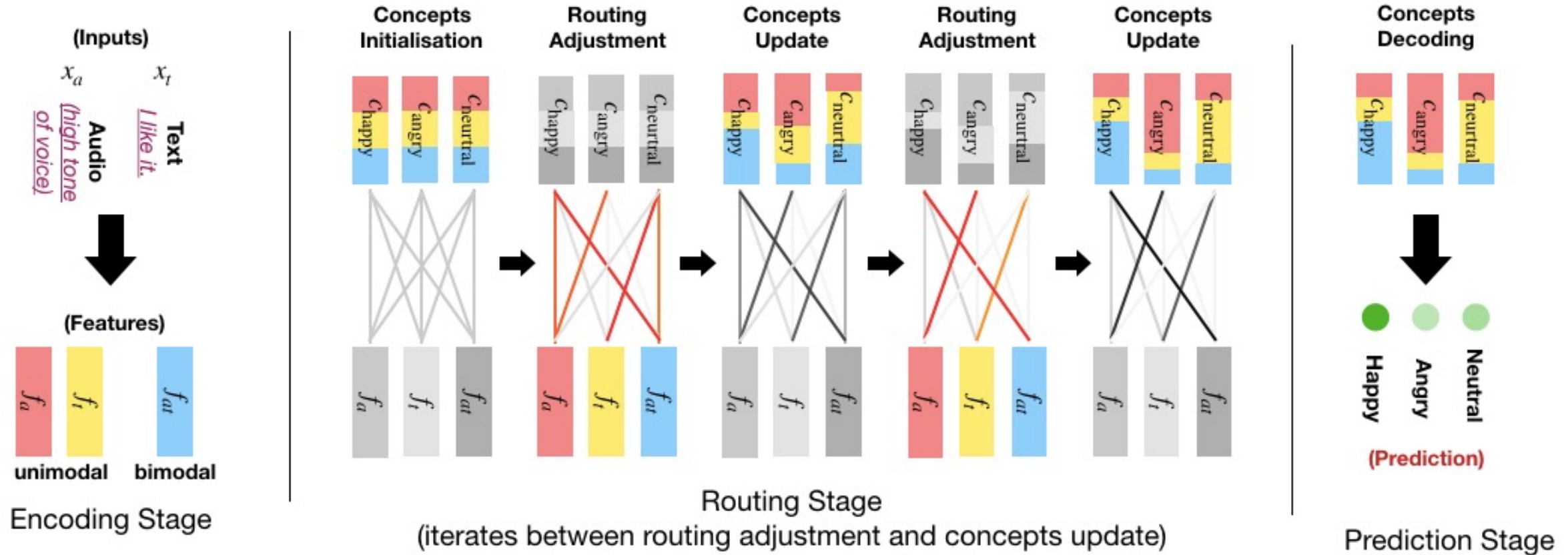


# Model

- ▶ Concepts: 1-d vectors, where  $c_j \in \mathbb{R}^{d_c}$  representing the concept for the  $j$ th class



# Model



# Dynamic Routing

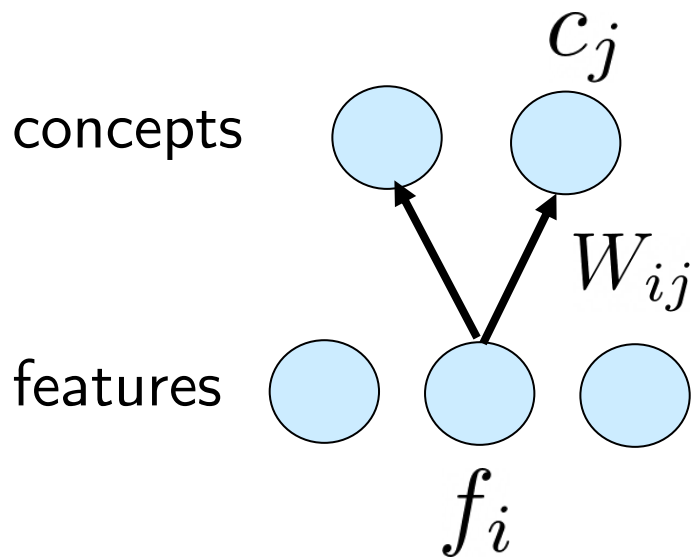
► Agreement: bilinear model:  $\alpha_{ij} = c_j^\top W_{ij} f_i$

► Routing coefficients:

$$r_{ij} = \frac{\exp(\alpha_{ij})}{\sum_j \exp(\alpha_{ij})}$$

► Concept update:

$$c_j = \sum_i p_i r_{ij} (W_{ij} f_i)$$



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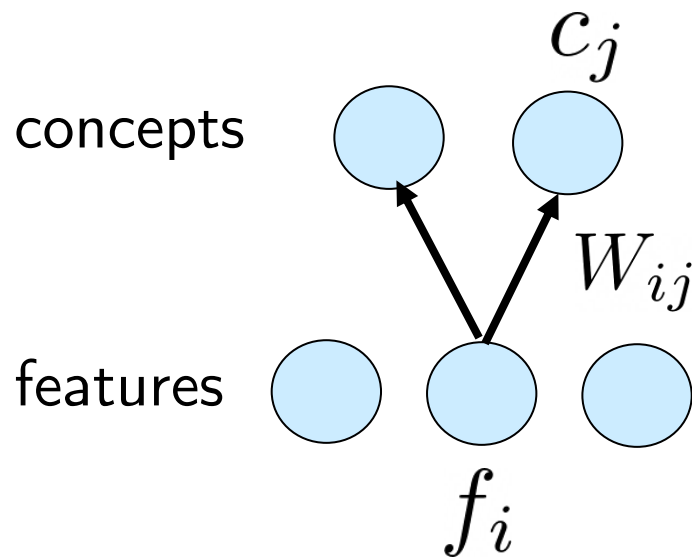
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Probability of  
existence of  
feature  $f_i$ .

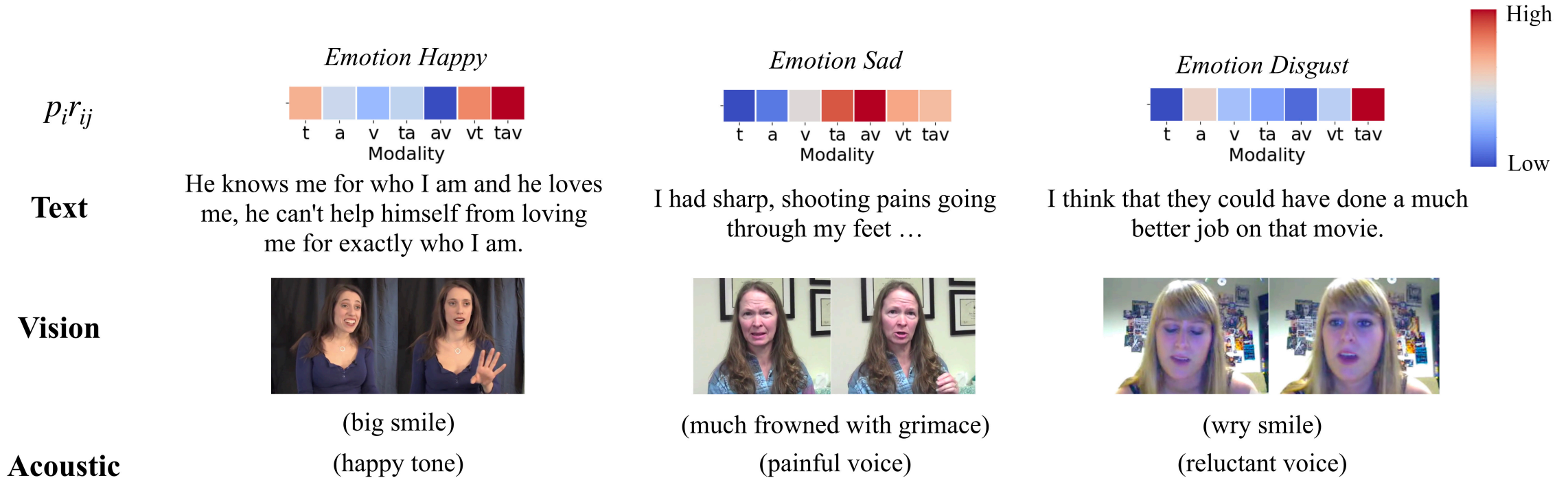
Probability of  
routing feature  $i$   
to concept  $j$ .

