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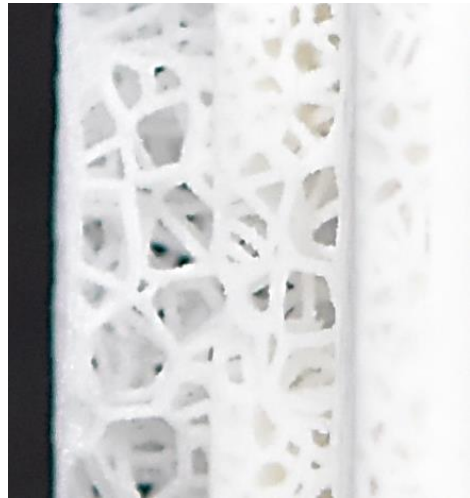
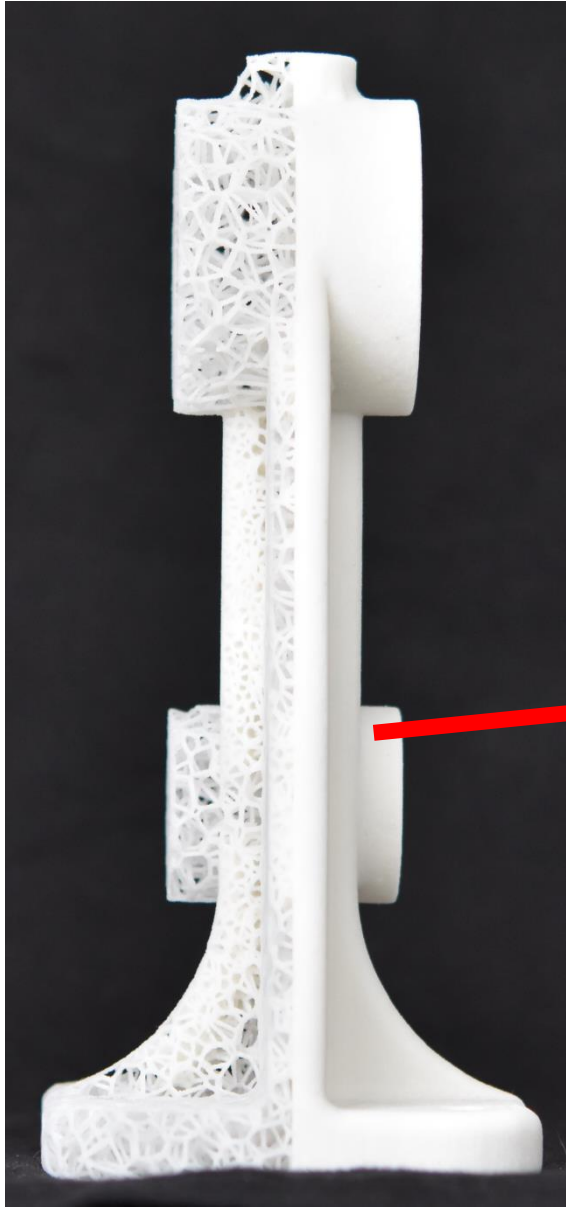


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## Part 4: Topology Optimization for Appearance and Structure Synthesis

Sylvain Lefebvre

Inria



# Textures in Computer Graphics



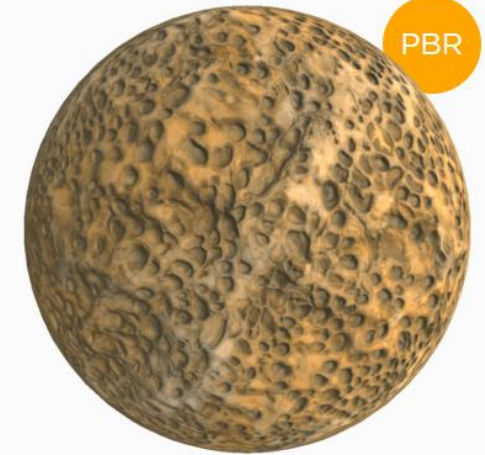
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Rock Generic Obsidian



Rock Wall Smooth



Rock Wall Wind Eroded



Pavement Path



Rock Pavement 001



Rock Pavement 01



Stone Tiles 03

# Authoring textures



*Forza Horizon 3, Microsoft Studios*

*<https://www.forzamotorsport.net/en-us/games/fh3>*

# Authoring textures



Too much content to be done entirely manually



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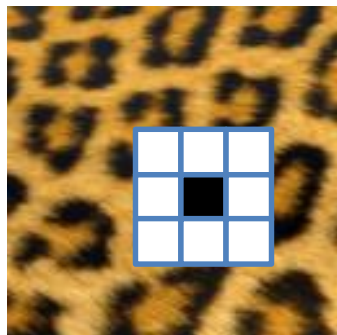


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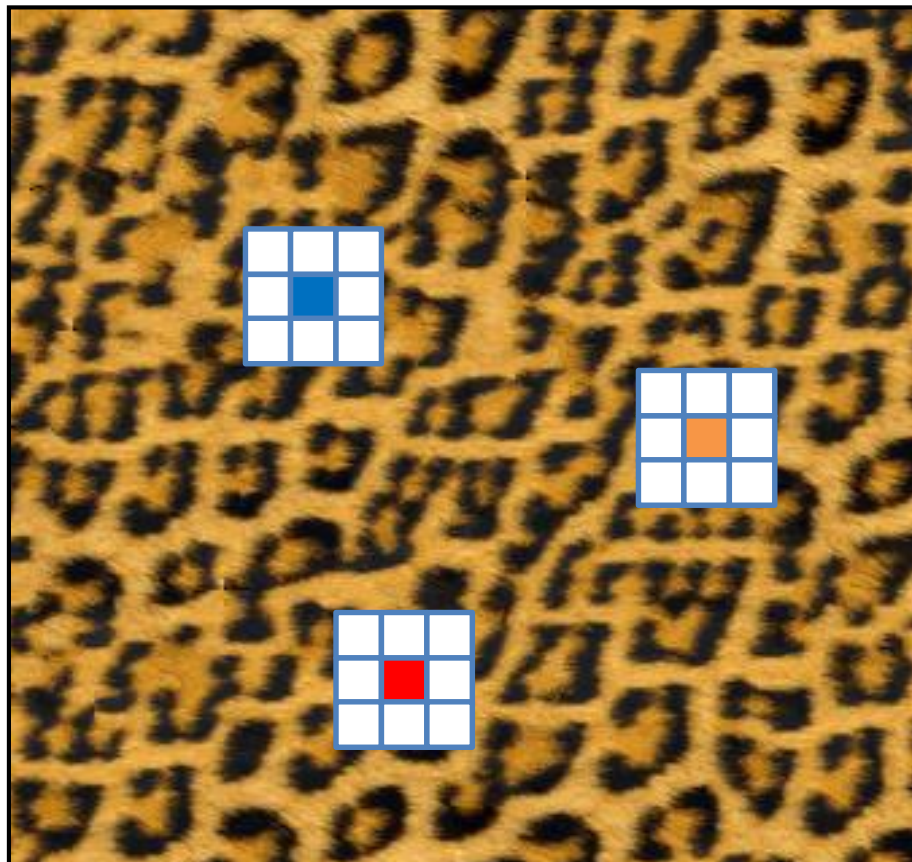


# Texture synthesis: color formulation

(color field)



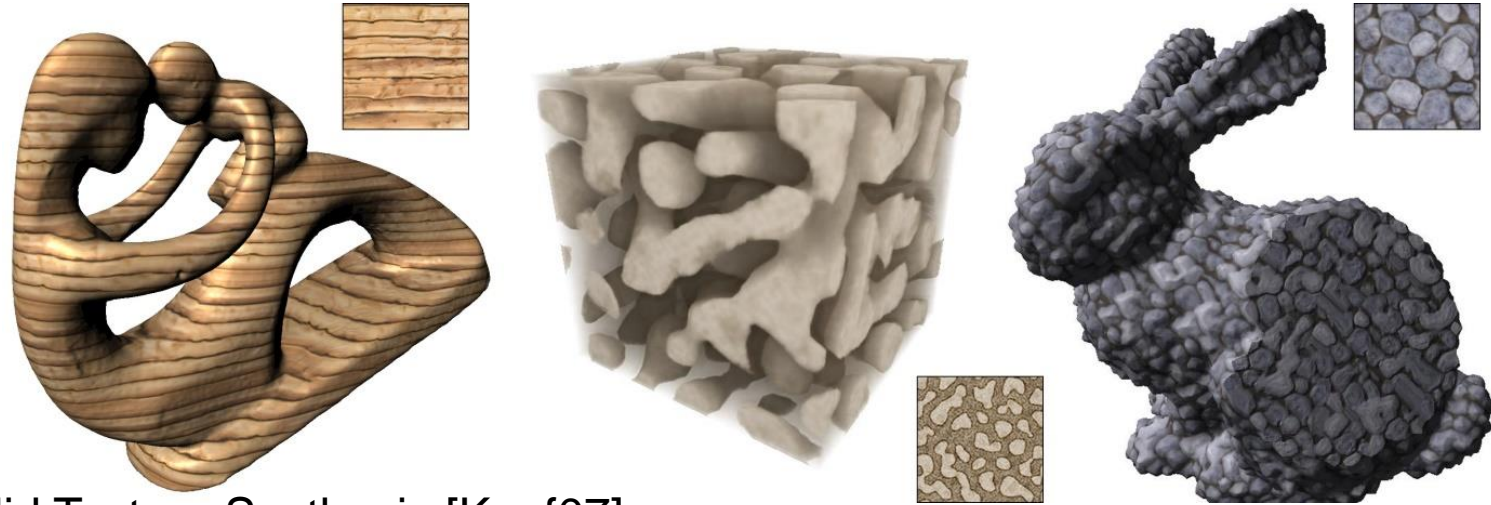
Exemplar



Assumption (MRF):

Same neighborhoods at all scales → Same visual content

# Volume Texture Synthesis

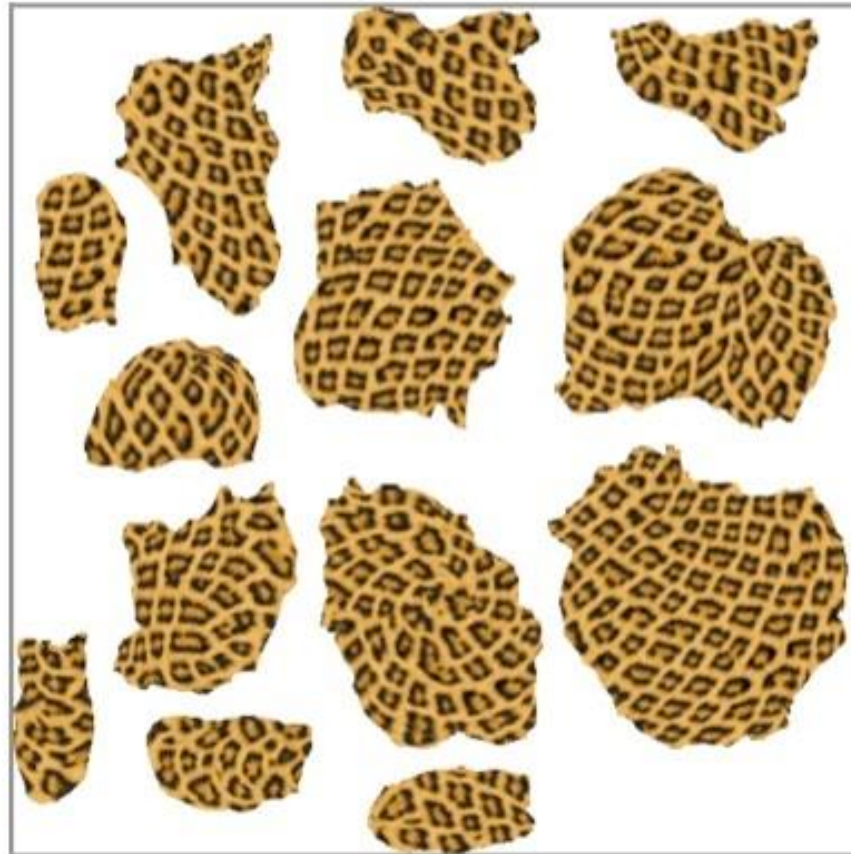
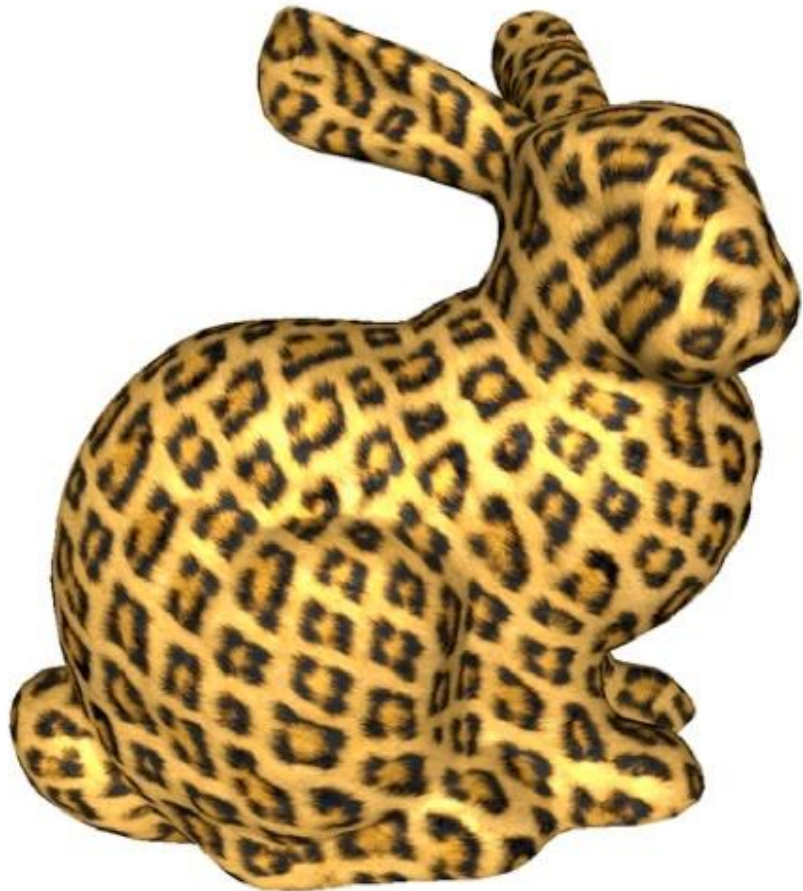


Solid Texture Synthesis [Kopf07]



Lazy Solid Texture Synthesis [Dong08]

# On-surface texture synthesis

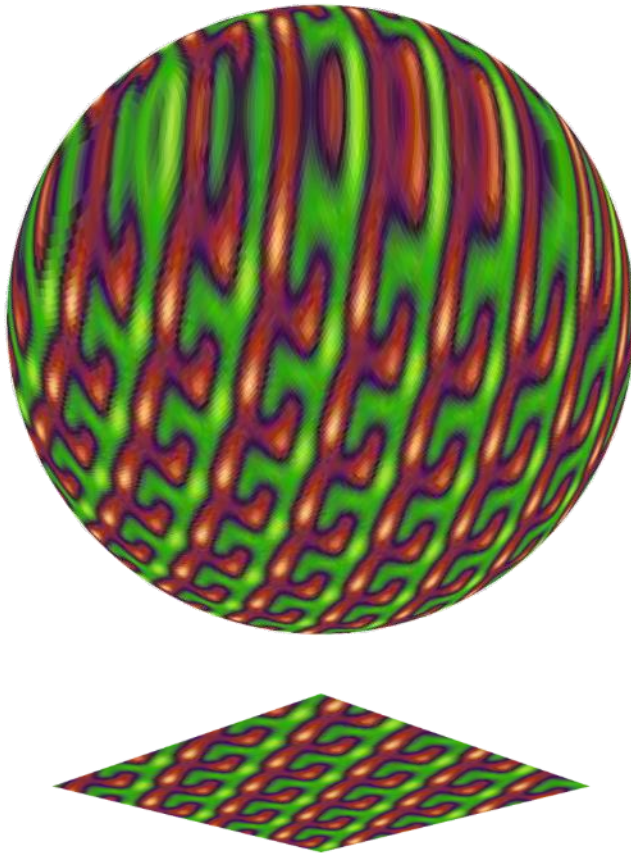


[Lefebvre and Hoppe 2006]

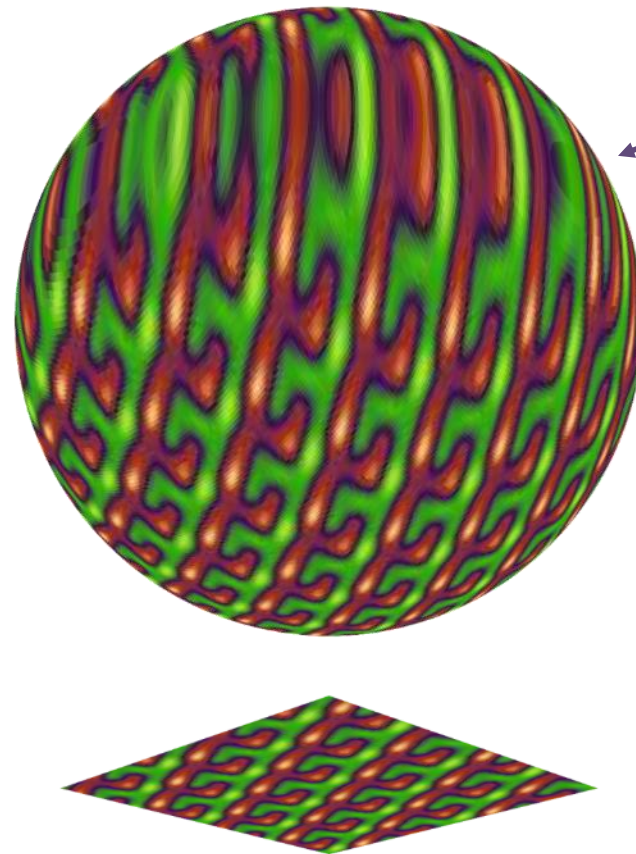
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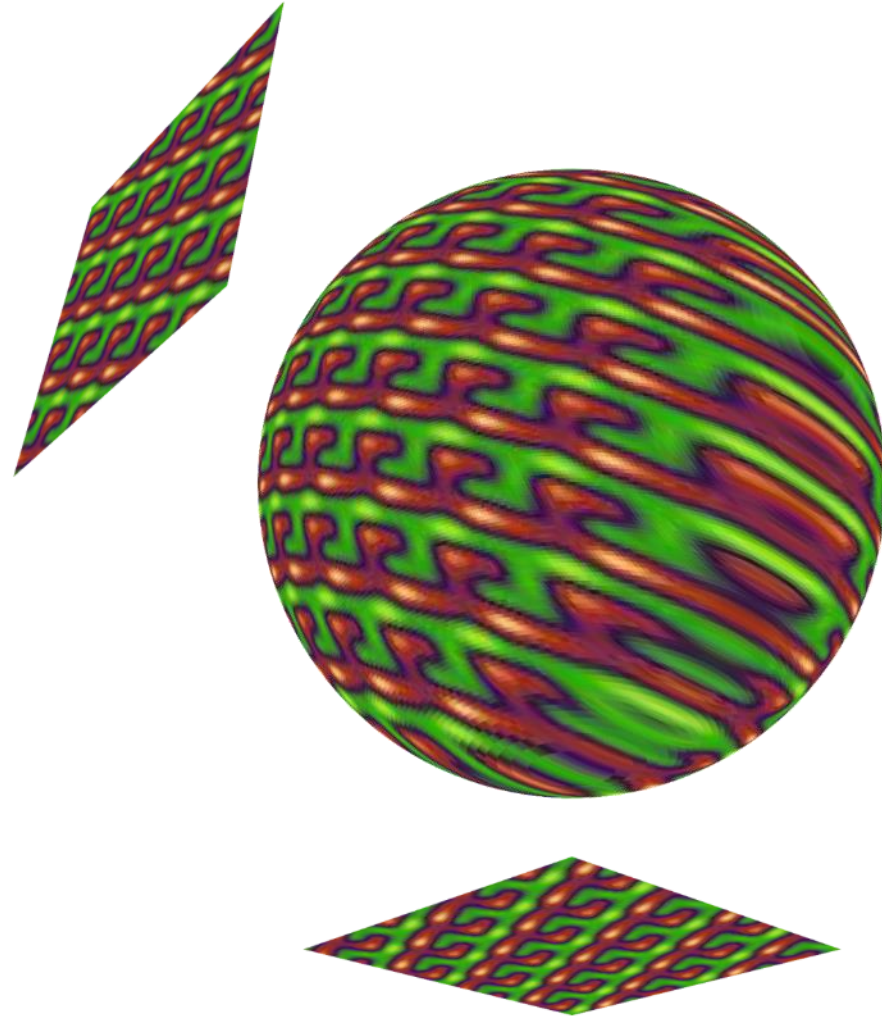


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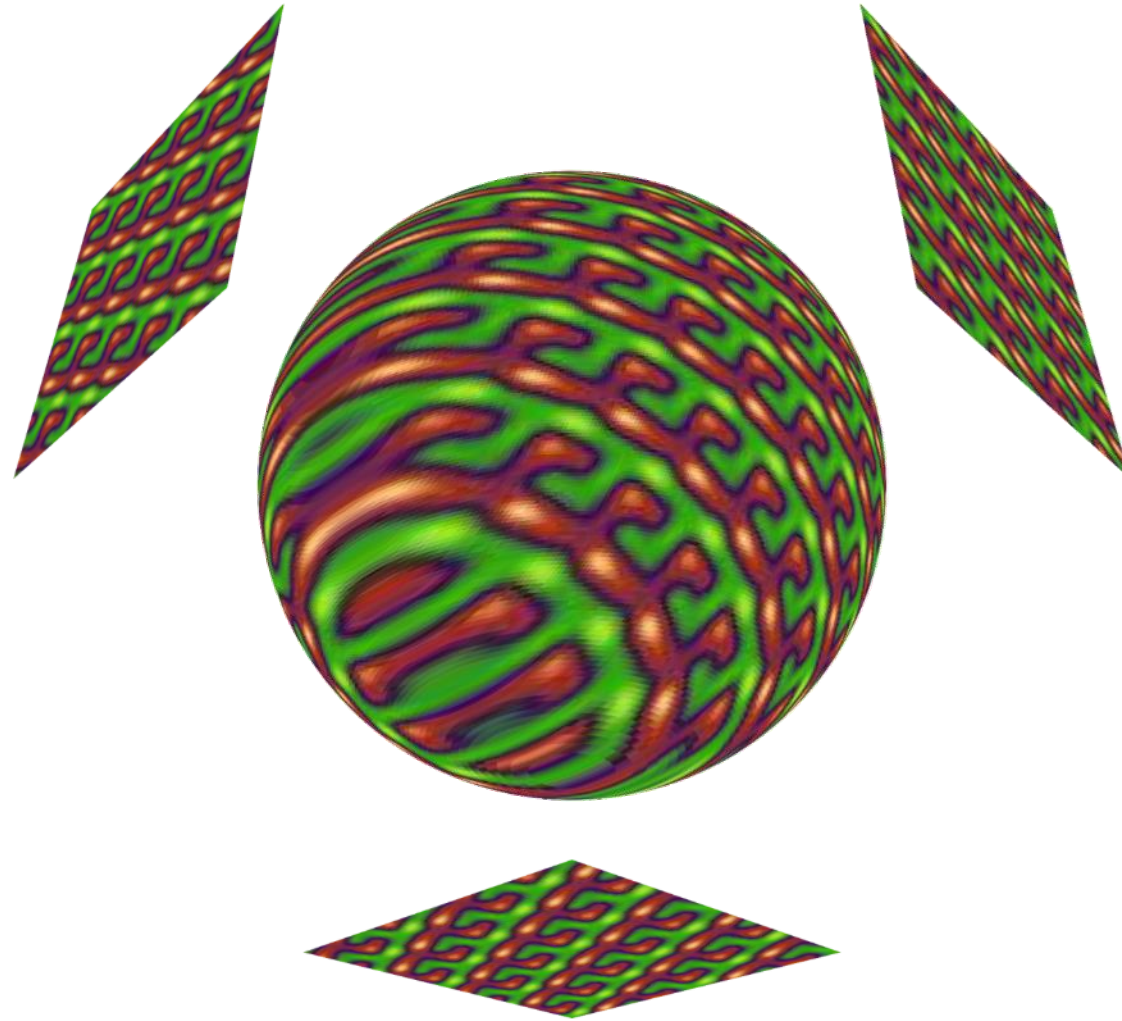


Distortion!

