

*Part I: Issues of 3D Shape  
Representation in Archaeology*

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# The digitisation bottleneck

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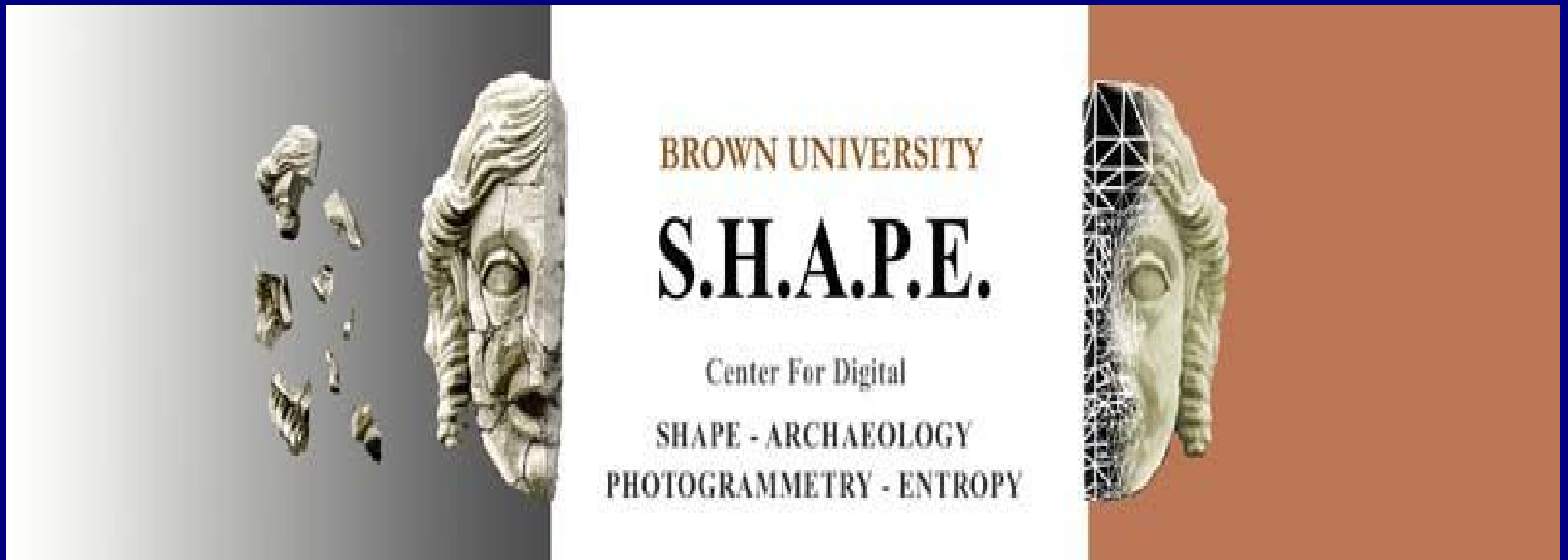
We may drown under too much data !!

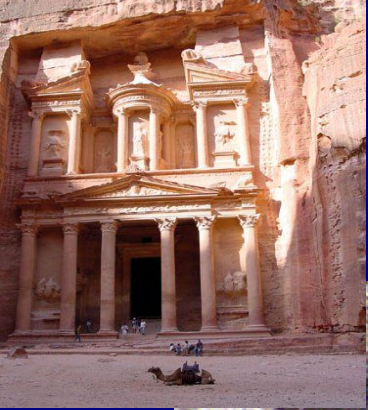
One site can (easily) produce hundreds of thousands of registered artifacts.



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Combining 3D data and shape representation  
to the benefit of archaeology

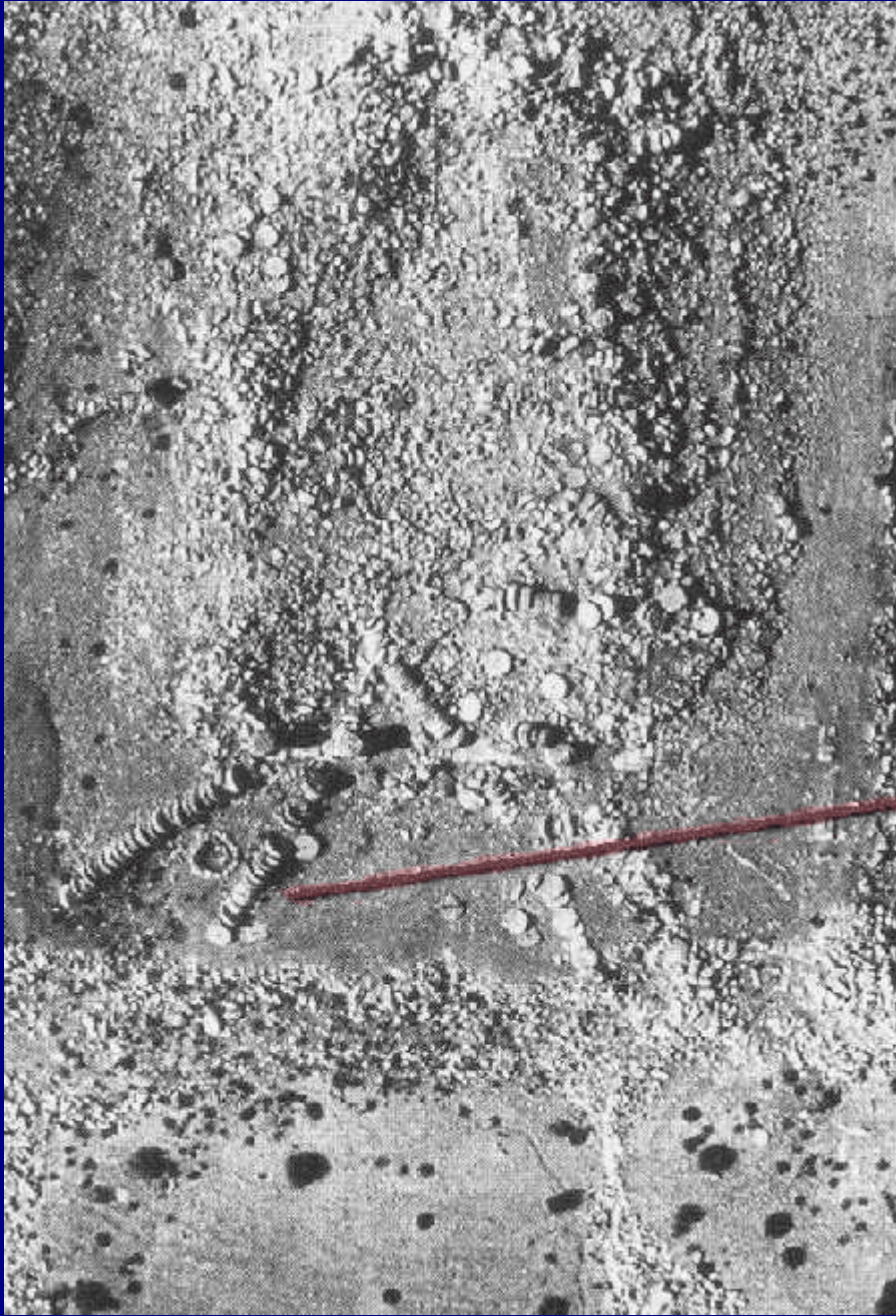




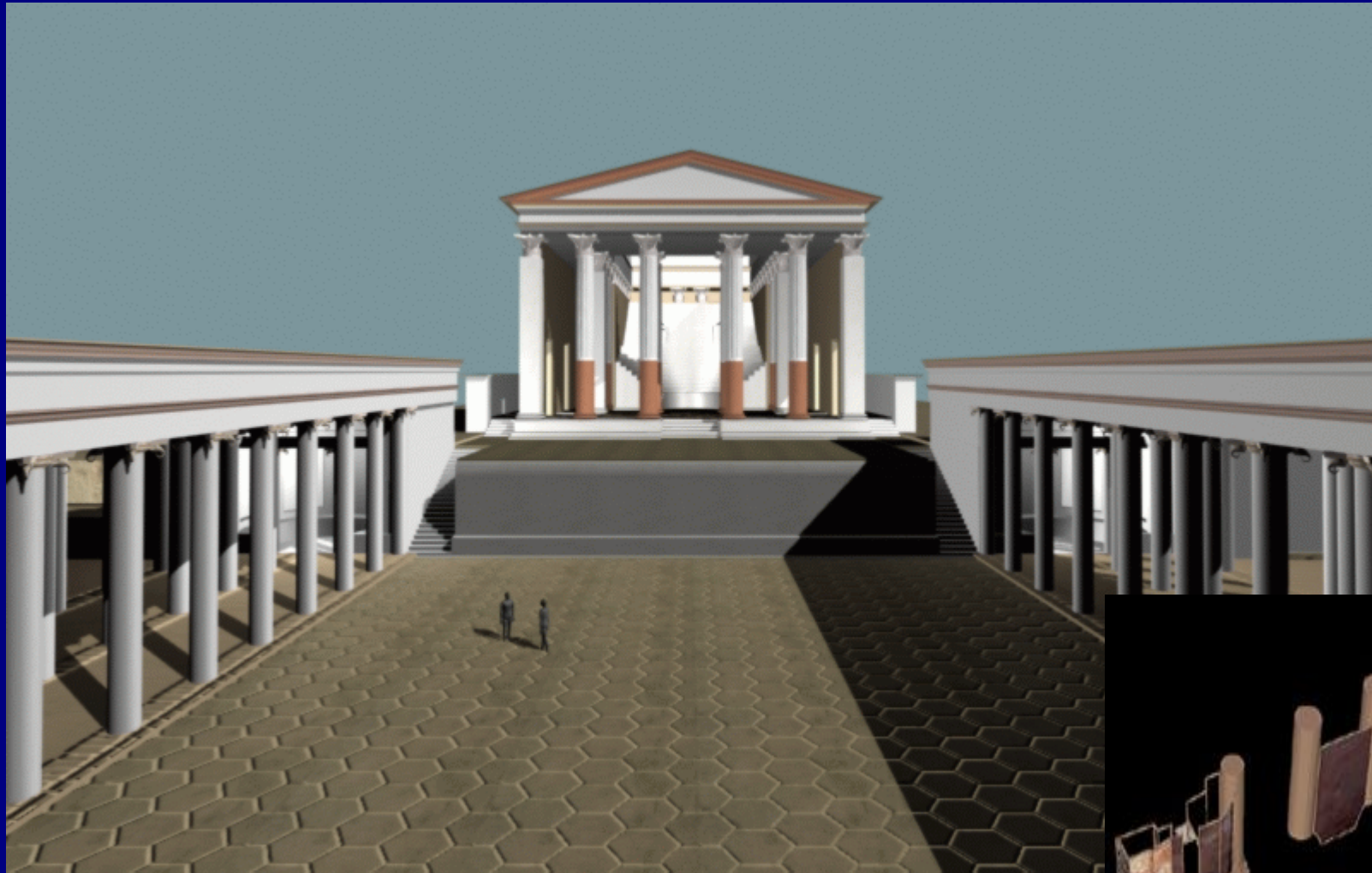
# The Great Temple at Petra, Jordan.

Archaeological site: Martha Joukowsky and Brown University

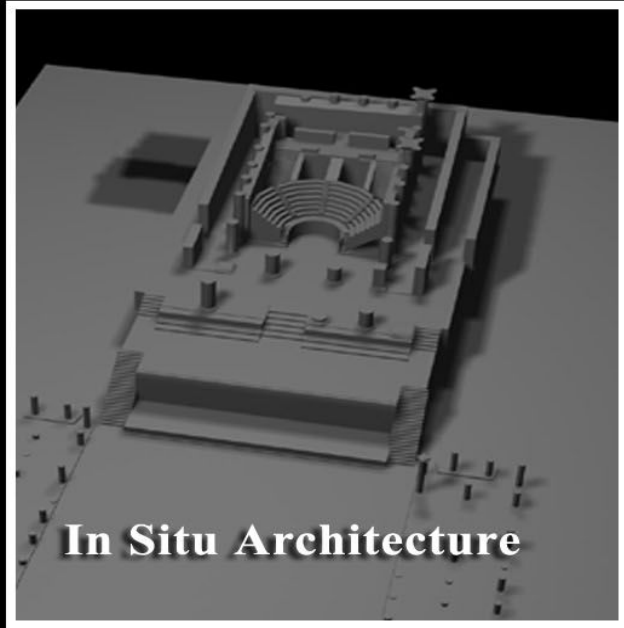




# Basic (but not easy yet): 3D Reconstructions



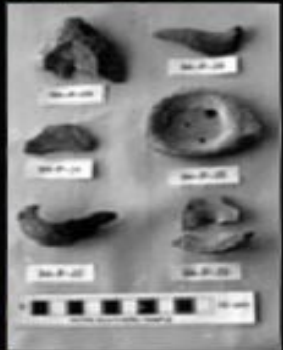
# More useful: 3D realistic context



**3D Models of Excavation Trenches**

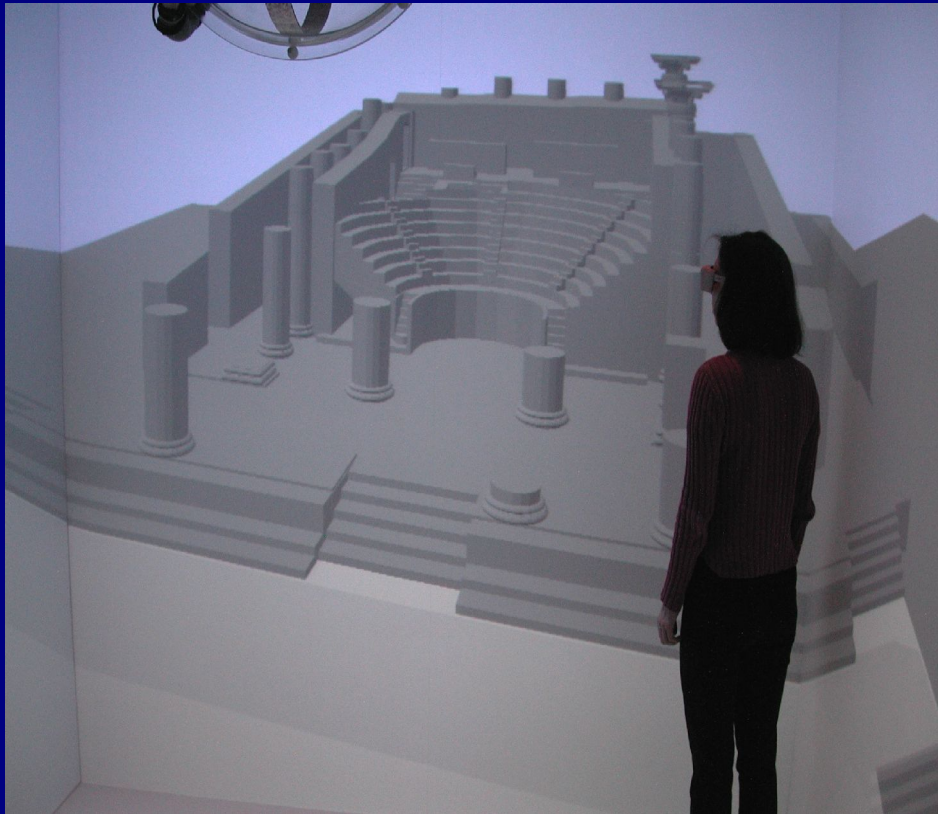


The main image displays a 3D model of an archaeological site, showing a complex arrangement of structures and features. The model is rendered in various colors (red, yellow, blue, green, pink, black, white, and light blue) to distinguish different parts of the site. The structures are shown in a perspective view, highlighting their three-dimensional nature. The text '3D Models of Excavation Trenches' is overlaid in white at the bottom of the main image.





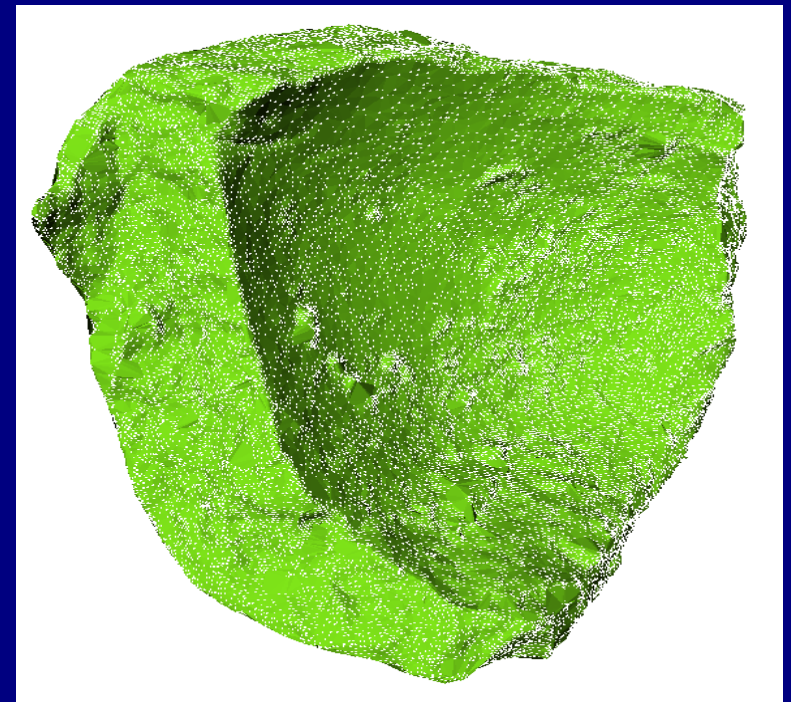
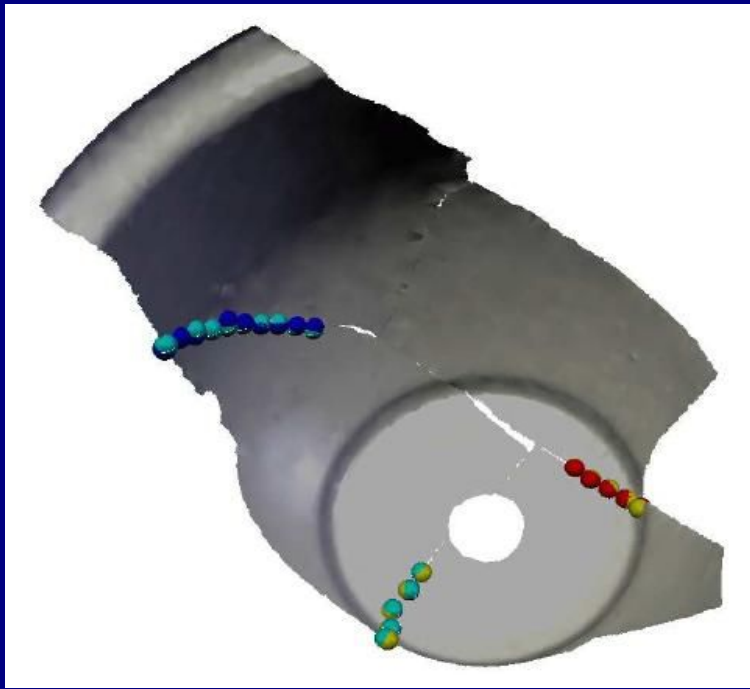
# VR and large DB access @ Brown university: the **ARCHAVE** system for the Great Temple at Petra, Jordan.



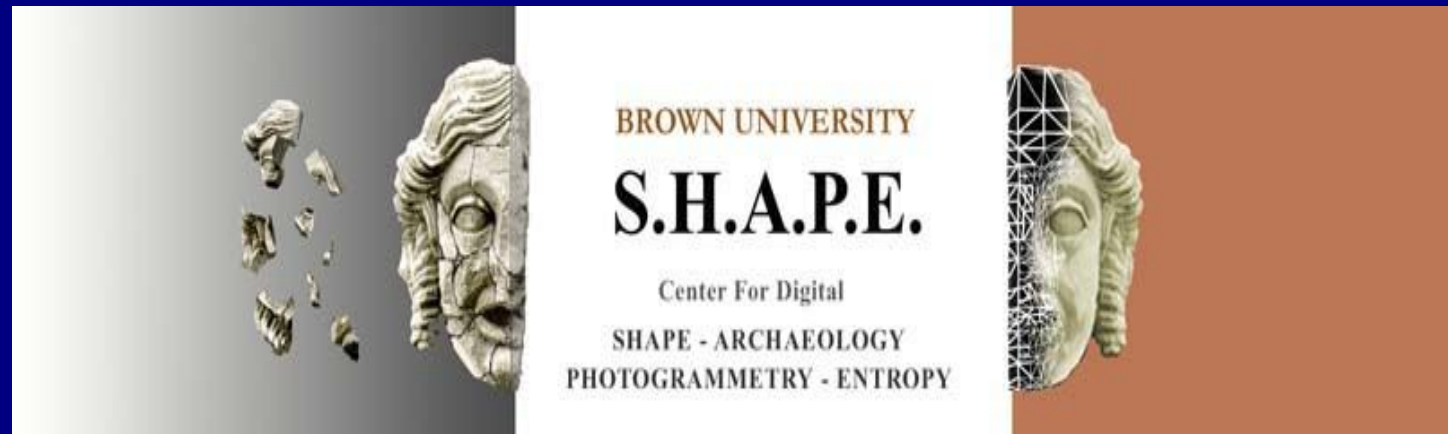
Challenge: multi scale, multi user  
interplay with large multimedia DB  
via VR systems



# Solving the 3D puzzle problem



Challenge: apply such ideas to free-form sculptural elements.



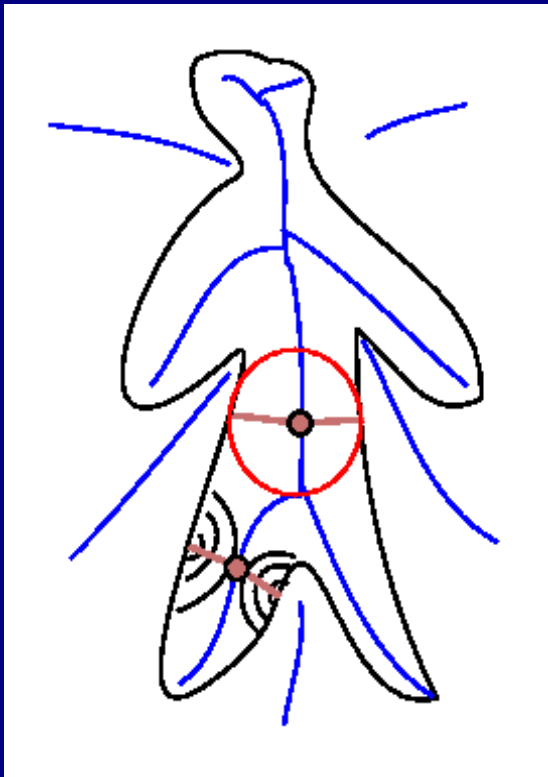
# One, two, three, ...

- Digital Archaeology
- Context for the exploration of large DB
- 3D puzzle solvers
- ....
- Shape representation

# Shape representation: From the Medial Axis to the Medial Scaffold

The **Medial Axis Transform**: Singular solutions of the Eikonal equation of geometric optics.

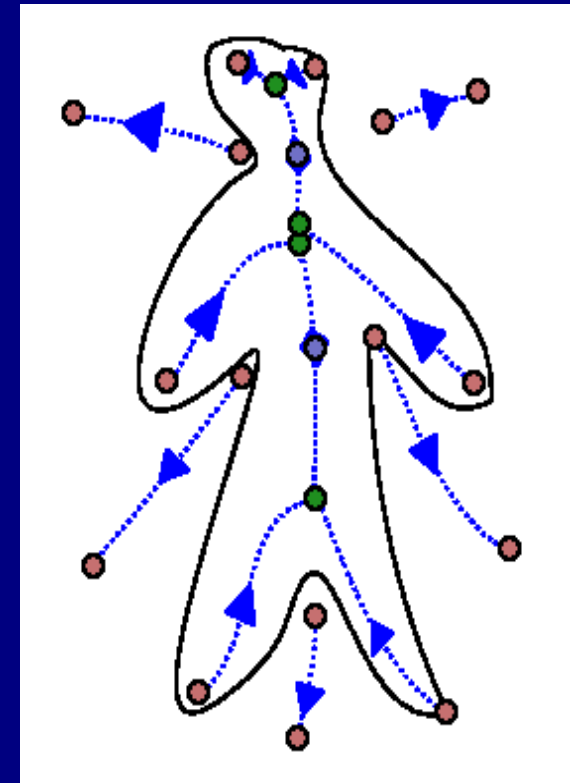
$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right)^2 = 1.$$



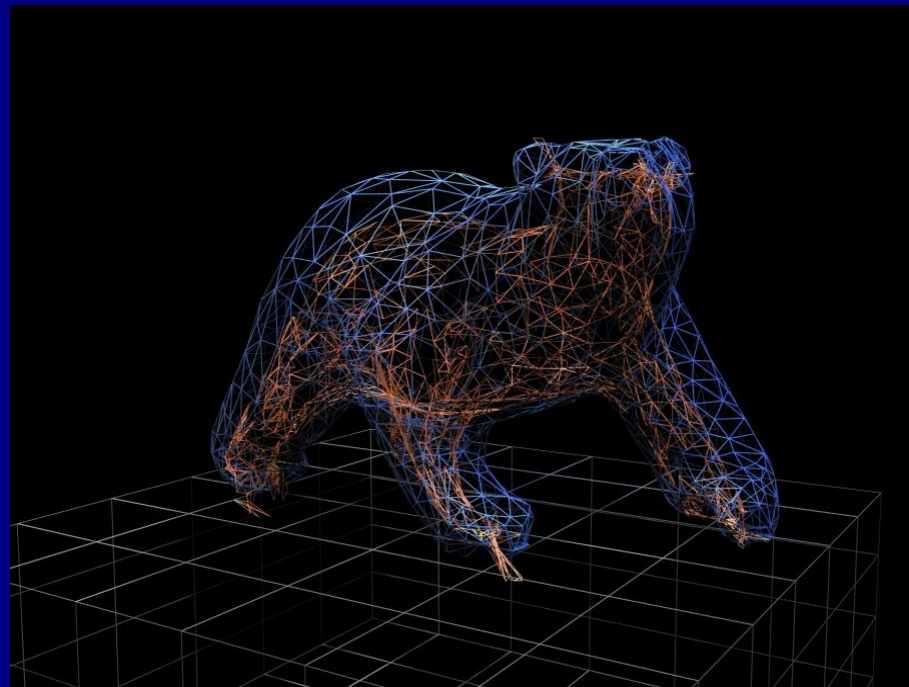
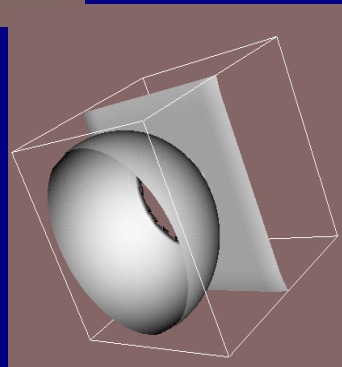
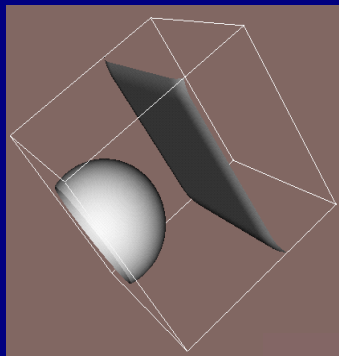
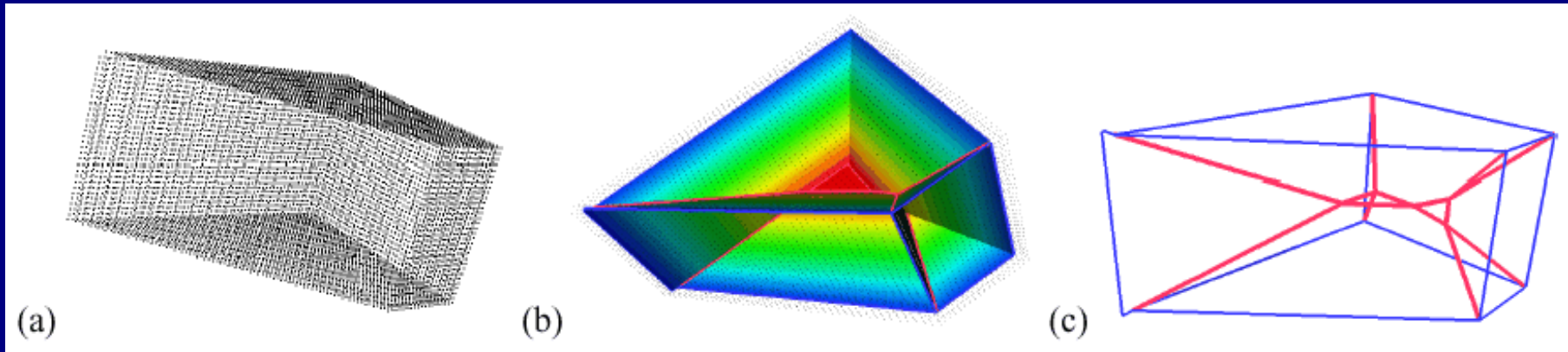
Blum (1960's & 70's):  
**Propagation vs.  
Contact with disks**

Wolter (1980+):  
**Geodesics, cut-locus**

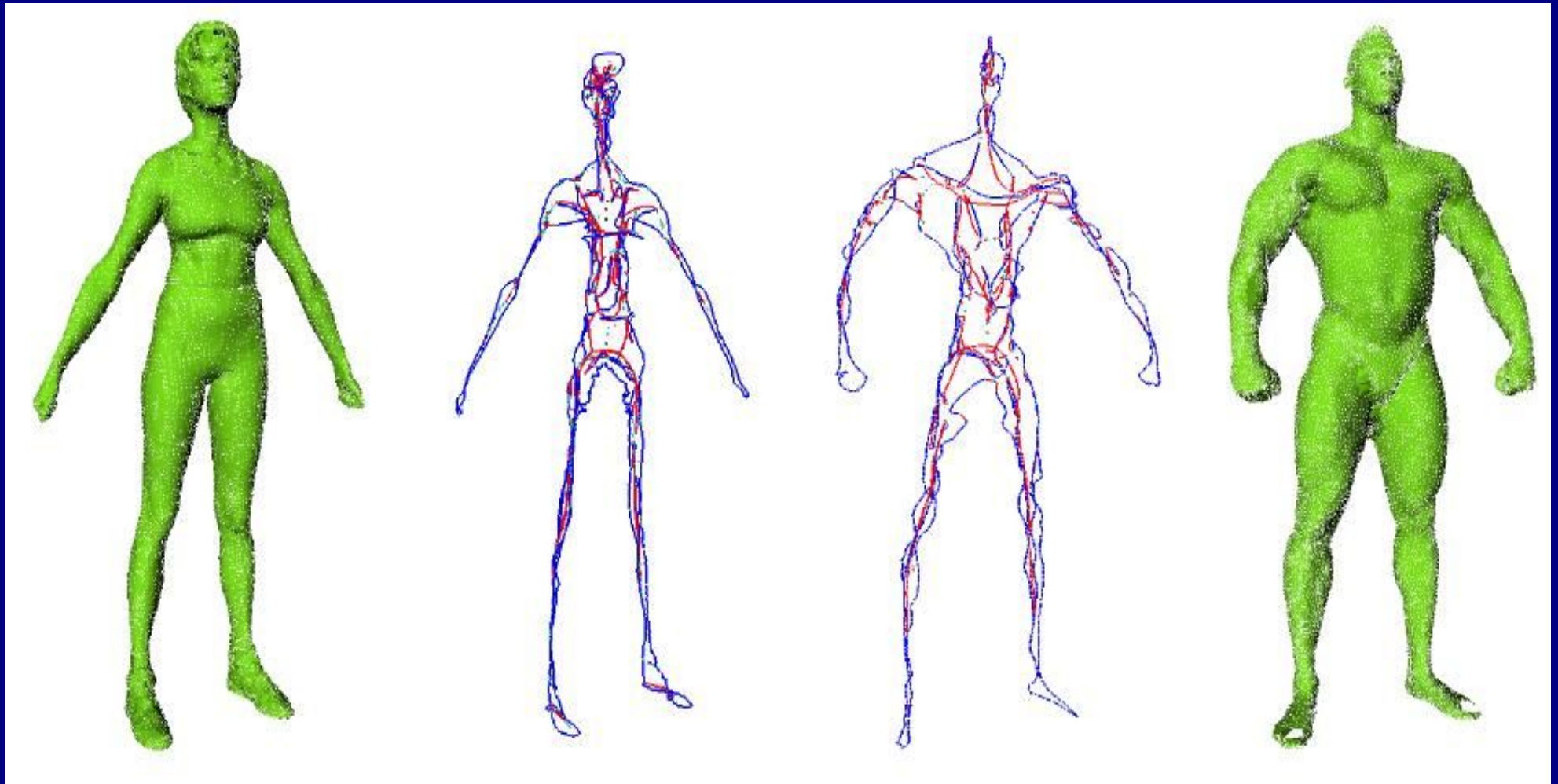
1995+:  
**Shock singularities  
Contact typology**



