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*Theme: Interaction and Visualization*

# Overview

- **Introduction**
  - Overall objectives
  - Composition of the team
- **Zoom on Geometry Processing**
  - Fitting and Parameterization
  - Sampling and Meshing
- **Impact**
- **Evolution and Future Work**



# Introduction

## Overall objectives - geometry and light



Light



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## Overall objectives - geometry and light

### *Light*

- Realistic rendering
- Interative rendering
- Scientific visualization



Light



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## Overall objectives - geometry and light



Geometry



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Geometry

### *Geometry*

- Optimizing...
- Transforming...
- Constructing...

...representations



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October 2010:

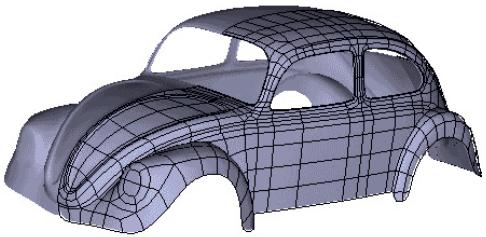
7 permanent researchers

1 visiting associate professor



# Zoom on Geometry Processing

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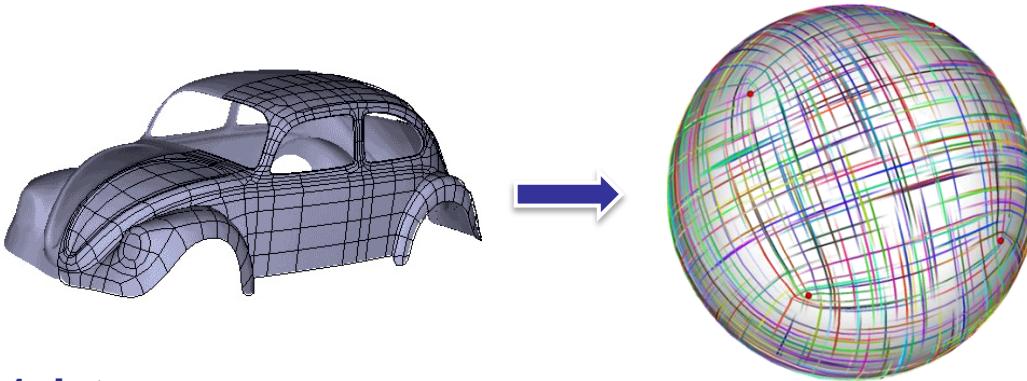
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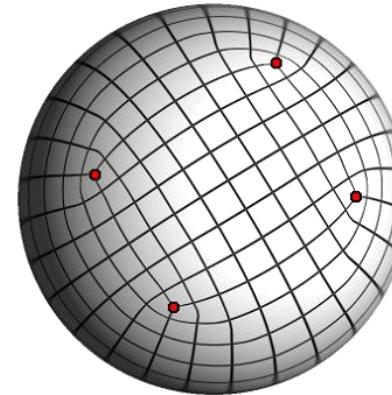
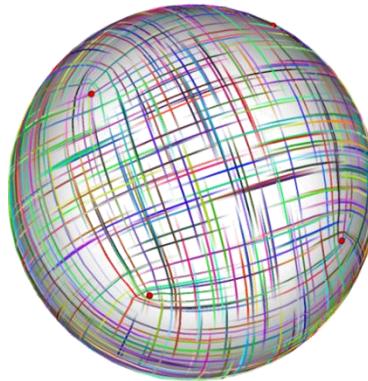
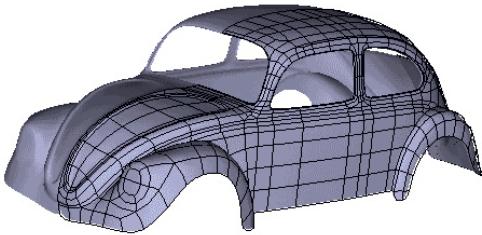
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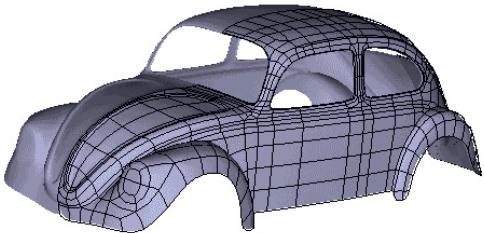
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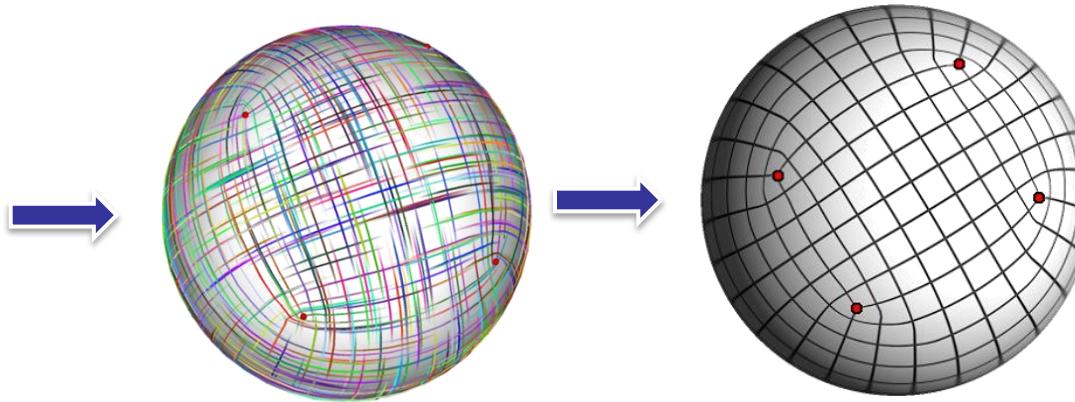


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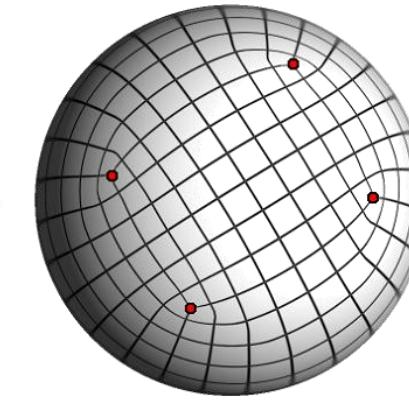
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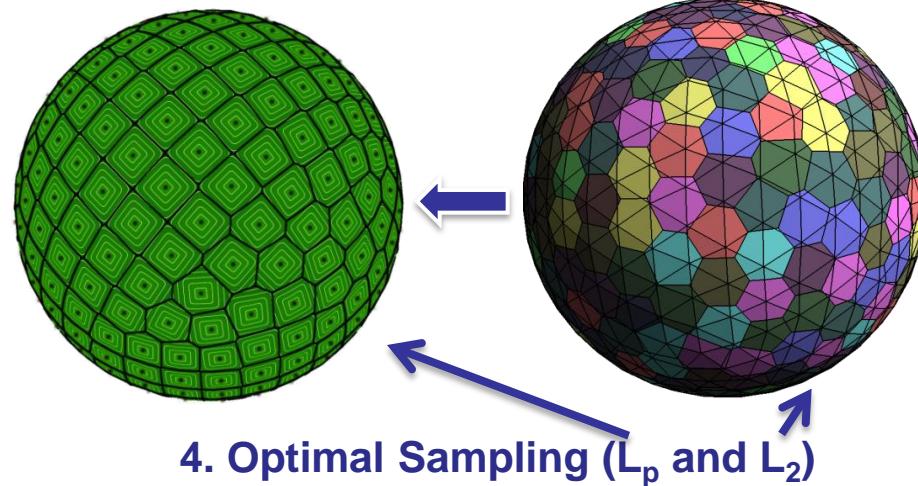
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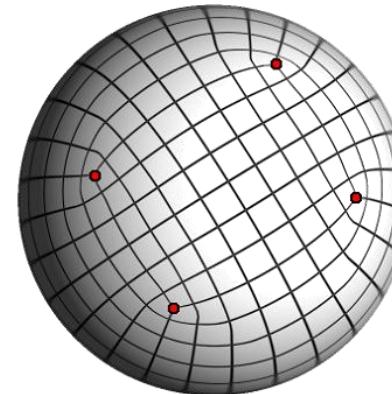
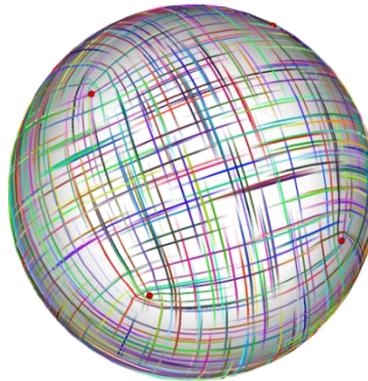
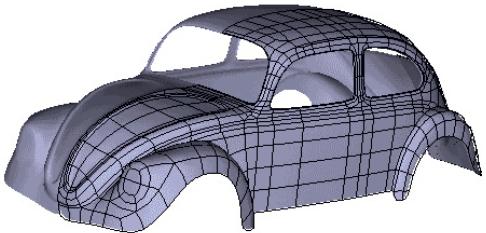


4. Optimal Sampling ( $L_p$  and  $L_2$ )



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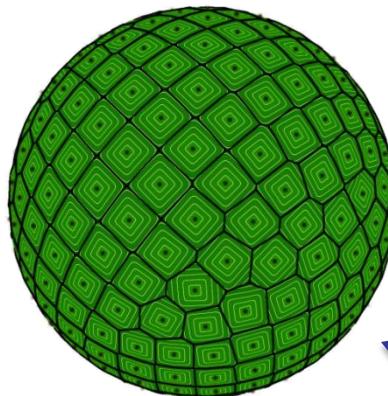
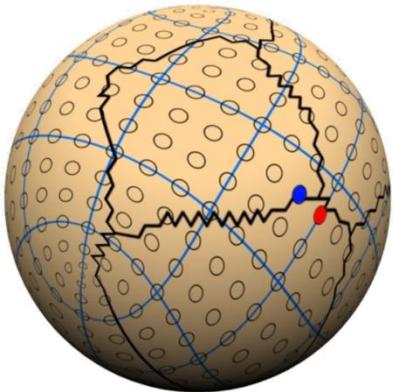
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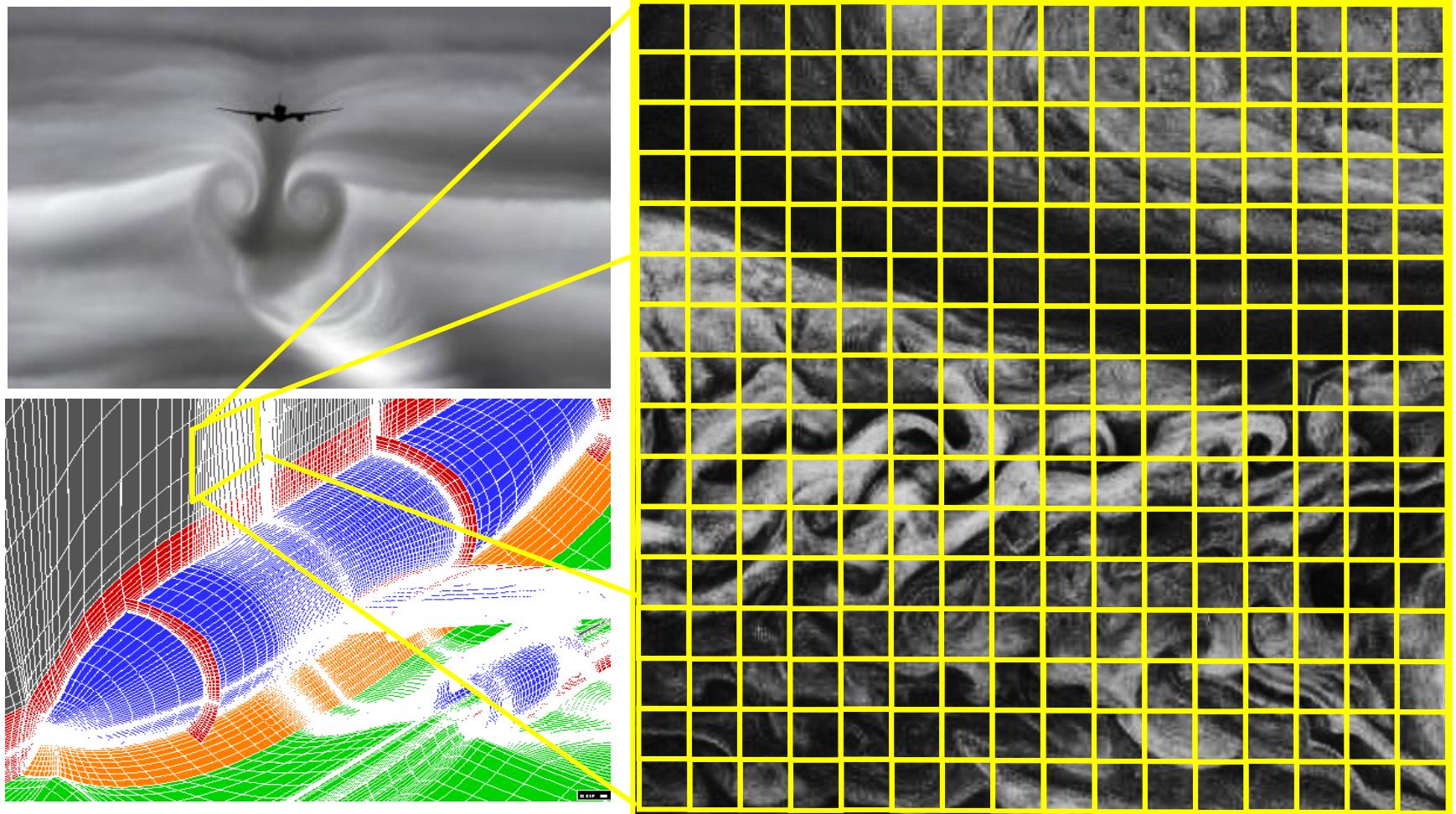


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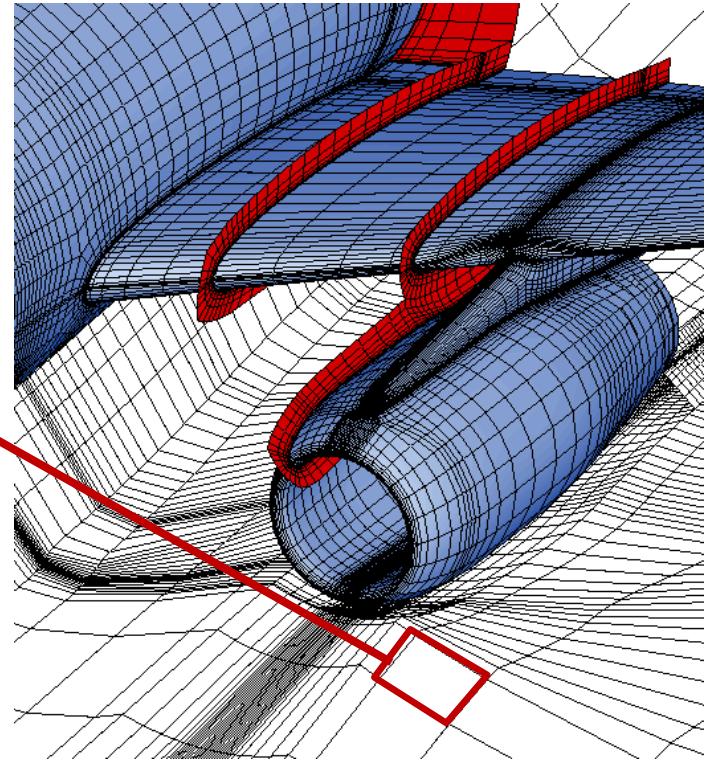
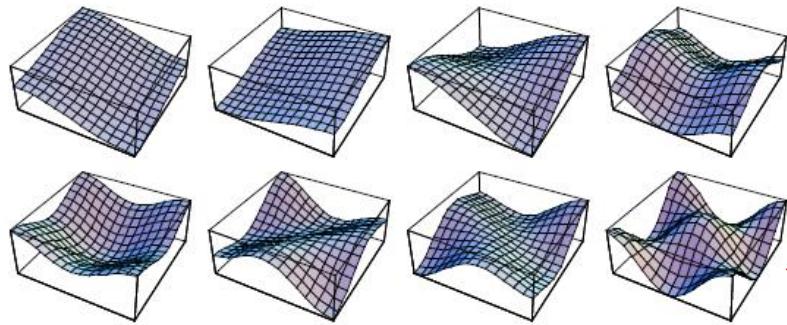
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## 1. Dynamic Function Basis – classical FEM



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## 1. Dynamic Function Basis – classical FEM



- Function basis ( $\phi_i$ ):  $f = \sum \alpha_i \phi_i$
- Operator equation:  $Lf = g$
- Hilbert space, Inner Product:  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int f(x) g(x) dx$
- $\forall i, \langle Lf, \phi_i \rangle = \langle g, \phi_i \rangle$



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## 1. Dynamic Function Basis – New framework

$$f = \sum \alpha_i \phi_i(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m, x, y)$$

$$= \sum \alpha_i \phi_i(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x})$$



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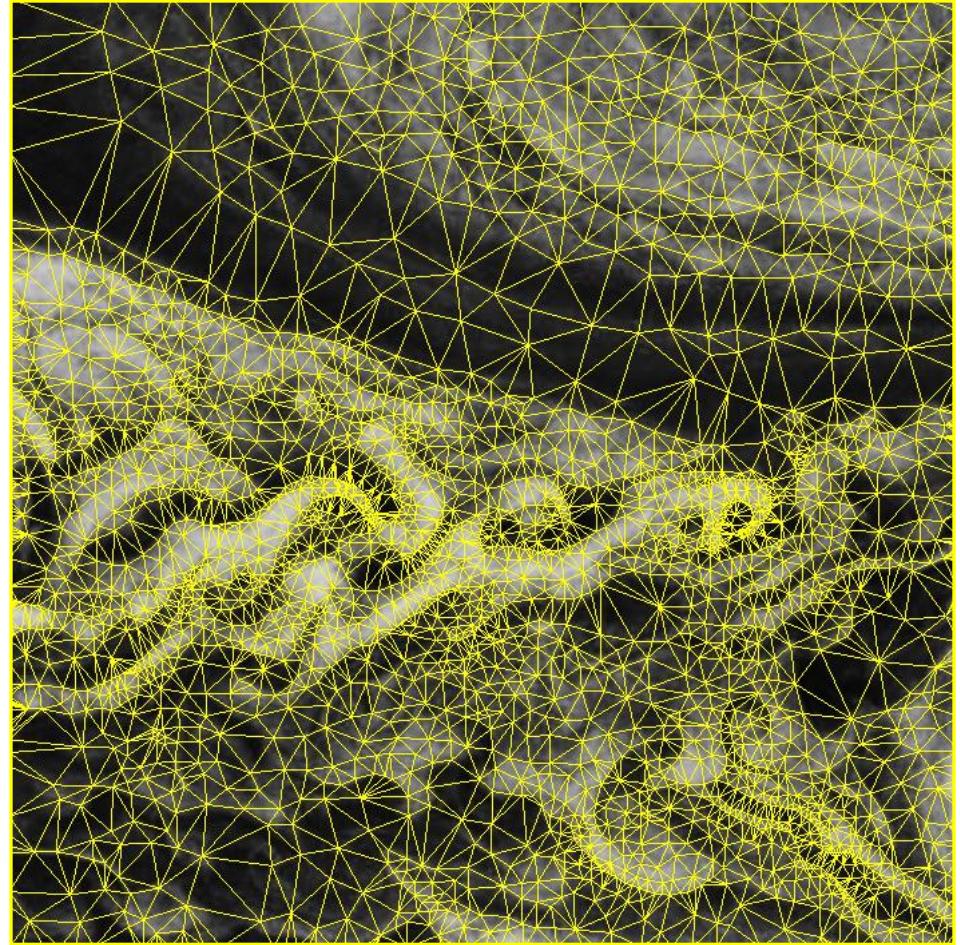
DFB: minimize  $F(p, \alpha) = |Lf - g|^2 = \left| \sum \alpha_i \phi_i(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x}) - g \right|^2$

Solve for  $f[\alpha]$  and for its sampling  $[p]$



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## 1. Dynamic Function Basis – Expected result



Our new framework:  
Dynamic Function Basis  
(DFB)



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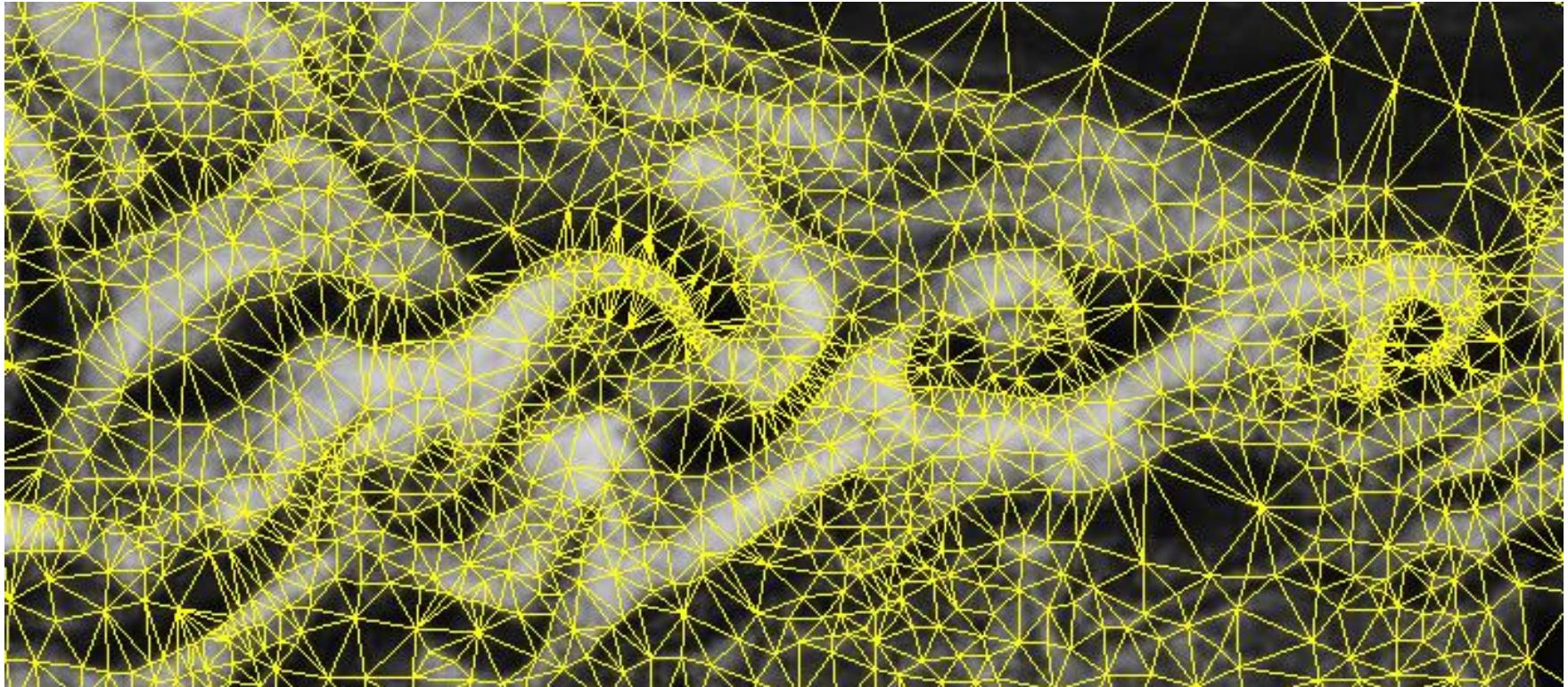
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## 1. Dynamic Function Basis – Expected result



Our new framework: Dynamic Function Basis  
Solve for ***approximation*** and ***sampling*** all together



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## Dynamic Function Basis – Research Program

Geometric Intelligence  
*Microsoft Research*

GOODSHAPE  
*European Research Council*  
1.1 Meuros, 5 years  
0.3% acceptance  
all disciplines of science

- 2D,  $L = \text{Id}$  : image approximation [EGSR 2006]
- 3D,  $L = \text{Id}$  : surface approximation 2006-2010
- 3D, optimal sampling 2006-2010
- 3D,  $L = \text{light transport}$  2010-...
- 3D+t, Navier Stokes 2010-...

$$Lf = g$$



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## 1. Surface approximation – the challenge

Creating a CAD model from a real car ...



