# Geração de Malhas de Elementos Finitos

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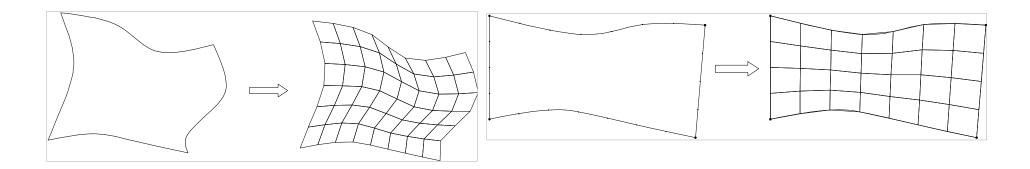




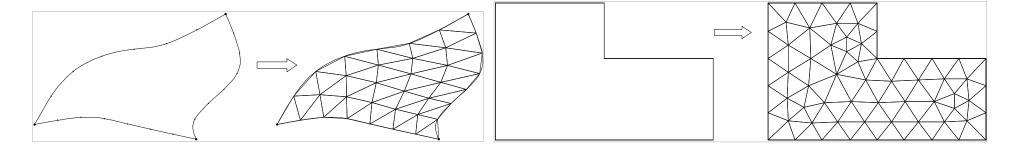
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#### 2D structured meshes

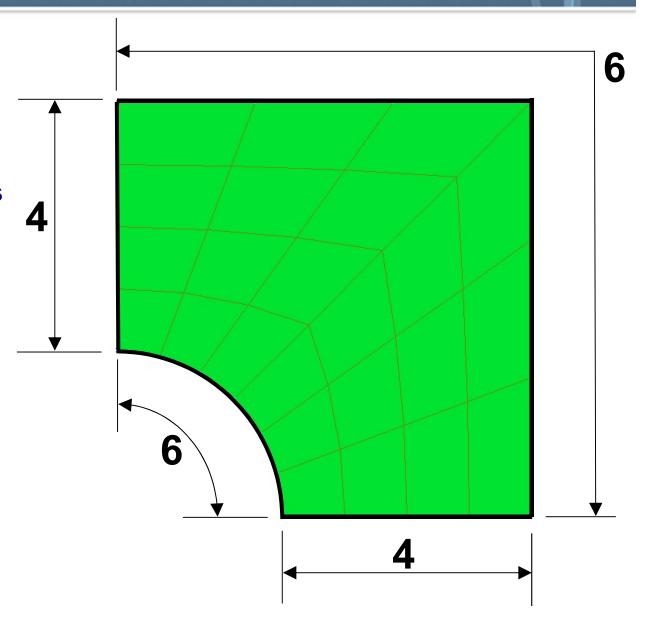


#### 2D structured and non-structured meshes





- 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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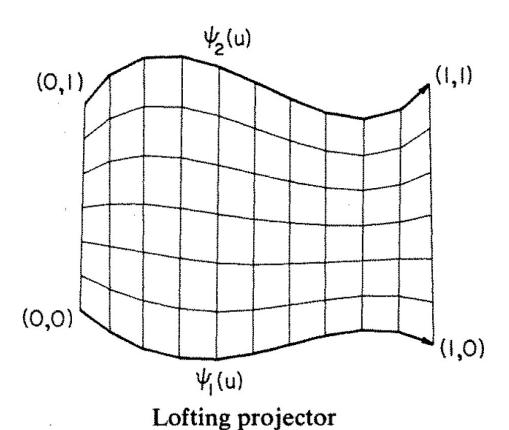
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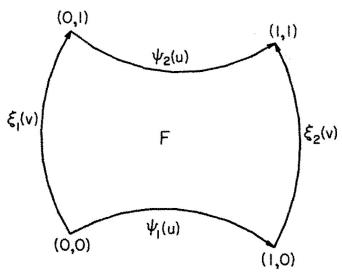
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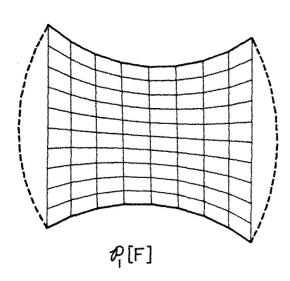


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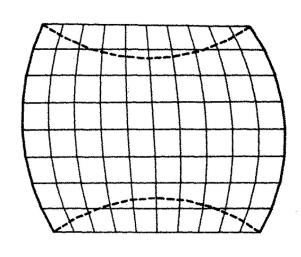




Bilinear projector: co-ordinate system and boundary curves



Bilinear projector:  $\mathcal{P}_1$ 



 $P_2[F]$ Bilinear projector:  $P_2$ 

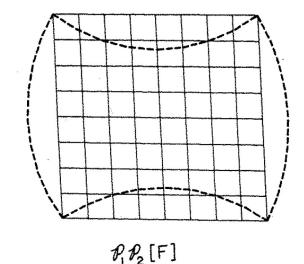
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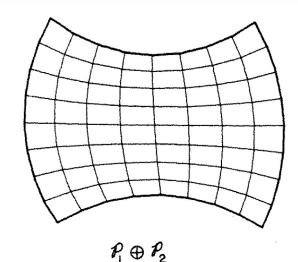
$$\mathcal{P}_2[F] \equiv P_2(u, v) = (1 - u)\xi_1(v) + u\xi_2(v)$$

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

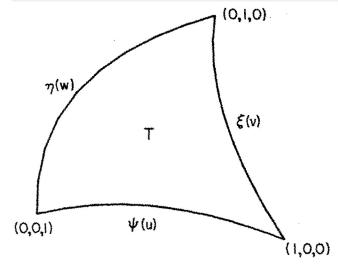


Bilinear projector:  $\mathcal{P}_1 \oplus \mathcal{P}_2$ 

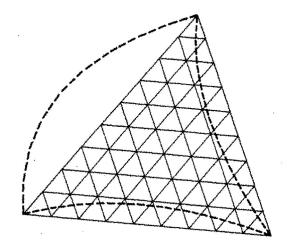
$$\begin{split} (\mathcal{P}_1 \oplus \mathcal{P}_2)[F] &\equiv \mathcal{P}_1[F] + \mathcal{P}_2[F] - \mathcal{P}_1 \mathcal{P}_2[F] \\ &= P_{\mathrm{B}}(u, v) \\ &= (1 - v)\psi_1(u) + v\psi_2(u) + (1 - u)\xi_1(v) + u\xi_2(v) \\ &- (1 - u)(1 - v)F(0, 0) - u(1 - v)F(0, 1) \\ &- uvF(1, 1) - (1 - u)vF(1, 0) \qquad 0 \leq u \leq 1, 0 \leq v \leq 1 \end{split}$$

Assumed discrete representation of curves:

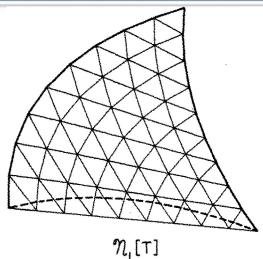
$$\{\xi_1(v_i), \xi_2(v_i)\}i = 1, n, \qquad \{\psi_1(u_i), \psi_2(u_i)\}j = 1, m$$



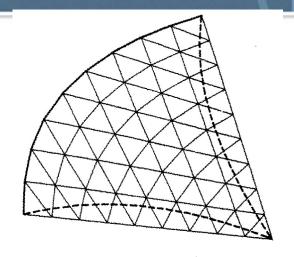
Trilinear projector: co-ordinate system and boundary curves



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



Trilinear projector:  $\mathcal{N}_1$ 



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

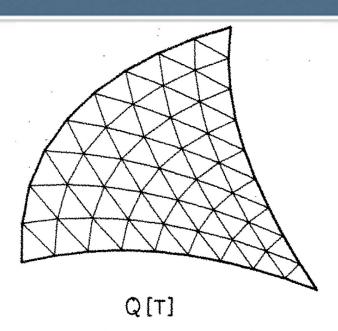
$$\mathcal{N}_1 \equiv N_1(u, v, w) = \left(\frac{u}{1-v}\right)\xi(v) + \left(\frac{w}{1-v}\right)\eta(1-v)$$

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

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

$$0 \le u \le 1$$
,  $0 \le v \le 1$ ,  $0 \le w \le 1$ ,  $u + v + w = 1$ 





Trilinear projector: 2

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

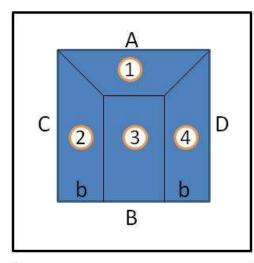
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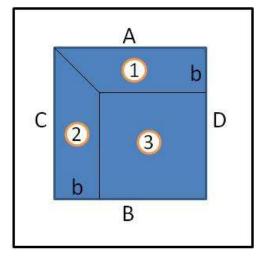
$$\{\psi(u_i), \xi(v_i), \eta(w_i); i = 1, n\}$$

