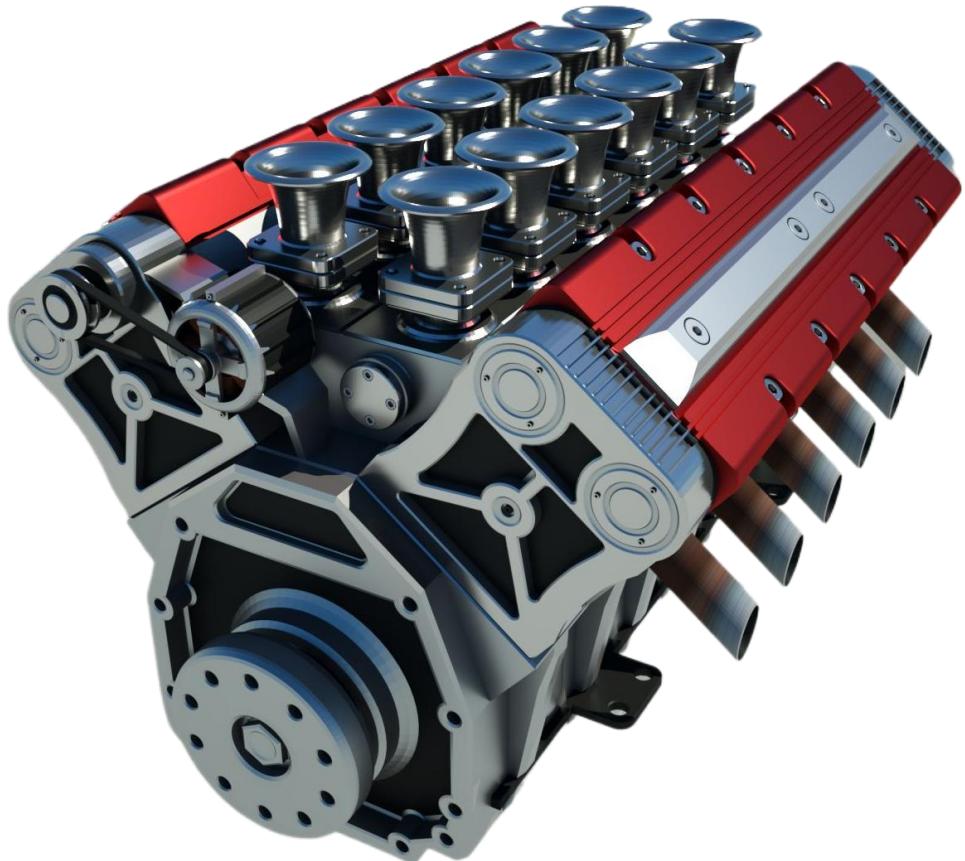


# Interactive Reverse Engineering of CAD Models

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# Background - Product Design and Development



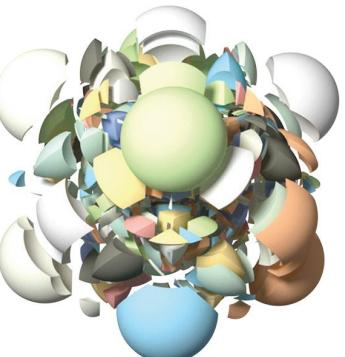
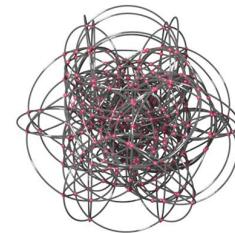
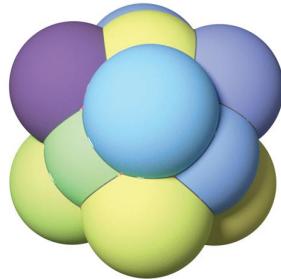
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## Manufacturing and Production

- **Improving Existing Products:** Reverse modeling existing products to **improve** design and functionality
- **Custom Parts:** Manufacturing **custom** parts based on models of existing components

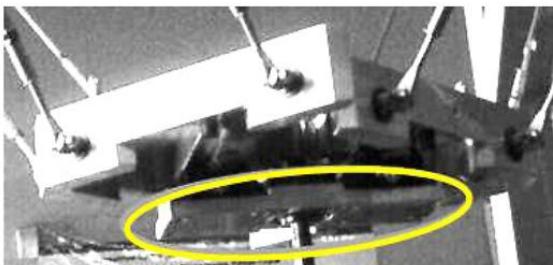
# Background - Quality Control and Inspection

- Structural Analysis



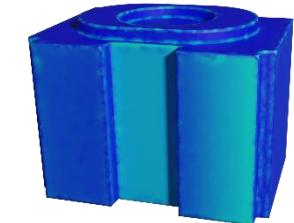
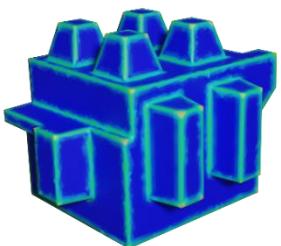
[Du et al. 2022]

- Spare Parts Manufacturing



[Roseline et al. 2013]

- Error Detection



- Repair and Retrofit

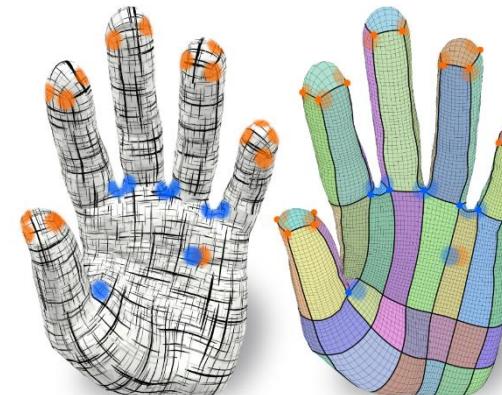


# Solutions – B-rep, CSG, and Feature Modeling

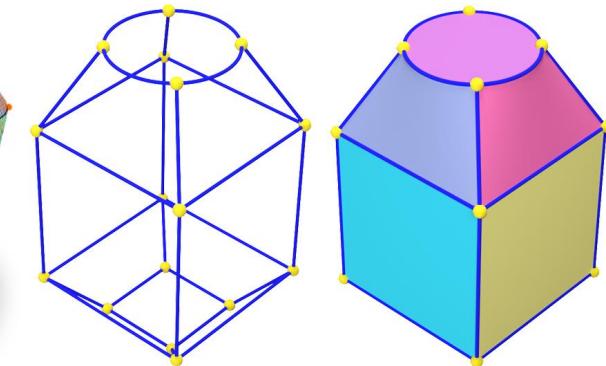
## B-rep

**Problem:** Represent a CAD model with multiple primitives

**Solution:** Extract the Boundary Representation of a CAD model



[Lyon et al. 2021]



