

Meshing

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Motivations

Digital Mesh Processing:

- Skinny triangles → harmonic weights lead to flip over
- Preprocess to handle arbitrary irregular / non uniform meshes.
- Most **scanned surfaces** need to undergo complete remeshing before further processing.

Classifications

Most remeshing techniques fall into :

- simplification / refinement
 - Demo: Using our available tools "Meshsimplify.exe + Filtermesh.exe"
- optimization
- resampling (point sampling)

Control over:

- vertex density
- shape of elements
- etc.

Isotropic Surface Meshing

“Isotropic Surface Remeshing”

by Pierre Alliez, Eric Colin de Verdiere, Olivier Devillers, and
Martin Isenburg

IEEE International Conference on Shape Modeling and Applications,
2003

Previous work

Applications in Two different fields:

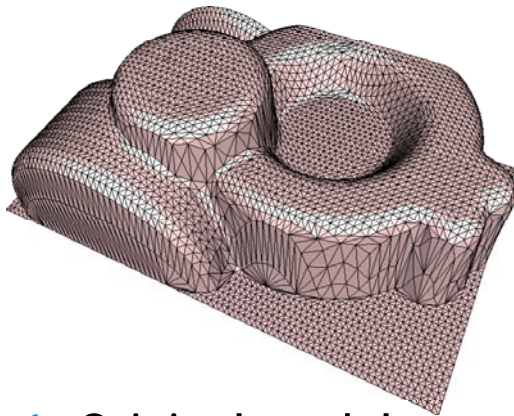
Finite Element community:

High-quality meshes
for simulation

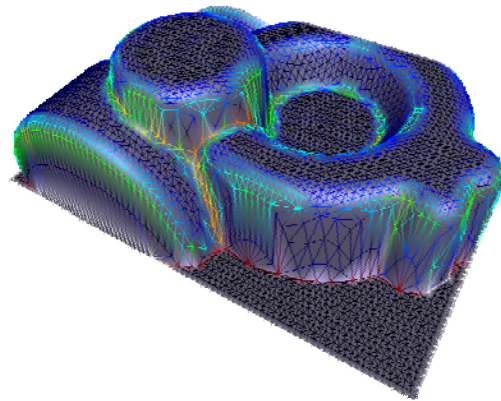
Computer Graphics community:

Geometric modeling
for effective processing and fast display

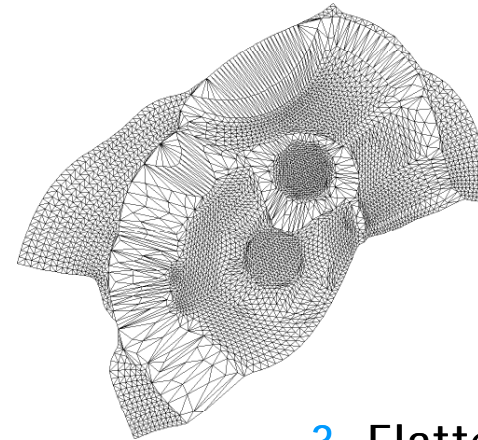
Remeshing Pipeline in this Paper



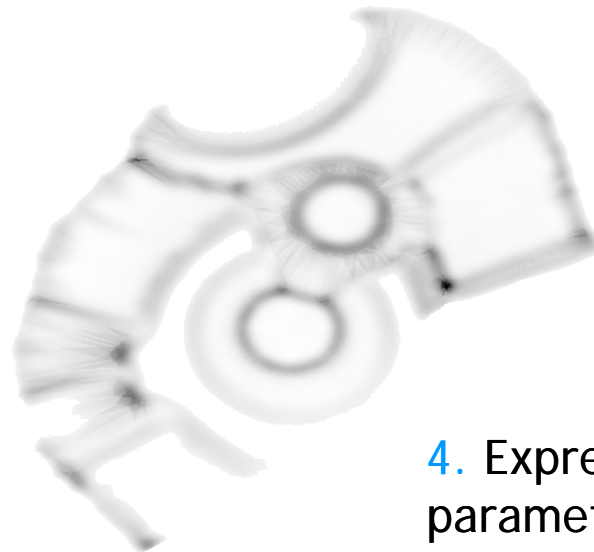
1. Original model



2. Measure density



3. Flatten it



4. Express density function in parameter space

5. Resample this function

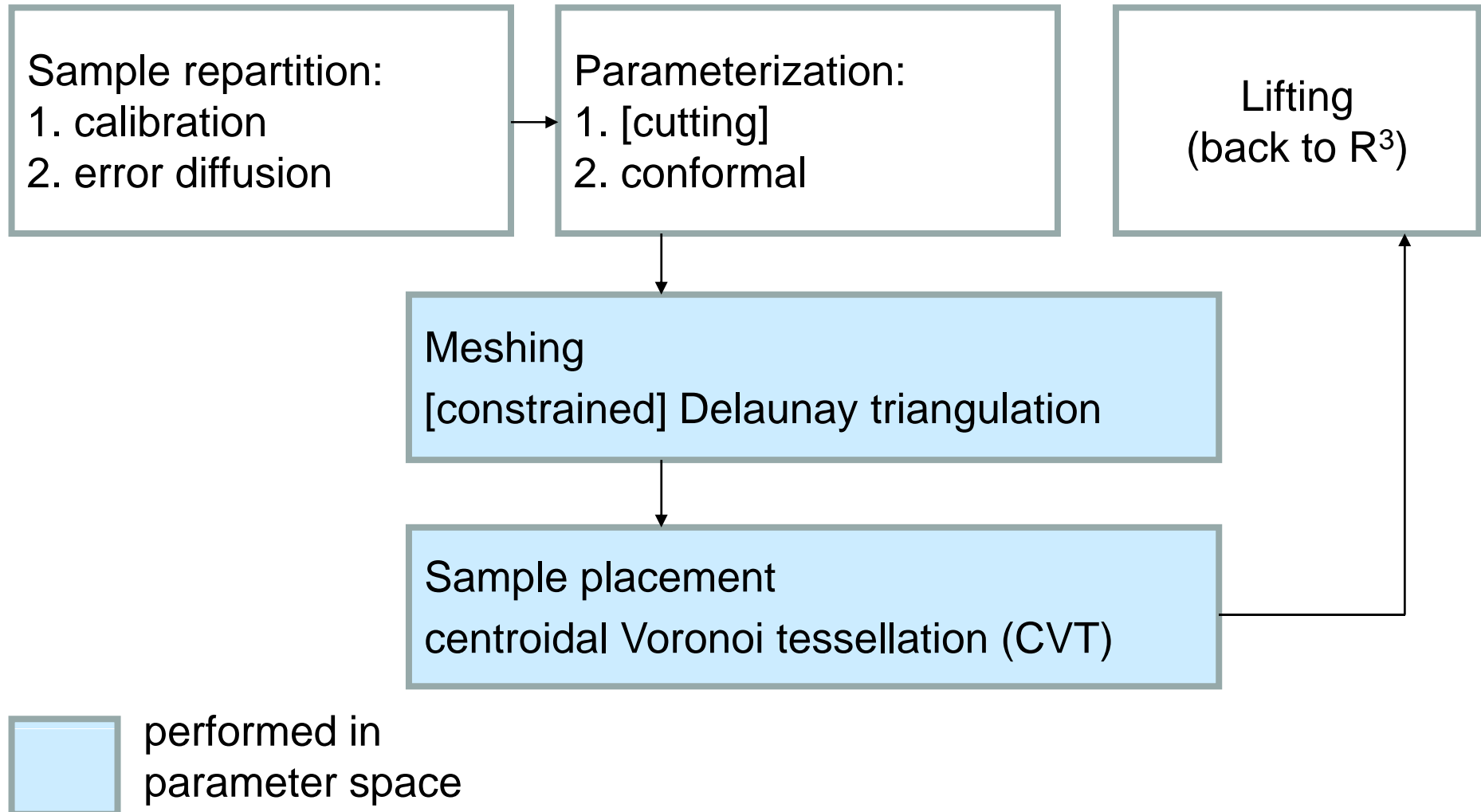
More precisely...

- Resample
 - in accordance with a density function
 - isotropic
- Match sample budget

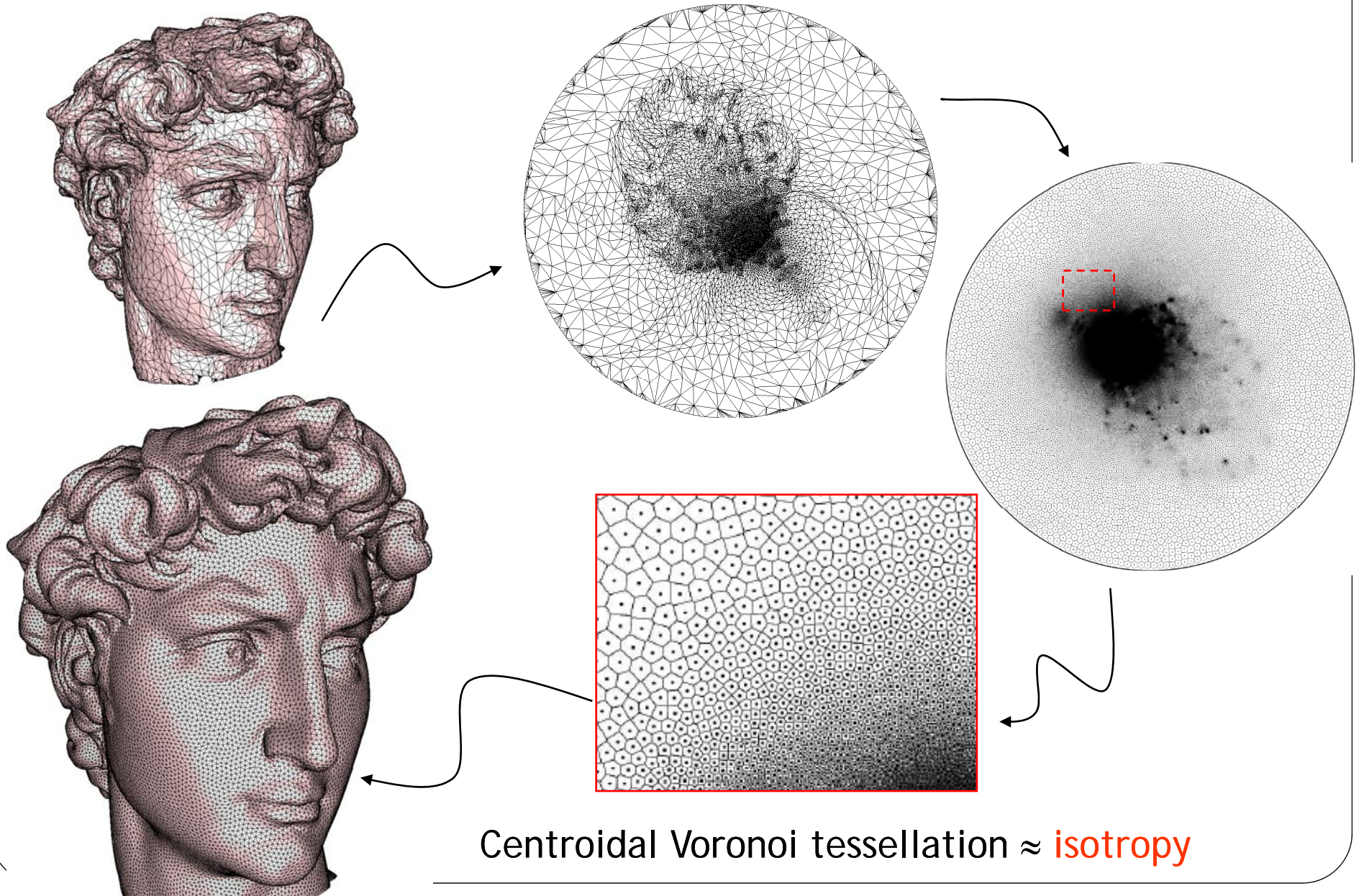
Solution

- resample in parameter space
- use effective parameterization
- compensate for distortion

Remeshing Pipeline



Key idea

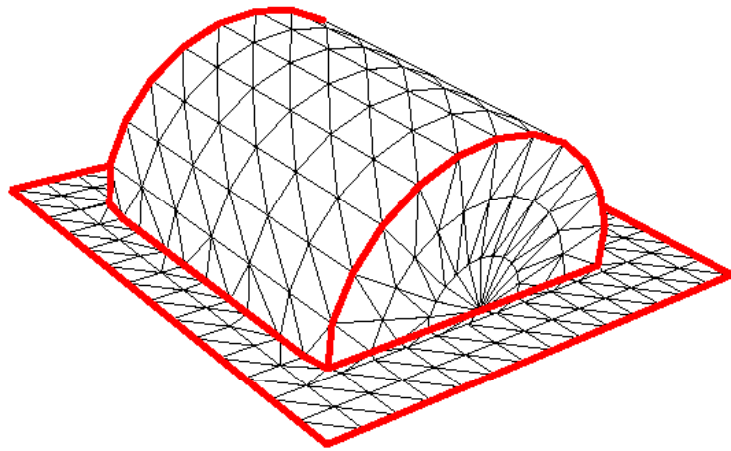


Preliminaries

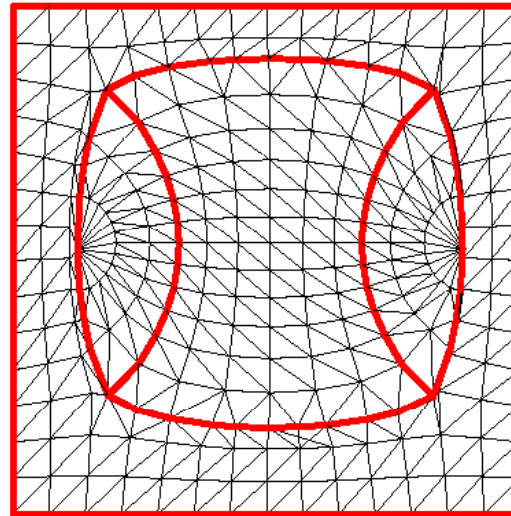
Input

- Triangle surface mesh with:
 - tagged feature edges
 - tagged corners
 - density function on:
 - feature edges (sharp, boundary, cut)
 - facets (e.g., piecewise linear)
- Vertex budget (#samples)
- Note:
 - the user *specifies* a density function
 - we focus on resampling & remeshing

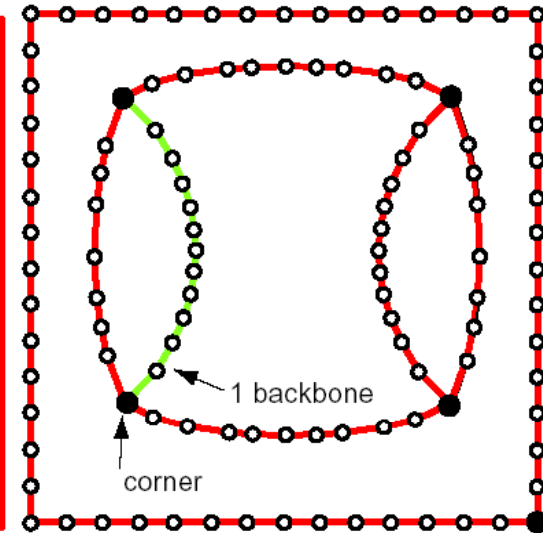
Feature skeleton



Original model



Parameterization and tagged edges



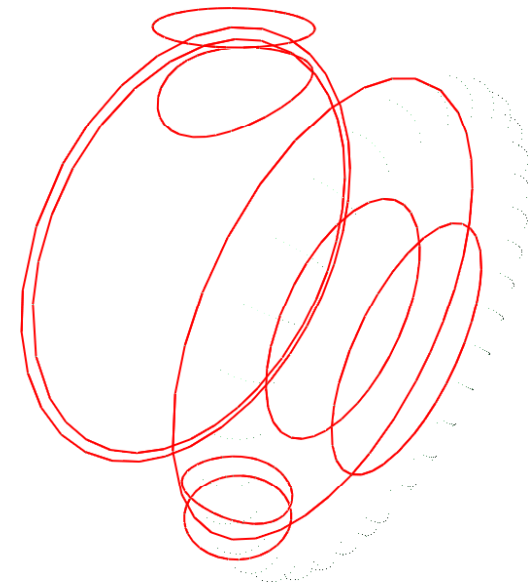
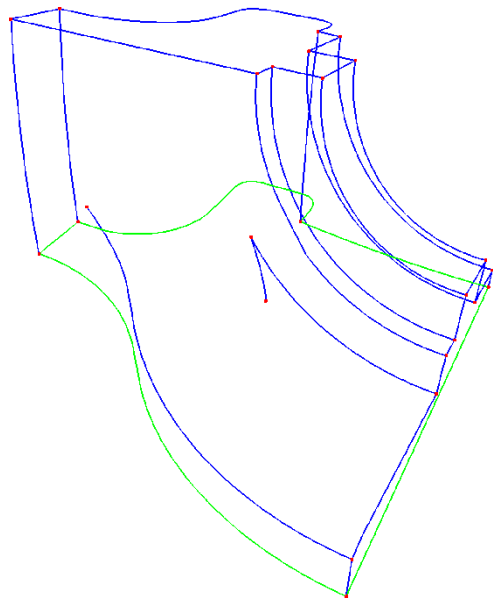
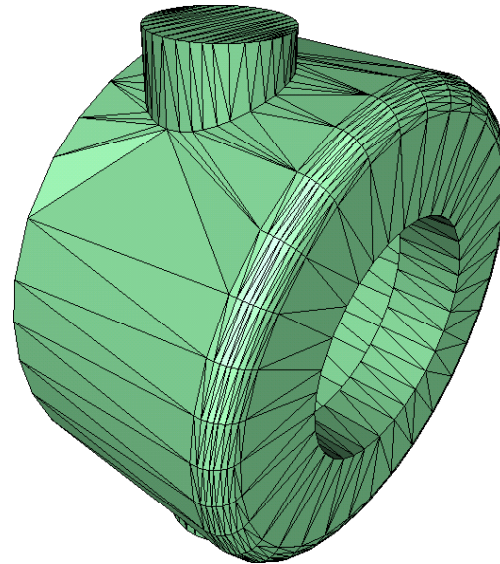
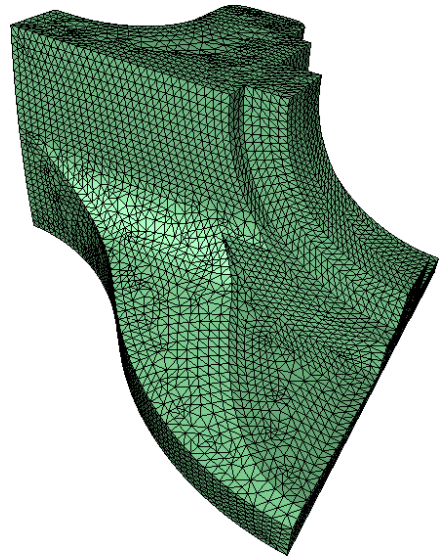
Feature skeleton

0-manifolds: corners

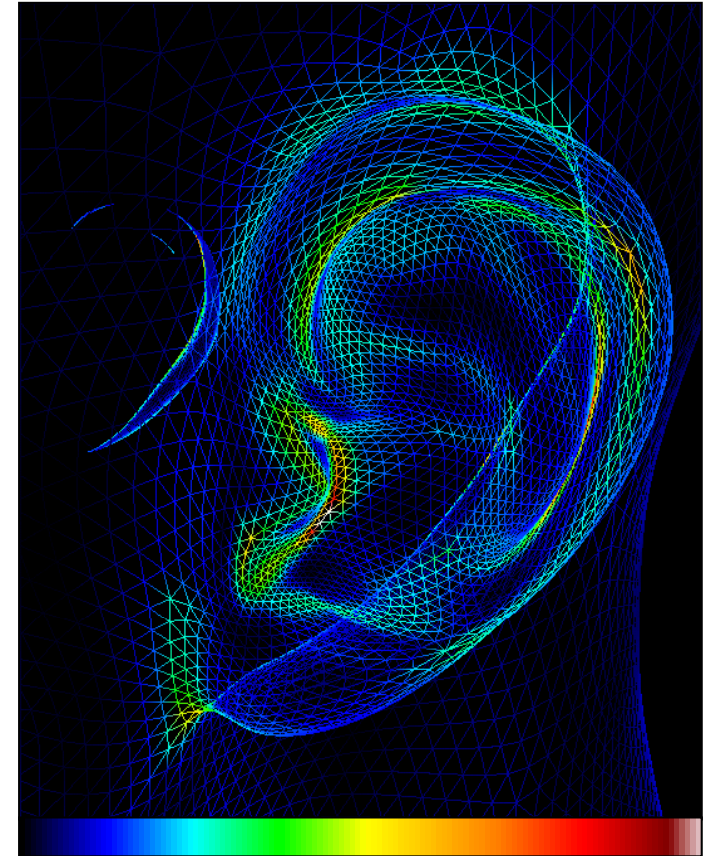
1-manifolds: backbone: feature edges chained together

feature skeleton: corners + backbones

More feature skeletons



Example of density function



Curvature related density function

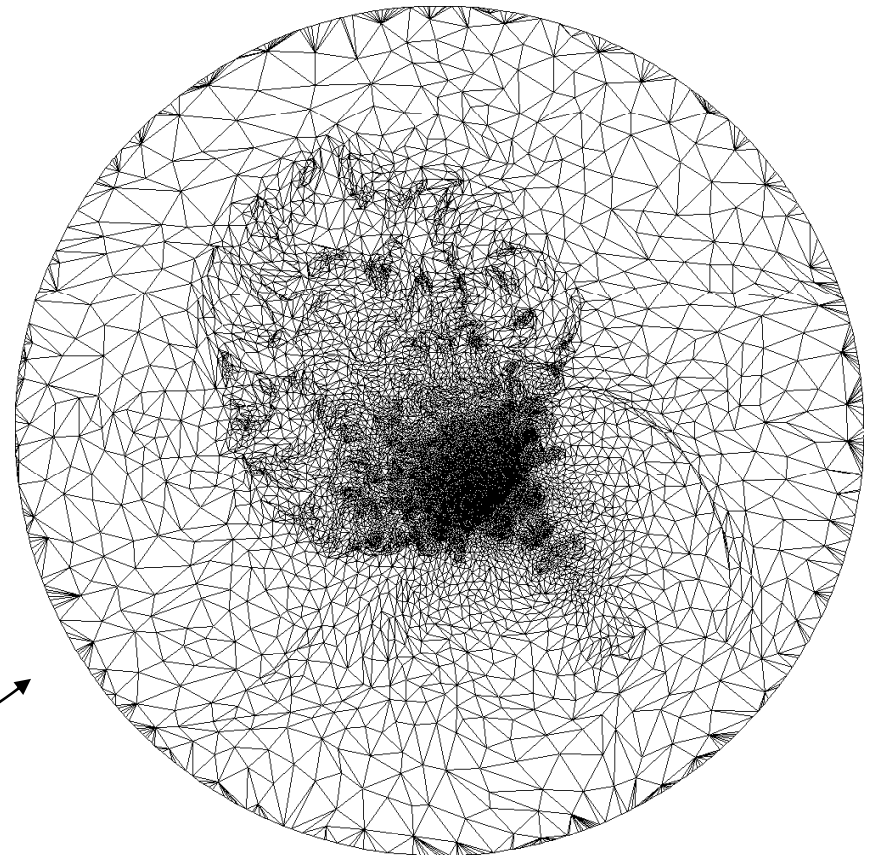
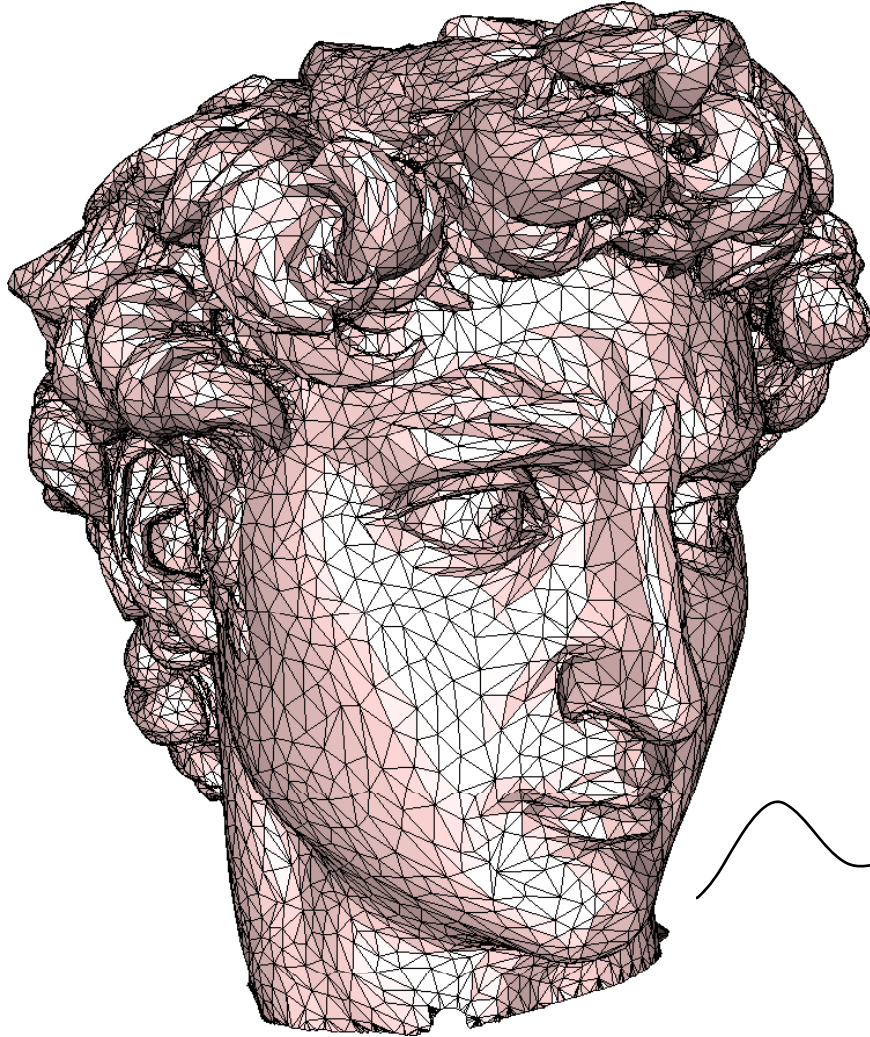
Discrete Differential-Geometry Operators

for Triangulated 2-Manifolds. [Meyer, Desbrun, Schröder, Barr]

