

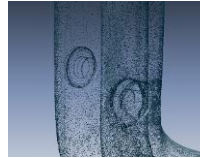
# Surface Reconstruction From Unorganized Point Sets

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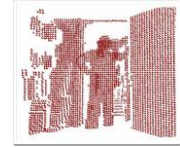


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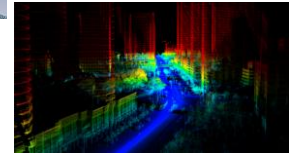
## Point Sets



Absolute Geometries



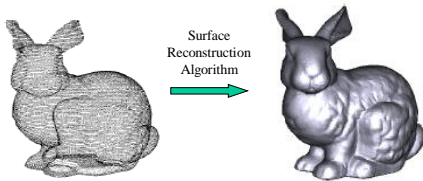
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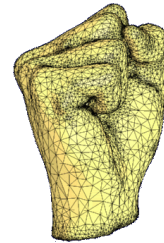
## Problem Statement

- Given a set of sample points in three dimensions produce a simplicial surface that captures the "most reasonable shape" the points were sampled from.



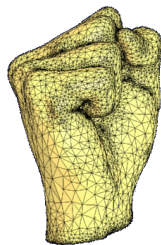
## Applications

- Computer graphics,
- Medical imaging
- Cartography
- Compression
- Reverse engineering
- Urban modeling
- etc.

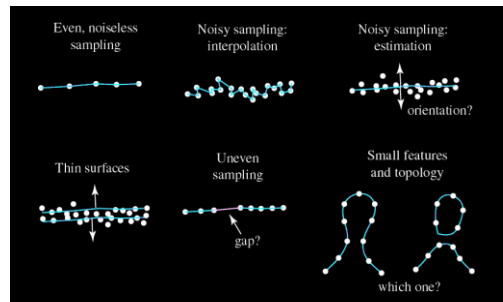


## Desirable Properties

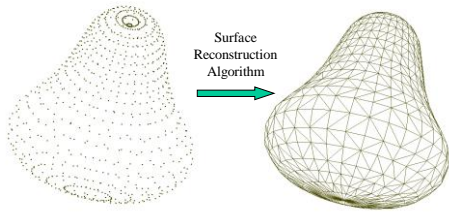
- Interpolate input points
- Handle arbitrary genus
- Generally smooth
- Retain sharp features
- Watertight surface



## Challenges



### Possible Approaches?



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- Explicit Meshing
  - Ball pivoting algorithm
  - Crust
  - etc.
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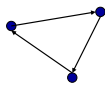
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- Pick a ball radius, roll ball around surface, connect what it hits



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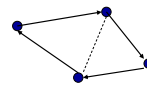


Initial seed triangle

Active edge

● Point on front

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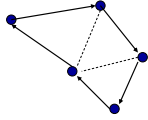


Ball pivoting around active edge

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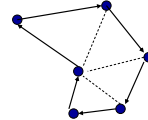


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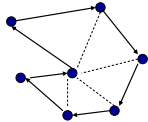


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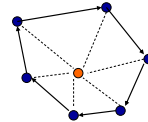


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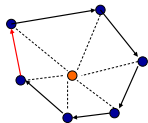
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### The Ball Pivoting Algorithm

Boundary edge



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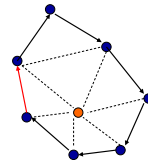
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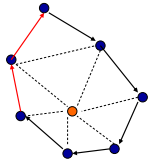
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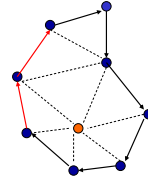
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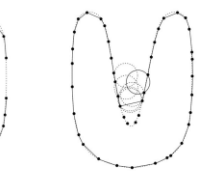
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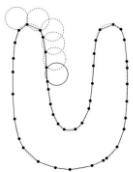
Undersampling

Small Concavities

### The Ball Pivoting Algorithm

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Self-intersection? Watertight?



