

The background features a dark blue gradient with a starry space pattern. Overlaid on this are several technical diagrams, including circular gauges with numerical scales (e.g., 150, 160, 170, 180, 190, 200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 260) and various circular and curved lines, some with arrows indicating direction. The overall aesthetic is scientific and technical.

Surface Reconstruction I

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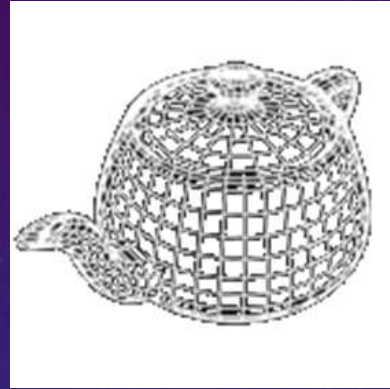
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Introduction

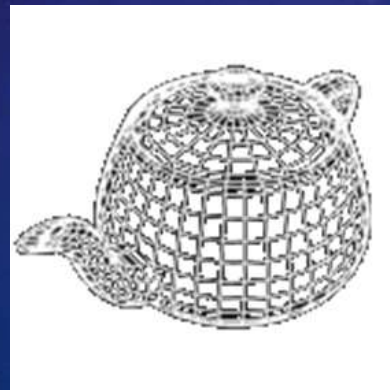
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Surface Reconstruction

➤ Rendering

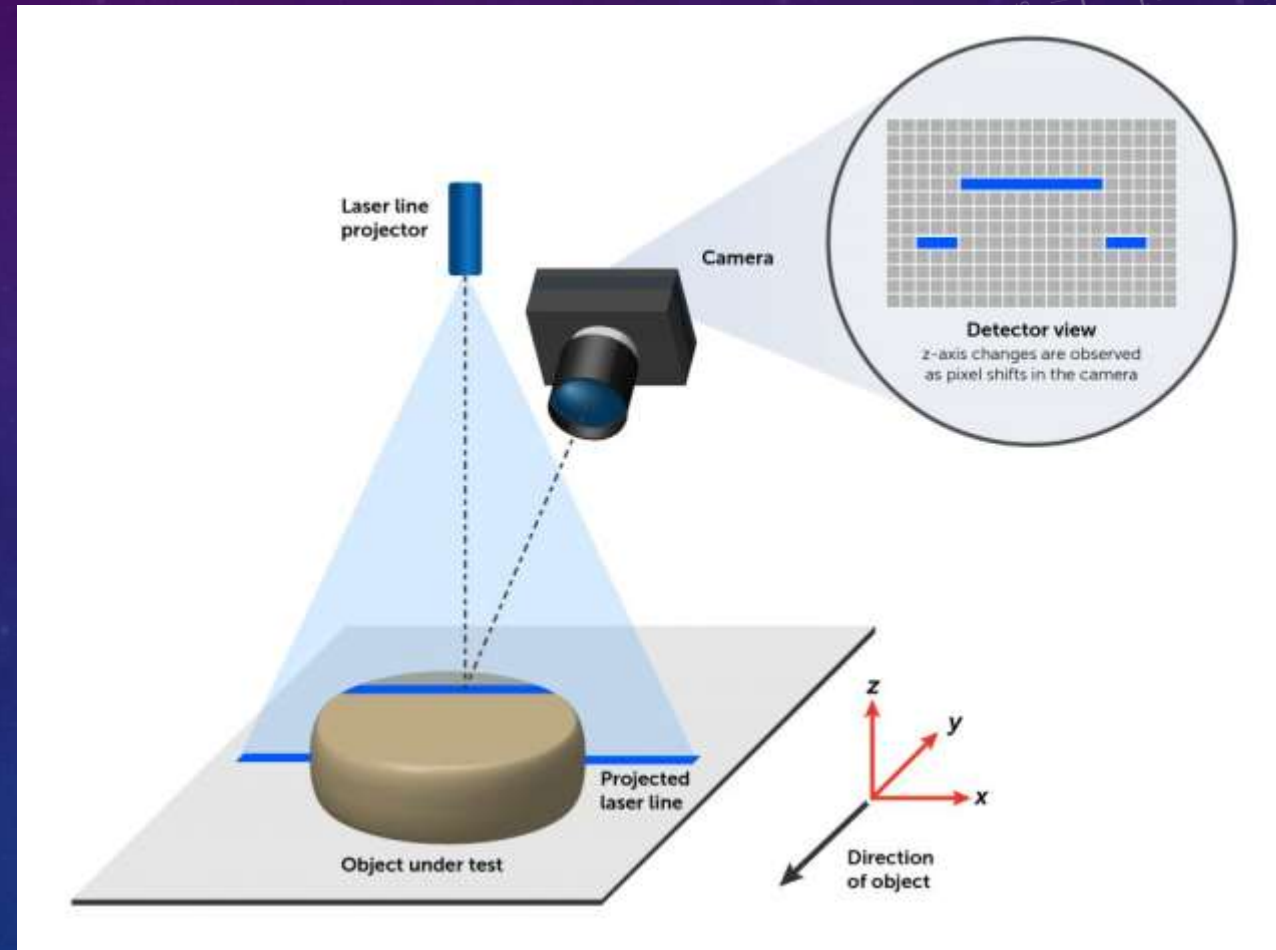


➤ Reconstruction



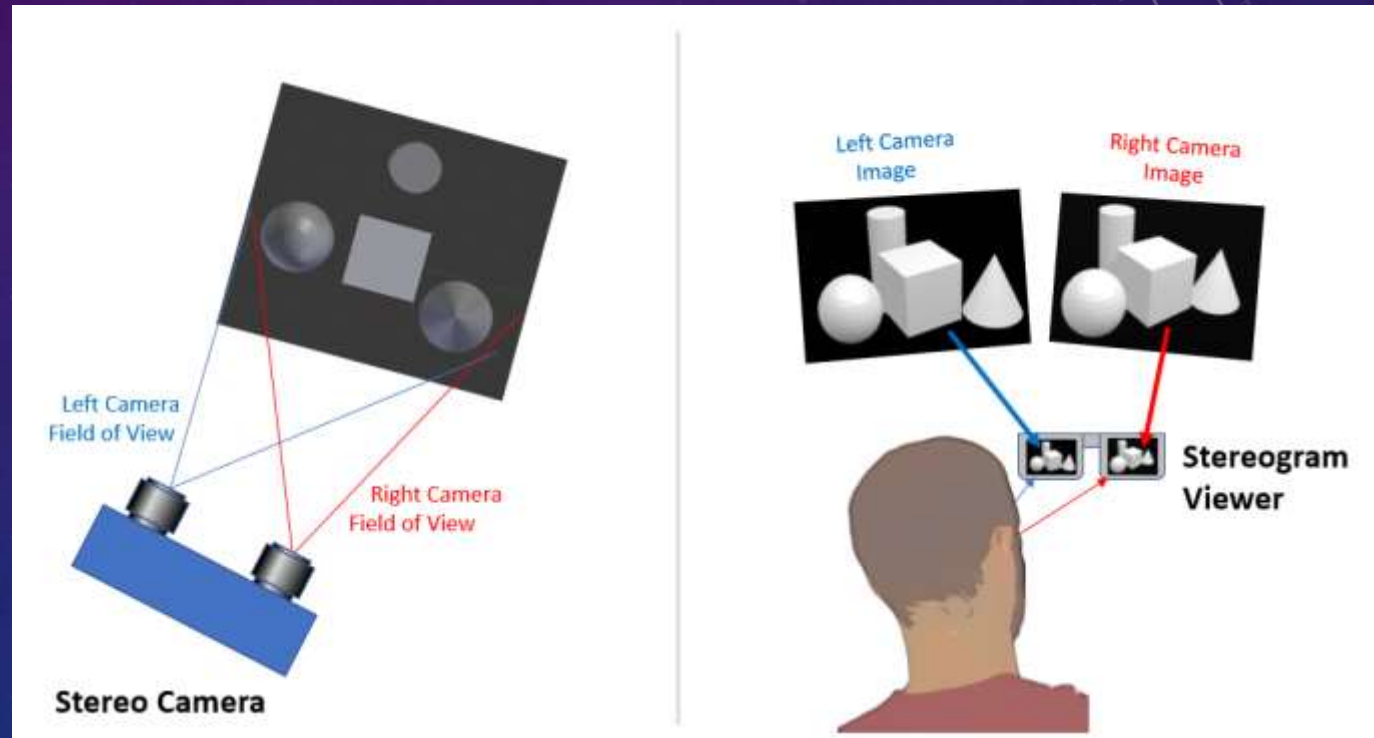
Shape from ...

- Laser triangulation



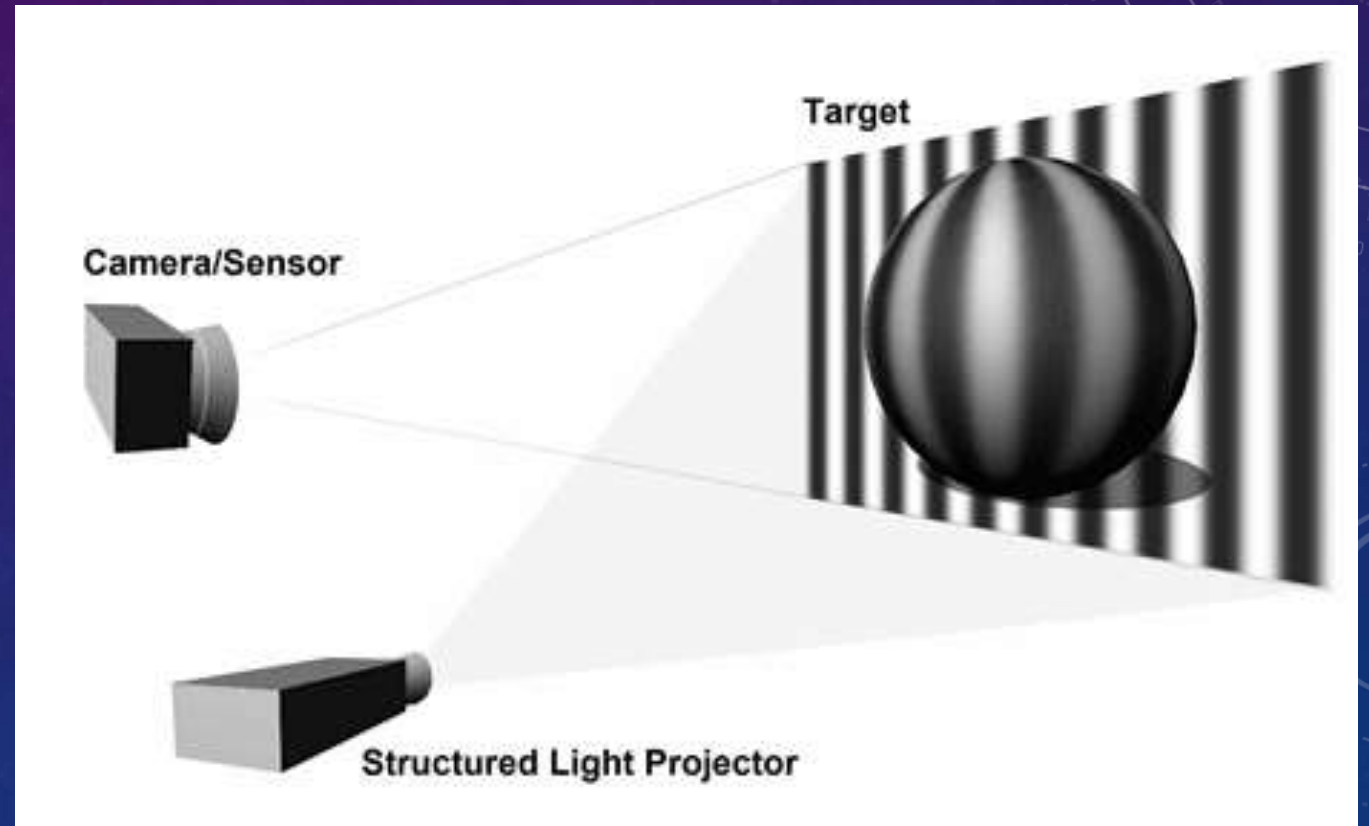
Shape from ...

- Laser triangulation
- **Stereo**

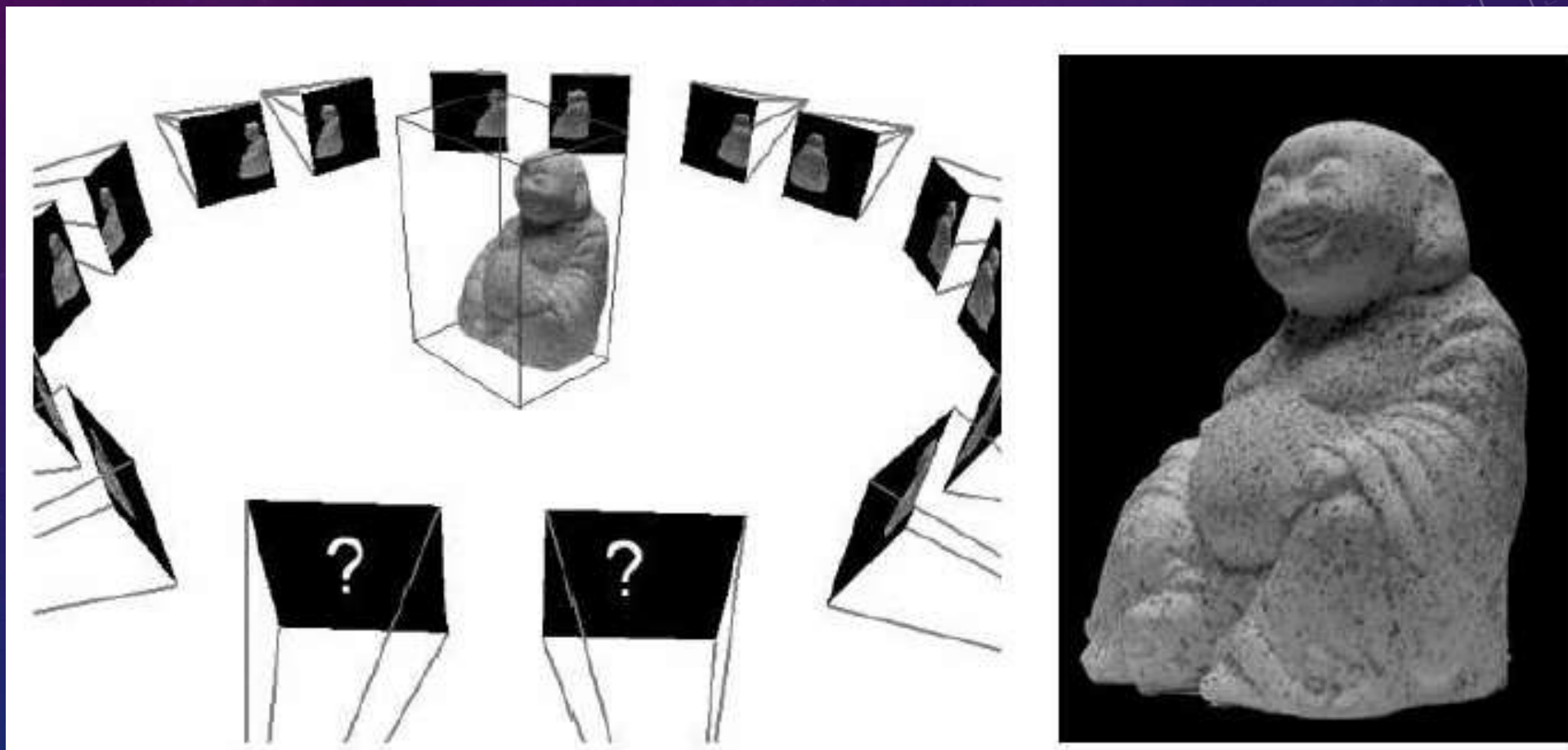


Shape from ...

- Laser triangulation
- Stereo
- **Structured Light**
- ...

