



# Geometric Data Structures for Computer Graphics

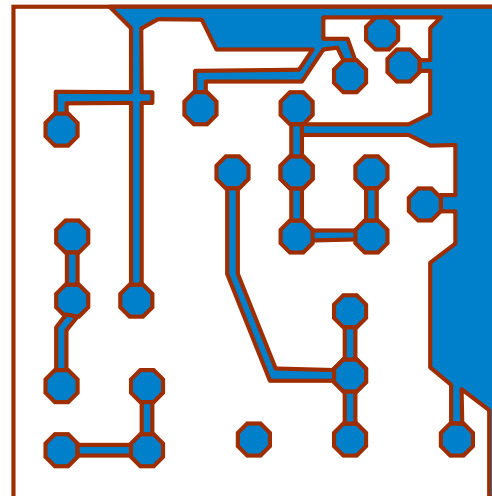
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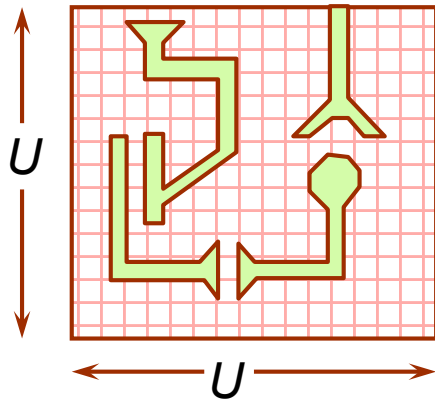
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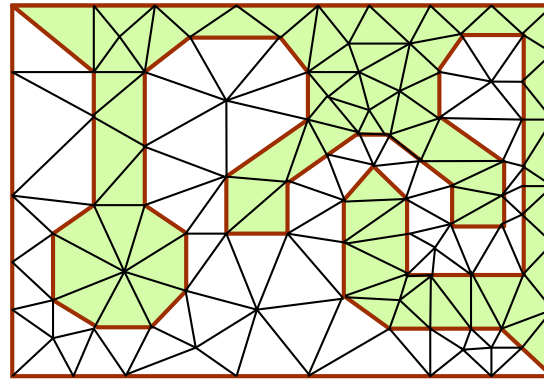


- Wichtiger Preprocessing-Schritt in vielen Anwendungen
  - "Domain discretization" =
  - Komplexes Gebiet (2D oder 3D) wird in einfache Gebiete zerlegt (Dreiecke, Tetraeder)
- Anwendungen: FEM, CFD, VLSI = Simulation = Lösen von PDEs
  - PDEs lassen sich über regelmäßigem Gitter diskretisieren (über beliebige Gebiete nicht)

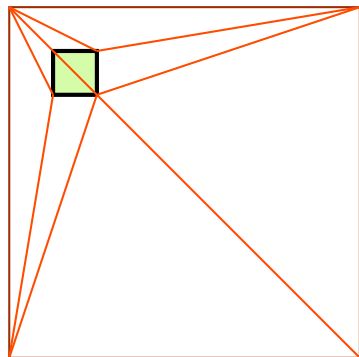




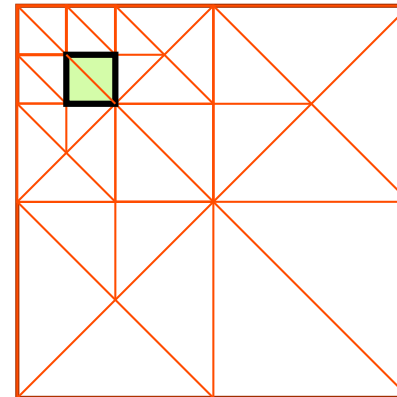
Uniform mesh, i.e. too many mesh elements



Non-uniform, conforming mesh that respect the input; well-shaped, too: bounded aspect ratio (e.g., angles  $\in [45^\circ, 90^\circ]$ . But needs so-called "Steiner points" (additional pts)  $\rightarrow$  where/how to place them?

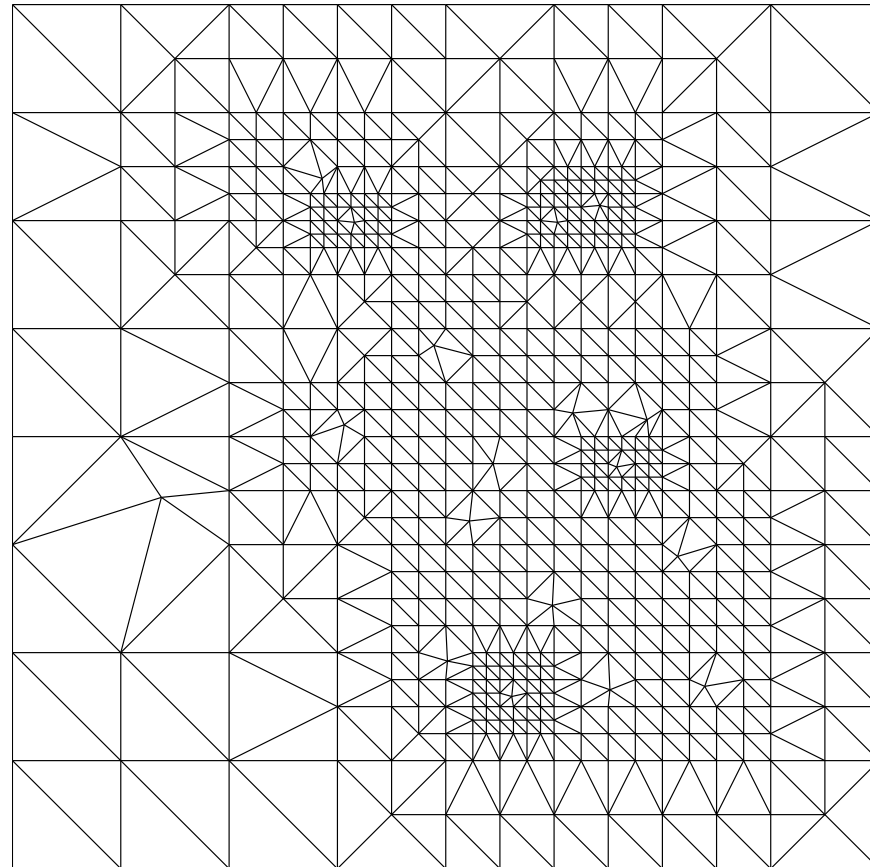


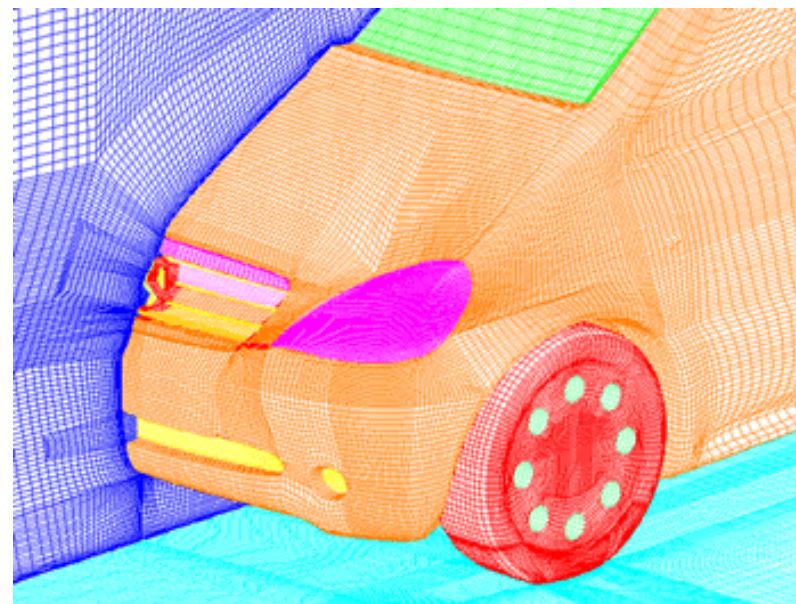
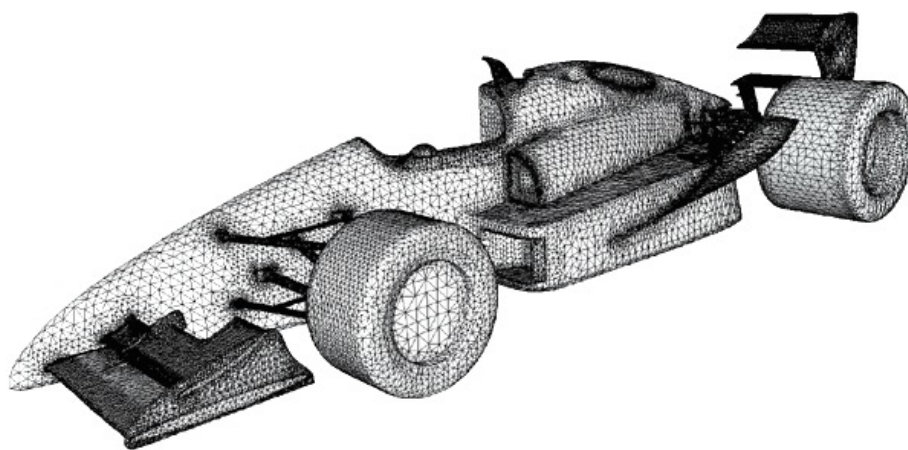
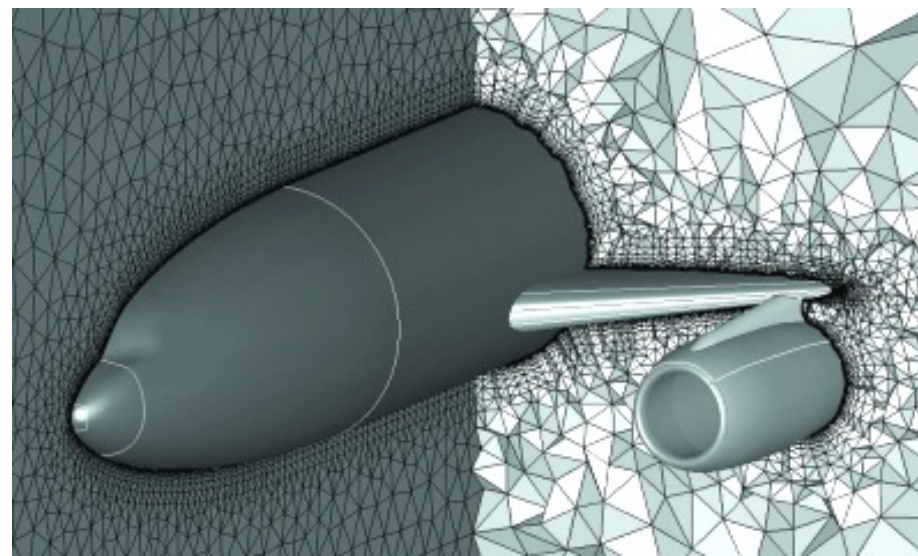
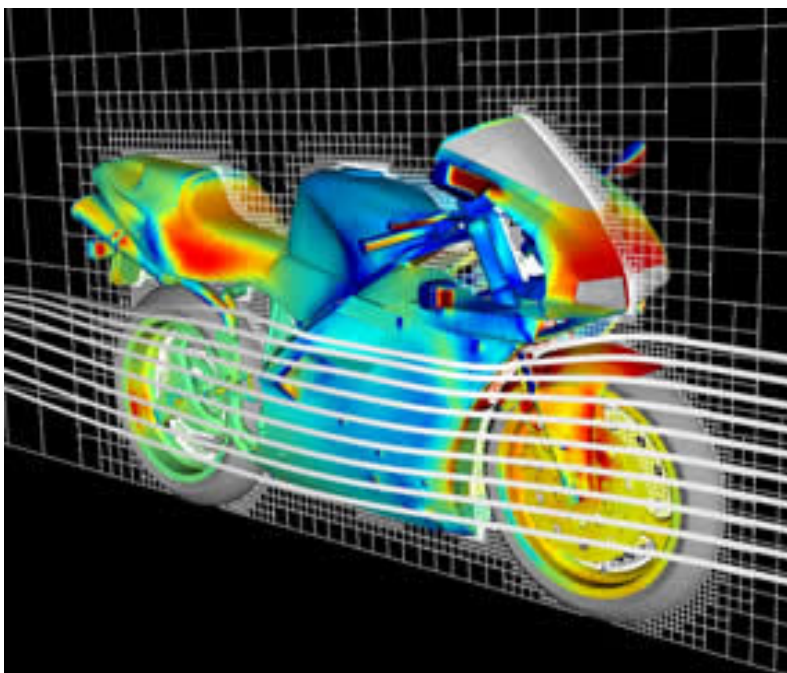
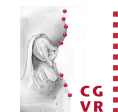
Non-uniform, conforming mesh that respect the input. But acute triangles.

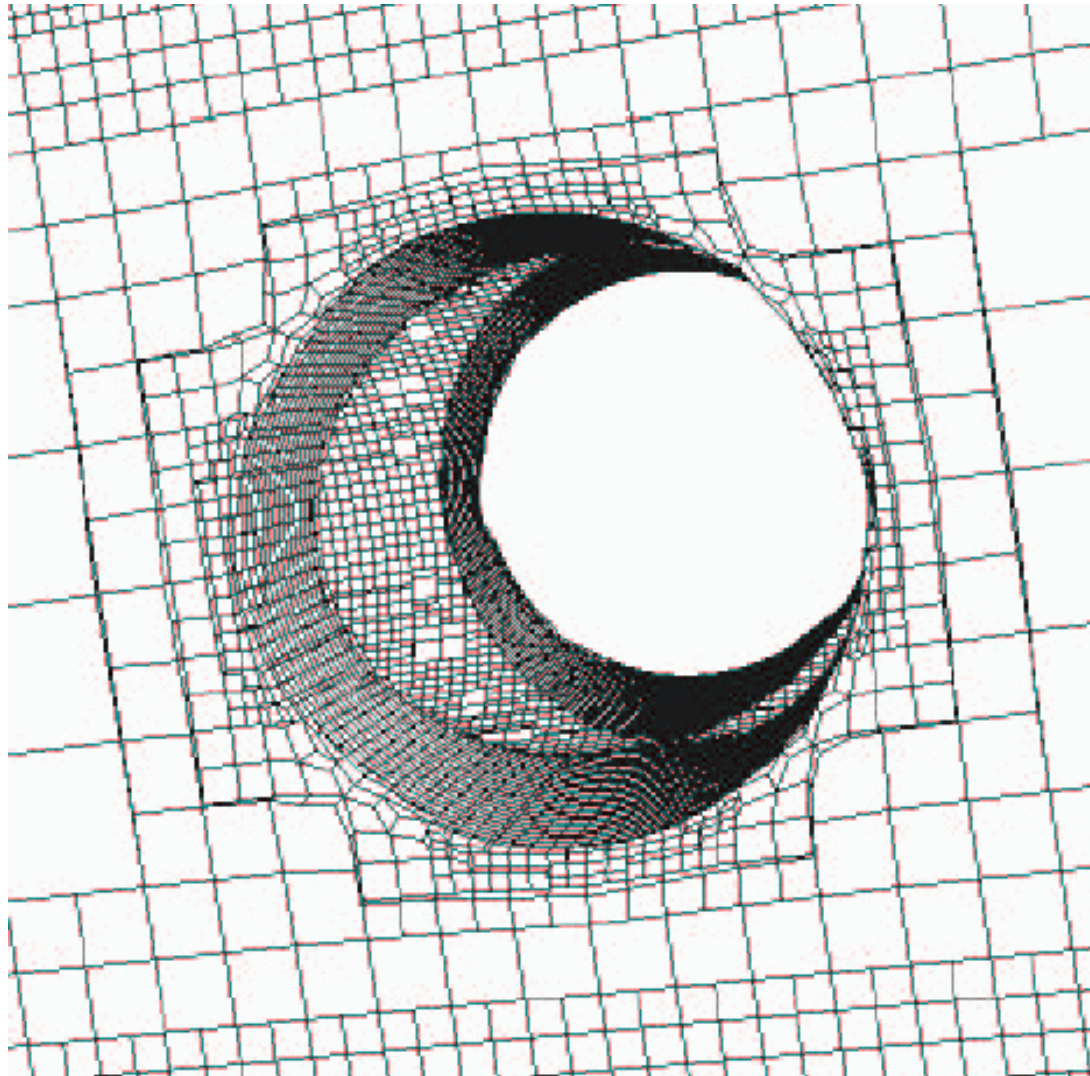


Mesh with all desired properties, based on quadtree.

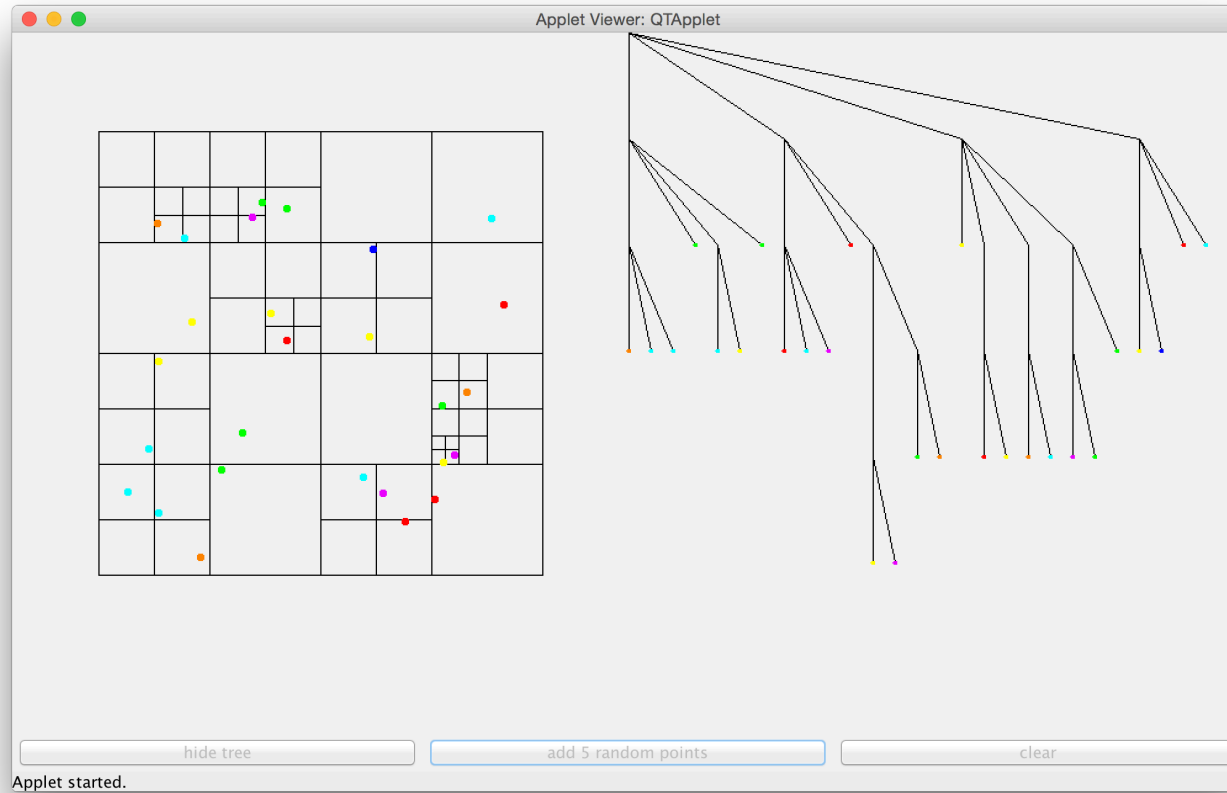
# Example Result of Our Meshing Algorithm



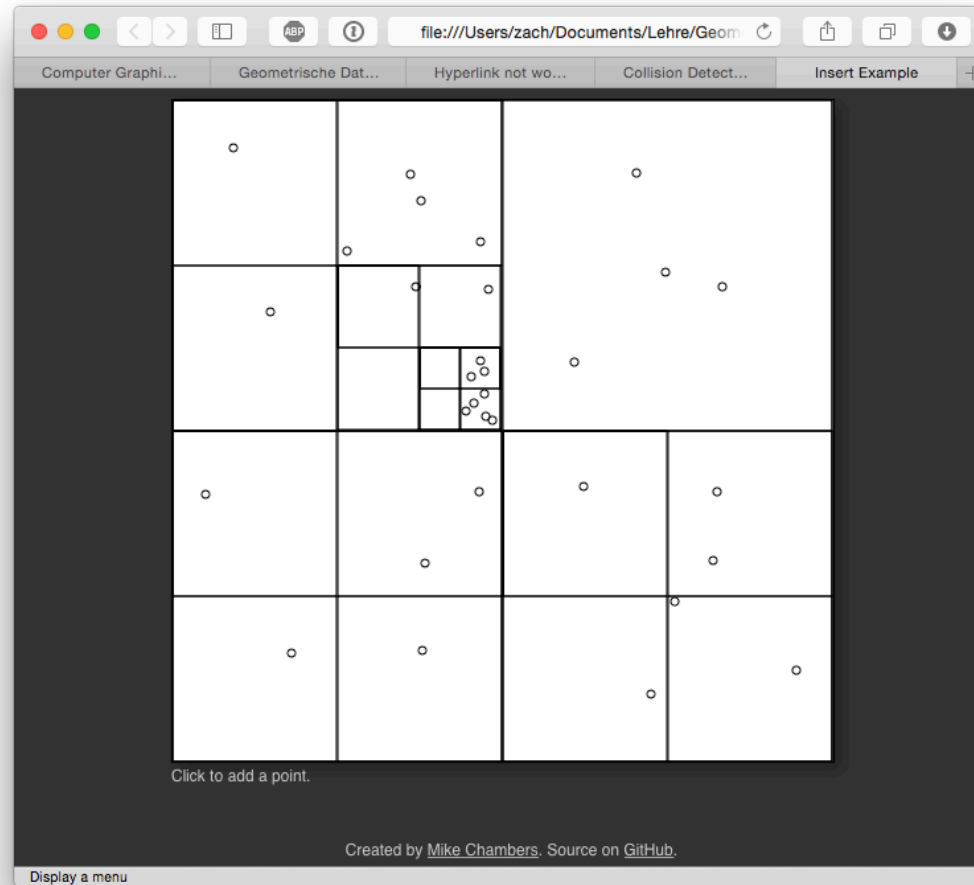




# Point Quadtree Demo



<http://www.cs.utah.edu/~croberts/courses/cs7962/project/index.html>



Recursion criterion here:  
more than 4 points in a node

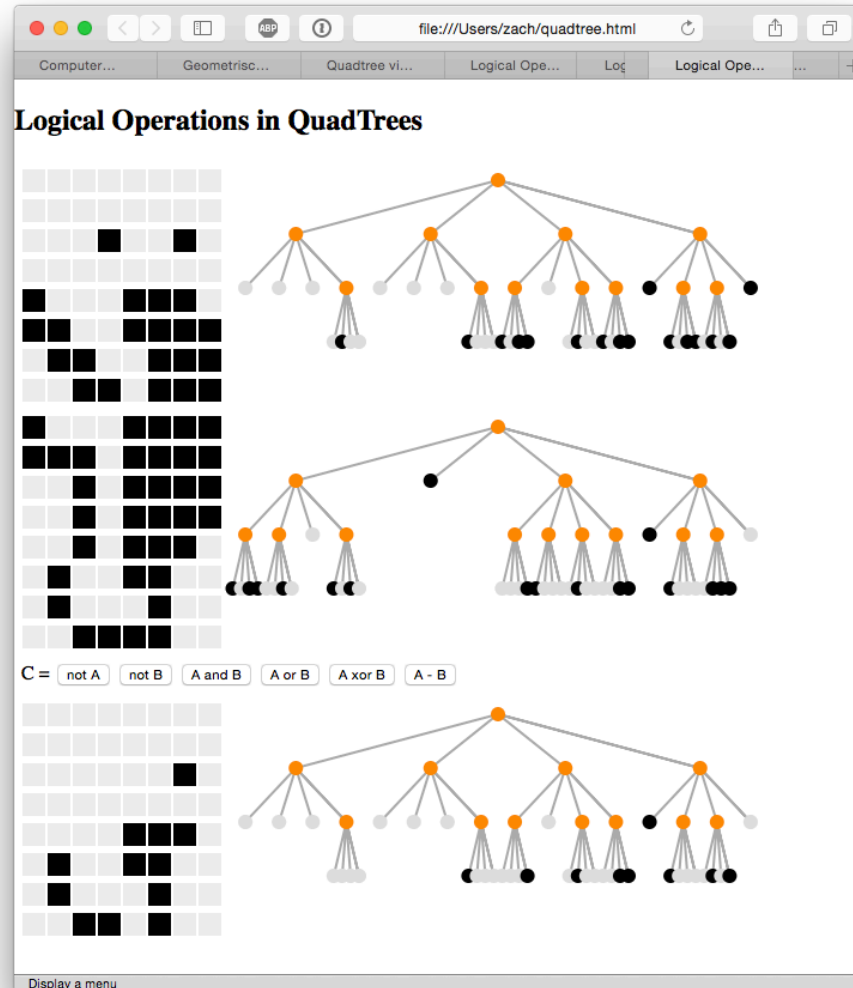


# Logic Operations with Quadtrees

file:///Users/zach/quadtree.html

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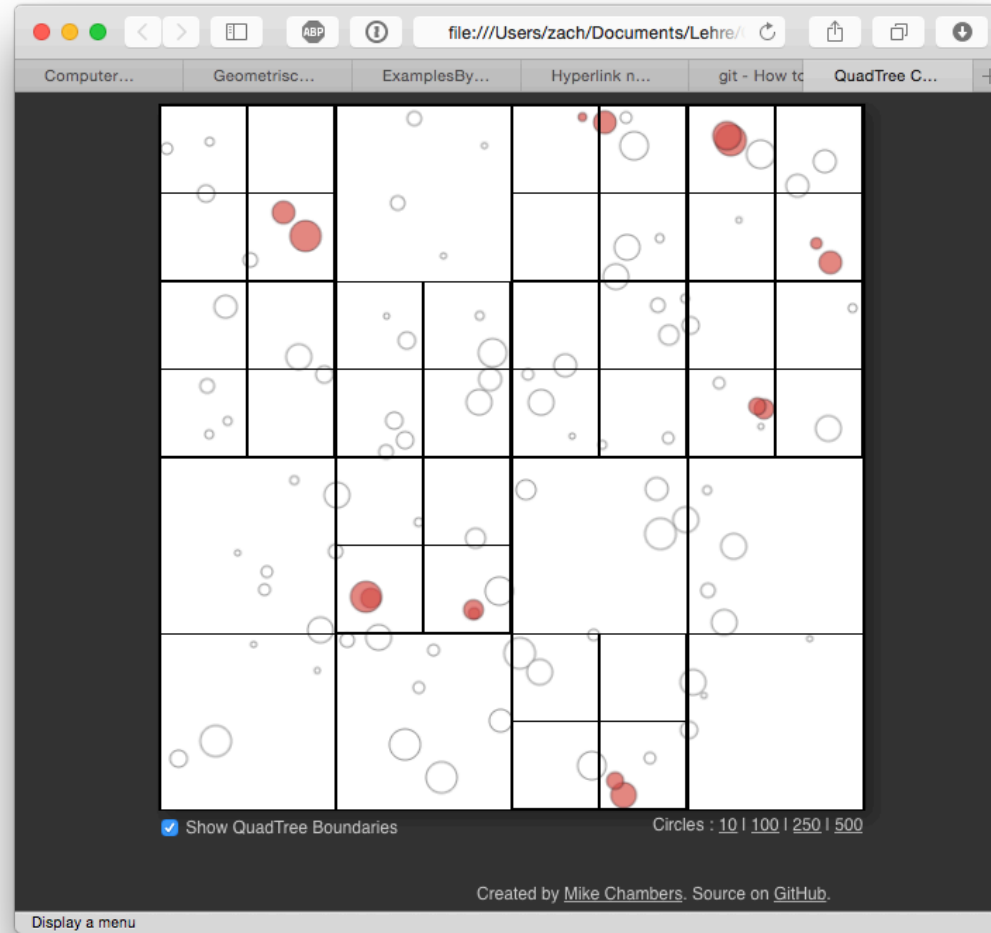
### Logical Operations in QuadTrees



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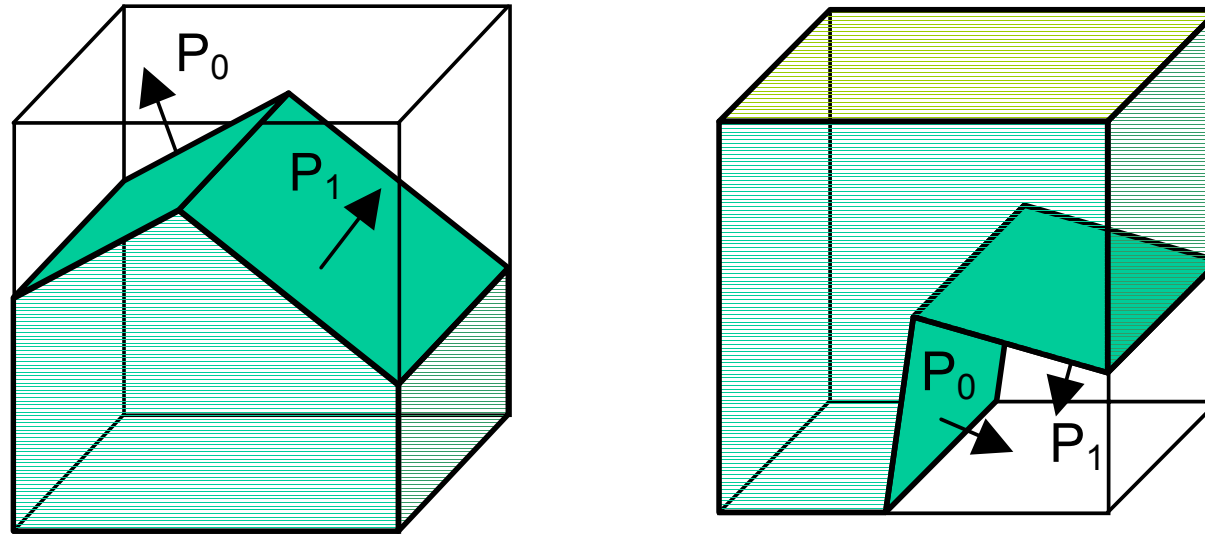
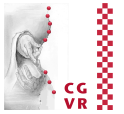
<http://blog.ivank.net/quadtree-visualization.html>



<http://www.mikechambers.com/blog/2011/03/21/javascript-quadtree-implementation/>



# Exact Octrees (a.k.a. SP-Octrees)

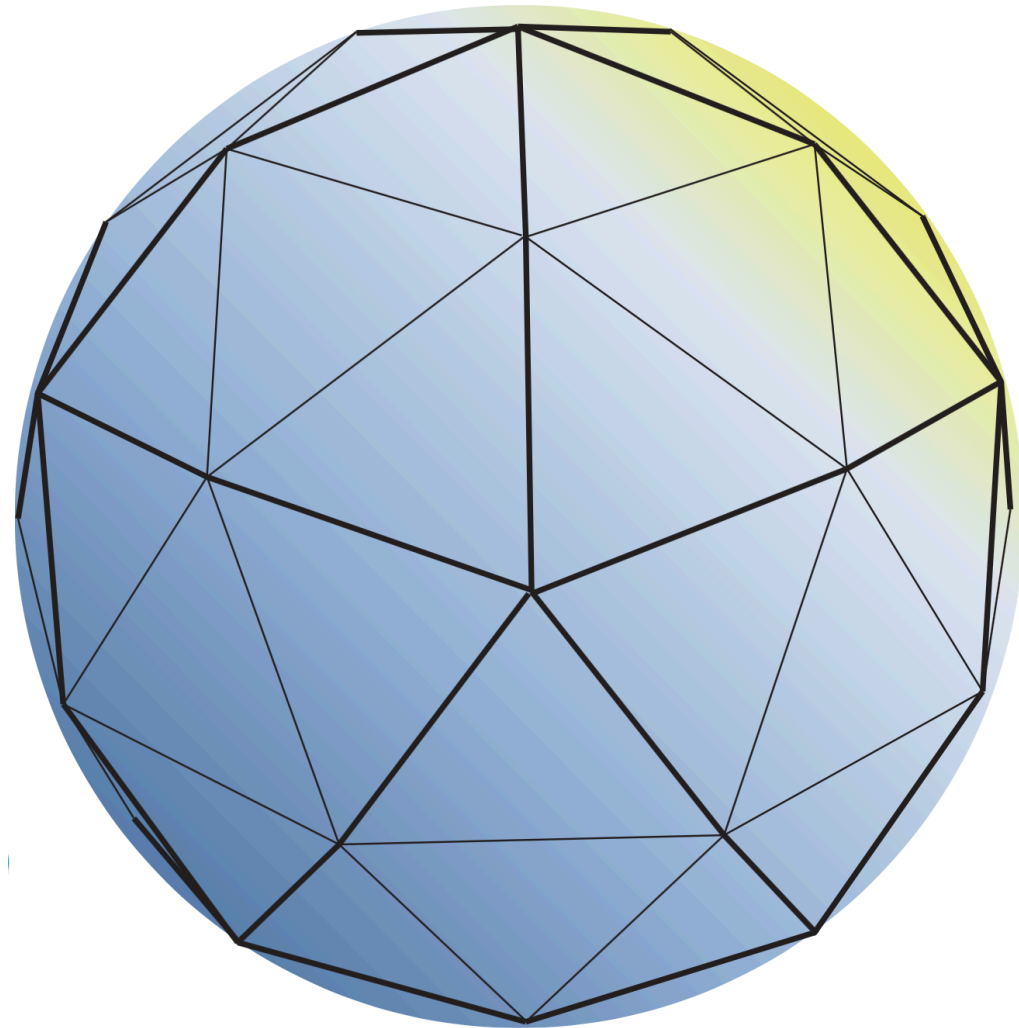


Boundary leaf nodes

Other leaf nodes are black or white

# Geodesic Dome

Start with Icosahedron  
Subdivide each triangle  
by  $k^2$  smaller triangles  
(recursively)  
→ quadtree in each  
base triangle  
Navigation (finding  
neighbors of a node)  
in such an  
ensemble of  
quadtrees is a bit  
more complex

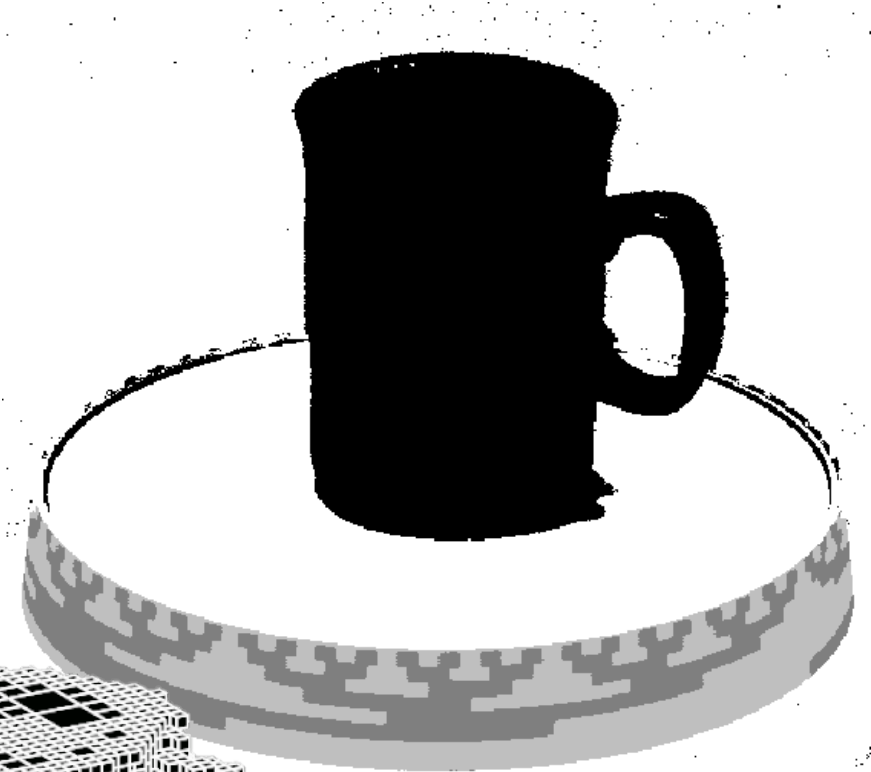
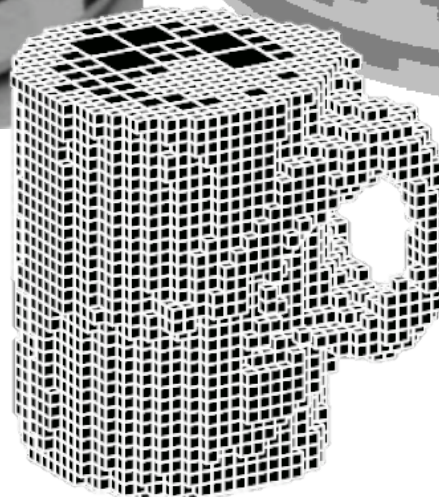


# Octree Models from Images

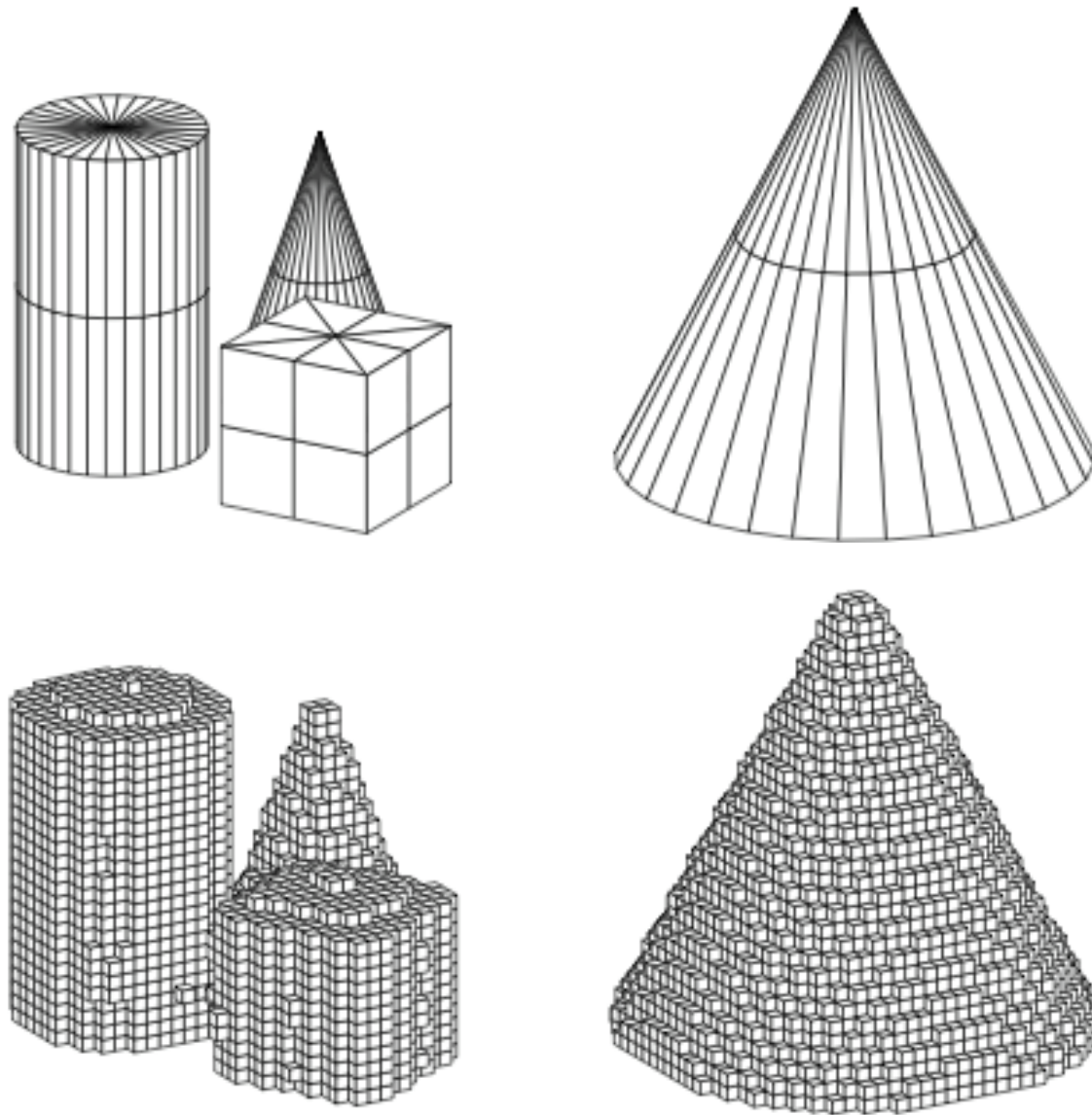


Drehteller

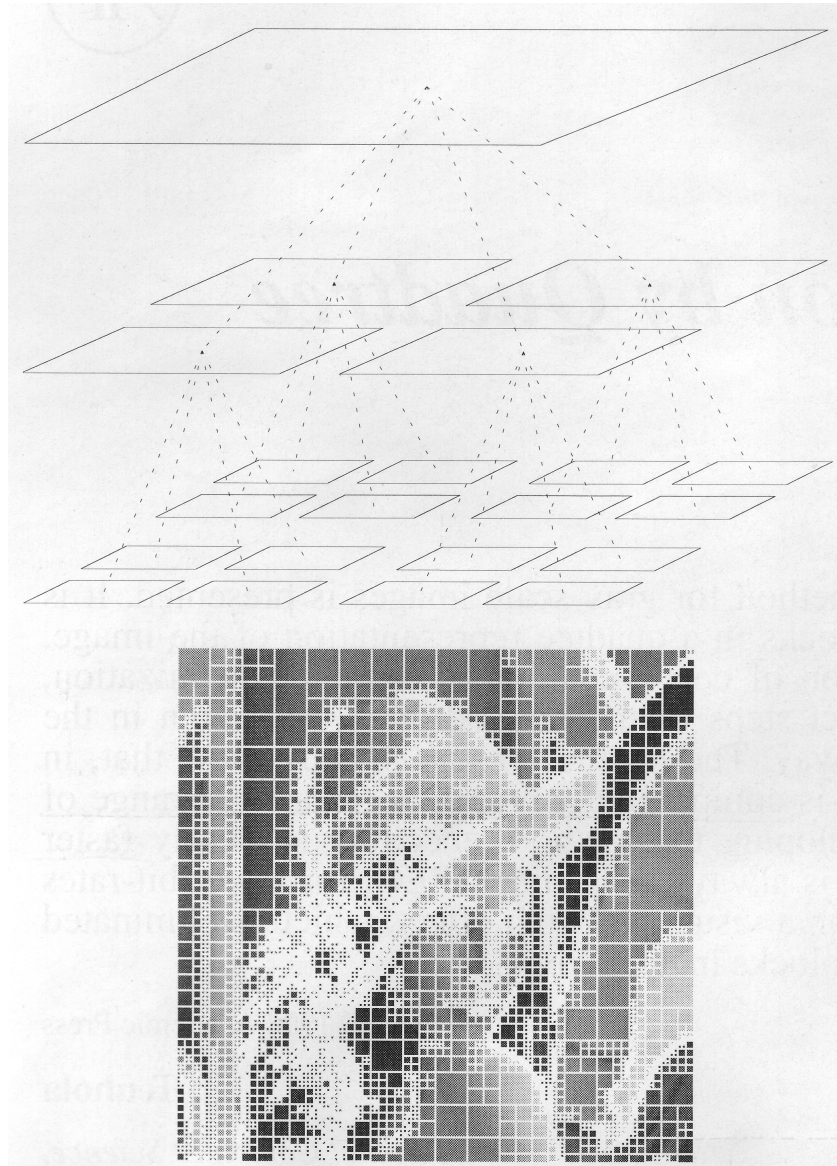
Gray Code  
(zur Erkennung der  
Orientierung des  
Drehtellers)



# Example Models



# Image Compression using Quadtrees





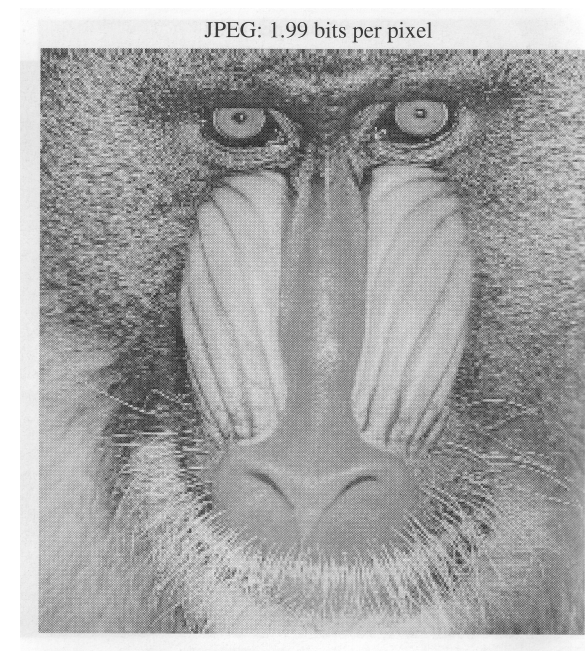
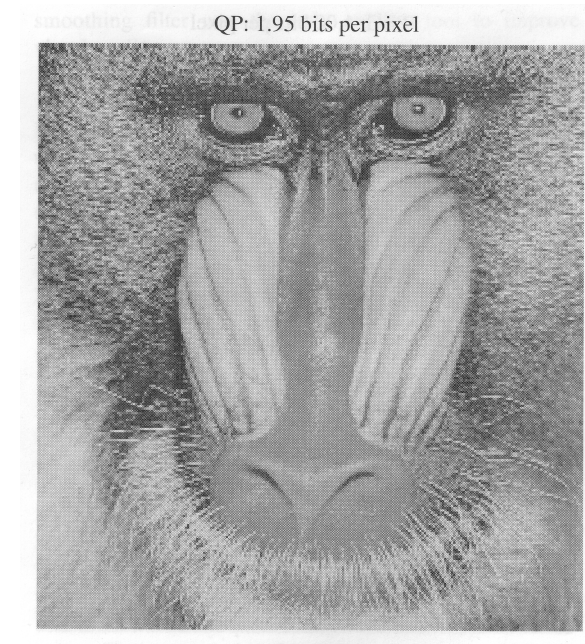
# Die beiden Test-Bilder schlechthin







# Resultate



# Demo for BTC and CCC Compression

Applet Viewer: ImageComp

There are 3 Compression Methods to choose: For each method 4 pictures in order to demonstrate:

Extended Color Cell Compression XCCCI

Original picture Compressed picture

115116 Bytes 9540 Bytes

Division into blocks  $n*m$

4

4

Factor for

Homogeneity Constant

Magnifying Lense on the Image Magnifying Lense on the compressed Image

Applet started.

<http://ls.wim.uni-mannheim.de/de/pi4/teaching/animations/>

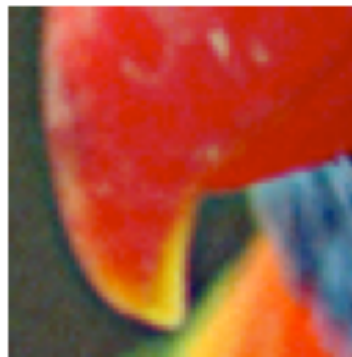
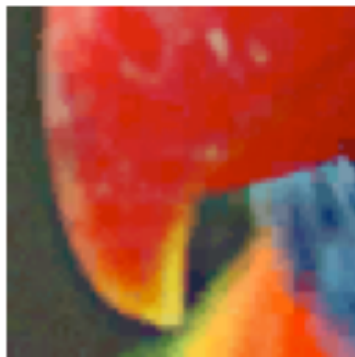
# S3TC Texture Compression

- Vergleich:

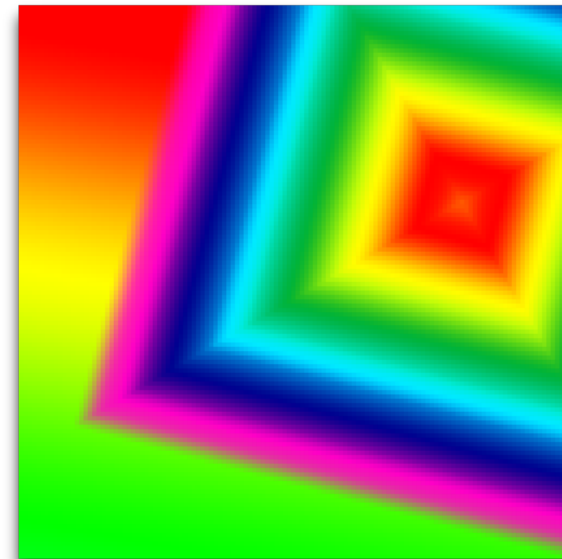
DXT1



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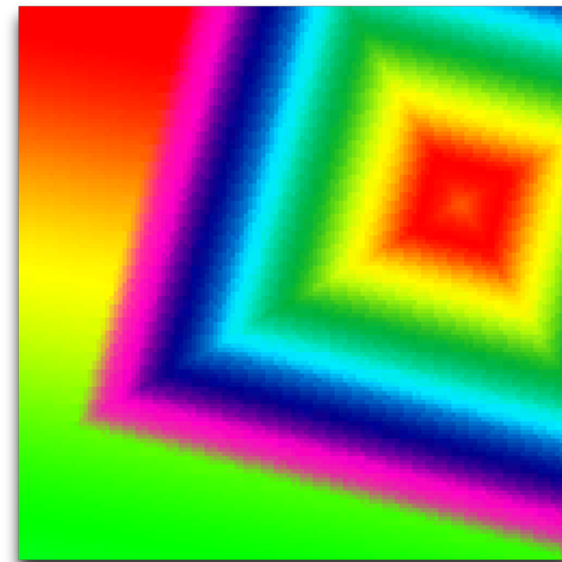


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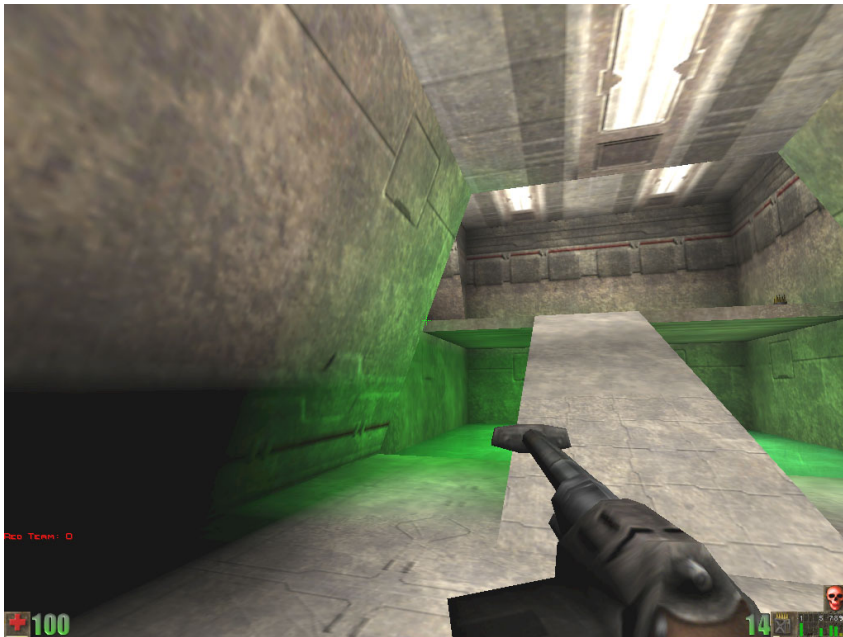
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[Simon Brown]



DXT1

- Vorteil: größere Texturen möglich → höhere Qualität
- Beispiel aus der Unreal Engine:



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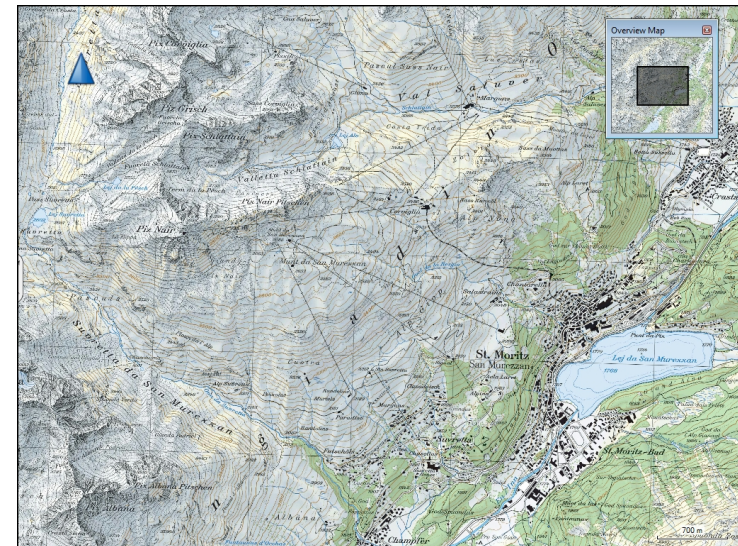
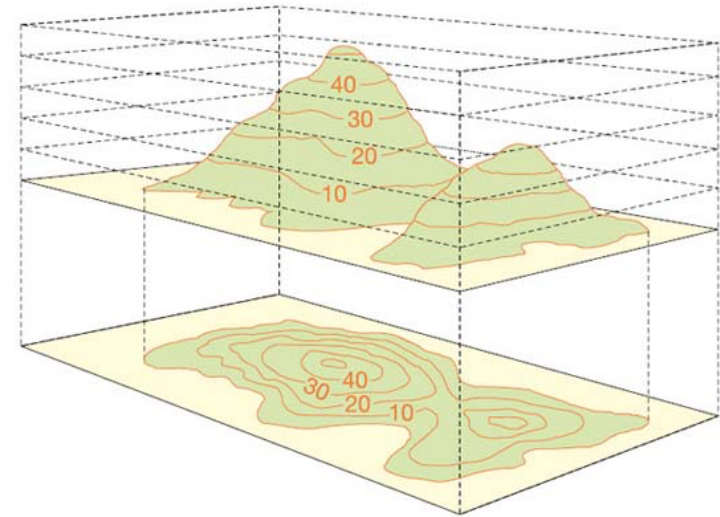
Unreal Retexturing Project



mit S3TC

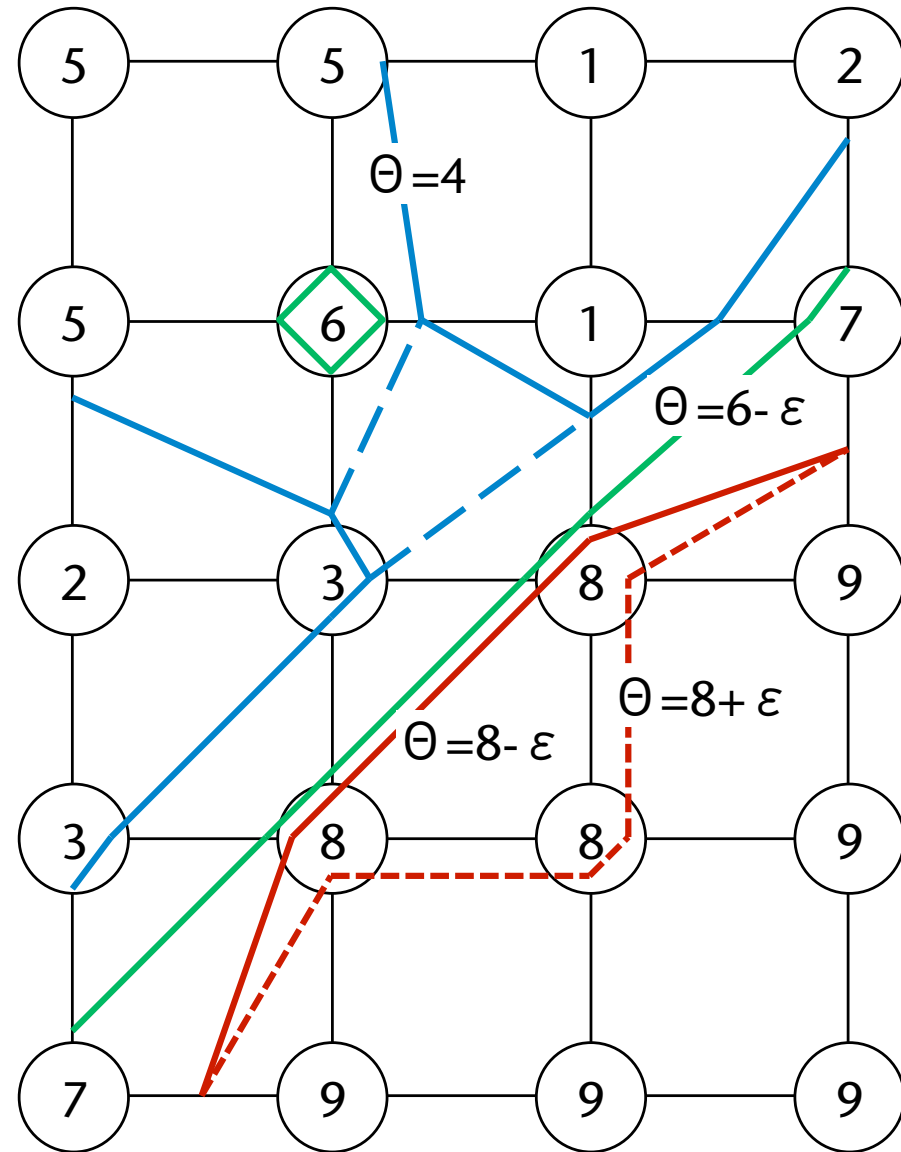
# Isosurfaces

- Beispiel zur Motivation:
  - Gegeben ist ein 2D Höhenfeld
  - Gesucht ist eine Visualisierung (in 2D!), so daß man die Form / den Verlauf des Höhenfeldes gut "erkennt"
  
- Eine Möglichkeit: Höhenlinien = Konturen = Isolinien



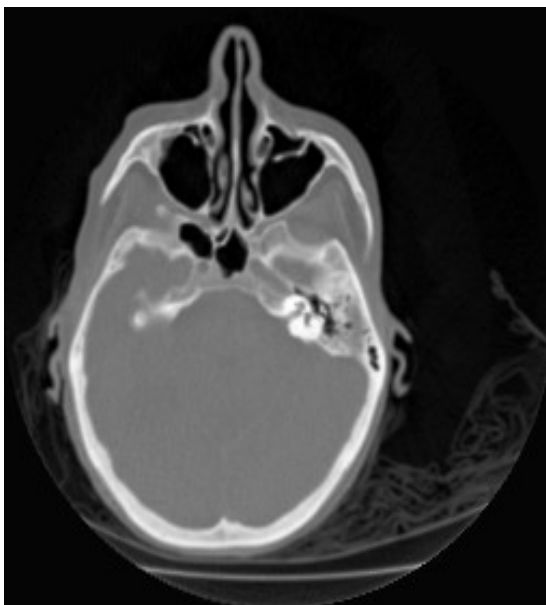
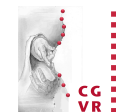
- Problems / challenges:

- Plateaus  $\rightarrow$  large "jumps" of the location of the isosurface when isovalue changes by  $\epsilon$
- Singularities  $\rightarrow$  isosurface contracts to a point, or appears "out of nowhere" when isovalue crosses that point
- Ambiguities during tessellation

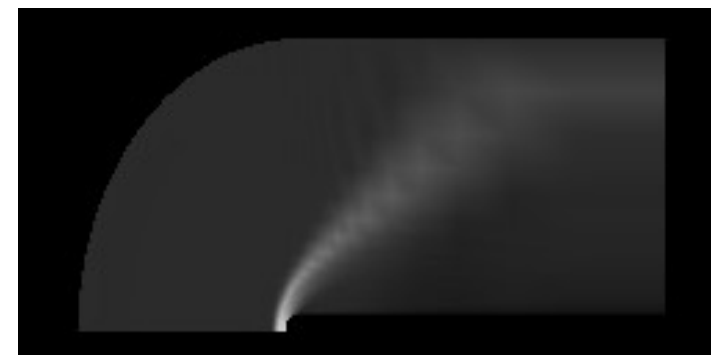




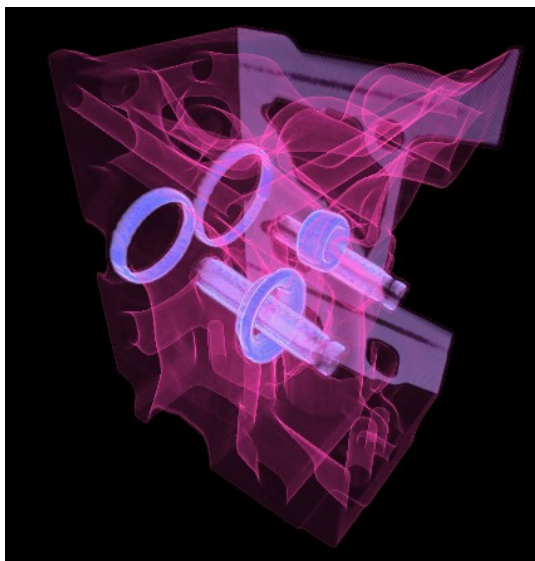
# Beispiele für Volumendatensätze



Chapel Hill CT Head

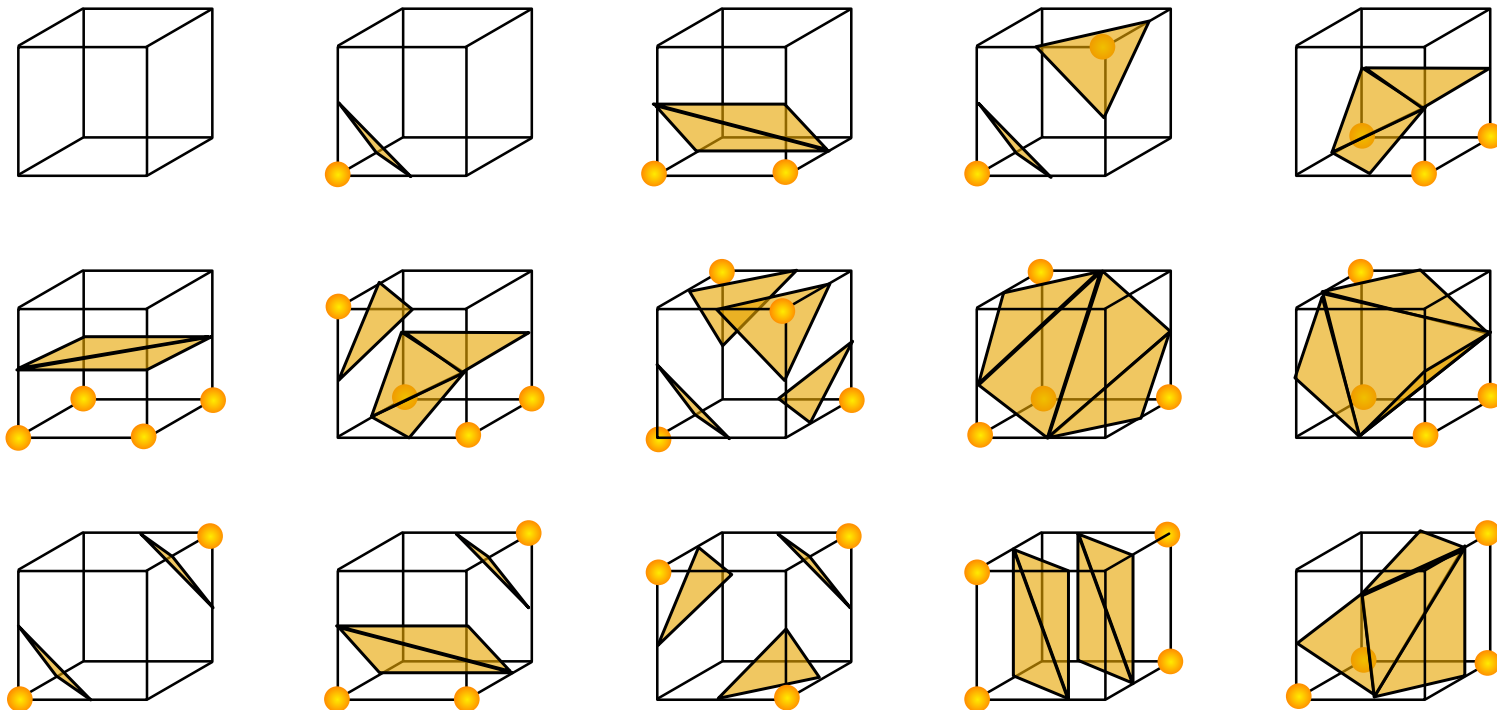


Blunt Fin

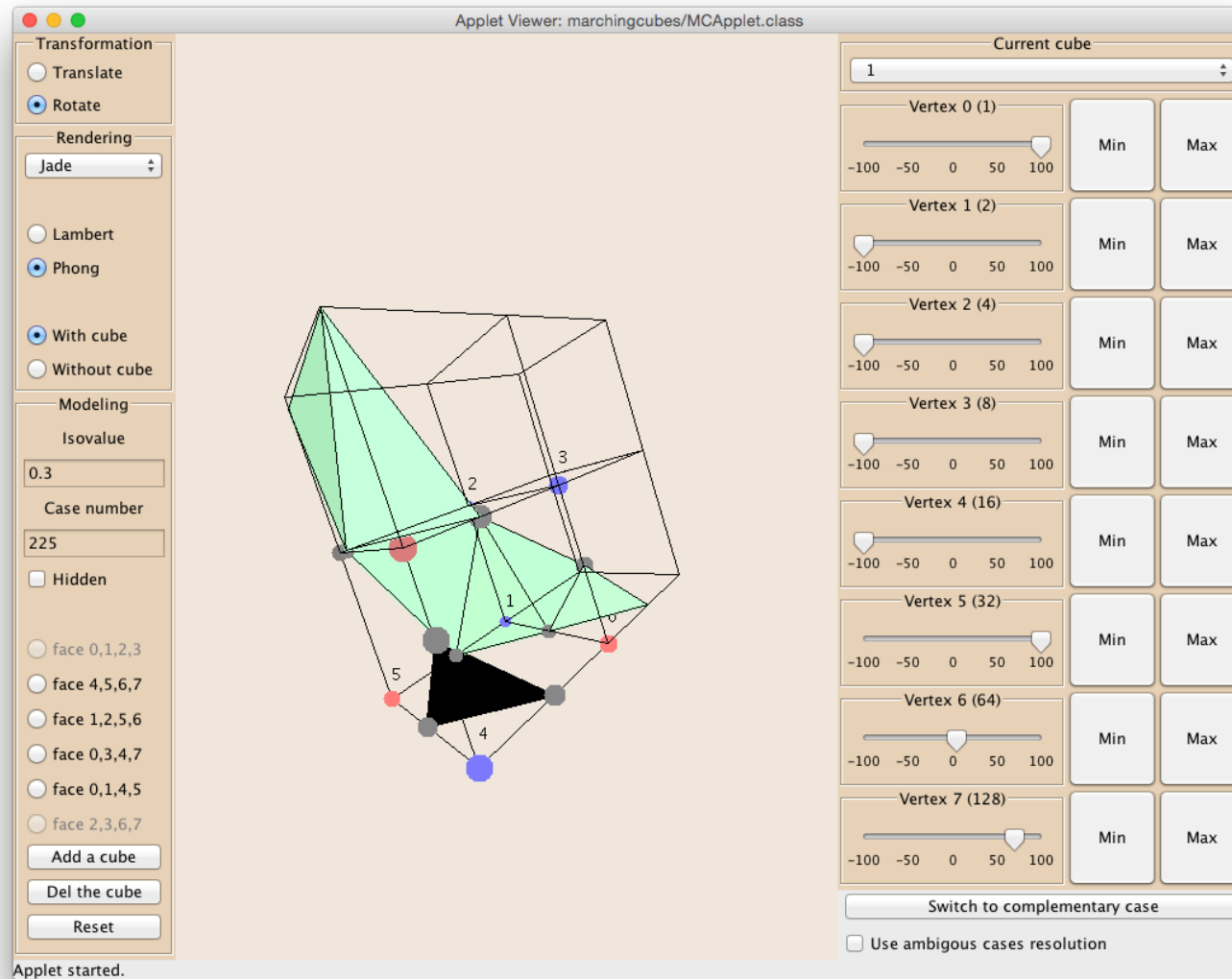


Engine Block

- Die 15 echt verschiedenen Fälle in 3D (module rotation & Spiegelung):



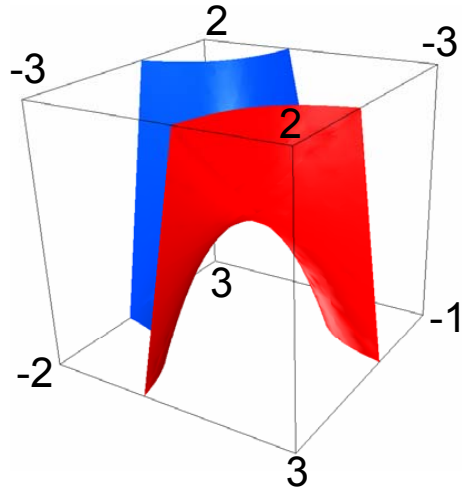
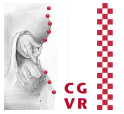




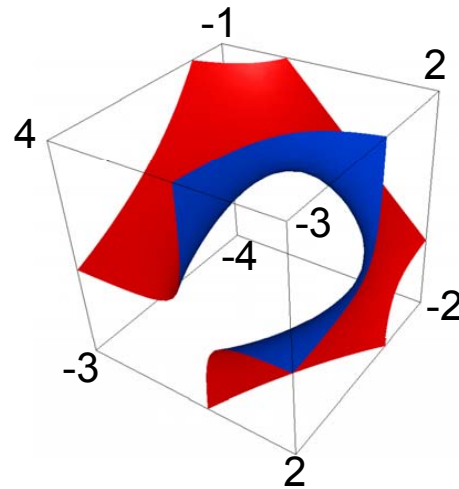
<http://users.polytech.unice.fr/~lingrand/MarchingCubes/applet.html>



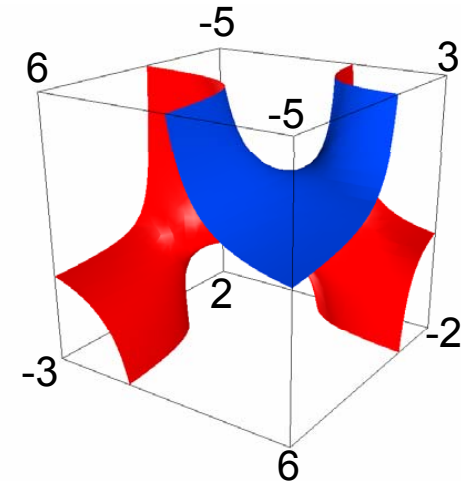
# Knifflige Fälle für jeden Isosurface-Algorithmus



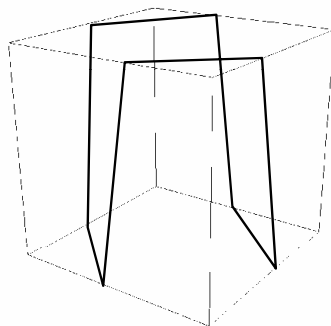
8-sided polygon



9-sided polygon



12-sided polygon

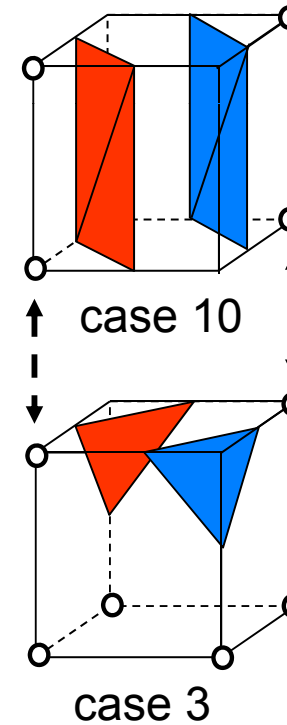
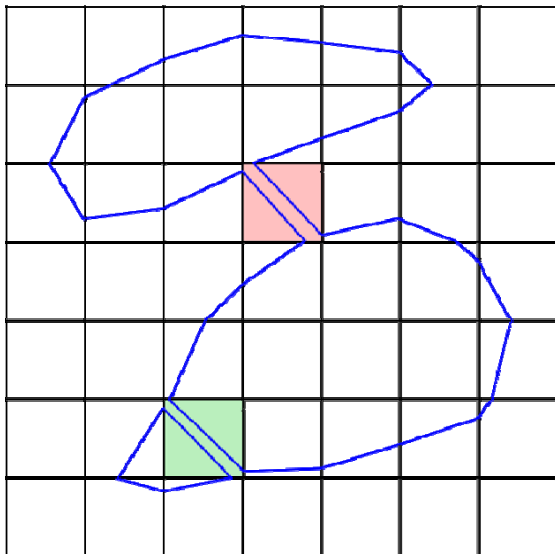


The 8-sided polygon has no valid triangulation!

