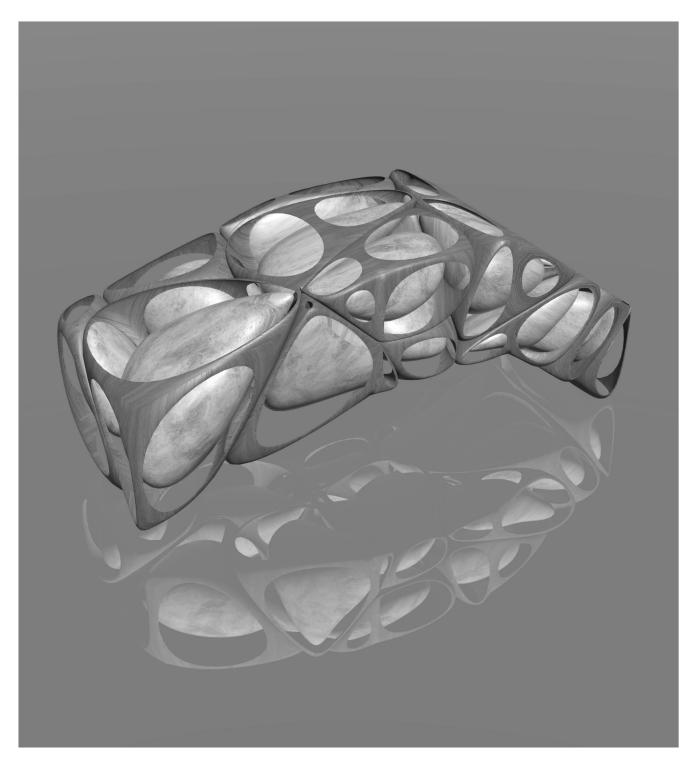
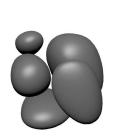
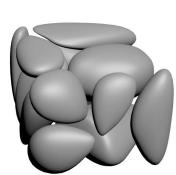
DPM3 Project 1 -Voronoi Bone Structure and Pebble Generator











Original Script - Fracture Voronoi



This is the original script that we extracted from which was found on http://www.scriptspot.com/3ds-max/scripts/fracture-voronoi

This script divides any object into individual Voronoi Cells and the user is able to specify the number of fragments and iterations

- original UVs are preserved and 'projected' onto the new faces;
- simple planar mapping is applied to a new channel and consistent throughout the new parts;
- new material ID is applied to the new faces;

