

# CSCI 599: Digital Geometry Processing

## 8.2 Remeshing



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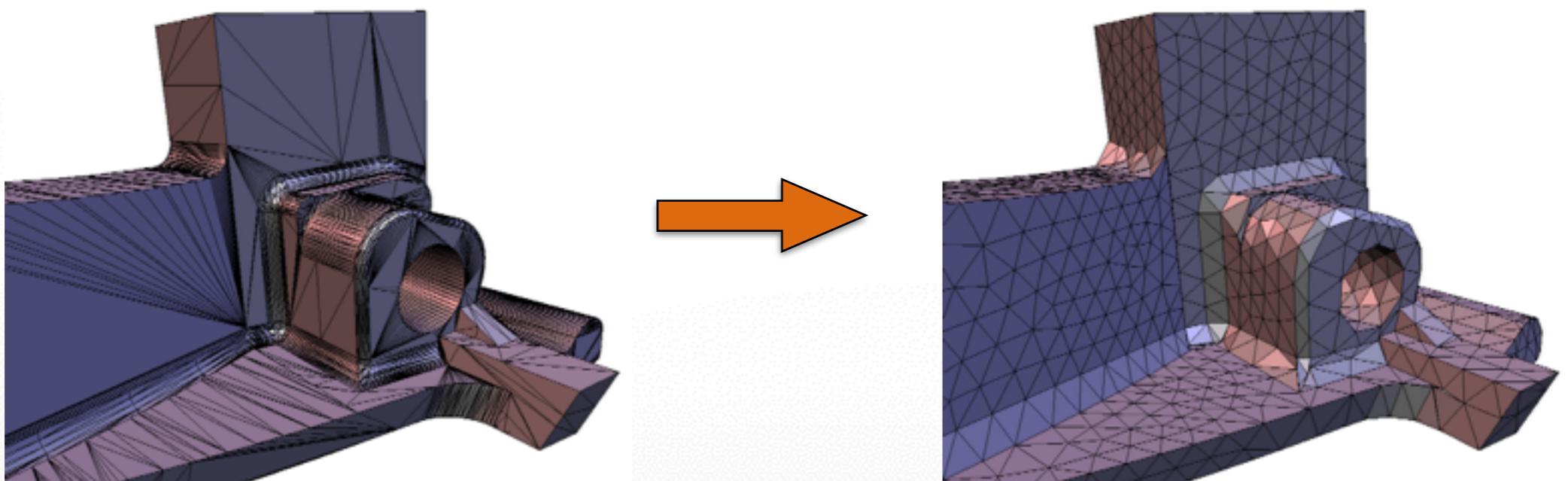
# Definition

## Given a 3D mesh

- Already a manifold mesh

## Compute another mesh

- Satisfy some quality requirements
- Approximate well the input mesh



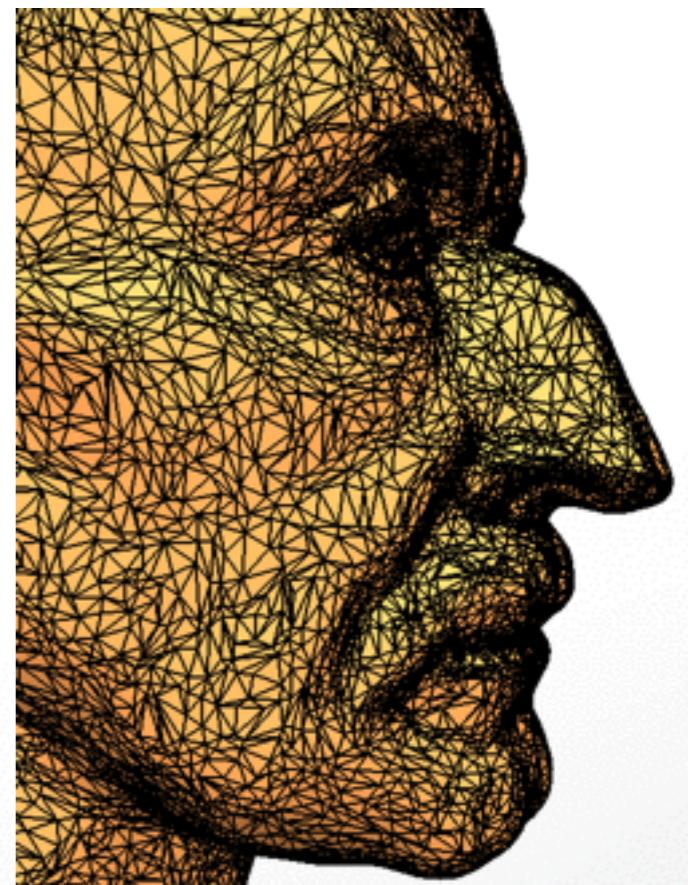
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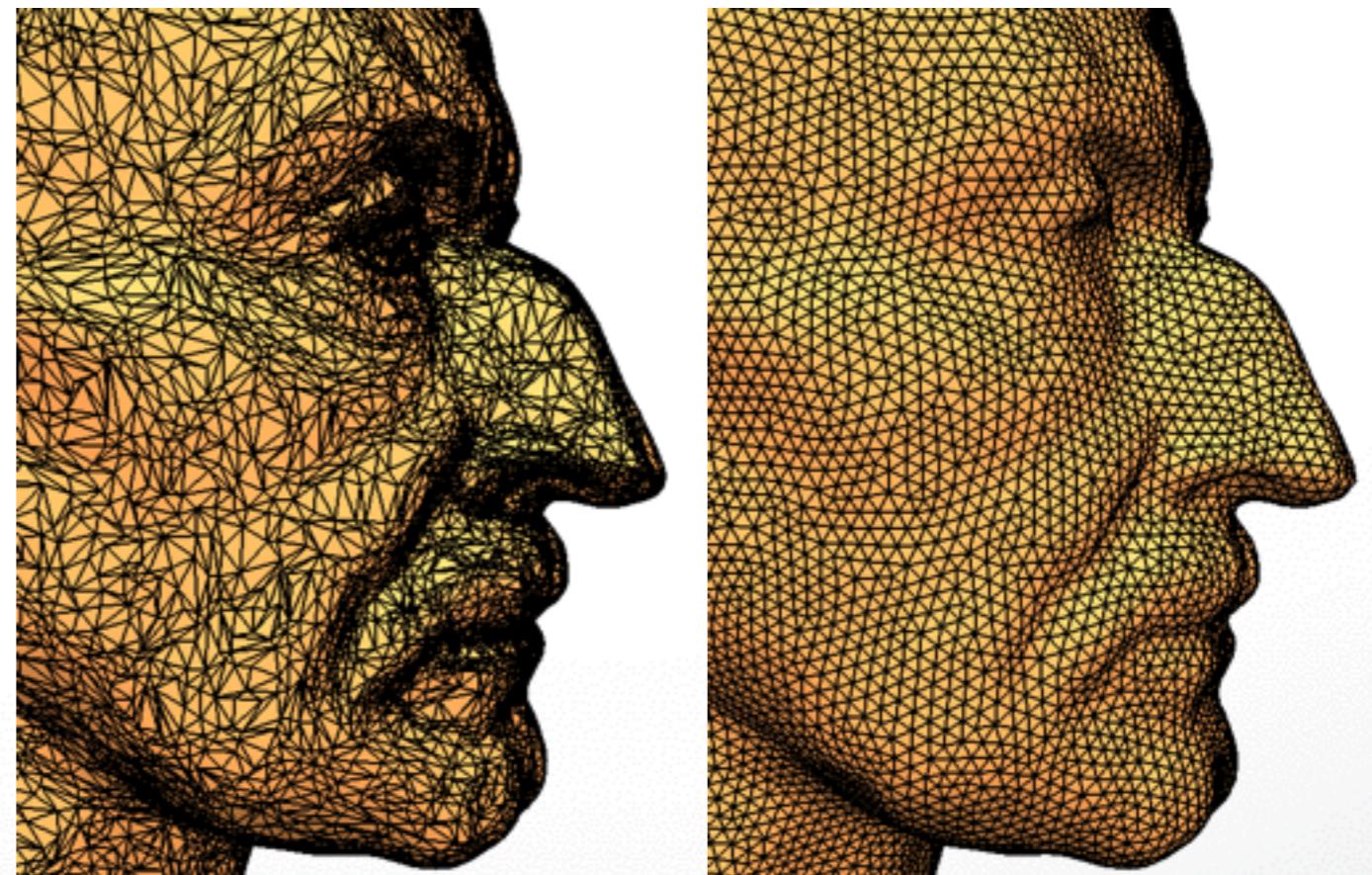


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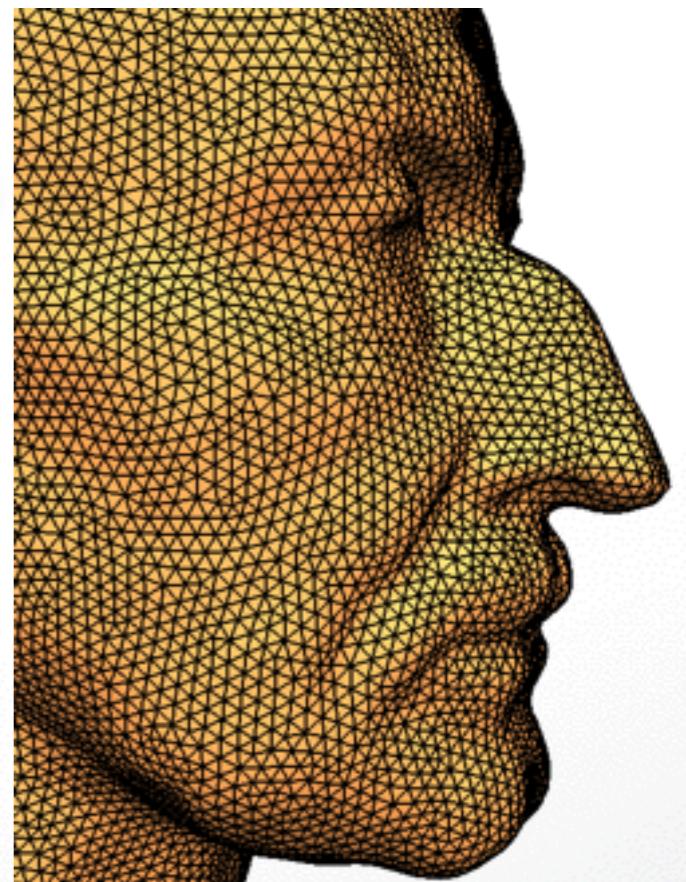
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- Modeling: easy processing
- Simulation: numerical robustness
- .....

## Quality requirements

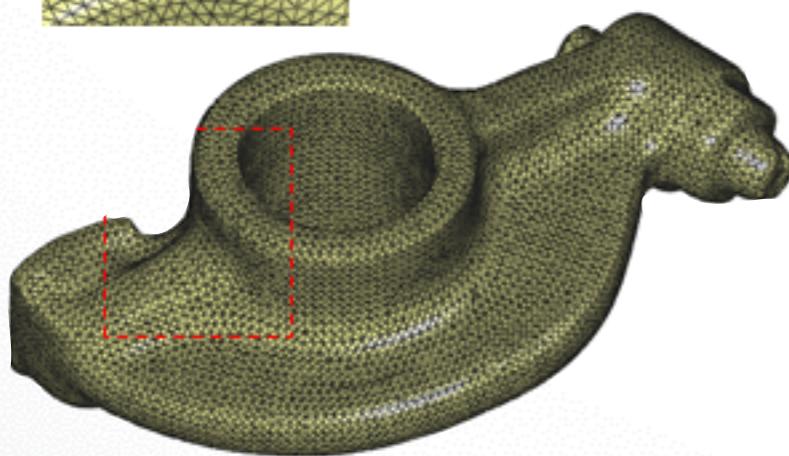
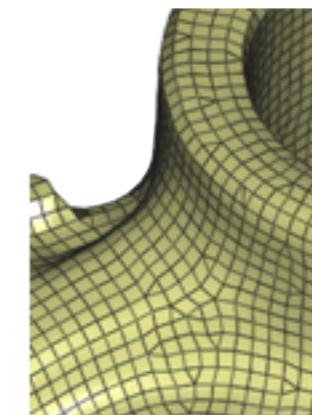
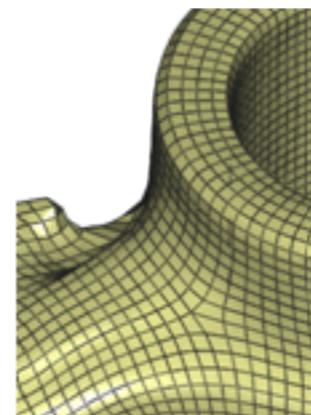
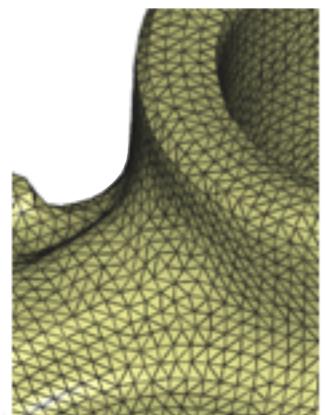
- Local structure
- Global structure



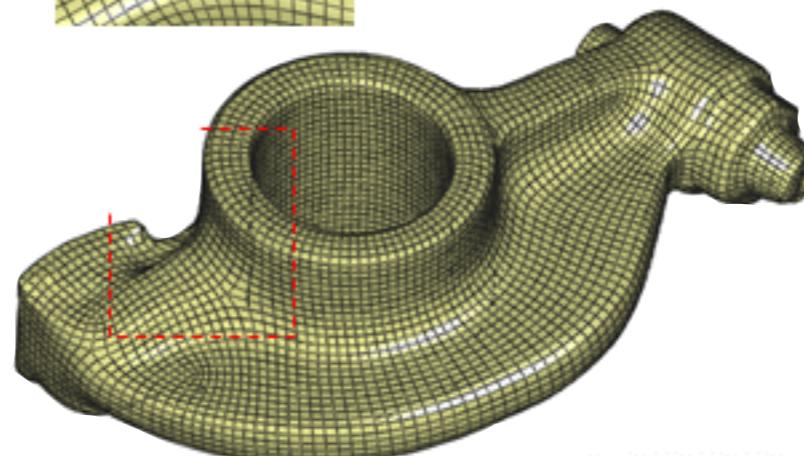
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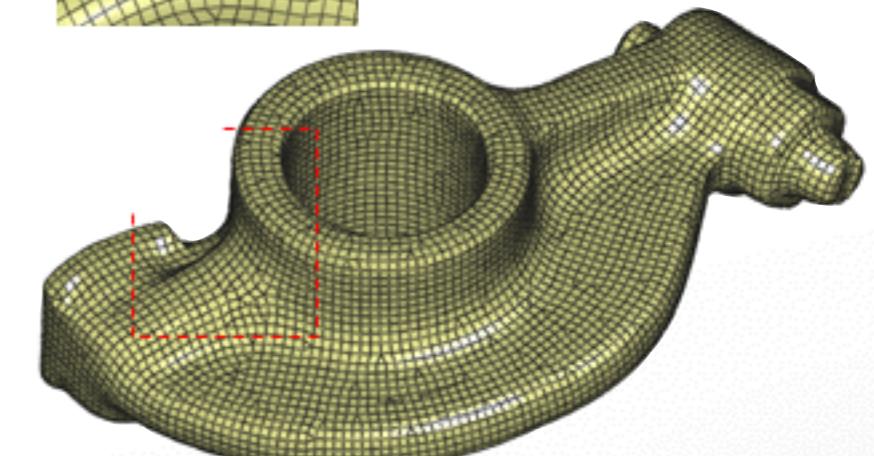
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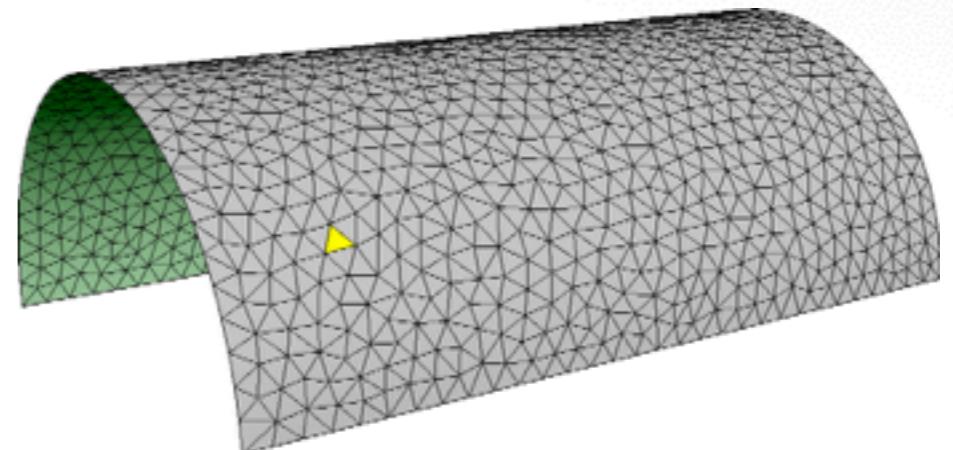


quad-dominant mesh

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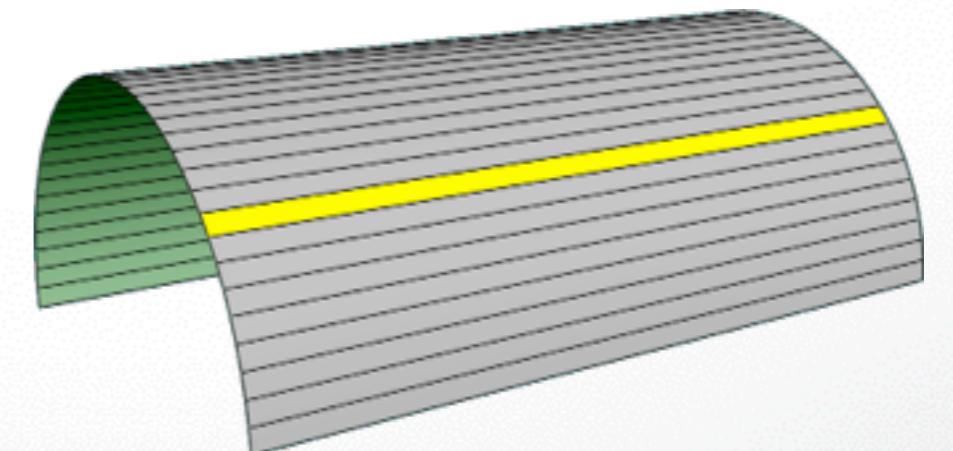
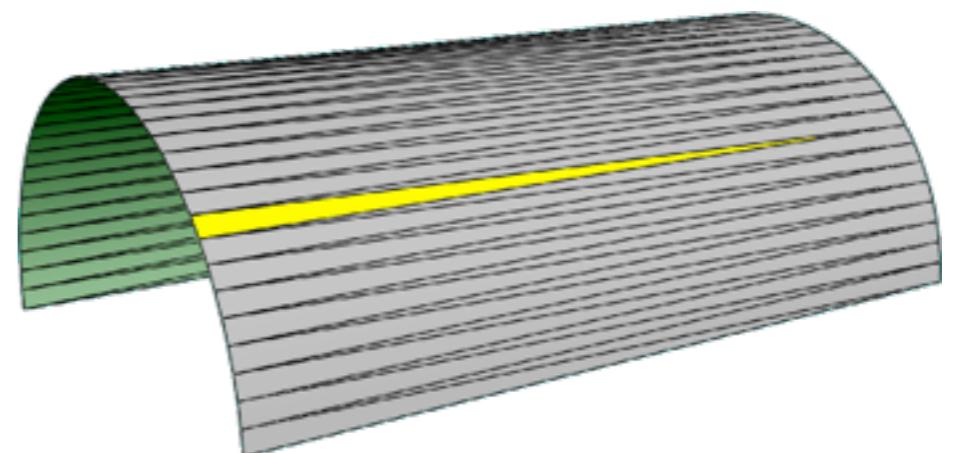
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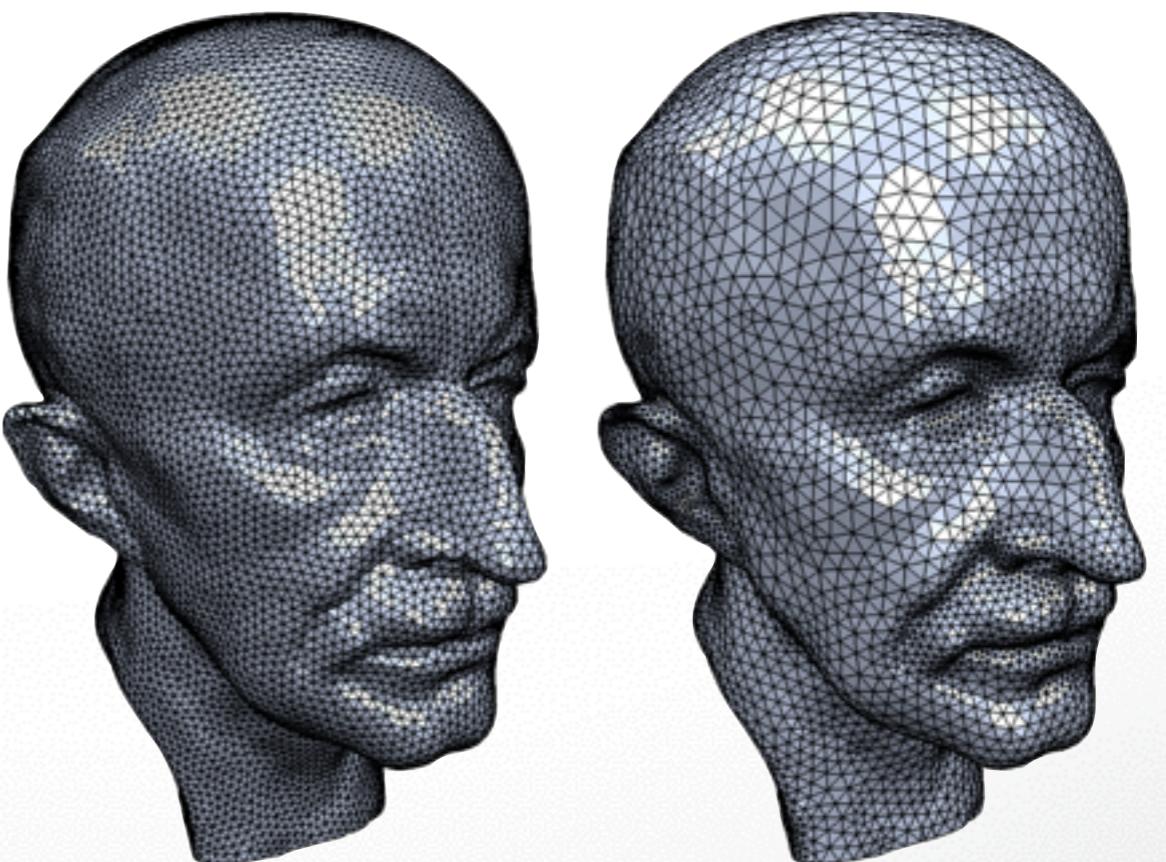
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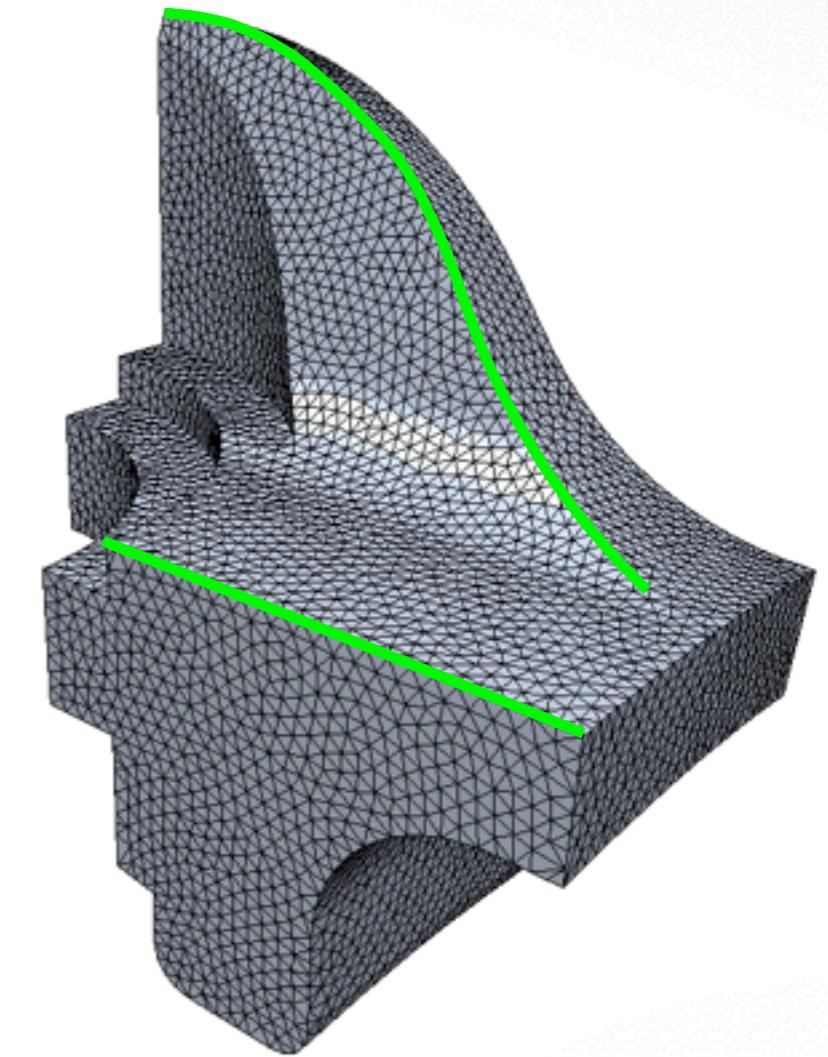
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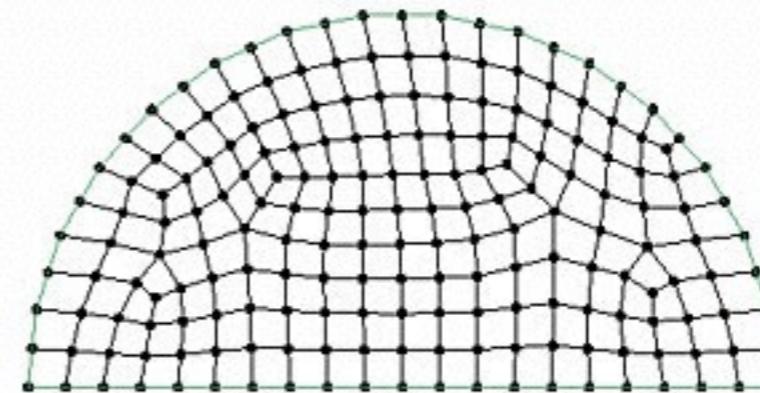
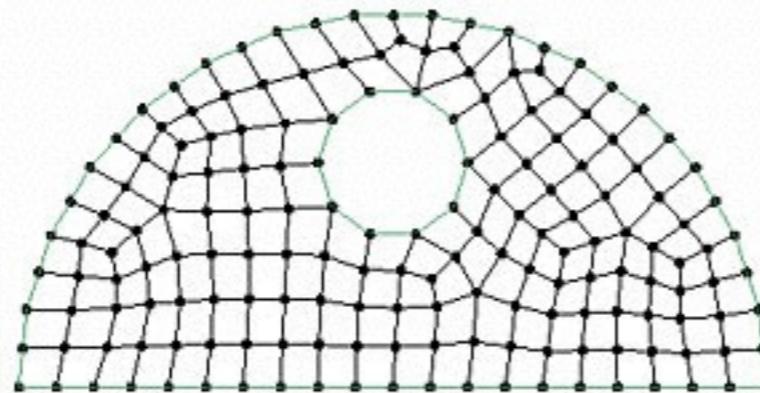
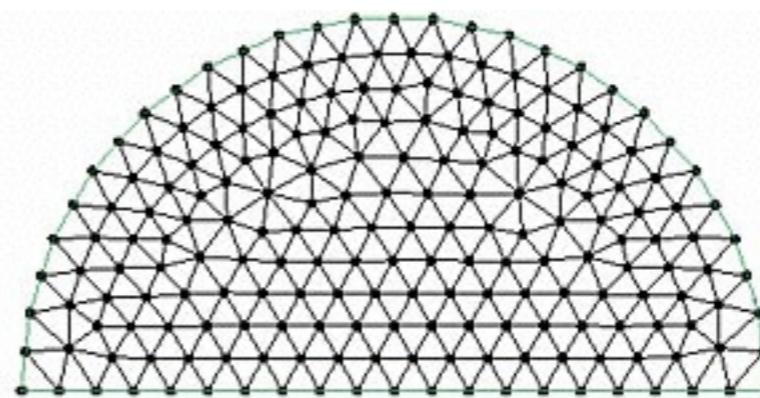
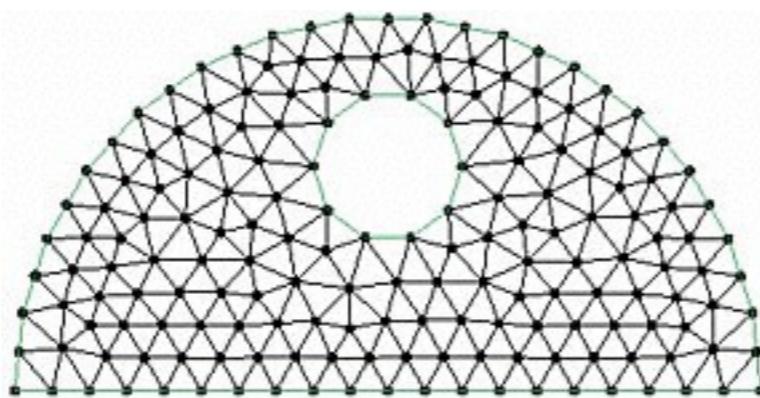
- Preserve sharp features and curvature lines