[Guo et al. 2022]

## CSG

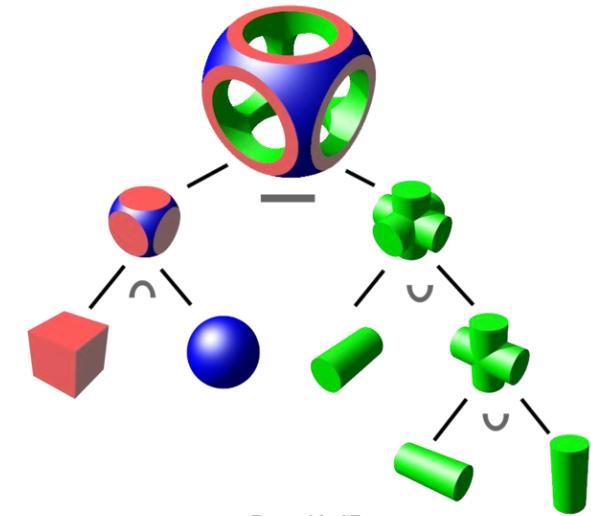
**Problem:**

- Analyze the original geometric composition of standard components
- Provide a method for precise representation and structure modeling

**Cons:**

Difficult to represent **complex or organic shapes**

Represent irregular or free-form shapes is challenging



[Wiki]

# Solutions – B-rep, CSG, and Feature Modeling

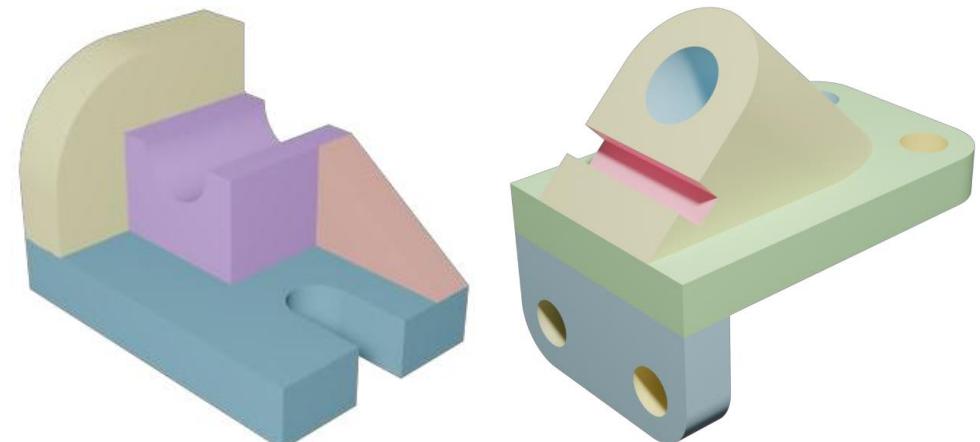
## Feature Modeling

**Problem:** Reproduce the steps of [forward modeling](#) of CAD models to reconstruct the model

**Solution:** Create sketches on standard surfaces, which are then used to manipulate and construct the model

### Cons:

- Interactive operations are complex, high learning costs
- Modeling is time consuming

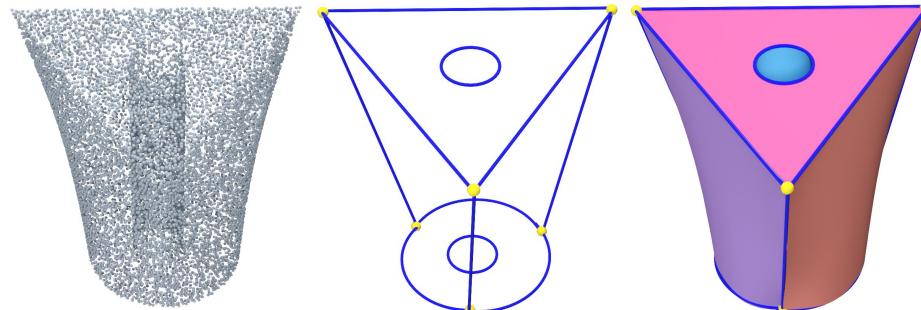


We restore the forward modeling process from CAD models and alleviate interaction

