



Real-time Continuous Collision Detection and Penetration Depth Computation

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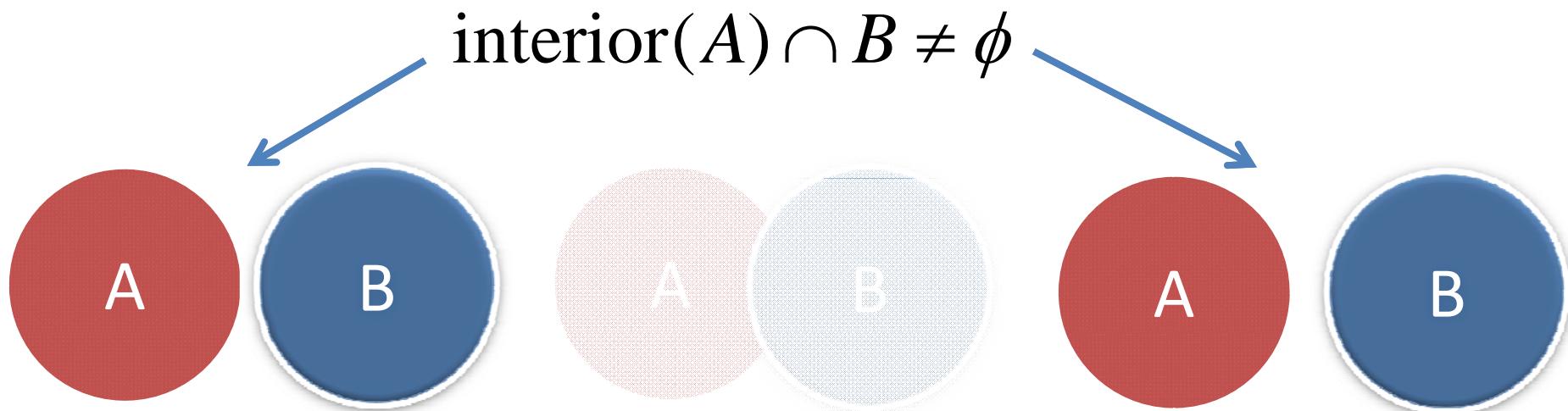
Autonomous Ice Serving Robot

(with Zhixing Xue at FZI)



Non-penetration Constraint

- No overlap between geometric objects



- Crucial for mimicking the physical presence

Earlier Research

- **Focused on checking for whether there is any overlap between A and B, *fixed in space***
 - Tons of papers published in the area of *collision detection*
 - Well-studied and matured technology
- **Not clear how to resolve such overlap**

Recent Research Trends

- **Avoid inter-penetration**
 - Continuous collision detection (CCD)
- **Allow inter-penetration but backtrack**
 - Penetration depth (PD)



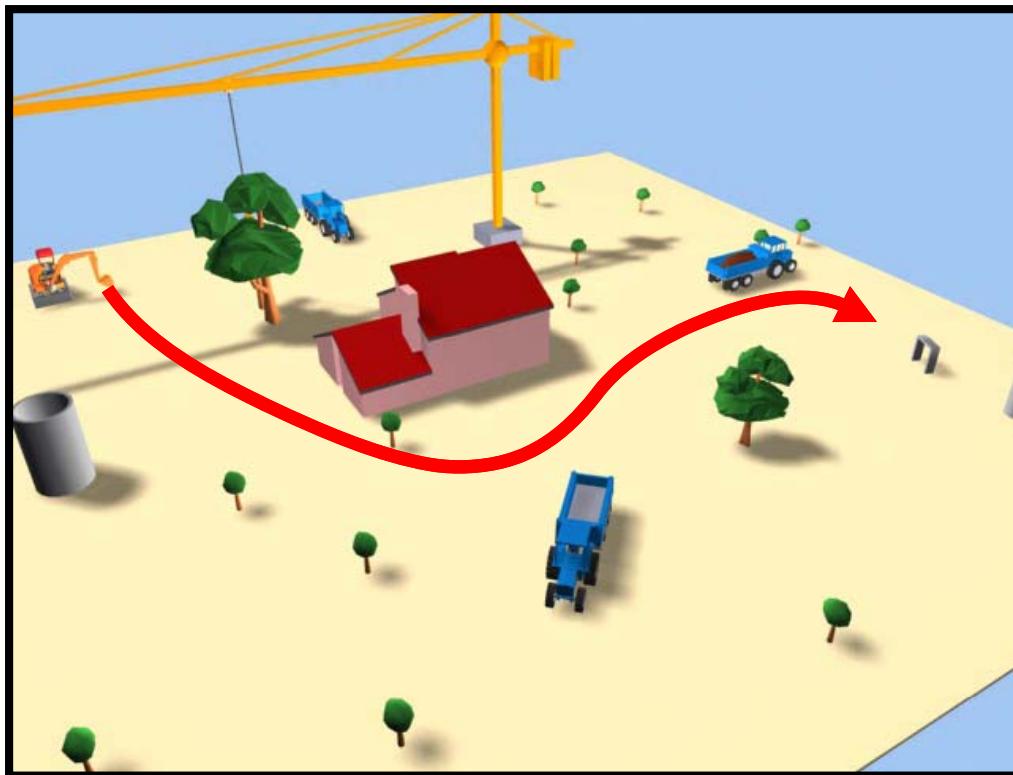
Applications of Continuous CD

- **Rigid body dynamics**
 - Find the time of contact (ToC) to apply forces



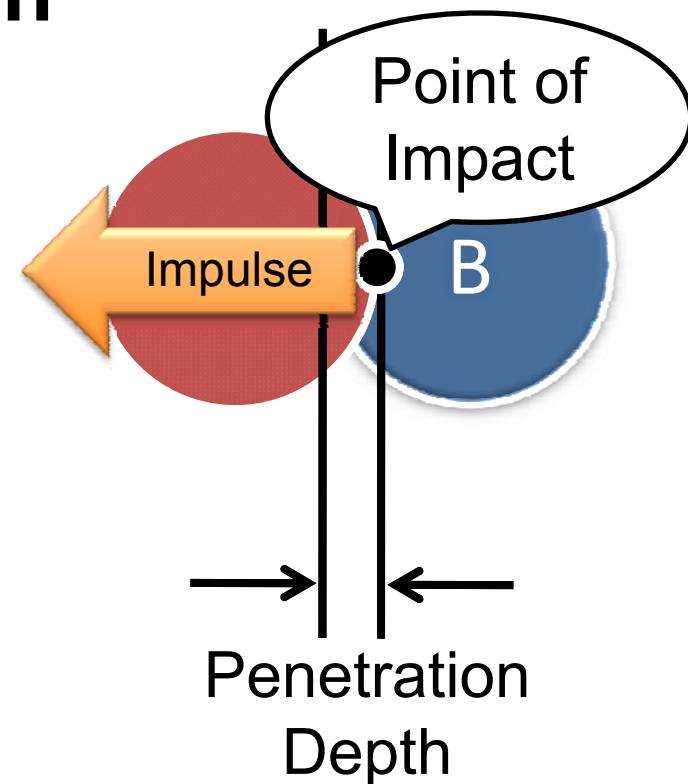
Applications of Continuous CD

- Motion planning
 - Check whether a path is collision-free



Applications of Penetration Depth

- Dynamics simulation
 - Penalty-based
 - Impulse-based

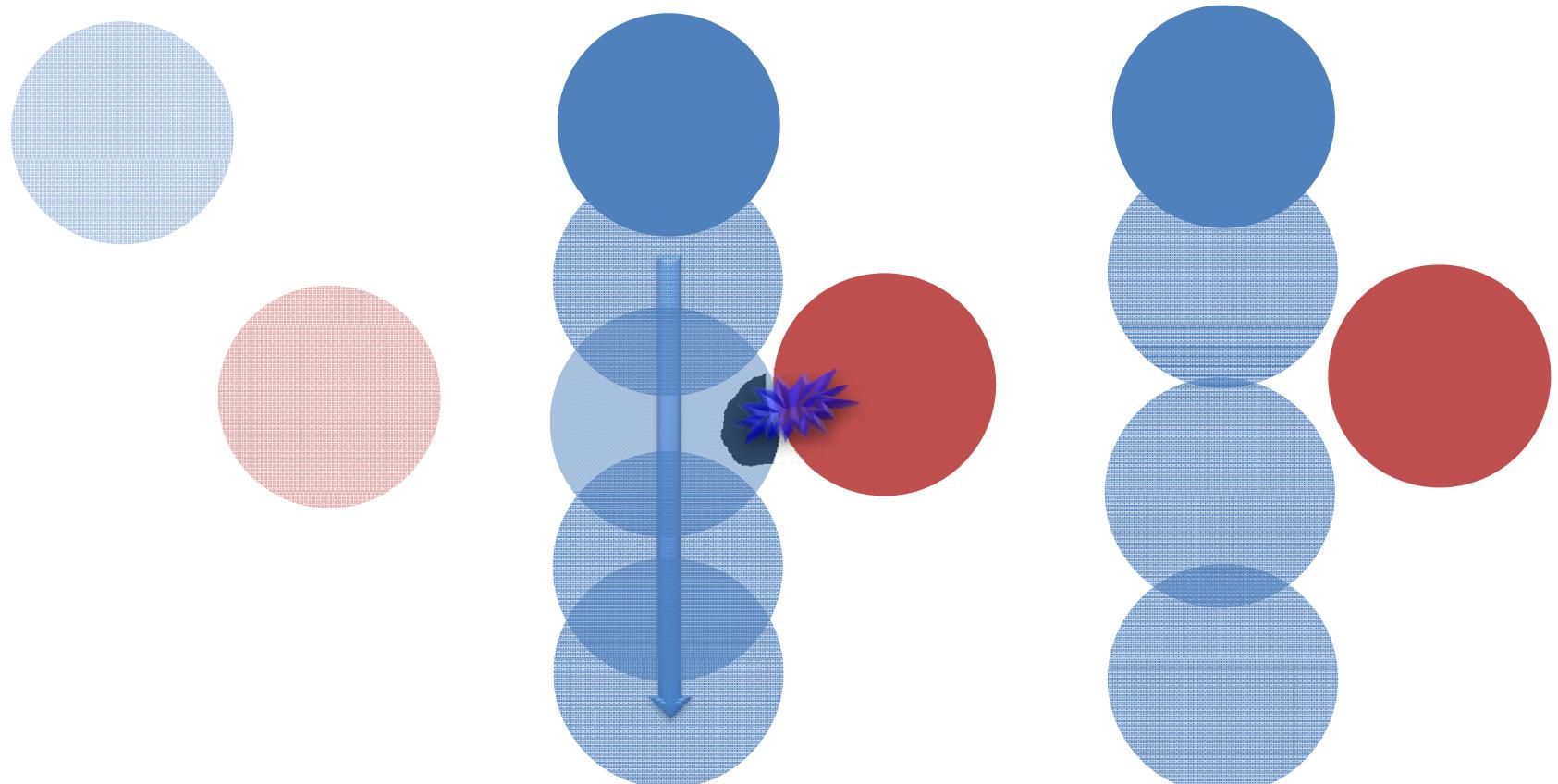


Goal

- **Recent research results**
 - CCD (rigid, polygon-soups, articulated)
 - PD (pointwise, translational)
- **Applications**
 - Real-time rigid body dynamics
 - Robotic grasping
 - CAD disassembly

CONTINUOUS COLLISION DETECTION

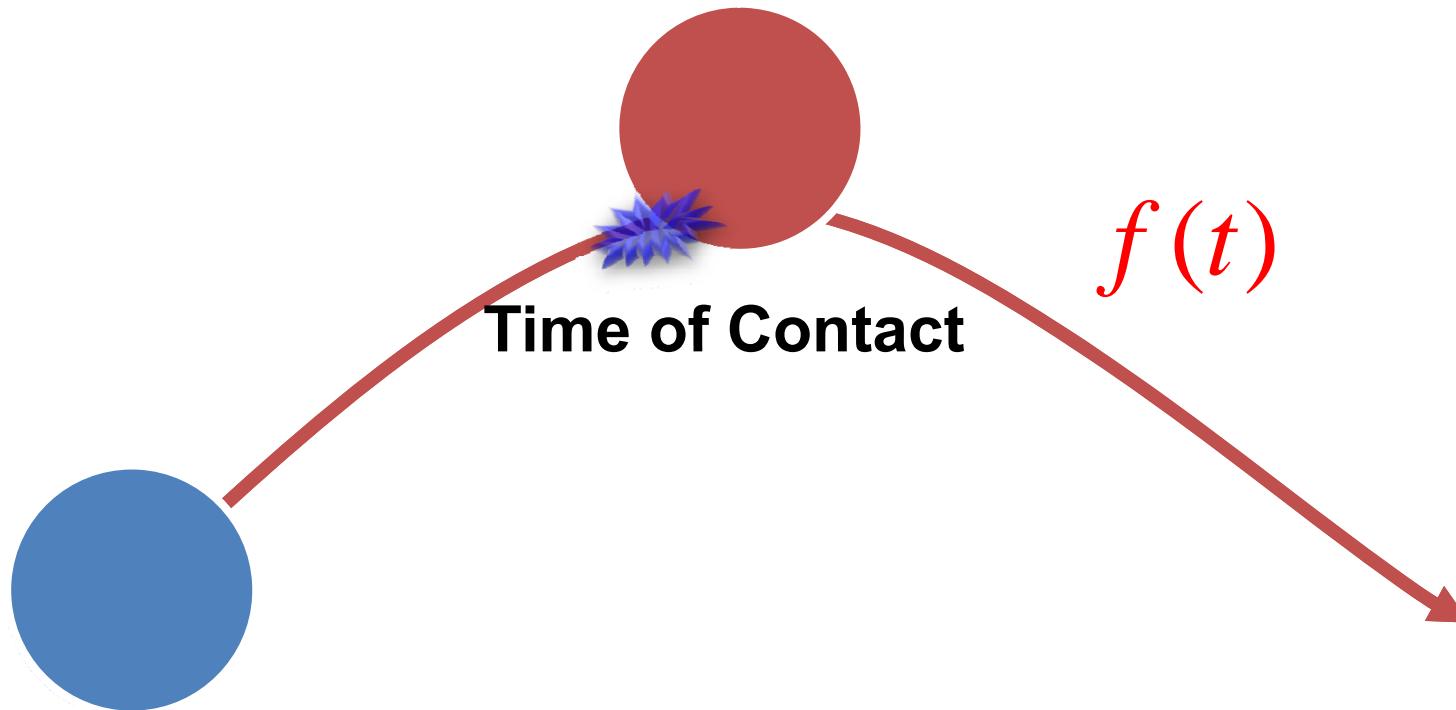
Discrete Collision Detection



Collision Missing

Continuous Collision Detection

- Motion trajectory $f(t)$ is known in advance

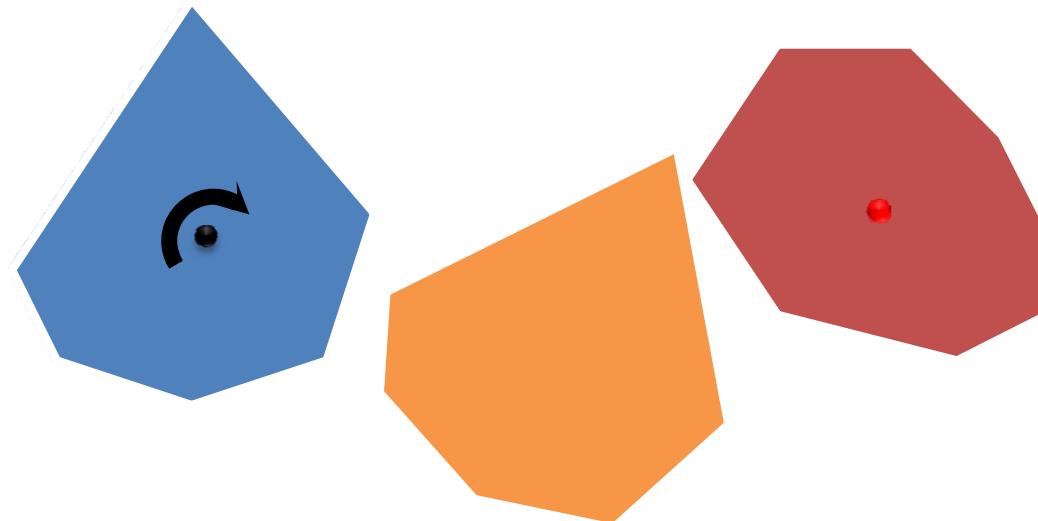


Previous Work on CCD

- Algebraic solution -[Canny86], [Redon00], [Kim03], [Choi06]
- Swept volume -[Abdel-Malek02],[Hubbard93], [Redon04a,b]
- Bisection -[Redon02], [Schwarzer02]
- Kinetic data structures -[Kim98], [Kirkpatrick00], [Agarwal01]
- Minkowski sum -[Bergen04]
- Conservative advancement
 - [Mirtich96], [Mirtich00],[Coumans 2006],[Zhang06], [Tang09]

Conservative Advancement (CA)

