

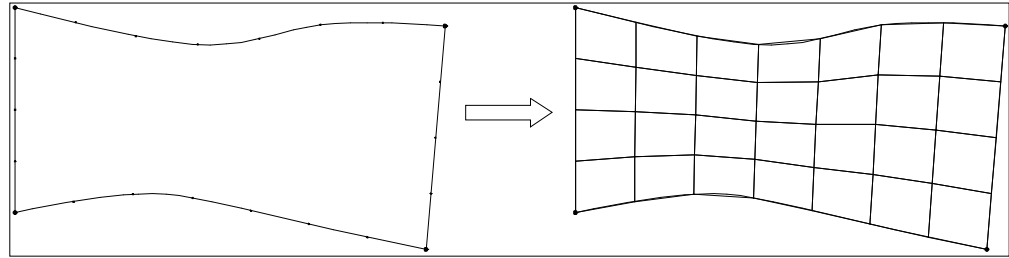
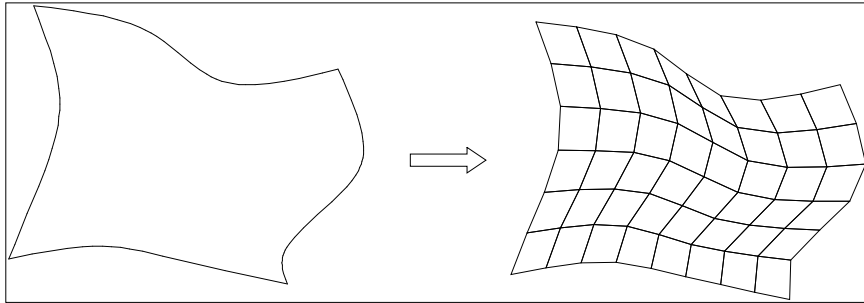
# Geração de Malhas de Elementos Finitos

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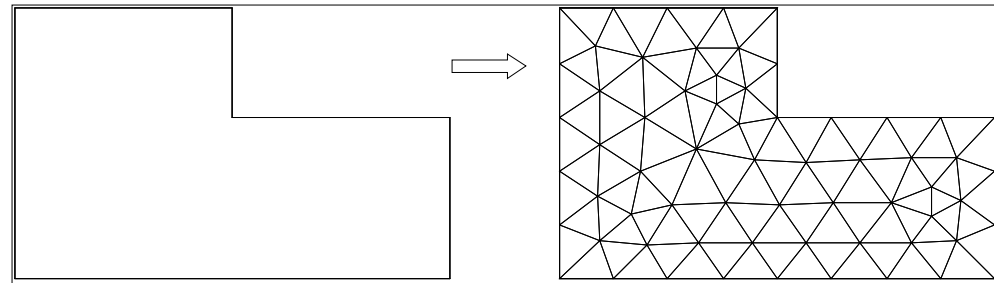
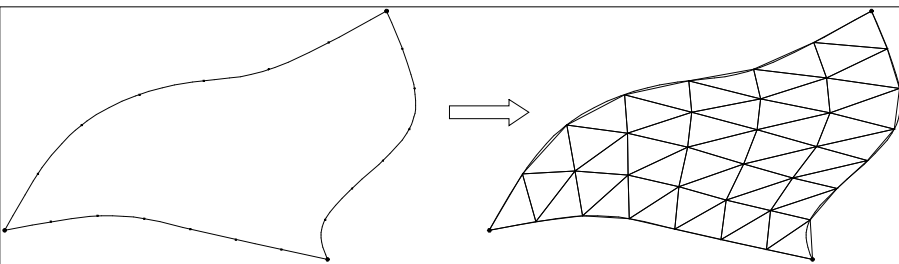
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# Library of mesh generation algorithms

## 2D structured meshes

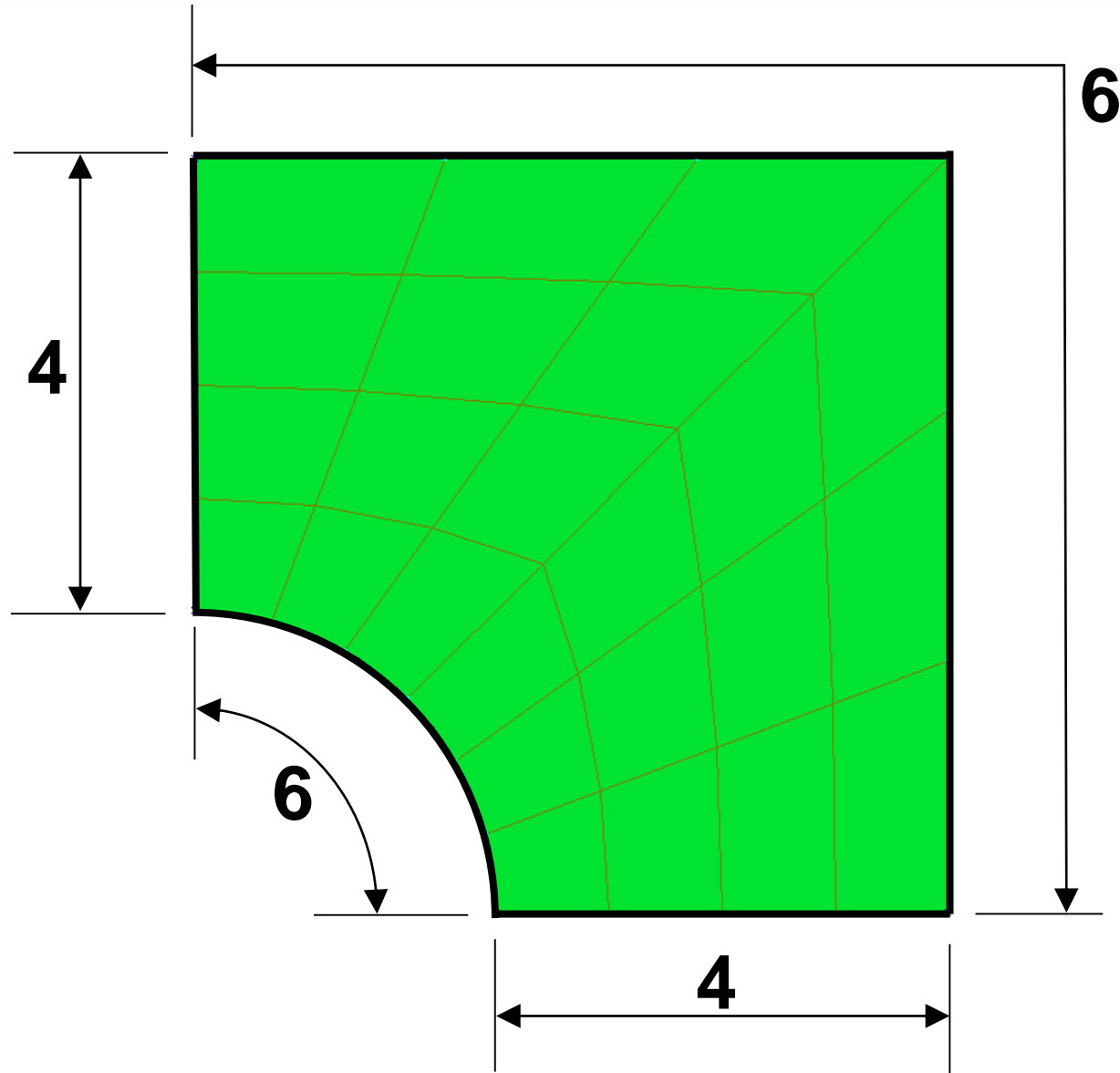


## 2D structured and non-structured meshes





- **Geometry Requirements**
  - 4 topological sides
  - Opposite sides must have similar discretization





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## A GENERAL TWO-DIMENSIONAL, GRAPHICAL FINITE ELEMENT PREPROCESSOR UTILIZING DISCRETE TRANSFINITE MAPPINGS

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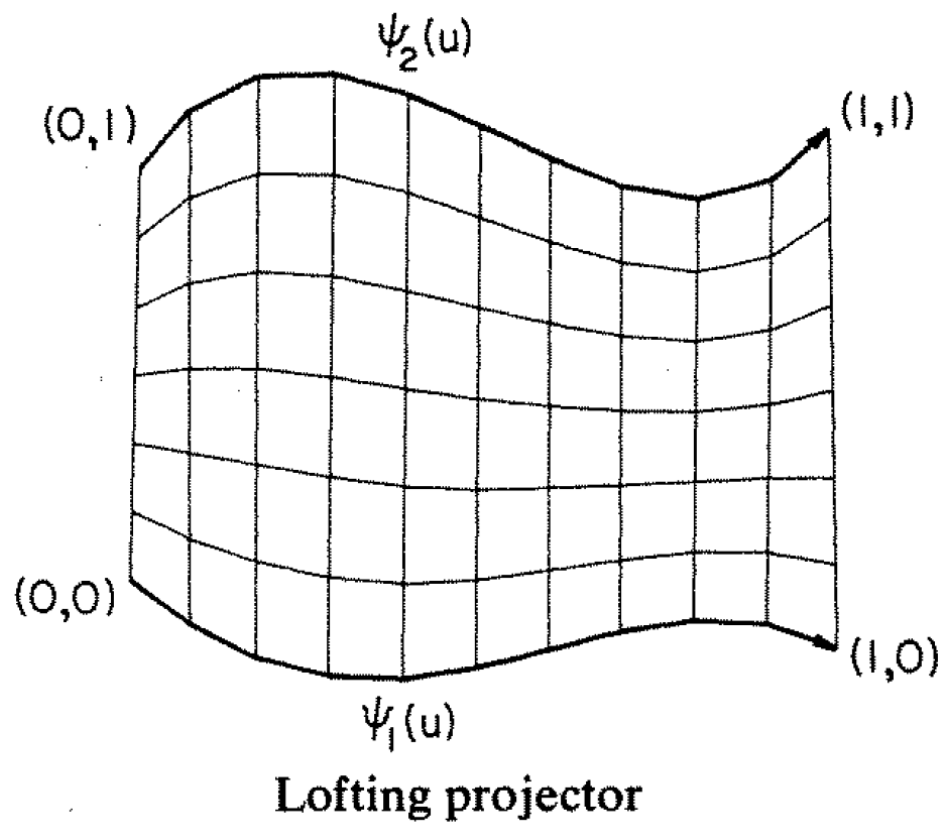
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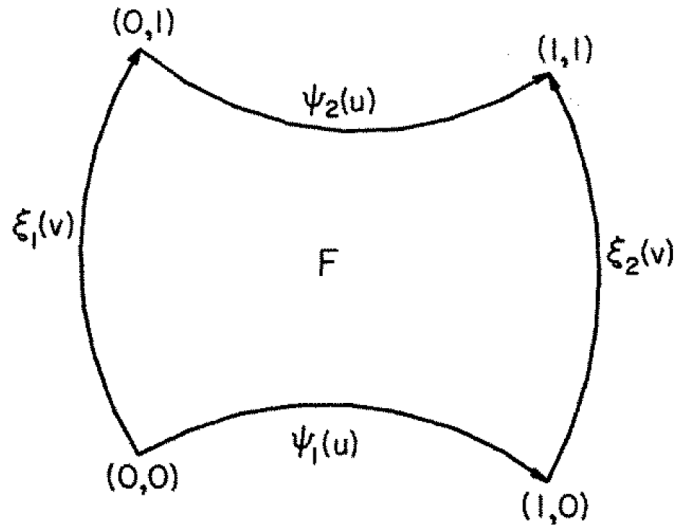
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# Structured mesh – 2D Mapping

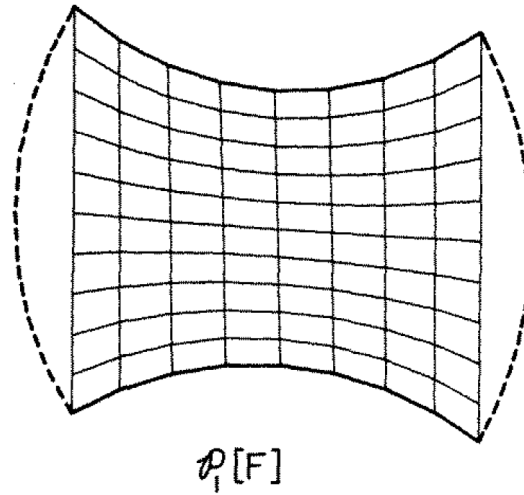


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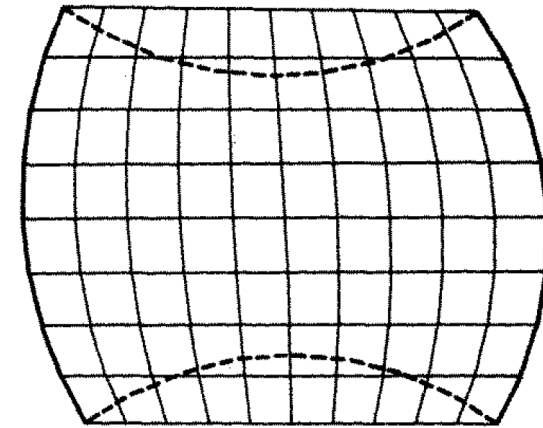
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Bilinear projector: co-ordinate system and boundary curves



Bilinear projector:  $\mathcal{P}_1$

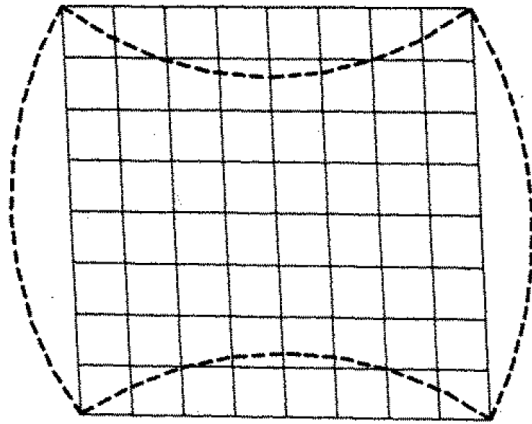


Bilinear projector:  $\mathcal{P}_2$

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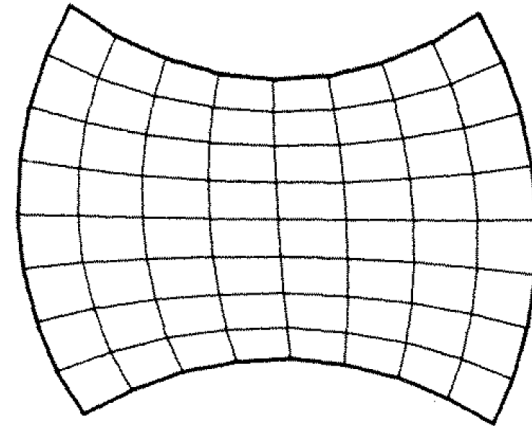
$$\mathcal{P}_2[F] \equiv P_2(u, v) = (1-u)\xi_1(v) + u\xi_2(v) \quad 0 \leq v \leq 1$$

# Structured mesh – 2D Mapping



$$\mathcal{P}_1\mathcal{P}_2[F]$$

Bilinear projector:  $\mathcal{P}_1\mathcal{P}_2$



$$\mathcal{P}_1 \oplus \mathcal{P}_2$$

Bilinear projector:  $\mathcal{P}_1 \oplus \mathcal{P}_2$

$$(\mathcal{P}_1 \oplus \mathcal{P}_2)[F] \equiv \mathcal{P}_1[F] + \mathcal{P}_2[F] - \mathcal{P}_1\mathcal{P}_2[F]$$

$$= P_B(u, v)$$

$$= (1-v)\psi_1(u) + v\psi_2(u) + (1-u)\xi_1(v) + u\xi_2(v)$$

$$- (1-u)(1-v)F(0, 0) - u(1-v)F(0, 1)$$

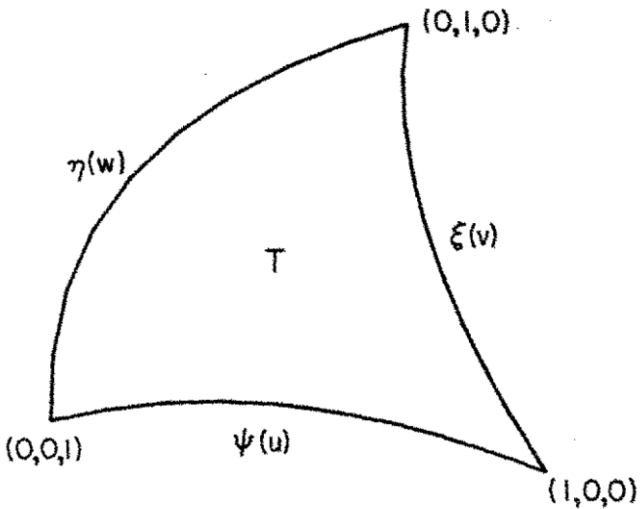
$$- uvF(1, 1) - (1-u)vF(1, 0) \quad 0 \leq u \leq 1, 0 \leq v \leq 1$$

Assumed discrete representation of curves:

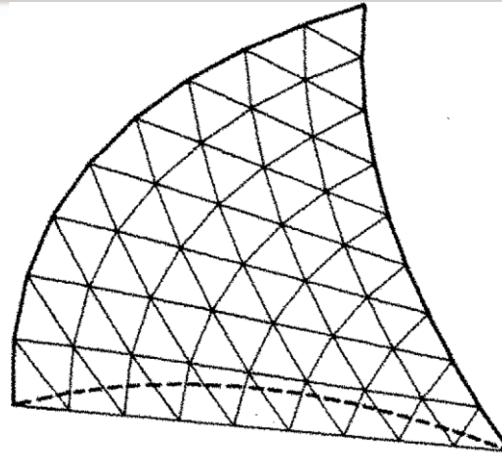
$$\{\xi_1(v_i), \xi_2(v_i)\} i = 1, n,$$

$$\{\psi_1(u_j), \psi_2(u_j)\} j = 1, m$$

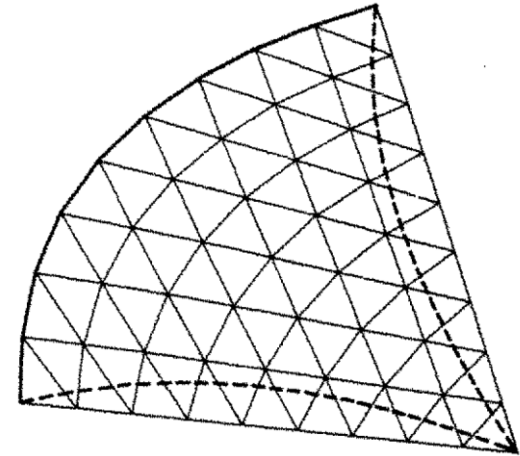
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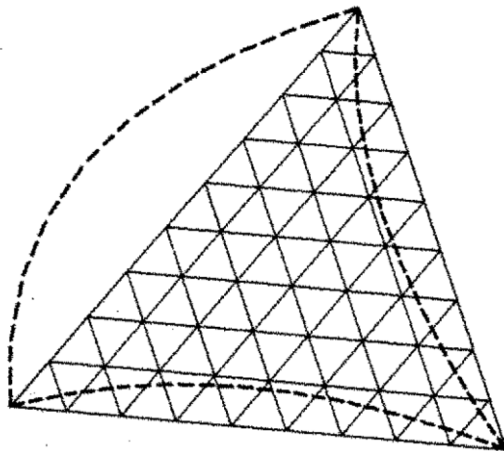
Trilinear projector: co-ordinate system and boundary curves



$\eta_1[T]$   
Trilinear projector:  $\mathcal{N}_1$



$\eta_1, \eta_2 [T]$   
Trilinear projector:  $\mathcal{N}_1, \mathcal{N}_2$



$\eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3 [T]$   
Trilinear projector:  $\mathcal{N}_1, \mathcal{N}_2, \mathcal{N}_3$

$$\mathcal{N}_1 \equiv N_1(u, v, w) = \left(\frac{u}{1-v}\right)\xi(v) + \left(\frac{w}{1-v}\right)\eta(1-v)$$

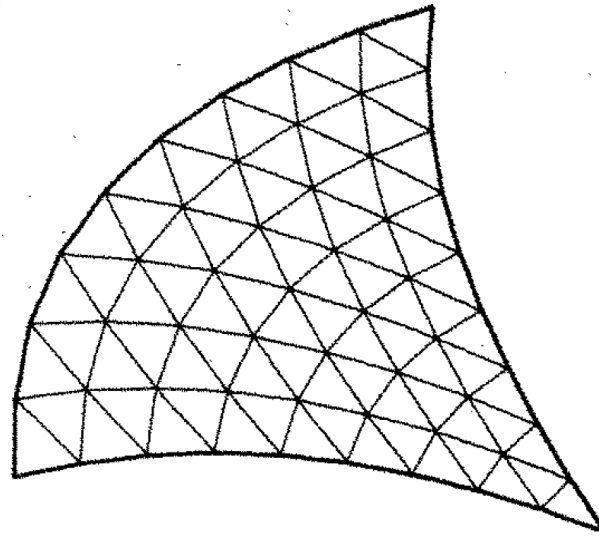
$$\mathcal{N}_2 \equiv N_2(u, v, w) = \left(\frac{v}{1-w}\right)\eta(w) + \left(\frac{u}{1-w}\right)\psi(1-w)$$

$$\mathcal{N}_3 \equiv N_3(u, v, w) = \left(\frac{w}{1-u}\right)\psi(u) + \left(\frac{v}{1-u}\right)\xi(1-u)$$

$$0 \leq u \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq v \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq w \leq 1, \quad u + v + w = 1$$



# Structured mesh – 2D Mapping



$Q[T]$

Trilinear projector:  $\mathcal{Q}$

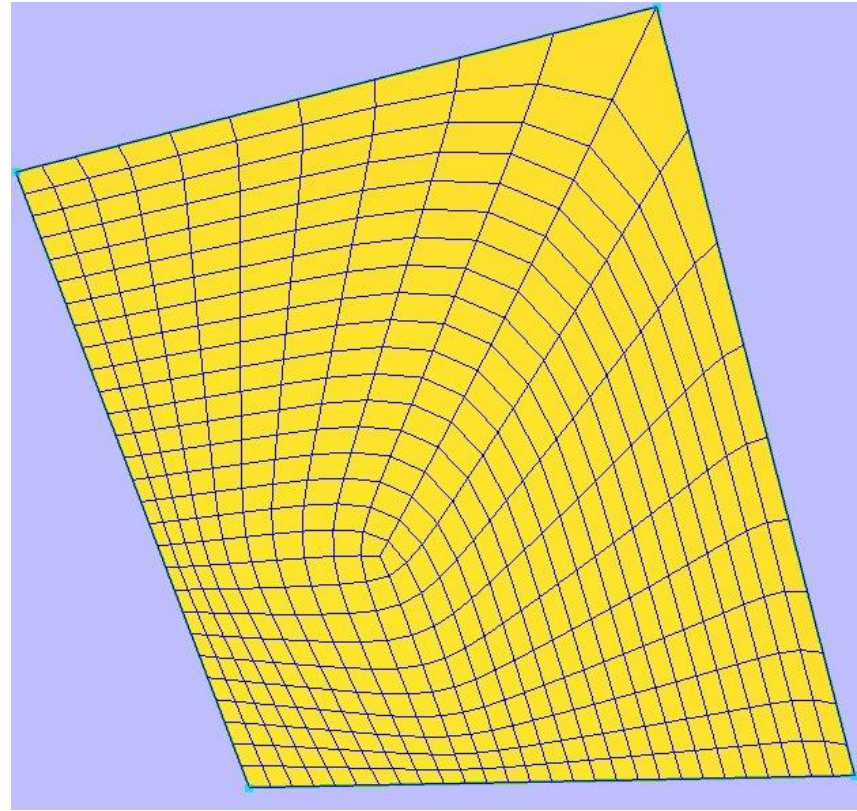
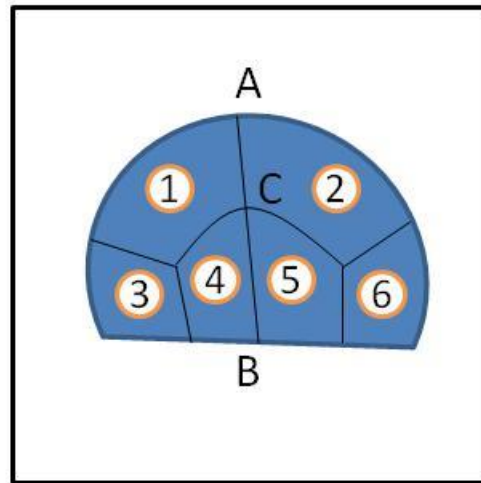
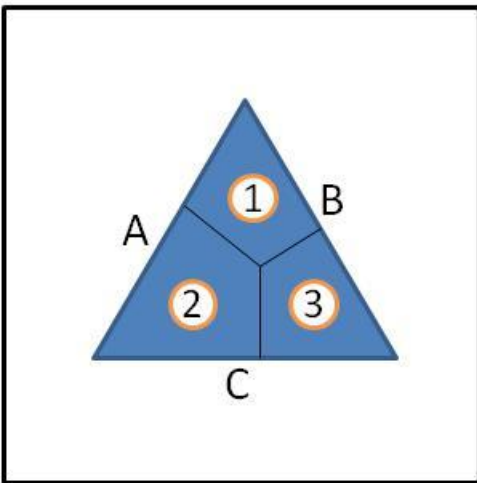
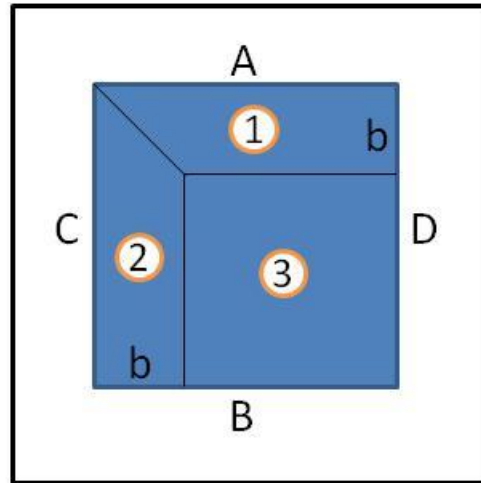
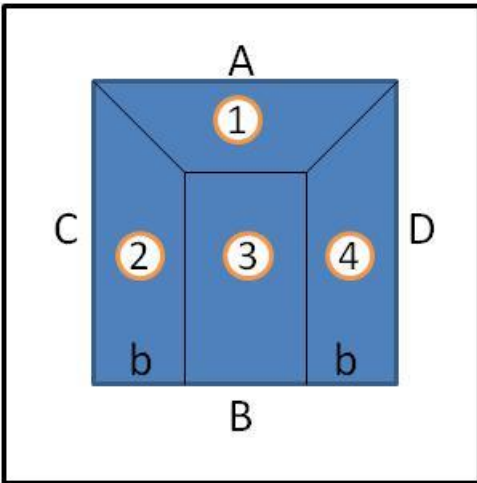
$$\mathcal{Q} \equiv Q(u, v, w) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{u}{1-v} \right) \xi(v) + \left( \frac{w}{1-v} \right) \eta(1-v) + \left( \frac{v}{1-w} \right) \eta(w) + \left( \frac{u}{1-w} \right) \psi(1-w) \right. \\ \left. + \left( \frac{w}{1-u} \right) \psi(u) + \left( \frac{v}{1-u} \right) \xi(1-u) - w\psi(0) - u\xi(0) - v\eta(0) \right]$$

