Mission Statement

"Make the large body of geometric algorithms developed in
the field of computational geometry available for industrial applications"

CGAL EU Project Proposal, 1996

Project = « Planned Undertaking »

- Project partners make a long term commitment:
- INRIA, Tel-Aviv U, Max-Planck Institute, ETH Zurich, cnrs-LIRIS, GeometryFactory,...

- CGAL Editorial Board
  - Steers and animates the project
  - Reviews submissions
  - Release manager, Review manager, ...

- Development infrastructure

CGAL in Numbers

600,000	lines of C++ code
10,000	downloads/year (+ package managers)
4,500	manual pages
3,000	subscribers to cgal-announce
1,000	subscribers to cgal-discuss
200	commercial users
	software components
120	active developers
20	months release cycle
6	licenses: Open Source + Commercial
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Licenses

- Open Source License:
  - LGPL for Foundation Layer
  - GPL for other packages

- Commercial Licenses
  - Annual Research Licenses for entire CGAL
  - Commercial License for components
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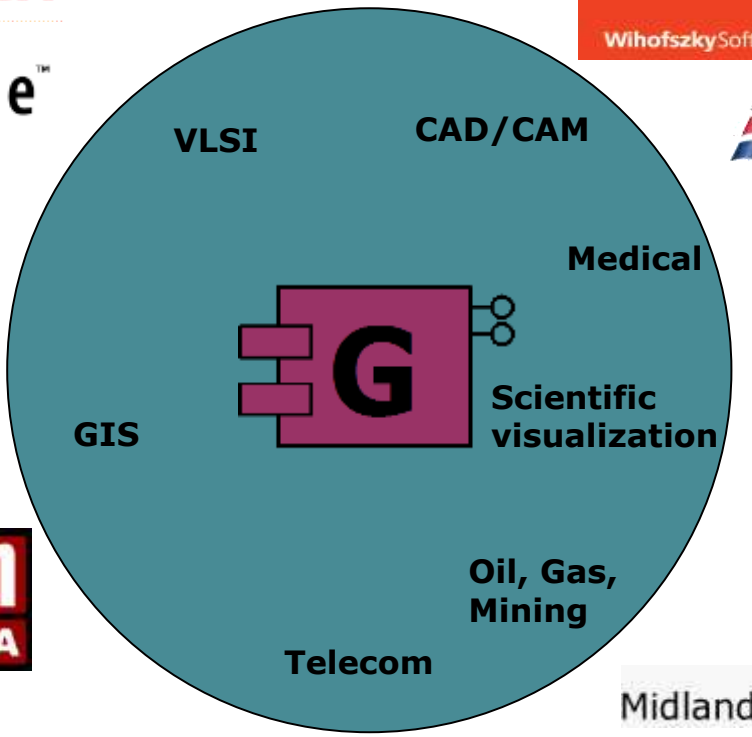
Some Commercial CGAL Users



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Package Overview

Arithmetic and Algebra

Algebraic Foundations

$\{+, -, *\}$

$is\_zero(x)$

$gcd(x, y)$

Michael Hemmer

This package defines what algebra means for CGAL, in terms of concepts, classes and functions. The main features are: (i) explicit concepts for interoperability of types (ii) separation between algebraic types (not necessarily embeddable into the reals), and number types (embeddable into the reals).

User Manual Reference Manual

Introduced in: CGAL 3.3
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Number Types

$\mathbb{Z}$ $\mathbb{Q}$ $\mathbb{R}$

double

Michael Hemmer, Susan Hert, Sylvain Pion, and Stefan Schirra

This package provides number type concepts as well as number type classes and wrapper classes for third party number type libraries.

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Modular Arithmetic

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Geometry Processing

Polygon Mesh Processing

Sébastien Loriot, Jane Tournois, Ilker O. Yaz

This package provides a collection of methods and classes for polygon mesh processing, ranging from basic operations on simplices, to complex geometry processing algorithms.

User Manual Reference Manual

Introduced in: CGAL 4.7
Depends on: documented for each function; CGAL and Solvers
BibTeX: cgal:lty-pmp-16a
License: GPL
Windows Demo: Operations on Polyhedra
Common Demo Dlls: dlls

3D Surface Subdivision Methods

Le-Jeng Andy Shiue

Subdivision methods recursively refine a control mesh and generate points approximating the limit surface. This package consists of four popular subdivision methods and their refinement hosts. Supported subdivision methods include Catmull-Clark, Loop, Doo-Sabin and sqrt(3) subdivisions. Their respective refinement hosts are PQQ, PTQ, DQQ and sqrt(3) refinements. Variations of those methods can be easily extended by substituting the geometry computation of the refinement host.

User Manual Reference Manual

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Windows Demo: Operations on Polyhedra
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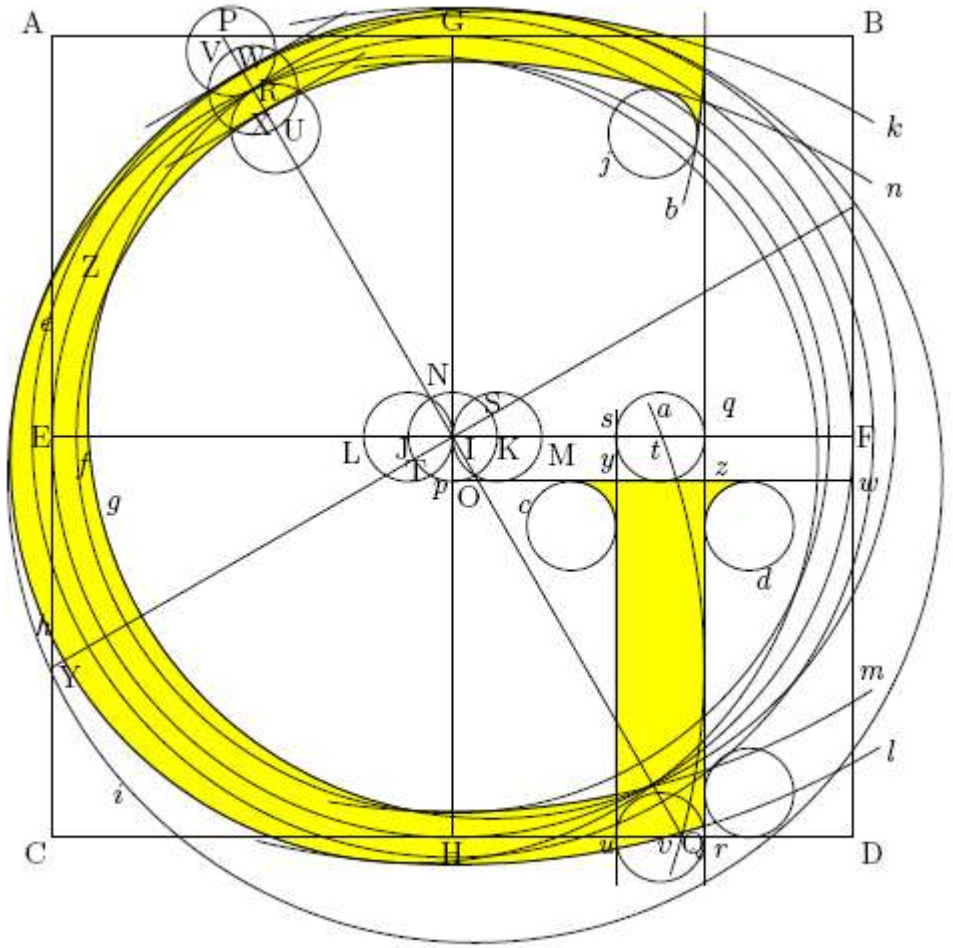
Triangulated Surface Mesh Segmentation

Outline

- Point Set Processing
- Polygon Mesh Processing
- Mesh Generation

- Use, Participate, Contribute



Point Set Processing

Background

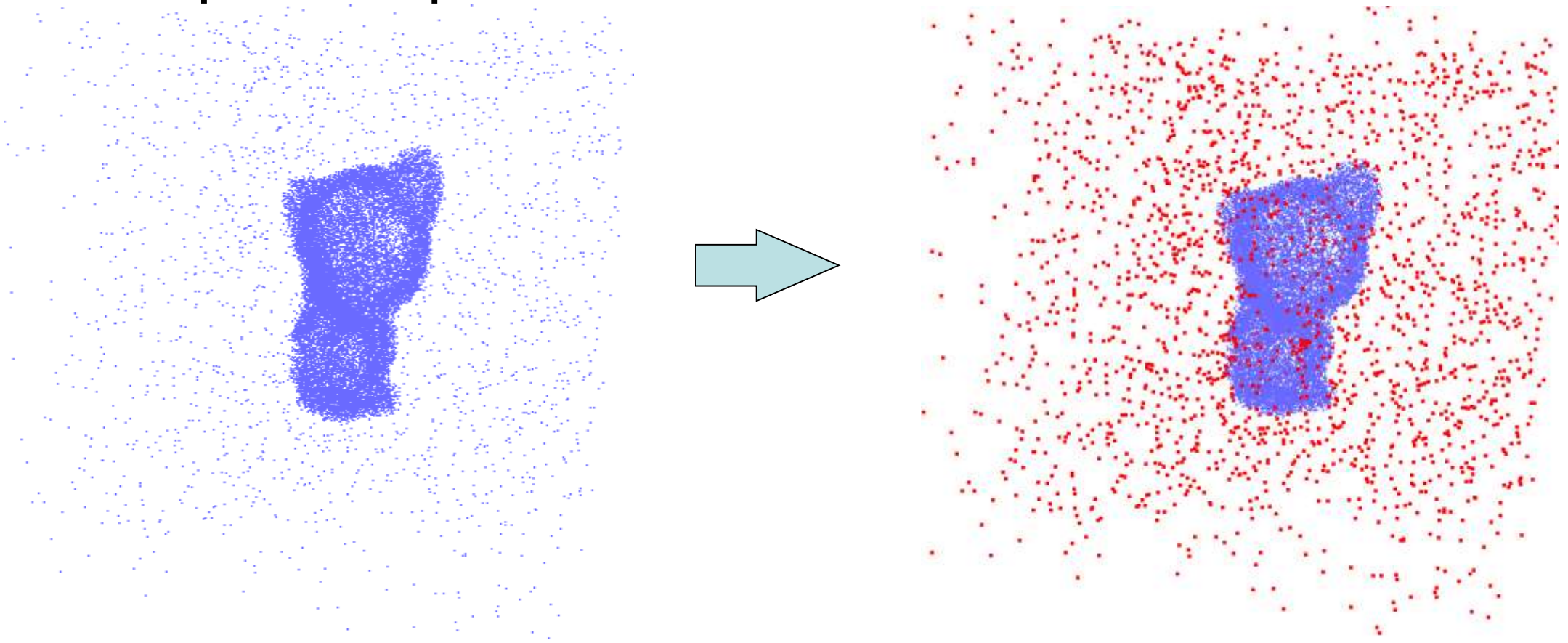
KD Tree

- Range queries:
- Get points that lie in a query iso-cuboid, or sphere

- Distance queries:
- Get m closest points to a query point

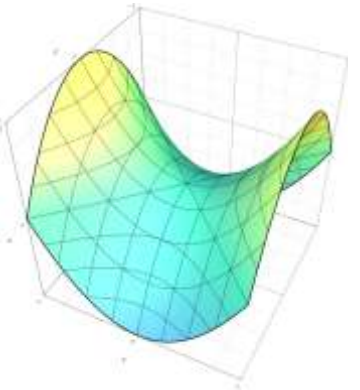
Outlier Removal

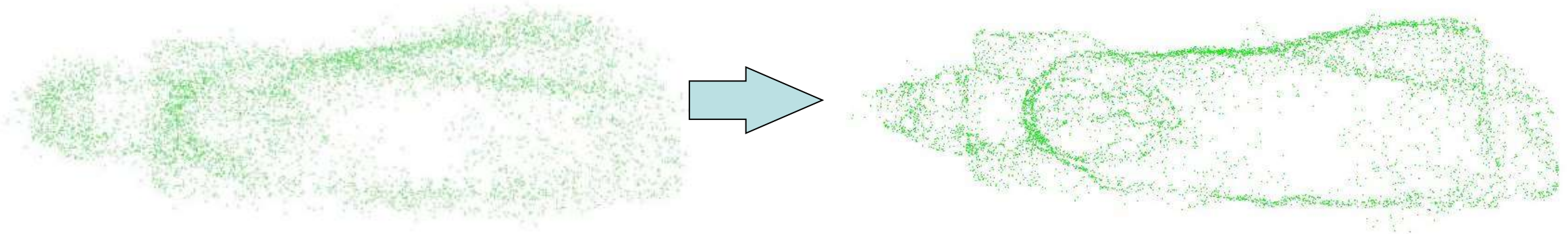
- Sort points by average squared distances to m nearest neighbors
- Cut at specified percentile



Smoothing

- For each point
  - Find m nearest neighbors
  - Fit plane or jet (smooth parametric surface)
  - Project



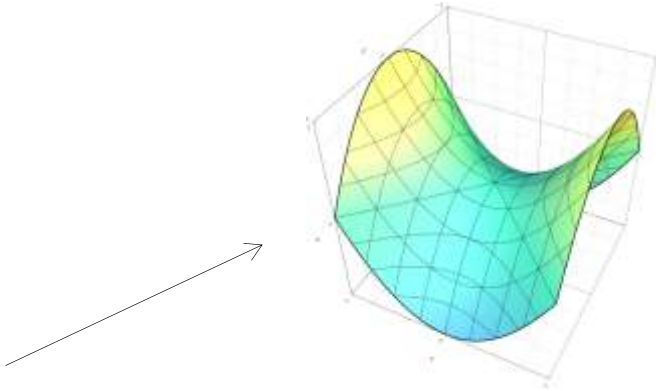


(noisy point set)

(smoothed point set)

Normal Estimation

- For each point
  - Find m nearest neighbors
  - Fit plane or smooth jet surface
  - Project

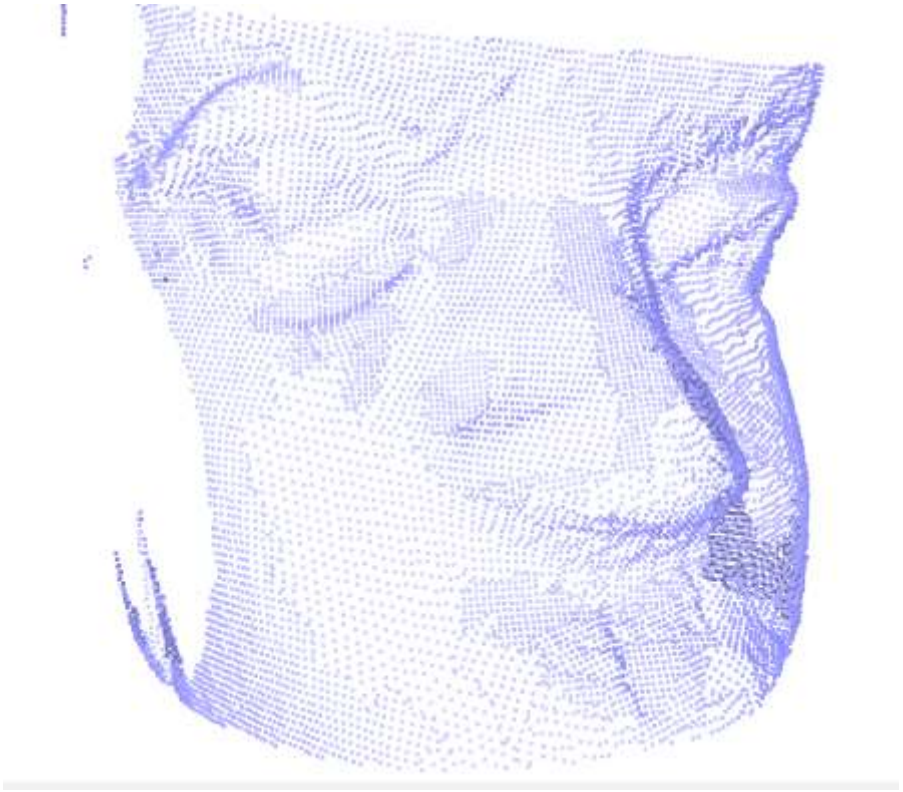


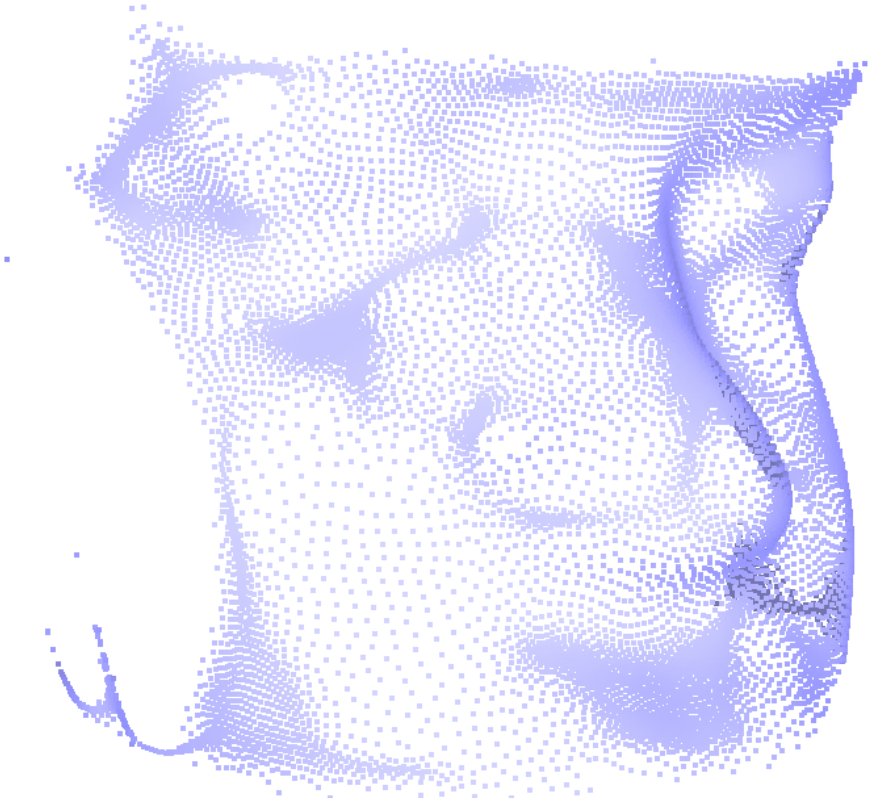
- Orient normals by propagation in

Riemannian graph (edges between k NN)