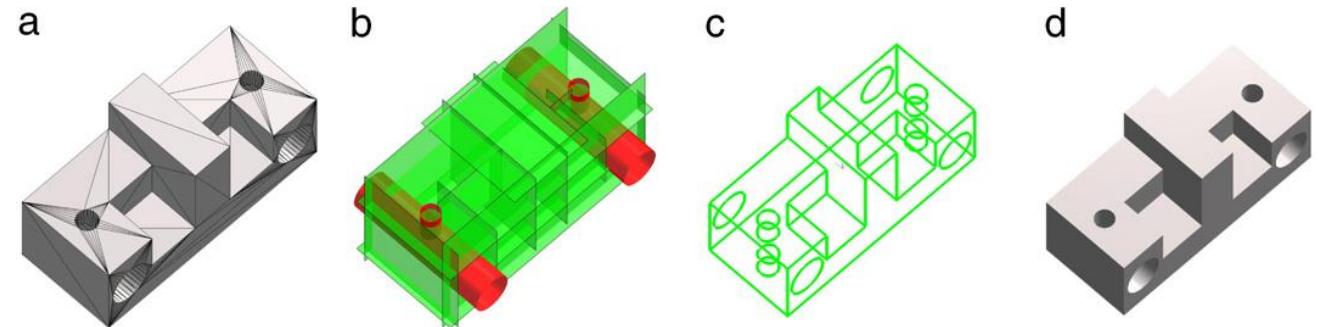
# RELATED WORK

# Related Work

- **Boundary Representation**

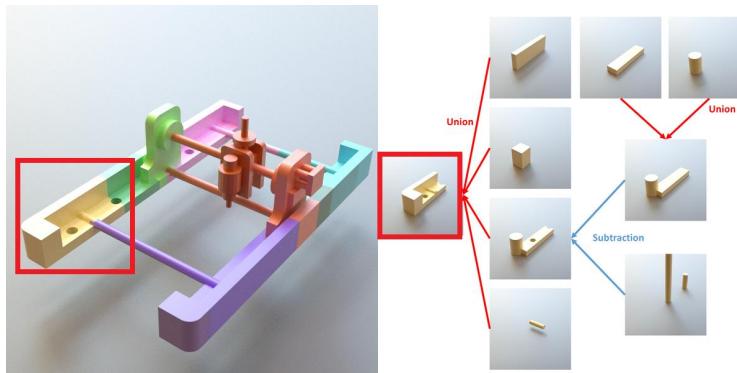


**ComplexGen**  
[Guo et al. 2022]

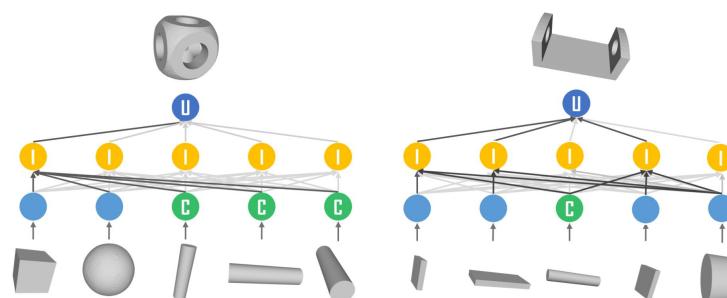


Reverse engineering from 3D meshes to CAD models  
[Roseline et al. 2013]

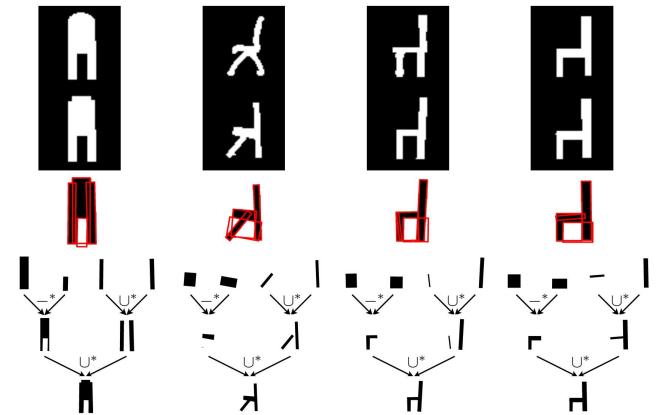
- **Constructive Solid Geometry**



**InverseCSG** [Du et al. 2018]



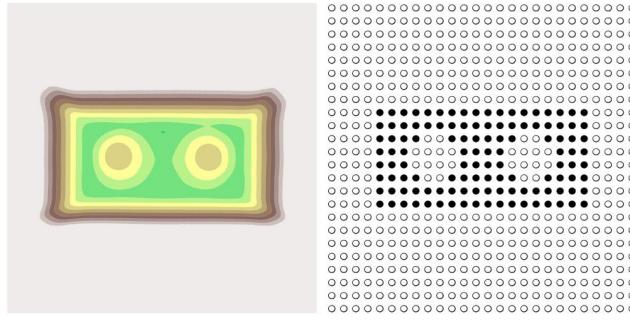
**CSG-Stump** [Ren et al. 2021]



**UCSG-NET** [Kania et al. 2020]

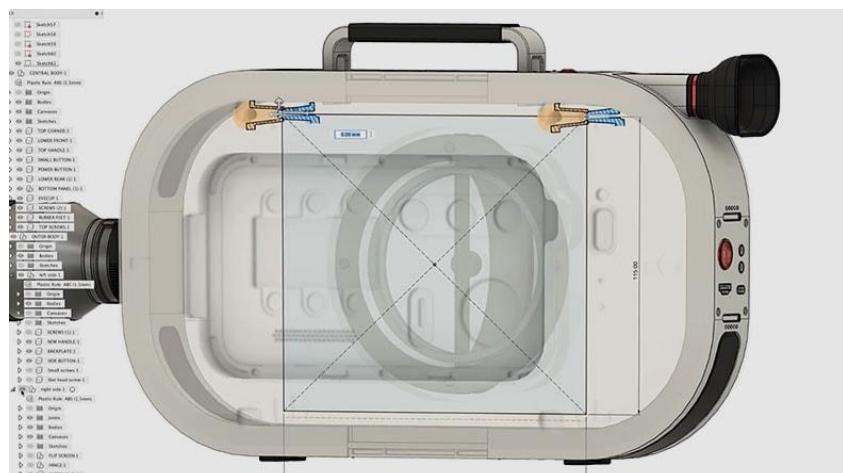
# Related Work

- Feature Modeling



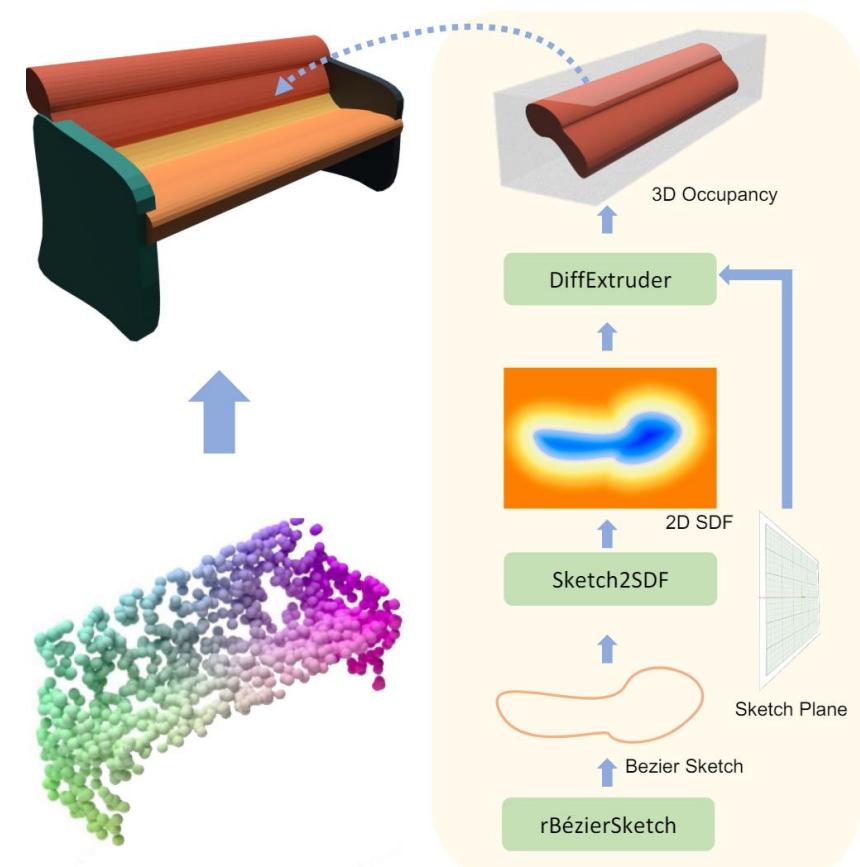
**SECAD-Net**

[Li et al. 2023]