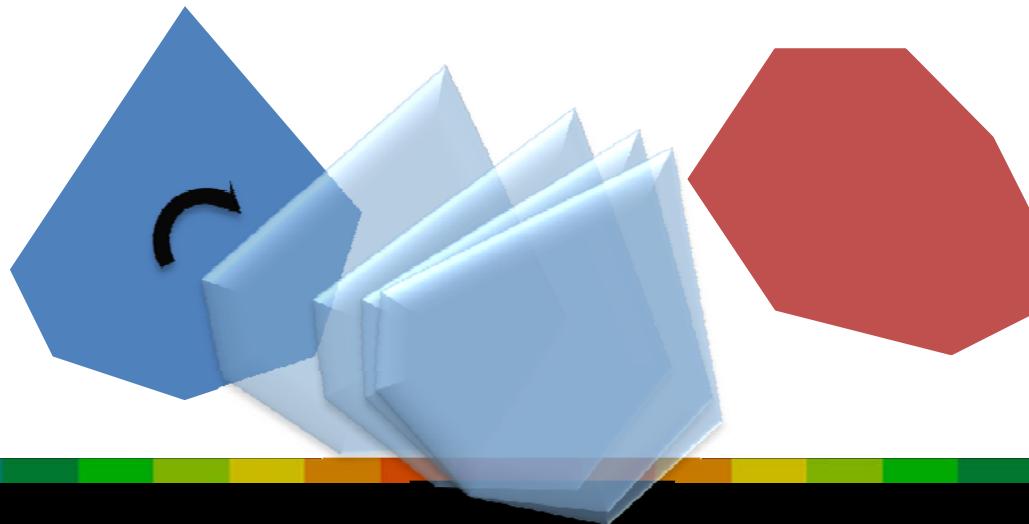
- Assume objects are **convex**
- Find the 1st time of contact (ToC) of a moving object



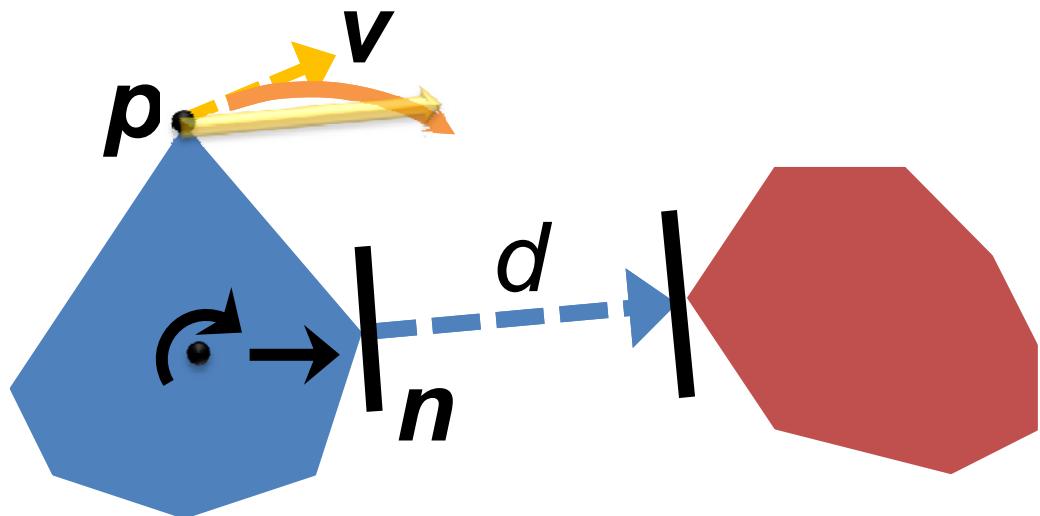
Conservative Advancement (CA)

1. Find a step size Δt_i to conservatively advance the object until collision occurs
2. Repeat until inter-distance $< \epsilon$

$$ToC = \Delta t_1 + \Delta t_2 + \Delta t_3 + \Delta t_4$$



Calculating Δt in CA



d, n : closest distance,
direction vector
 v : velocity

$$\int_0^{\Delta t} \left| \Psi \left(\int_0^{\Delta t} \max(|\psi(dt) \cdot n(dt)|) dt \right) \right| = \mu$$

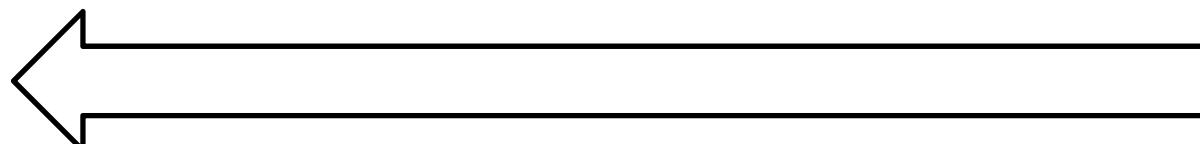
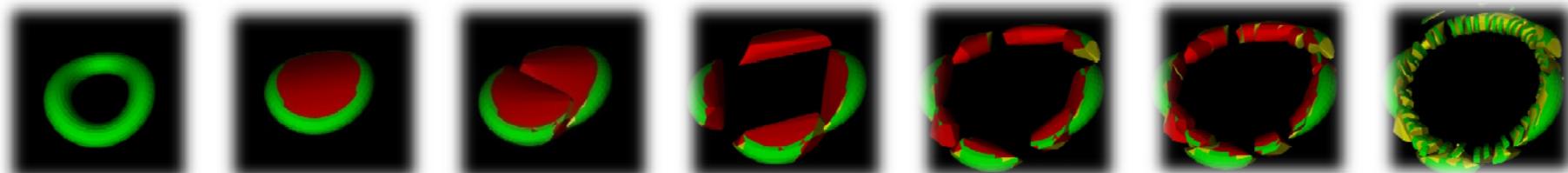
Calculating Δt in CA

$$\mu \Delta t \leq d \quad \therefore \Delta t \leq \frac{d}{\mu}$$
$$\int_0^{\Delta t} |v(t) \bullet n(t)| dt \leq \int_0^{\Delta t} \max(|v(t) \bullet n(t)|) dt \leq d$$

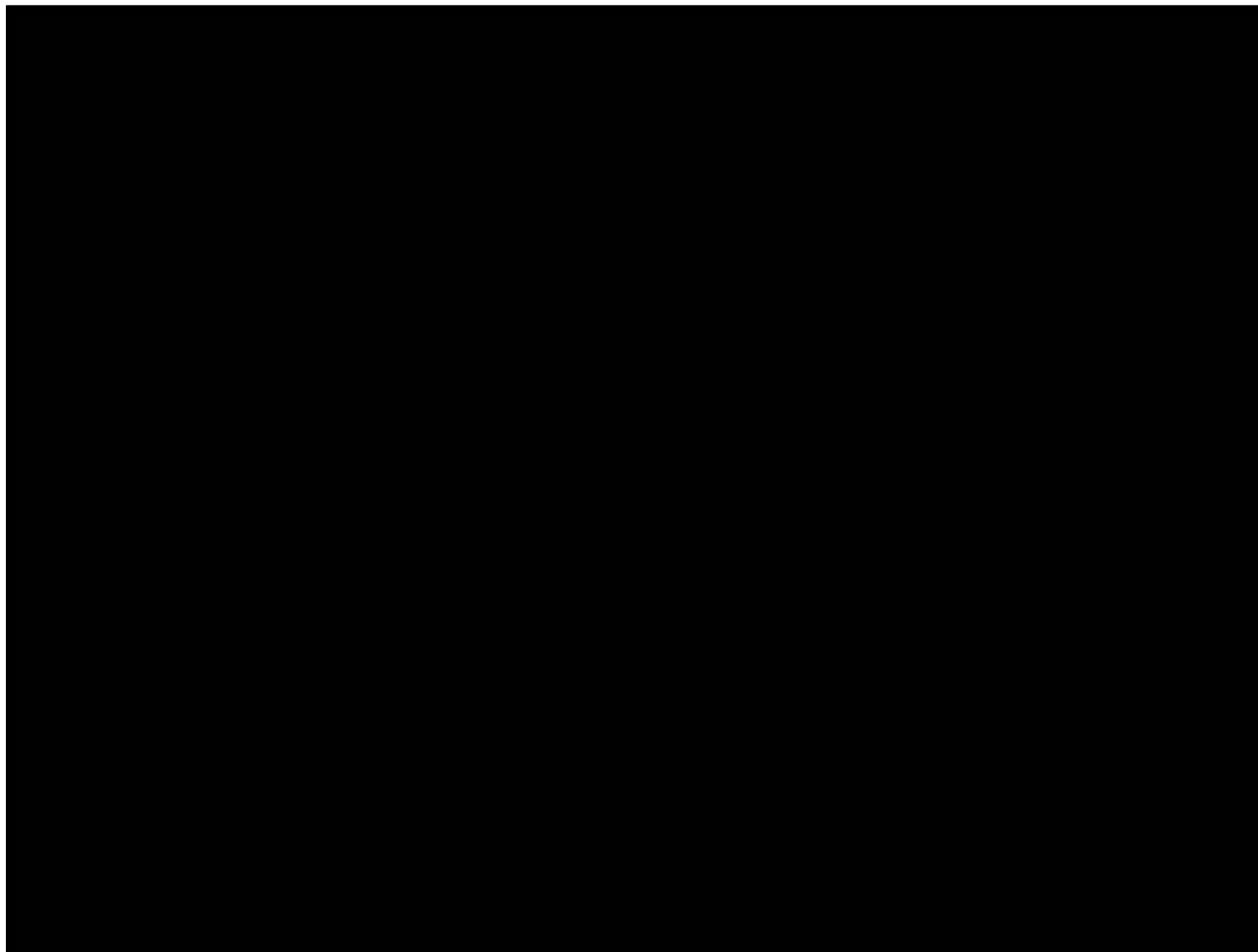
Extension to Non-convex

[Zhang et. al PG 06]

- Use of convex decomposition
- Build a hierarchy of decomposed convex pieces and perform CA *hierarchically*



Santa vs. Thin Board



37K triangles

51,546 FPS

of iterations
3.68

Bunny vs. Bunny

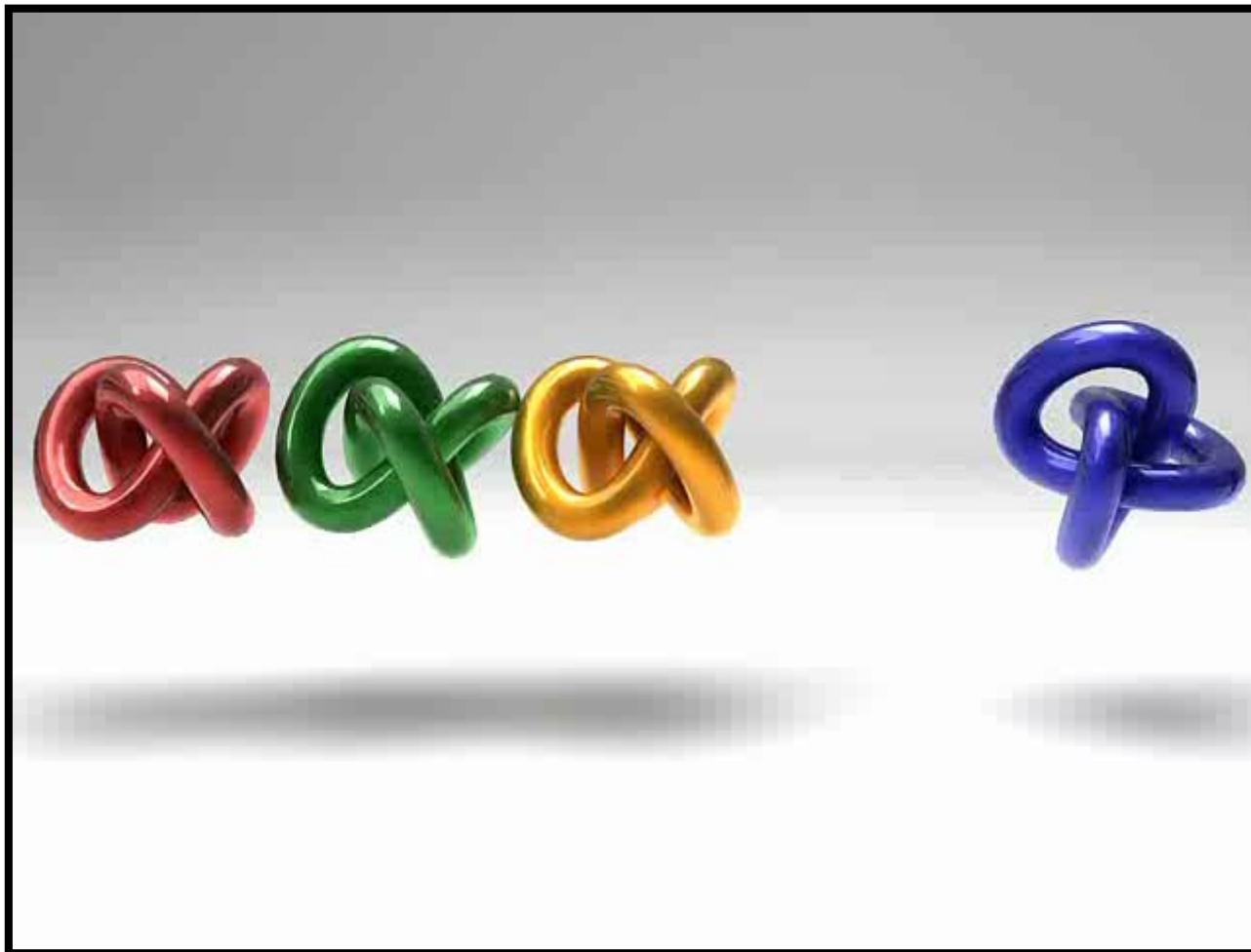


70K triangles/bunny

110 FPS

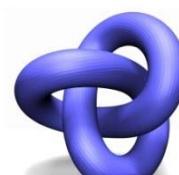
of iterations 4.7

Torusknot vs. Torusknot



 2.8K
1067 FPS
of iterations 4.49

 11K
400 FPS
of iterations 4.49

 34K
186 FPS
of iterations 4.46

Extension to Polygon-Soups

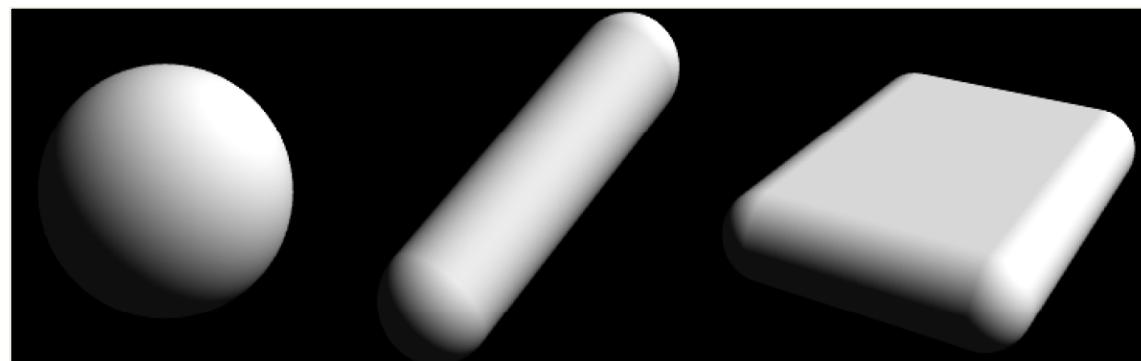
[Tang et. al IEEE ICRA 09]

- Construct the bounding volume hierarchy of polygons
- Motion bound calculation $\Delta t \leq \frac{d}{\mu}$
 - Bounding volume
 - Triangles

Extension to Polygon-Soups

[Tang et. al IEEE ICRA 09]

- We use swept sphere volumes



[Larsen et. al IEEE ICRA 1999]

Motion Bound Calculation

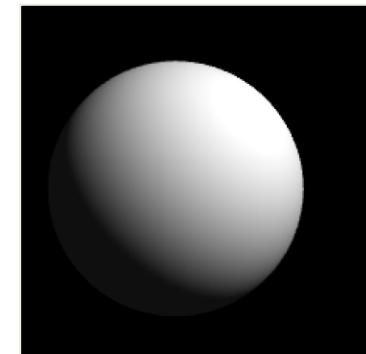
- Motion bound of SSV (e.g. PSS)

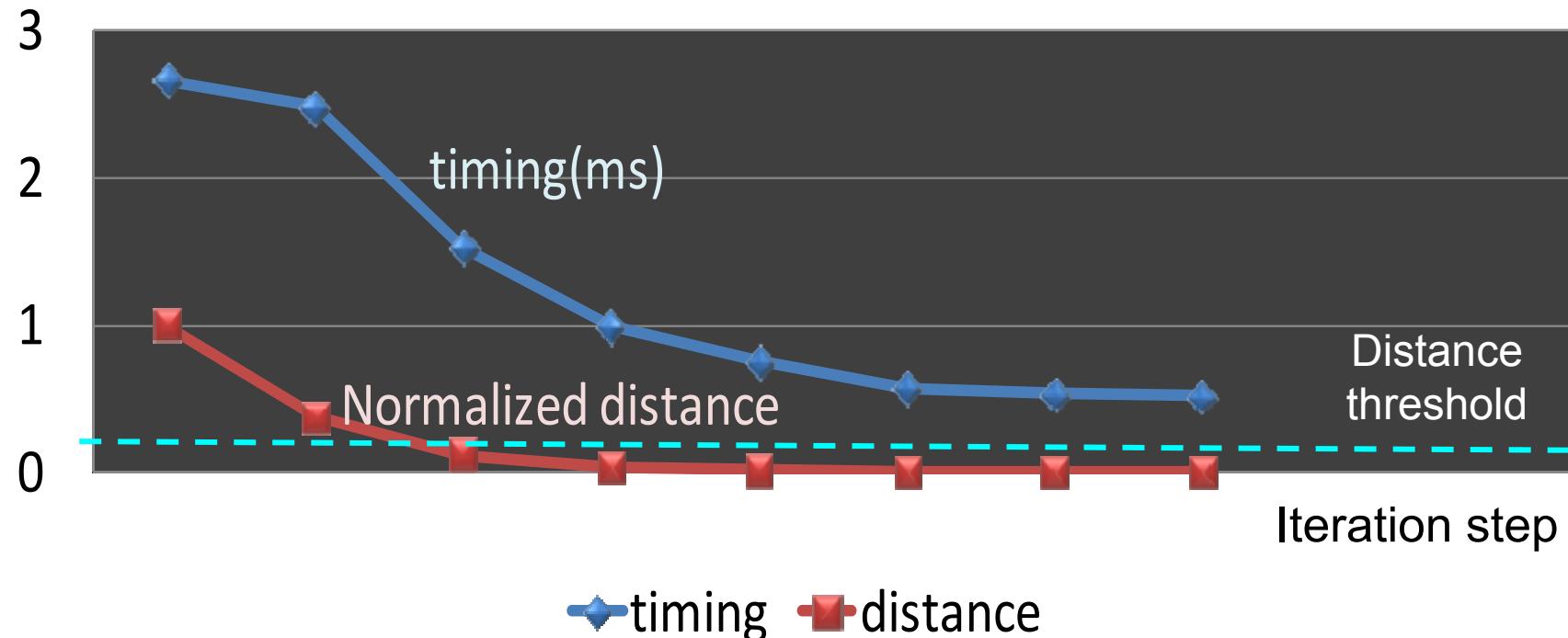
$$\mu \leq \|\omega \times n\| (\|c_1^\perp\| + r)$$