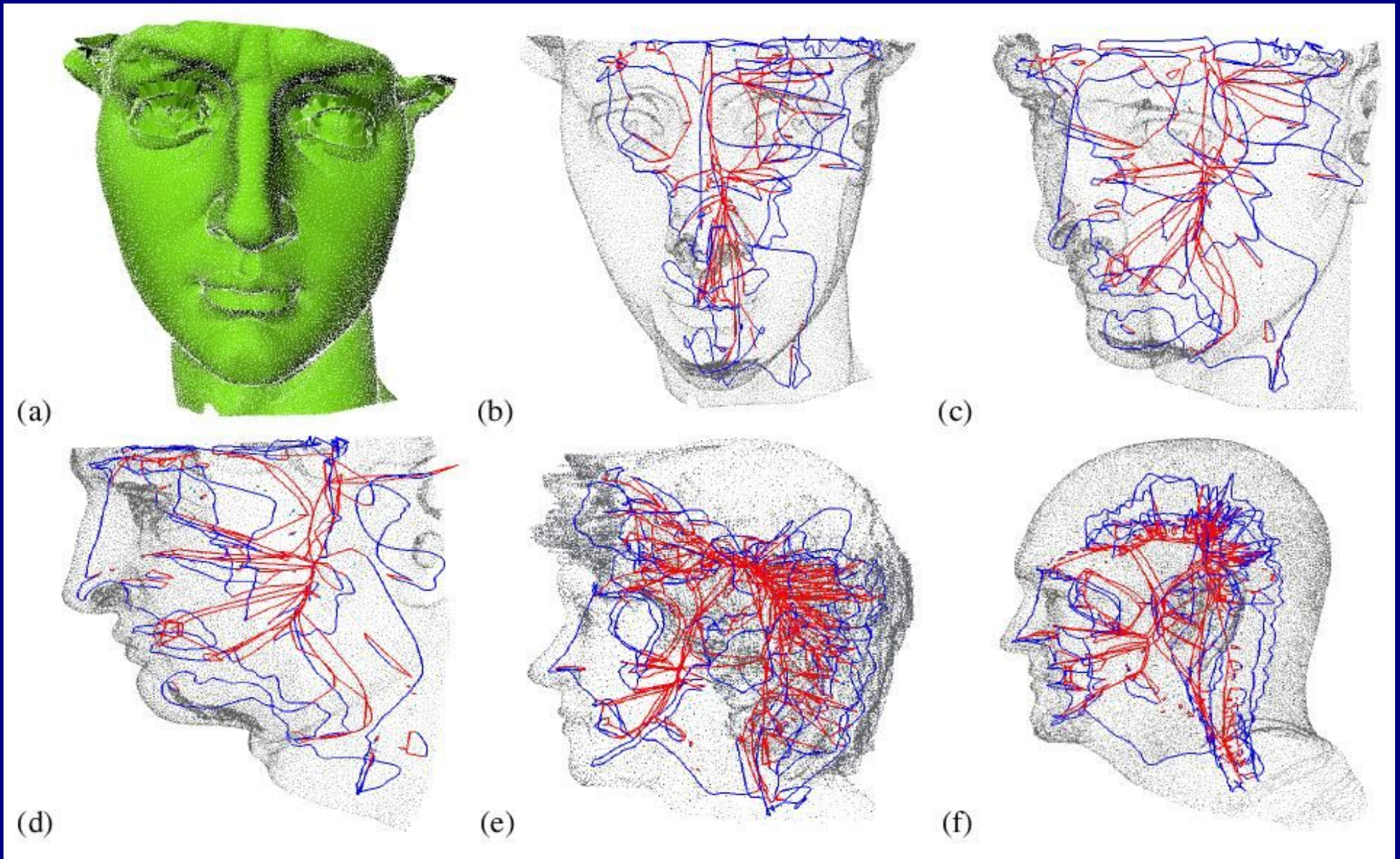
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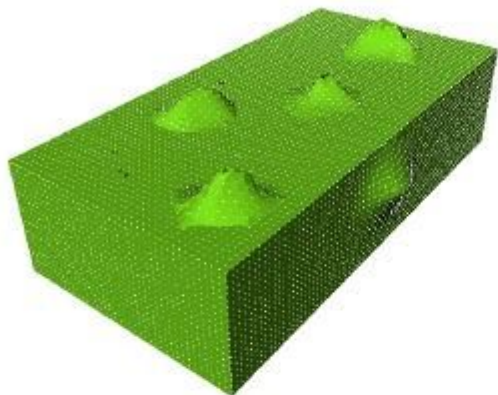
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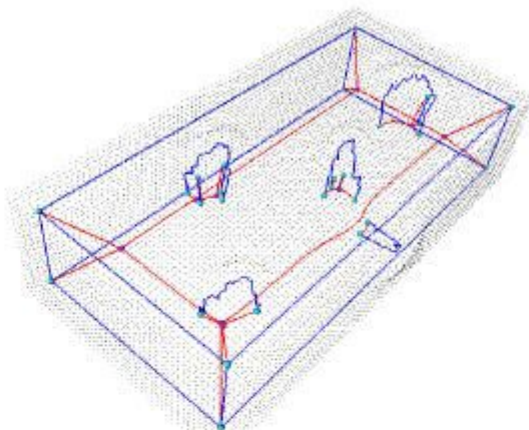
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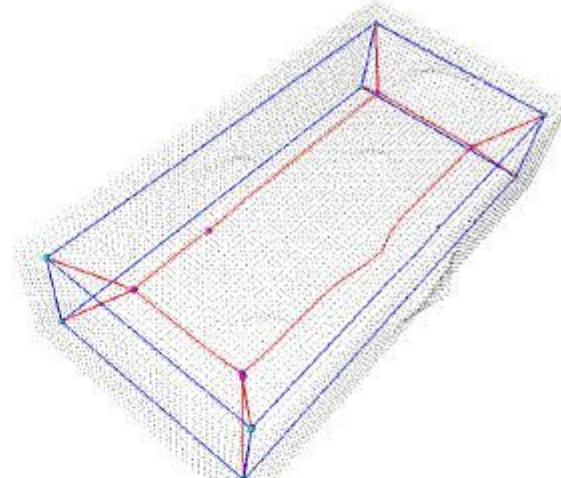
# Digital Shape Understanding



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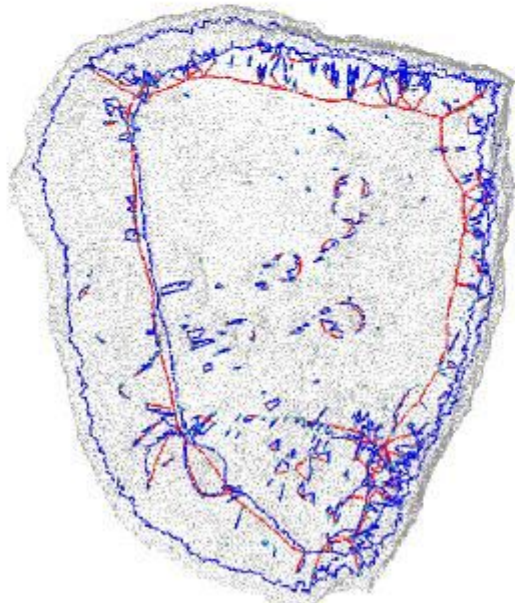
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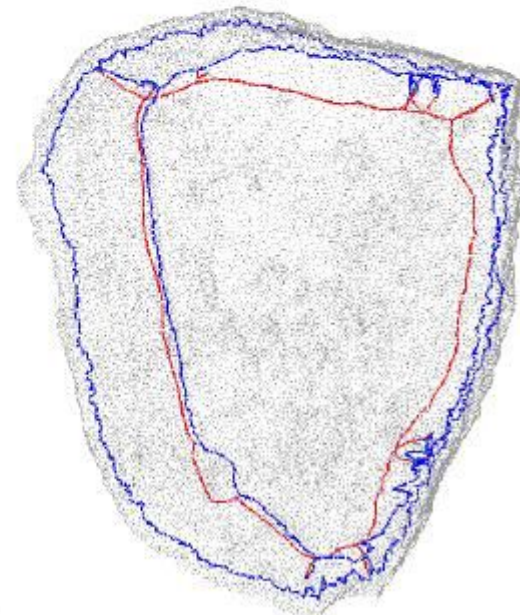
(c)



(d)



(e)



(f)



# Shape Understanding for Digital Archaeology

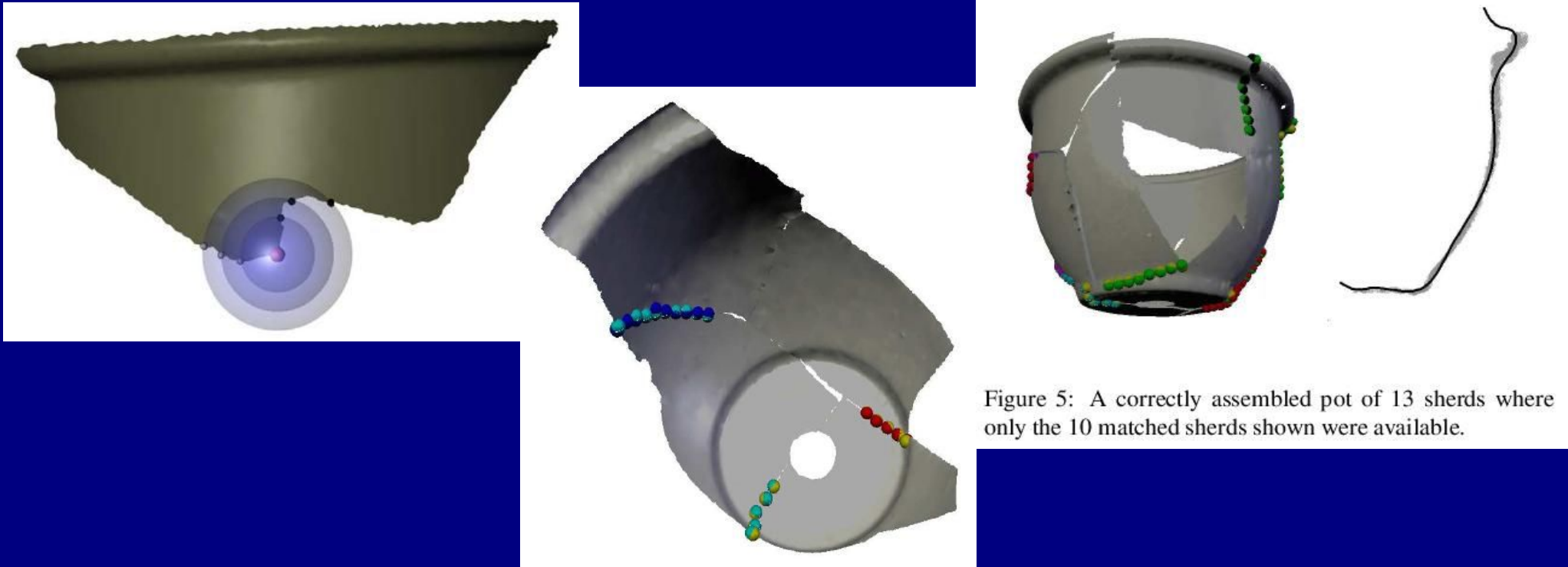
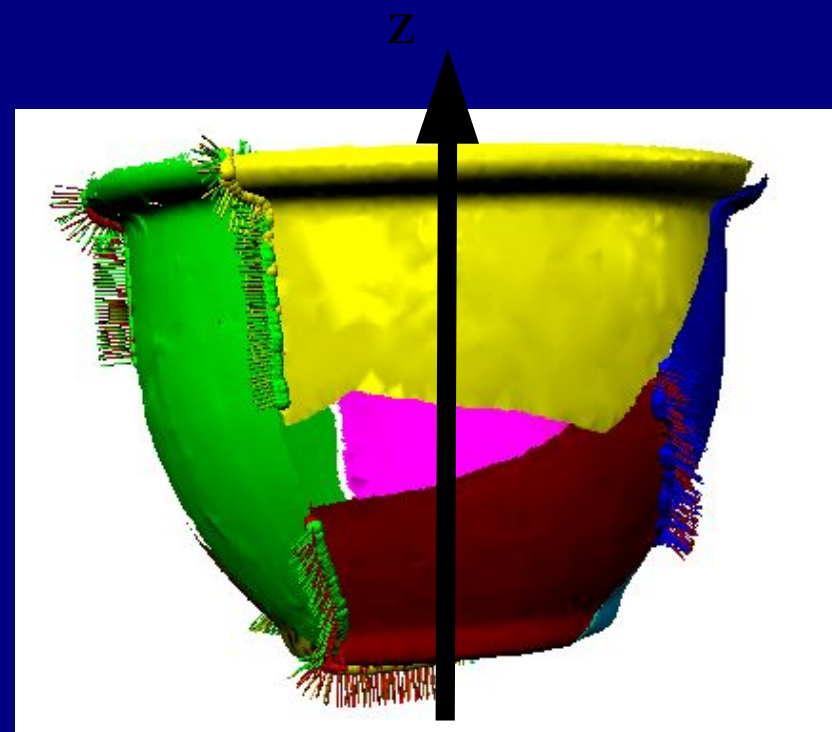
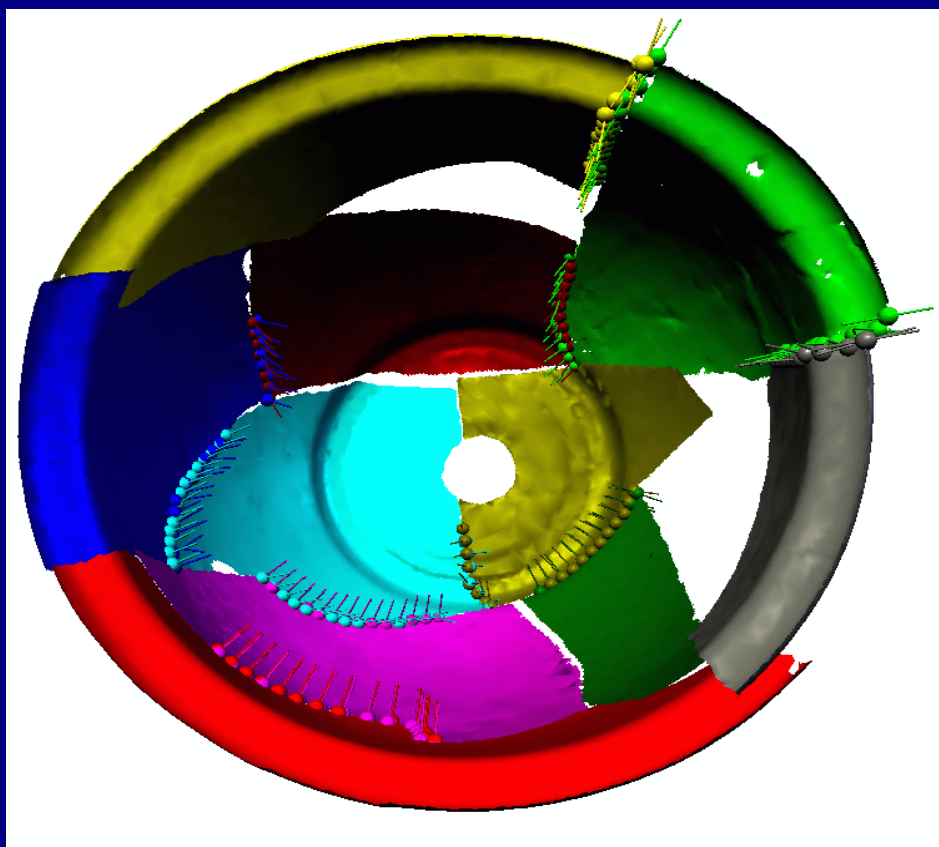


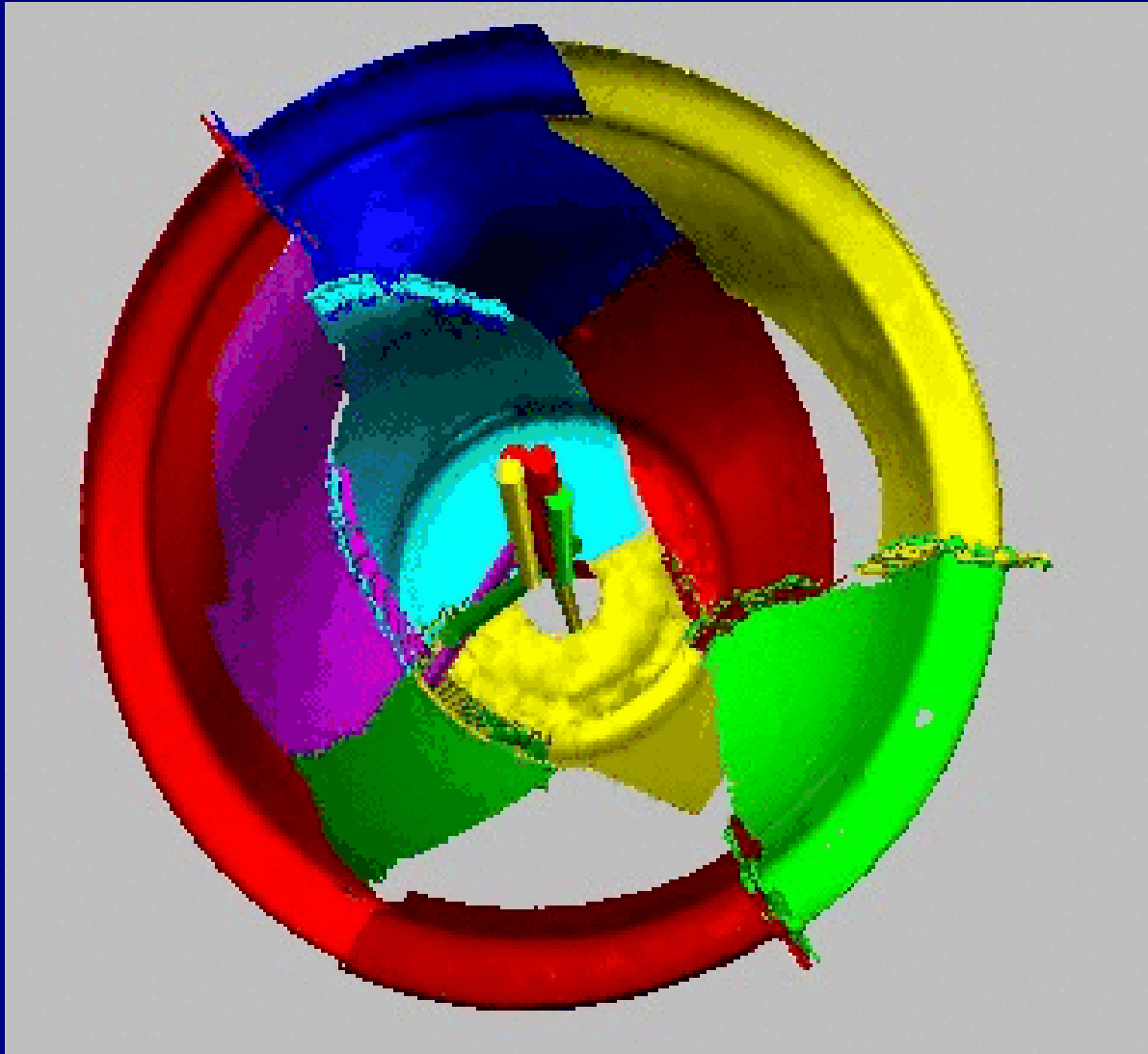
Figure 5: A correctly assembled pot of 13 sherds where only the 10 matched sherds shown were available.

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Bayesian assembly of 3D Axially Symmetric Shapes from Fragments  
Andrew Willis and David Cooper, Brown University

# 3D puzzle solver: correct 10 piece assembly





# Deformable Models : Smart Materials

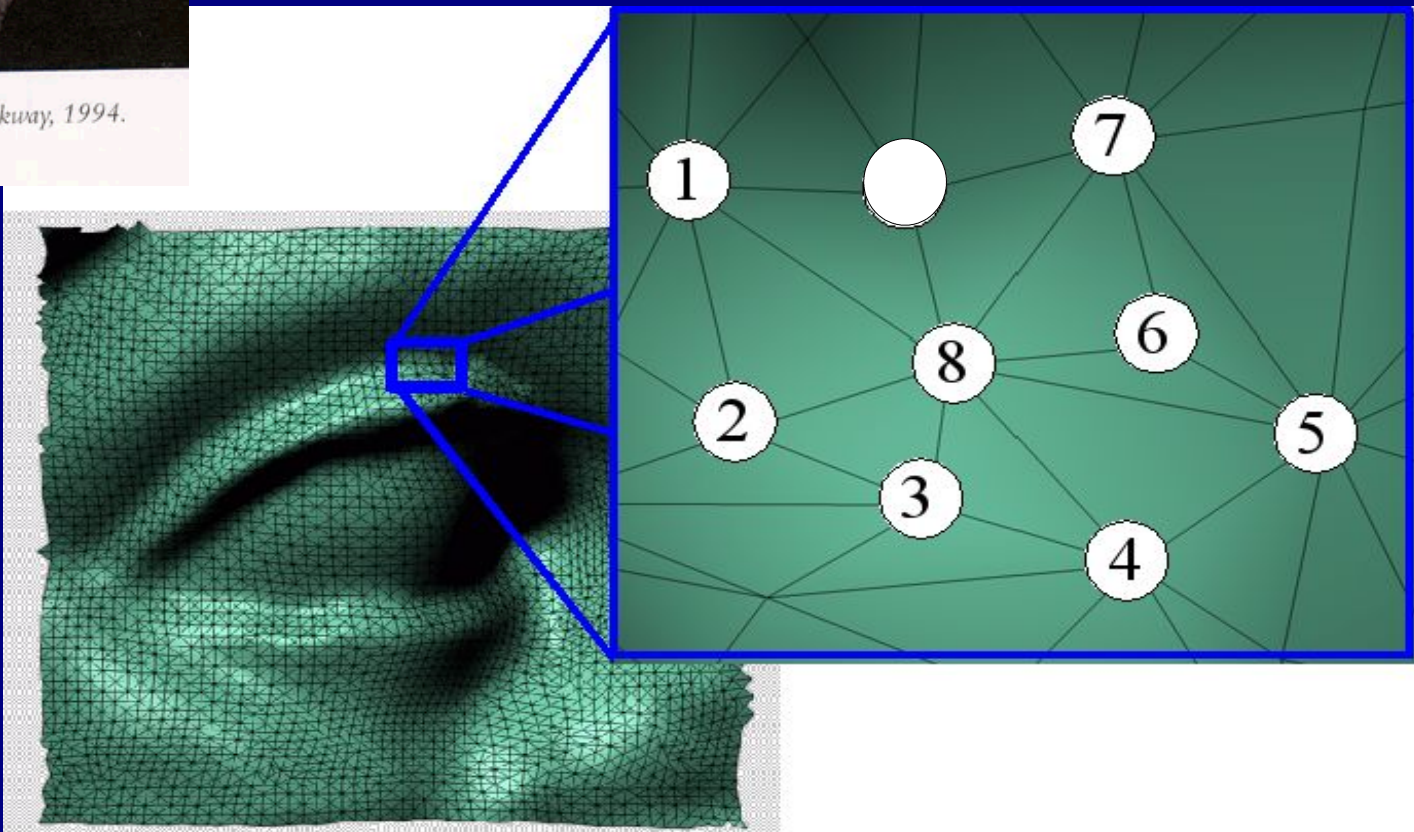


Plate 24. 94-S-8 and 94-S-3. Mask of a woman, West Walkway, 1994.  
Photograph by Artemis A. W. Joukowsky.

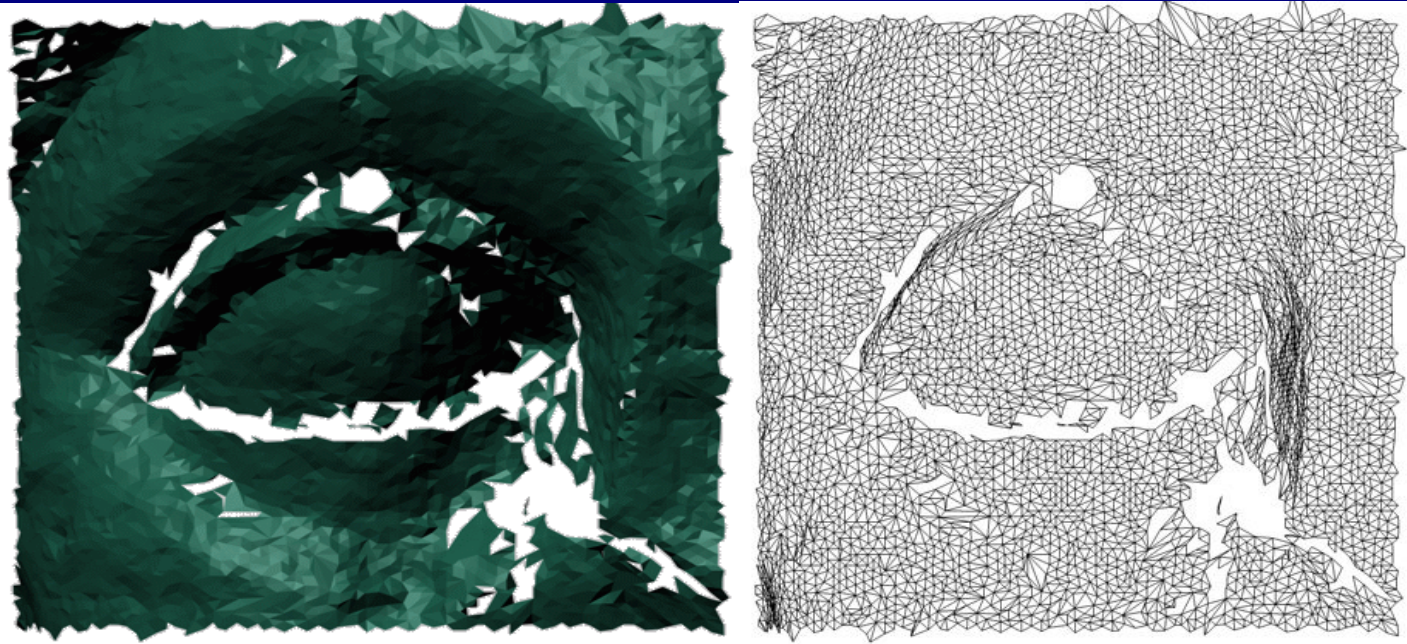
- Virtual archaeological reconstruction
- Virtual sculpting

Markov Random Fields  
as Gibb's Distributions  
on Vertices of 3D  
Surface Meshes.

Cliques and  
Clique Potentials  
model smart materials.



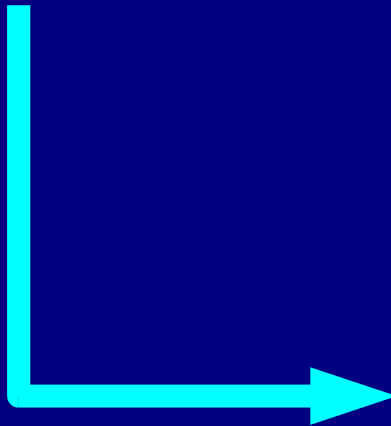
# Hole Filling and Surface Fairing



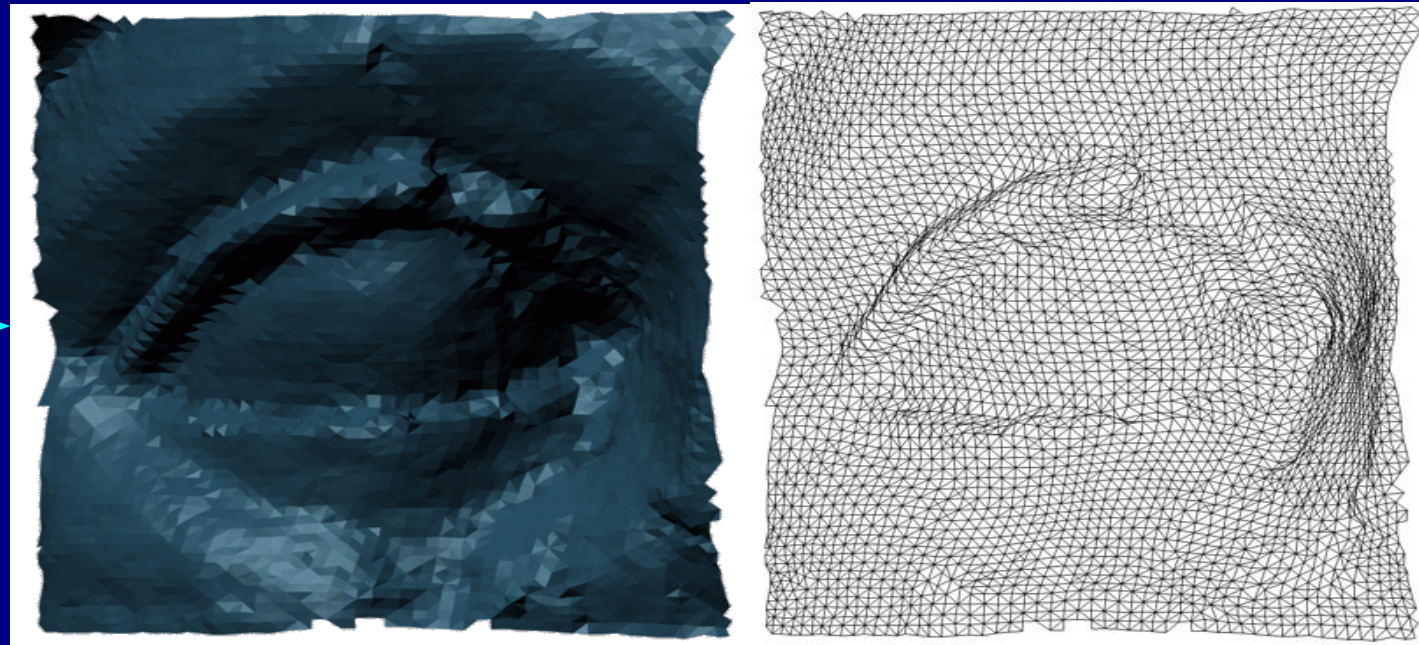
**Irregular mesh with holes produced by 3D laser scanner.**

$$V_1(\mathbf{p}_i) = \alpha_1 \|\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_i^0\|^2$$

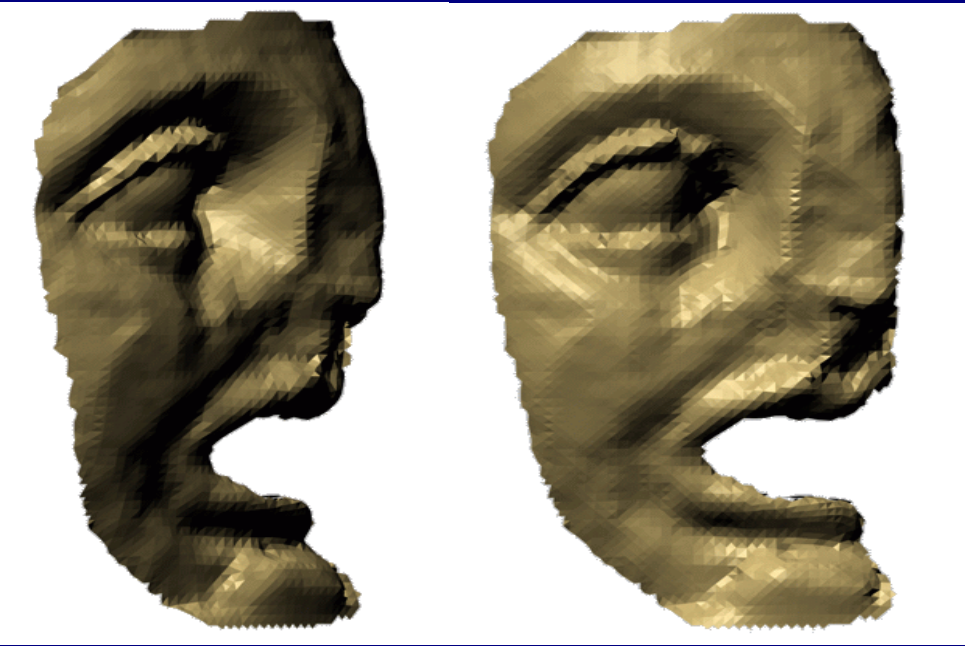
$$V_2(\mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{p}_j) = \alpha_2 \|\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_i^0 - \mathbf{p}_j + \mathbf{p}_j^0\|^2$$



