

Discrete Geometry Processing with Topological Guarantees

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Geometry Processing for CAD

- Geometric problems arising in computer graphics, solid modeling, visualization, robotics,.....
- Given a collection of 3D primitives
- Perform operations on these primitives
 - Boolean operations
 - Minkowski sums
 - Implicit surface meshing
 - Configuration space computation & motion planning



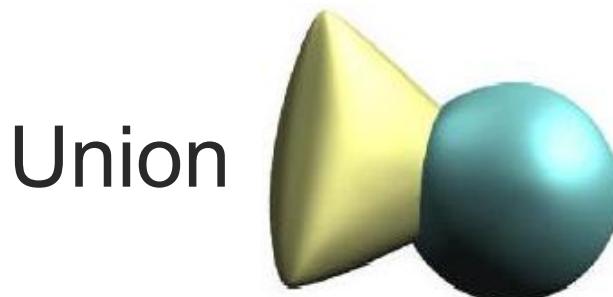
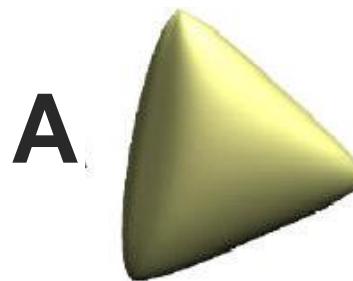
Topology

- Qualitative measure of underlying space
- Classification based on global connectivity
 - Connected components, tunnels, voids etc.
- Two spaces have the *same topology* if there exists a homeomorphism between them
 - Square and disc have same topology
 - Sphere and torus do not

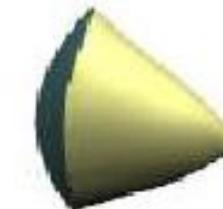


Boolean Operations

- Union, intersection, difference, complement



Union

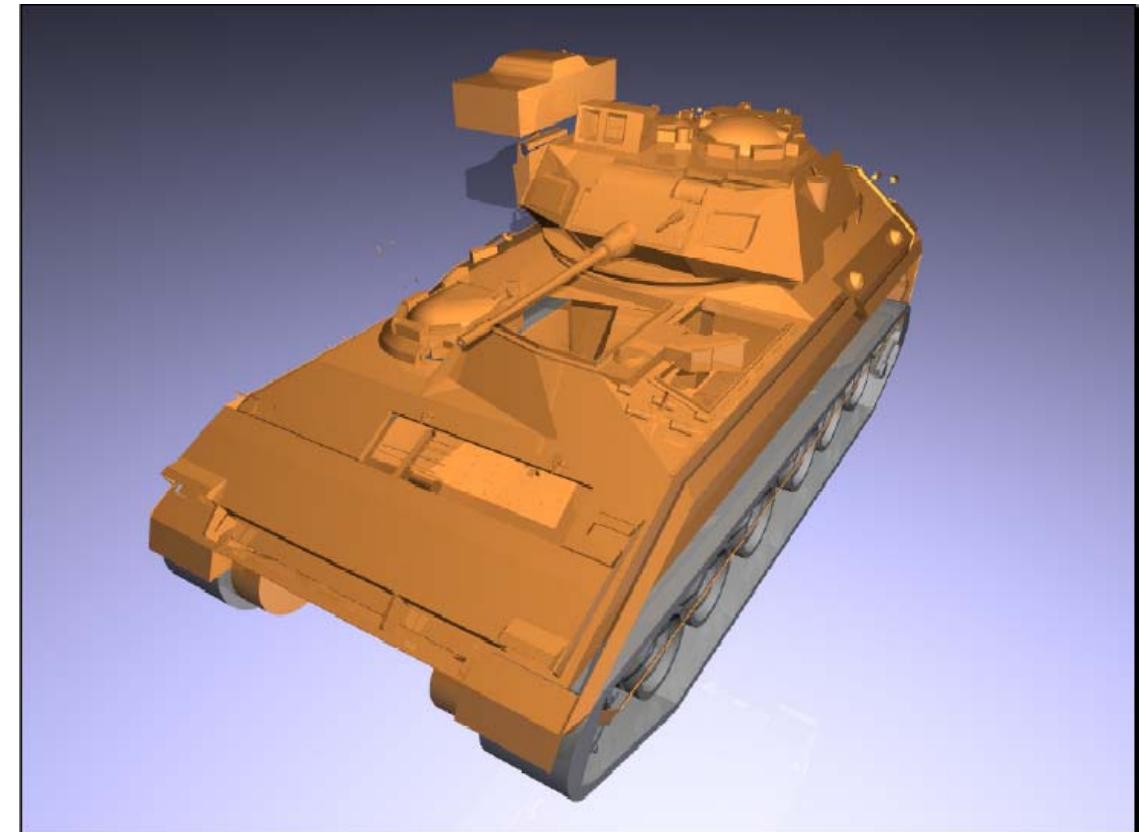
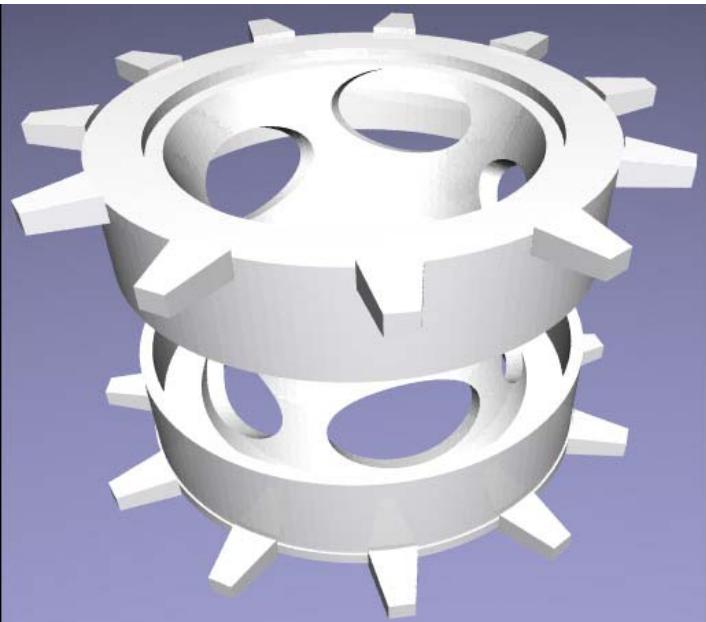
$$A \cup B$$


Intersection

$$A \cap B$$



Boolean Operations

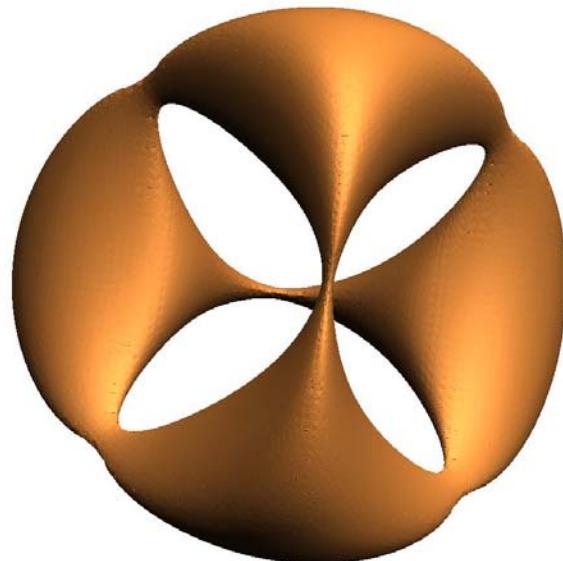


**Complex shapes designed using tens or hundreds of
Booleans on non-linear primitives**



Implicit Surface Meshing - Polygonization

- Described as an implicit equation
 - $f(x,y,z) = 0$



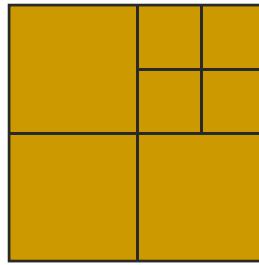
Chair

$$10x^4 - 12x^2y^2 + 36x^2z^2 - 75x^2 + y^4 + 36y^2z^2 - 75y^2 + 2z^4 - 75z^2 - 16y^2z + 16x^2z + 640.625 = 0$$

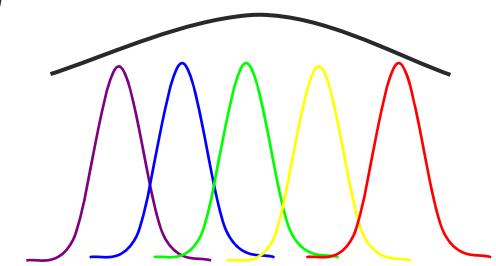


Implicit Surface Meshing - MPU Implicit

Adaptive subdivision



Piecewise quadratic
local approx.



Partition of Unity

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\sum w_i(\mathbf{x}) Q_i(\mathbf{x})}{\sum w_i(\mathbf{x})}$$

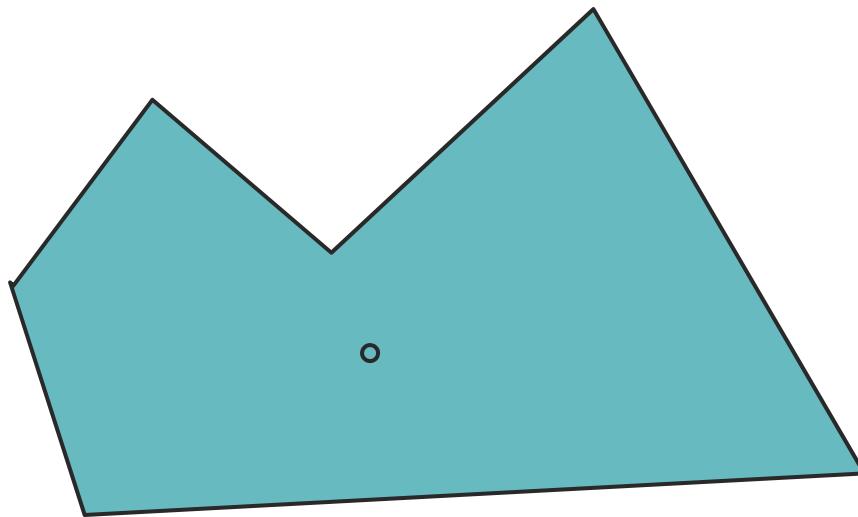
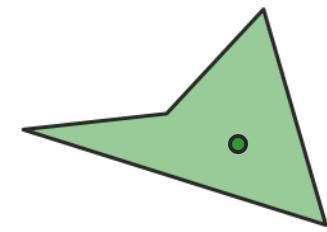


Approximation of
14 million points



Minkowski Sum

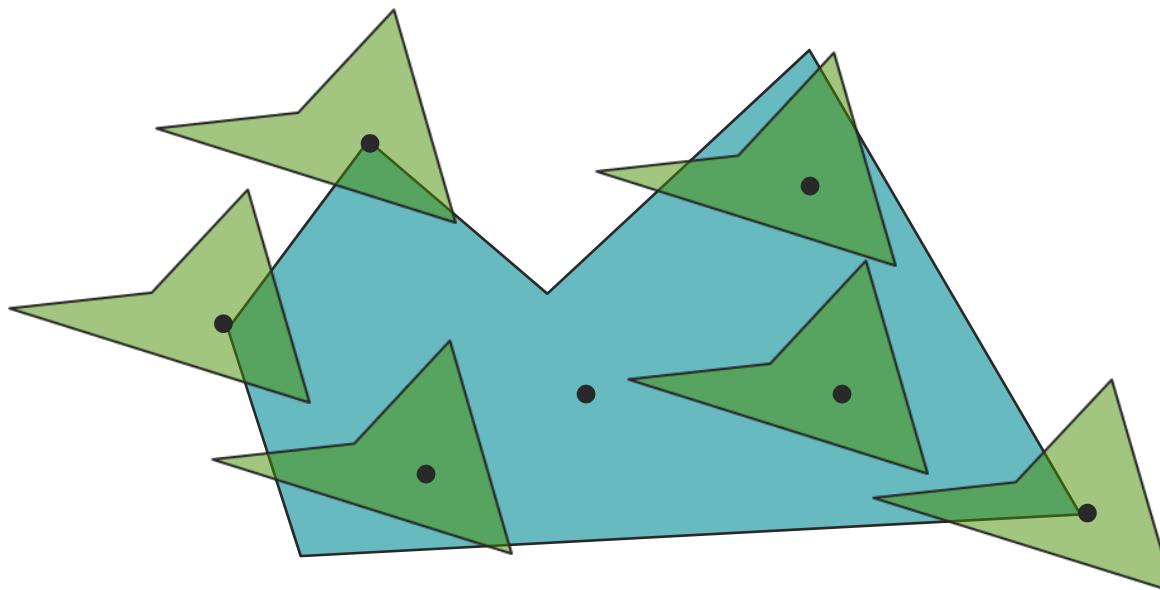
$$A \oplus B = \{a + b \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$$

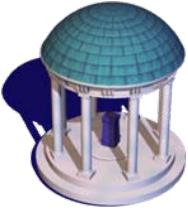
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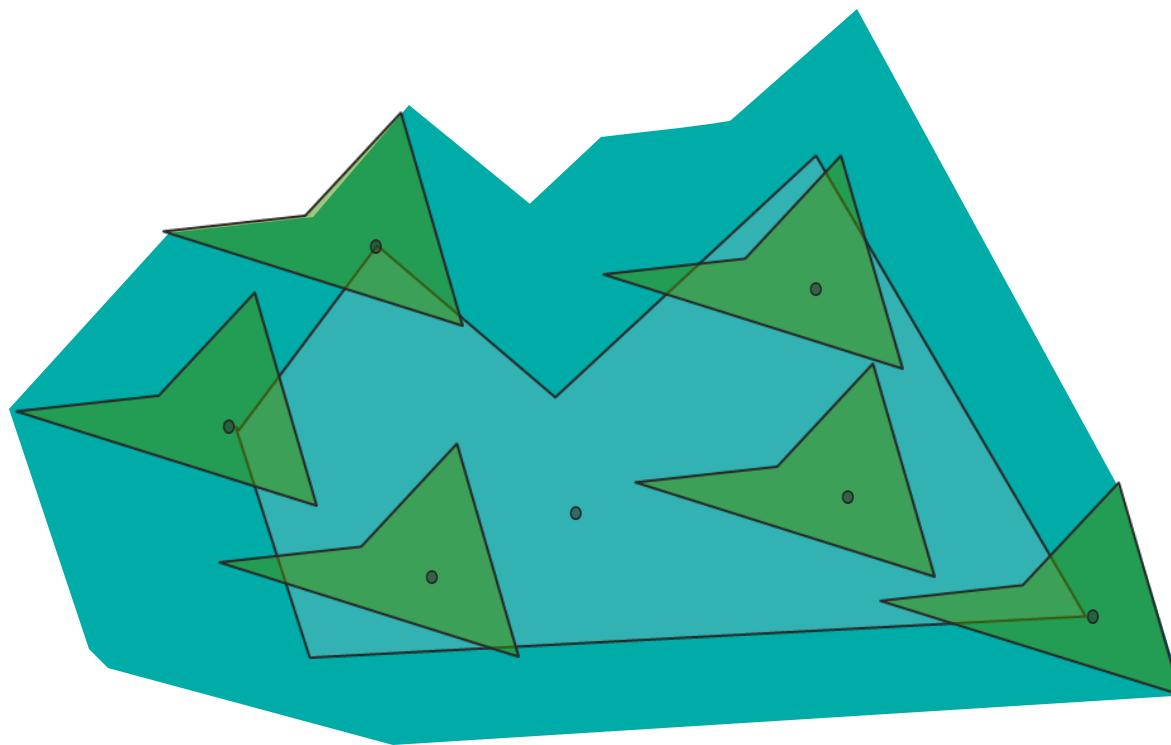
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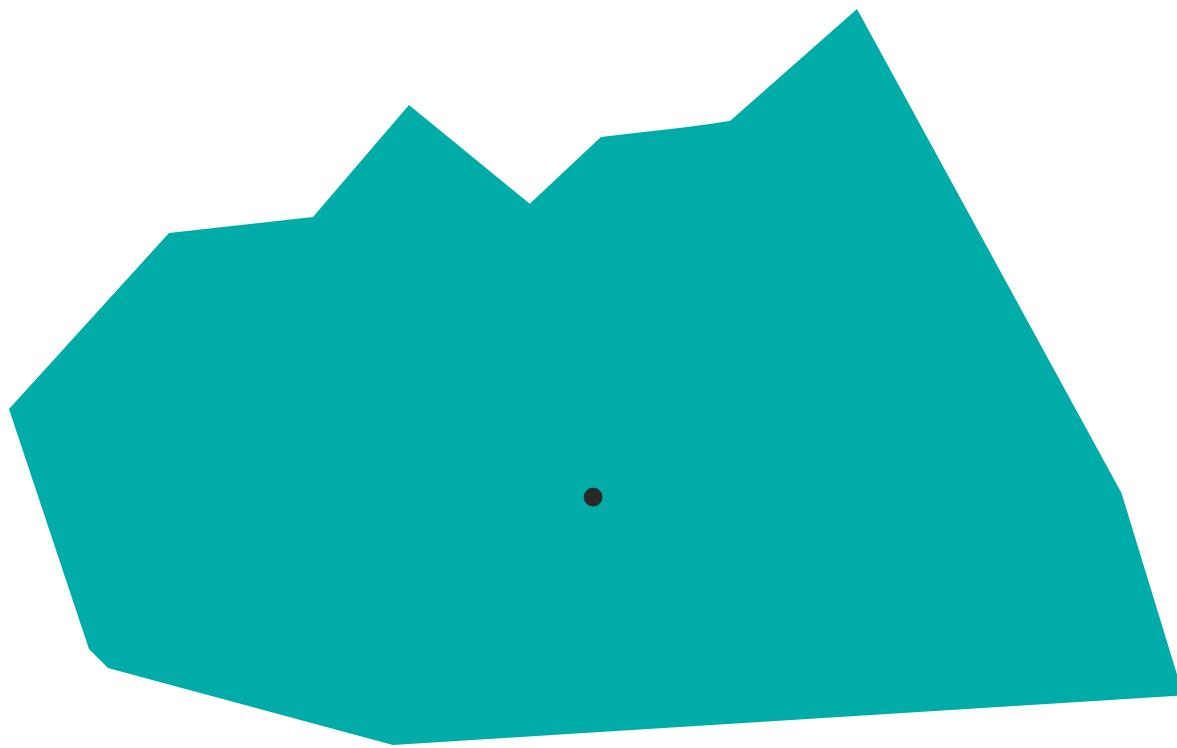
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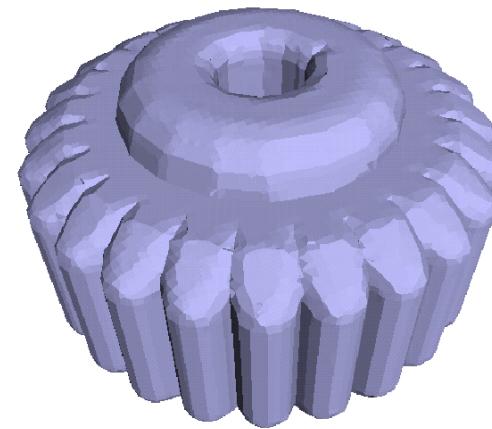




Minkowski Sum



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Offsetting

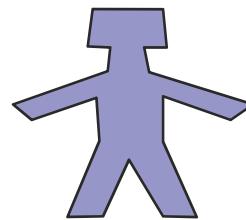


Mathematical
Morphological
Operations



Basic Motion Planning

■ Assumptions



- Robot is either rigid or articulated
- Obstacles are stationary
- Geometry of both robot and obstacles is known

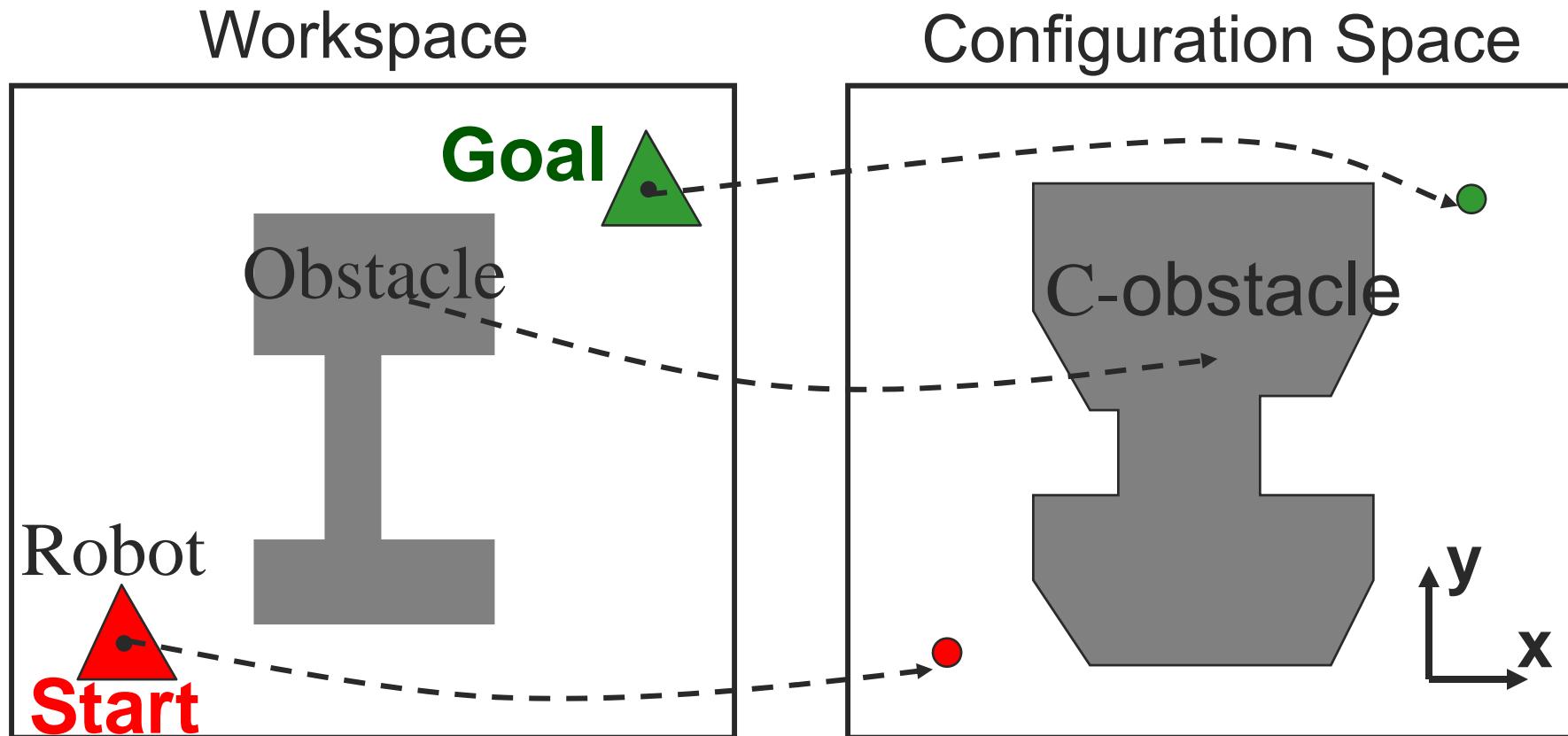


Configuration Space

- Motion planning is often studied using a concept called
 - *Configuration space* [Lozano-Perez 1979]
- Set of all positions and orientations of the robot
 - Planar robot capable of only translation
 - (x, y)
 - Translation and rotation
 - (x, y, θ)
 - Its dimension is equal to the number of degrees of freedom (DOF)