Algorithm

- parameterization
- meshing
- sample placement

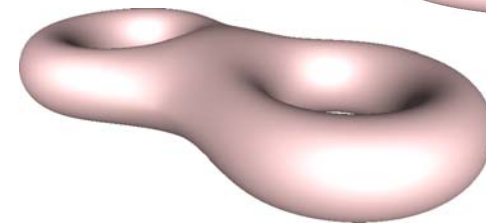
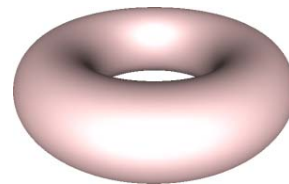
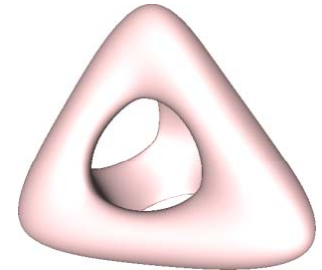
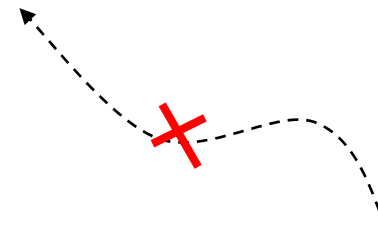
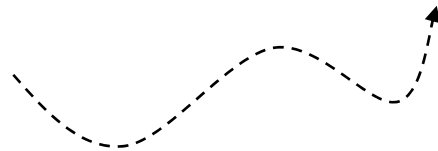
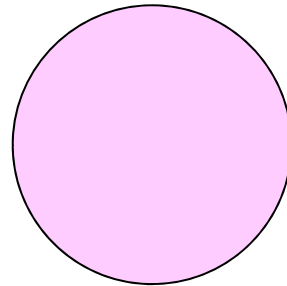
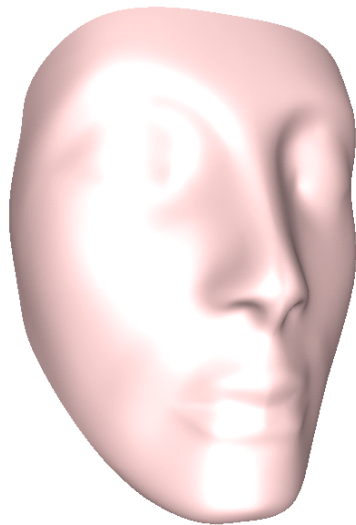
Parameterization



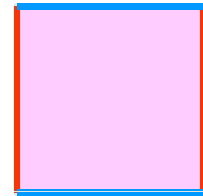
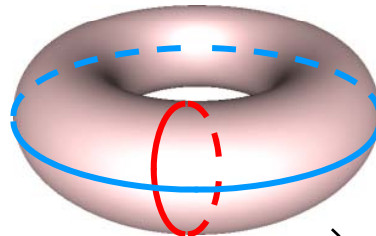
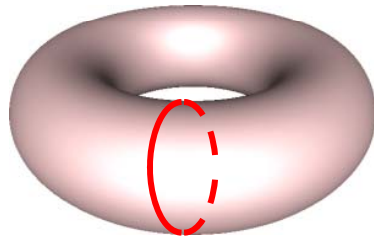
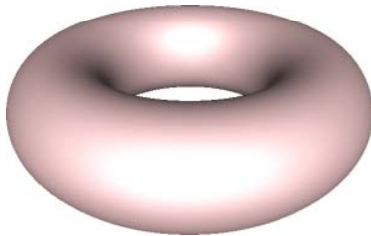
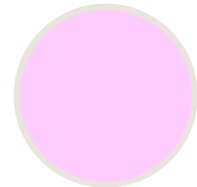
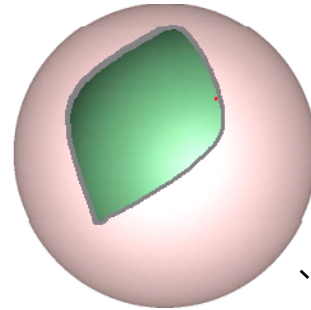
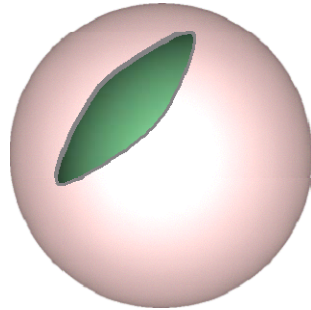
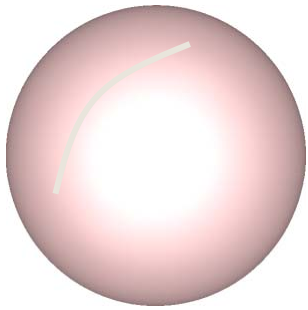
~remove embedding (back to manifold)

Parameterization

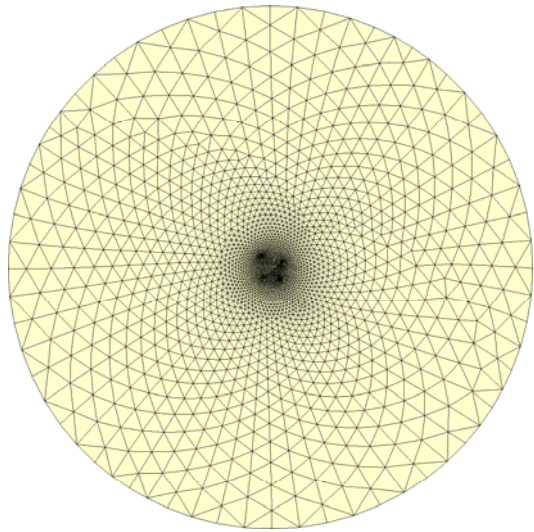
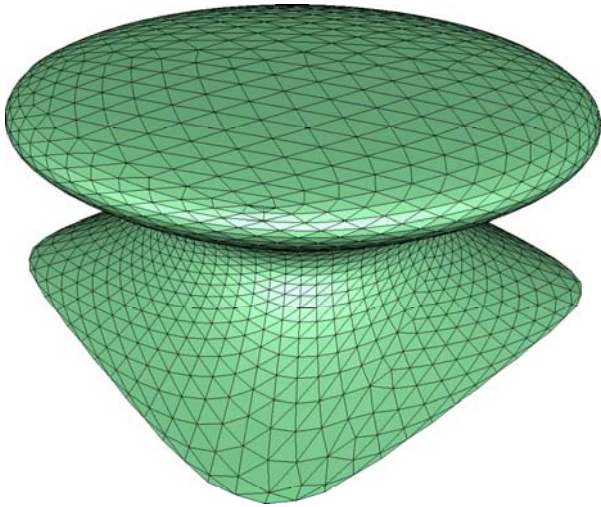
-> simple domain



Surface cutting



Convex embedding



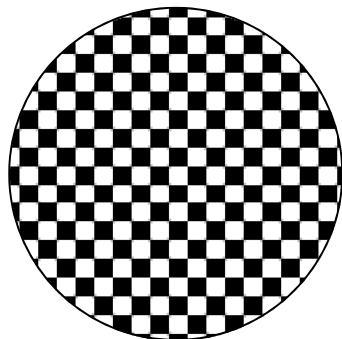
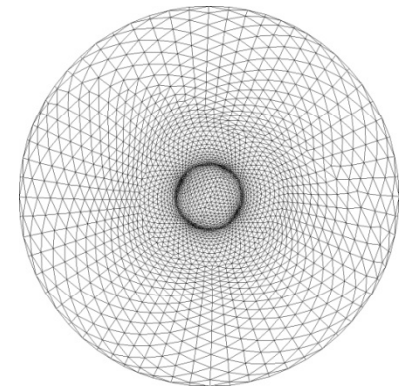
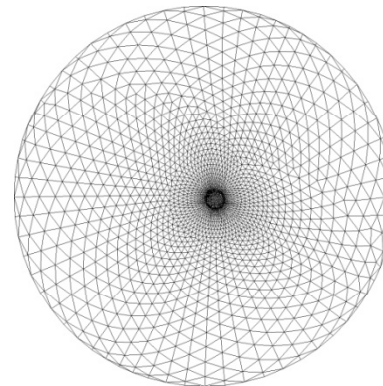
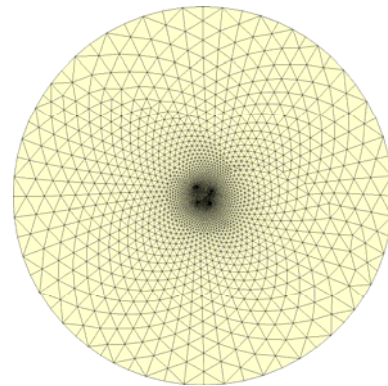
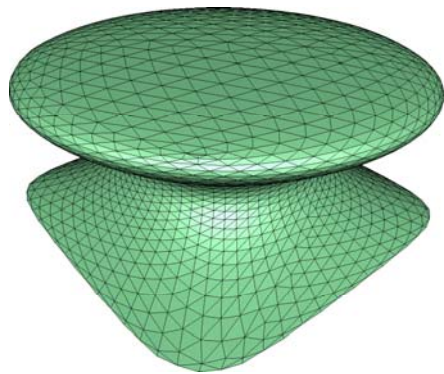
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More parameterizations

Tutte

Shape-preserving

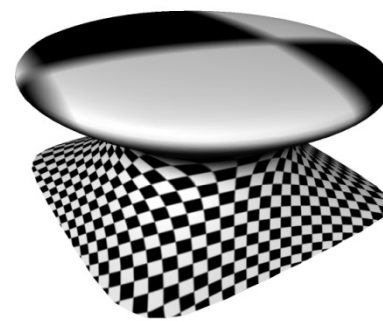
Conformal



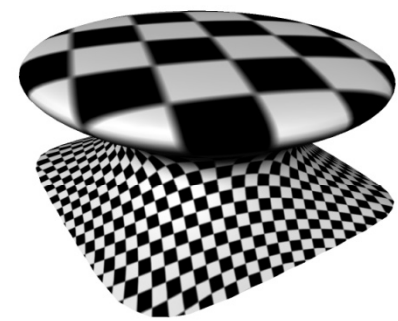
Texture map



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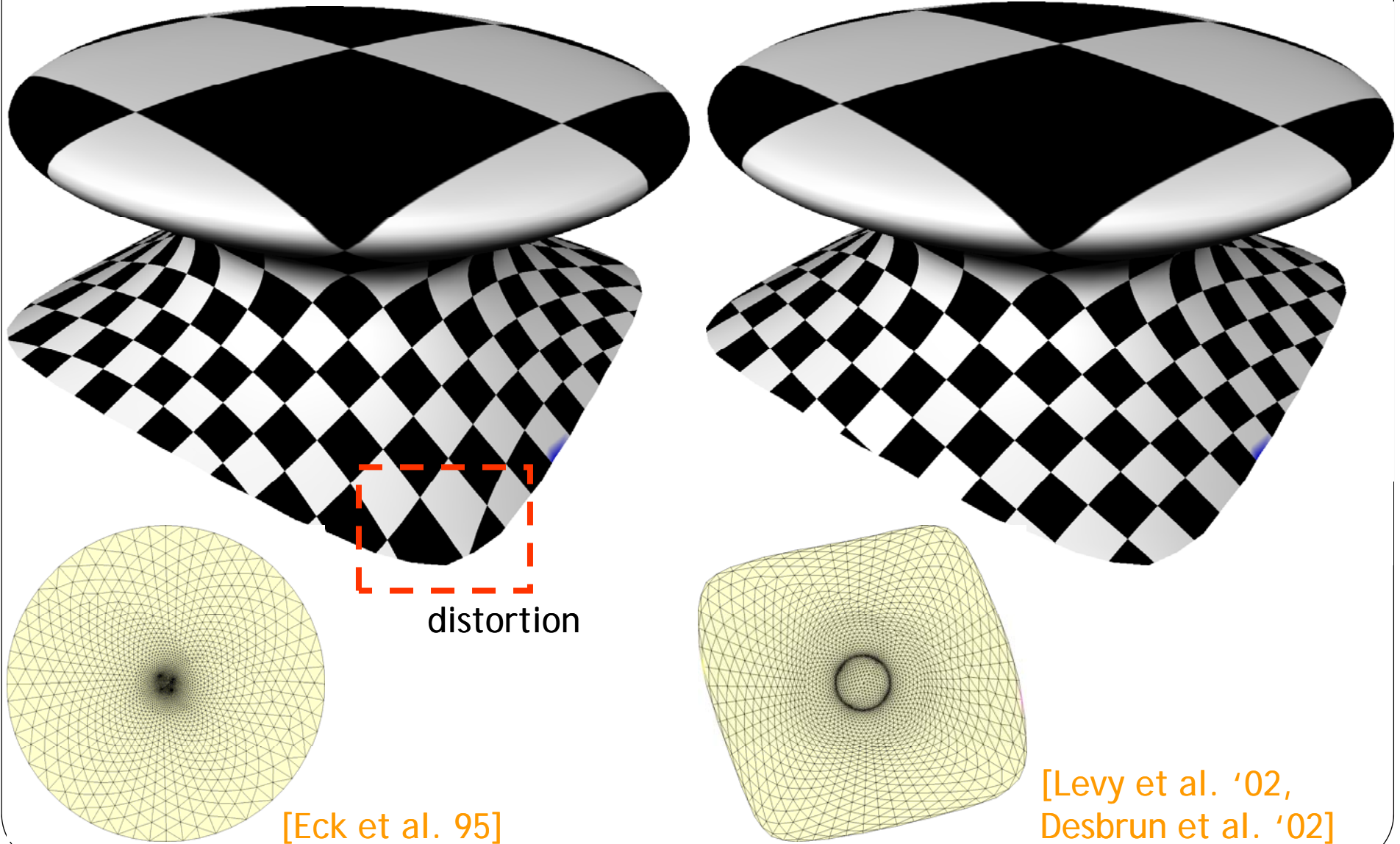


[Floater 97]

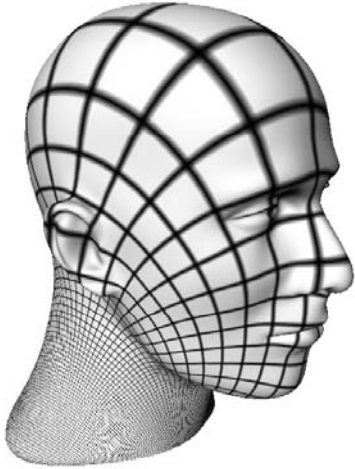


[Eck et al. 95]

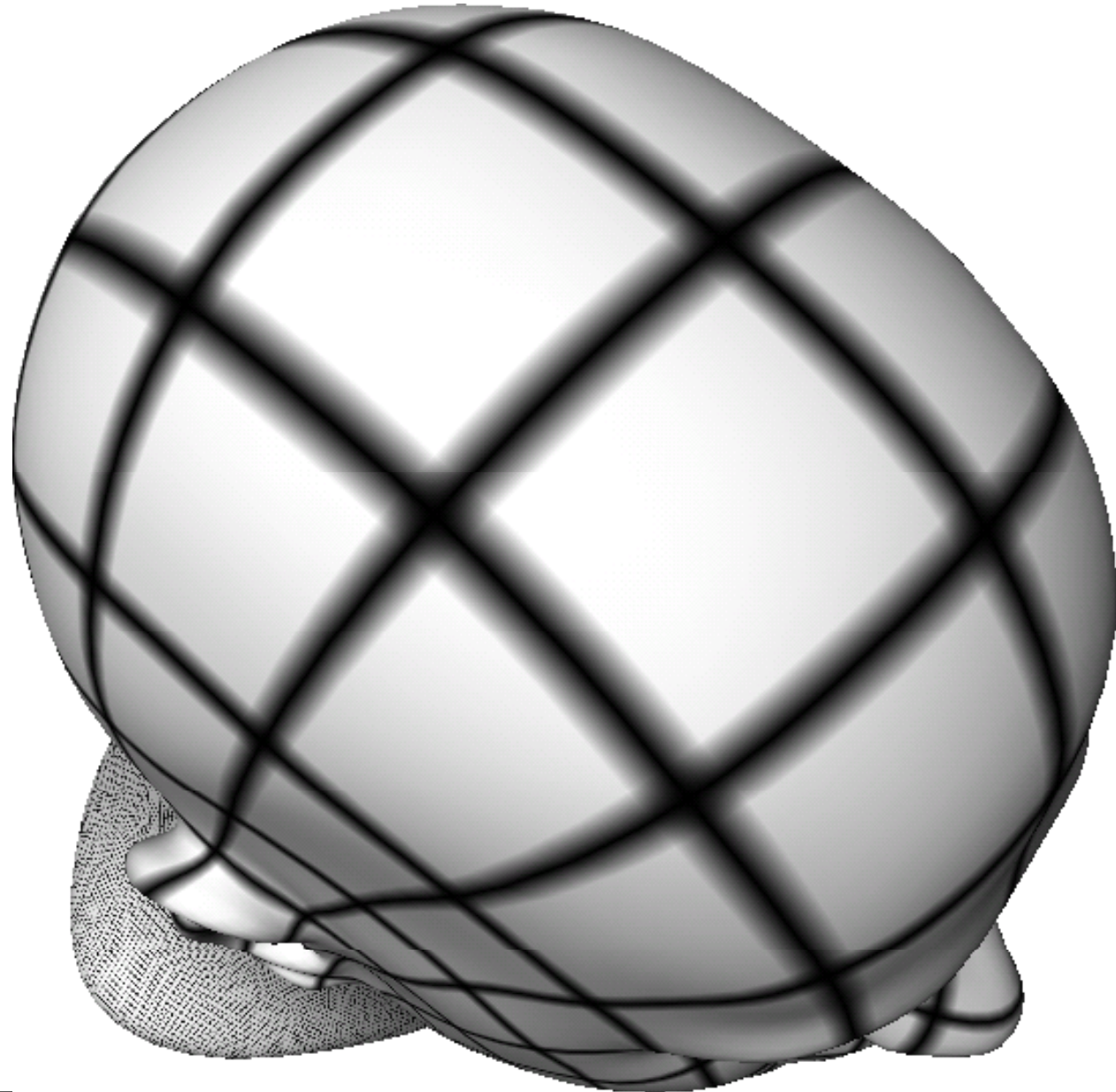
Conformal: fixed vs free boundary



Preservation of angles

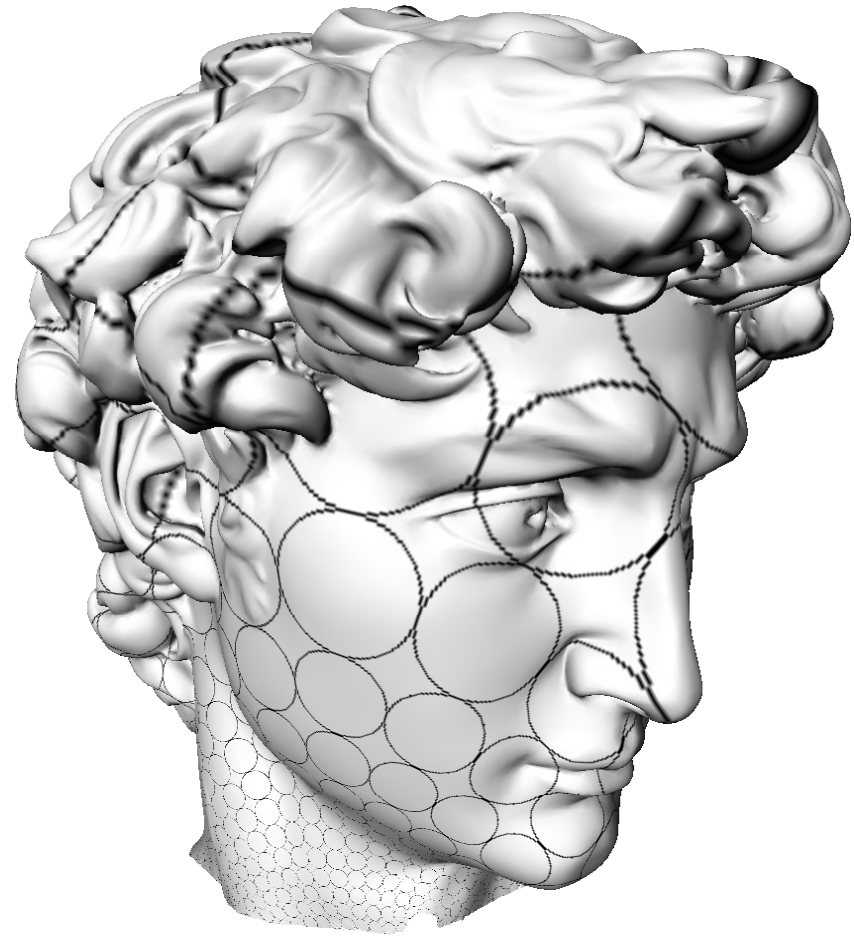


Isoparametric lines

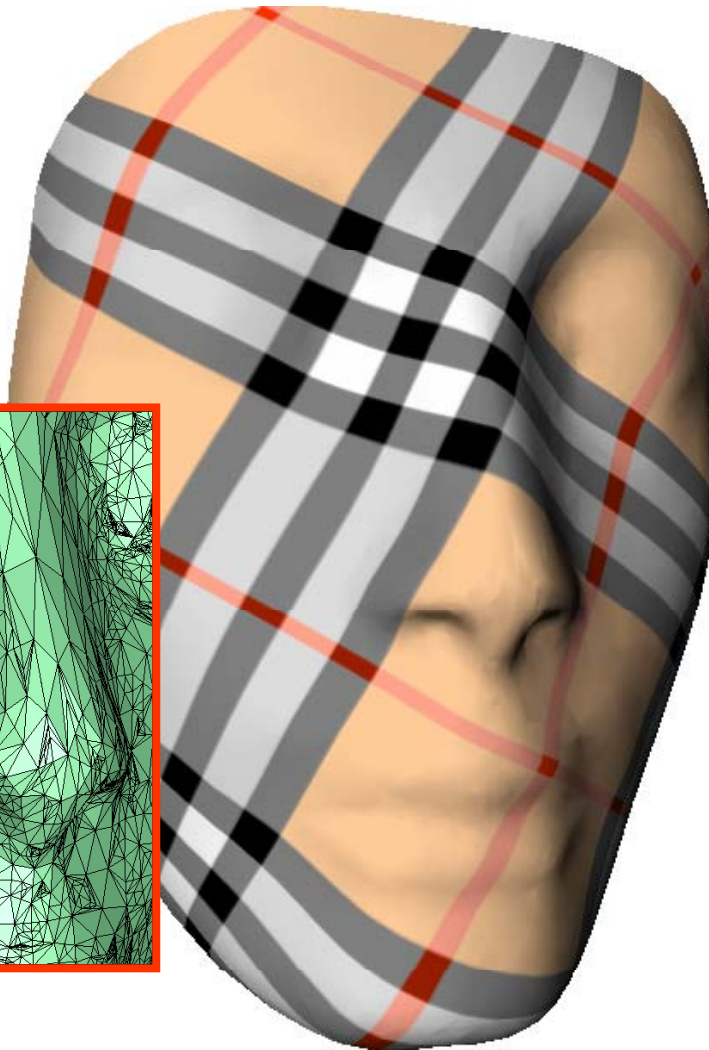
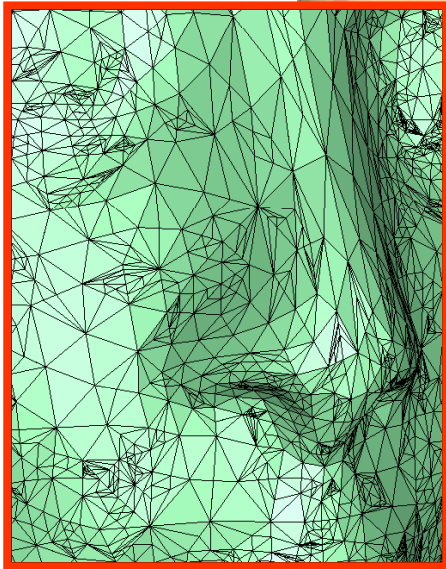
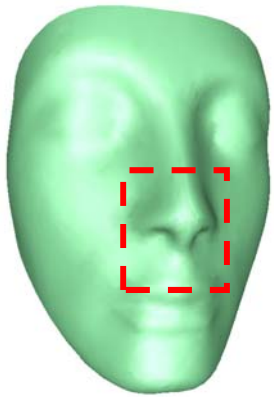