**MRF-produced surface using above as input data.**

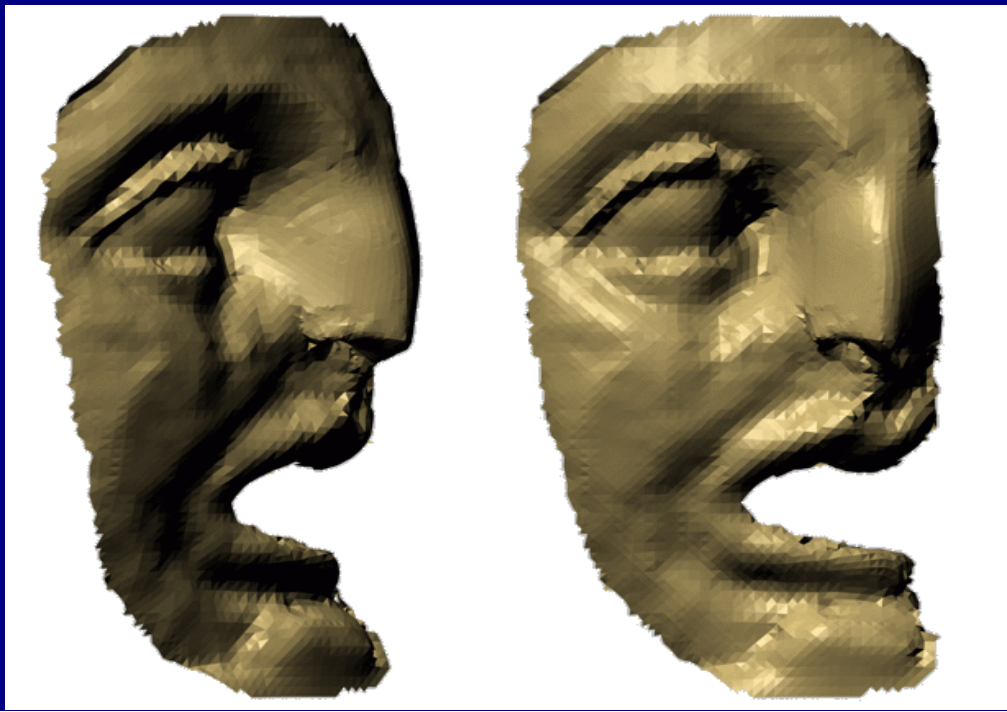
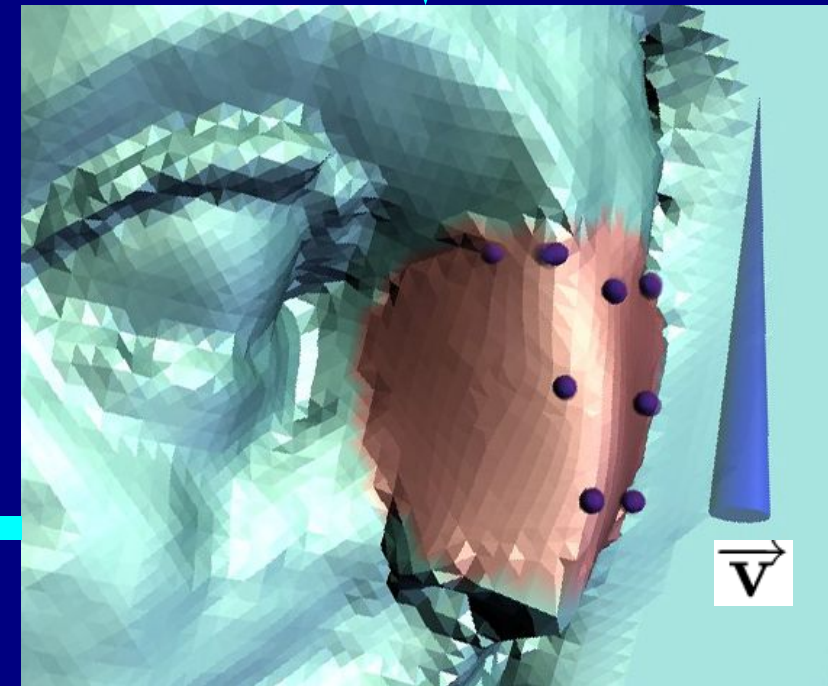


# Virtual Nose Reconstruction



$$\|\kappa_{\vec{V}}\|^2$$

$$\left(\kappa_{\vec{V}_{\perp}} - \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \kappa_{\vec{V}_{\perp}}(j_k)\right)^2$$





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*Part II: The Medial Scaffold  
for 3D Shape Representation*

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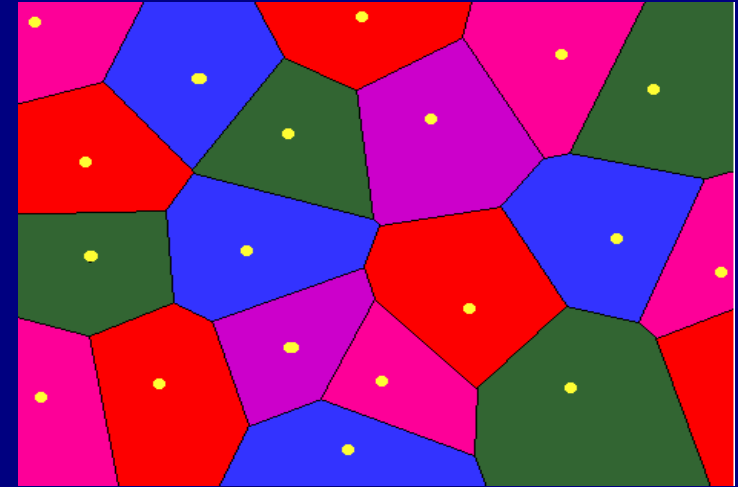
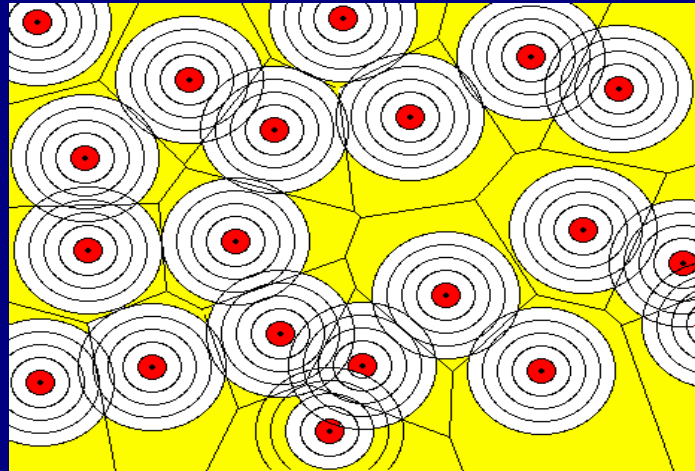


# Outline

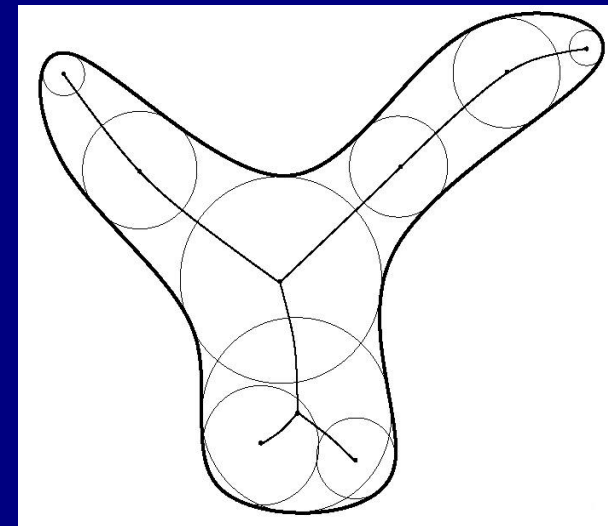
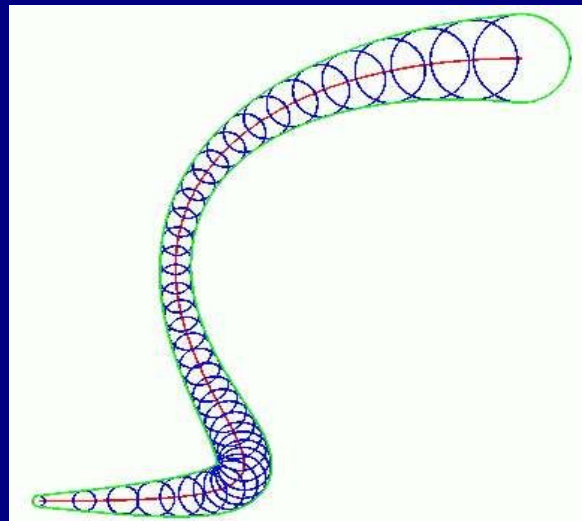
- Medial scaffold for 3D shape representation
- Transitions of the medial axis

# Shape representation: From the Medial Axis to the Medial Scaffold

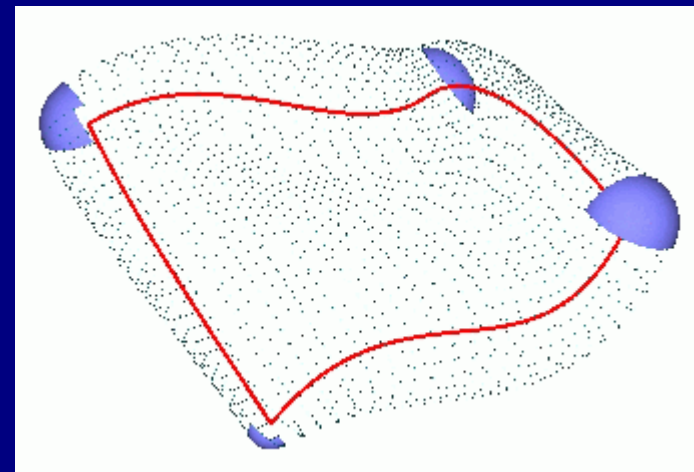
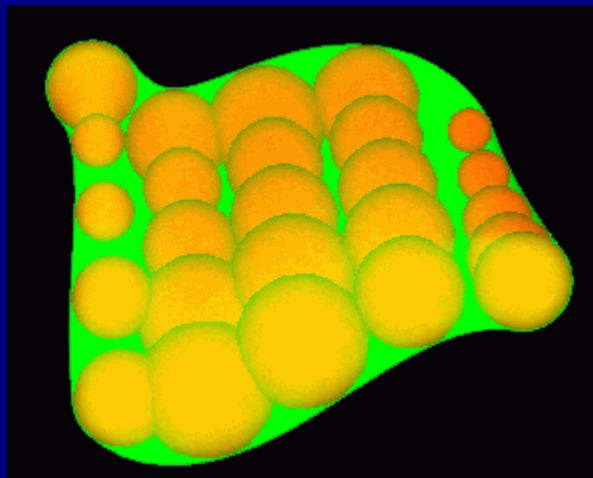
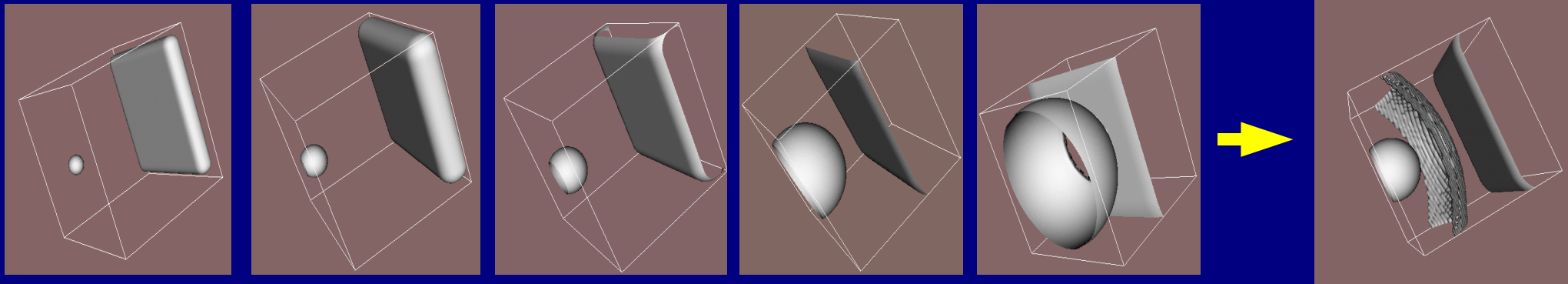
Wave  
propagation  
Oberlin,  
Teichman *et al.*



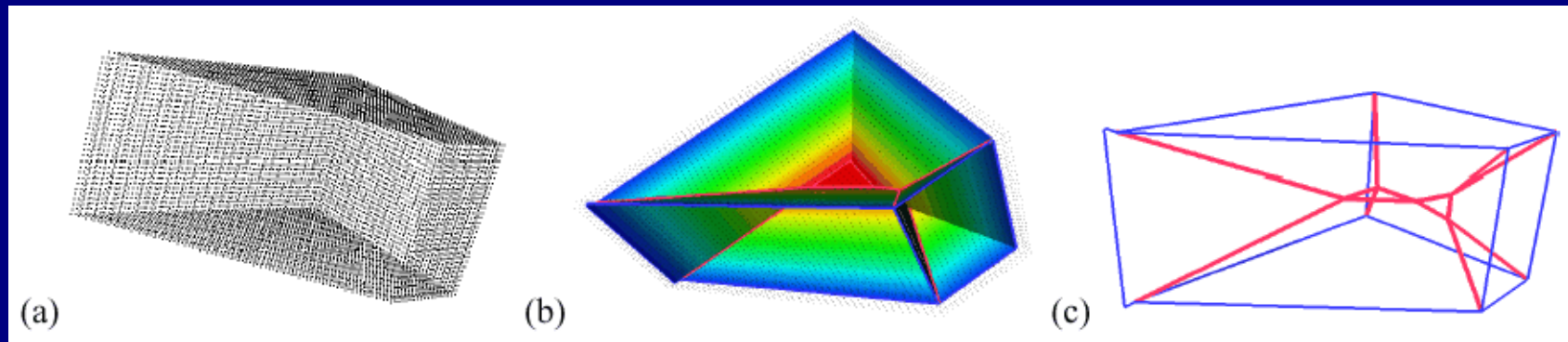
Maximal  
disks  
Wolter *et al.*



# Shape representation: From the Medial Axis to the Medial Scaffold



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In 3D: the MA is a set of connected surfaces with boundary properties.

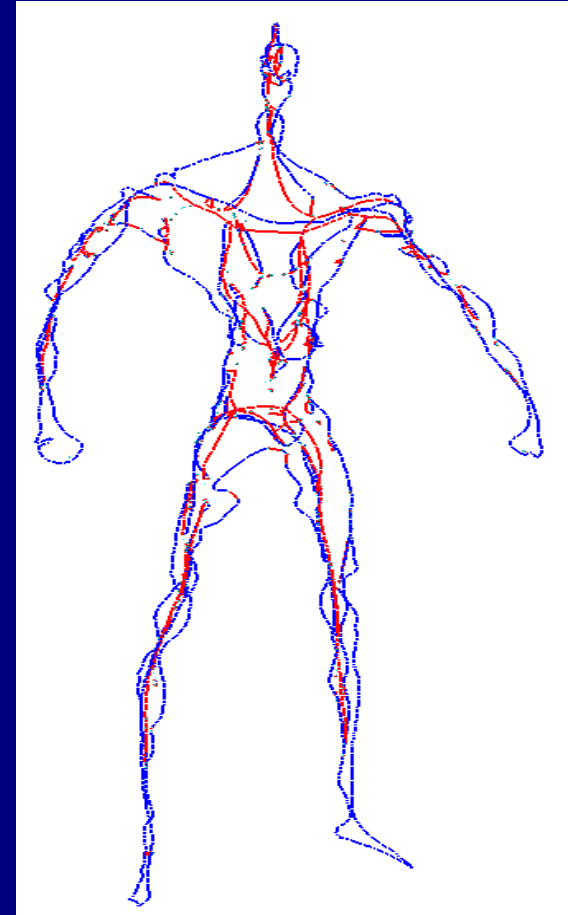
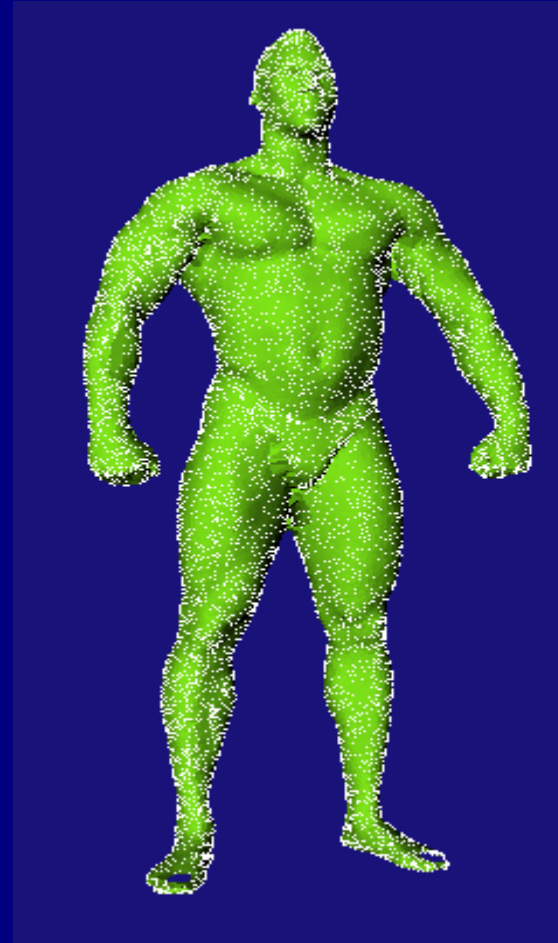
In 2D: the MA is directly a set directed graphs.

Map the 3D MA to an equivalent 3D graph structure:

- by studying the **radius flow** along the MA, *i.e.* as a **vector field** .

# Shape representation: From the Medial Axis to the Medial Scaffold

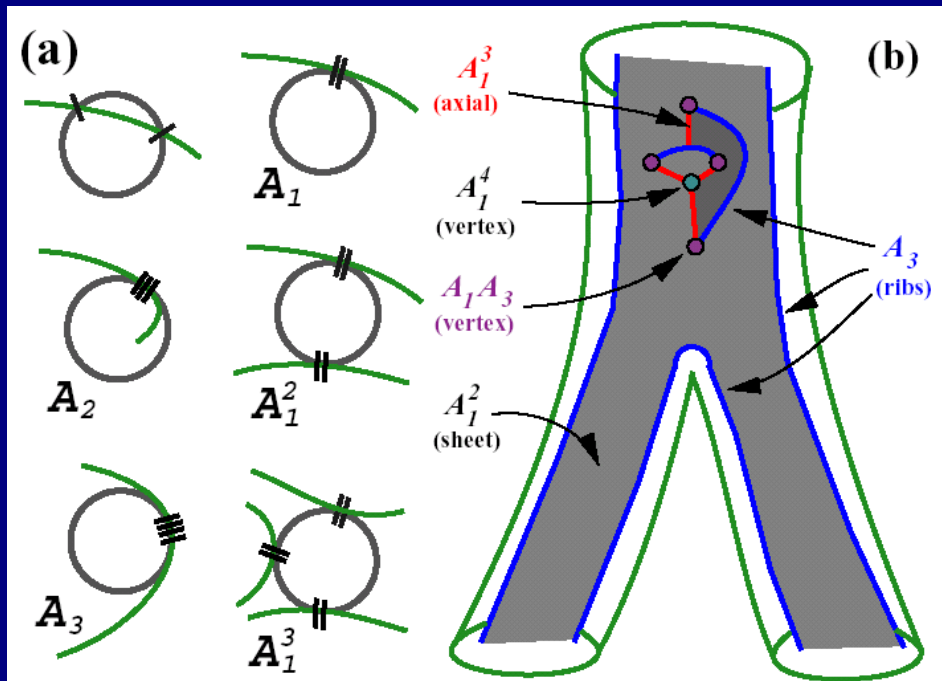
Leymarie-Kimia:  
Keep only **singular**  
**points of the flow**  
(radius) to build a  
**graph** (2001).



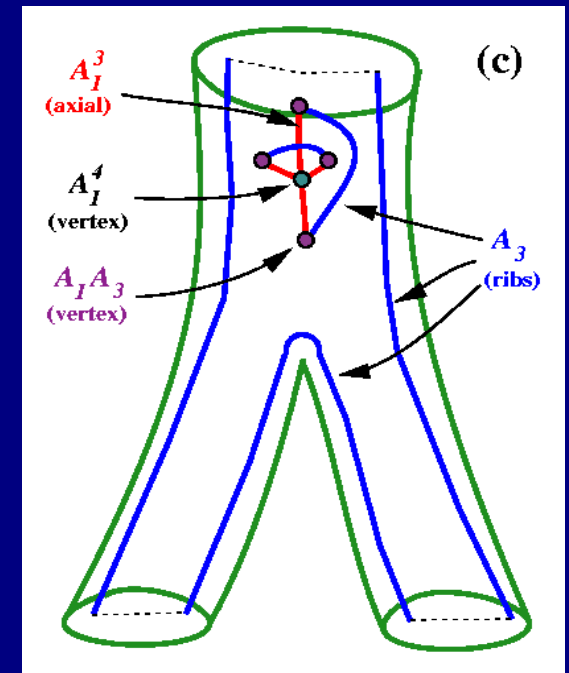
# Shape representation: From the Medial Axis to the Medial Scaffold

- 3D: Five types of points from **contact theory** [Giblin-Kimia PAMI04]:
  - **Sheet**:  $A_1^2$
  - **Links**:  $A_1^3$  (**Axial**),  $A_3$  (**Rib**)
  - **Nodes**:  $A_1^4$  (Voronoi vertices),  $A_1A_3$

$A_k^n$ : contact at  $n$  distinct points, each with  $k+1$  degree of contact



Leymarie-Kimia '01:  
Keep only **singular points of the flow** (radius) to build a **graph**.



# Shape representation: From the Medial Axis to the Medial Scaffold

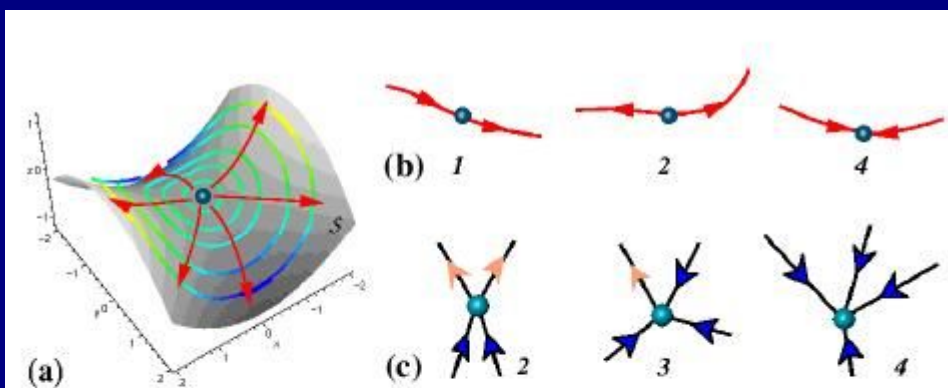


Figure 4: (a) Generic situation for the initial flow of an  $A_1^2$  shock sheet: from the initial shock source, an  $A_1^2-2$  point, a 3D surface  $S$  radially grows-out to form the sheet; arrows indicate some directions of increasing radius values along the  $\mathcal{MA}$  sheet. (b) Flows at  $A_1^3$  and  $A_3$  shock curves. (c) Flows at  $A_1^4$  shock points, where the number of *inward* flows is indicated.

Shocks	Regular	Source	Relay	Sink
Sheet	$A_1^2-1$	$A_1^2-2$	$A_1^2-3^*$	$A_1^2-4$
Rib	$A_3-1$	$A_3-2$	$A_3-3^*$	$A_3-4$
Axis	$A_1^3-1$	$A_1^3-2$	$A_1^3-3^*$	$A_1^3-4$
Rib end	-	$A_1A_3-2$	$A_1A_3-3$	$A_1A_3-4$
Axis end	-	-	$A_1^4-2,$ $A_1^4-3$	$A_1^4-4$

Table 2: Final classification of 18 possible shock points based on contact with spheres,  $A_k^n$ , and flow type. There are 3 regular shock types, and 15 singular ones which are the sources, relays, or sinks for the flow. \* We consider degeneracies, *i.e.*, part of  $A_1^2-3$ ,  $A_3-3$  and  $A_1^3-3$ , as a special case of relay where shocks flow simultaneously in and out.

# Shape representation: From the Medial Axis to the Medial Scaffold

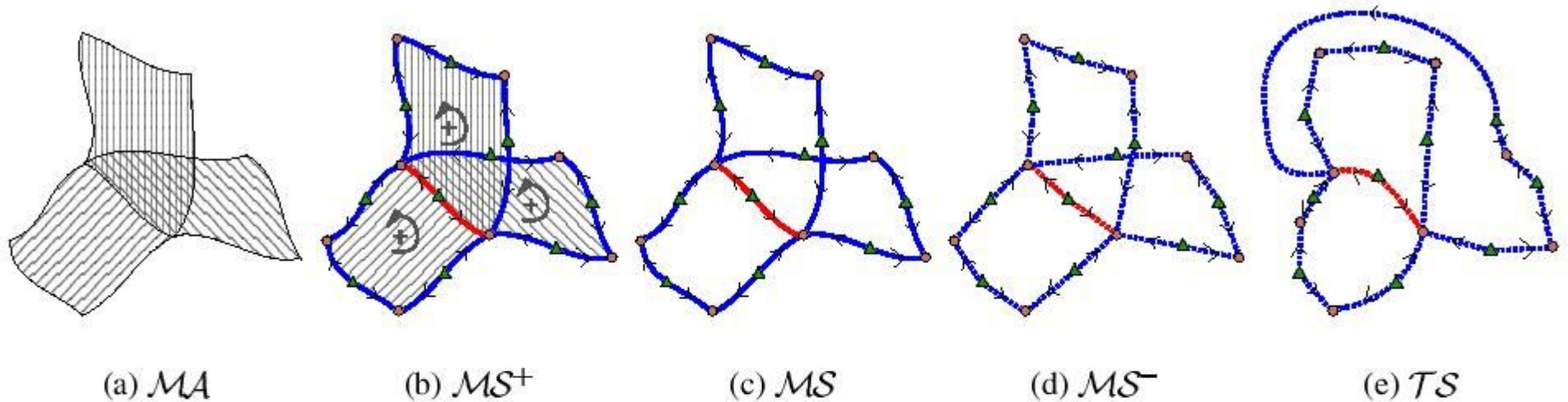


Figure 6: From the “classical”  $\mathcal{MA}$  static representation to the medial scaffolds. (a) Typical situation in 3D, where three medial sheets intersect into a medial curve. (b) Representation by the *augmented medial scaffold*, where medial nodes (red dots) along curves are connected by links; hyperlinks’ cyclic order is indicated by a counterclockwise arrow. (c) Representation by the *medial scaffold* ( $\mathcal{MS}$ ), where the interior of sheets is implicit. (d) The *reduced medial scaffold*, is obtained from the  $\mathcal{MS}$  by discarding the geometry of shock curves. (e) The *topological medial scaffold* is obtained from the  $\mathcal{MS}$  when only the topology of the graph structure is preserved. **Red** dots correspond to  $\mathcal{MA}$  vertices, *i.e.*,  $A_1^4$  or  $A_1A_3$ . **Green** triangles correspond to shock sources of curves, *e.g.*,  $A_1^3-2$  points, which are needed for capturing the  $\mathcal{MS}$ .  $A_1^3$  and  $A_3$  curves are shown in **red** and **blue**, respectively.



# Medial Scaffold of Point Generators

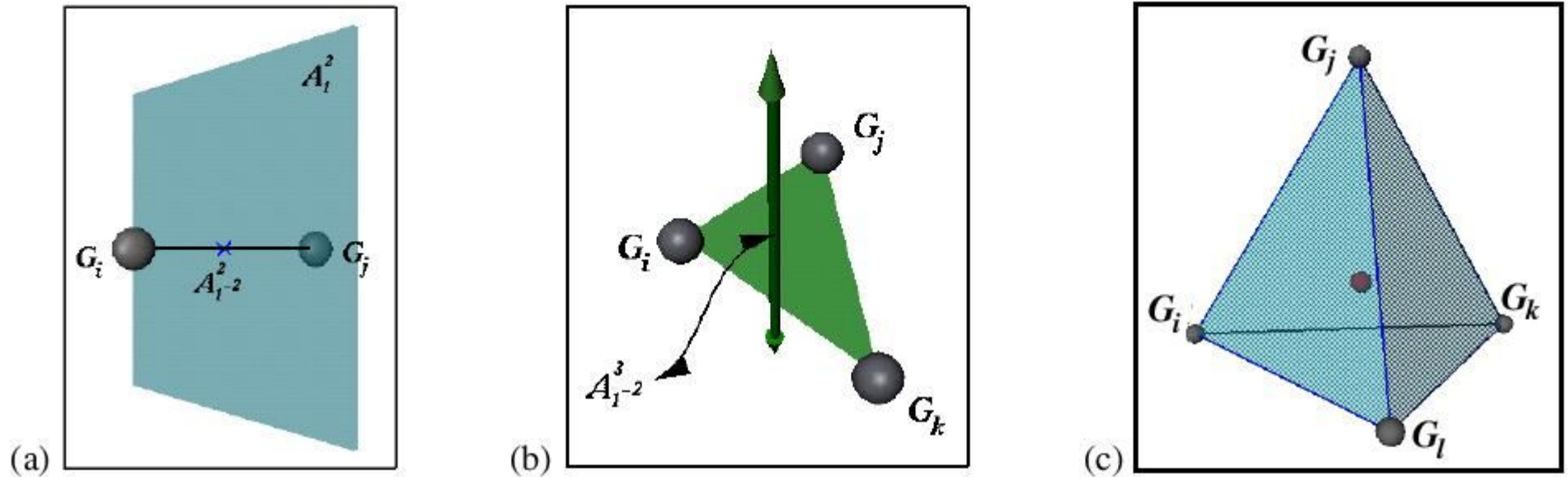
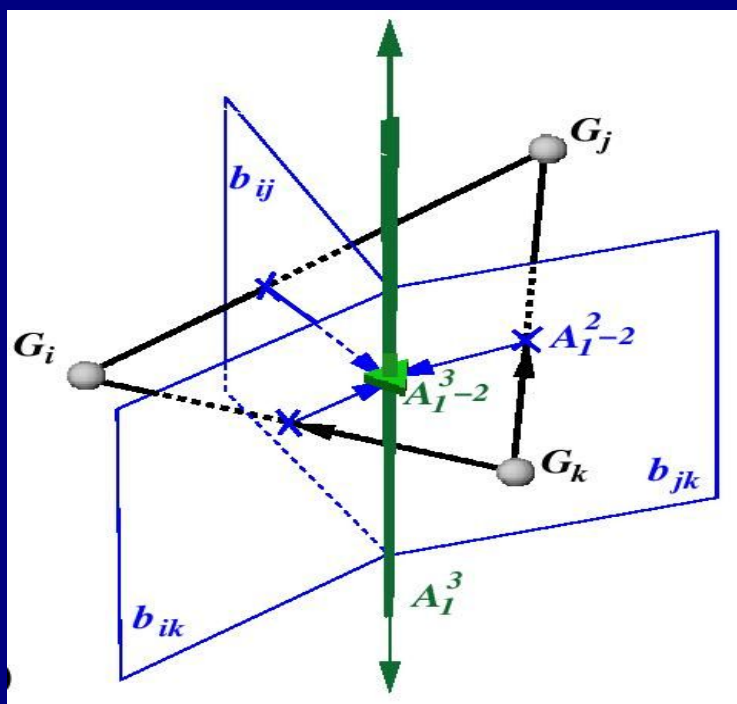
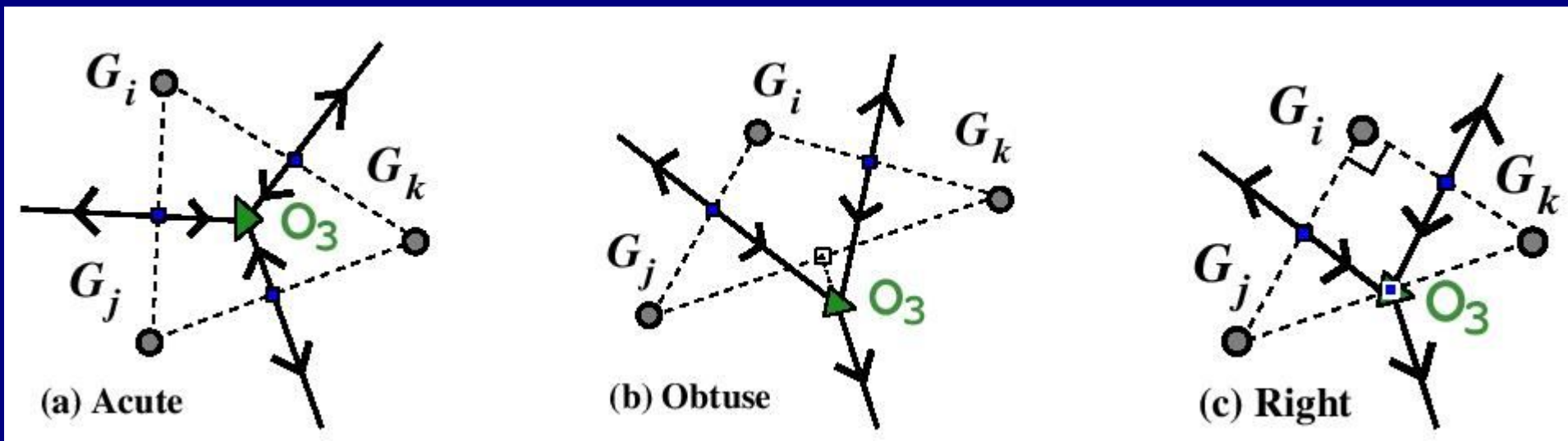


Figure 7: (a) Two point generators generate an  $A_1^2$  shock sheet initiated at an  $A_1^2-2$  shock source at mid-distance between them. (b) Three point generators generate an  $A_1^3$  shock curve flowing in two opposite directions initiated at the  $A_1^3-2$  shock positioned at the circumcenter of the triangle defined by the triplet of generators. (c) Four point generators generate an  $A_1^4$  shock vertex located at the circumcenter of the corresponding tetrahedron.