- either some triangles lie on faces of the cell
- or an extra vertex has to be used

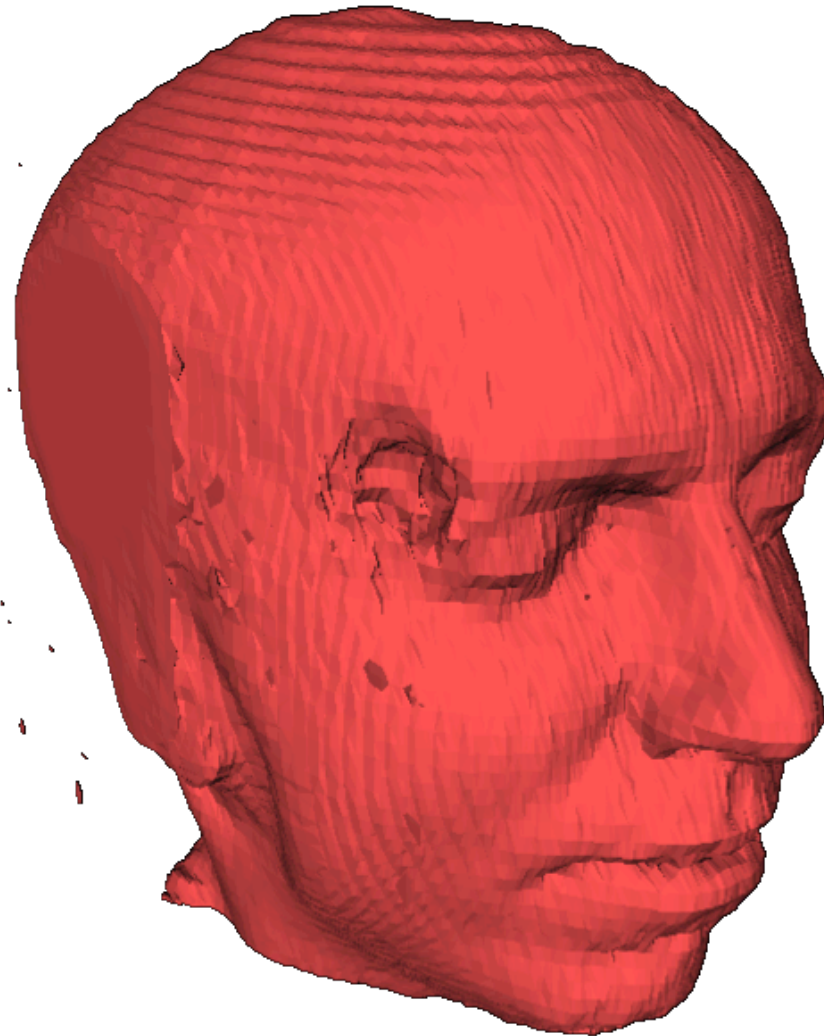
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- Manchmal passen die Dreiecke der benachbarten Zellen nicht zusammen:
- Uneindeutiger Fall im 2D:



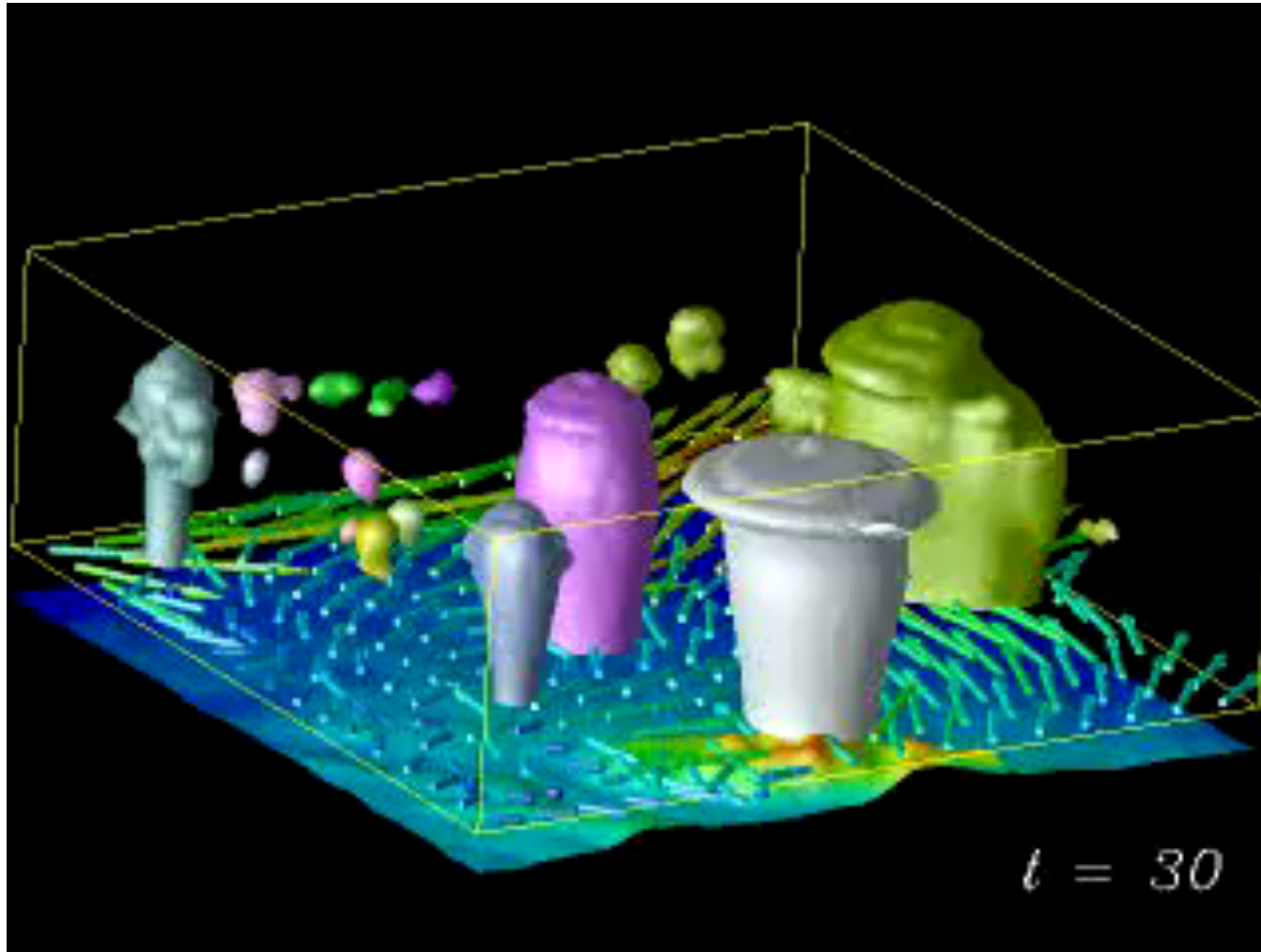
- More on that → Advanced Computer Graphics

- Output eines einfachen Marching-Cube-Algorithmus':

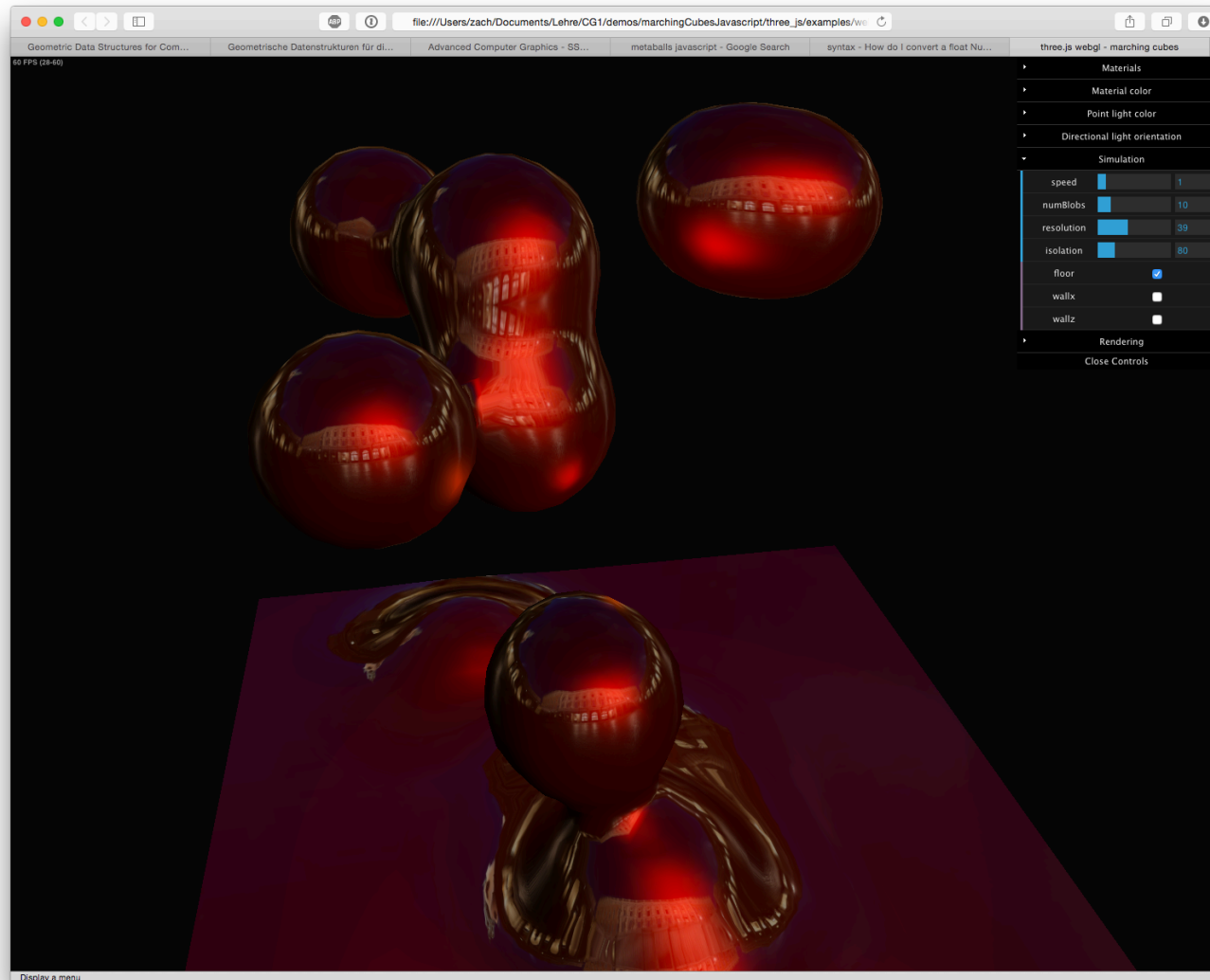




# Beispiel aus einer Wetter-Simulation

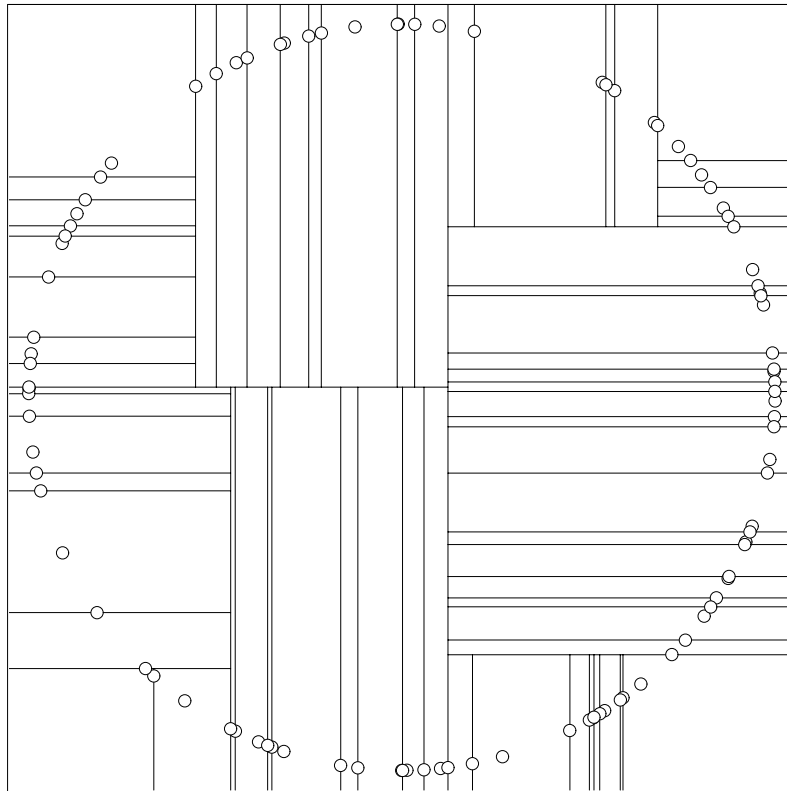


# Another Metaballs Demo

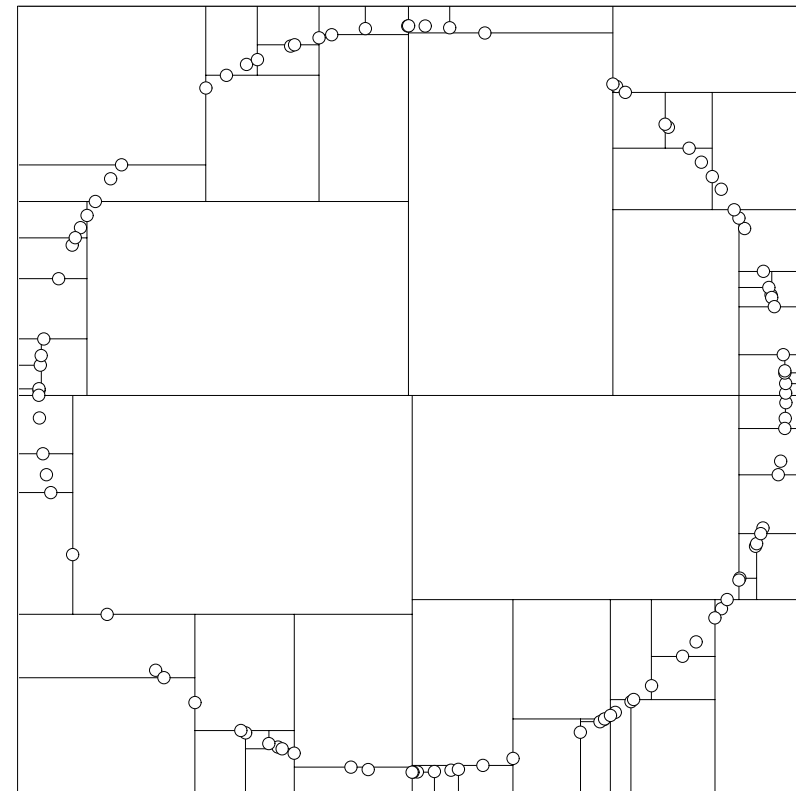


<http://threejs.org/>

# Pivot-Strategien beim Aufbau von kd-Trees

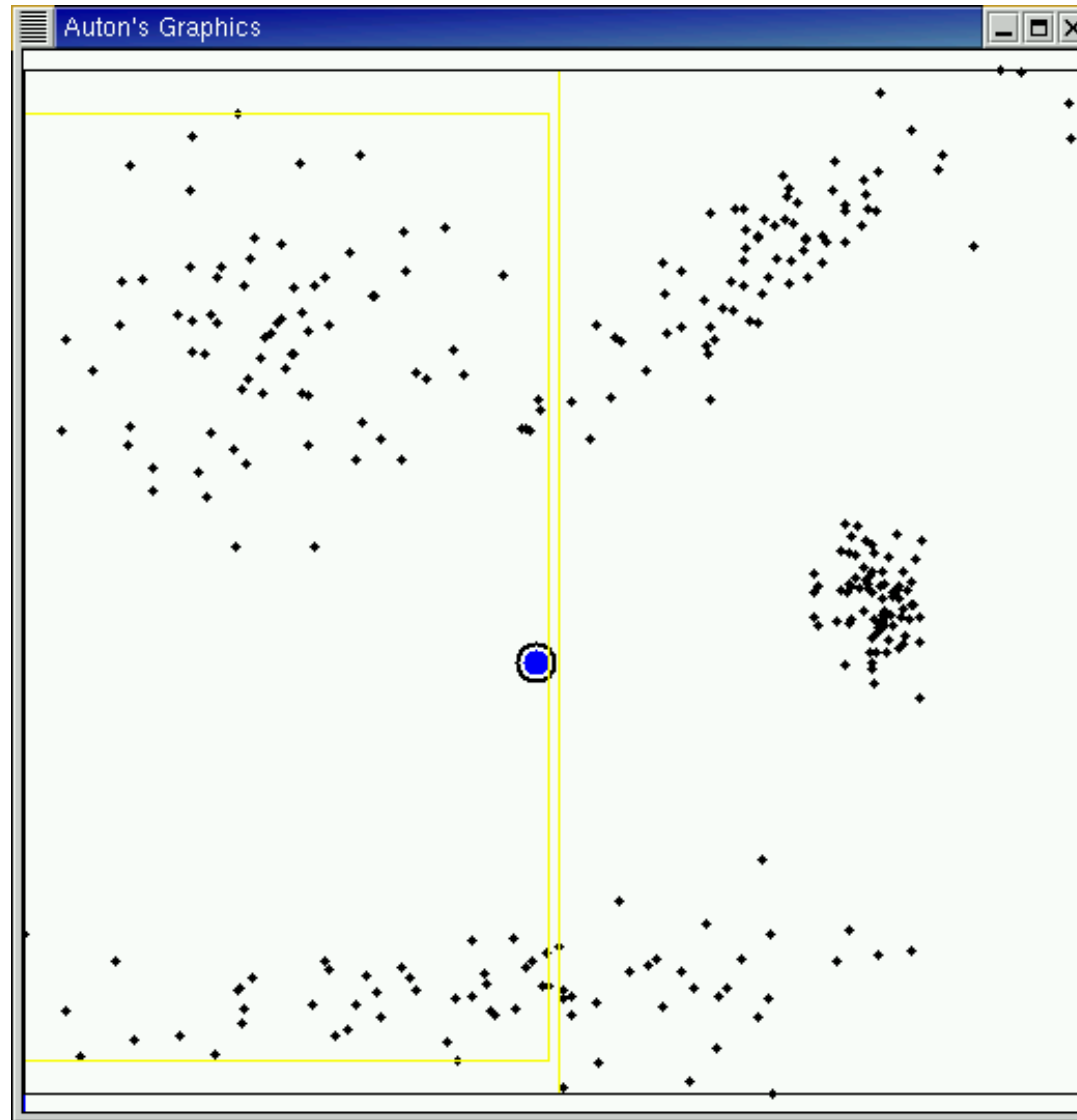


Median along the dimension  
with the widest spread of the points



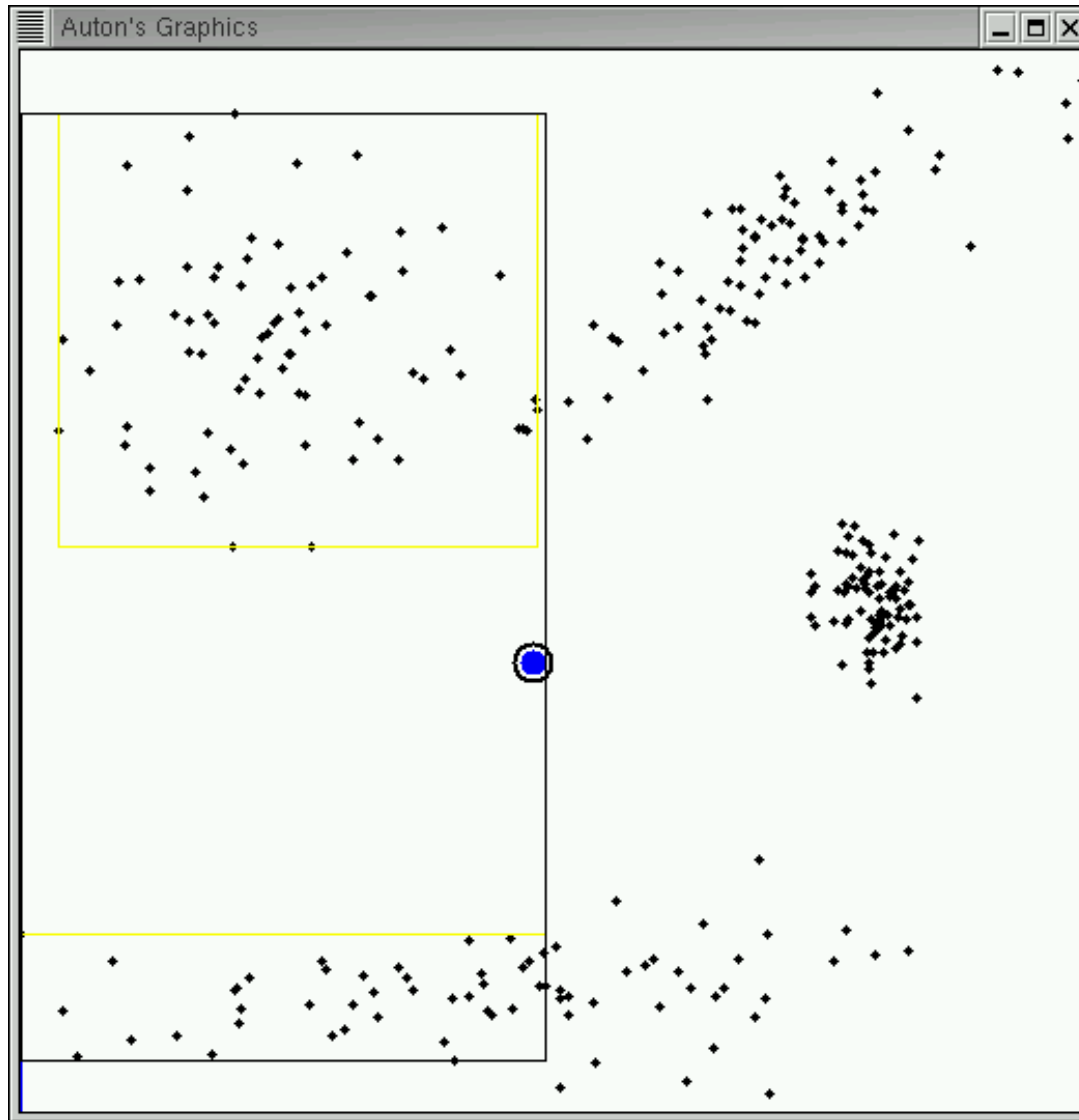
The point closest to the center along the  
dimension with longest side of the region

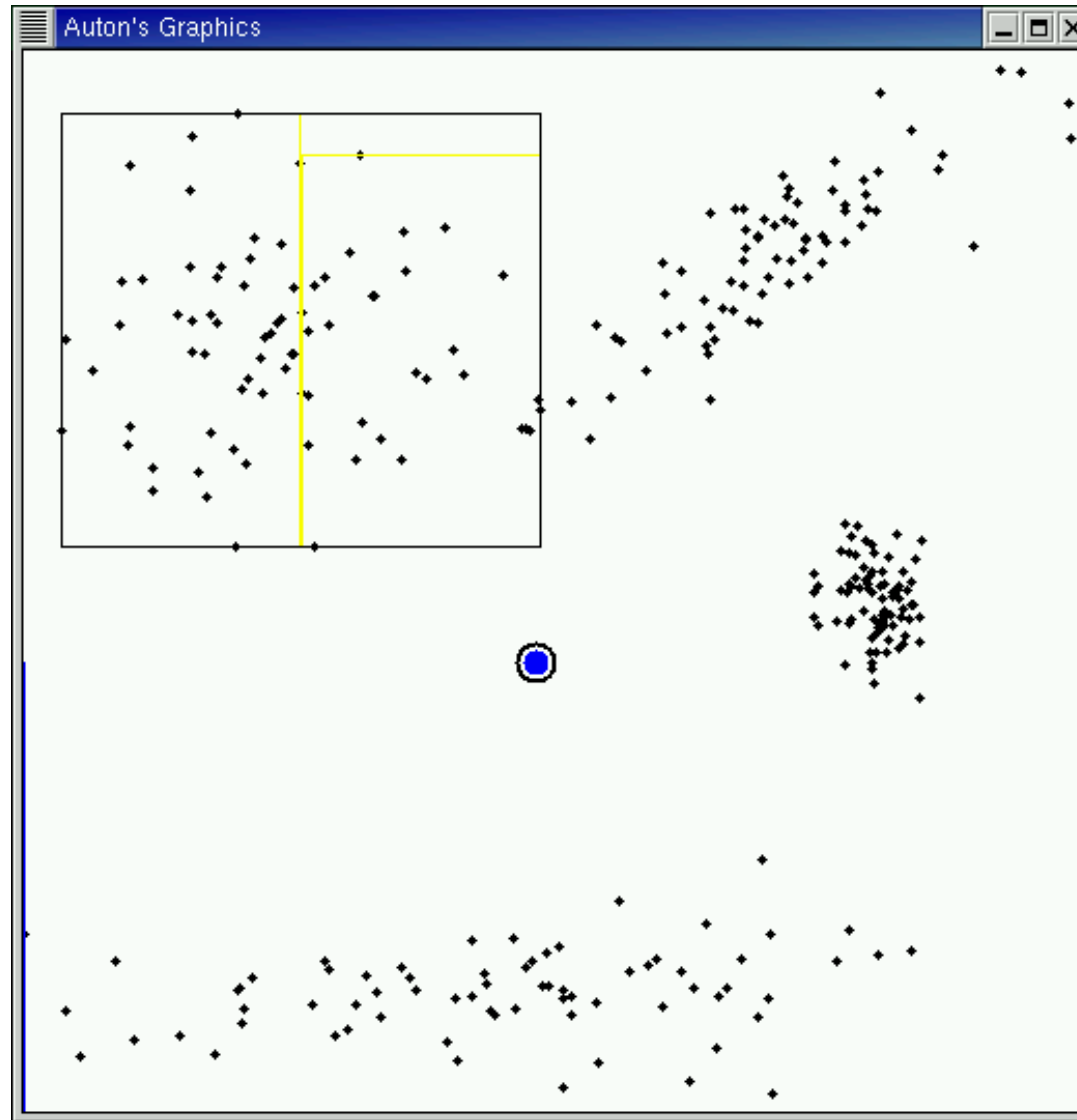
# Animation of Nearest-Neighbor using kd-Trees

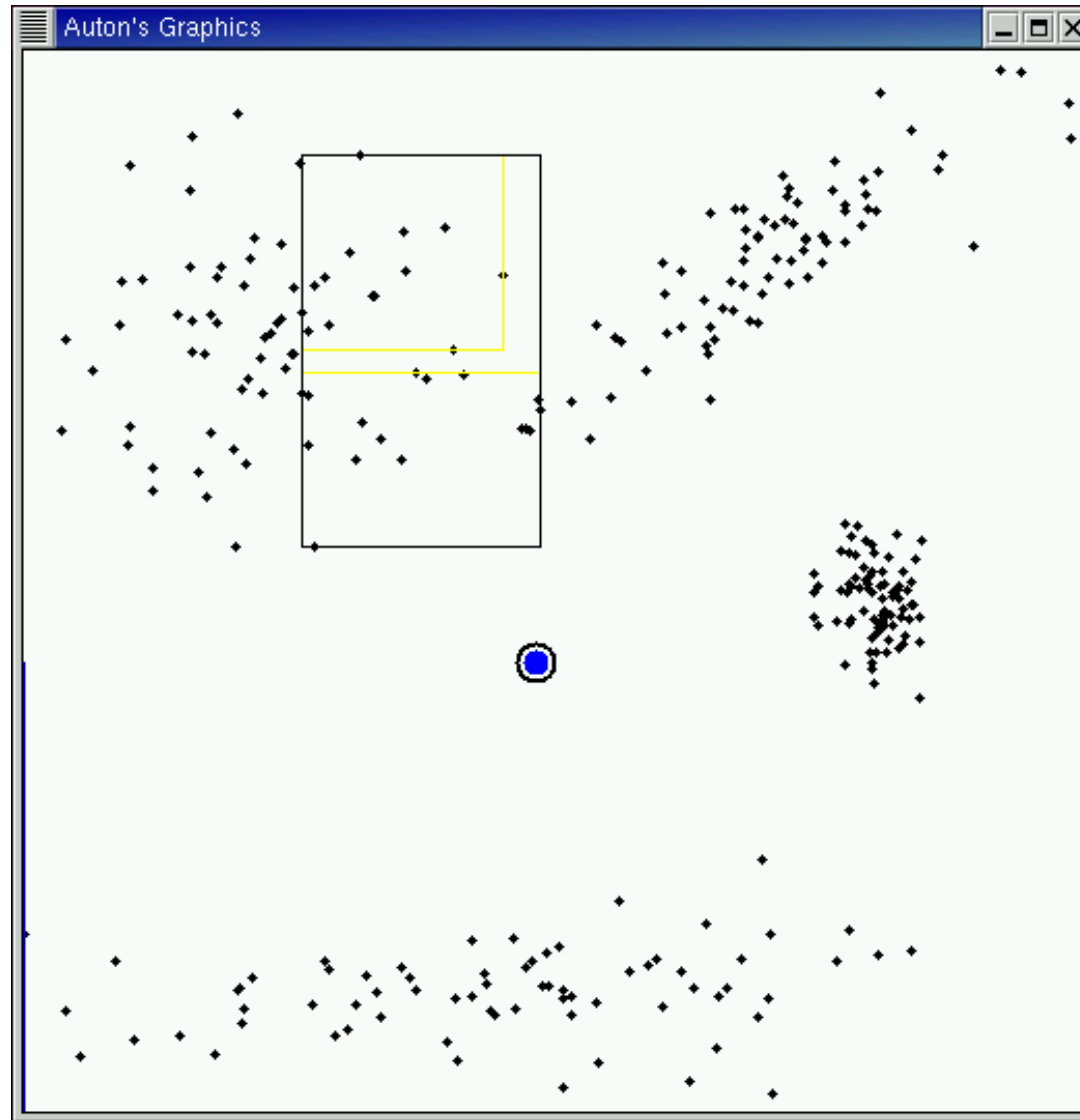


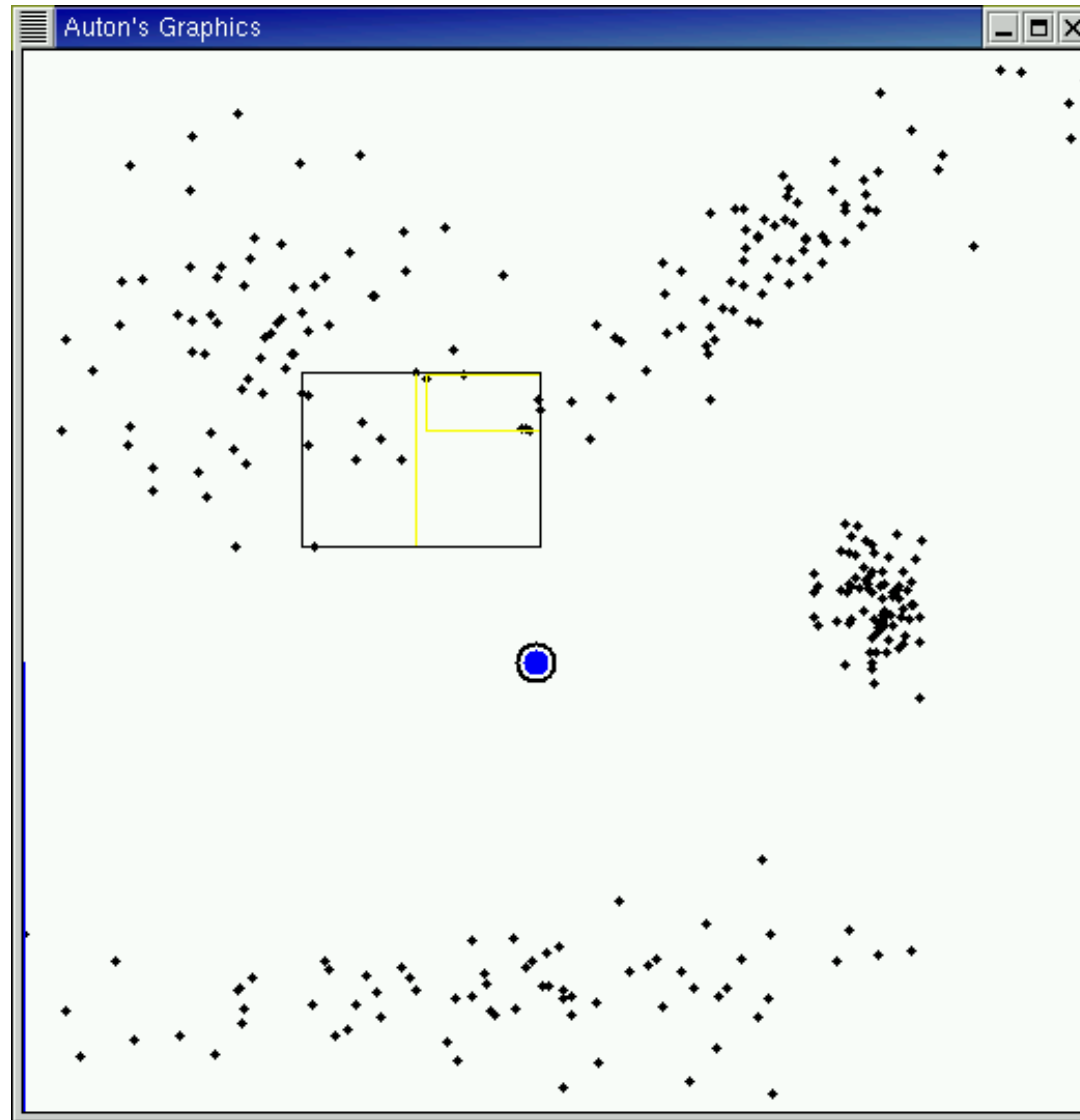
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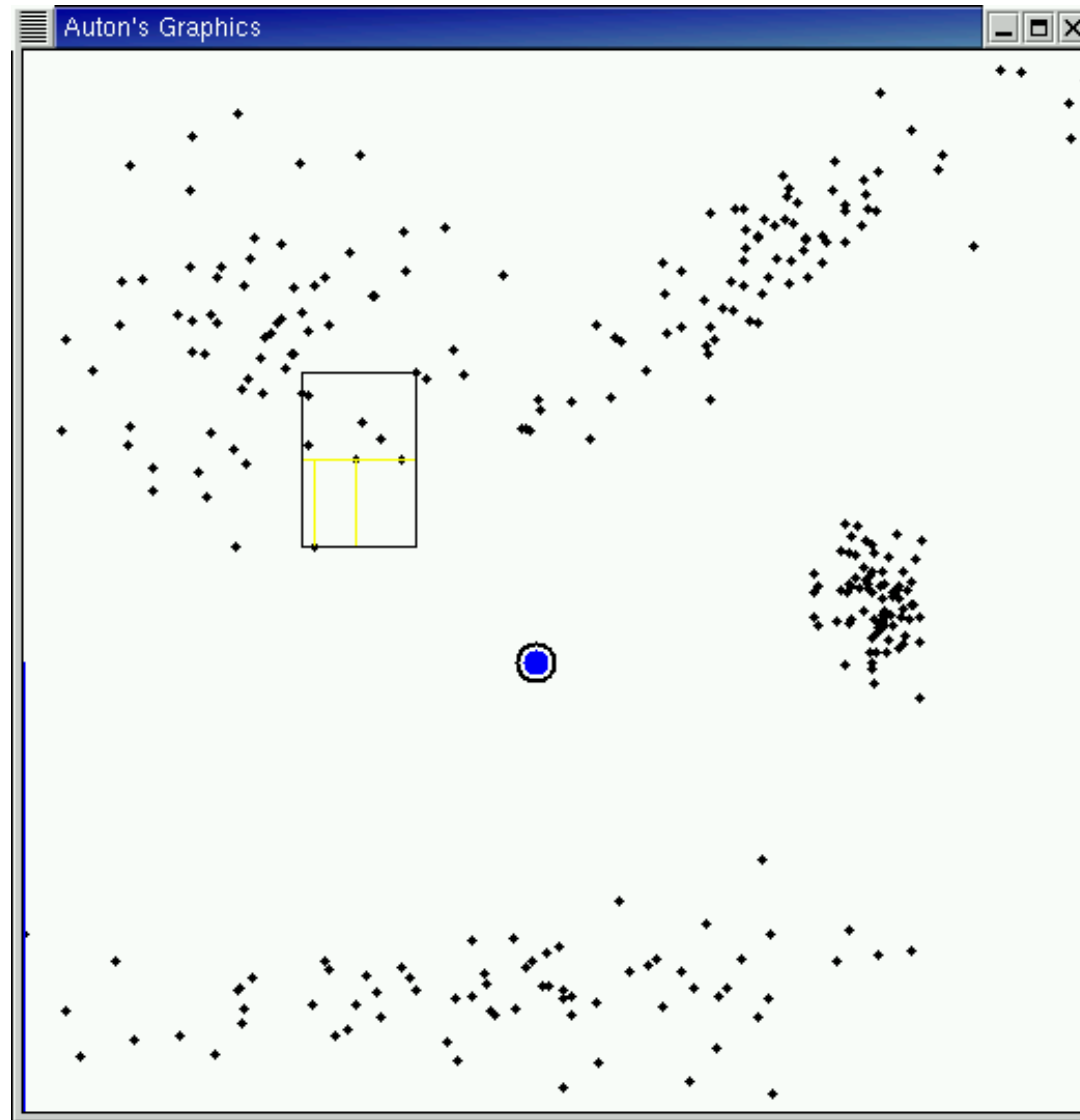