Conformality

Angle-preserving + locally isotropic



Behavior w.r.t. sampling

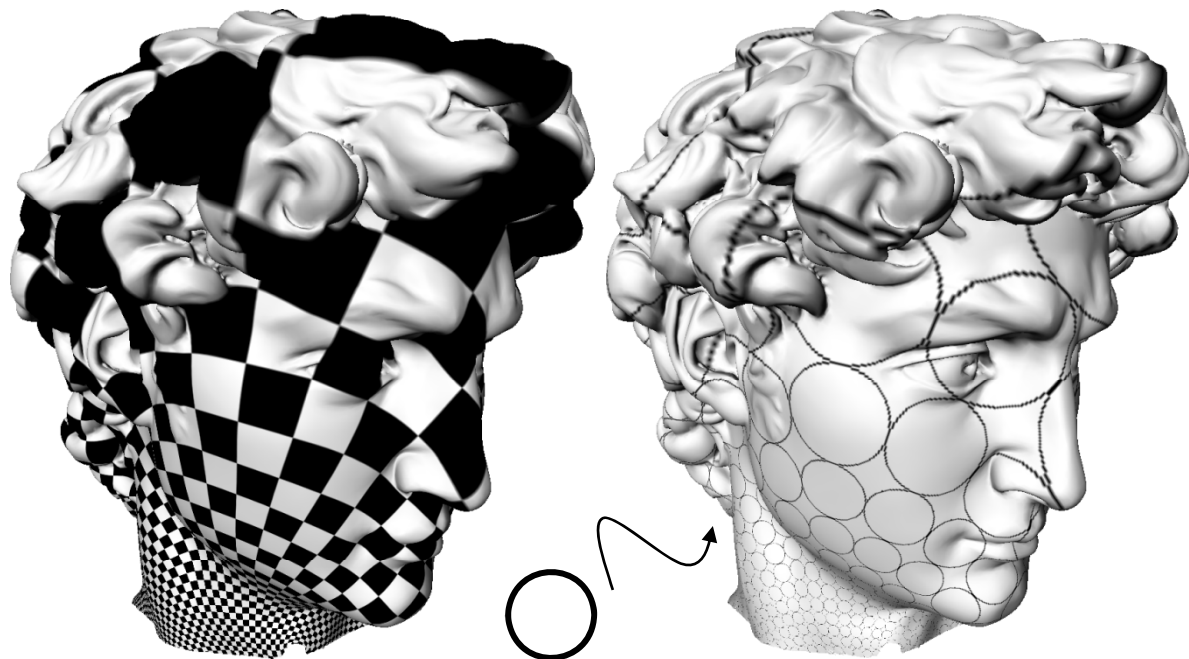


Conformal



Tutte

"A **well-shaped** element in parameter space will not be deformed too much once lifted in embedding space"



Motivation

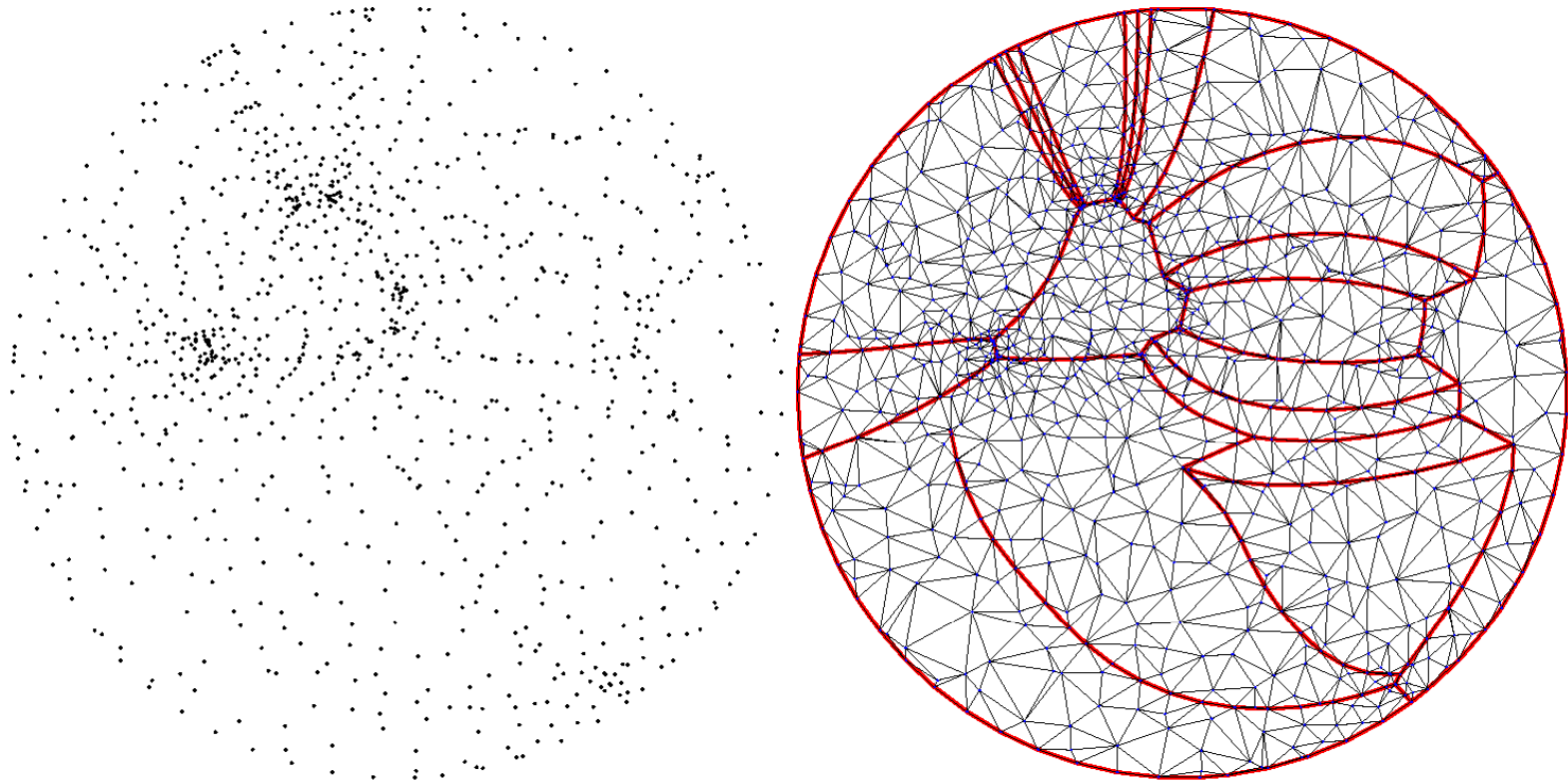
Previous work

Contributions

Algorithm

- sample repartition *error diffusion*
- parameterization *conformal*
- **meshing**
- sample placement

Meshing



Constrained Delaunay triangulation
in parameter space

[CGAL] -> solves robustness issues

- sample repartition *error diffusion*
- parameterization *conformal*
- meshing *Delaunay*
- sample placement

Sample placement

Given a bounded domain and a density function,

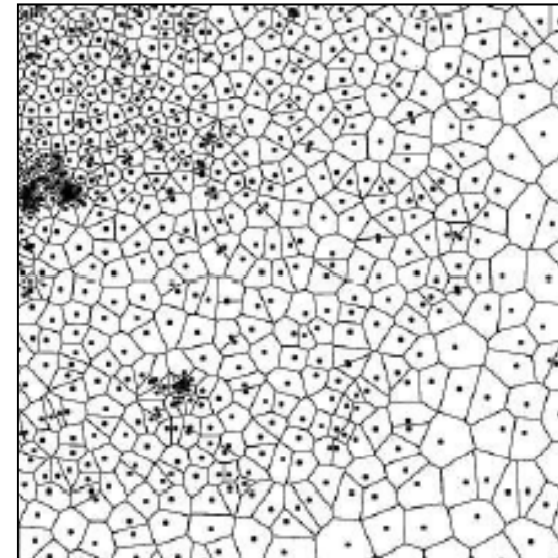
sampling

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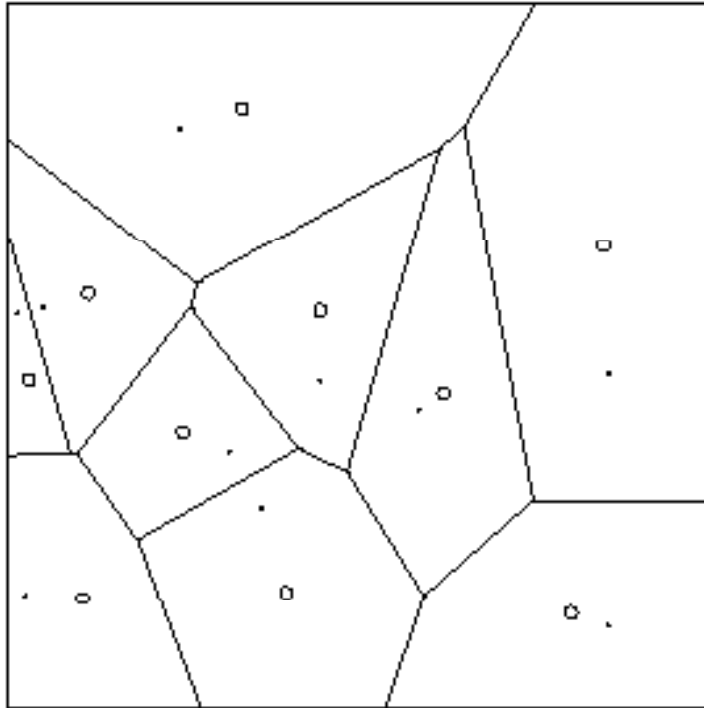
- partitioning the domain
- repartitioning the density function among a set of samples

Sample placement

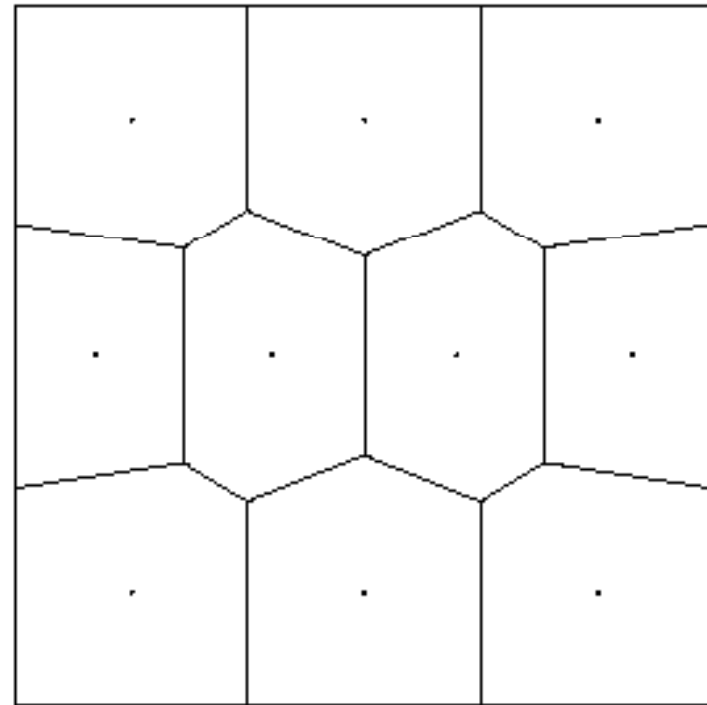
- partitioning the domain
-> Voronoi tessellation
- repartitioning the density function among a set of samples
= Equal-mass enclosing



Centroidal Voronoi diagram



Ordinary Voronoi diagram

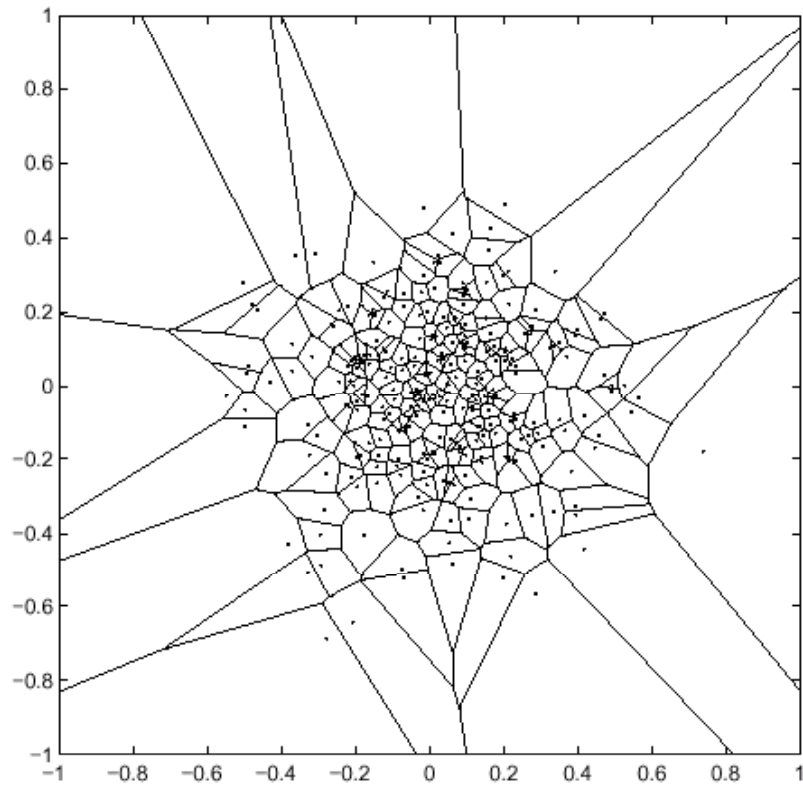


Centroidal Voronoi diagram

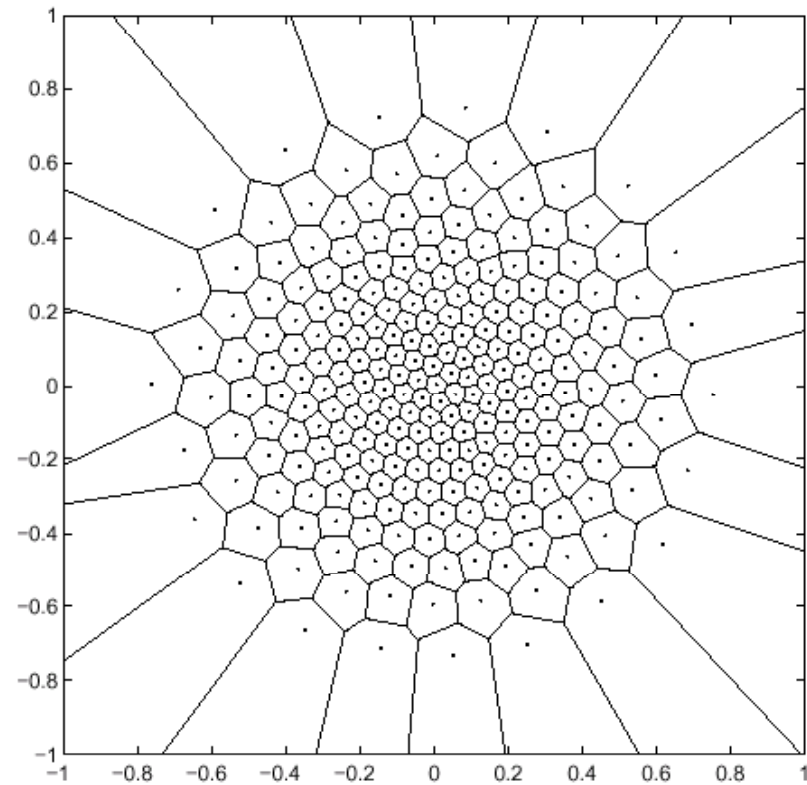


Sites **coincide** with centroids
(center of mass)

Weighted Centroidal Voronoi diagram



Monte-Carlo



WCVD

Non-uniform density

Centroidal Voronoi diagram

Used for:

- optimal clustering
- optimal repartition of resources
- quantization
- tiling, etc. [Du *et al.* 01]

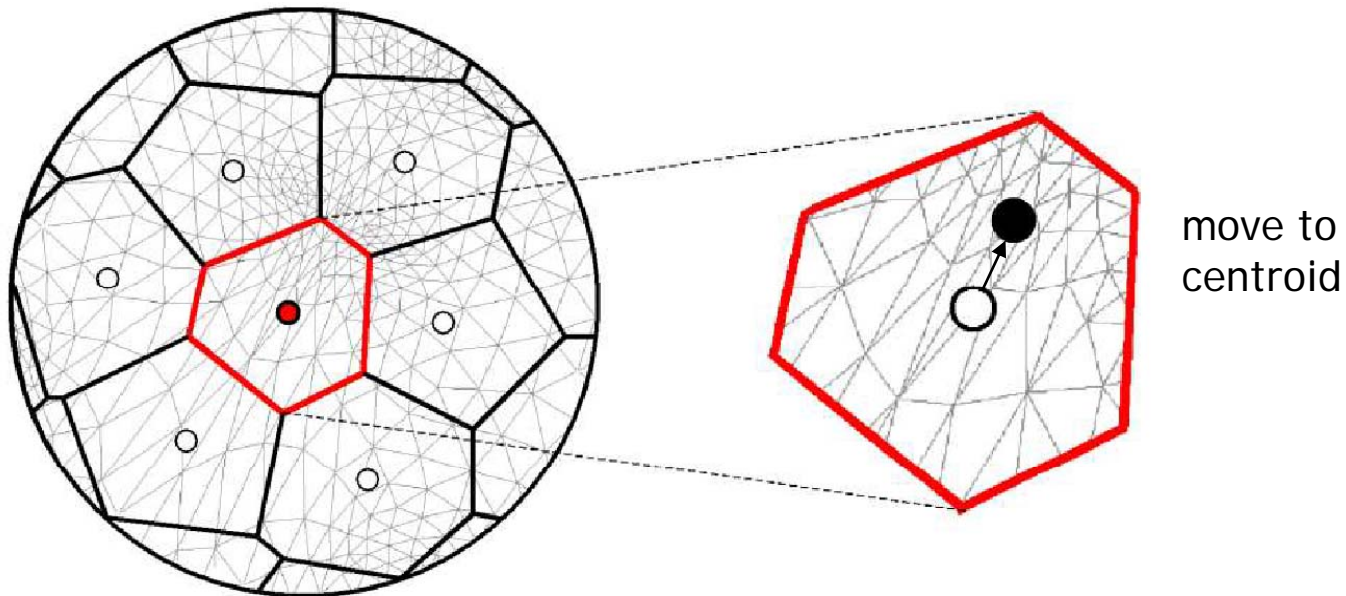
Note:

- special configuration, not algorithm
- several algorithms: Lloyd, k-means, etc.
- works in nD

Sample placement

Two process sorted by increasing degrees of freedom:

1. build 1D WCVD
2. build 2D WCVD via Lloyd relaxation



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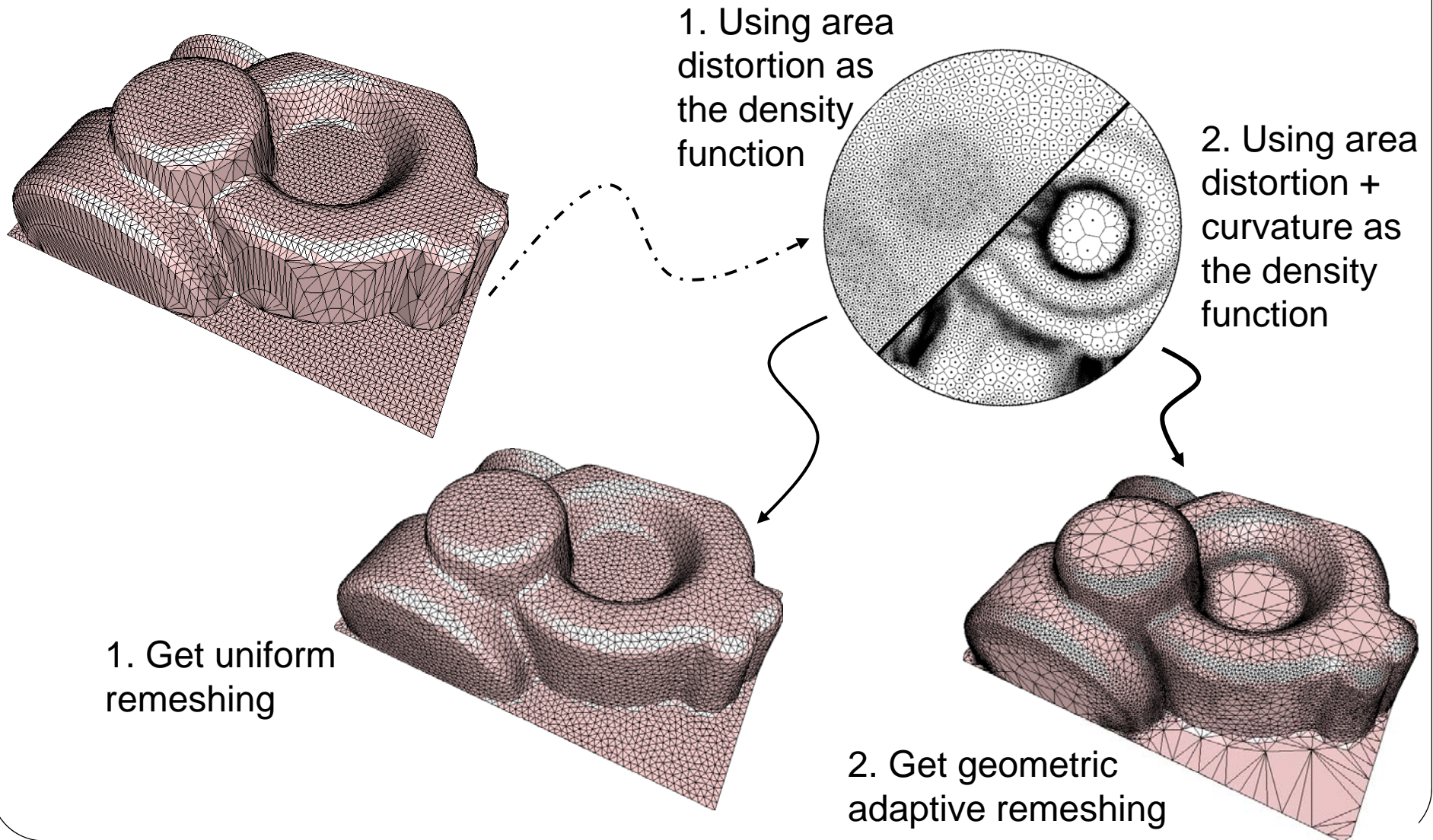
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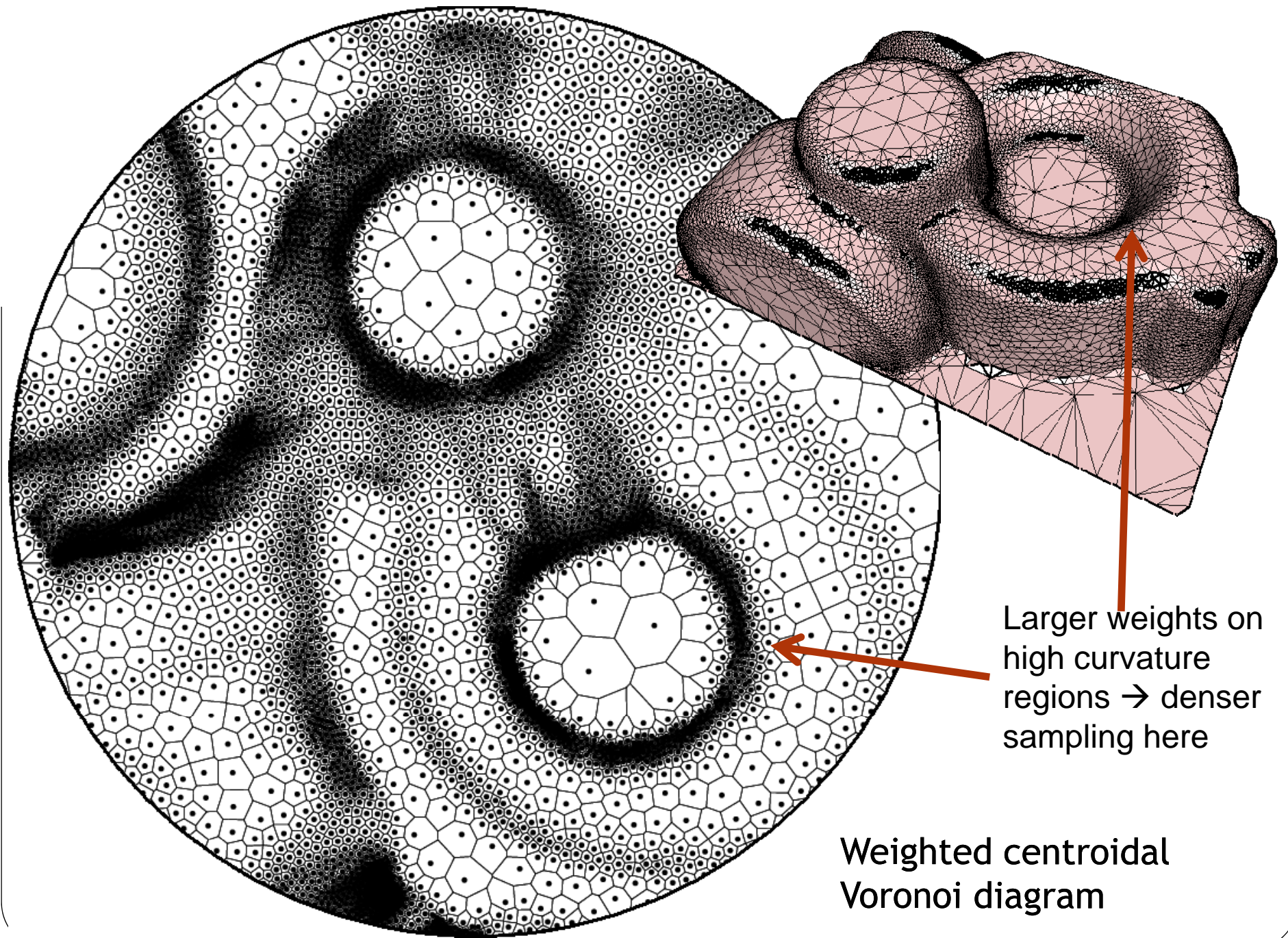
Limitations