Assumed discrete representation of curves:

$$\{\psi(u_i), \xi(v_i), \eta(w_i); i = 1, n\}$$

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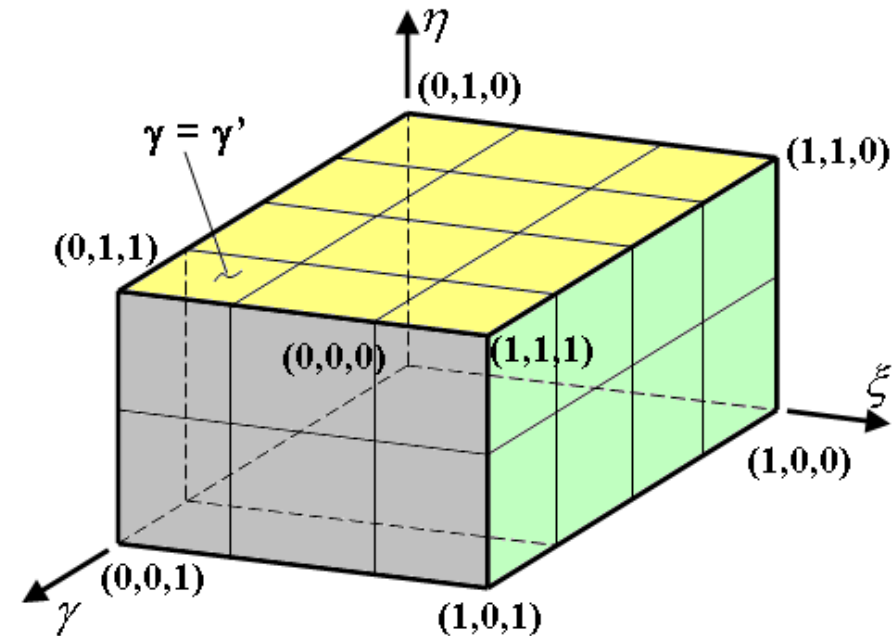
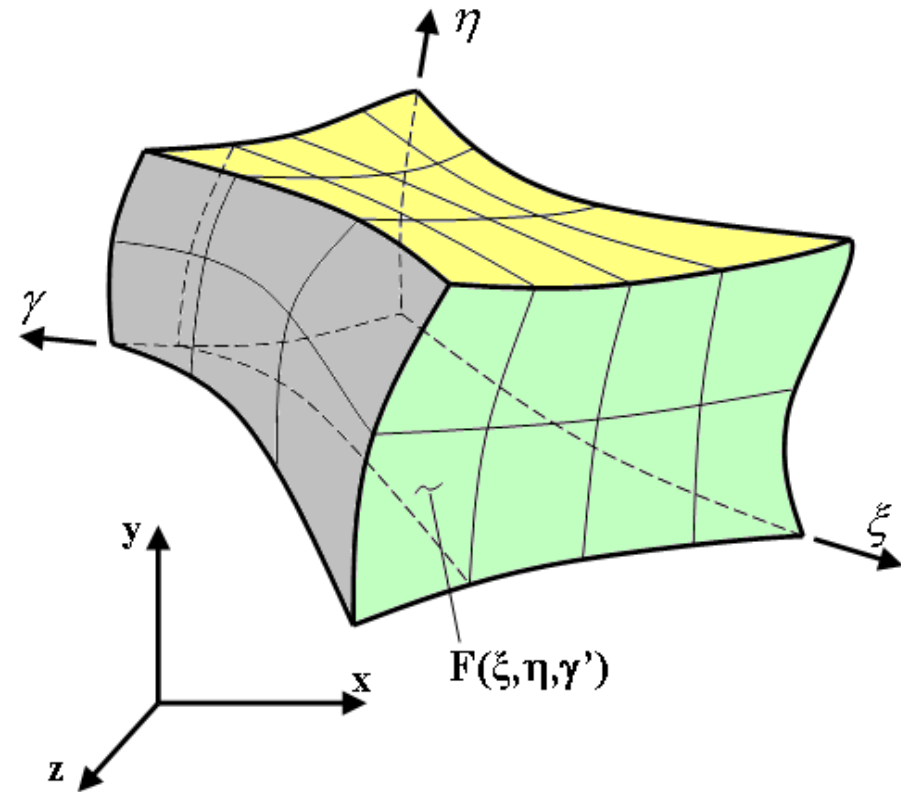
## *Quadrilateral template (new)*



# Structured mesh – 3D Mapping

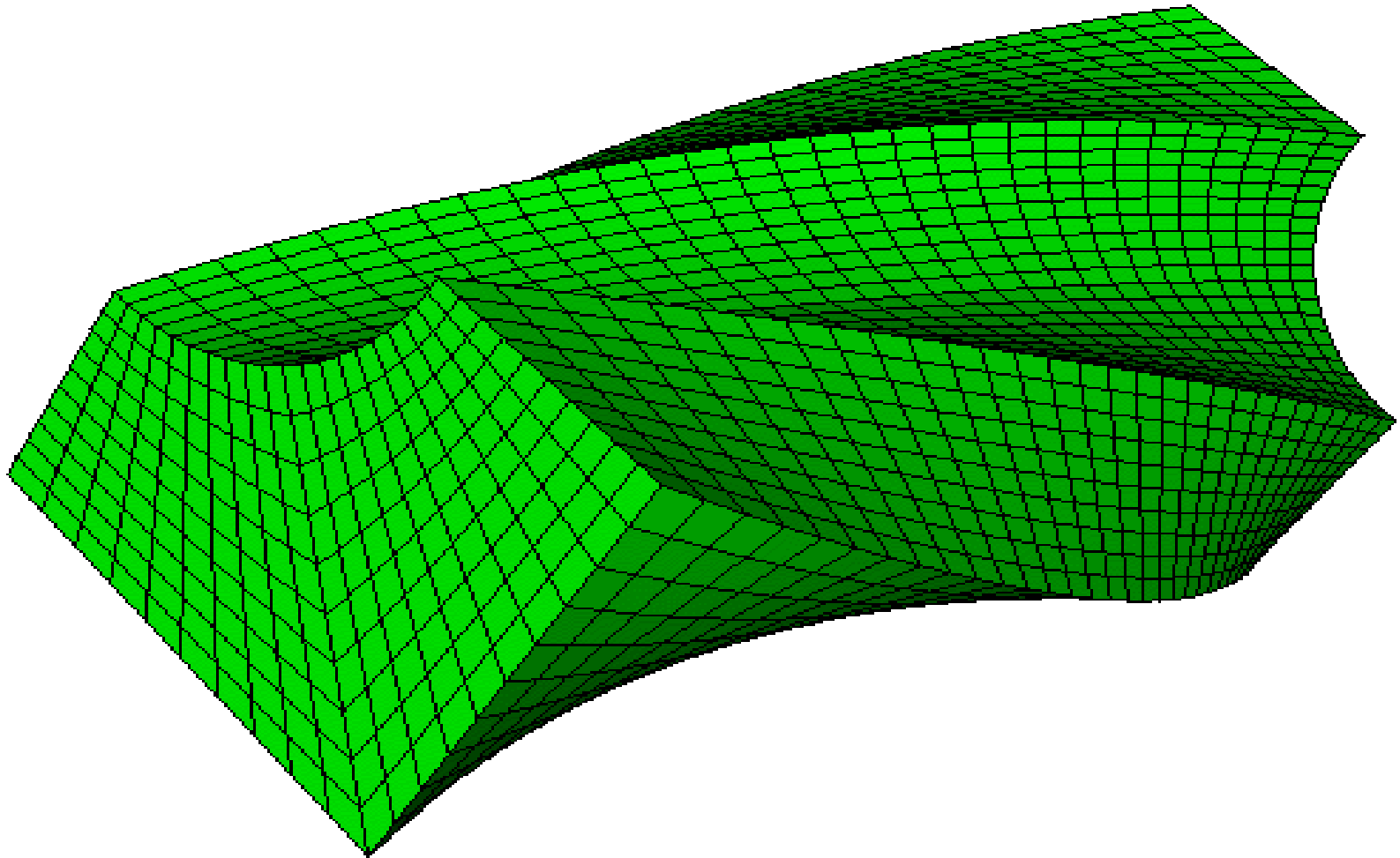
- **Geometry Requirements**

- 6 topological surfaces
- **Opposite surfaces must have similar mapped meshes**



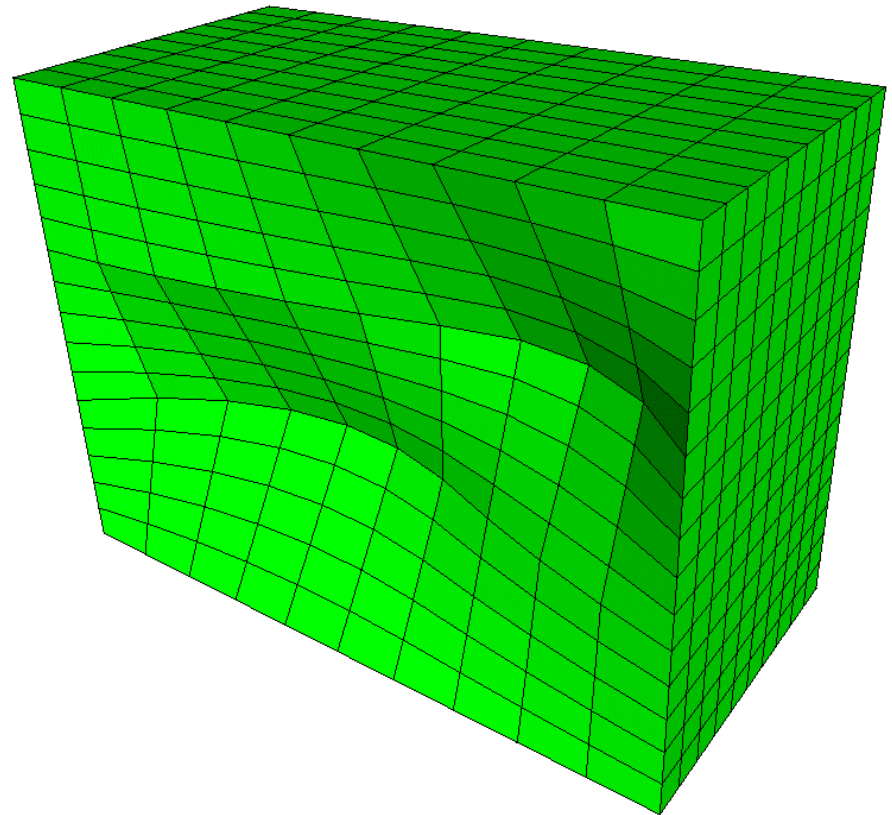
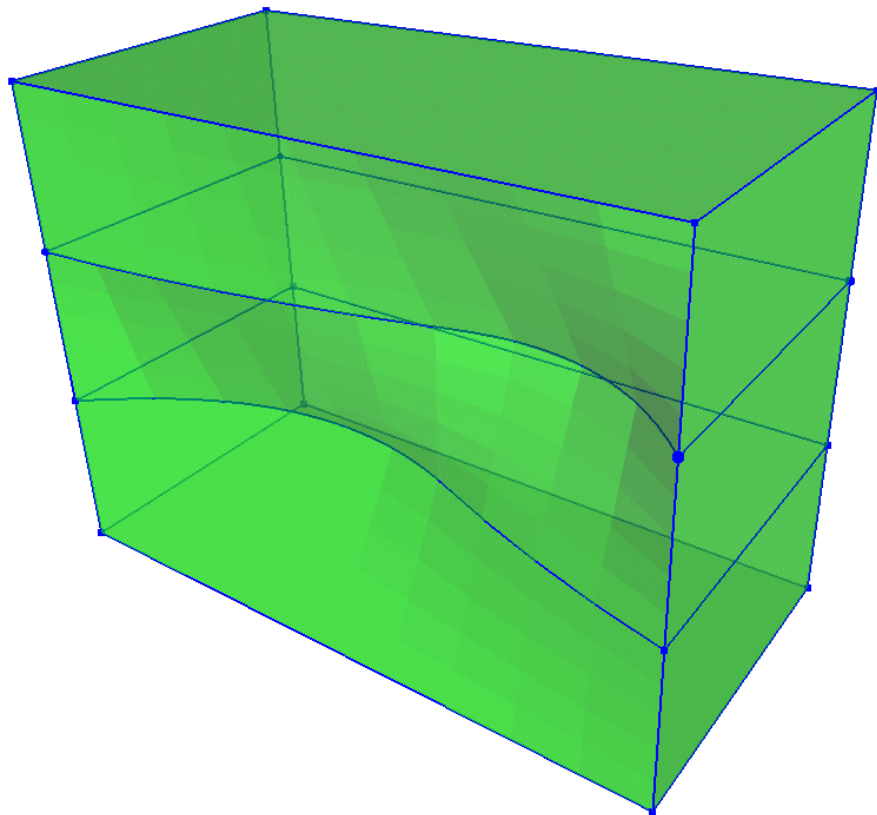
## Structured mesh – 3D Mapping

- **Many complex domains can be mapped**



# Structured mesh – 3D Mapping

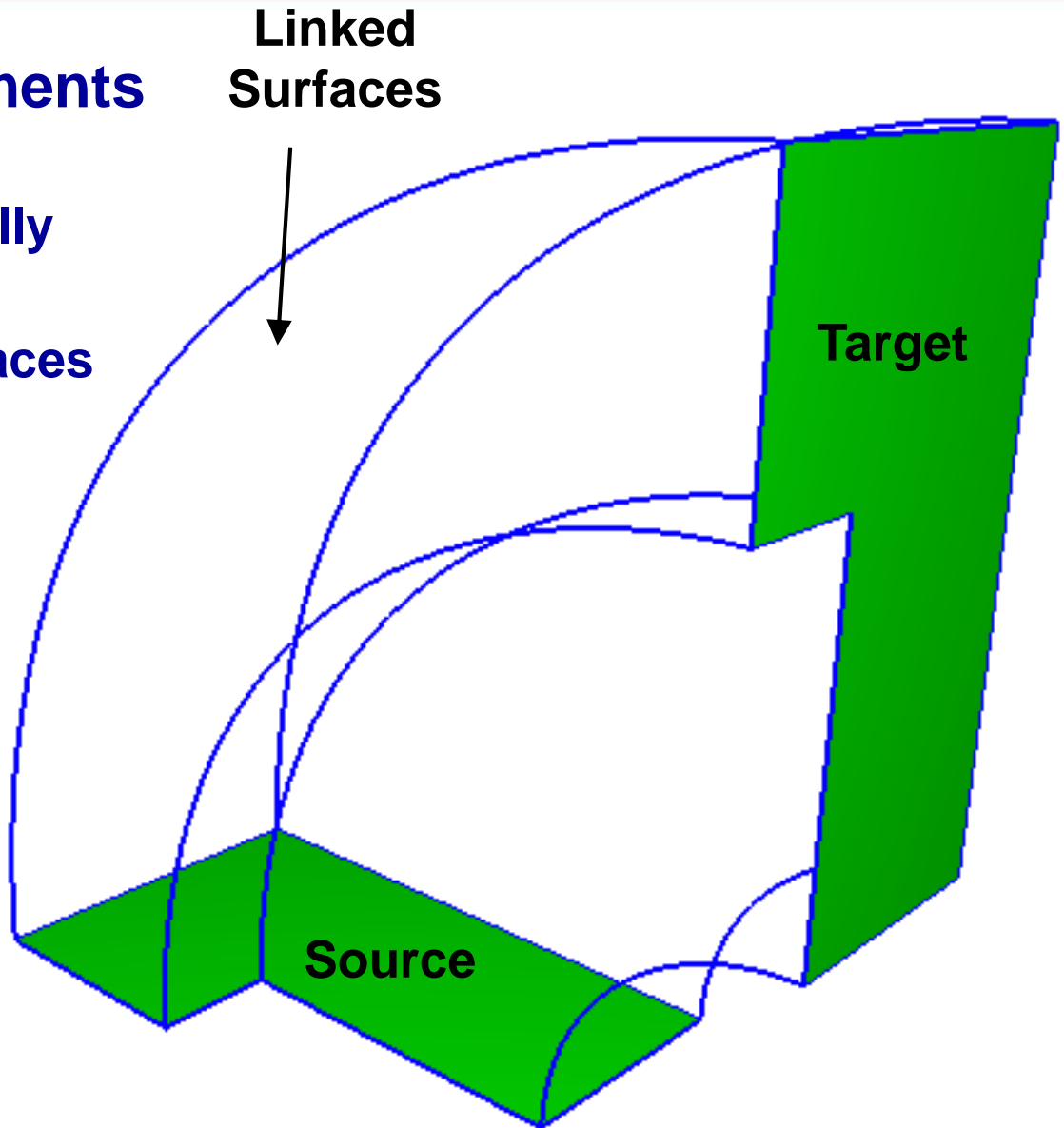
- **Algorithm must deal with:**
  - Multiple surfaces on boundary
  - Concave surfaces