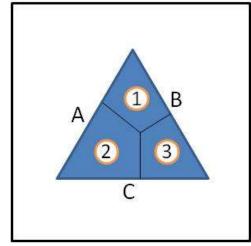
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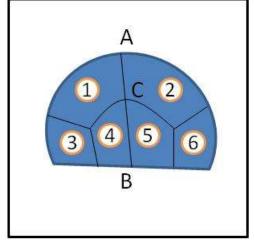


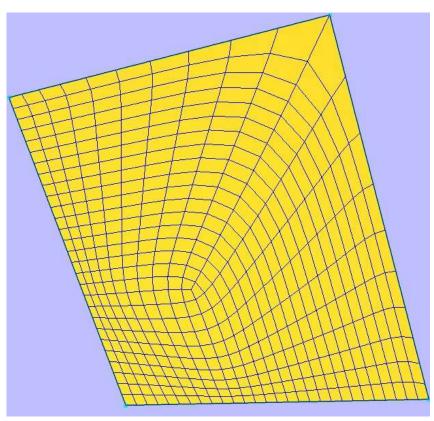
#### Quadrilateral template (new)





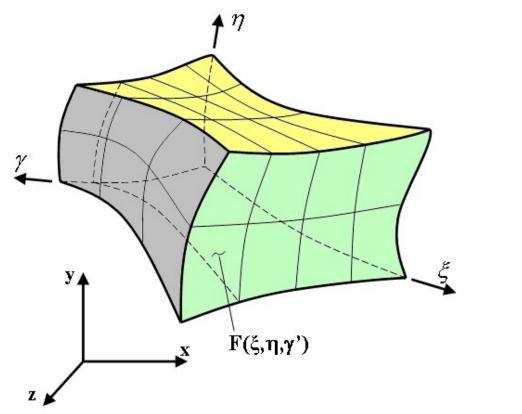


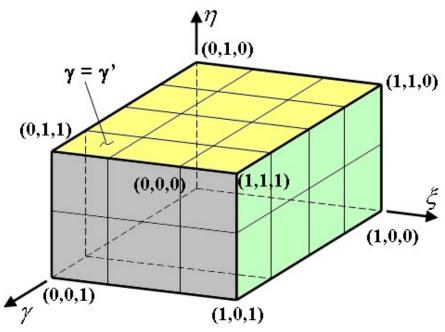




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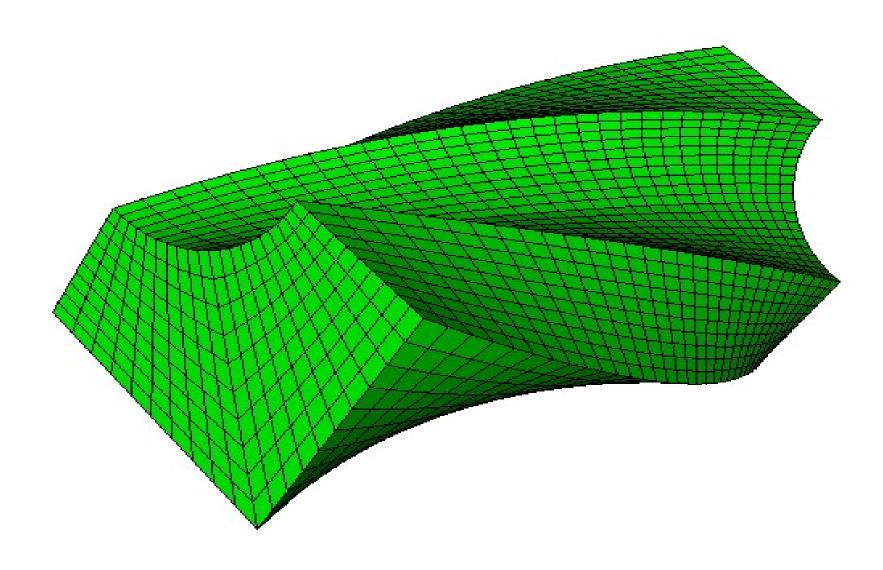
- Geometry Requirements
  - 6 topological surfaces
  - Opposite surfaces must have similar mapped meshes