Conclusions

Future Work

Uniform vs curvature-adapted

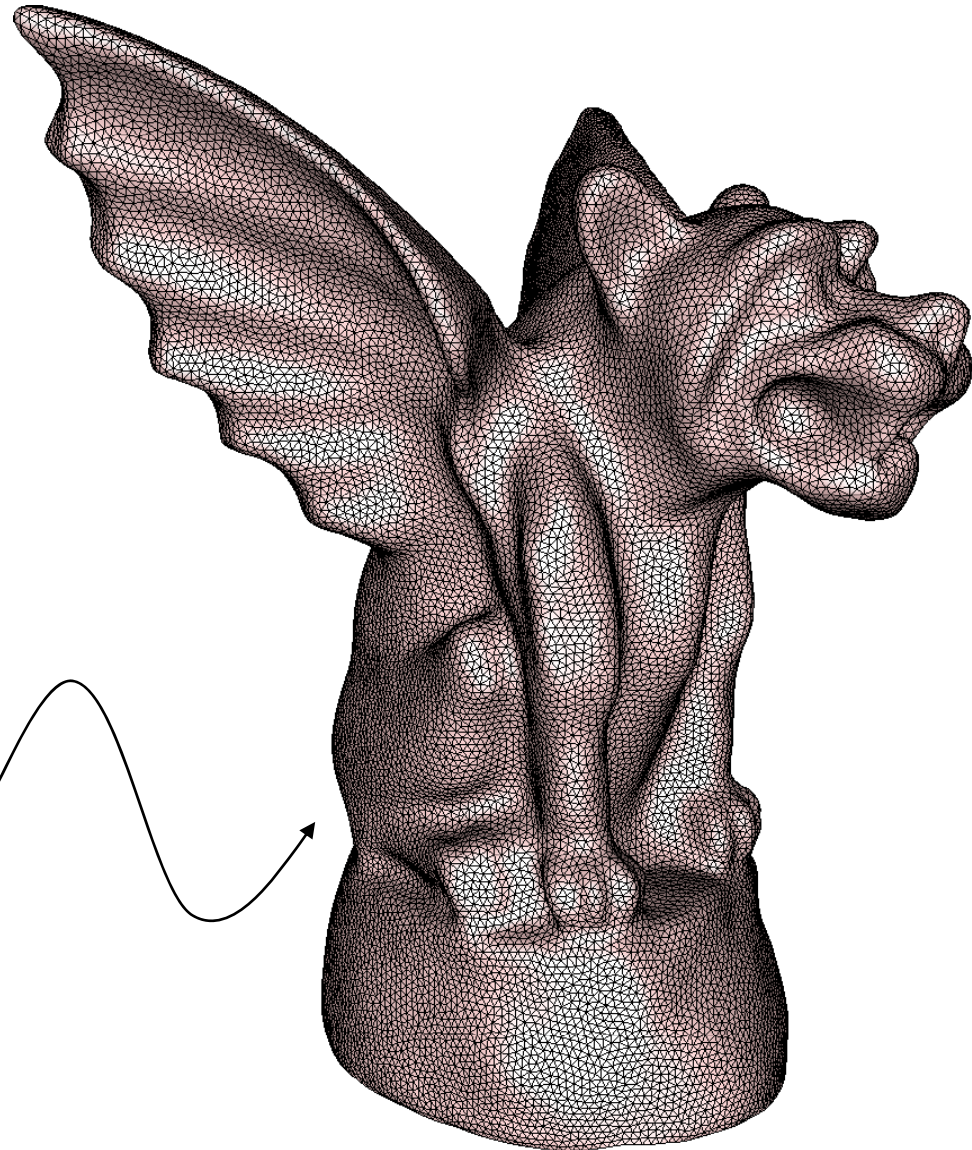
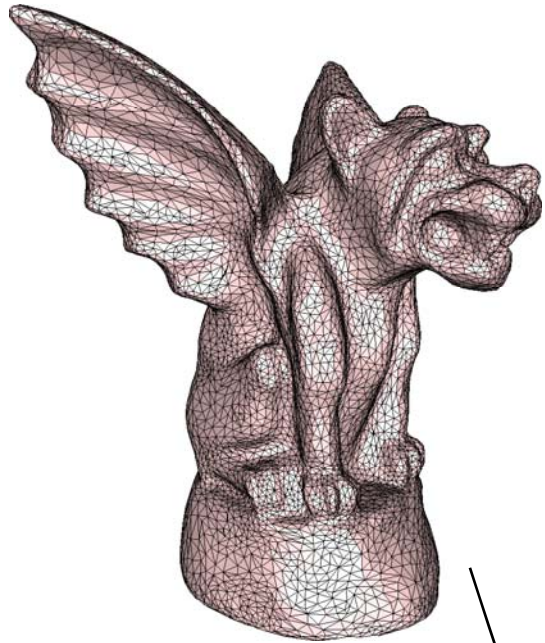




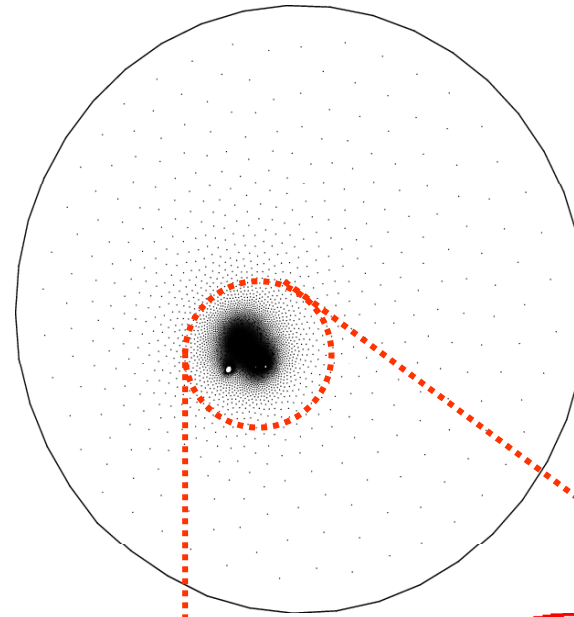
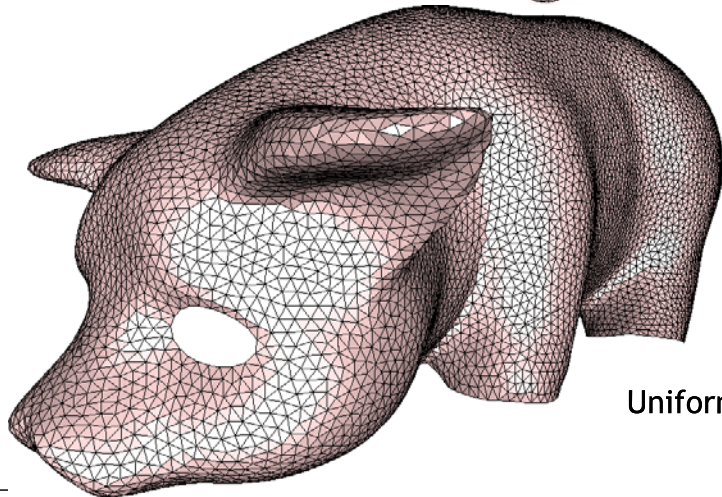
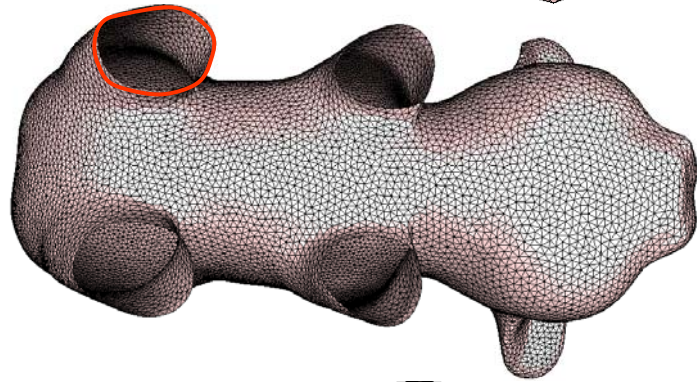
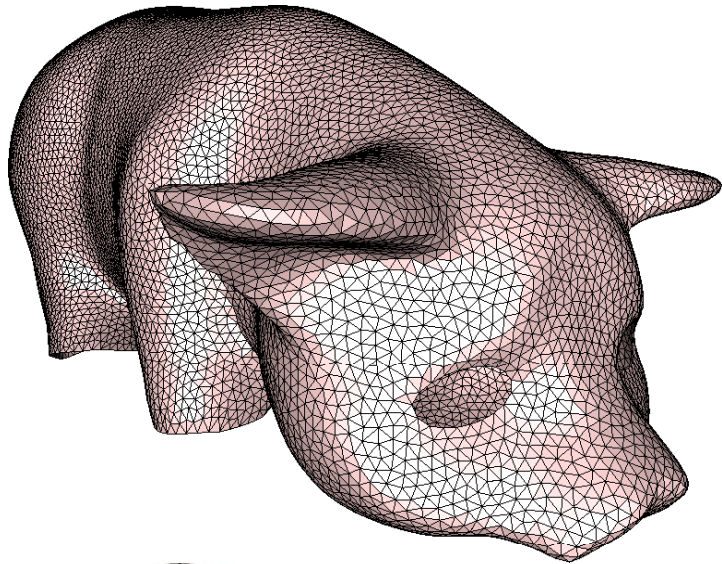
Larger weights on high curvature regions → denser sampling here

Weighted centroidal Voronoi diagram

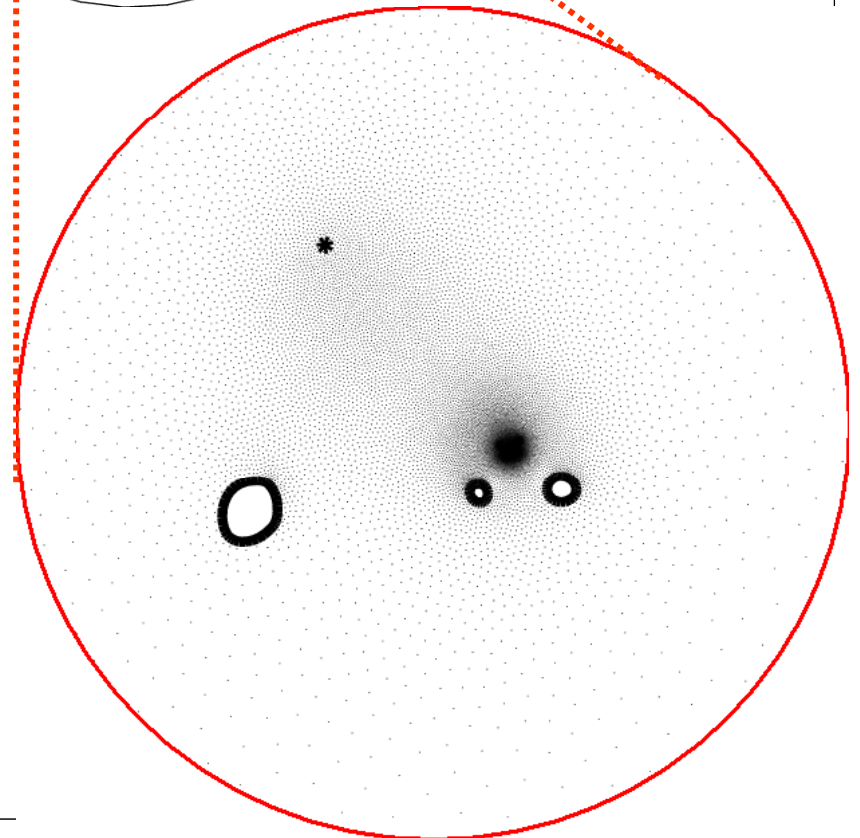
Gargoyle



uniform - 30,000 vertices



Example of extreme area distortion : you need to put extremely large density function there, usually numerically less stable

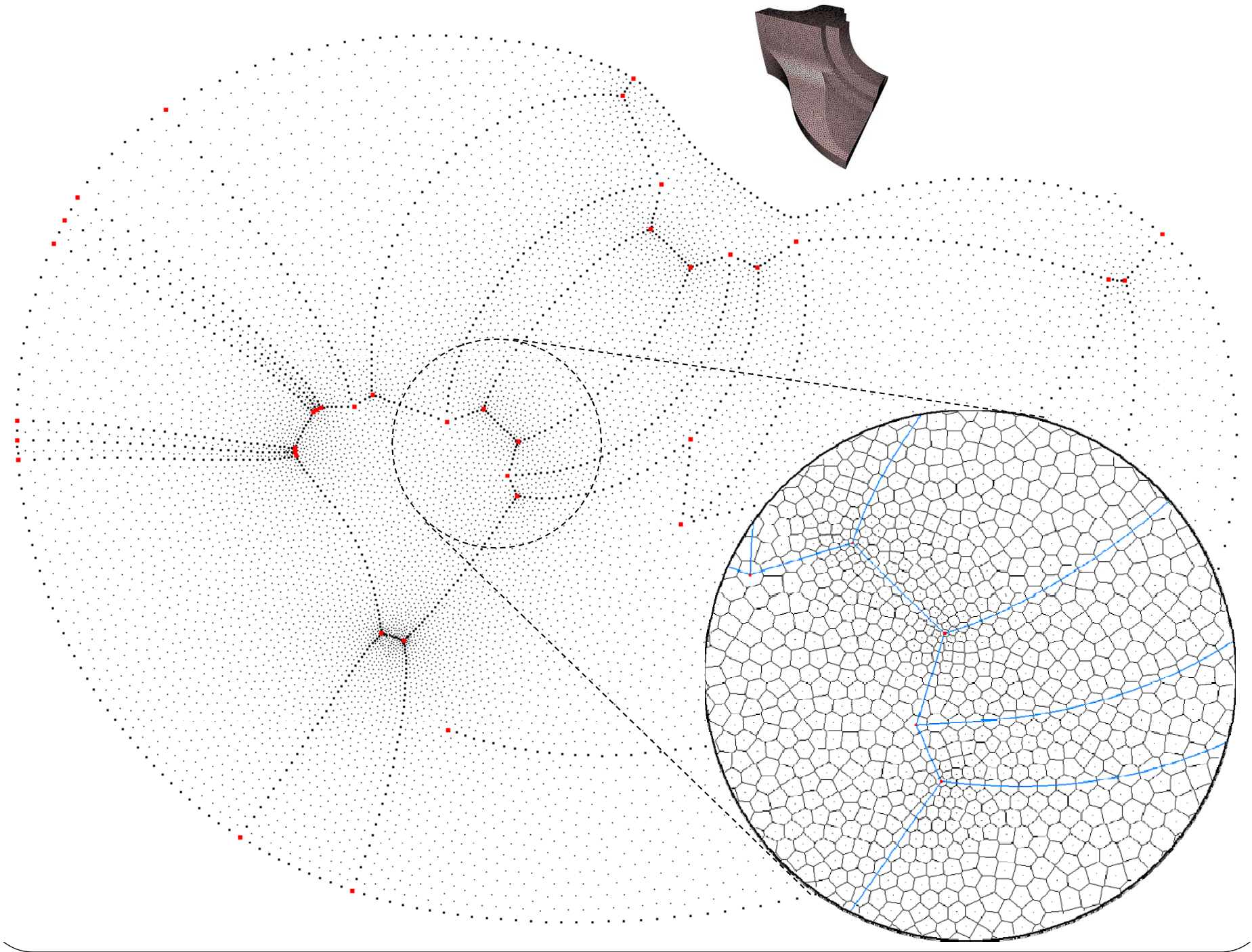


Uniform sampling

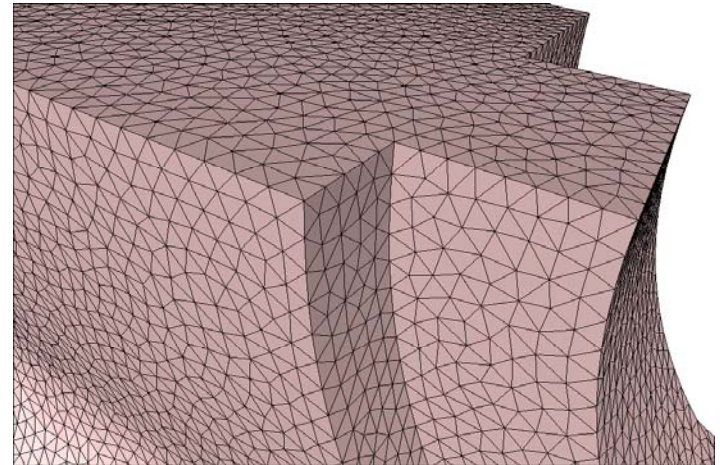
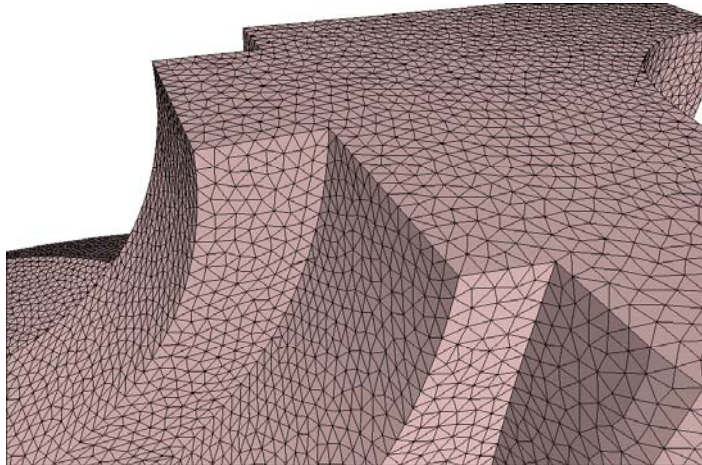
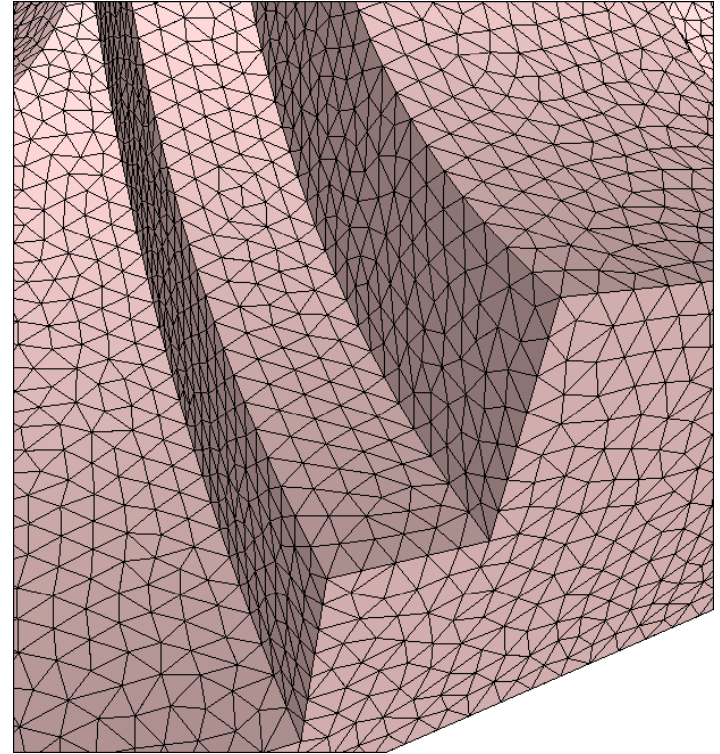
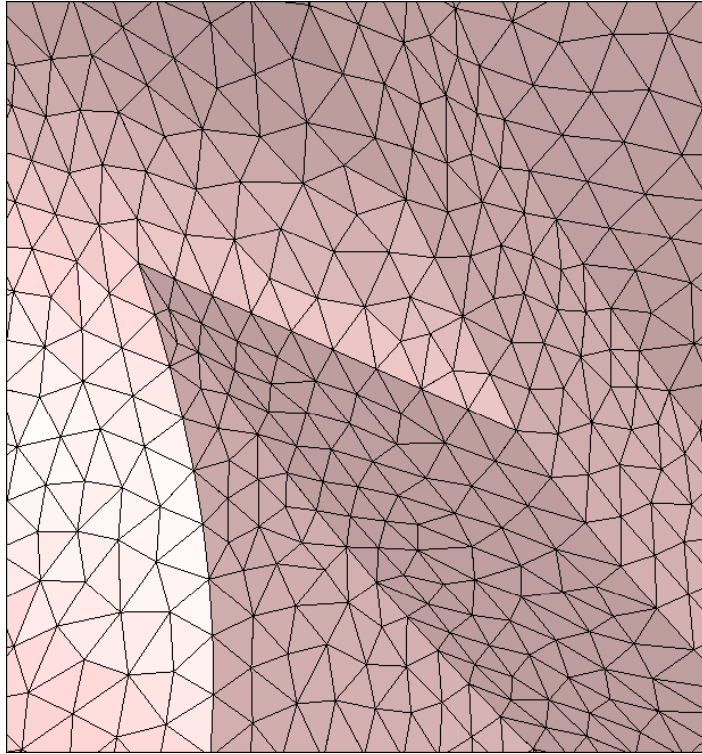
CAD models

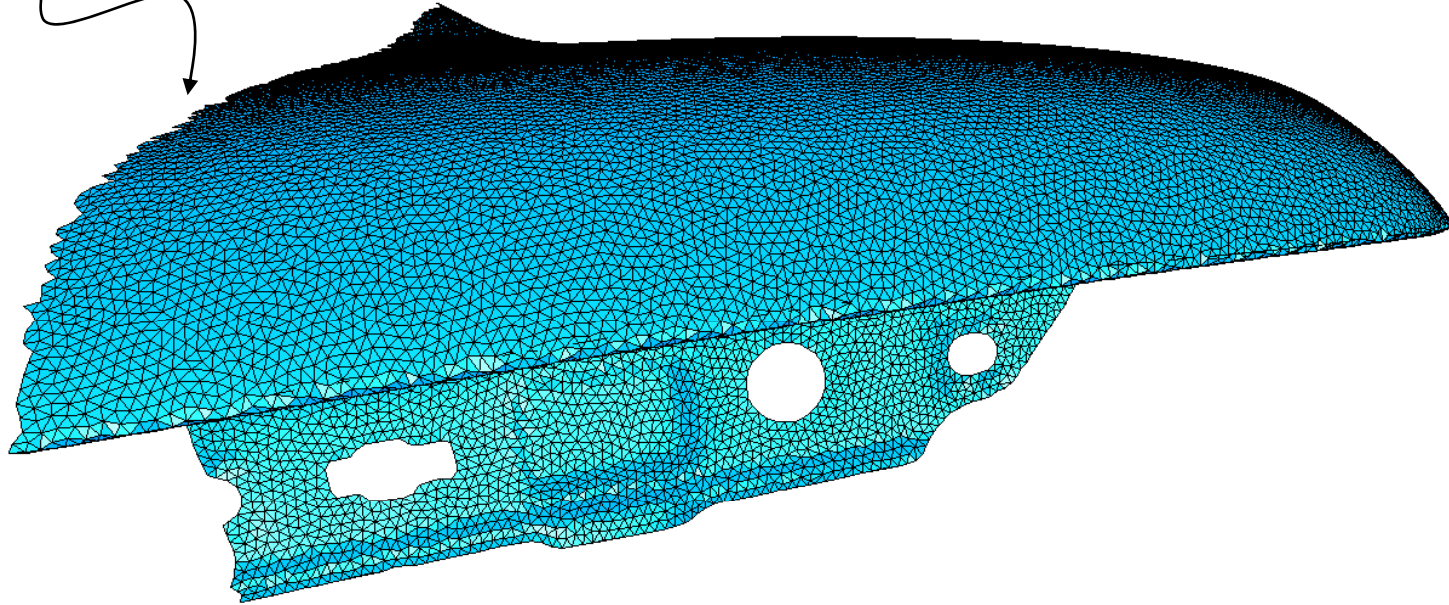
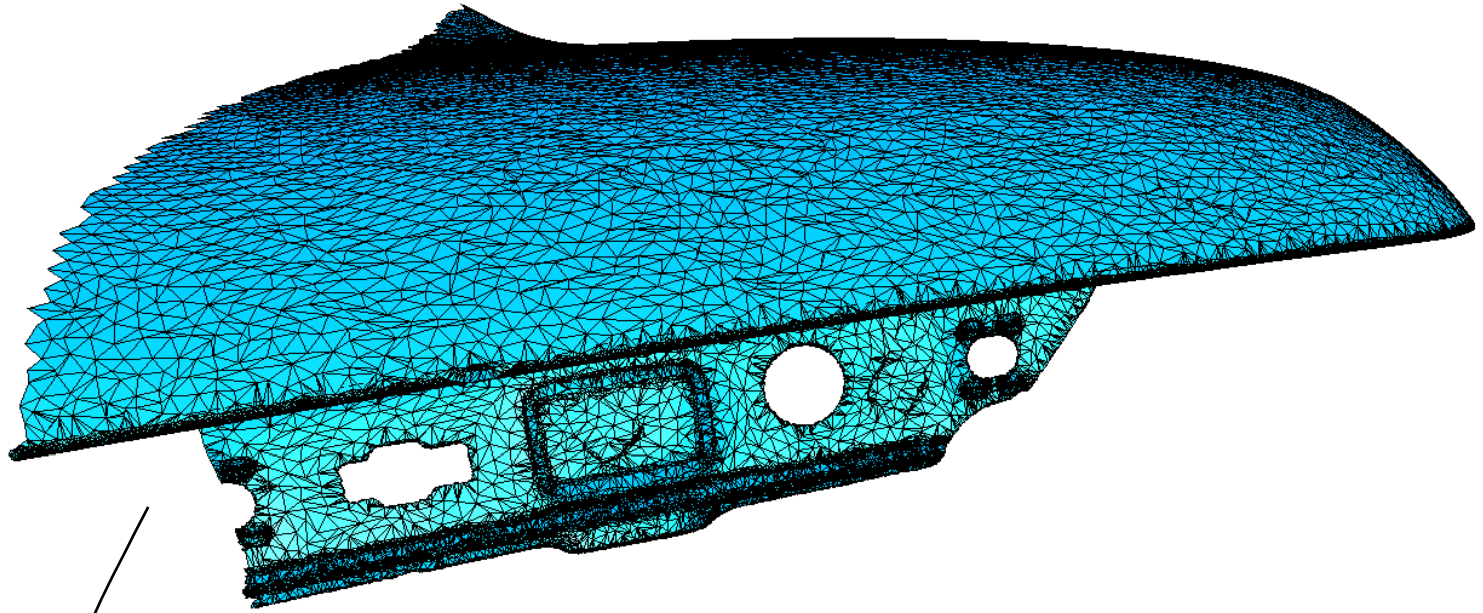
Feature backbones:

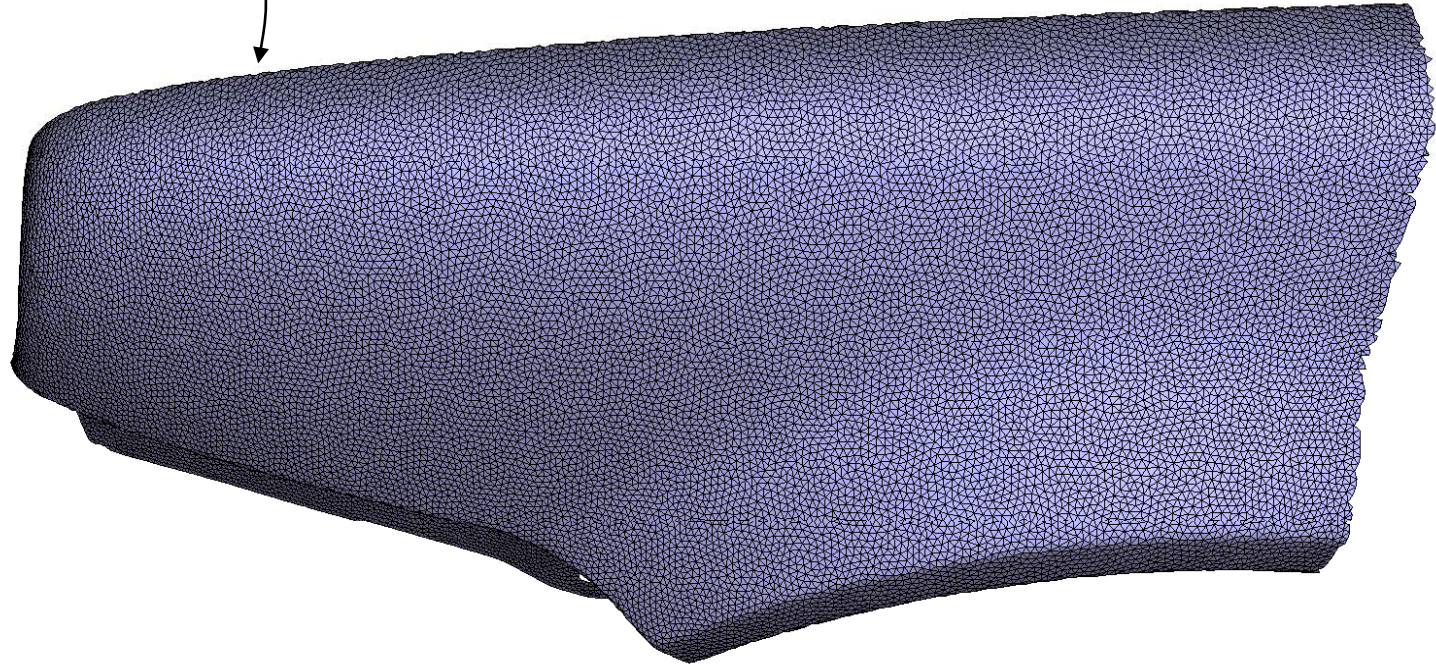
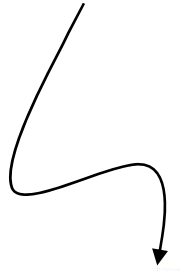
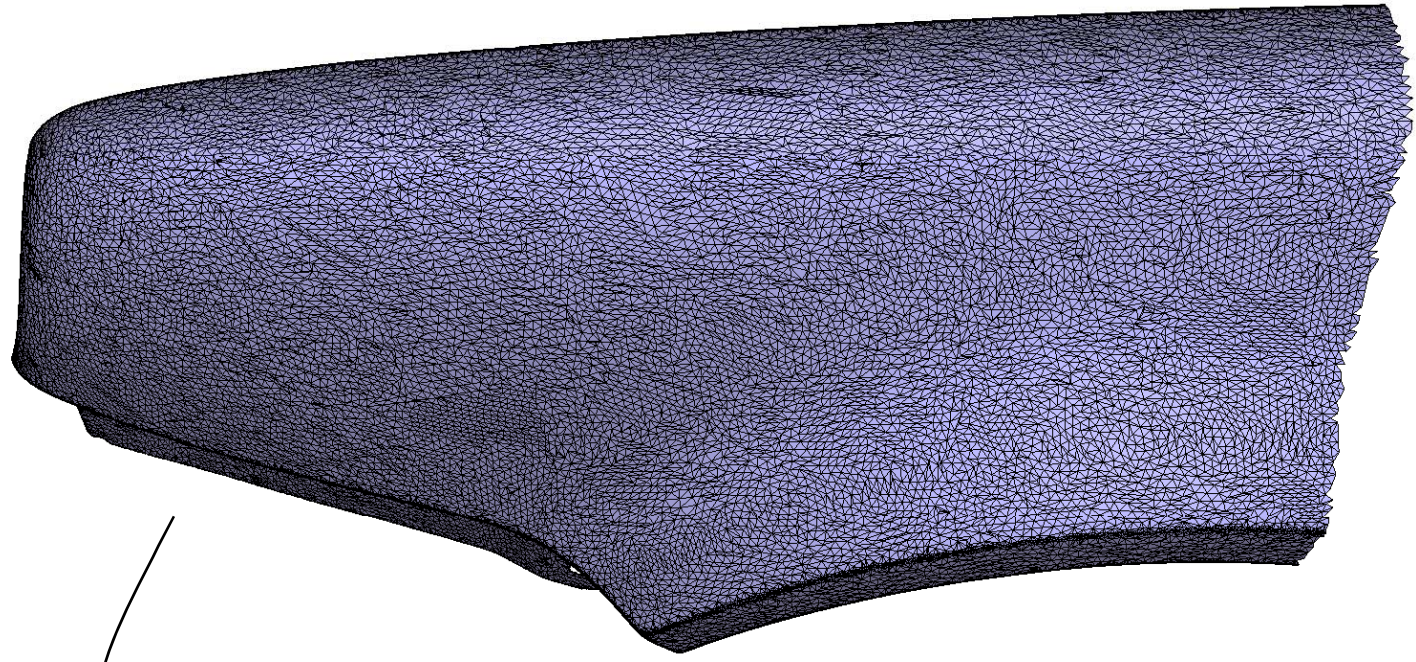
- 1D error diffusion
- arc-length parameterization of backbones
- 1D WCVD





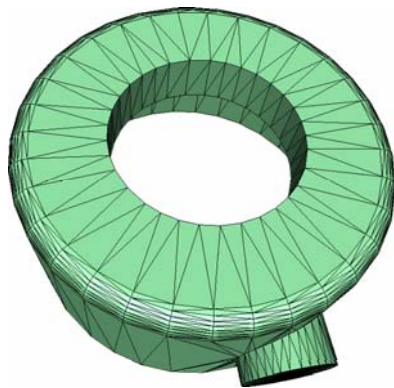




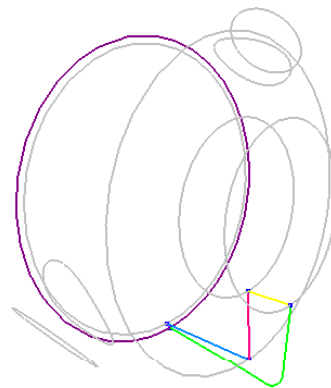


Genus > 0 model

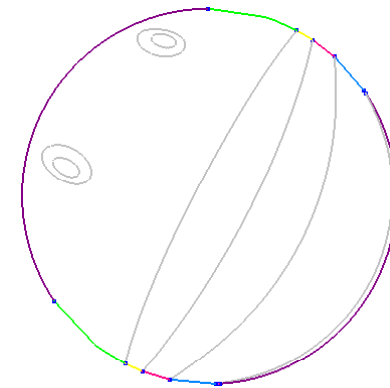
- cutting -> **cut graph**
- add cut graph to feature skeleton
-> twin backbones associated pairwise
- synchronize sampling along twin backbones to guarantee stitching



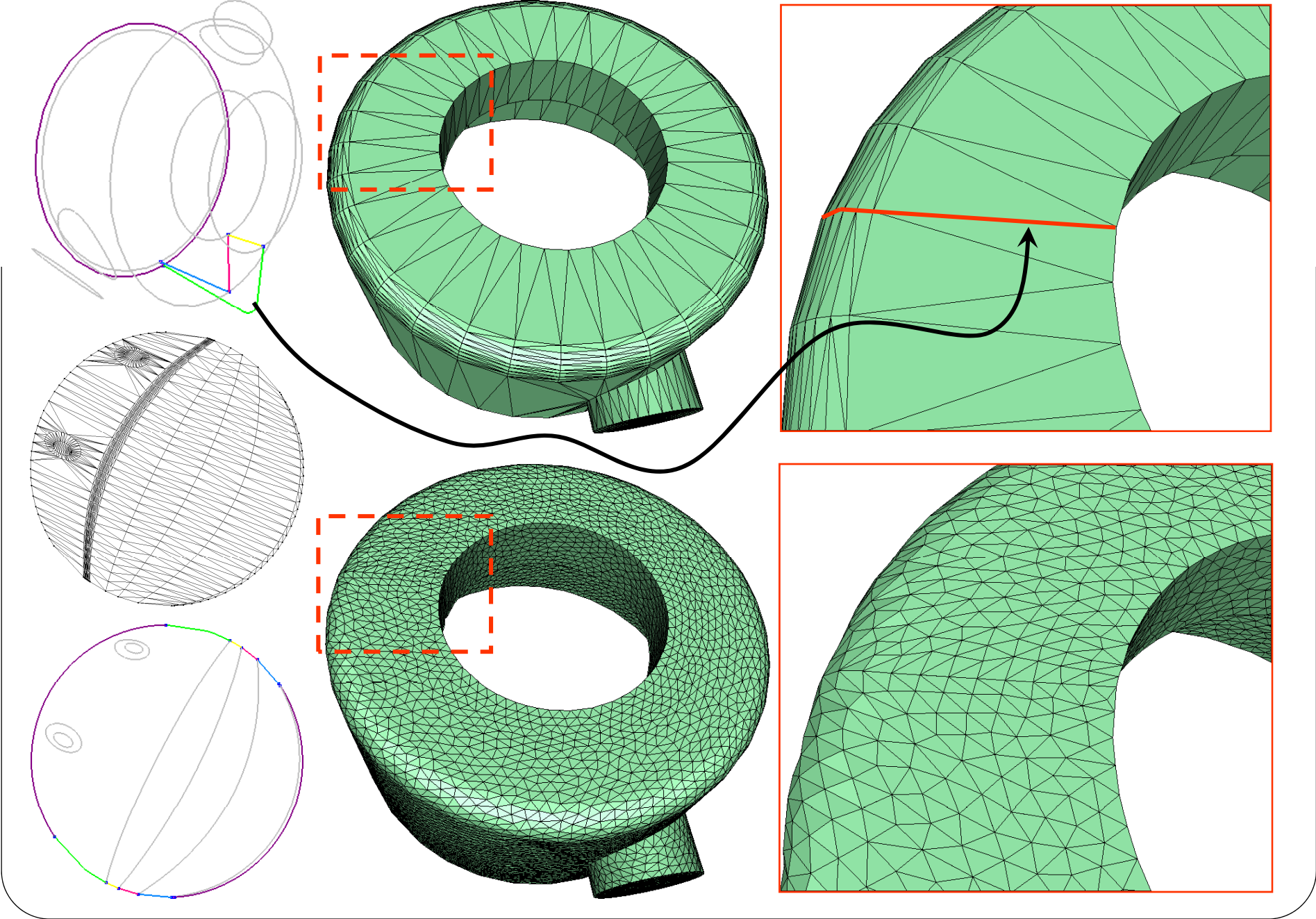
genus 1



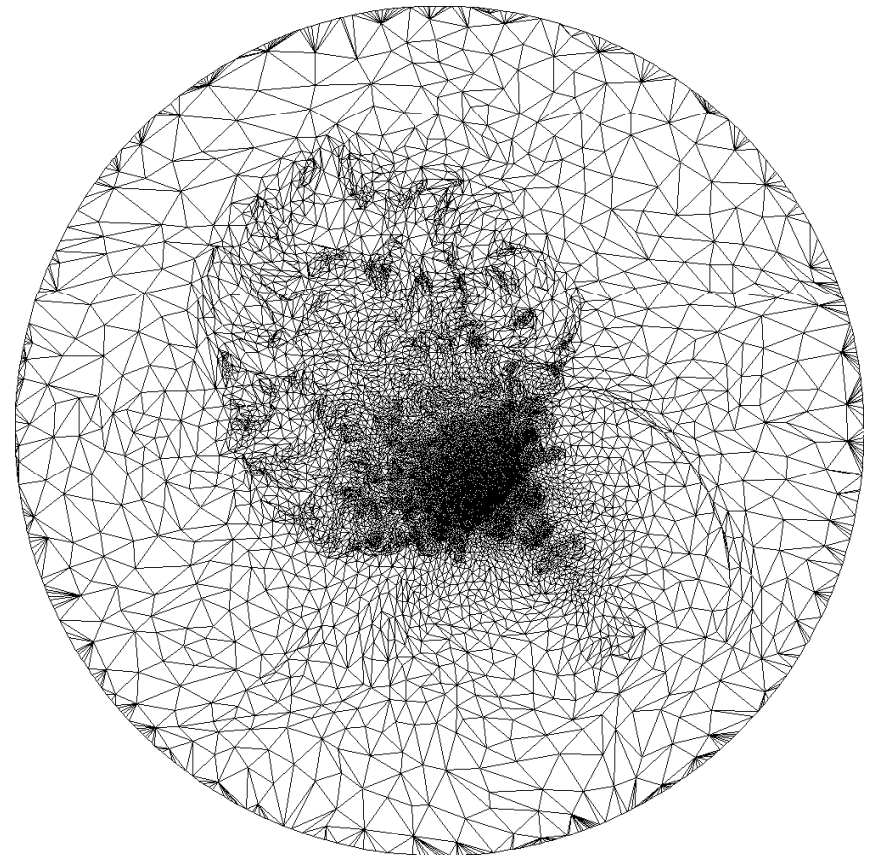
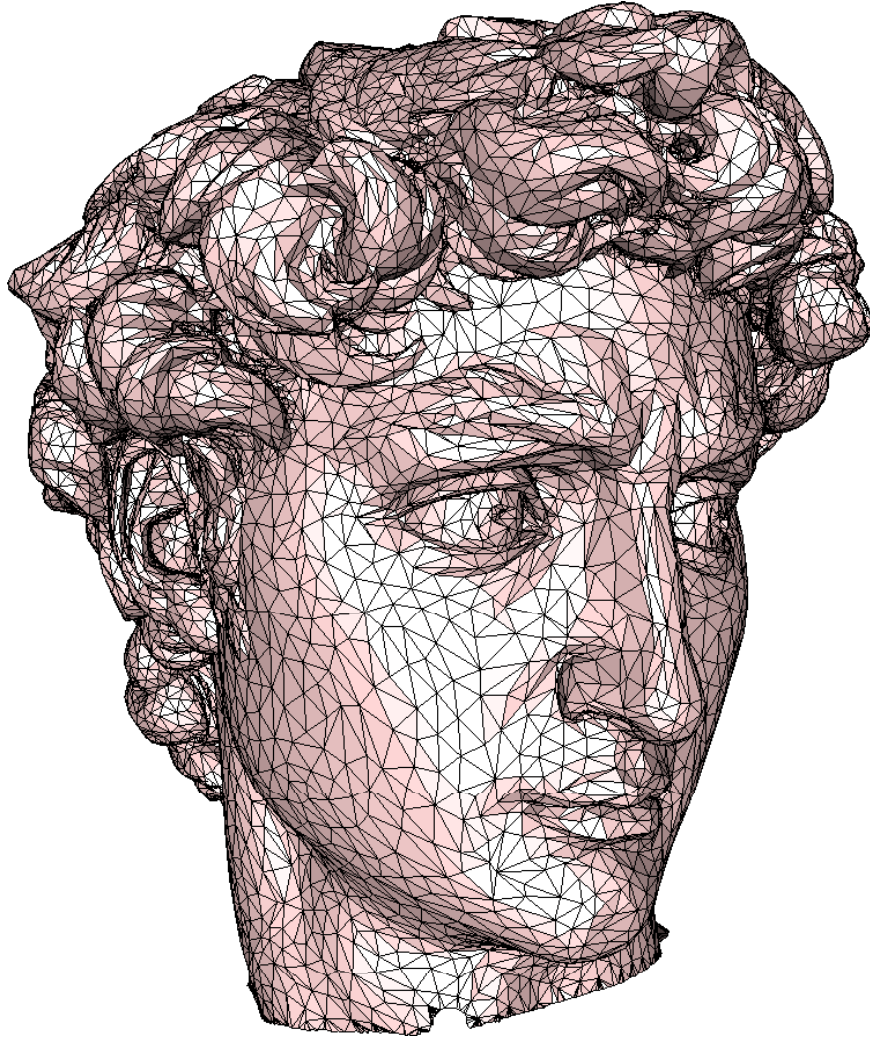
cut graph

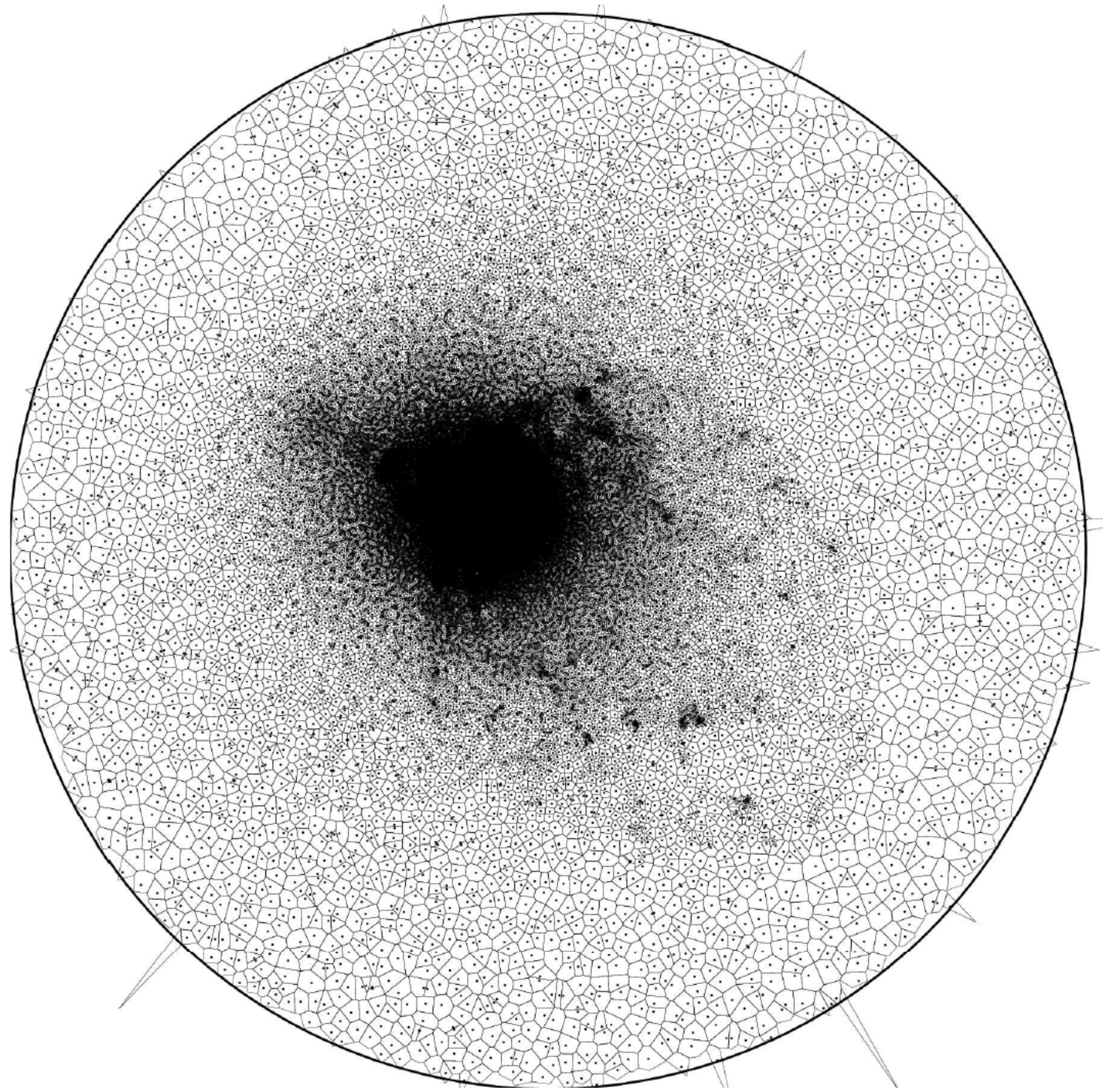


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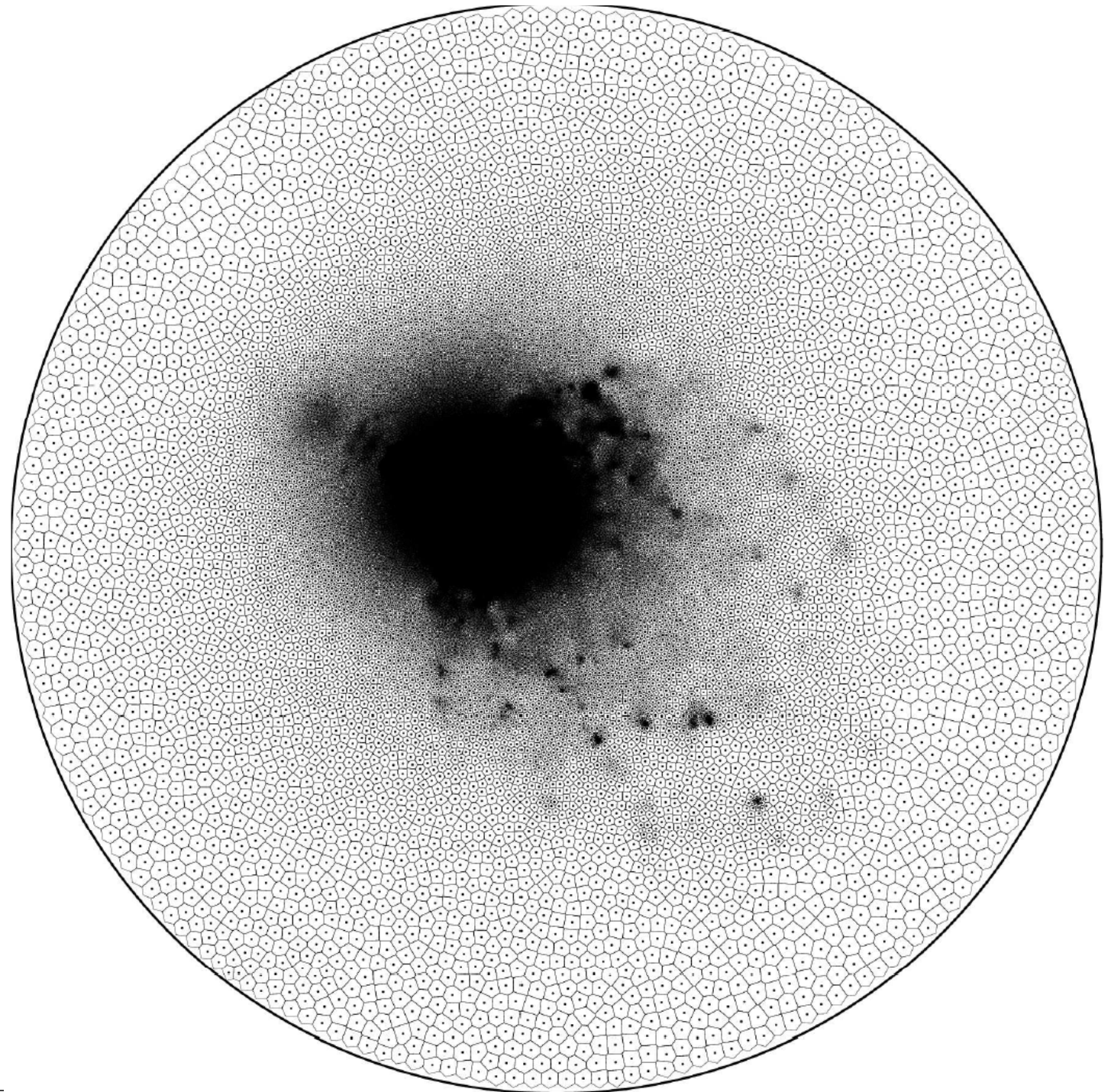