ω : rotational velocity

n : closest direction

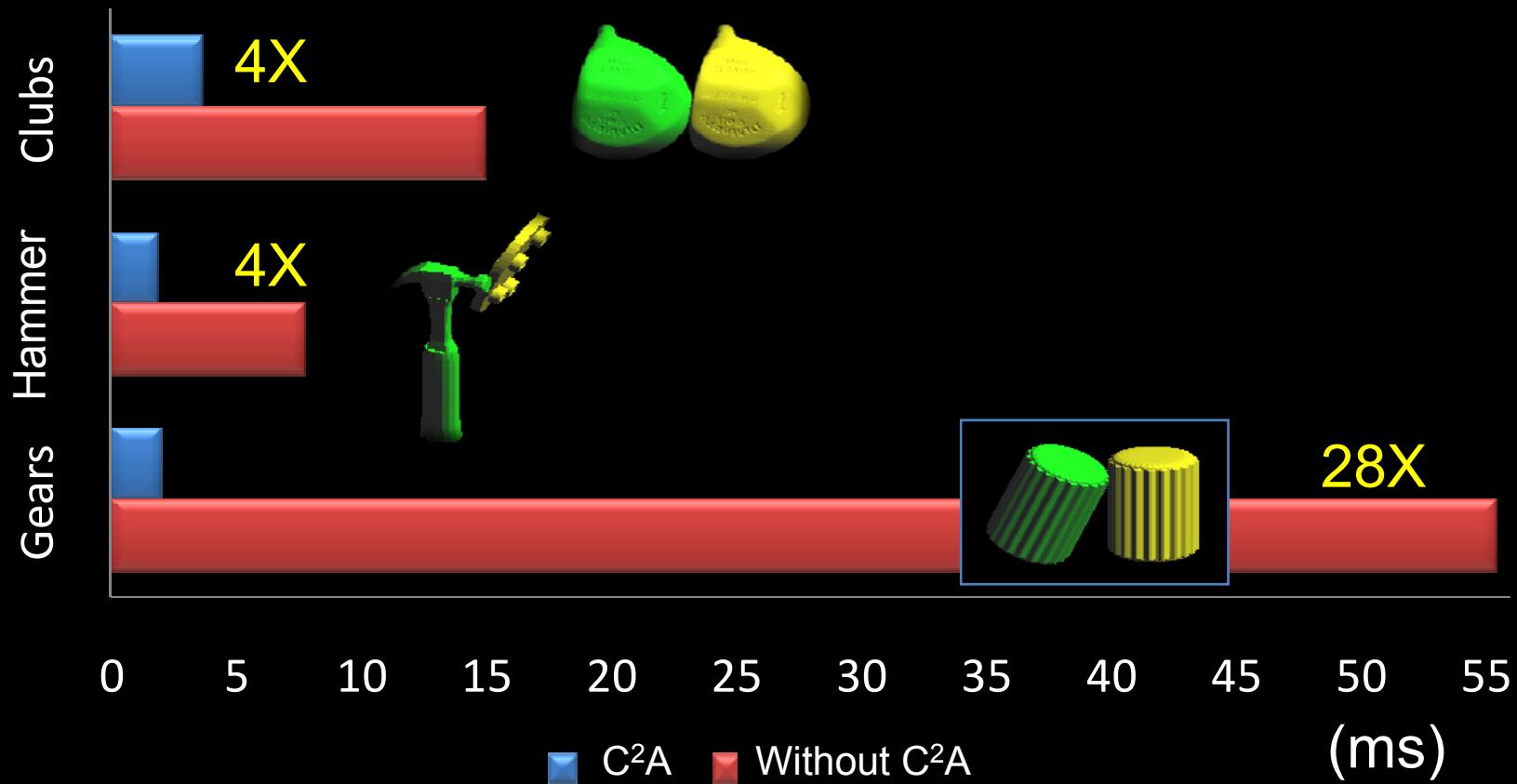
r : radius of PSS



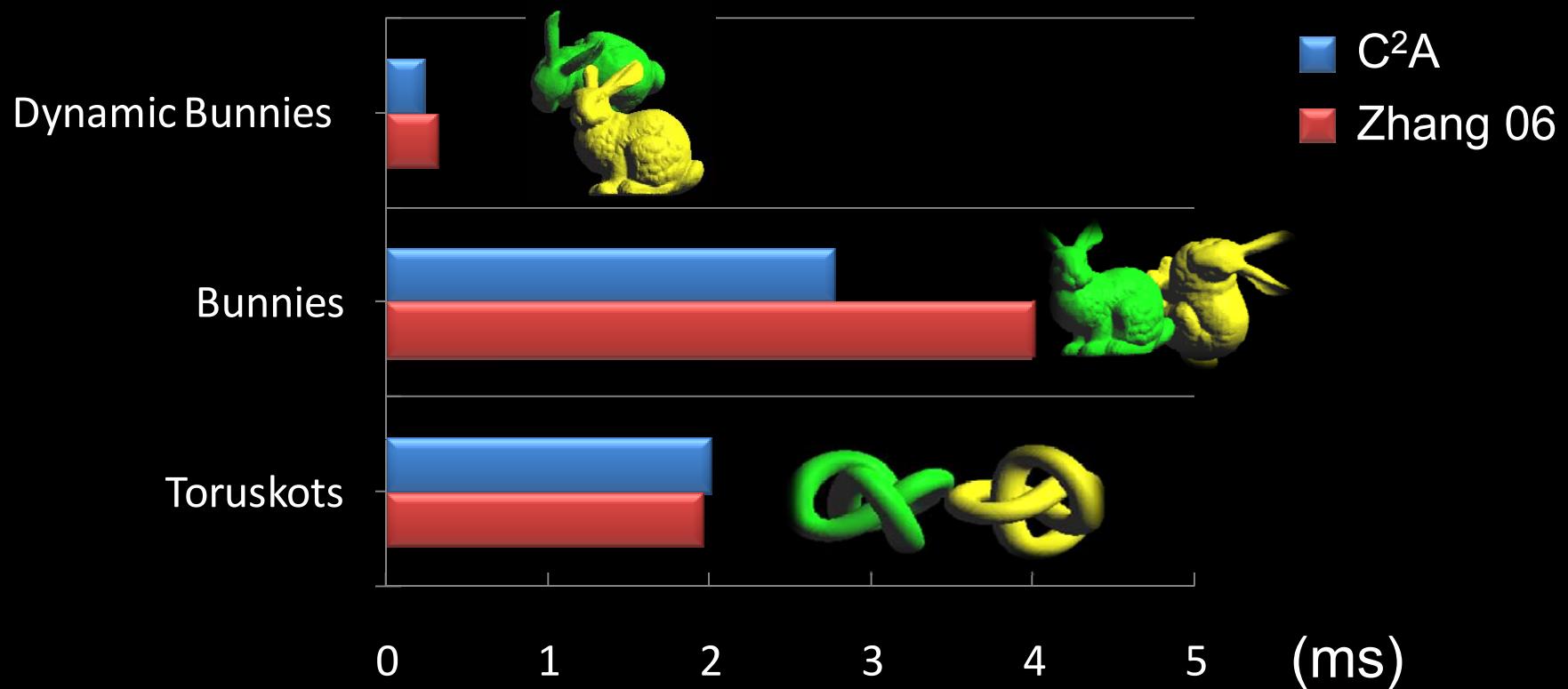


1. Compute approximate distance in the beginning
2. Compute exact distance toward the end

Results - Timings



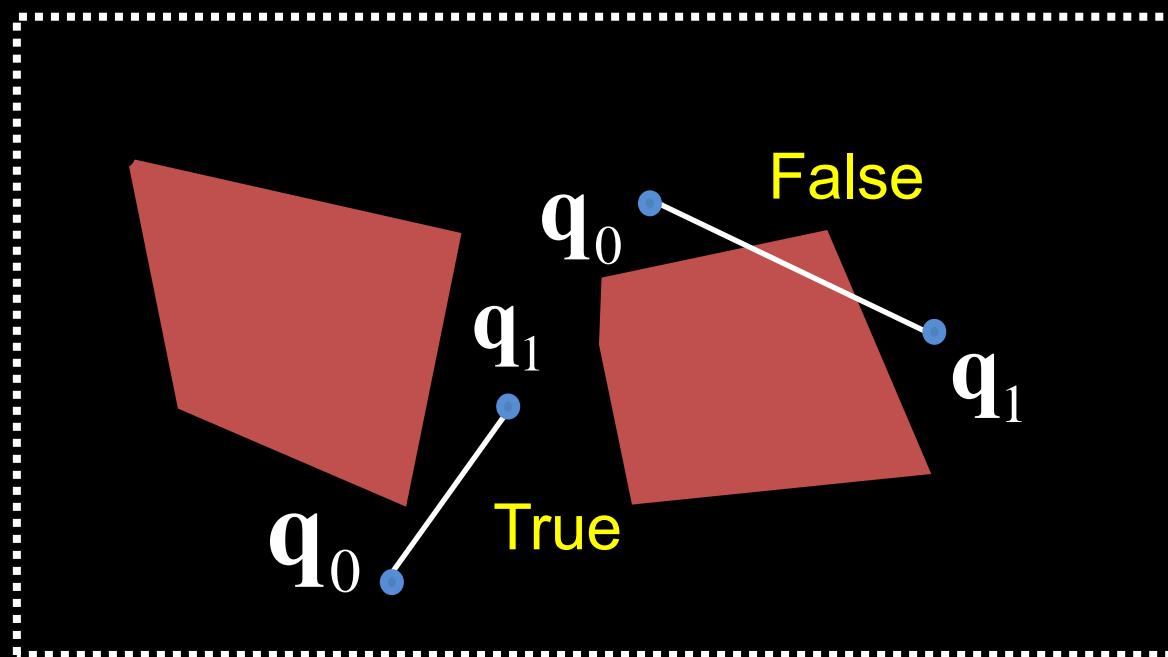
Comparisons against [Zhang 06]



- [Zhang 06] can handle only manifold surfaces

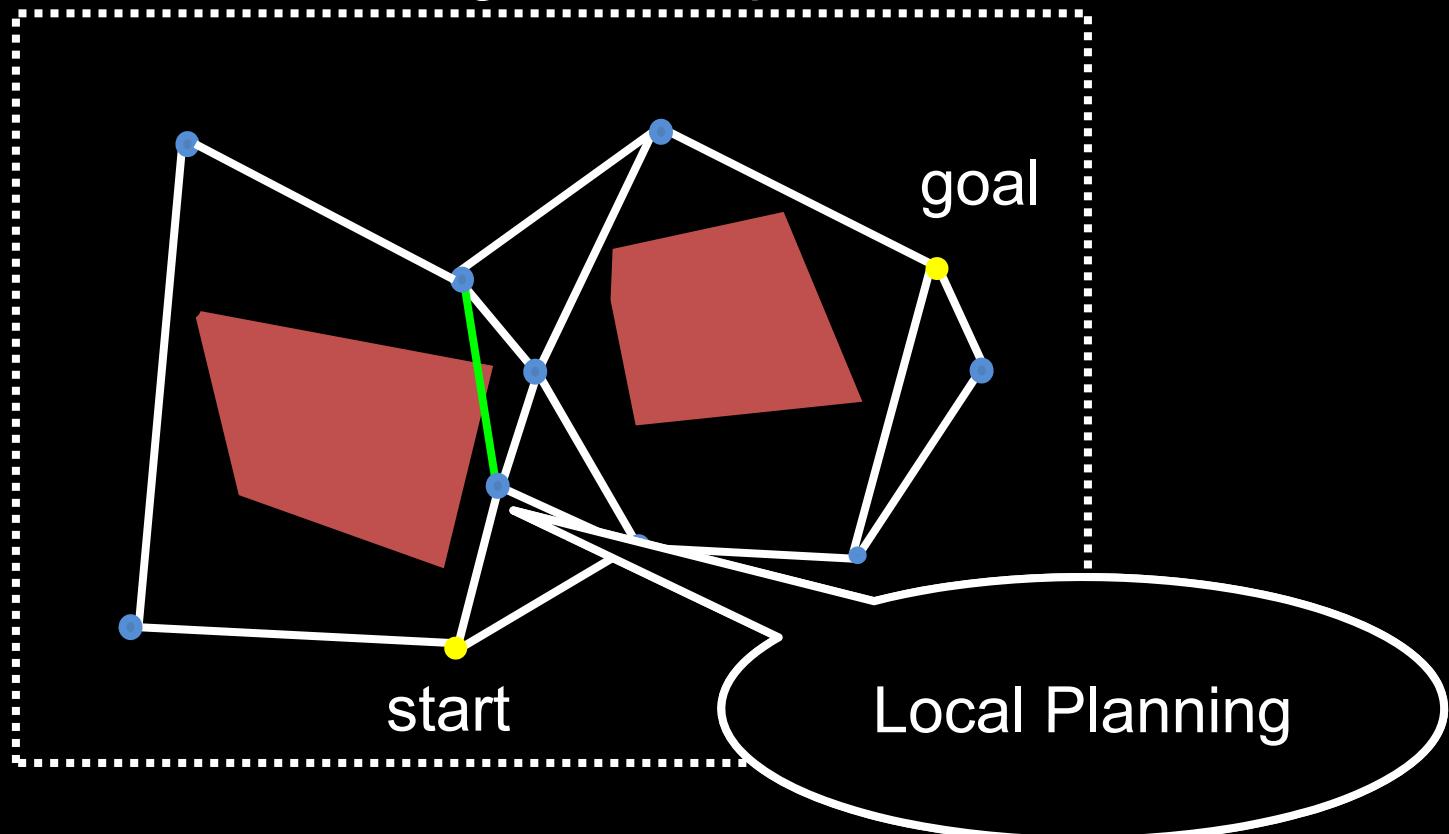
Boolean CCD [Tang et al. 2010]

- Check whether $\forall q(t) \in \text{Free Space}, t \in [0,1]$ or not, where $q(t)$ is the configuration of a robot at t