Shocks	Regular	Source	Relay	Sink
Sheet	$A_1^2-1$	$A_1^2-2$	-	-
Axis	$A_1^3-1$	$A_1^3-2$	$A_1^3-3$	-
Axis end	-	-	$A_1^4-2,$ $A_1^4-3$	$A_1^4-4$

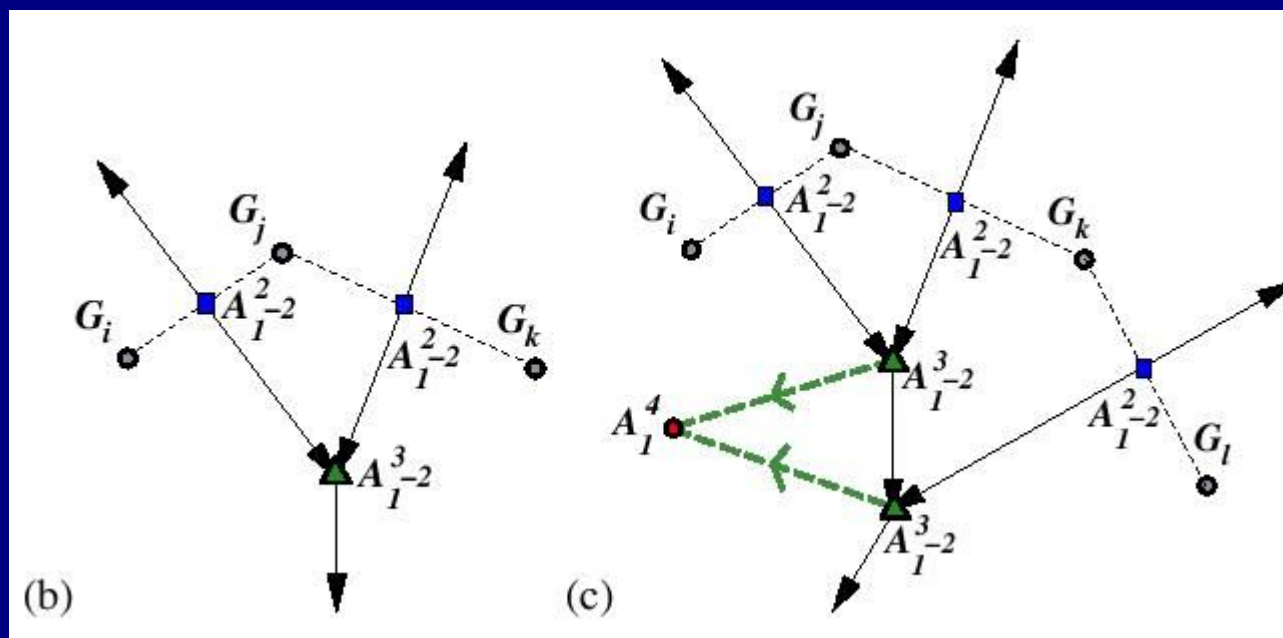
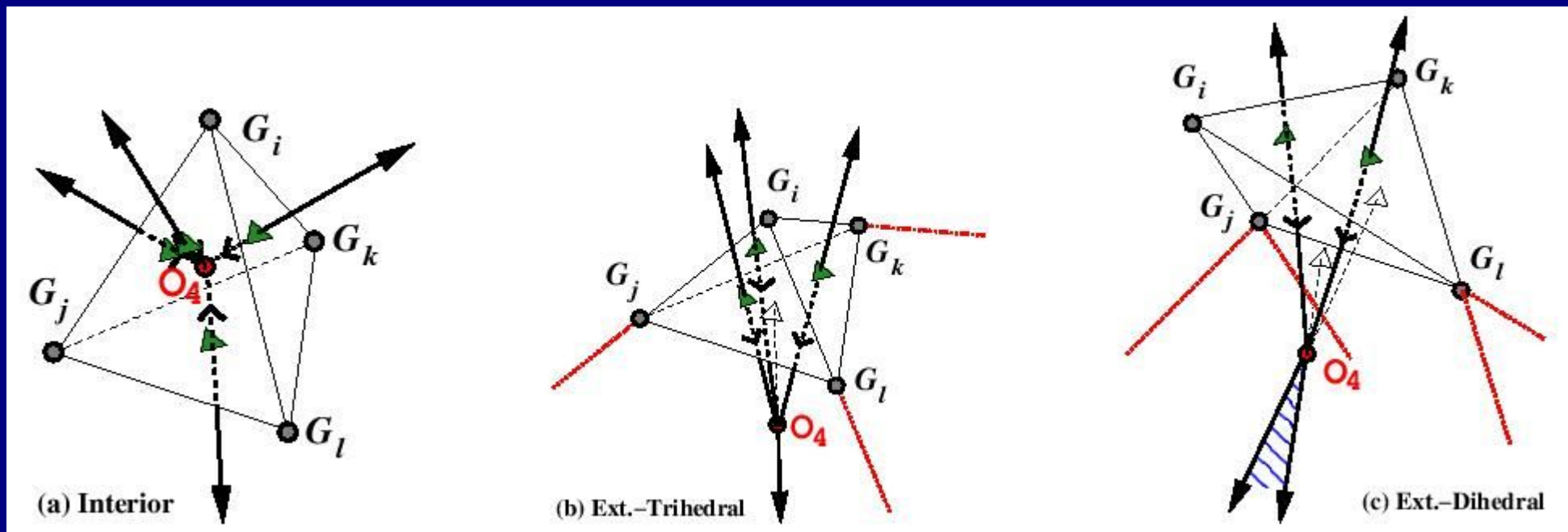
Table 4: Only eight types of shock points arise from point generators.

# Medial Scaffold of **Point** Generators



NB: Relationship with  
**Morse theory**  
 (Siersma, Hart,  
 Edelsbrunner, *et al.*)

# Medial Scaffold of **Point** Generators



# Medial Scaffold of Point Generators

## Computation: Visibility property

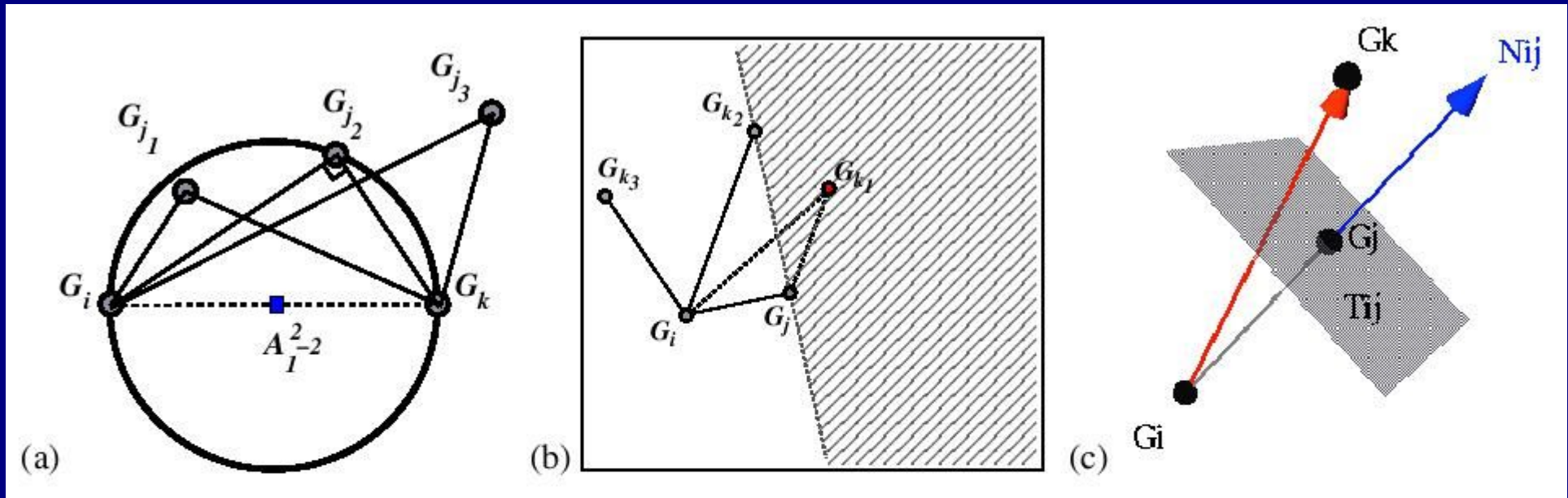
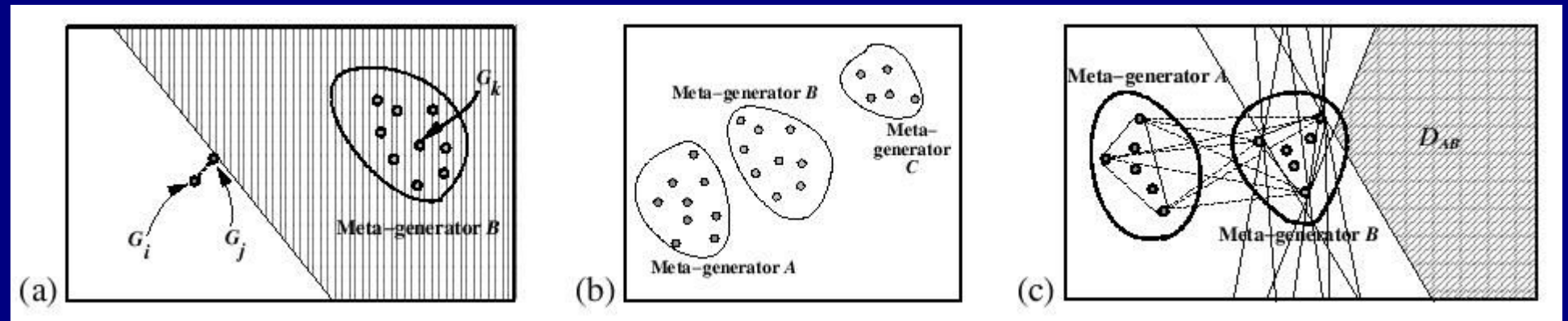
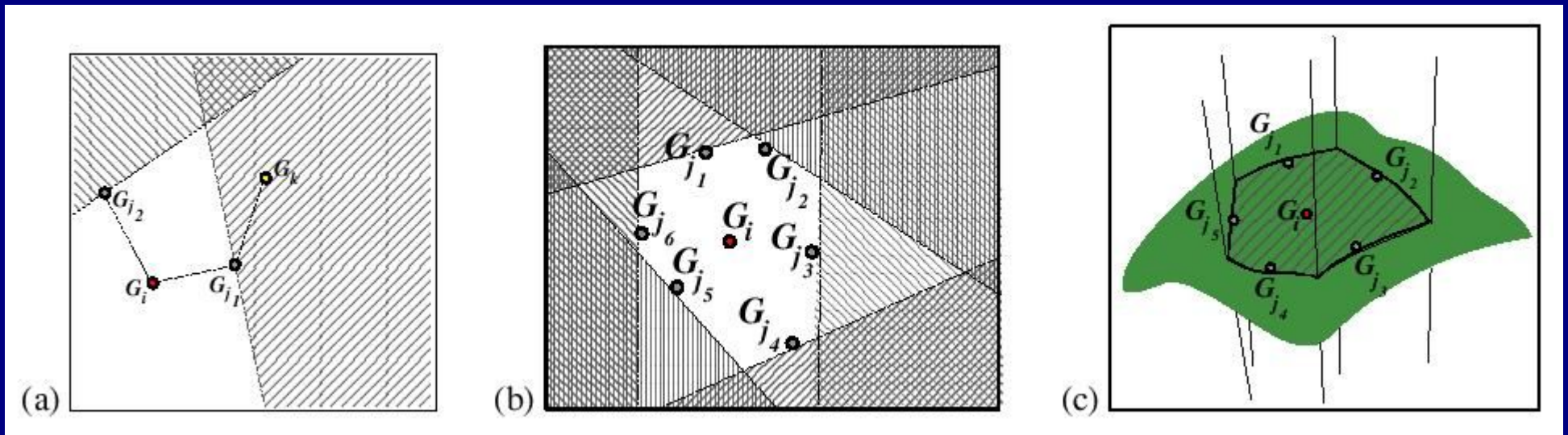


Figure 11: (a) The  $A_I^{2-2}$  shock between  $G_i$  and  $G_k$  forms iff there exists no generator  $G_j$  inside the circle (sphere) with diameter  $G_i G_k$ . Thus, the angle  $\angle G_i G_j G_k$  must either be acute or at most a right angle. (b) Thus, when considering potential pairings of generators with  $G_i$ , the presence of  $G_j$  implies that generators in the shaded area cannot possibly form a pairing with  $G_i$  as  $\angle G_i G_j G_k$  is then obtuse for those points; (c) in 3D, this region is a half-space (delimited by the plane  $T_{ij}$ ).

# Medial Scaffold of Point Generators

## Computation: Visibility property



# Medial Scaffold of Point Generators

## Computation: complexity

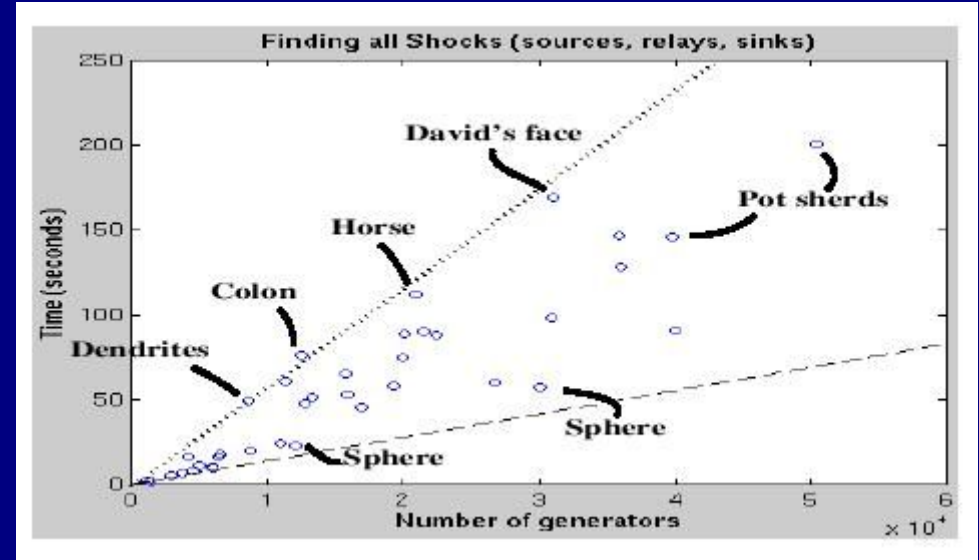
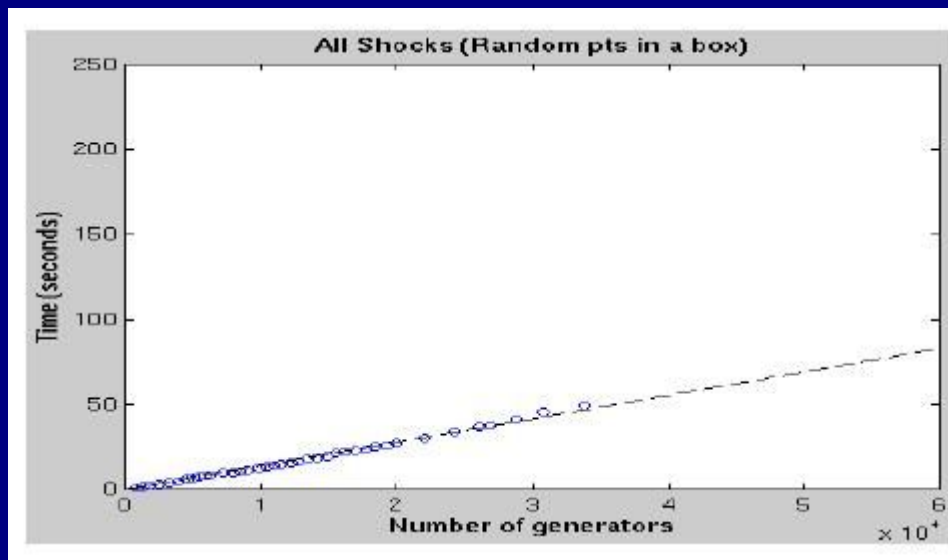
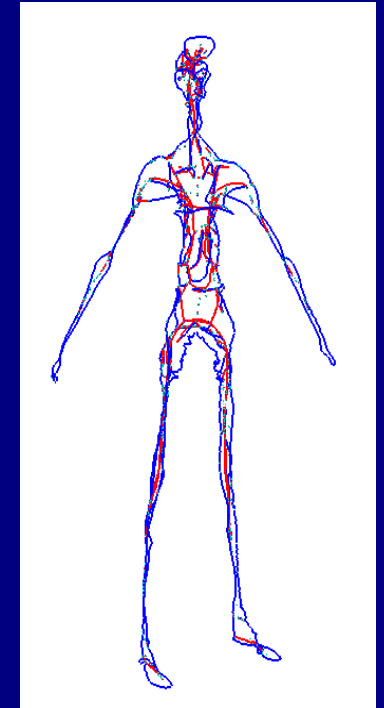
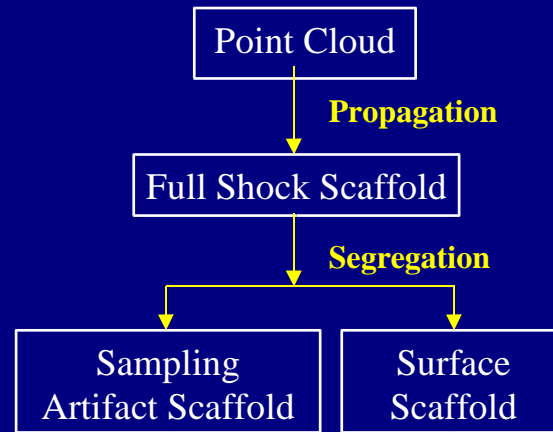
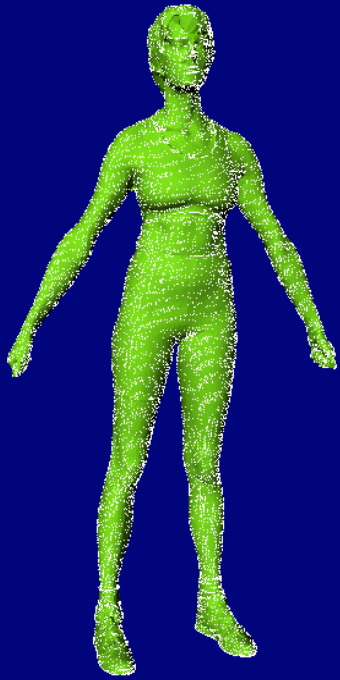


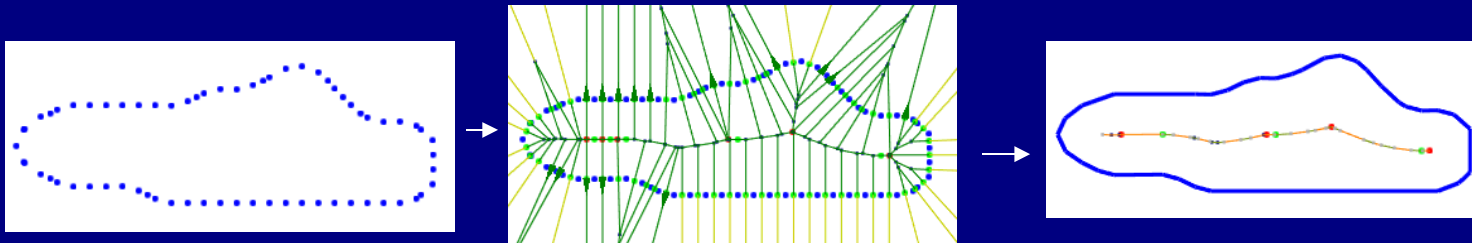
Figure 18: Timing results for the construction of the shock scaffold for a set of artificially generated random samples from a 3D block (Left), and for a set of 40 shapes including pot sherds, body scans, blood vessels, mechanical parts, *etc.* (Right). All experiments were performed on an SGI Octane 2 (IRIX 6.5)<sup>®</sup> with a C language implementation, but using non-optimized development code. Horizontal scaling:  $\times 10^4$ .

# Medial Scaffold of **Point** Generators

## Computation: Surface samplings



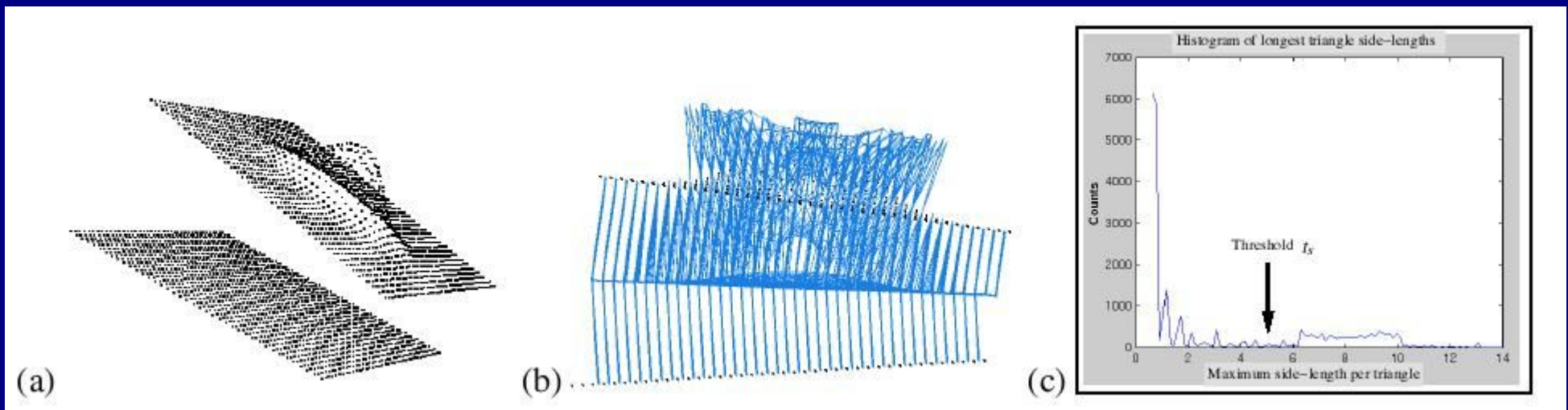
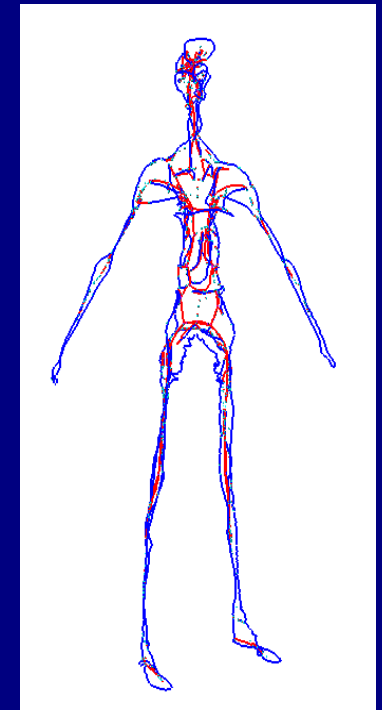
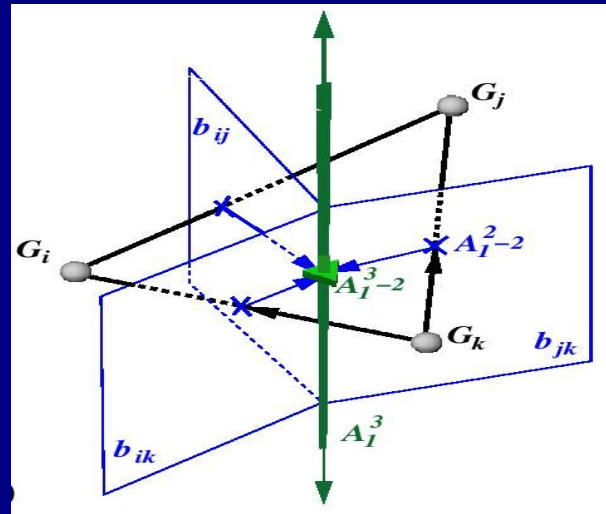
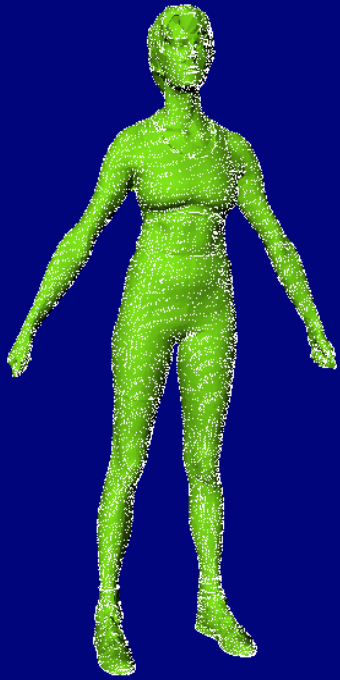
2D is easy for smooth outlines



NB: Work of Amenta *et al.*

# Medial Scaffold of Point Generators

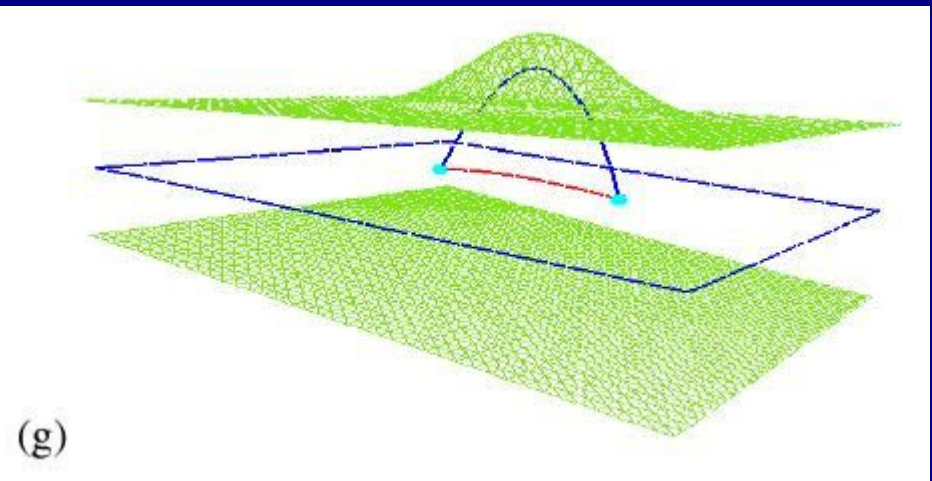
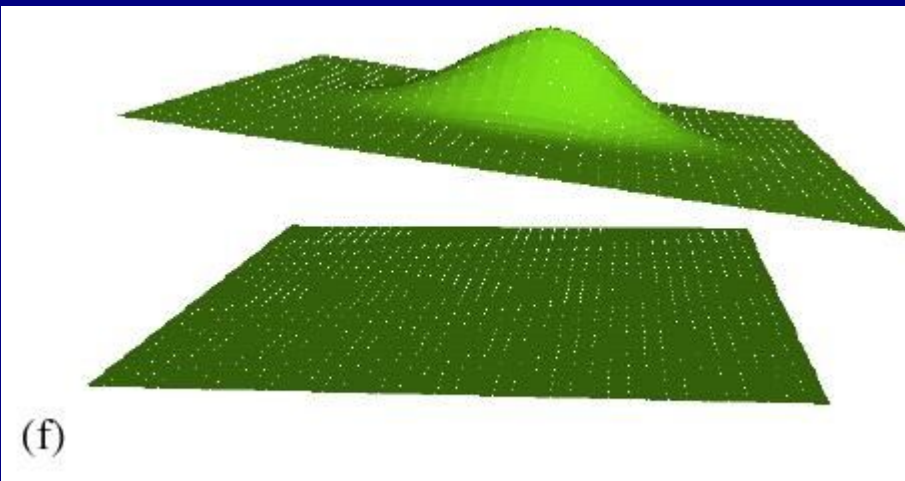
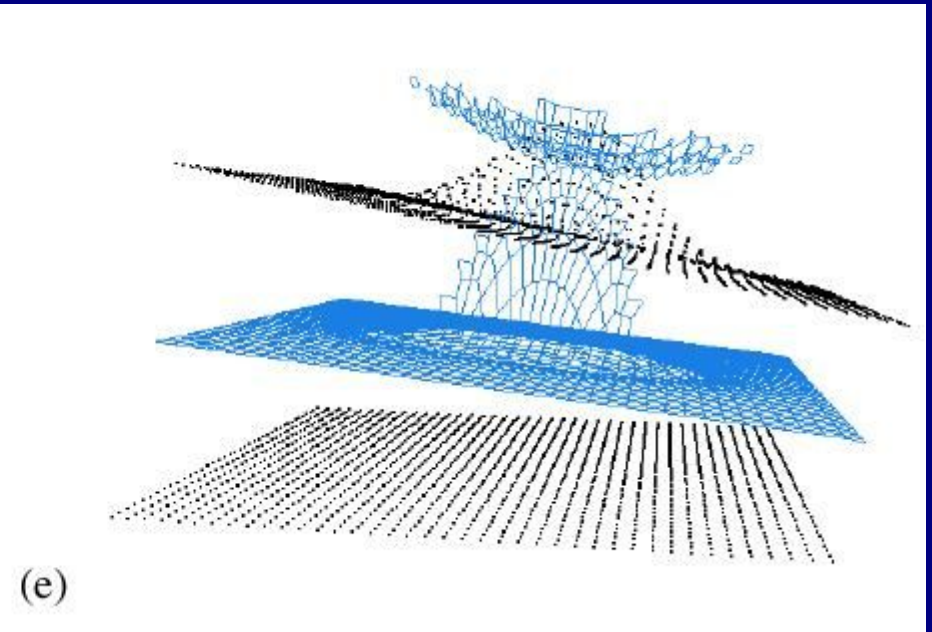
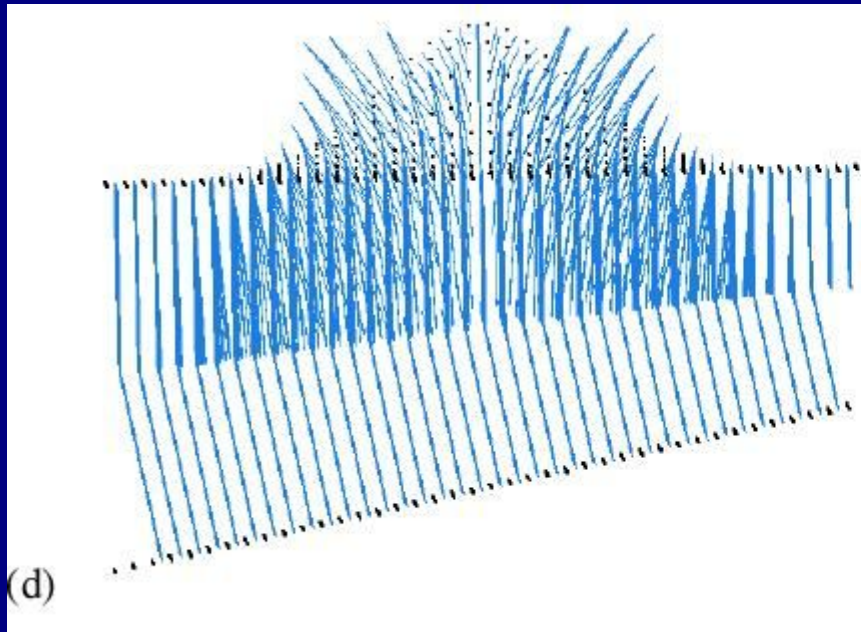
## Computation: Surface samplings