Linear transform  
of feature  $i$  into  
concept space



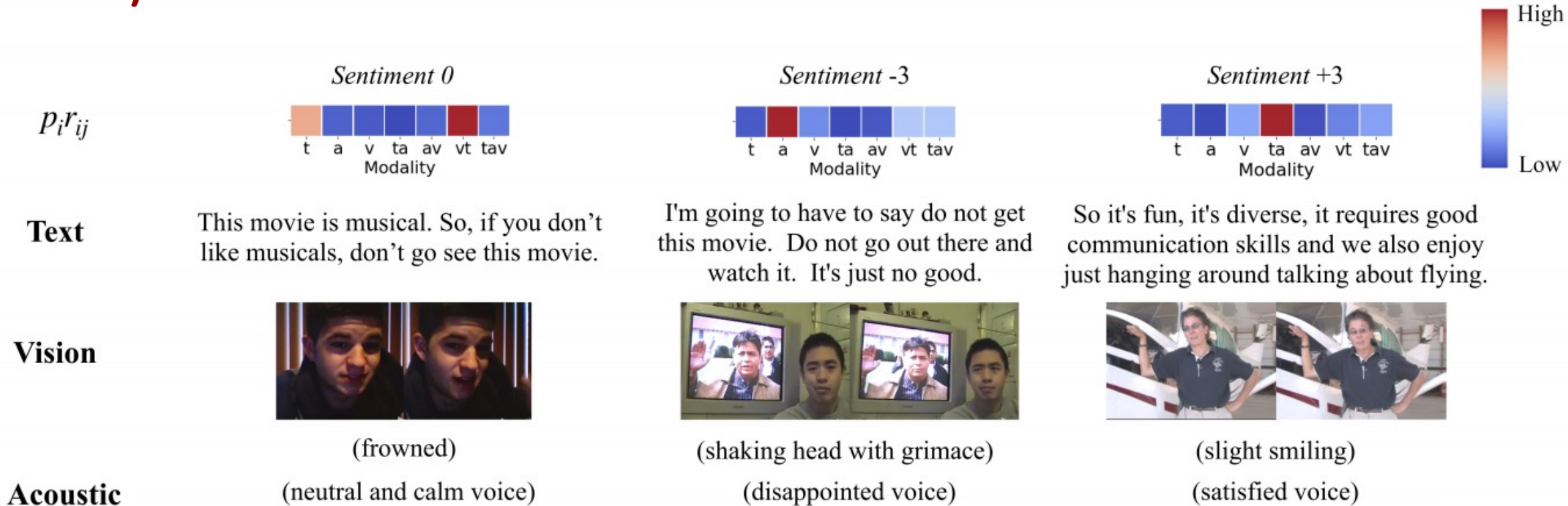
- Prediction:  $\text{logit}_j = \beta_j^\top c_j$   
 $= \sum_i p_i r_{ij} \beta_j^\top W_{ij} f_i$
- Softmax/Sigmoid is then applied on the logits to obtain the final prediction

# Analysis



Red to Blue: Most High to Most Low importance features

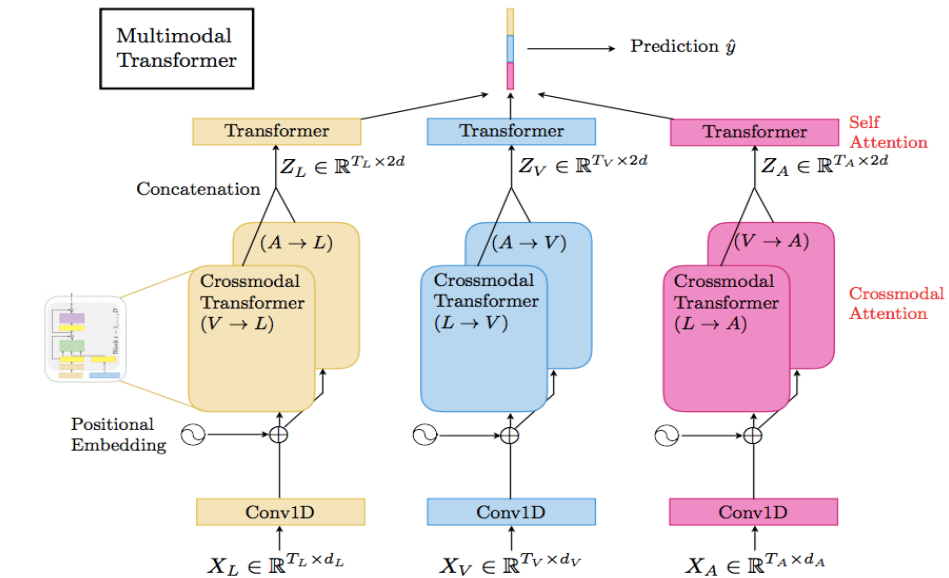
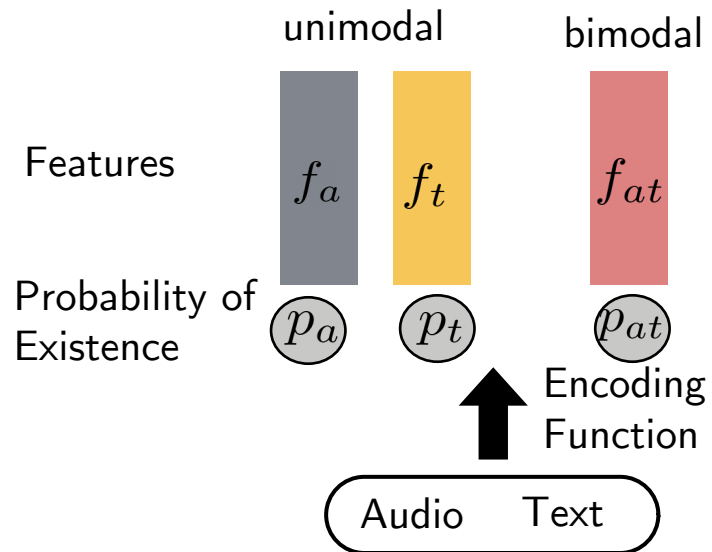
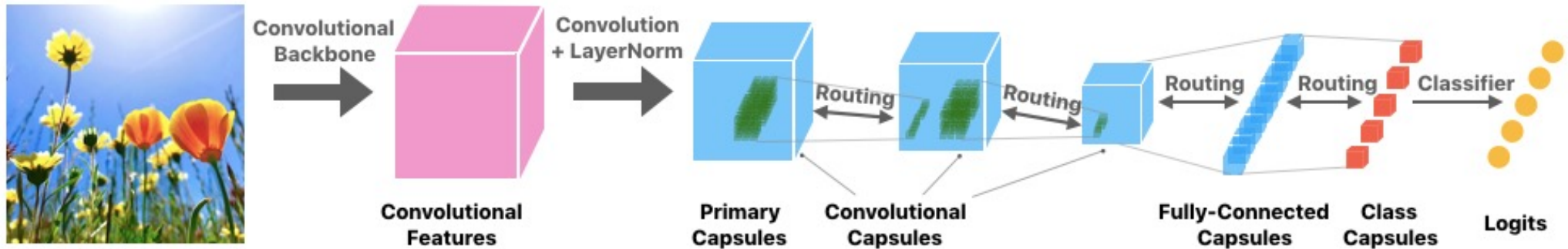
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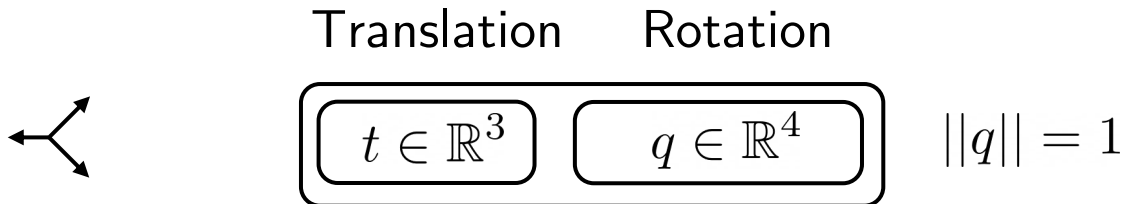
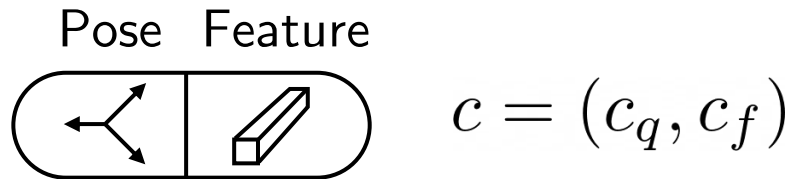
# Applications in Vision

- ▶ We already start with nonlinear representations:

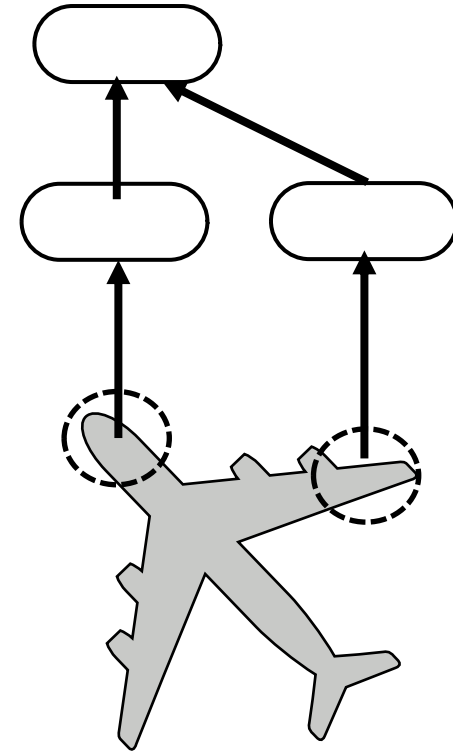


# Geometric Capsules

- ▶ Each capsule contains pose and feature

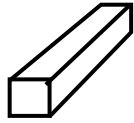
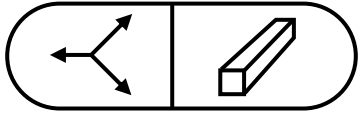


$$f \in \mathbb{R}^D$$

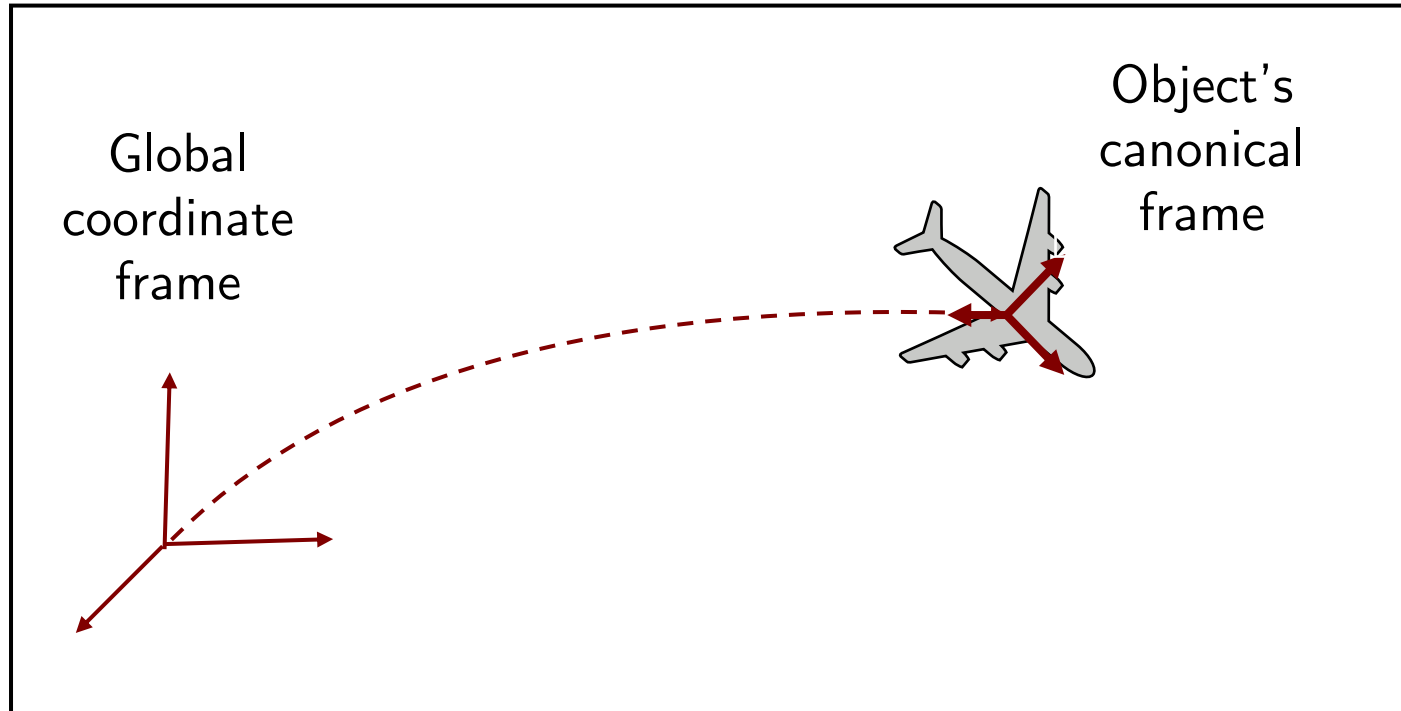
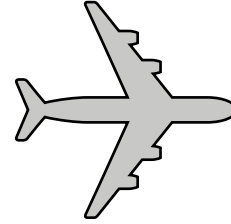




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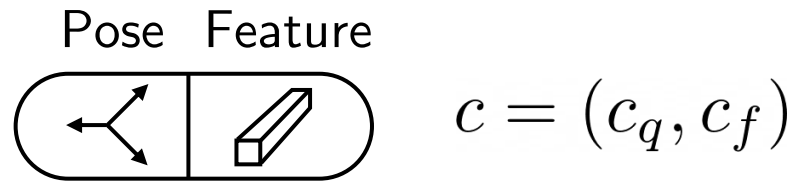


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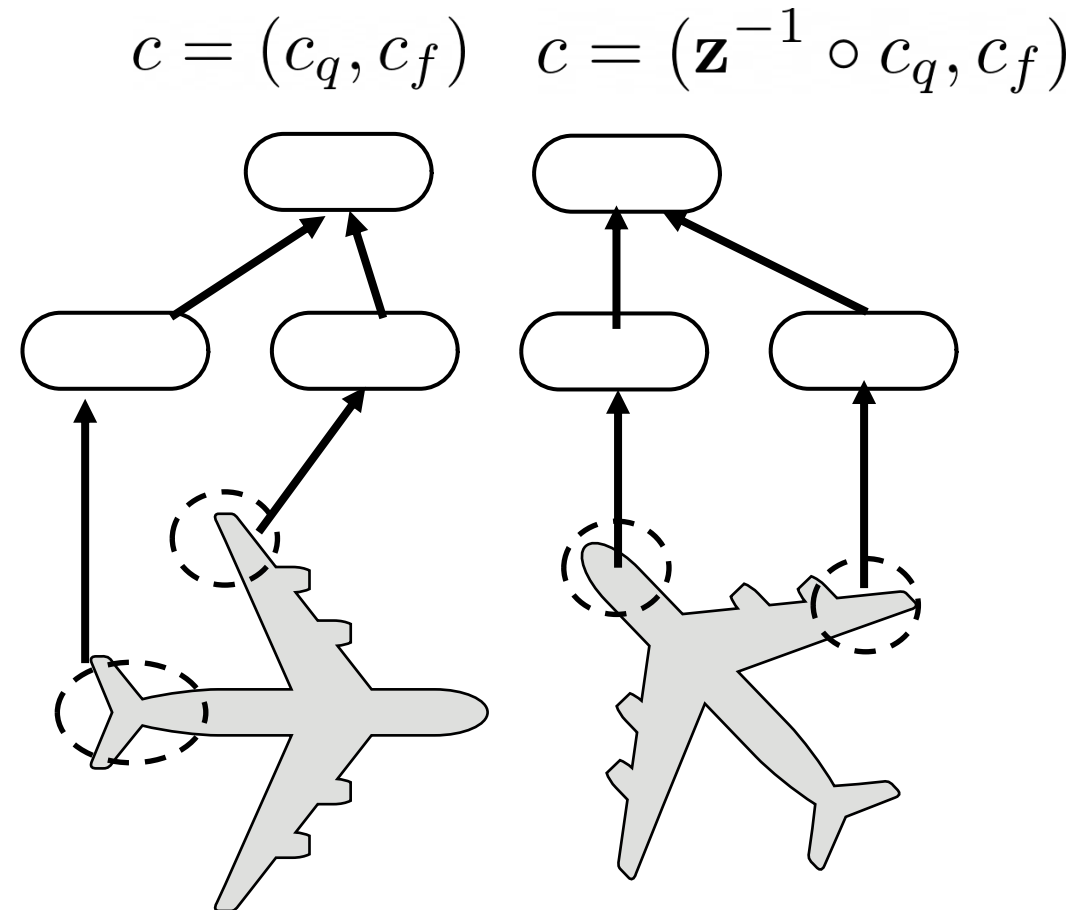


# Geometric Capsules

- ▶ Each capsule can be viewed from any viewpoint  $z$ :