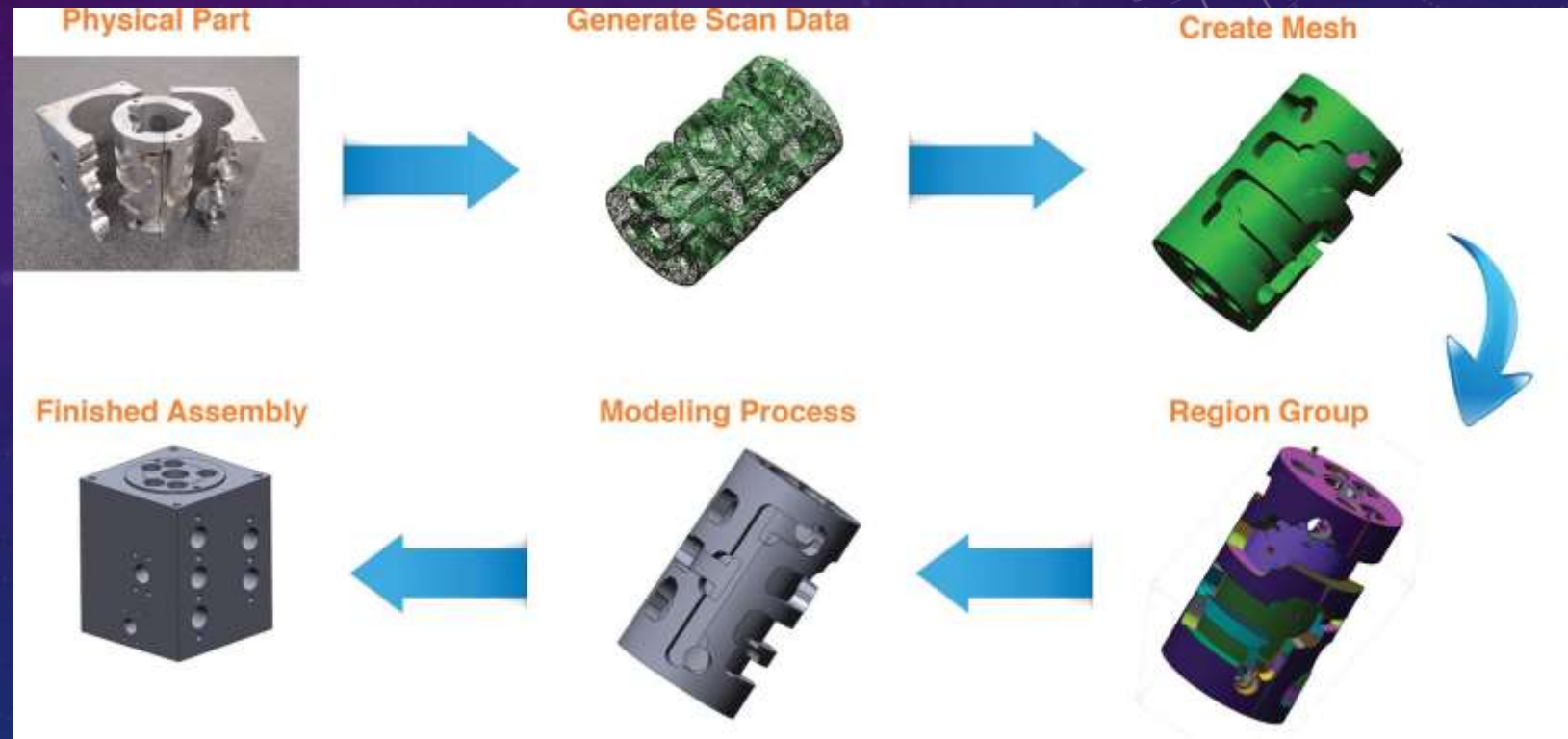


Shape from data



Applications

- Reverse engineering



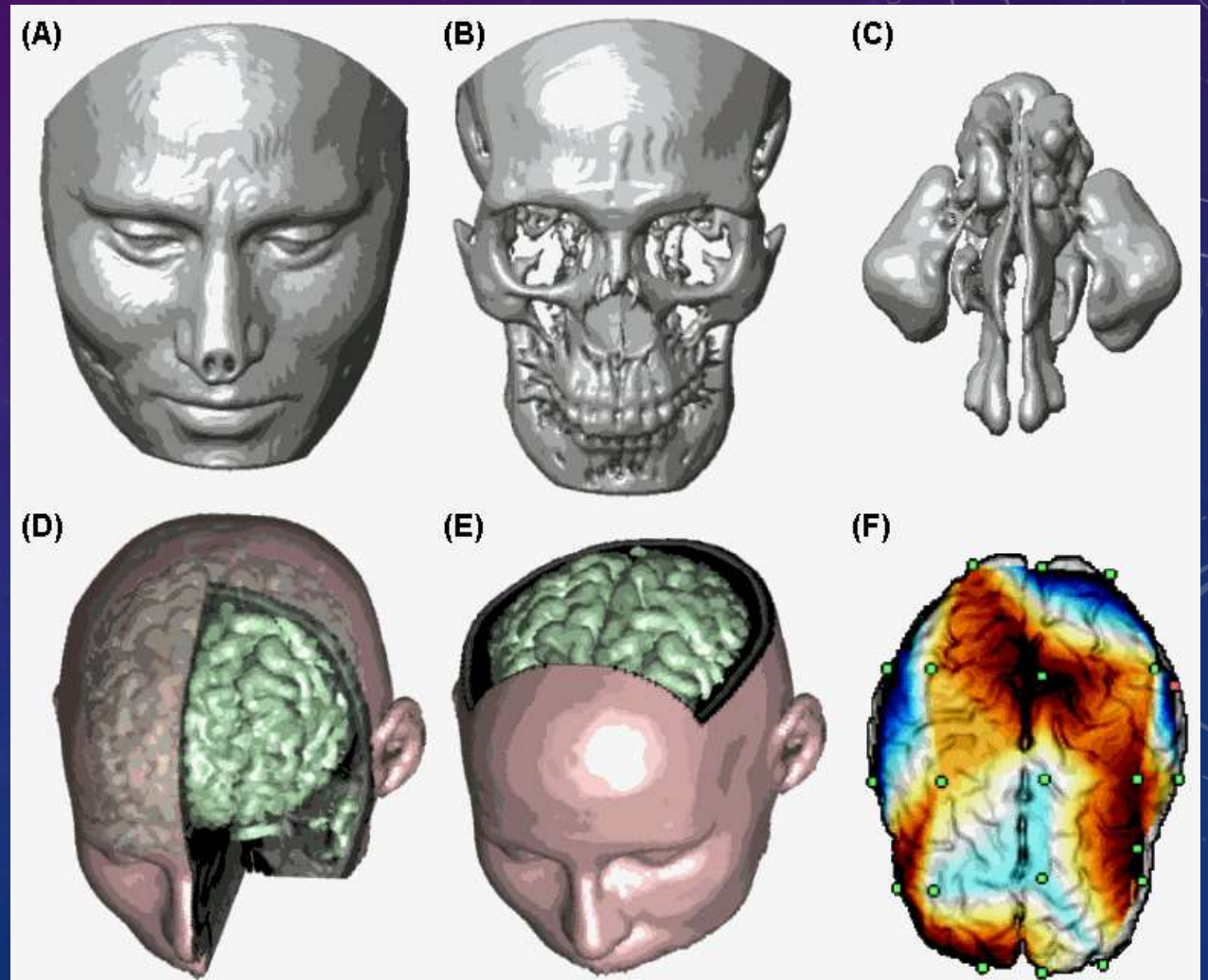
Applications

- Reverse engineering
- **Augmented reality**



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- Reverse engineering
- Augmented reality
- **Medical Imaging**



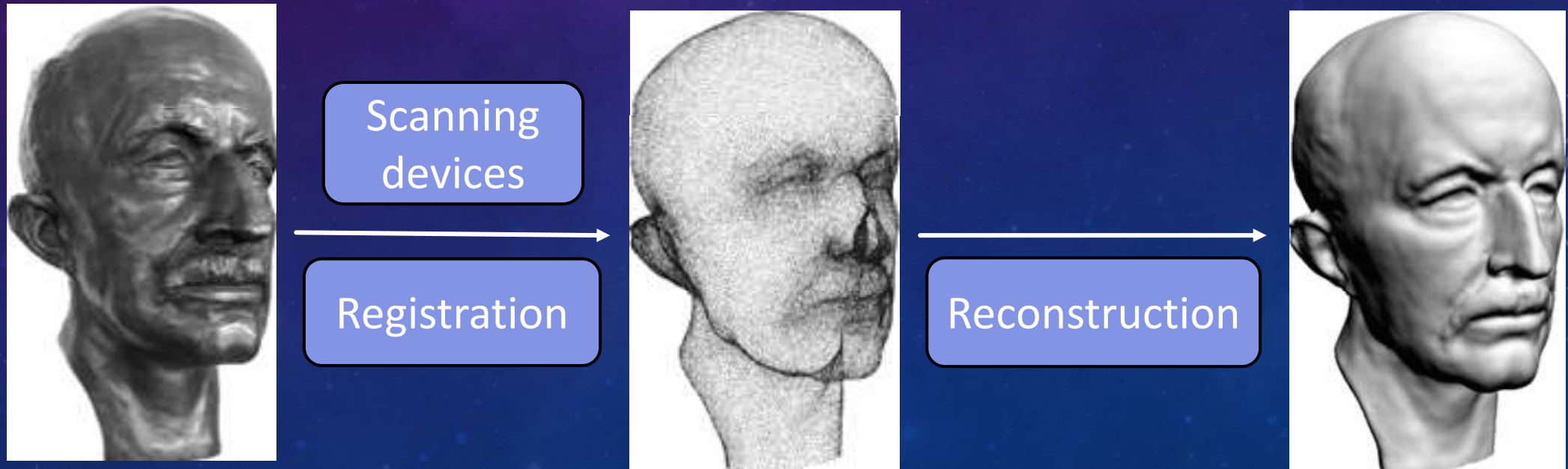
Applications

- Reverse engineering
- Augmented reality
- Medical Imaging
- **Digital preservation**
- ...



Problem

- Input: a multi-view set of points in 3D that sampled from a model surface
- Output: a 2D manifold mesh surface that closely approximates the model



Registration

The background features a dark blue gradient with a field of small white stars. Overlaid on this are several technical diagrams: a circular scale with degree markings (90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140, 150, 160, 170, 180, 190, 200, 210) and arrows in the top right; a circular diagram with concentric rings and arrows in the bottom right; and a circular diagram with a dashed outer ring and arrows in the bottom left.

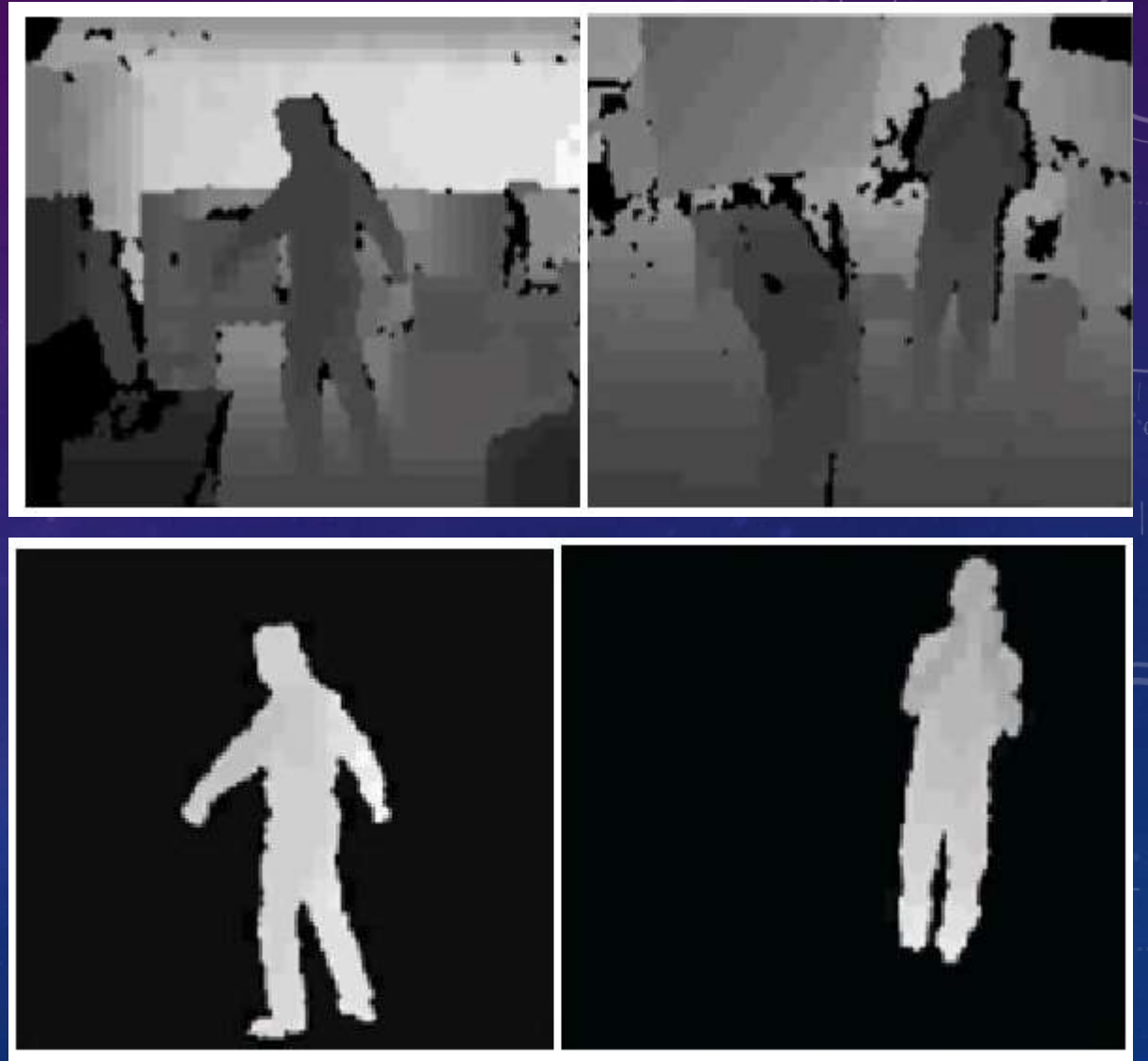
Depth Image

- Resolution: width \times height
- Pixels: depth value
 - Nearer is darker



Point clouds

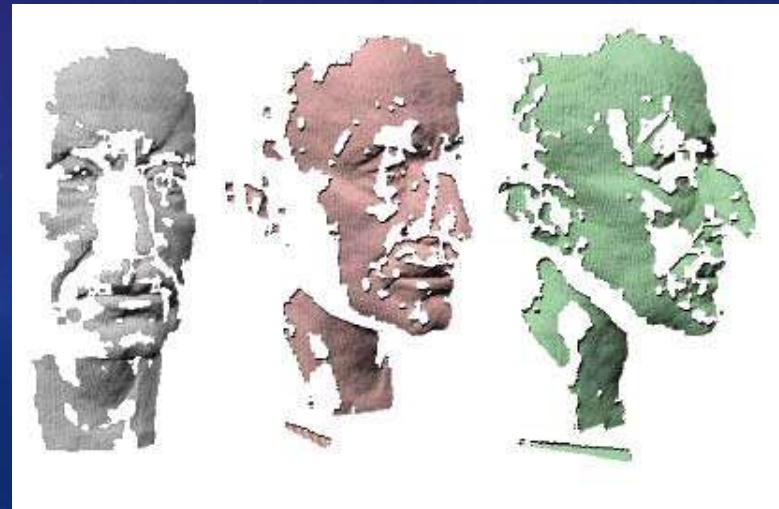
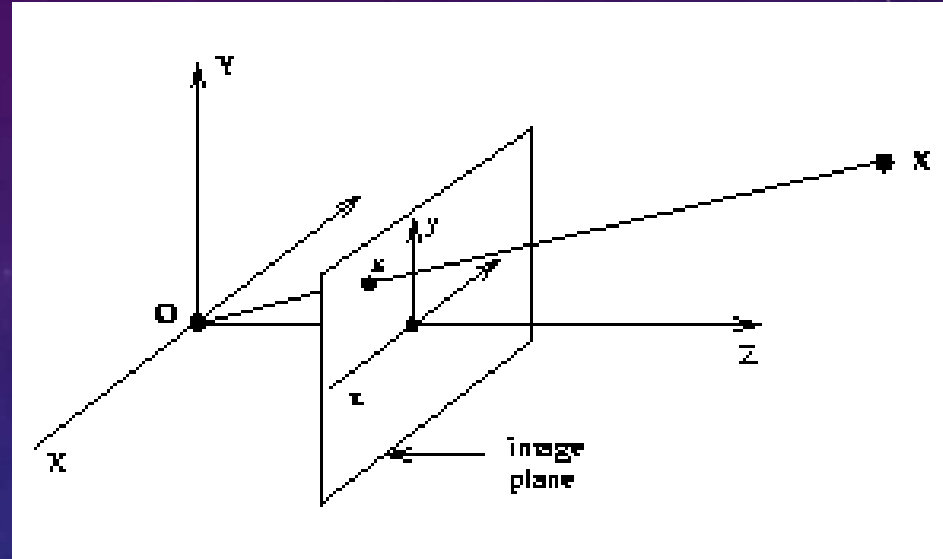
- Preprocessing
 - Segmentation



Point clouds

- Preprocessing
 - Segmentation
 - Camera matrix

$$Z \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_x & 0 & c_x \\ 0 & f_y & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{pmatrix}$$