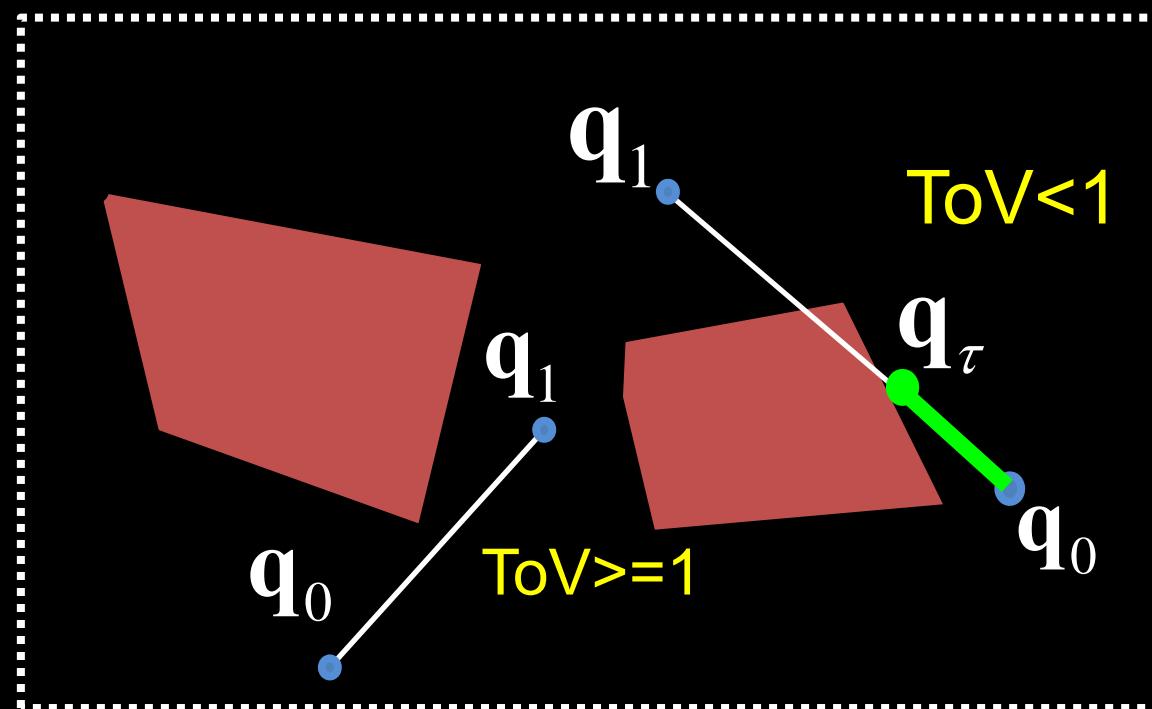
Probabilistic Roadmaps

Construction phase and query phase
Configuration space



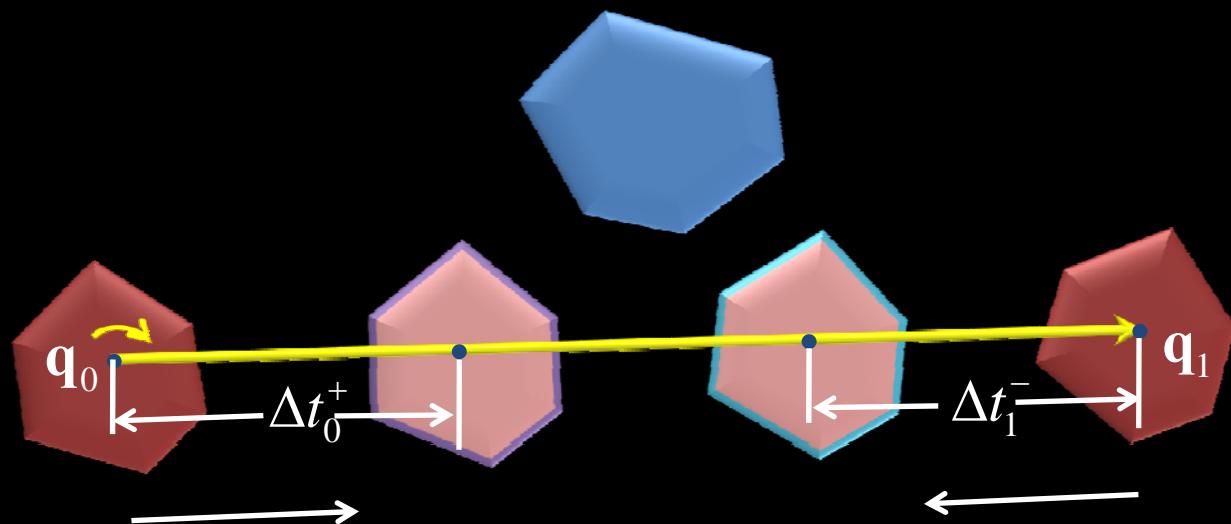
Boolean CCD

- Find the time of violation (ToV)
- If $ToV \geq 1$, valid path; otherwise, not valid

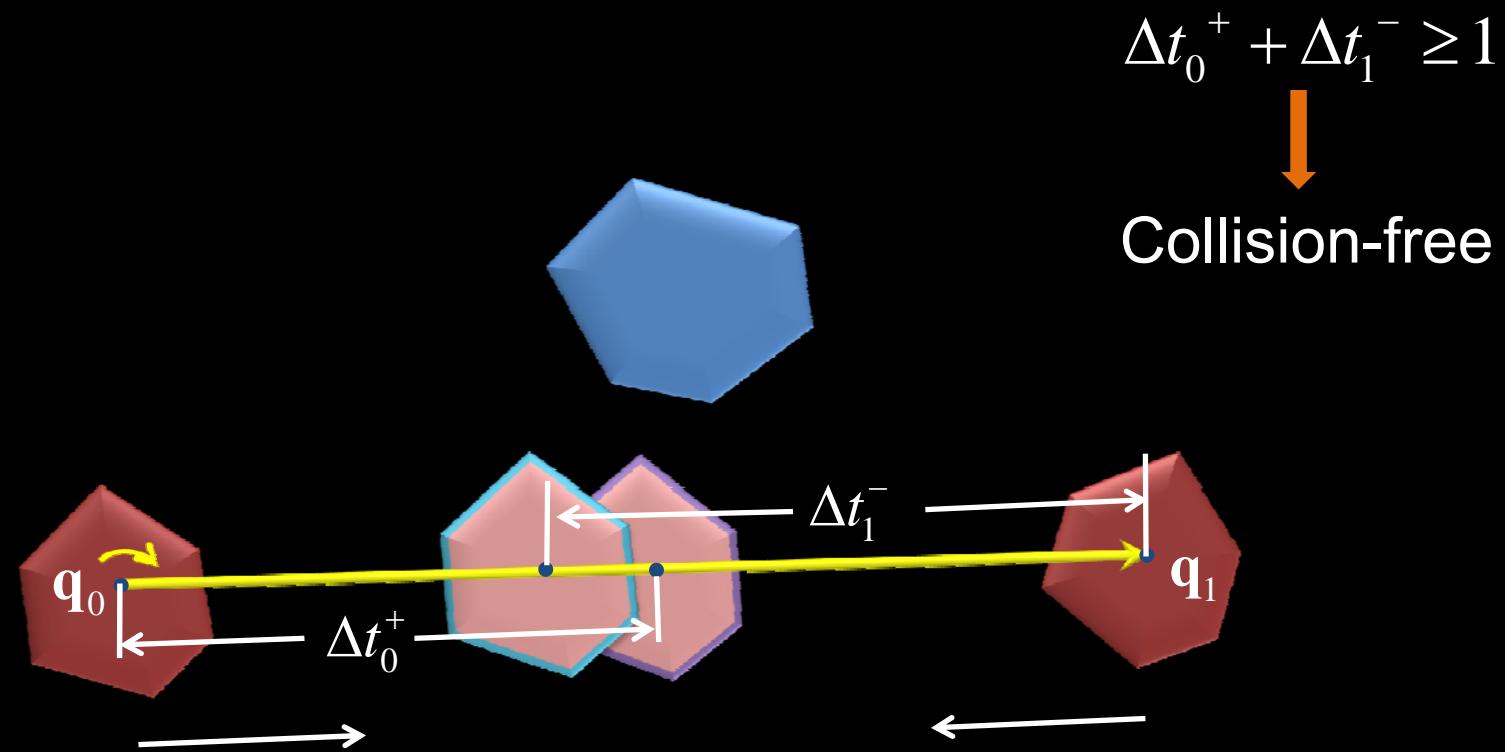


Boolean CCD

- Dual advancements from the both end-configurations



Boolean CCD

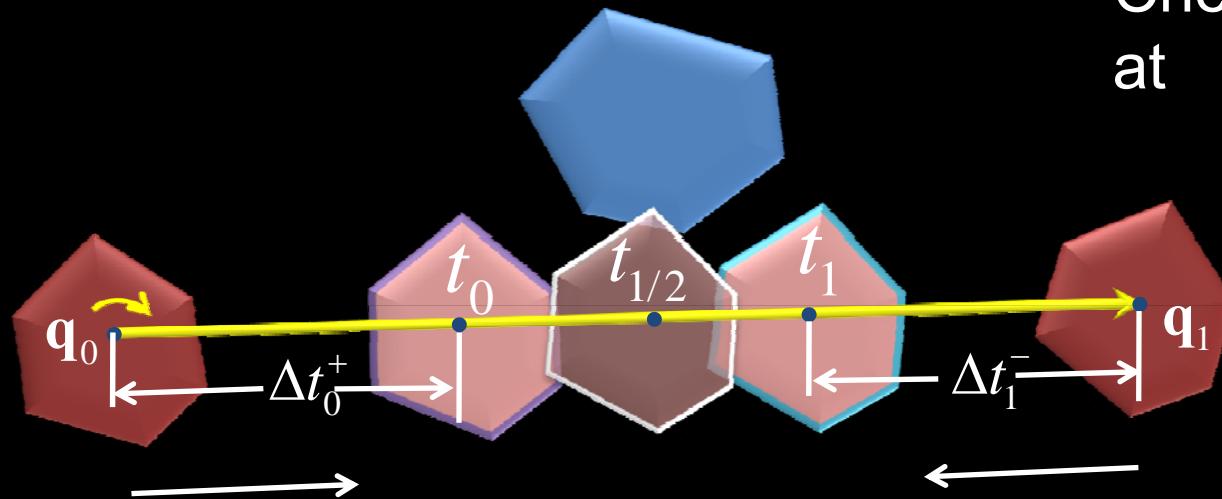


Boolean CCD

$$\Delta t_0^+ + \Delta t_1^- < 1$$



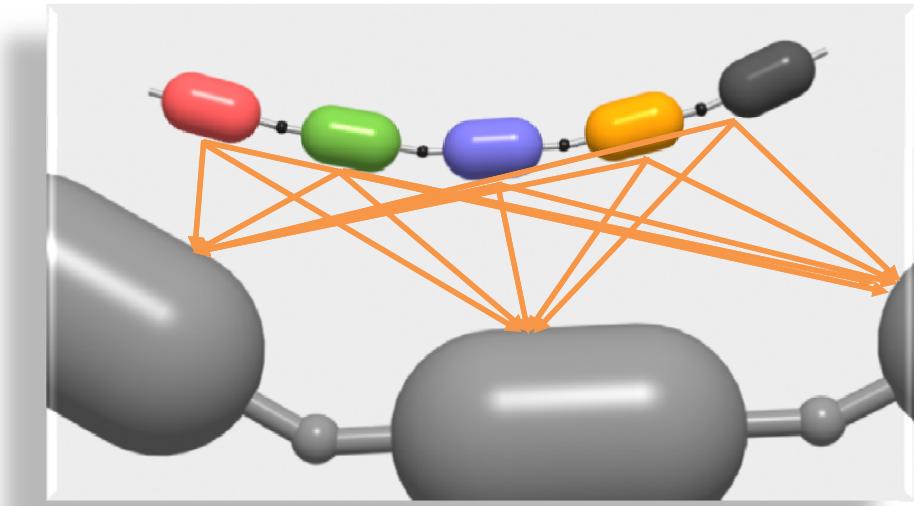
Check collision
at $t_{1/2} = \frac{t_0 + t_1}{2}$



Extension to Articulated Models

[Zhang et. al SIGGRAPH 07]

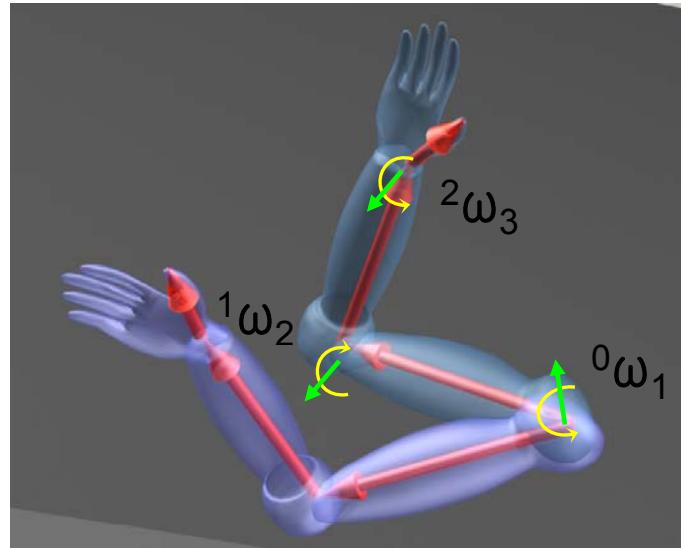
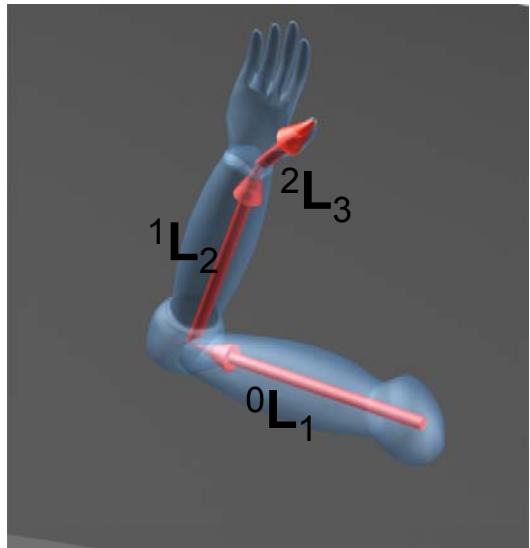
- Treat each link as a rigid body
- Apply CA to each link independently
- Taking the minimum of CA results



Motion Bound Calculation

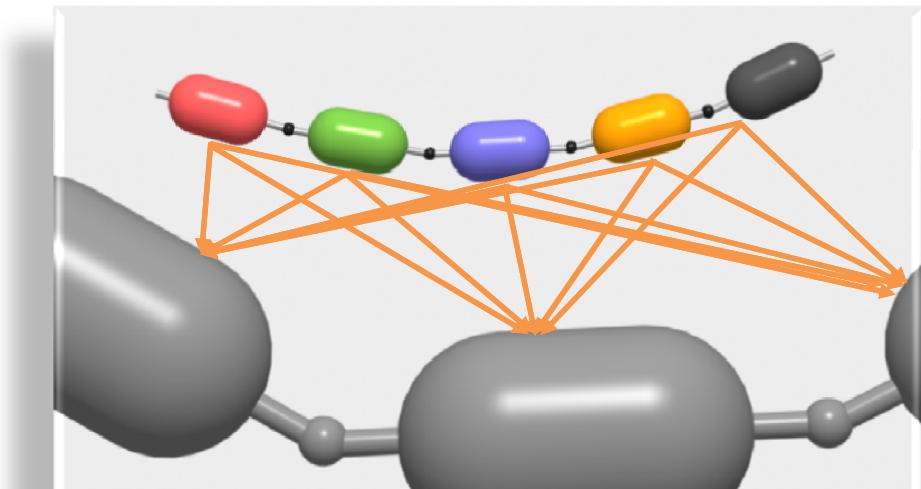
$$\Delta t \leq \frac{d}{\mu}$$
 μ

$$\leq \left| {}^0 \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n} \right| + \left| \mathbf{n} \times {}^0 \boldsymbol{\omega}_1 \right| \left| {}^0 \mathbf{L}_1 \right|_\mu + \sum_{j=2}^{i-1} \left(\left| {}^{j-1} \mathbf{v}_j \right| + \left(\left| \mathbf{n} \times {}^0 \boldsymbol{\omega}_1 \right| + \sum_{k=2}^j \left| {}^{k-1} \boldsymbol{\omega}_k \right| \right) \left| {}^{j-1} \mathbf{L}_j \right|_\mu \right)$$

 ${}^0 \mathbf{v}_i$: velocity of link i ${}^{i-1} \boldsymbol{\omega}_i$: rotational velocity of link i w.r.t. link i-1 ${}^{i-1} \mathbf{L}_i$: difference vector btwn the links

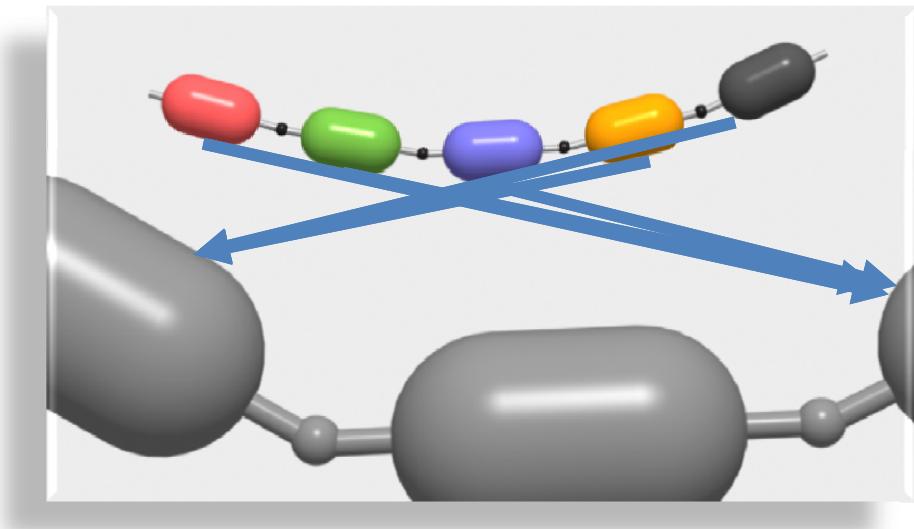
Problems in Straightforward CA

- Problems
 - $O(n^2)$ checking between individual links



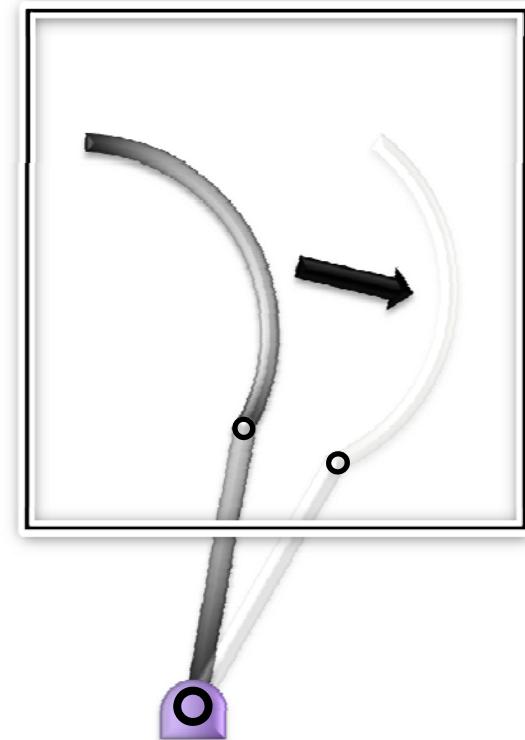
Spatial Culling

- Cull the link pairs that are far apart
- Use bounding volume-based collision-culling