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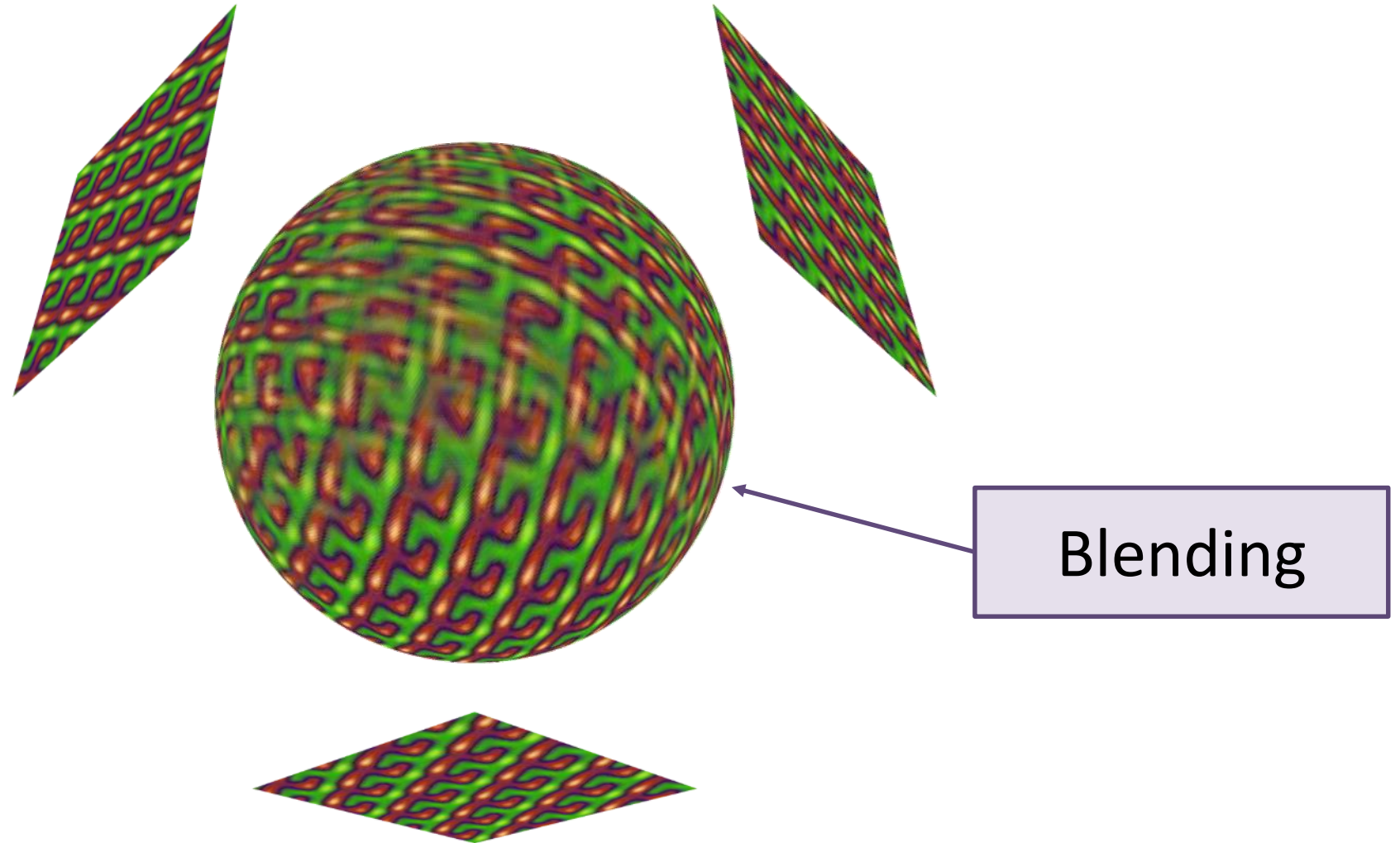


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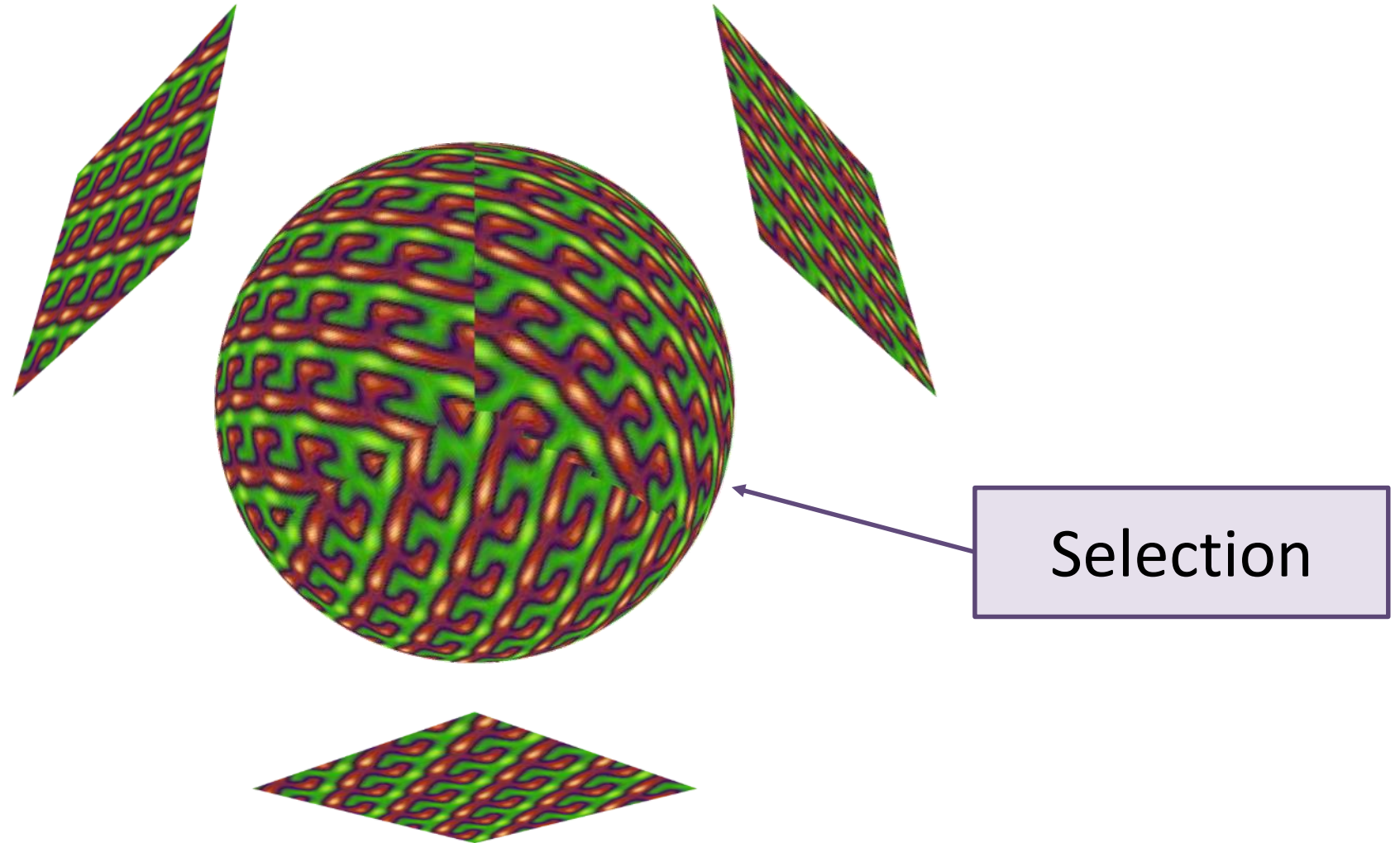




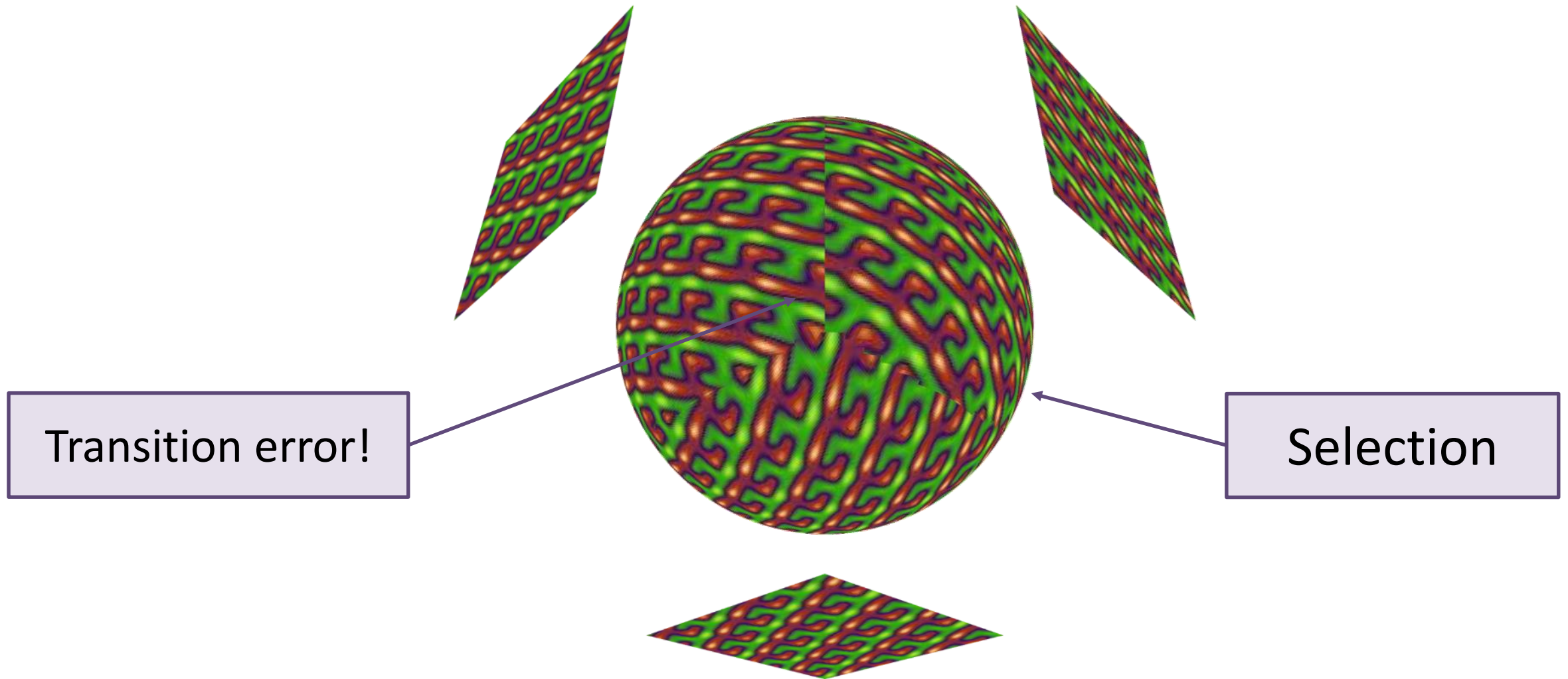
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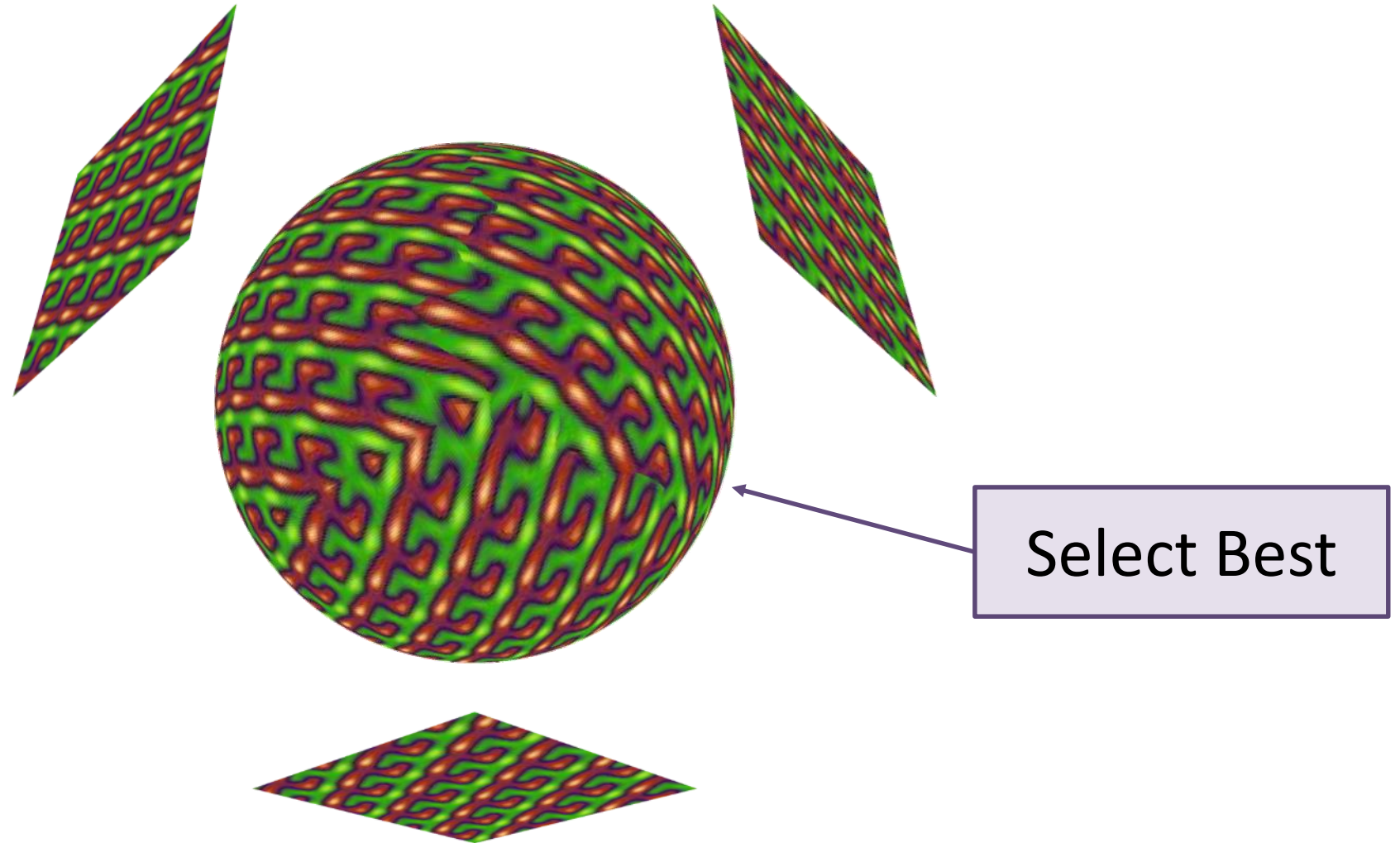
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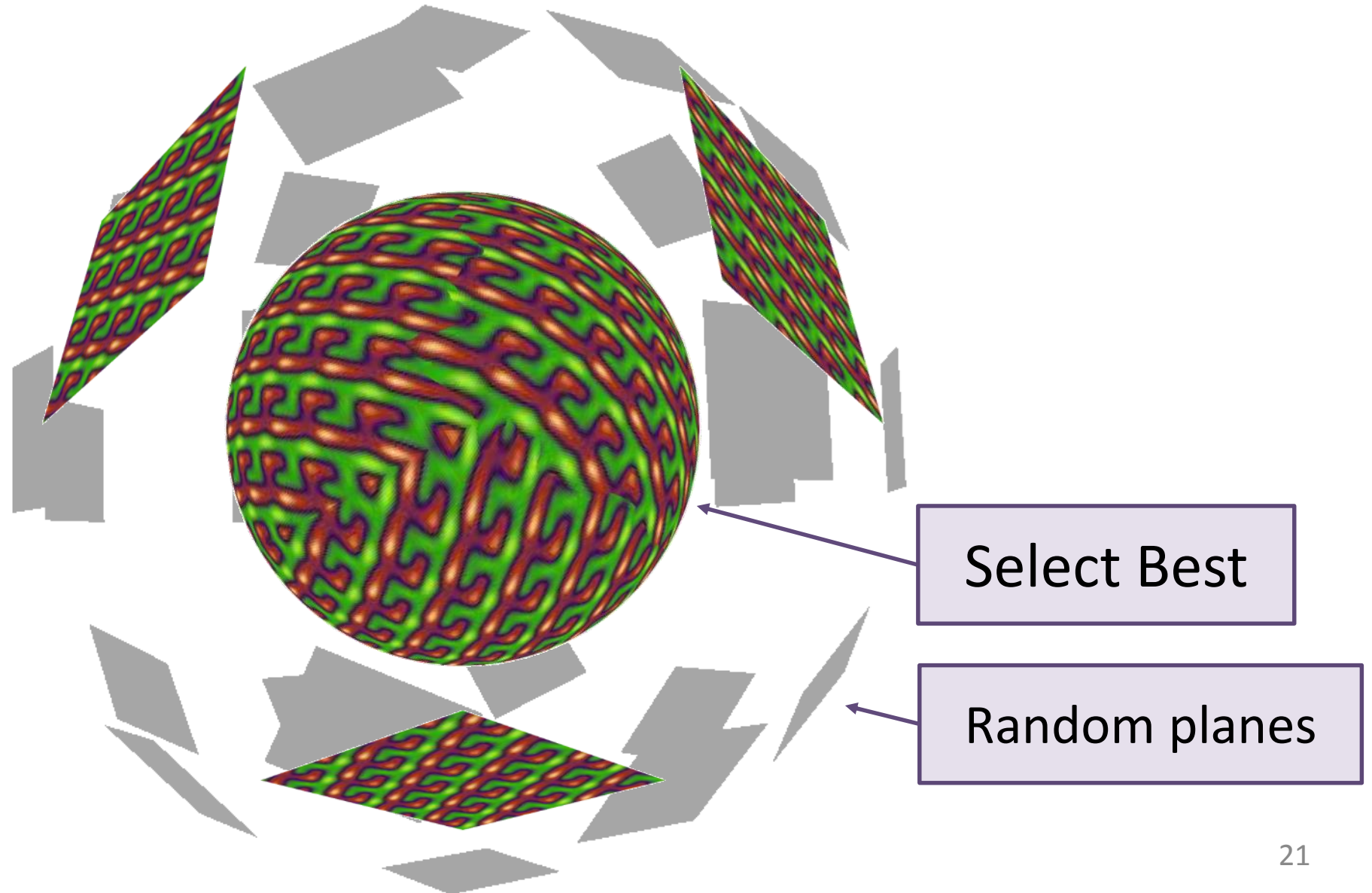
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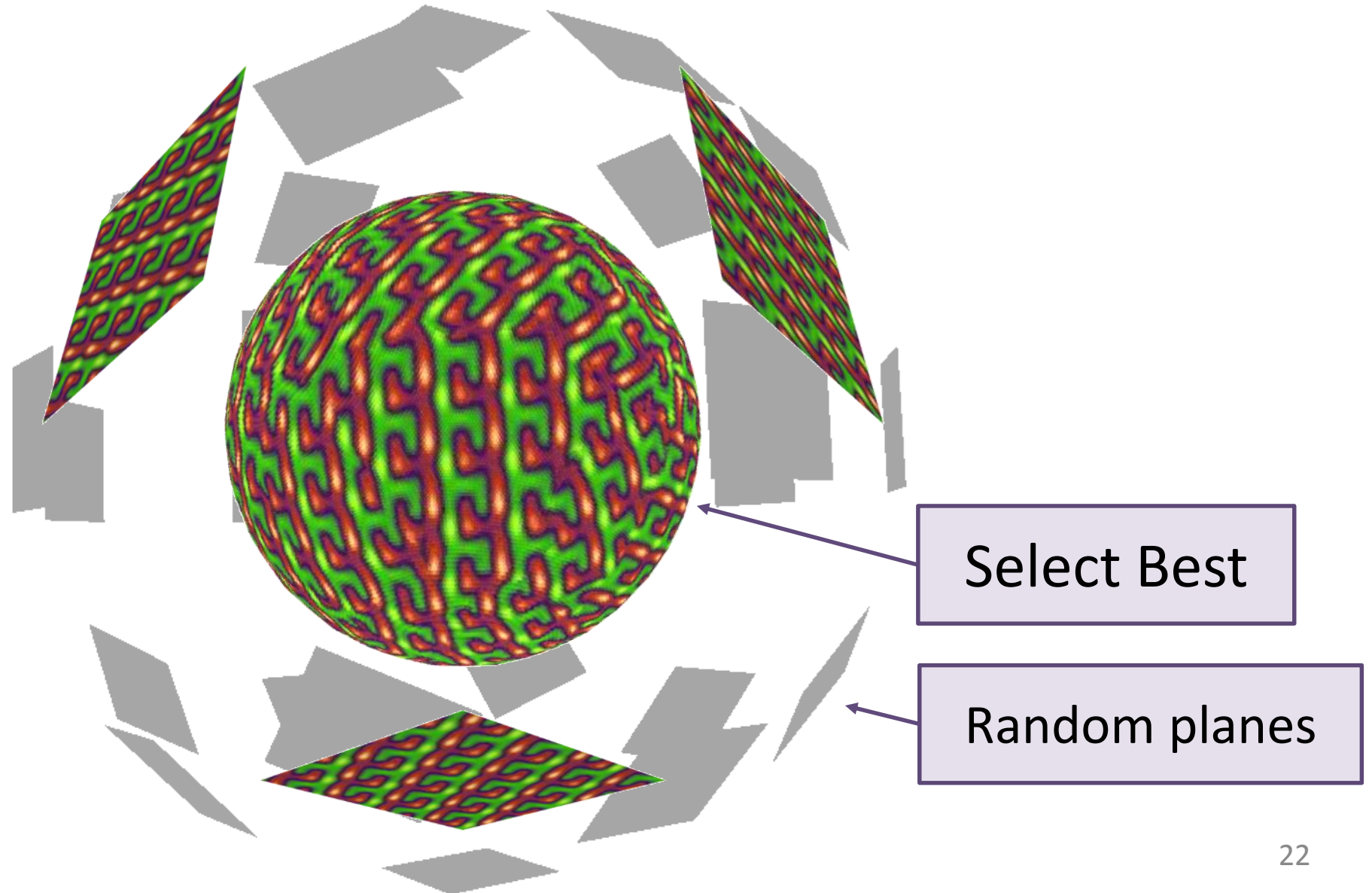
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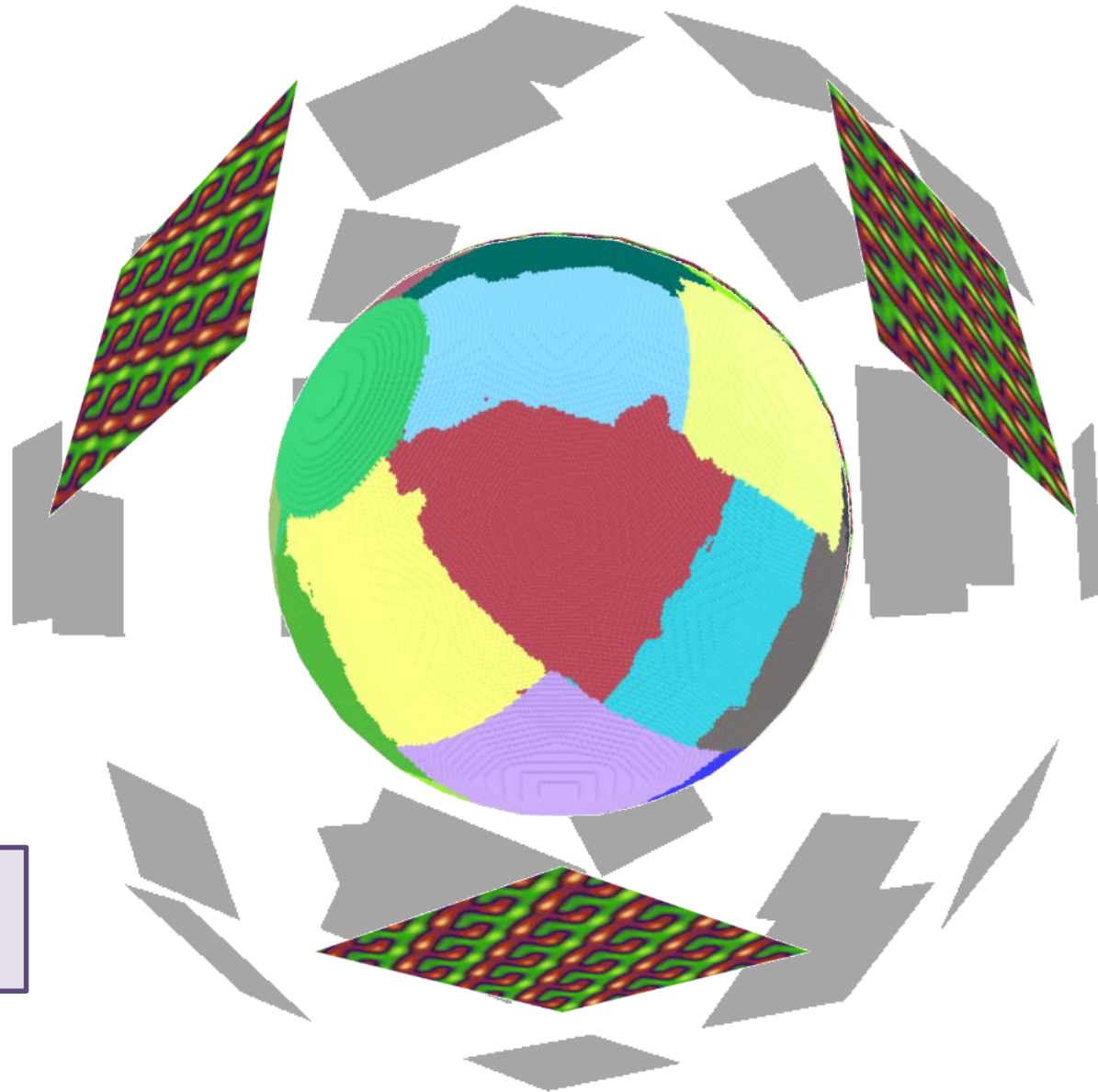
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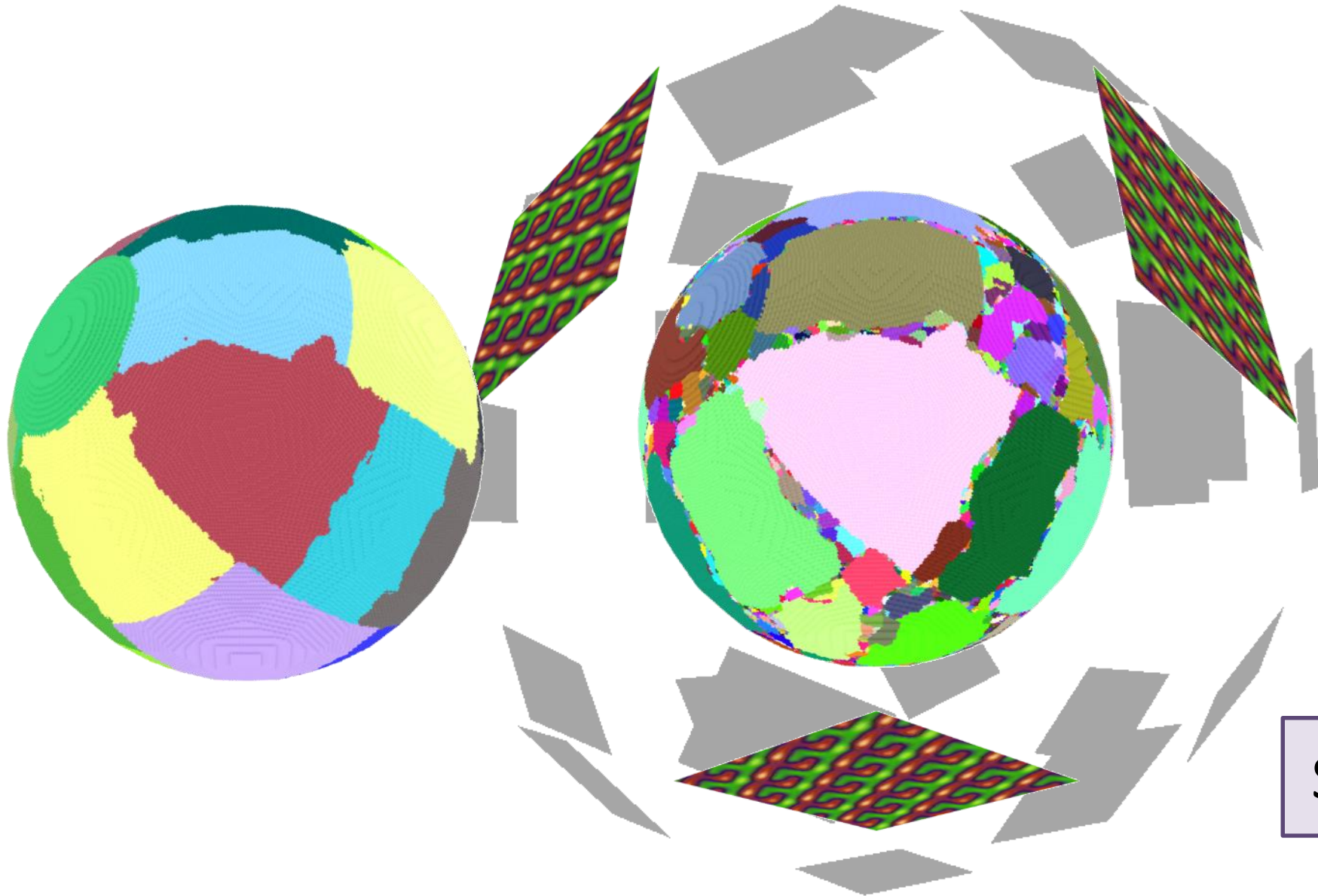