WLOP Simplification

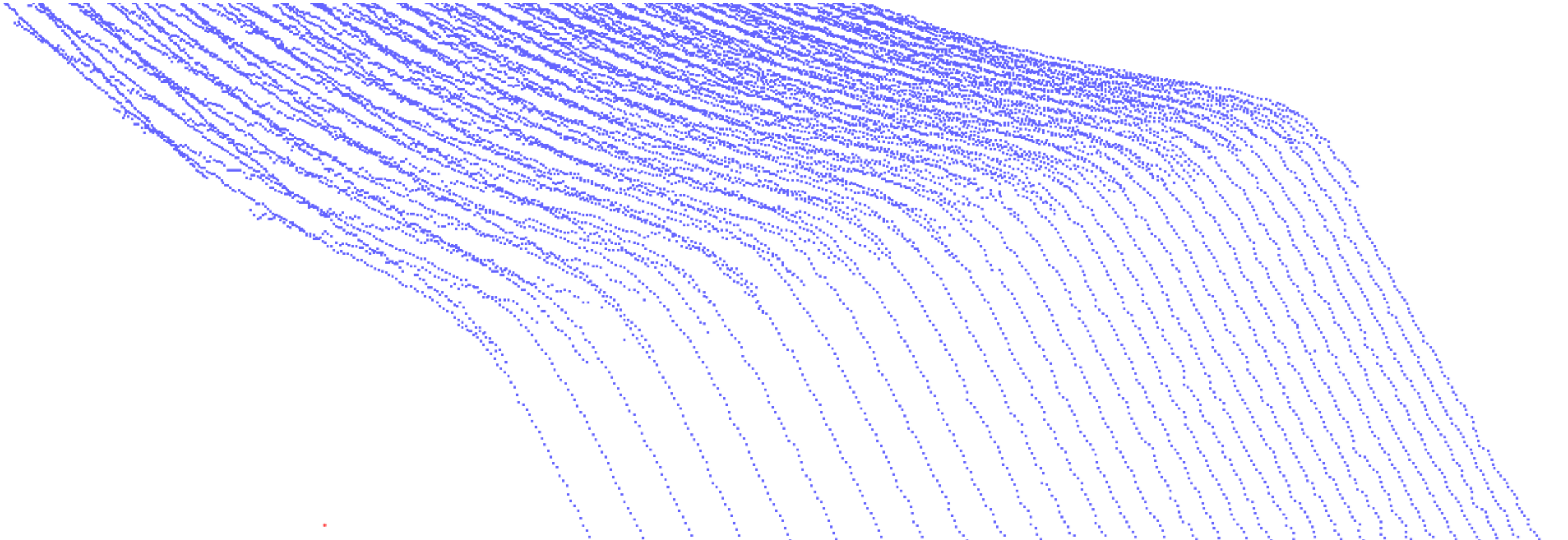
- Weighted Locally Optimal Projection [Wu et al.]
- Distributes particles applying contraction and repulsion forces





Warning Concerning All Algorithms

The m nearest neighbors may be on same scan line



Surface Reconstruction

Surface Reconstruction

- Three methods
  - Advancing Front — cgal.org
  - Poisson — cgal.org
  - Scale Space — cgal.org

- Common tool: Delaunay_3
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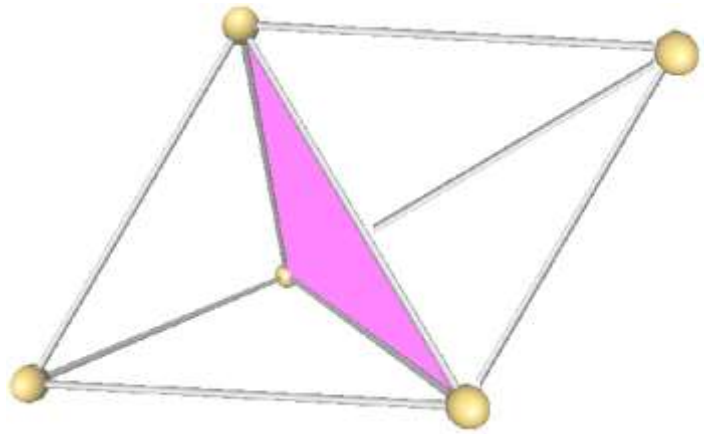
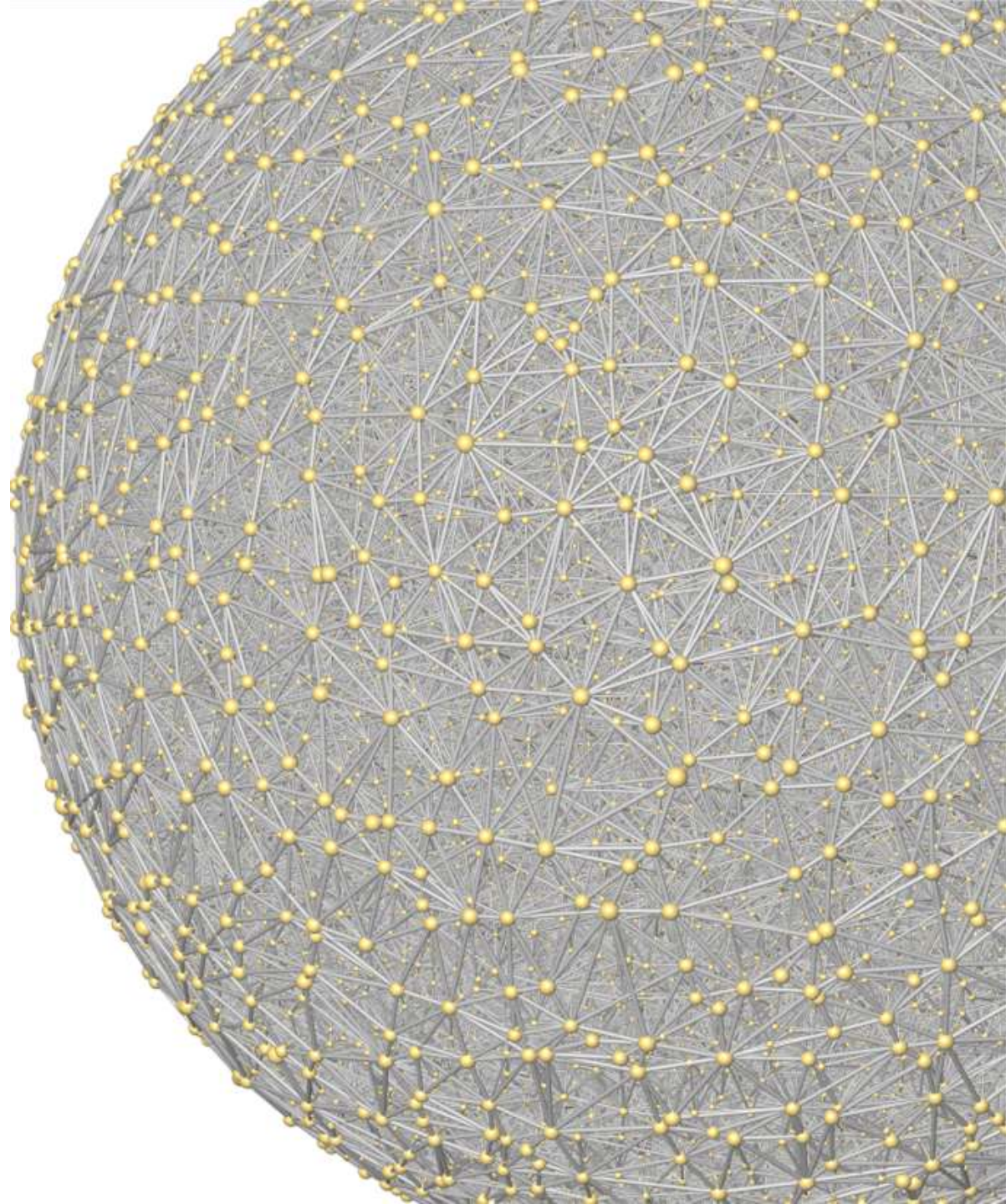
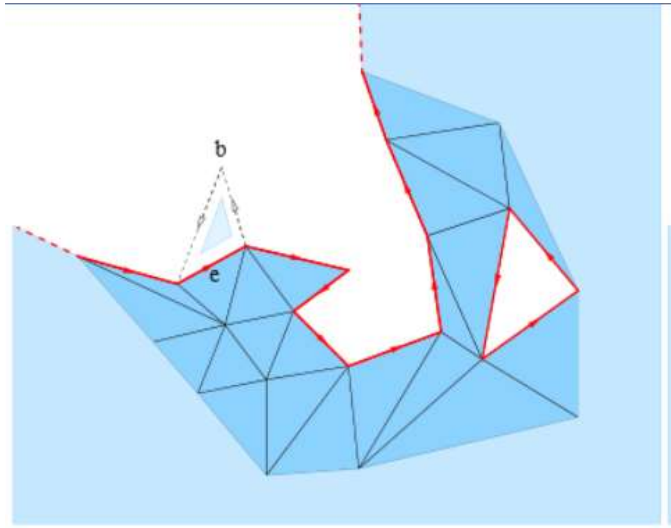




Advancing Front Reconstruction



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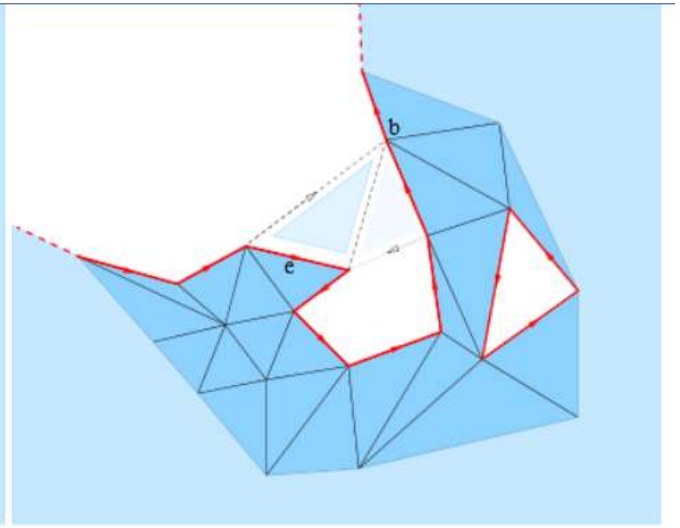

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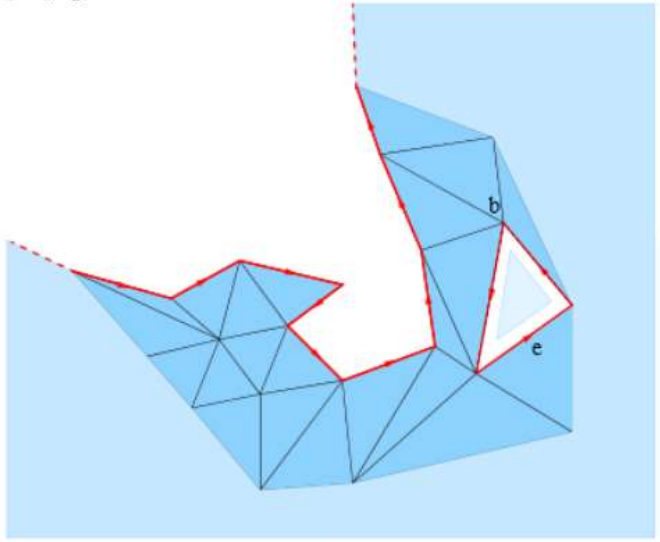

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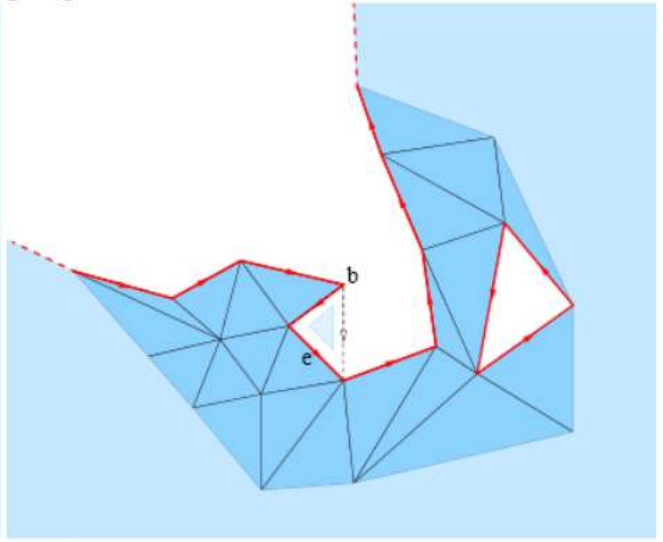

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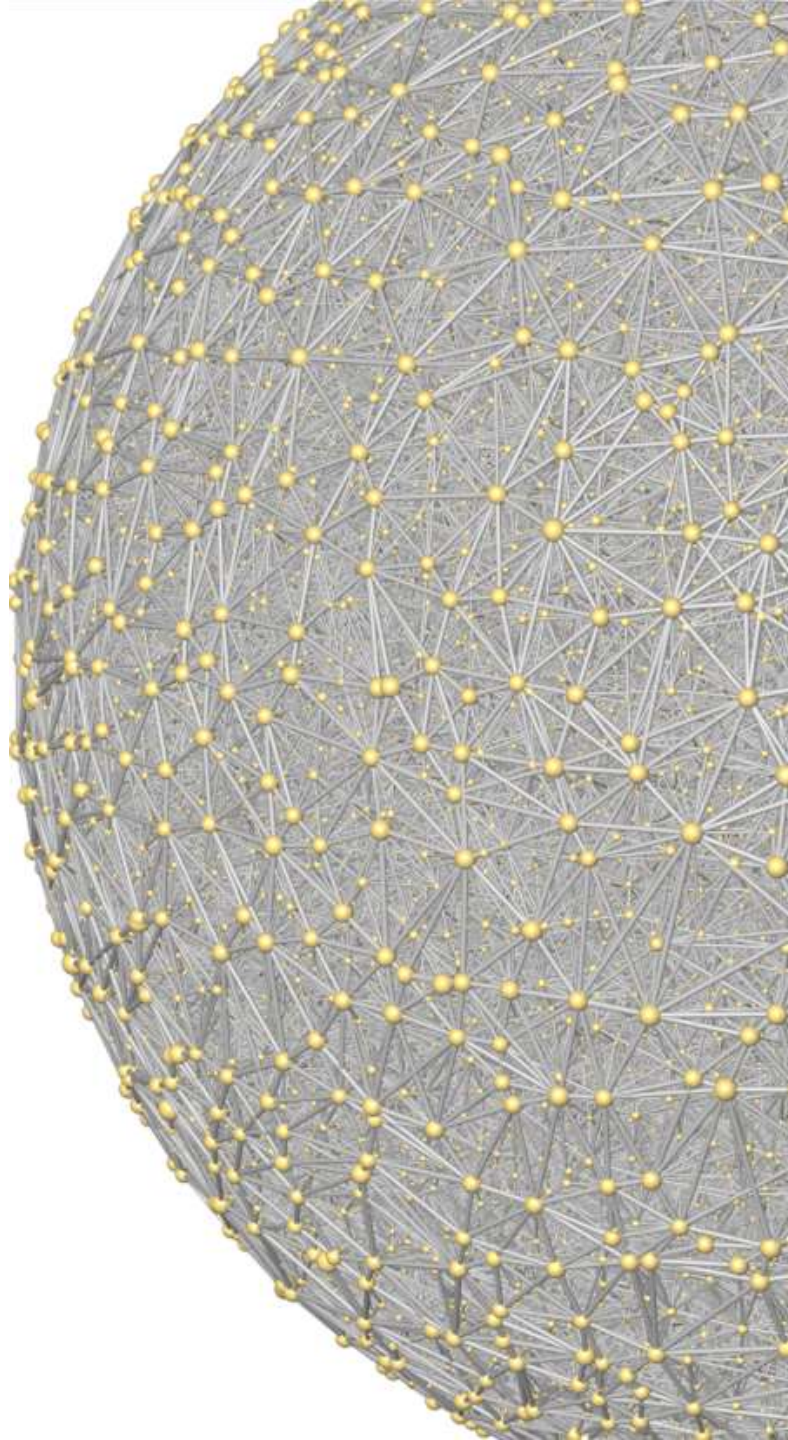
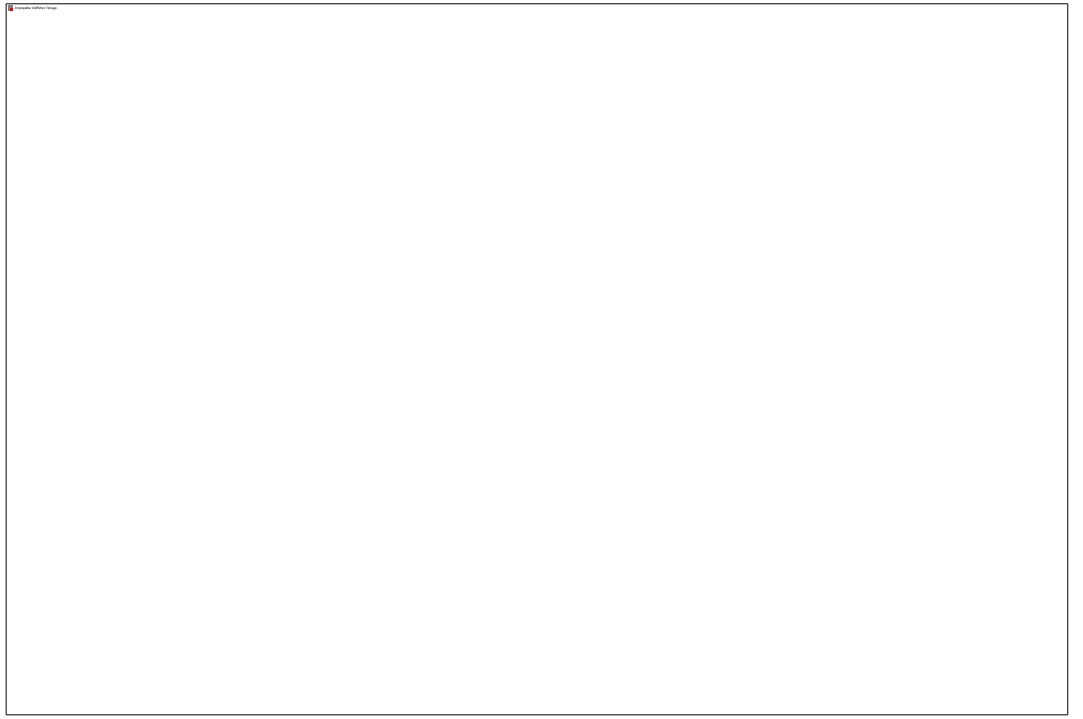