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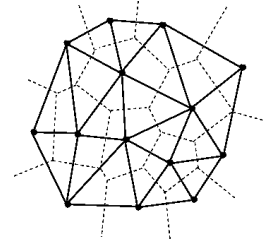
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## Crust

Aims to find adjacent surface without a parameter specifying feature sizes

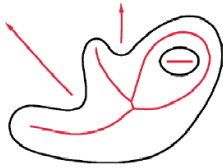
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Delaunay Triangulation, Voronoi Diagram



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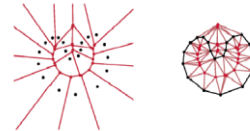
*Medial Axis*: of surface  $F$  is the closure of points that have more than one closest point in  $F$ .



## The Intuition behind Crust

The Voronoi Cells of a dense sampling are thin and long.

The Medial Axis is the extension of Voronoi Diagram for continuous surfaces in the sense that the Voronoi Diagram of  $S$  Can be defined as the set of points with more than one closest point in  $S$ . ( $S =$  Sample Point Set)



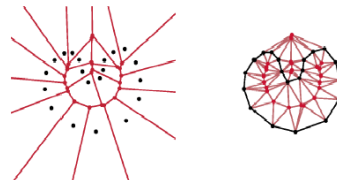
## Crust in 2D

Input :  $P =$  Set of sample points in the plane  
Output:  $E =$  Set of edges connecting points in  $P$

The Algorithm

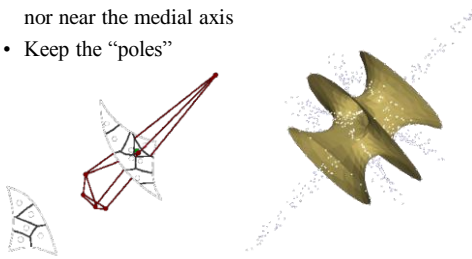
- Compute the Voronoi vertices of  $P = V$
- Calculate the Delaunay of  $(P \cup V)$
- Pick the edges  $(p,q)$  where both  $p,q$  are in  $P$

## Sample Output



### Crust in 3D

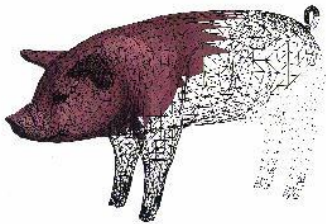
- Some Voronoi vertices lie neither near the surface nor near the medial axis
- Keep the “poles”



### Crust in 3D

- Compute the 3D Voronoi diagram of the sample points.
- For each sample point  $s$ , pick the farthest vertex  $v$  of its Voronoi cell, and the farthest vertex  $v'$  such that angle  $vsv'$  exceeds 90 degrees.
- Compute the Voronoi diagram of the sample points and the "poles", the Voronoi vertices chosen in the second step.
- Add a triangle on each triple of sample points with neighboring cells in the second Voronoi diagram.

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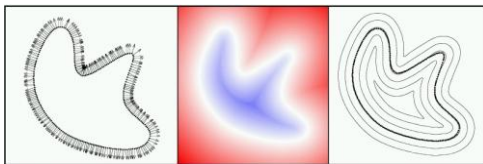


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### Implicit Reconstruction

- Main idea:
  - Compute an implicit function  $f(p)$  (negative outside, positive inside)
  - Extract surface where  $f(p)=0$



### Hoppe et al's Algorithm

1. Tangent Plane Estimation
2. Consistent tangent plane orientation
3. Signed distance function computation
4. Surface extraction



### Tangent Plane Estimation

• Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

- Extract points  $\{q_i\}$  in neighborhood
- Compute covariance matrix  $M$
- Analyze eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $M$  (via SVD)

$$M = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \begin{bmatrix} q_i^x q_i^x & q_i^x q_i^y & q_i^x q_i^z \\ q_i^y q_i^x & q_i^y q_i^y & q_i^y q_i^z \\ q_i^z q_i^x & q_i^z q_i^y & q_i^z q_i^z \end{bmatrix}$$