- ▶ Feature  $c_f$  is pose invariant



# Pose Equivariance Results

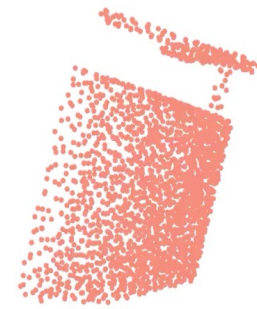
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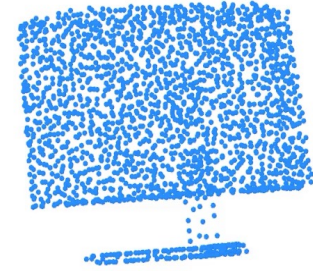
Object as viewed from  
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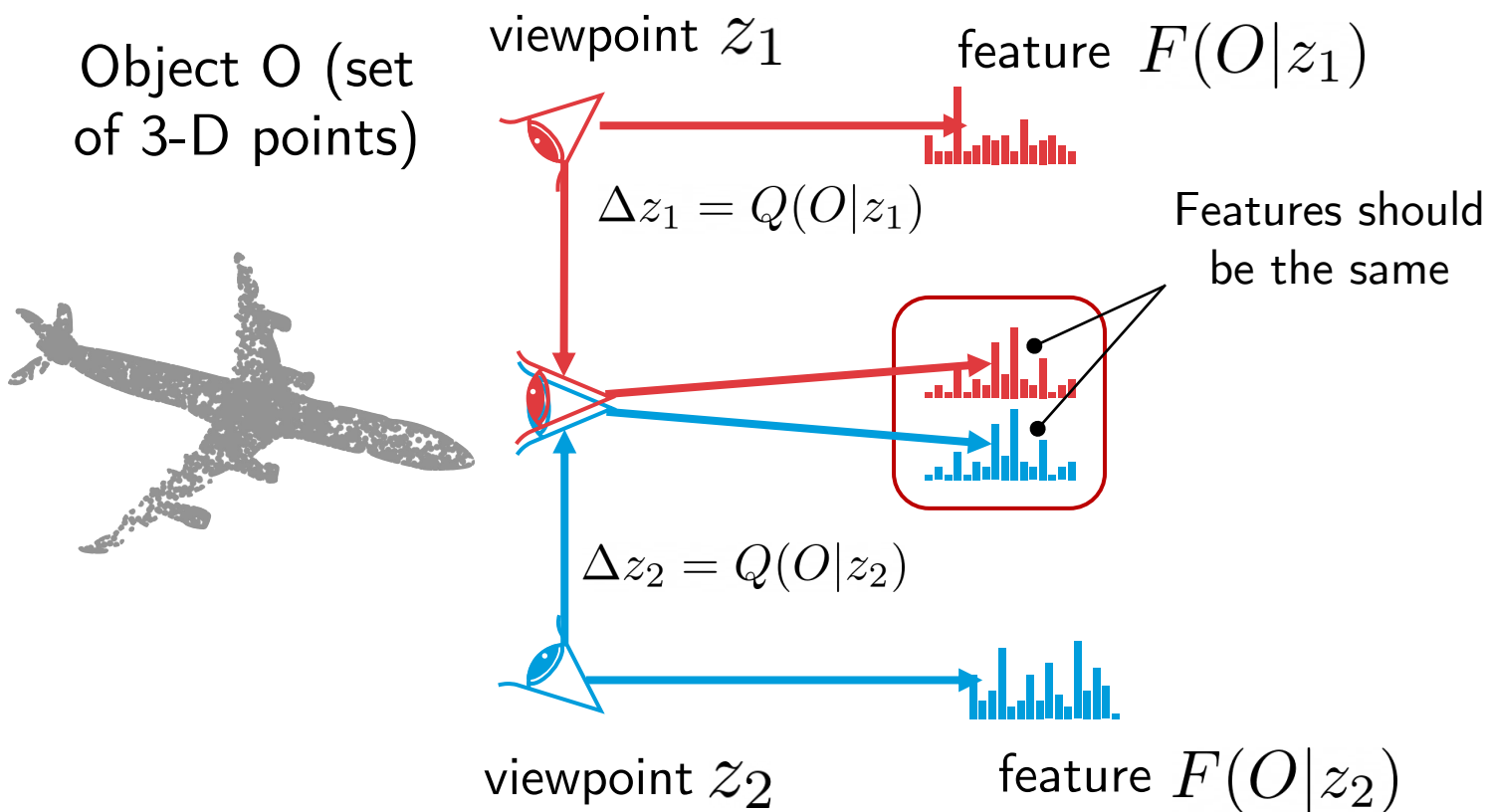
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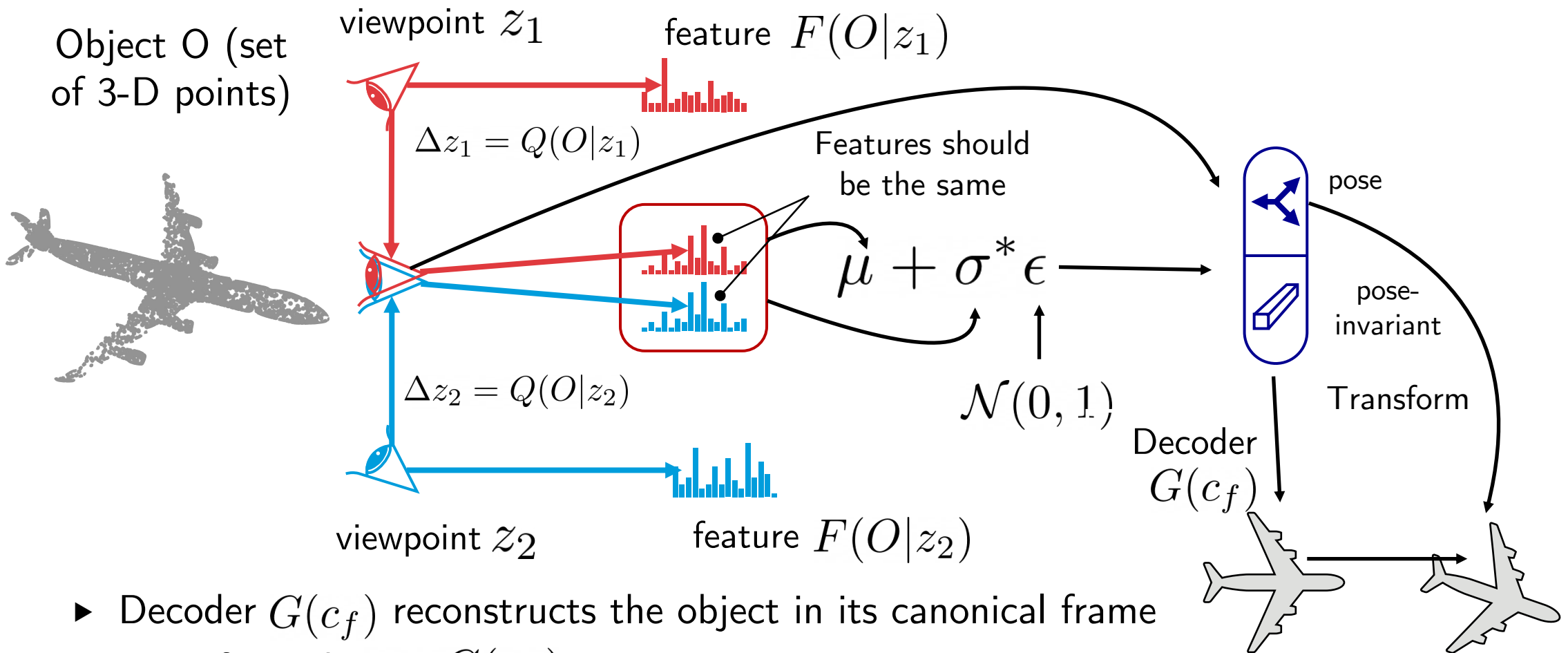