Poisson Surface Reconstruction [Kazhdan et al. 2006]

- Approximate implicit surface
- Replace octree by 3D tetrahedral mesh of ambient space
- Compute iso-surface with CGAL::Surface_mesher



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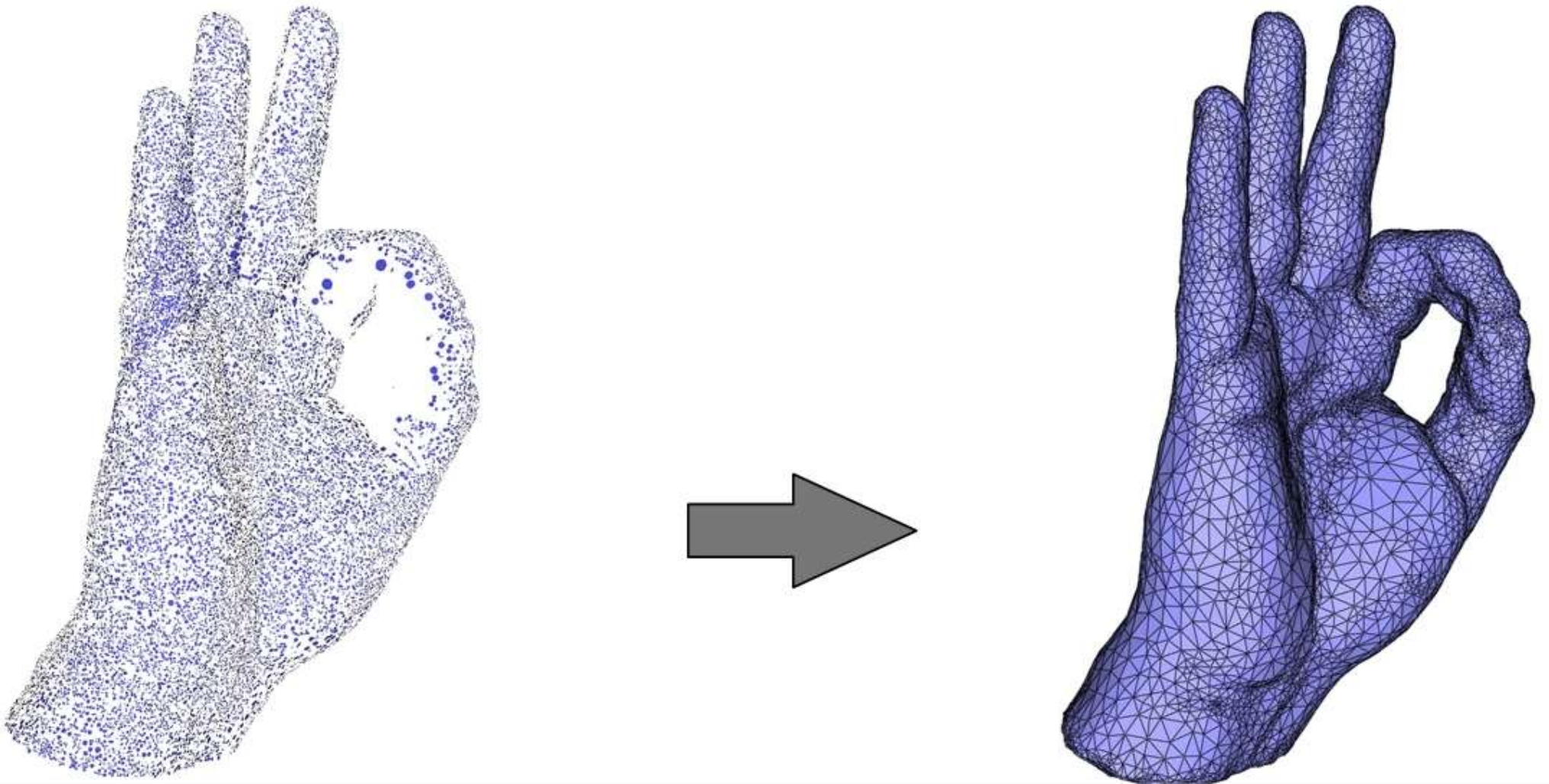
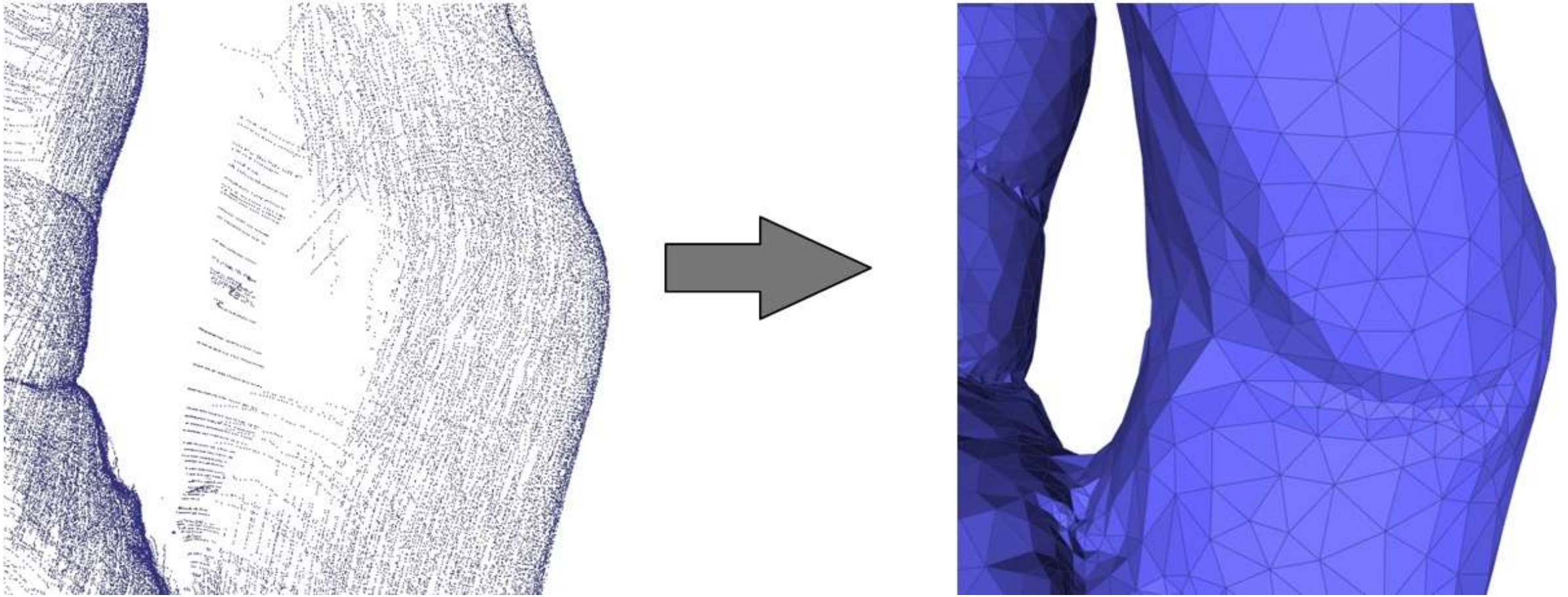


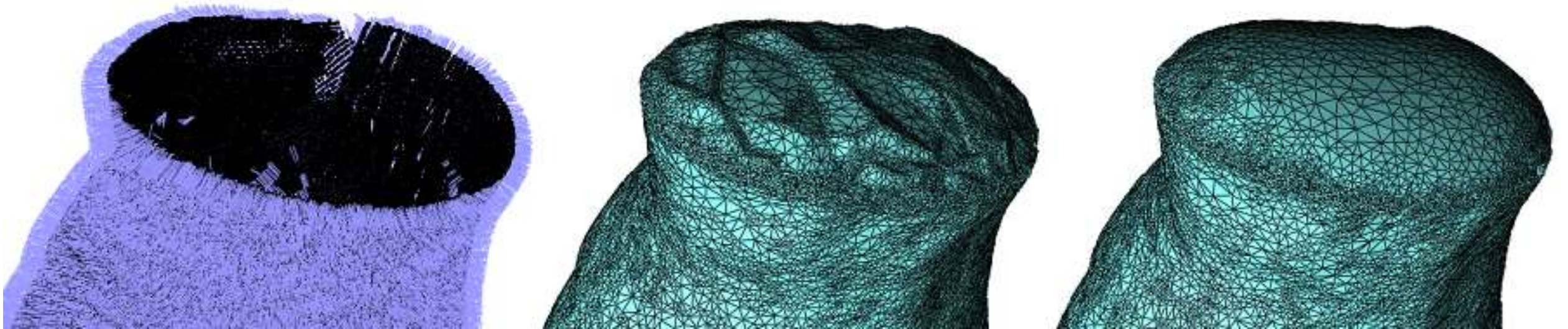
Poisson Surface Reconstruction

- Works well for uneven distribution of points



Poisson Surface Reconstruction

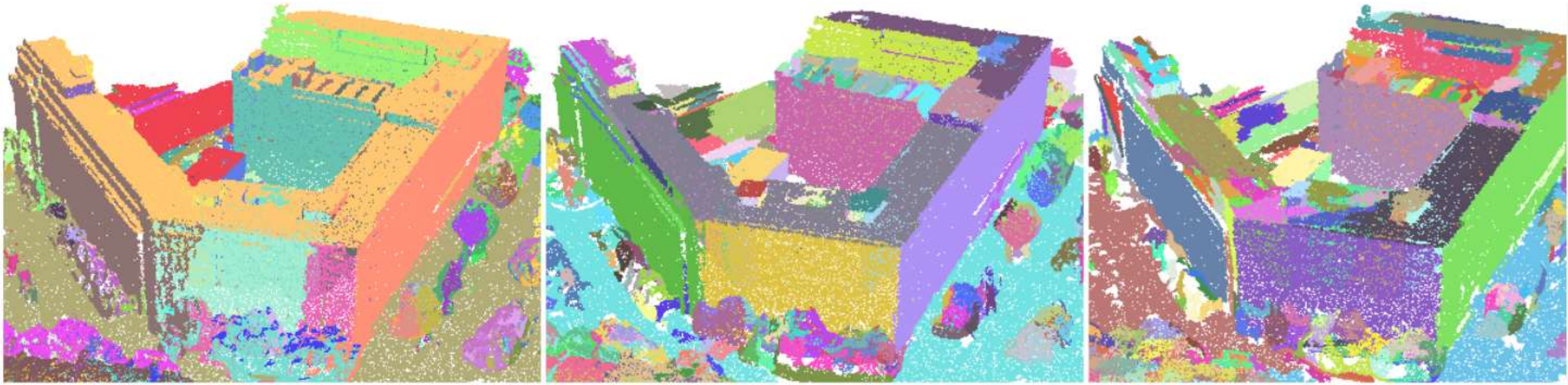
- Algorithm produces water tight surfaces
- For large holes use two-pass algorithm



Shape Detection

Efficient RANSAC – Main Parameters

- Shape types : plane, cone, cylinder, sphere, torus
- Maximal distance



API

API

template<typename Concurrency_tag , typename InputIterator , typename PointPMap , typename Kernel >

```
Kernel::FT CGAL::compute_average_spacing ( InputIterator    first,
                                           InputIterator    beyond,
                                           PointPMap        point_pmap,
                                           unsigned int     k,
                                           const Kernel &
                                         )
```

Computes average spacing from k nearest neighbors.

Precondition

`k >= 2.`

Template Parameters

Concurrency_tag	enables sequential versus parallel algorithm. Possible values are `Sequential_tag` and `Parallel_tag`.
InputIterator	iterator over input points.
PointPMap	is a model of `ReadablePropertyMap` with value type `Point_3<Kernel>`. It can be omitted if the value type of `InputIterator` is convertible to `Point_3<Kernel>`.
Kernel	Geometric traits class. It can be omitted and deduced automatically from the value type of `PointPMap`.

Example: Just Points

```
typedef CGAL::Simple_cartesian<double>::Point_3 Point_3;
std::vector<Point_3> points;

double as = compute_average_spacing(points.begin(), points.end(),..);
```

Functions can operate on any range of objects :

```
template <class Iterator, class PointPropertyMap>
compute_average_spacing(Iterator first,
                        Iterator beyond,
                        PointPropertyMap point_pmap);
```

`PointPropertyMap` must map `value_type` of `Iterator` to `Point_3`

Example: Point and Vector in a Pair

```
typedef std::pair<Point_3,Vector_3> Pwn;
Std::vector<Pwn> points;

double as = compute_average_spacing(points.begin(),
                                    points.end(),
                                    CGAL::First_of_pair_property_map<Pwn>());
```

Example: Point and Vector in a Pair

```
typedef std::pair<Point_3,Vector_3> Pwn;
Std::vector<Pwn> points;

estimate_normals(points.begin(),
                 points.end(),
                 CGAL::First_of_pair_property_map<Pwn>(),
                 CGAL::Second_of_pair_property_map<Pwn>());
```

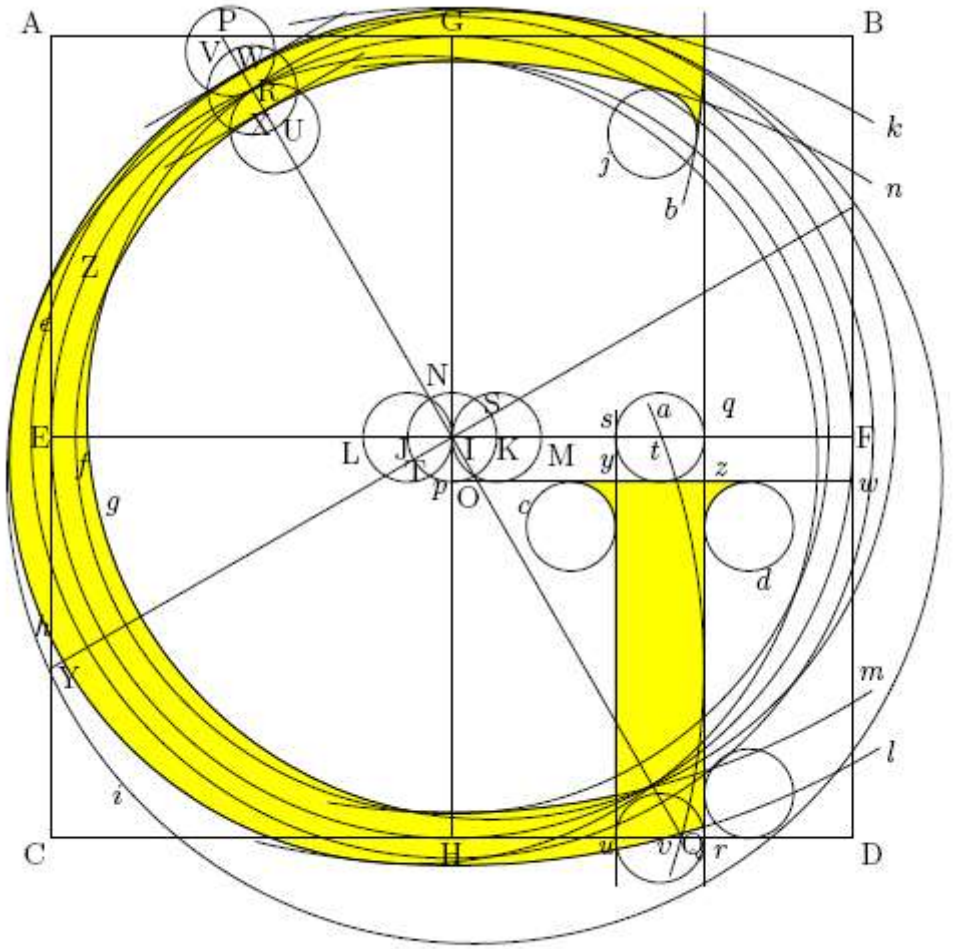
Example: Writing Vectors into a Hash Map

```
std::vector<Point_3> points;
std::unordered_map<Point_3,Vector_3> pvm;


estimate_normals(points.begin(),
                 points.end(),
                 CGAL::Identity_property_map<Point_3>(),
                 boost::make_associative_property_map(pvm));
```