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- can keep intermediate generations;
- can build hierarchy.
( -- start script
global rltFractureVoronoi
try destroyDialog rltFractureVoronoi catch()
rollout rltFractureVoronoi "F.R.A.C.T.U.R.E"
      groupBox boxSetUp "" pos:[5,0] width:116 height:83
      fn geometryFilter obj = superClassOf obj == GeometryClass
     pickButton pbObject "Pick Object" pos:[10,11] width:106 height:25 filter:geometryFilter tooltip:"object to fracture" spinner spnNbParts "Nb Parts: " pos:[09,41] width:106 height:16 range:[2,1000,10] type:#integer enabled:false spinner spnNblter "Iterations: " pos:[28,61] width:87 height:16 range:[1,10,1] type:#integer enabled:false
     groupBox boxMat "" pos:[5,81] width:116 height:89 spinner spnNewID "New Mat ID:" pos:[24,93] width:91 height:16 range:[1,100,1] indeterminate:true type:#integer enabled:false checkBox cbKeepMat "Keep Material" pos:[12,110] checked:true enabled:false spinner spnNewCh "New Map Ch:" pos:[32,133] width:83 height:16 range:[1,10,3] type:#integer enabled:false checkBox cbRWMS "R-W Map Size" pos:[12,150] checked:true enabled:false
     groupBox boxHierarchy "" pos:[5,168] width:116 height:48 checkBox cbKeepGen "Keep Iterations" pos:[12,179] checked:false enabled:false checkBox cbLinkGen "Build Hierarchy" pos:[12,196] checked:false enabled:false
      groupBox boxCreate "" pos:[5,214] width:116 height:109
     button btnCreate "Break in 10" pos:[10,225] width:106 height:25 tooltip:"pick object first" enabled:false radiobuttons rdoColor "" pos:[12,253] width:72 height:32 labels:#("Multi Color", "Uniform") default:1 columns:1 enabled:false colorPicker cpParts "" pos:[70,270] fieldWidth:20 height:12 visible:false
      radiobuttons rdoCenter "" pos:[12,288] width:72 height:32 labels:#("B.Boxes Centers", "Vo.Cells Centers") default:1 columns:1 enabled:false
     groupBox boxProgress "" pos:[5,321] width:116 height:49 progressBar pbProgress "" pos:[10,335] width:106 height:15 value:0 color:[0,96,0] label lblProStatus "" pos:[10,351] width:100 height:17
     local theObject
                                           -- holds the original object
      on pbObject picked obj do
           pbObject.text = obj.name
           theObject = obj
spnNbParts.enabled = true
           spnNblter.enabled = true
spnNewID.enabled = true
           cbKeepMat.enabled = true
           spnNewCh enabled = true
           cbRWMS.enabled = true
          cbLinkGen.enabled = true
btnCreate.enabled = true
          btnCreate.tooltip = "start creating parts"
rdoColor.enabled = true
           rdoCenter.enabled = true
           cpParts.color = obi.wireColor
           cpParts.visible = true
           when obj deleted do
                btnCreate.enabled = false
                btnCreate.tooltip = pbObject.text + " has been deleted!"
pbObject.text = "Pick Object"
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undo off
       -- gets new mat ID for new faces
       m = edit_mesh()
addModifier obj m
       spnNewID.value = amax(for i = 1 to obj.numfaces collect getFaceMatID obj i) + 1
       deleteModifier obj m
  -- end on btnMesh picked theMesh
on btnCreate pressed do
   undo off
       disableSceneRedraw()
       clearSelection()
       start = timeStamp()
       local nbParts = spnNbParts.value
       local nblter = spnNblter.value
local keepGen = cbKeepGen.checked
       local linkGen = cbLinkGen.checked
local aPartsStart = #()
       local aPartsEnd = #()
       local aAllParts = #()
       local aAllCoords = #()
       local thePlane = plane width:1 length:1 widthSegs:1 lengthSegs:1 -- plane helper for slice plane local theMesh = editable_mesh()
       local abortBreaking = false
       IblProStatus.caption = " Breaking..."
       -- BREAKING UP