# Multi-View Agreement: Unsupervised Learning



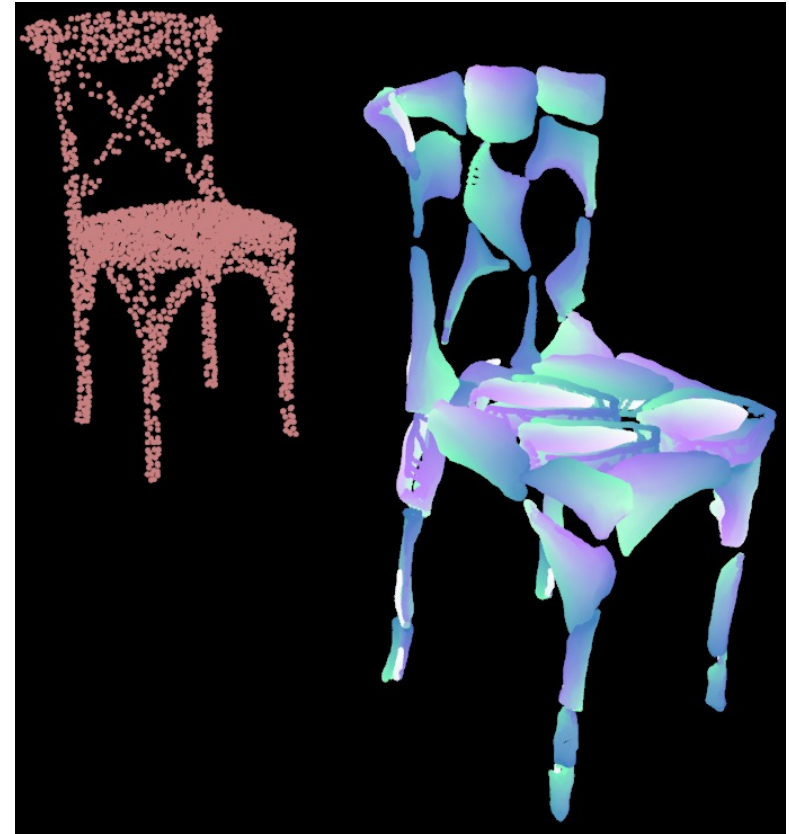
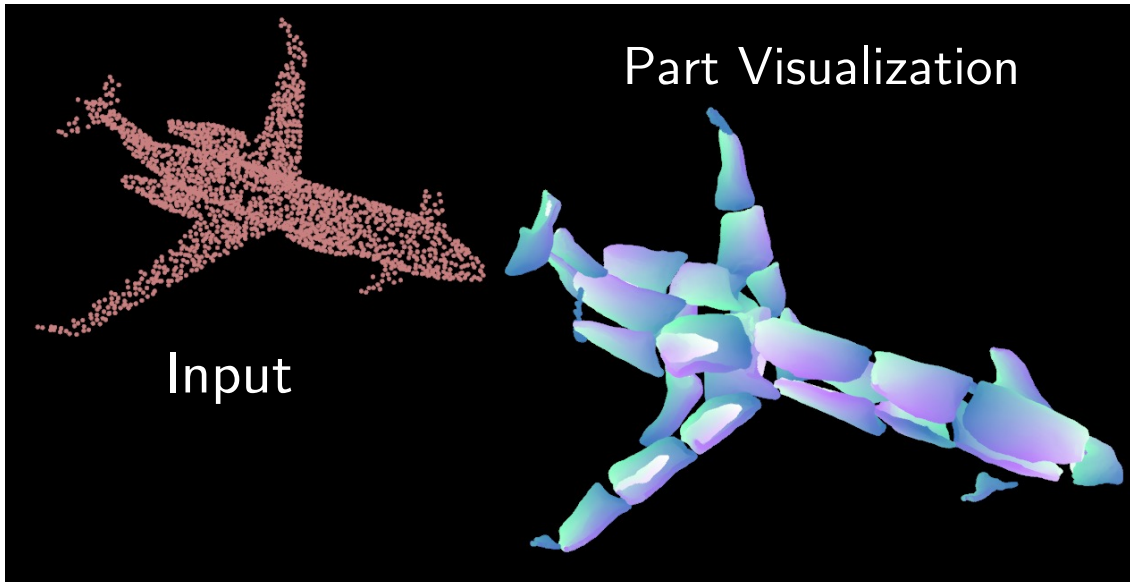
- ▶  $F(O|z_k)$ : parameterized set-to-value function
- ▶  $\Delta z_k = Q(O|z_k)$  such that  $z_k \circ \Delta z_k$  is canonical pose of the object.
- ▶  $F(O|z_k \circ \Delta z_k)$  will be the same for all  $k$ .

# Multi-View Agreement



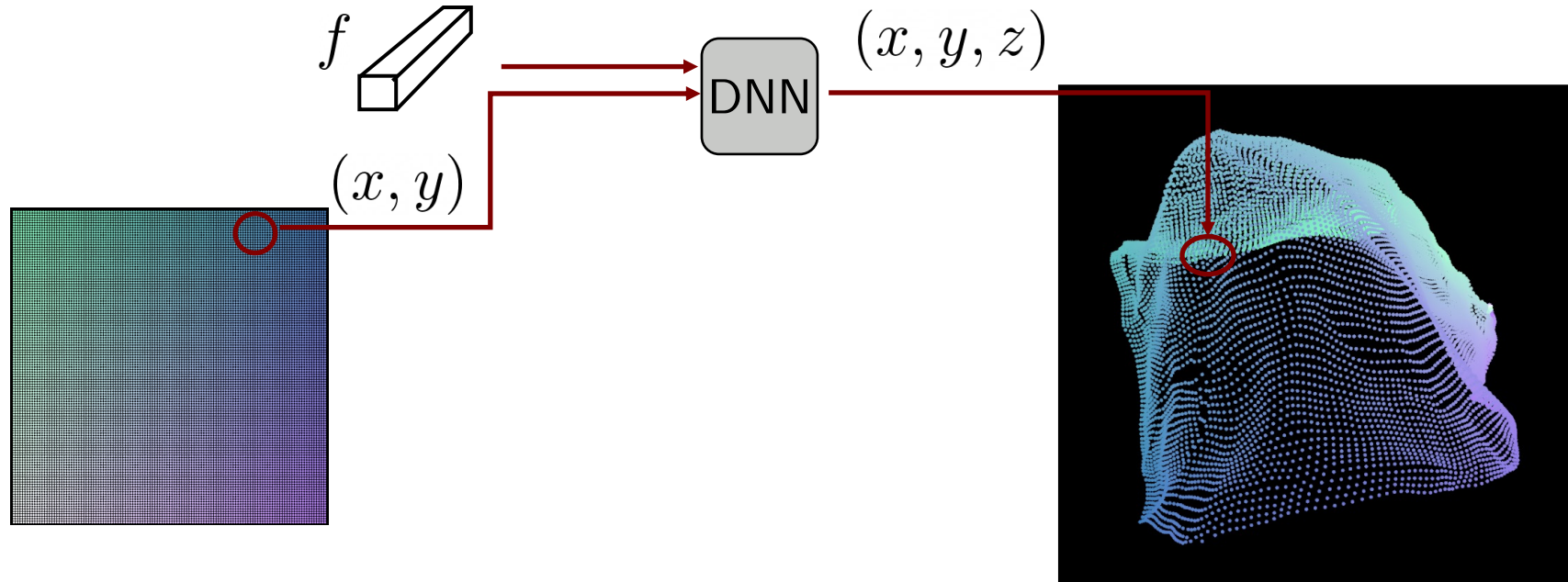
- ▶ Decoder  $G(c_f)$  reconstructs the object in its canonical frame
- ▶ Transformed:  $c_q \circ G(c_f)$  reconstructs  $O$ .
- ▶  $F(O|z), Q(O|z), G(c_f)$  can be learned jointly.

# Points to Parts

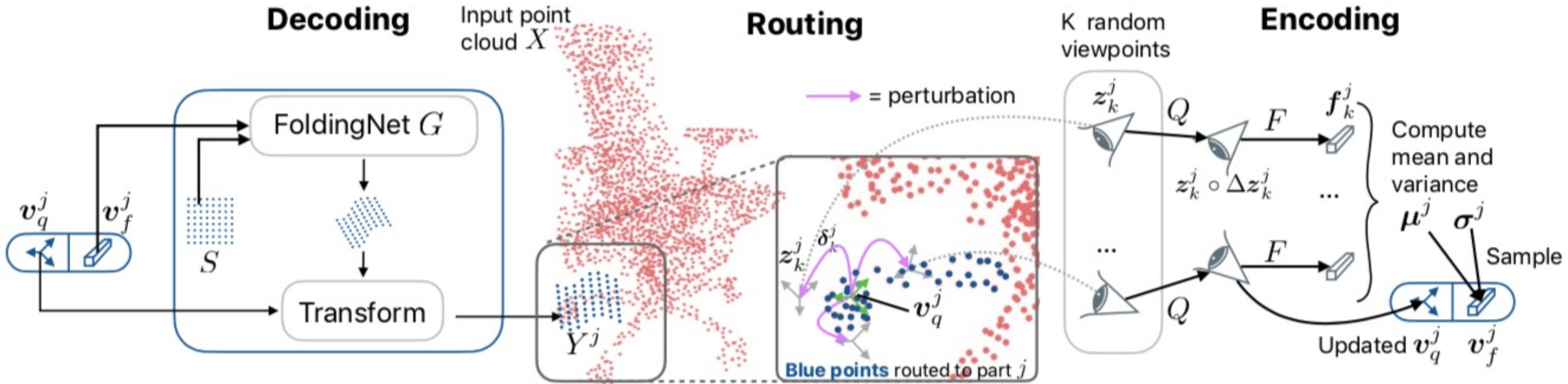


# Representing Parts using Folding Net

- ▶ FoldingNet (Yang et al., CVPR 2018) is a way to parametrize folded surfaces.