# Structured mesh – Sweeping

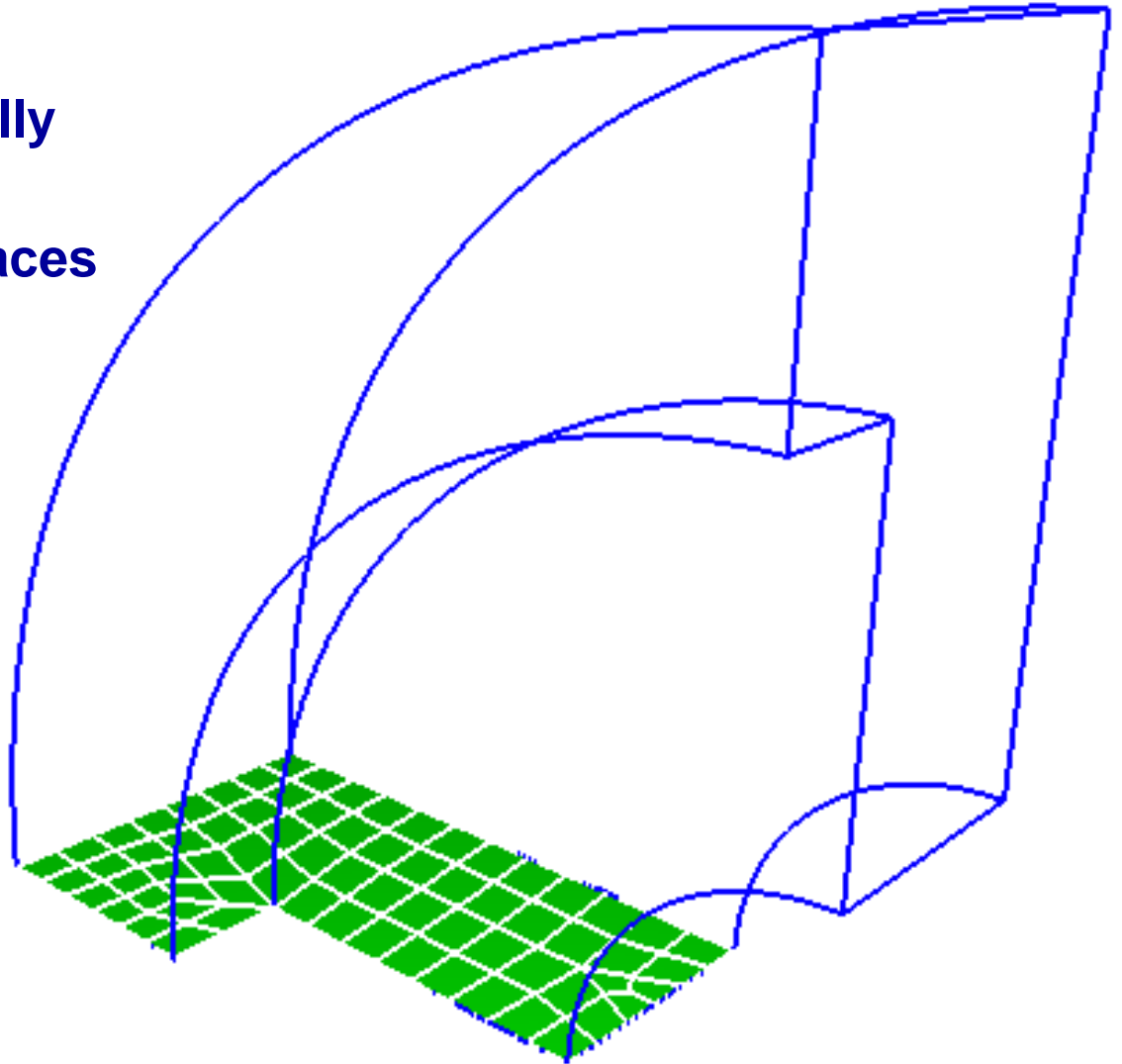
- **Geometry Requirements**

- Source and target surfaces topologically similar
- Mapped linked surfaces



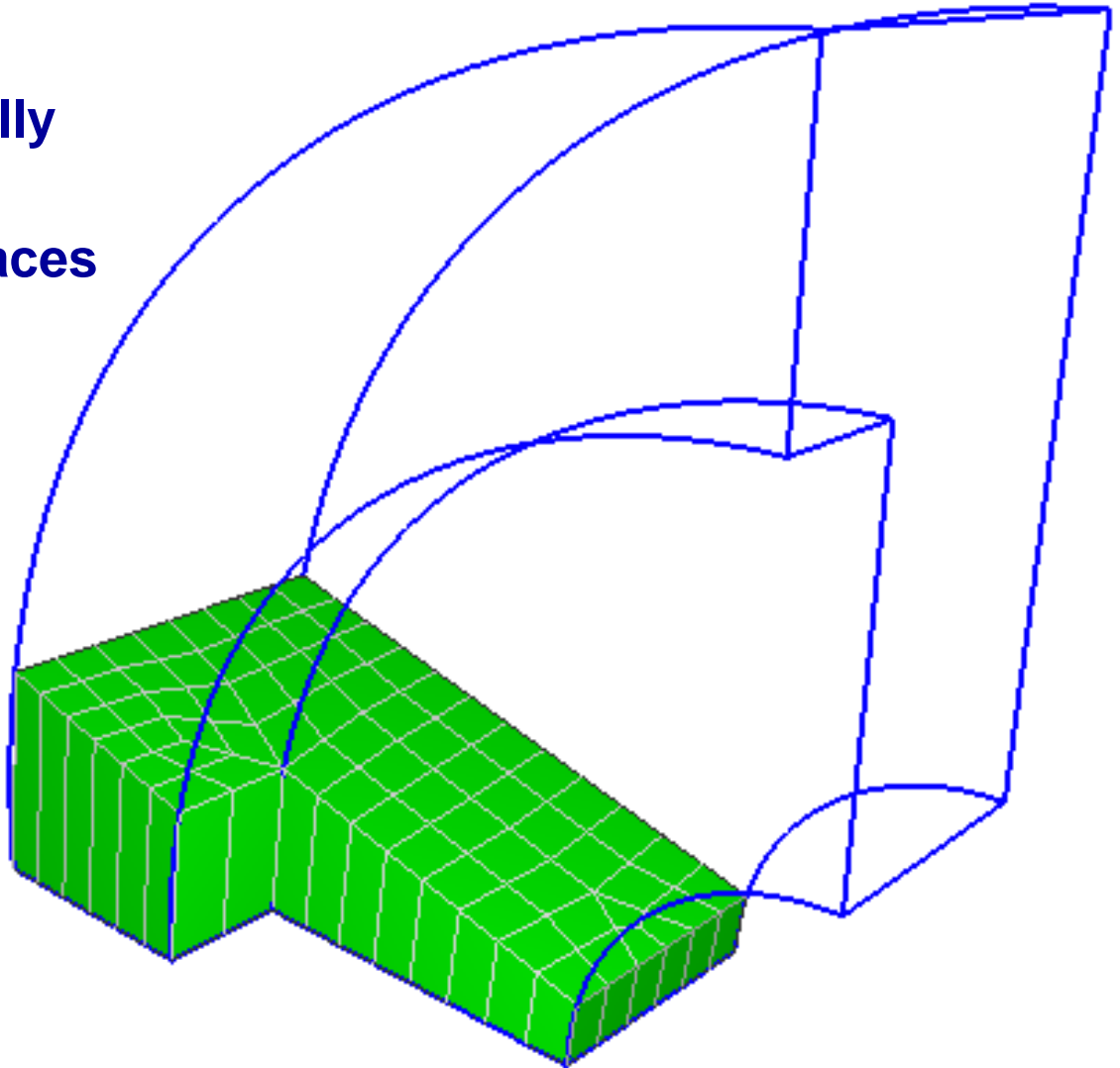
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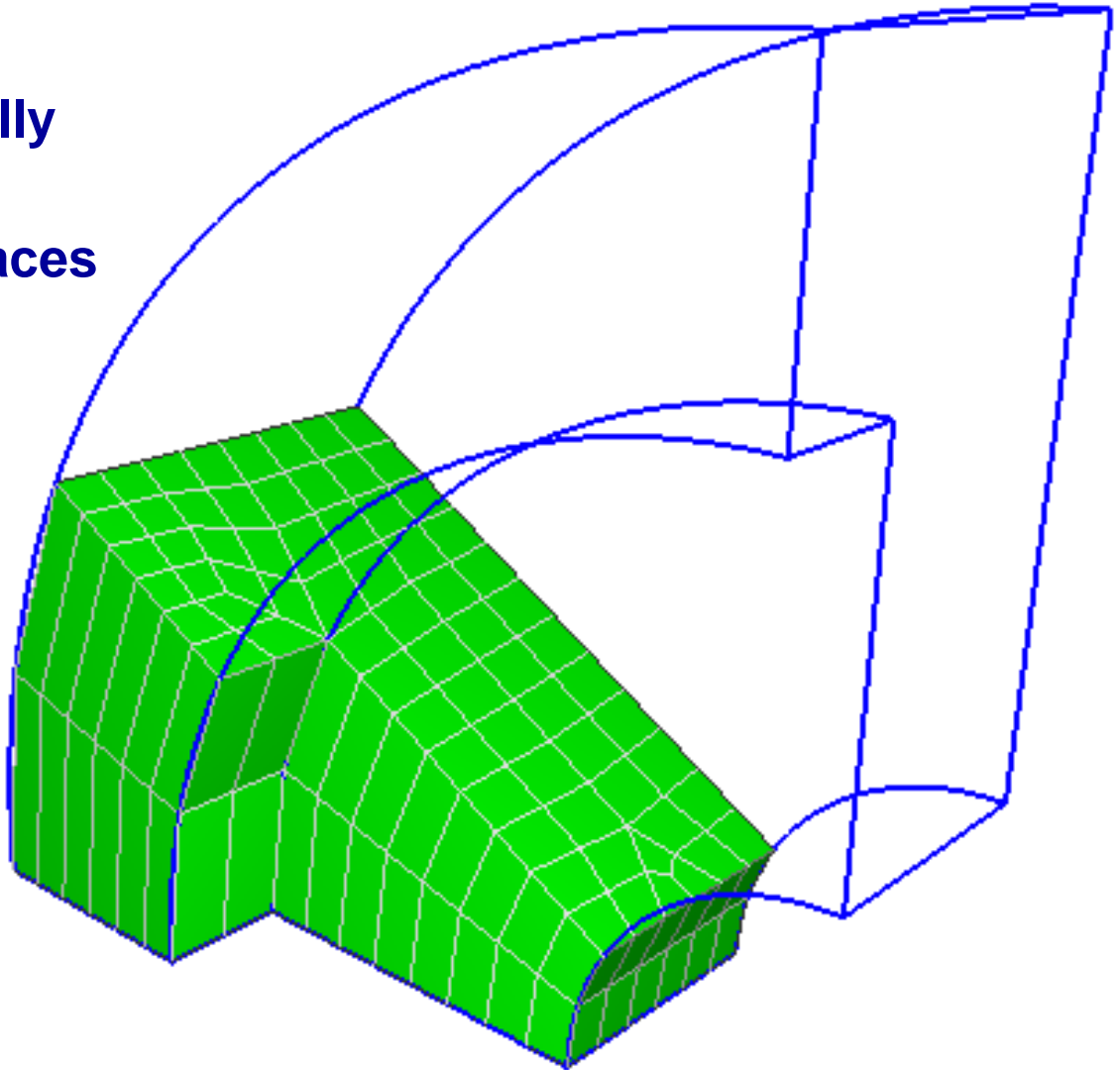
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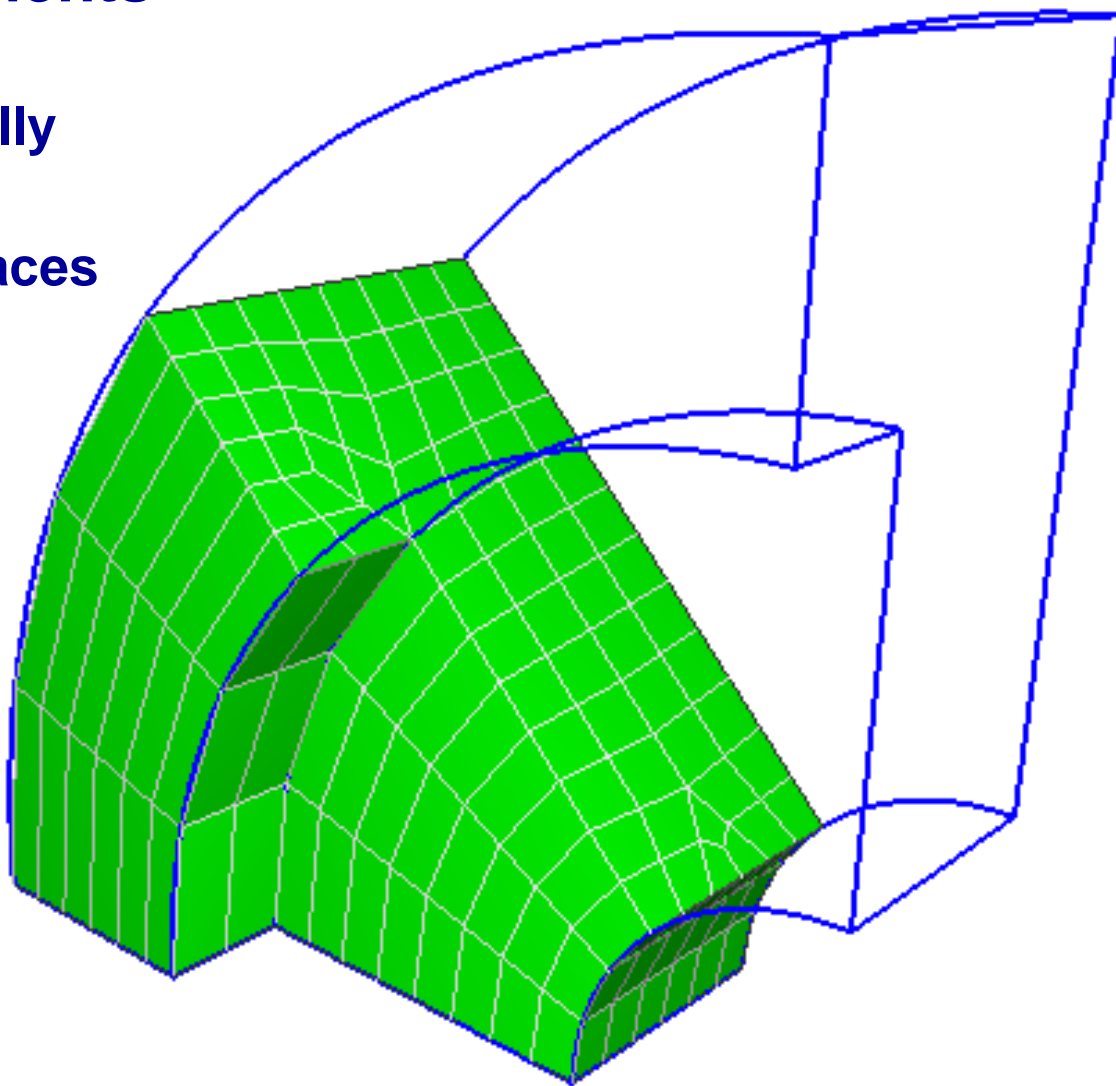
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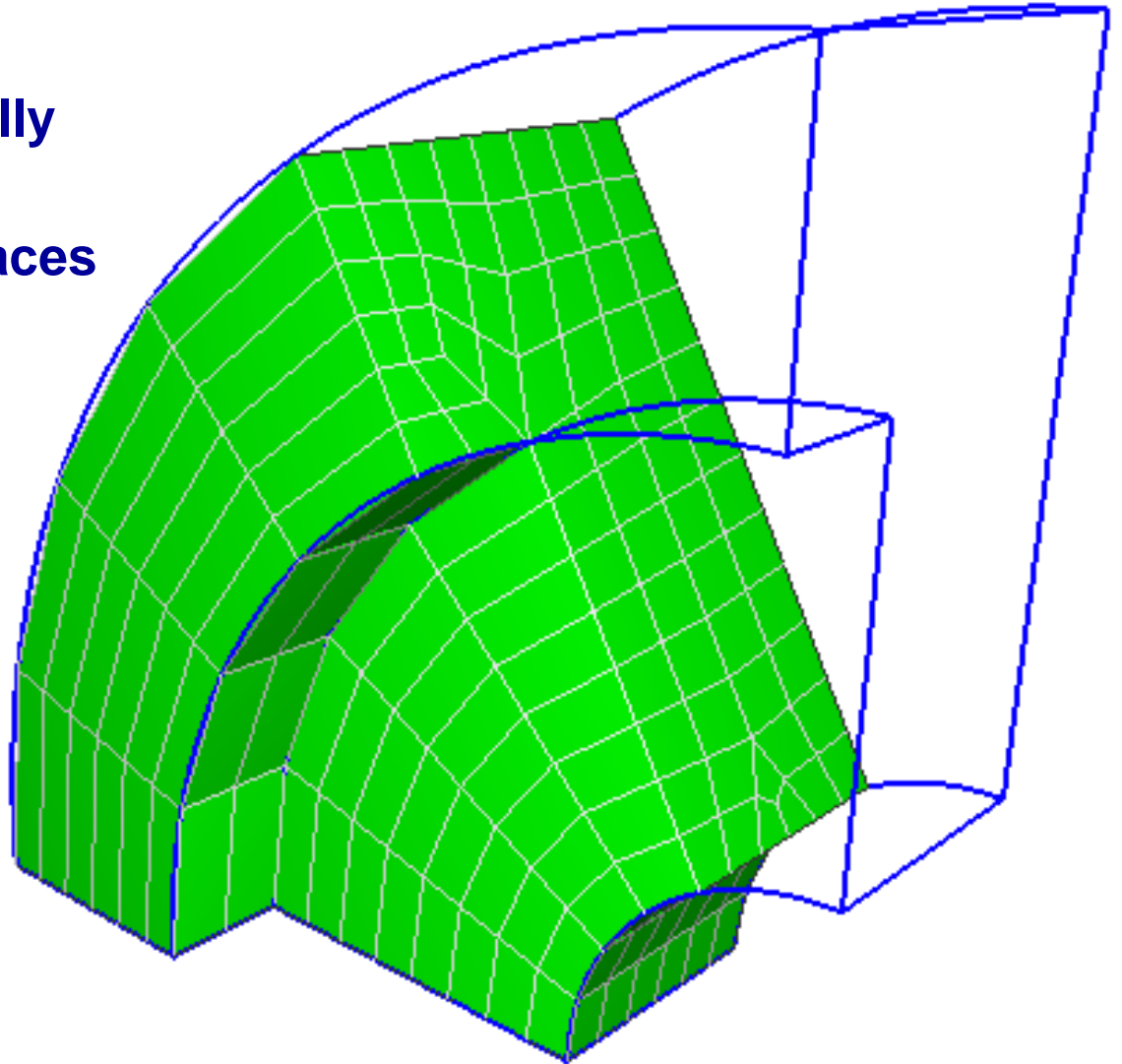
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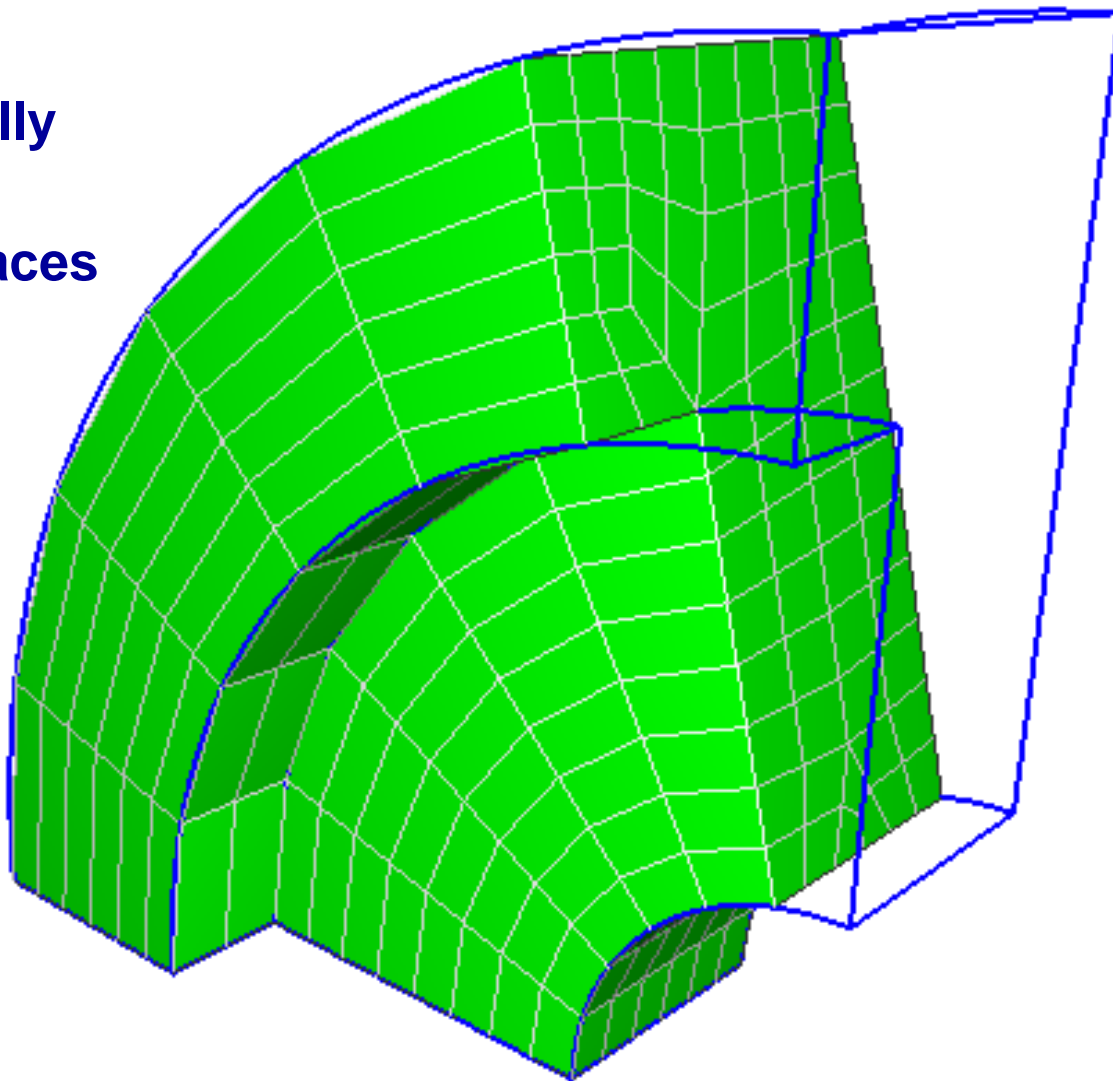
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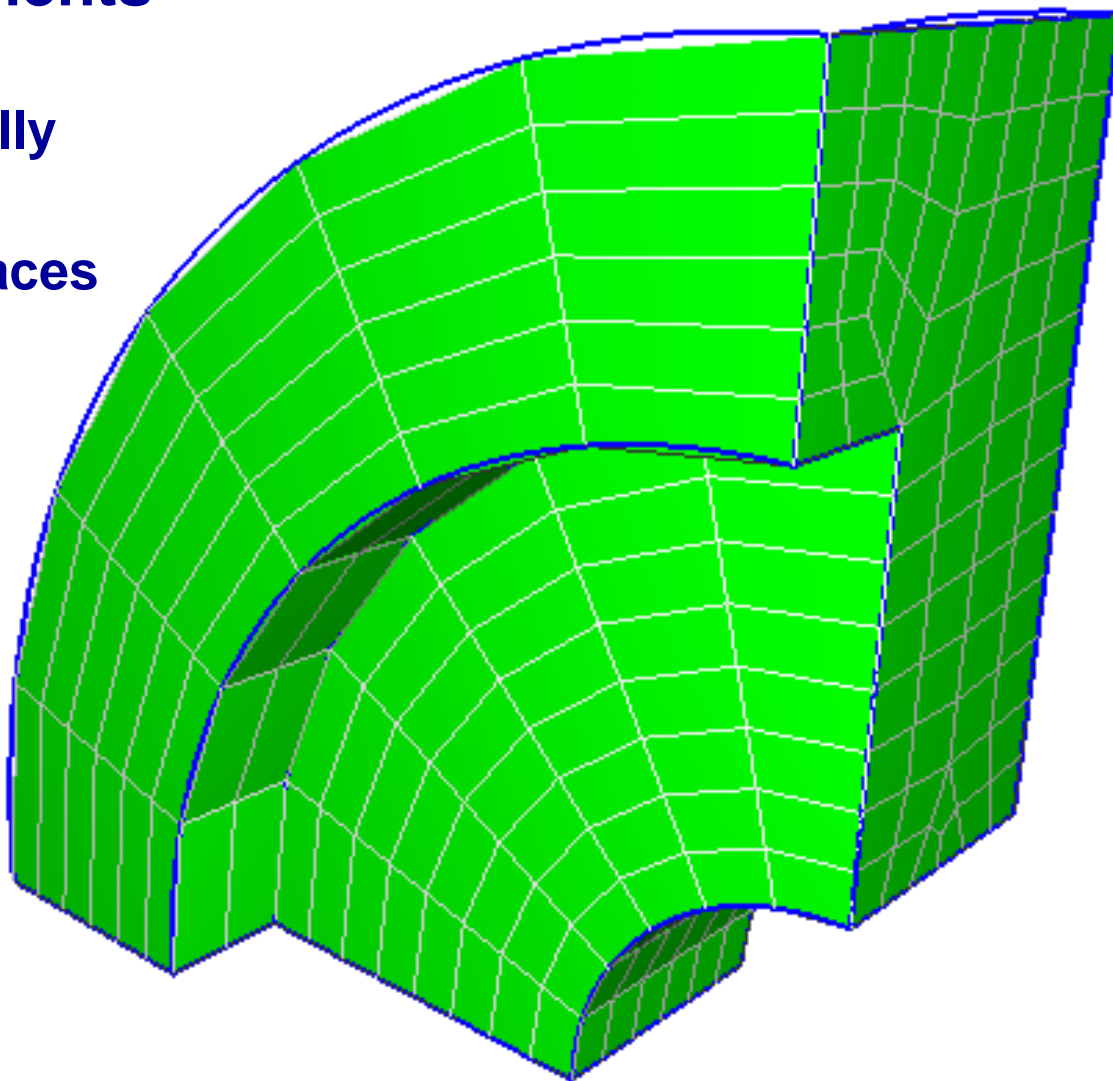
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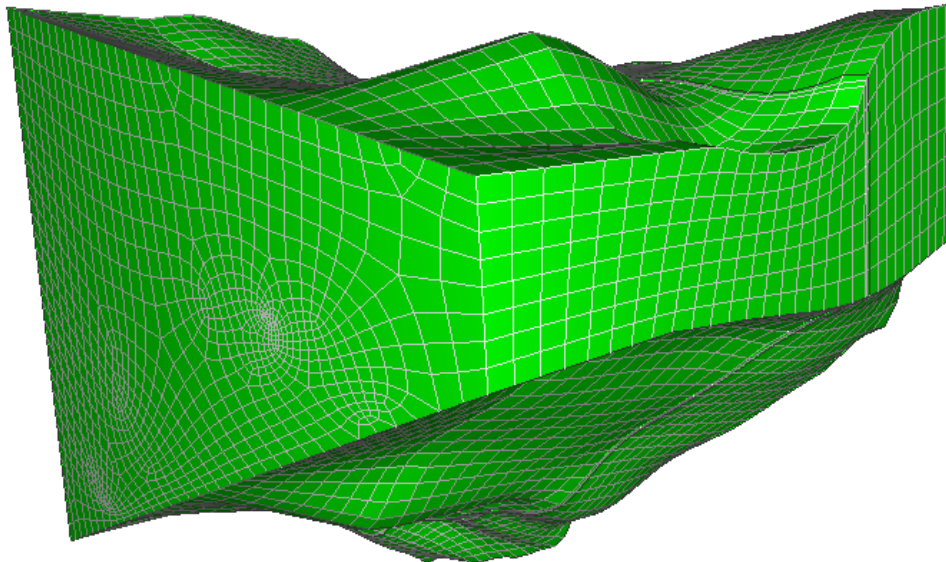
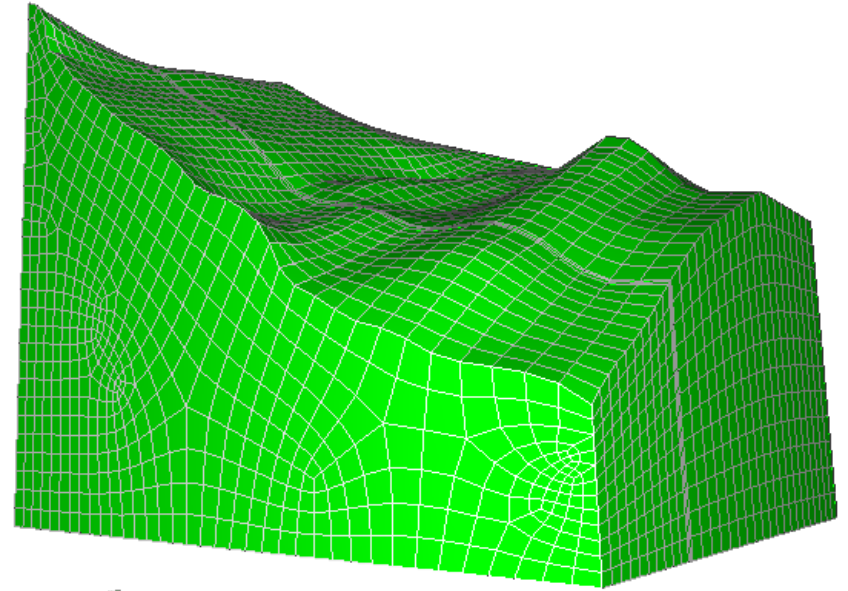
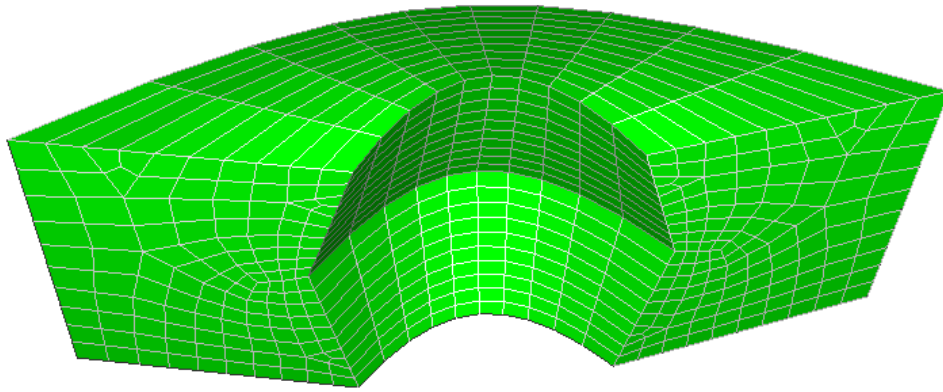
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# Structured mesh – Sweeping