    Creates a copy of the orihinal object which the script works off

       -- clean copy (no custom attributes, keyframes, weird transforms, etc --
       theCopy = copy theObject
theCopy.name = "toto"
       resetXForm theCopy
       convertToMesh theCopy
       theMesh.mesh = theCopy.mesh
theMesh.transform = theCopy.transform
       theMesh.pivot = [0,0,0]
resetXForm theMesh
       convertToMesh theMesh
       delete theCopy
       -- material and UVs
       if cbKeepMat.checked do theMesh.material = theObject.material
       addModifier theMesh (uvwMap mapChannel:spnNewCh.value realWorldMapSize:cbRWMS.checked)
       convertToMesh theMesh
       setFaceSelection theMesh #{}
         parts creation
                                                                                                                                                           Creation of parts using voroni tessellation at the
       aPartsEnd = #(theMesh)
       for iter = 1 to nblter while not abortBreaking do
                                                                                                                                                           end of the process object parts are put into an
                                                                                                                                                           array called aAllParts
           aPartsStart = aPartsEnd
           aPartsEnd = #()
           for obj in aPartsStart while not abortBreaking do
               aPartsTemp = for i = 1 to nbParts collect copy obj
               pSys = pcloud emitter:obj formation:3 total_number:nbParts quantityMethod:1 viewPercent:100 seed:(random 0 100)
               aCoords = for i = 1 to nbParts collect particlePos pSys i-- fill with random coordinates
              delete pSys for i = 1 to nbParts - 1 do for j = i + 1 to nbParts while not abortBreaking do -- for each pair of coords
                  thePlane.pos = (aCoords[i] + aCoords[j]) / 2
thePlane.dir = aCoords[j] - aCoords[i]
                  addModifier aPartsTemp[i] (sliceModifier slice_type:2)
                  addModifier aPartsTemp[j] (sliceModifier slice_type:3)
aPartsTemp[j].slice.slice_plane.transform = thePlane.transform
aPartsTemp[j].slice.slice_plane.transform = thePlane.transform
addModifier aPartsTemp[j] (cap_holes())
addModifier aPartsTemp[j] (cap_holes())
                  convertToMesh aPartsTemp[i]
                  convertToMesh aPartsTemp[j]
                  if keyboard.escPressed do abortBreaking = queryBox "Do you want to abort and delete already created parts?"
              ) -- end i loop
aPartsEnd += aPartsTemp
aAllParts += aPartsTemp
              aAllCoords += aCoords
              total = nbParts * ((nbParts^nblter - 1) / (nbParts - 1))
prog = 100 * aAllParts.count / total
              pbProgress.value = prog
pbProgress.color = [200 - prog * 2,prog * 2,0]
               -- end obj loop
           -- end iter loop
       if not abortBreaking then
           IblProStatus.caption = " Finalizing..."
           -- TIDYING UP
           delete theMesh
                                     Deletes the helper plane and mesh which were used
           delete thePlane
                                     for the parts creation
           hide theObject
           -- intermediate generations
           if not keepGen and nblter != 1 do
              ind = 0
              for i = 1 to nblter - 1 do for j = 1 to nbParts^i do
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ind += 1
          delete aAllParts[ind]
           aAllCoords[ind] = undefined
          aAllParts = for obj in aAllParts where not isDeleted obj collect obj
          aAllCoords = for c in aAllCoords where c != undefined collect c
       -- coordinates
       if rdoCenter.state == 1 then centerPivot aAllParts
       else for i = 1 to aAllParts.count do aAllParts[i].pivot = aAllCoords[i]
       resetXForm aAllParts
       convertToMesh aAllParts
       -- new faces ID
       newID = spnNewID.value
       for obj in aAllParts do
          for f in getFaceSelection obj do setFaceMatID obj f newID
           setFaceSelection obj #{}
       -- names
       if not keepGen or nblter == 1 then
          for i = 1 to aAllParts.count do aAllParts[i].name = theObject.name + "_Part_" + i as string
          for i = 1 to nbParts do aAllParts[i].name = theObject.name + "_Part_" + i as string
          indP = 0
          indC = nbParts
           for i = 1 to nblter - 1 do for j = 1 to nbParts^i do
              indP += 1
              for k = 1 to nbParts do
                 indC += 1
                 aAllParts[indC].name = aAllParts[indP].name + "_" + k as string
                  -- end k loop
             -- end j loop
          -- end else
       -- lavers
       -- (comment out this block if you don't want any layer, intermediate generations will not be hidden)
-- (FROM HERE...)
       if not keepGen or nblter == 1 then
          if layerManager.getLayerFromName (theObject.name + "_Parts") == undefined then
           theLayer = layerManager.newLayerFromName (theObject.name + "_Parts") else theLayer = layerManager.getLayerFromName (theObject.name + "_Parts")
          for obj in aAllParts do theLayer.addNode obj
          -- end if
          aTheLayers = for i = 1 to nblter collect
              if layerManager.getLayerFromName (theObject.name + "_Gen_" + i as string) == undefined then layerManager.newLayerFromName (theObject.name + "_Gen_" + i as string) else layerManager.getLayerFromName (theObject.name + "_Gen_" + i as string)
          for i = 1 to nblter - 1 do aTheLayers[i].isHidden = true
          for i = 1 to nblter do for i = 1 to nbParts^i do
              ind += 1
              aTheLayers[i].addNode aAllParts[ind]
              -- end i loop
          -- end else
       -- (...TO HERE)
        - hierarchy
       if linkGen do
          if not KeepGen or nblter == 1 then for obj in aAllParts do attachObjects theObject obj move:false
          else
              for i = 1 to nbParts do attachObjects theObject aAllParts[i] move:false
              indC = nbParts
              for i = 1 to nblter - 1 do for j = 1 to nbParts^i do
                 indP += 1
                  for k = 1 to nbParts do
                 attachObjects aAllParts[indP] aAllParts[indC] move:false
) -- end k loop
              ) -- end j loop
             -- end else
          -- end if linkGen
       if rdoColor.state == 1 then for obj in aAllParts do obj.wireColor = random black white
       else aAllParts.wireColor = cpParts.color
       | IbIProStatus.caption = " Done in " + (formattedPrint ((timeStamp() - start) / 1000.0) format: ".1f") + "sec."
       enableSceneRedraw()
       completeRedraw()
       delete thePlane
       delete theMesh
       delete aAllParts
       pbProgress.value = 0
       lblProStatus.caption = " Stopped
       enableSceneRedraw()
      -- end test abortBreaking
) -- end undo off
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on spnNbParts changed val do