A property map must be light weight as it gets copied

`std::unordered_map` is hence **not** a property map

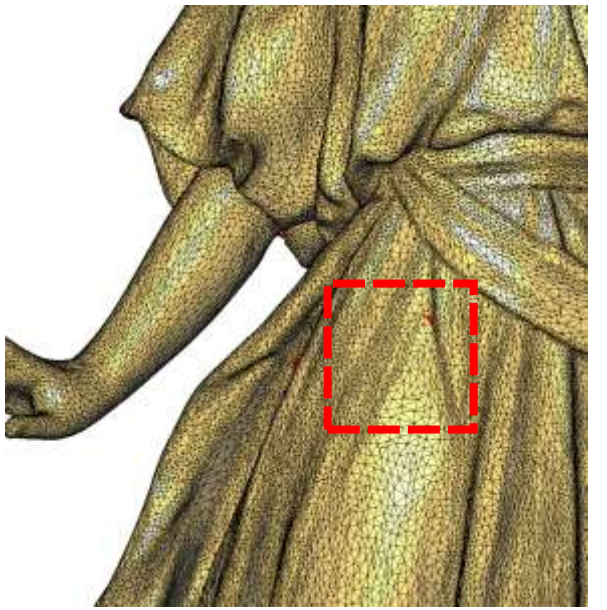


Polygon Mesh Processing

Background

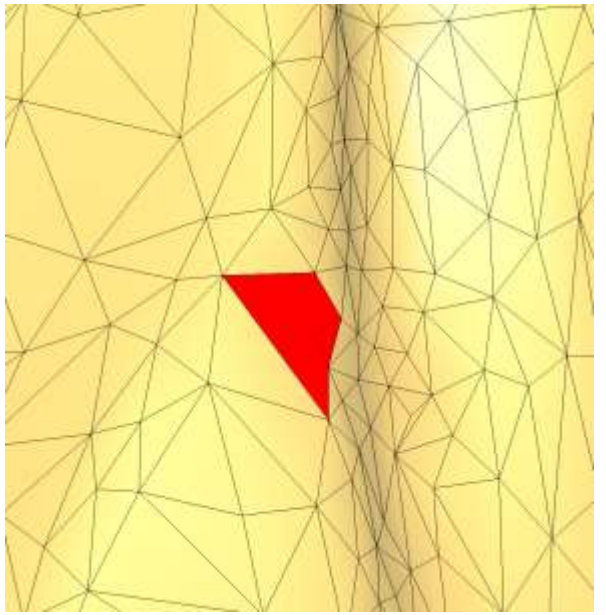
Intersection Detection

Based on `CGAL::box_intersection_d`



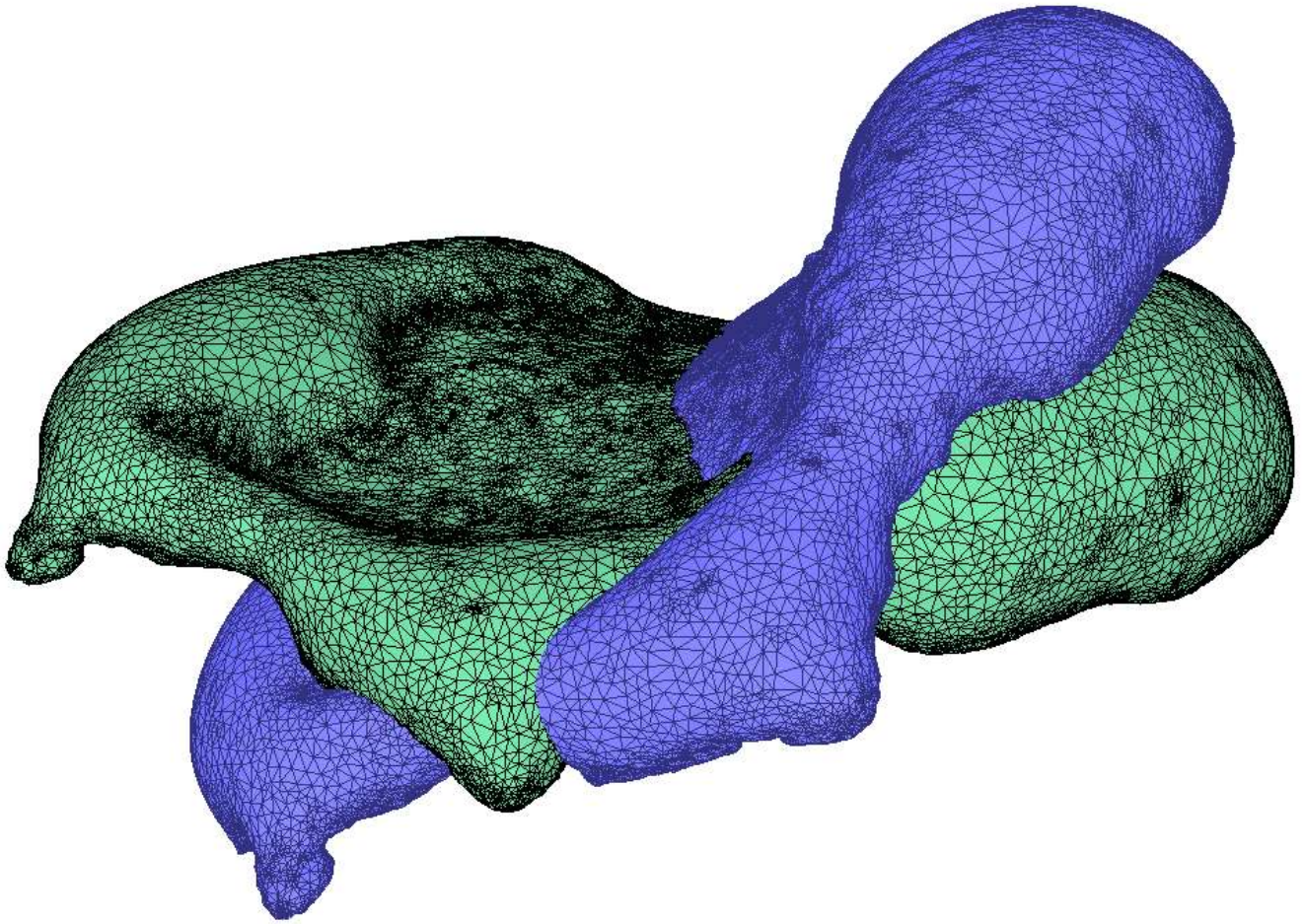
Applies user-defined callback on all intersecting pairs of boxes.

Generic programming : **Box** is a template argument, and can contain objects of any type

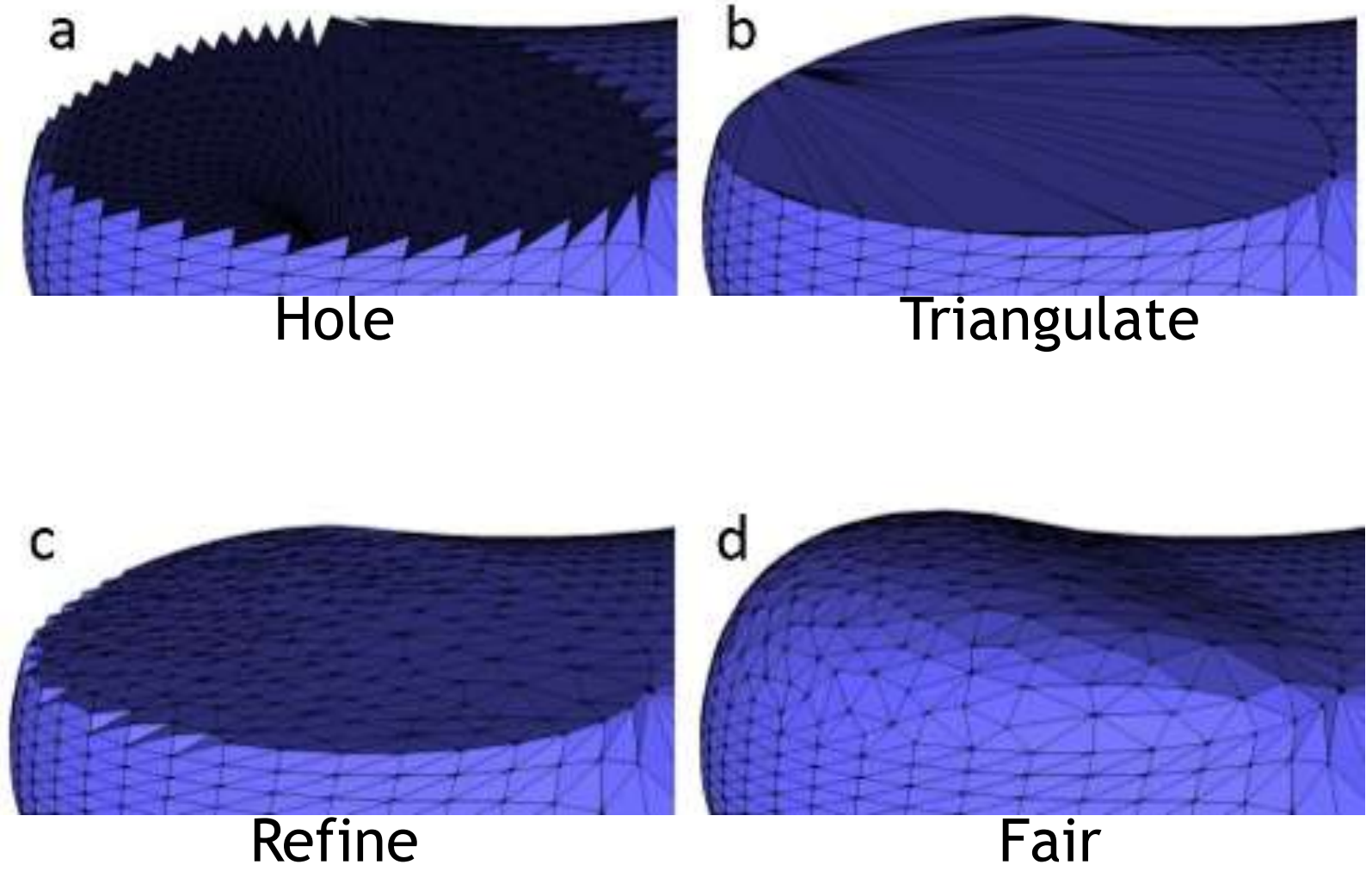


Intersection Test

0.2s for two surfaces with 100k triangles

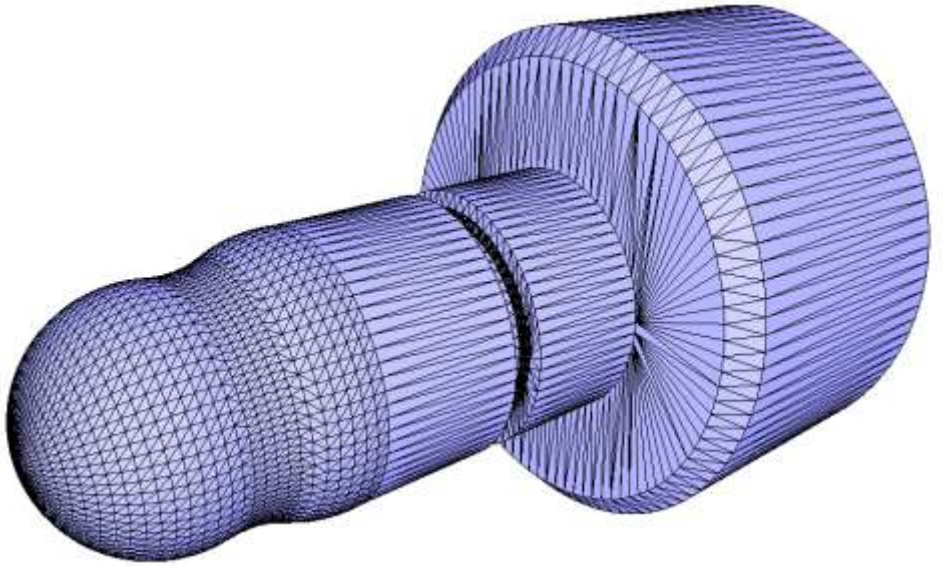


Hole filling [Liepa 2003], [Zou et al. 2013]



Distances and Intersections

Based on CGAL::AABB_tree



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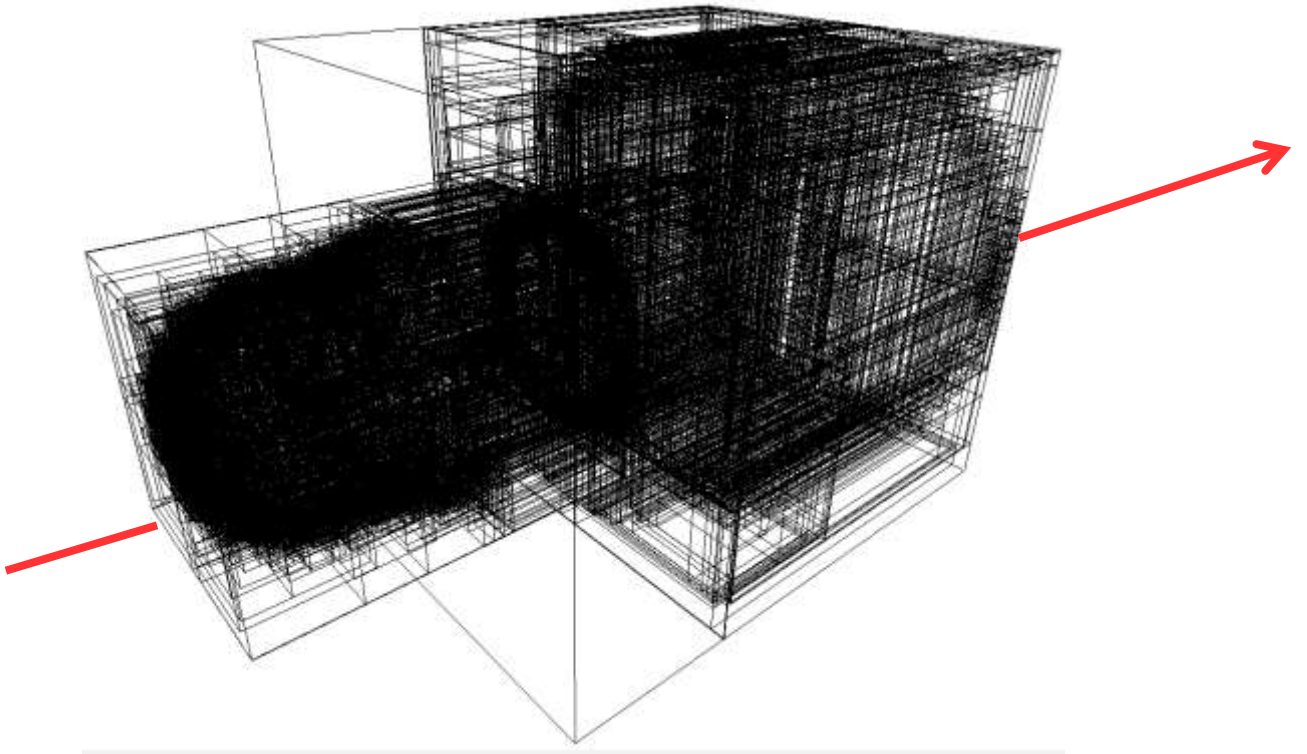
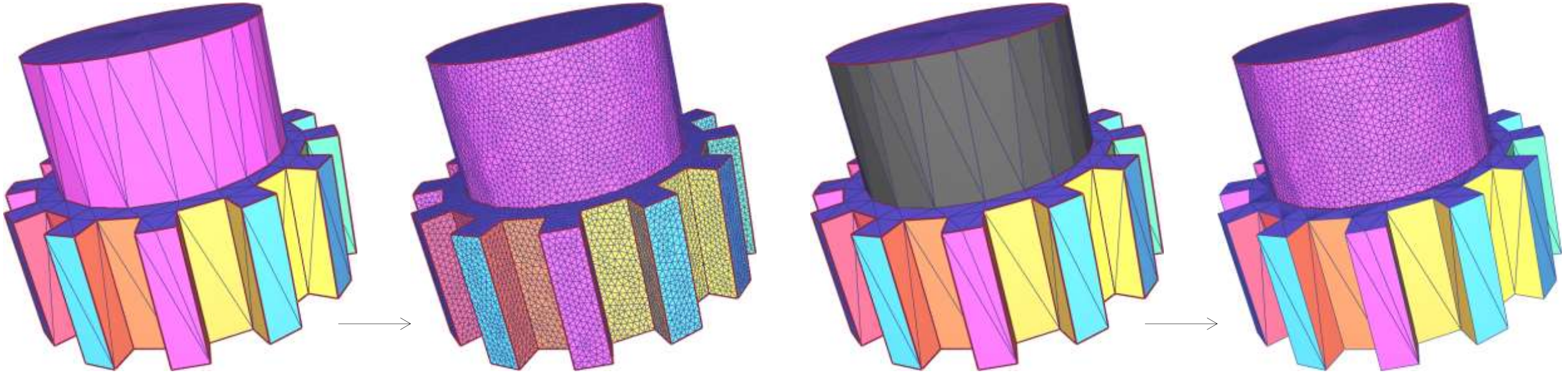
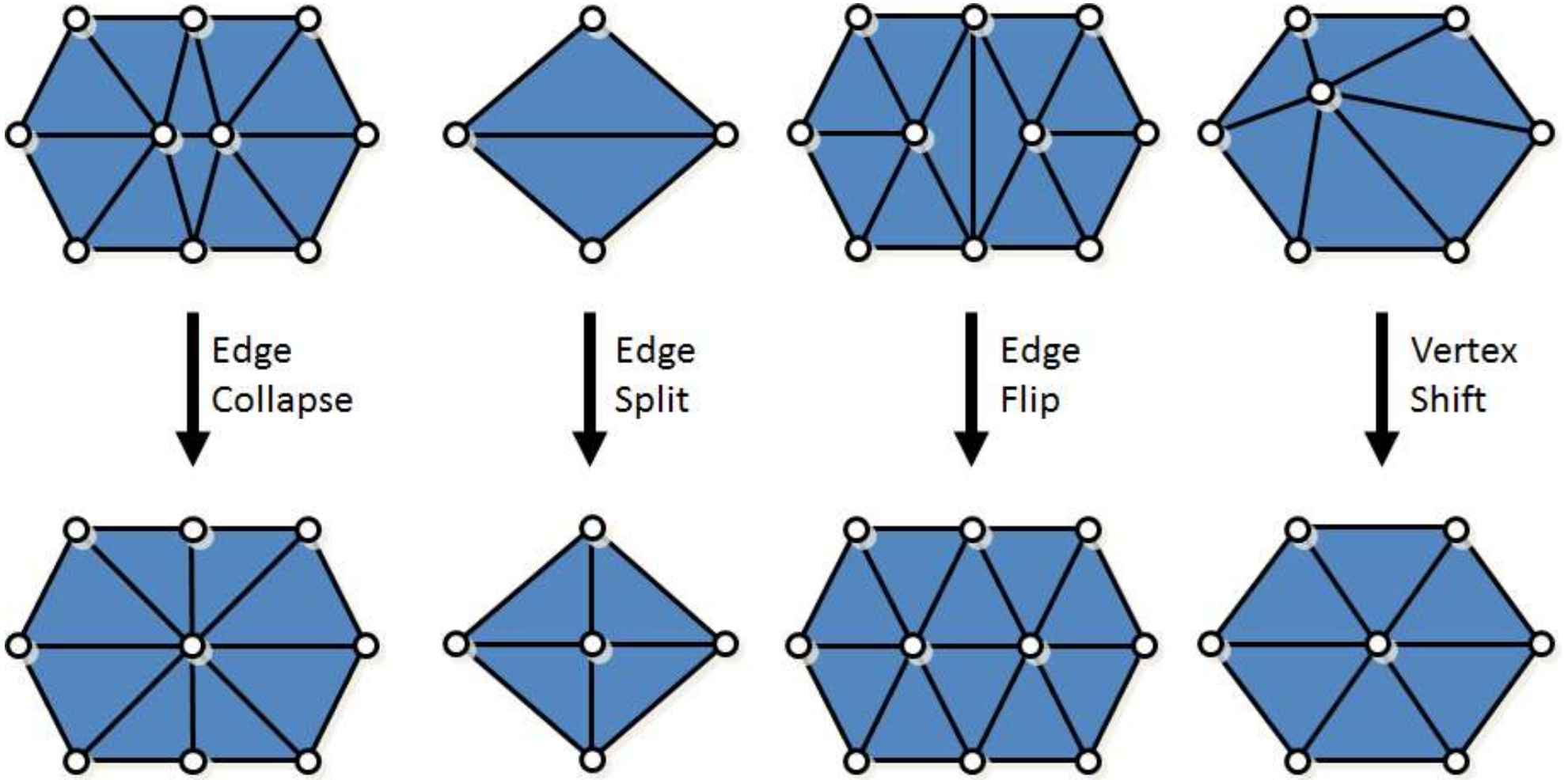