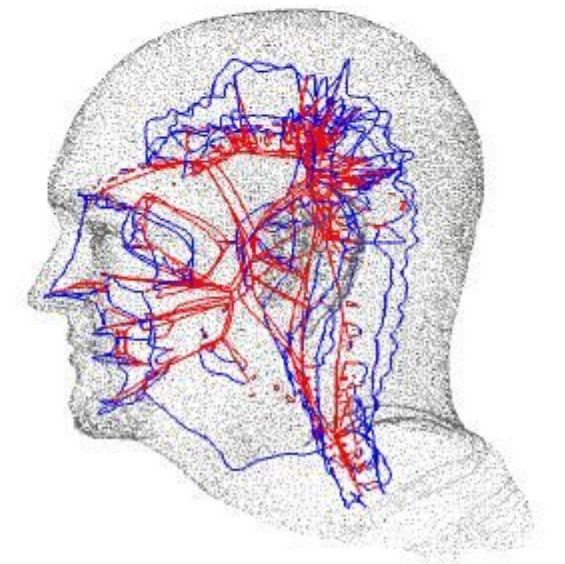
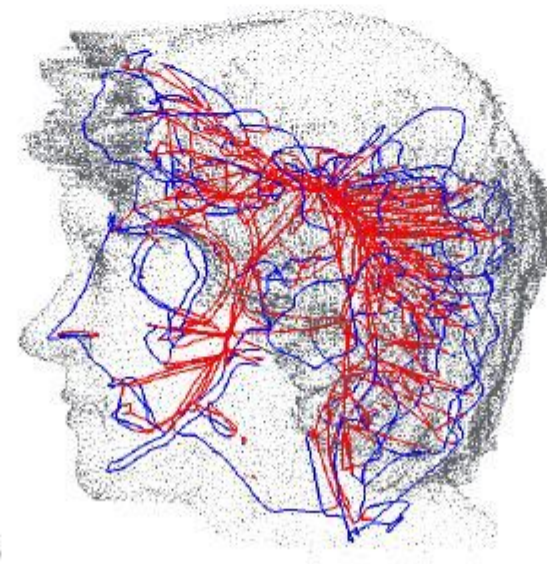
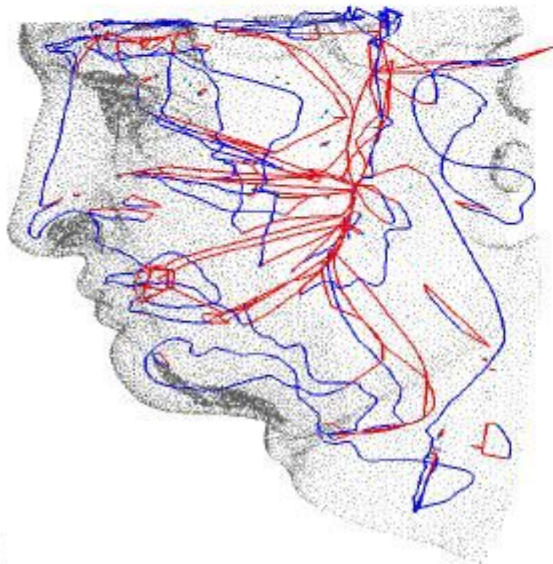
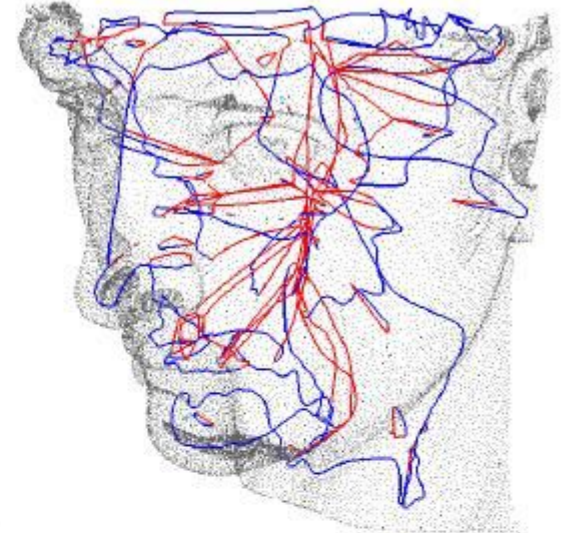
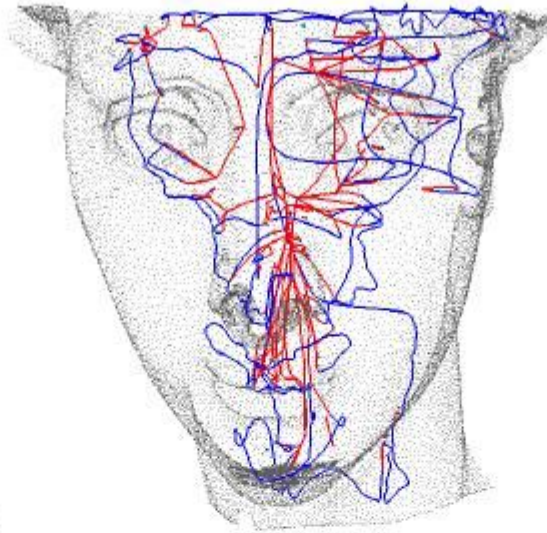
# Medial Scaffold of Point Generators

## Computation: Surface samplings



# Medial Scaffold of Point Generators

## Computation: Surface samplings



# Outline

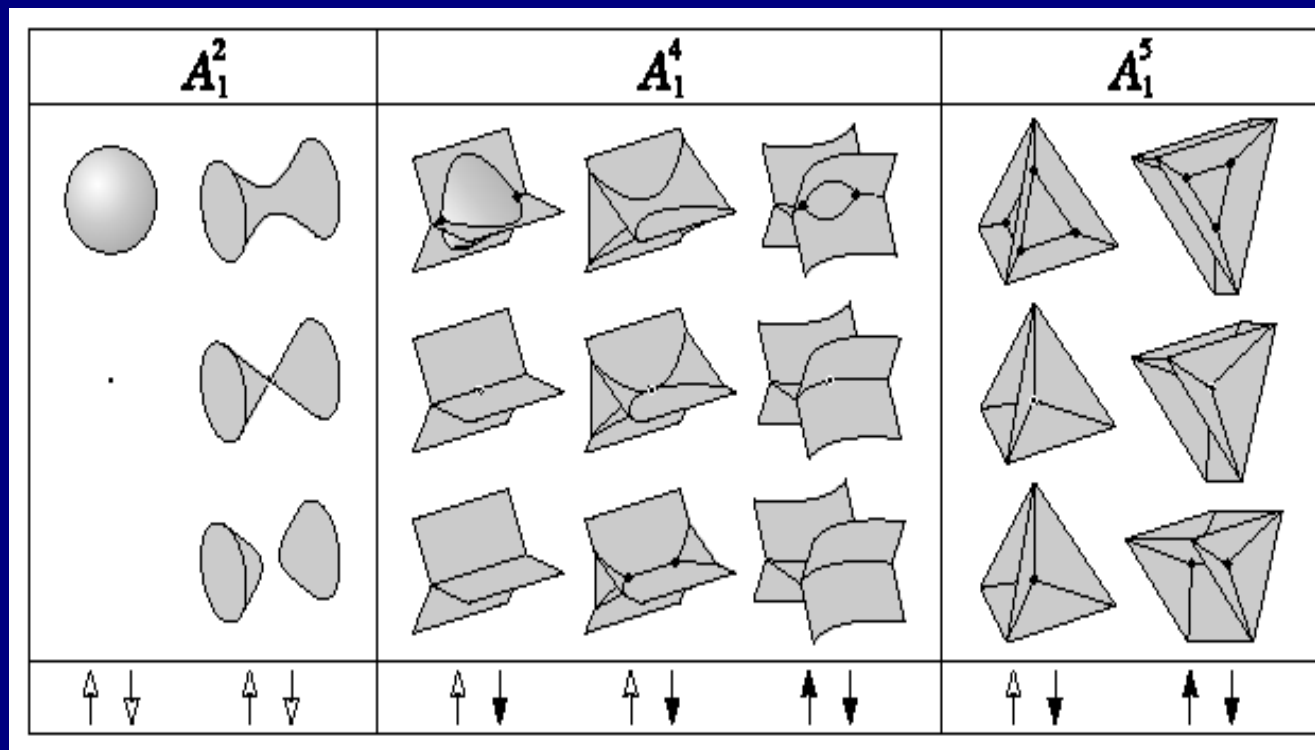
- Medial scaffold for 3D shape representation
- Transitions of the medial axis

# Transitions of the 3D graph structure

Study the topological events of the graph structure under perturbations and shape deformations.

Singularity theory (Arnold *et al.*, since the 1990's):

- In 3D, 26 topologically different perestroikas of linear shock waves.



“Perestroikas of shocks and singularities of minimum functions”

I. Bogaevsky, 2002.

# Transitions of the 3D graph structure

Study the topological events of the graph structure of the MA under **perturbations** and **shape deformations**.

Transitions of the MA (Giblin & Kimia, ECCV 2002):

- Under a 1-parameter family of deformations, only **seven transitions** are relevant.

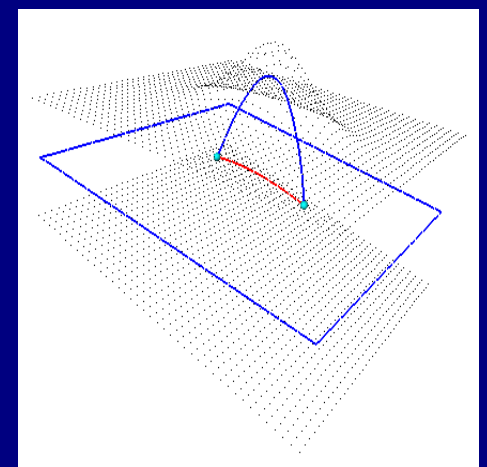
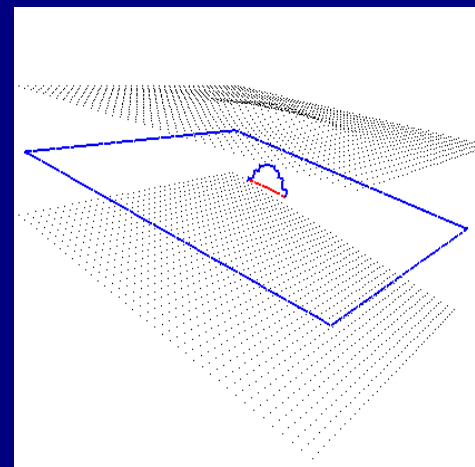
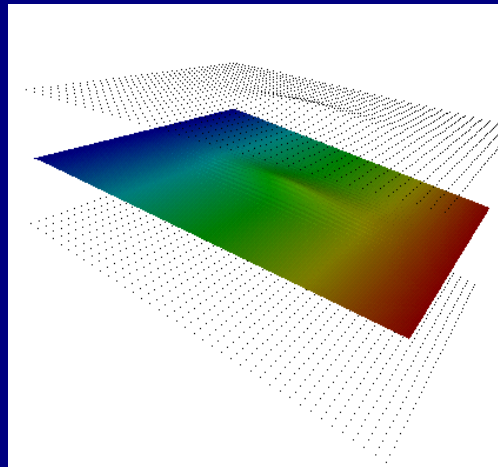
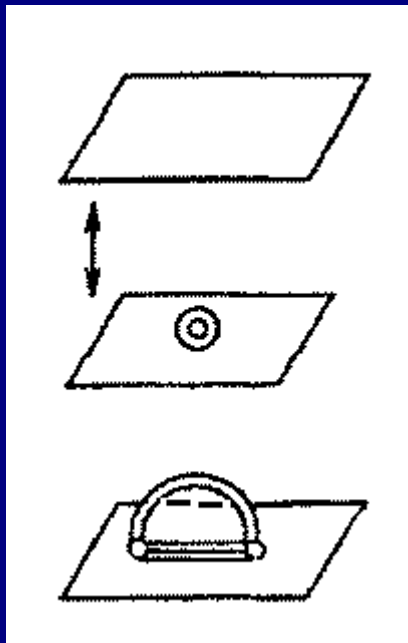
Transition	Collision of Types
$A_1^4$	$A_1^3 - A_1^3$
$A_1^5$	$A_1^4 - A_1^4, A_1^4 - A_1^3$
$A_5$	$A_1 A_3 - A_1 A_3, A_3 - A_3$
$A_1 A_3 - I$	$A_1 A_3 - A_1 A_3$
$A_1 A_3 - II$	$A_1 A_3 - A_1 A_3, A_1^3 - A_3$
$A_1^2 A_3 - I$	$A_1^4 - A_1 A_3$
$A_1^2 A_3 - II$	$A_1^3 - A_1 A_3$

# Transitions of the 3D graph structure

Study the topological events of the graph structure of the MA under **perturbations** and **shape deformations**.

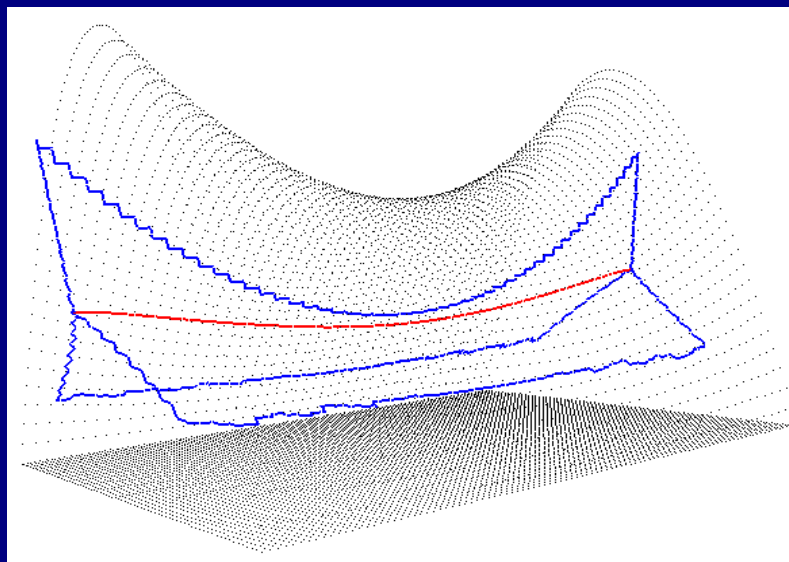
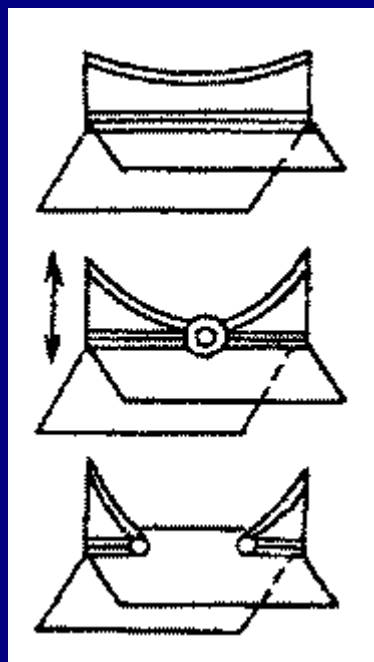
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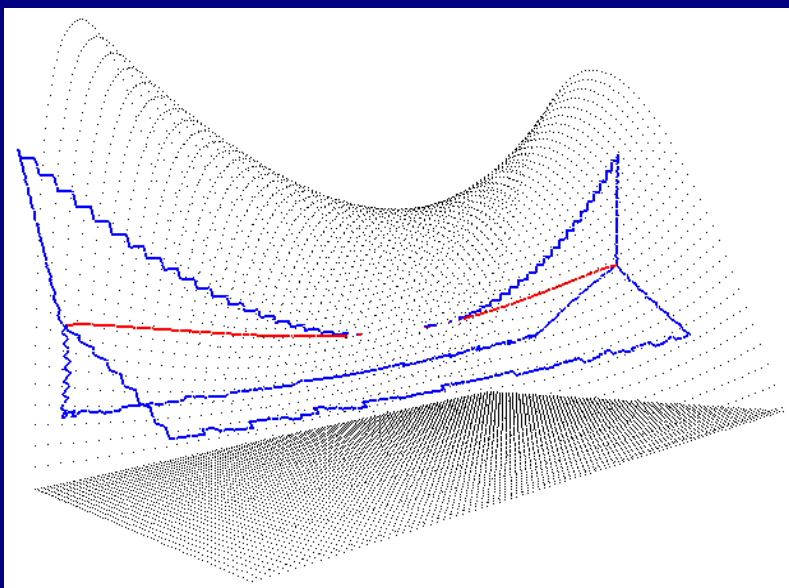
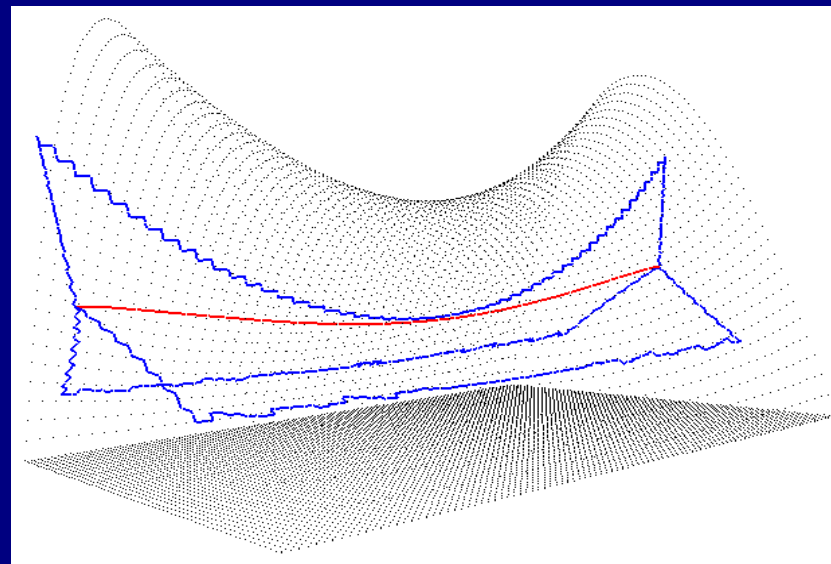


$A_1A_3-I$  (protrusion-like, Leymarie, PhD, 2002)

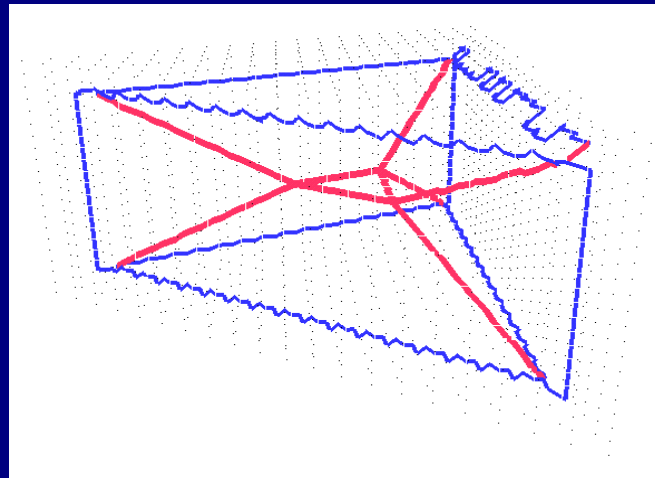
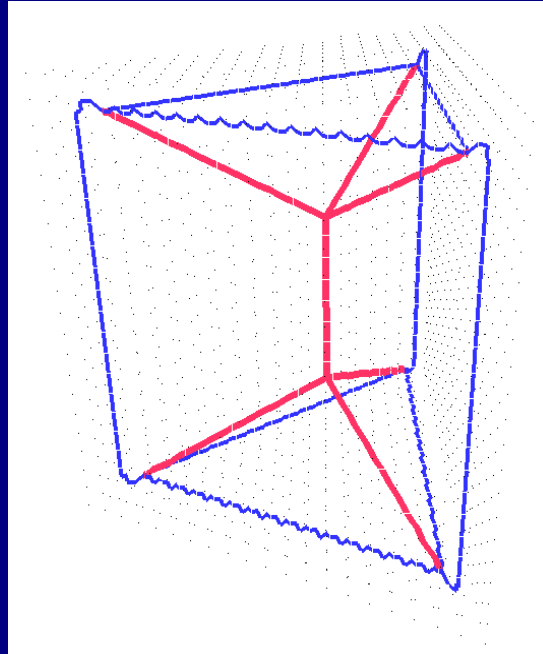
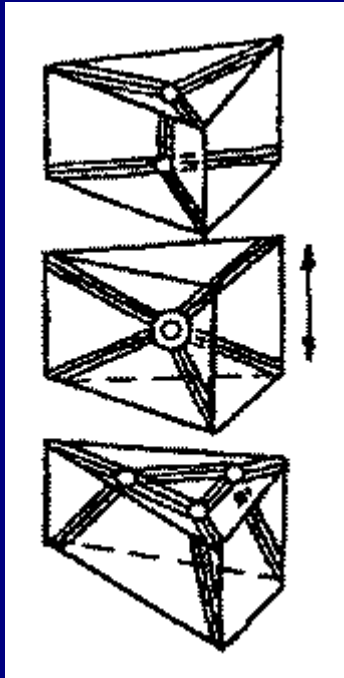
# Transitions of the 3D graph structure



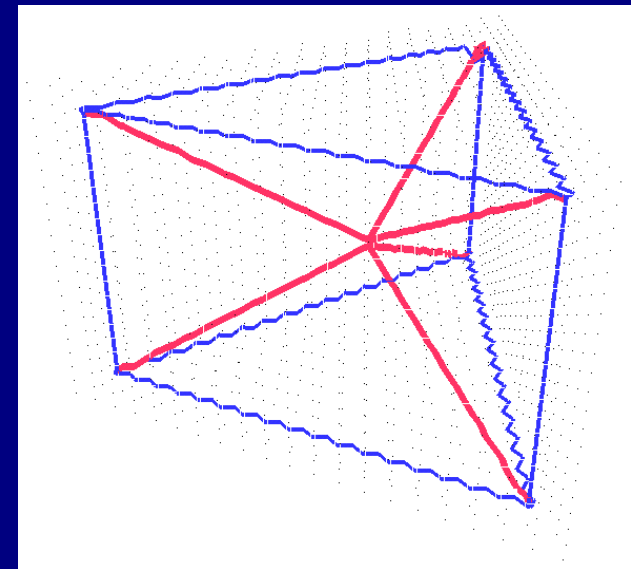
$A_1A_3$ -II (pulling apart-like)



# Transitions of the 3D graph structure

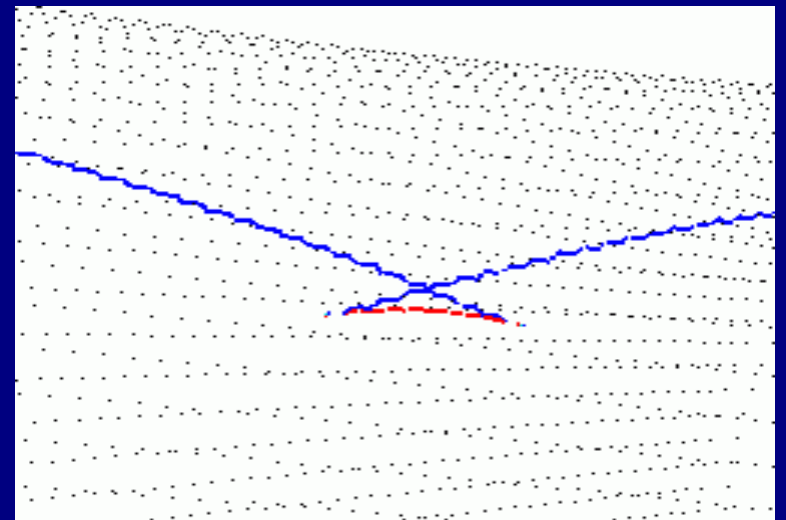
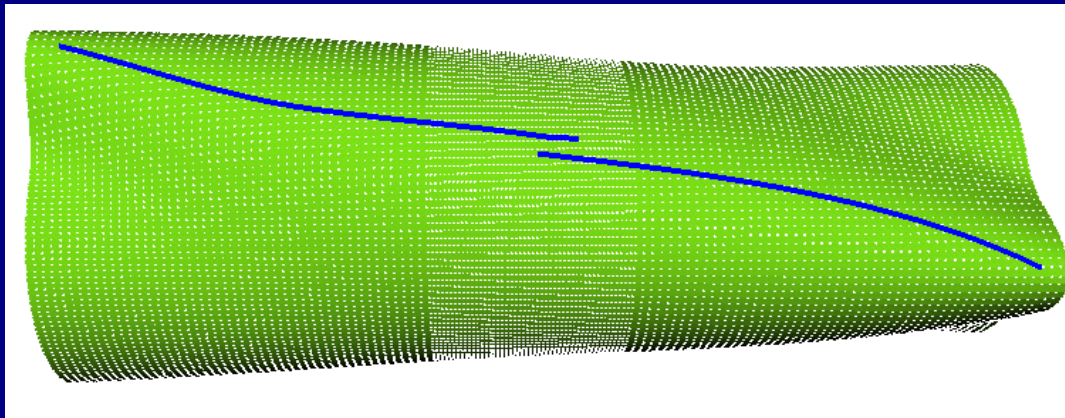
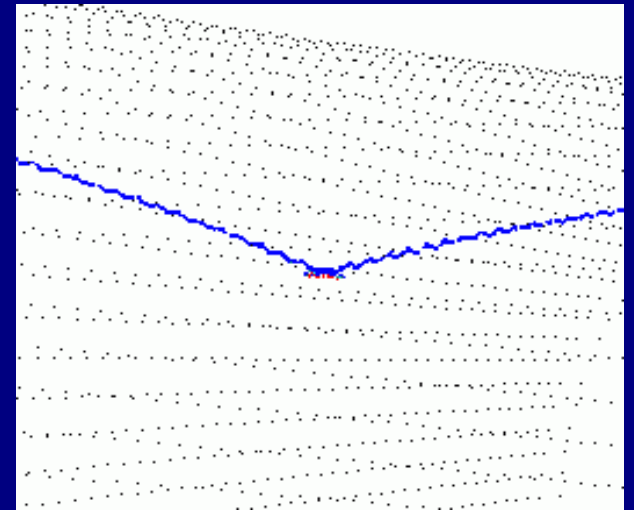
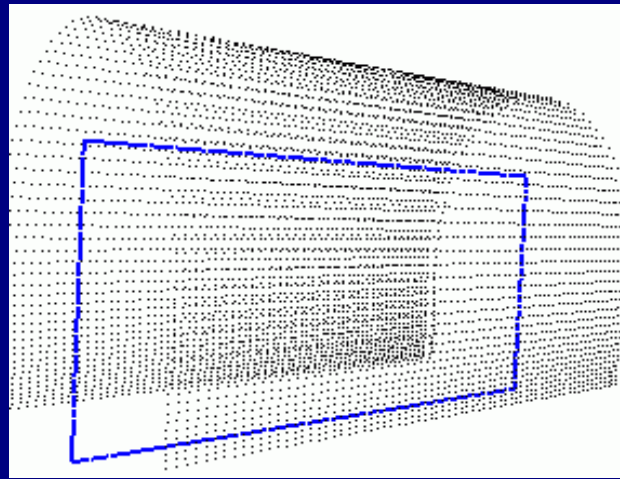
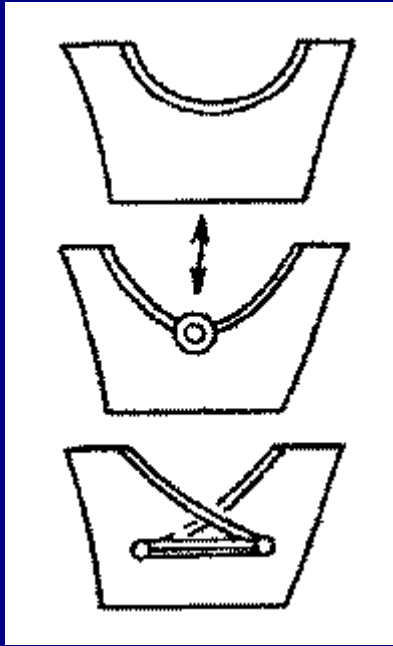


$A_1^5$  (compression-like)





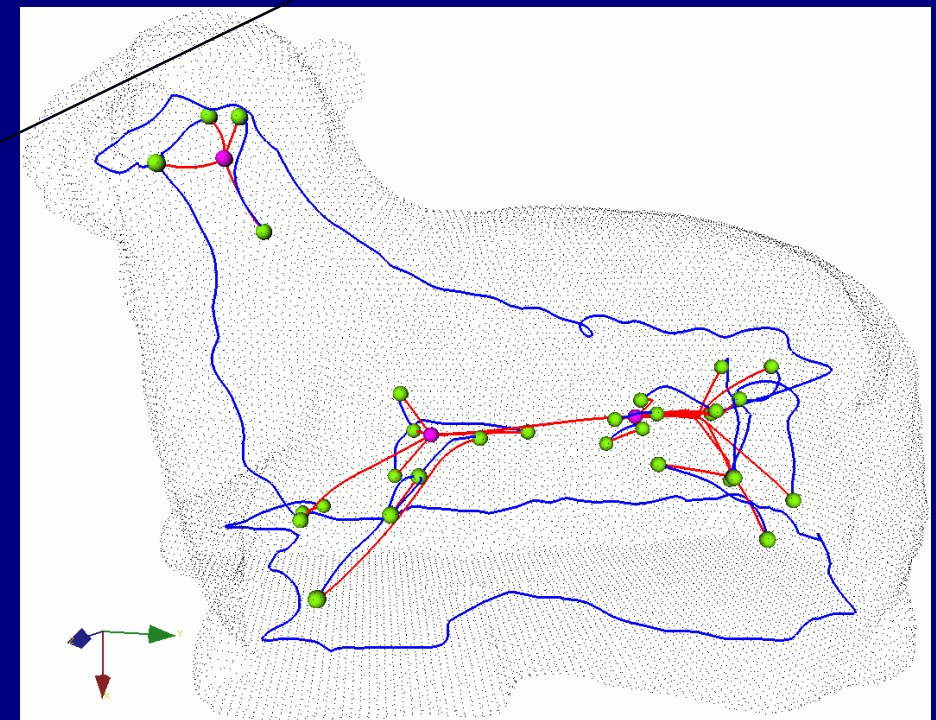
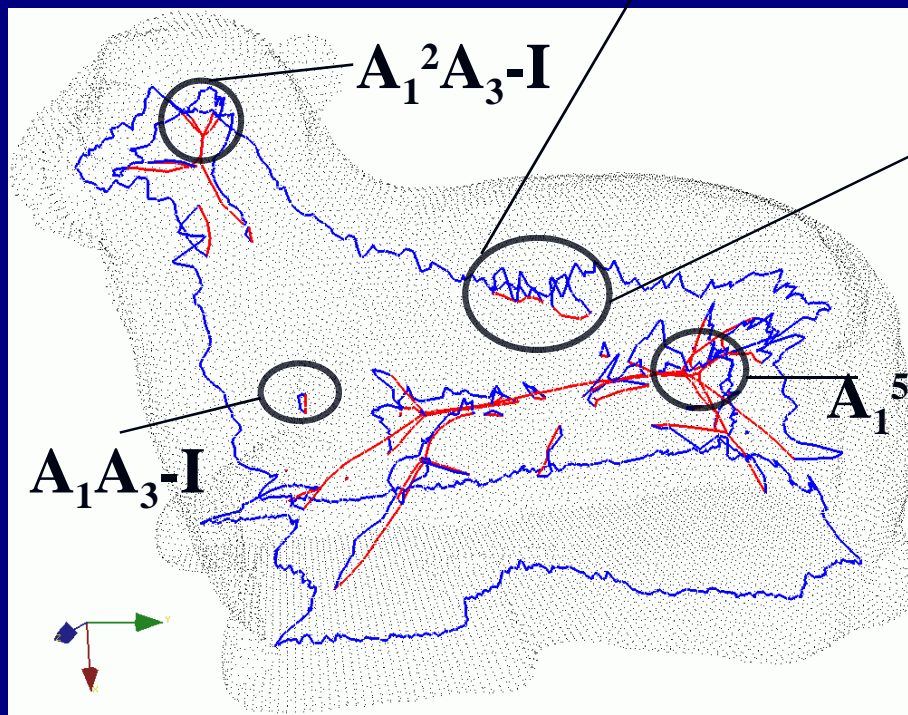
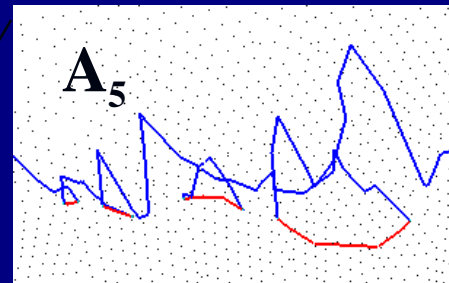
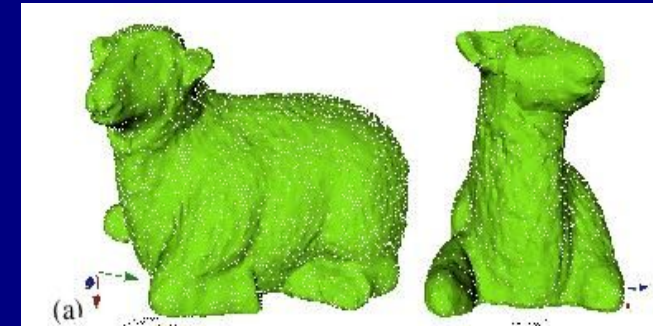
# Transitions of the 3D graph structure