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## Different types of mesh structure

- Irregular
- Semi-regular: multi-resolution analysis / modeling
- Highly regular: numerical simulation
- Regular: only possible for special models

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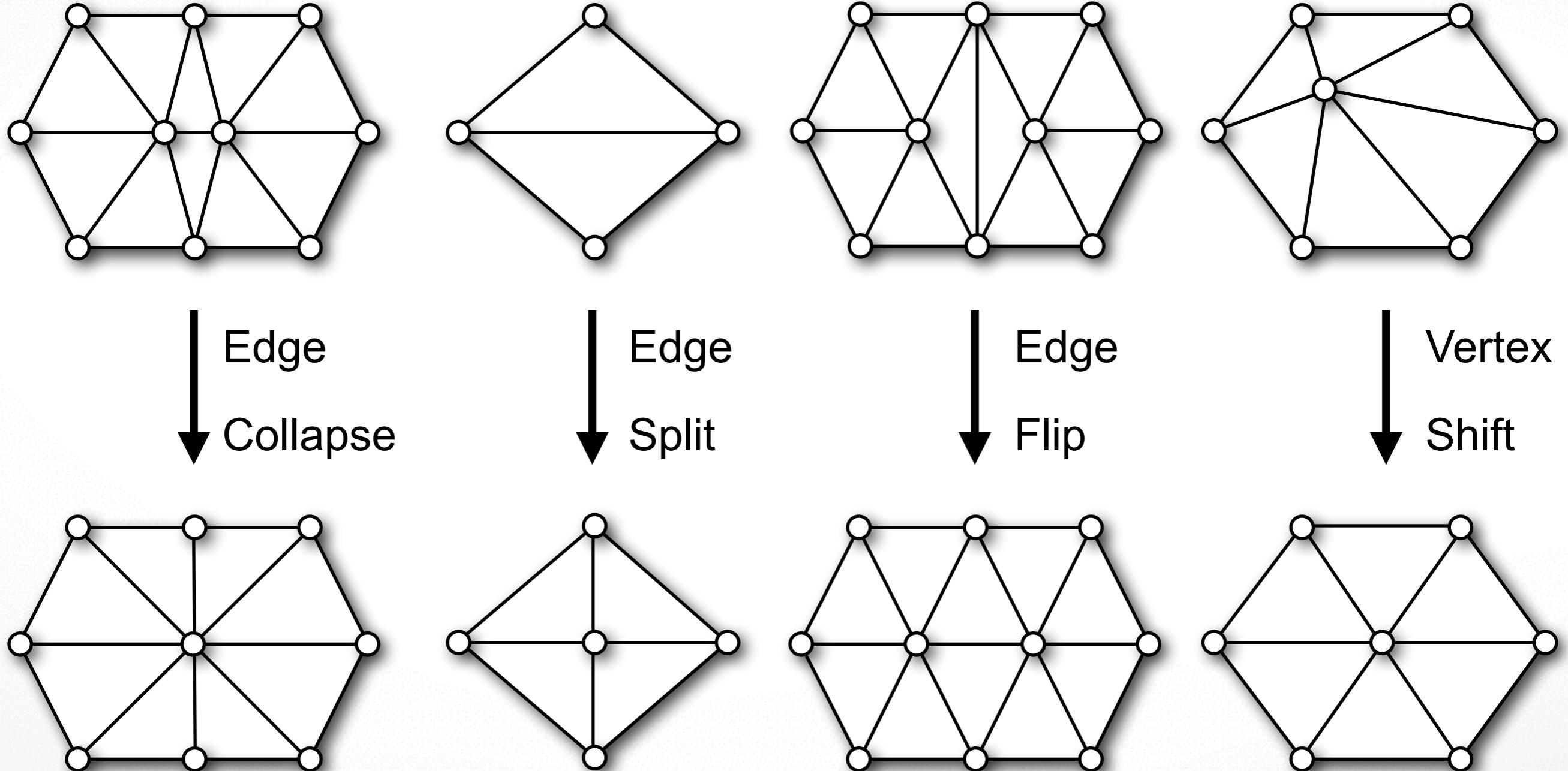
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# Local remeshing operators



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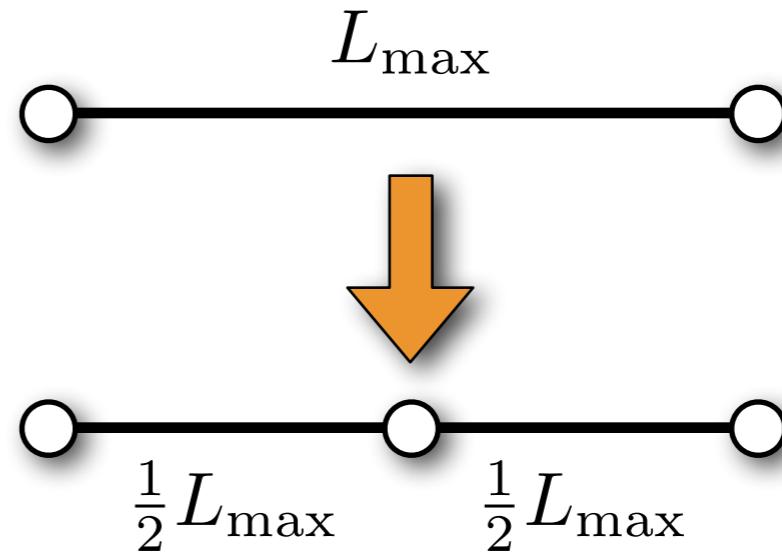
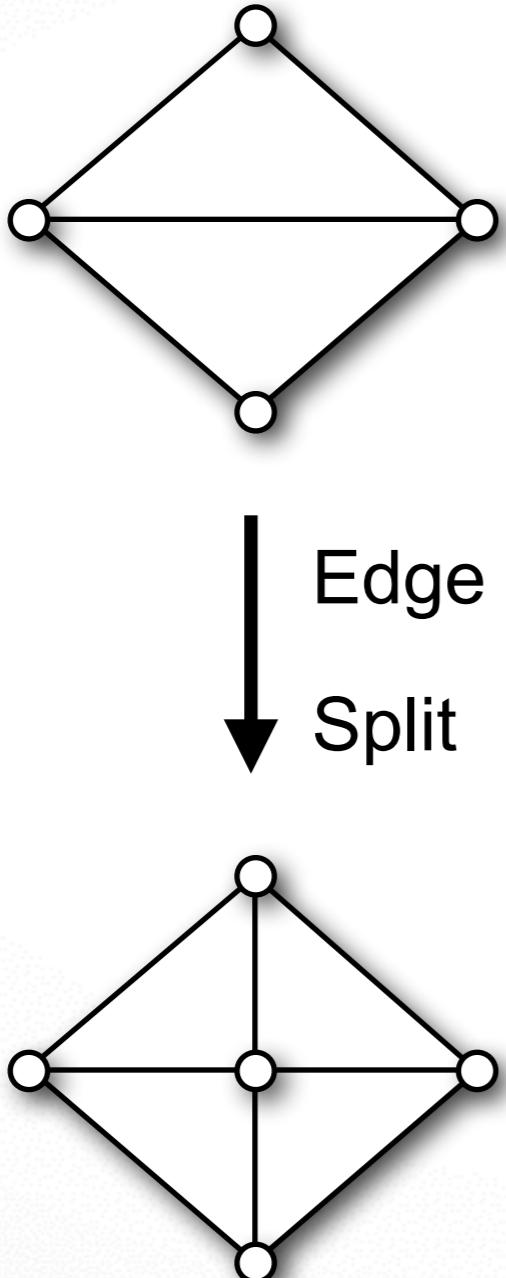
Specify target edge length  $L$

$$L_{\max} = 4/3 * L; L_{\min} = 4/5 * L;$$

Iterate:

1. Split edges longer than  $L_{\max}$
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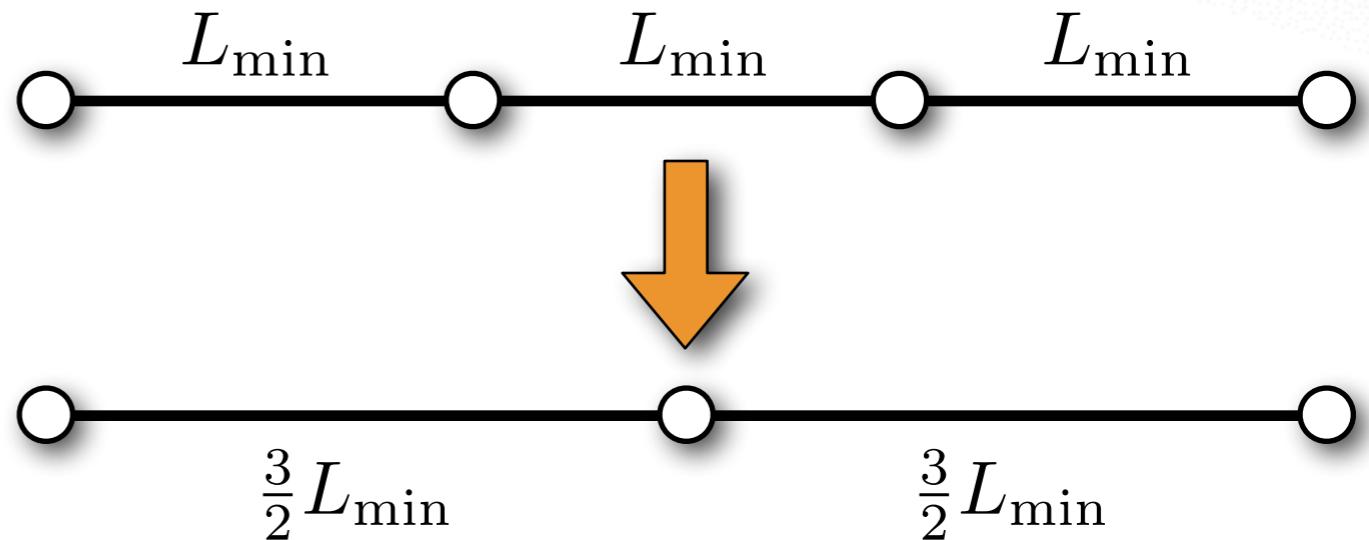
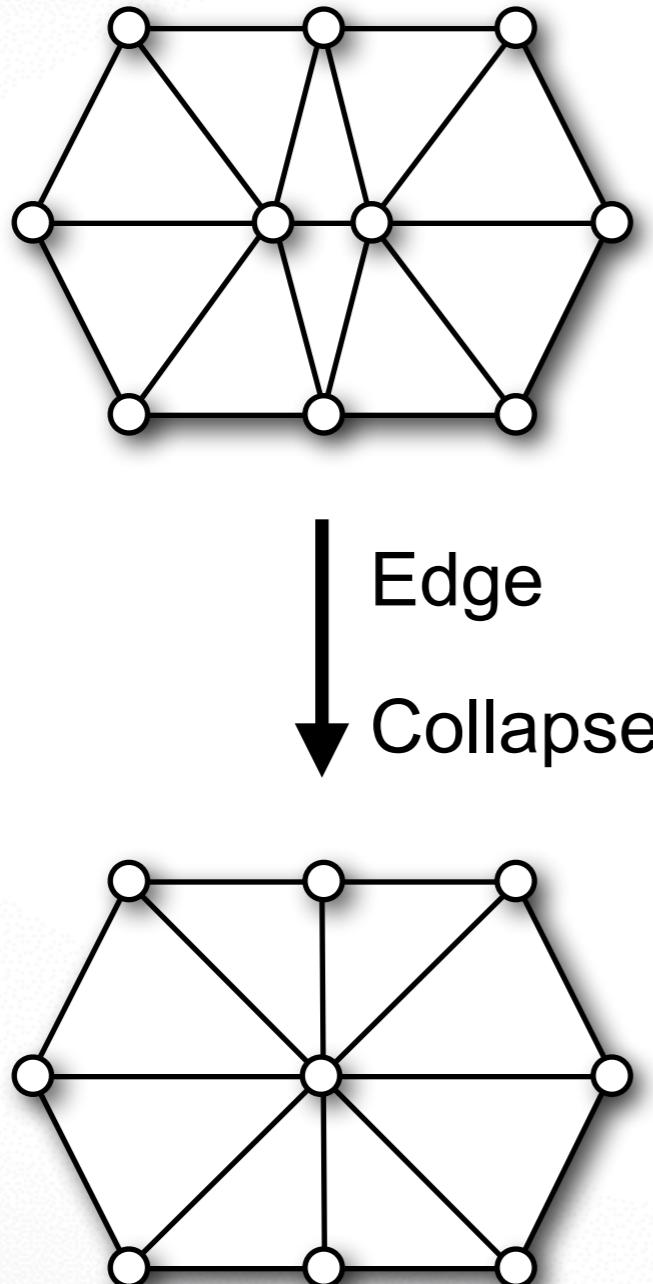
# Edge split



$$\begin{aligned}|L_{\max} - L| &= \left| \frac{1}{2}L_{\max} - L \right| \\ \Rightarrow L_{\max} &= \frac{4}{3}L\end{aligned}$$

**Split** edges longer than  $L_{\max}$

# Edge collapse



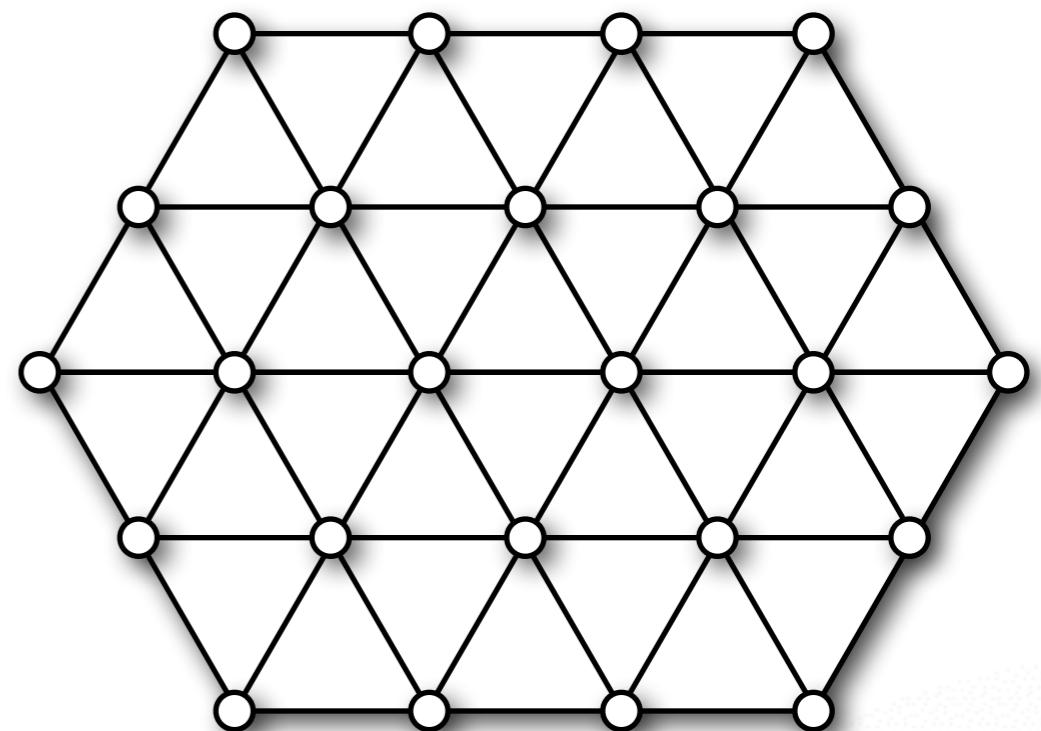
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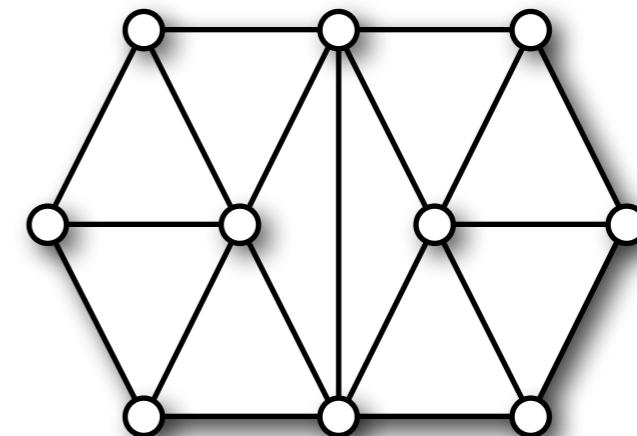
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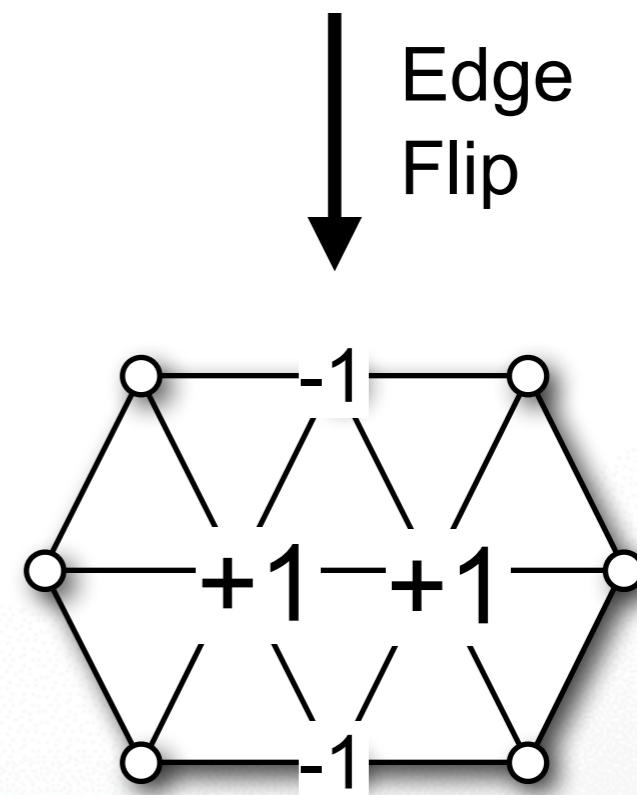
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## Improve valences

- Minimize valence excess

$$\sum_{i=1}^4 (\text{valence}(v_i) - \text{opt\_valence}(v_i))^2$$

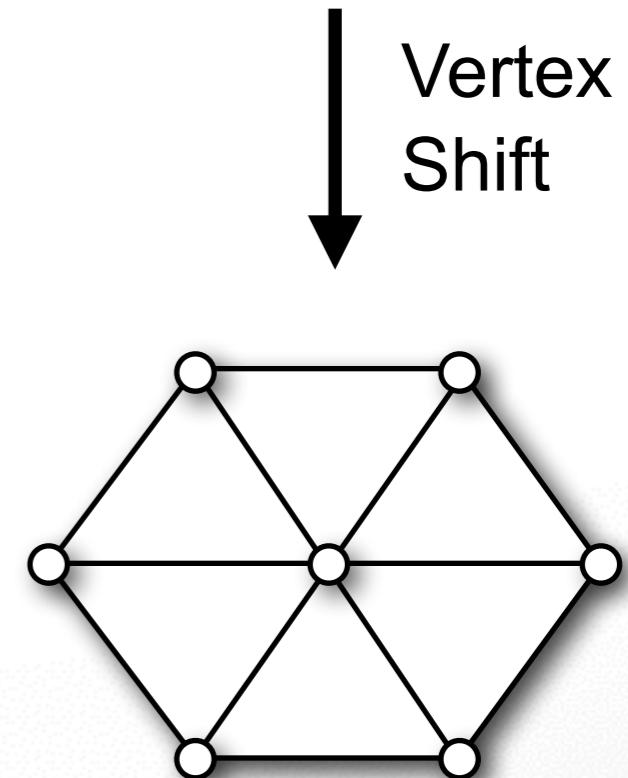
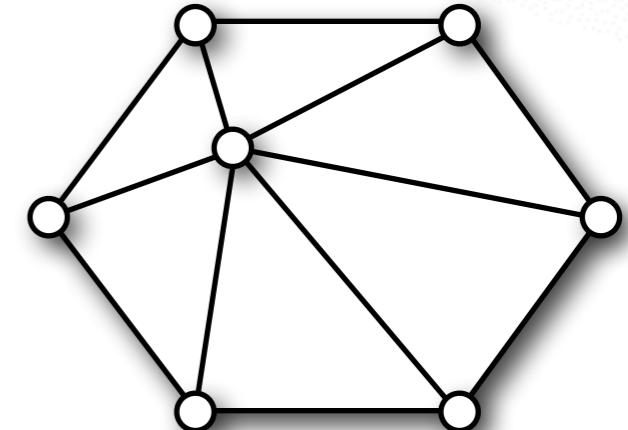


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## Local “spring” relaxation