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btnCreate.caption = "Break in " + ((val ^ spnNbIter.value) as string)
)

on spnNbIter changed val do
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btnCreate.caption = "Break in " + ((spnNbParts.value ^ val) as string)
cbKeepGen.enabled = val != 1
)

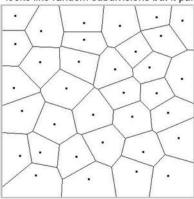
on rltFractureVoronoi close do
(
enableSceneRedraw()
CompleteRedraw()
callbacks.removeScripts id:#FVcbID01
)

-- end rollout rltFractureVoronoi 126 375 60 130
-- end script
```

The areas highlighted in yellow are the parts that we extracted from the Fracture Voronoi script. The extracted script allows us to 'break' an object into individual parts according to the Voronoi tessellation method resulting in Voronoi Cells

Writing the Script

We were originally interested in using a tessellation pattern to subdivide and tile a chosen surface. The idea was that the subdivisions or individual tiles could be extruded and controlled with a control point. However we soon decided it would be more interesting to try and script something that would instead of tiles create more of a frame structure using a tessellation pattern on a chosen surface. We started by looking into tessellation patterns but found that they were too regular with not much variation. Therefore we decided to go with a voronoi tessellation pattern as it was a pattern that seemingly looks like random subdivisions but it partitions itself into voronoi cells according to the distance 'closeness' to set points in a plane.



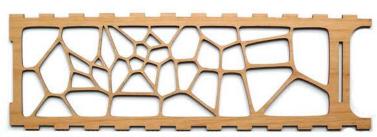


Image Source: http://www.cs.wustl.edu/~pless/546/lectures/L11.html

Image Source: http://cargocollective.com/kimcovey/Voronoi-Structure-Lamp

The maths behind the voronoi fragments was rather difficult but we managed to find an existing script (fracture voronoi) that we could extract from which we could use to create voronoi cells. This lead on to looking into how we would go about writing the script.

Our initial idea was as follows:

- 1. To create a plane/object which we could give a thickness
- 2. Divide the plane/object into voronoi cells using the extracted script and be able to specify the number of fragments
- 3. Select all the edges and vertices and weld/attach them together to create one singular frame
- 4. Delete inner faces to just be left with a frame
- 5. Give the frame a thickness using shell modifier or something similar

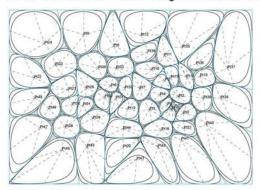


Image Source: http://theverymany.com/2006/08/07/rh4_060807_vornoi/

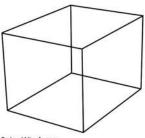
Then we found this image online and thought that the structure could be given a smoothness of some which would make the end result much cleaner and pleasent to look at.So having set the initial ideas we started scripting and went through several iterations of the final script to reach the end product.

Our final script enables the user to pick any object and choose the number of voronoi cells that it should fragment into. Then the fragments can be used to create a voronoi bone like structure and also voronoi pebbles 'cells' derived from the same fragments

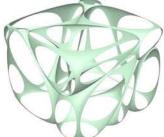
Final Script- Voronpi Bone Structure/Pebble Generator

