



ALICE

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Overview

- **Introduction**
 - The team and its history
- **Research Axes**
 - Geometry Processing
 - Computer-Aided Fabrication
- **Highlights**
- **Perspectives**

The team - History

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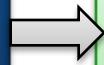
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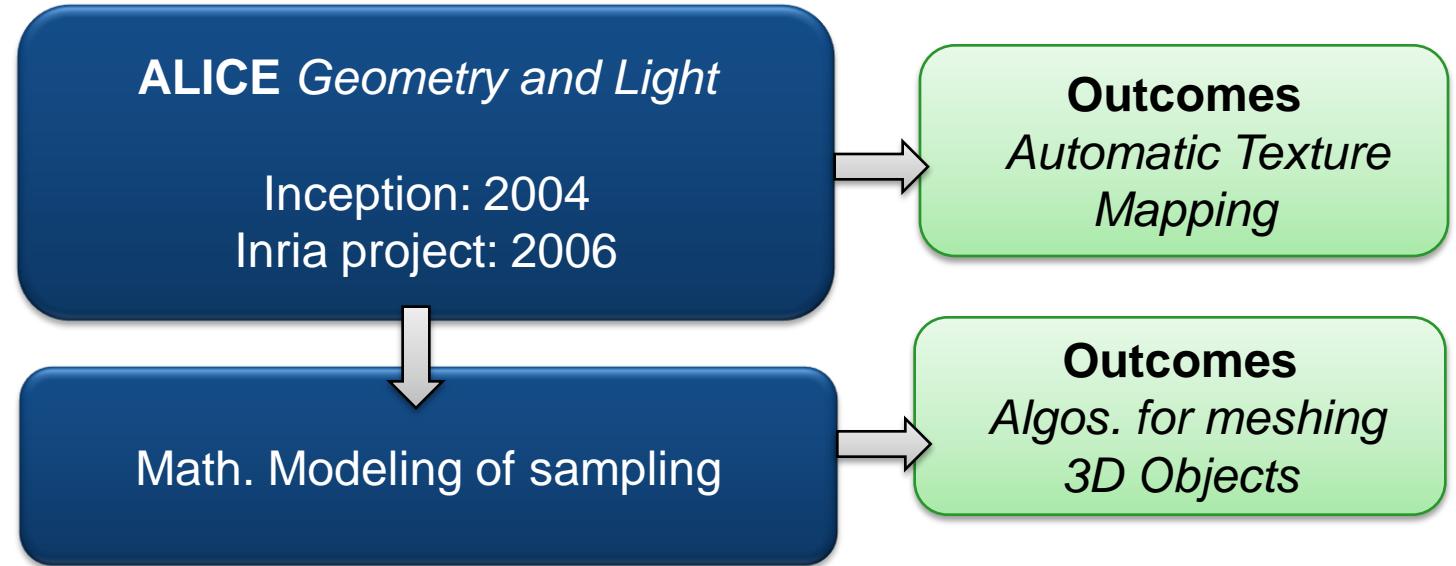
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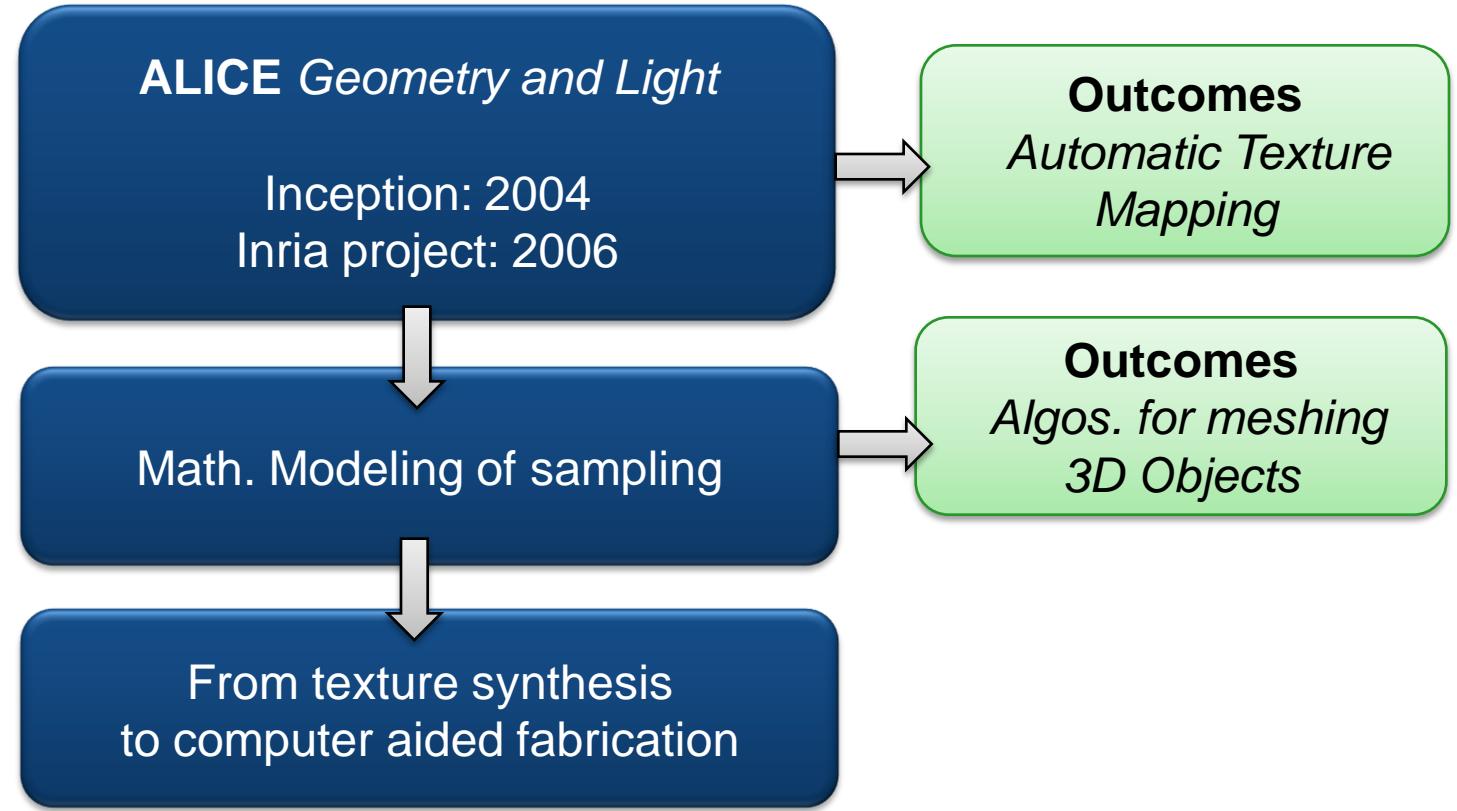
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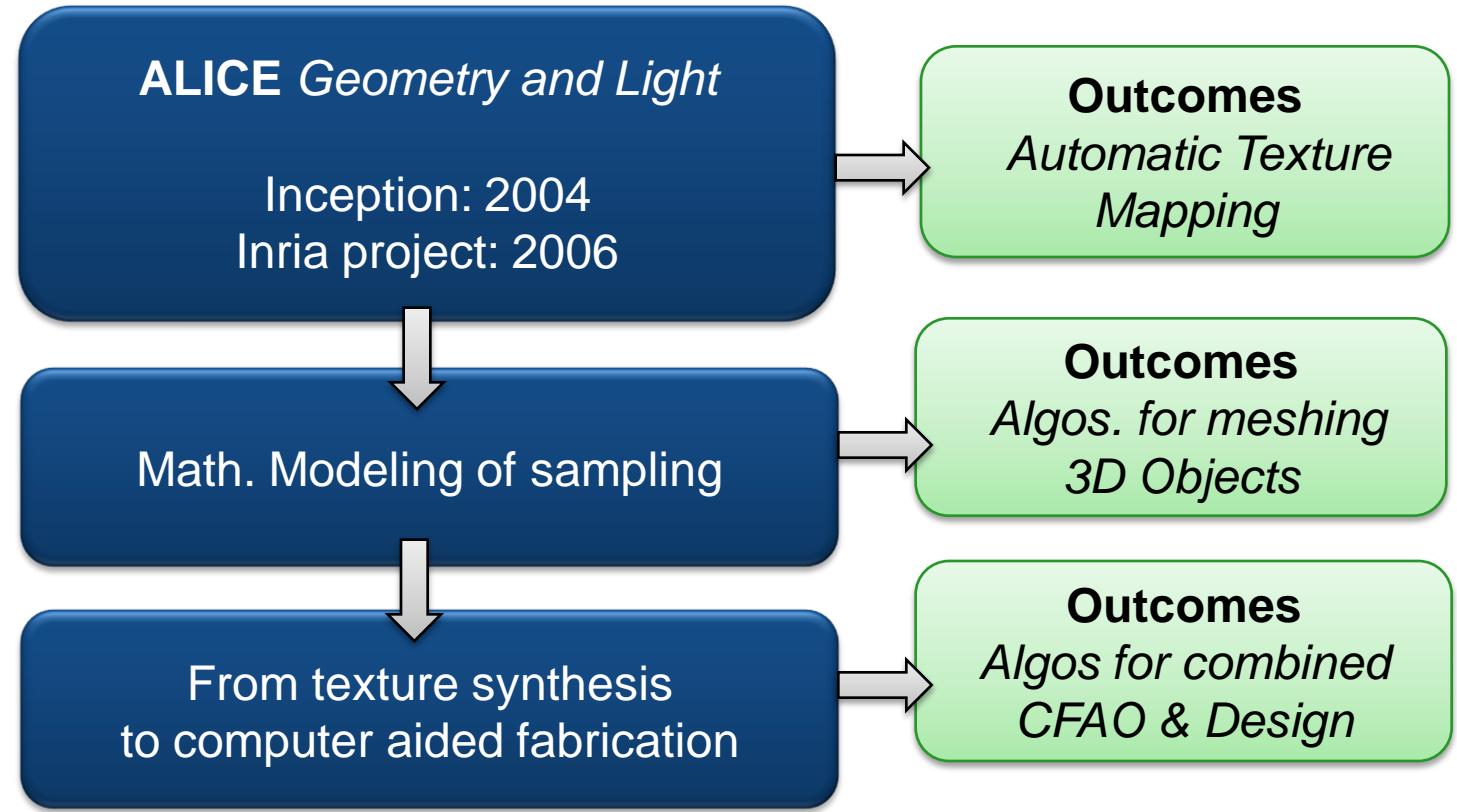
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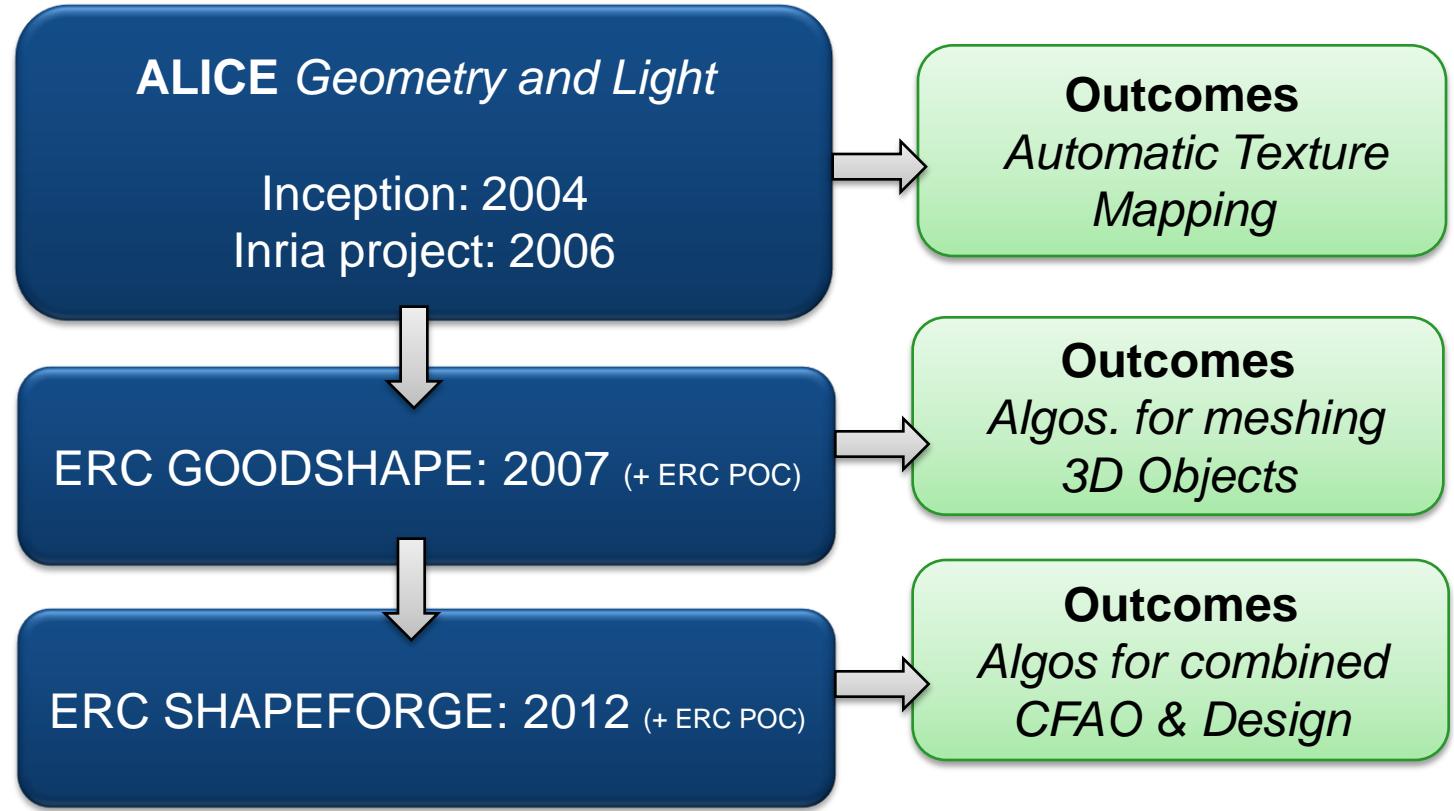
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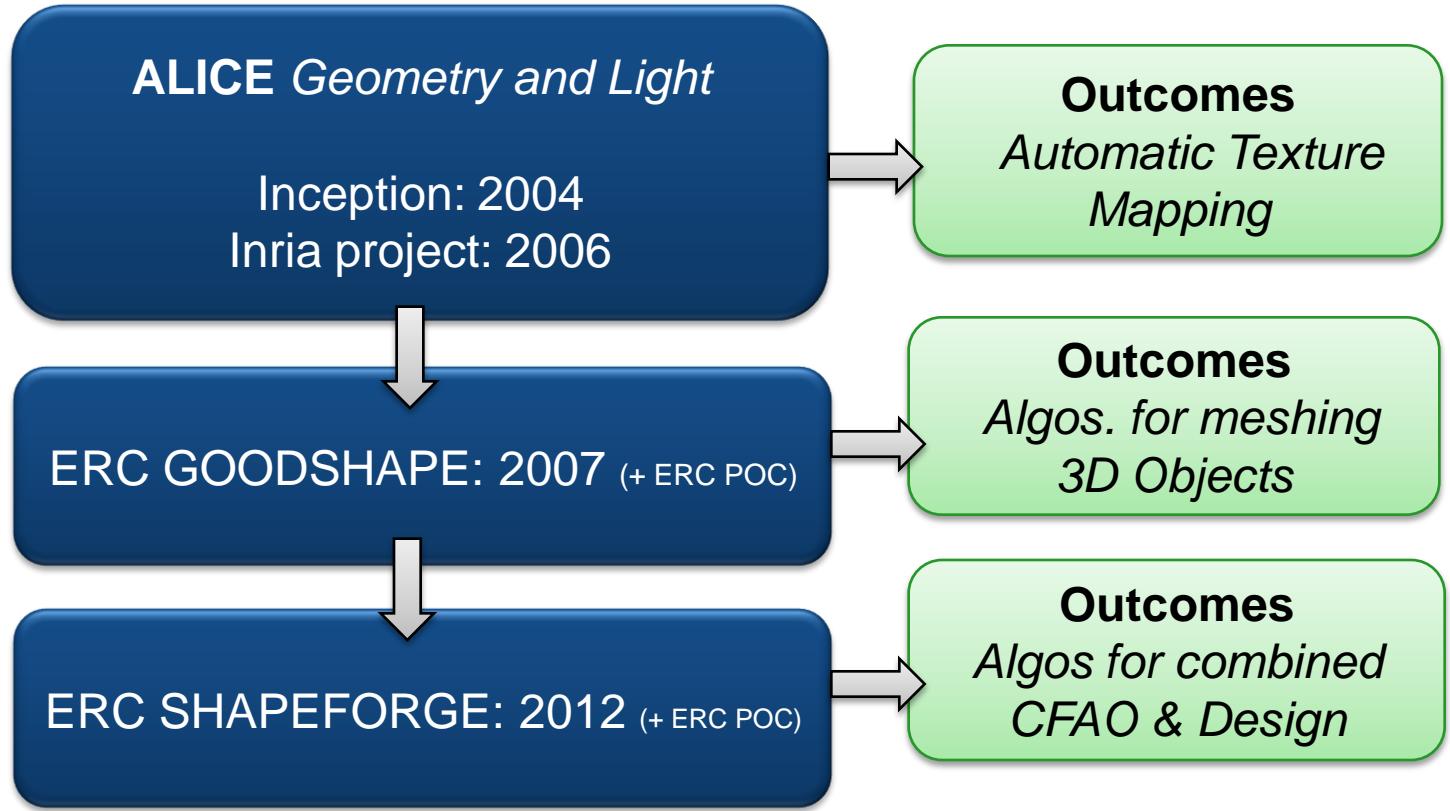
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Funding helped developing and structuring the team thematically

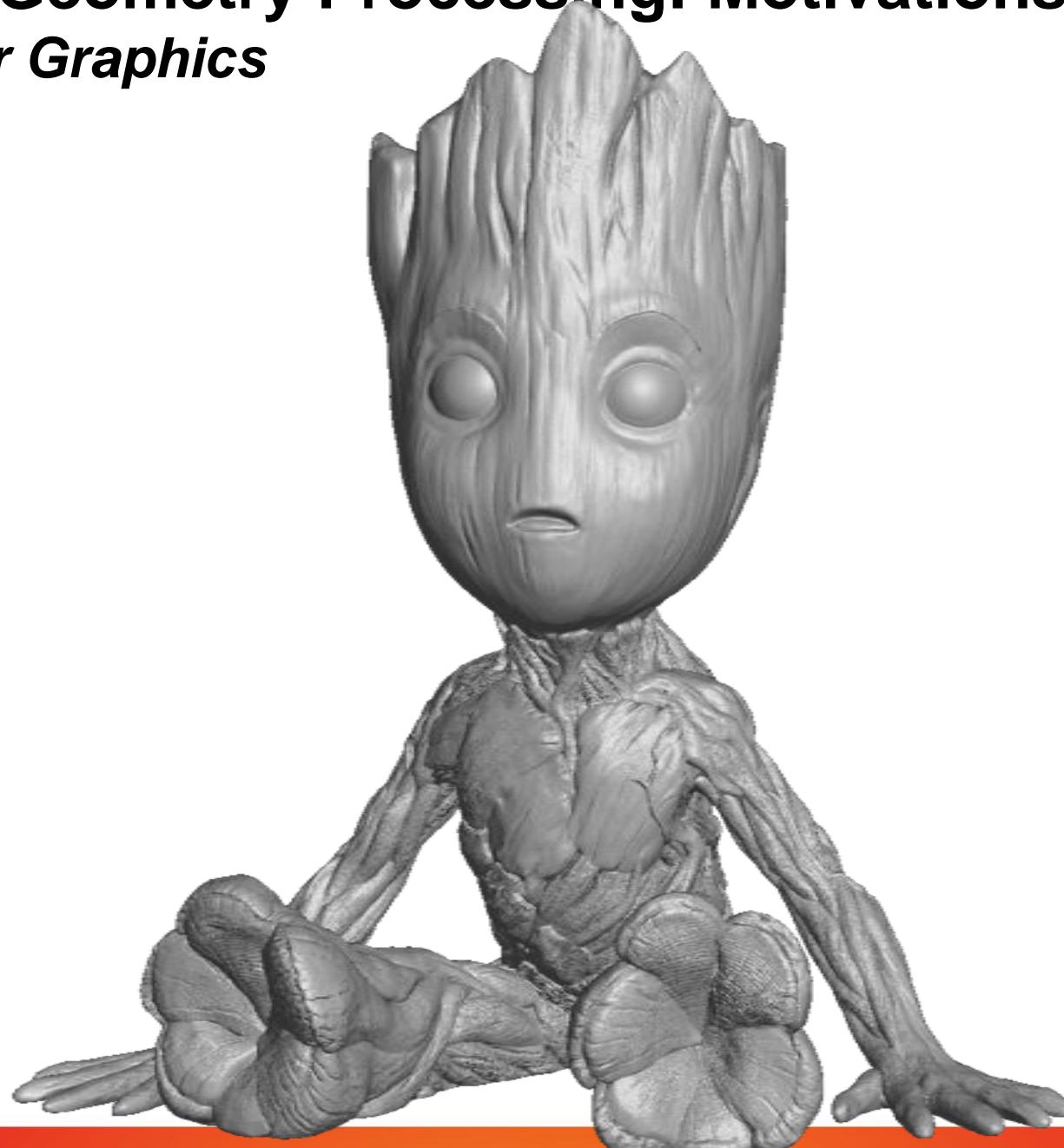
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Axis 1 - Geometry Processing: Motivations