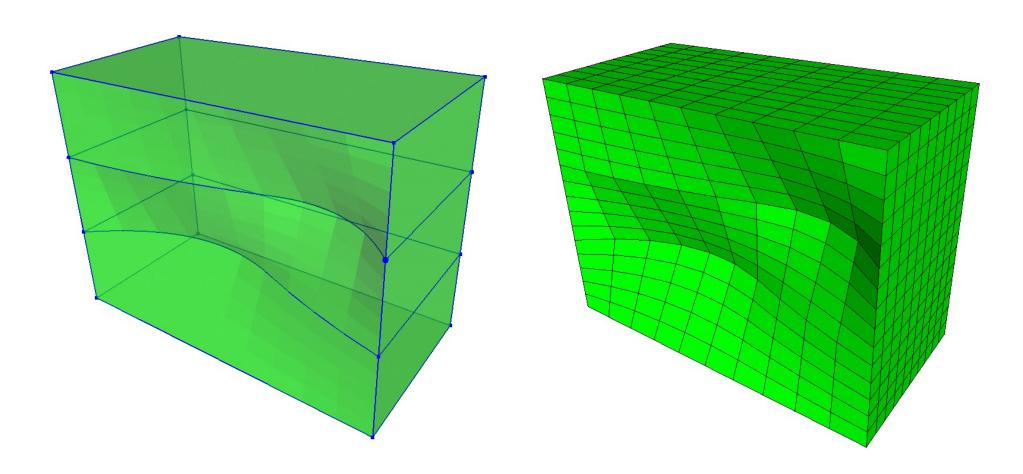


Many complex domains can be mapped





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

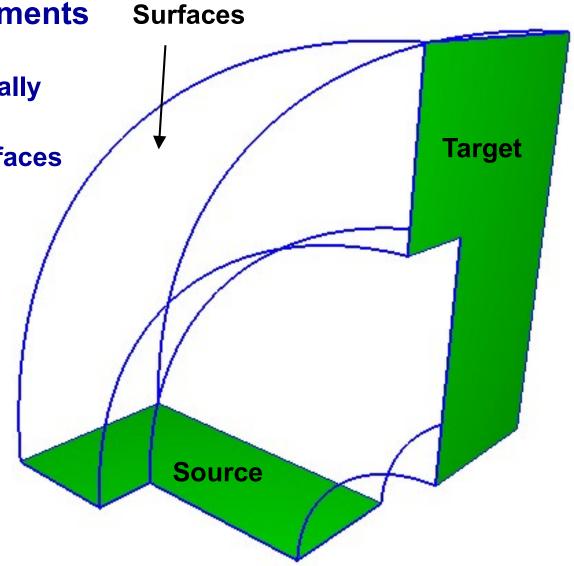




Geometry Requirements

Source and target surfaces topologically similar

Mapped linked surfaces

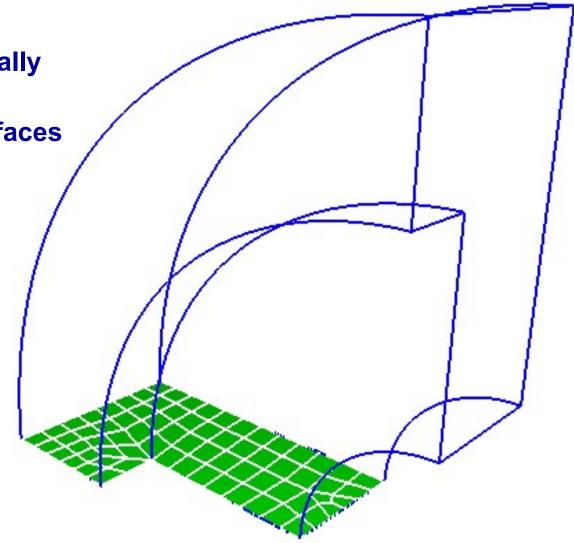


Linked



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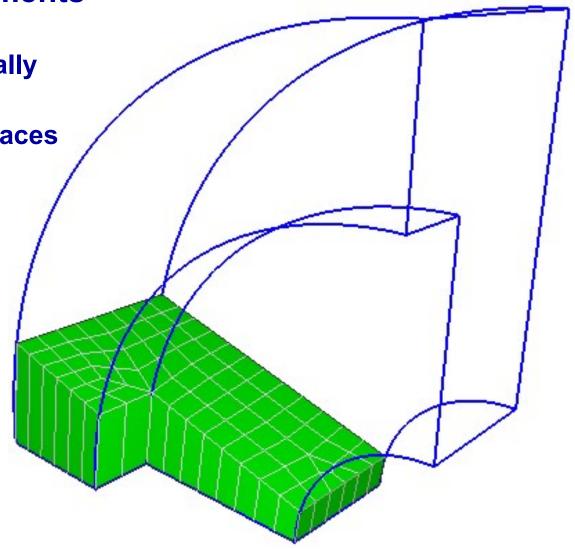
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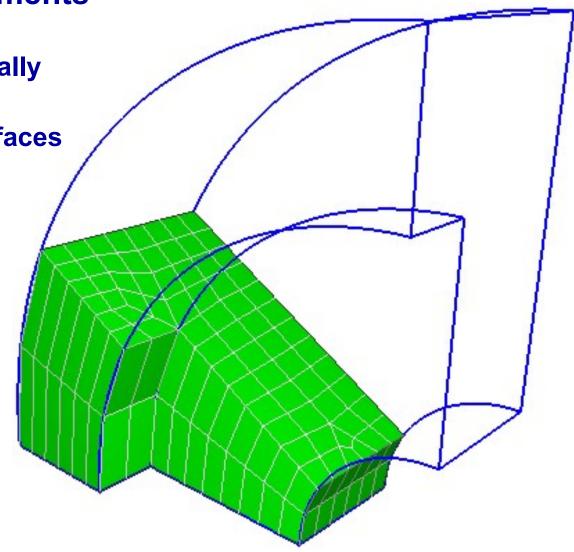
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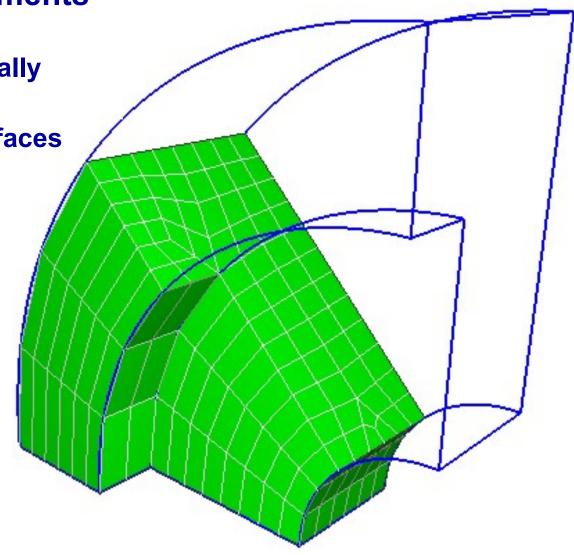
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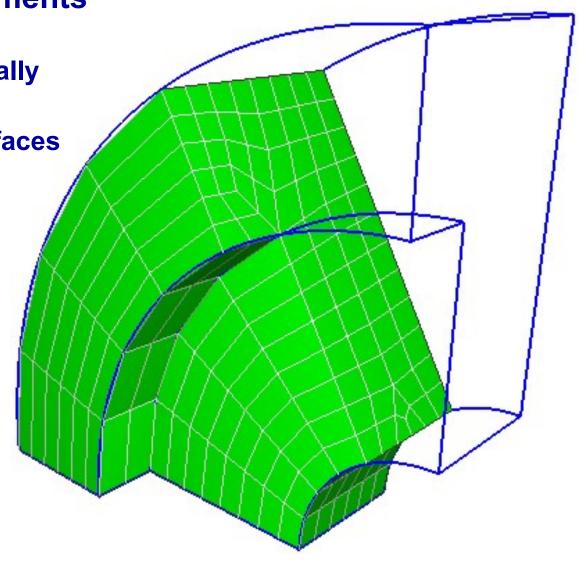
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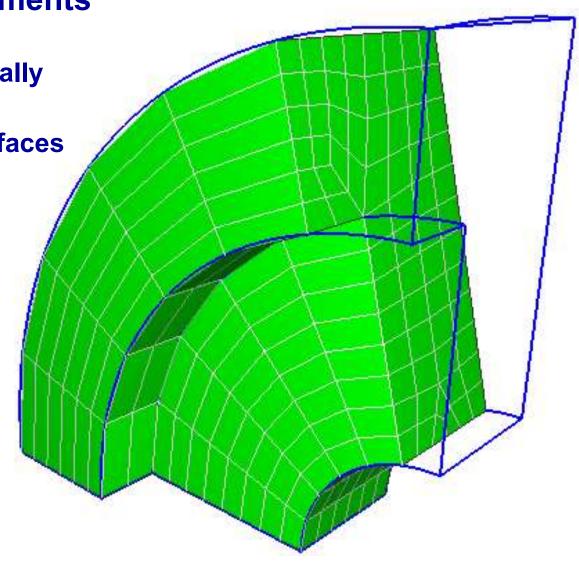
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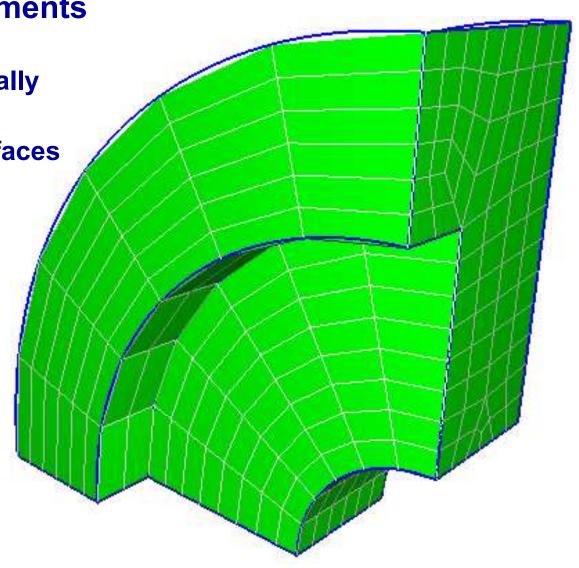
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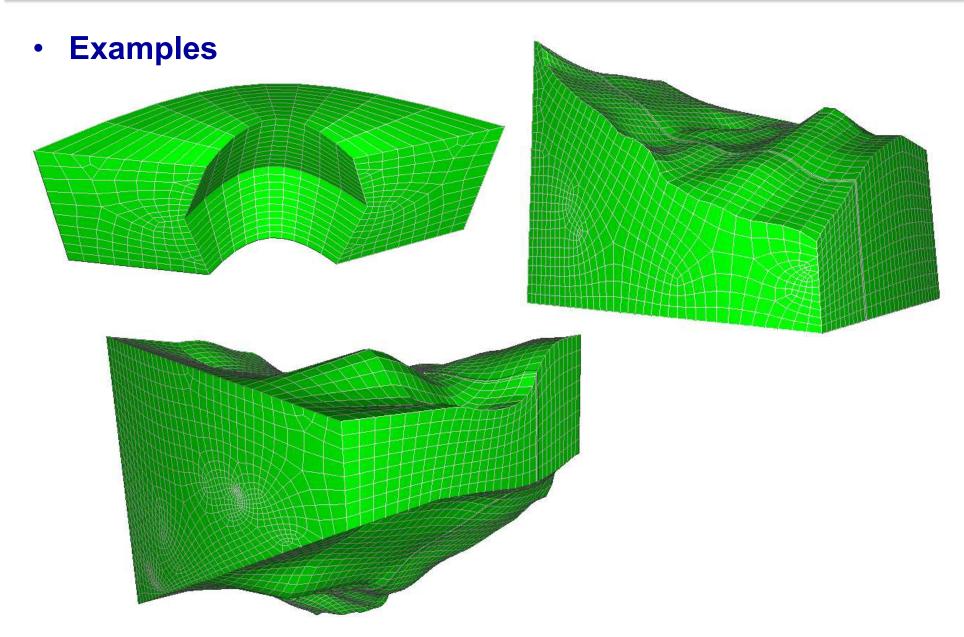