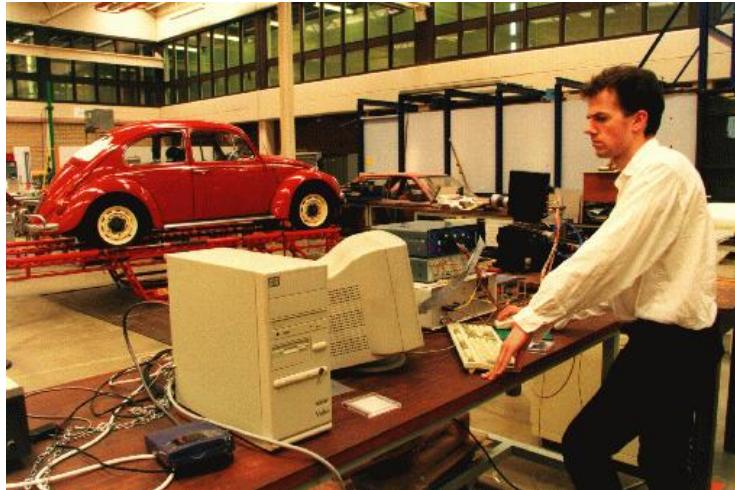
1970's: purely manual acquisition (Y. Sutherland)



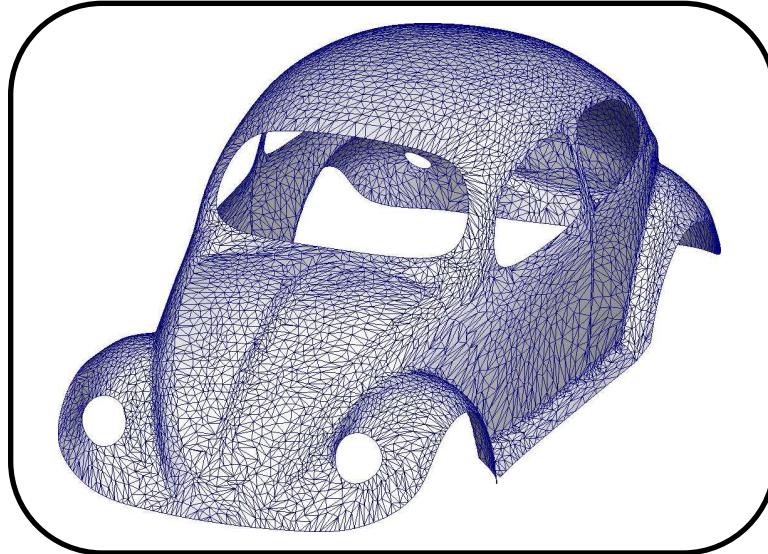
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## 1. Surface approximation – the challenge

Creating a CAD/CAM model of a car



3D laser scanner



Reconstructed shape

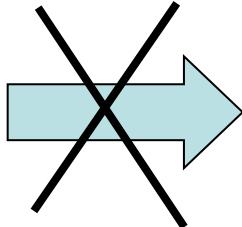
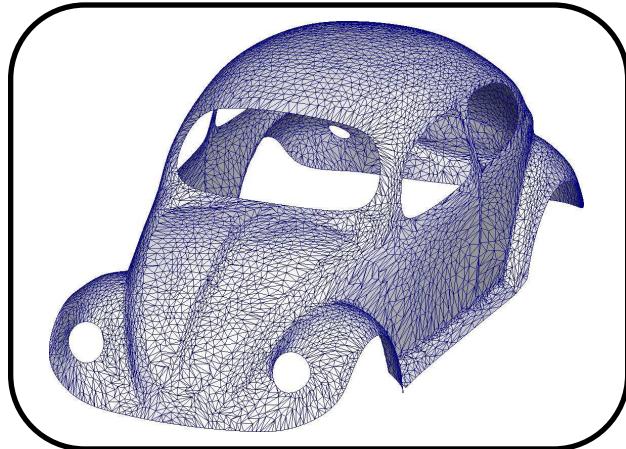
1 million vertices, 2 million triangles:  
Cannot be used in CAD/CAM software



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## 1. Surface approximation – the challenge

output of the scanner



CAD/CAM software



**Wrong representation,**  
CAD/CAM needs **equations** instead of **samples**

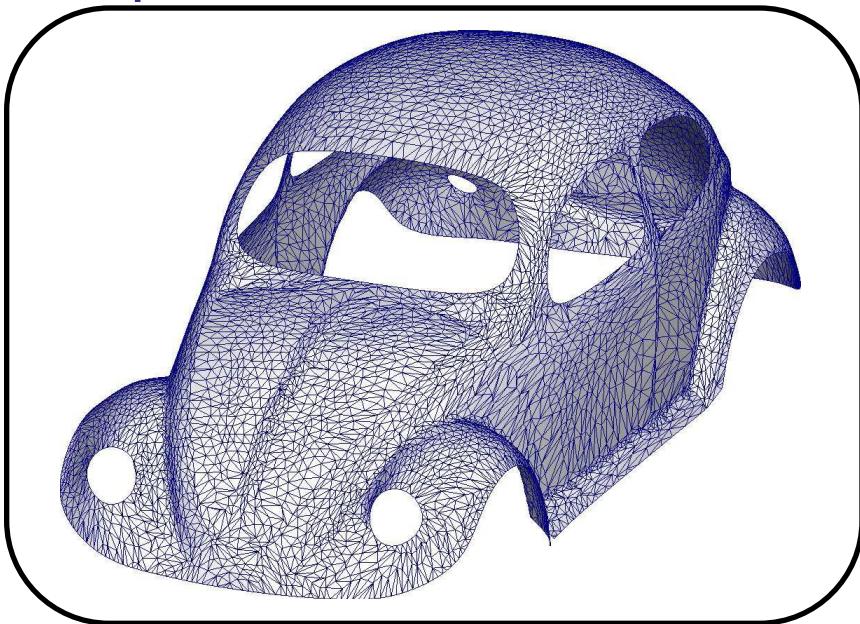
**Q:** How can we "find the equation" of this car ?



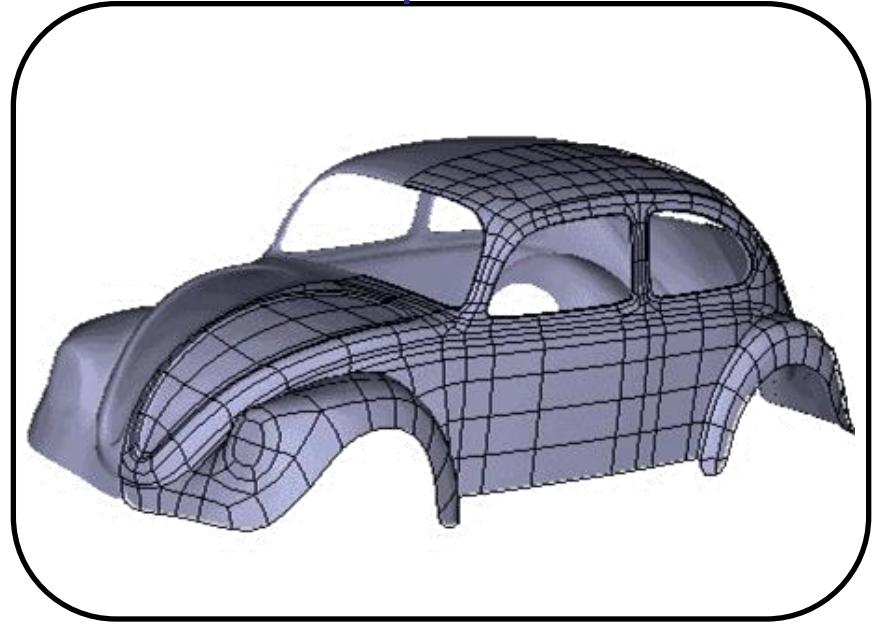
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CAD/CAM representation

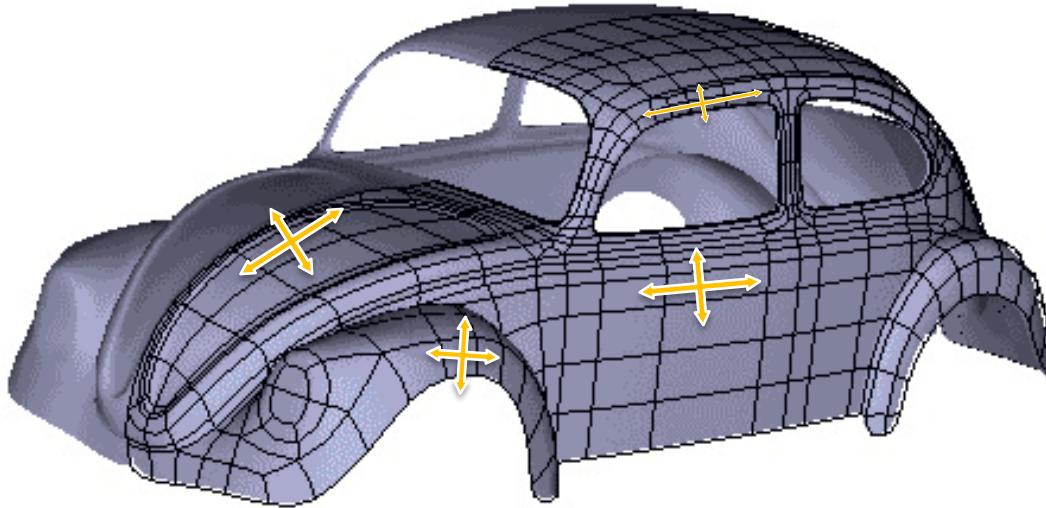


*1 million points → 100 Splines (cubic equations)*  
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## 2. Anisotropy and direction field design



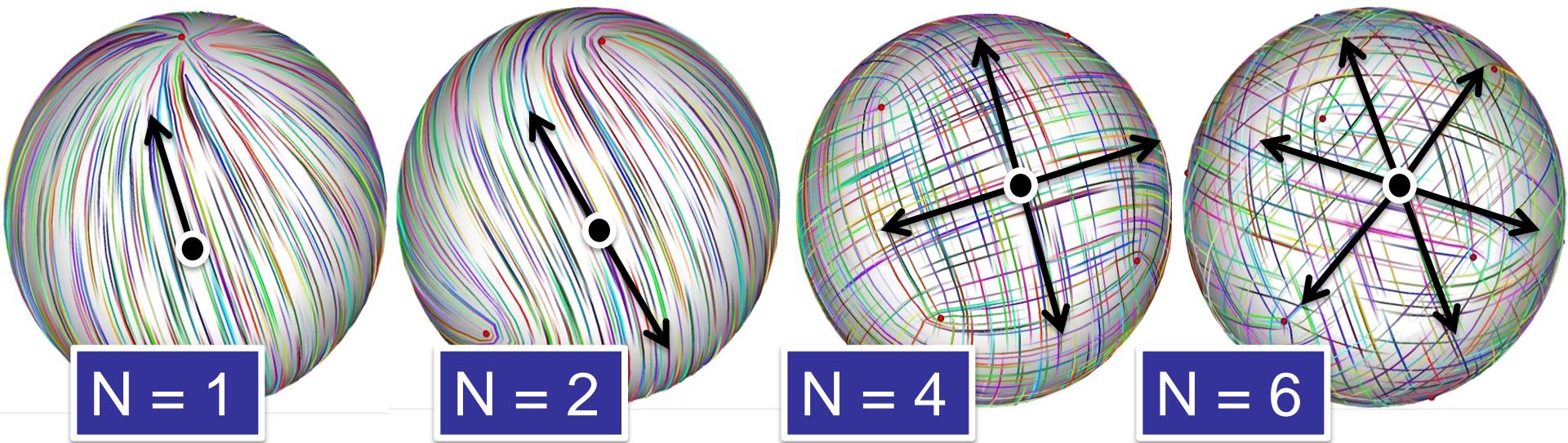
**Q:** How can we control the orientation/shape/size of the mesh/basis elements ?



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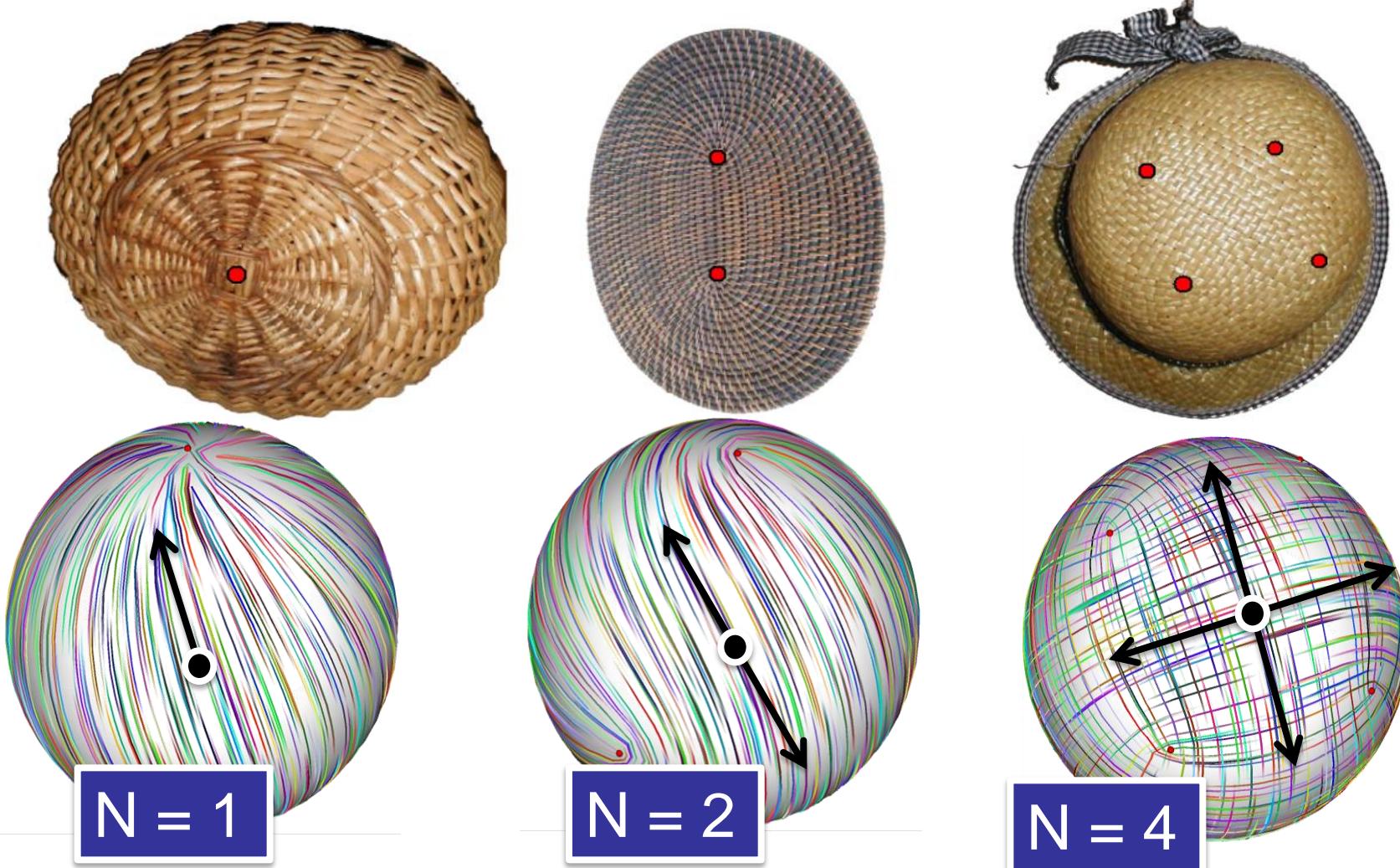
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- A **N-symmetry direction field** is, for each point of a surface, a set of N unit vectors of the tangent plane that is invariant by rotation of  $2\pi/N$ .



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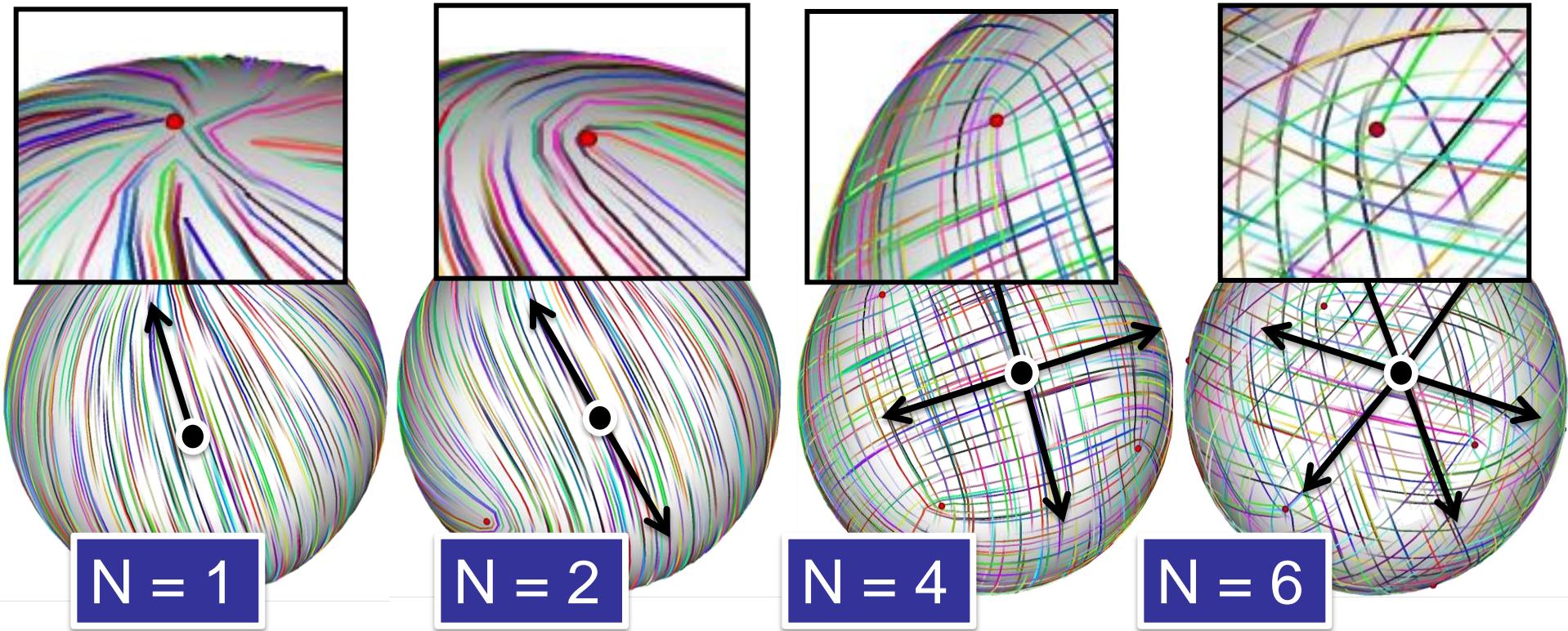
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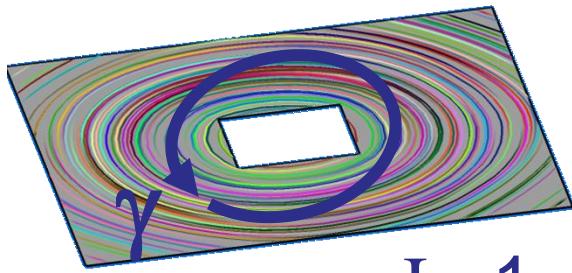
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- **Singularities** generalize poles (and saddles) of vector fields.