# On-surface texture synthesis, the easier way



Plane choices

# On-surface texture synthesis, the easier way



Shifts + Rotations

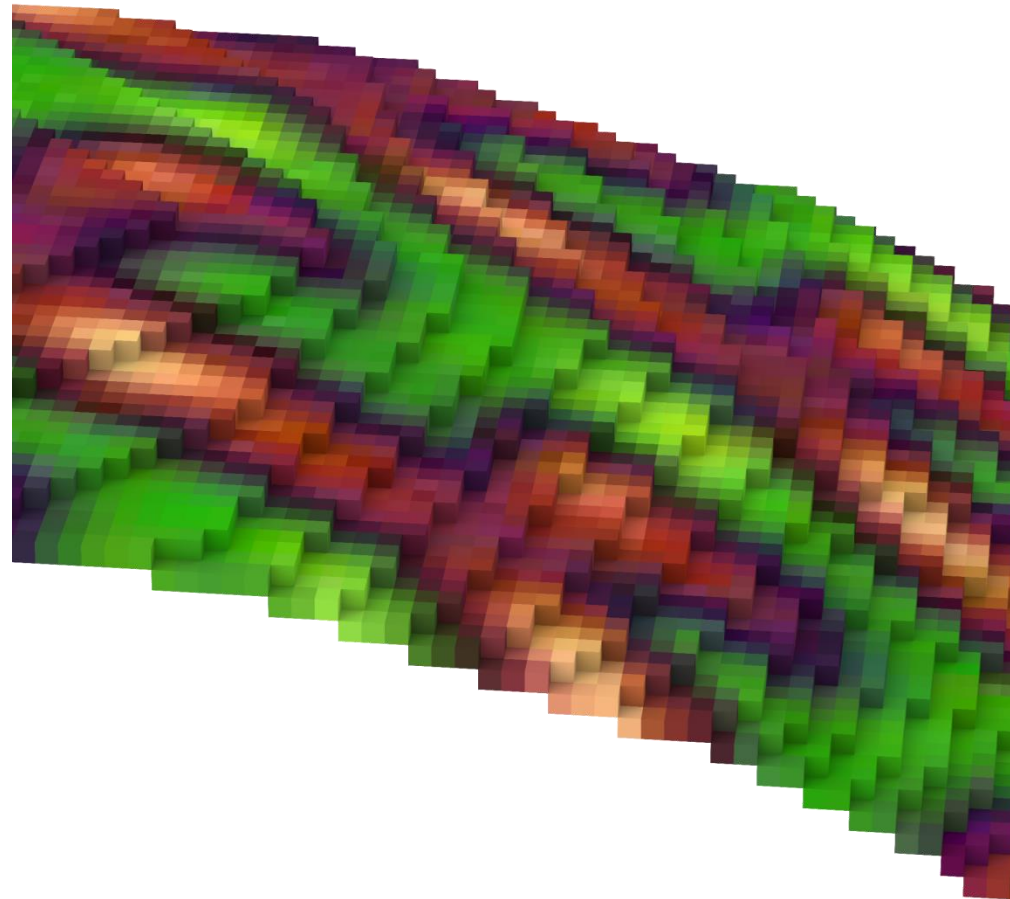


# Labelling Problem

- Surface neighborhood (2D)

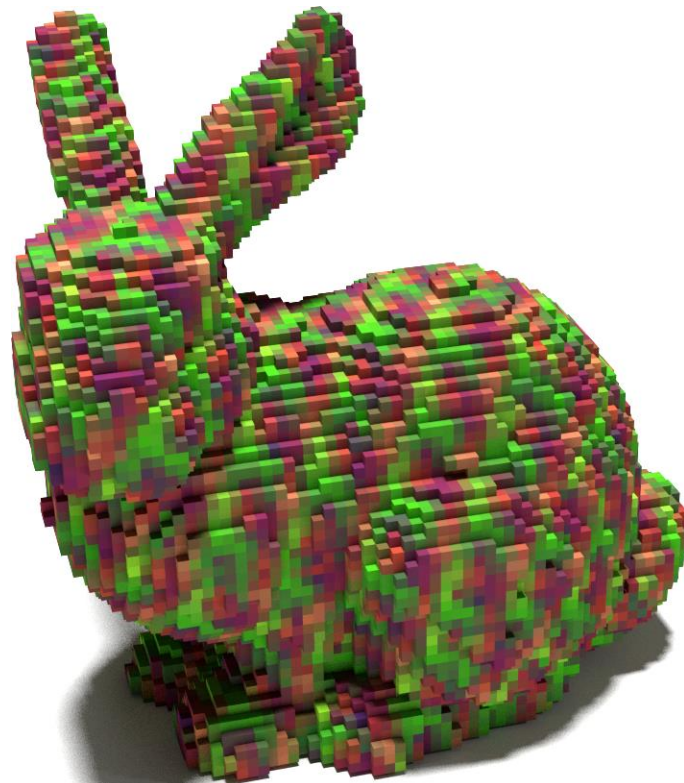
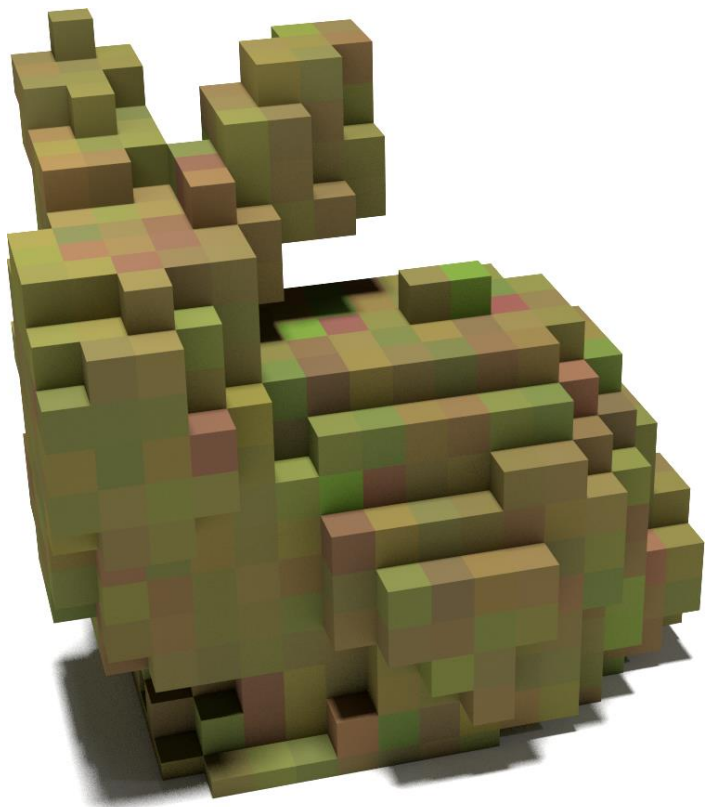
Transition error

Distortion error

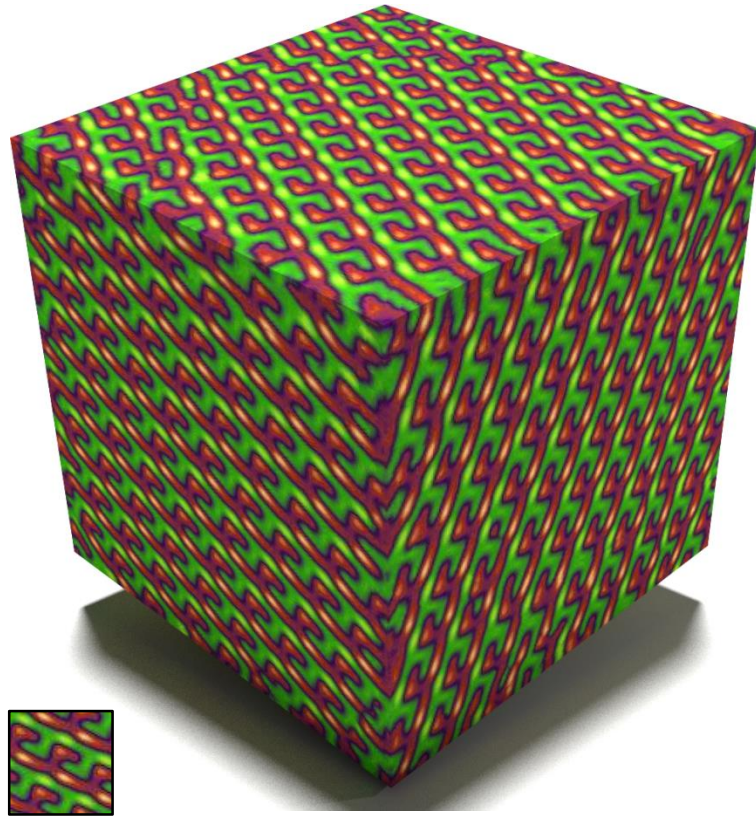


# Multiresolution Synthesis

- Upsample, jitter, correction [Lefebvre and Hoppe 2005]



# Results



Time 28.6s



Time 14.7s

[thing:168602](#) (Steelyd)

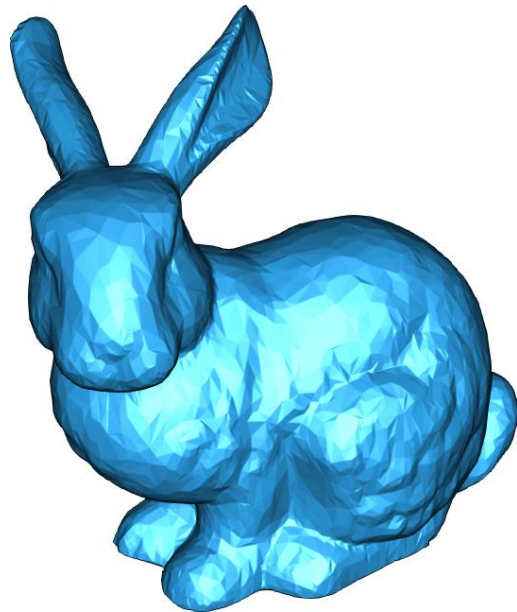


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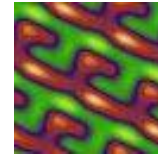
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# Texture as structure?

Model



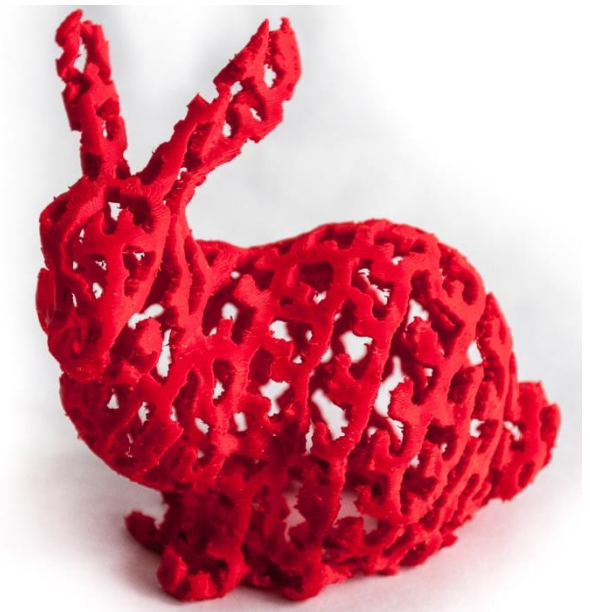
+ appearance



+ structure



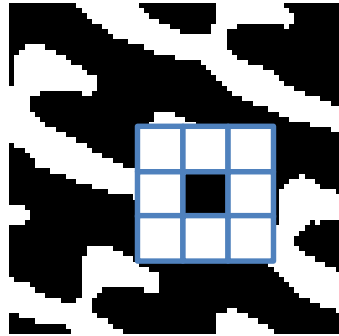
Texture Synthesis?



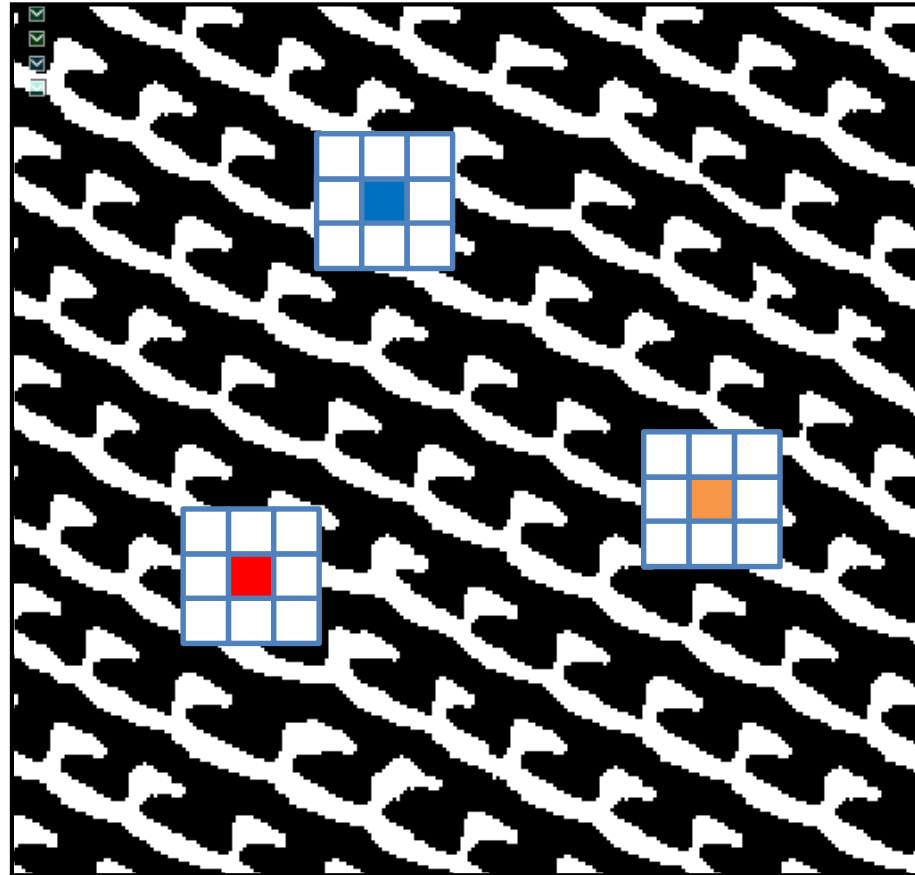
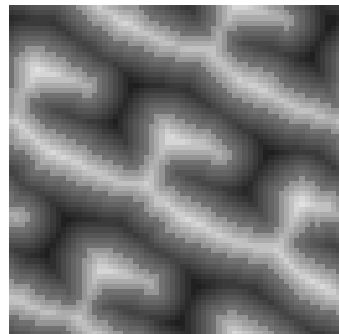
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# Texture synthesis: structure formulation

(density field)



