

## PostGIS 2.0 ...

... and beyond



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# PostGIS 2.0

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After 26 months !

Major version

Breaks compatibility

Loads of new features

Performance  
improvement





# What's new ?



# Features

Management functions  
ISO SQL/MM compliancy  
New functions for analysis  
Topology (SQL/MM)  
Real 3D storage  
Raster / geometry functions  
KNN indexed search

# Install

Easier installation (PG  $\geq$  9.1)

```
CREATE EXTENSION postgis ;
```

```
CREATE EXTENSION postgis_topology ;
```



# Manage

geometry\_columns → view

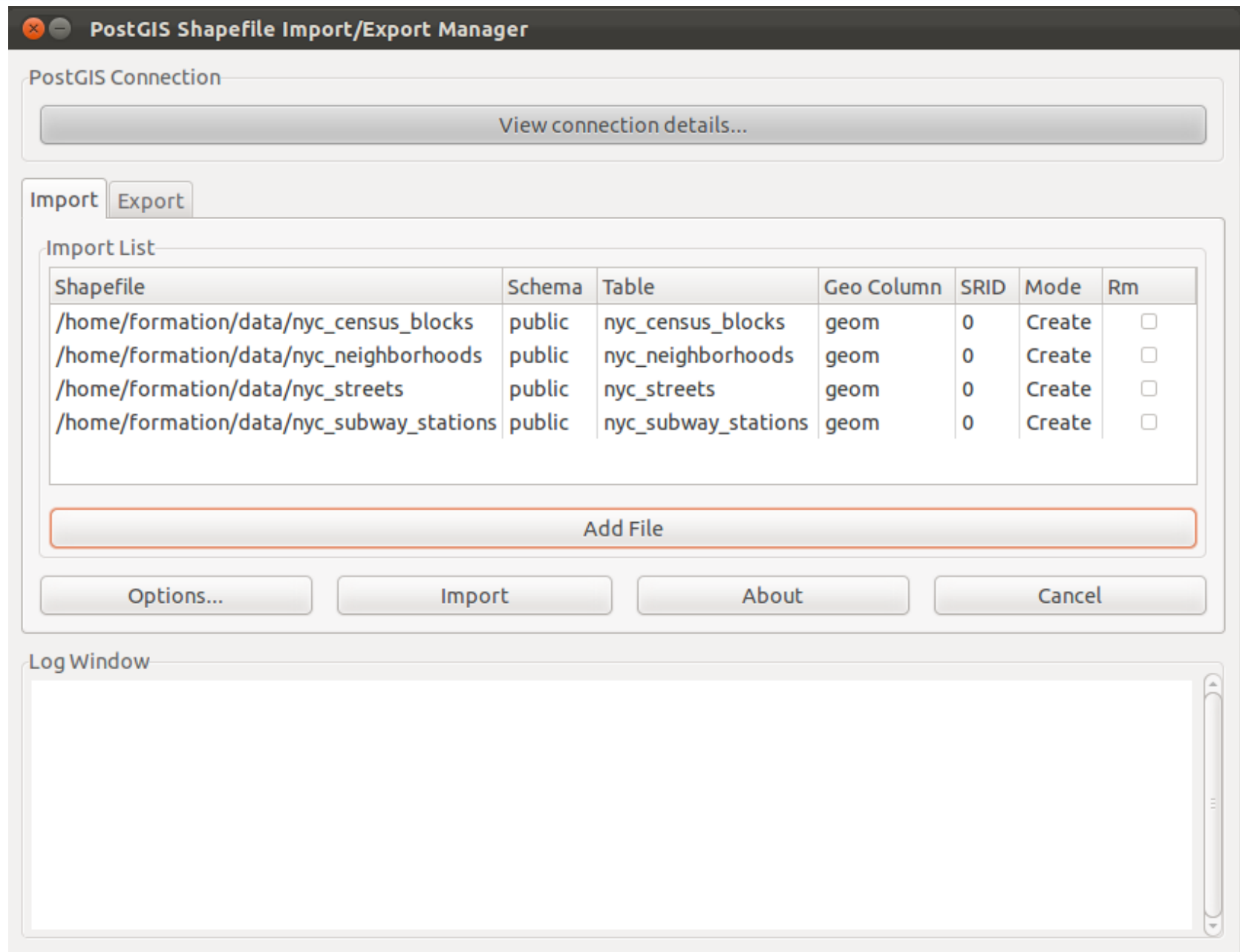
Typmod usage

Old way still available

```
CREATE TABLE buildings (  
    gid SERIAL PRIMARY KEY  
    , geom geometry(MultiPolygon, 26986)  
);
```

```
alter table buildings  
    alter column geom  
        type geometry(MultiPolygon, 2154)  
        using st_setsrid(geom, 2154);
```

# Load



# Functions

ST\_ConcaveHull

ST\_Snap

ST\_Split

ST\_MakeValid

ST\_IsValidDetail

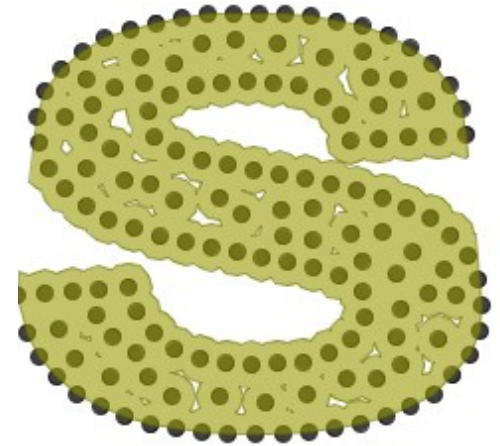
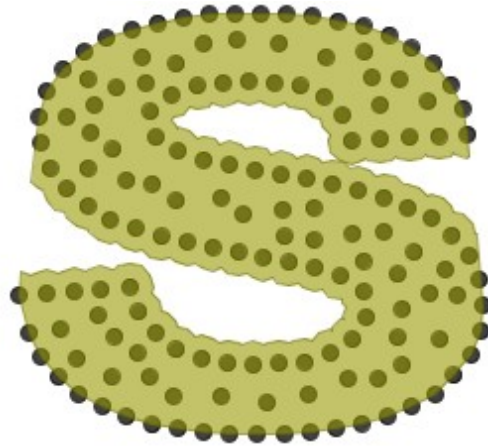
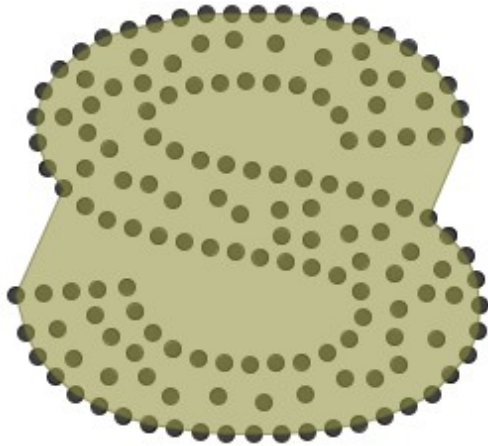
ST\_OffsetCurve

