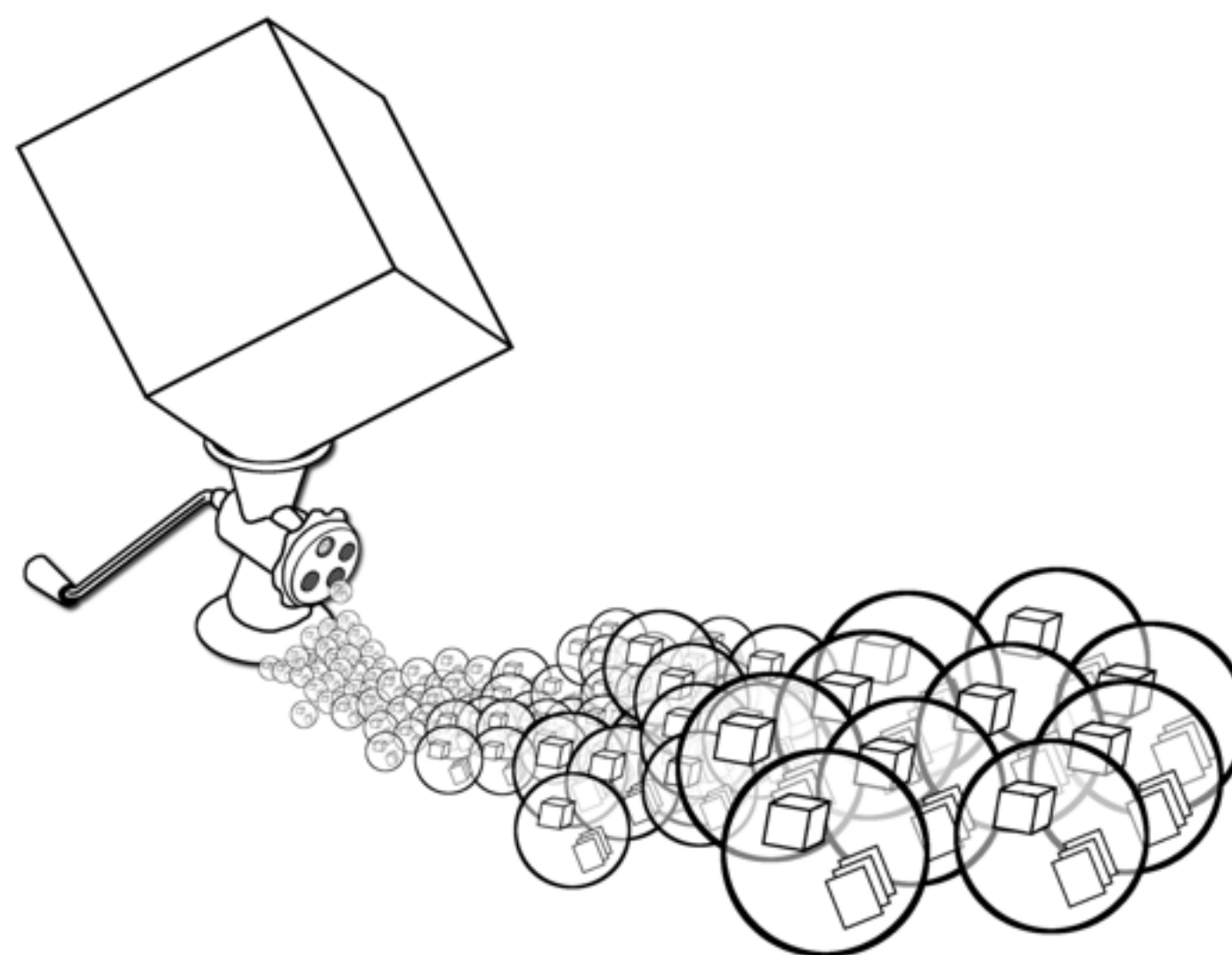




# Tutorial: Tensor Approximation in Visualization and Computer Graphics

# Introduction

**Renato Pajarola, Susanne K. Suter, and Roland Ruiters**



University of  
Zurich<sup>UZH</sup>



VISUALIZATION AND  
MULTIMEDIA LAB

universität**bonn**



Institute of Computer Science II  
**Computer Graphics**

# Introduction

---

- Renato Pajarola
  - ▶ Professor, Visualization and MultiMedia Lab, University of Zürich
- Susanne K. Suter
  - ▶ Postdoc, Visualization and MultiMedia Lab, University of Zürich
- Roland Ruiters
  - ▶ PhD Student, Computer Graphics Group, University of Bonn

# Overview

- **Part 1:** Introduction of the TA framework
  - ▶ Tucker and CANDECOMP/PARAFAC (CP) tensor decompositions
  - ▶ Rank-reduced tensor approximations, ALS methods
  - ▶ Useful TA properties and features for data visualization
  - ▶ Frequency analysis and DCT equivalence
- **Part 2:** Applications of TA in scientific visualization
  - ▶ TA-based volume visualization applications
