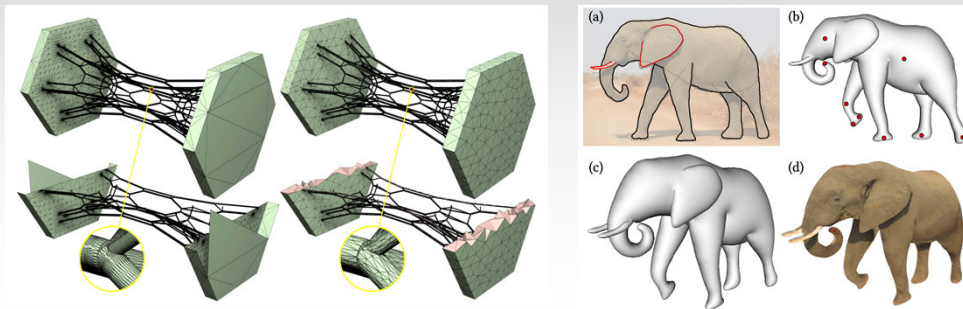




Advances in Geometry Processing (CPSC 533A)

<https://www.cs.ubc.ca/~sheffa/cpsc533A/>

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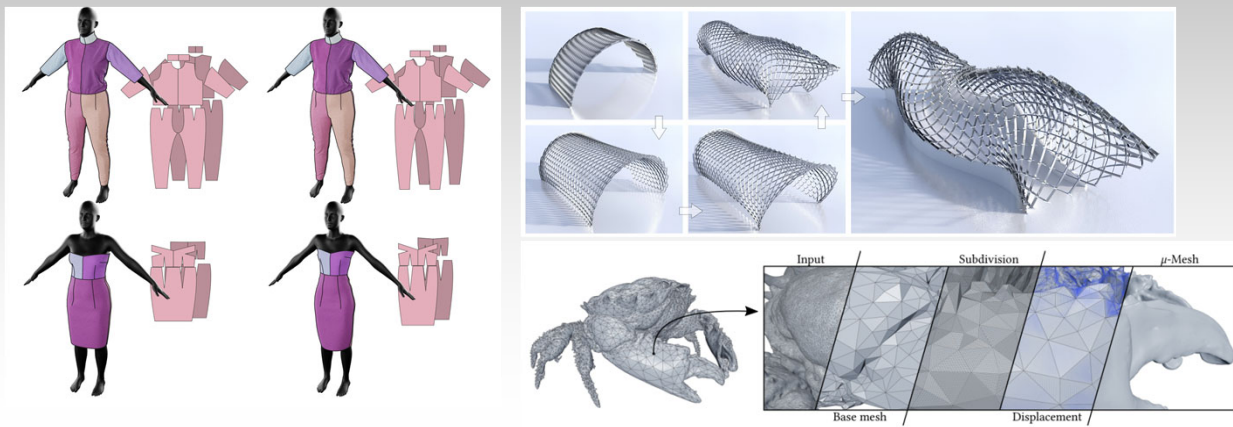


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What is it about?

State of the Art Research on Creation & Manipulation of Shapes (geometry) (3D or 2D)

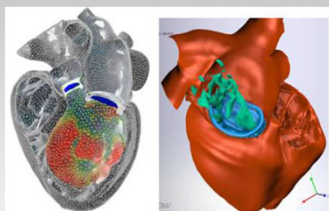


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Why do we care about geometry (shape)?