```
global theObject= $
2
    global nbParts = 5
3
4
  rollout generateBox"Generate Box" --define a rollout
5
6
7
8
    struct myFunc
9
10
11
       fn removeRandomEdges =
12
13
              theObject = $
              theObject = convertToPoly (theObject)
14
15
              local amtOfEdges
16
              amtOfEdges = polyOp.getNumEdges theObject
                                                                      -- the number of edges in the poly. Includes any dead edges.
              local edgesToDelete = amtOfEdges/5
17
                                                                   --1/5 of the edges to be removed
              local randomEdge
18
19
20
              for i = 1 to edgesToDelete do
                                                               --loop picking random edges to delete
21
22
                  amtOfEdges = polyOp.getNumEdges theObject
23
                  select theObject
24
                  max modify mode
25
                  subObjectLevel = 2
26
                  randomEdge = random 1 amtOfEdges
27
                  $.EditablePoly.SetSelection #Edge #{randomEdge}
                                                                        --set the selection in the specified sub-object level
28
                  $.EditablePoly.Remove ()
                                                                    --remove edges
29
30
         ),
```

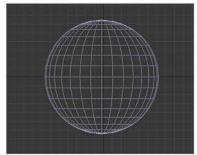
The first function we wrote was the random edges. This part of the script allows us to go through the number of edges in a picked object and randomly remove 1/5 of the edges. The reason that this was necessary was that with objects like a cube have a small number of edges, verticies and faces which allows for a pleasant bone structure. On the other hand shapes like a shere when created in 3DsMax have a very large number of edges and verticies so when the script runs the resultant bone structure is very regular and not random.



Cube-Wireframe



Resulting Bone Structure after script has run



Sphere-Wireframe showing large number of edges, vertices and faces



Bone Structure no Random Edges Removed



Bone Structure with Random Edges Removed

As you can see the sphere structure has many edges and vertices so with no edges removed the resulting structure is very regular compared to that of a cube. With the Random Edges removed the sphere is less regular with more random spacings. So the idea was that the user can choose to remove edges of certain shapes so that when the script runs and generates a bone structure the end result is more pleasing to the eye.

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31
32
         fn fragmentation =
33
34
              global theMesh = editable_mesh()
35
              global thePlane = plane width:1 length:1 widthSegs:1 -- plane helper for slice plane
36
              global aPartsStart = #()
37
              global aPartsEnd = #()
              global aAllParts = #()
38
39
              global aAllPartsCopy = #()
40
              global aAllCoords = #()
41
              global nblter = 1
42
43
           theObject = $
44
           -- clean copy (no custom attributes, keyframes, weird transforms, etc.
45
              theCopy = copy theObject
              theCopy.name = "desi"
              resetXForm theCopy
47
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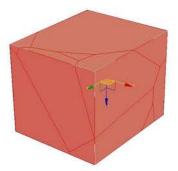
```
48
              convertToMesh theCopy
49
              theMesh.mesh = theCopy.mesh
50
              theMesh.transform = theCopy.transform
51
              theMesh.pivot = [0,0,0]
52
              resetXForm theMesh
53
              convertToMesh theMesh
              delete theCopy
54
55
56
       -- parts creation
57
              aPartsEnd = #(theMesh)
58
              for iter = 1 to 1 do
59
                   aPartsStart = aPartsEnd
60
61
                   aPartsEnd = #()
62
                   for theObject in aPartsStart do
63
64
65