**Autodesk Fusion 360**

[Verma G. book. 2018]

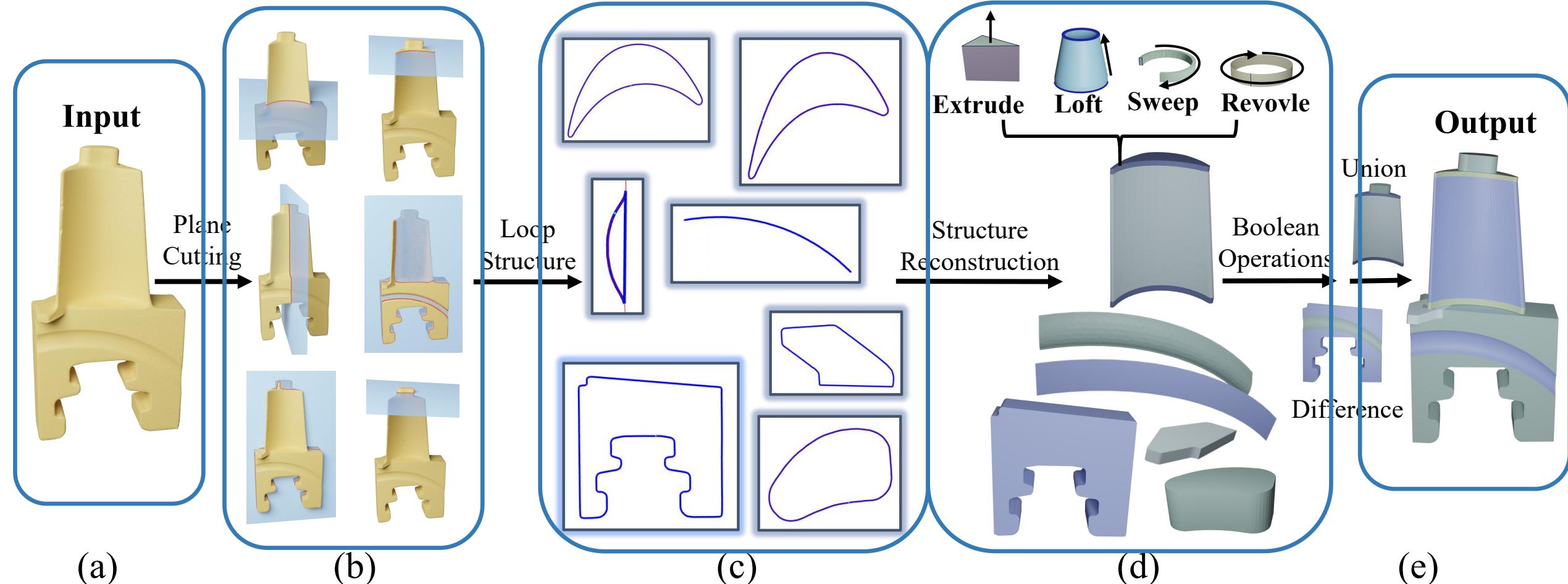


**Extrudenet**

[Ren et al. 2022]

# METHOD

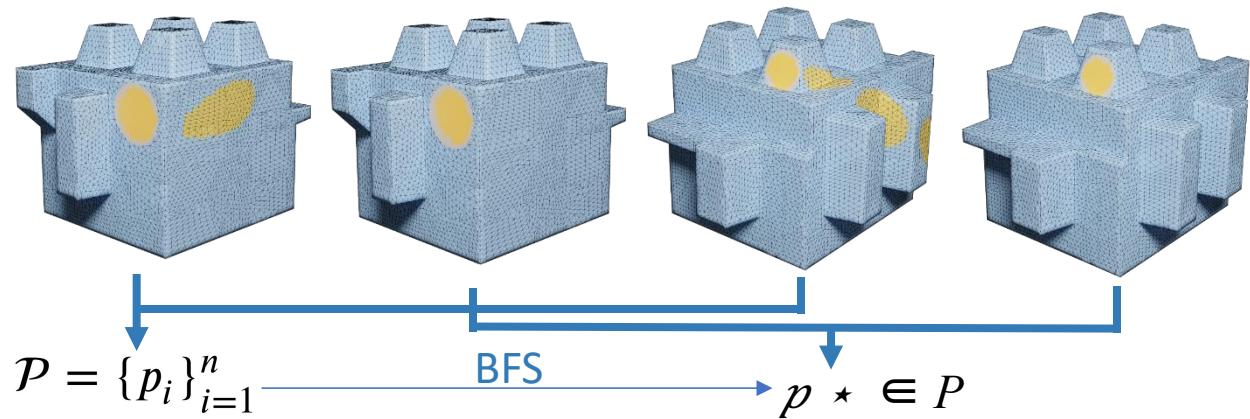
# Method - Overview



# Method - Plane Cutting

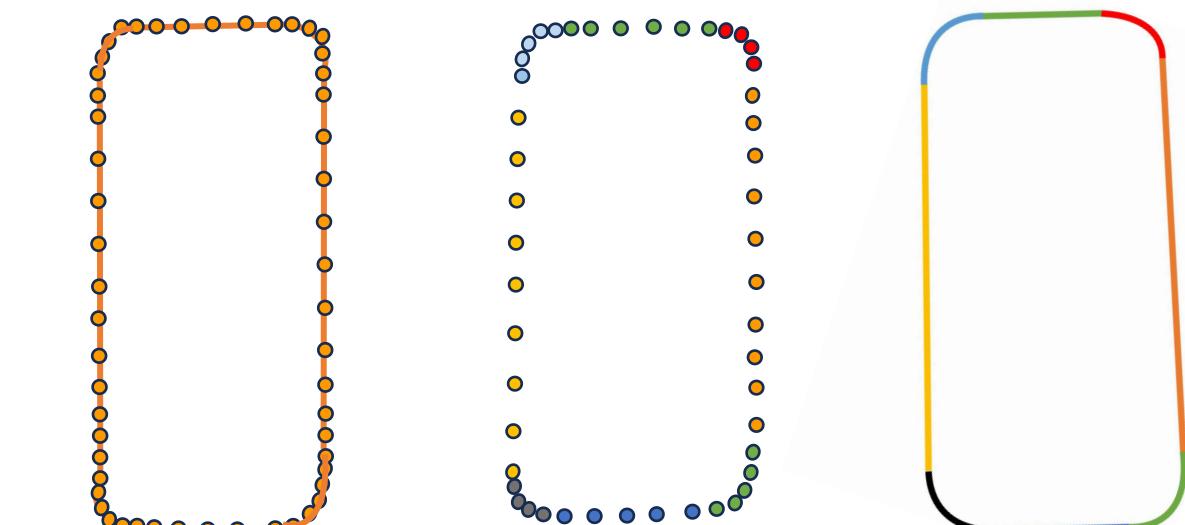
## Cutting Plane

- Select a set of patches with on each model
- Optimize and re-pick the patches until the BFS algorithm converges