Shape is a primary characteristic of most objects around us (natural or human-made)



Medicine/Biology



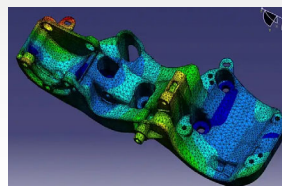
Computer Vision & Robotics



Games/Movies/VR



Fabrication



Engineering/Simulation

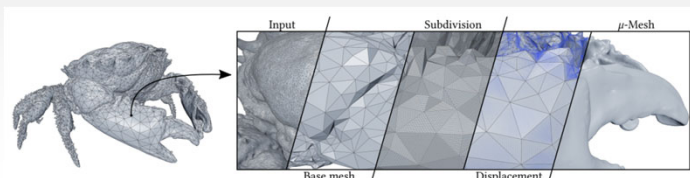
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Course Focus

Getting Familiar with State of the Art Geometry Creation & Processing Algorithms

- Reading/Discussing recent work
- Hands-on experience with implementing an example method



Final Rendering



3D Gaussian Visualization



Course Format & Processes

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TA: Suzuran Takikawa

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Web page: <https://www.cs.ubc.ca/~sheffa/cpsc533A>

- Includes all course material
- Piazza page: <https://piazza.com/ubc.ca/winterterm12026/cpsc533a>
 - Link from course page
 - Info on all changes & news
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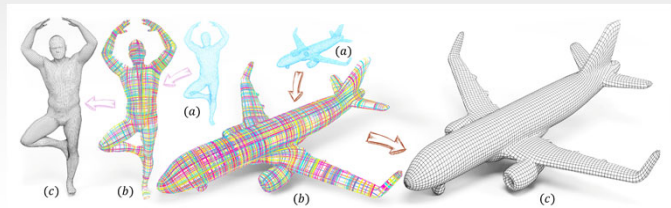
Seminar-style lectures + hands-on project

Seminar-style lectures

- One recent paper per class
- Role-playing discussion format

Hands-on projects

- Topic selected early in the term
- Periodic progress updates in class
- Final presentation



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Seminar Lectures

Seminar structure

- One recent paper per class
- Role-playing discussion format with 4 presenter roles
- Each role presenter gives a ~10 minute presentation.
- Class discussion follows. **Everyone should read the paper in advance.**
- Students will submit anonymous feedback for presenters on Piazza (private post). This should include a brief summary and constructive feedback.

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Seminar Lectures

Presenter Roles

- Historian
 - *Deep dive into relevant prior work*
- Presenter
 - *Present paper: key ideas & algorithms*
- Positive Reviewer
 - *Describe and emphasize key contributions of the work*
 - *Discuss positive impact since publication (when applicable)*
- Critical Reviewer
 - *Provide a critical review of the work & its limitations*
 - *Discuss limitations observed since publication (when applicable)*

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Hands-on Project

Project Formats

- Option 1:
 - *Implement a paper from the course (if code not available) or refine/extend a paper.*
- Option 2:
 - *Incorporate advanced geometry processing methods into your own research.*
- Project group size: ~2 people

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Grading

45%: Paper Presentations

- 16-18 papers – each student presents ~4-5 papers
- Each student is expected to play each role roughly same number of times
- Grade depends (partly) on feedback from other students
- **Bonus for early presentations:** first presentation (8%), second (5%), third (3%)

45%: Final Project

- Project proposal – 5%
- Mid-term check-in 1 – 8%
- Mid-term check-in 2 – 8%
- Completed project – 24%

10%: Participation

- Paper presentation feedback (Piazza) + general classroom discussion participation

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Tentative Schedule

Week 1 (Sep 10)	Introduction
Week 2 (Sep 15 & 17)	Geometry Basics/Paper discussion (?)
Week 3 (Sep 22 & 24)	Paper discussions
Week 4 (Sep 21 & Oct 1)	Paper discussions
Week 5 (Oct 6 & 8)	Project proposals (Oct 6) / Paper discussion (Oct 8)
Week 6 (Oct 13 & 15)	Paper discussions
Week 7 (Oct 20 & 22)	Paper discussions
Week 8 (Oct 27 & 29)	Project mid-term check-in I (Oct 27) / Paper discussion (Oct 29)
Week 9 (Nov 3 & 5)	Paper discussions
Week 10 (Nov 12)	Paper discussion
Week 11 (Nov 17 & 19)	Project mid-term check-in II (Nov 17) / Paper discussion (Nov 19)
Week 12 (Nov 24 & 26)	Paper discussions
Week 13 (Dec 1 & 3)	Paper discussion/Summary
Week TBD	Final project presentations (later in December)