$\mathbf{A}_5$  (ridge merging-like)

# Scaffold Regularization

- Transition removal, *i.e.*, remove topological instability
- Smoothing

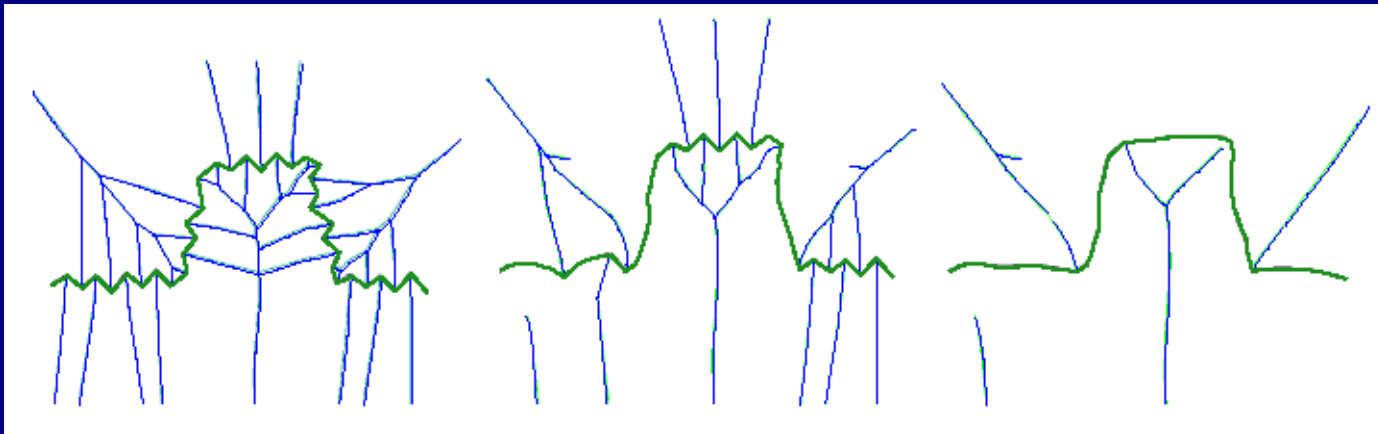


**Blue:**  $A_3$  links, **Red:**  $A_1^3$  links

**Green:**  $A_1 A_3$  nodes, **Pink:**  $A_1^4$  nodes

# 2D Scaffold Regularization

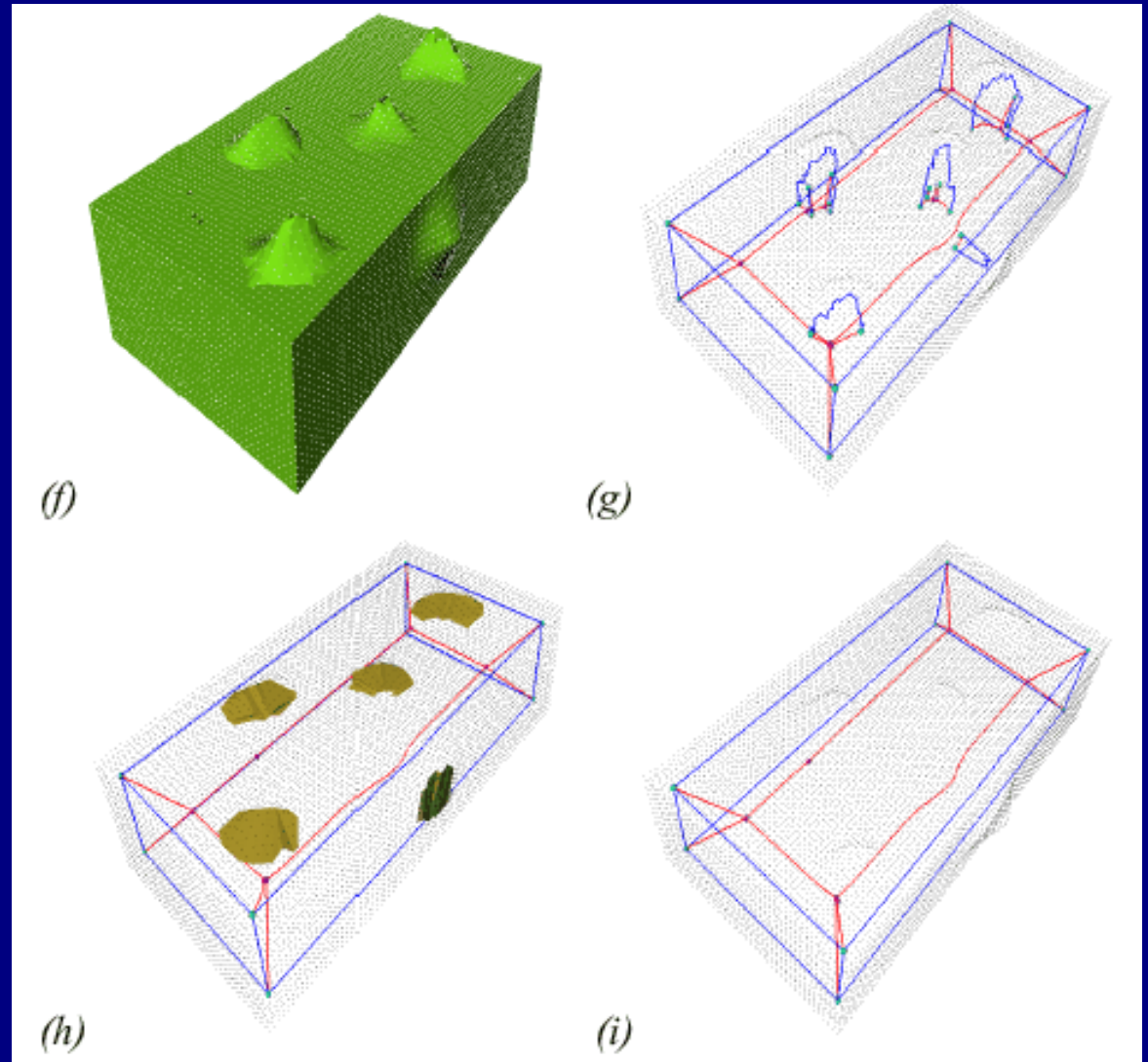
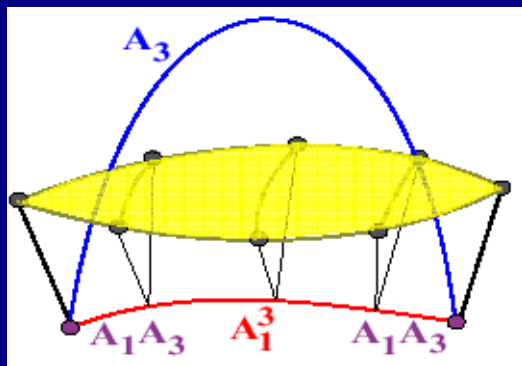
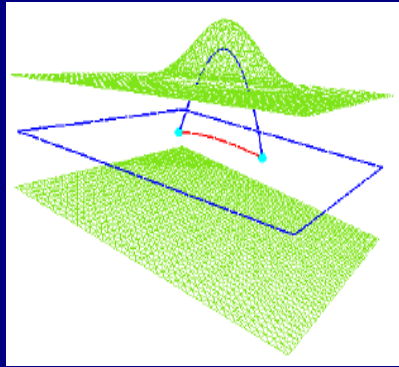
- Transition removal, *i.e.*, remove **topological instability**
- **2D Boundary Smoothing** (via symmetry transforms) ordered by “scale” (Kimia, Tek, 2001)



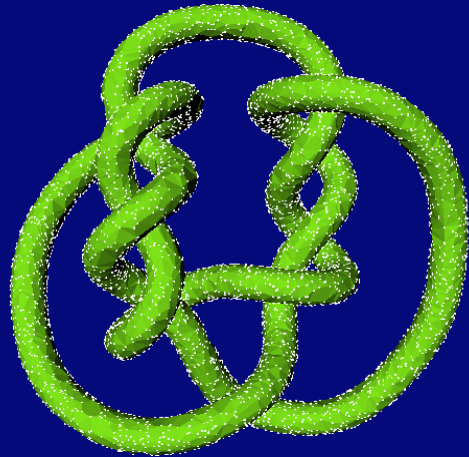
Iterative removal of MA branches, ordered by boundary support (*i.e.*, how much of the contour is represented), coupled with local boundary model adjustment, results in corner enhancement and small perturbations' smoothing.

# 3D Scaffold Regularization

(Leymarie, Kimia, Giblin, 2003-4)

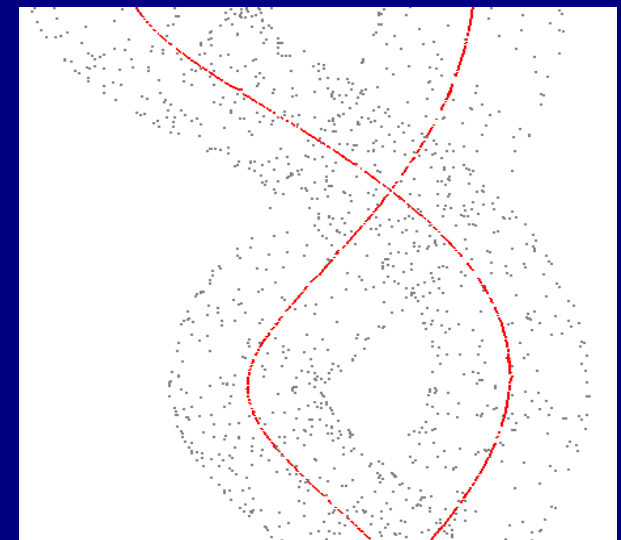
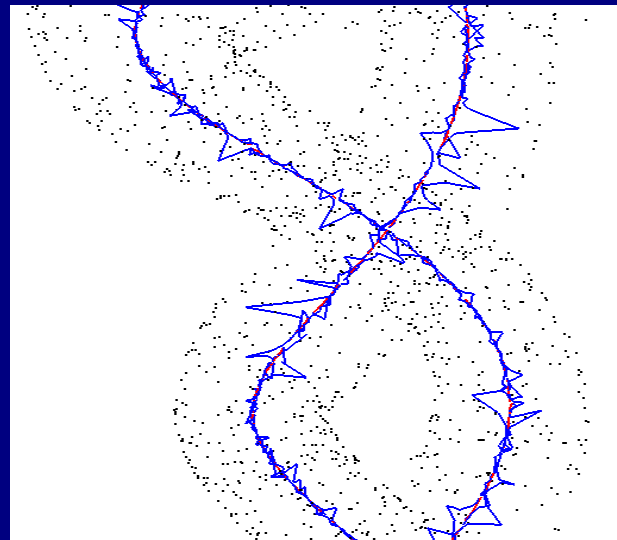
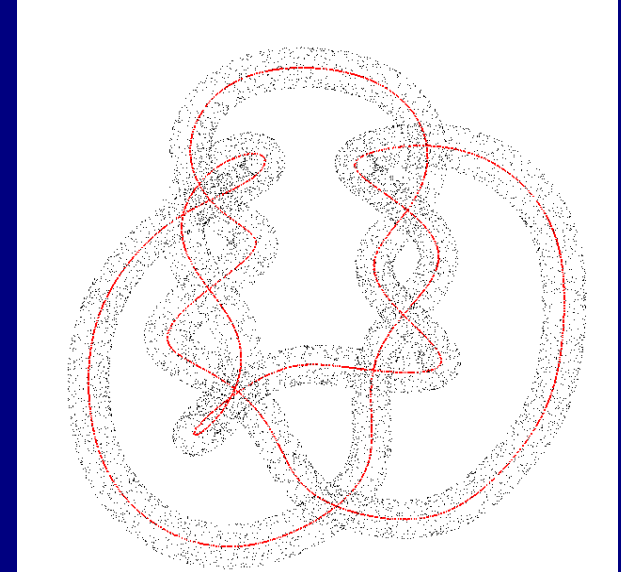
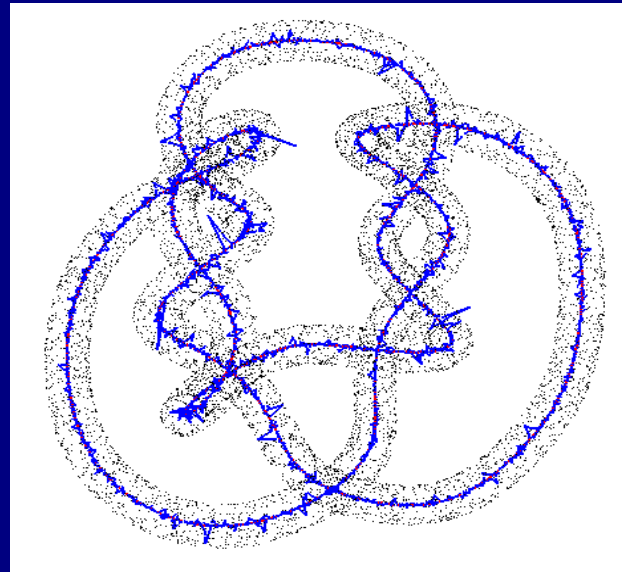


# 3D Scaffold Regularization



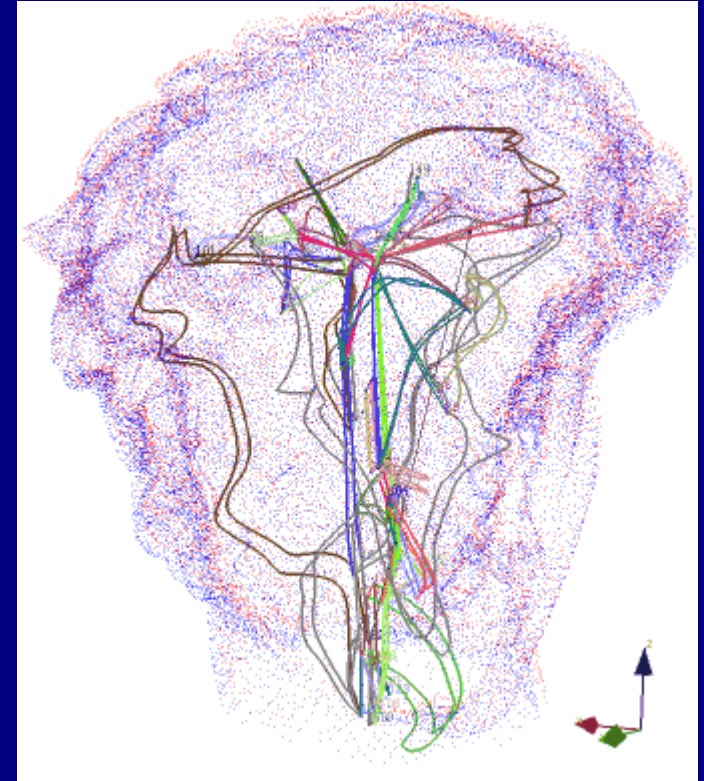
Knot data: 10K  
random samples

Towards  
generalized  
cylinders



# Visual Search in large 3D DB

Graph matching via graduated assignement  
(presented at 3DPVT, Greece, Sept. 2004, Chang, Leymarie & Kimia)  
a solution to the **Global Registration** problem.



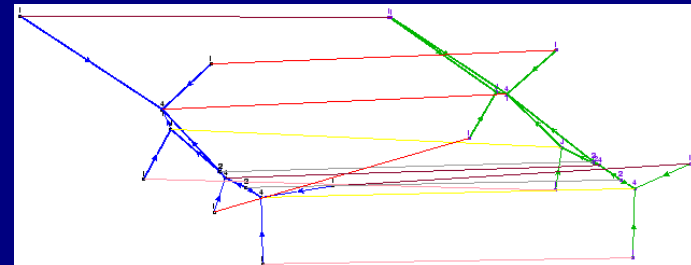
Digital Michelangelo  
Stanford, Firenze, NRC

Challenge: robust automatic extraction of graphs,  
dealing with topological instabilities/events.

# Compare Medial Scaffolds by Graph Matching

- Intractability
  - Weighted graph matching: **NP-hard**
  - One special case: Largest common subgraph: **NP-complete**
  - Only “good” **sub-optimal** solutions can be found

- Graduated Assignment [Gold & Rangarajan PAMI'96]
  - [Sharvit *et. al.* JVCIR'98] index 25-shape database by matching 2D **shock graphs**



- 3D **hypergraph** matching:
  - Additional dimension
  - Generally not a **tree**, might have isolated **loops**
  - No inside/outside: non-closed surfaces or surface patches

# Graduated Assignment

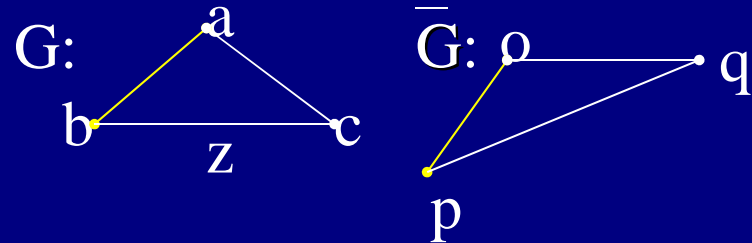
## Quadratic weighted graph matching

$G, \bar{G}$ : 2 undirected graphs

$I$ : # of nodes in  $G$ ,  $\bar{I}$ : # of nodes in  $\bar{G}$

$\{G_i\}, \{\bar{G}_i\}$  nodes

$\{G_{ij}\}, \{\bar{G}_{ij}\}$  edges: **adjacency matrices** of graphs



The **match matrix**

$M_{i\bar{i}} = 1$  if node  $i$  in  $G$  corresponds to node  $\bar{i}$  in  $\bar{G}$ ,  
 $= 0$  otherwise

Then objective function to maximize over the space of  $M$  is:

$$E(\mathbf{M}) = \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{\bar{i}=1}^{\bar{I}} \sum_{j=1}^I \sum_{\bar{j}=1}^{\bar{I}} M_{i\bar{i}} M_{j\bar{j}} L_{i\bar{i}j\bar{j}} + \alpha \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{\bar{i}=1}^{\bar{I}} M_{i\bar{i}} N_{i\bar{i}}$$

Cost of matching  $G_{ij}$  to  $\bar{G}_{ij}$ .  
 If the nodes match, how similar the links are.

$L_{i\bar{i}j\bar{j}}$ : link similarity between  $G_{ij}$  and  $\bar{G}_{ij}$   
 $N_{i\bar{i}}$ : node similarity between  $G_i$  and  $\bar{G}_i$

Cost of matching  $G_i$  to  $\bar{G}_i$ .



# Modified Graduated Assignment for 3D Medial Scaffold Matching

$$E(\mathbf{M}) = \alpha \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{\bar{i}=1}^{\bar{I}} \mathbf{M}_{i\bar{i}} N_{i\bar{i}} + \beta \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{\bar{i}=1}^{\bar{I}} \sum_{j=1}^I \sum_{\bar{j}=1}^{\bar{I}} \mathbf{M}_{i\bar{i}} \mathbf{M}_{j\bar{j}} L_{i\bar{i}j\bar{j}} + \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{\bar{i}=1}^{\bar{I}} \sum_{j=1}^I \sum_{\bar{j}=1}^{\bar{I}} \sum_{k=1}^I \sum_{\bar{k}=1}^{\bar{I}} \mathbf{M}_{i\bar{i}} \mathbf{M}_{j\bar{j}} \mathbf{M}_{k\bar{k}} H_{i\bar{i}j\bar{j}k\bar{k}}$$

**Node cost:**  $N_{i\bar{i}}(G_i, \bar{G}_{\bar{i}}) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } G_i \text{ and } \bar{G}_{\bar{i}} \text{ have different types,} \\ 1 - \left| \frac{r_i - r_{\bar{i}}}{\max(R, \bar{R})} \right|, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$   
 (radius)

**Link cost:**  $L_{i\bar{i}j\bar{j}} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if any of links } ij \text{ and } \bar{i}\bar{j} \text{ are missing,} \\ 1 - \left| \frac{l_{ij} - l_{\bar{i}\bar{j}}}{\max(L, \bar{L})} \right|, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$   
 (length)

**Sheet (hyperlink) cost:** (corner angle)

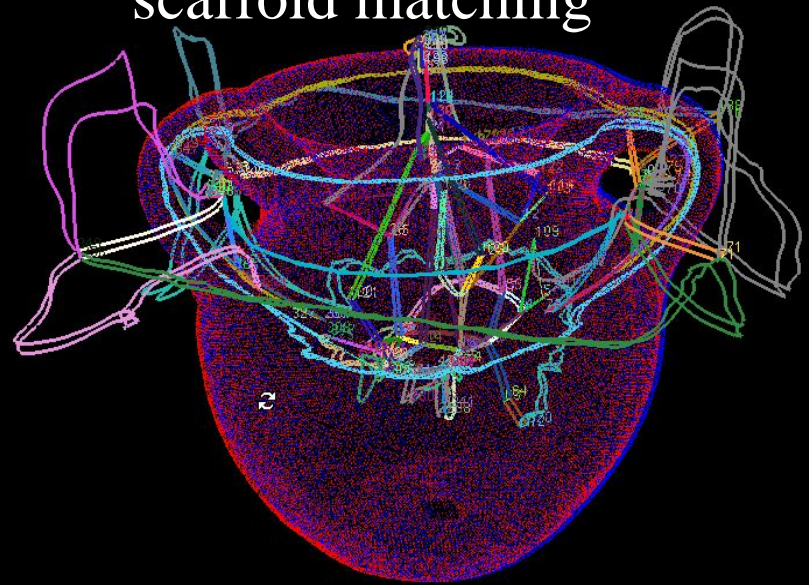
$$H_{i\bar{i}j\bar{j}k\bar{k}} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if any links } ij, jk, \bar{i}\bar{j}, \bar{j}\bar{k} \text{ are missing,} \\ 1 - |\angle ijk - \angle \bar{i}\bar{j}\bar{k}|, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

# Medial scaffold matching example

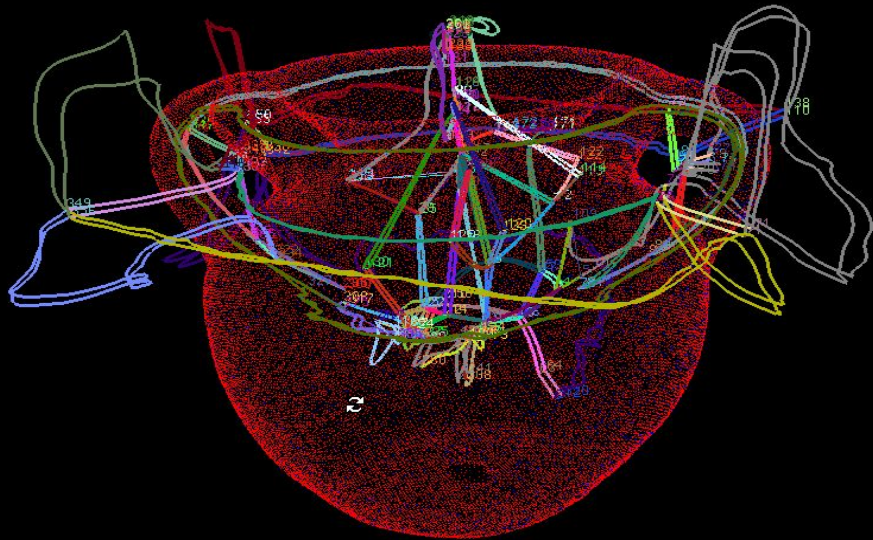
## Archaeological pot

Two scans of the outside surface of a pot (50K and 40K). The inner surface of the pot is missing.

## Initial alignment via scaffold matching



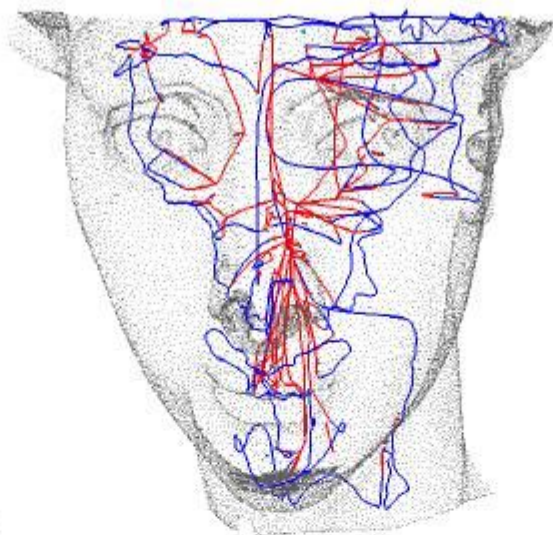
## Final registration after ICP



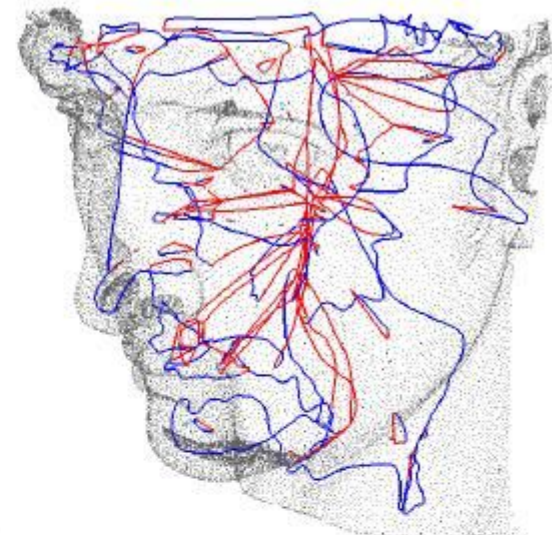
# Towards 3D Object Recognition



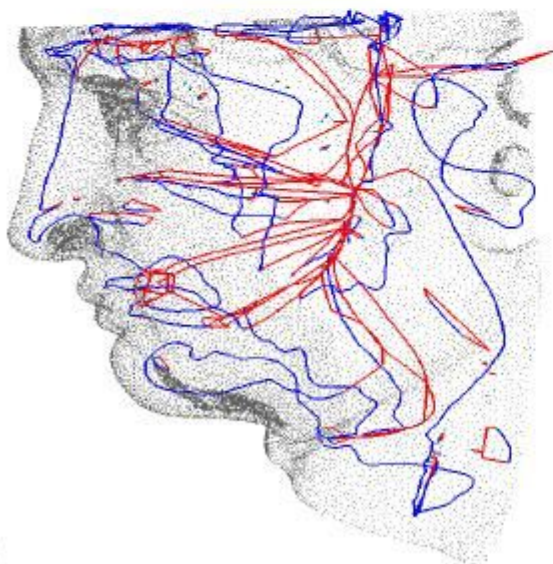
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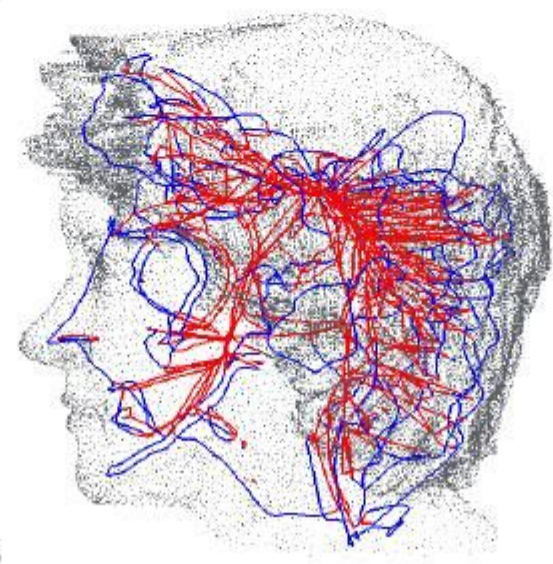
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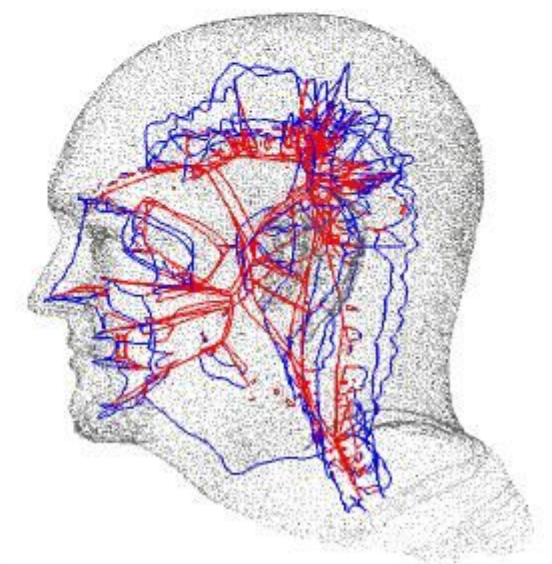
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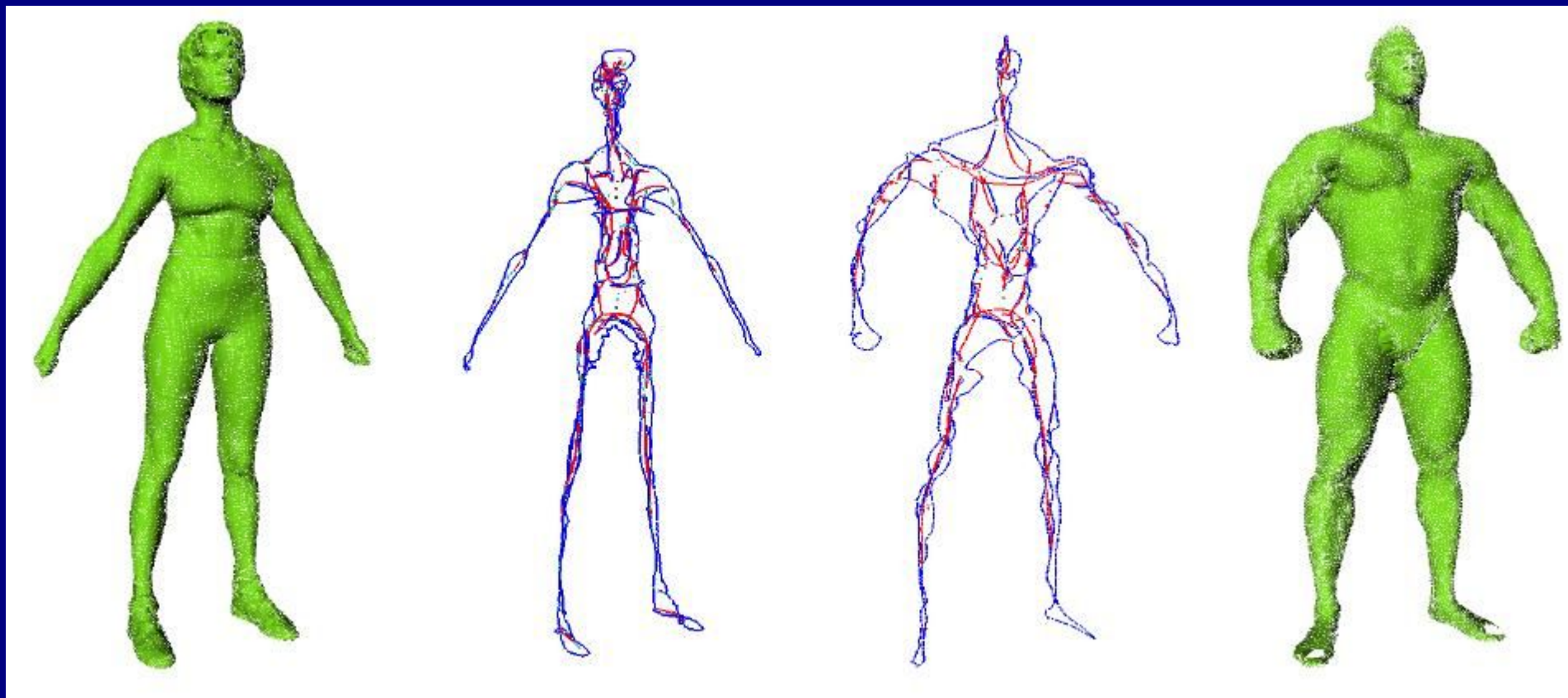