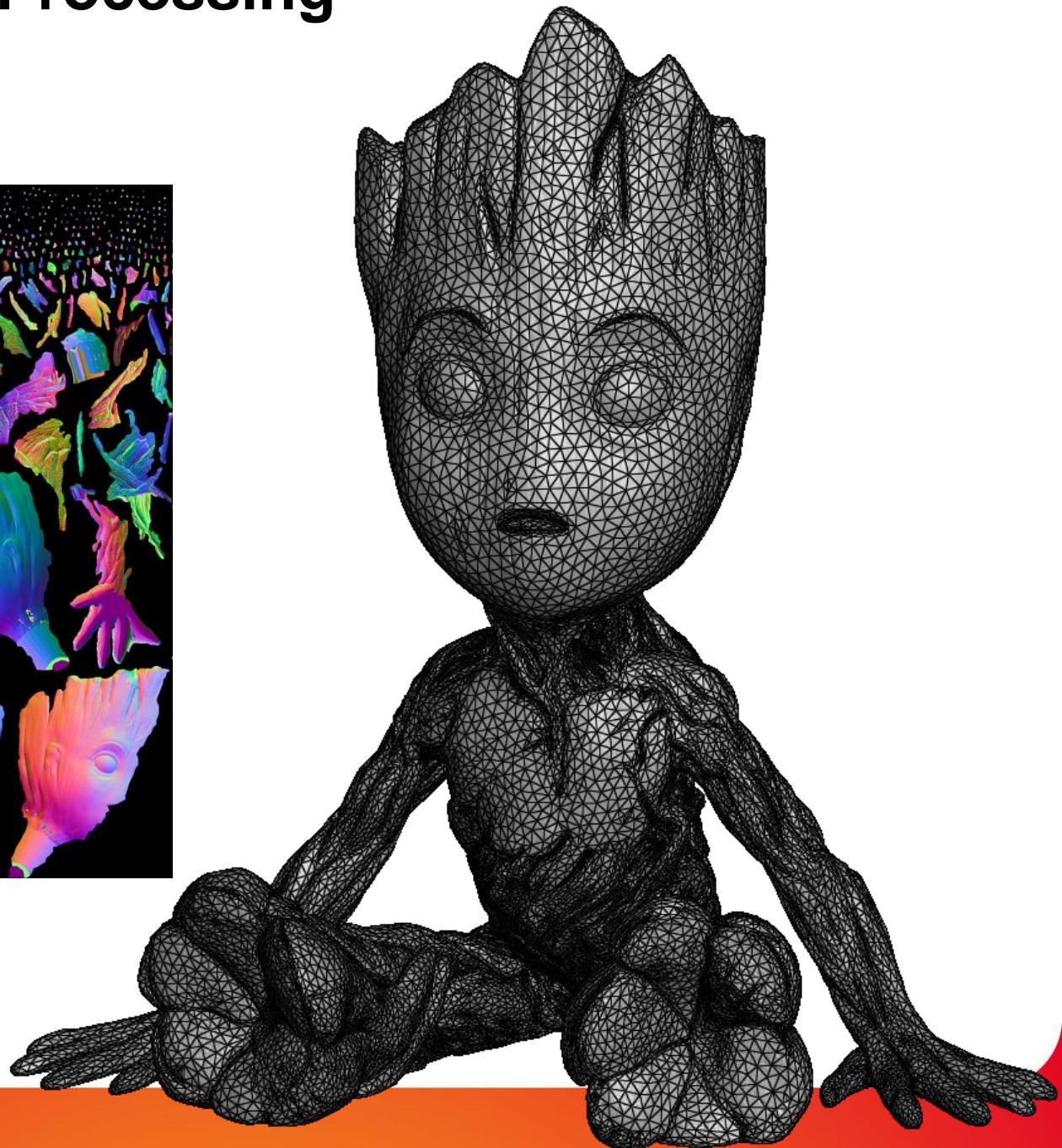
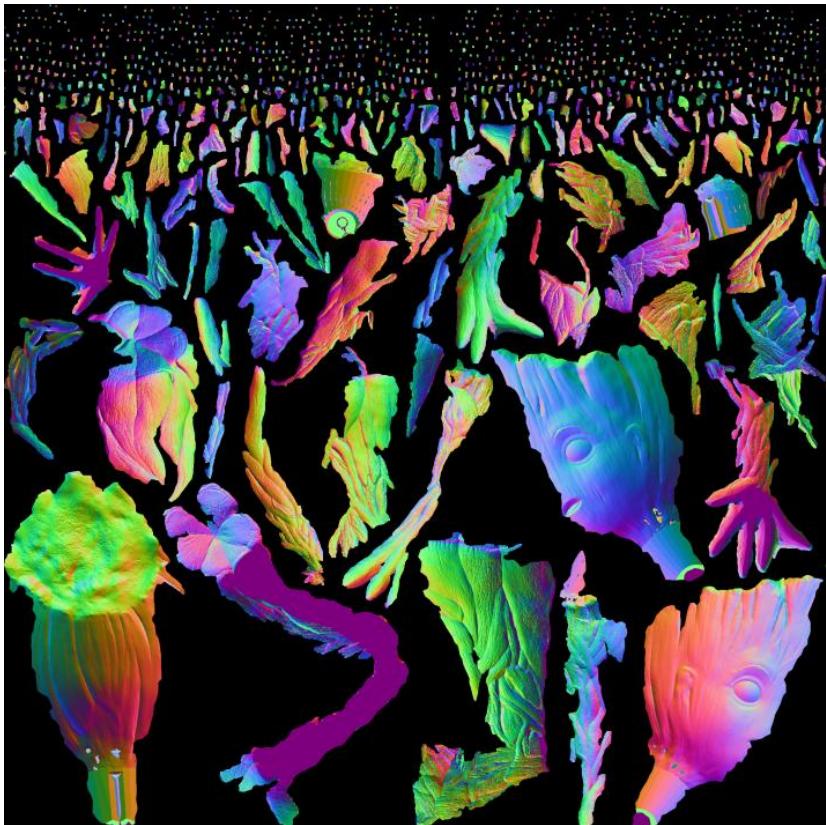
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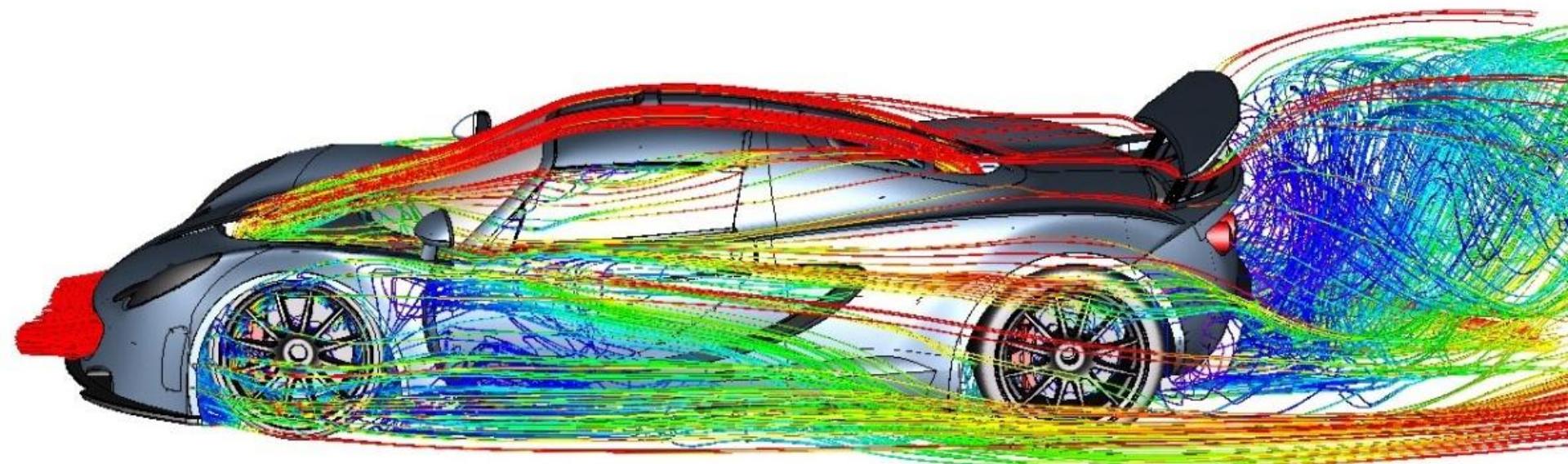
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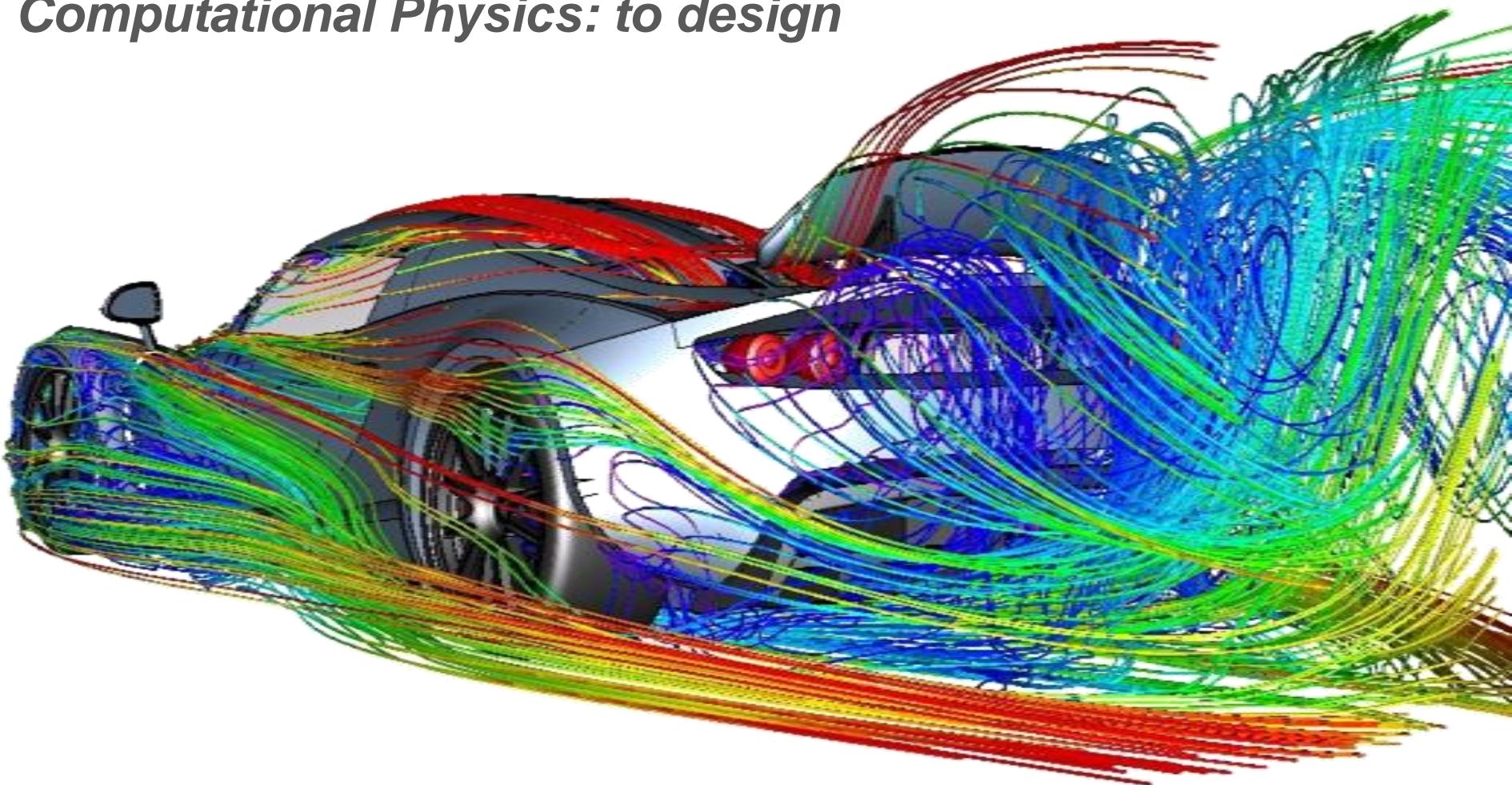
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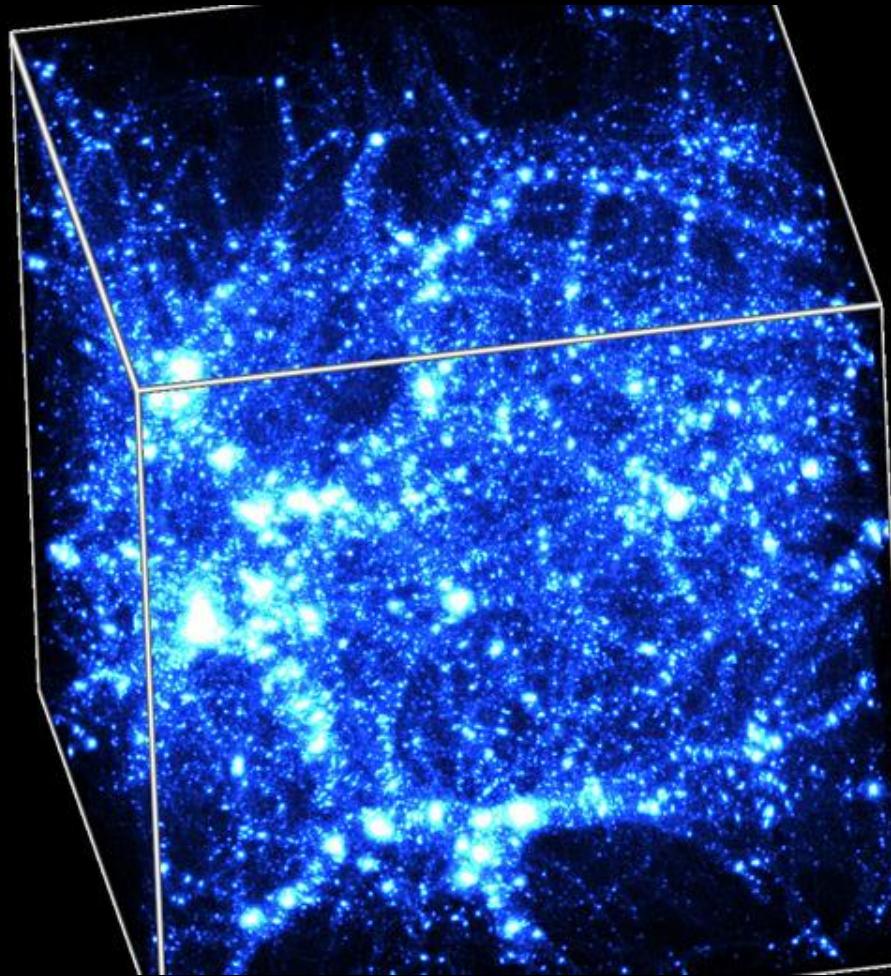
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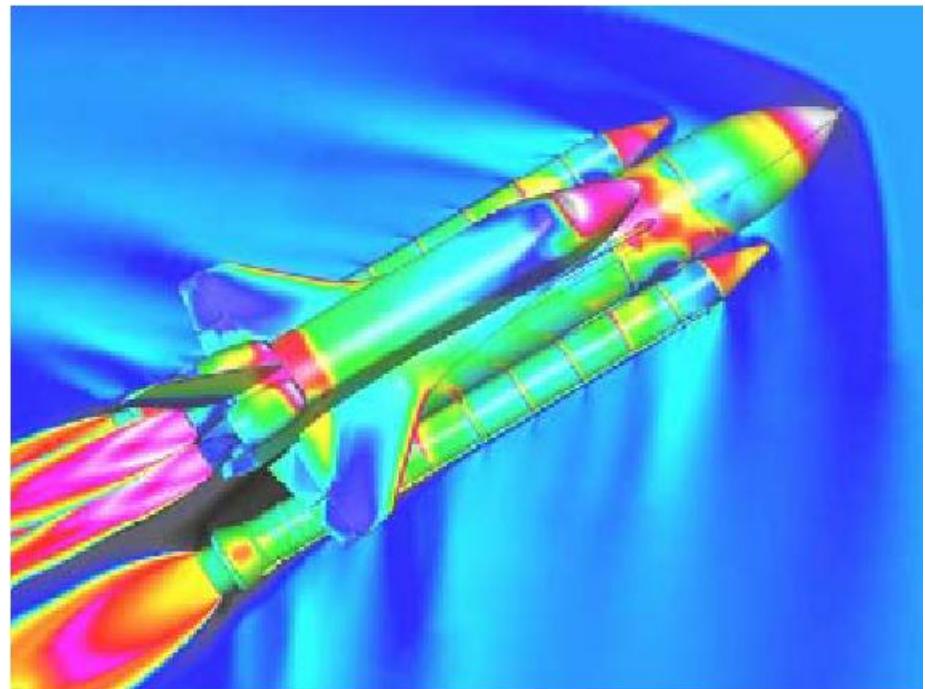


Data: N-body simulation, R. Mohayaee, Institut Astrophys. Paris

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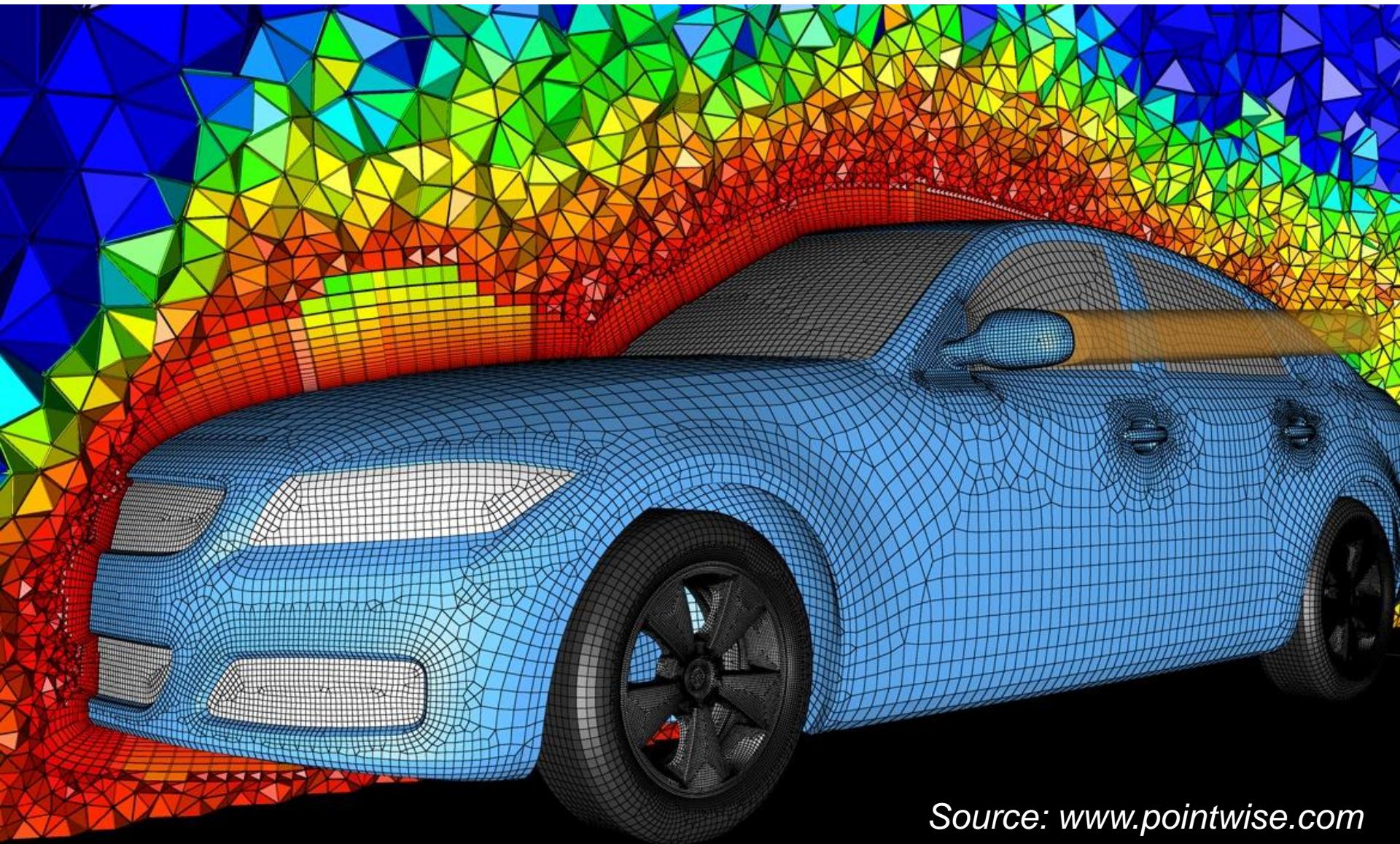
Computational Fluid Dynamics Vision 2030 Study
NASA report, 2014

Today, the generation of suitable meshes for CFD simulations about complex configurations constitutes **a principal bottleneck** in the simulation workflow process. Often the mesh generation phase constitutes **the dominant cost in terms of human intervention**.



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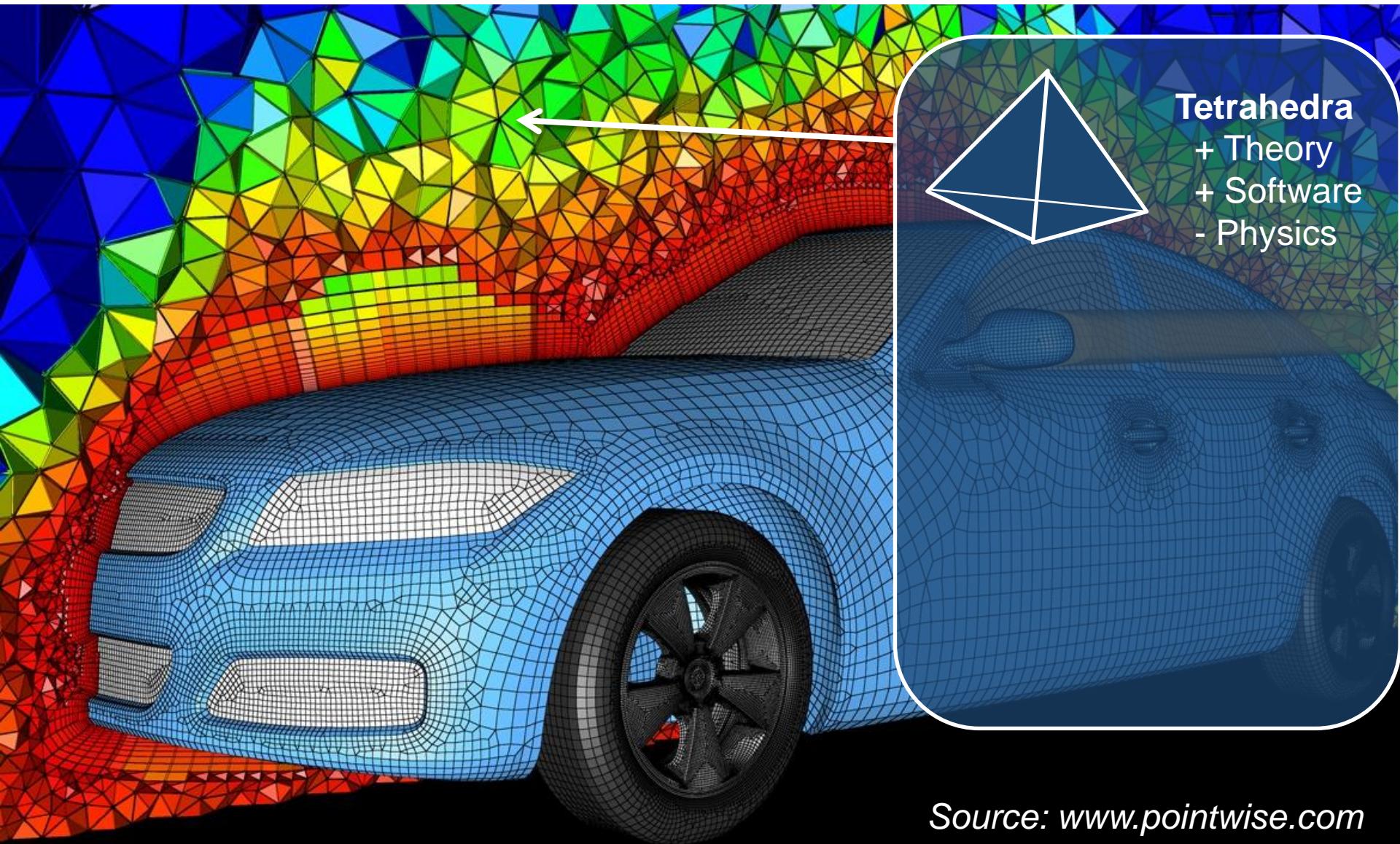
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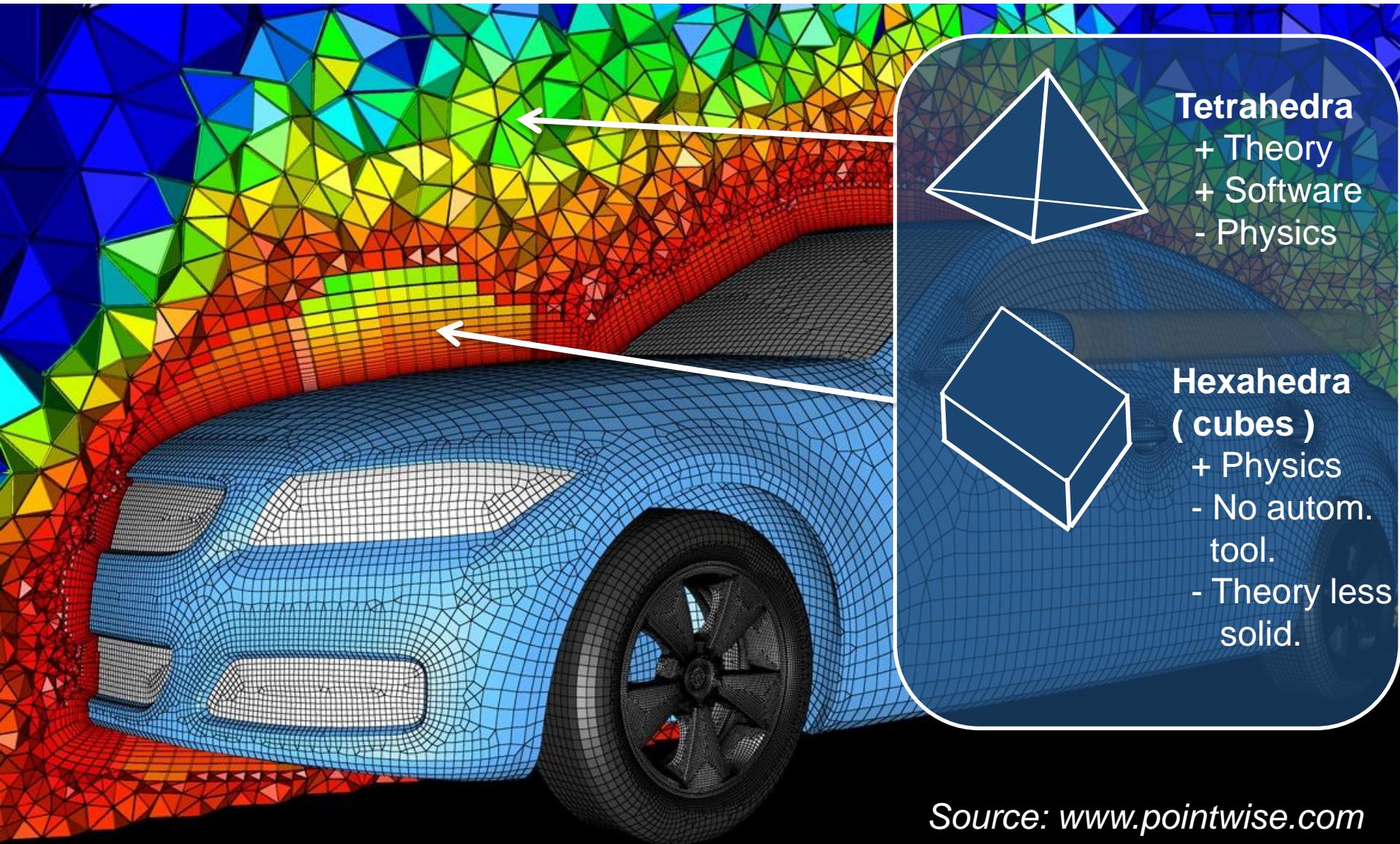
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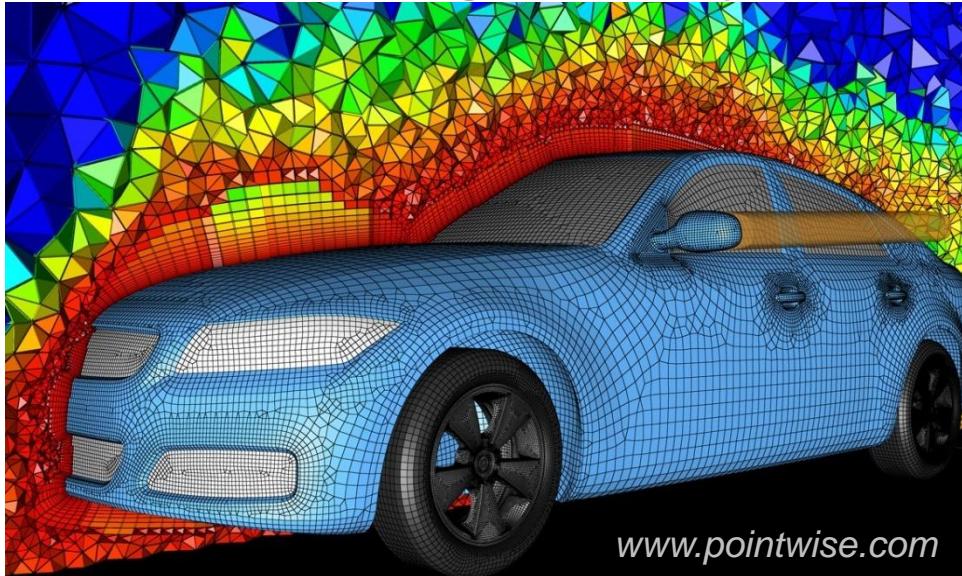
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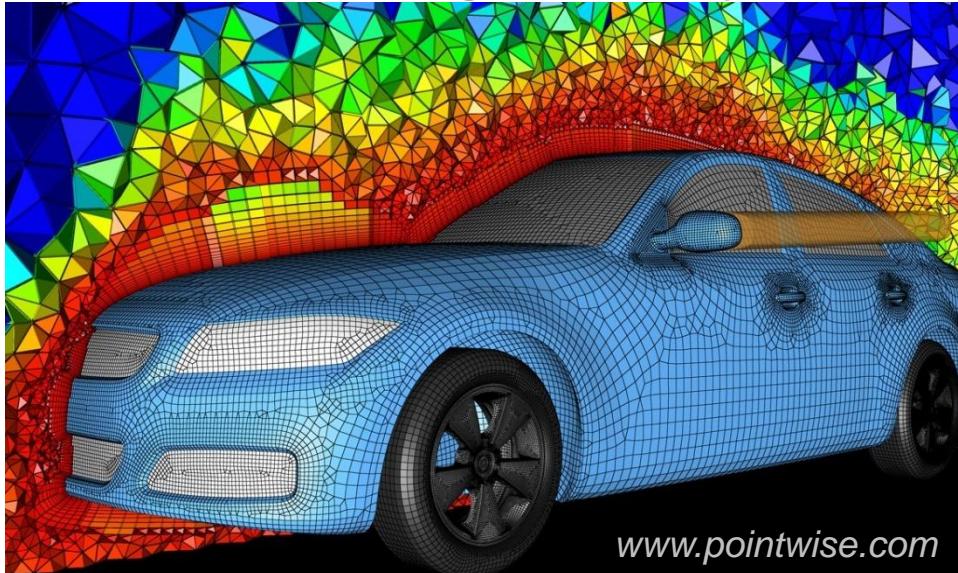