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Course Topics (Tentative List, will not cover everything)

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Intro: Shape Representation Basics

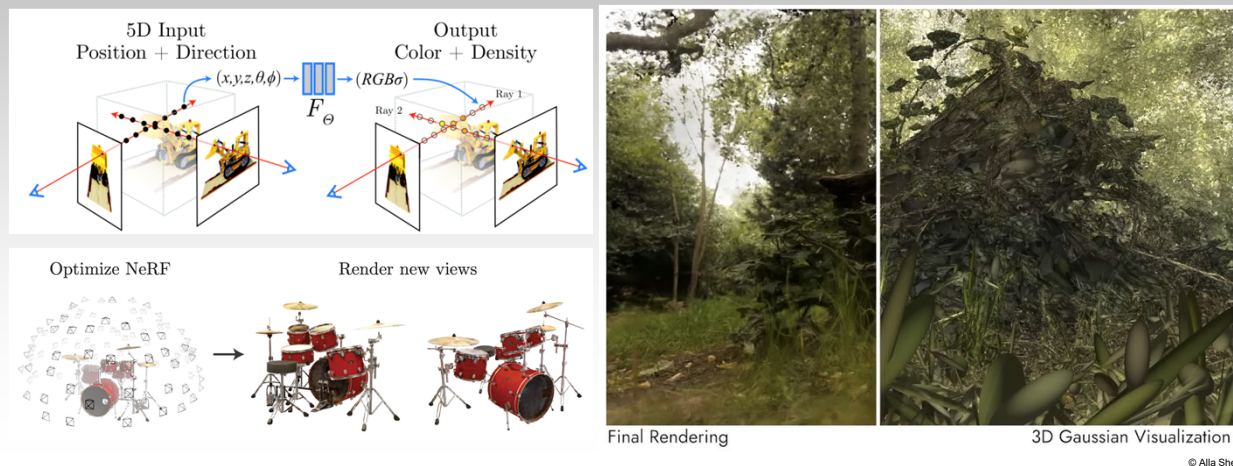
- Shape Basics
 - *Representations, terminology...*
 - *Next week*
 - *Presented by Alla*

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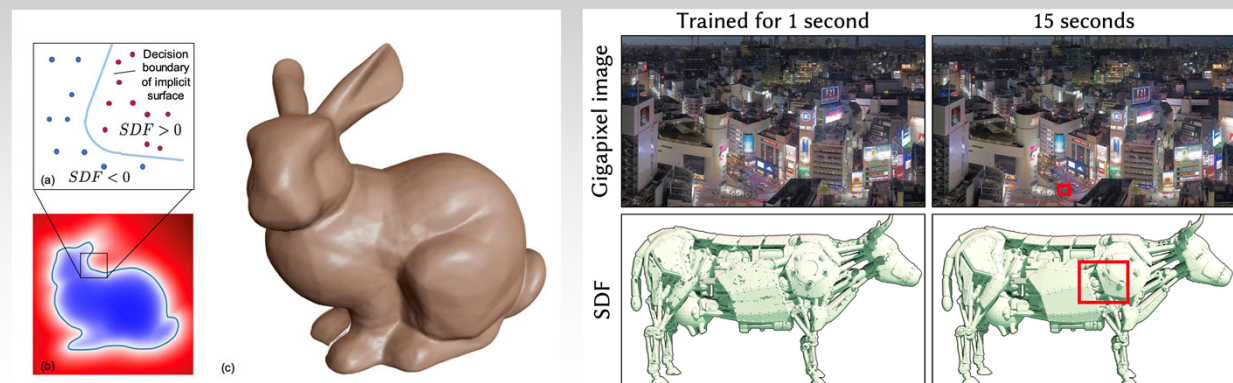
Shape Reconstruction