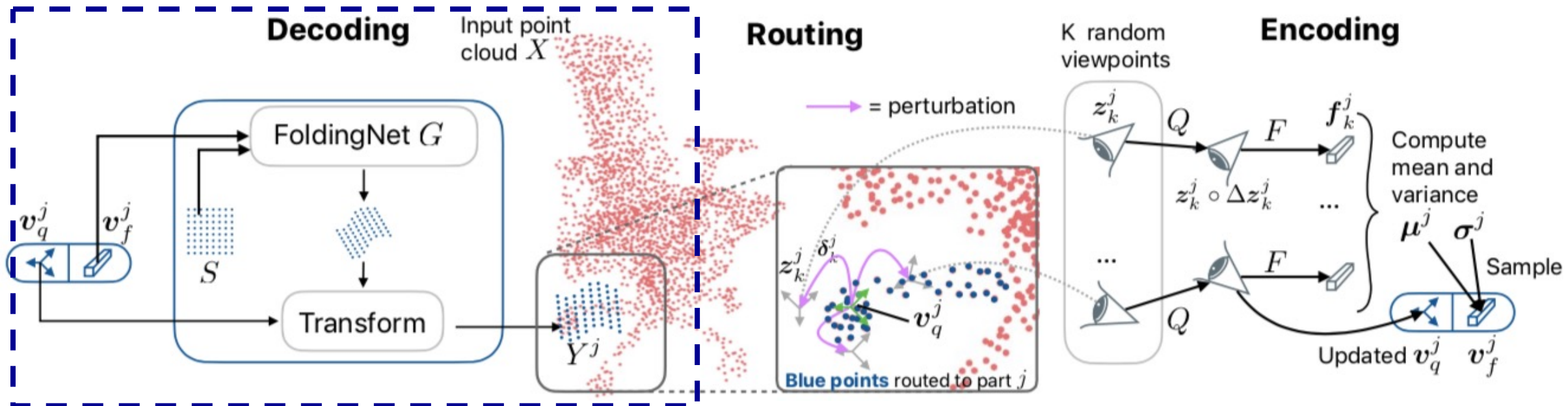
# Points to Parts Autoencoder



- ▶ Let  $X = \{\mathbf{x}^i\}_{i=1}^I$ ,  $\mathbf{x}^i \in \mathbb{R}^3$  be the set of 3-D points
- ▶ Let  $V = \{(\mathbf{v}_q^j, \mathbf{v}_f^j)\}_{j=1}^J$  be the set of  $J$  part capsules
- ▶ Let  $R_{ij} \in [0, 1]$  probability of point  $i$  belonging to part capsule  $j$
- ▶ Iteratively update  $V$  and  $R$ .



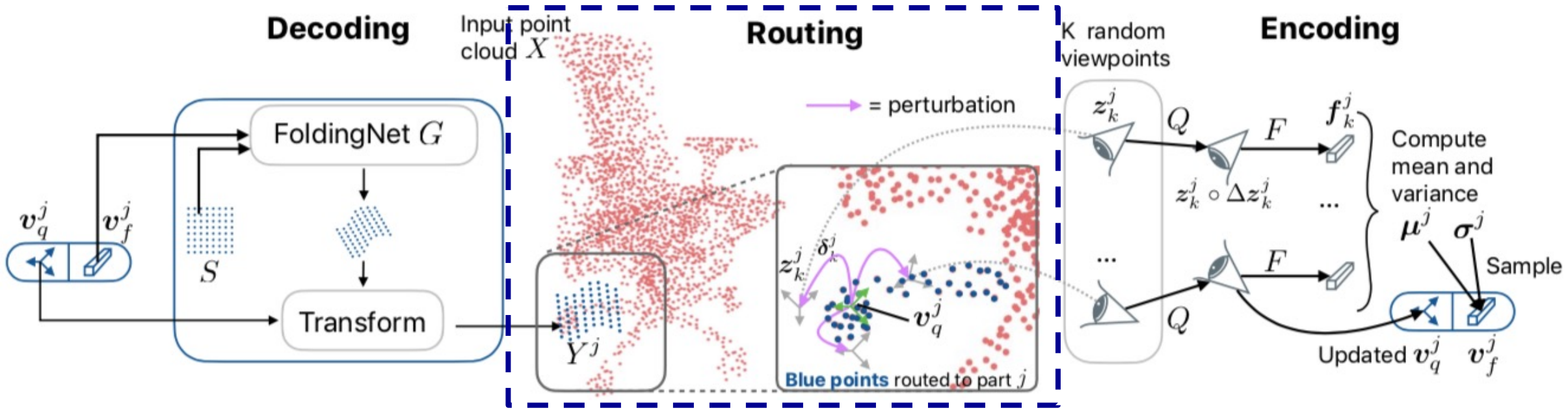
# Points to Parts Decoder



- ▶ Decoder:  $G : (\mathbb{R}^D \times \mathbb{R}^2) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  maps capsule's feature  $\mathbf{v}_f^j$  concatenated with a 2D point sampled from a unit square to a 3D point
- ▶ The pose  $\mathbf{v}_q^j$  transform the generated 3D surface to the global frame:

$$Y^j = \{\mathbf{v}_q^j \circ G(\mathbf{v}_f^j, s) | s \in S\}$$

# Points to Parts Routing

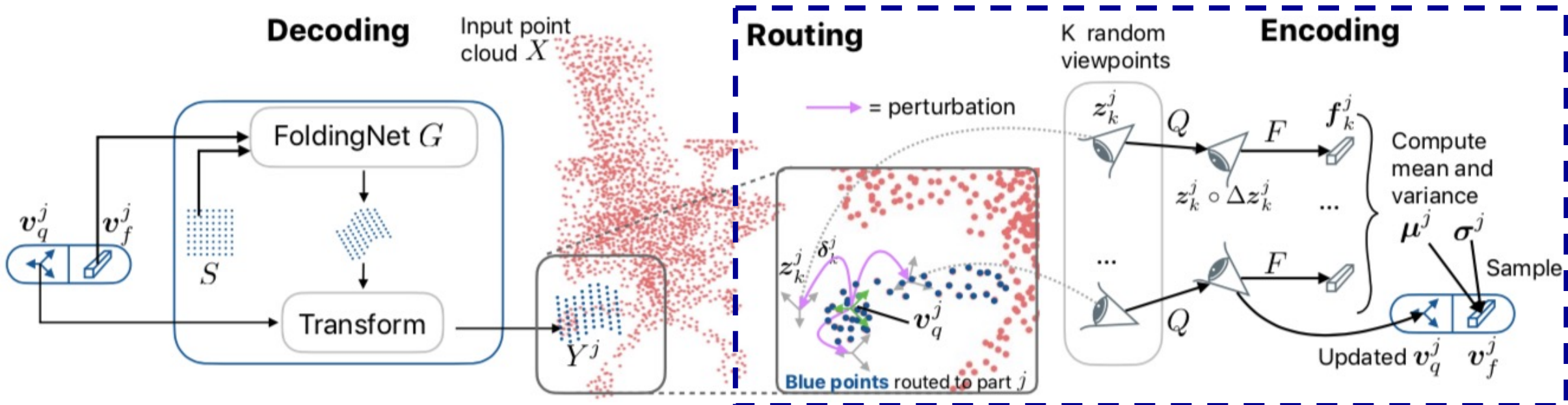


- ▶ Point  $\mathbf{x}^i$  should be routed to capsule  $j$  if it is well explained by some point in  $Y^j$

$$b_{ij} \equiv \log P(\mathbf{x}^i | Y^j) \propto - \min_{\mathbf{y} \in Y^j} \left( \frac{\|\mathbf{x}^i - \mathbf{y}\|^2}{\sigma_j^2} + \log(\sigma_j) \right)$$

- ▶ The log probs are used to compute  $R_{ij} \in [0, 1]$  using softmax over  $J$  capsules.

# Points to Parts Encoder

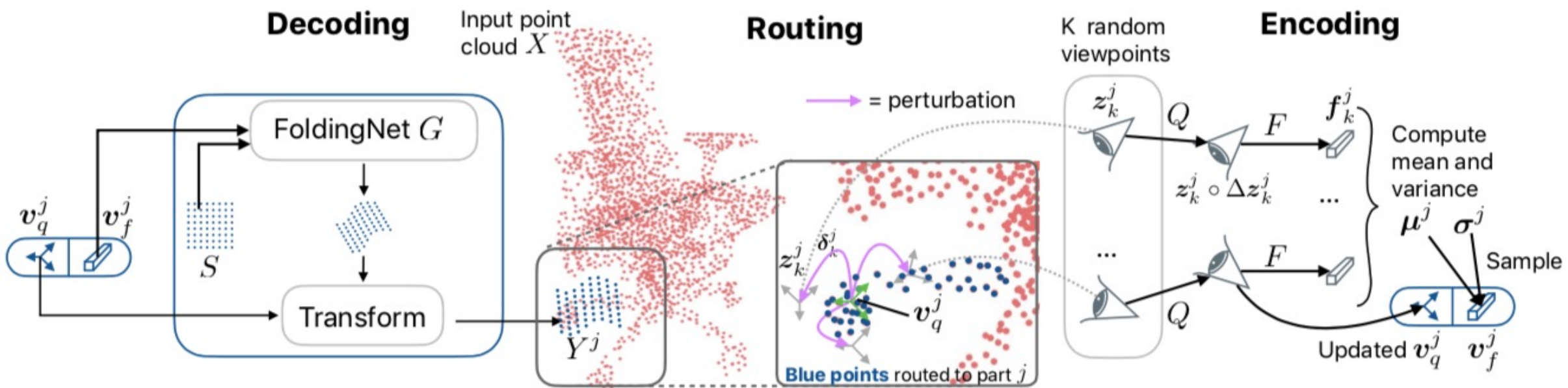


- ▶ Given  $R$ , Multi-View Agreement is used to infer each capsule  $(v_q^j, v_f^j)$
- ▶ Generate  $K$  random viewpoints. 3D points are then embedded, pooled and projected

$$\Delta z_k^j = Q(X|z_k^j, R) = Q_{\text{project}}(\text{maxpool}_i R_{ij} Q_{\text{embed}}((z_k^j)^{-1} \odot x^i))$$

