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Quad Meshing

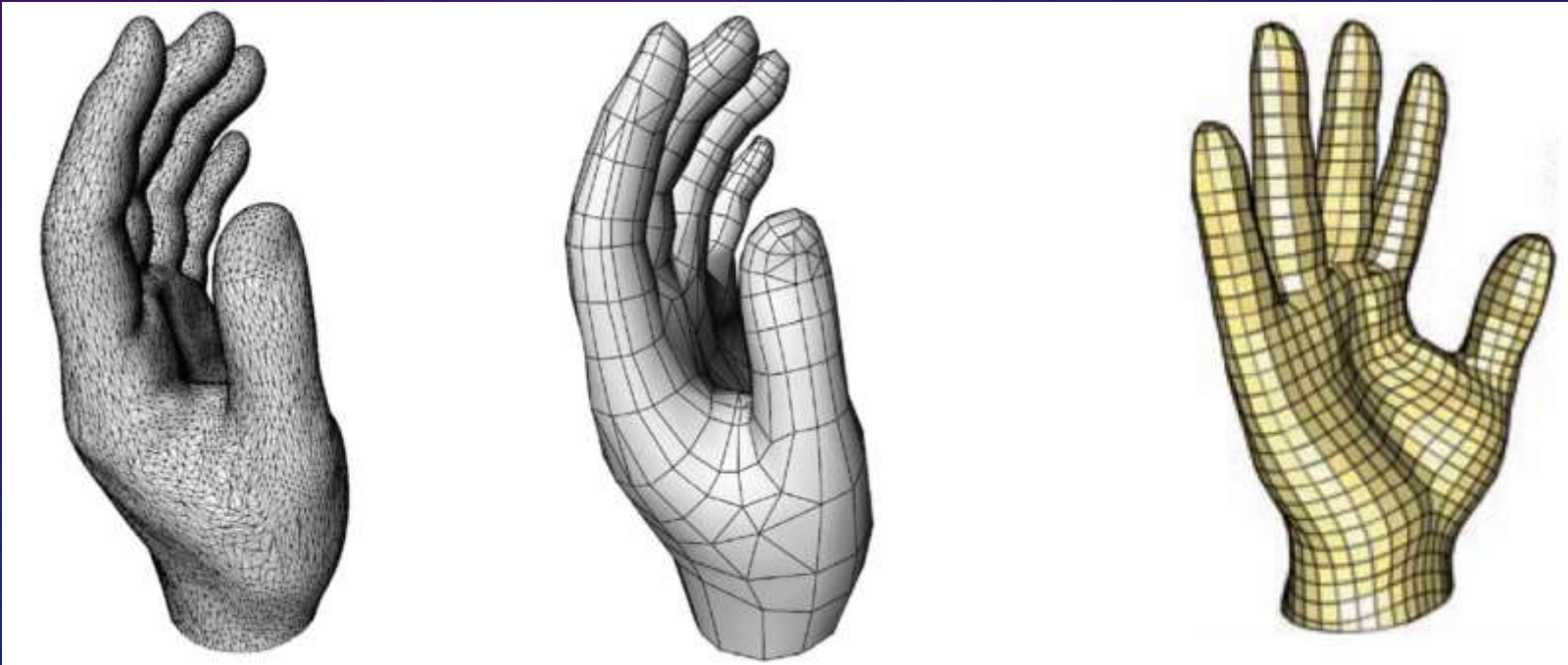
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Quad Meshing