- NeRF: Representing Scenes as Neural Radiance Fields for View Synthesis
- 3D Gaussian Splatting for Real-Time Radiance Field Rendering



Neural Shape Representation

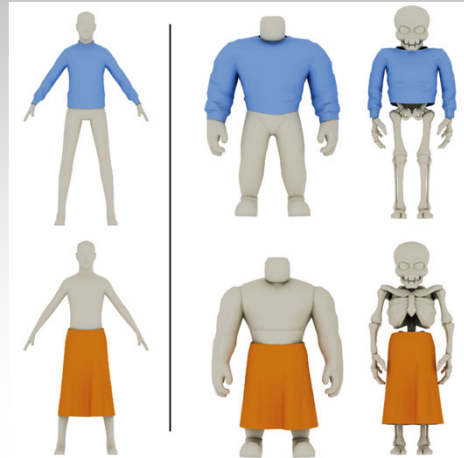
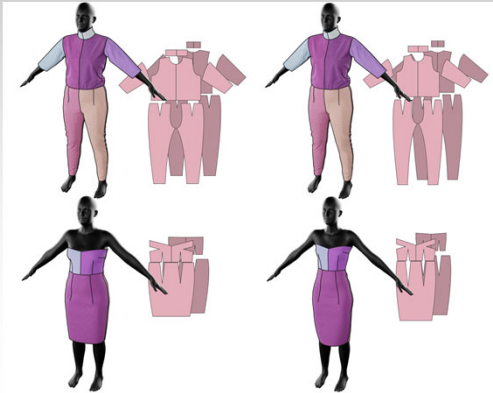
- DeepSDF: Learning Continuous Signed Distance Functions for Shape Representation
- Instant Neural Graphics Primitives with a Multiresolution Hash Encoding





Garment Modeling

- GarmentCode: Programming Parametric Sewing Patterns
- Intersection-Free Garment Retargeting

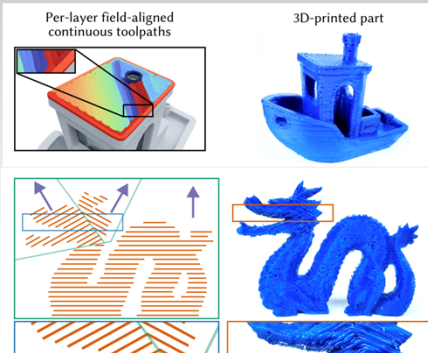
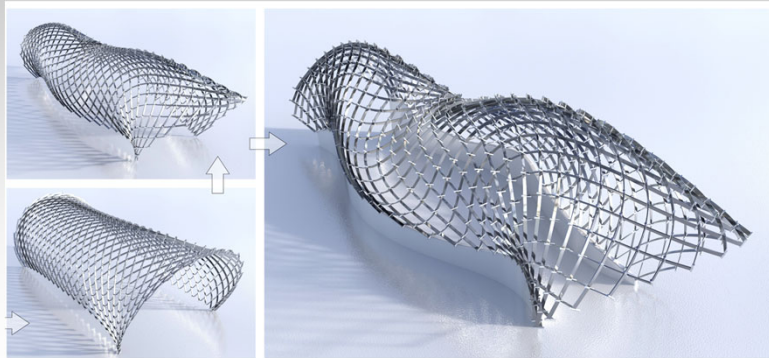


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Fabrication

- Deployable strip structures
- AtomSlicer: Constant-Thickness Field-Aligned Non-Planar Slicing and Continuous Toolpaths for FF