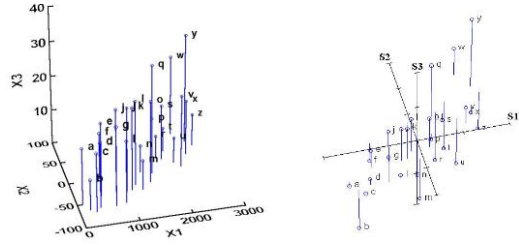
Covariance Matrix

$$M = USU^T$$

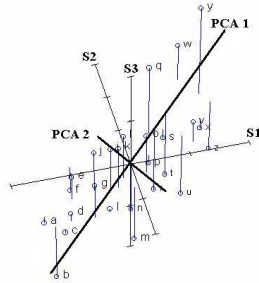
$$S = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \\ C_x & C_y & C_z \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues & Eigenvectors

### Tangent Plane Estimation

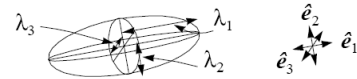


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- Eigenvectors are “Principal Axes of Inertia”
- Eigenvalues are variances of the point distribution in those directions



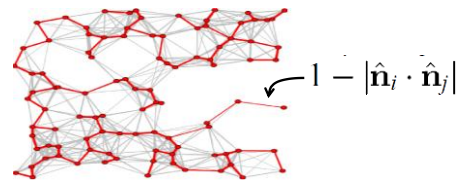
### Tangent Plane Estimation

- Surface normal is estimated by eigenvector (principal axis) associated with smallest eigenvalue



### Consistent Tangent Plane Orientation

- Traverse nearest neighbor graph flipping normals for consistency
- Greedy propagation algorithm (minimum spanning tree of normal similarity)



### Signed Distance Function

- $f(p)$  is signed distance to tangent plane of closest point sample

{ Compute  $z$  as the projection of  $p$  onto  $Tp(x_i)$  }

$$z \leftarrow o_i - ((p - o_i) \cdot \hat{n}_i) \hat{n}_i$$

if  $d(z, X) < \rho + \delta$  then  
 $f(p) \leftarrow (p - o_i) \cdot \hat{n}_i$      $\{= \pm \|p - z\|\}$   
 else  
 $f(p) \leftarrow$  undefined  
 endif

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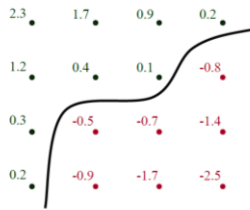
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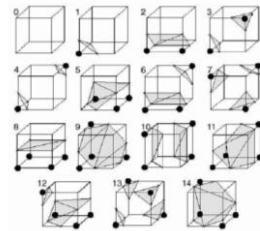
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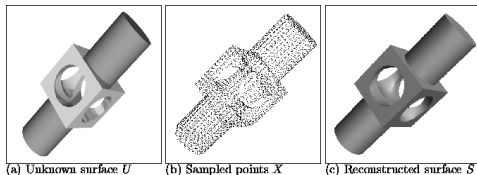


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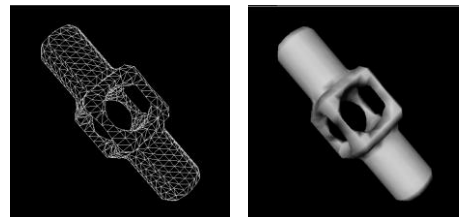


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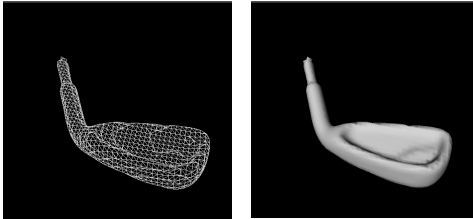
(a) Unknown surface  $U$     (b) Sampled points  $X$     (c) Reconstructed surface  $S$

