



A Constrained Resampling Strategy for Mesh Improvement

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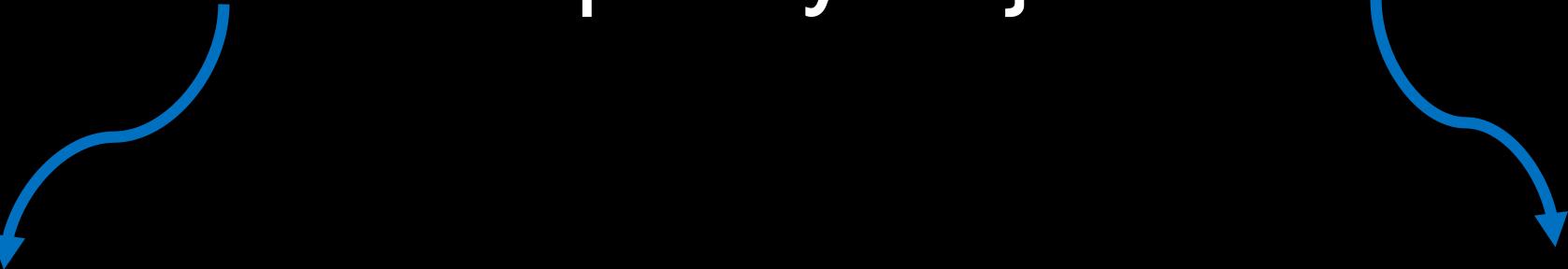
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Problem Definition

Improving an input mesh in terms of a given set of quality objectives



How to translate the quality objectives

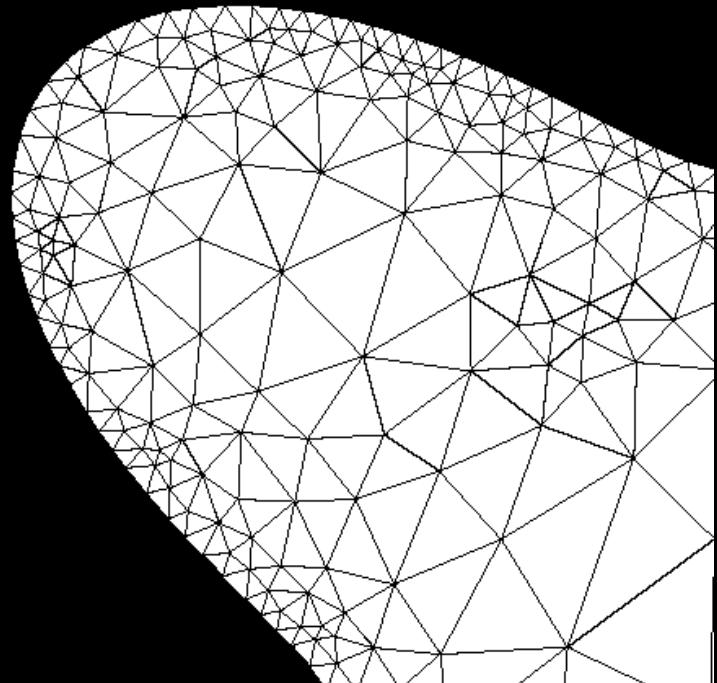
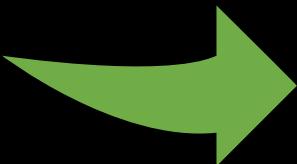
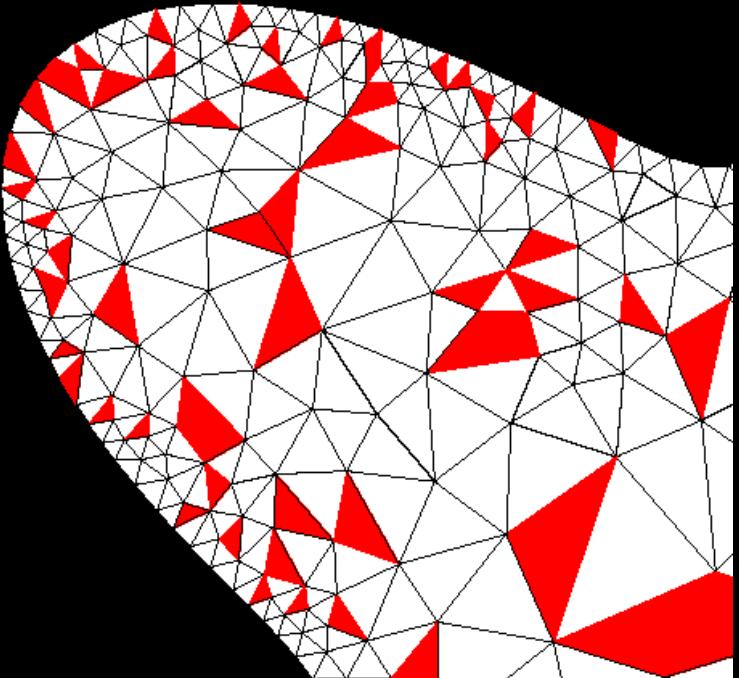
How to achieve multiple objectives

Applications

1- Non-obtuse Triangulation:

Input: obtuse triangular mesh

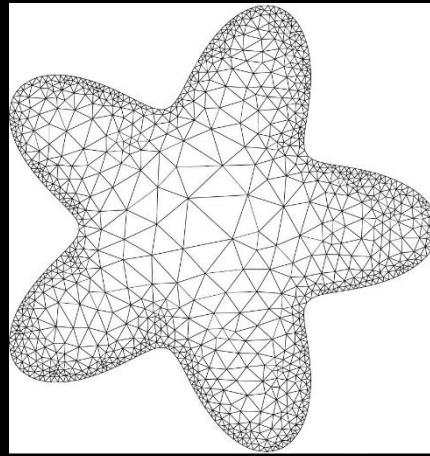
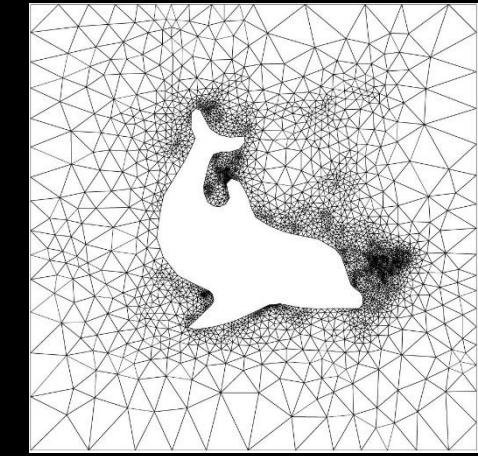
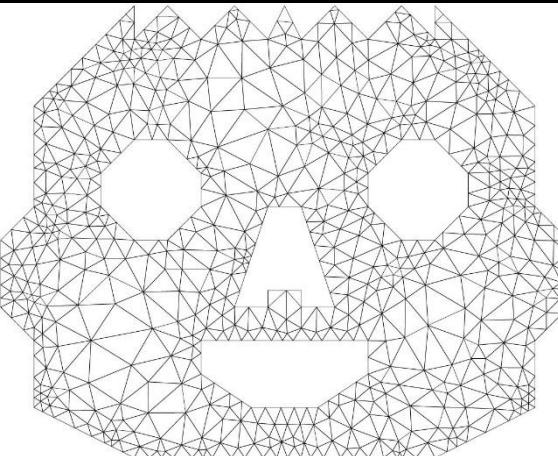
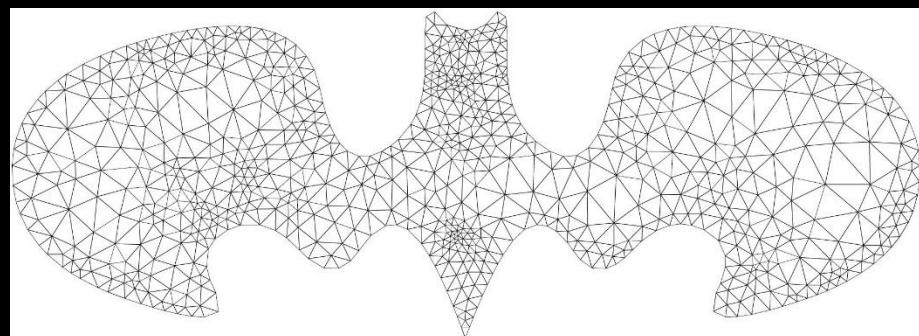
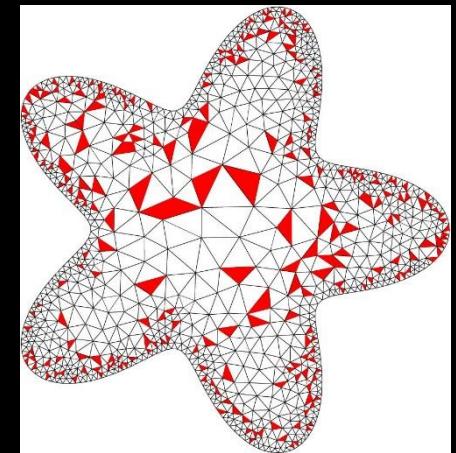
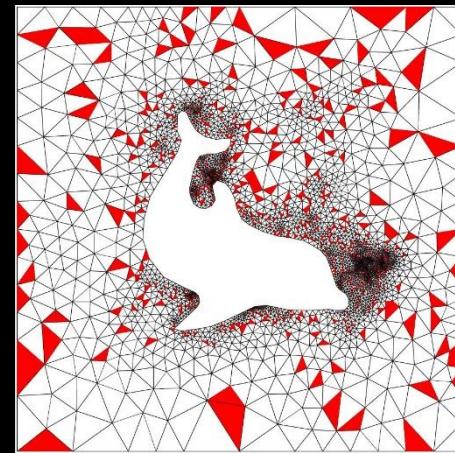
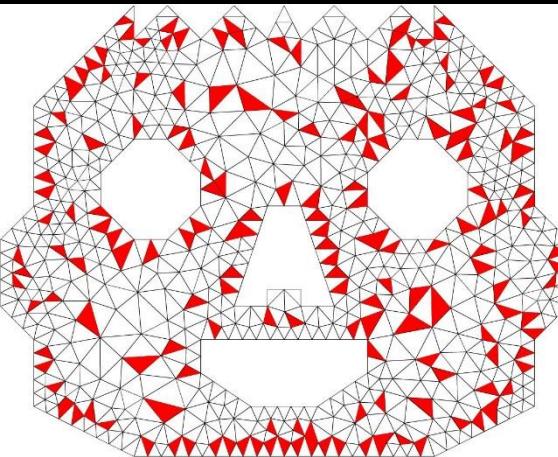
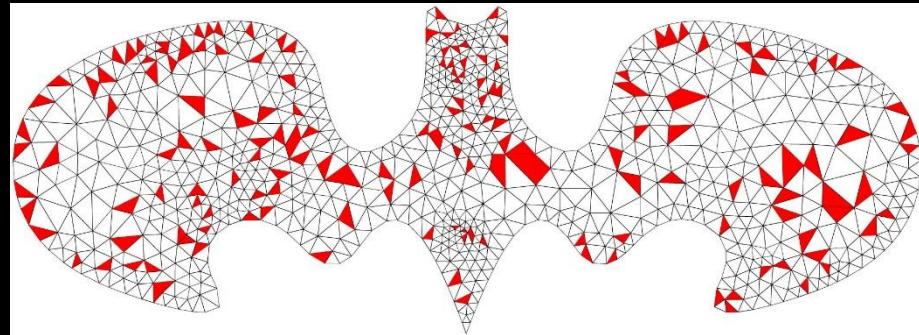
Target: Eliminate all obtuse triangles



Red = obtuse

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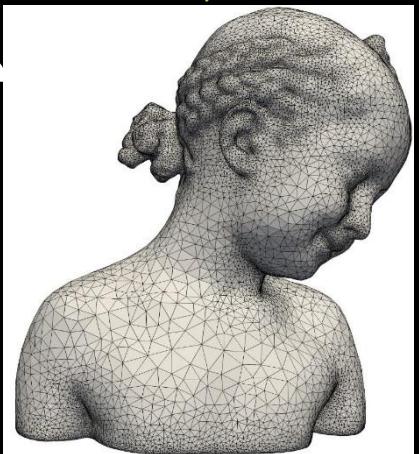
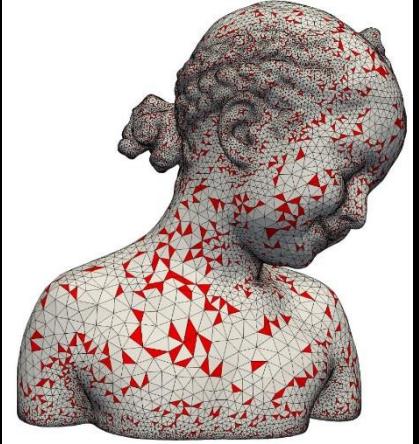
1- Non-obtuse Triangulation (2D)



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1- Non-obtuse Triangulation (CS)

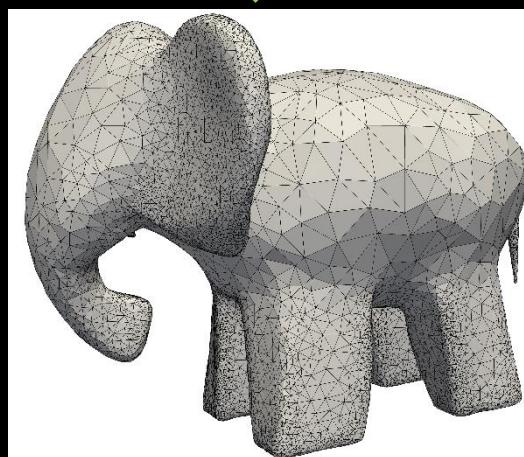
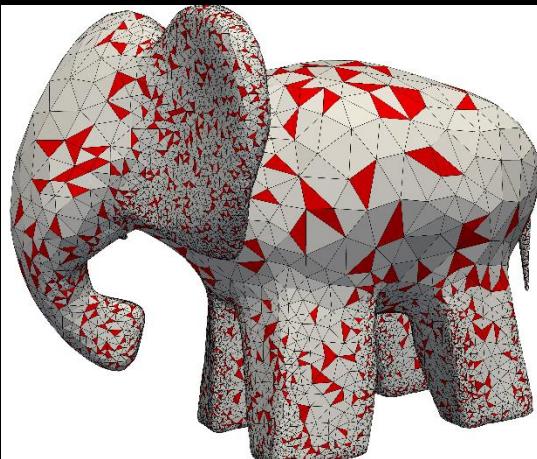
Delaunay Refinement