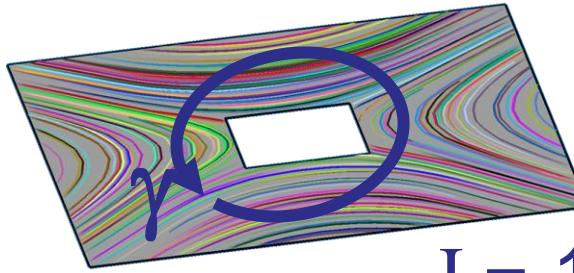
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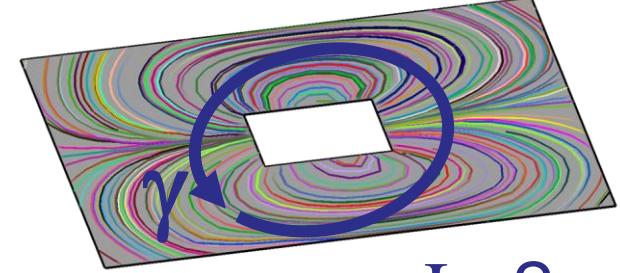
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I = 1



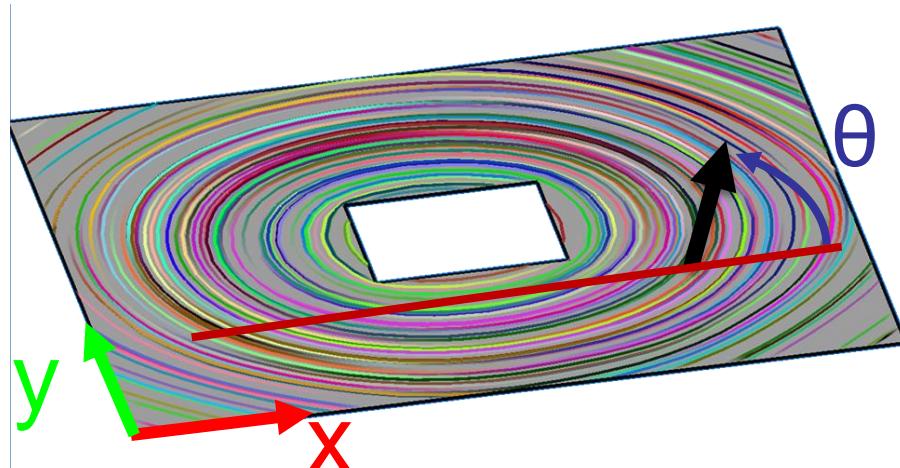
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I = -1



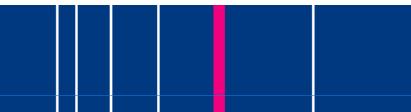
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I = 2



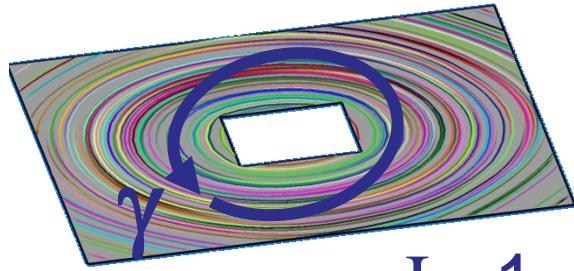
Index of a singularity

$$I = \int_{\gamma} d\theta / 2\pi$$



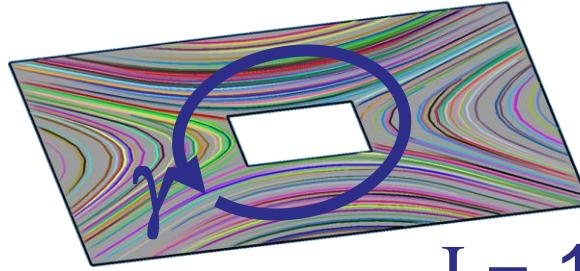
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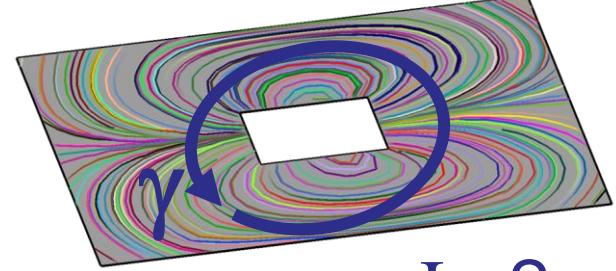
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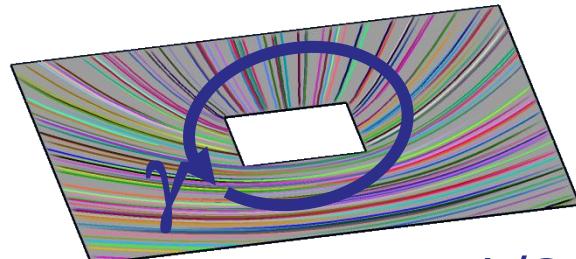
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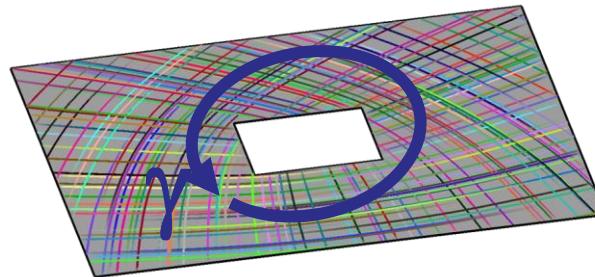
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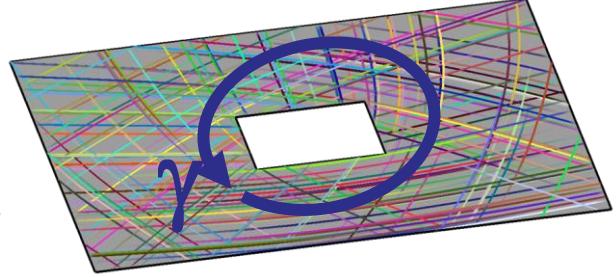
$N = 2$

$I = 1/2$



$N = 4$

$I = 1/4$



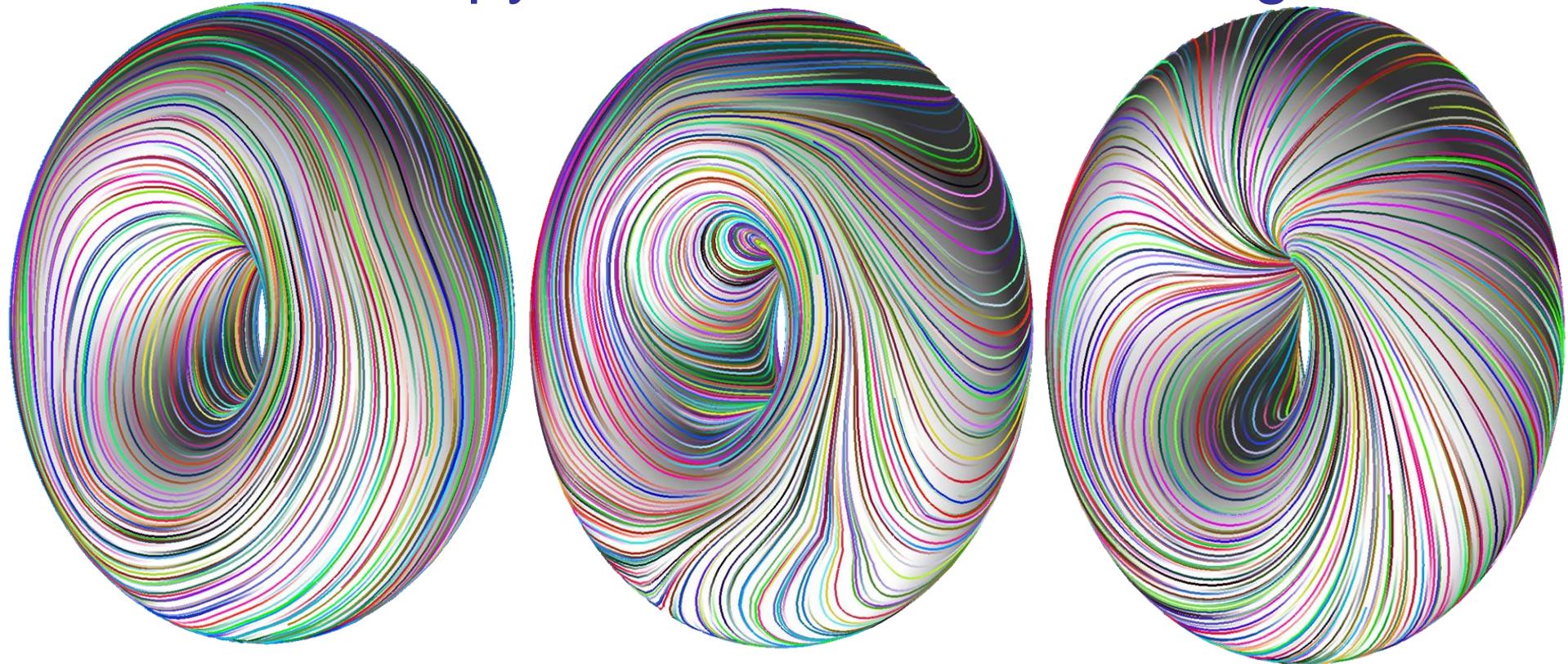
$N = 6$

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Arbitrary genus



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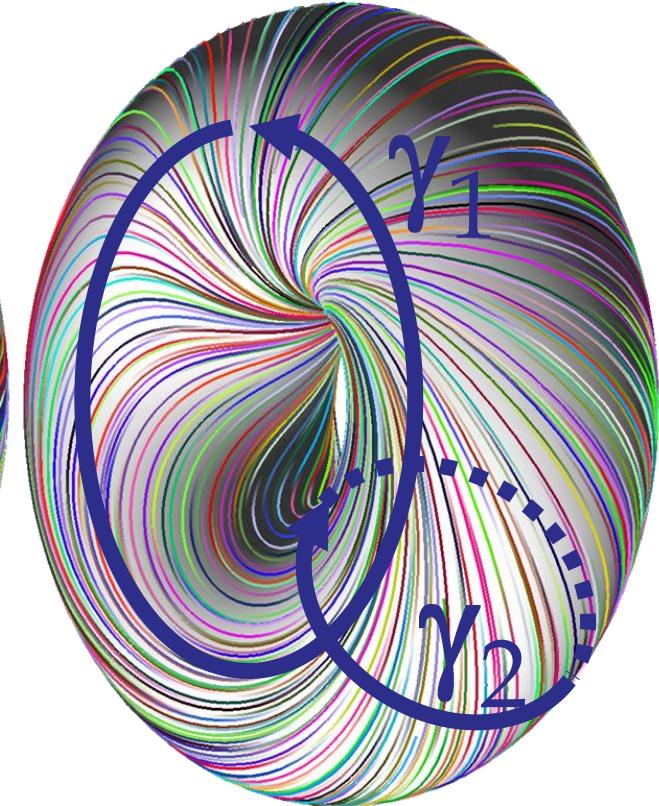
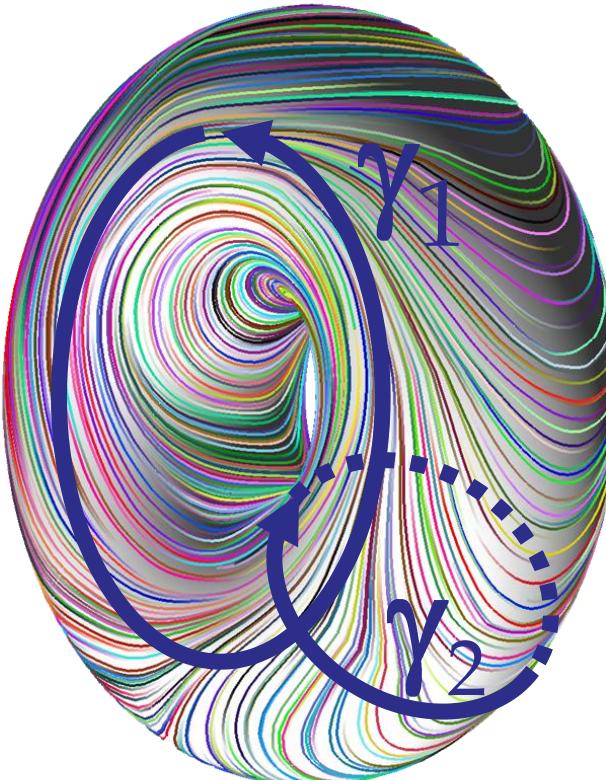
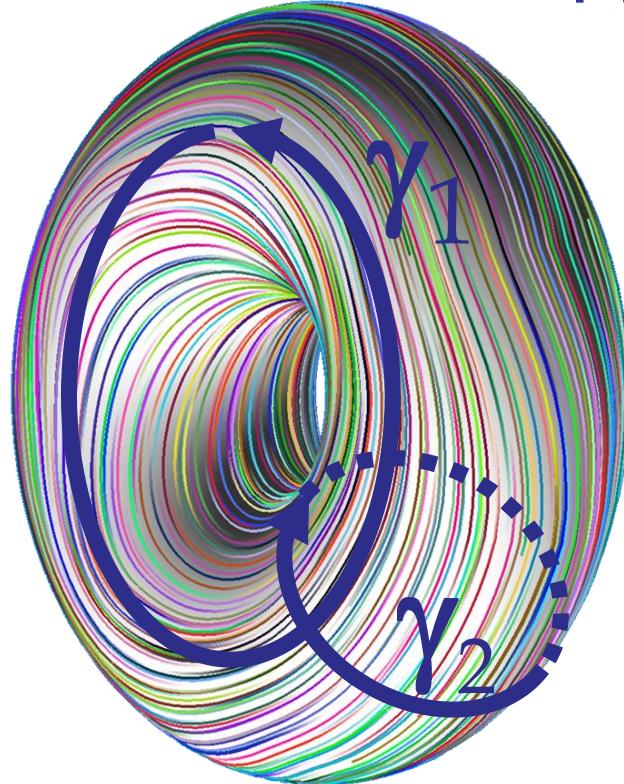
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$$T(\gamma_1) = 0; T(\gamma_2) = 0$$

$$T(\gamma_1) = 0; T(\gamma_2) = -1$$

$$T(\gamma_1) = -1/2; T(\gamma_2) = 0$$

Arbitrary genus → additional degrees of freedom



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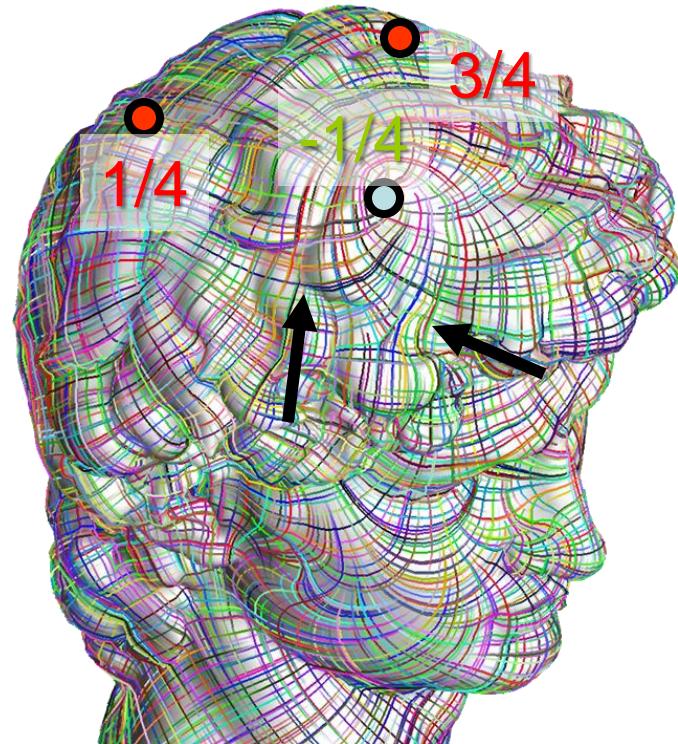
- Extension of the Poincaré-Hopf theorem to N-symmetry
- Discrete Index theory

[ACM TOG 2008]

$$\sum I = 2 - 2g$$

↑  
Index                   ↑  
                        Genus

Design with full topology control

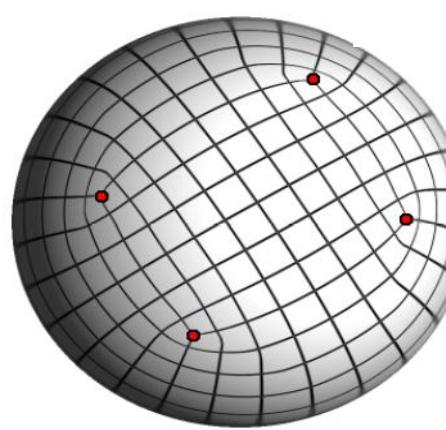
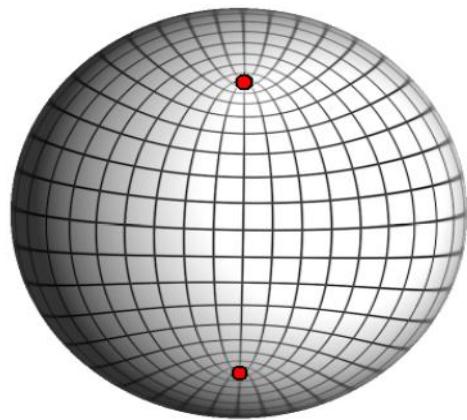
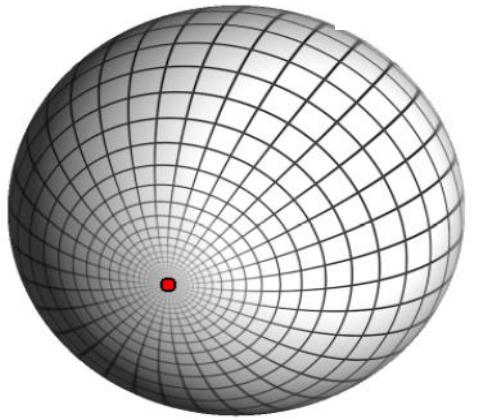
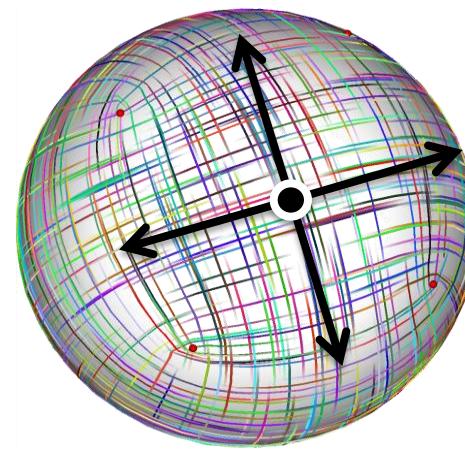
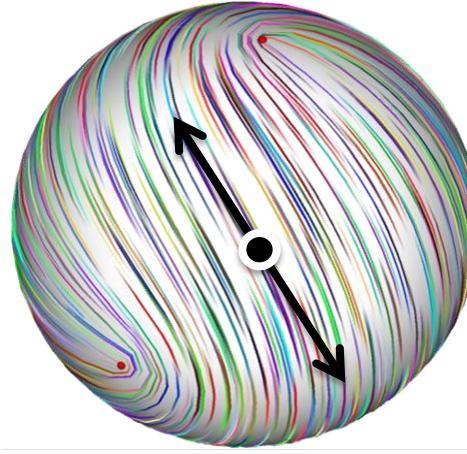
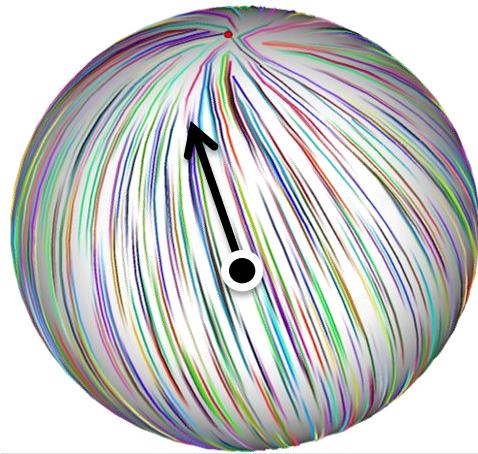


Controlled influence of geometry/topology [ACM TOG 2009]