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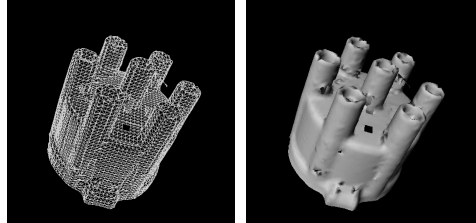




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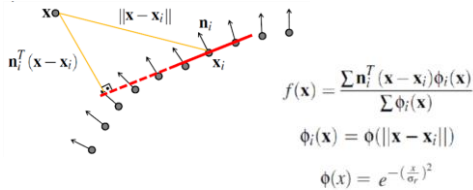


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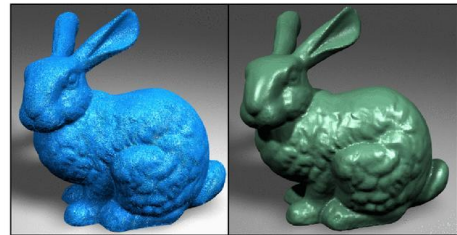


### Moving Least Squares

- Similar, but different implicit function
  - Weighted contribution of nearby points



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MLS

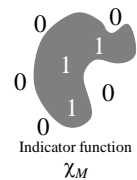
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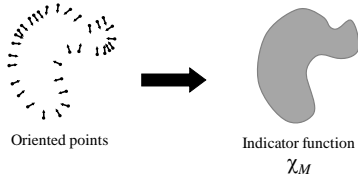
- We reconstruct the surface of the model by solving for the indicator function of the shape.

$$\chi_M(p) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p \in M \\ 0 & \text{if } p \notin M \end{cases}$$



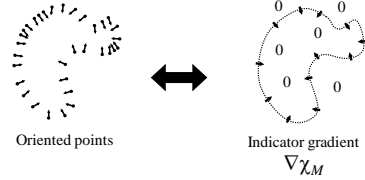
### Challenge

- How to construct the indicator function?



### Gradient Relationship

- There is a relationship between the normal field and gradient of indicator function



### Integration

- Represent the points by a vector field  $\vec{V}$
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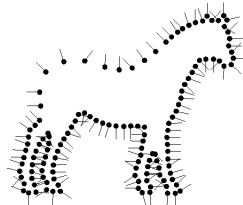
- Applying the divergence operator, we can transform this into a Poisson problem:

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla\chi) = \nabla \cdot \vec{V} \Leftrightarrow \Delta\chi = \nabla \cdot \vec{V}$$