...

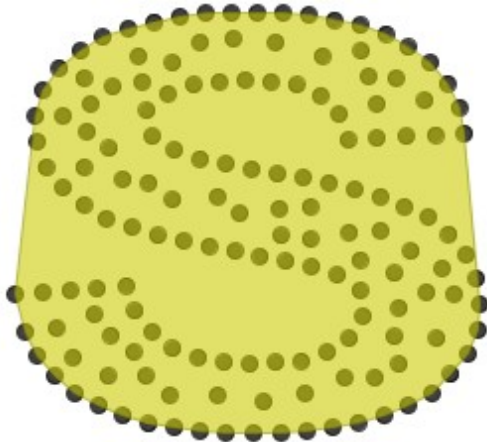




# hulls and curves



Concave hulls with various settings



Convex hull



Offset curves

# cleaning data

Before : ST\_Buffer(the\_geom, 0)

After :

ST\_MakeValid()

ST\_RemoveRepeatedPoints()

ST\_IsValidReason()

ST\_IsValidDetail()

```
SELECT ST_IsValid(geom),ST_IsValidReason(geom) FROM
(SELECT ST_GeomFromText('POLYGON ((0 0, 0 10, 10 10, 10 0, 0 0),(20 20, 20 30, 30 30, 30 20, 20 20))') as geom) as foo;
st_isvalid|          st_isvalidreason
-----+-----
```

```
f          | Hole lies outside shell at or near point (20.0, 20.0, NaN)
```

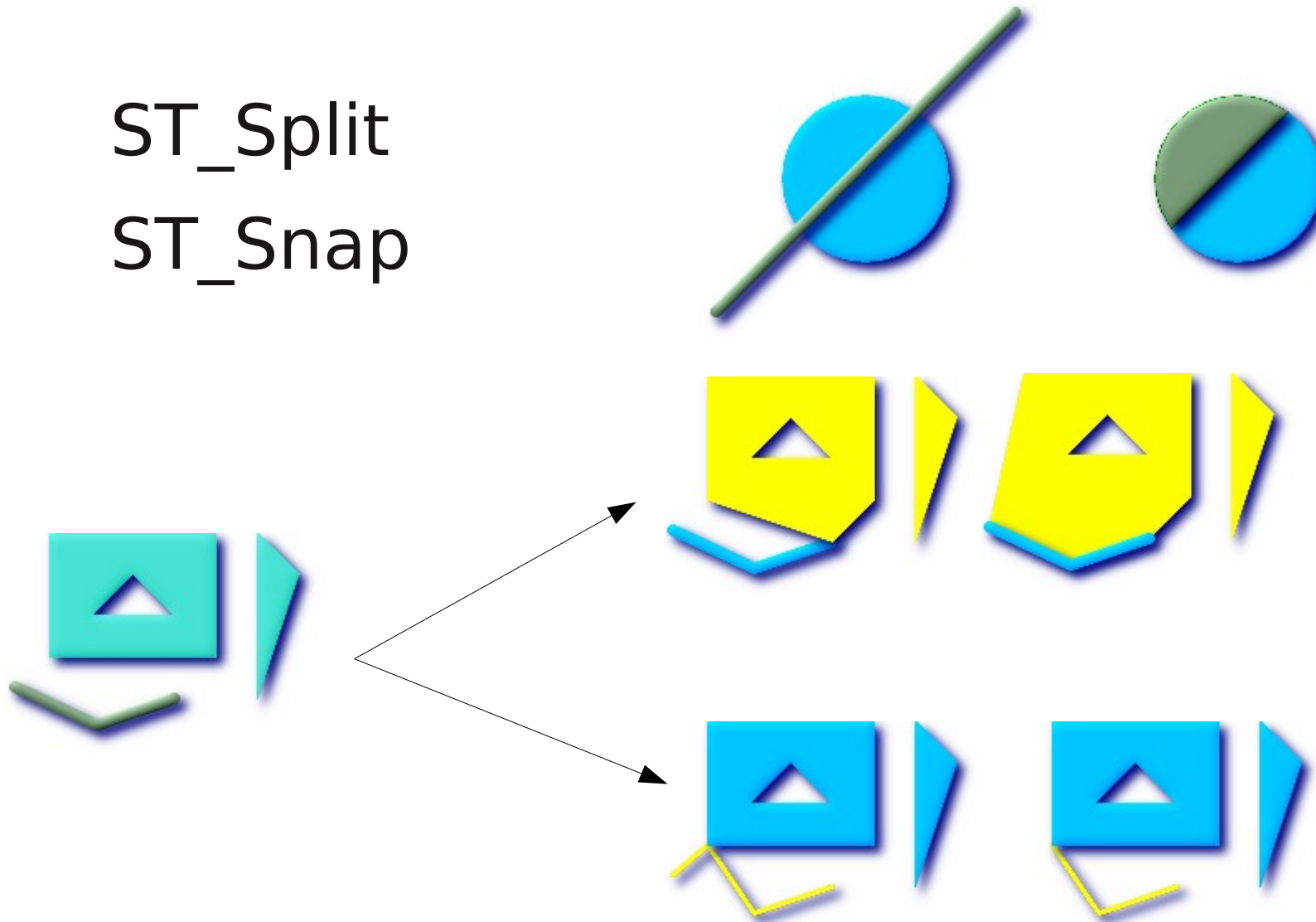
```
SELECT * FROM ST_IsValidDetail('LINESTRING(...)');
```

gid	reason	location
5330	Self-intersection	POINT(32 5)