## Loop Structure

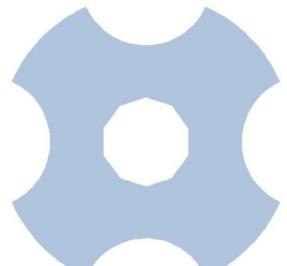
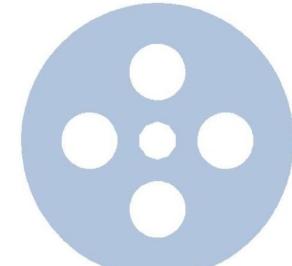
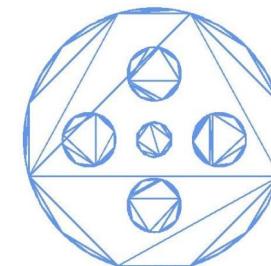
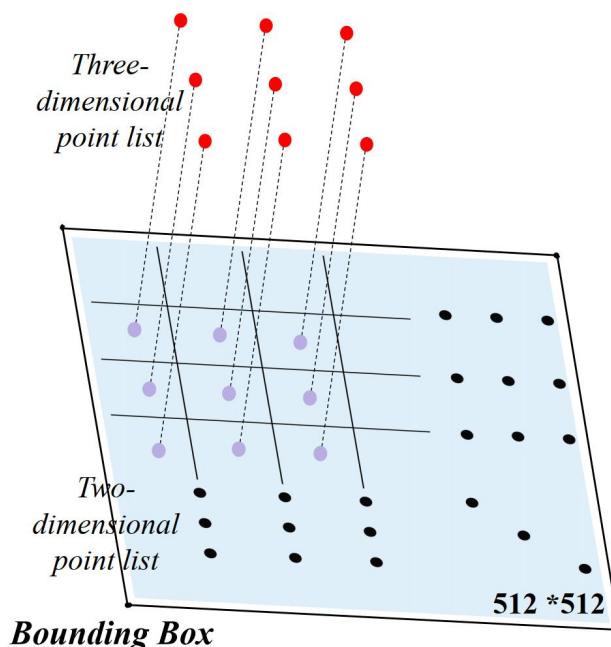
- Split the cutting line as two types of primitives, **line** and **arc**, according to its **curvature feature**
- Adopt the **Ramer-Douglas-Peucker (RDP)** algorithm to **approximate** the cutting line by a set of **line segments**
- Fit the primitive edges by judging the **endpoints** of the primitives based on a predetermined **threshold**



# Method - Structure Reconstruction

## Extruding Structure

- Project the sampled points on the cut line from 3D to 2D
- We perform Delaunay triangulations on the 2D point set
- We fill the interior of the triangles, getting a binary mask
- We use the IoU similarity between the two masks to determine the rough extrusion position
- We employ a five-step bisection search to find the exact position of the cutting



# Method - Structure Reconstruction

## Sweeping Structure

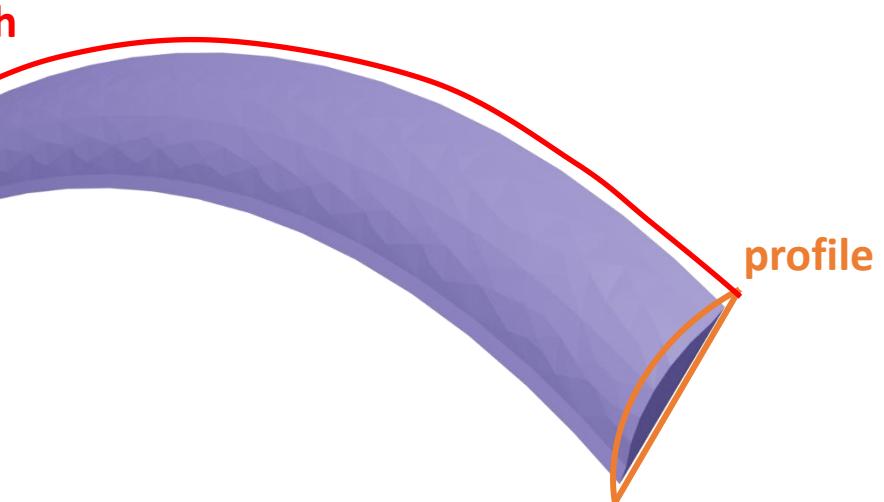
- Given a sweeping path and a profile curve, a translational form of the sweeping surface can be represented by

$$S(u, v) = T(v) + C(u)$$

$$\text{Control points: } T(v) = \frac{\sum_{j=0}^m N_{j,q}(v) w_j^T T_j}{\sum_{j=0}^m N_{j,q}(v) w_j^T}$$

$$\text{Control points: } C(u) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^n N_{i,p}(u) w_i^C C_i}{\sum_{i=0}^n N_{i,p}(u) w_i^C}$$

Sweeping surface:



$$S(u, v) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^m N_{i,p}(u) N_{j,q}(v) w_{i,j} P_{i,j}}{\sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^m N_{i,p}(u) N_{j,q}(v)}$$

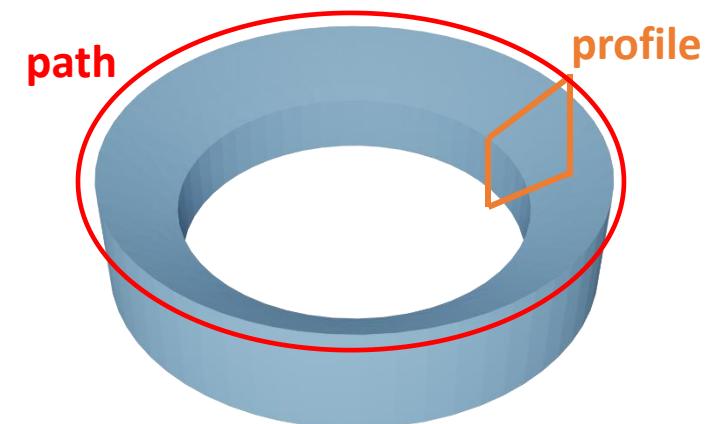
Control points:  $P_{i,j} = C_i + T_j$

Weights:  $w_{i,j} = w_i^C w_j^T$

# Method - Structure Reconstruction

## Revolving Structure

- We create the **rotation axis** using the **center** of the path and the **normal** of the cutting plane
- We rotate the **profile**  $360^\circ$  around the axis (using nine points representing the circle)



