

What's New in the JTS Topology Suite

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What is JTS?

- API for representing and processing **2D linear vector Geometry**
- Implemented in Java; licensed under LGPL
- Provides the full OGC **Simple Features for SQL** geometry specification:
 - Points, Linestring, Polygons, collections
 - **Metrics:** Length, Area, Distance
 - **Predicates:** intersects, contains, etc.; relate for DE-9IM
 - **Overlay:** intersection, union, difference, symDifference
 - **Algorithms:** Convex Hull, Buffer
- Other features:
 - Validation, Polygonization, Simplification, Linear Referencing, etc.

Project History

- **Version 1.0** - May 2001

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- **Version 1.9** - January 2008
- **Version 1.10** - December 2008
- **Version 1.11** - March 2010
- **Version 1.12** - June 2011
- **Version 1.13** - *Coming Soon!*

Where is it used ? ⁽¹⁾

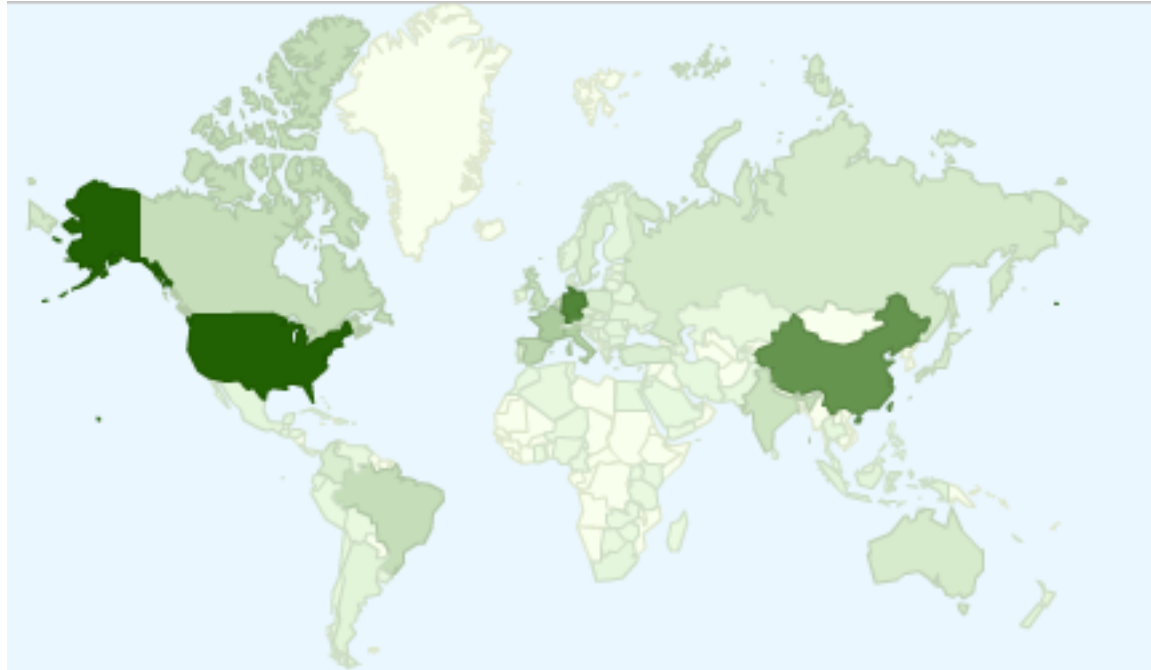
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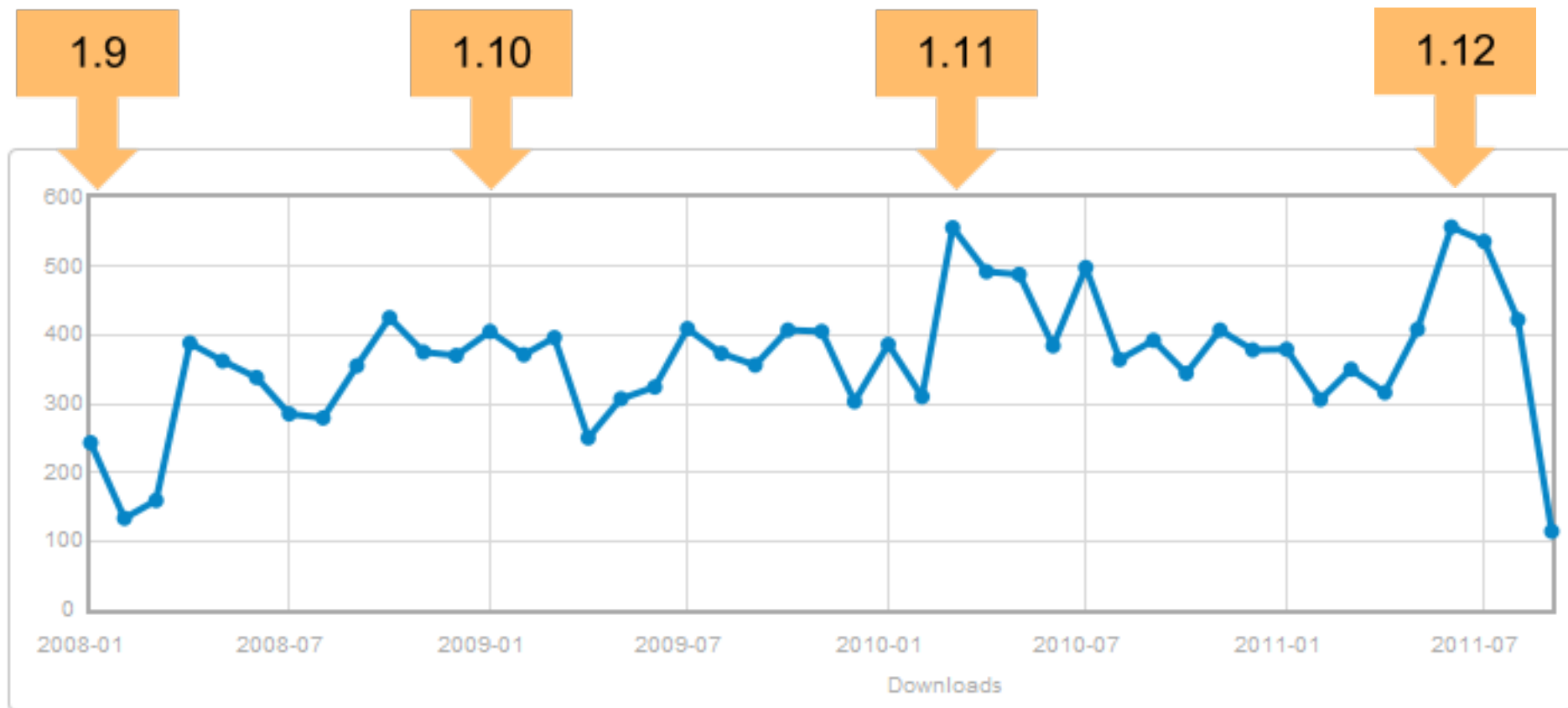


