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# CSCI 621: **Digital Geometry Processing**

## 11.1 Remeshing



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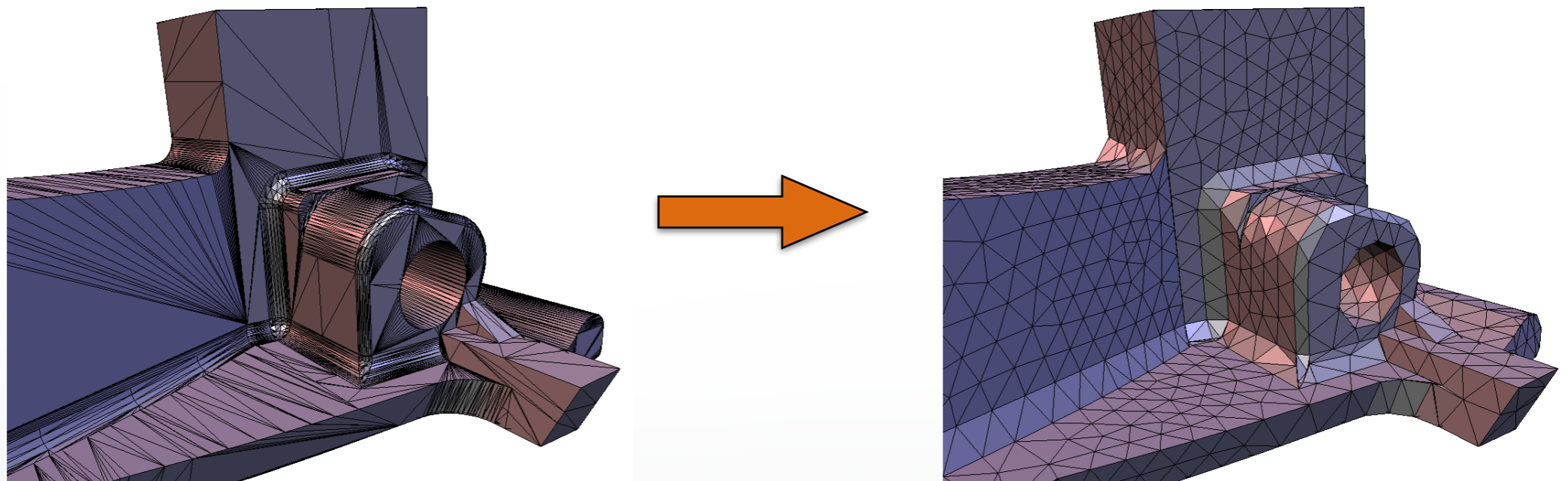
# Definition

## Given a 3D mesh

- Already a manifold mesh

## Compute another mesh

- Satisfy some quality requirements
- Approximate well the input mesh



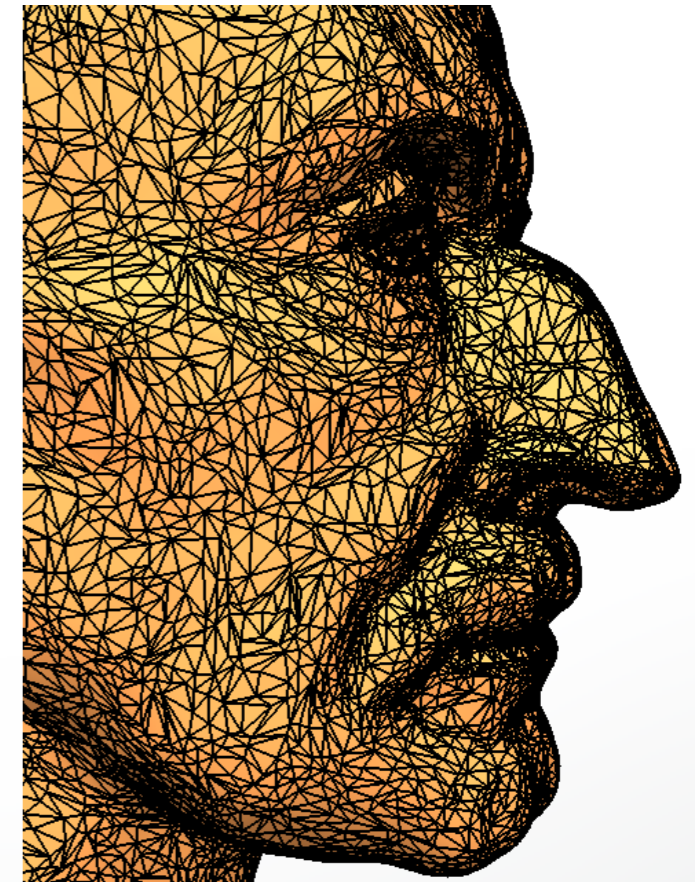
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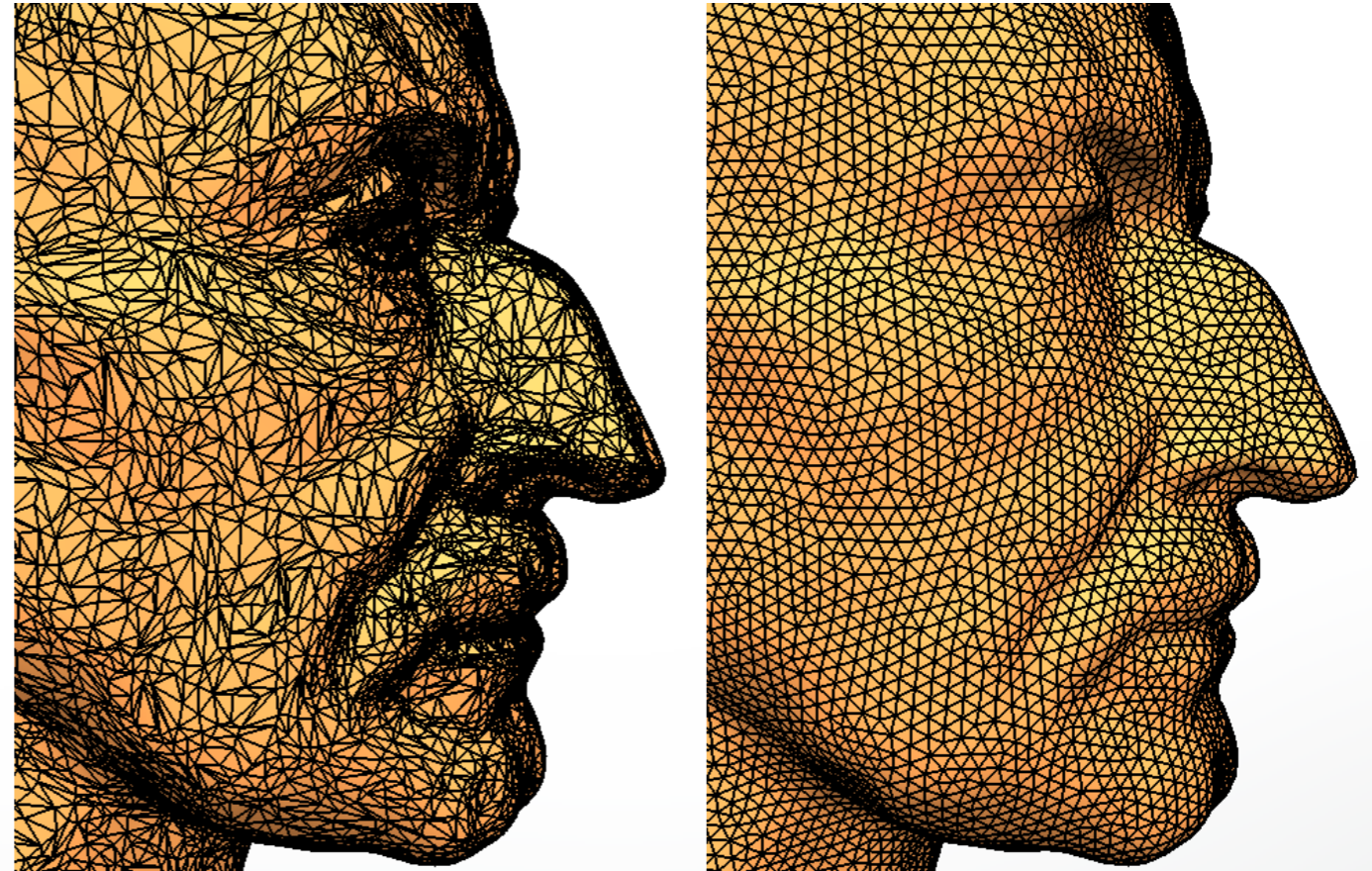


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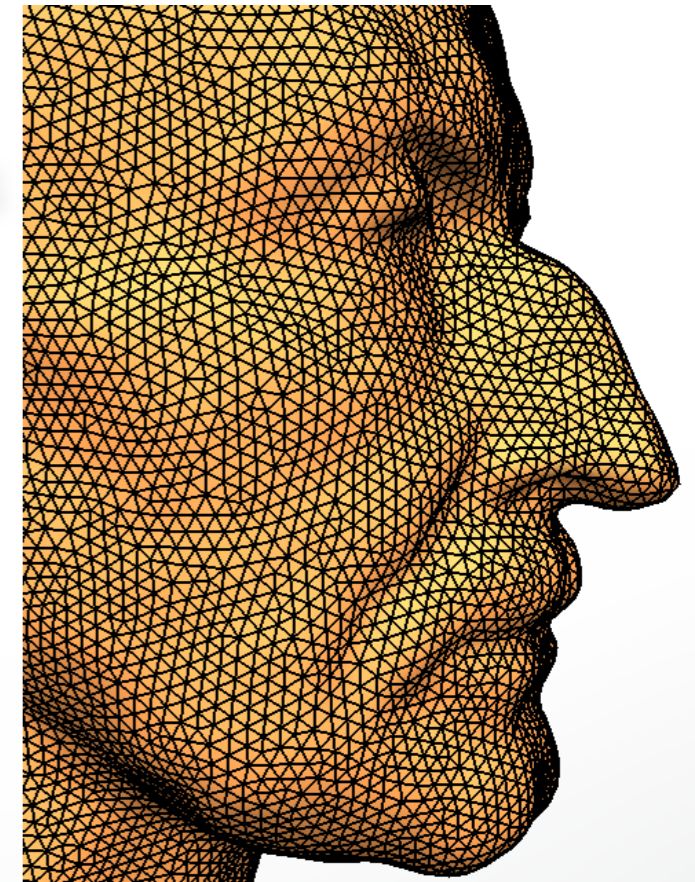
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- Modeling: easy processing
- Simulation: numerical robustness
- .....

## Quality requirements

- Local structure
- Global structure

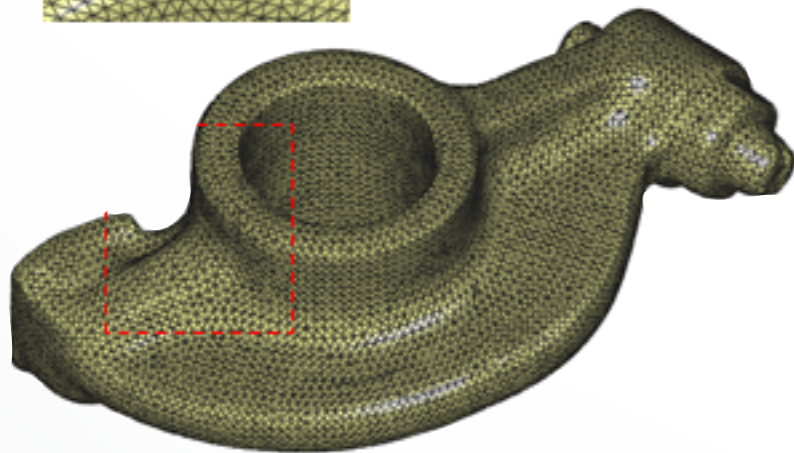
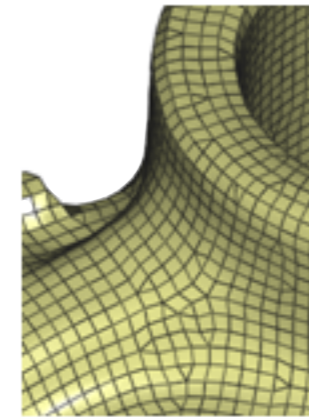
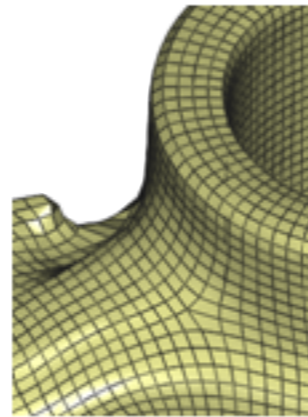
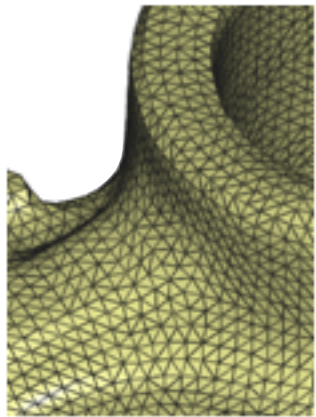




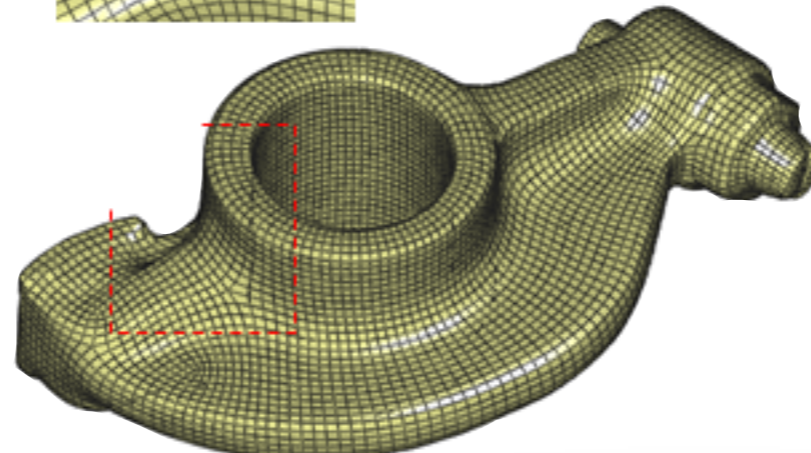
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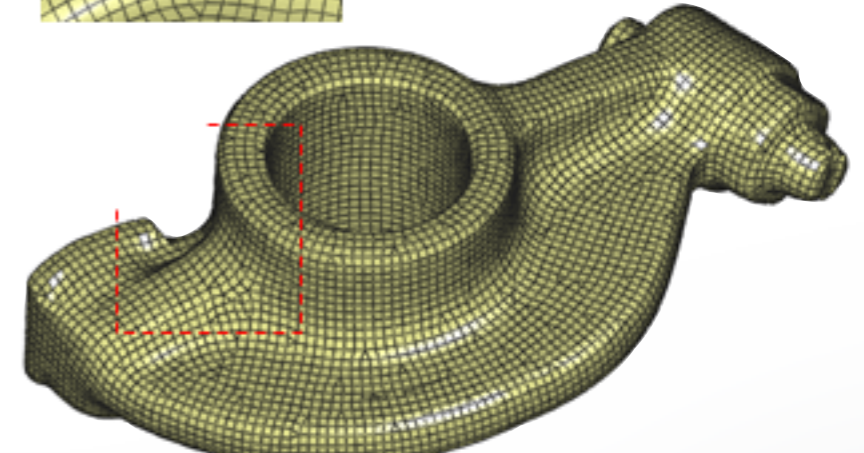
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all-triangle mesh



all-quad mesh

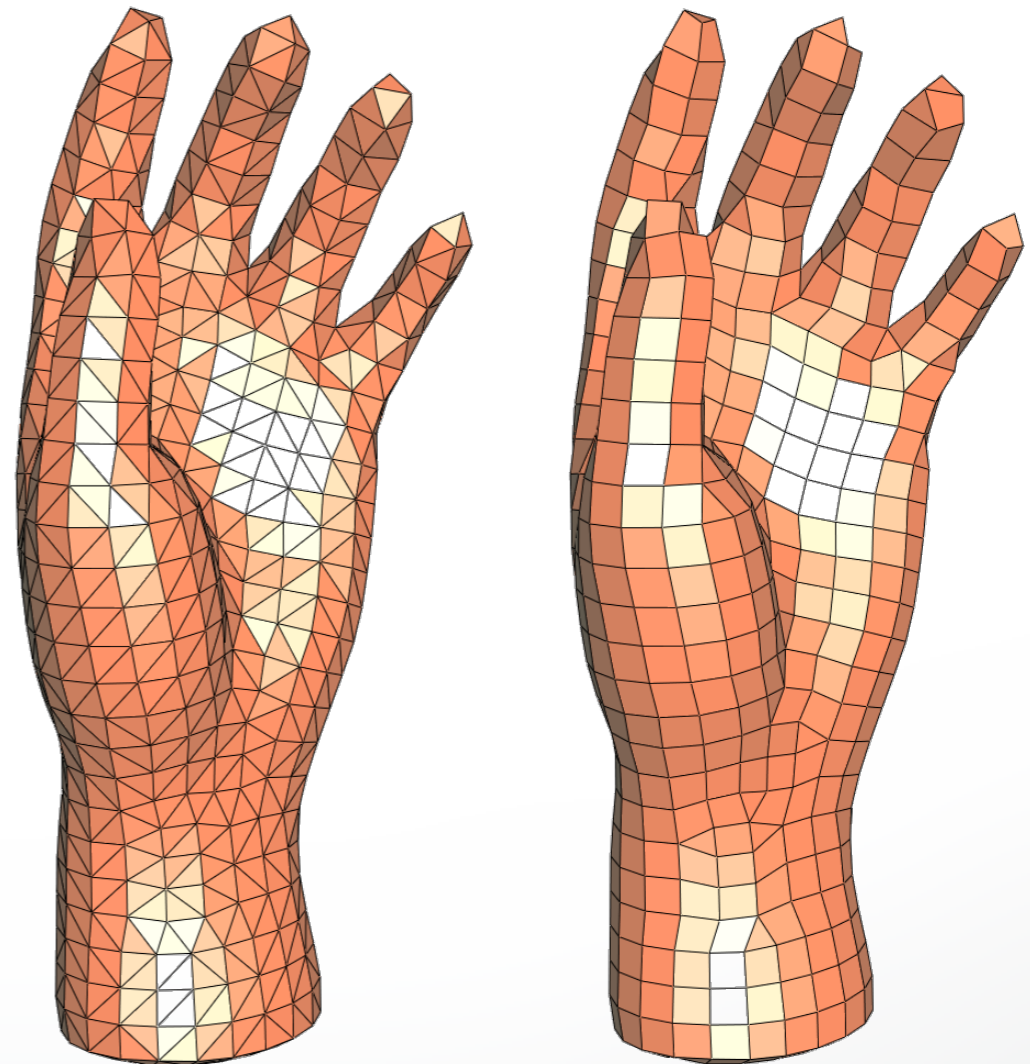


quad-dominant mesh

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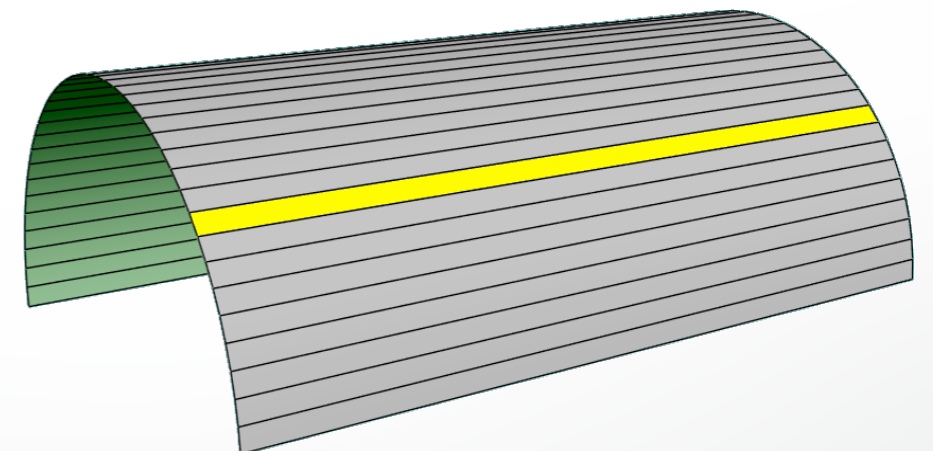
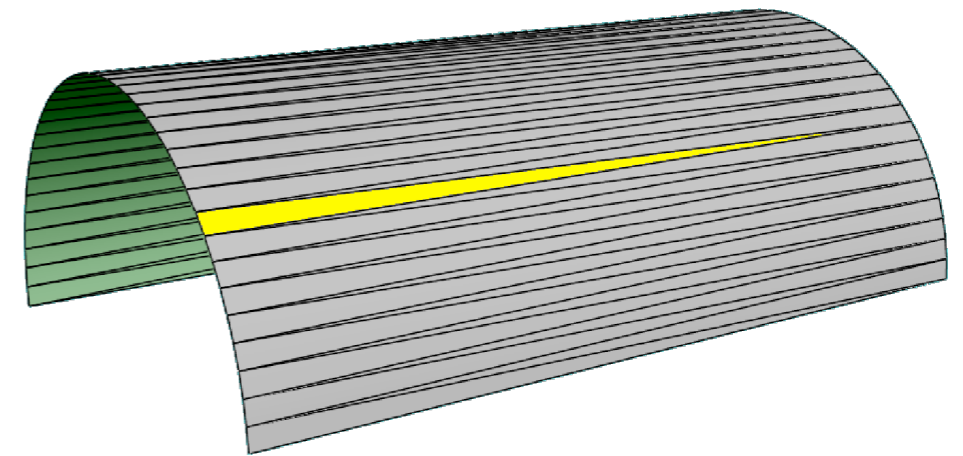
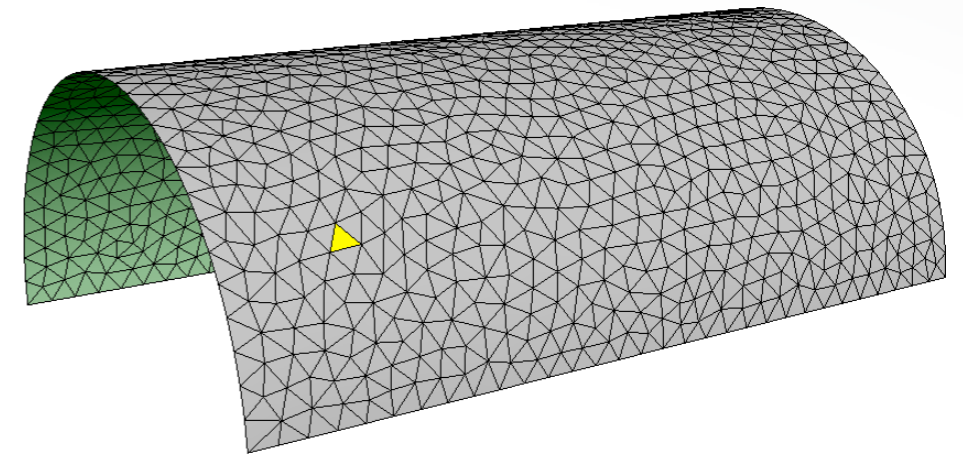
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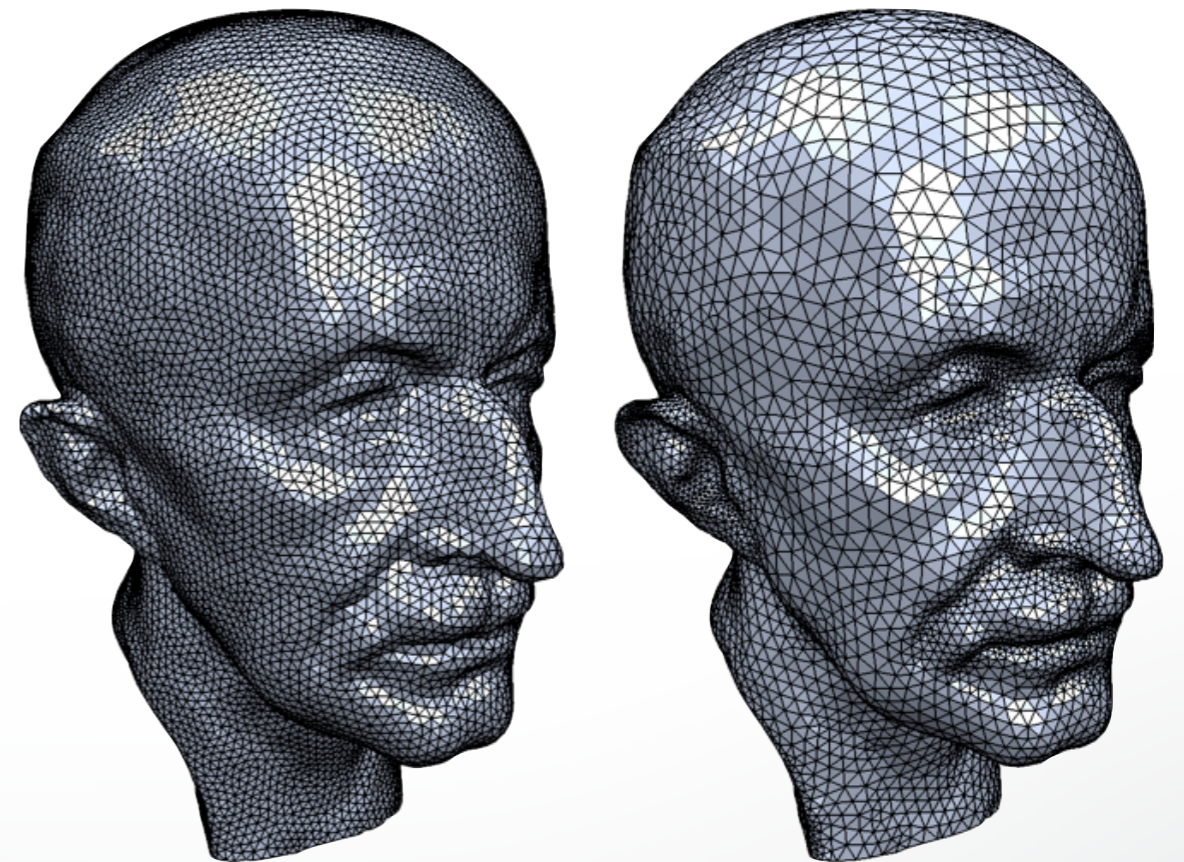
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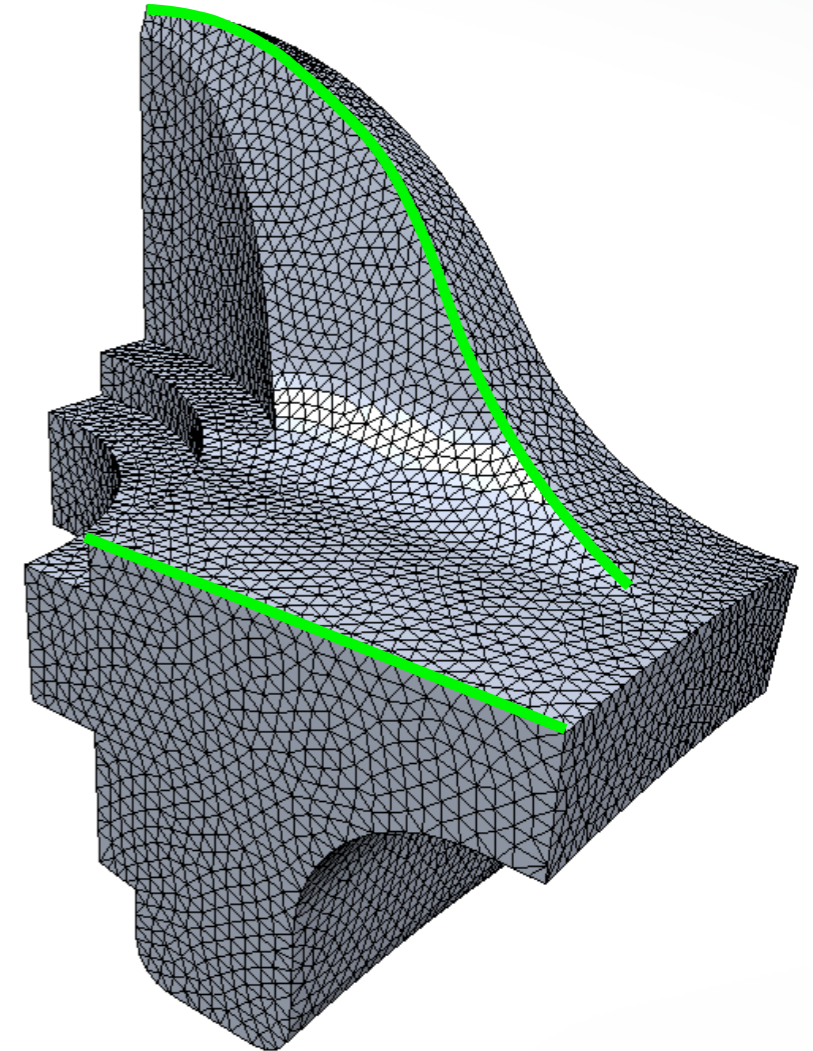
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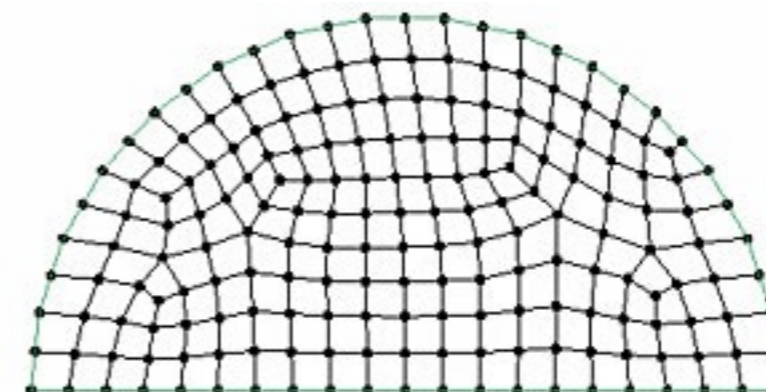
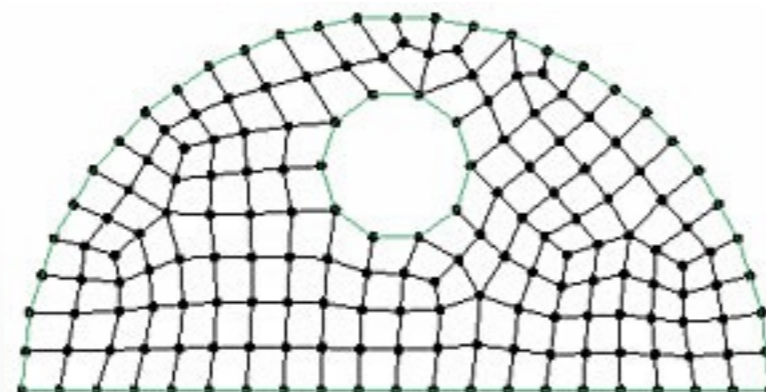
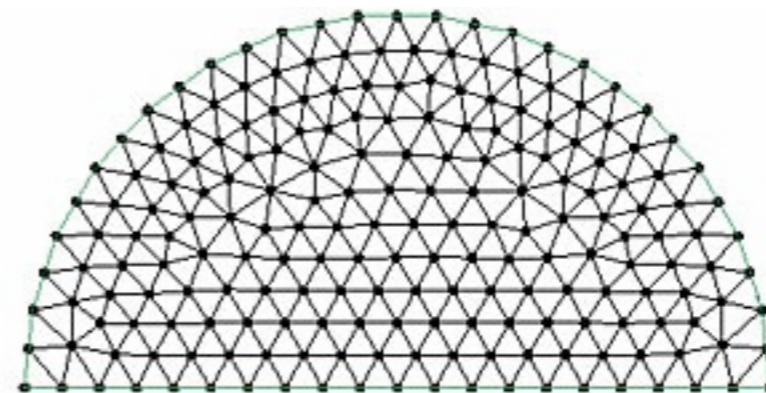
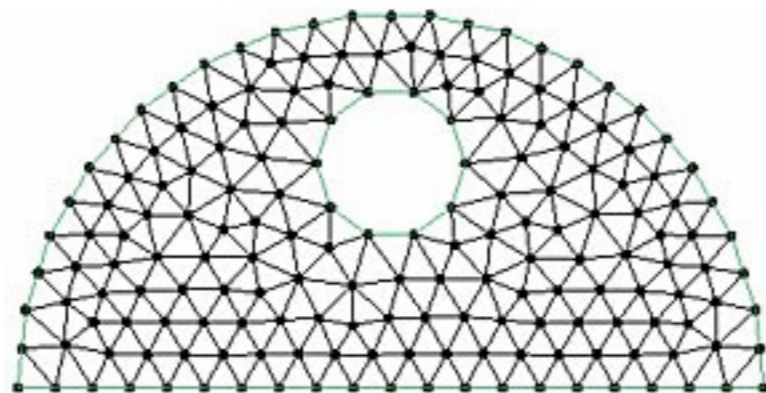
- Preserve sharp features and curvature lines