Isotropic Remeshing [Botsch-Kobbelt 2004]



Feature Preserving / Selection

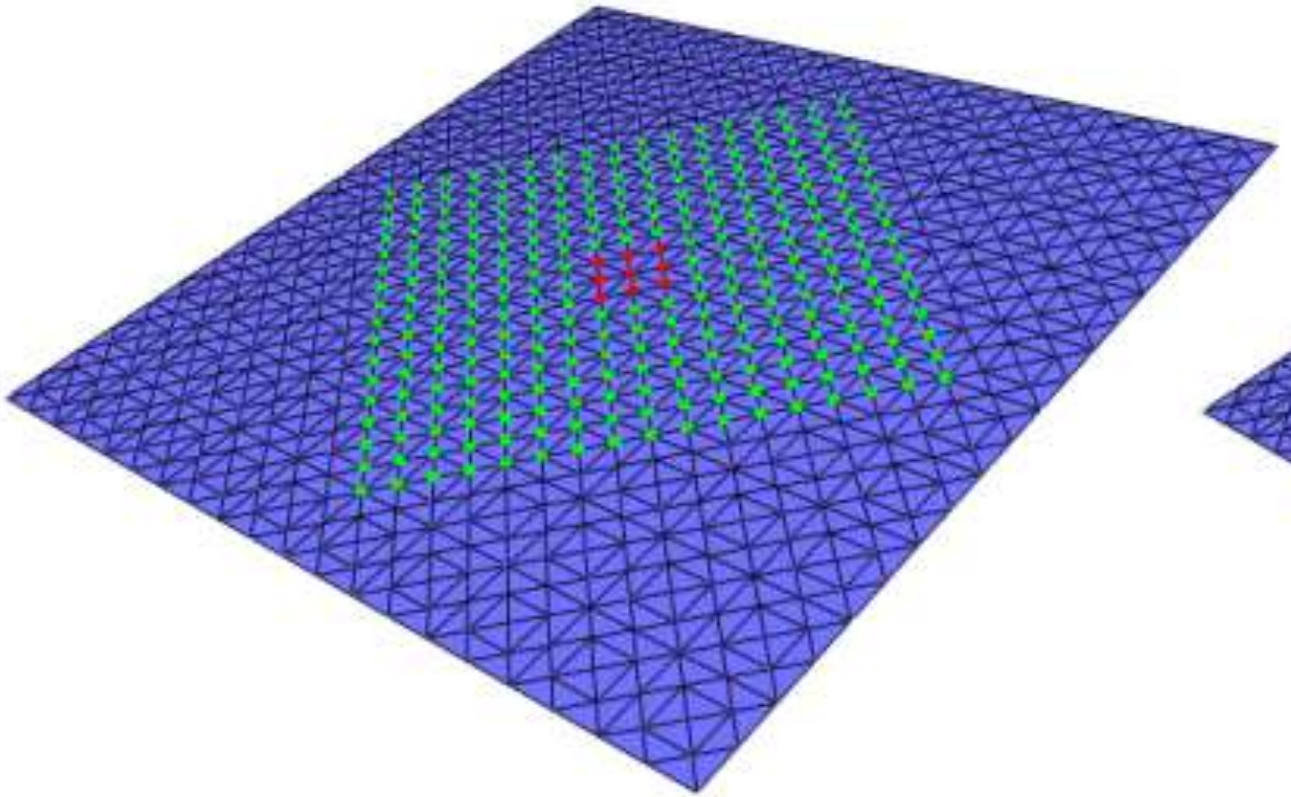
Isotropic Remeshing

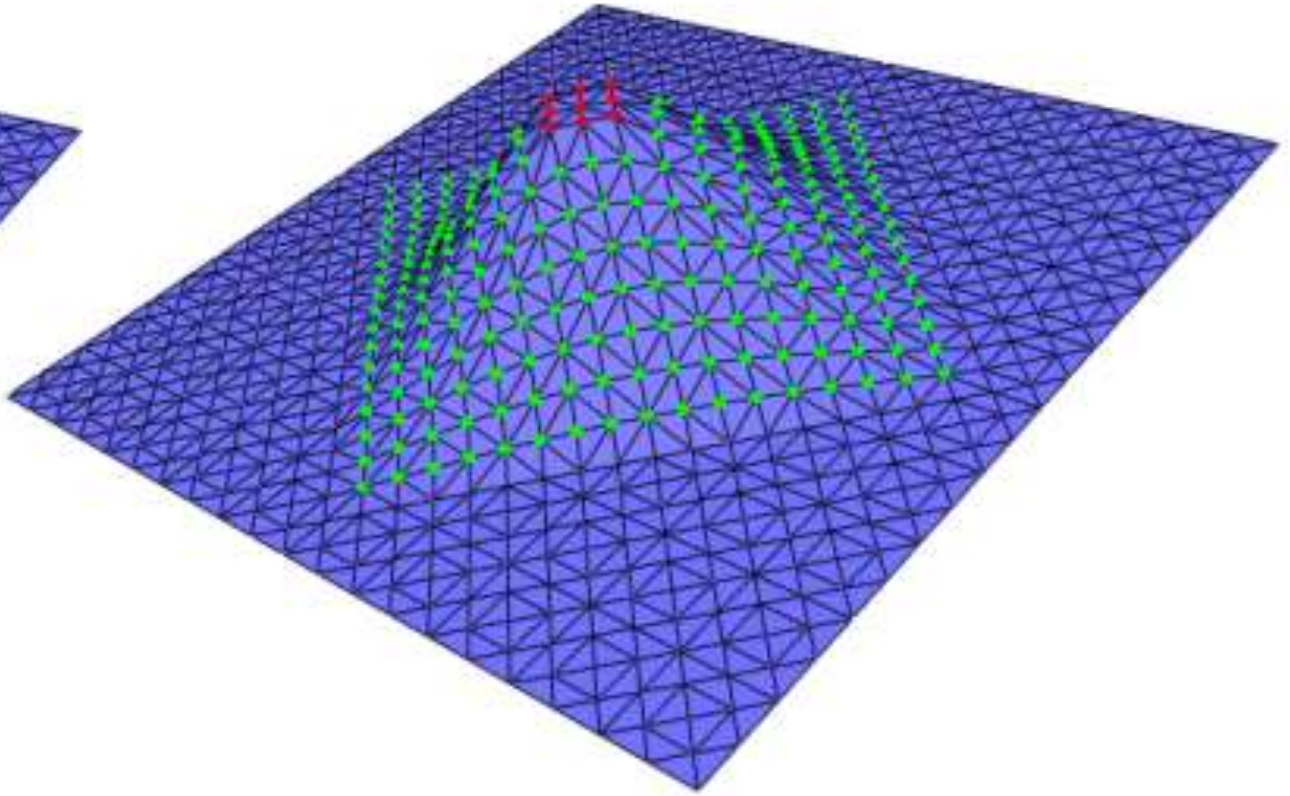


Local remeshing operators

Deformation [Sorkine-Alexa 2007]

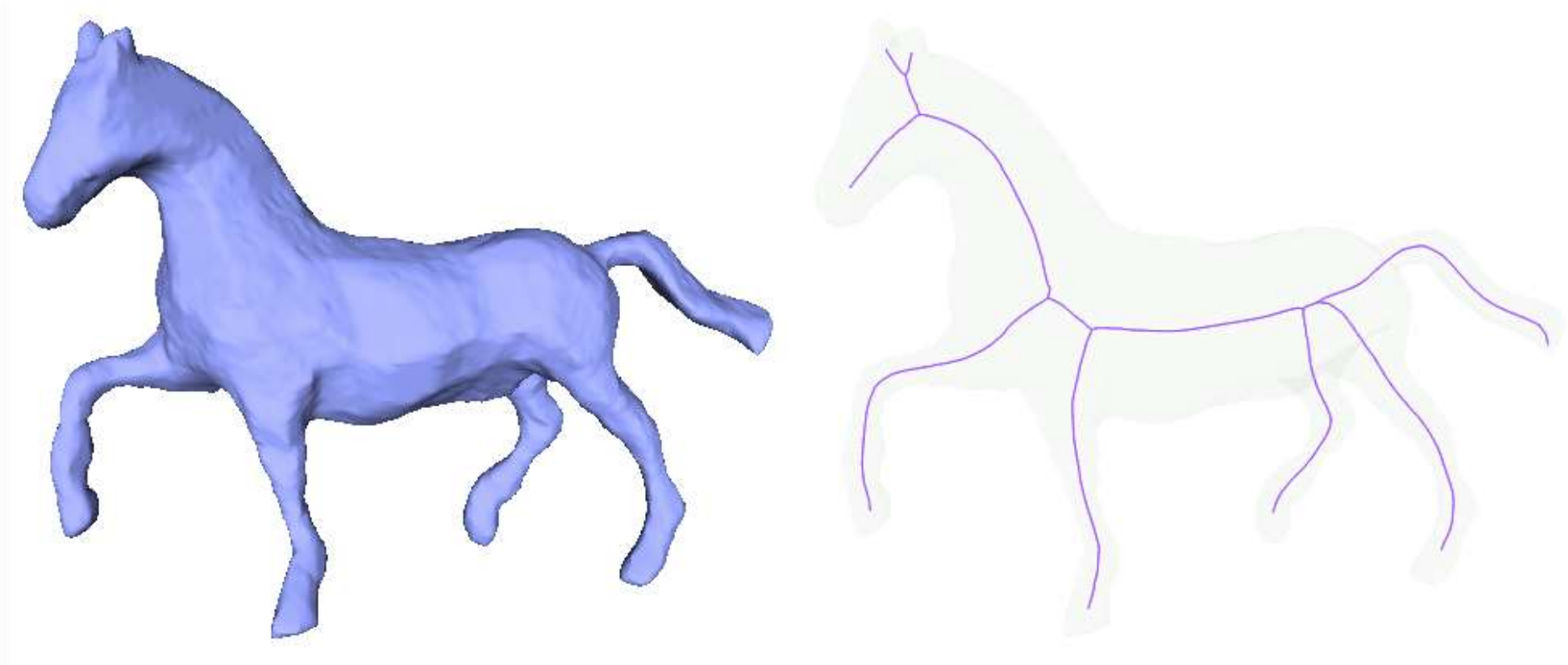
As Rigid as Possible ("ARAP")





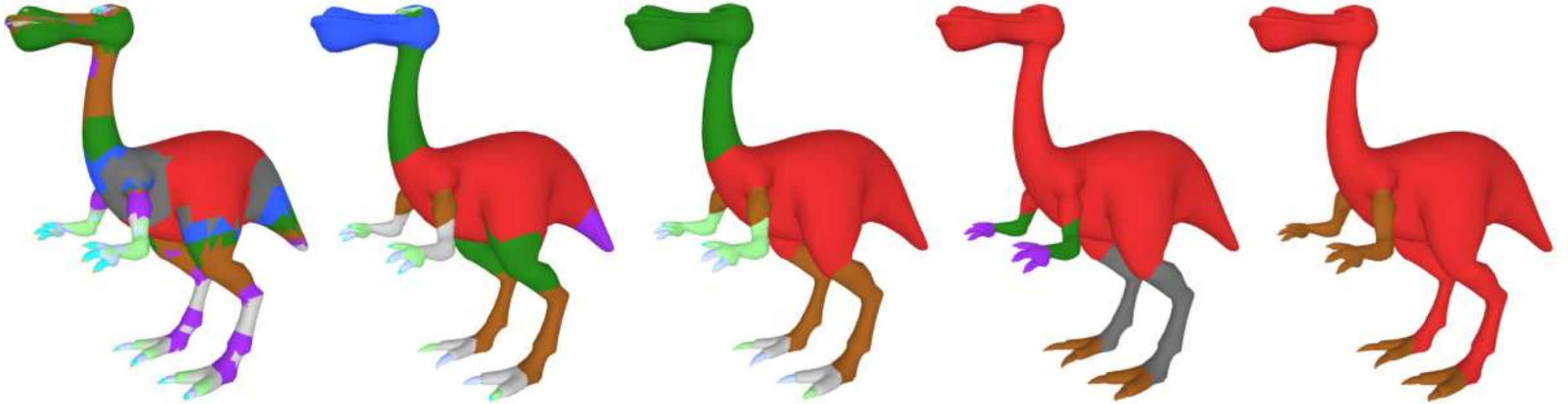
Skeletonization [Tagliasacchi et al. 2012]

Mean Curvature Flow skeletonization



Segmentation [Shapira et al. 2008]

- Segment surface into k patches
- Based on «shape diameter» estimate



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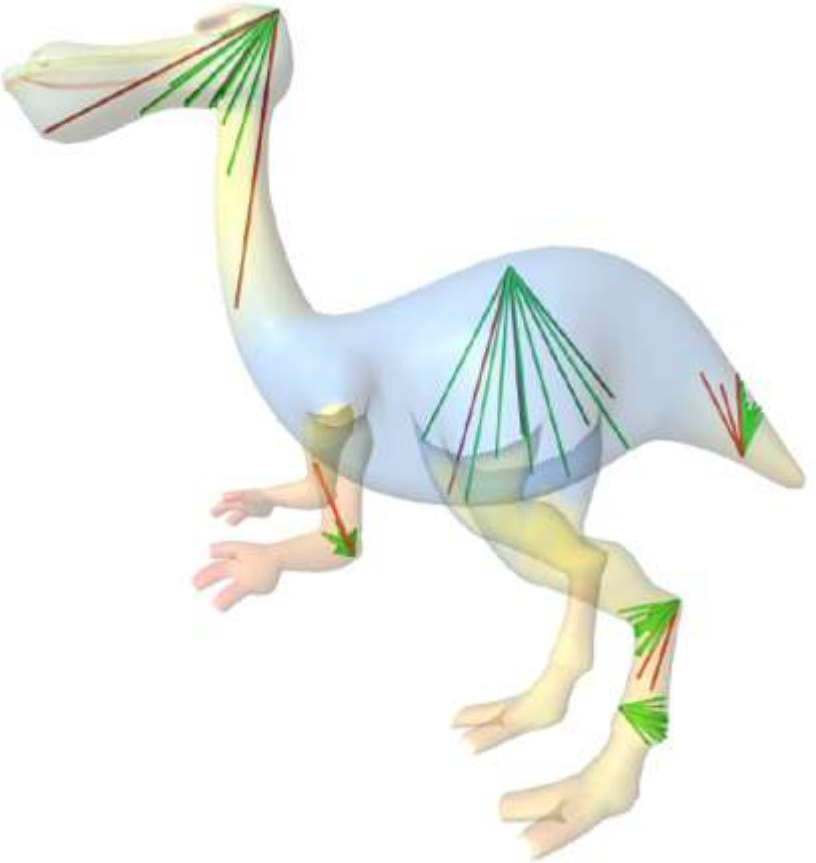


Shape diameter function

API

API

template<class TriangleMesh , class NamedParameters >

bool CGAL::Polygon_mesh_processing::does_self_intersect (const TriangleMesh & tmesh,
const NamedParameters & np
)

tests if a triangulated surface mesh self-intersects.

This function depends on the package Intersecting Sequences of dD Iso-oriented Boxes

Precondition

`CGAL::is_triangle_mesh(tmesh)`

Template Parameters

TriangleMesh a model of `FaceListGraph` that has an internal property map for `CGAL::vertex_point_t`

NamedParameters a sequence of Named Parameters

Parameters

tmesh the triangulated surface mesh to be tested

np optional sequence of Named Parameters among the ones listed below

Example : Using a CGAL Mesh

```
typedef CGAL::Exact_predicates_inexact_constructions_kernel::Point_3 Point;

typdef CGAL::Surface_mesh<Point> Mesh;

int main()
{
  Mesh mesh;
  Std::ifstream in(“mesh.off”);
  in >> mesh;

  if( ! CGAL::Polygon_mesh_processing::does_self_intersect(mesh))
    do_something(mesh);
}
```

Example: Using User Defined Mesh

```
typedef CGAL::Exact_predicates_inexact_constructions_kernel::Point_3 Point;

typdef CGAL::Surface_mesh<Point> Mesh;

int main()
{
  MyLab::HalfedgeDS myhds;
  Mesh mesh = convert_to_CGAL(myhds);

  if(! CGAL::Polygon_mesh_processing::does_self_intersect(mesh))
     do_something(myhds);
}
```

Goal: Avoid the conversion by making

`MyLab::HalfedgeDS` a model of `TriangleMesh`

CGAL and the Boost Graph Library

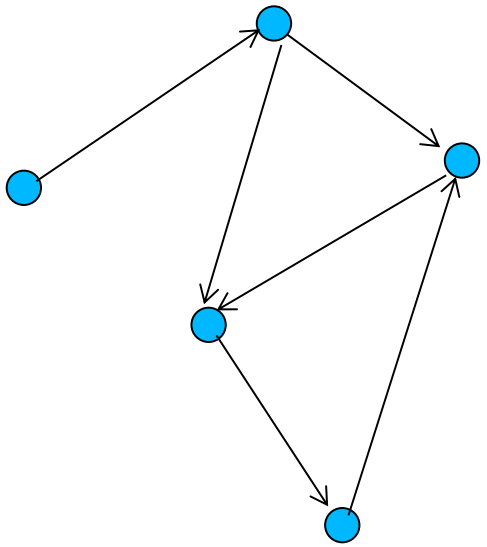
BGL - Boost Graph Library

- Rich collection of graph algorithms

shortest paths, minimum spanning tree, flow, ...