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1. United States -- 1,384
2. Germany -- 1,051
3. China -- 915
4. France -- 424
5. Italy -- 375

Project Statistics

Total downloads [Jan 2008 - Sept 2011] : **16,405**



JTS in other languages

- **Ports**

- ***GEOS*** ---> C++
- ***Net Topology Suite*** ---> C#
- ***JSTS*** ---> JavaScript

- **Bindings (*on JVM*)**

- Groovy, Scala, Jython, JRuby, Clojure, etc

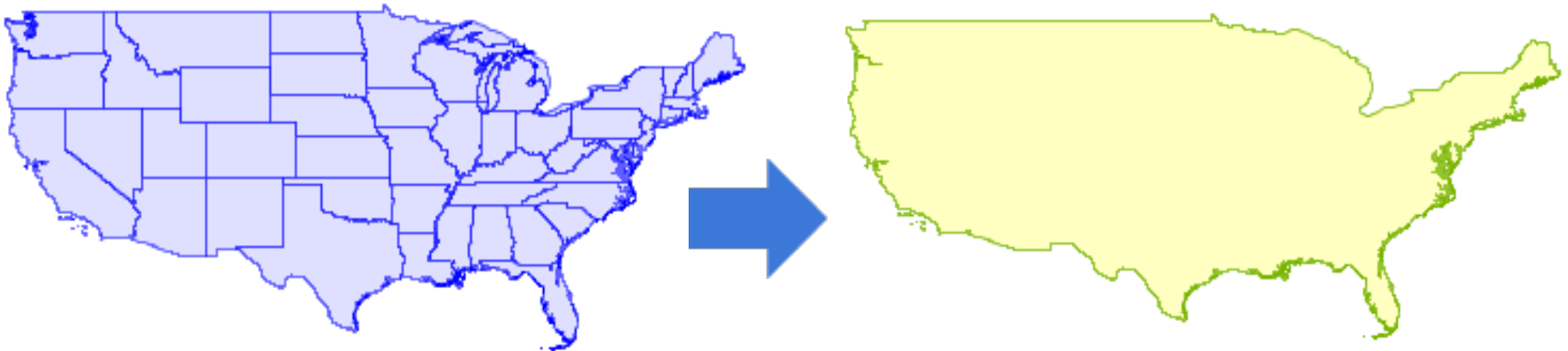
- **Bindings (*to GEOS*)**

- Shapely (Python)
- RGeo (Ruby)
- R-GEOS (R)

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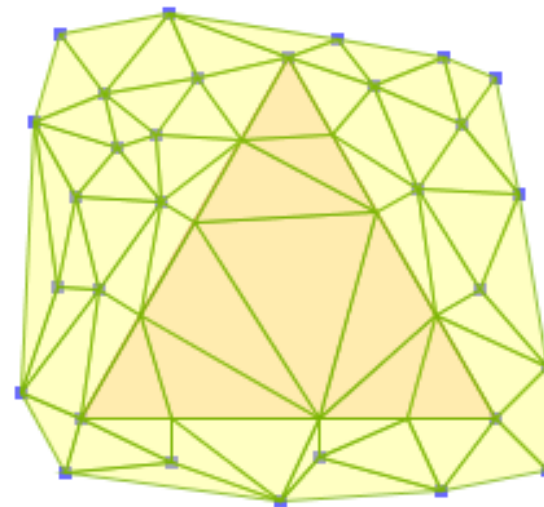
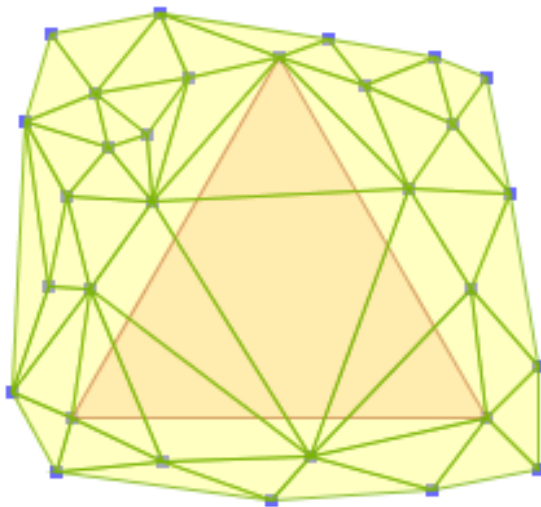
Unary Union

- Geometry.union()
 - High-performance union of geometry collections
 - Uses spatial index to optimize union
 - In most situations much more efficient than iterating Geometry.union(Geometry)
 - handles heterogeneous GeometryCollections