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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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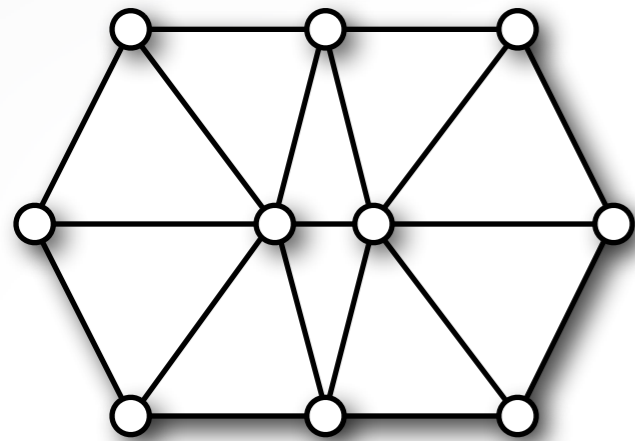
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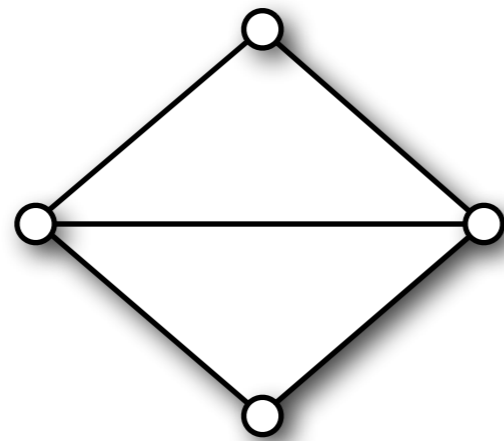
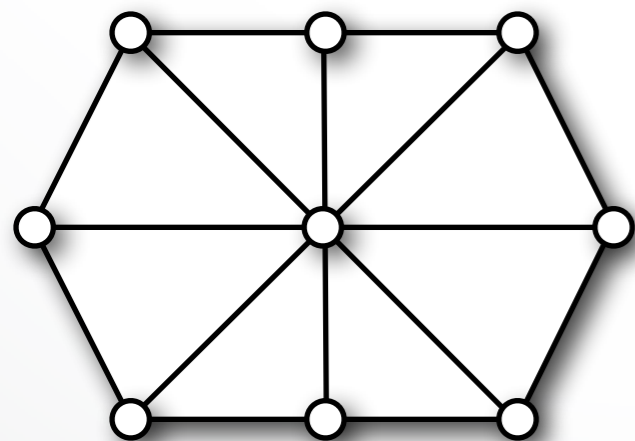
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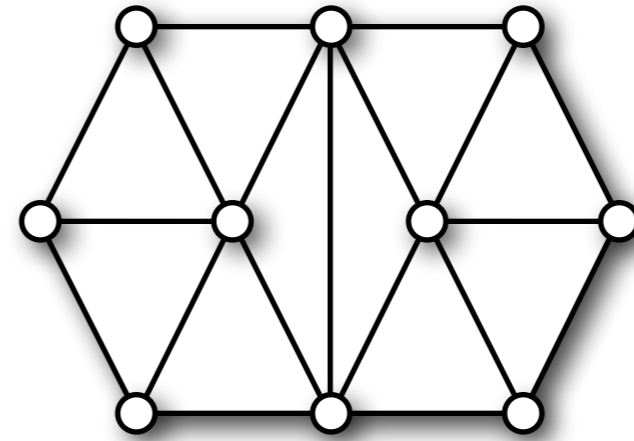
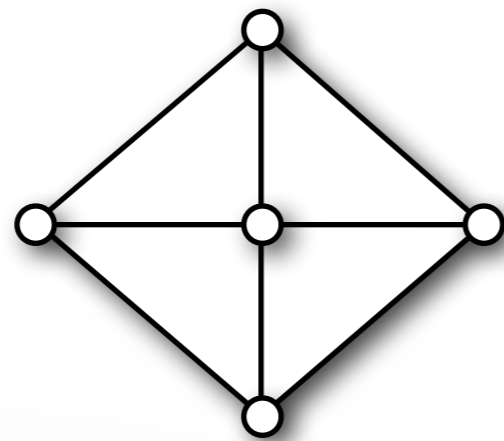
# Local remeshing operators



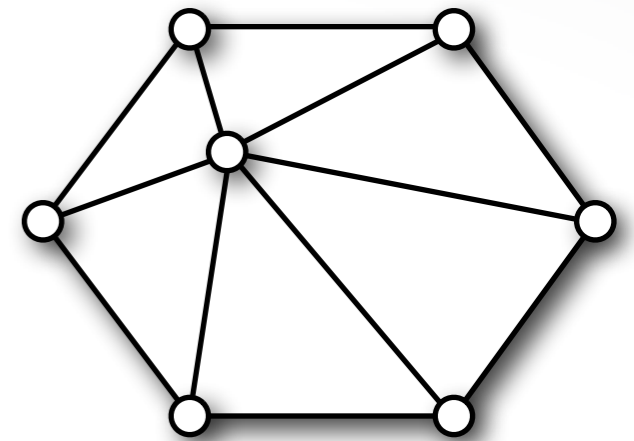
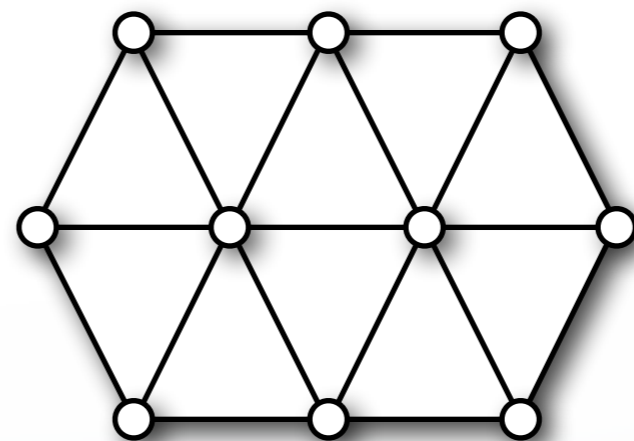
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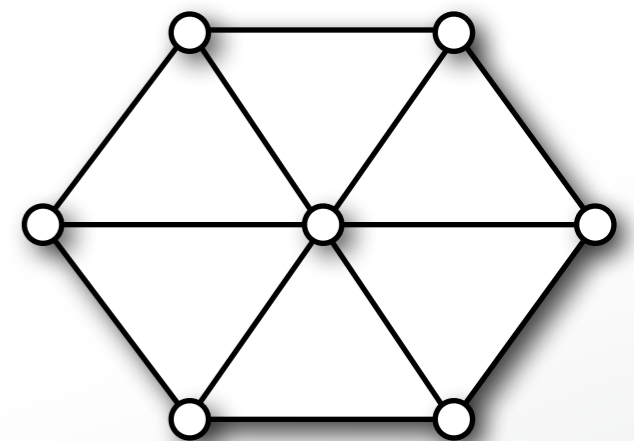
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Edge  
Flip



Vertex  
Shift



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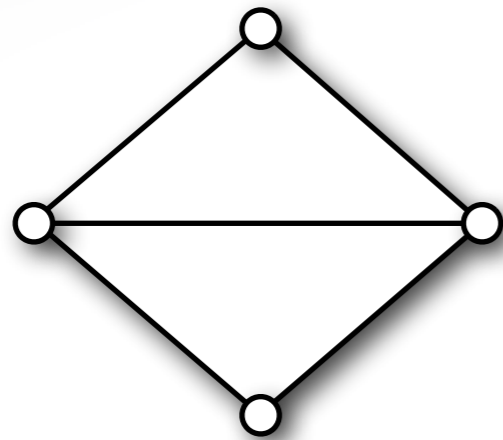
Specify target edge length  $L$

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

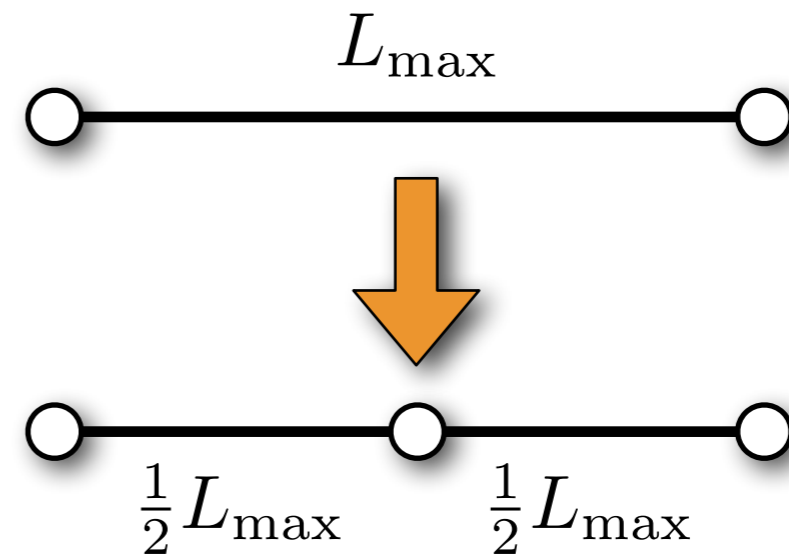
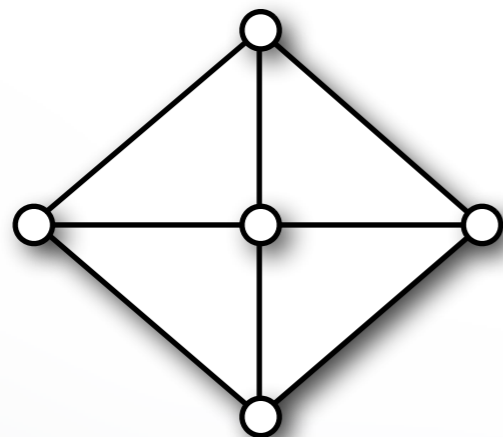
Iterate:

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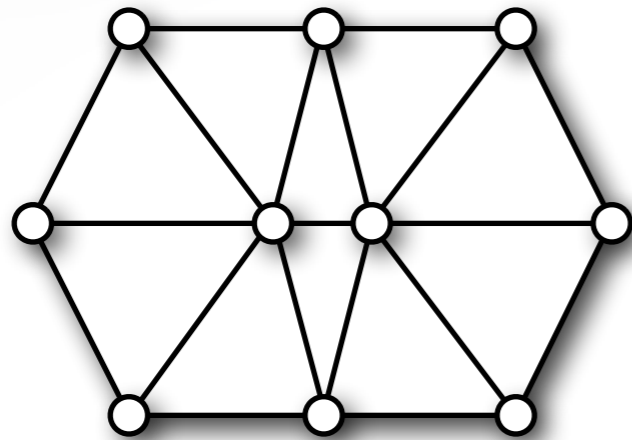
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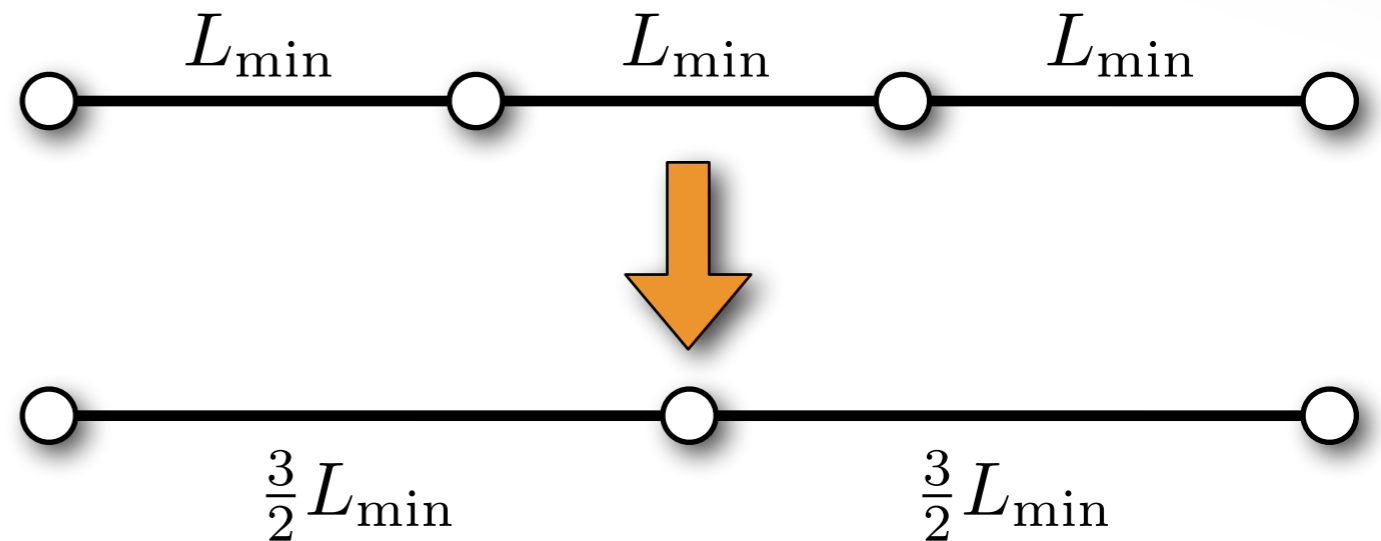
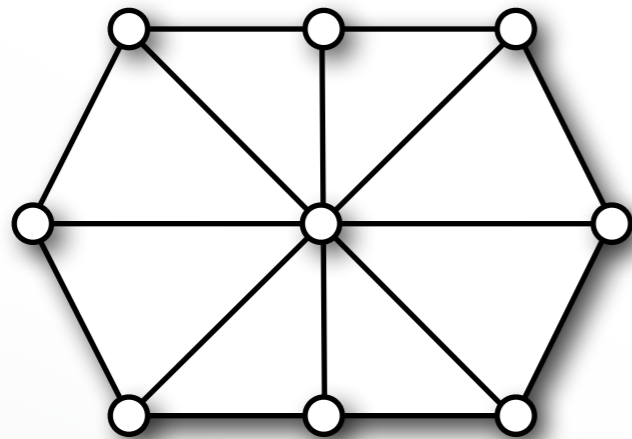
$$|L_{\max} - L| = \left| \frac{1}{2}L_{\max} - L \right|$$
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**Split** edges longer than  $L_{\max}$

# Edge collapse



Edge  
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$$|L_{\min} - L| = \left| \frac{3}{2}L_{\min} - L \right|$$
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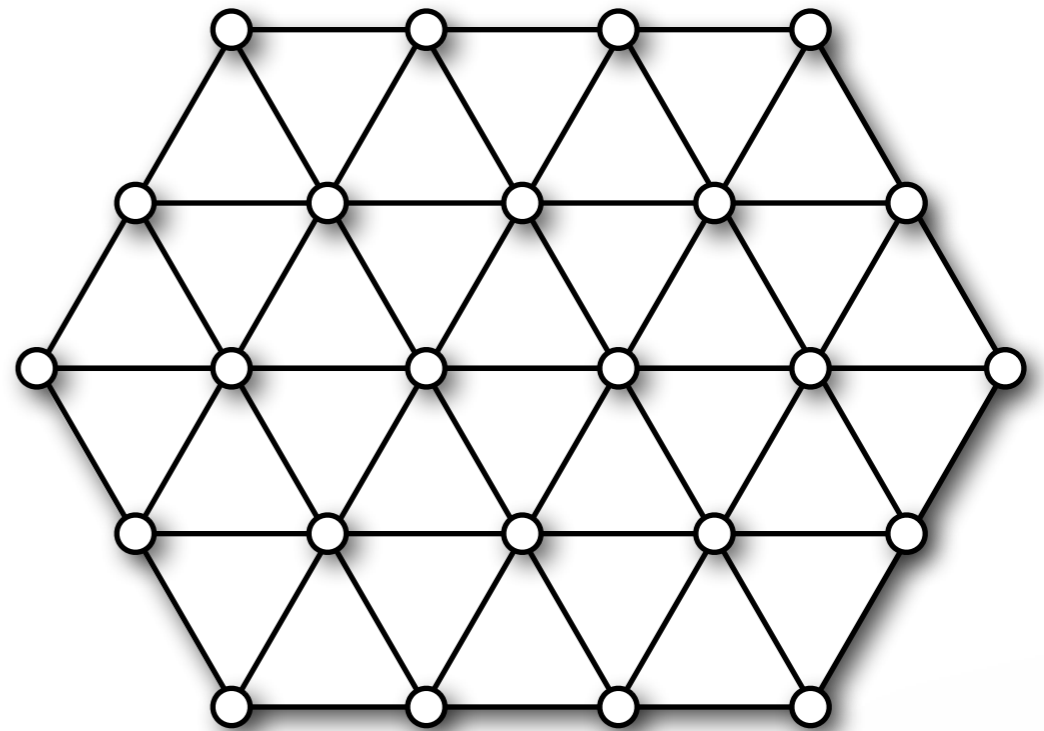
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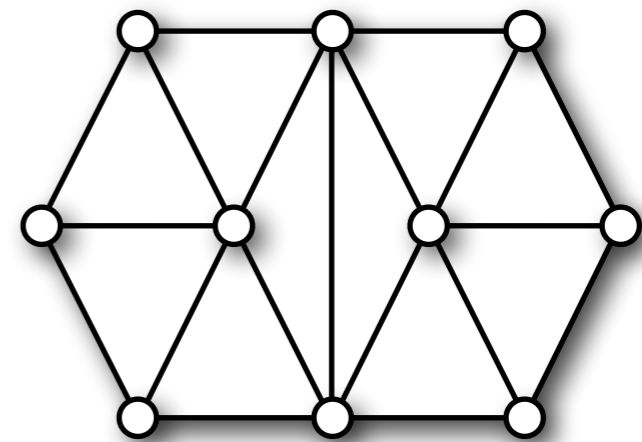
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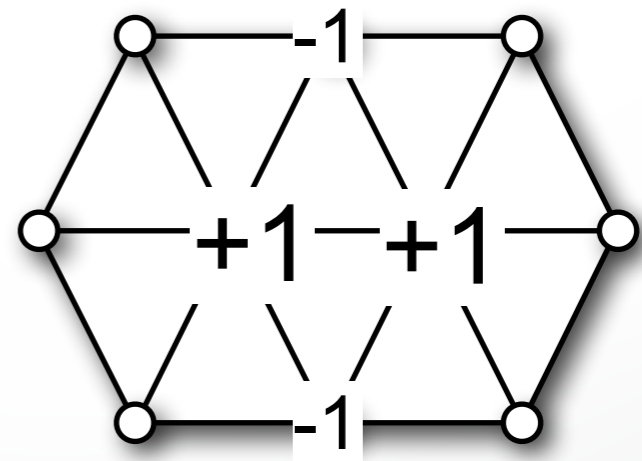
## Improve valences

- Minimize valence excess

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



Edge  
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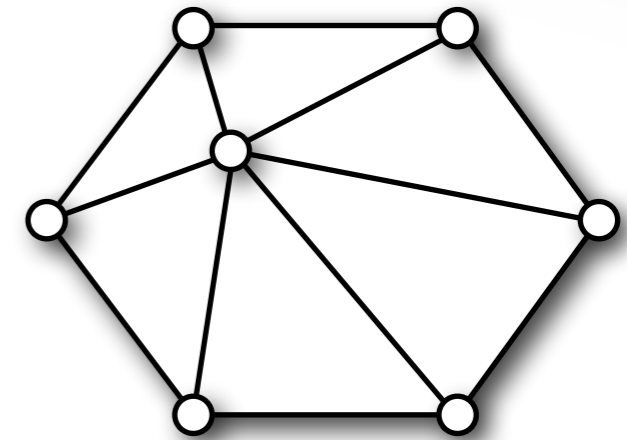


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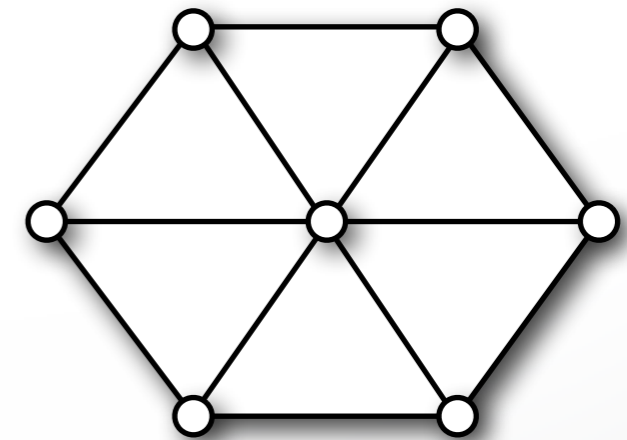
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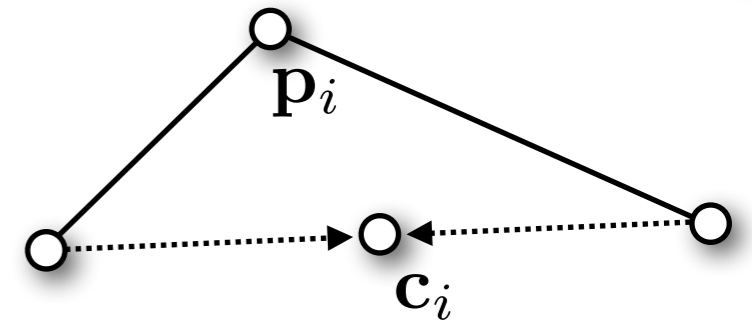


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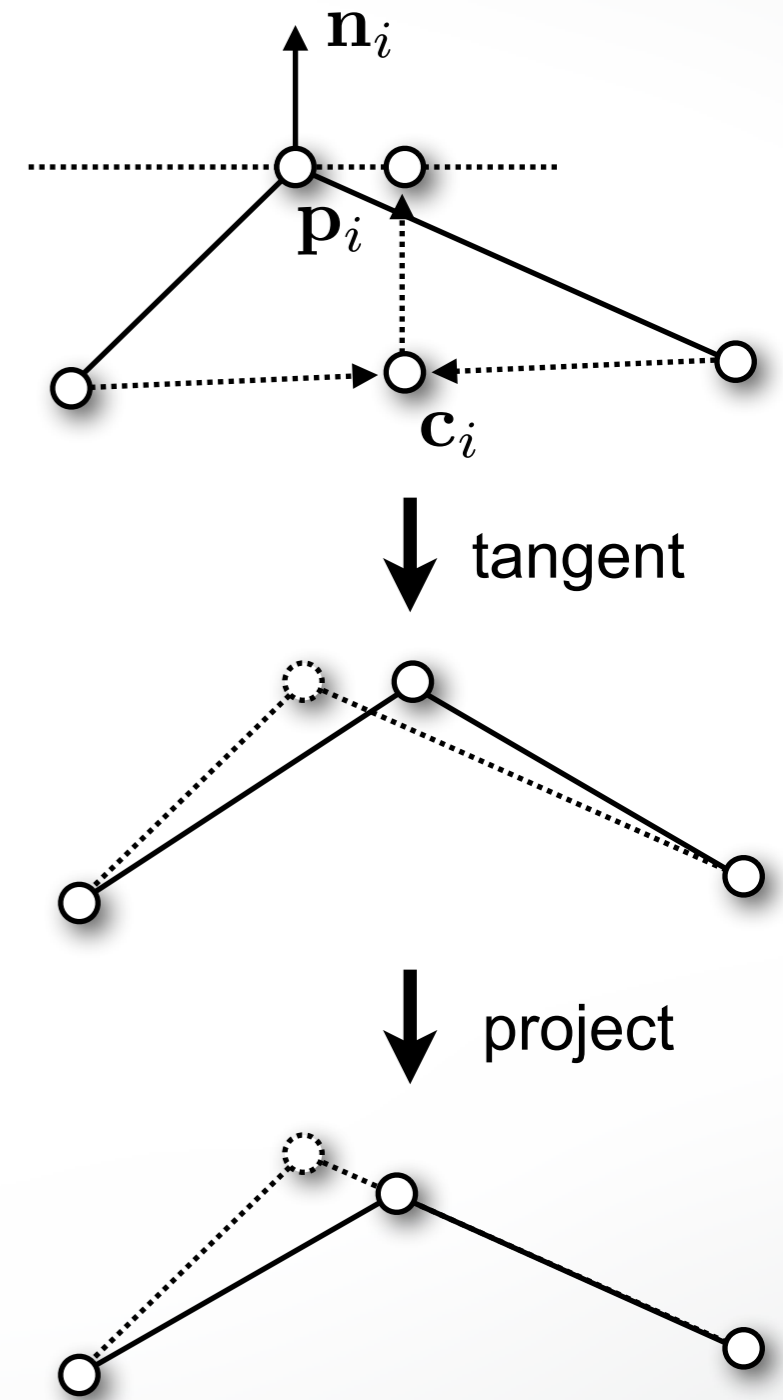
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## Keep vertex (approx.) on surface