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+ theory, soft
- Physics

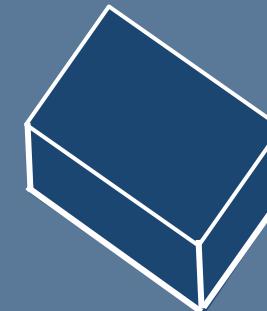
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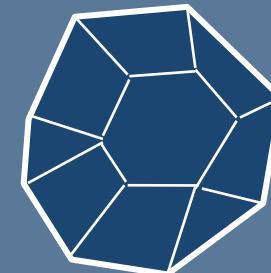
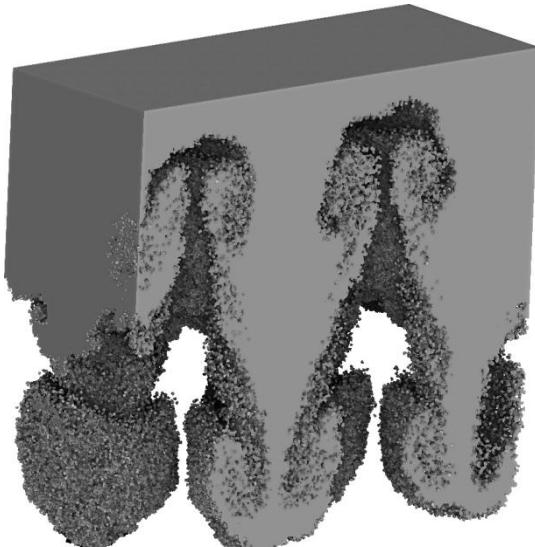
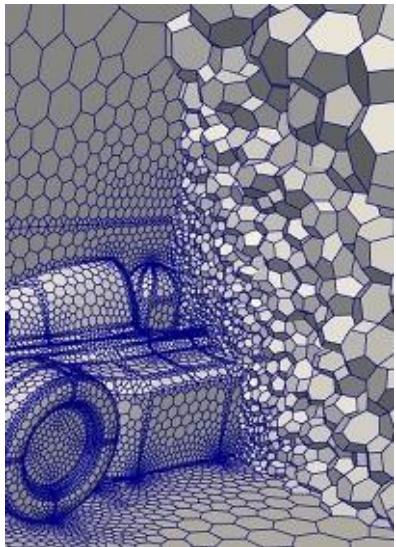
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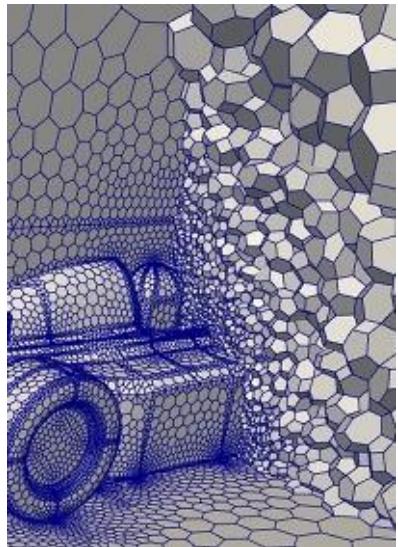
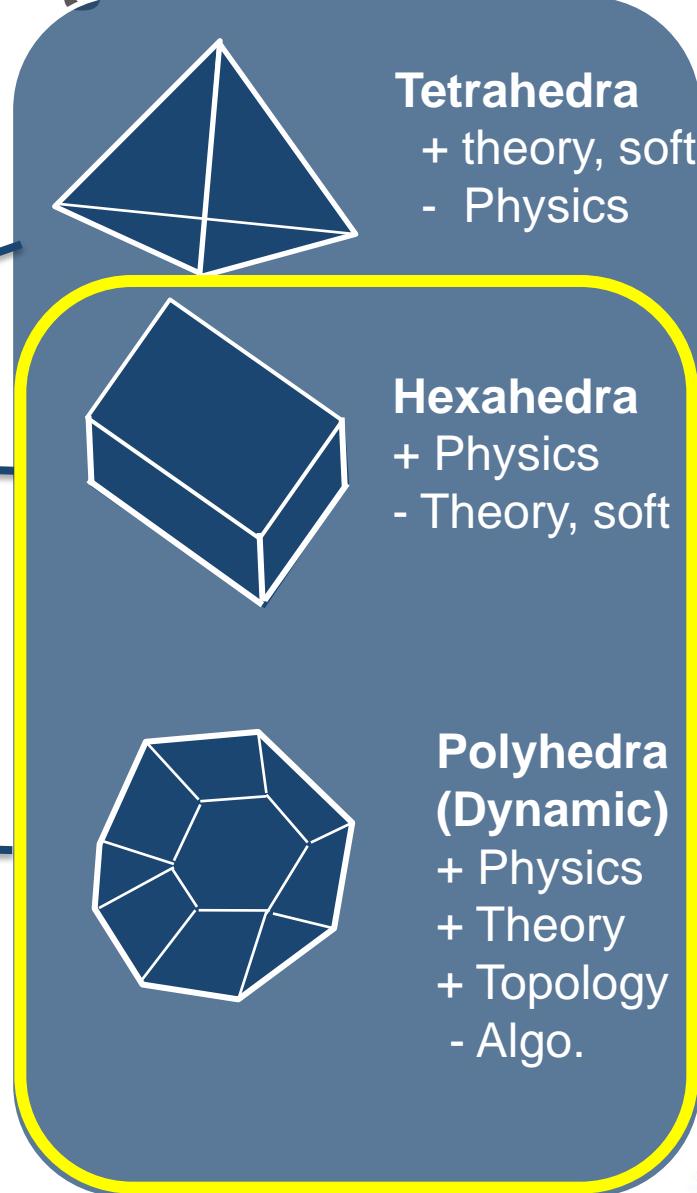
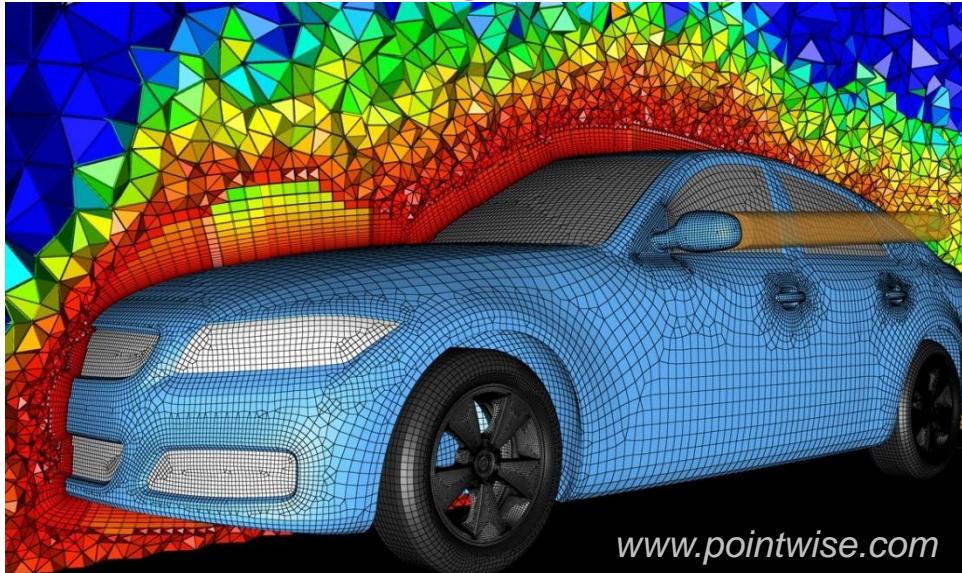
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Polyhedra (Dynamic)
+ Physics
+ Theory
+ Topology
- Algo.

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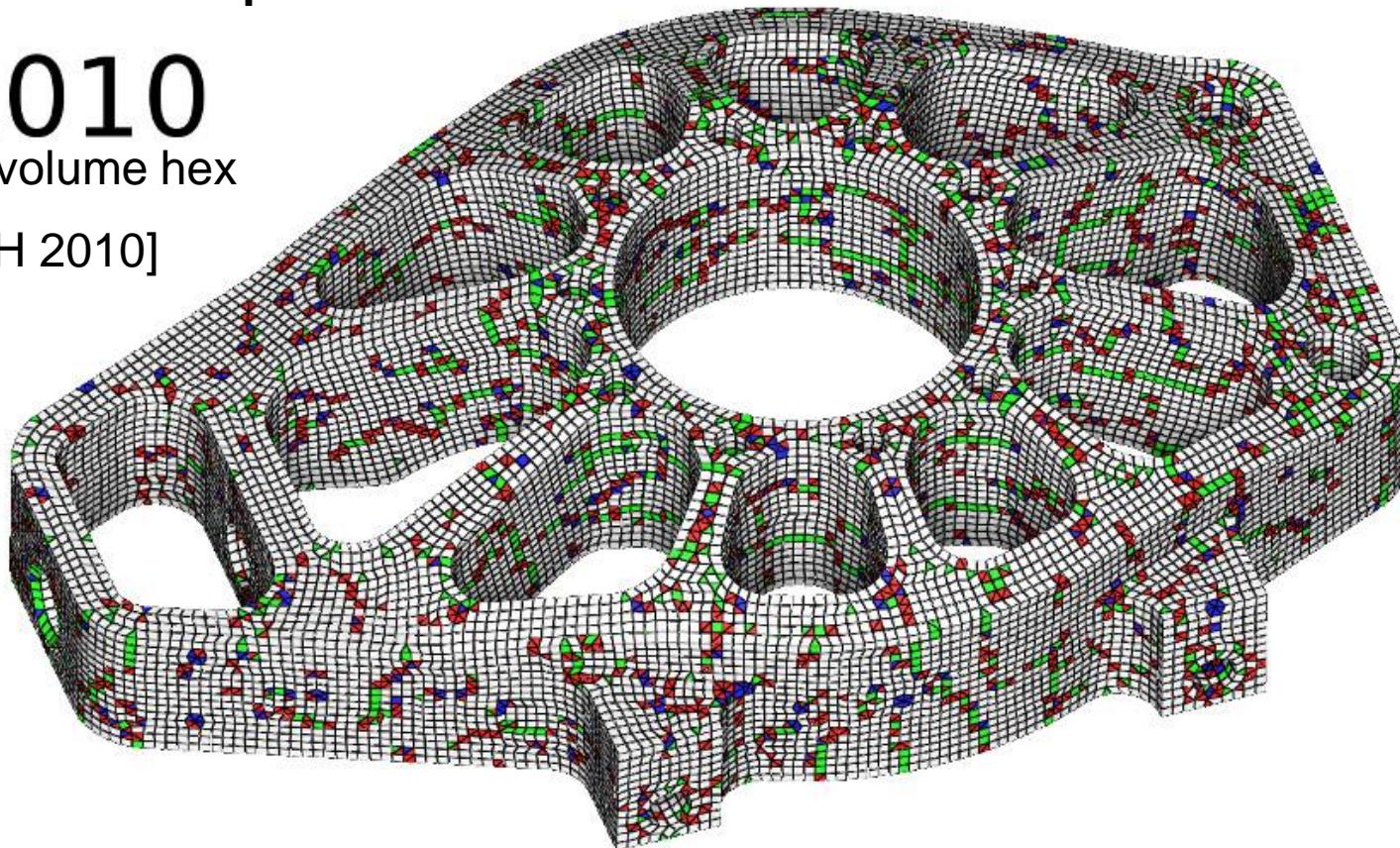
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Our results: LpCVT

2010

70% volume hex

[SIGGRAPH 2010]



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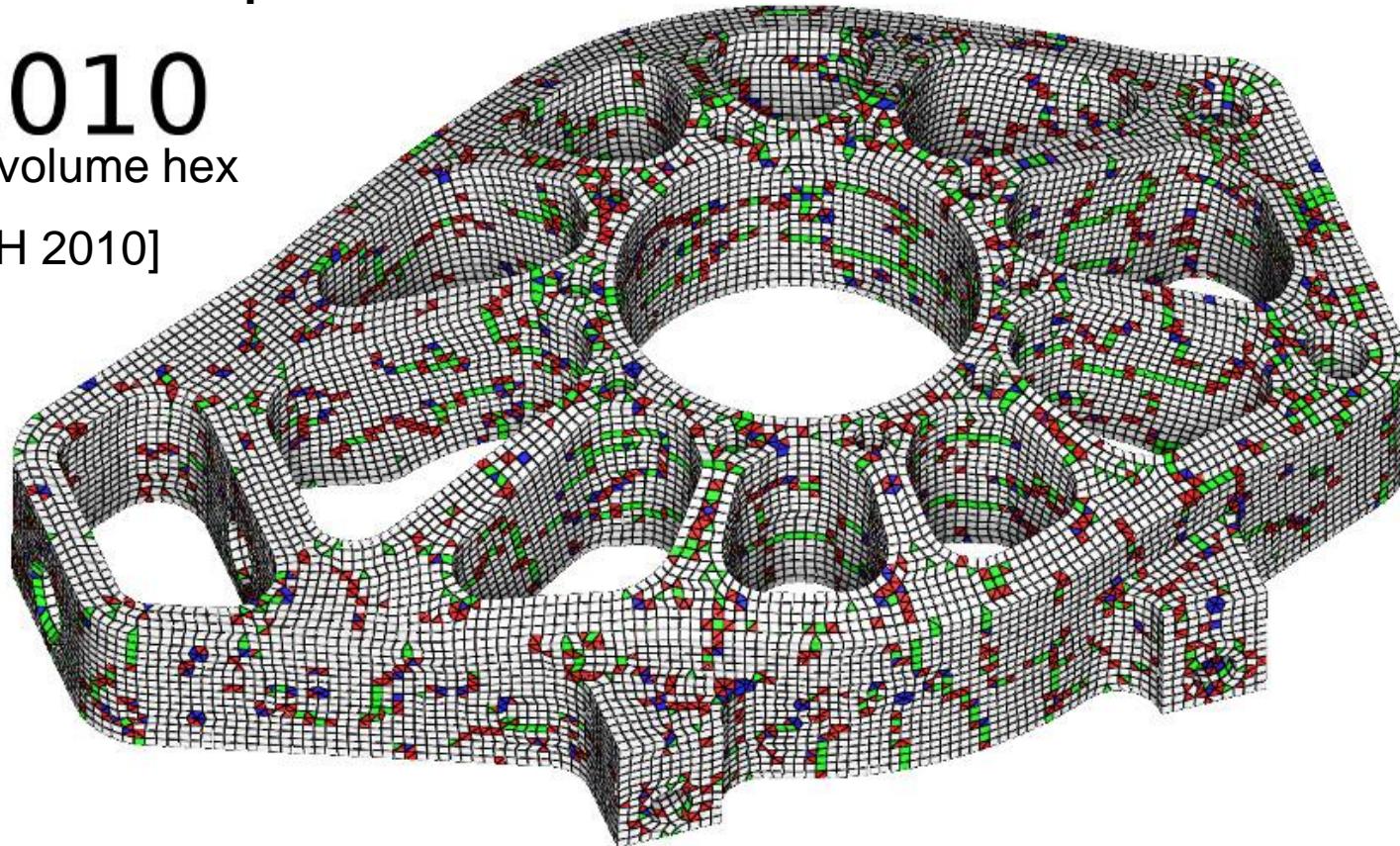
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LpCVT cited in [2018 Aerospace Sciences Meeting], used in NASA Ames
[Ekelschot, Ceze, Garai, Murman] (anisotropic mesh adaptation for flow sim.)

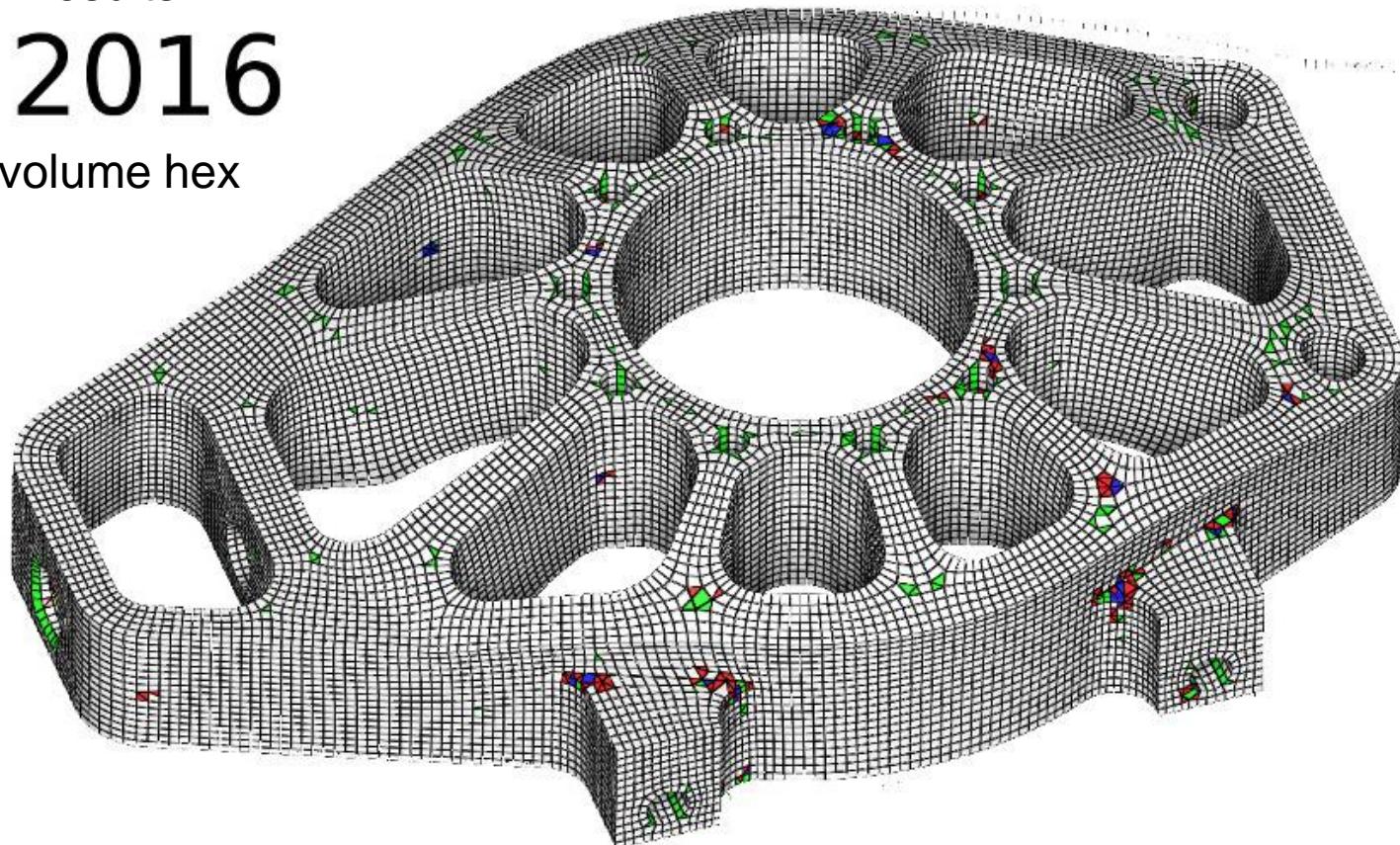
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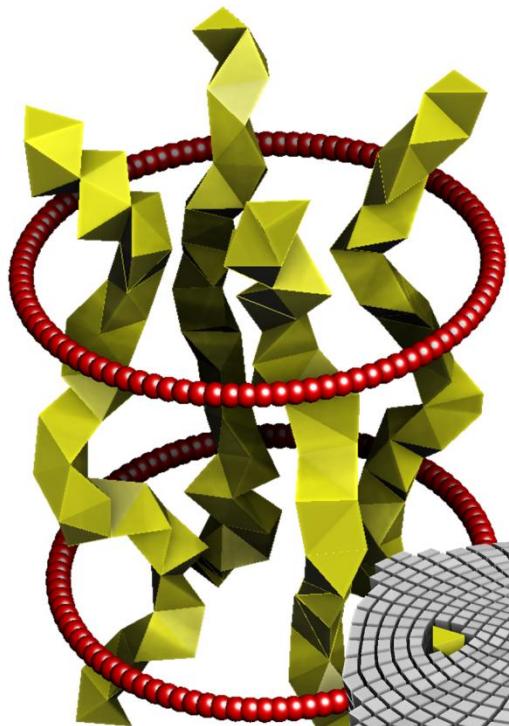
98% volume hex



Colored: non-hexahedral elements

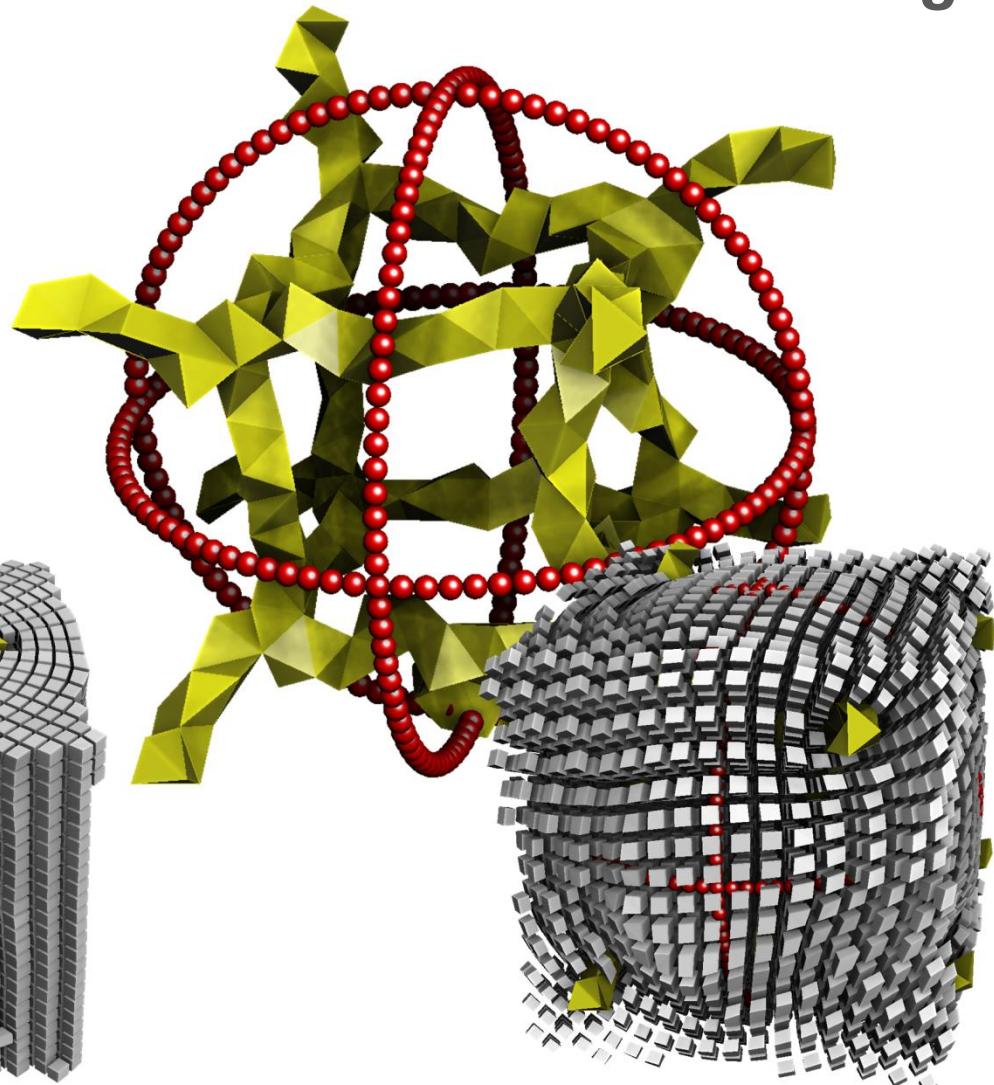
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[ACM TOG 2016]