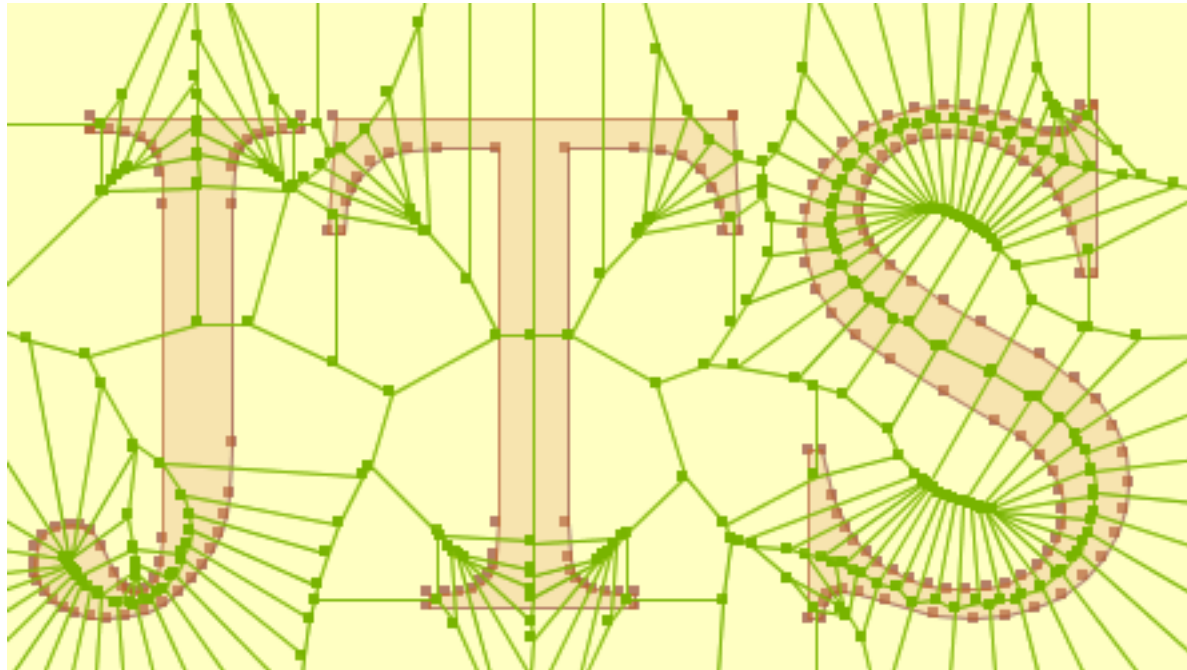
Delaunay Triangulation

- DelaunayTriangulationBuilder
 - Optimal triangulation of point sets
 - Efficient, robust algorithm
 - Uses QuadEdge data structure
- ConformingDelaunayTriangulationBuilder
 - Delaunay triangulation with linear constraints
 - approximates constraints by adding vertices along segments



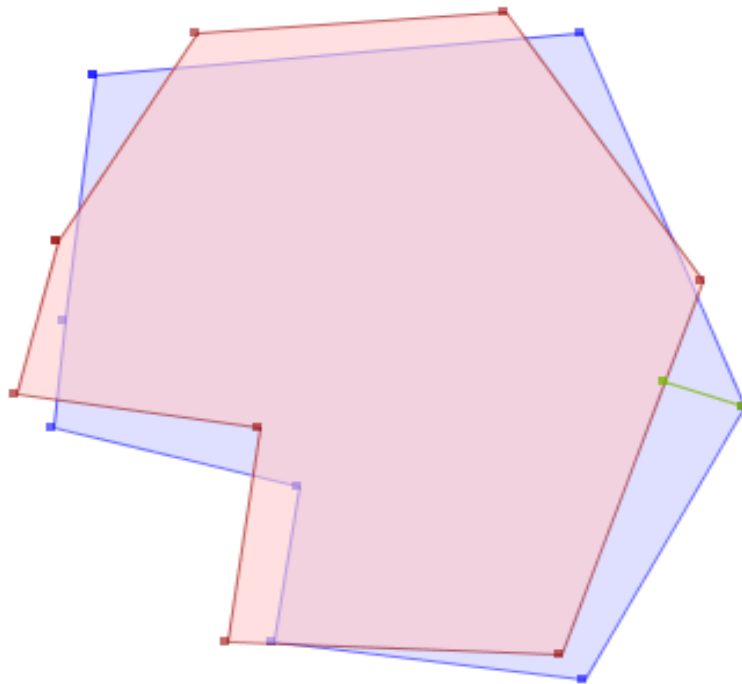
Voronoi Diagram

- Dual of **Delaunay Triangulation**
- Voronoi & Delaunay scale to millions of points



Hausdorff Distance

- DiscreteHausdorffDistance **distance metric**
 - "How far apart are two geometries"
 - useful for QA, geometry matching (conflation)
 - true Hausdorff distance is difficult/slow to compute, so uses faster discrete version