- Generate a quad (or quad-dominant) mesh that approximates the input



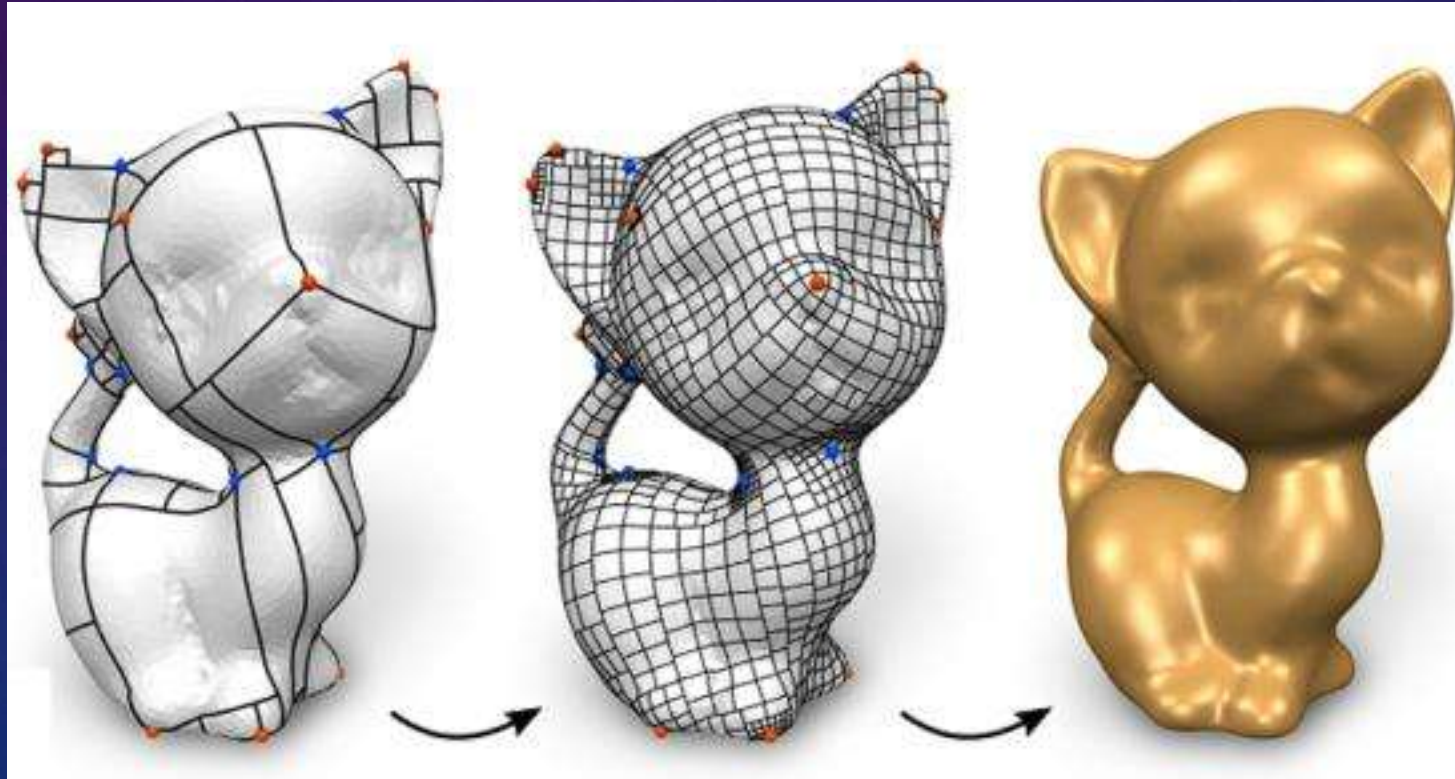
Input

Quad Dominant Mesh

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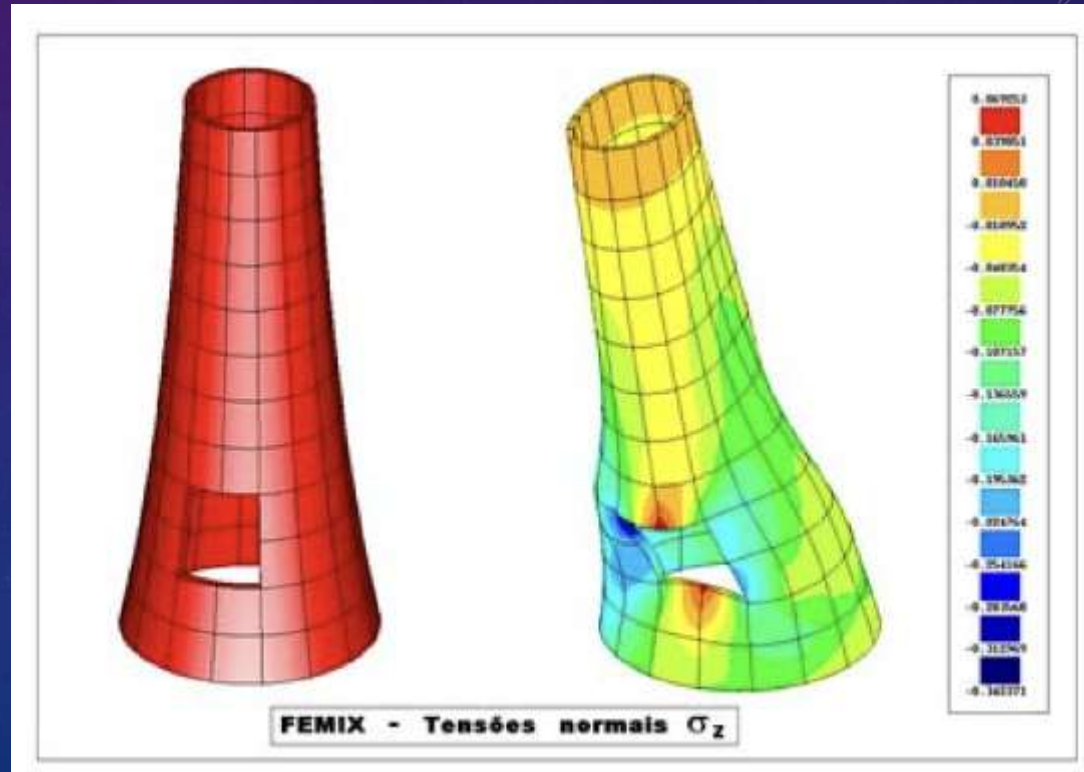
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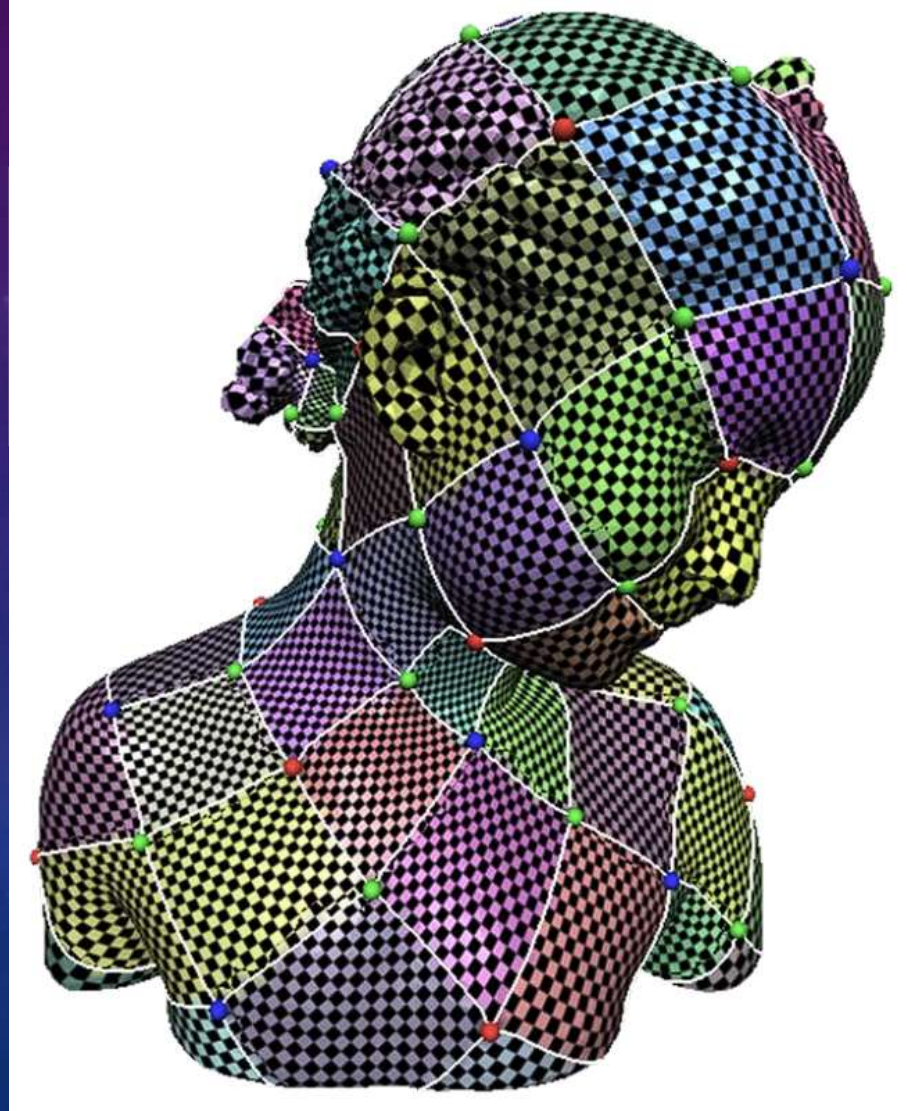
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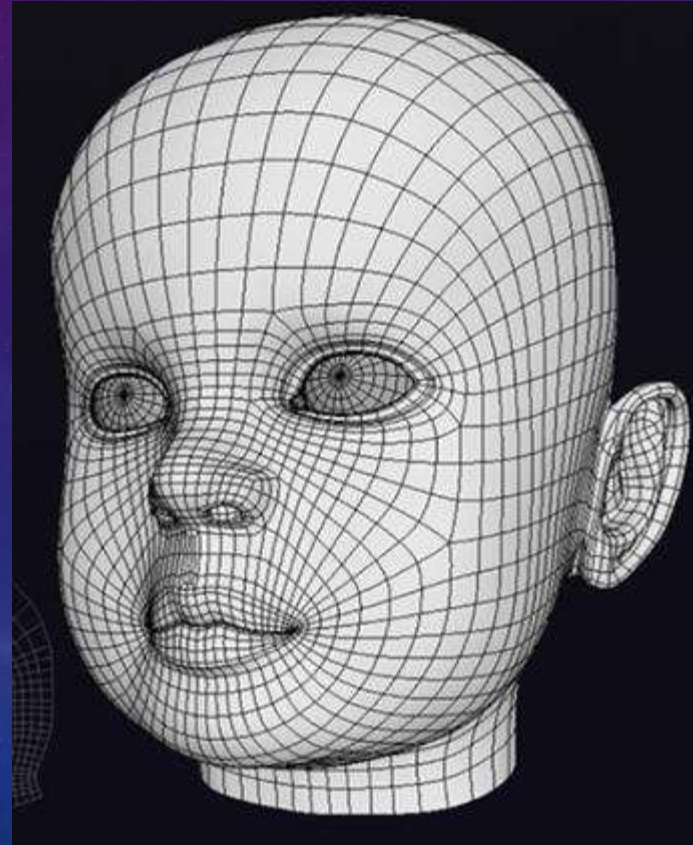
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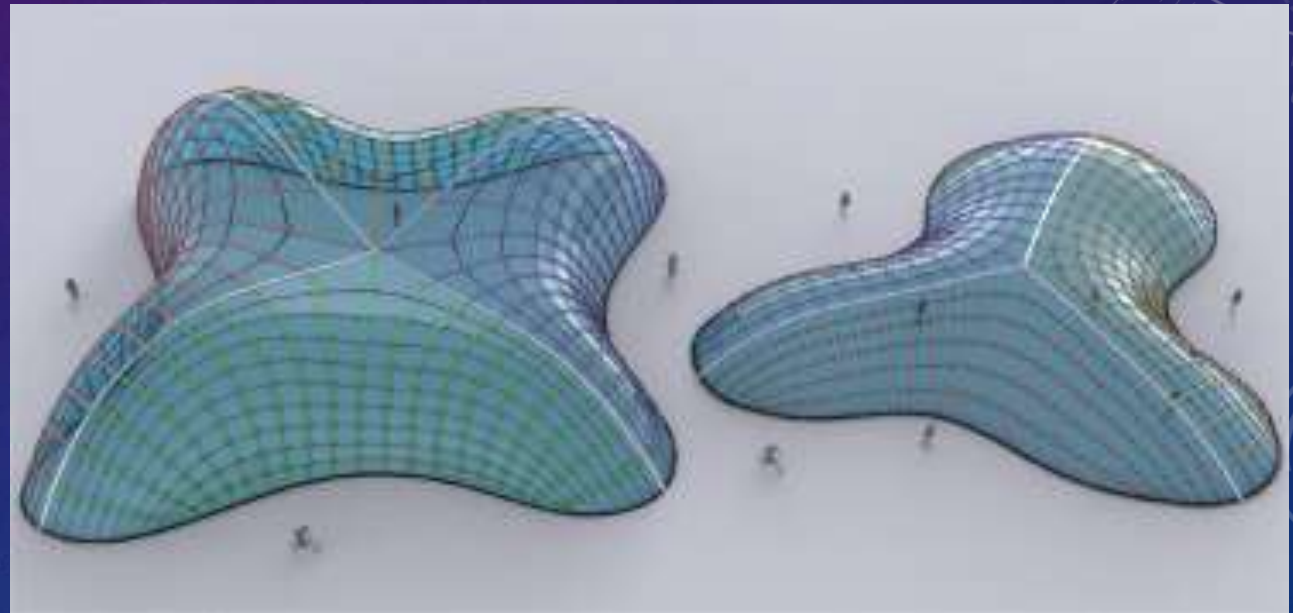
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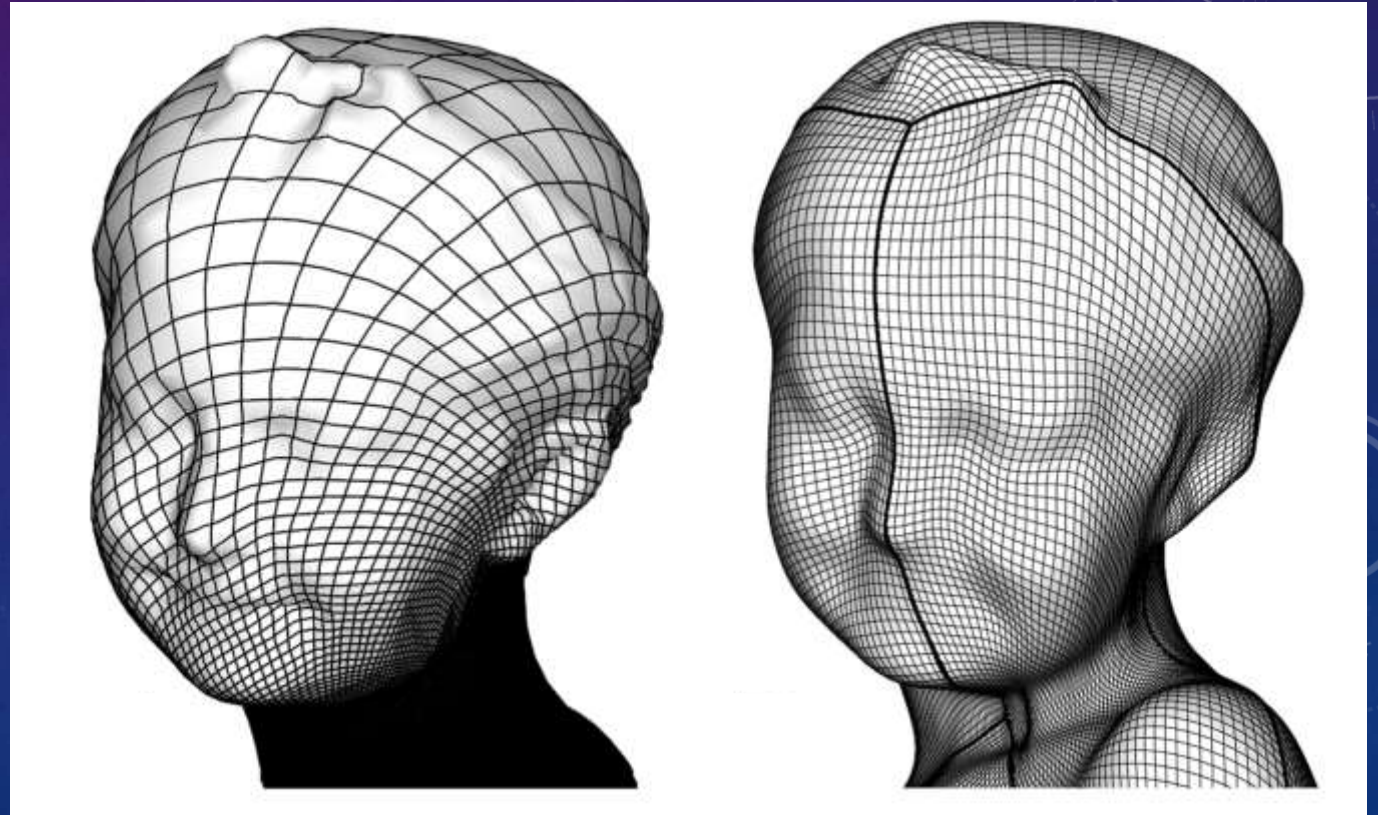
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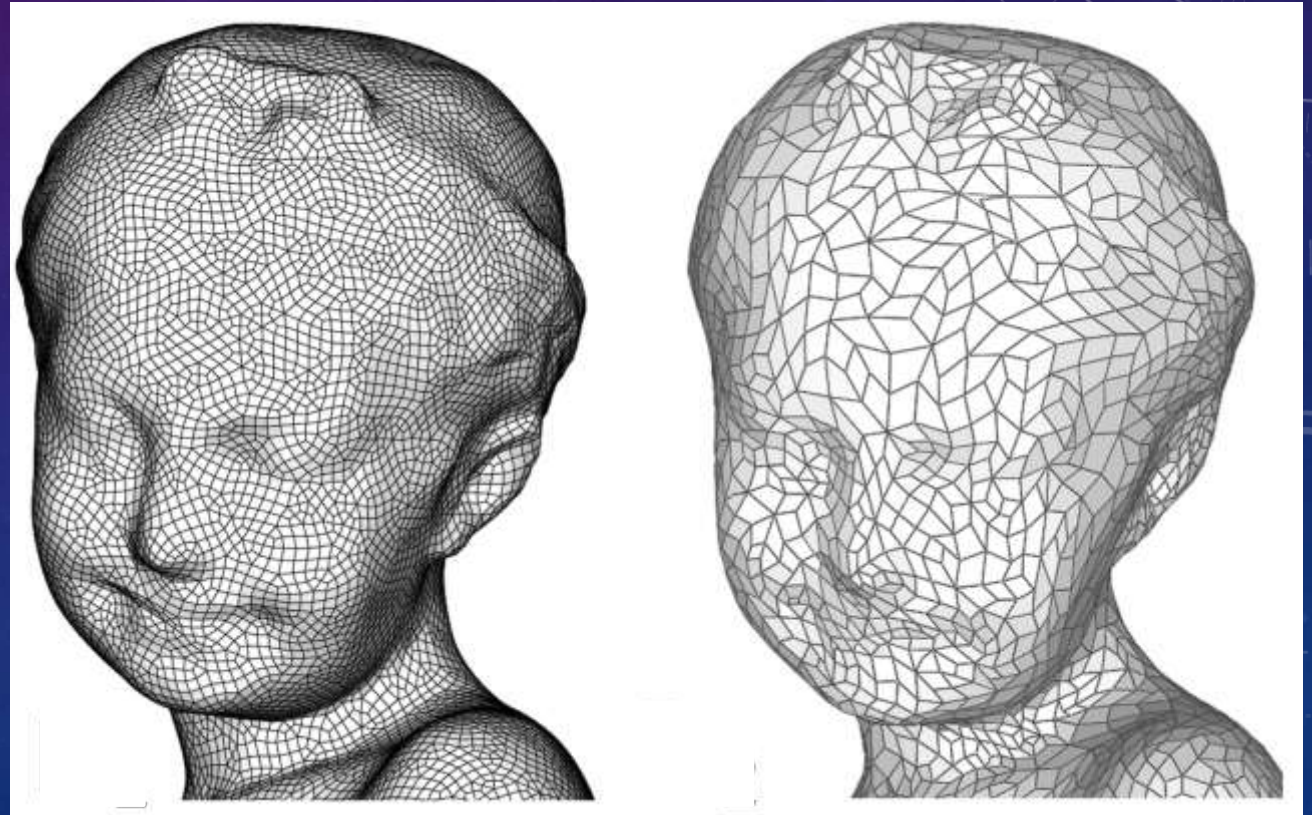
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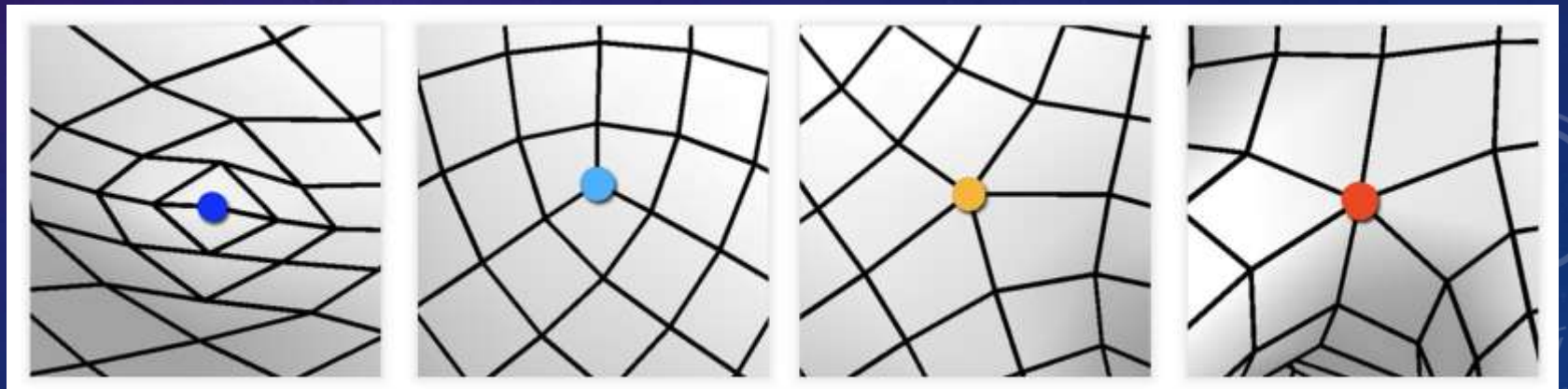
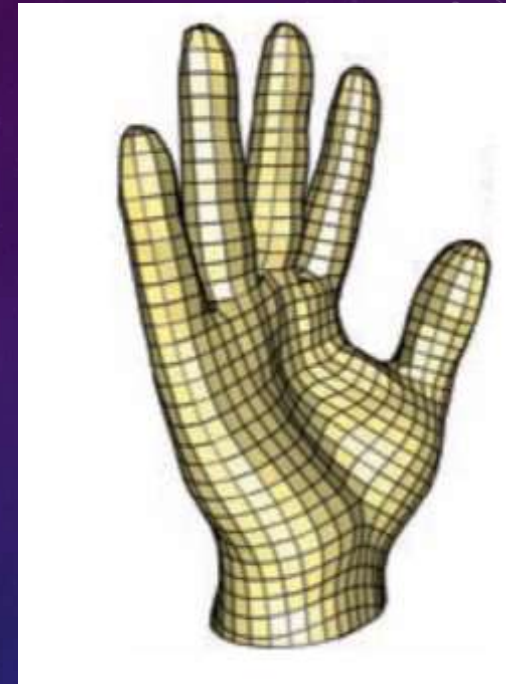
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- Regularity



