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# BOUNDARY-SAMPLED HALFSPACES:

A new representation for constructive solid modeling

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halfspace B

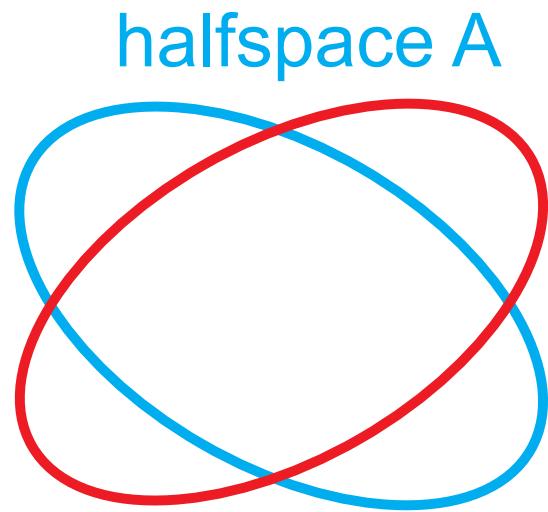


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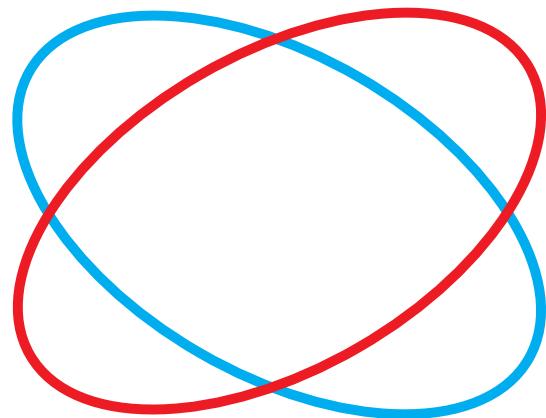


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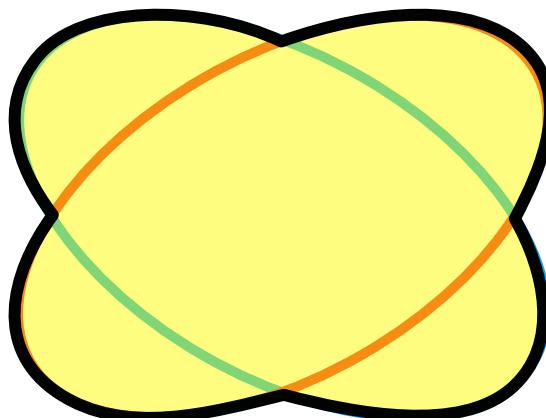
[Requicha and Voelcker 1977]



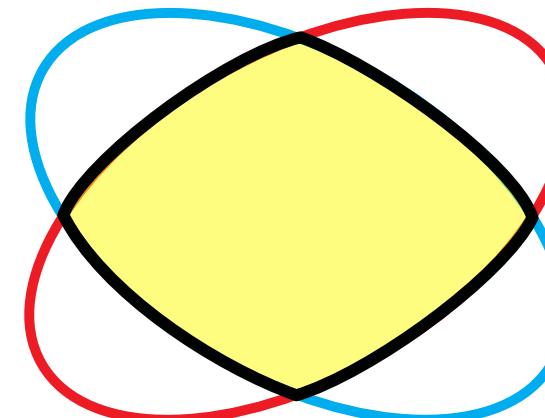
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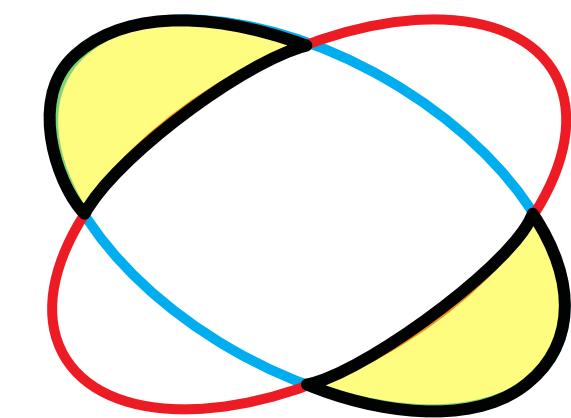
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$A \cup B$

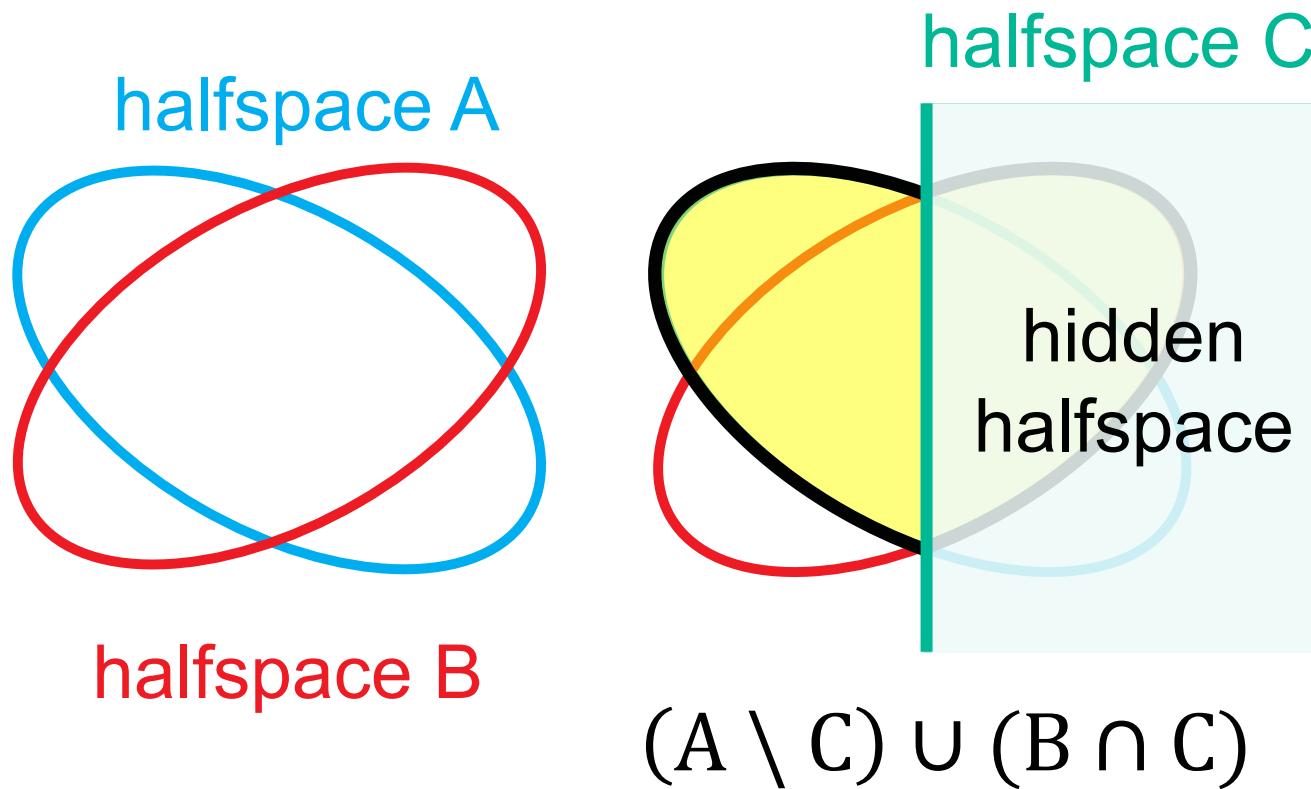


$A \cap B$



$A \setminus B$

## → LIMITATIONS OF CSG

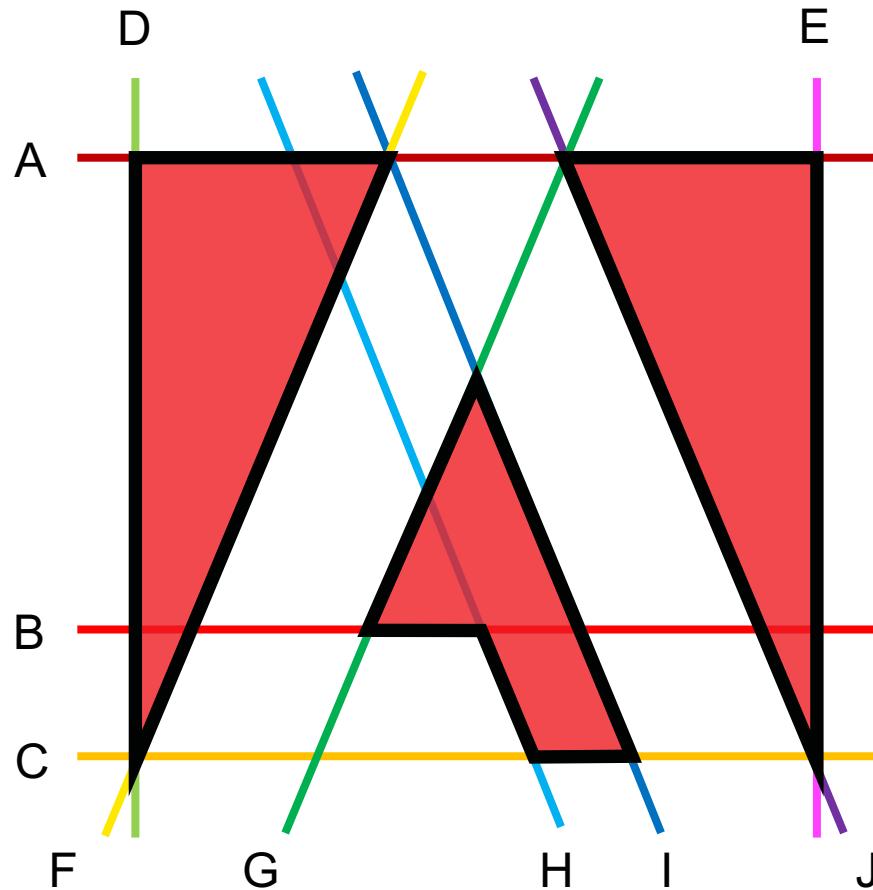


more complex boundary  
halfspaces geometry

more complex  
hidden halfspace geometry

[Shapiro and Vossler 1991]

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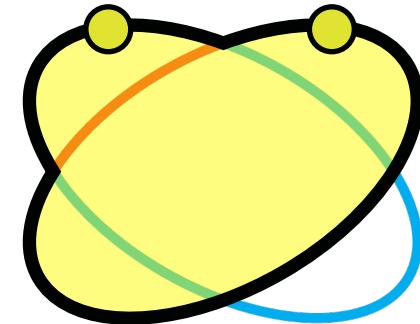
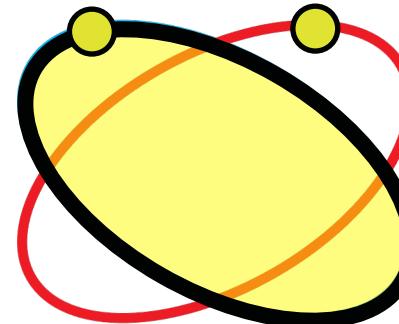
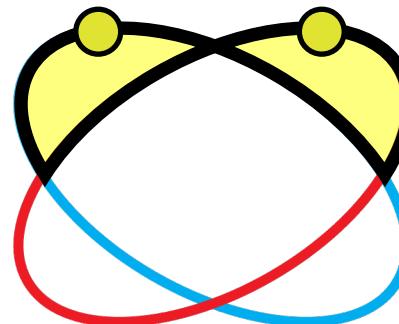
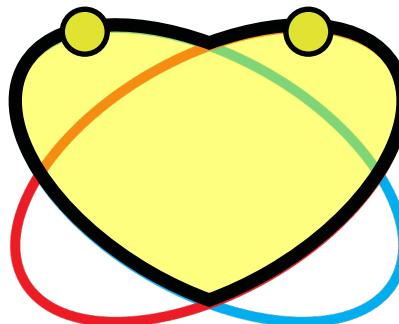
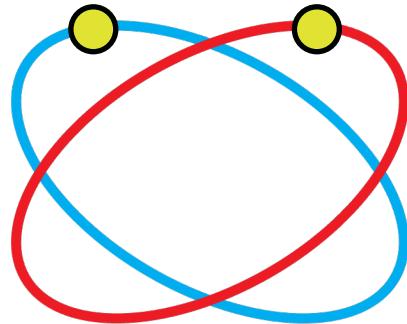
## OUR CONTRIBUTION