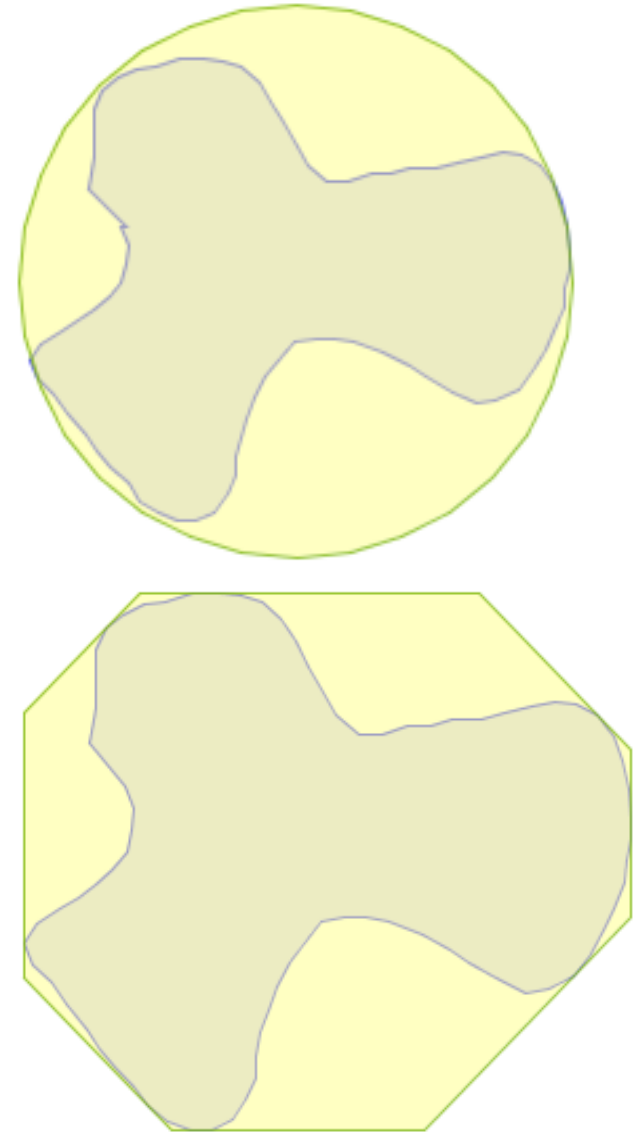
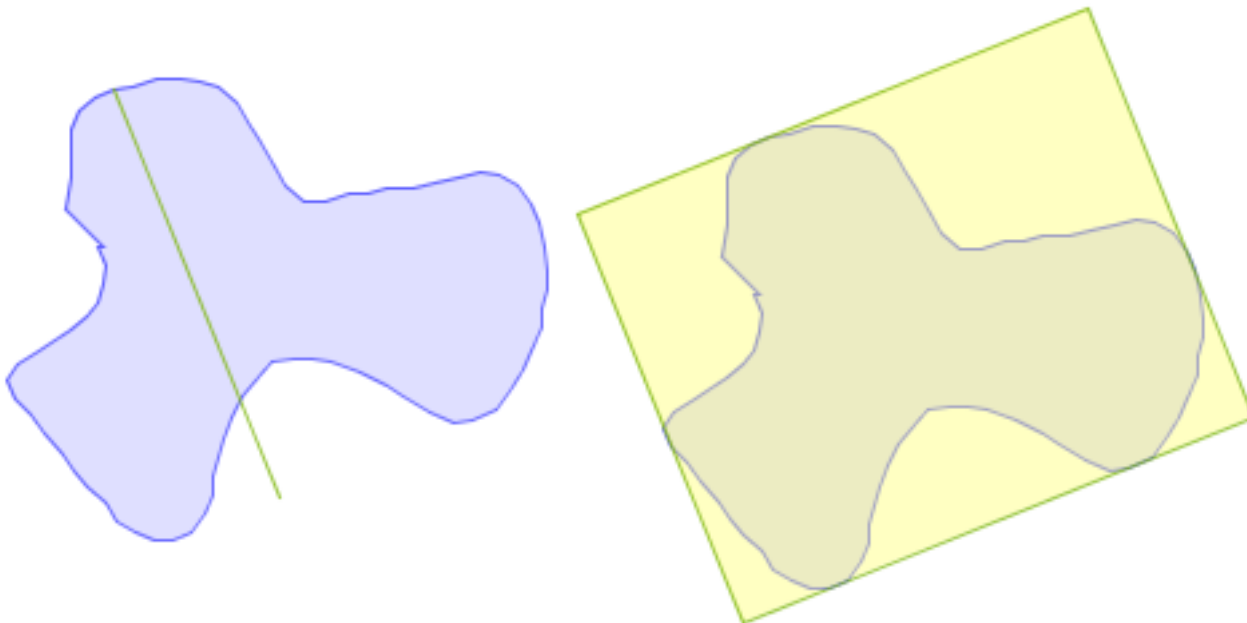


Euclidean distance = 0

Hausdorff distance = 18.23

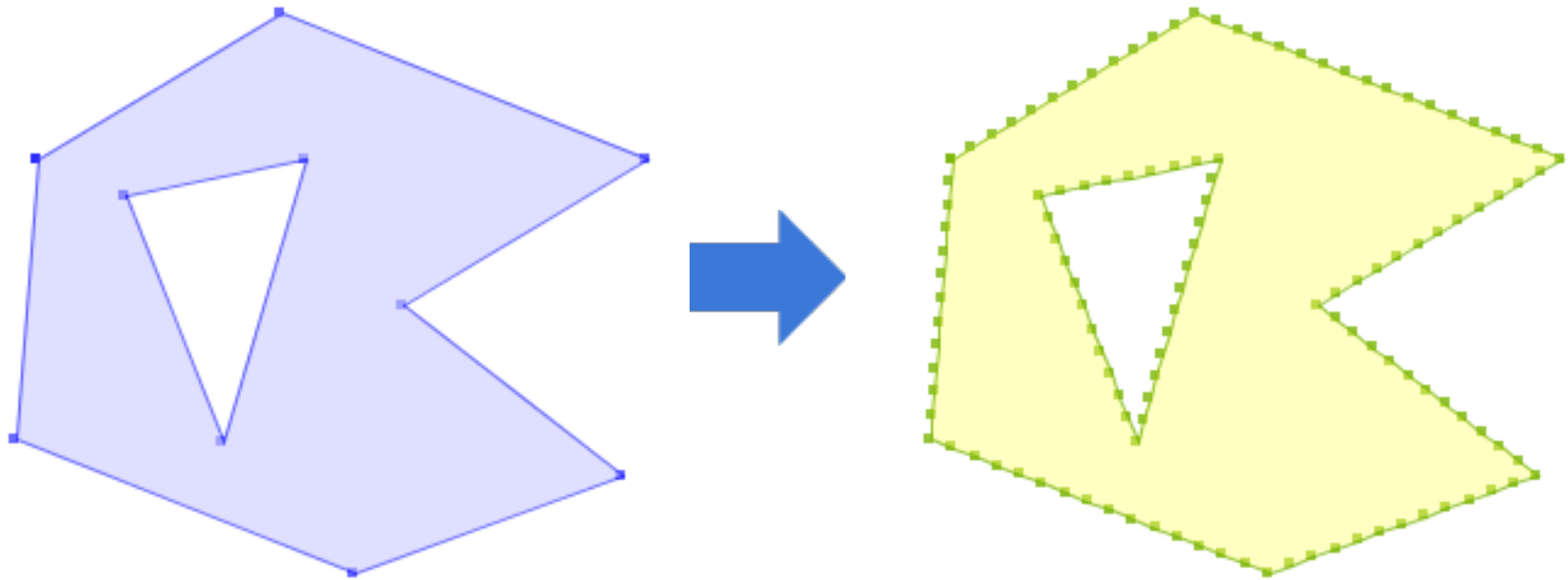
Bounding Containers

- MinimumBoundingCircle
- OctagonalEnvelope
- MinimumDiameter
 - *also* **Minimum Rectangle**