- Restrict movement to tangent plane

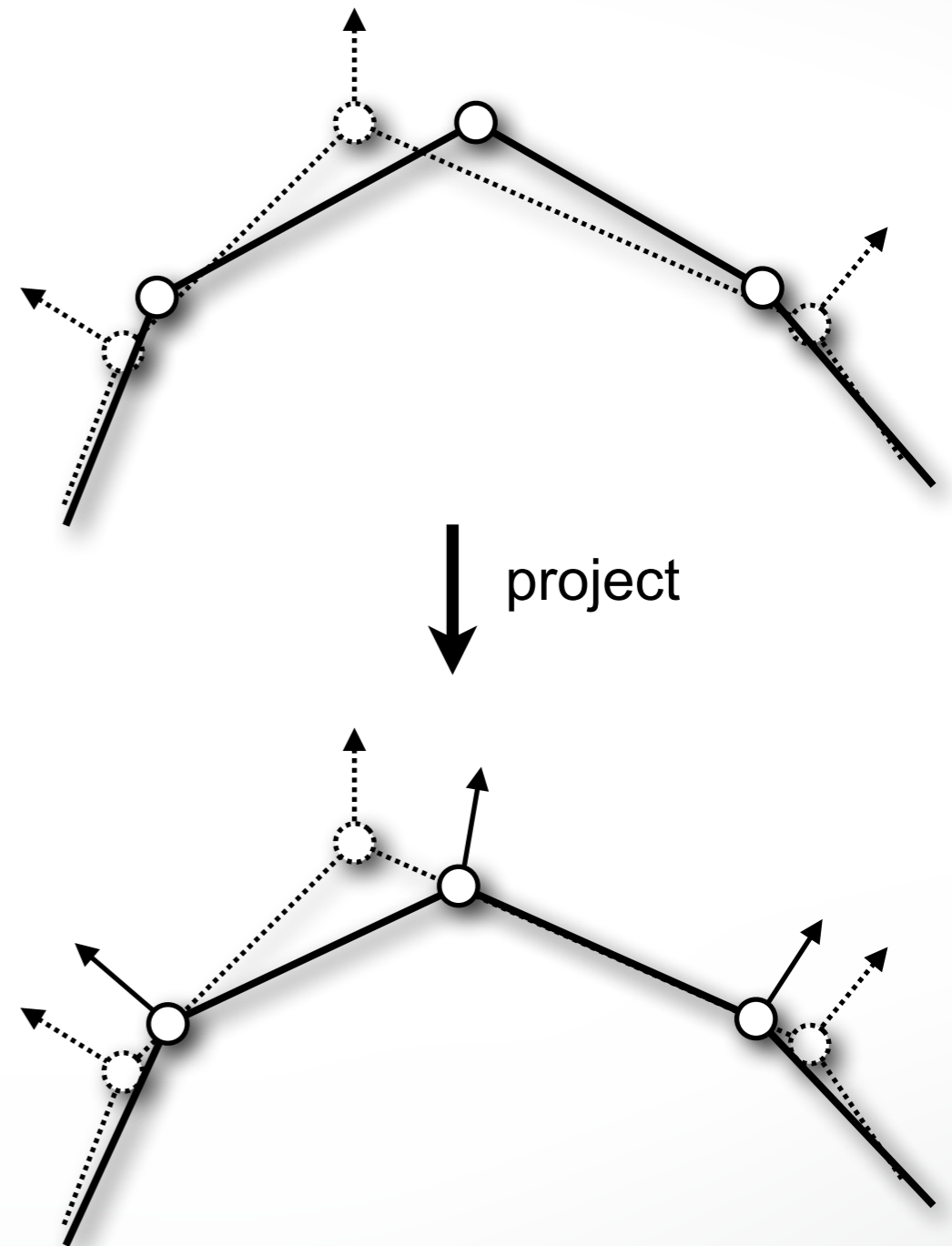
$$\mathbf{p}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{p}_i + \lambda (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{n}_i \mathbf{n}_i^T) (\mathbf{c}_i - \mathbf{p}_i)$$



# Vertex projection

## Onto original reference mesh

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



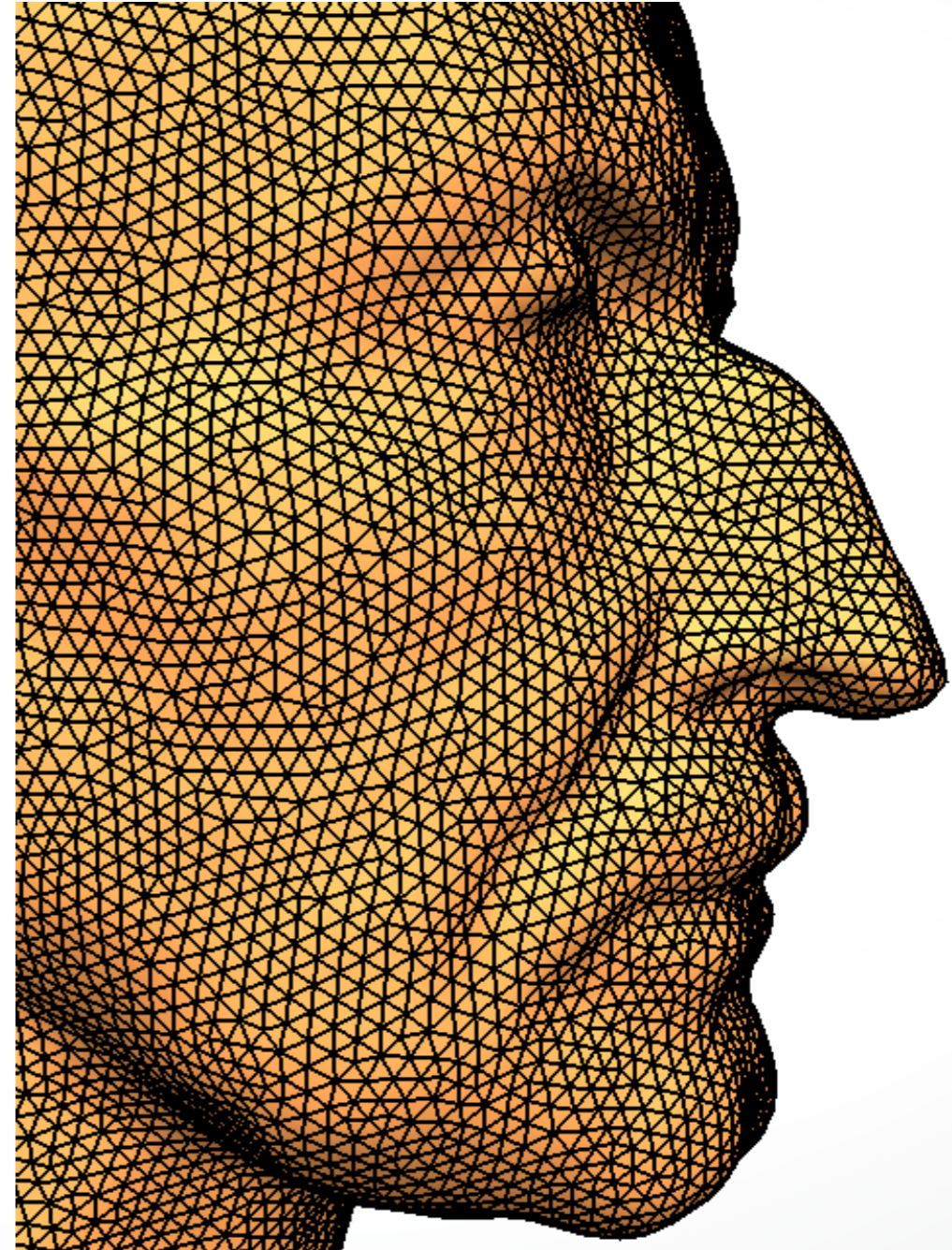
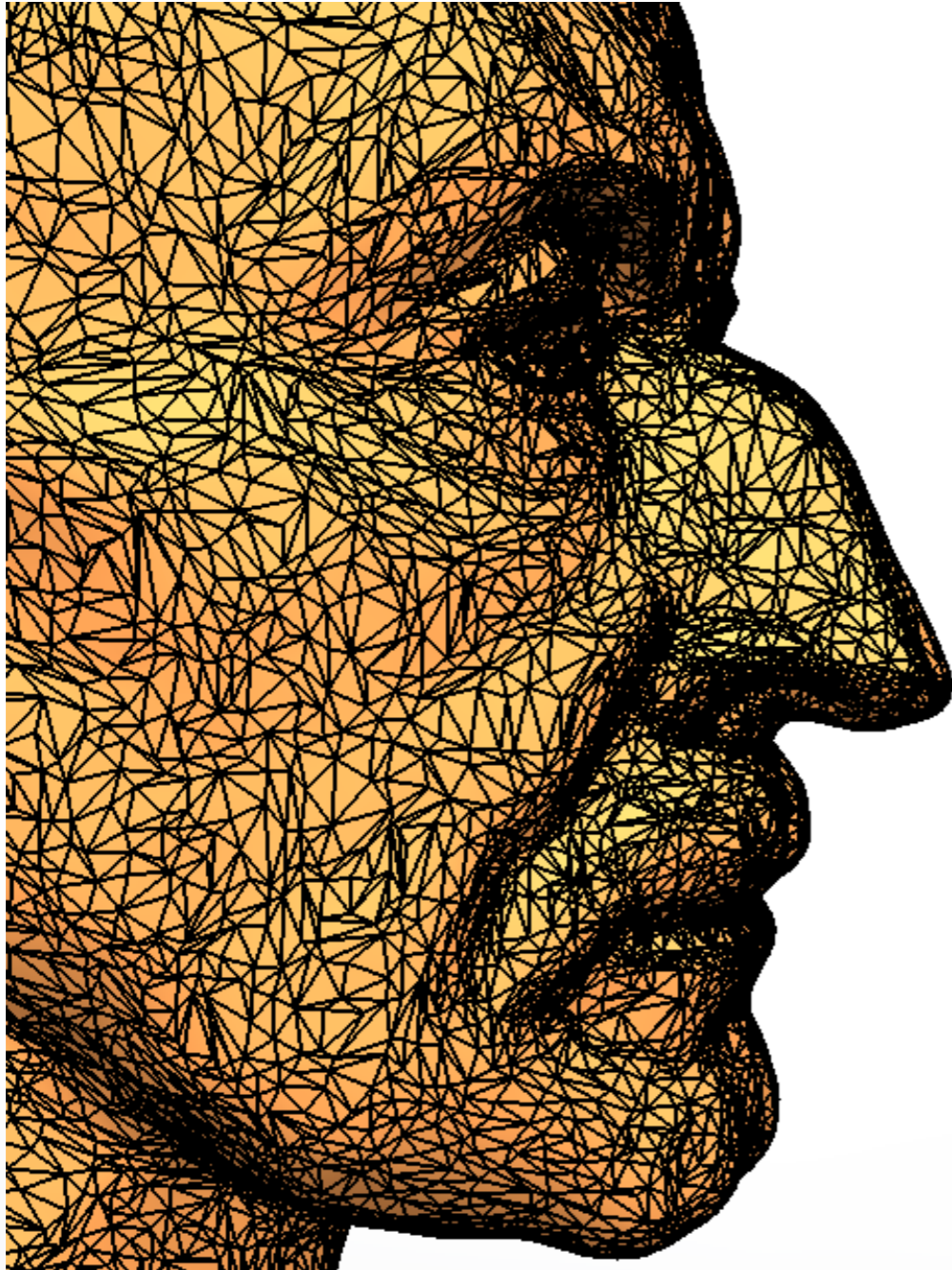
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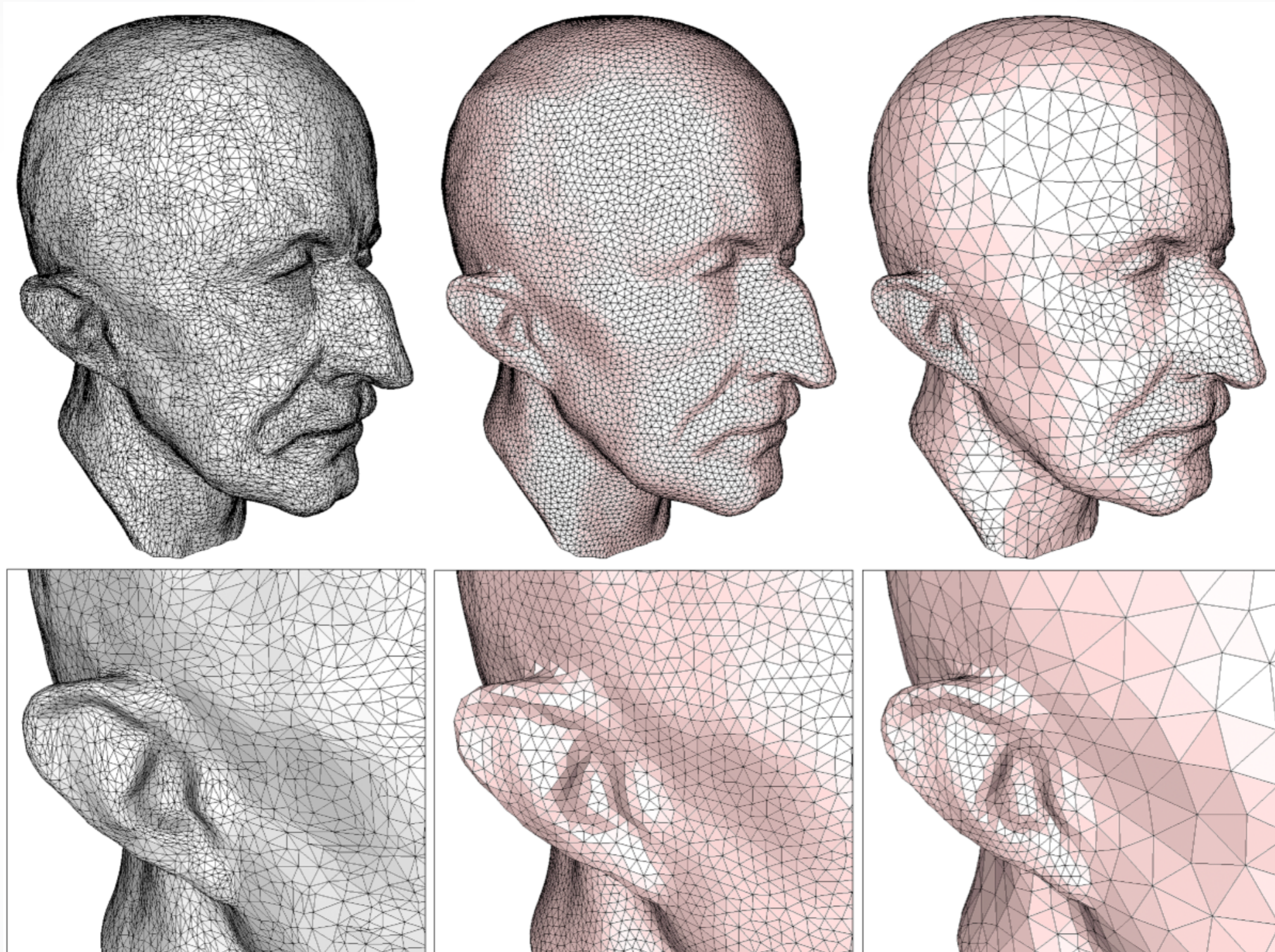
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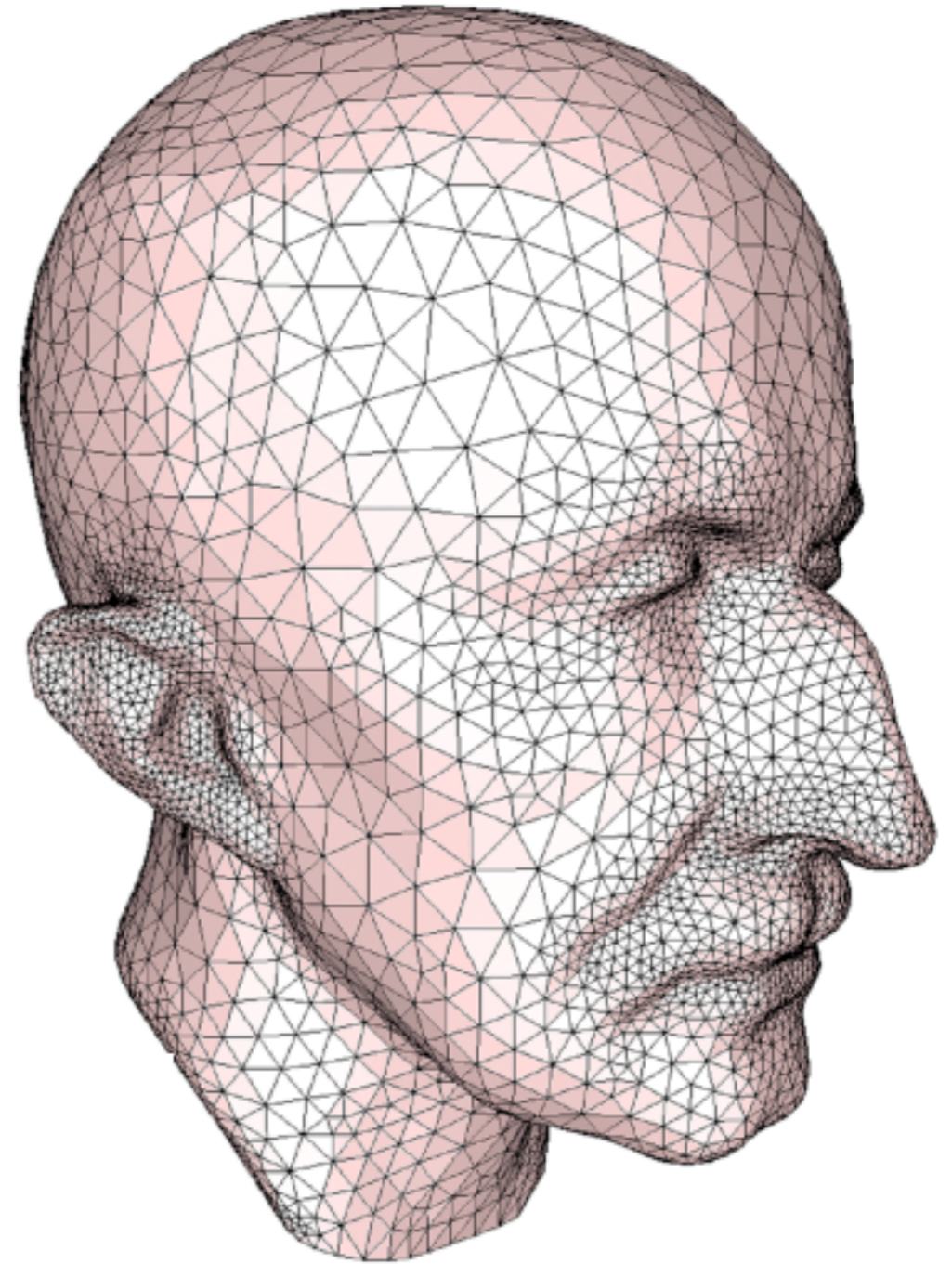


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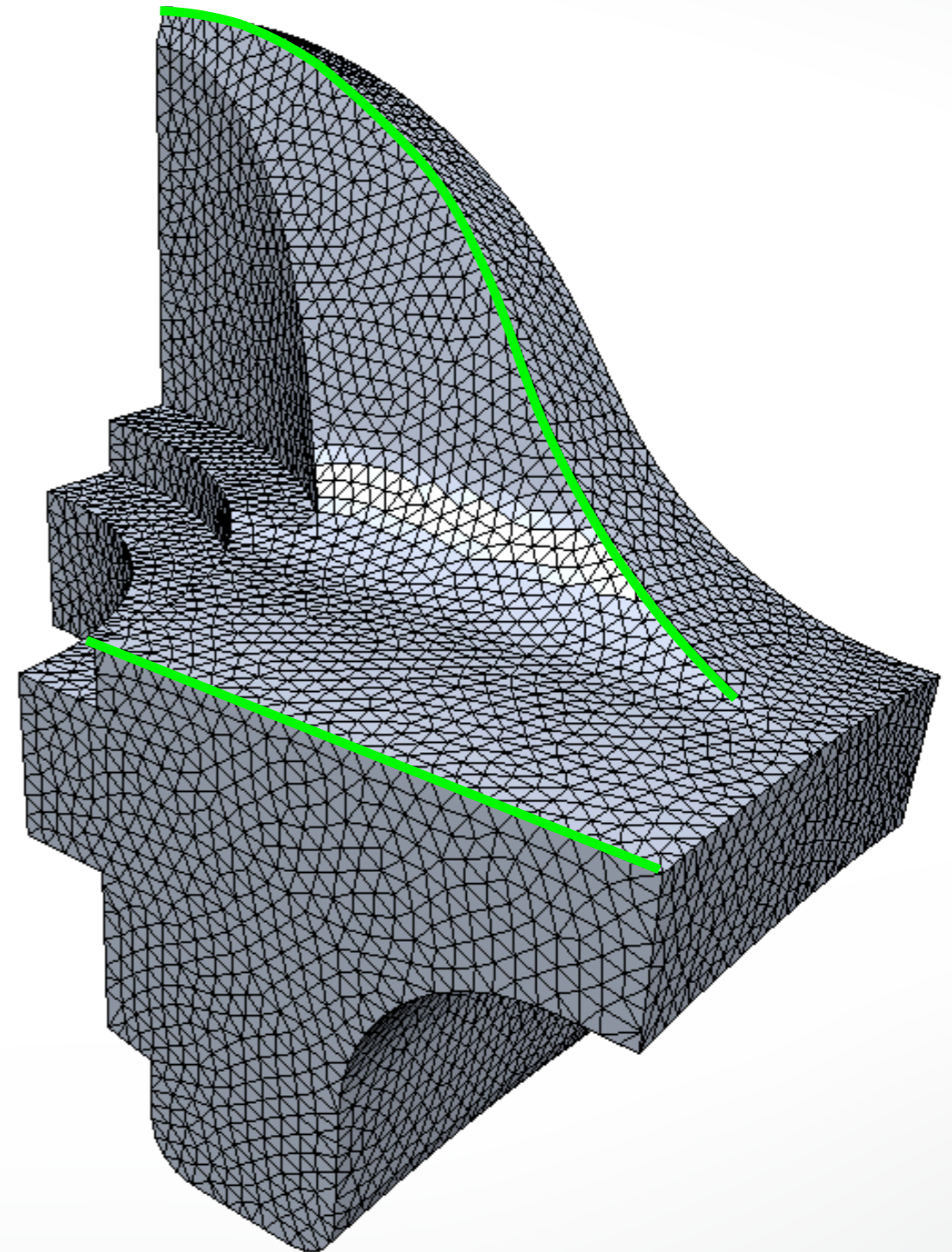
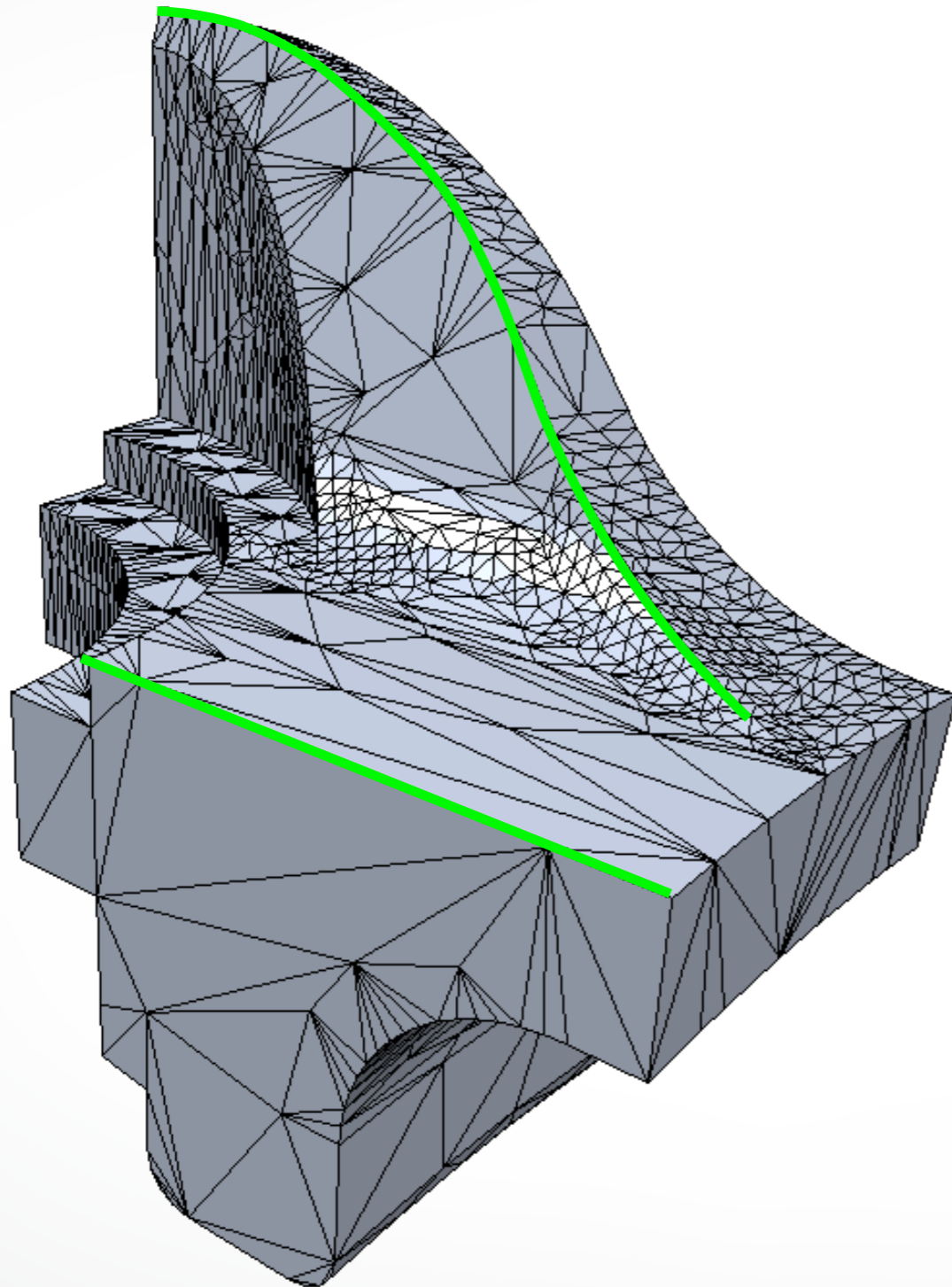


