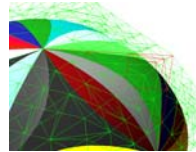


## Computational Visualization

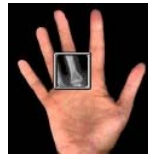
1. Sources, characteristics, representation



2. Mesh Processing



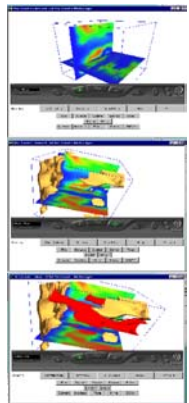
3. Contouring



4. Volume Rendering



5. Flow, Vector, Tensor Field Visualization



6. Application Case Studies

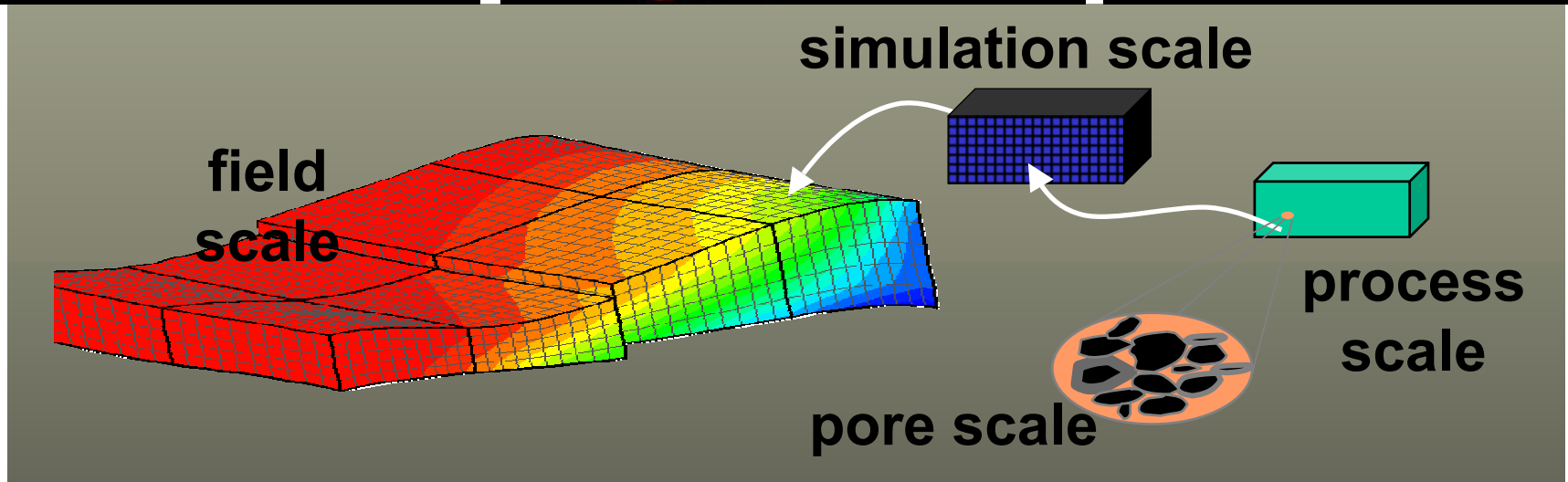
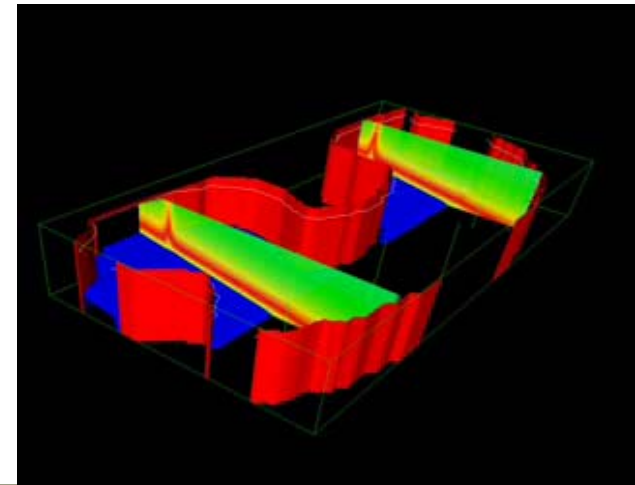
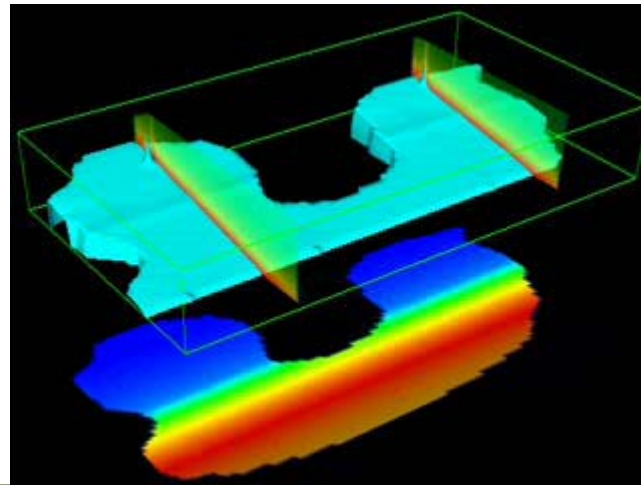
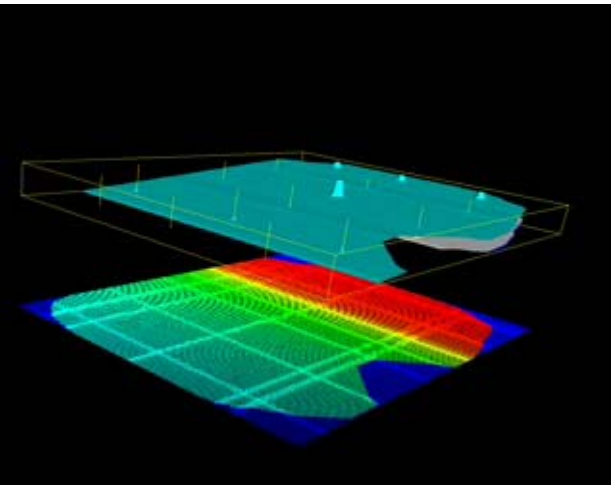
# Computational Visualization: sources, characteristics and representation Lecture 1



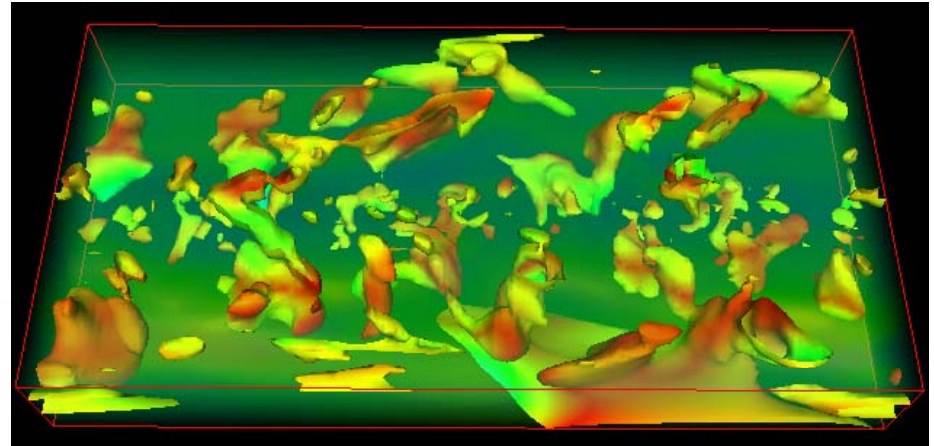
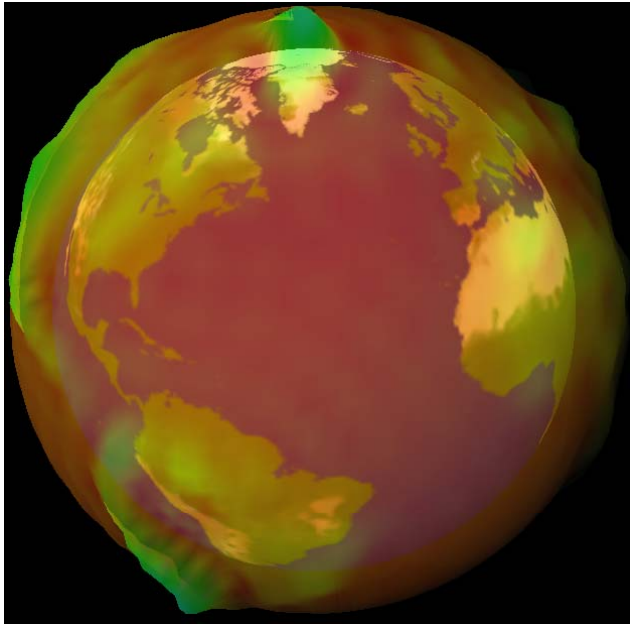
# Outline

- Data Sources: Meshless and Meshed
- Mesh and Field Data Characteristics
- Mesh Representations
- Mesh Finite Elements

# Oil Reservoir Modeling

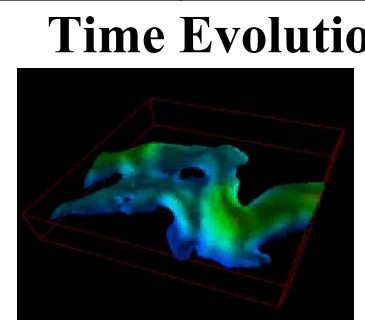
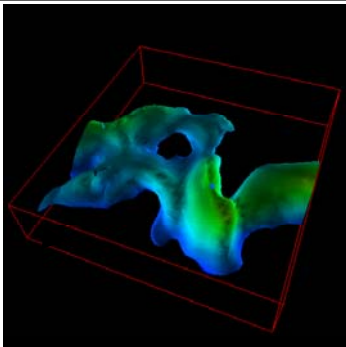
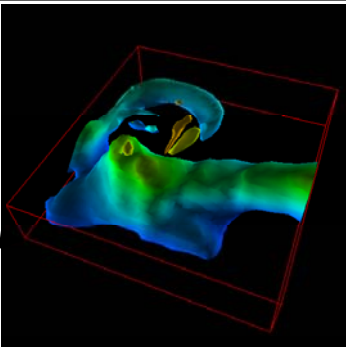
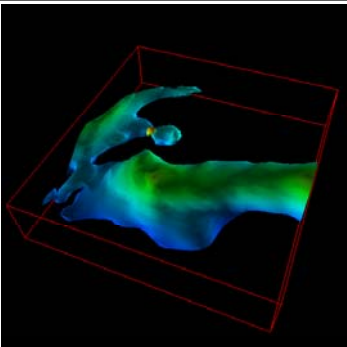
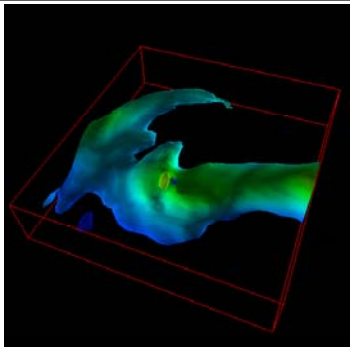


# Global Climate Modeling



Regional Simulation

Combined Analysis



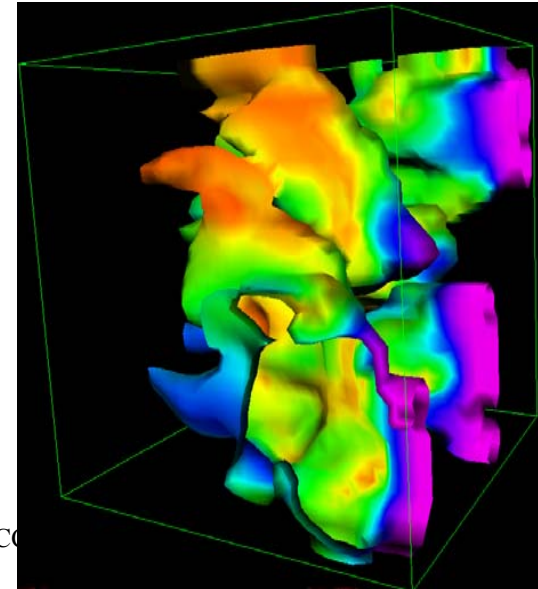
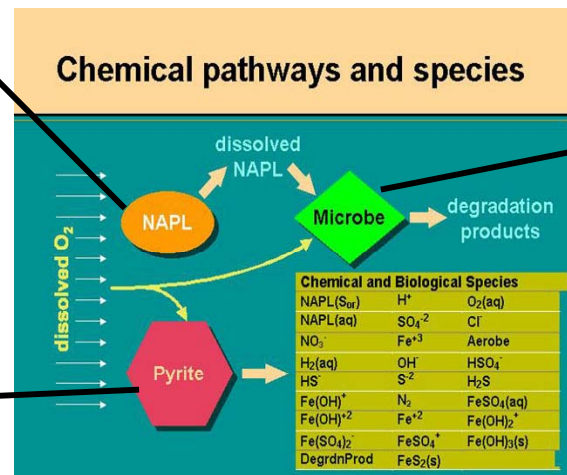
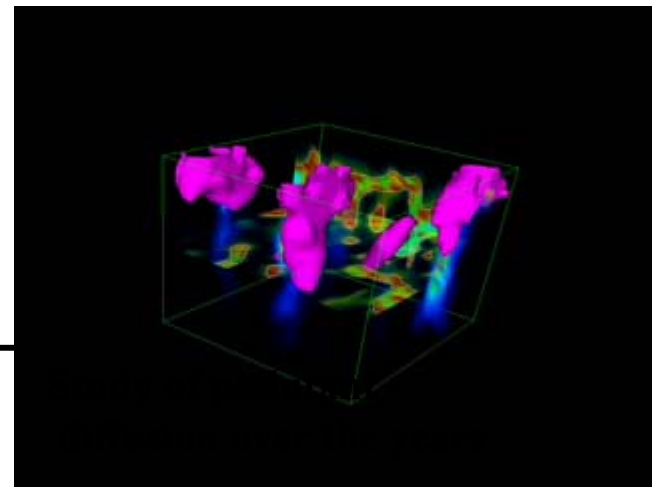
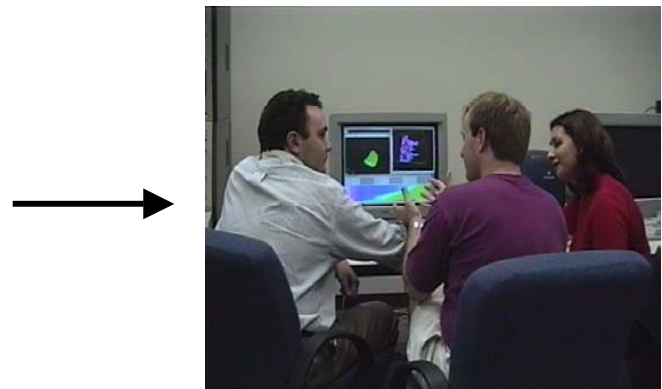
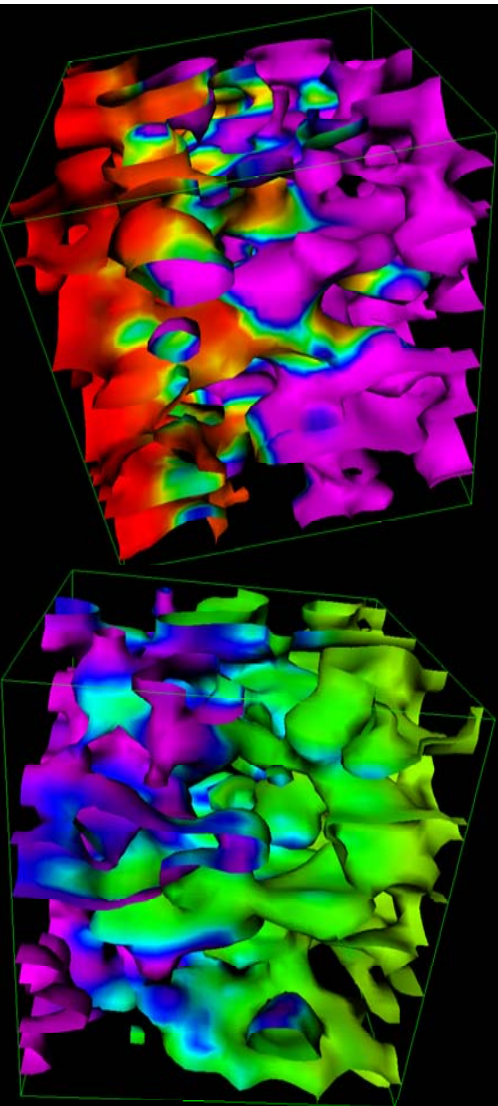
Time Evolution