# Splitting and snapping

ST\_Split

ST\_Snap



# Topology



*Beware of the spaghetti monster !*

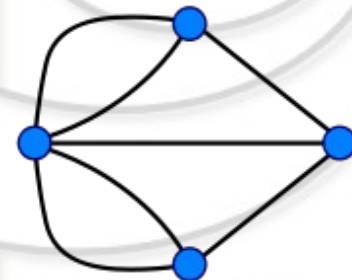
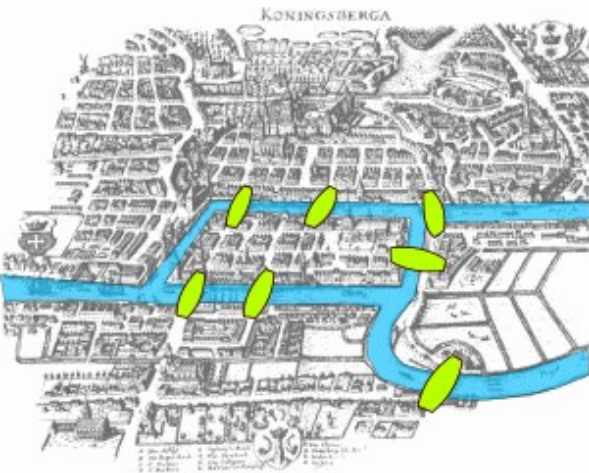
# Topology - Graphs

Explicit relations between objects

Graph representation

Various models

OGC : Node / edge / face





# Topology

Node/Edge/Face model

TopoGeometry Datatype

Use schemas

«topology» for functions and others

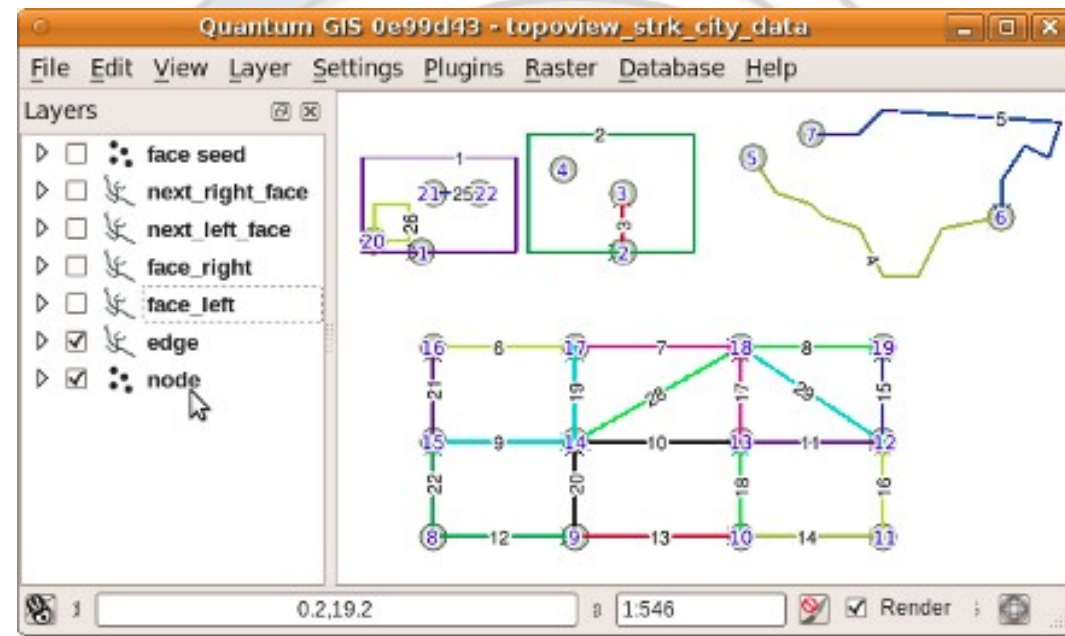
Each topology in its own schema

Full SQL/MM topology support

Integrated in 2.0

Sandro Santilli

Toscane Region



# Topology

Reduced storage size

Explicit spatial relationships



Without topology !



# Topology use case

Table name : **tr**



Fichier Éditer Vue Couche Préférences Extension Vecteur Base de donnée Raster Aide

Couches

- ☐ recursive\_upstream\_topo
- ☐ recursive\_upstream
- ☐ shortest\_path\_topology
- ☐ shortest\_path\_pgrouting
- ☒ hydro network
- ☒ background

Attribute table - hydro network :: 0 / 18936 feature(s) selected

	gid	source	target	hname	cost
0	17681	3042	3041	ruisseau de...	13.1468627...
1	50006	4363	4376	ruisseau de...	154.831357...
2	107308	4427	4443	ruisseau la ...	70.4784694...
3	110767	4810	4816	ruisseau le ...	426.452159...
4	8923	4892	4827	ruisseau de...	1648.21133...
5	109594	5158	5264	rivière la di...	946.014083...
6	45039	5407	5429	NULL	114.028638...
7	105937	5480	5594	ruisseau le ...	824.626701...
8	104620	5481	5518	ruisseau la ...	243.004034...