Valence:

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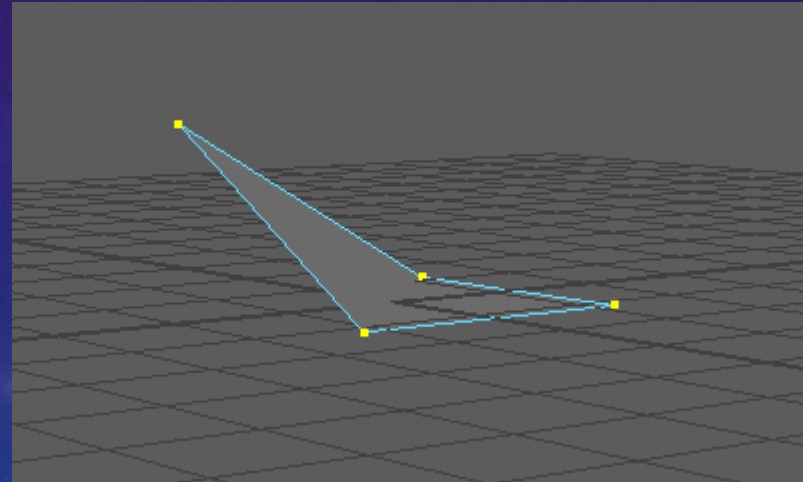
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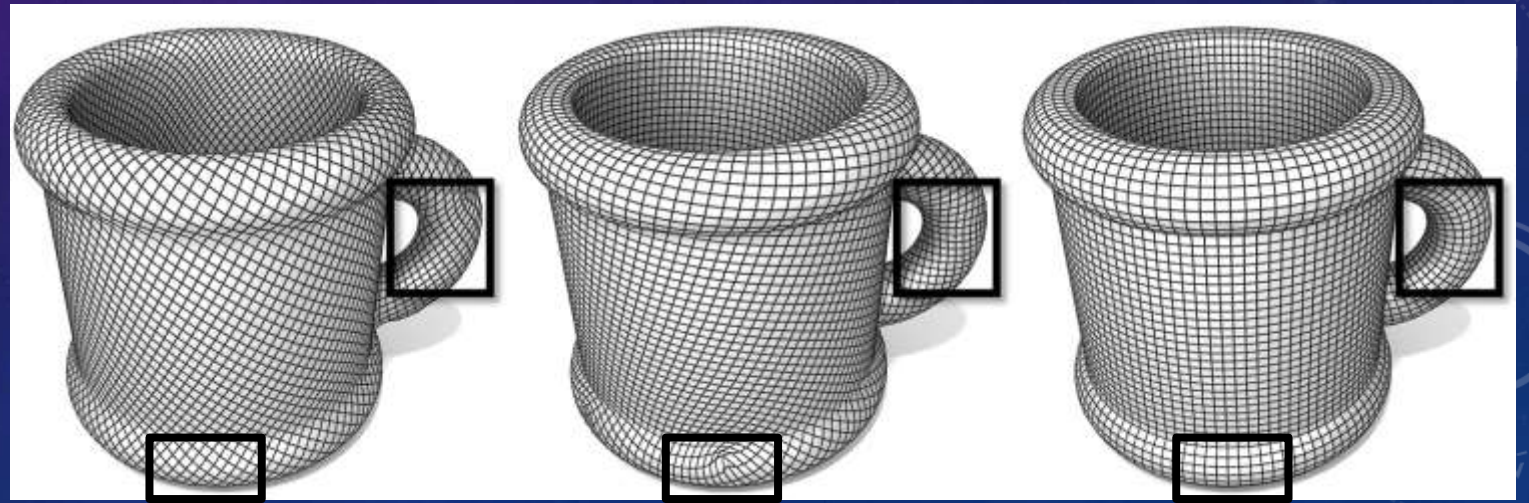
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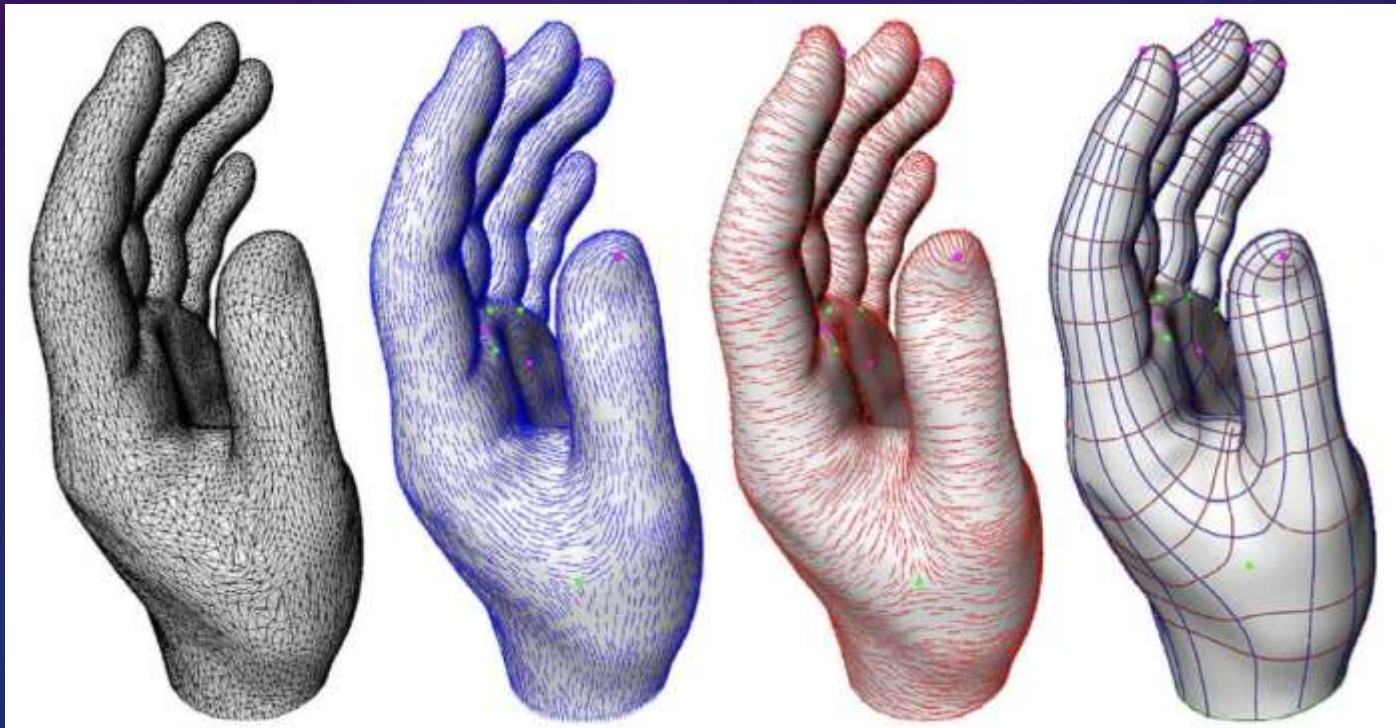
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- Feature alignment