# Adaptive remeshing

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



# Feature preservation



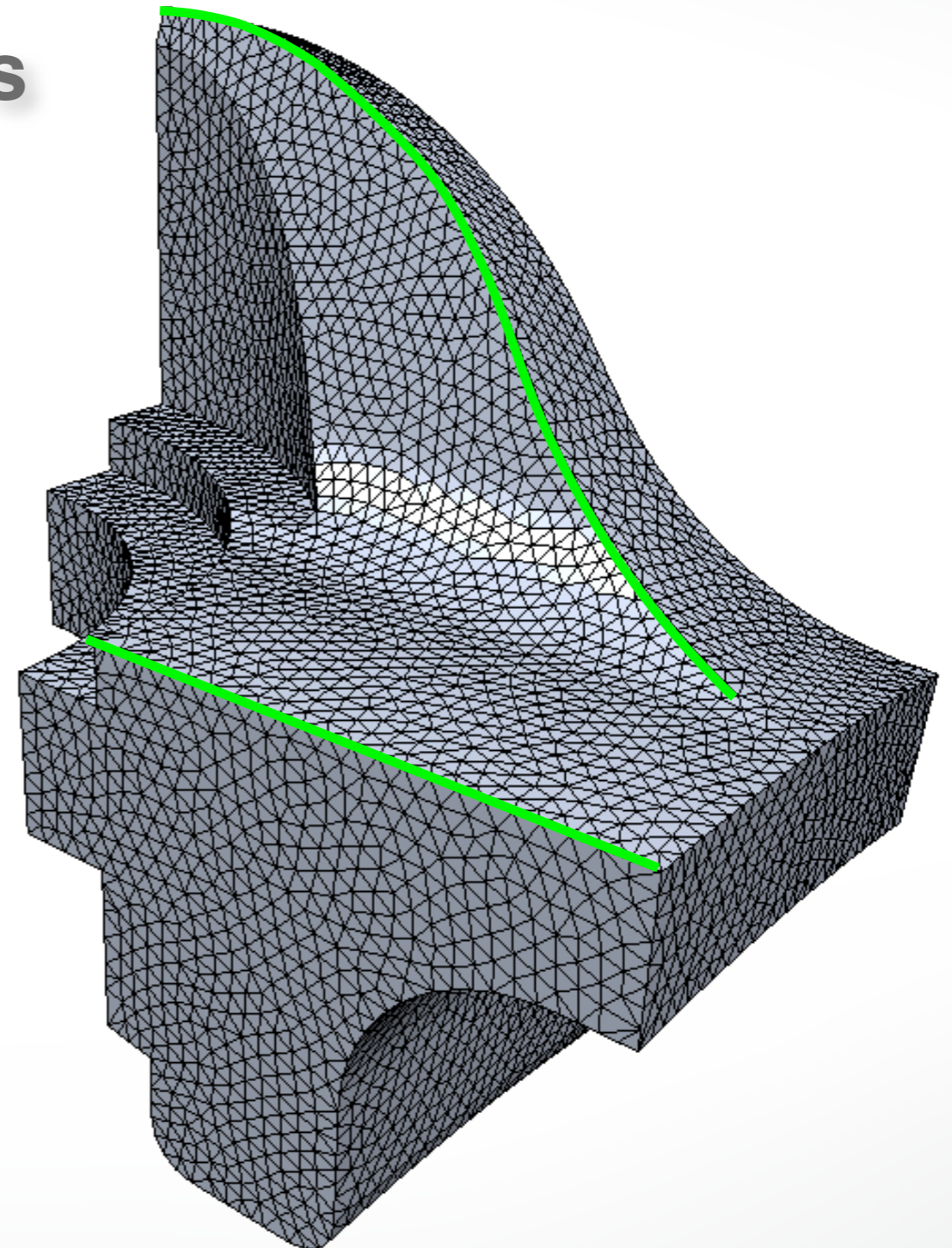
# Feature preservation

## 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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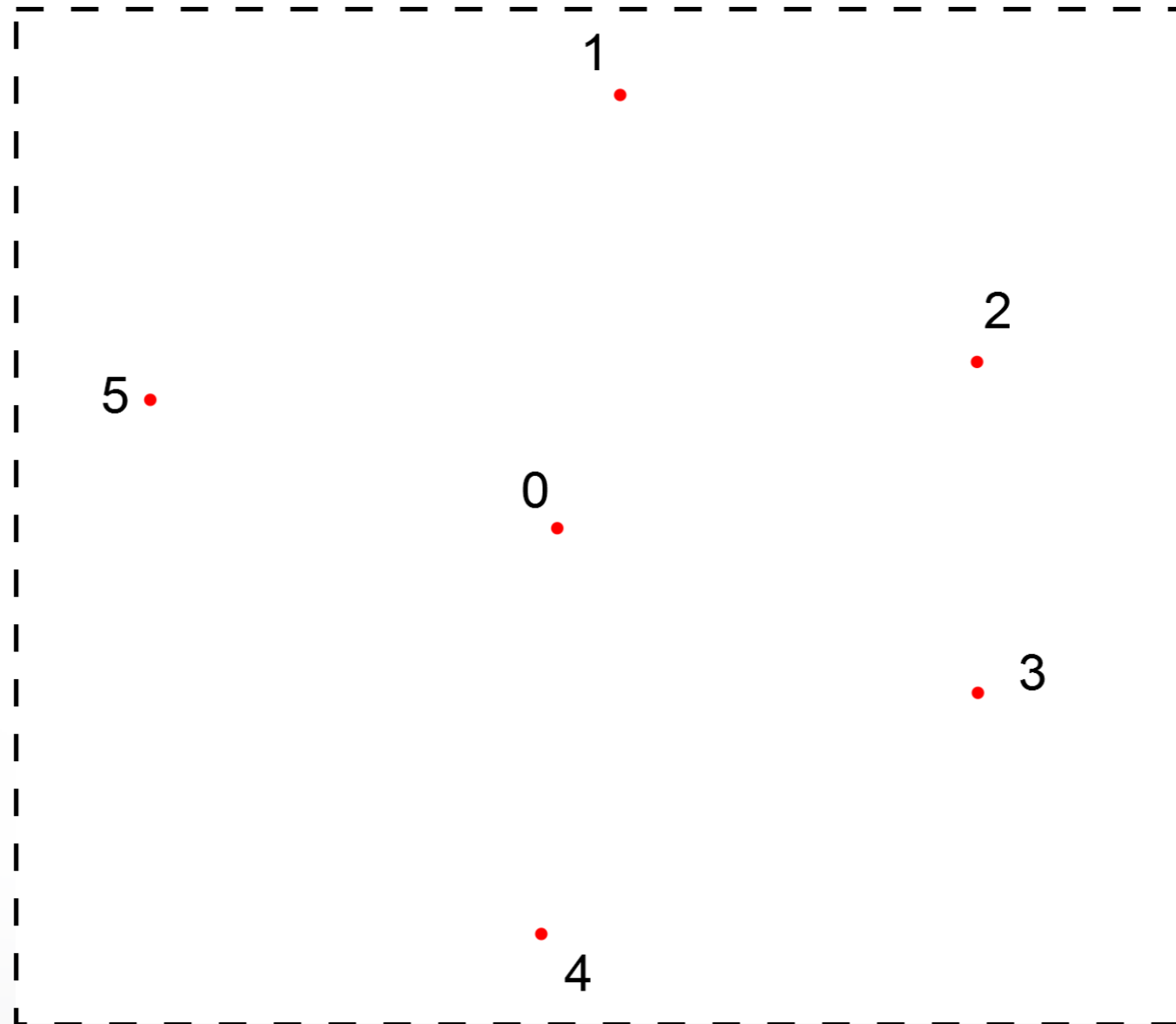
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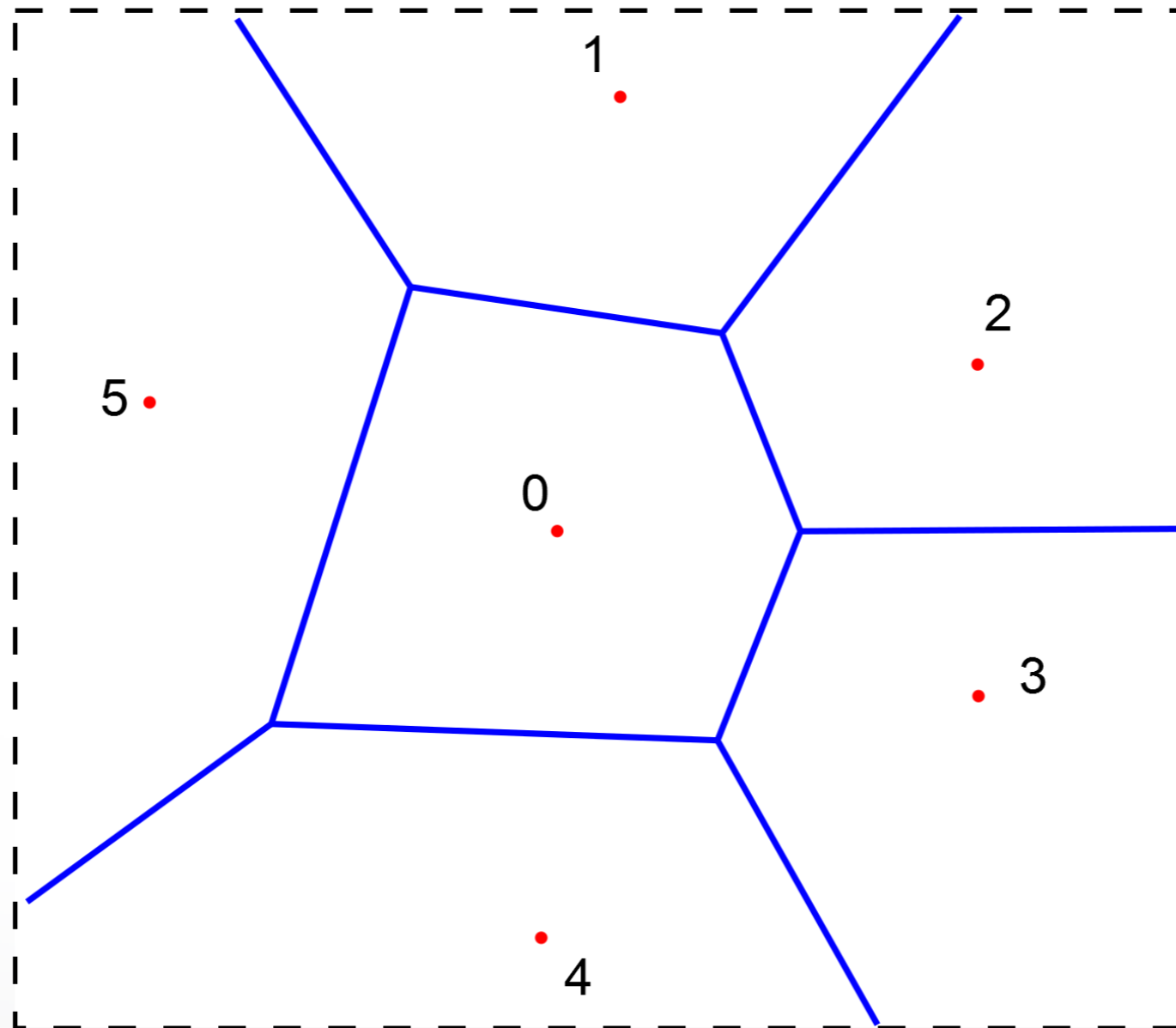
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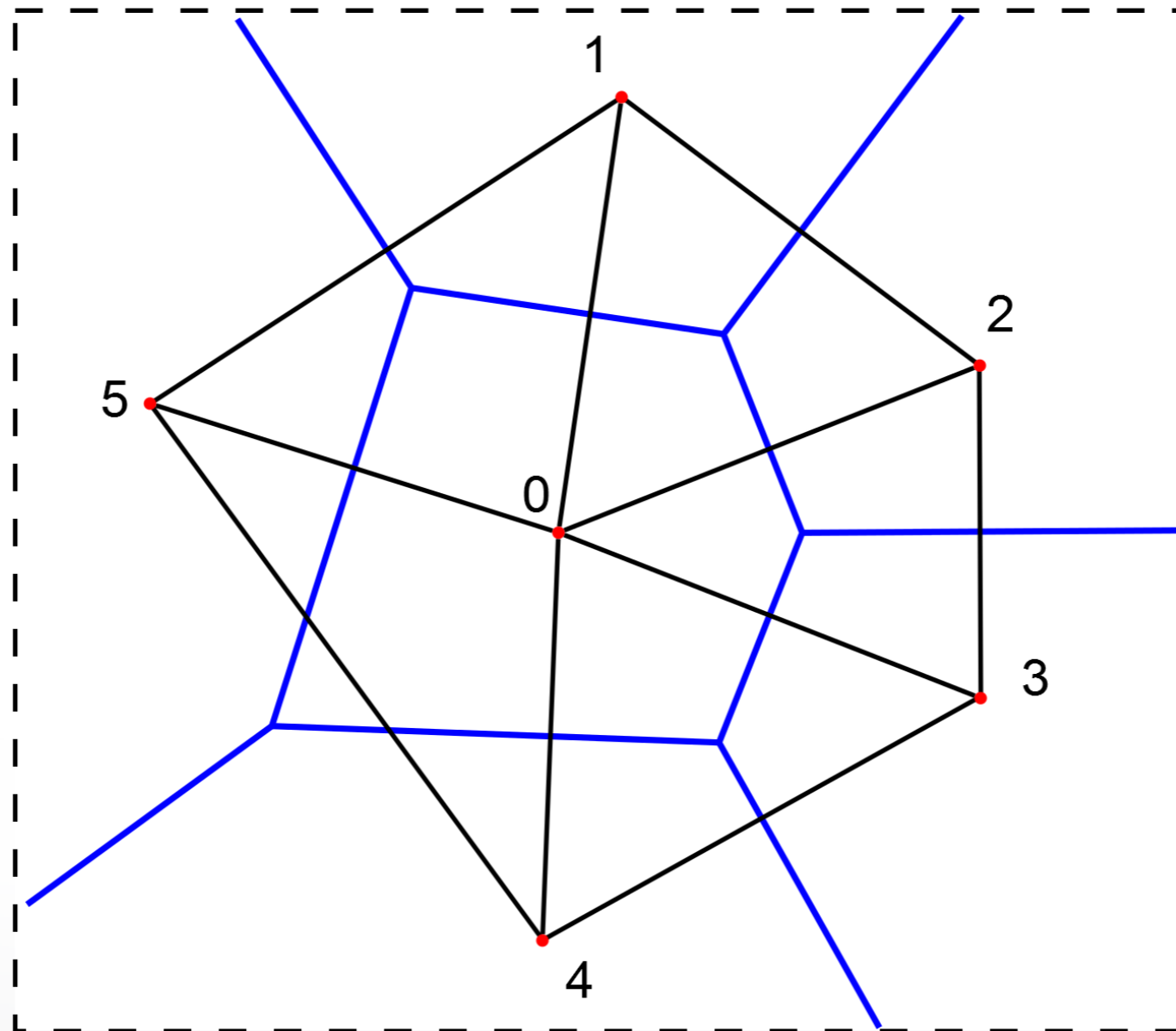
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Dual graph: Delaunay triangulation

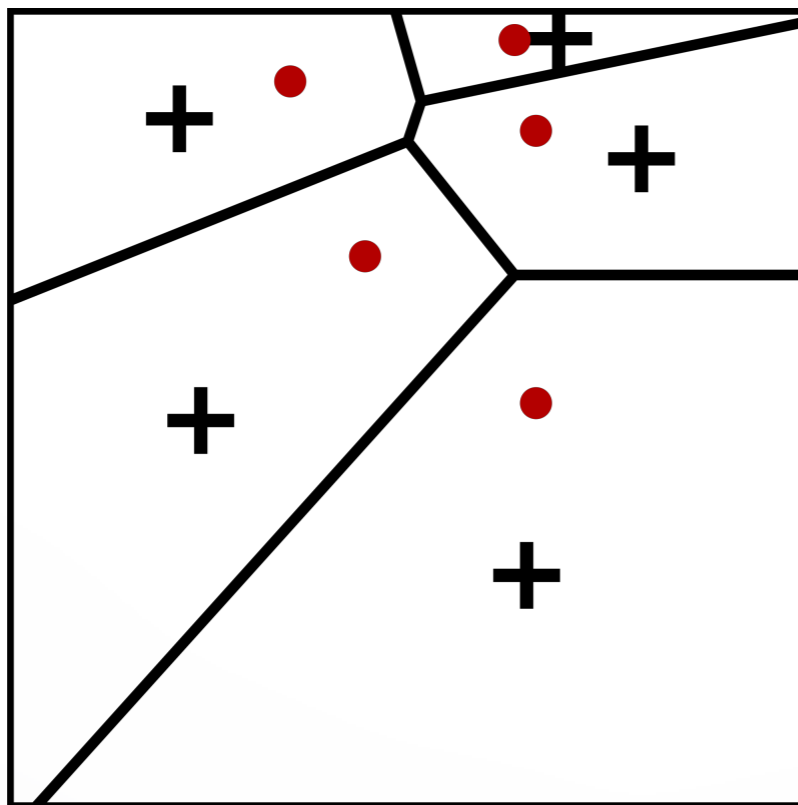




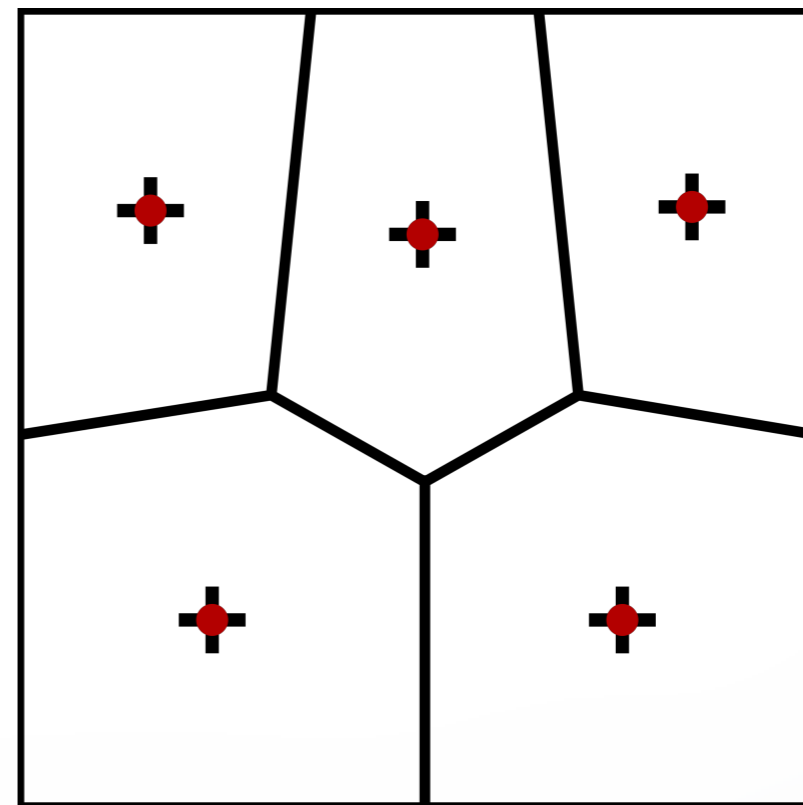
# Centroidal Voronoi Diagram

For each cell

The generating point ● = mass of center +



non CVD



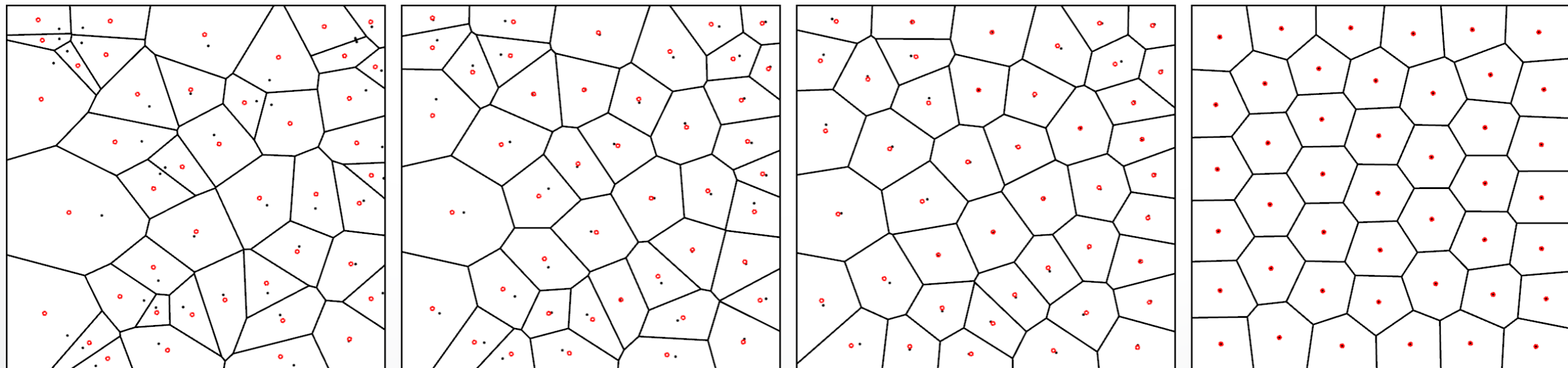
CVD

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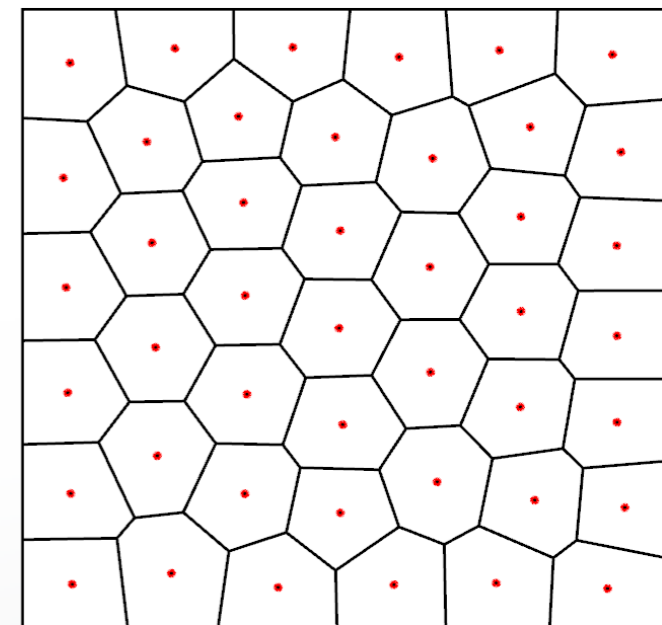
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## CVD maximizes compactness

- Minimize the energy:

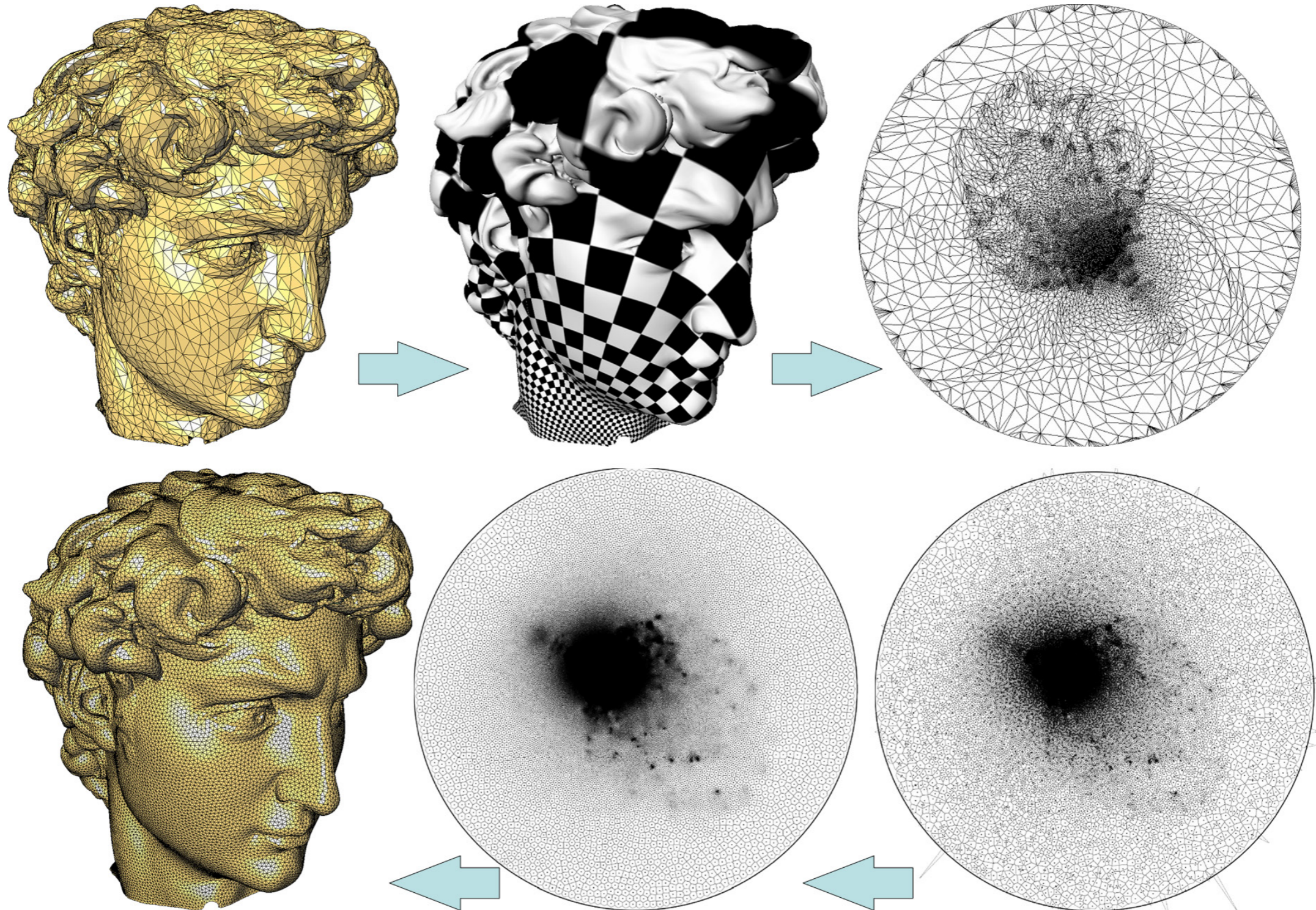
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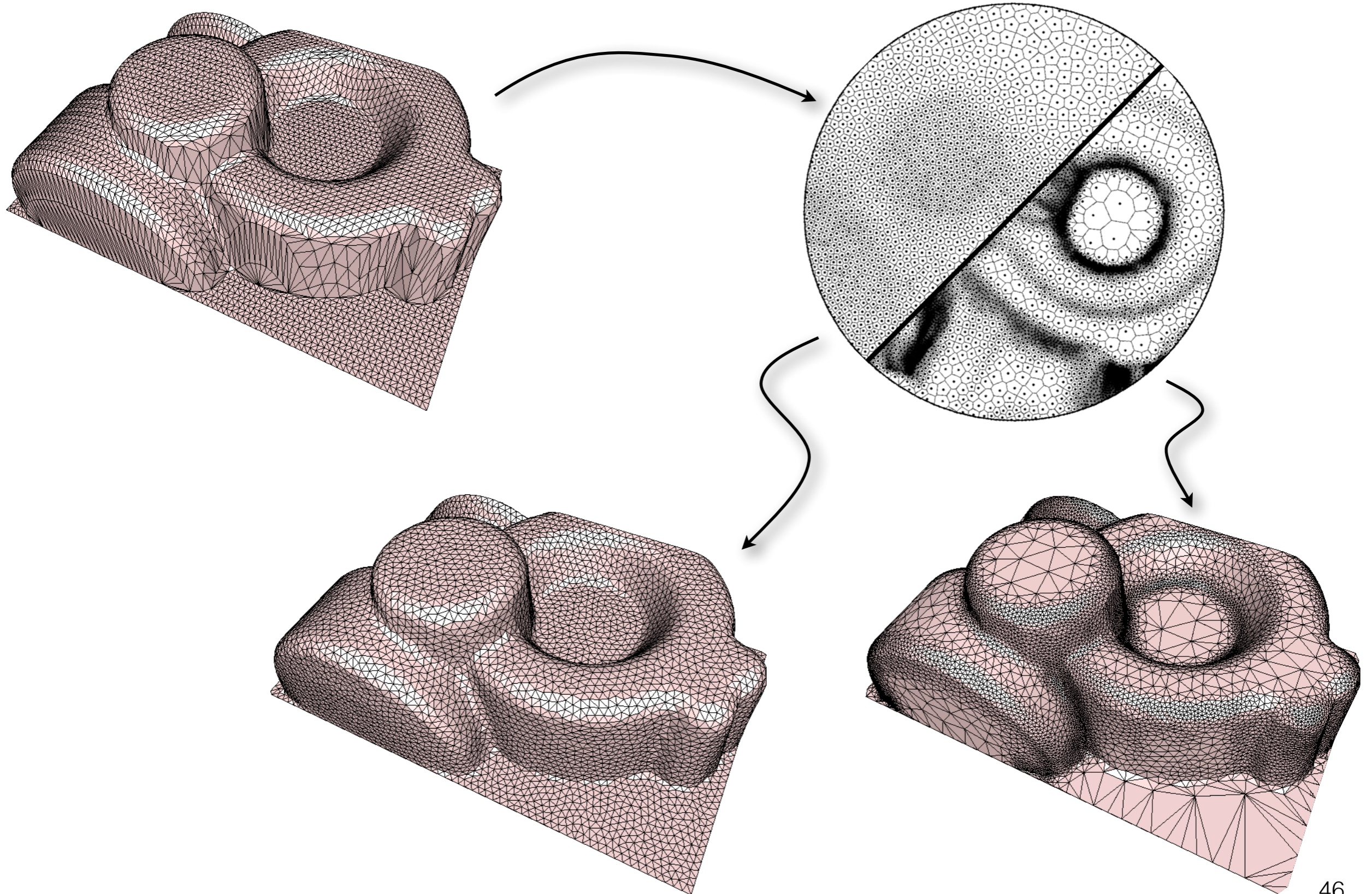
# Variational remeshing