David model [Digital Michelangelo]



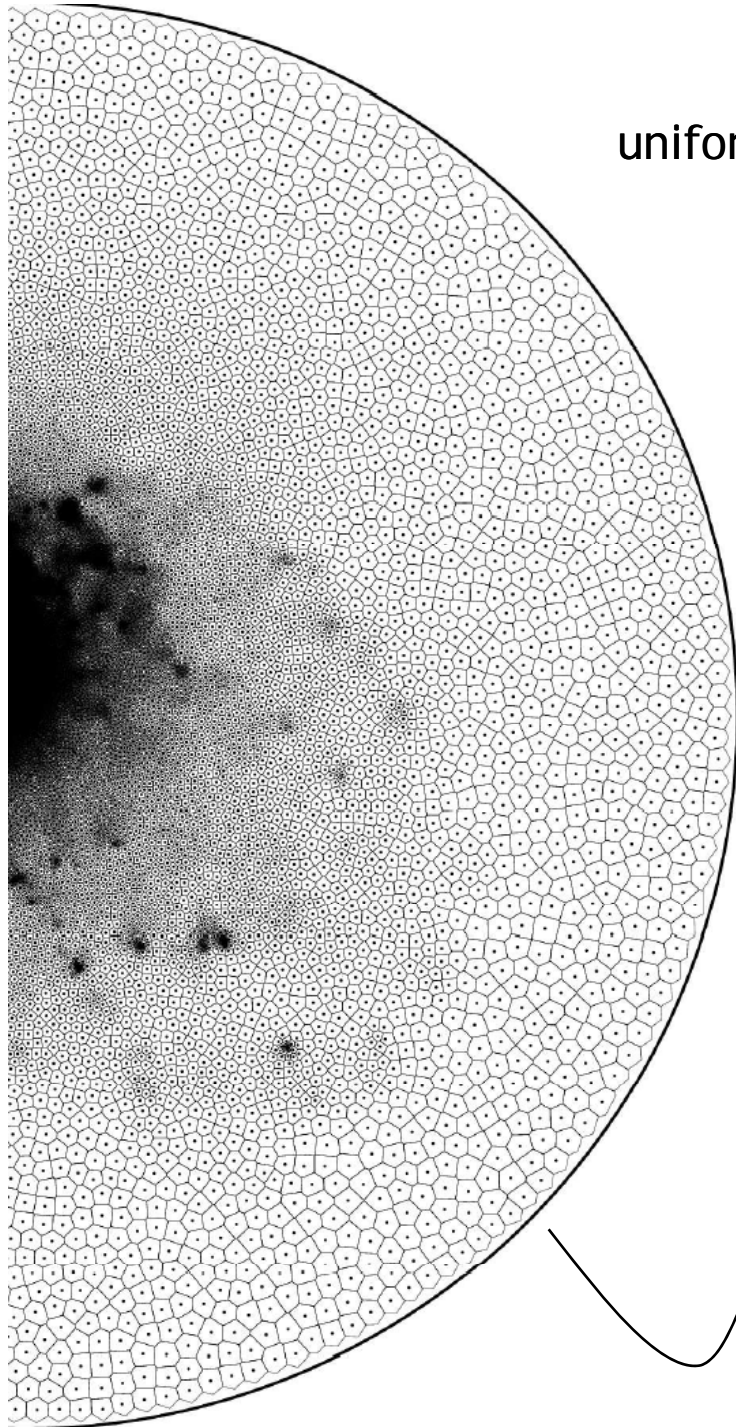


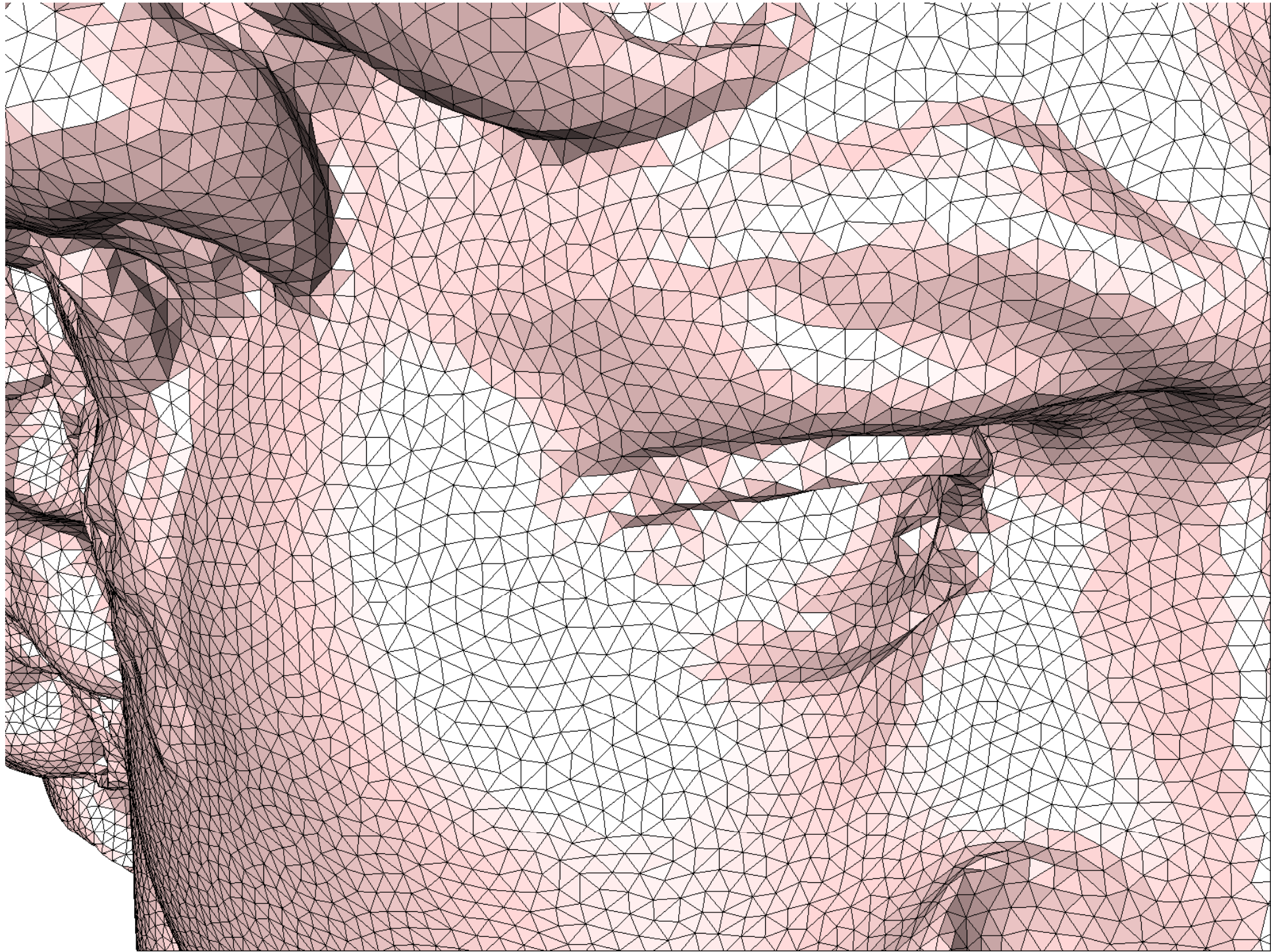
Sample repartition
by error diffusion
(50,000 vertices)



Sample placement
by WCVD

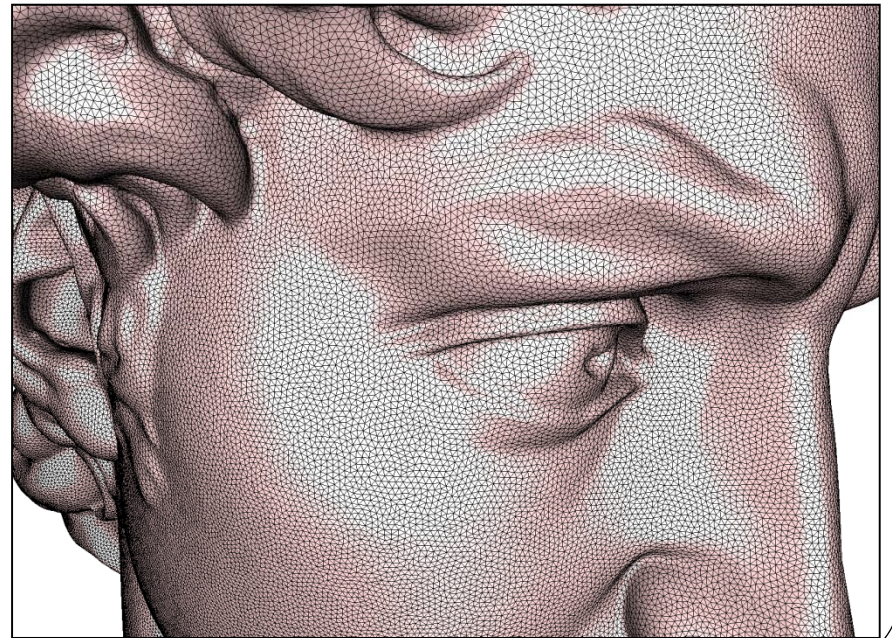
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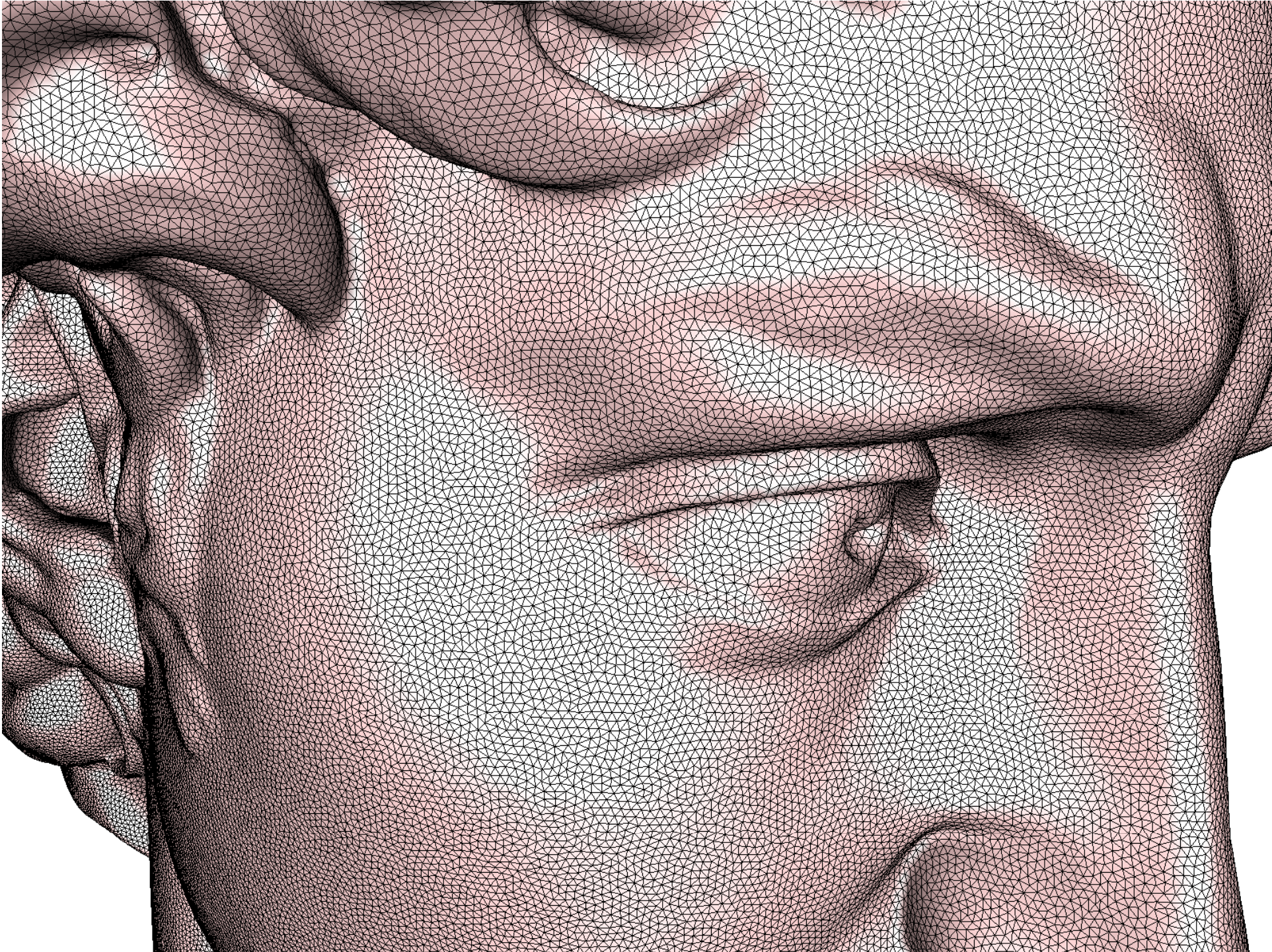




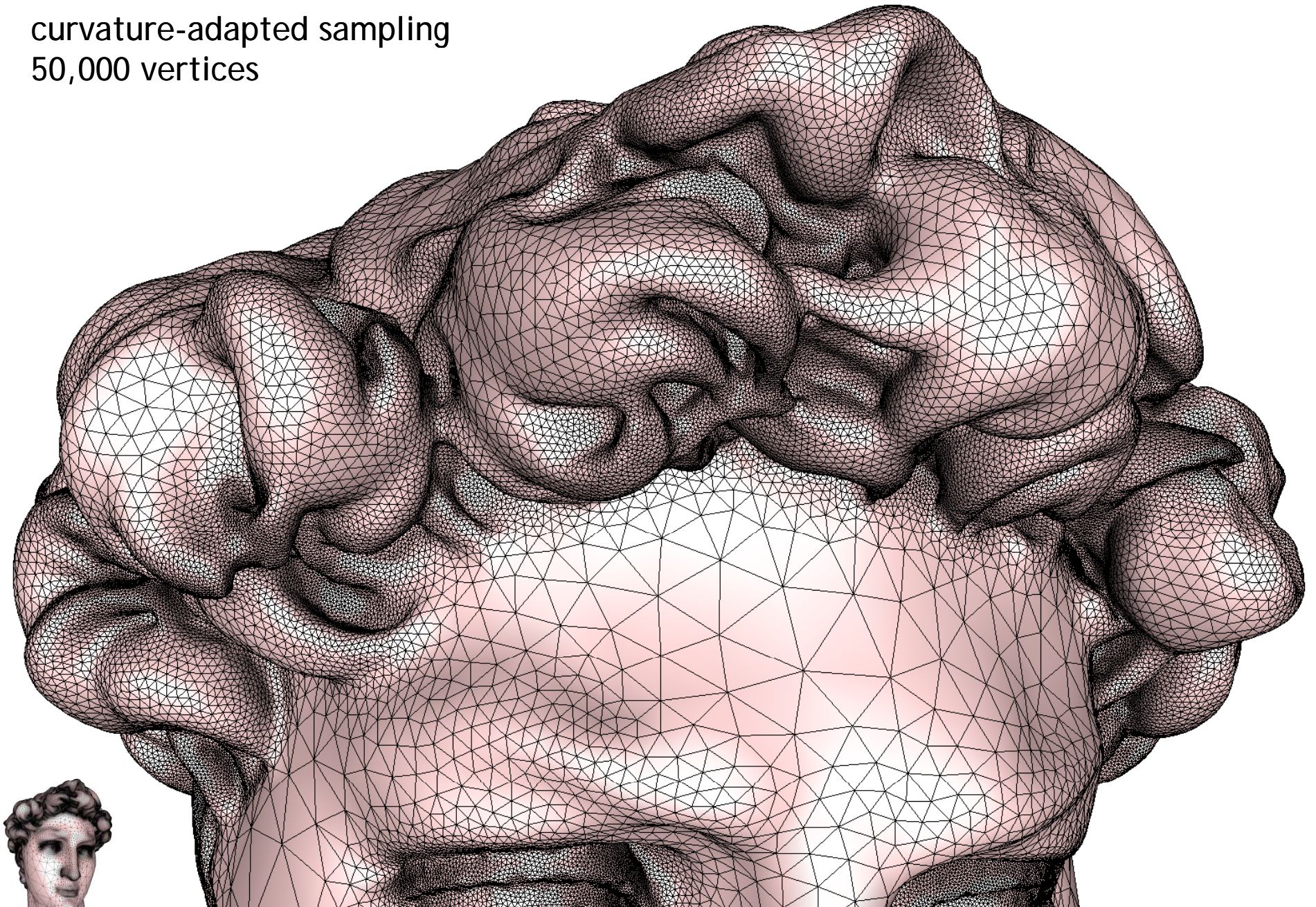


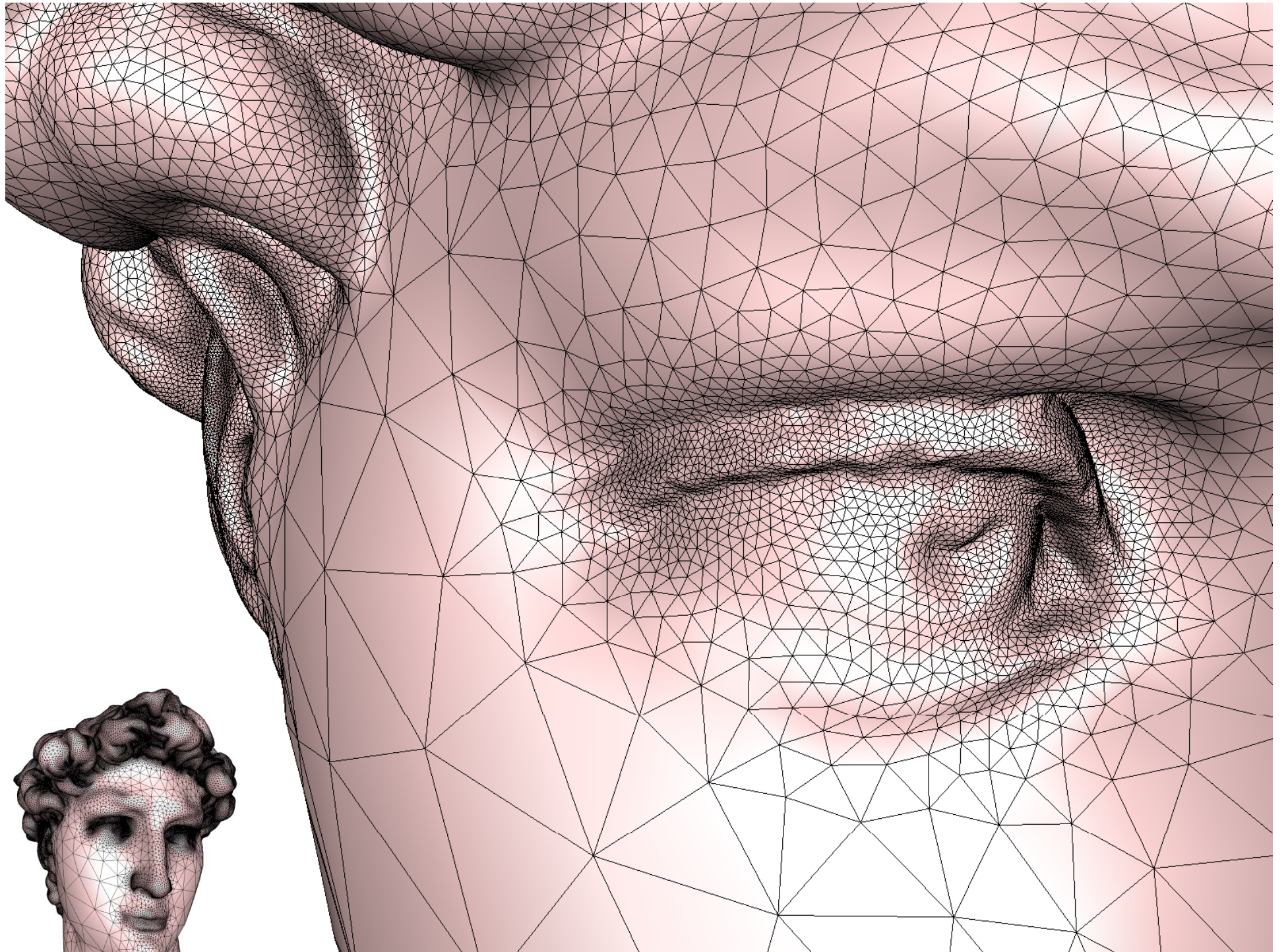
uniform sampling
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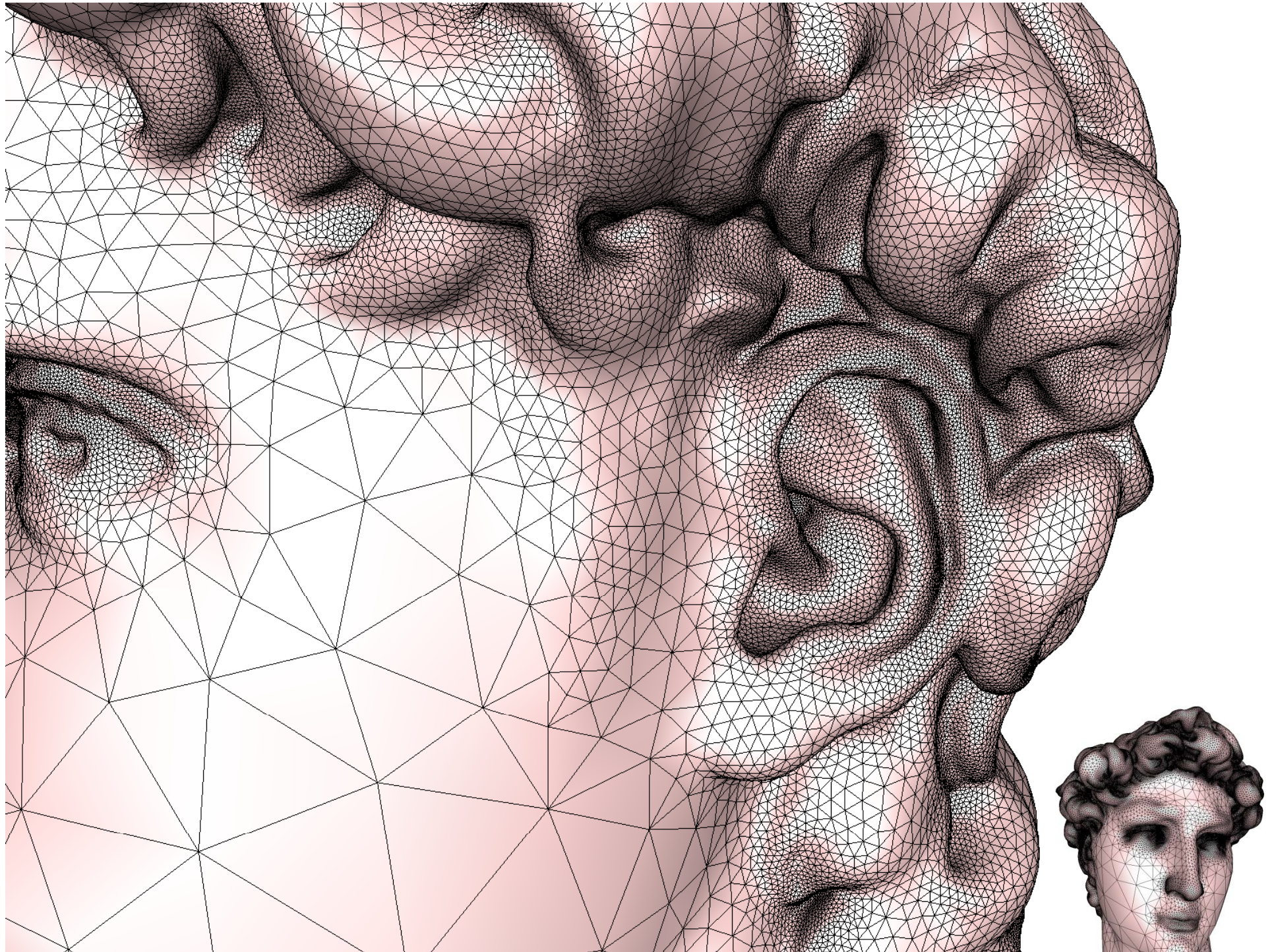




curvature-adapted sampling
50,000 vertices







Motivation

Previous work

Contributions

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Future Work

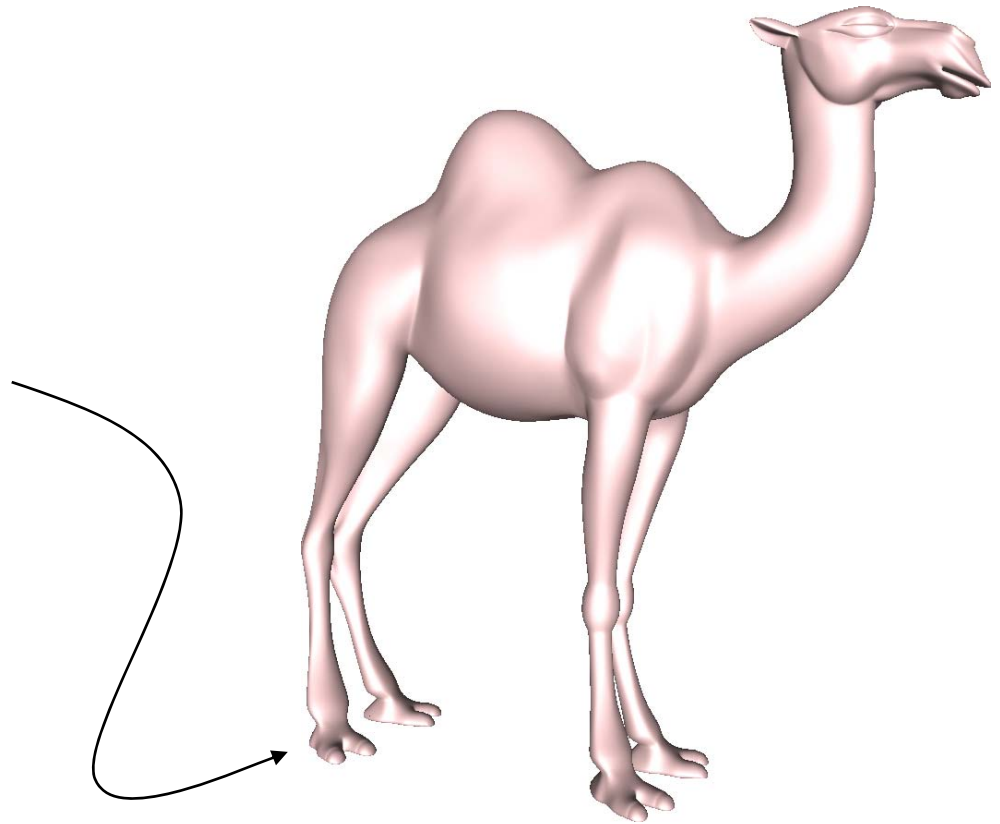
Limitations

- **Parameterization**
 - still some numerical issues for huge models
 - quality of sampling is *very dependent* on the quality of the parameterization
- **Complex genus or closed surface**
 - requires surface cutting (difficult task)
 - process "curve sampling" along the cut graph
 - makes the implementation trickier (seaming backbones, twin samples to synchronize for stitching, branching vertices, etc.)