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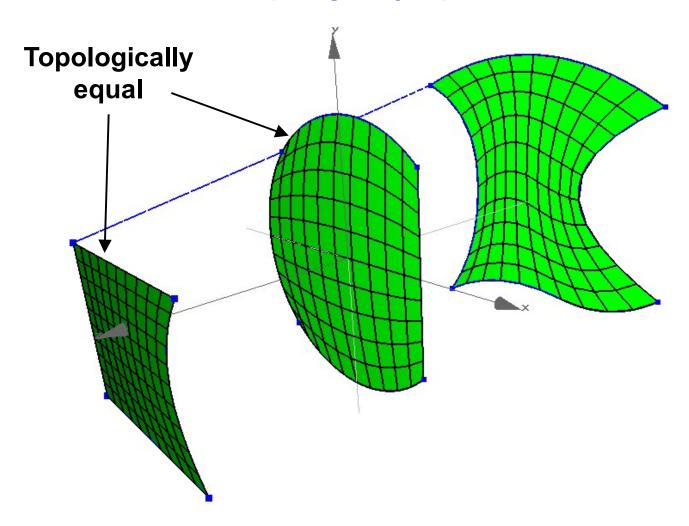
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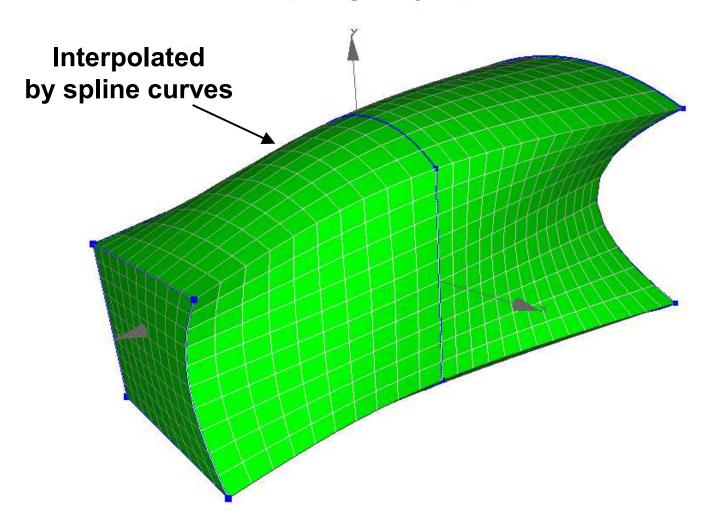




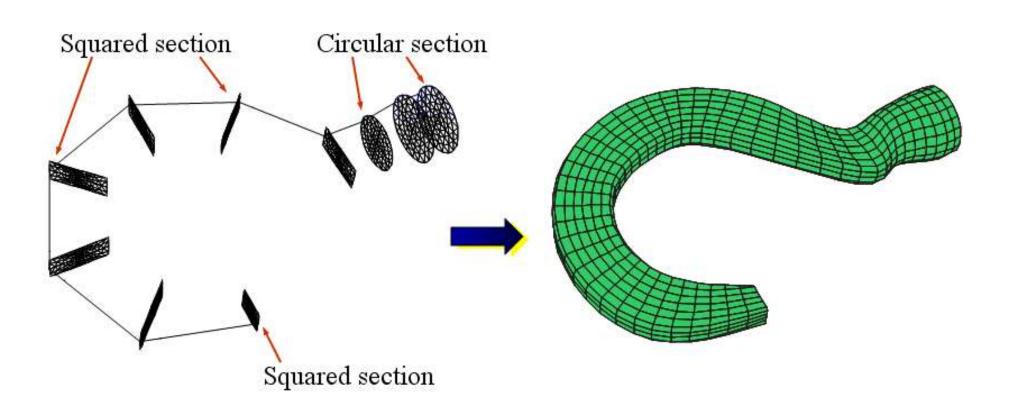
- Geometry Requirements
  - Sequence of sections
  - Meshes must be topologically equal



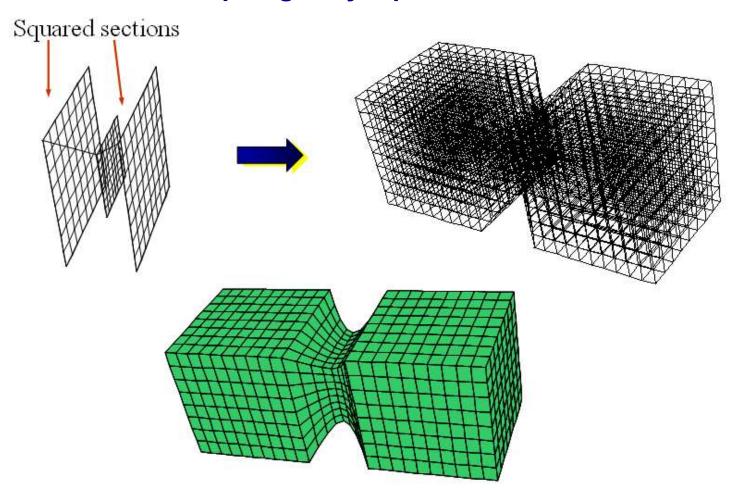
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#### Unstructured mesh – Requirements



- 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

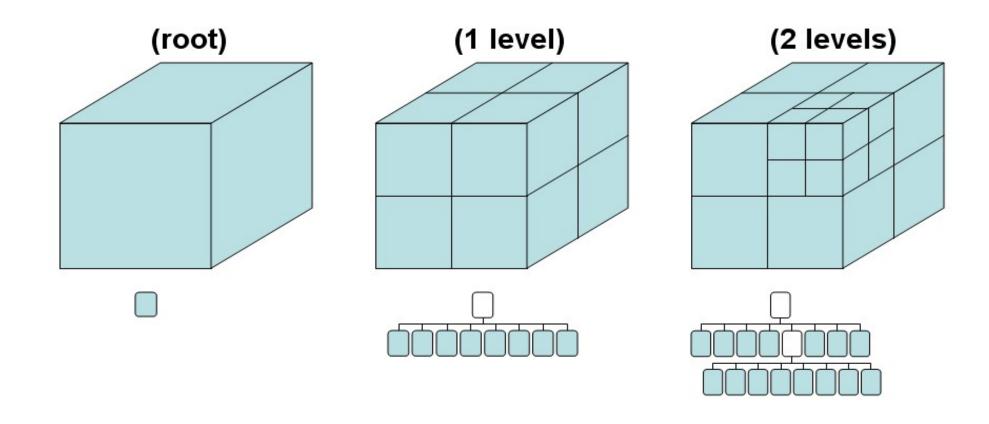
#### Unstructured mesh generation outline



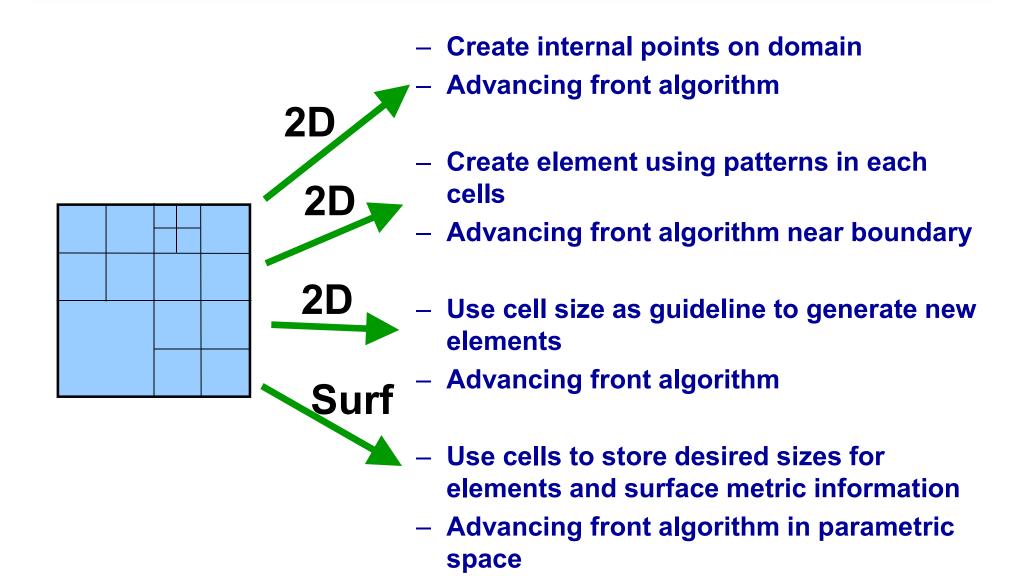
- Background mesh generation quadtree/octree
  - Initialization based on boundary mesh.
  - Refinement to force a maximum cell size.
  - Refinement to provide minimum size disparity for adjacent cells.
- Advancing-front procedure
  - Geometry-based element generation
  - Topology-based element generation
  - 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

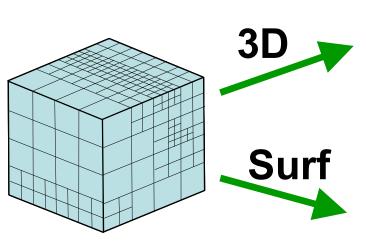
- Quadtree and Octree
  - Fast search procedures to navigate through end leaves
  - Represent the desired size of elements with nearly the same size as the end leaves