## Community Climate Model

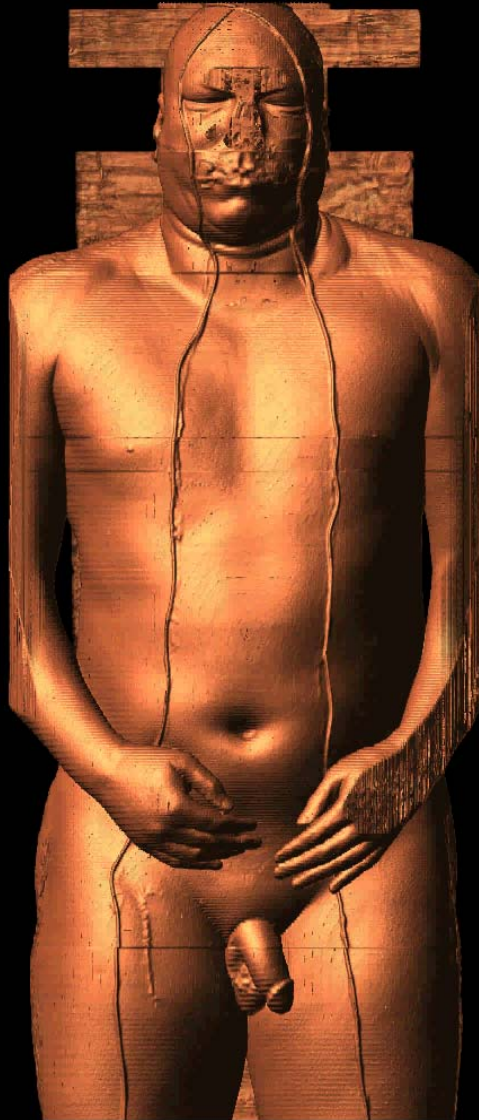


# Bio-Remediation

## Multi-Scale Physical Simulation



# The Visible Human Project

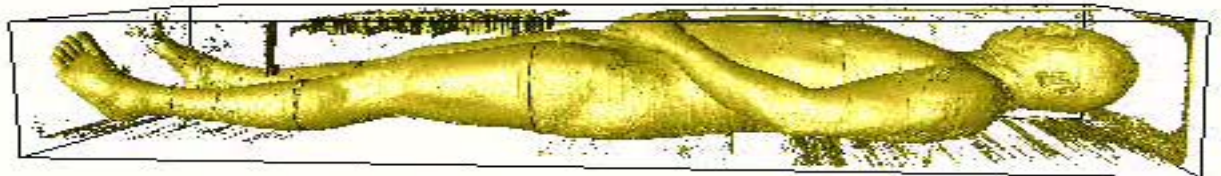


NLM/NIMH

Multiple modality  
CT, MRI,  
cryogenic-slices  
(RGB)

Male and Female  
Human Cadavers  
imaged for  
research and  
scientific  
community

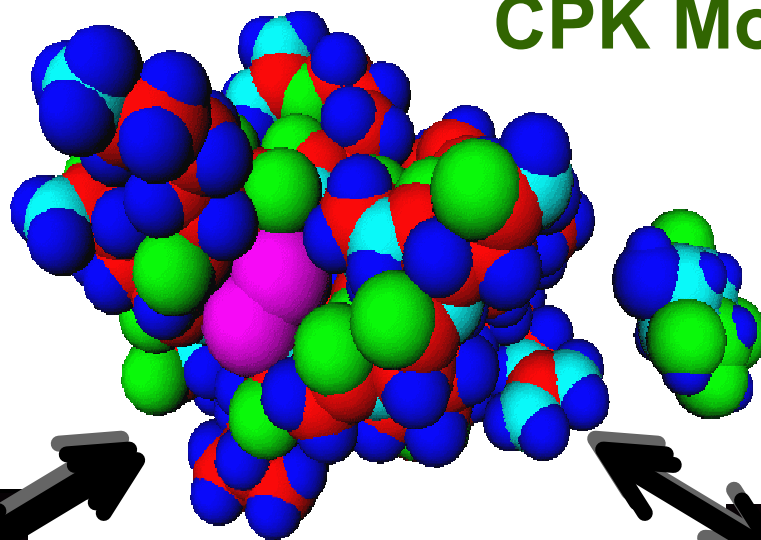
Available test  
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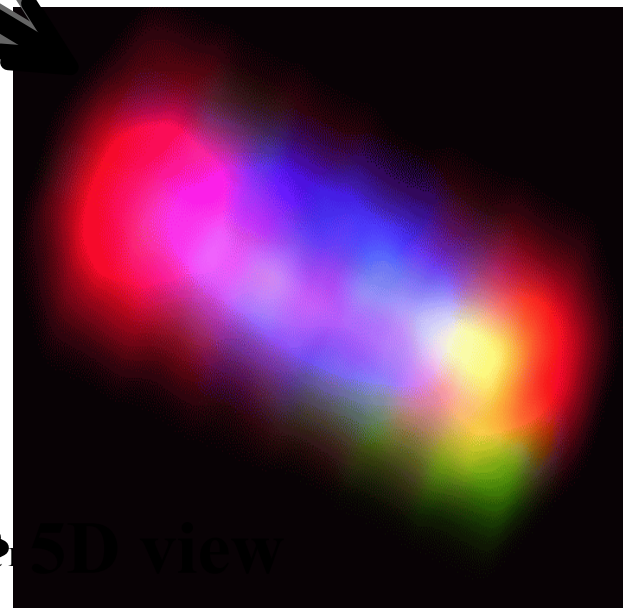
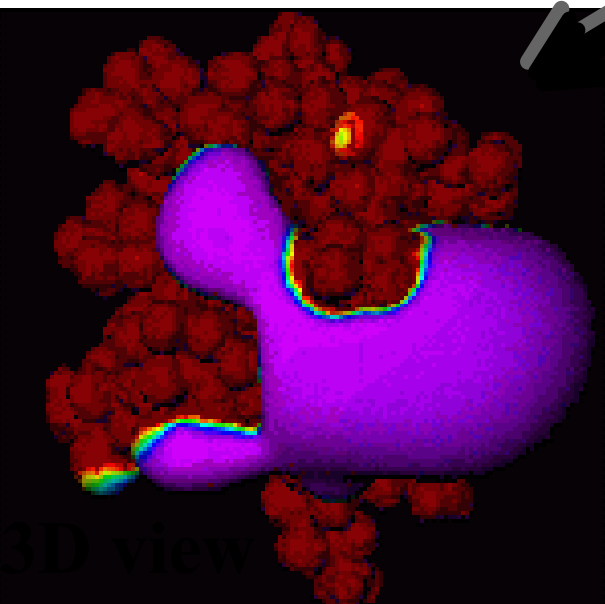
# Molecular Modeling and Interactions

CPK Model



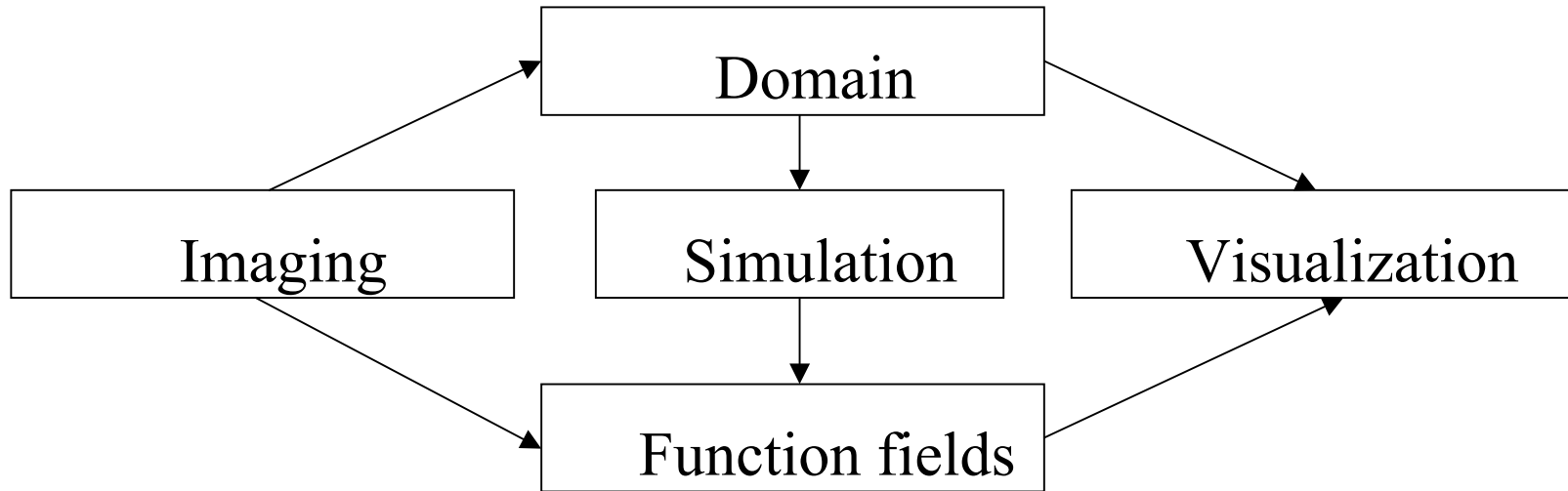
Molecular

Interaction





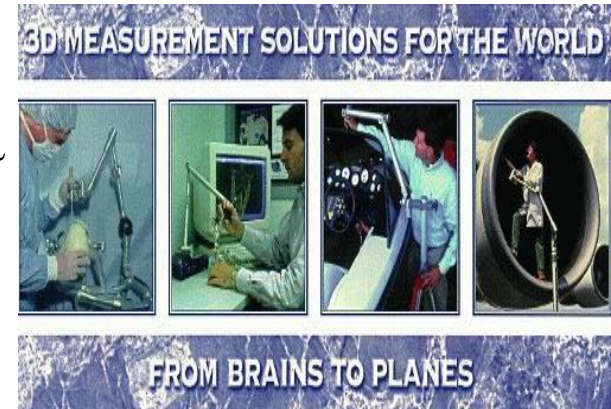
# Computational Visualization



- To identify and display *information* for model calibration or scientific discovery
- Support *interrogation* with quantitative queries (metric, combinatorial, topological)

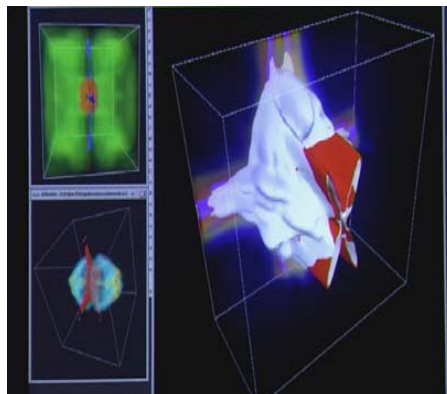
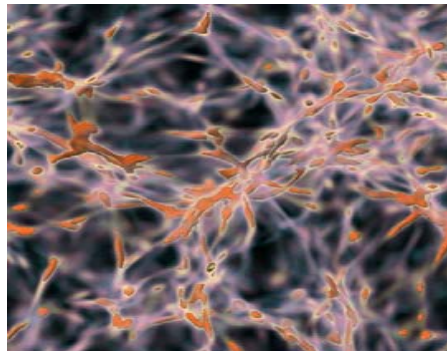
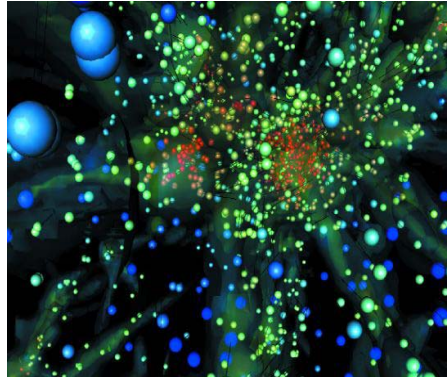
# Imaging Scanners

- Scanners can yield both domains and functions on domains
  - Scanners yielding domains
    - Point Cloud Scanners:  $300\mu\text{-}800\mu$
    - CT, MRI:  $10\mu\text{-}200\mu$
    - Light microscopy:  $5\mu\text{-}10\mu$
    - Electron microscopy:  $< 1\mu$
    - Ultra microscopy like Cyro EM  $50\text{\AA}\text{-}100\text{\AA}$
  - Scanners yielding functions
    - Doppler velocimetry

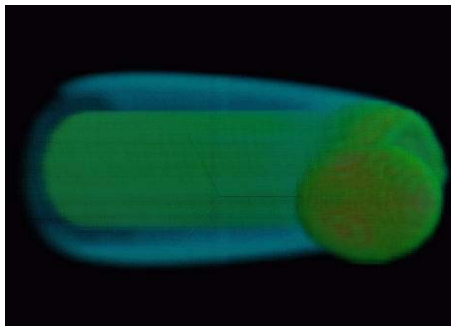
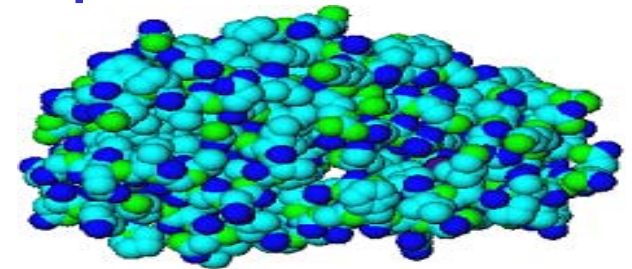
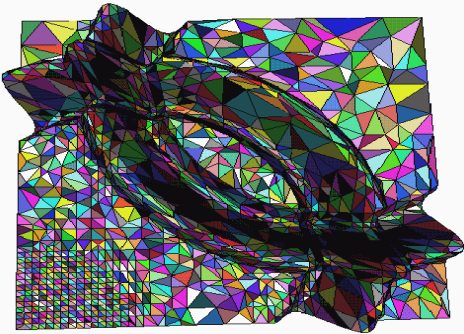


# Data characteristics

- Static
- Scalar
- Meshed
- Dense

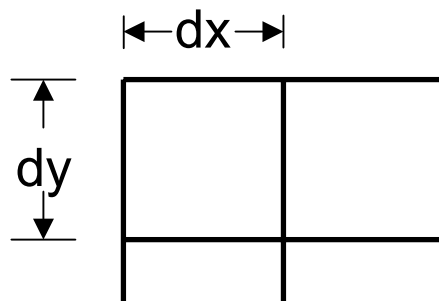


- Time varying data
- Vector , Tensor
- Meshless
- Sparse



# Mesh Types

- Mesh taxonomy
  - Regular static meshes:
    - There is an indexing scheme, say  $i, j, k$ , with the actual positions being determined as  $i \cdot dx, j \cdot dy, k \cdot dz$ .
    - If  $dx=dy=dz$ , then,
      - In 2-D, we get a pixel, and in 3-D, a voxel.



A 2-D regular rectilinear cartesian grid

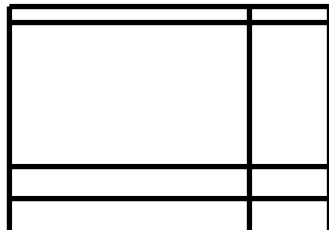


# Mesh Types (contd)

## – Irregular static meshes:

- Rectilinear:

- Individual cells are not identical but are rectangular, and connectivity is related to a rectangular grid

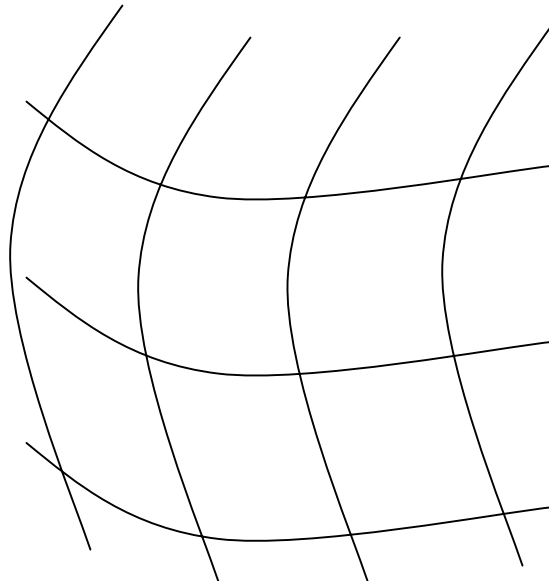


$dx$ ,  $dy$  are not constant in grid, but connectivity is similar in topology to regular grids.

A 2-D regular rectilinear grid

# Mesh types (contd)

- Curvilinear:
  - Sometimes called structured grids as the cells are irregular cubes – a regular grid subjected to a non-linear transformation so as to fill a volume or surround an object.