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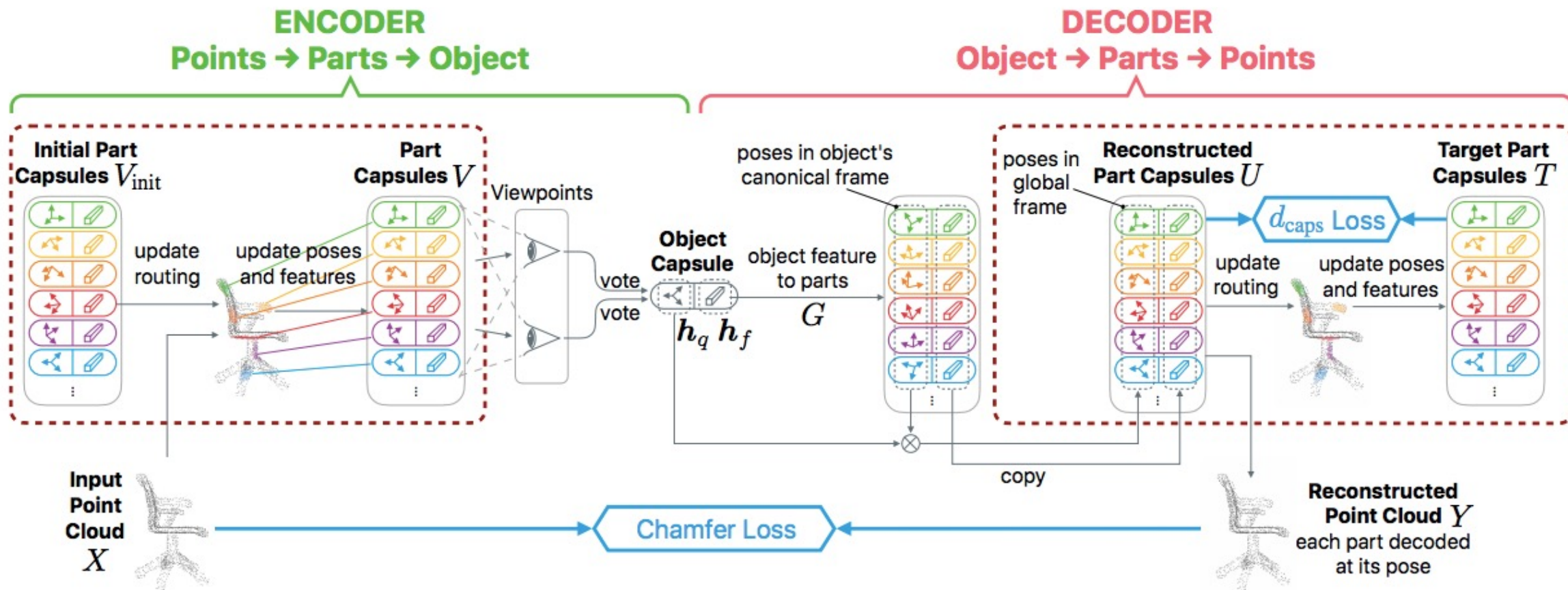
# Points to Parts Autoencoder Loss



► Chamfer Loss:

$$\mathcal{L} = d_{\text{Chamfer}}(X, Y) = \frac{1}{|Y|} \sum_{y \in Y} \min_{x \in X} \|x - y\|^2 + \frac{1}{|X|} \sum_{x \in X} \min_{y \in Y} \|x - y\|^2$$

# Parts to Object Autoencoder

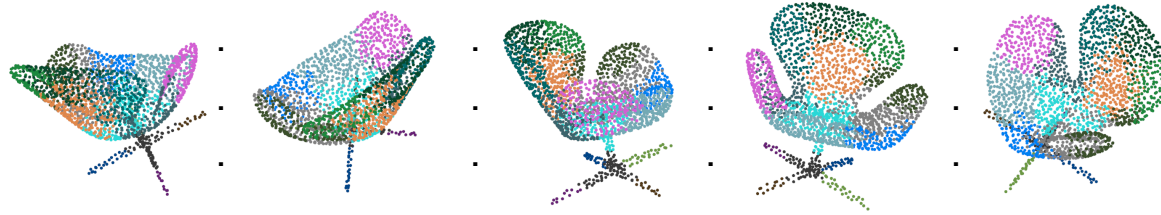


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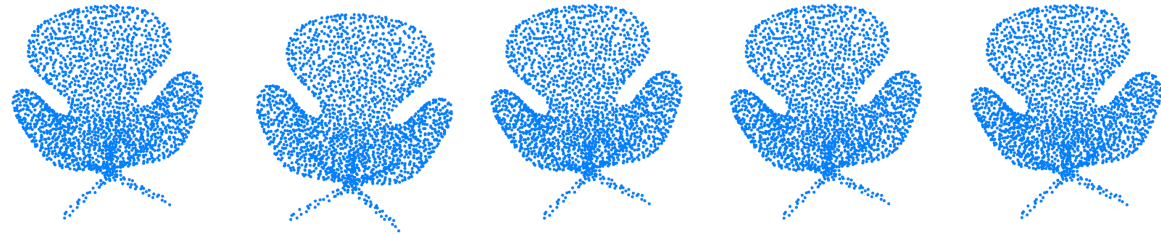
- ▶ Datasets : Training on ShapeNet Core 55, Testing on ModelNet40.
  - ▶ ShapeNet: 55-object-category, with 57,448 CAD models, each uniformly sampled to 2048 3D points. We used 2,468 test objects
  - ▶ Use 16 part capsules, each with 16-D feature
  - ▶ Entire object is modeled with 1024-D feature
- ▶ Two things to evaluate:
- ▶ **Pose-invariance of the feature component:** Object retrieval
  - ▶ Can the inferred feature be used to query and find an object, if it is present in a different view in the database?
  - ▶ Metric: Top-k retrieval accuracy.
- ▶ **Pose-equivariance of the pose component:** Alignment
  - ▶ Given two rotated views of the object, can the inferred pose be used to align them?
  - ▶ Metric: Relative Rotation Error.

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Transformed  
part capsules



Point cloud in  
recovered  
canonical pose

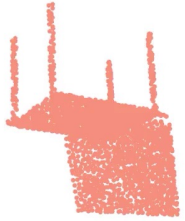


Superimposed point  
cloud in recovered  
canonical pose



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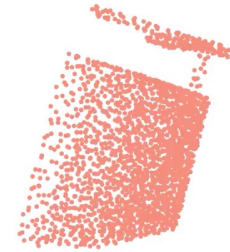
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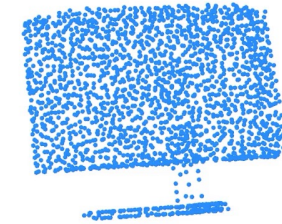
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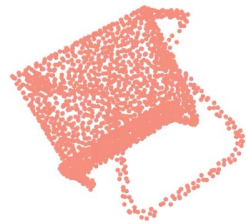
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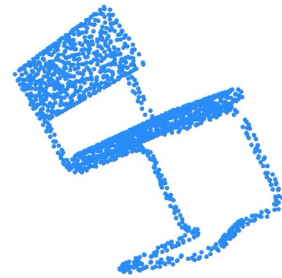
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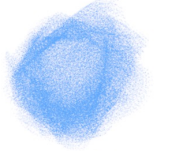

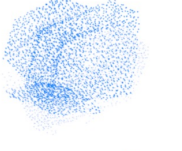
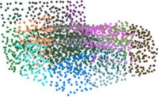