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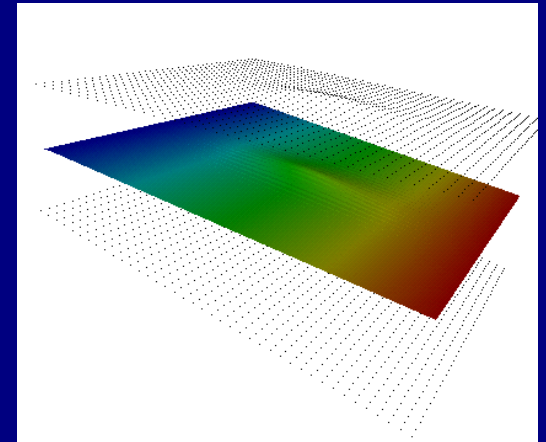
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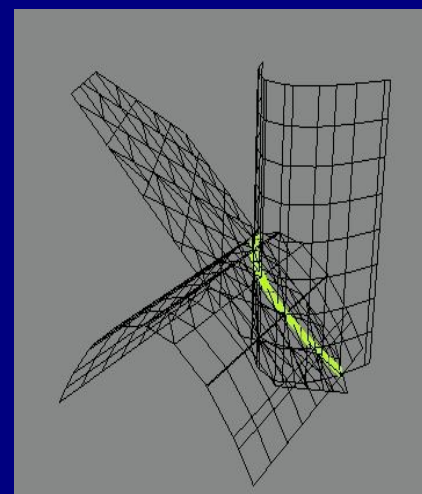
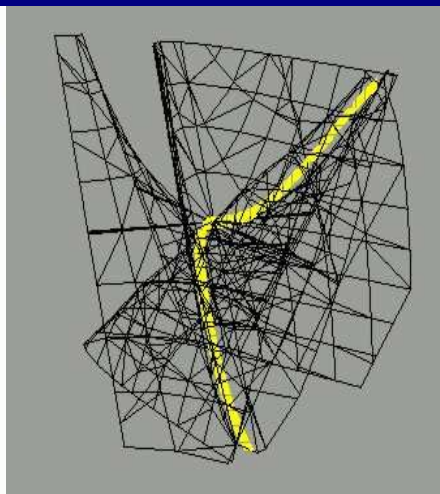
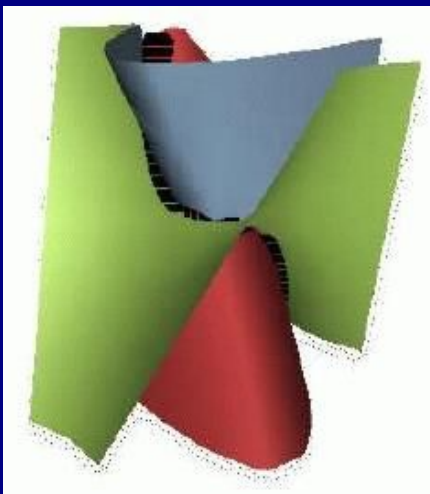
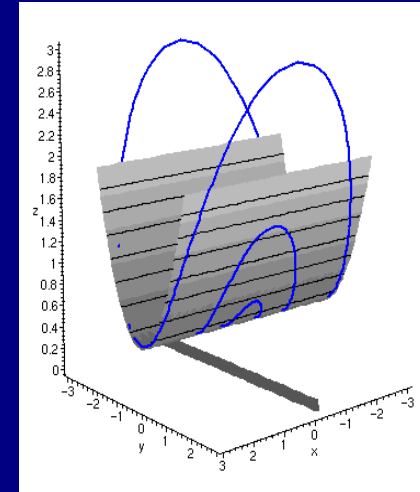
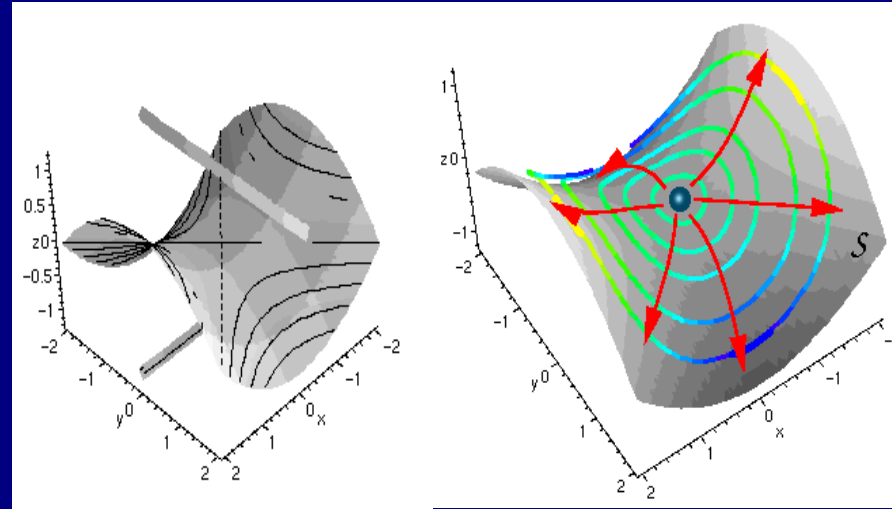
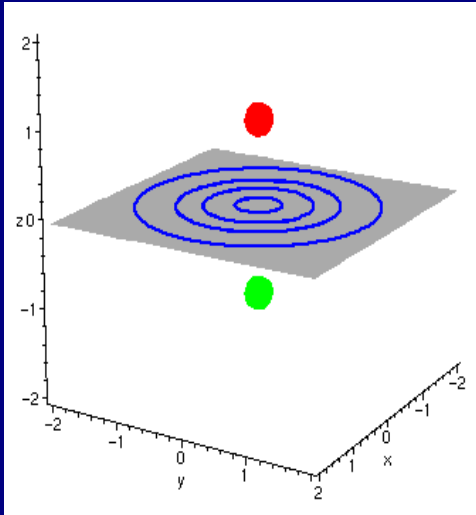


# Conclusions – Limitations + Future

- Perturbations smaller than contact sphere radius are not “visible” from the graph structure alone.
- Complementary to recent anisotropic smoothing methods (explicit ridges).
- Cost measures for 3D shape matching are at an early stage of development.
- Extension to other generators (inputs) is underway (polygons, curved patches).



# Conclusions – Extended generators



Requires hybrid methods: algebraic (Groebner bases) and numerical (intervals)

*Part III:*  
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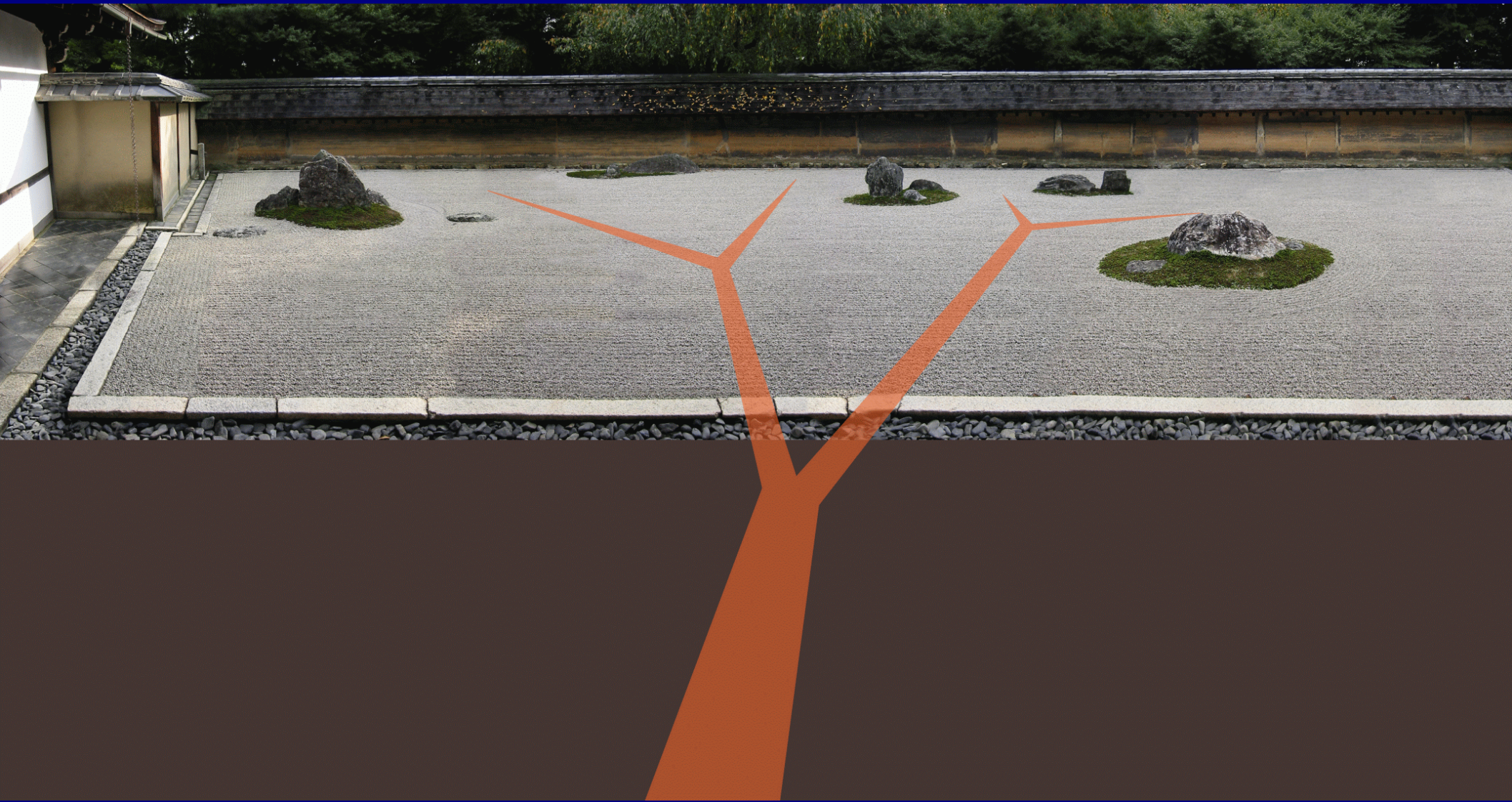
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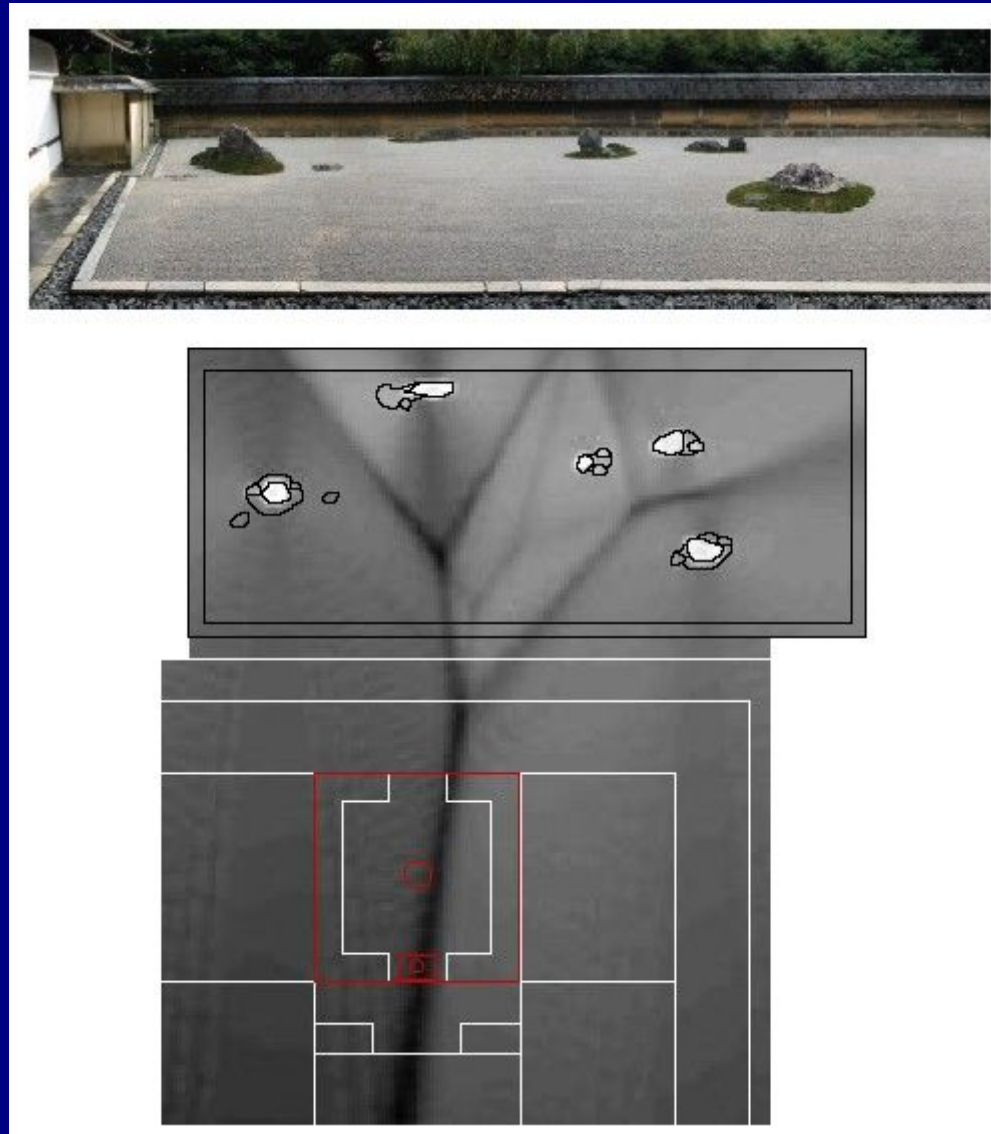


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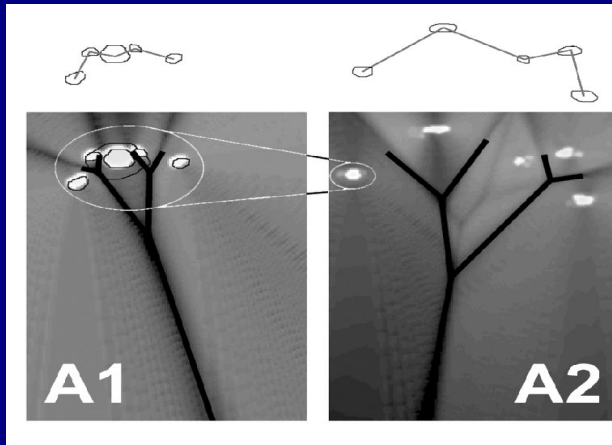
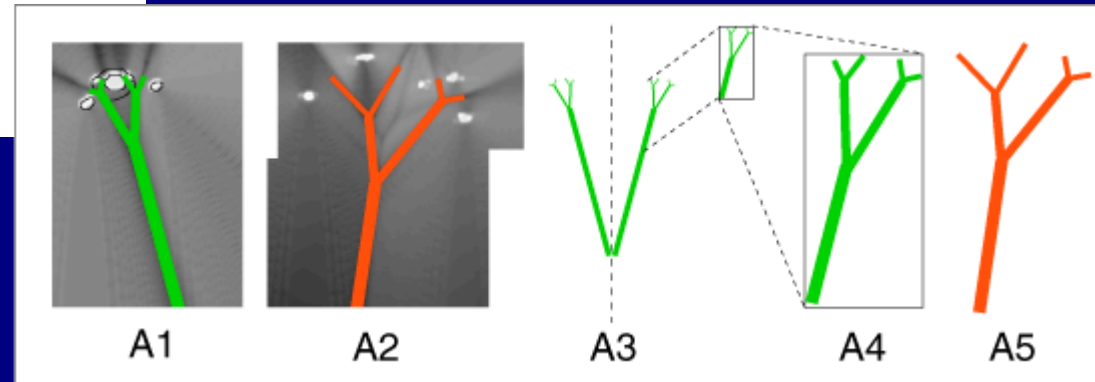
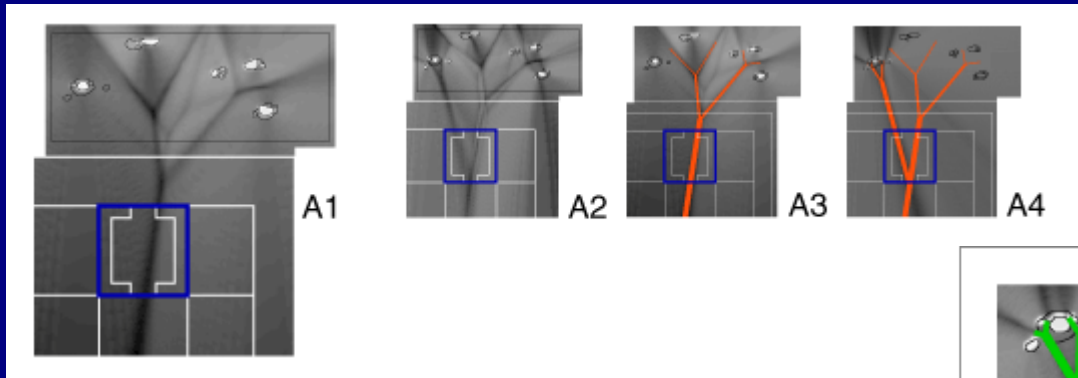
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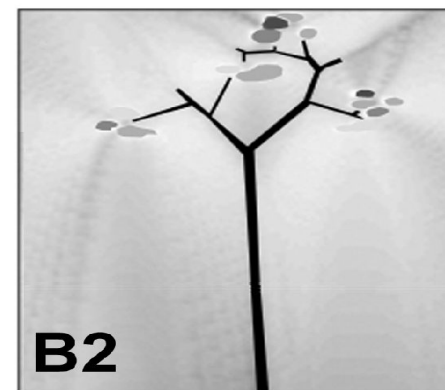
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Gert van Tonder et al. --- **Stylistic signature of creators.**



Local (A1) vs. global (A2) MA's  
in Ryonji



B1: Zakkein (no longer exists) –  
B2: Akisato Ritoh (1799)

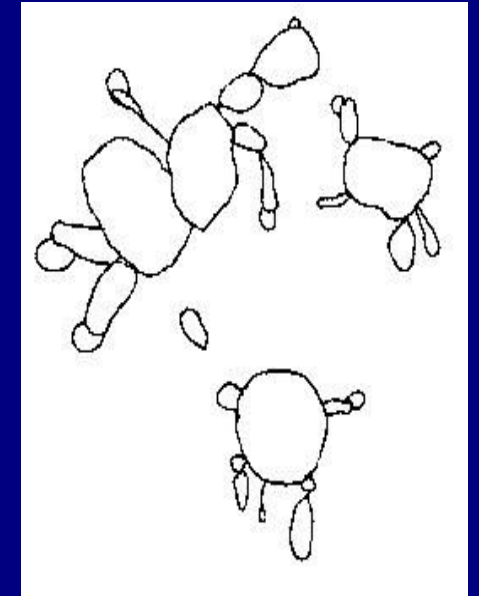
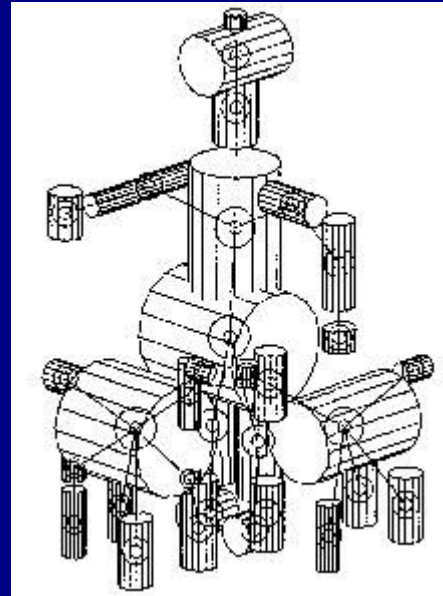
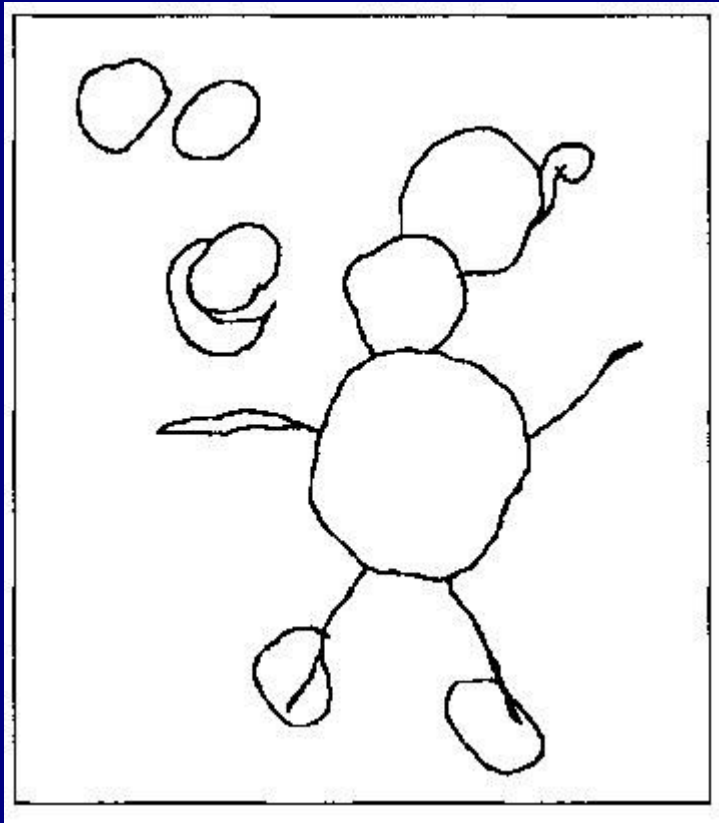
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Lascaux paintings

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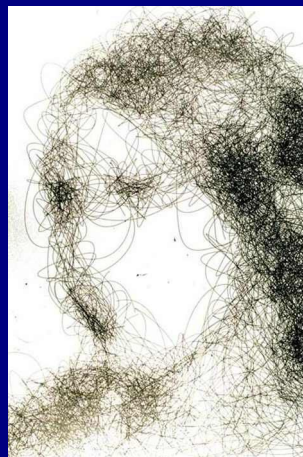
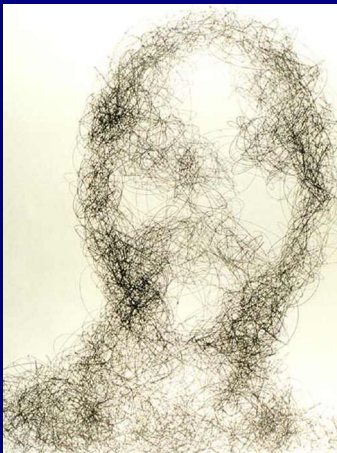
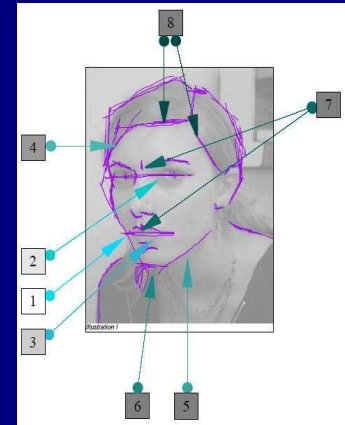
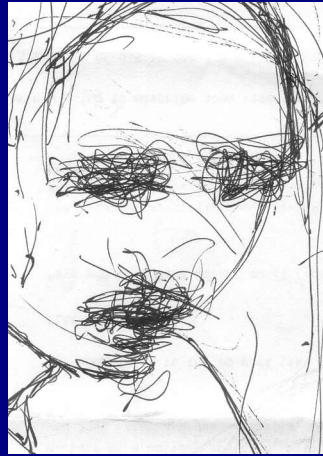
ROSE: Representation Of Spatial  
Experience --- Ed Burton

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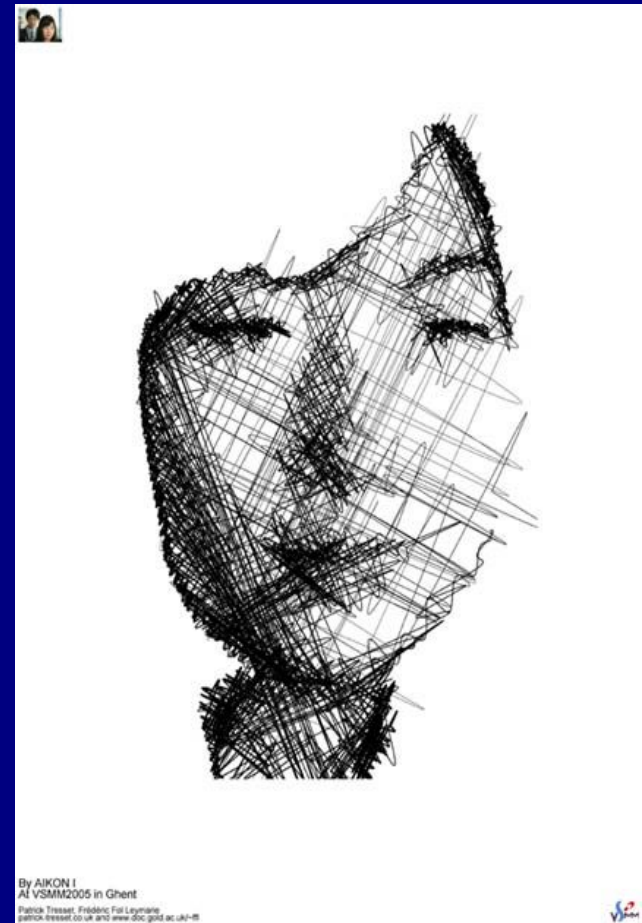
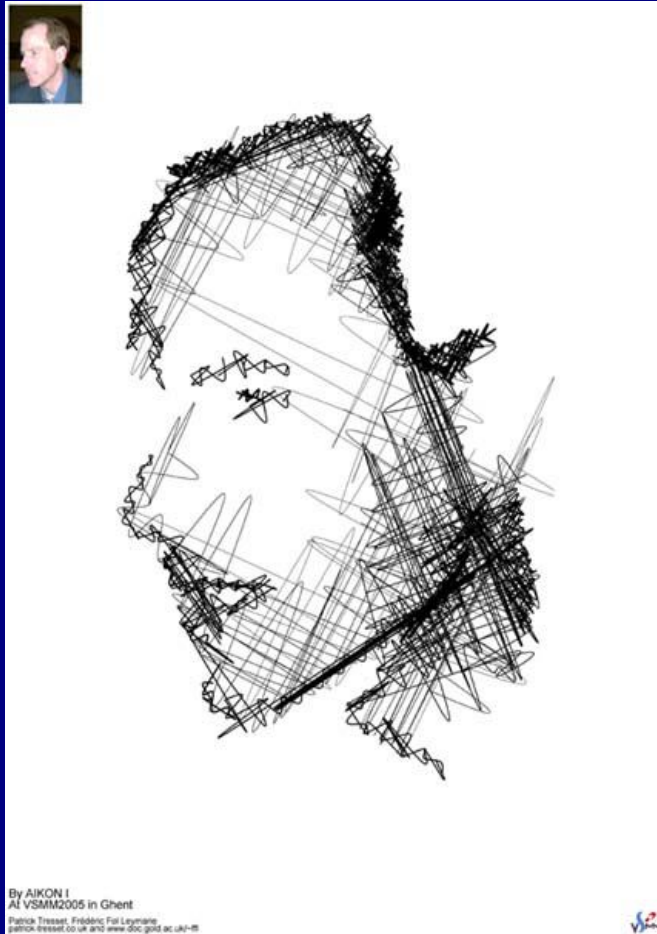
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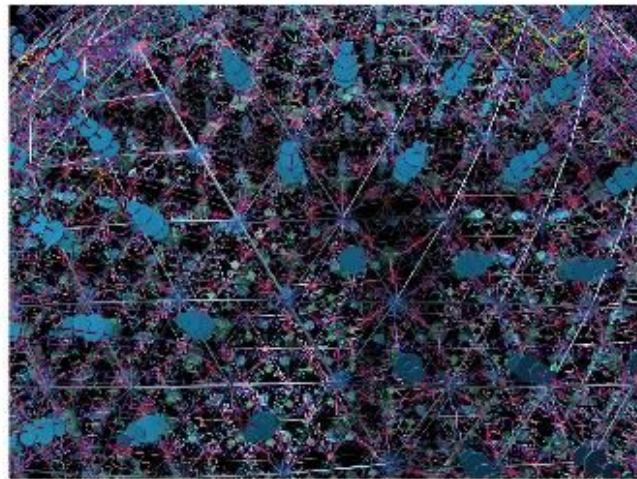
Collaboration with Mid-Ocean Studio

Brower Hatcher's manifesto:

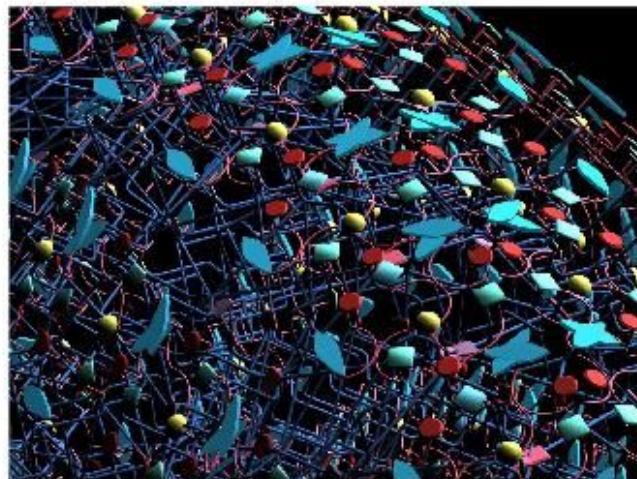
Paradigm for sculpting where a **deformable, layered, approximately regular scaffold structure** is used as a framework upon which other sculptural elements can be associated.