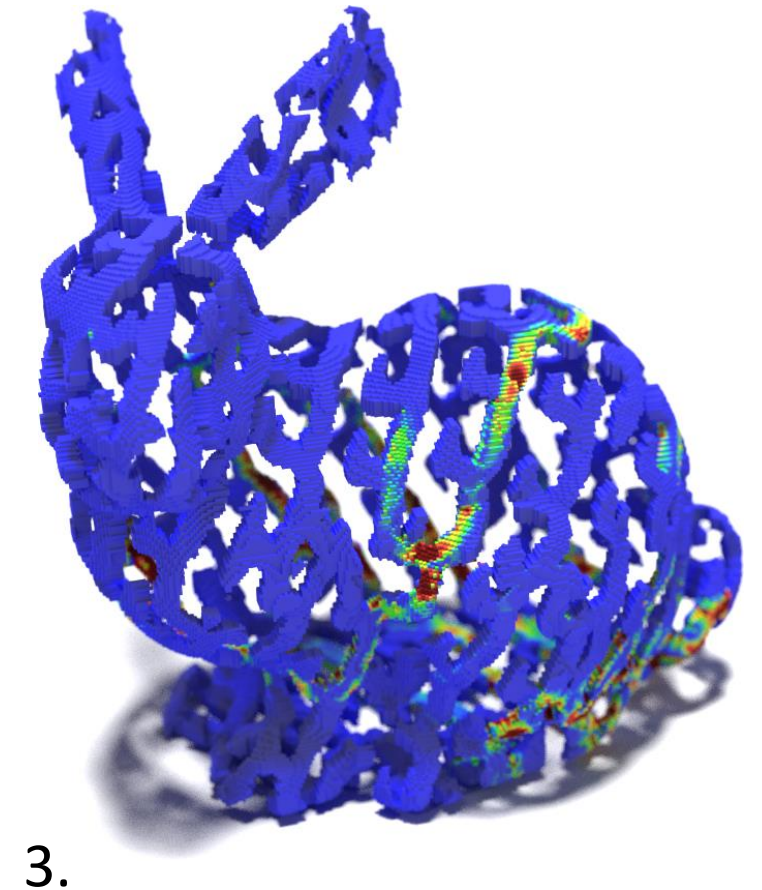
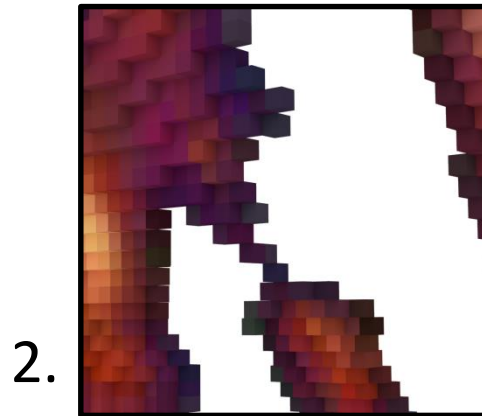
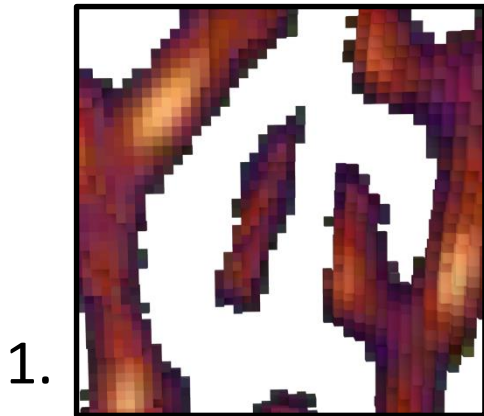
Exemplar



Neighborhoods capture *local geometry* accross scales

# Printability

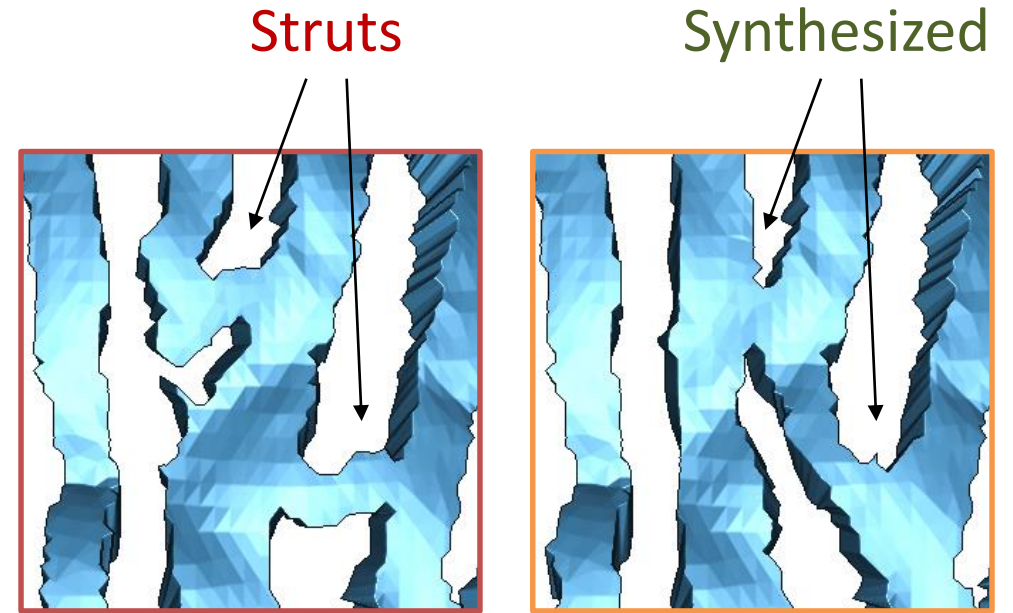
1. Connected components
2. Minimum thickness
3. No weak part (rigidity)



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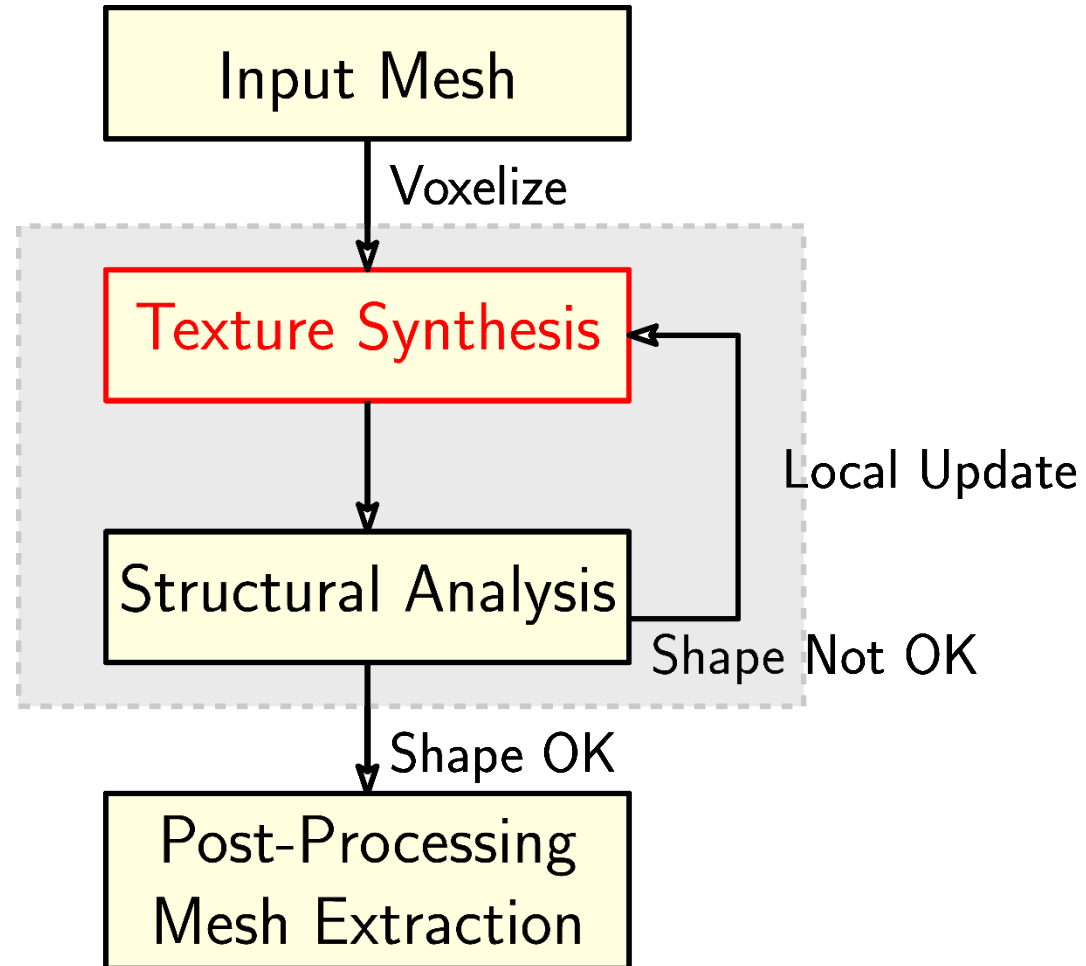
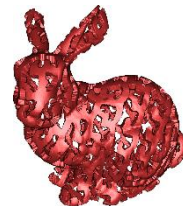
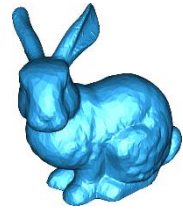
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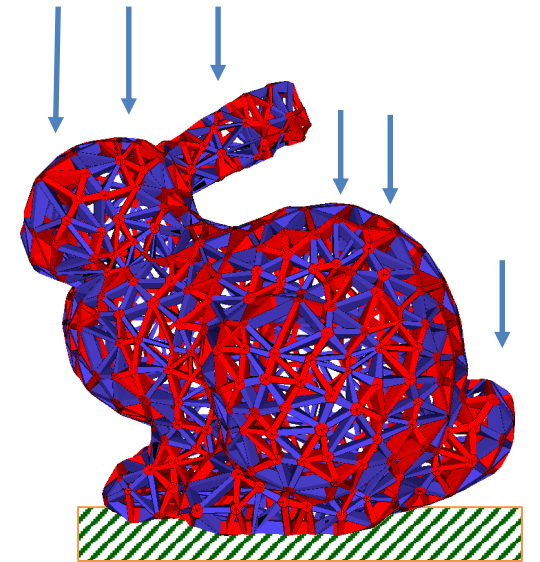
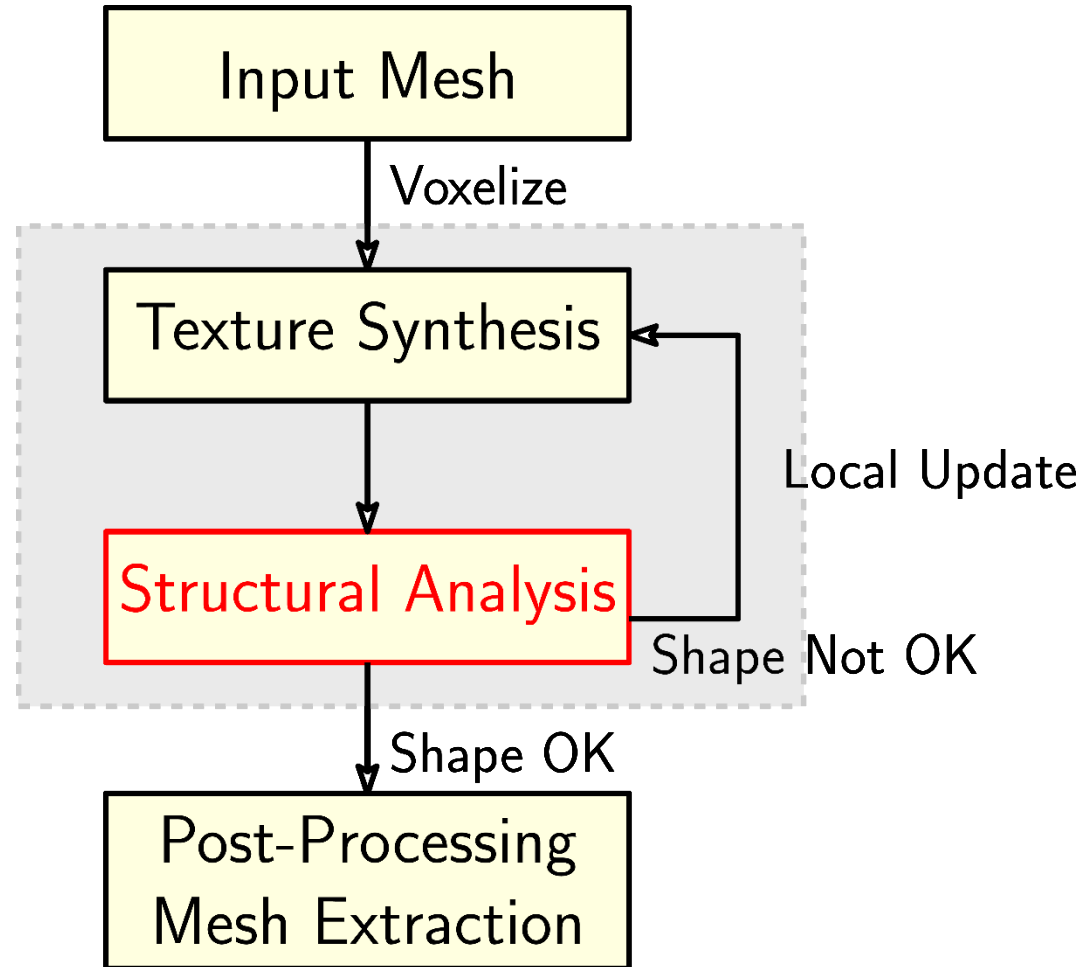
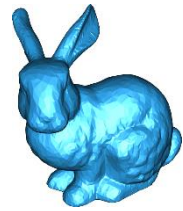
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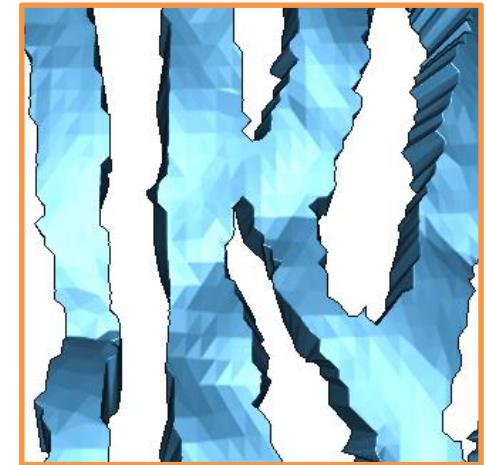
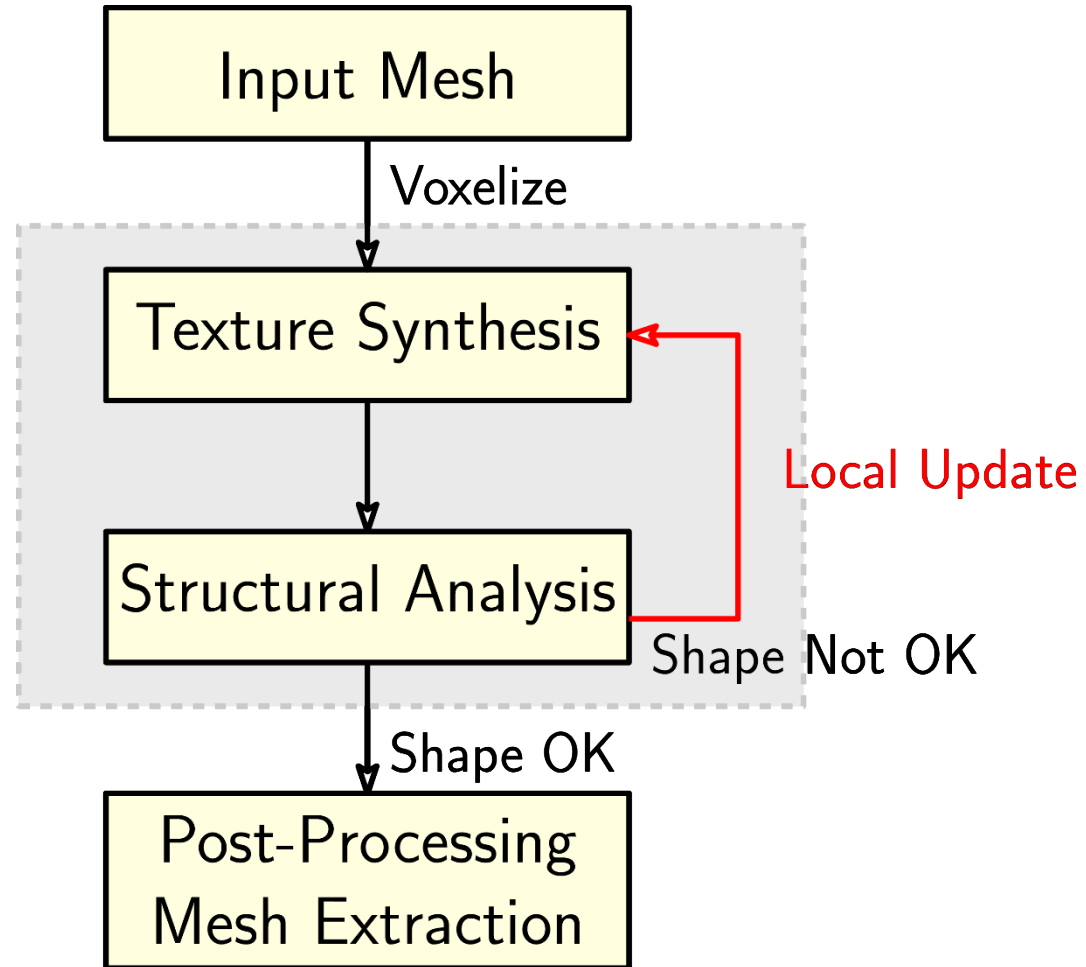
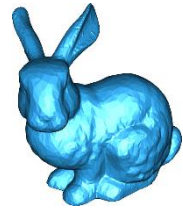
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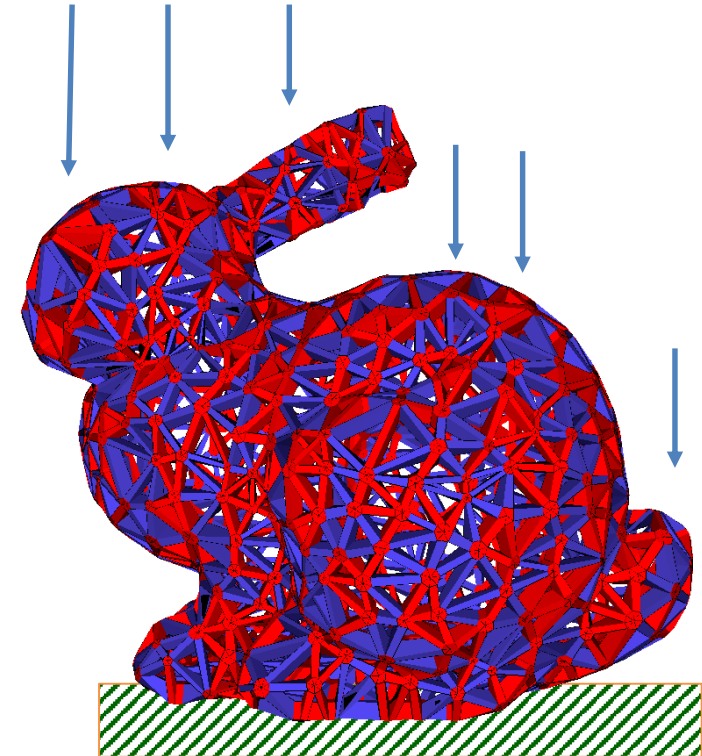


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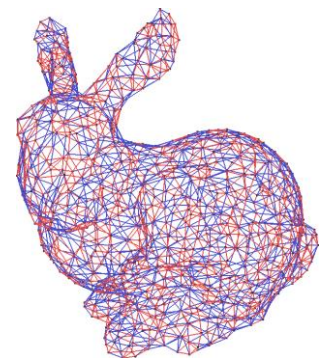
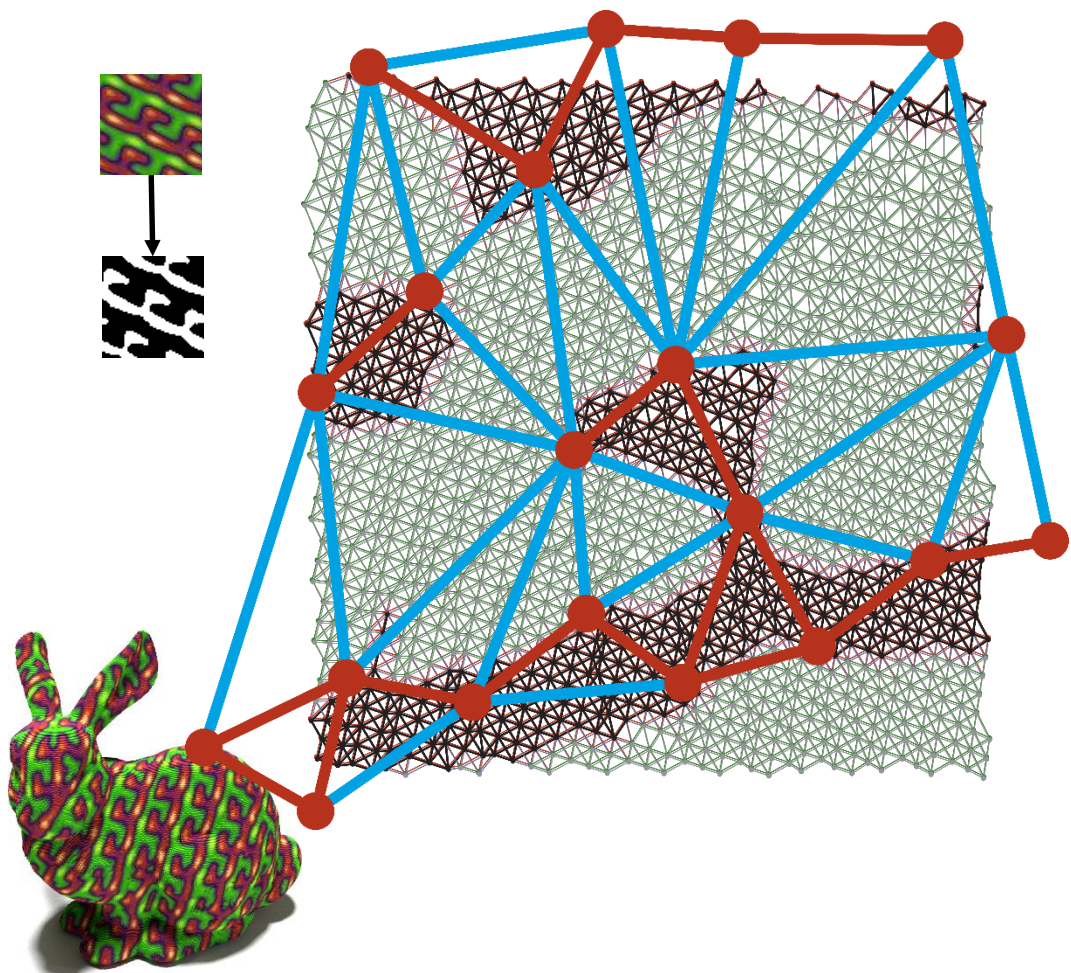


# How to evaluate weak parts?

- Similar to SIMP method, we consider 'weak' and 'strong' material
  - Issues:
    - Voxel grid is huge (~ 5M voxels)
    - Weak and strong → hard to converge
    - We need 20-30 iterations synthesis/analysis
- Too expensive
- Approximate the pattern