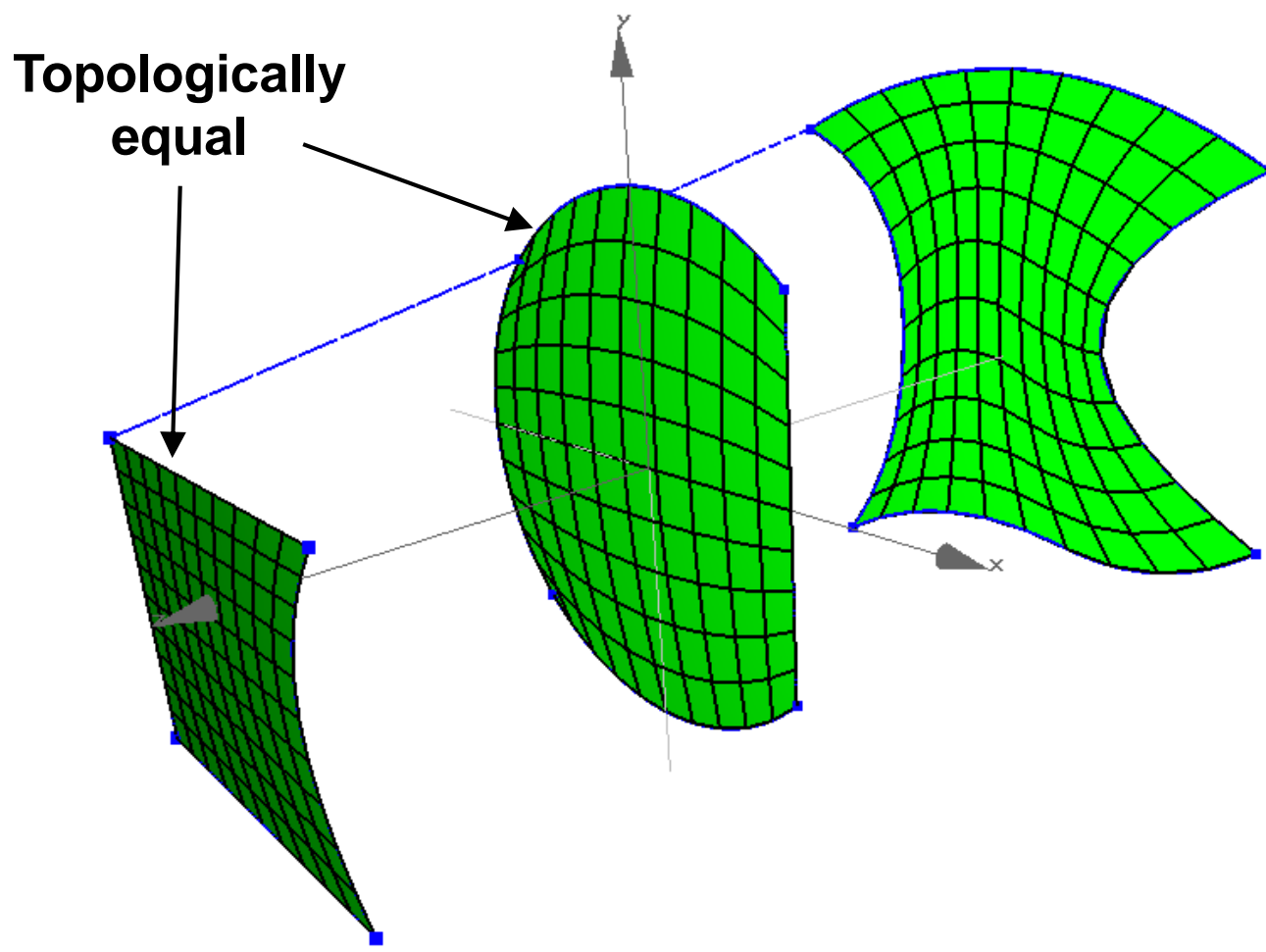
- **Examples**



# Structured mesh – Spline Sweeping

- **Geometry Requirements**

- Sequence of sections
- Meshes must be topologically equal

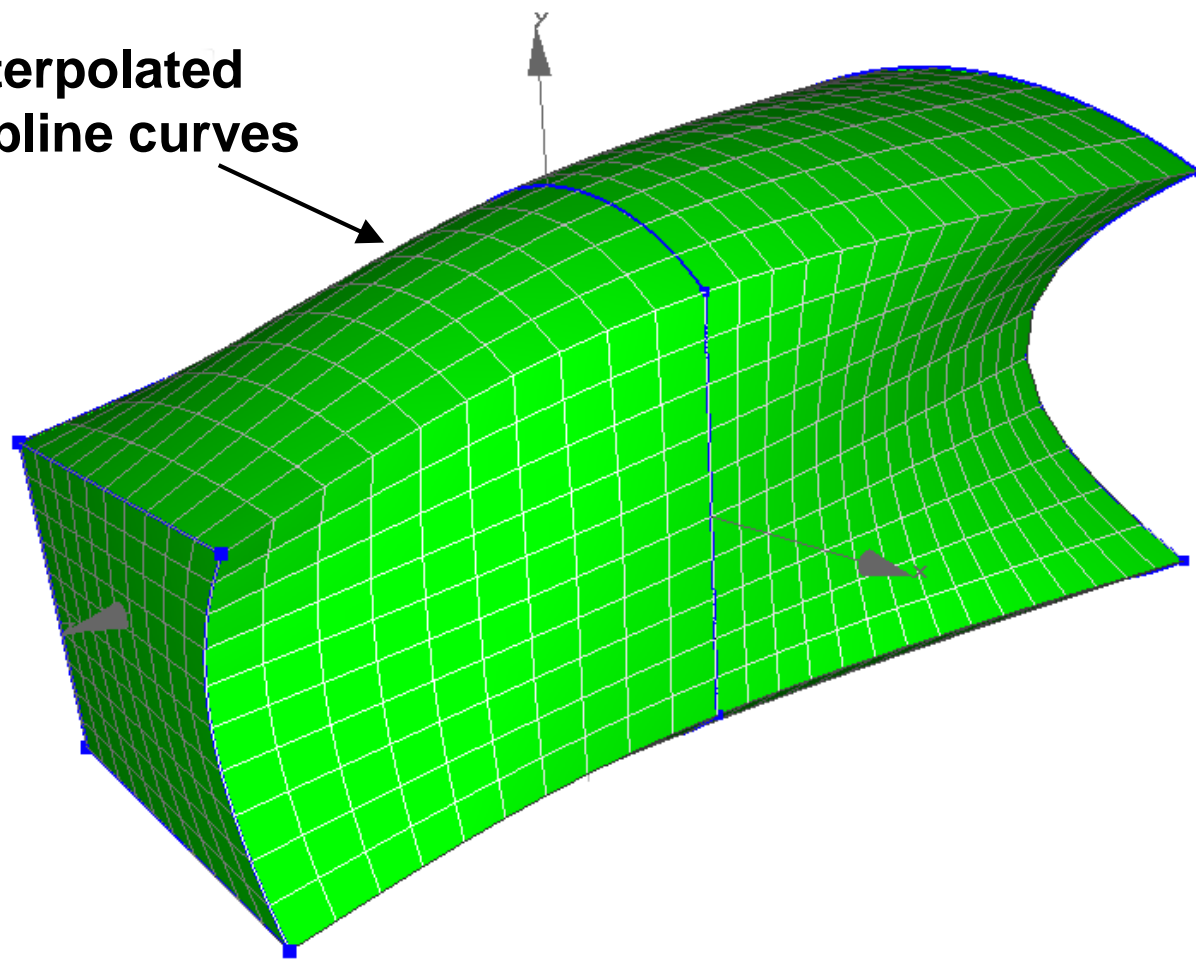


# Structured mesh – Spline Sweeping

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**Interpolated  
by spline curves**

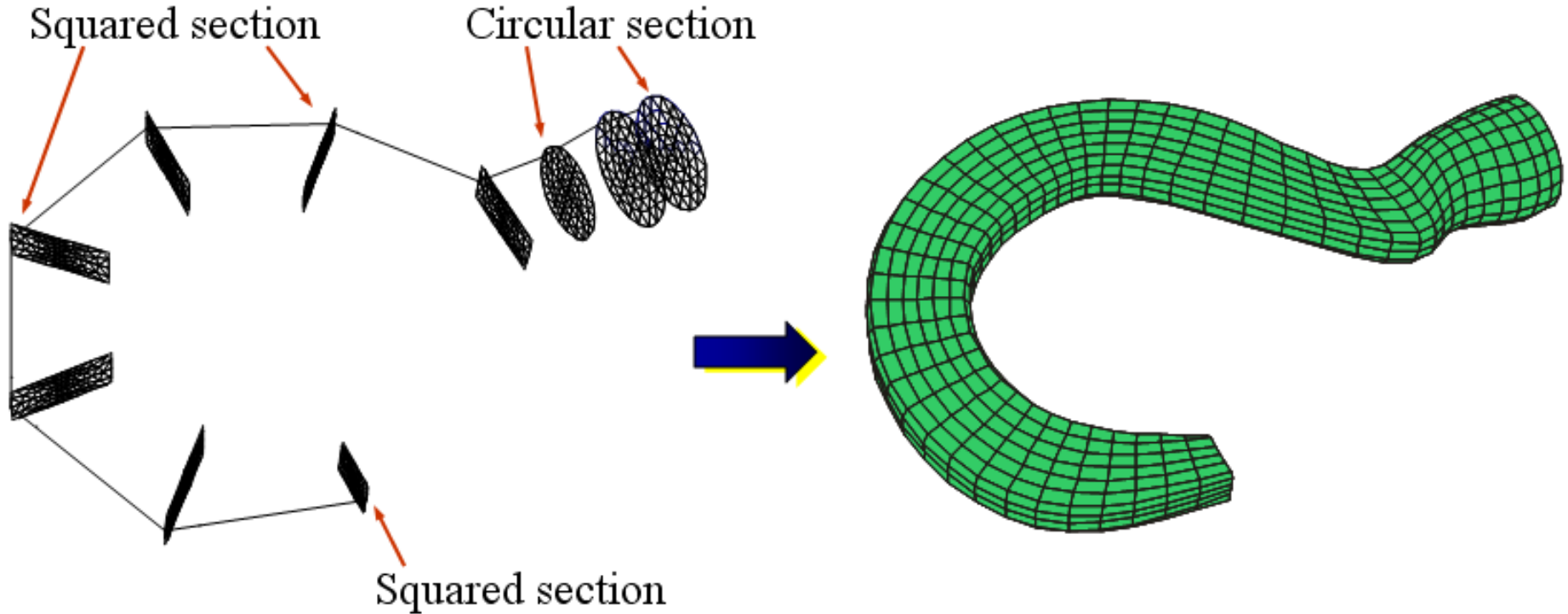




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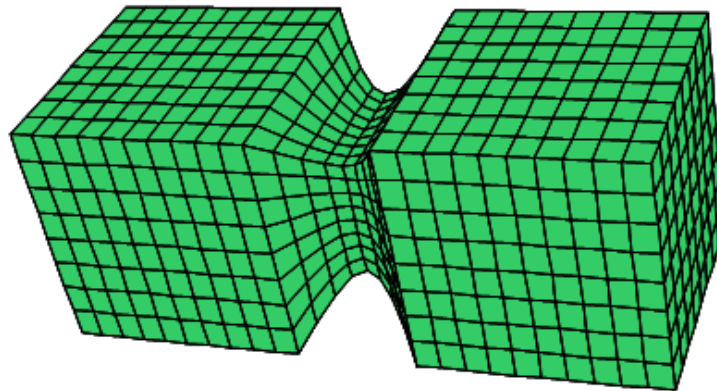
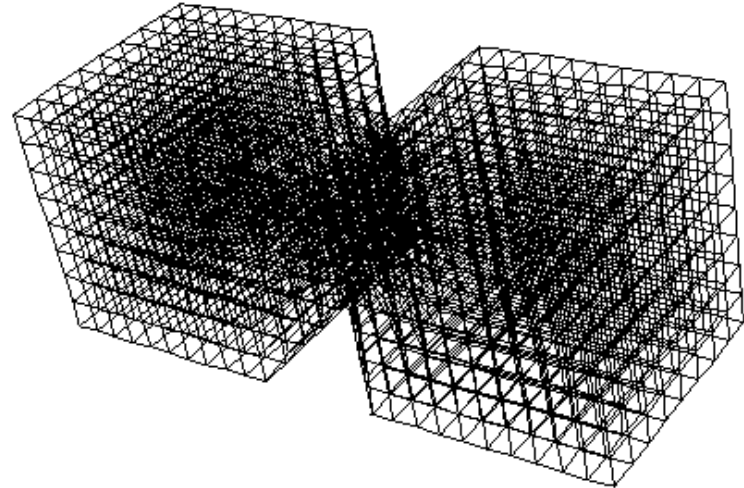
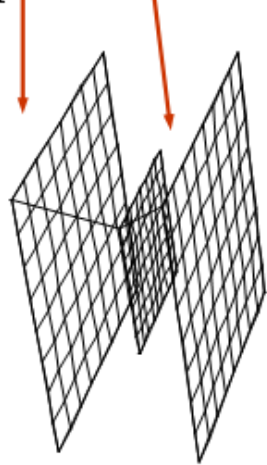


# Structured mesh – Spline Sweeping

- **Geometry Requirements**

- Sequence of sections
- Meshes must be topologically equal

Squared sections





- **Specific algorithm requirements inherited from its ancestor**
  - **J-Mesh** (Joaquim Cavalcante-Neto, Wawrzynek, Carvalho, Martha & Ingraffea; 2001):
    - **Generation of well-shaped elements**
    - **Ability to conform to an existing refinement at the boundary of region**
    - **Ability to transition well between regions with different element sizes**
    - **Capability for modeling discontinuities (internal restriction and cracks)**
- **Additional requirements for surfaces**
  - **Locally refine the mesh in regions with curvatures**

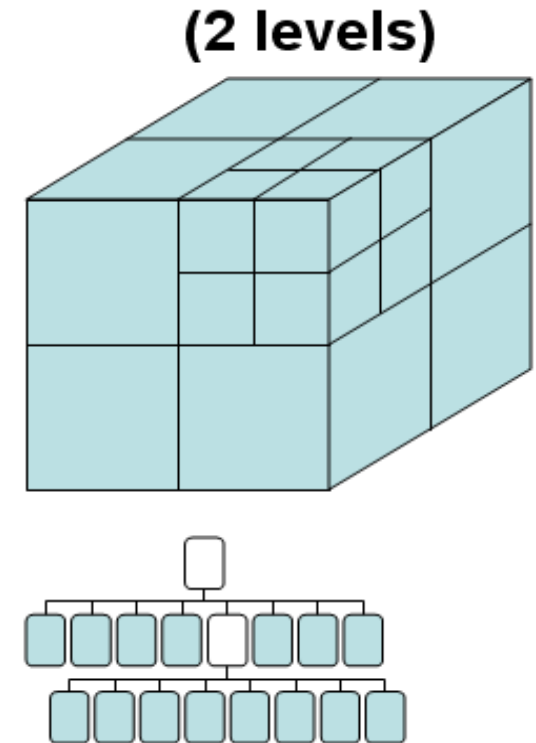
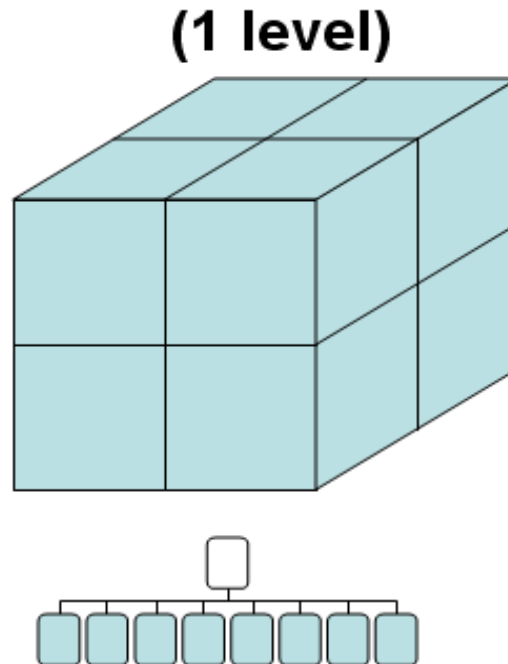
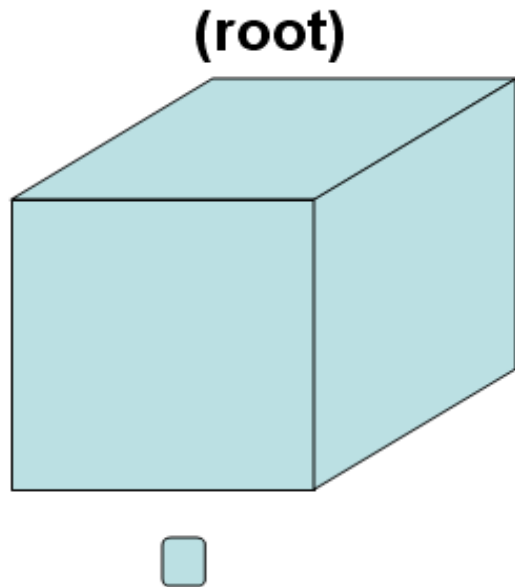
# Unstructured mesh generation outline

- **Background mesh generation – quadtree/octree**
  - Initialization based on boundary mesh.
  - Refinement to force a maximum cell size.
  - Refinement to provide minimum size disparity for adjacent cells.
- **Advancing-front procedure**
  - Geometry-based element generation
  - Topology-based element generation
  - Element generation based on back-tracking with face deletion.
- **Local mesh improvement**
  - Laplacian smoothing,
  - Local back-tracking with element deletion, or
  - Taubin smoothing (surfaces)

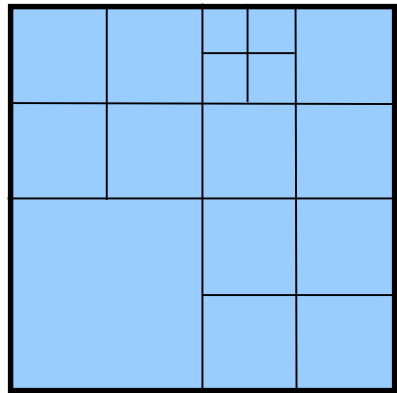
# Unstructured mesh – auxiliary background structure

- **Quadtree and Octree**

- Fast search procedures to navigate through end leaves
- Represent the desired size of elements with nearly the same size as the end leaves



# Unstructured mesh – 2D auxiliary background structure



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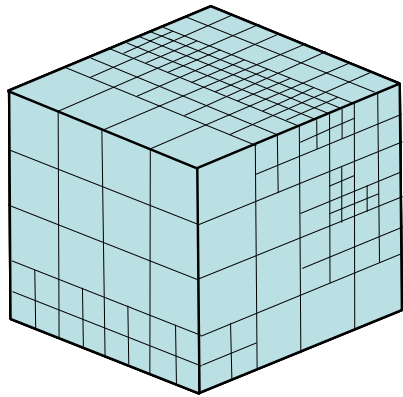
**2D**

**2D**

**Surf**

- Create internal points on domain
- Advancing front algorithm
- Create element using patterns in each cells
- Advancing front algorithm near boundary
- Use cell size as guideline to generate new elements
- Advancing front algorithm
- Use cells to store desired sizes for elements and surface metric information
- Advancing front algorithm in parametric space

# Unstructured mesh – 3D auxiliary background structure



**3D**



- Use cells to store desired sizes for elements
- Advancing front algorithm

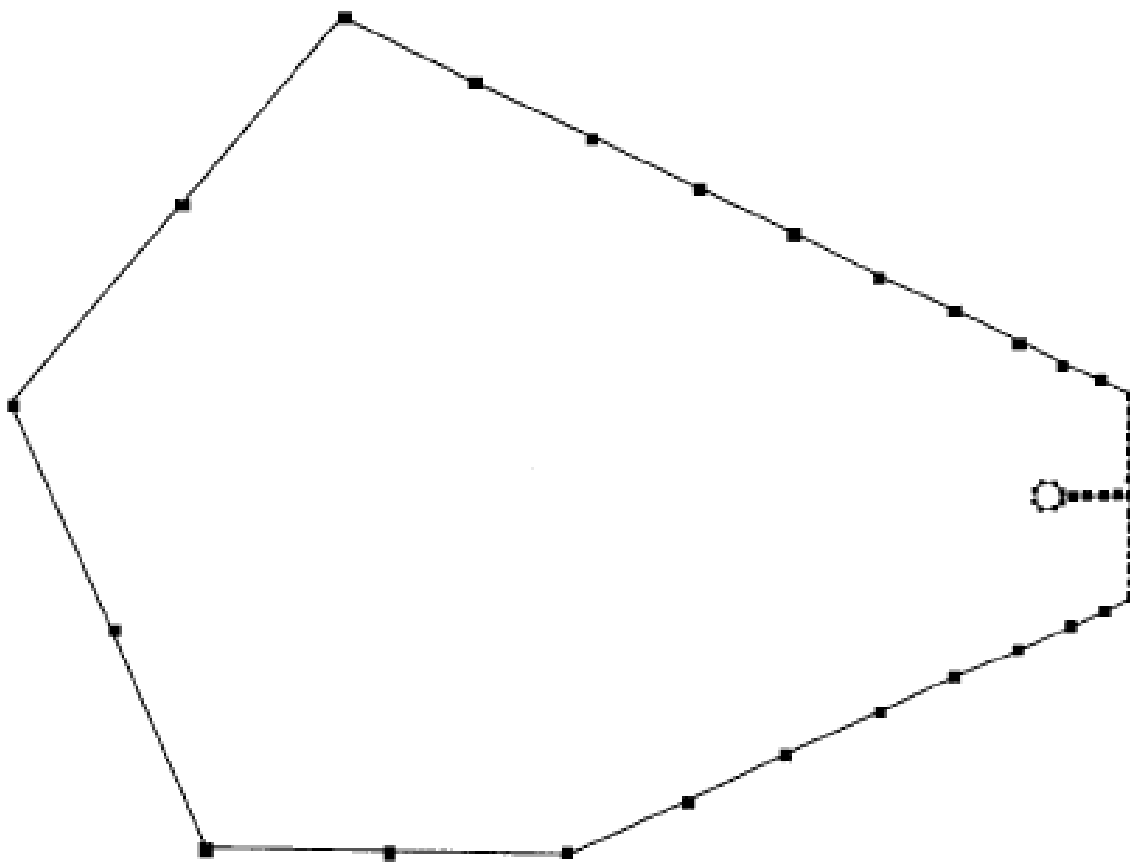
**Surf**



- Use cells to store desired sizes for elements and surface metric information
- Advancing front algorithm direct in 3D space

## Unstructured mesh – background structure generation

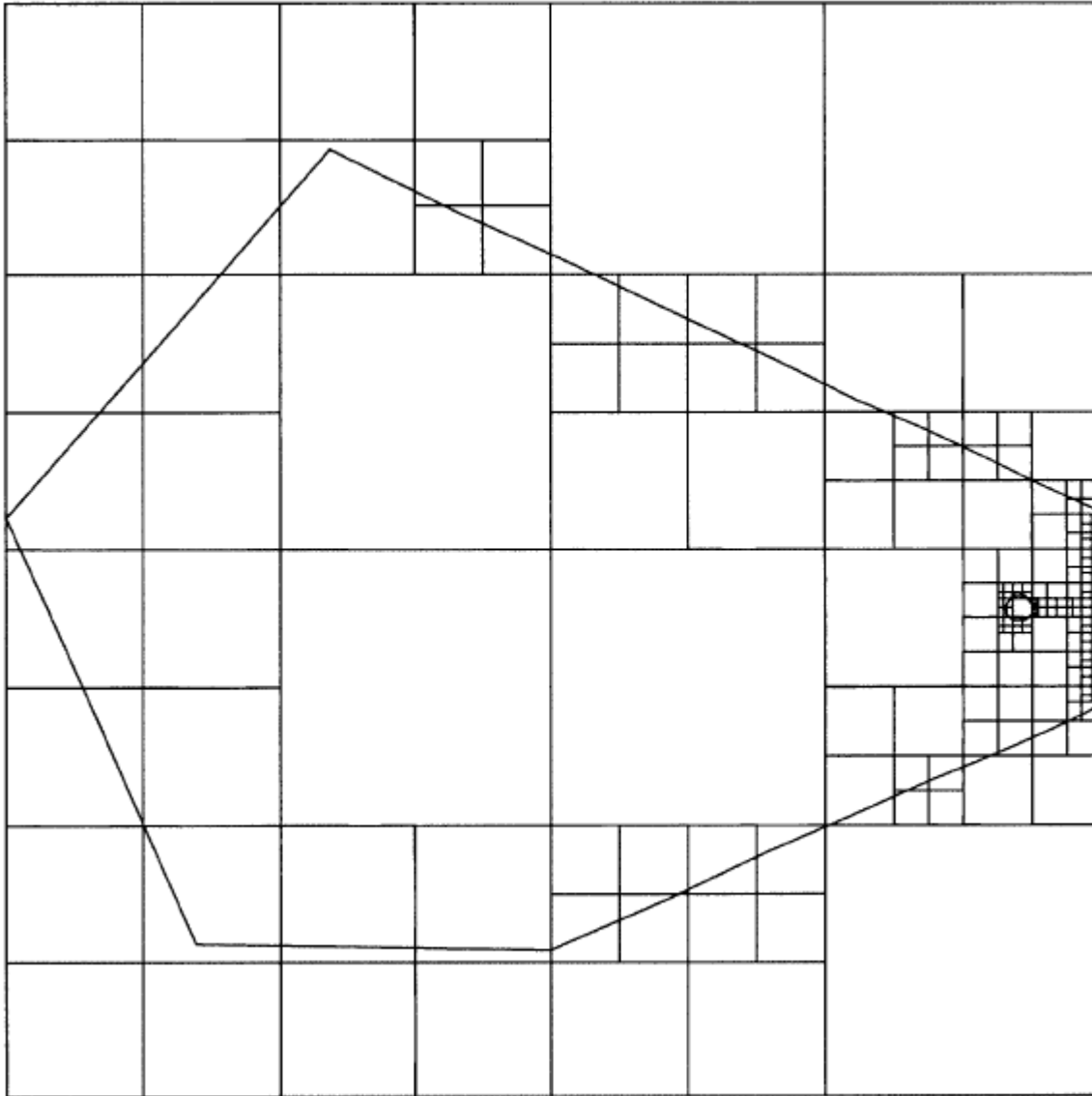
- **Hypothetical 2D model and its boundary refinement**