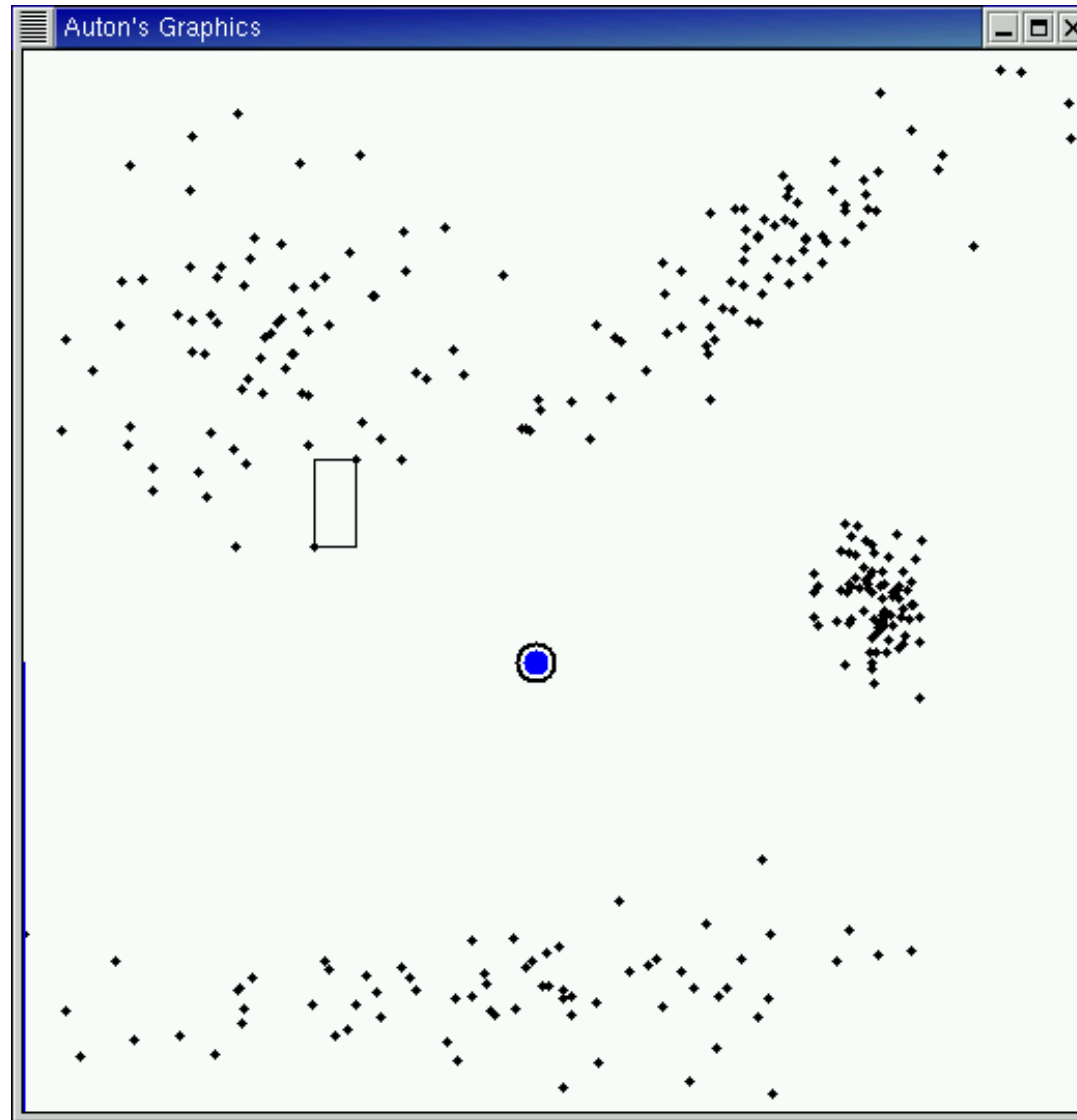


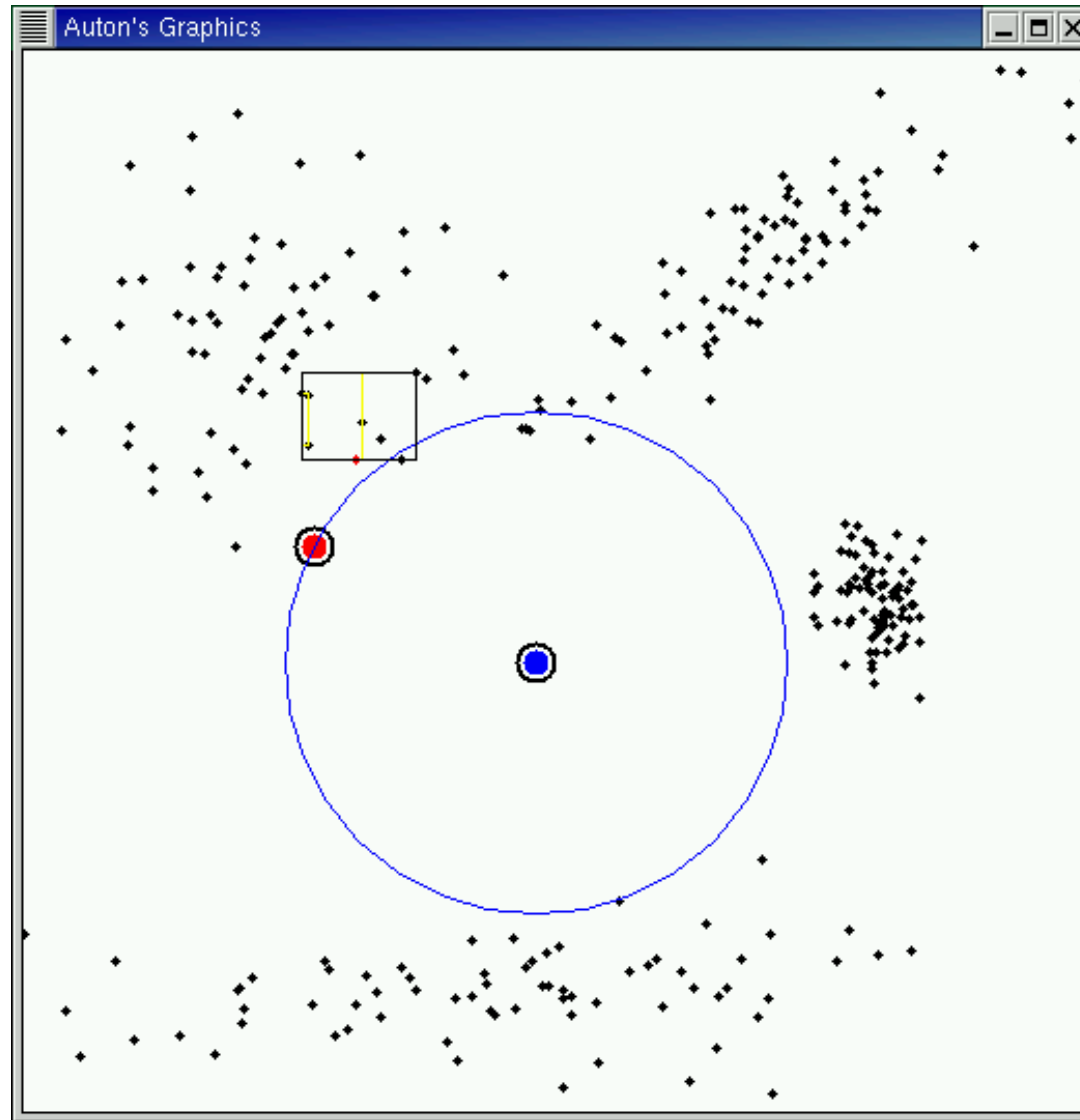


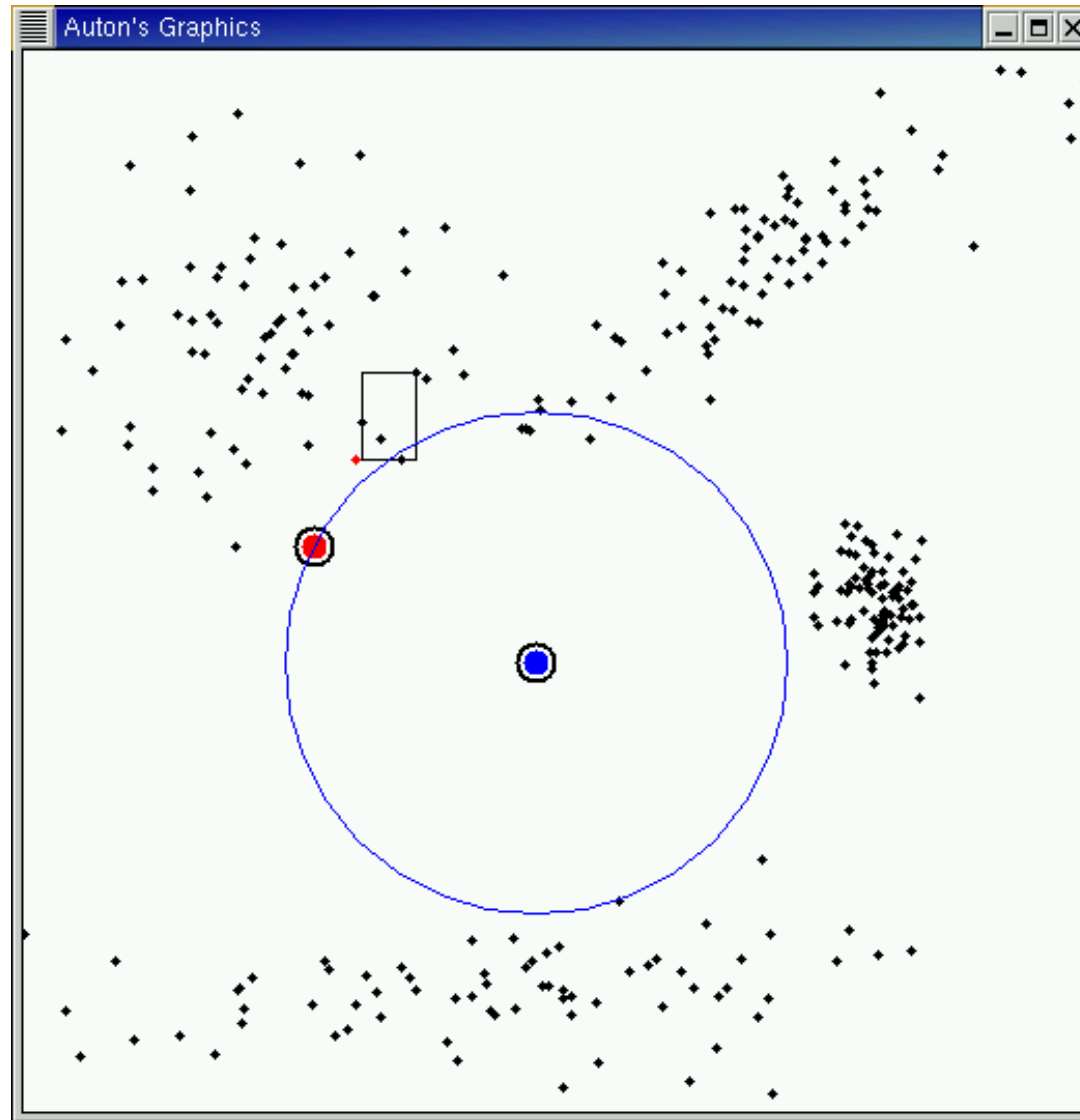




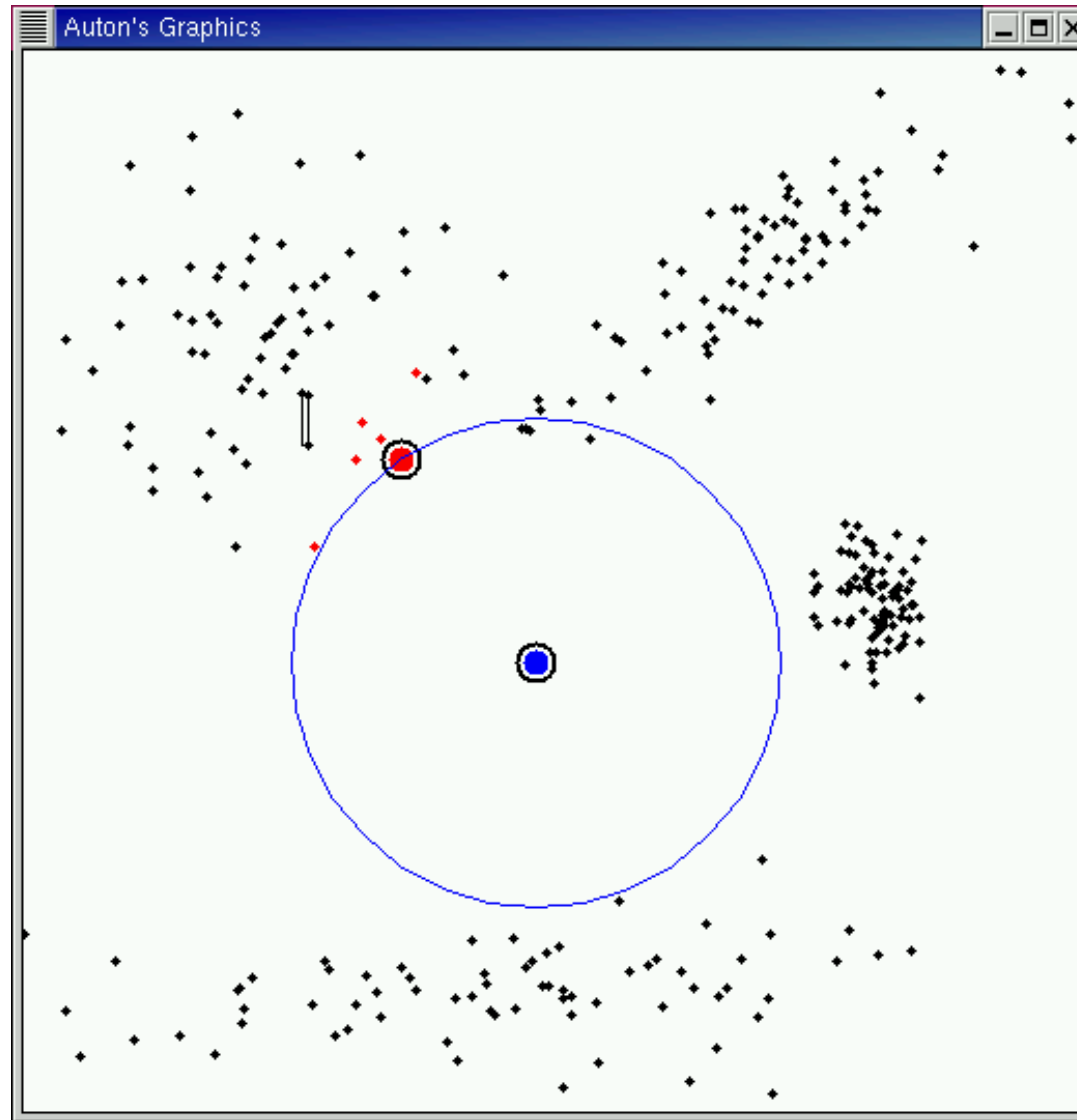


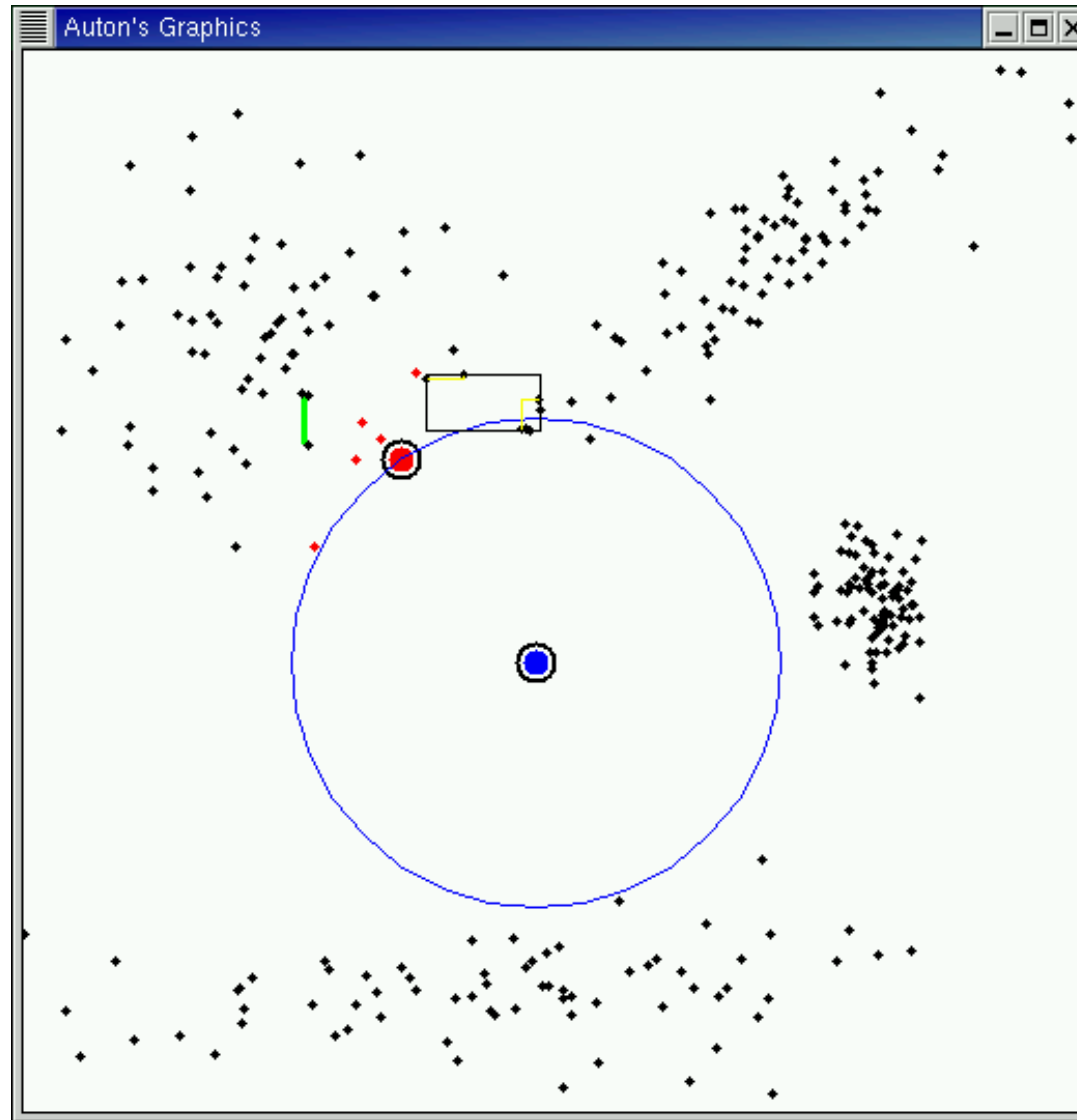


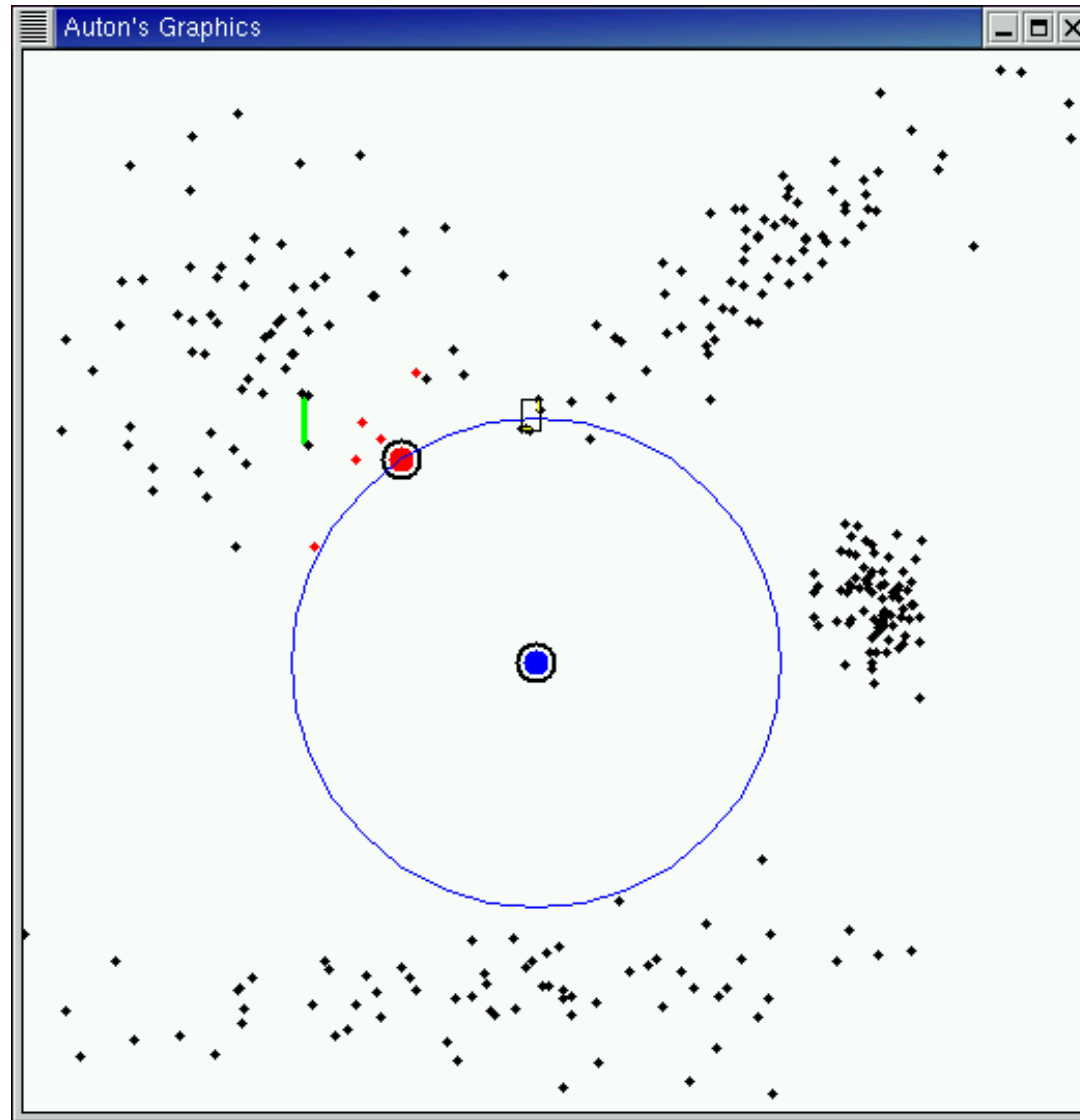


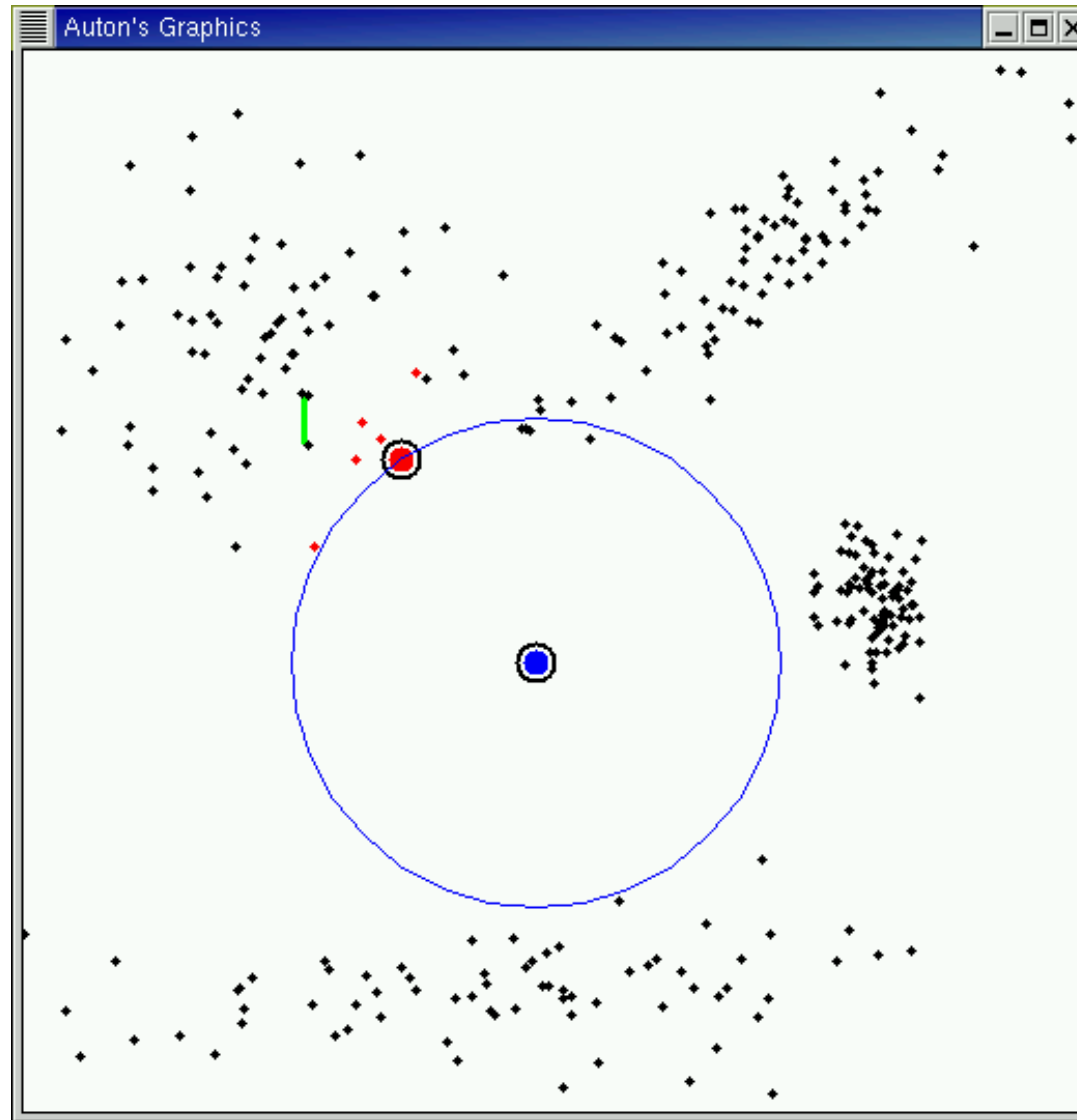


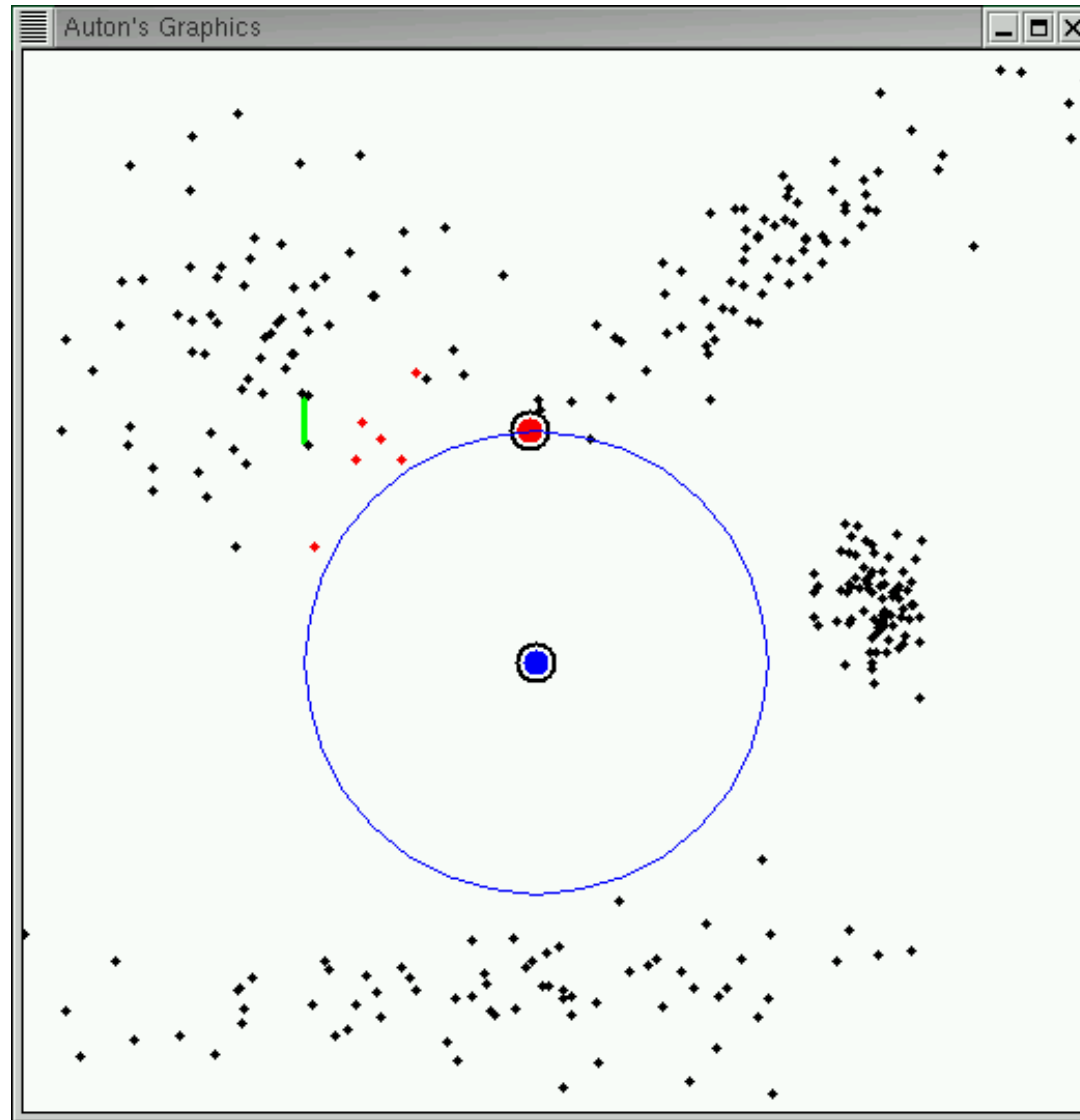


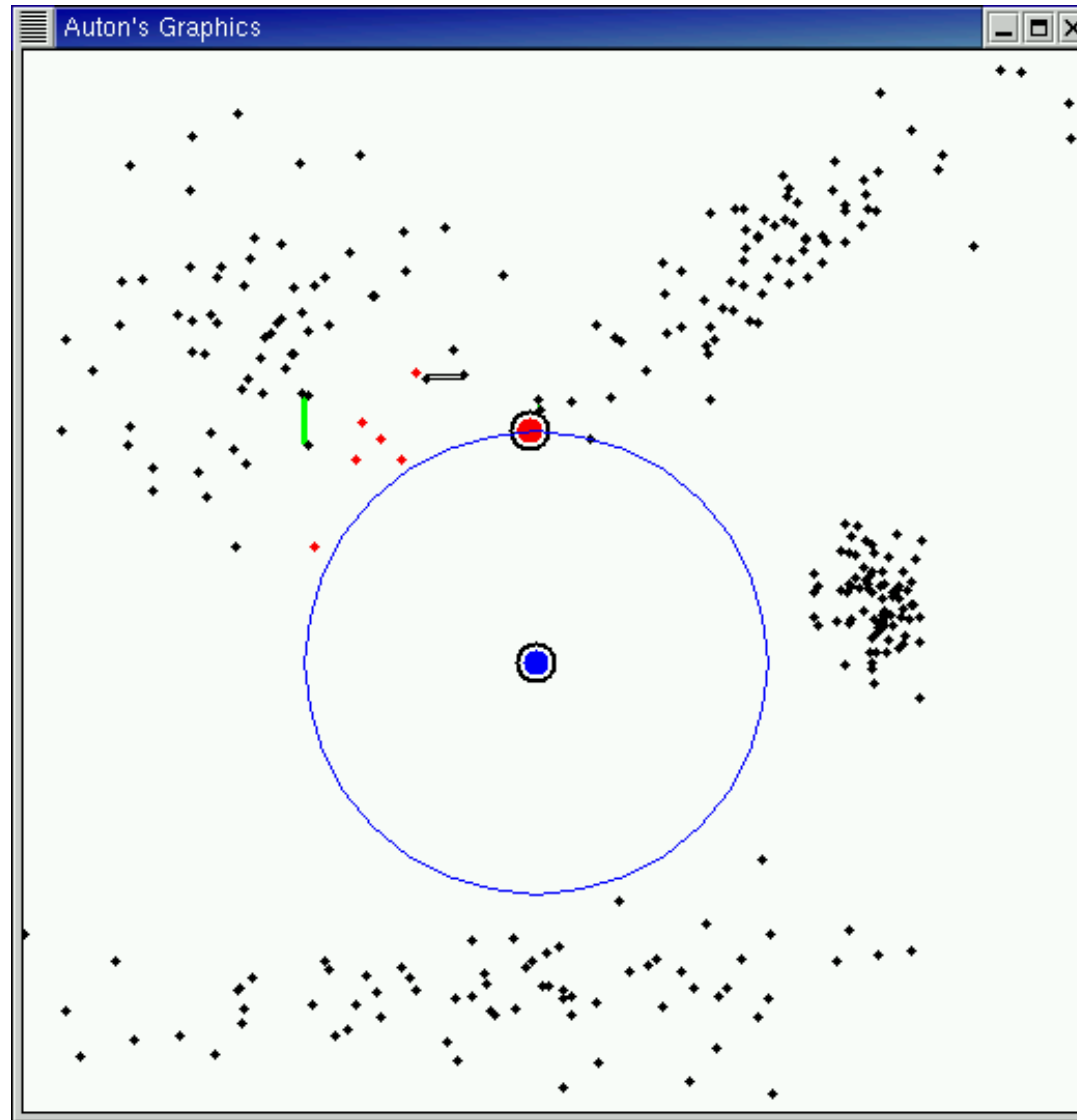


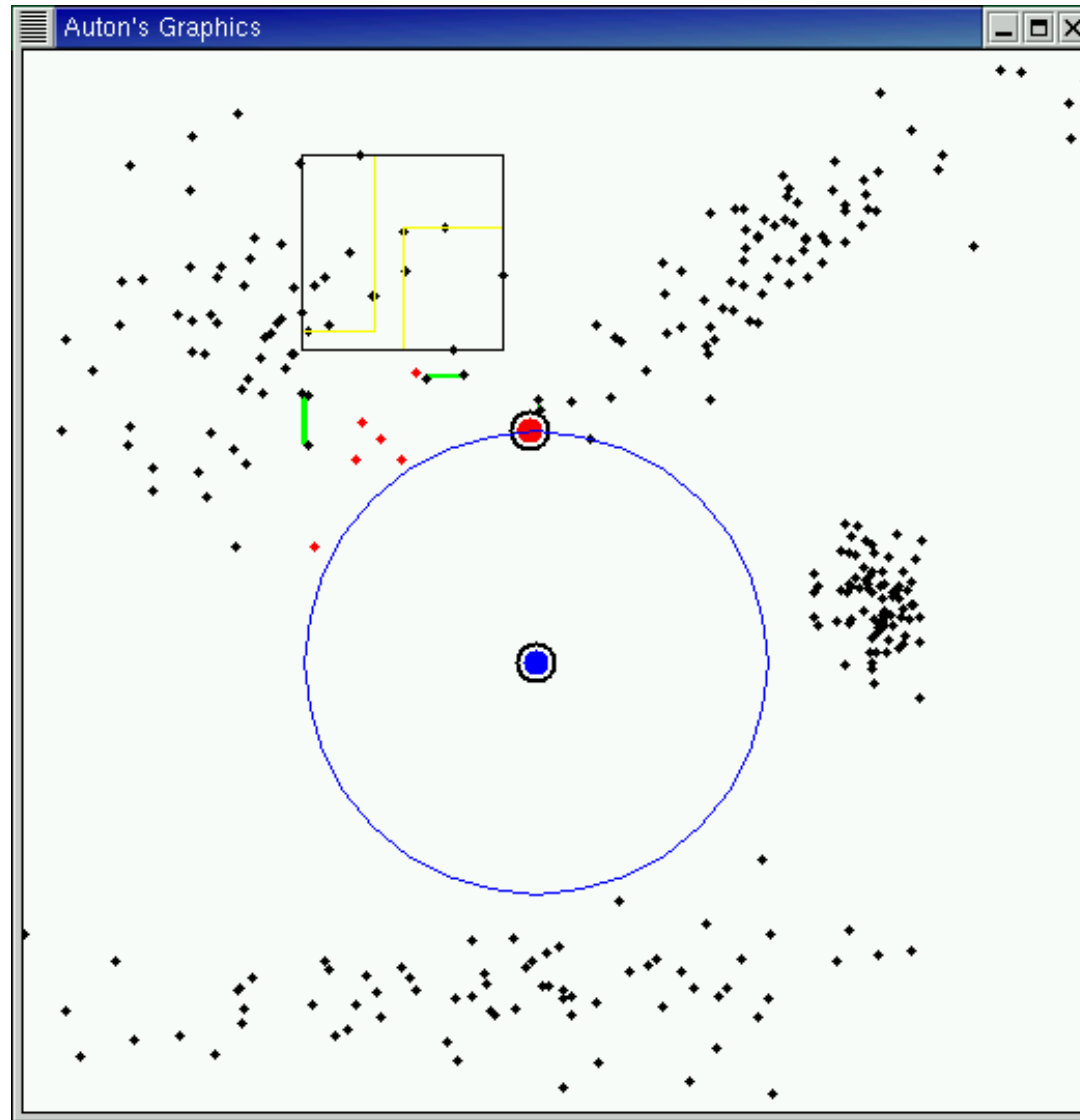


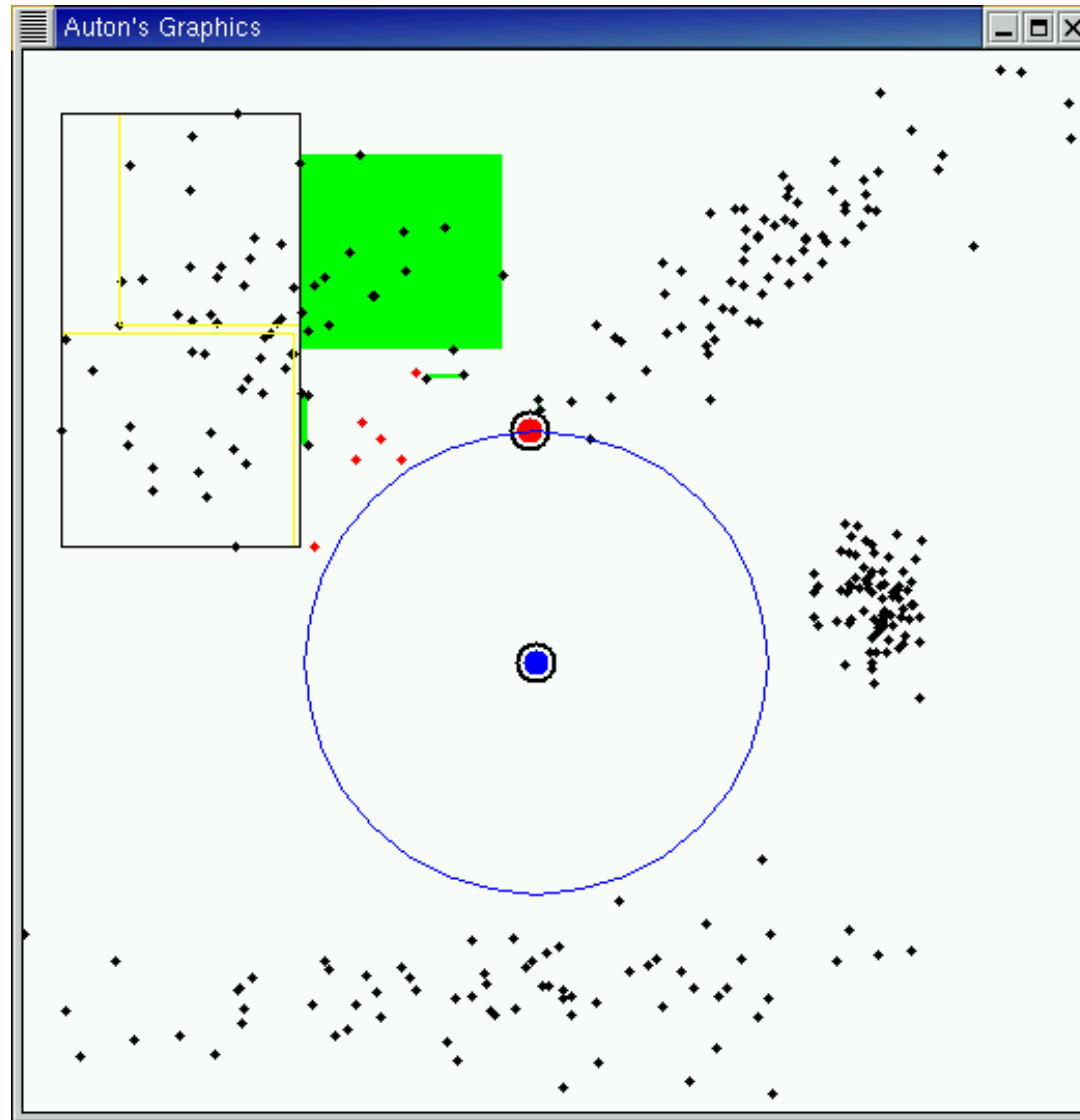




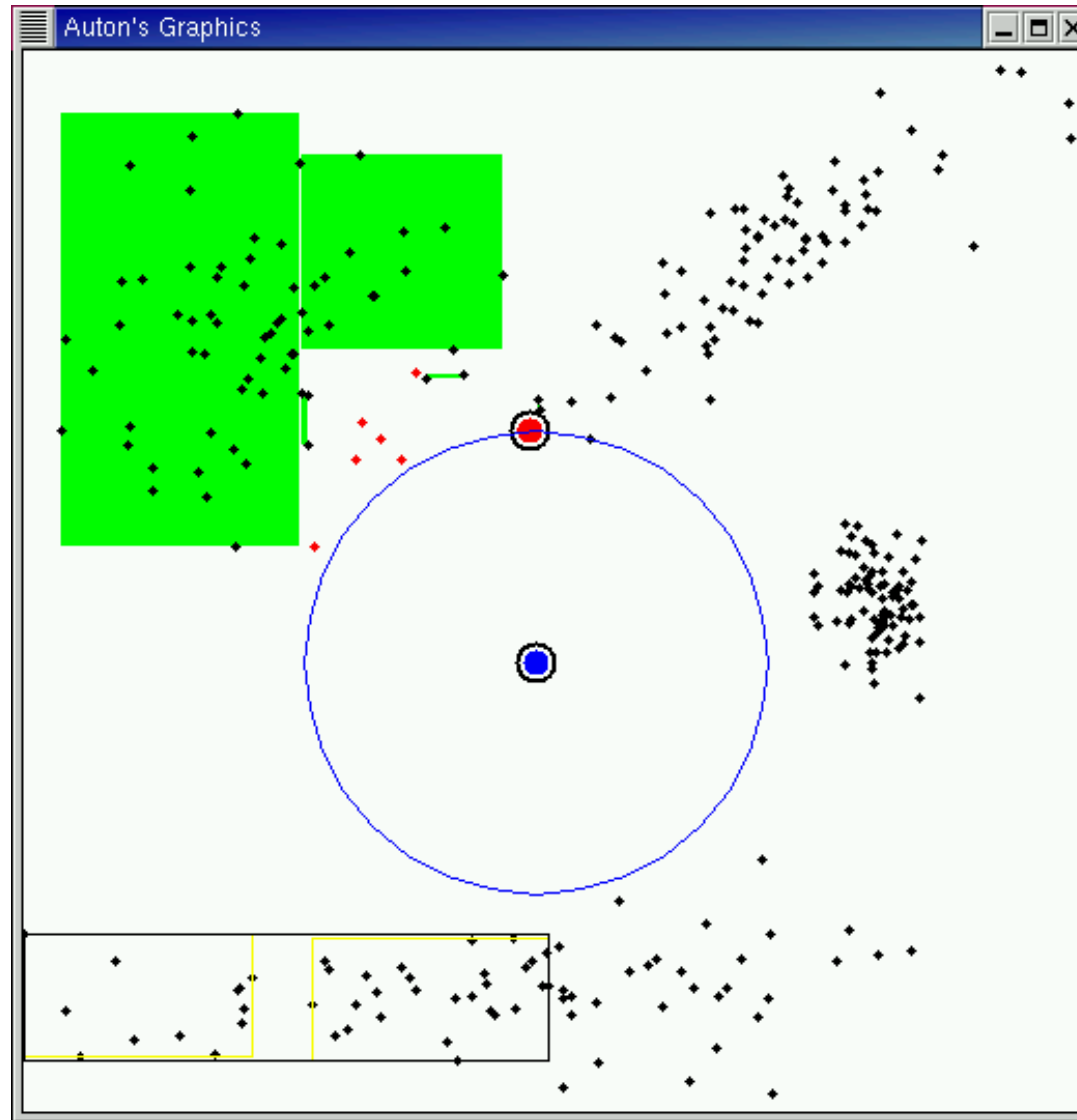


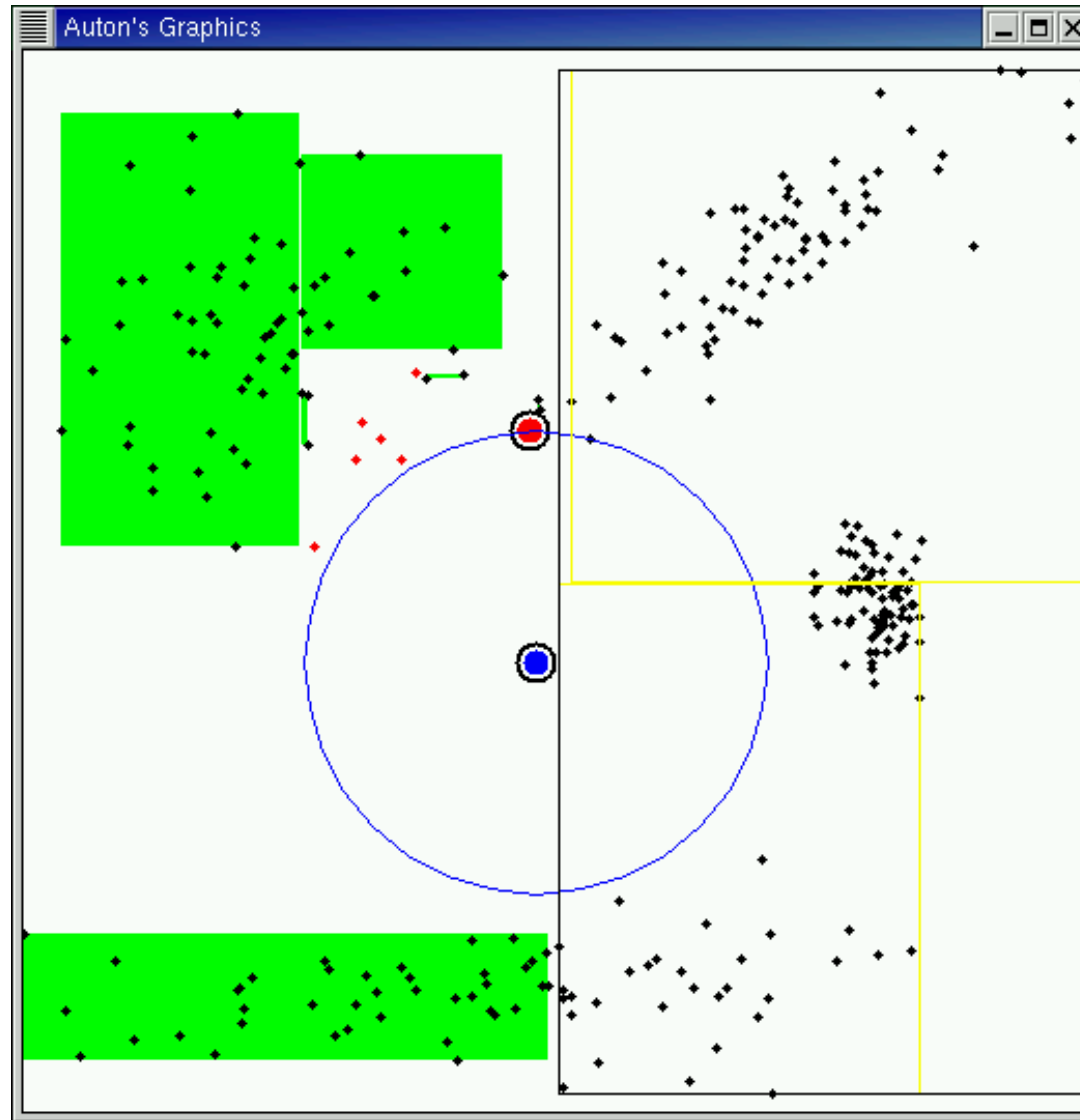


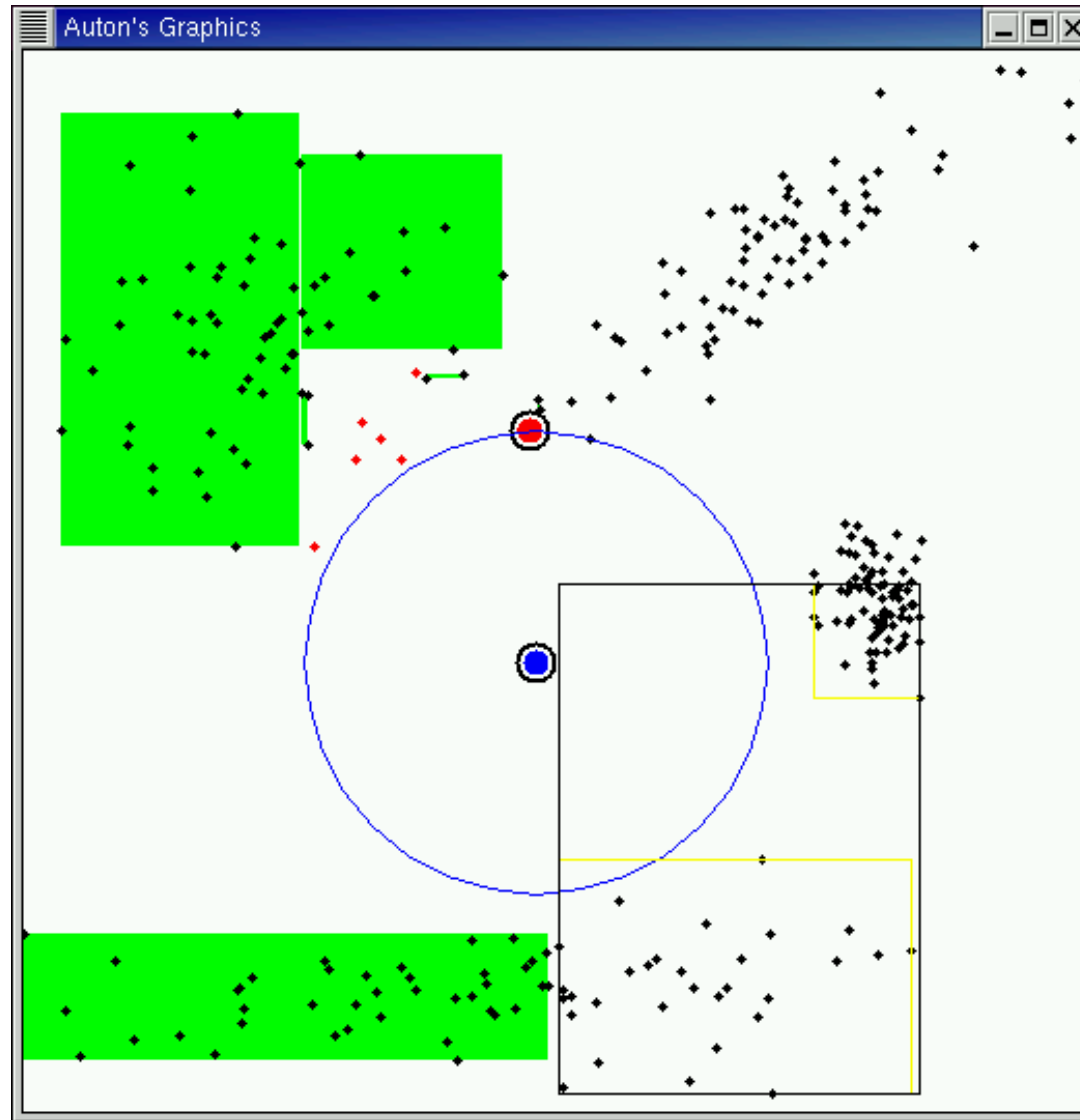


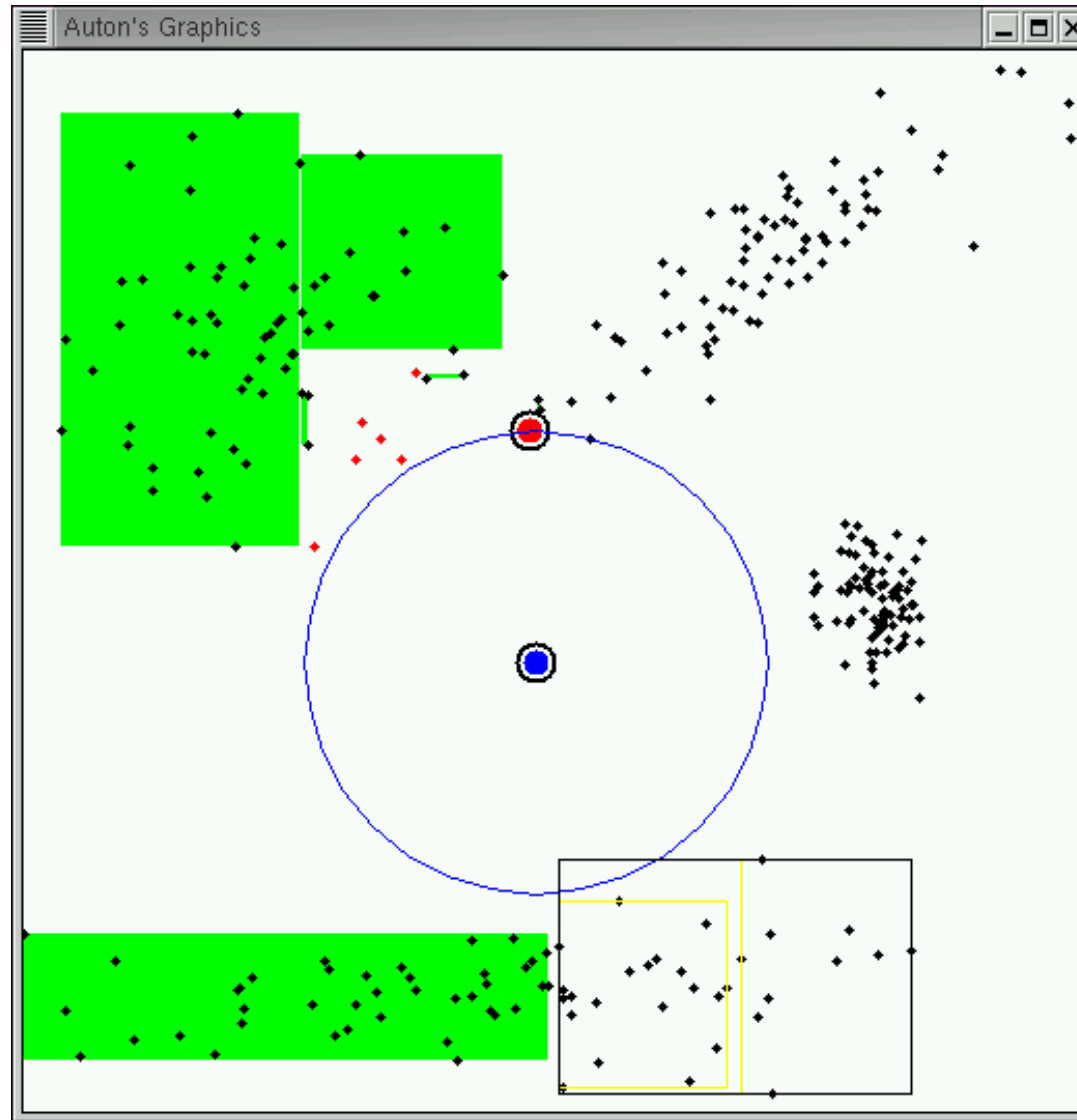


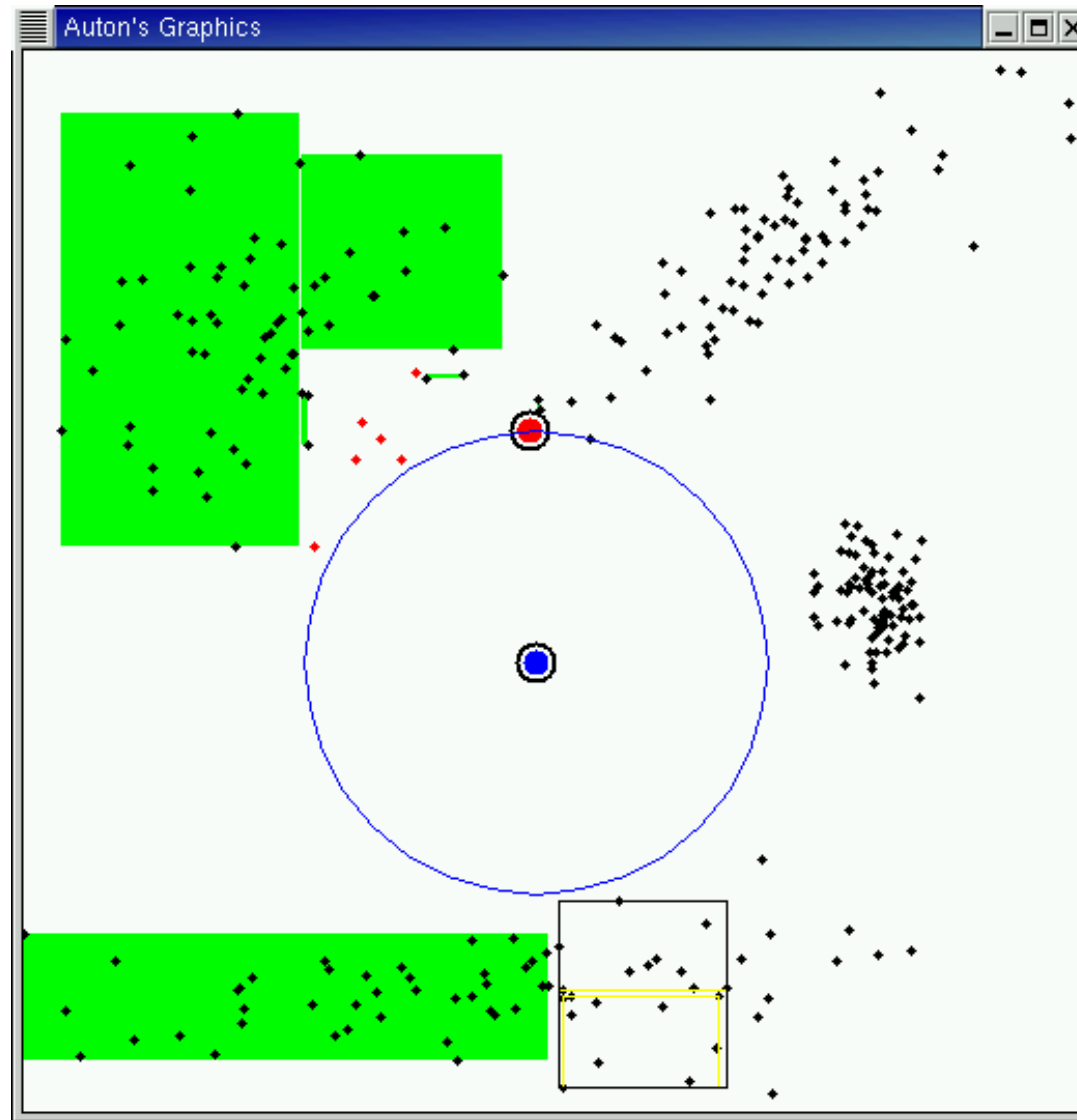


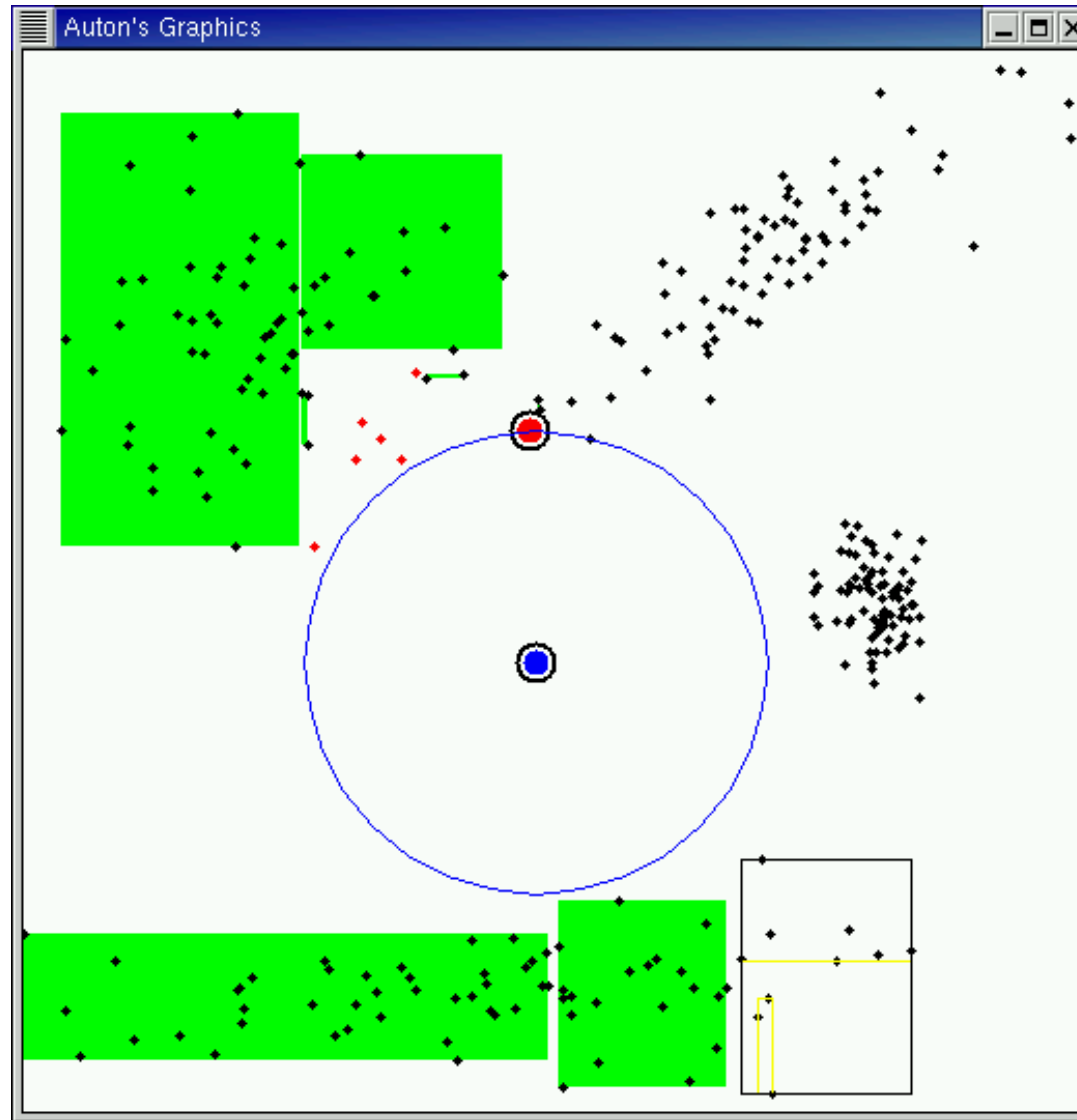