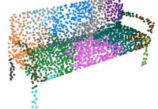



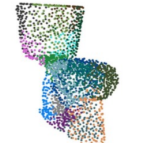


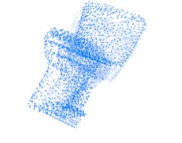
Object as viewed from  
inferred pose





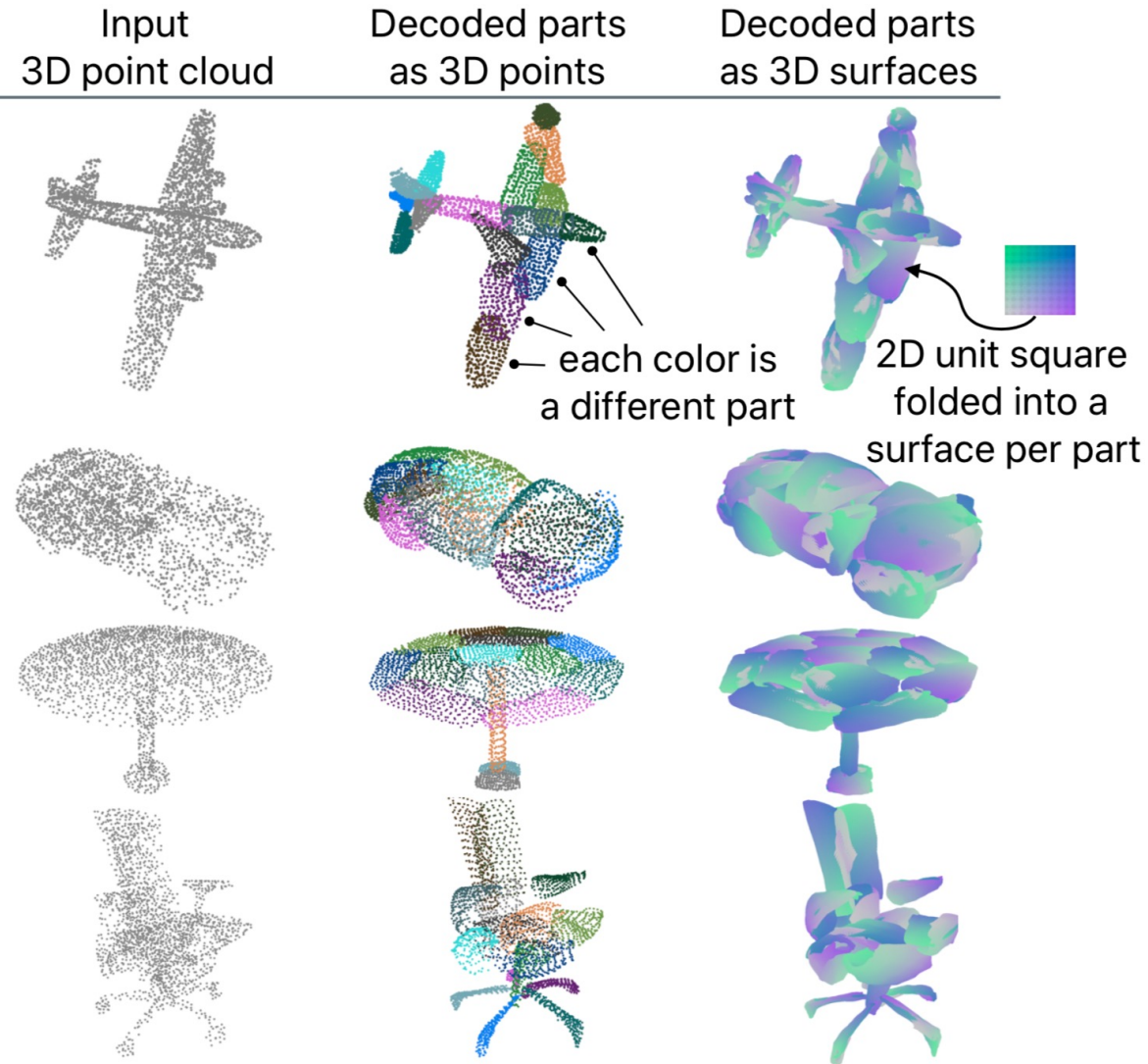
# Pose Equivariance Results

- If the inferred pose is rotation equivariant, the superposed point clouds should align.

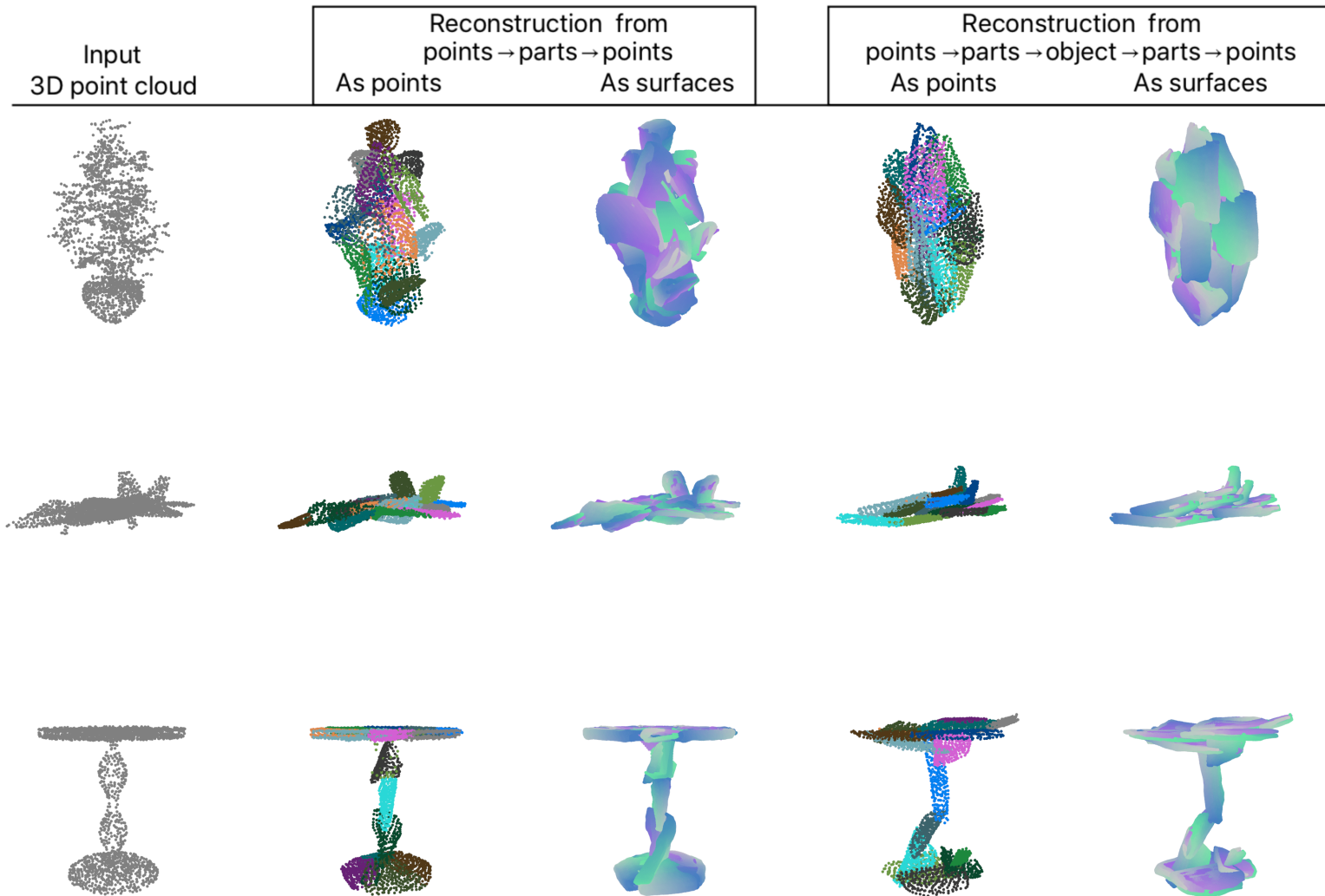
Object class	Reference object instance	Superimposed point cloud in recovered canonical pose		
		Setting A	Setting C	Setting E
Monitor				
Bed				
Chair				
Sofa				
Toilet				

	Setting			Average $E_R$	Instance Retrieval
	$K$	$\theta_\delta$	steps		
A	1	45	1	$0.184 \pm 0.022$	$0.42 \pm 0.09$
B	2	45	1	$0.106 \pm 0.020$	$0.78 \pm 0.07$
C	4	45	1	$0.099 \pm 0.018$	$0.82 \pm 0.05$
D	4	180	1	$0.056 \pm 0.021$	$0.99 \pm 0.01$
E	4	180	3	$0.021 \pm 0.003$	$0.95 \pm 0.01$

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# Conclusion

- ▶ Capsules allow us to potentially learn more interpretable object representations via learning “parts – to – whole” representations compared to black-box deep neural nets, such as CNNs.
  - ▶ Multi-Modal Routing can provide interpretability without sacrificing performance
  - ▶ Geometric Capsules can provide interpretable parts based representation
- ▶ Adaptively set the number of part capsules.
- ▶ 3D Scene flow using consistency of part-whole relationships over time.
- ▶ Need better inference (routing) algorithms
- ▶ How can we apply capsules to the raw input data (raw audio, visual, textual input).