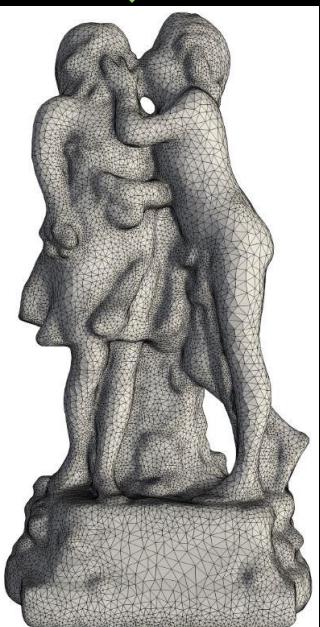
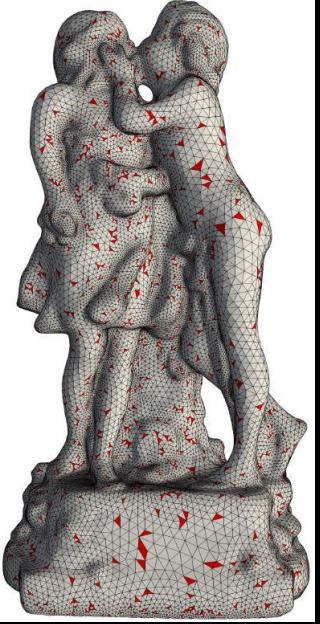
Uniform MPS



Non-uniform MPS



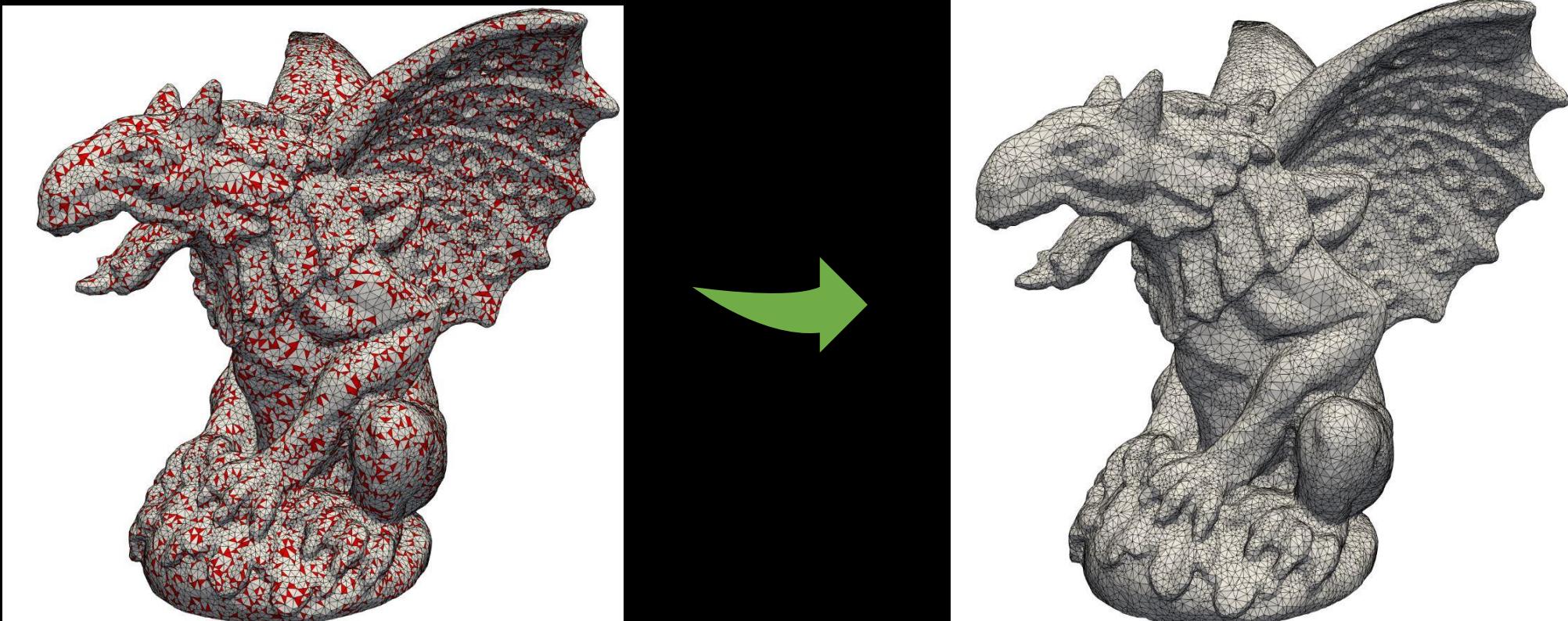
Frontal Delaunay



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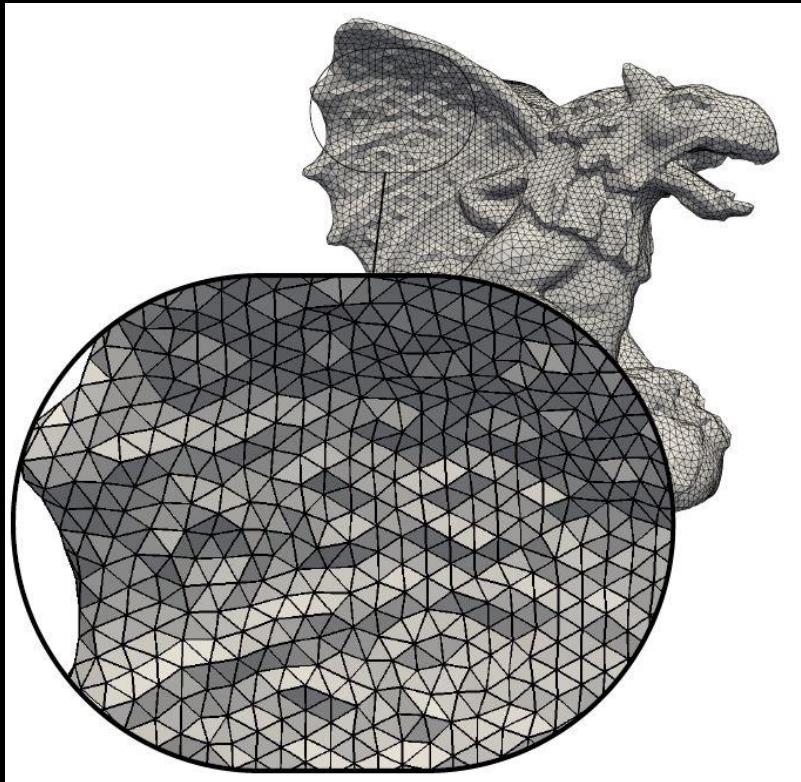
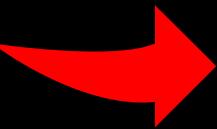
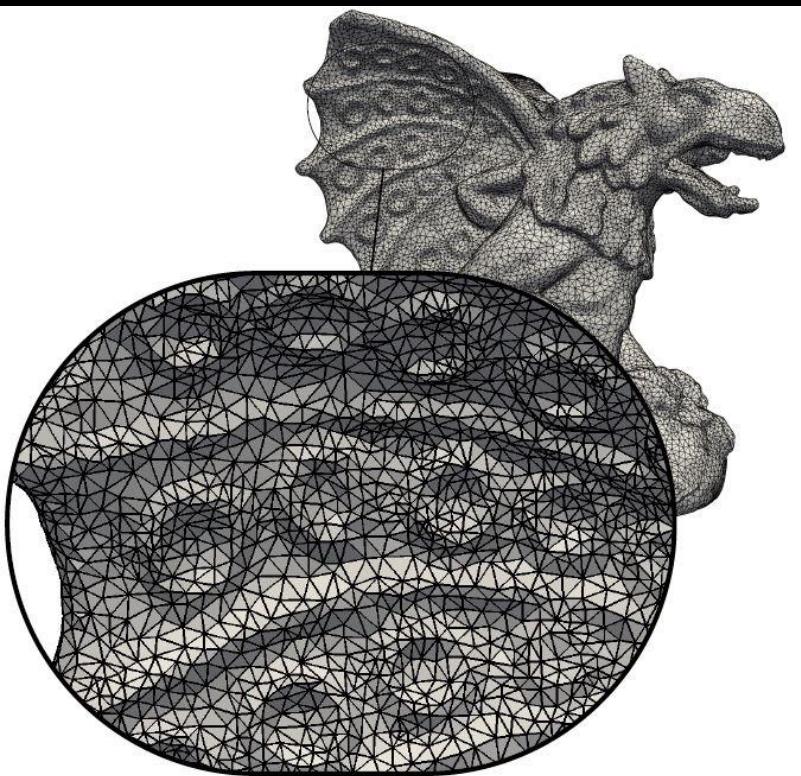
Comparison: “Non-obtuse remeshing with centroidal voronoi tessellation” – D.M. Yan *et al.*, IEEE TVCG 2016



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Comparison: “A simple pull-push algorithm for blue-noise sampling” - AG Ahmed *et al.*, IEEE TVCG 2016

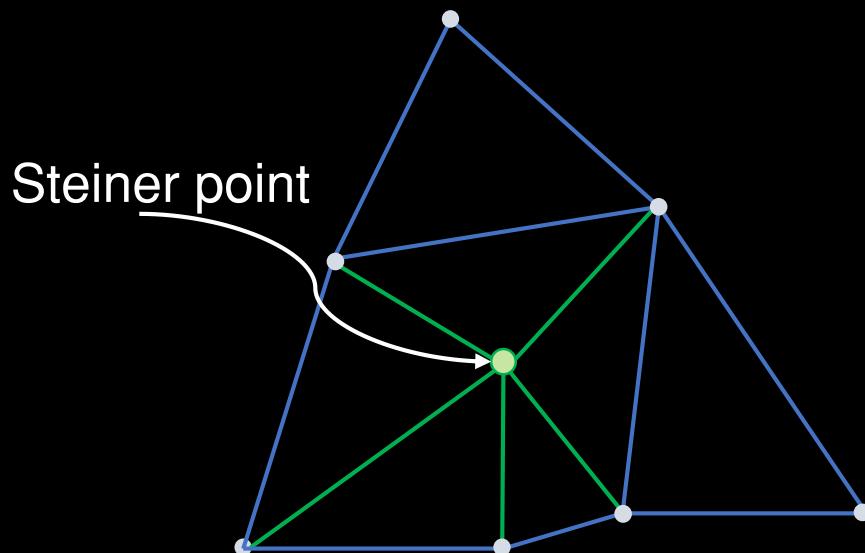
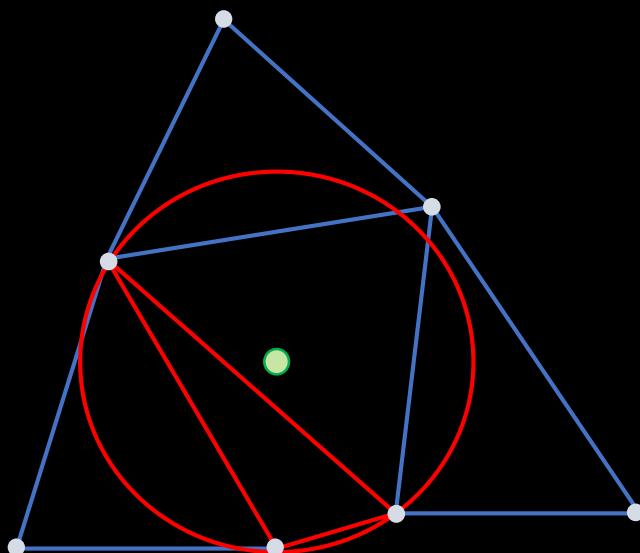


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2- Delaunay Sifting:

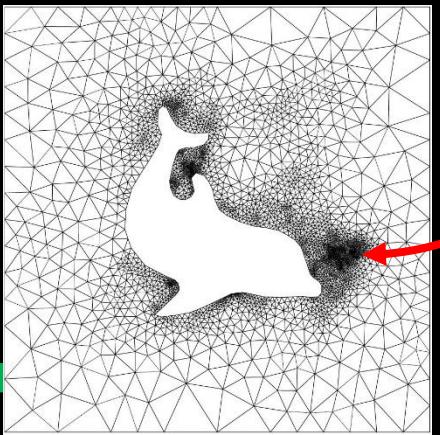
Definition: Reducing the number of Steiner points while preserving the same qualities of the input mesh

Steiner points: Set of vertices inserted in initial Delaunay mesh to improve its quality (minimum angle, triangle area)

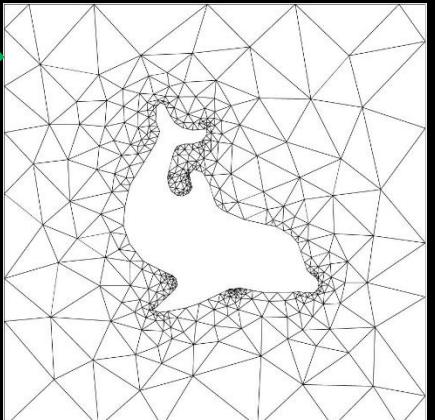


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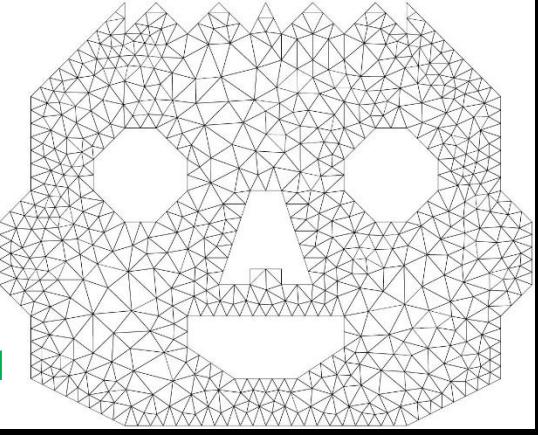
2- Delaunay Sifting (2D) *Triangle*