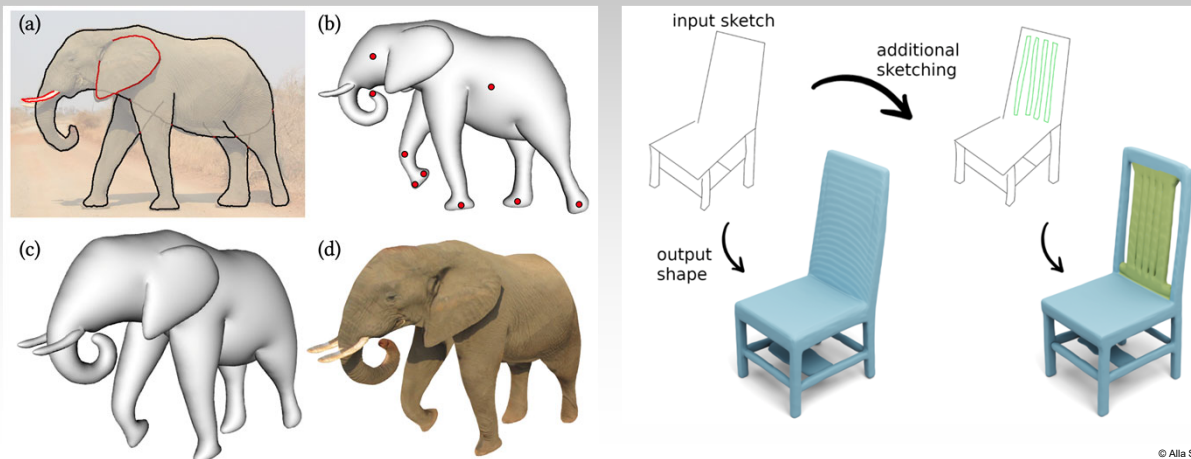


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Sketch-based Modeling

- Monster Mash: A Single-View Approach to Casual 3D Modeling and Animation
- SENS: Part-Aware Sketch-based Implicit Neural Shape Modeling

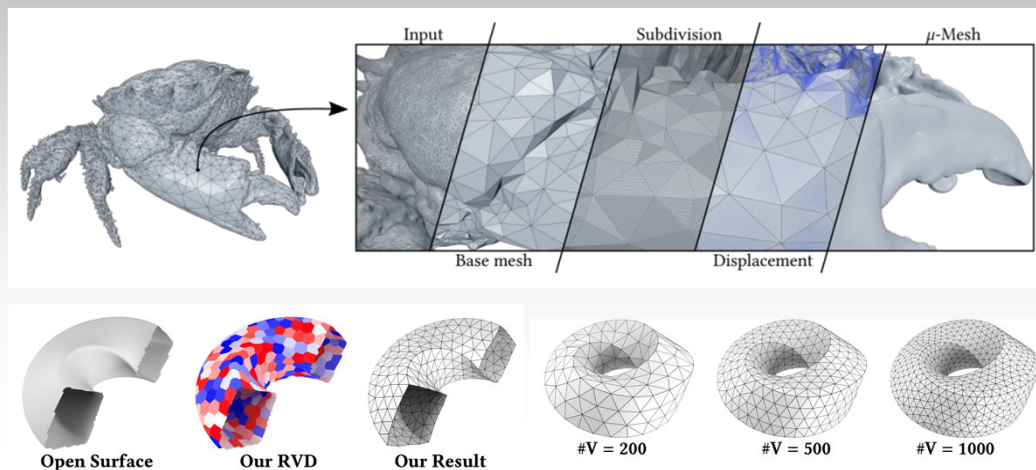


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Simplification / Remeshing

- Micro-Mesh Construction
- CWF: Consolidating Weak Features in High Quality Mesh Simplification

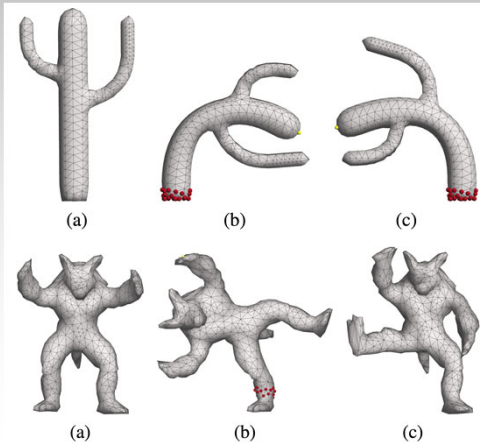


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Deformation

- As-rigid-as-possible surface modeling
- Character articulation through profile curves