☒ Contrôle de l'ordre de rendu des couches



create table

rec\_res2 as

with recursive

search\_graph(edge\_id, start\_node, depth, path, length, cycle) as (

select

g.edge\_id, g.start\_node, 1 as depth, ARRAY[g.edge\_id] as path  
, st\_length(geom) as length, false as cycle

from

hydro.edge as g

where

edge\_id = 173832

union all

select

g.edge\_id  
, g.start\_node  
, sg.depth + 1 as depth  
, path || g.edge\_id as path  
, sg.length + st\_length(g.geom) as length  
, g.edge\_id = ANY(path) as cycle

from

hydro.edge as g

join

search\_graph as sg

on

sg.start\_node = g.end\_node

where

not cycle

)

select

sg.\*  
, edge.geom as geom

from

search\_graph as sg

join

hydro.edge as edge







on

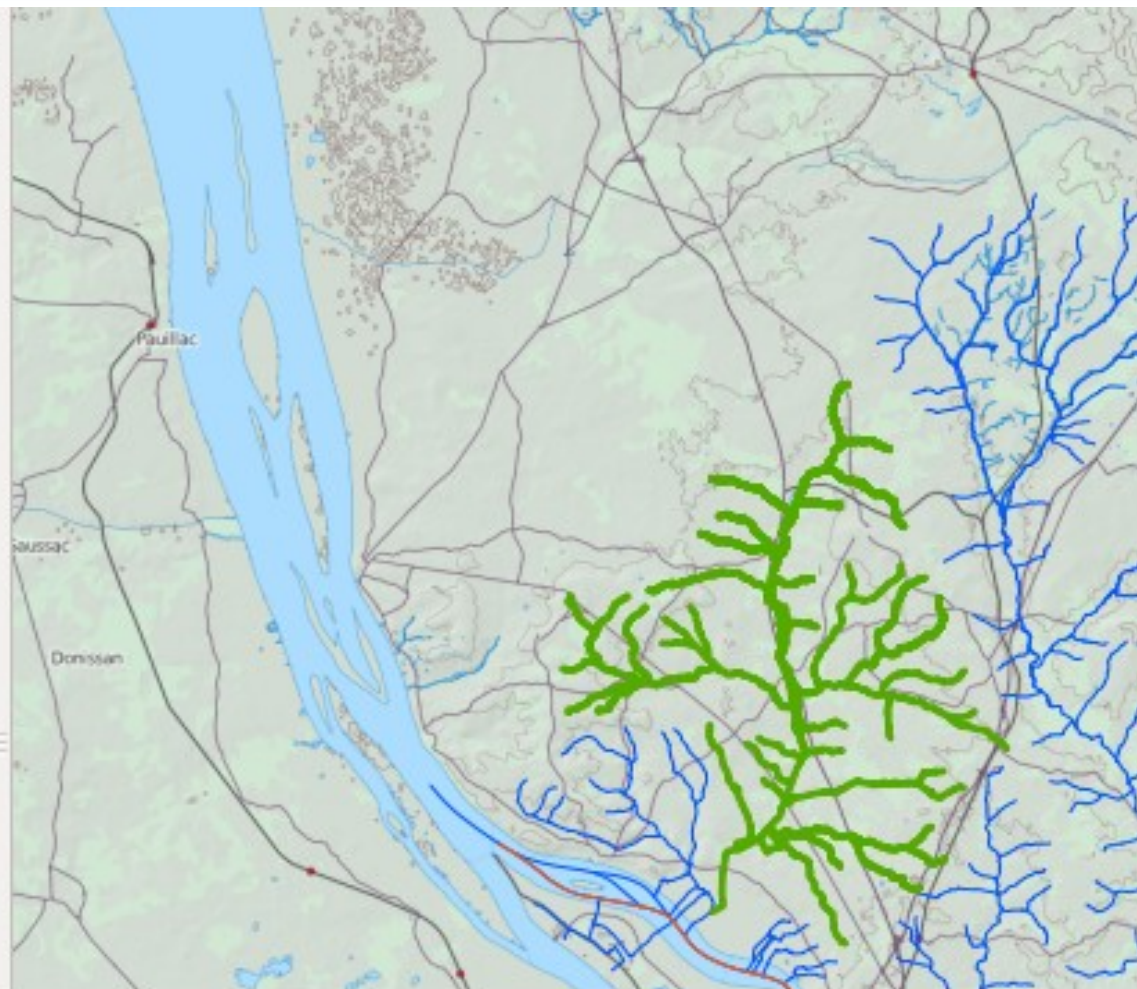
sg.edge\_id = edge.edge\_id

limit 1000;

Recursive CTE

## Couches

- ▶ ☒  recursive\_upstream\_topo
- ▶ ☒  recursive\_upstream
- ▶ ☒  shortest\_path\_topology
- ▶ ☐  shortest\_path\_pgrouting
- ▶ ☒  hydro network
- ▶ ☒  background



Attribute table - recursive\_upstream\_topo :: 0 / 478 feature(s) selected

	edge_id ▲	start_node	depth	path	length	cycle
0	173832	189333	1	{173832}	2666.05230...	f
1	173452	189332	2	{173832,17...	3473.30863...	f



# PostGIS Raster

Raster / vector analysis

New datatype

- Looks like geometry

- But for rasters

Multiresolution, multiband, tile coverage

Import/export (GDAL)

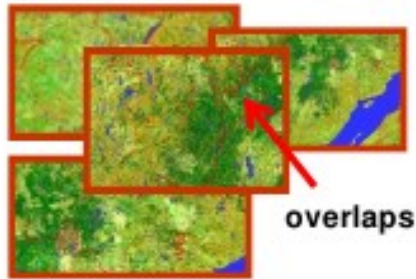
Functions

- Statistics, reprojection, edit, compute

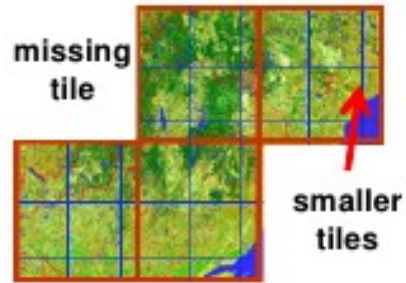
- Vector/raster functions



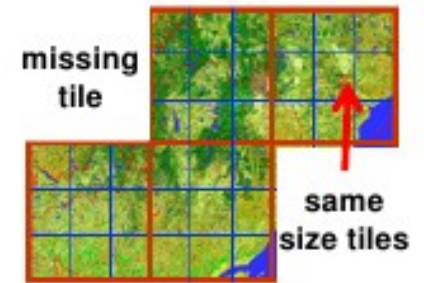
# PostGIS Raster



a) warehouse of untiled and unrelated images (4 images)



b) irregularly tiled raster coverage (36 tiles)



c) regularly tiled raster coverage (36 tiles)



d) rectangular regularly tiled raster coverage (54 tiles)