- BGL design
  - separates data structure from algorithm
  - links them through a thin glue layer
- BGL and CGAL
  - we provide glue layer for CGAL
  - Extension: we order edges incident to a vertex inducing the notion of faces

BGL Glue Layer : Traits Class

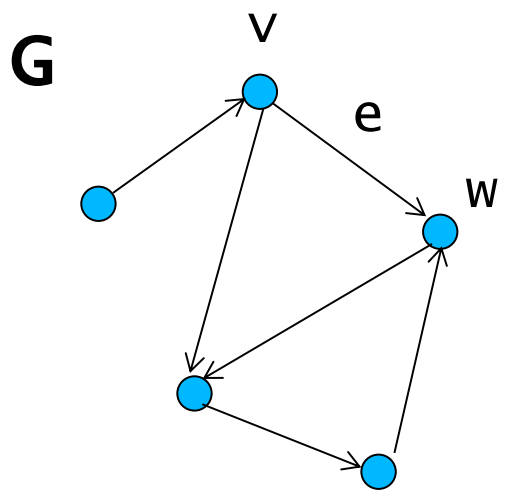


```
template <typename Graph>
struct boost::graph_traits {
    typedef ... vertex_descriptor;
    typedef ... edge_descriptor;
    typedef ... vertex_iterator;
    ...
};
```

BGL Glue Layer : Free Functions

```
vertex_descriptor v, w;
edge_descriptor e;

v = source(e,G);
w = target(e,G);
```




```
std::pair<vertex_iterator, vertex_iterator> ipair;

ipair = vertices(G);
```

CGAL::Surface_mesh as Graph

CGAL provides partial specializations of `boost::graph_traits<..>`

```
template <typename P>
struct boost::graph_traits<CGAL::Surface_mesh<P> > {

  typedef   Surface_mesh<P>::Vertex_index    vertex_descriptor;

  typedef   Surface_mesh<P>::Vertex_iterator> vertex_iterator;

};
```

CGAL::Surface_mesh as Graph

```
template <typename P>
vertex_descriptor
target(edge_descriptor e,
       Surface_mesh<P>& graph)
{
  return graph.target(e) ;
}
```

Users can run

```
boost::kruskal_mst(sm);
```

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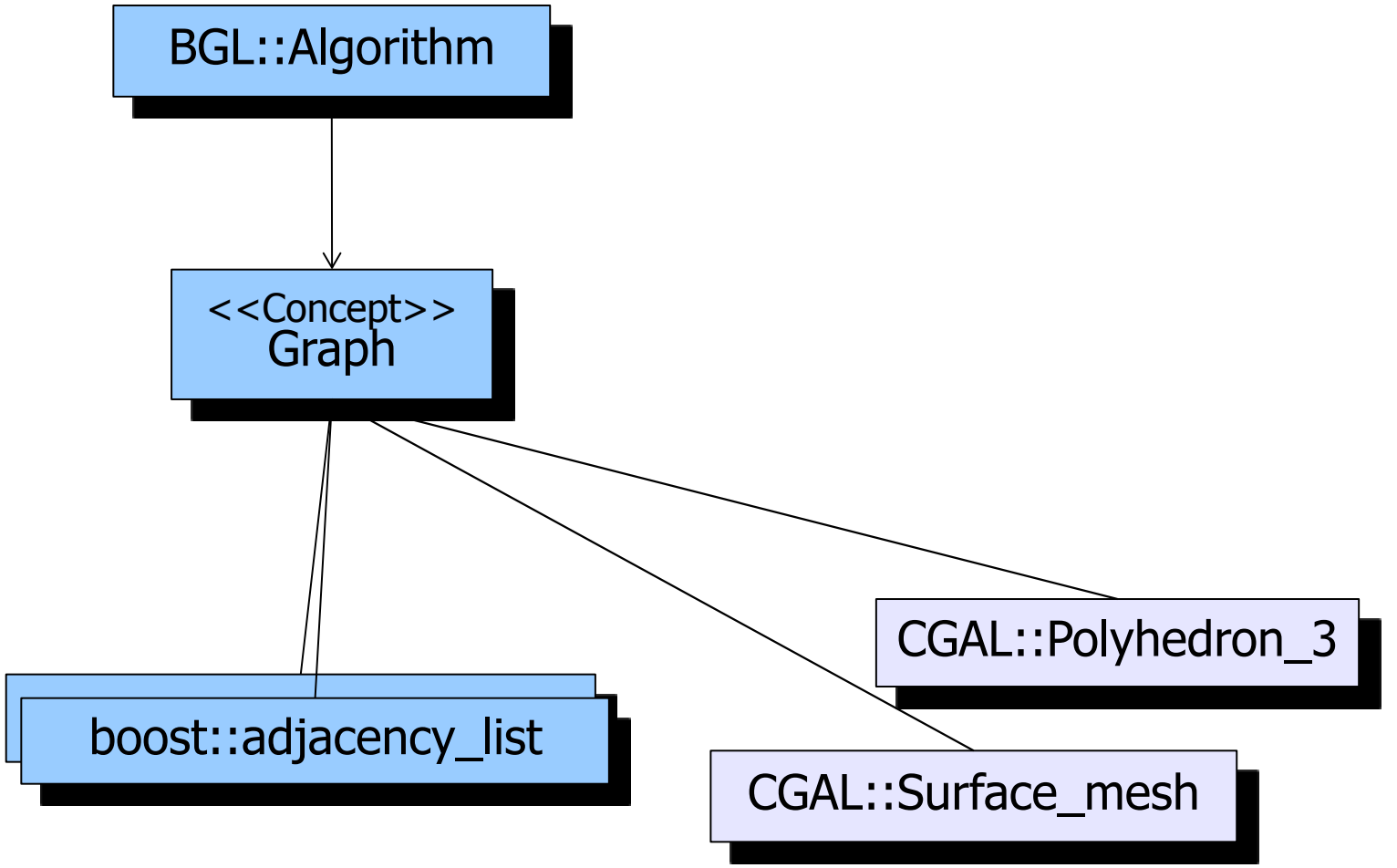

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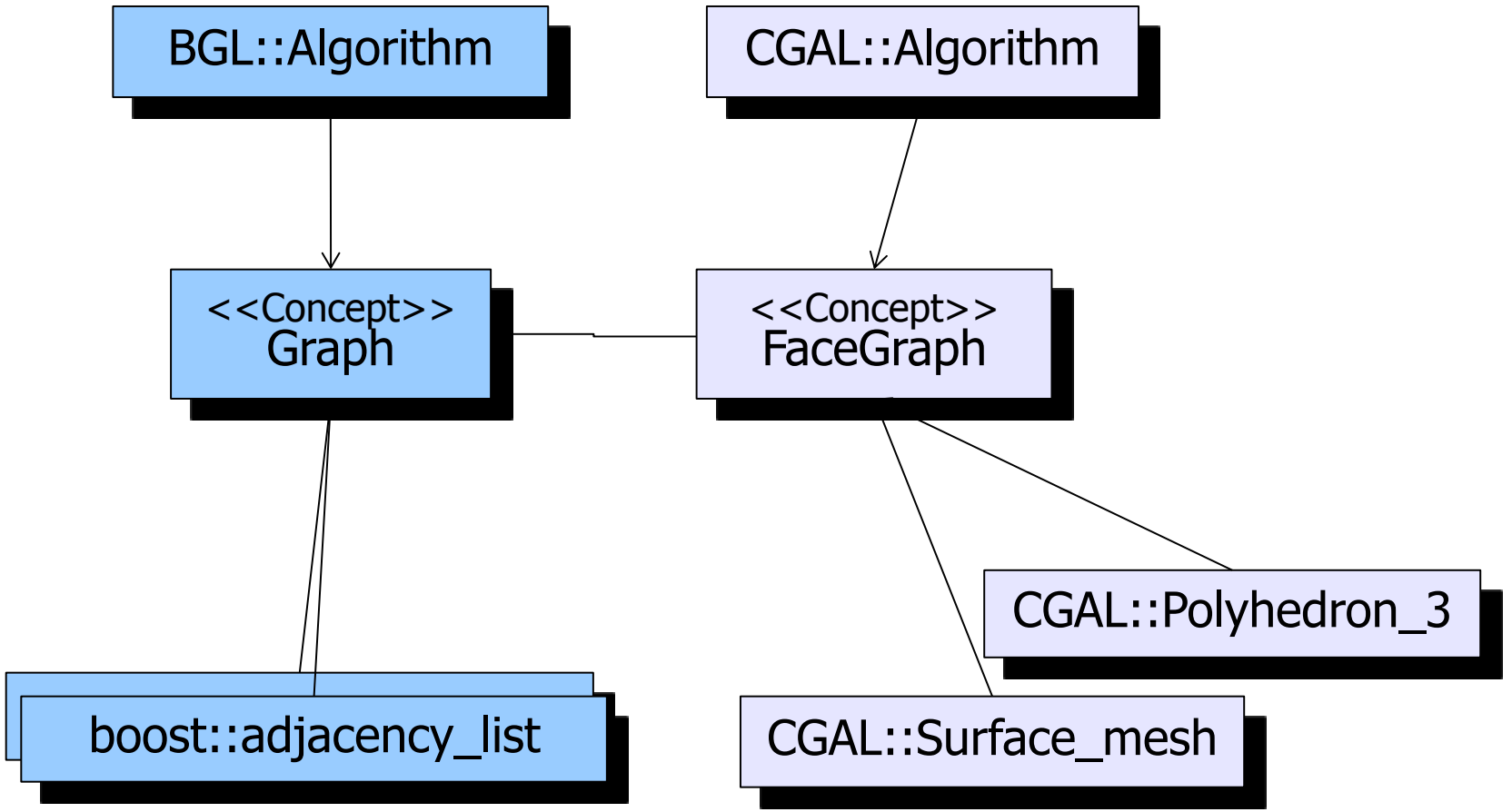
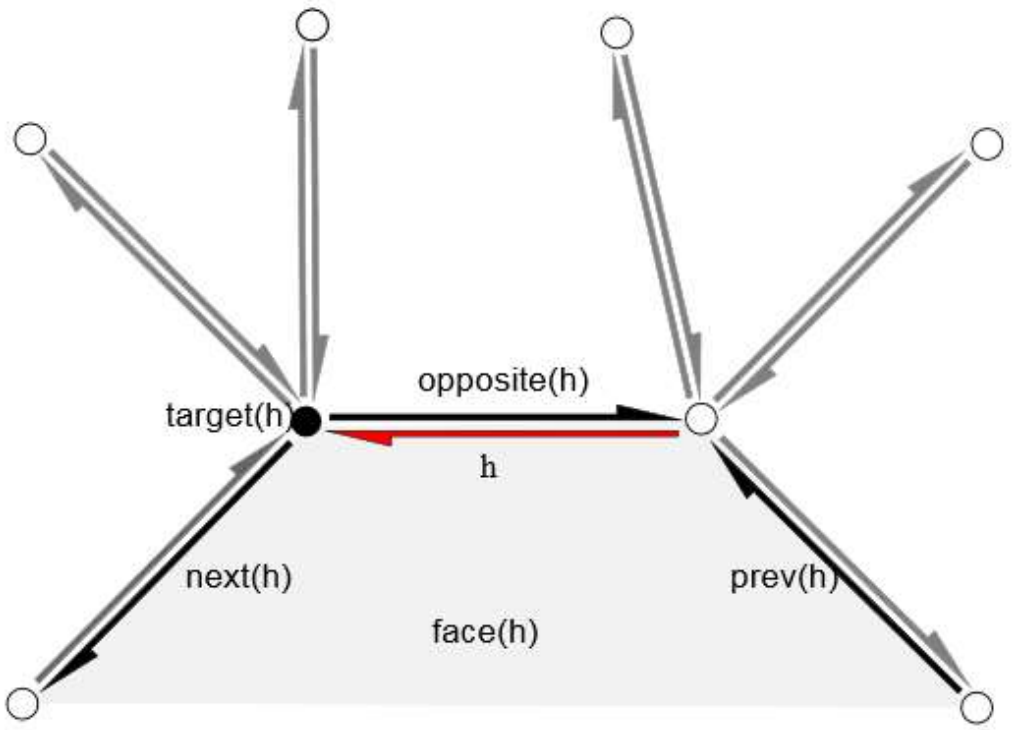


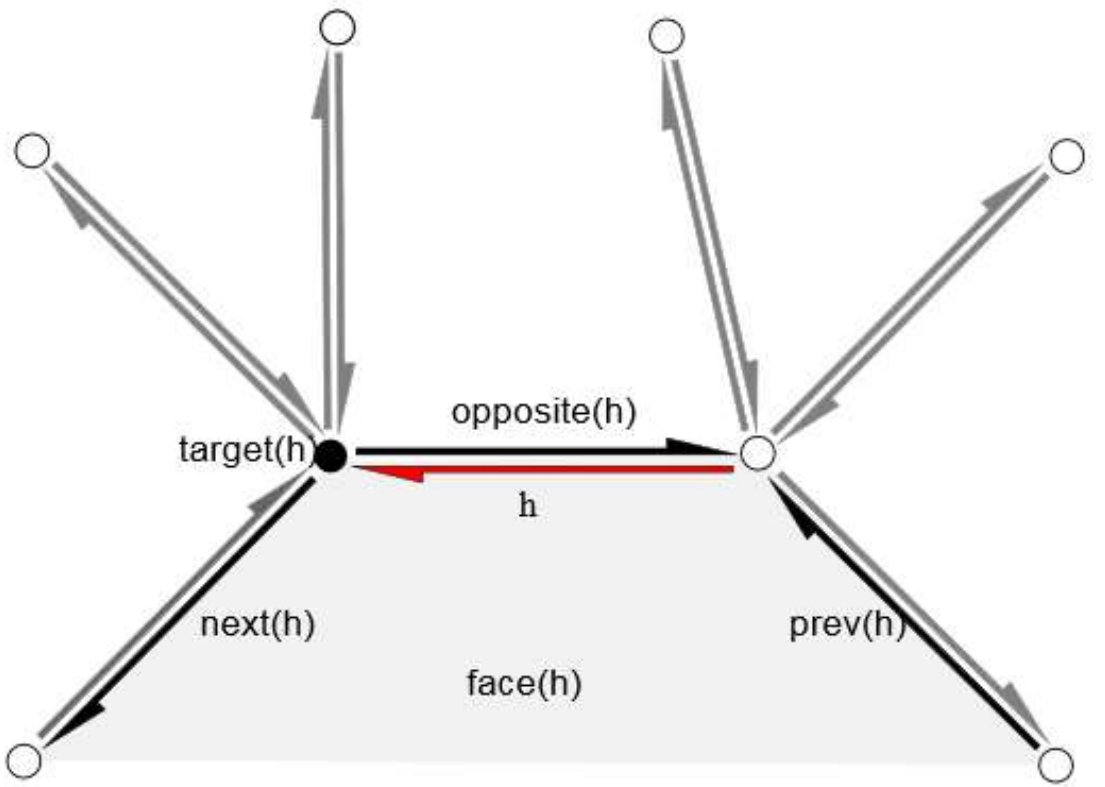
Extension of the Traits Class

```
template <typename FaceGraph >
struct boost::graph_traits {
    typedef ... vertex_descriptor;
    typedef ... edge_descriptor;
    typedef ... halfedge_descriptor;
    typedef ... face_descriptor;
};
```



Extension of the Free Functions

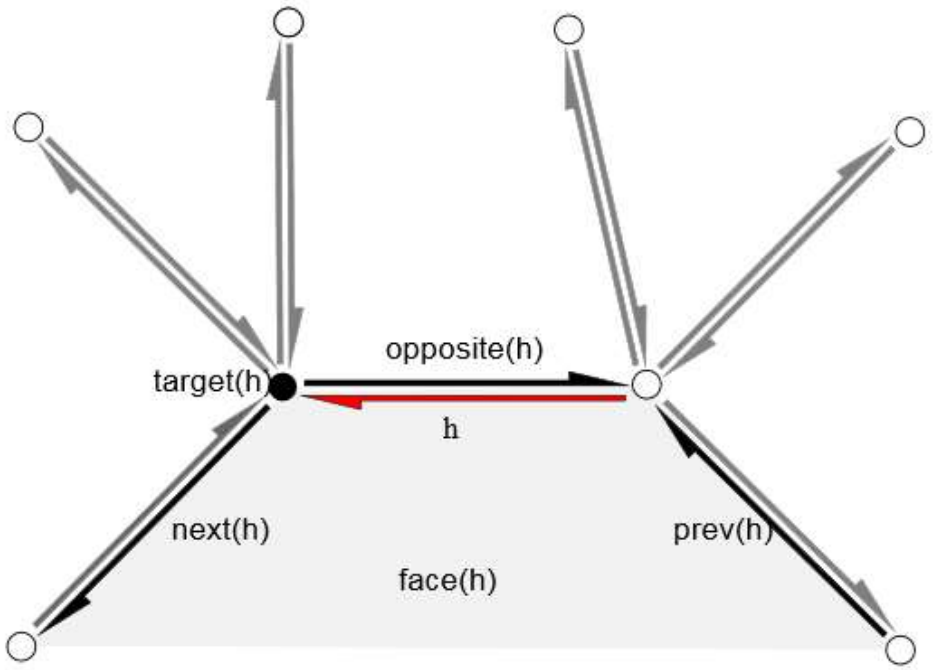
```
vertex_descriptor v, w;
edge_descriptor e;
halfedge_descriptor h,hn,hopp;
face_descriptor f;

hopp = opposite(h,G);
hn = next(h,G);

h = halfedge(e,G);
e = edge(h,G);

f = face(h,G);
h = halfedge(f,G);
```