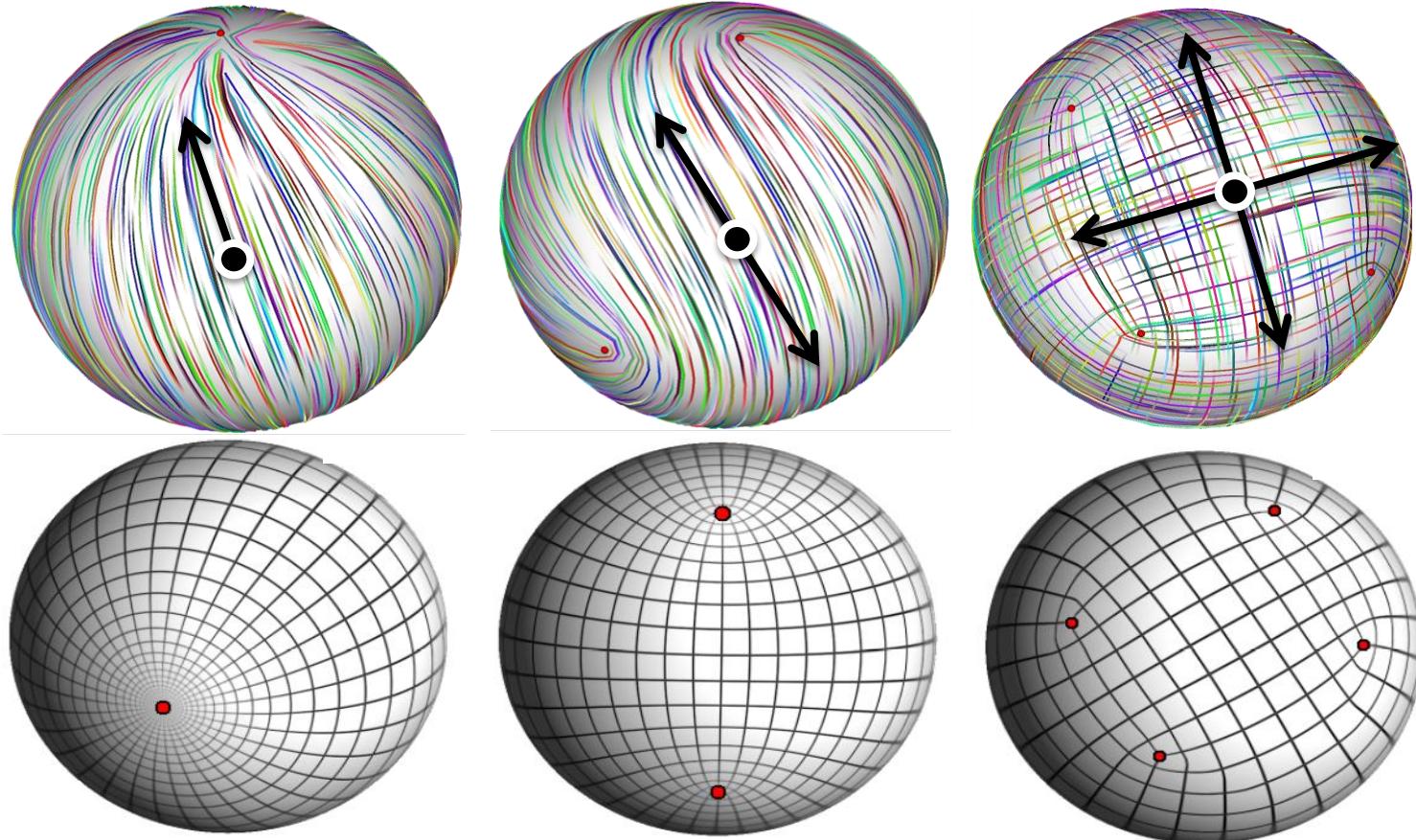
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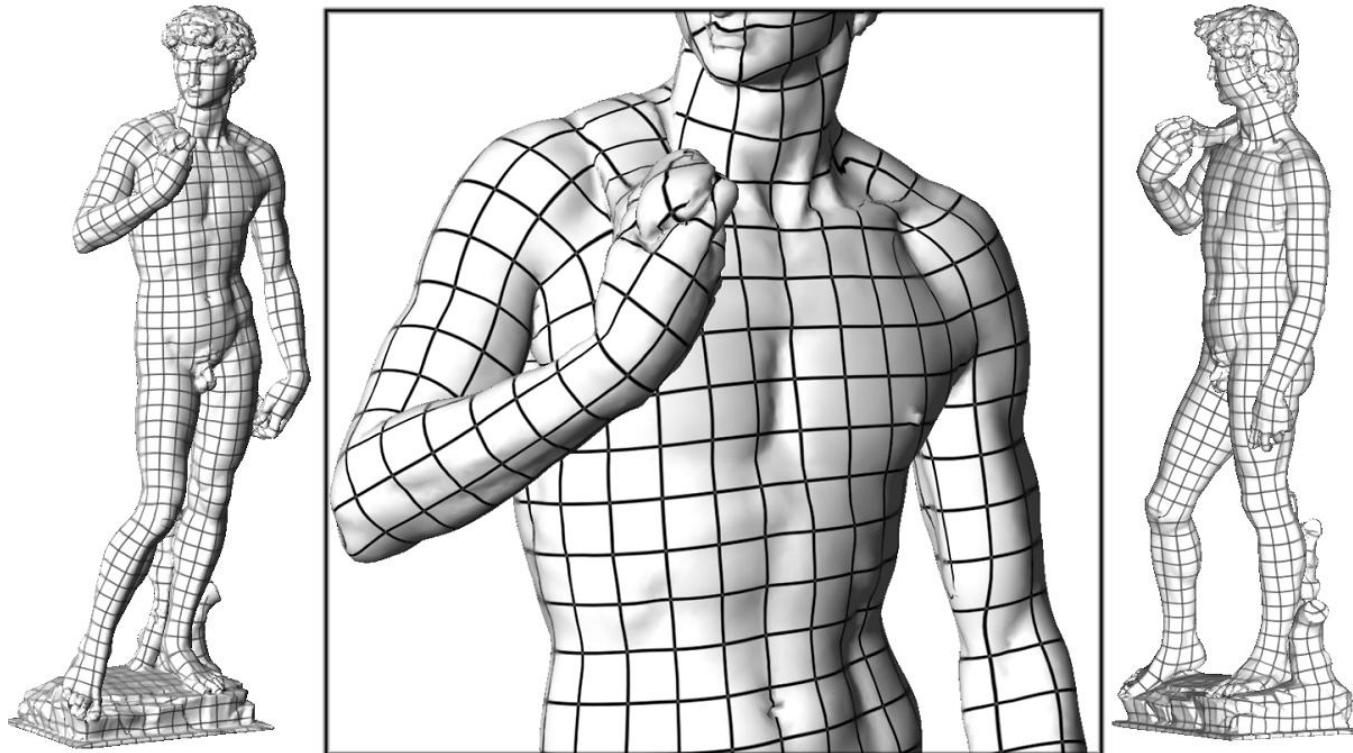


Q: How can we «integrate» a N-Symmetry direction field?



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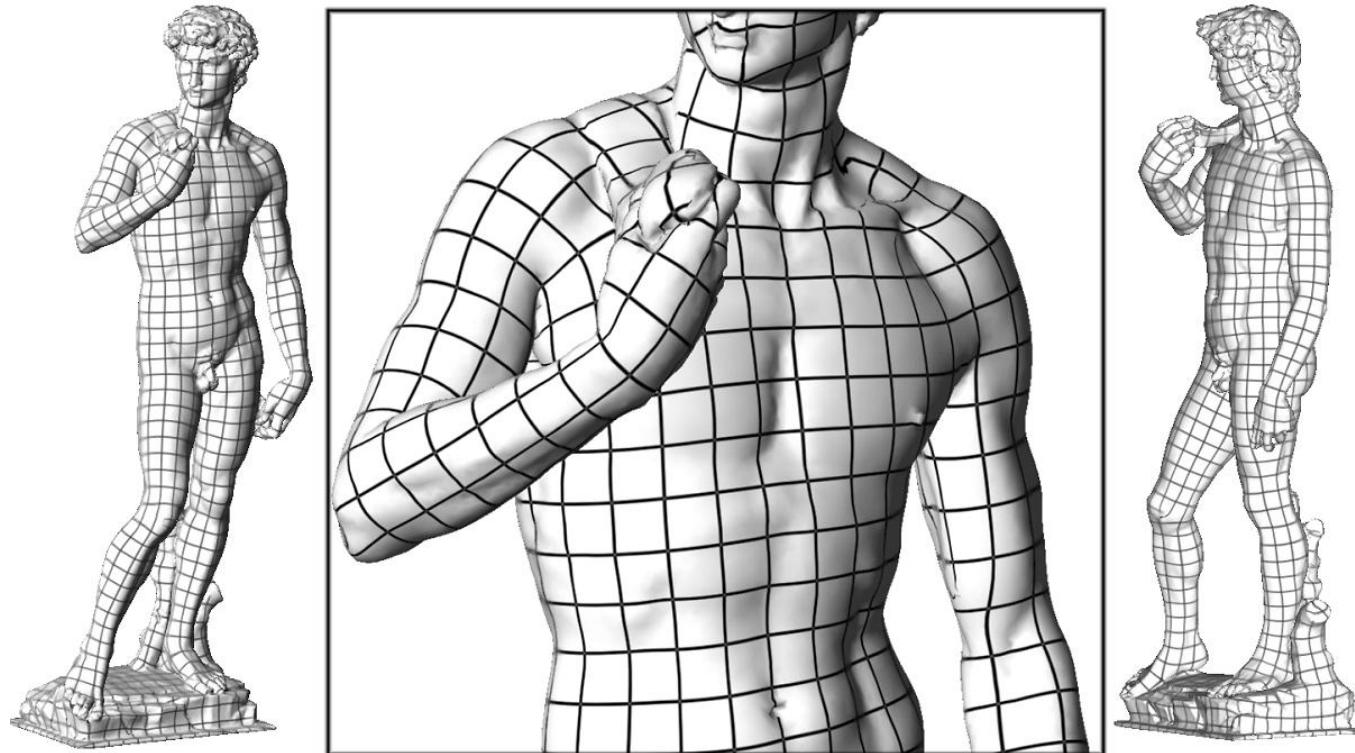


$$F^* = \sum_T \int_T \left( \|\nabla \theta^T - \omega \vec{K}_T\|^2 + \|\nabla \phi^T - \omega \vec{K}_T^\perp\|^2 \right) ds$$



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## 3. Global parameterization



$$F_{T,i}^{\theta} \quad \simeq \quad \left\| U_{i \oplus 2} - \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\omega \vec{K}_i \cdot \vec{e}_i) & -\sin(\omega \vec{K}_i \cdot \vec{e}_i) \\ \sin(\omega \vec{K}_i \cdot \vec{e}_i) & \cos(\omega \vec{K}_i \cdot \vec{e}_i) \end{pmatrix} U_{i \oplus 1} \right\|^2$$

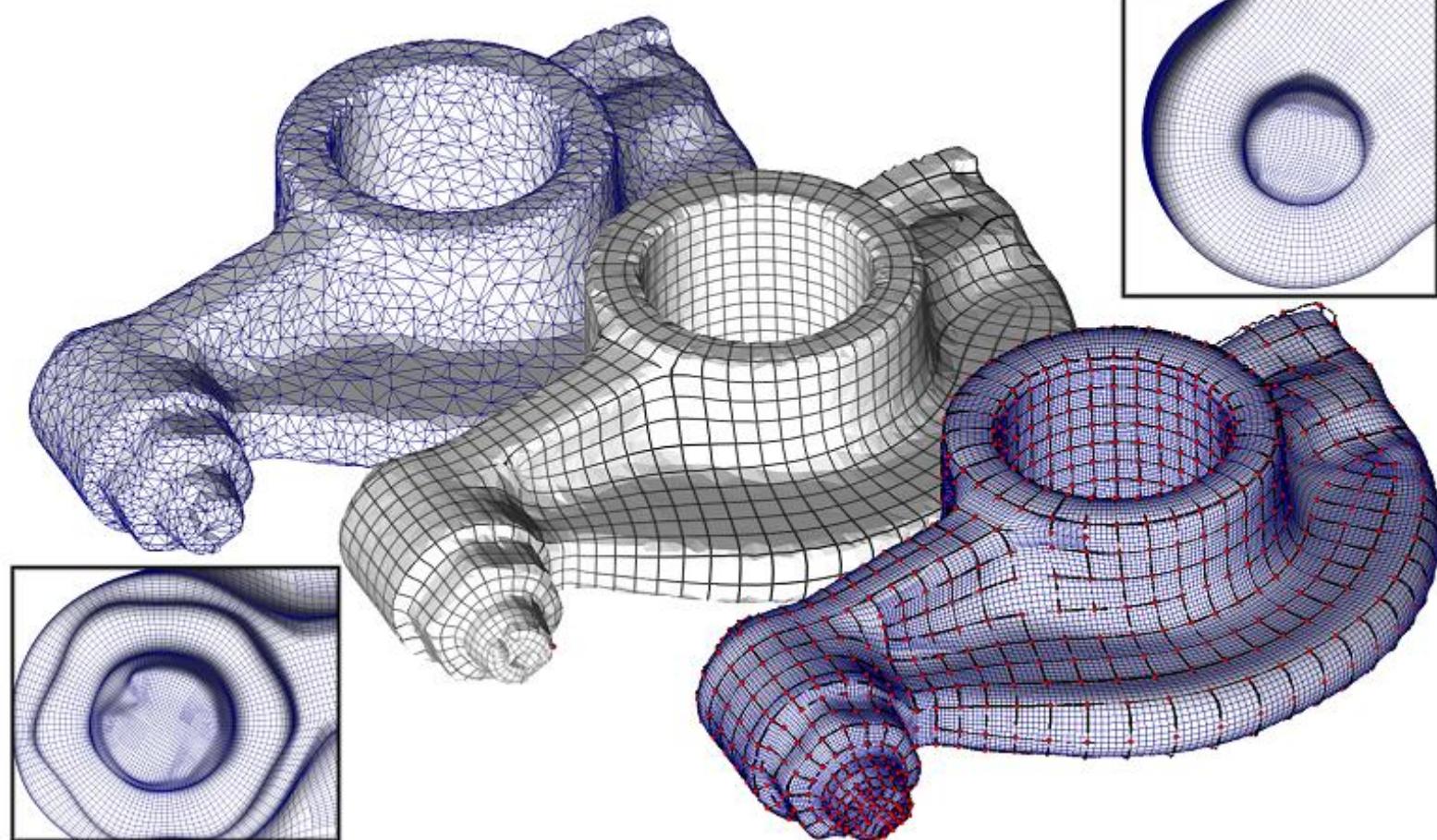
where:

$$U_i = (\cos \theta_i, \sin \theta_i)$$



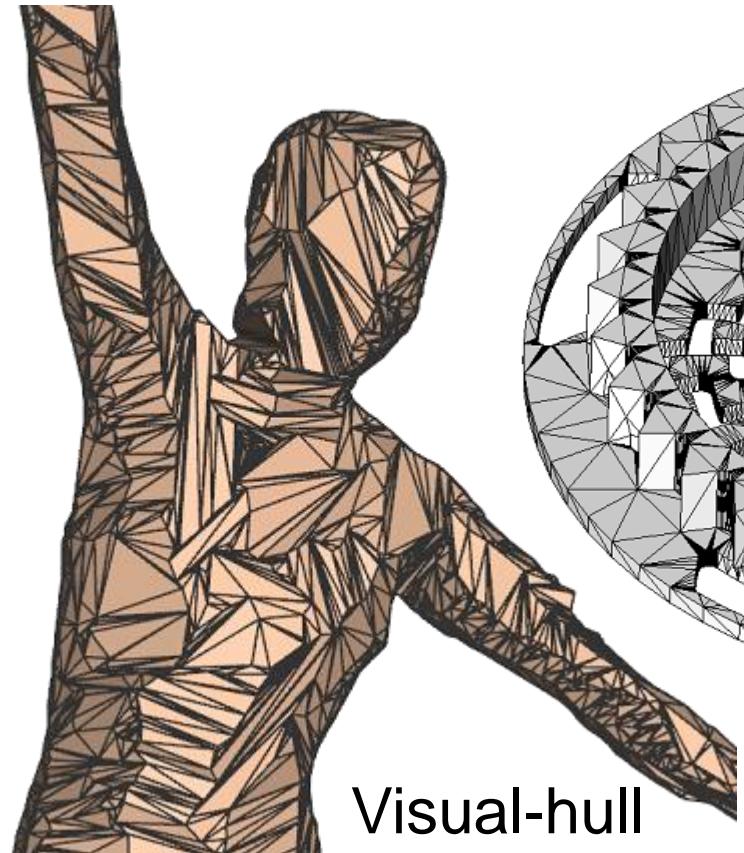
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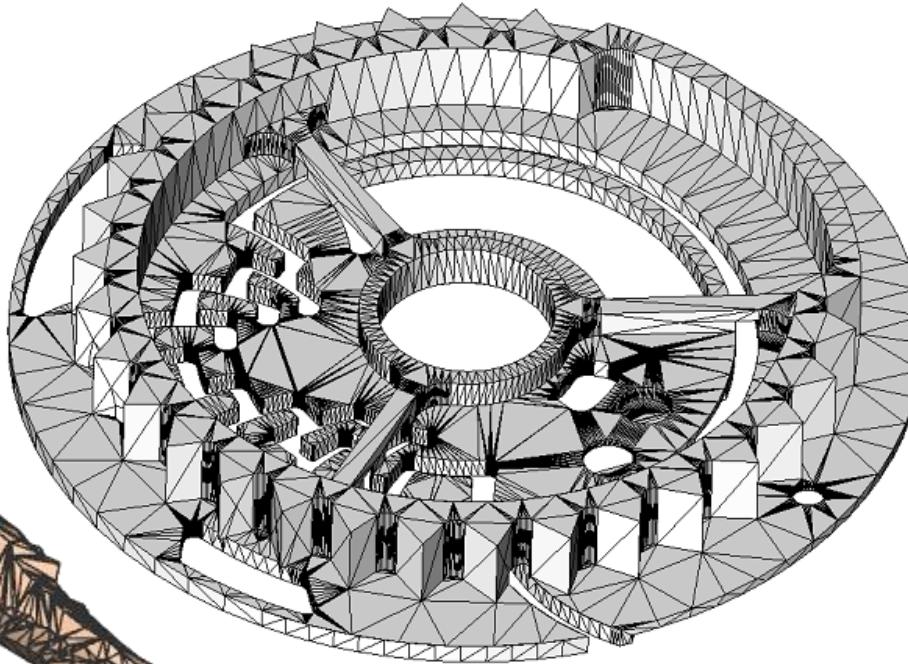


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## 4. Optimal Sampling

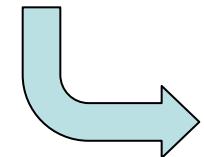


Visual-hull



CAD mesh

Lots of  
« needles »

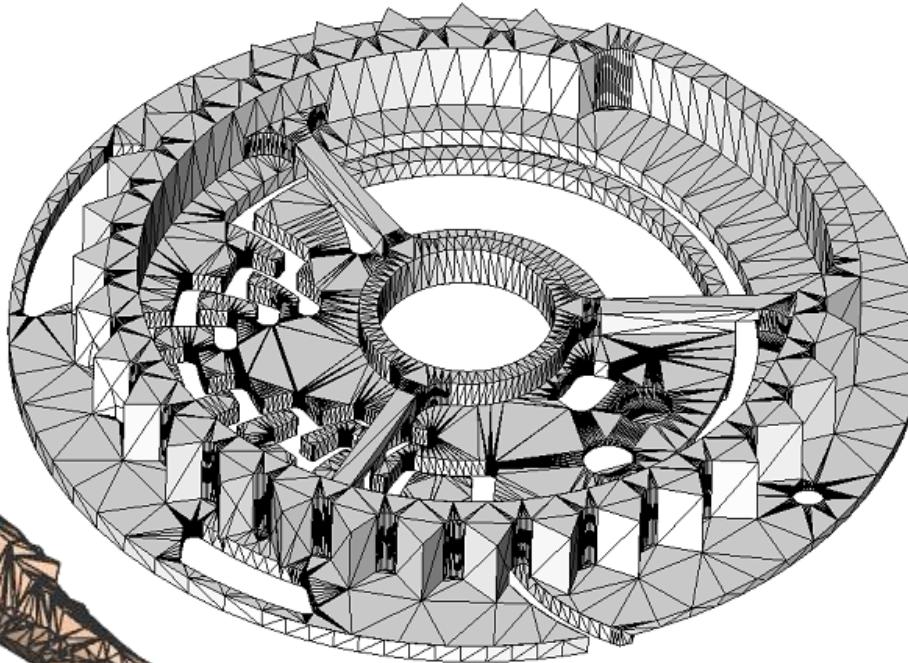


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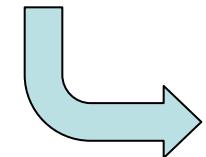


Visual-hull



CAD mesh

Lots of  
« needles »

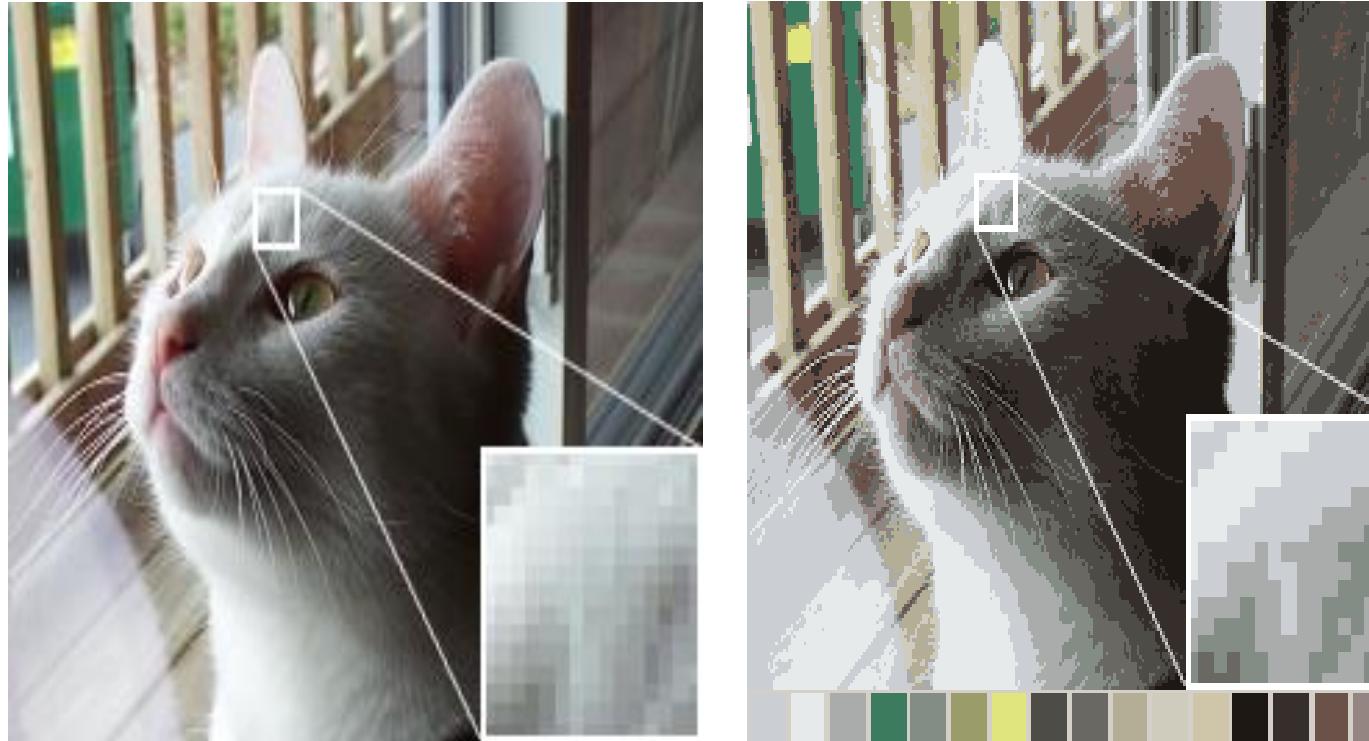


Q: How can we process these surfaces ?