- Uniform Laplacian smoothing
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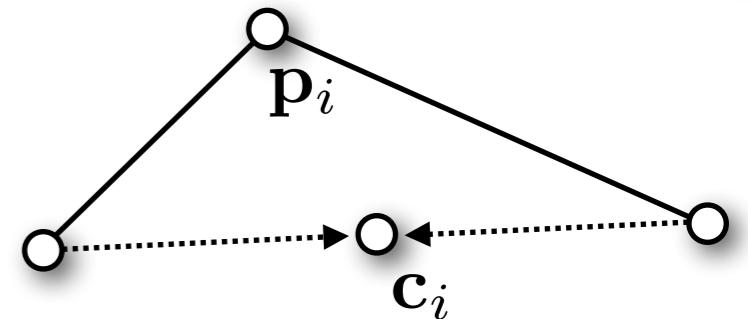
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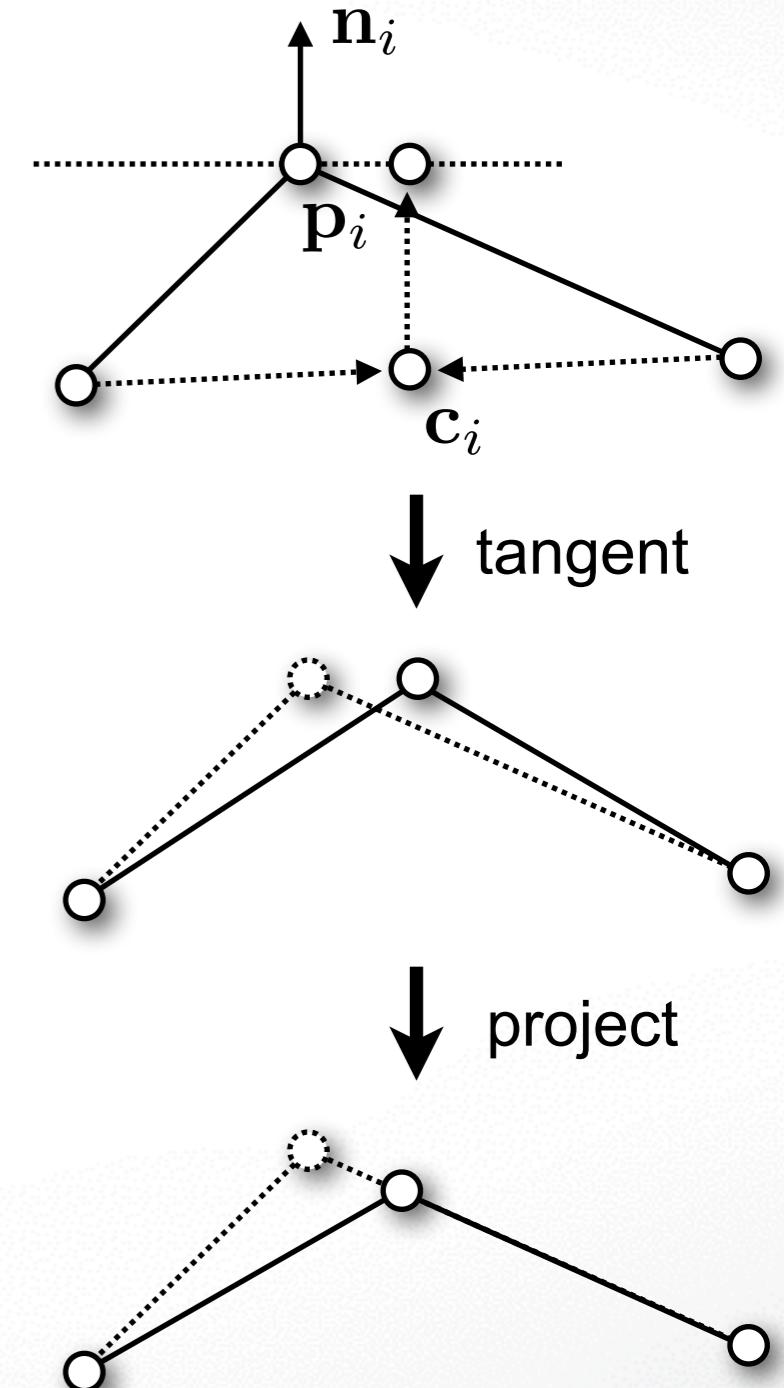
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## Keep vertex (approx.) on surface

- Restrict movement to tangent plane

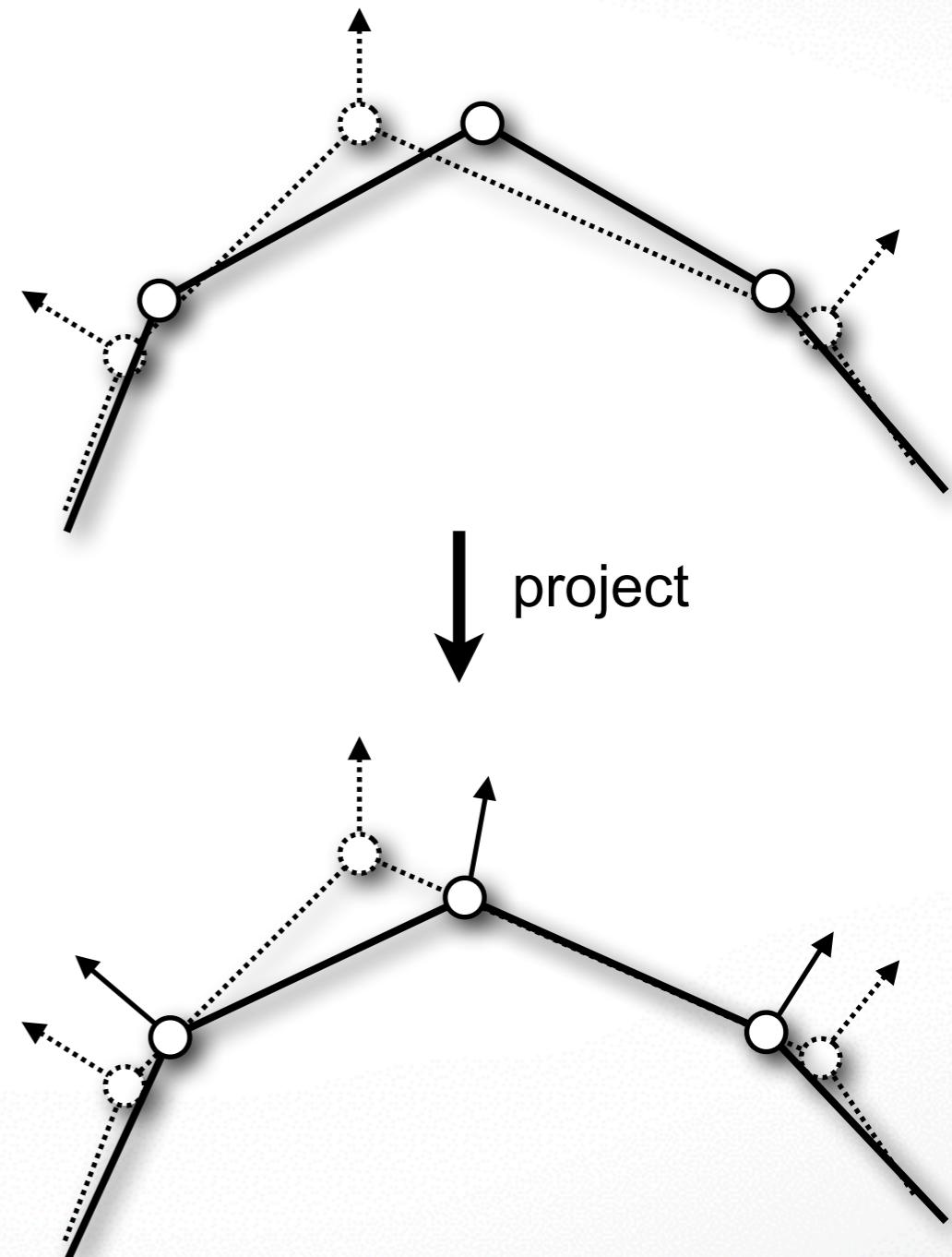
$$\mathbf{p}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{p}_i + \lambda (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{n}_i \mathbf{n}_i^T) (\mathbf{c}_i - \mathbf{p}_i)$$



# Vertex projection

## Onto original reference mesh

- Find closest triangle
- Use BSP to accelerate  $\rightarrow O(\log n)$
- Barycentric interpolation to compute position & normal



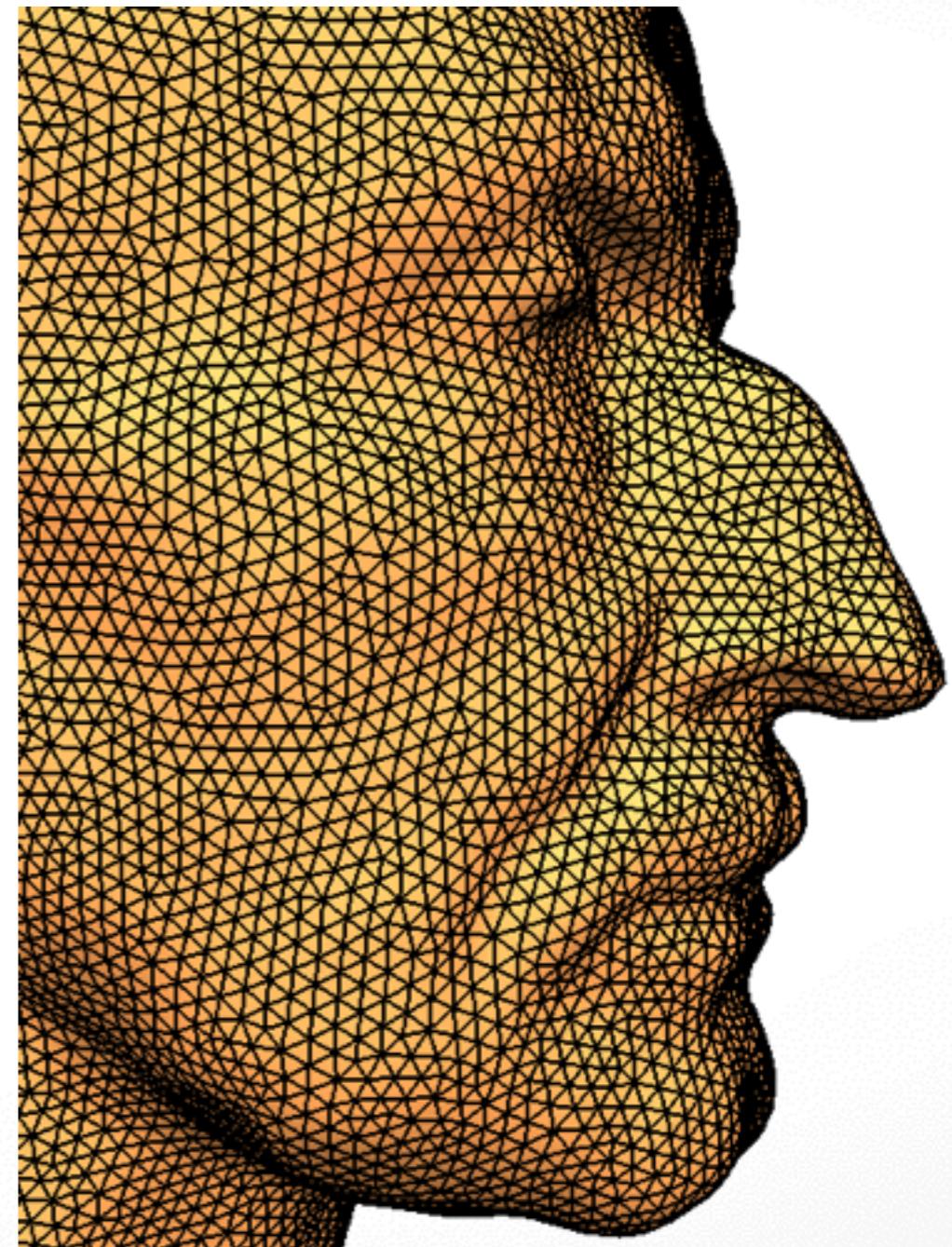
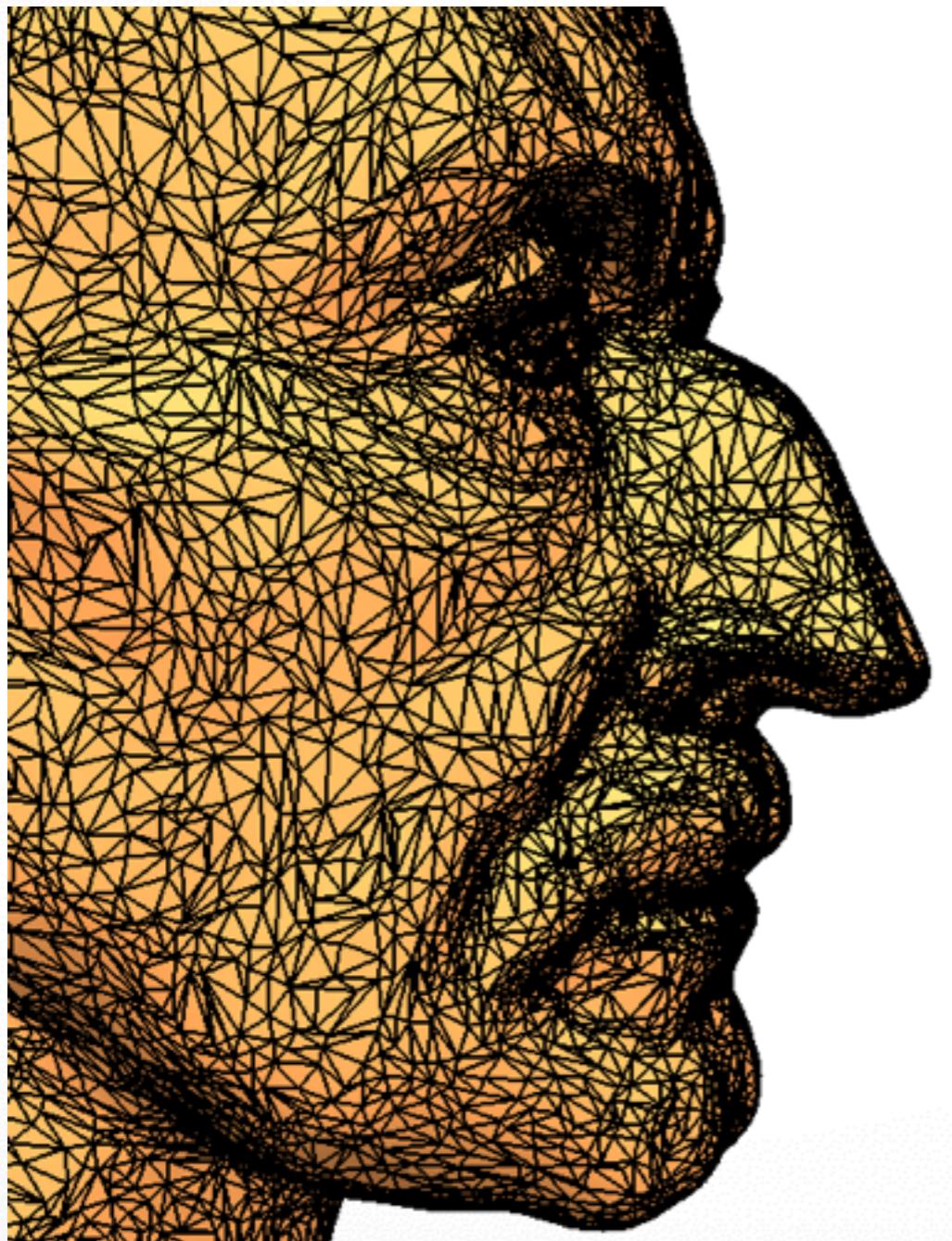
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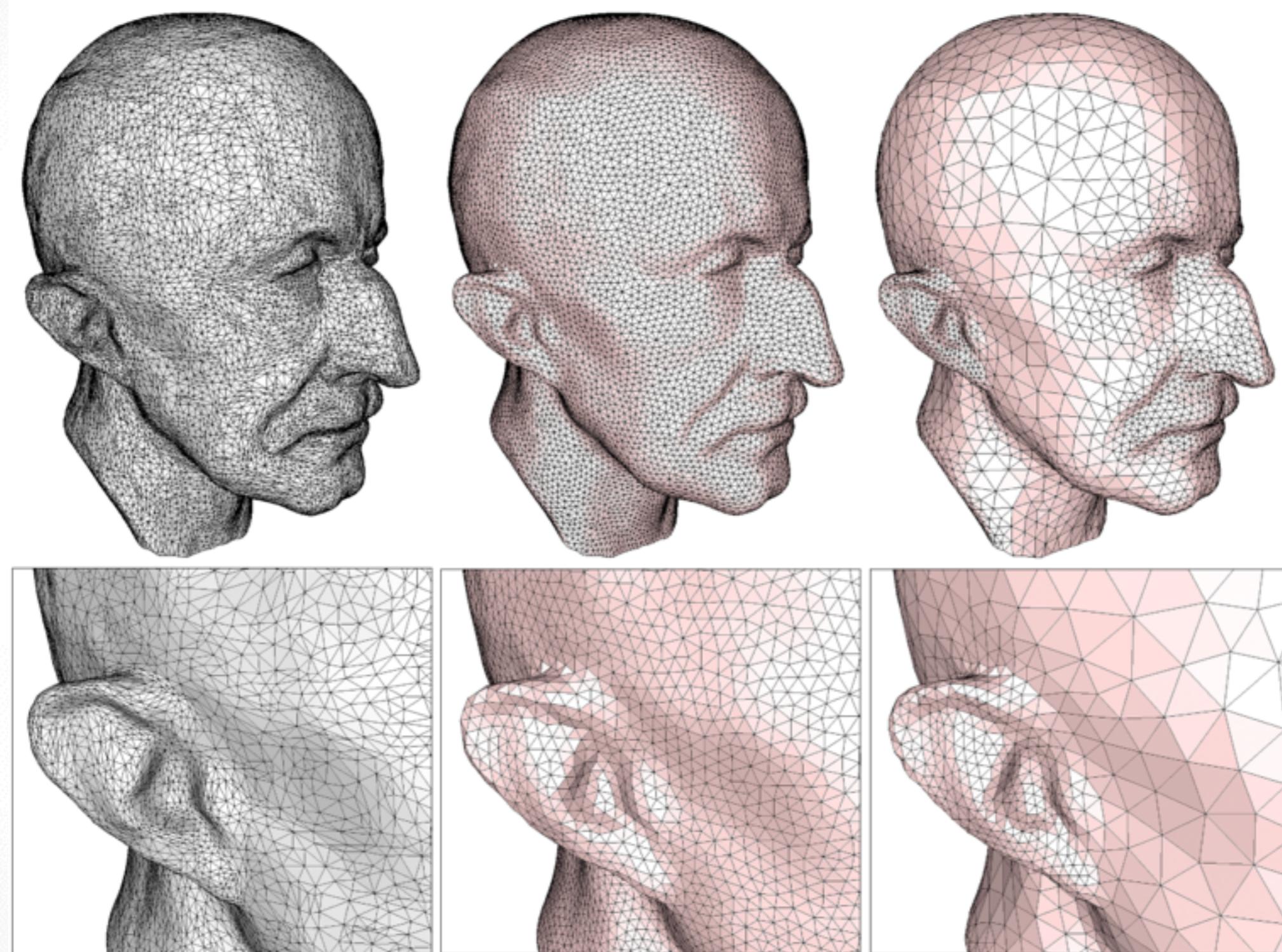
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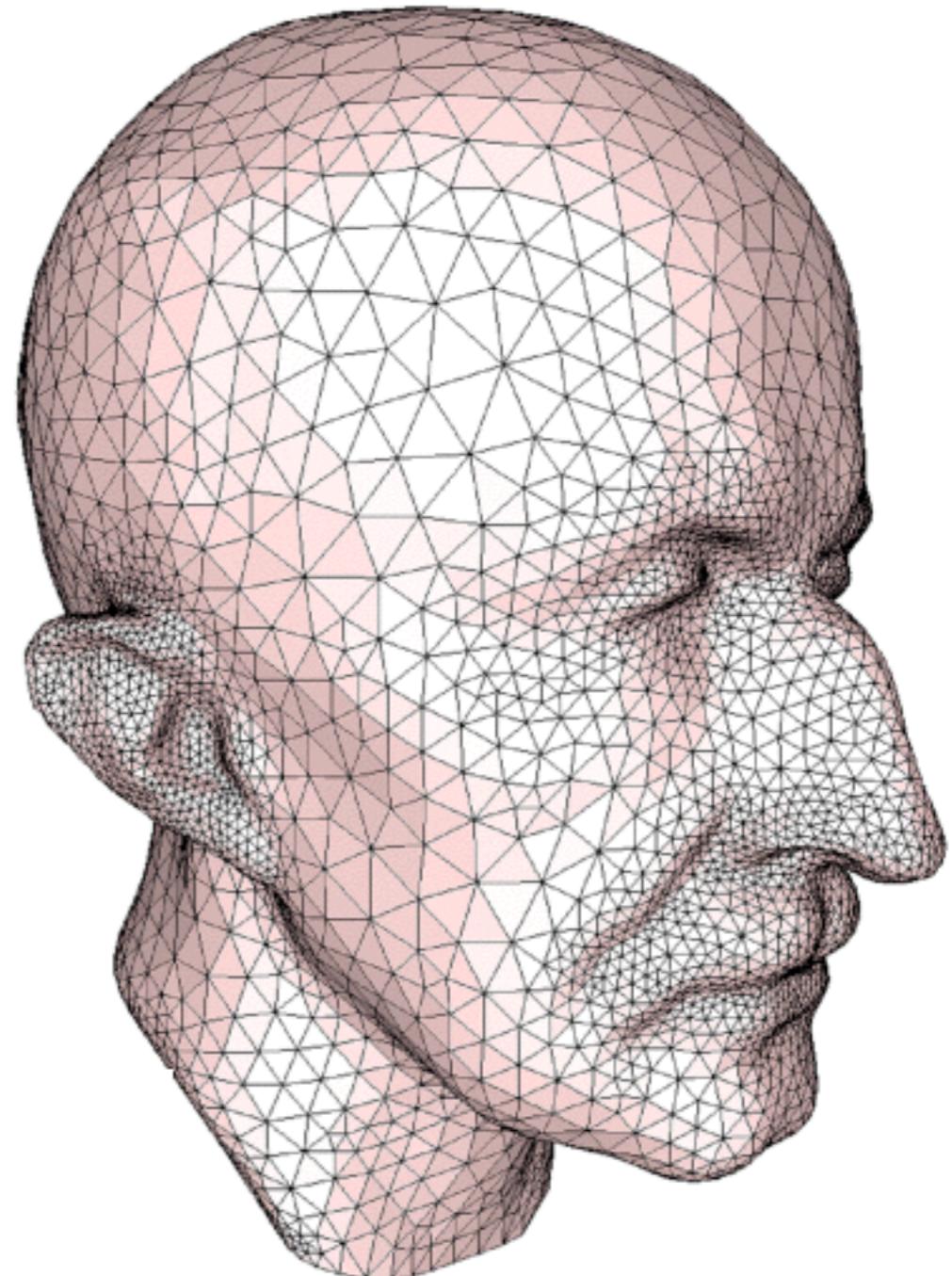


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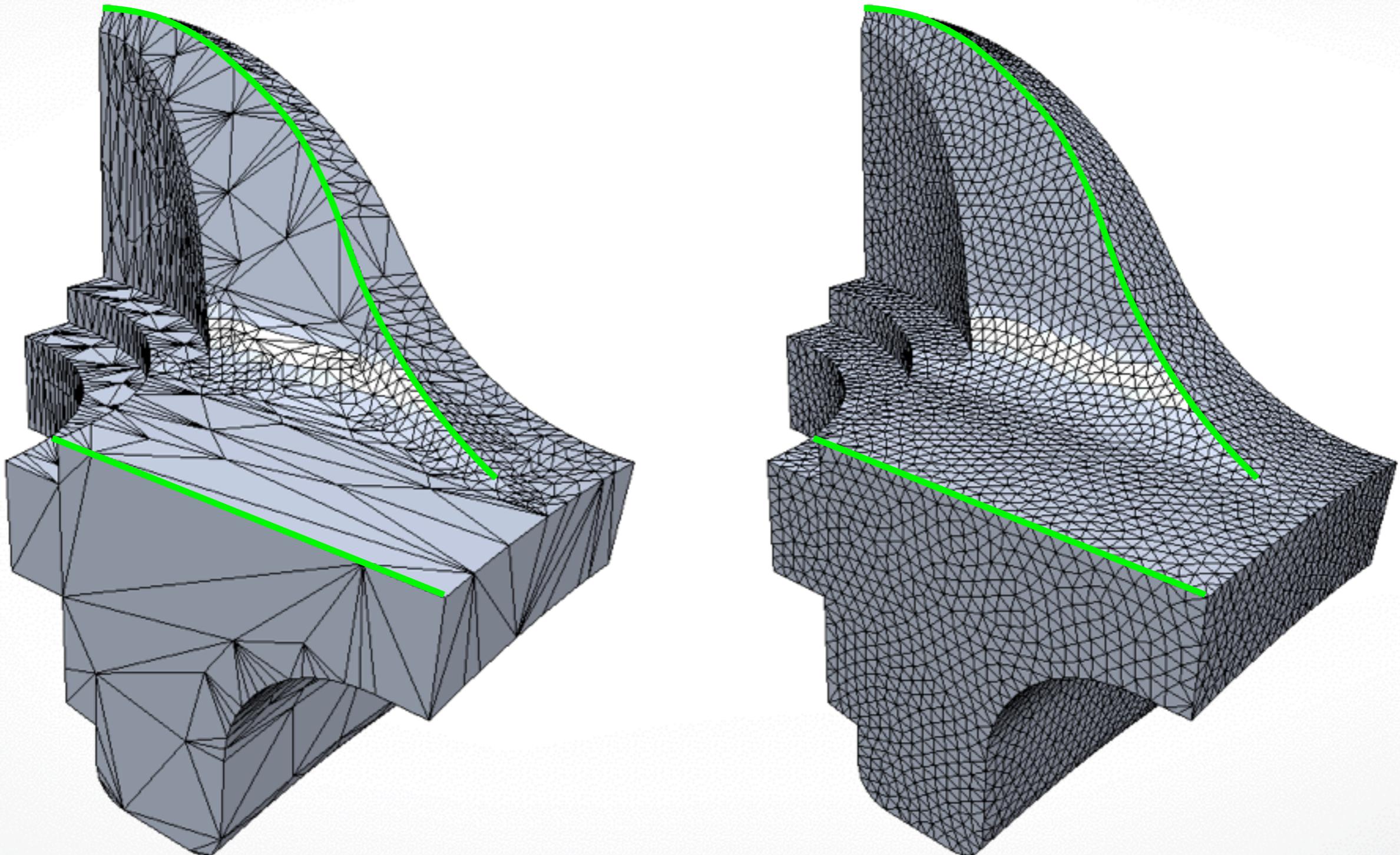