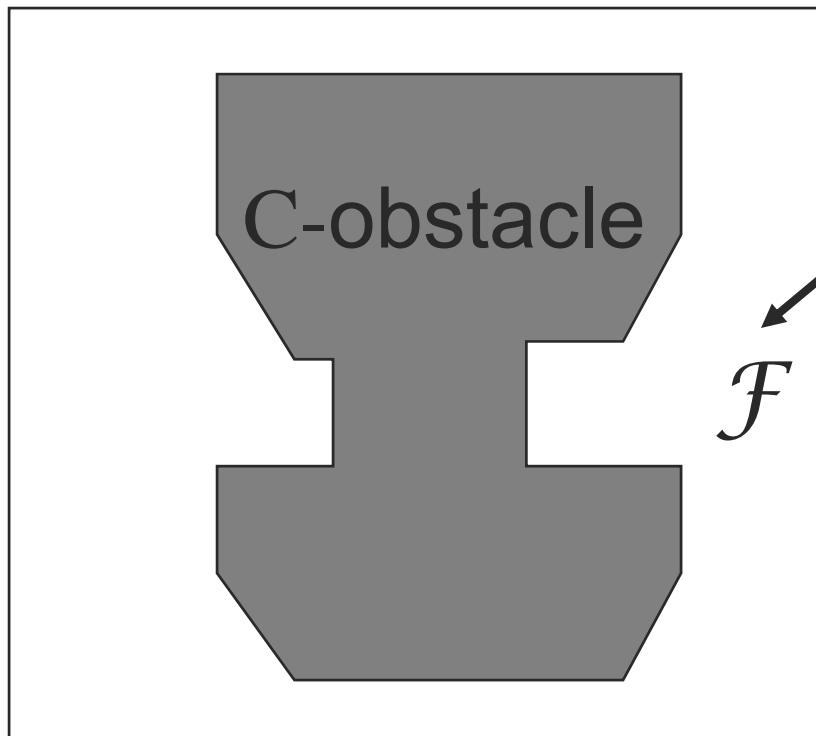
Example: 2D Translation





Configuration Space Computation

- Goal is to compute the free space



Free Space

$$\mathcal{F} = \{\mathbf{q} \mid \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{q}) \cap O = \emptyset\}$$

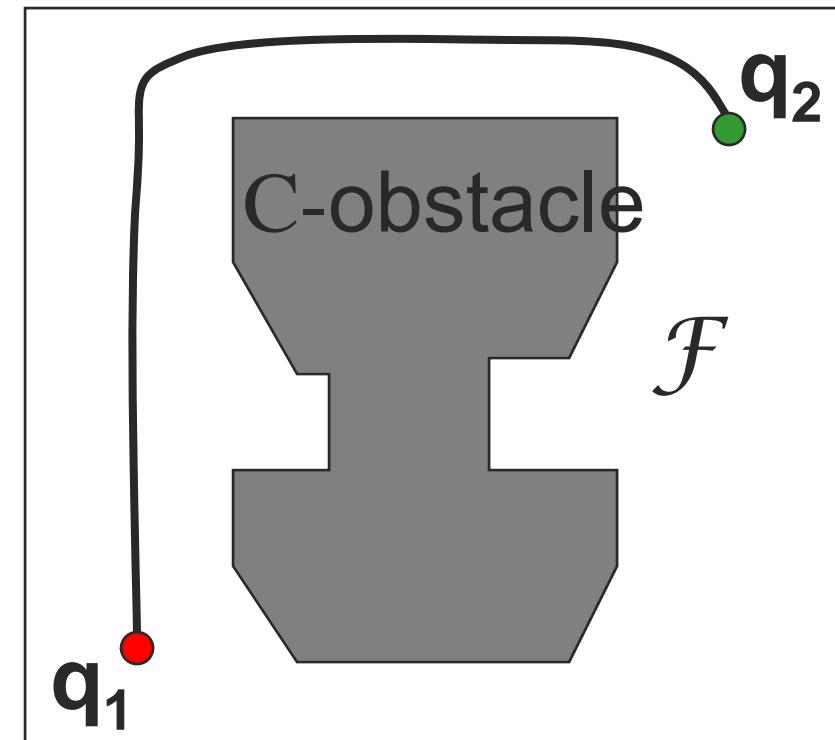
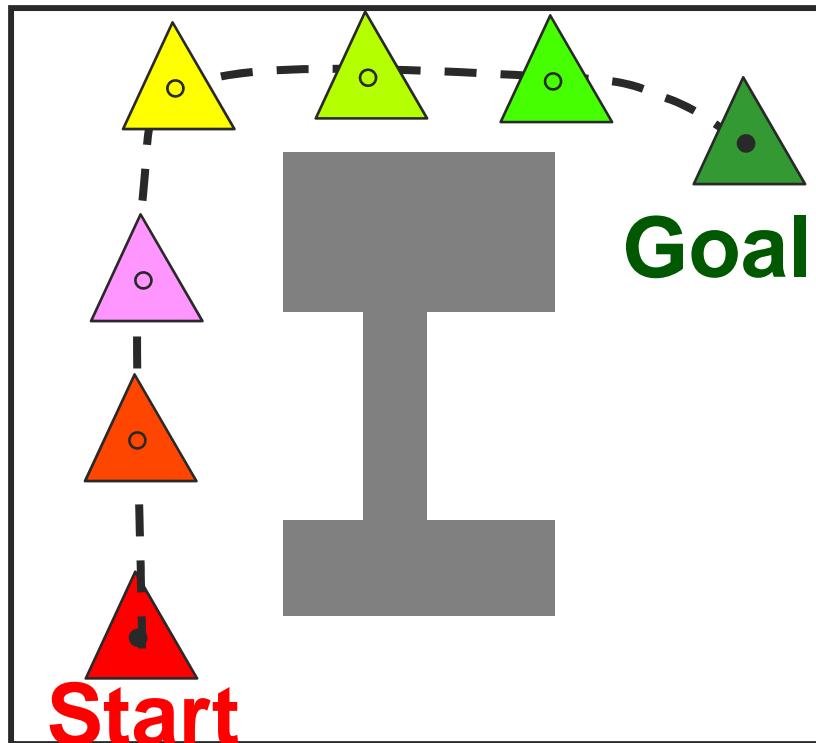
where $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{q})$ is the robot placed at configuration \mathbf{q}
 O is the obstacle

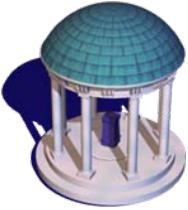


Definition of Motion Planning

Find a curve connecting \mathbf{q}_1 and \mathbf{q}_2 that lies completely in \mathcal{F}

Workspace	Configuration Space
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Applications

- Minkowski sums and configuration spaces have also been used for

Interference Detection

Morphing

Penetration Depth

Tolerance Analysis

Packing

Knee/Joint Modeling



Problem Classification

■ Surface Extraction

- Compute a “surface of interest” \mathcal{E}
- Boolean operations, Minkowski sum
 - \mathcal{E} is the boundary of the final solid
- Configuration space computation
 - \mathcal{E} is the boundary of the free space



Prior Work

- Surface extraction problems
 - Exact approaches
 - Sampling based approaches



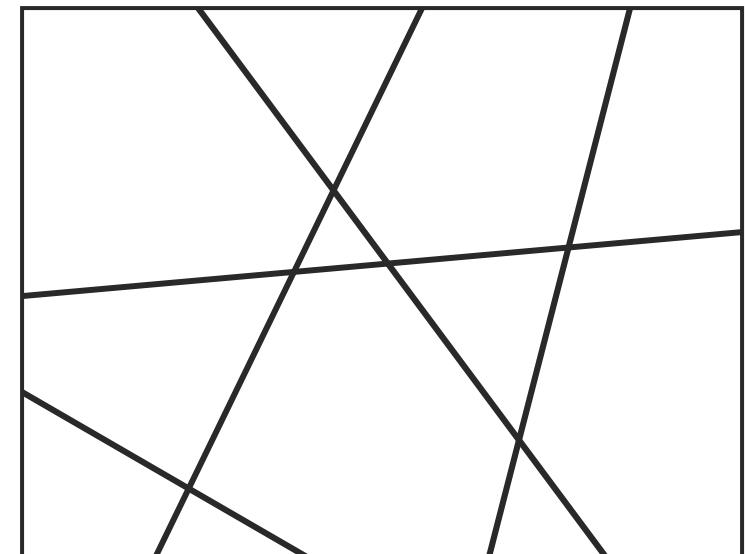
Arrangement Computation

- Arrangement $\mathcal{A}(S)$ of a set S of geometric objects [Halperin 1997; Agarwal & Sharir 2000]

Decomposition of space into relatively open connected *cells* of dimensions $0, \dots, d$

A cell is a maximal connected set of points lying in the intersection of a fixed subset of S

$O(n^d)$ in d dimensions



Arrangement of lines



Exact Approaches for Surface Extraction

1. Enumerate a set S of surface primitives that contribute to \mathcal{E}
2. Compute “relevant cells” of $\mathcal{A}(S)$ to obtain \mathcal{E}
 - Depends on the type of surface extraction problem

Main bottleneck – Arrangement computation



Issues

- Arrangement computation is difficult in practice
 - Need to compute surface-surface intersection
 - Prone to robustness problems
 - Number of primitives is high
 - Primitives could be non-linear



Outline

- Prior Work
 - Surface extraction problems
 - Exact approaches
 - **Sampling based approaches**



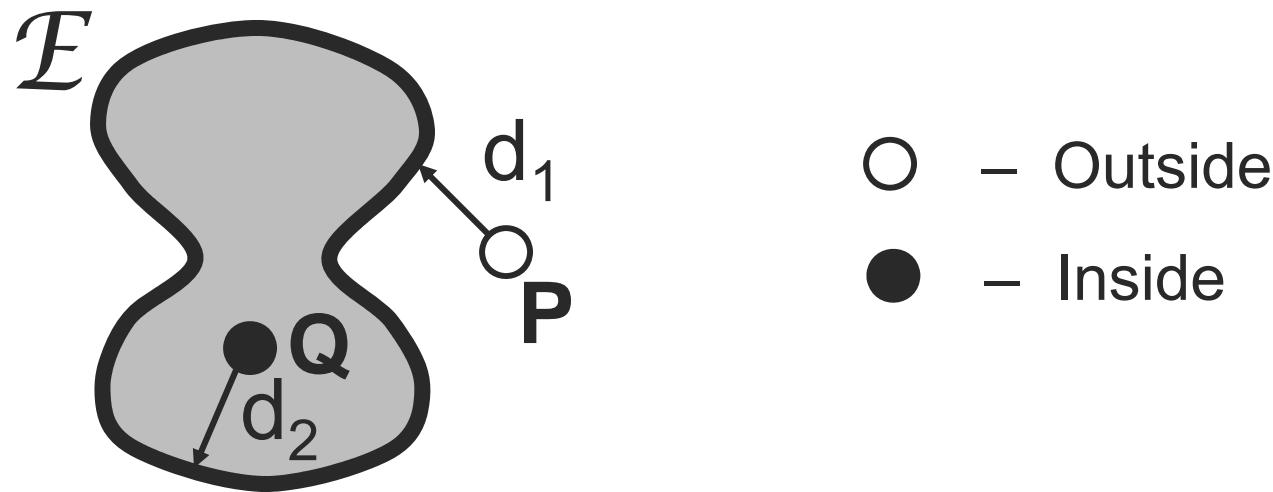
Sampling Based Approaches

- Approximate \mathcal{E} using
 - Implicit representations
 - Represent \mathcal{E} as a zero-level *isosurface* of a function
$$f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$
 - \mathcal{E} is the set of points where $f(x,y,z) = 0$

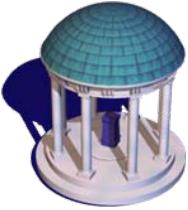


Implicit Representation

- A popular choice of function is the signed distance function/field



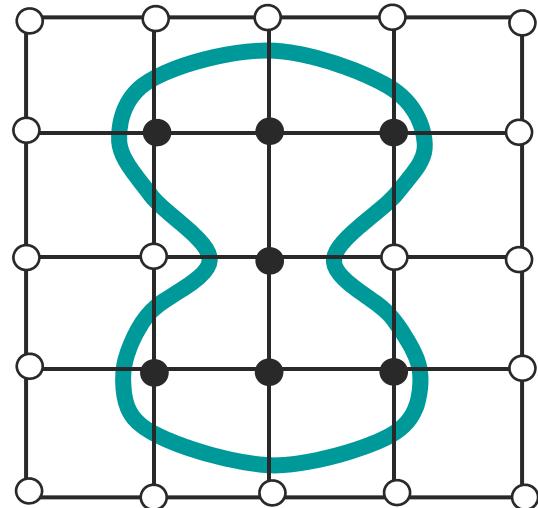
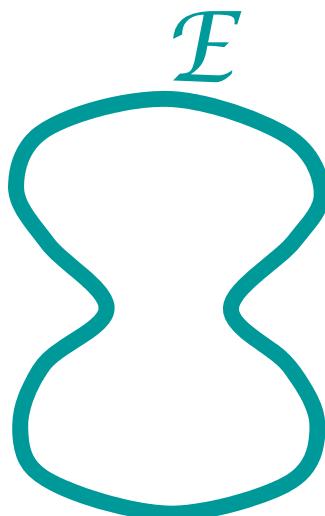
- Compute a boundary representation of \mathcal{E}
 - extract the zero level isosurface



Sampling Based Approach

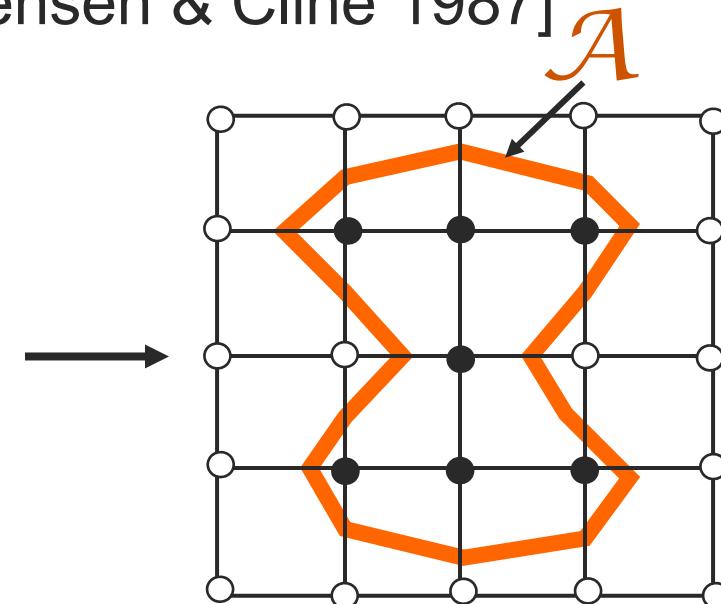
Sampling

Evaluate function f on a volumetric grid



Reconstruction

Extract an isosurface from the grid using Marching Cubes
[Lorensen & Cline 1987]





Marching Cubes

- Determine the topology of surface within the cube – handle actual intersection later
- Each vertex of the cube is assigned a 1 if it lies outside the surface, 0 if inside
- *Intersection pattern*: 256 cases in all, can be reduced to 15 by symmetry
- Use an index into the table



Marching Cubes: Extensions

- Topological consistencies
- Sharp features
- Adaptive grids



Sampling Based Approach

- Simple to implement and efficient in practice
- Easy to perform Boolean operations
 - Perform min/max operations on distance fields
- Widely used for geometric modeling

[Wyvill et al. 1986; Bloomenthal 1997;
Breen et al. 1998; Frisken 2000]



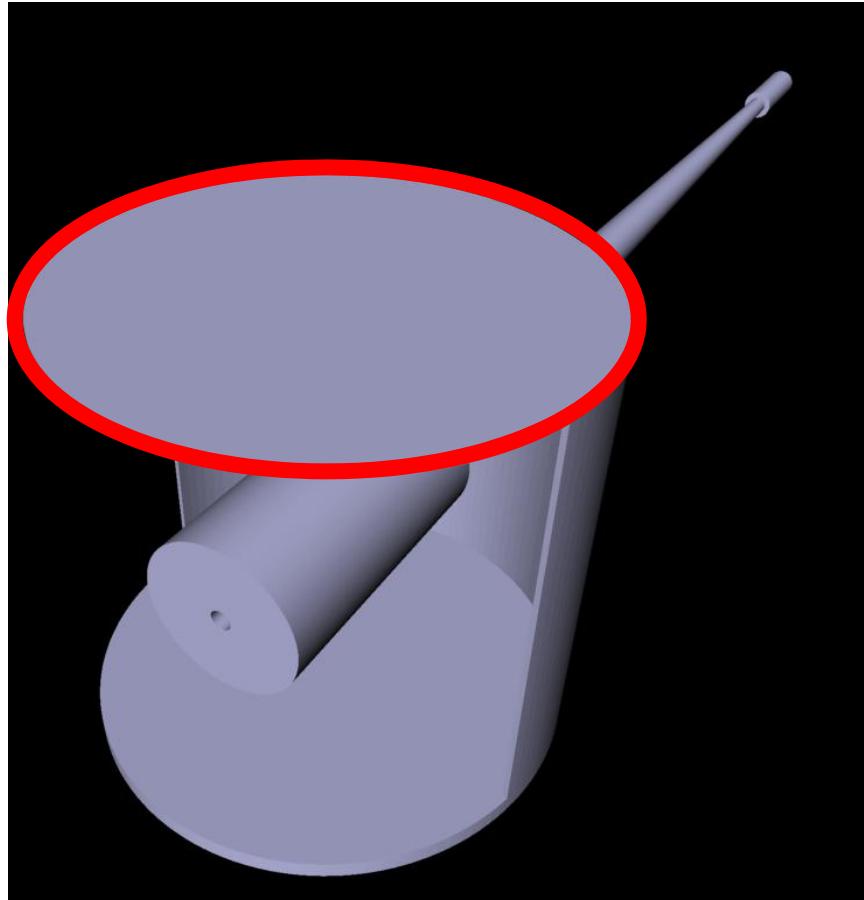
Issues

- Accuracy of Marching Cubes (MC) reconstruction?
 - Depends on the rate of sampling
 - Resolution of the underlying volumetric grid
- Insufficient sampling may produce a “poor approximation”

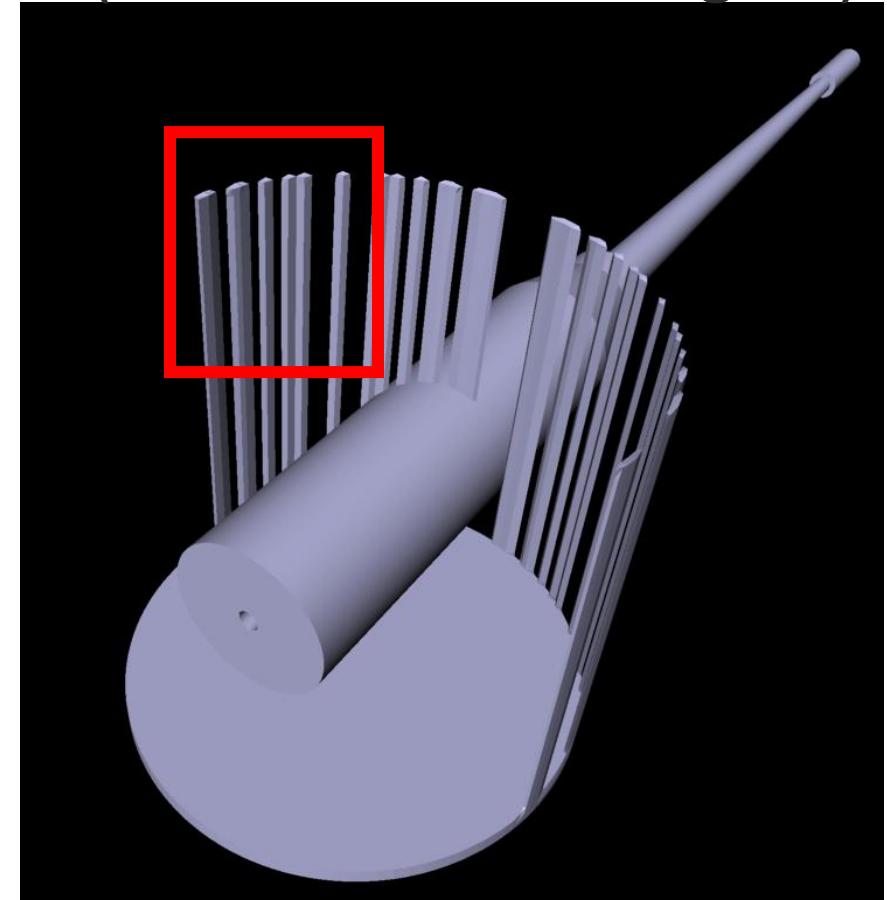


Errors in MC Reconstruction

Exact Surface



MC Reconstruction
(on a 64x64x64 grid)





Topology Preserving Surface Extraction: Limited cases

- Assume **smooth implicit surface**
- Critical point analysis
 - Stander & Hart 97; Boissonnat et al. 04
 - Require tracking of critical points
- Spatial subdivision and interval arithmetic
 - Plantinga & Vegter 04
- Restricted Delaunay triangulation
 - Topological ball property
 - Oudot & Boissonnat 03 and 05
 - Cheng, Dey & Ramos 04 and 06
 - Anisotropic Voronoi diagram



Prior Methods

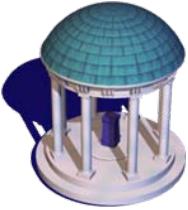
- Prior exact and sampling based approaches do not capture both
 - Simplicity
 - Accuracy/completeness
- Goal is to develop sampling based algorithms that can guarantee accuracy/completeness



Our Goals: Sampling Conditions

■ Sampling

- Process of generating a volumetric grid in space using ***certain criteria***
- Criteria determine sampling condition



Surface Extraction

- Output is a polygonal approximation \mathcal{A} to the exact surface \mathcal{E}

If the *sampling condition* is met, then we can guarantee a
geometrically accurate and a topologically correct
approximation.