  - ▶ Implementation details of tensor decomposition and tensor reconstruction algorithms
  - ▶ Practical examples (MATLAB, vmmllib)
- **Part 3:** Applications of TA in rendering and graphics
  - ▶ Examples for multidimensional datasets in rendering and graphics applications
  - ▶ Influence of data organization, parametrization and error metric
  - ▶ Clustering and sparsity
  - ▶ Processing irregular and sparse input samples

# Tutorial Schedule

---

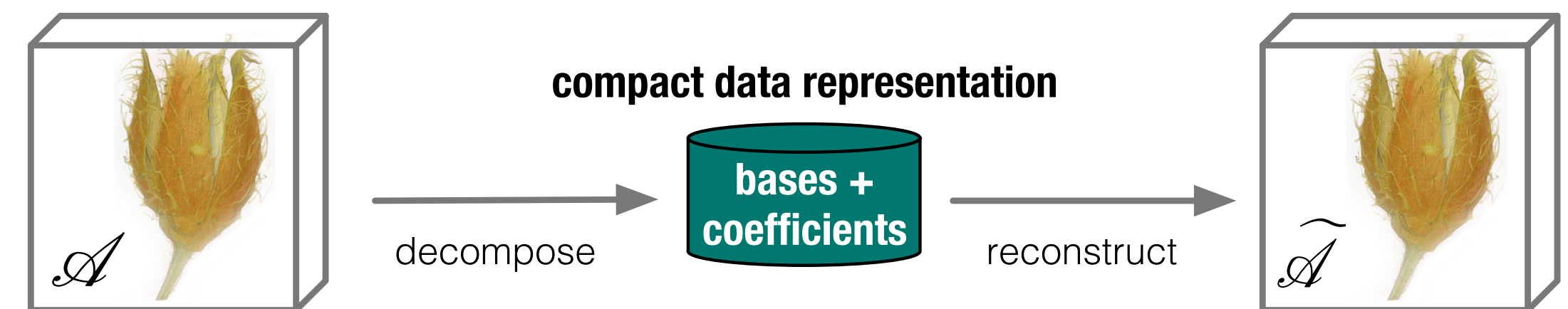
- **Monday** May. 6 from **13:40 to 15:20**
- Location: **Room B.1**
  - ▶ Introduction (Pajarola, 10min)
  - ▶ Tensor Decomposition Models (Pajarola, 25min)
  - ▶ Properties and Features (Pajarola, 25min)
  - ▶ Applications in Scientific Visualization (Suter, 30min)
- **Tuesday** May. 7 from **9:00 to 10:40**
- Location: **Room B.1**
  - ▶ Implementation Examples in Scientific Visualization (Suter, 25min)
  - ▶ Graphics Applications (Ruiters, 30min)
  - ▶ Clustering and Sparsity (Ruiters, 25min)
  - ▶ Summary/Outlook (Pajarola, 10min)