- A new representation for solid models from halfspaces
  - No need for hidden halfspaces
  - Intuitive and light-weight
  - Easy for reverse engineering



## • BOUNDARY-SAMPLED HALFSPACES (BSH)



### Representation:

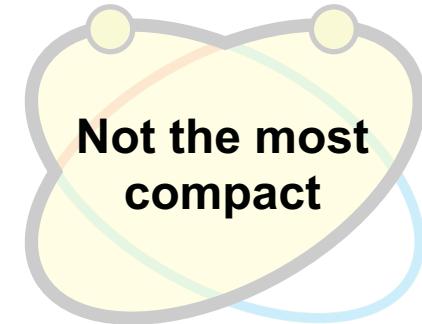
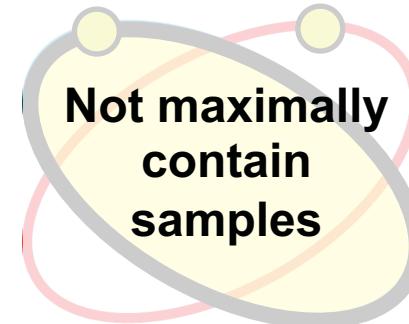
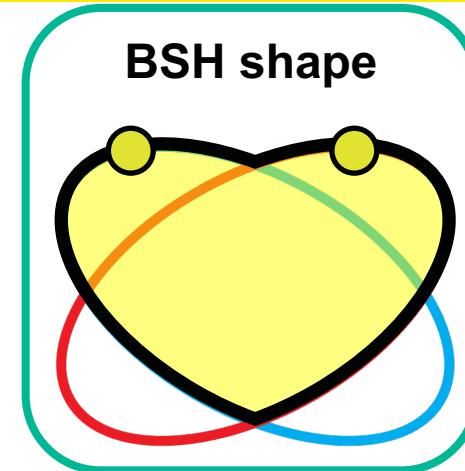
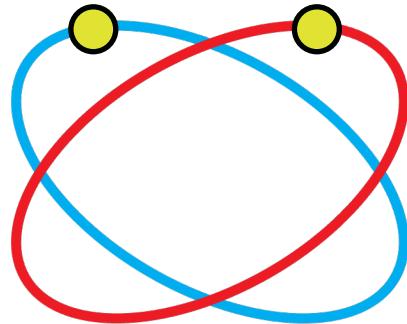
- A set of halfspaces
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### BSH shape:

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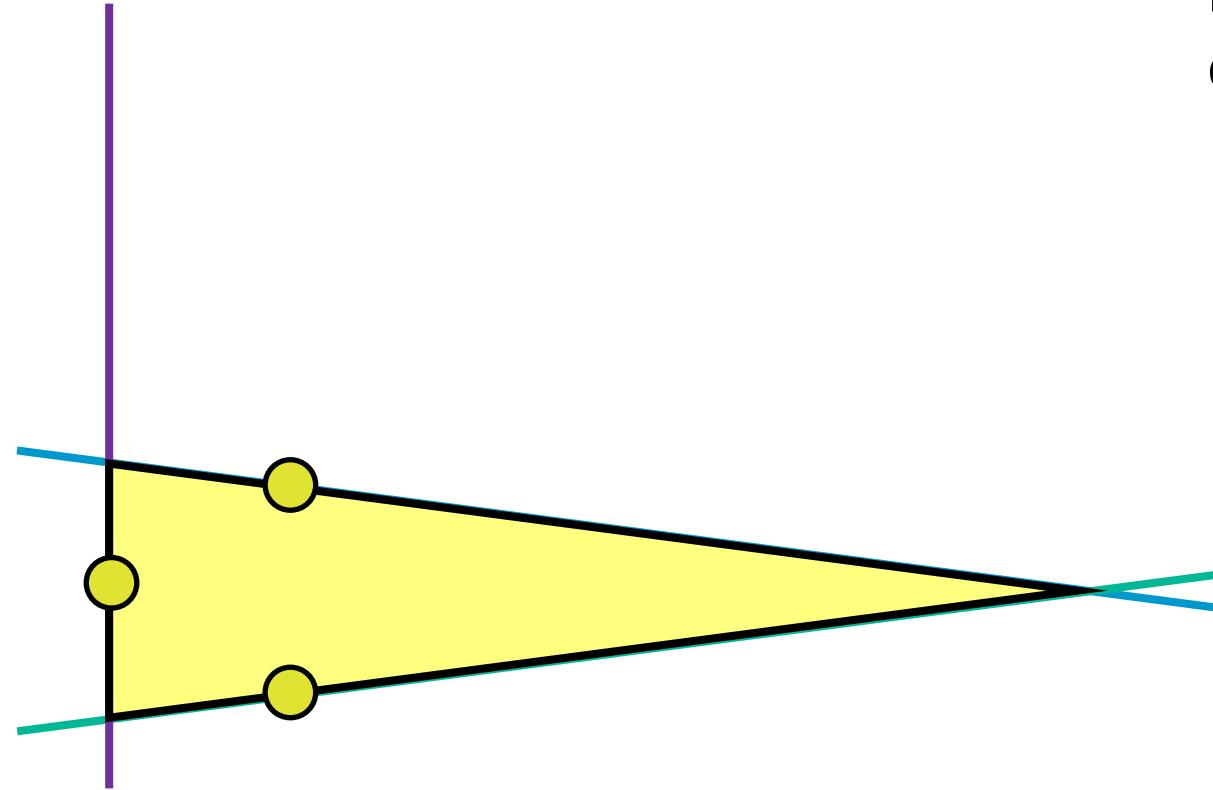
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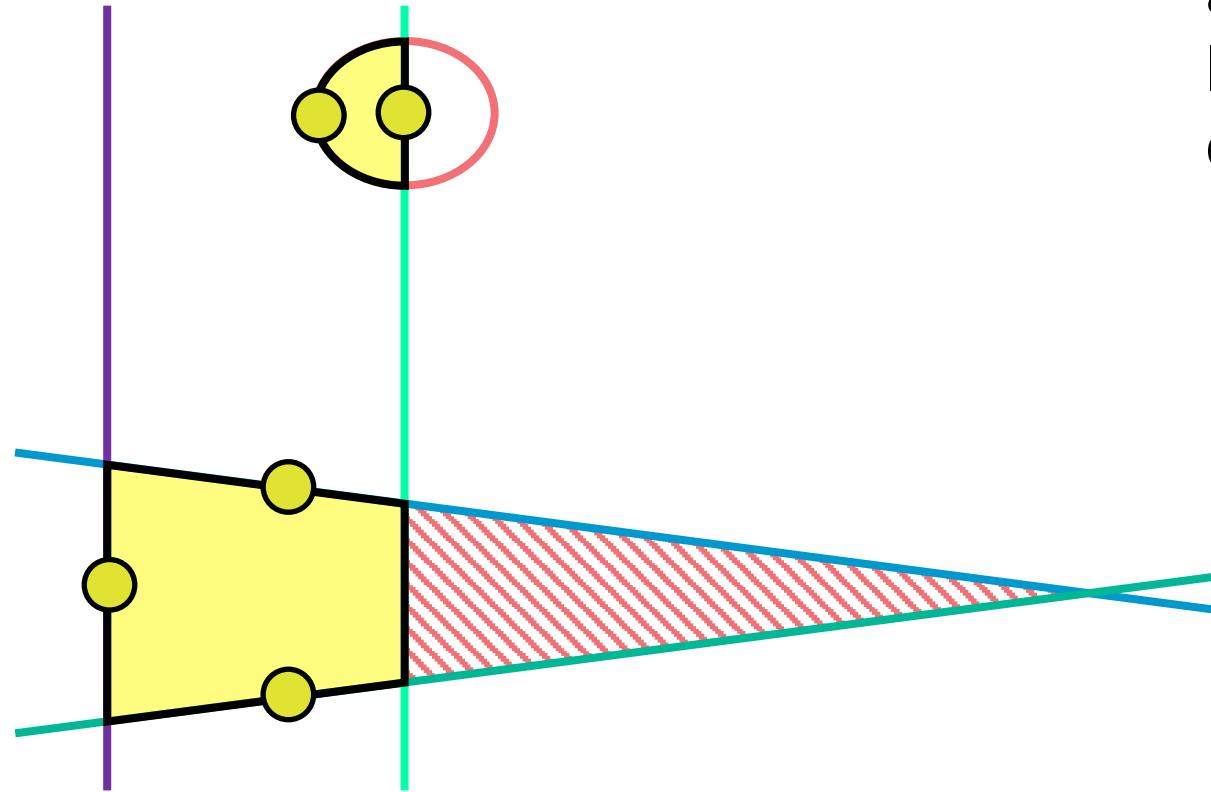
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  - Preserves halfspace orientation
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  - Has the least boundary length (area)