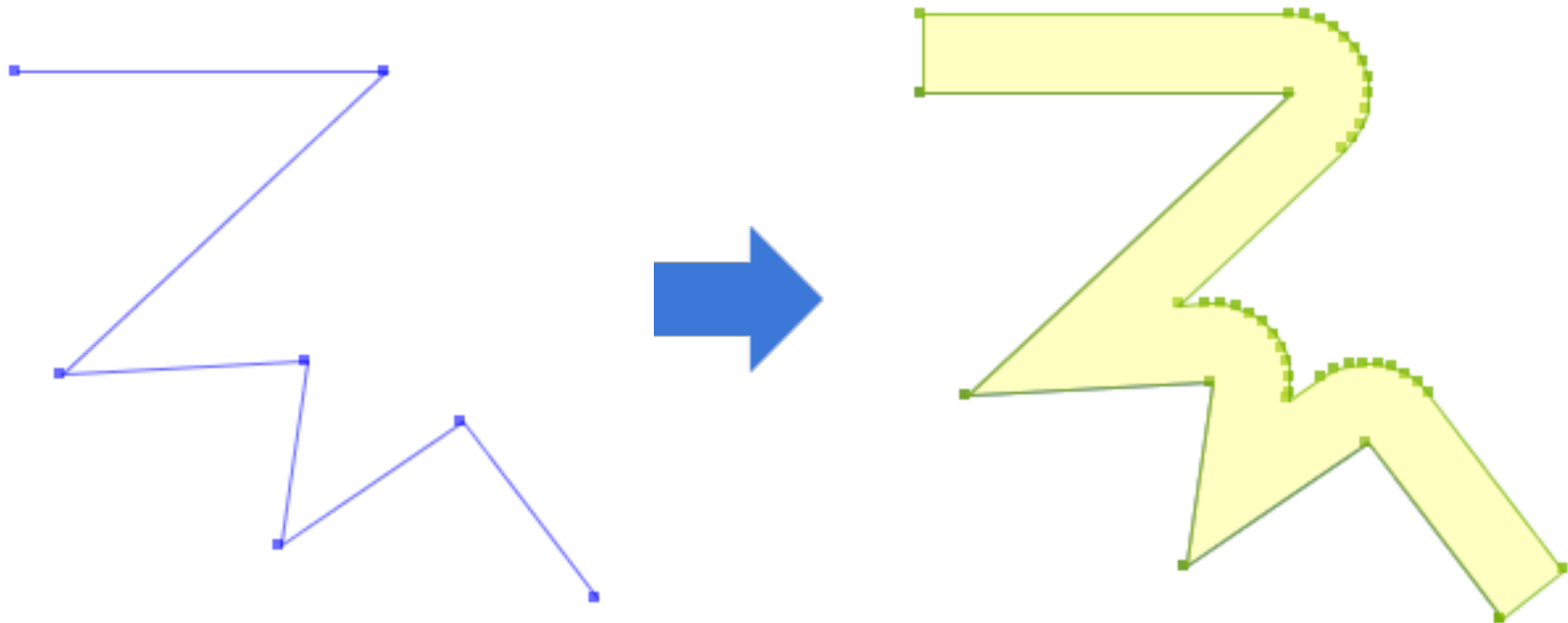
Densification

- Densifier
 - specify maximum length of segments
 - ensures result has valid topology



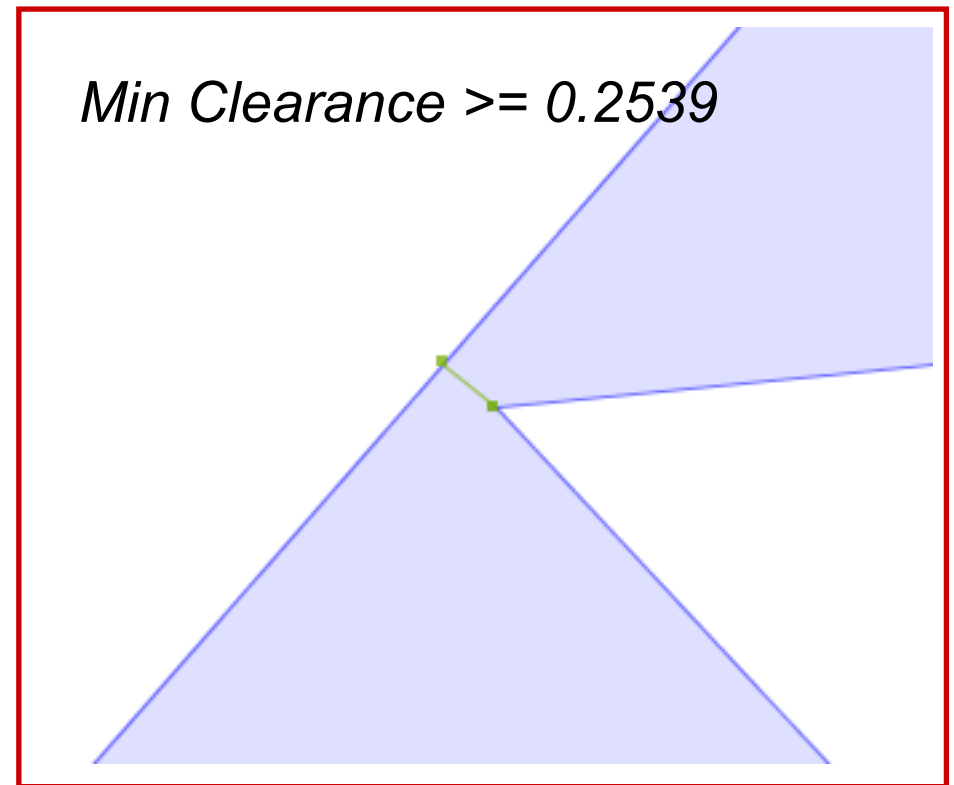
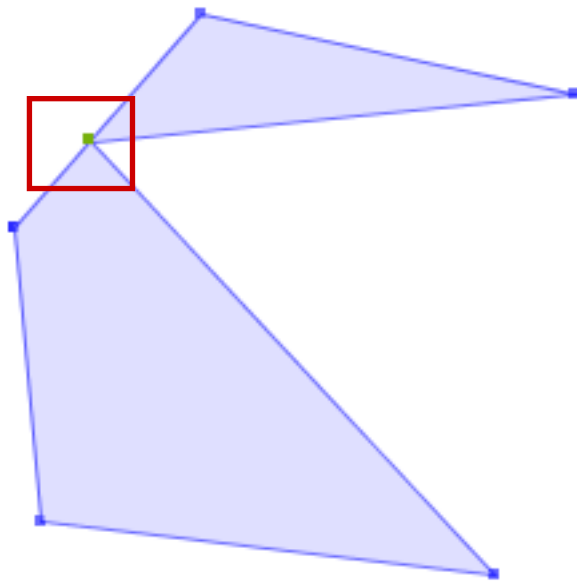
Single-Sided Buffers