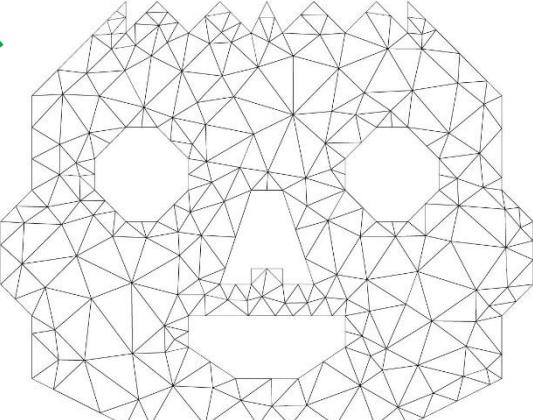
$\theta_{\min} = 35^\circ, \theta_{\max} = 109^\circ$



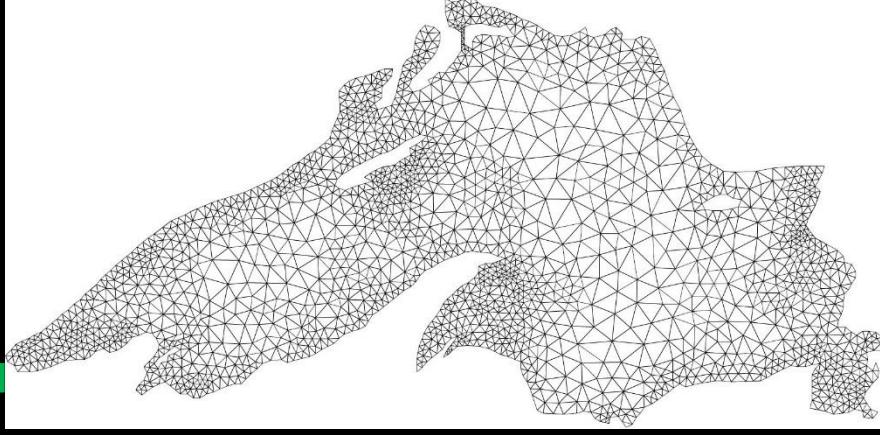
Reduction ratio = 86%



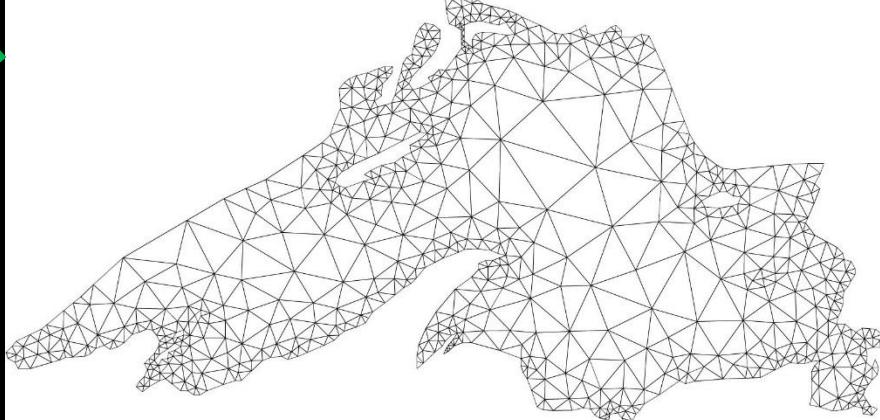
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Reduction ratio = 62%



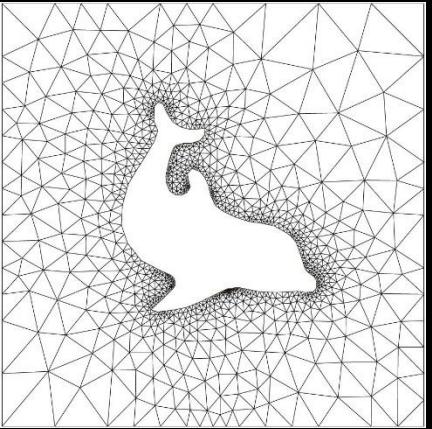
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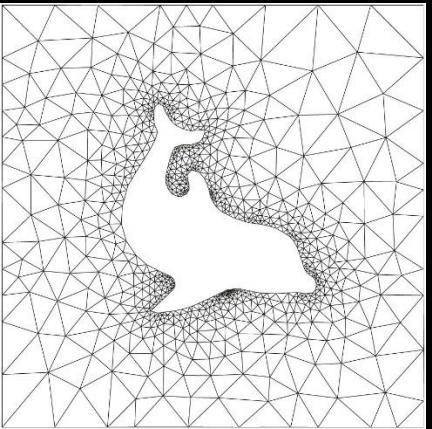
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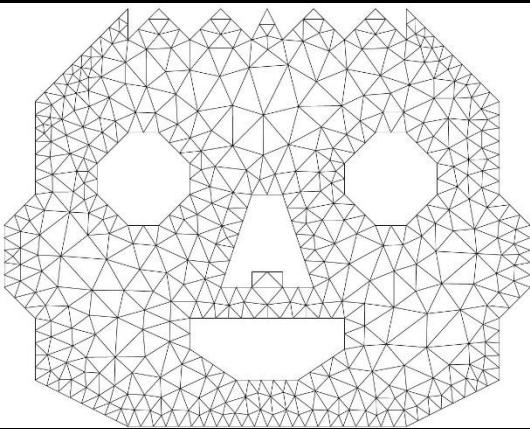
2- Delaunay Sifting (2D) *aCute*



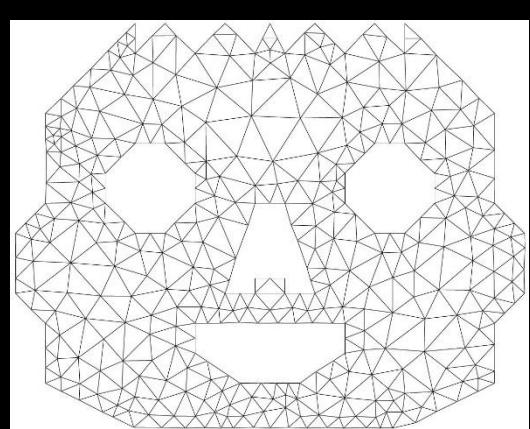
$\theta_{\min} = 40^\circ, \theta_{\max} = 99^\circ$



Reduction ratio = 24%

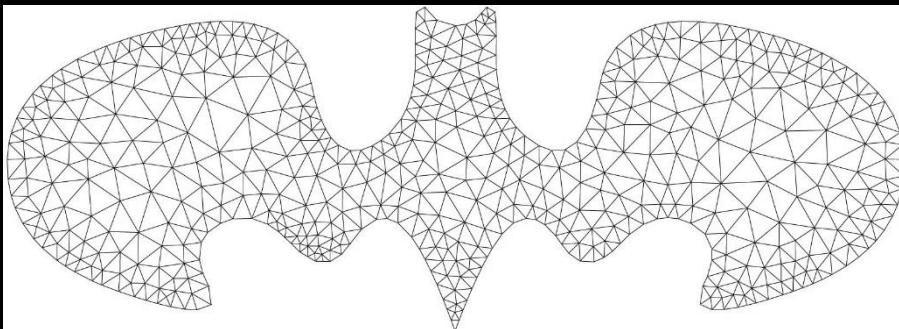


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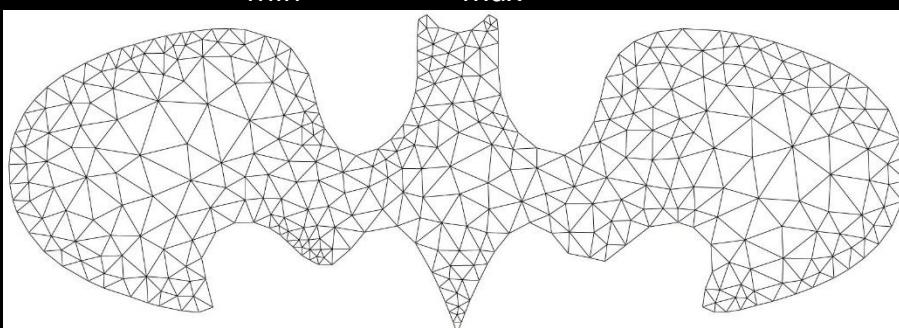


Reduction ratio = 28%

“Quality Triangulations with Locally Optimal Steiner Points”
– Hale Erten et al. - SIAM J. Sci. Comput 2008



$\theta_{\min} = 40^\circ, \theta_{\max} = 99^\circ$



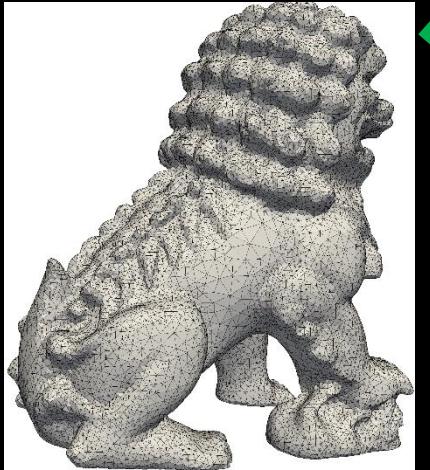
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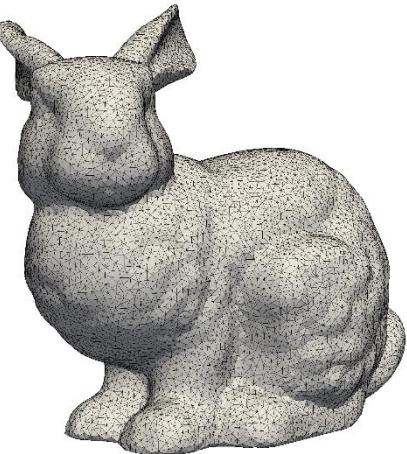


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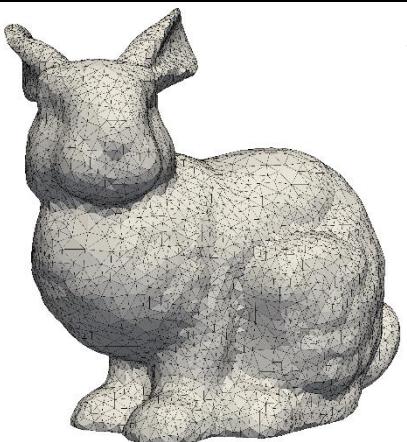