## → CORNER CUTTING

model a triangle using  
our representation

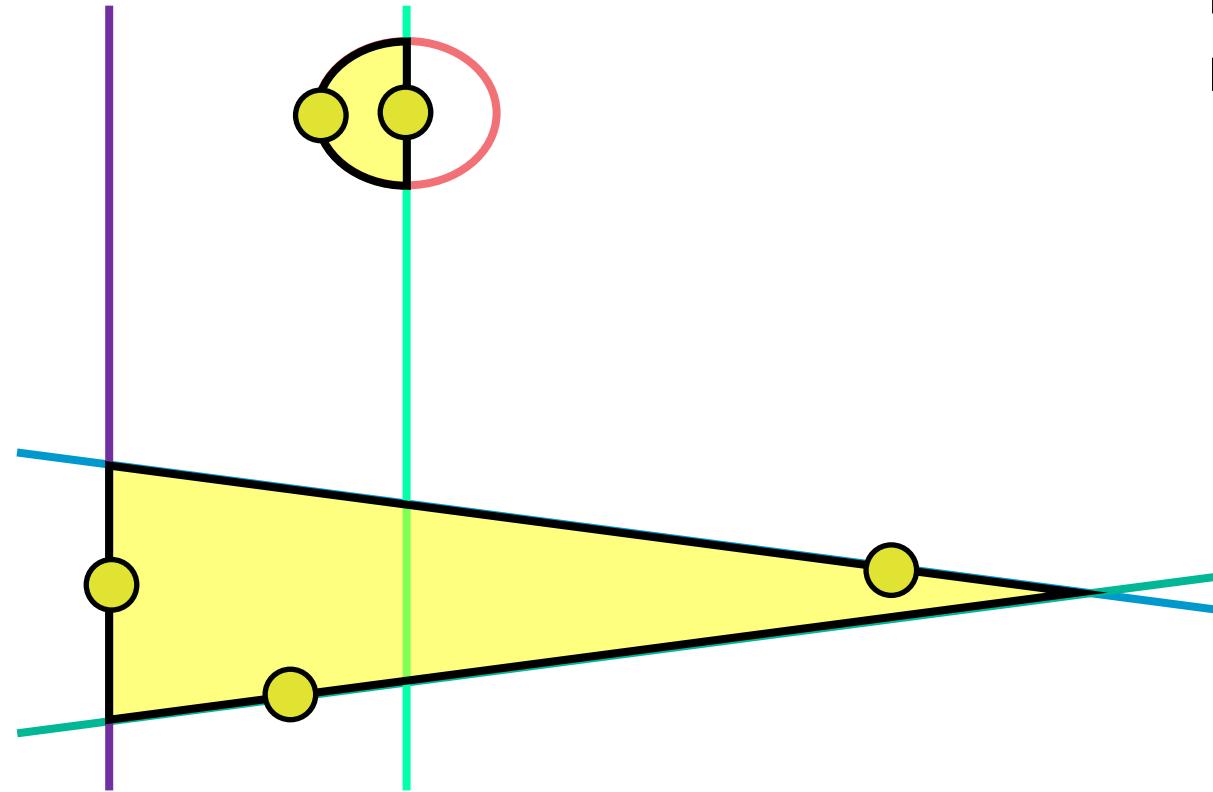


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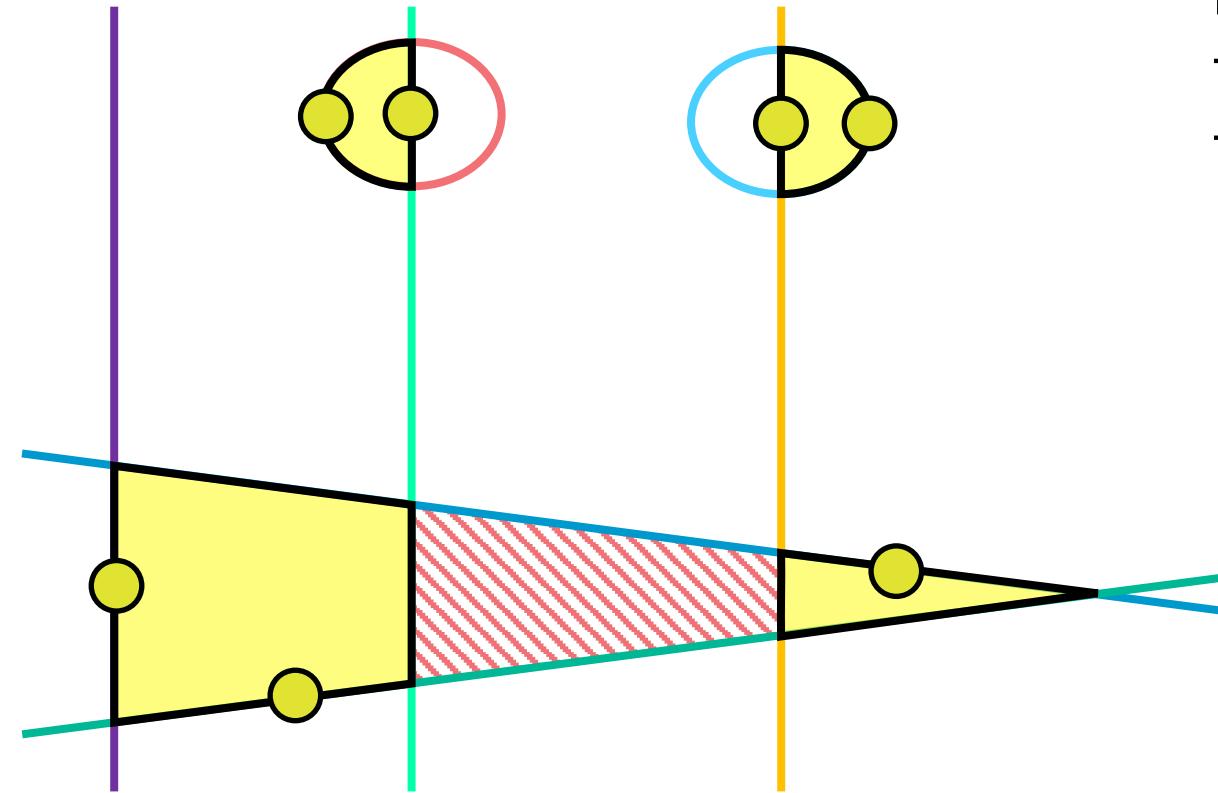
adding a semi-circle  
leads to corner cutting  
of the triangle

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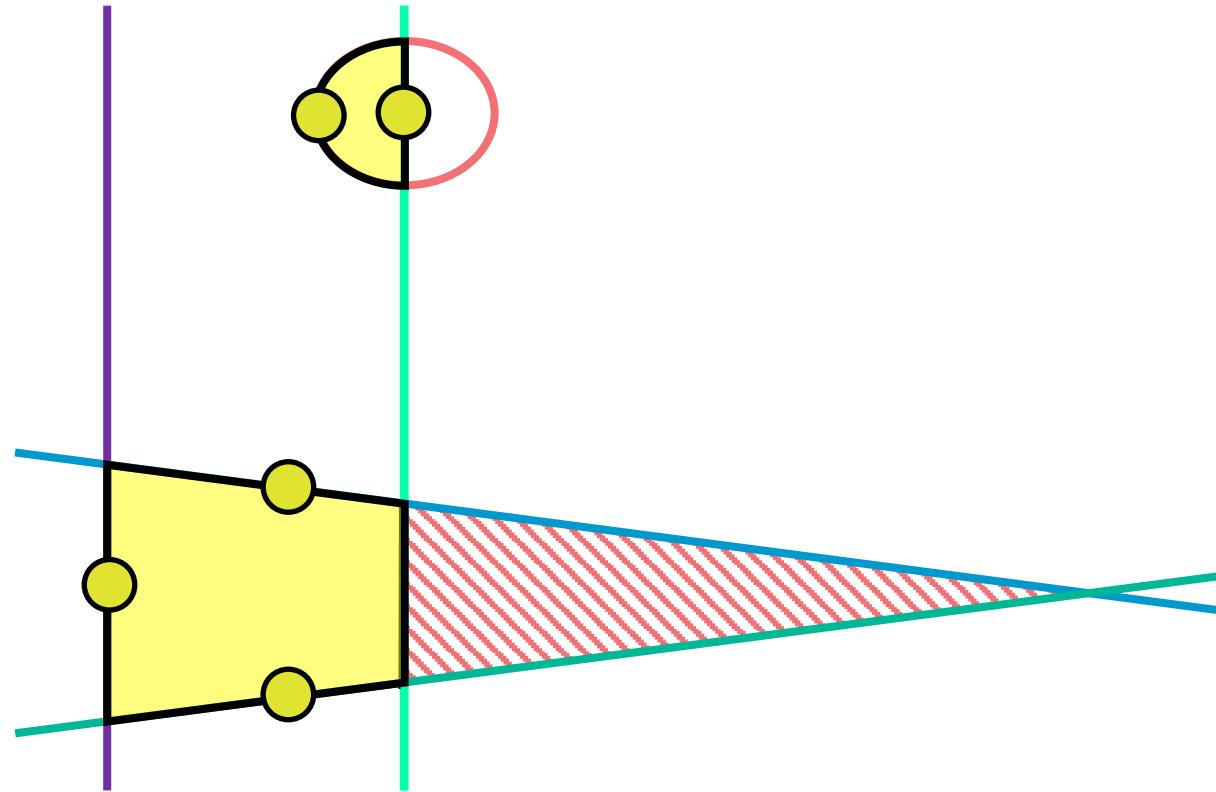
move a sample to  
recover the corner

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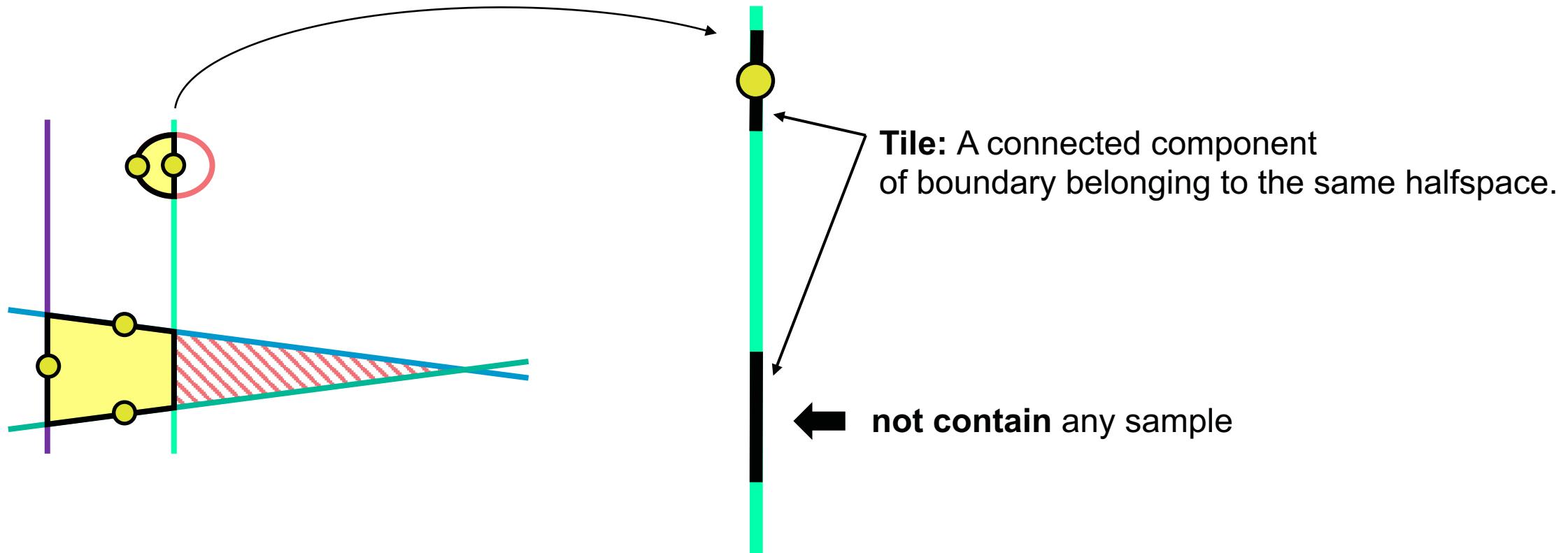


middle part of the triangle can also be truncated

→ • SAMPLE CONNECTEDNESS

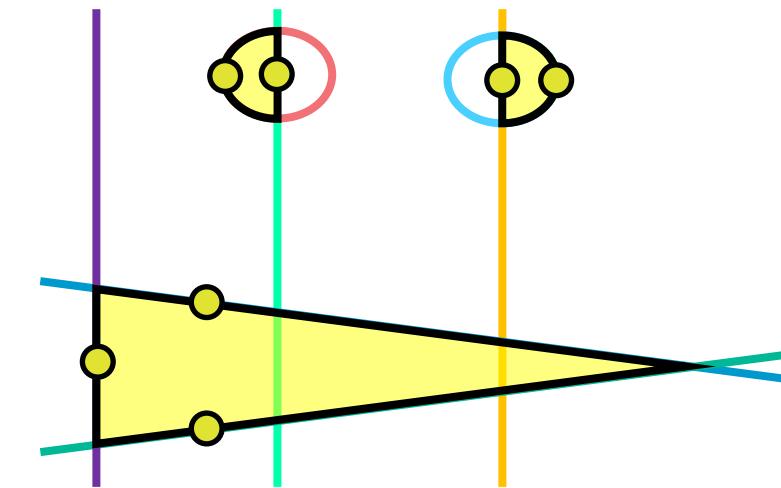
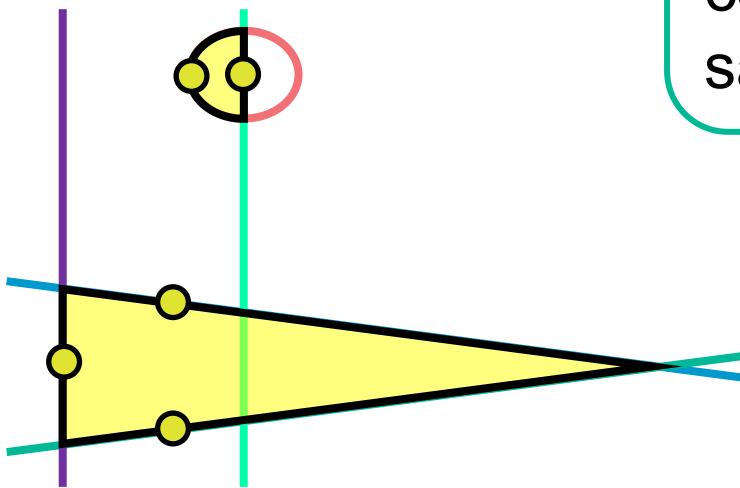