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### Color quantization

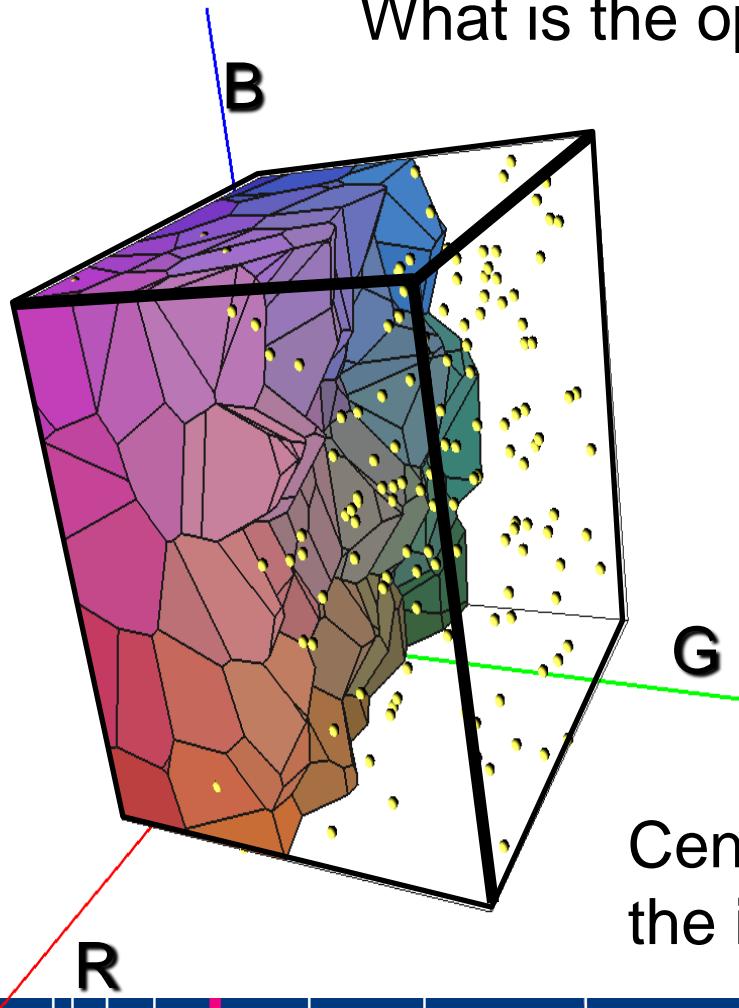
[Leung et.al, GPU Pro, AK Peters, 2010]



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What is the optimal colormap ?

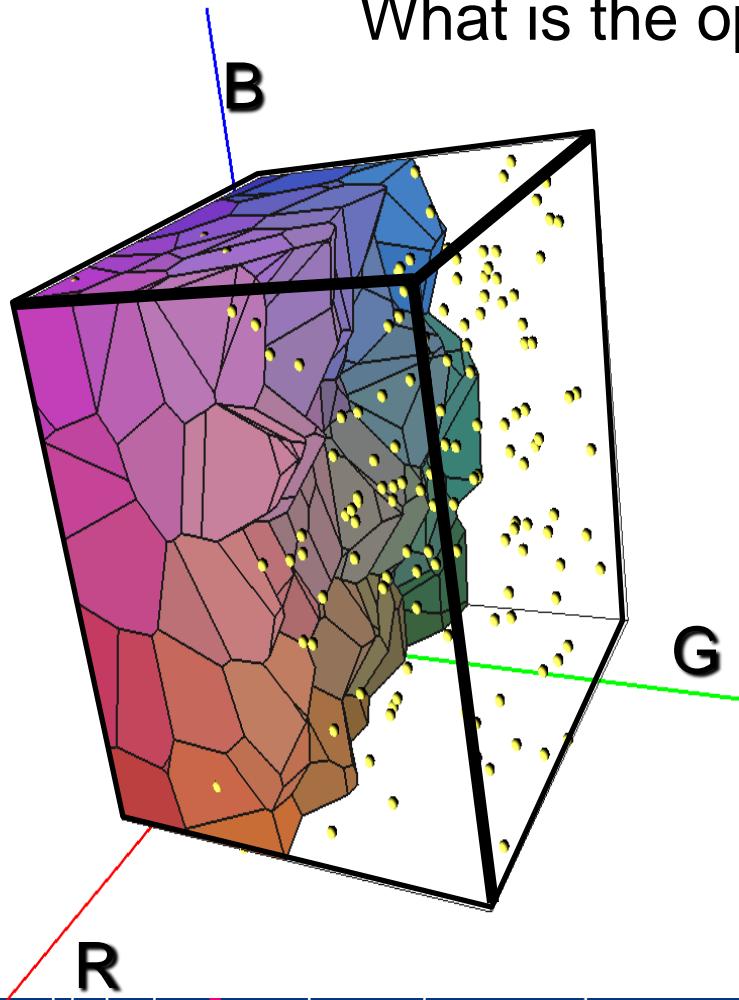


Centroidal Voronoi Tessellation from  
the **information theory** perspective...

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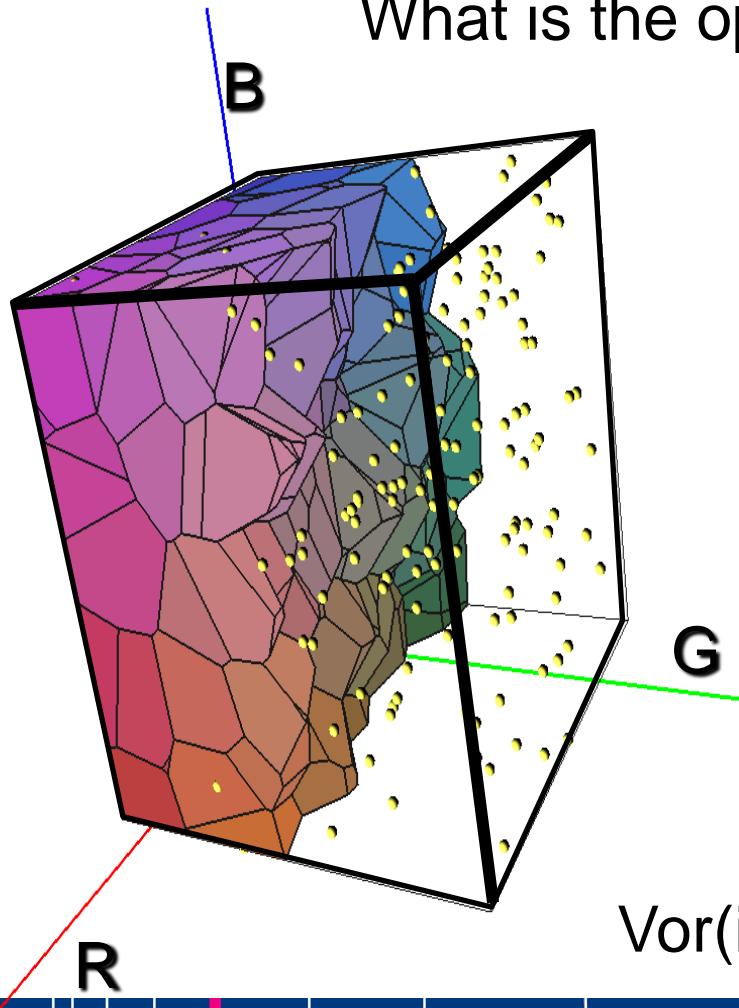
$x_i = (r_i, g_i, b_i)$  Colormap entry



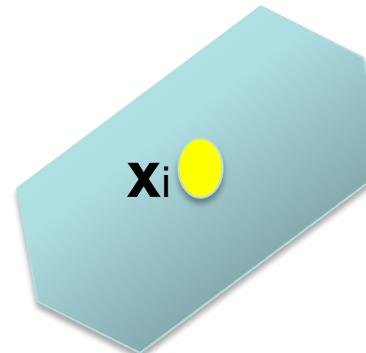
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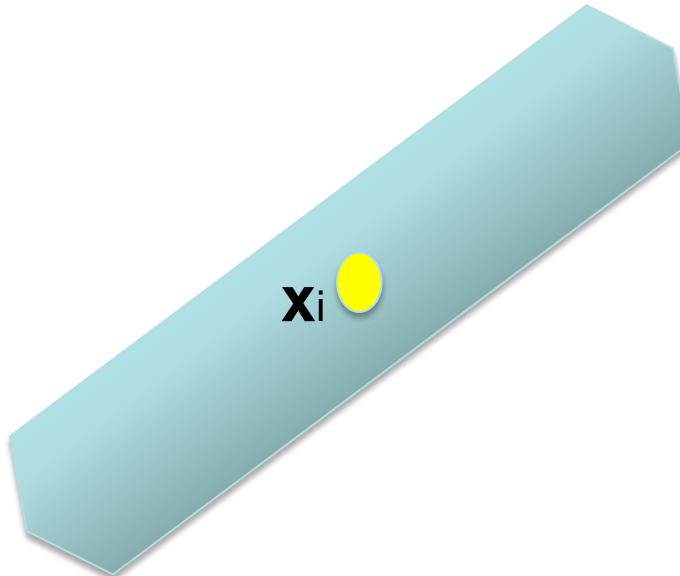
$$\text{Vor}(i) = \{ \mathbf{x} / d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i) < d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_j) \} \forall i \neq j$$



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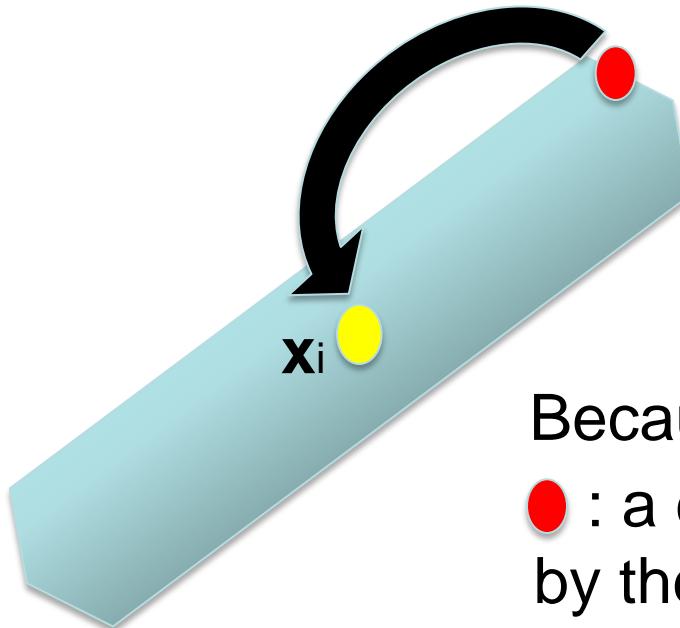
A « bad » colormap entry / Voronoi cell



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Why bad ?

Because  $\text{Vor}(x_i)$  contains  
● : a color poorly approximated  
by the colormap entry  $x_i$  ●

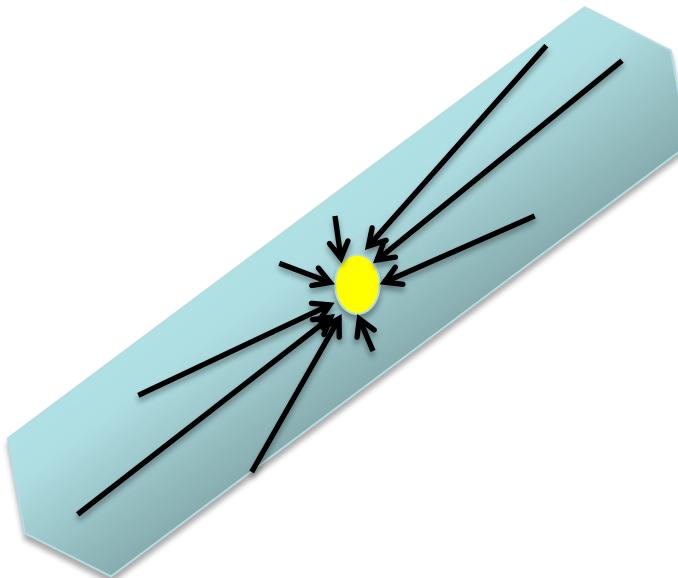
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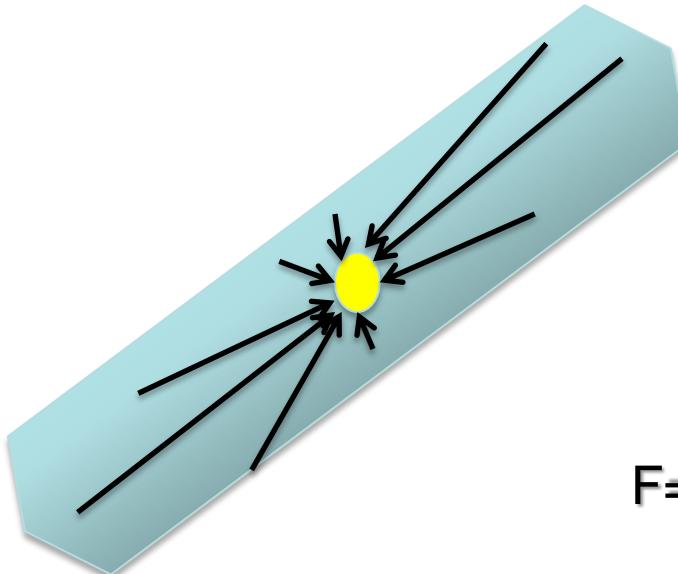
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What is the optimal colormap ?



$$F = \int \left\| \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x} \right\|^2 d\mathbf{x}$$

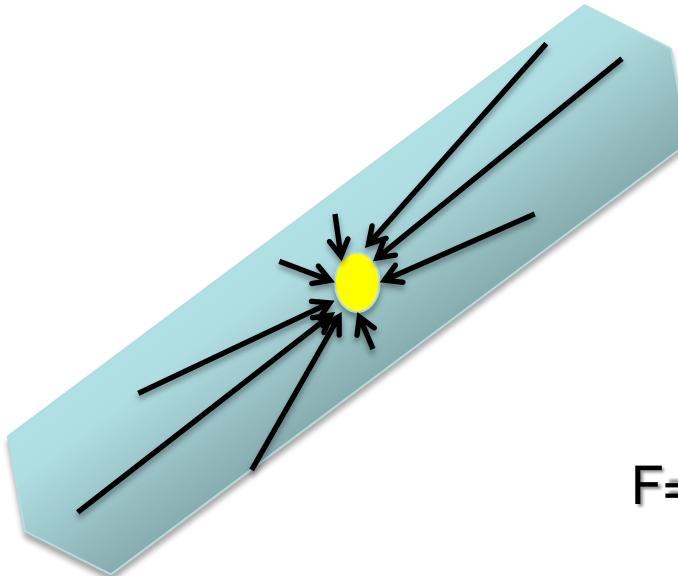
Vor(i)



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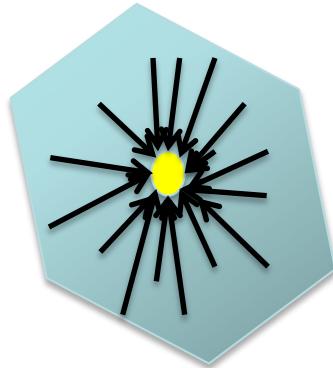
F: Quantization noise power



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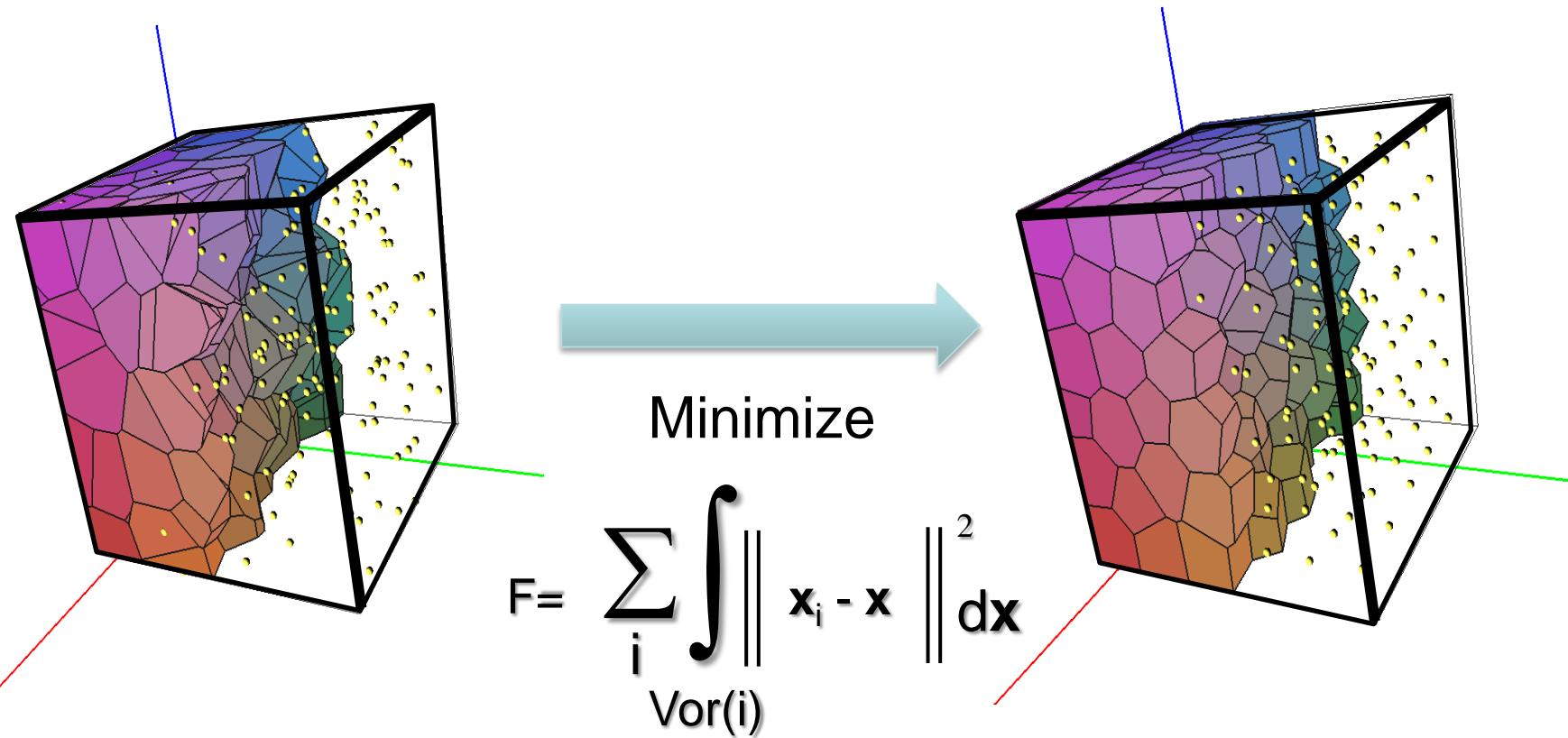
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The classical method:

Lloyd's algorithm = gradient descent

$$F = \sum_i \int_{\text{Vor}(i)} \left\| \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x} \right\|^2 d\mathbf{x}$$



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### Lloyd's Relaxation:

(Geometric point of view)

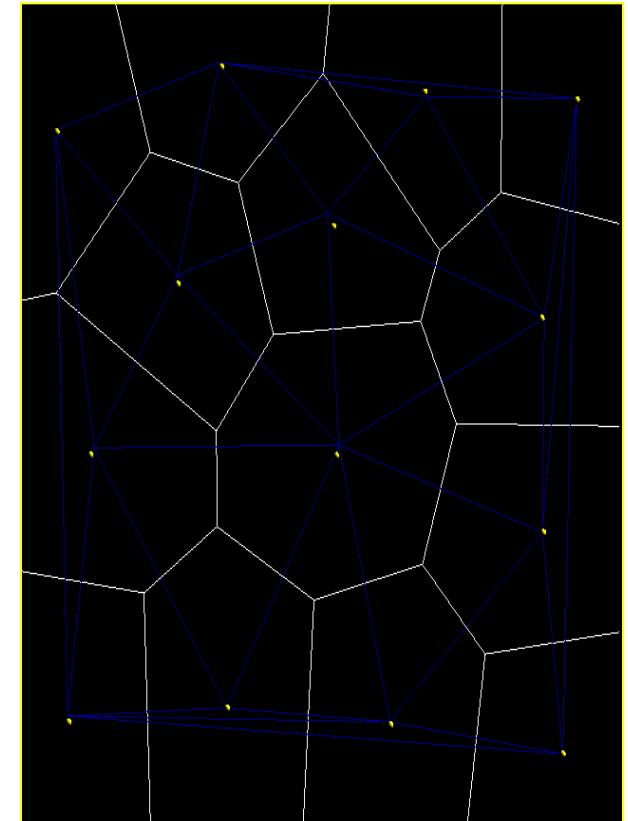
Loop

Move the  $x_i$ 's to the  $g_i$ 's

Re-triangulate

End loop

- + Provably decreases  $F$  [Du et.al]
- + Reasonably easy to implement
- Slow (linear) convergence