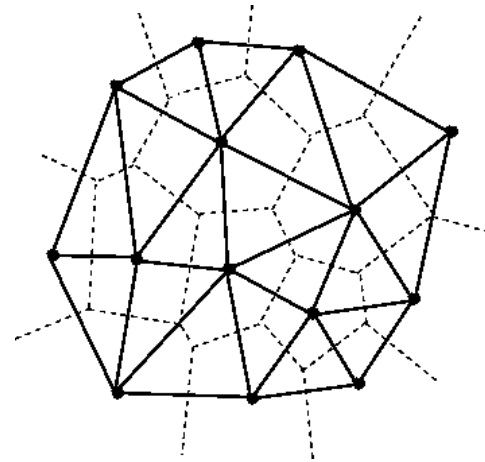
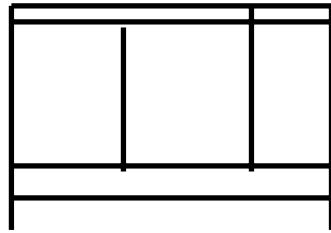


A 2-D curvilinear grid

# Mesh Types (contd)

- Unstructured:

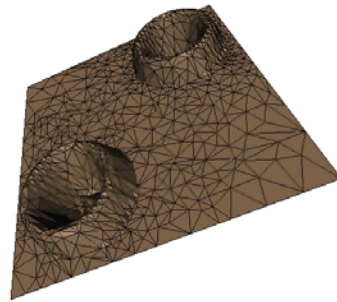
- Cells are of any shape (tetrahedral) hexahedra, etc with no implicit connectivity – e.g. Finite element analysis



- Hybrid:

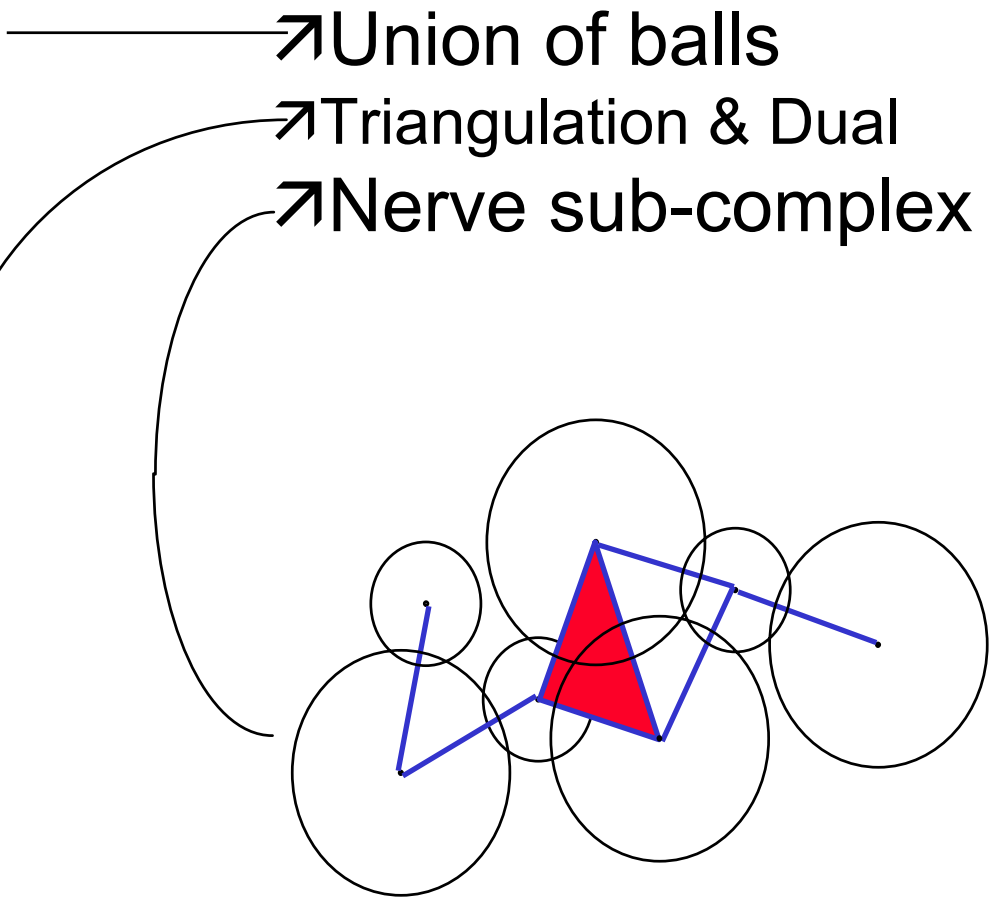
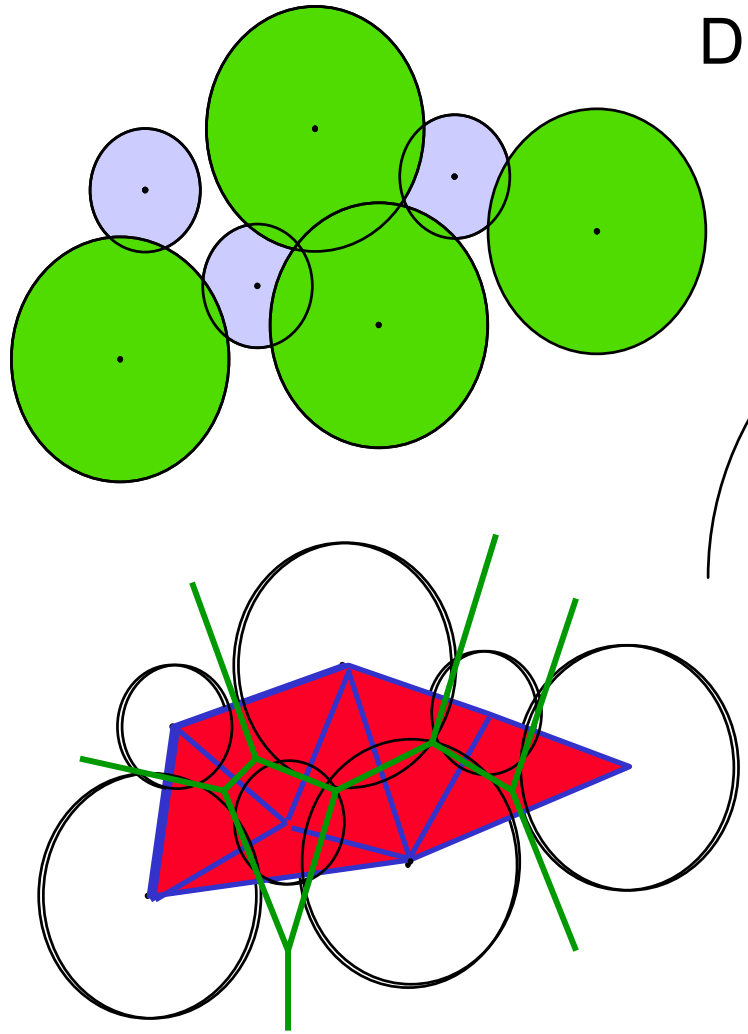
- Combination of curvilinear and unstructured grids.

- Dynamic (Time-varying) meshes



# Meshless Data $\rightarrow$ Meshed Data

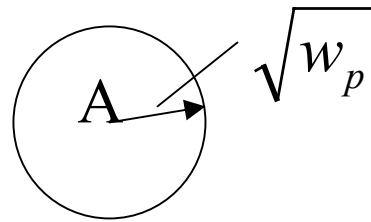
Triangulations (**Delaunay**) &  
Dual Diagrams (**Voronoi**)



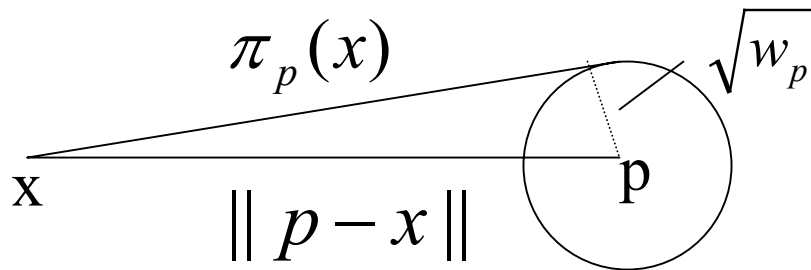
- $\rightarrow$  Union of balls
- $\rightarrow$  Triangulation & Dual
- $\rightarrow$  Nerve sub-complex



# Particle Data to Meshes



Weighted point  $P = (p, w_p)$  where  $p \in \mathbb{R}^d, w_p \in \mathbb{R}$

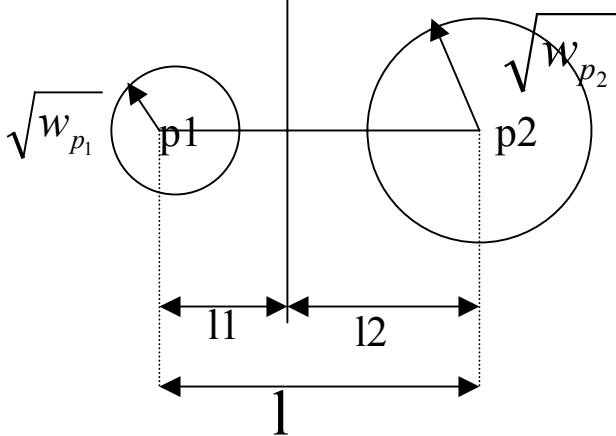


Power distance from  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  to  $p$   $\pi_p(x) = \|p - x\|^2 - w_p$

with  $\|p - x\|^2$  is the Euclidean distance

## Power Diagram ( PD ) of a weighted point set

Tiling of space into convex regions where  $i^{\text{th}}$  region ( tile ) are the set of points in  $\mathcal{R}^d$  nearest to  $p_i$  in the power distance metric.



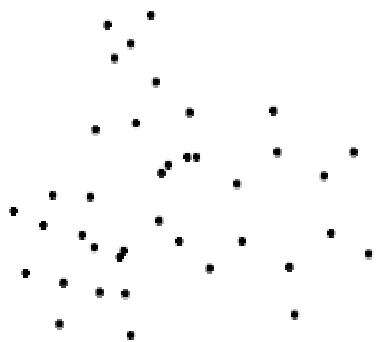
$$\pi_{p_1} = l_1^2 - w_{p_1} = l_2^2 - w_{p_2} = \pi_{p_2}$$

Bisector Plane which matches power distance.

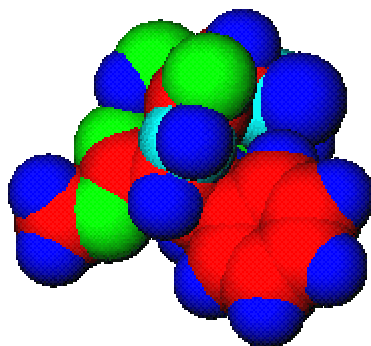
## Regular Triangulation ( RT )

Dual of Power Diagram ( PD ) with an edge of RT for each Bisector Plane of PD

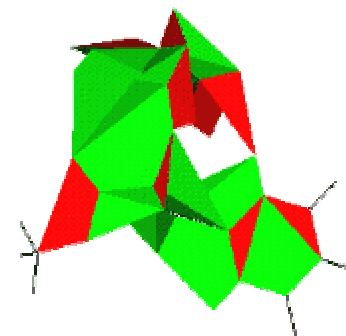
# Particle Data to Meshes



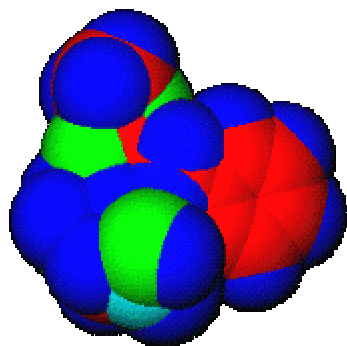
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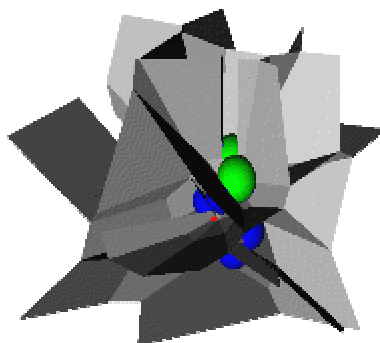
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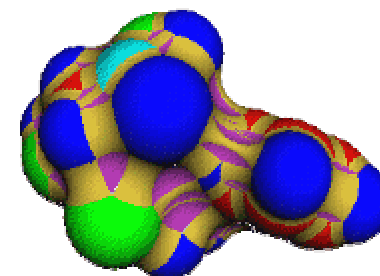
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Solvent Accessible Surface (SAS)

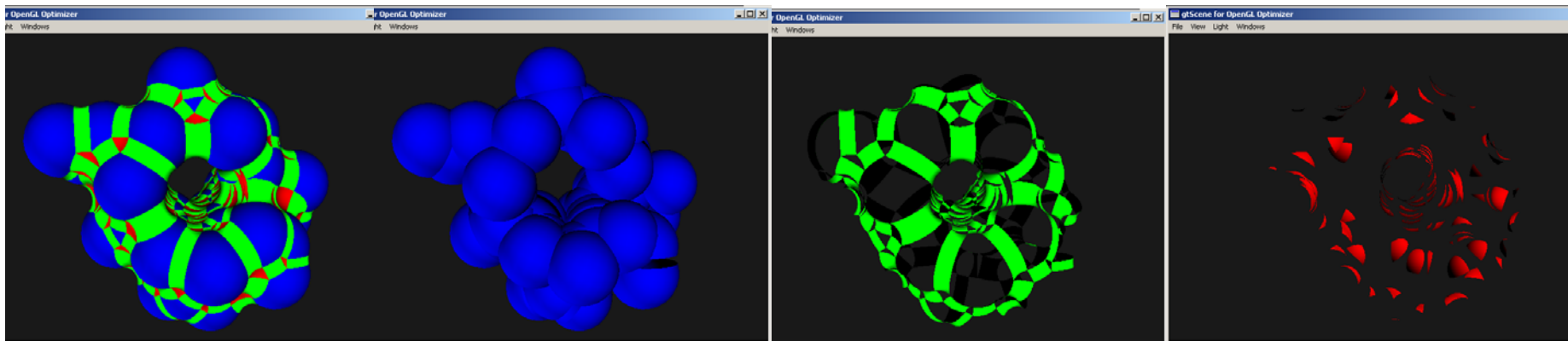


Power Diagram of SAS

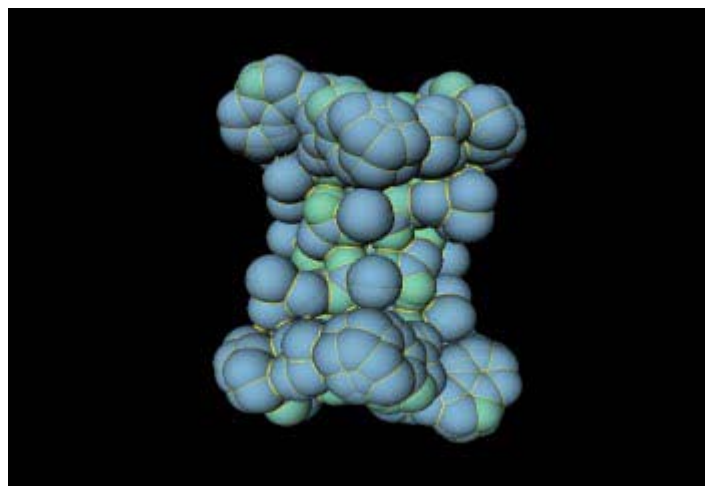


**Solvent Excluded Surface (SES)**

# Molecular Surfaces (Solvent Excluded Surface)



SES = spherical patches + toroidal patches + concave patches





# Field Data

- **Scalar**

temperature, pressure, density, energy, change, resistance, capacitance, refractive index, wavelength, frequency & fluid content.

- **Vector**

velocity, acceleration, angular velocity, force, momentum, magnetic field, electric field, gravitational field, current, surface normal

- **Tensor**

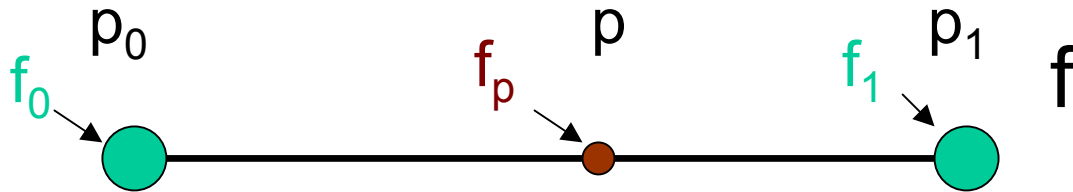
stress, strain, conductivity, moment of inertia and electromagnetic field

- **Multivariate Time Series**

# Field Data on Meshes

- Finite elements commonly used
  - Linear finite elements
  - Non-linear finite elements
- Interpolants/Approximants
  - used to approximate the data on the domain  
(Lagrange, Hermite, ...)

# Linear Interpolation on a line segment



The Barycentric coordinates  $\alpha = (\alpha_0 \ \alpha_1)$  for any point  $p$  on line segment  $\langle p_0 \ p_1 \rangle$ , are given by

$$\alpha = \left( \frac{\text{dist}(p, p_1)}{\text{dist}(p_0, p_1)}, \frac{\text{dist}(p_0, p)}{\text{dist}(p_0, p_1)} \right)$$

which yields

$$p = \alpha_0 p_0 + \alpha_1 p_1$$

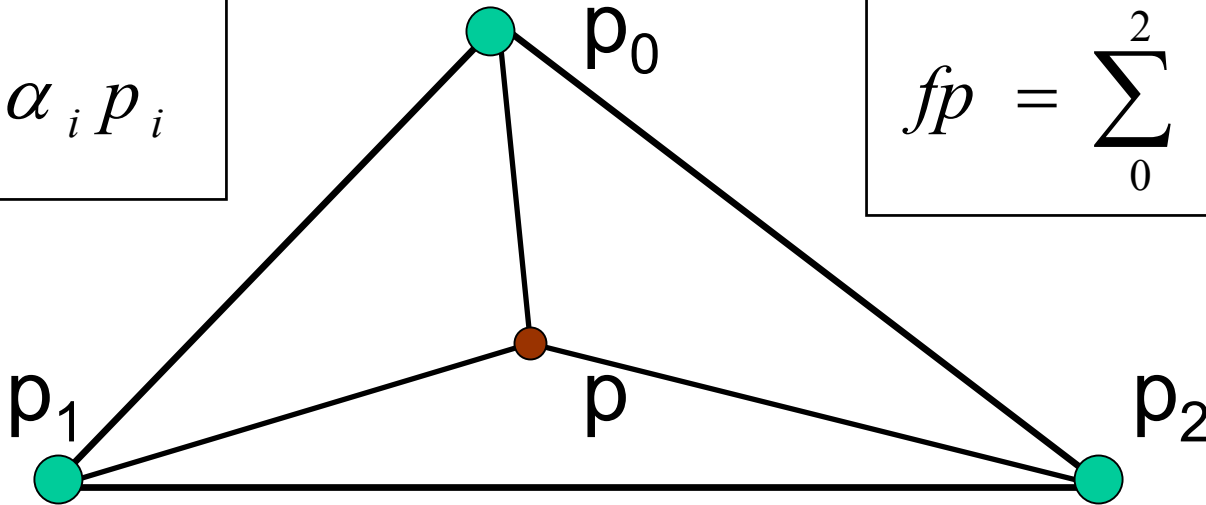
and

$$f_p = \alpha_0 f_0 + \alpha_1 f_1$$

# Linear interpolation over a triangle

$$p = \sum_0^2 \alpha_i p_i$$

$$fp = \sum_0^2 \alpha_i fp_i$$



For a triangle  $p_0, p_1, p_2$ , the Barycentric coordinates

$\alpha = (\alpha_0 \alpha_1 \alpha_2)$  for point  $p$ ,

$$\alpha = \left( \frac{\text{area}(p, p_1, p_2)}{\text{area}(p_0, p_1, p_2)}, \frac{\text{area}(p_0, p, p_2)}{\text{area}(p_0, p_1, p_2)}, \frac{\text{area}(p_0, p_1, p)}{\text{area}(p_0, p_1, p_2)} \right)$$