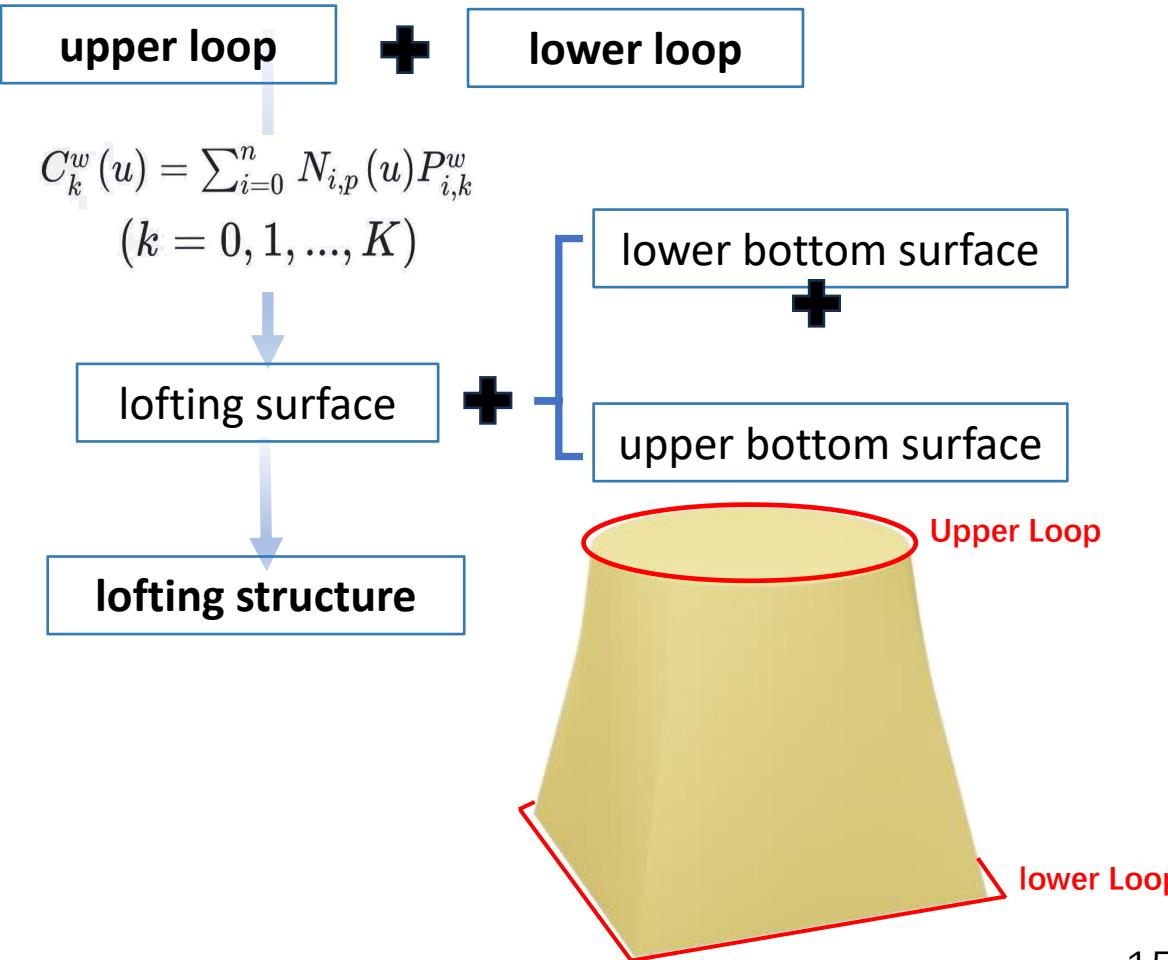
Revolving surface: 
$$S(u, v) = \sum_{i=0}^8 \sum_{j=0}^m R_{i,2;j,q}(u, v) P_{i,j}$$

Control points:  $P_{i,j} = P_{0,j} = P_j$

Weights:  $w_{0,j} = w_j, w_{1,j} = (\sqrt{2}/2)w_j, w_{2,j} = w_j, w_{3,j} = \sqrt{2}/2w_j, \dots, w_{8,j} = w_j$

# Method - Boolean Operations

## Lofting Structure

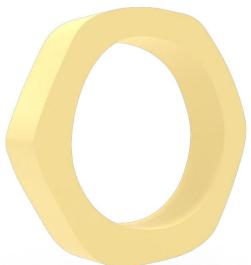


## Boolean Operations

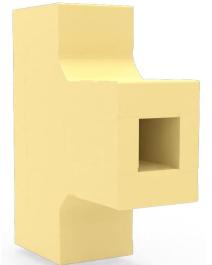
- We **select** appropriate Boolean operations to merge these blocks together
- These Boolean operations include ***union***, ***intersection***, and ***difference***



*union*



*intersection*



*difference*

[Li et al. 2023]

# RESULTS

# Results - Our Method



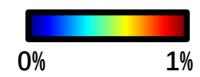
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Reduced time ratio	20.3%

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68.7%

45
49.2 %

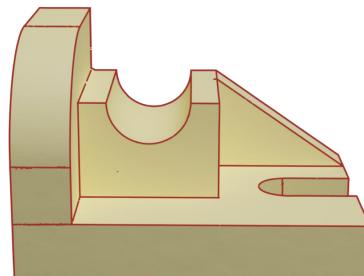
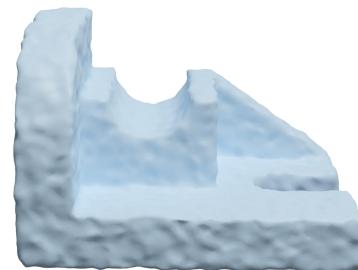
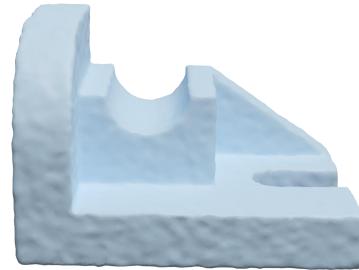
63
67.5%