# Adaptive remeshing

- Compute maximum principle curvature on reference mesh
- Determine local target edge length from max-curvature
- Adjust edge split / collapse criteria accordingly



# Feature preservation



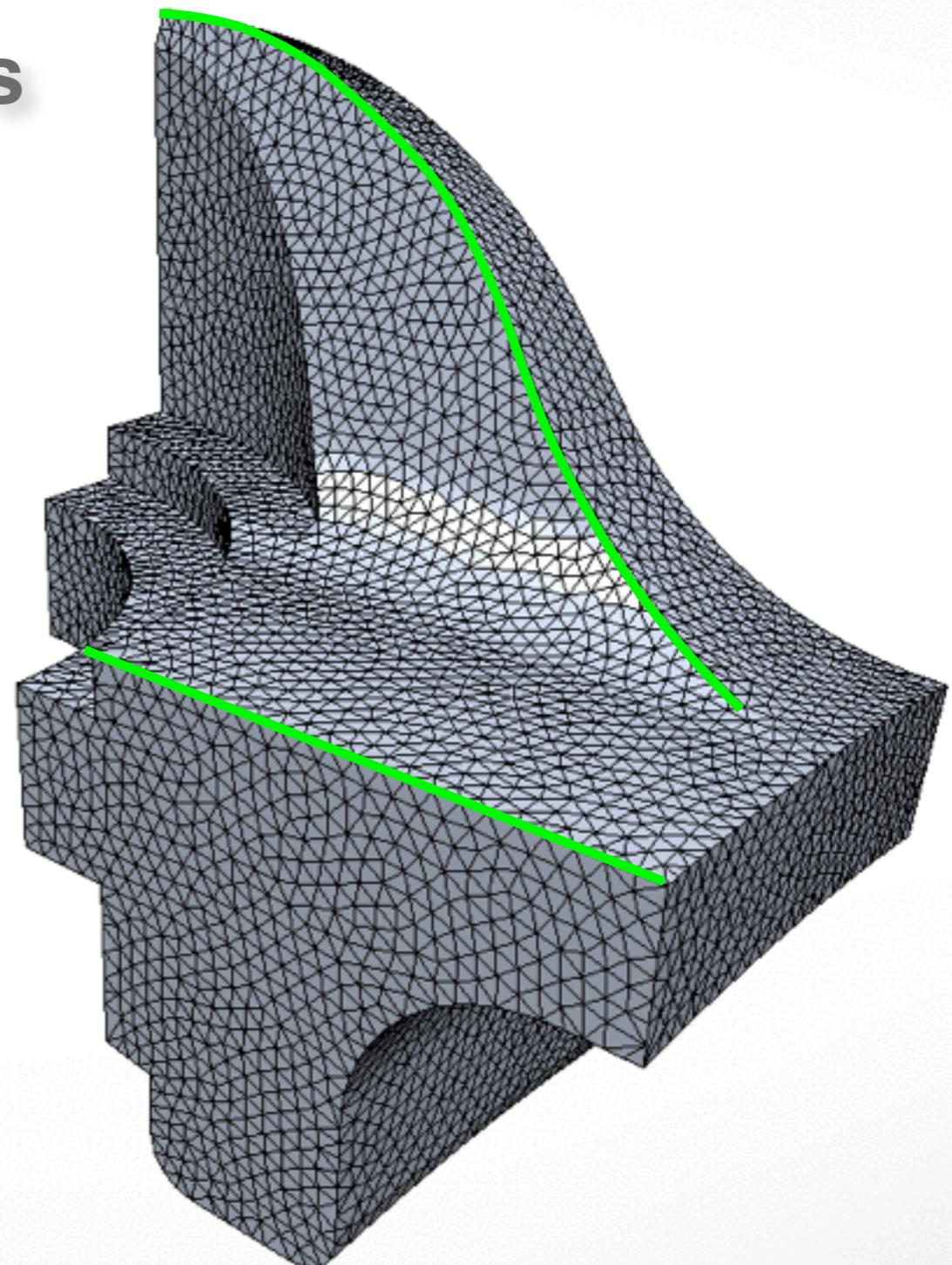
# Feature preservation

## Define feature edges / vertices

- Large dihedral angles
- Material boundaries

## Adjust local operators

- Do not touch corner vertices
- Do not flip feature edges
- Collapse along features
- Univariate smoothing
- Project to feature curves



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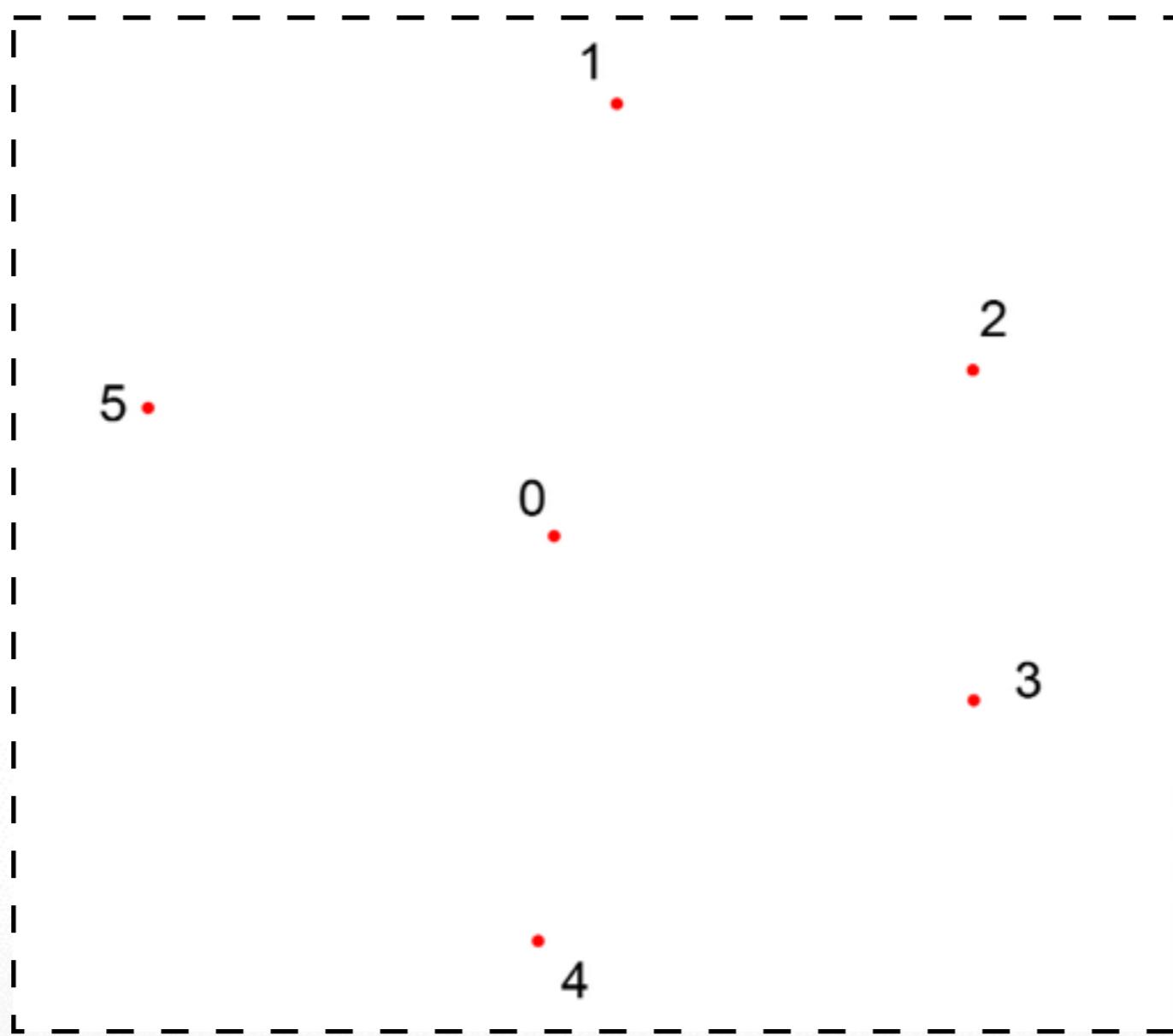
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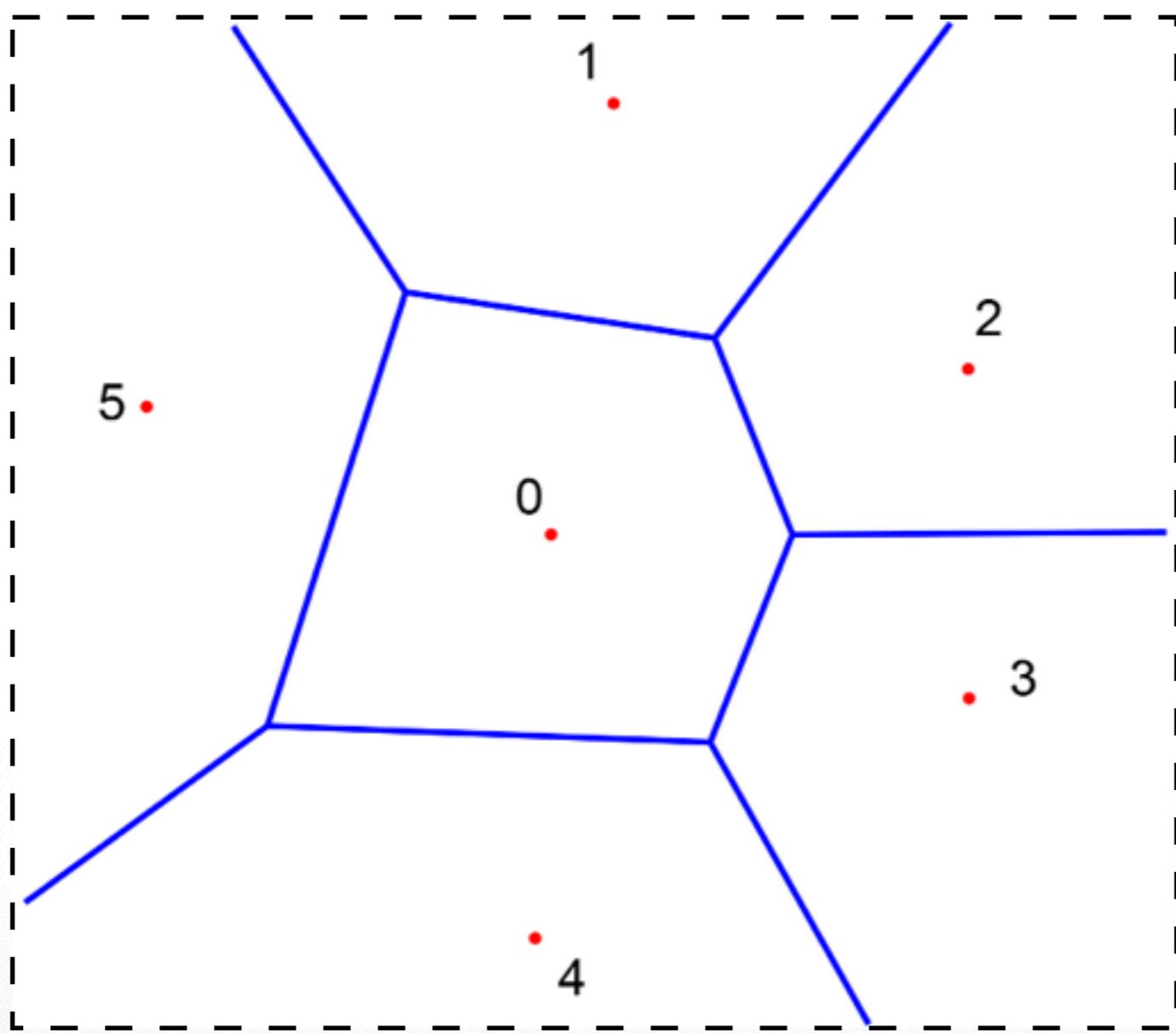
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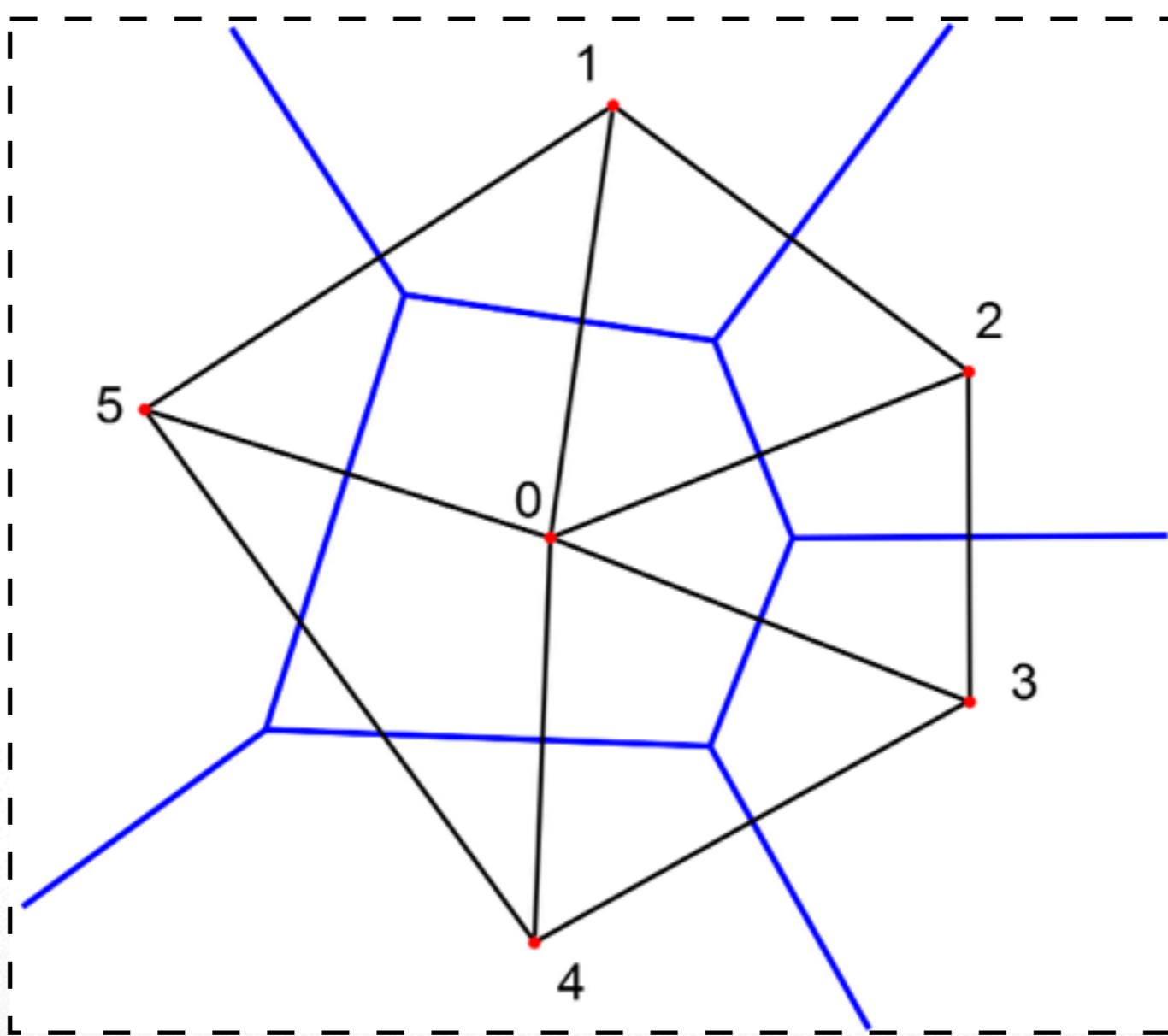
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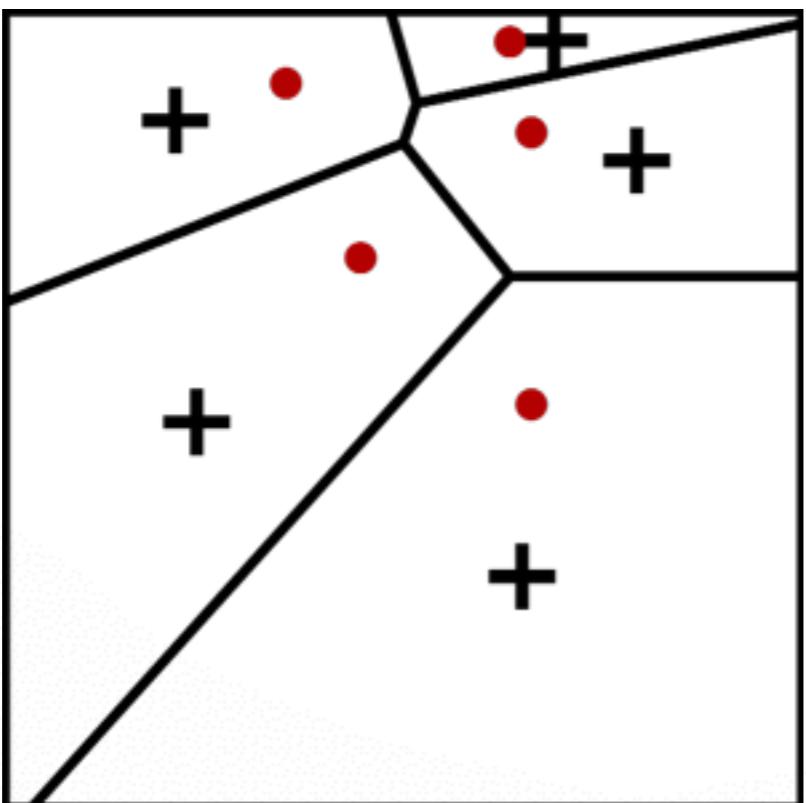
Dual graph: Delaunay triangulation



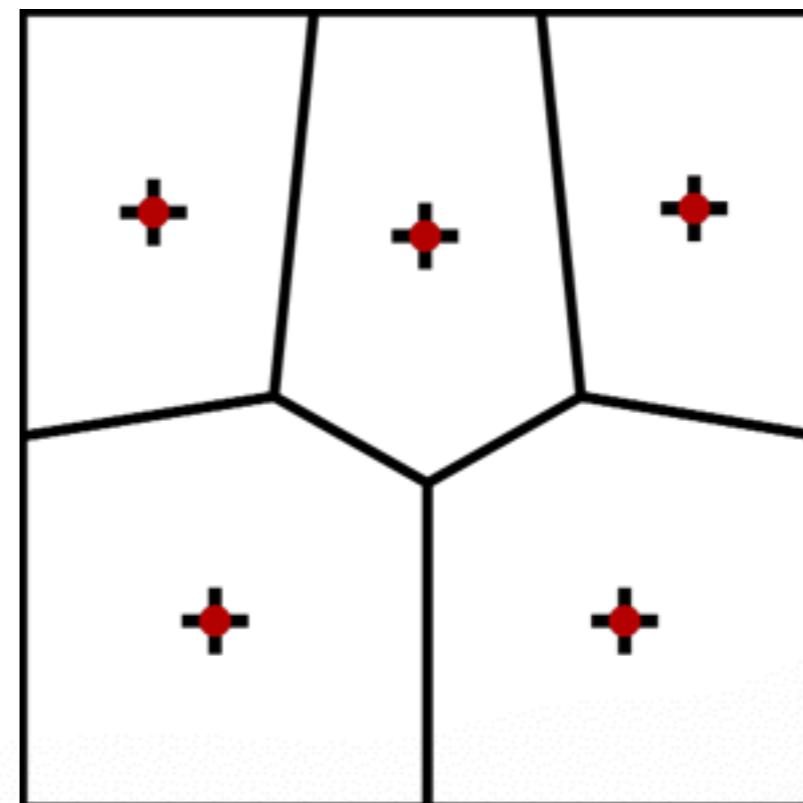
# Centroidal Voronoi Diagram

For each cell

The generating point ● = mass of center +



non CVD



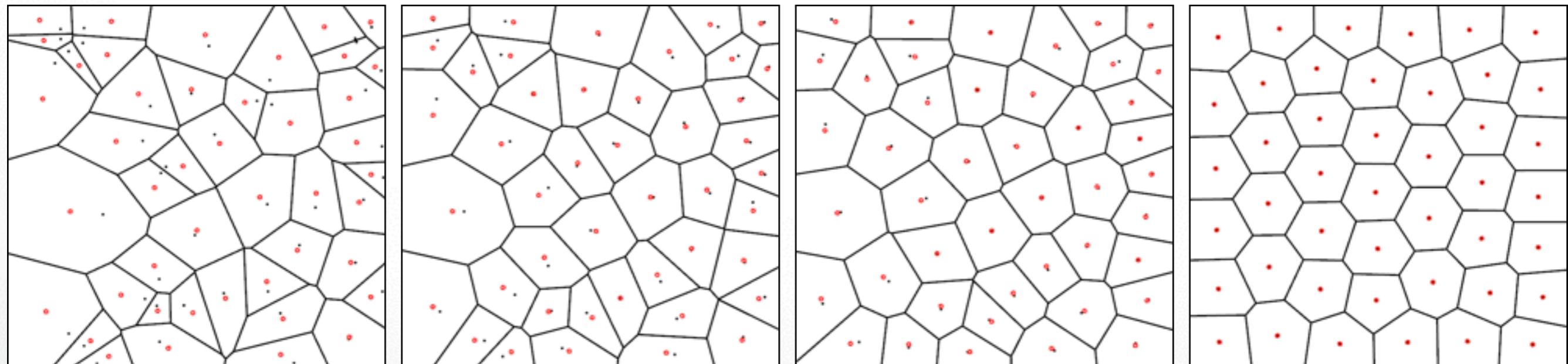
CVD

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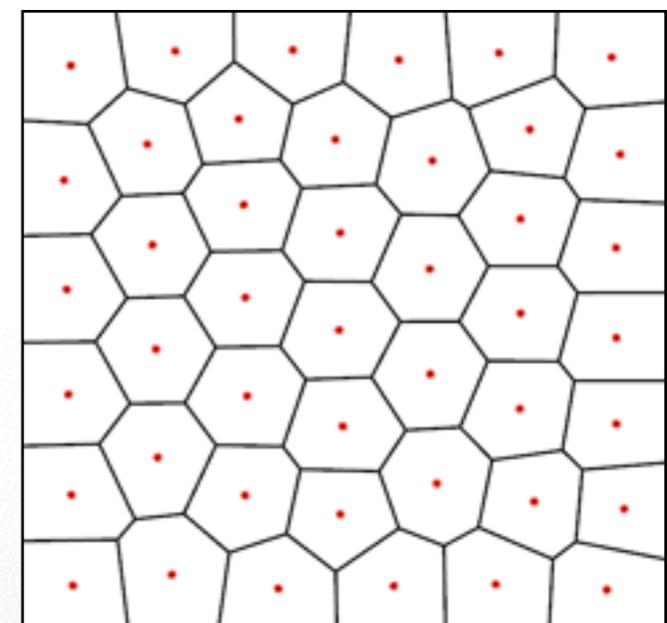
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## CVD maximizes compactness

- Minimize the energy:

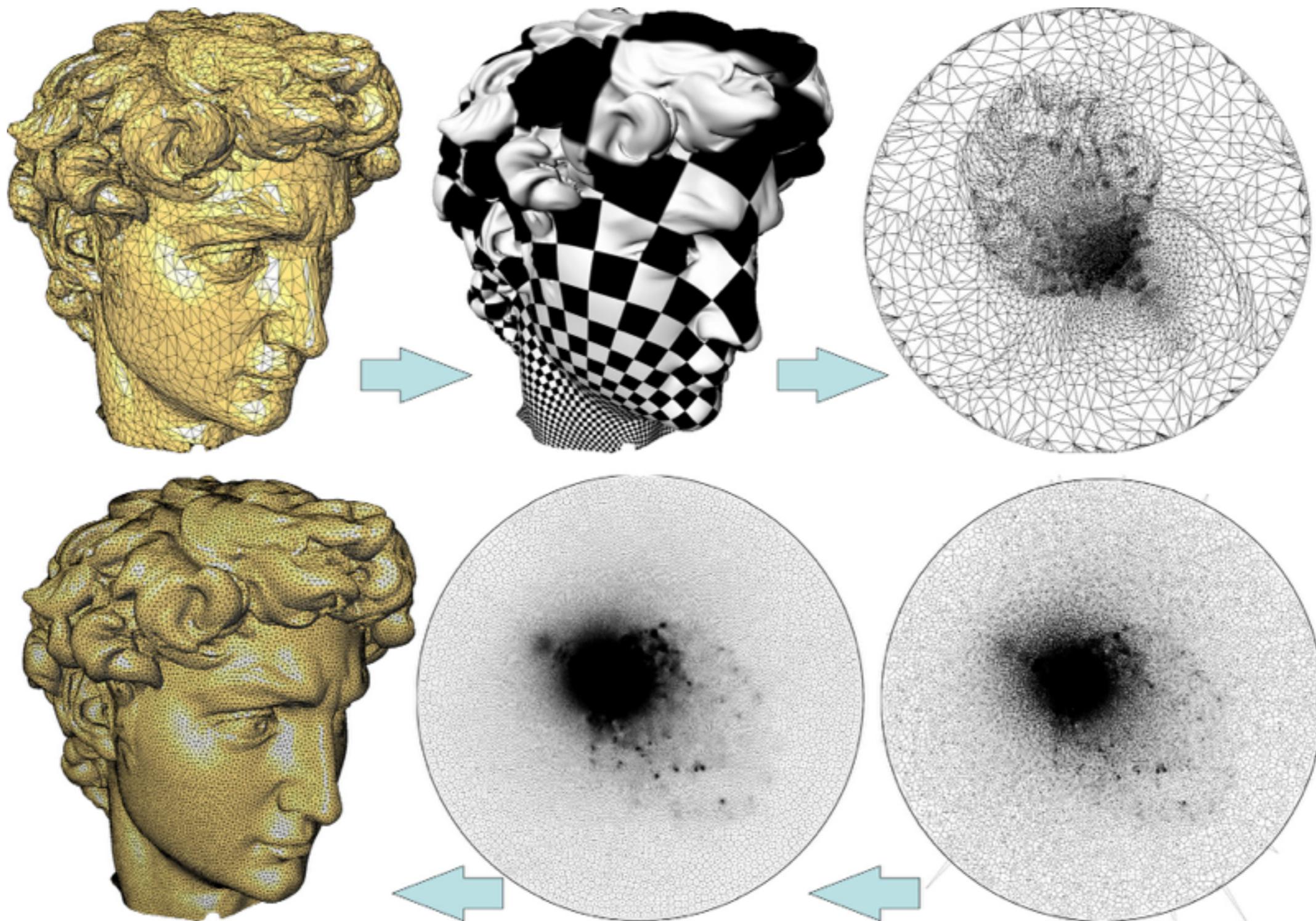
$$\sum_i \int_{V_i} \rho(\mathbf{x}) \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i\|^2 \, d\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \min$$