- Invoke by `BufferParameters.setSingleSided()`
 - Sign of distance determines side
- *Some warnings apply!*



Minimum Clearance

- Determines if Precision Reduction might produce invalid result
- Uses STRtree Nearest Neighbour for efficient computation

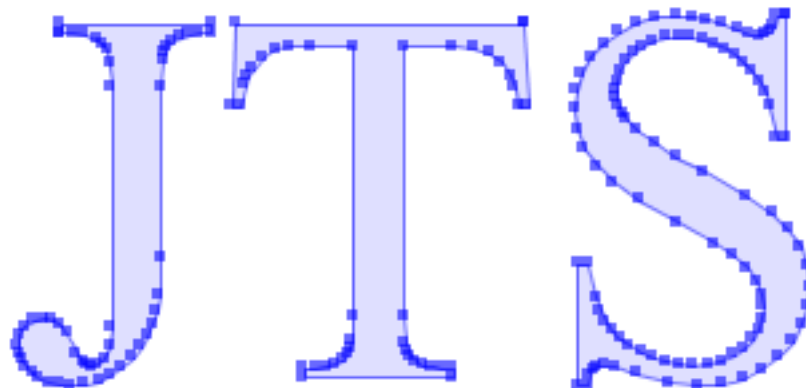


Nearest Neighbour

- **Nearest Neighbour**
 - between an object and a set
 - within a set
 - between two sets
- **implemented via STRtree index**
 - efficient search
 - user-definable distance metric
- **Uses**
 - MinimumClearance
 - Fast distance calculation

Java2D utilities

- ShapeReader
 - converts `java.awt.Shape` to `Geometry`
- ShapeWriter
 - converts `Geometry` to `java.awt.Shape`
 - provides `PointTransformation` to map coordinates
 - supports **decimation** for faster rendering
- FontGlyphReader
 - converts `Font` text to a `Polygon` geometry

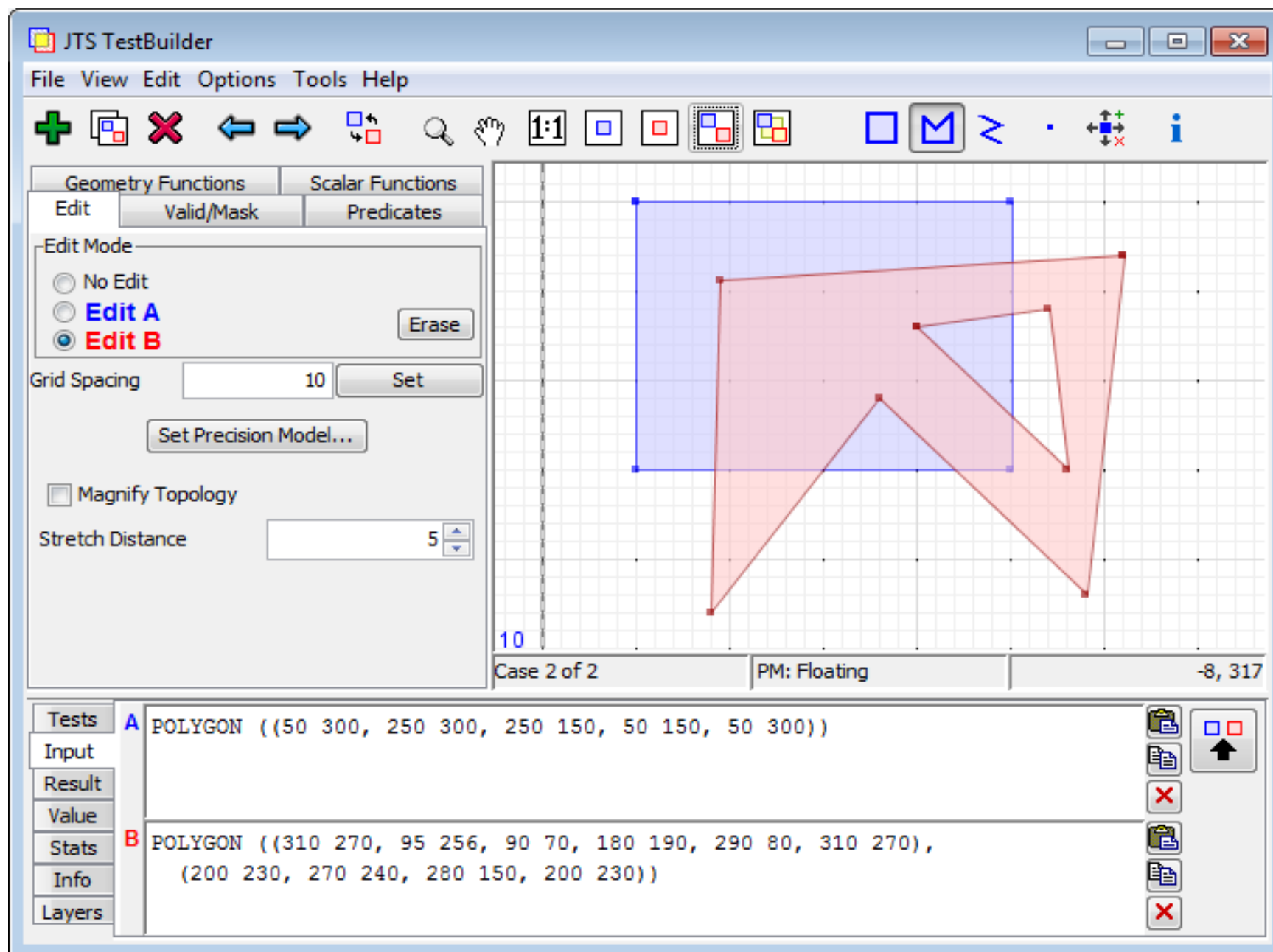


Mathematics utilities

- Vector2D
 - vector structure & operations
- DD - DoubleDouble
 - higher-precision floating-point arithmetic
 - 106 bits of precision
 - provides robust computation of:
 - **inCircle** test for Delaunay triangulation
 - **triangle area & orientation**