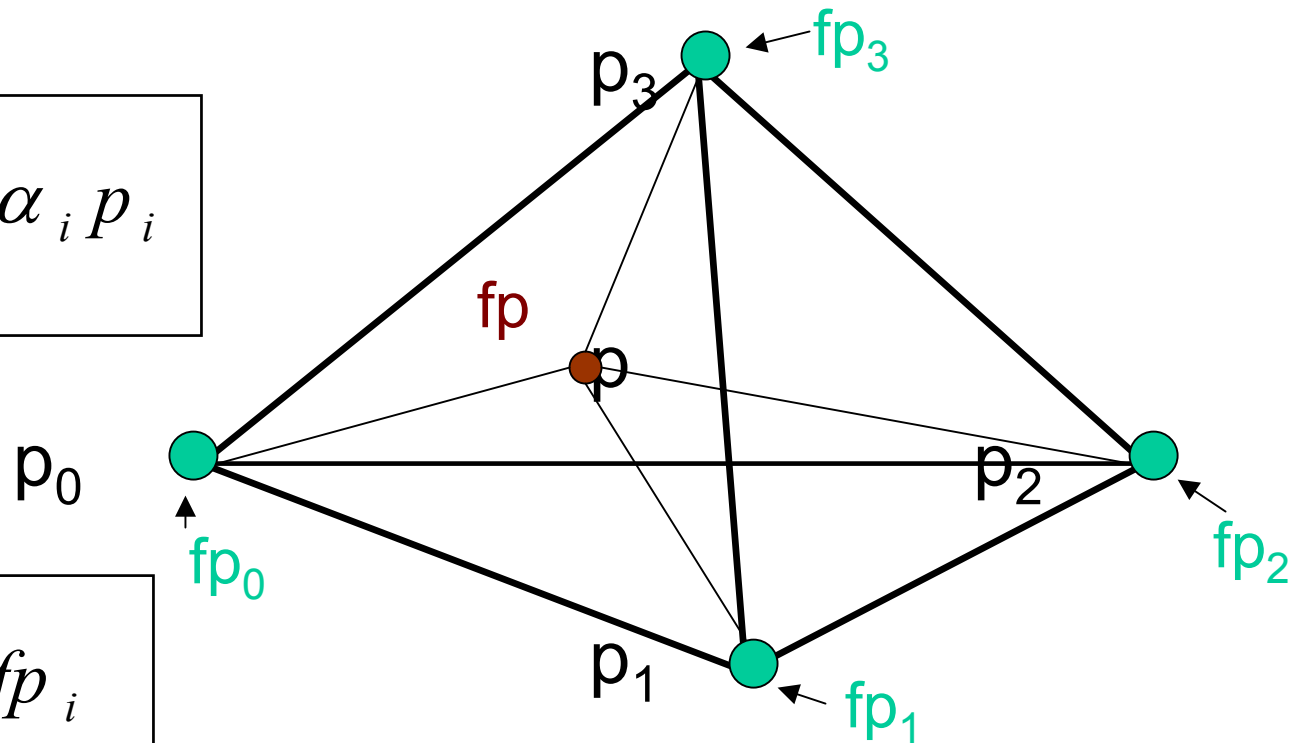
# Linear interpolant over a tetrahedron

## Linear Interpolation within a

- Tetrahedron  $(p_0, p_1, p_2, p_3)$   
 $\alpha = \alpha_i$  are the barycentric coordinates of  $p$

$$p = \sum_0^3 \alpha_i p_i$$

$$fp = \sum_0^3 \alpha_i fp_i$$

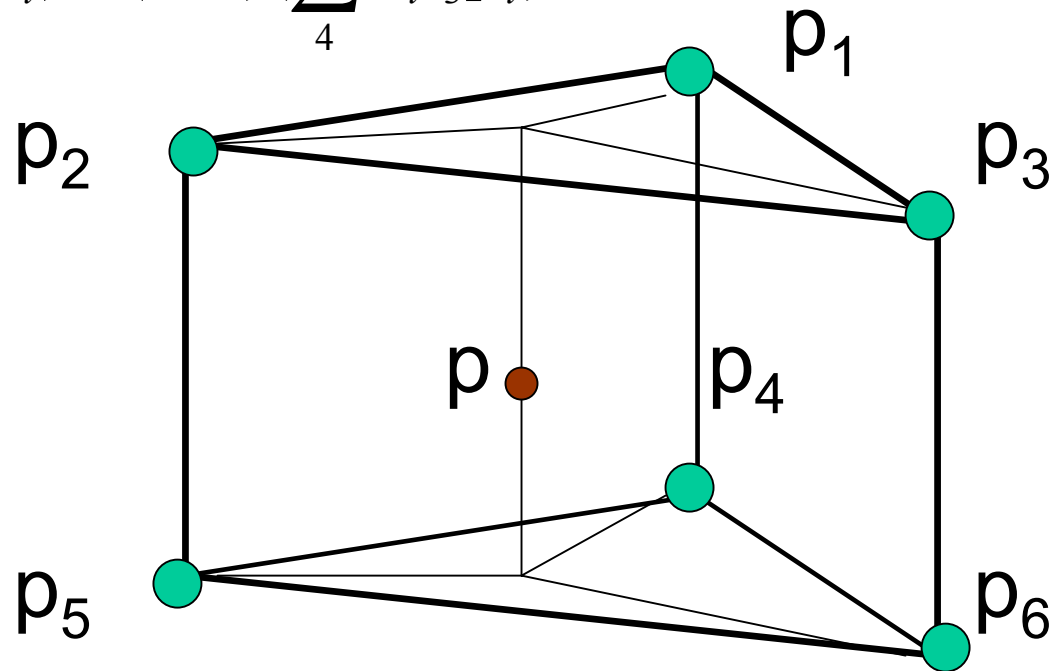


# Other 3D Finite Elements (contd)

- Unit Prism ( $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5, p_6$ )

$$p = t\left(\sum_1^3 \alpha_i p_i\right) + (1-t)\left(\sum_4^6 \alpha_{i-3} p_i\right)$$

Note: nonlinear

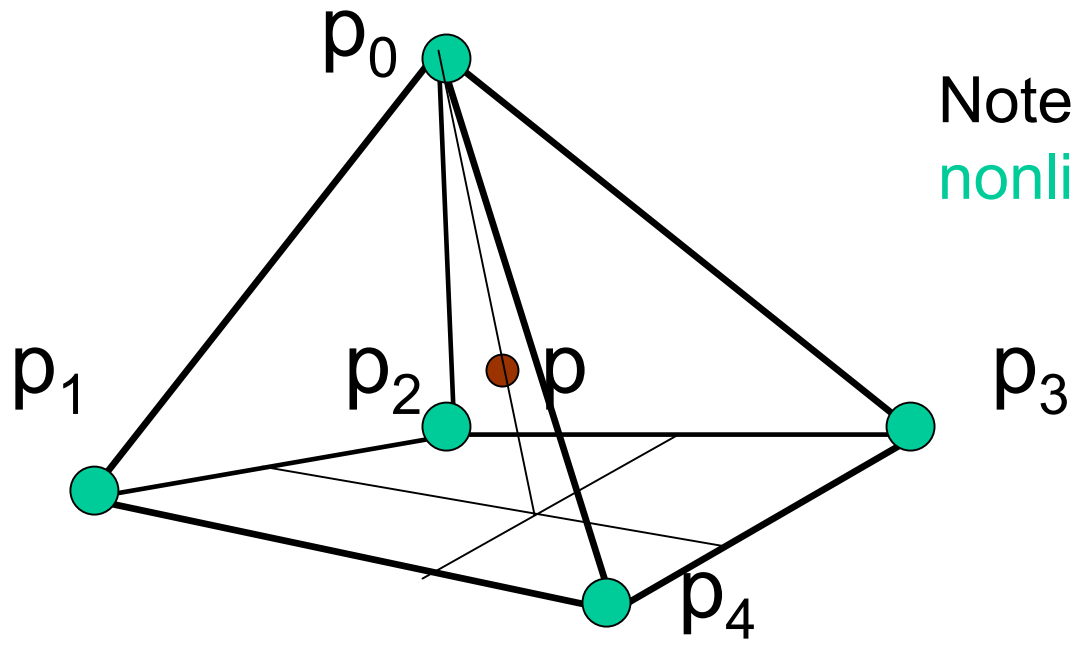




# Other 3D Finite elements

- Unit Pyramid ( $p_0, p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4$ )

$$p = up_0 + (1-u)(t(sp_1 + (1-s)p_2) + (1-t)(sp_3 + (1-s)p_4))$$



Note:  
 nonlinear

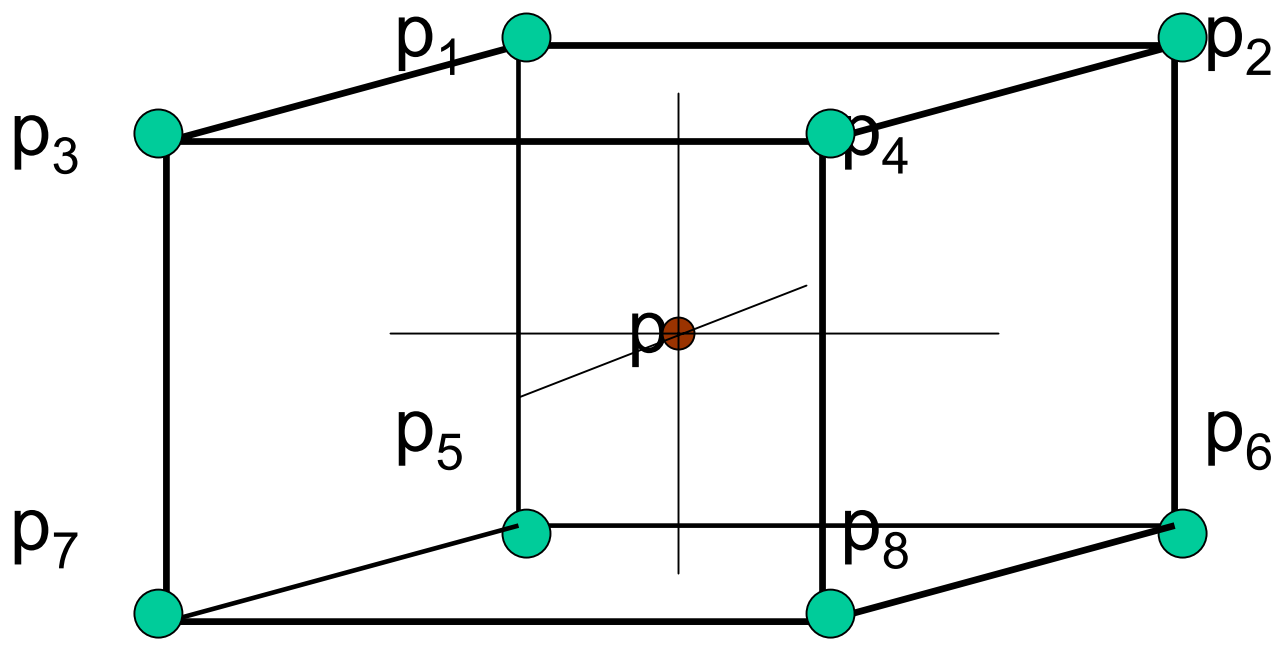
# Other 3D Finite Elements

- Unit Cube ( $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5, p_6, p_7, p_8$ )

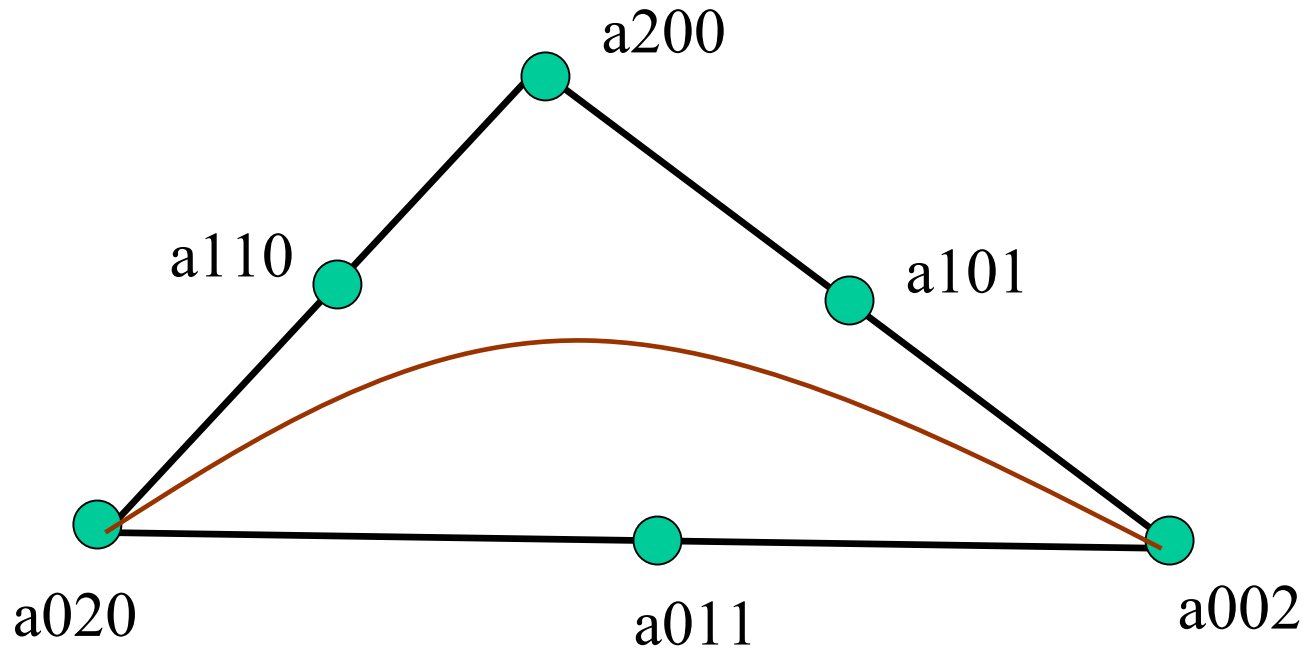
- Tensor in all 3 dimensions

$$p = u(t(sp_1 + (1-s)p_2) + (1-t)(sp_3 + (1-s)p_4)) + (1-u)(t(sp_5 + (1-s)p_6) + (1-t)(sp_7 + (1-s)p_8))$$

Trilinear interpolant



# Can we construct Good Non-Linear Curve and Surface Finite Elements ?



The conic curve interpolant is the zero of the bivariate quadratic polynomial interpolant over the triangle

Every good answer  
needs **coffee!** Or  
**Mineralwasser !!**

# Non-Linear Representations

## – Explicit

- Curve:  $y = f(x)$
- Surface:  $z = f(x,y)$
- Volume:  $w = f(x,y,z)$

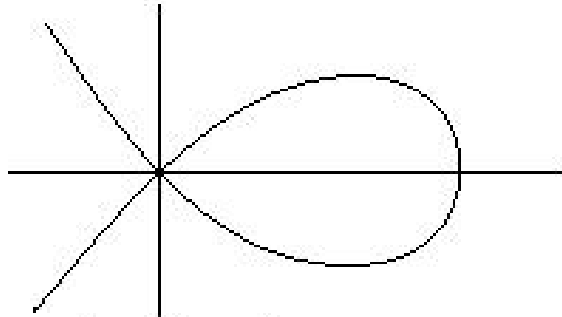
## – Implicit

- Curve:  $f(x,y) = 0$  in 2D,  $\langle f_1(x,y,z) = f_2(x,y,z) = 0 \rangle$  in 3D
- Surface:  $f(x,y,z) = 0$
- Interval Volume:  $c_1 < f(x,y,z) < c_2$

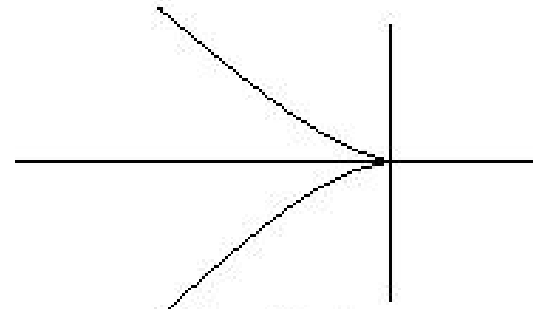
## – Parametric

- Curve:  $x = f_1(t), y = f_2(t)$
- Surface:  $x = f_1(s,t), y = f_2(s,t), z = f_3(s,t)$