Methods

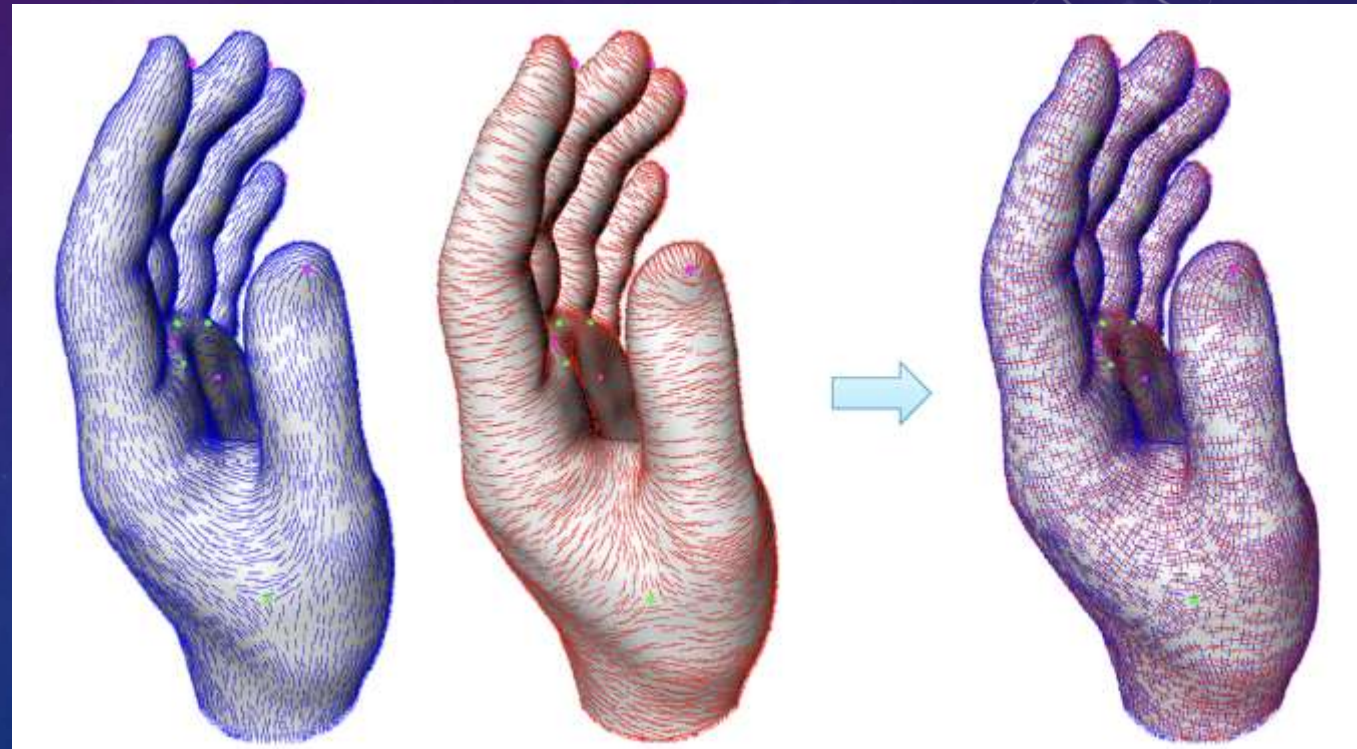
- Structure from curve tracing



Anisotropic Polygonal Remeshing [Alliez et al., Siggraph 2003]

Anisotropic Polygonal Remeshing

- Compute curvature directions



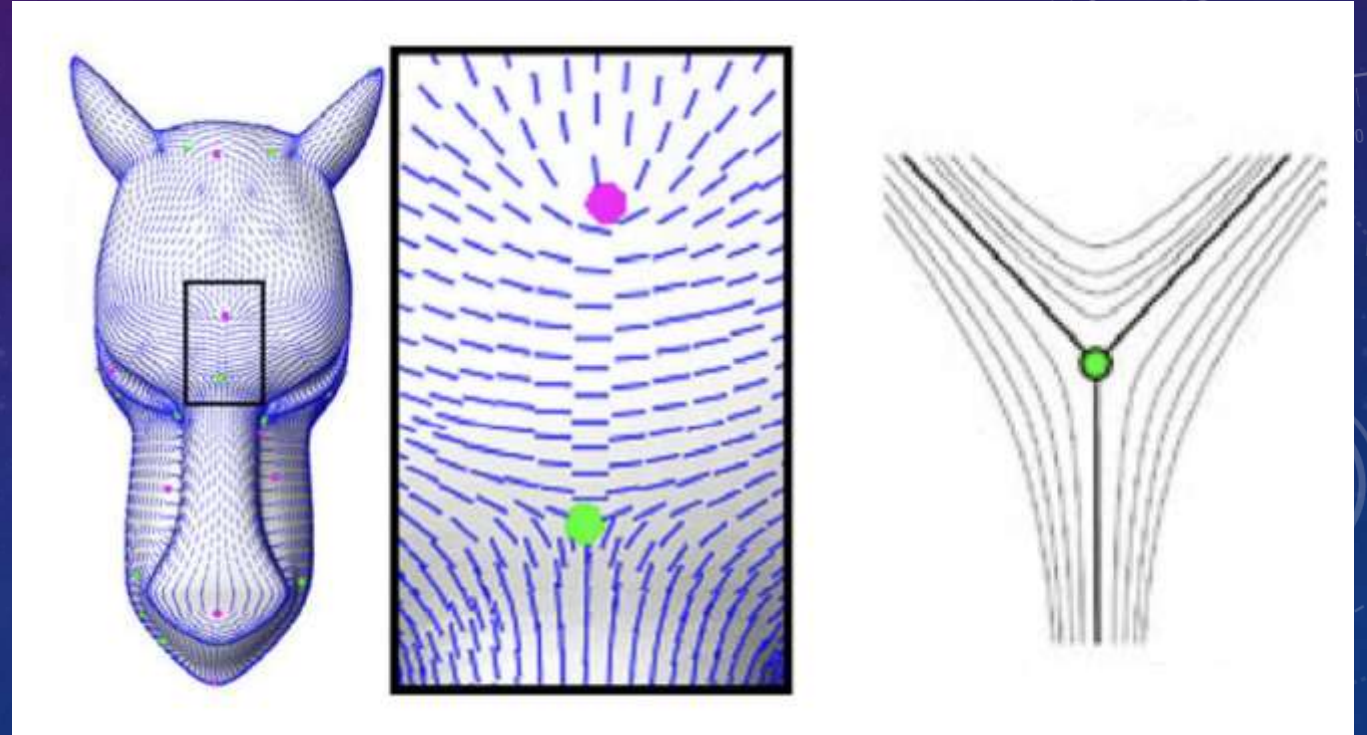
Min curvature

Max curvature

Cross Field

Anisotropic Polygonal Remeshing

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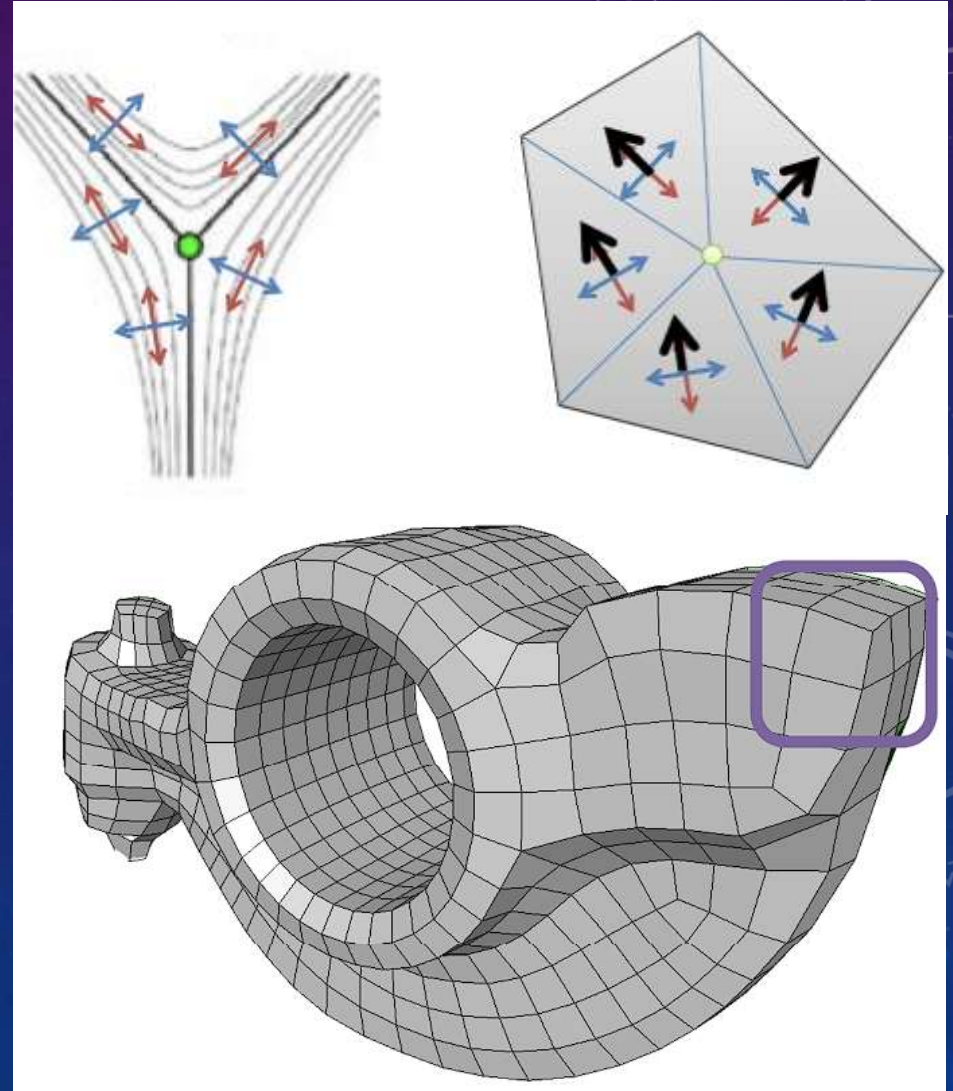
Umbilics: minimal curvature = maximal curvature