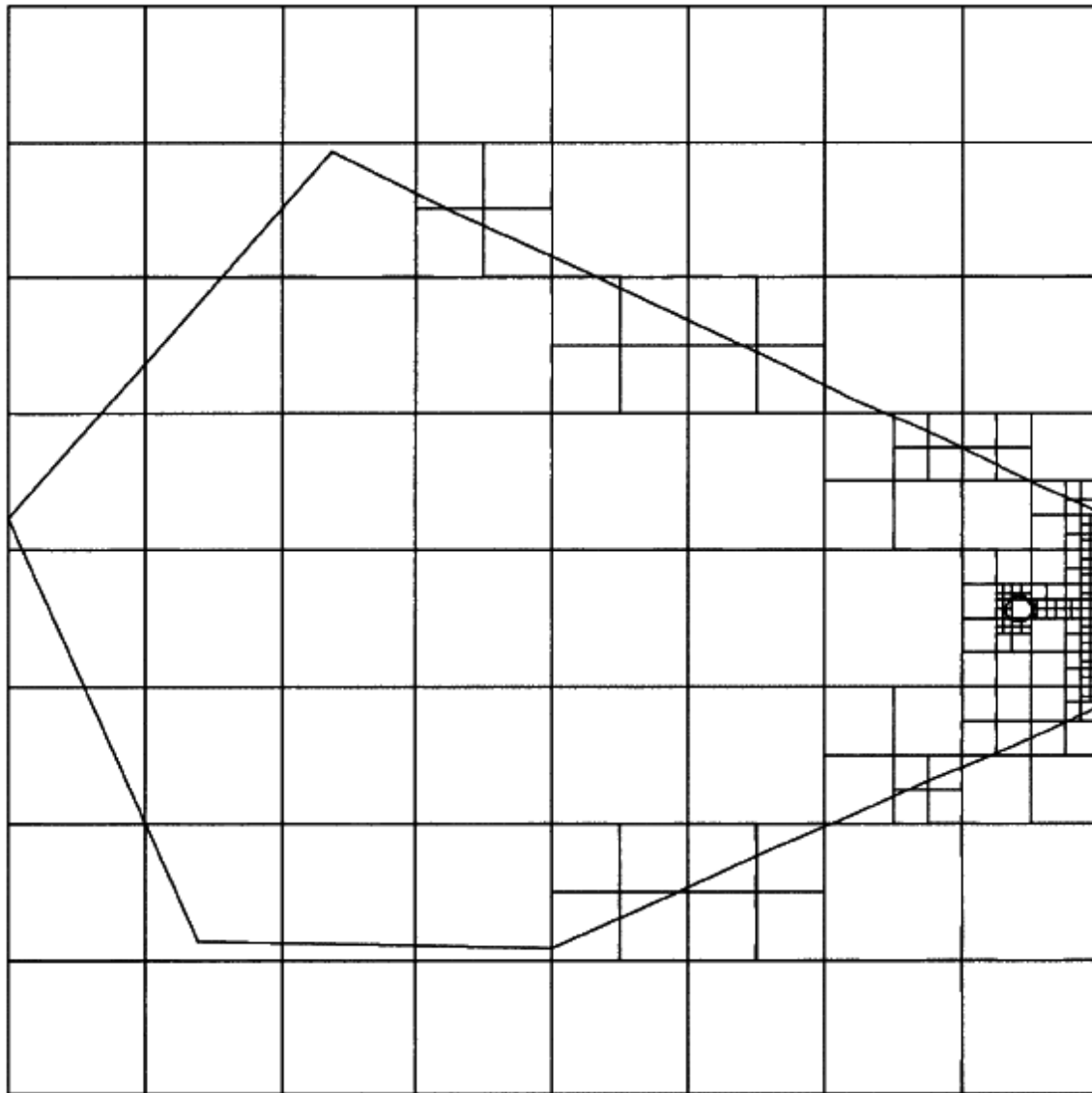
# Unstructured mesh – background structure generation

- Initialization based on boundary mesh



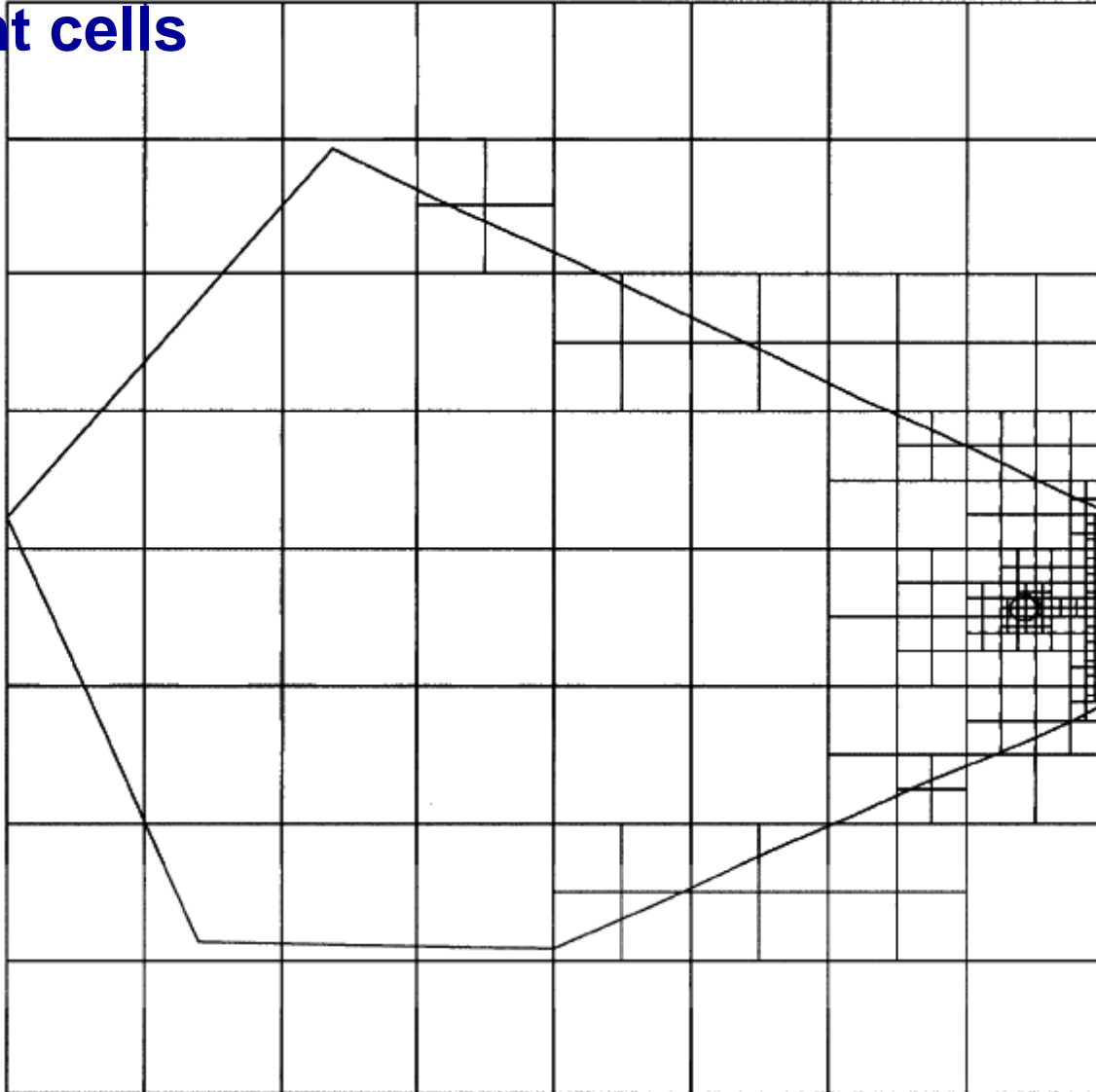
# Unstructured mesh – background structure generation

- **Refinement to force a maximum cell size**



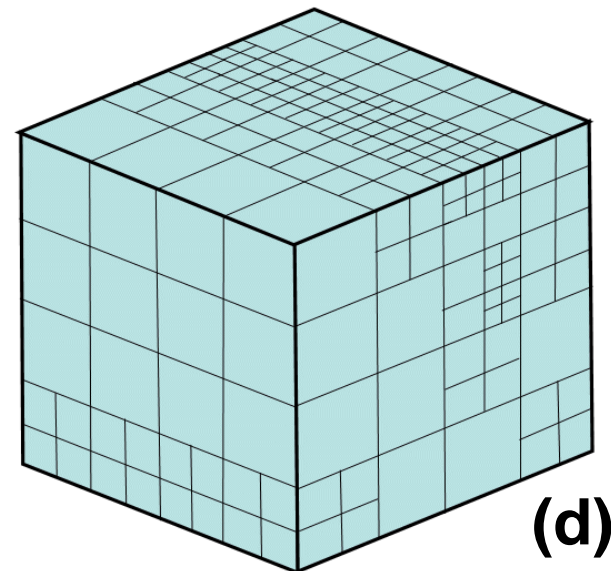
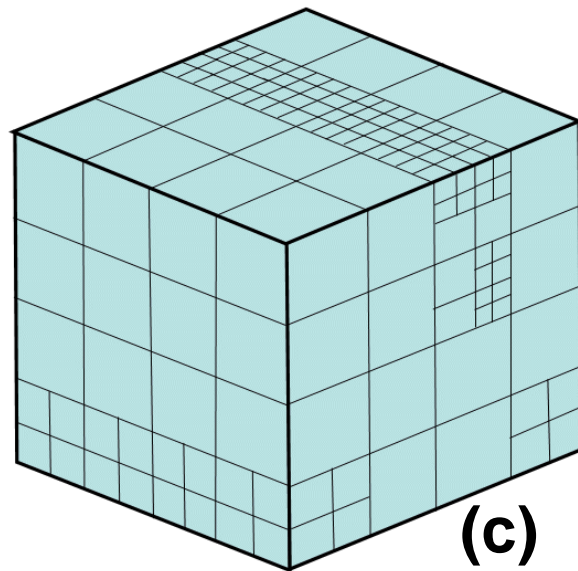
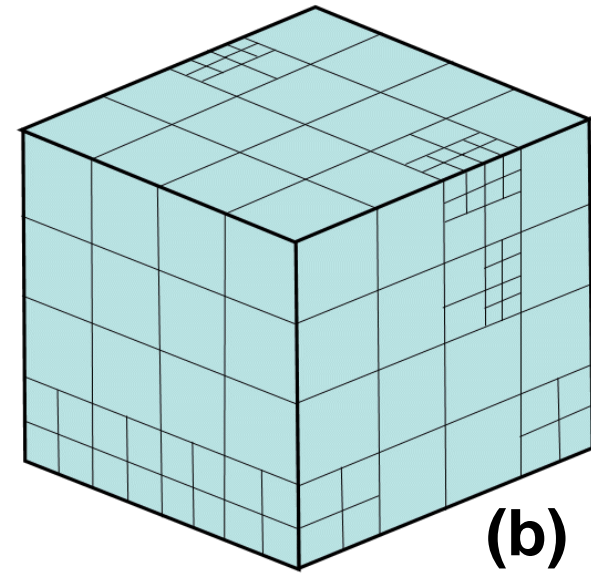
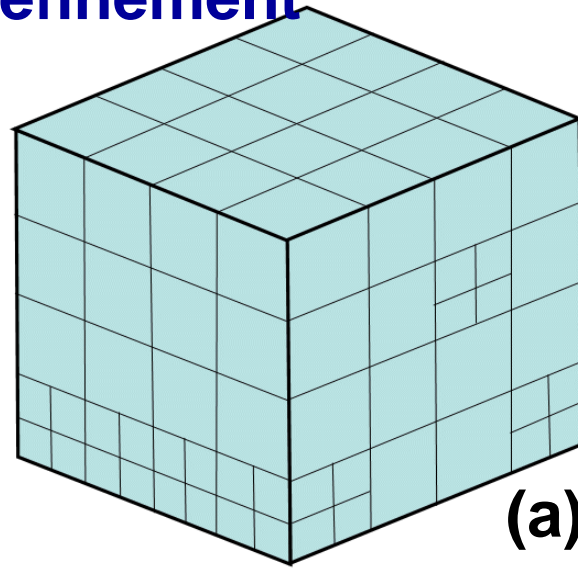
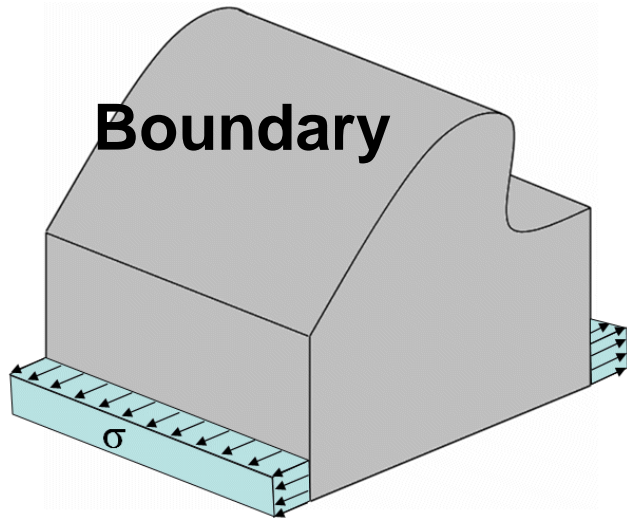
# Unstructured mesh – background structure generation

- Refinement to provide minimum size disparity for adjacent cells



# Unstructured mesh – background structure generation

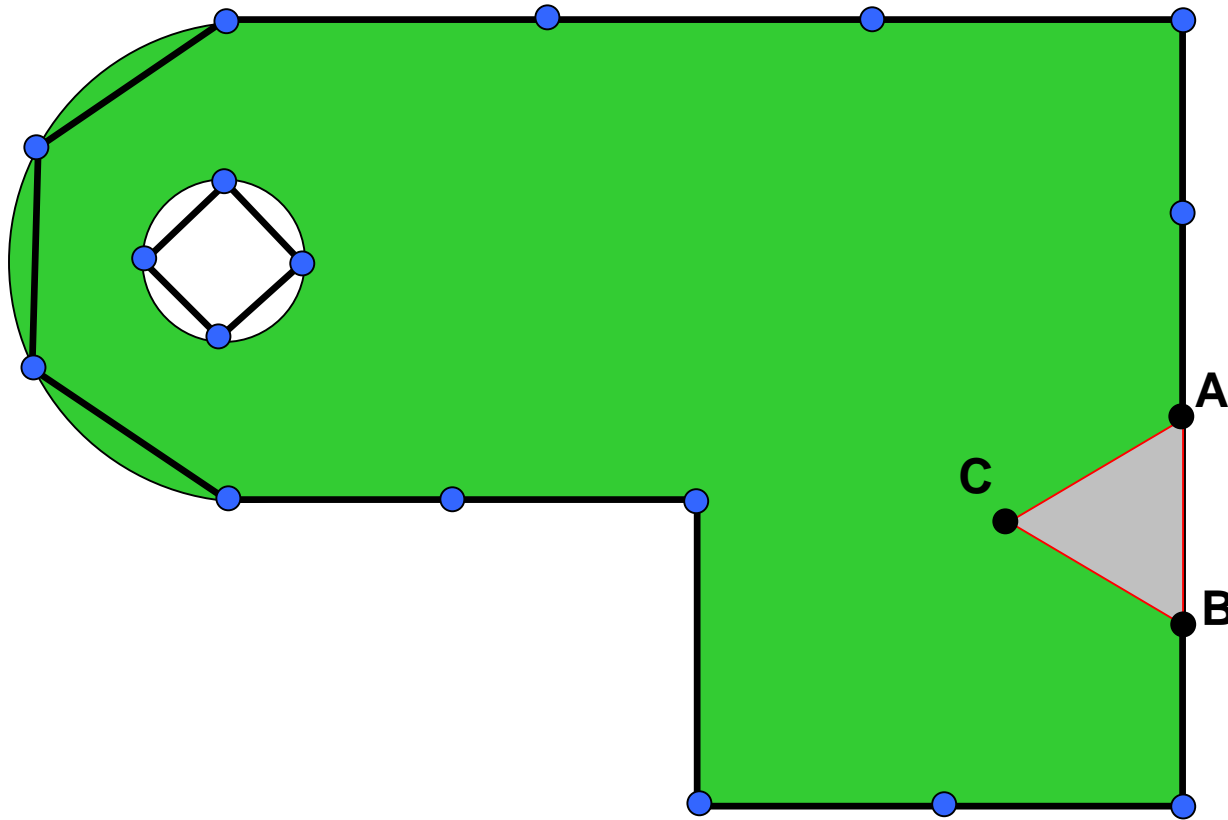
- 3D model: octree refinement



# Unstructured mesh – advancing-front technique

- **Advancing front algorithm**

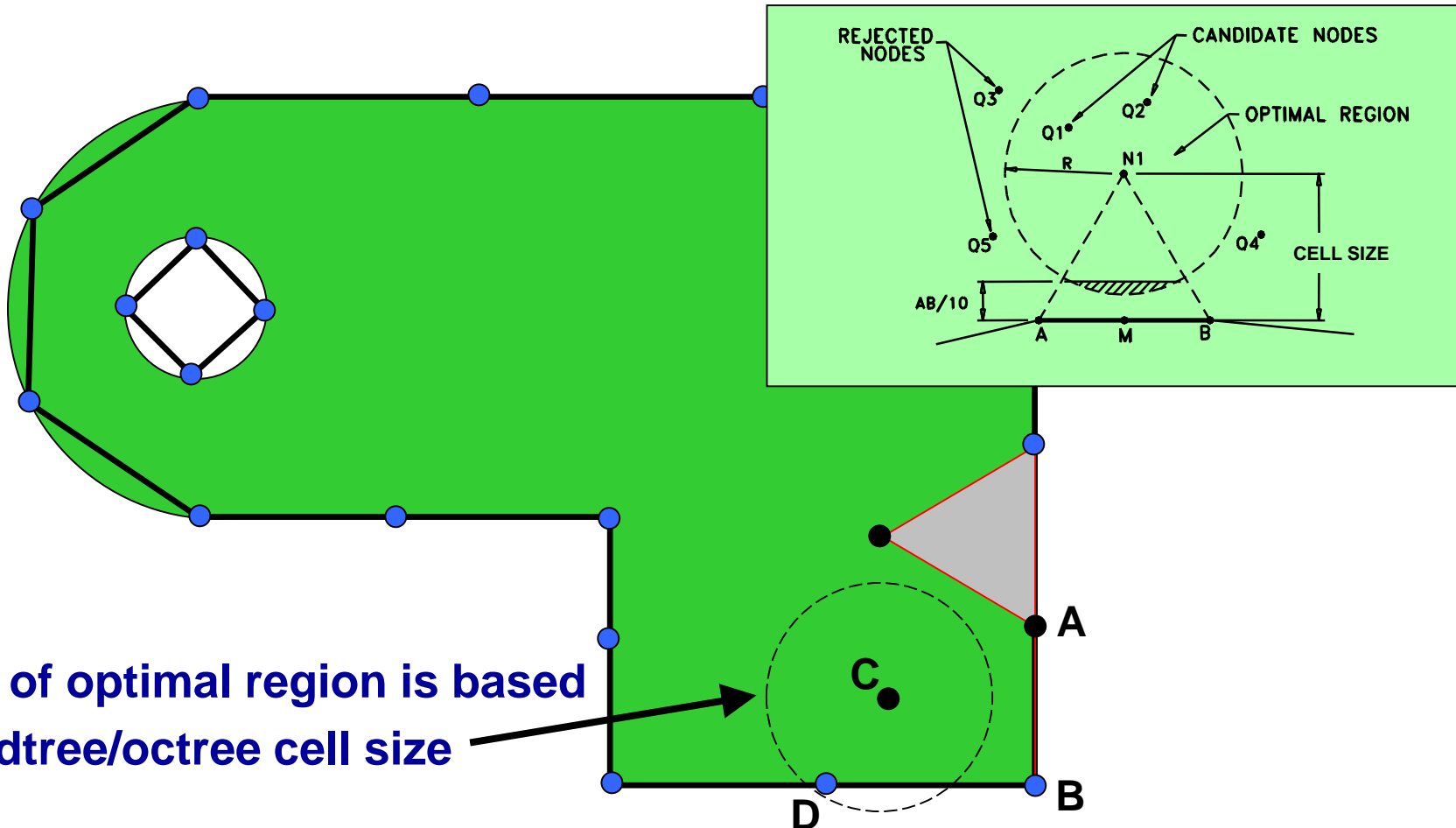
- Begin with boundary mesh – define as initial *front*
- For each edge (face) on front, locate initial node **C** based on front **AB**



# Unstructured mesh – advancing-front technique

- **Advancing front algorithm**

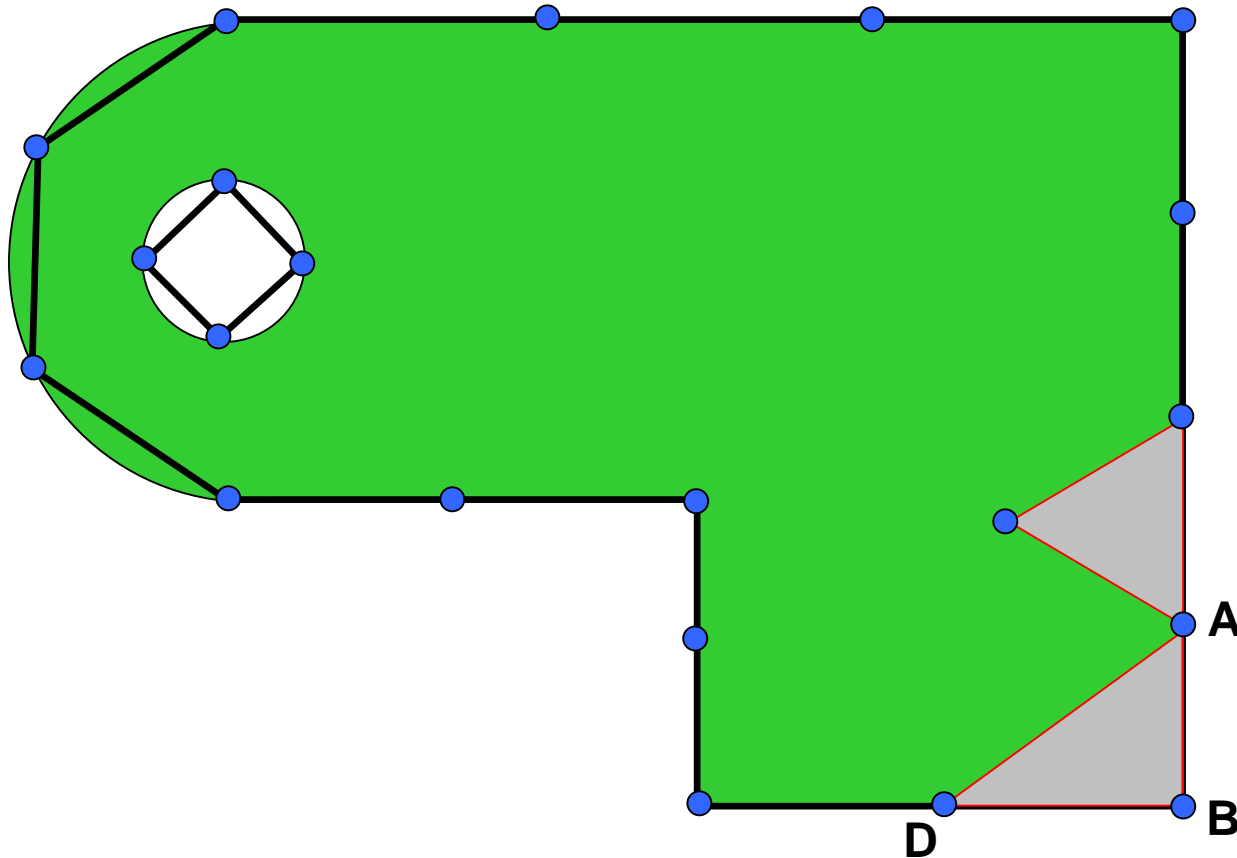
- Determine if any other node on current front are within search radius  $r$  of ideal location  $C$  (Choose  $D$  instead of  $C$ )