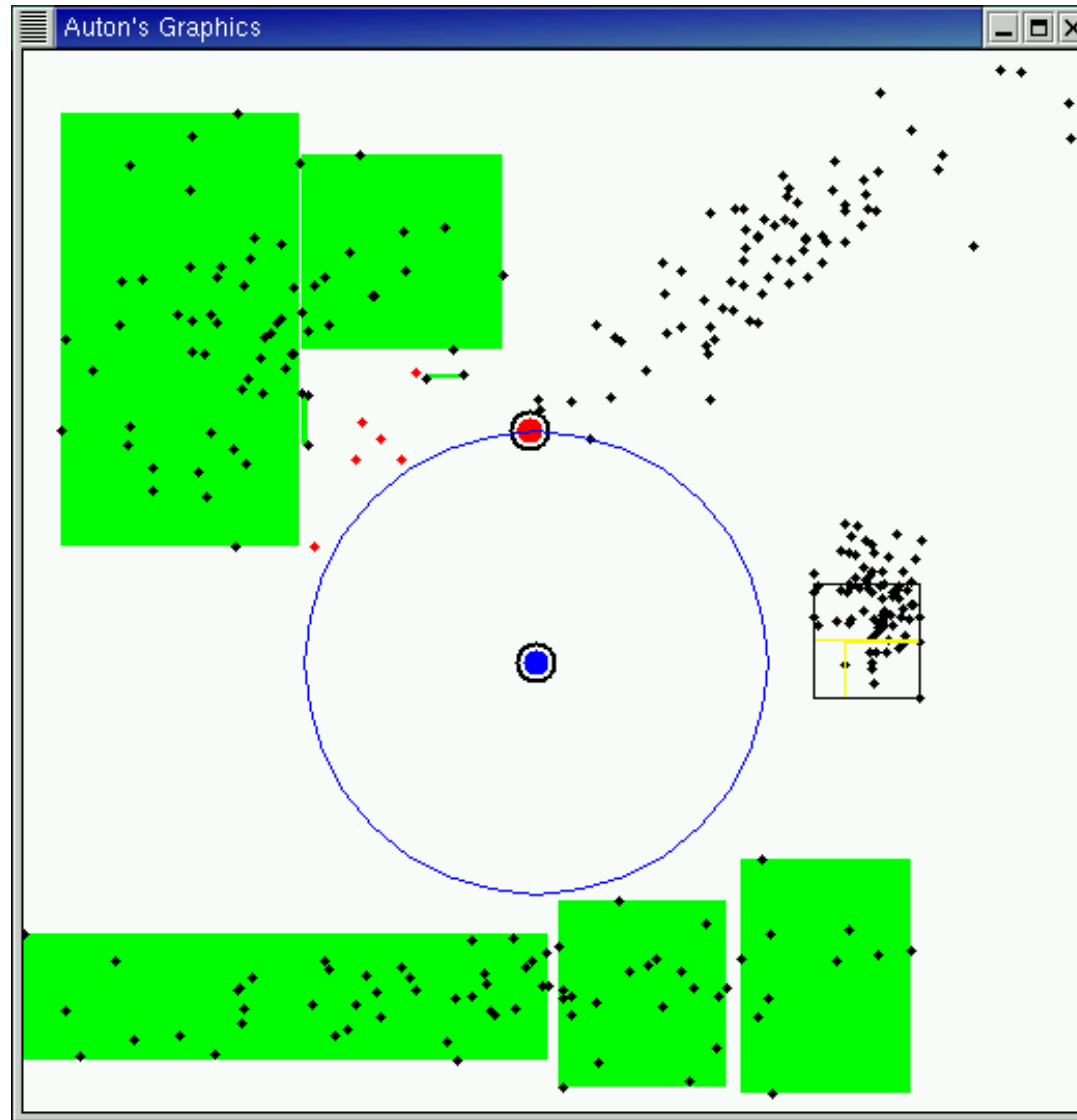


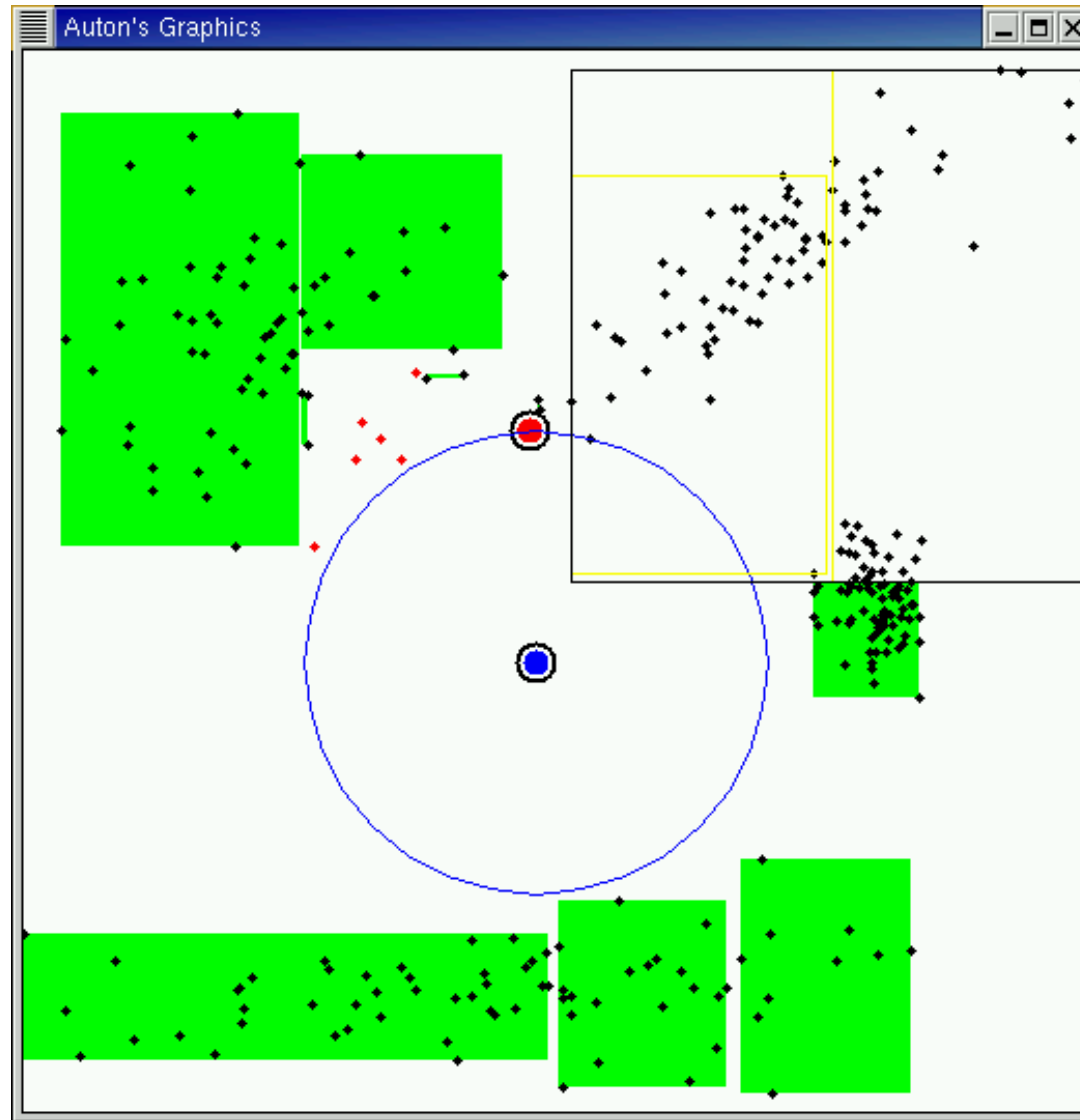




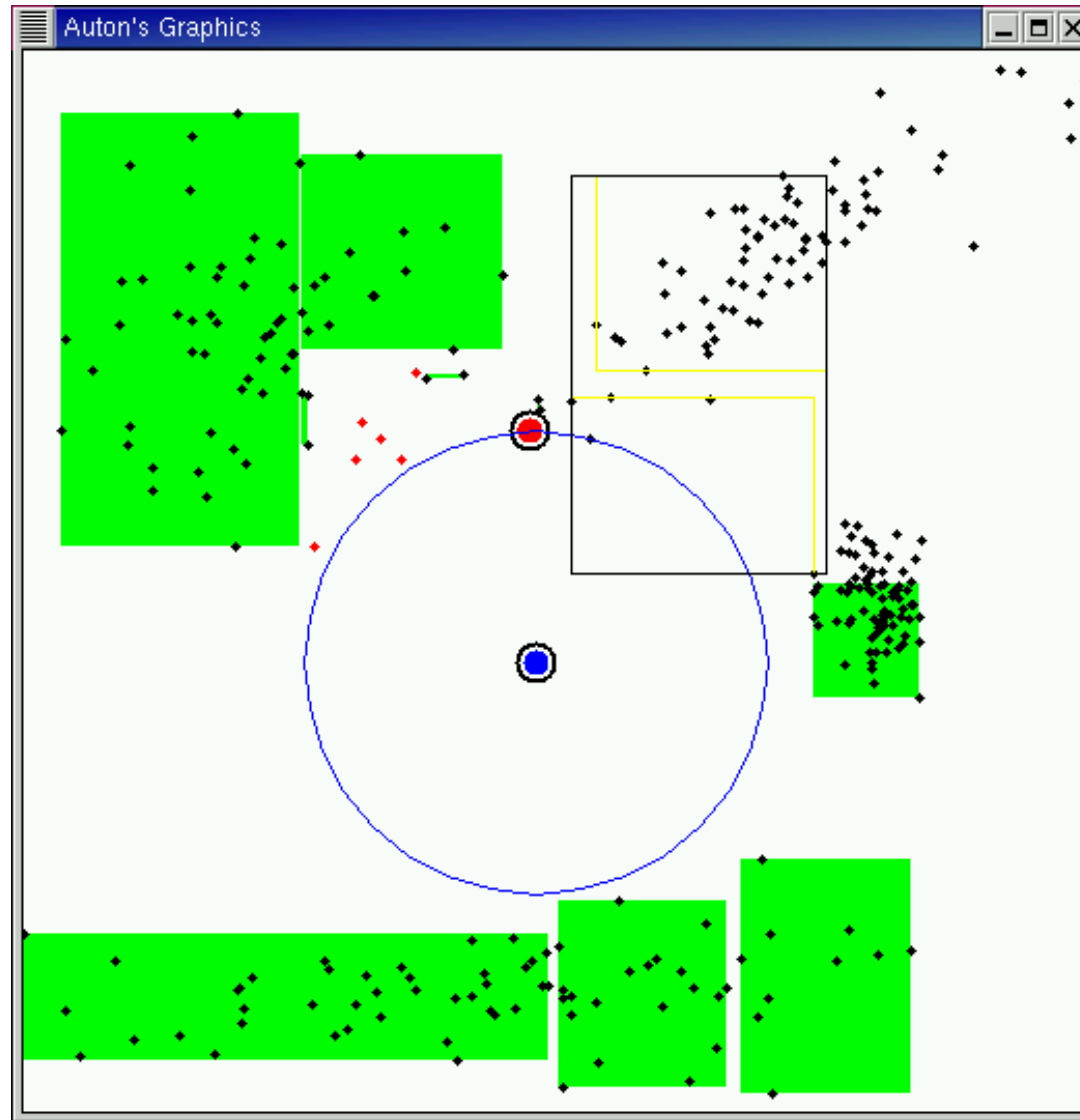


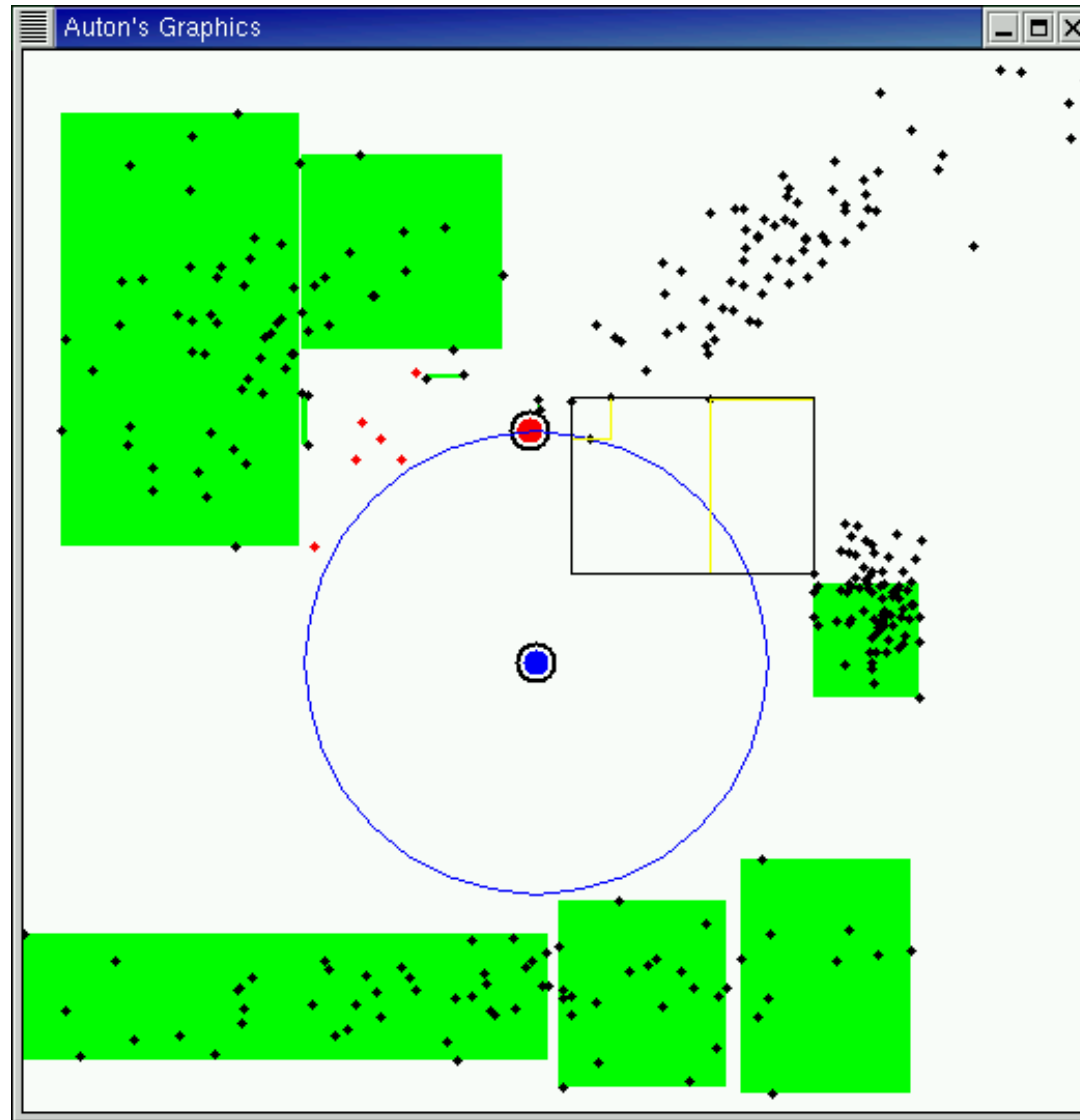


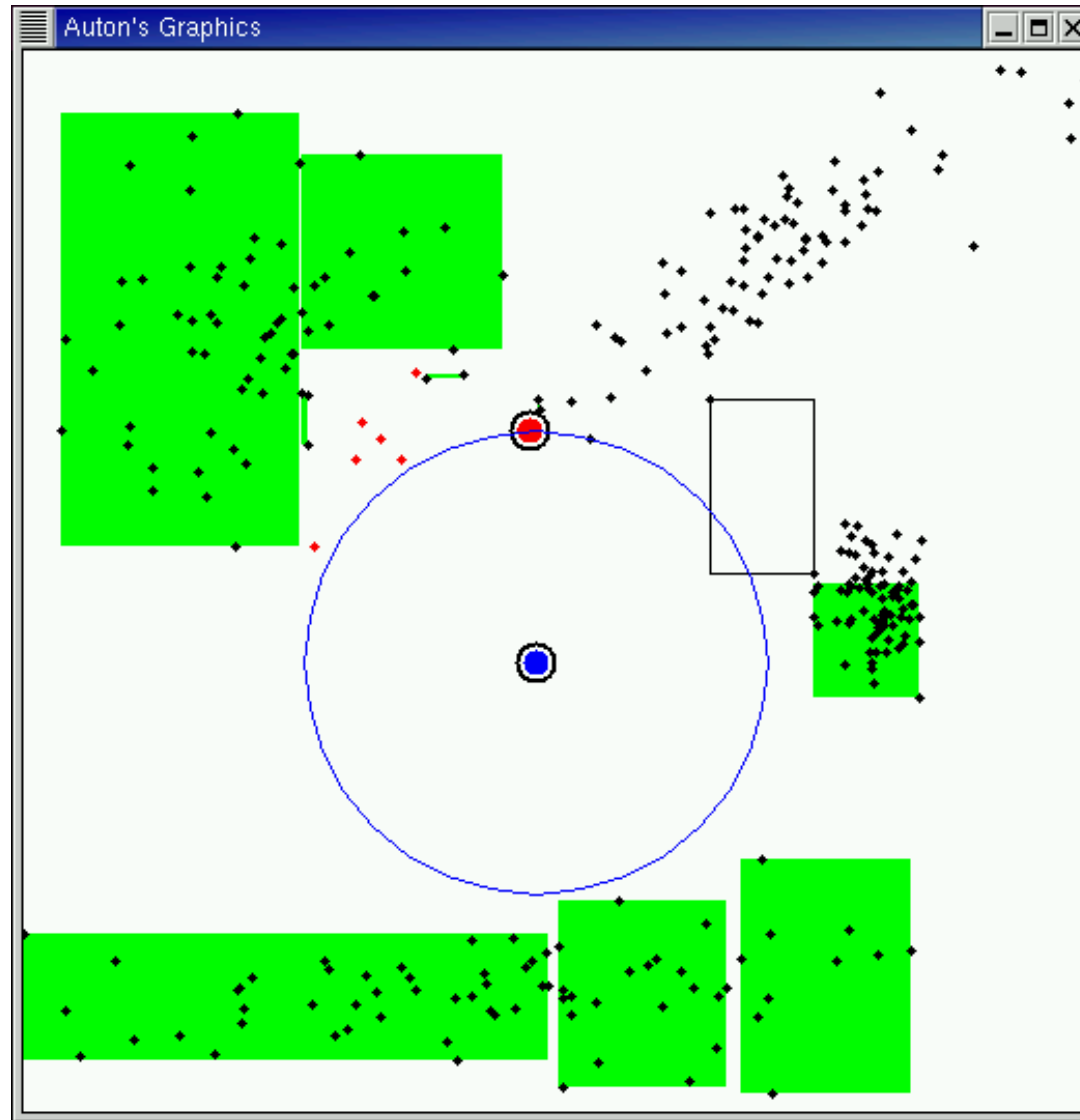


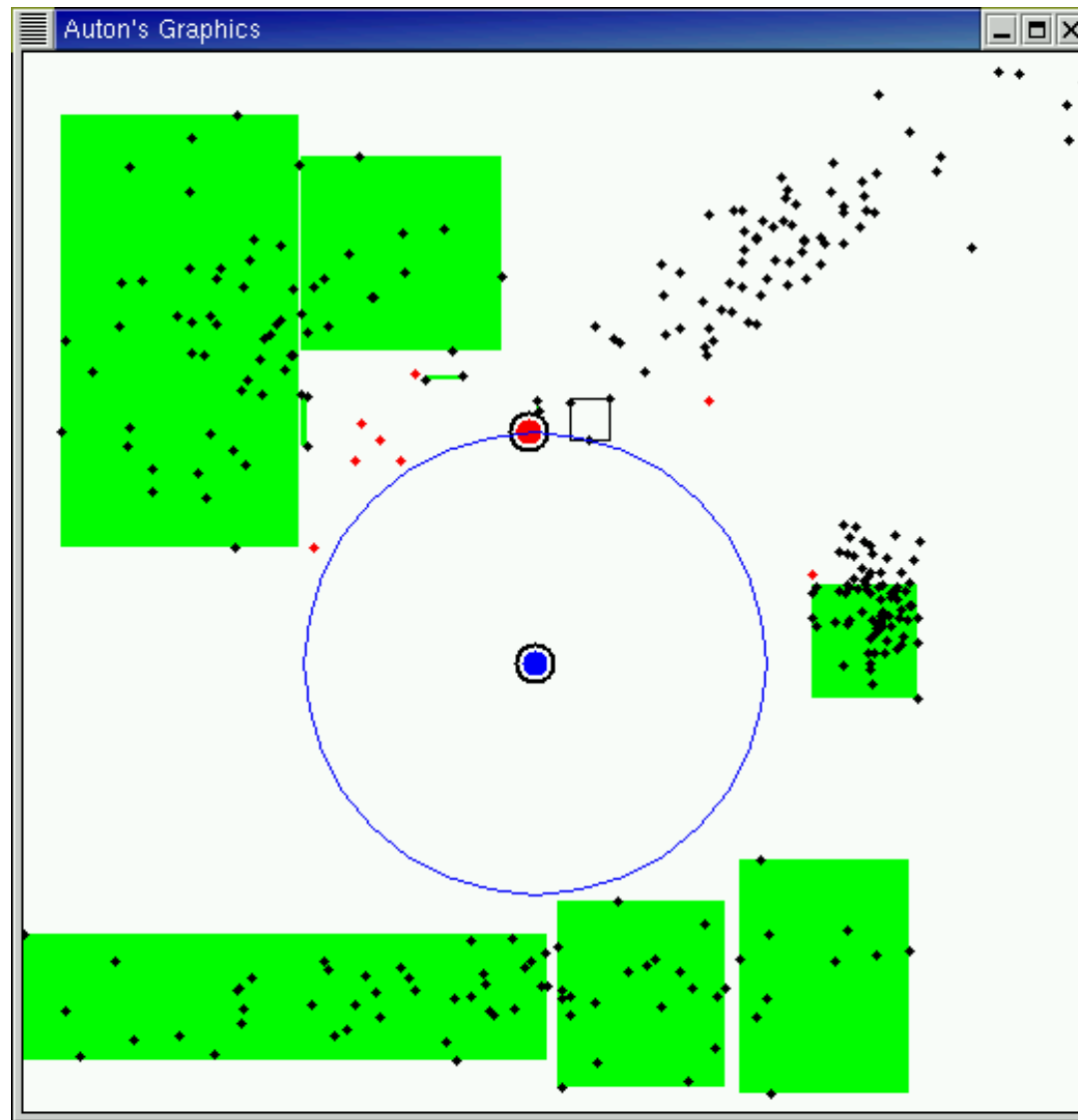


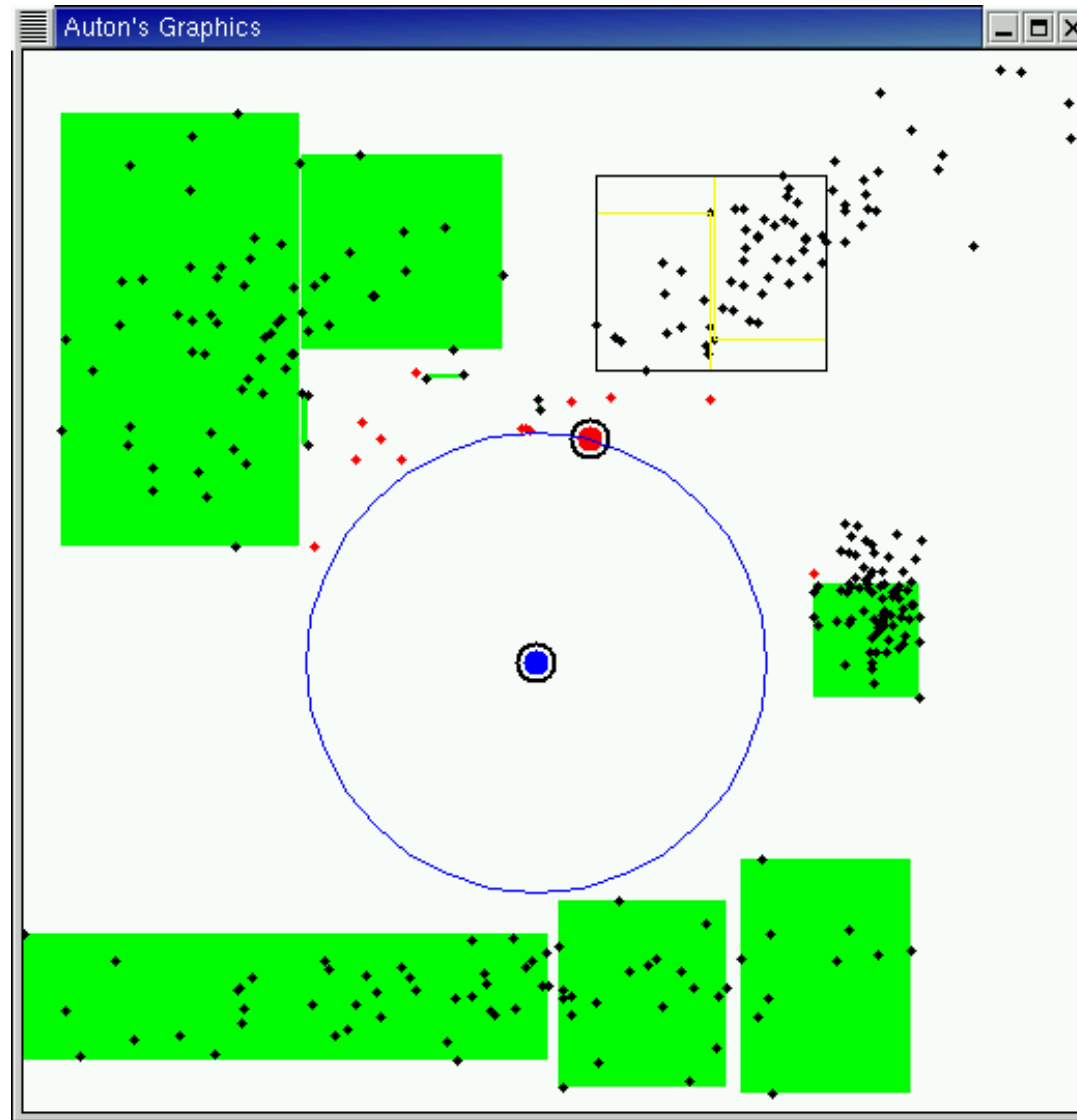


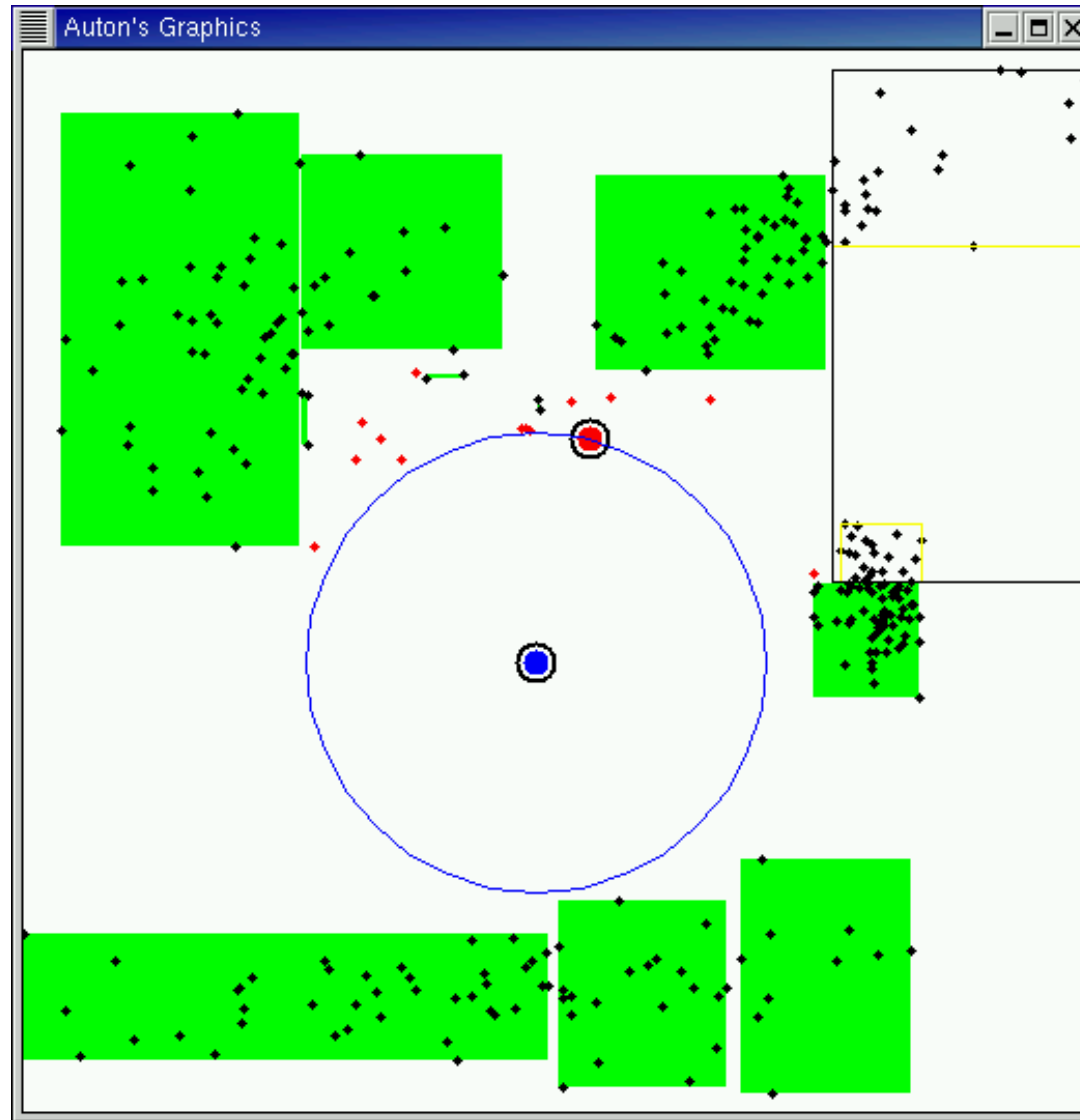


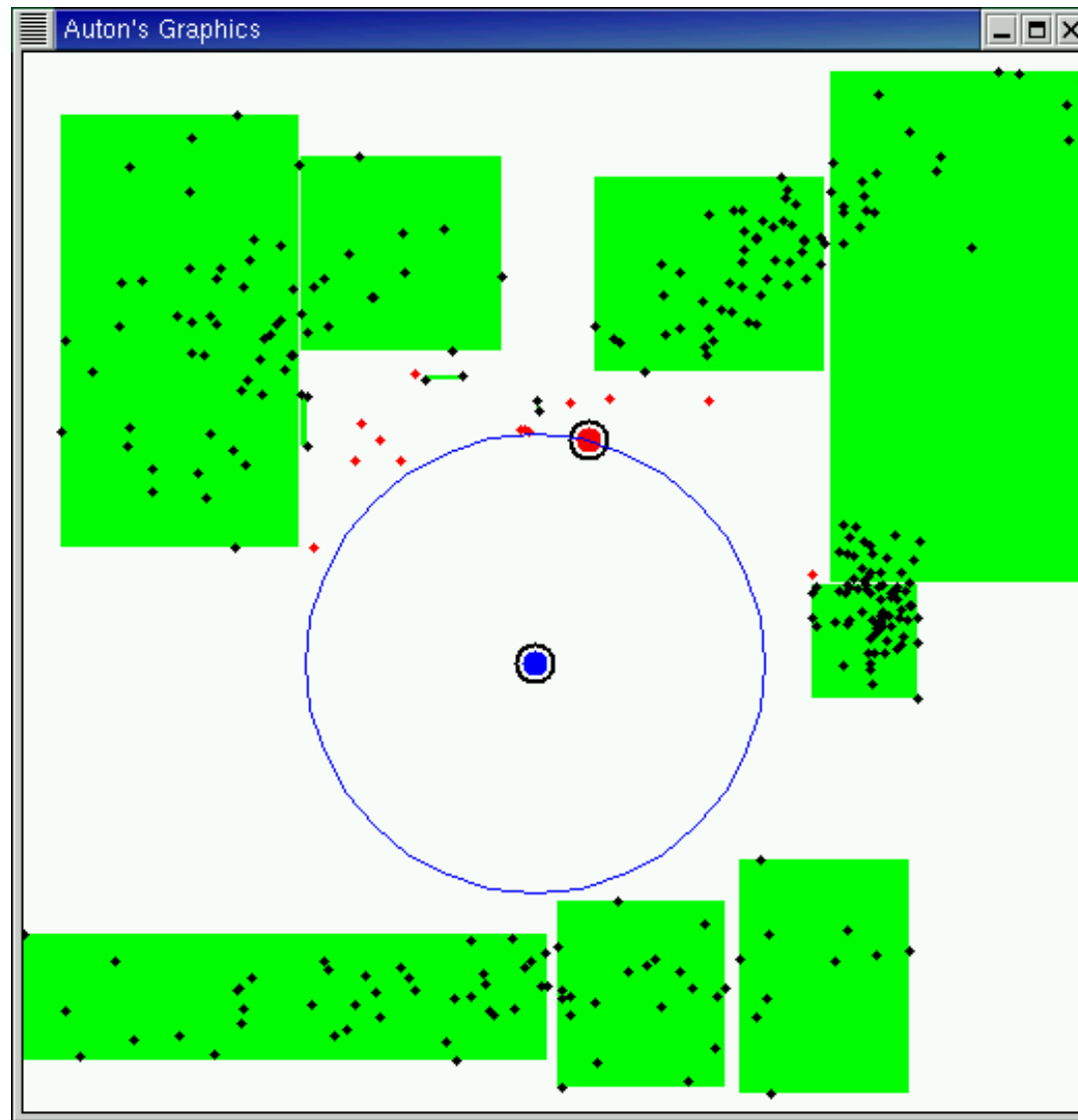






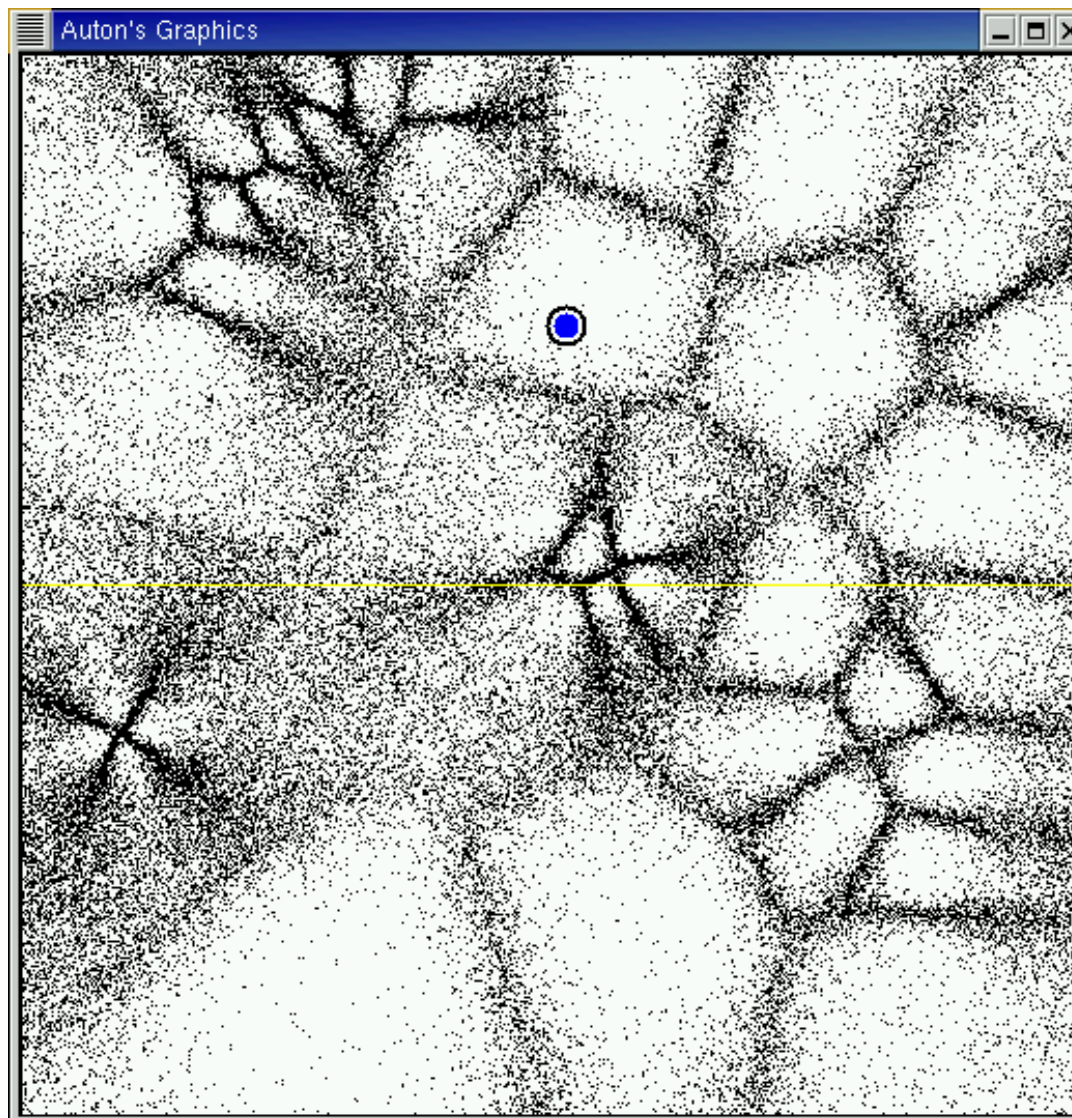
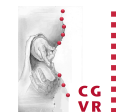




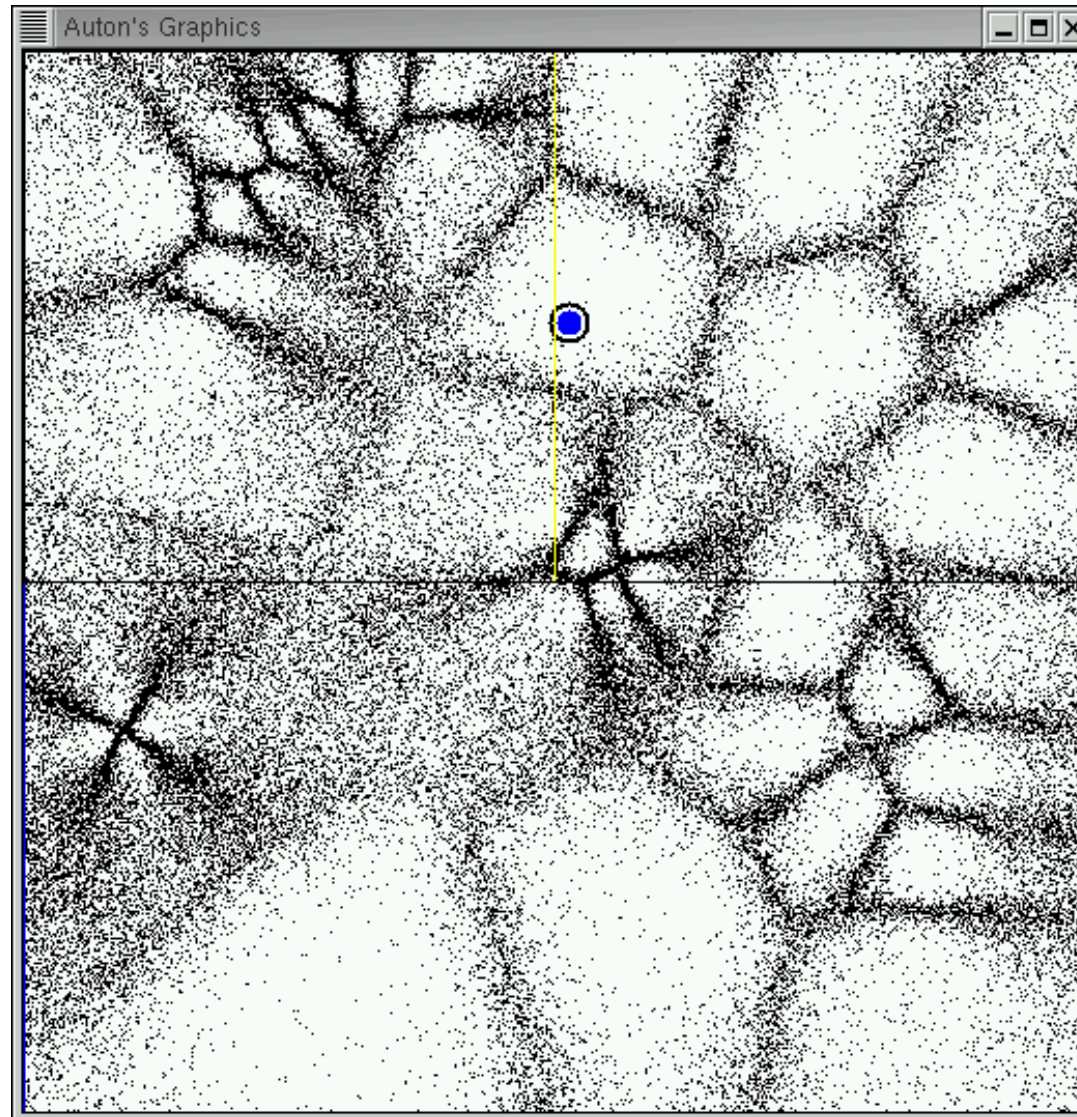


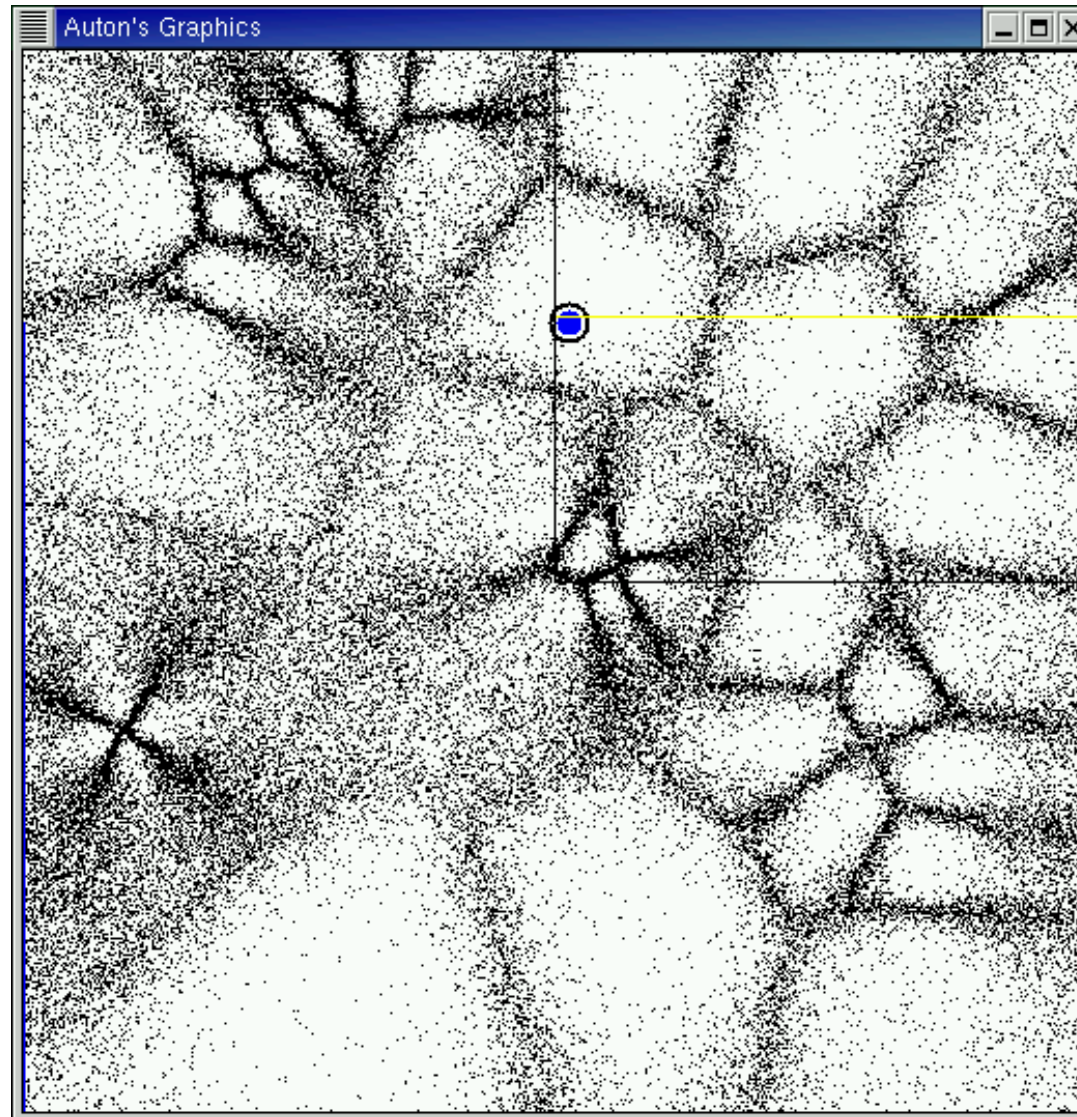


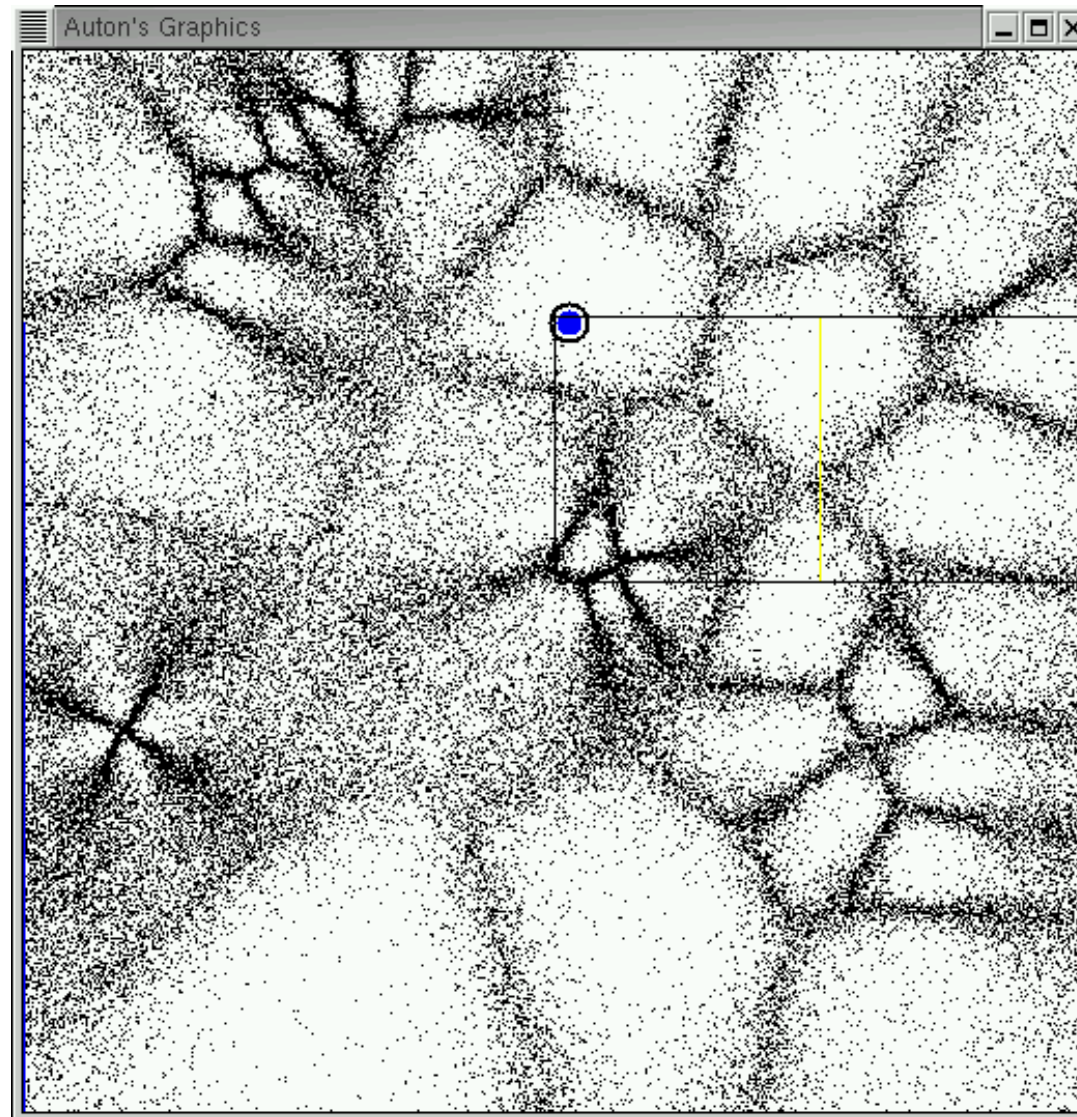
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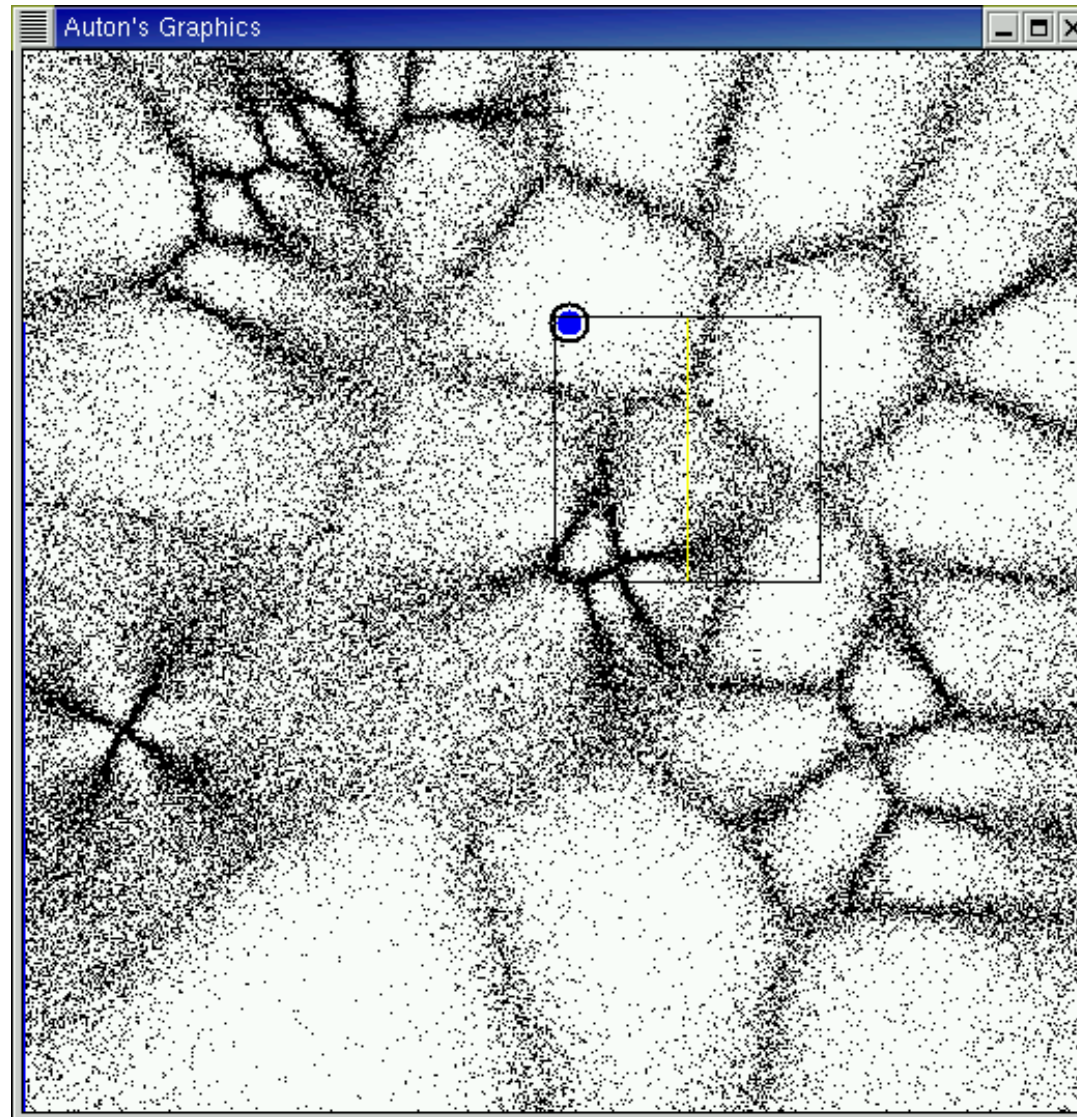