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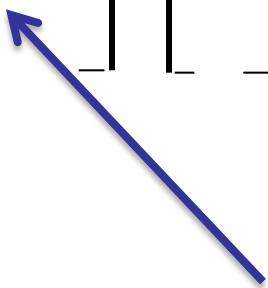
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[ACM TOG 2009] (information theory point of view)

Newton's method for minimizing multivariate non-linear function F

While  $|\nabla F| > \varepsilon$

solve

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nabla^2_{x,x} F \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta X \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} \nabla_x F \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$


$X \leftarrow X + \delta X$

End while

Hessian = 2<sup>nd</sup> order derivatives  
Is F sufficiently continuous ? ( $C^2$ )  
Yes [Liu, Wang, L, Sun, Yan, Lu and Yang 09]



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## 4. Optimal Sampling

*CVT in 2D*



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*CVT in 2D*

*CVT on surfaces*



[Yan, L, Liu, Sun and Wang SGP2009]



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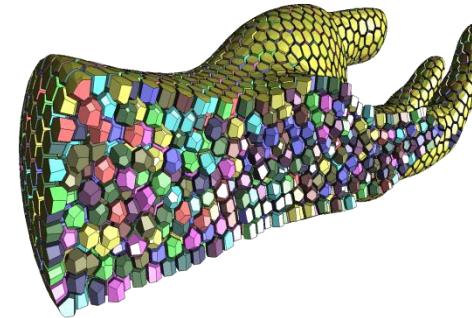
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*CVT in 2D*

*CVT on surfaces*

*CVT in volumes*

[Yan, Wang, L, Liu 2010]



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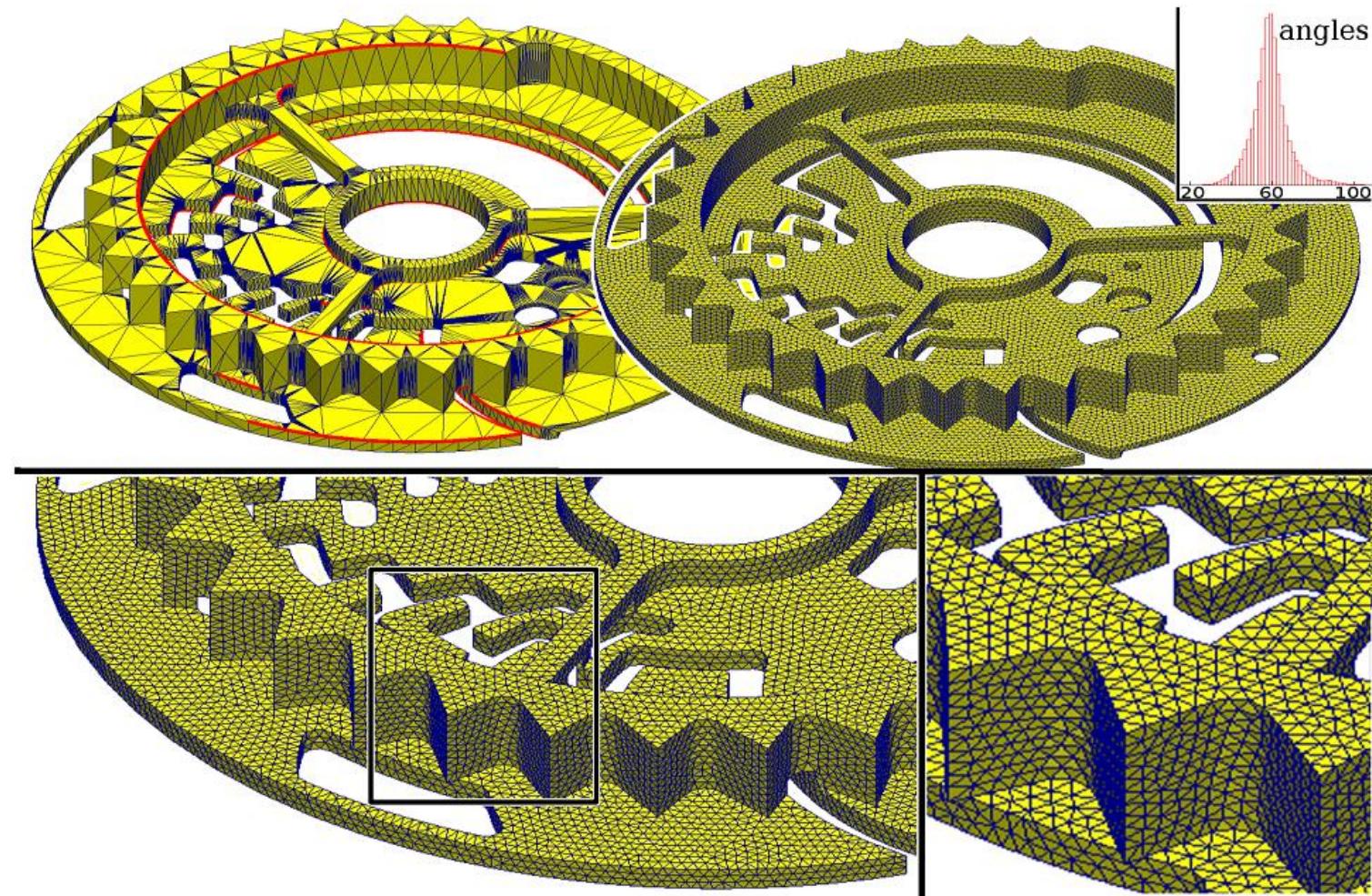
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Remeshing [Yan, L, Liu, Sun and Wang – SGP2009]



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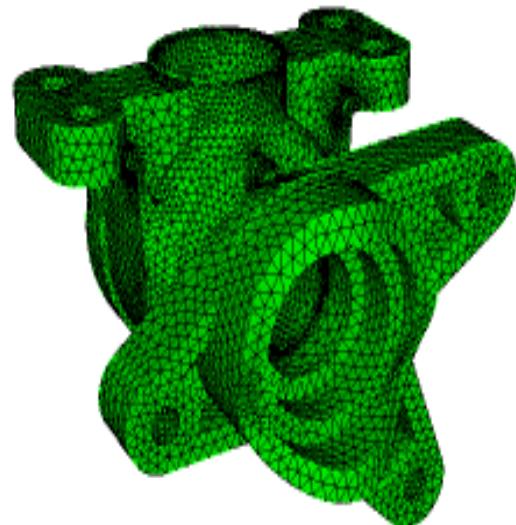


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### **Tet Meshing**

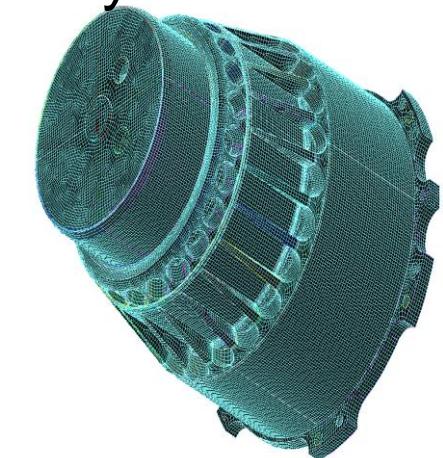
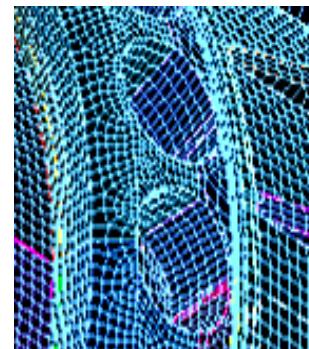
1. Fully Automated
2. Millions of elements in minutes/seconds
3. Adequate for some analysis
4. Inaccurate for other Analysis



[Matt Staten] (Sandial Labs)

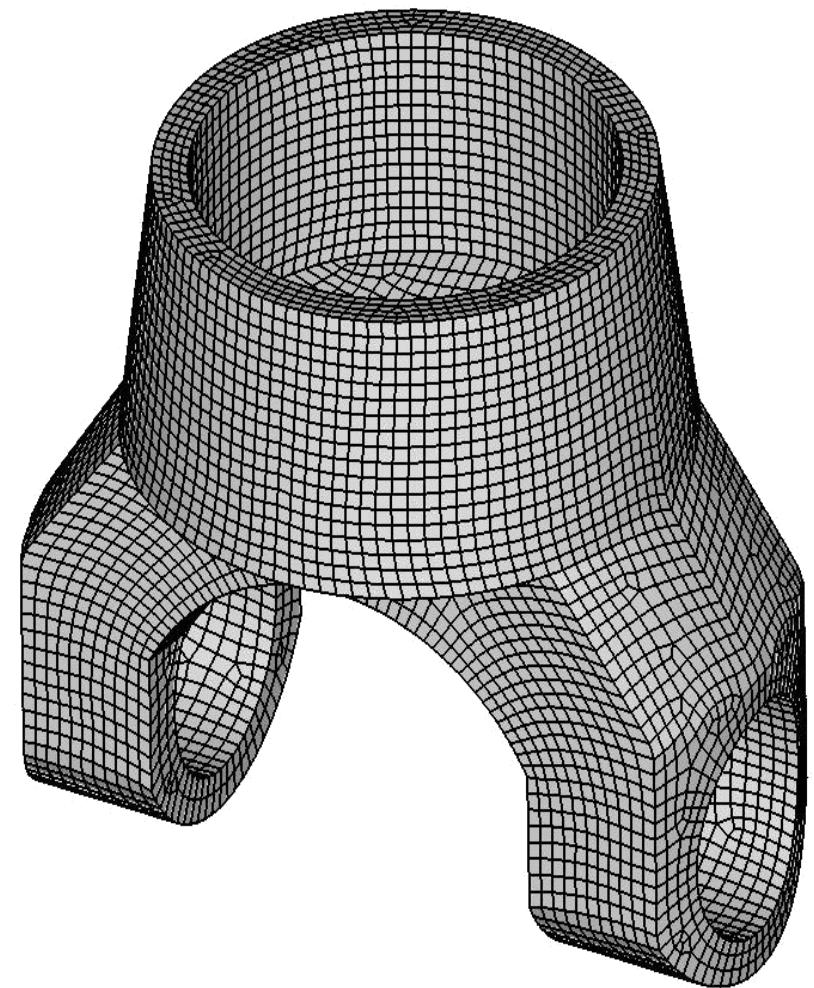
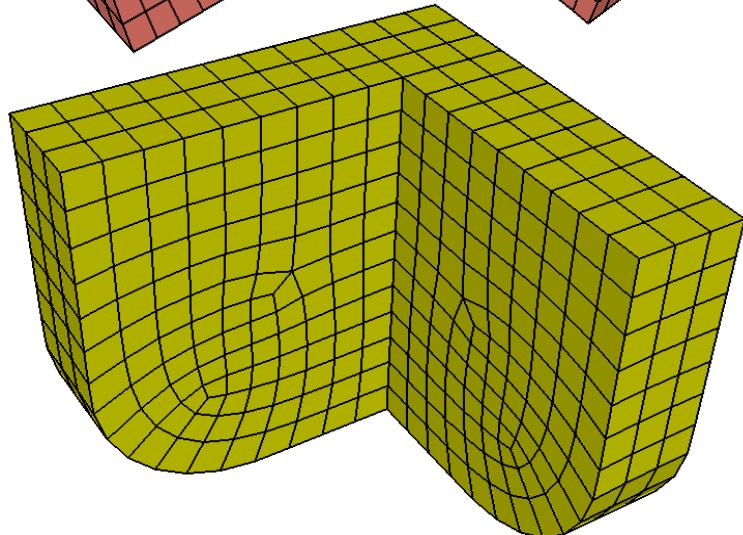
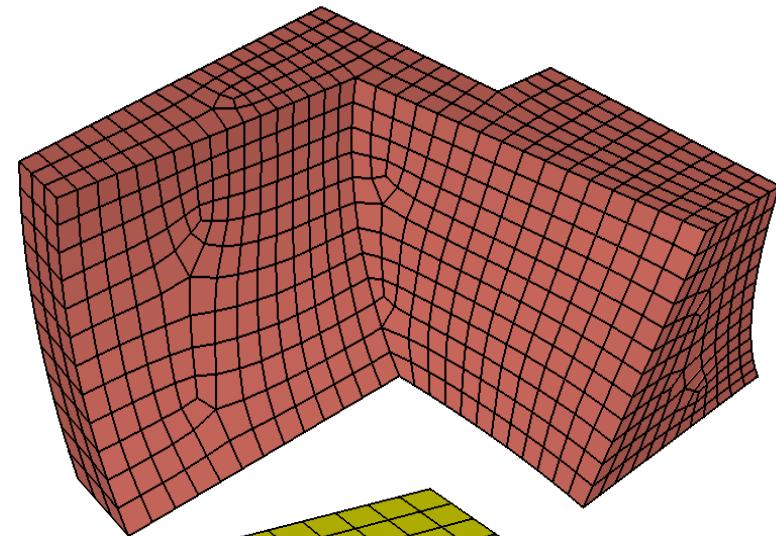
### **Hex Meshing**

1. Partially Automated, some Manual
2. Millions of elements in days/weeks/months
3. Preferred by some analysts for solution quality



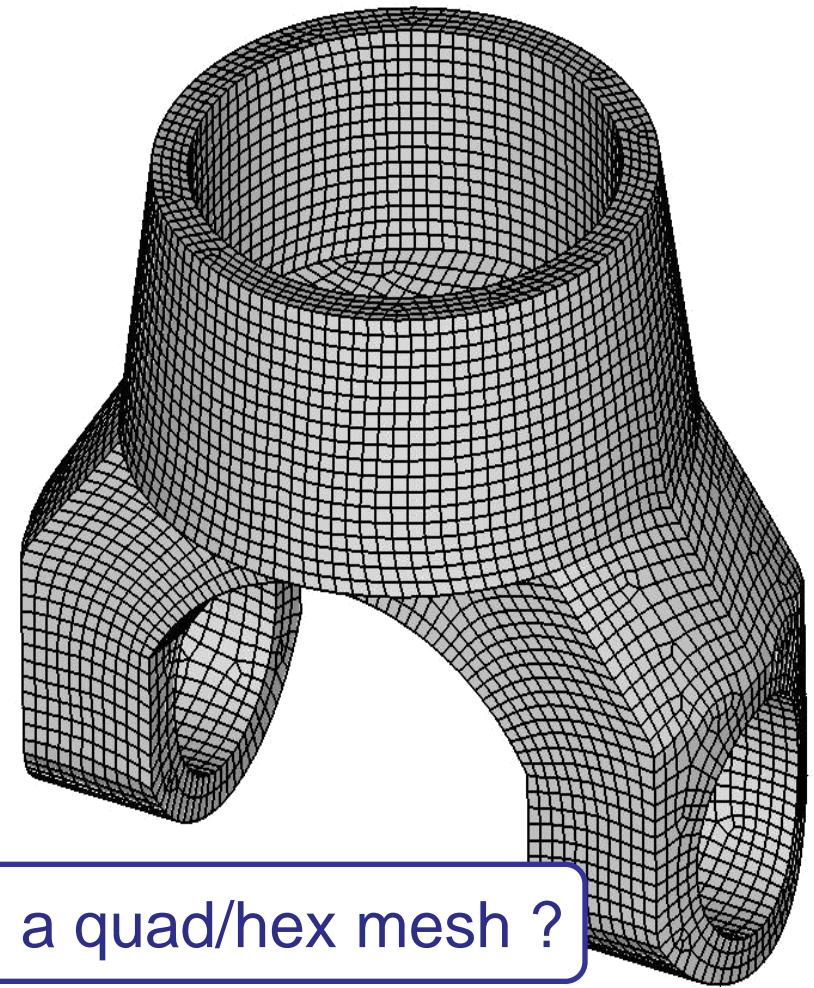
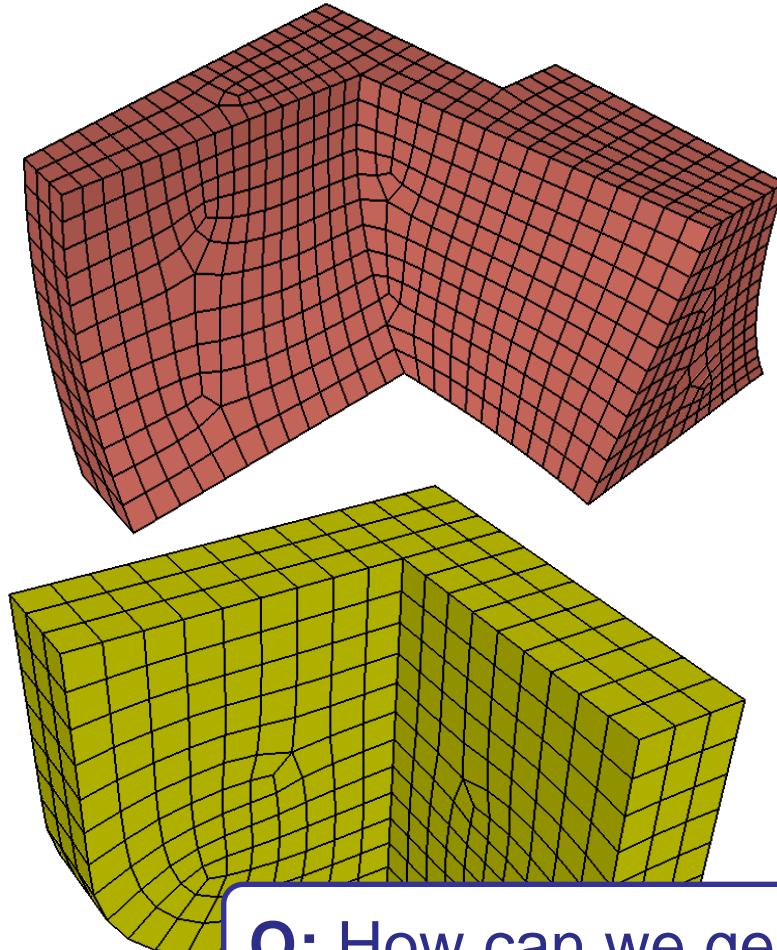
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Q: How can we generate a quad/hex mesh ?



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Blowing Square Bubbles ...

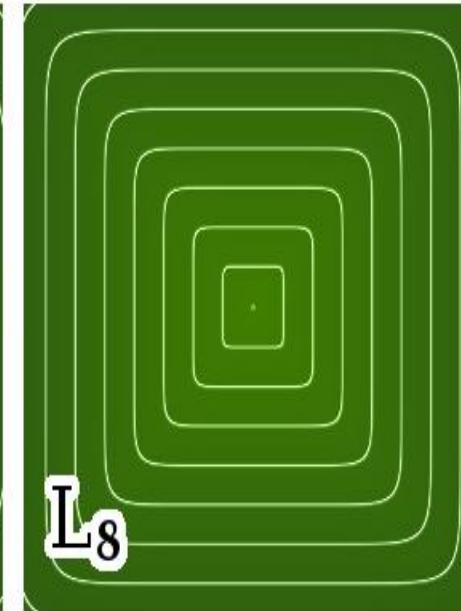
$p=2$



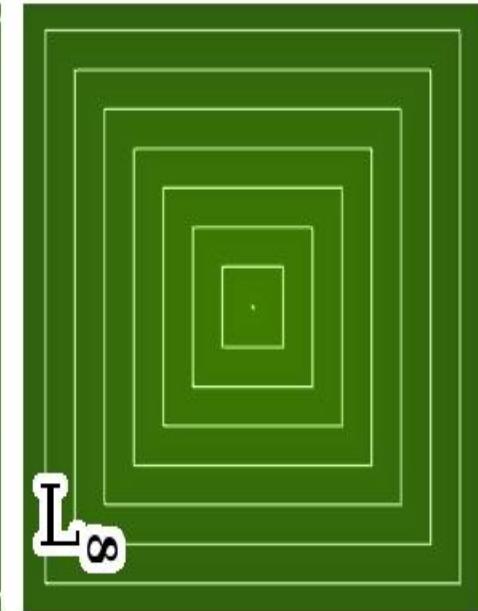
$p=4$



$p=8$



....