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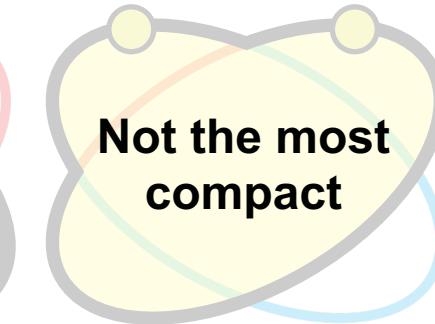
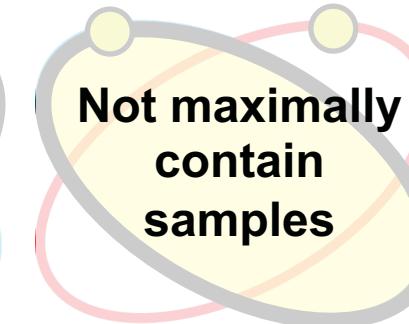
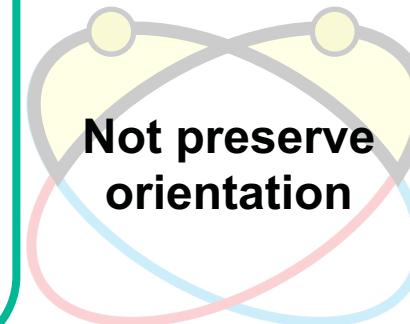
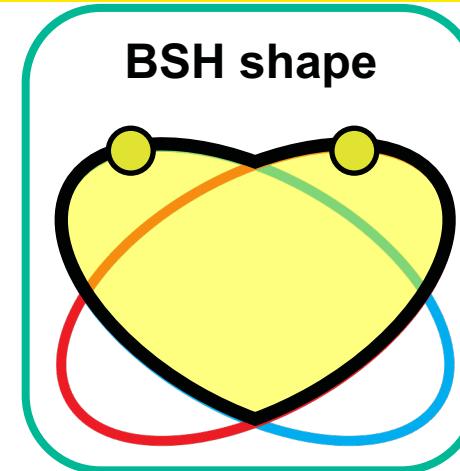
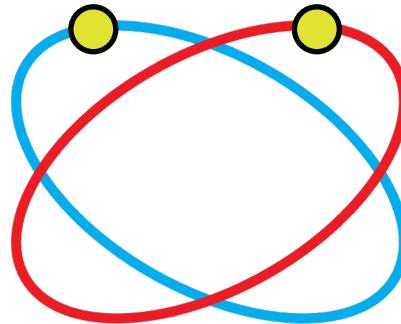
## → SAMPLE CONNECTEDNESS

**sample connected:**  
each boundary tile  
contains at least 1  
sample





## BOUNDARY-SAMPLED HALFSPACES (BSH)



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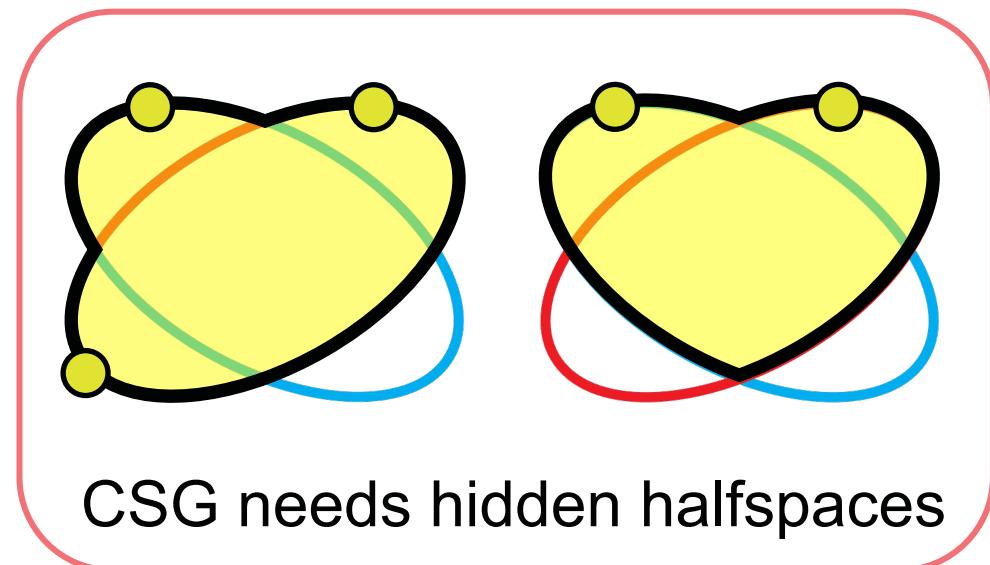
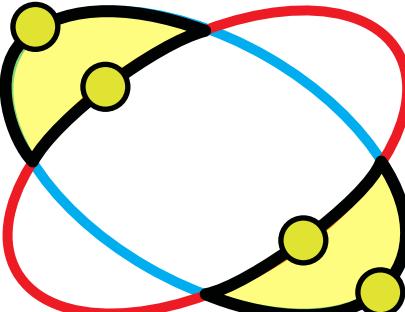
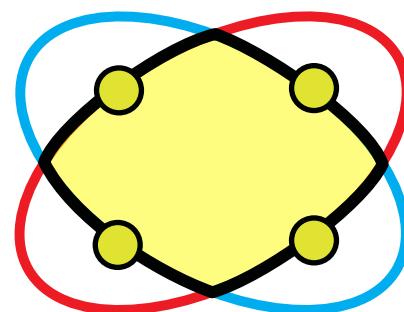
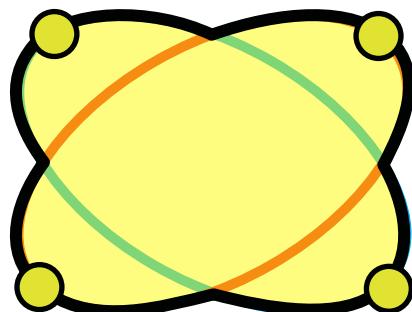
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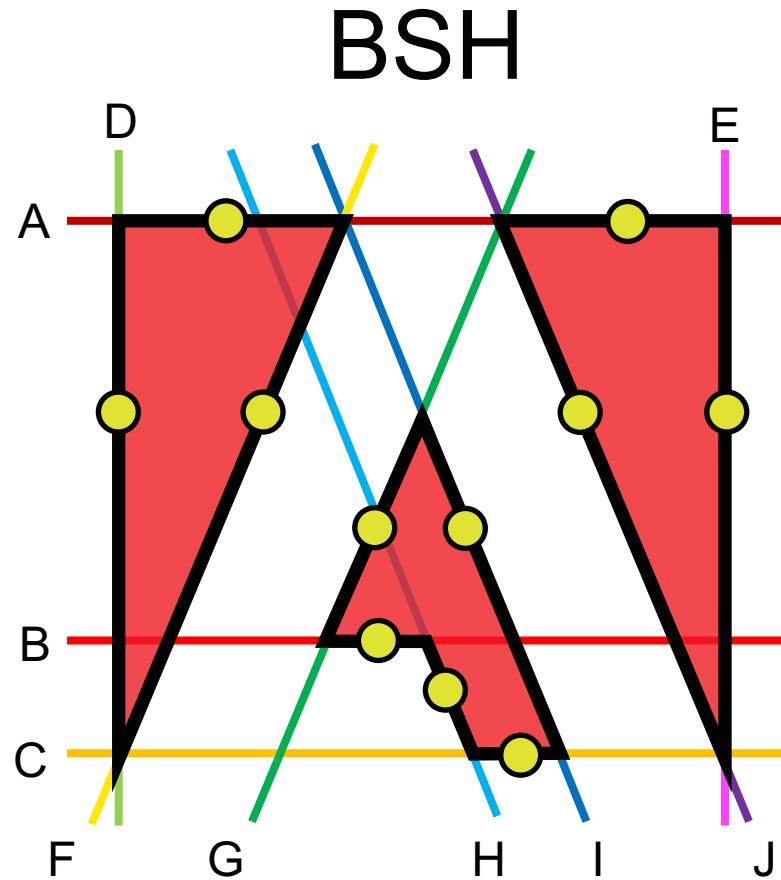
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  - Preserves halfspace orientation
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  - Has the least boundary length (area)
  - **Is sample connected**

## → DESCRIABILITY

- BSH can describe any shape using only halfspaces that bound the shape and sufficient number of samples.



→ • COMPARE BSH AND CSG



CSG

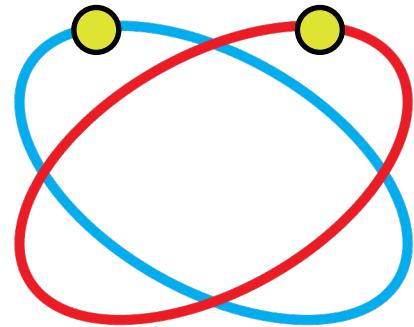
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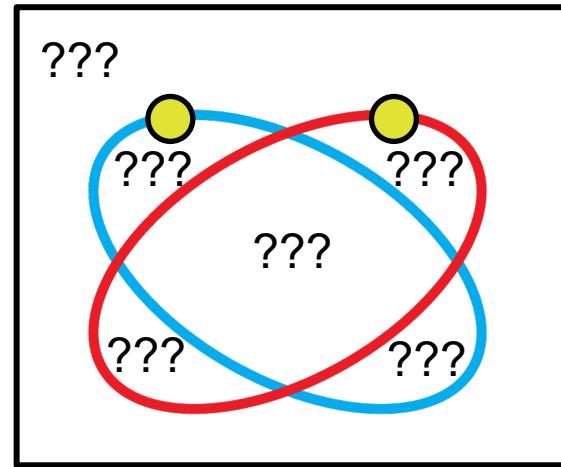
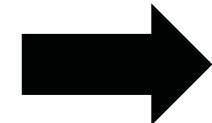
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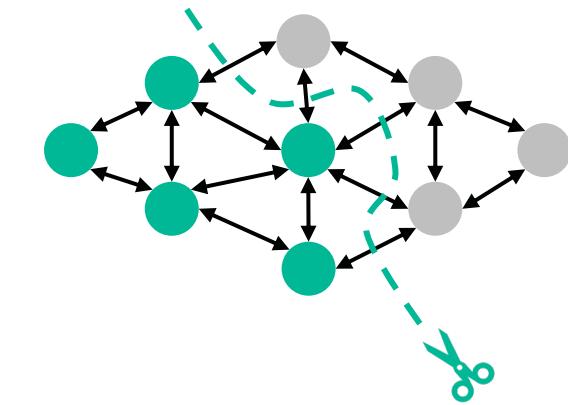
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computing BSH  
(w/o sample connectedness)



inside/outside labeling  
of arrangement cells



min-cut over  
a weighted directed graph

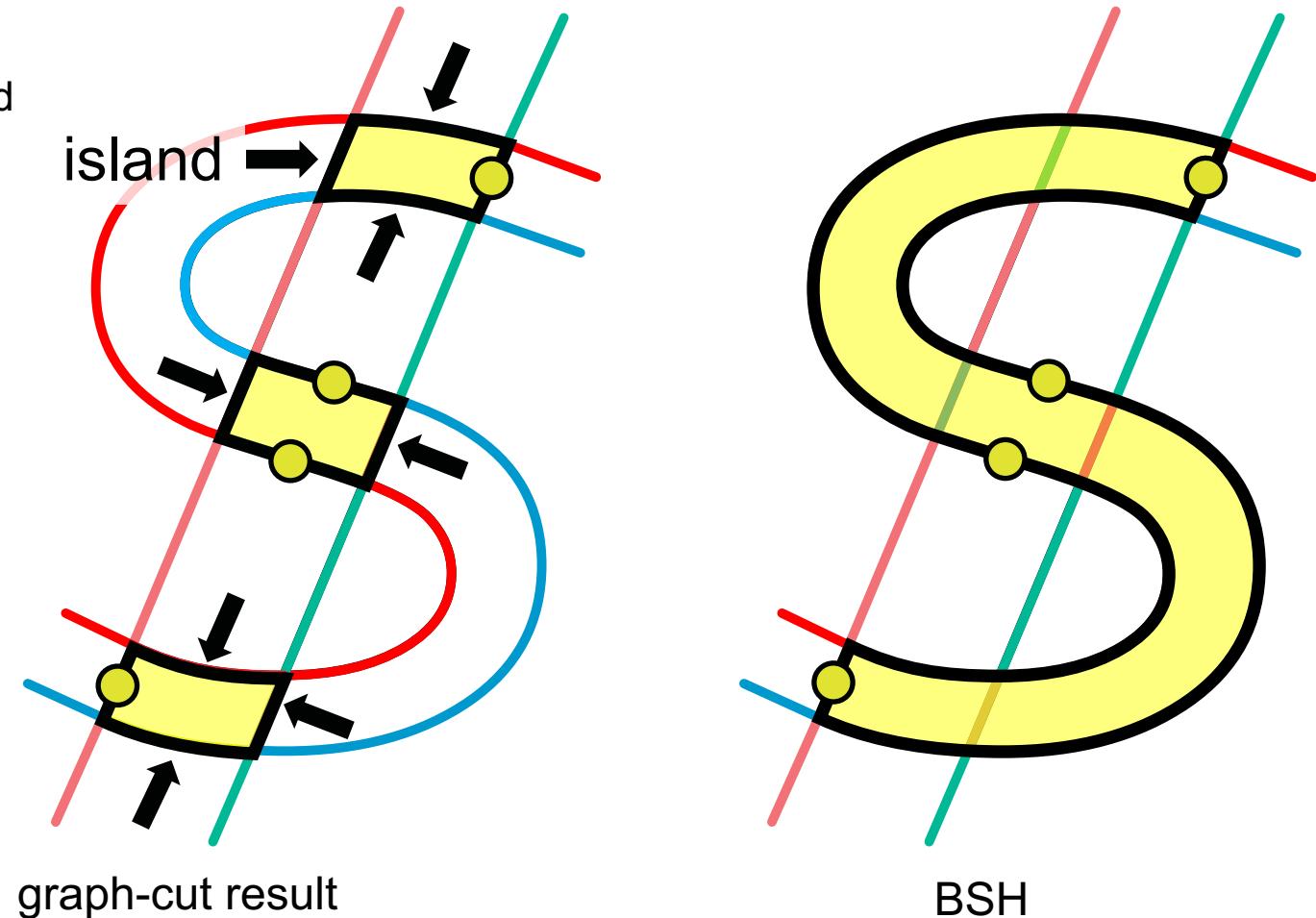
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# BOUNDARY EXTRACTION (WITH SAMPLE CONNECTEDNESS)