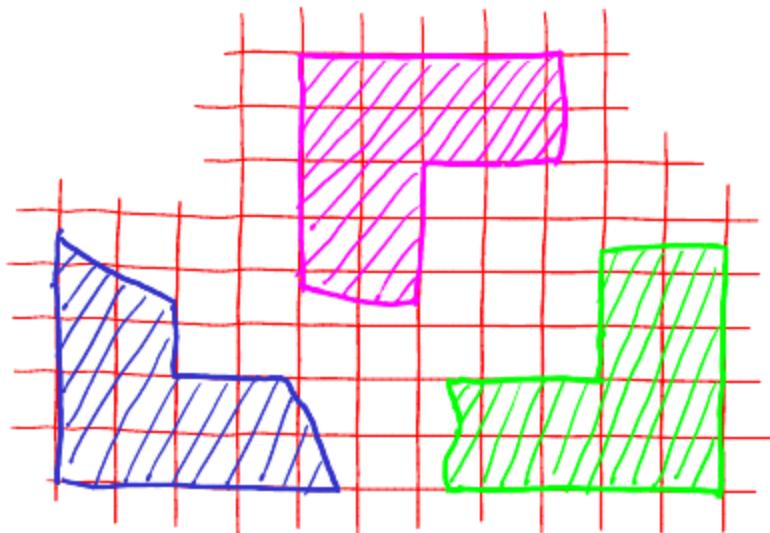
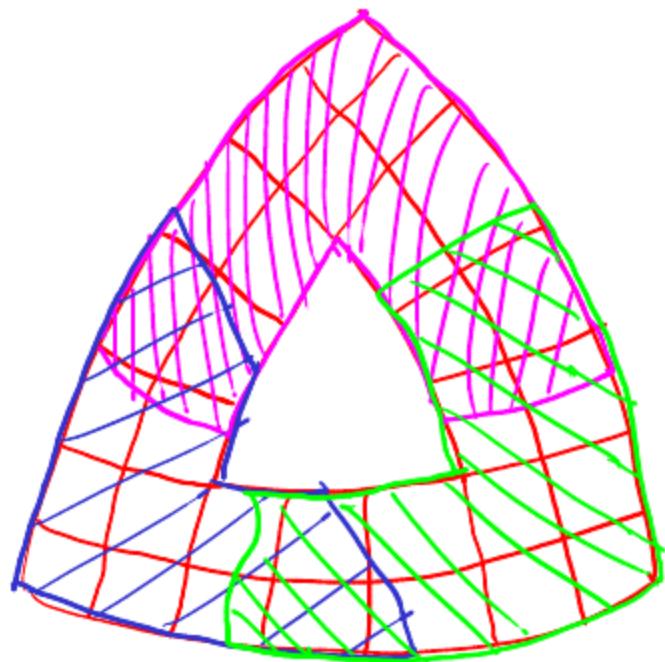
Frame fields



Direction fields in 3D and periodic coordinates

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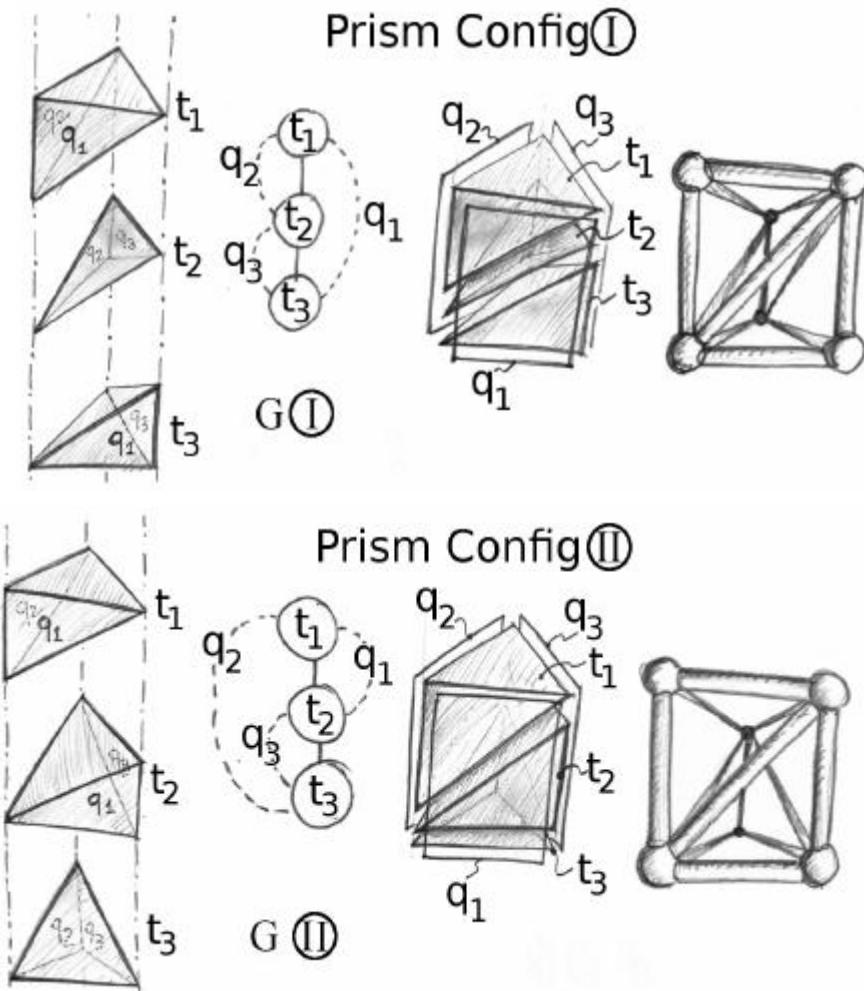
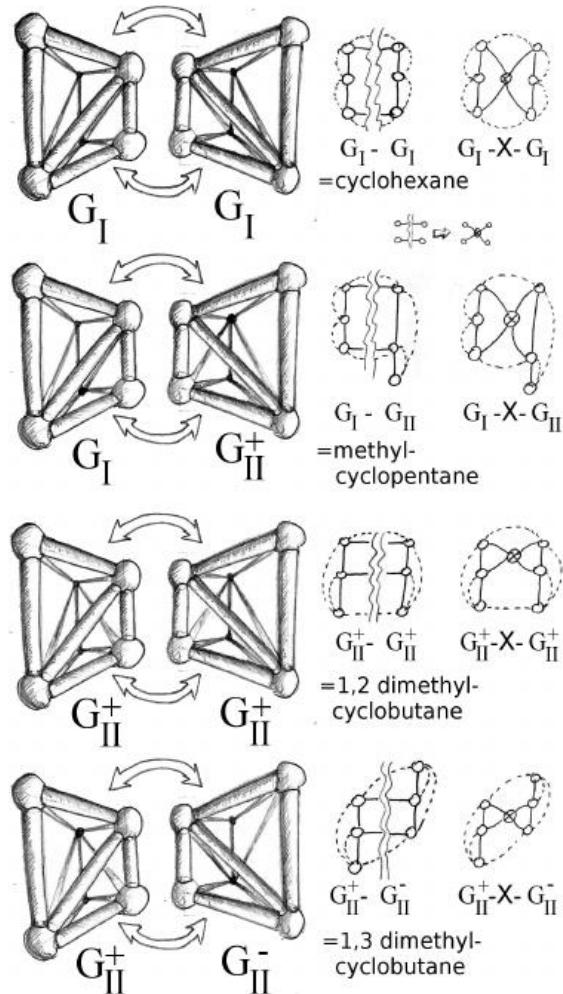


[ACM TOG 2016] 3D Periodic Global Parameterization

Local parameterization charts, periodic coords.

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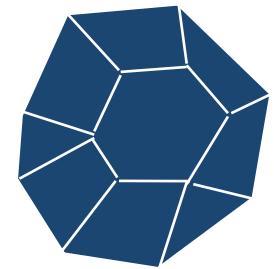
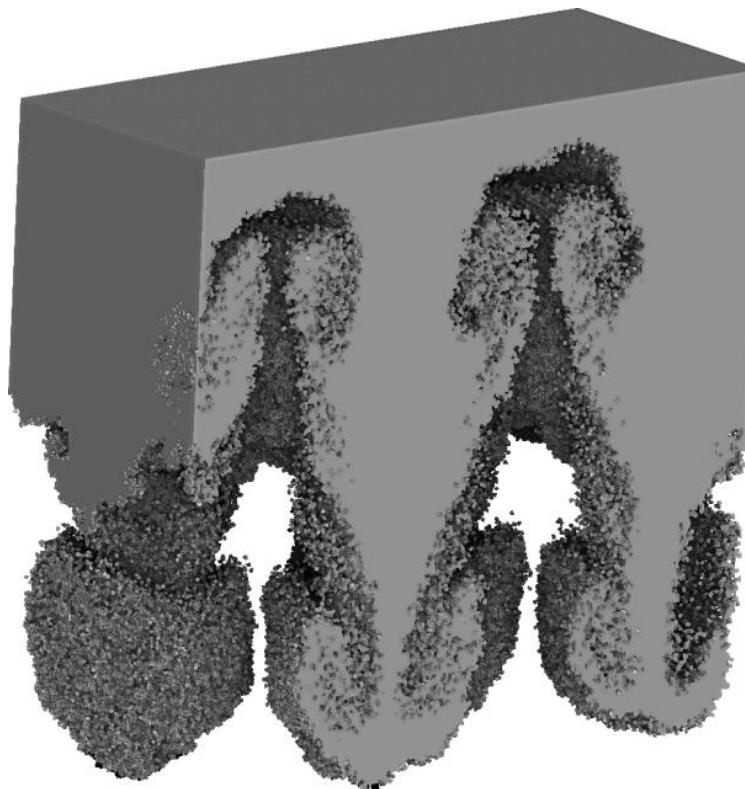
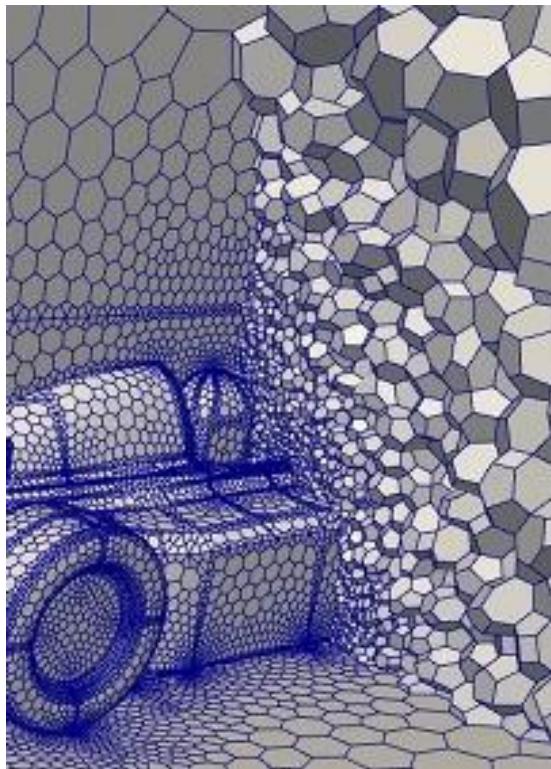
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Recognizing hexahedra in tet meshes.

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non-conventional discretizations



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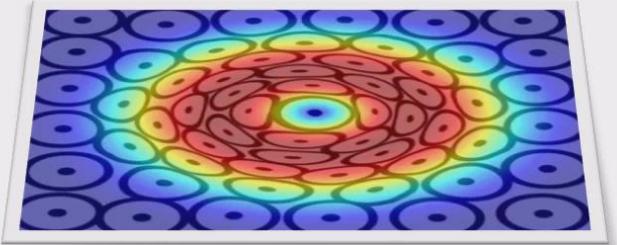
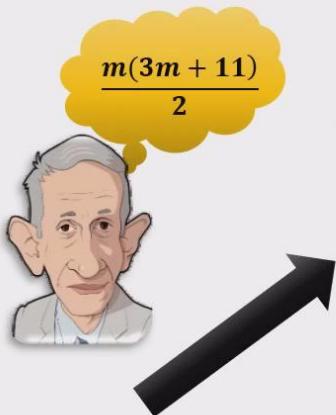
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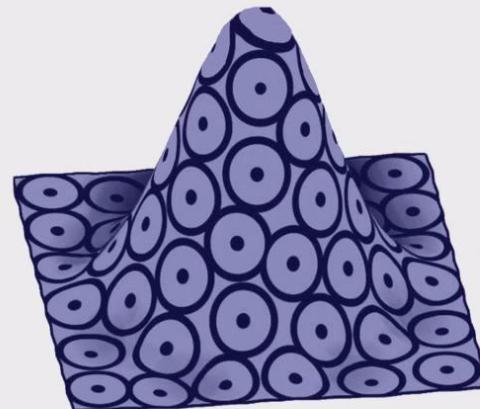
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Selected result: Anisotropic Voronoi Diagrams

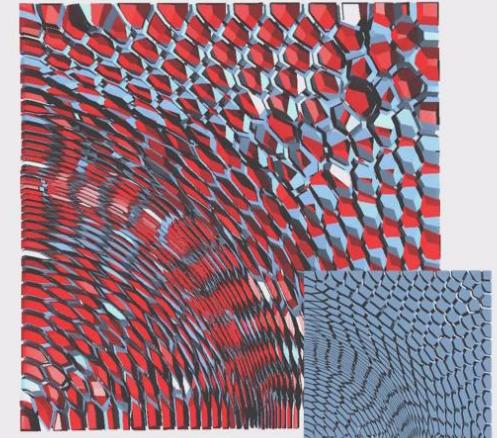
**Nash
Embedding
Theorem**



*Original Riemannian
manifold*



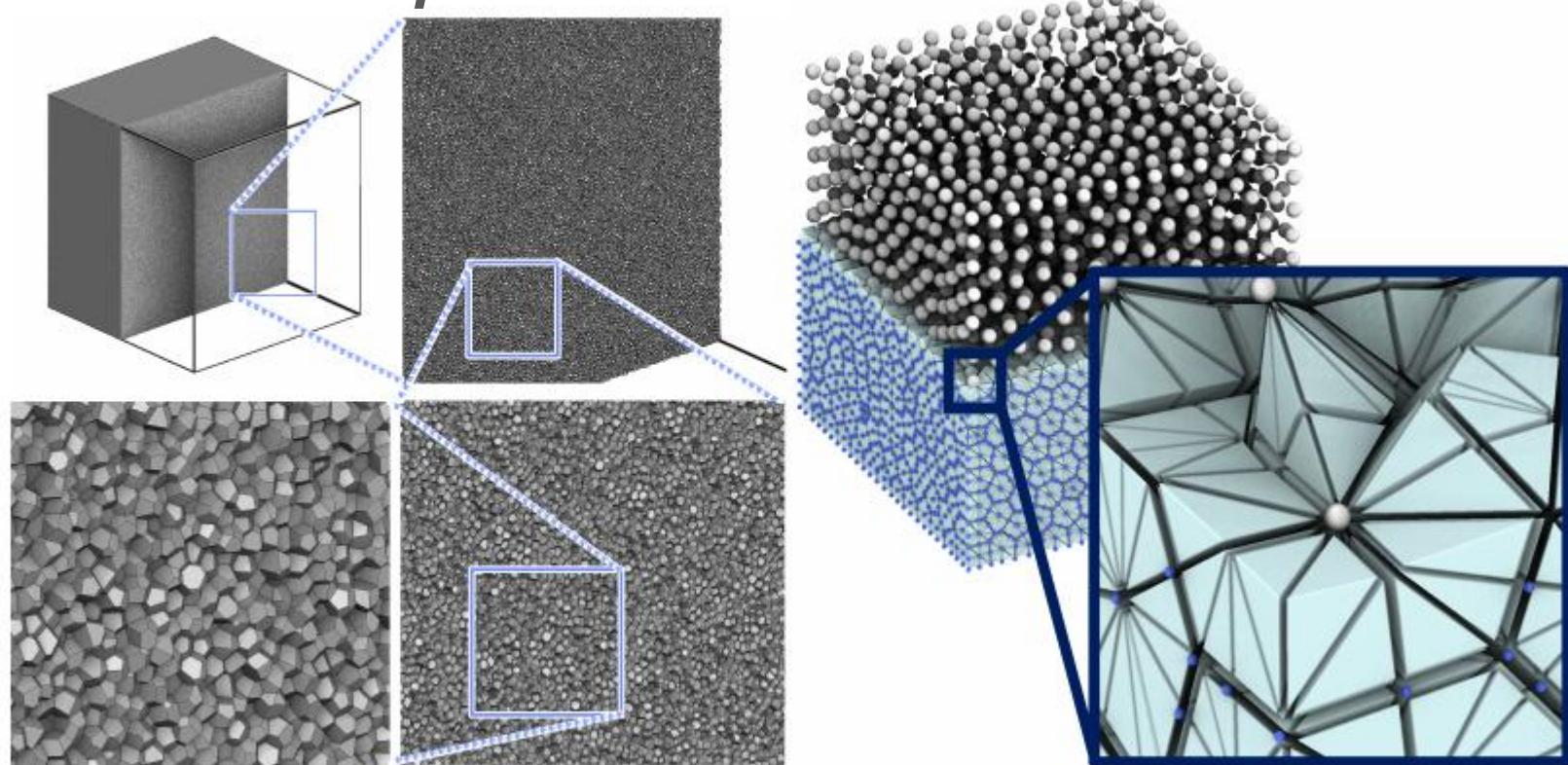
*Higher dimensional
Euclidean embedded
manifold*



[SIGGRAPH 2018]

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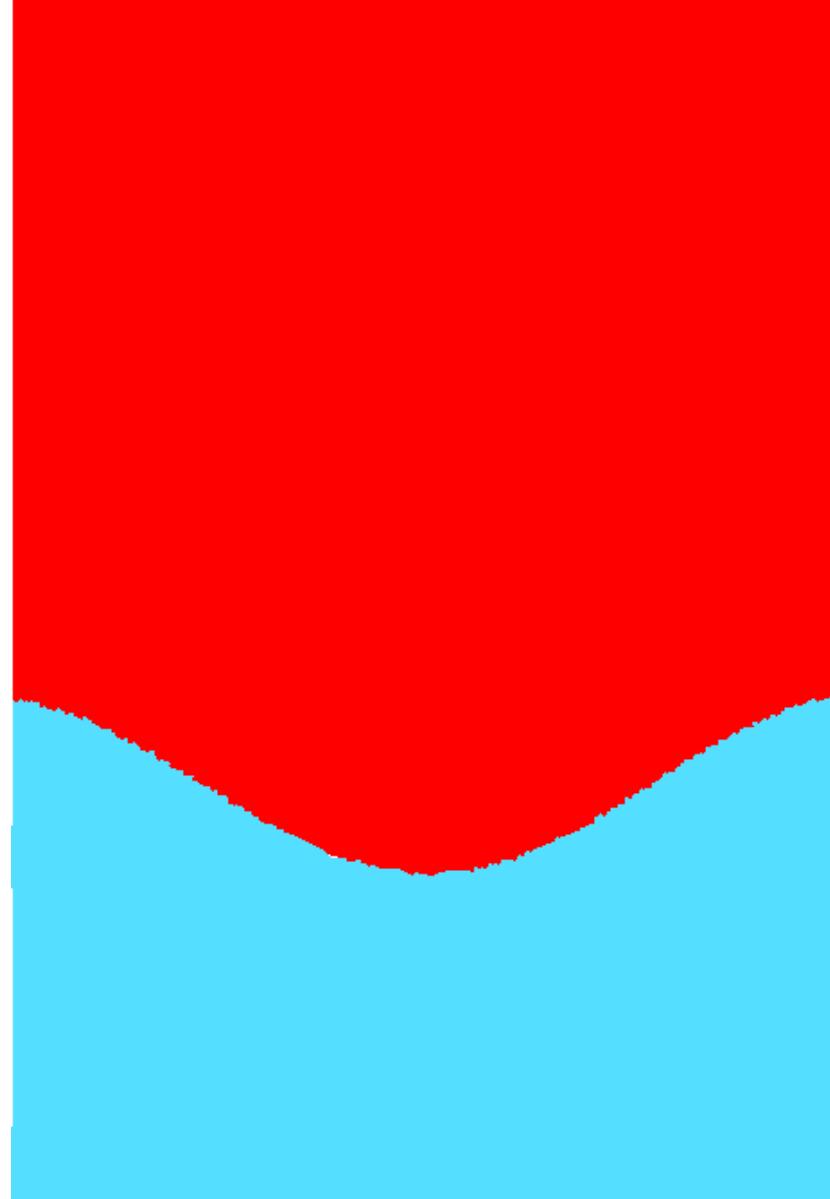
Selected result: parallel Voronoi on the GPU



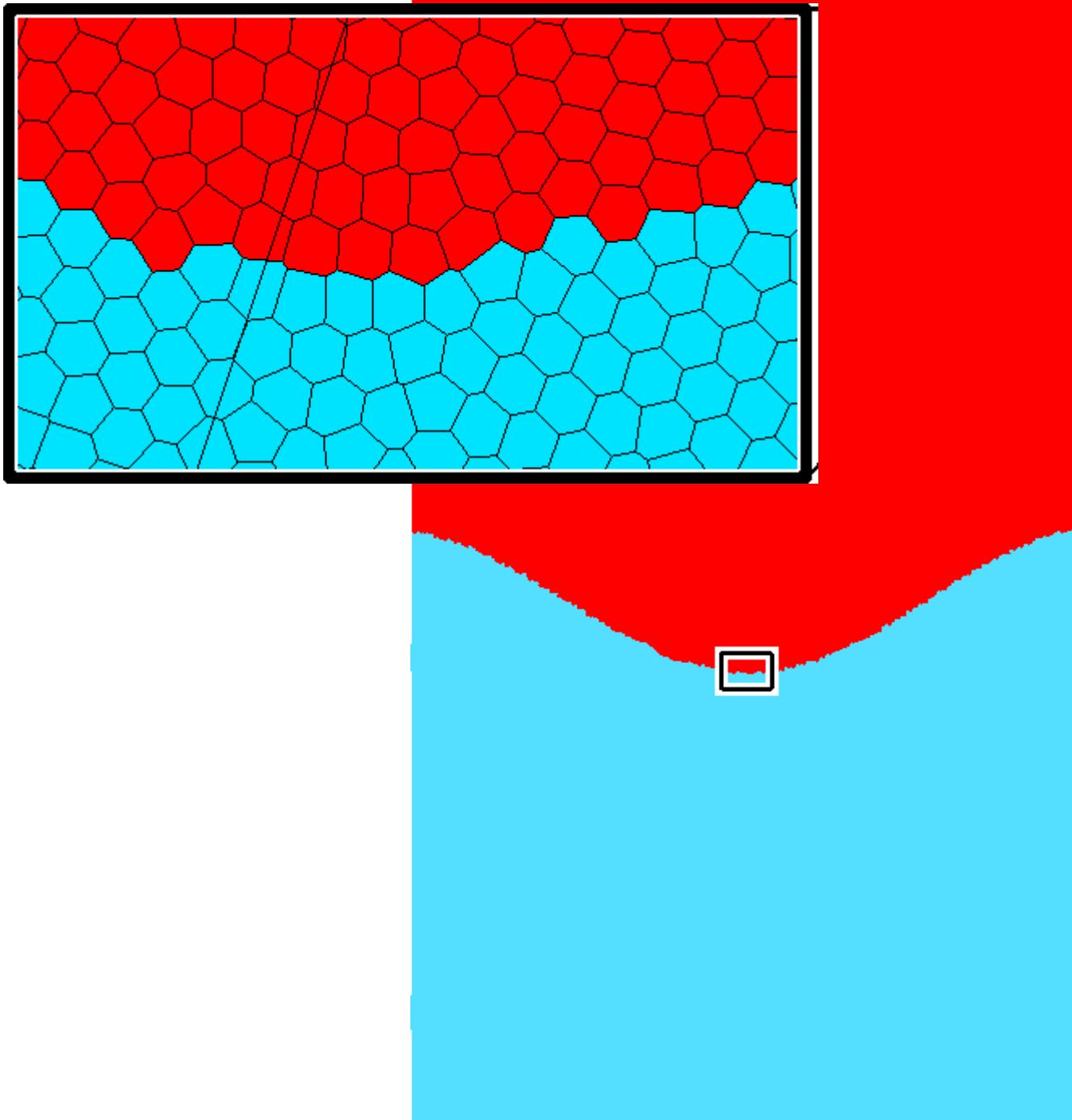
[Siggraph ASIA 2018]: Fast Voronoi diagrams on the GPU

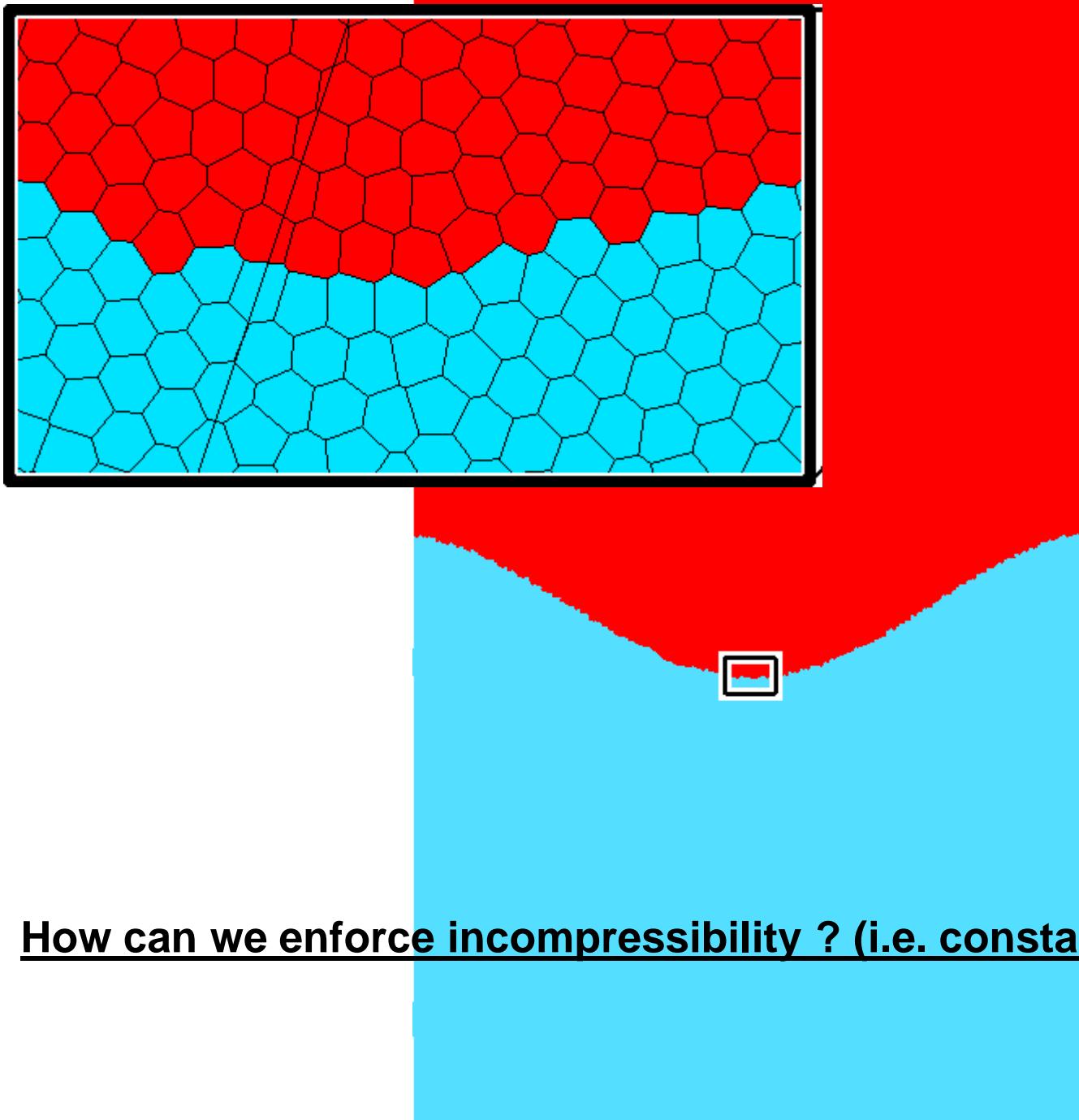
Tracking interfaces
Non-mixing fluids
Free surface