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Standard CVT:  $F = \sum_i \int_{\text{Vor}(i)} \|(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x})\|^2 d\mathbf{x}$



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L<sup>p</sup> CVT:  $F = \sum_i \int_{\text{Vor}(i)} \|\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{x})(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x})\|_p^p d\mathbf{x}$



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L<sub>p</sub> CVT:

$$F = \sum_i \int_{\text{Vor}(i)} \left\| M(x) (x_i - x) \right\|_p^p dx$$



Anisotropy, encodes desired orientation  
Riemannian metric  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{M}^t \mathbf{M}$



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L<sub>p</sub> CVT:

$$F = \sum_i \int_{\text{Vor}(i)} \left\| M(x) (x_i - x) \right\|_p^p dx$$

L<sub>p</sub> norm:  $\| x \|_p = \sqrt[p]{|x|^p + |y|^p + |z|^p}$

If p is even:  $\| x \|_p^p = x^p + y^p + z^p$



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### Optimization with LBFGS (quasi-Newton)

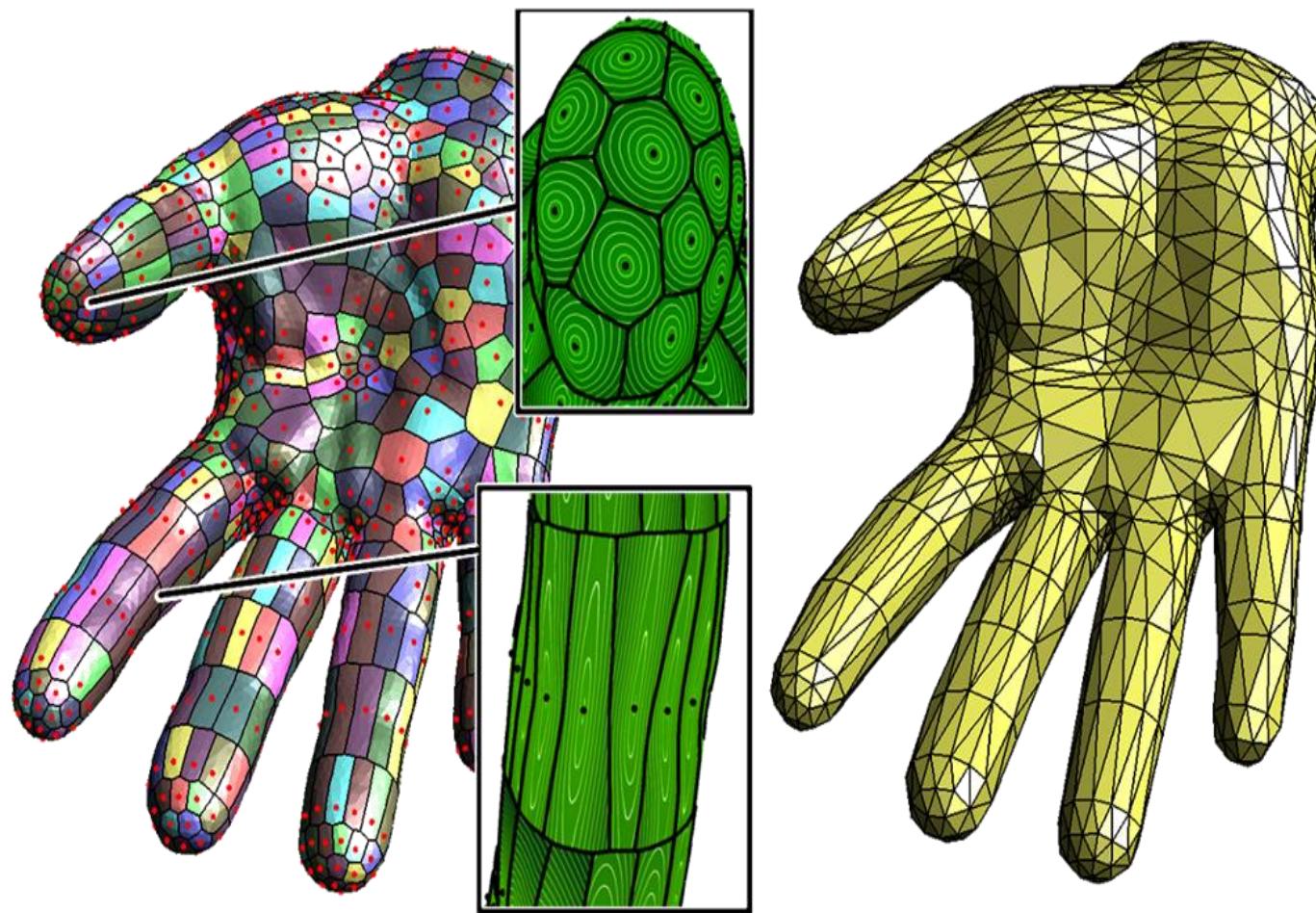
For each iterate  $\mathbf{X}^{(k)}$ :

Compute  $F(\mathbf{X}^{(k)})$  and  $\nabla F(\mathbf{X}^{(k)})$



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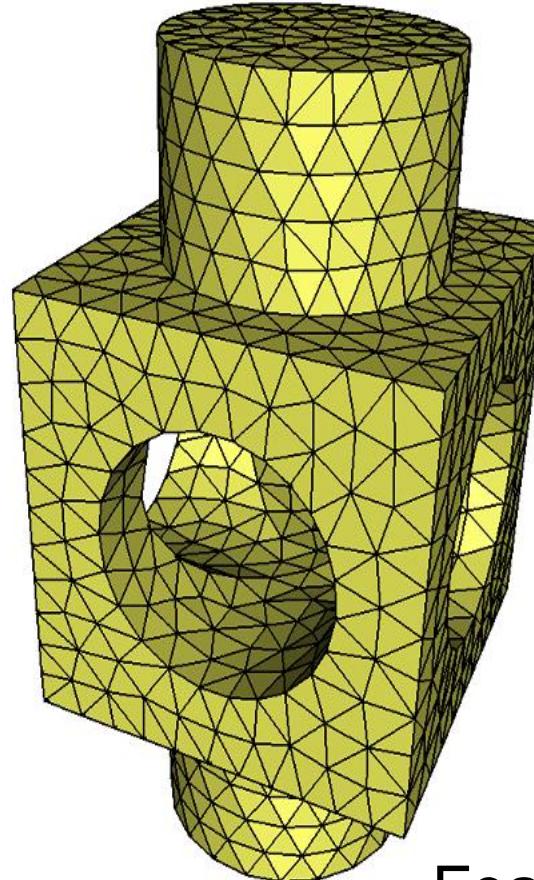
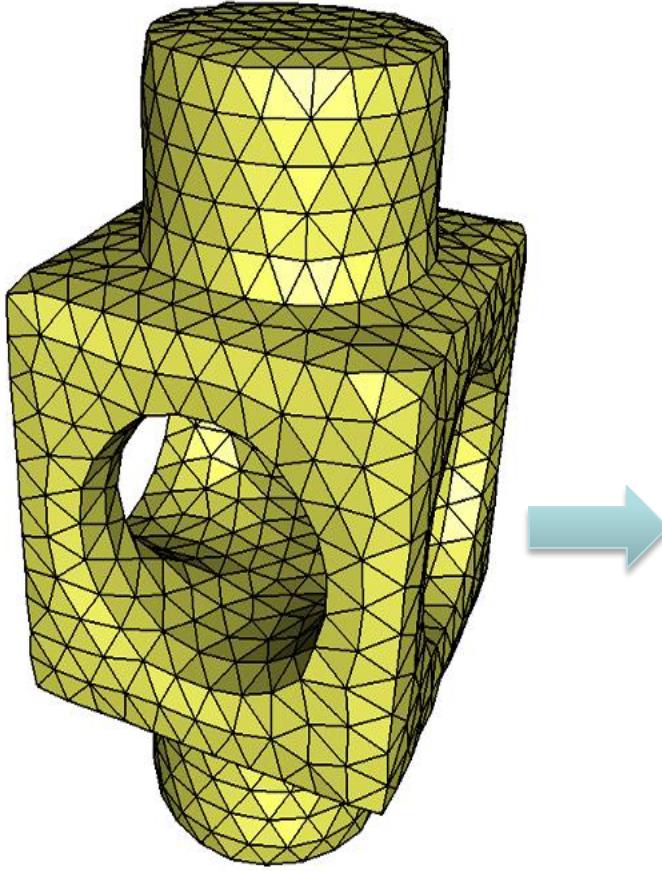


$p = 2$   
 $M(x) = \text{ppal dir.}$   
 $\text{of curvature.}$

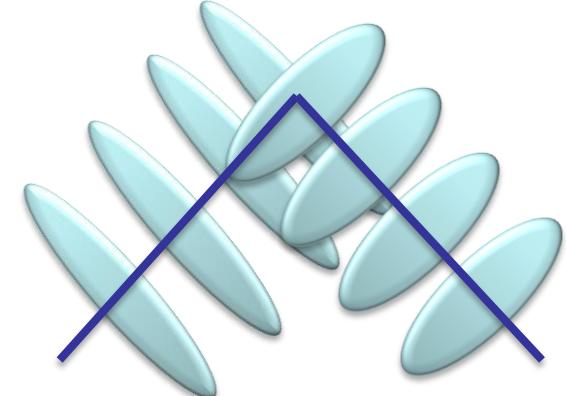


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$p = 2$   
 $M(x) = \text{Normal anisotropy.}$

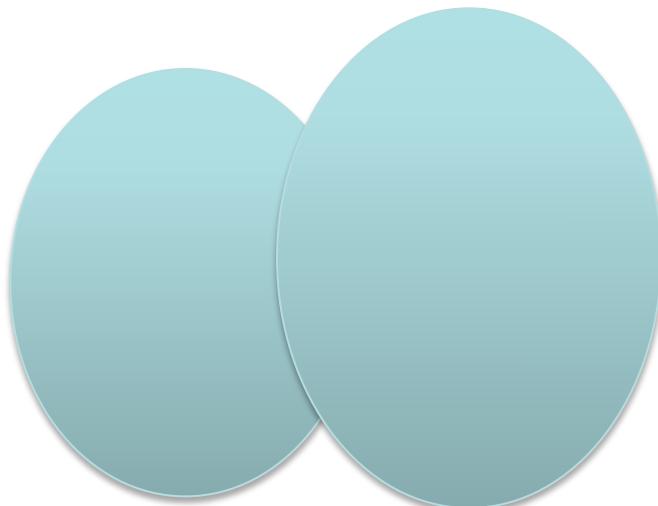


Feature-sensitive meshing

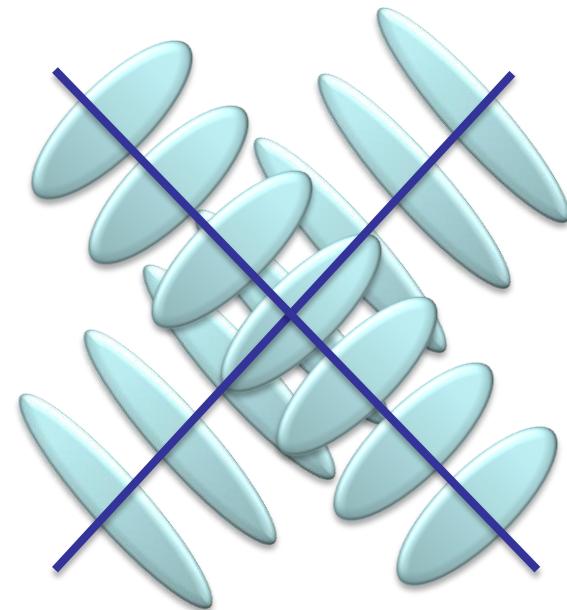


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CSG-Remeshing



Feature-sensitive meshing



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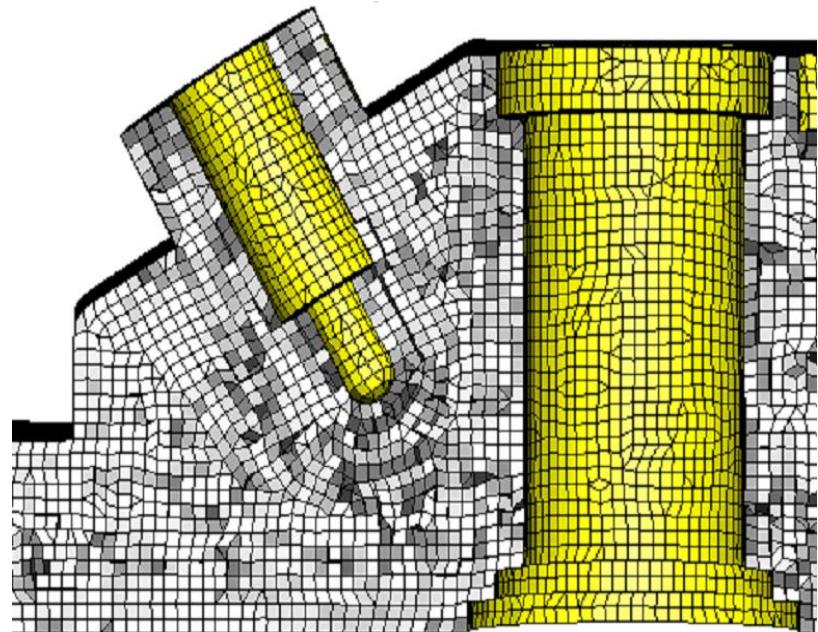
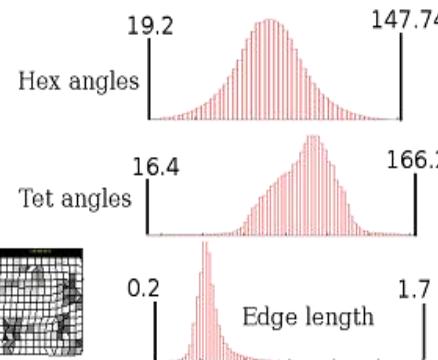
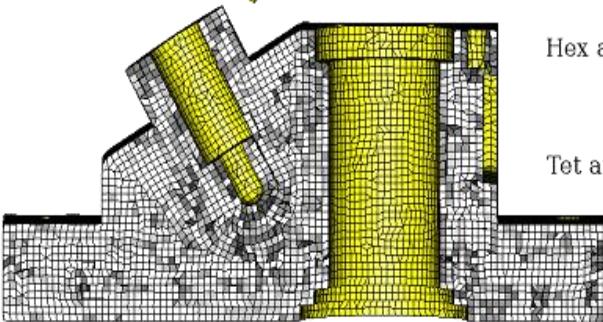
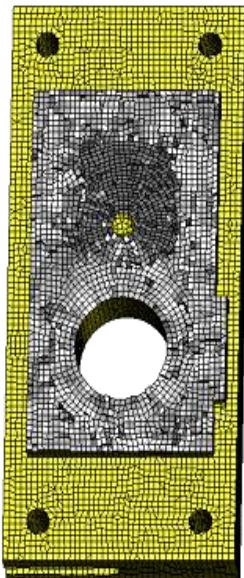
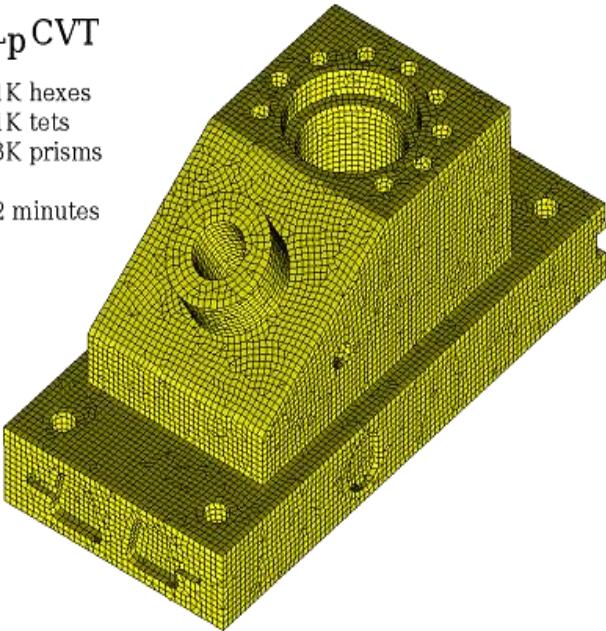
$L_p$  CVT

81K hexes

11K tets

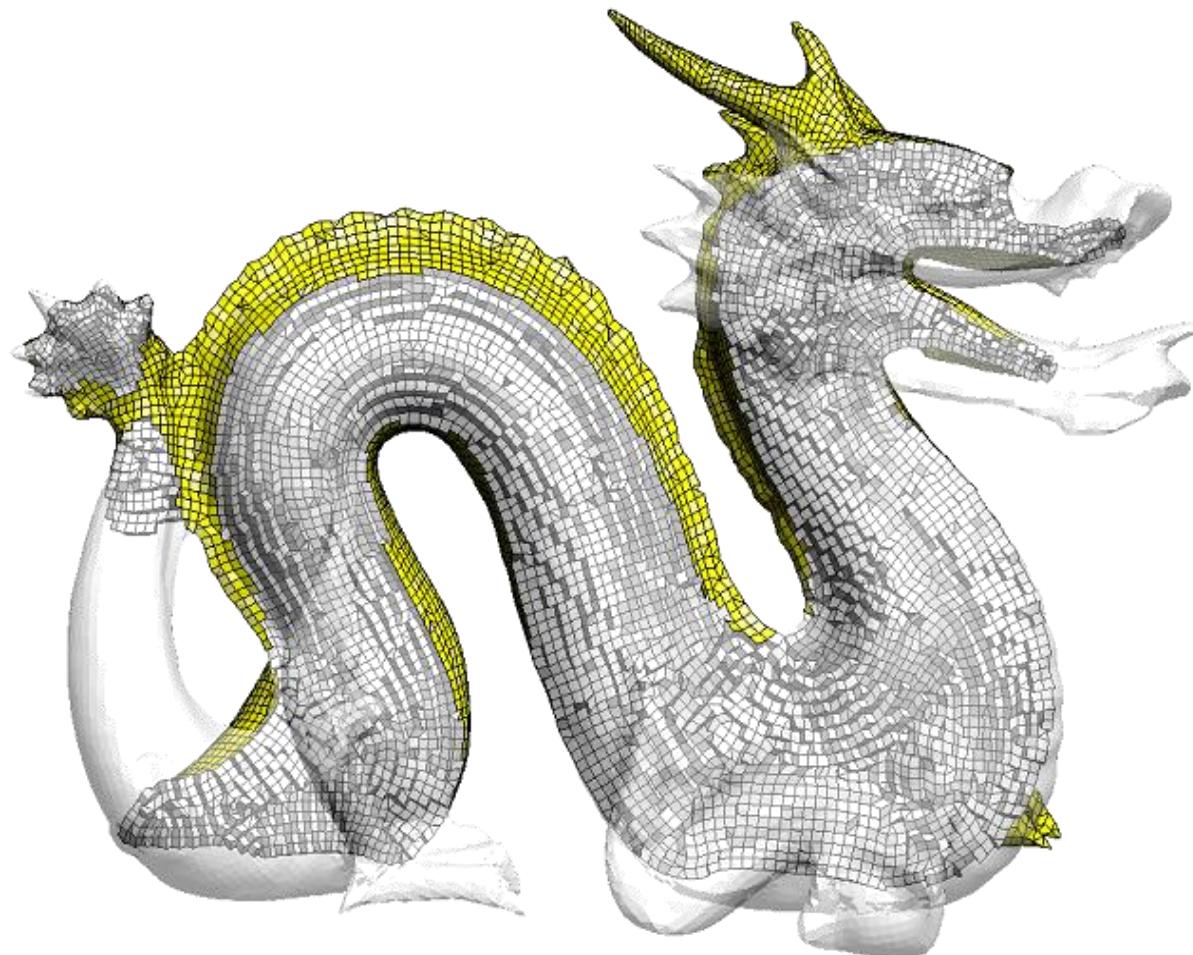
13K prisms

12 minutes



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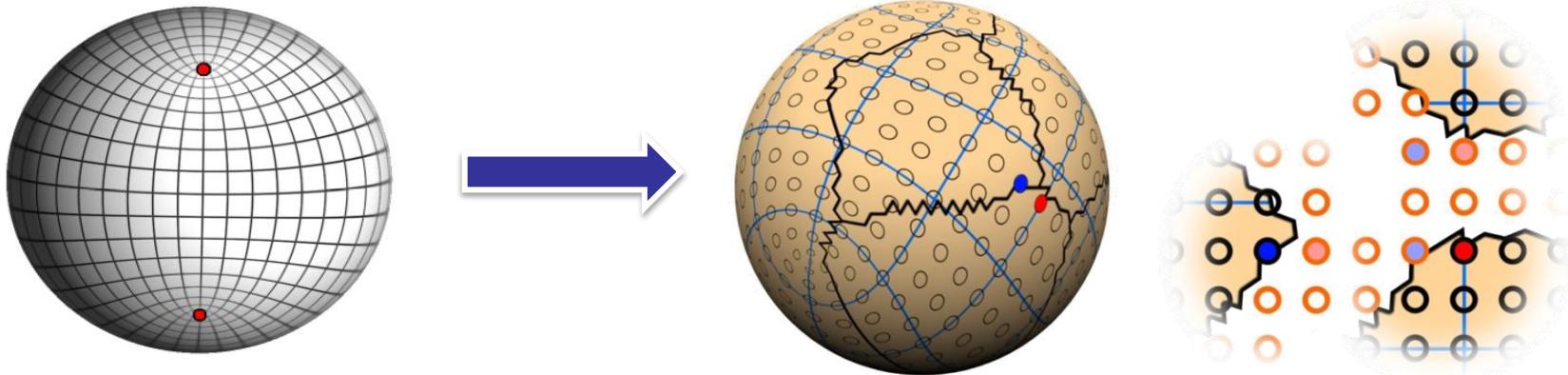
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## 5. Seamless texturing



Invisible Seams [EGSR 2010]