Geometric Guarantees

- Bounded two-sided Hausdorff error
 - Given any $\varepsilon > 0$, we have $H(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}) < \varepsilon$



Every point on \mathcal{A}
is **CLOSE** to a point on \mathcal{E}
and **vice-versa**

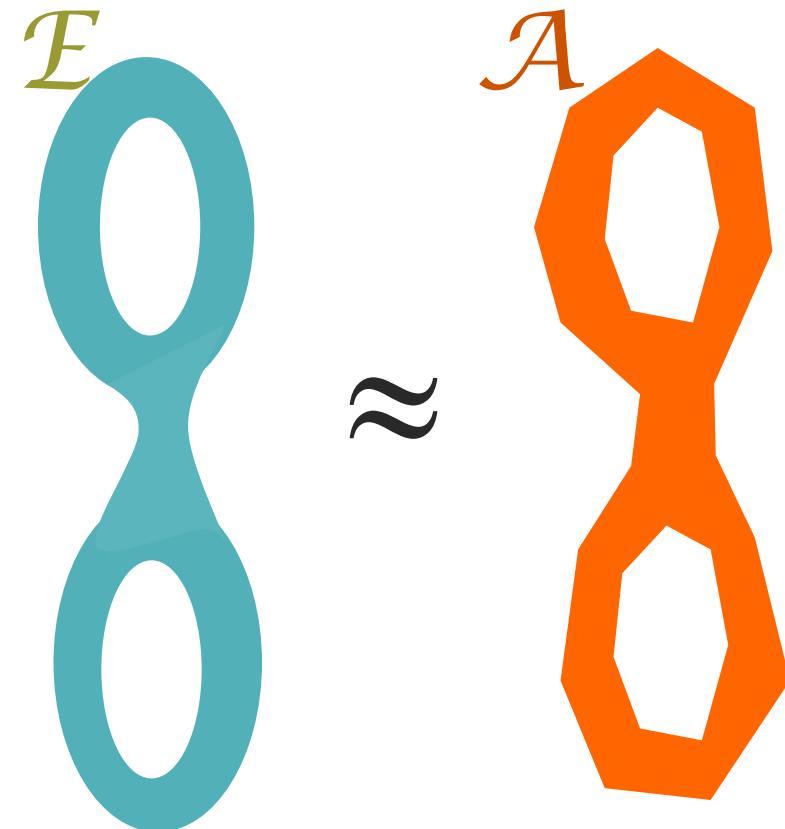
$$H(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}) = \max \left\{ \max_{\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{A}} d(\mathbf{a}, \mathcal{E}), \max_{\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{E}} d(\mathbf{b}, \mathcal{A}) \right\}$$



Topological Guarantee

- Homeomorphism
 - Continuous bijective mapping with a continuous inverse

- $\mathcal{E} \approx \mathcal{A}$
 - if there exists a homeomorphism between them
 - Same number of connected components and handles



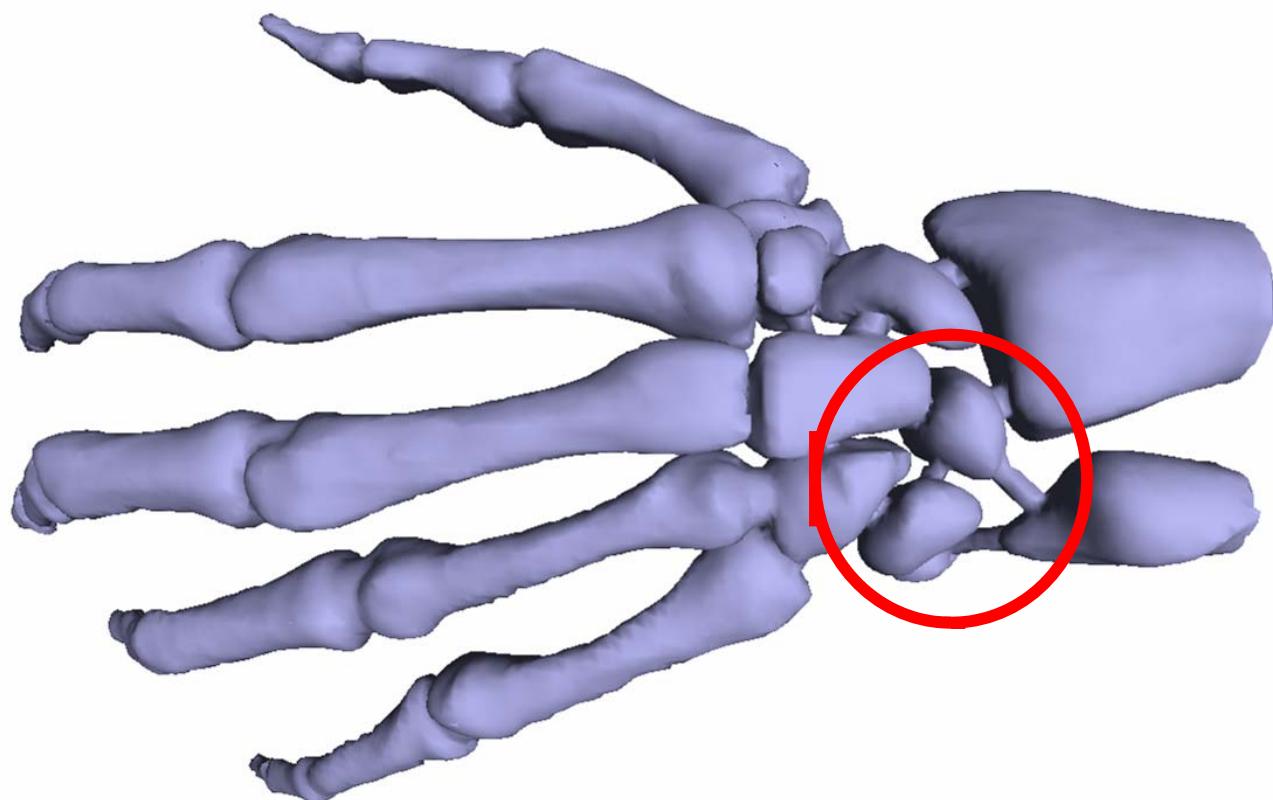


Topology Preservation

CAD



Medical Datasets





Outline

- Surface Extraction
- Minkowski sum approximation
- Configuration space approximation
- Motion Planning
- Conclusions



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- **Surface Extraction**
 - Topological guarantee
 - Sampling condition
 - Sampling algorithm
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Sampling Condition

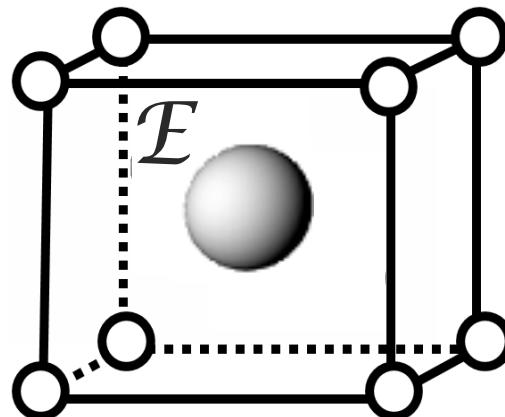
- Every cell in the volumetric grid must satisfy
 1. Simple-cell criterion
 2. Star-shaped criterion

[Varadhan et al.'04; Varadhan et al.'06]



Simple-Cell Criterion

- Simple-cell criterion forbids certain cases



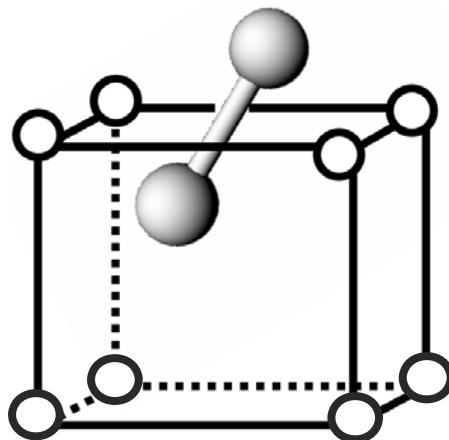
Complex Voxel

1. \mathcal{F} intersects the voxel and
2. All the voxel vertices
have the same sign

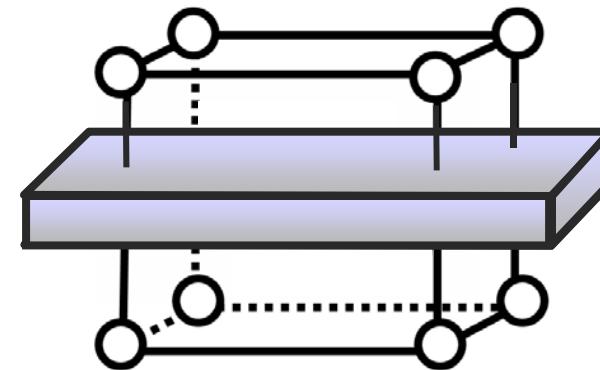


Simple-Cell Criterion

Complex Face

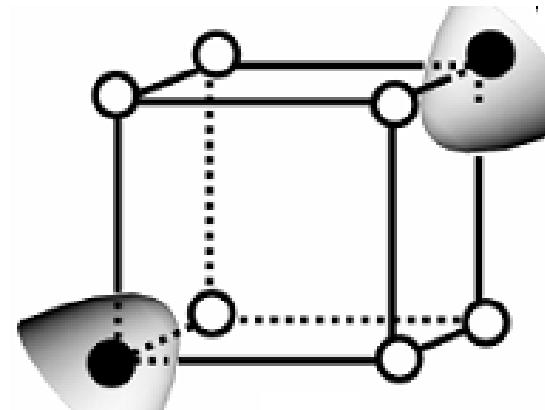


Complex Edge



\mathcal{E} intersects edge more than once

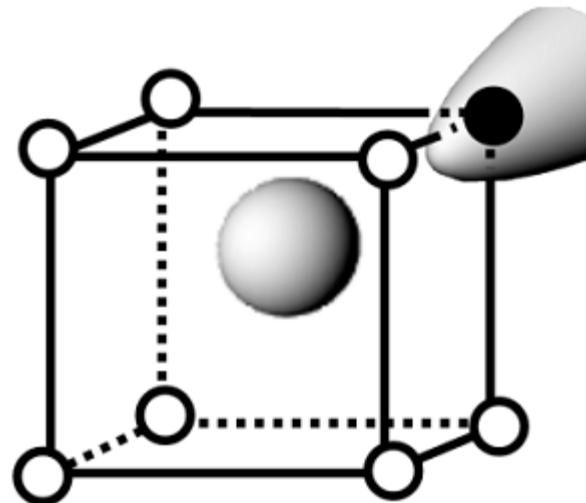
Topological Ambiguity





Simple-Cell Criterion

- A cell satisfies the simple-cell criterion if
 - No complex voxel/faces/edges
 - No ambiguity
- Not sufficient for topology preservation

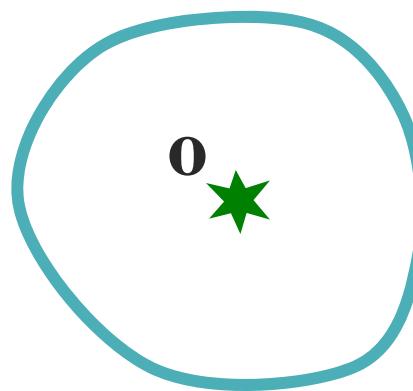
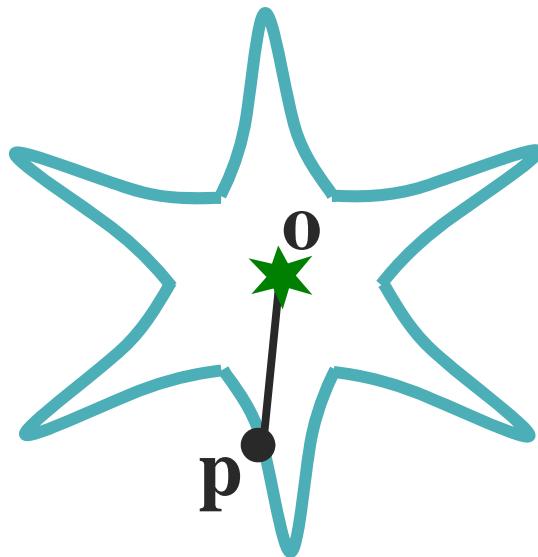




Star-shaped Property

- A surface S is star-shaped if there exists a point \mathbf{o} in \mathbb{R}^3 that can “see” every point in S

$$\mathbf{o}\mathbf{p} \cap S = \{ \mathbf{p} \} \text{ for all } \mathbf{p} \text{ in } S$$

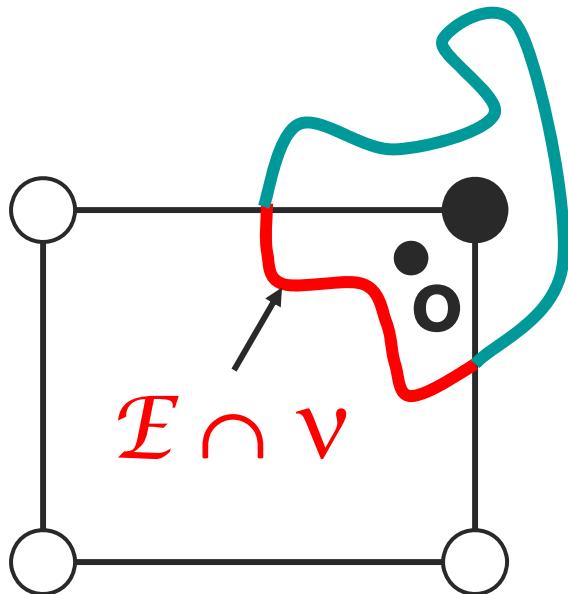


Point \mathbf{o} is called
a *guard*



Star-shaped Property

- \mathcal{E} is star-shaped with respect to (w.r.t) a voxel v if $\mathcal{E} \cap v$ is star-shaped w.r.t some point \mathbf{o} in \mathbb{R}^3



Guard \mathbf{o} may lie outside v



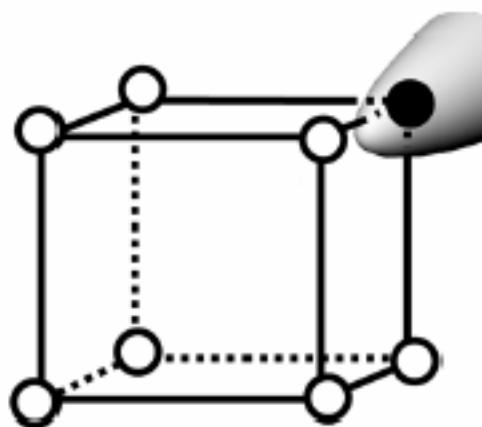
Star-shaped Property

- \mathcal{E} is star-shaped w.r.t a face f if
 $\mathcal{E} \cap f$ is star-shaped w.r.t some point \mathbf{o} in the plane containing f

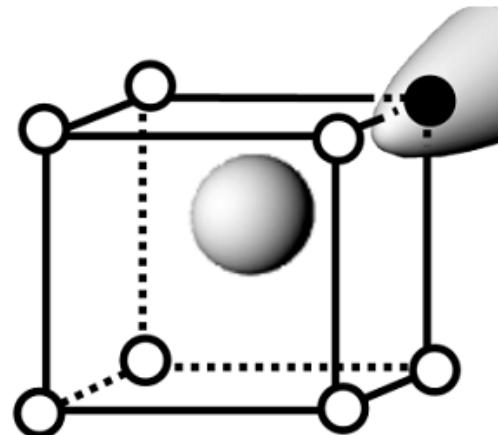


Star-shaped Criterion

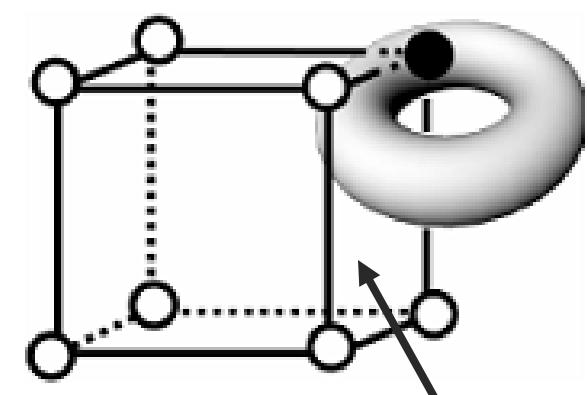
- A cell satisfies the star-shaped criterion if \mathcal{E} is star-shaped w.r.t its voxel and each face



Star-shaped



Not star-shaped
w.r.t voxel



Not star-shaped
w.r.t face f



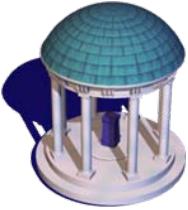
Topological Equivalence

- **Theorem:** If every grid cell satisfies simple-cell and star-shaped criteria

then Marching Cubes can be applied to the grid to produce \mathcal{A} such that

$$\mathcal{A} \approx \mathcal{E}$$

[Varadhan et al.'04]



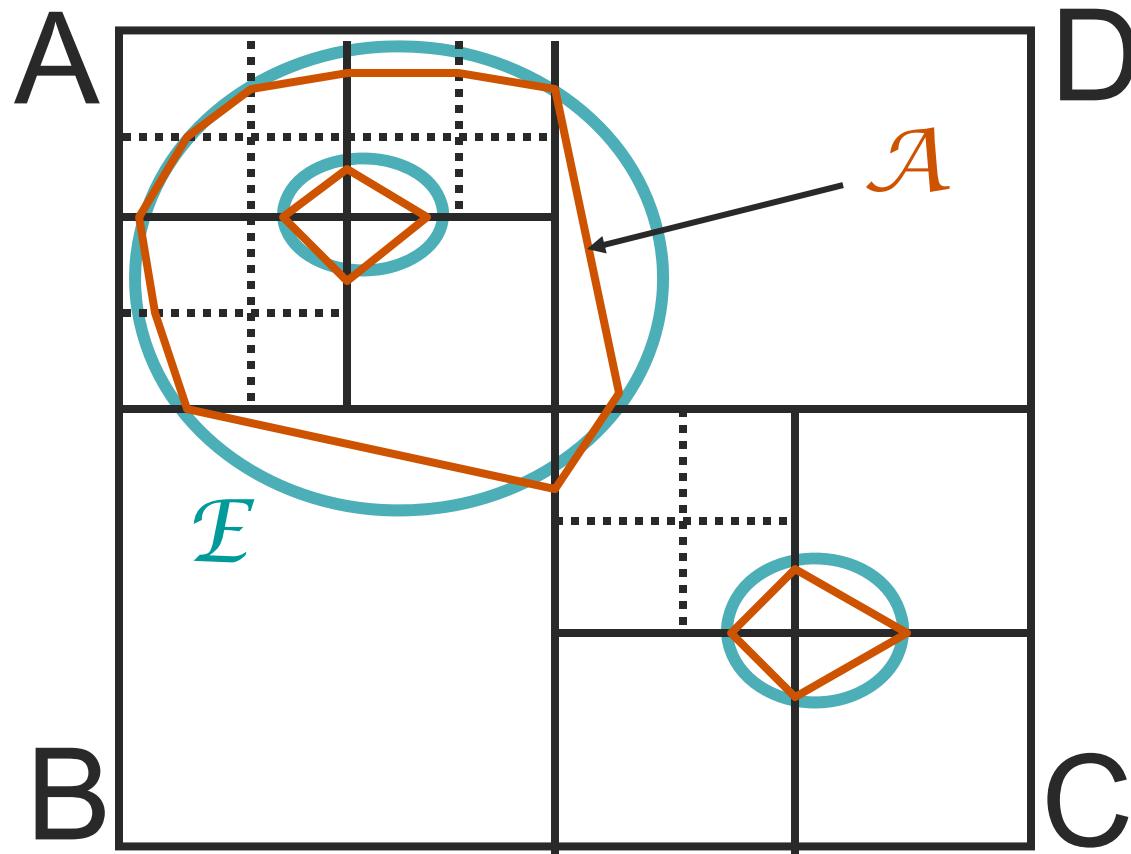
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 - Sampling condition
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Sampling Algorithm

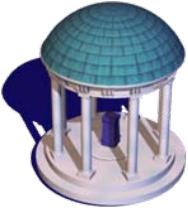
Perform adaptive subdivision by applying the sampling condition recursively





Sampling Algorithm

- Easy to verify the two sampling criteria
 - Simple-cell test
 - Star-shaped test



Simple-Cell Test

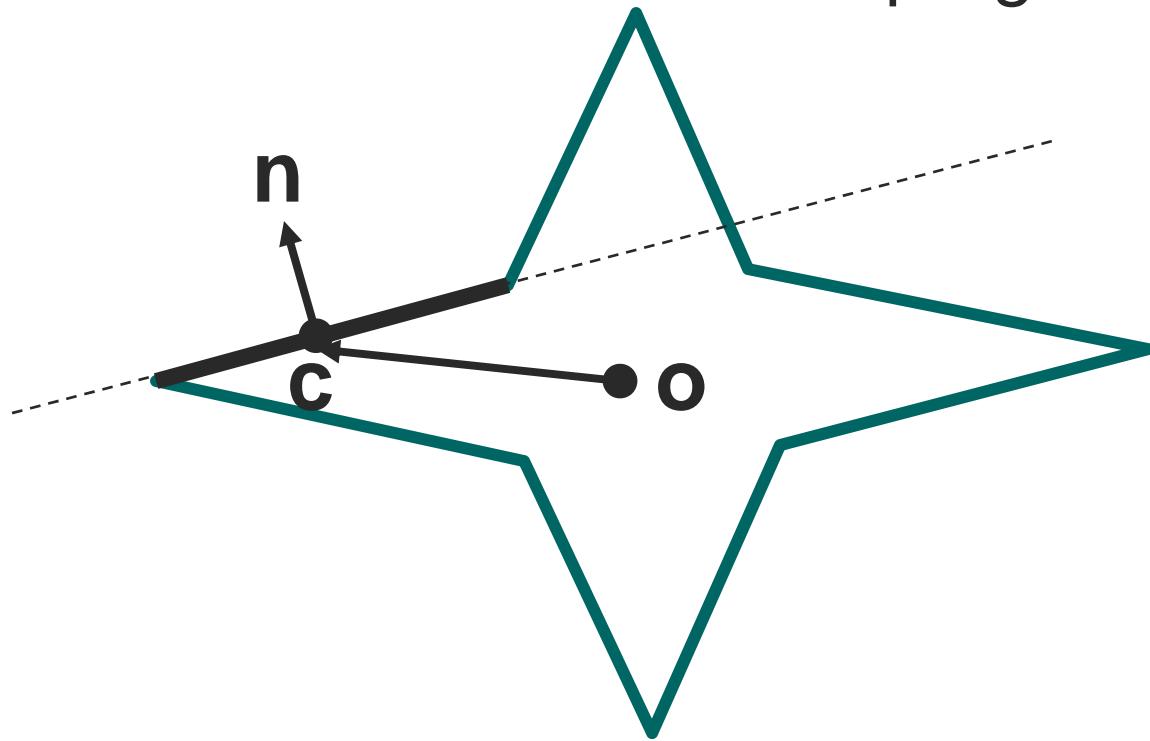
■ Complex voxel

1. Check if \mathcal{E} intersects the voxel
 - Use max-norm distance computation [[Varadhan et al. 2003](#)]
2. Check if the voxel vertices have the same sign



Star-shaped Test

- Polyhedral primitives
 - Reduces to linear programming



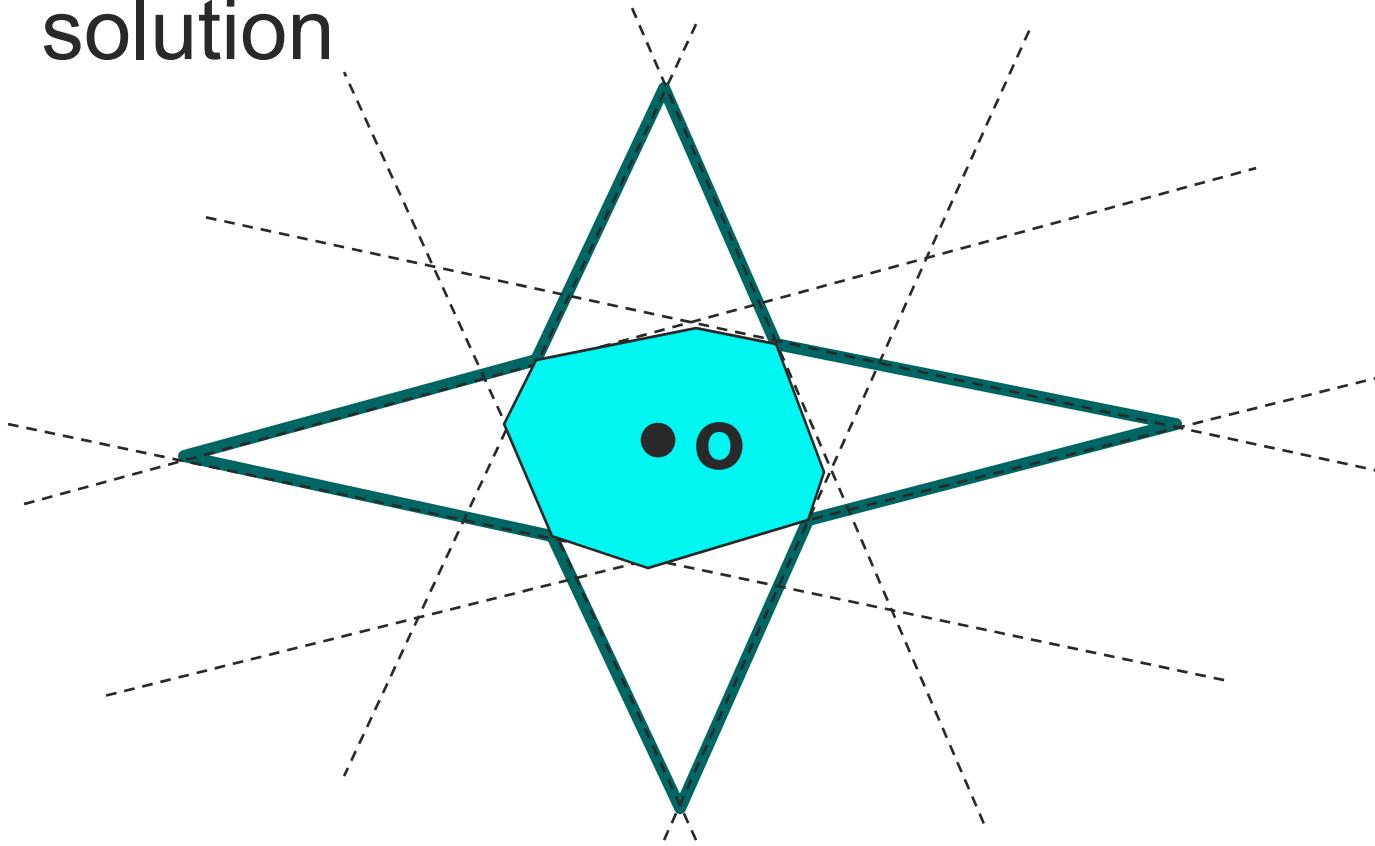
Linear constraint

$$n \cdot (c - o) > 0$$



Star-shaped Test

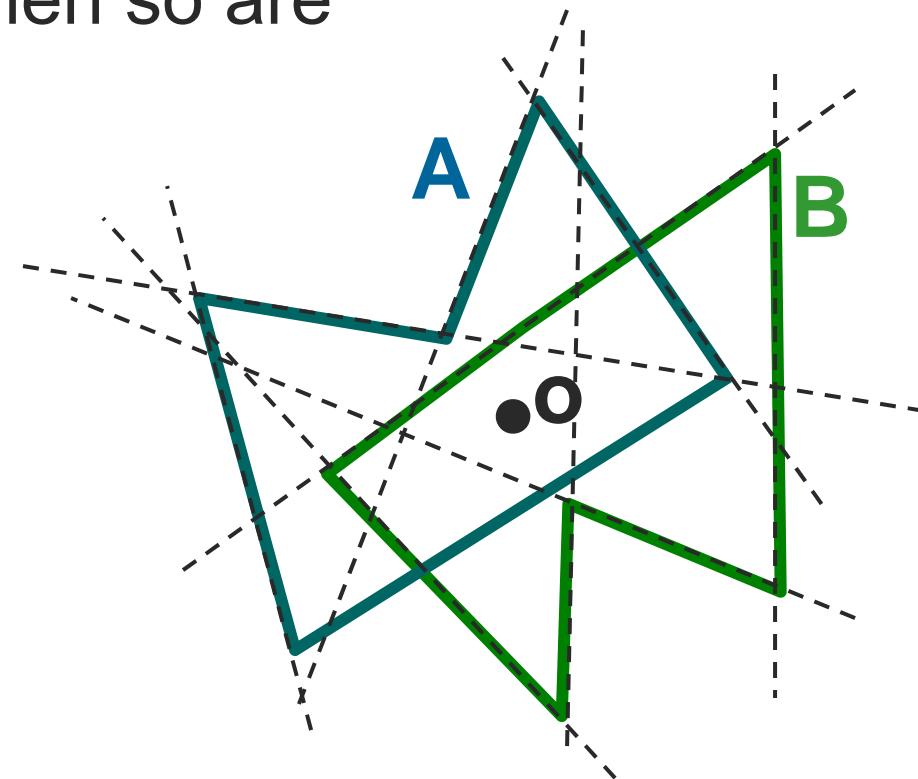
- Check if the linear program has a feasible solution