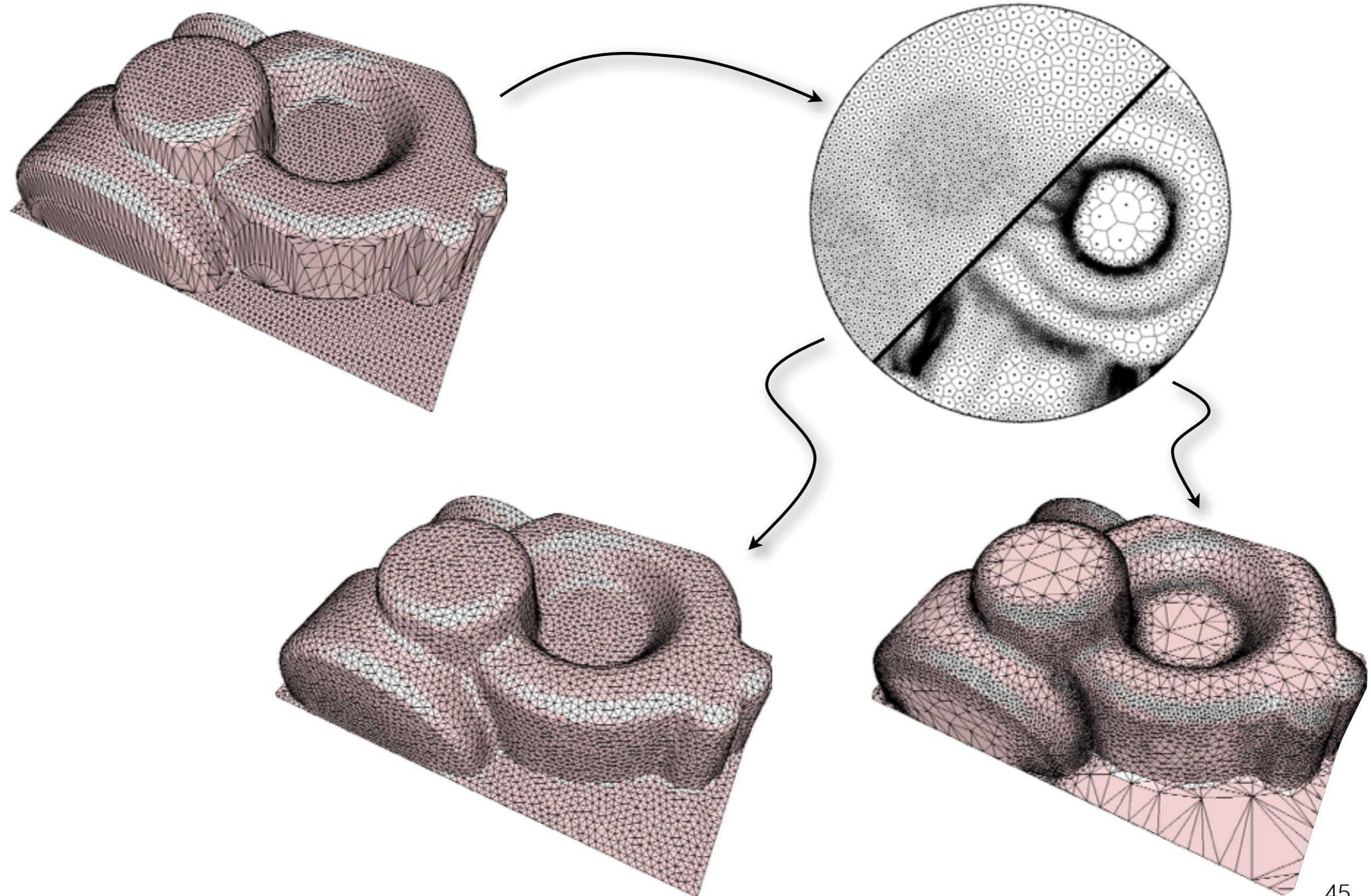
# Variational remeshing

- 1. Conformal parameterization of input mesh**
- 2. Compute local density**
- 3. Perform in 2D parameter space**
  - A. Randomly sample according to local density
  - B. Compute CVD by Lloyd relaxation
- 4. Lift 2D Delaunay triangulation to 3D**

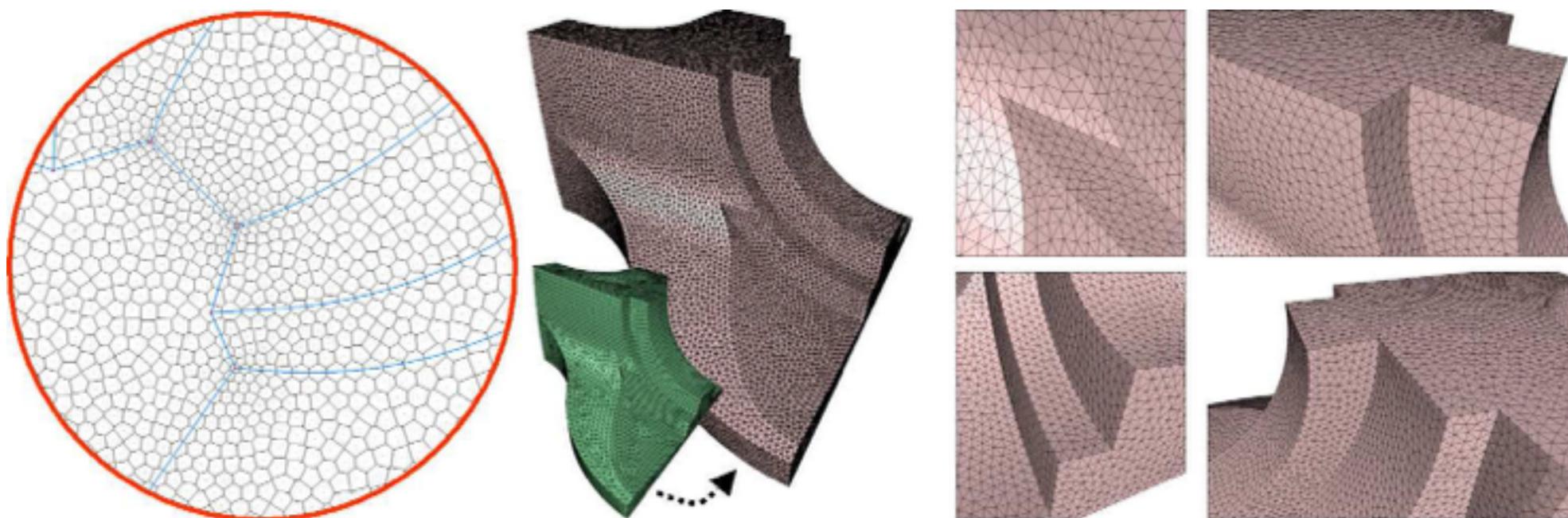
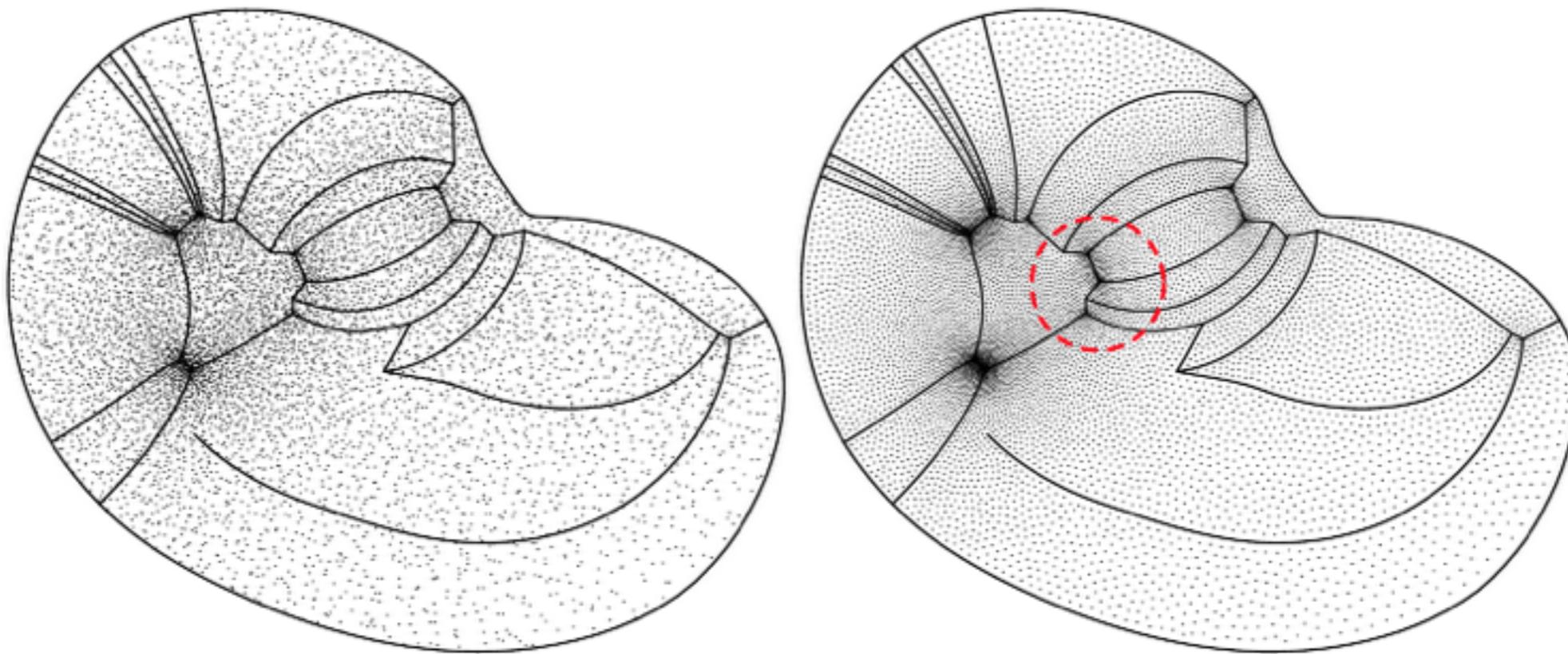
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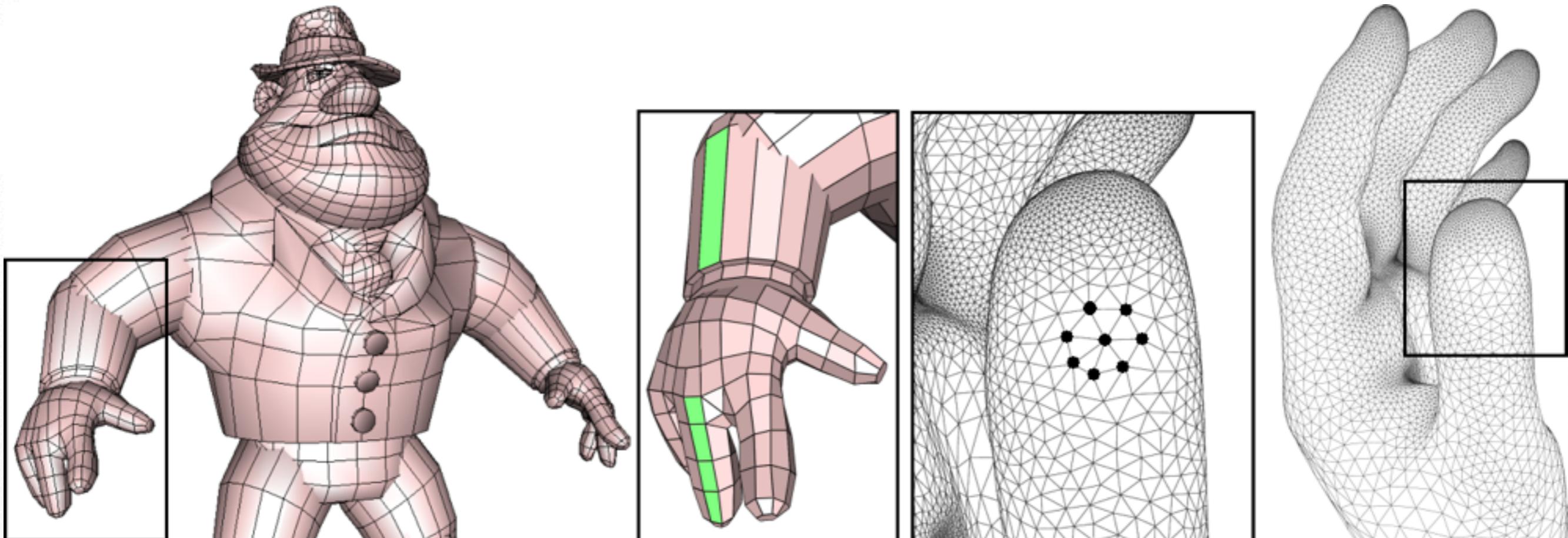
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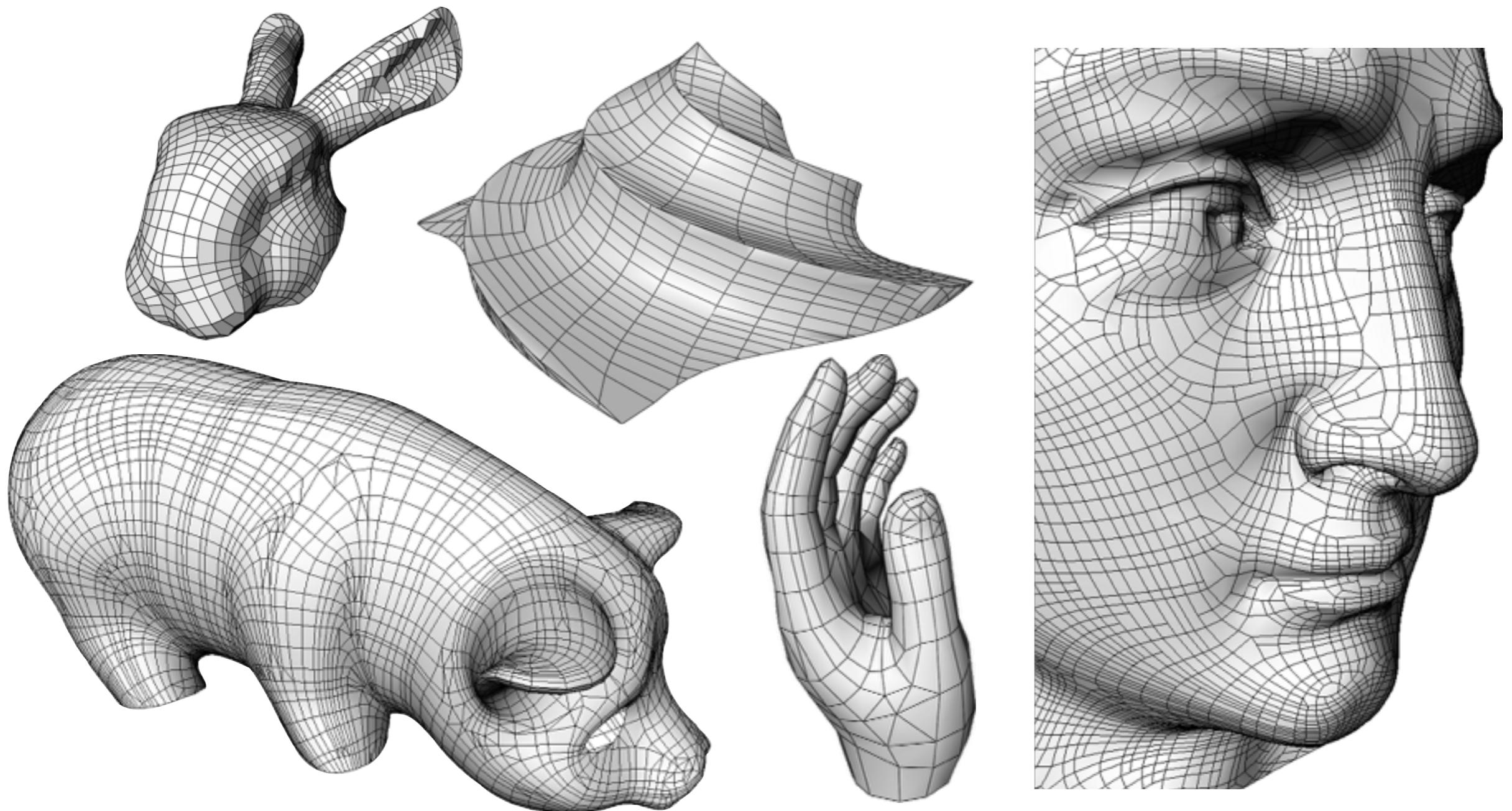
## Artist-designed models

- Conform to the anisotropy of a surface



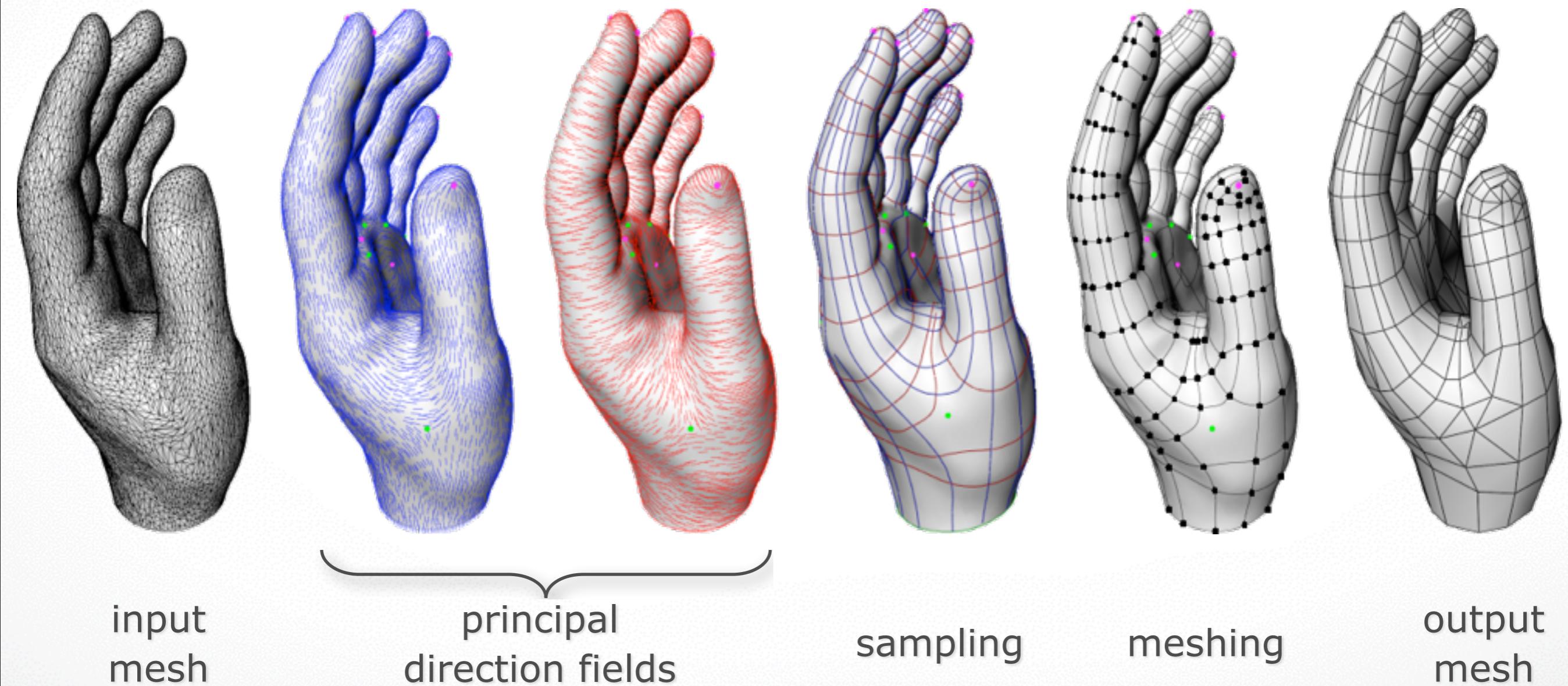
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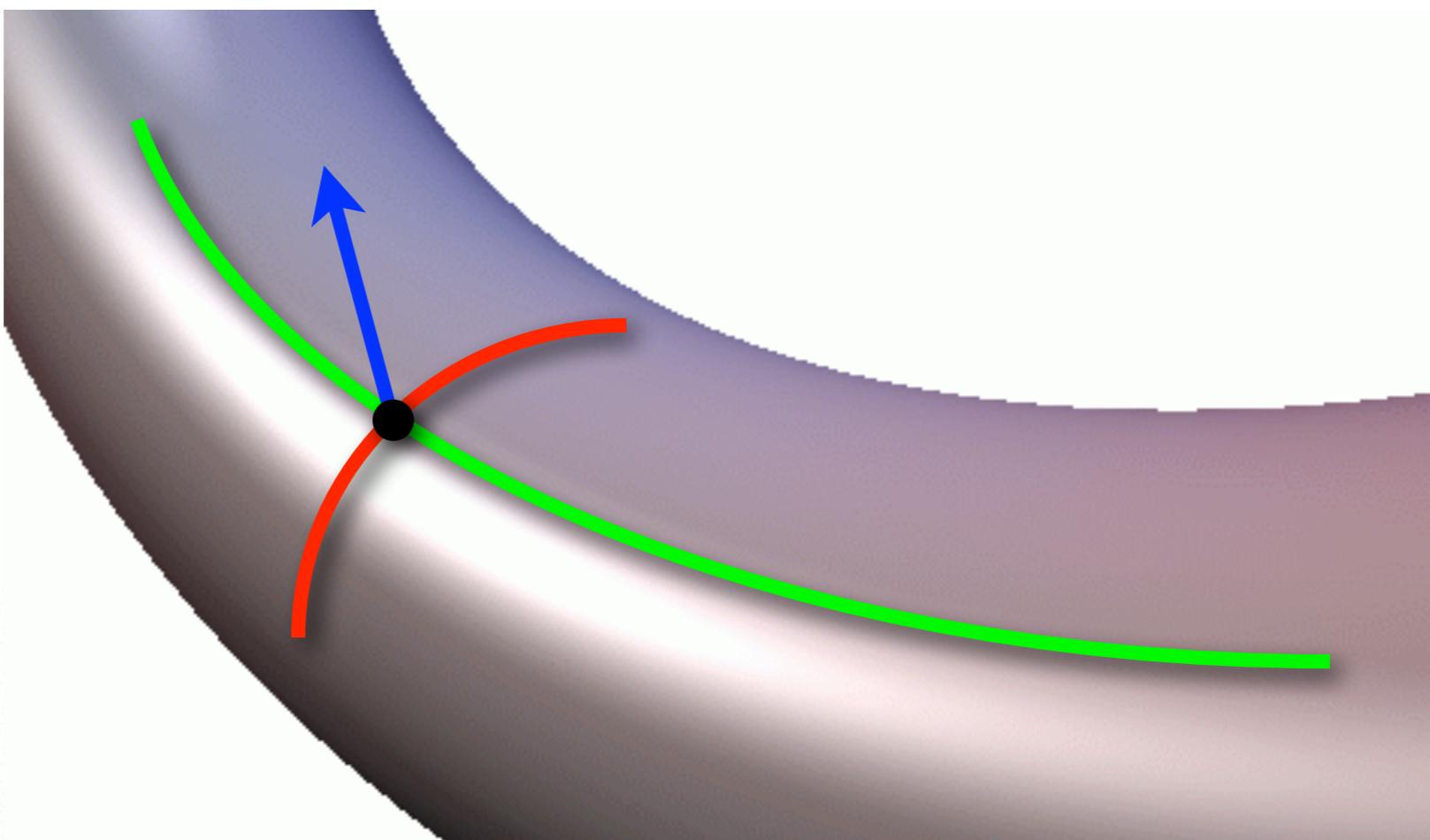
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# Anisotropy