# Unstructured mesh – advancing-front technique

- **Advancing front algorithm**

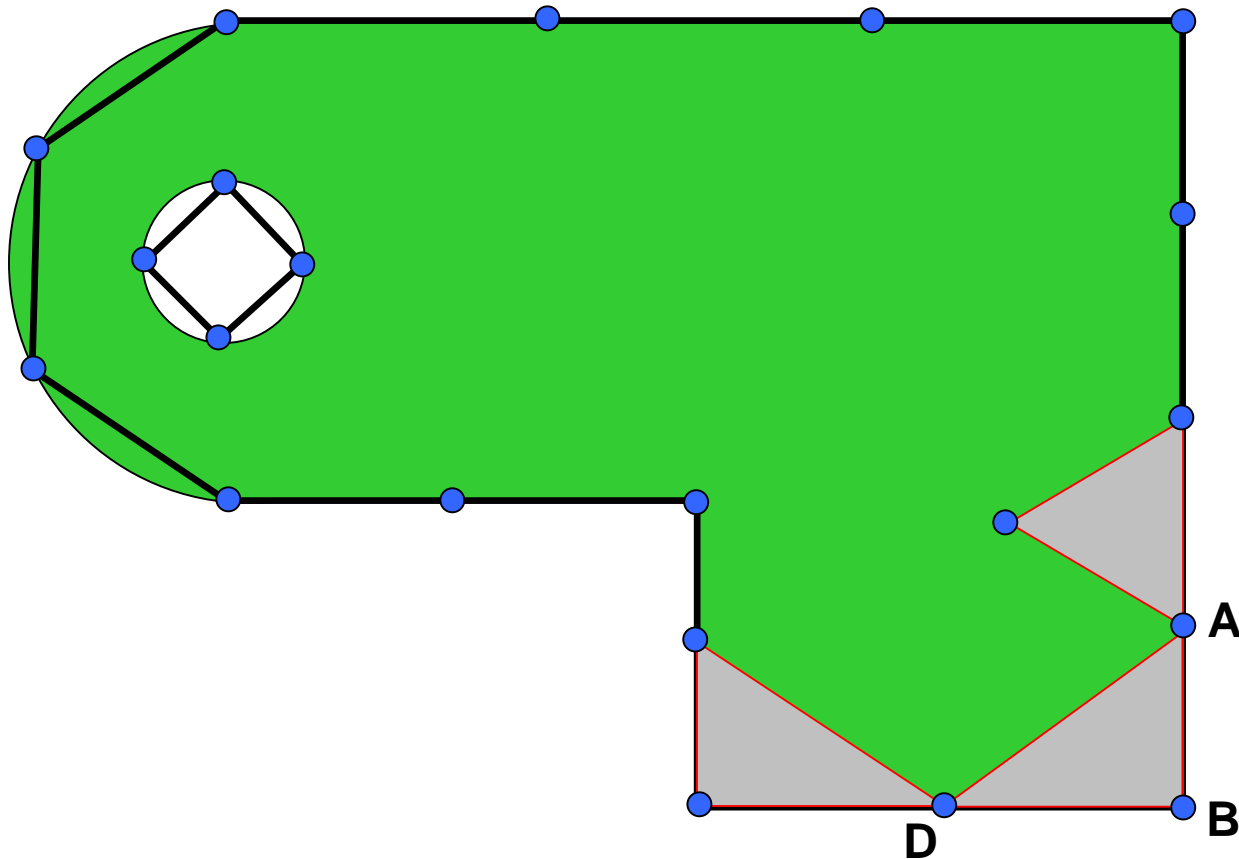
- New *front edges (faces)* added and deleted from *front* as triangles (tetrahedral) are formed
- Continue until *front edges (faces)* remain on *front*



# Unstructured mesh – advancing-front technique

- **Advancing front algorithm**

- New *front edges* added and deleted from *front* as triangles are formed
- Continue until *front edges* remain on *front*

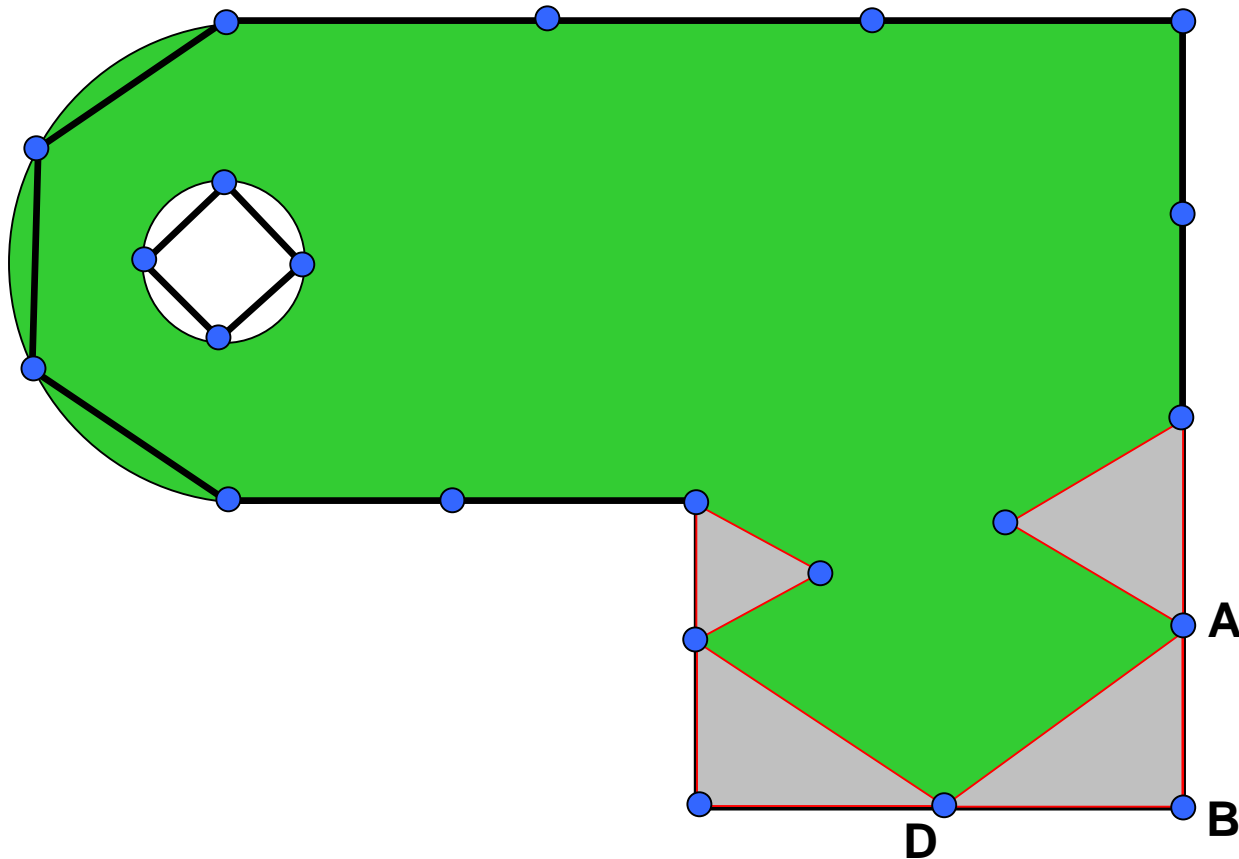




# Unstructured mesh – advancing-front technique

- **Advancing front algorithm**

- New *front edges* added and deleted from *front* as triangles are formed
- Continue until *front edges* remain on *front*

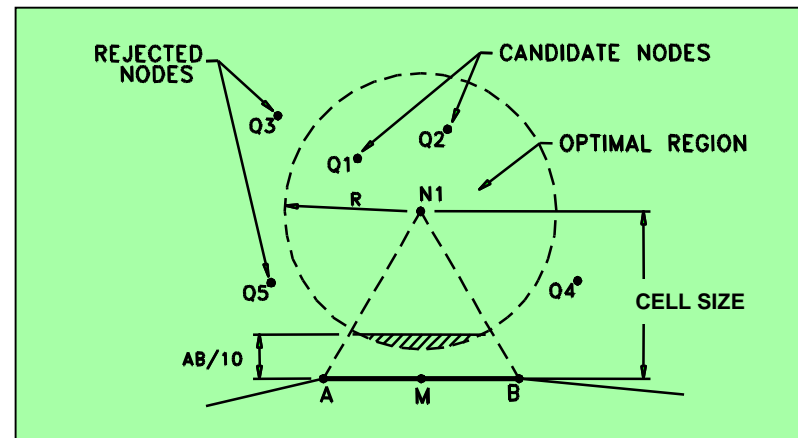
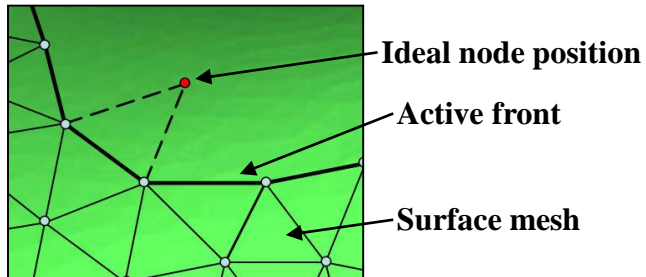
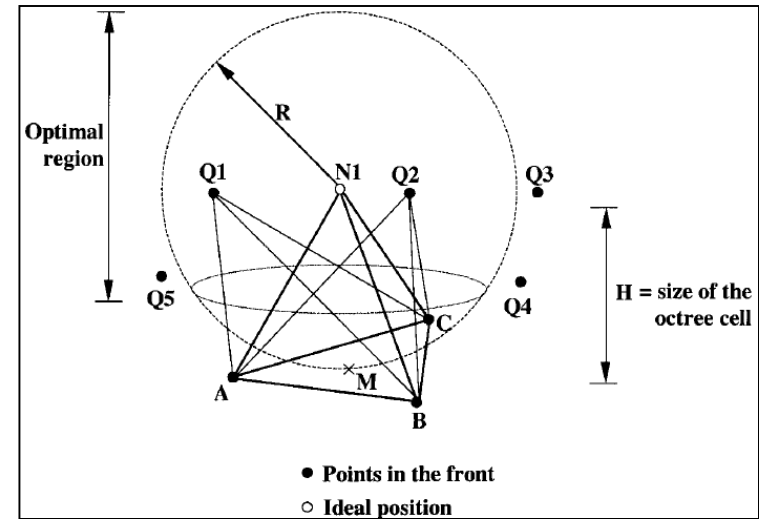


# Unstructured mesh – advancing-front technique



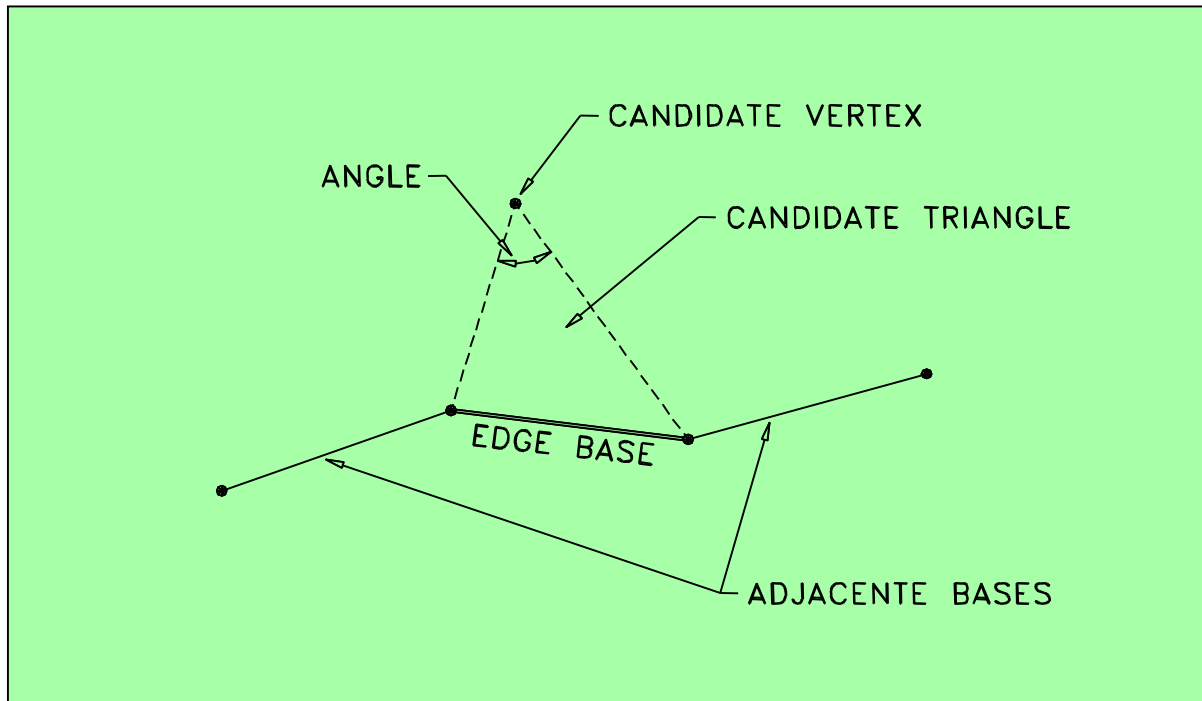
## • Geometry-based element generation

- Boundary contraction list
  - List of active edges
  - List of rejected edges
- Generation of optimal elements
  - Size of element
  - Optimal location N1
  - Ratio =  $0.85 * \text{size}$
  - Upper bound and lower bound
  - Range Tree Search





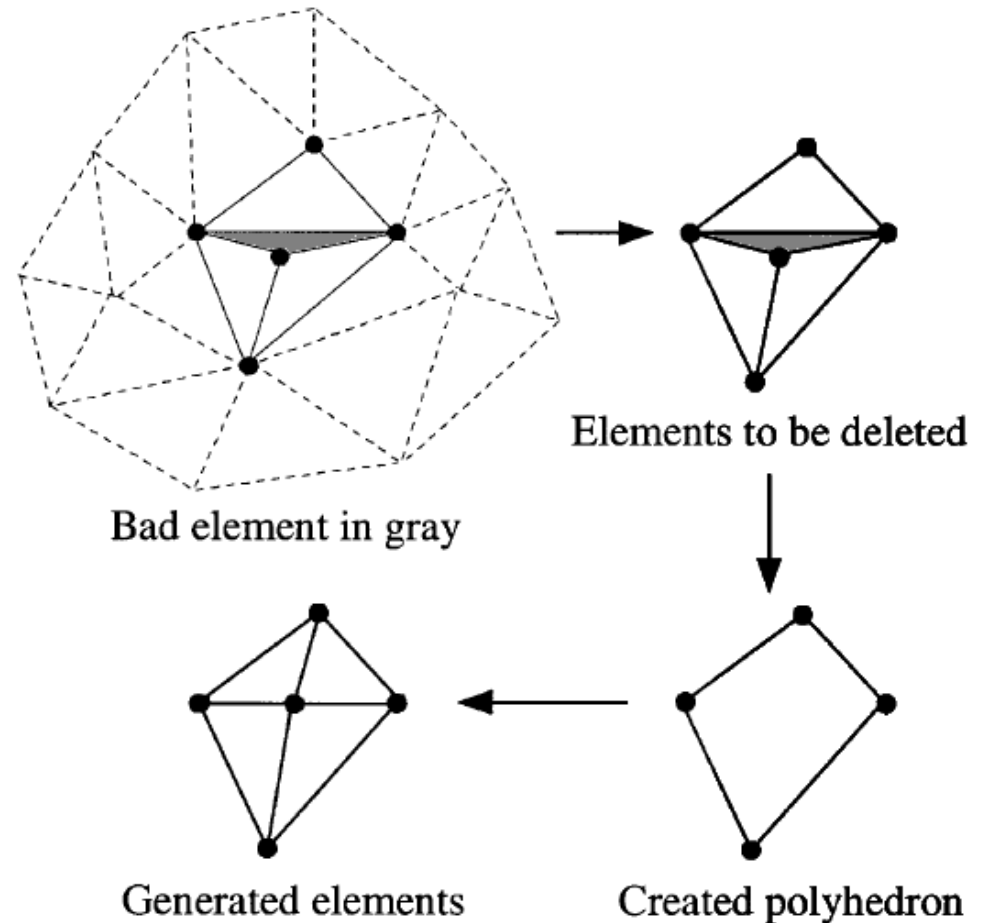
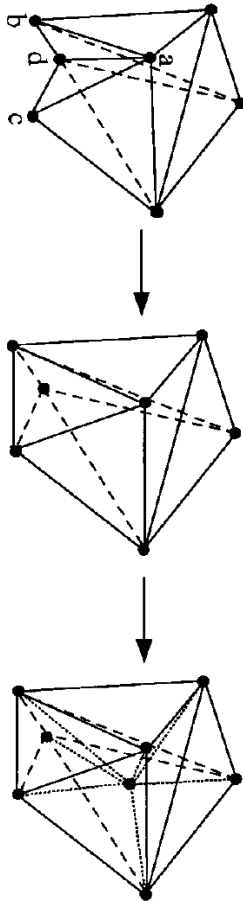
- **Topology-based element generation**
  - List of rejected edges becomes active edges
  - Generation of elements by any node close to the base edge (best angle)
  - Generate a valid mesh, although not optimal



# Unstructured mesh – advancing-front technique

- **Back-Tracking**

- **Locally modify the advancing front, deleting already generated adjacent tetrahedra until a ‘near’ convex non-meshed polyhedron is formed**



# Unstructured mesh – local mesh improvement

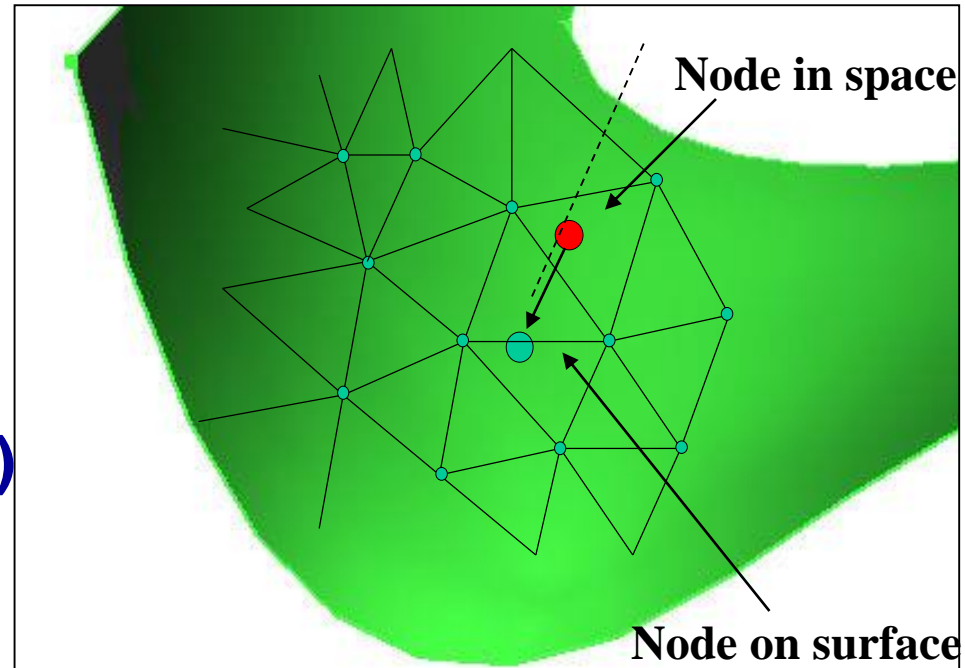


- **Laplacian smoothing**

- Uses Laplacian equation and the closest point function for surface

$$X_0^{n+1} = X_0^n + \phi \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m w_{i0} (X_i^n - X_0^n)}{\sum_{i=1}^m w_{i0}}$$

- $\phi = 1.0$  and  $w_{i0} = 1.0$



- **Taubin smoothing (surfaces)**

- Uses twice Laplacian equation

- $\phi = 1.0$  and  $w_{i0} = 0.63$
- $\phi = 1.0$  and  $w_{i0} = -0.67$

- Filters high frequencies

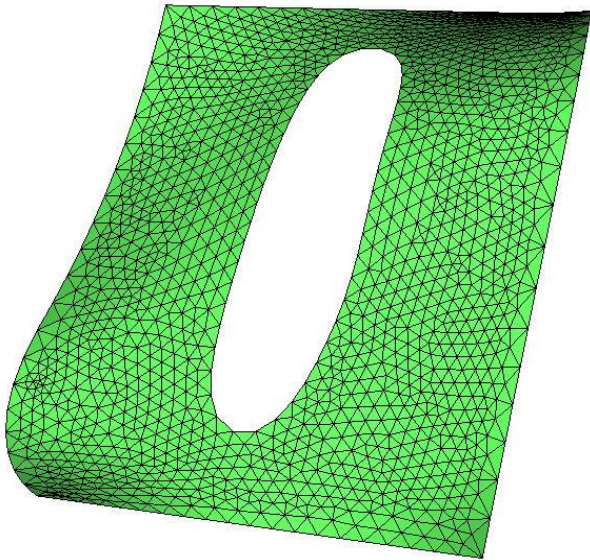
- Preserves the low frequencies

- Good results with geological and microstructure surfaces

# Unstructured mesh – Surface Meshing

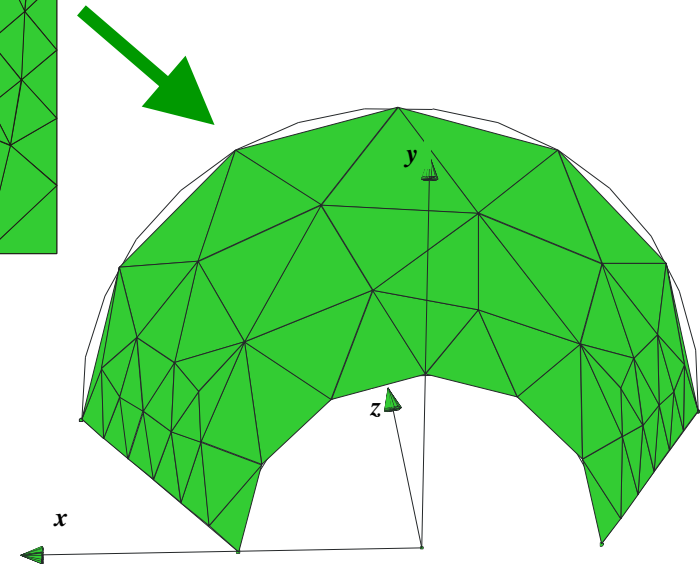
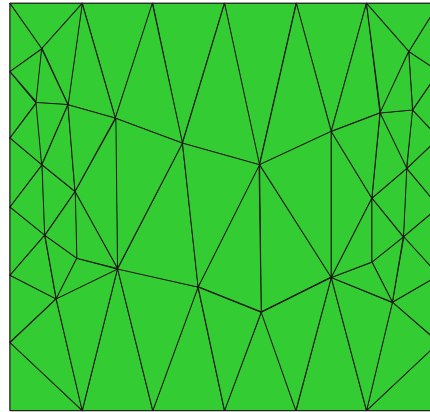
- **Direct 3D Meshing**

- Elements formed in 3D using actual x-y-z representation of surface



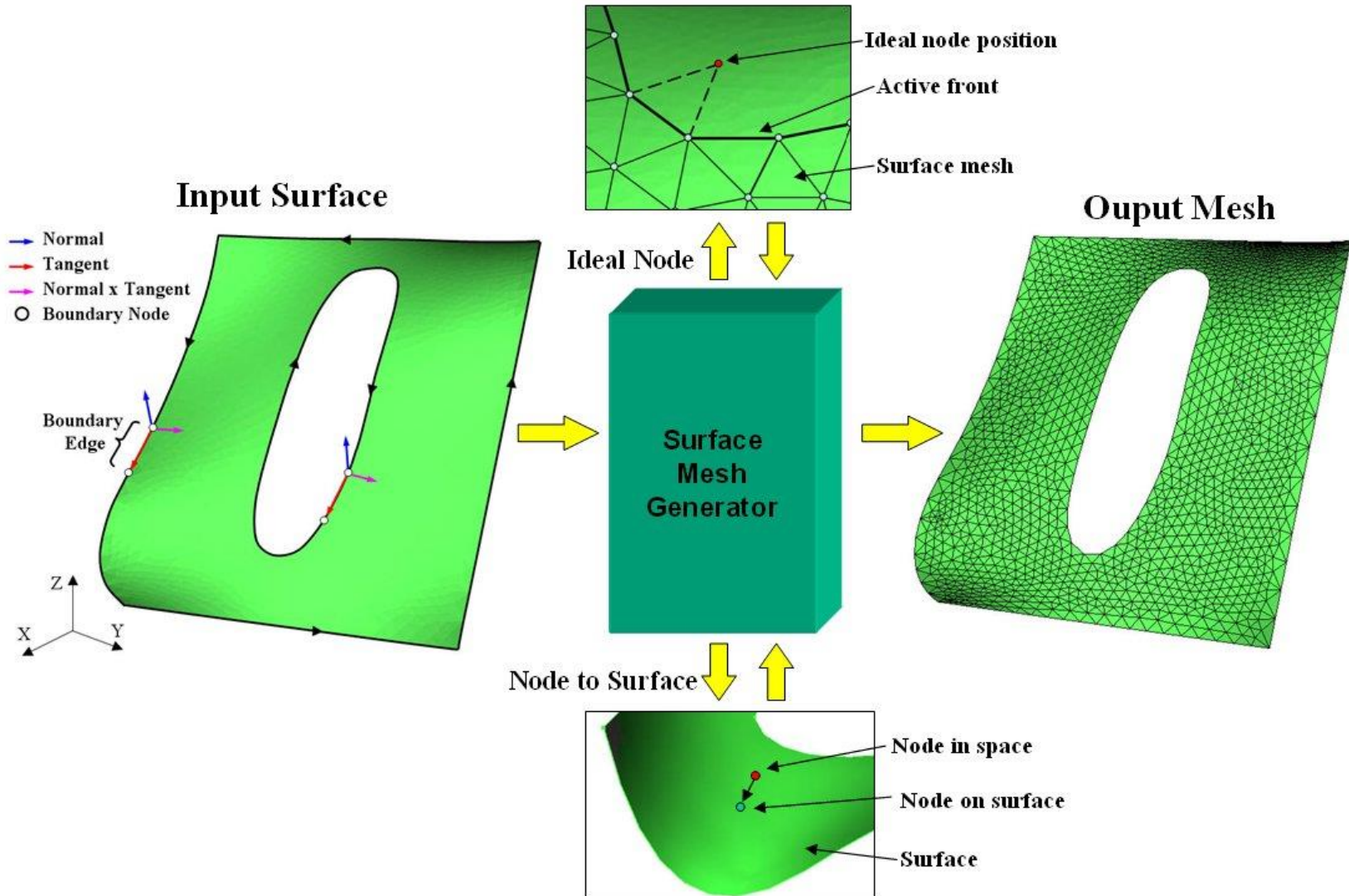
- **Parametric Space Meshing**

- Elements formed in 2D using parametric representation of surface
- Nodes locations later mapped to 3D space