                          aPartsTemp = for i = 1 to nbParts collect copy theObject
                          pSys = pcloud emitter:theObject formation:3 total_number:nbParts quantityMethod:1 viewPercent:100 seed:(random 0 100)
66
                          aCoords = for i = 1 to nbParts collect particlePos pSys i -- fill with random coordinates
67
68
                          delete pSys
69
                          for i = 1 to nbParts - 1 do for j = i + 1 to nbParts do -- for each pair of coords
70
71
                                  thePlane.pos = (aCoords[i] + aCoords[j]) / 2
72
                                  thePlane.dir = aCoords[j] - aCoords[i]
73
74
                                  addModifier aPartsTemp[i] (sliceModifier slice_type:2)
75
                                  addModifier aPartsTemp[j] (sliceModifier slice_type:3)
76
                                  aPartsTemp[i].slice.slice_plane.transform = thePlane.transform
77
                                  aPartsTemp[j].slice.slice_plane.transform = thePlane.transform
                                  addModifier aPartsTemp[i] (cap_holes())
78
79
                                  addModifier aPartsTemp[j] (cap_holes())
                                  convertToMesh aPartsTemp[i]
80
81
                                  convertToMesh aPartsTemp[j]
82
83
                               ) -- end i loop
84
                          aPartsEnd += aPartsTemp
85
                          aAllParts += aPartsTemp
86
                          aAllCoords += aCoords
87
                          total = nbParts * ((nbParts^nblter - 1) / (nbParts - 1))
88
89
                          -- end theObject loop
90
                 ) -- end iter loop
91
              for theObject in aAllParts do theObject.wireColor = random black white
92
              delete theObject --st box
93
              delete thePlane -- helper plane
                                --thelastcopy
94
              delete theMesh
95
96
              for obj in aAllParts do convertTo obj Editable_Poly
                                                                   -- conv the parts to edit poly
97
         ),
98
99
```

Fragment function allows us to cut a selected object into a specified number of voronoi fragments. This is where all the fragmented parts to be used further in the script are created and then they are stored in an array called aAllParts defined at the beginning of the fragment function. All the parts are then converted into an editable poly so that we can later modify the objects using poly operations.

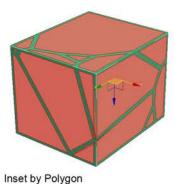
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100
       fn generateForm = -- this is the inset and surfsubdivision
101
102
                 total = aAllParts.count
103
                 for i = 2 to total do
104
                      polyop.attach aAllParts[1] aAllParts[i] -- chooses the first object and attaches it to the next
105
106
107
                 aAllPartsCopy = copy aAllParts[1]
108
109
110
                 numfaces = polyop.getnumfaces aAllParts[1]
111
                 select aAllParts[1] --select the object
112
113
                 max modify mode --go to modify panel
                 subobjectlevel = 4 --go to polygon sub-object level
114
115
                 polyop.setfaceselection aAllParts[1] #{1..numfaces}
                 aAllParts[1].insetType = 1 --insets by polygon
116
117
                 aAllParts[1].insetAmount = 1.5 --inset amount
118
                 aAllParts[1].ButtonOp #inset --grow the selection
119
120
                 polyop.setfaceselection aAllParts[1] #{1..numfaces} --selects all faces
121
122
                 delete aAllParts[1].selectedfaces --deletes faces
                 select aAllParts[1]
123
124
                 aAllParts[1].surfSubdivide = on --nurms subdivision
125
                 aAllParts[1].iterations = 3
126
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```
127 select aAllPartsCopy
128 hide aAllPartsCopy --hide
129 ),
130
131
```