# Abstract Pattern Graph

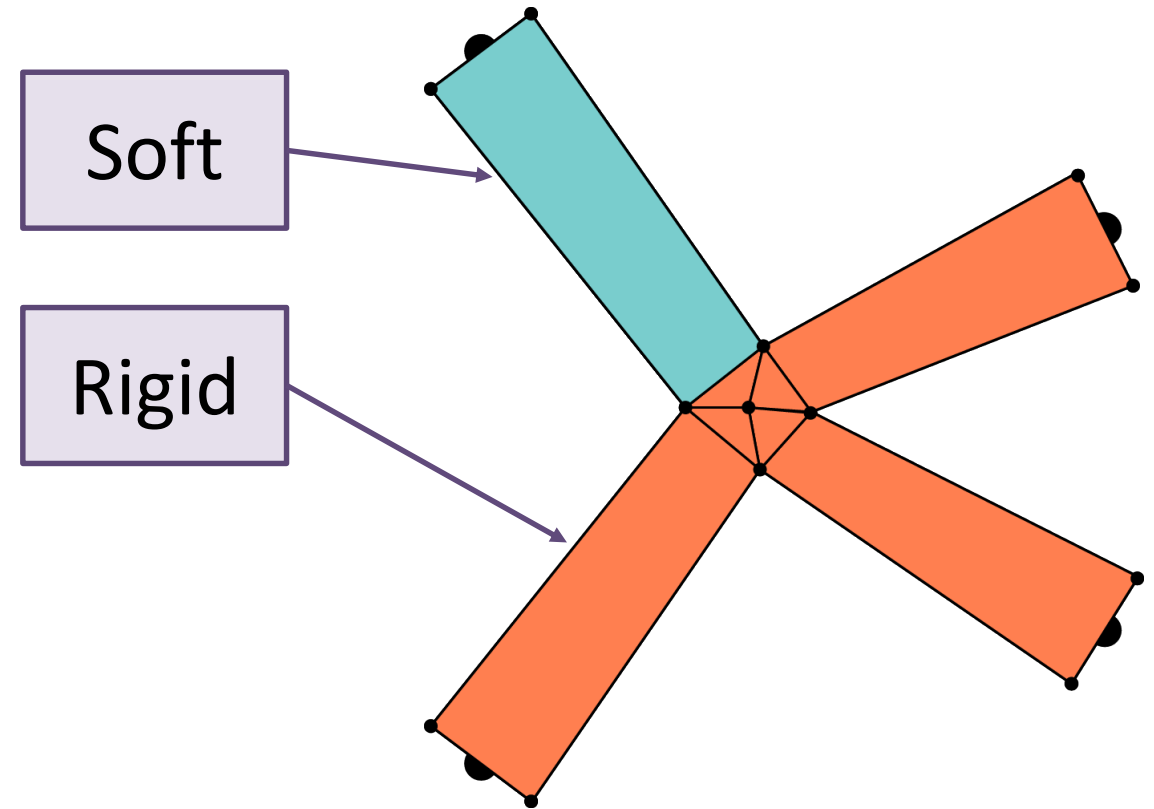


# Physical Simulation




- Basic idea: replace graph by finite elements

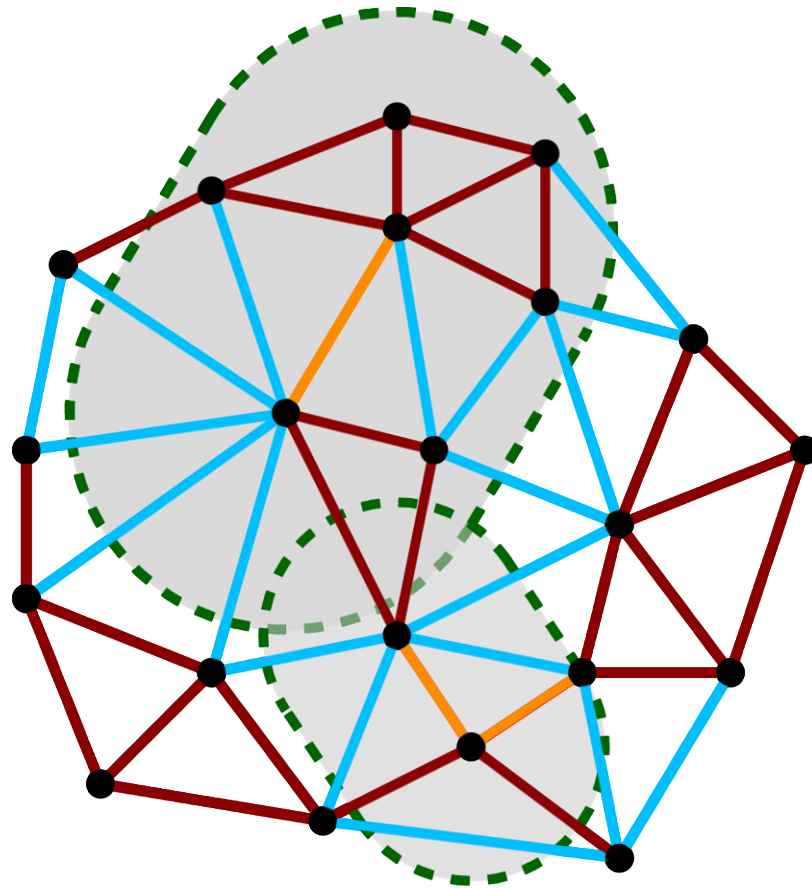
In 2D: Quad & Triangle  
In 3D: Hex & Wedge

- ➔ Local planarity assumption
- ➔ Few elements: fast solution (1s)



# Edge Selection Process

Solid   
Empty   
Selected 



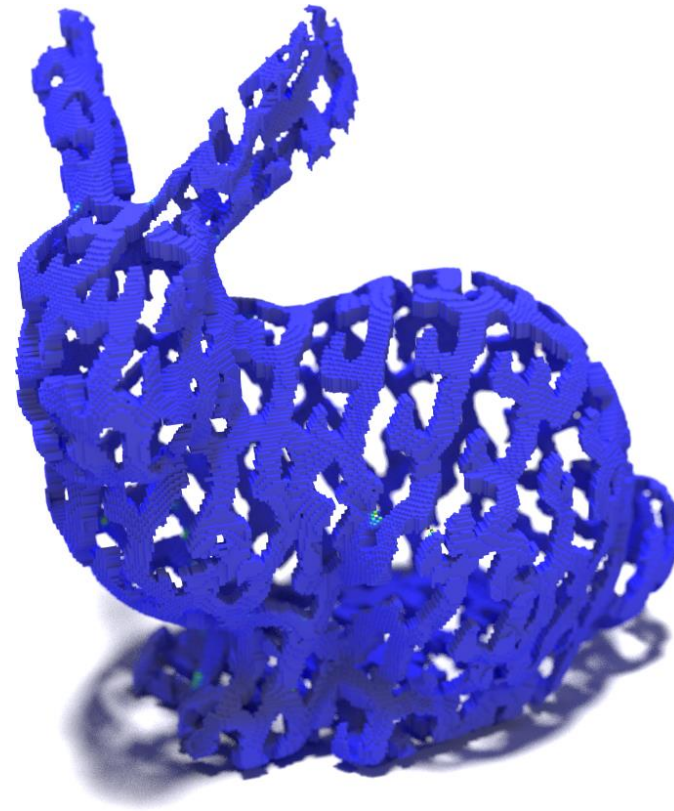


# Simulation on the Final Mesh

Stress 99th%

153.9 KPa

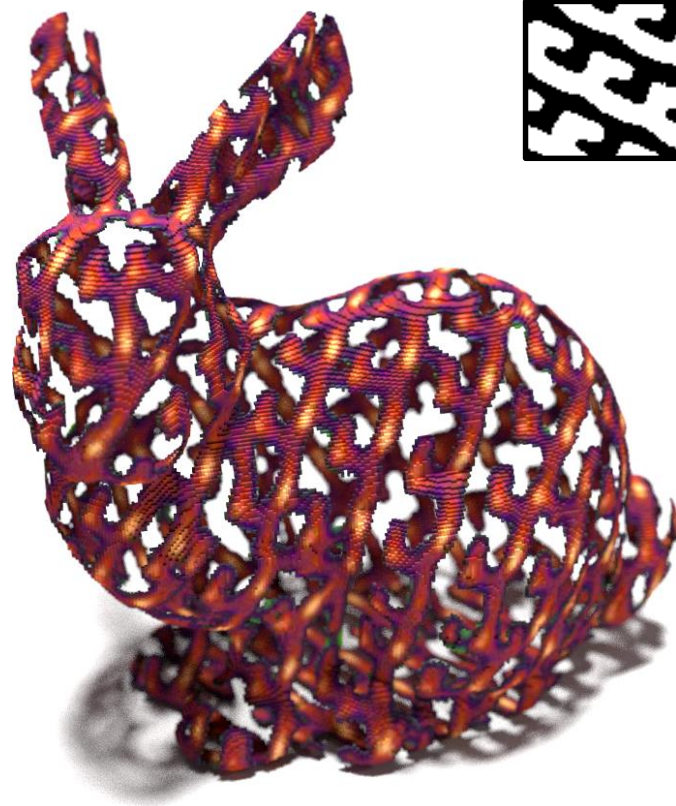
30.5 KPa



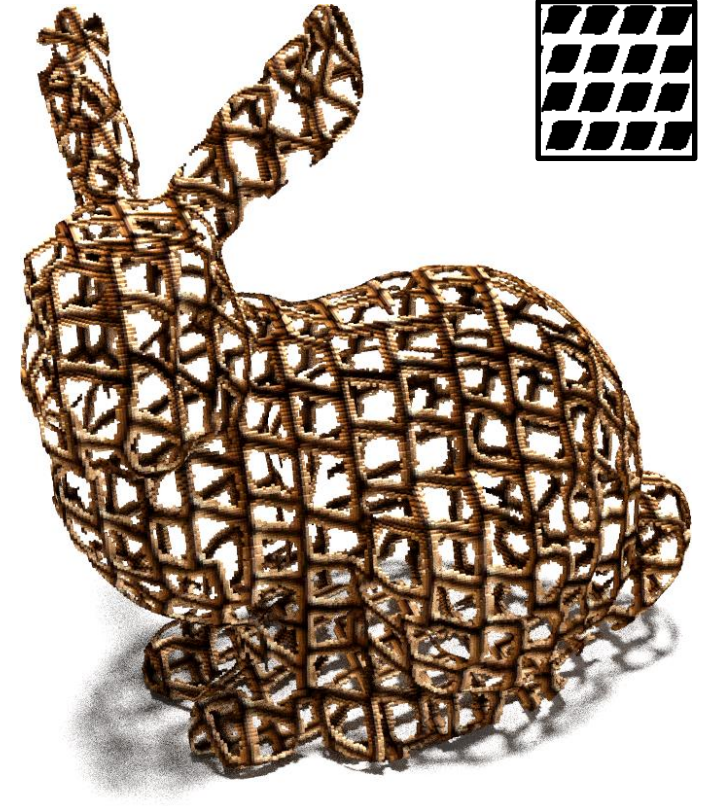
# Results – Structure + Color



$t_{\text{total}}$ :  
34.8s

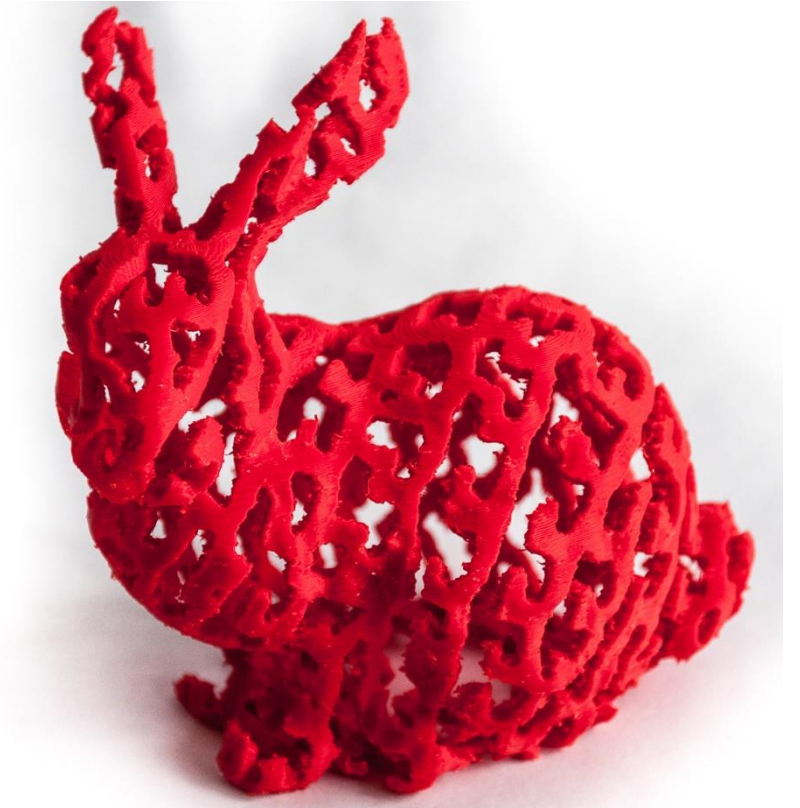
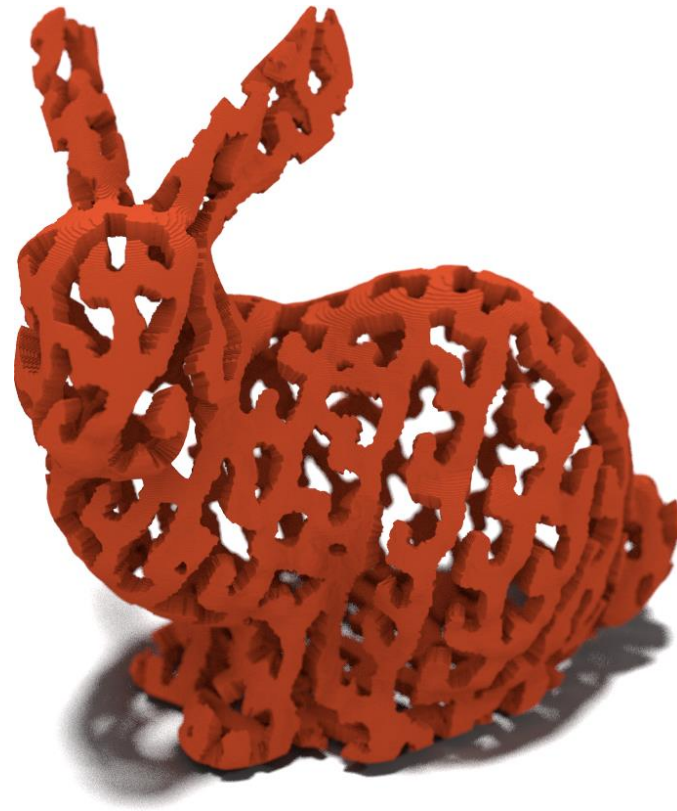
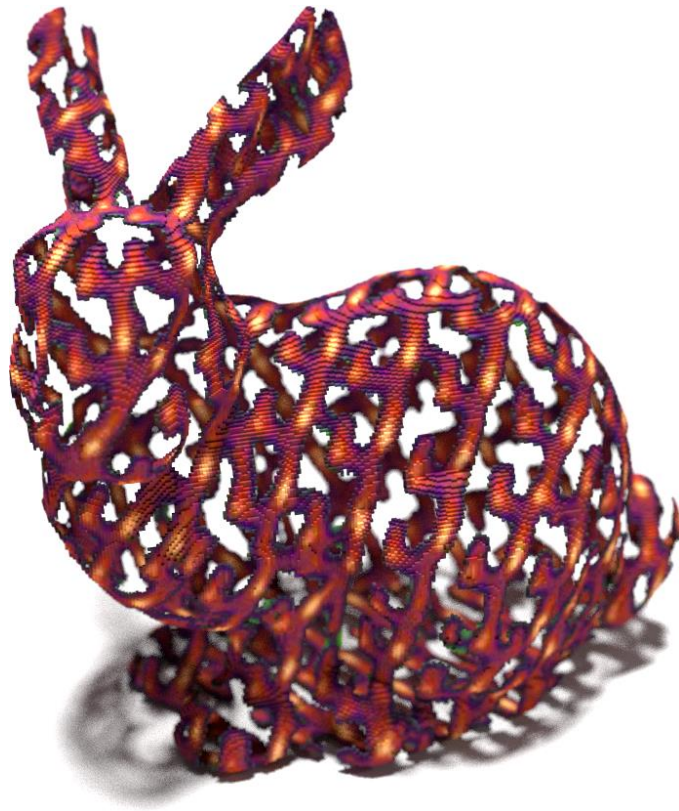


$t_{\text{total}}$ :  
40.0s



$t_{\text{total}}$ :  
14.6s

# From surface structure to final mesh



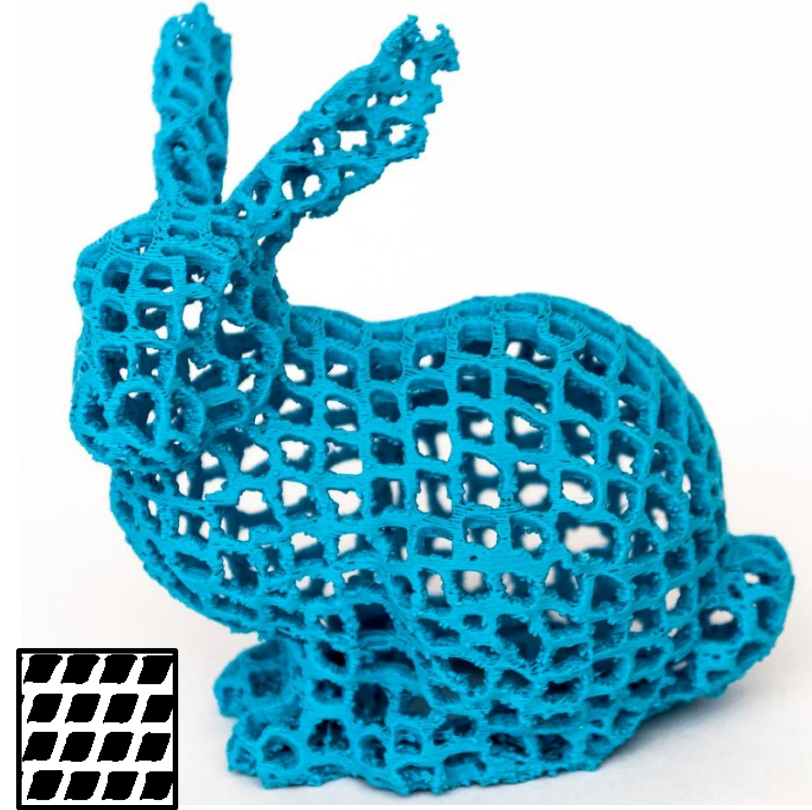
# Results - Printouts



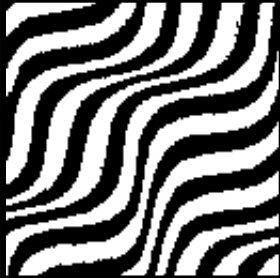
$t_{\text{total}}$ :  
52.4s



$t_{\text{total}}$ :  
11.4s



$t_{\text{total}}$ :  
14.5s



## Other recent references

- **Designing Structurally-Sound Ornamental Curve Networks**  
J. Zehnder, S. Coros, B. Thomaszewski, SIGGRAPH 2016
- **Stenciling: Designing Structurally-Sound Surfaces with Decorative Patterns**  
C. Schumacher, B. Thomaszewski, M. Gross, SGP 2016
- **Synthesis of Filigrees for Digital Fabrication**  
W. Chen, X. Zhang, S. Xin, Y. Xia ,S. Lefebvre and W. Wang, SIGGRAPH 2016

All these works use a different point of view: discrete element distributions

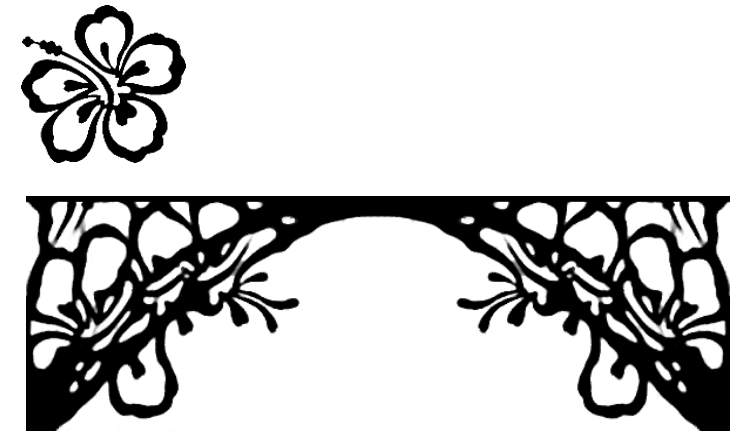
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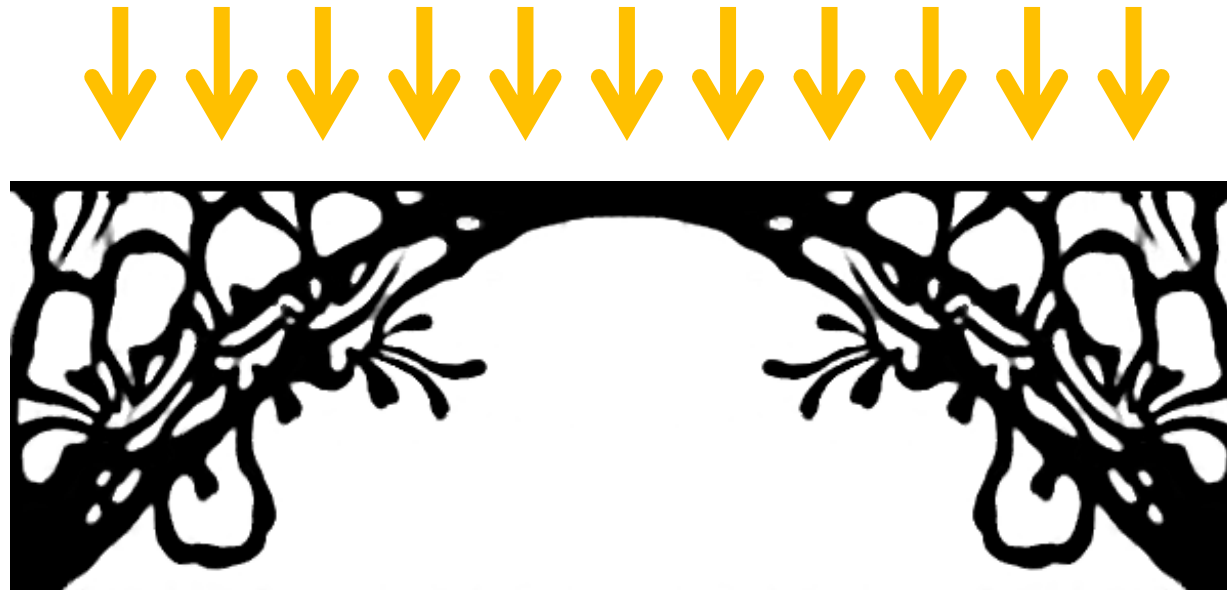
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# Our Goal