Star-shaped Test

- If \mathcal{E} is defined as a Boolean combination
 - If both **A** and **B** are star-shaped w.r.t a common point **o**, then so are $A \cup B$ and $A \cap B$
- Combine the linear constraints





Star-shaped Test

- Algebraic surfaces
- Check if there exists a point \mathbf{o} in \mathbb{R}^3 such that
$$\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{o}) > 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in S$$
- Exact test is difficult
- Modified test based on linear programming and interval arithmetic



Outline

- Surface Extraction
 - Topological guarantee
 - **Results**
 - Boolean operations
 - Simplification
 - Remeshing
 - Implicit surface meshing
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Boolean Operations



Union of Two Dragons

Input: 1.7M tris

Output: 118K tris

95 secs



Difference on Turbine Blade

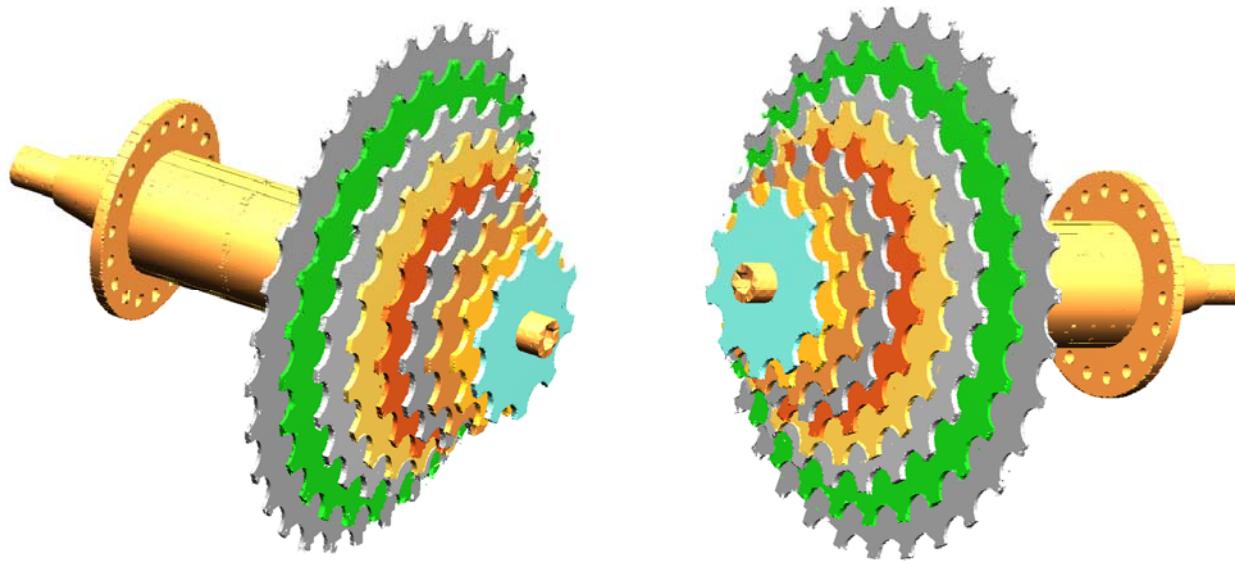
Input: 1.7M tris

Output: 319K tris

116 secs



Boolean Operations



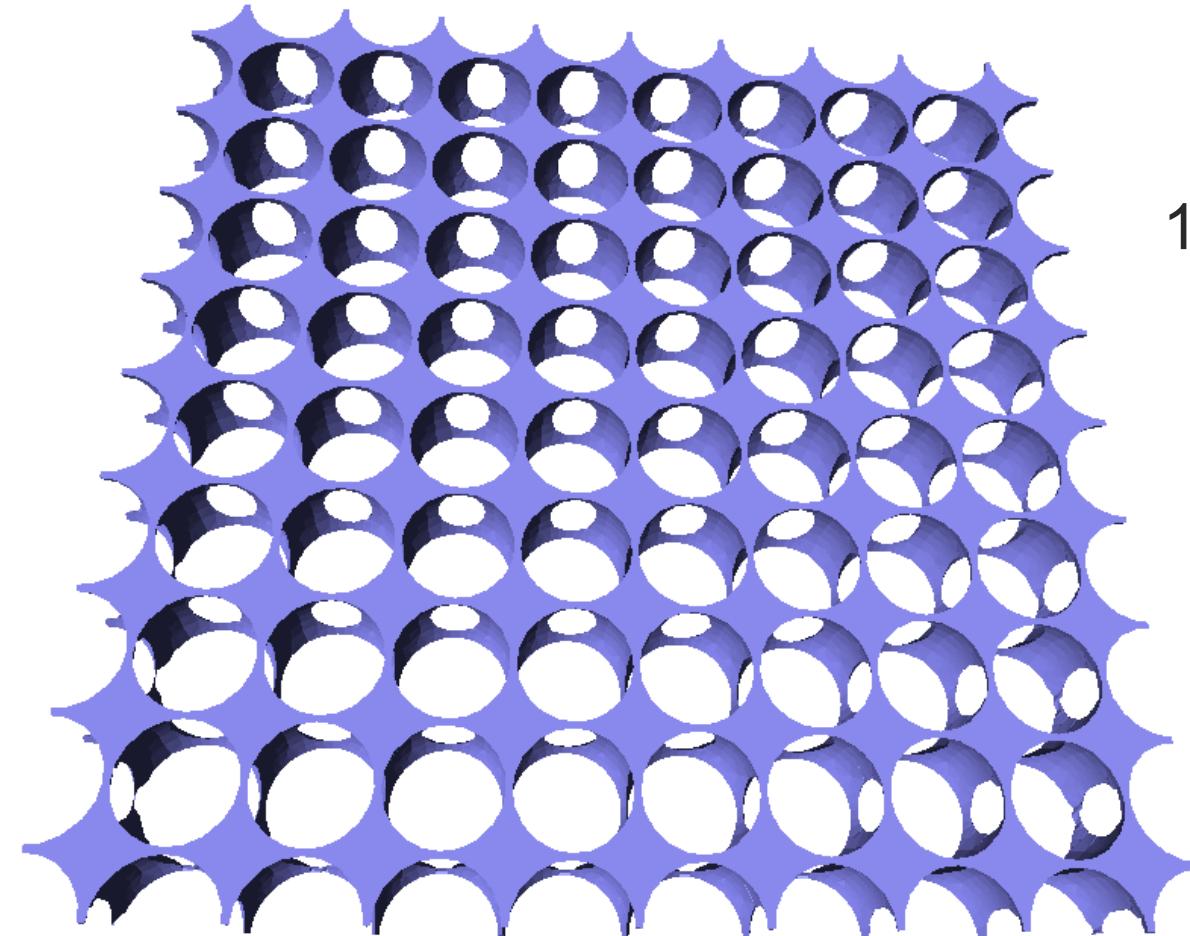
CAD Model

14 solids

84 Boolean operations



Curved Primitives



100 difference operations
between a polyhedron
and ellipsoids

Genus 208

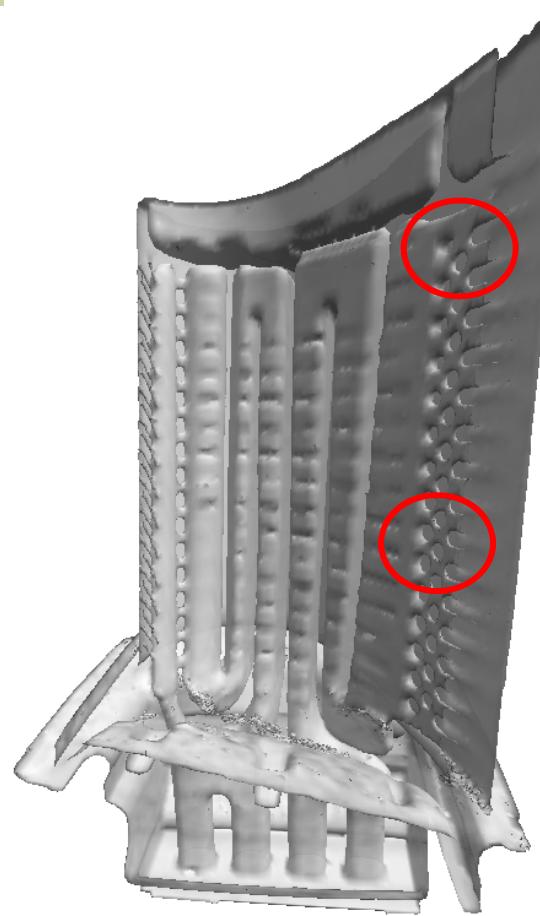
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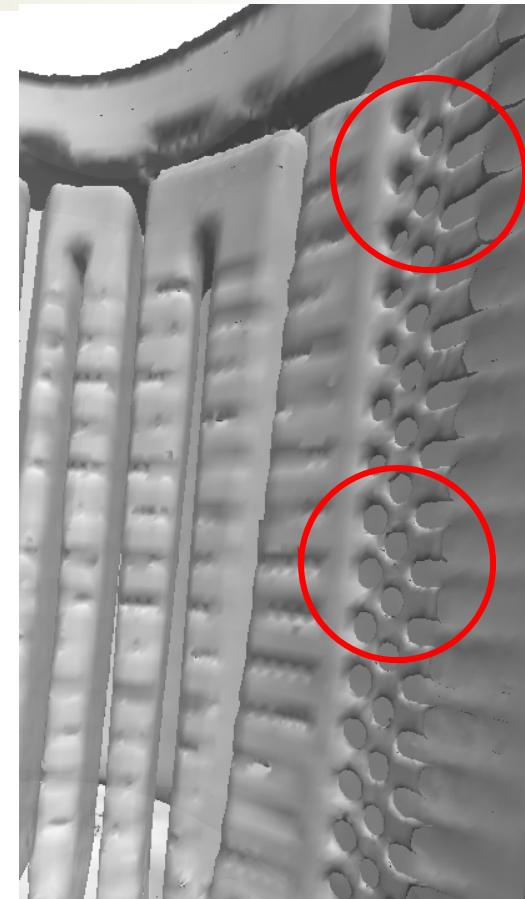
Volumetric Simplification



Turbine Exterior
1.7M tris

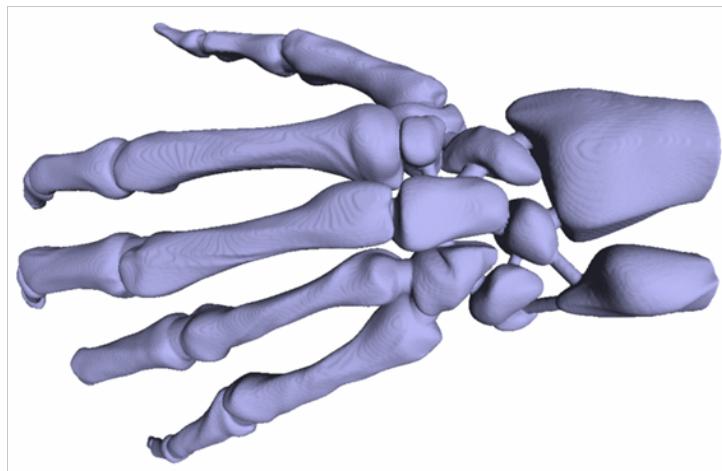


Interior

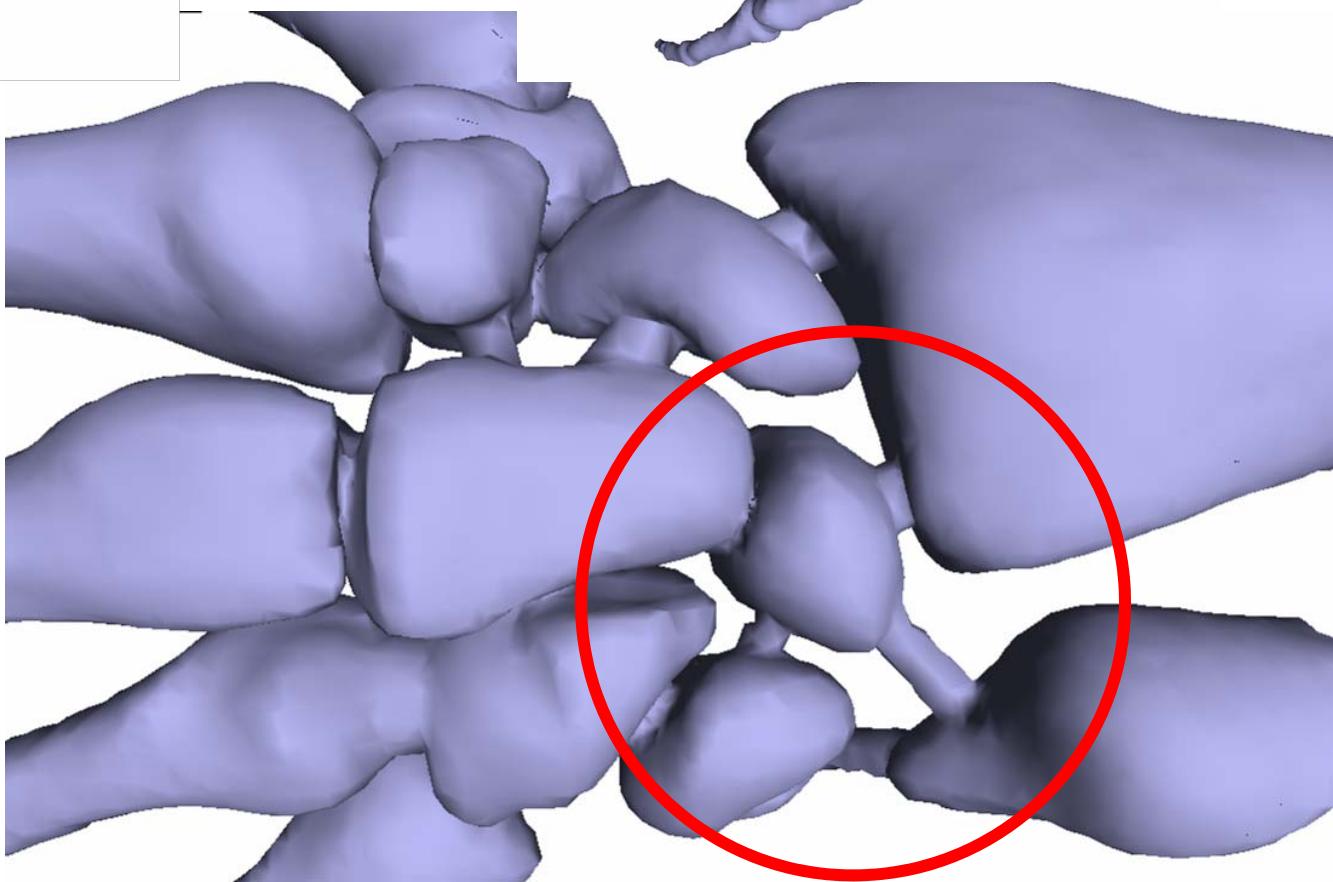
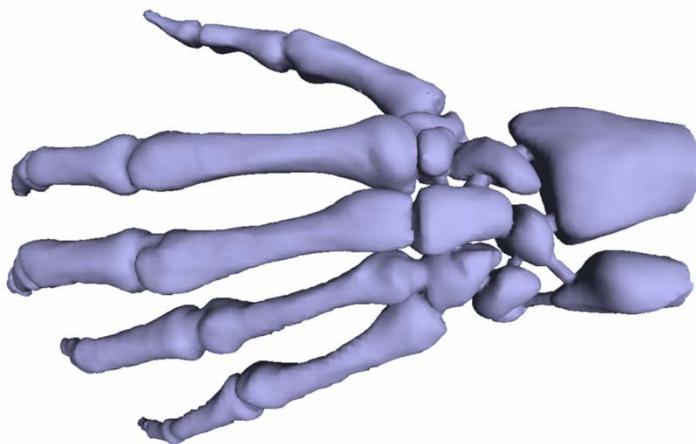


Simplified
511K tris, 110 secs

Original
654K tris

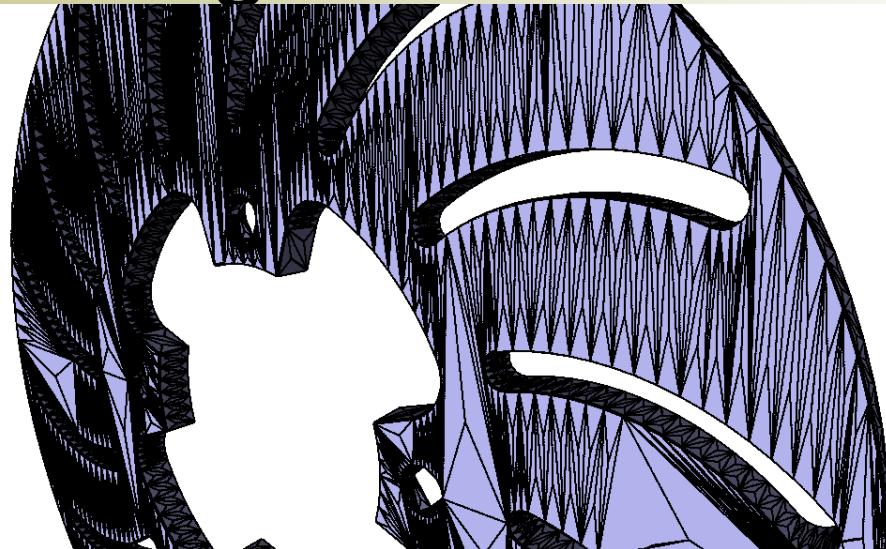


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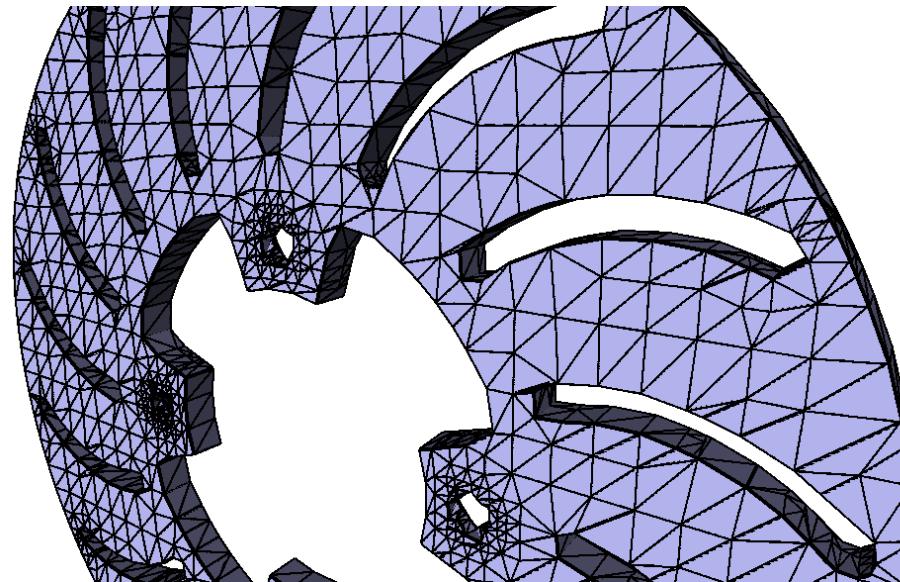




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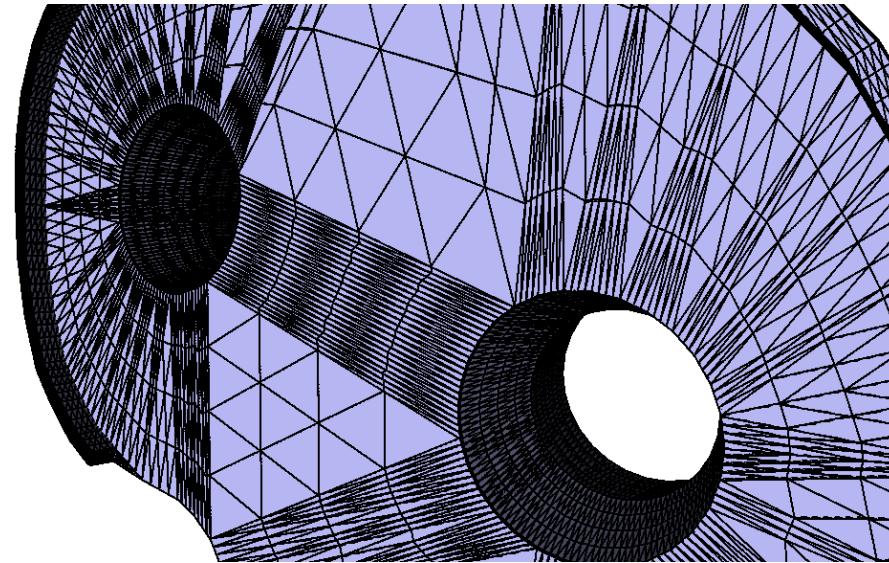
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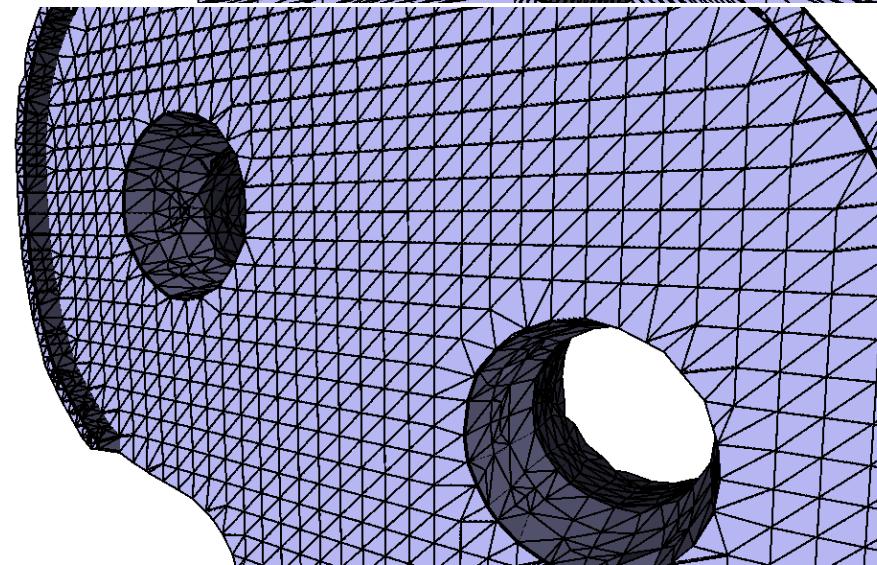
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Remeshing