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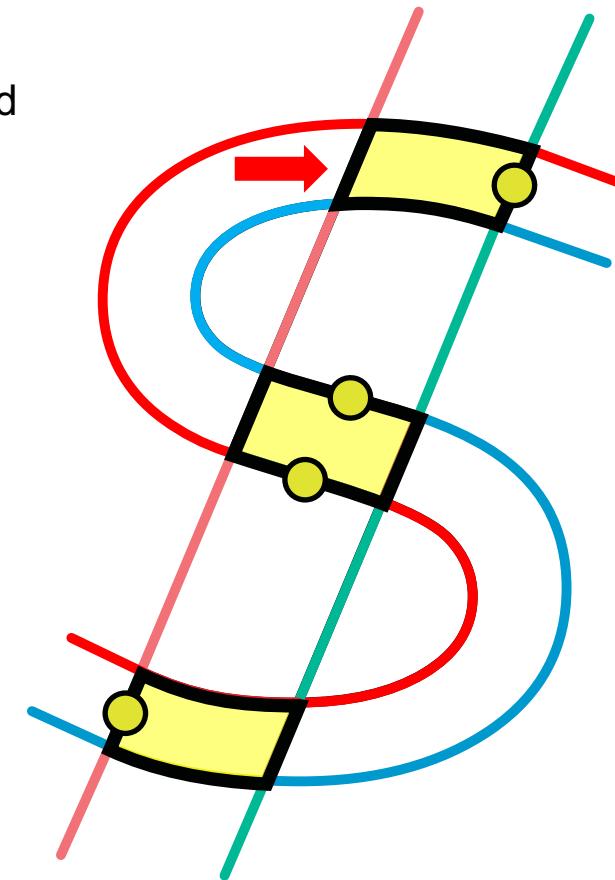




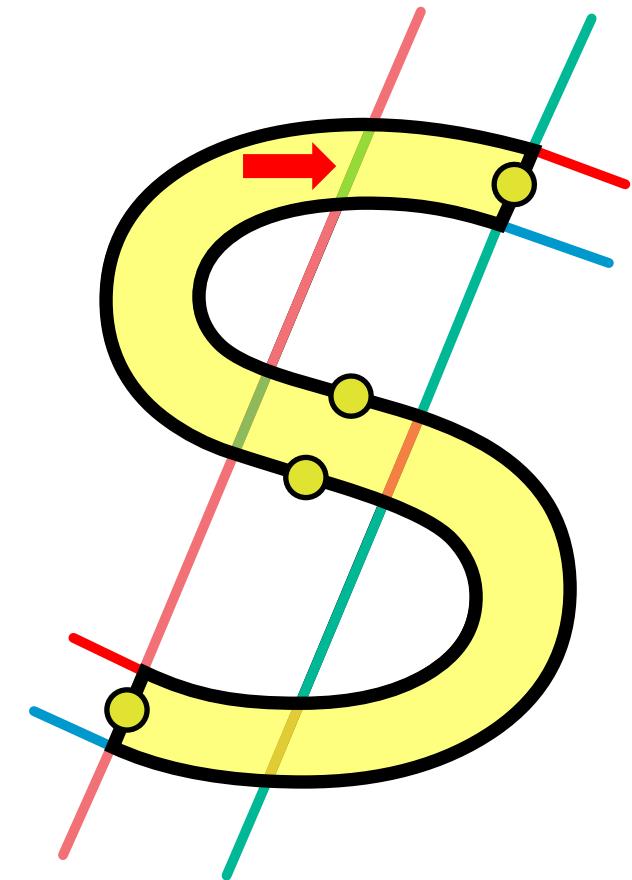
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graph-cut result



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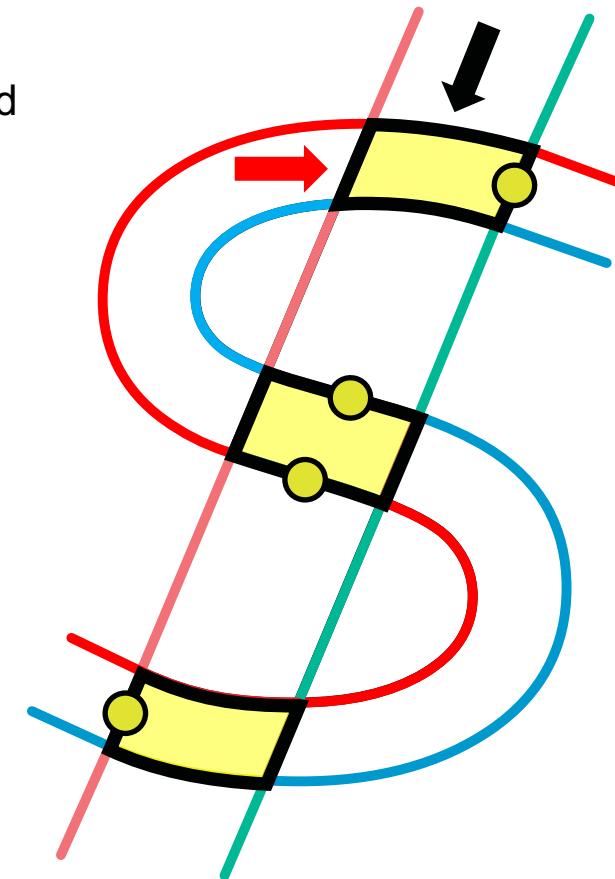


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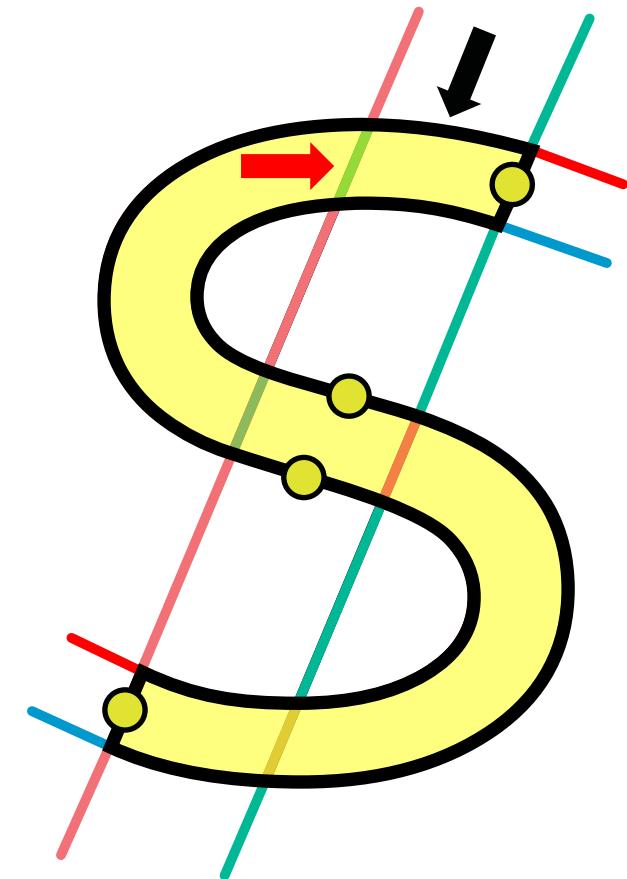


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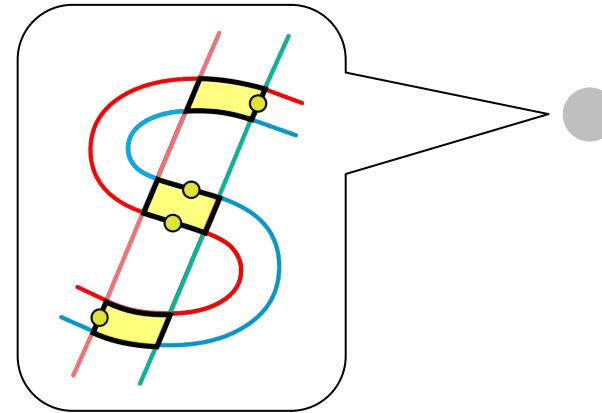


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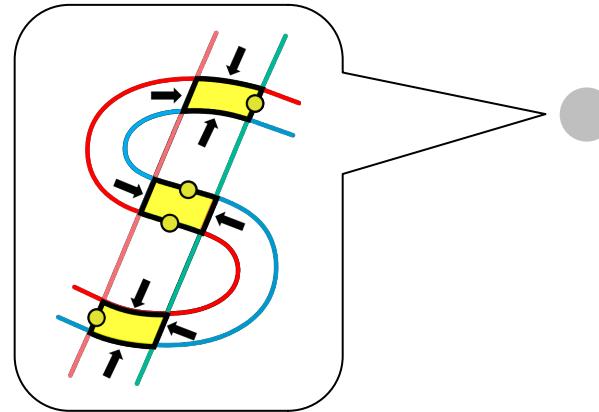