Reduction ratio = 43%

Uniform MPS

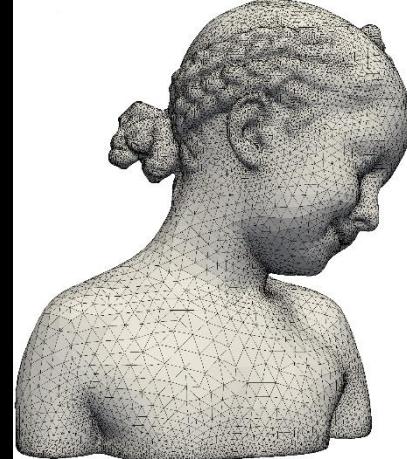


$\theta_{\min} = 30^\circ, \theta_{\max} = 116^\circ$

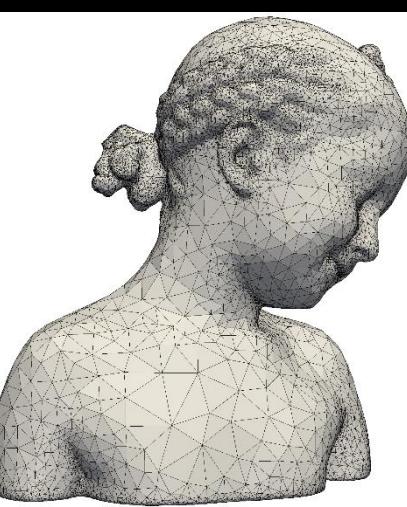


Reduction ratio = 50%

Frontal Delaunay

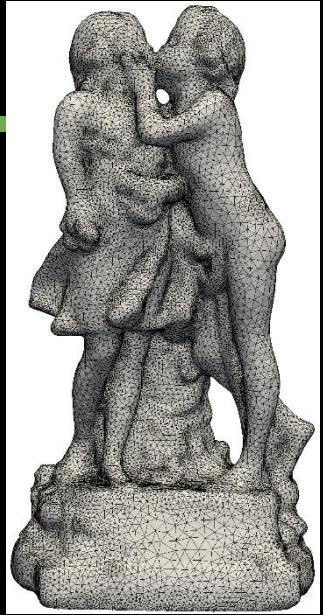


$\theta_{\min} = 28^\circ, \theta_{\max} = 120^\circ$

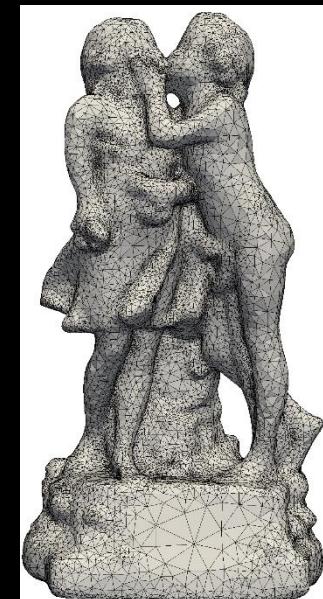


Reduction ratio = 50%

Delaunay Refinement



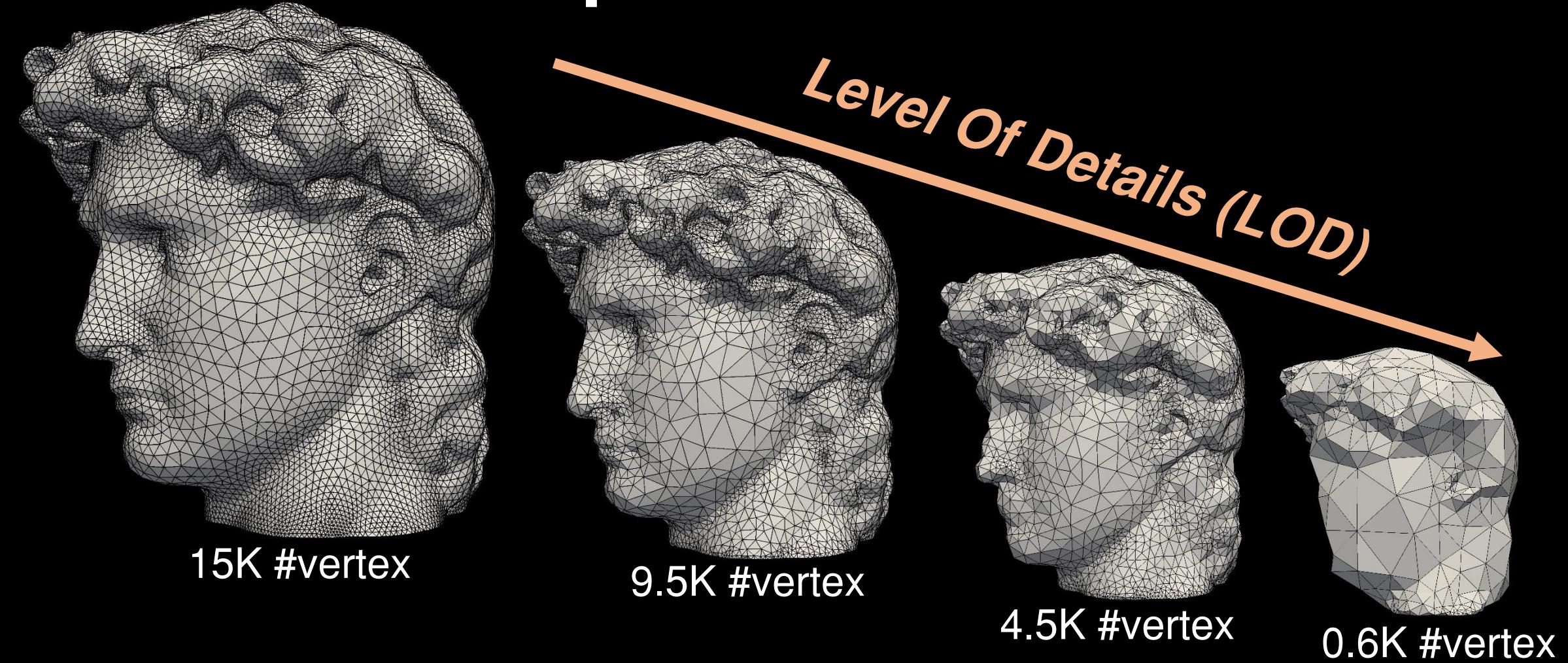
$\theta_{\min} = 28^\circ, \theta_{\max} = 121^\circ$



Reduction ratio = 44%

Applications

3- Mesh Simplification



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- “Surface Simplification Using Quadratic Error Metric” – *Garland M., et al.* - SIGGRAPH '97
- “Efficient Construction and Simplification of Delaunay Meshes” – *Liu Y.-J., et al.* - TOG 2015

Model	Method	v		Δ		θ_{\min}		θ_{\max}		Q_{\min}		$d_{RMS}(\times 10^{-2})$	$d_H(\times 10^{-2})$
		Input	Output	Input	Output	Input	Output	Input	Output	Input	Output		
Bunny (MPS)	DM					12		171		0.06	3.5	0.8	
	QEM	11.5K	≈153	23k	≈302	30	6	116	165	0.5	0.11	1.7	0.5
	Our					30		116		0.5	4.6	1.8	
Fertility (MPS)	DM					4.5		155		0.12	1.5	0.4	
	QEM	8.5K	≈390	17k	≈790	30	4	116	168	0.5	0.08	0.7	0.2
	Our					30		116		0.5	4.86	0.9	
Loop (MPS)	DM					10		159		0.2	1	0.2	
	QEM	10.7K	≈1.4K	22k	≈3K	30	5.5	117	160	0.48	0.12	0.5	0.1
	Our					30		117		0.17	2.9	0.4	
Bimba (DR)	DM					12		137		0.31	4.6	0.6	
	QEM	25.4K	≈180	51k	≈350	28	6	122	161	0.44	0.12	1.9	0.4
	Our					28		122		0.47	4.7	1.5	
Rocker (DR)	DM					13		135		0.31	2.3	0.4	
	QEM	10.8K	≈240	21k	≈485	30	4	118	165	0.47	0.09	1.1	0.3
	Our					30		114		0.5	4.9	1.3	
Bimba (FD)	DM					11		132		0.3	3.3	0.4	
	QEM	24.4K	≈270	49K	≈535	28	5	121	167	0.46	0.08	0.8	0.3
	Our					29		119		0.47	4.8	1.2	
Rocker (FD)	DM					9		130		0.24	1.9	0.4	
	QEM	10.2K	≈260	20.5k	≈520	32	5	114	167	0.52	0.09	0.8	0.3
	Our					32		112		0.52	4.9	1.1	
Chinese Dragon (CVT)	DM					11		138		0.27	1.5	0.2	
	QEM	30K	≈1.5K	60k	≈3.1K	34	3	103	174	0.6	0.04	0.7	0.1
	Our					34		103		0.6	2.7	0.4	
David Head (CVT)	DM					8		151		0.2	1.1	0.2	
	QEM	15K	≈660	30k	≈1.3K	33	7	107	158	0.56	0.15	1.9	0.2
	Our					33		107		0.56	4.9	0.9	
Omotondo (CVT)	DM					12		140		0.3	2.9	0.5	
	QEM	20K	≈260	40k	≈530	28	7	110	142	0.54	0.18	1.1	0.3
	Our					28		110		0.53	1.8	0.2	

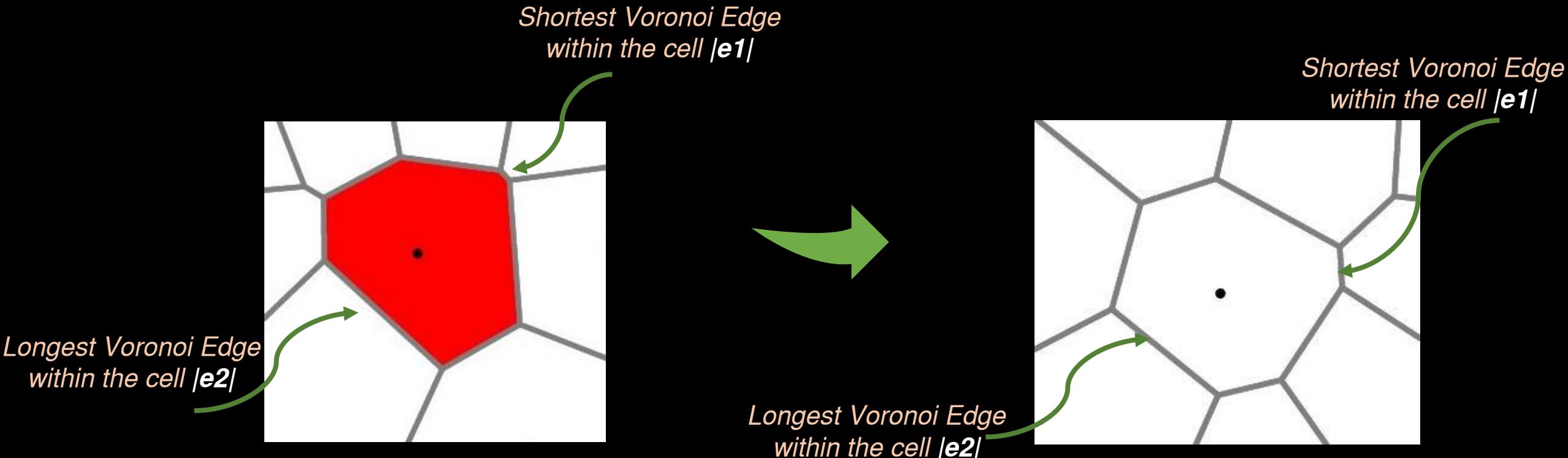
Min Angle

Max Angle

Hausdorff Distance

Applications

4- Voronoi without Short Edges:

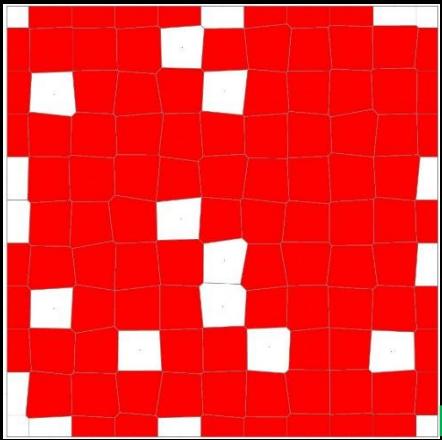


*Bad Voronoi Cell :=
 $|e1| / |e2| < 0.1$*

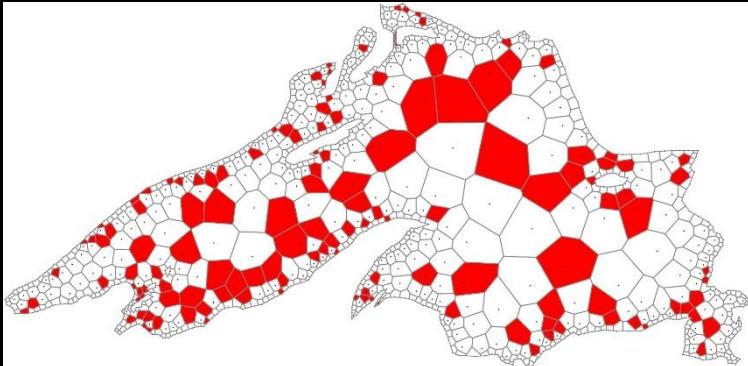
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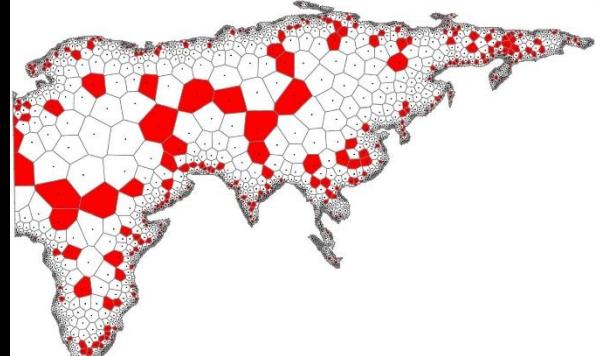
4- Voronoi without Short Edges:



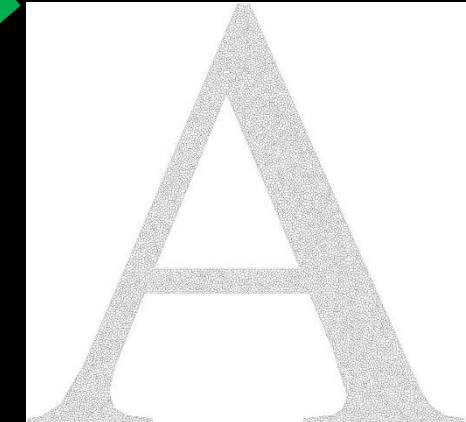
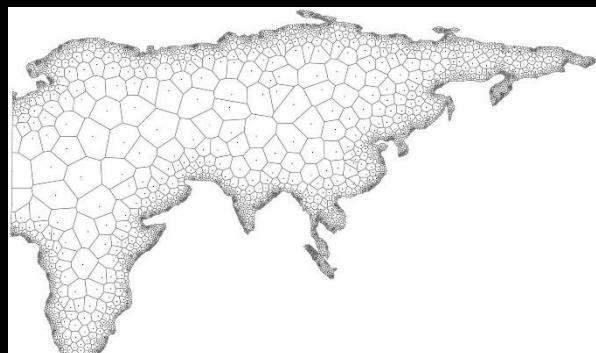
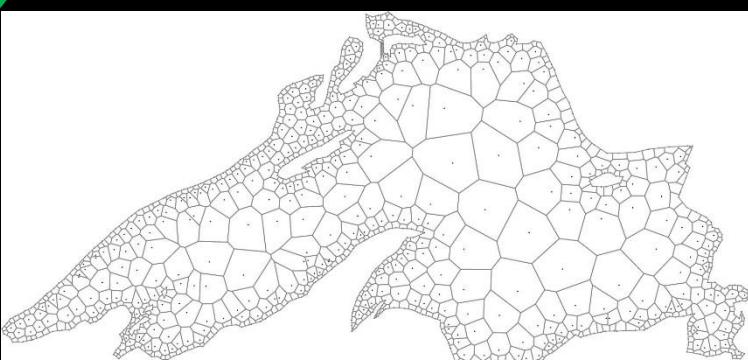
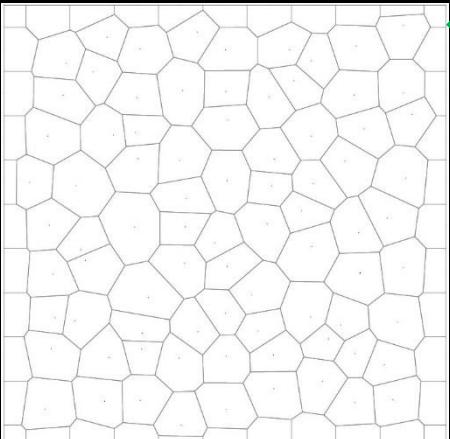
Jittered grid
(98 bad elements)



Rapid change in grading
(139 & 541 bad elements)