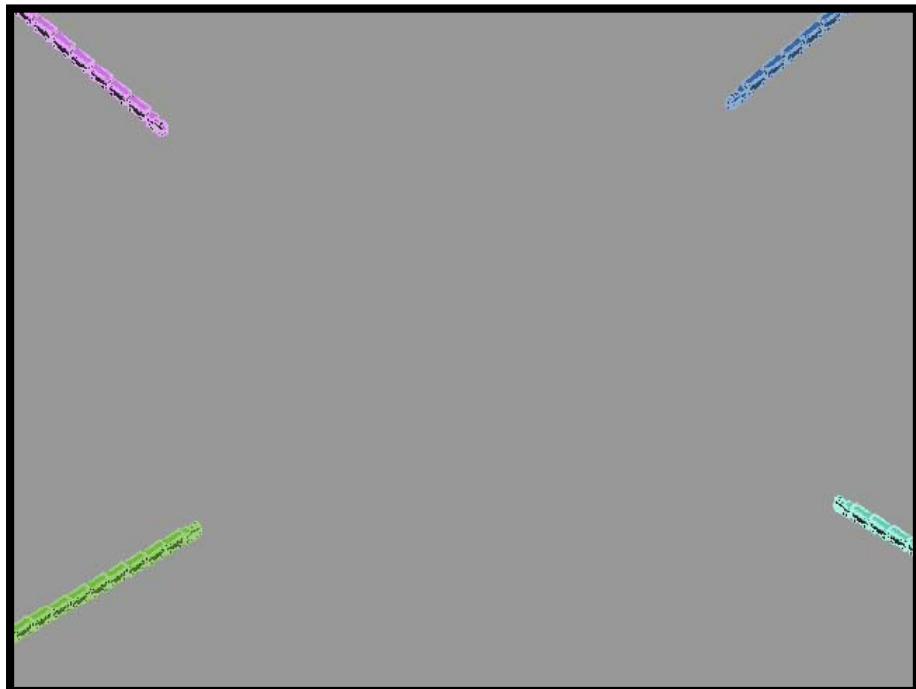


Spatial Culling using Dynamic AABB

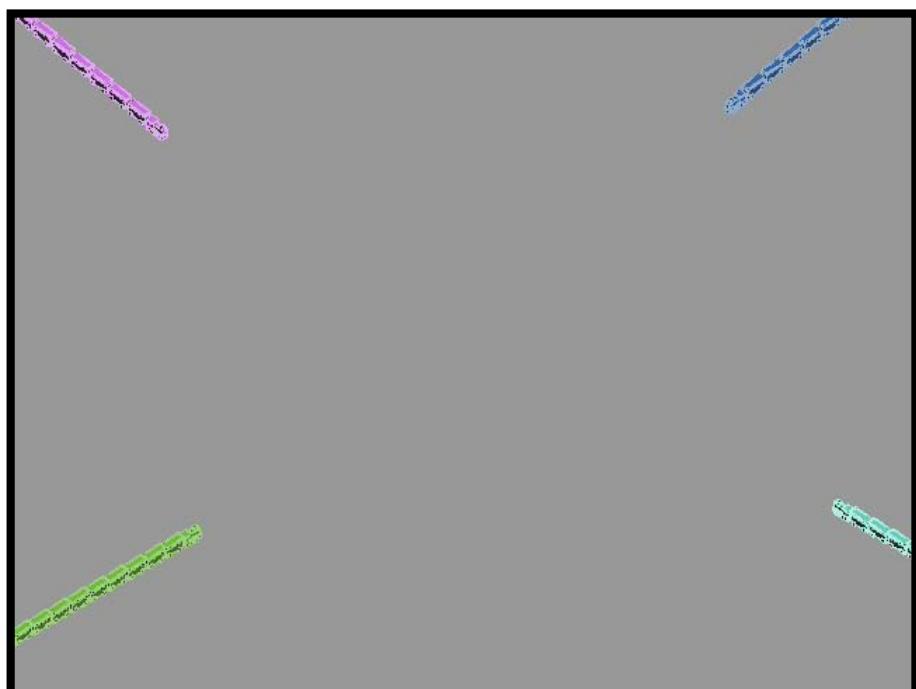
- Goal
 - Compute an axis-aligned bounding box (AABB) that bounds the motion of a moving link



Bounding Volume Culling



Interval Arithmetic



Taylor Models

Locomotion Benchmark

- CCD performance
 - 1.22 msec
- Mannequin
 - 15 links, 20K tri
- Obstacles
 - 101K tri
- Locomotion SW
 - Footstep™



Exercise Benchmark

- Mannequin
 - 15 links, 20K triangles
- **Self-CCD performance**
 - 0.38 msec



Motion Planning Benchmark 1

- Excavator
 - 52 links, 19K tri
- Obstacles
 - 0.4M tri
- **CCD performance**
 - 100~700 msec



Motion Planning Benchmark 2

- Tower crane
 - 14 links, 1288 tri
- **CCD performance**
 - 5.66~15.1 msec



Articulated Body Dynamics Benchmark

- Four trains
 - 10 links, 23K tri (each)
- **CCD performance**
 - **535 msec**



Software Implementations

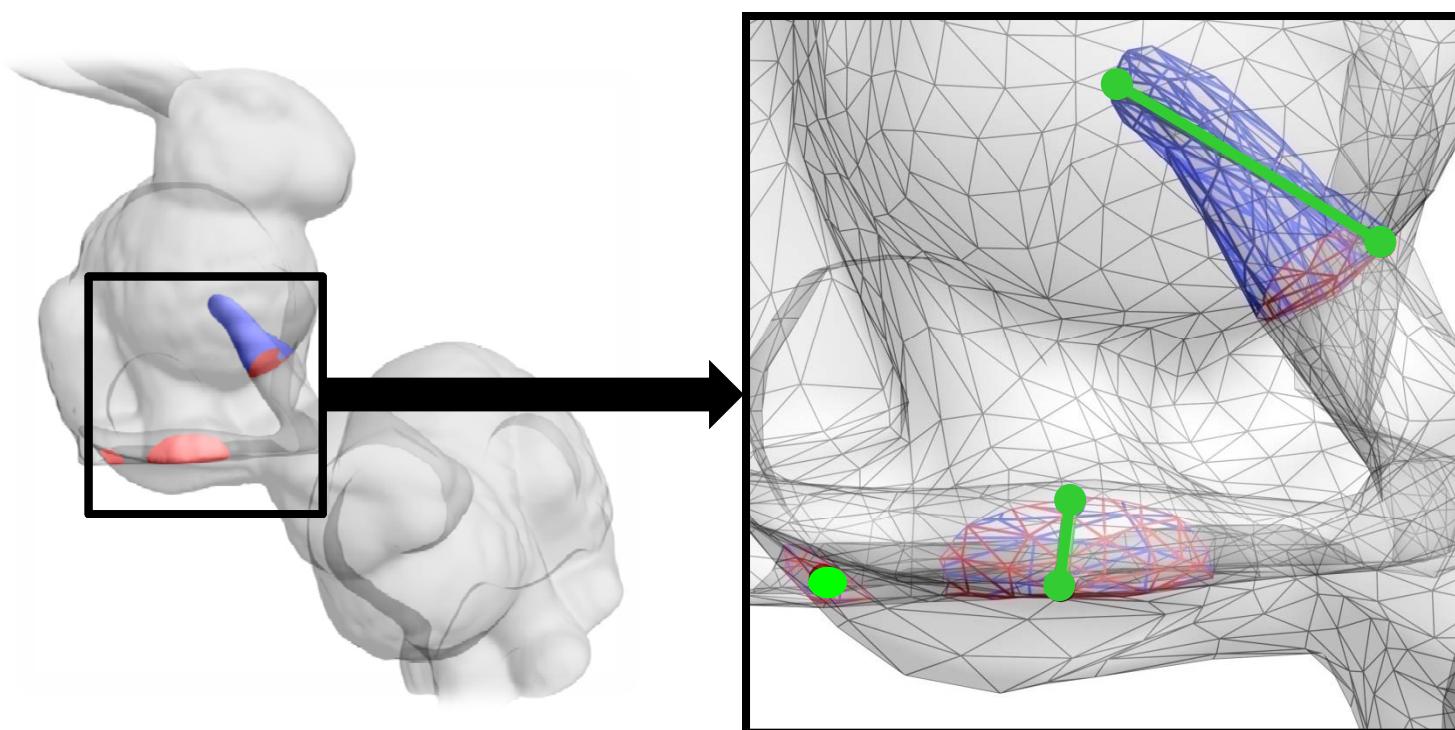
- **Source codes are available**
 - <http://graphics.ewha.ac.kr/FAST> (2-manifold)
 - <http://graphics.ewha.ac.kr/C2A> (polygon-soups)
 - <http://graphics.ewha.ac.kr/CATCH> (articulated)
 - <http://graphics.ewha.ac.kr/CCQ> (for motion planning)

PENETRATION DEPTH COMPUTATION

Pointwise Penetration Depth

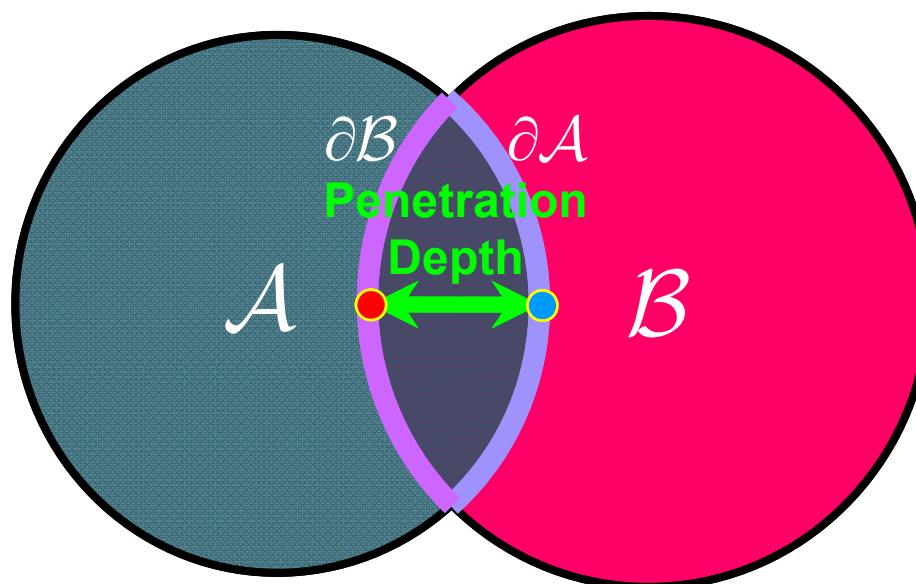
[Tang et. al SIGGRAPH 09]

- Defined as deepest interpenetrating points

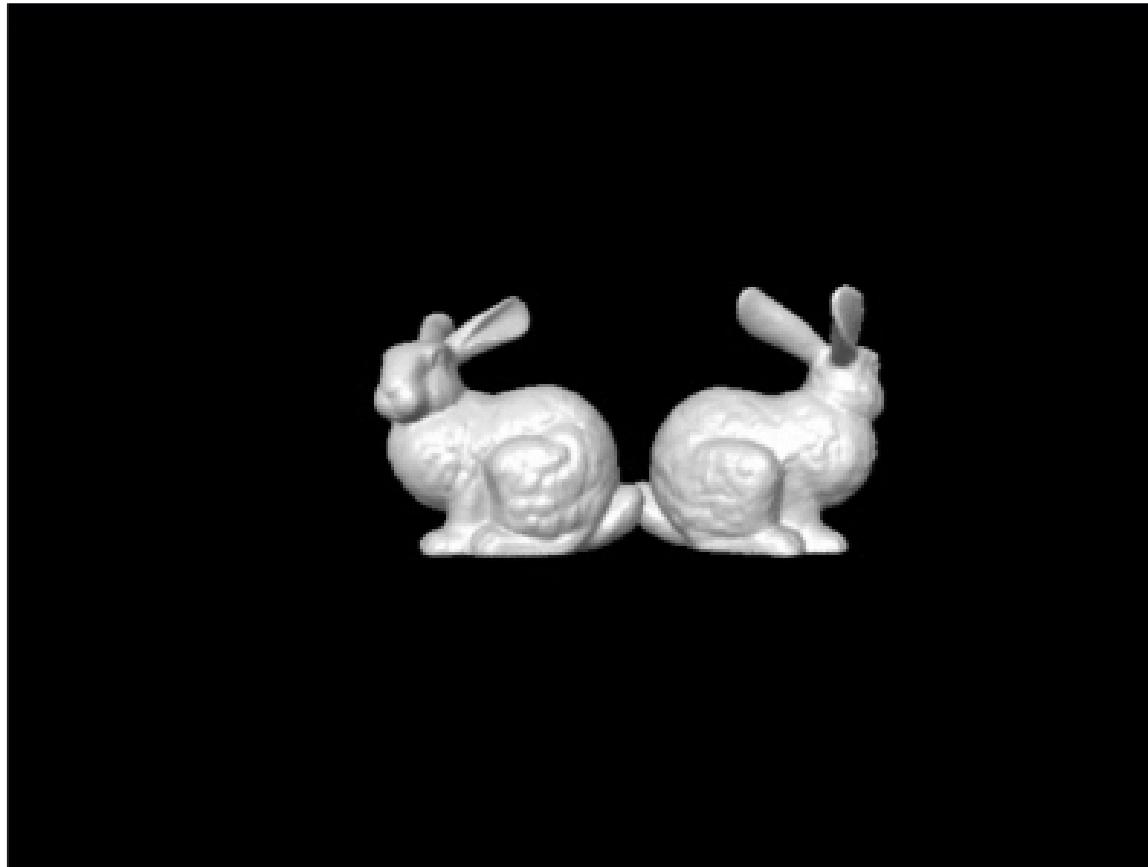


Pointwise Penetration Depth

1. Find intersection surfaces $\partial\mathcal{A}$ and $\partial\mathcal{B}$
2. Penetration depth = $H(\partial\mathcal{A}, \partial\mathcal{B})$

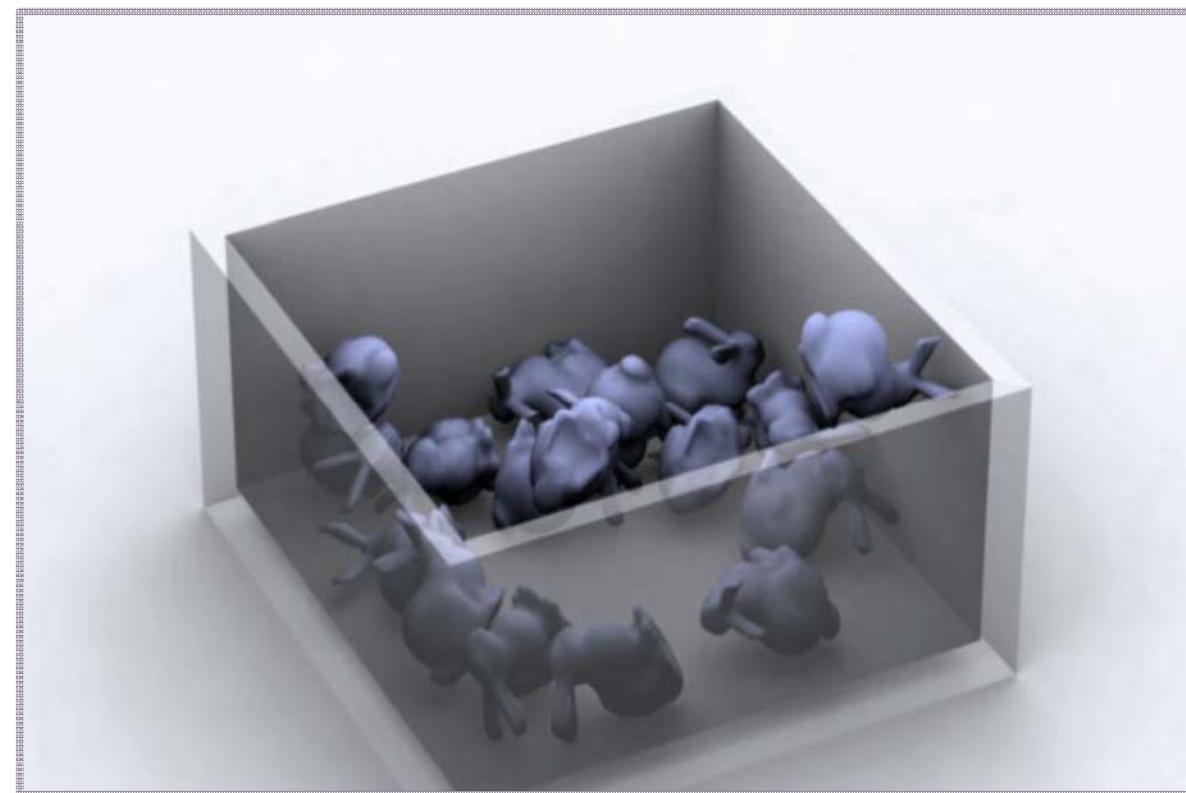


Pointwise Penetration Depth



Demo (40K Bunny vs 40K Bunny)