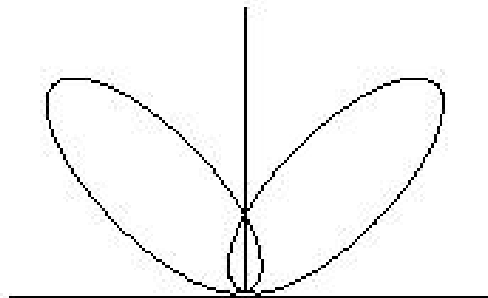
# Algebraic Curves



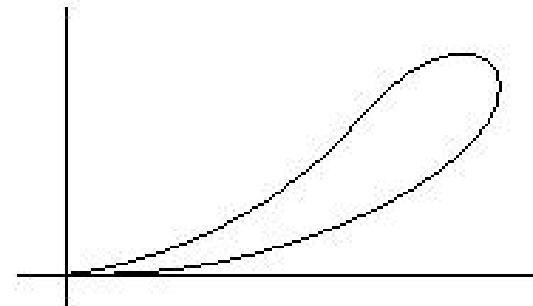
$$x^3 - x^2 + y^2 = 0$$



$$y^3 - x^2 = 0$$



$$2x^4 - 3x^2y + y^2 - 2y^3 + y^4 = 0$$



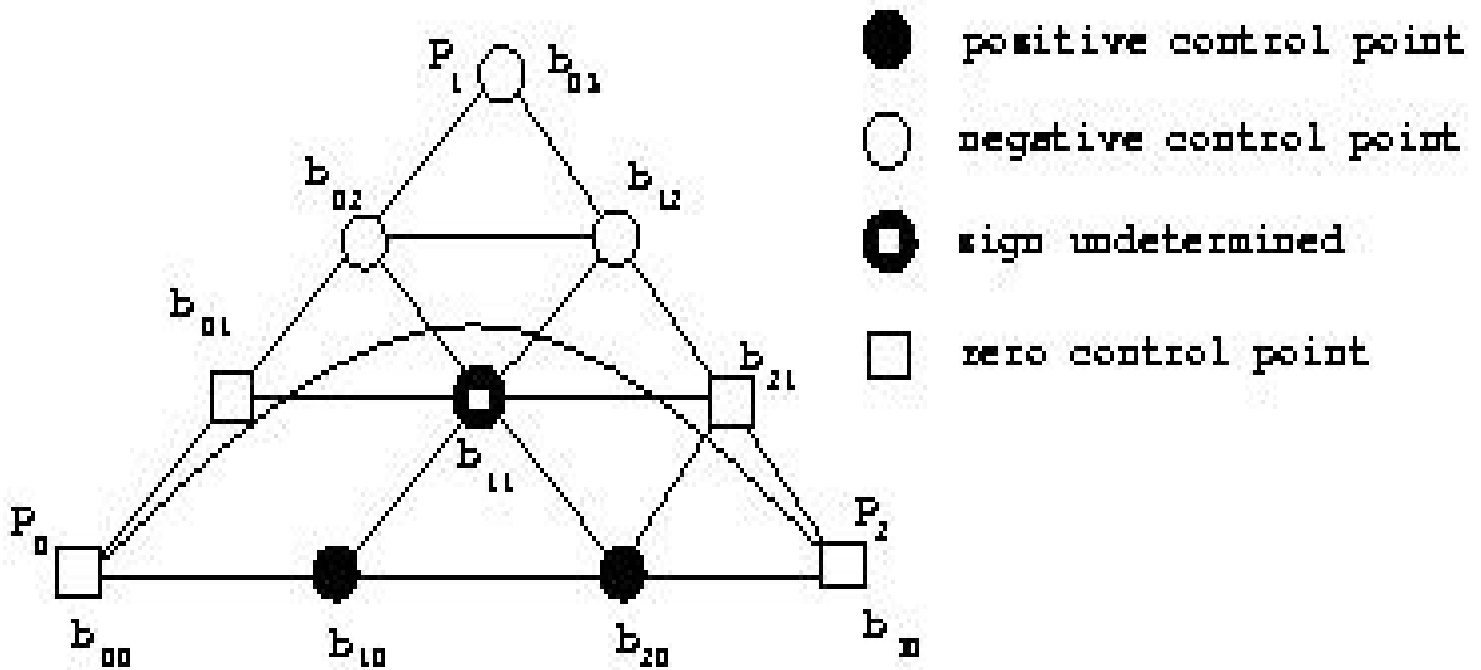
$$x^4 + x^2y^2 - 2x^2y - xy^2 + y^2 = 0$$



# Implicit vs Parametric

- Curves
- Surfaces
- Volumes

# A-spline segment over BB basis



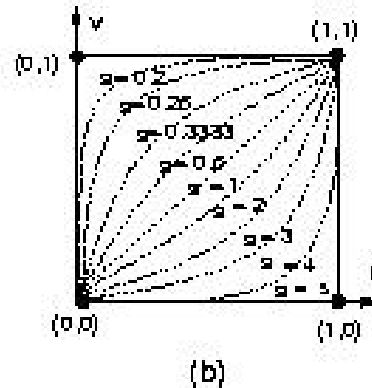
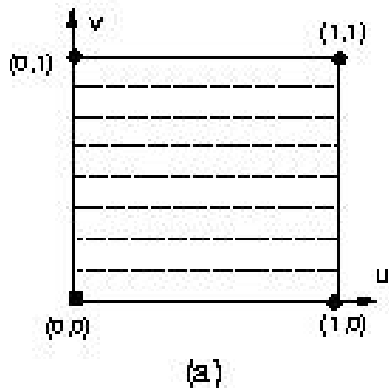
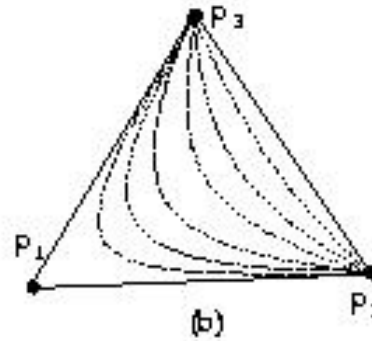
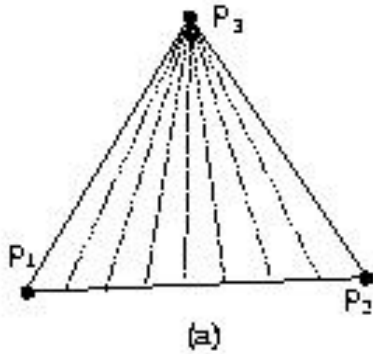
# Discriminating Curve Family

For a given triangle or quadrilateral  $R$ , let  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be two closed boundaries of  $R$  and let  $D = \{A_s(x,y) = \gamma(x,y) - s \delta(x,y) = 0 : s \in [0,1]\}$  be an algebraic curve family with  $s$  as a parameter and  $\delta(x,y) > 0$  on  $R \setminus \{R_1, R_2\}$  such that

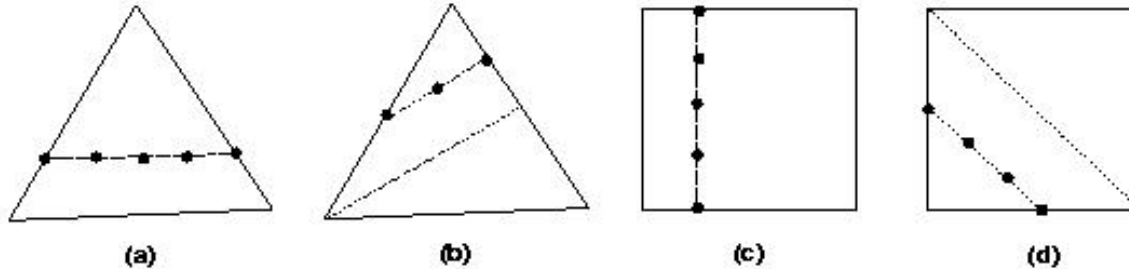
1.  $R_1 \cap R_2 = \emptyset$ .
2. Each curve in  $D$  passes through  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ .
3. Each curve in  $D$  is regular in the interior of  $R$ .
4. For  $\forall p \in R \setminus \{R_1, R_2\}$ , there exists one and only one  $s \in [0, 1]$  such that  $A_s(p) = 0$ .

Then we say  $D$  is a discriminating family on  $R$ , denoted by  $D(R, R_1, R_2)$ .

# Examples of Discriminating Curve Families



# A-spline Segment

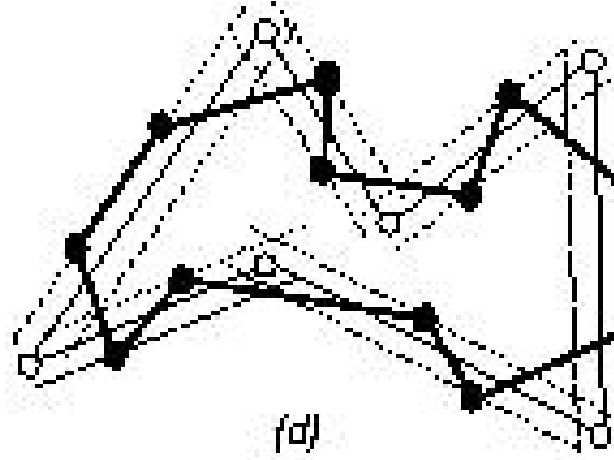
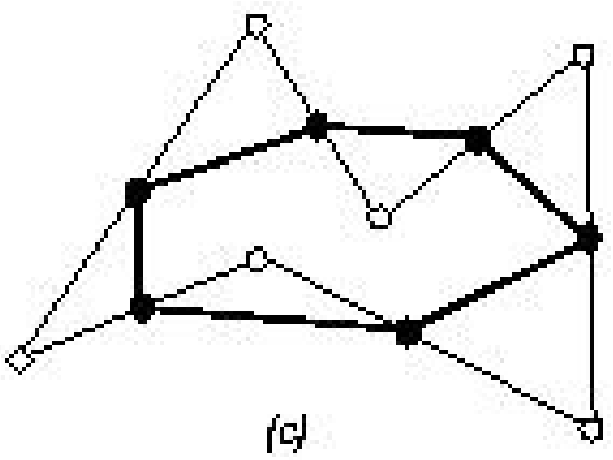
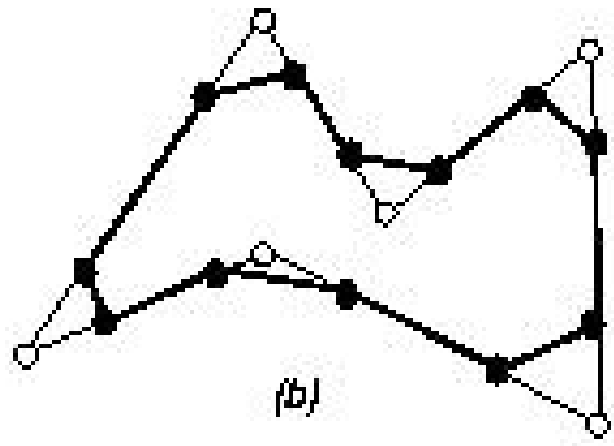
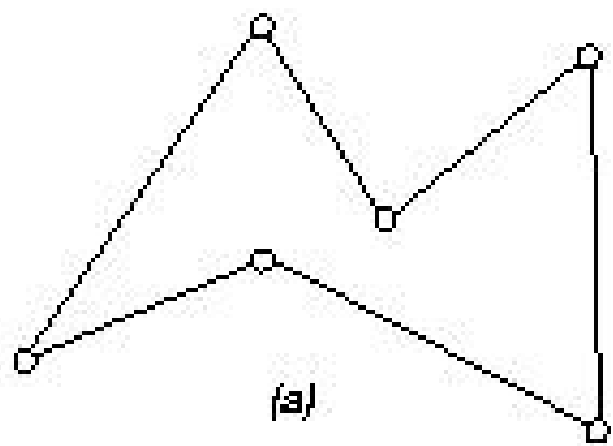


For a given discriminating family  $D(R, R_1, R_2)$ , let  $f(x, y)$  be a bivariate polynomial . If the curve  $f(x, y) = 0$  intersects with each curve in  $D(R, R_1, R_2)$  only once in the interior of  $R$ , we say the curve  $f = 0$  is regular(or A-spline segment) with respect to  $D(R, R_1, R_2)$ .

If  $B_0(s), B_1(s), \dots$  have one sign change, then the curve is

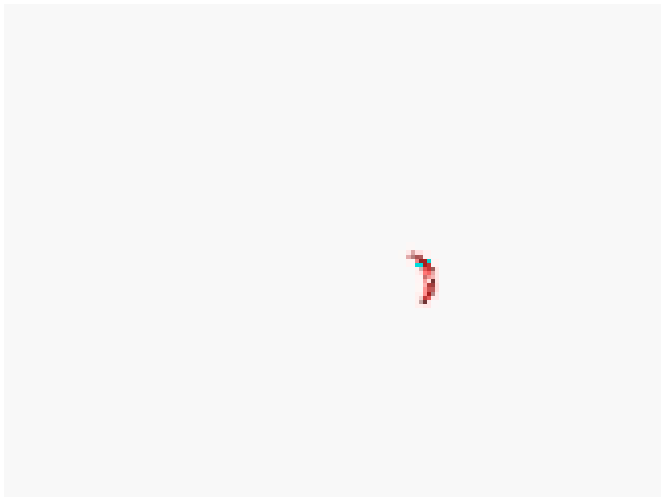
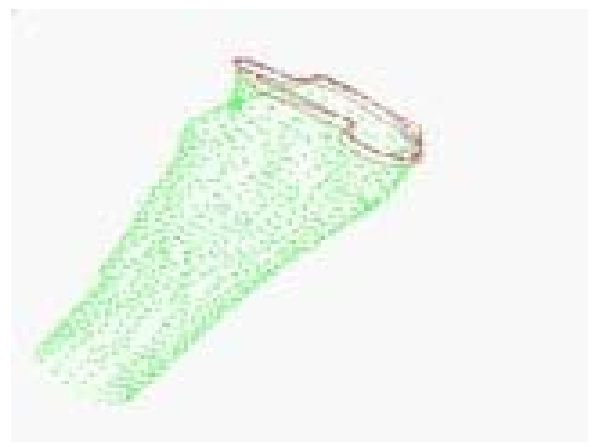
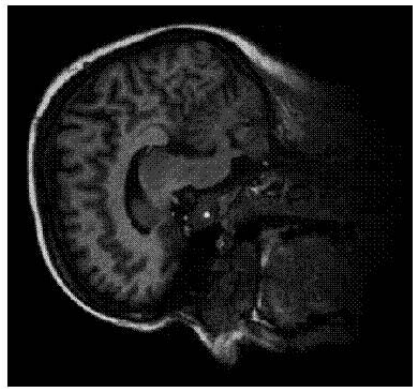
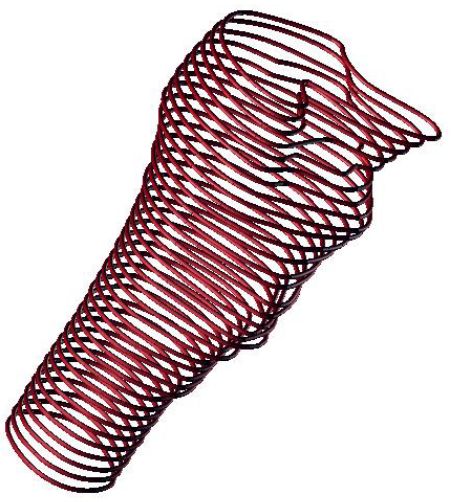
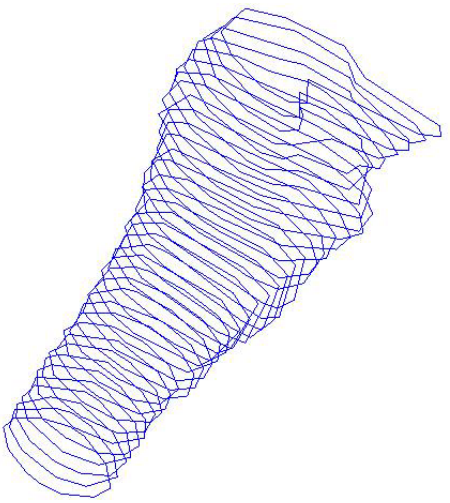
- (a)  $D_1$  - regular curve.
- (b)  $D_2$  - regular curve.
- (c)  $D_3$  - regular curve.
- (d)  $D_4$  - regular curve.