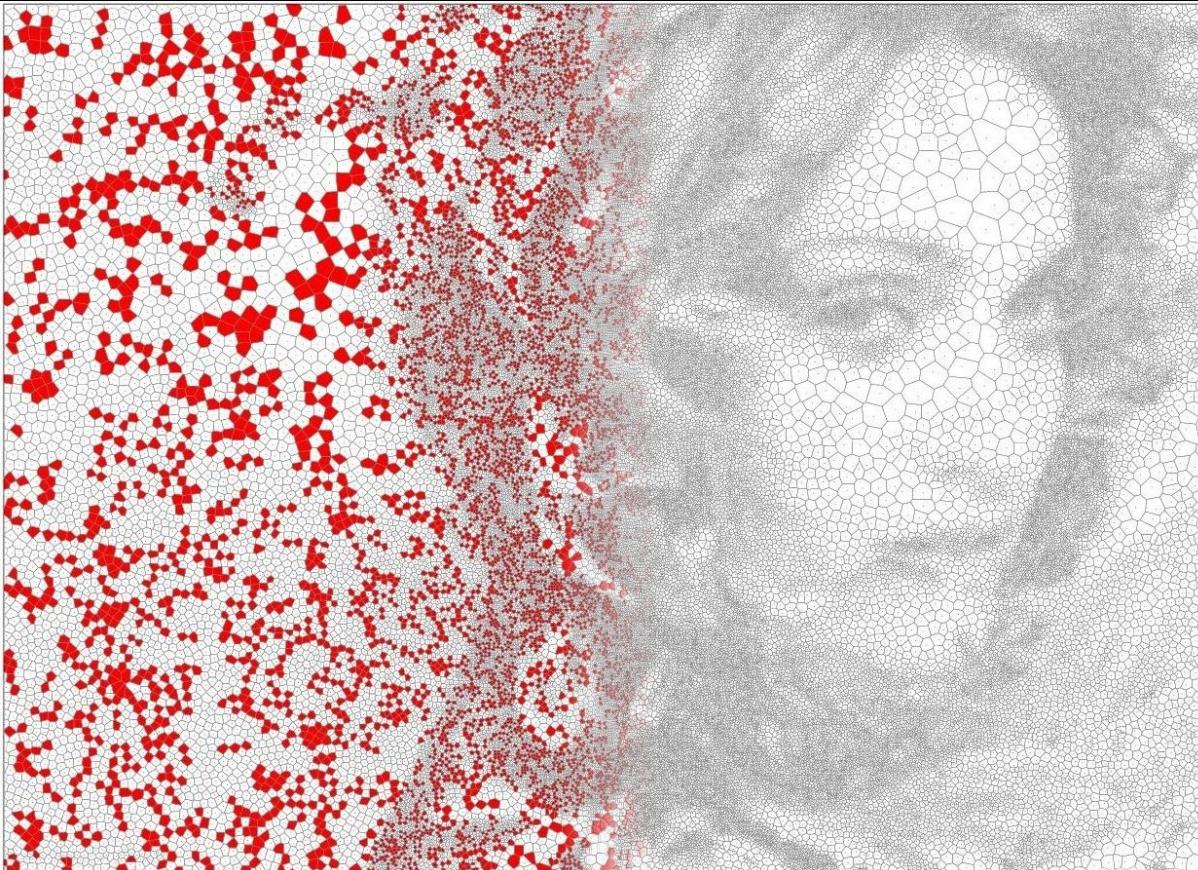


Constant sizing func
(1666 bad elements)



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4- Voronoi without Short Edges:



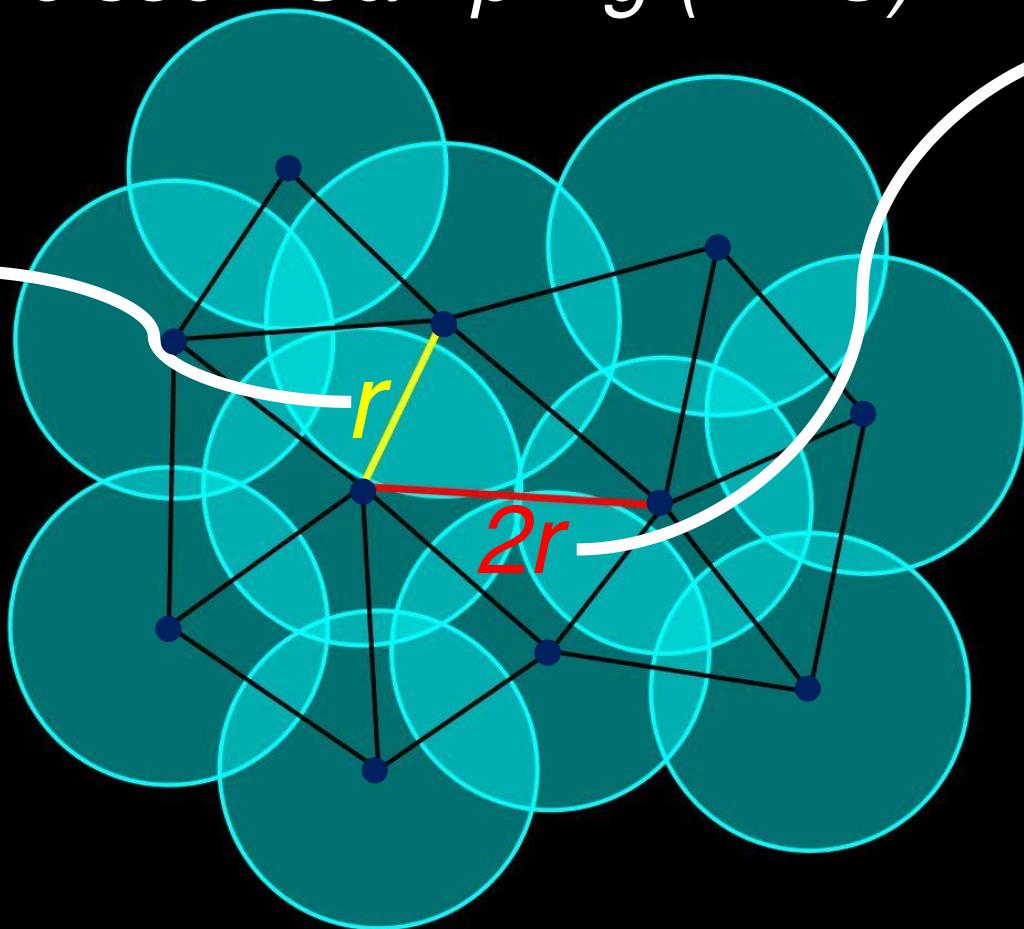
Gray-scale based Voronoi mesh
(14272 bad elements)

The Strategy

Intuition:

- *Maximal Poisson Sampling (MPS)*

Minimum separation ensures minimum edge length



Maximality ensures upper bound on edge length

The Strategy

Input:

Triangular mesh & quality objectives

Curved Surface mesh
Planar 2D Mesh

Minimum and maximum angle bound
Delaunay property
Sizing function

The Strategy

Definitions:

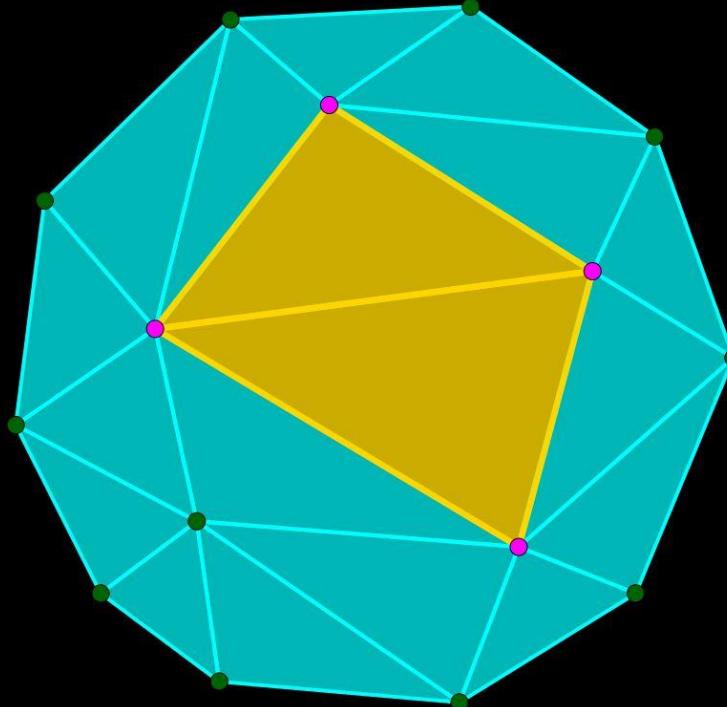
- *Bad element:*

e.g., obtuse triangle for non-obtuse remeshing,
Voronoi cell associated with a short edge,
any triangle for mesh simplification

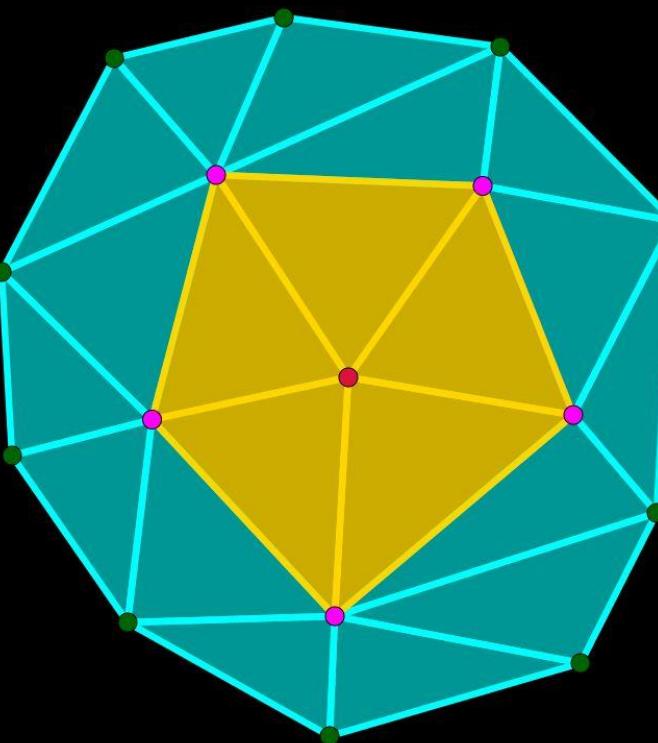
The Strategy

Definitions:

- *Patch:*



Two Opposite Triangles

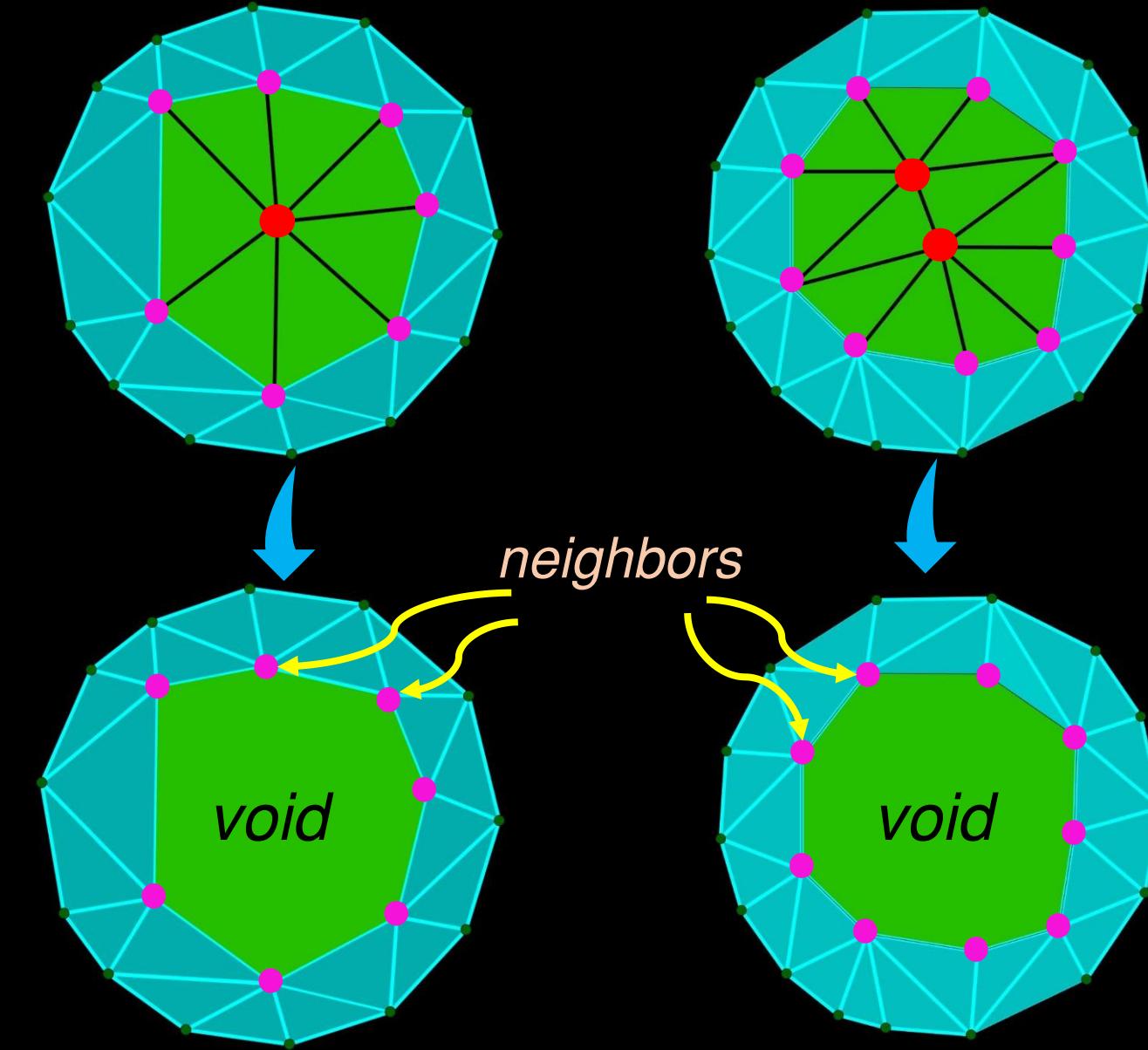


Triangle Fan

The Strategy

Definitions:

- *Void*:



The Strategy

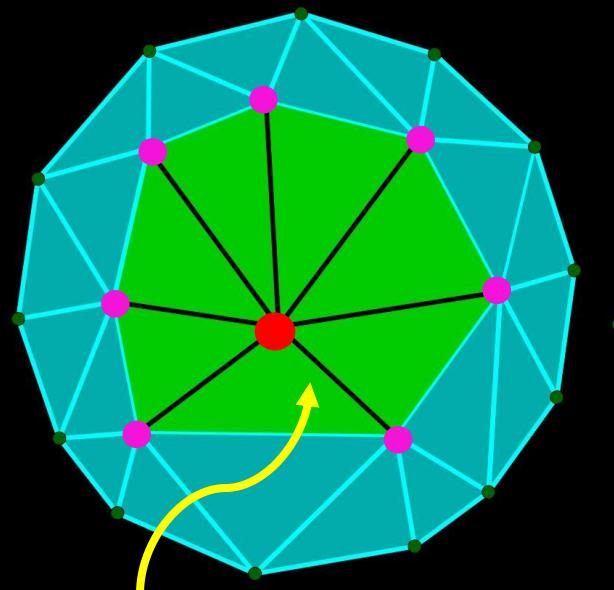
Steps:

- 1- Pick a patch where quality objectives not satisfied
- 2- Delete all elements on this patch (*void*)
- 3- Map quality objective into geometric constraints (feasible region)
- 4- Sample from the feasible region and triangulate
- 5- Iterate over all mesh patches until no further improvement is possible

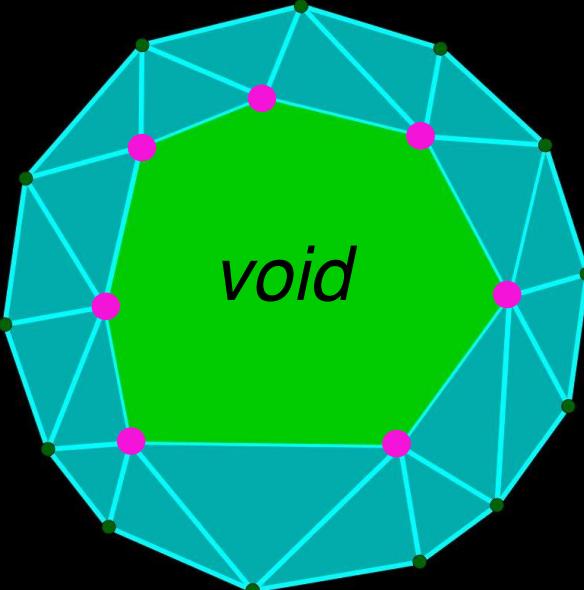
The Strategy

Quality Objectives → Geometric Primitives:

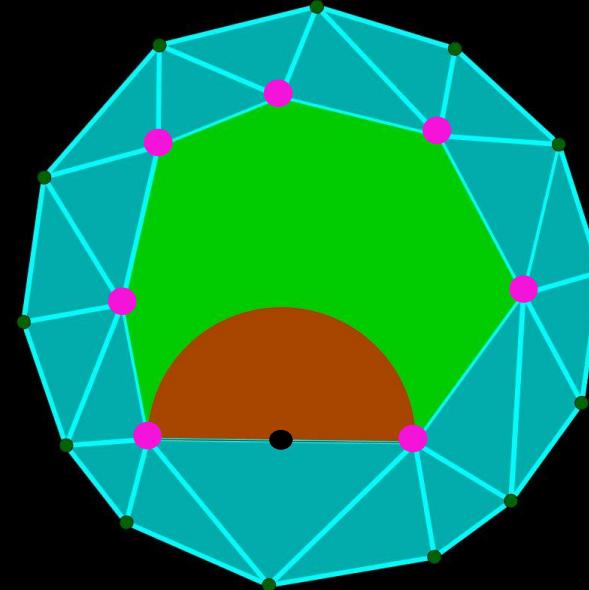
a) *Exclusion region*:



*patch associated
with bad element*

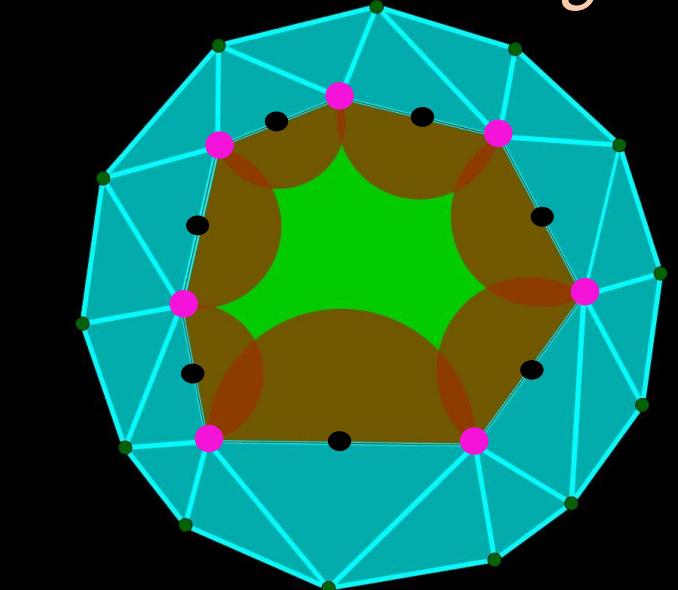


*removing patch
elements creates void*



*map quality objective
(non-obtuseness) for
a single segment*

red = exclusion region

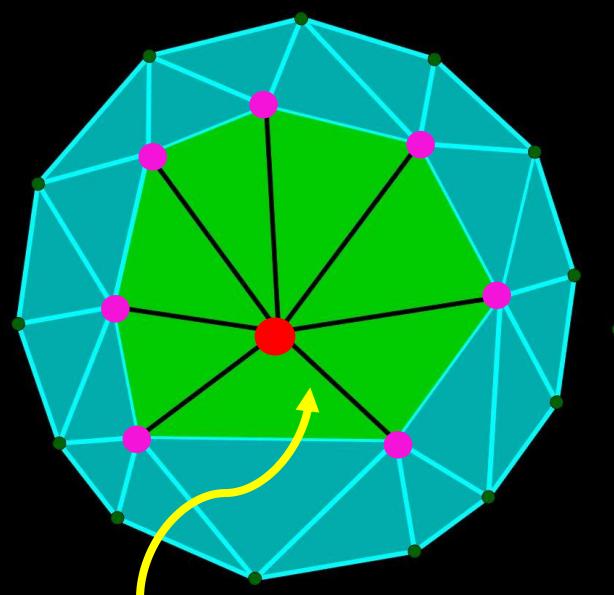


*map quality objective
from all segments*

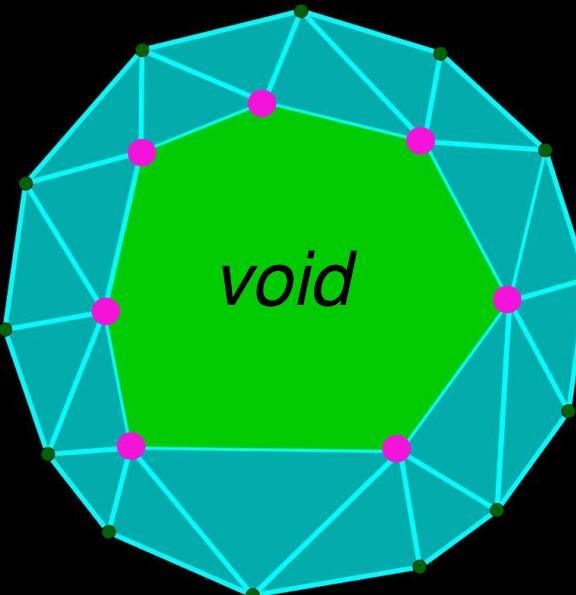
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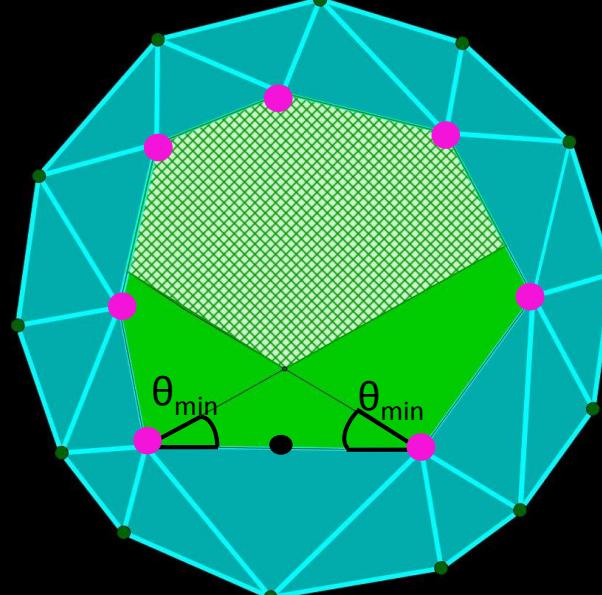
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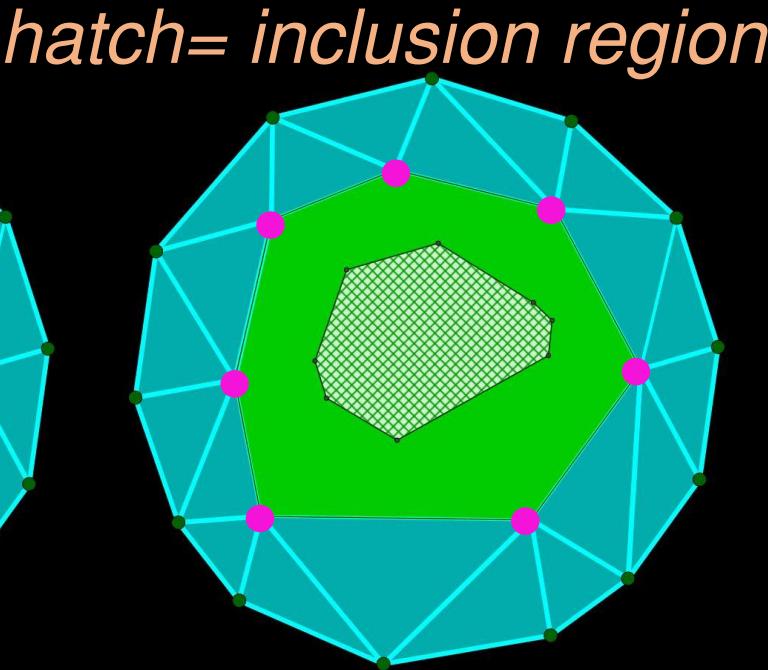
*patch associated
with bad element*



*removing patch
elements creates void*



*map quality objective
(min angle) for a
single segment*

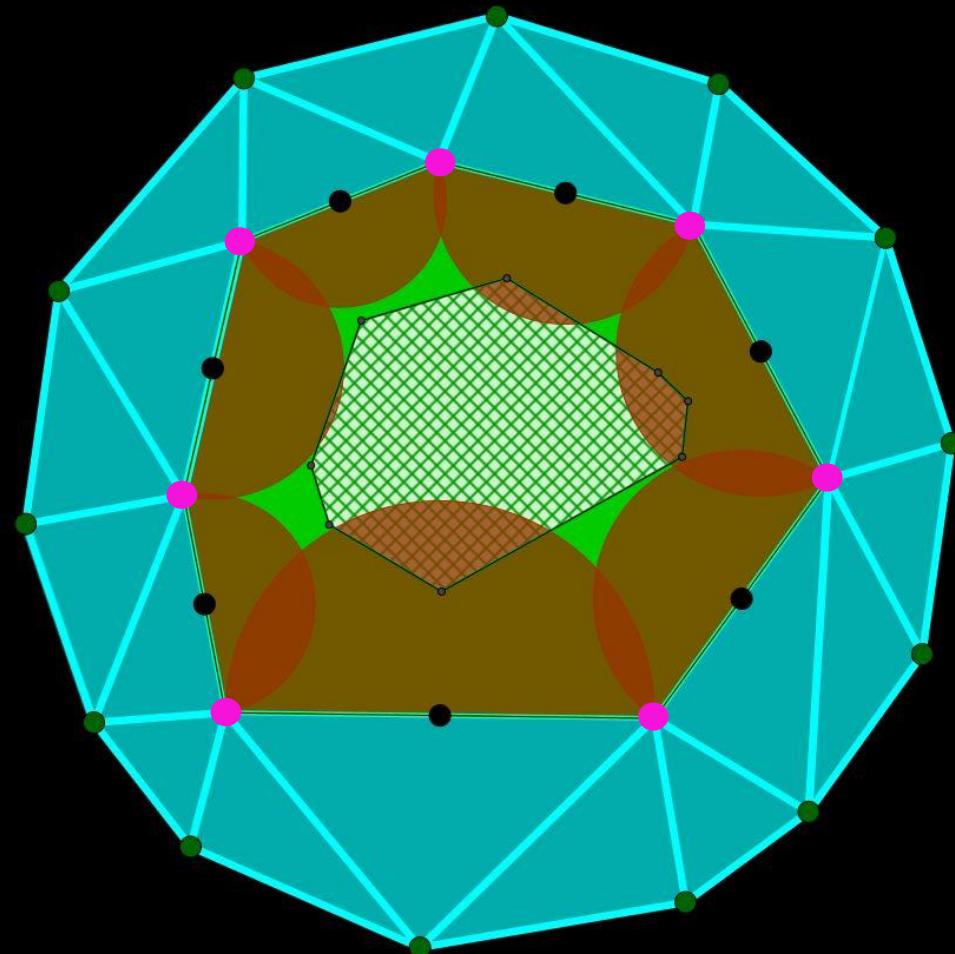


*map quality objective
from all segments*

hatch= inclusion region

The Strategy

Quality Objectives → Geometric Primitives:
Exclusion & Inclusion regions:



*hatch= inclusion region
red = exclusion region*

The Strategy

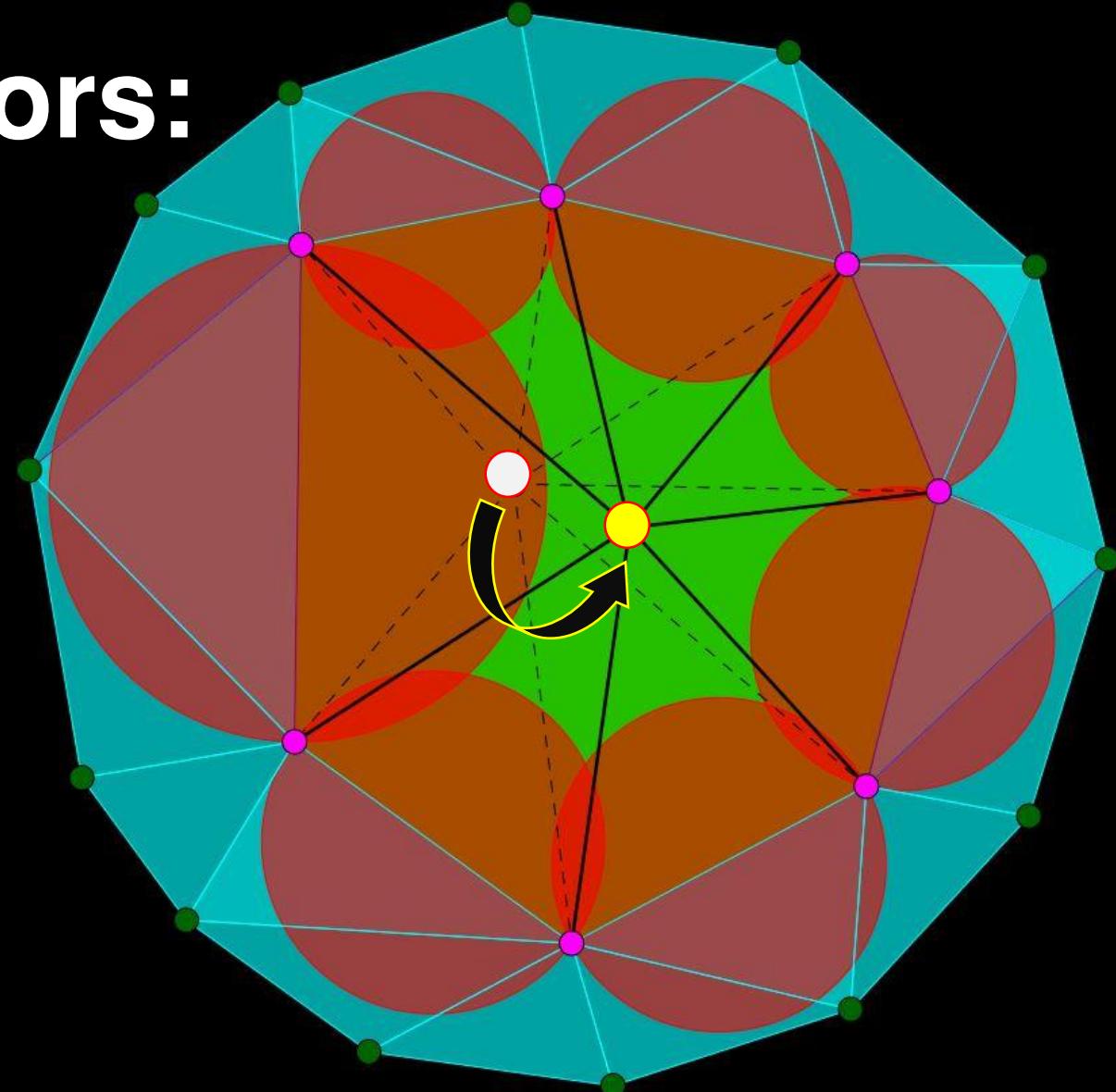
Steps:

- 1- Pick a patch where quality objectives not satisfied
- 2- Delete all elements on this patch (*void*)
- 3- Map quality objective into geometric constraints (feasible region)
- 4- **Sample from the feasible region and triangulate**
- 5- Iterate over all mesh patches until no further improvement is possible

The Strategy

Resampling Operators:

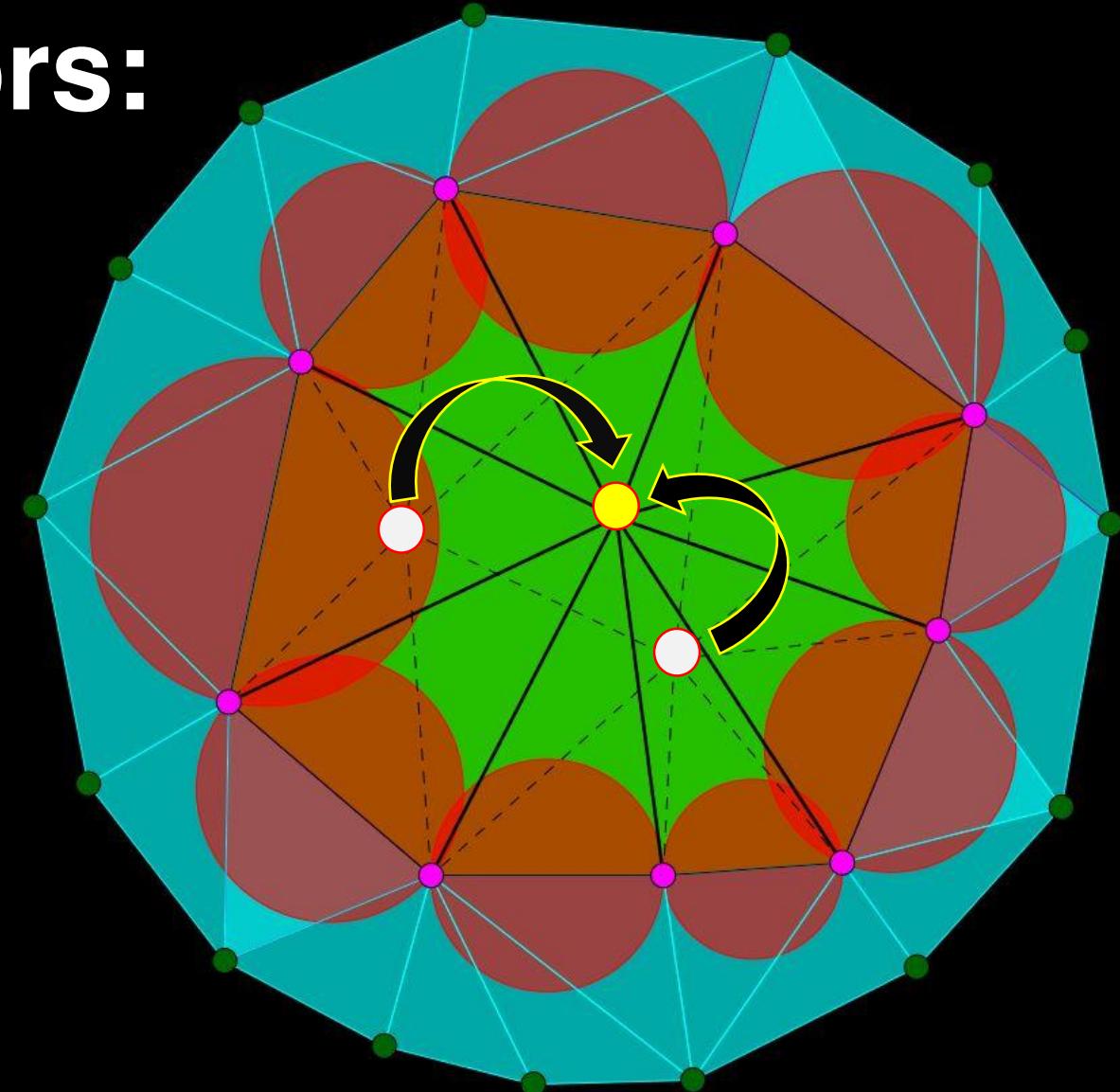
1) Relocation



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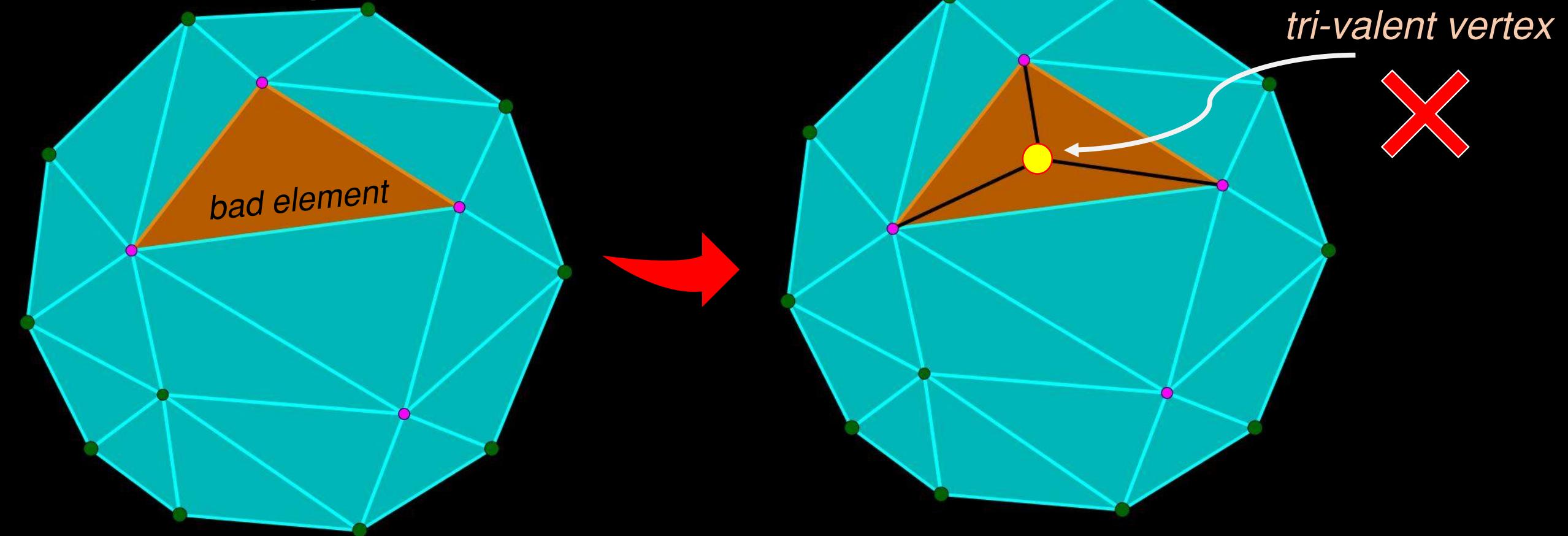
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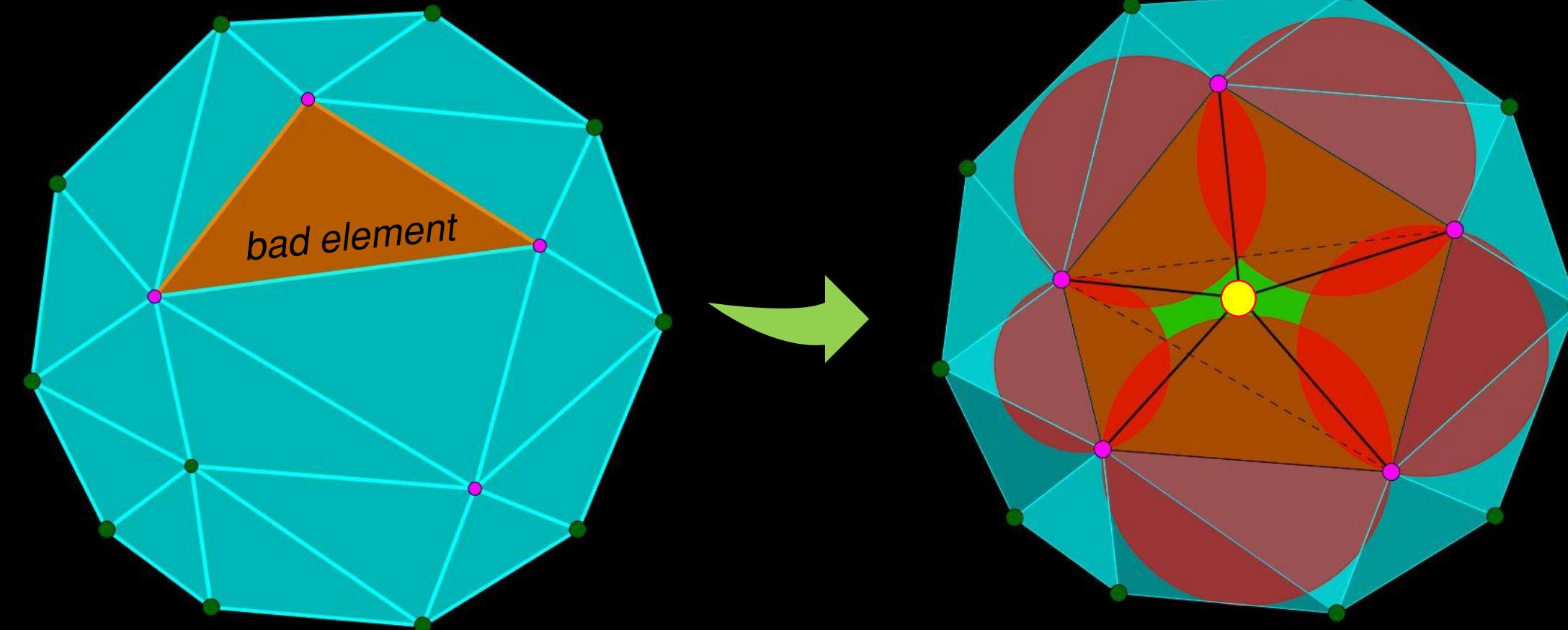
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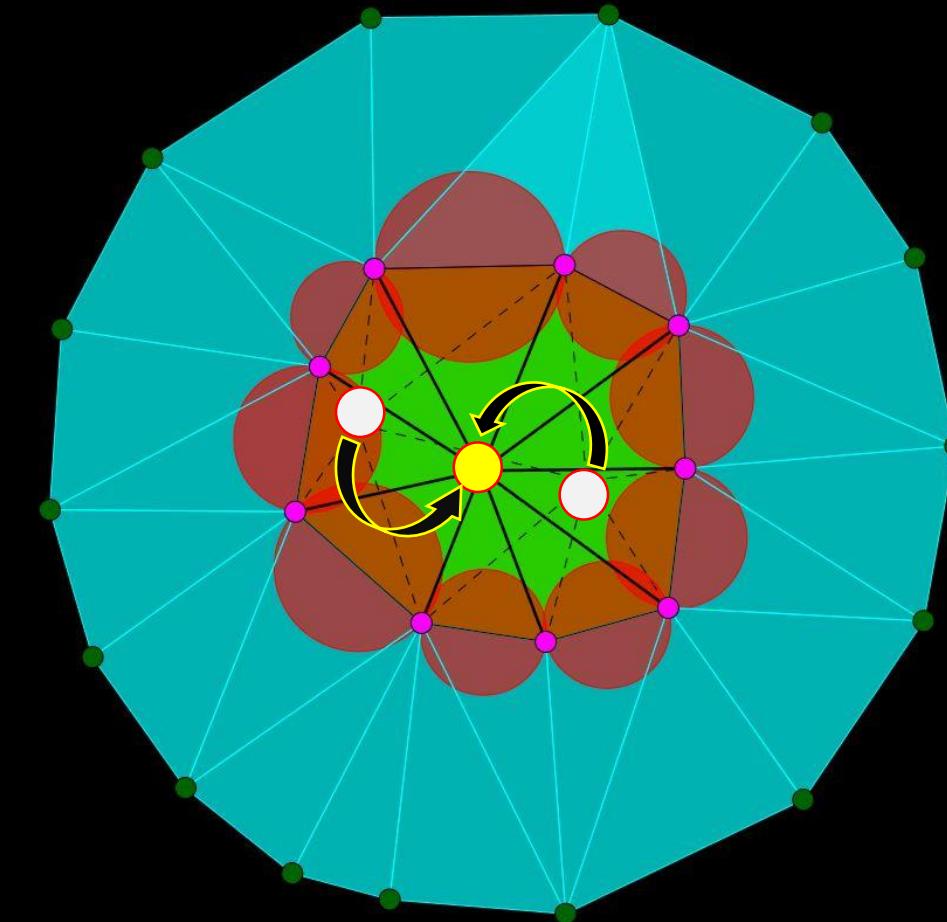
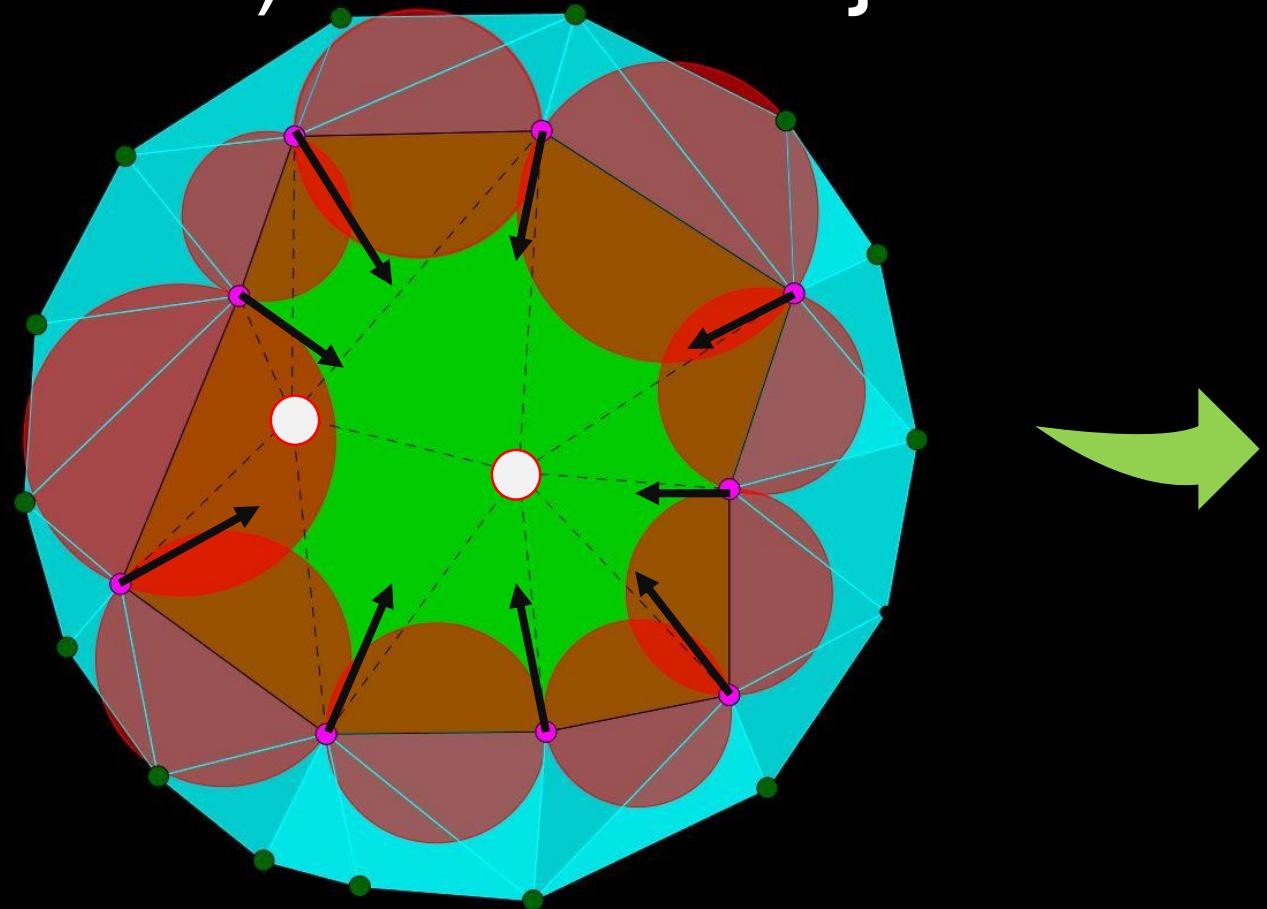
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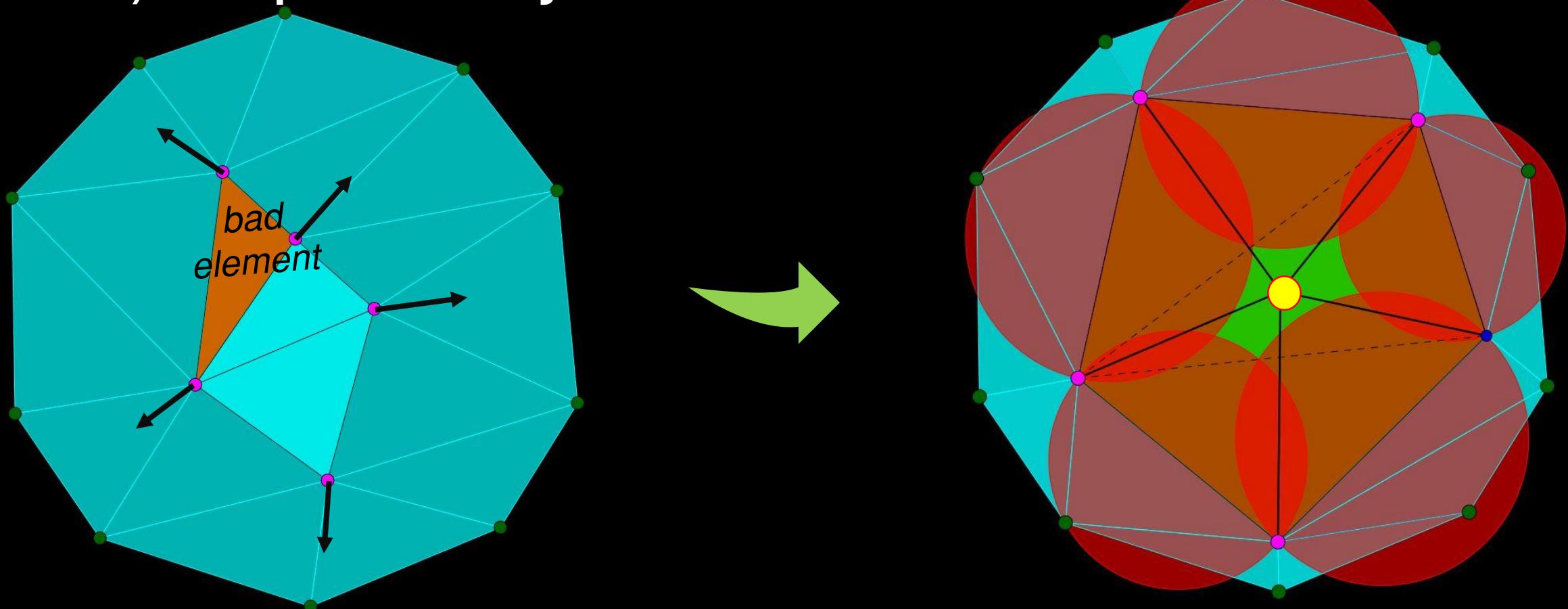
Resampling Operators:

4) Attractor Ejection



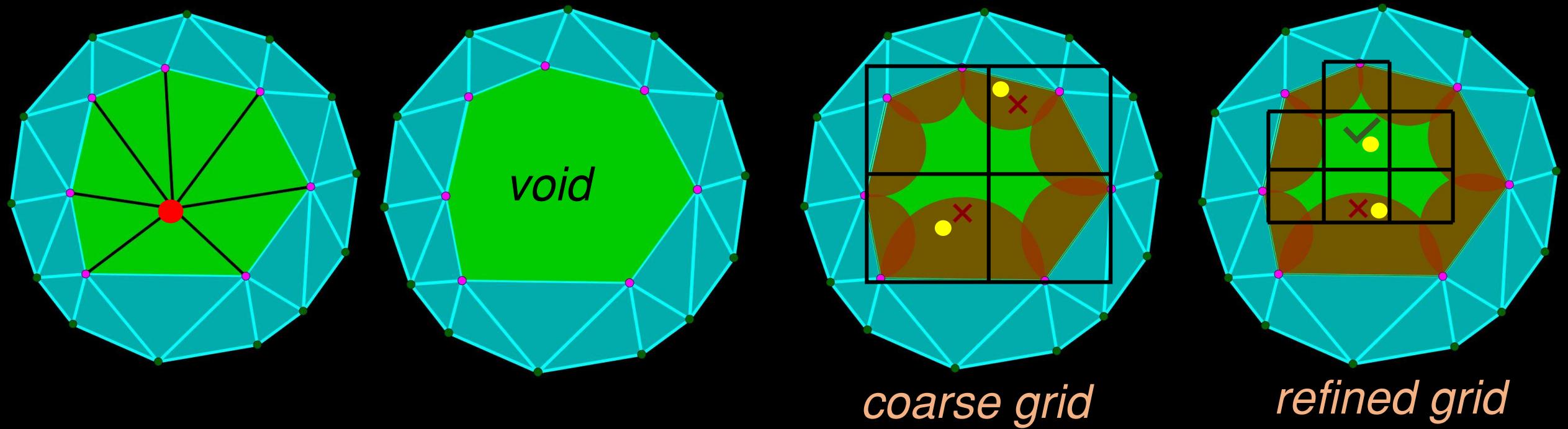
The Strategy

Resampling Operators: 5) Repeller Injection



The Strategy

Sampling: dart throwing



The Strategy

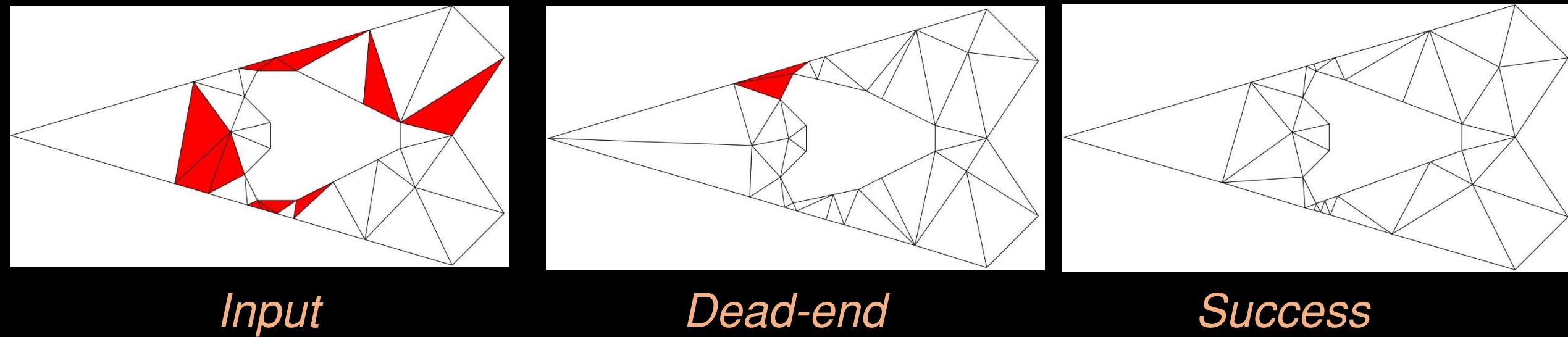
Guarantees:

- No degradation
- No repeated scenarios guarantees termination
- For curved surface, sampling from the input surface guarantees upper bound on Hausdorff distance

The Strategy

Limitations:

- Stuck in local minima



Summary

- Simple strategy with versatile applications
- Derived spatial representation of various qualities
- Developed a toolbox for local resampling
- Demonstrate success over wide range of applications

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