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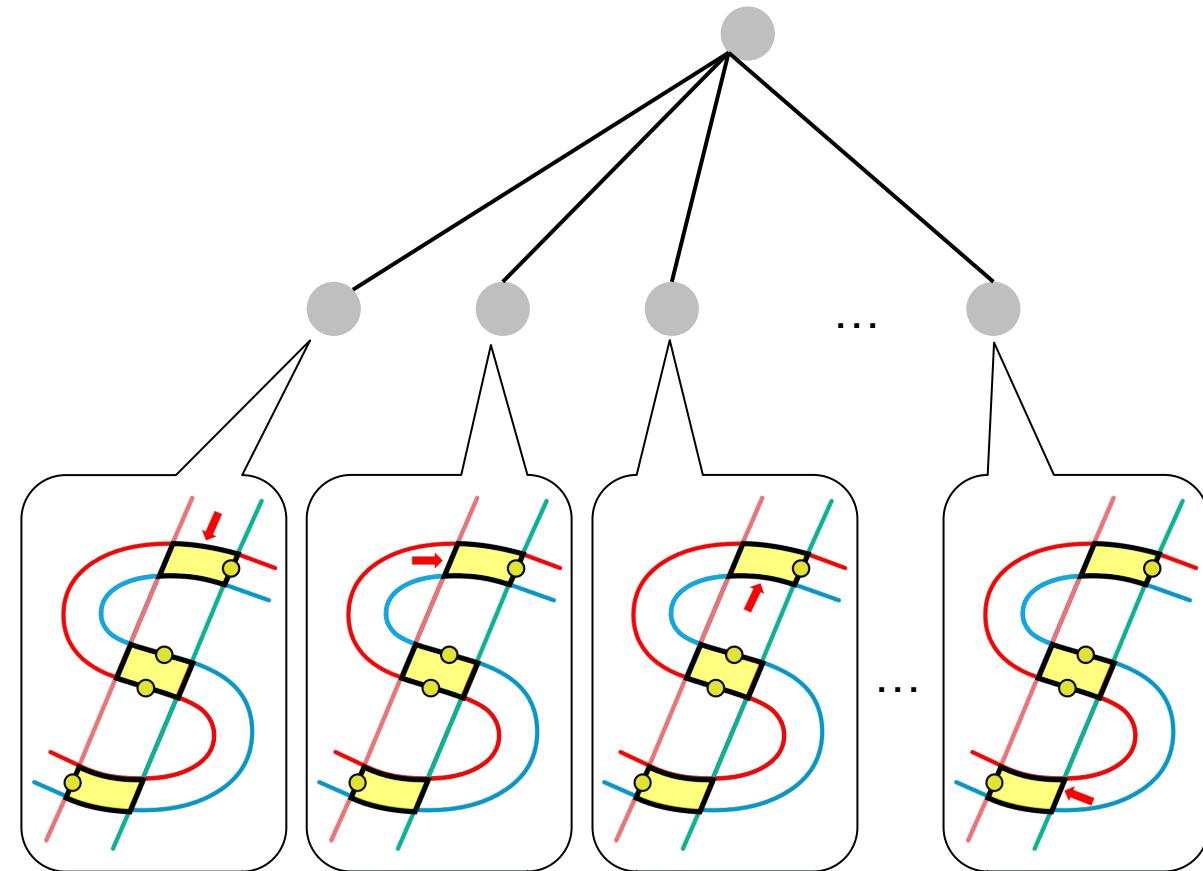


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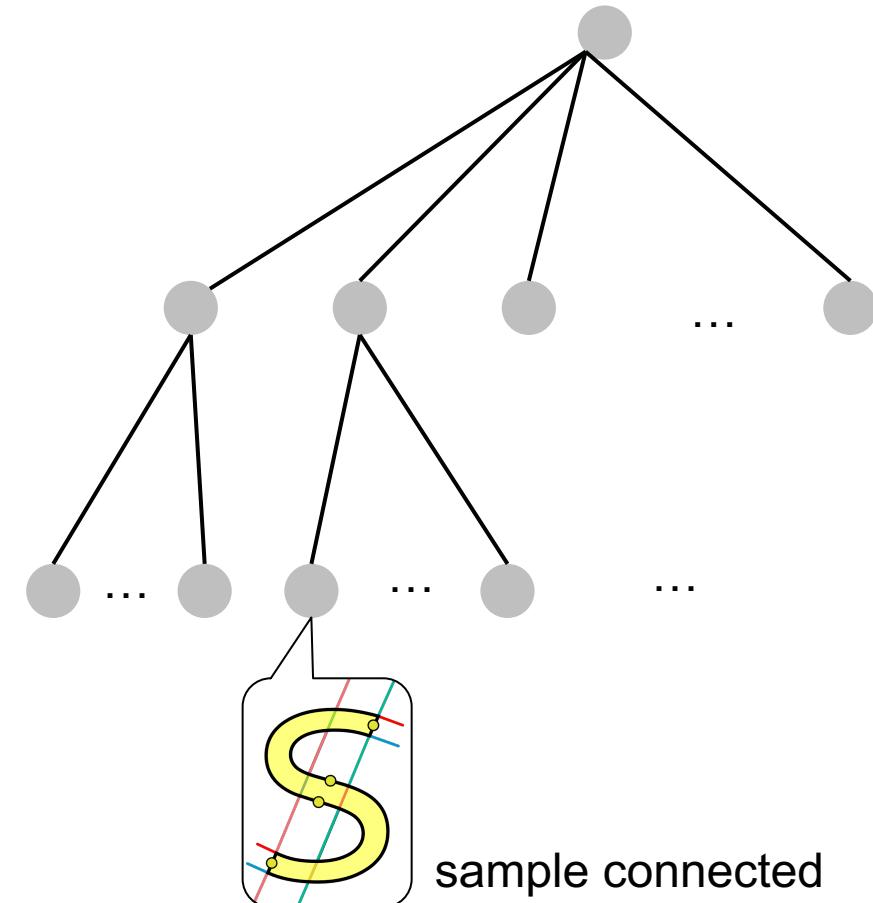




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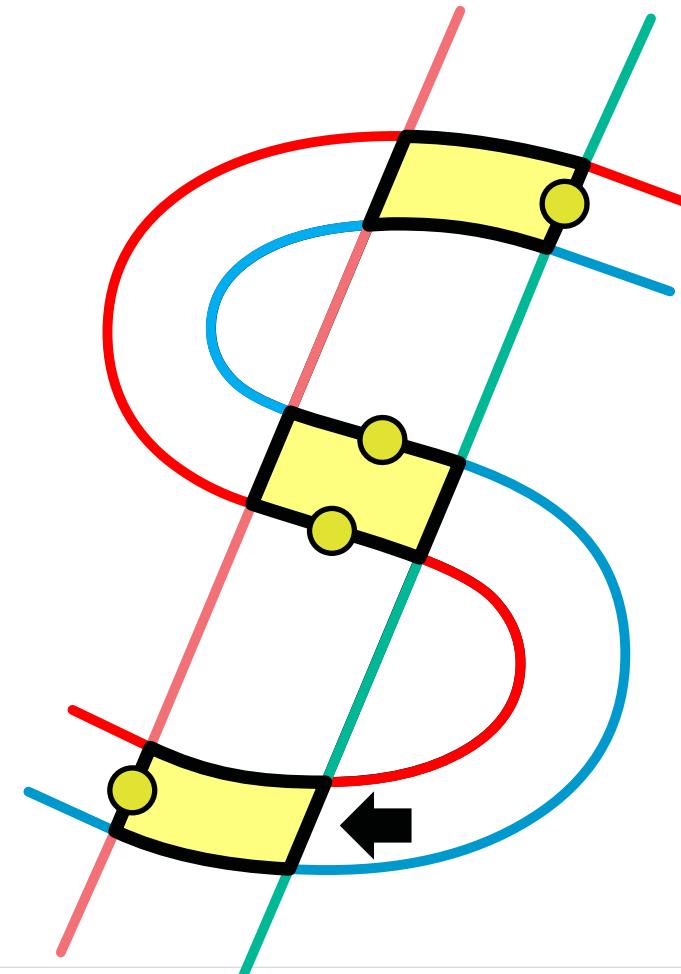




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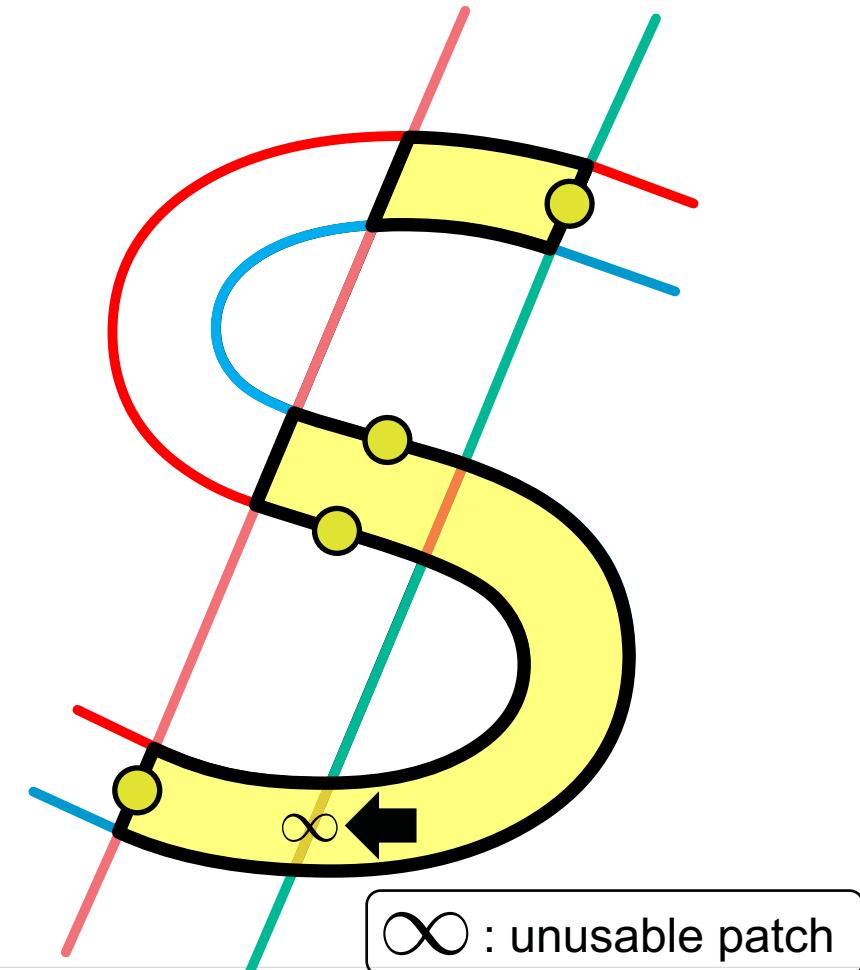




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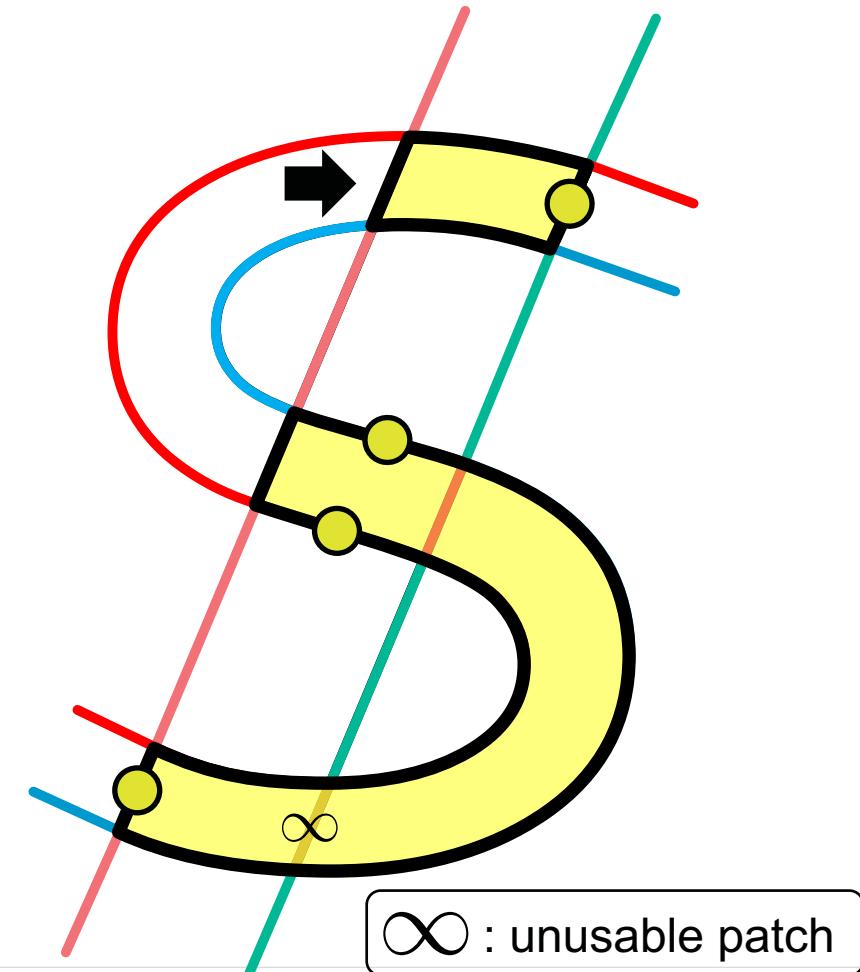