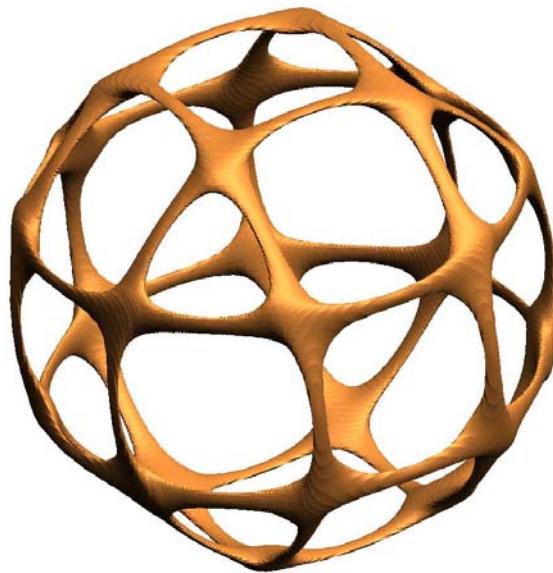
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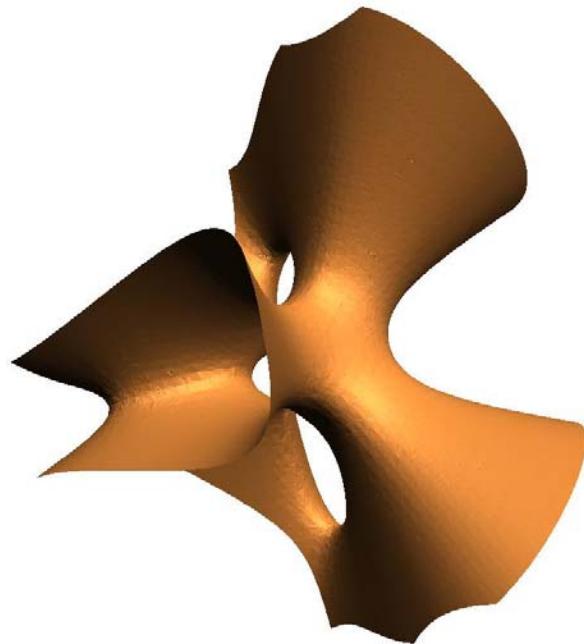
Remesh
16K tris
2.8 secs



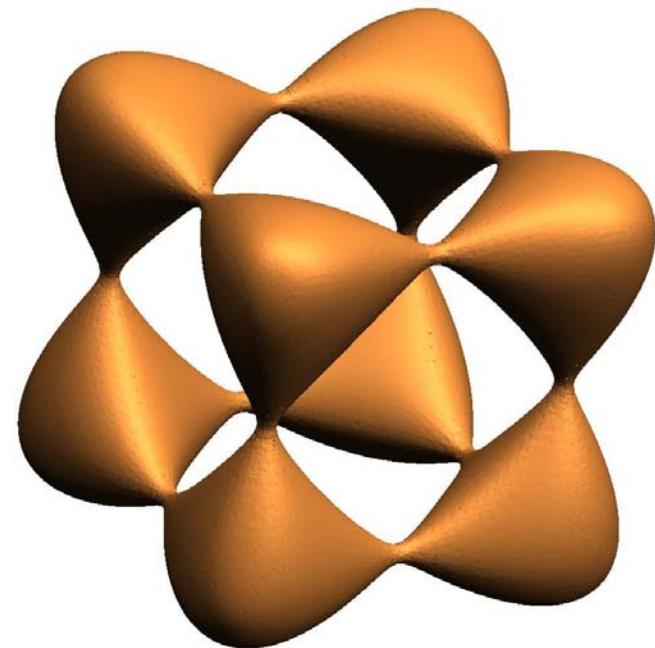
Implicit Surface Meshing – Algebraic Surfaces



Decocube
Degree 12



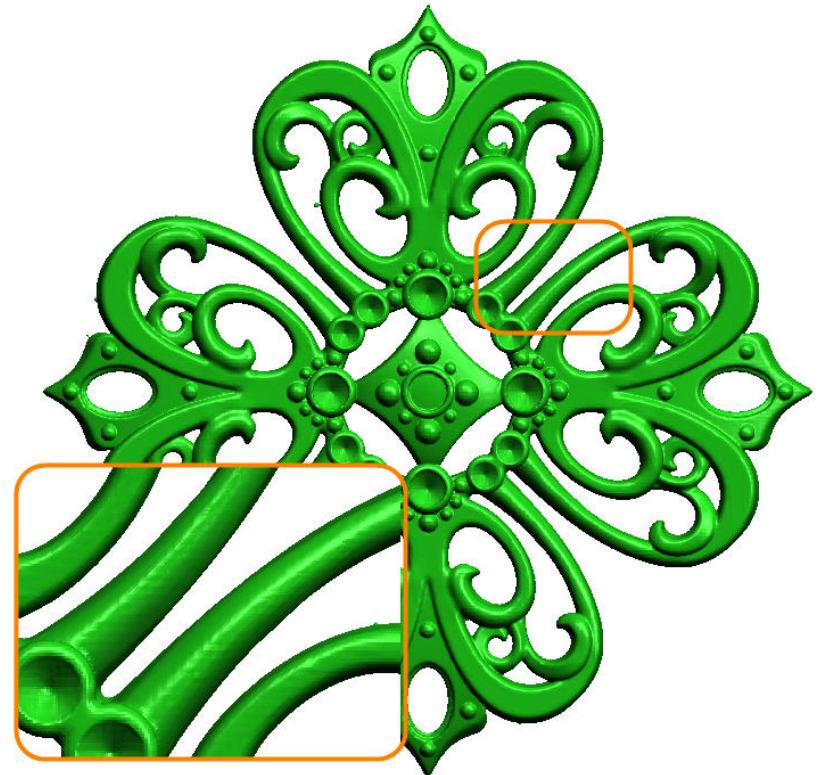
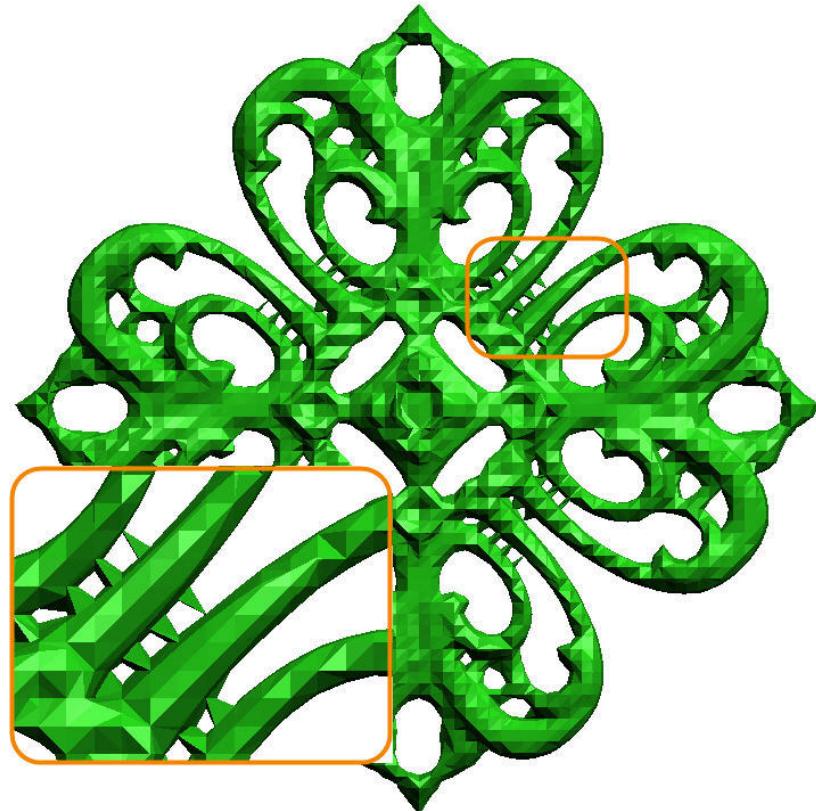
Diagonal
Degree 3



Tanglecube
Degree 4



Implicit Surface Meshing – MPU Implicit

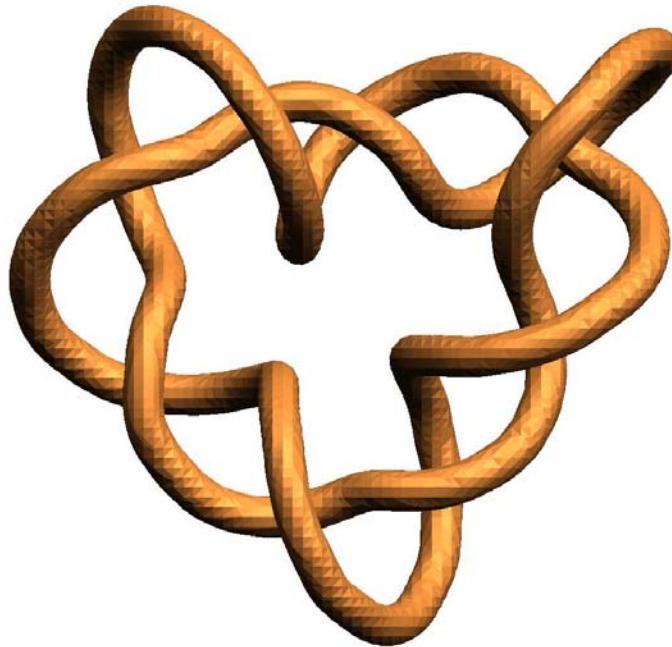


Filigree Model: genus 65, 514K points
Left: Bloomenthal's output, Right: our output

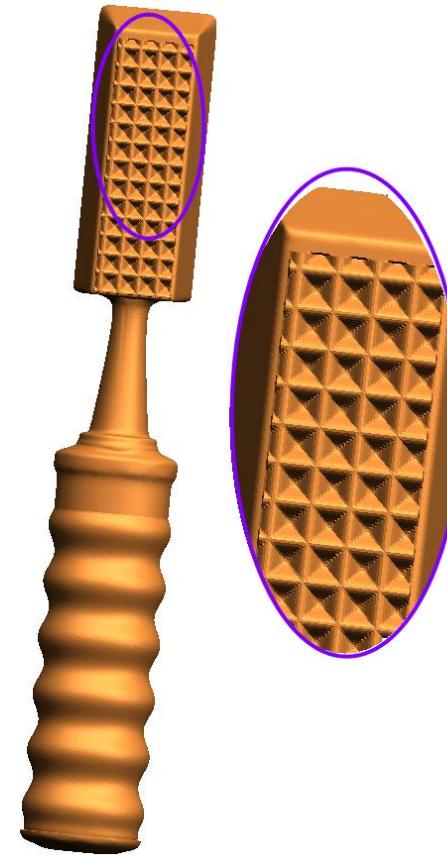
[Varadhan et al. 06]



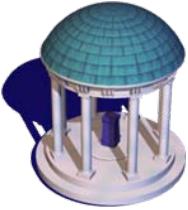
Implicit Surface Meshing – MPU Implicits



Knot
28K points



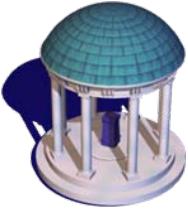
Chisel
142K points



Implicit Surface Meshing – MPU Implicit



Vase Lion Model: 200K points



Results - Performance

<u>Model</u>	<u>Bloomenthal</u>	<u>Boissonnat [BO05]</u>	<u>Our Method</u>
Filigree	380	519	241
Chisel	47	79	58
VaseLion	205	13582	234
Chair	1.0	?	10.6
Tanglecube	0.35	17.6	11
Decocube	1.89	?	52
Diagonal	0.93	9.0	9.1

2 GHz Pentium IV, 1 GB RAM, time in secs



Outline

- Surface Extraction
 - Topological guarantee
 - Results
 - Analysis [Varadhan et al. 06]



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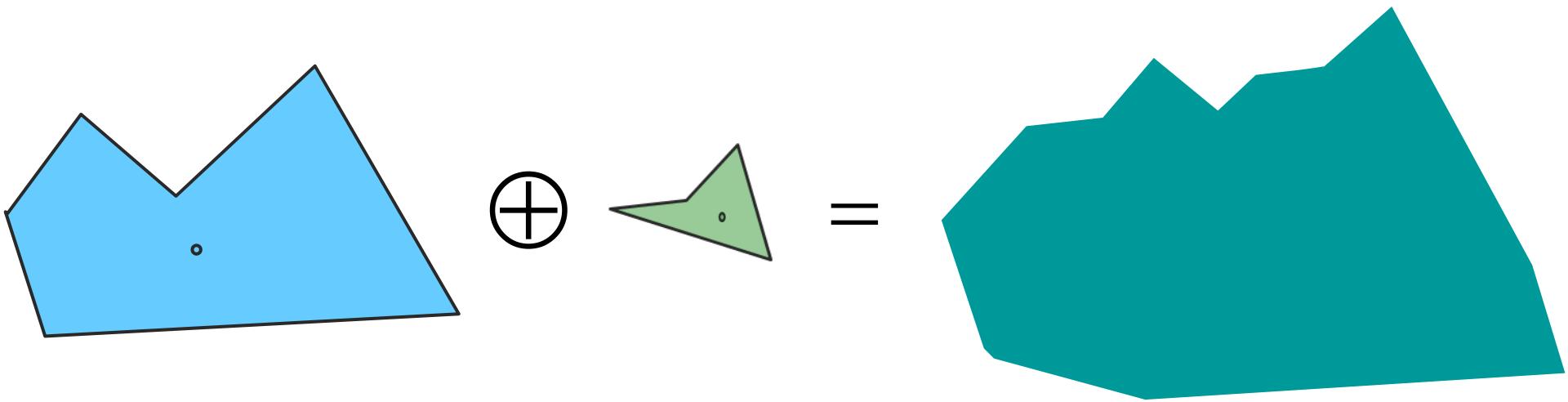
- Surface Extraction
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Minkowski Sum

- Our goal is to compute the 3D Minkowski sum of general polyhedral models

$$A \oplus B = \{a + b \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$$





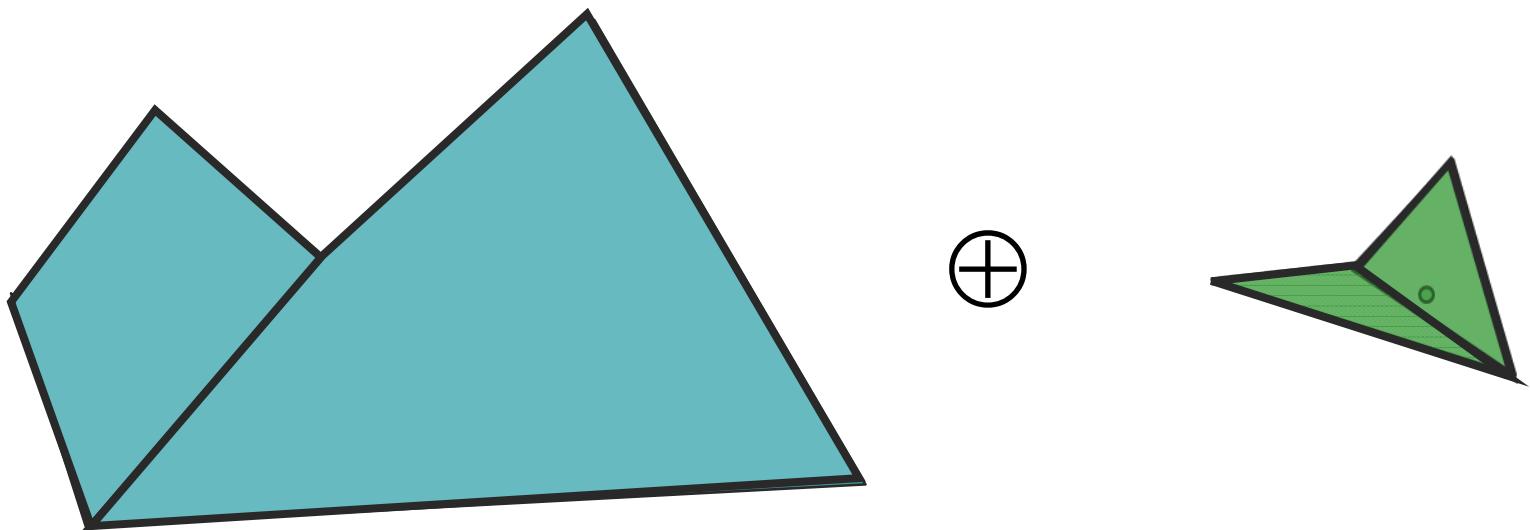
Minkowski Sum Computation

- Difficult to compute exactly
 - $O(n^6)$ - n is complexity of polyhedra
- Most prior methods are restricted to convex objects
 - [Lozano-Perez 83; Guibas & Seidel 87; Kaul & Rossignac 91]
 - Convex case is much easier
 - $O(n^2)$ complexity



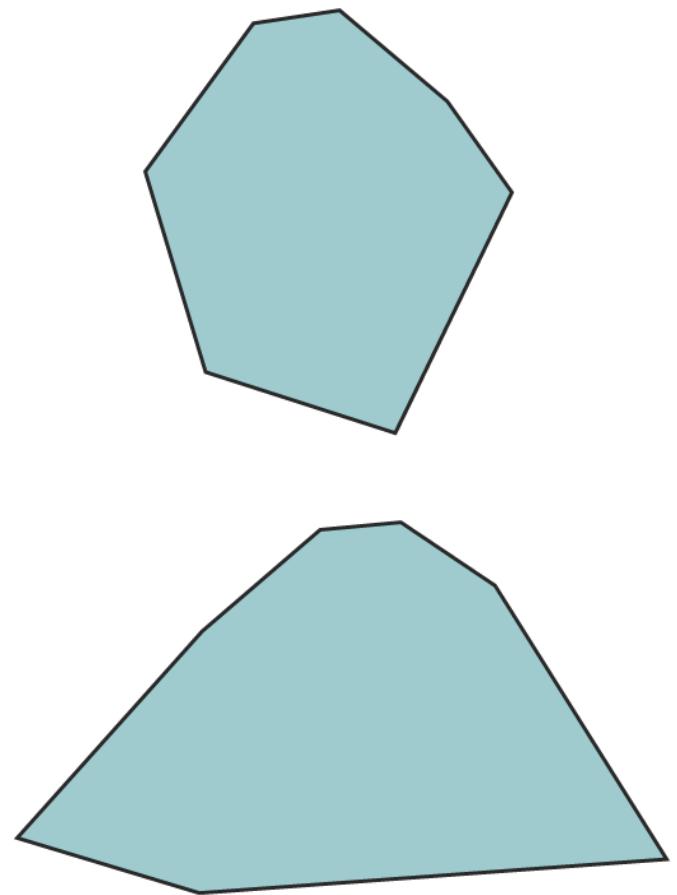
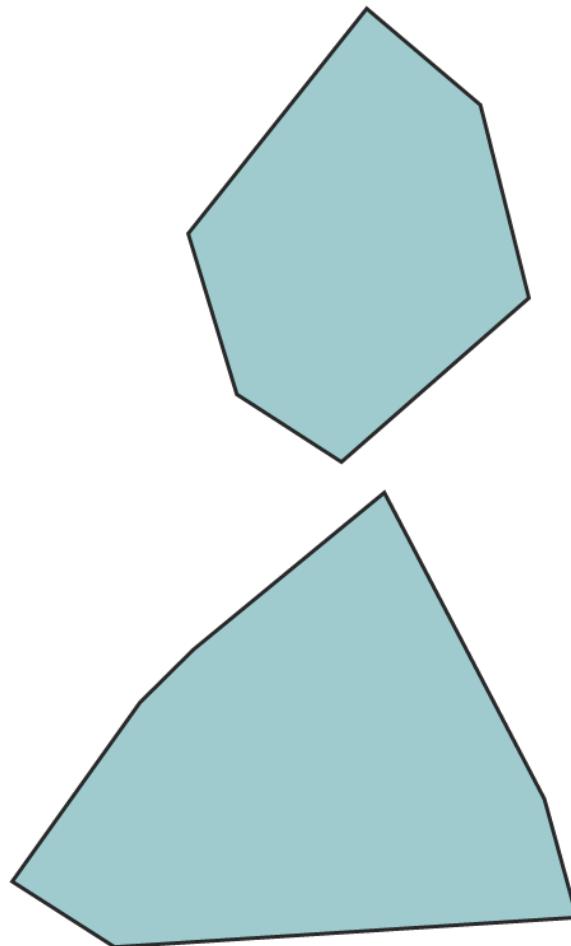
Overall Approach

A common approach for non-convex objects is to resort to convex decomposition





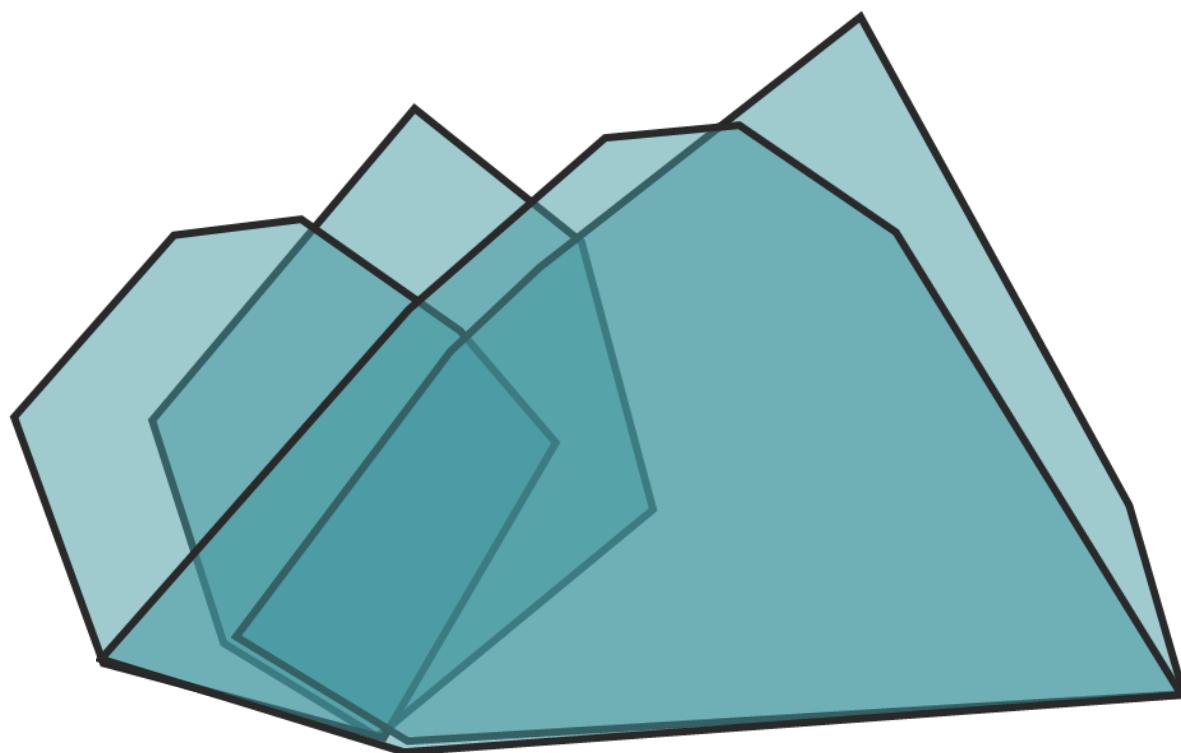
Overall Approach





Overall Approach

Compute union of pairwise Minkowski sums





Overall Approach

Final Minkowski sum





Overall Approach

$$\mathcal{M} = \bigcup_{ij} \mathcal{M}_{ij}$$

- Union computation is a bottleneck
 - Typically, tens of thousands of primitives



Our Approach

- Approximate the boundary of \mathcal{M} using surface extraction algorithm
 - Geometric and topological guarantees hold