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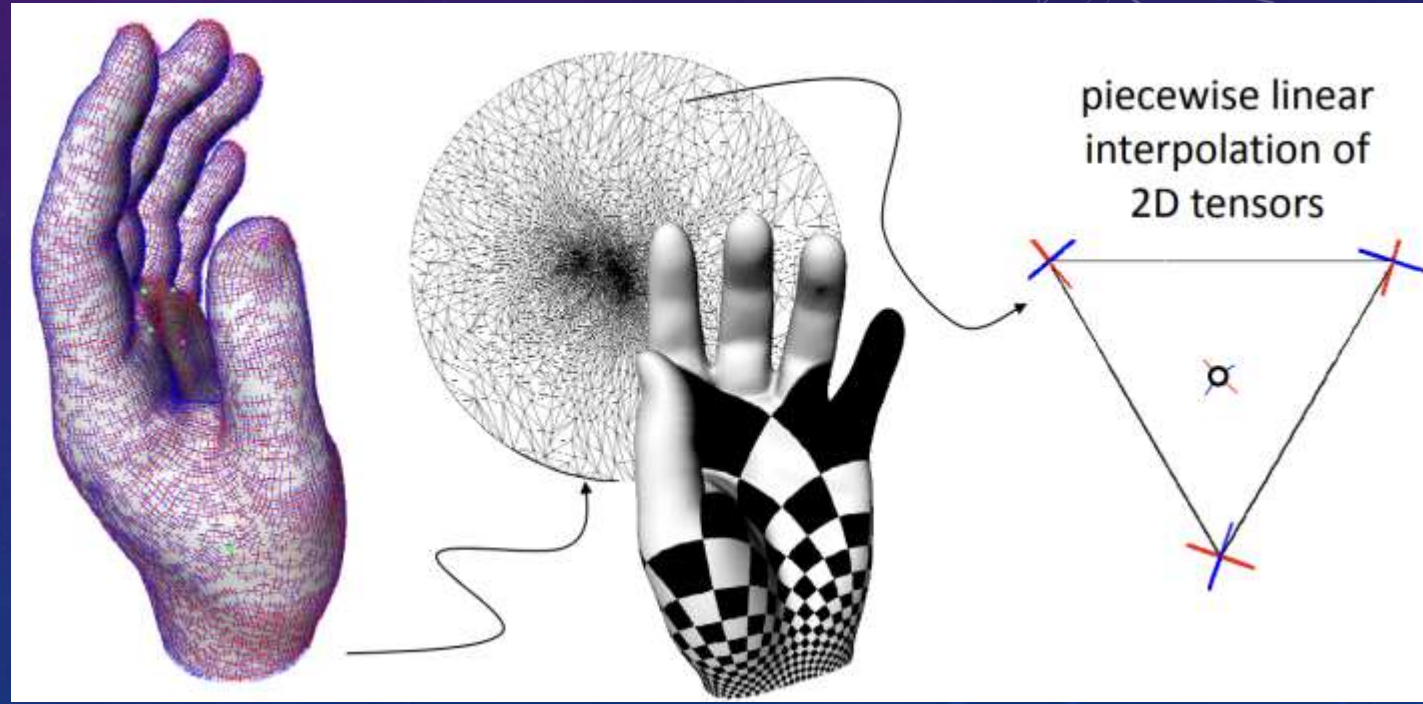
Umbilics generate **singularities** in cross field

There is no consistent selection of 1 direction which gives a smooth vector field



Anisotropic Polygonal Remeshing

- Compute curvature directions
- Find Umbilics/Singularities

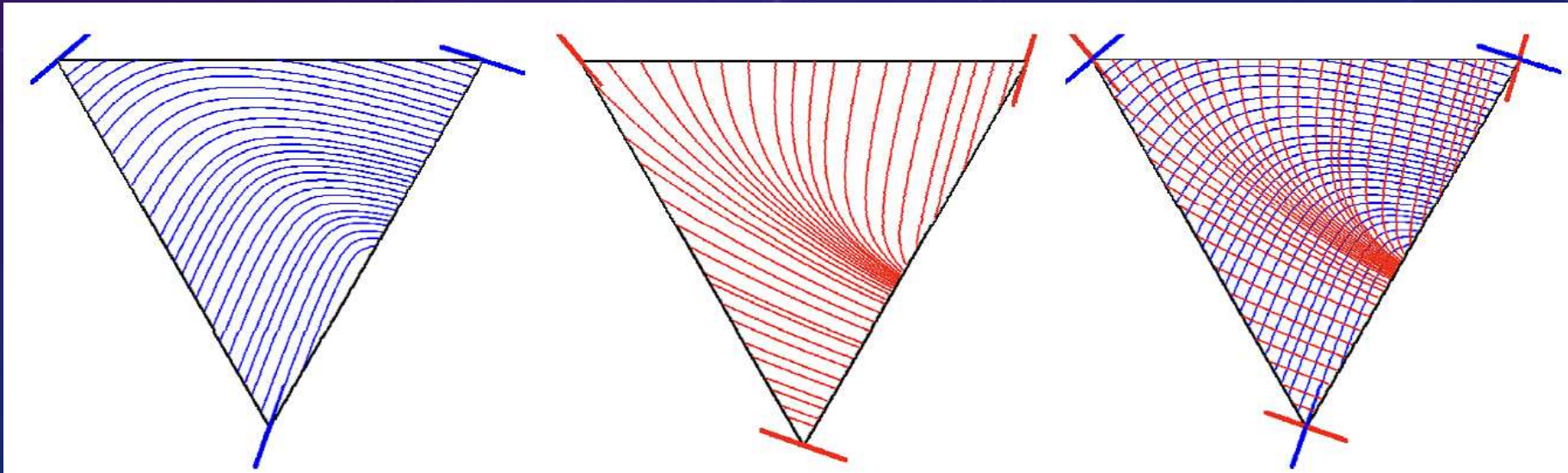


Conformal
parameterization

2D tensor field using
barycentric coordinates

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Regular case

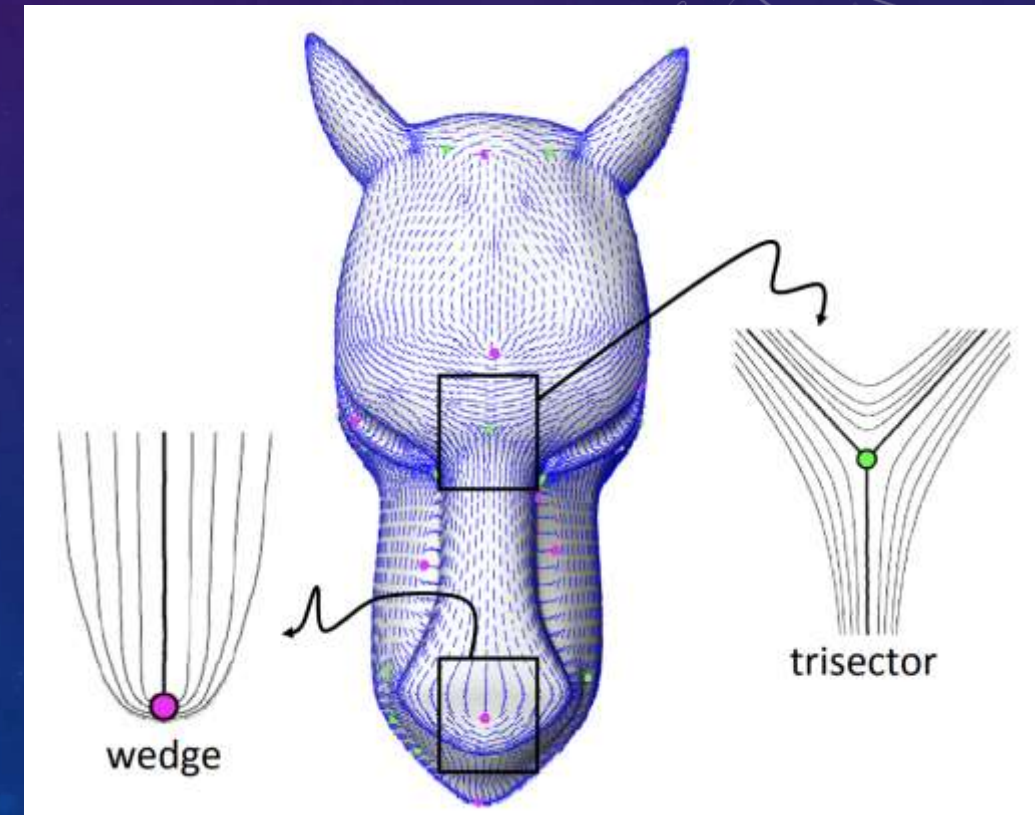
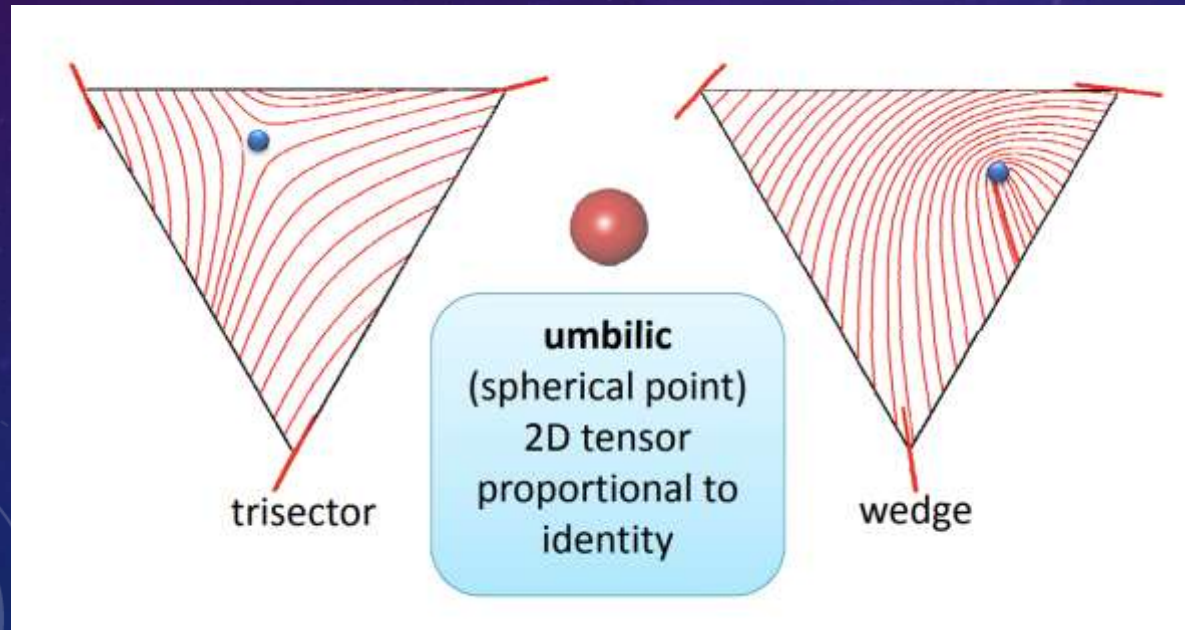
Minor directions