# Motivation

- Compact representation of large scale data sets important in many areas of scientific visualization and computer graphics

- Use a mathematical framework for the decomposition of the input data into bases and coefficients



- Key features of a compact data representation:

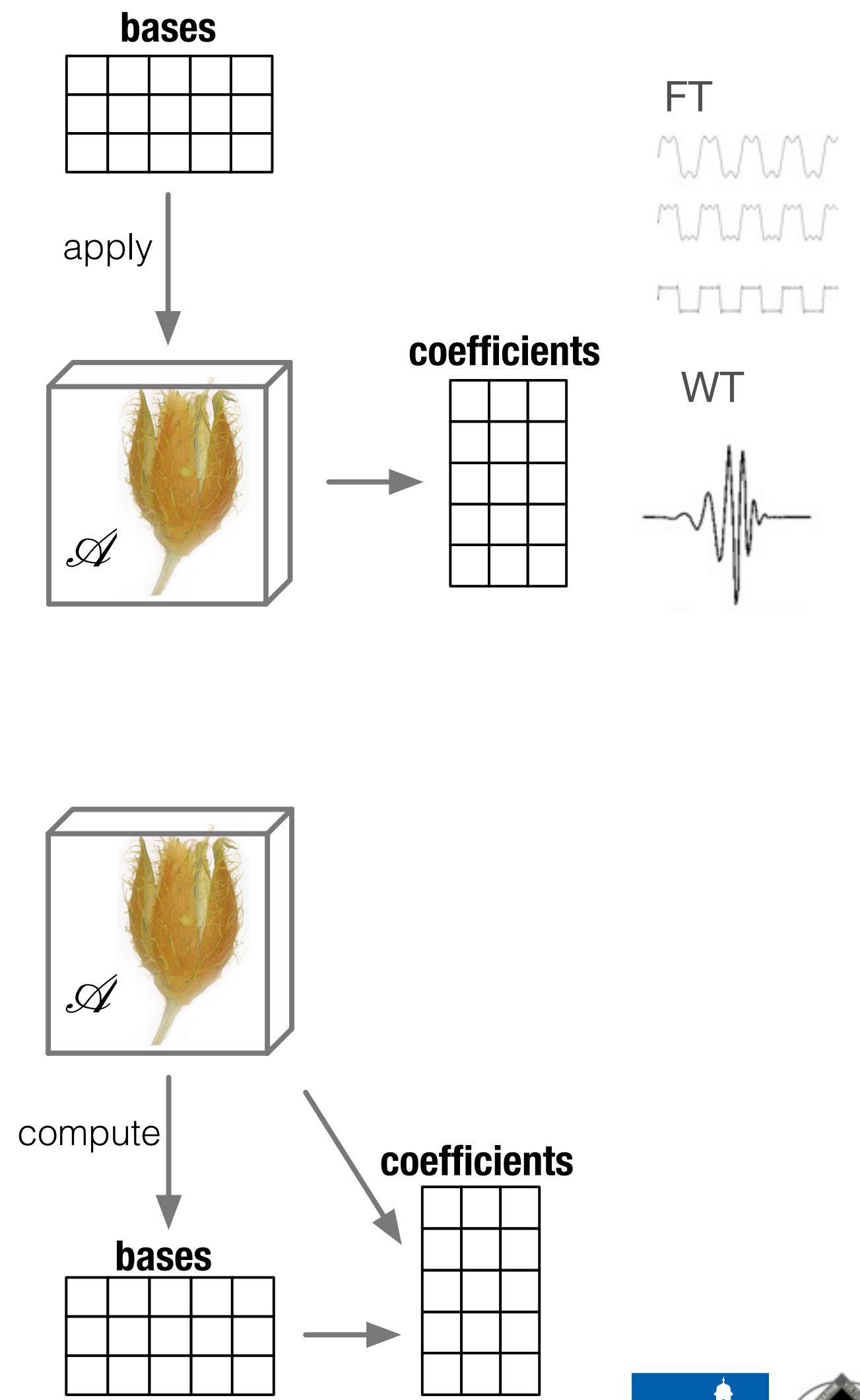
- ▶ effective decomposition
- ▶ good data reduction
- ▶ fast access and reconstruction