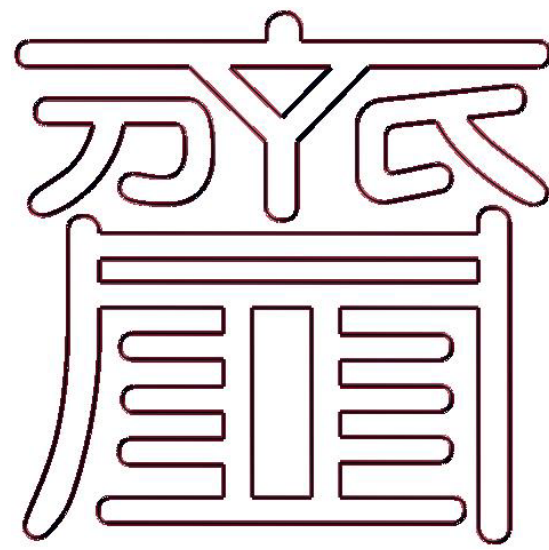
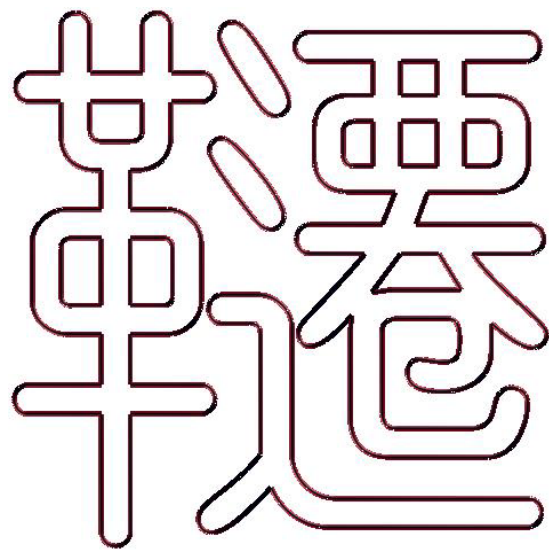
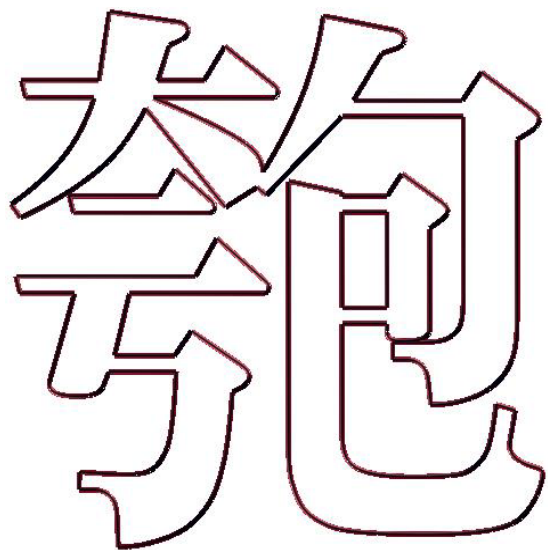
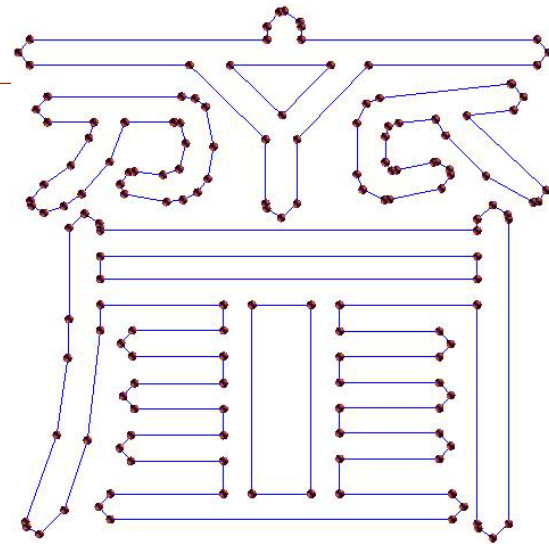
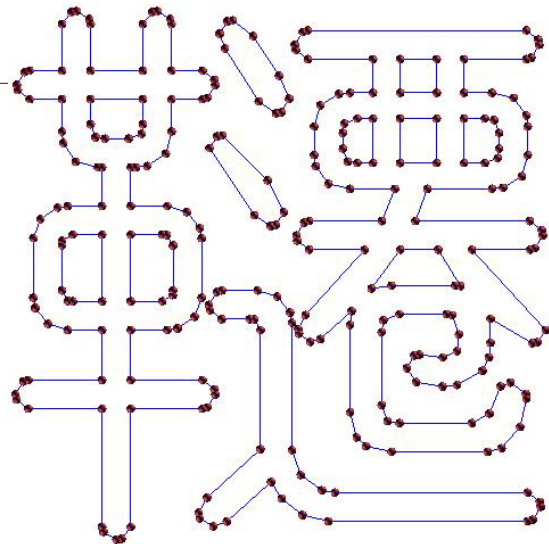
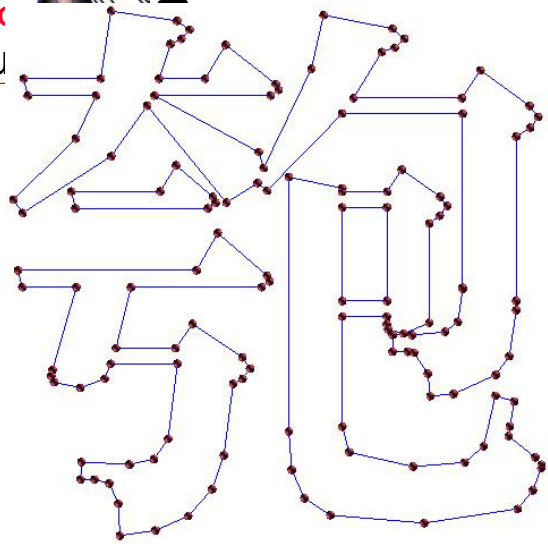
# Constructing Scaffolds



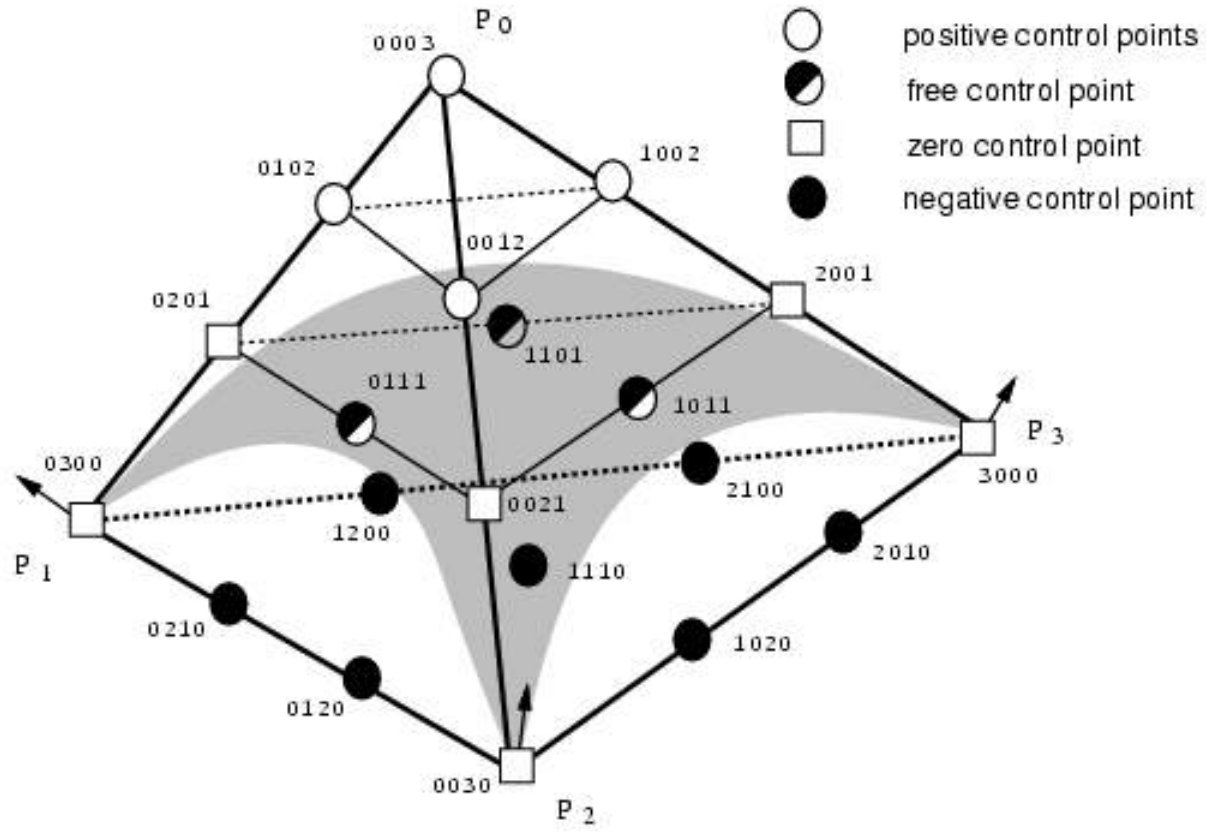


# $C^1$ A-spline Reconstructions





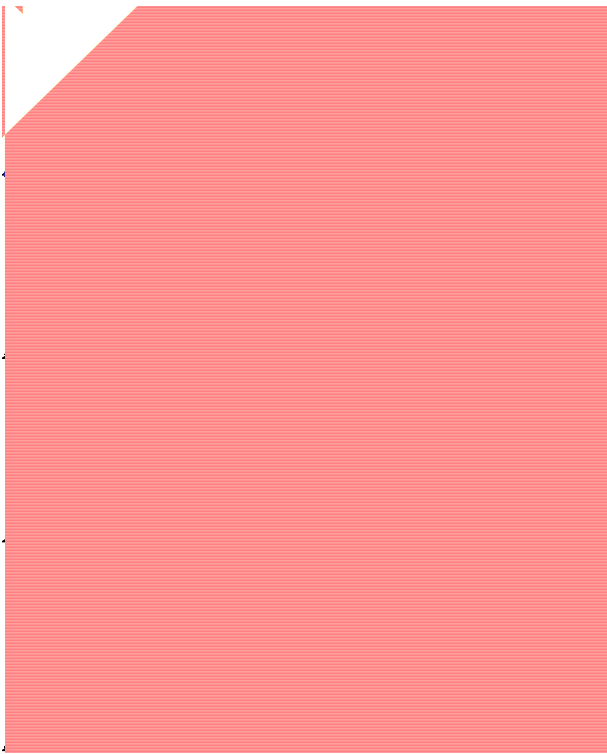
# A-patch Surface ( $C^1$ ) Interpolant



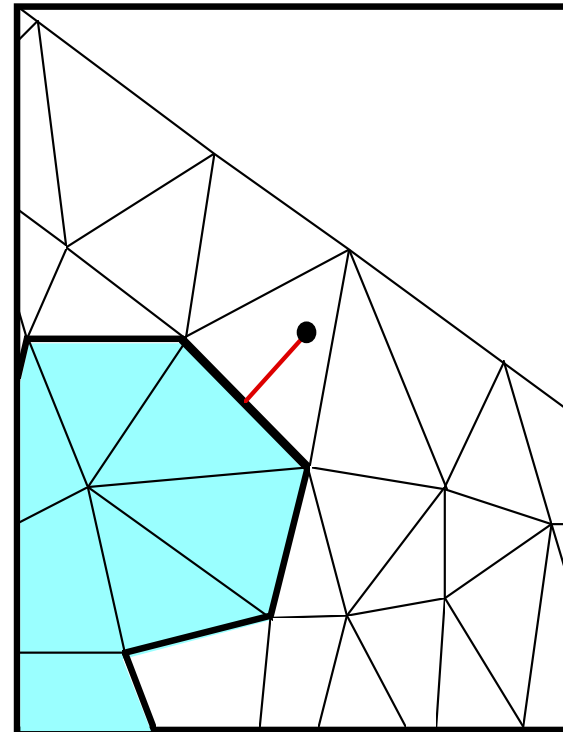
- An implicit single-sheeted interpolant over a tetrahedron

# Incremental Scaffolding and Function Construction

- **DAG**



## *Signed distance*



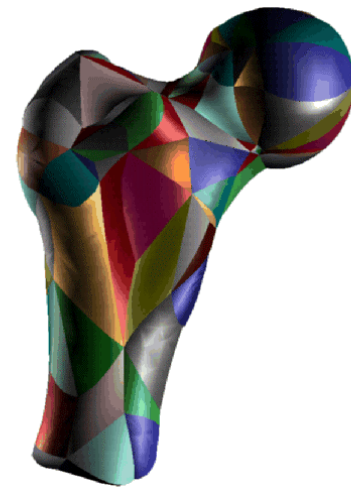
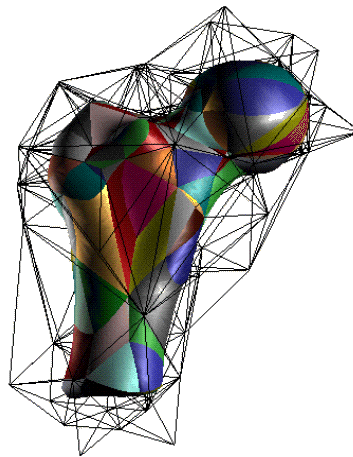
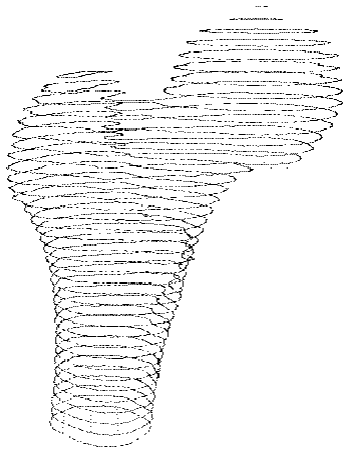
# Incremental refinement

## Bivariate Case



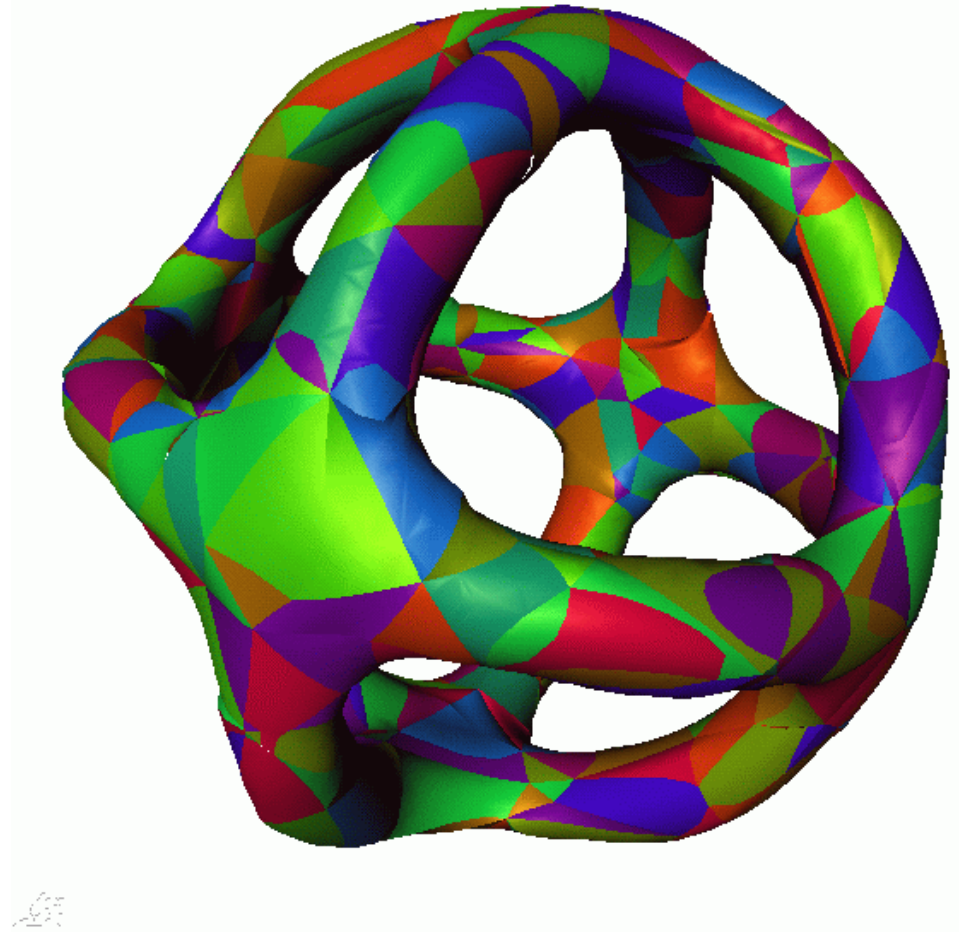
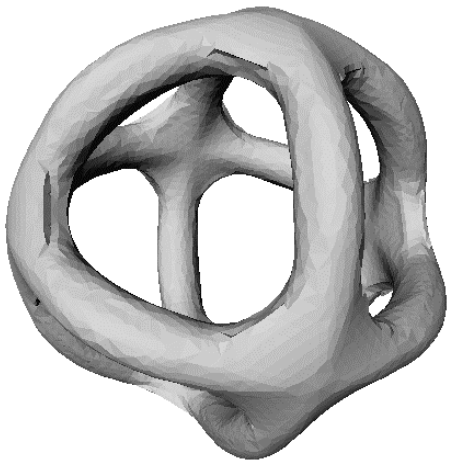
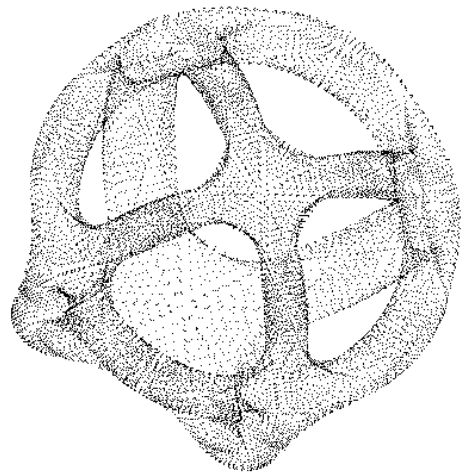
# A-patch surface models

- ~9200 points, 406 patches (degree 3), 1% error



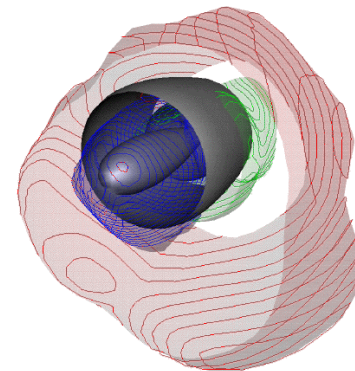
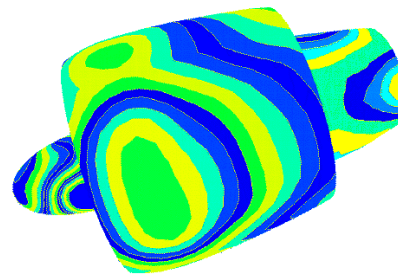
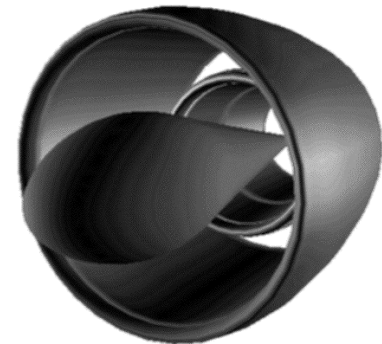
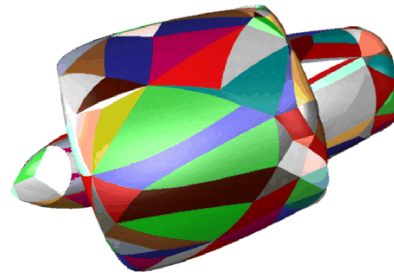