- 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**

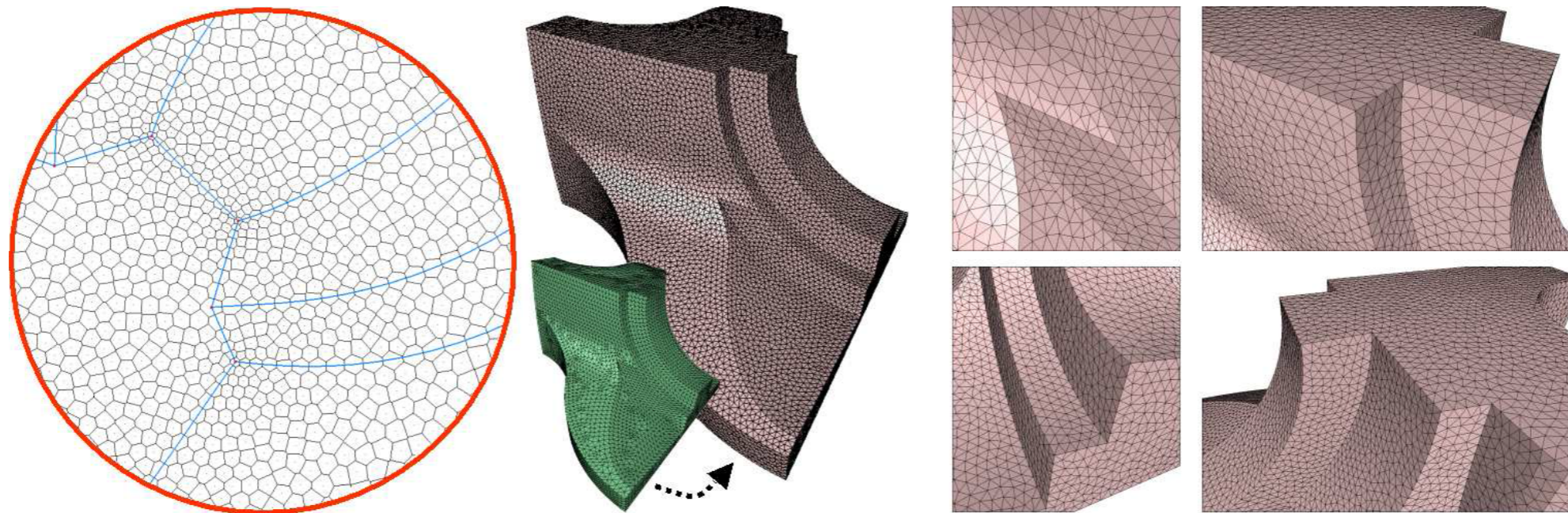
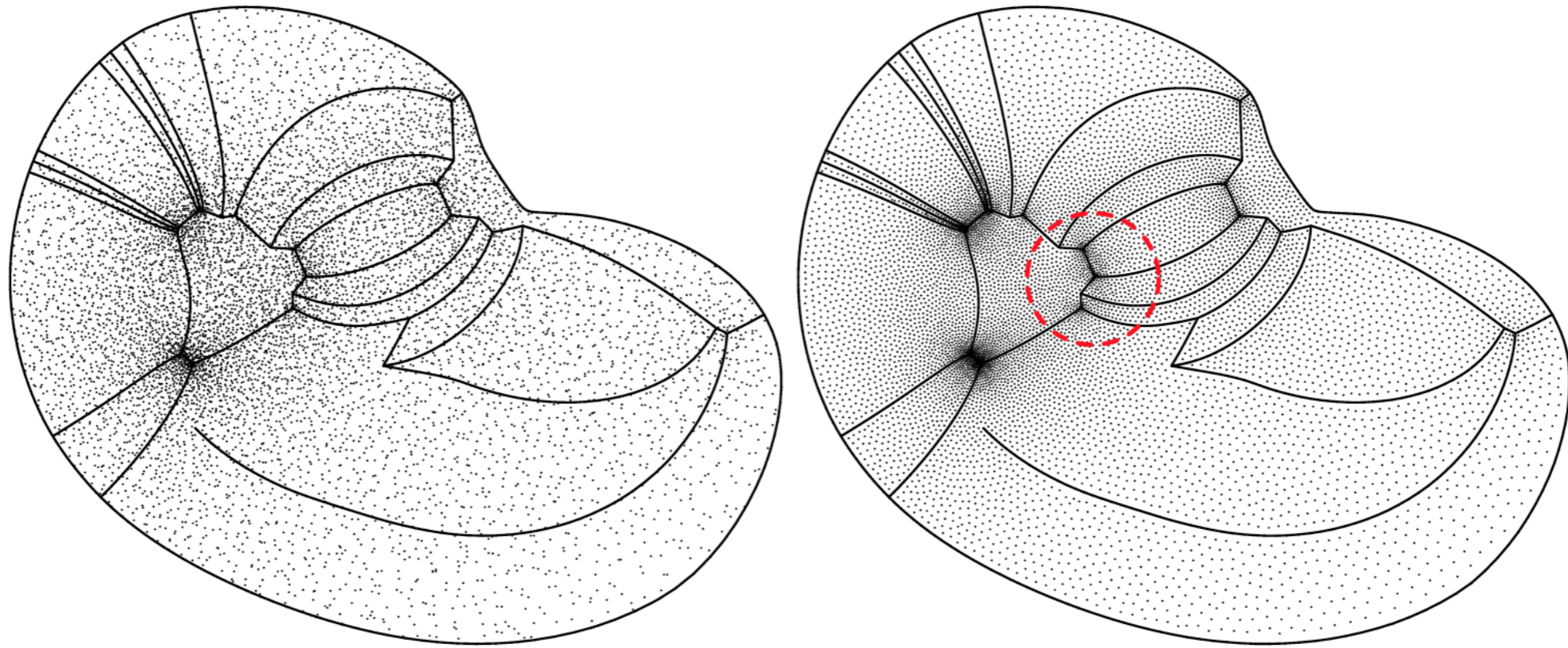
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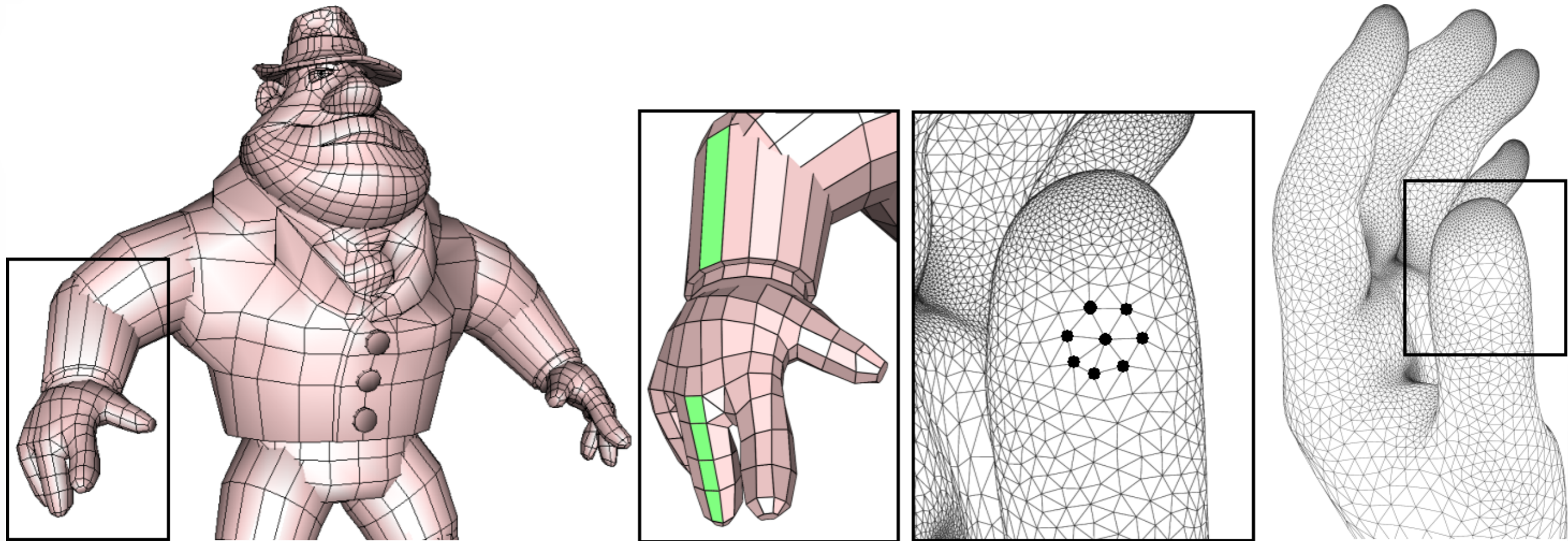
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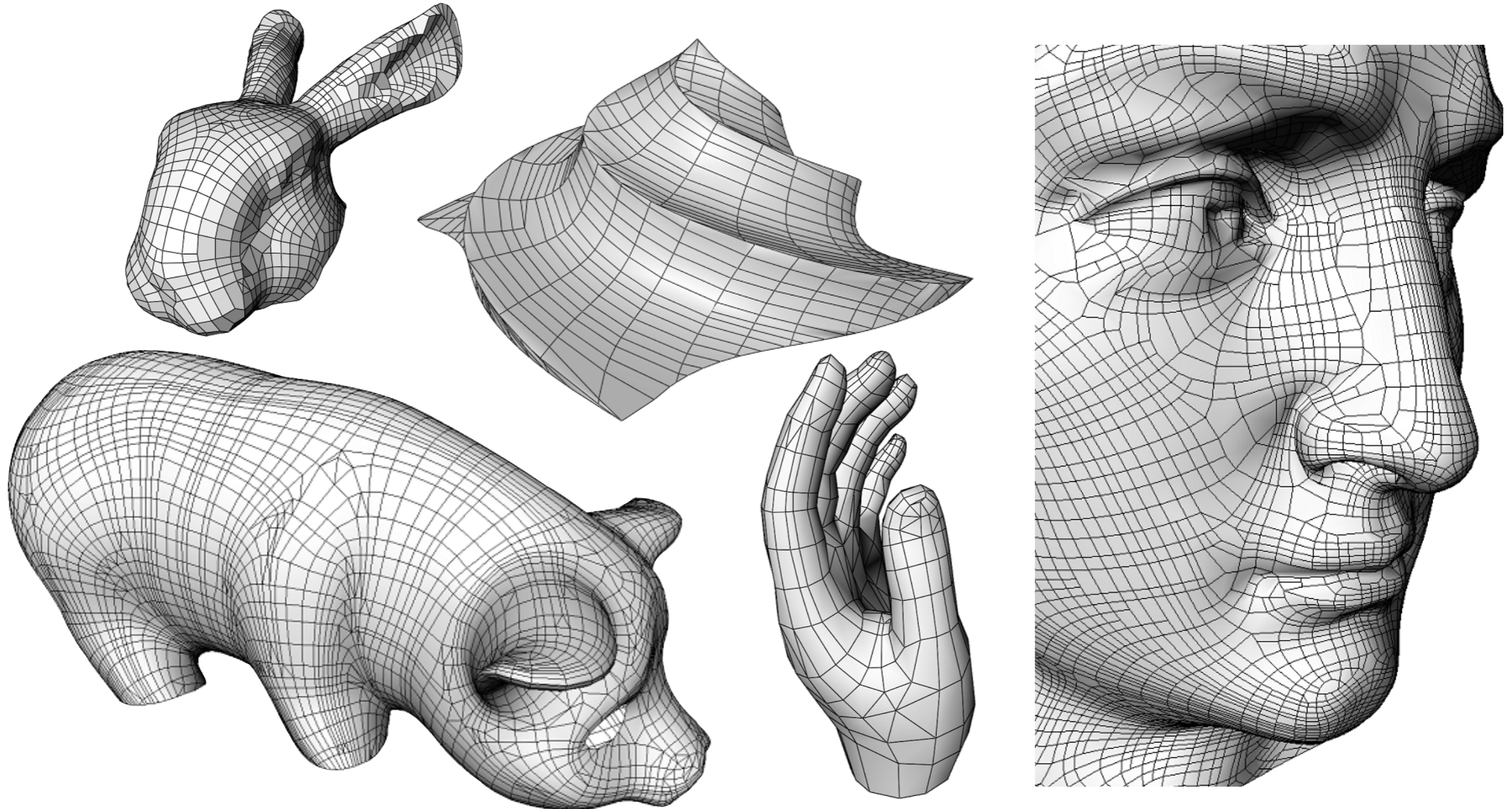
## Artist-designed models

- Conform to the anisotropy of a surface



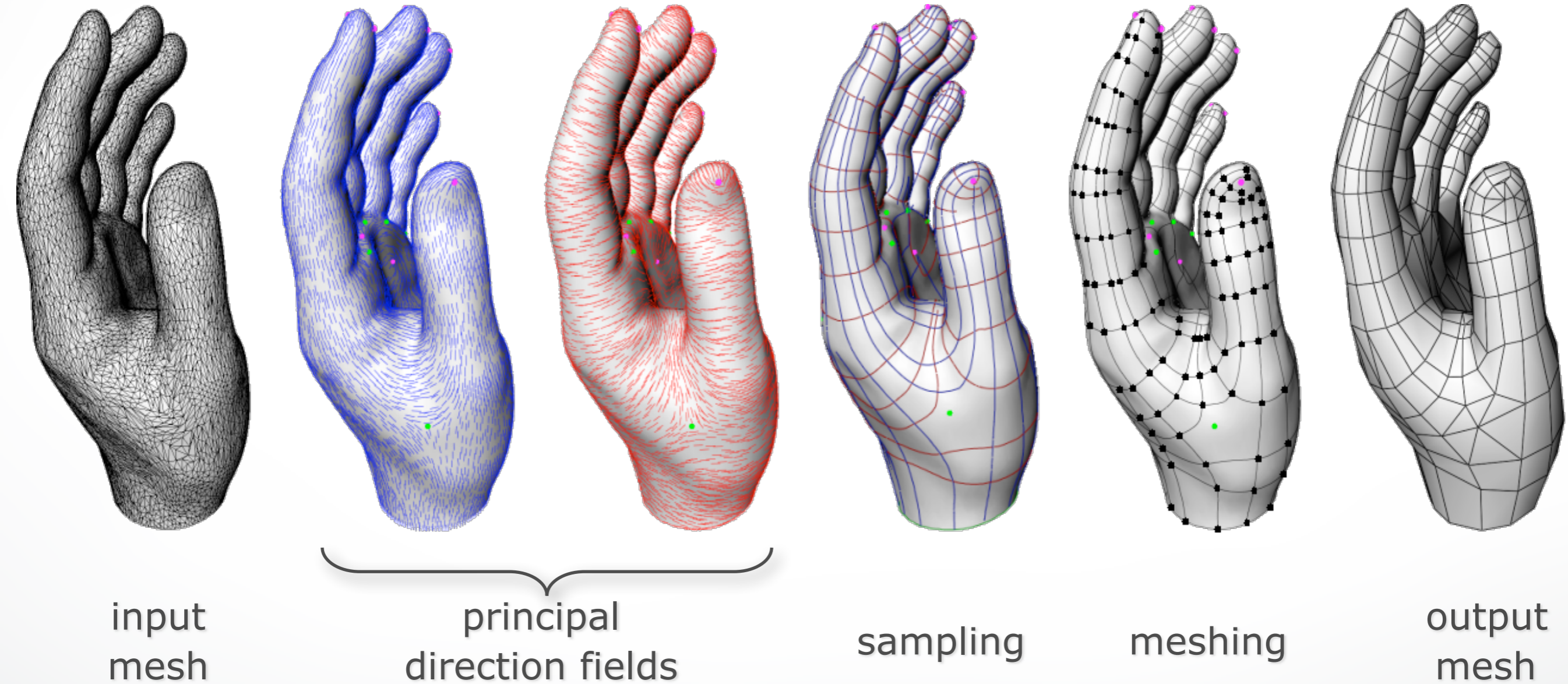
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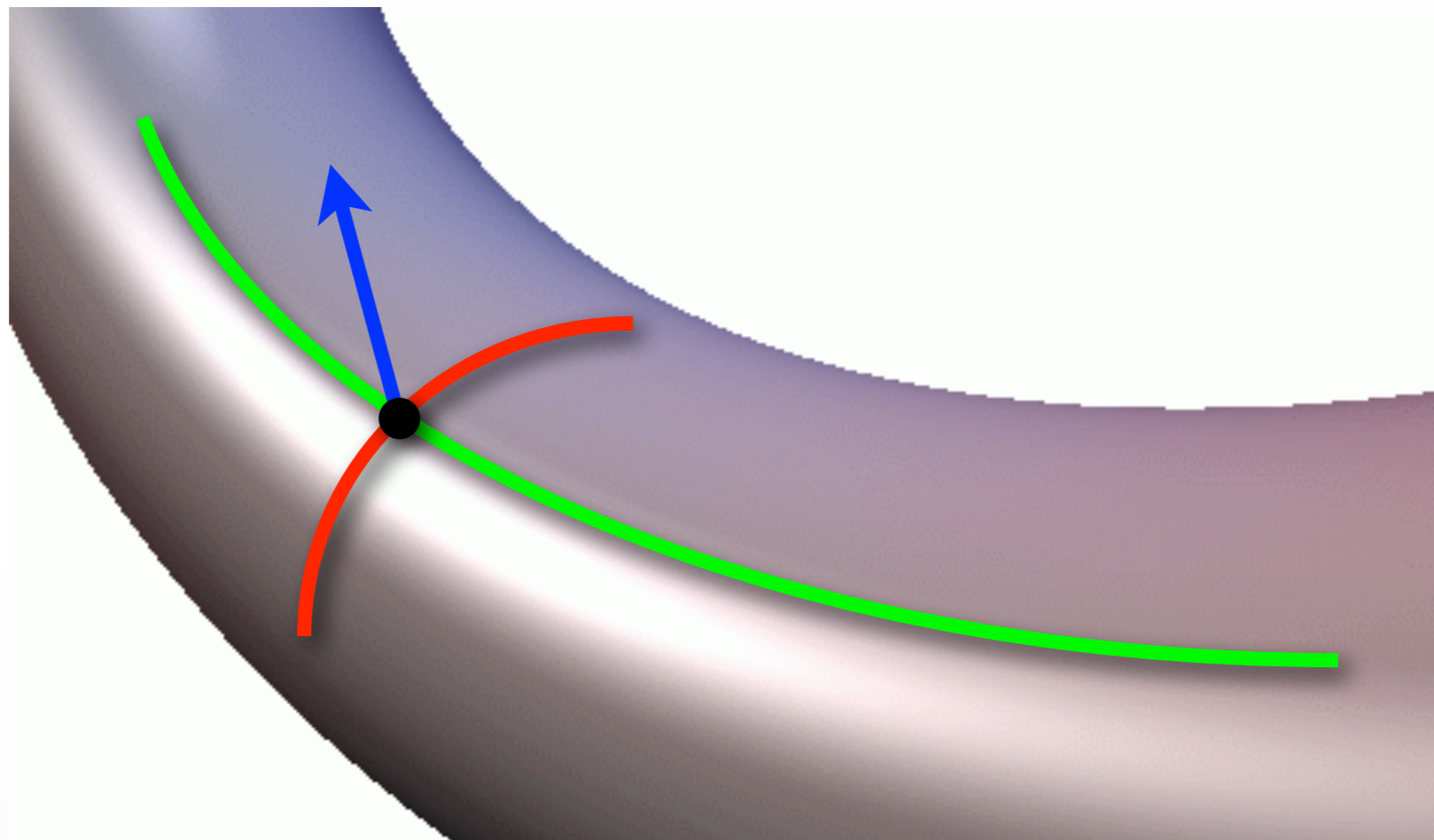
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# Anisotropy

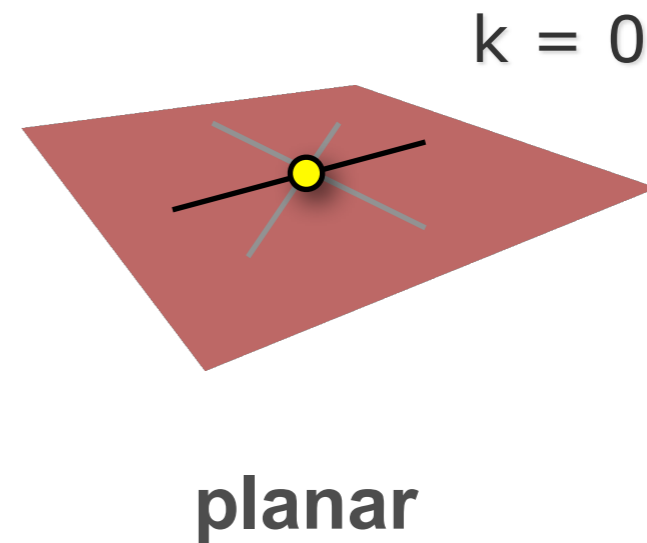
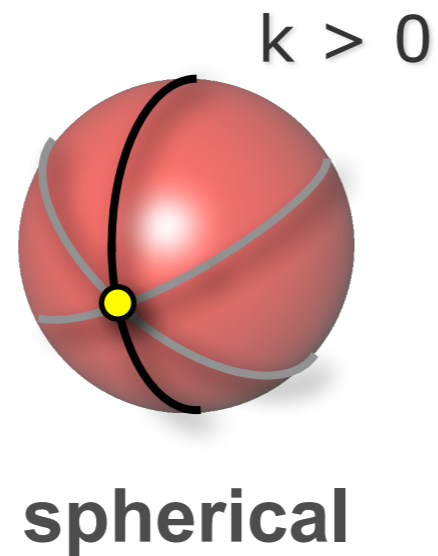
## Differential geometry

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



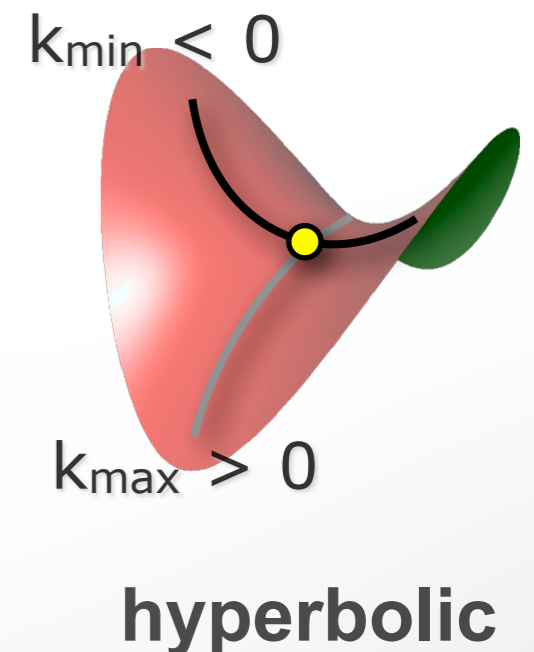
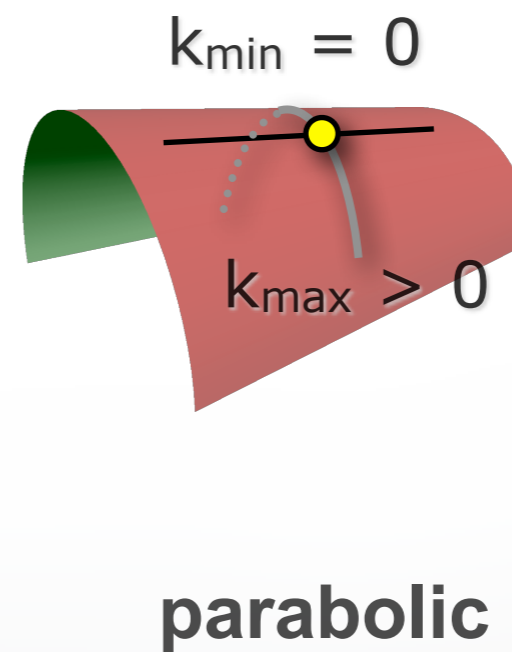
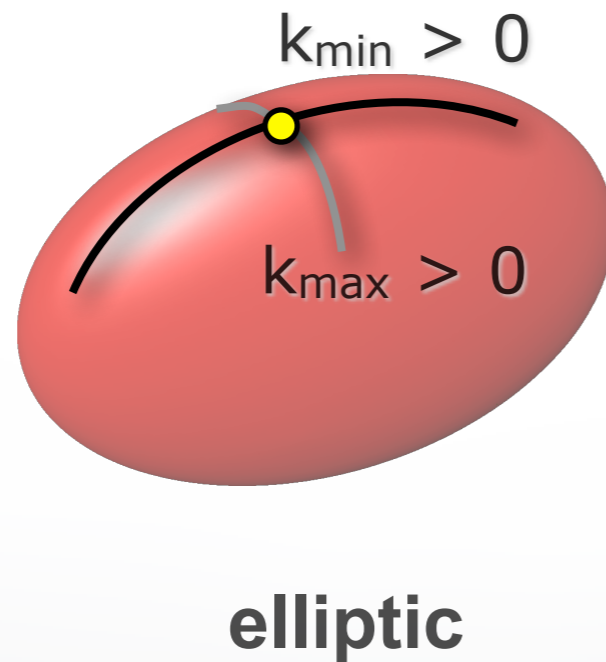
# 3D curvature tensor