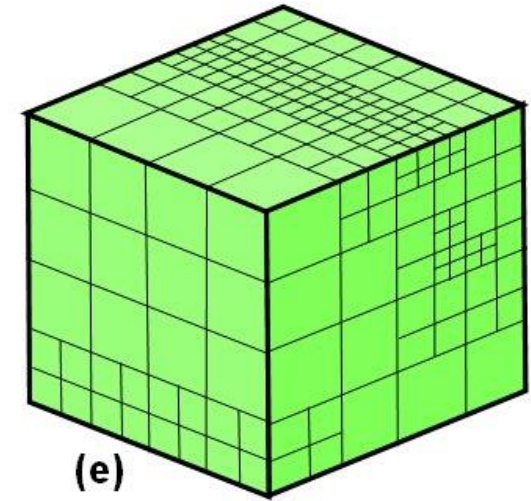
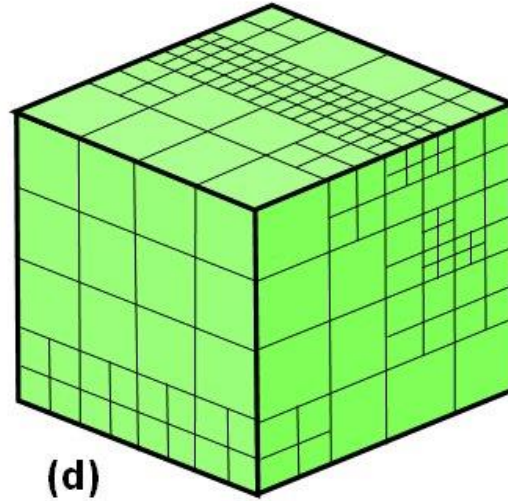
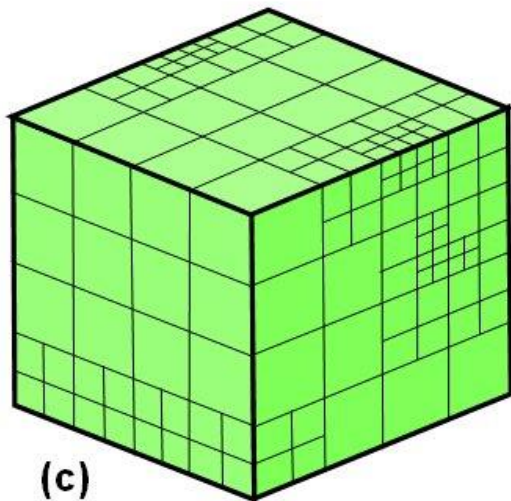
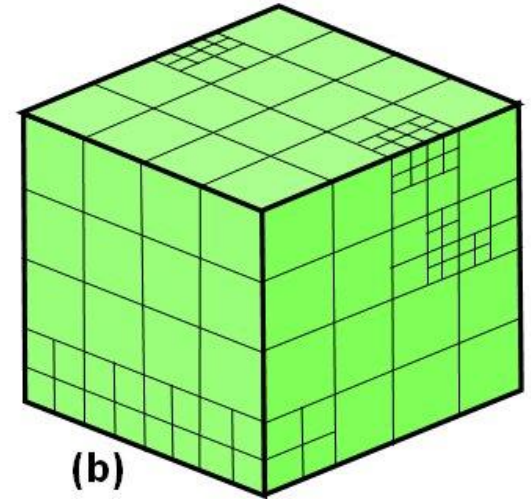
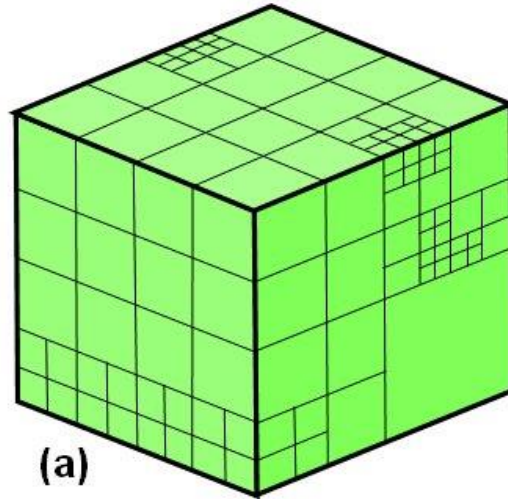
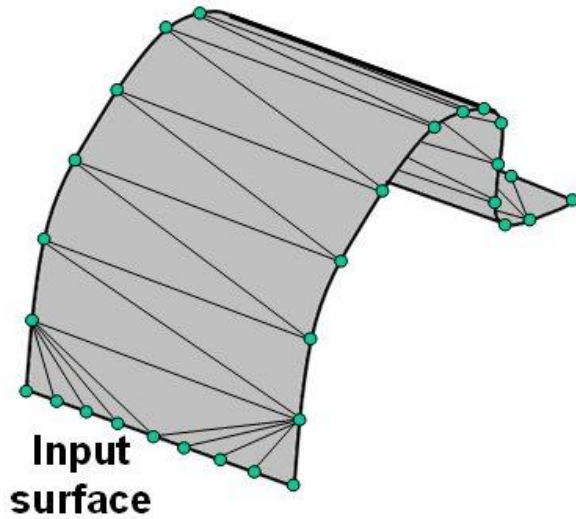
# Unstructured mesh – Surface Meshing

- **Direct 3D Meshing**



# Unstructured mesh – Surface Meshing

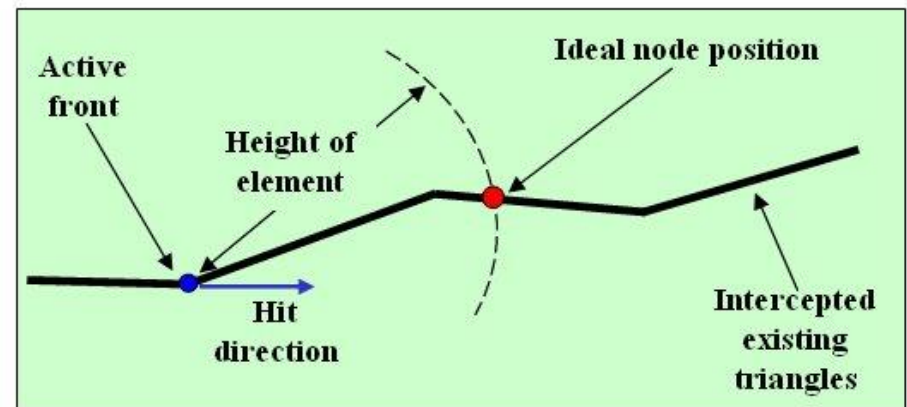
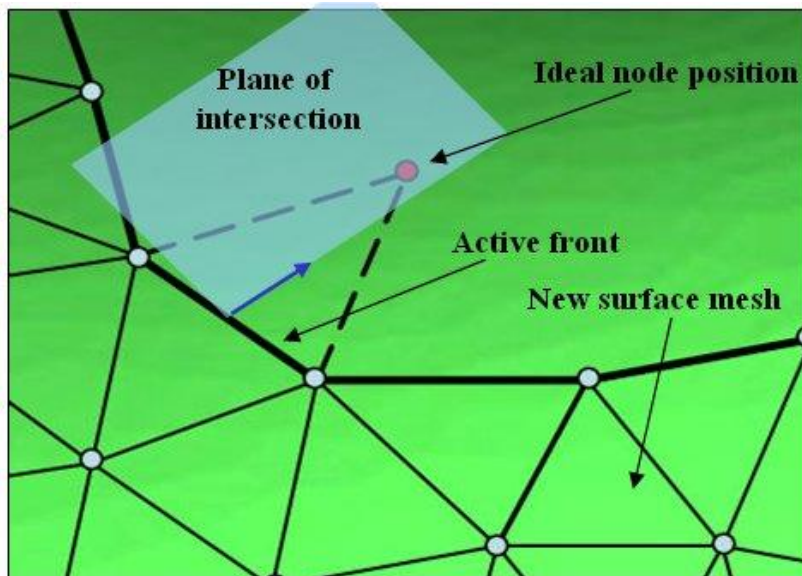
- Direct 3D Meshing – refinement of octree





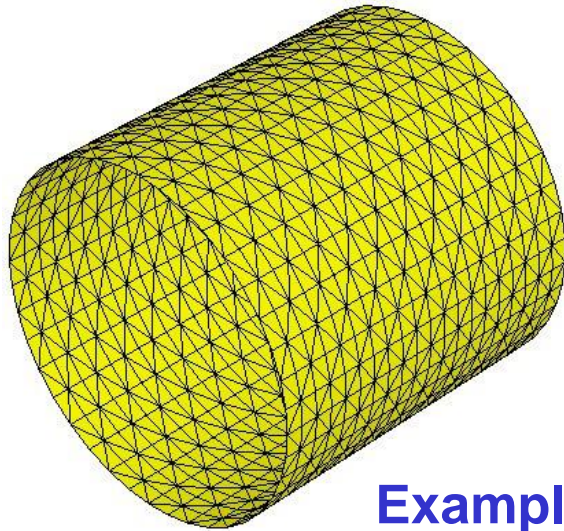
# Unstructured mesh – Surface Meshing

- **Direct 3D Meshing – node location**

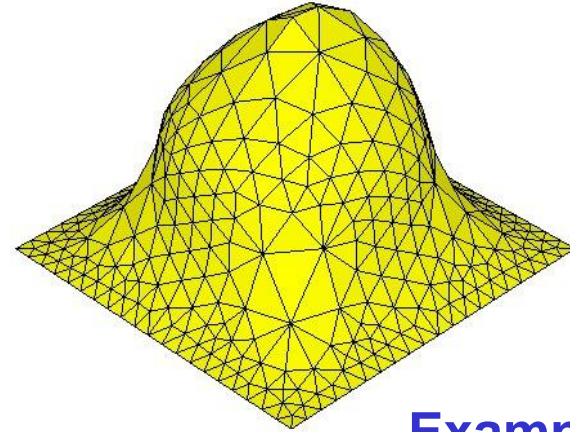


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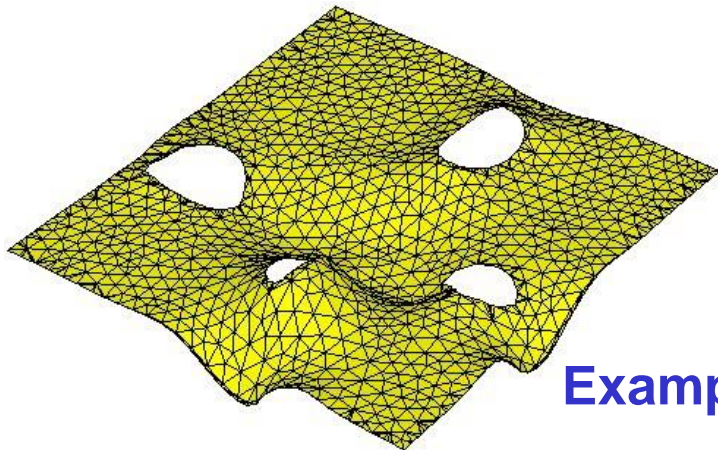
- **Direct 3D Meshing – Examples**



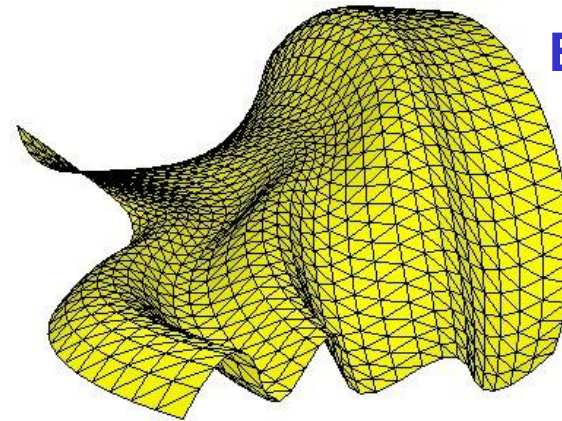
**Example 1**



**Example 2**



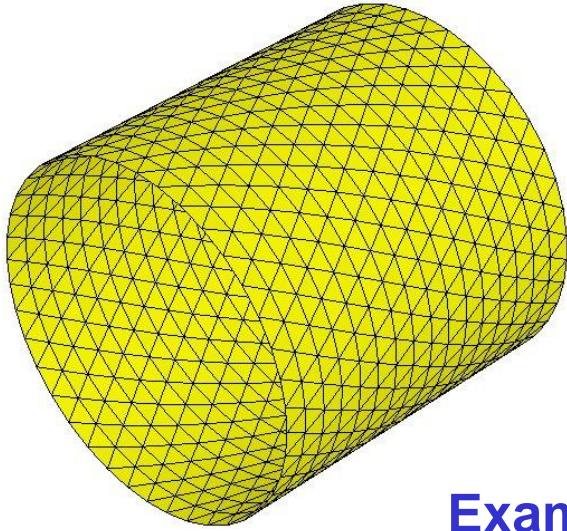
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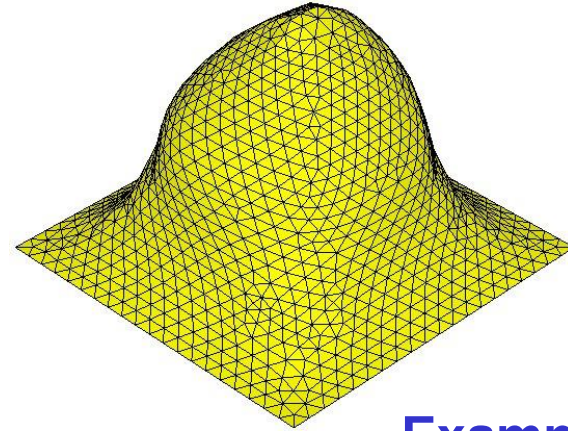
**Example 4**

# Unstructured mesh – Surface Meshing

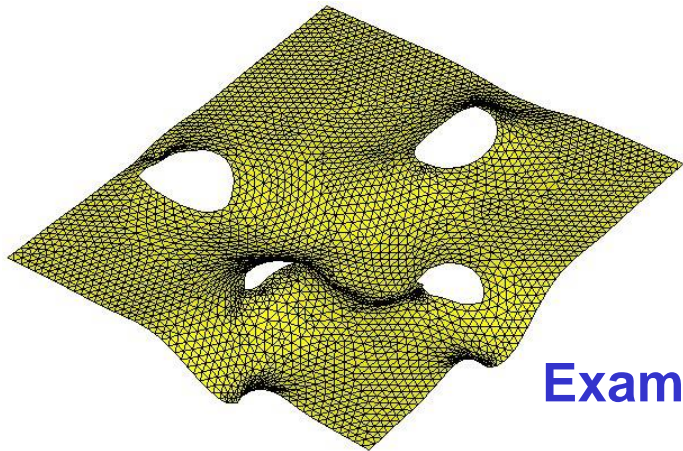
- **Direct 3D Meshing – Examples**



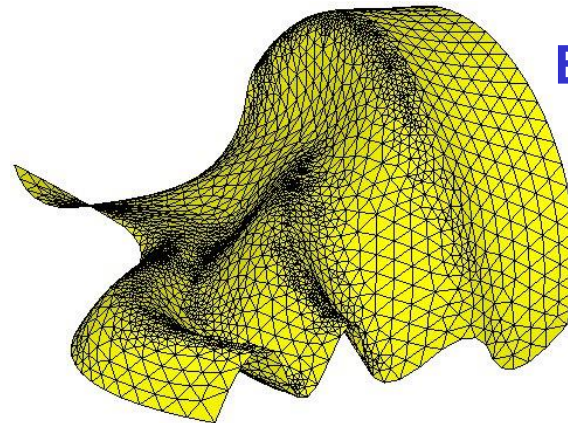
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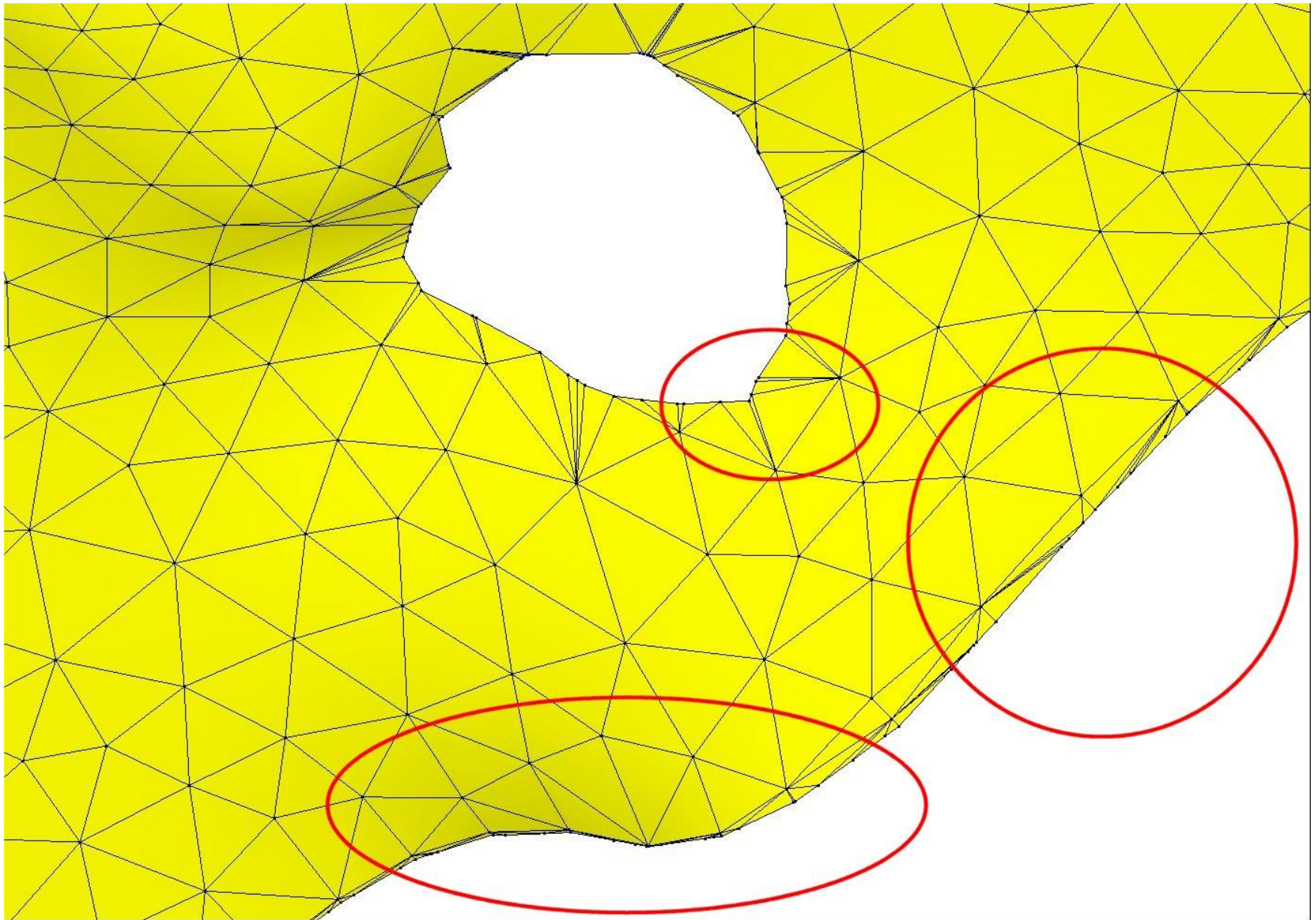


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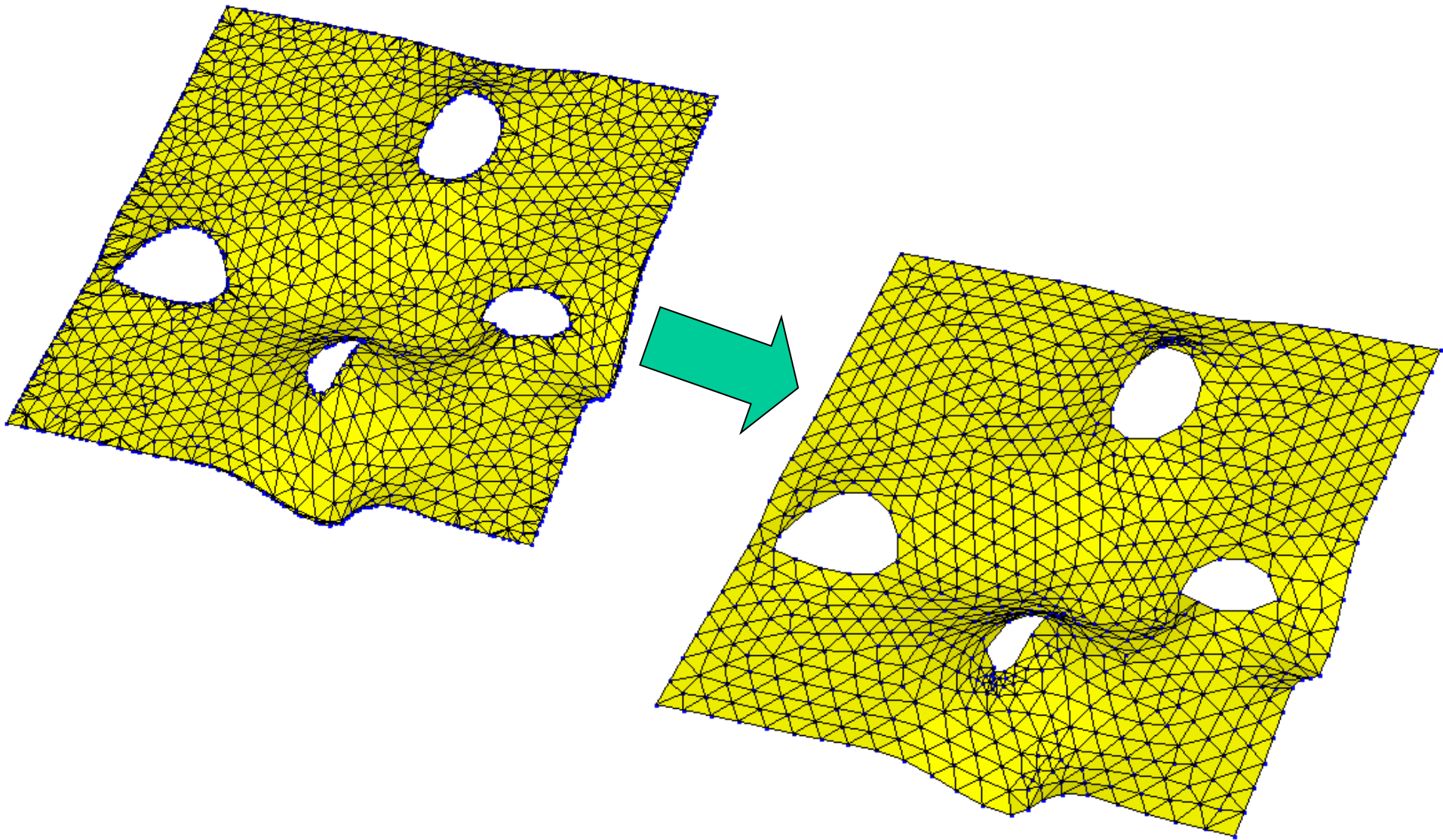