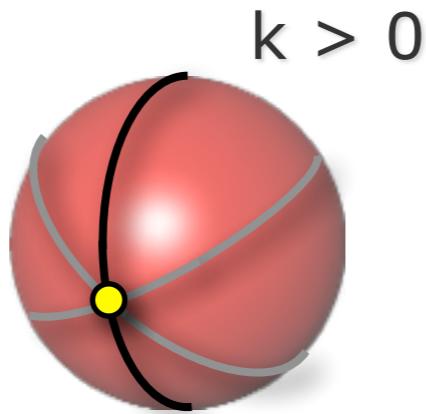
## Differential geometry

- A local *orthogonal* frame: min/max curvature directions and normal



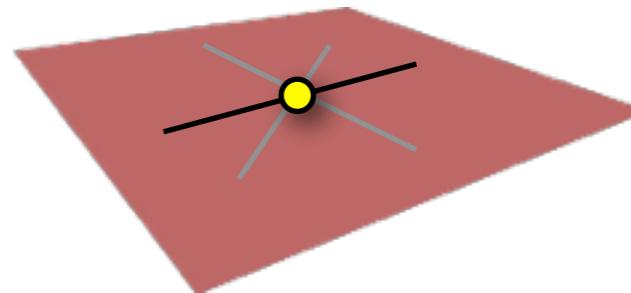
# 3D curvature tensor

**Isotropic**



**spherical**

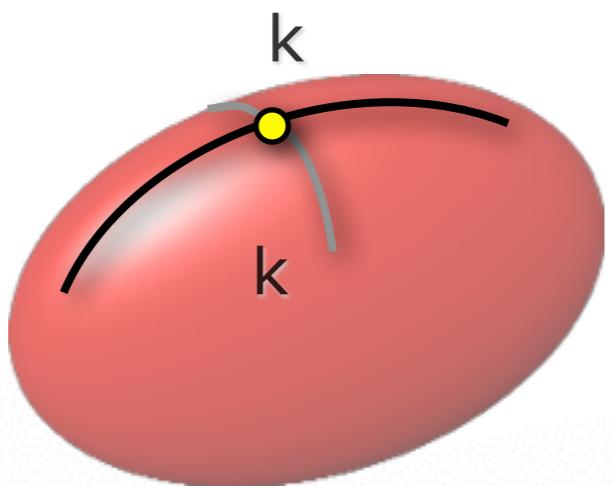
$k = 0$



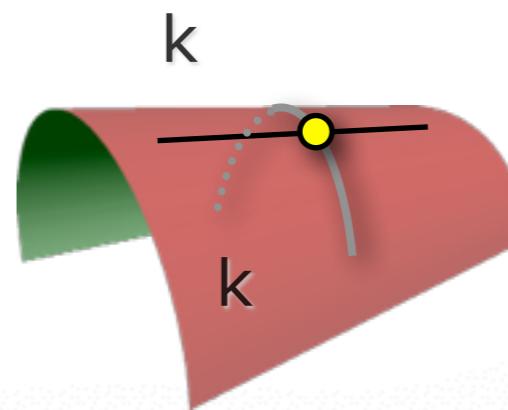
**planar**

**Anisotropic**

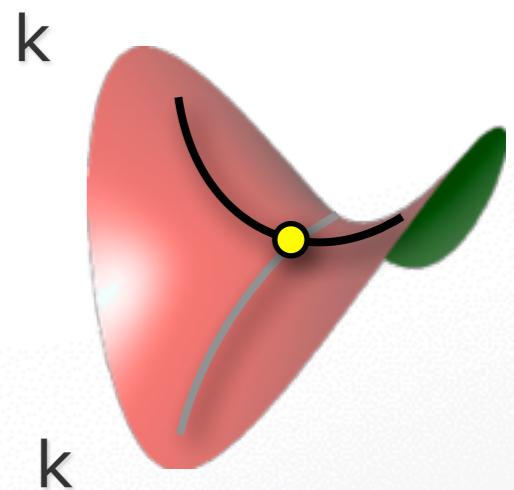
2 principal directions



**elliptic**

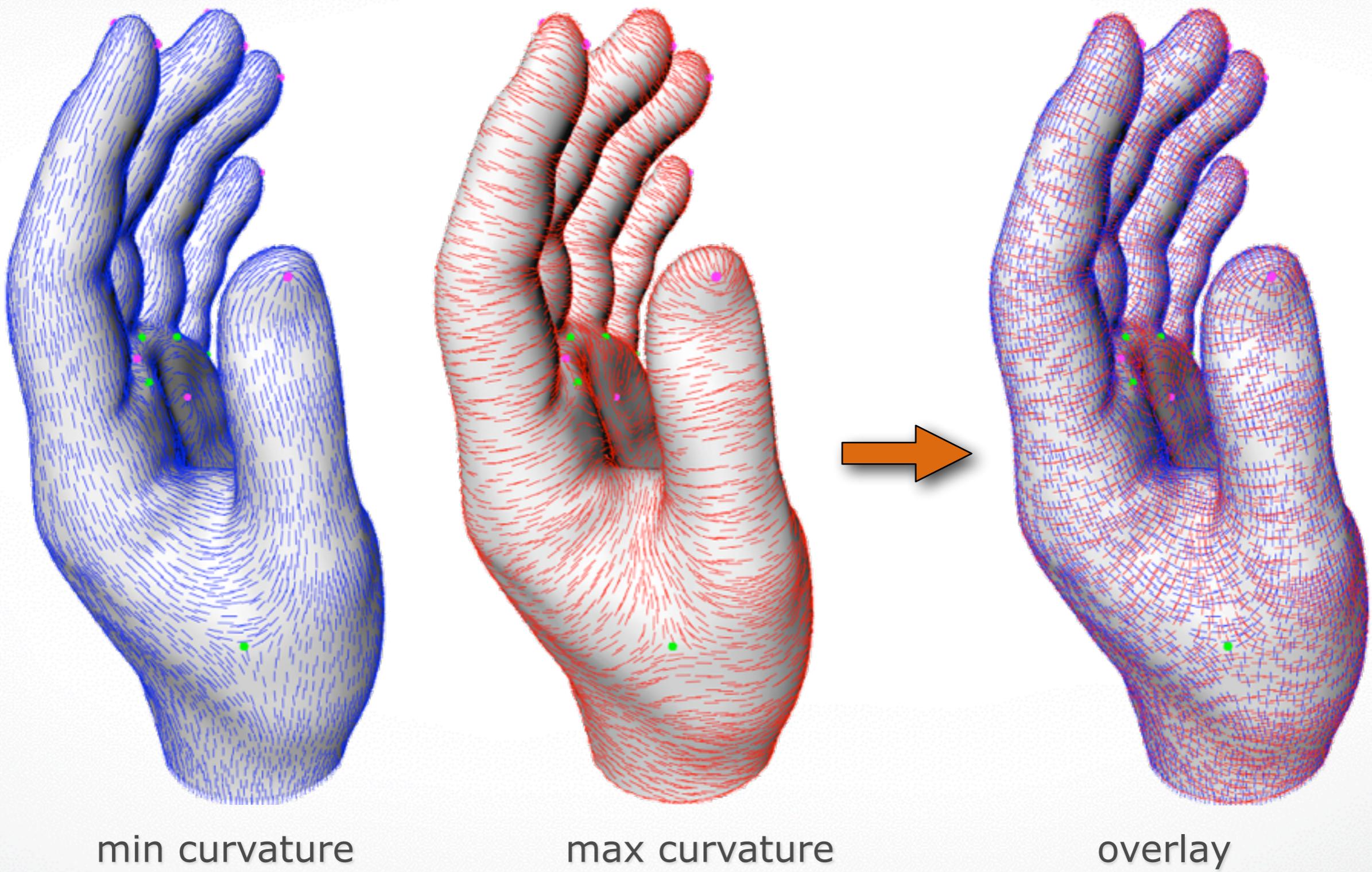


**parabolic**

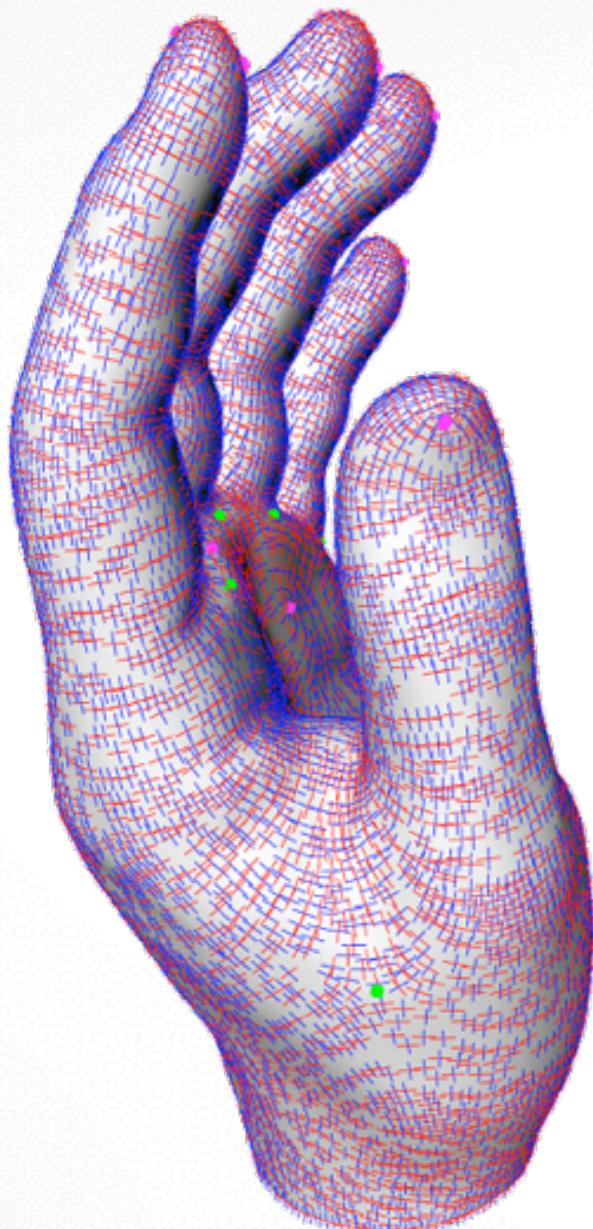


**hyperbolic**

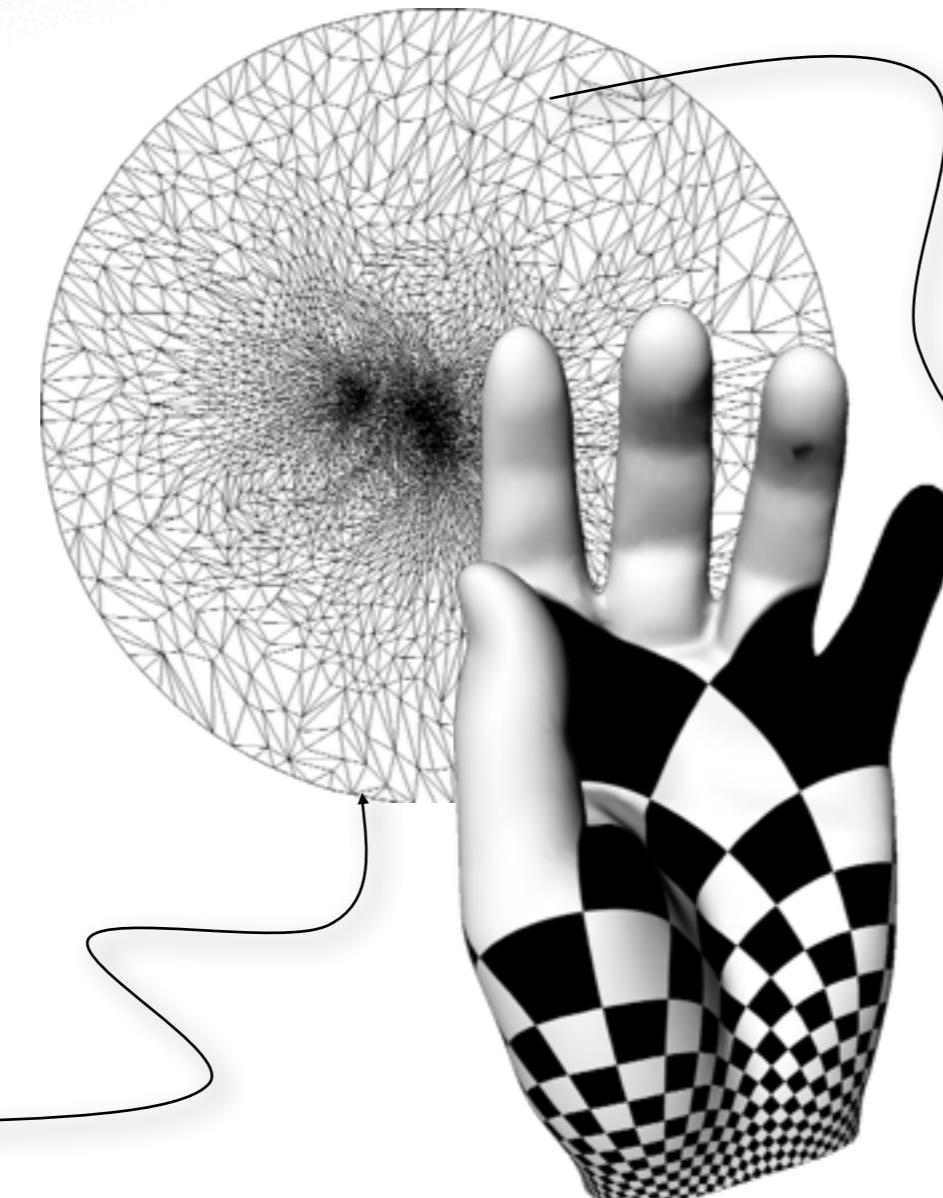
# Principal direction fields



# Flattening to 2D

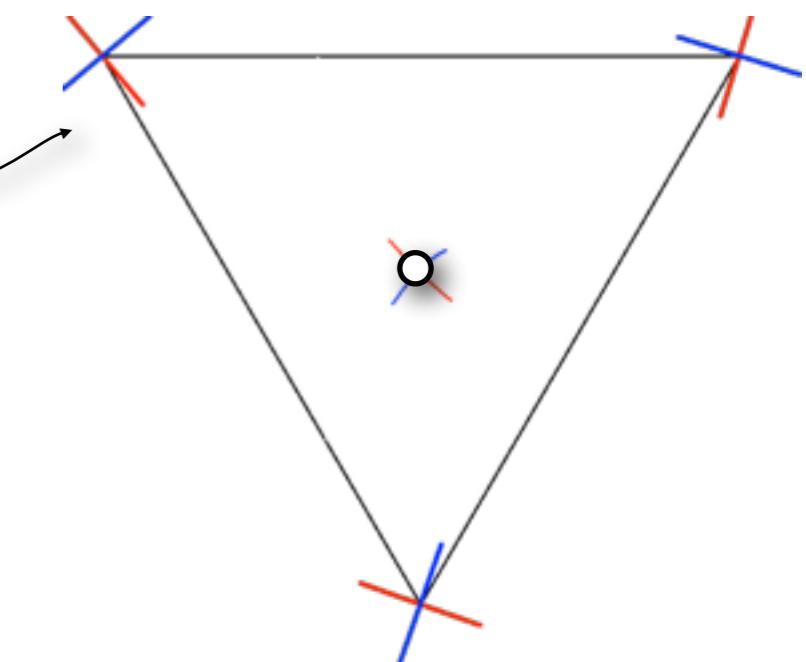


one 3D tensor  
per vertex



discrete conformal  
parameterization

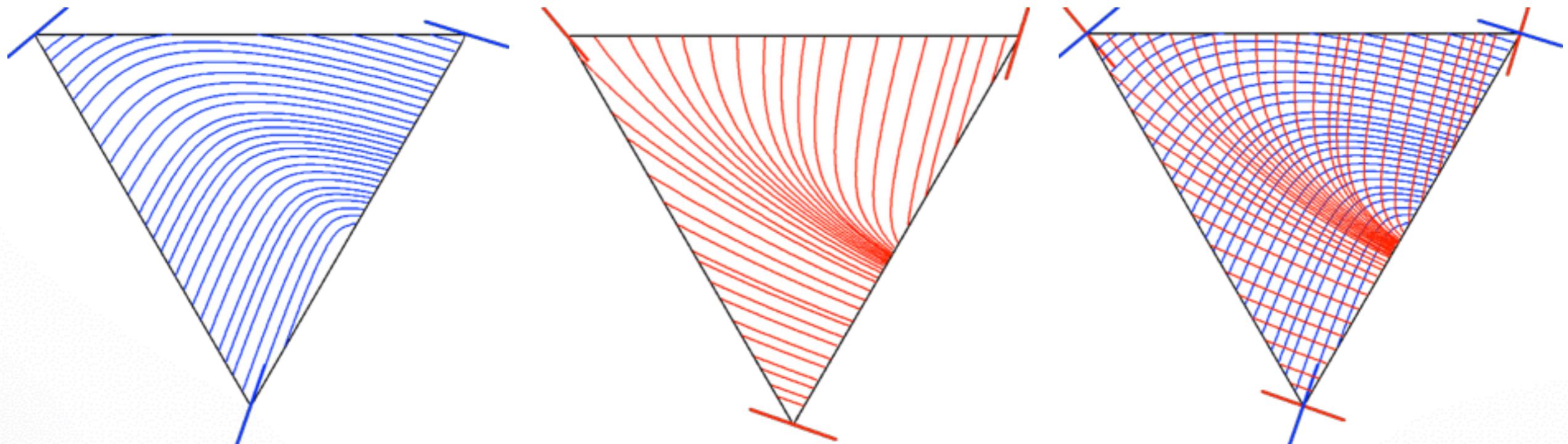
piecewise linear  
interpolation of  
2D tensors



2D tensor  
using barycentric  
coordinates

# 2D direction fields

- Regular case



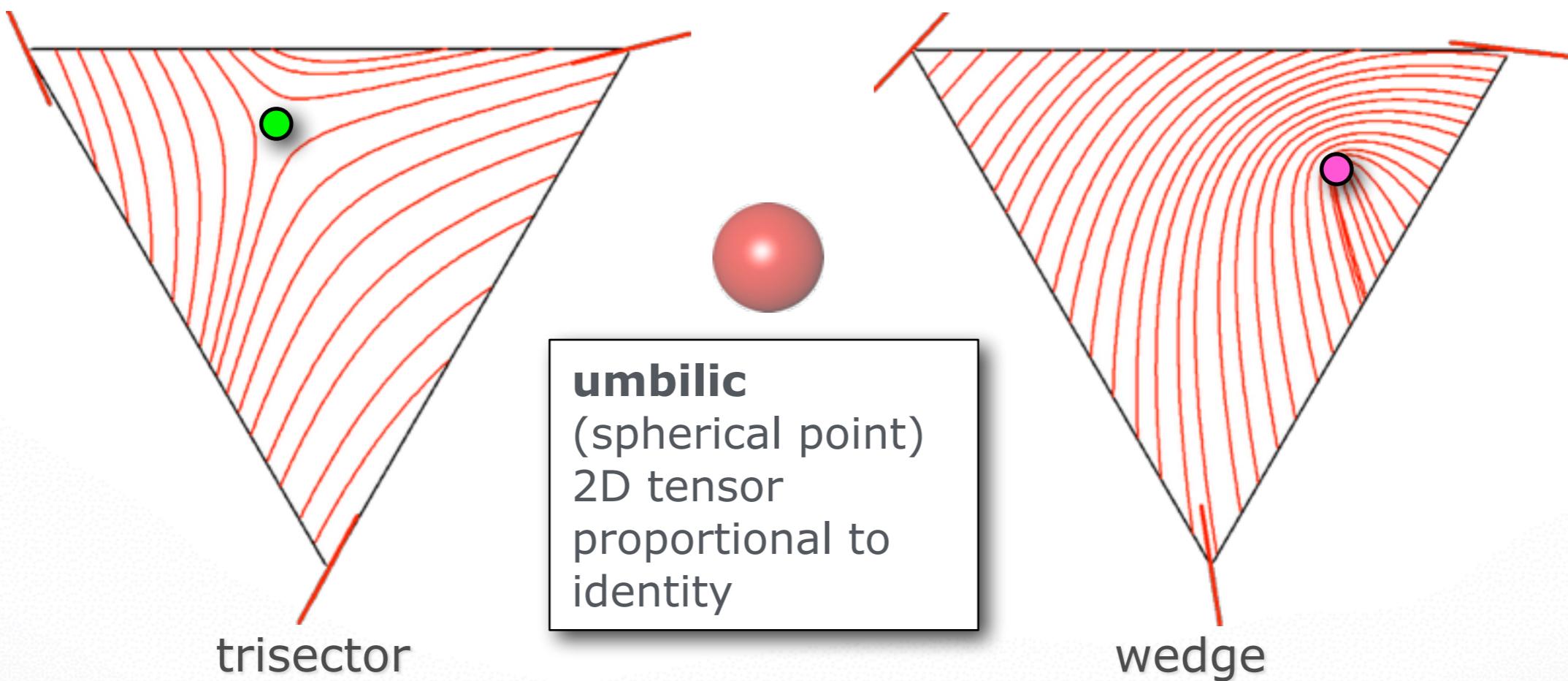
minor foliation

major foliation

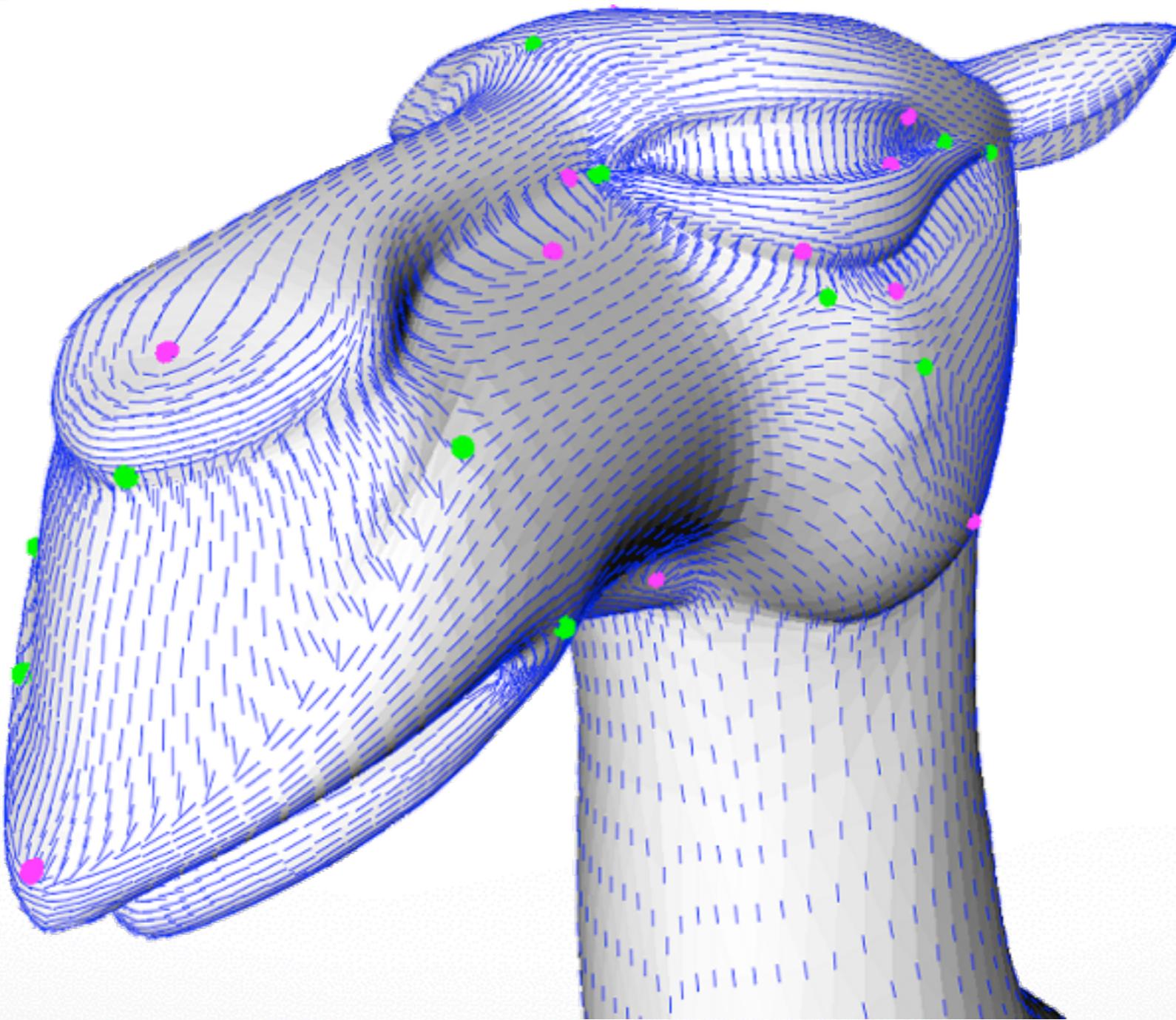
principal foliations

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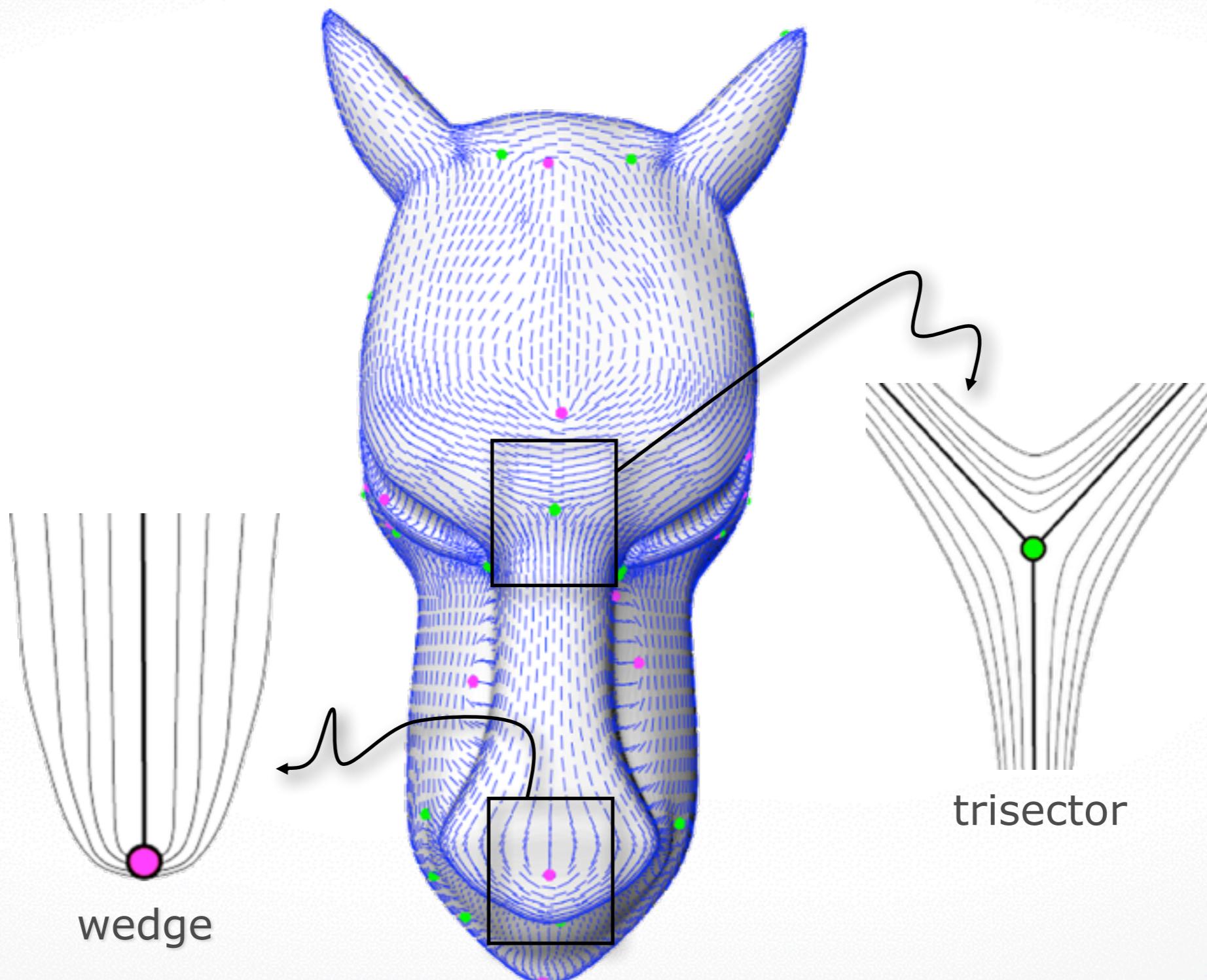
- Singularities