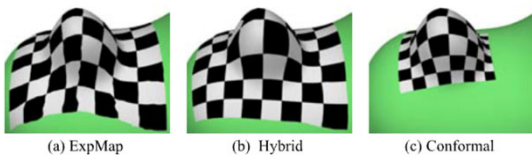
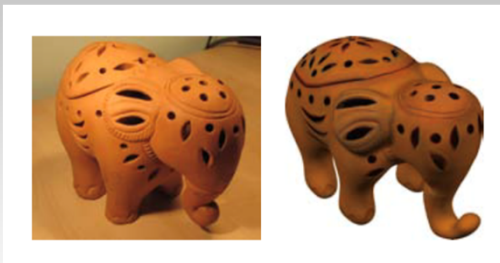
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Differential Geometry

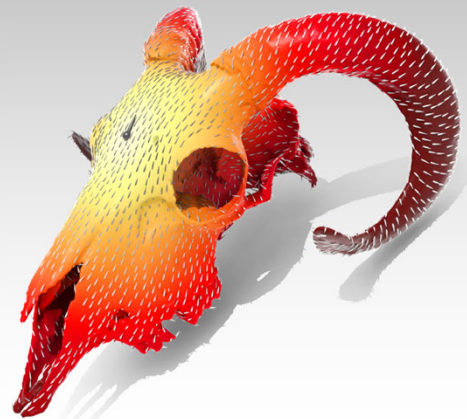
- Interactive decal compositing with discrete exponential maps
- The Vector Heat Method



(a) ExpMap

(b) Hybrid

(c) Conformal

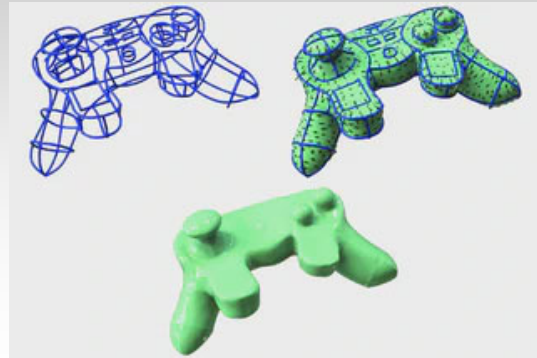
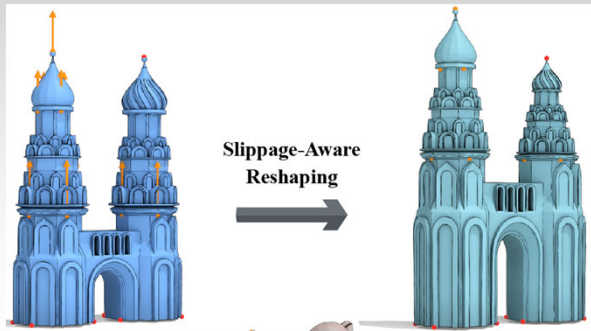


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Perceptual Shape Processing

- As-Locally-Uniform-As-Possible Reshaping of Vector Clip-Art
- Variational Neural Surfacing of 3D Sketches
- Slippage-Preserving Reshaping of Human-Made 3D Content