Limitations

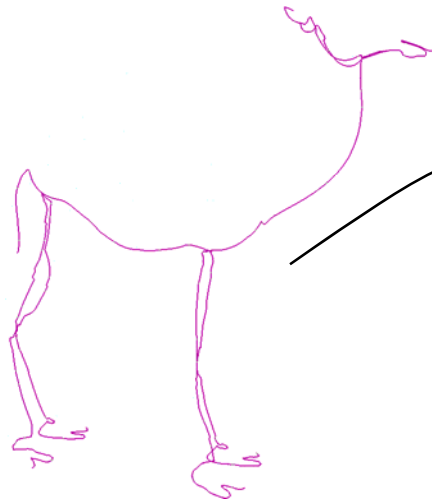
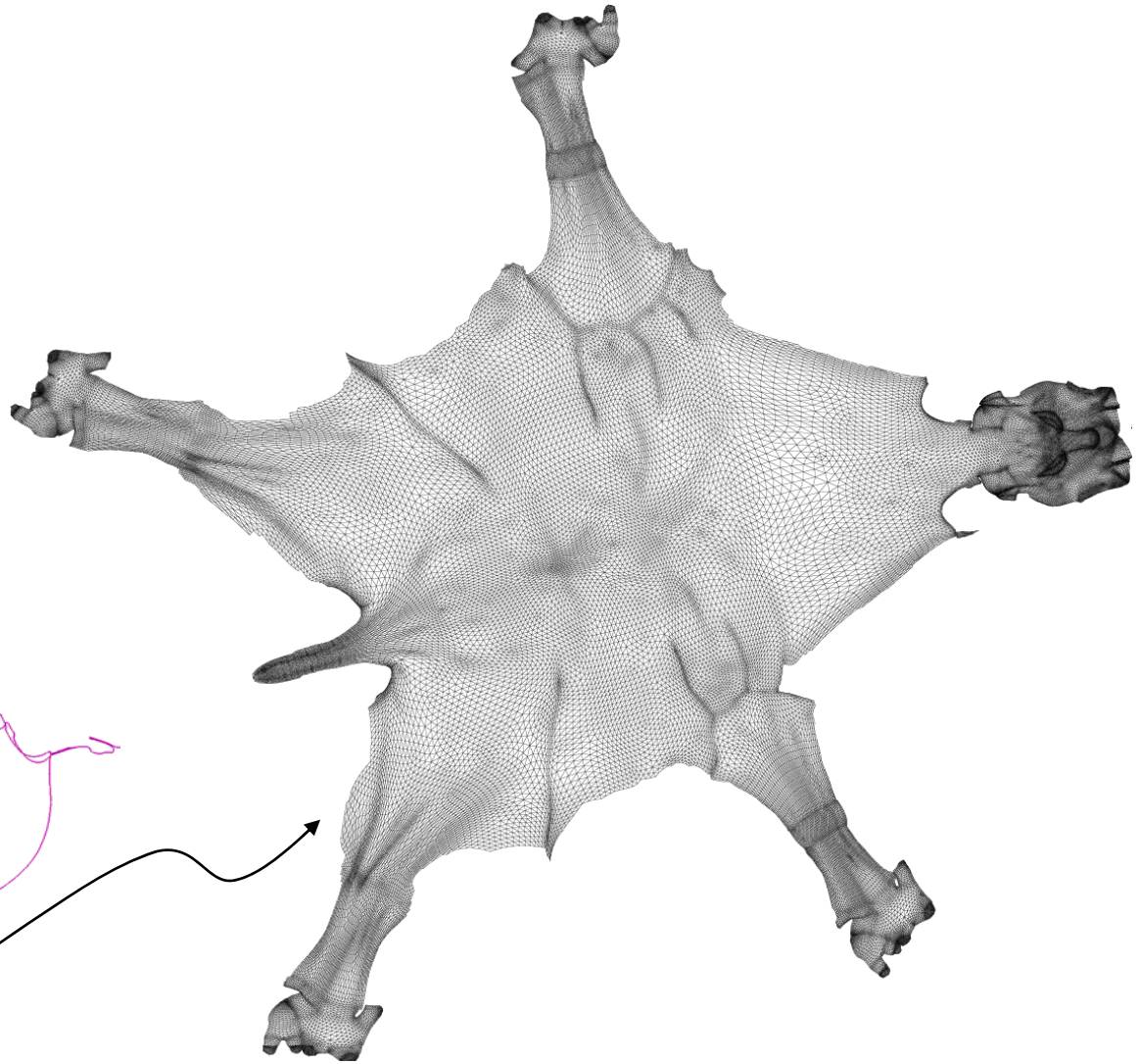
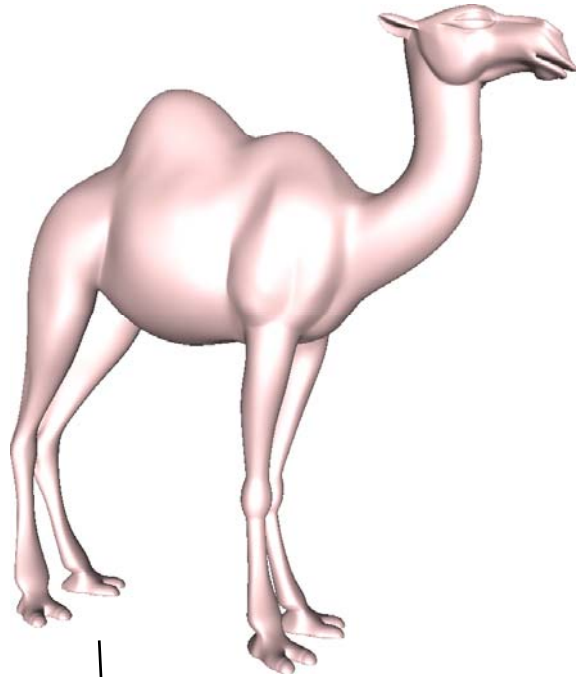
The Camel

- Closed
- Genus 0
- Sock-like shapes



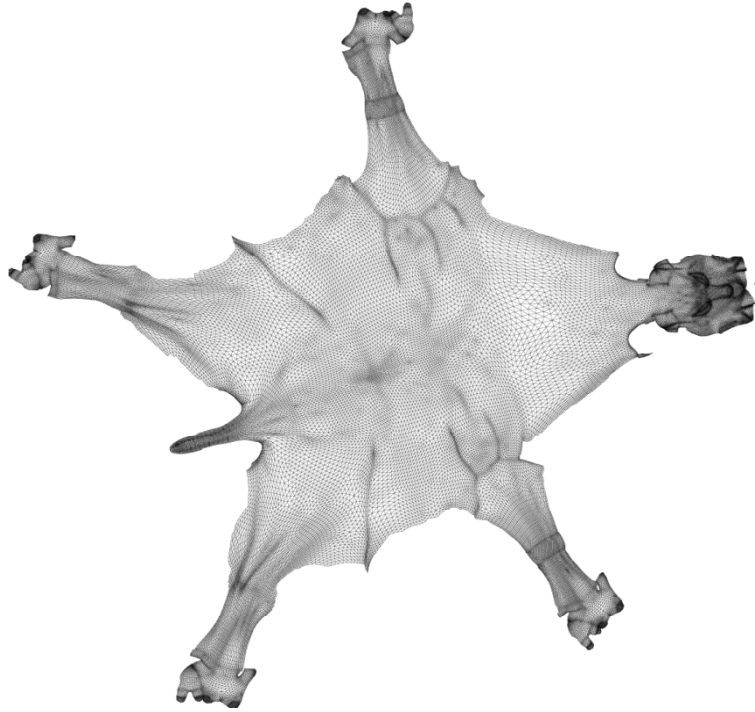
how to cut it? ->

Camel pelting

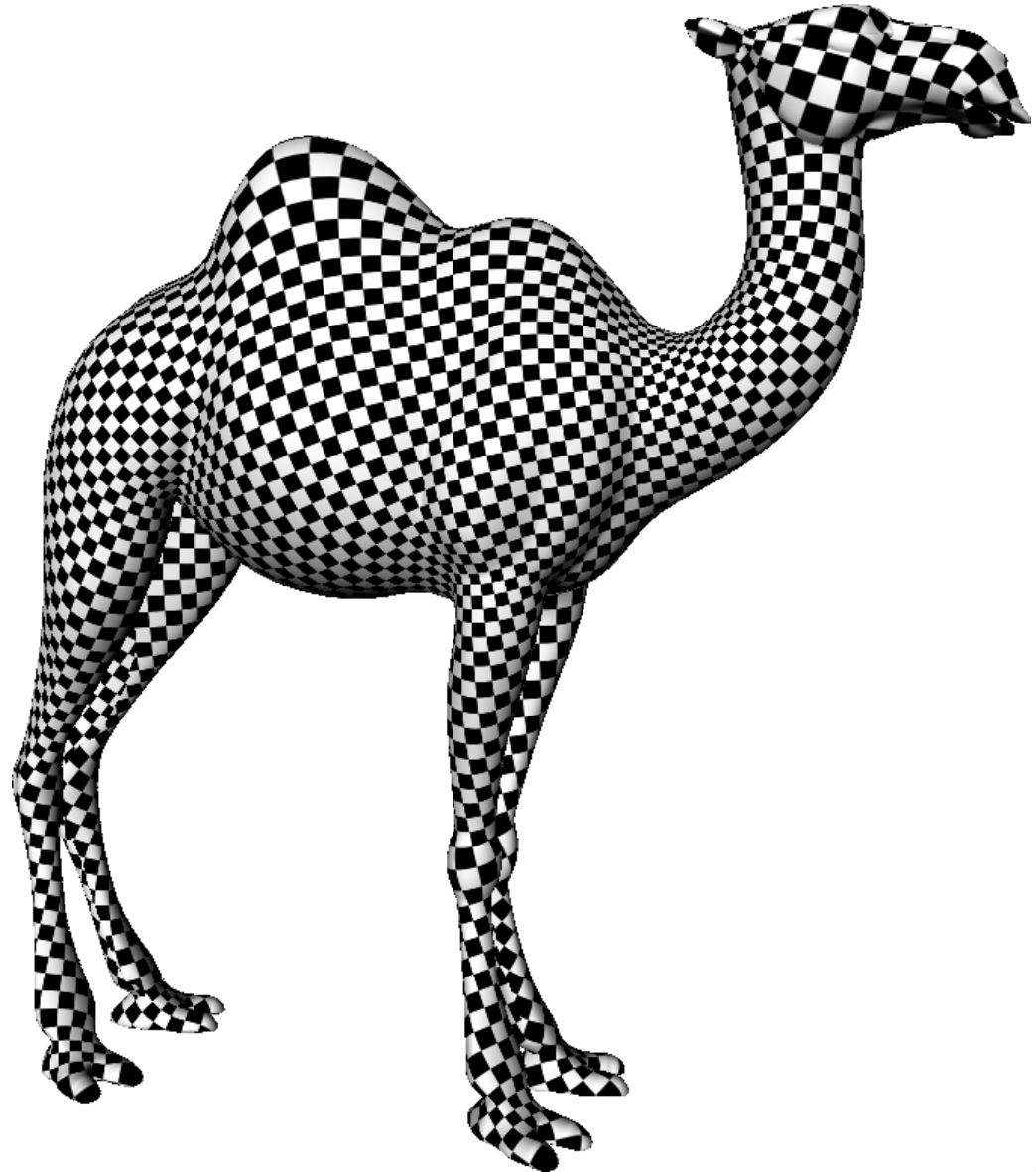


smart cut by [Sheffer]

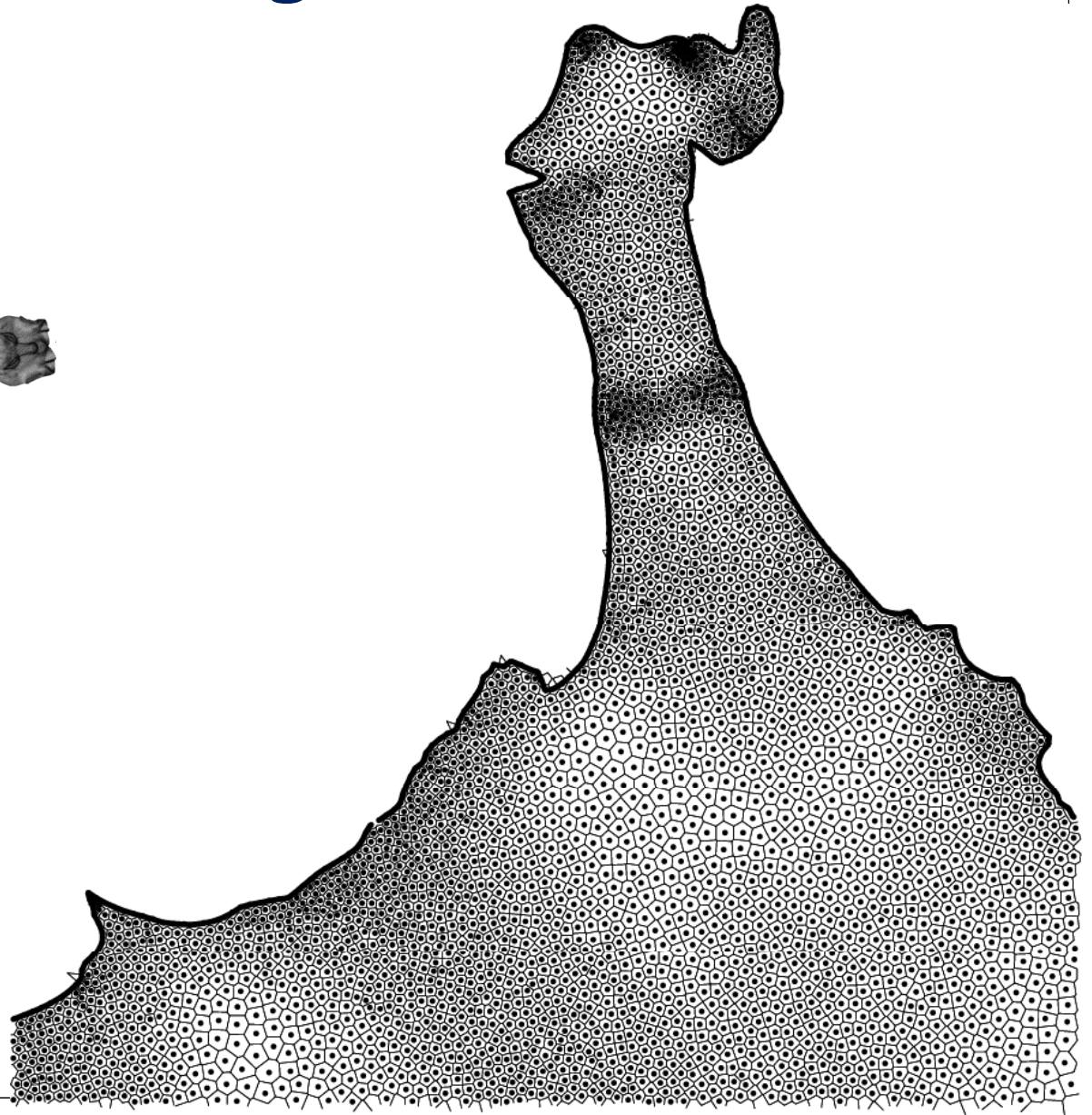
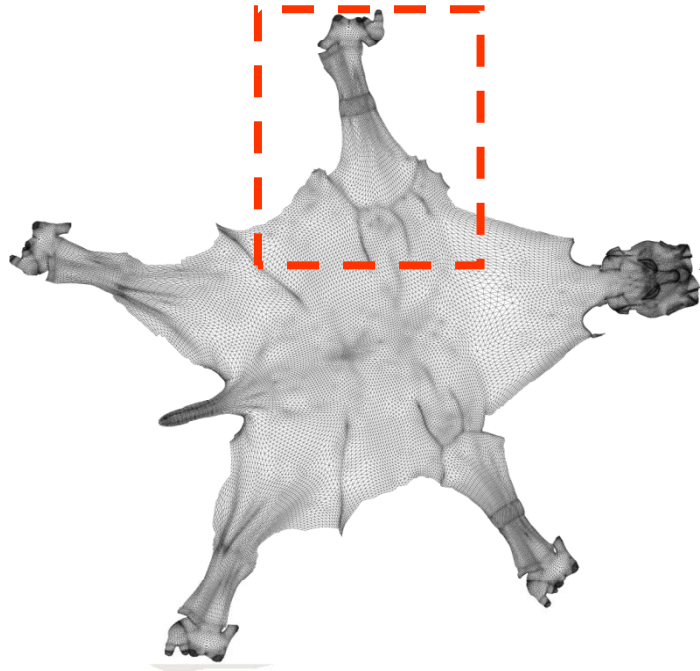
Smart pelting & Parameterization



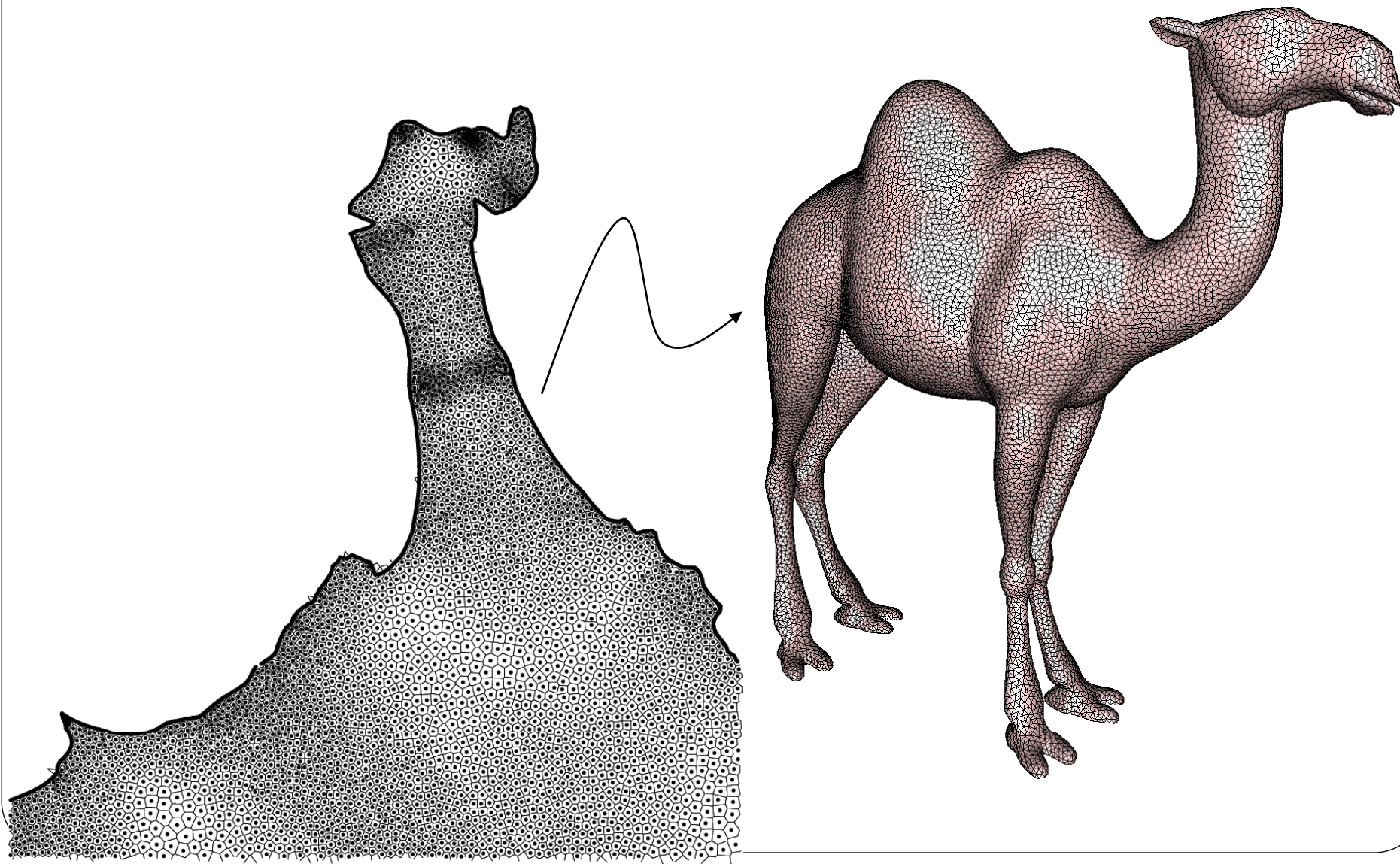
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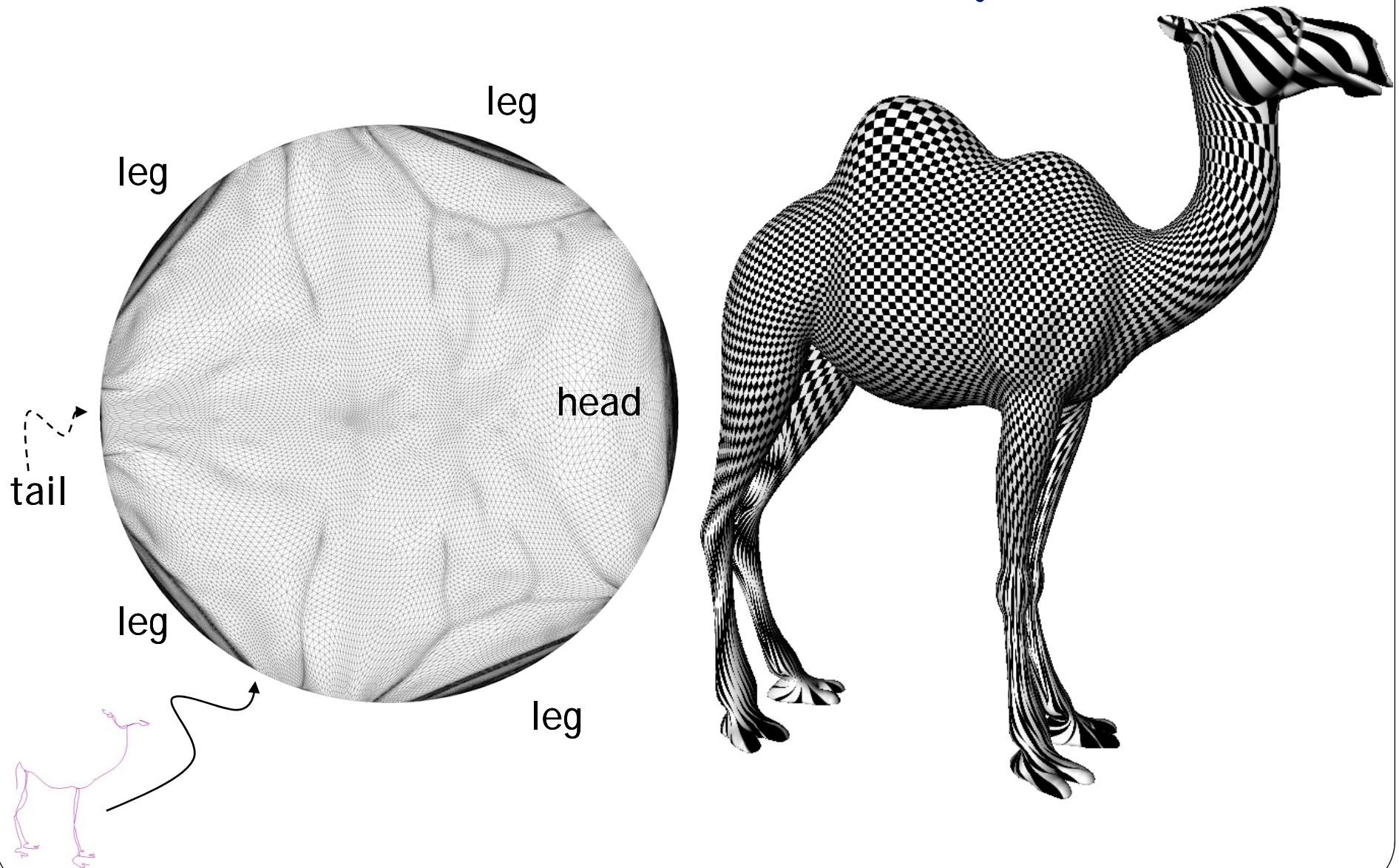
Uniform remeshing