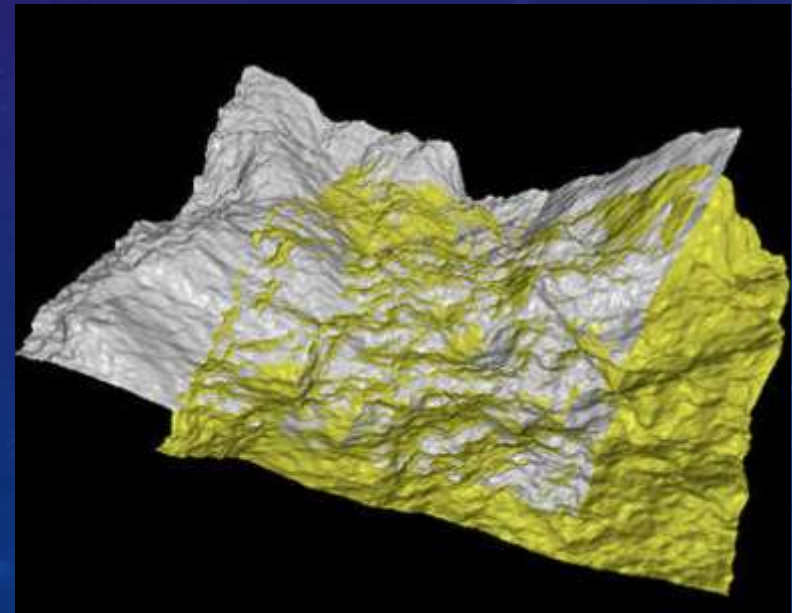
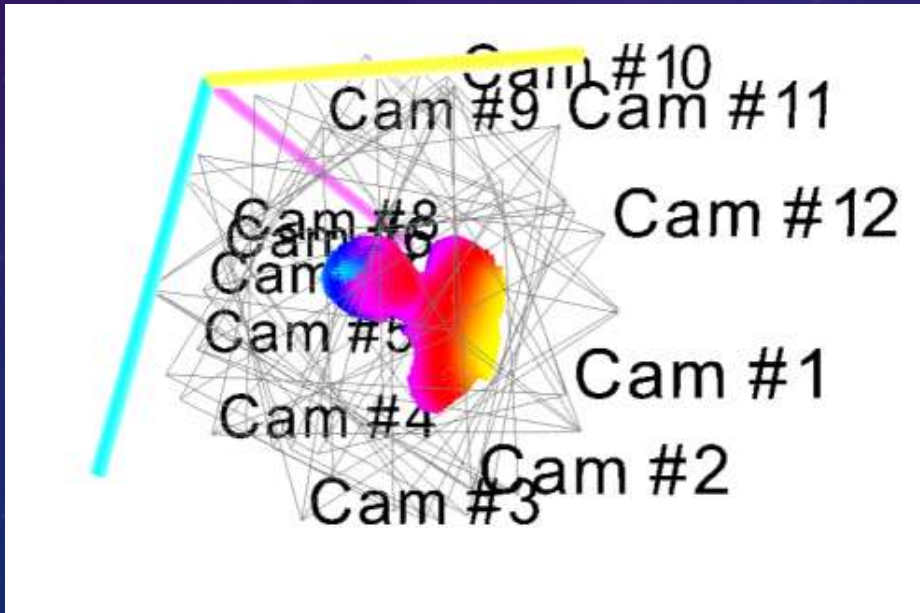
Registration

- Any surface reconstruction algorithm should strive to use all of the detail in all the available range data.



Accurate registration may require

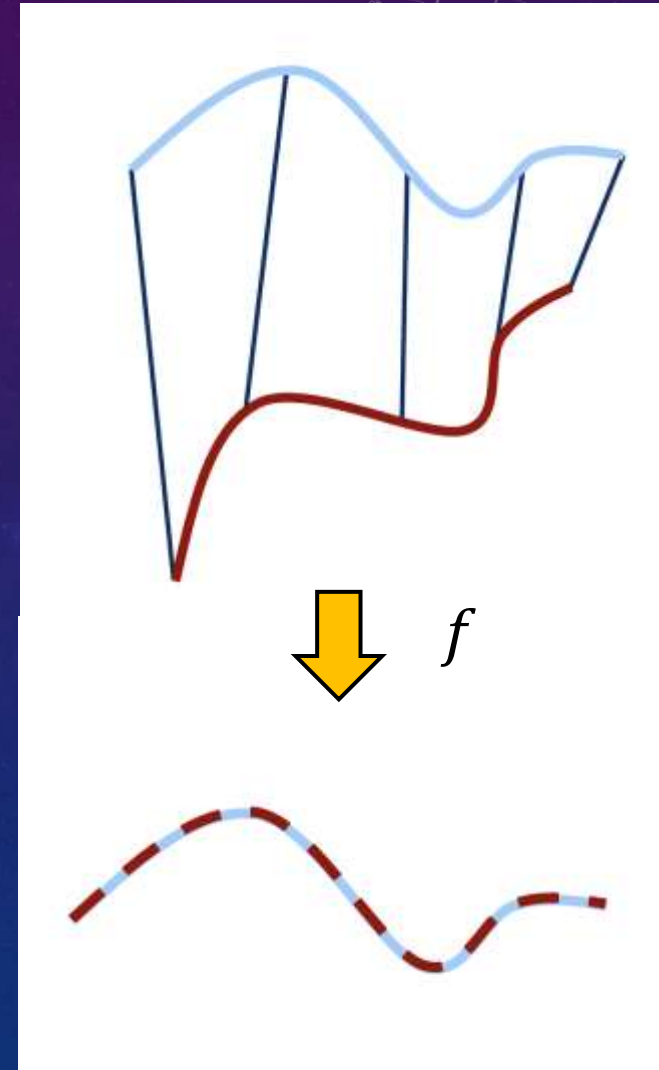
- Calibrated scanner/object positioning
- Software-based optimization



Pairwise registration

- Source point sets: $P = \{p_1, \dots, p_m\}$
- Target point sets: $Q = \{q_1, \dots, q_n\}$
- Find function f , s.t. minimize

$$E = \text{dist}^2(f(P), Q)$$

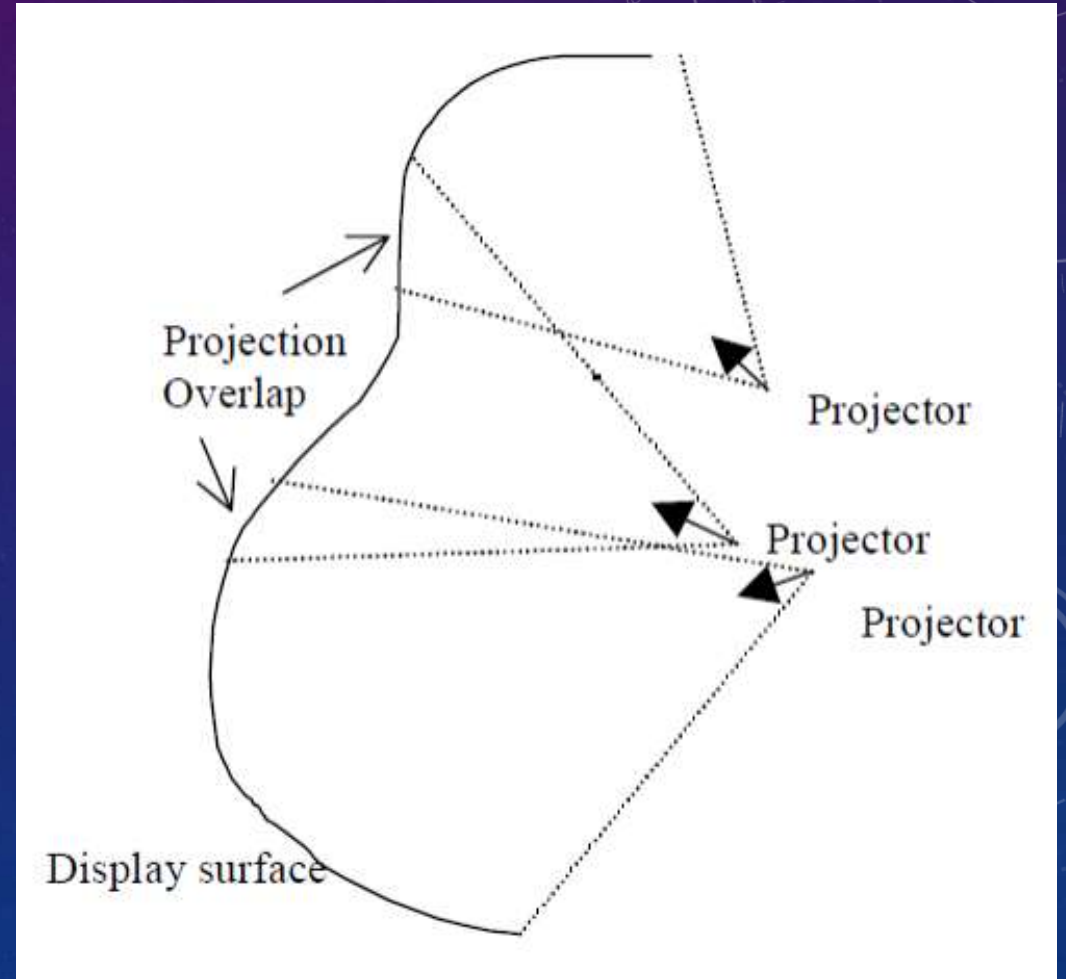


Rigid registration

- f is rigid transformation.
- Special case: $\{p_i \rightarrow q_i, i = 1, \dots, n\}$

$$E(R, t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \|q_i - Rp_i - t\|^2$$

There is a **close-form** solution.



Rigid registration

$$E(R, t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \|q_i - Rp_i - t\|^2$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n (q_i - Rp_i - t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (q_i - Rp_i)$$

$$\text{Let } \bar{p}_i = p_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i$$

$$\bar{q}_i = q_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n q_i$$

$$E(R) = \sum_{i=1}^n \|\bar{q}_i - R\bar{p}_i\|^2$$

$$= \|\bar{Q} - R\bar{P}\|_F^2$$

$$= \text{tr}((\bar{Q} - R\bar{P})^T (\bar{Q} - R\bar{P}))$$

$$= C - 2\text{tr}(R\bar{P}\bar{Q}^T)$$

Rigid registration

Let $\bar{P}\bar{Q}^T = USV^T$, as

$$\text{tr}(A^T B)^2 \leq \text{tr}(A^T A)\text{tr}(B^T B)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\text{tr}(RUSV^T)^2 &= \text{tr}(SV^T RU)^2 \\ &\leq \text{tr}(SS^T) \leq \text{tr}(S)^2\end{aligned}$$

Minimizer $R = VU^T$

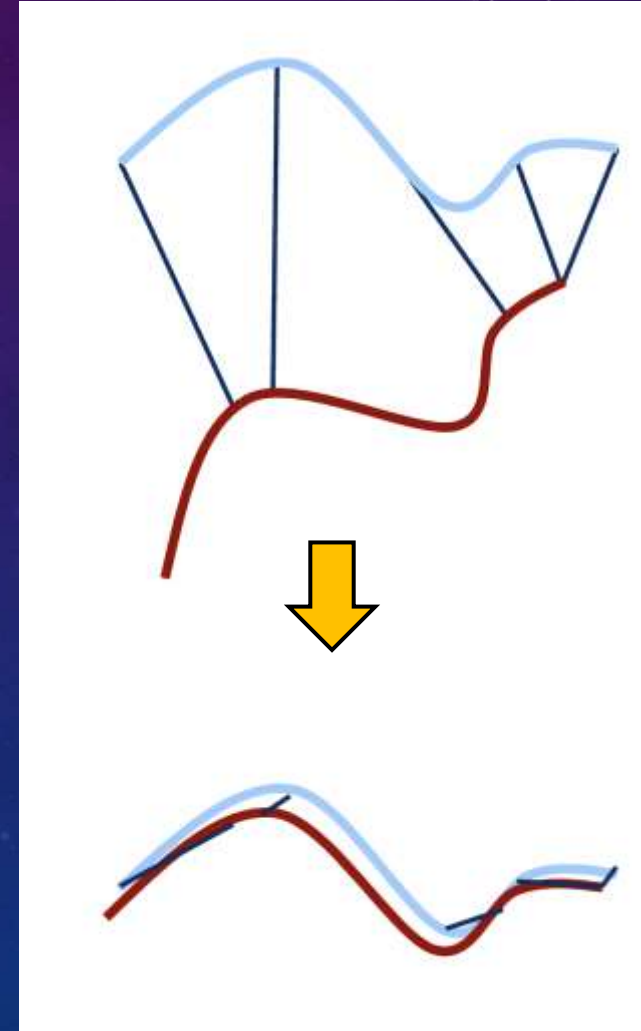
Let $\bar{p}_i = p_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i$

$$\bar{q}_i = q_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n q_i$$

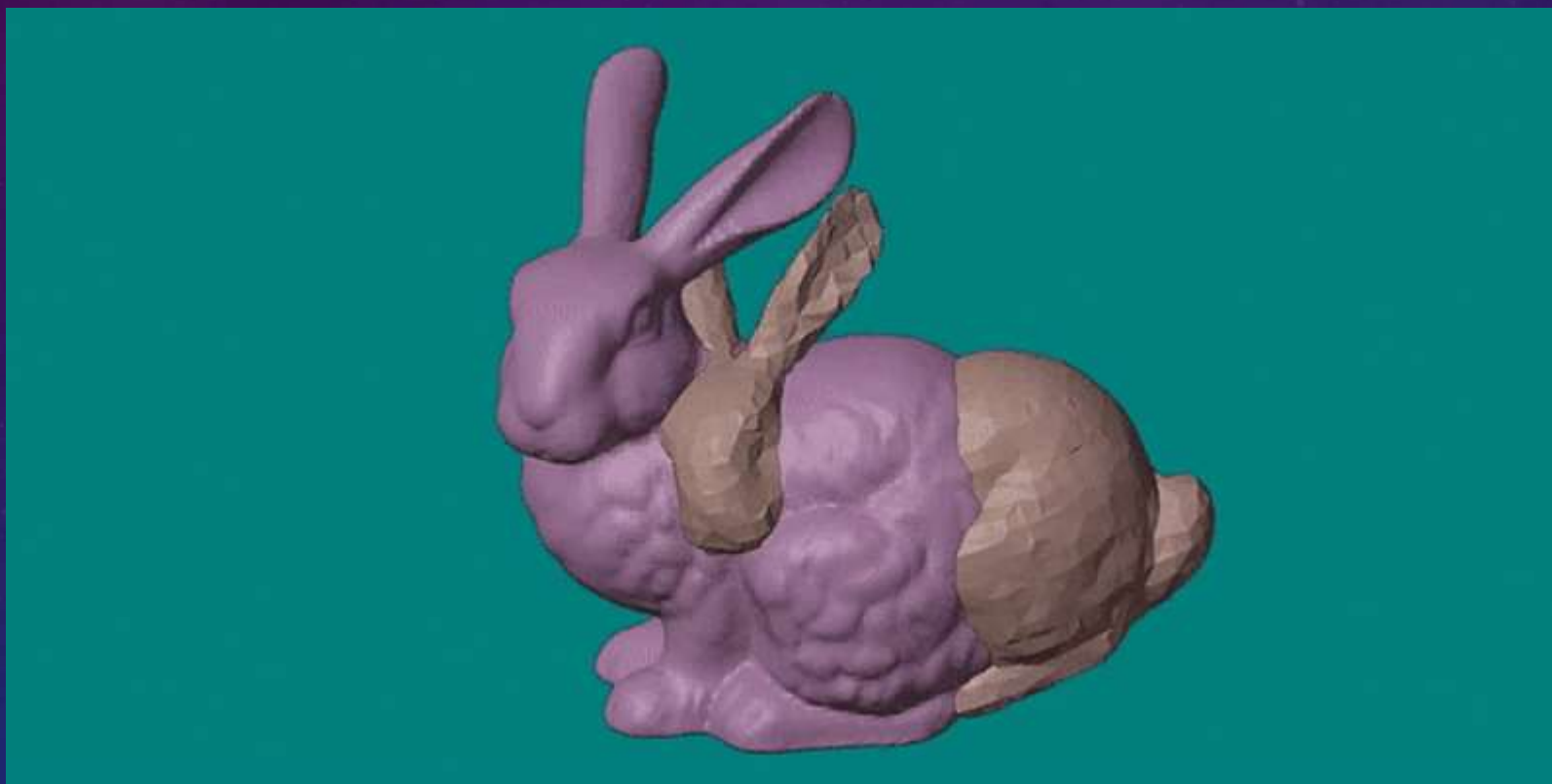
$$\begin{aligned}E(R) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \|\bar{q}_i - R\bar{p}_i\|^2 \\ &= \|\bar{Q} - R\bar{P}\|_F^2 \\ &= \text{tr}((\bar{Q} - R\bar{P})^T (\bar{Q} - R\bar{P})) \\ &= C - 2\text{tr}(R\bar{P}\bar{Q}^T)\end{aligned}$$

Rigid registration

- f is rigid transformation.
- Iterative close-point (ICP):
 - Identify nearest points
 - Compute the optimal (R, t)
 - Repeat until E is small