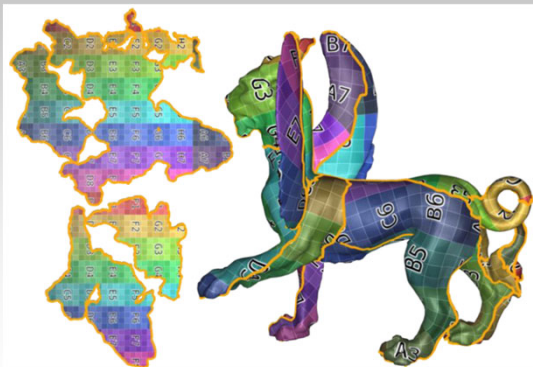


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Parameterization

- OptCuts: joint optimization of surface cuts and parameterization

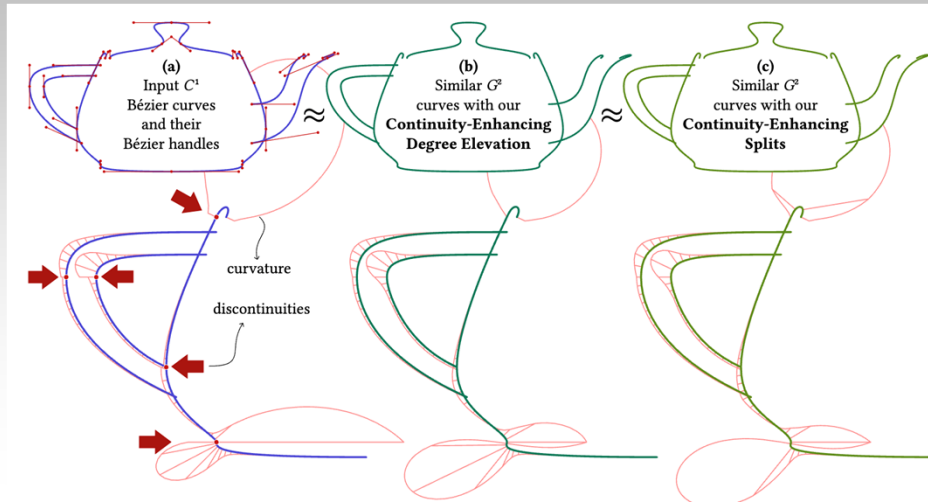


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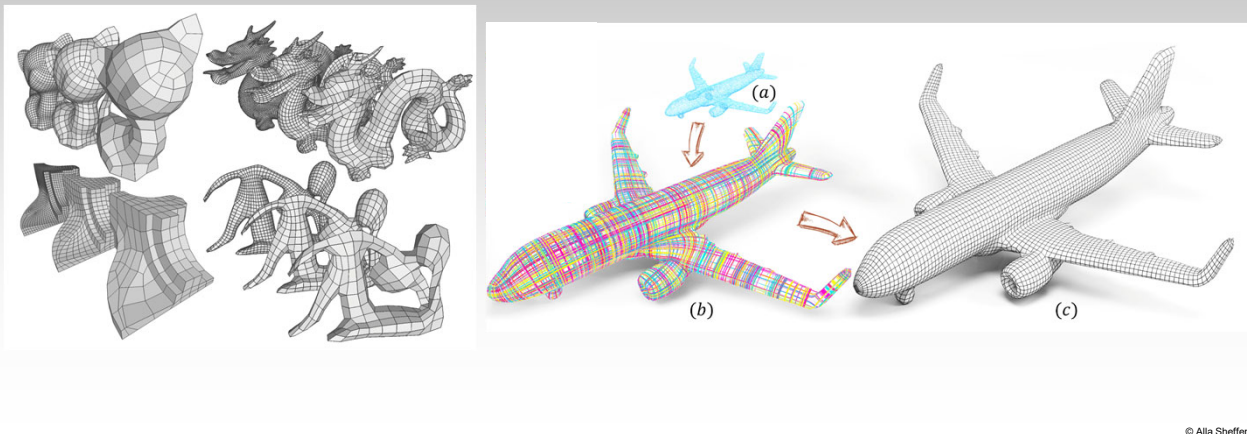
Curves