Benchmark: Pointwise PD



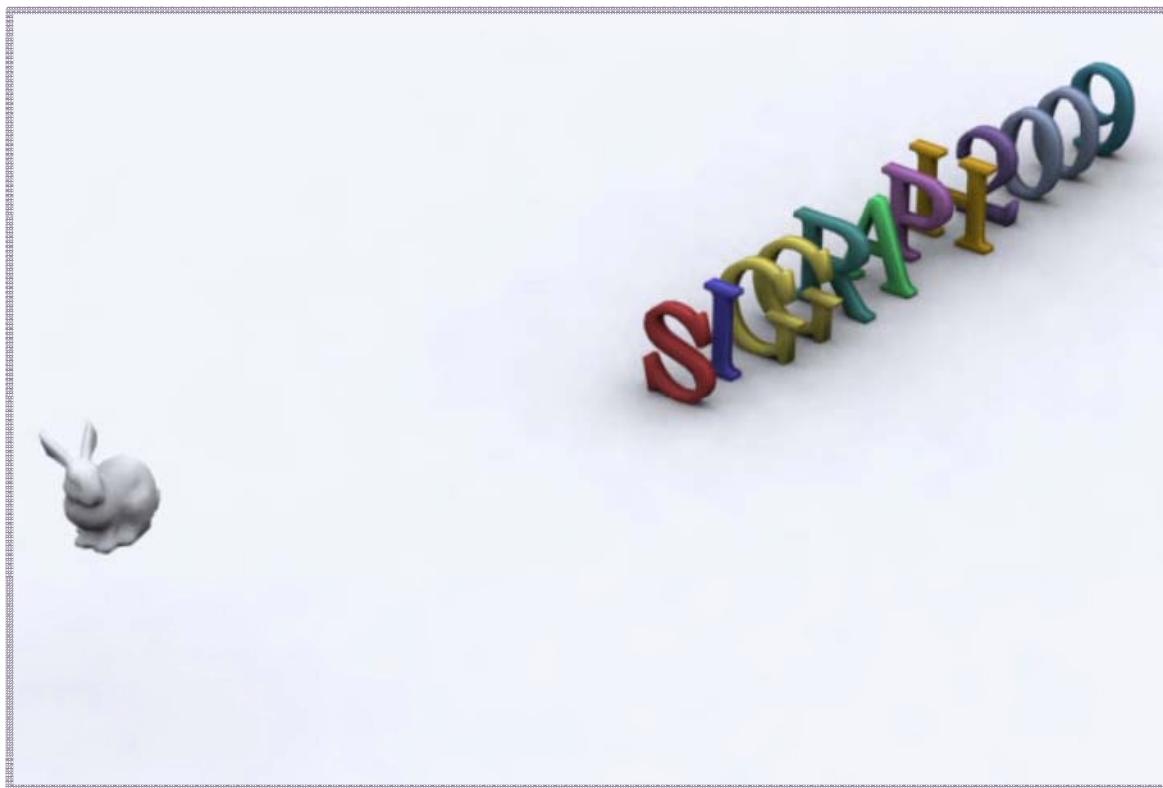
Model complexity

– 50K tri

Avg. Performance

– 3.88ms/pair

Benchmark: Pointwise PD



Model complexity

– 3.5K tri

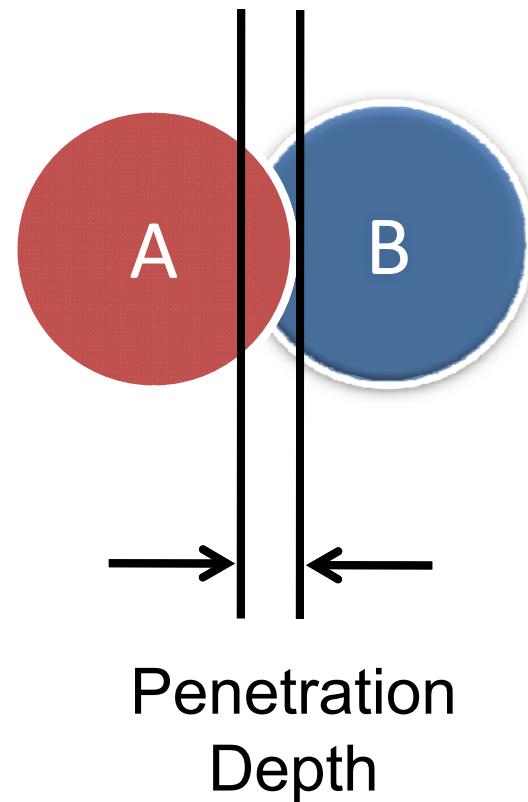
Avg. performance

– 0.95ms/pair

Penetration Depth

[Dobkin 93]

- Minimum translational distance to separate overlapping objects



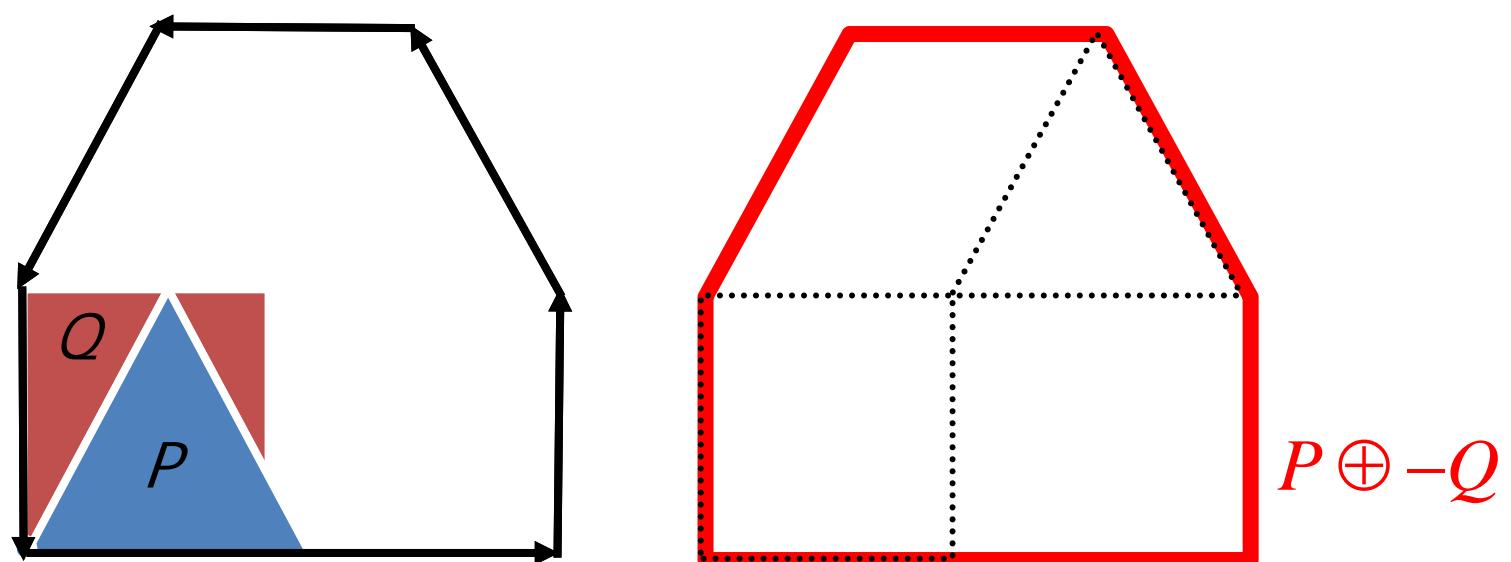
Previous Work on PD

- Convex polytopes -[Cameron and Culley86], [Dobkin93], [Agarwal00], [Bergen01], [Kim04]
- Non-convex polyhedra -[Kim02],[Redon and Lin06], [Lien08a,b], [Hachenberger09]
- Distance fields -[Fisher and Lin01], [Hoff02], [Sud06]
- Pointwise PD -[Tang09]
- Generalized PD – [Ong and Gilbert96], [Ong96], [Zhang07]
- Volumetric PD - [Wellner and Zachmann09]