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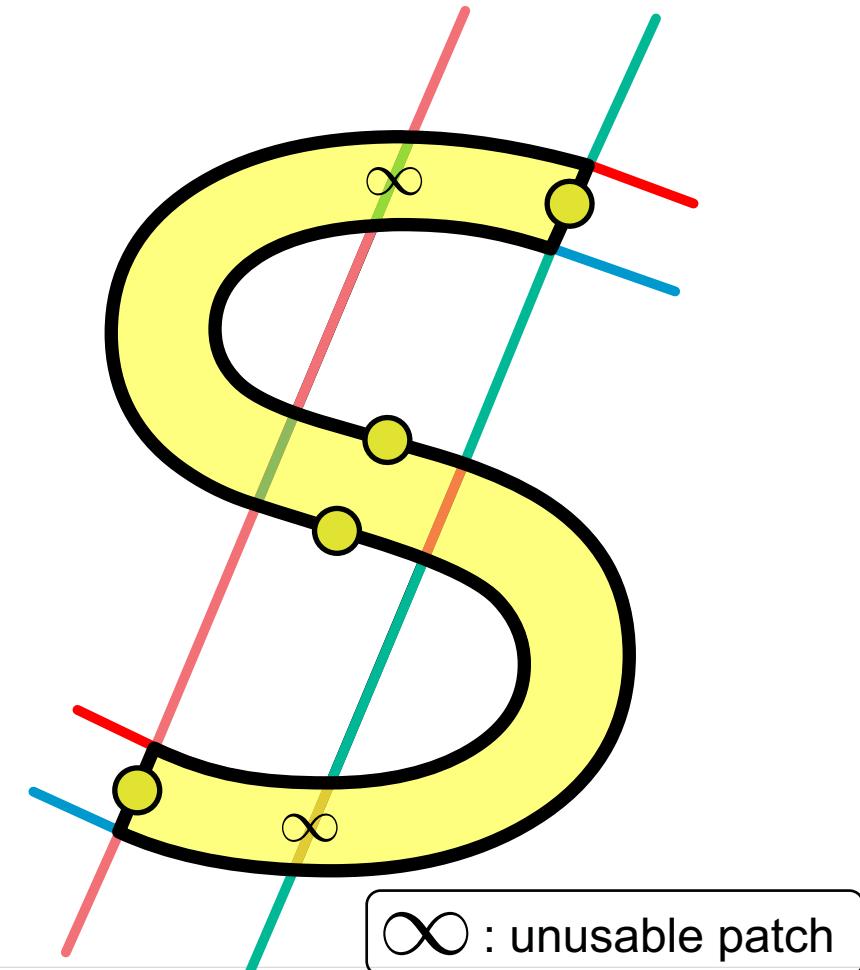
$\infty$  : unusable patch



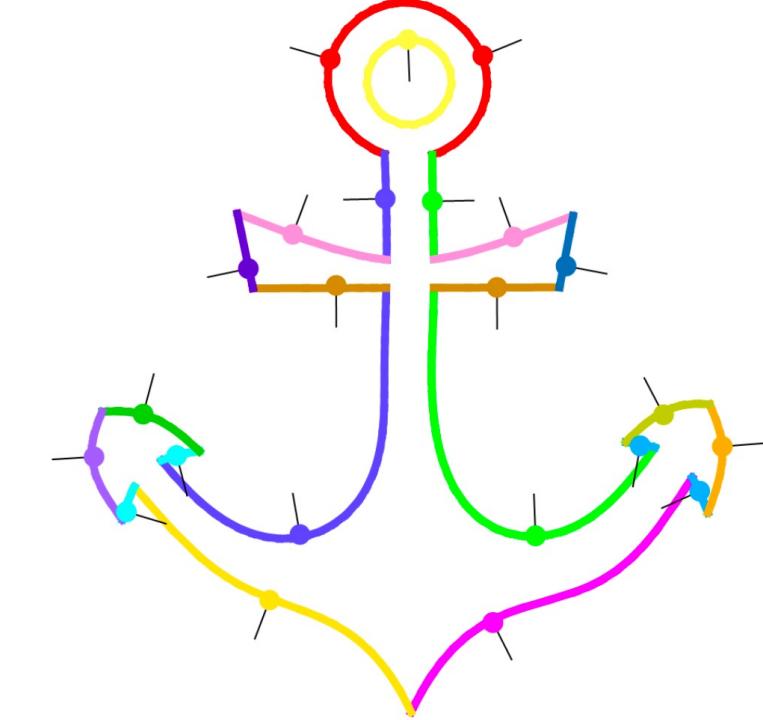
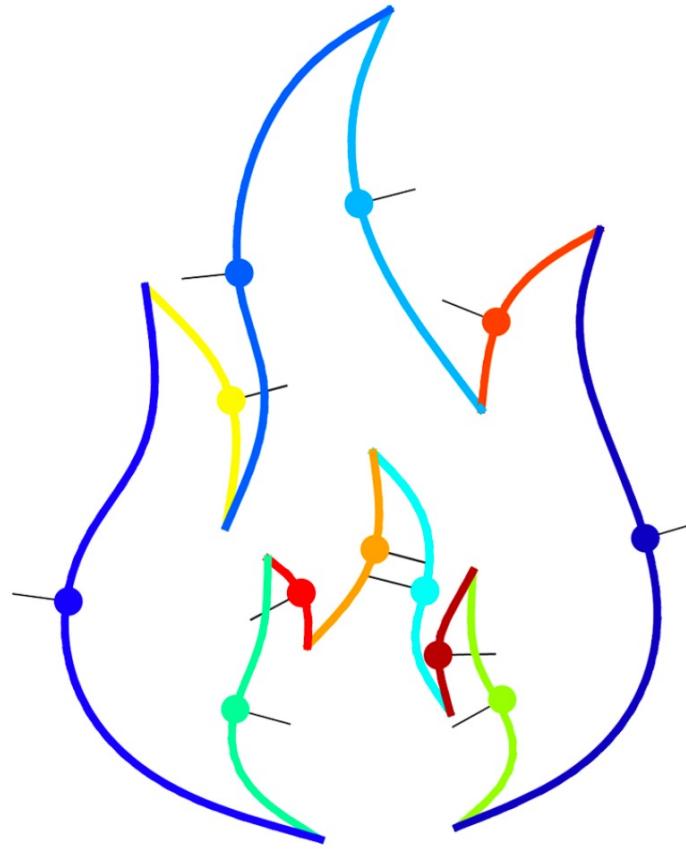
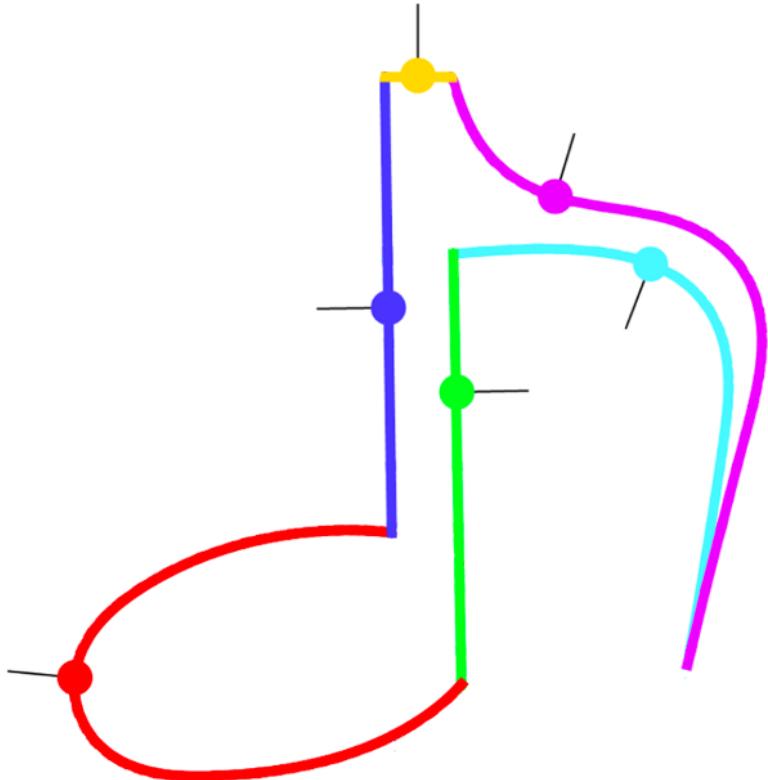
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→ • EXAMPLES

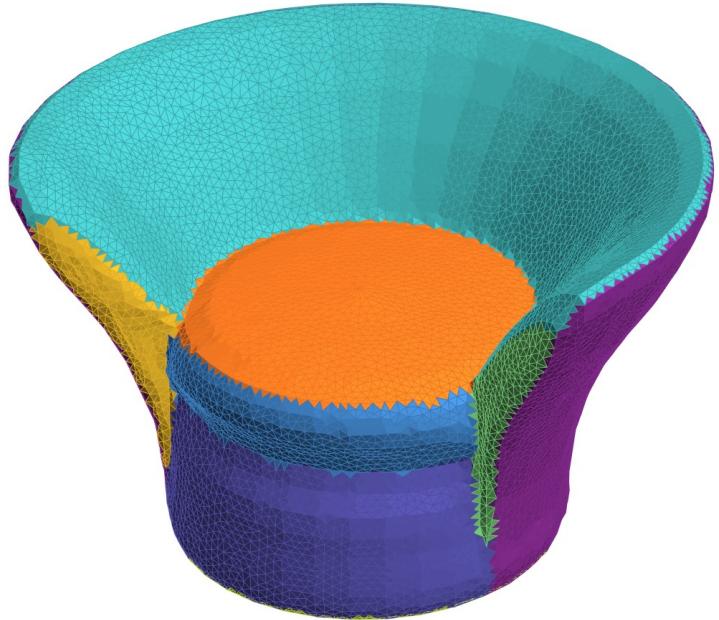


Meshes →

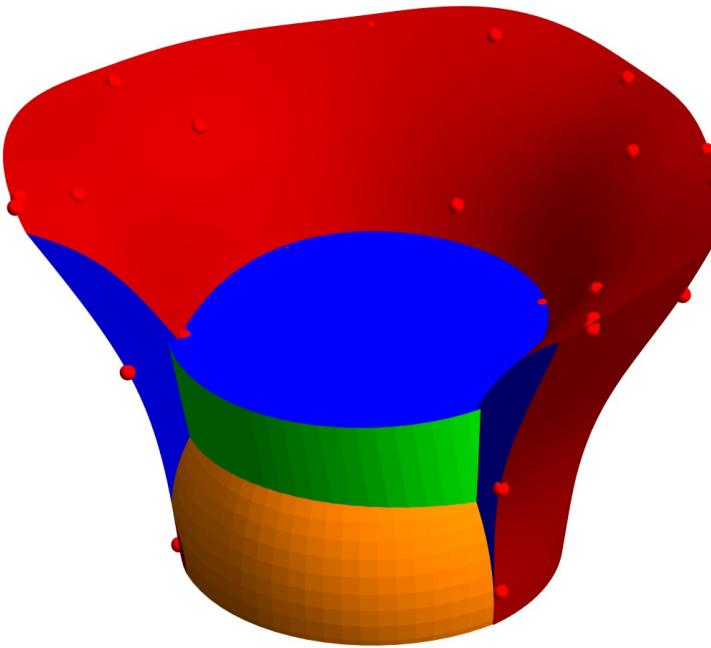
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- halfspaces
- samples

# → REVERSE ENGINEERING

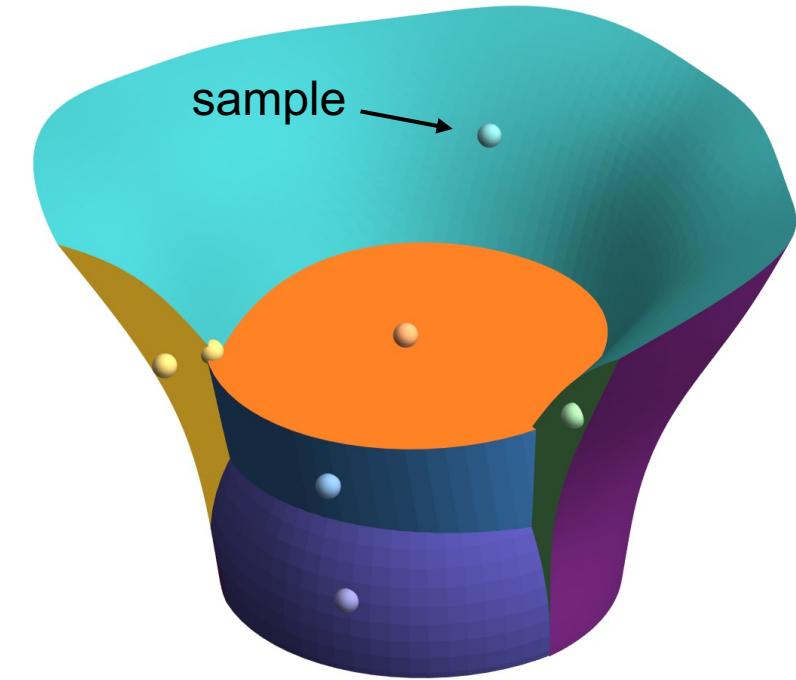


Mesh segmentation



Halfspace fitting

- plane      ● sphere
- cylinder
- VIPSS [Huang et al. 2019]