**Example 4**

# Imported triangulation with poorly-shaped elements



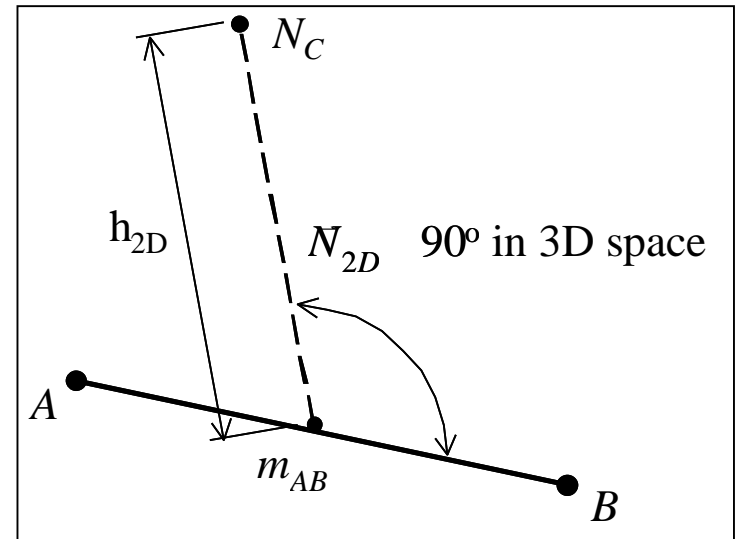
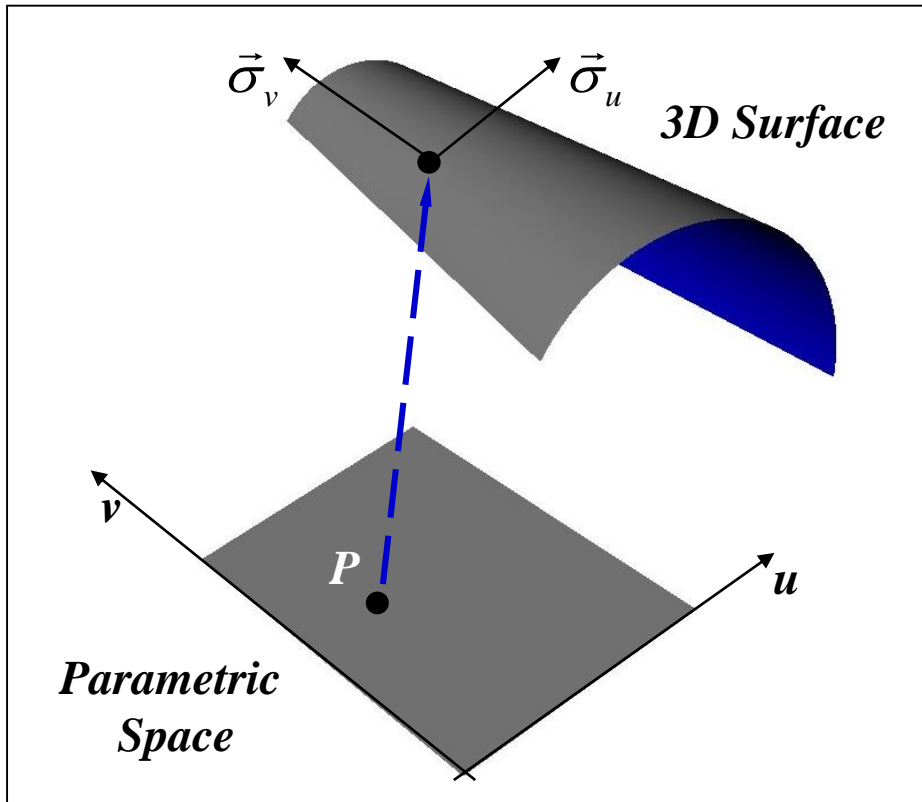
# Example of surface re-triangulation



# Unstructured mesh – Surface Meshing

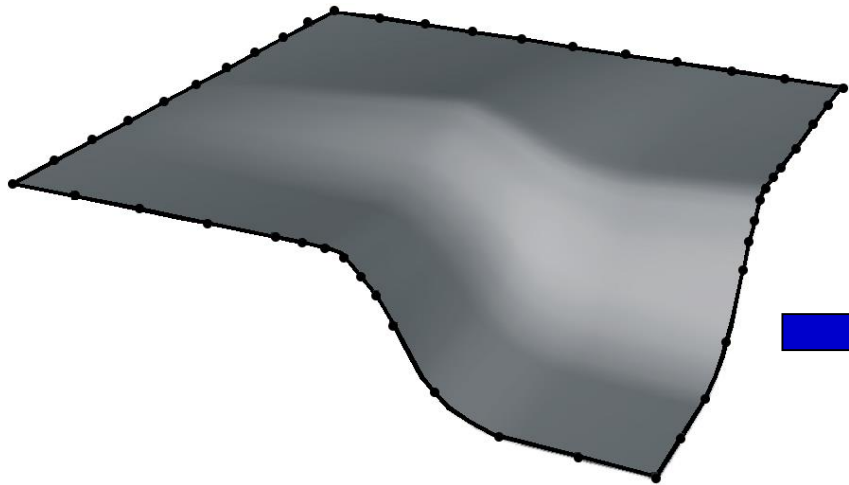
- **Parametric Space Meshing**

- Elements formed in 2D using parametric representation of surface
- Distance and angles are distorted in parametric space
- Nodes locations later mapped to 3D space



- **Parametric Space Meshing**

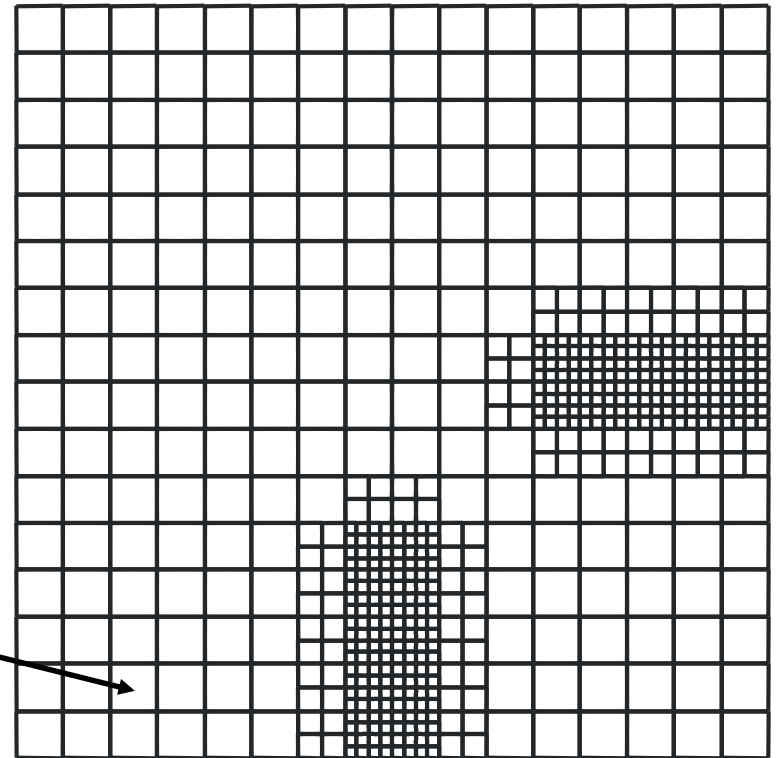
- Given an analytical surface description and boundary segments



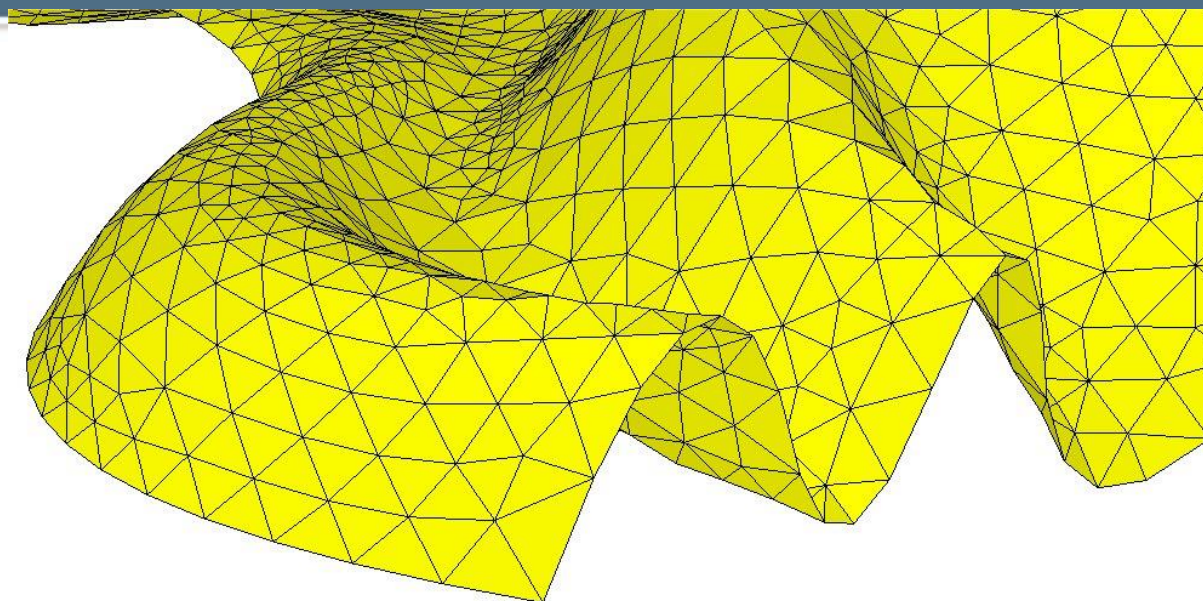
**Metric  
Information**



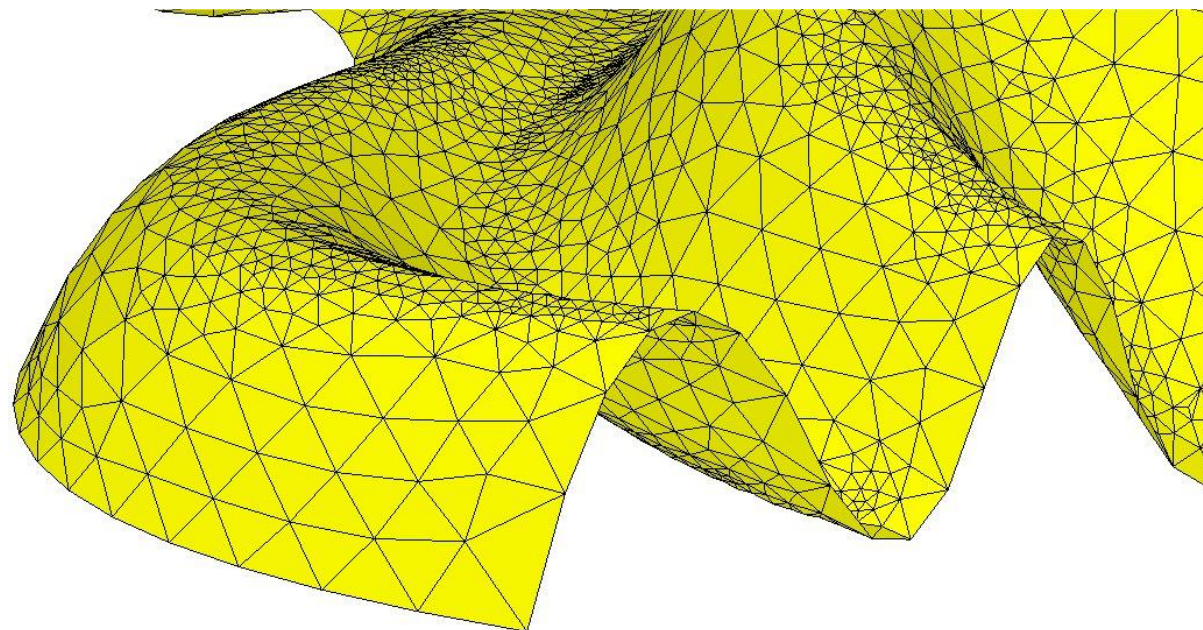
- **Background quadtree**



# Importance of considering the curvature



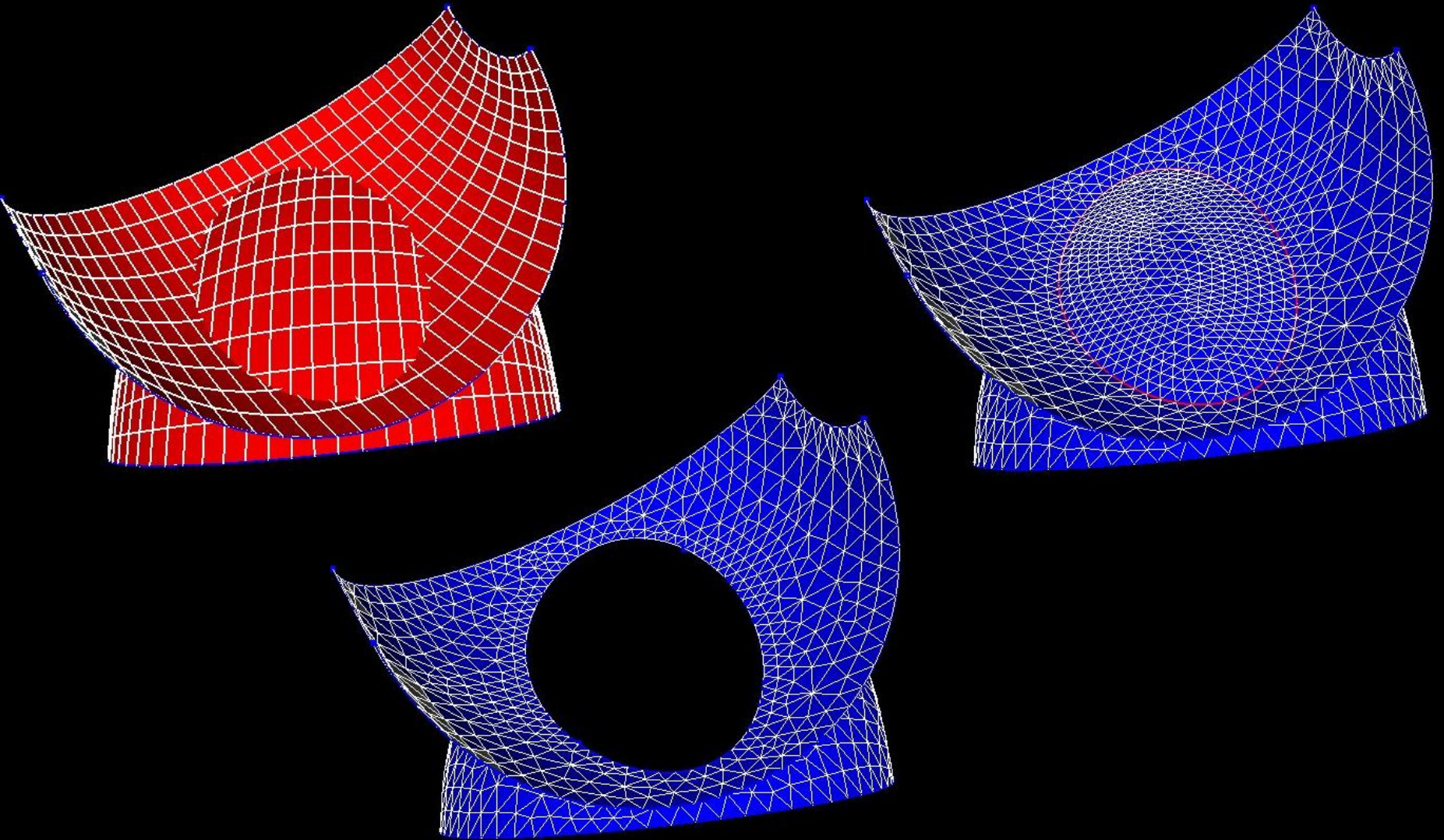
**No consideration of curvature**



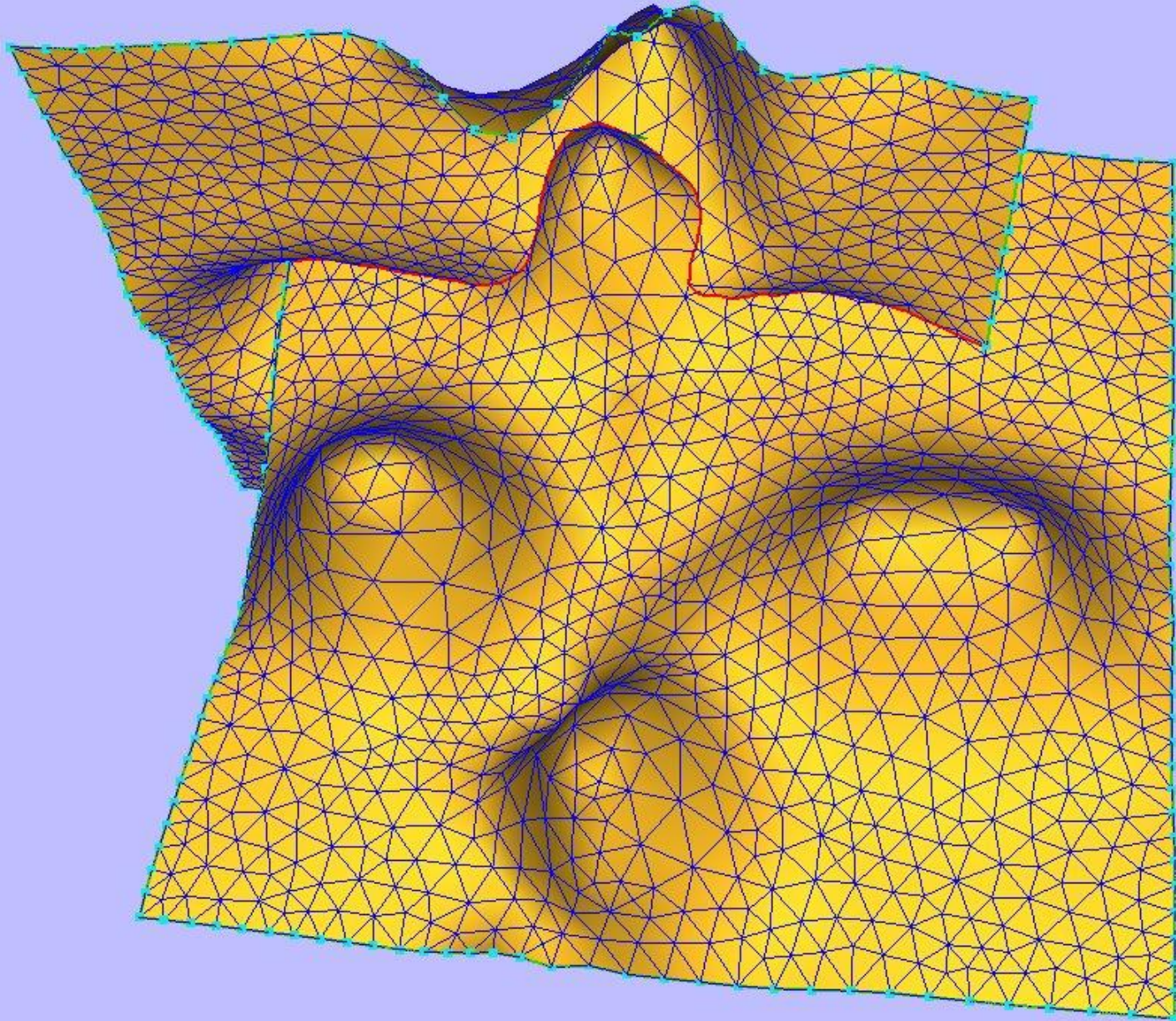
**Consideration of curvature**



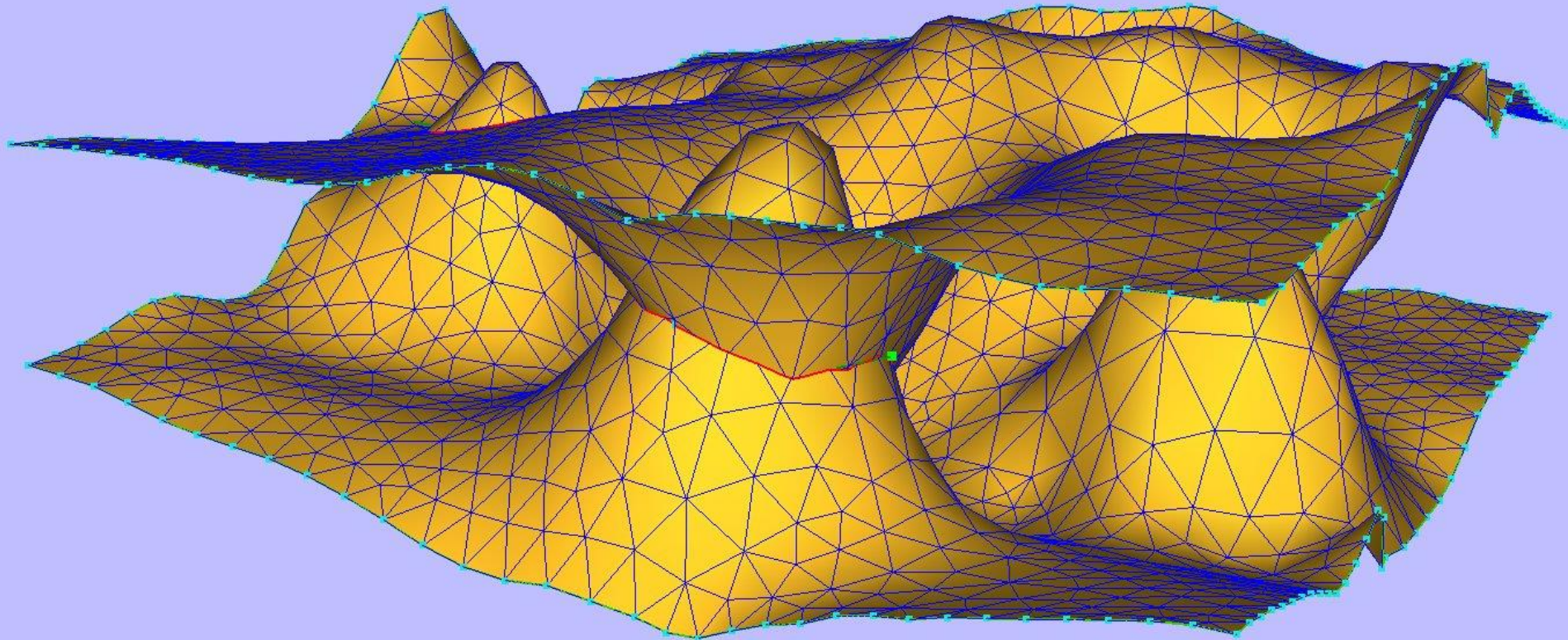
# Surface mesh intersection



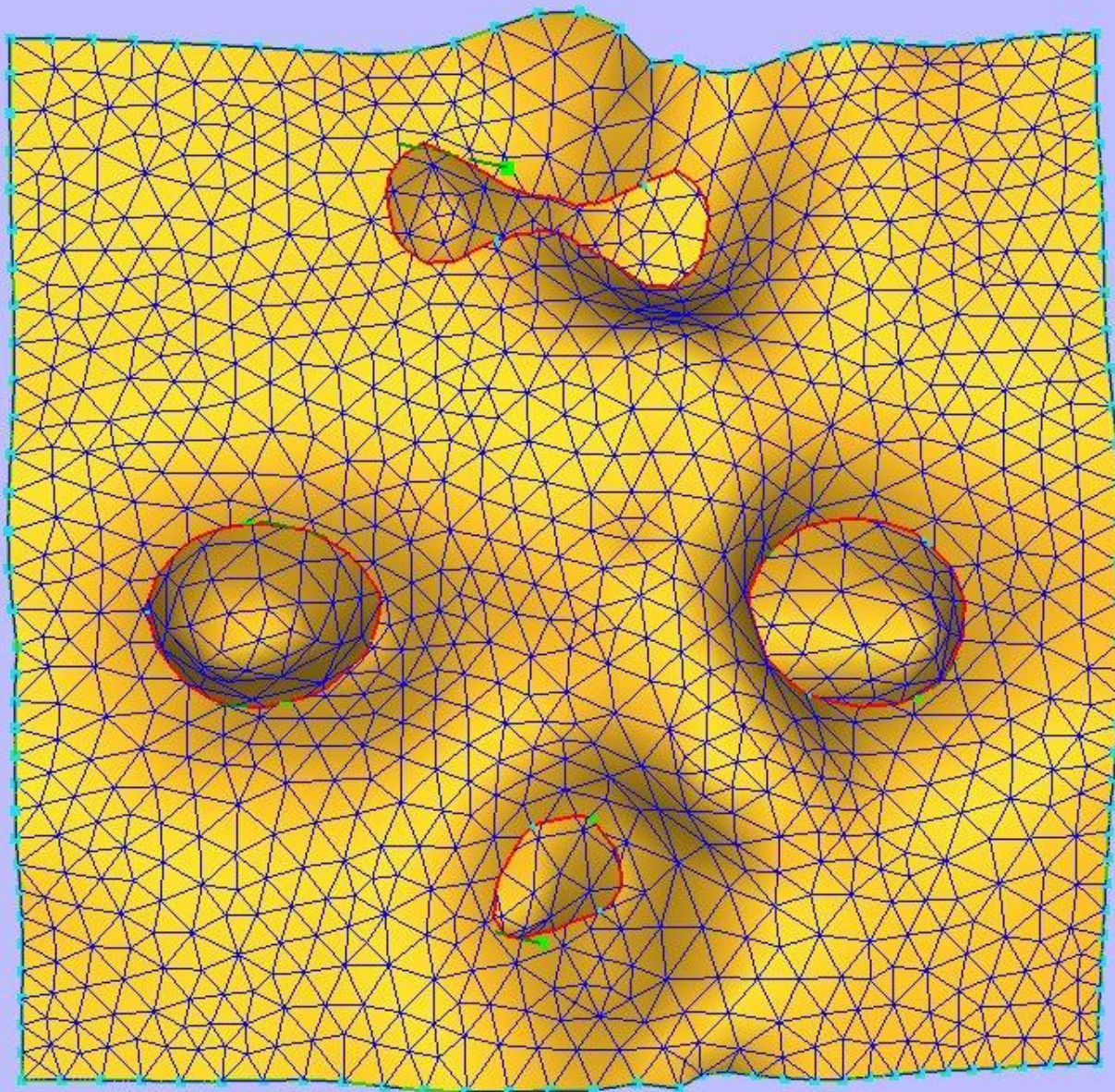
# Surface intersection with exact arithmetic



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