[Gallouet-Merigot]
[De-Goes-Desbrun]

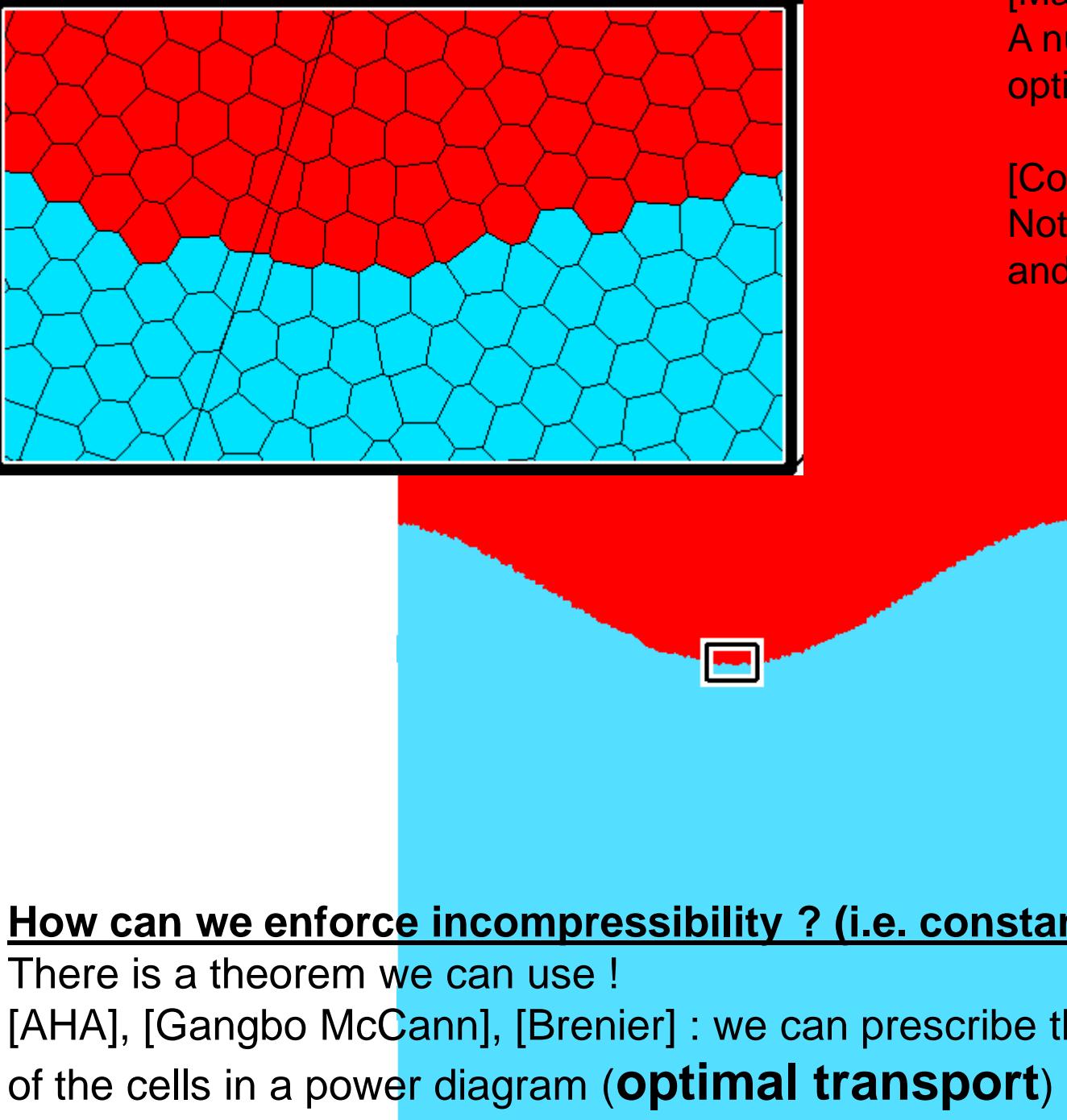


Axis 1: Non-conventional discretizations
Lagrangian simulation – Lagrangian meshes





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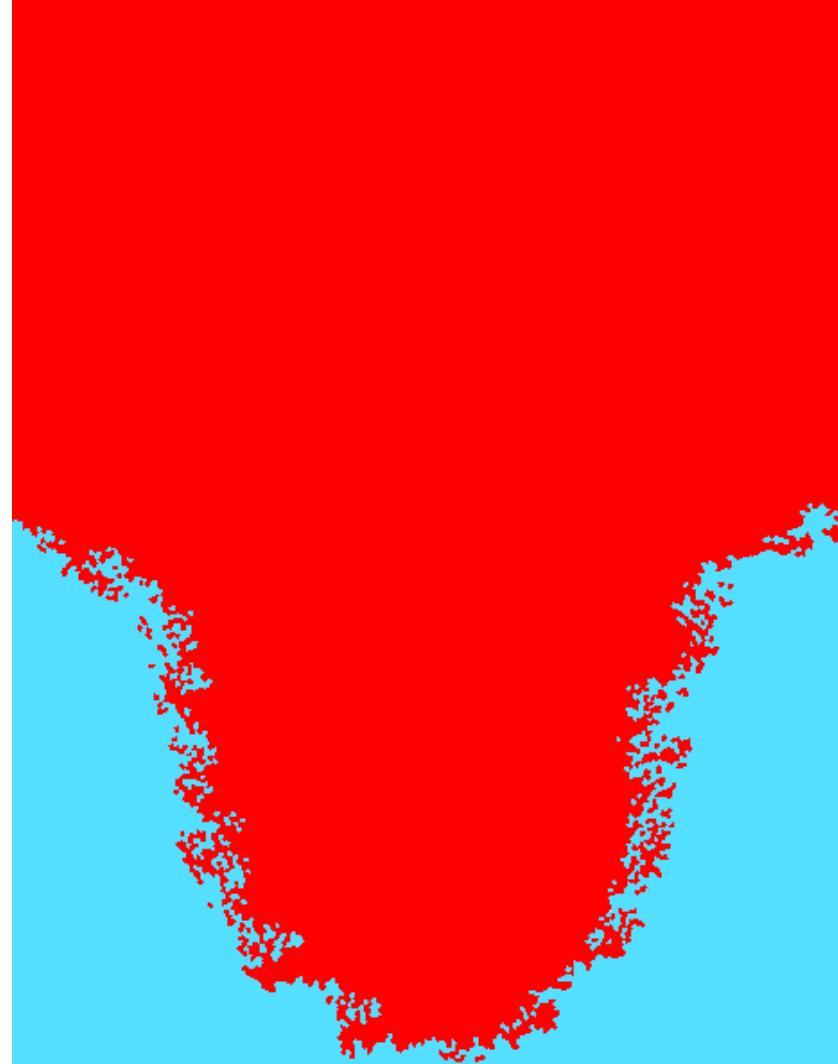
[Math. Model. and Analysis]
A num. algo. for L2
optimal transport in 3D

[Computer & Graphics]
Notions of optimal transport
and how to implement them

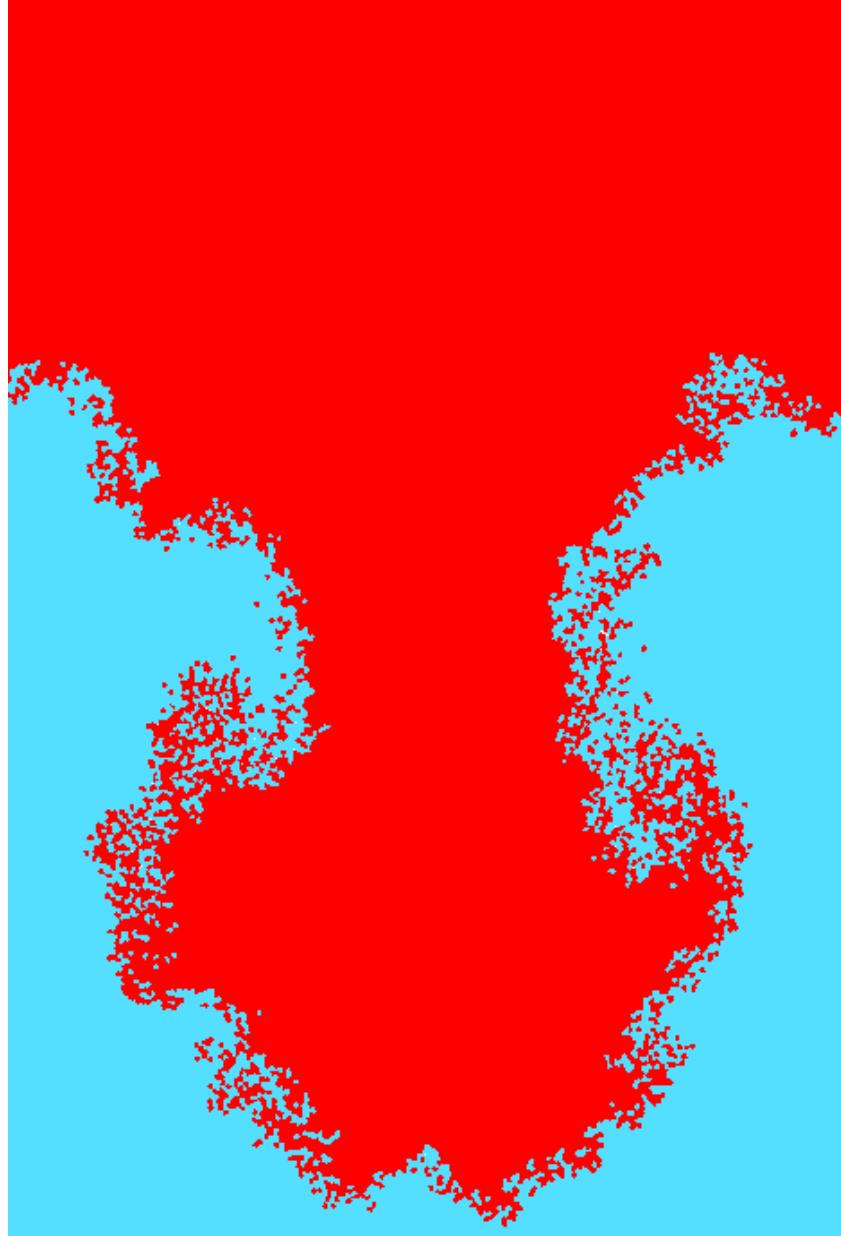
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There is a theorem we can use !

[AHA], [Gangbo McCann], [Brenier] : we can prescribe the volume
of the cells in a power diagram (**optimal transport**)



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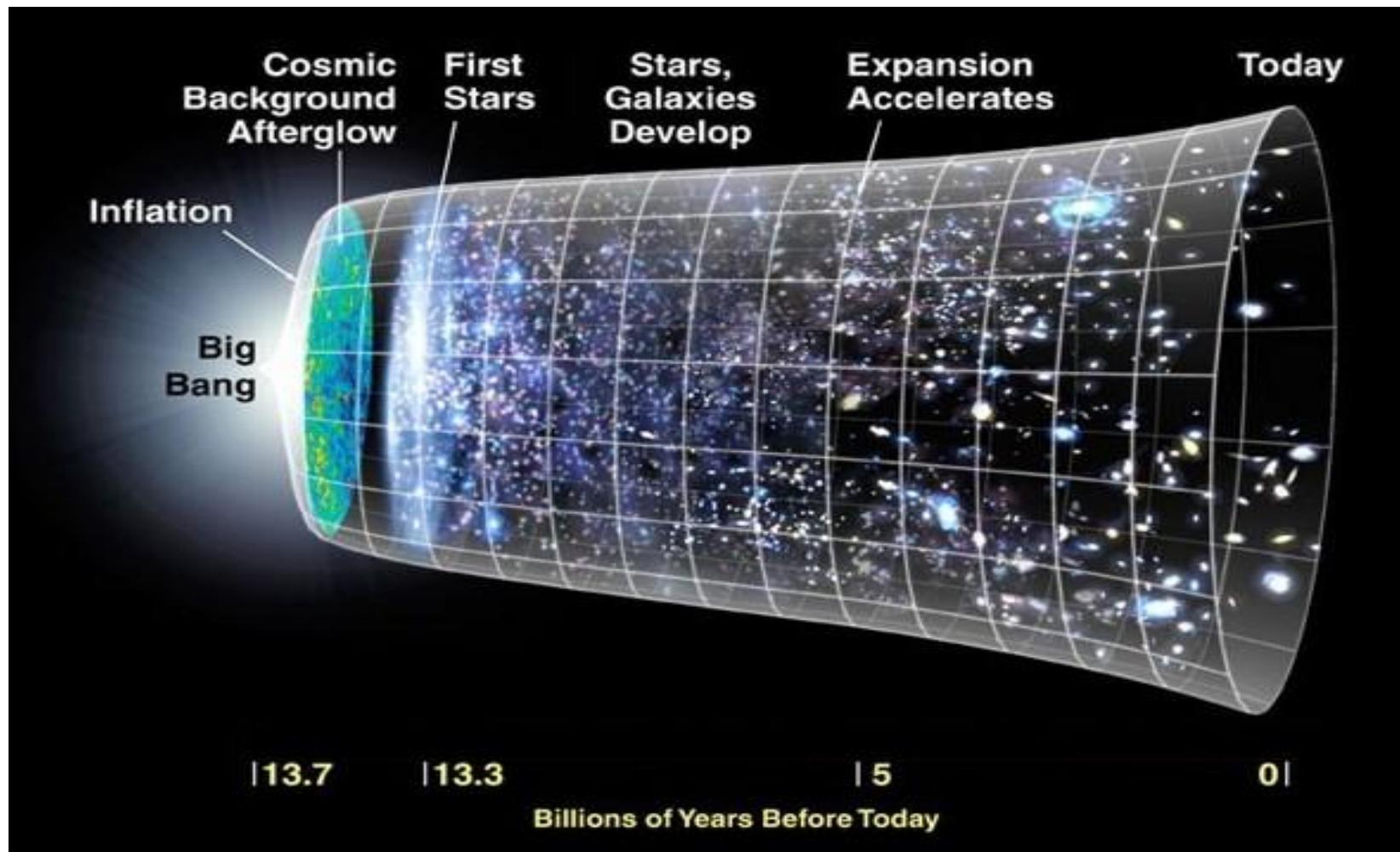
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From 2014 ALICE evaluation report

Recommendations / Measure of success:

**Numerical solutions to problems
considered impossible to solve
(SIC!)**

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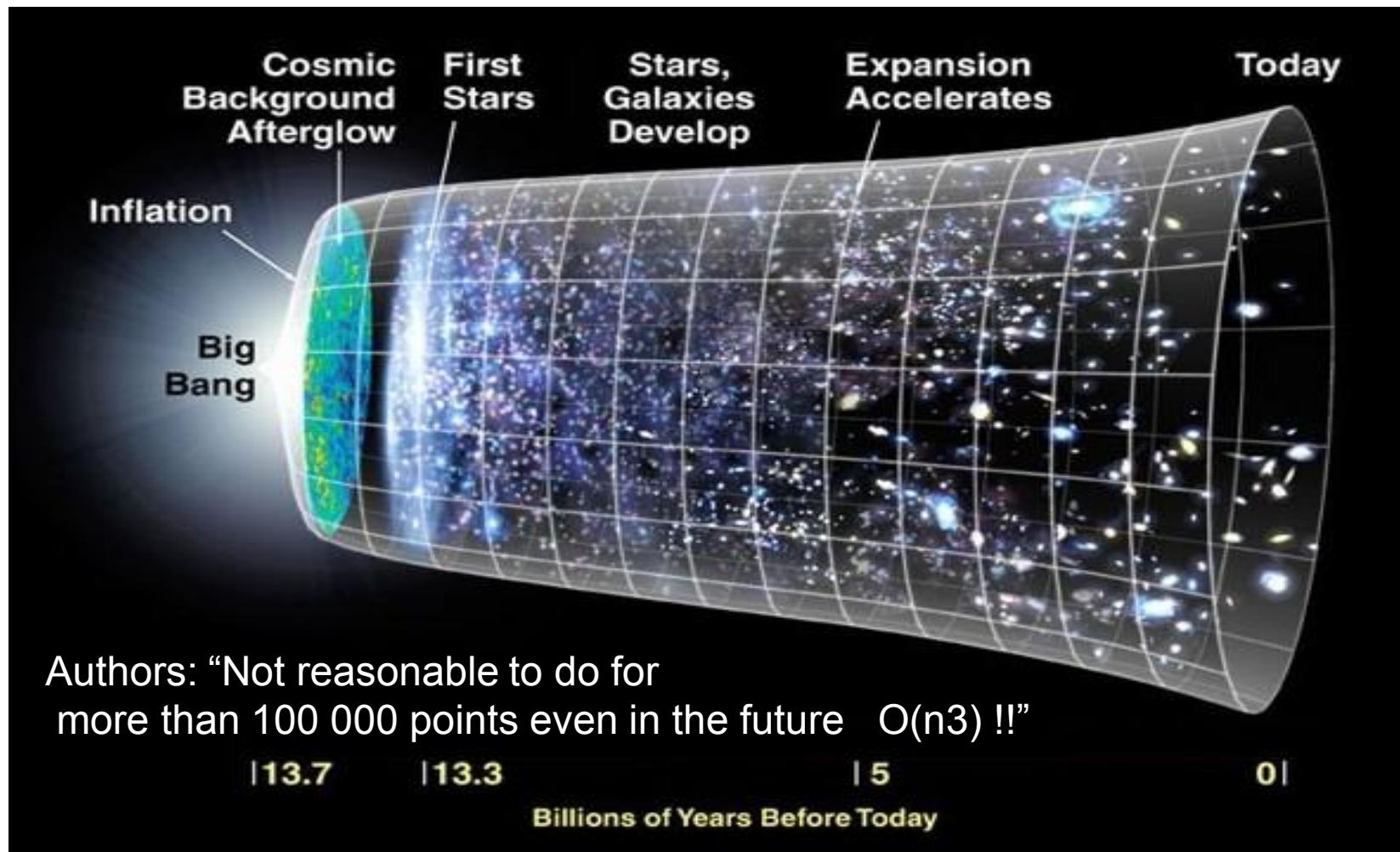


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Fluid equation (incompressible Euler)

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Newton II

Mass conservation

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Poisson equation for the pressure

Fluid equation (incompressible Euler)

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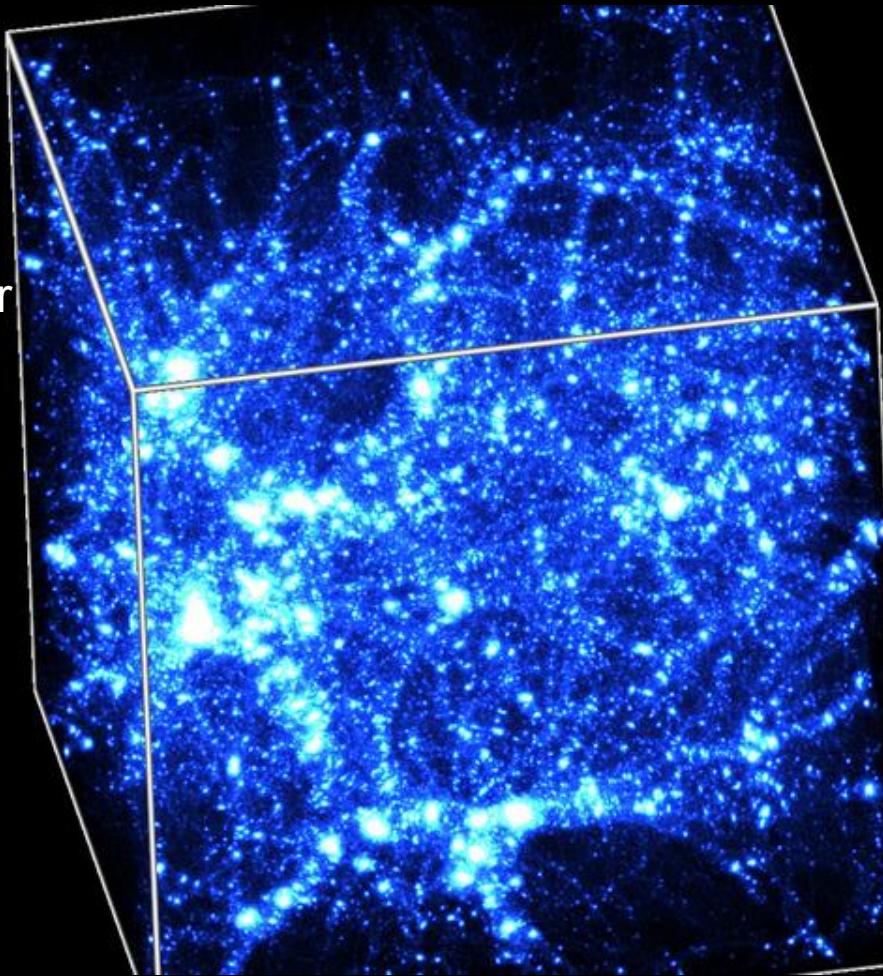
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{lcl} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}'}{\partial \tau} + (\mathbf{u}' \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}' & = & -\frac{3}{2\tau}(\mathbf{u}' + \nabla \varphi) \\ \frac{\partial \rho'}{\partial \tau} + \nabla \cdot (\rho' \mathbf{u}') & = & 0 \\ \Delta \varphi & = & \frac{\rho' - 1}{\tau} \end{array} \right. \quad \textbf{\textit{Self-gravitating matter + relativity}}$$

Axis 1: non-conventional discretizations

Selected result: Early Universe Reconstruction

Time = Now

“Not reasonable to do for
more than
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in the future O(n^3) !!”