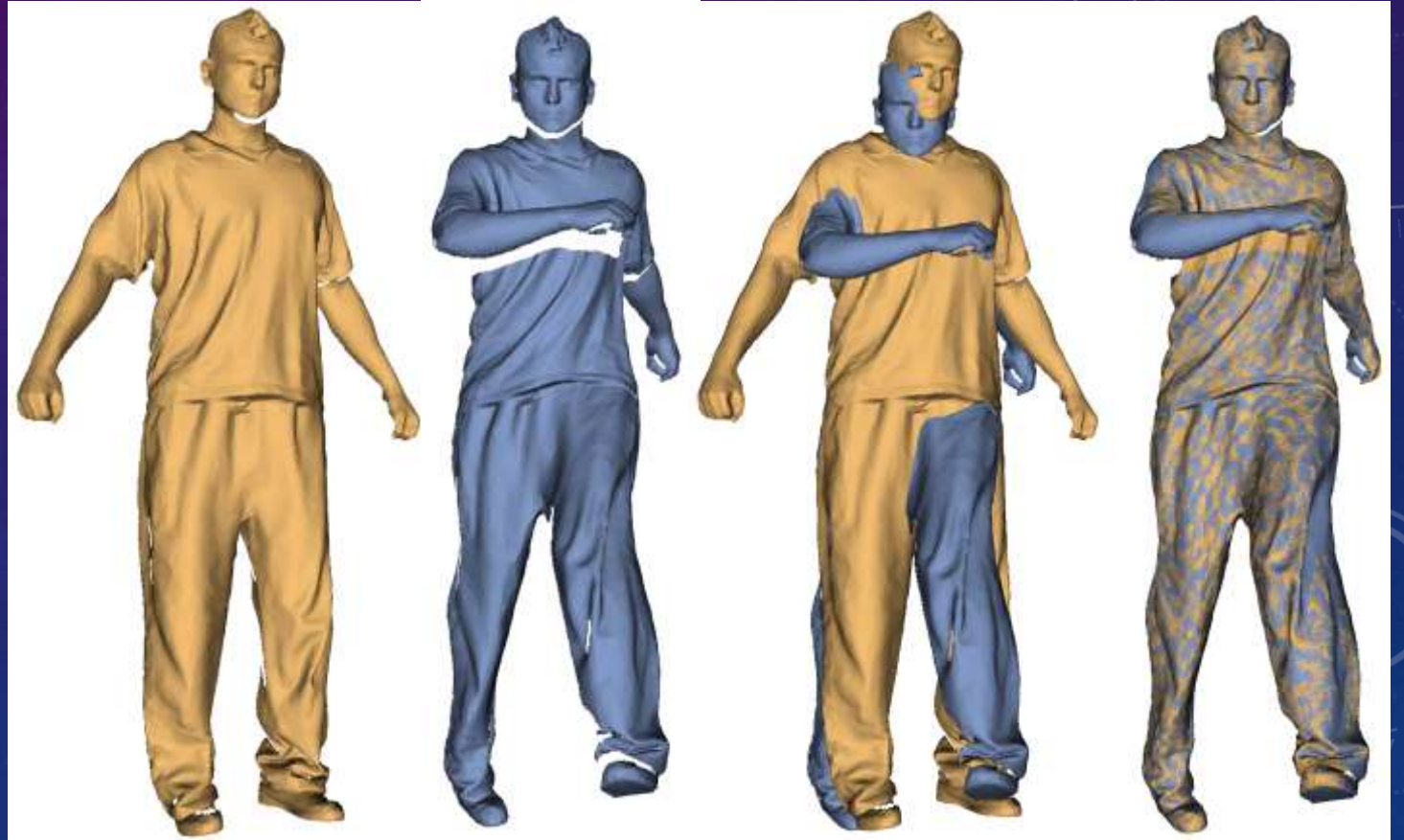


Rigid registration



Non-rigid registration

- f is non-rigid.
- Deformation fields:
 - Rigid locally



Non-rigid registration

- f is non-rigid.
- Deformation fields:
 - Rigid locally
 - Interpolation



Deformation graph

Graph node:

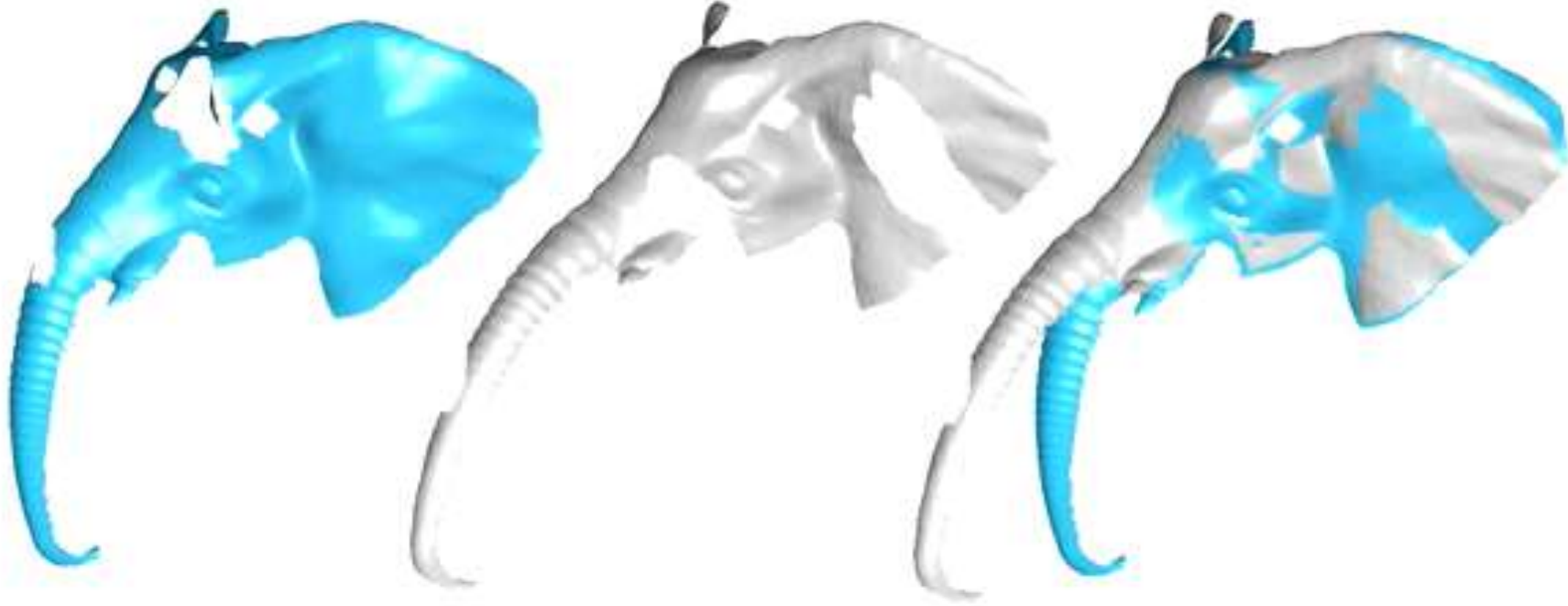
$$\hat{x} - \hat{p}_i = A_i(x - p_i) + t_i,$$

affine matrix $A_i \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$.

$$x = \sum_{p_i \in \mathcal{N}(x)} w_i(x) \times (A_i(x - p_i) + t_i + \hat{p}_i)$$

Non-rigid registration

Elephant (329 nodes, 21k vertices)



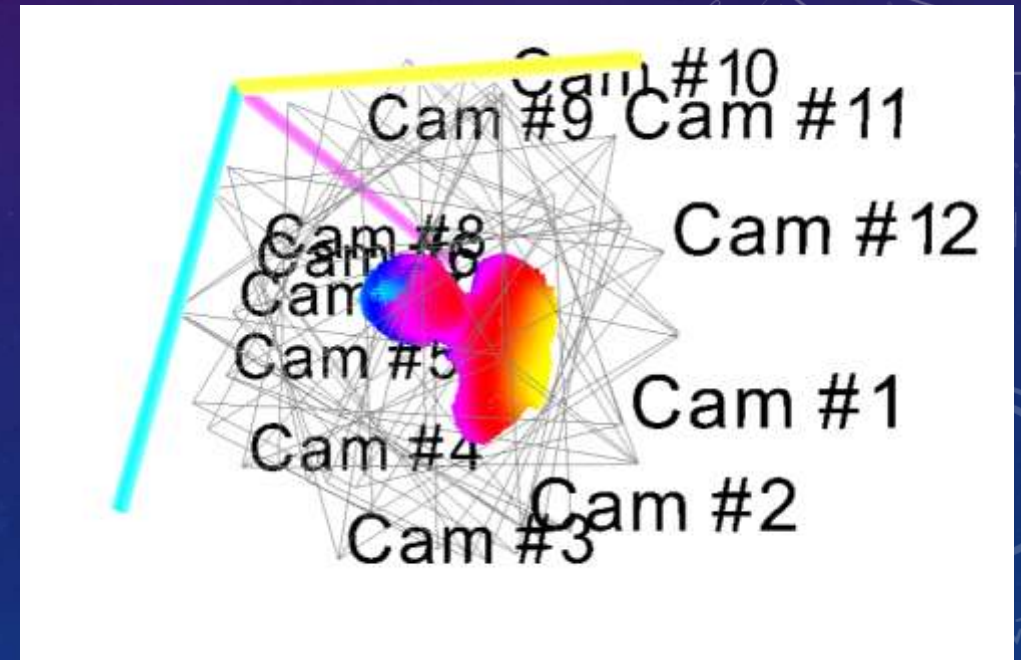
Source

Target

Initial Alignment

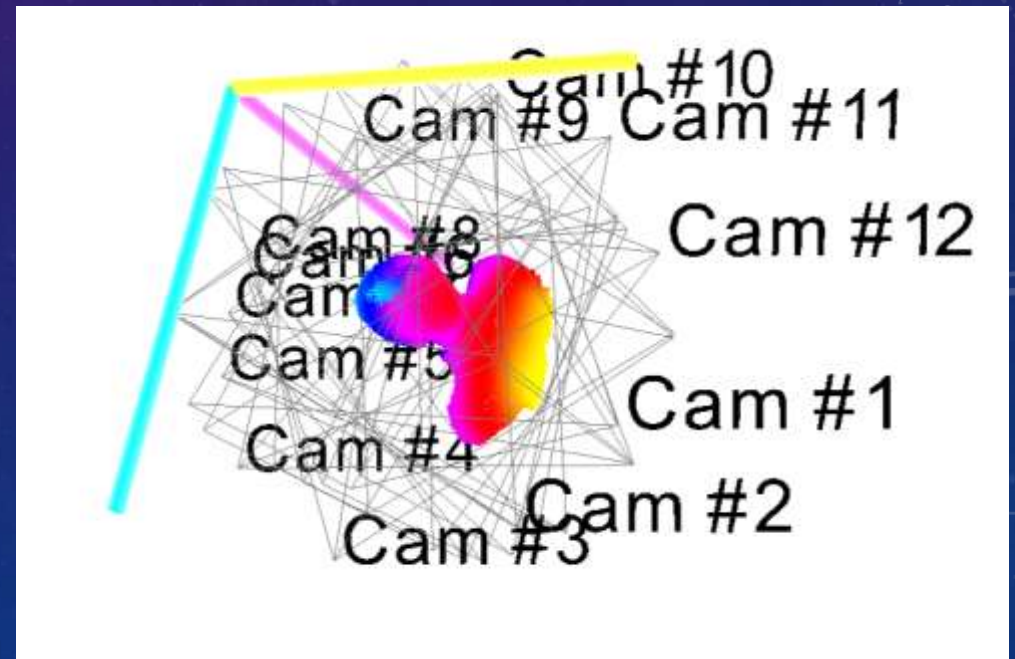
Global Registration

- Given: n scans around an object
- Goal: align them all
- First attempt: ICP each scan to one other



Global Registration

- Want method for distributing accumulated error among all scans
- Methods:
 - Set “anchor” scan - one scan covers most of surface
 - Align each new scan to all previous scans



Global Registration

- Want method for distributing accumulated error among all scans
- Methods:
 - **Brute-Force Solution**

While not converged:

- For each scan:
 - For each point:
 - For every other scan
 - » Find closest point **this scan**
- Minimize error w.r.t. transforms of all scans

Global Registration

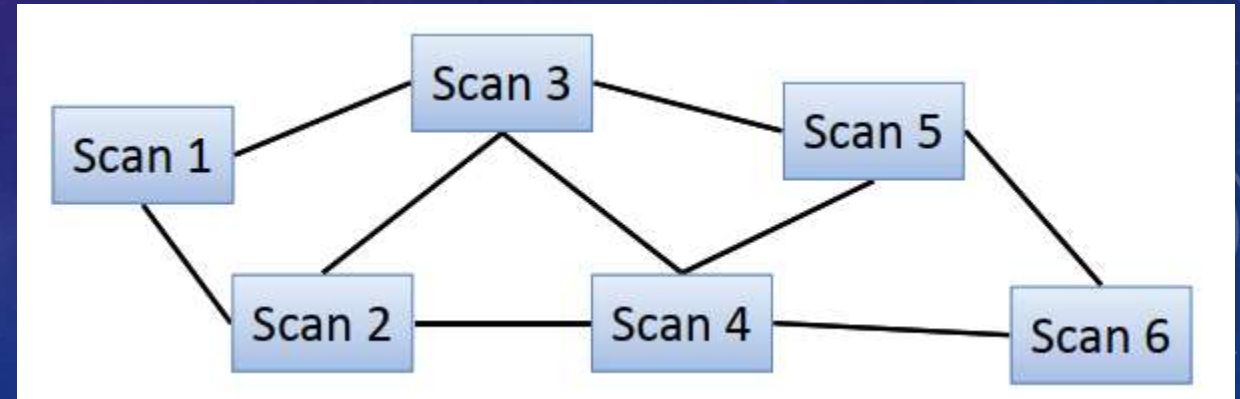
➤ Want method for distributing accumulated error among all scans

➤ Methods:

- Brute-Force Solution

- **Graph Methods**

Find transformations consistent as possible with all pairwise ICP



Reconstruction

The background features a dark blue gradient with a subtle pattern of white stars and faint technical diagrams. On the right side, there are several circular diagrams: a large one with a scale from 0 to 210 and an arrow pointing left, and a smaller one below it with a dashed outer circle and an arrow pointing right. In the bottom left corner, there is another circular diagram with a dashed outer circle and an arrow pointing left.

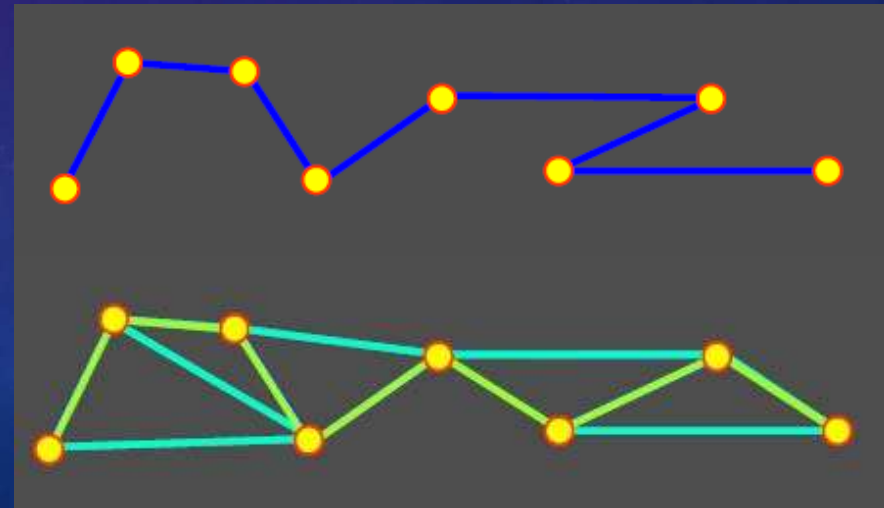
Reconstruction methods

- Explicit methods
 - VD and DT
 - ...
- Implicit methods

[A new Voronoi-based surface reconstruction algorithm](#)

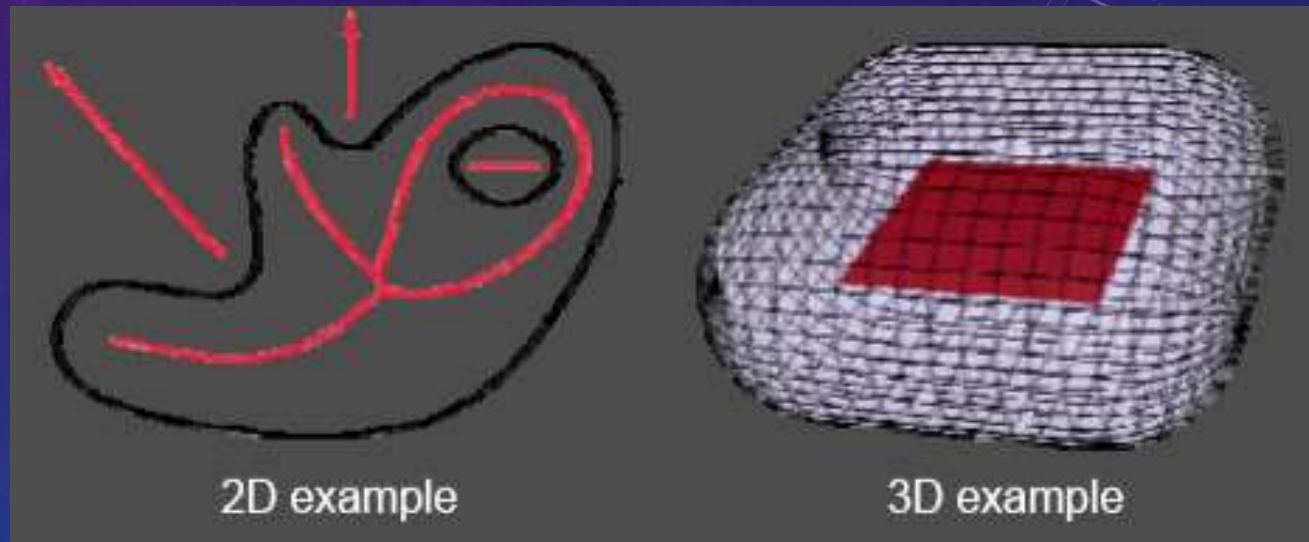
Delaunay triangulation

- 2D case
 - Curve from Points
 - Which edges to choose?