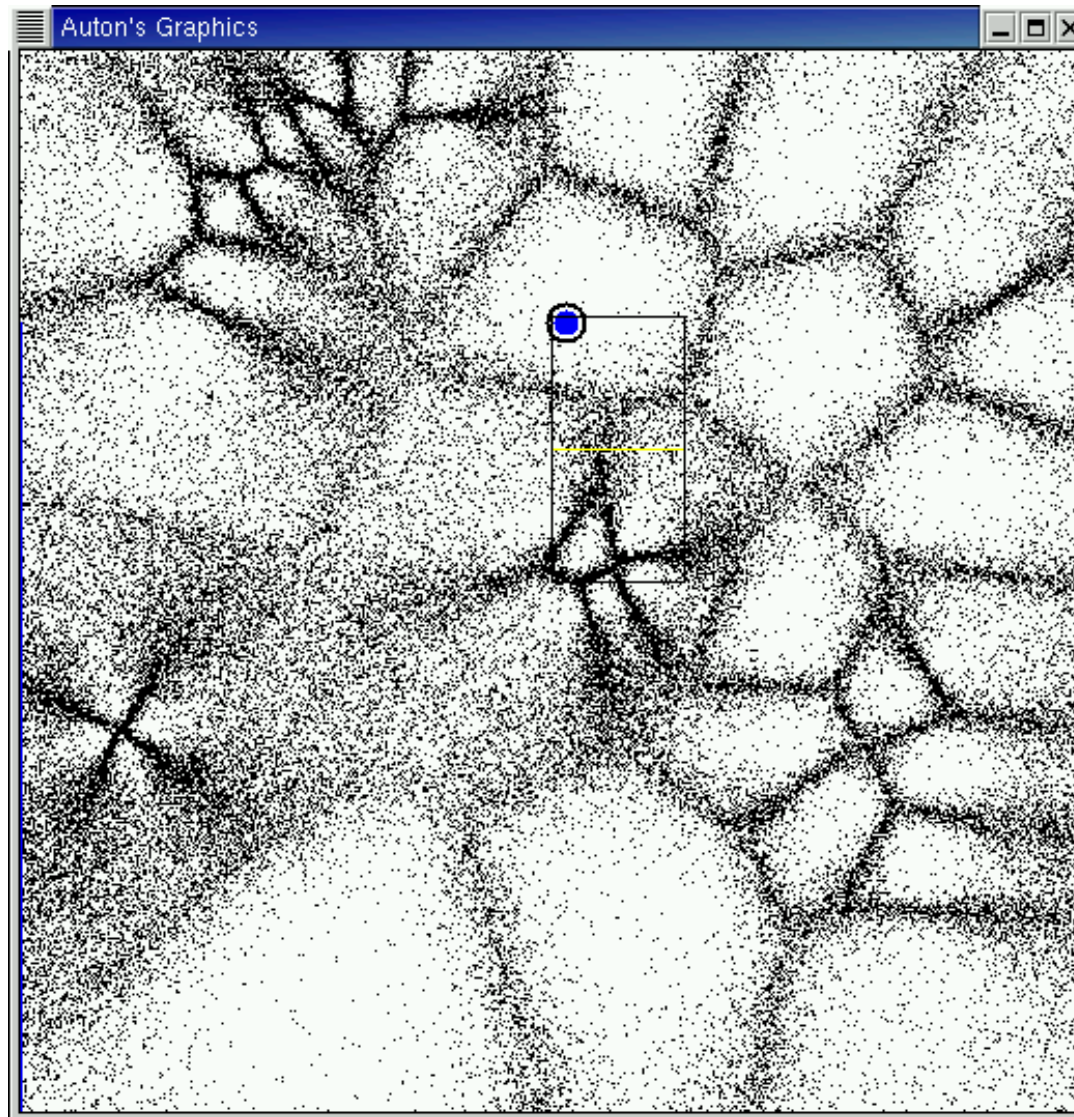


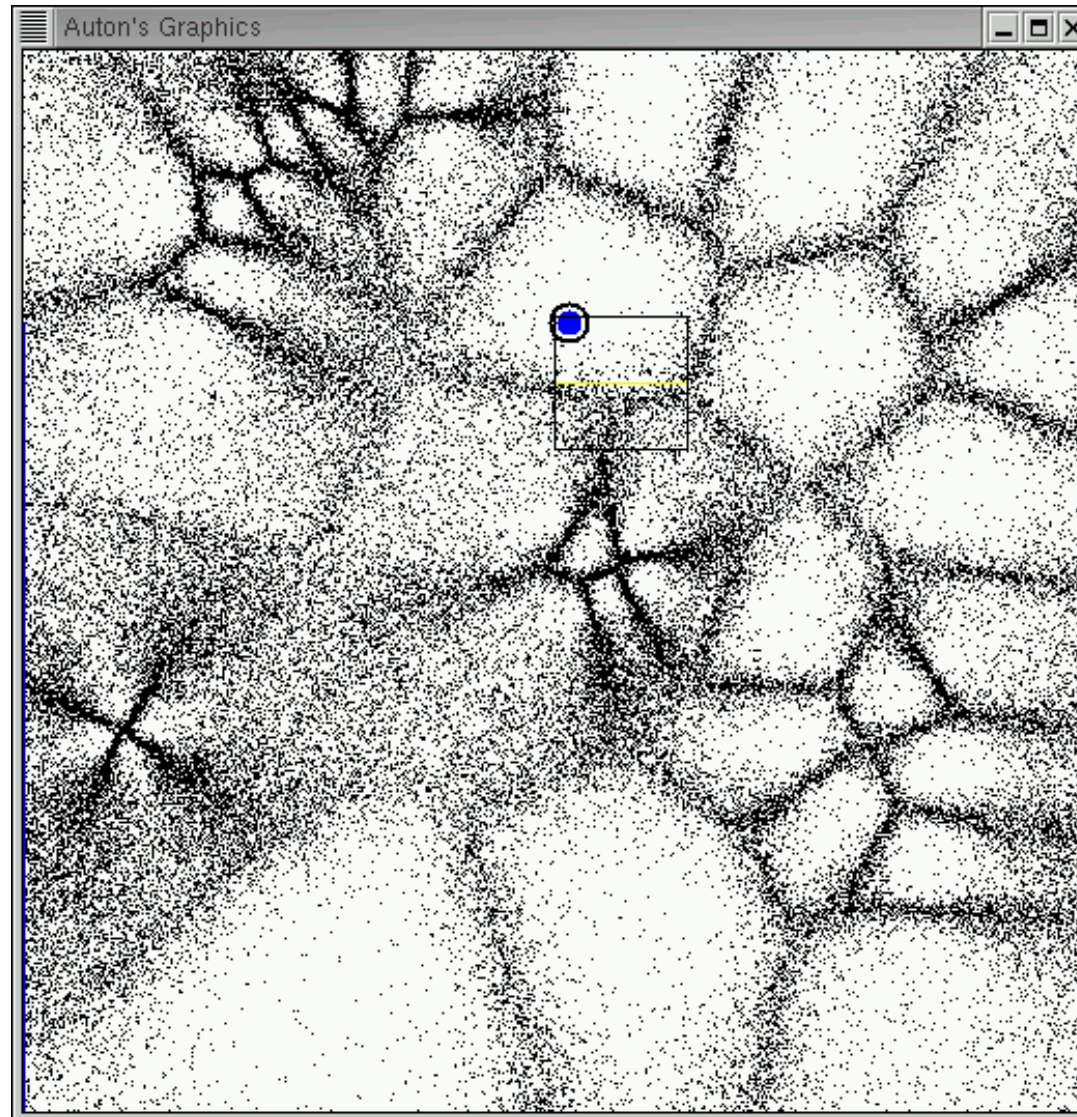


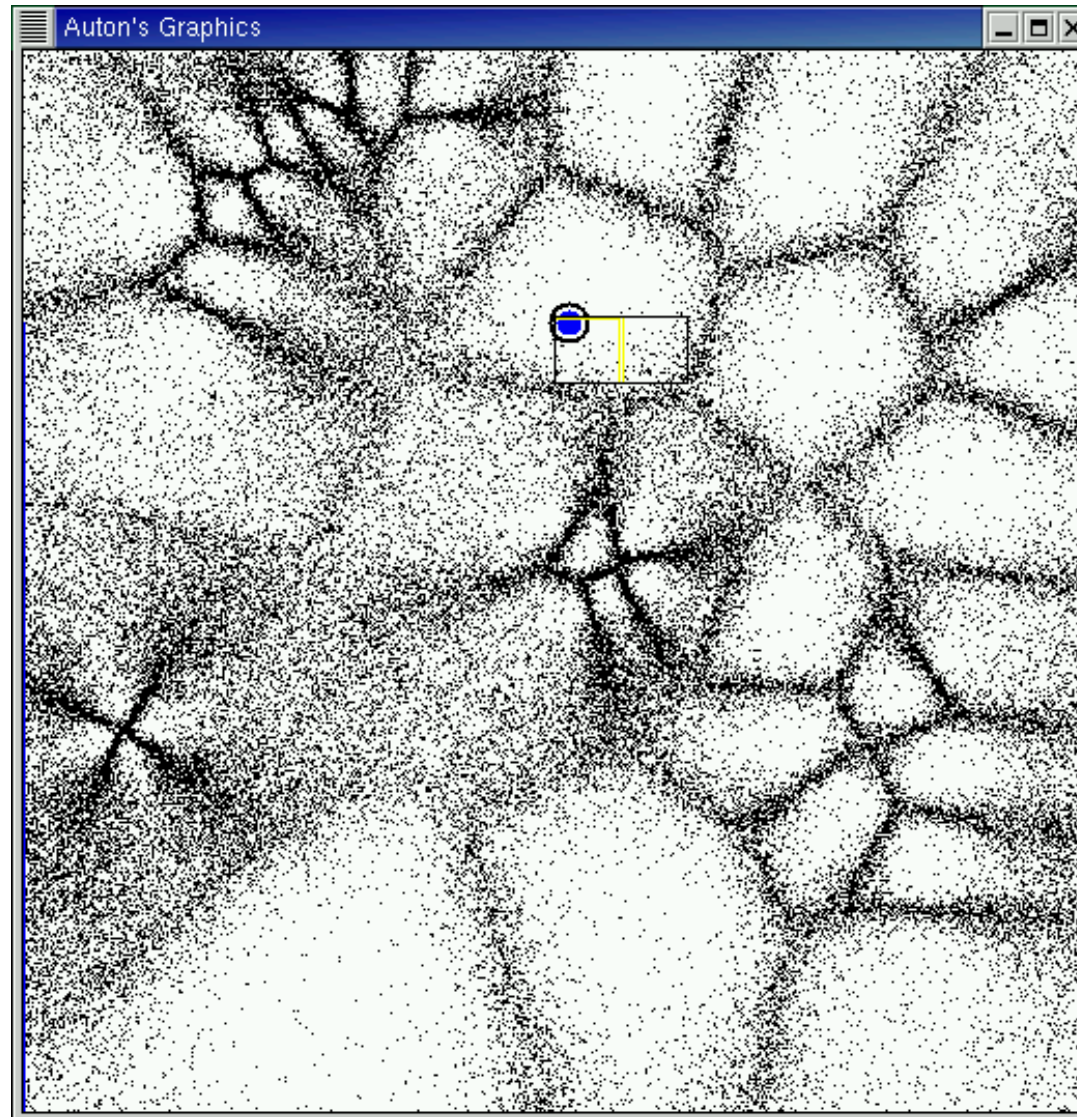


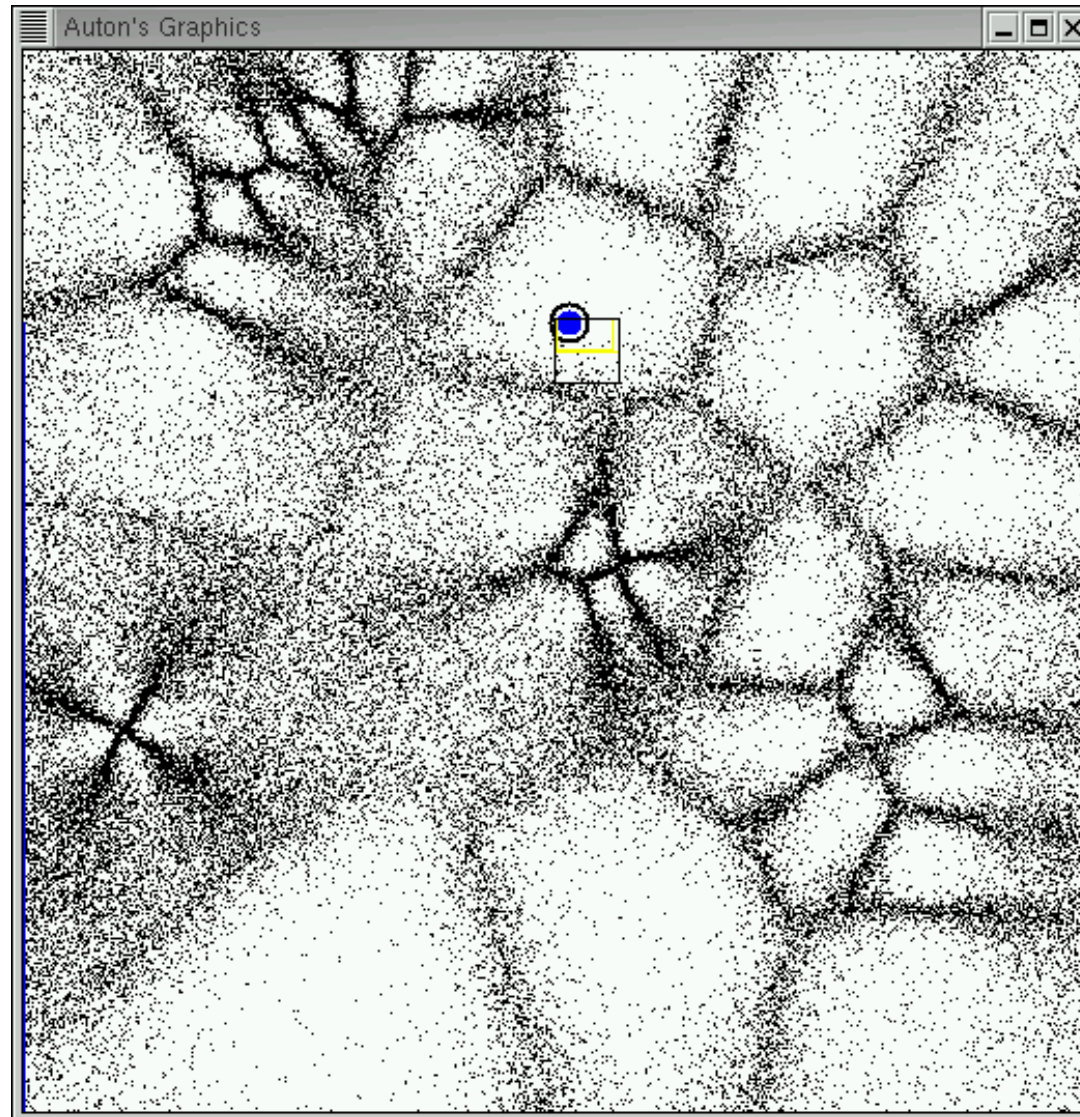




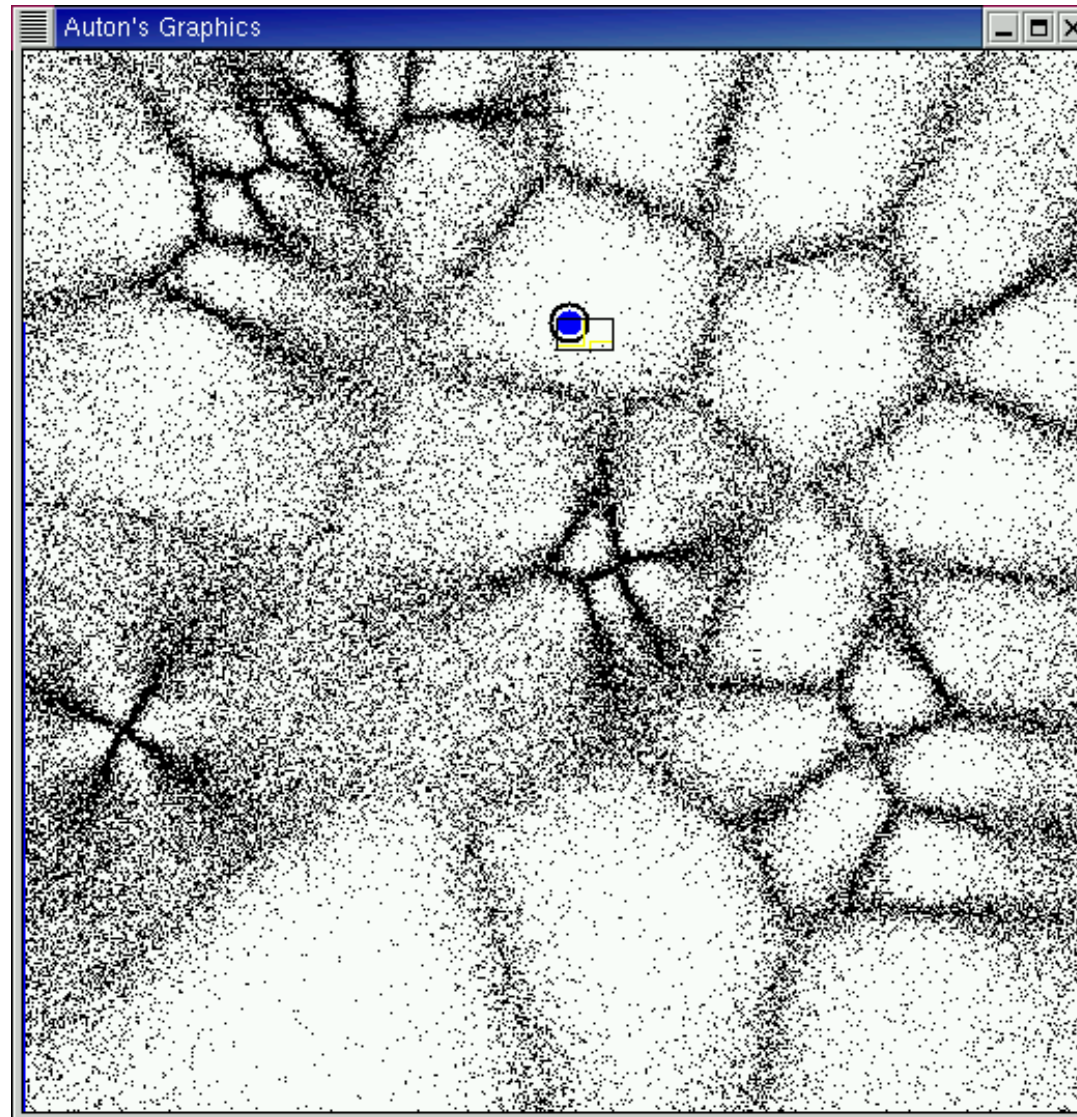


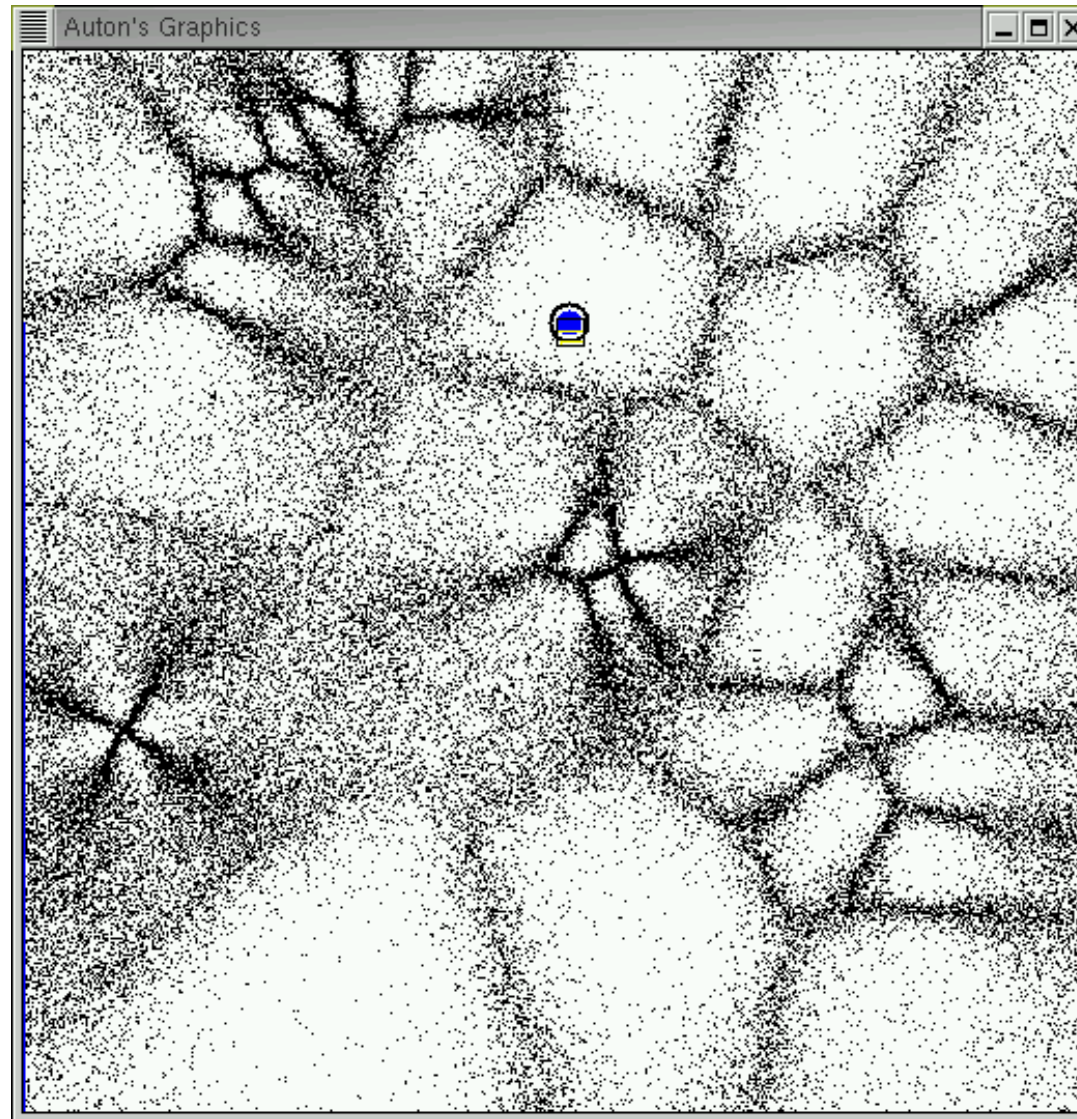


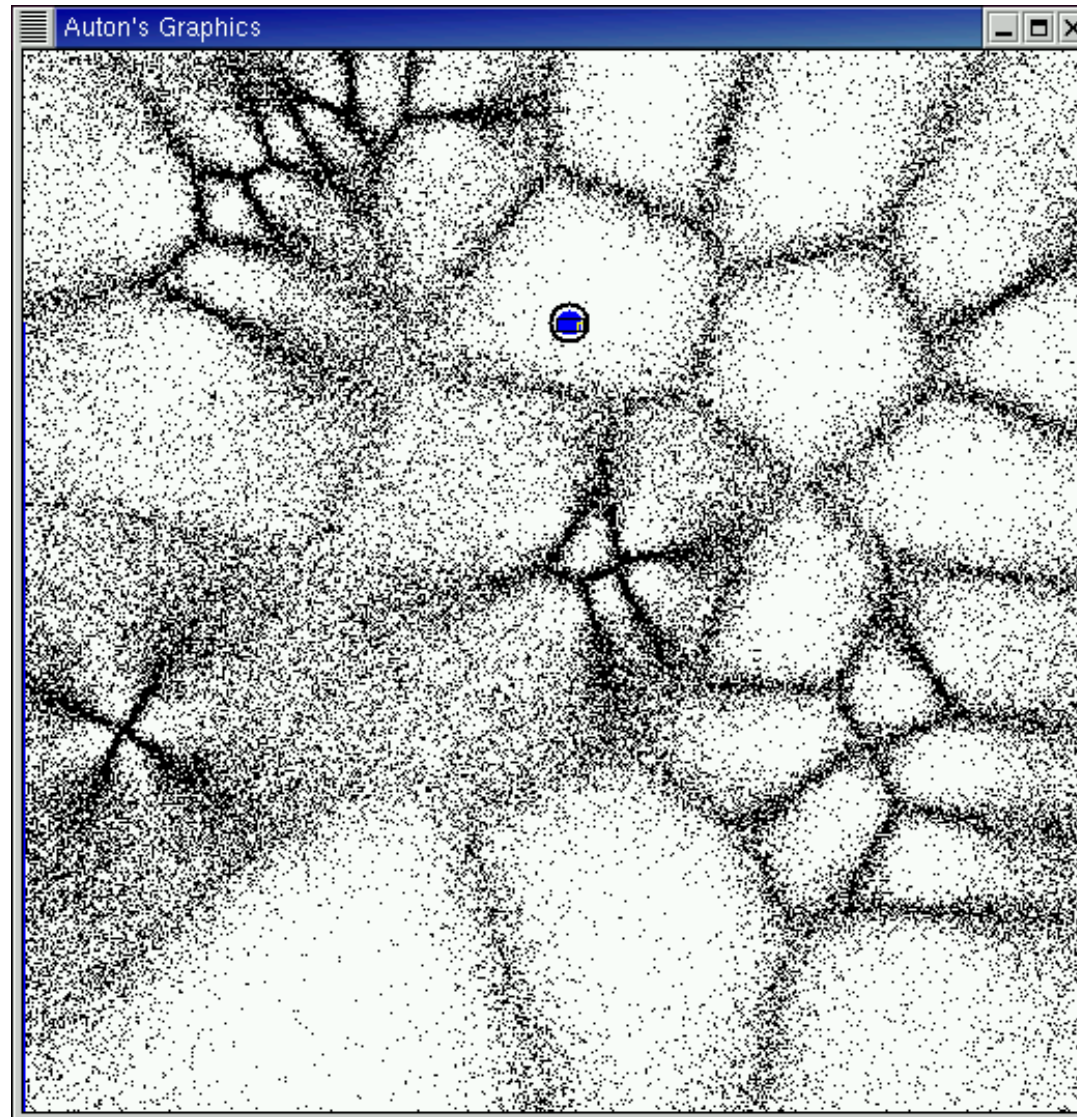


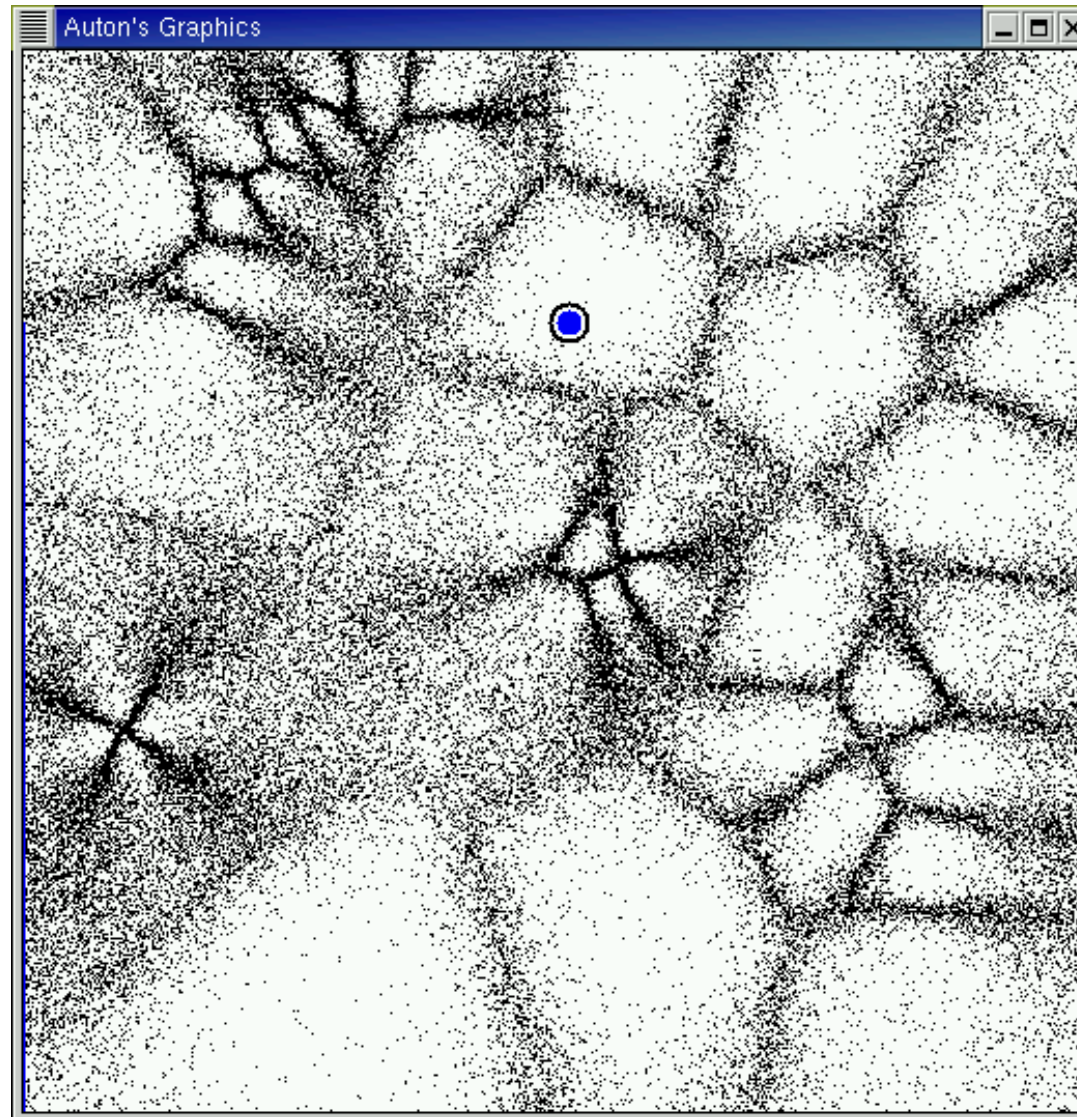


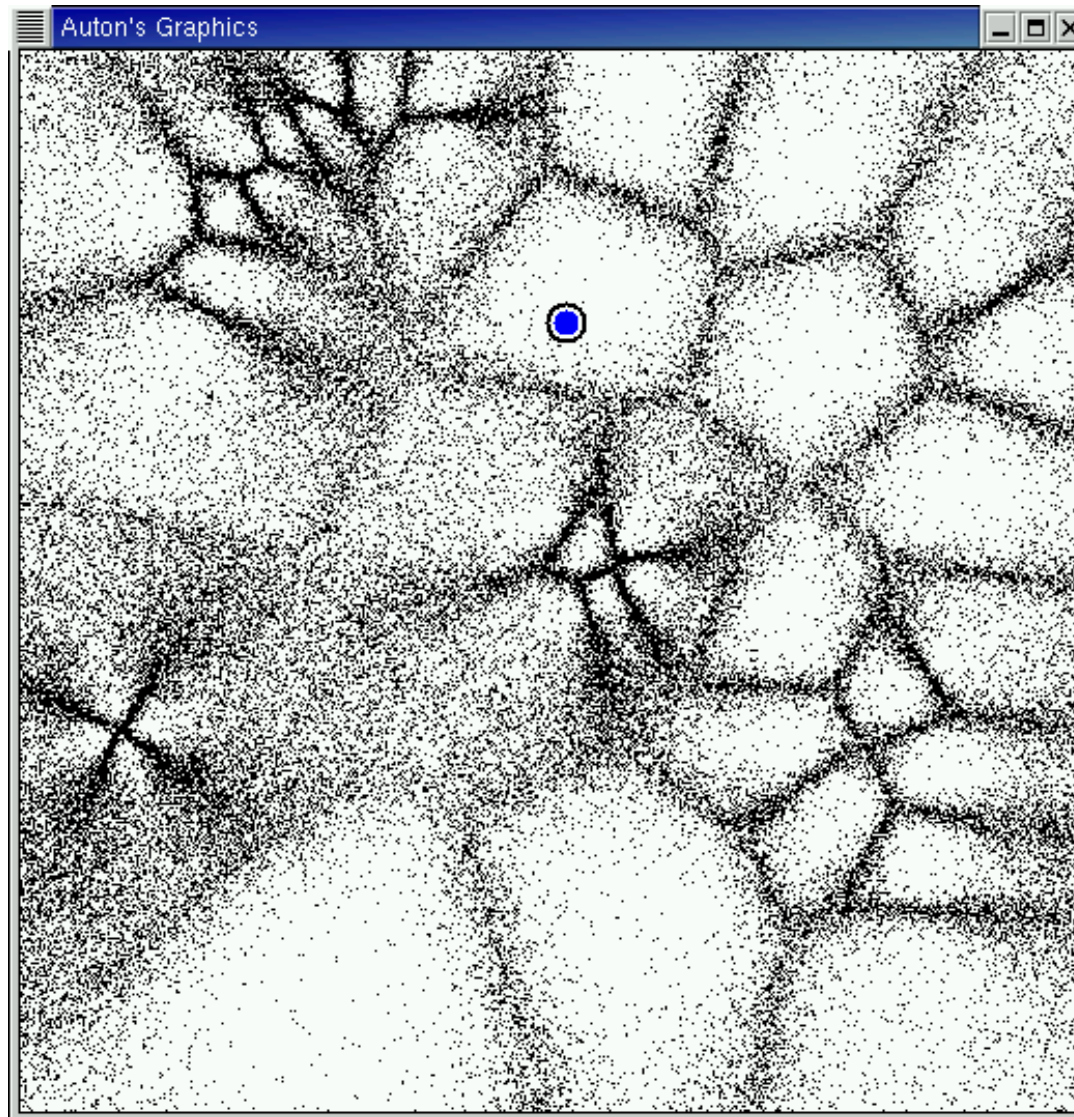


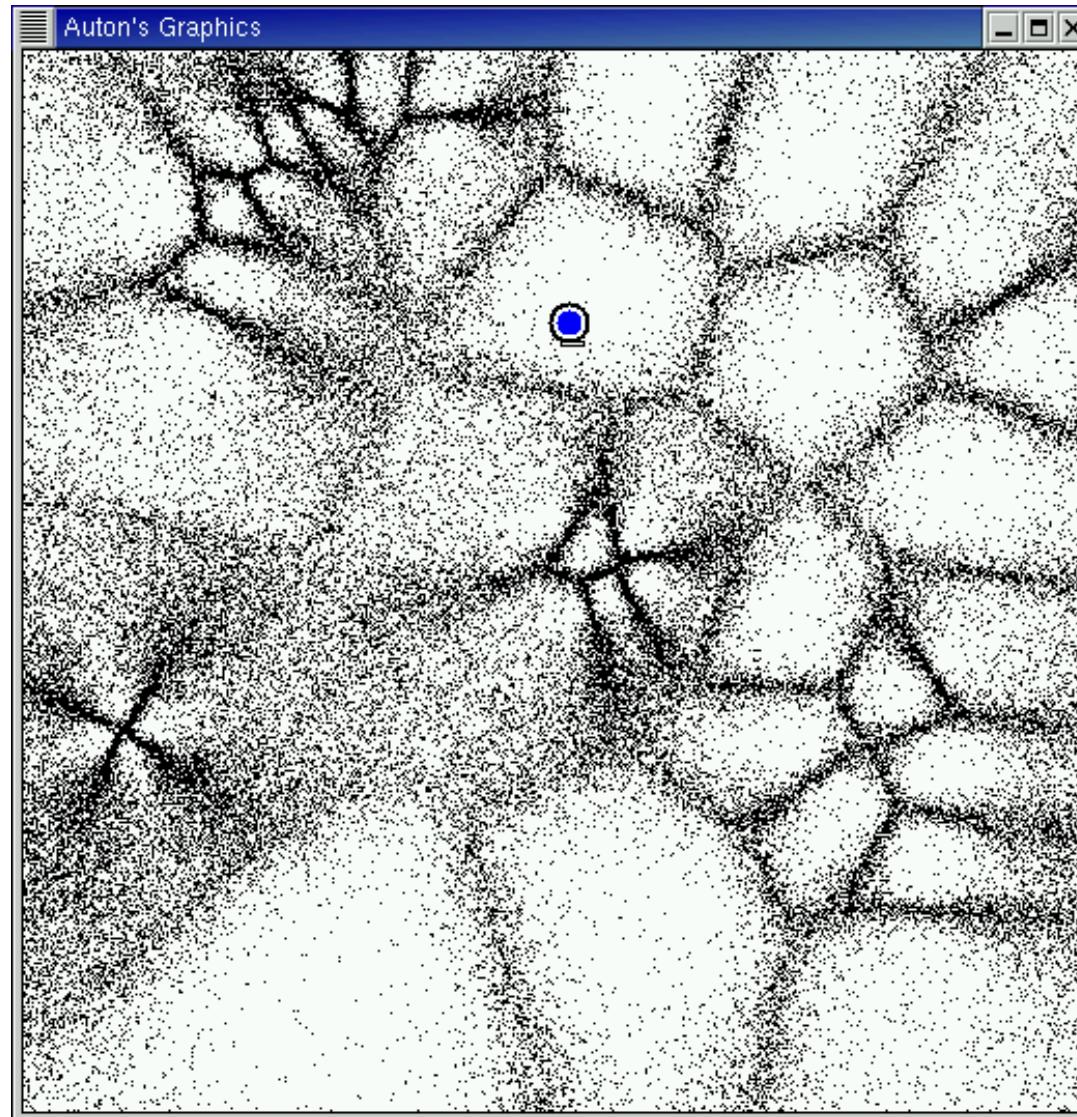


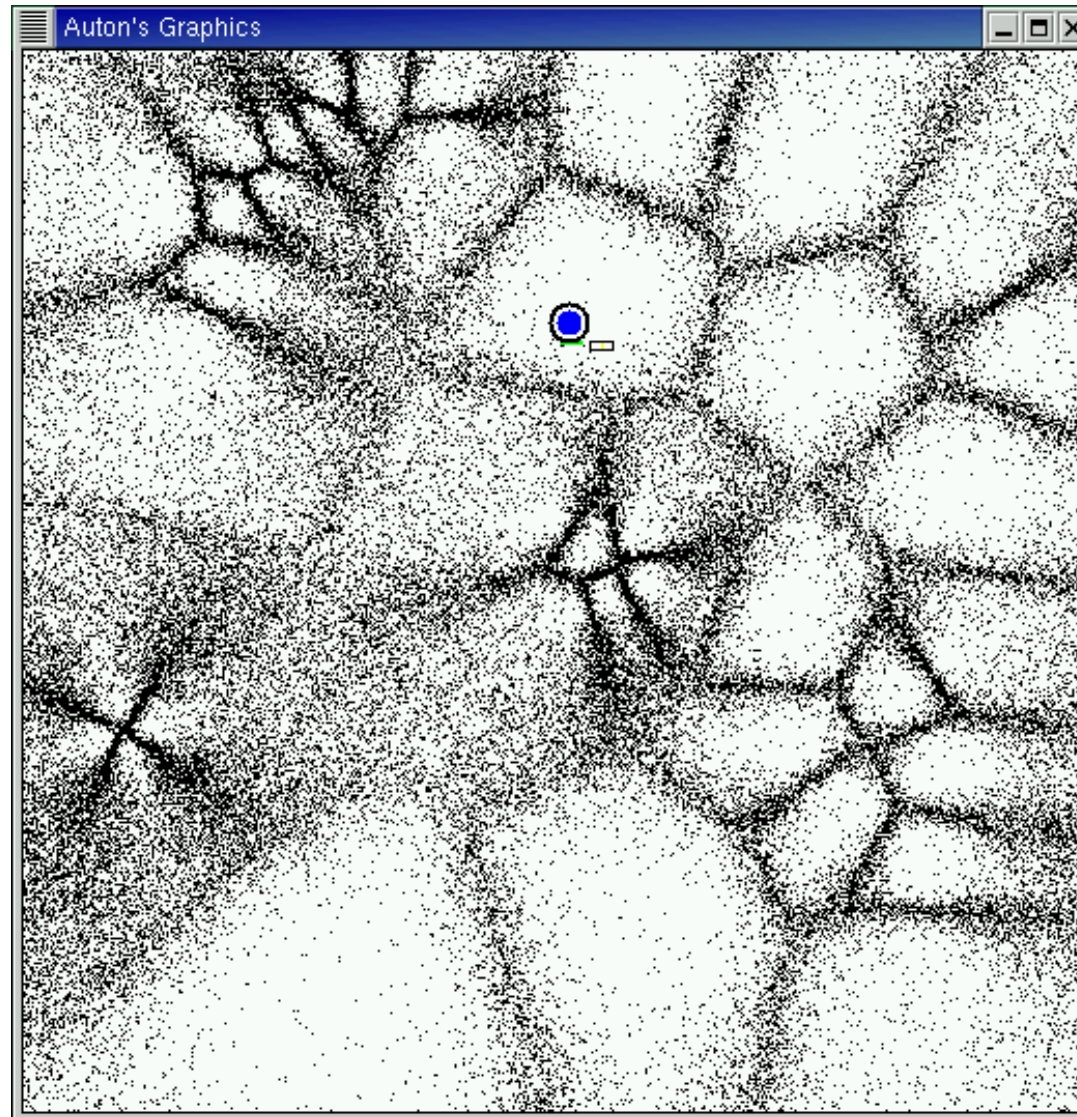


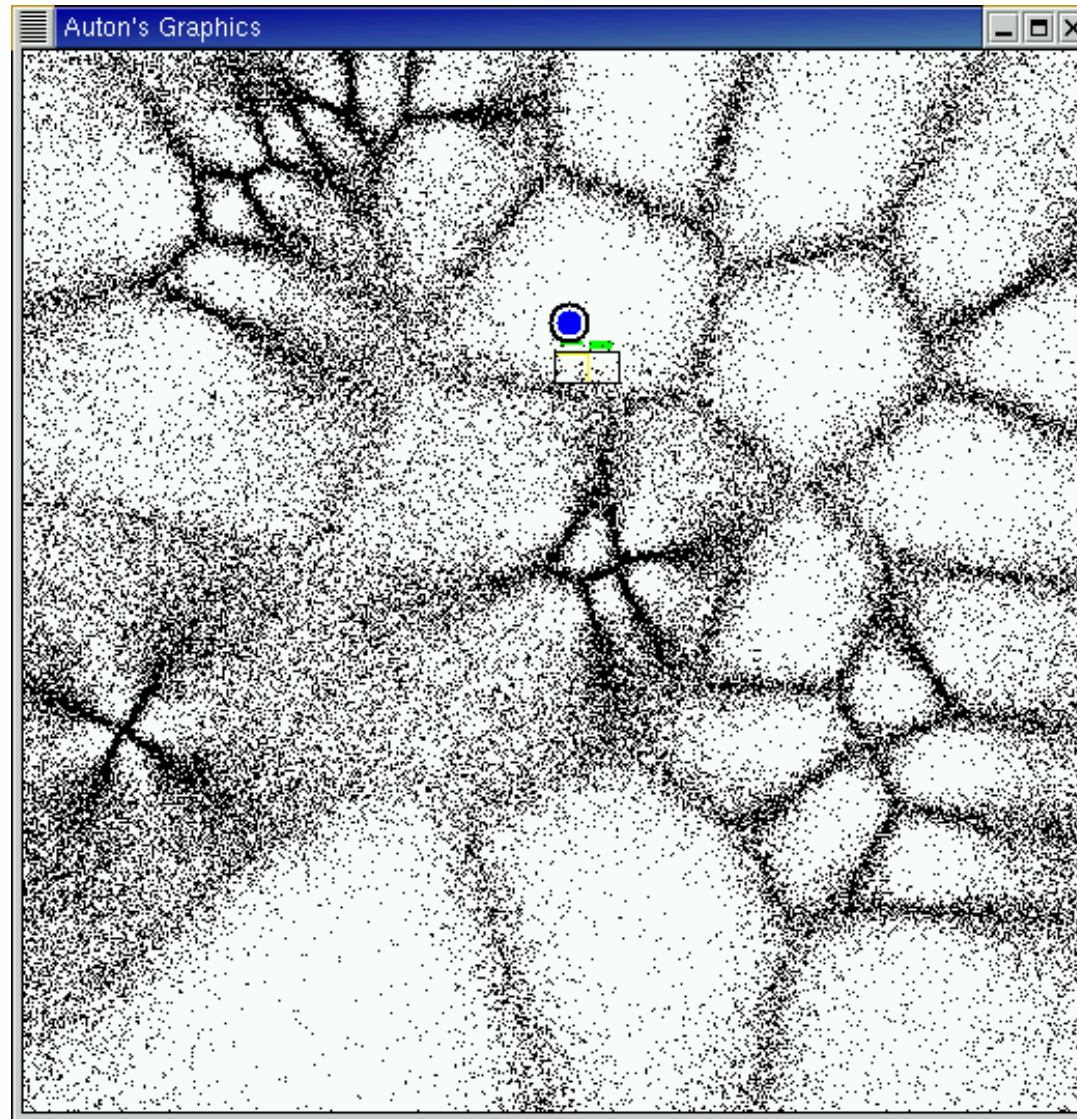




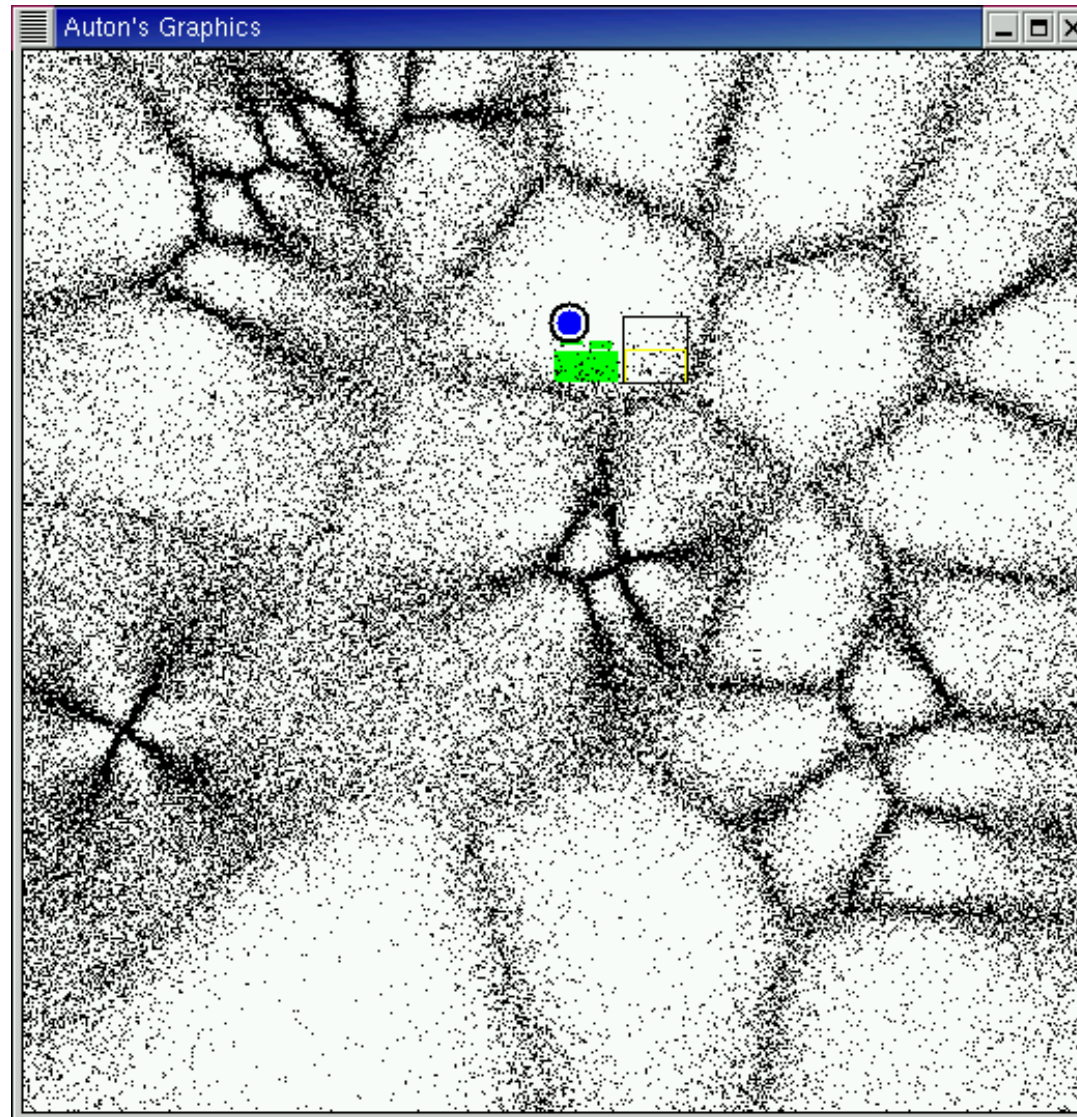


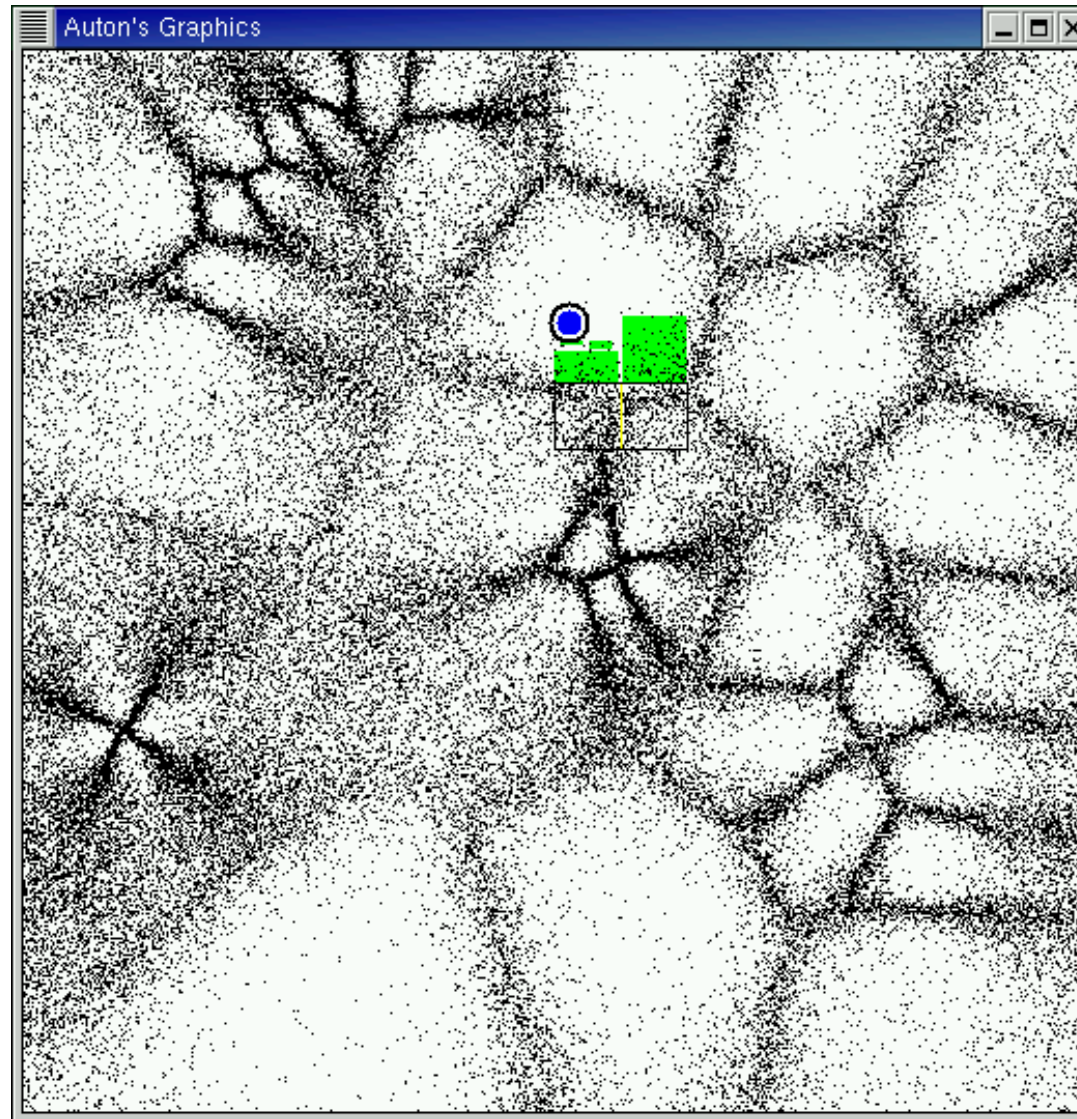


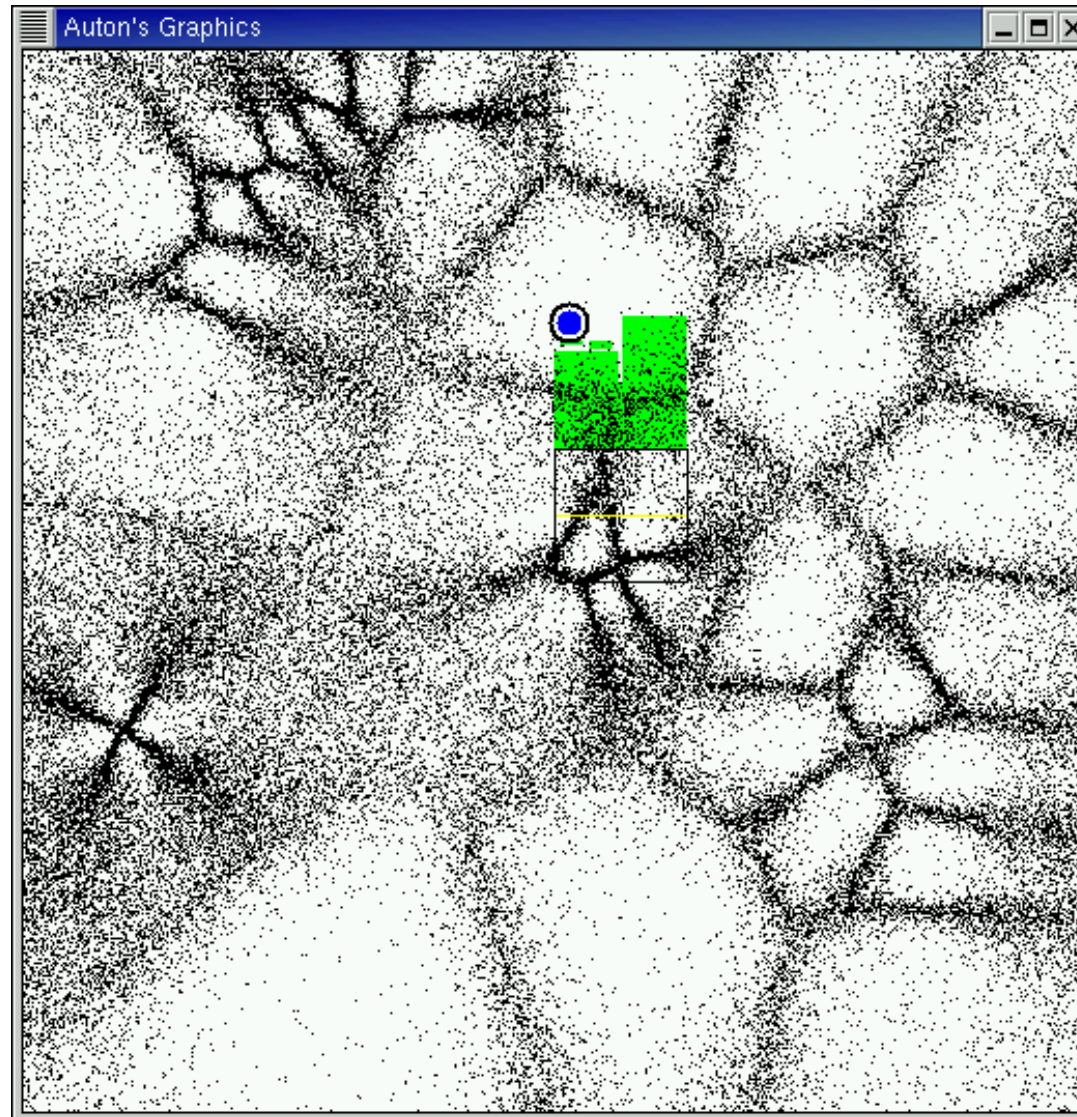


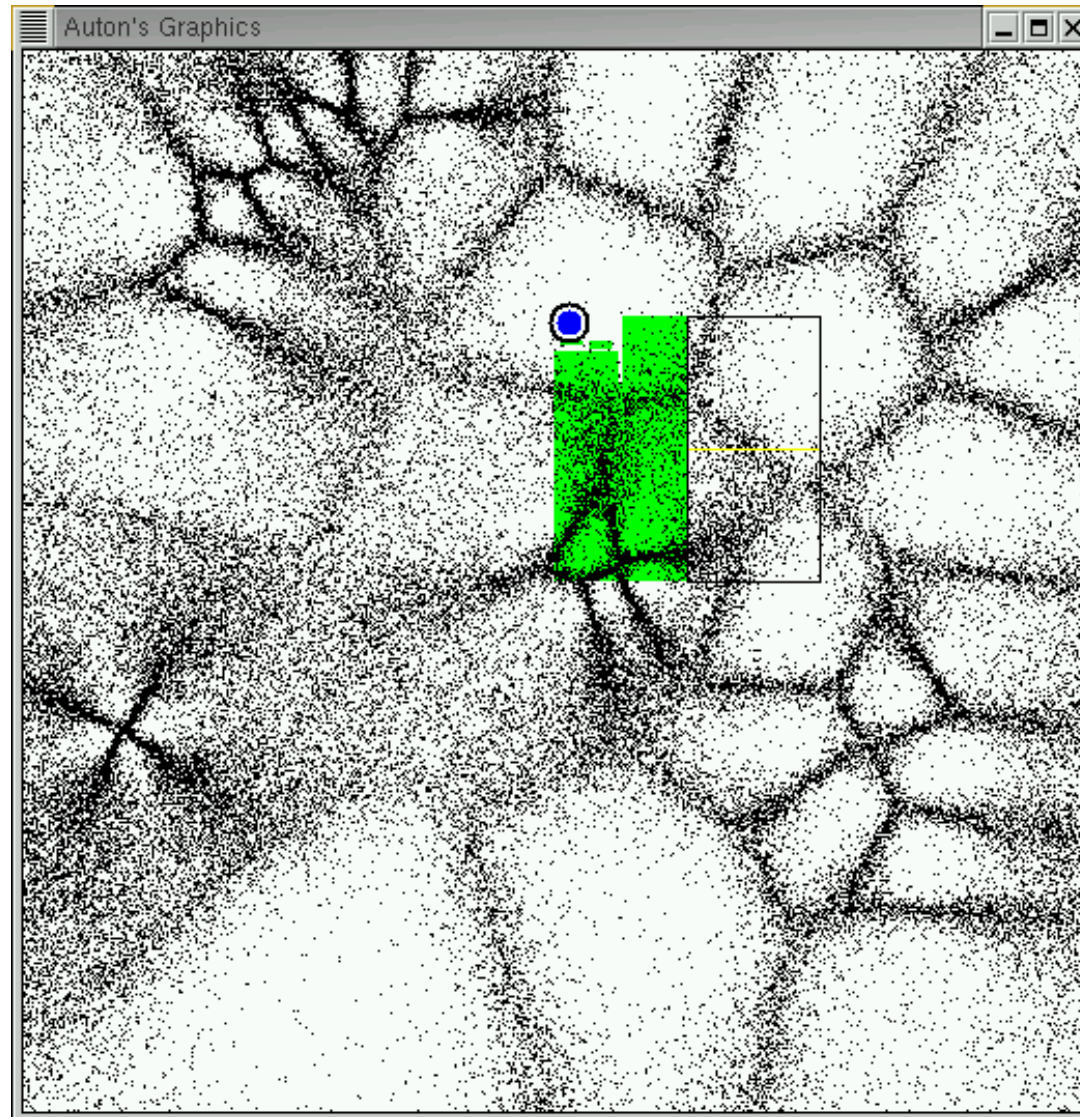


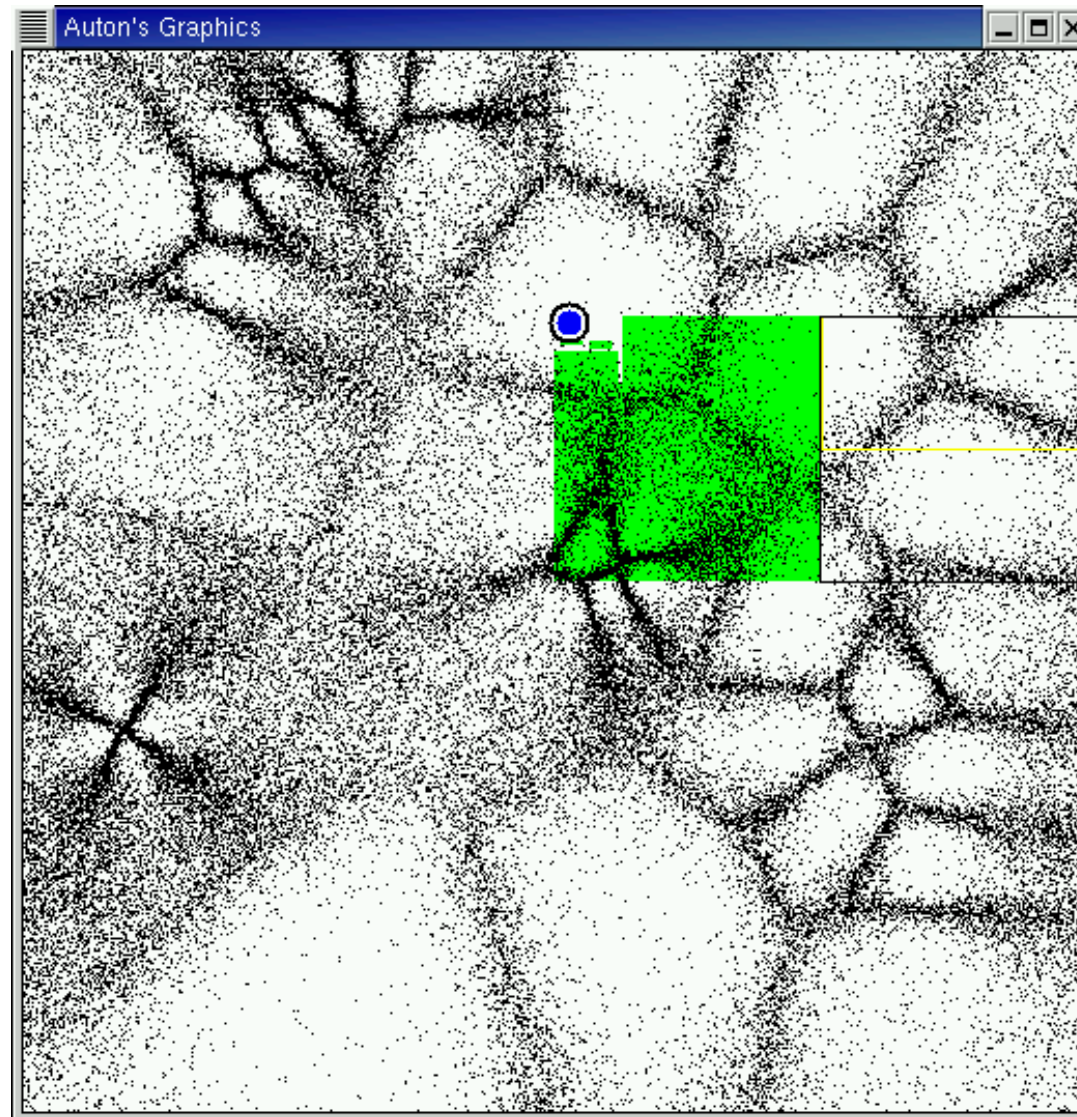


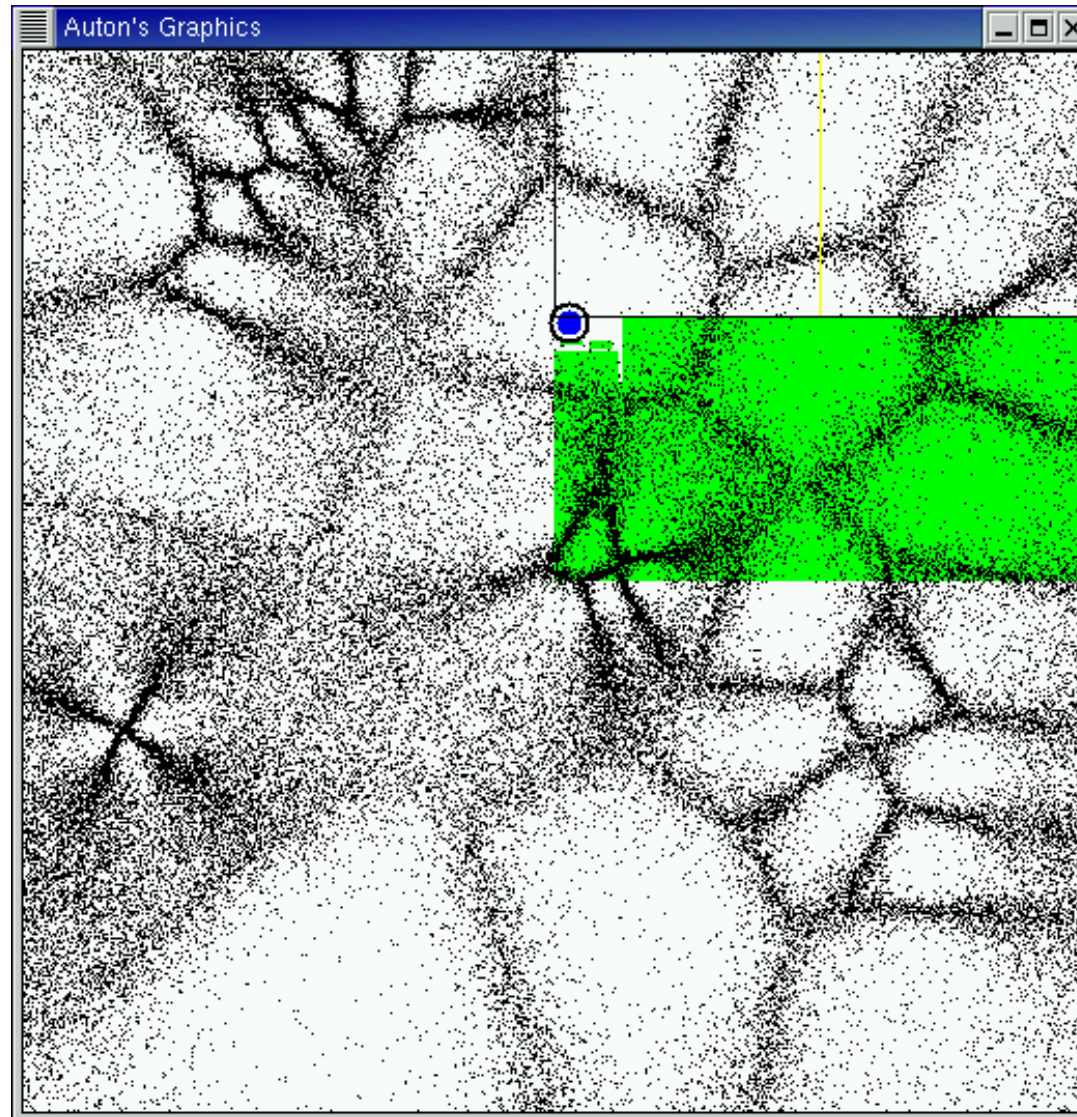


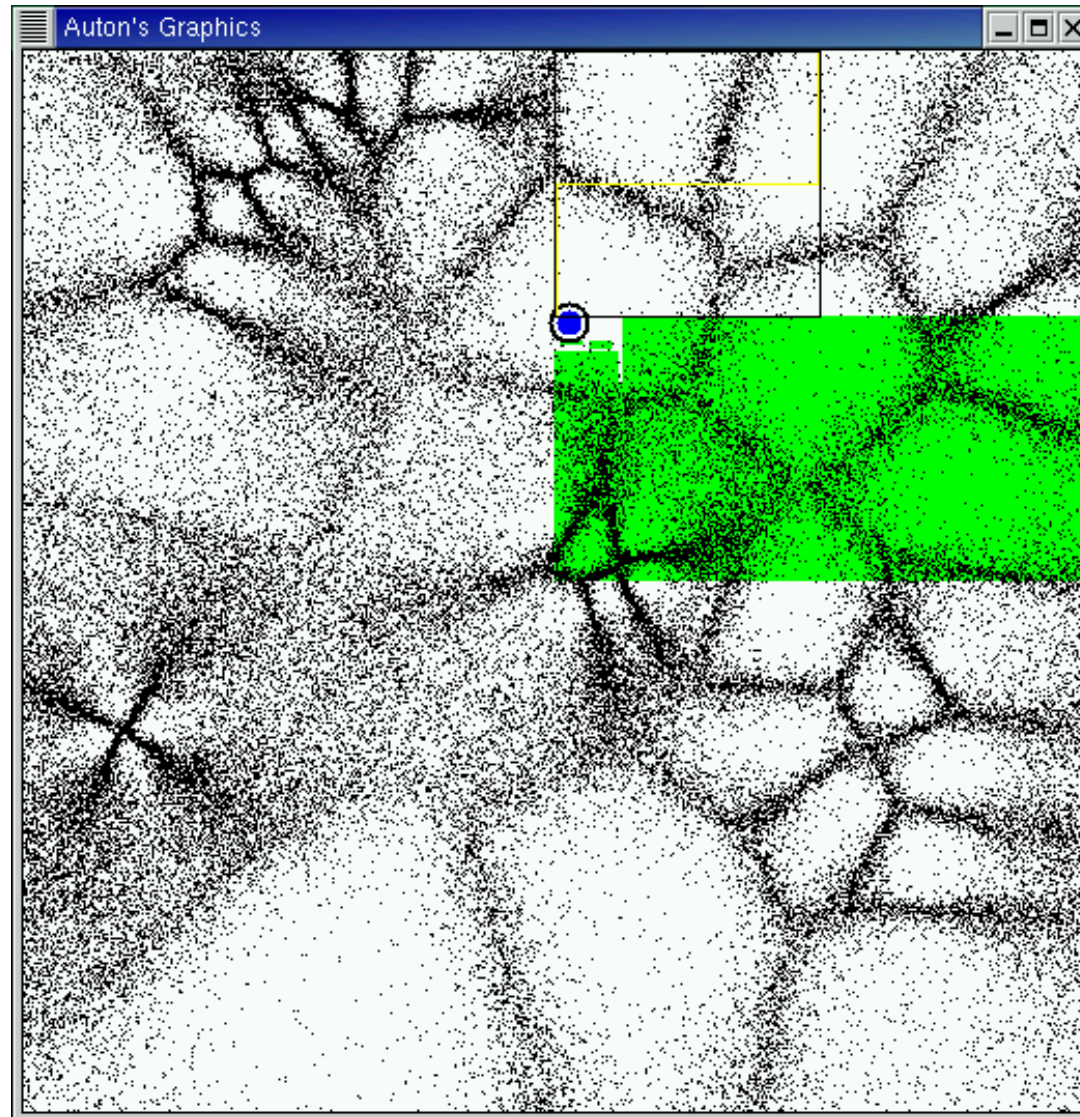


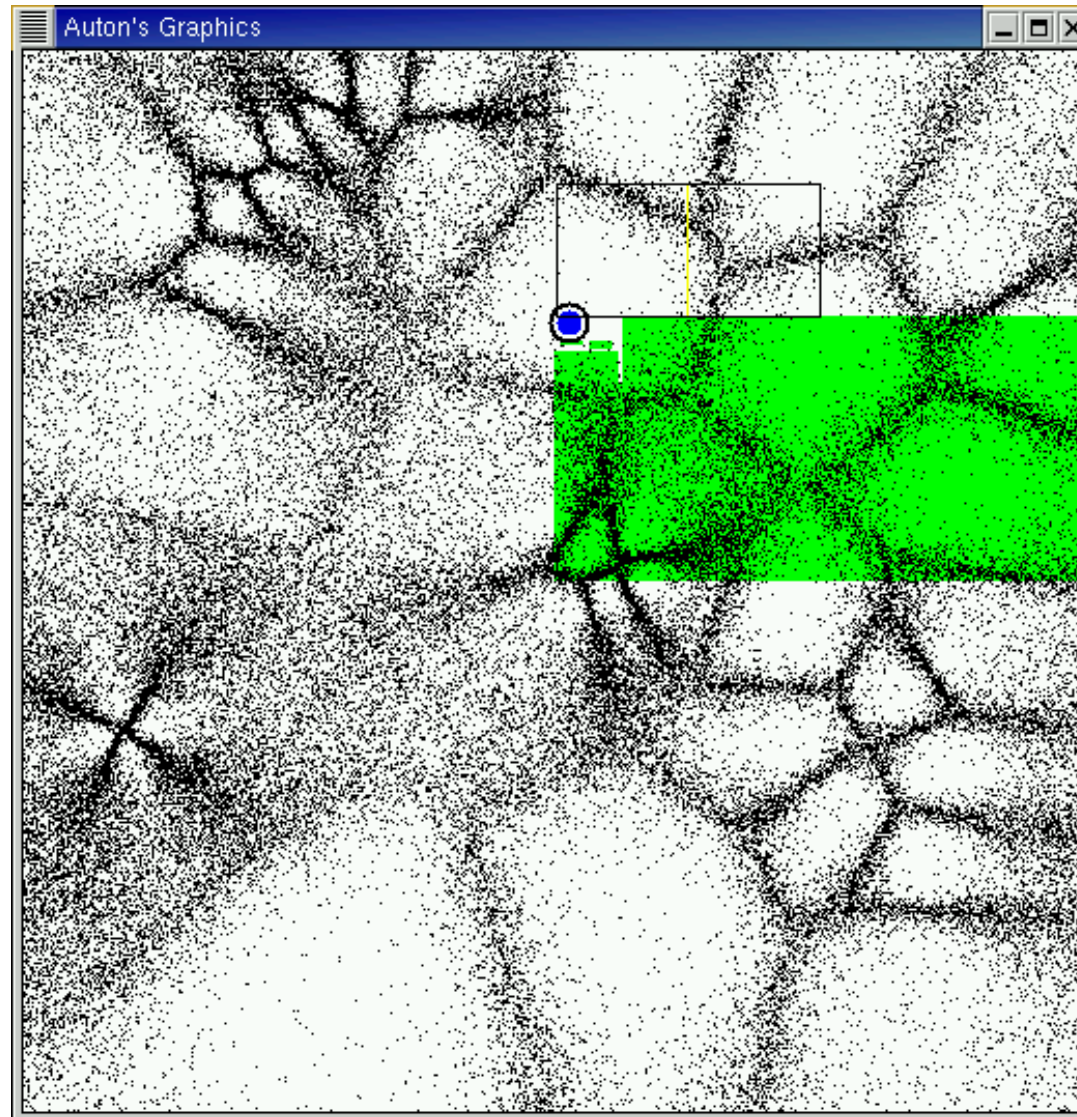




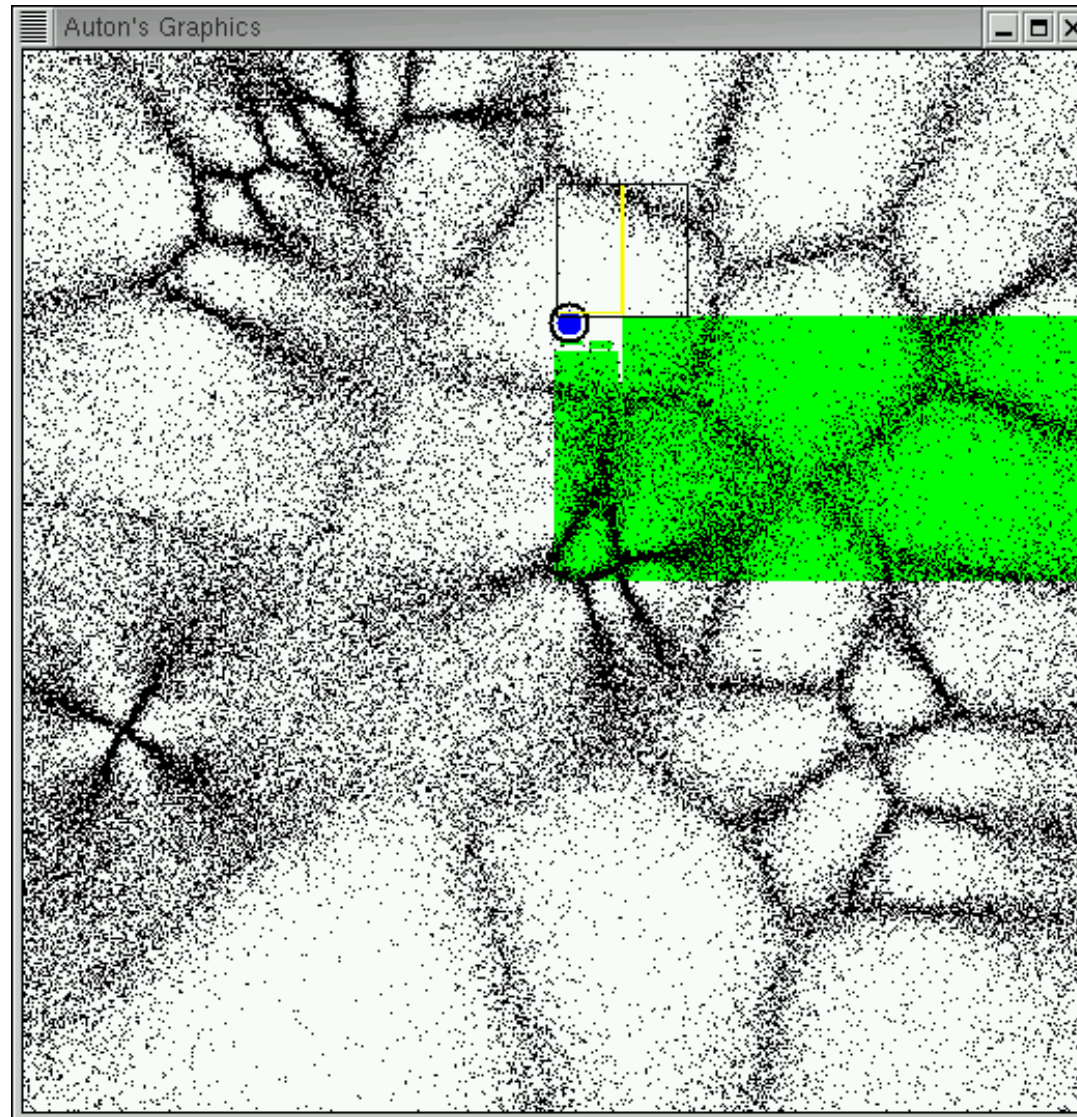


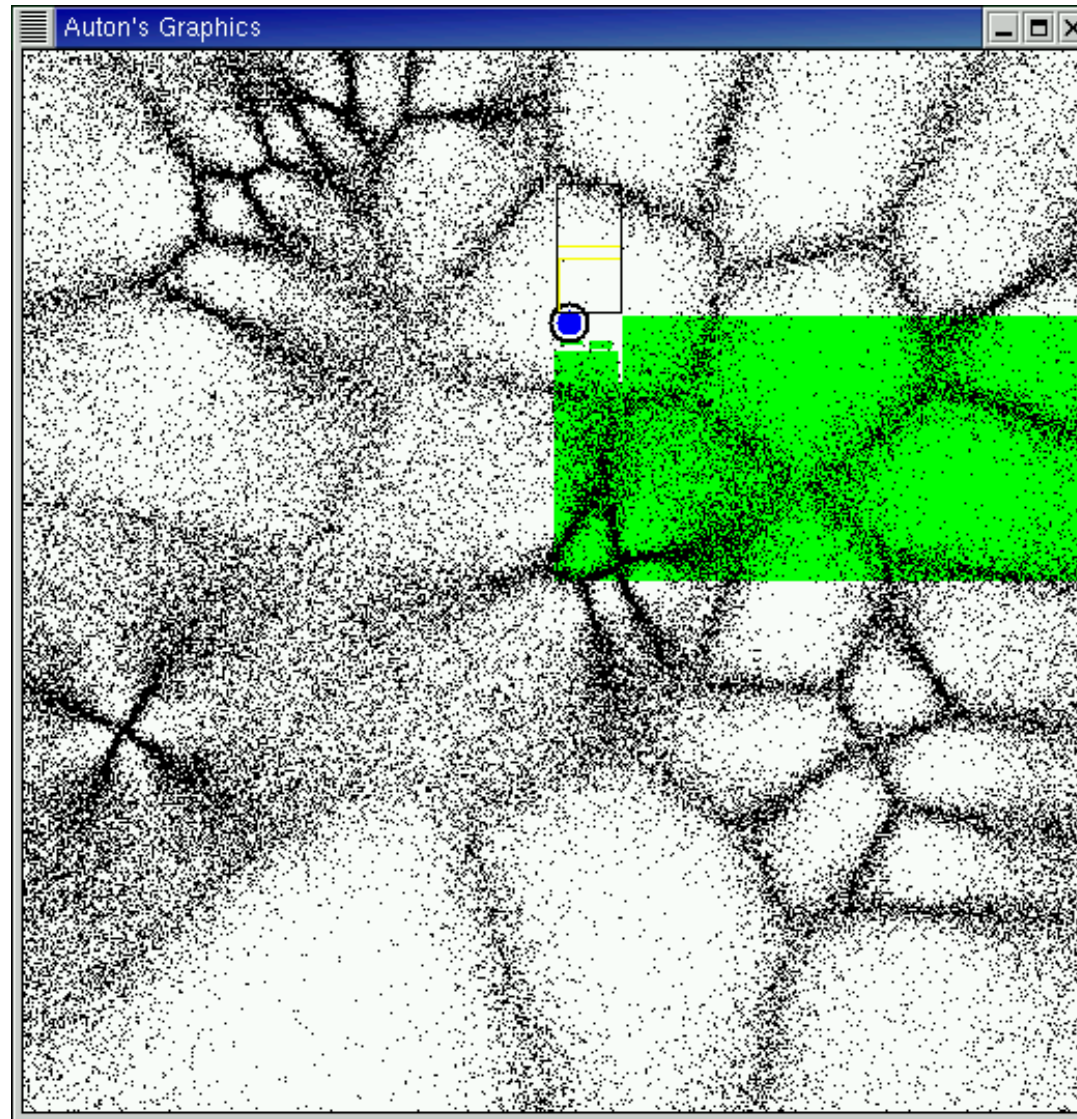


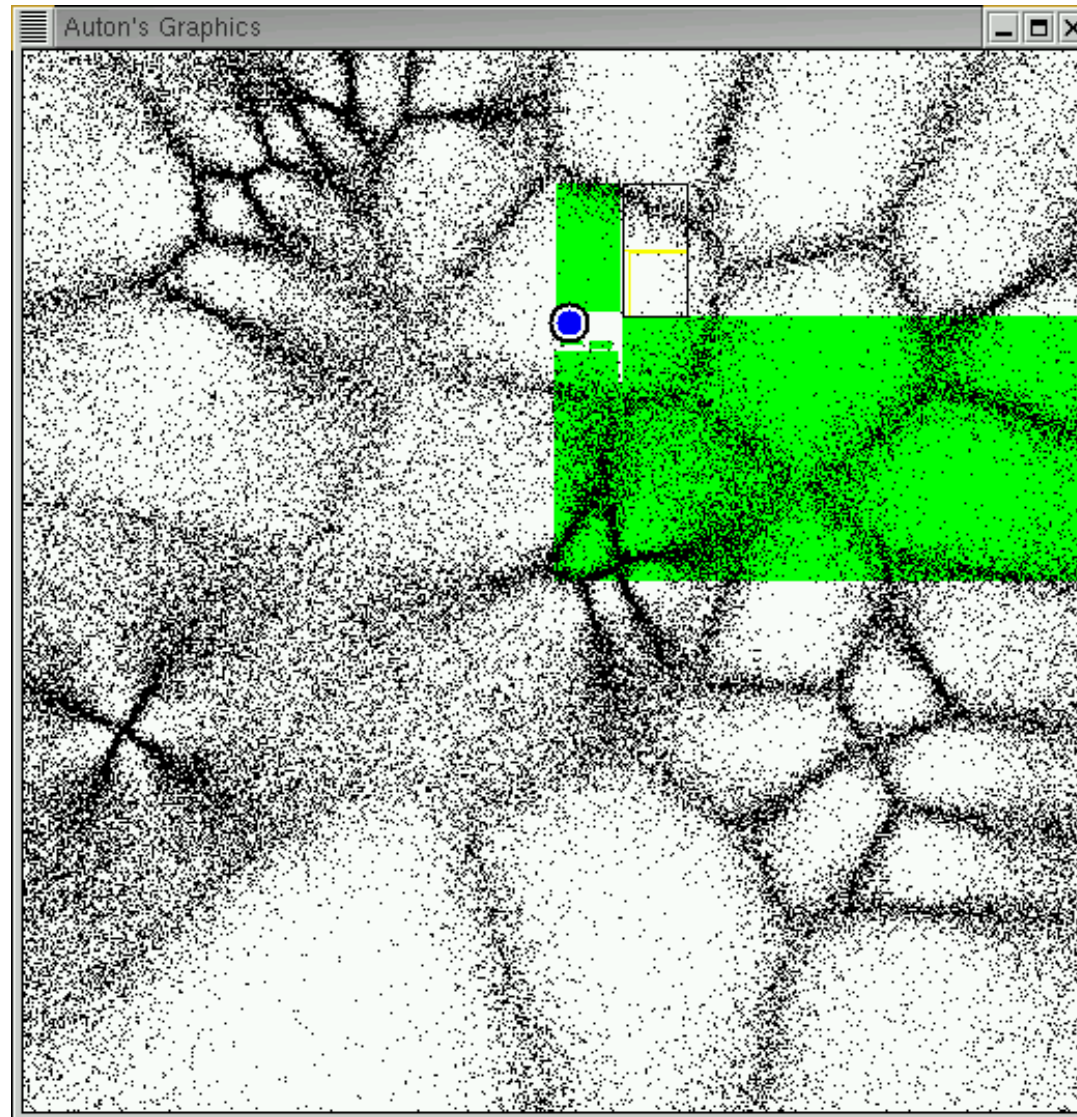


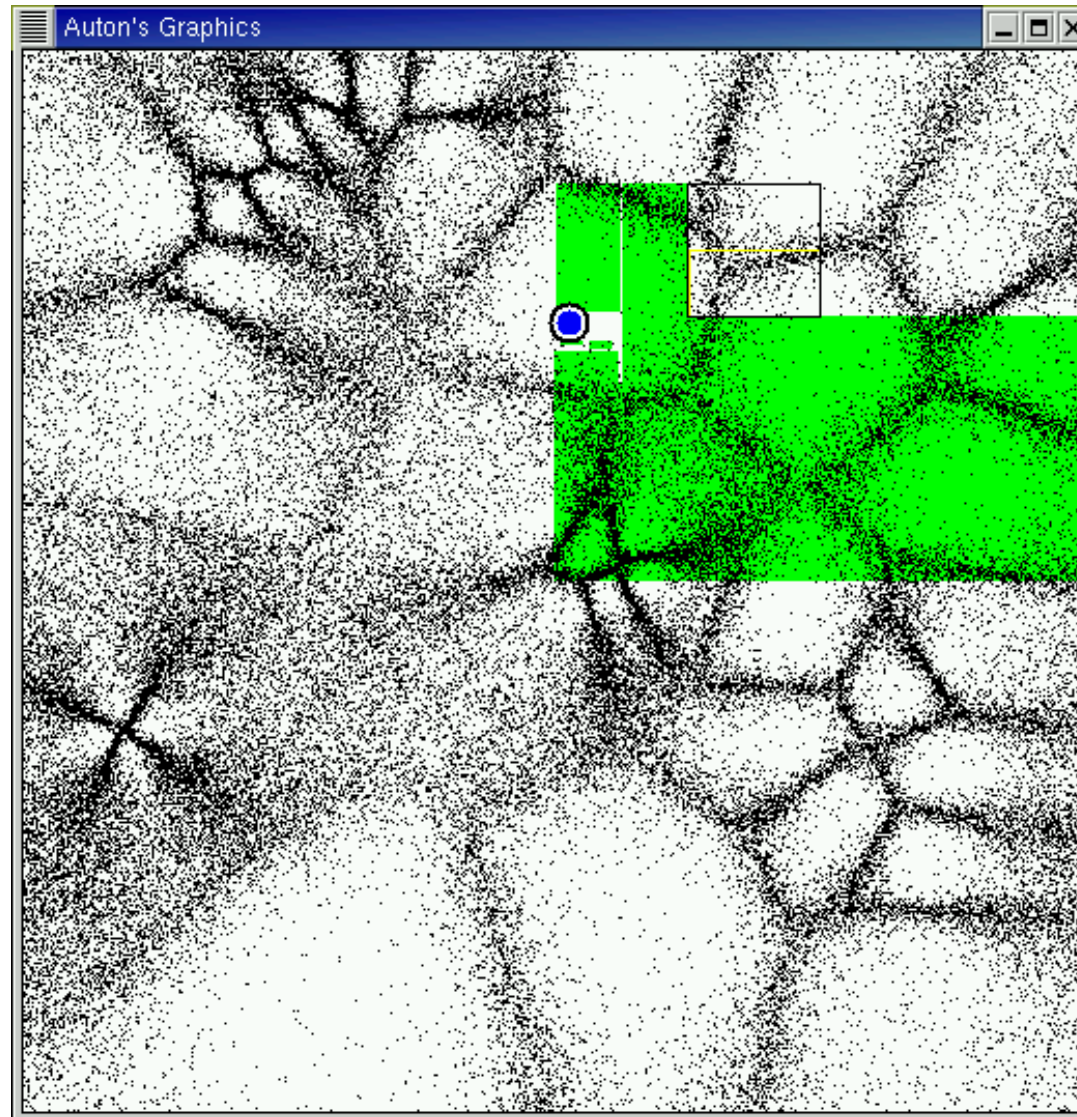


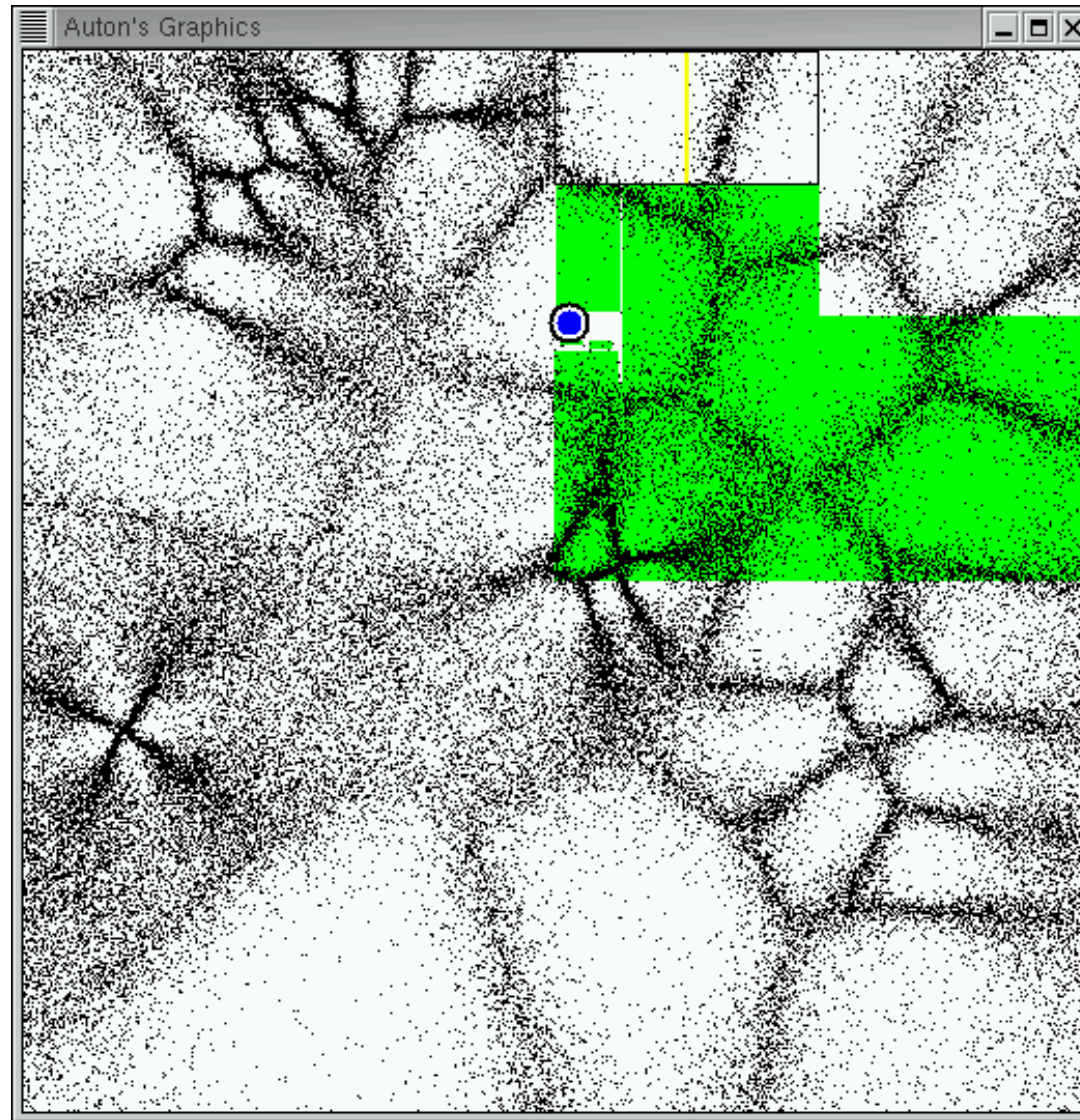


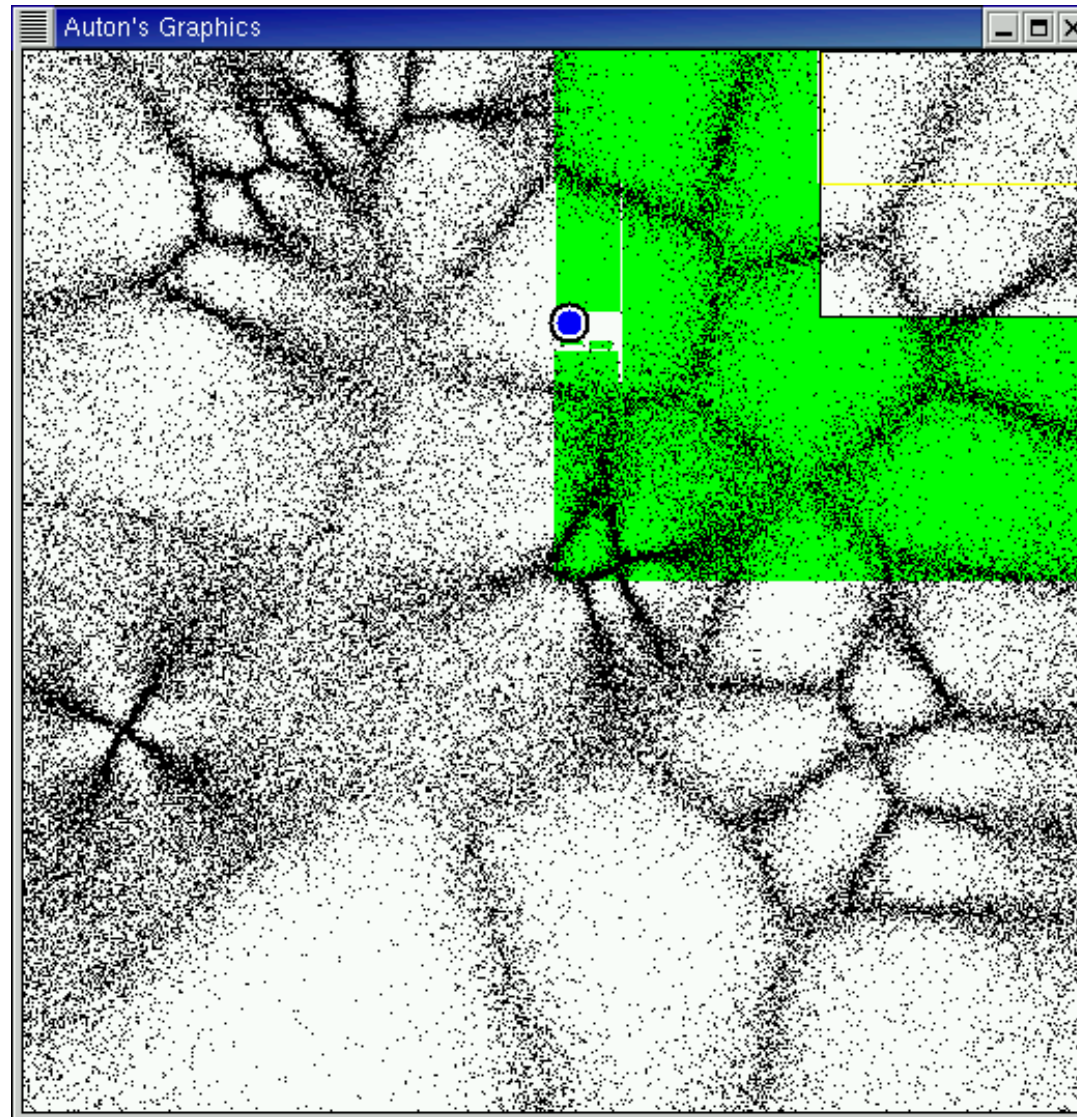


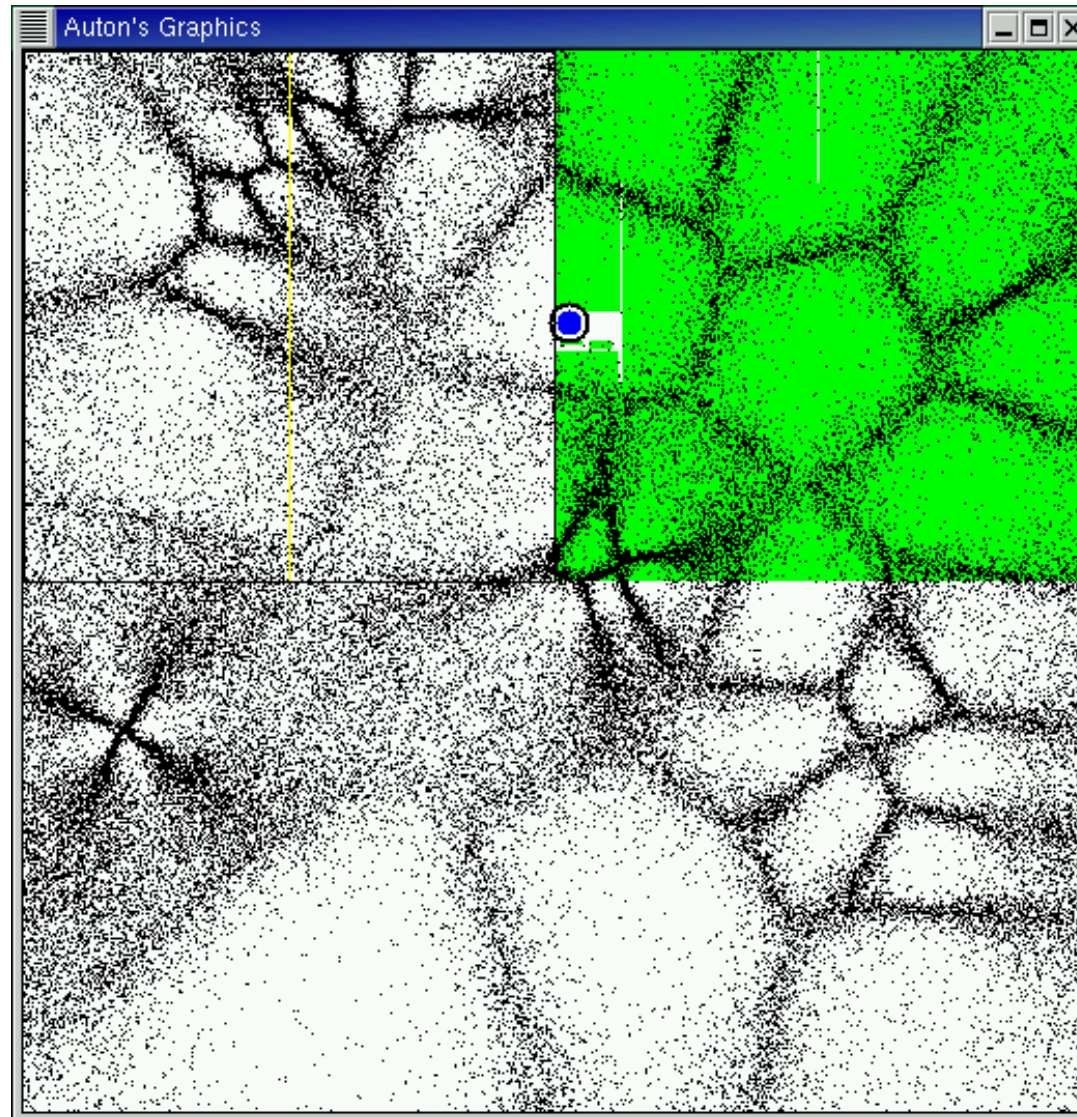


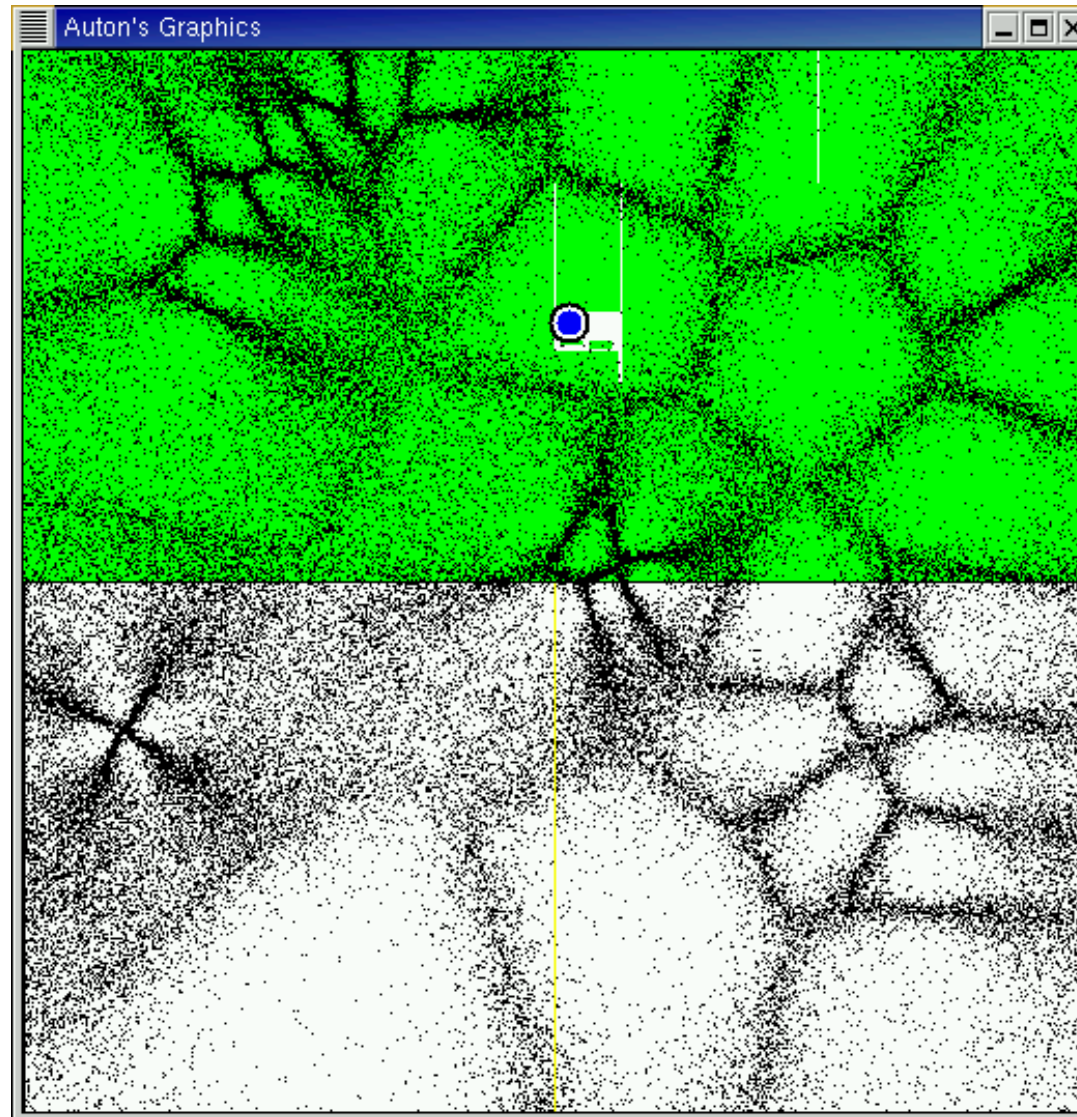




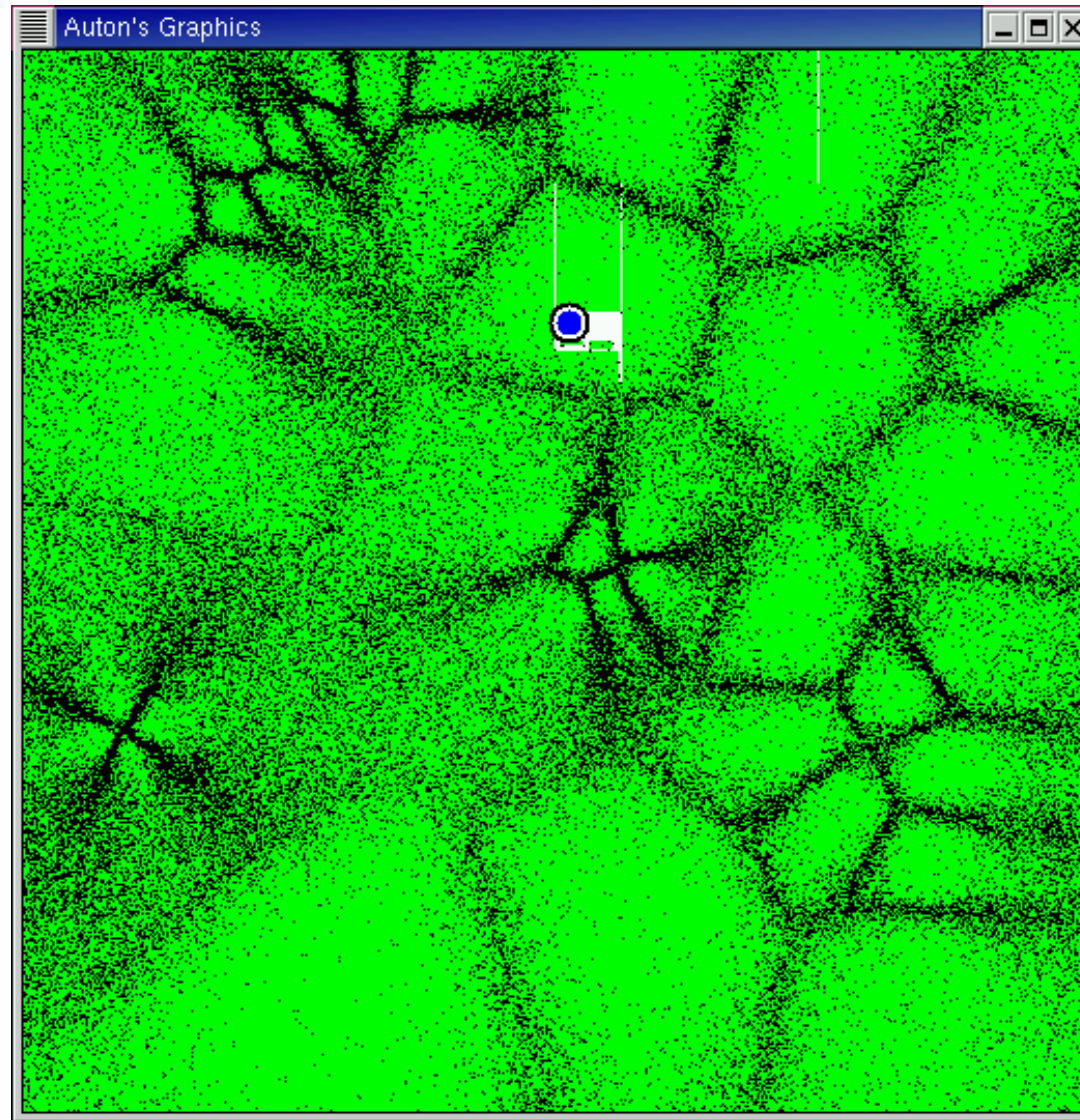






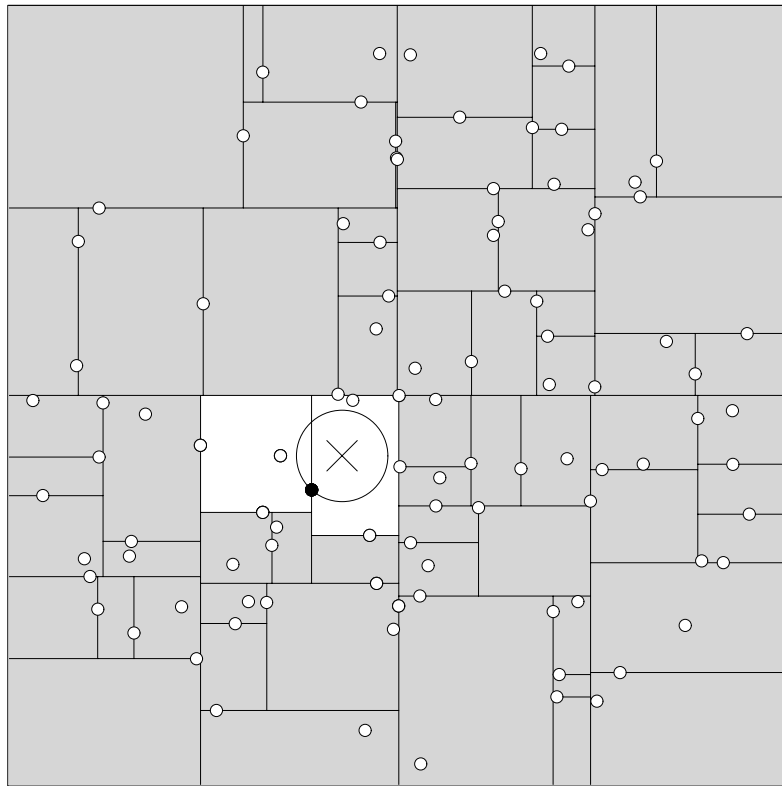




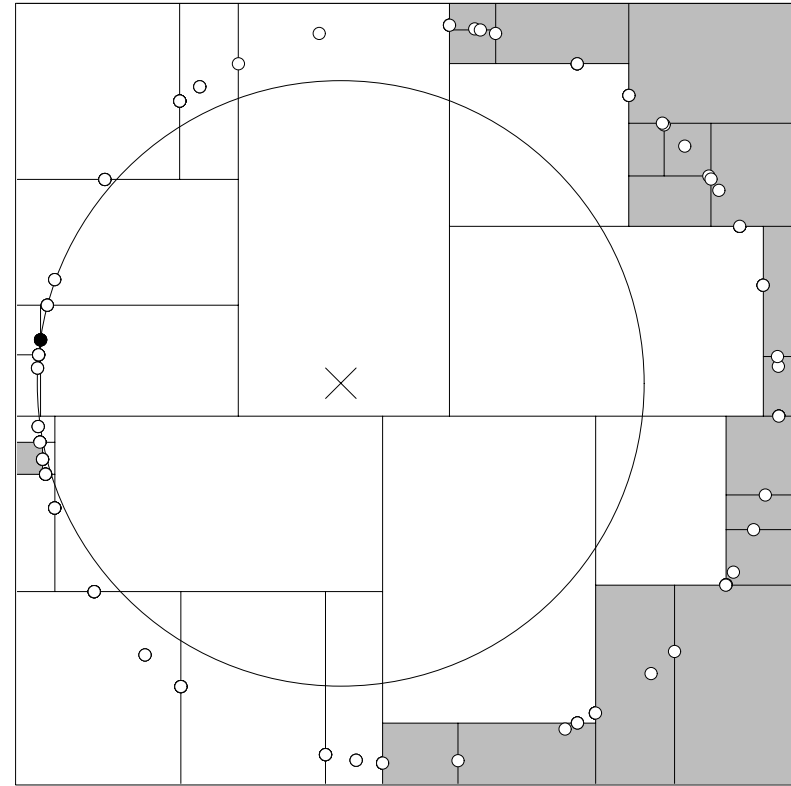


# A Worst-Case for NN-Search Using kd-Trees

Gutartiger Fall



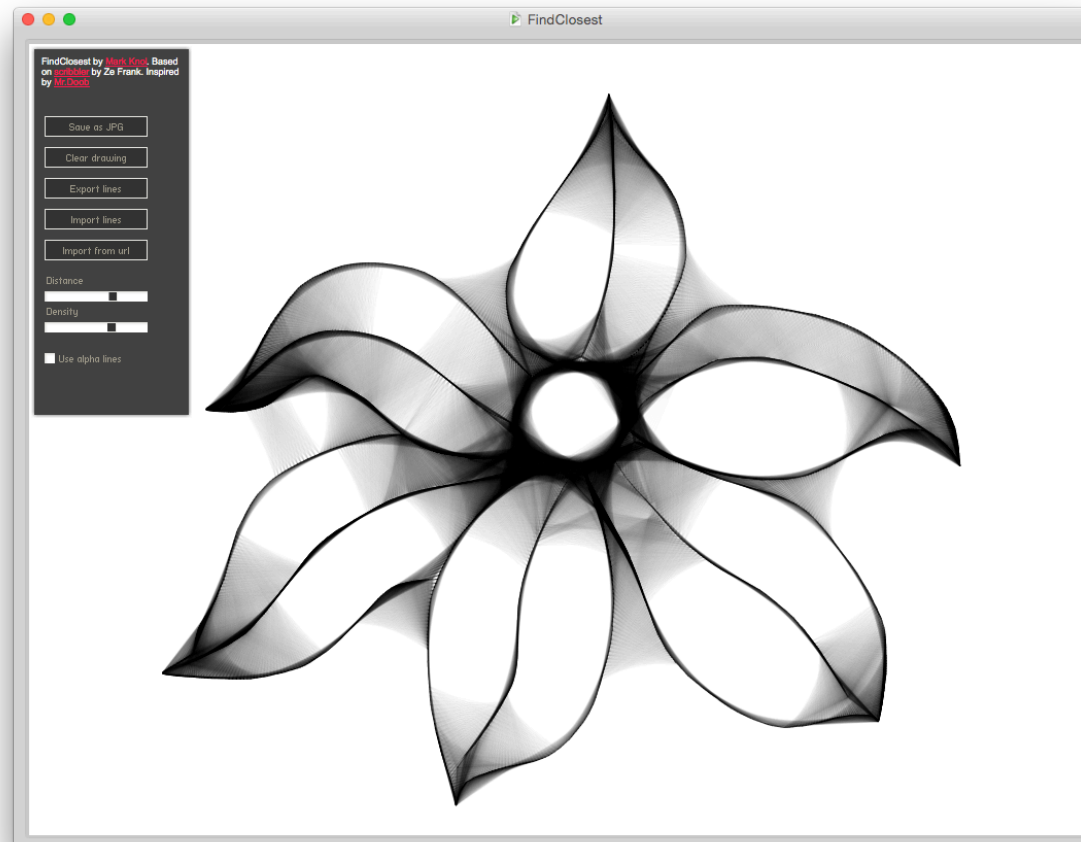
Bösartiger Fall



Alle weißen Blätter muß der NN-Algorithmus besuchen!

In a few moments, it will get worse ...

# Artistic Application of k-NN Algorithm



# Flatland (Edwin A. Abbott, presented by Carl Sagan)



- Denksportaufgabe: wie sieht ein Würfel aus, der langsam durch Flatland hindurch "schwebt", beginnend mit einer Ecke?
- Was kann ein höher-dimensionales Wesen mit niedriger-dimensionalen Wesen machen:



# 4-Dimensional Tetrahedron by the Slicing Method

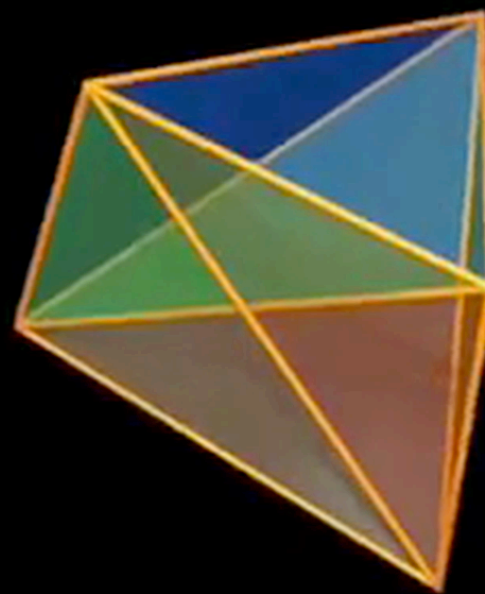
1-simplex



2-simplex



3-simplex



4-simplex

<http://www.dimensions-math.org>

# The 4-Dimensional Hypercube (Tesseract)

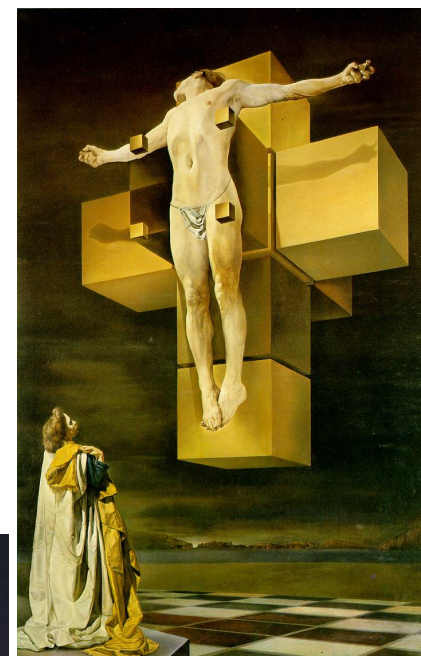
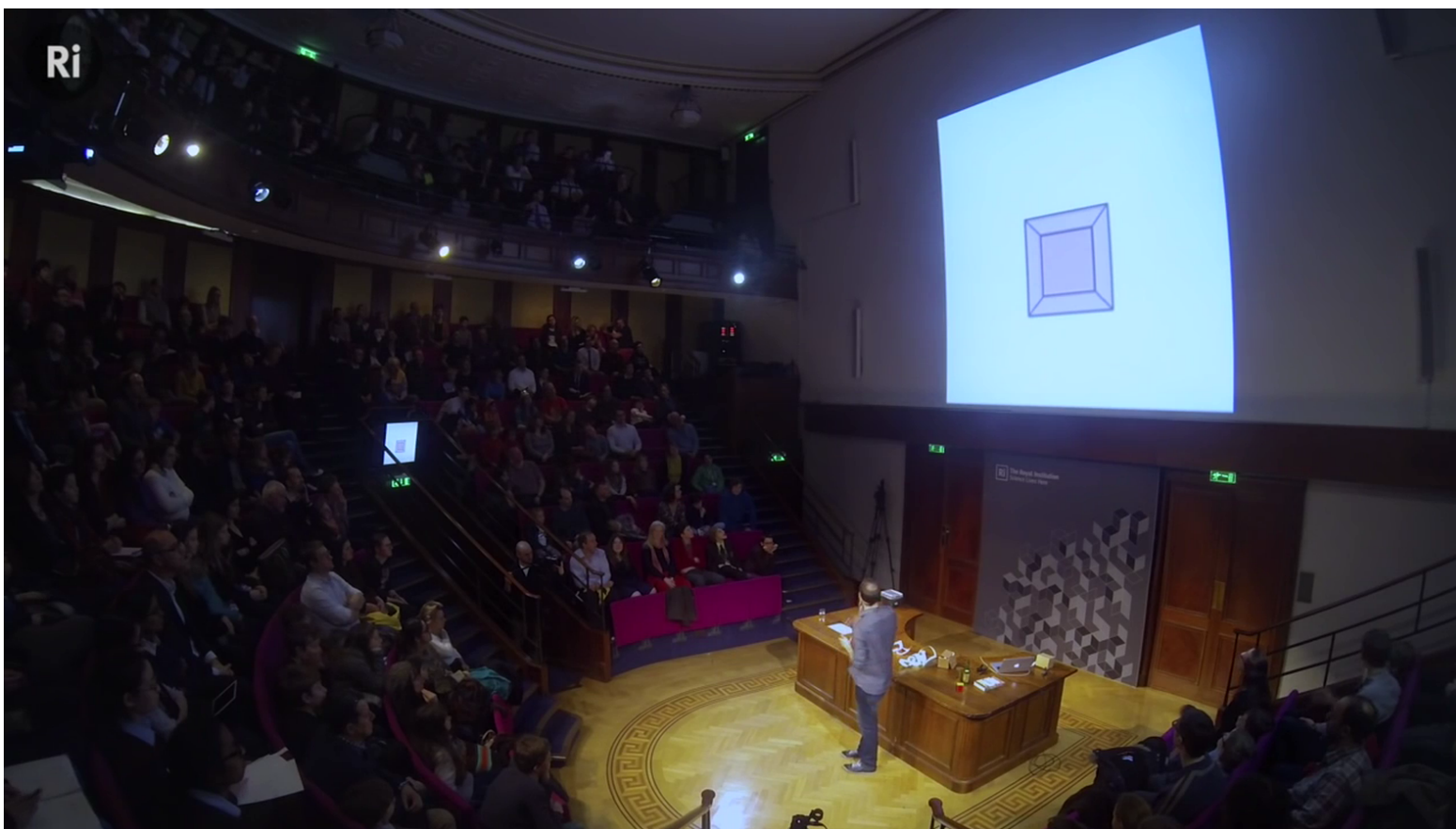
- Construction by analogy: number of points, edges, faces, cells
- Projection eines Tesseract nach 3D:





# Unwrapping a Hypercube

The unfolding method:  
The projection of a 3D cube unfolding into its 2D net



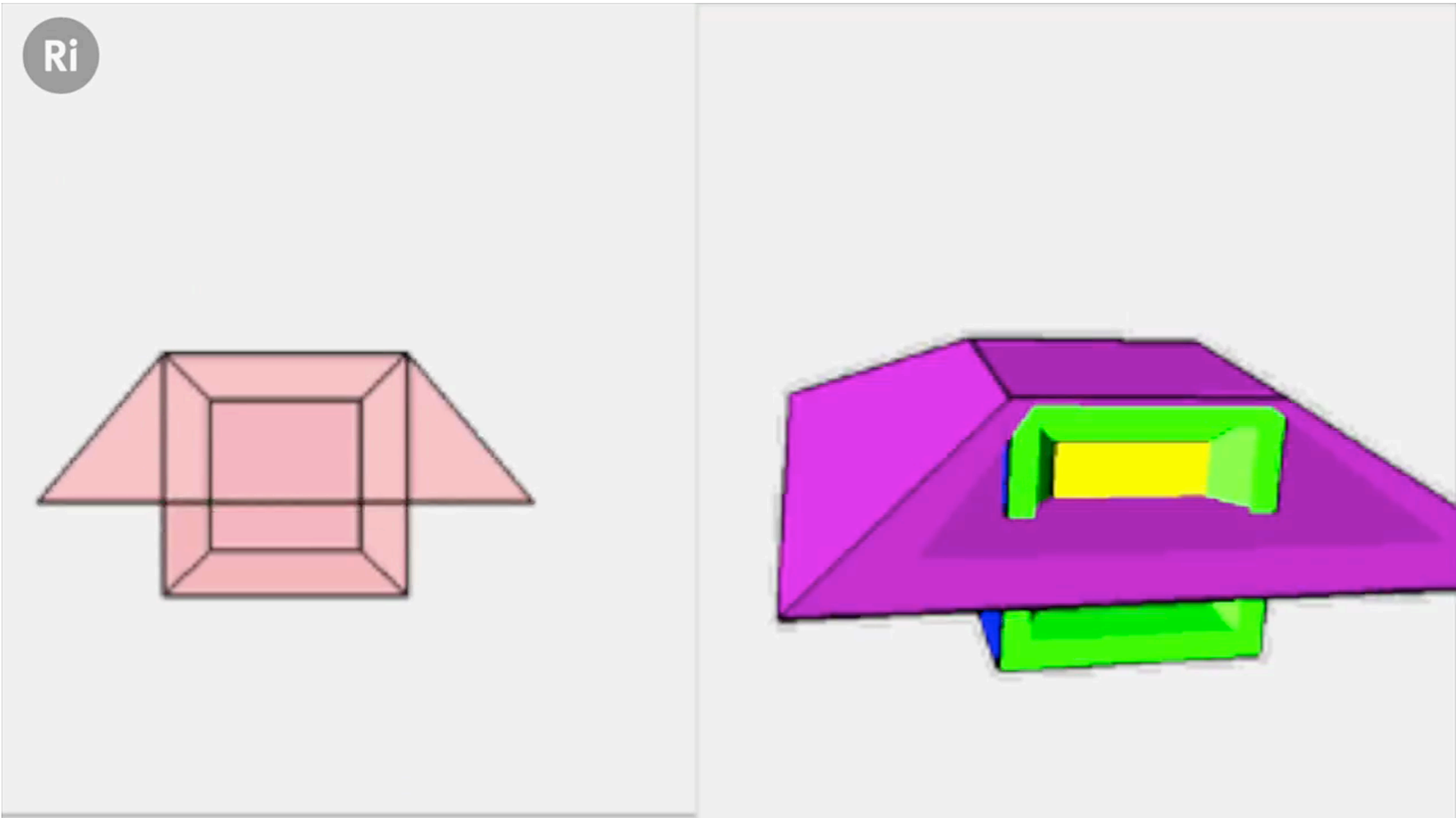
*Crucifixion  
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1954, Salvador Dalí*

Matt Parker



### Projection of 3D cube unfolding into its 2D net

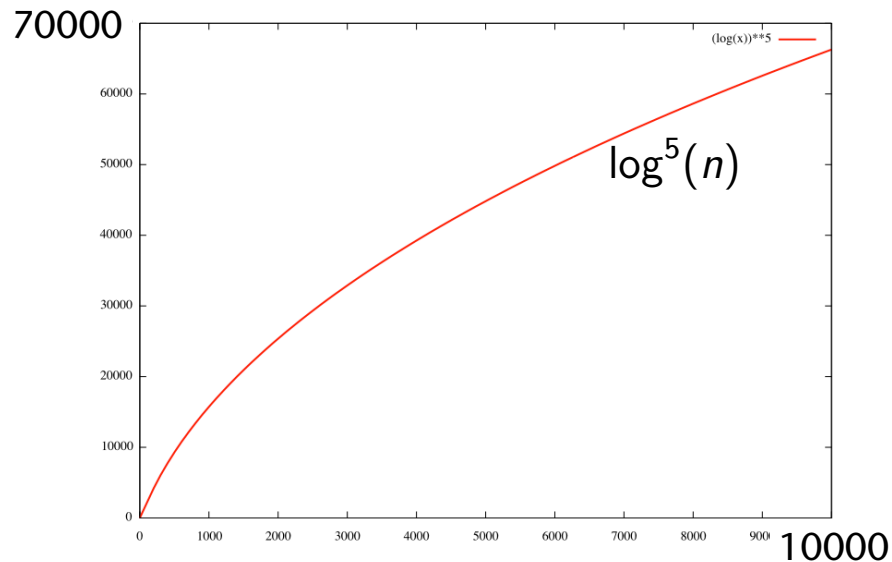
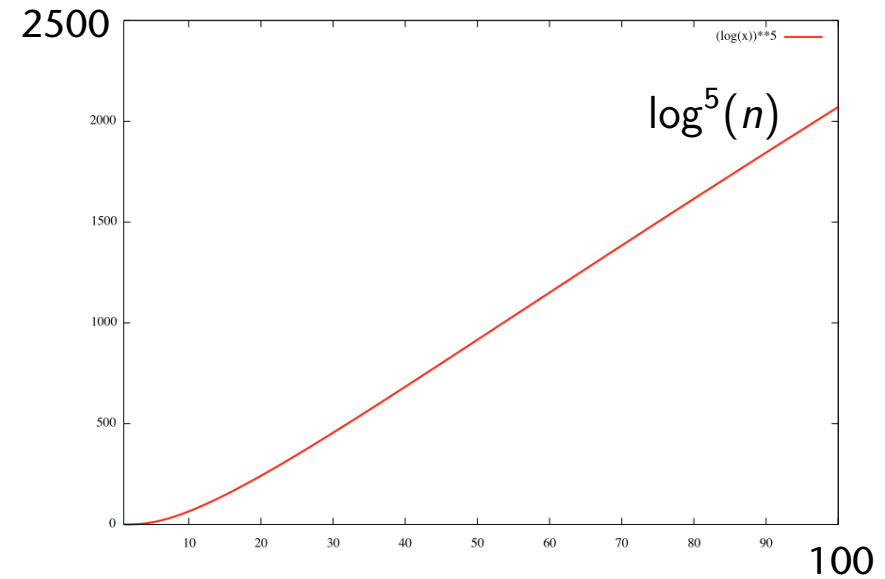
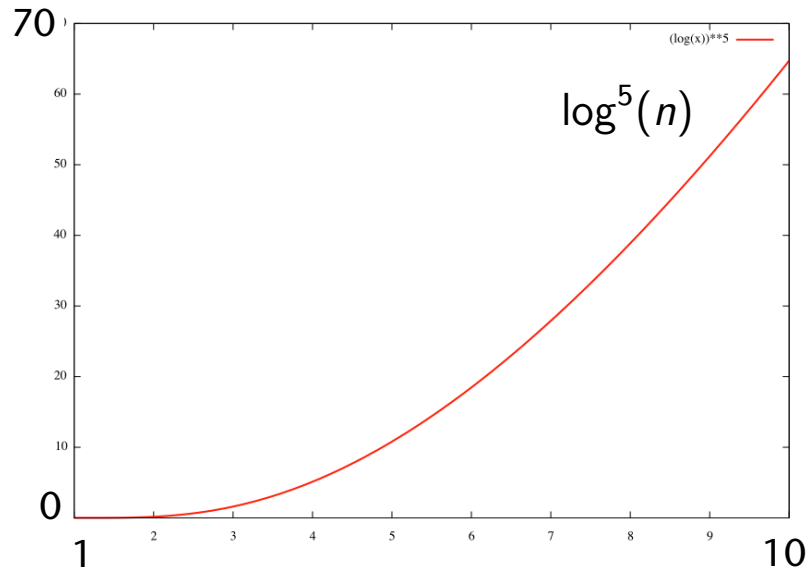
### Projection of 4D cube unfolding into its 3D net



The "lid" of the 4D cube (what is it?) does not deform, of course; that is just an artefact of the projection into 3D, just like the lid of the 3D cube when projected into 2D.



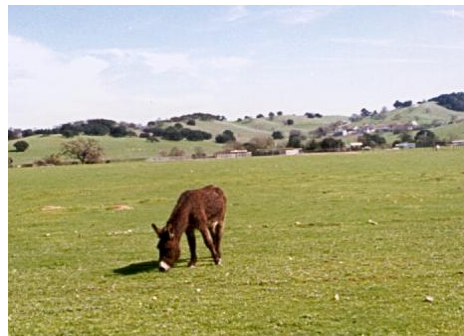
# Zum Verhalten von $\log^d(n)$



Der Algorithmus für die ANN-Suche ist also besser (asymptotisch) als brute-force-mäßig alle  $n$  Punkte zu besuchen und deren Abstand zum Query-Punkt  $q$  zu berechnen.



# Texture Synthesis



Wei & Levoy

Wei & Levoy



Aspen Trees

Harris and Love, Inc.



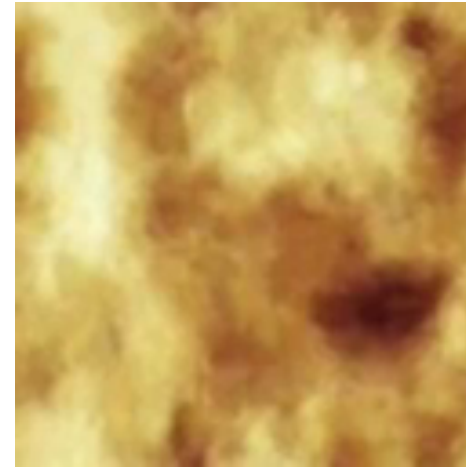
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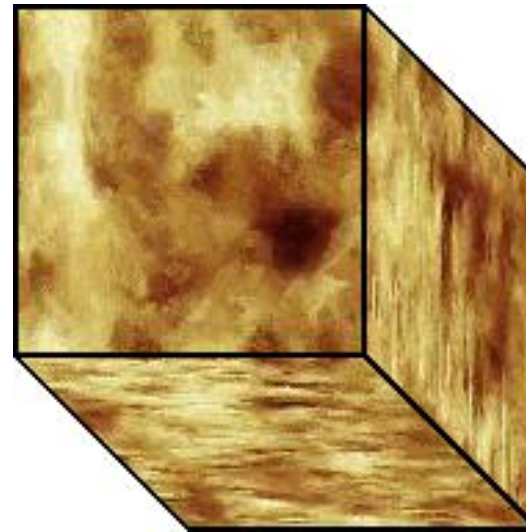




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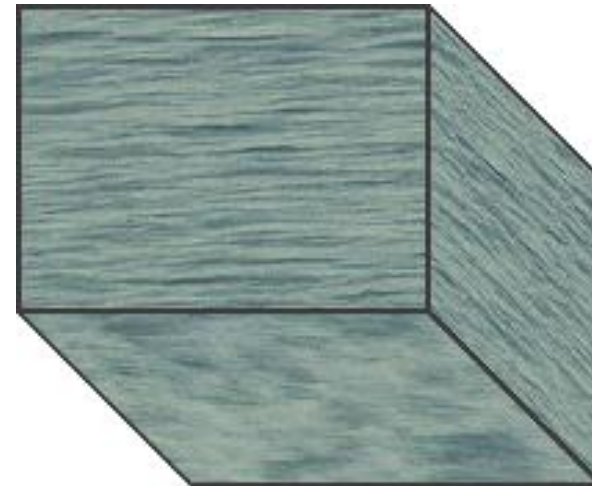
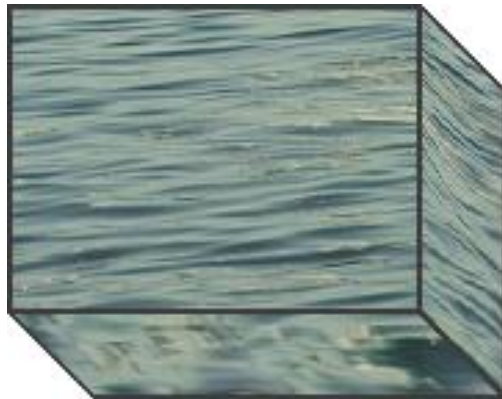
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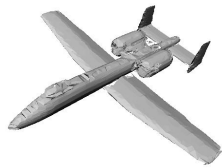


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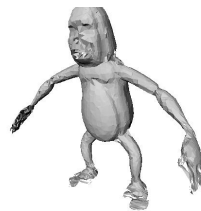
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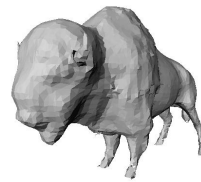
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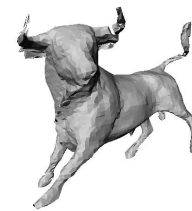
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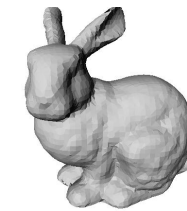
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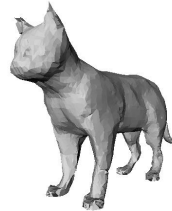
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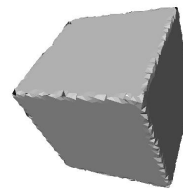
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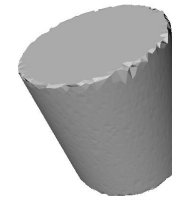
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Cat



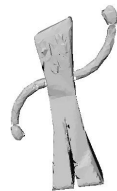
Cube



Cylinder



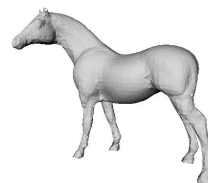
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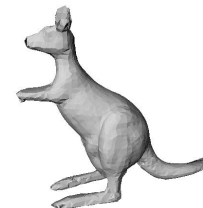
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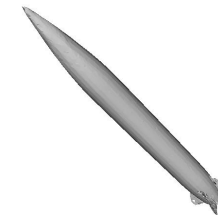
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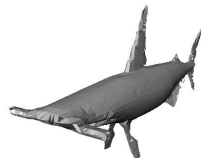
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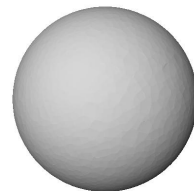
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Missile



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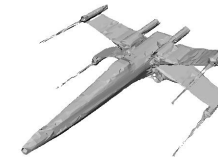
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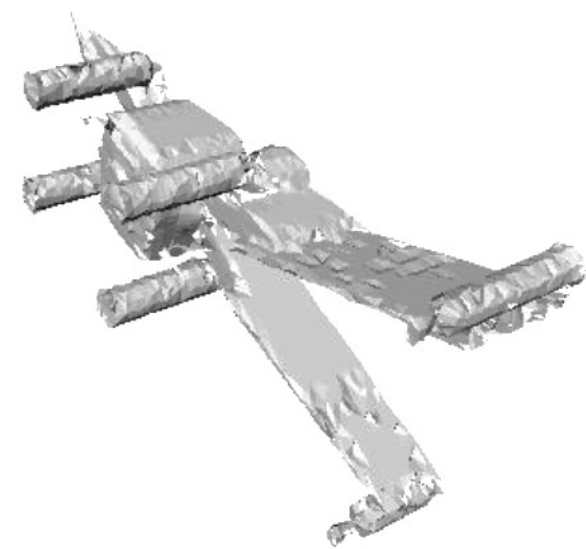
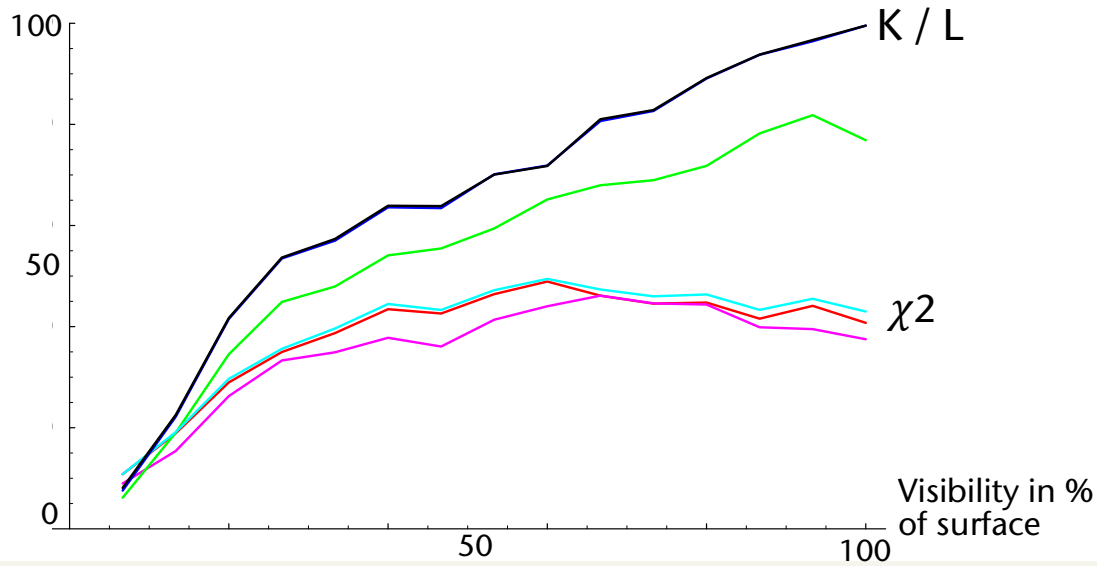
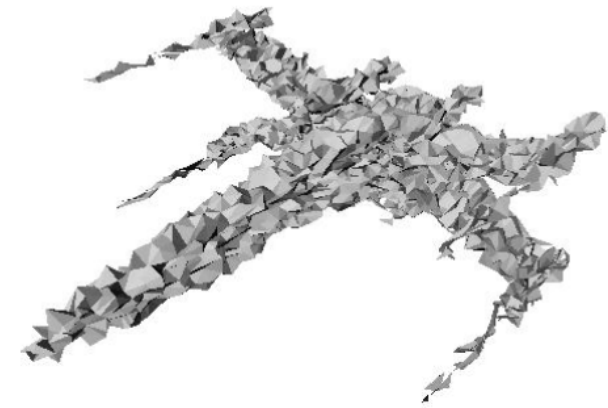
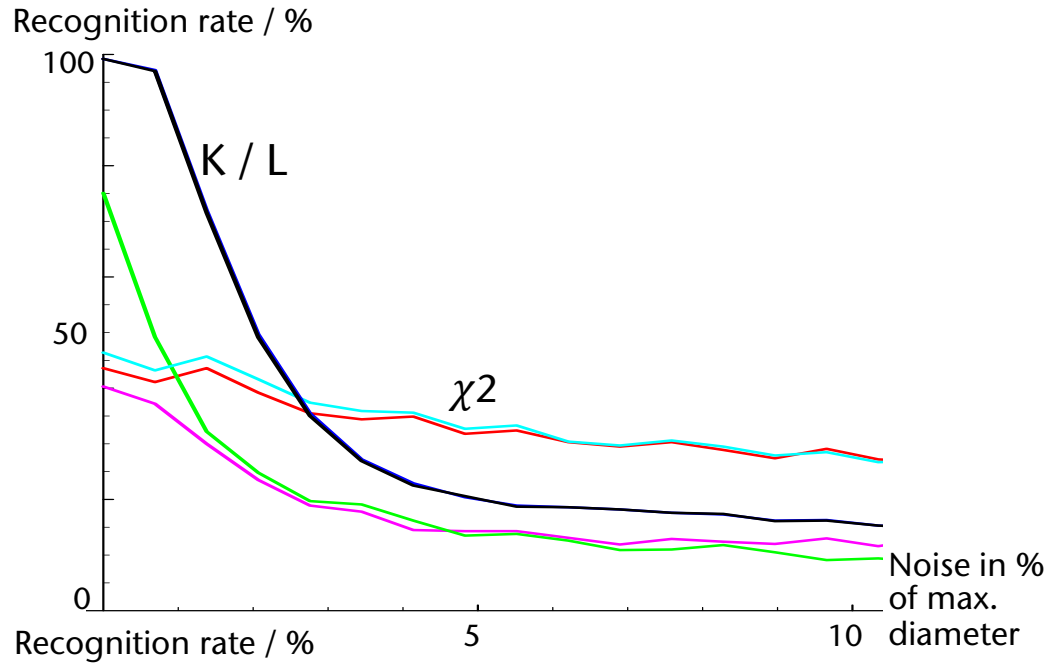
Tetrahedron



Triceratops



X-Wing



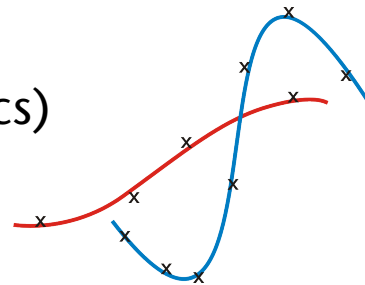




# Point Cloud Surfaces



- Increasingly popular geometry representation
- Lots of sources of point clouds (laser scanners, Kinect et al., ...)
- Goal: surface definition that is ..
  - Quick to evaluate
  - Robust against noise
  - Smooth
- Applications:
  - Ray tracing (rendering)
  - Collision detection (physics)

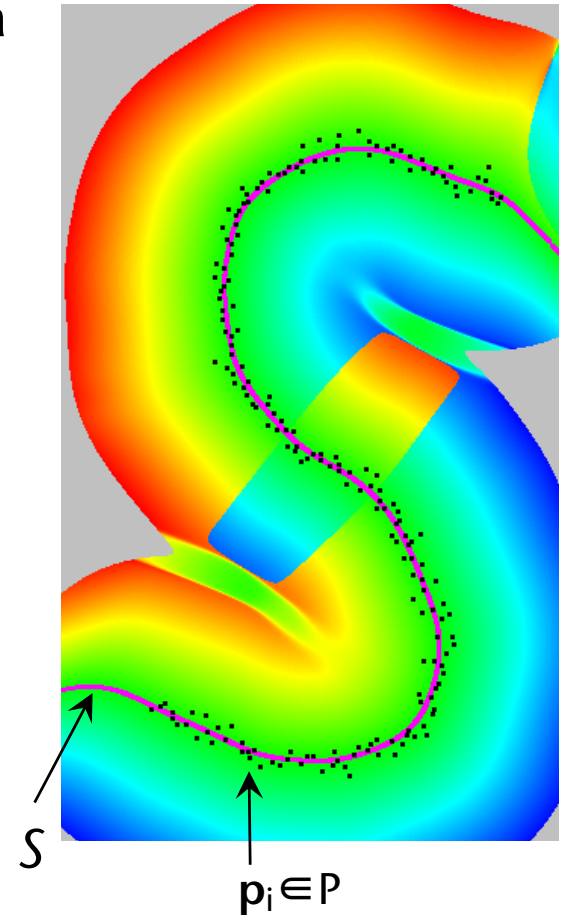


# Approach

- Consider a point cloud  $P$  as *noisy* sampling of a smooth surface
  - Consequence: surface should *not interpolate* the points
- Define the surface as an implicit surface over a smooth distance function  $f$ , determined by the point cloud  $P$ :

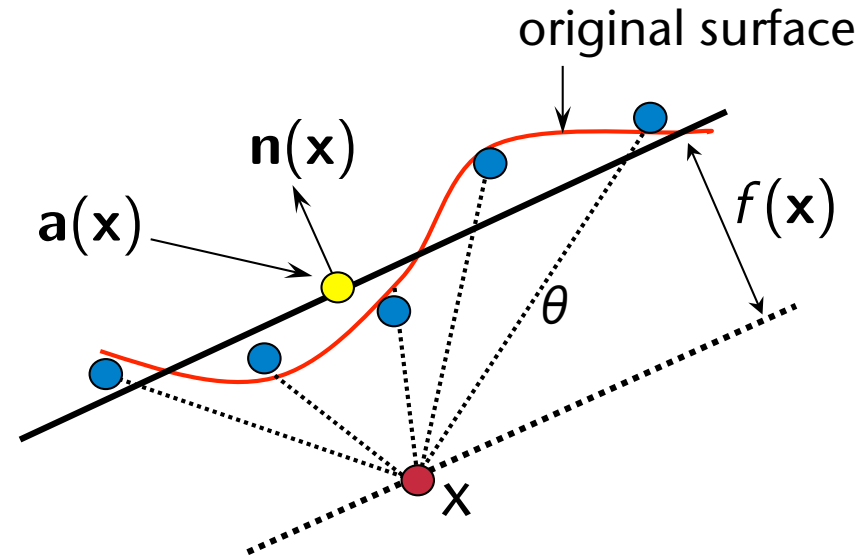
$$S = \{ \mathbf{x} | f(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \}$$

where  $f$  is the distance to the yet unknown surface  $S$



- Define  $f$  using weighted moving least squares

- The surface is approximated *locally* by a plane with



$$\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \theta(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i\|) \mathbf{p}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N \theta(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i\|)}$$

where  $\theta$  is an *appropriate* weight function based on "distance"

- Overall:

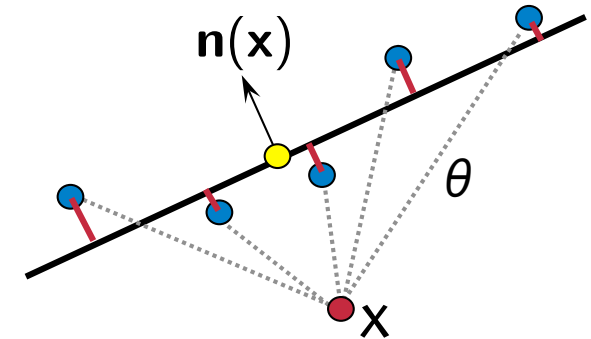
$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot (\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x})$$

- Choose  $\mathbf{n}$  as

$$\min_{\mathbf{n}, \|\mathbf{n}\|=1} \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{p}_i))^2 \theta(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i\|)$$

- Reminder:  $\mathbf{n}$  happens to be the *smallest eigenvector* of the weighted covariance matrix  $\mathbf{B} = (b_{ij})$  with