#### Unstructured mesh – 2D auxiliary background structure



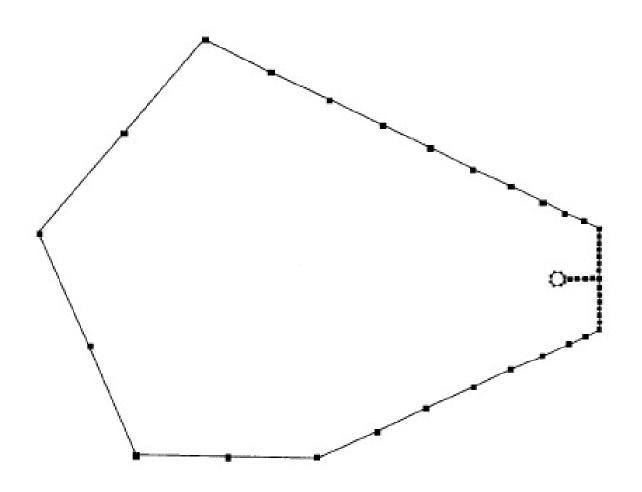
#### Unstructured mesh – 3D auxiliary background structure



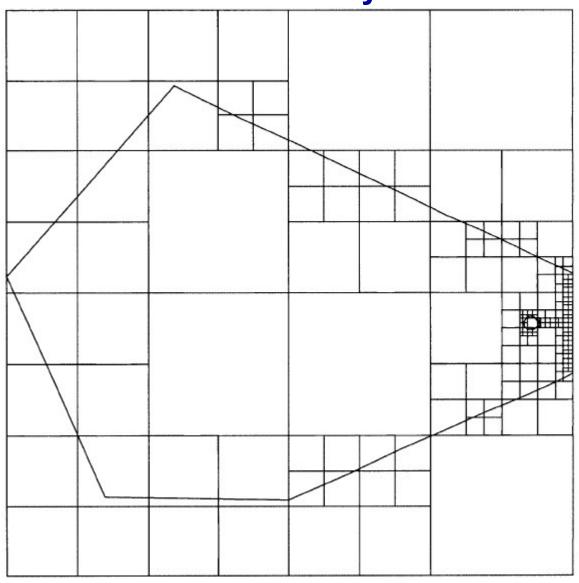
- Use cells to store desired sizes for elements
- Advancing front algorithm

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

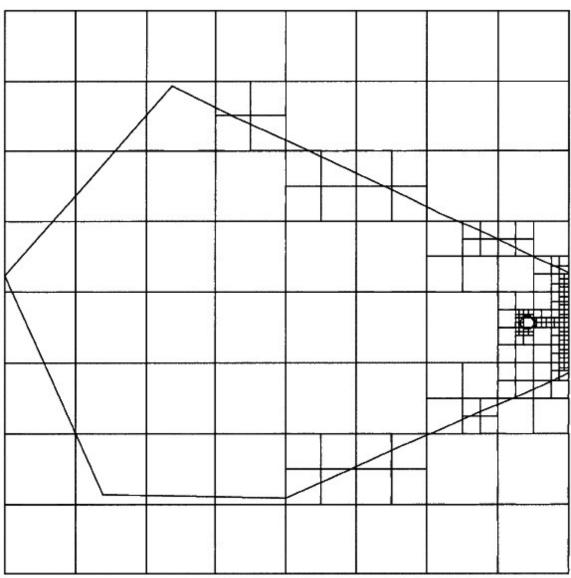
Hypothetical 2D model and its boundary refinement



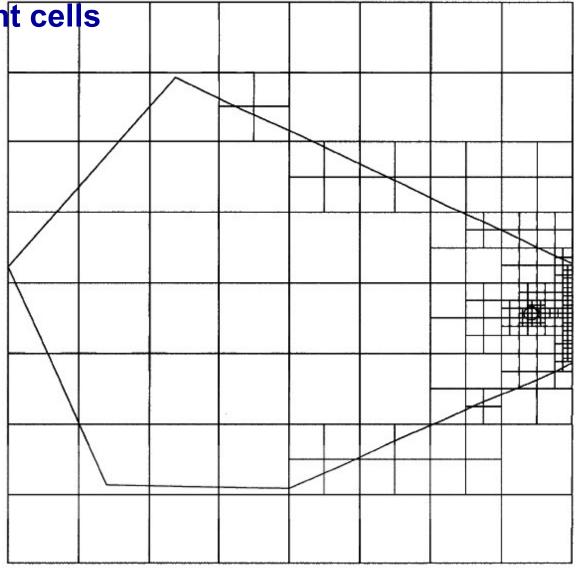
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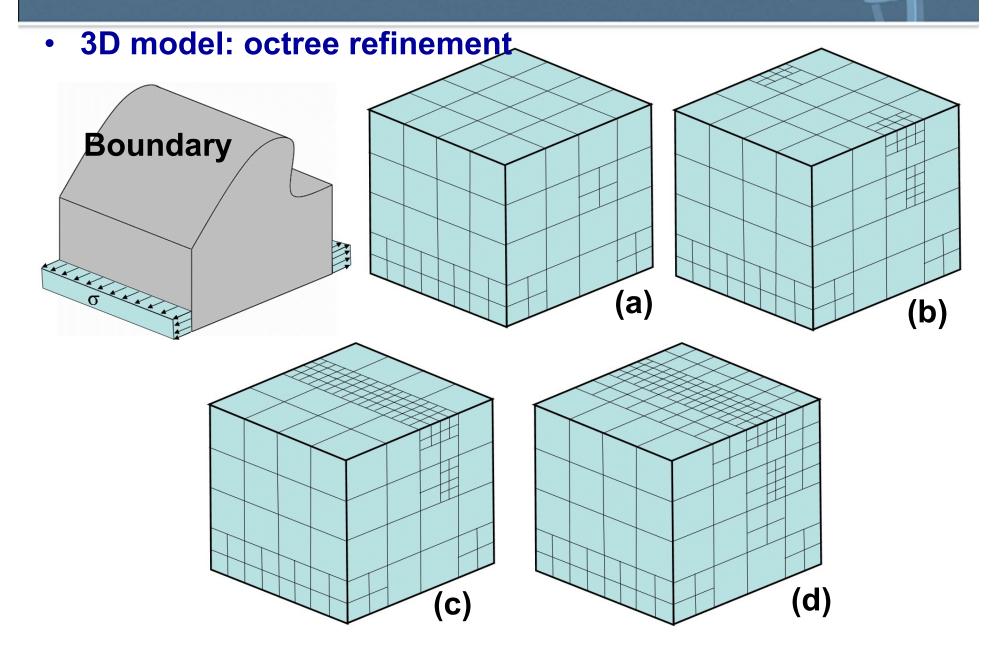


Refinement to force a maximum cell size



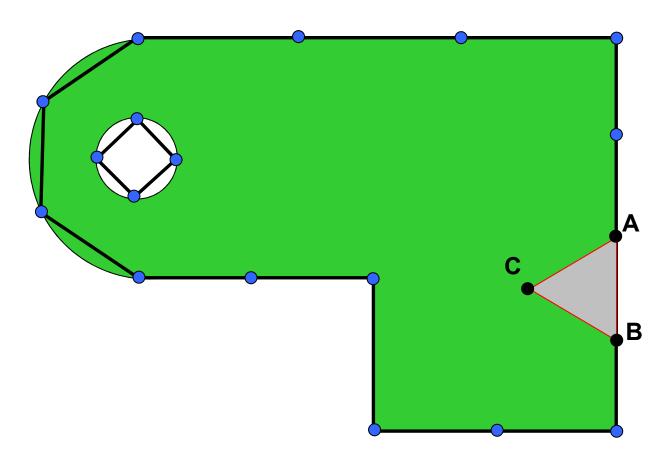
Refinement to provide minimum size disparity for adjacent cells