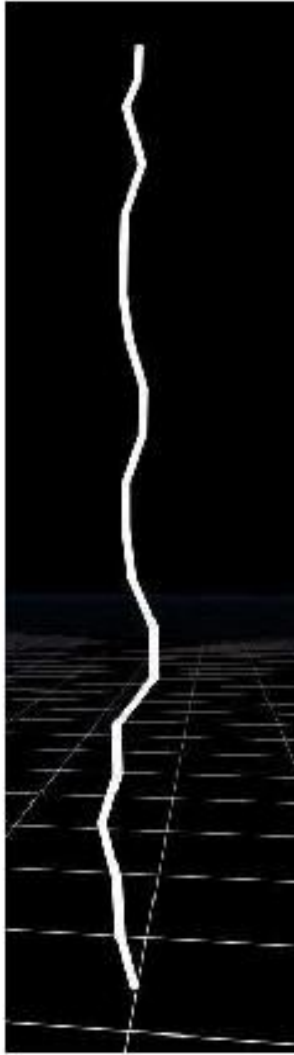
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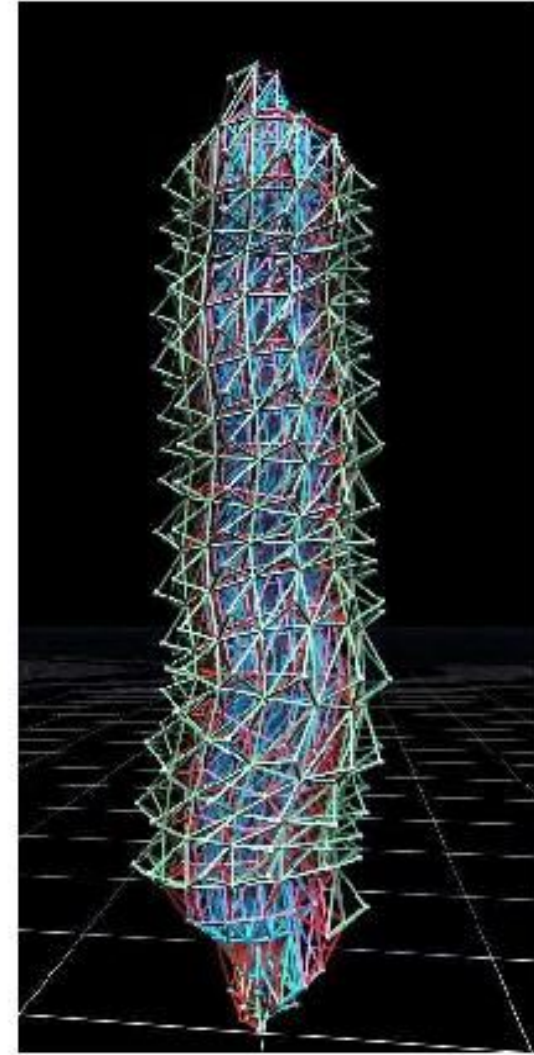
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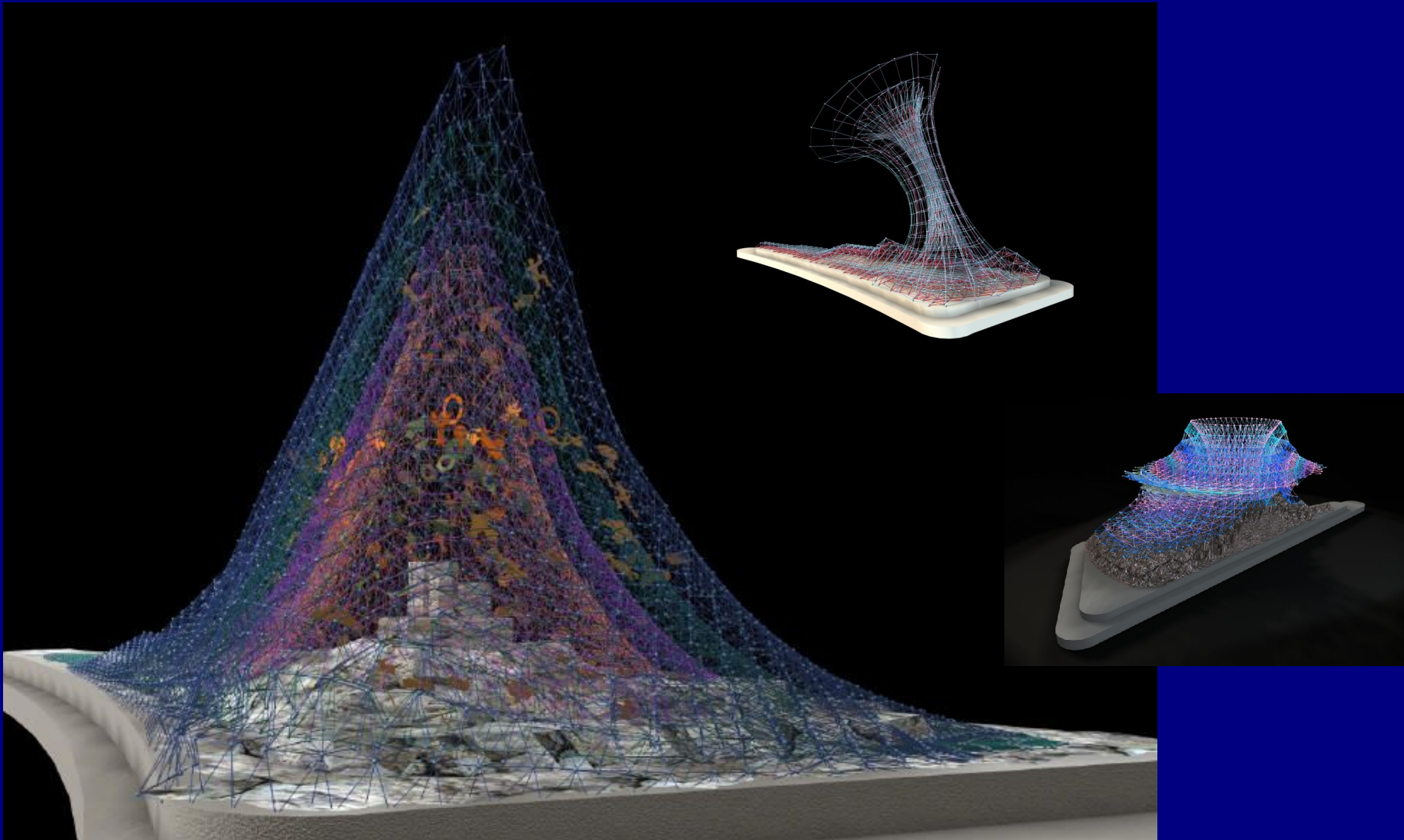


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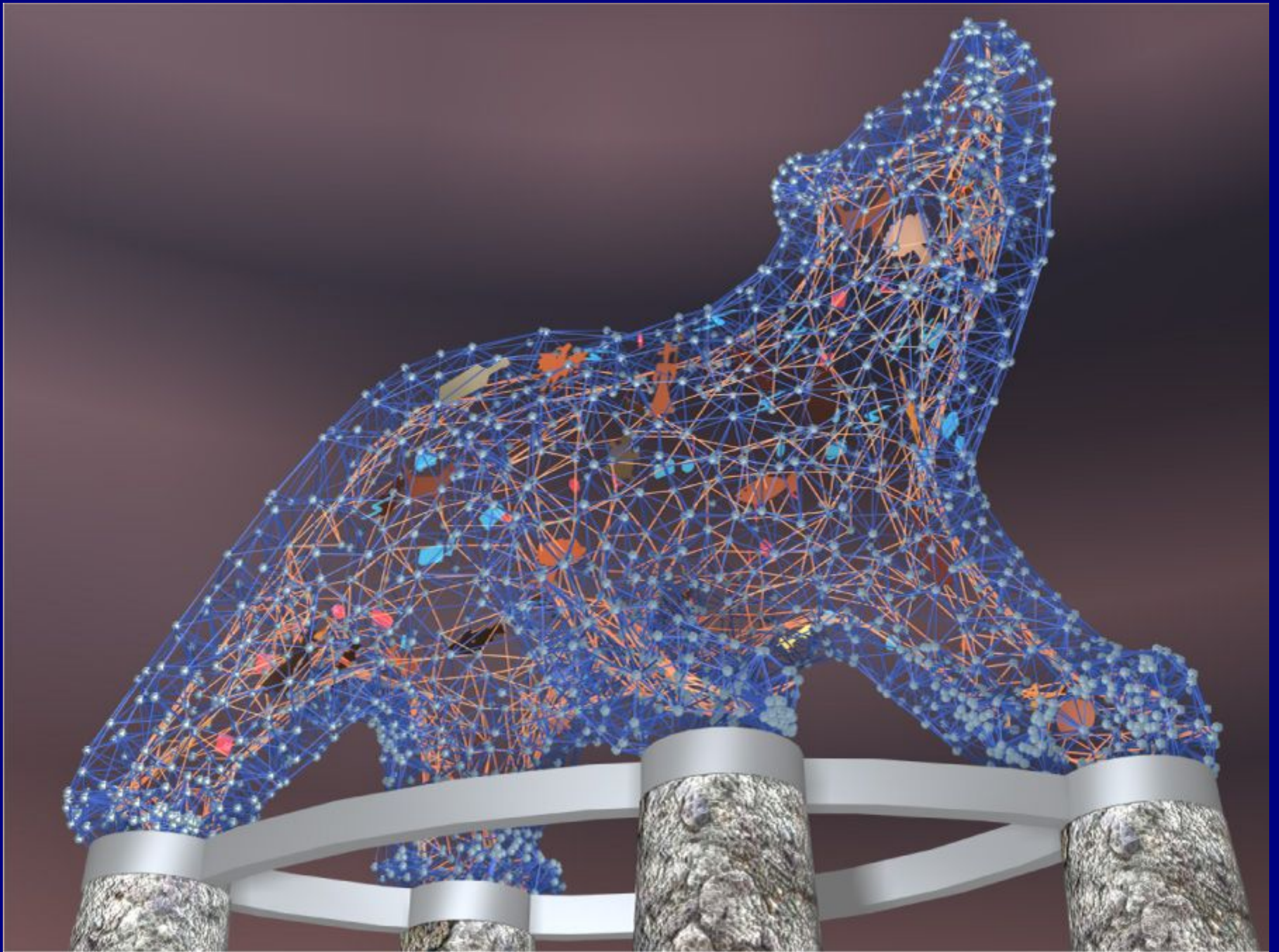


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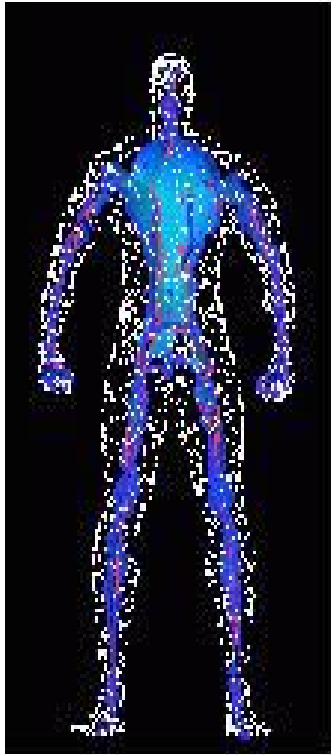


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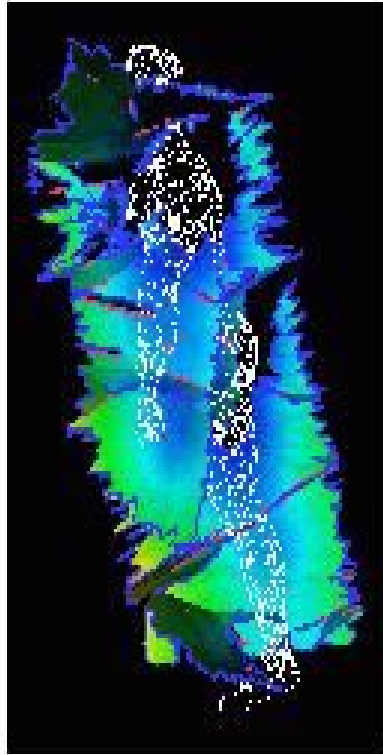


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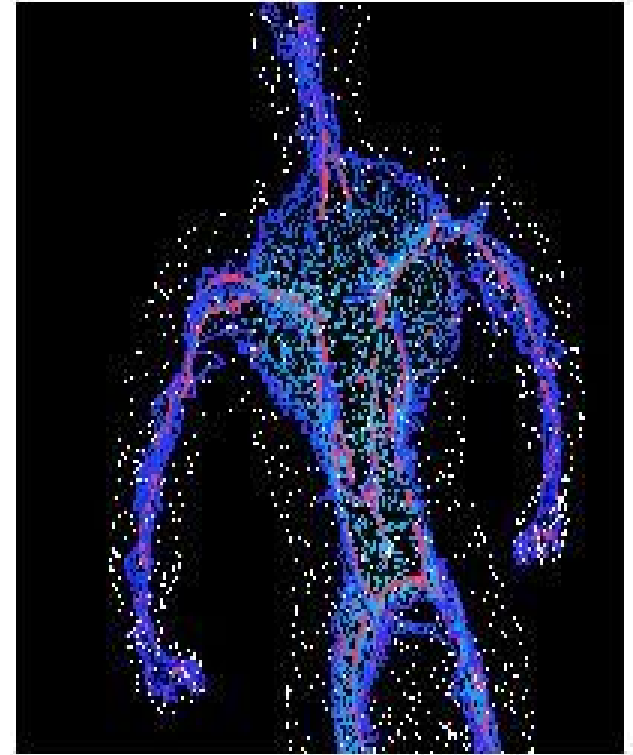
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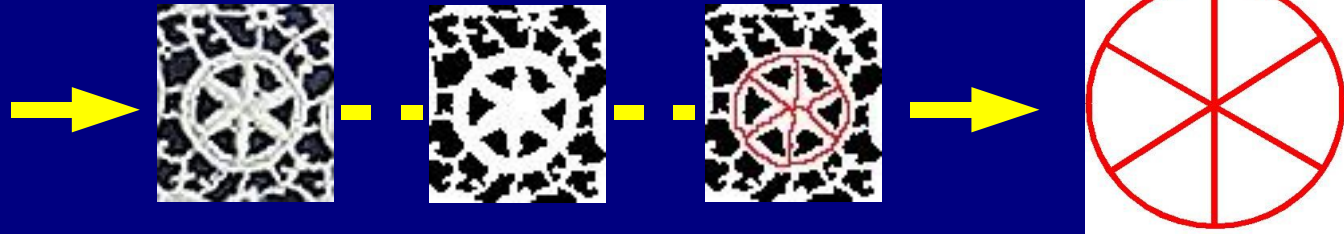


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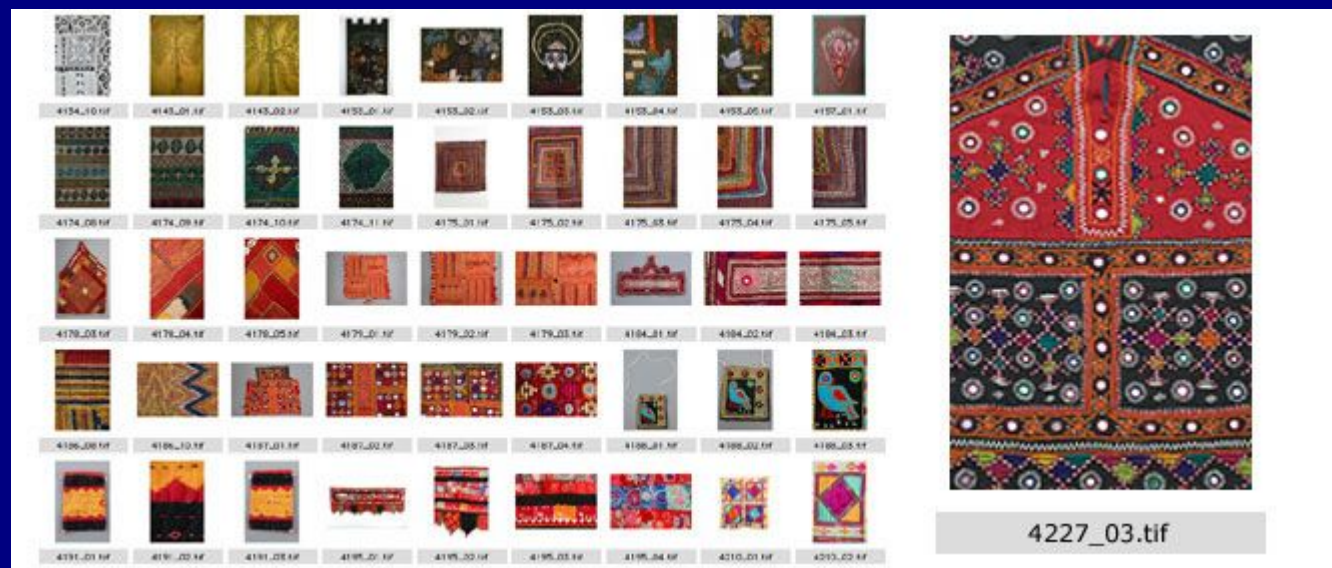
Using the **Medial Scaffold** to initiate biomimeticism.

# Visual Search in large image DB

Expertise: Search via patterns represented as shock **graphs**.

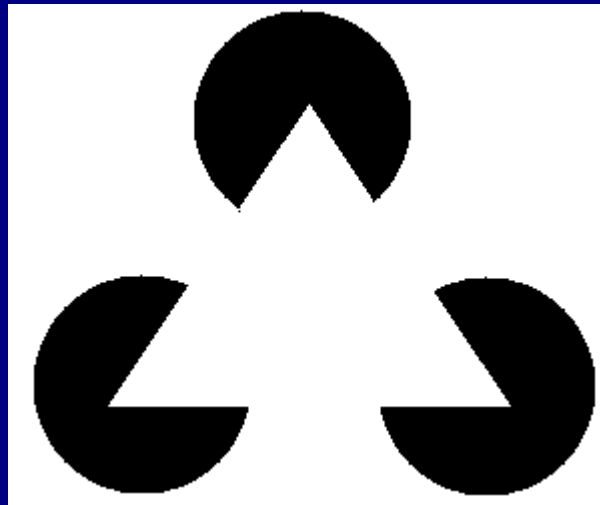


Challenge: robust automatic extraction of graphs, dealing with topological instabilities/events.



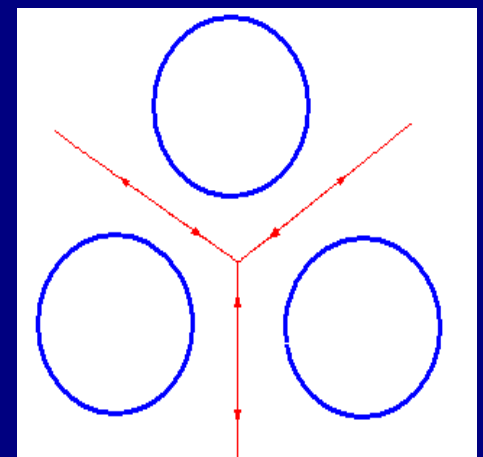
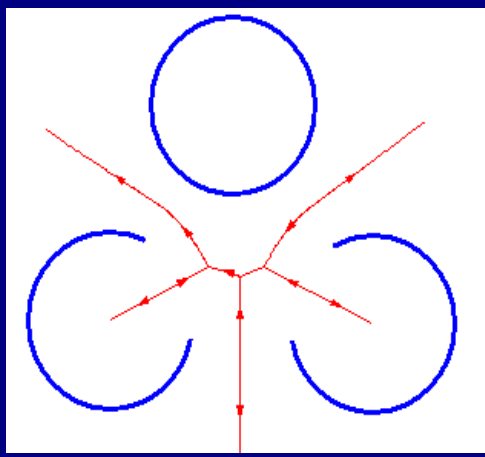
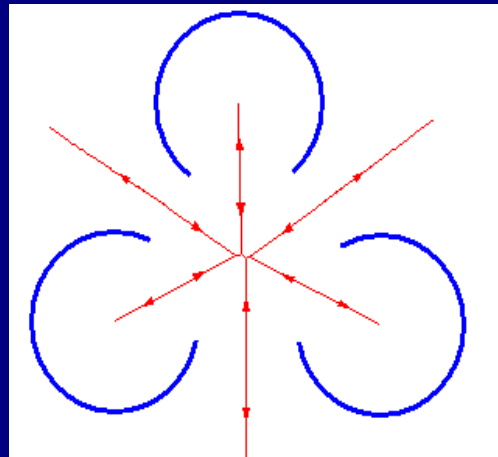
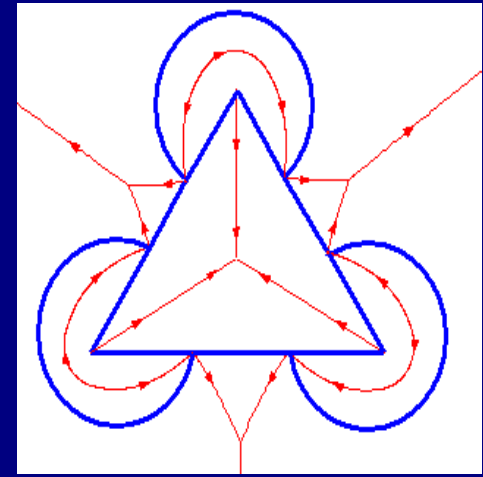
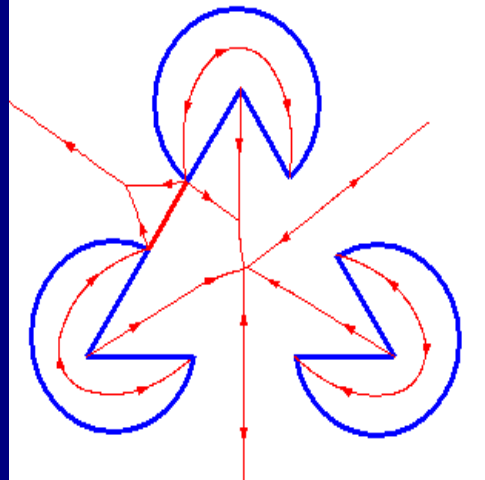
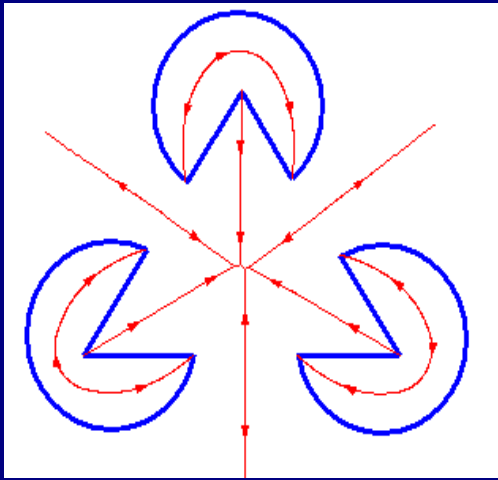
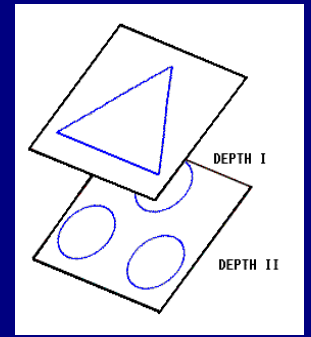
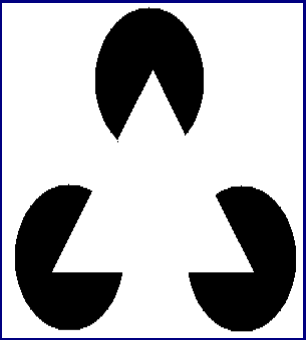
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## Illusory contours & Gestalt



Kanisza triangle: 2D --> 3D

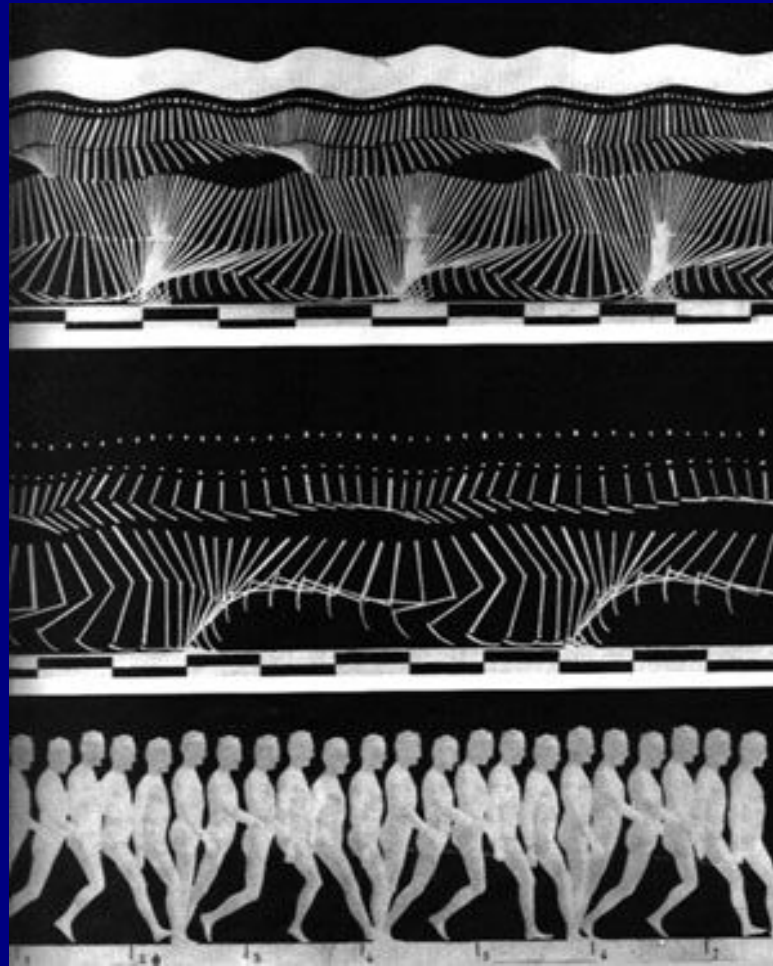
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Kanisza triangle: Symmetry transforms --- Ben Kimia *et al.*



# Perception --- Motion

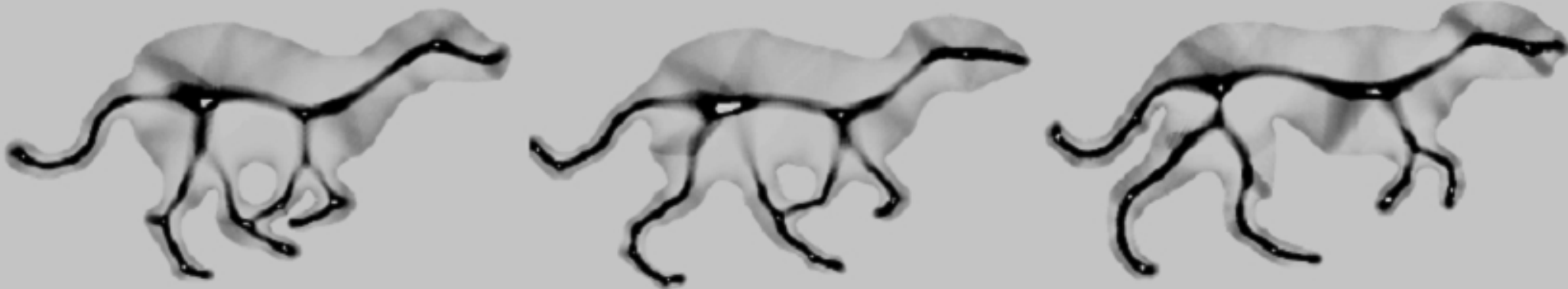
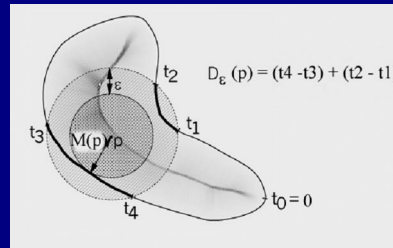


Etienne-Jules Marey --- Motion studies (1886)



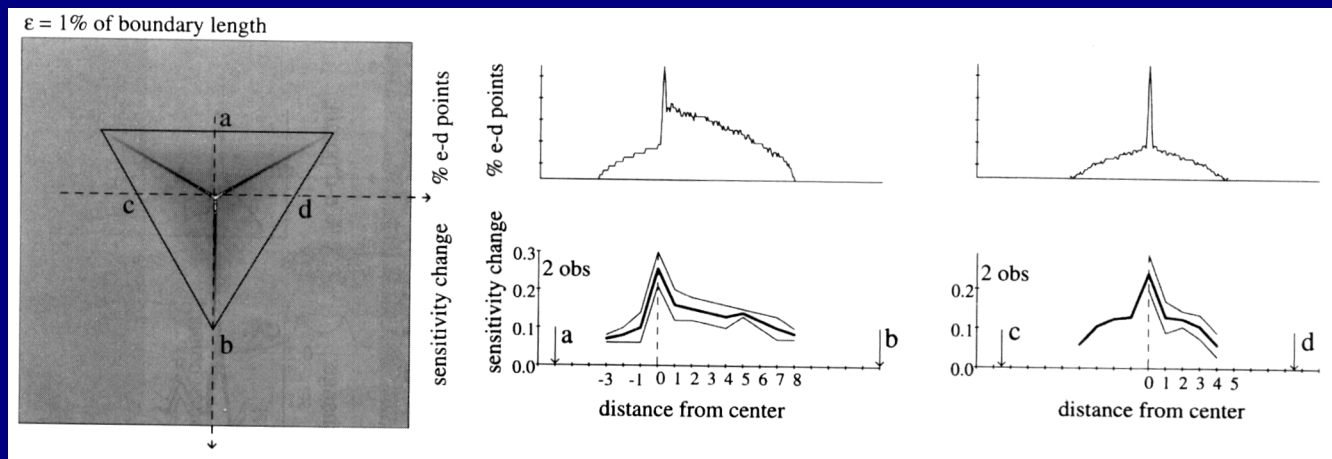
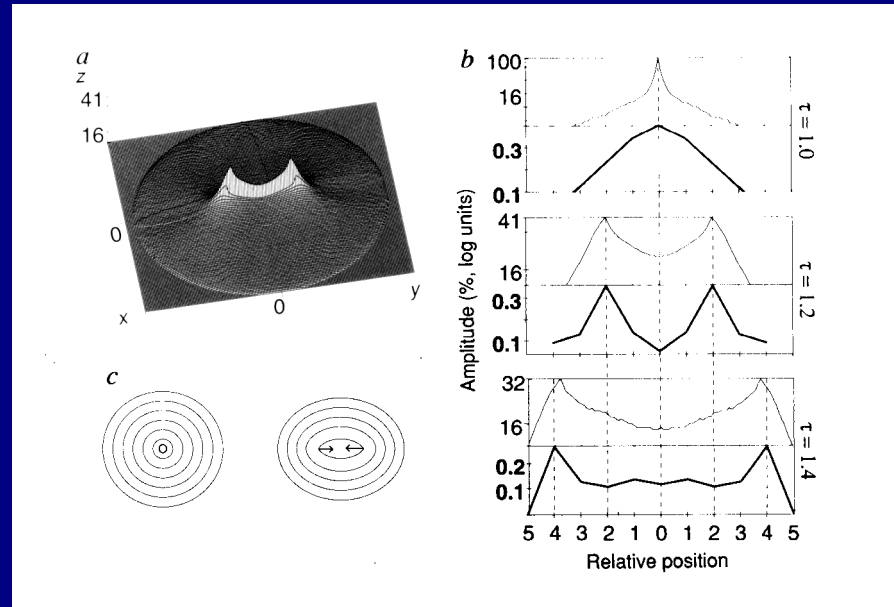
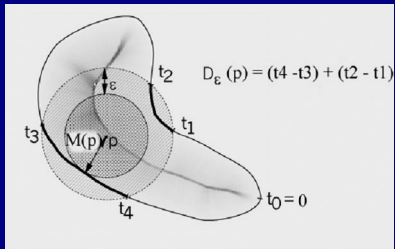
M. Duchamp  
Nude descending  
a staircase  
(1912)

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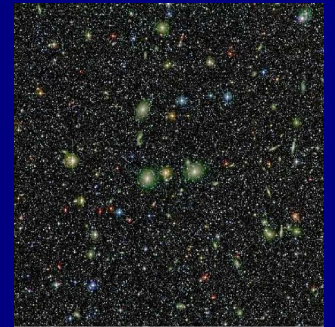
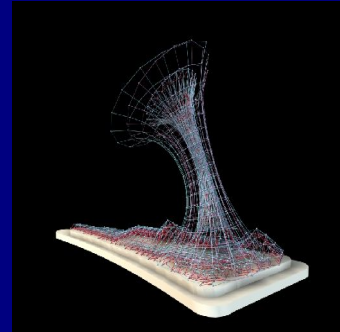
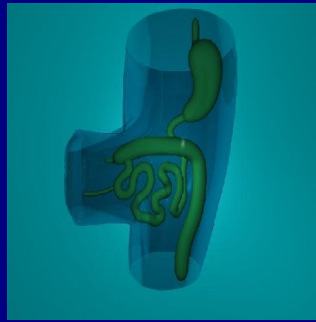
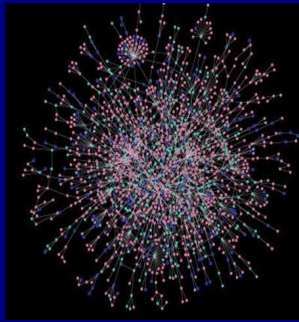
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# Perception – Brain activity



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# Conclusions



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William Latham's organic art

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