Generic Iterators

`CGAL::Halfedge_around_face_iterator`

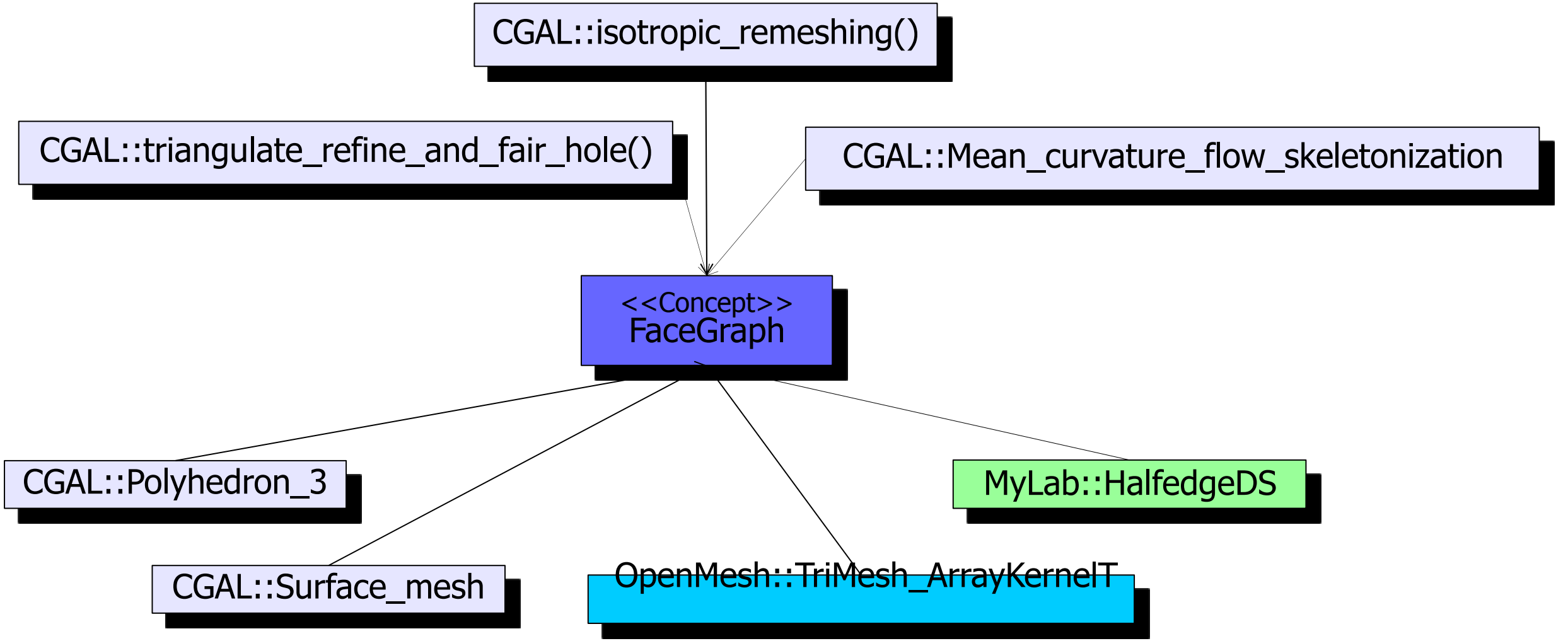
- stores `h` and `G* g`
- calls `h = next(h,*g)` on `operator++()`

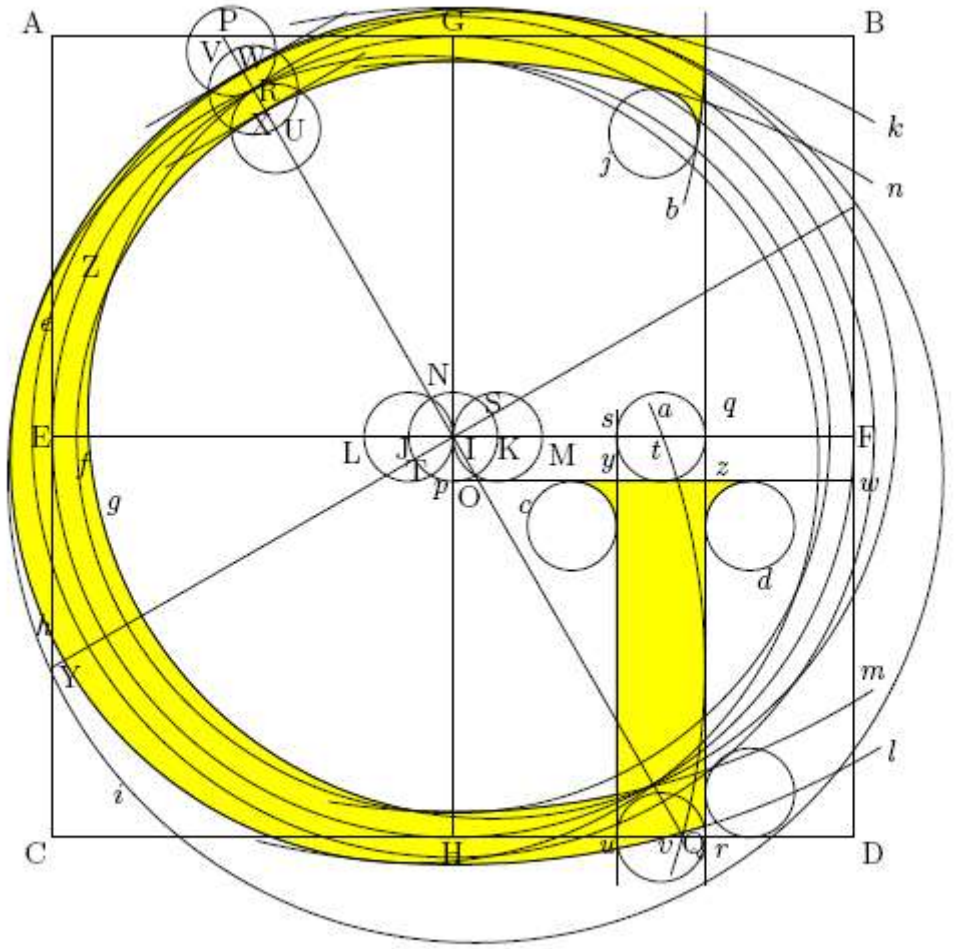


returns an `Iterator_range` ~= begin/end pair

```
for(auto h : halfedges_around_face(h,g)){
  ...
}
```

Generic Polygon Mesh Processing





Mesh Generation

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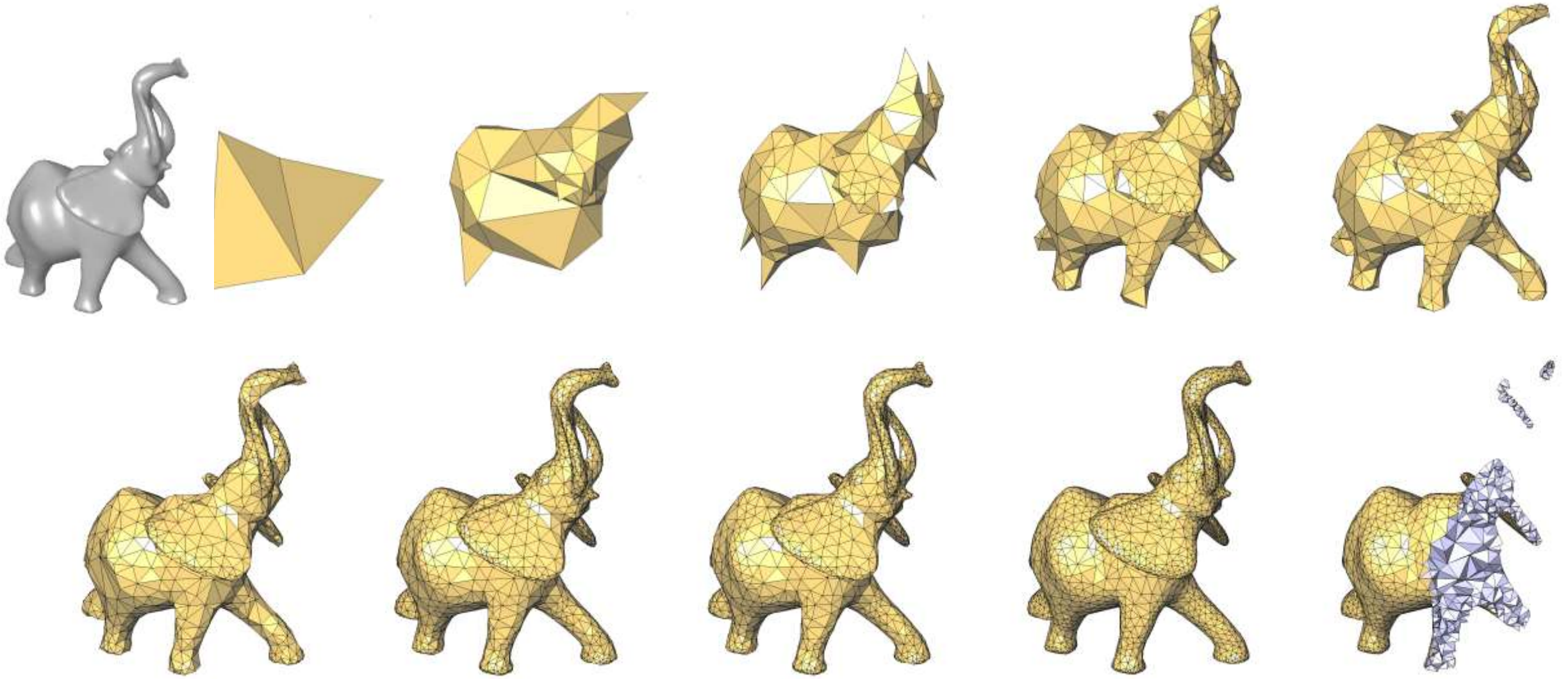
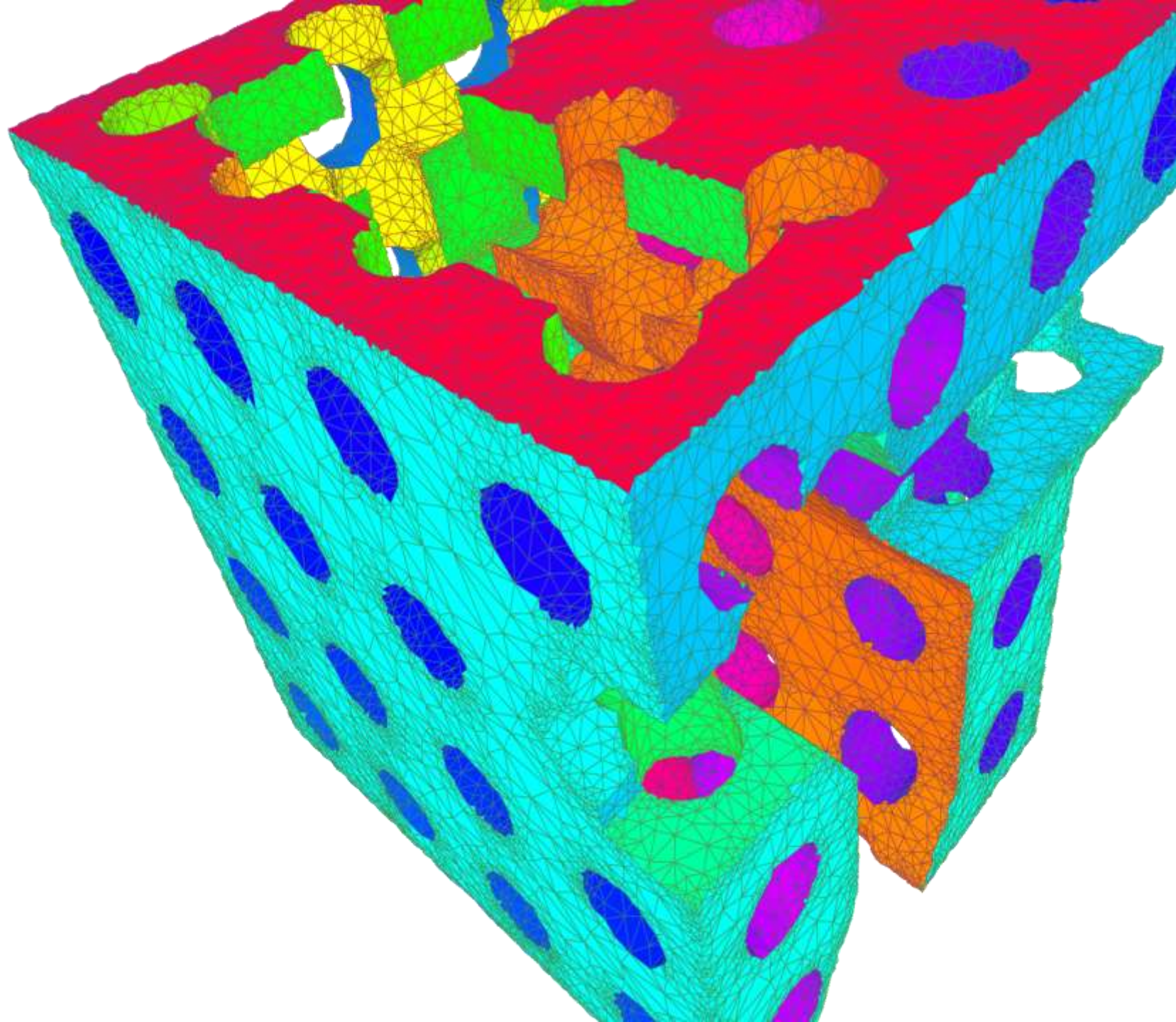
Delaunay Mesh Generation



Delaunay Filtering and Refinement

repeat
{
pick worst facet f
insert dual(f) $\cap$ S in Delaunay triangulation
update Delaunay triangulation restricted to S
}
until all facets are good

Sharp Features



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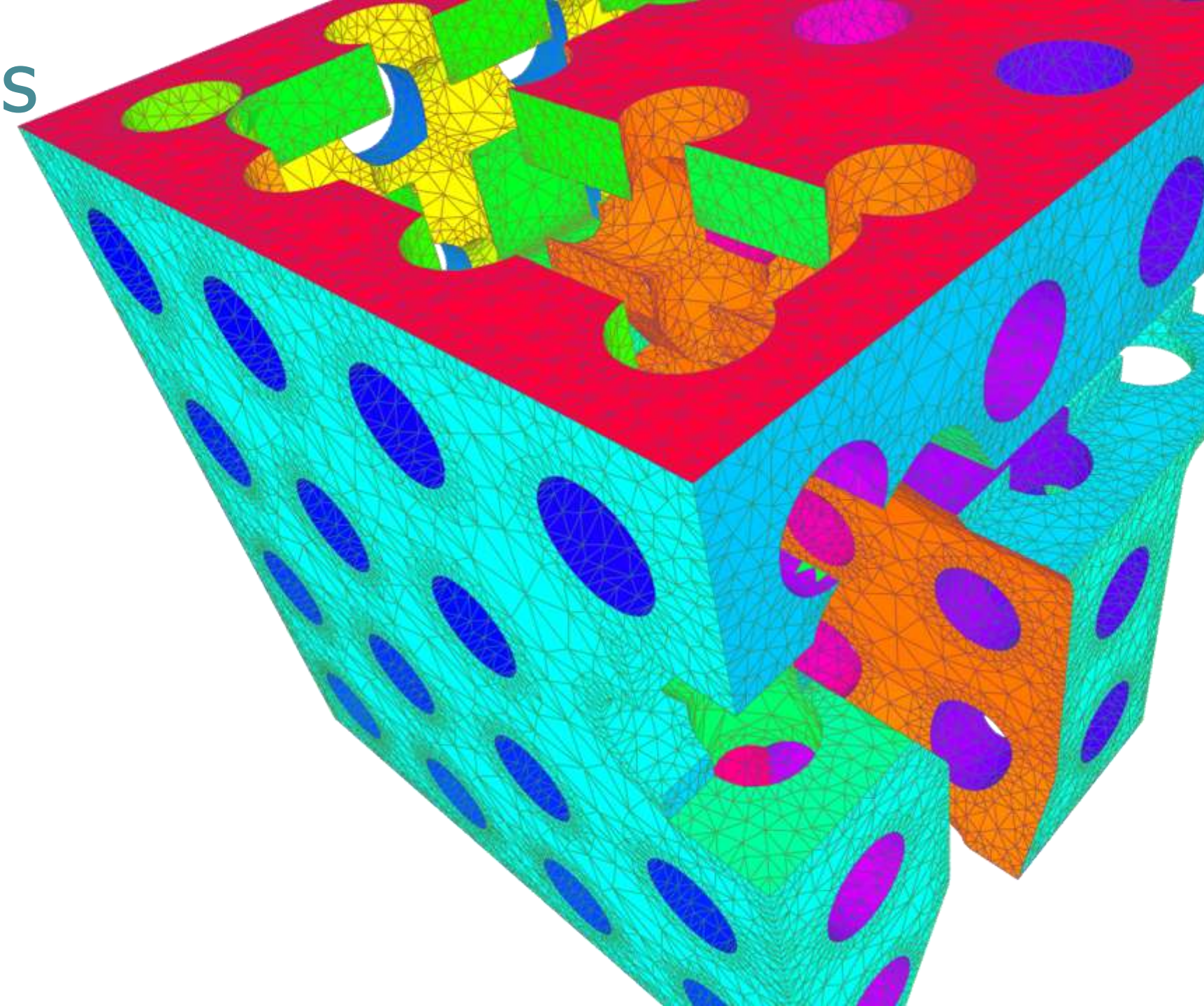
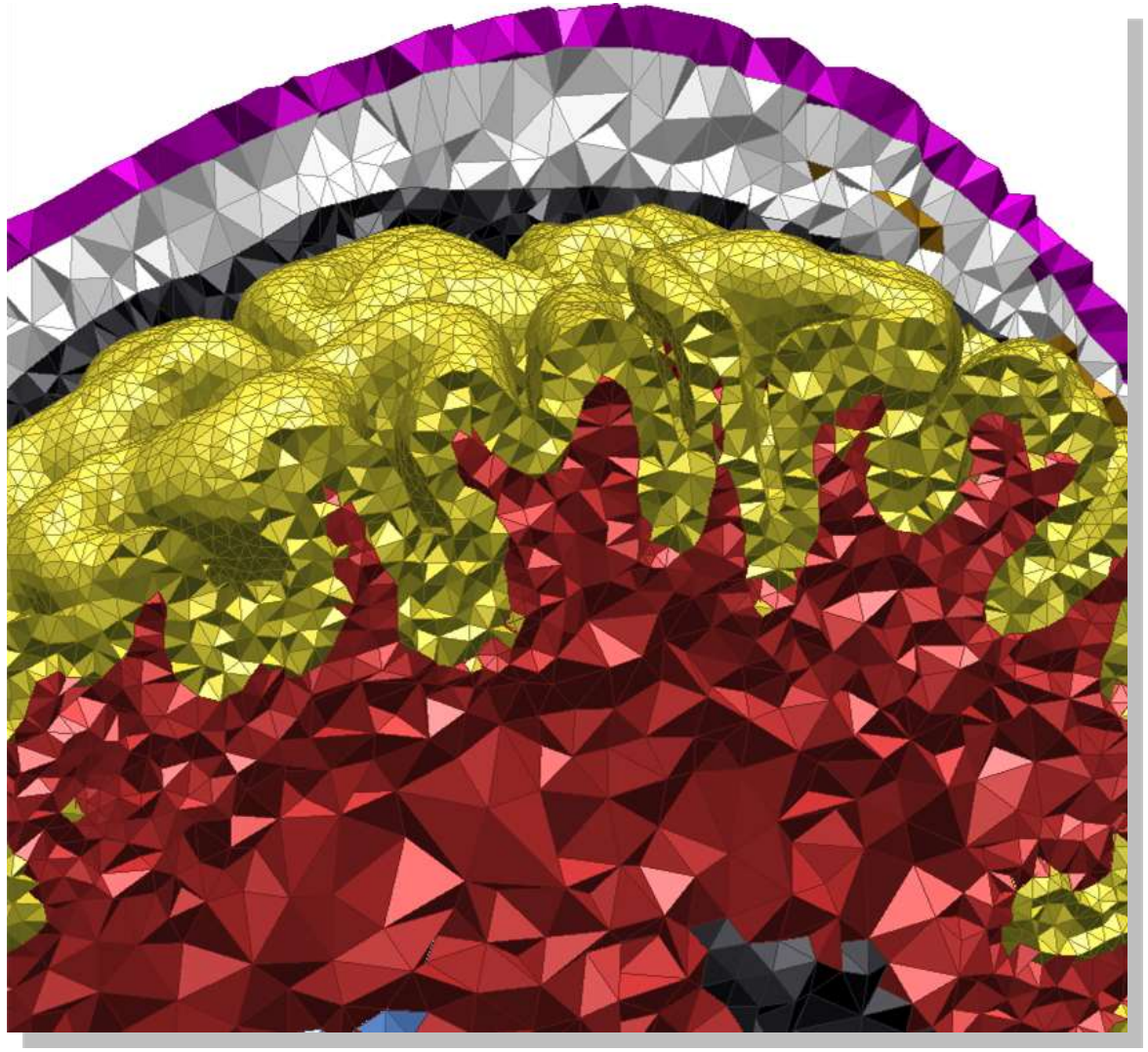