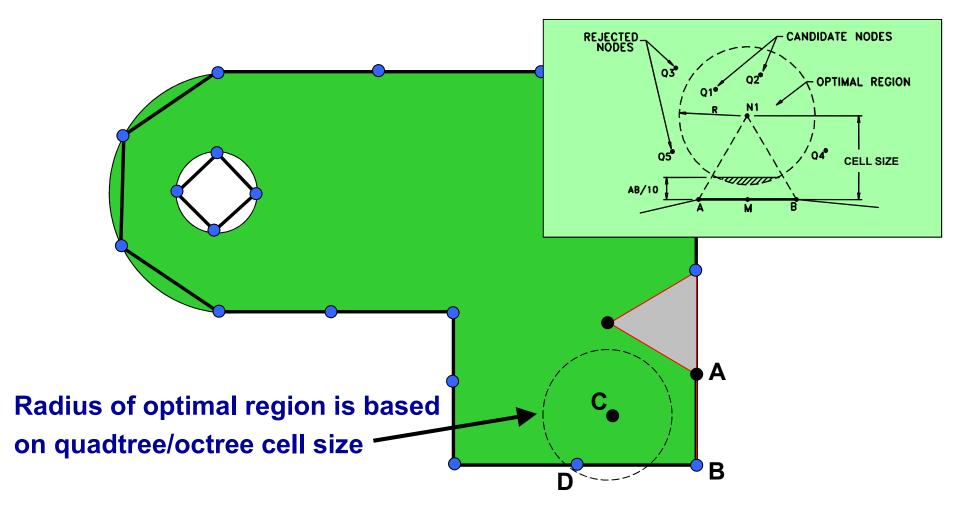




- Advancing front algorithm
  - Begin with boundary mesh define as initial front
  - For each edge (face) on front, locate initial node C based on front
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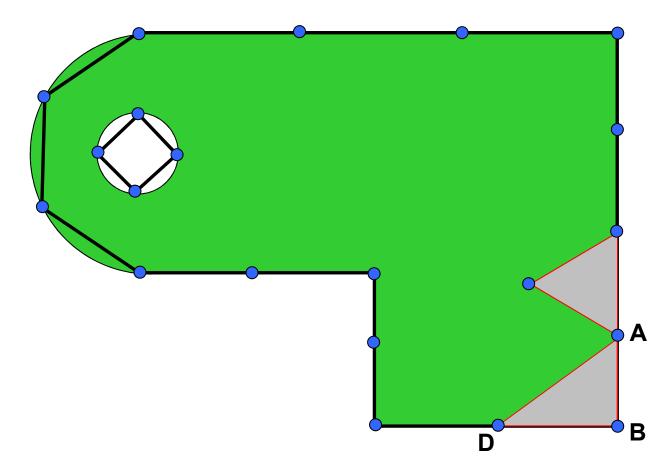


- Advancing front algorithm
  - Determine if any other node on current from are within search radius r of ideal location C (Choose D instead of C)



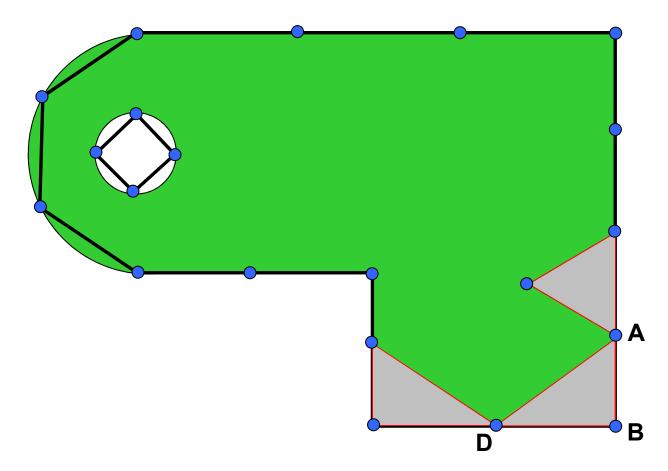


- Advancing front algorithm
  - New front edges (faces) added and deleted from front as triangles (tetrahedral) are formed
  - Continue until front edges (faces) remain on front



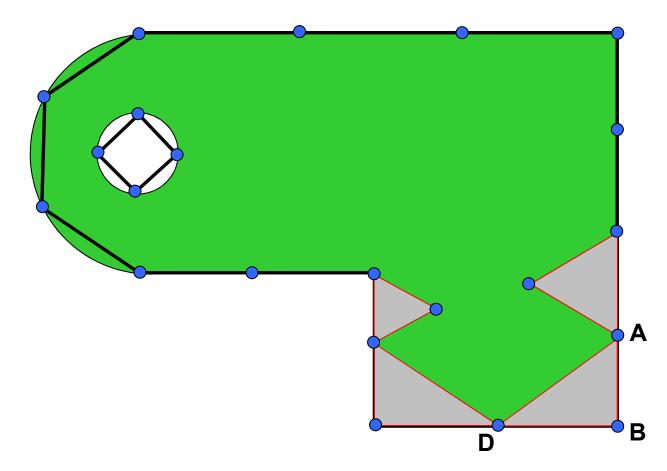


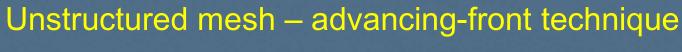
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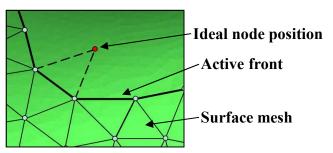


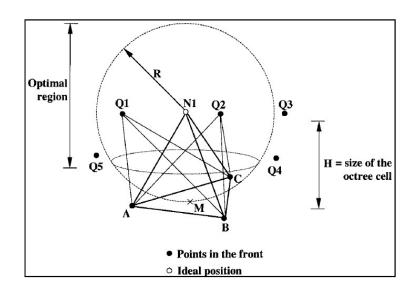
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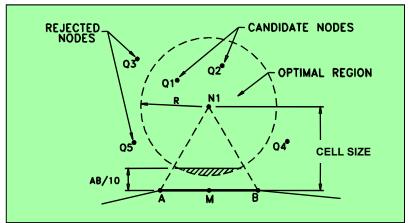




- **Geometry-based element generation** 
  - Boundary contraction list
    - List of active edges
    - List of rejected edges
  - Generation of optimal elements
    - Size of element
    - **Optimal location N1**
    - Ratio = 0.85 \* size
    - Upper bound and lower bond
    - Range Tree Search

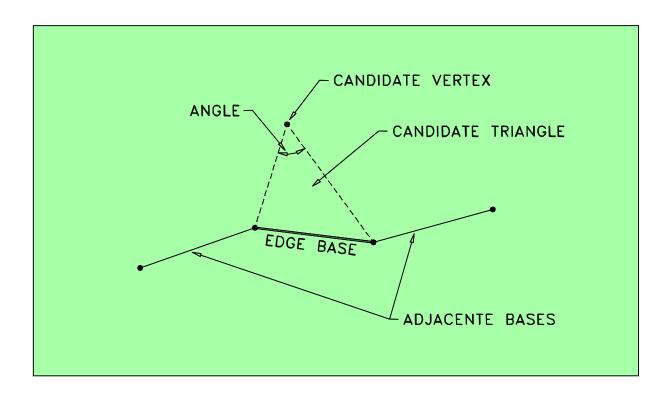






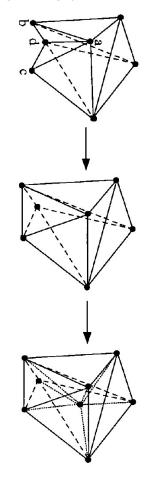


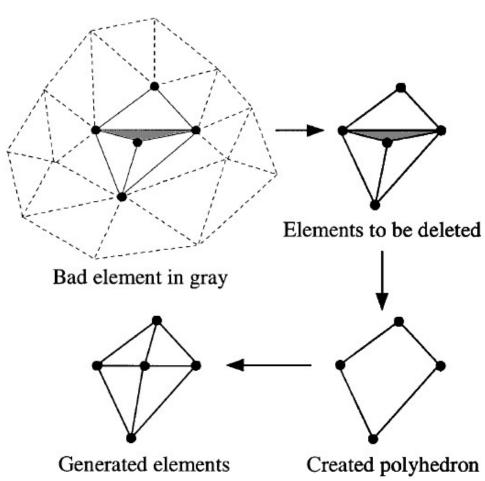
- Topology-based element generation
  - List of rejected edges becomes active edges
  - Generation of elements by any node close to the base edge (best angle)
  - Generate a valid mesh, although not optimal





- 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

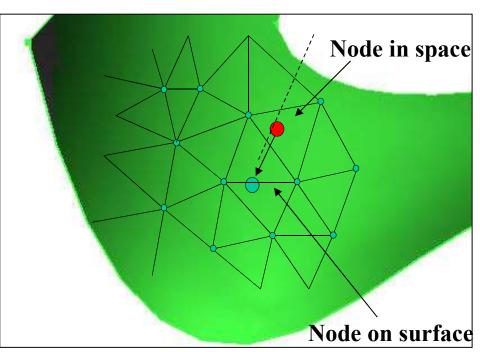
$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} w_{i0}(X_{i}^{n} - X_{0}^{n})$$

$$X_{0}^{n+1} = X_{0}^{n} + \phi \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m} w_{i0}}{\sum_{i=1}^{m} w_{i0}}$$