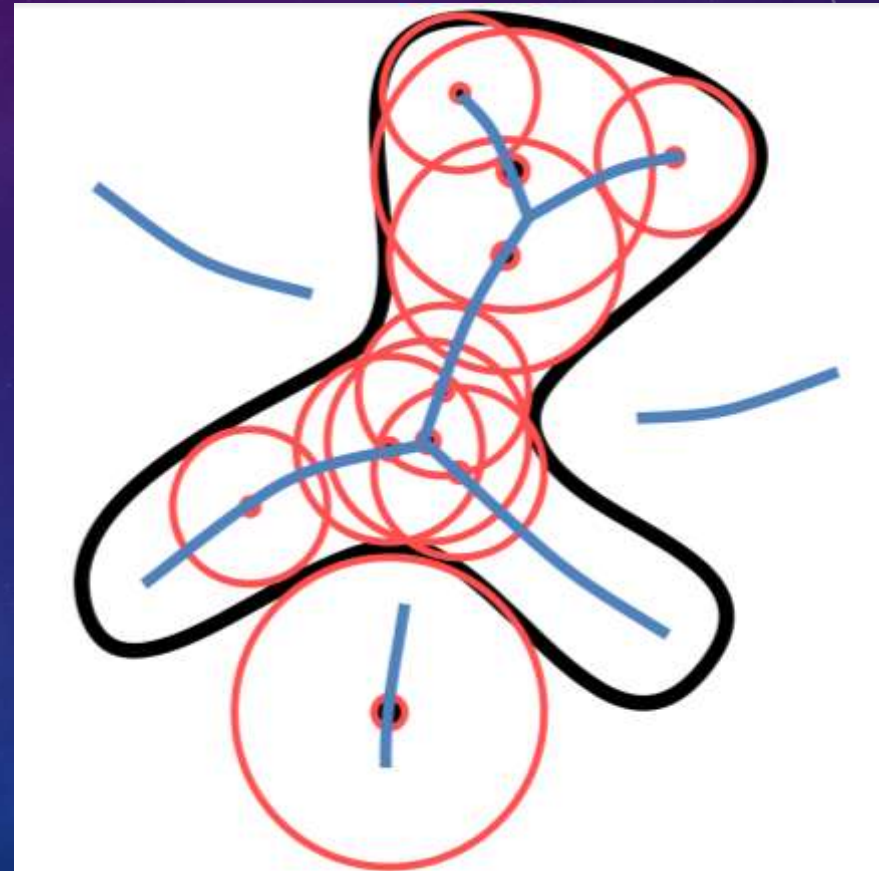
Medial Axis

- Set of points with more than one closest point on the surface.



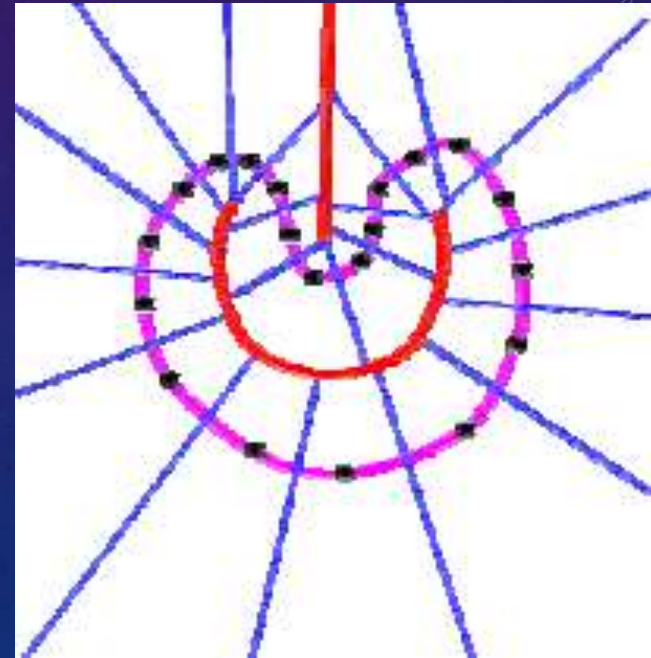
Medial Axis

- Set of points with more than one closest point on the surface.
- Locus of centers of tangentially touch the curve in at least 2 points.



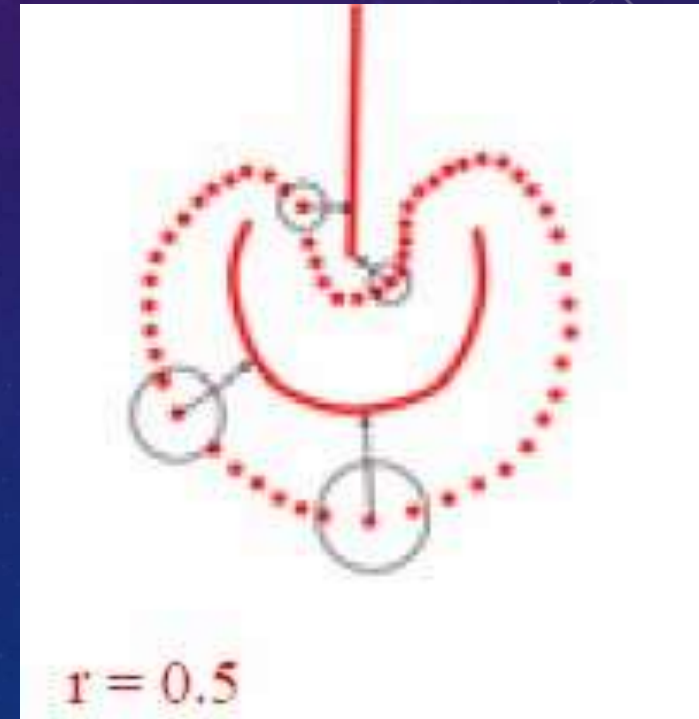
Medial Axis and VD

- Voronoi diagram of set of points on curve approximates Medial **if points sampled densely enough.**



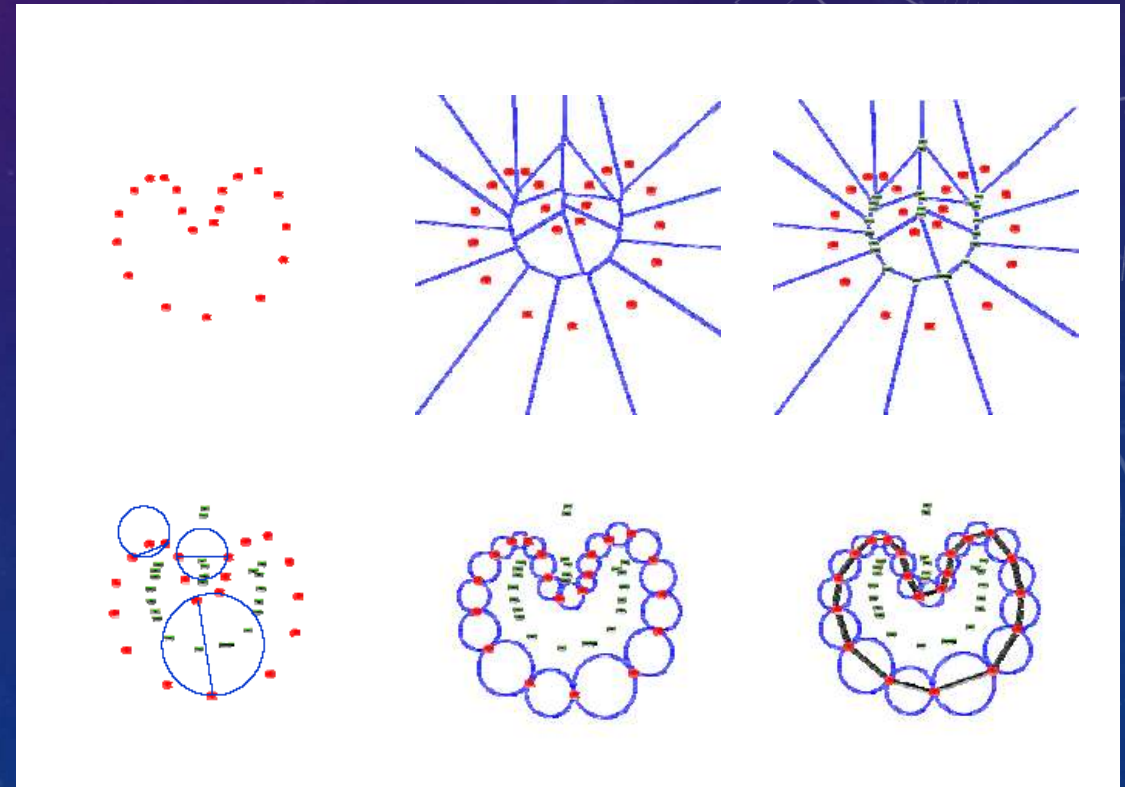
Medial Axis and VD

- Voronoi diagram of set of points on curve approximates Medial **if points sampled densely enough.**
- r-sample : distance from any point on surface to nearest sample point $\leq r \times$ distance from point to medial axis



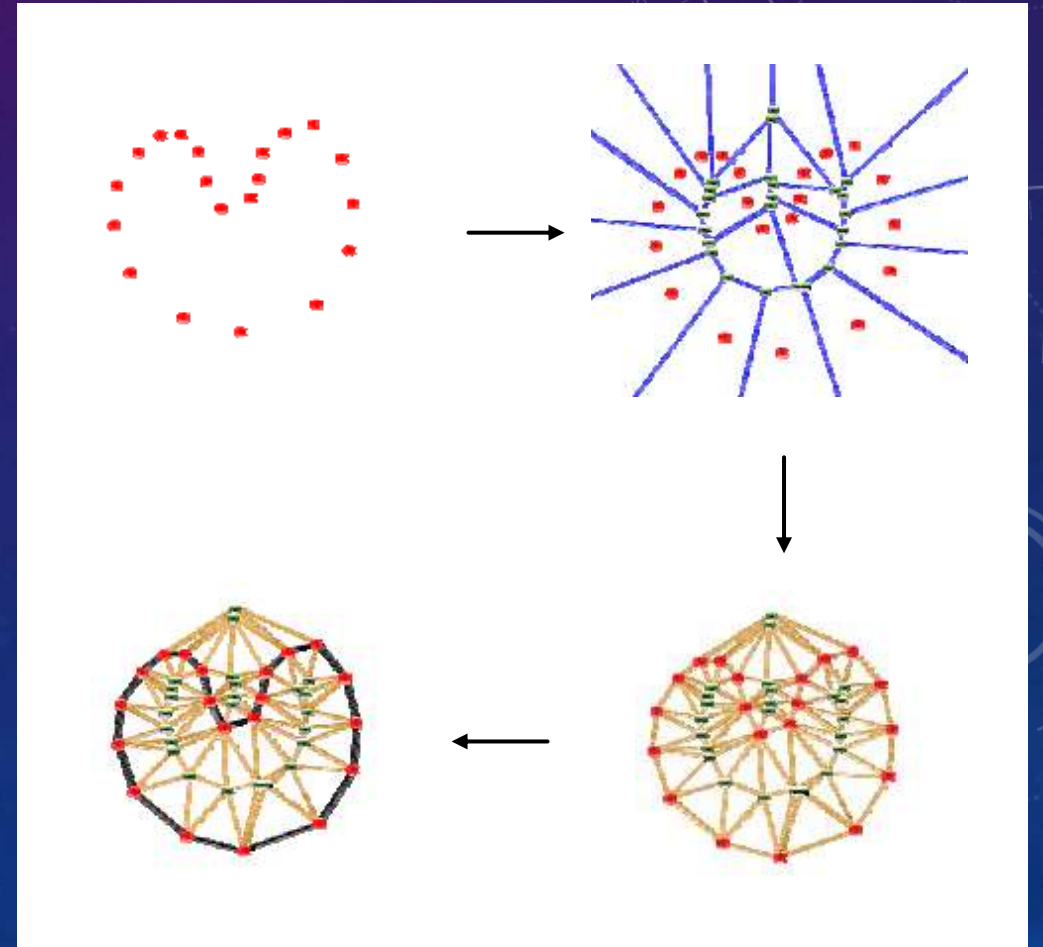
Idea

- Adopt Delaunay edges which are “far” from Media Axis
- To represent Media Axis use Voronoi vertices
- Edge e in crust \Leftrightarrow circumcircle of e contains no other sample points or Voronoi vertices of S



2D Crust algorithm

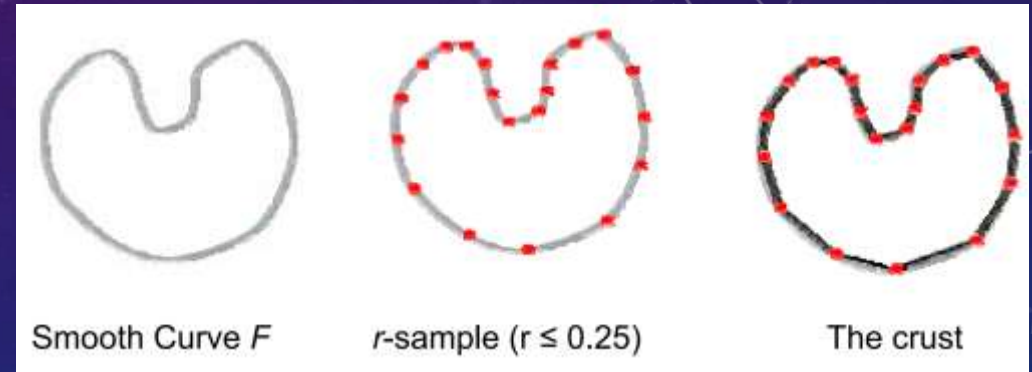
- Compute Voronoi diagram of S and V is the set of Voronoi vertices.
- Compute Delaunay triangulation of $S \cup V$.
- Return all Delaunay edges between points of S .



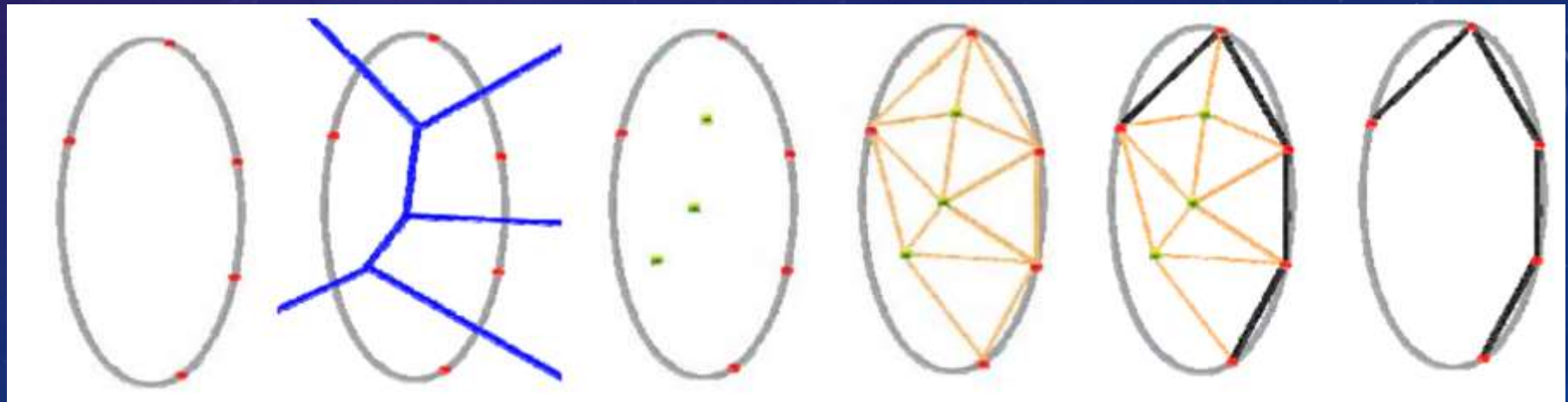
Theory

- Theorem:

The crust of an r -sample from a smooth curve F , for $r \leq 0.25$ connects only adjacent samples of F .