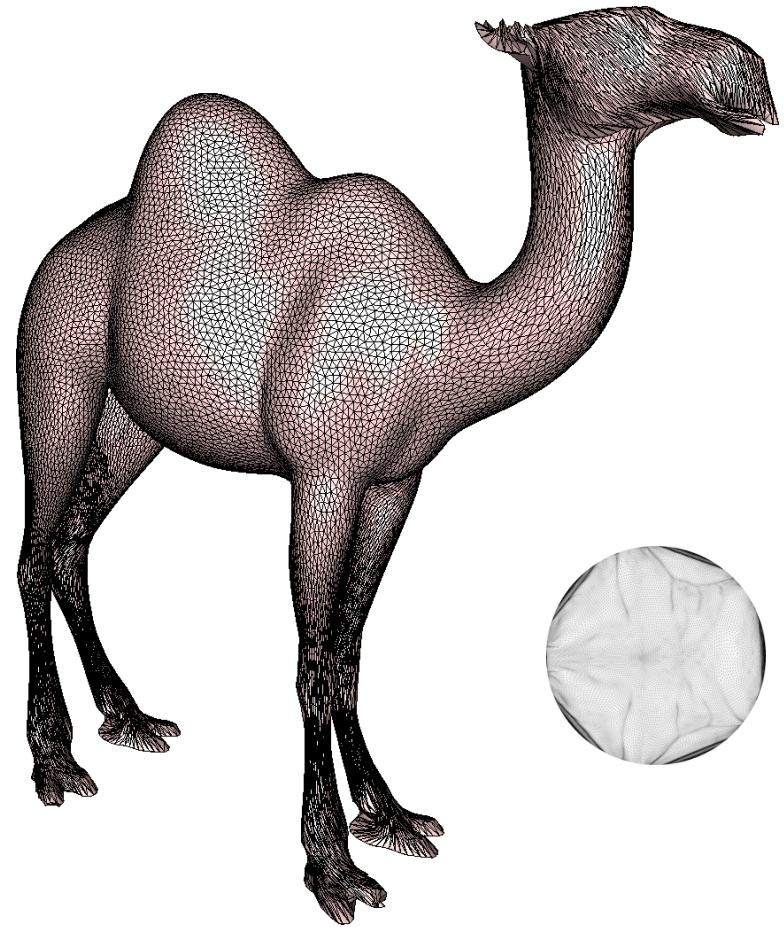
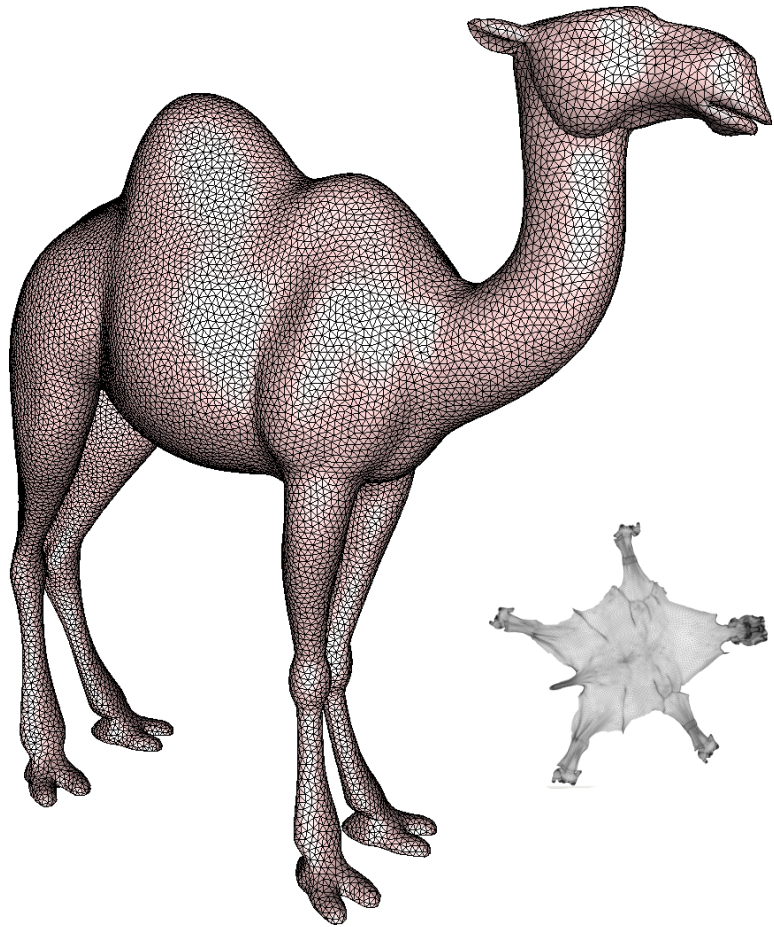
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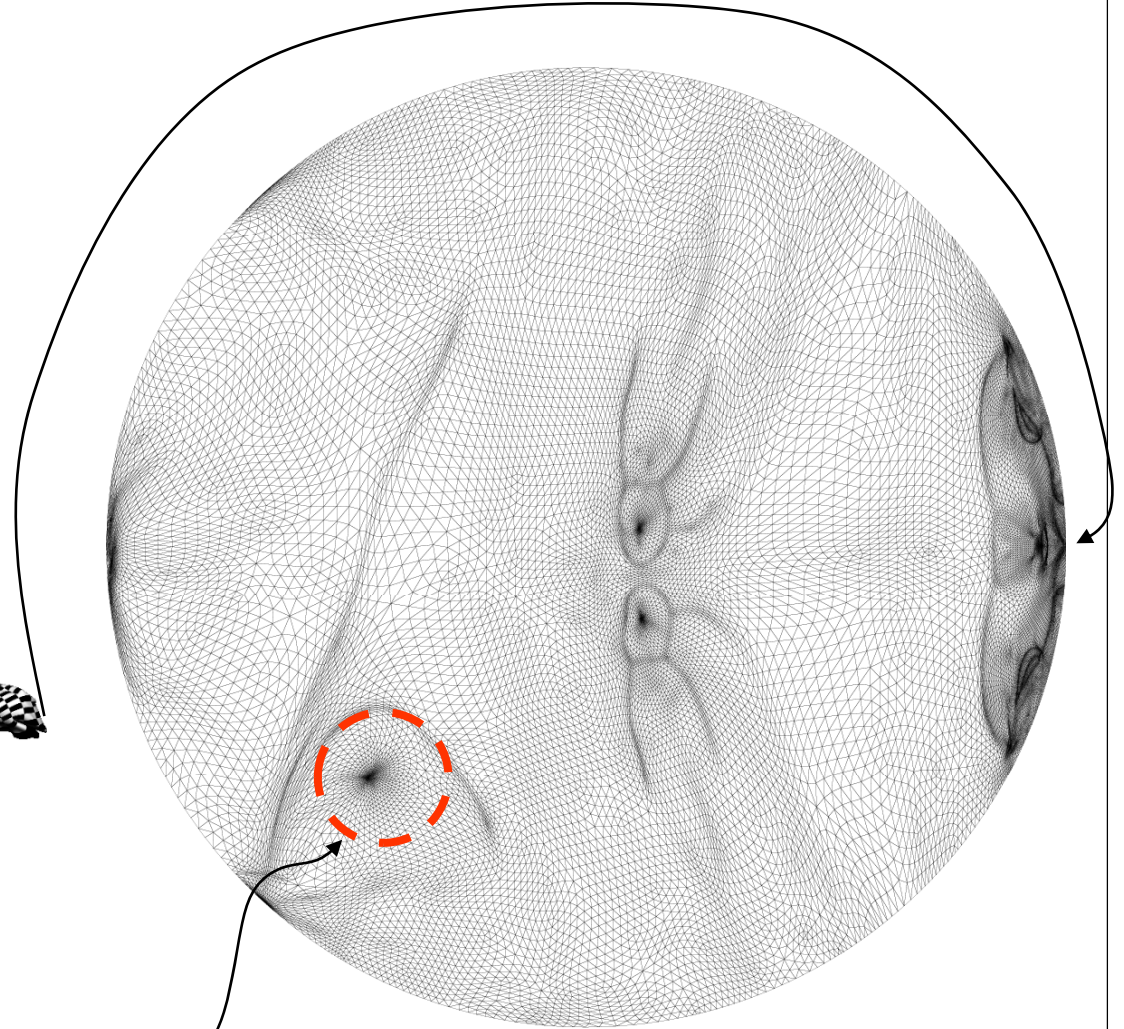
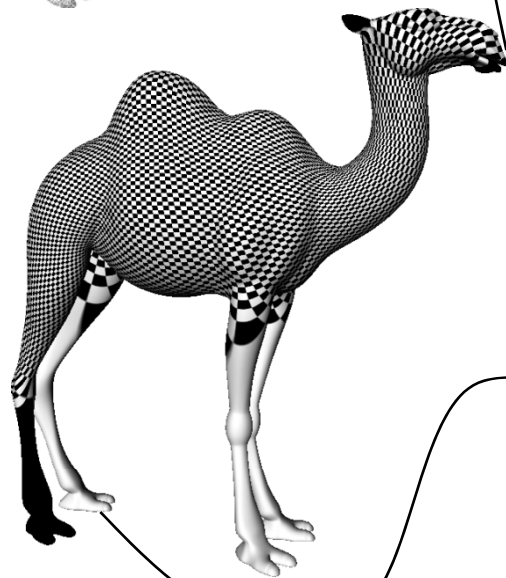
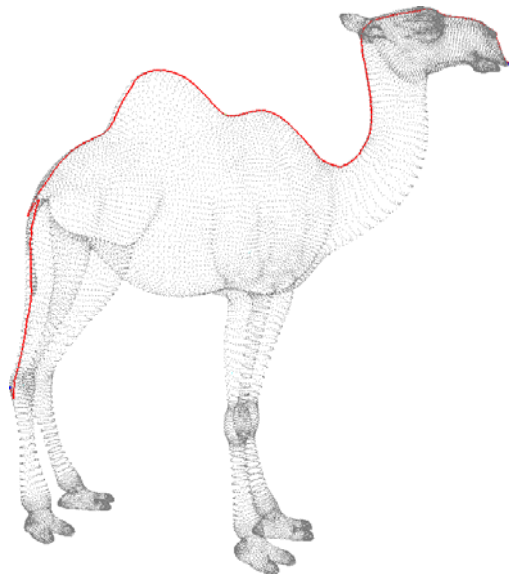
Same cut, fixed boundary ?



Remeshing with Free vs fixed boundary

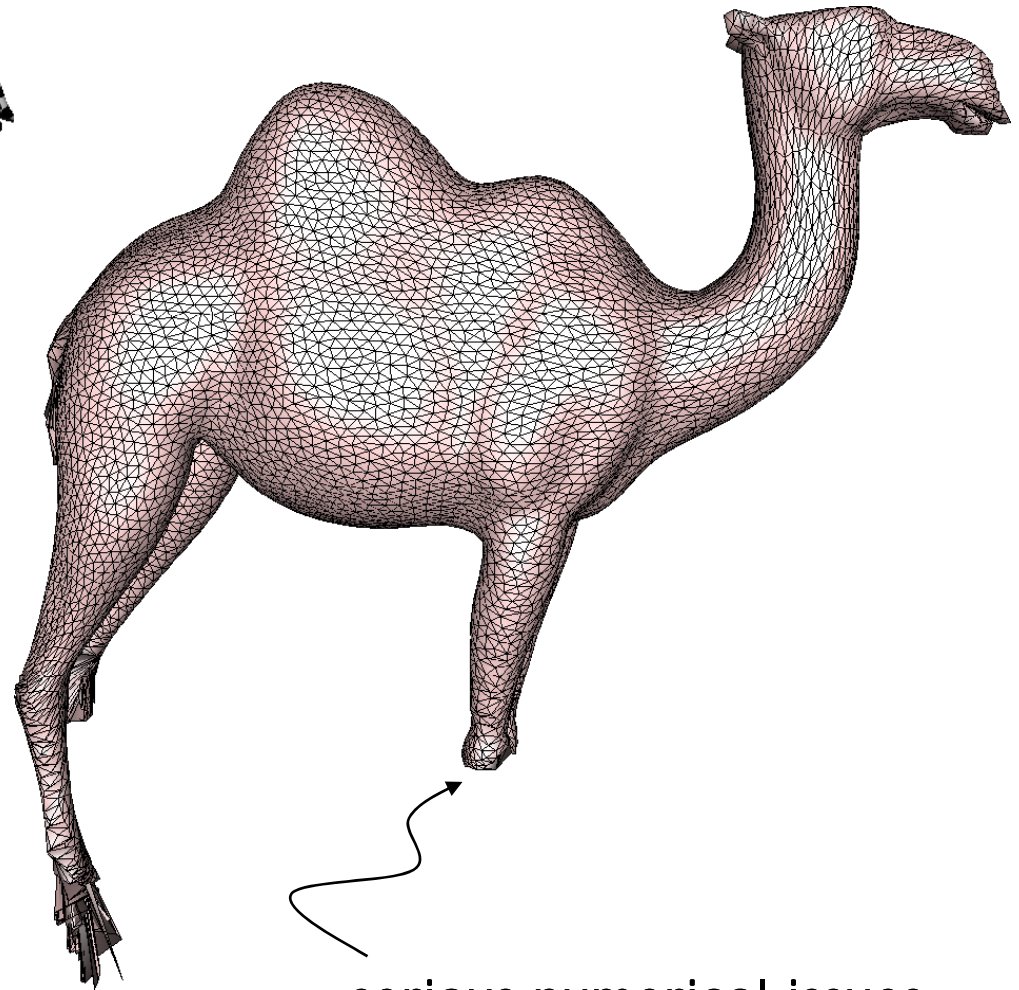
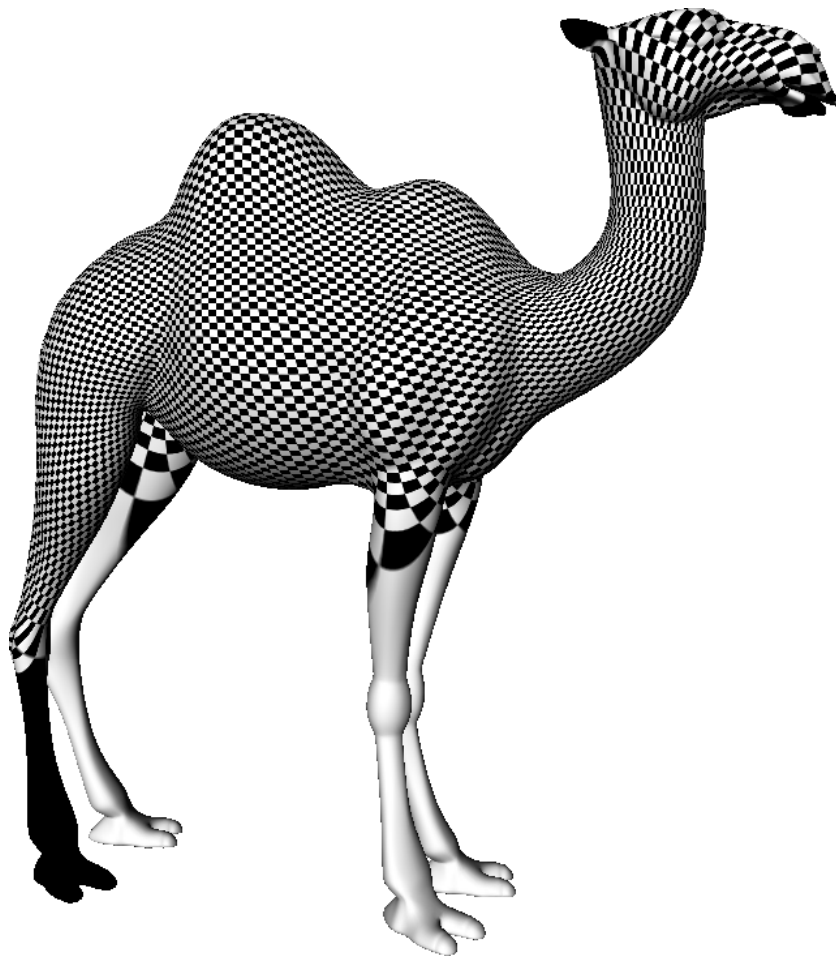


A naive cut...



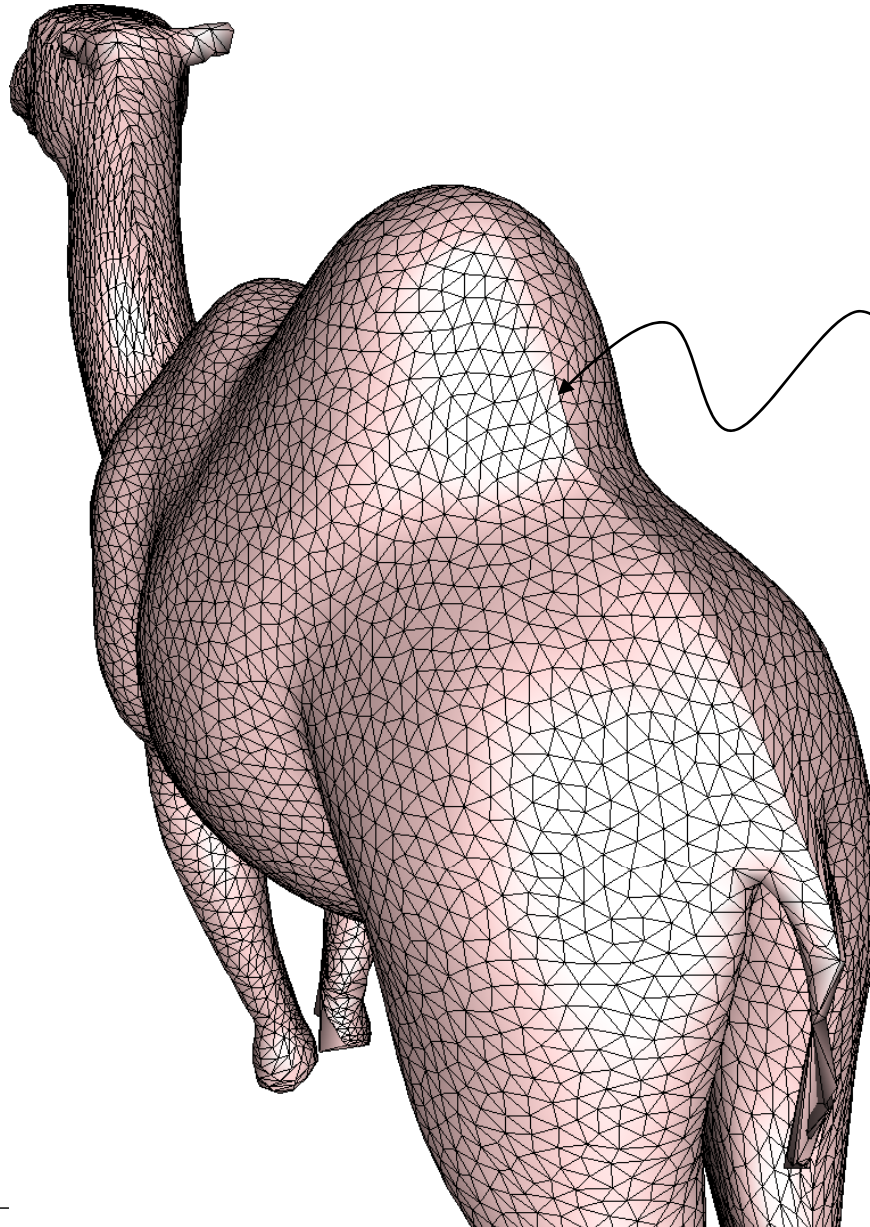
huge isoperimetric distortion

Numerical issues



serious numerical issues
with sock-like shapes

Moreover...



visible seam (cut graph
has been sampled like a
set of curves)

Conclusions

- **Guarantee**: vertex budget
- **Delaunay triangulation** → given the sampling, get the optimal planar triangulation
- **Centroidal Voronoi diagram** → improve the sampling to capture the essence of isotropic sampling
- **Density** → reflects area distortion and other geometric properties (e.g. curvatures)
- Handle **features**

Anisotropic Remeshing



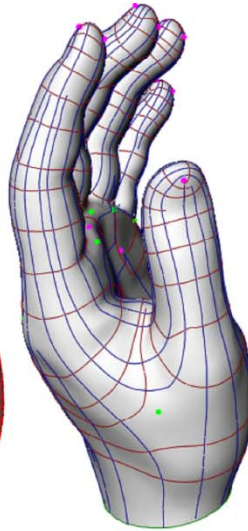
input mesh



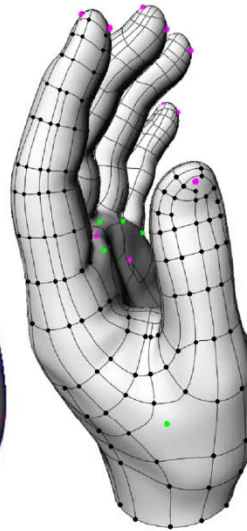
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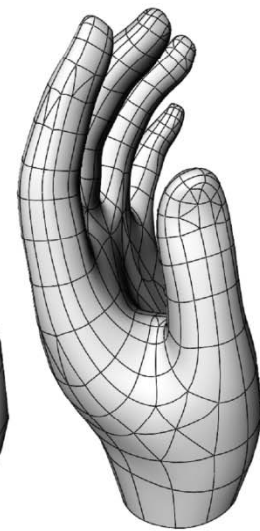
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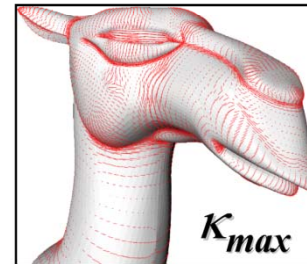
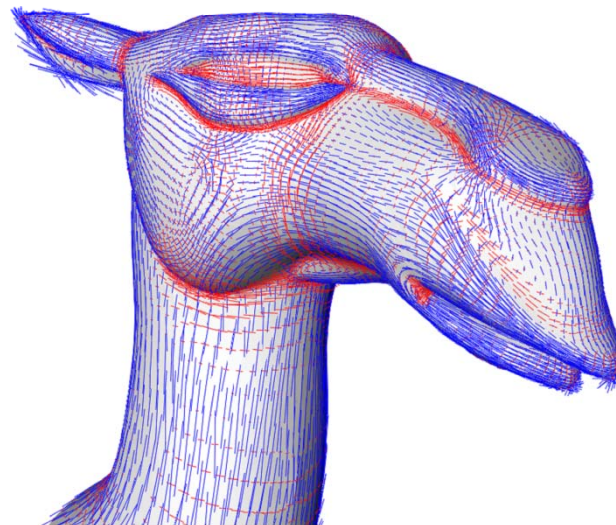
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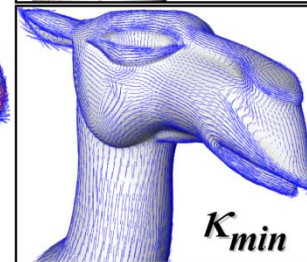
output mesh



after smoothing



K_{max}



K_{min}