- Tensor approximation methods have shown to be a powerful and promising tool

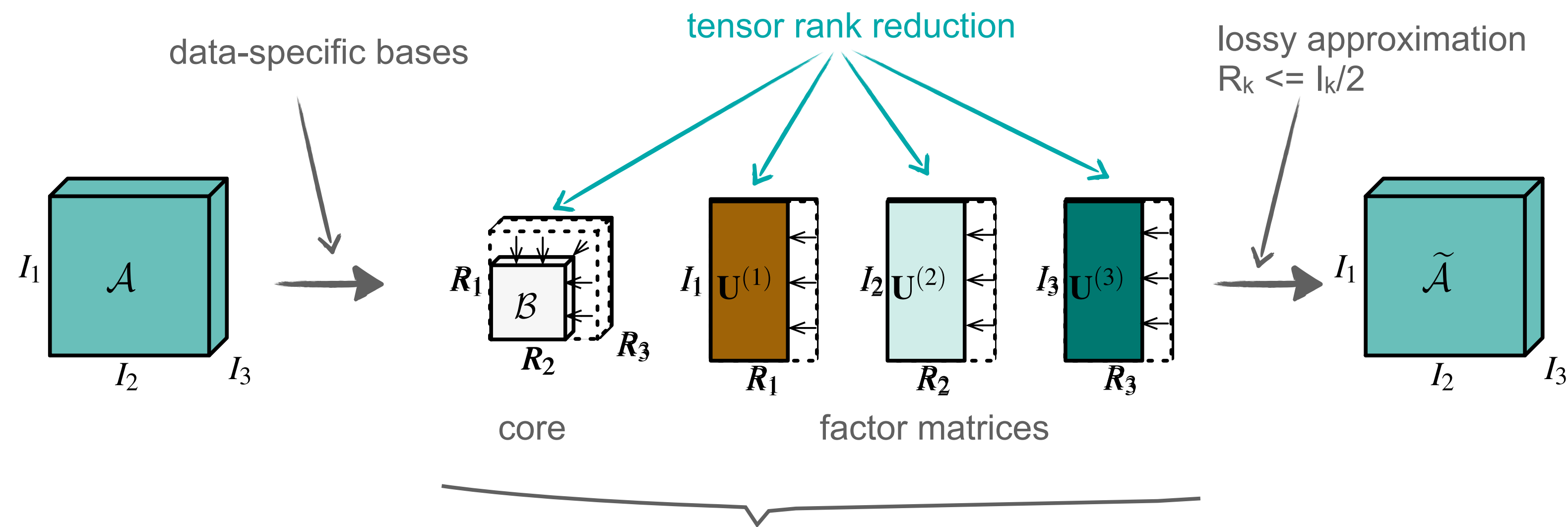
# Decomposition Bases

- Decompositions into bases and weight coefficients can either use a set of pre-defined fixed bases, or computed bases
- Pre-defined bases are given a priori, often represent some form of frequency analysis, and the decomposition may be fast to compute
  - ▶ e.g. Fourier, Discrete Cosine and Wavelet Transforms
- Computed bases, learned from the input data, may provide a better data fit, approximation and fast reconstruction
  - ▶ e.g. SVD, PCA and Tensor Decomposition



# Tensor Approximation – TA

- TA: Generalization of low rank SVD matrix approximation to higher order data collections
- Data analysis, bases computation via tensor decomposition followed by rank-reduced reconstruction and approximation
  - ▶ data reduction achieved through reduced bases dimensionality



Tucker tensor decomposition

$$\tilde{A} = B \times_1 U^{(1)} \times_2 U^{(2)} \times_3 U^{(3)}$$