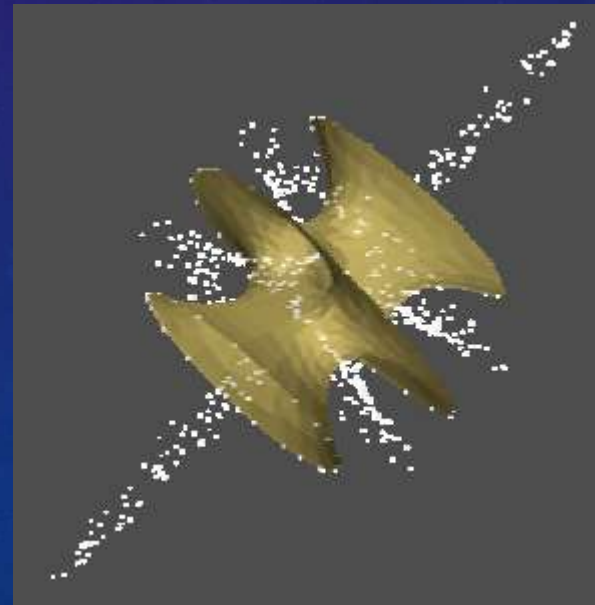


- If r is large



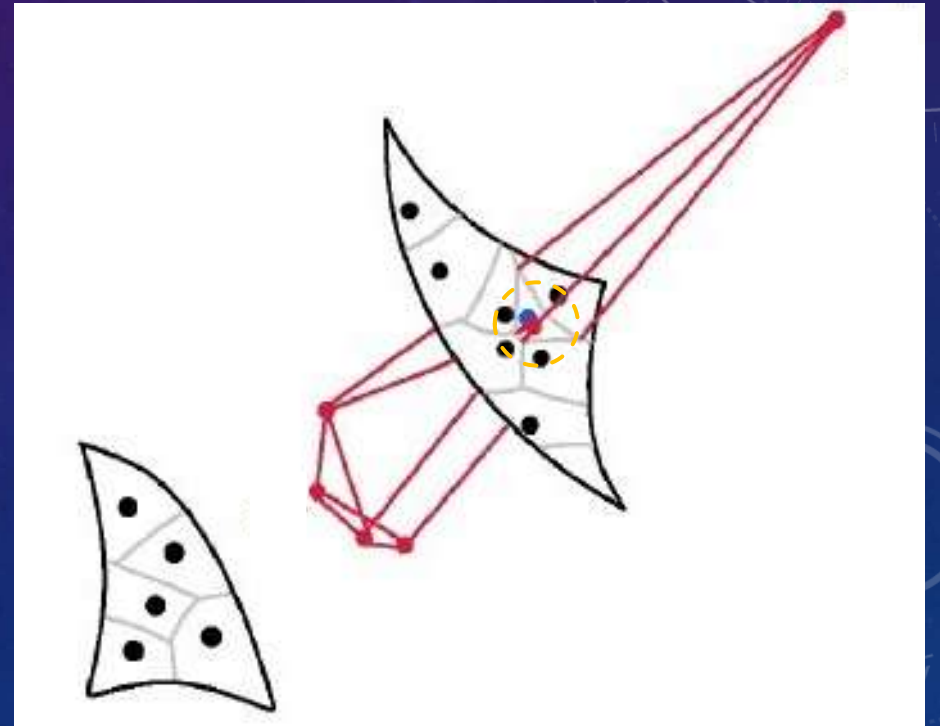
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- 3D case
 - Shell from points



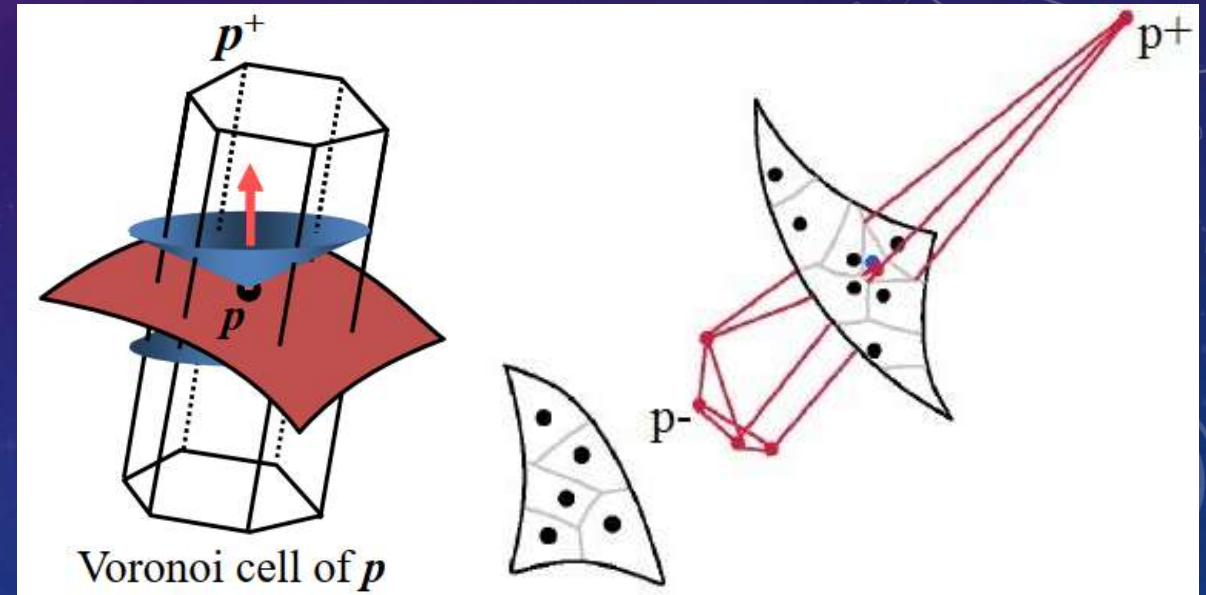
Differences between 2D and 3D

- In 3D Voronoi cells are polyhedral
- In 3D Voronoi vertex is equidistant from 4 sample points.
- In 3D not all Voronoi vertices are near medial axis (regardless of sampling density)



Observation

- **Some** vertices of the Voronoi cell are near medial axis.
- Poles-two farthest vertices of V_s ($p^+(s), p^-(s)$) - one on each side of the surface.

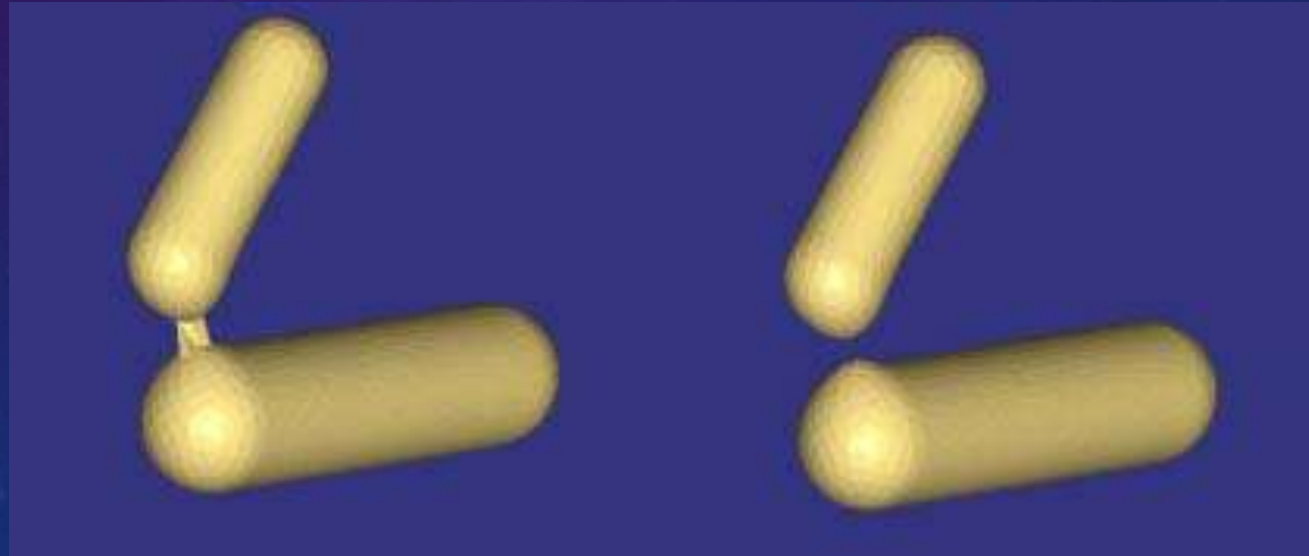


3D Crust algorithm

- Compute Voronoi diagram of S
- For each $s \in S$, identify the poles $p^+(s)$ and $p^-(s)$
 - $p^+(s)$ is the vertex of V_s most distant from s
 - $p^-(s)$ is the vertex of V_s most distant from s in the opposite direction
- Let P be the set of all poles and compute Delaunay triangulation T of $S \cup P$
- Add to crust all triangles in T with vertices only in S

Post-processing

- Delete triangles whose normals differ too much from the direction vectors from the triangle vertices to their poles



Problems & Limitations

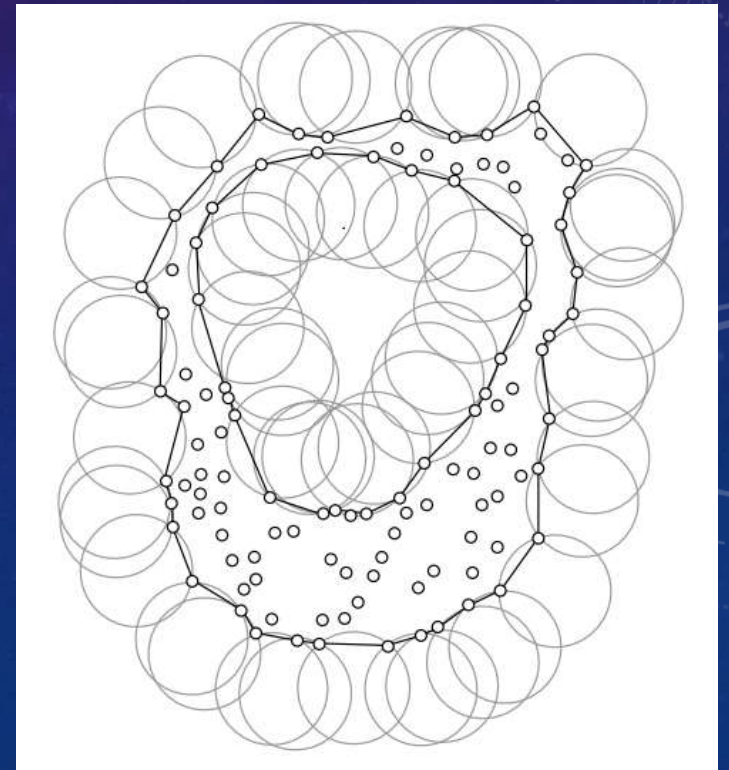
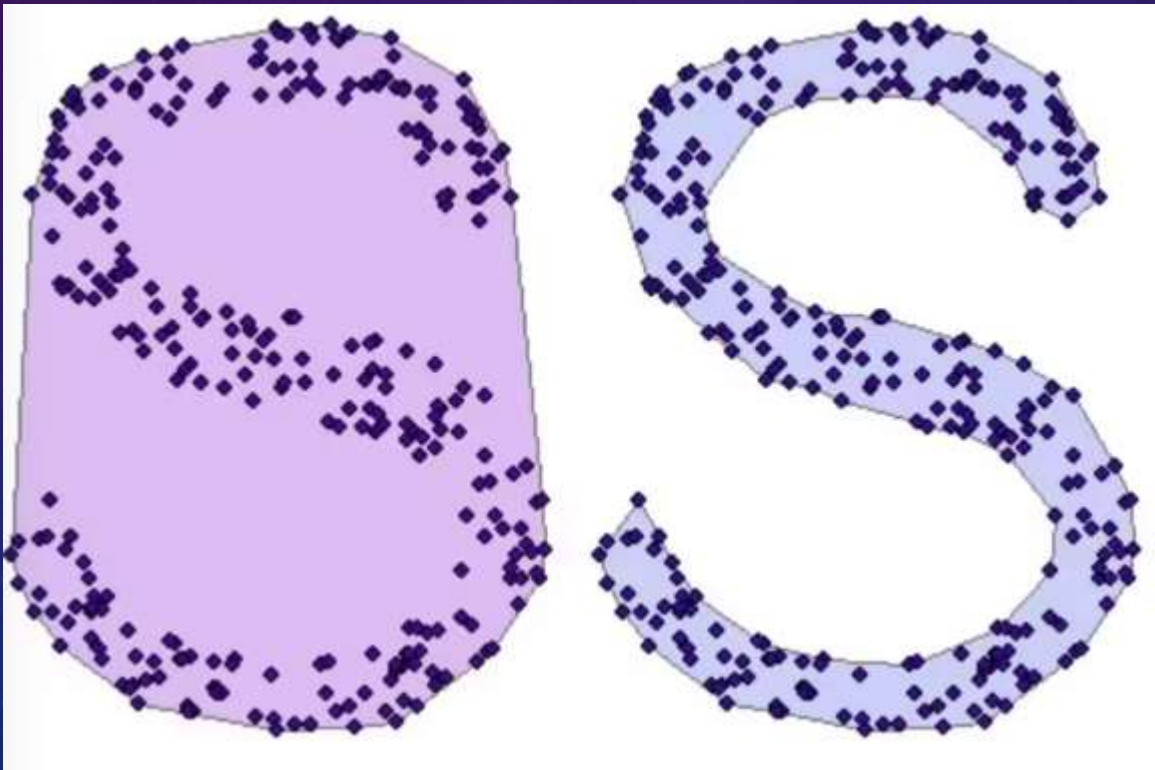
- Sampling of points needs to be dense –Undersampling causes holes
- Problems at sharp corners
- Heuristically choosing poles
- Algorithm is slow

Reconstruction methods

- Explicit methods
 - VD and DT
 - **Alpha shape**
 - ...
- Implicit methods

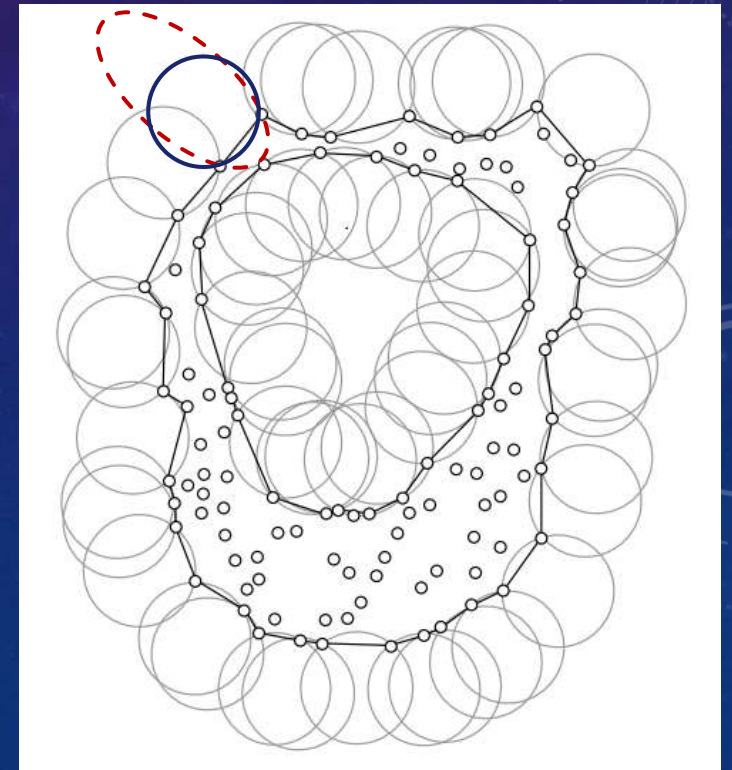
Alpha shape

- Convex hull V.S. alpha shape



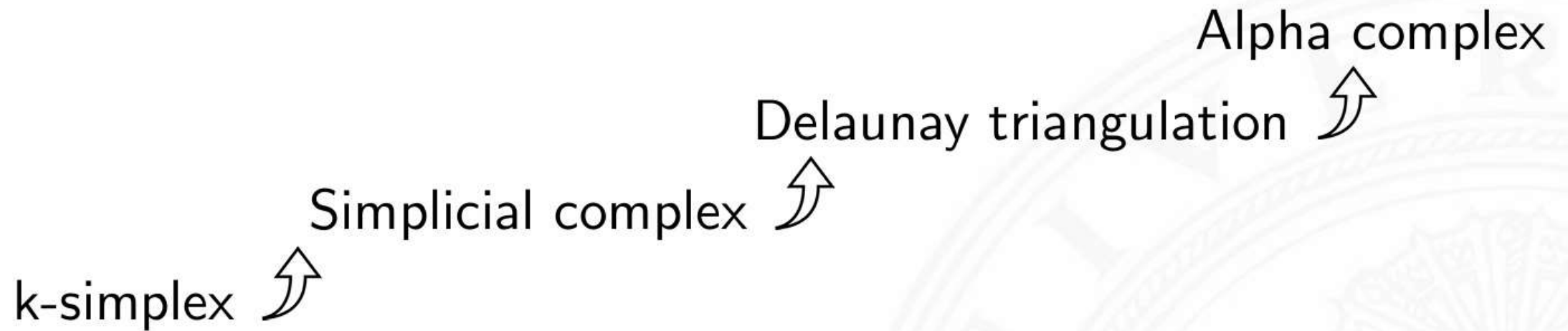
Alpha shape

- Ice cream with solid chocolate chips
- Spherical ice spoon
- Curve out all parts of the ice cream with out touching the chocolate chips
- Straighten all curvatures