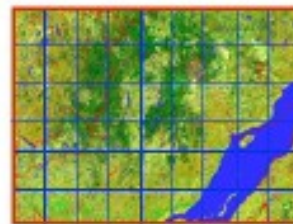


Table 1

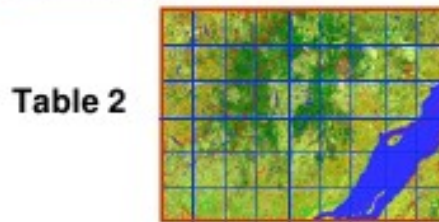
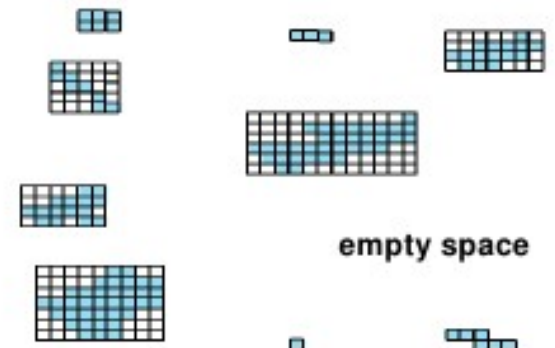


Table 2

e) tiled images (2 tables of 54 tiles)



f) rasterized geometries coverage (9 lines in the table)



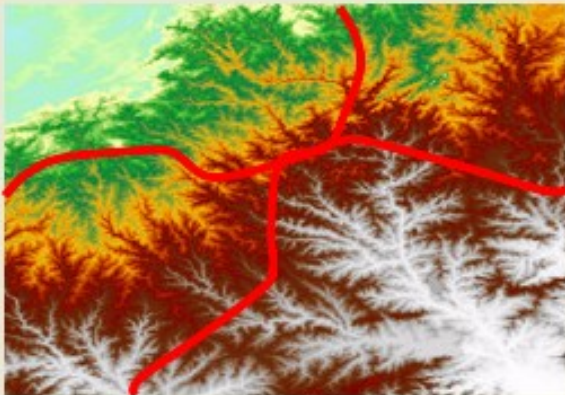
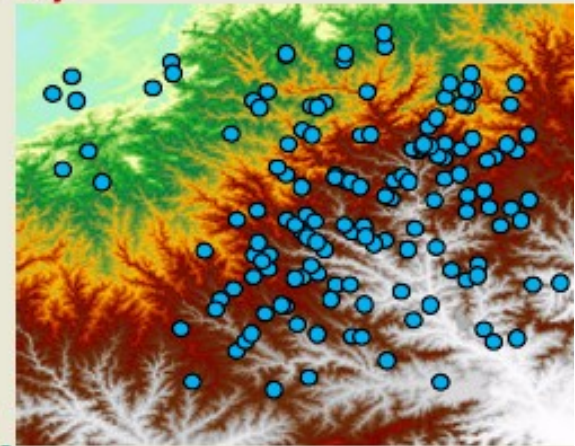
# PostGIS 2.0 : PostGIS Raster

Extract ground elevation values for lidar points...

- `SELECT pointID, ST_Value(rast, geom) elevation`  
`FROM lidar, srtm WHERE ST_Intersects(geom, rast)`

Intersect a road network to extract elevation values for each road segment

- `SELECT roadID,`  
`(ST_Intersection(geom, rast)).geom road,`  
`(ST_Intersection(geom, rast)).val elevation`  
`FROM roadNetwork, srtm WHERE ST_Intersects(geom, rast)`



# PostGIS 2.0 : nearest neighbours

KNN-GIST search in PostgreSQL 9.1

Use indexes !

Spatial nearest neighbors

```
SELECT name, gid FROM geonames
ORDER BY
    geom <-> st_setsrid(st_makepoint(-90,40),4326)
LIMIT 10;
```

Distance operator

<-> or <#> : center or bbox (index)

Need to refine for non-point geometries



# Point cloud (independant / 2.1)

LIDAR data

As a PG extension

And a PostGIS extension

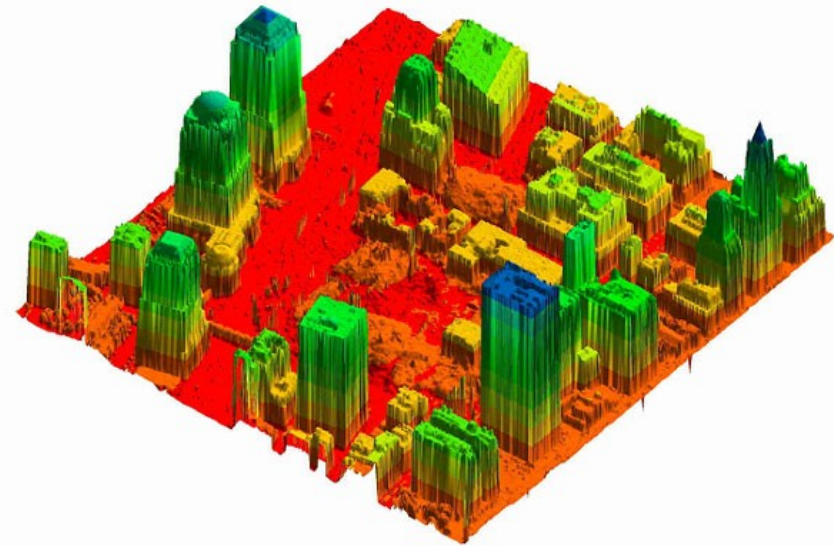
Points and patches of po

Arbitrary number of dimensions

(Use of point cloud « schema »)