## Isotropic

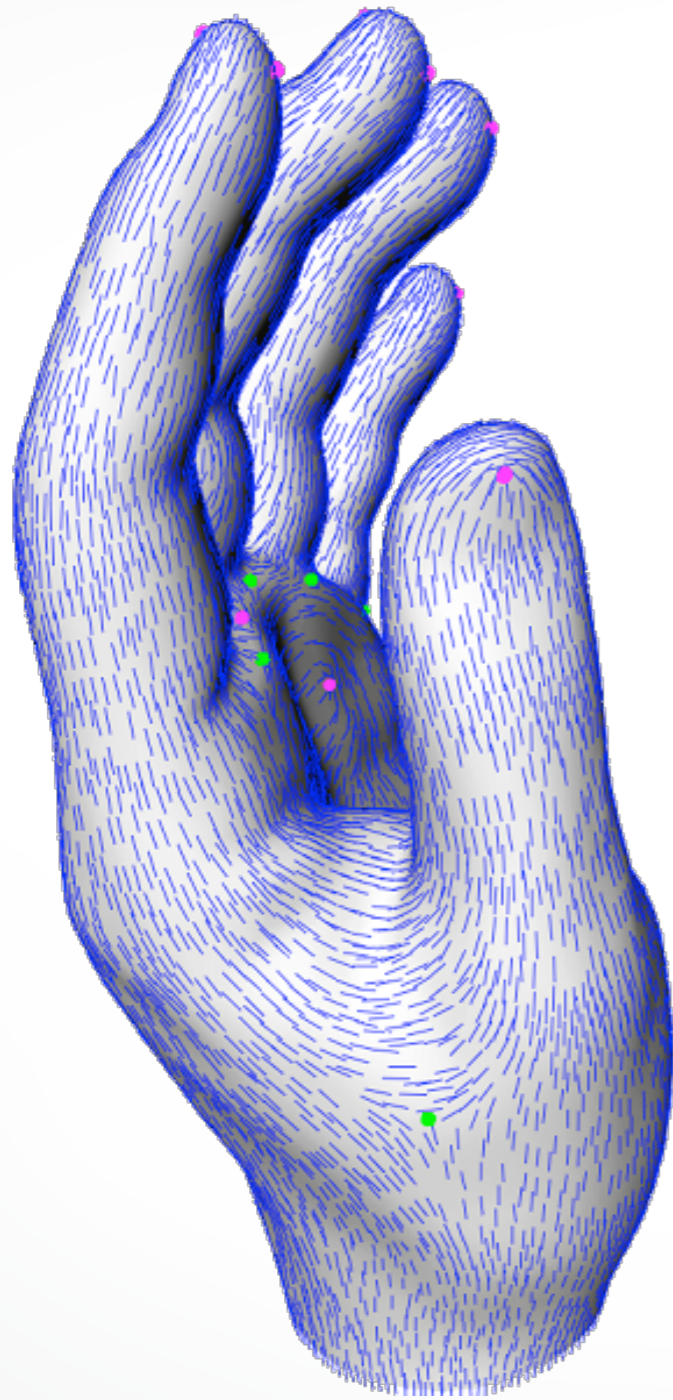


## Anisotropic

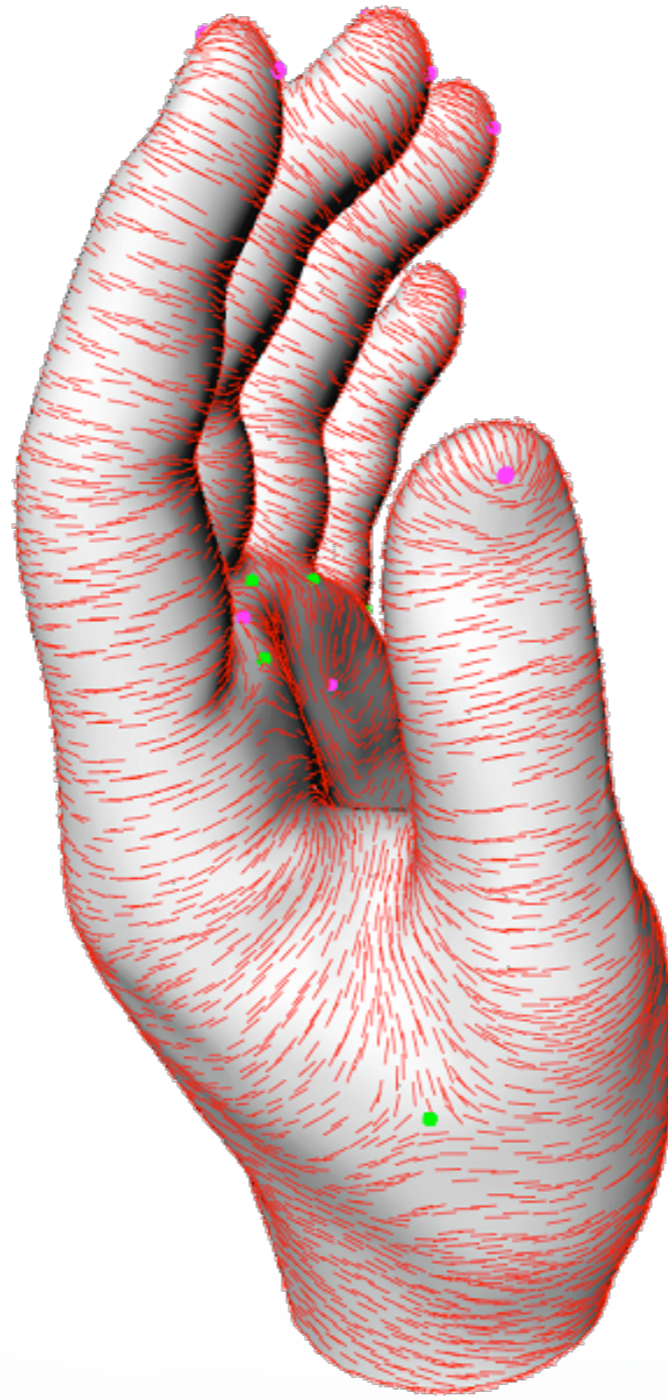
2 principal directions



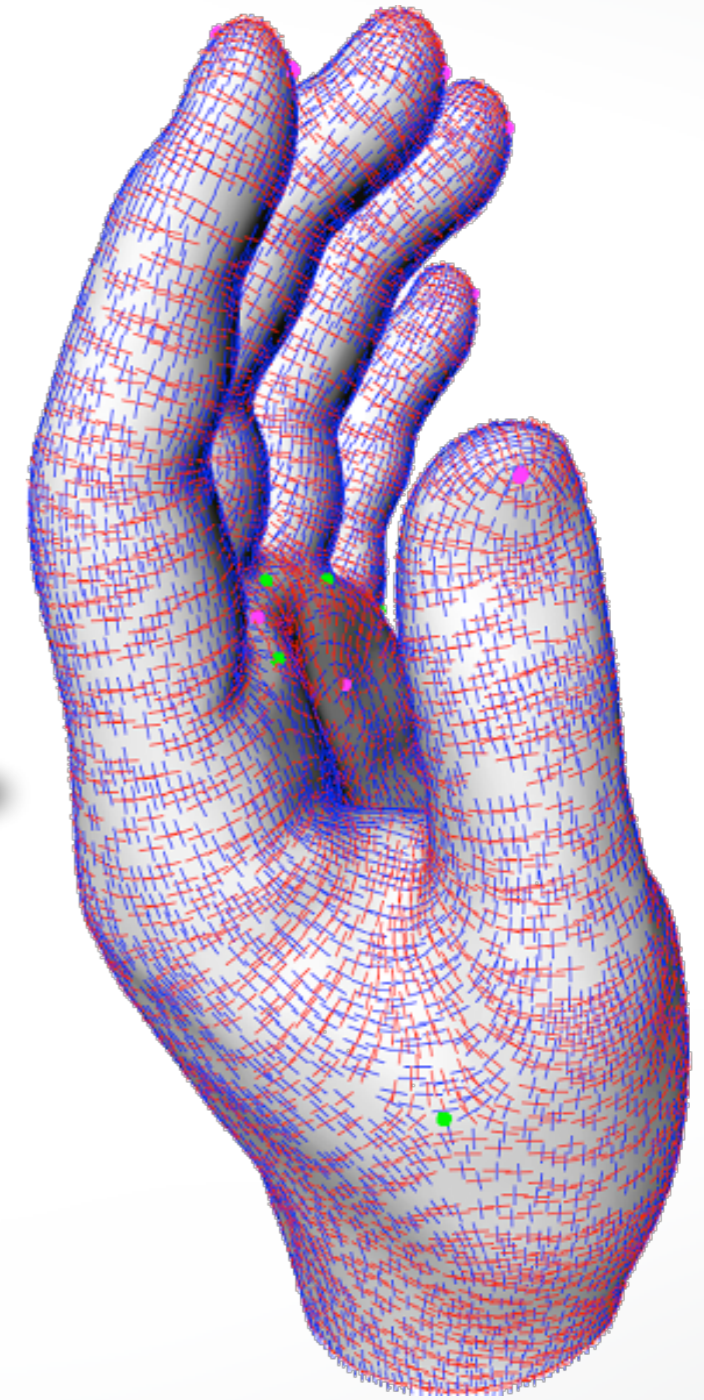
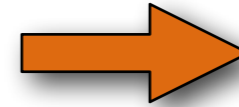
# Principal direction fields



min curvature

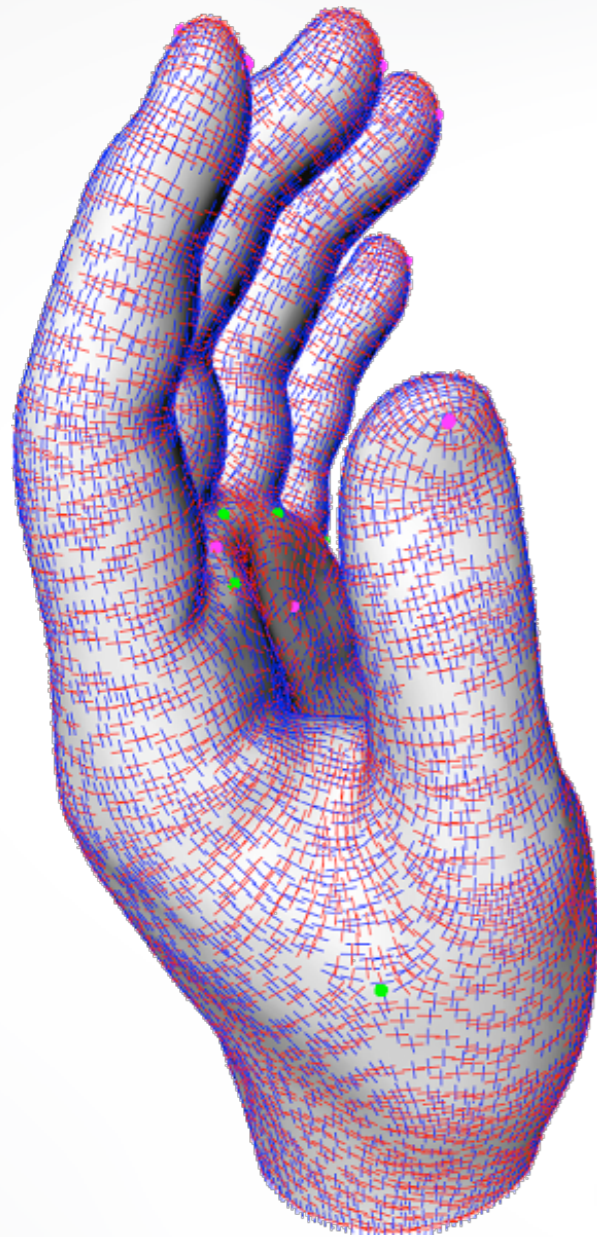


max curvature

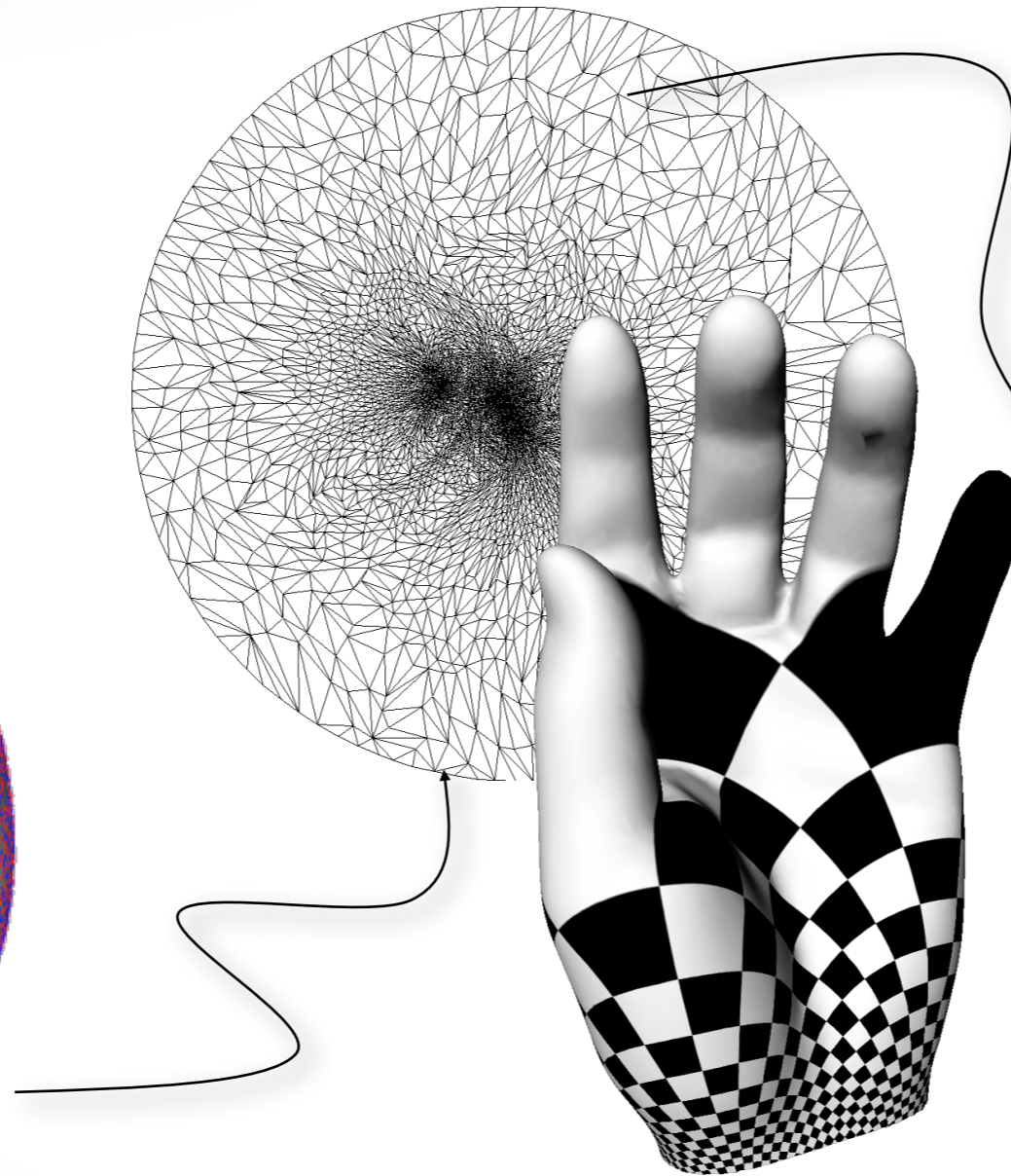


overlay

# Flattening to 2D

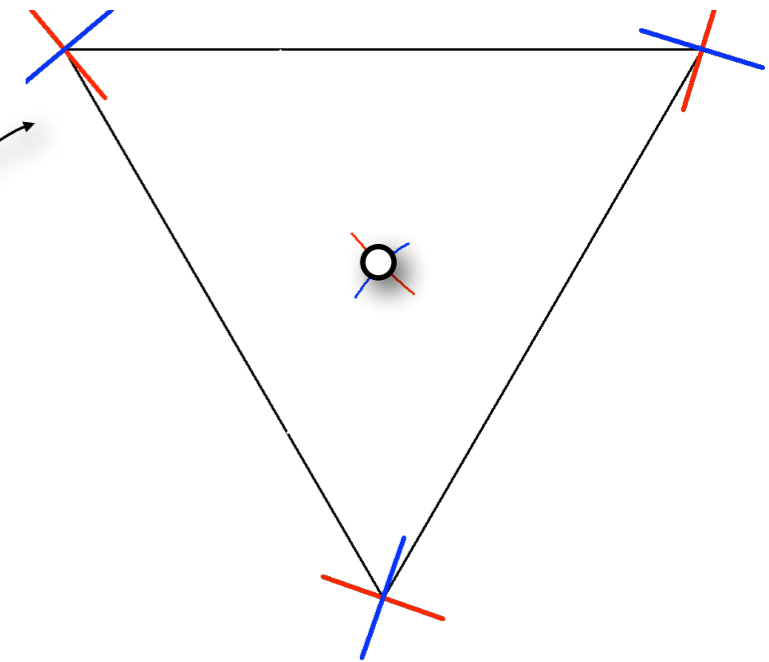


one 3D tensor  
per vertex



discrete conformal  
parameterization

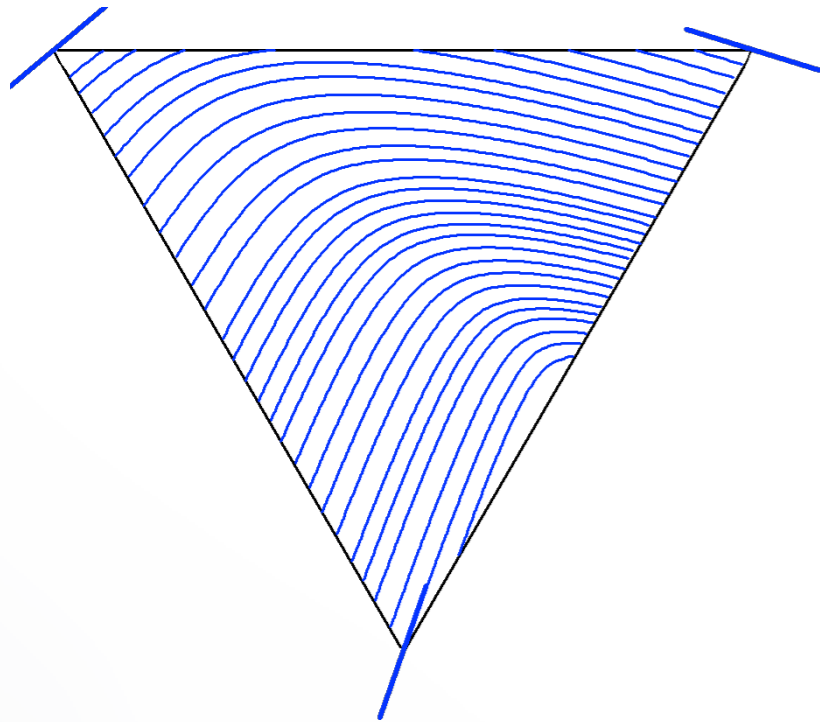
piecewise linear  
interpolation of  
2D tensors



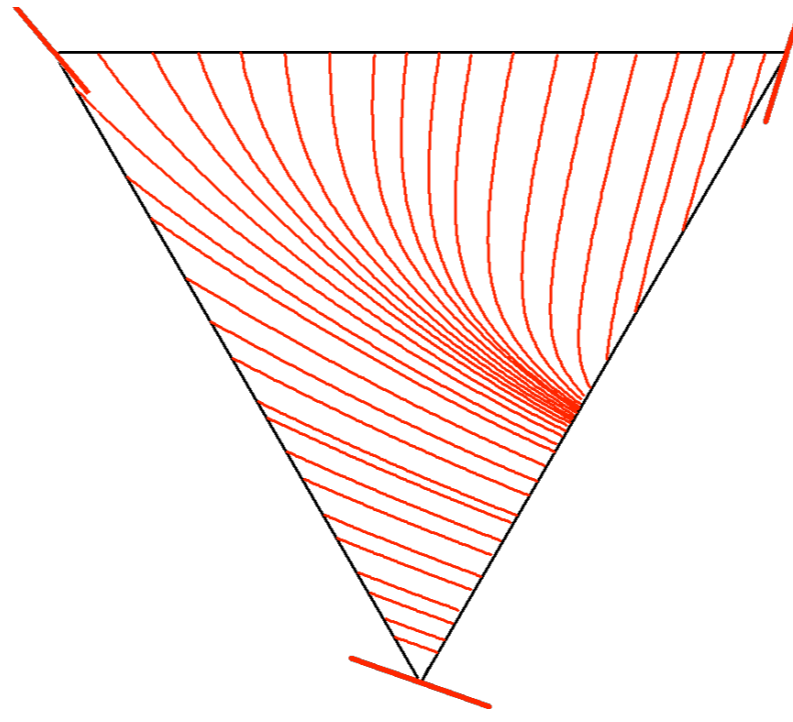
2D tensor **field**  
using barycentric  
coordinates