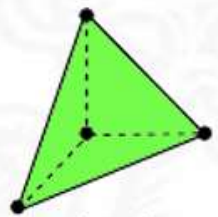
Alpha shape

- 2D case -> 3D case



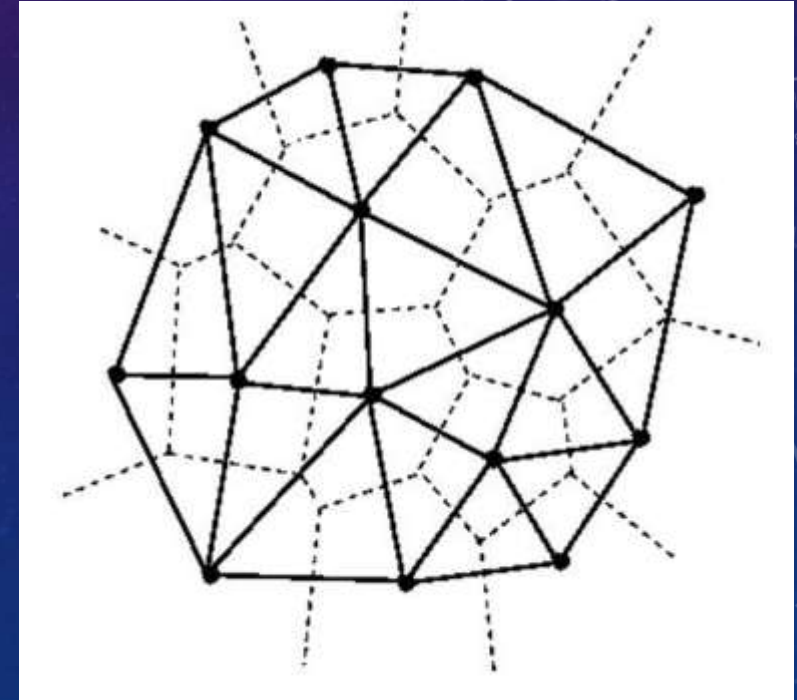
k – simplex

- k – simplex Δ_S : the convex hull of S , for any subset $S \subseteq P$ of size $|S| = k + 1$
- The general position assumption : k – simplex Δ_S has exactly dimension k

$k = 0$	$k = 1$	$k = 2$	$k = 3$
 vertex Δ^0	 edge Δ^1	 triangle Δ^2	 tetrahedron Δ^3

Simplicial complex

- A collection C of simplices forms a simplicial complex if it satisfies the following conditions :
 - For a simplex Δ_S of C , the boundary simplices of Δ_S are in C .
 - For two simplices of C , their intersection is either \emptyset or a simplex in C



Alpha shape

- r -ball : an open ball with radius r
 - 0-ball : point
 - ∞ -ball : open half-space
- For given point set P , r -ball b is empty if $b \cap P = \emptyset$

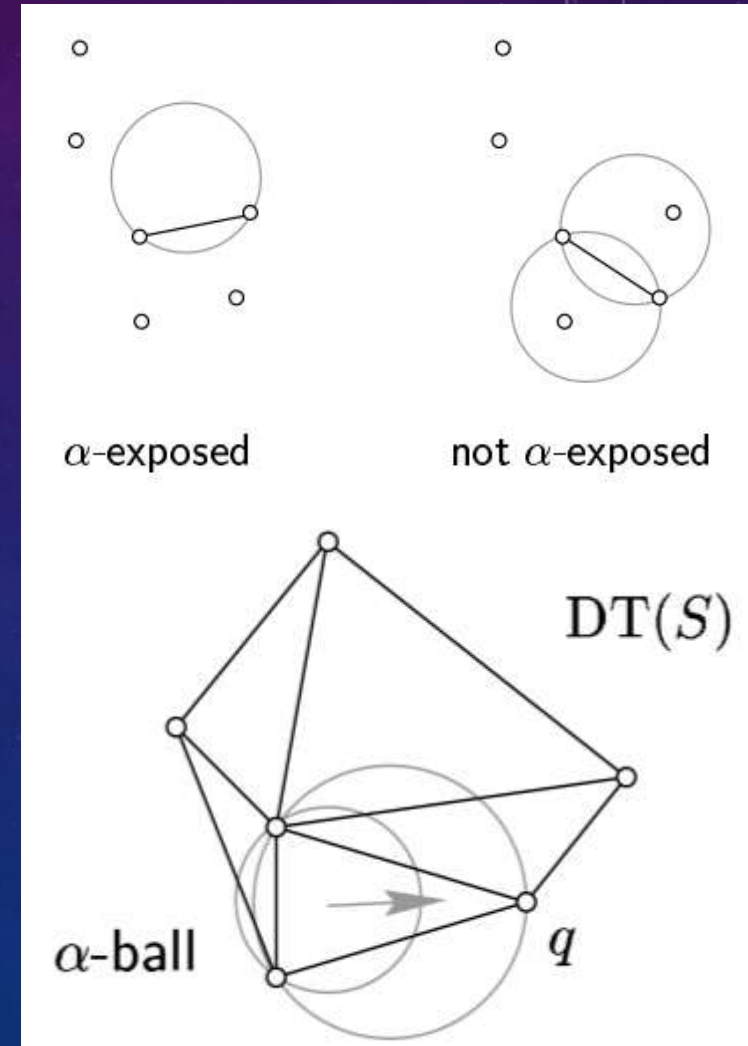


α -exposed

- A k -simplex Δ_S is α -exposed if there exists an **empty** α -ball b with $S = \partial b \cap P$
- If Δ_S is an α -exposed simplex of P , then $\Delta_S \in DT(P)$.

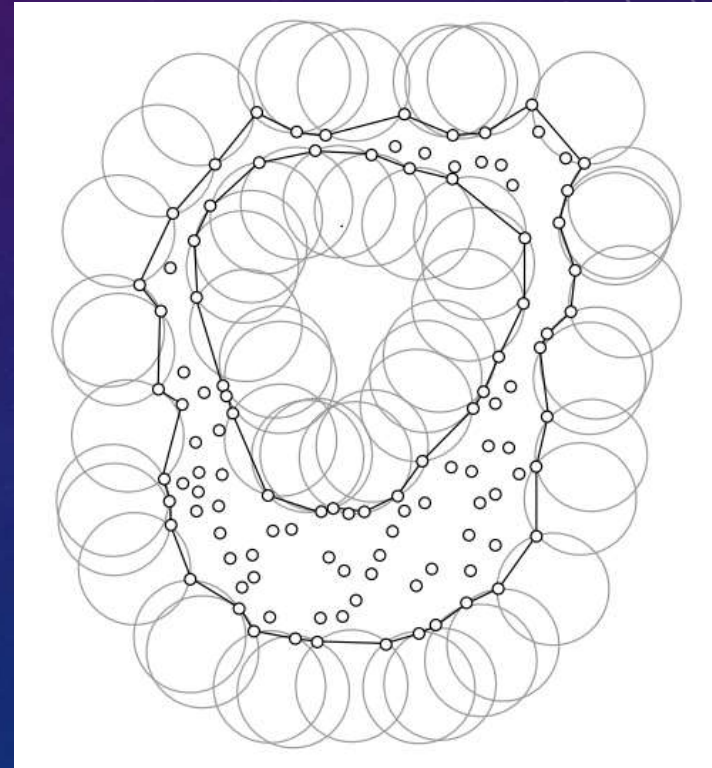
For $d = 2$, circumsphere of S

For $d < 2$, **increase α until meet other point.**



α -exposed

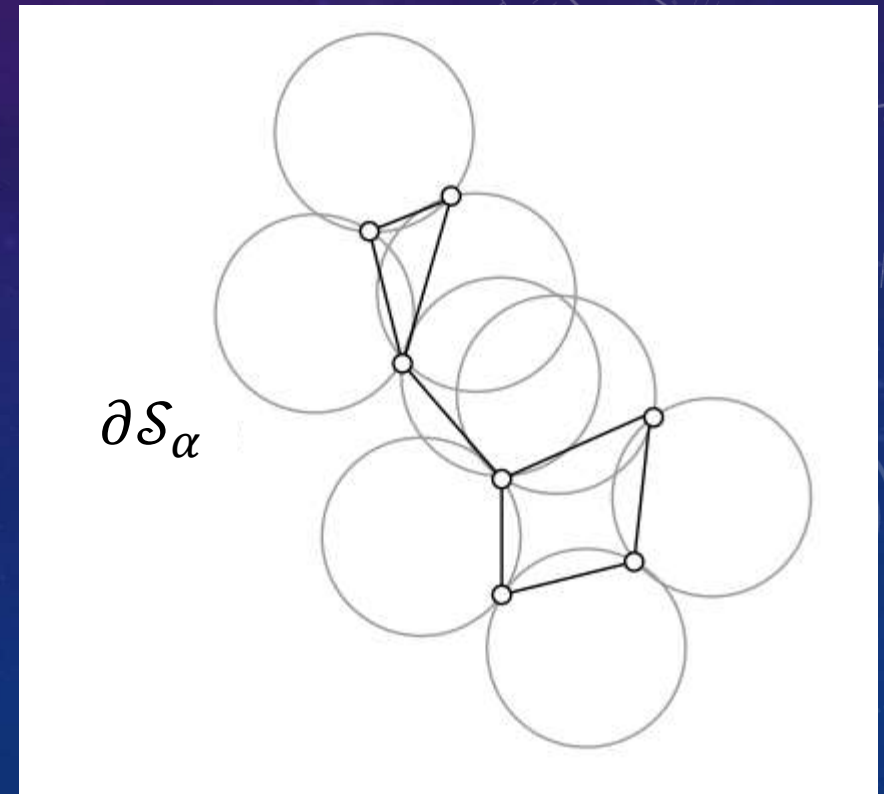
- Ice-cream spoon hits against one or more of the points in $P \rightarrow$ **the simplex spanned by these points is α -exposed**



α -shape

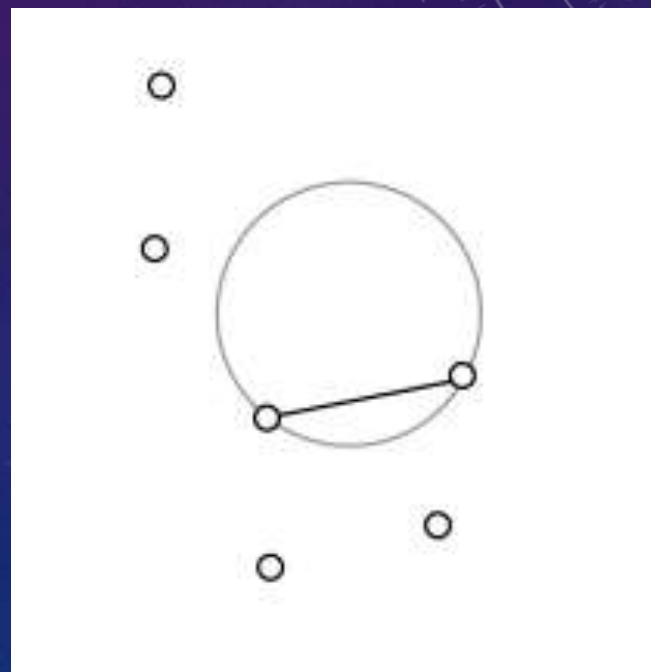
- The boundary $\partial\mathcal{S}_\alpha$ of the α -shape of the point set P consists of all k -simplex of P for $0 \leq k < d$ which are α -exposed

$$\partial\mathcal{S}_\alpha = \{\Delta_S | S \subseteq P, |S| \leq d \text{ and } \Delta_S \text{ } \alpha\text{-exposed}\}$$



Property

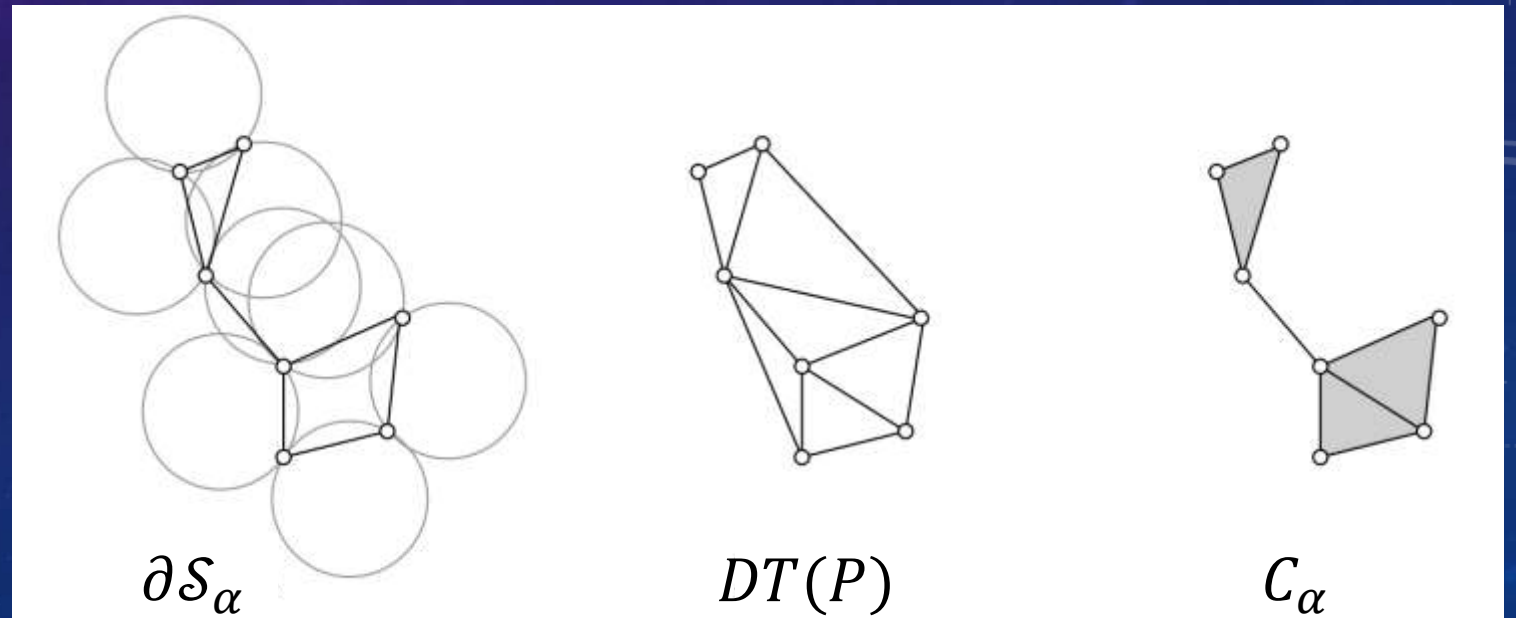
- $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \partial \mathcal{S}_\alpha = P, \quad \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \partial \mathcal{S}_\alpha = \partial \text{conv}(P)$
 $\Rightarrow \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{S}_\alpha = P, \quad \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{S}_\alpha = \text{conv}(P)$
- For any $0 \leq \alpha \leq \infty$, we have $\partial \mathcal{S}_\alpha \subset DT(P)$



α -complex

- A simplex $\Delta_S \in DT(P)$ is in C_α if
 - the circumcircle of S with radius $r < \alpha$ is empty or
 - it is a boundary simplex of a simplex of a)