$$b_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^N \theta(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_k\|) (p_{k,i} - a_i)(p_{k,j} - a_j)$$



- For the weight function, use (for now) a **Gaussian kernel**

$$\theta(d) = e^{-d^2/h^2}, \quad d = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}\|$$

with Euclidean distance (for now), where  $h$  is called **bandwidth**

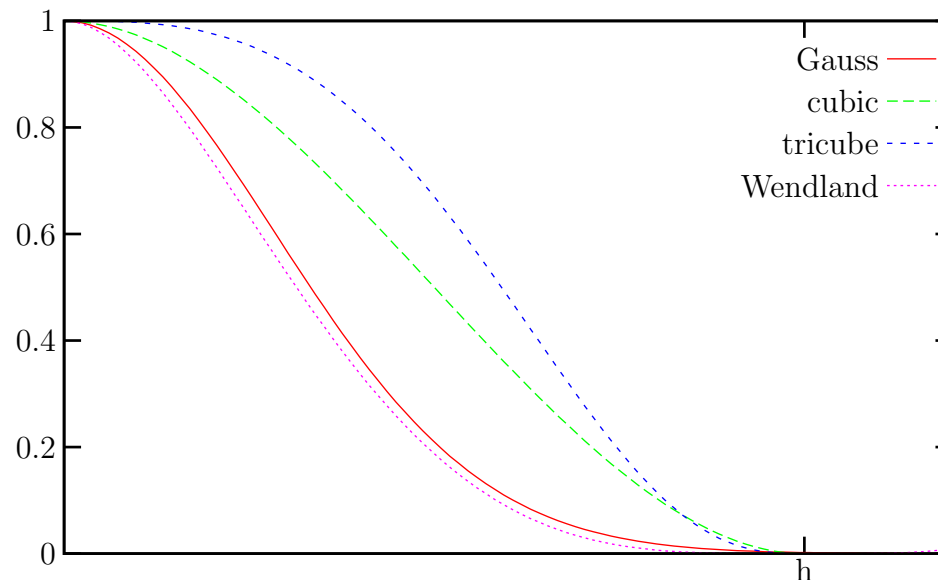
- Possible weight functions (kernels):

- Gauß kernel

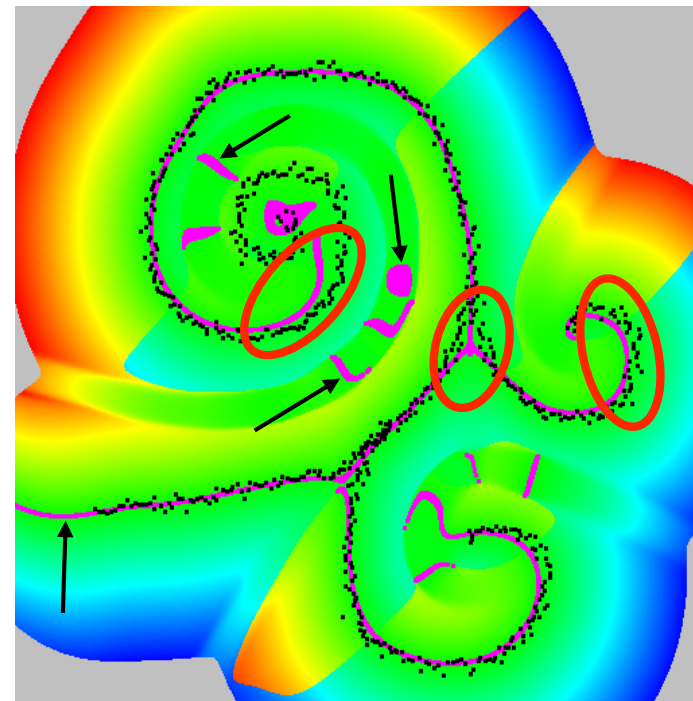
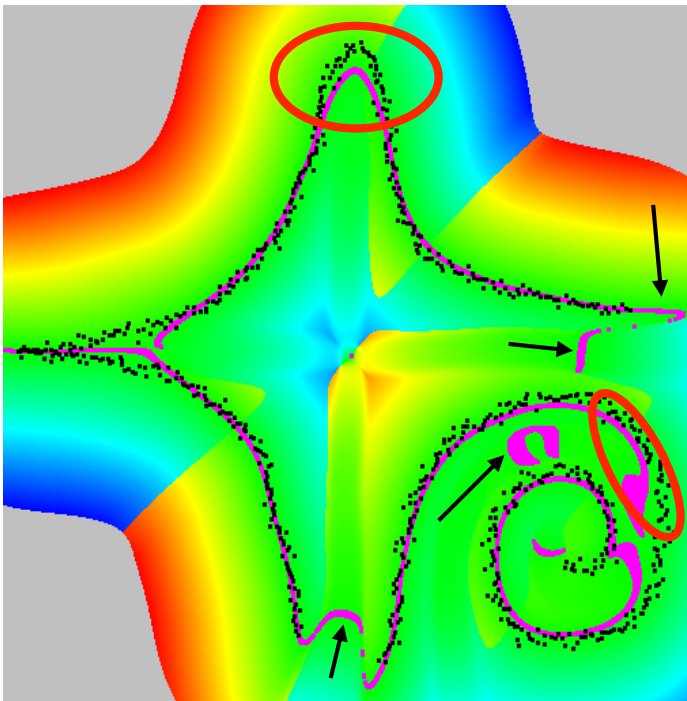
- The cubic polynomial  $\theta(d) = 2\left(\frac{d}{h}\right)^3 - 3\left(\frac{d}{h}\right)^2 + 1$

- The tricube function  $\theta(d) = \left(1 - \left|\frac{d}{h}\right|^3\right)^3$

- The Wendland function  $\theta(d) = \left(1 - \frac{d}{h}\right)^4 \left(4\frac{d}{h} + 1\right)$



- Whatever kernel you use, it is fine to consider only "close neighbors" around  $\mathbf{x}$  in the computation of  $\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x})$  and  $\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x})$   
 → need lots of k-NN searches in  $\mathcal{P}$
- More important: what distance measure to use in  $\theta(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i\|)$  ?
- Euclidean distance produces artefacts like this:

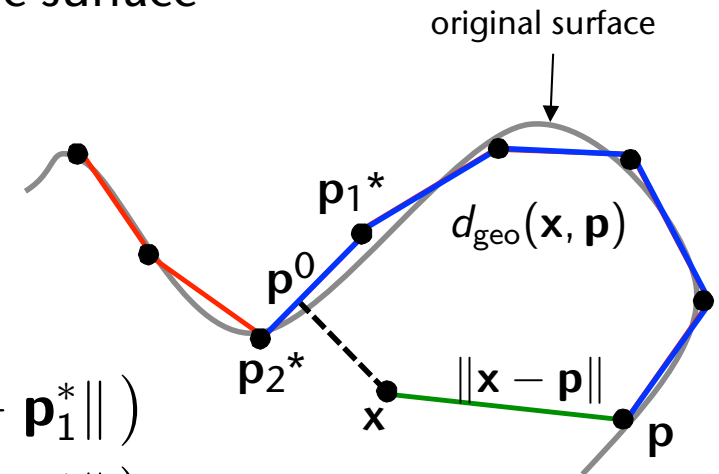


- Solution: use topology-based distance measure
  - Try to mimic the the geodesic distance on the surface
  - Except without knowing the surface yet
- Use proximity graph over point cloud
- Define

$$d_{\text{geo}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = (1 - a) \cdot (d(\mathbf{p}_1^*, \mathbf{p}) + \|\mathbf{p}^0 - \mathbf{p}_1^*\|) + a \cdot (d(\mathbf{p}_2^*, \mathbf{p}) + \|\mathbf{p}^0 - \mathbf{p}_2^*\|)$$

with  $a = \|\mathbf{p}^0 - \mathbf{p}_1^*\|$

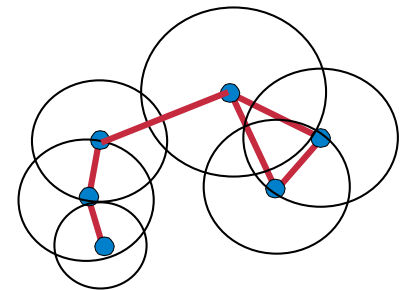
and  $d(\mathbf{p}_i^*, \mathbf{p}) = \text{length of shortest path through proximity graph}$



- Note: don't add  $\|\mathbf{p}^0 - \mathbf{x}\|$

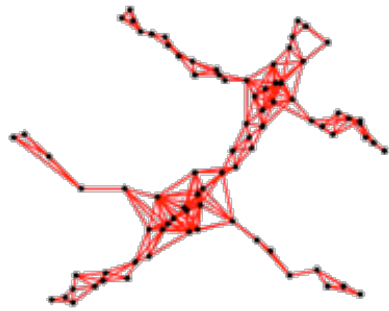
# Which Proximity Graph to Use

- Many kinds of proximity graphs
  - Delaunay graph (explained later)
    - Needs kind of a "pruning" because of "long" edges; still has problems
  - Most other proximity graphs are subgraphs of the Delaunay graph
  - Sphere-of-Influence graph (SIG; is not a subgraph of the DG)
- Definition of the SIG:
  - For each point  $\mathbf{p}_i \in P$  define  $r_i = \|\mathbf{p}_i - \text{NN}(\mathbf{p}_i)\|$
  - Connect  $\mathbf{p}_i$  and  $\mathbf{p}_j$  by an edge iff  $\|\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_j\| \leq r_i + r_j$
- Extension:  $k$ -SIG
  - Define  $r_i = \|\mathbf{p}_i - k\text{NN}(\mathbf{p}_i)\|$

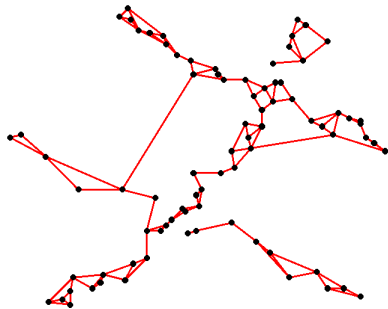




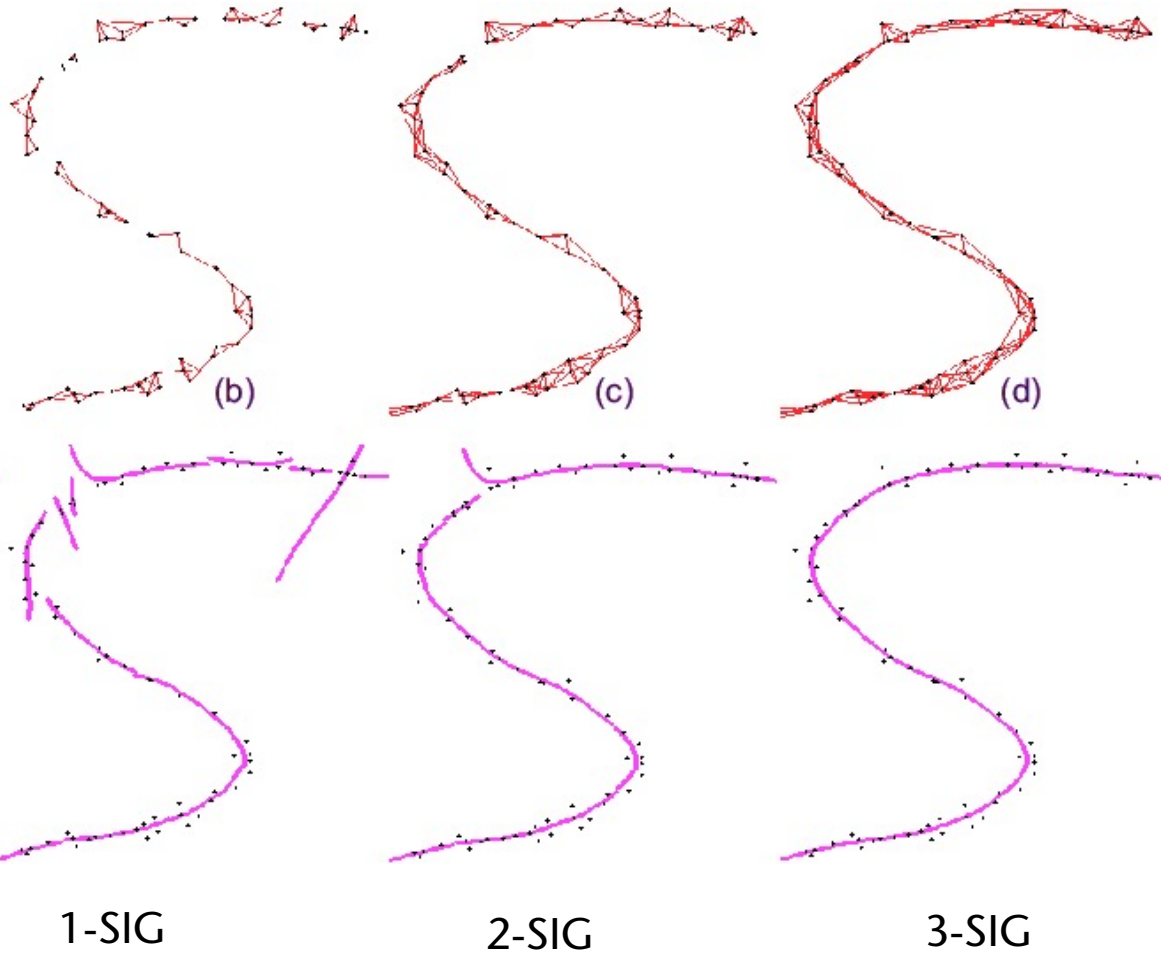
Example sphere-of-influence graph



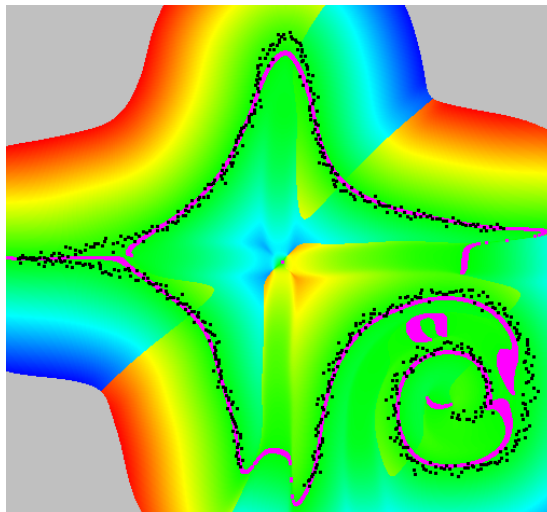
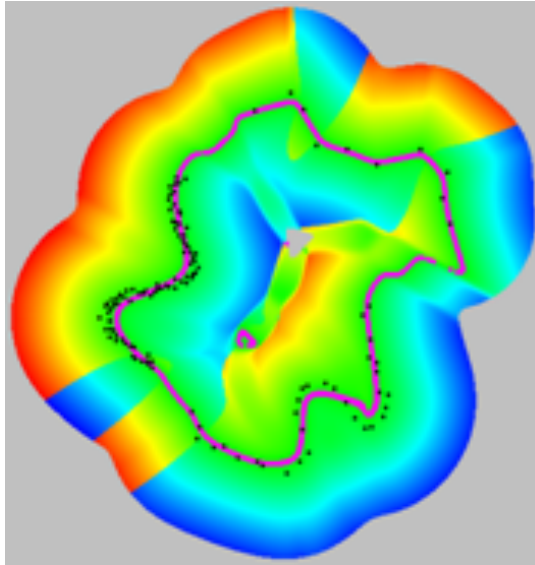
DG w/ pruning



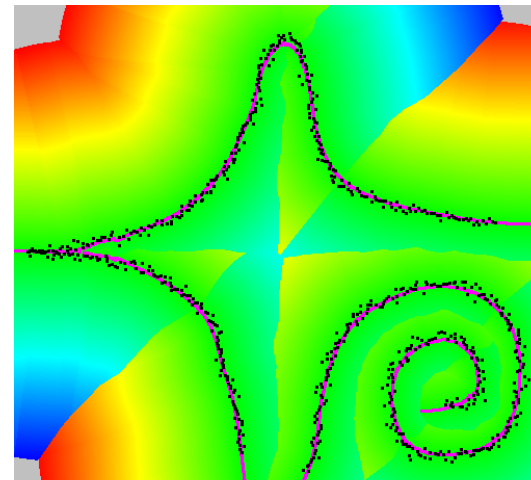
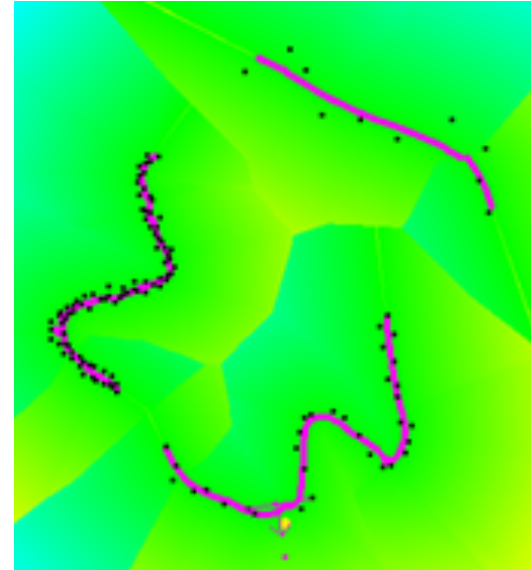
Weighted MLS surfaces using different k-SIGs for the geodesic distance



Weighted MLS surface  
with Euclidean distance  
and fixed bandwidth in kernel



Weighted MLS surface  
with proximity graph-based distance  
and automatic bandwidth estimation in kernel



More info in [Klein & Zachmann, 2004] on [cgvr.cs.uni-bremen.de](http://cgvr.cs.uni-bremen.de) → Publications

- Erweiterung der komplexen Zahlen (geht leider nicht kommutativ):

$$\mathbb{H} = \{ q \mid q = w + a \cdot \mathbf{i} + b \cdot \mathbf{j} + c \cdot \mathbf{k}, w, a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

- Alternative Schreibweise:

$$q = (w, \mathbf{v})$$

- Axiome für die 3 imaginären Einheiten:

$$\mathbf{i}^2 = \mathbf{j}^2 = \mathbf{k}^2 = \mathbf{ijk} = -1$$

$$(\mathbf{ij})\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{i}(\mathbf{jk})$$

- Daraus folgen sofort diese Rechengesetze:

$$\mathbf{ij} = -\mathbf{ji} = \mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{jk} = -\mathbf{kj} = \mathbf{i}$$

$$\mathbf{ki} = -\mathbf{ik} = \mathbf{j}$$

- Addition:  $q_1 + q_2 = (w_1 + w_2) + (a_1 + a_2)\mathbf{i} + (b_1 + b_2)\mathbf{j} + (c_1 + c_2)\mathbf{k}$

- Multiplikation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_1 \cdot q_2 &= (w_1 + a_1\mathbf{i} + b_1\mathbf{j} + c_1\mathbf{k}) \cdot (w_2 + a_2\mathbf{i} + b_2\mathbf{j} + c_2\mathbf{k}) \\
 &= (w_1w_2 - a_1a_2 - b_1b_2 - c_1c_2) + \\
 &\quad (w_1a_2 + w_2a_1 + b_1c_2 - c_1b_2)\mathbf{i} + \\
 &\quad (\dots \dots)\mathbf{j} + \\
 &\quad (\dots \dots)\mathbf{k}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Konjugation:  $q^* = w - a\mathbf{i} - b\mathbf{j} - c\mathbf{k}$

- Betrag (Norm):  $|q|^2 = w^2 + a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = q \cdot q^*$

- Inverse eines Einheitsquaternions:  $|q| = 1 \Rightarrow q^{-1} = q^*$

- Bemerkung: manchmal ist es zweckmäßig, die Multiplikation zweier Quaternionen auch mit Hilfe einer Matrix-Multiplikation darzustellen

$$\begin{array}{c}
 q_1 \cdot q_2 = \\
 \uparrow \\
 \text{Quaternionen-Mult. –} \\
 \text{nicht Skalarmult.!!}
 \end{array}
 = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} w_1 & -a_1 & -b_1 & -c_1 \\ a_1 & w_1 & -c_1 & b_1 \\ b_1 & c_1 & w_1 & -a_1 \\ c_1 & -b_1 & a_1 & w_1 \end{pmatrix}}_{Q_1}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \uparrow \\
 \text{Als Spaltenvektor geschrieben!}
 \end{array}
 q_2 = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} w_2 & -a_2 & -b_2 & -c_2 \\ a_2 & w_2 & c_2 & -b_2 \\ b_2 & -c_2 & w_2 & a_2 \\ c_2 & b_2 & -a_2 & w_2 \end{pmatrix}}_{Q_2}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \uparrow \\
 \text{Spaltenvektor!}
 \end{array}
 q_1$$

- Außerdem gilt:

$$q_1 \cdot q_2^* = Q_2^* q_1 = Q_2^T q_1$$

$\uparrow$   
 Matrix zum Quaternion  $q_2^*$

# Einbettung des 3D-Vektorraumes in $\mathbb{H}$

- Den Vektorraum  $\mathbb{R}^3$  kann man in  $\mathbb{H}$  so einbetten:

$$\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mapsto q_{\mathbf{v}} = (0, \mathbf{v}) \in \mathbb{H}$$

- Definition:  
Quaternionen der Form  $(0, \mathbf{v})$  heißen **reine Quaternionen** (*pure quaternions*)

# Darstellung von Rotationen mittels Quaternionen

- Gegeben sei Axis & Angle  $(\varphi, \mathbf{r})$  mit  $\|\mathbf{r}\| = 1$
- Definiere das dazu gehörige Quaternion als

$$q = \left( \cos \frac{\varphi}{2}, \sin \frac{\varphi}{2} \mathbf{r} \right) = \left( \cos \frac{\varphi}{2}, \sin \frac{\varphi}{2} r_x, \sin \frac{\varphi}{2} r_y, \sin \frac{\varphi}{2} r_z \right)$$

- Beobachtung:  $|q| = 1$

- Satz: **Rotation mittels eines Quaternionen**

Sei  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{H}$  ein pures Quaternion (= Vektor in 3D) und  $q \in \mathbb{H}$  ein Einheitsquaternion. Dann beschreibt die Abbildung

$$\mathbf{v} \mapsto q \cdot \mathbf{v} \cdot q^* = \mathbf{v}'$$

eine (rechtshändige) Rotation von  $\mathbf{v}$  um den Winkel  $\varphi$  und Achse  $\mathbf{r}$  bestimmt sind, bei der das reine Quaternion  $\mathbf{v}'$  entsteht.