Exemplar



Synthesize shapes under structural and appearance objectives

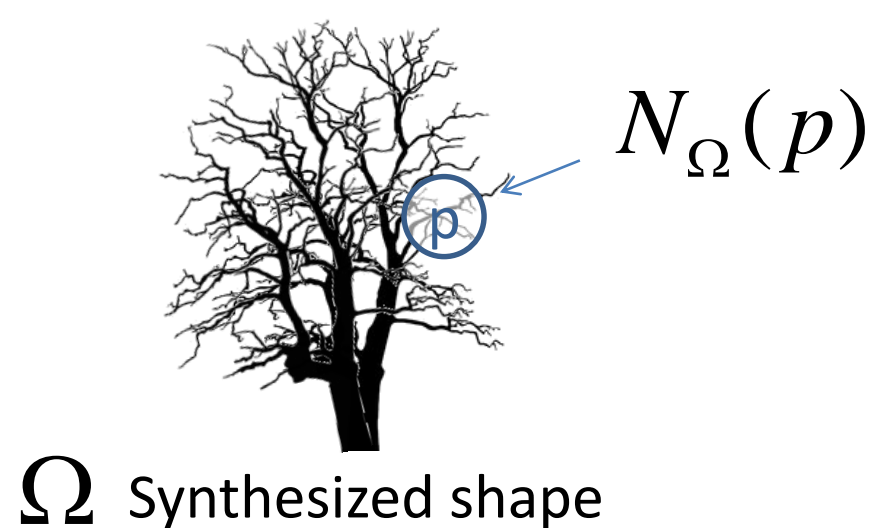
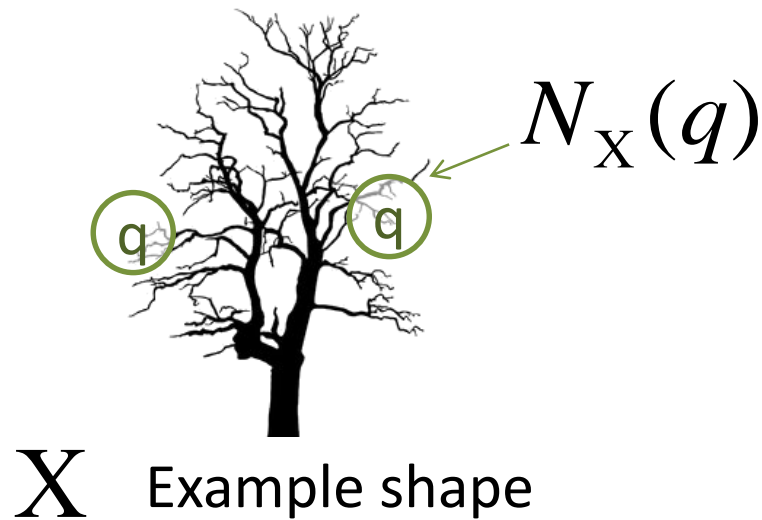


# Local geometry

minimise

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Local geometry



# Structural properties

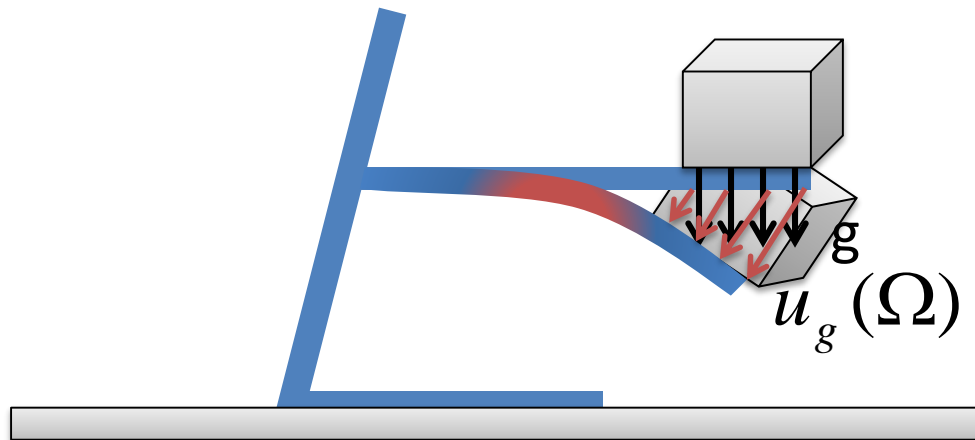
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rigidity



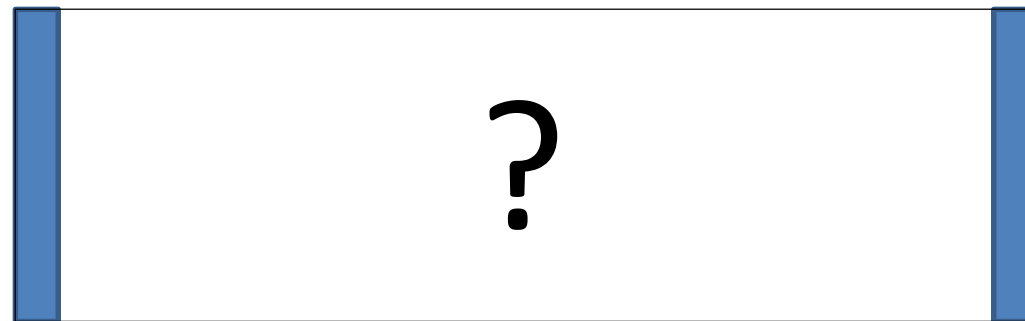
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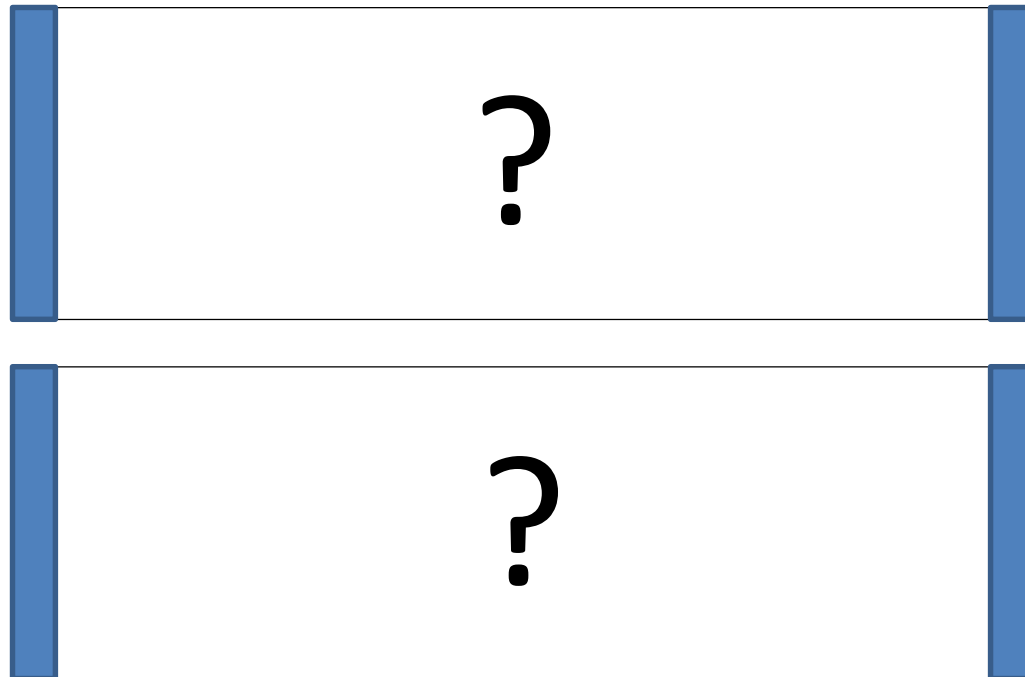
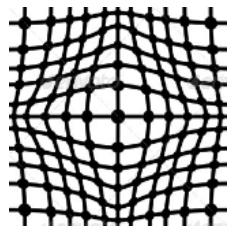
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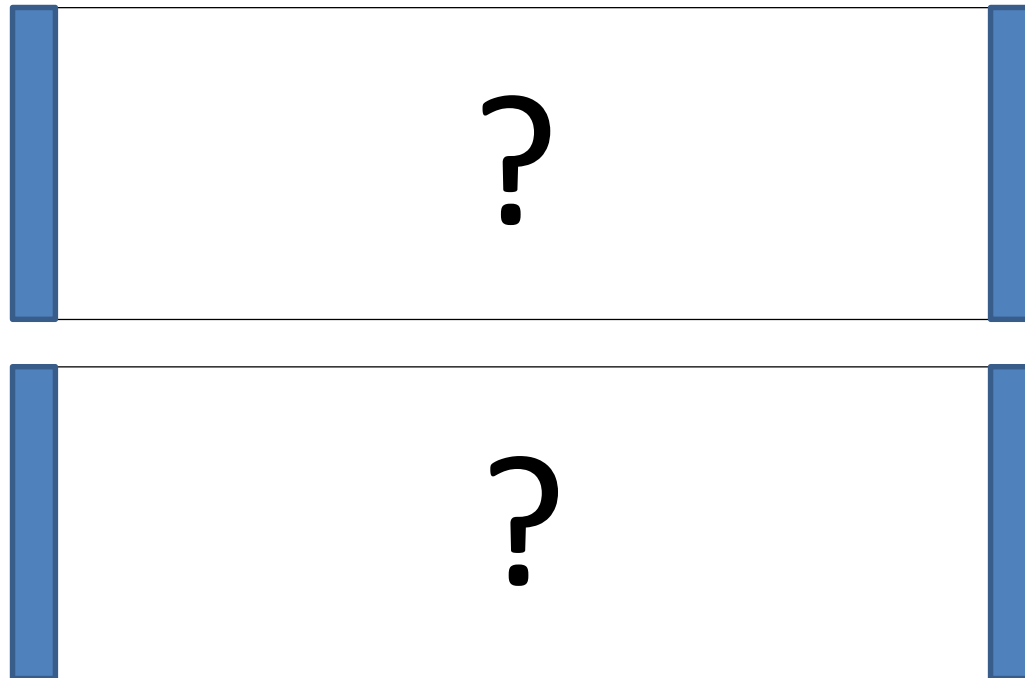
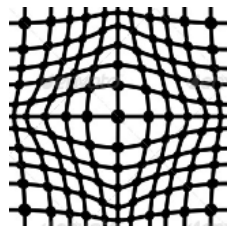
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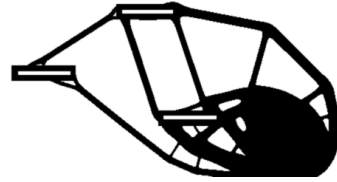
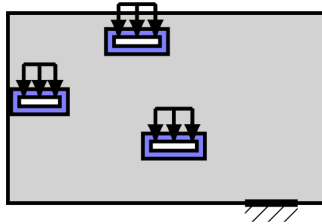
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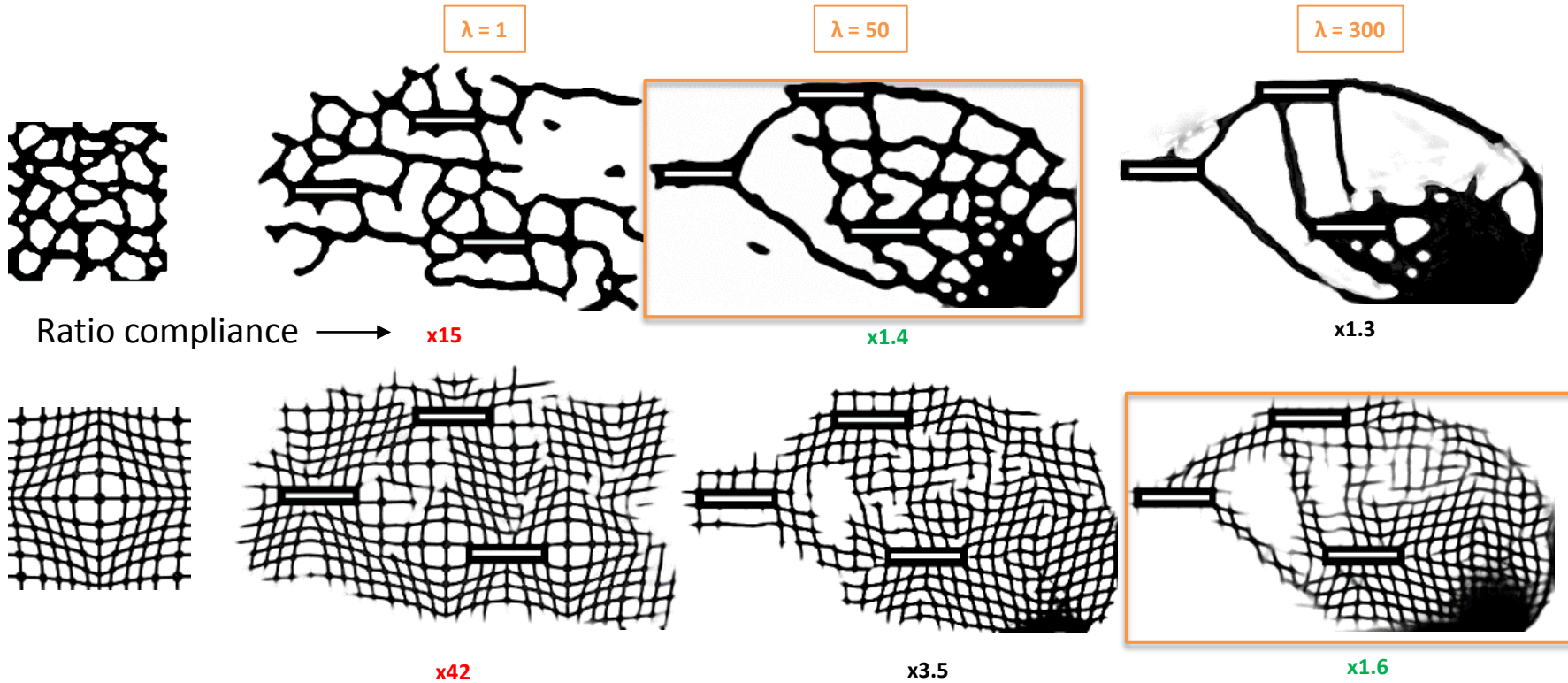
rigidity



# Weighted sum



~~Minimize  $G(x) + \lambda C(x)$~~



# Appearance + rigidity

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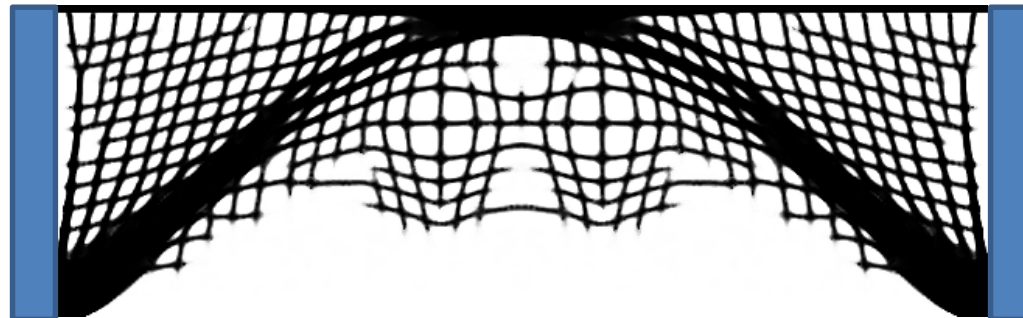
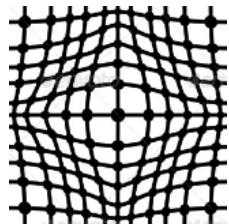
appearance

such that

$$E_1(\Omega) = \left( \int_{\partial\Omega} g \cdot u_g(\Omega) dx \right) < \alpha \cdot C_{\max}$$

rigidity





Gravity





# Solver

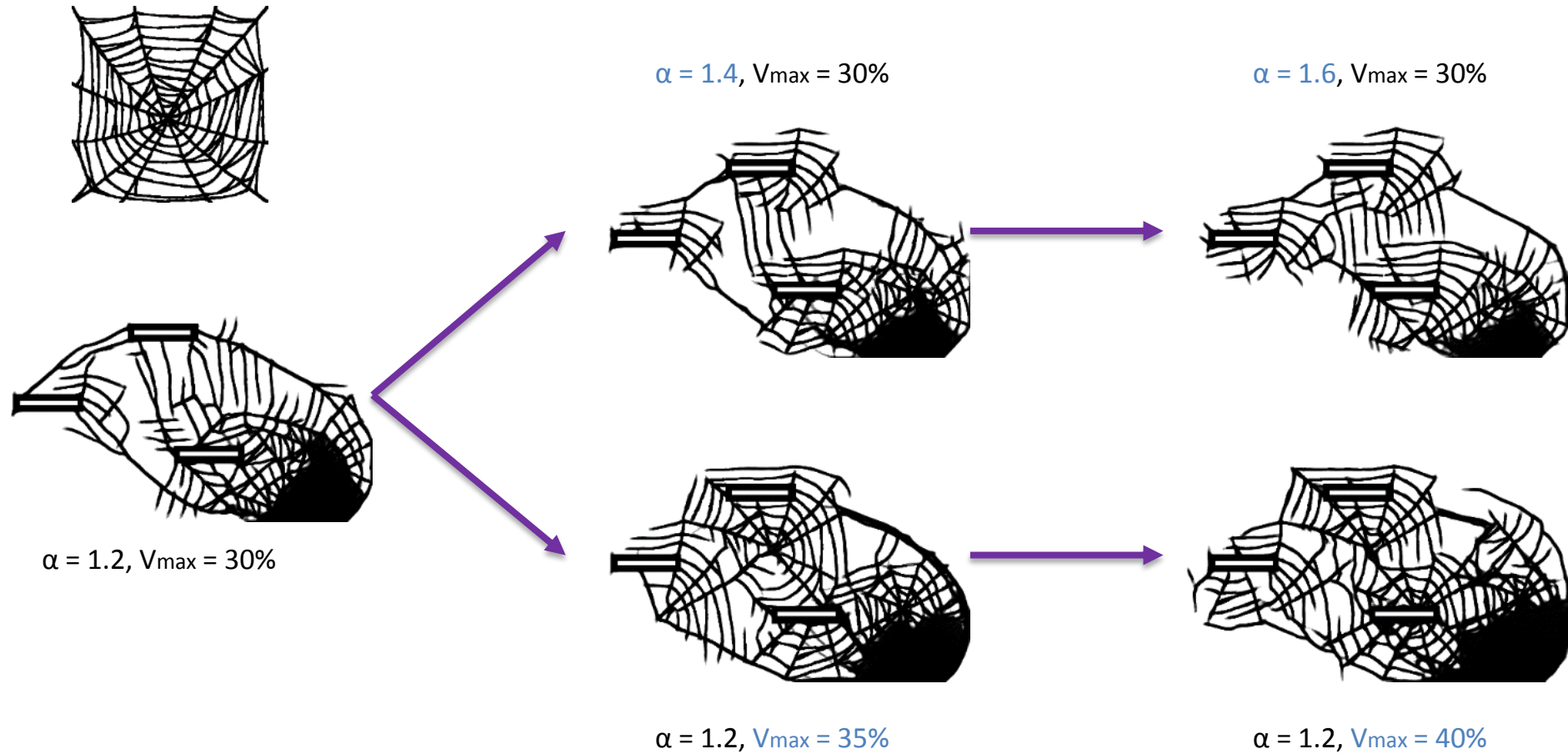
Not great due to combinatorial matching

The diagram consists of a table with three rows. The first row is highlighted in orange and contains the text 'Appearance objective' and '- Neighborhood matching [Barnes09, Busto10, Kaspar15]' and '- Derivatives  $A(x)$ '. The second and third rows are highlighted in blue and contain 'Compliance constraint' with '- Linear elasticity (FEM)' and '- Derivatives  $C(x)$ ', and 'Volume constraint' with '- Derivatives  $\text{sum}(x)$ ' respectively. A red arrow points down from the text 'Not great due to combinatorial matching' to the 'Neighborhood matching' text in the first row. Three purple arrows originate from the 'Derivatives' parts of each row and converge into a single vertical arrow pointing down towards the text 'Gradient-based Optimization GCMMA [Svanberg95]'.

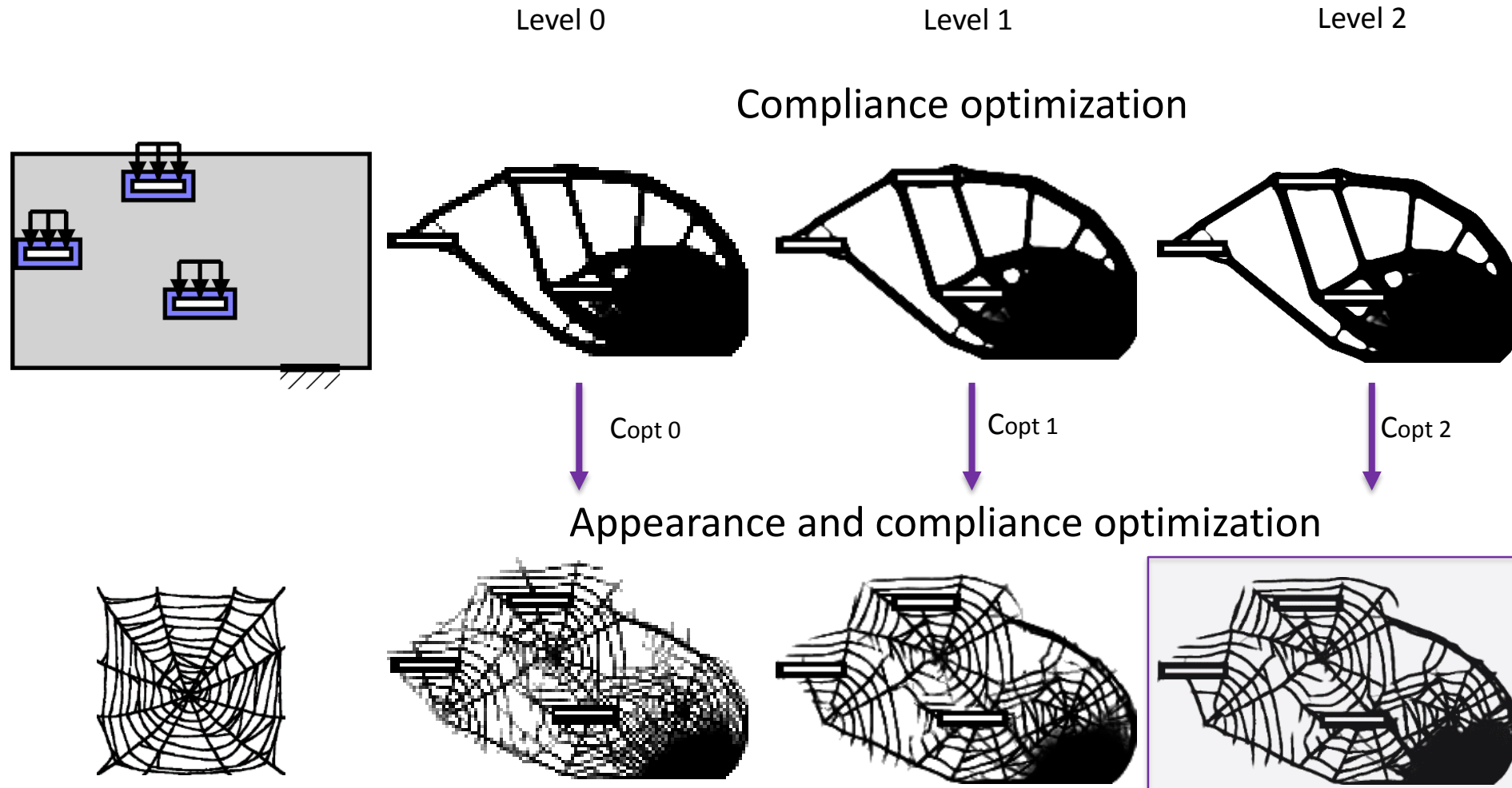
<b>Appearance objective</b>	- Neighborhood matching [Barnes09, Busto10, Kaspar15] - Derivatives $A(x)$
<b>Compliance constraint</b>	- Linear elasticity (FEM) - Derivatives $C(x)$
<b>Volume constraint</b>	- Derivatives $\text{sum}(x)$

Gradient-based Optimization  
GCMMA [Svanberg95]