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Speedup Techniques

- Two speedup techniques:
 - Cell culling
 - Disregard cells that do not intersect boundary of \mathcal{M} (max-norm computation)
 - Primitive culling
 - When performing a test, disregard primitives that do not contribute to the final answer

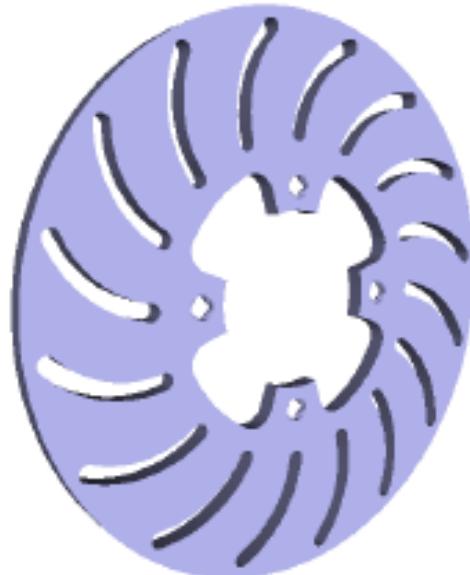
[Varadhan & Manocha'05]



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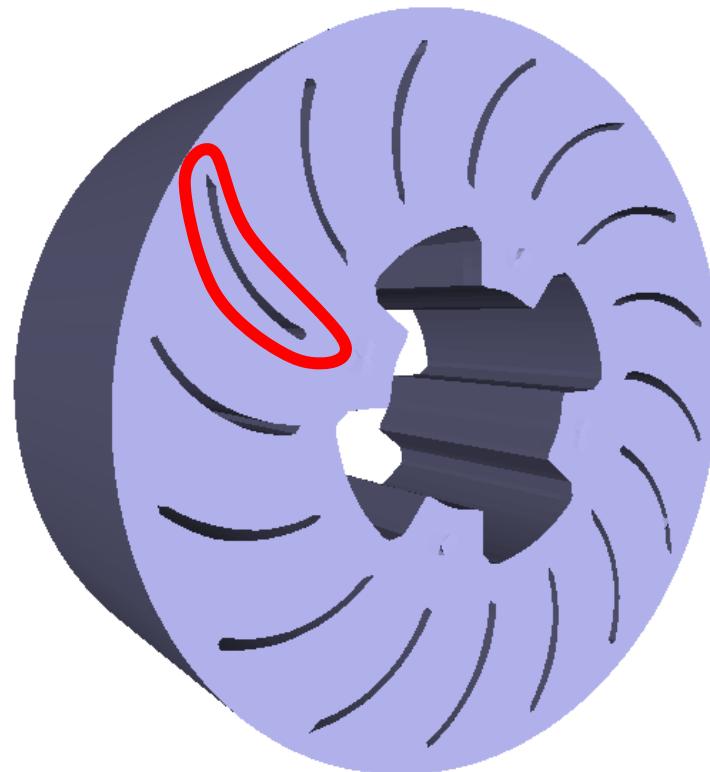
Brake Hub
(4,736 tris)



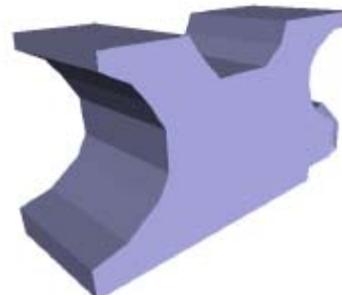
Rod
(24 tris)

II

Union of
1,777 primitives
2 mins
45K tris



Anvil
(144 tris)



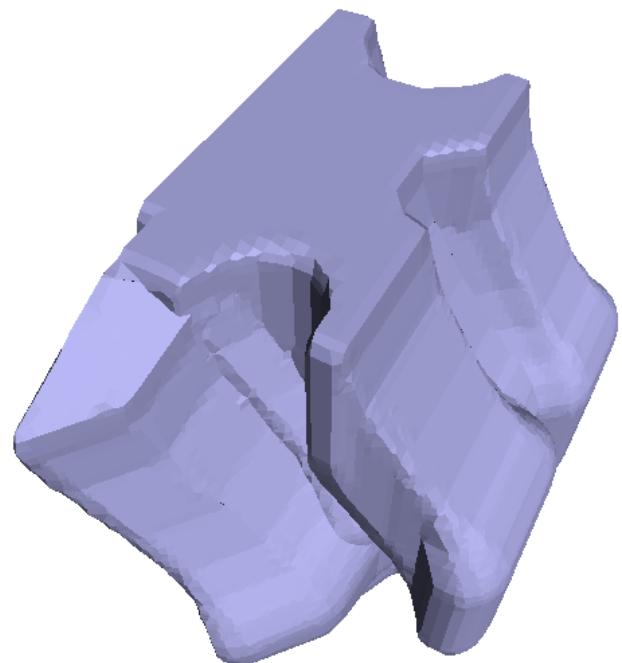
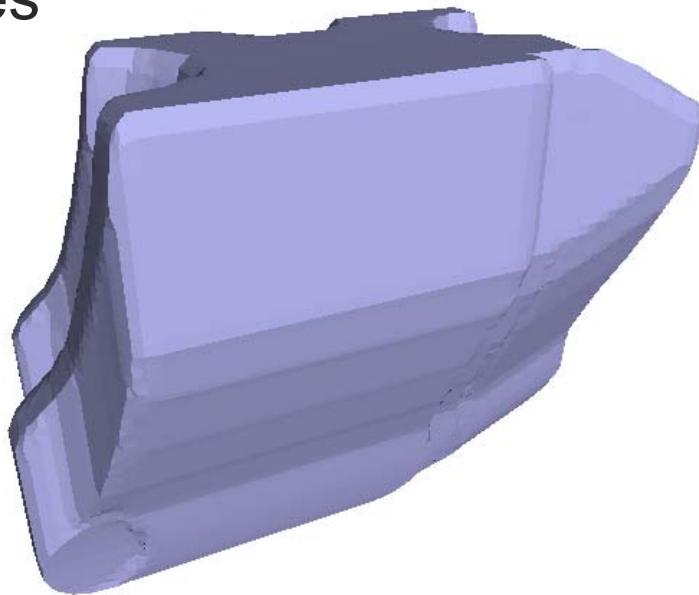
Spoon
(336 tris)



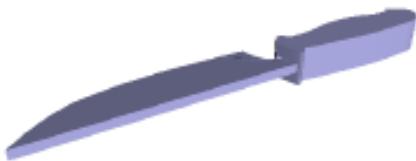
Union of
4,446 primitives

1 min

15K tris



Knife
(516 tris)



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Scissors
(636 tris)

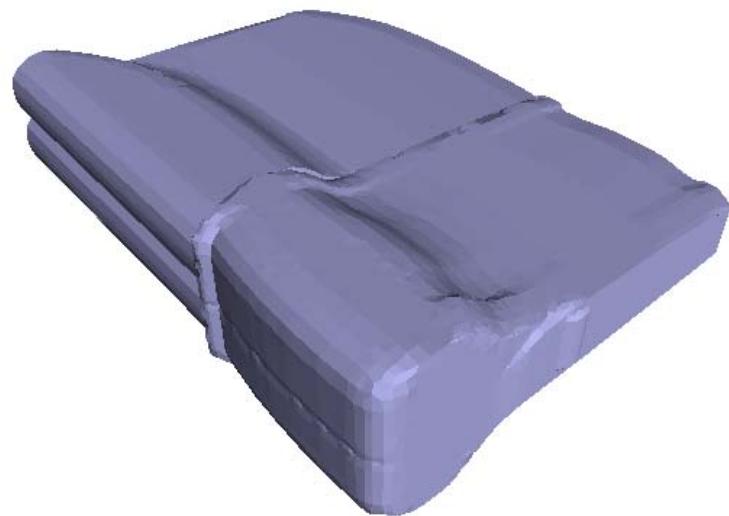
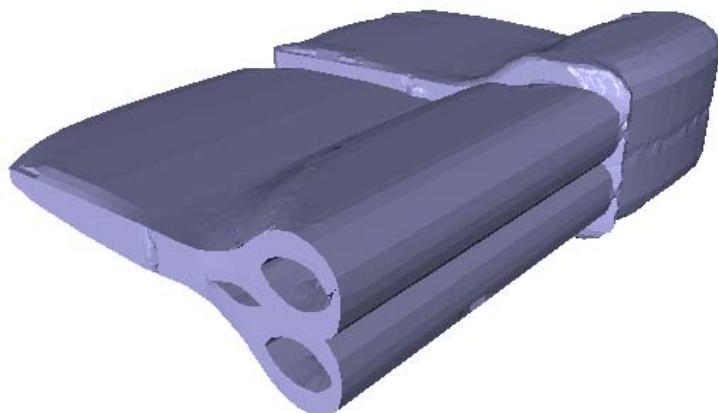


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Union of
63,790 primitives

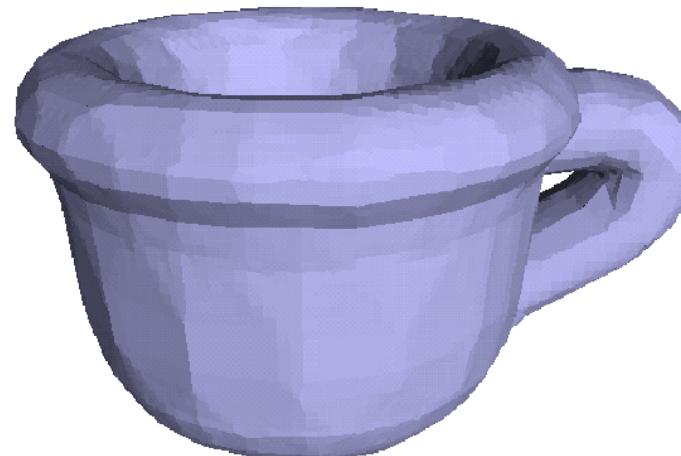
13 mins

26K tris



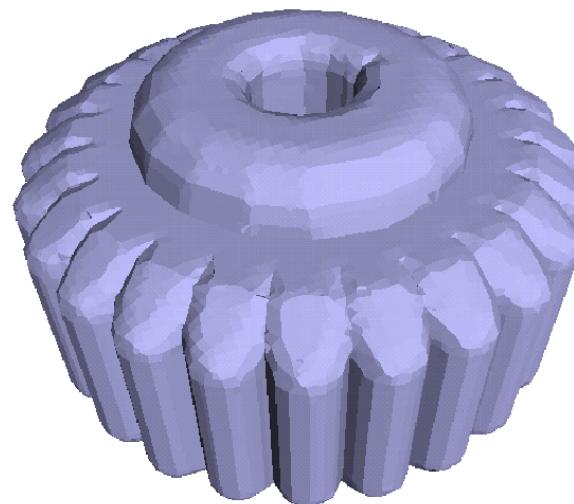
Offsetting

Cup
(1,000 tris)

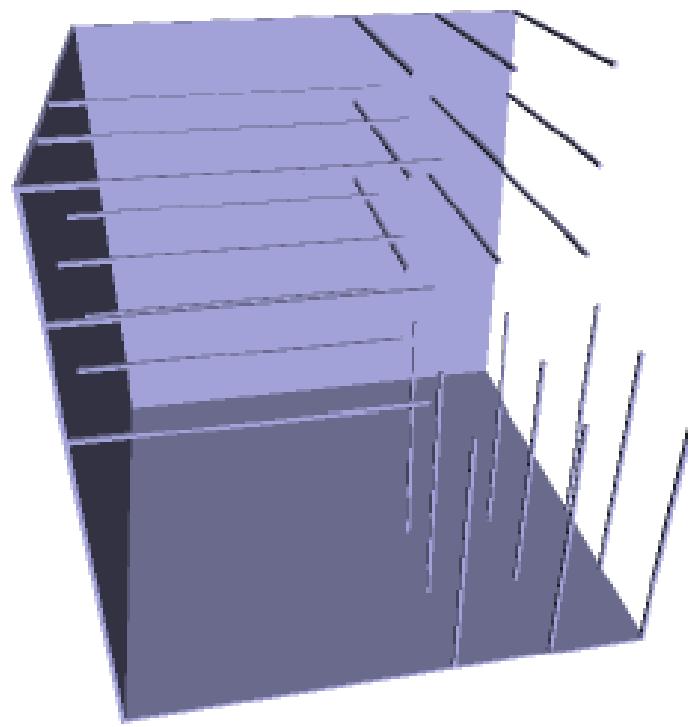


Cup Offset
33 secs
14K tris

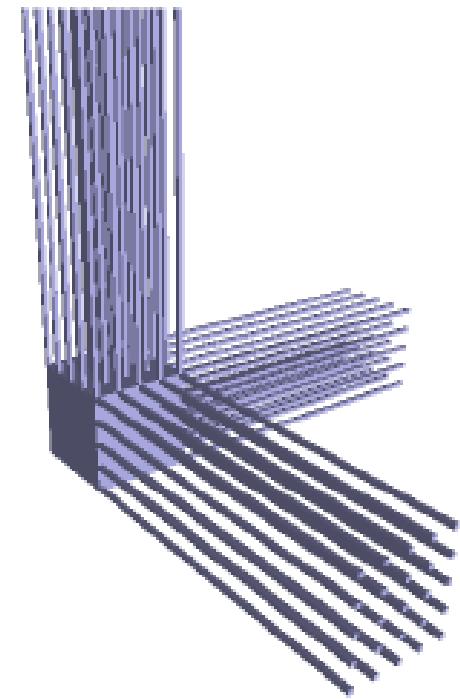
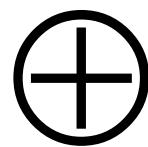
Gear
(2,382 tris)



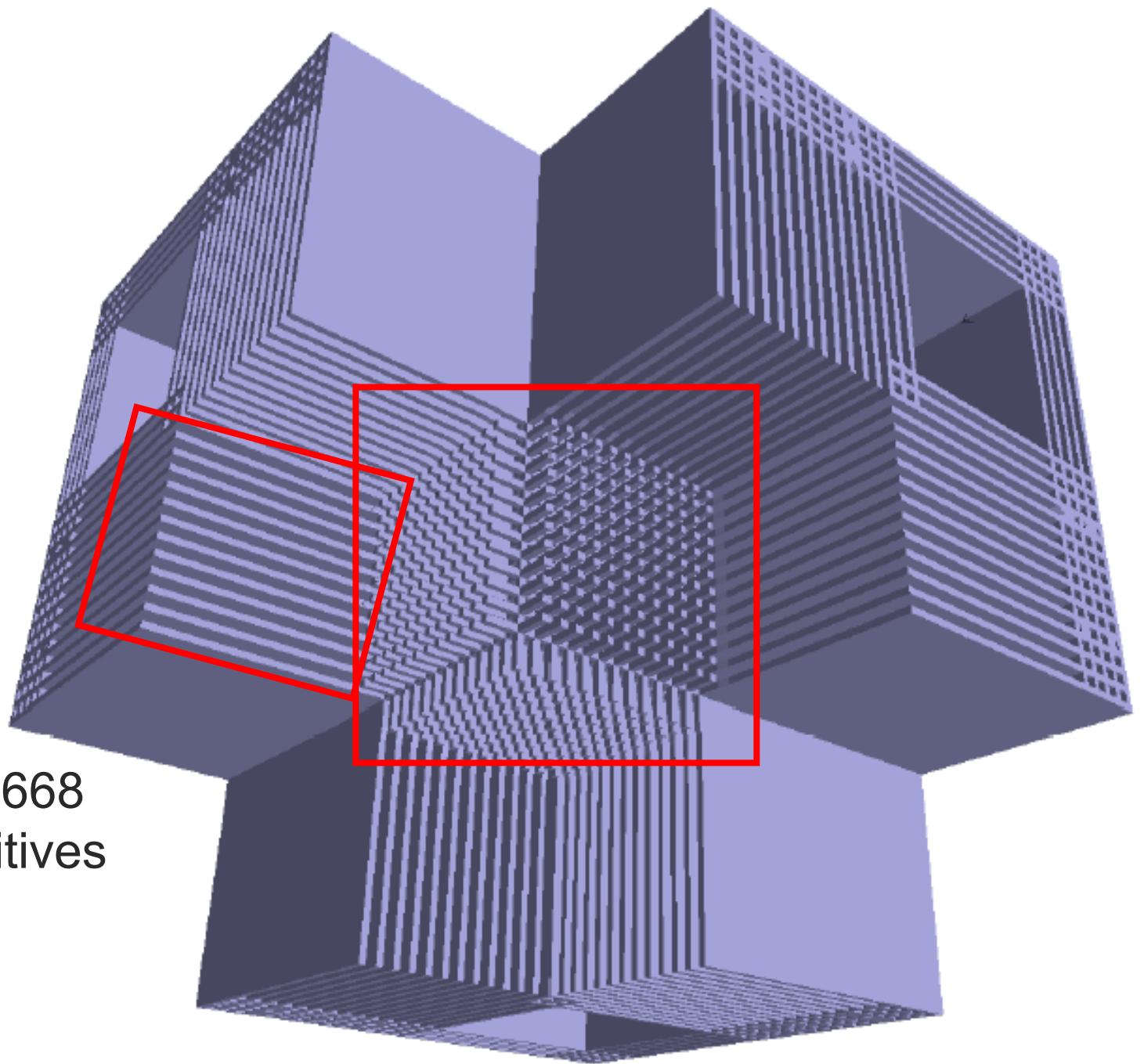
Gear Offset
84 secs
22K tris



444 tris



1,134 tris



Union of 66,668
convex primitives

52 mins

358K tris



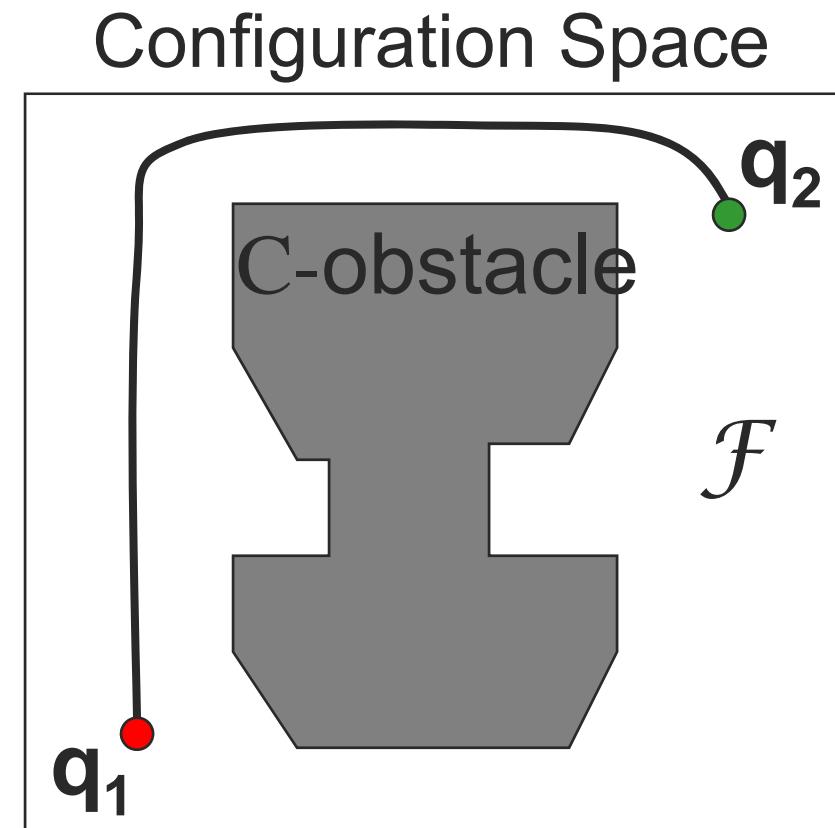
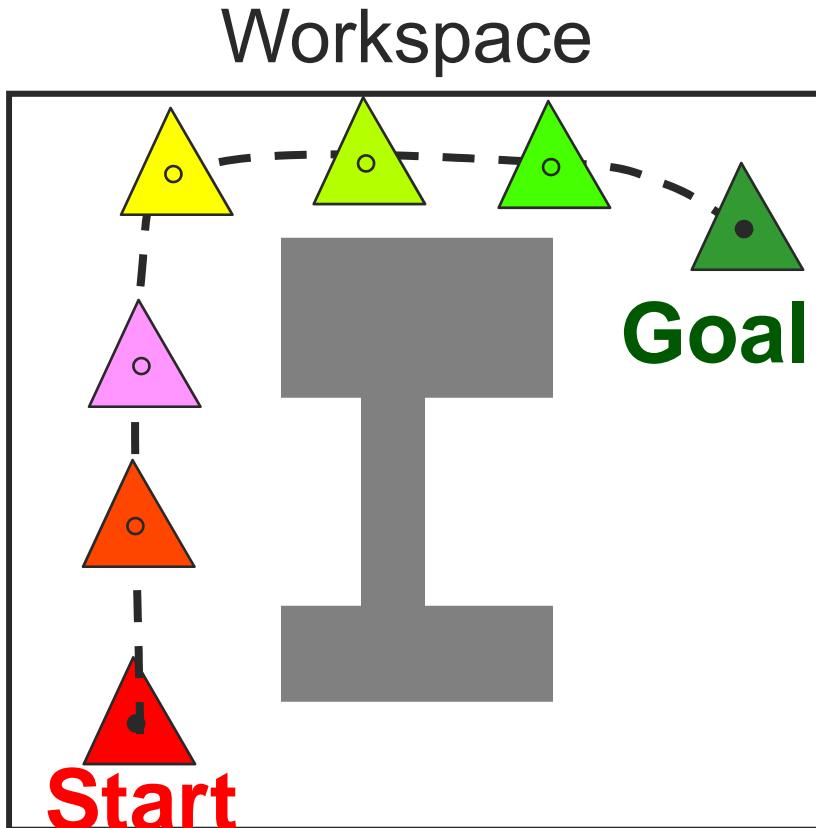
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Configuration Space Computation

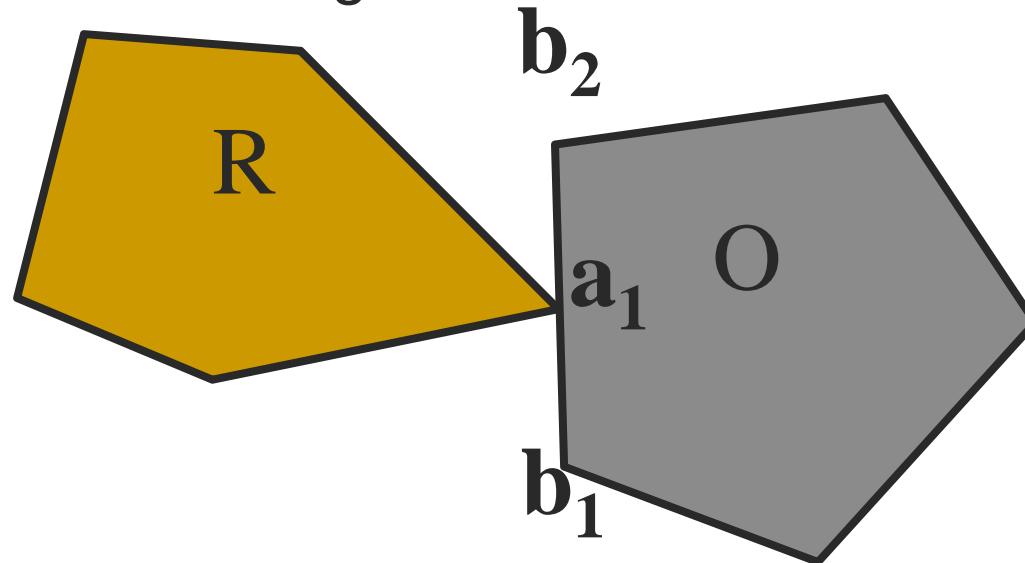
Goal is to compute the free space \mathcal{F}





Overall Approach

- Free space \mathcal{F} is represented using
 - Contact surfaces (C-surfaces)
 - A C-surface arises from a contact between features of the robot and the obstacle
 - Portion of an algebraic surface





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Approximate Algorithm

- C-surface condition
 - Allows us to perform both simple cell and star-shaped tests
 - Can be verified using linear programming and interval arithmetic
- Rest of the surface extraction algorithm remains identical
 - Produces an approximation to boundary of \mathcal{F}
 - Geometric and topological guarantees hold

[Varadhan et al. 2006]