- Siehe Manuskript



# The Iterative Closest Point Algorithm

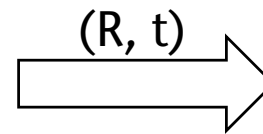
- Task:
  - Given two shapes (point clouds) A and B that partially overlap
  - Find a registration = rigid transformation  $(R, t)$  such that the squared distance between A and B is minimized



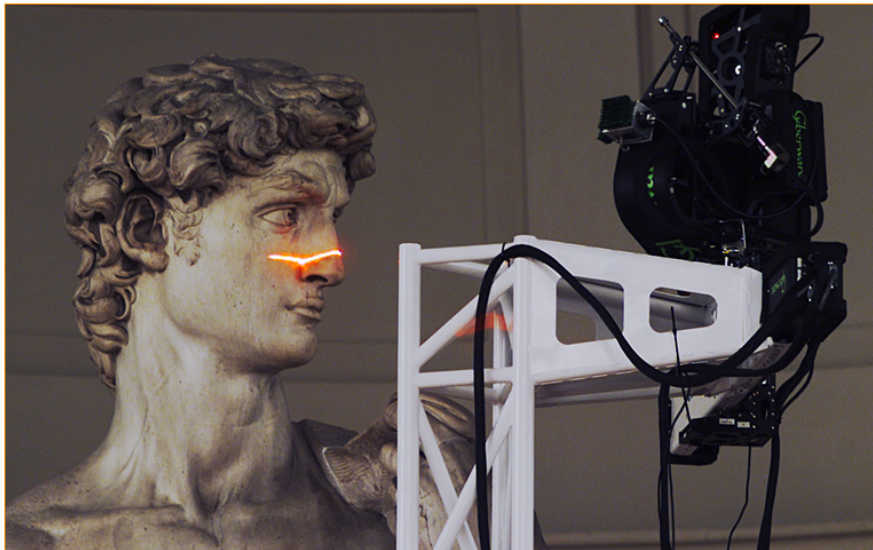
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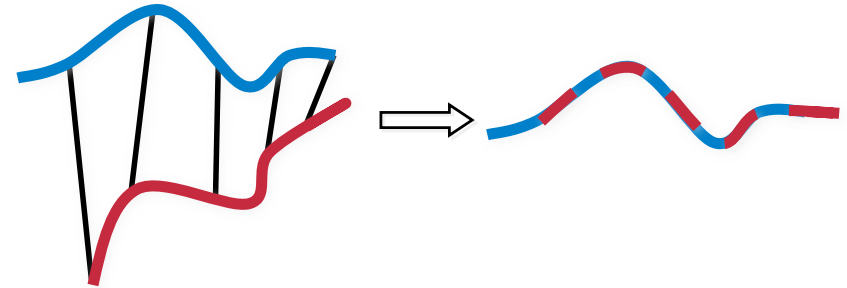
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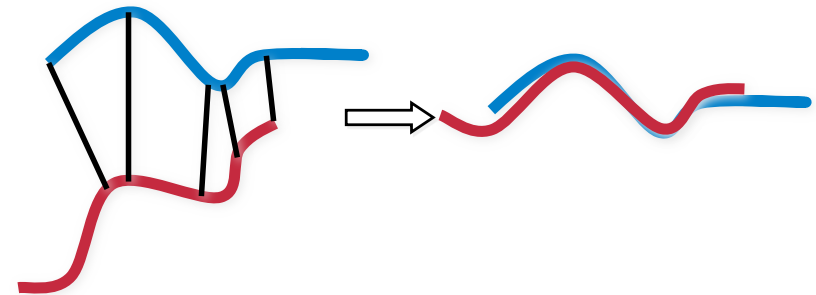
- Registration of point clouds



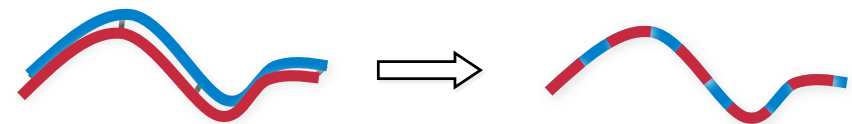
- We know: if correct correspondences are known, we can find correct relative rotation/translation



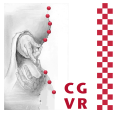
- How to find correspondences: User input? Feature detection?
- Alternative: assume *closest points* correspond



- Converges (provably) provided initial position is "close enough"



# The Iterative Closest Point Algorithm (ICP)

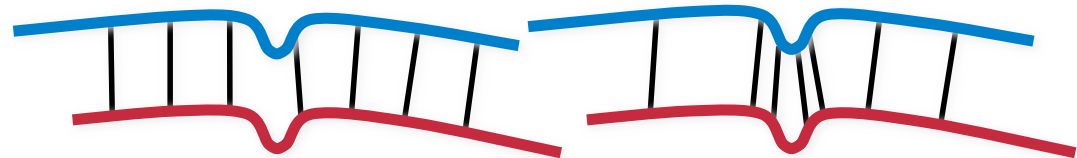


```
repeat
  forall  $b_i$  in B: find NN in A  $\rightarrow Y \subseteq A$ 
  compute optimal alignment transformation  $(R, t)$  from B and Y
  B :=  $R(B) + t$ 
until error  $E^2 < \text{threshold}$ 
```

- Optimization:
  - When starting the kd-tree traversal, initialize the candidate NN with the NN as of last iteration of the ICP
  - Makes the initial ball for the "ball overlaps bounds" test (hopefully) relatively small
  - The traversal does not descend into subtrees way off of the true NN

# Variants / Optimizations

- Select only a sample of the points (of one or both shapes):
  - Uniform subsampling [Turk 94]
  - Random sampling in each iteration [Masuda 96]
  - Ensure that samples have normals distributed as uniformly as possible [Rusinkiewicz 01]



- Use other ways to establish correspondences:
  - Restrict matches to compatible points (color, intensity , normals , curvature, ...) [Pulli 99]

- Weight correspondences: replace the old least squares error measure by

$$E'^2 = q^T \left( \sum_i w_i B_i^T A_i \right) q$$

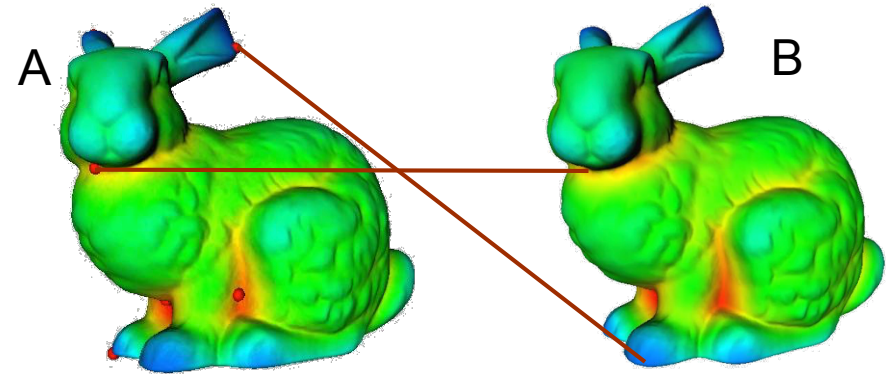
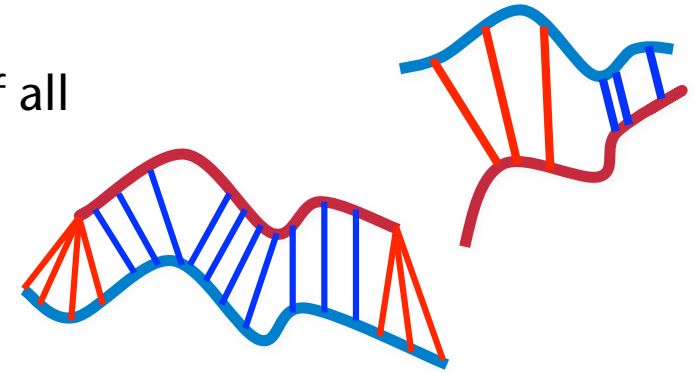
- As weight, you could consider:
  - Distance between corresponding points

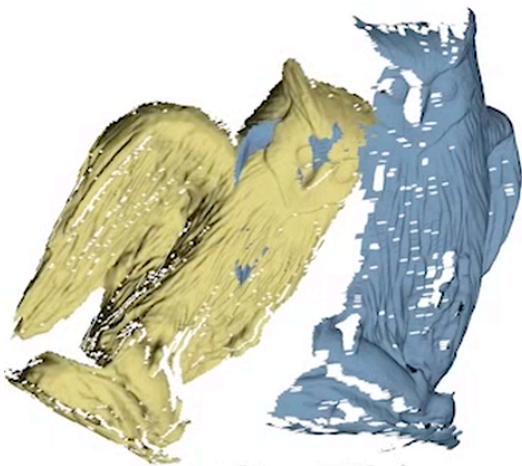
$$w_i = 1 - \frac{\|b_i - a_i\|}{\text{max dist}}$$

- Scanner uncertainty

- Reject "bad" point pairs:
  - Reject pairs whose distance is in the top x% of all distances
  - Points on end vertices
  - Reject pairs that are *not consistent* with their neighboring pairs [Dorai 98]:
    - Two pairs  $(a_1, b_1)$  and  $(a_2, b_2)$  are not consistent if

$$\left| \|a_1 - a_2\| - \|b_1 - b_2\| \right| > \theta$$

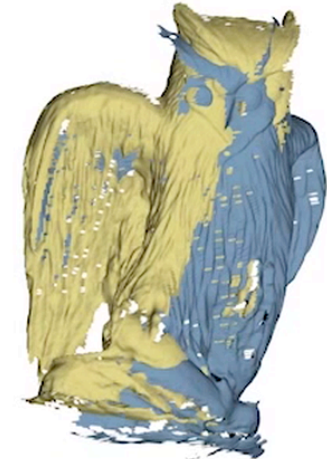




$p=2, 5\%$



$p=2, 10\%$

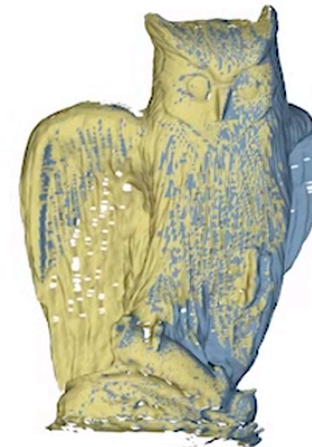


$p=2, 20\%$



$p=1$

$p=0.4$

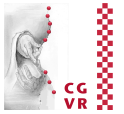


Sofien Bouaziz, Andrea Tagliasacchi, Mark Pauly: "Sparse Iterative Closest Point"  
Symposium on Geometry Processing 2013





# Stackless kd-tree traversal for ray-tracing



Stefan Popov, Johannes Günther, Hans-Peter Seidel, and Philipp Slusallek.  
Nvidia GeForce 8800GTX, CUDA, 2007.

# Interactive K-D Tree

## GPU Raytracing

All images rendered at 640x480

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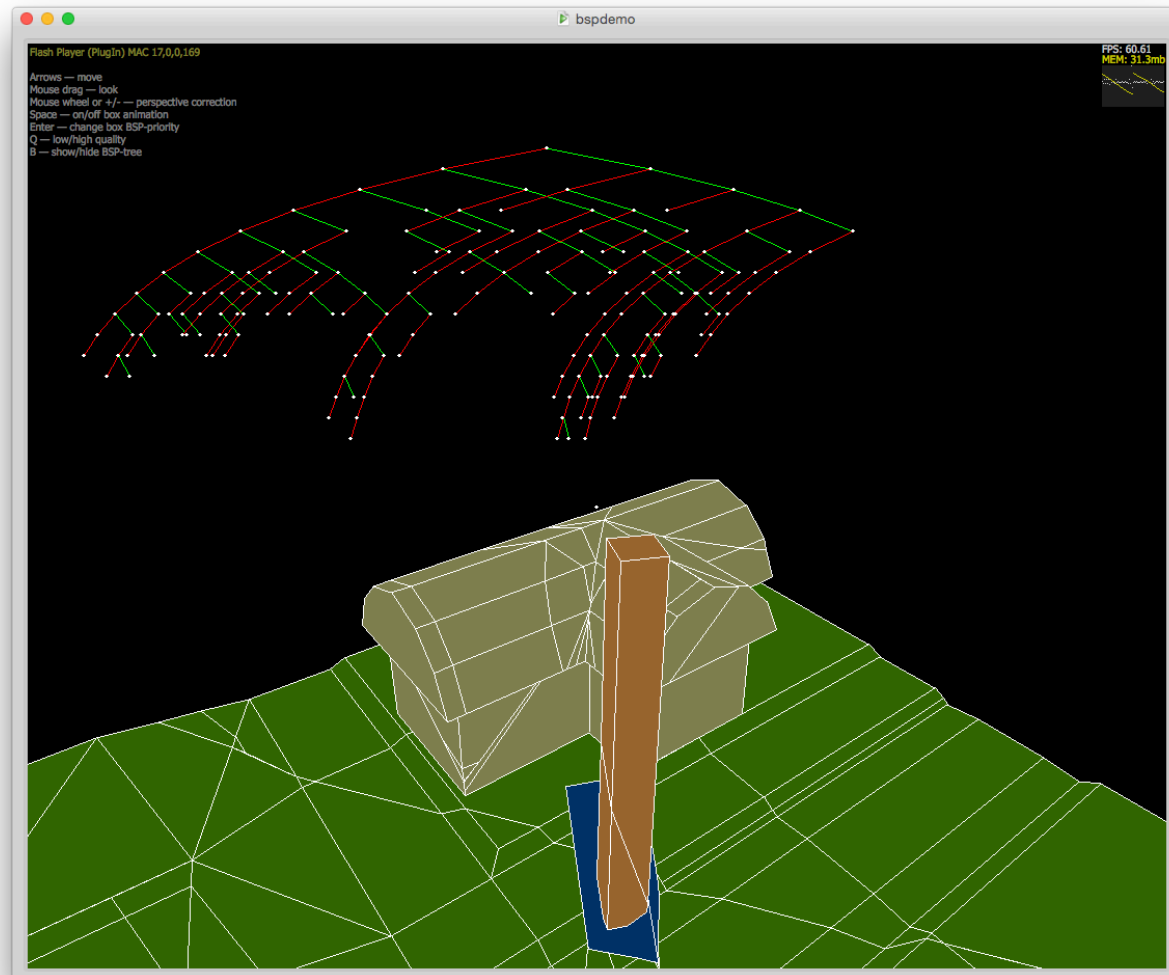
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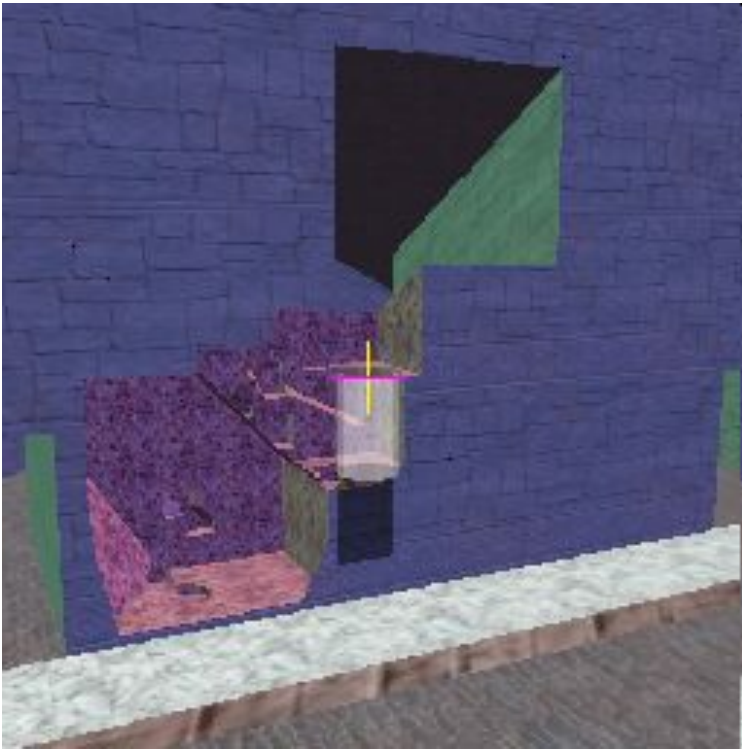
Daniel Horn, Jeremy Sugerman, Mike Houston, Pat Hanrahan  
ATI X1900XTX, PixelShader 3.0, 2007

## Real-Time KD-Tree Construction on Graphics Hardware

Kun Zhou, Qiming Hou, Rui Wang, Baining Guo; SIGGRAPH Asia 2008



## Boolean Operations



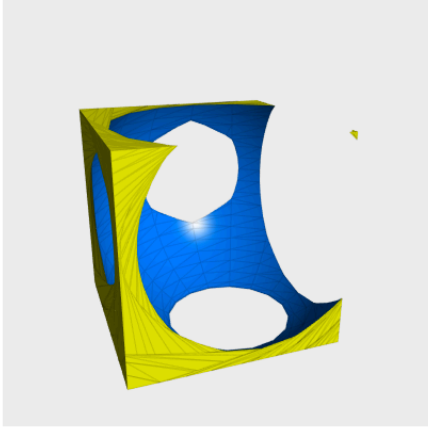
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## Painter's Algorithm

Paton J. Lewis

# With BSPs one can do CSG quite easily

**Try it!**



Edit the code below to construct your own solids. A browser with WebGL is required to view the results.

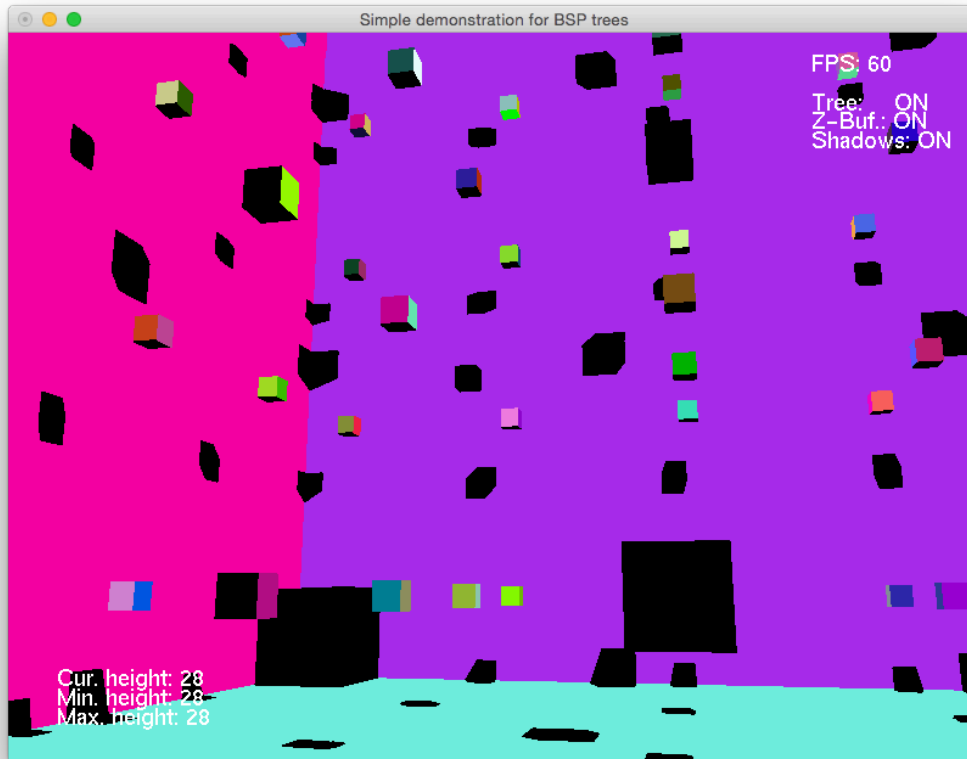
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var a = CSG.cube( { center: [-0.1, -0.1, -0.1] } );
var b = CSG.sphere( { radius: 1.35, center: [0.1, 0.1, 0.1], stacks: 30 } );
a.setColor(1, 1, 0);
b.setColor(0, 0.5, 1);
// var c = a.union(b);
// var c = a.intersect(b);
var c = a.subtract(b);
return c;
// var d = CSG.cylinder( { radius: 0.4, start: [0, -1.5, 0], end: [0, 1.5, 0] } );
// d.setColor(0.2, 0.8, 1);
// var e = d.union( c );
// return e;

```

Display a menu

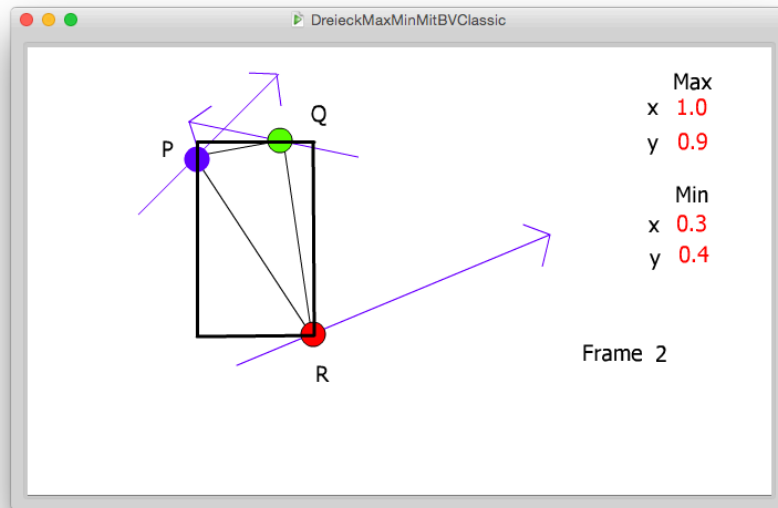
<http://evanw.github.io/csg.js/>



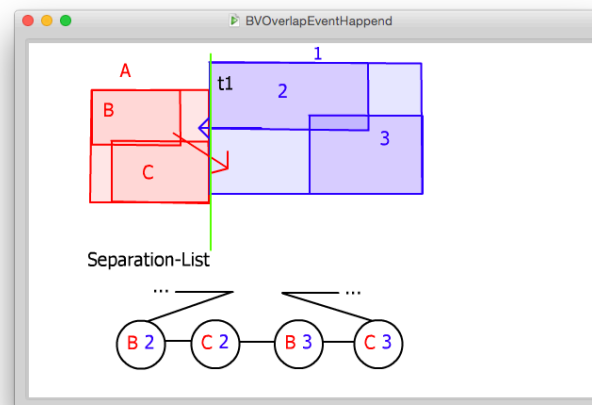
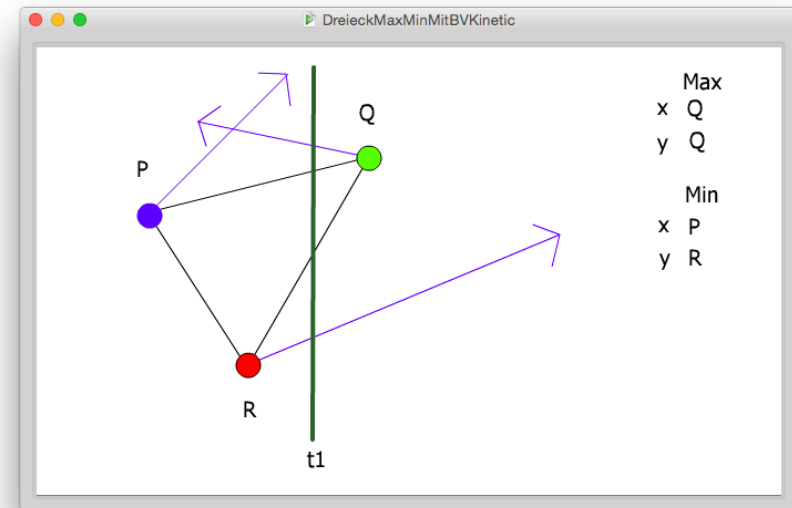
- Q Quit
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- 2 Load 2nd scene (random objects 1)
- 3 Load 3rd scene (simple room, 4 light sources)
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- 5 Load 5th scene (random objects 2)
- W, A, S, D Translate viewpoint
- Cursor keys Rotate viewpoint
- +/- Pan up/down
- R Reset current scene and rebuild BSP tree
- L Toggle labels
- T Toggle usage of BSP tree
- U Toggle depth buffer
- E Toggle shadows

<http://bastian.riECK.ru/uni/bsp/>

## Brute force update of bbox



## Kinetic update of bbox

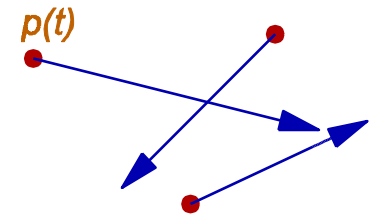




# Kinetic Data Structures (in General)

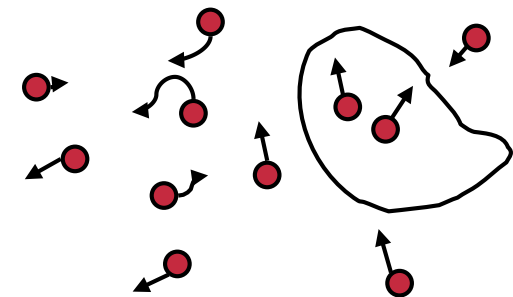
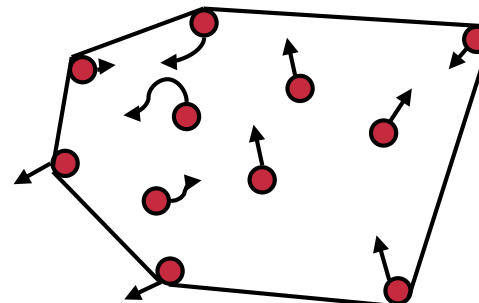
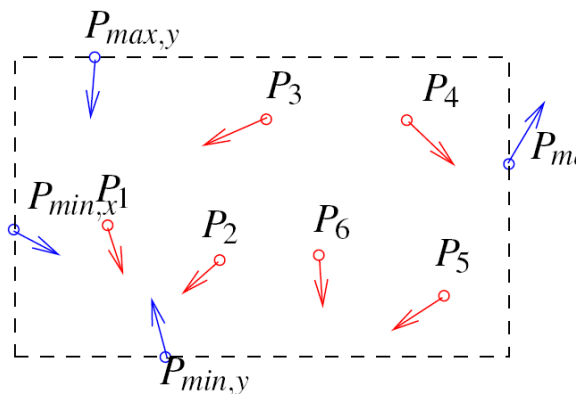
- Given:

- A number of objects (points, lines, polygons, boxes, ...)
- A flight path for each of these objects, given by an algebraic function
  - Mostly assume linear motion

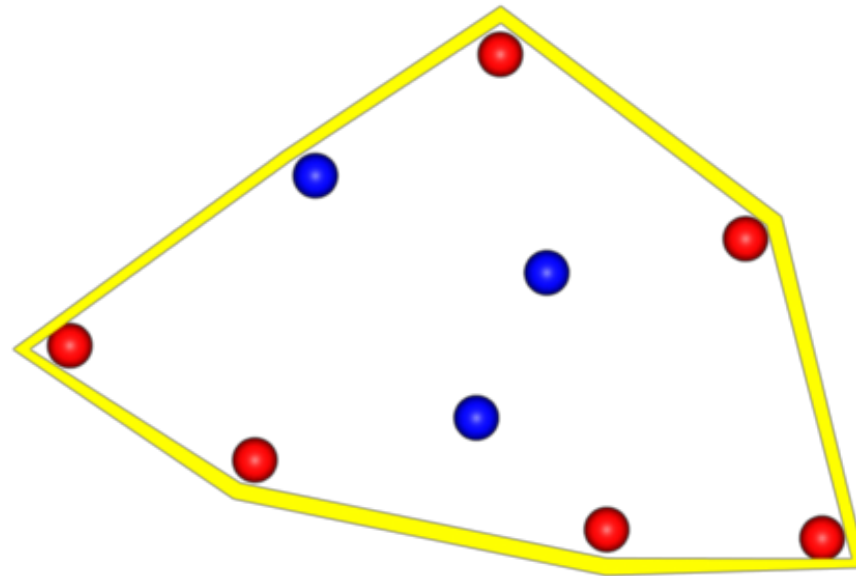


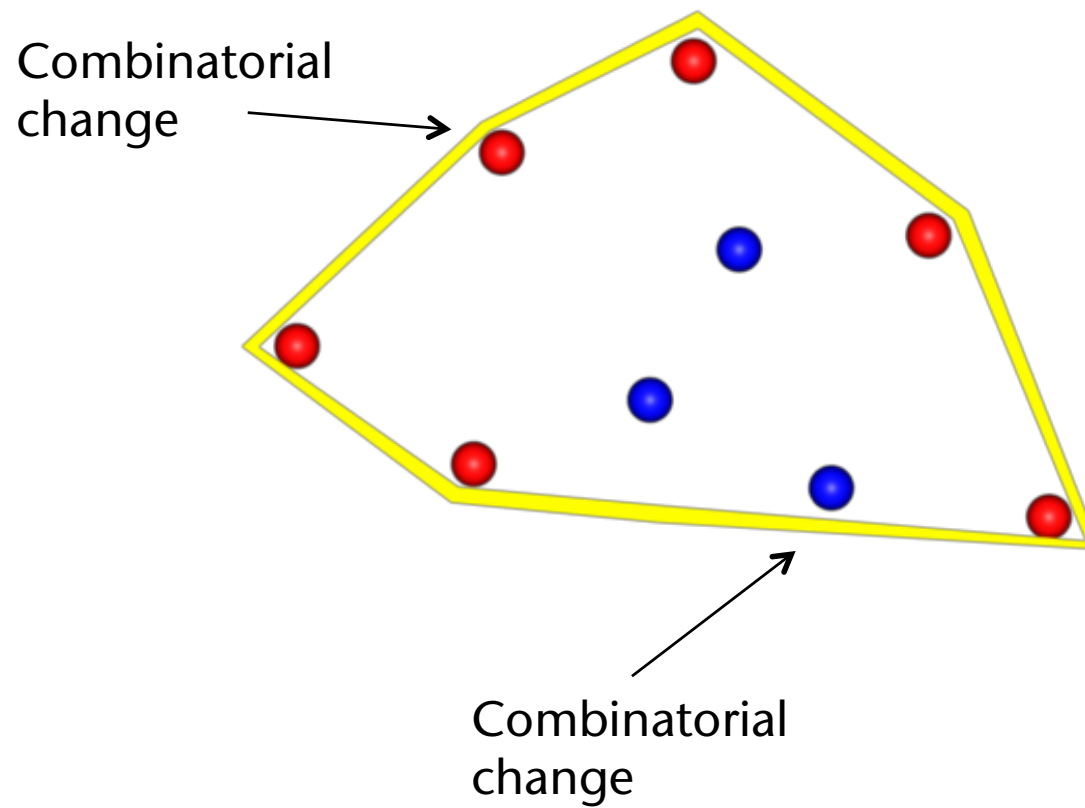
- Attribute = the task / purpose of a KDS

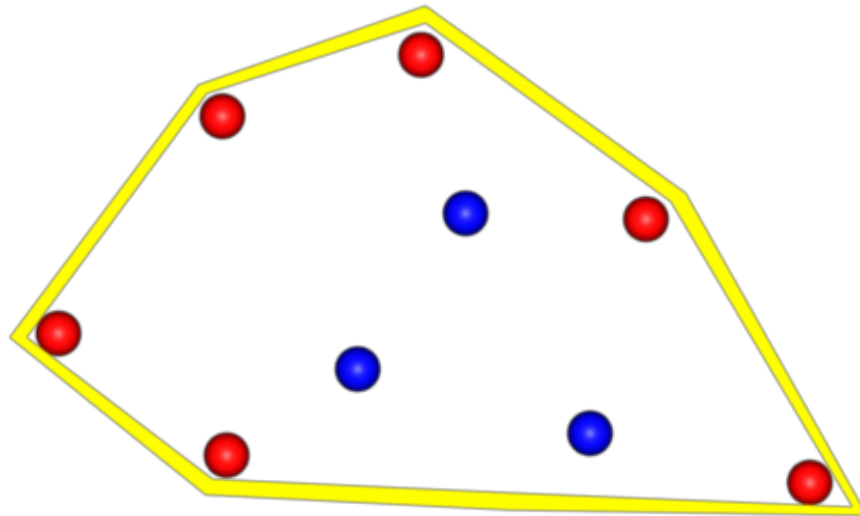
- Examples: convex hull over a number of points, bbox of a number of points, kd-tree over a number of points, ...

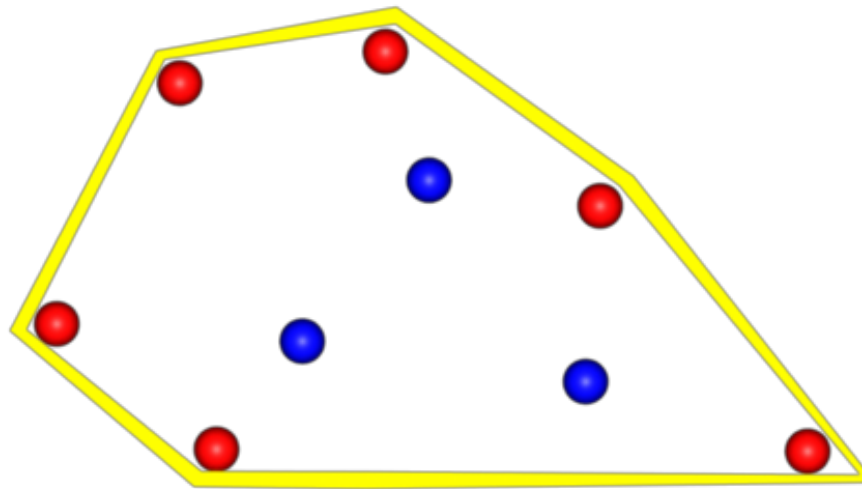


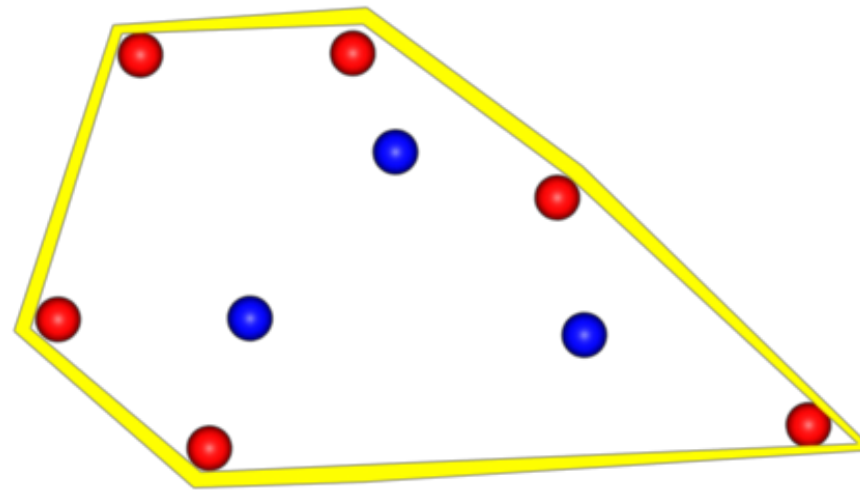
- **Combinatorial structure** = "everything that describes the attribute *except* concrete coordinates"
  - Examples:
    - Convex hull: those points that form the corners of the convex hull
    - Bbox: those points that realize the min/max at least on one of the coord axes
    - Kd-tree: all the pointers that make up the tree, and pointers to points

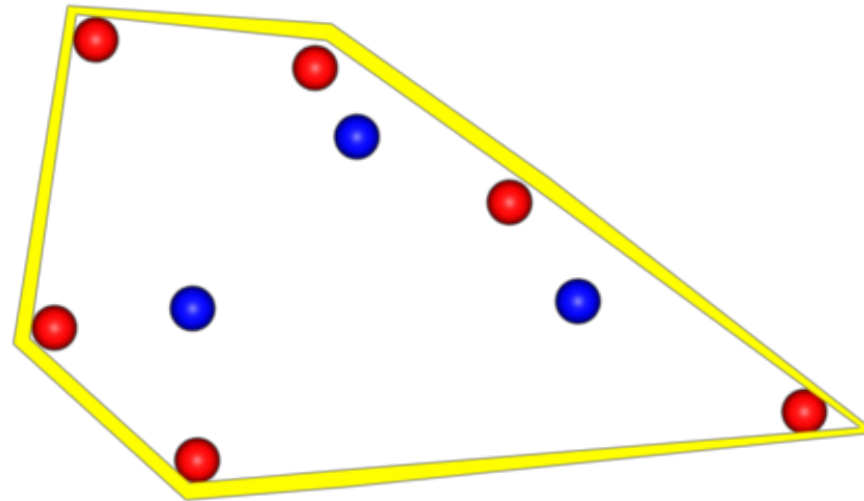




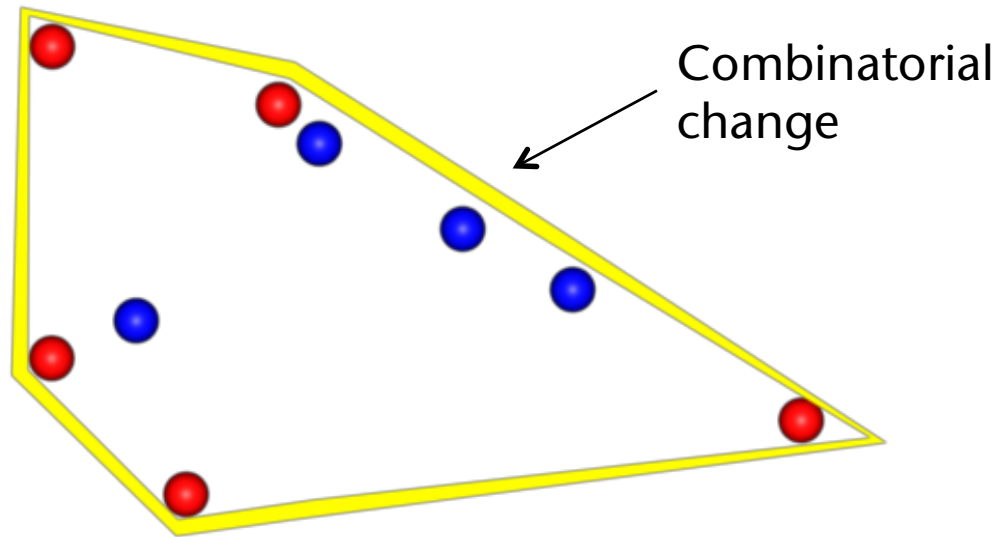


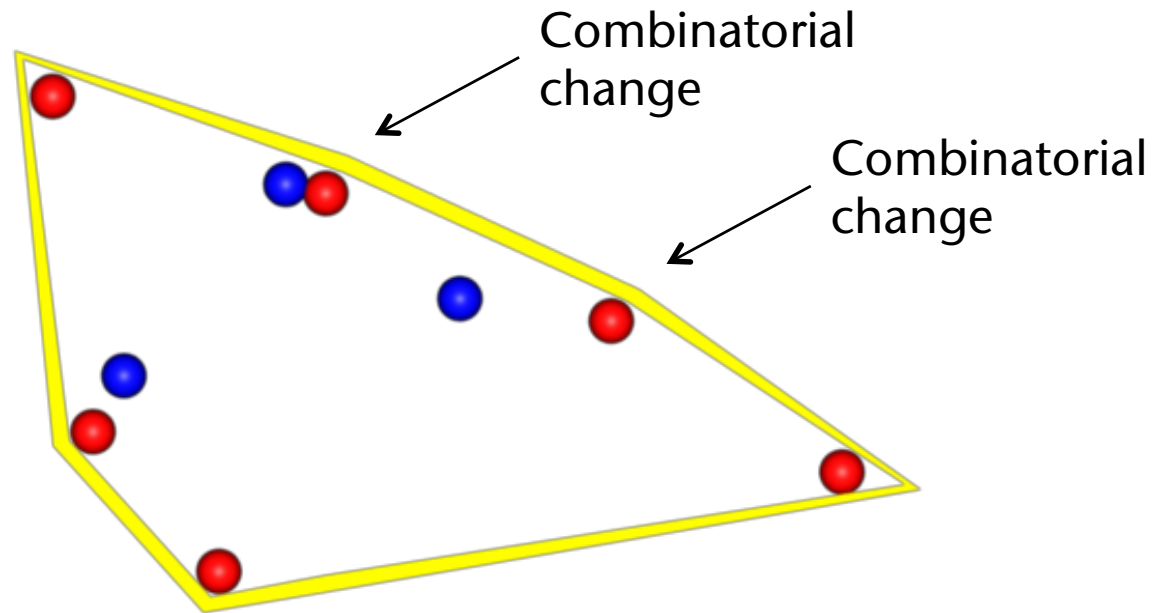


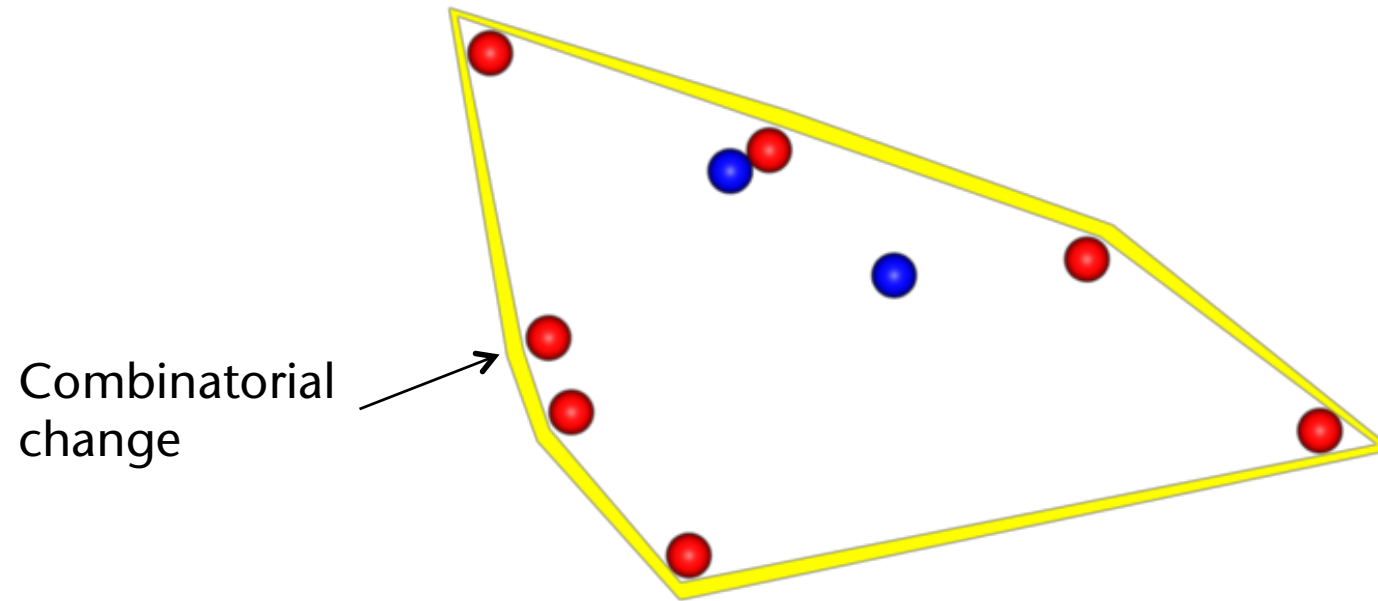


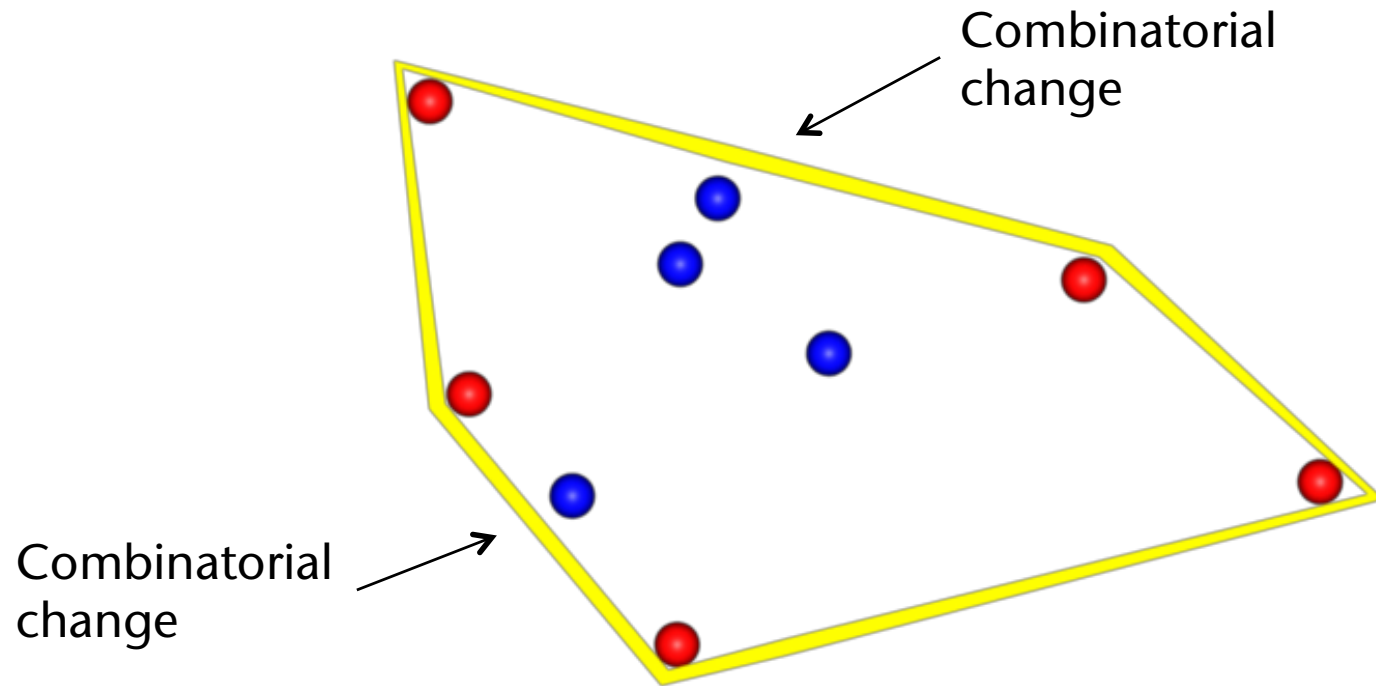








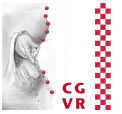




- **Certificate** = simple geometric relation (a.k.a. **geometric predicate**) involving a few of the objects
  - Example:  $p \cdot n < 0$ , where  $p$  is an input point and  $n$  is a normal
- **Event**: a specific point in the future where one of the certificates *fails*, i.e., its truth value is false, due to the motion of the objects
  - **External event** = event where the combinatorial structure of the attribute changes
  - **Internal event** = event where the combinatorial structure remains the same, but the set of certificates changes
- **Kinetic data structure (KDS)** for a geometric attribute =
  1. A set of certificates that are true whenever the combinatorial structure of the attribute is valid, as well as
  2. A set of rules for repairing the attribute and the set of certificates in case of an event



# Main Loop of a KDS



```
Initialize the attribute for the input objects
Initialise the set of certificates for the attribute
Compute all events (failure times) of all certificates
    (usually only up to some time in the future)
Initialize the p-queue for all events, sorted by failure time
Loop forever
    get front event from the event queue
    if external event:
        change the attribute
    update the set of certificates:
        some failure times of later events might change
        some certificates may need to be deleted
        maybe, some new certificates need to be created
```

In reality, of course, a KDS does not have its own main loop usually ...