Compression storage

Link with PDAL



# Point cloud

## Spatial filtering

```
SELECT PC_AsText(PC_Explode(PC_Intersection(  
    pa,  
    'SRID=4326;POLYGON((-126.451 45.552, -126.42  
47.55, -126.40 45.552, -126.451 45.552))'::geometry  
)))  
FROM patches WHERE id = 7;
```

pc\_astext

```
-----  
{ "pcid":1, "pt":[-126.44,45.56,56,5]}  
{ "pcid":1, "pt":[-126.43,45.57,57,5]}  
{ "pcid":1, "pt":[-126.42,45.58,58,5]}  
{ "pcid":1, "pt":[-126.41,45.59,59,5]}
```



# PostGIS 2.1



# PostGIS 2.1

Beta out, release soon

Arc-geometry distance

Distance with cached tree

R-Tree index improvement (pick-split)

SP-Gist Index :

- New in PG 9.1

- Up to 3x faster construction

- Faster to read

ST\_MapAlgebra with N rasters

And more...

Topology improvement

Tiger geocoder as PG extension

PgRouting as PG extension

+ windows support

# PostGIS 2.1

And even more...

Development platform improvement

Meet Debbie and Winnie !

## Jenkins

search

log in | sign up

Jenkins

People

Build History

Build Queue

No builds in the queue.

Build Executor Status

#	Status
1	Idle
2	Idle
3	Idle
4	Idle

AllGDALGEOSPostGISPostgreSQL

S	W	Name ↓	Last Success	Last Failure	Last Duration
		<a href="#">GDAL PostGIS Regress</a>	1 day 17 hr ( <a href="#">#113</a> )	1 mo 1 day ( <a href="#">#2</a> )	5 min 2 sec
		<a href="#">GDAL Regress</a>	1 day 17 hr ( <a href="#">#133</a> )	5 days 15 hr ( <a href="#">#127</a> )	2 min 19 sec
		<a href="#">GDAL Trunk</a>	1 day 17 hr ( <a href="#">#159</a> )	20 days ( <a href="#">#89</a> )	17 min
		<a href="#">GEOS Trunk</a>	1 mo 7 days ( <a href="#">#13</a> )	N/A	2 min 28 sec
		<a href="#">PG Version</a>	11 days ( <a href="#">#9</a> )	1 mo 13 days ( <a href="#">#6</a> )	4 min 7 sec
		<a href="#">PG Version Dev</a>	2 days 10 hr ( <a href="#">#11</a> )	1 mo 1 day ( <a href="#">#4</a> )	4 min 40 sec
		<a href="#">PostGIS 2.0</a>	16 hr ( <a href="#">#34</a> )	4 days 20 hr ( <a href="#">#29</a> )	9 min 24 sec
		<a href="#">PostGIS 2.0 docs</a>	16 hr ( <a href="#">#48</a> )	7 days 3 hr ( <a href="#">#32</a> )	10 min
		<a href="#">PostGIS 2.1</a>	11 hr ( <a href="#">#230</a> )	2 days 21 hr ( <a href="#">#220</a> )	14 min
		<a href="#">PostGIS 2.1 docs</a>	11 hr ( <a href="#">#148</a> )	16 hr ( <a href="#">#145</a> )	10 min
		<a href="#">PostGIS 2.1 doxygen</a>	20 hr ( <a href="#">#45</a> )	8 hr 18 min ( <a href="#">#47</a> )	23 min

# PostGIS 2.1

```
[00:40] <debbie> Project PostGIS_2.0 build #34: SUCCESS in 9 min 21 sec: http://debbie.postgis.net:8080/job/PostGIS\_2.0/build/34
[00:40] <debbie> Paul Ramsey: (#2026) fix performance regression in geography distance calculation
[00:40] <sigq> Title: PostGIS_2.0 #34 [Jenkins] (at debbie.postgis.net:8080)
[00:44] <pramsey> done!
[00:47] <debbie> Project PostGIS_2.1 build #227: SUCCESS in 26 min: http://debbie.postgis.net:8080/job/PostGIS\_2.1/build/227
[00:47] <debbie> Paul Ramsey: (#2026) fix performance regression in geography distance calculation
[00:47] <sigq> Title: PostGIS_2.1 #227 [Jenkins] (at debbie.postgis.net:8080)
[00:51] --> tomkralidis a rejoint ce canal (~tomkralid@CPE0013ce450e14-CM001692413c80.cpe.net.cable.rogers.ca)
[00:51] <-- tomkralidis a quitté ce serveur (Changing host).
[00:51] --> tomkralidis a rejoint ce canal (~tomkralid@osgeo/member/tomkralidis).
[00:51] <debbie> Project PostGIS_2.1_docs build #145: FAILURE in 4 min 0 sec: http://debbie.postgis.net:8080/job/PostGIS\_2.1\_docs/build/145
[00:51] <debbie> * Bborie Park: Added news and docs for ST_Tile(raster). Additional regression tests for
[00:51] <debbie> one additional variant of ST_Tile(raster)
[00:51] <sigq> Title: PostGIS_2.1_docs #145 [Jenkins] (at debbie.postgis.net:8080)
[00:51] <debbie> * Bborie Park: Added ST_Tile() and regression tests. The circle is complete.
[00:51] <debbie> * Bborie Park: Added rt_band_get_pixel_line() and regression tests
[00:51] <debbie> * Paul Ramsey: (#2063) fix the vertex-crossing logic in the circular tree code to use the new edge
[00:51] <debbie> * Paul Ramsey: (#2026) fix performance regression in geography distance calculation
[00:52] --> tbowden a rejoint ce canal (~tim@124-148-118-242.dyn.iinet.net.au).
[00:54] <-- epifanio a quitté ce serveur (Read error: Operation timed out).
[00:58] <winnie> Project PostGIS 2.1 mingW regress build #456: STILL FAILING in 2 min 30 sec: http://winnie.postgis.net:1500/job/PostGIS\_2.1\_mingW\_regress/build/456
[00:58] <sigq> Title: PostGIS 2.1 mingW regress #456 [Jenkins] (at winnie.postgis.net:1500)
```

+ Hallie :  
documentation bot ( PostgreSQL FTS & more)

# PostGIS x.y : next dimension

**3D**



New types :

TRIANGLE, POLYHEDRALSURFACE, TIN

New functions :

ST\_3DDistance, ST\_3DIntersects,  
ST\_3DDWithin, ST\_3DClosestPoint...