Major directions

Both directions

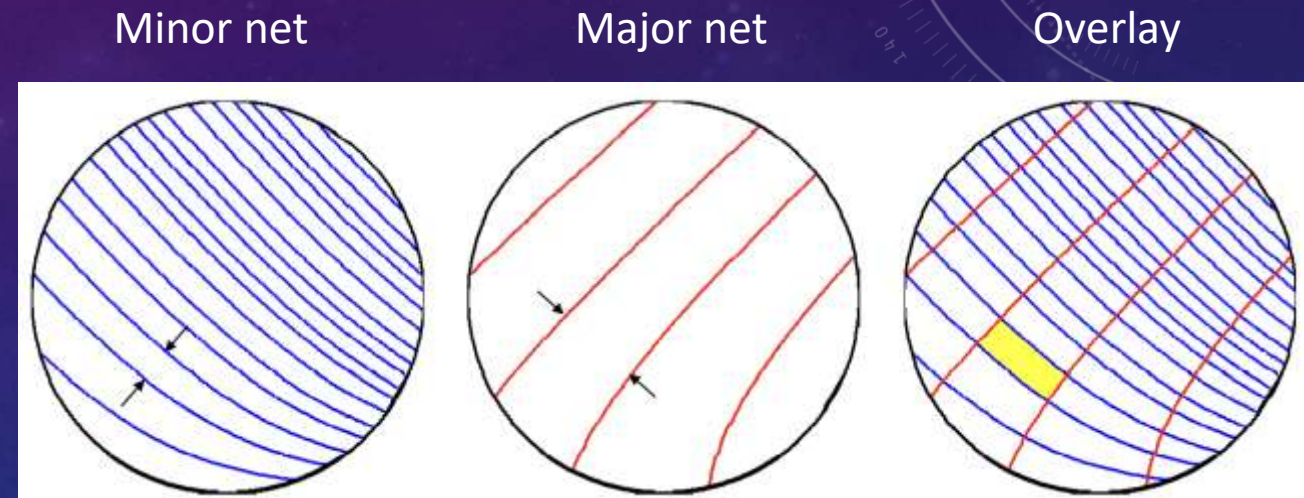
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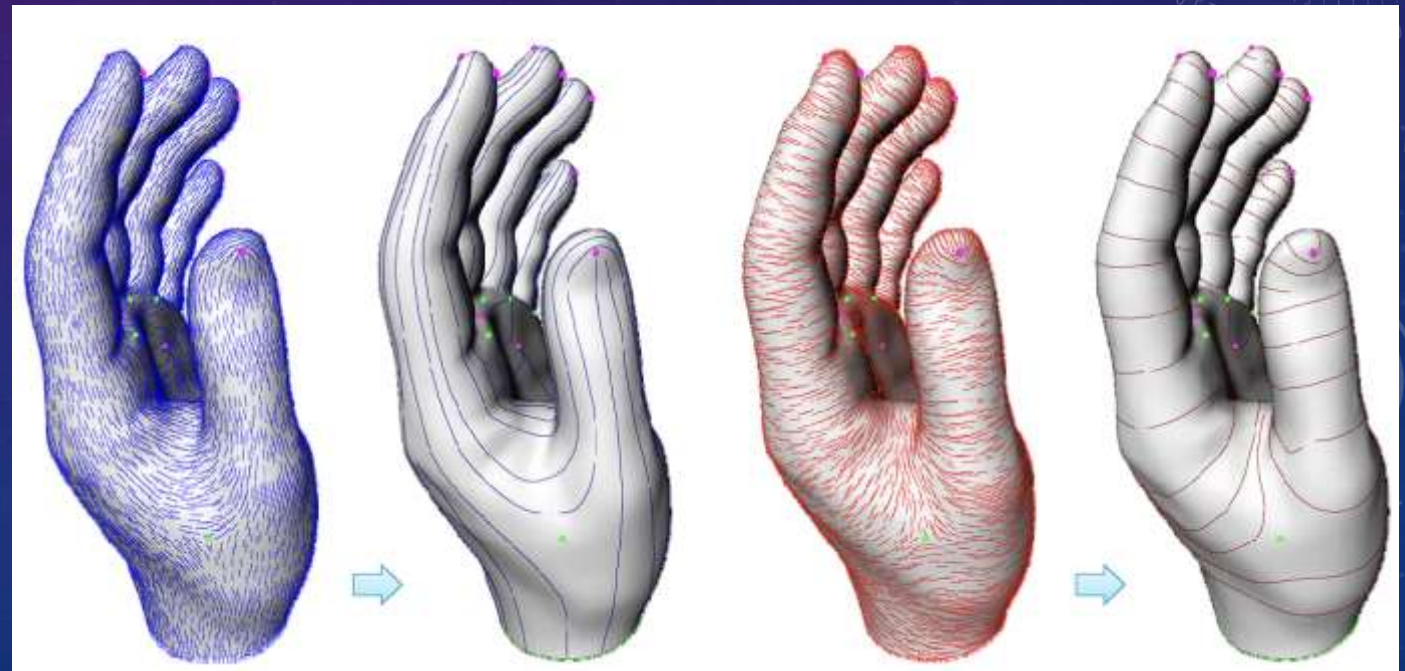
Anisotropic Polygonal Remeshing

- Compute curvature directions
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- Trace curvature lines
 1. Generate curves tangent to cross field
 2. Intersection of curves $\rightarrow$ vertices of quad mesh



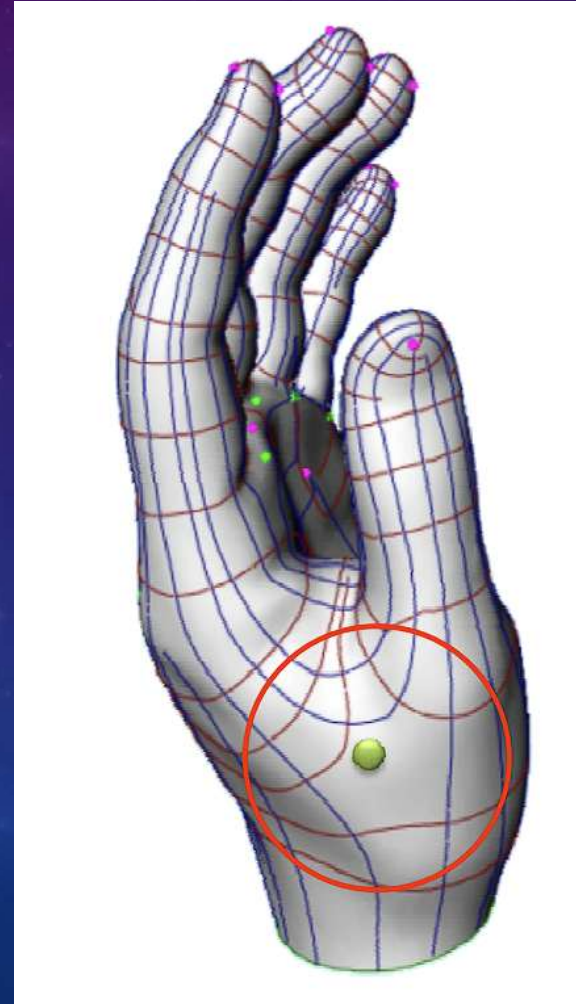
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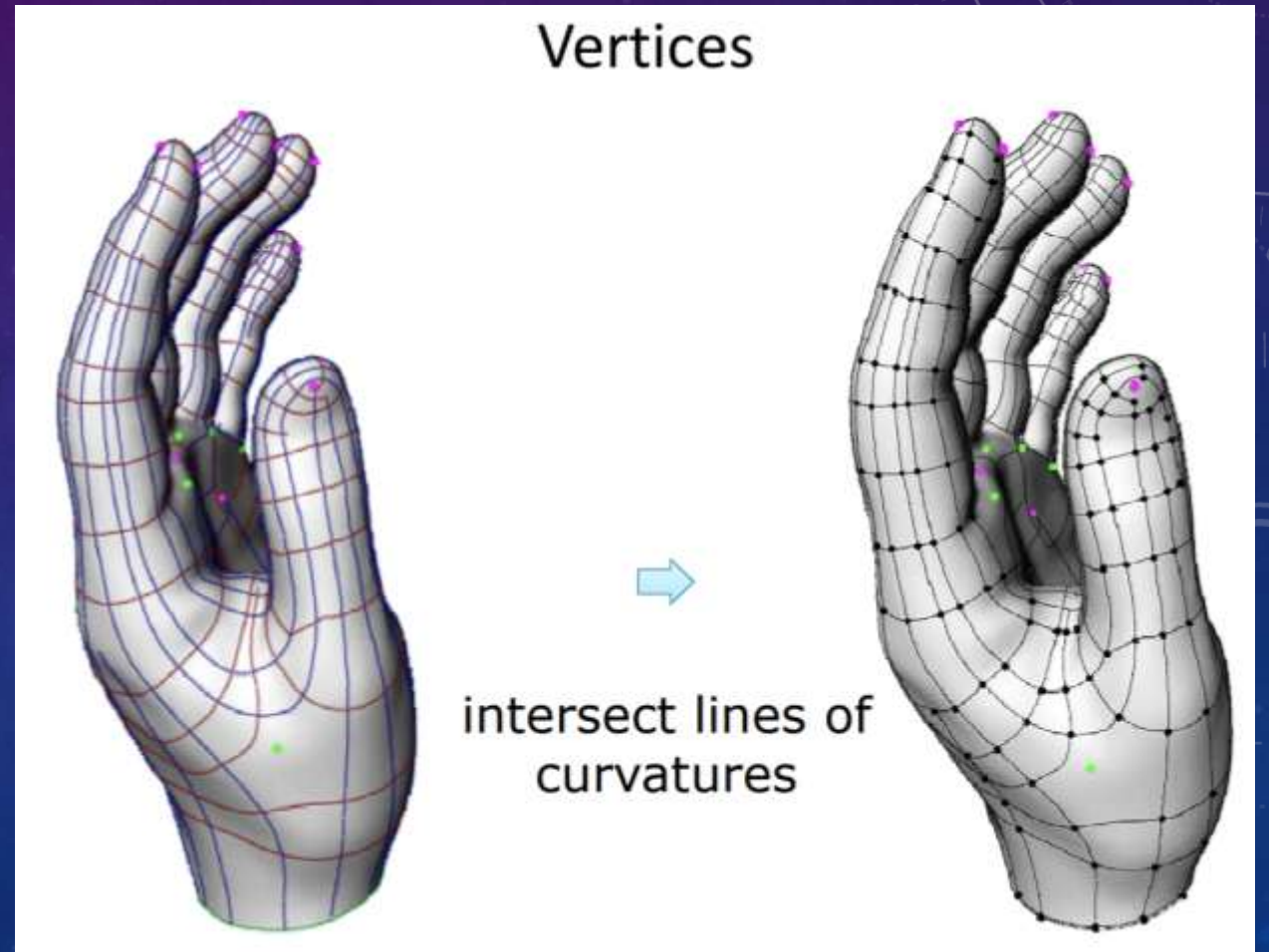
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Add **umbilic** points in isotropic regions