- Continuity-Enhancing Degree Elevation and Splits



Quadrangulation

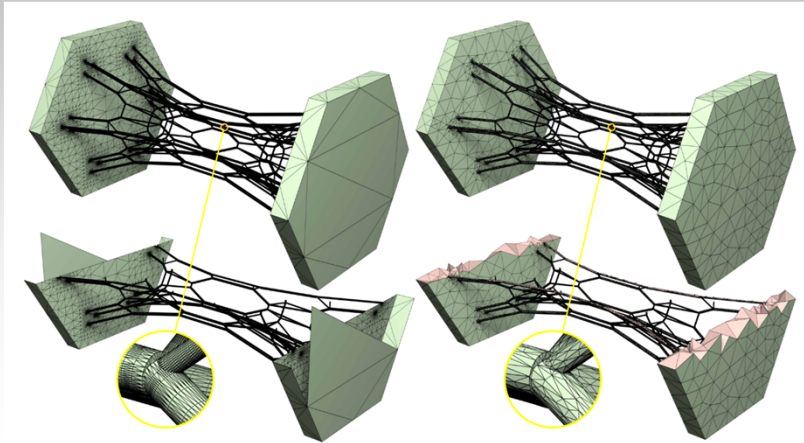
- Reliable Feature-Line Driven Quad-Remeshing
- CrossGen: Learning and Generating Cross Fields for Quad Meshing





Volume Meshing

- Fast tetrahedral meshing in the wild

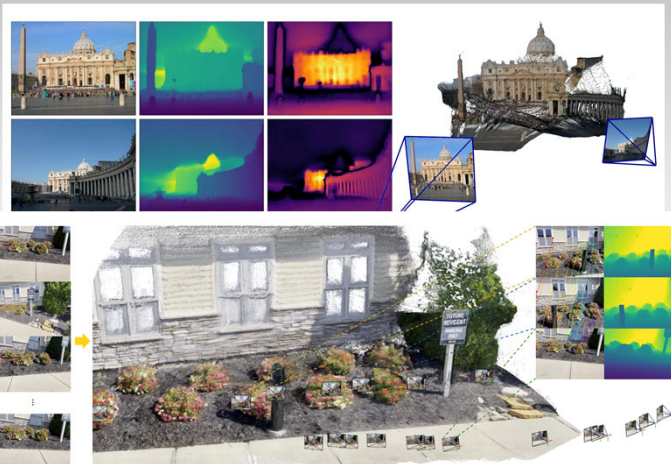


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3D Vision

- DUST3R: Geometric 3D Vision Made Easy
- VGGT: Visual Geometry Grounded Transformer

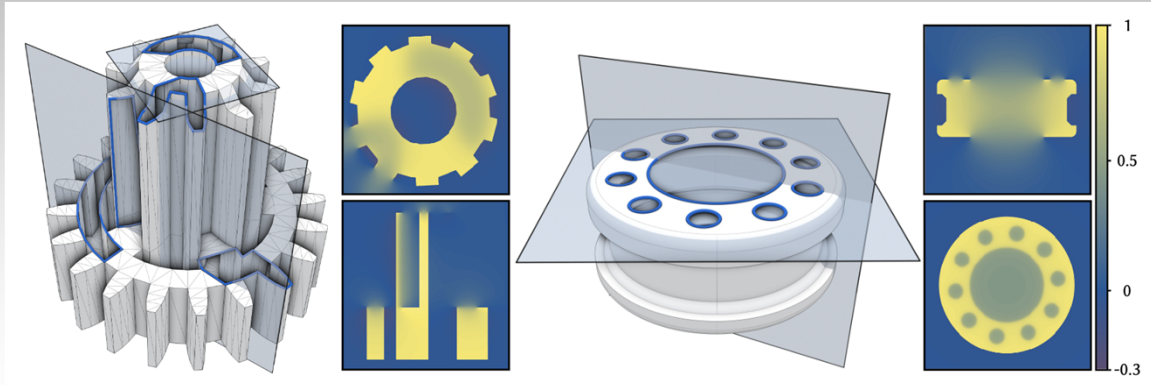


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Winding Numbers

- The Antipodal Method: Fast, Accurate, and Robust 3D Generalized Winding Numbers



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