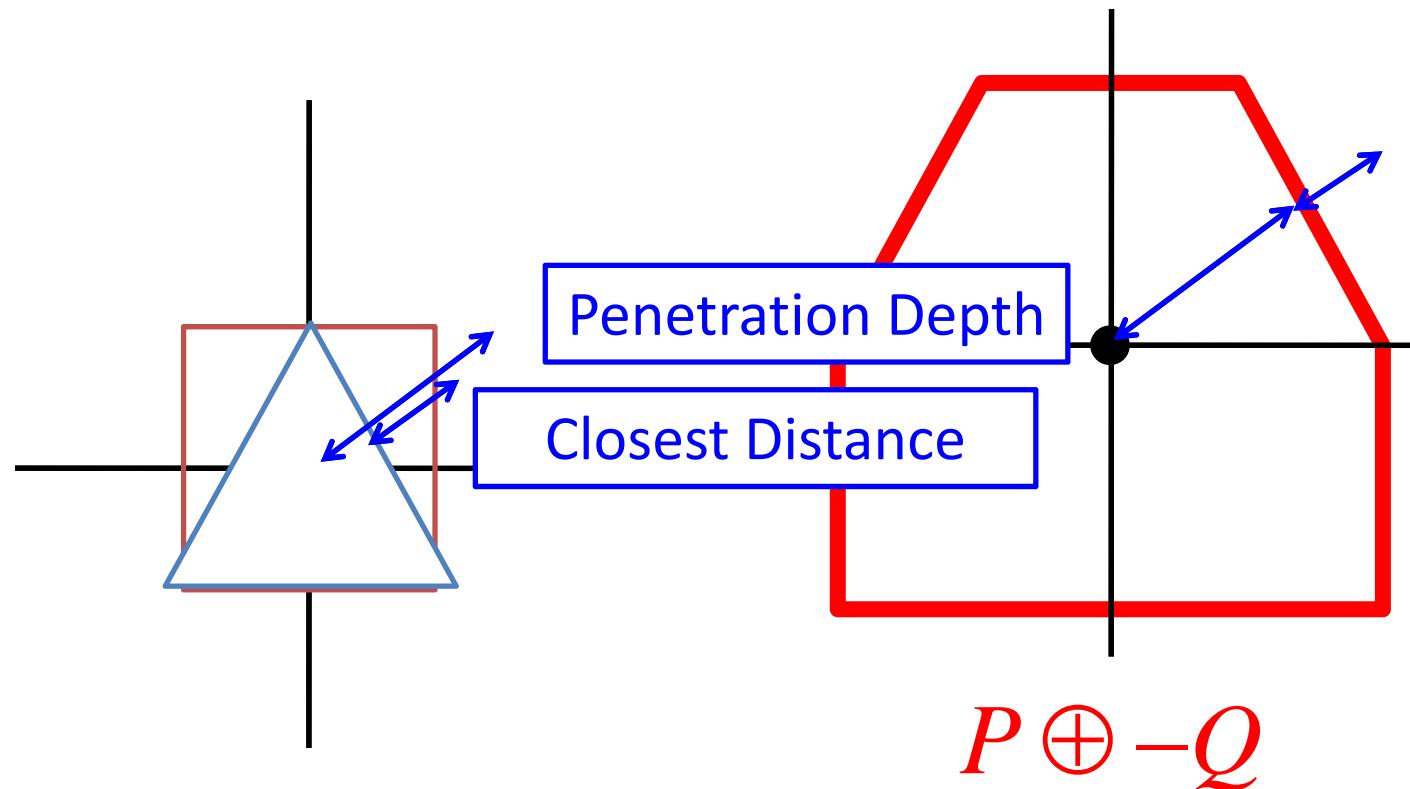
Minkowski Sum

$$P \oplus Q = \{p + q \mid p \in P, q \in Q\}$$

$$P \oplus -Q = \{p - q \mid p \in P, q \in Q\}$$

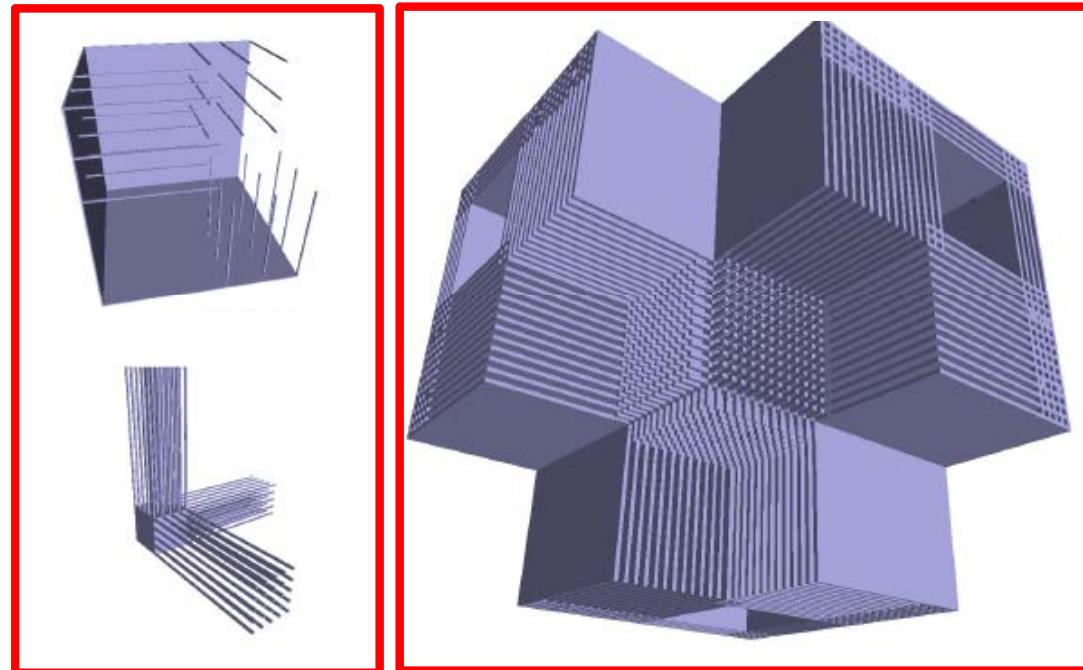


Proximity VS Minkowski Sum

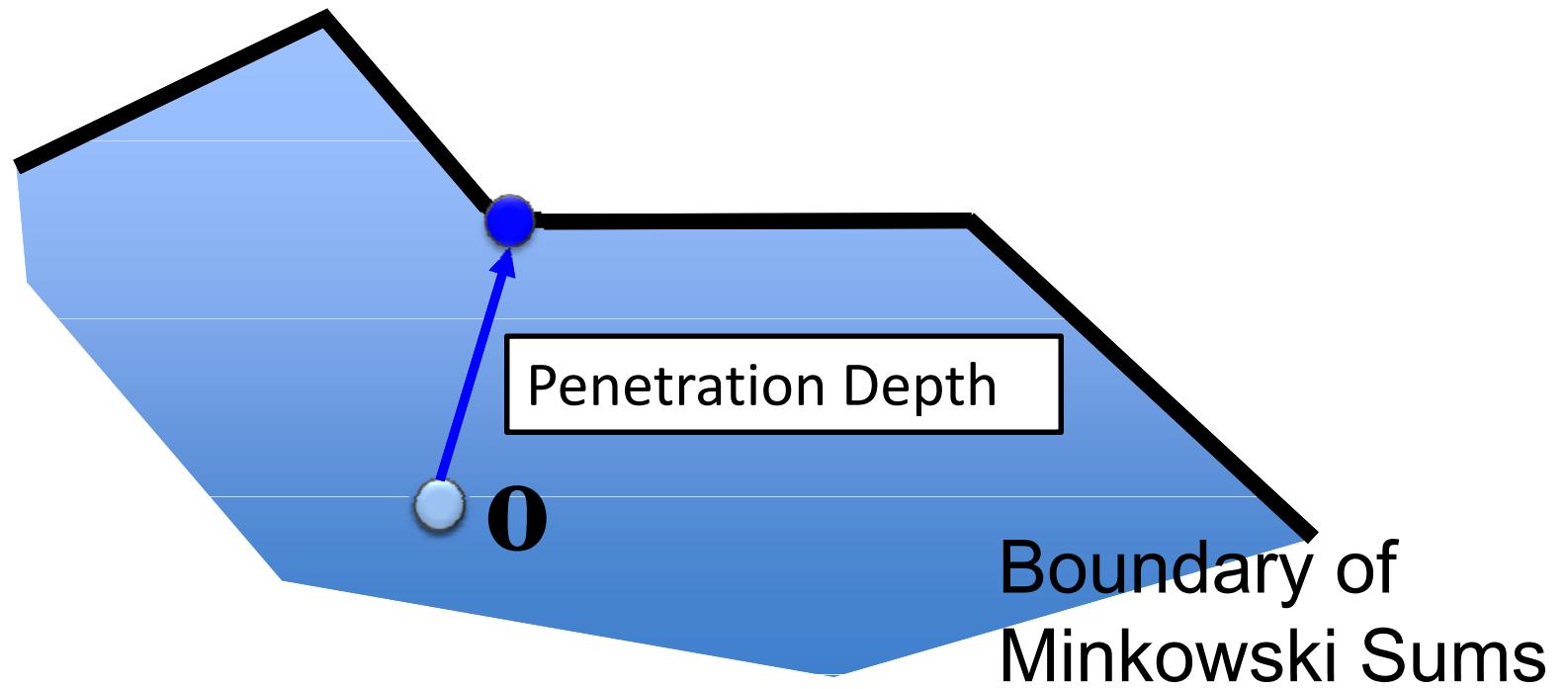


Combinatorial Explosion

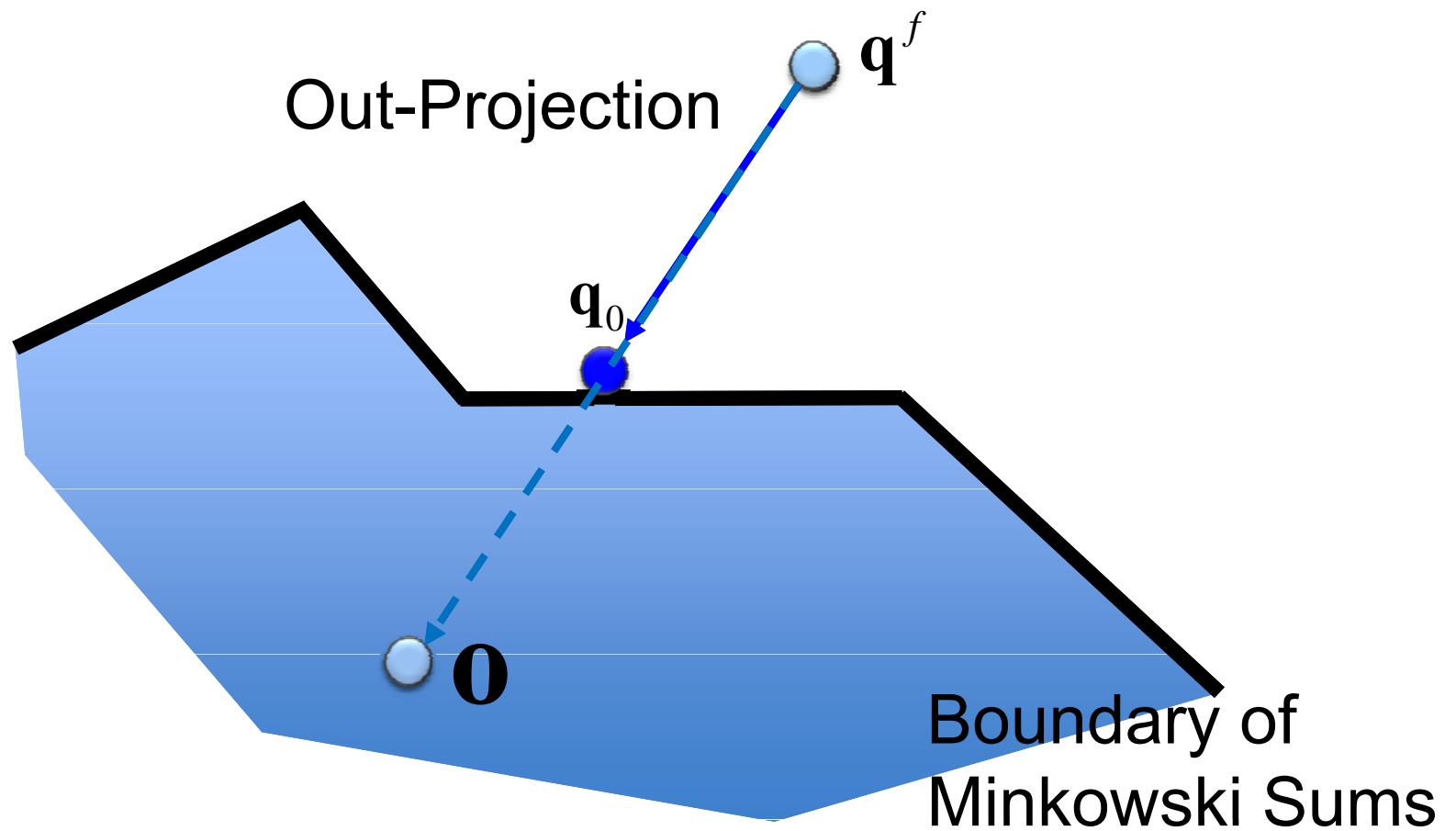
- **Complexity of Minkowski Sum**
 - $O(m^3n^3)$ with m and n triangles



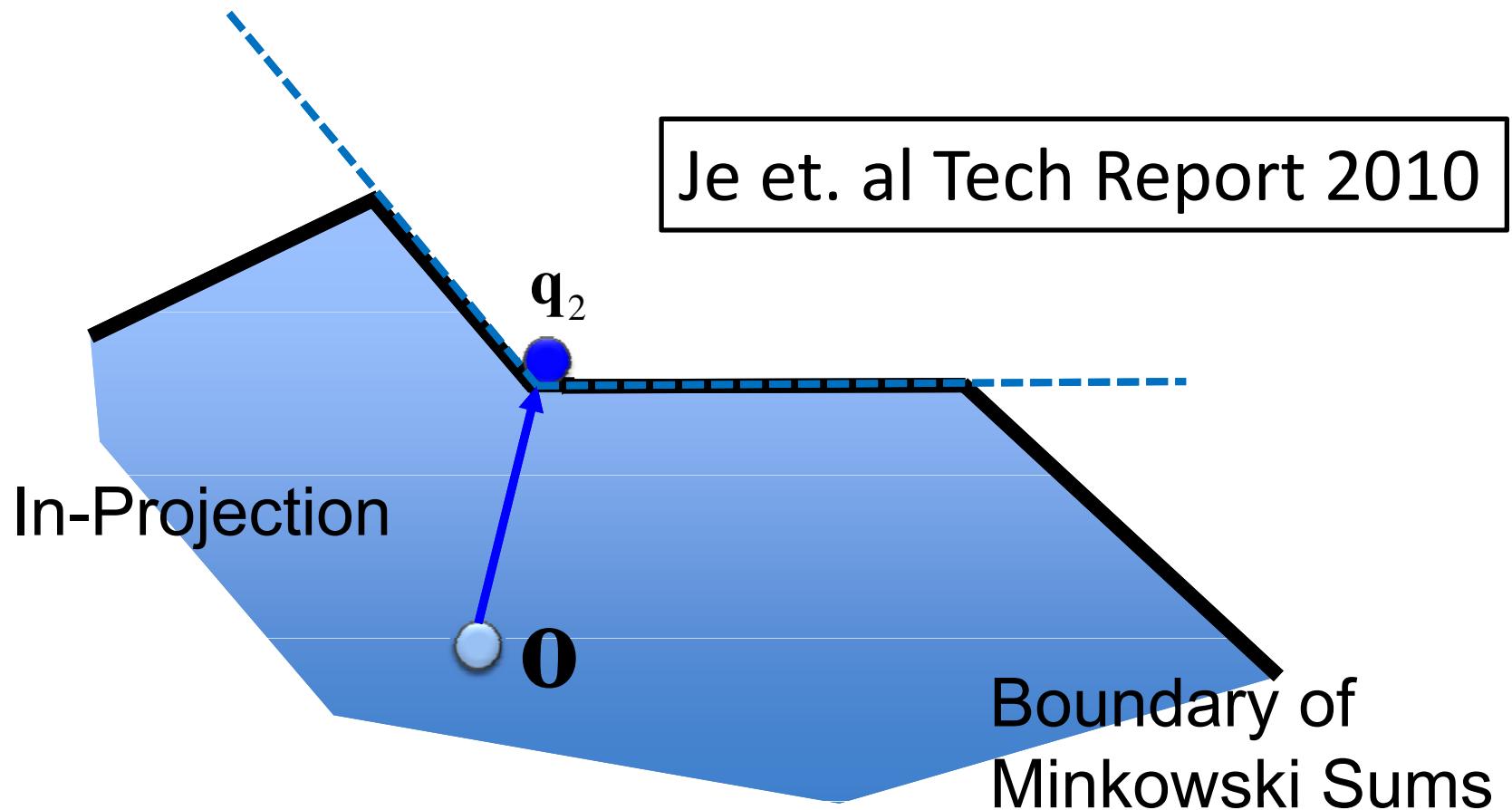
PD Estimation



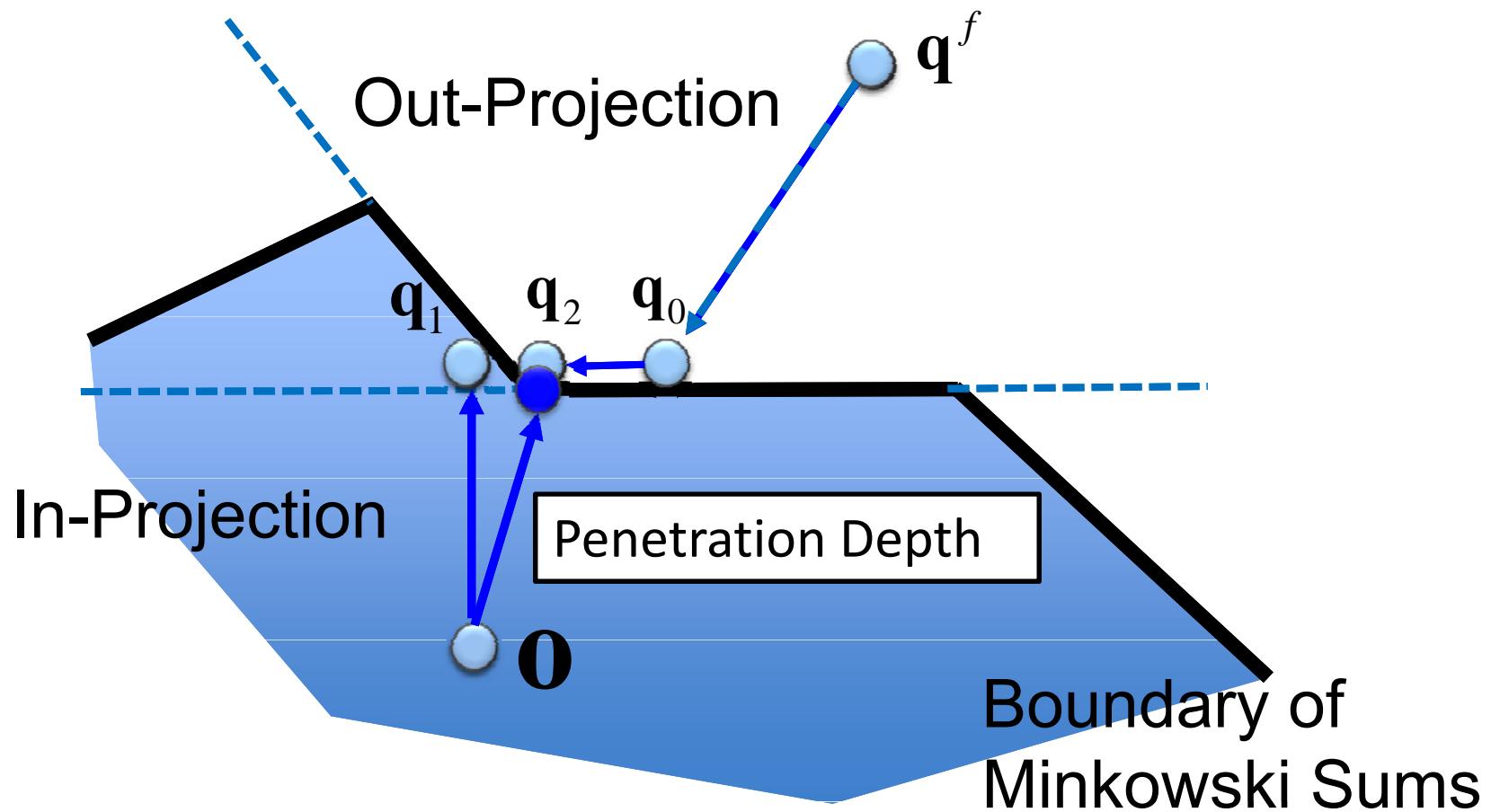
Out-Projection = CCD



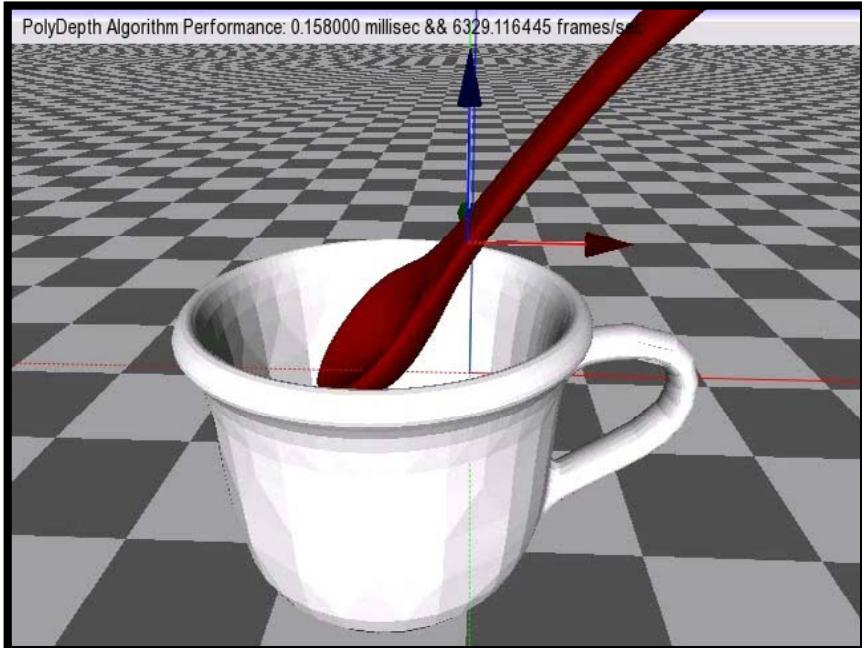
In-Projection = LCP



PolyDepth: Iterative Optimization

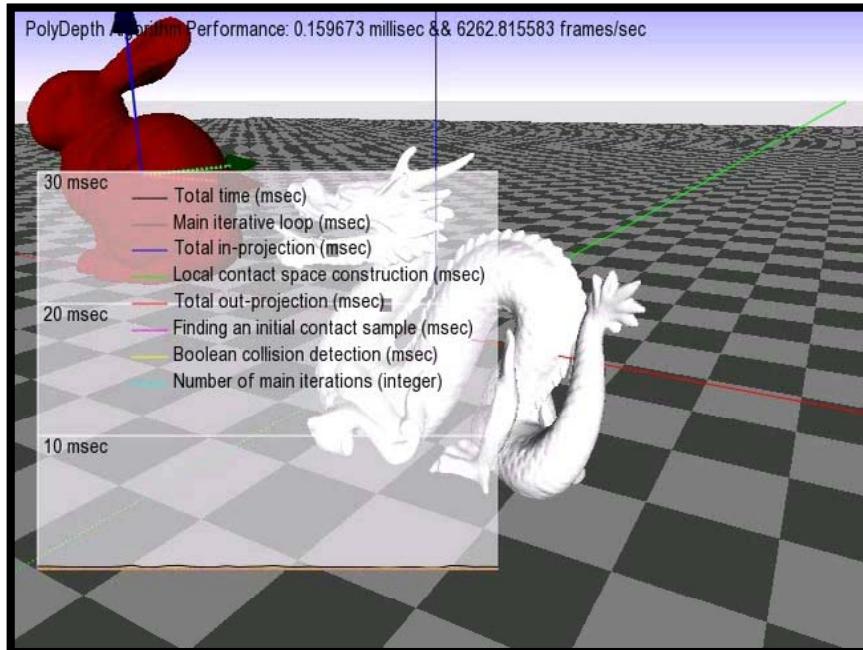


PolyDepth Performance



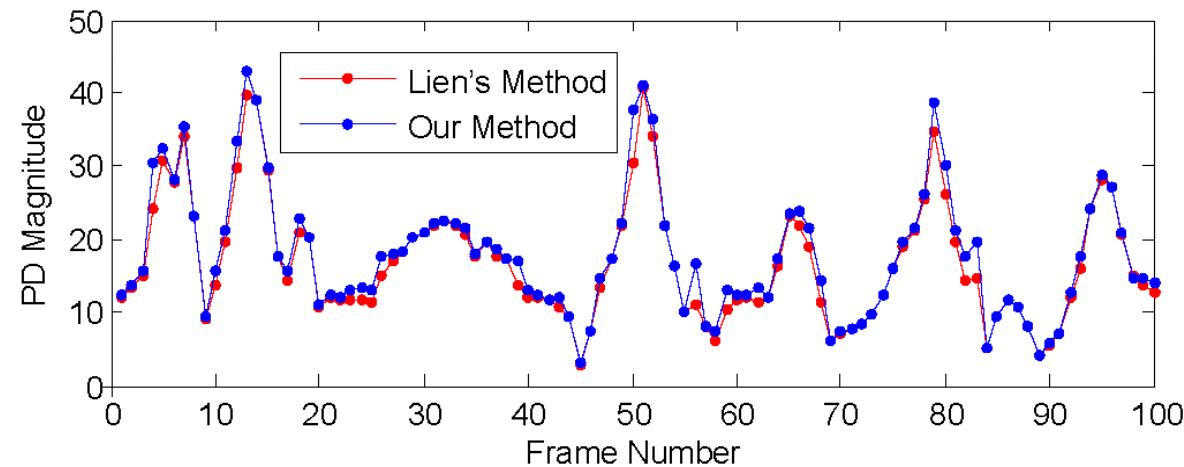
- Spoon: 1.3K triangles
- Cup: 8.4K triangles
- Time: 1~7 msec