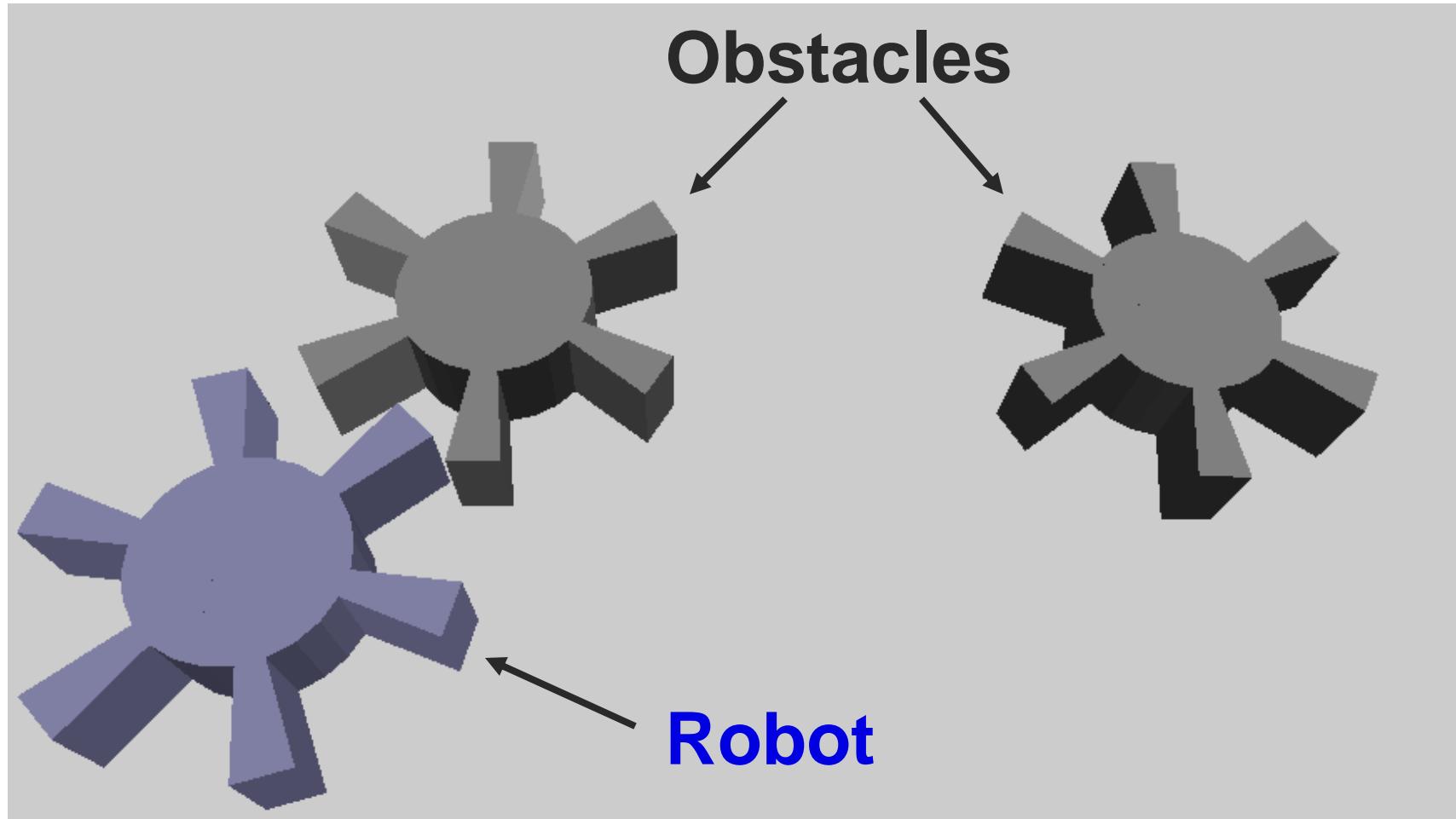


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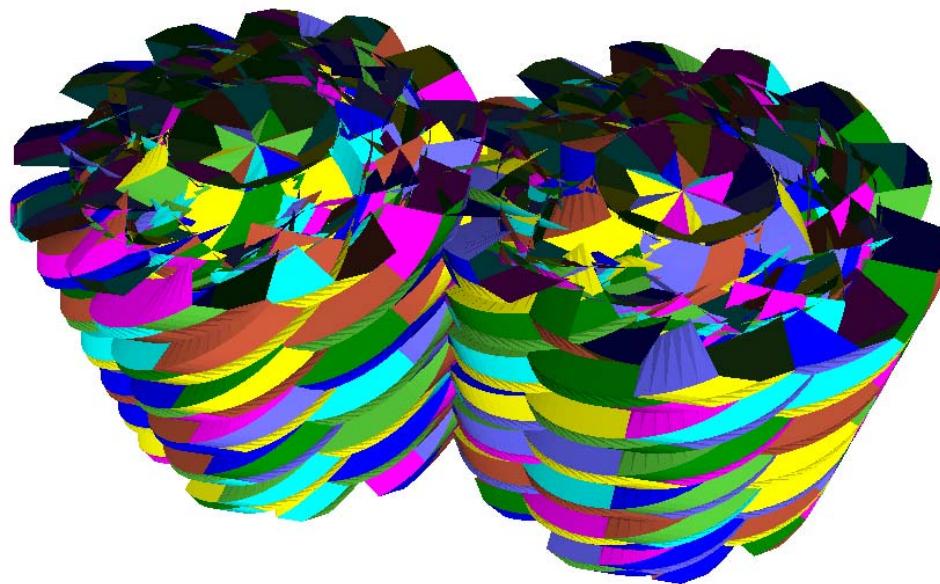


2D Translation and Rotation

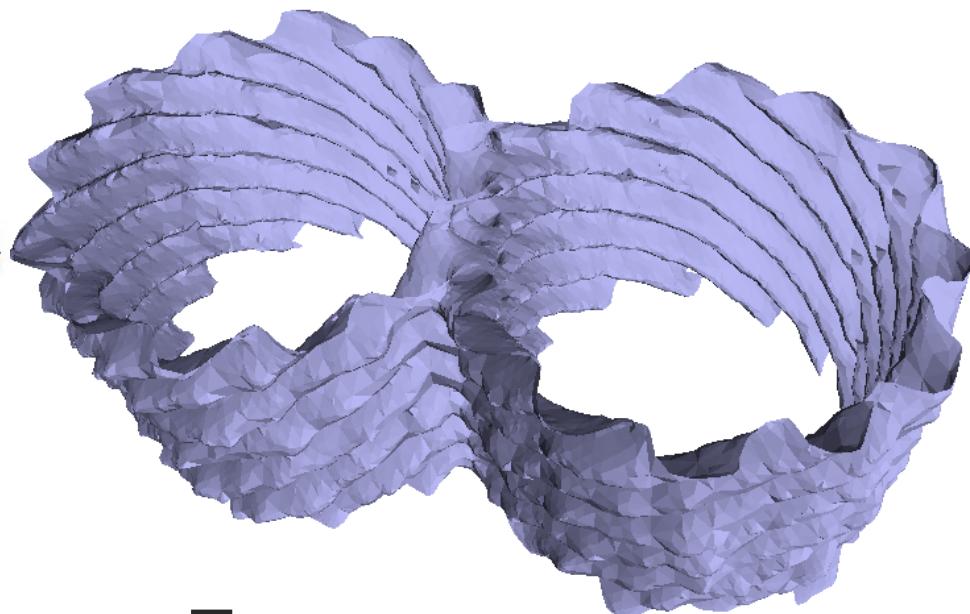
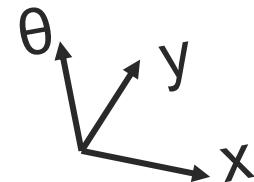




Free Space Approximation



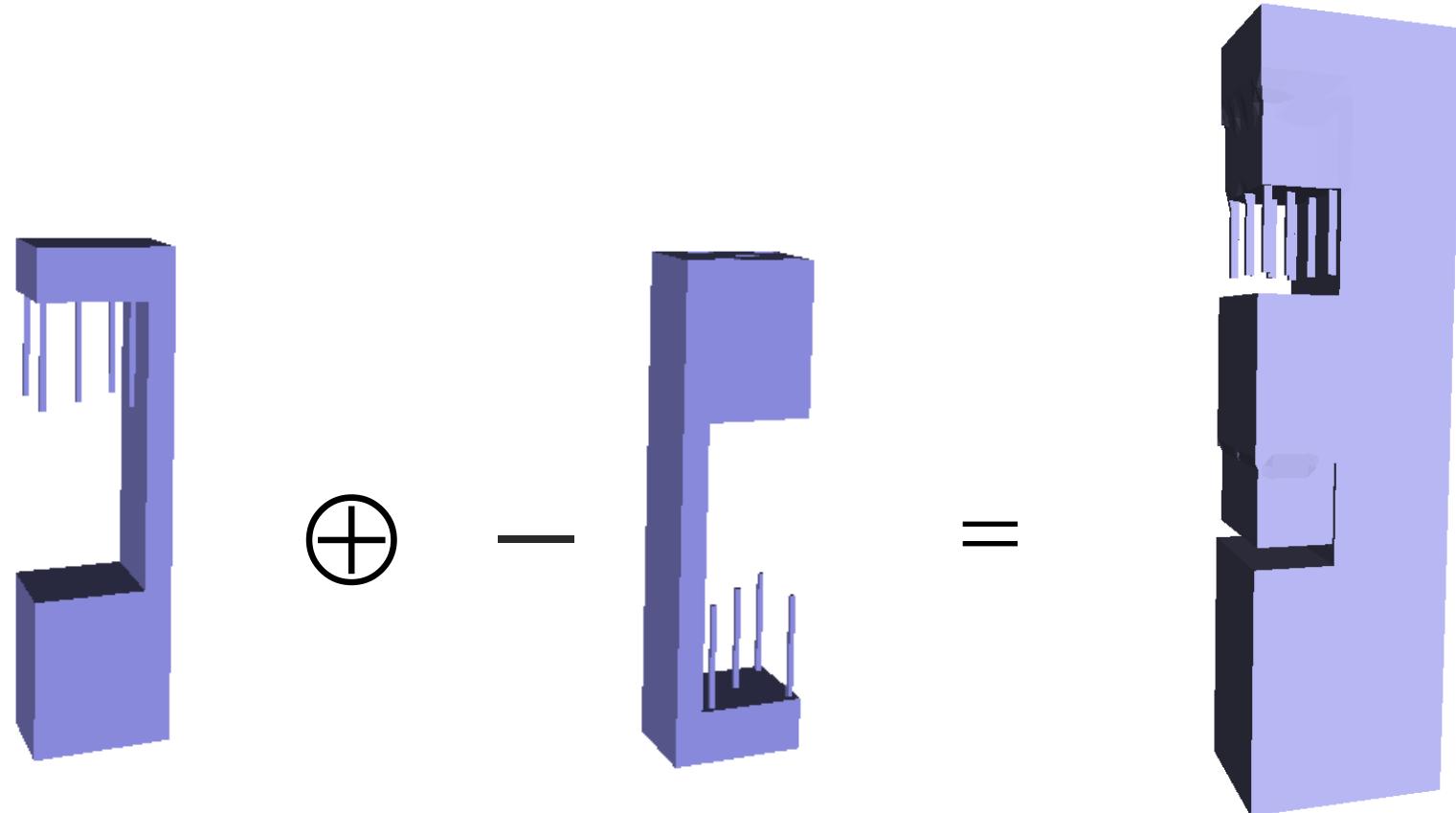
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contact surfaces



Free space
approximation



3D Translation



Obstacle
 O

Robot
 \mathcal{R}

$O \oplus -\mathcal{R}$



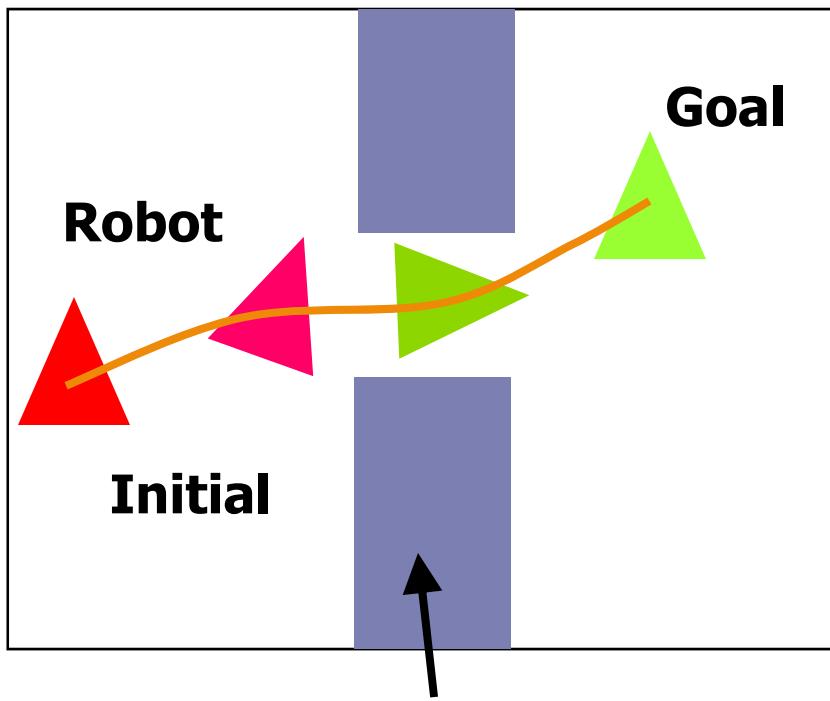
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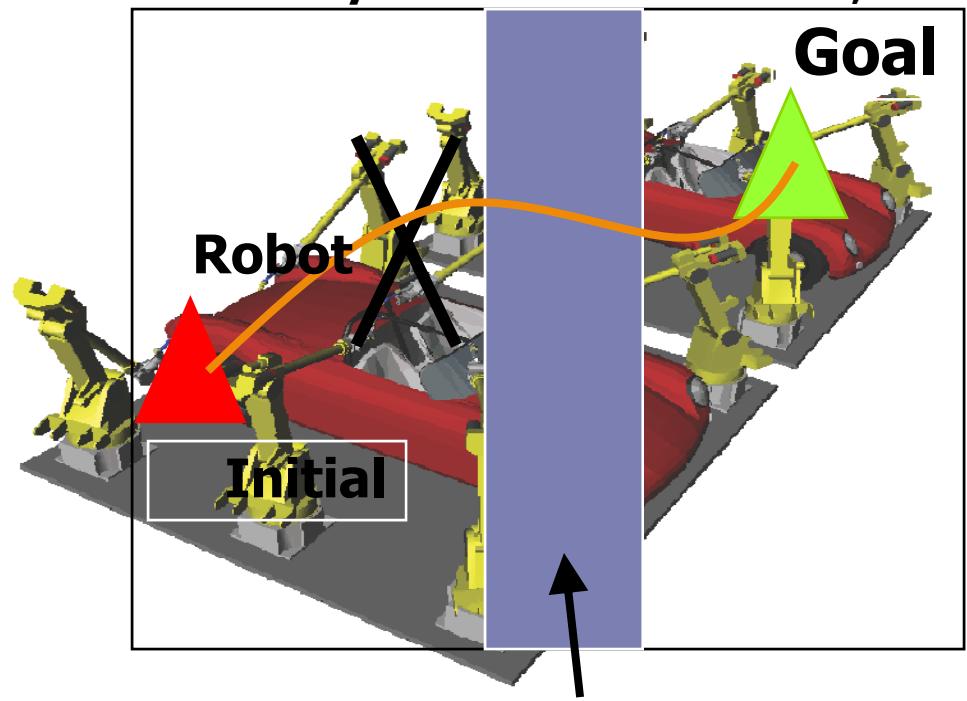
Motion Planning

To find a path



To report no path

Courtesy of P. Isto and M. Saha, 2006





History of Motion Planning

- Studied for more than 4 decades
 - ◆ 1970-80s: Great interest from theoreticians; complexity results
 - ◆ 1990 onwards: practical and heuristic approaches
 - ◆ Robot algorithms [Latombe'99]



Why Complete Motion Planning?

- **Sample-based motion planning**

- Efficient
- Work for complex problems with many DOF

- Difficult for narrow passages
- May not terminate when no path exists

- **Complete motion planning**

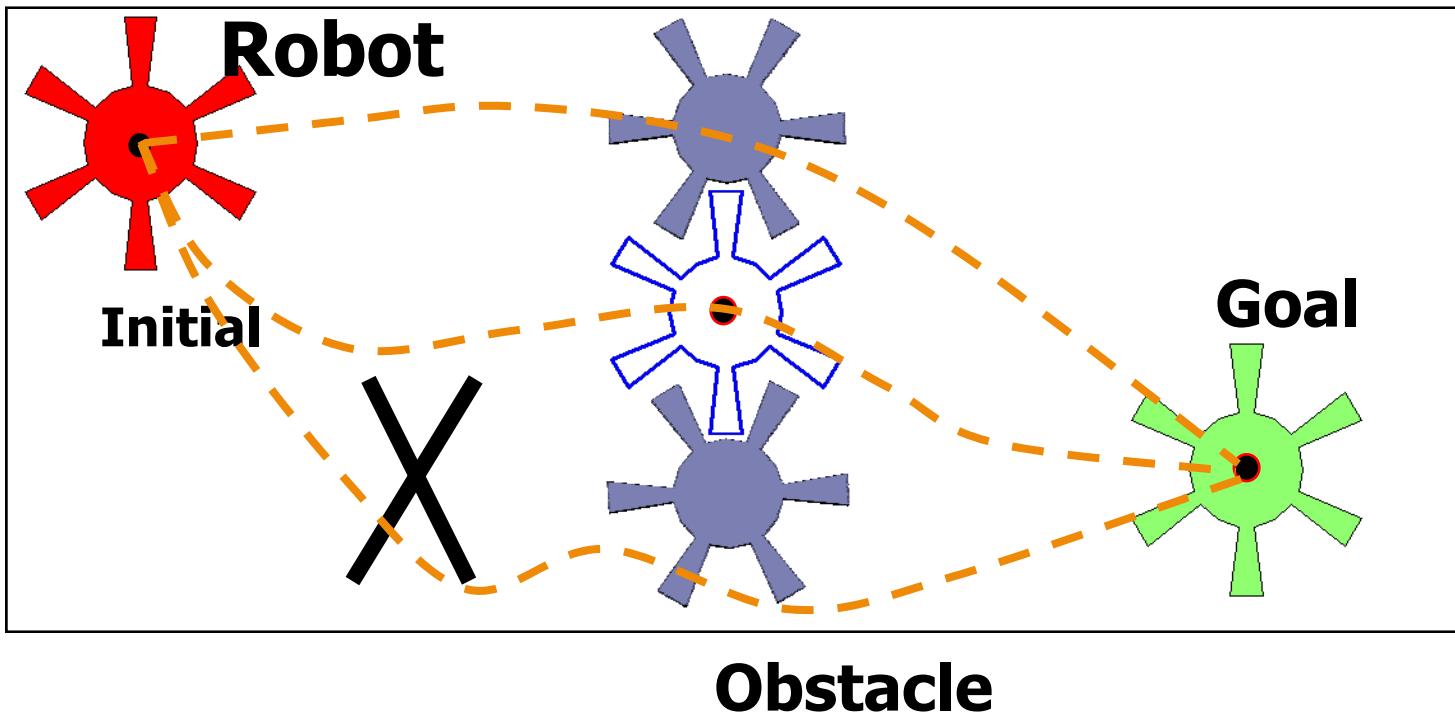
- Always terminates

- Not efficient
- Not robust even for low DOF



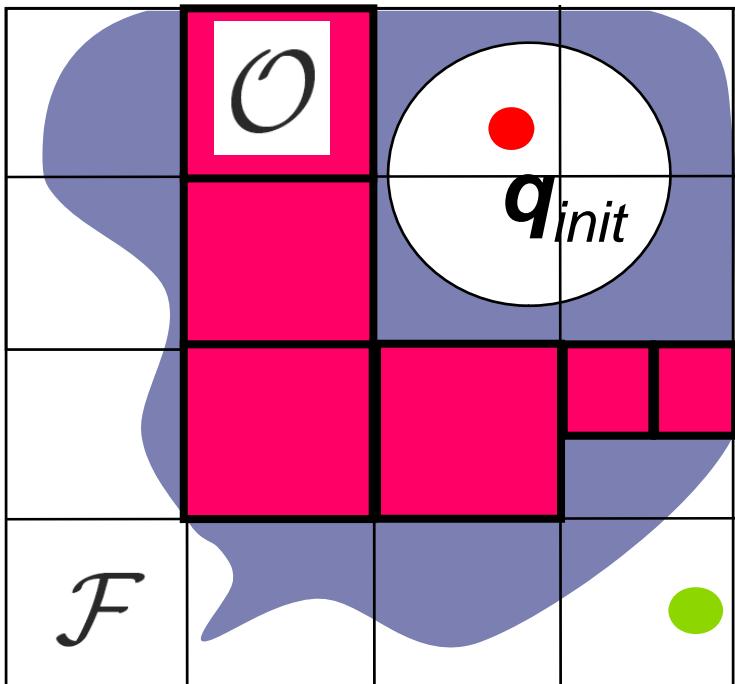
Path Non-existence Problem

- Exponential complexity of DOF
- More difficult than finding a path
 - To check all possible paths





C-obstacle Query



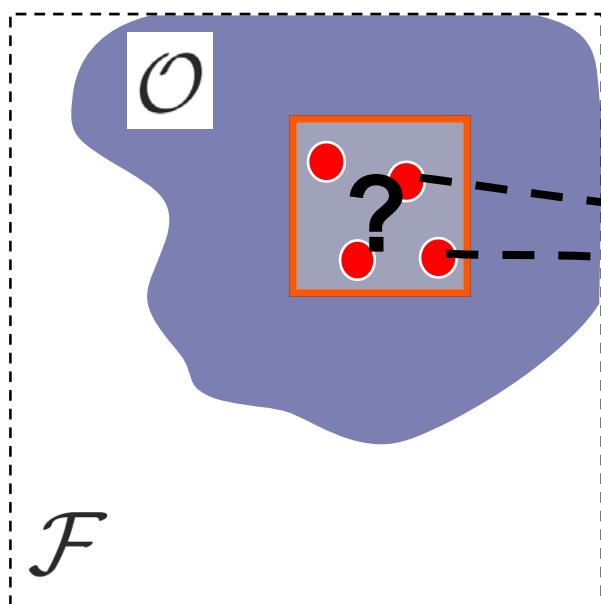
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[Zhang et al. 2007]

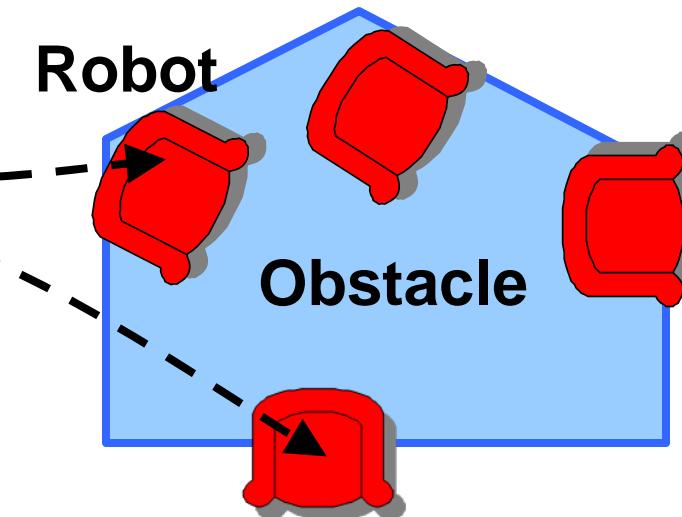


C-obstacle Query: Proximity Query Problem

- Does the cell **lie** inside C-obstacle?
- Do robot and obstacle **intersect** at all configurations?