# 2D direction fields

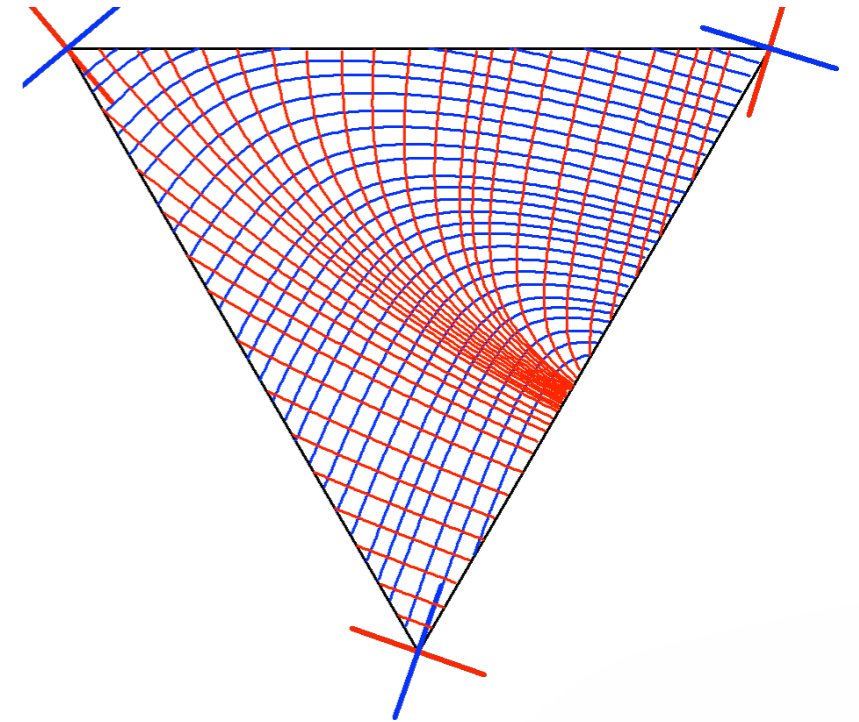
- Regular case



minor foliation



major foliation

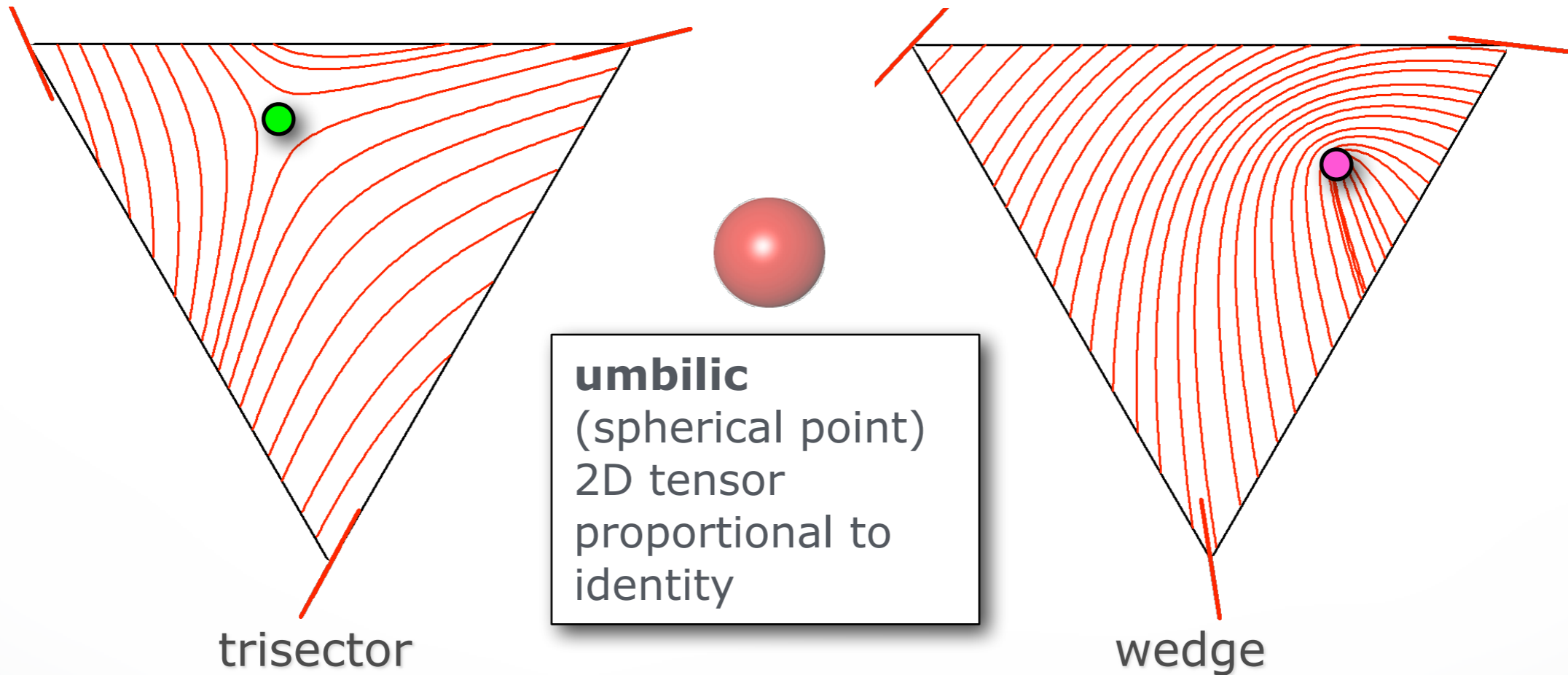


principal foliations

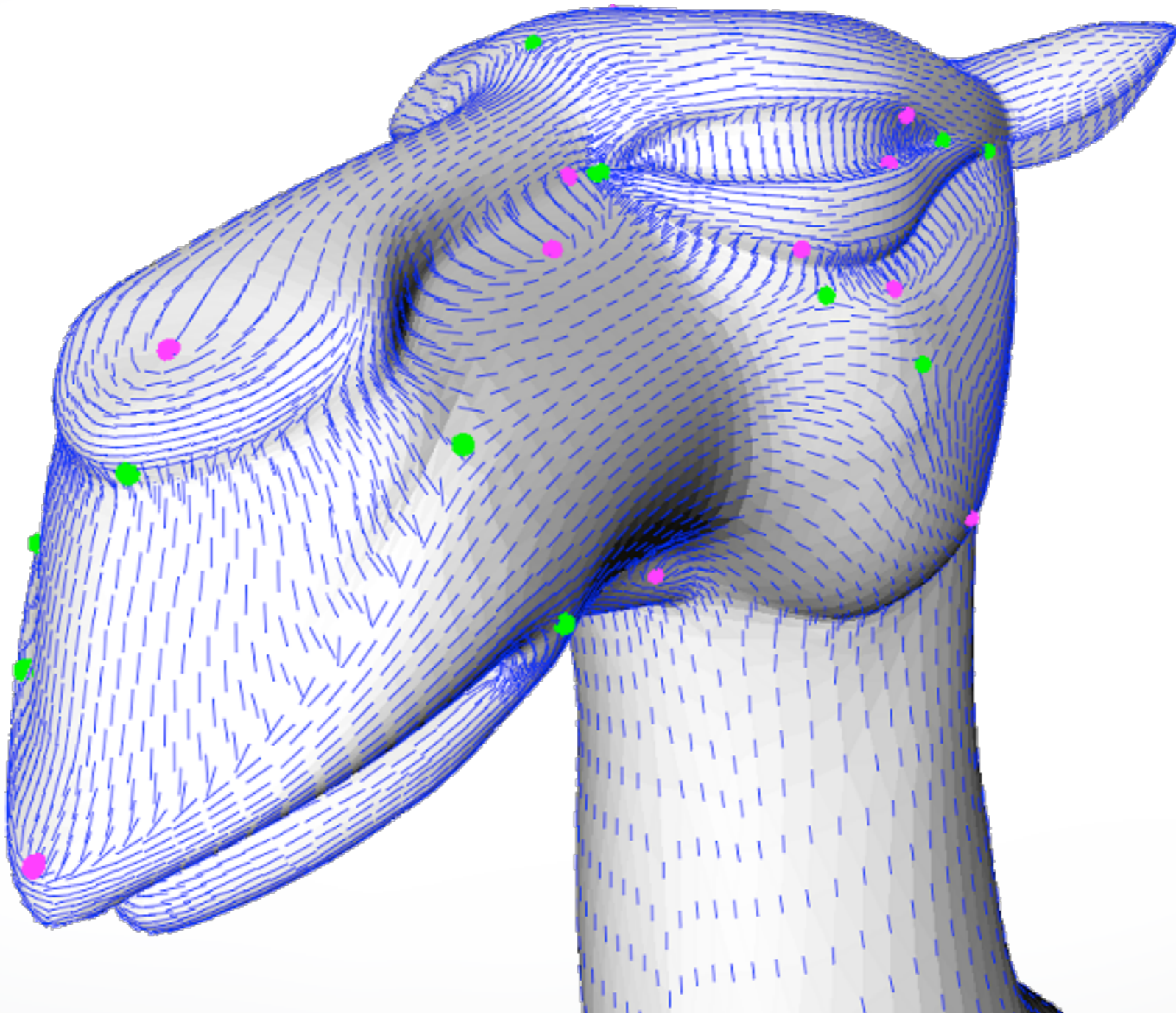


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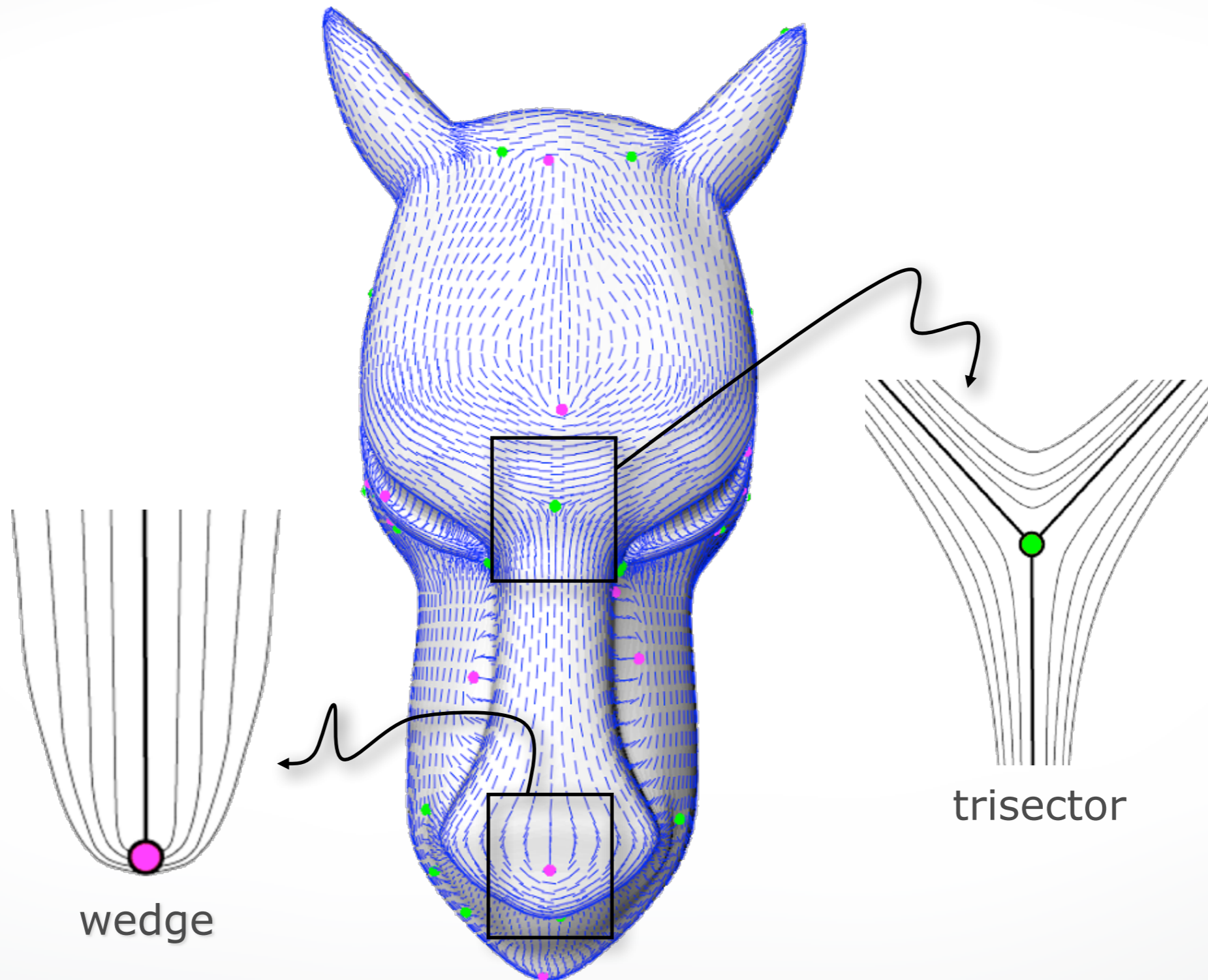
- **Singularities**



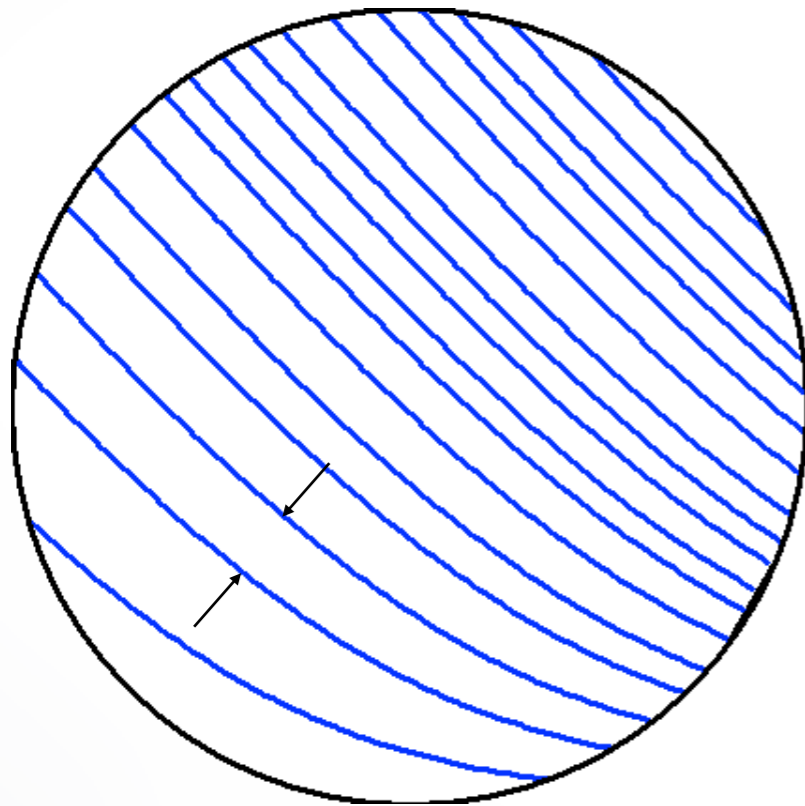
# Umbilics



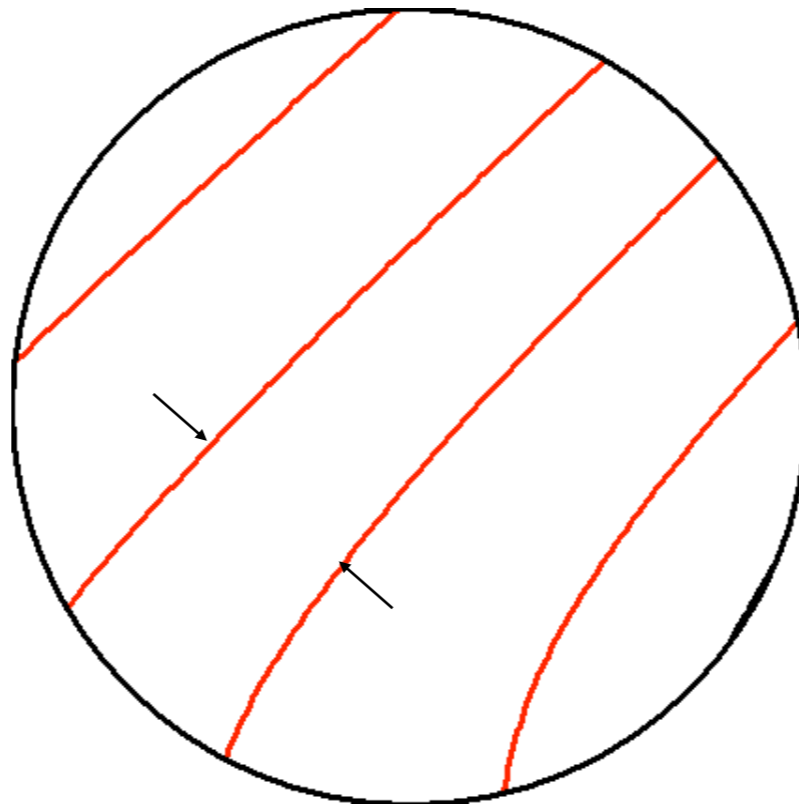
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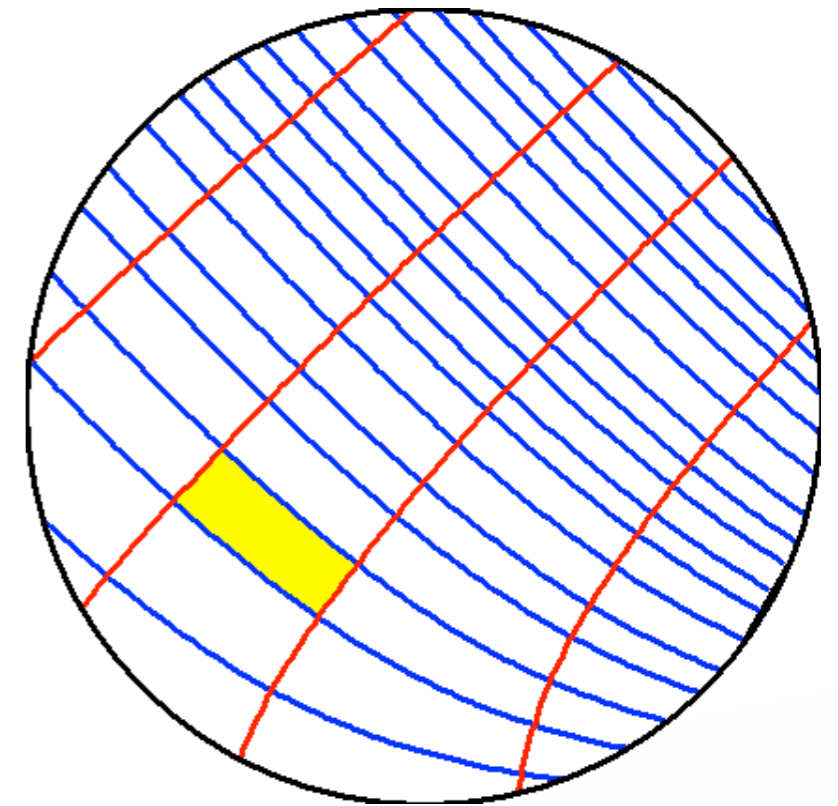
# Lines of curvature



minor net

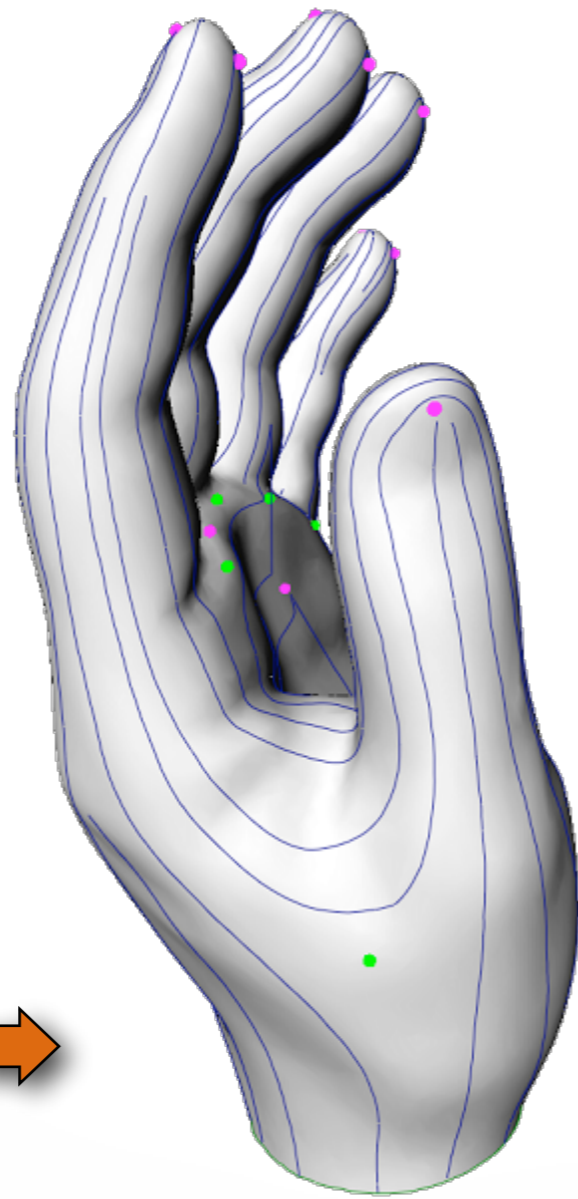


major net

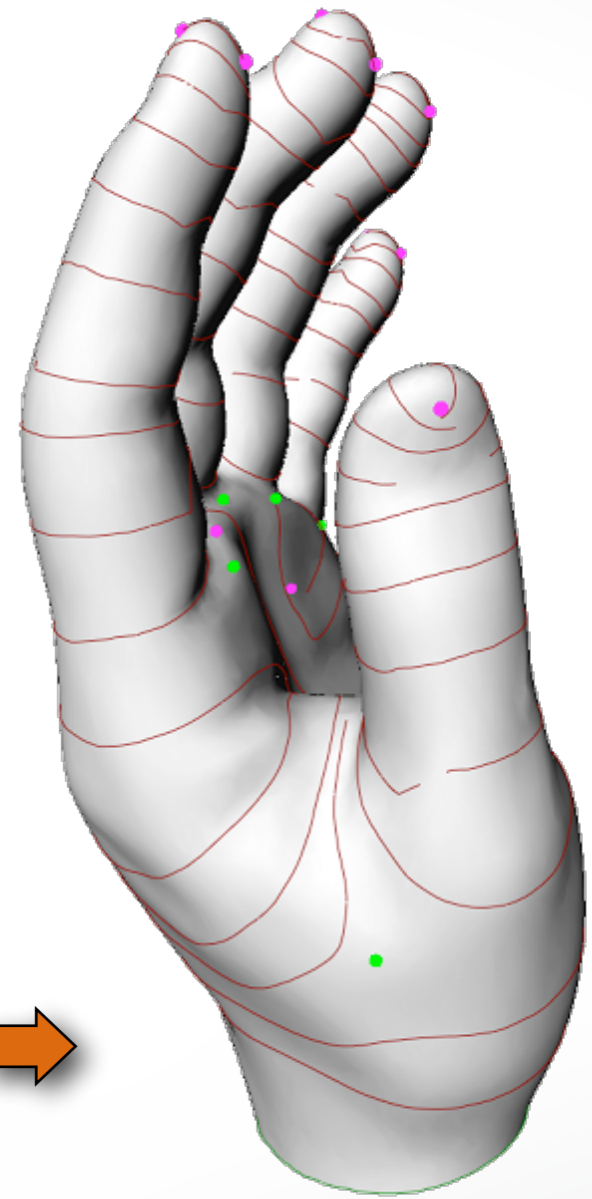
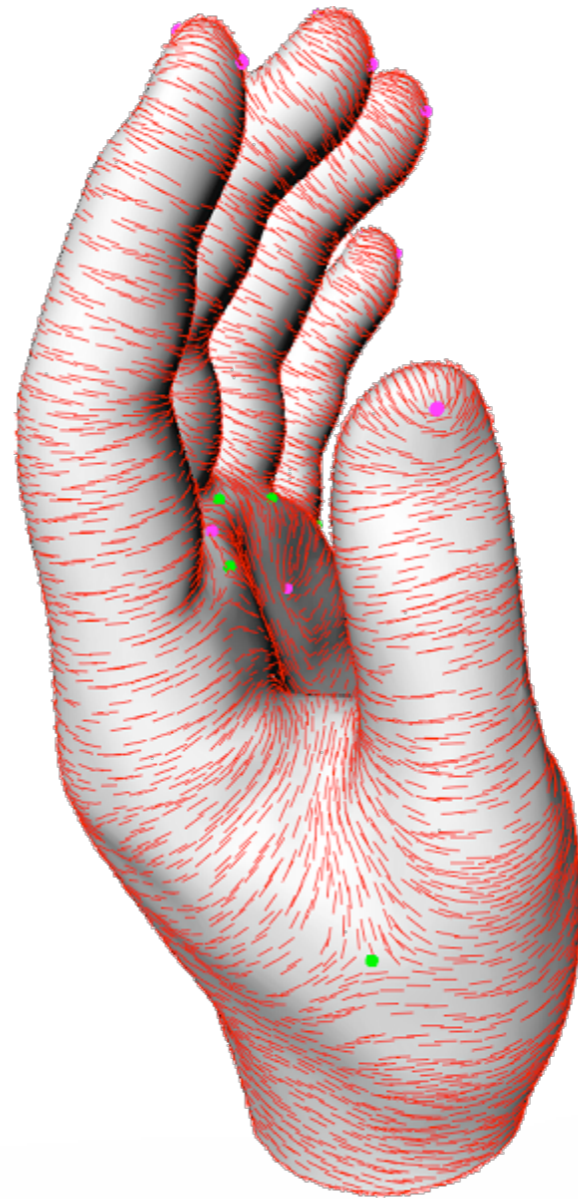


overlay

# Lines of curvature



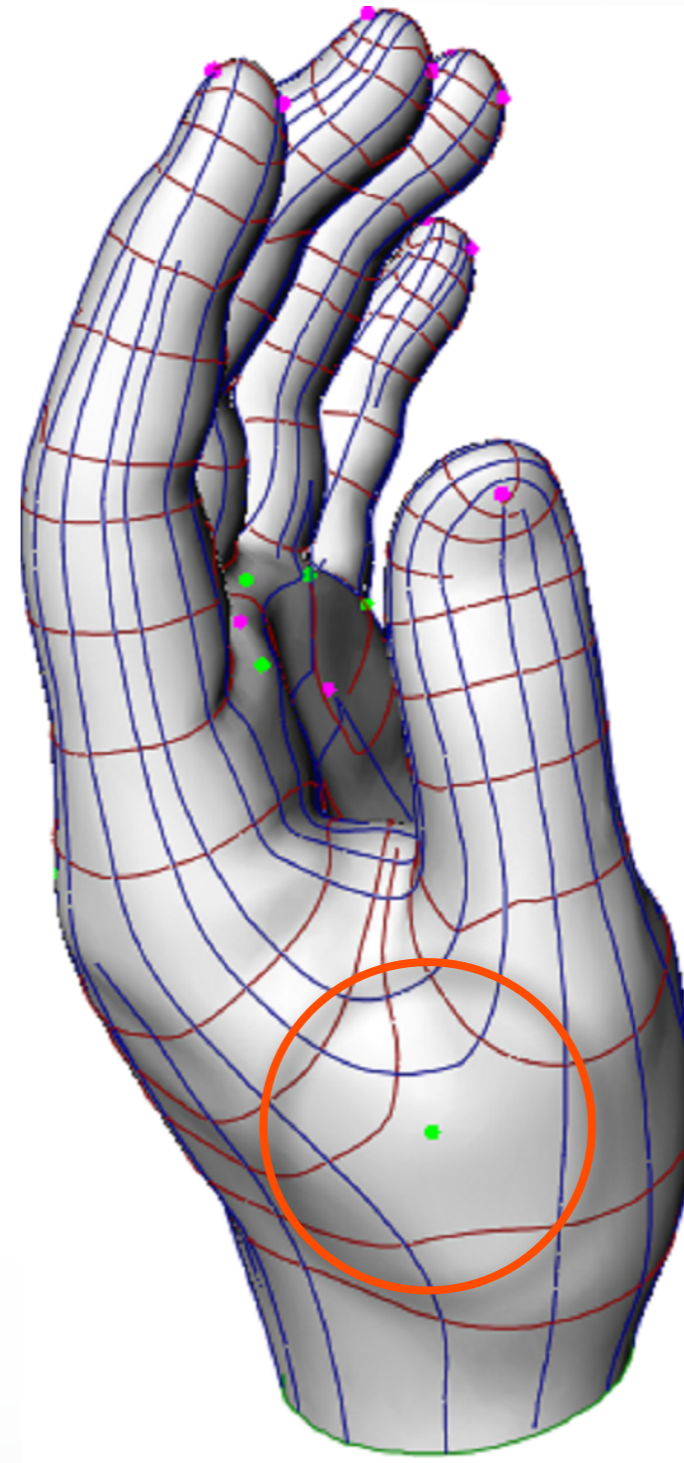
minor net



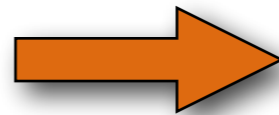
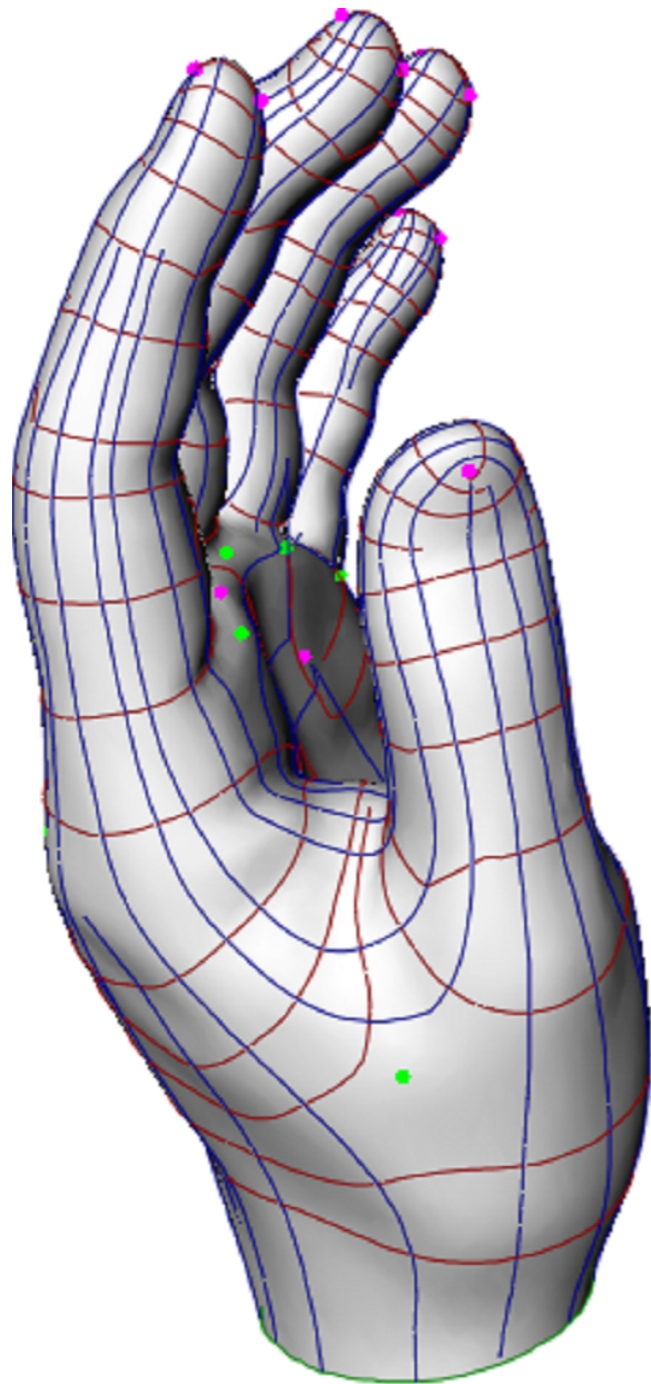
major net

# Overlay

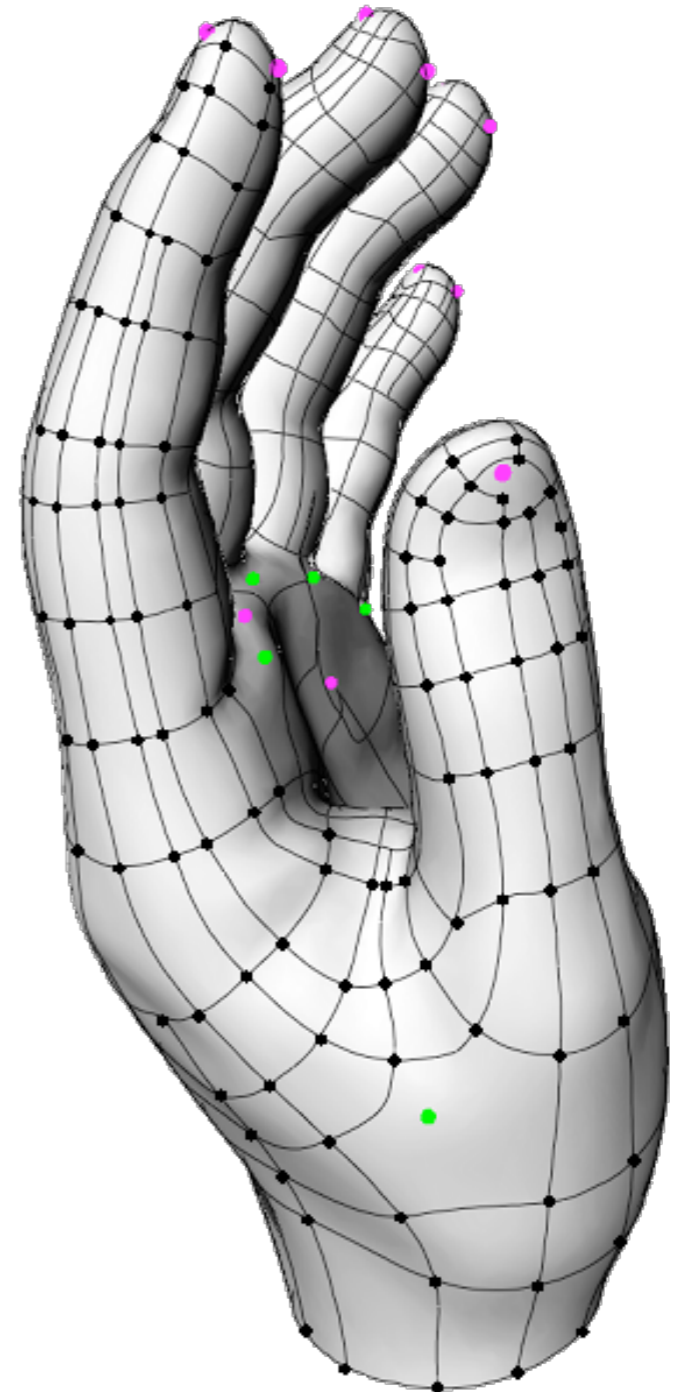
- **Overlay curvature lines in anisotropic regions**
- **Add umbilical points in isotropic regions**