Coop. with MOKAPLAN & Institut d'Astrophysique de Paris

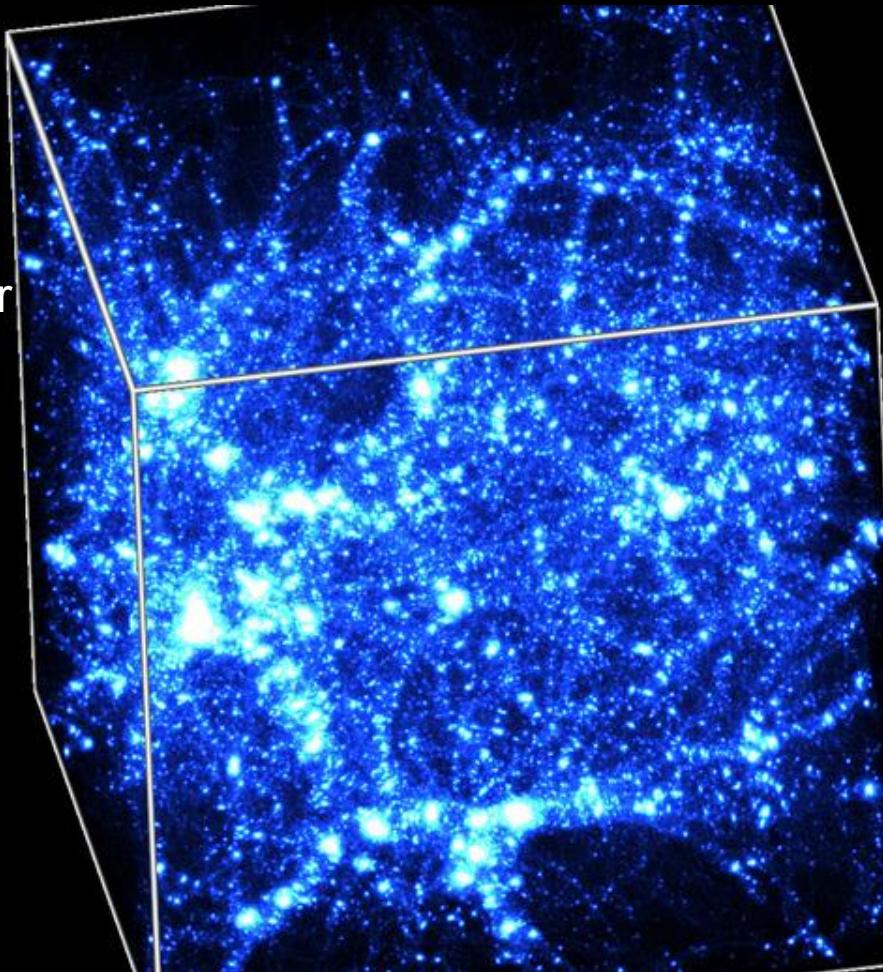
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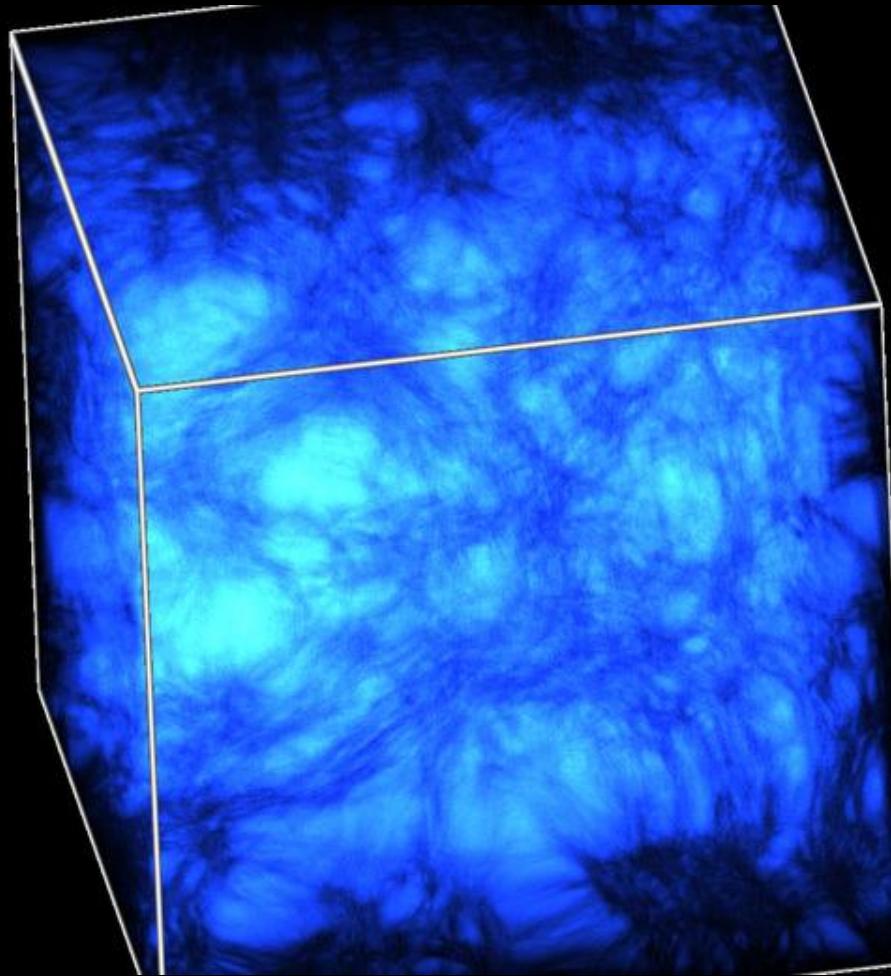
OK, let's do
16 million points



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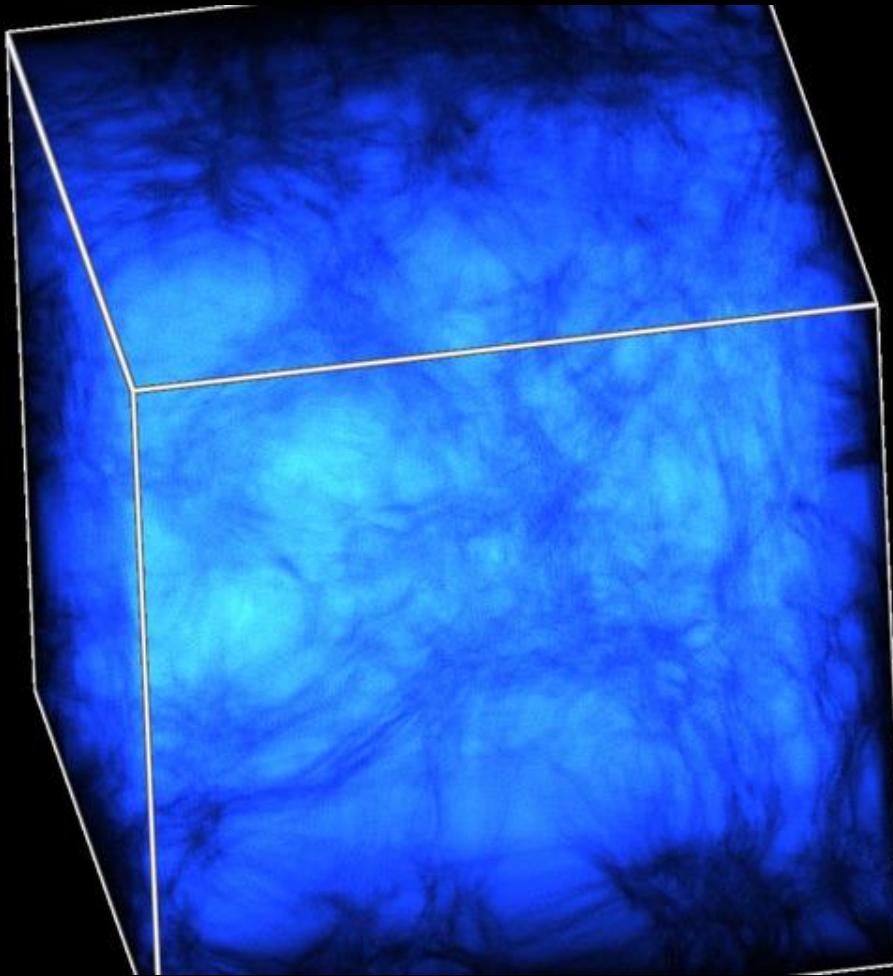


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Time = BigBang
(- 13.7 billion Y)

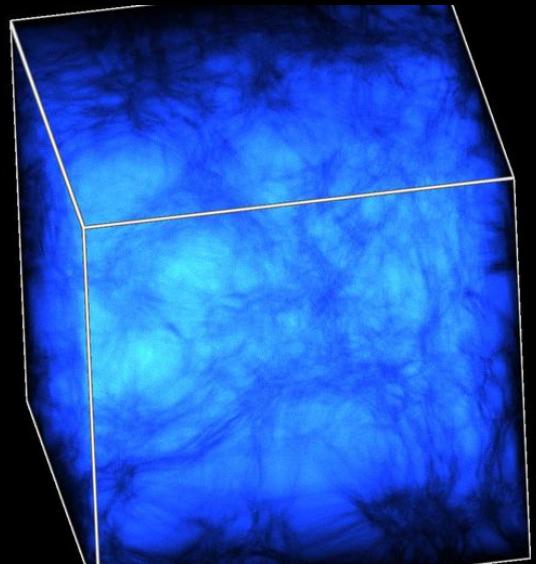


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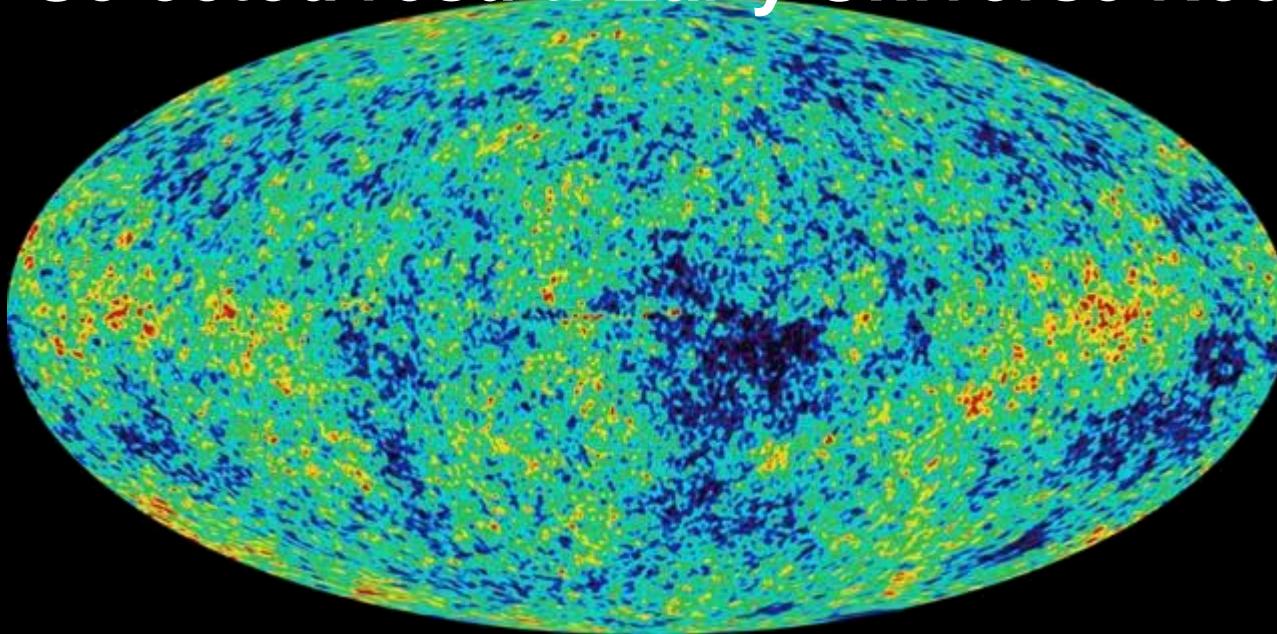
“Time-warped” map of the universe



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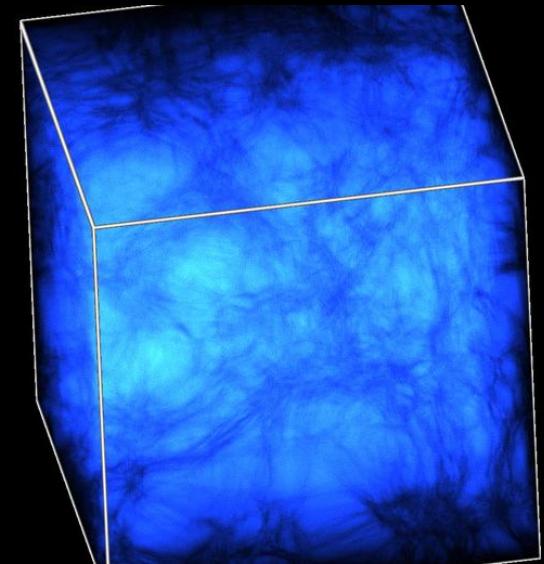
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Cosmic Microware Background:

“Fossil light” emitted 380 000 Y after BigBang
and measured now

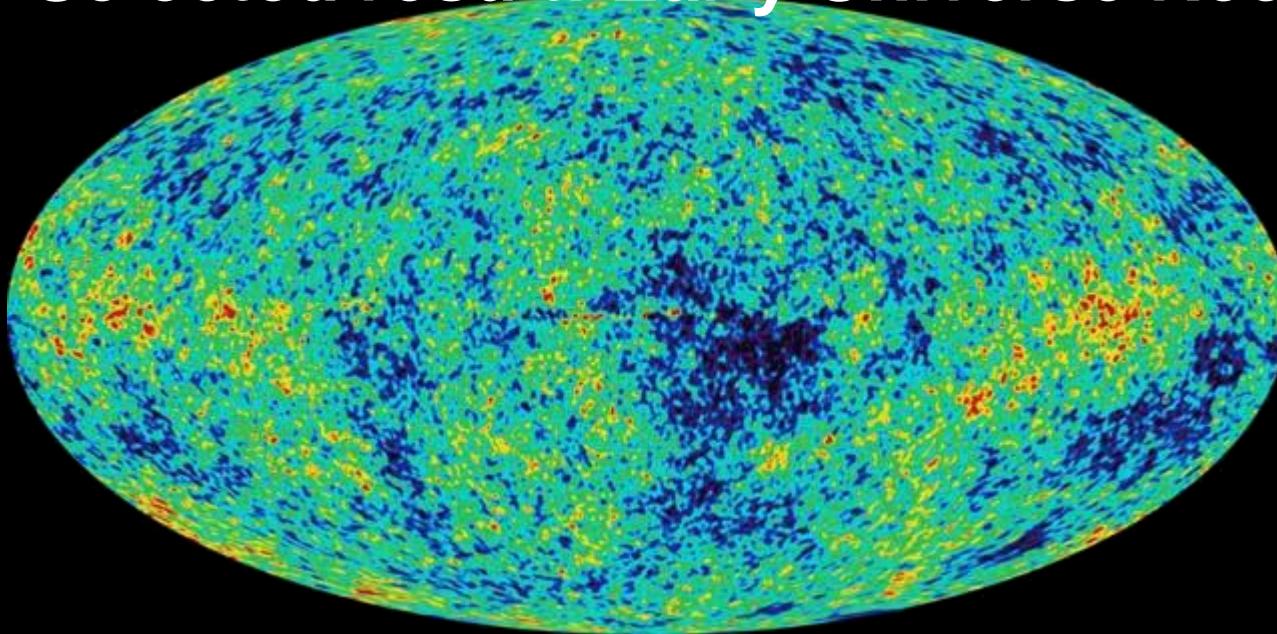
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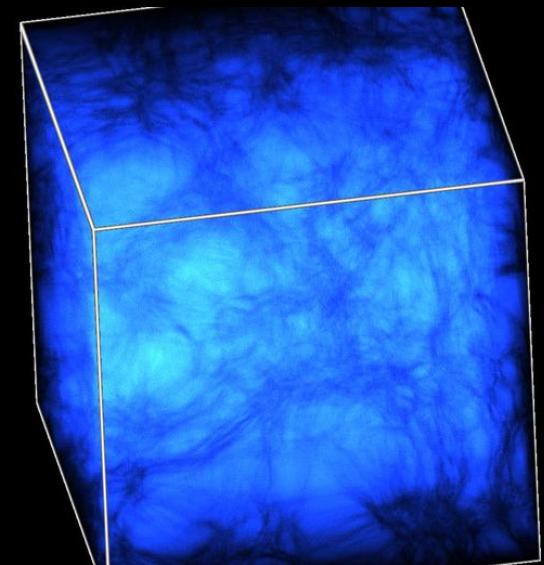


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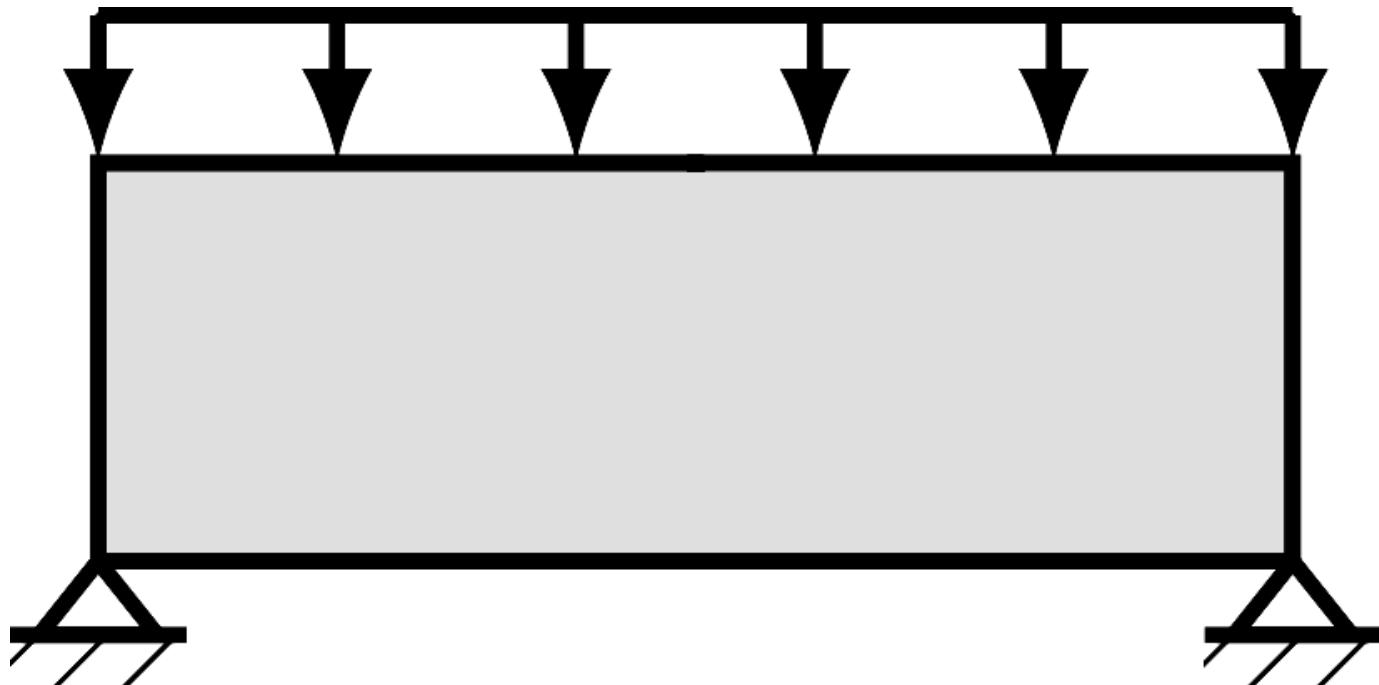
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Computer-Aided Fabrication

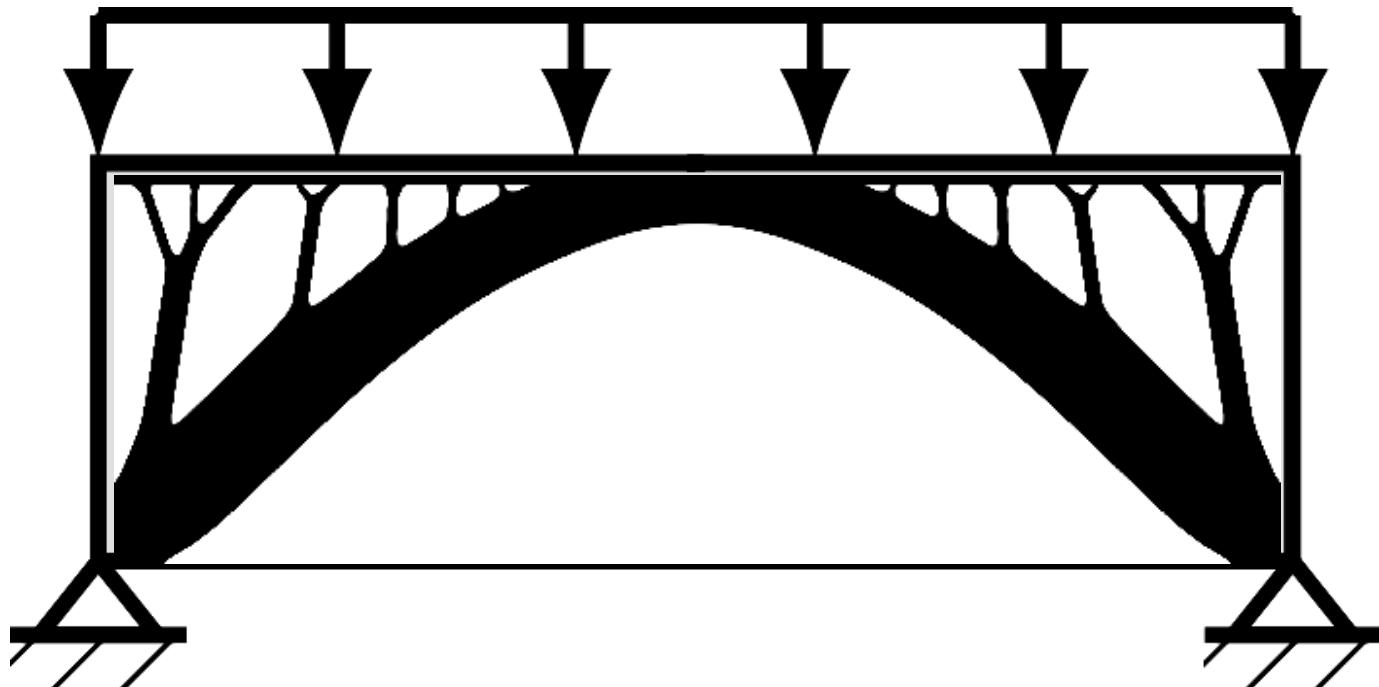
Axis 2: Structured Materials

Shape-Appearance-Function



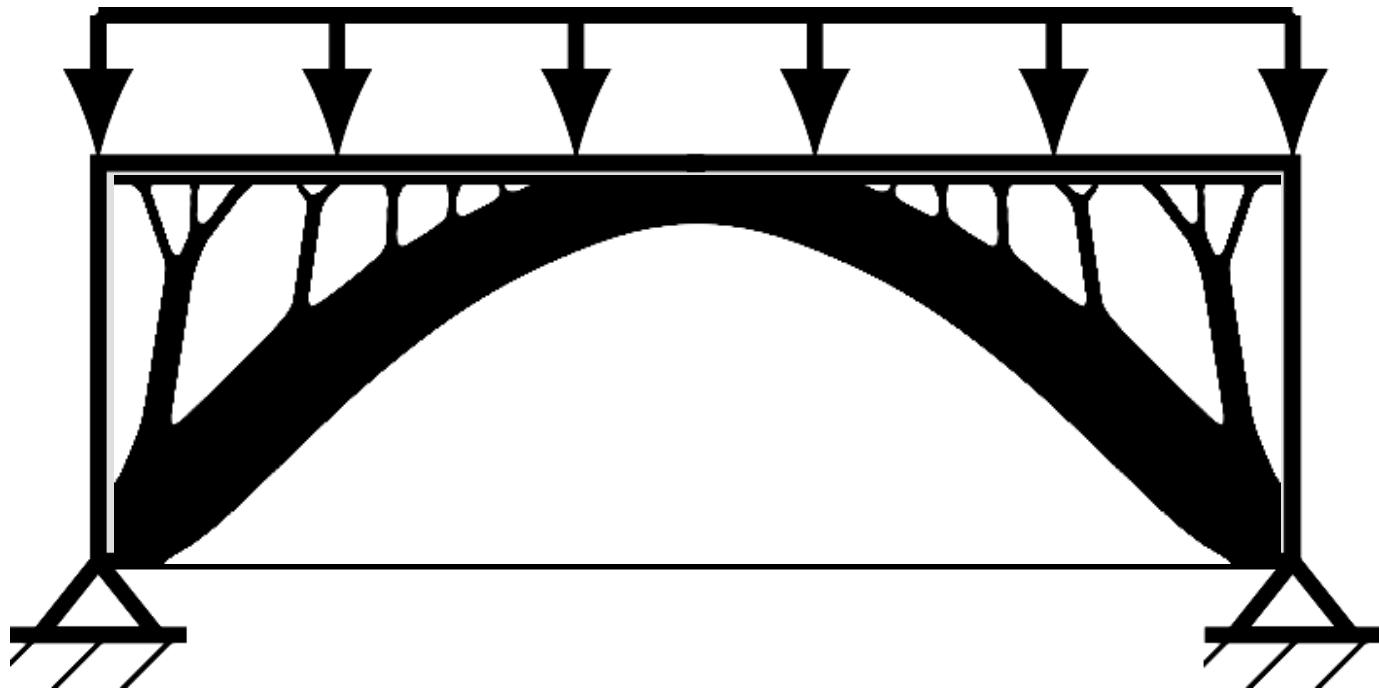
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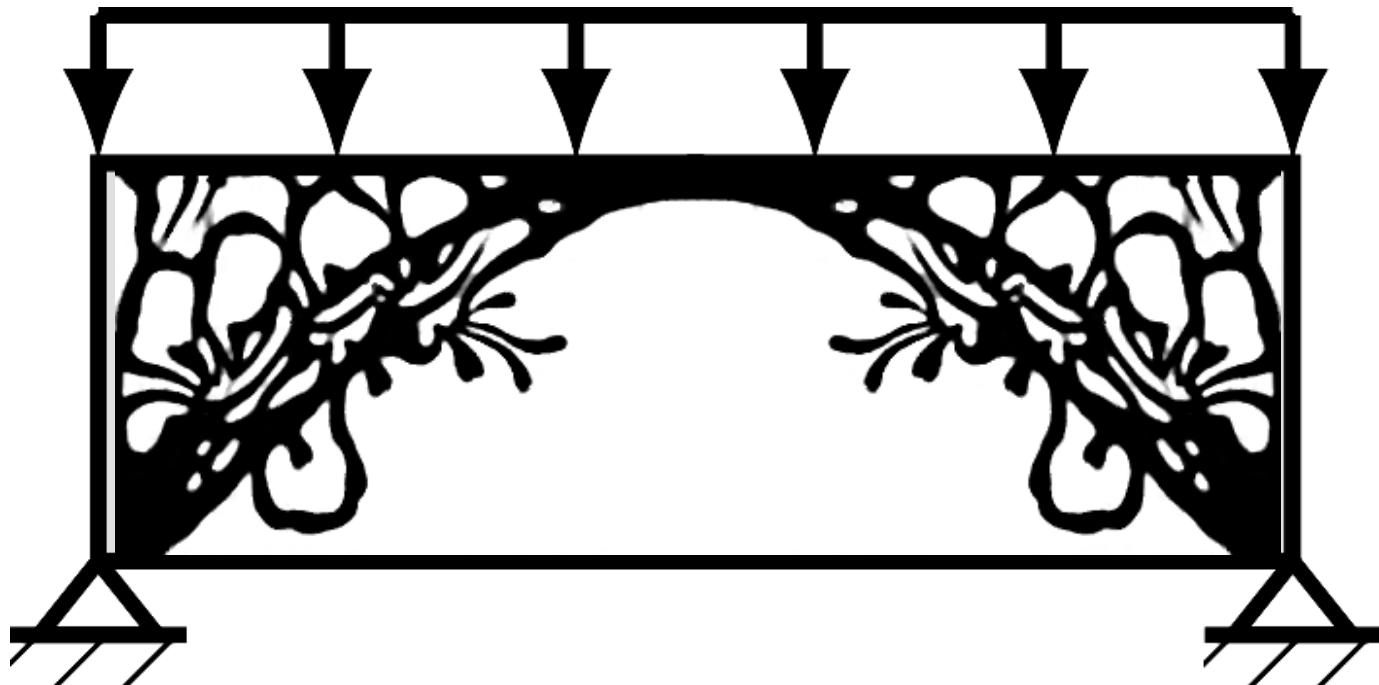
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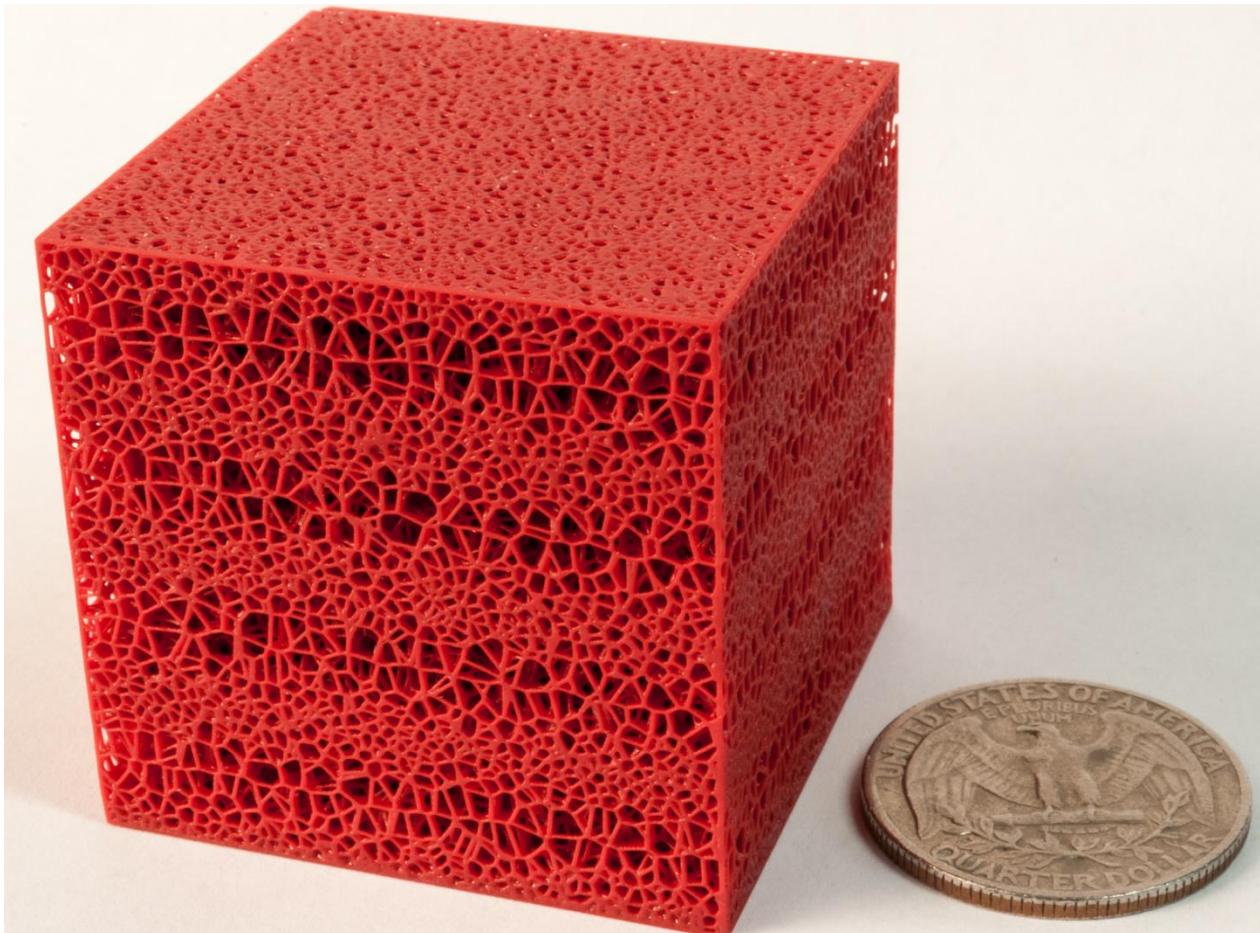