Configuration space



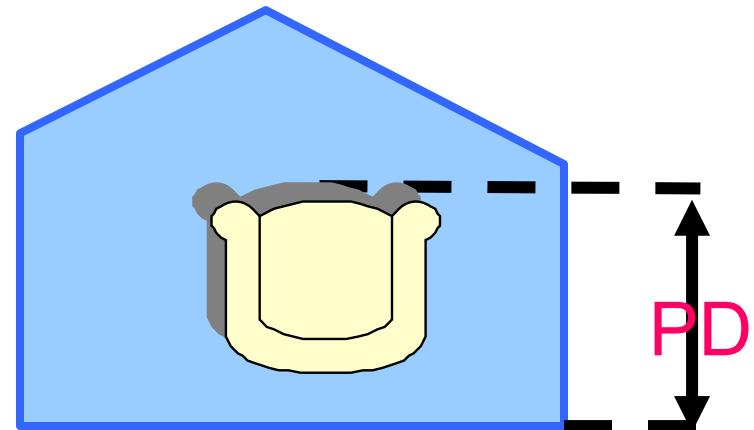
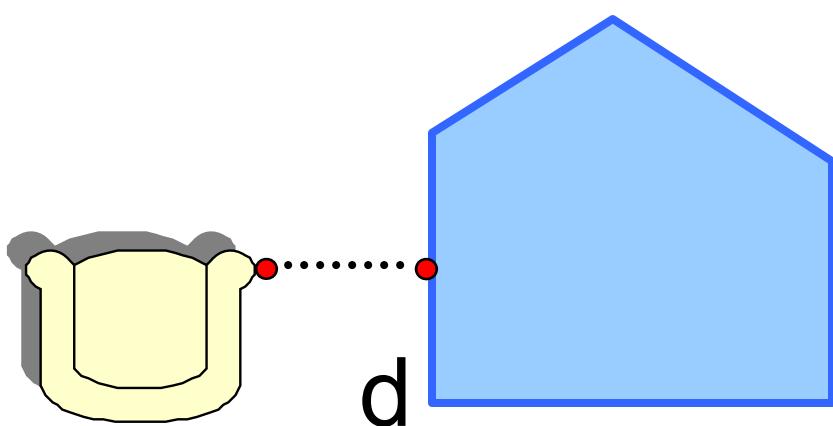
Workspace



Clearance vs 'Forbiddance'

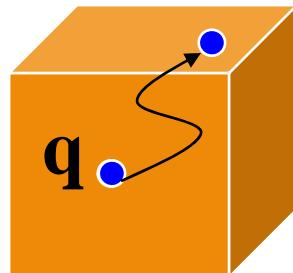
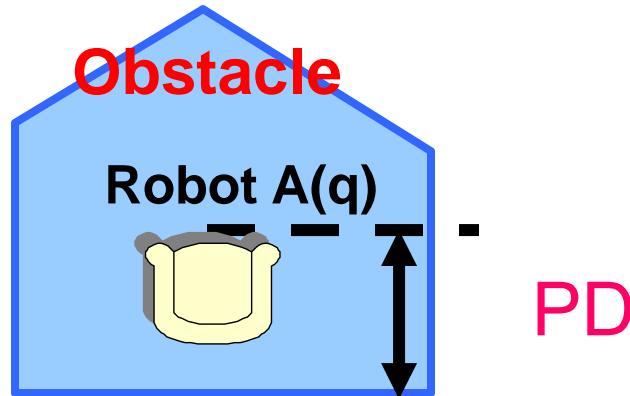
- Separation distance
- Clearance

- Penetration Depth
- 'Forbiddance'





C-obstacle Query Algorithm



Cell

- Penetration Depth
 - ◆ Extent of interpenetration between robot and obstacle
- Motion Bound
 - ◆ Extent of the motion that robot can make.
- Is Penetration Depth > Motion Bound?



Generalized Penetration Depth

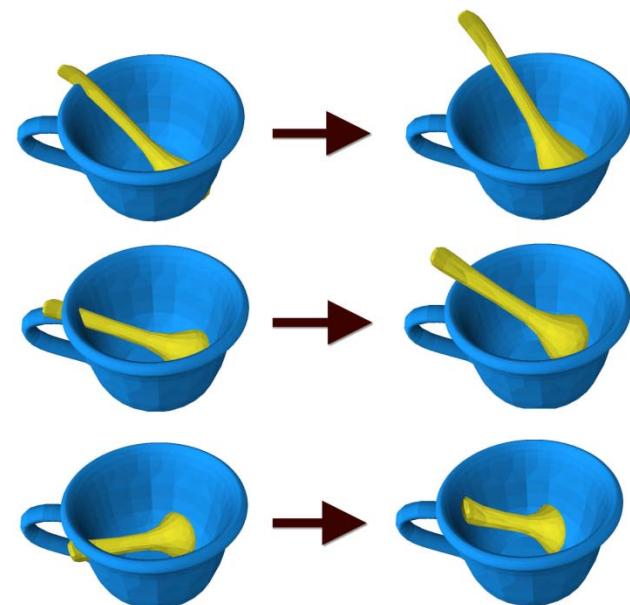
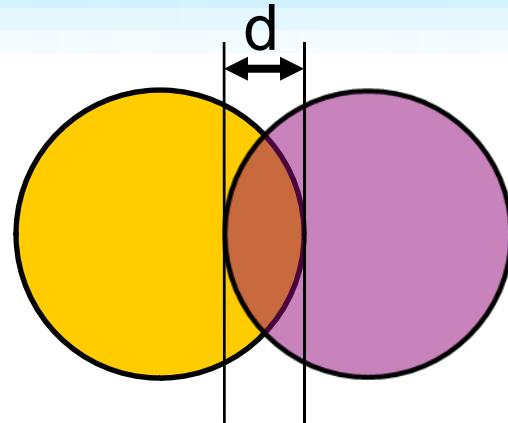
- Distance measure for interpenetration

- PD^g formulation**

- Generalize from translational penetration depth
- Take into account both translational and rotational motion

- PD^g computation**

- Practical lower bound and upper bound algorithms



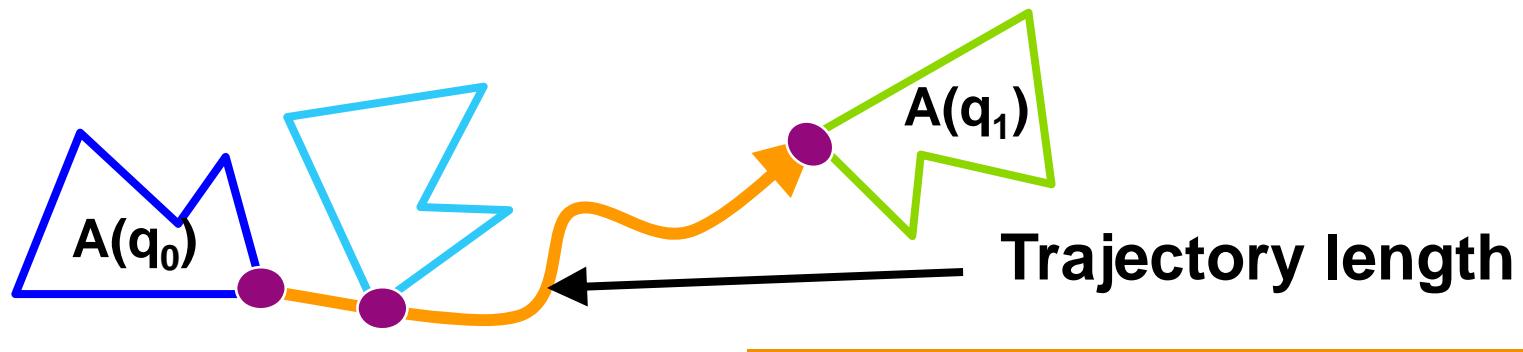


Generalized Penetration Depth: PD^g

- Take into account translational and rotational motion

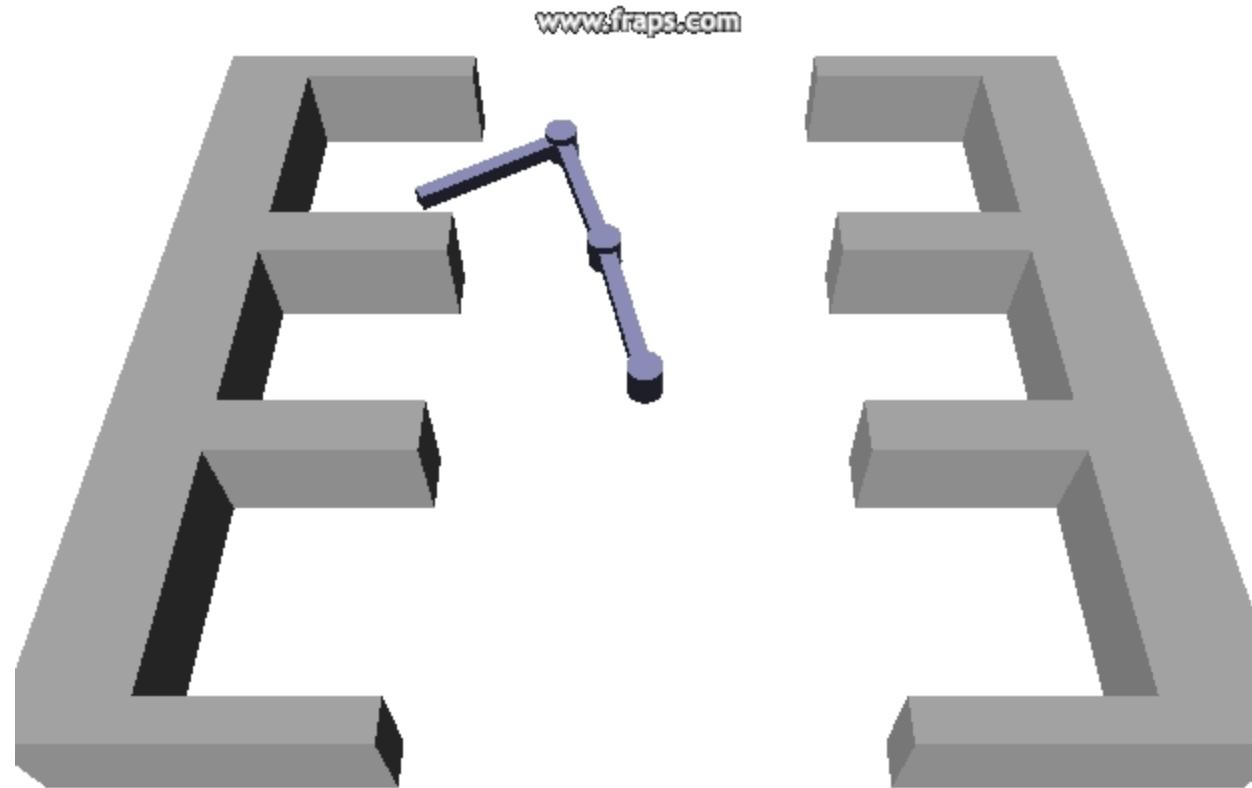
[[Zhang et al.'06](#); [Zhang et al.'07](#)]

- ◆ Trajectory length
- ◆ *Distance Metrics: DISP metric*
- ◆ Min/Max operations





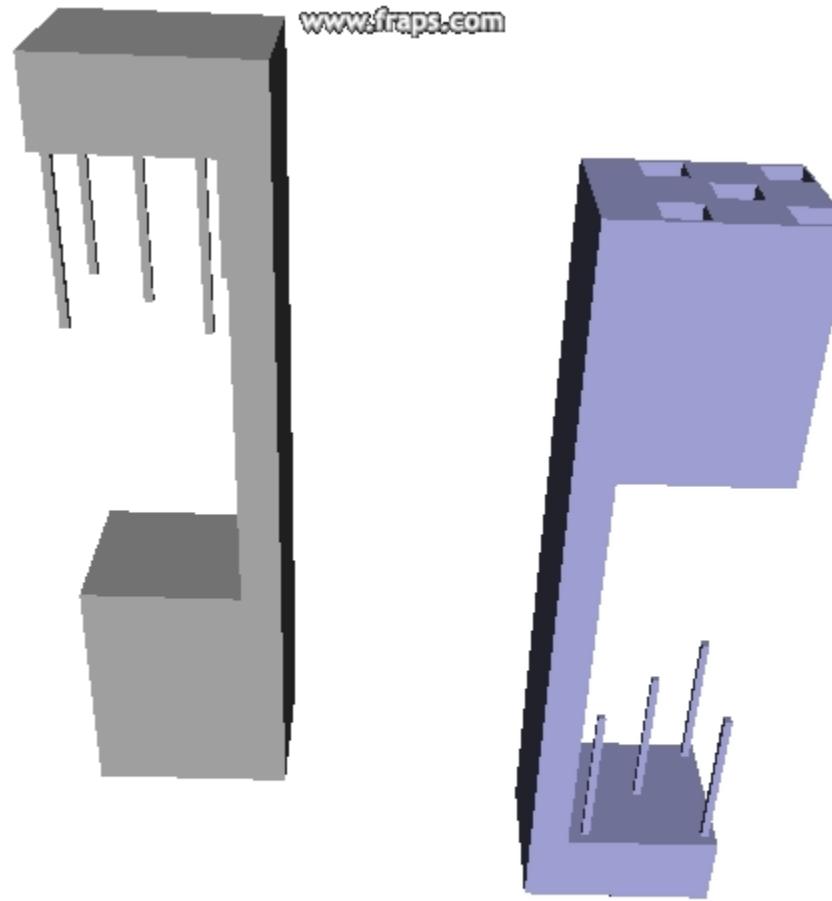
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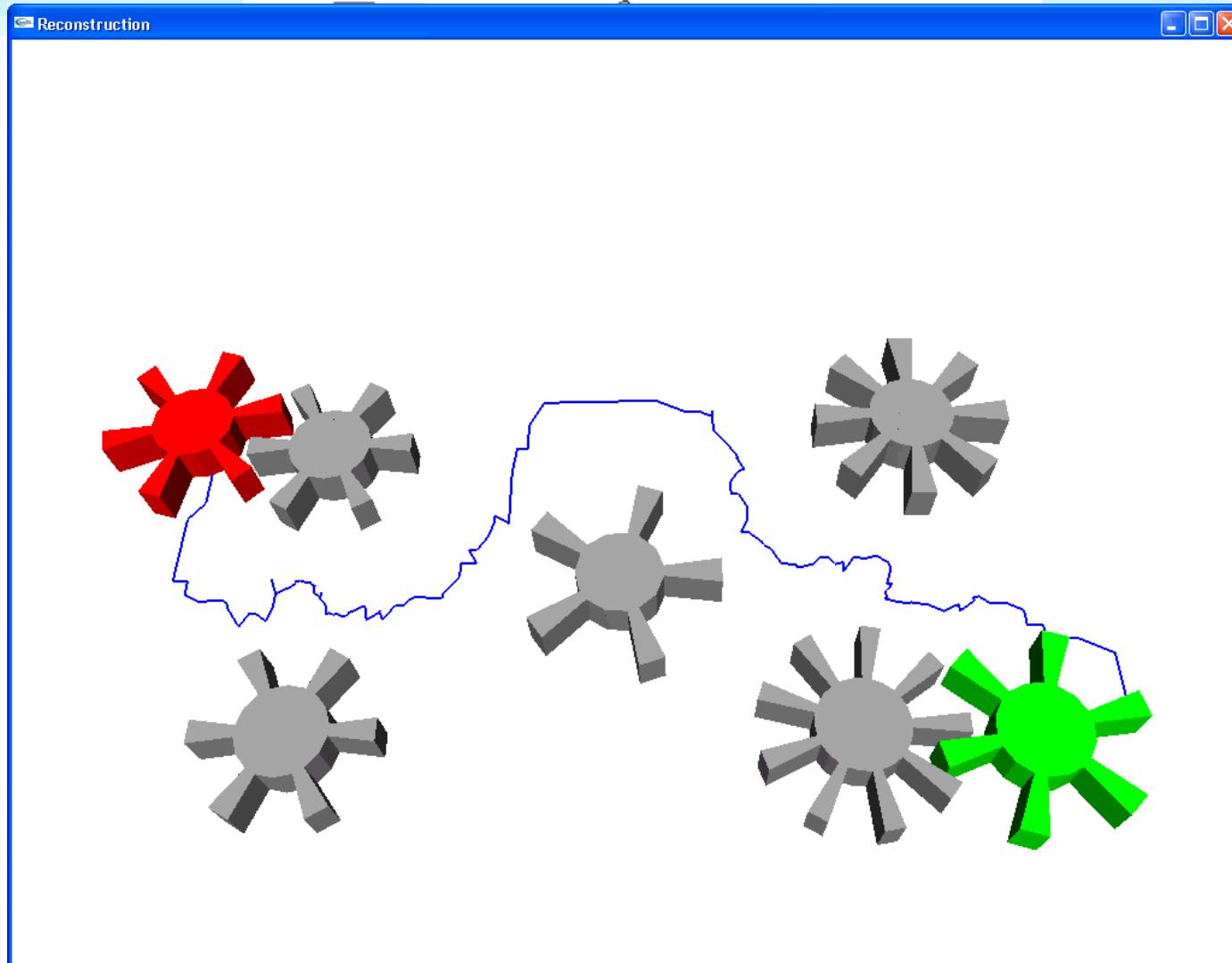
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Hybrid Planning

- **Sample-based Motion Planning**

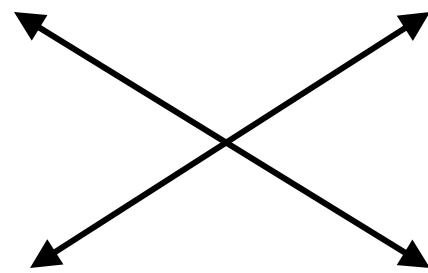
- + Efficient
- + Many DOFs

- Narrow passages
- Path non-existence

- **Complete Motion Planning**

- + Complete

- Not efficient



Can we combine them together?



Results of Hybrid Planning

A Hybrid Approach for Complete Motion Planning

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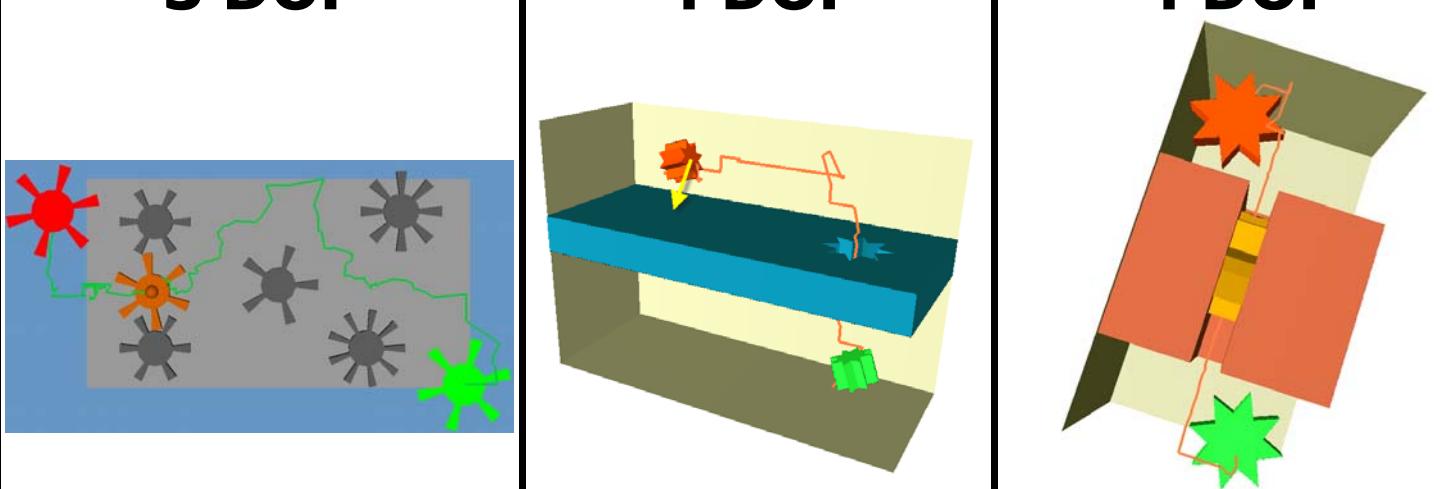
<http://gamma.cs.unc.edu/NOPATH>



Results of Hybrid Planning

2.5 - 10 times speedup

	3 DOF		4 DOF		4 DOF	
	timing	cells #	timing	cells #	timing	cells #
Hybrid	34s	50K	16s	48K	102s	164K
ACD	85s	168K	?	?	?	?
Speedup	2.5	3.3	≥ 10	?	≥ 10	?





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Main Results

- Surface extraction with geometric and topological guarantees
- Boolean operations, simplification, implicit surface meshing and remeshing
- Minkowski sum approximation
- Configuration space approximation
- Complete motion planning w/o explicit C-space computation



Advantages

- Able to handle challenging scenarios
 - Large number of Boolean operations
 - Minkowski sum of polyhedra with hundreds of triangles
 - Path planning in narrow passages
 - Complete motion planning algorithms



Advantages

- Simplicity
 - Basic components
 - Spatial subdivision*
 - Sign computation*
 - Distance computation*
 - Easy to implement
 - Robustness of entire approach depends on these components and some non-degeneracy assumptions



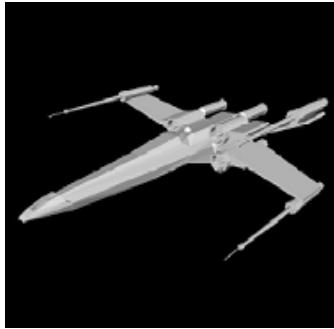
Limitations

- Spatial subdivision is susceptible to degeneracies
 - May not terminate for tangential intersections
 - Perturbation methods
- Both sampling condition and the tests to verify the sampling condition are conservative
- Analysis
 - Assumes a smooth surface

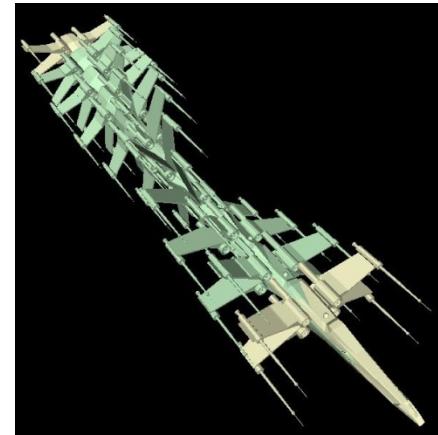


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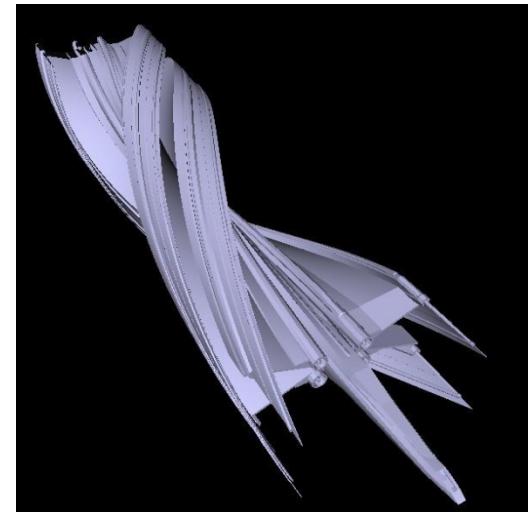
- Other surface extraction problems
 - Swept volume computation



X-wing Model



Trajectory



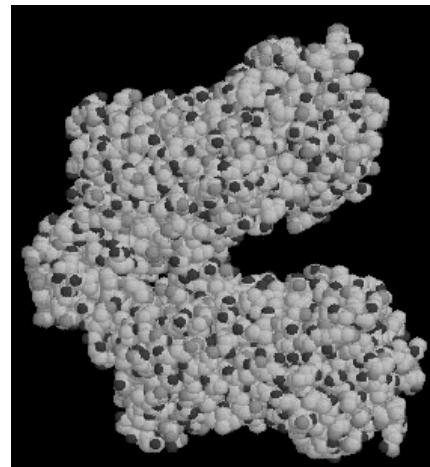
Swept volume



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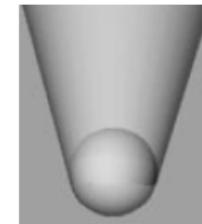
■ Minkowski sum

Applications to
molecular modeling



Lac Repressor
protein model

Investigate star-shaped
decomposition



Model of a AFM
microscope tip



Future Work

■ Motion Planning

- Extend to higher DOF robots: 3T+3R
- High DOF articulated models



Future Work

- Lots of interesting applications of discrete geometric computations, but provide topological and geometric accuracy bounds!



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Recruiting Good Graduate Students

Good graduate students in:

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- Geometric computing
- Robotics
- Related areas....



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