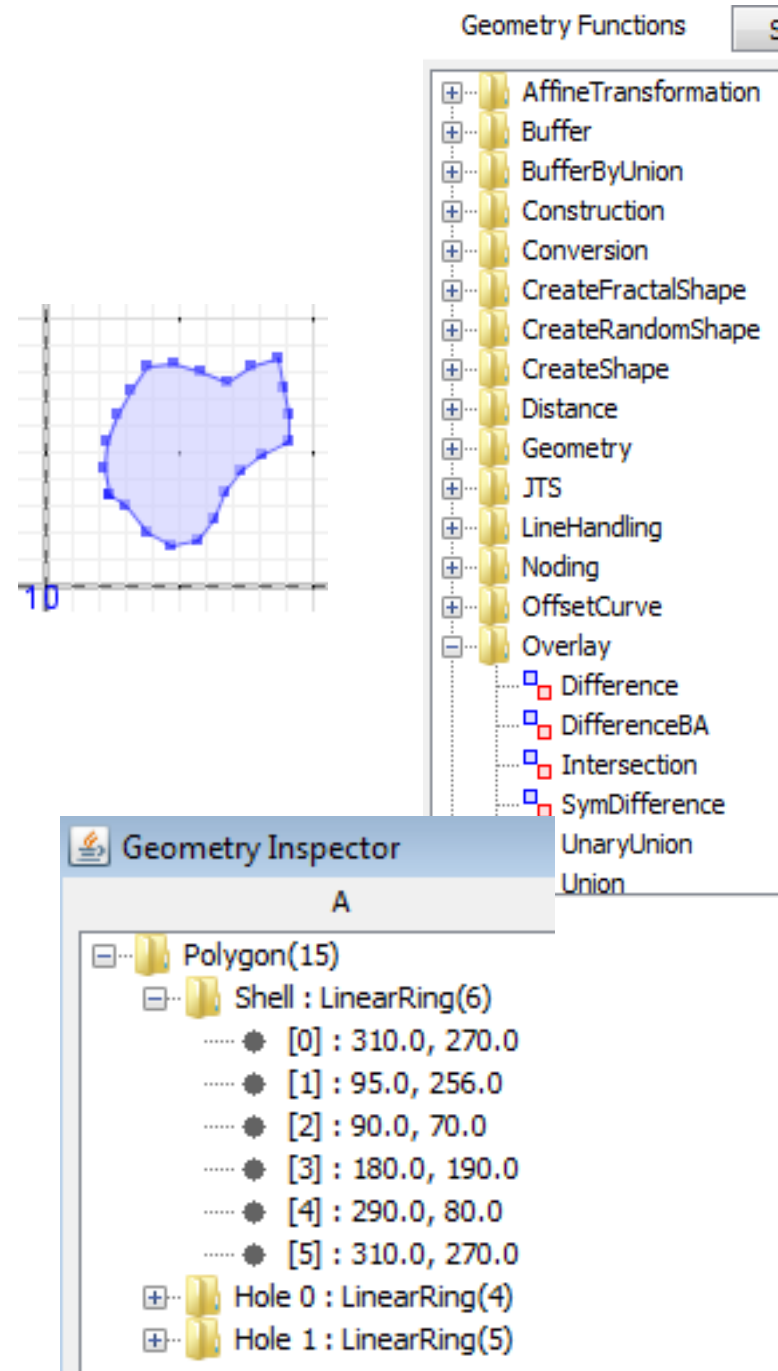
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public static DD triAreaDDFast(  
    Coordinate a, Coordinate b, Coordinate c) {  
    DD t1 = DD.valueOf(b.x).selfSubtract(a.x)  
        .selfMultiply(DD.valueOf(c.y).selfSubtract(a.y));  
    DD t2 = DD.valueOf(b.y).selfSubtract(a.y)  
        .selfMultiply(DD.valueOf(c.x).selfSubtract(a.x));  
    return t1.selfSubtract(t2);  
}
```

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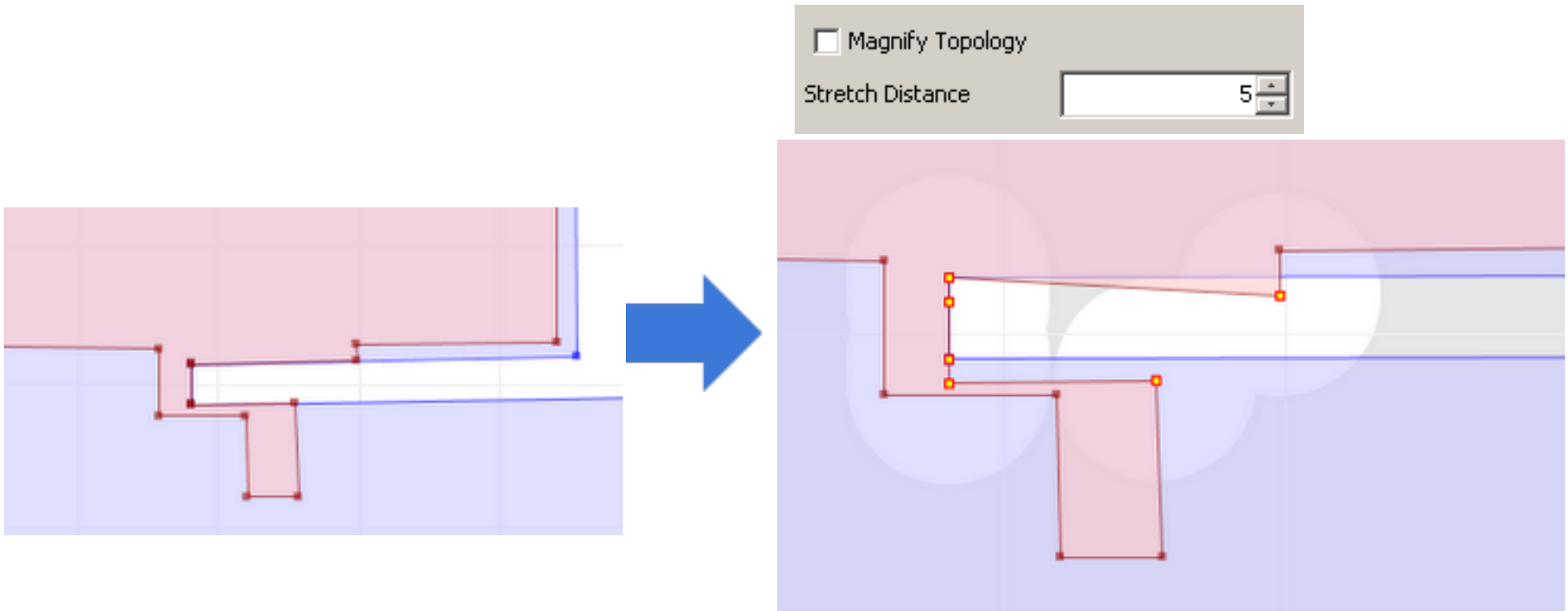
- **User-Defined Functions**
 - via Java public static methods
- **Many new functions**
- **Dynamic digitizing grid**
- **Stream digitizing**
- **Drag-and-drop data load**
 - WKT, XML tests, Shapefile
- **Threading**
 - Function execution
 - Rendering
- **Display function run time**
- **Geometry Inspector**



What's New in the TestBuilder

- **Magnify Topology**

- Visualize very small geometry & topology discrepancies



What's New in the TestRunner

- **Custom operations**

- Implement as Java code, configure in test file or cmd line
- Uses:
 - Experiment with different algorithms
 - Re-use test corpus with different operations
 - Compare JTS results with external code

- **Custom Result Matching strategies**