# High Genus Example



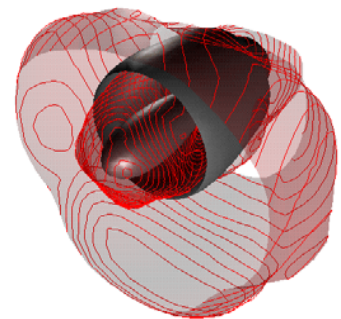
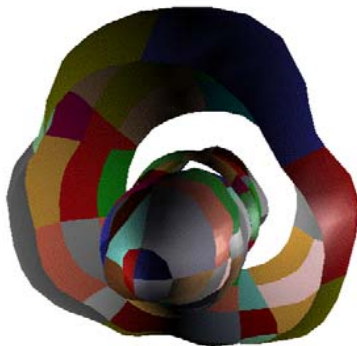
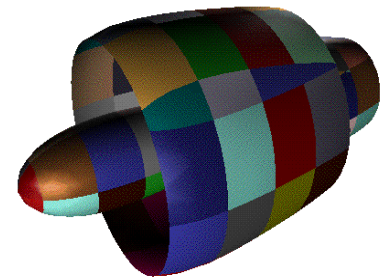
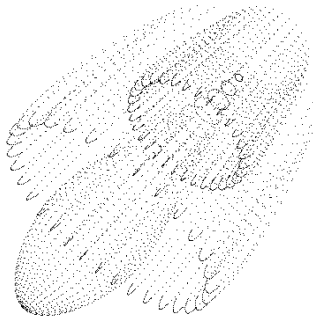
# Results

- $\sim 10^4$  points,,  
460 patches  
(degree 3),,  
1% error

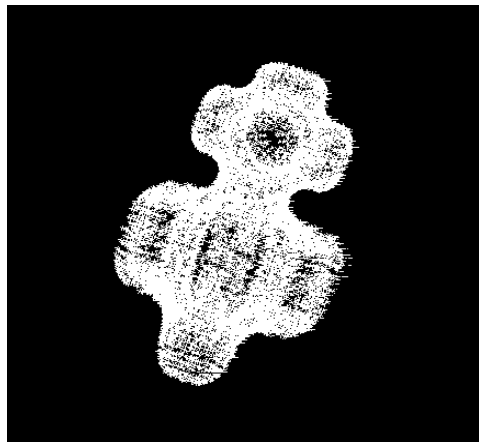


# Tensor-product patches Results

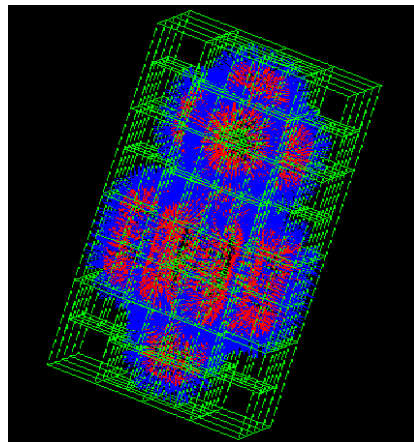
- $\sim 10^4$  points,,  
180 patches  
(degree 3),,  
1% error



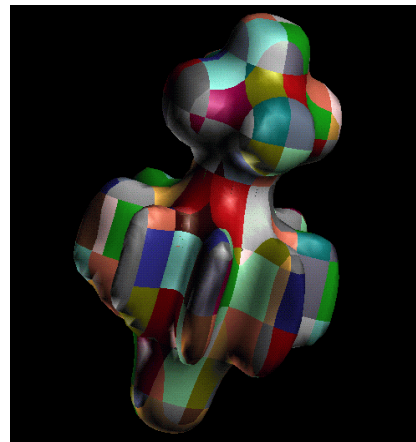
# Tensor-product patches Manifold and Function Data



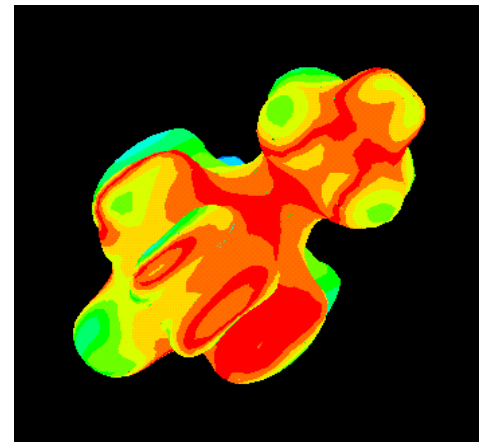
**Data points**



**Final Mesh**



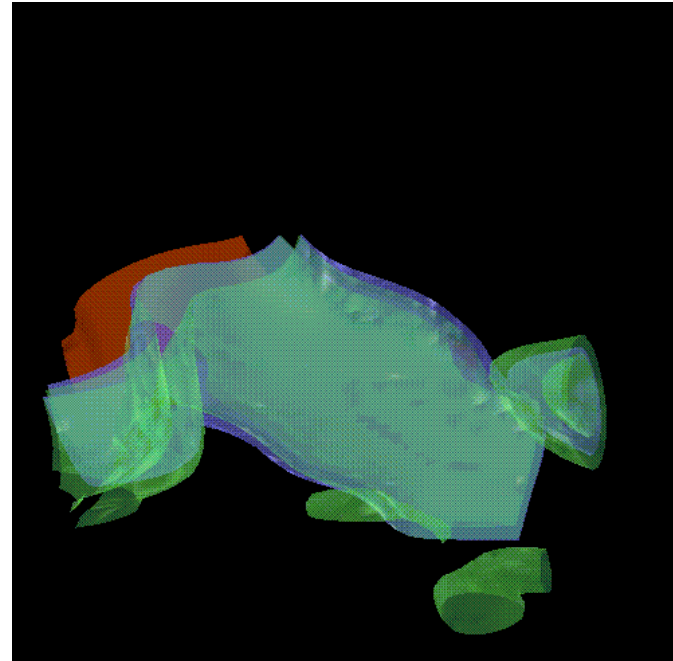
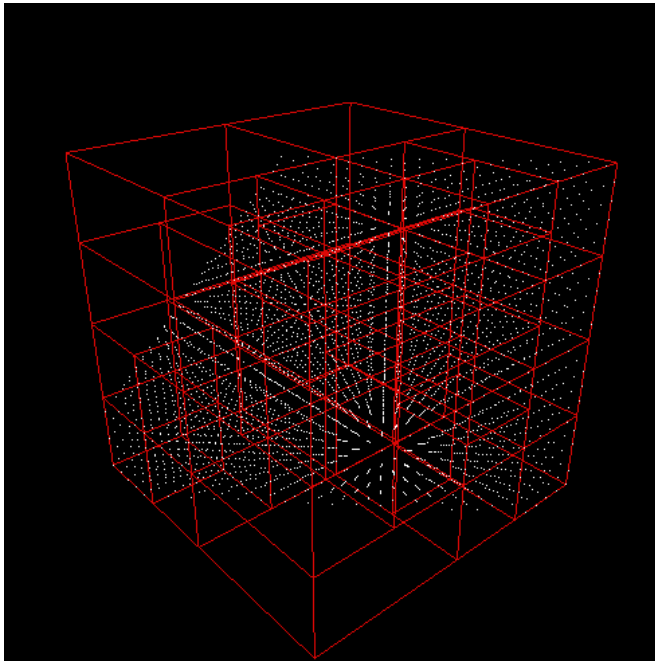
**Implicit patches**



**Function**

# Tensor-product A-patches Volumetric Data

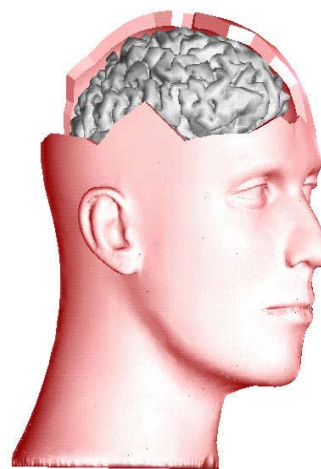
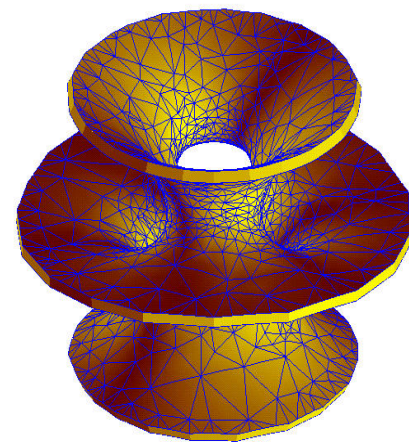
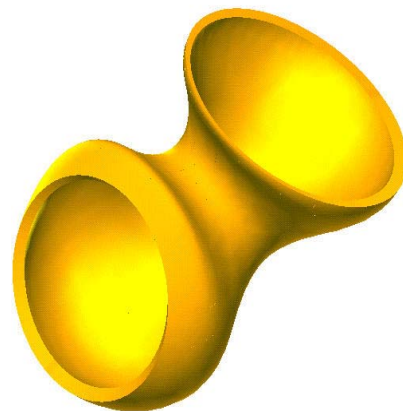
$\sim 10^4$  points,, 220 patches (degree 3),, 1% error





# Shell Finite Elements

- Airfoils
- Tin cans
- Shell canisters
- Sea shells
- Earth's outer crust
- Human skin
- Skeletal Structures



# C<sup>1</sup> Interpolant

## Hermite interpolation



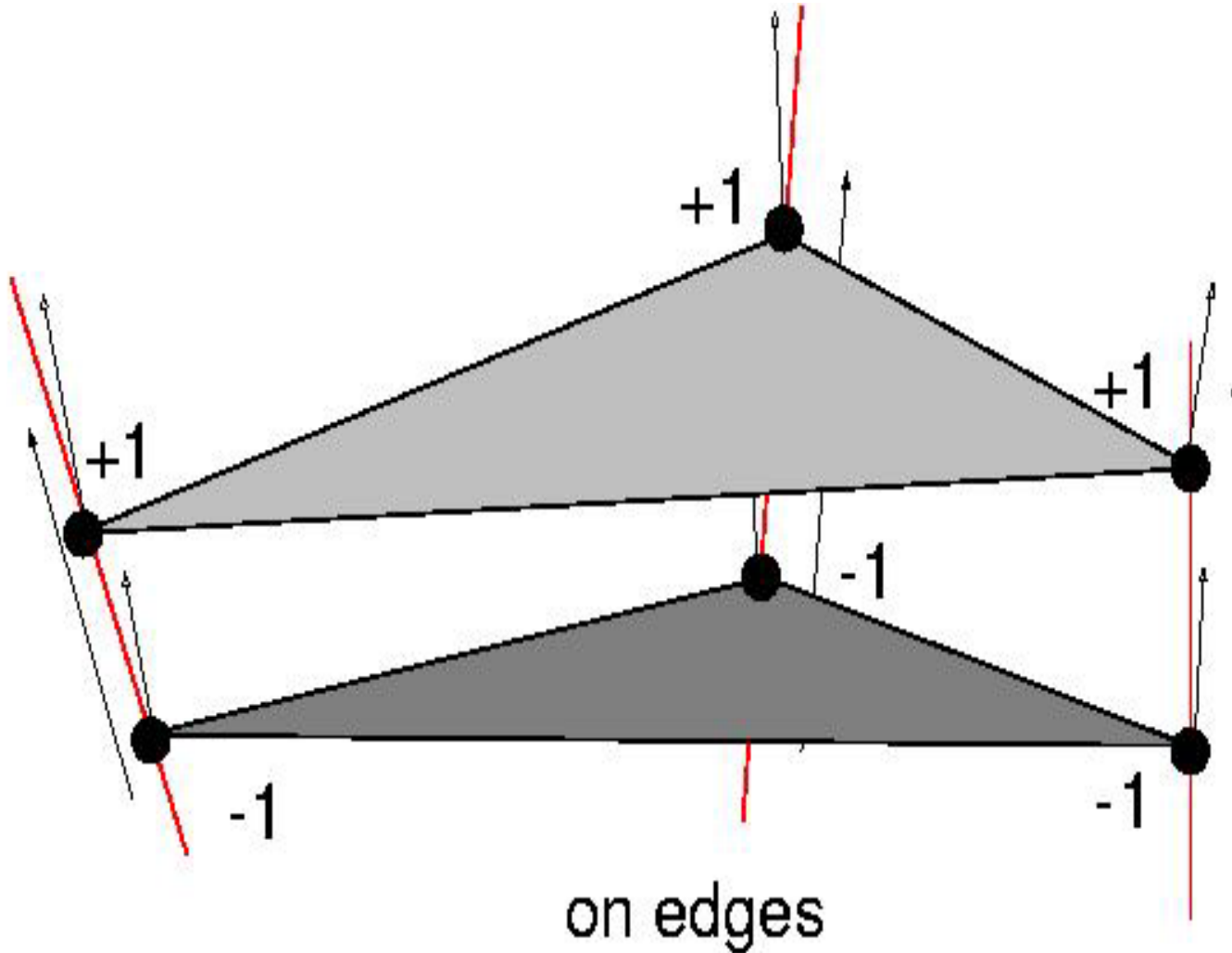
$$f(t) = f_0 H_0^3(t) + f_0' H_1^3(t) + f_1 H_2^3(t) + f_1' H_3^3(t)$$

# Incremental Basis Construction

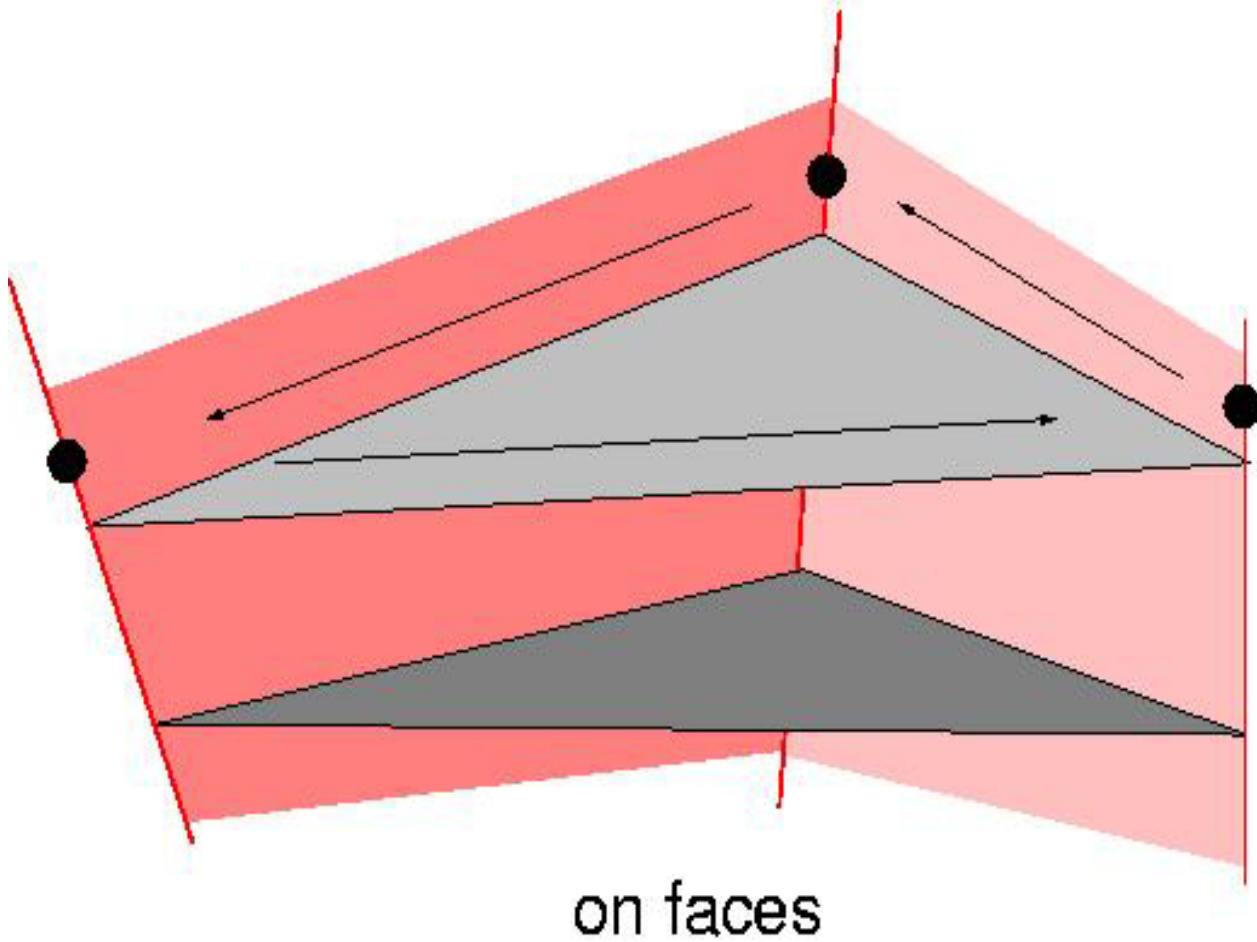
- Define functions and gradients on the edges of a prism
- Define functions and gradients on the faces of a prism
- Define functions on a volume
- Blending