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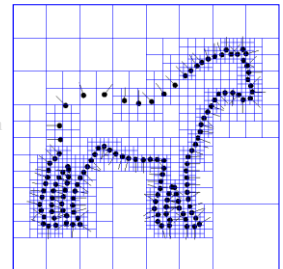
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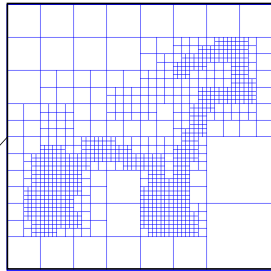
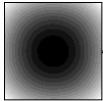
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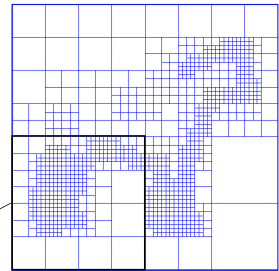
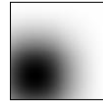
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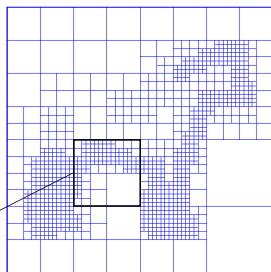
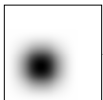
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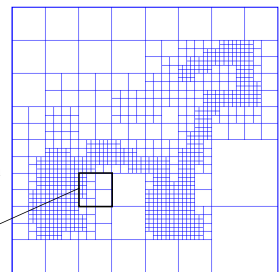
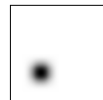
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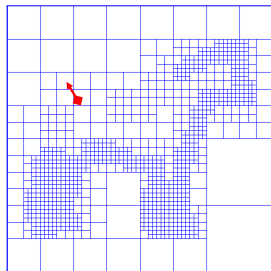
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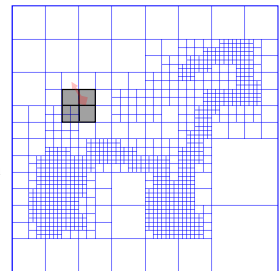
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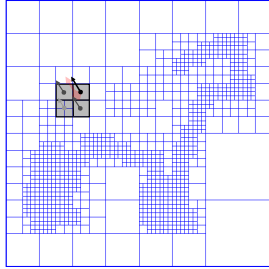
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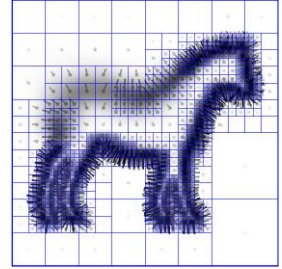
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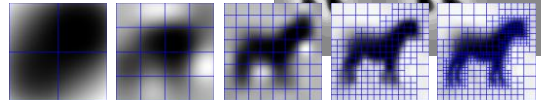
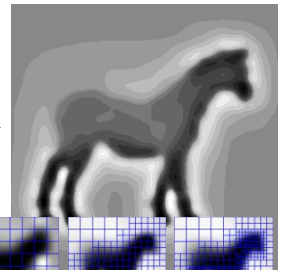
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- Compute indicator function
  - Compute divergence
  - Solve Poisson equation
- Extract iso-surface



### Implementation: Indicator Function

Given the Points:

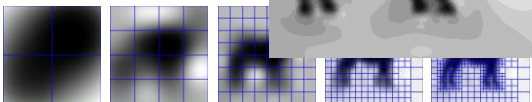
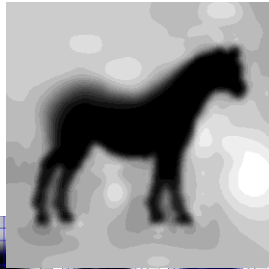
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### Implementation: Indicator Function

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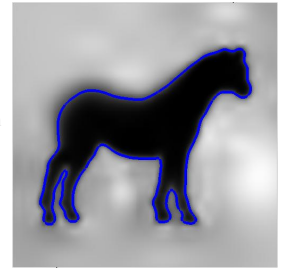
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### Implementation: Surface Extraction

Given the Points:

- Set octree
- Compute vector field
- Compute indicator function
- Extract iso-surface

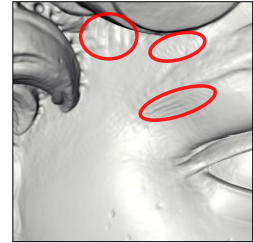


### Michelangelo's David

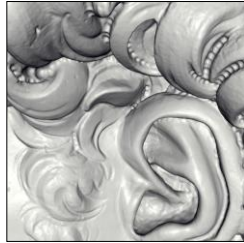


- 215 million data points from 1000 scans
- 22 million triangle reconstruction
- Maximum tree depth of 11
- Compute Time: 2.1 hours
- Peak Memory: 6600MB