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

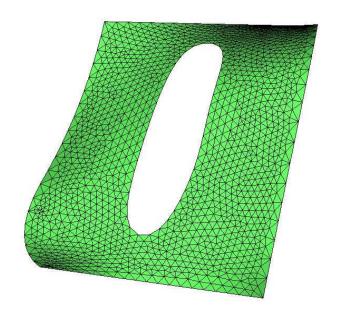


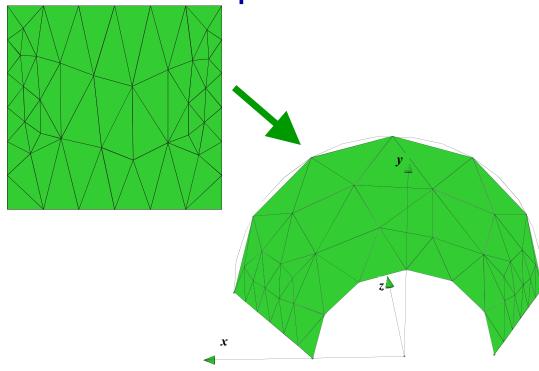
- Uses twice Laplacian equation
  - $\phi = 1.0$  and  $w_{i0} = 0.63$
  - $\phi = 1.0$  and  $w_{i0} = -0.67$
- Filters high frequencies
- Preserves the low frequencies
- Good results with geological and microstructure surfaces





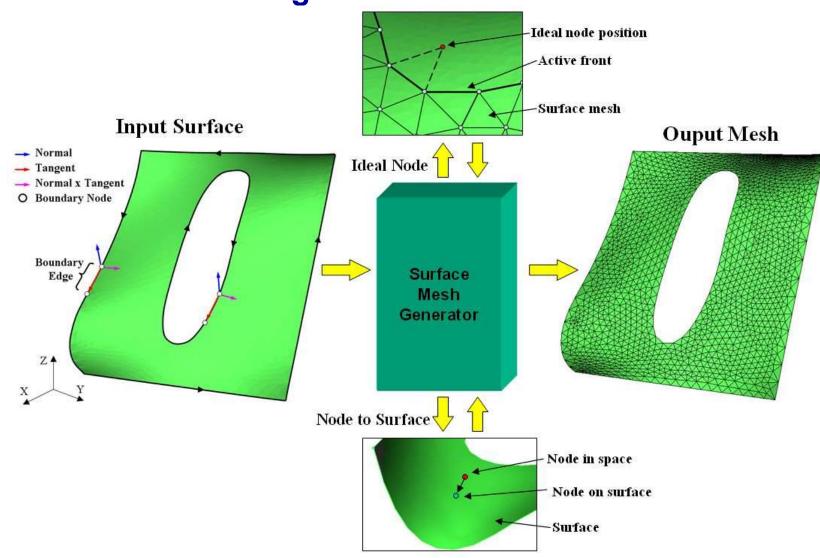
- Direct 3D Meshing
  - Elements formed in 3D using actual x-y-z representation of surface
- Parametric Space Meshing
  - Elements formed in 2D using parametric representation of surface
  - Nodes locations later mapped to 3D space





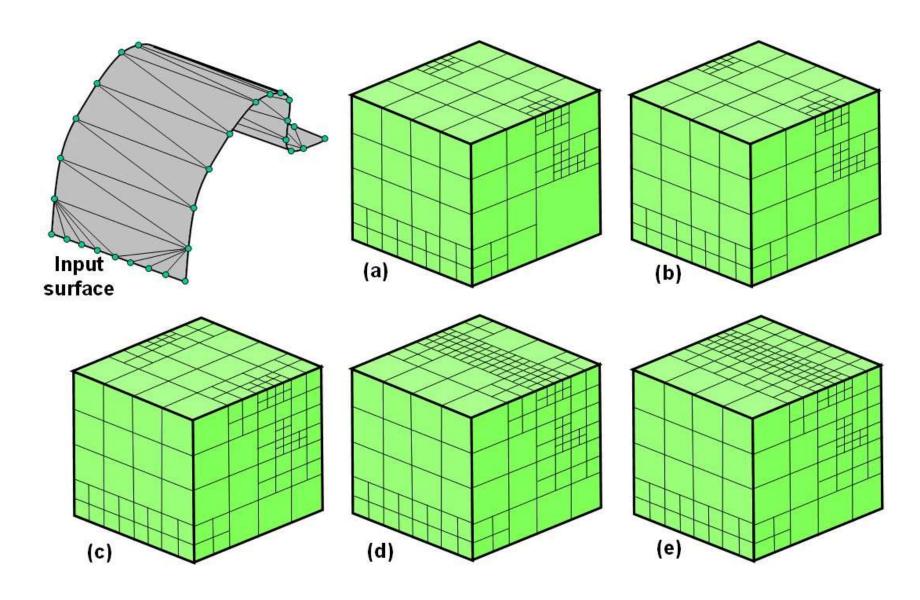


Direct 3D Meshing



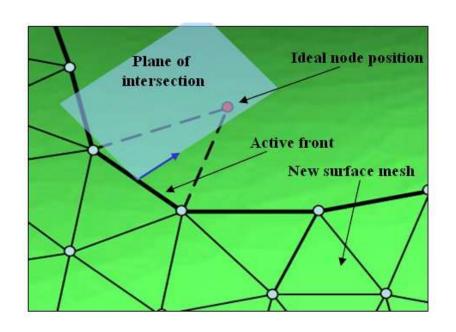
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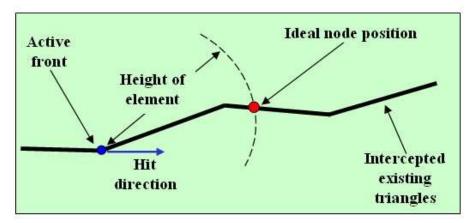
Direct 3D Meshing – refinement of octree