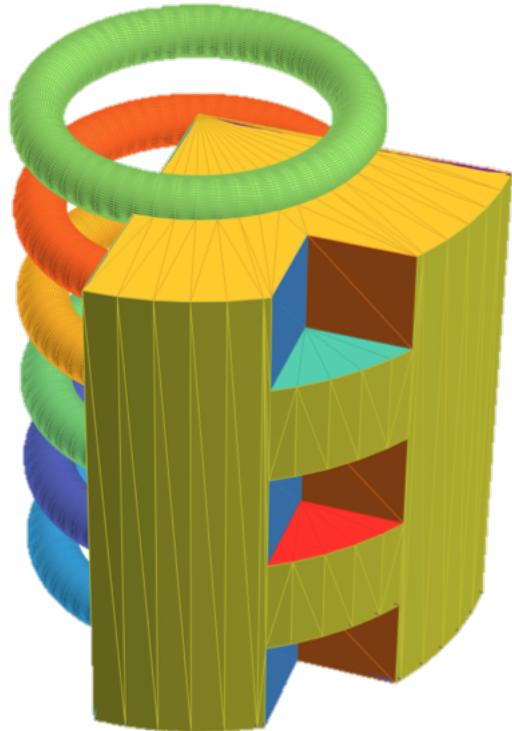
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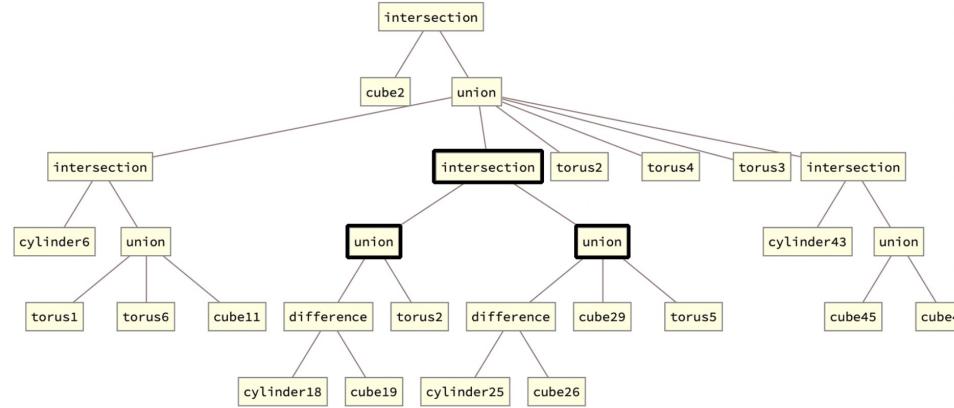
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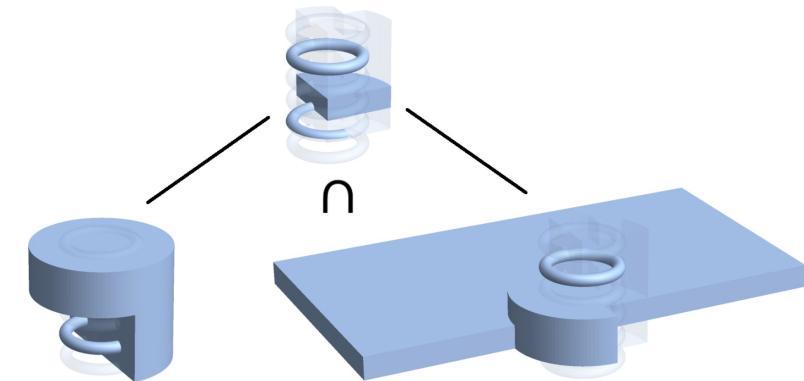
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Halfspaces



Inverse CSG  
[Du et al. 2018]

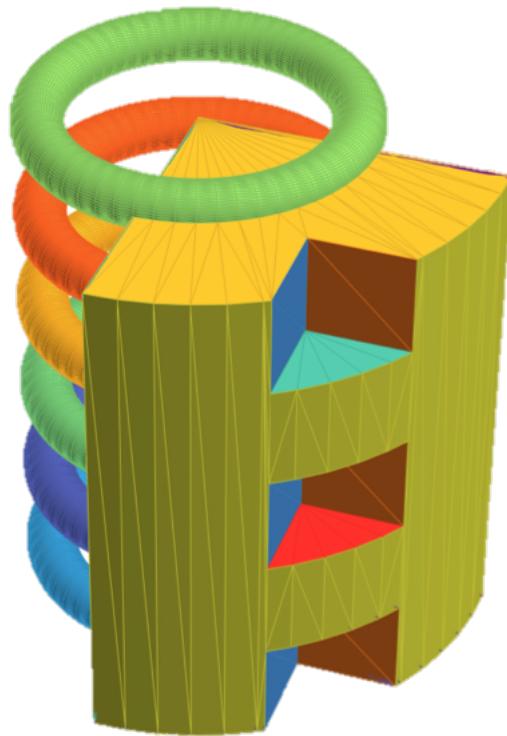




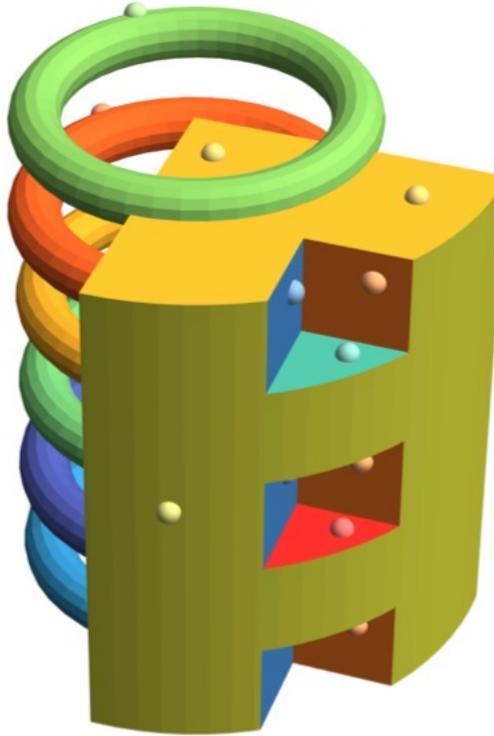
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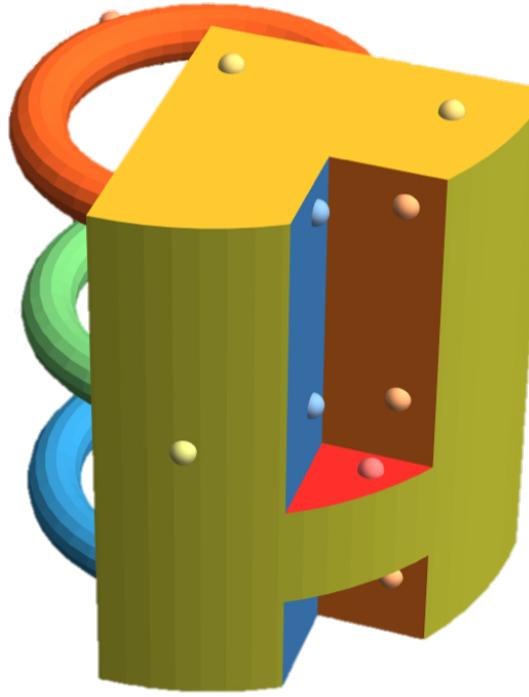
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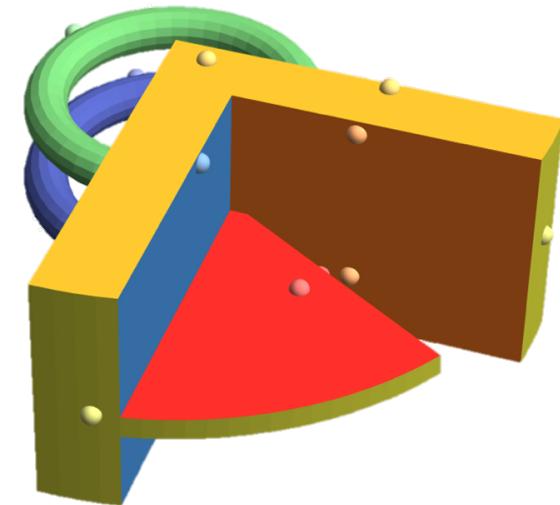
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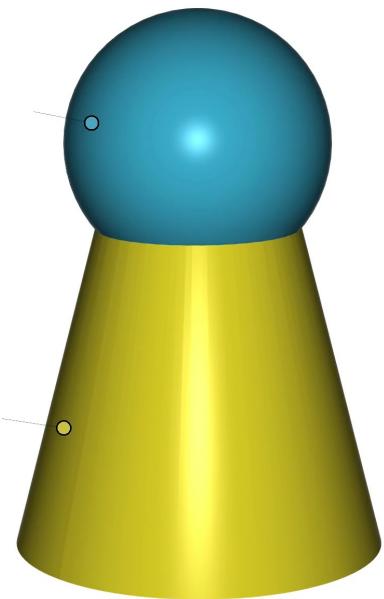
Edit 2



# INTERACTIVE EDITING



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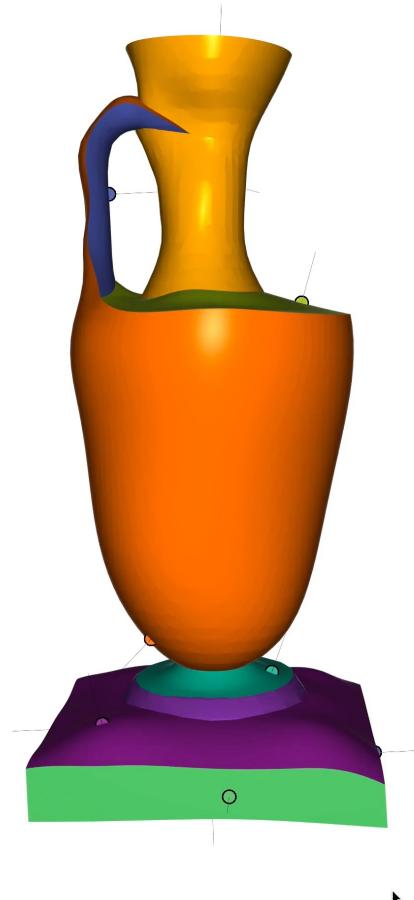




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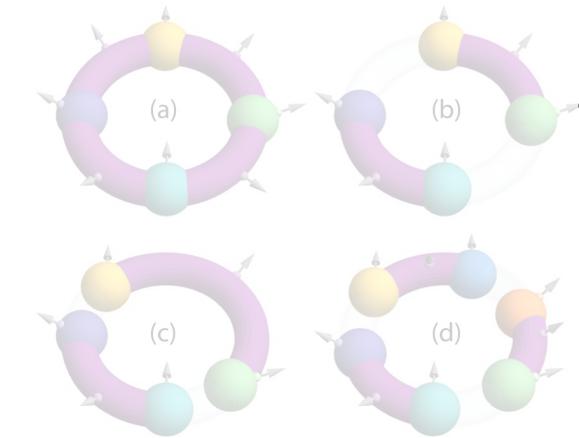


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  - No need for hidden halfspaces
  - Intuitive and light-weight
  - Easy to reverse engineer
- Technical contributions
  - Theoretical analysis of properties
  - Algorithm for boundary extraction and reverse engineering
- Limitation: scalability (due to arrangement computation)

# Thanks!



Video, code, program and more at  
<https://duxingyi-charles.github.io/publication/boundary-sampled-halfspaces/>