[SIGGRAPH Asia 2015]

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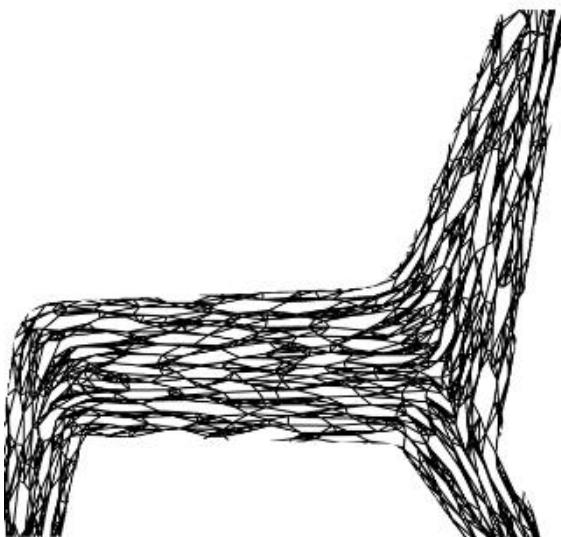
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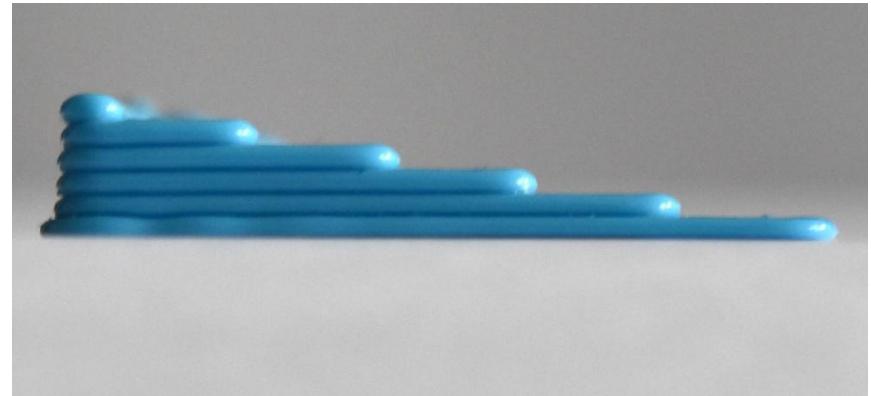
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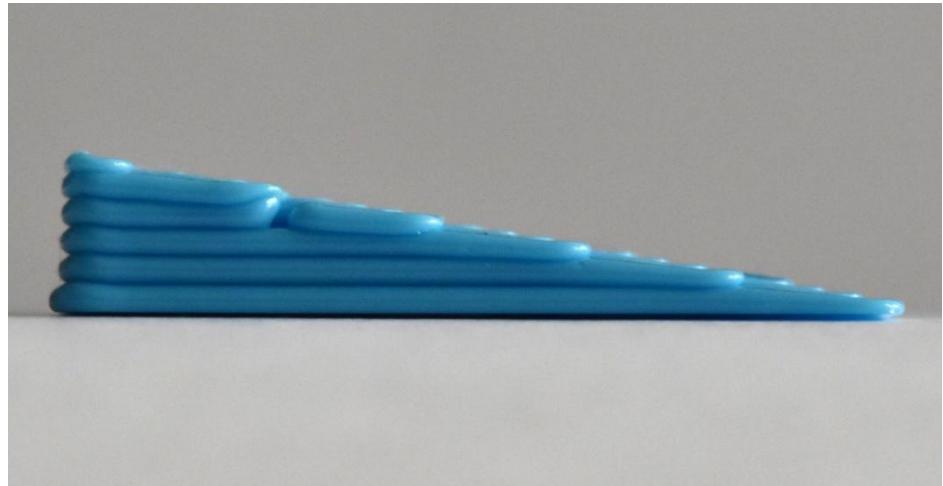
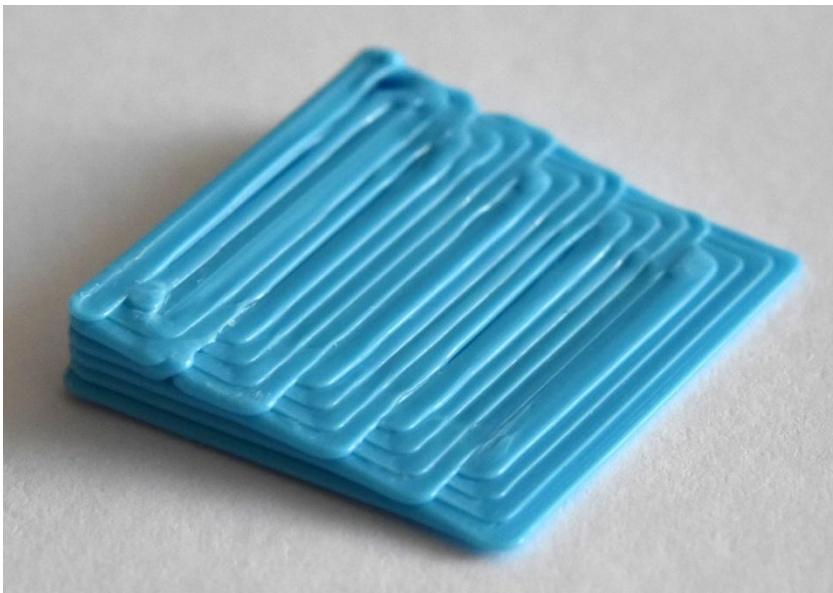
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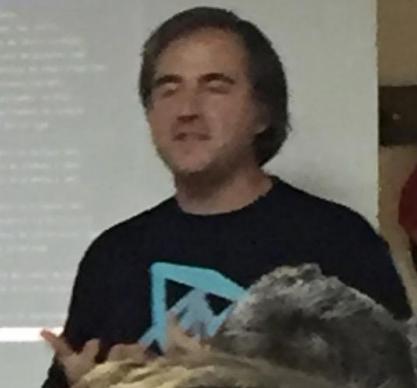
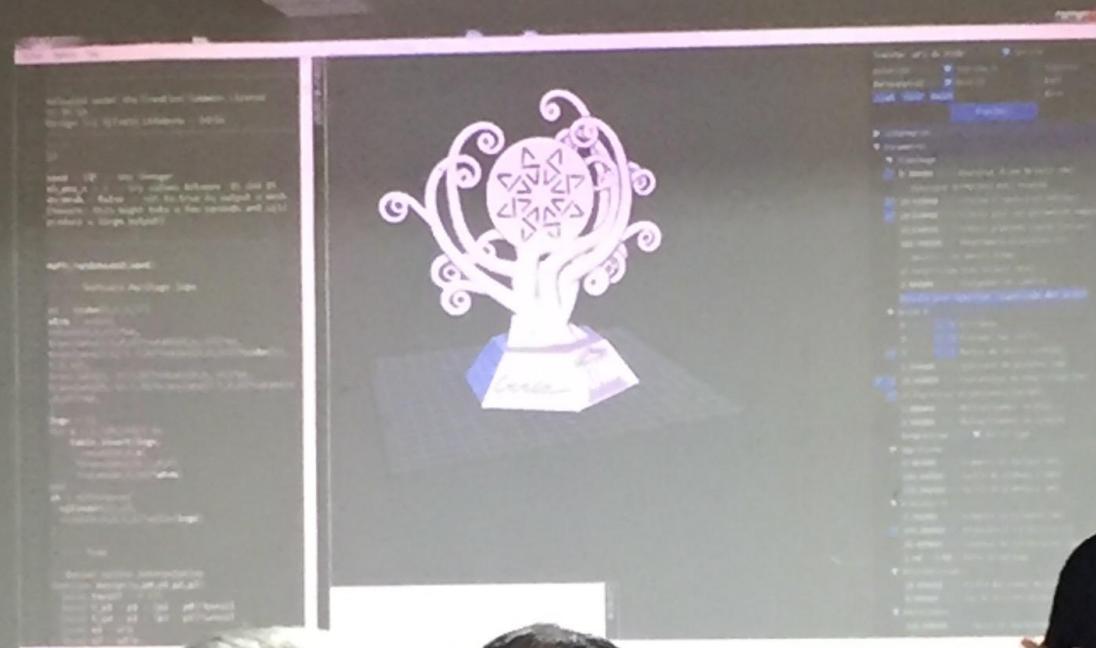
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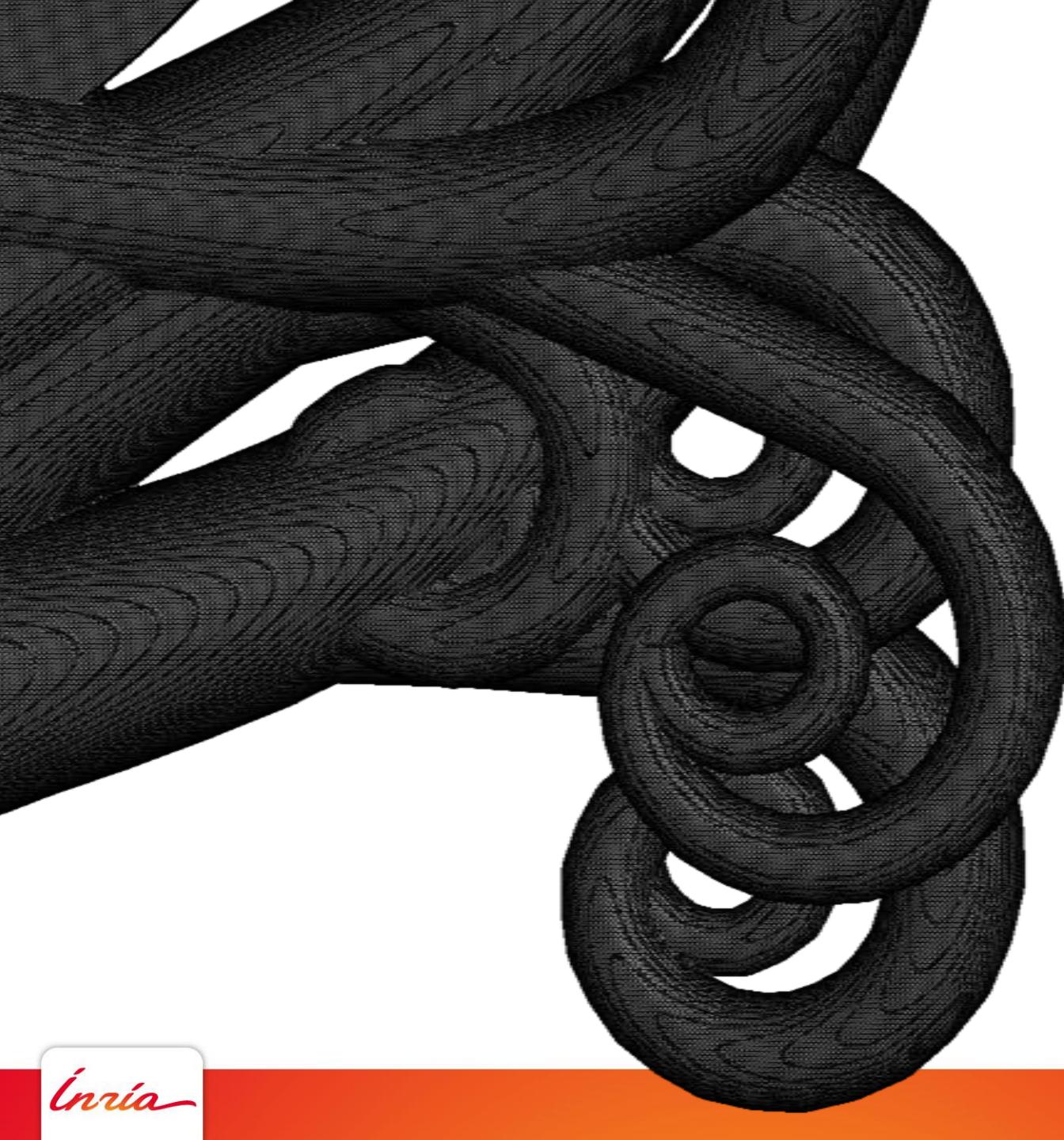
Trophee modeled with IceSL,
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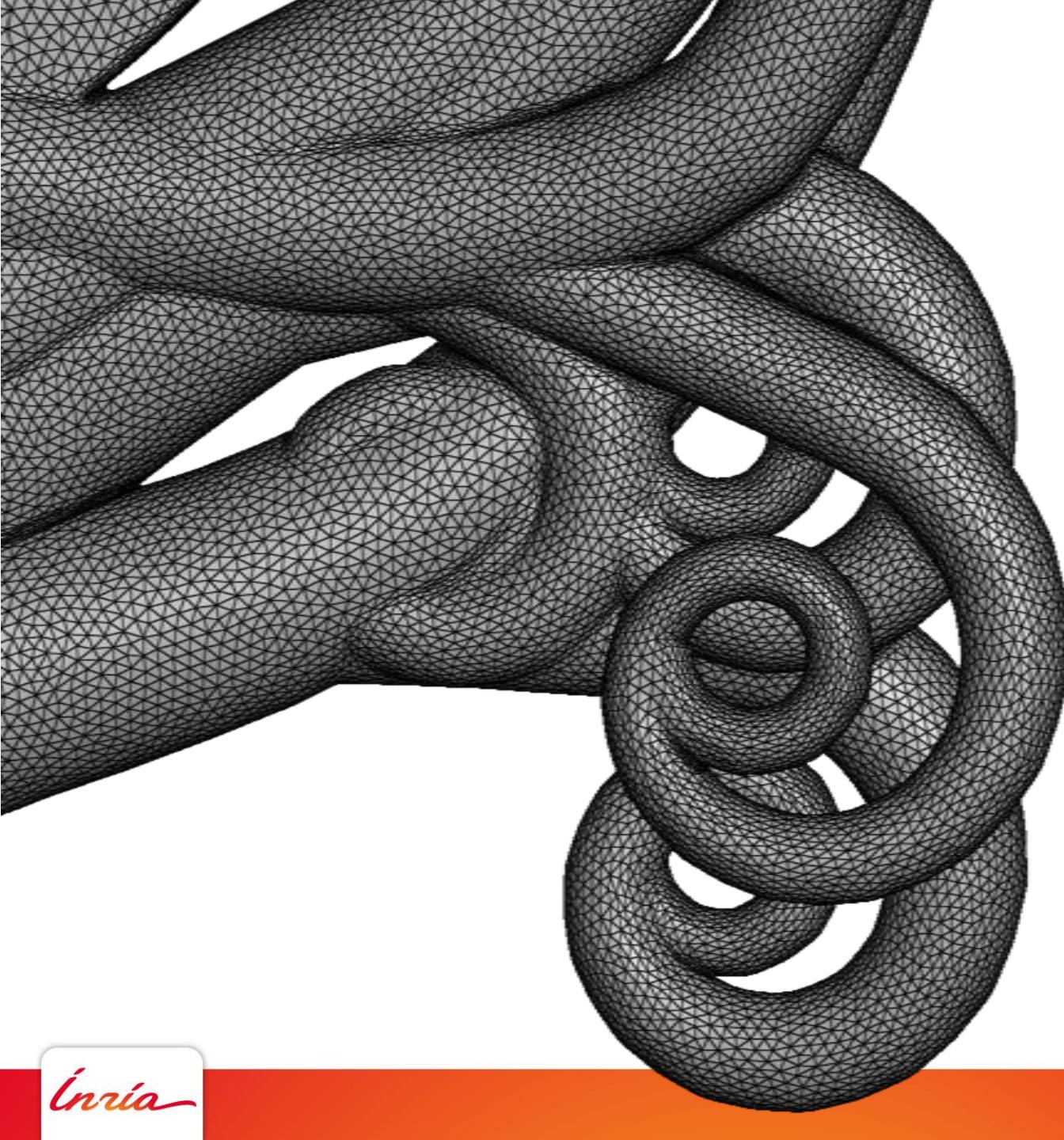
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Modeling in IceSL





Regularized MC
4.6 M facets



Vorpaline
remesh
700 K facets

Highlights: *IceSL event in Paris*



Highlights: *Books and Courses*

[Mathematical Modeling and Analysis J. 2015] 50 citations
Numerical Optimal Transport, SGP 2018

Part. 2 Optimal Transport – Kantorovich

Monge's problem:

Find a transport map T that minimizes $C(T) = \int_X \|x - T(x)\|^2 d\mu(x)$



Kantorovich's problem (1942):

Find a measure γ defined on $X \times Y$

such that $\int_{x \in X} dy(x,y) = dv(y)$

and $\int_{Y \in Y} d\gamma(x, y) = d\mu(x)$

that minimizes $\iint_{\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}} \|x - y\|^2 d\gamma(x,y)$

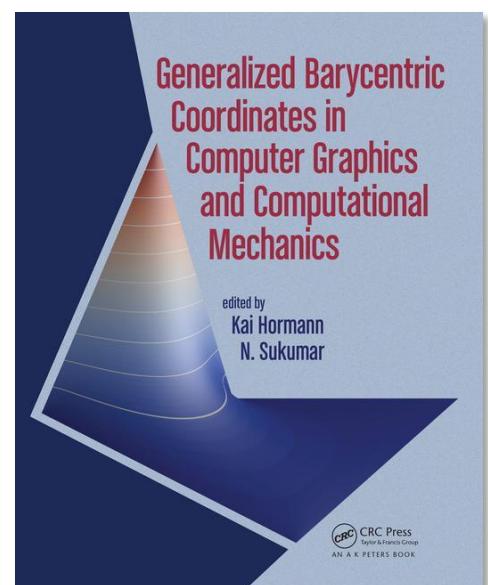
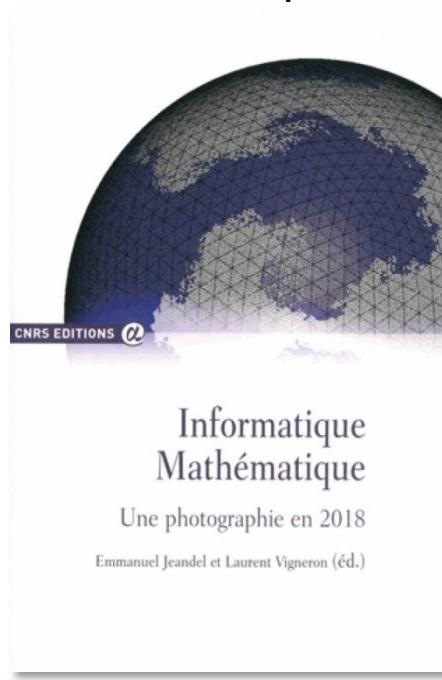
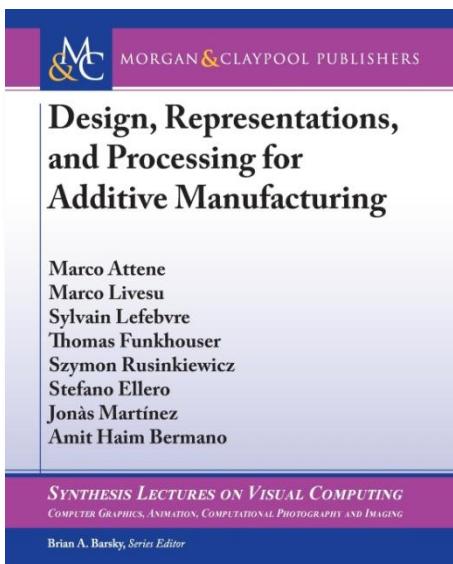


Highlight: *Books and Courses*

Design, Representation and Processing for Additive Manufacturing, Morgan & Claypool

Informatique Mathématique – une photographie en 2018
(chapter course on numerical geometry)

Generalized Barycentric Coordinates in Computer Graphics, CRC Press



Highlights: Software

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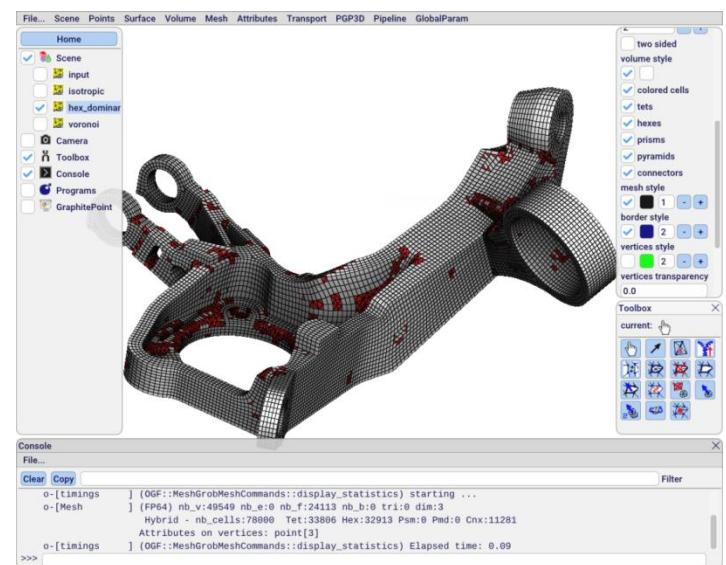
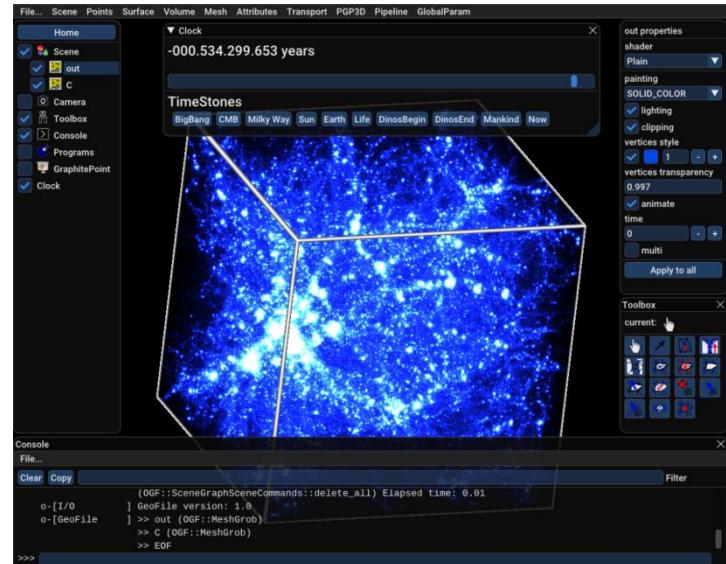
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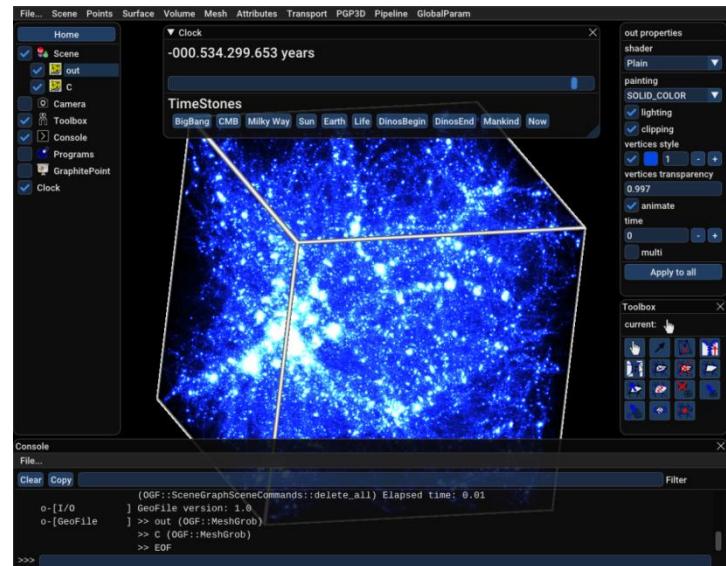
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Start-up creation
(results of older ERC StG+POC)
Inria support, ATT action
Wan-Chiu Li
Generative Design + Phones