Input/Output : ST\_AsGML, ST\_AsX3D...

New operators

&&&

Spatial index : nd-indexes

# Real 3D

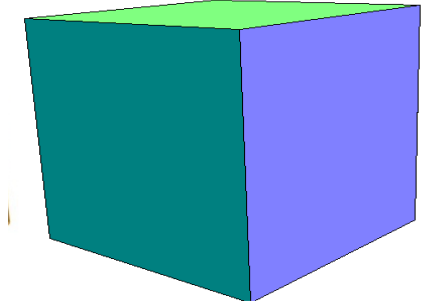
«real» 3D inside PostGIS

ISO and OGC standards

ISO 19125, SQL/MM, SFS 1.2.0

First step of implementation

New data types & functions



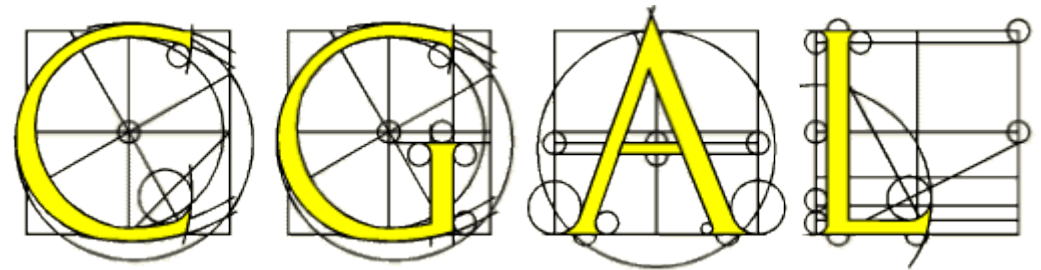


# PostGIS 3D

2.5D already in  
3D storage is in  
We want analysis !

ST\_3Dintersects  
ST\_3Dintersection  
ST\_Extrude (2D → 3D)  
ST\_3Dconvexhull  
ST\_StraightSkeleton  
ST\_Tessellate...





2D & 3D geometric computation

C++

**Exact** computation

Efficient, generic, extensible...

Became GPL → PostGIS compatibility

# PostGIS 3D

Some European funding  
Cooperation with IGN & others

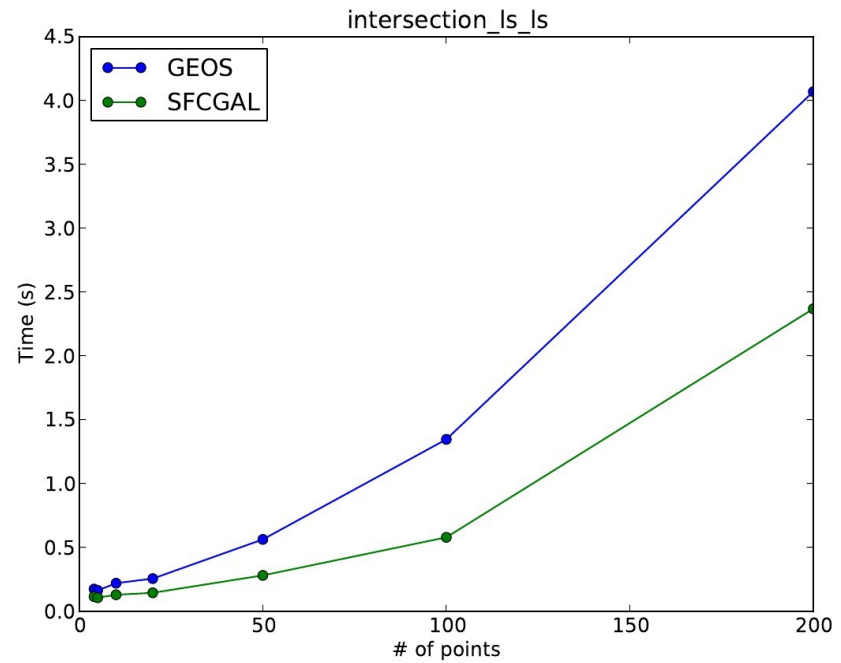
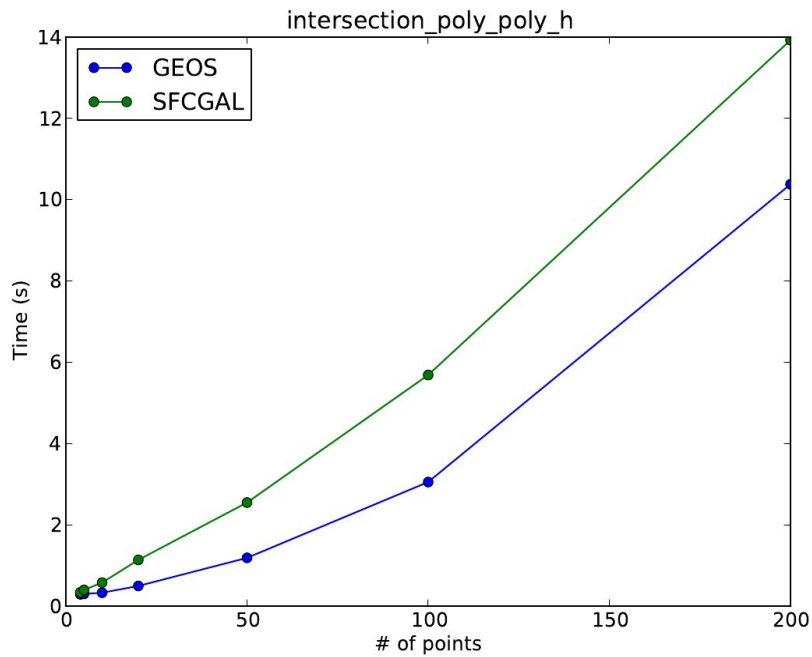
e-PLU