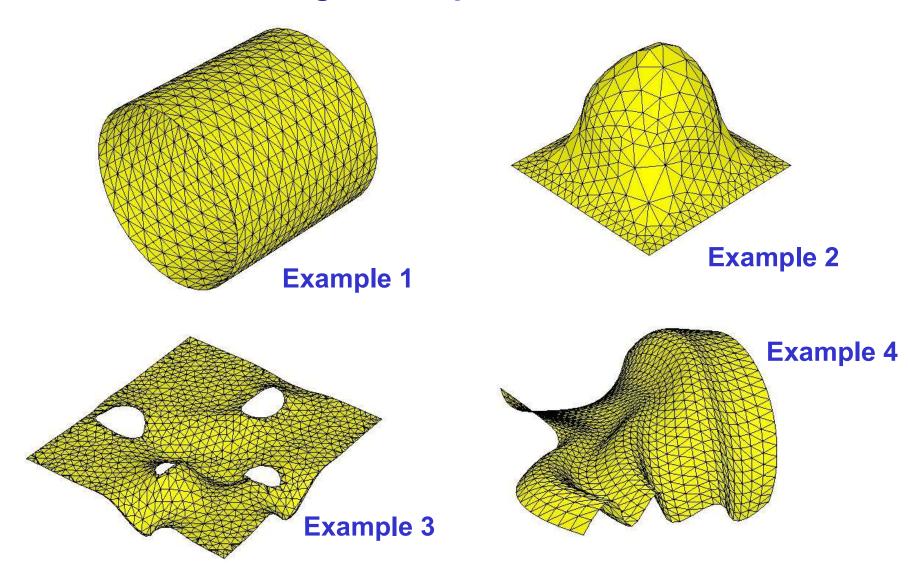
Direct 3D Meshing – node location





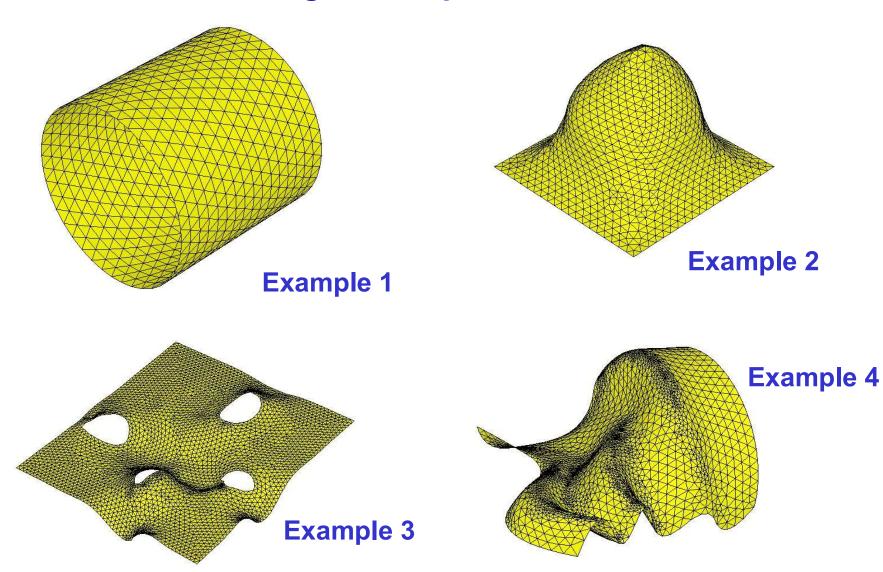


Direct 3D Meshing – Examples



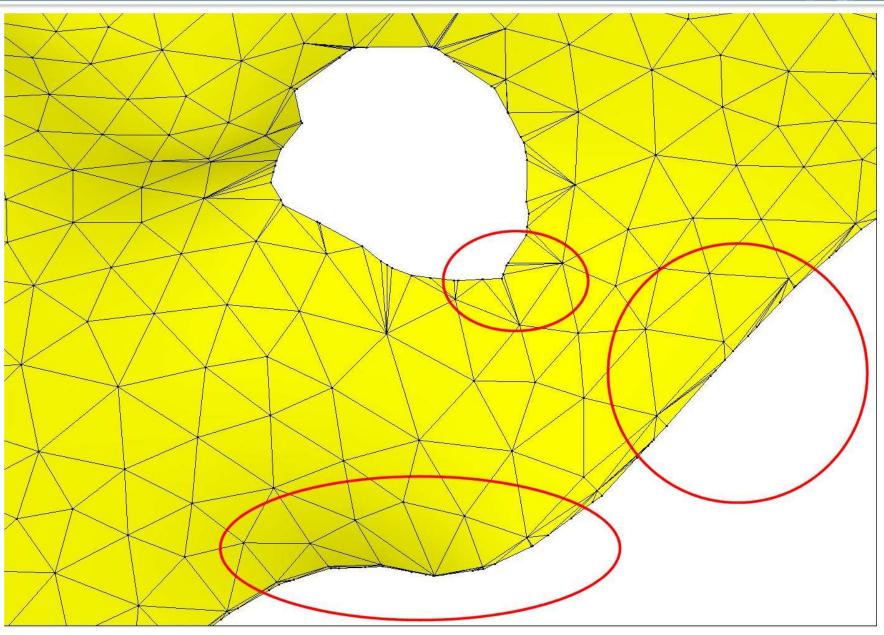


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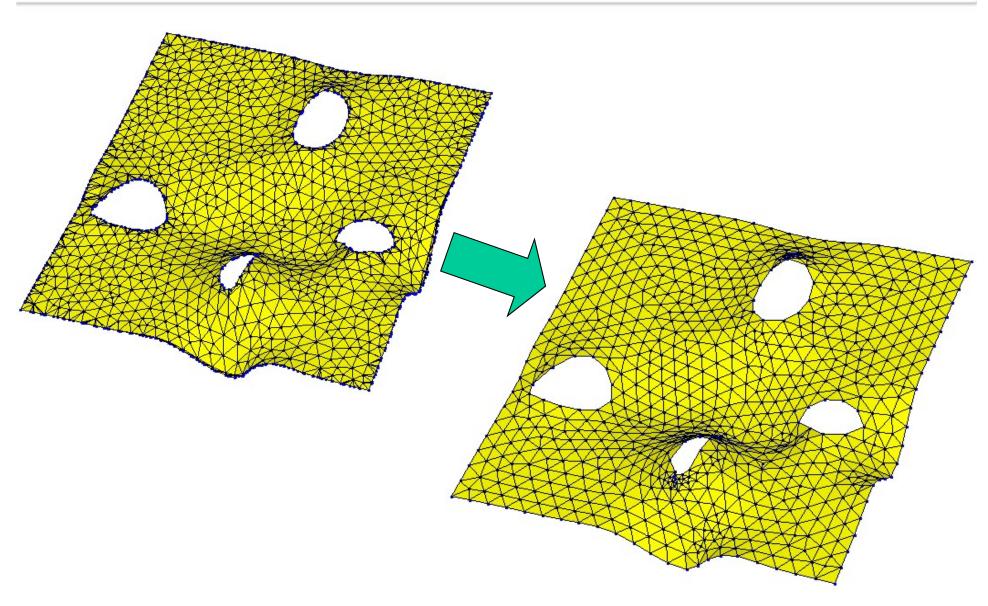
# Imported triangulation with poorly-shaped elements





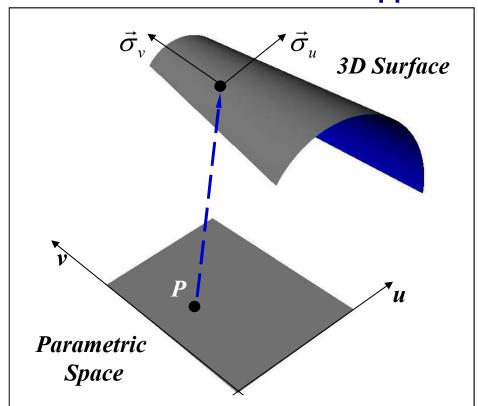
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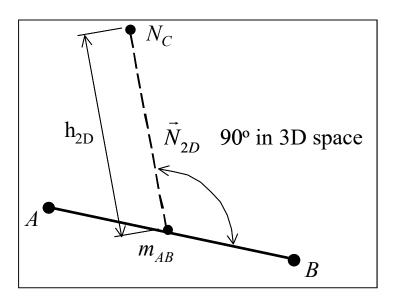






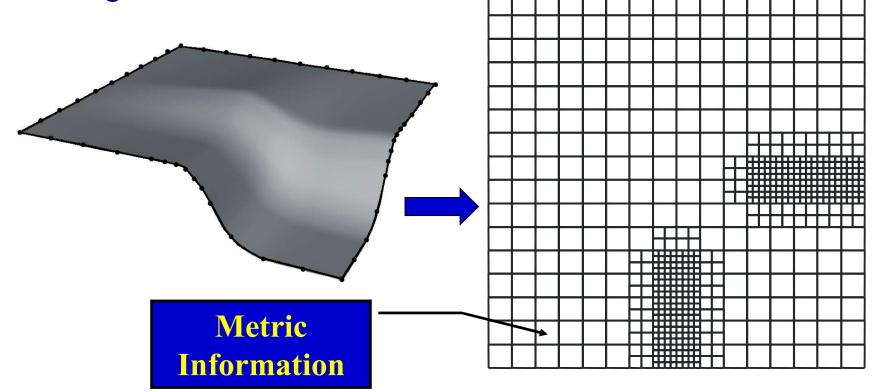
- Parametric Space Meshing
  - Elements formed in 2D using parametric representation of surface
  - Distance and angles are distorted in parametric space
  - Nodes locations later mapped to 3D space





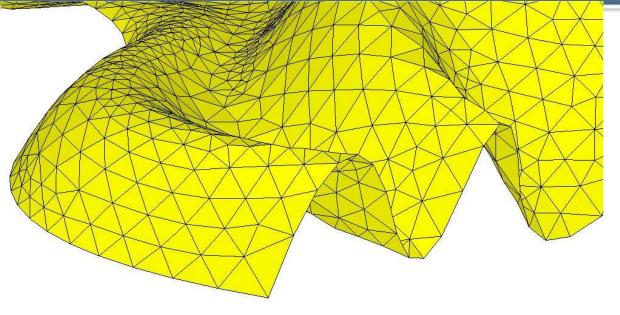


- Parametric Space Meshing
  - Given an analytical surface description and boundary segments
- Background quadtree

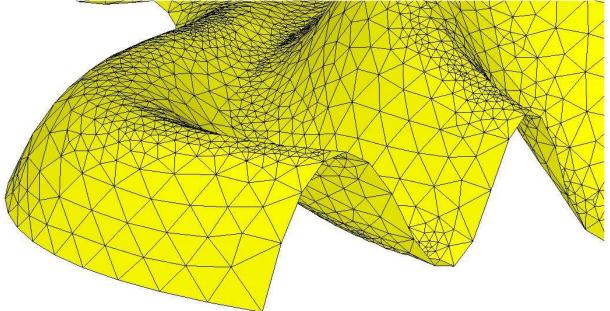


# Importance of considering the curvature





No consideration of curvature



Consideration of curvature

# **Surface mesh intersection**