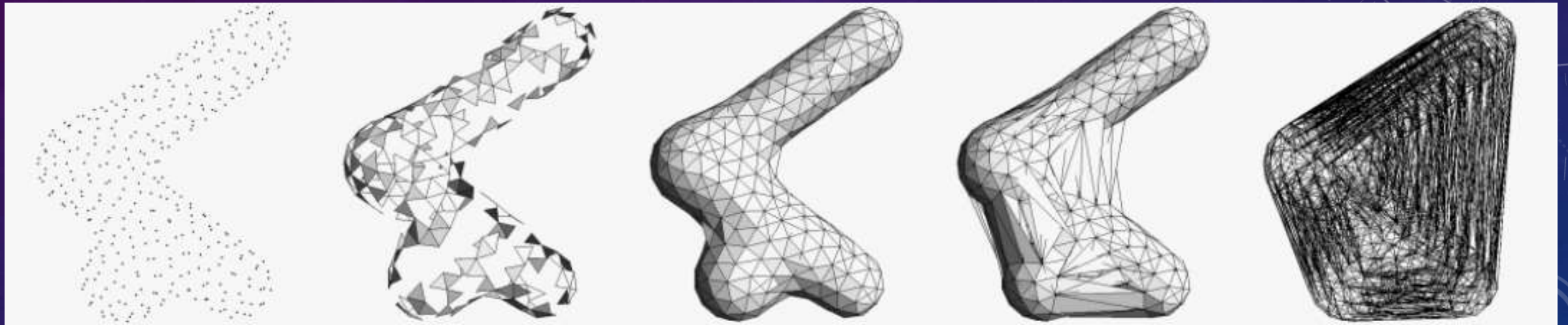
$$\partial S_\alpha = \partial C_\alpha$$



Algorithm

- Computing the Delaunay triangulation of P , knowing the boundary of α -shape is contained in it.
- **Determine C_α by inspecting all simplices $\Delta_S \in DT(P)$.** If the circumcircle of S with radius $r < \alpha$ is empty, we accept Δ_S as a member of C_α , together with all its faces.
- All d -simplices of C_α make up the interior of $\mathcal{S}_\alpha(P)$ and all simplices on the boundary of ∂C_α form $\partial \mathcal{S}_\alpha$

Family of α



$$\alpha = \{0, 0.19, 0.25, 0.75, \infty\}$$

Problems & Limitations

- Choosing the “best” α value is not trivial → some heuristical methods
- Not for all object’s surfaces there is a good α value due to non-uniformly sampled data
 - Interstices might be covered
 - Neighboring objects might be connected
 - Joints or sharp turns might not be sharp anymore



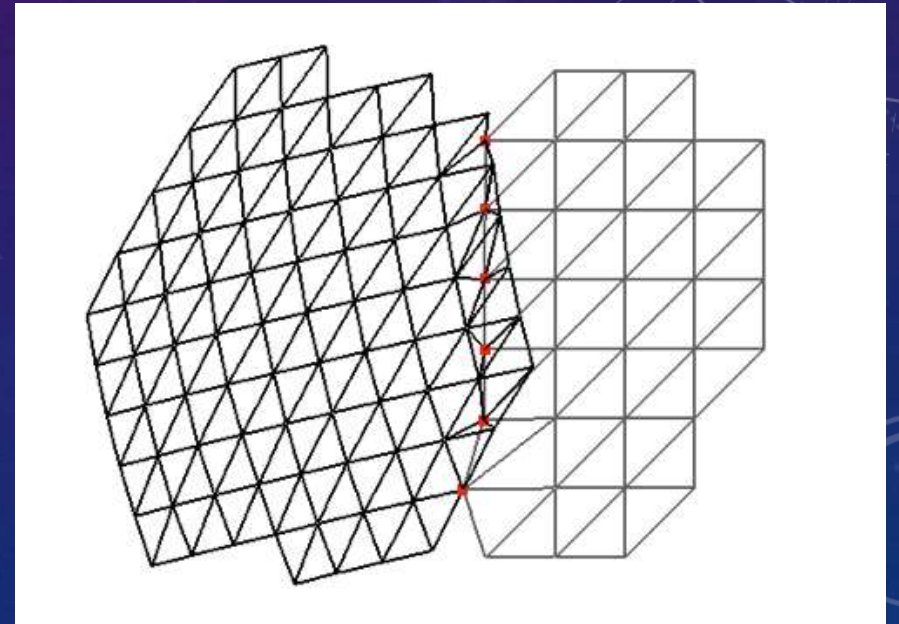
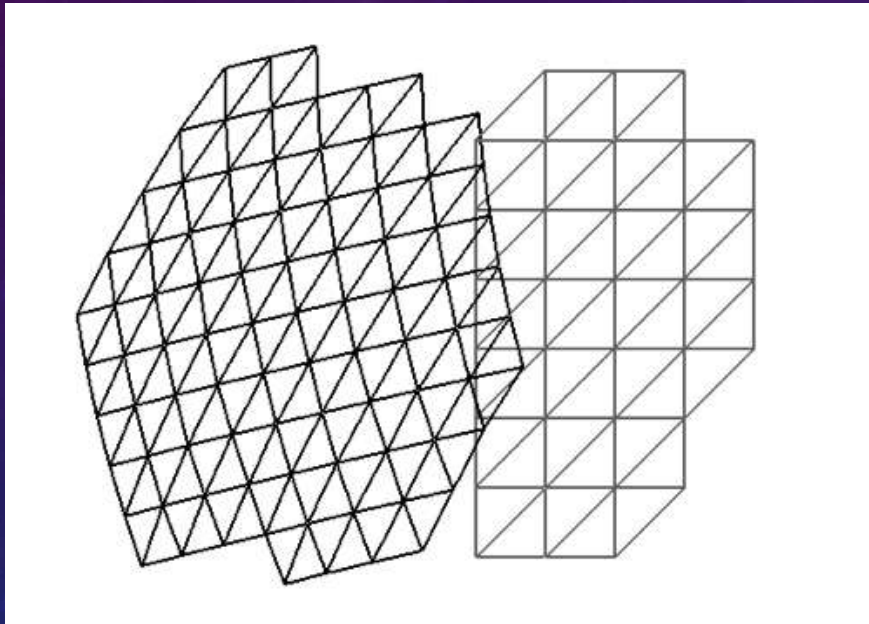
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- Implicit methods

Idea

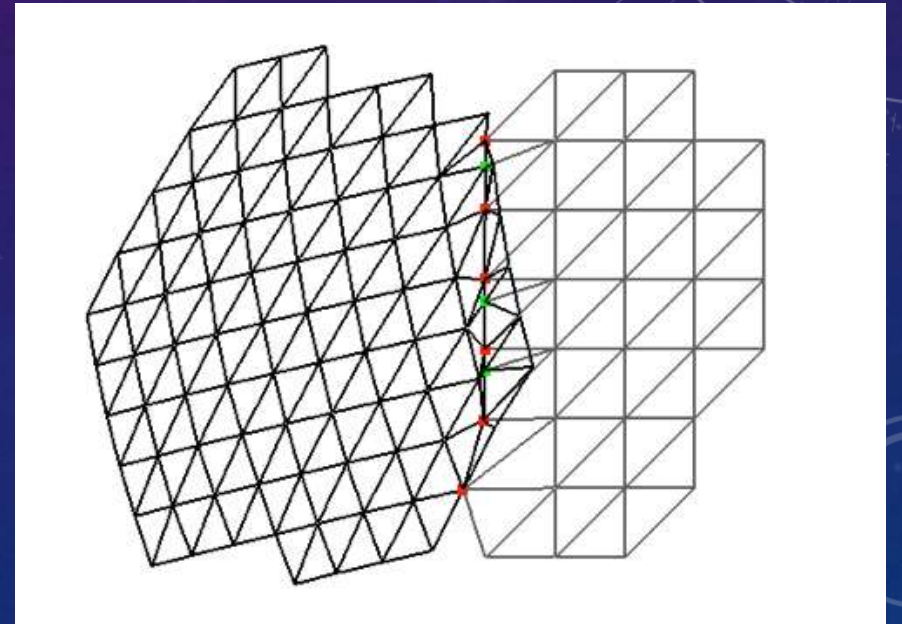
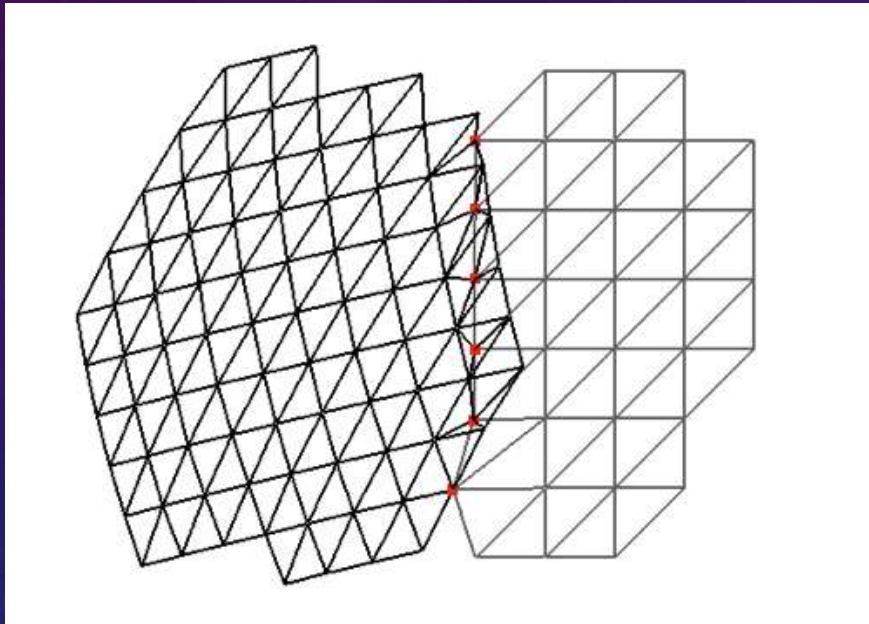
- Use range scanner properties for reconstruction
- Single scan from given direction produces regular lattice of points in X and Y with changing depth (Z).
- Take multiple scans to create complete model

Zippering range scans



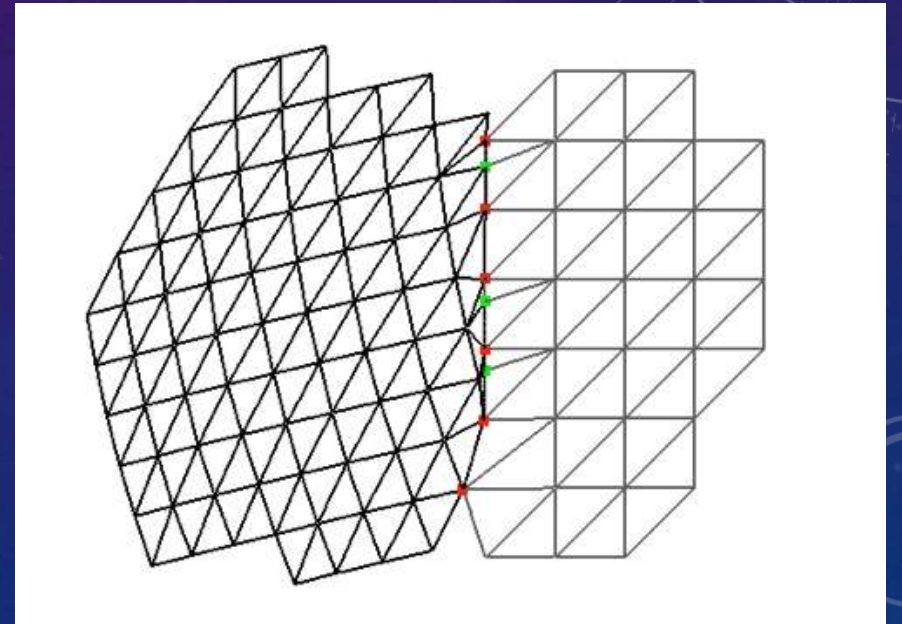
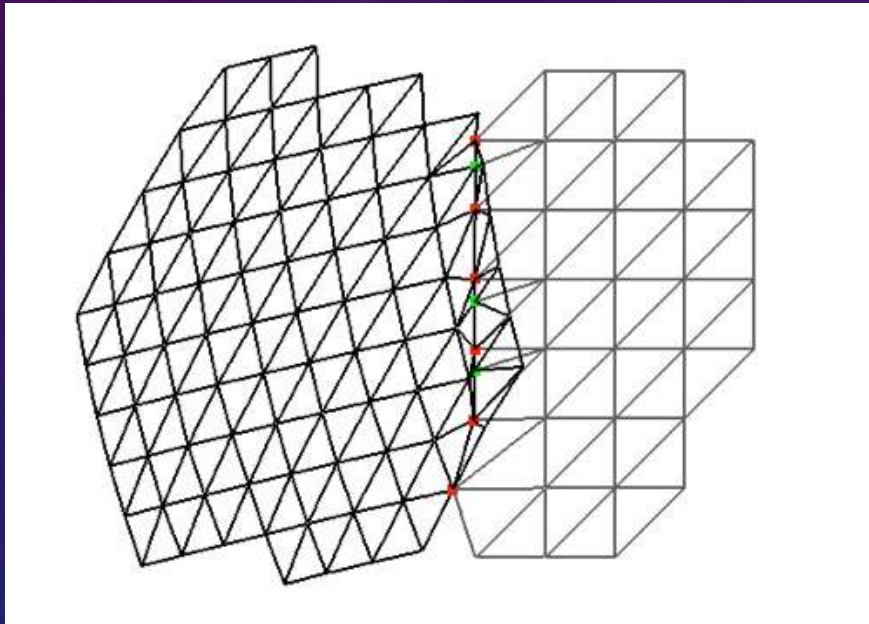
Project & insert boundary vertices

Zippering range scans



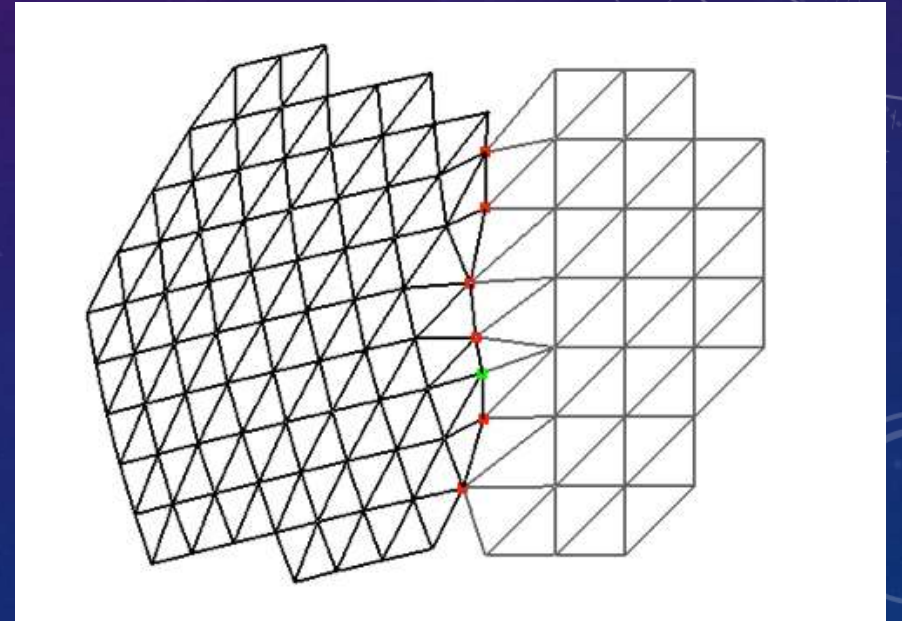
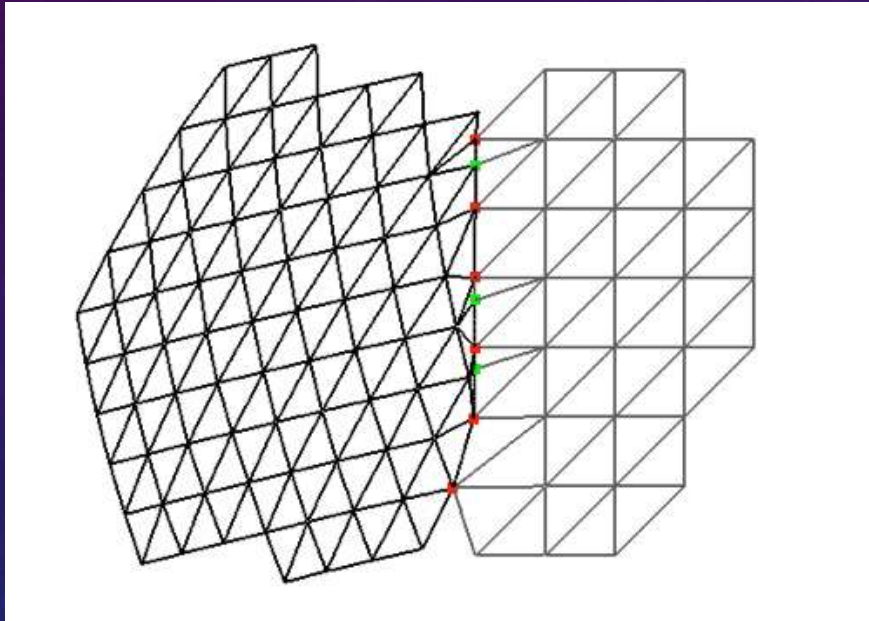
Intersect boundary edges

Zippering range scans



Discard overlap region

Zippering range scans



Locally optimize triangulation

Problems & Limitations

- Pros:
 - Preserves regular structure of each scan
 - Fast, no additional data structures
- Cons:
 - Lot of small “fixes” / “tricks”
 - Problems with complex, noisy, incomplete data