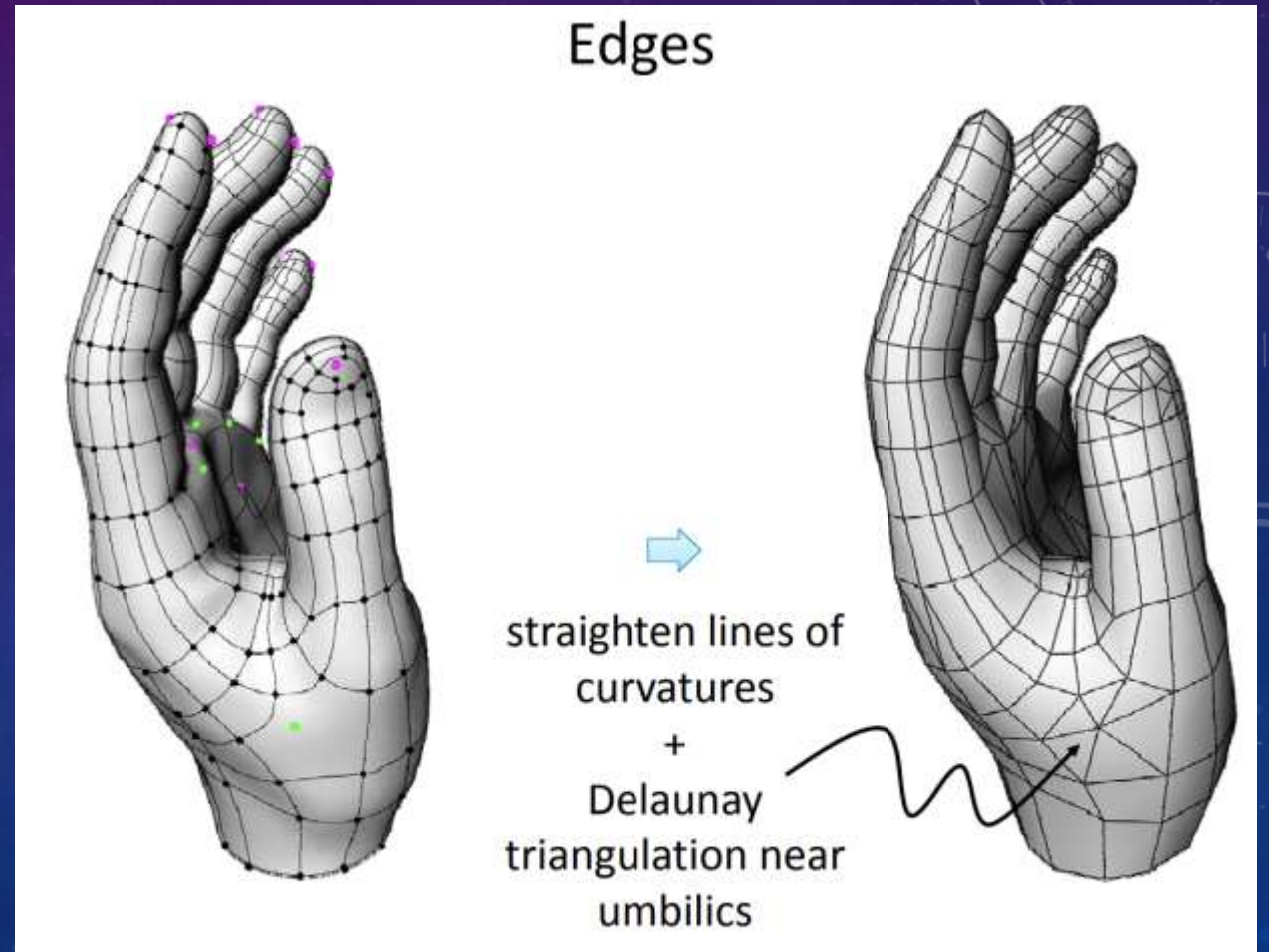
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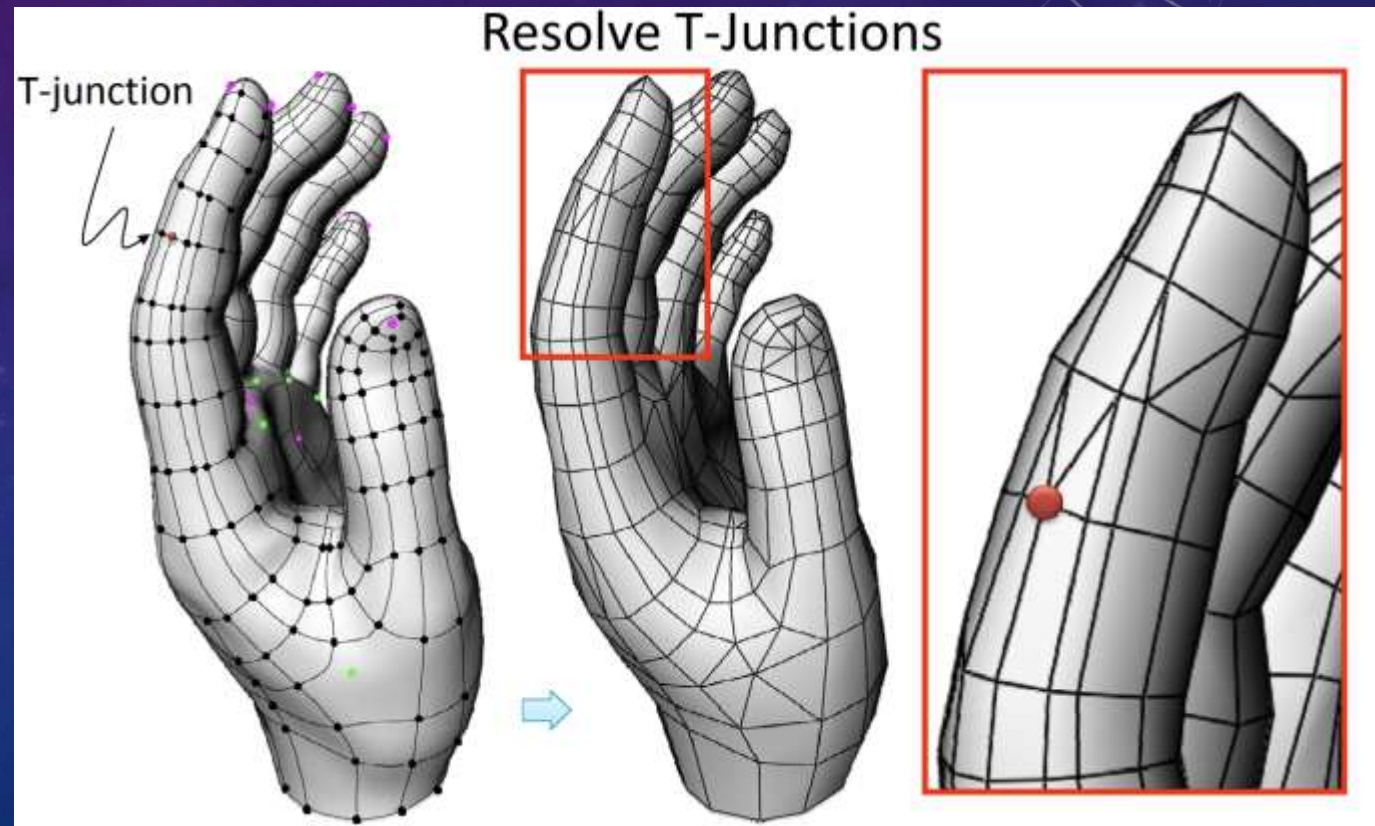
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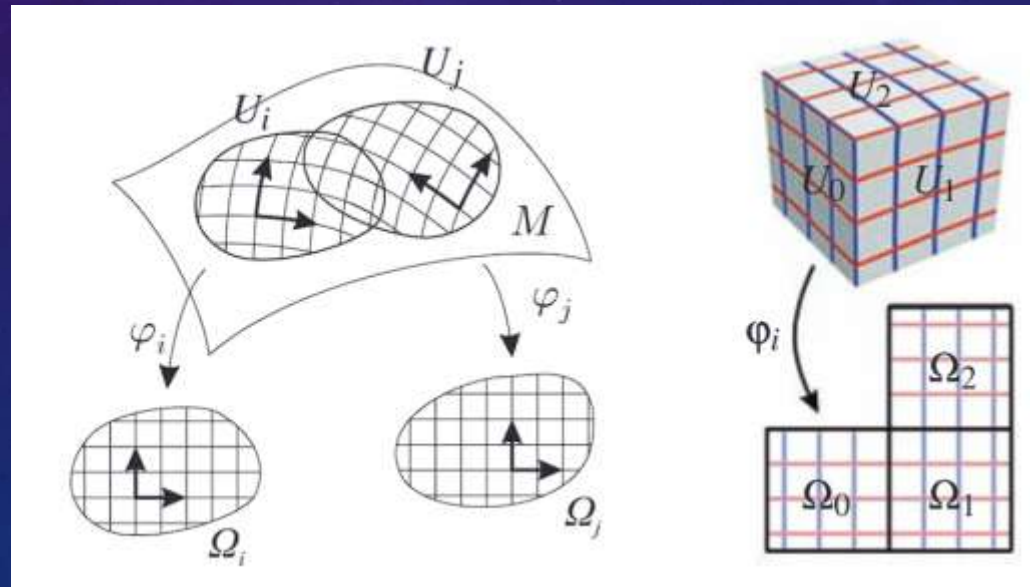
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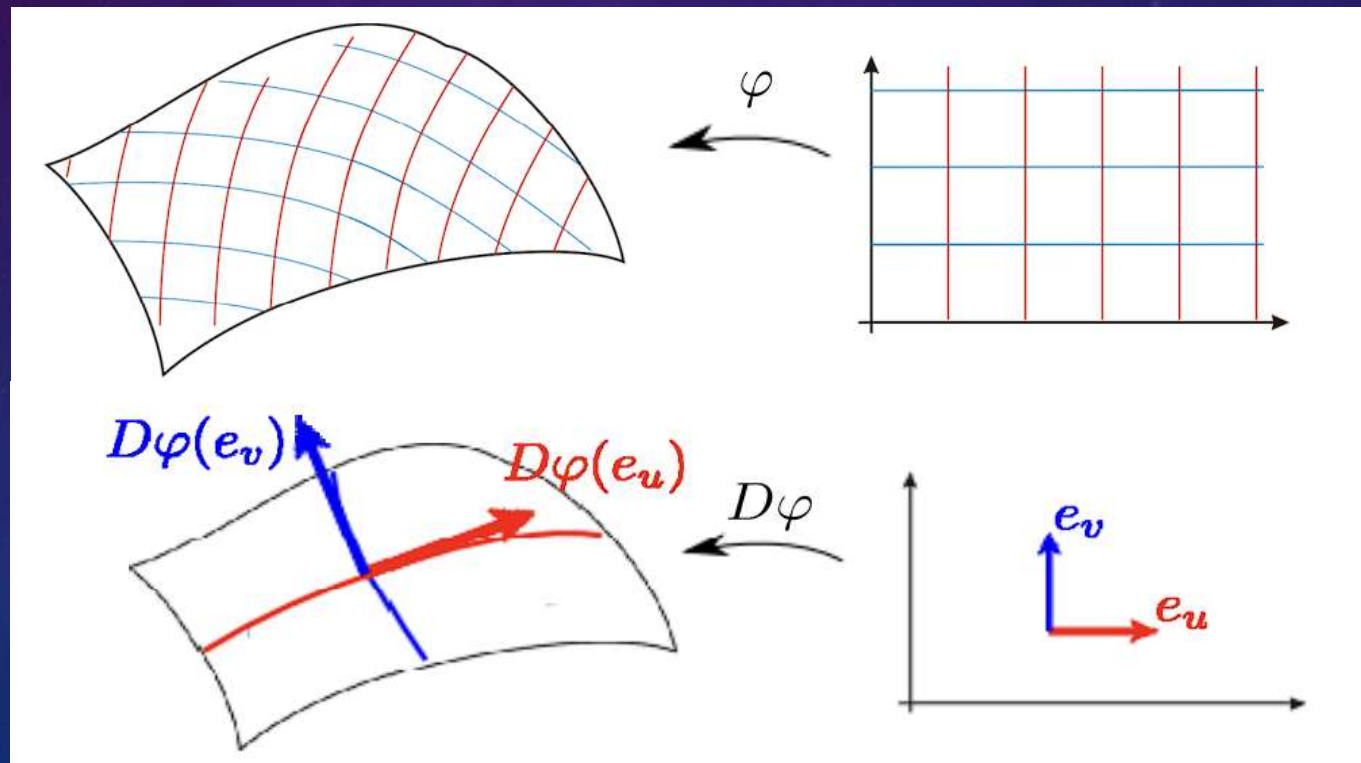
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- Parameterization from cross fields



QuadCover [Kälberer et al., EuroGraphics 2007]