The generateForm function is what allows us to create the bone structure. First we count the number of objects in the array aAllParts and then do a loop to attach all the objects in the array to each other. The next operation is to select the poly faces and do an inset modifier the incettype =1 which tells maxscript to inset the object by polygons. After the inset operation is done the poly faces are selected again and deleted to leave only the poly frame. To achieve the final smooth bone structure the frame a Nurms Subdivision is applied which smooths the frame. A copy of aAllParts is made within the function and hidden so that it can be used later in the script within another function.

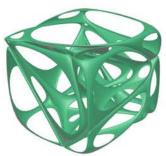


Attached Object with faces selected





Poly faces deleted and resulting frame



Smoothed Frame - Nurms Subdivide

Development of script

Originally the aim of the script was to be able to generate a bone like voronoi structure using any object. But we decided that the script could be taken further and improved, what we decided to do was to pack or fill the voids in the frame with Voronoi 'Pebbles' derived from the same fragments as the original object. This way we would avoid getting random pebbles and have a pebble mass that had a direct relation to the voids.

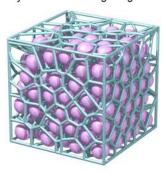
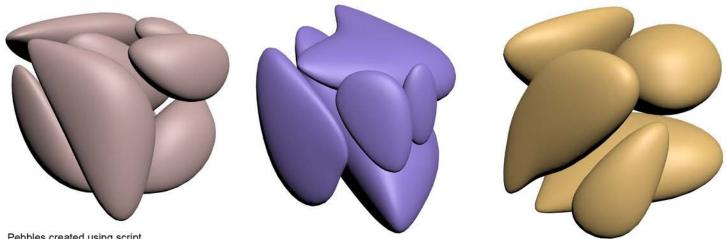


Image Source:http://math.lbl.gov/voro++/examples/radical/ This image was the inspiration behind 'packing' the voids with another object.

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To test the pebble script we created an object and then ran the fragment function to cut the object into parts. Then the fragments are selected and converted into an editable poly and attached. The resulting object is selected and a nurms subdivision is applied to it which creates the pebbles

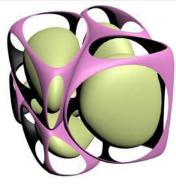


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Pebbles created using script
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```
fn generatePebbles =
132
133
134
                unhide aAllPartsCopy --unhide all
135
                select aAllParts[1]
136
137
                aAllPartsCopy.surfSubdivide = on --nurms subdivision
138
                aAllPartsCopy.iterations = 3
139
140
```

In the end we realised that we did not need to use such a long script. By doing aAllPartscopy = copy aAllParts and creating a copy of the original fragments stored in the aAllParts array we could call then later and use them to from pebbles which were formed from the same voronoi fragments as the voids. So that we can see the bone structure generation from the original parts the copied parts were hidden after the generateForm function. So when generatePebbles function is called the coped parts are called back and unhidden so that you can view the pebbles as well as the bone structure.