25
51.9%

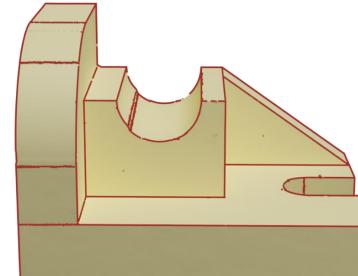


# Results - Robustness Test

Noise interference

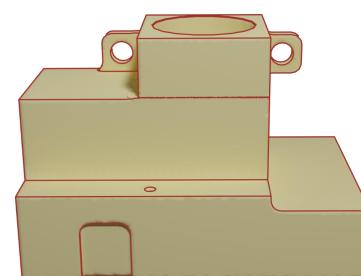


$\sigma = 0.03(2.46m)$   
RMS = 0.12%

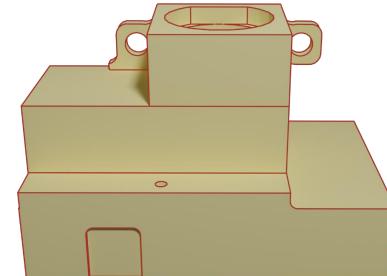


$\sigma = 0.05(4.10m)$   
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Occlusion interference



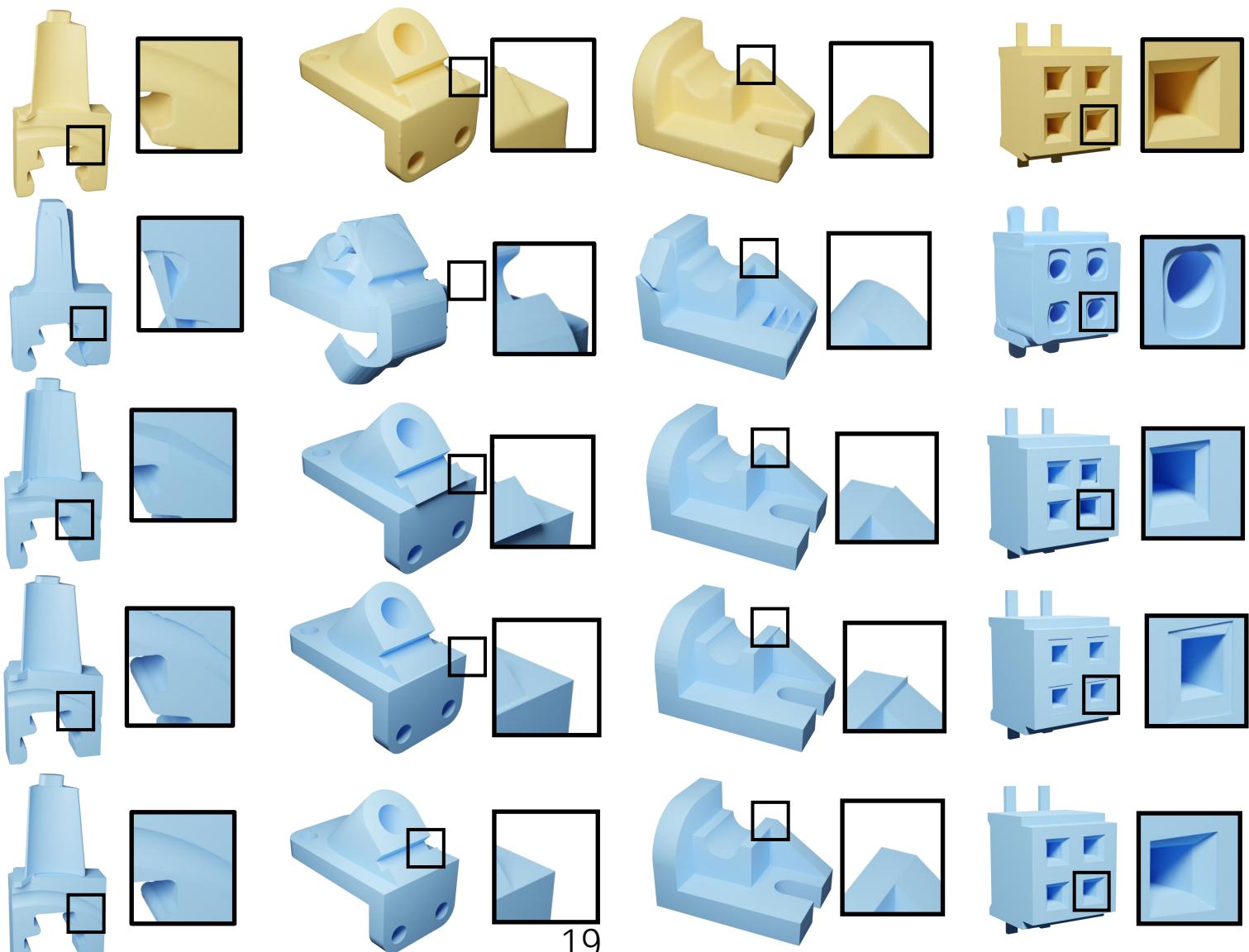
RMS = 0.63%



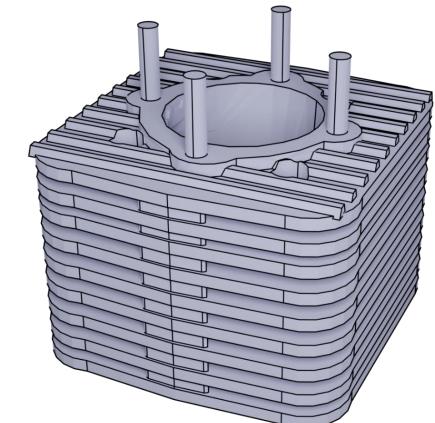
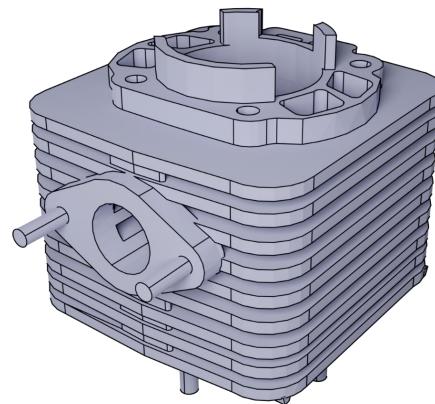
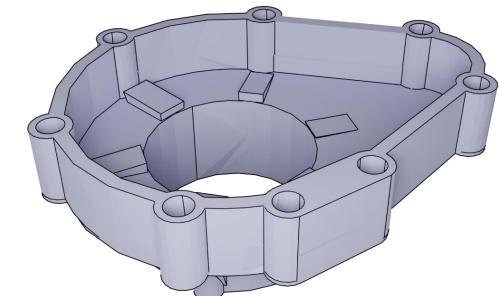
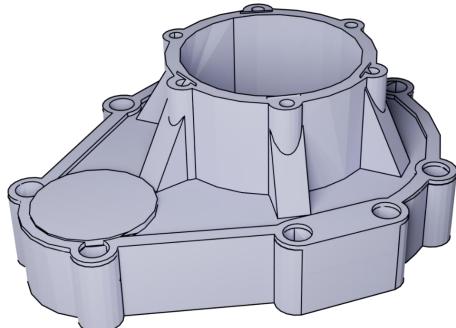
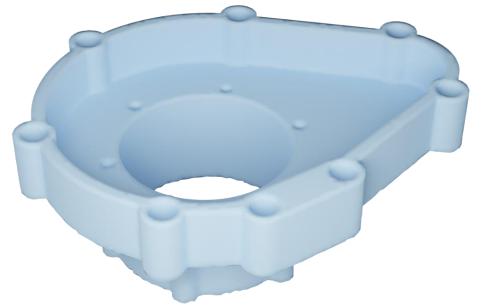
RMS = 0.64%

# Results- Comparison Test

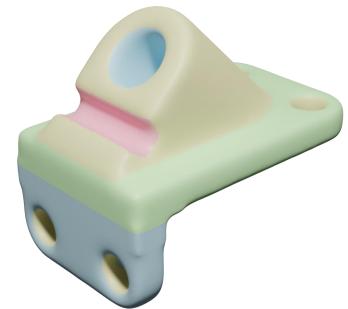
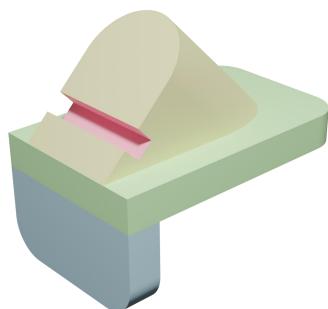
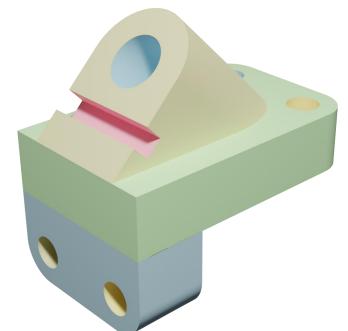
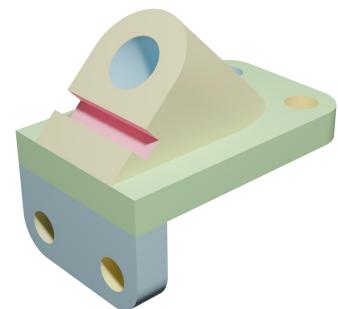
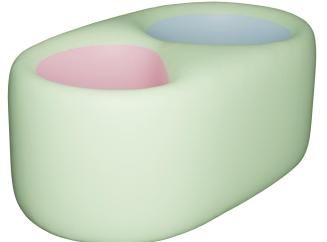
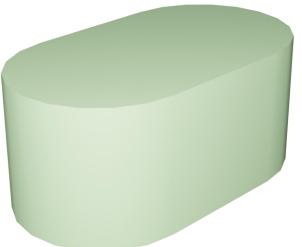
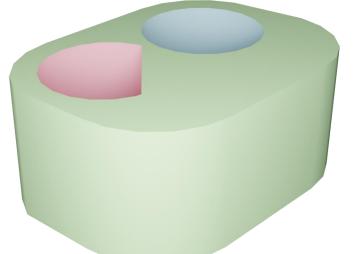
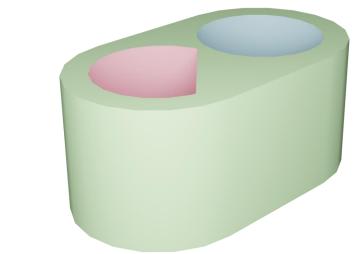
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Autodesk Fusion 360	1.92	3.83	947.6
Geomagic Design X	2.09	3.26	893.6