Creation of SFCGAL framework (OGC-SF)  
Use it in PostGIS  
Compare with GEOS (for 2D)



# PostGIS 3D

Performance comparison with GEOS  
→ Comparable performances





# Recent progress

Quantum GIS client ( Globe )

Some analysis functions

ST\_Extrude

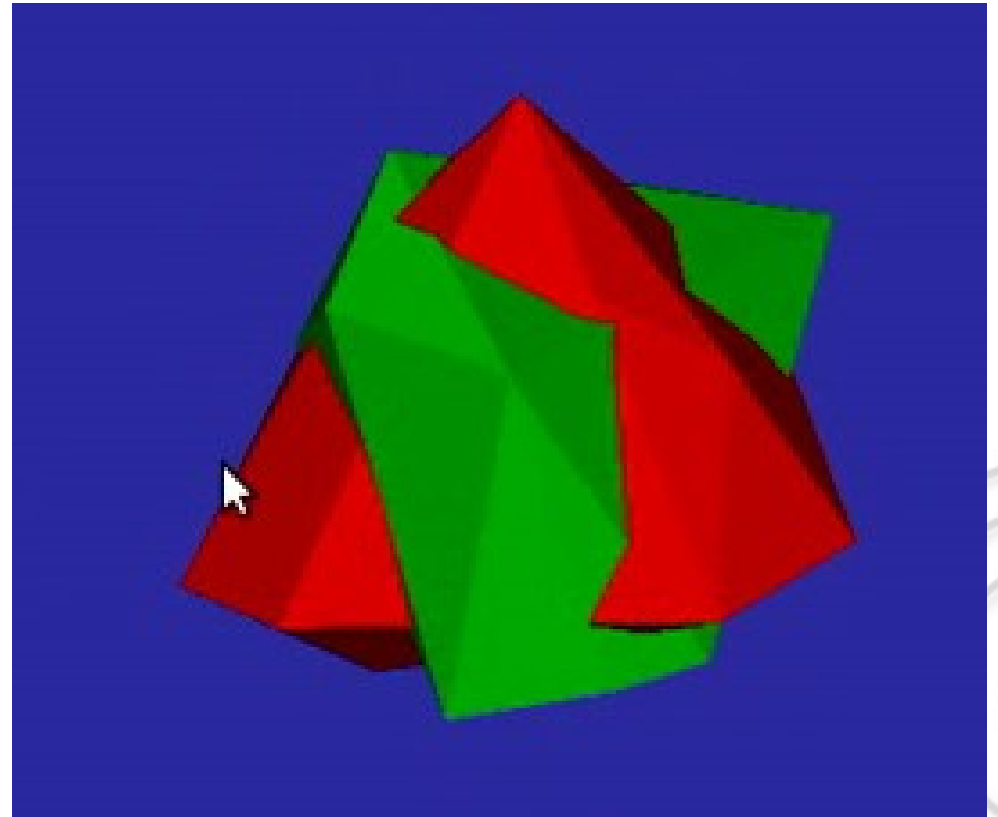
ST\_3DConvexhull

ST\_3DIntersection

Surfaces

Solids

**In PostGIS 2.1**



# Want to see ?



# **And beyond ?**



# 3D Next steps

More features from CGAL

- Alpha shapes

- 3D Minkowski sum

- 3D snap rounding ?

- ...

Better QGIS support

CityGML & Collada loaders / exporters

Textures ?

Find €€€€€ to speed up development



# PostGIS 3D : next steps

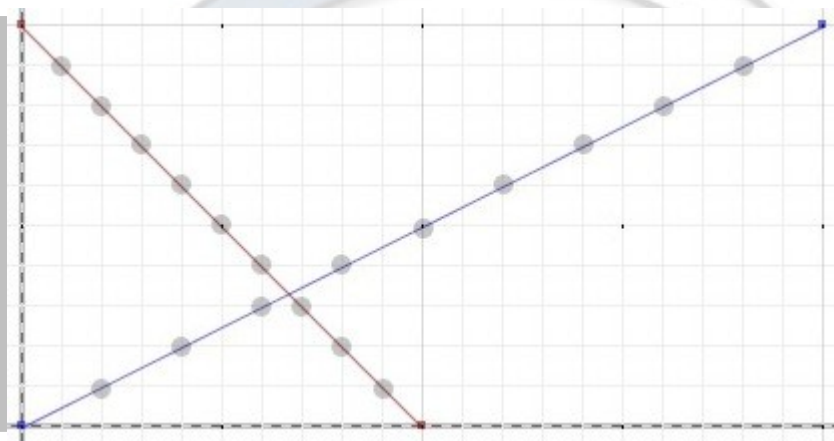
CGAL : exact computations

New objects : exact geometries

Try to avoid serialization

(PostgreSQL patch)

```
SELECT
  ST_Intersects(
    ST_Intersection(
      'LINESTRING(0 0,2 1)::geometry',
      'LINESTRING(1 0,0 1)::geometry',
      'LINESTRING(0 0,2 1)::geometry');
  st_intersects
-----
f
(1 row)
```



# PostGIS 3.0 ?

Paris codesprint and barcamp May 2012

Boston codesprint March 2013

Find directions for future

- Git, build system (cmake, mainly Windows)

- Geometry backend (GEOS vs BGL vs ?)

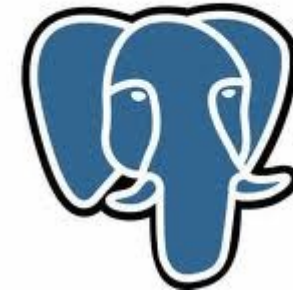
- Raster improvement

- 3D topology & processing (CGAL?)

- Performance, performance, performance

# PostgreSQL 9.3

PostgreSQL



Better replication

LATERAL JOIN

Awesome JSON support

→ PostgreSQL as document DB

Materialized views

+ recursive + updatable views

Writeable Foreign tables (FDW)

# That's it...

## Questions ?

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