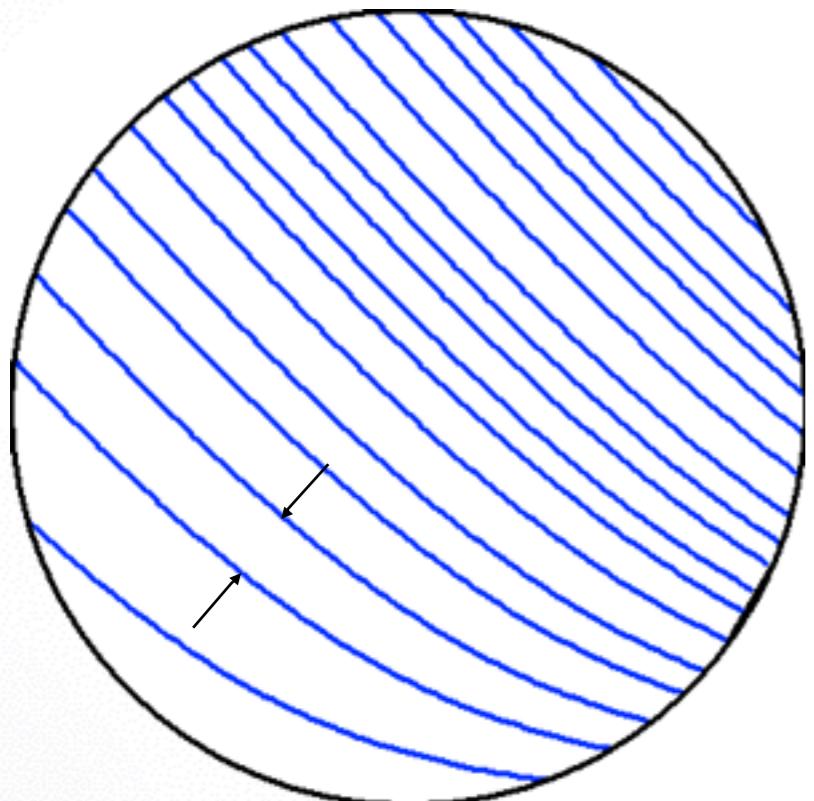
# Umbilics



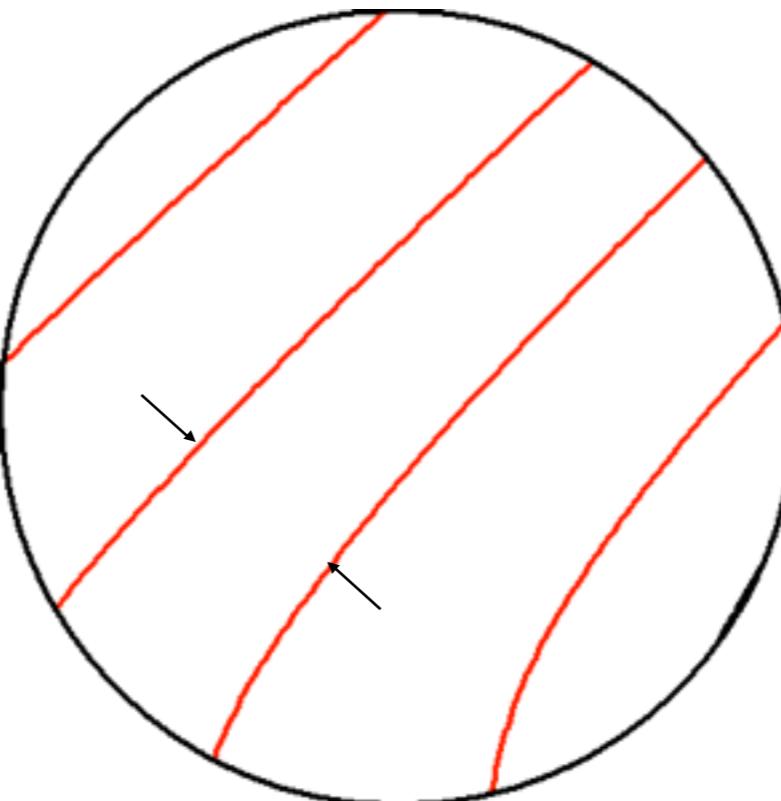
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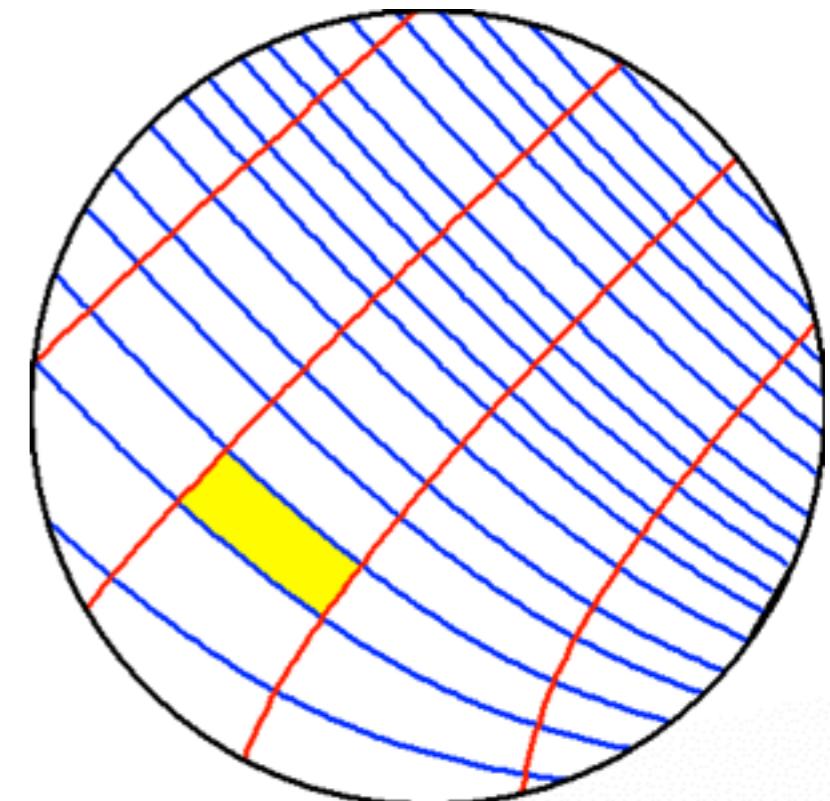
# Lines of curvature



minor net

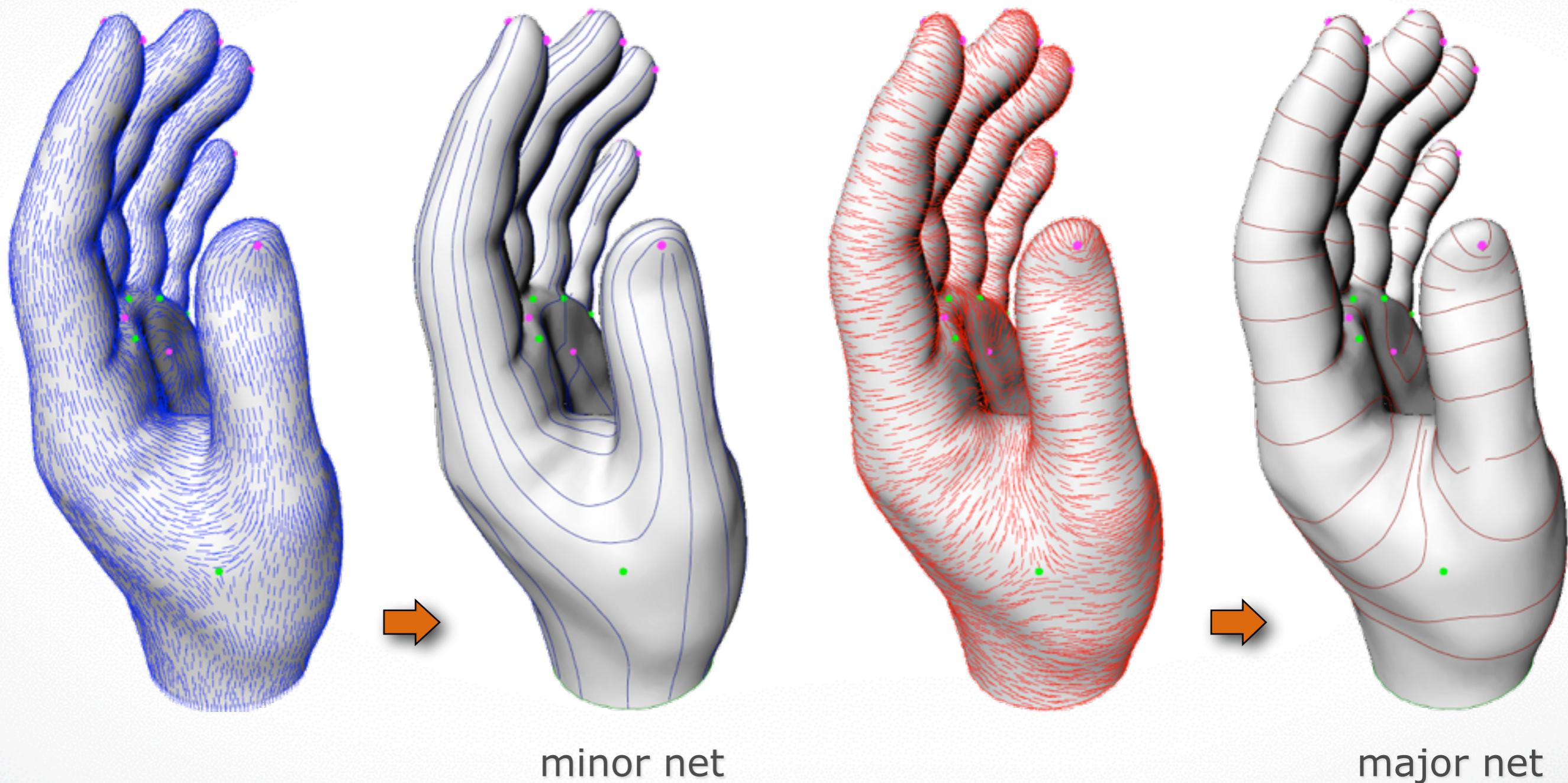


major net



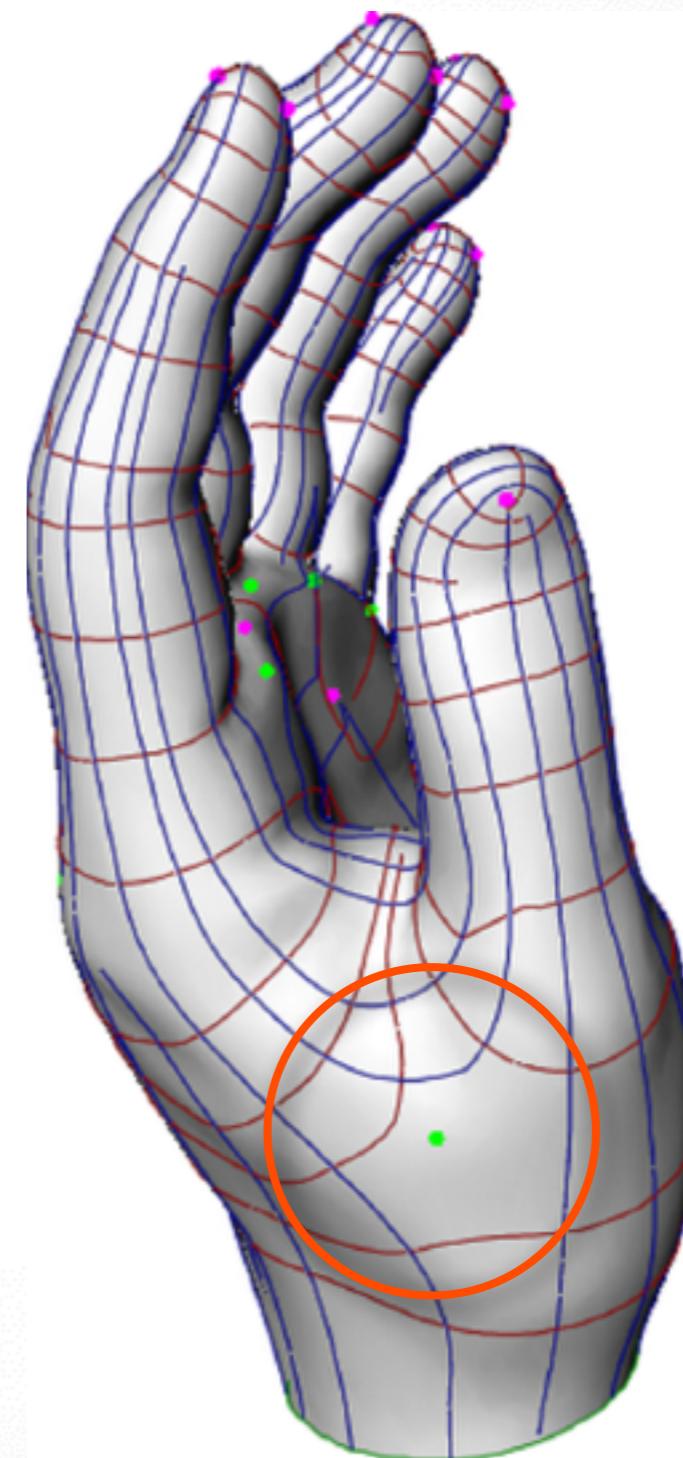
overlay

# Lines of curvature

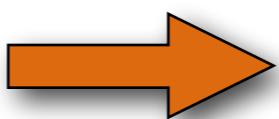
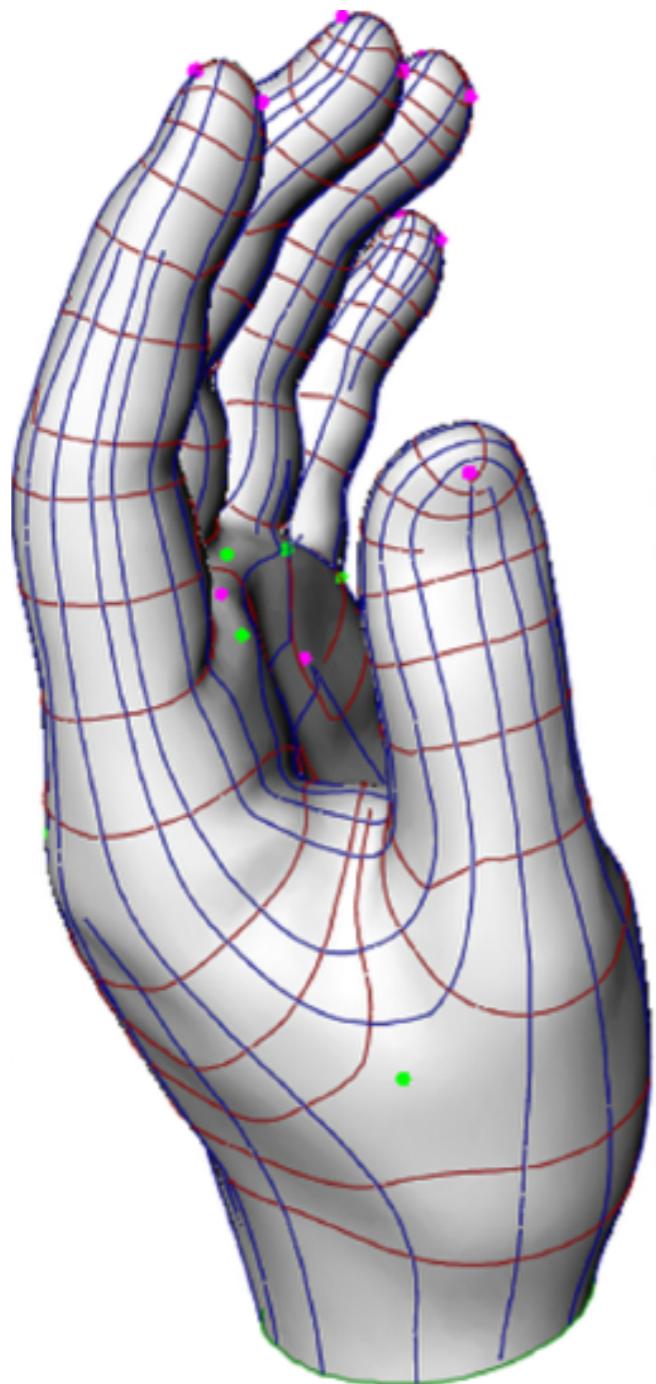


# Overlay

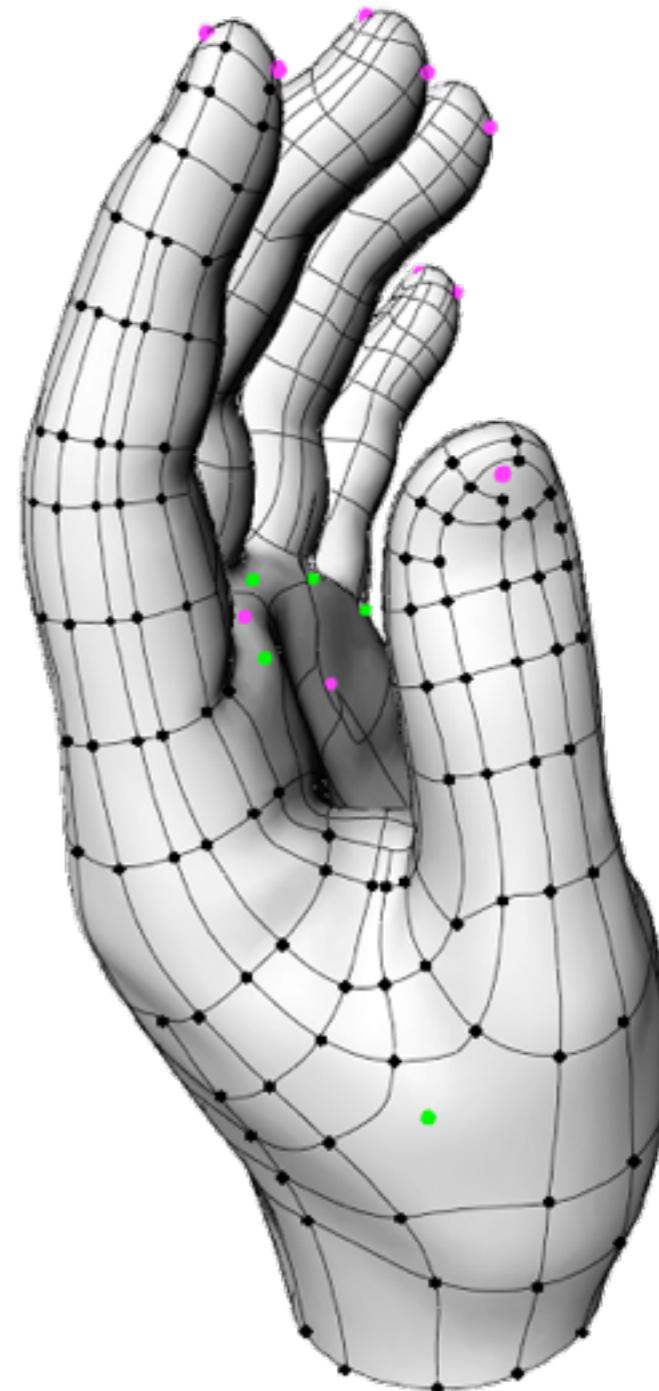
- Overlay curvature lines in anisotropic regions
- Add umbilical points in isotropic regions



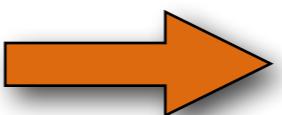
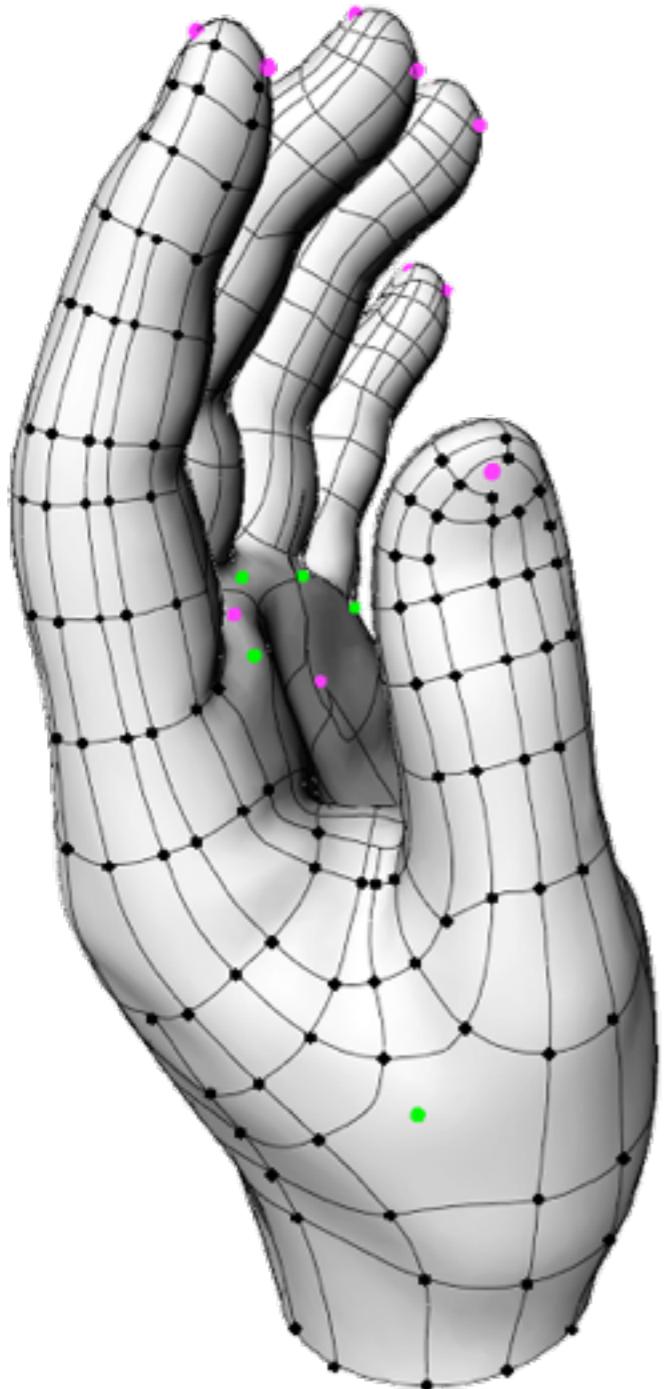
# Vertices