- use for operations which produce approximate results
- e.g. `buffer()`

- **Ability to run single Test Case out of a set**

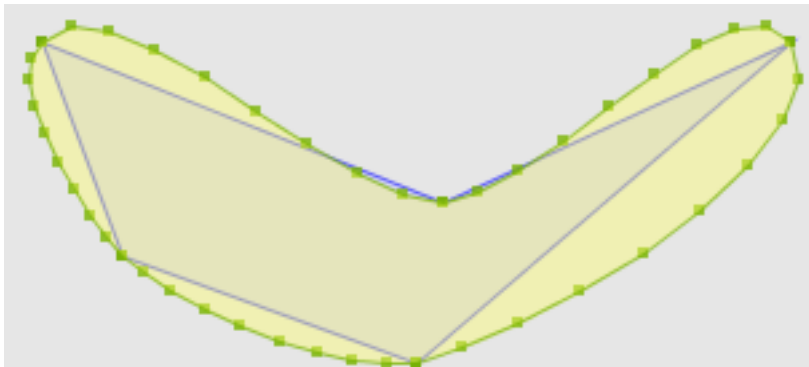
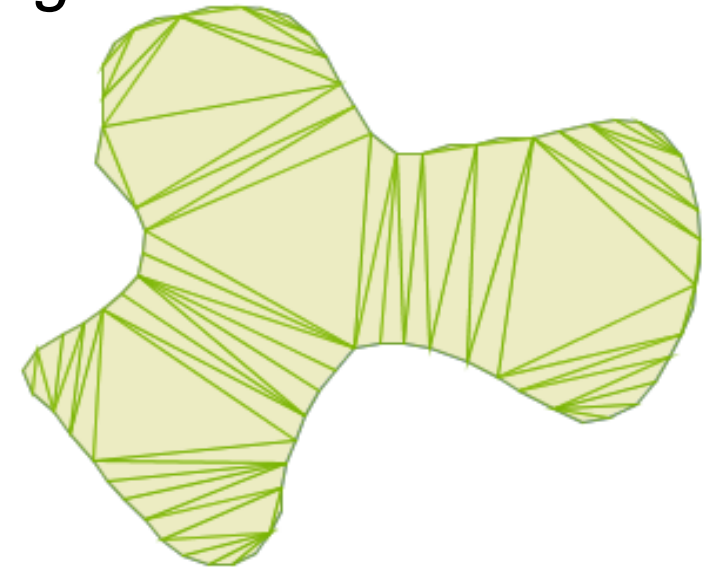
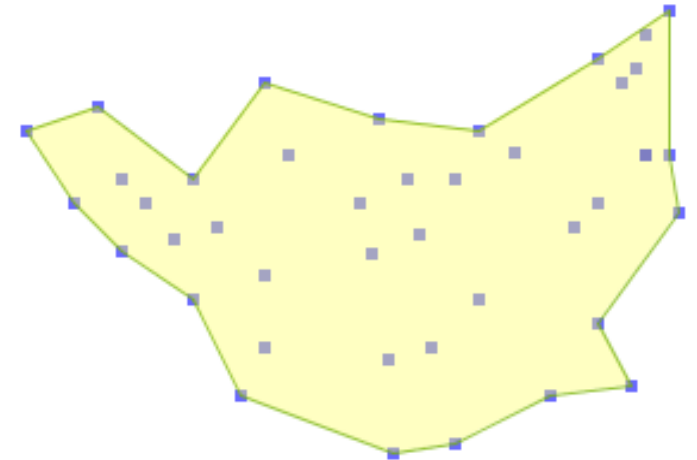
In the Lab

- **Performance improvements**

- **Buffer** (again!)
- Fast **Distance** computation

- **New algorithms:**

- **Concave Hull**
- **Point Clustering** (*e.g. K-means*)
- **Polygon triangulation** (*Ear Clipping with Delaunay improvement*)
- **Orthogonalization**
- **Bezier Smoothing**



Future Plans

- **Computation in Geodetic coordinate systems**
 - Area, Distance first
 - Other operations ...somehow
- **Support measures on coordinates**
- **Improve performance, robustness**
 - Constant quest...
- **Split packaging into Core and Algorithms**
- **Refactor Geometry classes to use interfaces**
 - allows alternate geometry representations
 - => *JTS 2.0*

Distribution & Support

- **JTS available from SourceForge**

<http://sourceforge.net/projects/jts-topo-suite/>

- **Mailing List**

<https://lists.sourceforge.net/lists/listinfo/jts-topo-suite-user>

- **Other JTS resources**

- Javadoc
- References
- FAQ
- more to come...

<http://tsusiatsoftware.net/jts/main.html>