Parameterization from cross fields

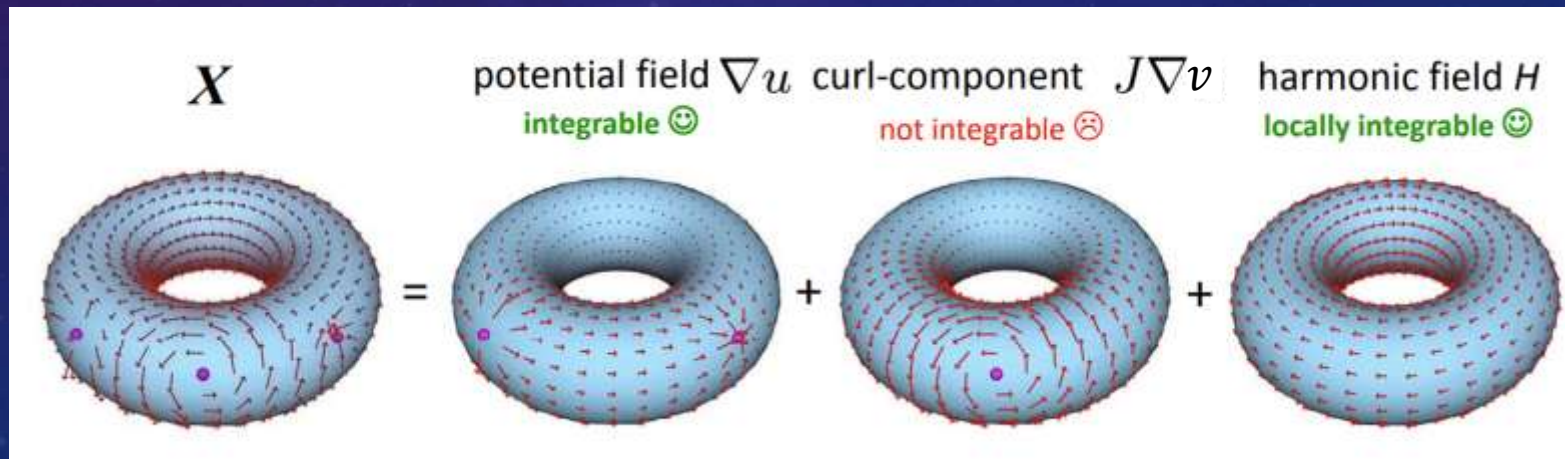
- Function $\xrightarrow{\text{differential}}$ Gradient vector fields $\xrightarrow{\text{integration}}$ Function



Parameterization from cross fields

- Integrability: given f find g , s.t. $f = \nabla g$
- Only possible if f is “integrable”

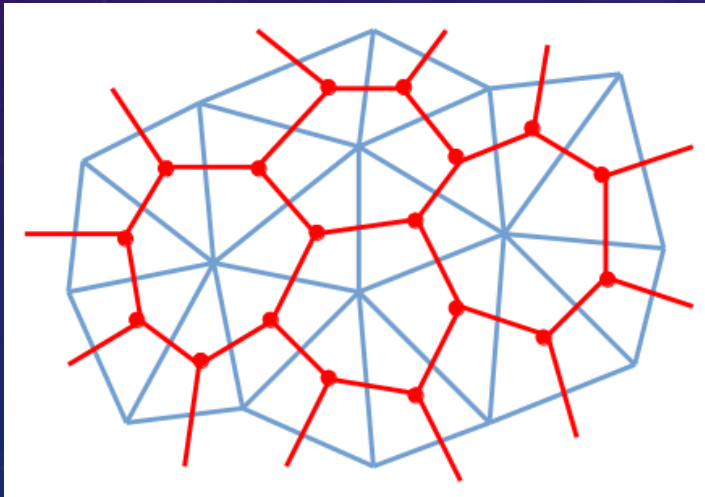
A vector field U is **locally integrable** iff $\nabla \times U = 0$



Hodge-Helmholtz Decomposition

Parameterization from cross fields

- Potential field : $\min_u \int \|\nabla u - X\|^2 \rightarrow \Delta u = -\nabla \cdot X$
- Curl-component: $\min_u \int \|\mathcal{J}\nabla v - X\|^2 \rightarrow [\Delta v]_{ij} = -[\nabla \times X]_{ij}$



Dual mesh

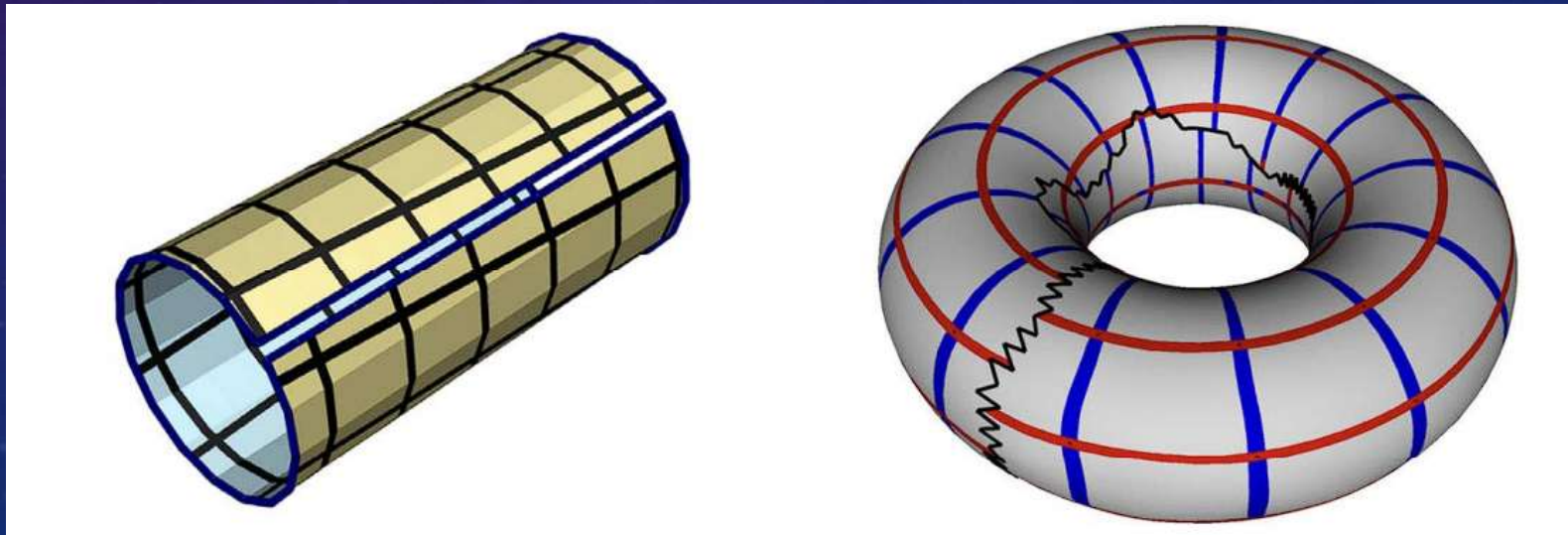
Edge-based Poisson equation

QuadCover

- Assure local integrability of input cross fields $X = (X_1, X_2)$

$$Y_1 = X_1 - \mathcal{J}\nabla v_1, \quad Y_2 = X_2 - \mathcal{J}\nabla v_2$$

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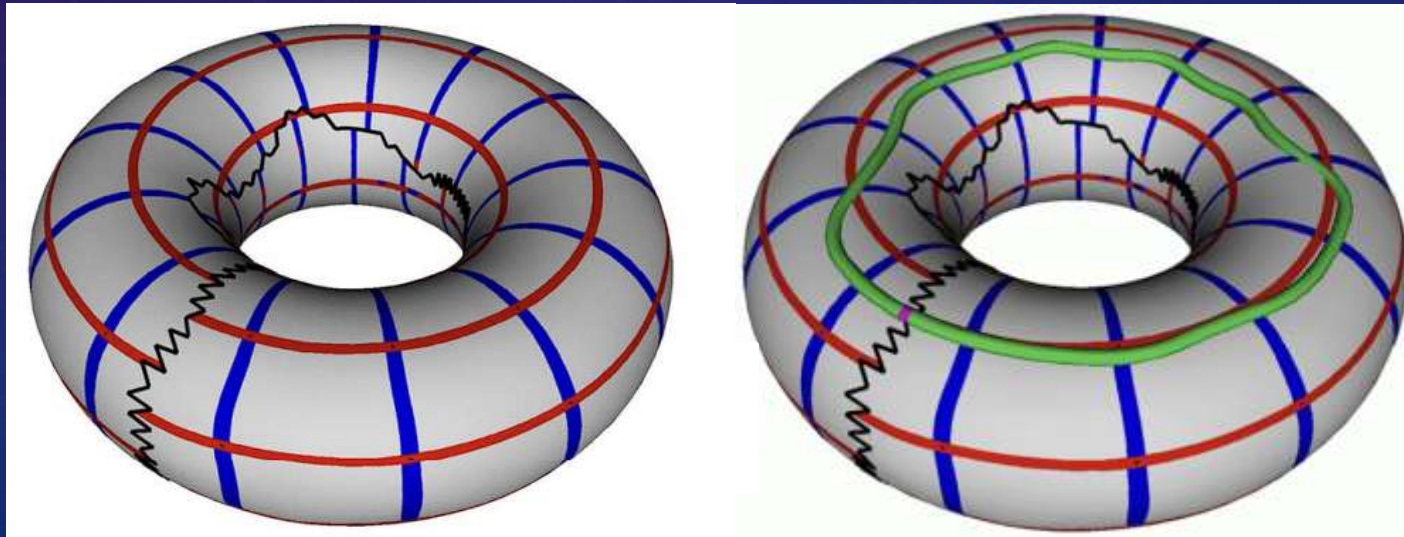
1. Compute Homology generators $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{2g}$ (= basis of all closed loops)
2. Measure mismatch $\int_{\gamma_i} Y_1 ds \in \mathbb{R}, \int_{\gamma_i} Y_2 ds \in \mathbb{R}$
3. Compute L_2 smallest harmonic vector fields $H_j, j = 1, 2$ s.t. $\int_{\gamma_i} (Y_j + H_j) ds \in \mathbb{Z}$

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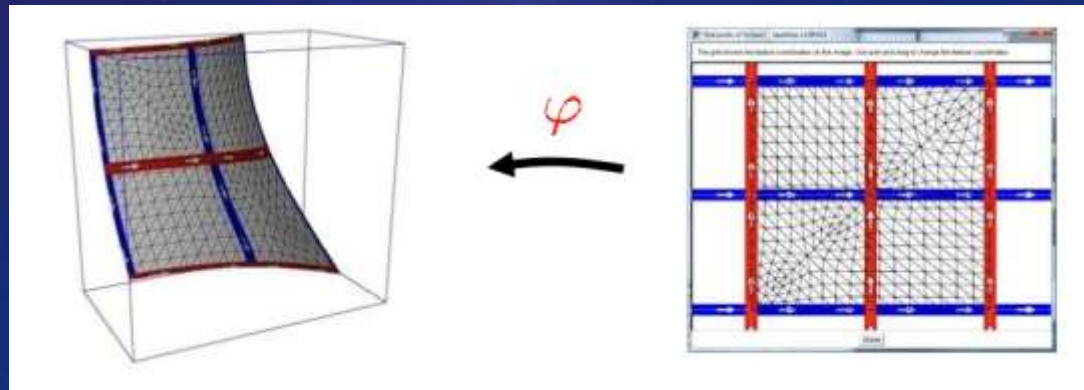


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- Global integration of $Y + H$ on the mesh gives parameterization



Methods

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- Mix-integer optimization
 1. [Mixed-Integer Quadrangulation](#)
 2. [Instant Field-Aligned Meshes](#)
 3. ...