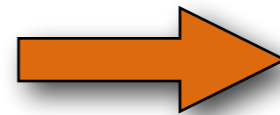
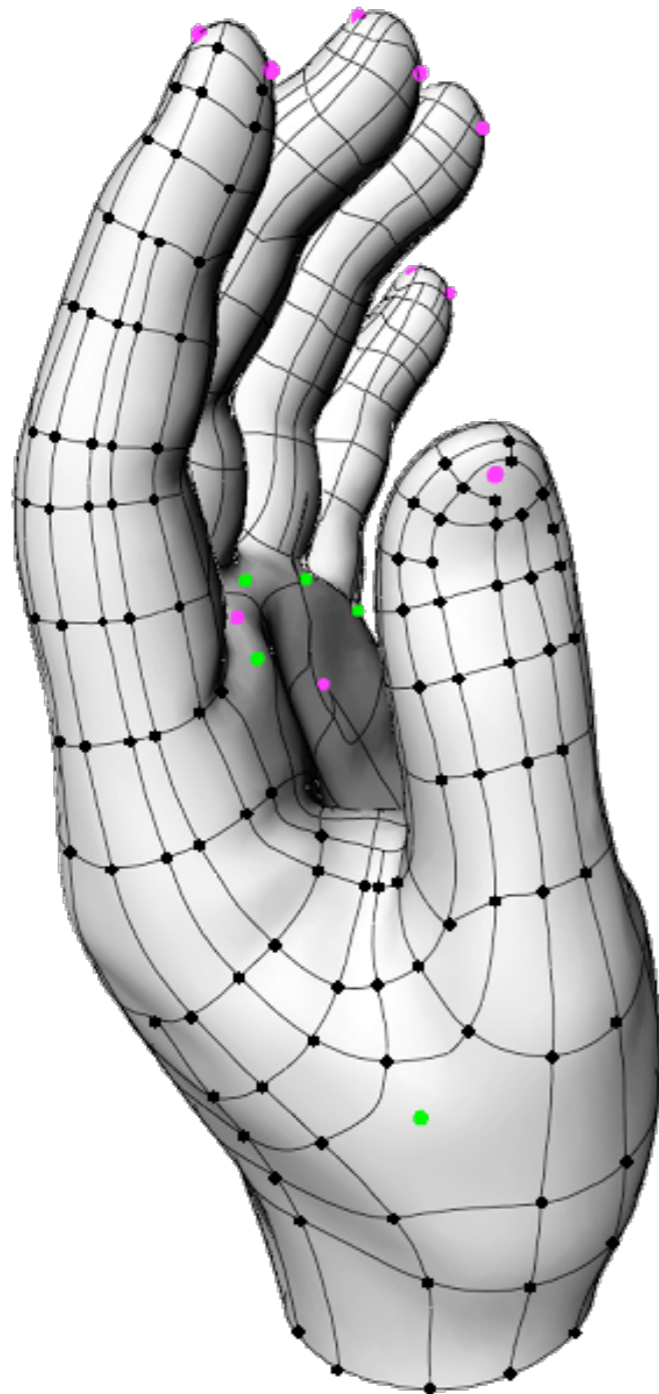
# Vertices



intersect lines of  
curvatures



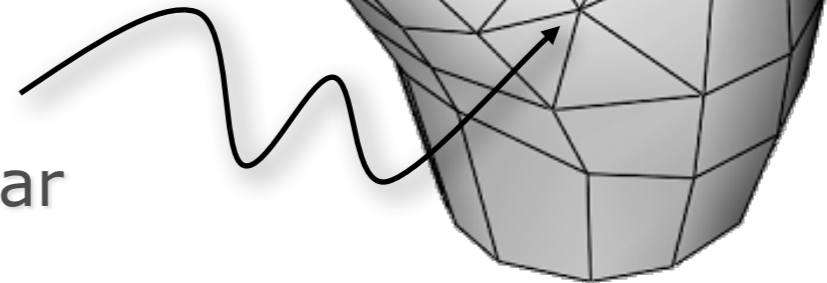
# Edges



straighten lines of  
curvatures

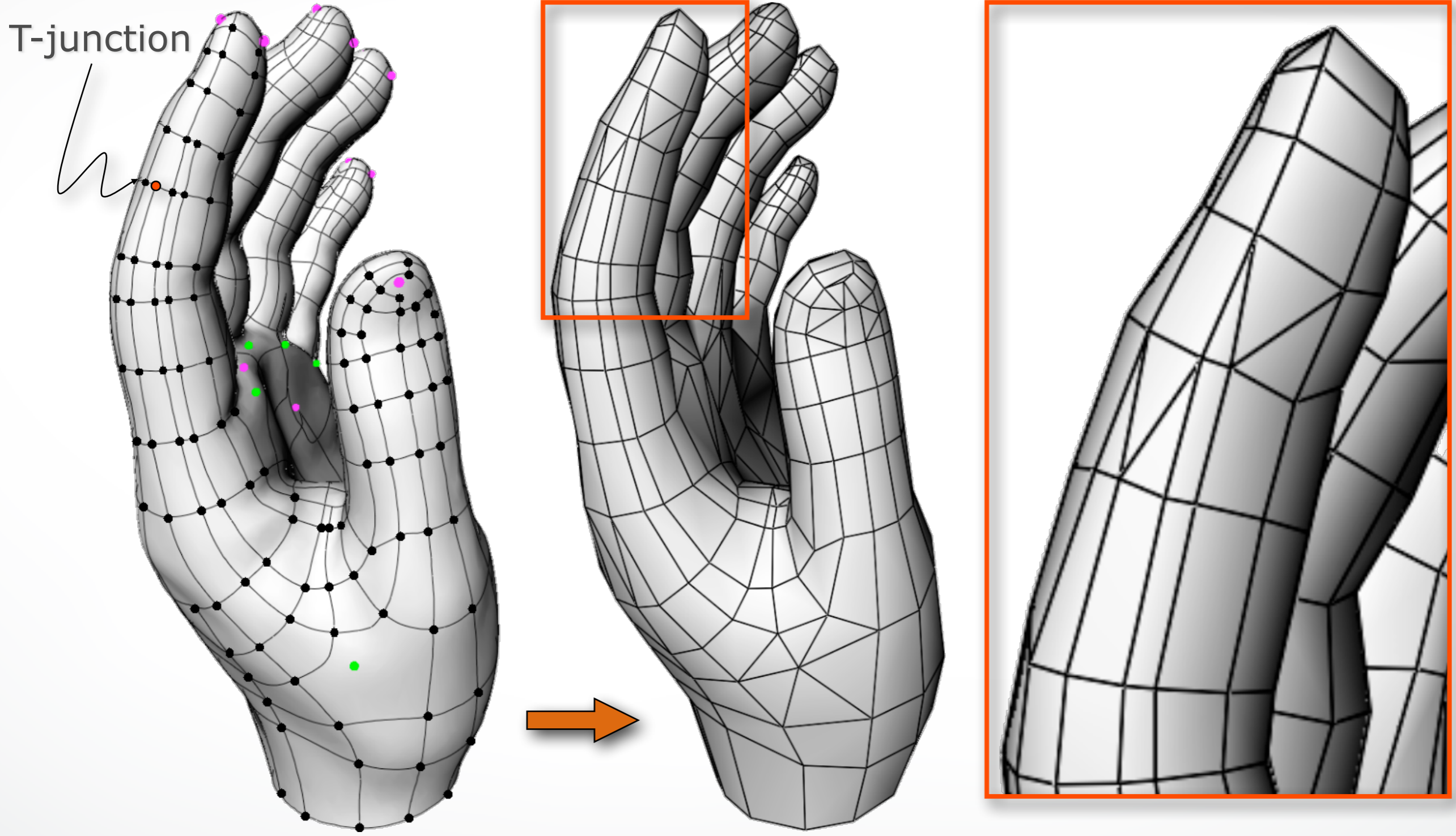
+

Delaunay  
triangulation near  
umbilics

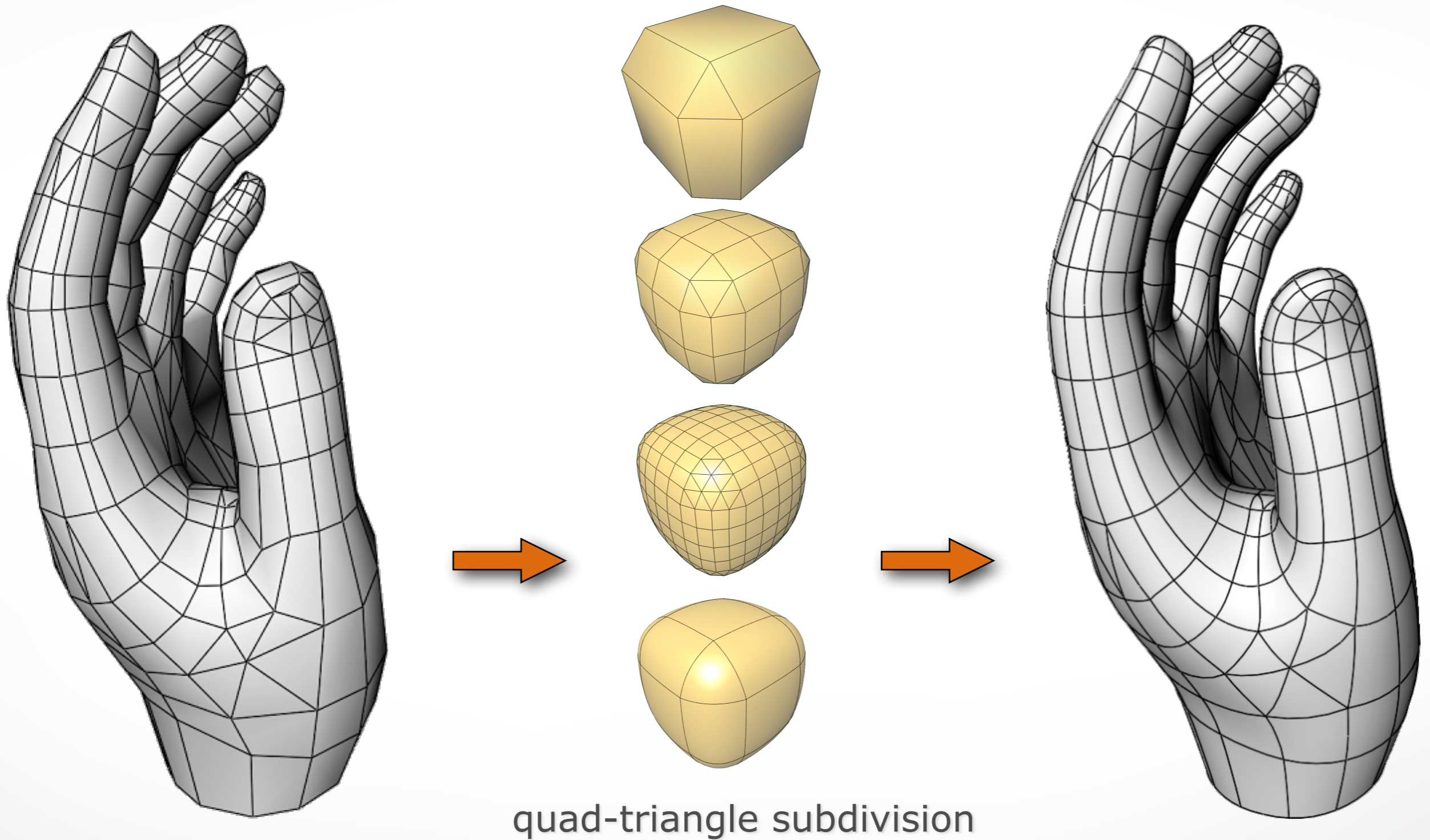




# Resolve T-junctions



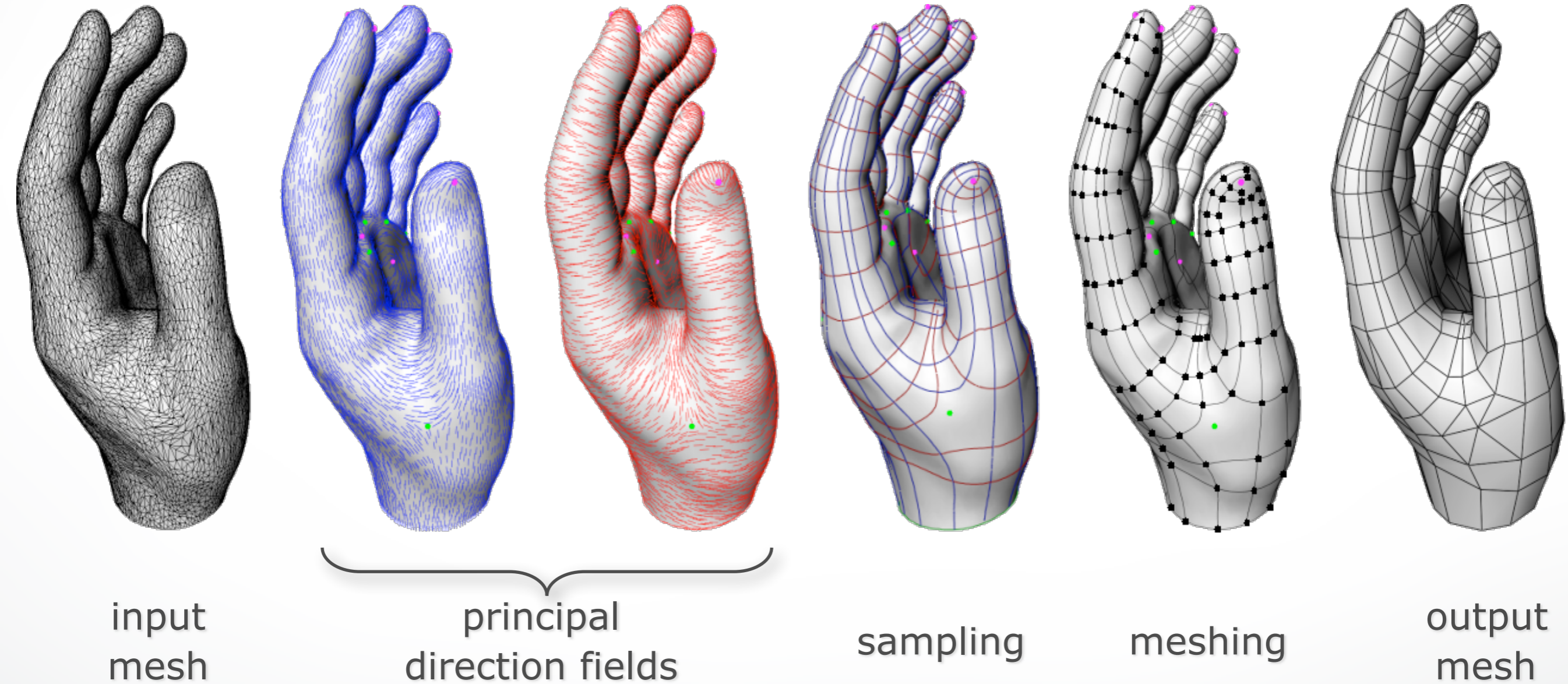
# Smoothing



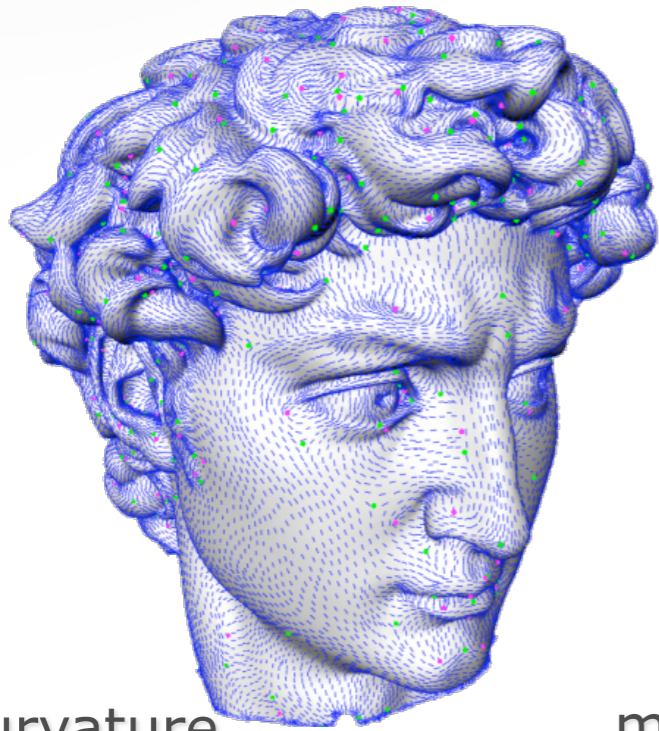
quad-triangle subdivision

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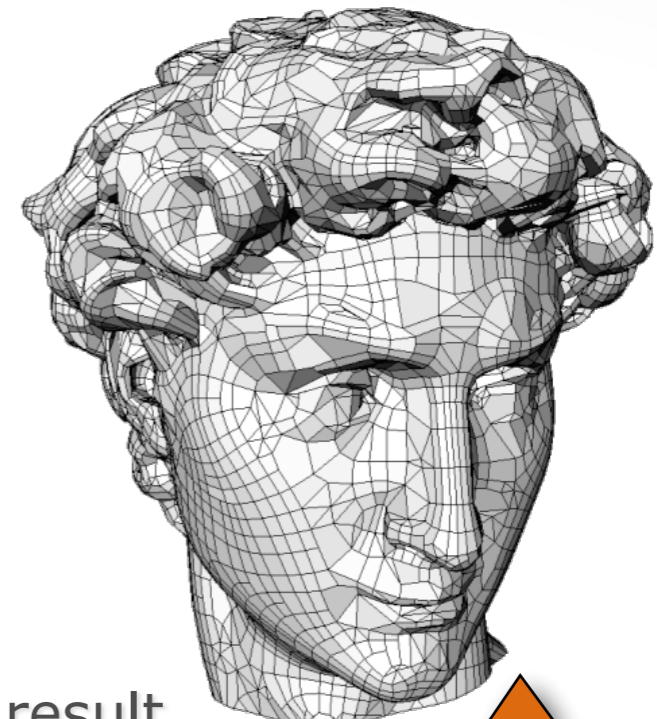
# Remeshing results



min curvature



max curvature



result



minor net



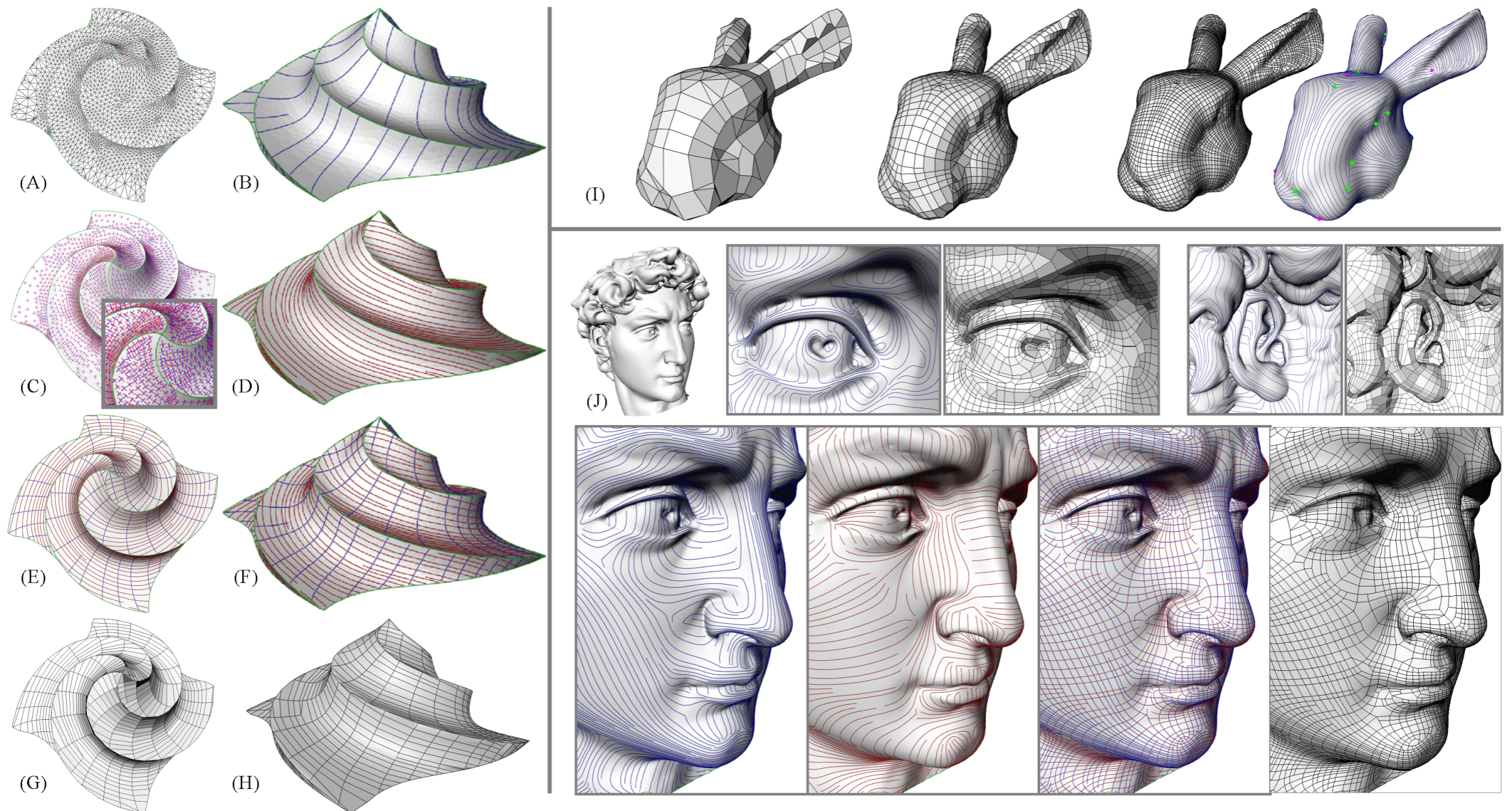
major net



overlay

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# Tools

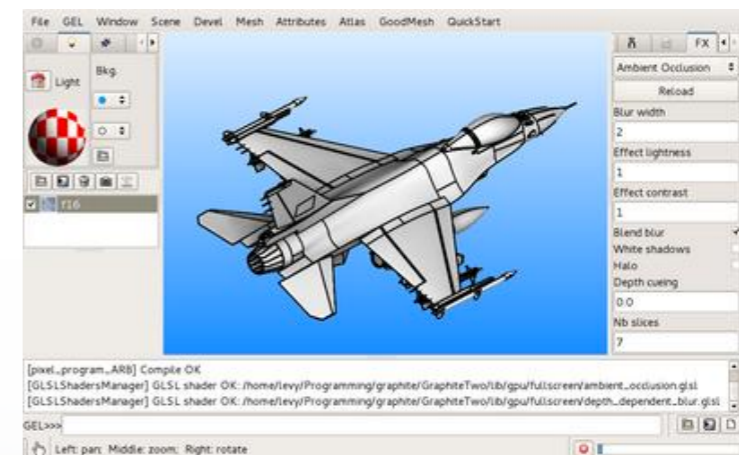
## MeshLab

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



## Graphite

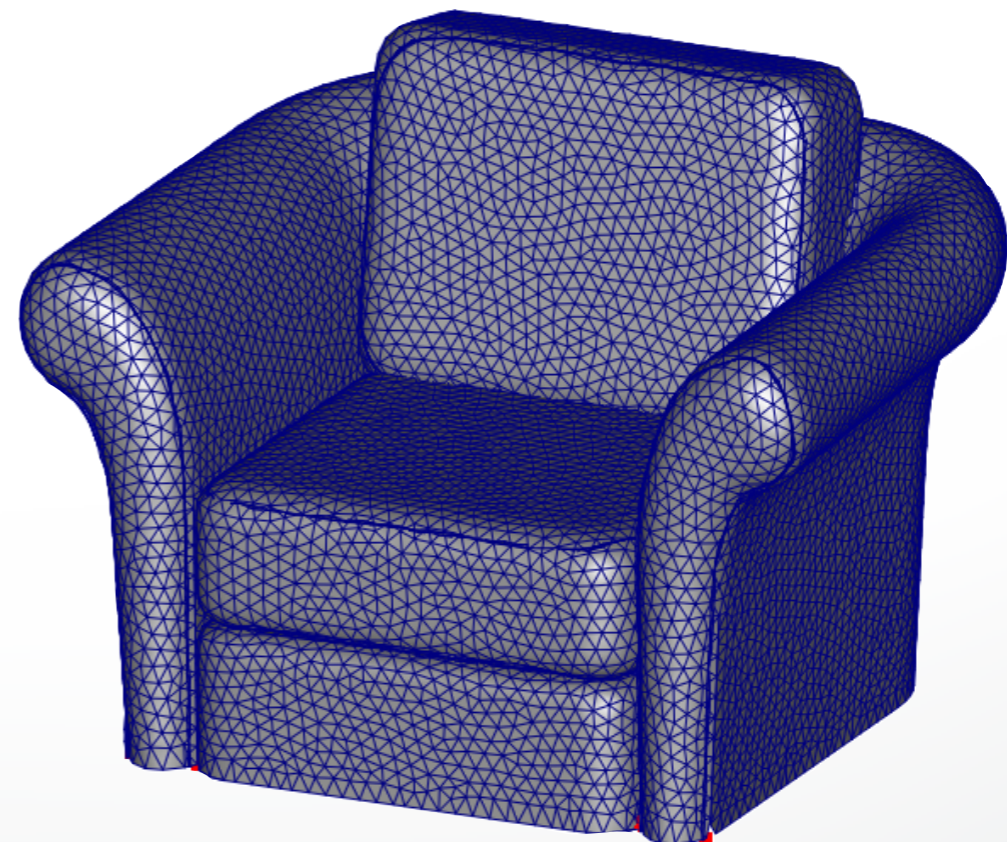
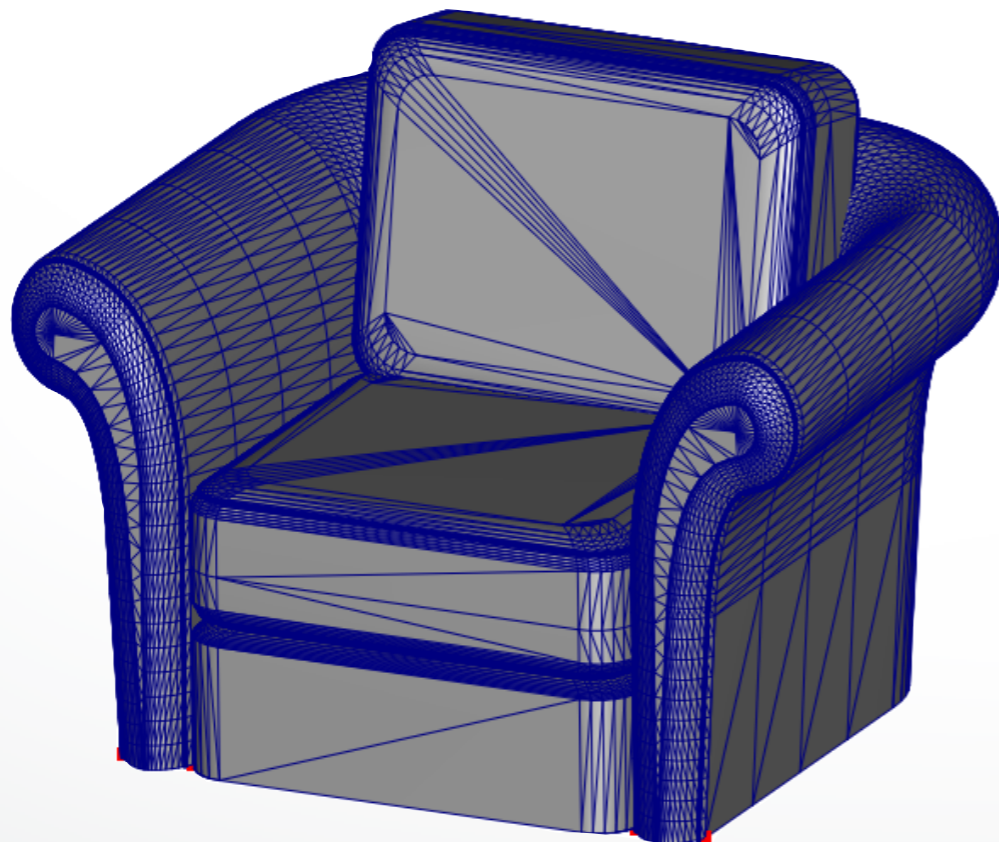
- <http://alice.loria.fr/index.php/software/3-platform/22-graphite.html>
- available for Windows
- MacOSX or Linux?



# 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)



# Literature

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