Multi Domain Volume Meshes



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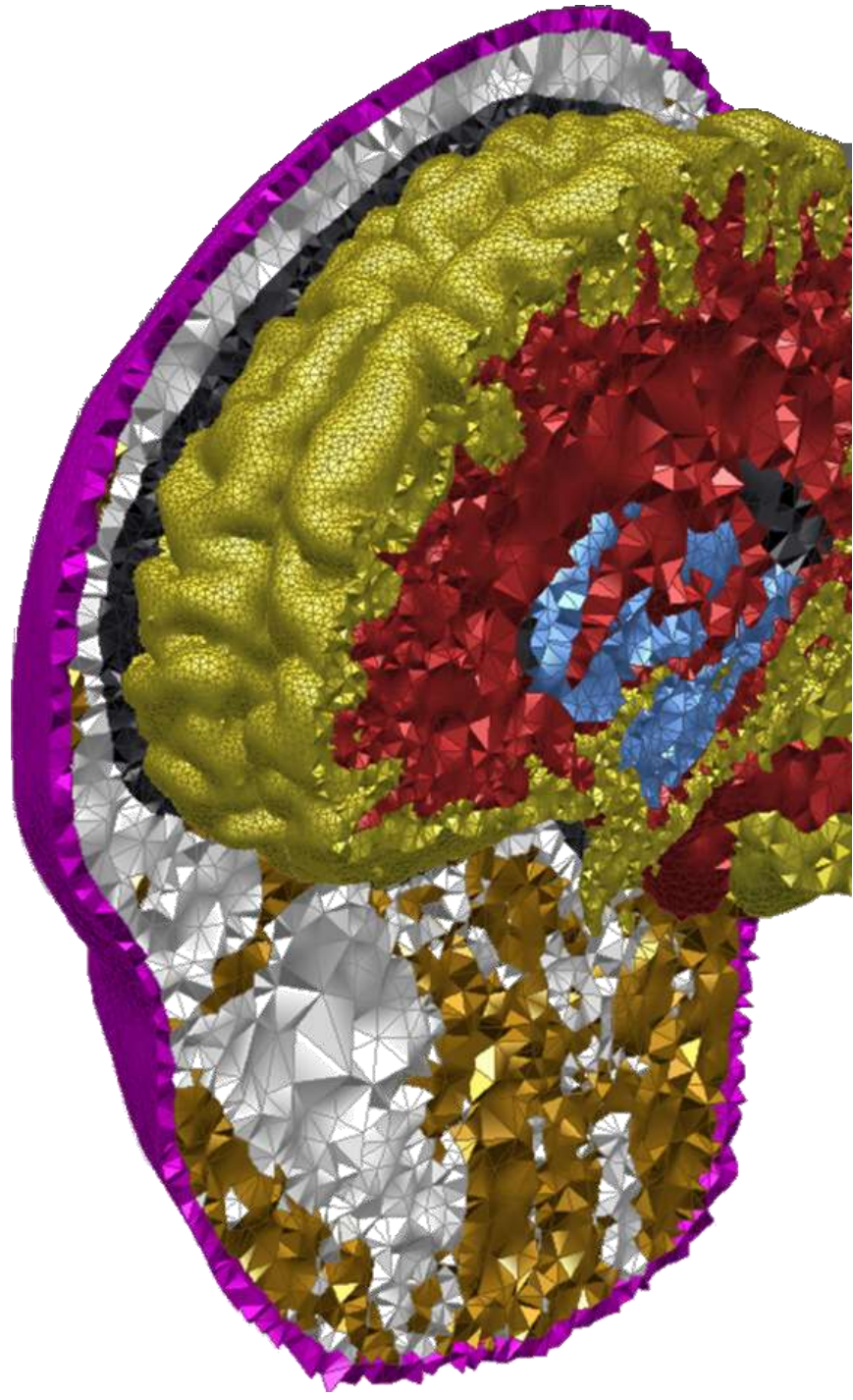

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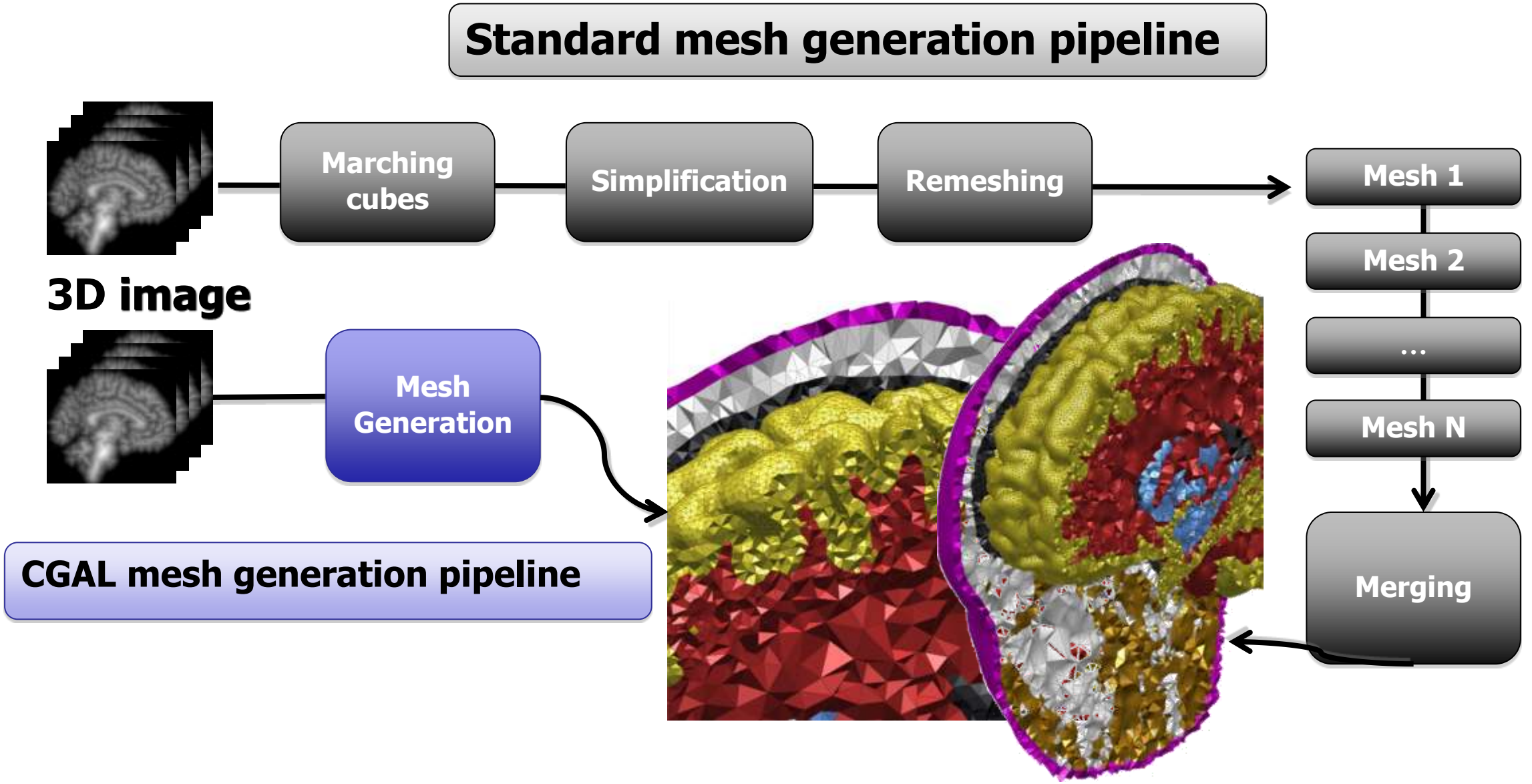

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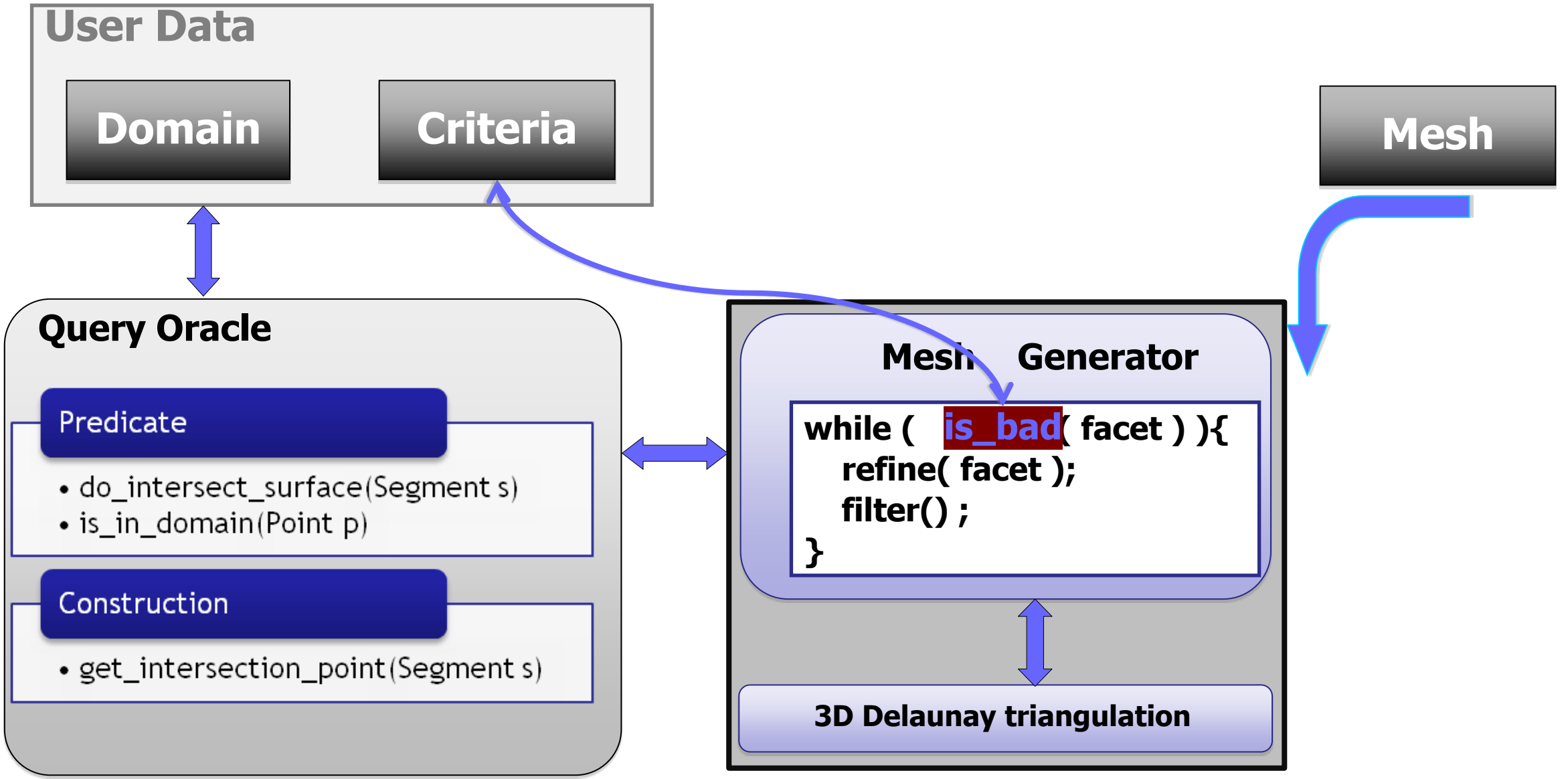

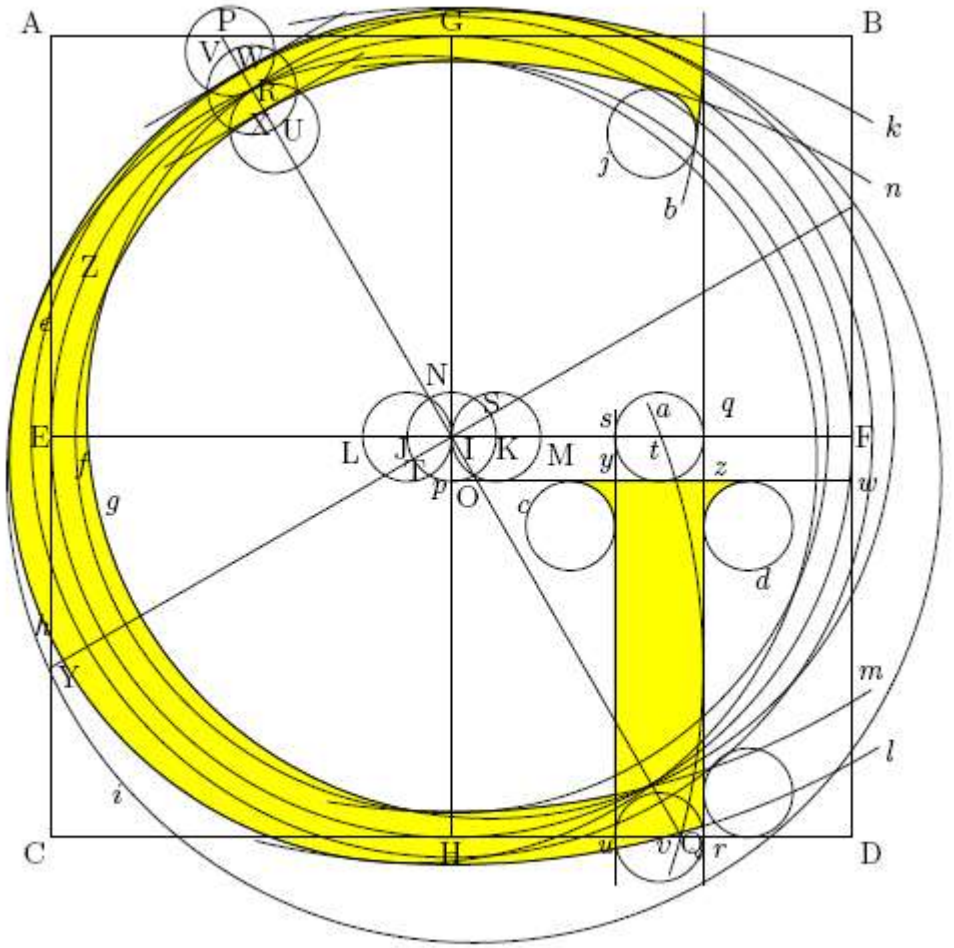

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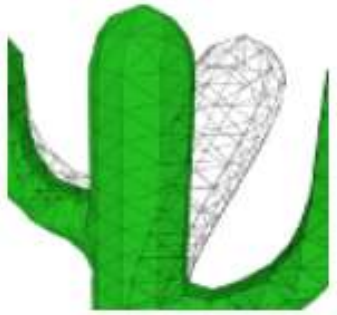

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- Create a gist https://gist.github.com/

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