Perspectives

From 2014 ALICE evaluation report

Recommendations :

**Create a new group on computer fabrication
Focus the other group on fundamentals**

The team - Perspectives

ALICE *Interaction and Vis.*

Inception: 2004
Inria project: 2006

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*Automatic Texture
Mapping*

ERC GOODSHAPE: 2007

Outcomes

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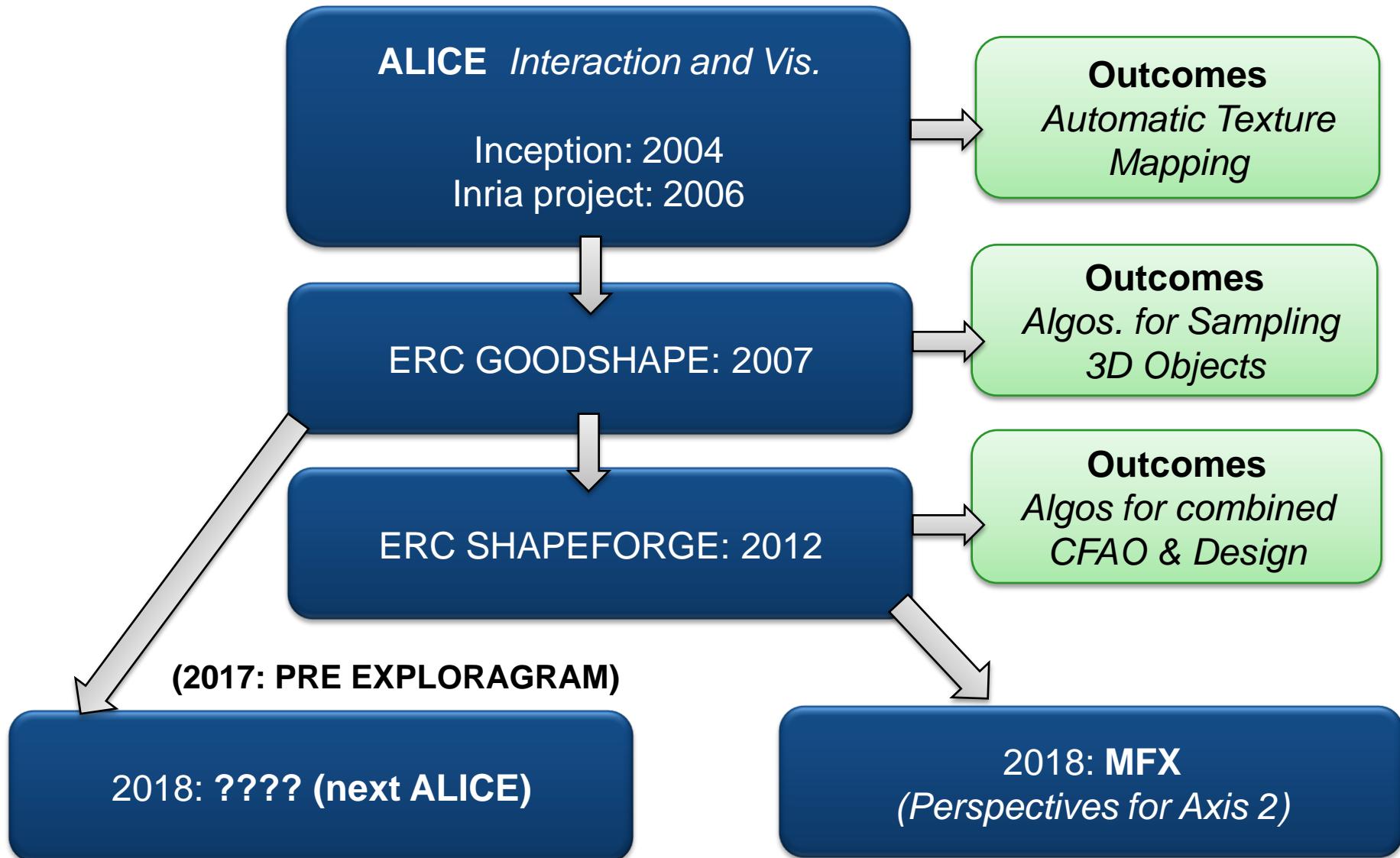
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(Perspectives for Axis 2)

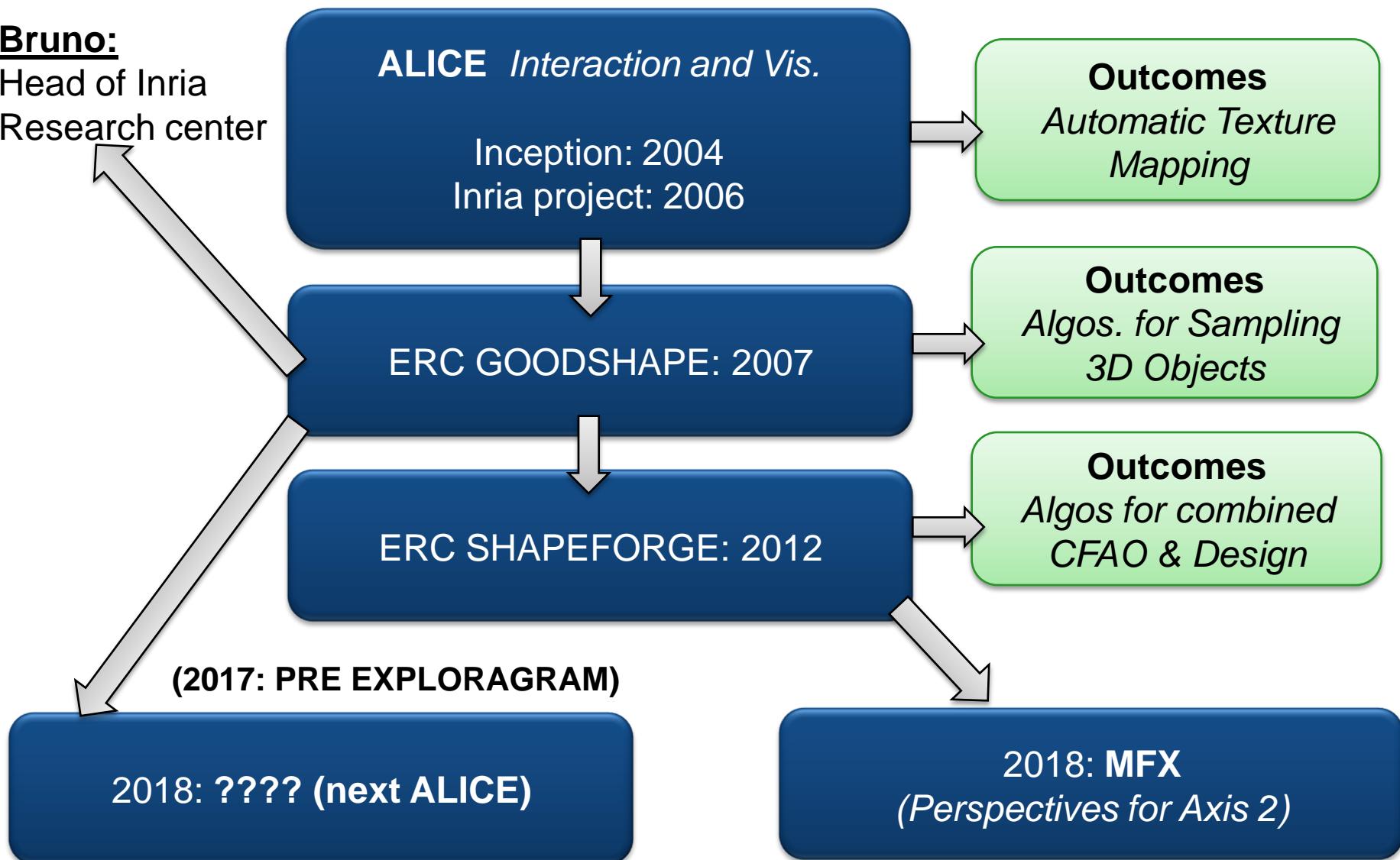
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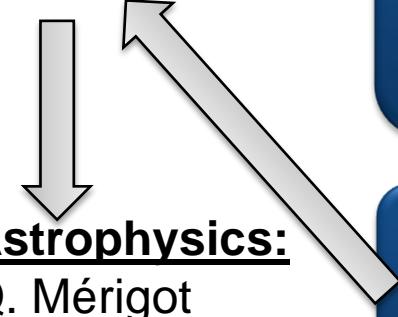
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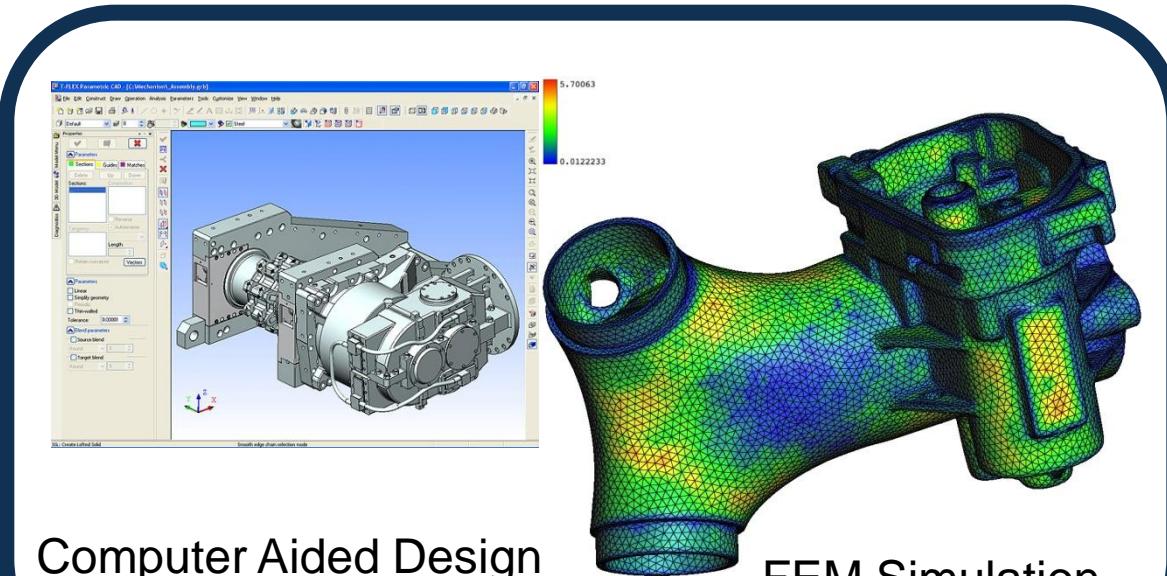
2018: ???? (next ALICE)

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(Perspectives for Axis 2)

Perspectives for Axis 1: Geometry Processing

Current situation: Garbage in – Garbage out



Tight barrier:
Representation & Sampling

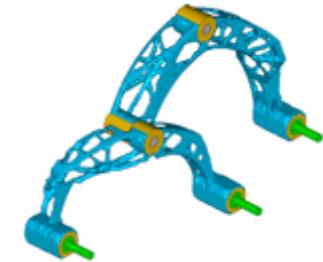
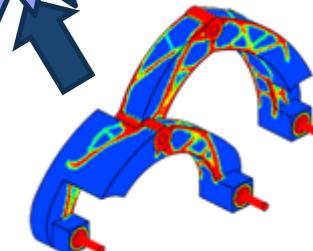
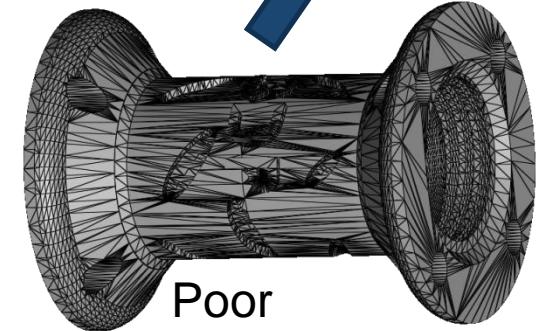
Computer Aided Design

FEM Simulation

Poor
geometries

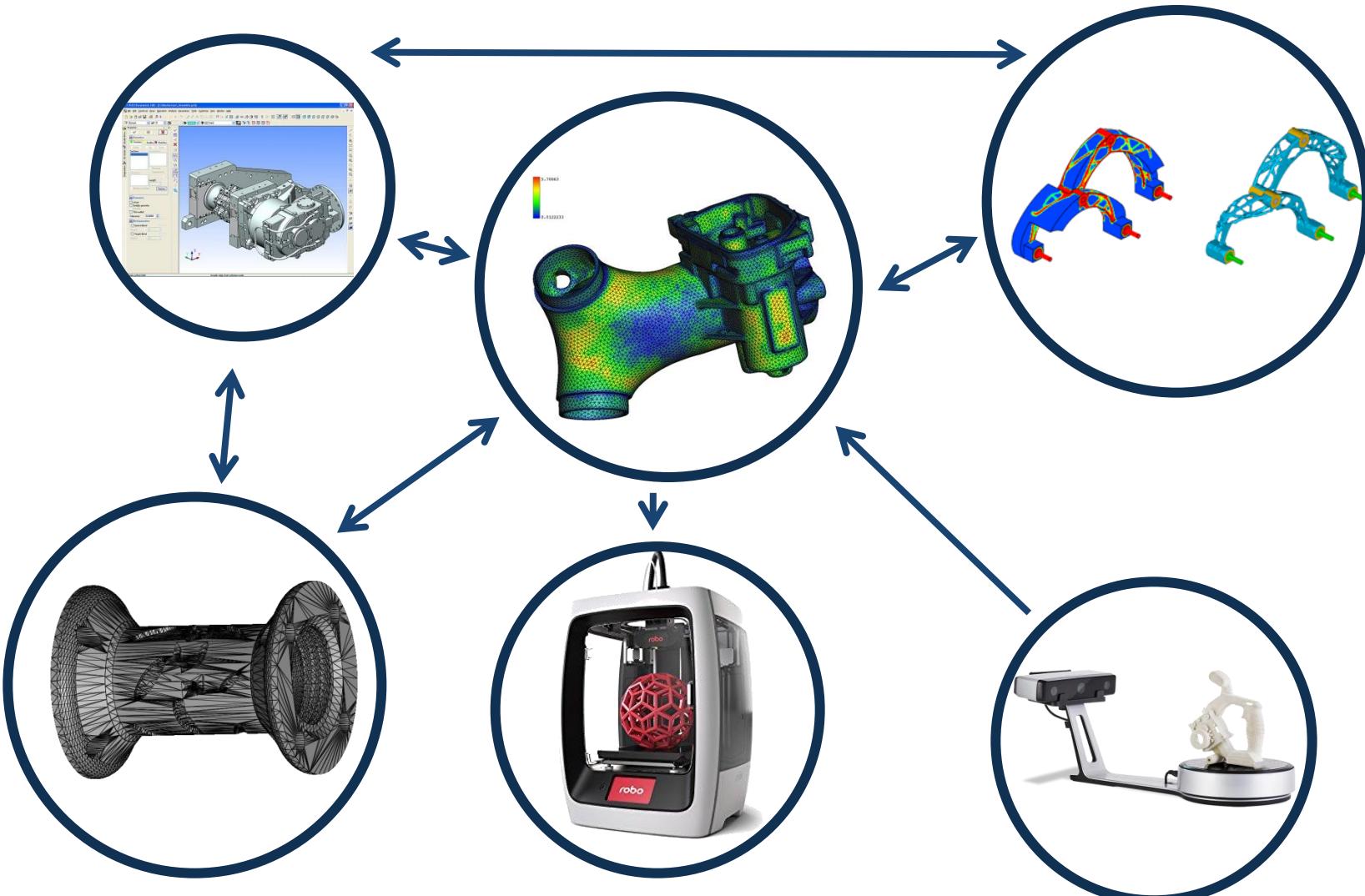
3D scanners

Topology optimization



Perspectives for Axis 1: Geometry Processing

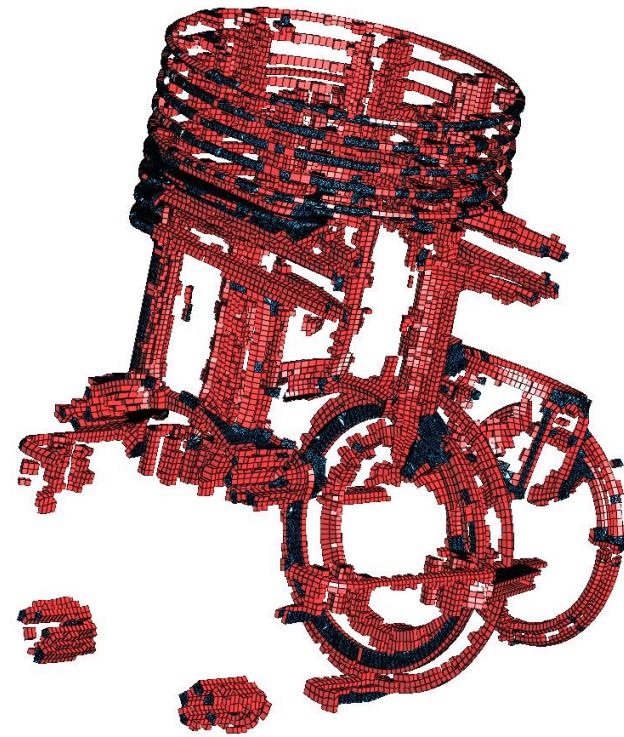
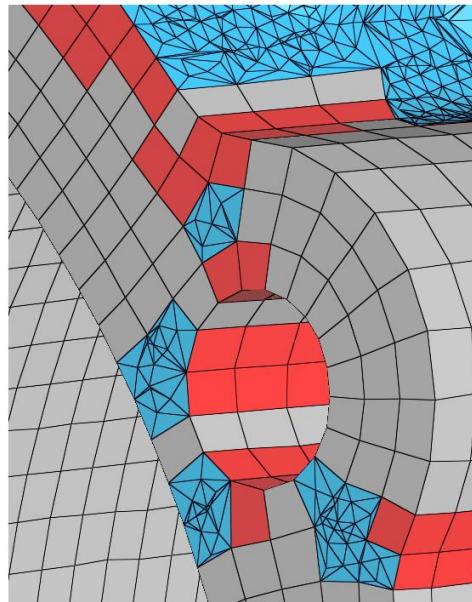
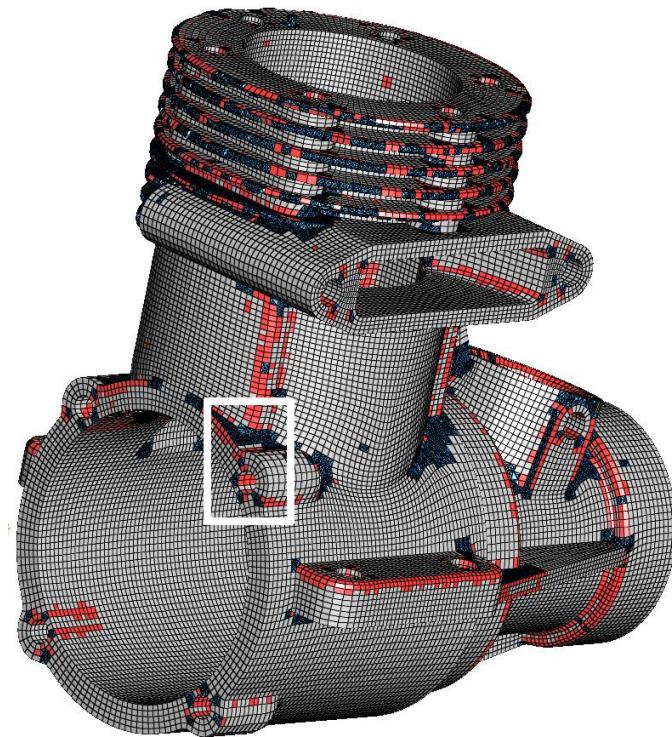
Abstract Shape Representation – ‘google translate’ for shapes



Towards seamless Acquisition – Design – Simulation – Fabrication

Perspectives for Axis 1: Geometry Processing

From hex-dominant to full-hex, the last miles....



Singularities – Modular meshing

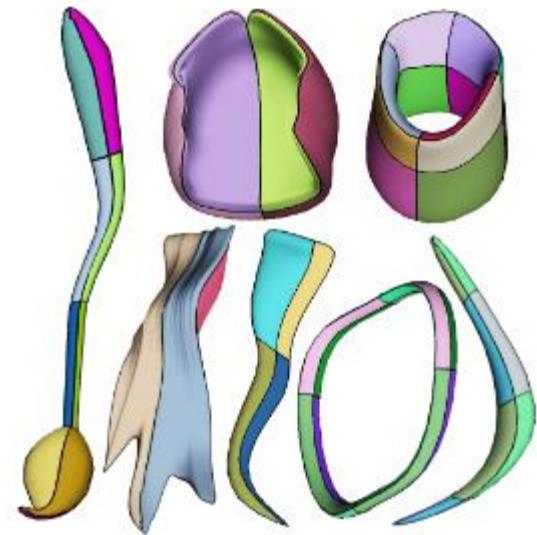
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Texture Mapping Reloaded

**Automatic Mesh
Segmentation**
New Ph.D. thesis,
Coop. with Polygonal
Design



New Features



Polygonal Design ... SciTech O. committee

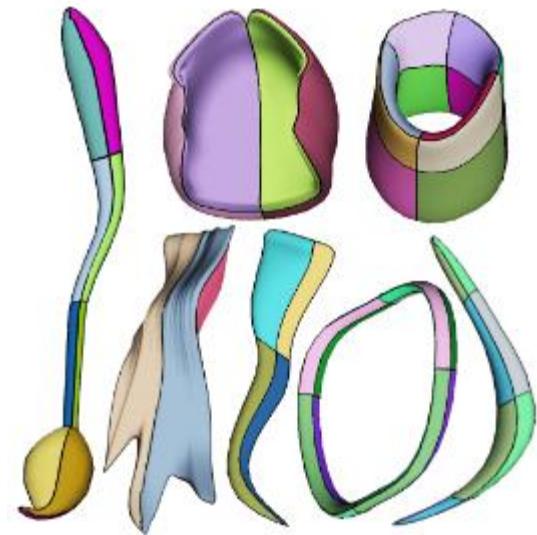
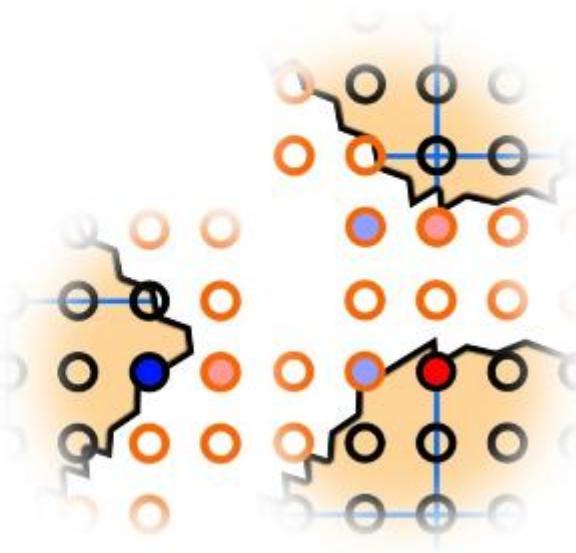
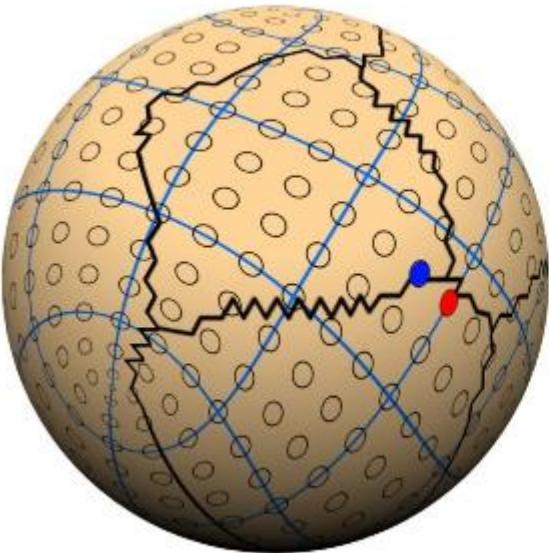
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Continuous Texture Mapping
 C^n texture space
[EGSR 2010].

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