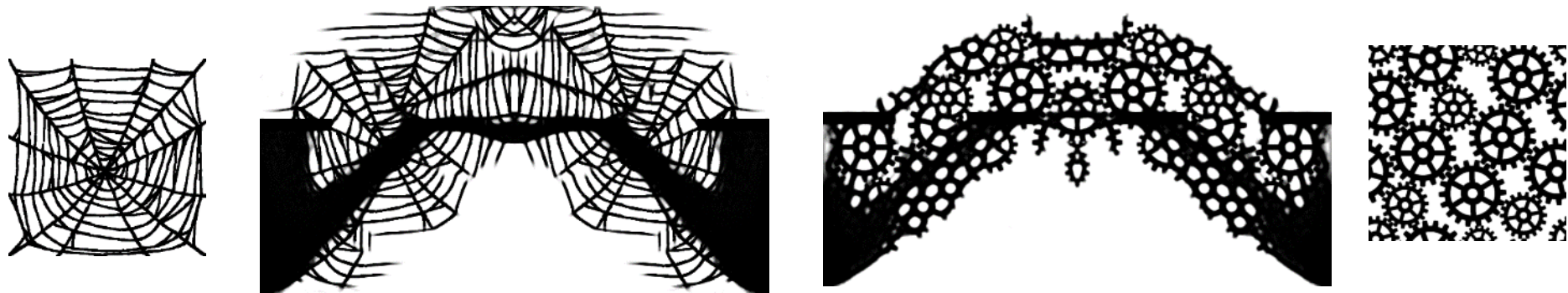
# Compliance Relaxation



# Multiresolution



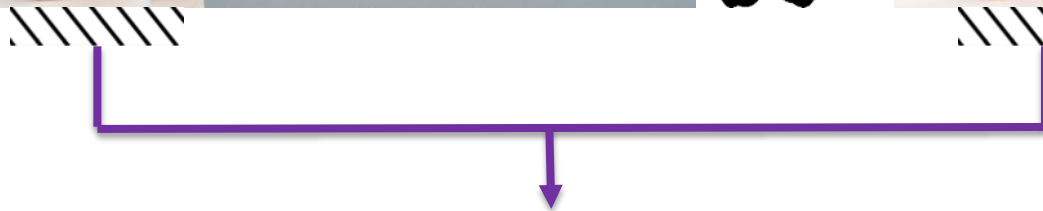
# Fabricated Objects



Contour extraction



# Fabricated Objects: Shelves



Floor attachment

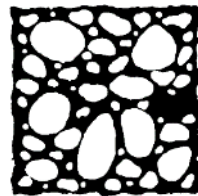
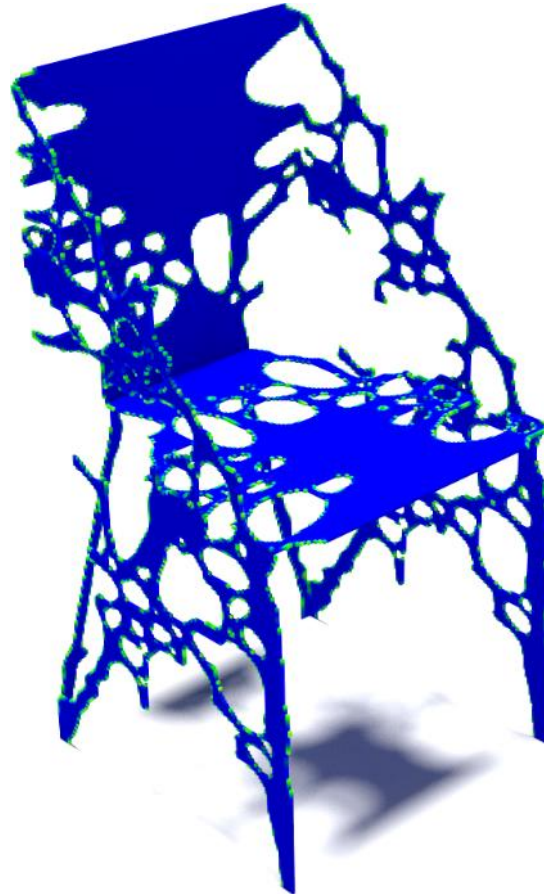
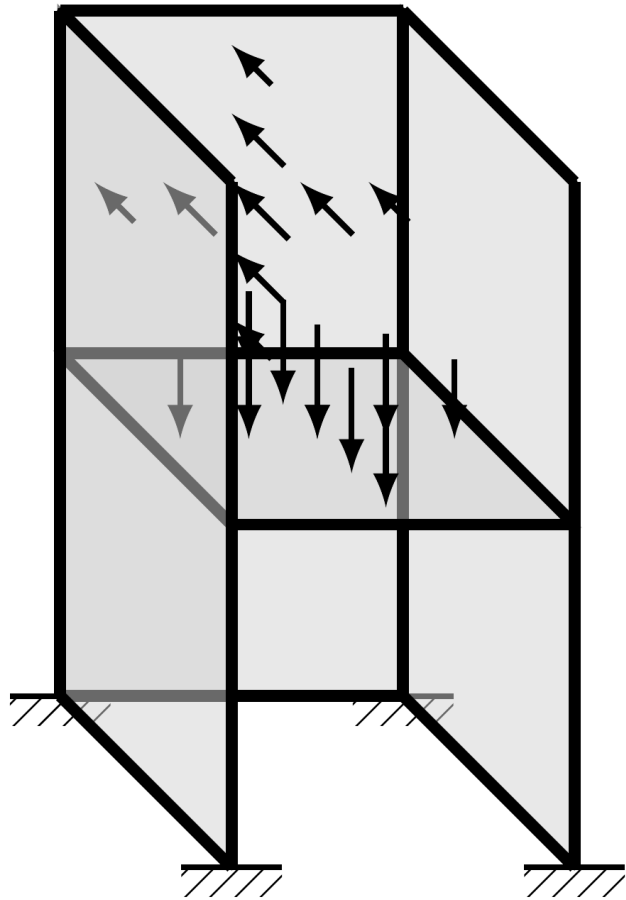
# Fabricated Objects: Tables



# Fabricated Objects: Phone Stands



# 3D Structures





# Fabricated Objects: Chairs



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# Foams in nature



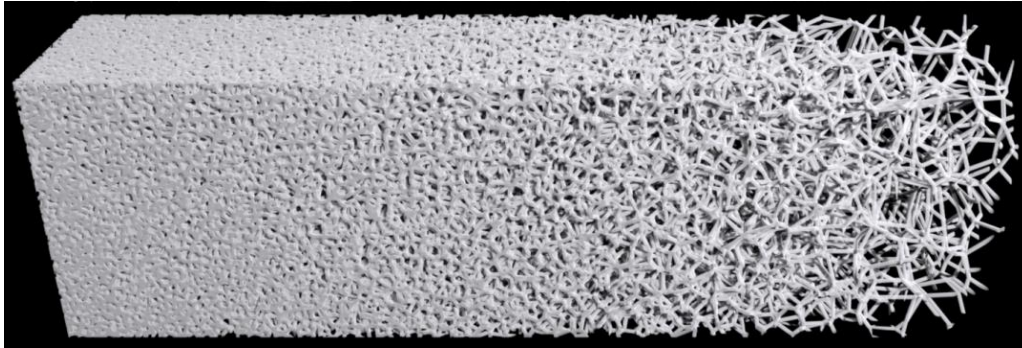
Coral reef



Metallic foam (chemical reaction)

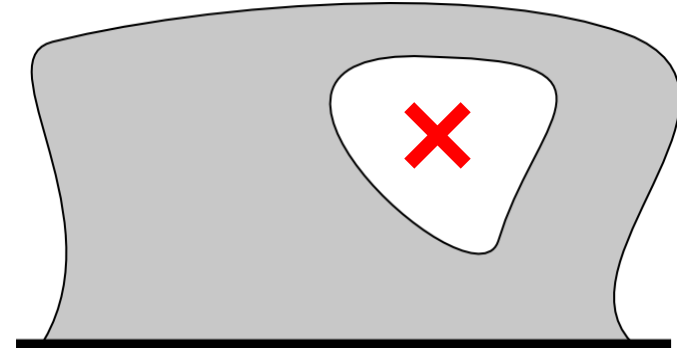
# Challenges: scale, fabricability, mechanical properties

- Data size

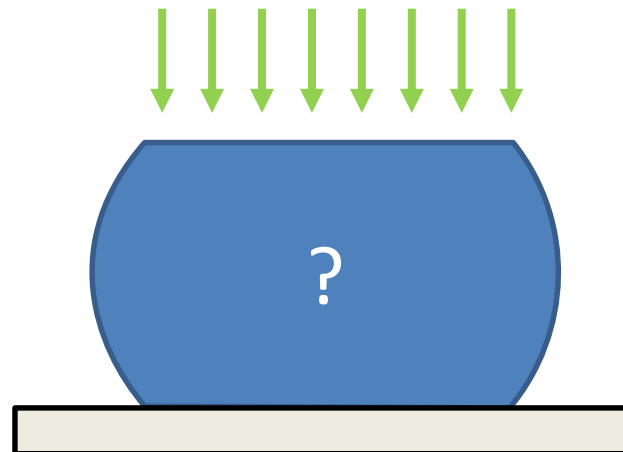


4 GB (.ply)

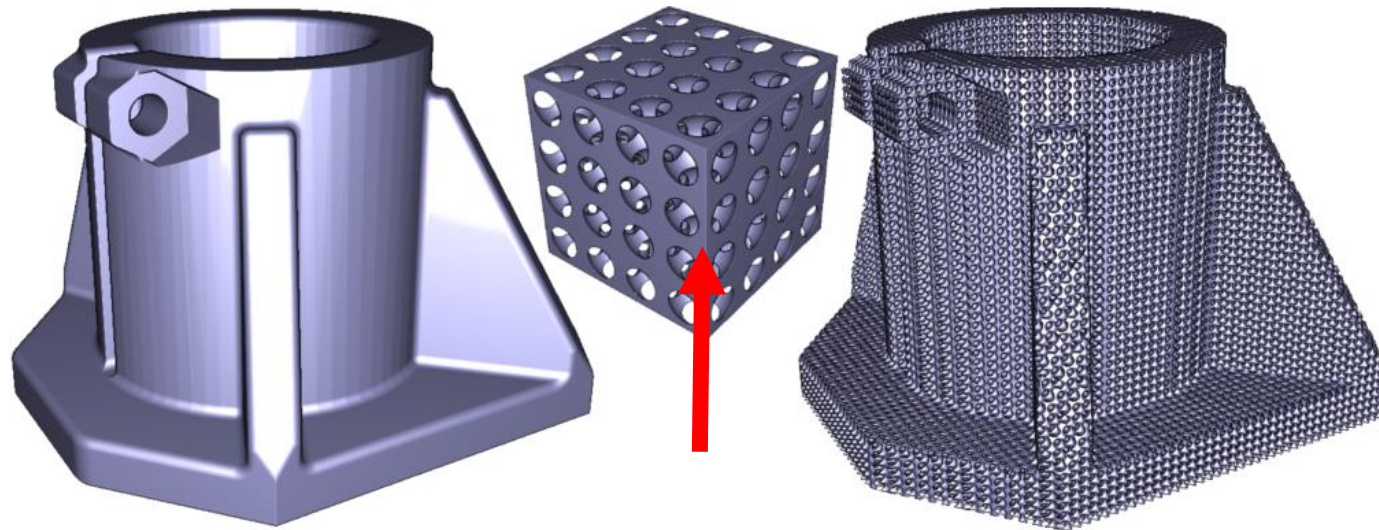
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- Mechanical properties

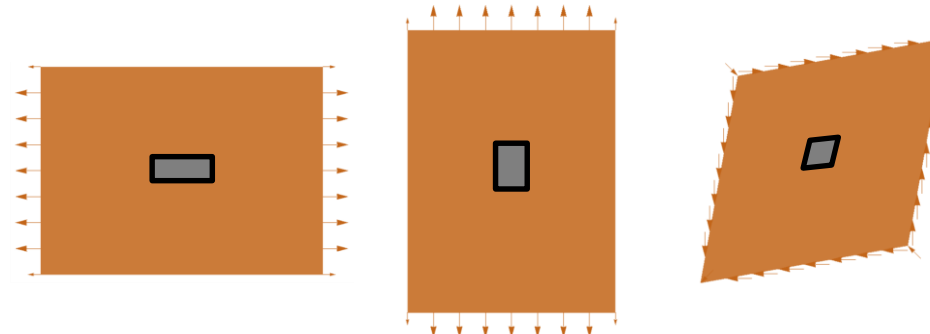
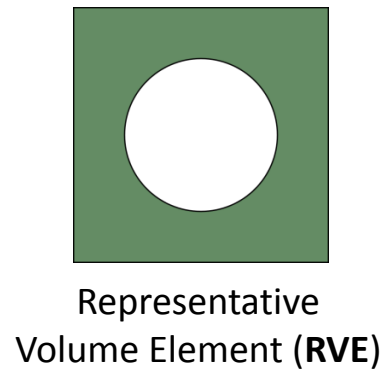
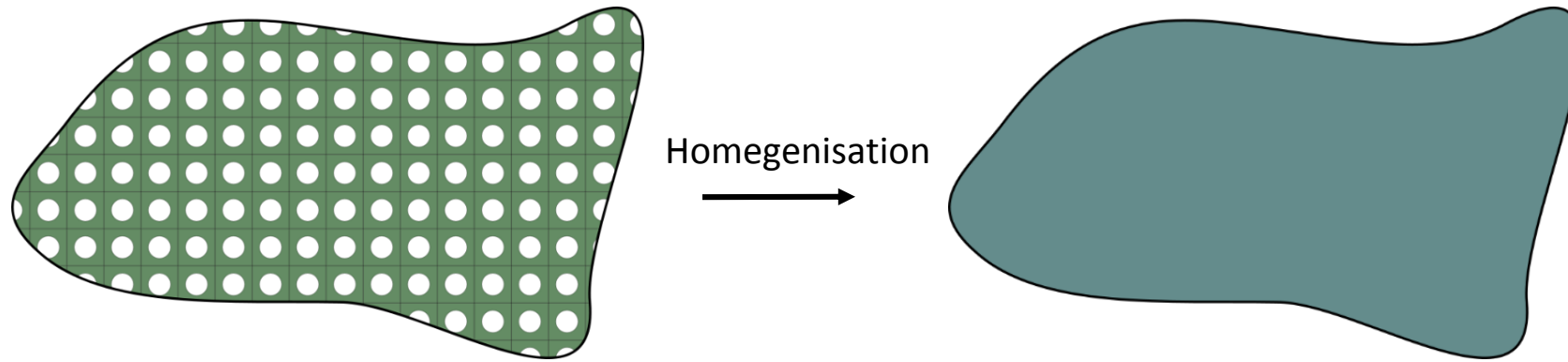


# Standard approach: periodic structures



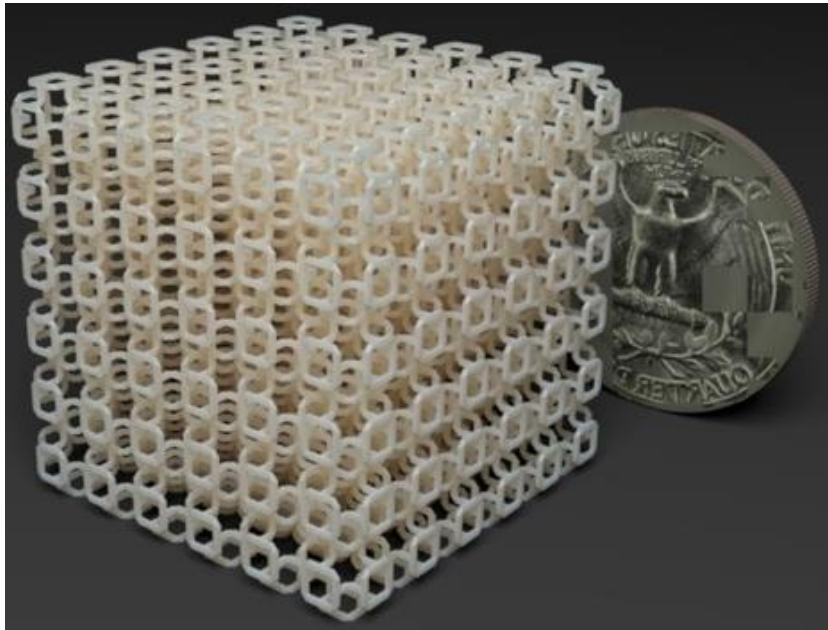
```
spheres = implicit(bx:min_corner(), bx:max_corner(), [[  
float distanceEstimator(vec3 p)  
{  
  const float diameter = 1.0;  
  p = p / diameter;  
  float d = length(p-ivec3(floor(p))-vec3(0.5,0.5,0.5))-0.6;  
  return -d*diameter;  
}  
]])
```

# Homogenisation

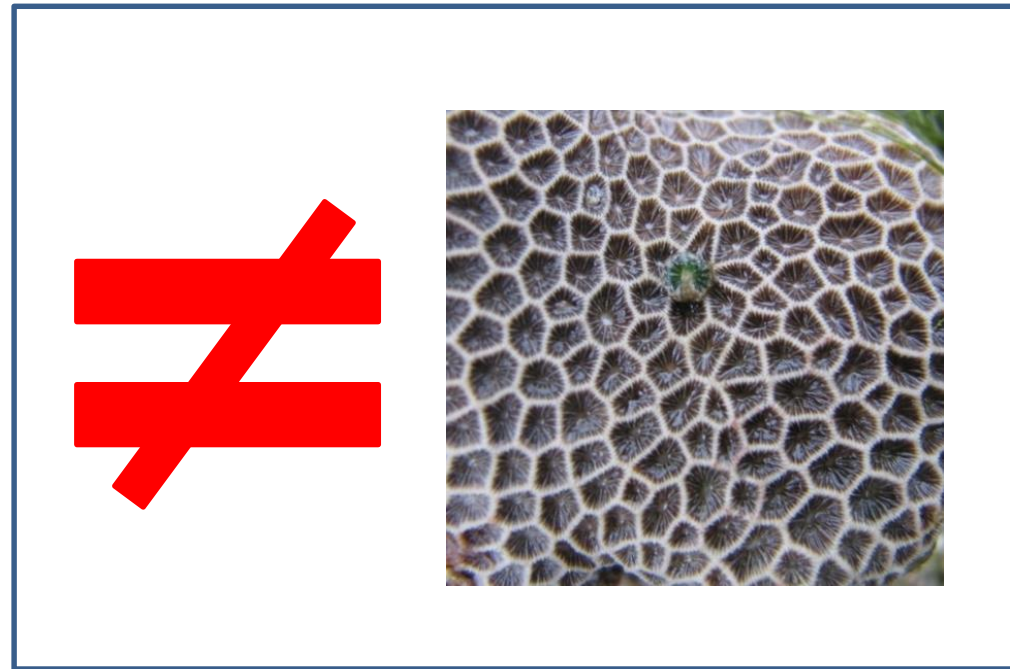


Homogenized elasticity tensor  
[Andreassen and Andreassen 2014]

# Drawbacks



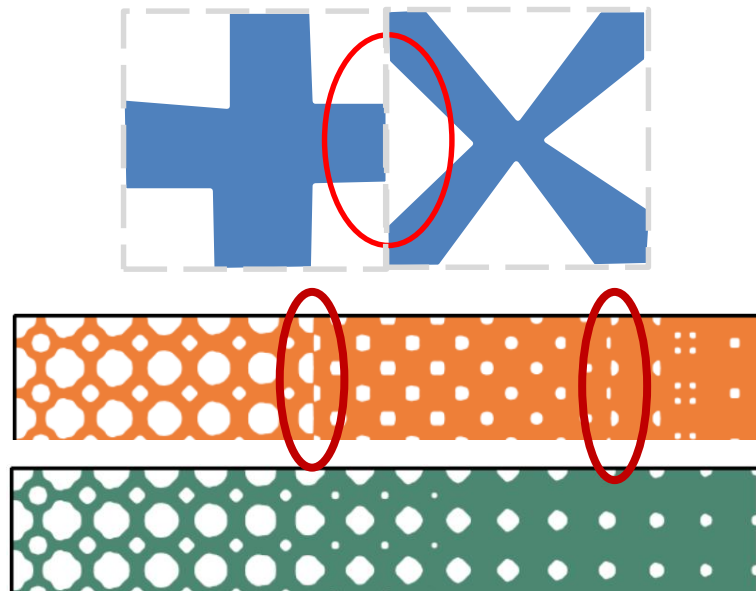
[Pannetta et al. SIGGRAPH 2015]



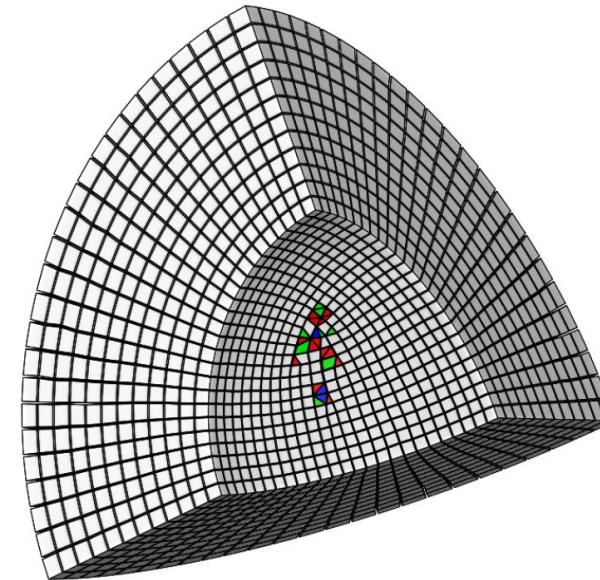
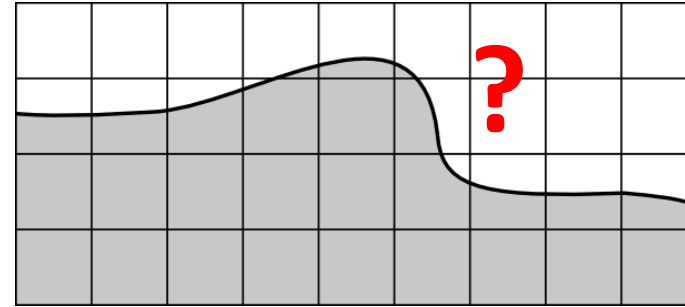


# Periodic grid

- Mapping?
  - Hard problem
- Graded properties:
  - Possible, but transitions?