PolyDepth Performance

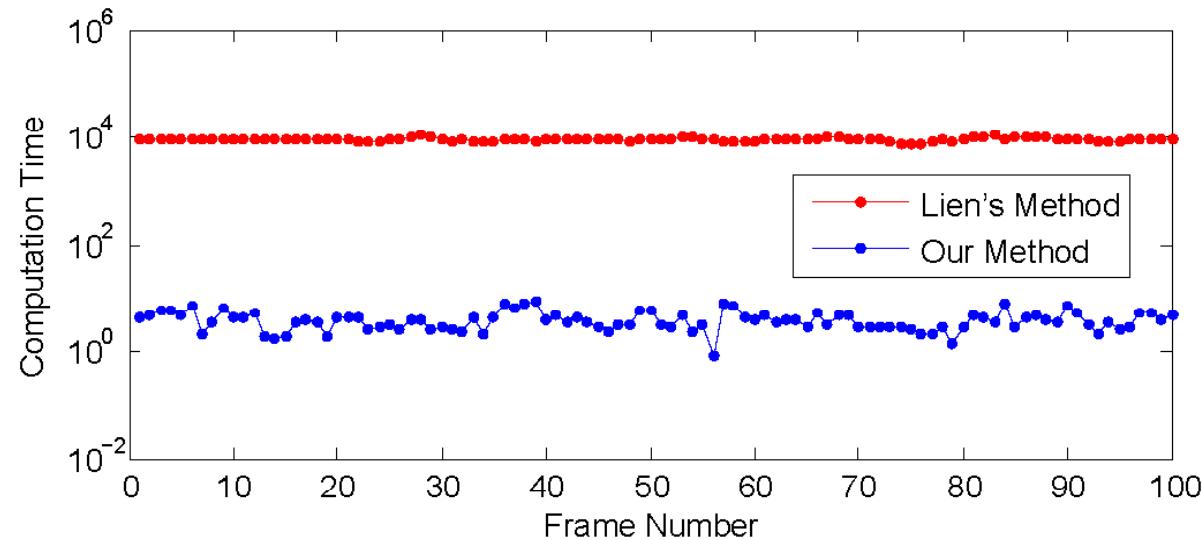


- Bunny: 40K triangles
- Dragon: 174K triangles
- Time: 2~15 msec

Comparison against Exact Solution



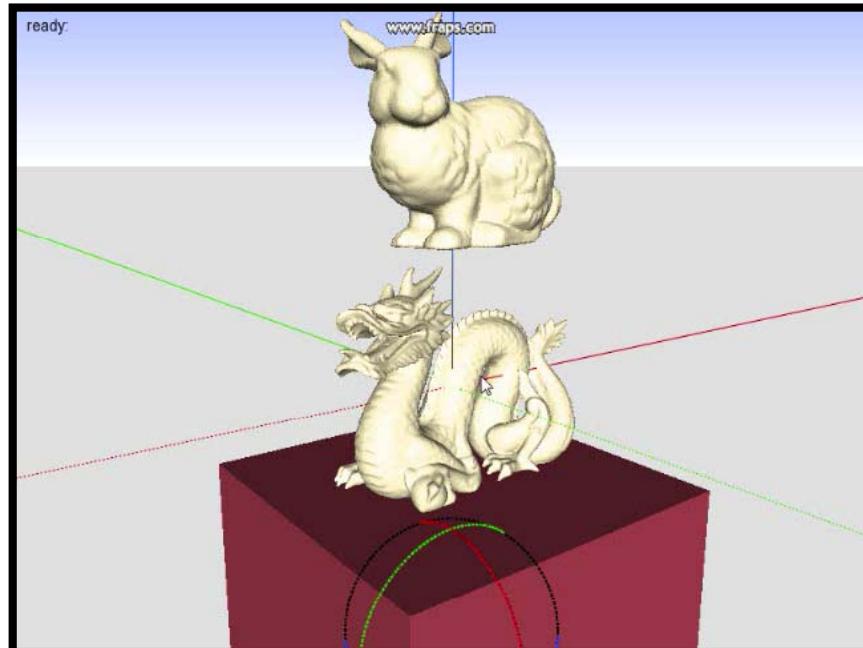
Accuracy



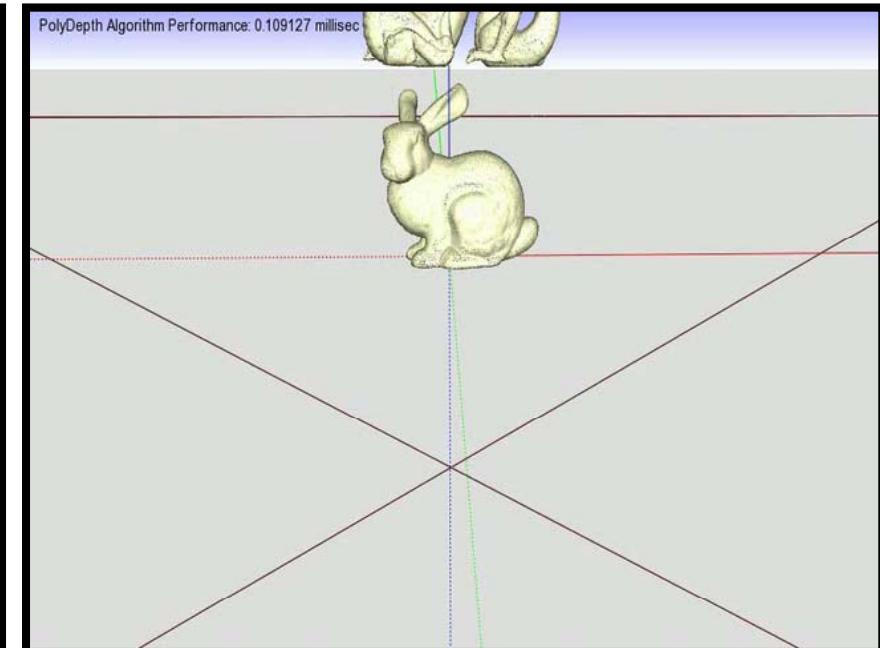
Performance

APPLICATIONS

Real-time Physics Simulation using PD



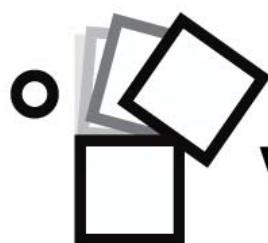
214K triangles in total



802K triangles in total

Integration with Physics Engine

[http://virtualphysics.
kr](http://virtualphysics.kr)



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VirtualPhysics
v0.83

Overview

Realtime(30fps) simulation of 1560 rigid bodies on P4 2.4GHz

VirtualPhysics is a free C++ library for realtime multi-body dynamics simulation. Dynamics simulation can be used in wide area of mechanical engineering, computer graphics animation, virtual reality and more. VirtualPhysics is designed for simulating behaviors of articulated rigid body systems in realtime. Using VirtualPhysics, programmers can easily implement simulation based applications with moderate understanding of related physics and mathematics.

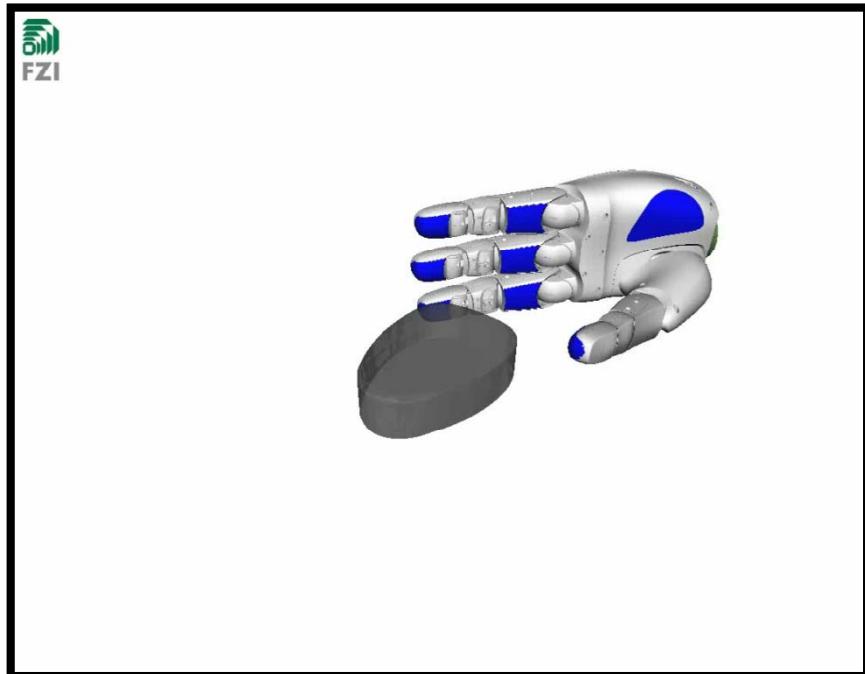
Features of VirtualPhysics

- Realtime : VirtualPhysics uses Lie Group recursive dynamics algorithms. It is fast and stable enough for realtime applications such as an adaptive controller for robotic systems, interactive games and VR contents.
- User defined joint : You can design your own joint to constrain rigid bodies. For example, you can define a curvy prismatic joint to model a roller coaster rail.
- Collision detection and response : VirtualPhysics separates collision detection and response. If you have your own collision detection module, VirtualPhysics can easily cooperate with your module to make a collision response. A built-in collision detection module supports collision between a few kinds of primitive geometries such as box, sphere and cylinder. Collision response in VirtualPhysics can handle multiple impulsive collision and resting contact under frictional conditions.
- Joint limit : VirtualPhysics resolves joint limit in a collision-like manner. If a joint limit is defined with a coefficient of restitution, the angle will not only be restricted in its limit, but also the generated behavior is physically reasonable.
- Object oriented data structures : Programmers familiar with C++ and object orientation can easily understand, modify and improve data structures of VirtualPhysics.
- Runs on various platforms such as win32, Linux, Sun OS and IRIX.

Getting Started
User Manual

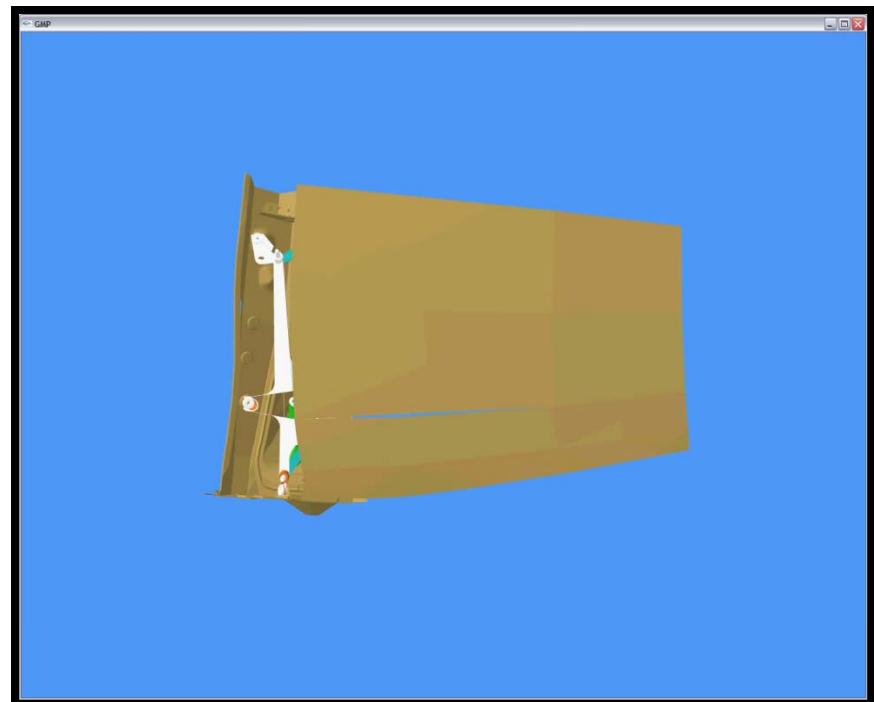
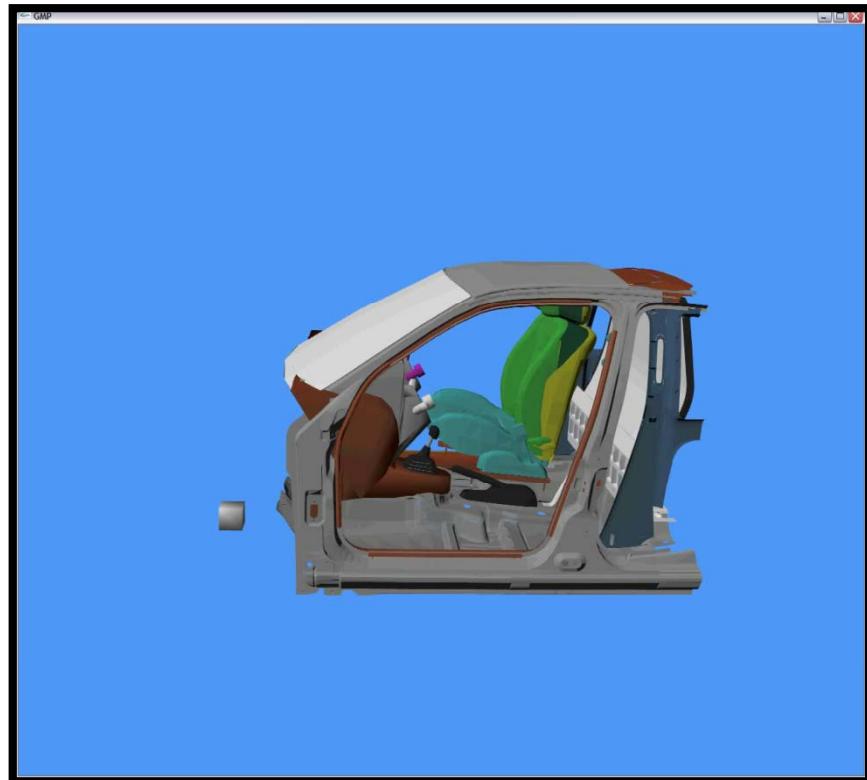


Robotic Grasping using CCD



With Zhixing Xue @ FZI

CAD Disassembly using CCD



With Liangjun Zhang @ Stanford/UNC

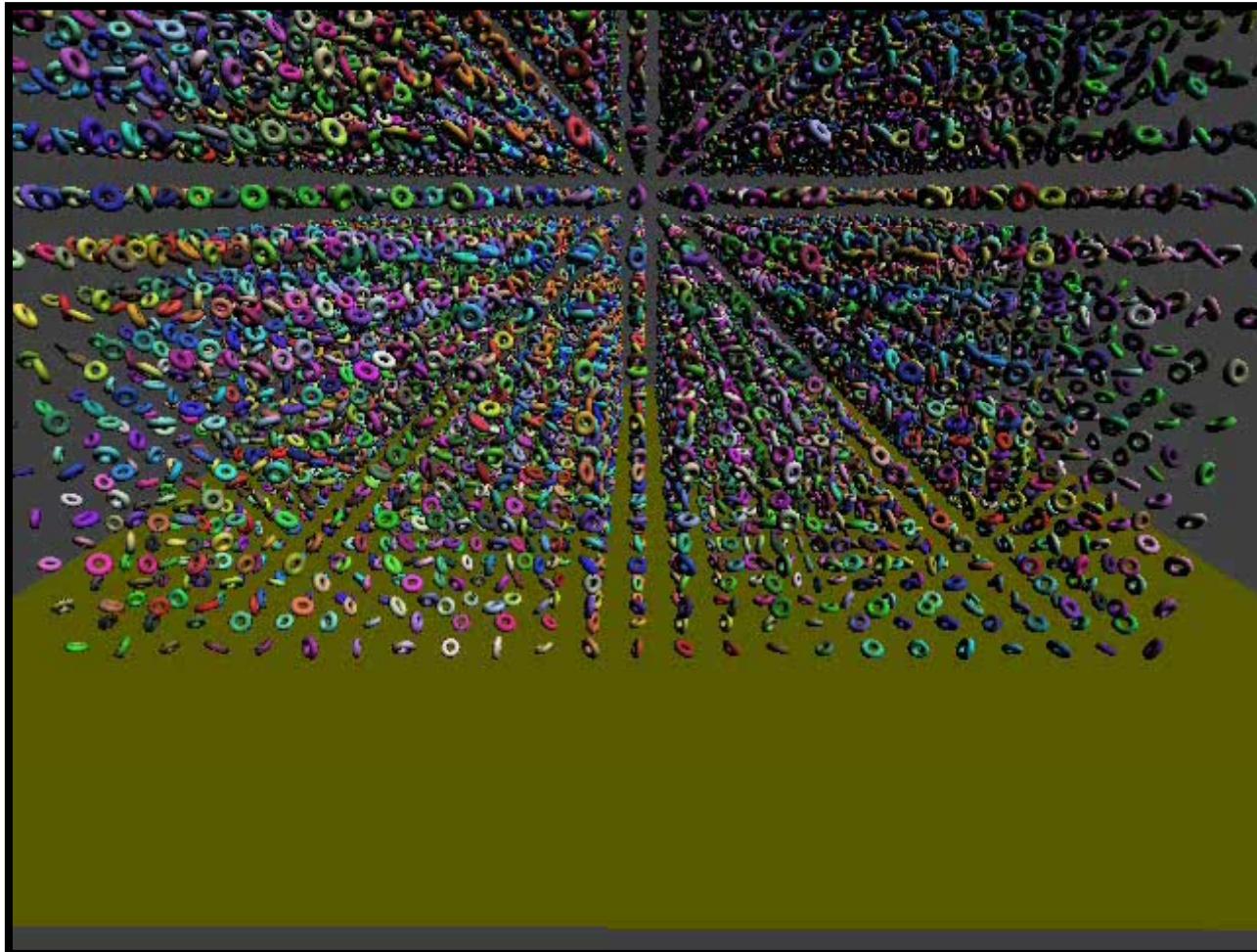
Summary

	CCD	PD
Concept	Collision avoidance	Collision correction
Usages	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Constraint-based dynamics2. Exact motion planning3. Grasping	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Penalty-, impulse-based dynamics2. Retraction-based motion planning
Complexities	$O(mn)$	$O(m^3n^3)$

Future Work

- **Continuous collision detection**
 - N-body
 - Non-linear motion
- **PD**
 - Articulated body
 - Deformable
 - N-body

Collision Culling of a Million Bodies on GPUs



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