intersect lines of  
curvatures



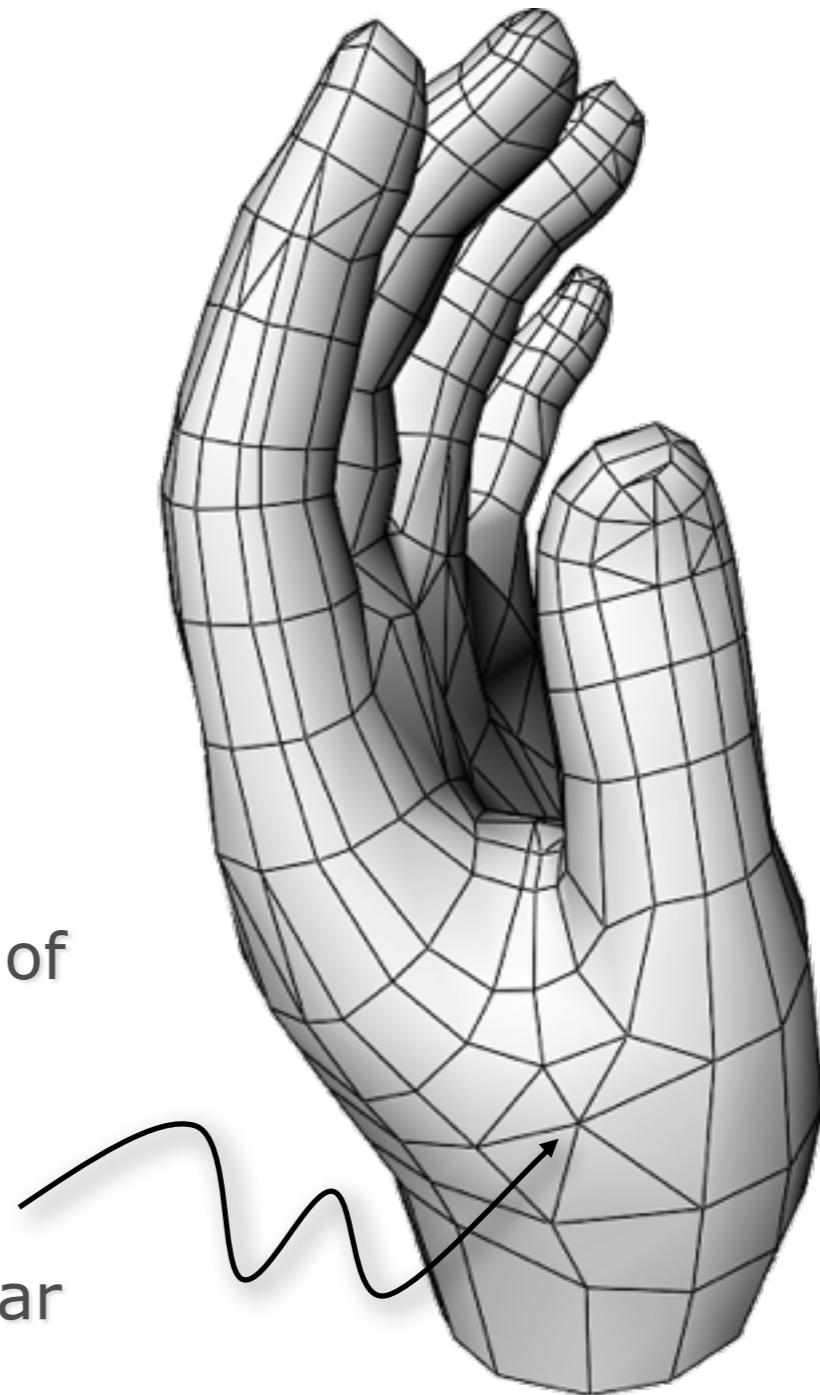
# Edges



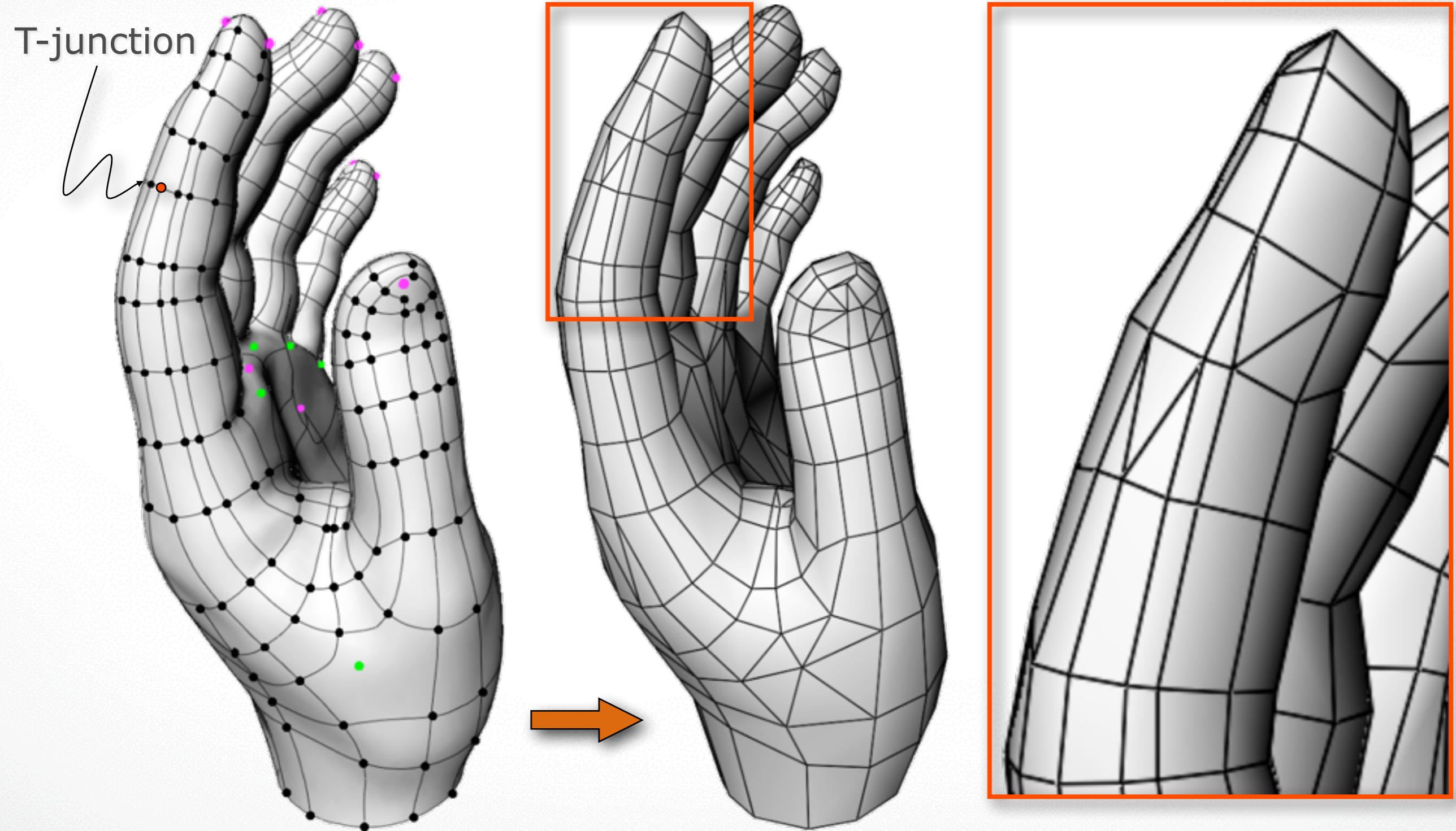
straighten lines of  
curvatures

+

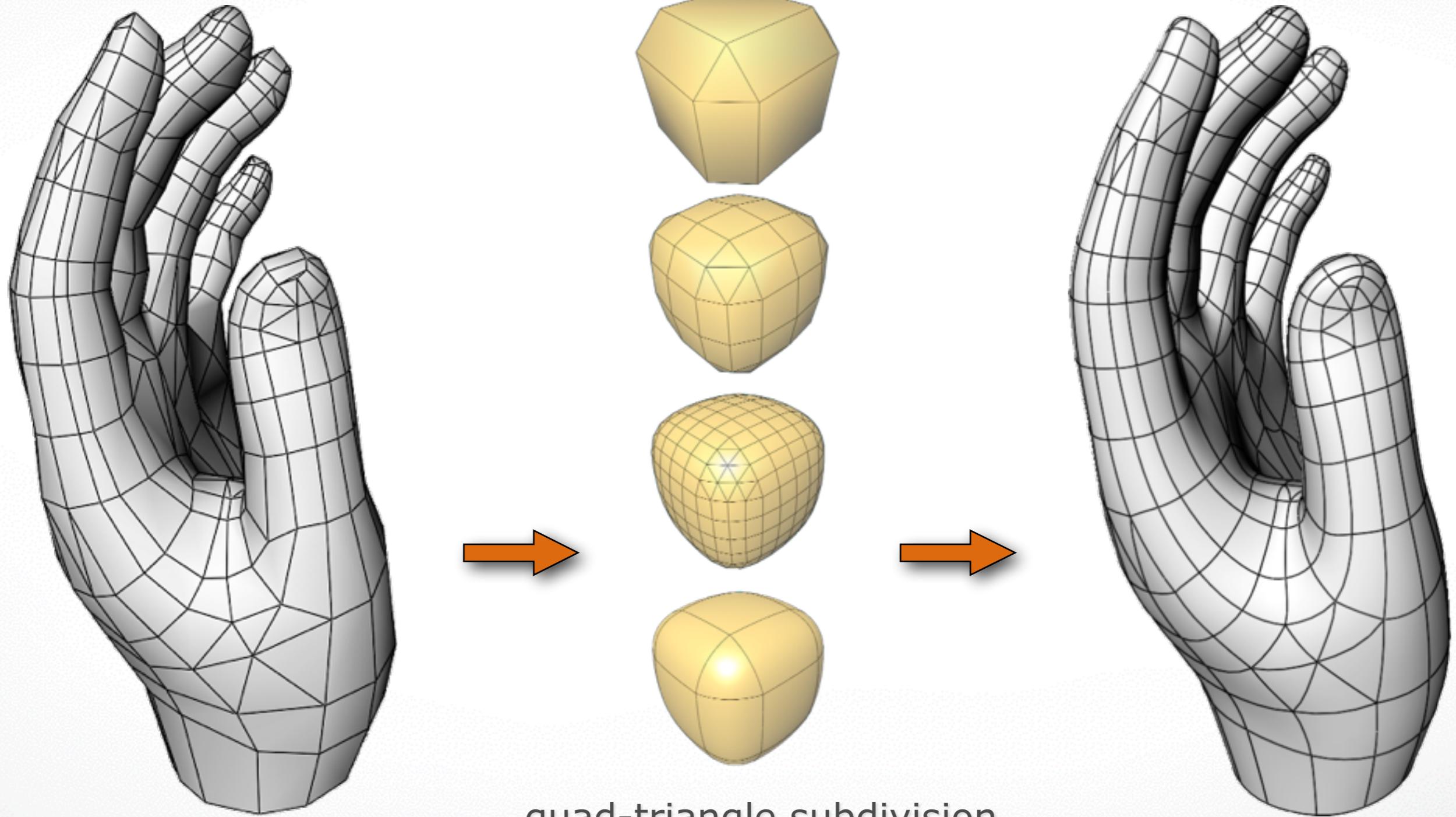
Delaunay  
triangulation near  
umbilics



# Resolve T-junctions

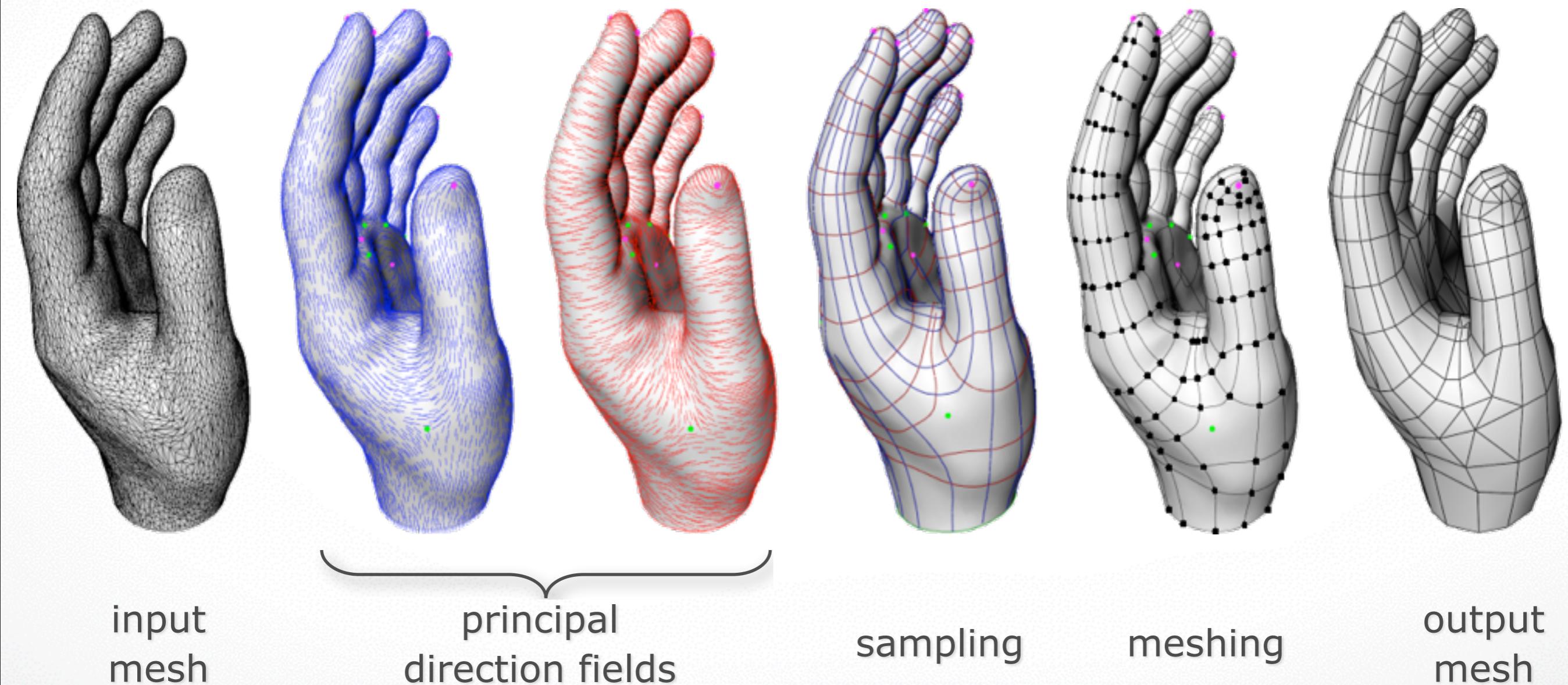


# Smoothing

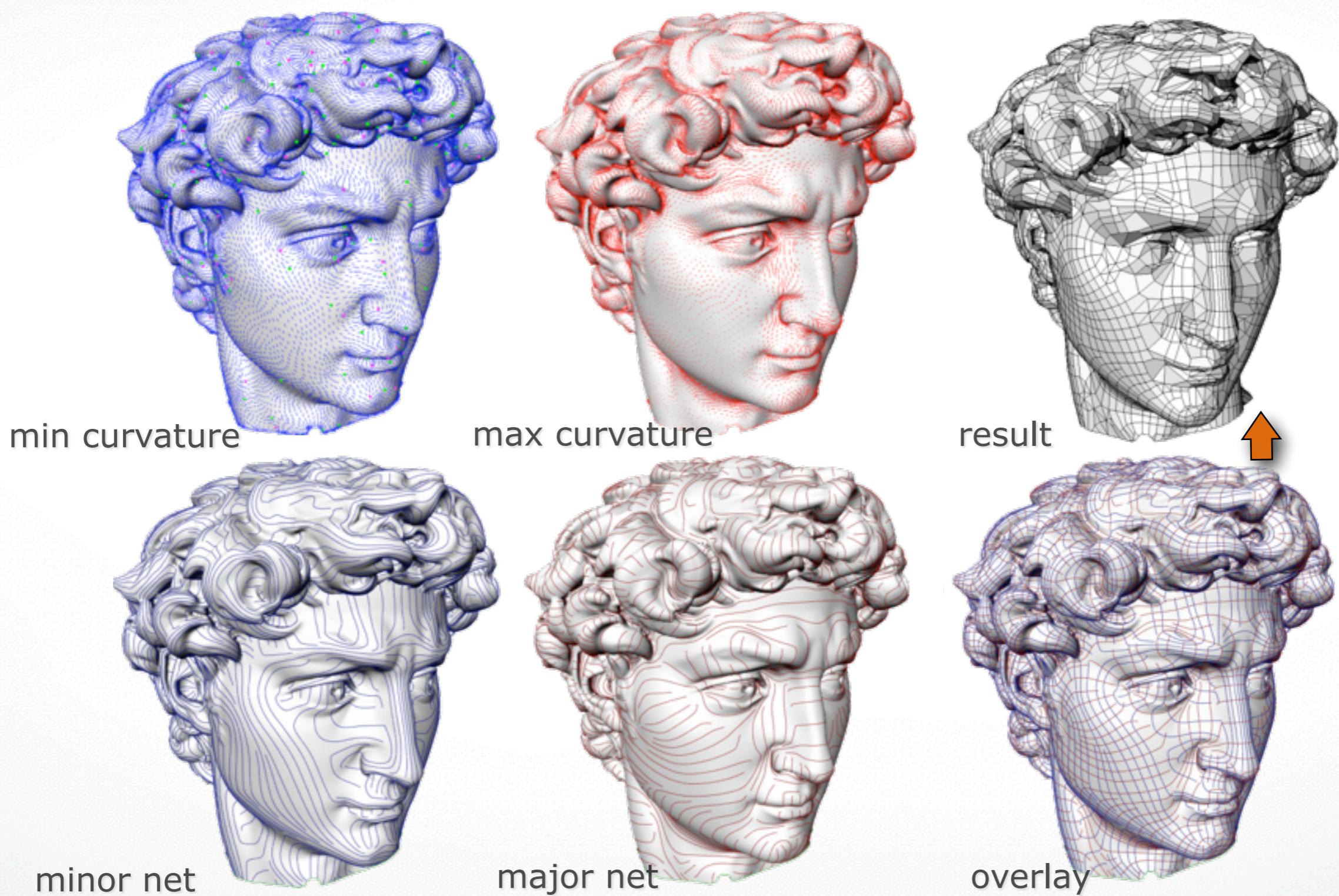


# Anisotropic remeshing

[Alliez et al. 2003] *Anisotropic Polygonal Remeshing.*

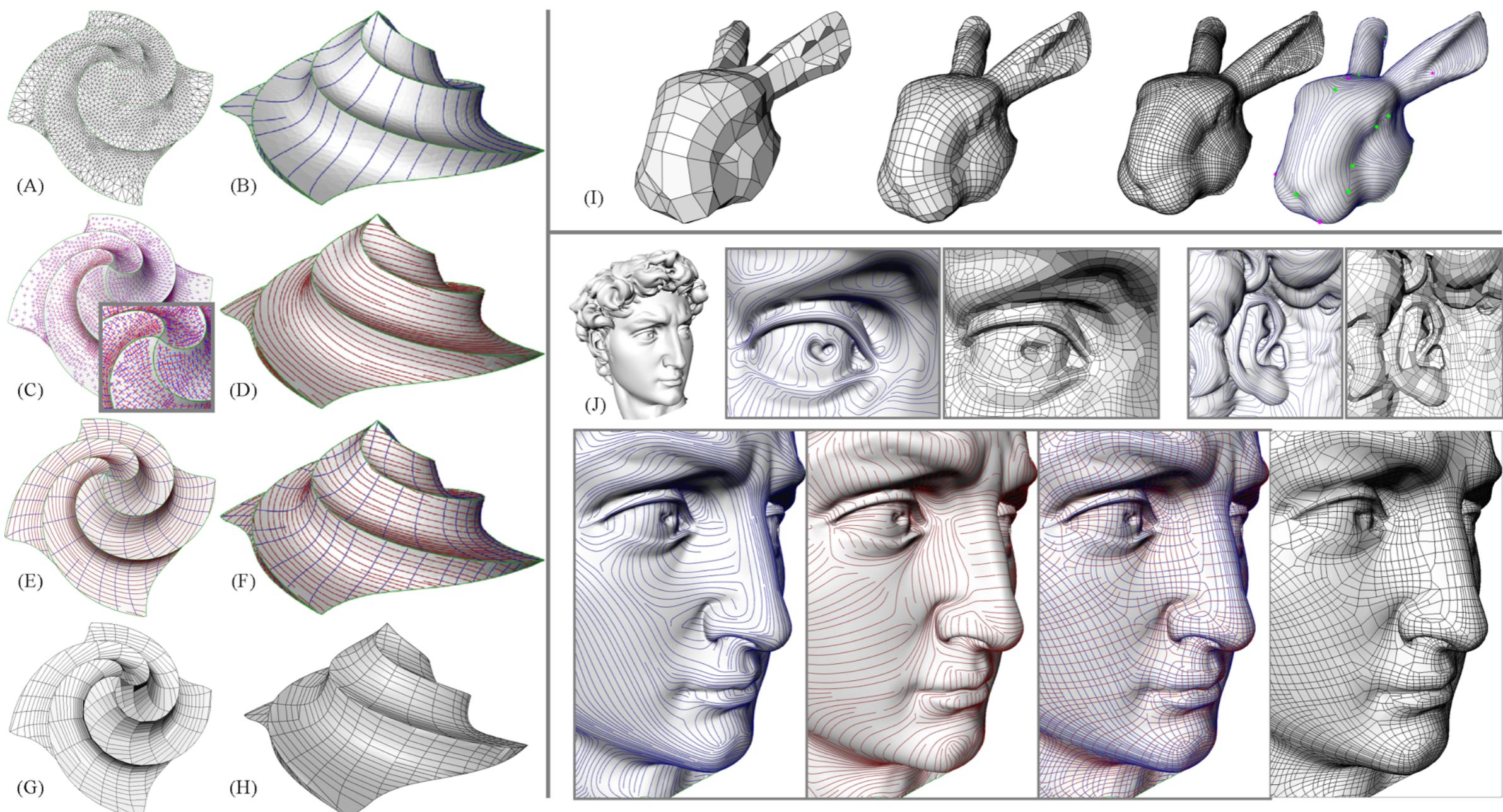


# Remeshing results



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# Tools

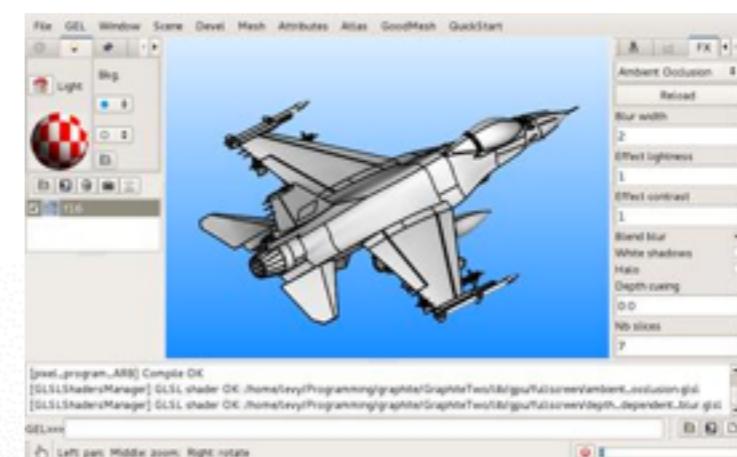
## MeshLab

- [meshlab.sourceforge.net](http://meshlab.sourceforge.net)
- open source
- available for Windows, MacOSX, and Linux



## Graphite

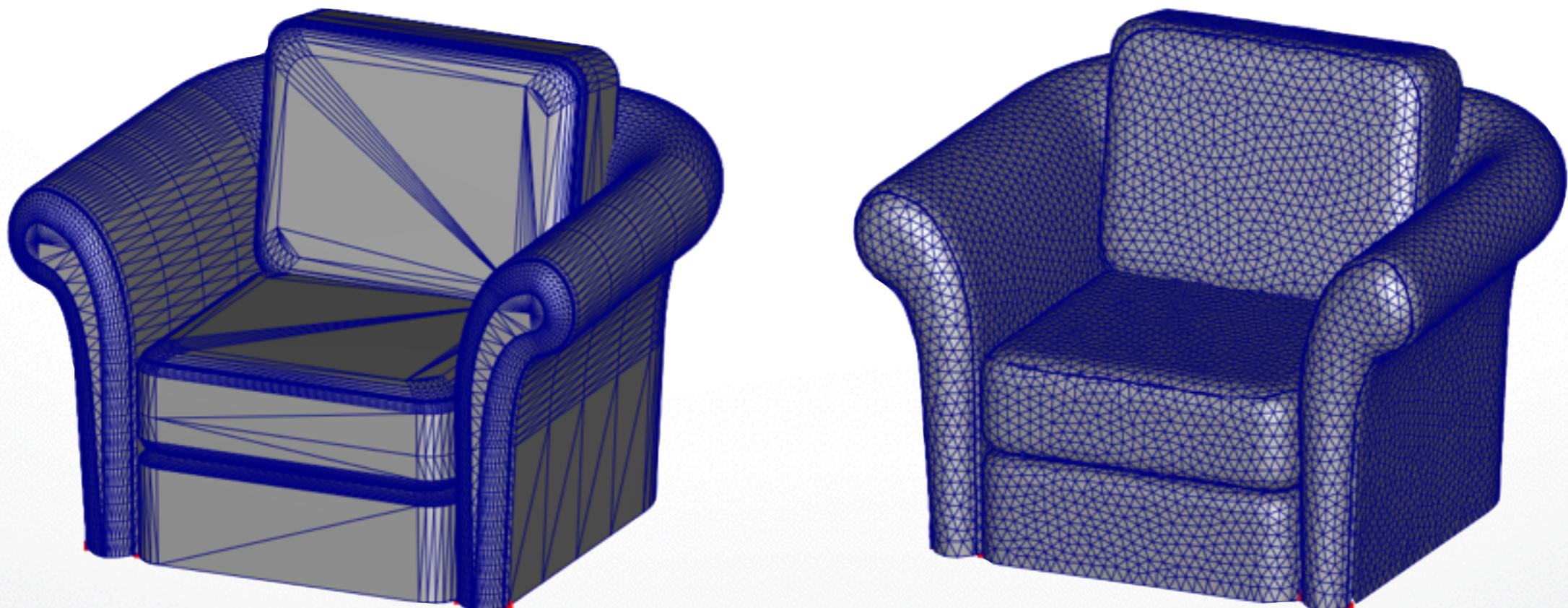
- <http://alice.loria.fr/index.php/software/3-platform/22-graphite.html>
- available for Windows
- MacOSX or Linux?



# Remeshing via Graphite

“Mesh” → “remesh” → “pliant” →

- [Optional] flag border as feature
- [Optional] flag sharp edges as feature (dihedral angle)
- [Optional] estimate edge size (bounding box divisions)
- remesh (target edge length)



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