```
Final Script-Pebbles inside Voronoi Structure
141
142
              pickButton selectObject "Select Object" width:140 align:#center
               edittext selectObject_tf "Object: " text:"NONE" readonly:true width:138
143
              button randomEdges_btn "Random Edges" width:140 align:#center enabled:false spinner nbParts_spinner "No Fragments: " range:[1,20,nbParts] type:#integer width:140 align:#center enabled:false
144
145
146
              button fragmentation_btn "Fragment Object" width:140 align:#center enabled:false
              button generateForm_btn "Generate Form" width:140 align:#center enabled:false
147
148
              button generatePebbles_btn "Generate Pebbles" width:140 align:#center enabled:false
149
              on selectObject picked obj do
150
151
                   selectObject_tf.text = obj.name
152
153
                   randomEdges_btn.enabled = true
154
                   nbParts spinner.enabled = true
155
                   fragmentation_btn.enabled = true
156
                 )
157
158
              on randomEdges_btn pressed do
159
160
161
                   myFunc.removeRandomEdges()
162
163
164
              on nbParts_spinner changed amt do
165
166
                   nbParts = amt
167
168
              on fragmentation_btn pressed do
169
170
                   myFunc.fragmentation()
171
172
                   generateForm_btn.enabled = true
173
174
175
              on generateForm_btn pressed do
176
```

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177
                 myFunc.generateForm()
178
                  generatePebbles_btn.enabled = true
179
180
181
             on generatePebbles_btn pressed do
182
                 myFunc.generatePebbles()
183
184
185
186
      createDialog generateBox 200 200 --create a dialog with the rollout
187
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END Script







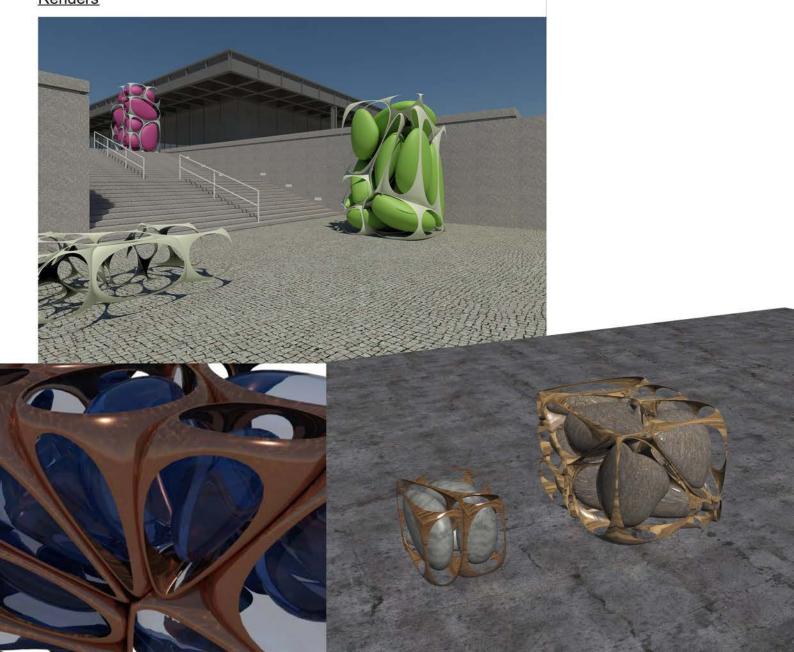


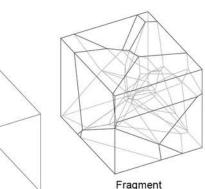
The way that the script runs is straight forward. The pick button has been made so that until an object has been selected the

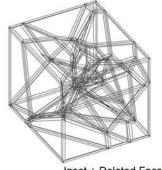
- -Random Edges
- -No Fragments spinner (we set the maximum fragments to 20 as it seems that above this number 3DsMax seems to have some difficulty generating the Fragments)
- -Fragment Object

buttons are disabled. The generate form button is also disabled until the object has been fragmented and likewise only when the Generate Form button has been pressed can you Generate Pebbles.

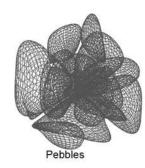
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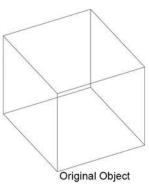


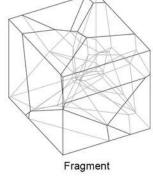


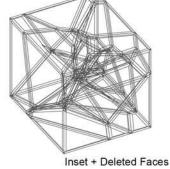




Nurms Subdivision







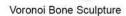


The script has several architectural applications for instance it could be used to create a voronoi frame to be used as a building envelope. Or it could be used as an decorative interior wall. With the scripts potential to be used in many different ways, we believe that we have reached a good end result. We see the possibility to continue and use this script for future design projects













Voronoi Pebble Sculpture