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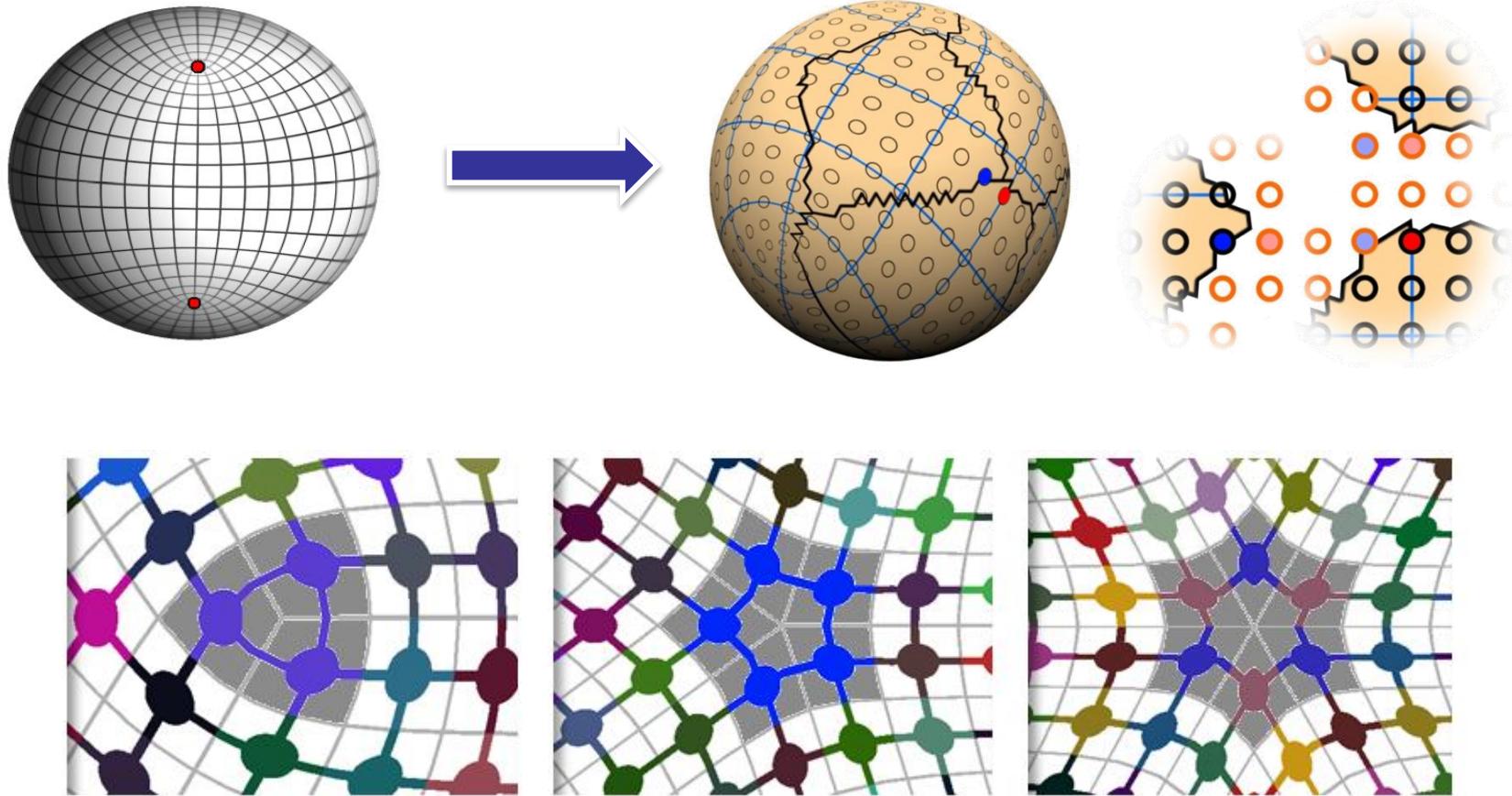
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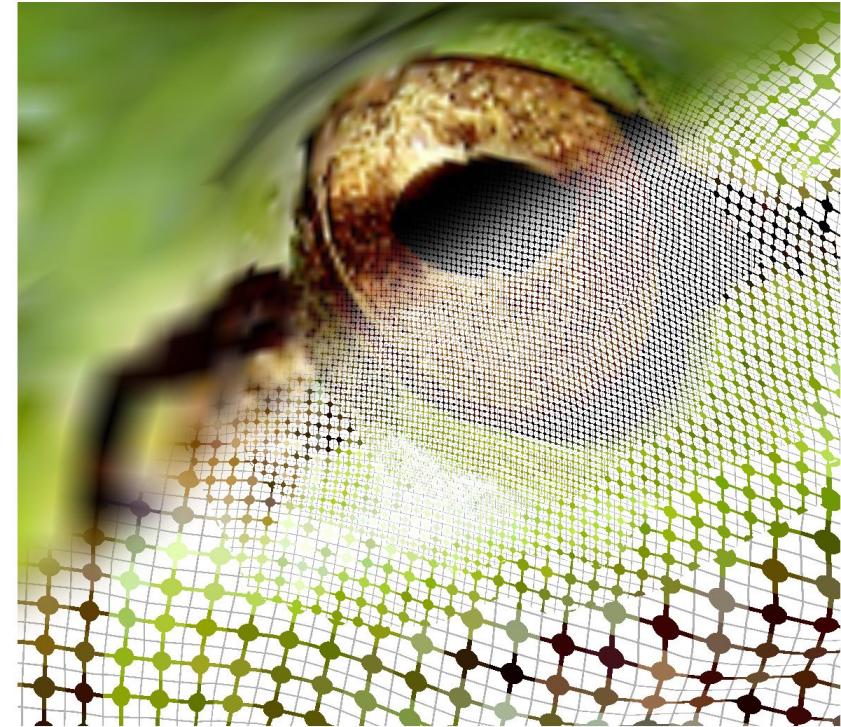


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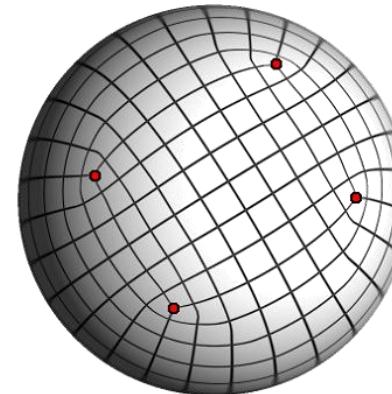
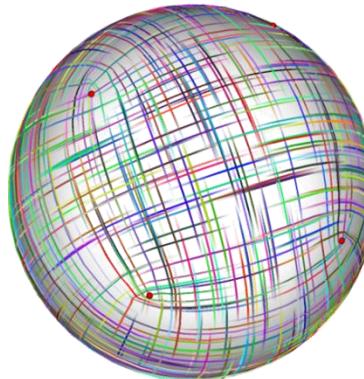
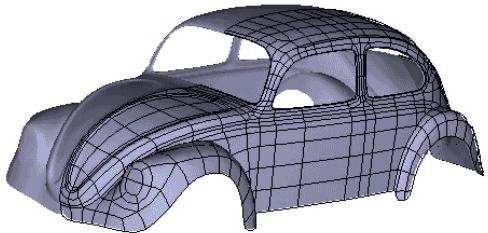
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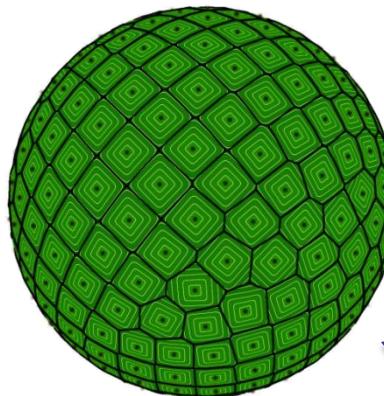
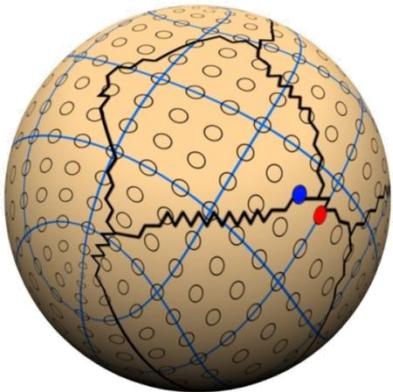
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1. Intro  
Dynamic Function Basis

2. Direction Fields

3. Global Parameterization



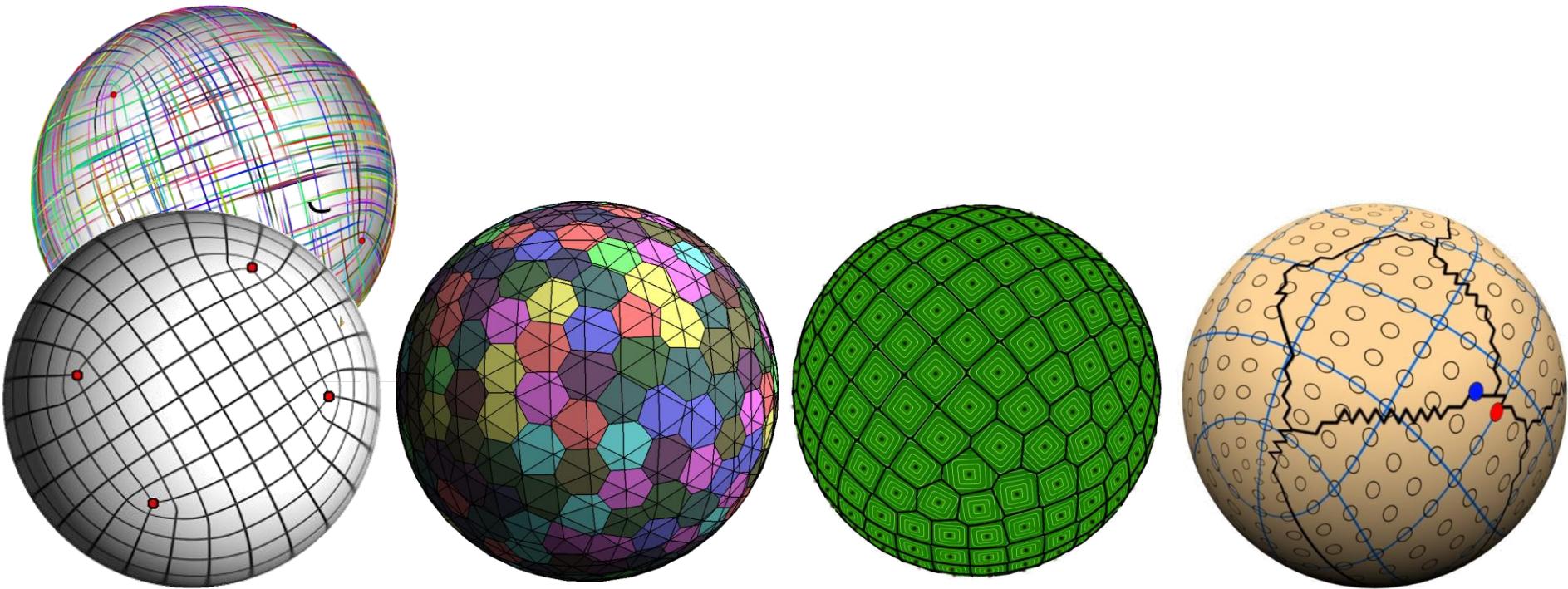
4. Optimal Sampling ( $L_p$  and  $L_2$ )

5. Seamless Texturing



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## Summary



*Measuring*  
[ACM TOG 06,08]

*Sampling*  
[ACM TOG 09]

*Meshing*  
[SIGGRAPH 10]

*Mapping*  
[EGSR 10]



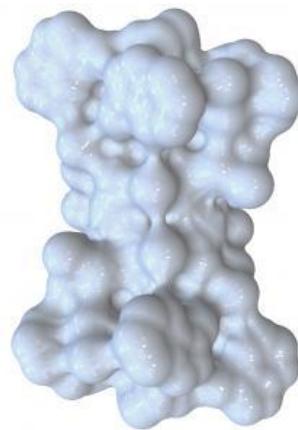
# Other works



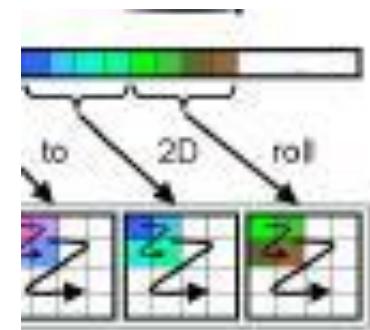
By-Example Synthesis of Architectural Textures, SIGGRAPH 2010  
Sylvain Lefebvre, Samuel Hornus and Anass Lasram  
(joint project with REVES)



Manifold Harmonics



Molecular  
Visualization

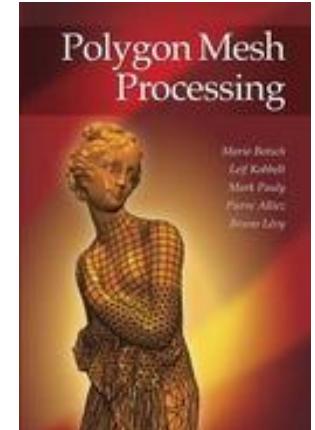


Concurrent Number Cruncher  
(GPU Solver)



# Impact Highlights

- \* 4 paper presentations + 1 course at SIGGRAPH 2010 (total talks time: 260 min.)
- \* Book « Polygon Mesh Processing » AK Peters
- \* Eurographics researcher's prize (S. Lefebvre)
- \* European Research Council grant and ANR Chaire d'Excellence
- \* Graphite most innovative special prize at « trophées du libre »



# Impact

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2002: Least Squares Conformal Maps – 504 citations



# Future Work – 2010-2014

## Dynamic Function Basis – Research Program

- 2D,  $L = \text{Id}$  : image approximation [EGSR 2006]
- 3D,  $L = \text{Id}$  : surface approximation 2006-2010
- 3D, optimal sampling 2006-2010
- 3D,  $L = \text{light transport}$  2010-...
- 3D+t, Navier Stokes, tracking 2010-...



GOODSHAPE (ERC)

PHYSIGRAPHICS (ANR)

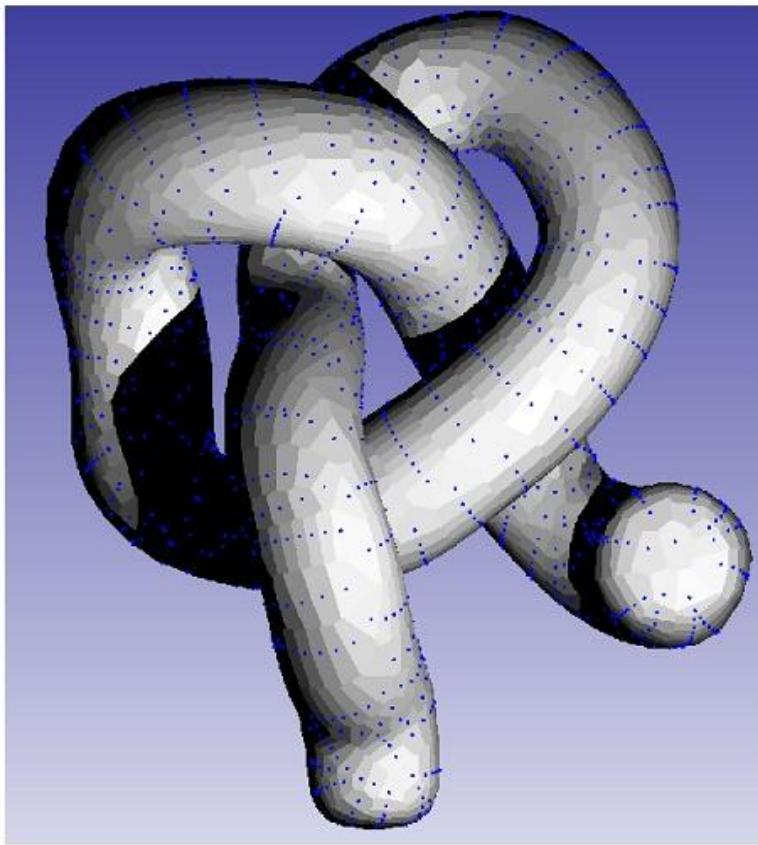
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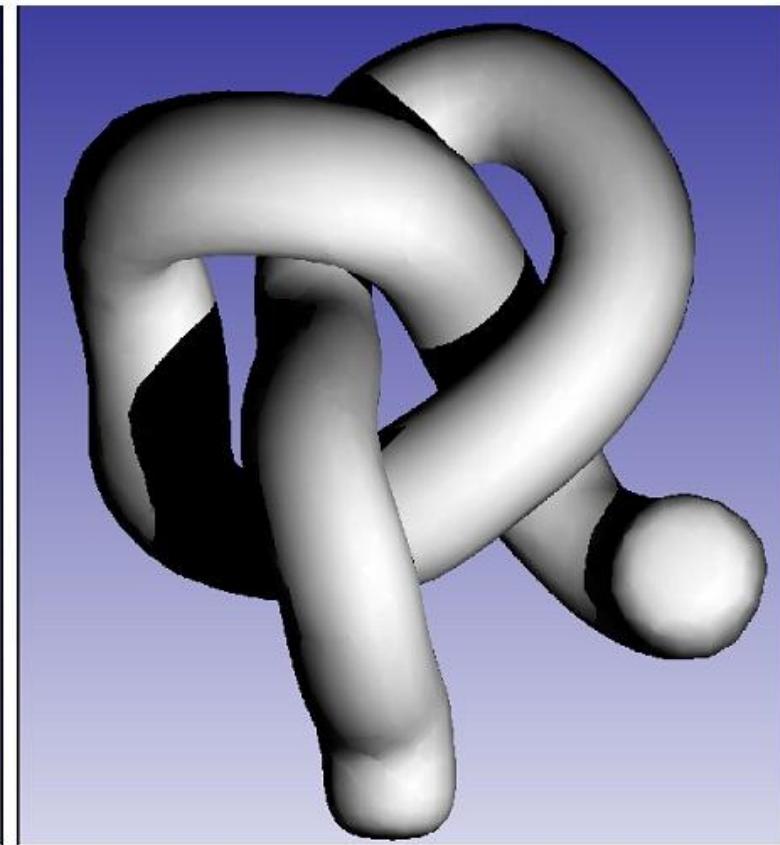


# Future Work – 2010-2014

## Dynamic Function Basis – Lighting



Dynamic Function Basis  
Constant elements

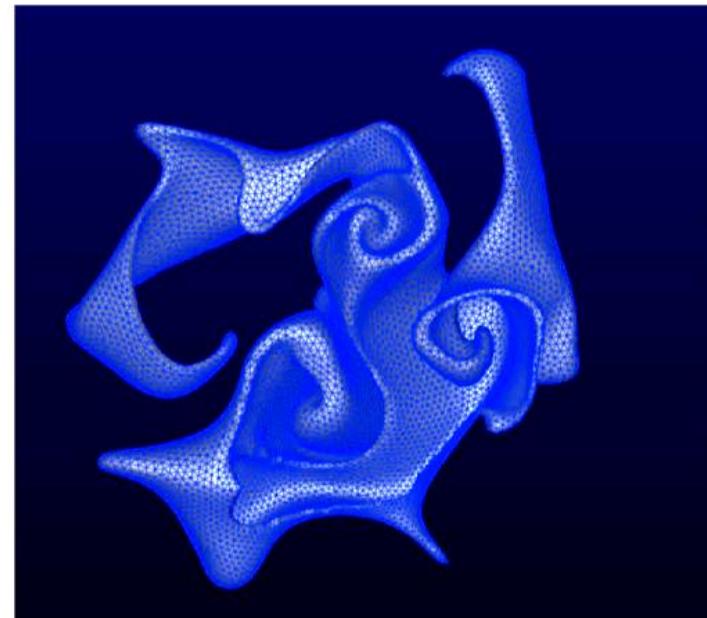
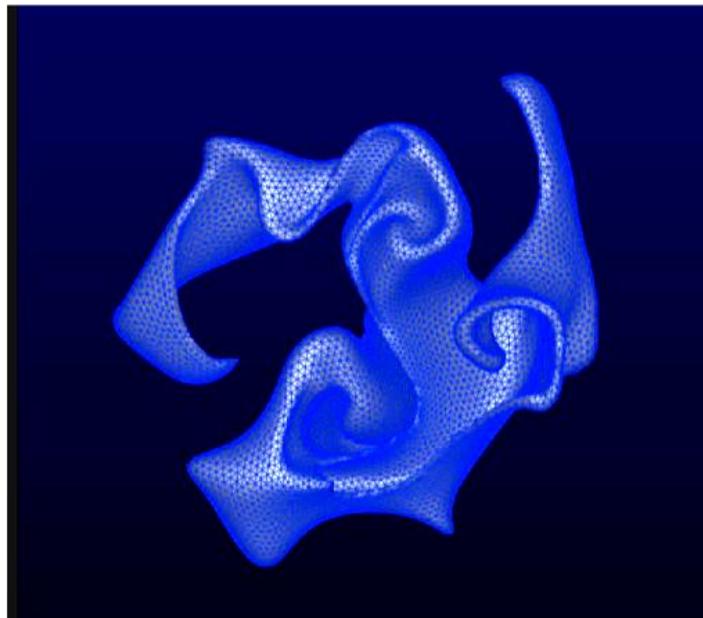
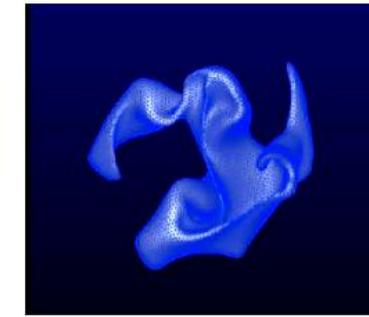
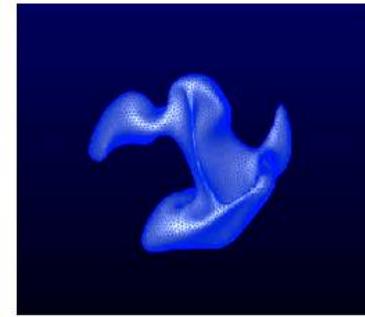
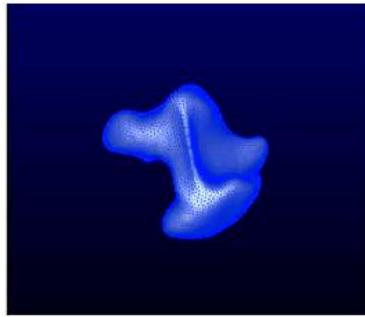
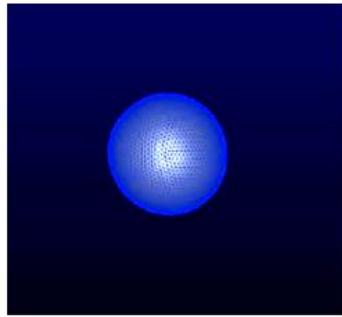


Dynamic Function Basis  
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## Dynamic Function Basis – Tracking



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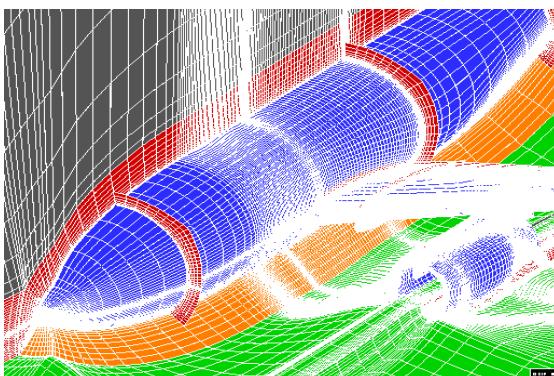


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Longer term ... (form bunnies to spaceships)



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- 3D,  $L = \text{Id}$  : surface approximation 2006-2010
- 3D, optimal sampling 2006-2010
- 3D,  $L = \text{light transport}$  2010-...
- 3D+t, Navier Stokes, tracking 2010-...
- **Finite Elements Modeling** 2012-...



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