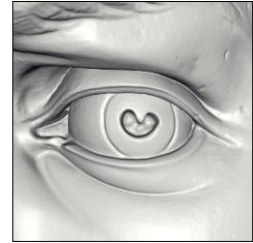
### David – Chisel marks



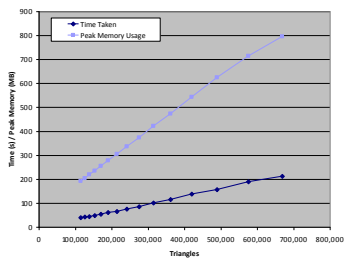
### David – Drill Marks



### David – Eye



### Scalability – Buddha Model



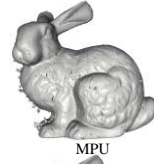
### Stanford Bunny



Power Crust



FastRBF



MPU



VRIP

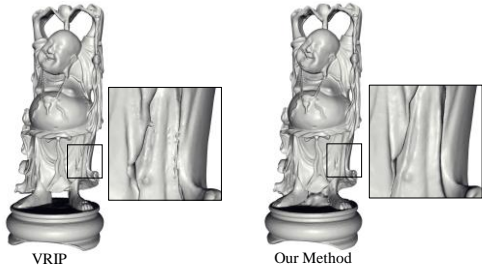


FFT Reconstruction

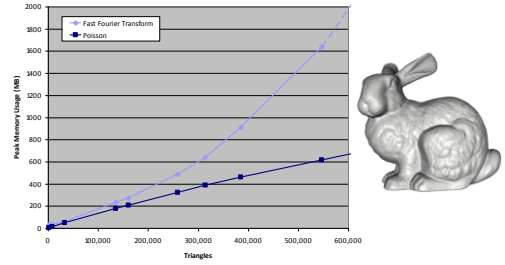


Our Method

### VRIP Comparison

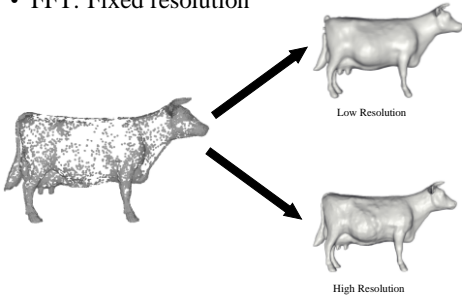


### FFT Reconstruction Comparison



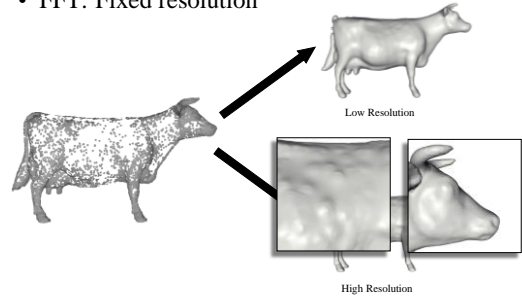
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- FFT: Fixed resolution



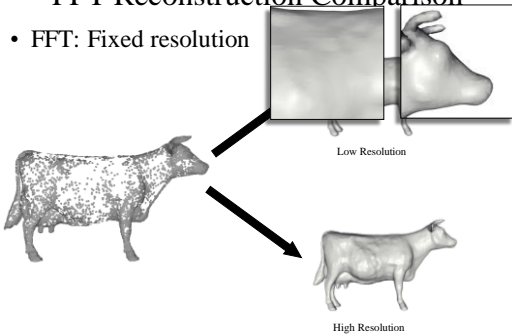
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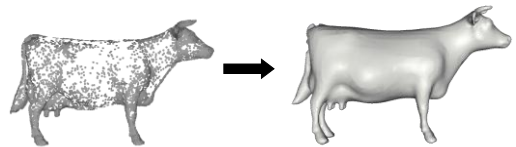
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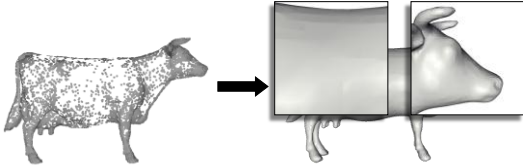
### FFT Reconstruction Comparison

- Poisson: Adaptive resolution



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- Poisson: Adaptive resolution



Questions?