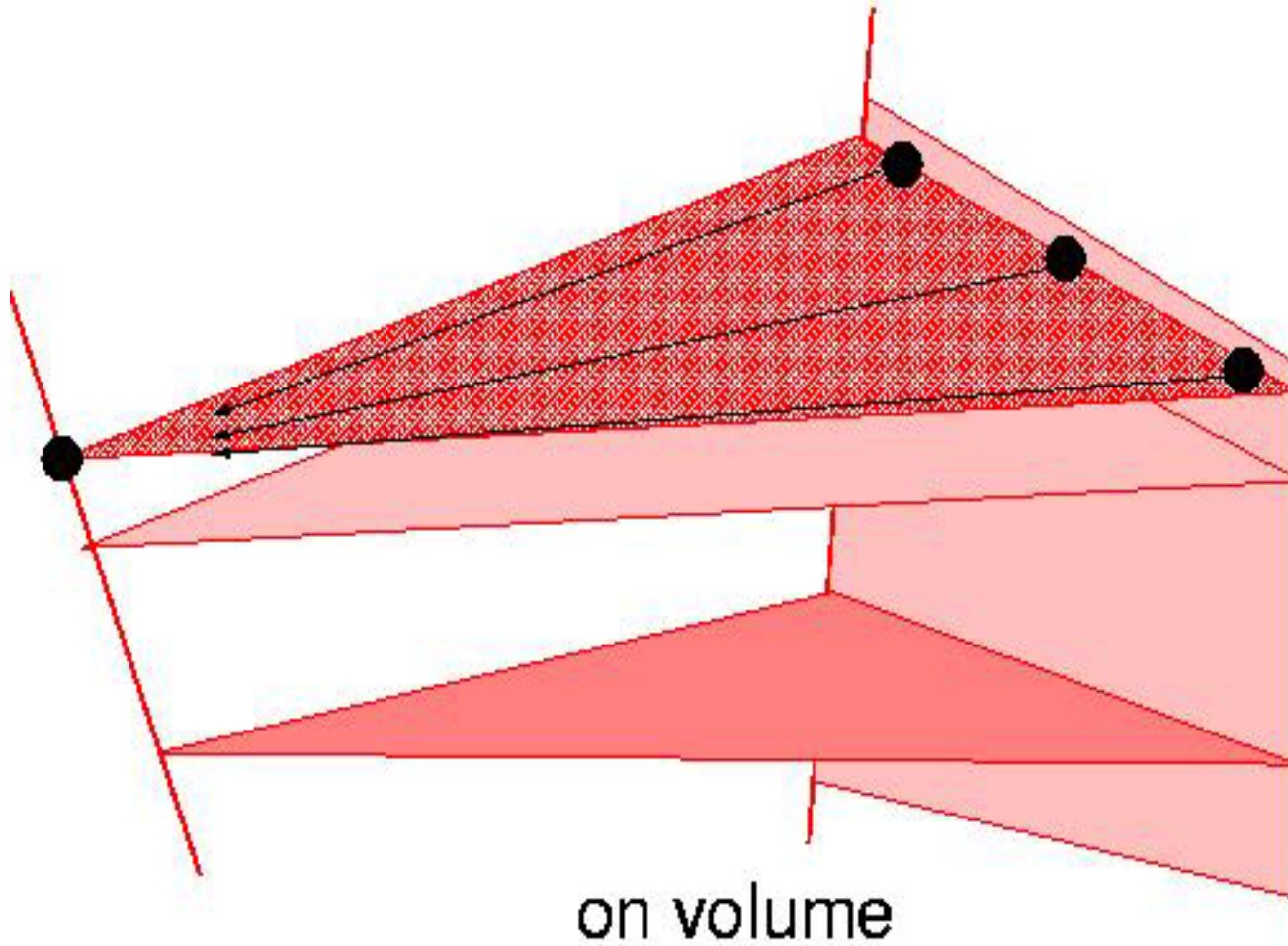
# Hermite Interpolant on Prism Edges



# Hermite Interpolation on Prism Faces



# Side Vertex Interpolation



# $C^1$ function construction (cont.)

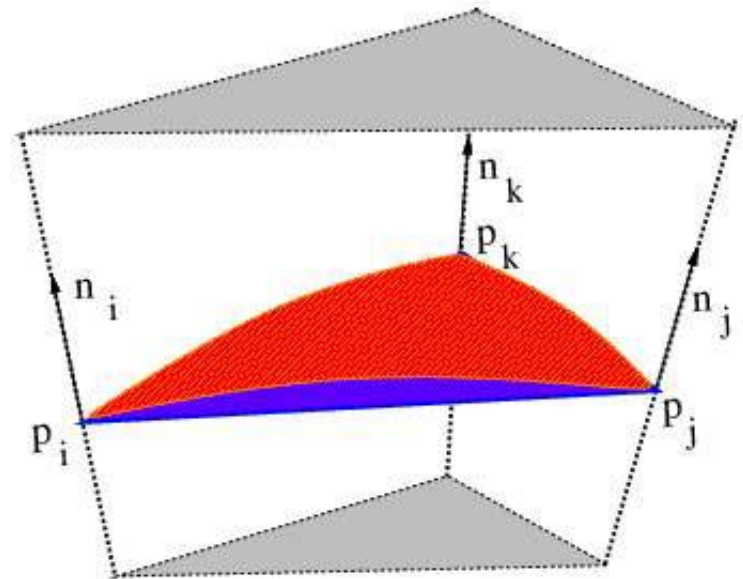
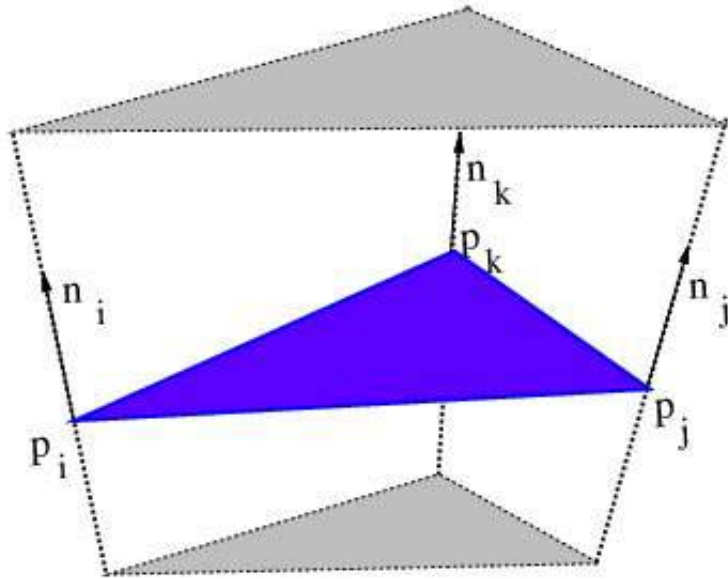
- Blending

$$\sum W_i D_i(b_1, b_2, b_3, \lambda) + (b_1 b_2 b_3)^2 E(b_1, b_2, b_3, \lambda)$$

where

$$W_i(b_1, b_2, b_3) = \frac{(b_j b_k)^\beta}{(b_2 b_3)^\beta + (b_1 b_3)^\beta + (b_1 b_2)^\beta}, \beta > 1$$

# Shell Elements (contd)

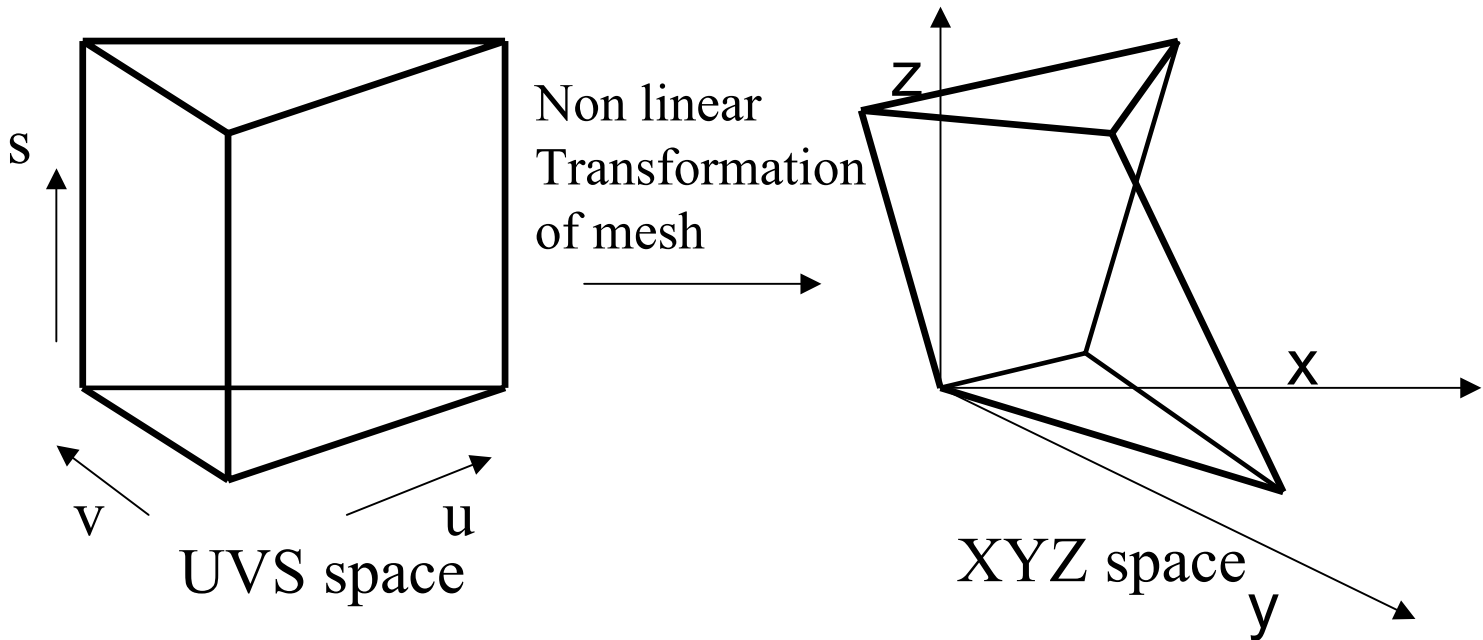


- The function  $F$  is  $C^1$  over  $\Sigma$  and interpolates  $C^1$  (Hermite) data
- The interpolant has quadratic precision

# Non-linear finite elements-3d

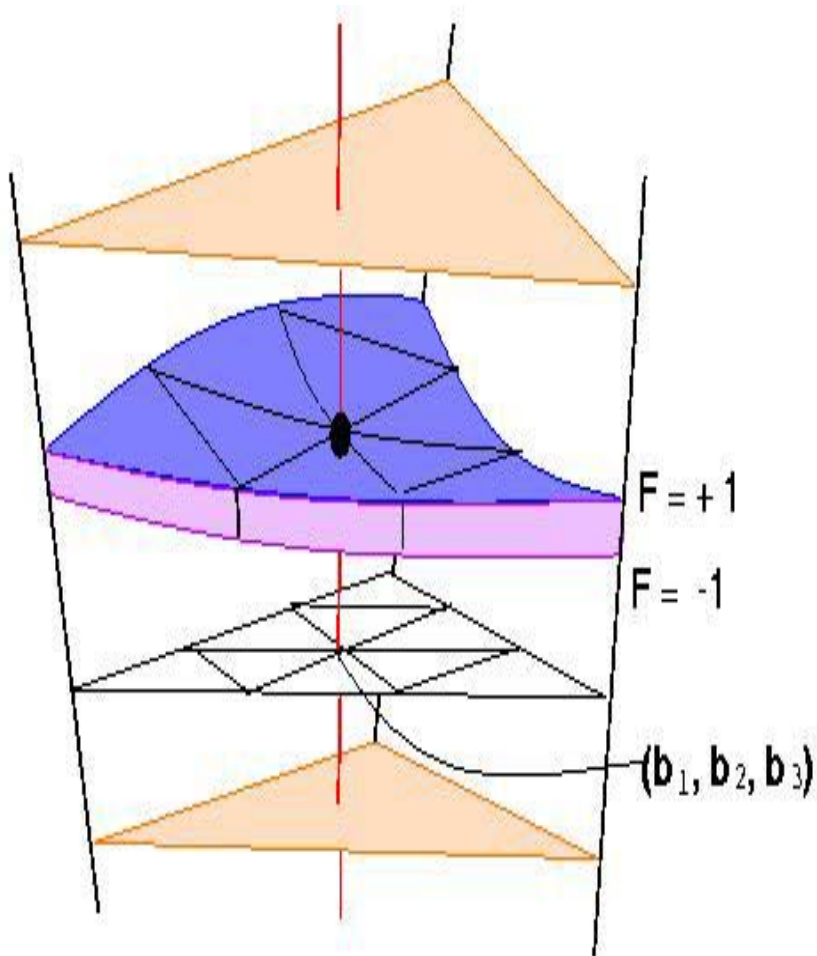
- Irregular prism

–Irregular prisms have been used to represent data.



$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = ((1-u-v)\vec{\mathbf{p}}_0 + u\vec{\mathbf{p}}_1 + v\vec{\mathbf{p}}_2)(1-s) + ((1-u-v)\vec{\mathbf{p}}_3 + u\vec{\mathbf{p}}_4 + v\vec{\mathbf{p}}_5)(s)$$

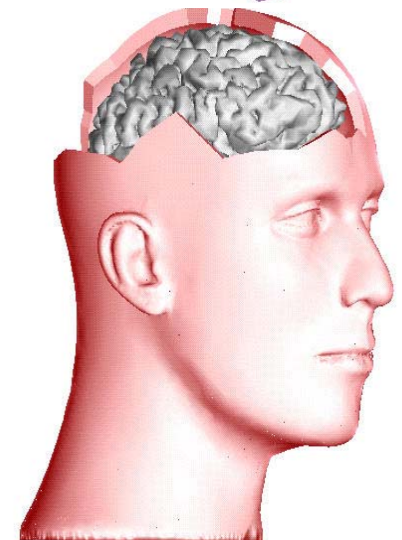
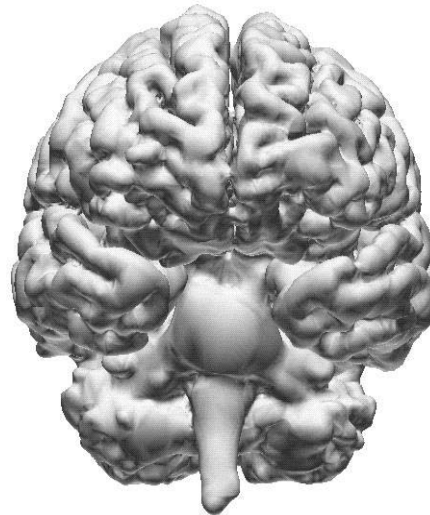
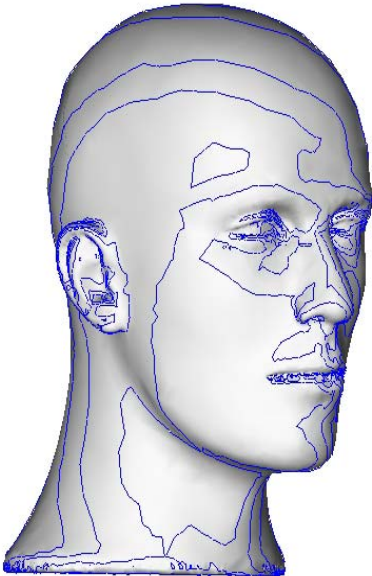
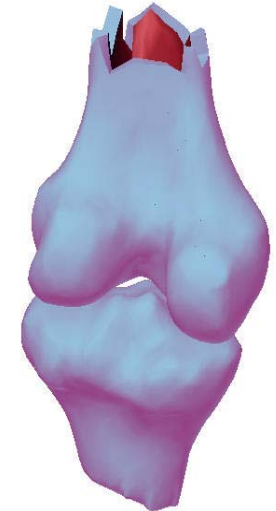
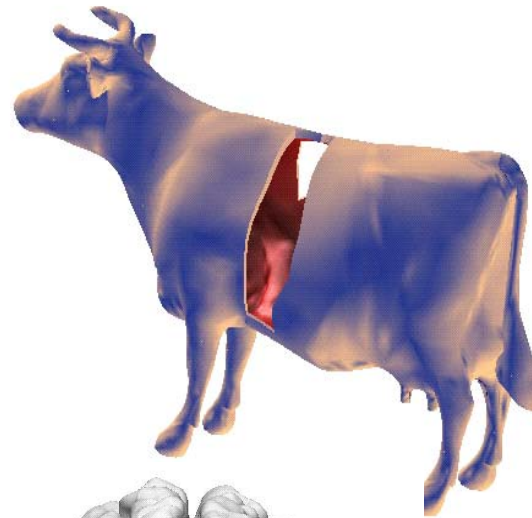
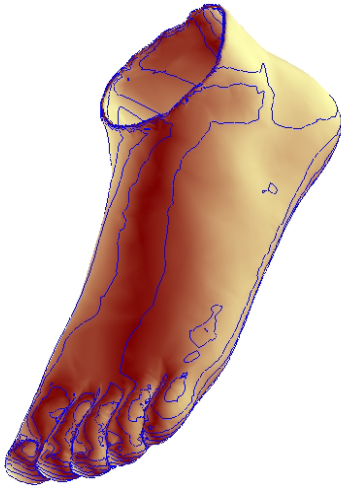
# Evaluation



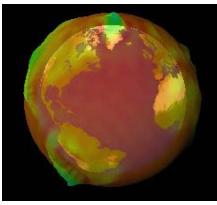
- For each  $(b_1, b_2, b_3)$ ,
  - $b_i \geq 0, \sum b_i = 1$ , Find the intersection of  $F = \alpha$  and the line  $b_1 v_i(\lambda) + b_2 v_j(\lambda) + b_3 v_k(\lambda)$
- That is find the zero  $\phi(\lambda) = F(b_1, b_2, b_3, \lambda) = \alpha$



# Examples with Shell Finite Elements





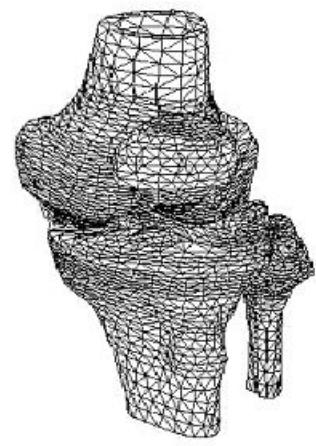


## Computational Visualization

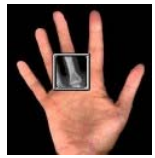
1. Sources, characteristics, representation



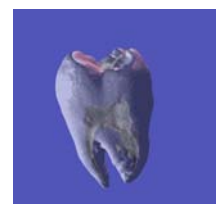
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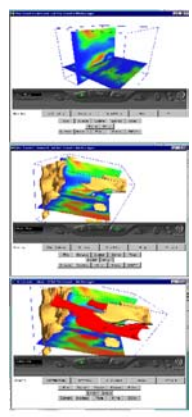
3. Contouring



4. Volume Rendering



5. Flow, Vector, Tensor Field Visualization



6. Application Case Studies

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# $C^1$ Shell Elements within a Cube

$C^1$  Quad Shell Surfaces can be built in a similar way, by defining functions over a cube