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# Results- Highly Complex Models



# Results - Model Editing



Input

Height or width

Boolean operations

Chamfer features

# Conclusions

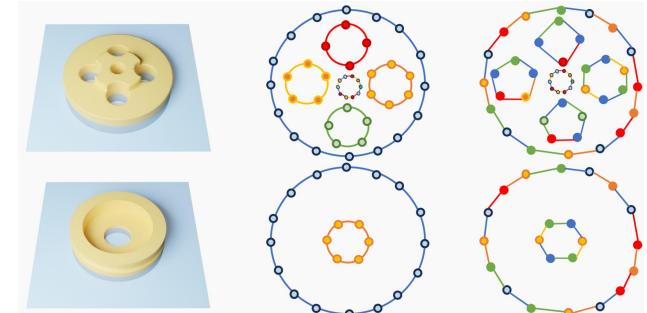
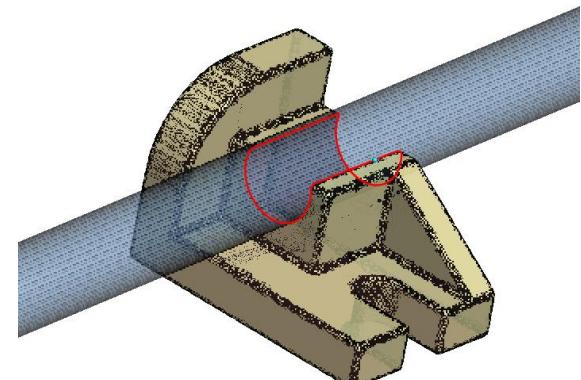
- We present an interaction-simplified pipeline to **reproduce** the forward modeling process of CAD models, which effectively transforms input **mesh models** into **editable CAD models**
- Our method addresses the challenges associated with traditional software by **automating** the process of **fitting primitive loops** and **detecting extrusion height**
- Our method offers the advantage of allowing **direct editing** of the model

# Limitations

- We currently cut the model using planes, making it difficult to fit **complex spatial curves**, such as the gear model
- When the circular segment has **exceptionally large radius**, the primitive loop fitting algorithm may mistakenly identify it as a straight line



[Li et al. 2023]



[Zhang et al. 2023]

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