[Schumacher et al. SIGGRAPH 2015]



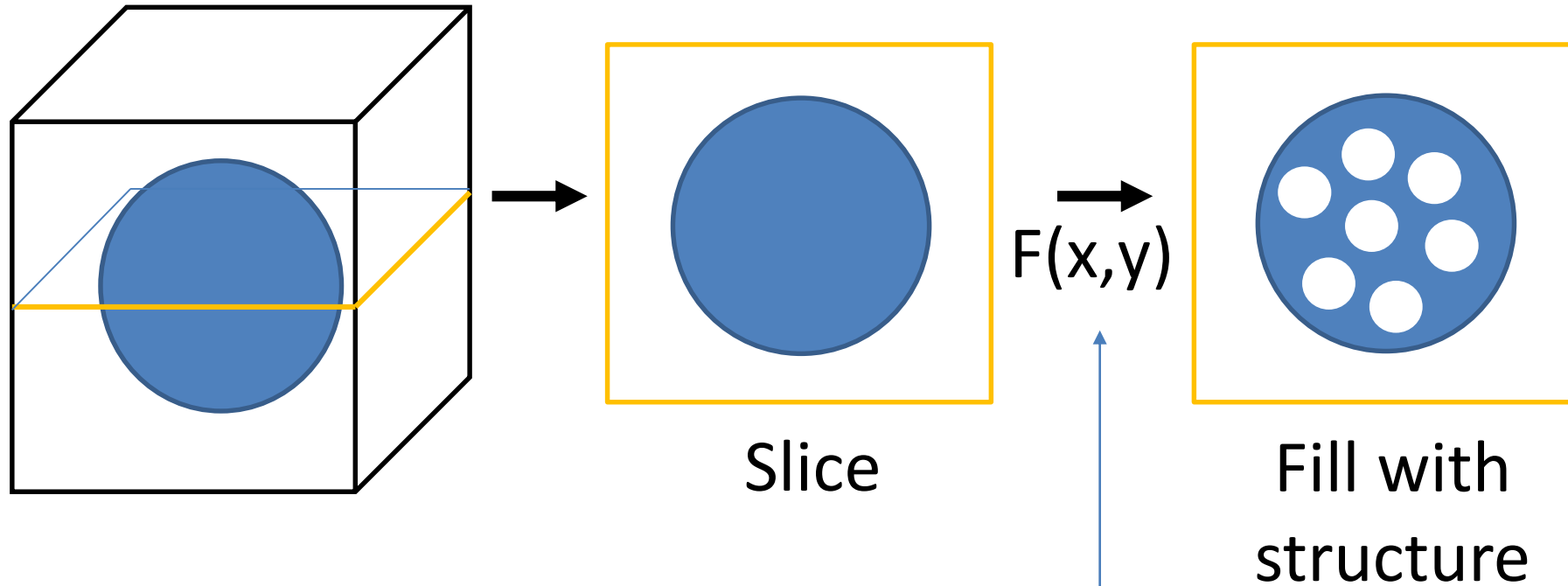
Hexahedral-dominant meshing  
[Sokolov et al. 2015]

# Procedural Voronoi Foams

- **Aperiodic, stochastic, stationary**  
Mimics nature.
- **Trivially scales.**  
 $O(1)$  time + memory.
- **Fabricable.**  
Few pockets, connected, thickness ok.
- ***Controllable elasticity***



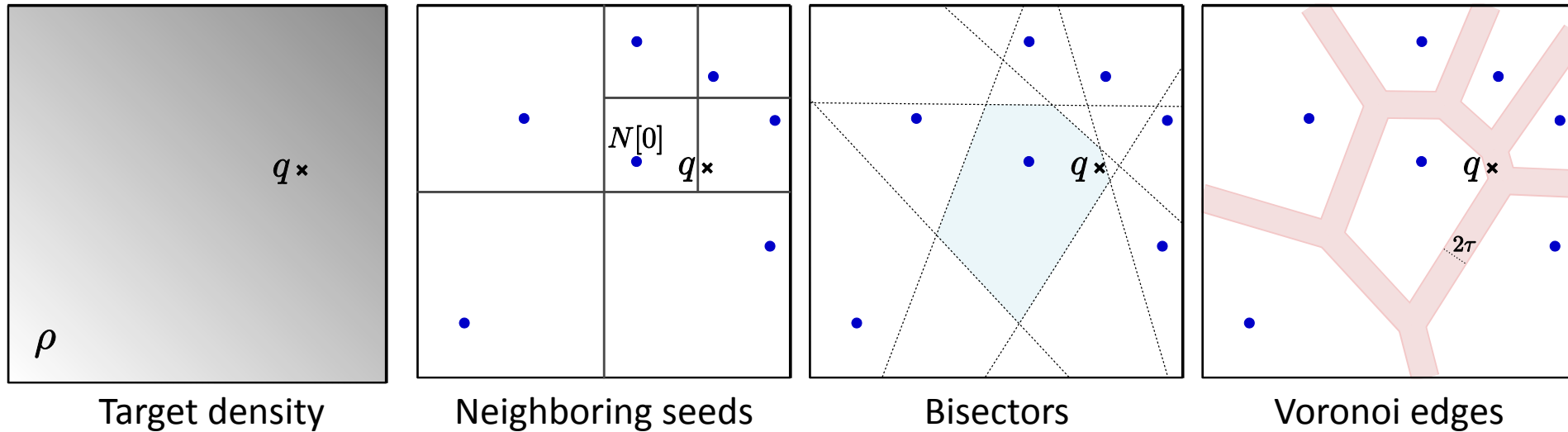
# Procedural synthesis



$F(x,y)$  called in every slice 'pixel'

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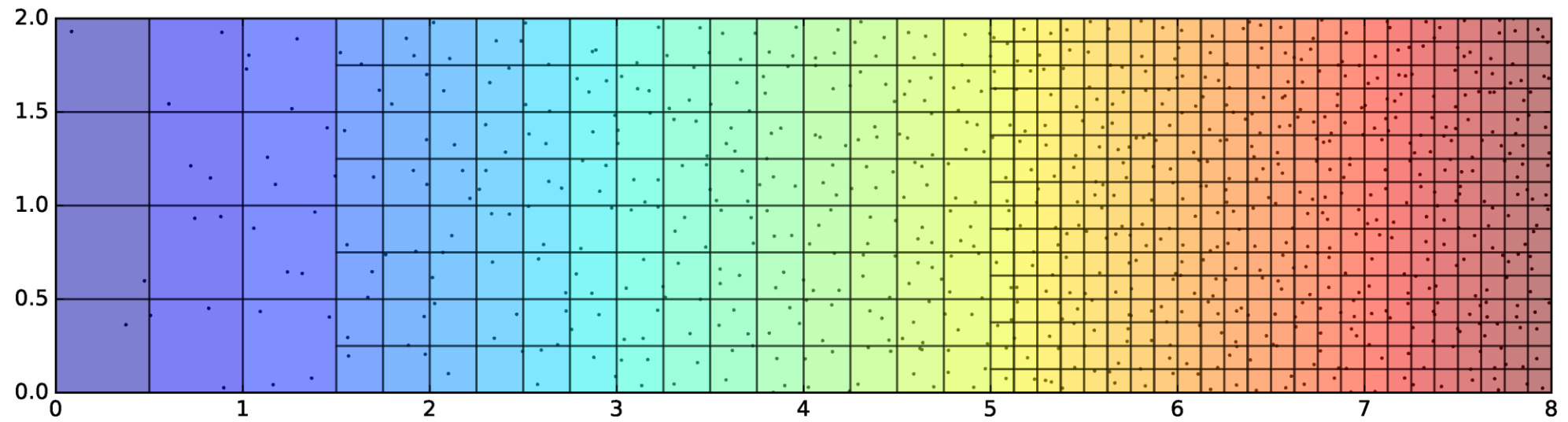
$F(x,y)$ : is  $q=(x,y)$  inside?



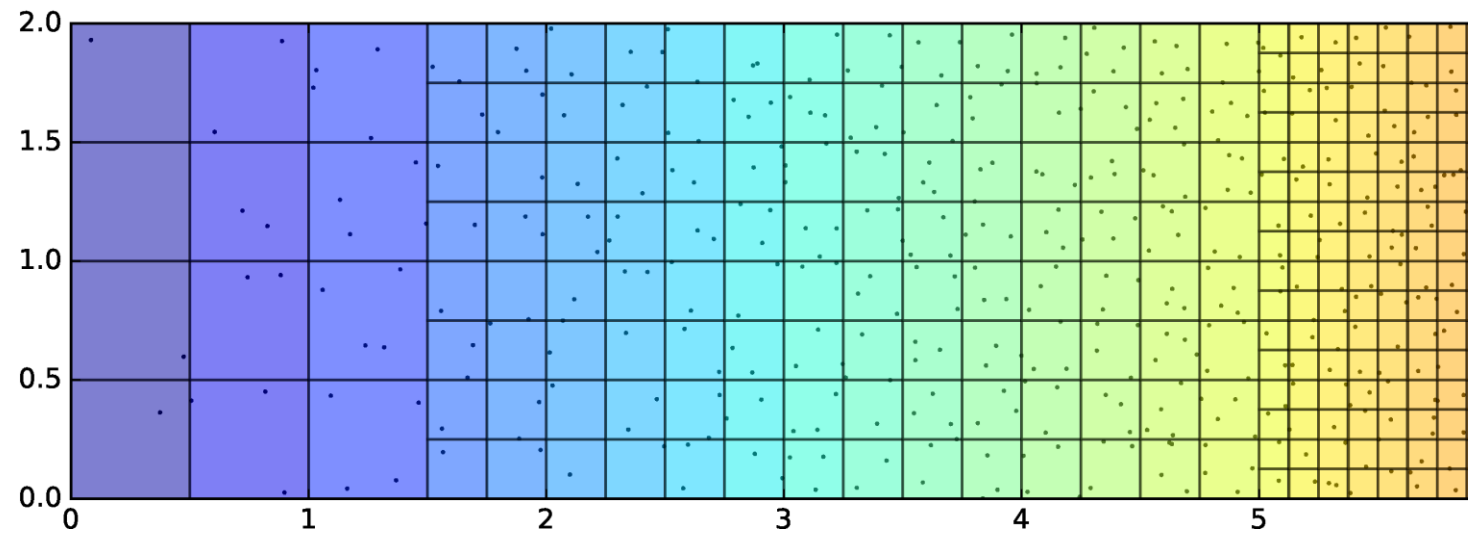
Local computations,  $O(1)$

Trivially parallel (GPU)




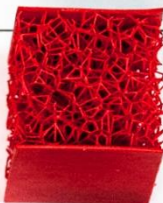

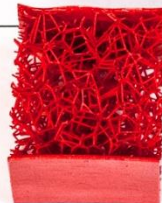

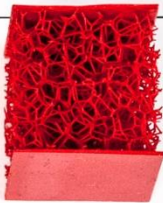
# Gradation (stackless)



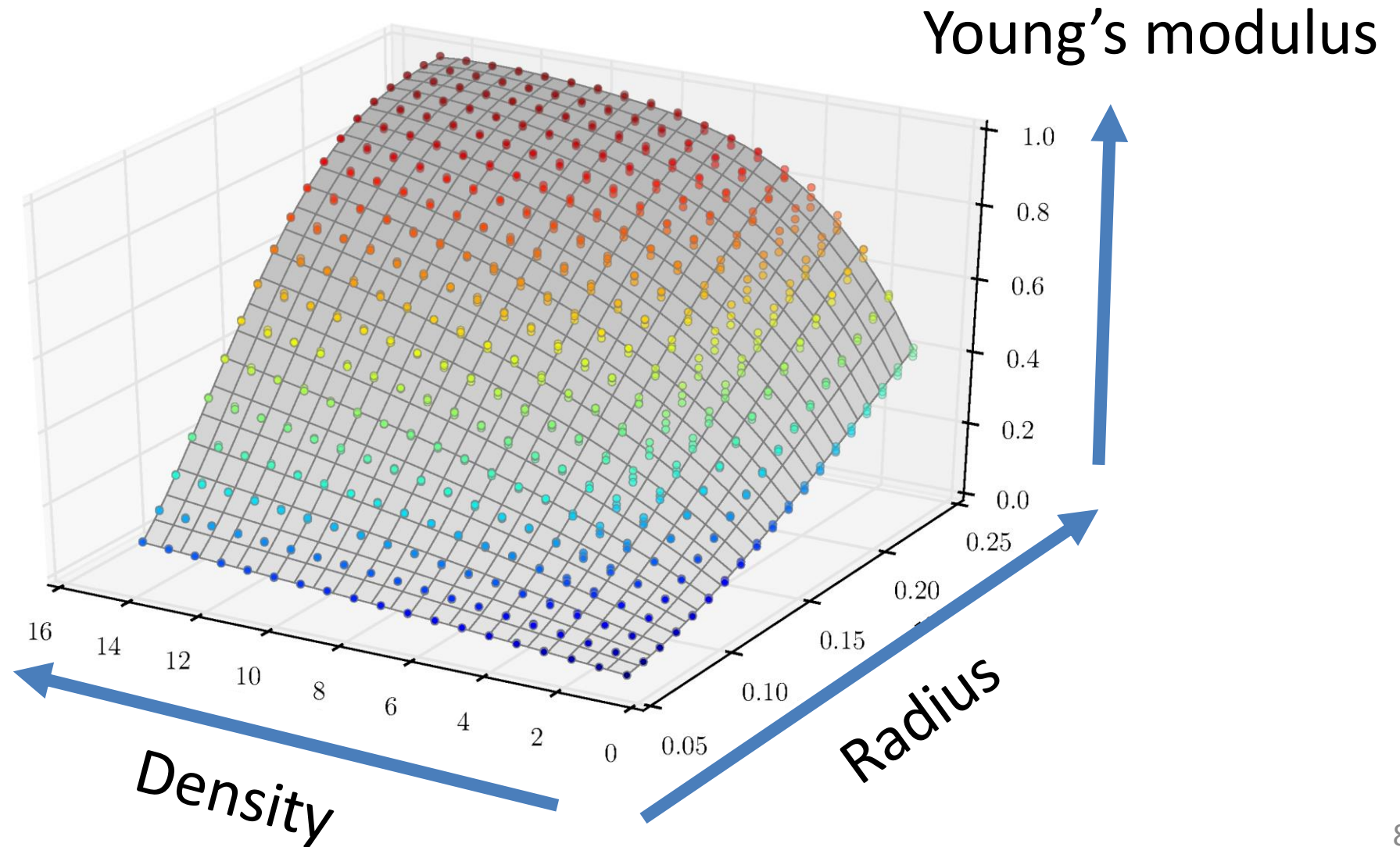
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# Elasticity control

Family 2				
Family 1				
Density	0.0097	0.0168	0.0250	0.0332

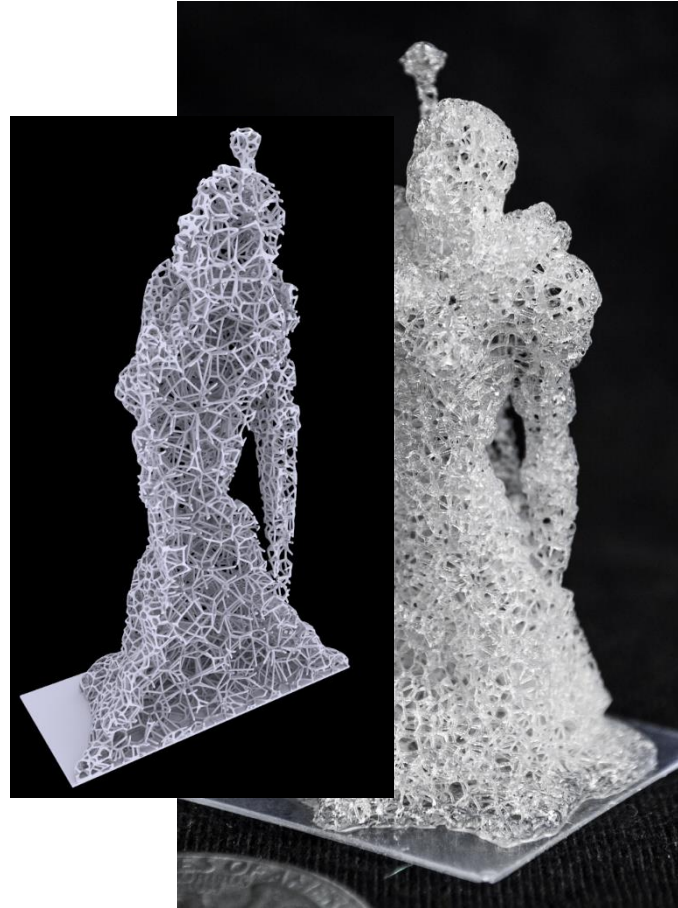
# Homogenisation





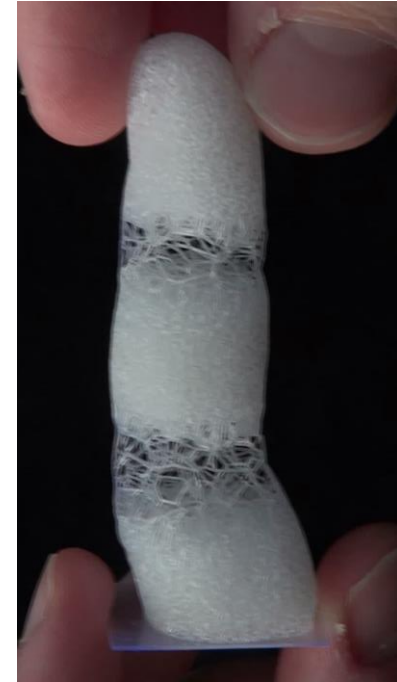
- Results

# Crusty Knight



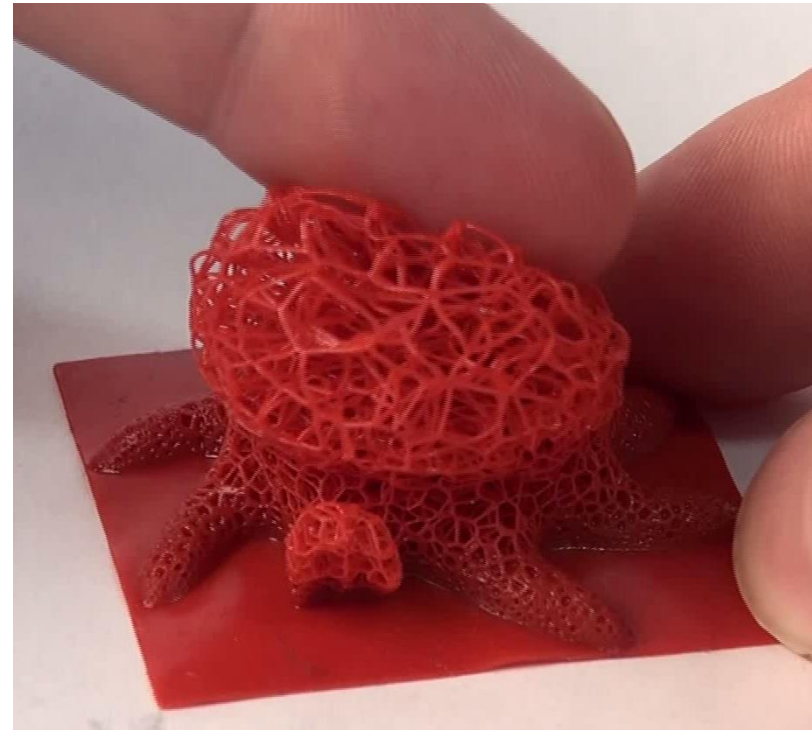
- Results

# Articulated Finger



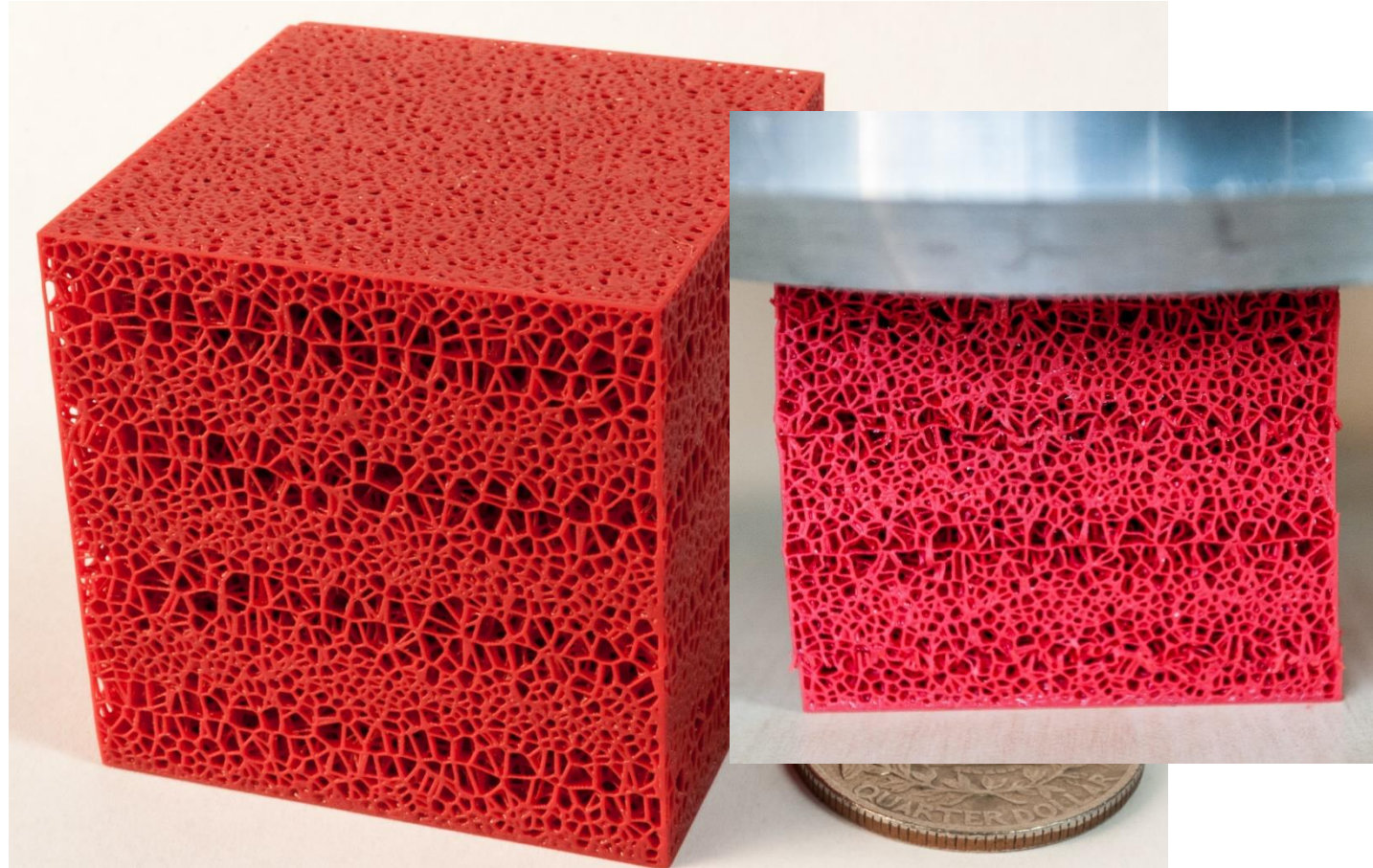
# Cute Octopus

- Results



- **Results**

# Anisotropy



# Performances

Example		Extent (mm)	# Voxels	Volume	% Filtered	Time per slice (ms)
Moomin	fig. 1	$26.7 \times 40.8 \times 51.9$	$534 \times 815 \times 1038$	6.44%	0.005%	68.34
Ellipsoid	fig. 13	$30.9 \times 30.9 \times 41.1$	$617 \times 617 \times 822$	6.30%	0.001%	37.28
Knight	fig. 14	$26.1 \times 30.0 \times 50.55$	$521 \times 600 \times 1011$	12.50%	0.023%	20.25
Finger	fig. 15	$25.0 \times 23.25 \times 70.5$	$500 \times 465 \times 1410$	23.35%	0.006%	28.03
SIGGRAPH logo	fig. 16	$20.0 \times 40.0 \times 80.0$	$400 \times 800 \times 1600$	5.73%	0.003%	69.18
Half-dome	fig. 17	$25.0 \times 50.0 \times 25.0$	$500 \times 1000 \times 500$	19.49%	0.025%	71.22
Octopus	fig. 18	$41.7 \times 41.1 \times 28.8$	$833 \times 822 \times 576$	17.27%	0.009%	150.22
Anisotropic cube	fig. 19	$40.0 \times 40.0 \times 40.0$	$800 \times 800 \times 800$	26.86%	0.005%	113.52
Forest dragon	fig. 20	$770.1 \times 990.7 \times 961.7$	$15402 \times 19814 \times 19234$	N/A	N/A	1666.91



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