```
initialization ...
while simulation runs
    determine time t of next rendering
    get nearest event from the event queue
    while timestamp(event) < t:
        update KDS
        get next event from the event
    use the attribute of the KDS (e.g., bbox, kd-tree, BVH, ...)
    render scene
```

# Performance Measures for KDS

## 1. Responsiveness:

A KDS is responsive, if the cost to update the set of certificates and the attribute in case of an event is "small"

- Usually, "small" =  $O(\log^s n)$  or  $O(n^\epsilon)$

## 2. Efficiency:

A KDS is efficient, if the ratio of  $\#(\text{total events}) / \#(\text{external events})$  is small

- I.e., the  $\#(\text{internal events})$ , where the attribute's combinatorial structure does not change, is small
- I.e., the  $\#(\text{events})$  is comparable to the  $\#(\text{attribute changes})$  over time

## 3. Compactness:

A KDS is compact, if the number of certificates is close to linear in the number of input objects



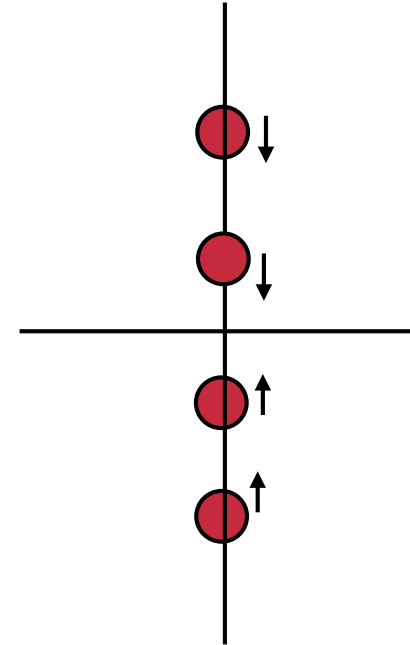
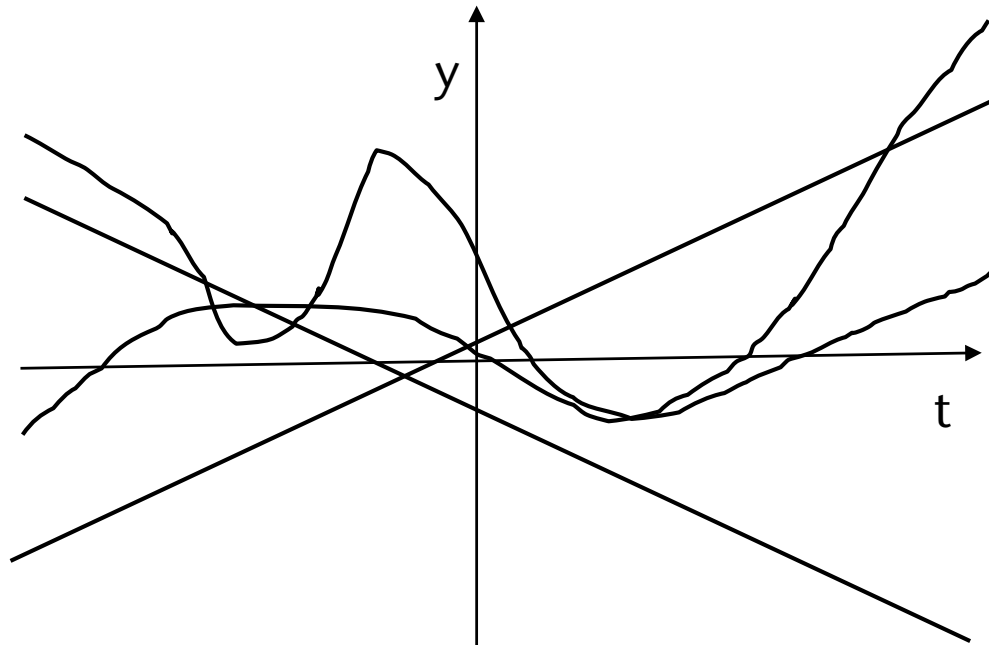
#### 4. Locality:

A KDS is local, if all objects participate only in a small number of certificates

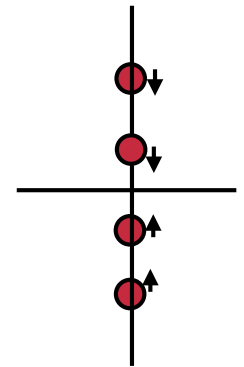
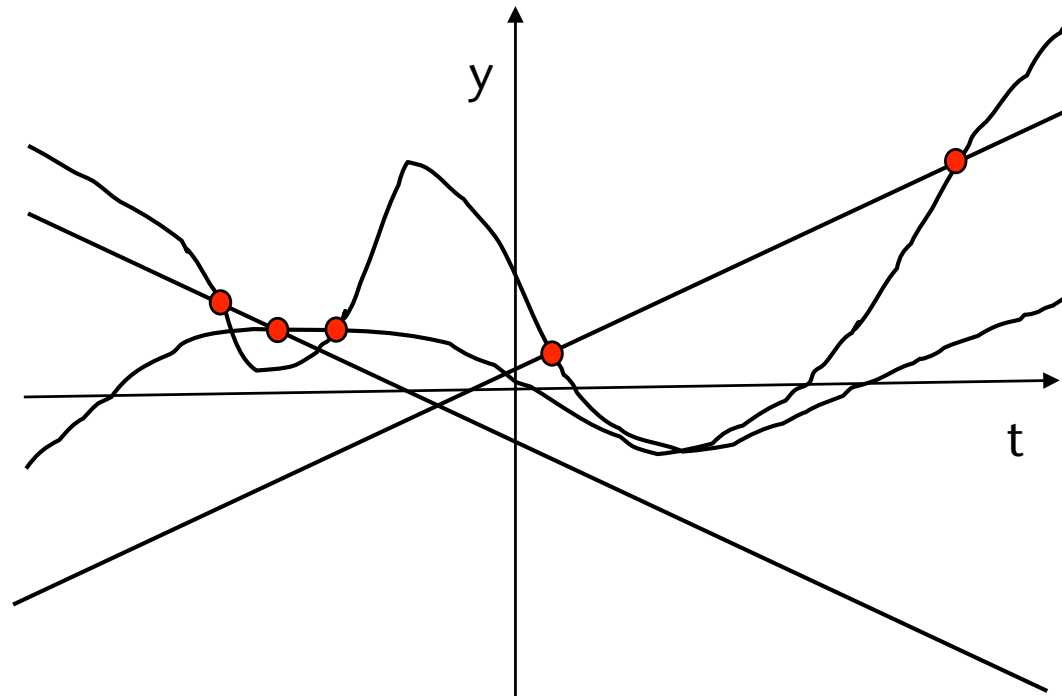
- Advantage: if an object changes its flight path, then the cost for updating all events affected by it is not too high

# A Simple Example

- Maintain the topmost among points moving along the y-axis
- Look at the  $ty$ -plane (flight paths)

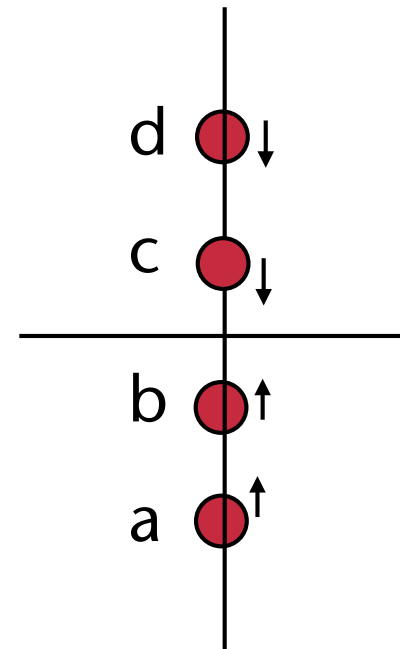
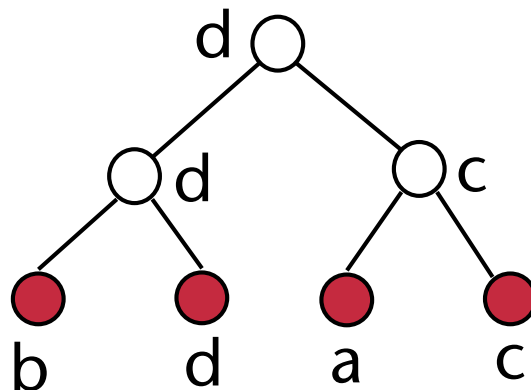


- We are interested in the *upper envelope*

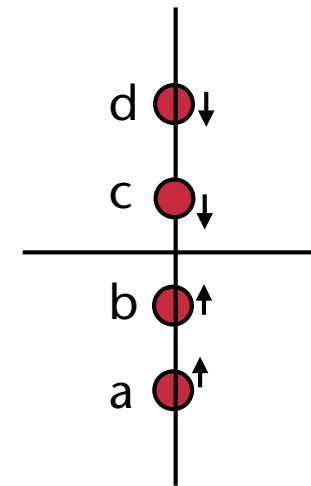
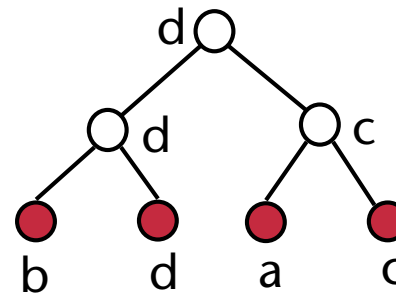
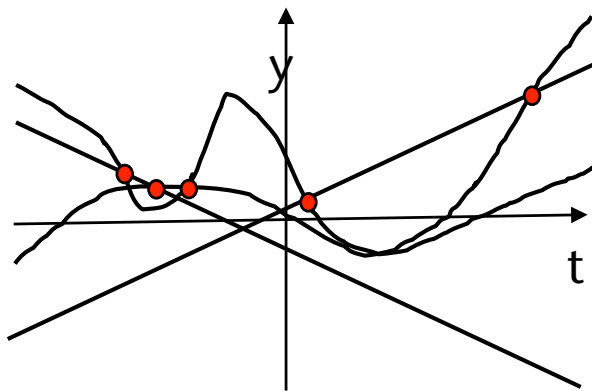


- Theorem (Sharir, Hart, Agarwal and others):  
If any pair of flight paths intersect at most  $s$  times, then the complexity of computing the upper envelope is in  $O(n \log n)$

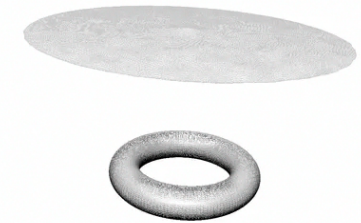
- Problem: change of flight path → recomputation of the envelope
  - Takes  $O(n \log n)$
  - Can we update the envelope / topmost point faster?
- Solution: the tournament tree (kinetic heap)
  - Leaves = points
  - Inner node = topmost of its two children



- Certificate (for inner nodes) = left point is below right point
- Event = left/right point flip order along y axis
- Processing an event:
  - Replace the winner and replace  $O(\log n)$  events in the event queue
  - Takes  $O(\log^2 n)$  time  $\rightarrow$  *responsive*
- Number of certificates (inner nodes) =  $O(n)$   $\rightarrow$  *compact*
- Each point participates in  $O(\log n)$  events  $\rightarrow$  *local*

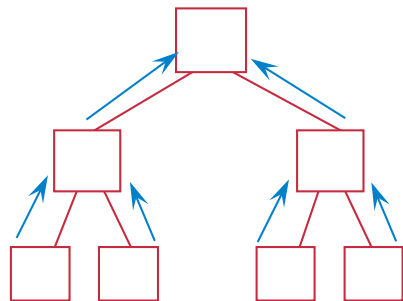


- Problem with deformable objects:  
BVH becomes invalid



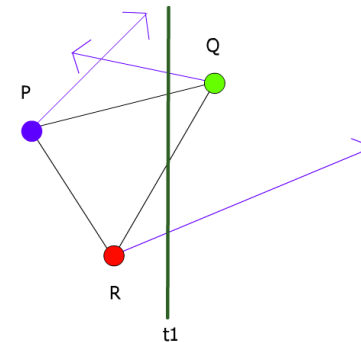
*Classic BVH update:*

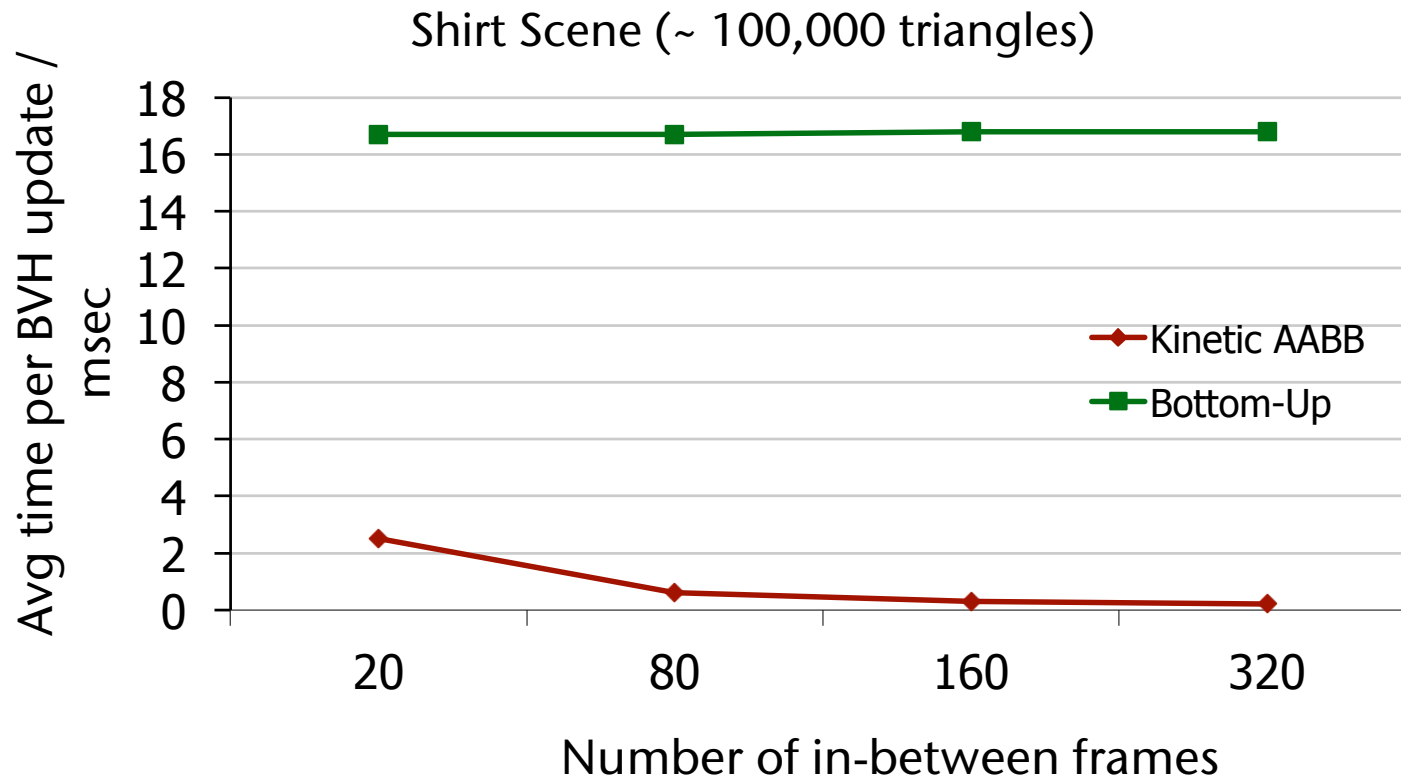
- Brute-force, bottom-up, i.e., for every query / anim. step
- $O(n \cdot \#anim. steps)$  where  $n = \#pgons$



*Kinetic BVH update:*

- Event-based (do work only, if something essential changed)
- $O(n \log n) \rightarrow$  independent of query/sim. frequency!





# Problems of KDS



- Too many events for many KDS
- Computing event times is expensive
- Querying moving objects
  - No need to maintain the structure at all times

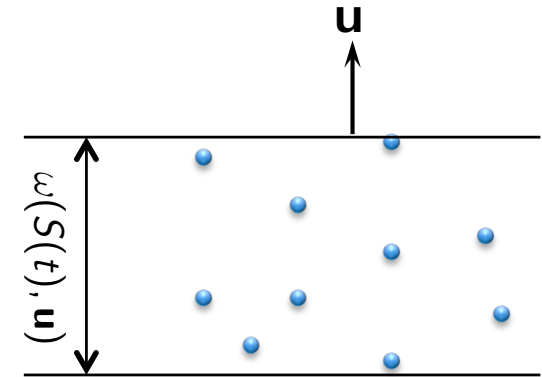


# One Possible Approach by Way of an Example

- Definition: **directional width**

Let  $S$  = set of moving points.

Define the width in direction  $\mathbf{u}$  at time  $t$  as  $\omega(S(t), \mathbf{u})$ .

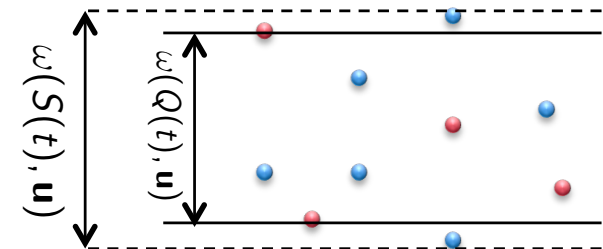


- Definition:  **$\epsilon$ -kernel**

Let  $Q \subseteq S$ .

$Q$  is called an  $\epsilon$ -kernel of  $S$  iff

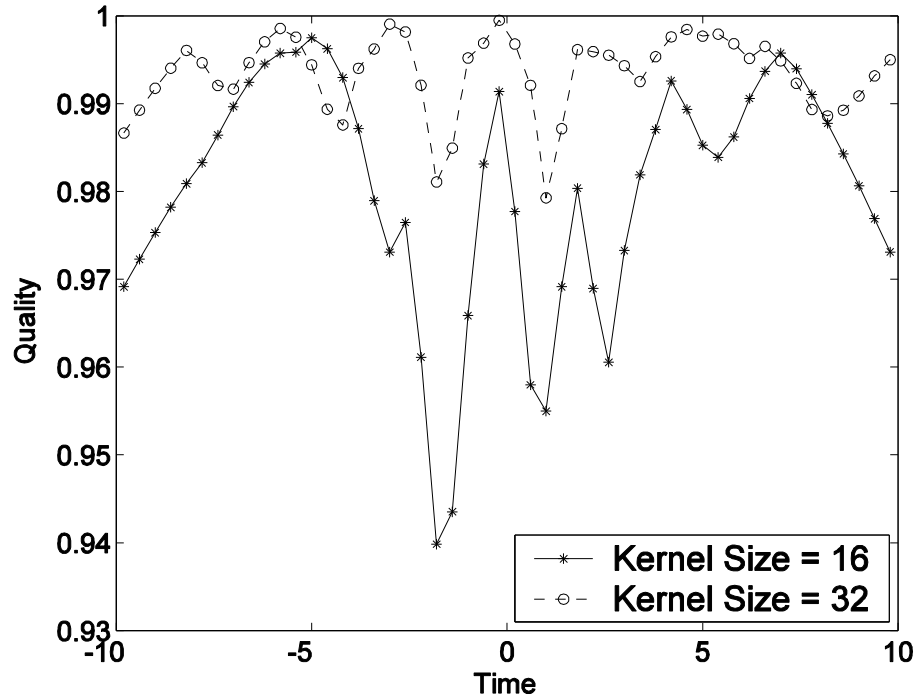
$$\forall t : \omega(S(t), \mathbf{u}) \leq (1 + \epsilon)\omega(Q(t), \mathbf{u})$$



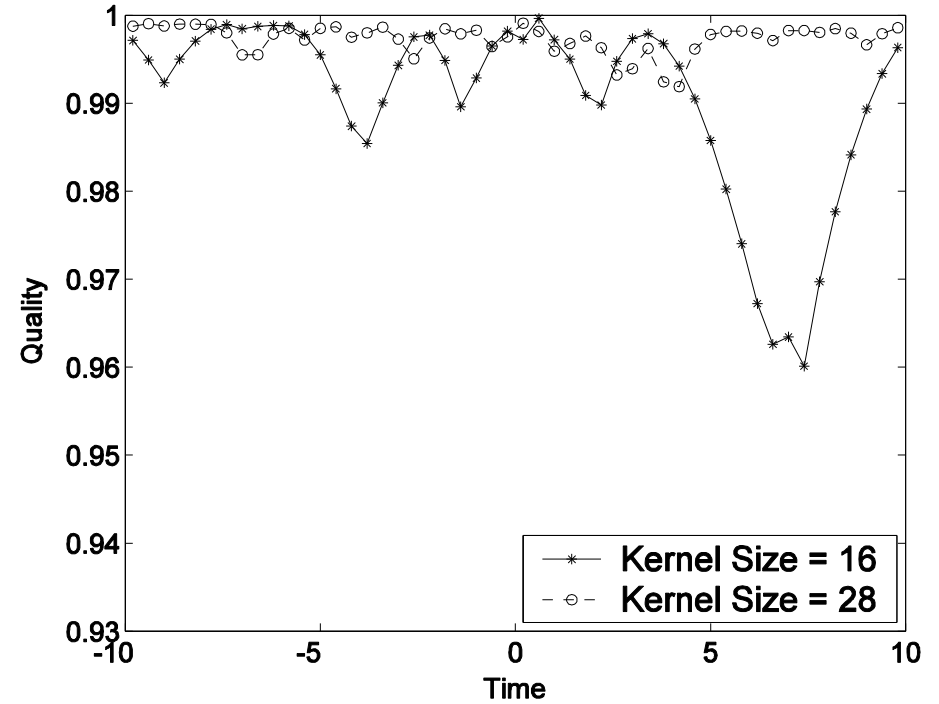
- Theorem [Agarwal, Har-Peled, Varadarajan]:

For  $n$  points moving with fixed velocity in 2D, and any  $\epsilon > 0$ , one can compute an  $\epsilon$ -kernel of size  $O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^{\frac{3}{2}}}\right)$  in time  $O\left(n + \frac{1}{\epsilon^3}\right)$ .

### Linear Motion of Moving Points

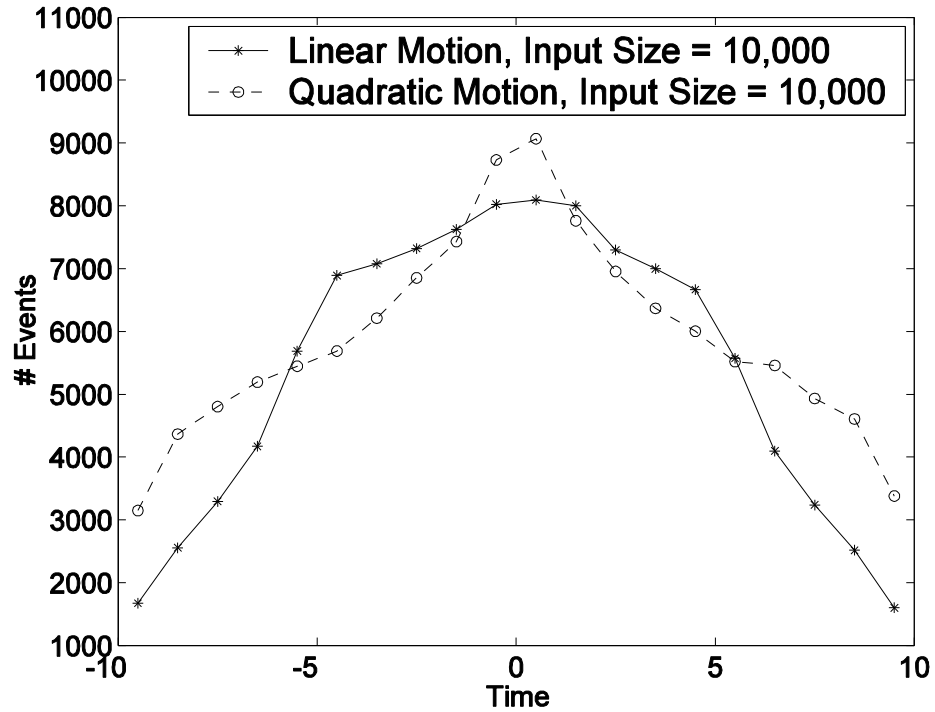


### Quadratic Motion of Moving Points

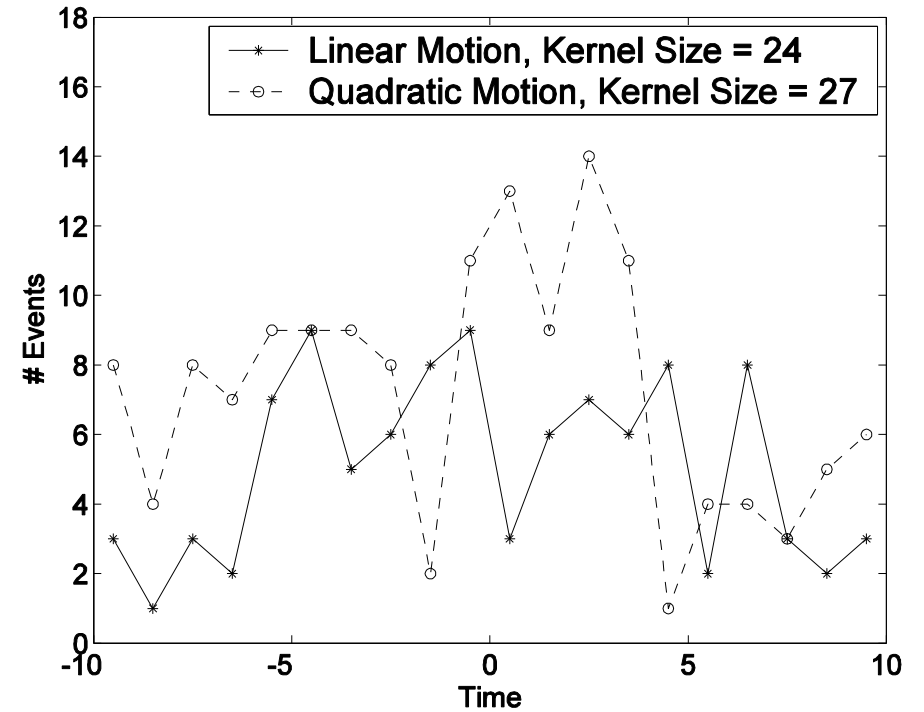


10,000 moving points  
Error < 0.02 for kernel of size 32

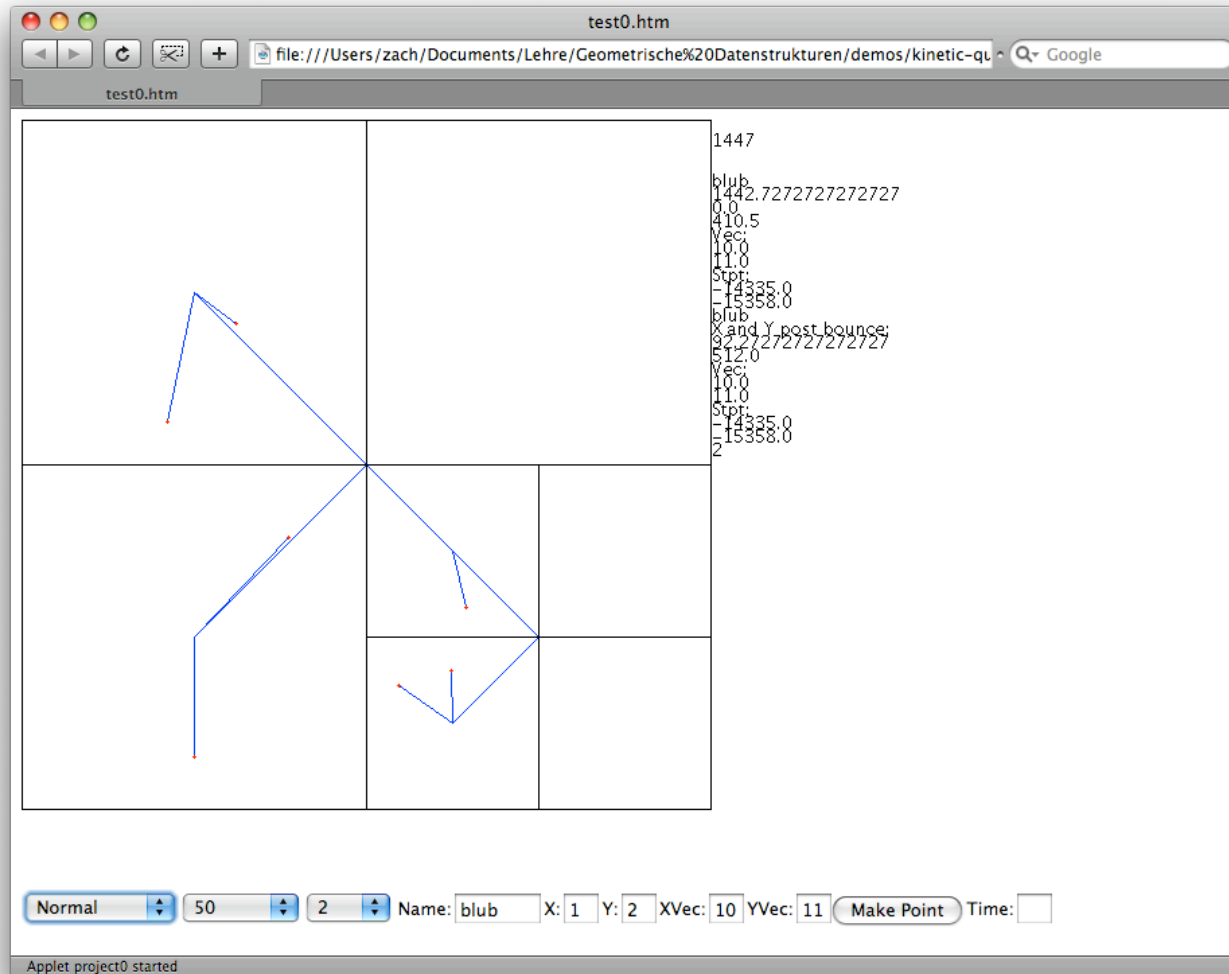
### Exact Algorithm



### Approximation Algorithm



# Kinetic Quadtree Demo

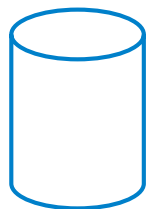


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blub
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0.0
410.5
Yvec:
10.0
11.0
Stpr:
-14335.0
-15358.0
blub
X and Y post bounce:
512.0
Yvec:
10.0
11.0
Stpr:
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-15358.0
2
```

Normal 50 2 Name: blub X: 1 Y: 2 XVec: 10 YVec: 11 Make Point Time:

Applet project0 started

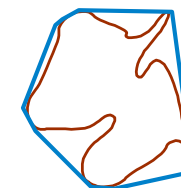
# Examples of Bounding Volumes



Cylinder  
[Weghorst et al., 1985]



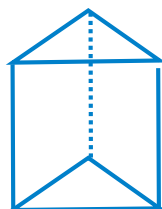
Box, AABB (R\*-trees)  
[Beckmann, Kriegel, et al., 1990][Lin et. al., 2001]



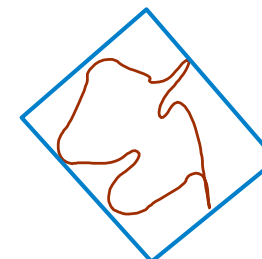
Convex hull



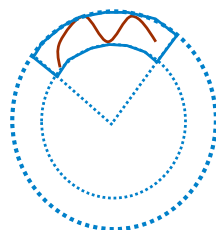
Sphere  
[Hubbard, 1996]



Prism  
[Barequet, et al., 1996]



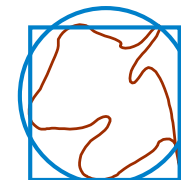
OBB (oriented bounding box)  
[Gottschalk, et al., 1996]



Spherical shell  
[...]



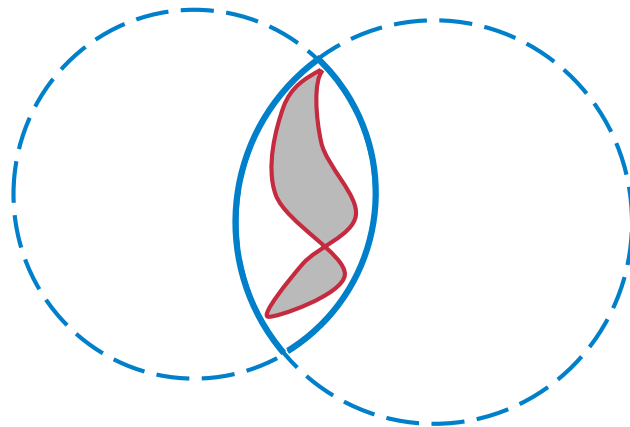
k-DOPs / Slabs  
[Zachmann, 1998]



Intersection of  
several, other BVs

- Some ideas for several

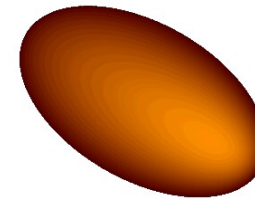
Master's theses ...



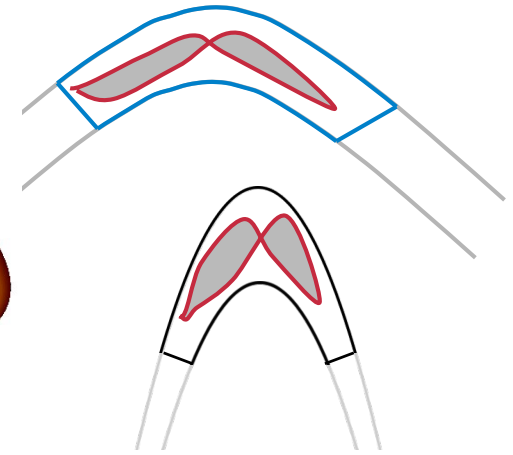
Lunes



Generalized Lunes



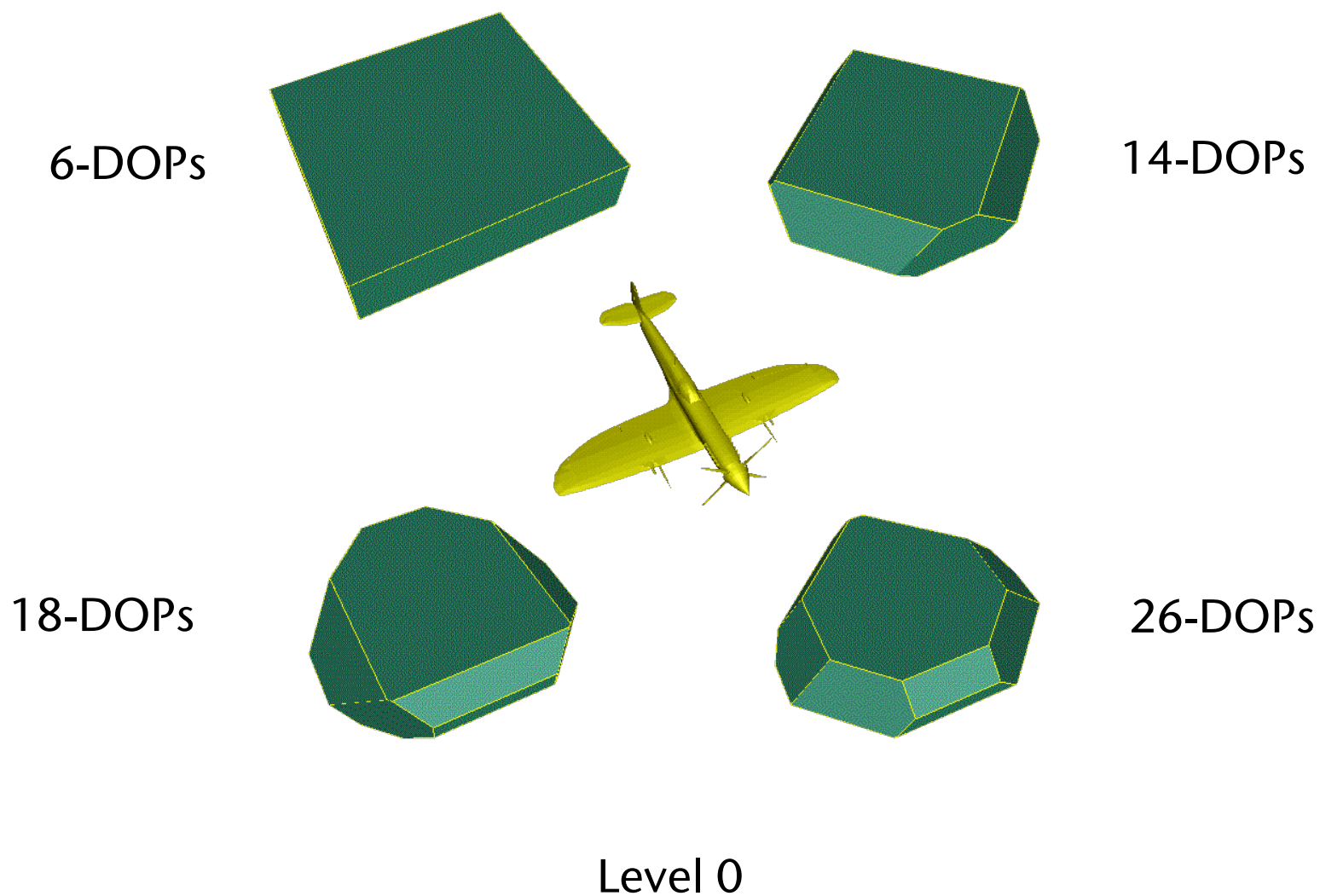
Oriented  
Ellipsoids



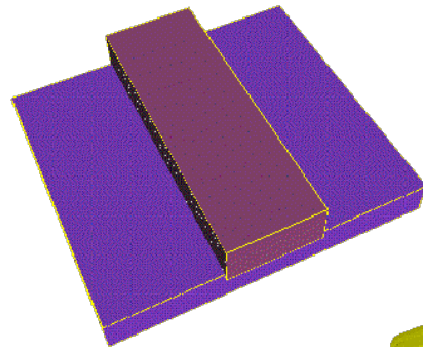
Quadric Shells

- Research questions:

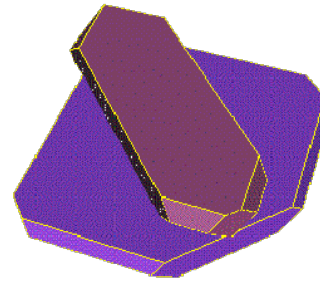
- Fast intersection of two BVs for collision detection?
  - Compute is cheap, memory transfer is expensive → BV compression?
  - Exact / approximate (biased) intersection tests?
- Fast intersection test for rays against such BVs?
- Efficient BVH construction? (for fast queries at runtime)



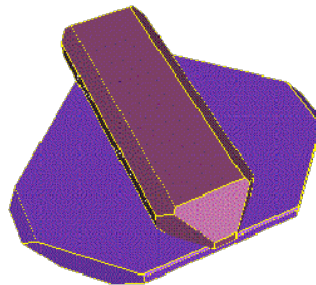
6-DOPs



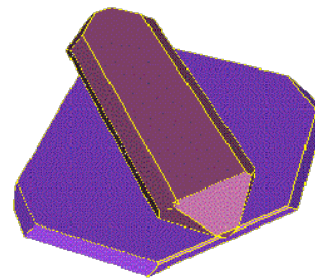
14-DOPs



18-DOPs



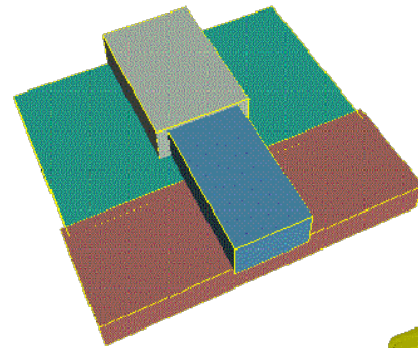
26-DOPs



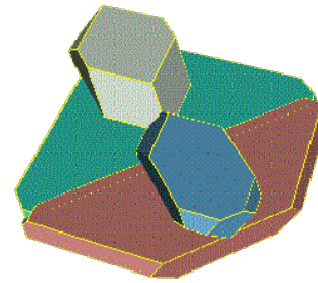
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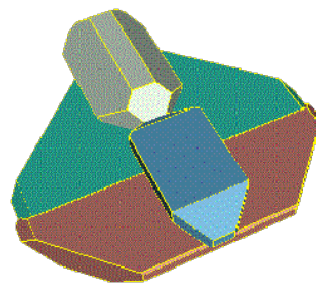
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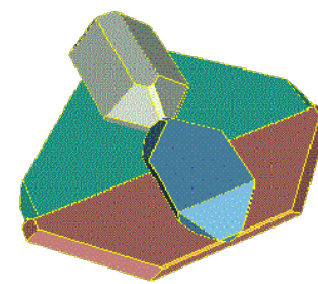
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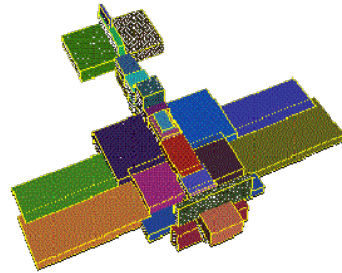


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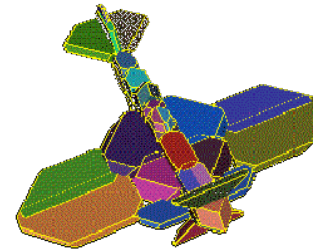


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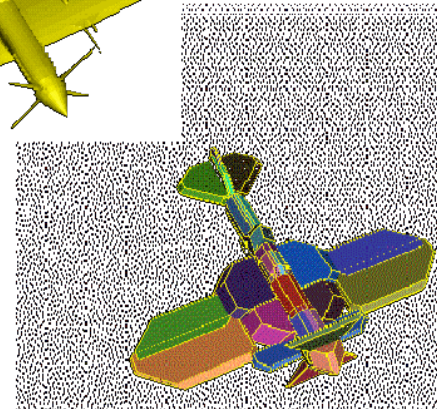
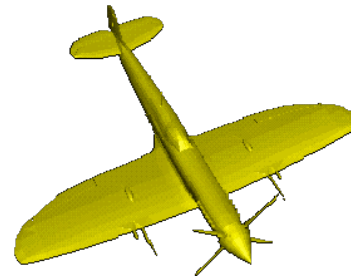
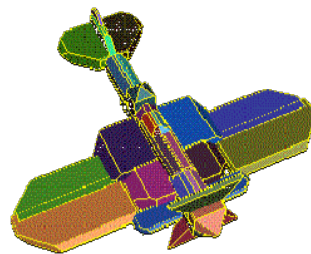
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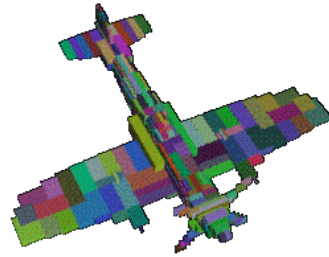
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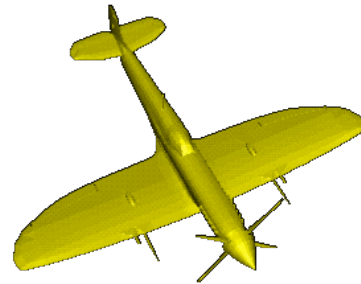
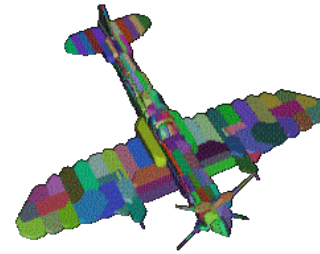
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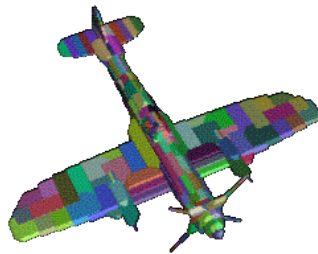
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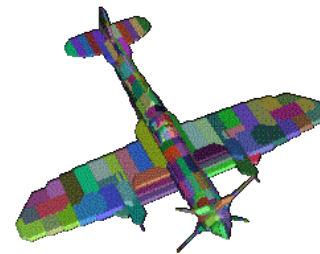
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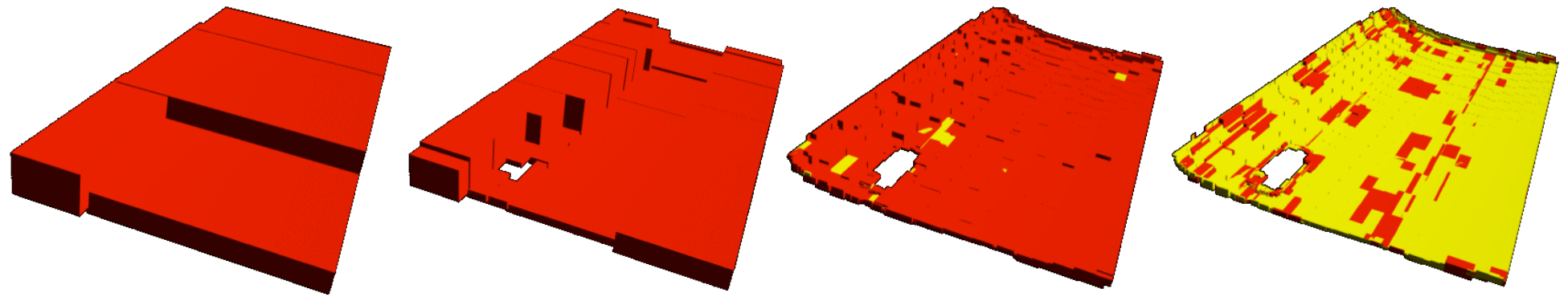


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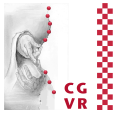
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# BVH with AABBs

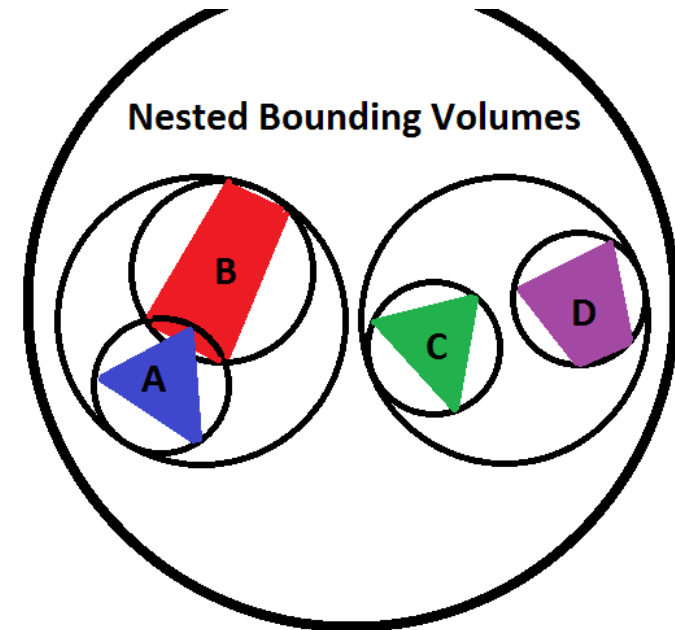




# Wrapped vs Layered BVH



**Wrapped BVH:**  
a BV bounds its associated primitives,  
but not necessarily its child BVs

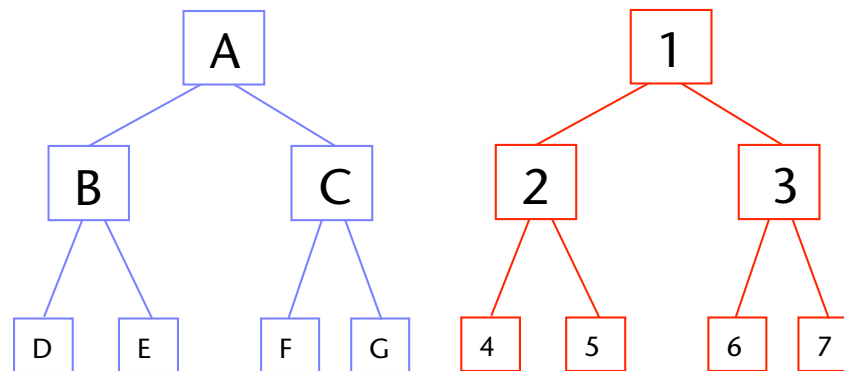
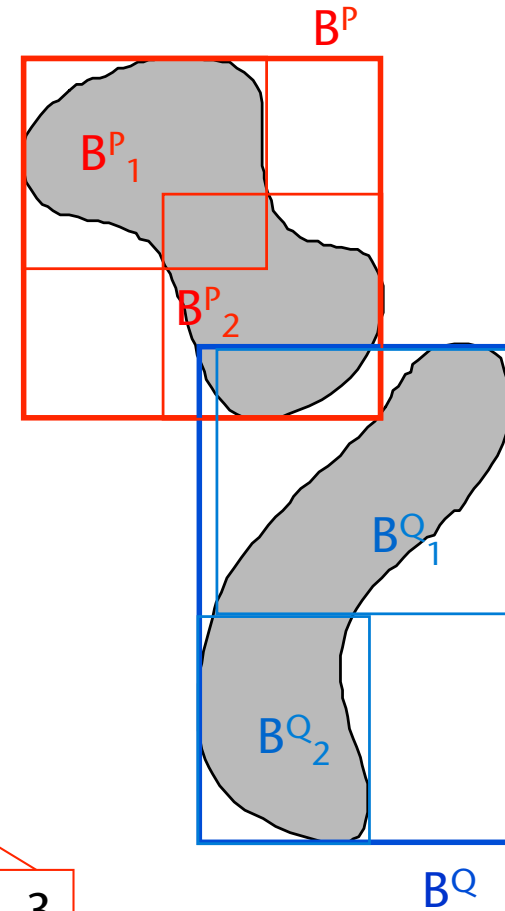


**Layered BVH:**  
a BV must bound its child BVs

# Hierarchical Collision Detection using BVHs

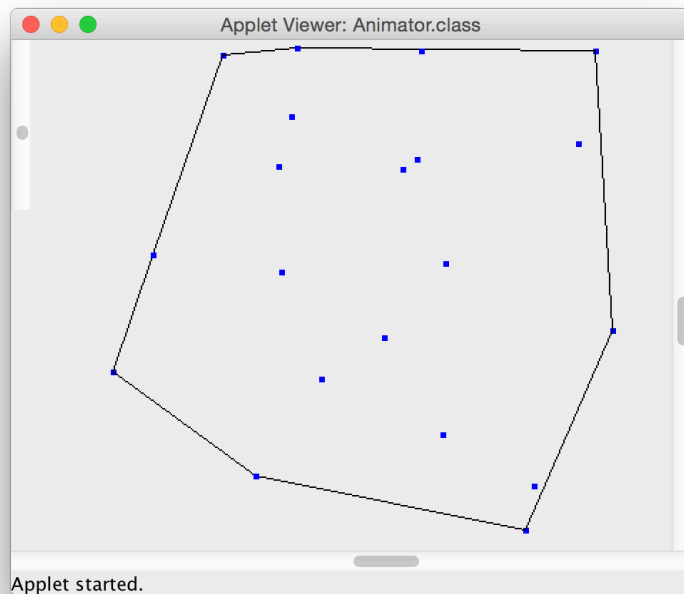
```

traverse( X, Y )
if X,Y do not overlap then
    return
if X,Y are leaves then
    check polygons
else
    for all children pairs do
        traverse( Xi, Yj )
    
```

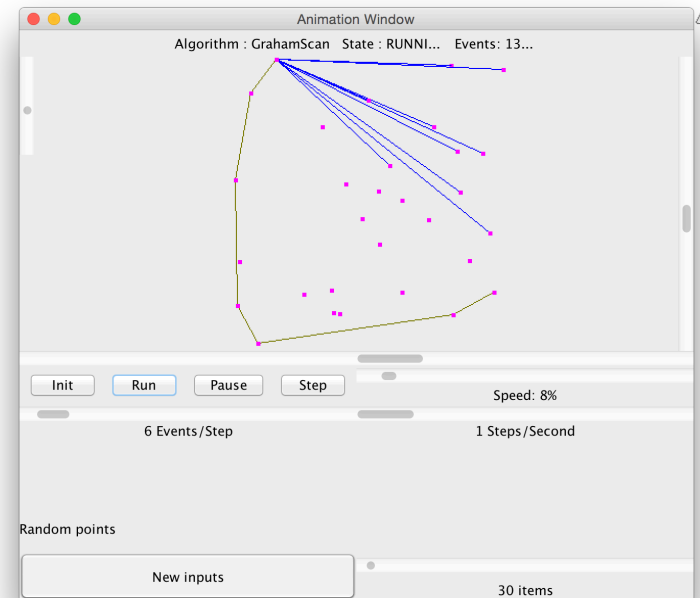


# Applications using Distance Fields

# Convex Hull Demos in 2D



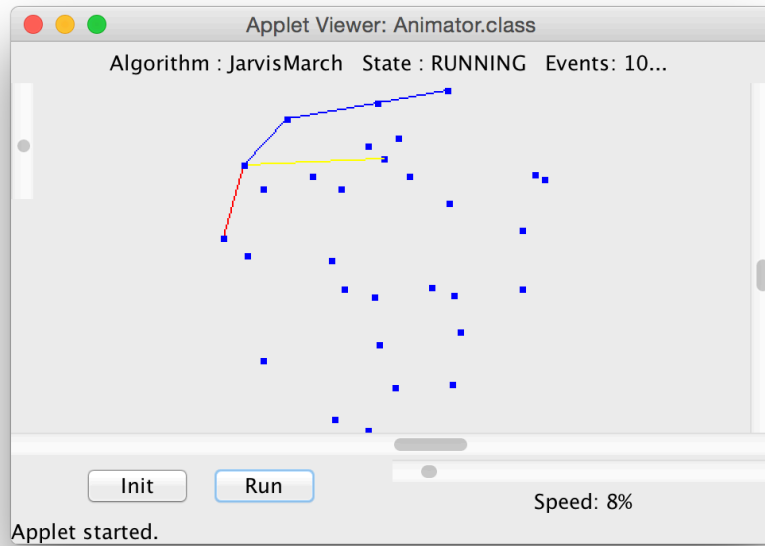
Rubber band metaphor



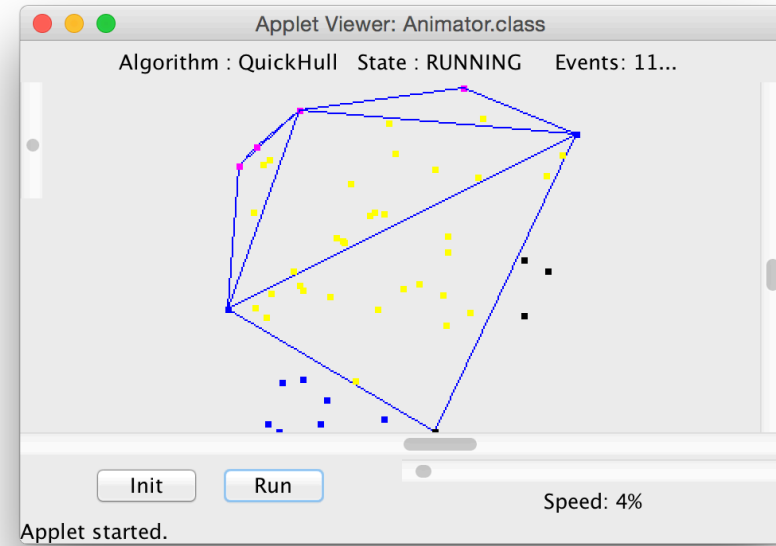
Graham's scan (with slightly different sorting order)

Alejo Hausner - [http://www.cs.princeton.edu/~ah/alg\\_anim/version1/GrahamScan.html](http://www.cs.princeton.edu/~ah/alg_anim/version1/GrahamScan.html)



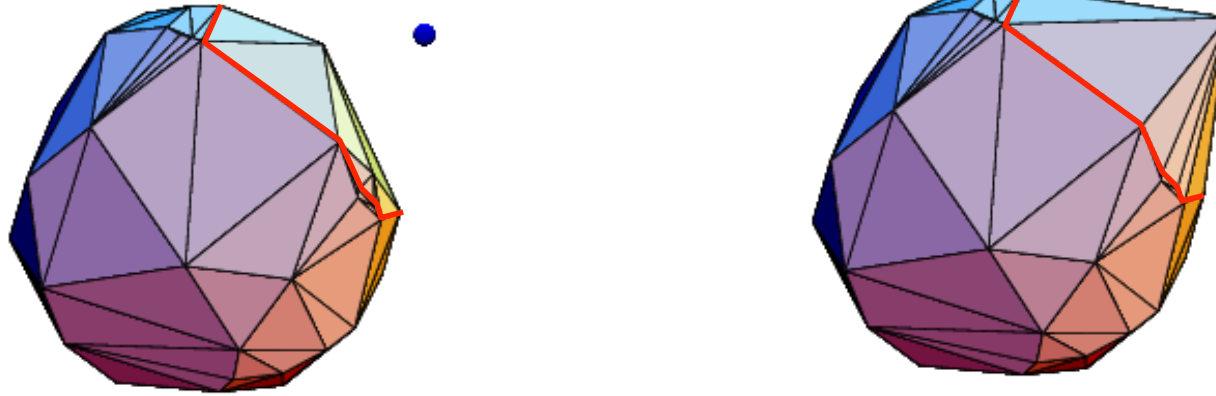


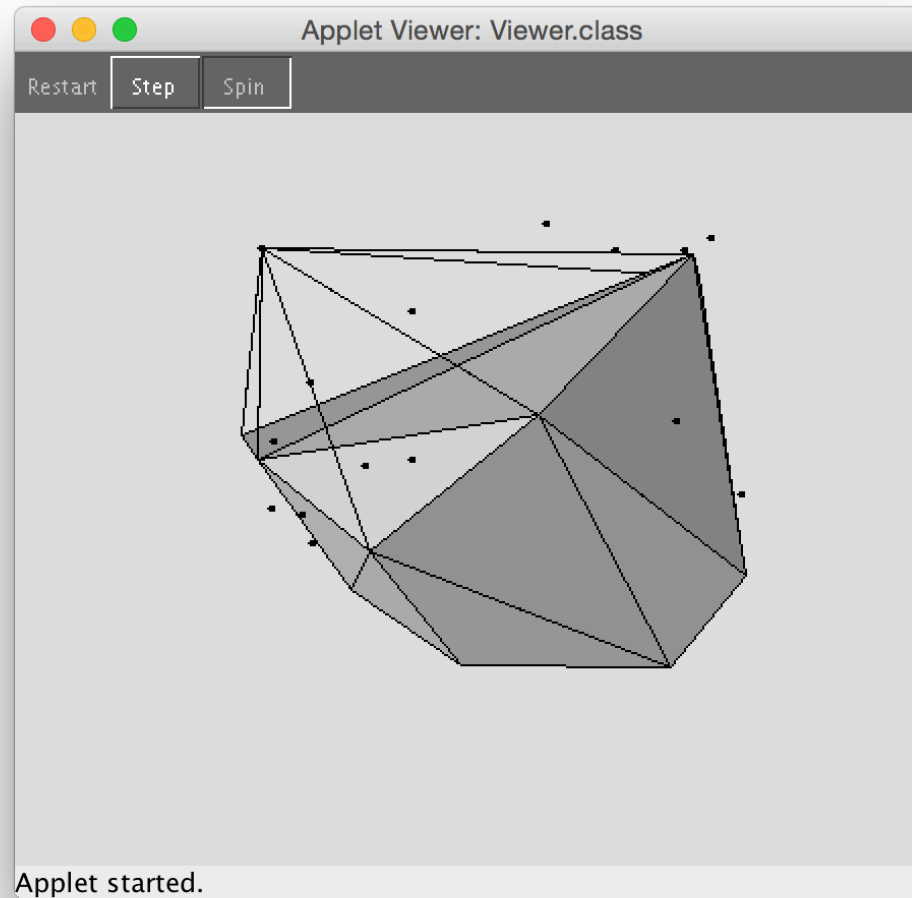
Jarvis' March



QuickHull

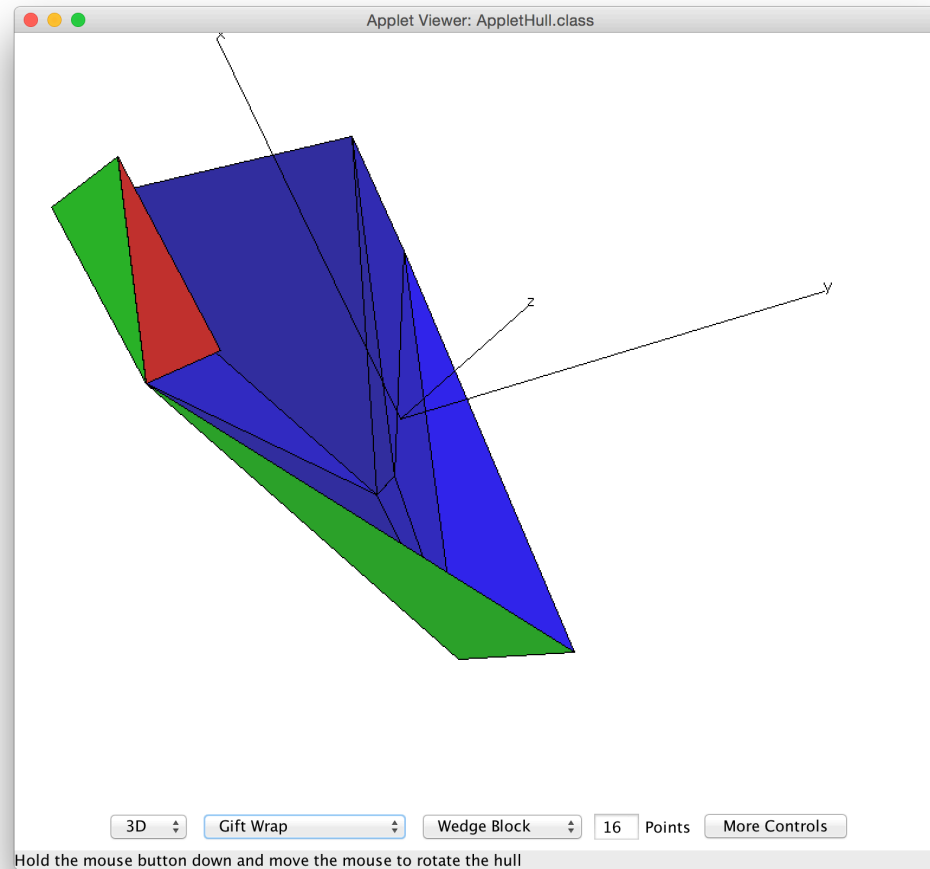
- Ein Schritt des inkrementellen Algorithmus':





## Clarkson-Shor-Algorithm (randomized incremental)

Michael Horn - <http://www.eecs.tufts.edu/~mhorn01/comp163/>



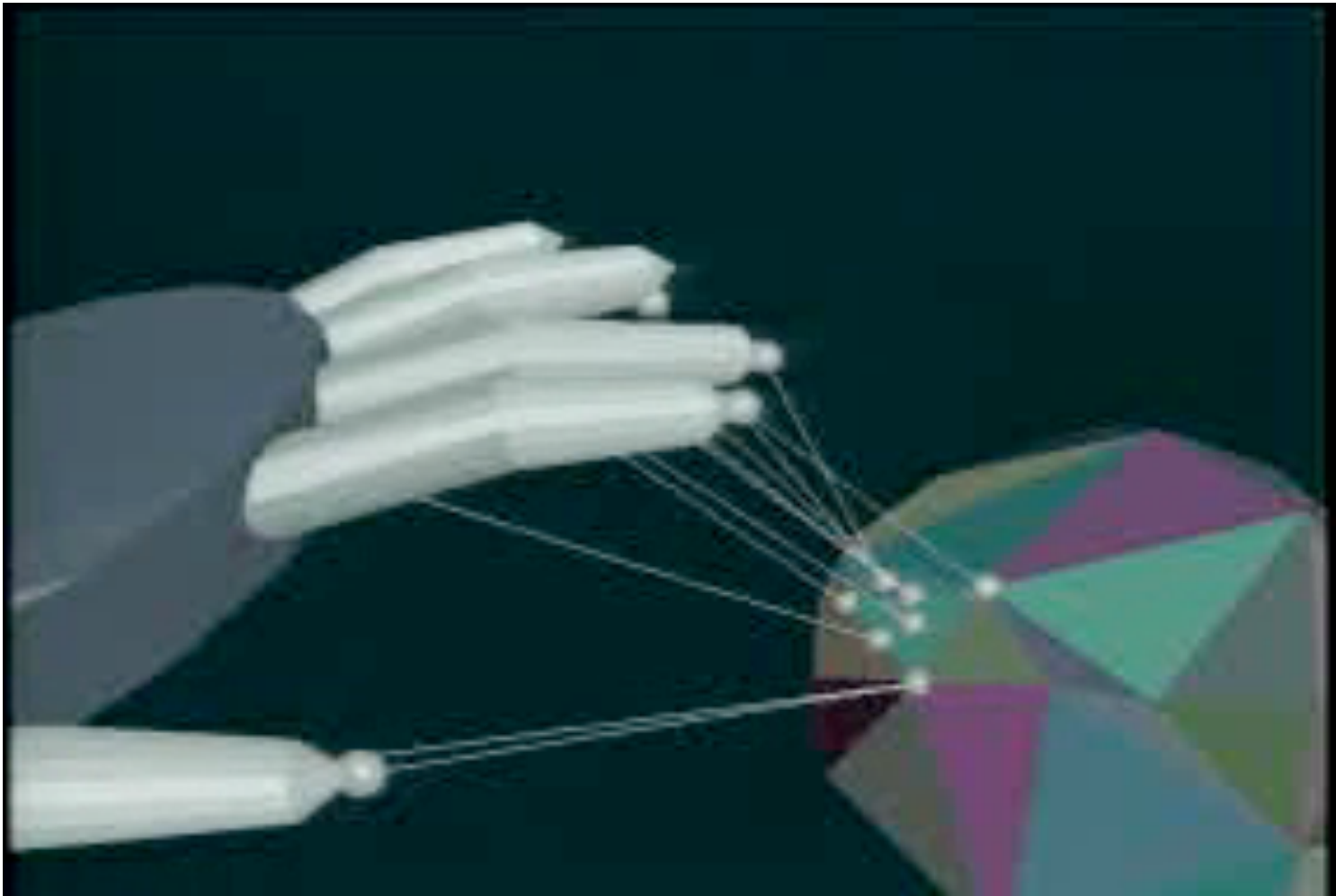
Different algorithms, e.g., *gift wrapping*

Tim Lambert - <http://www.cse.unsw.edu.au/~lambert/java/3d/hull.html>

## Legible Simplification of Large Textured Urban Models

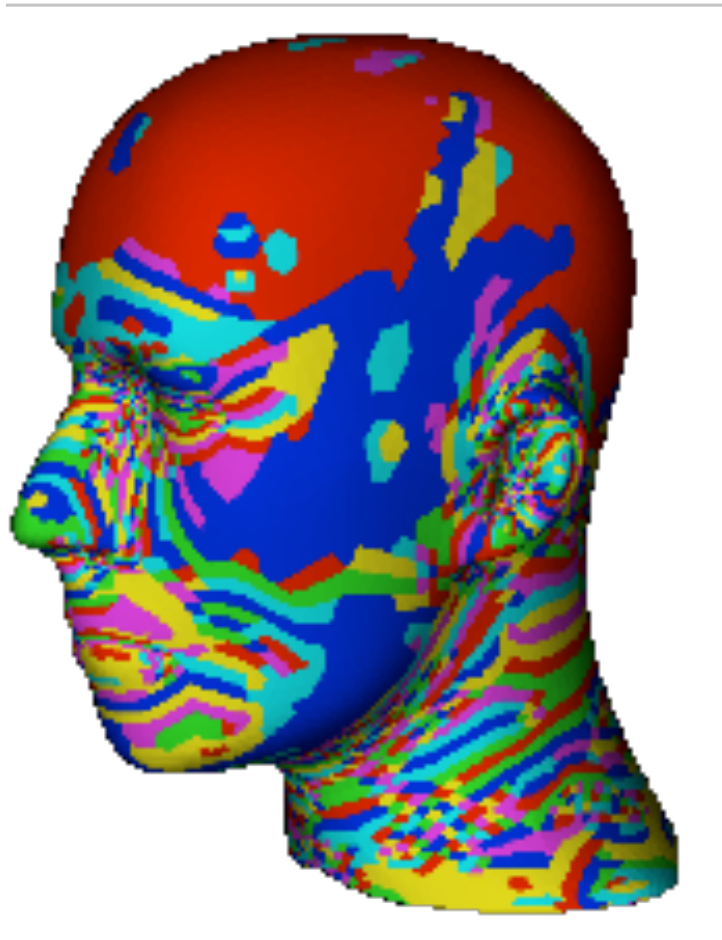
Remco Chang,  
Thomas Butkiewicz,  
Caroline Ziemkiewicz,  
Zachary Wartell, Nancy Pollard,  
and William Ribarsky

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Achtung: der hier demonstrierte Algo ist in Wahrheit etwas komplexer als der in der Vorlesung dargestellte! (aber möglicherweise nicht schneller ...)

# Convex Surface Decomposition



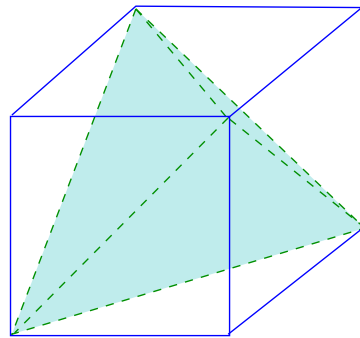
Zerlegung in  
konvexe Surface-Patches



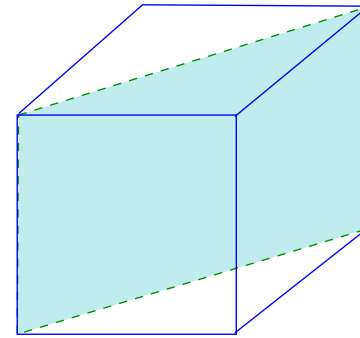
Konvexe Stücke auf einem  
mittleren Level der Hierarchie  
(grün = orig. Fläche, rot = freie Fläche,  
gelb = "contained")

# Zum Vergleich: Triangulation in 3D (= "Tetraedrisierung")

- Verschiedene Triangulierung → verschiedene Anzahl Tetraeder:

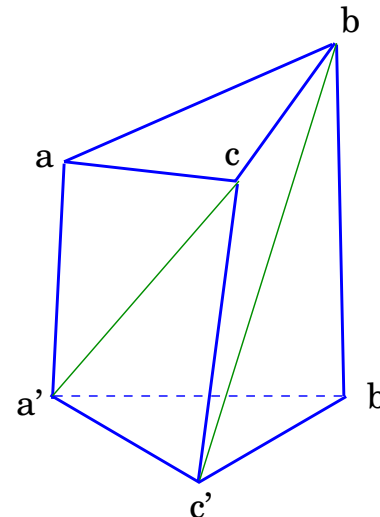
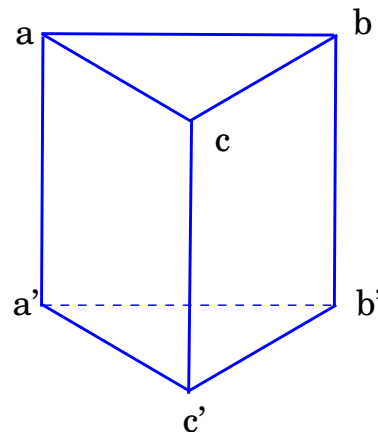


5 Tetraeder



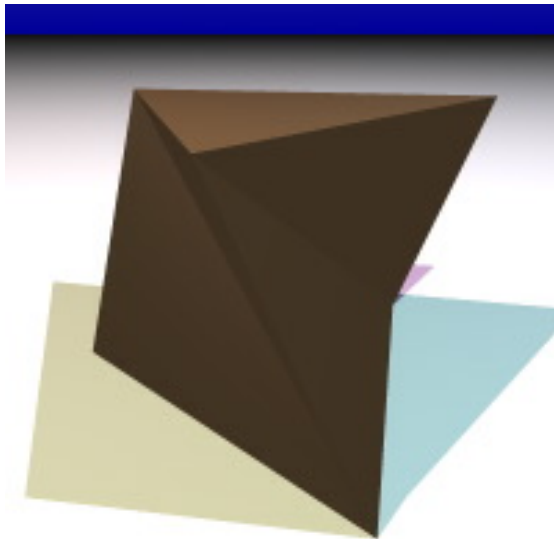
6 Tetraeder

- Ein untriangulierbares ("un-tetraedrisierbares") Polyeder:

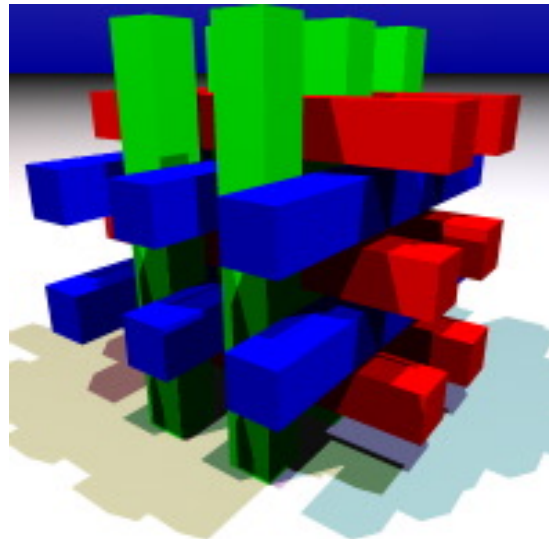




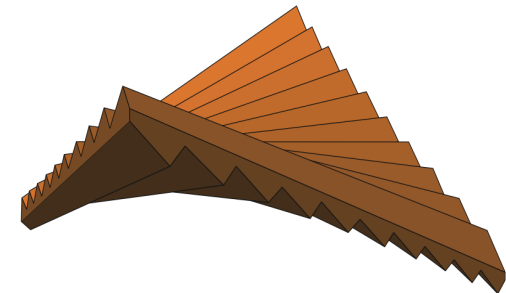
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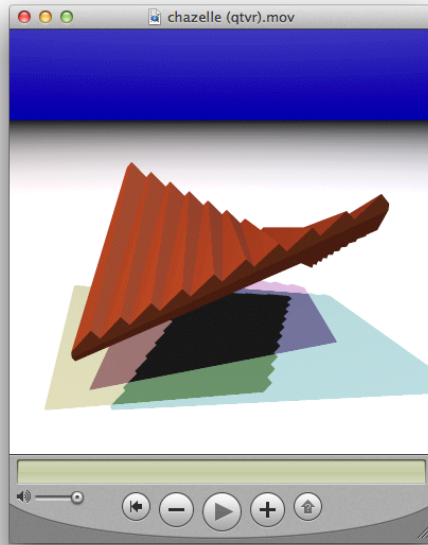
Schönhardt's  
Polyeder  
(1928)



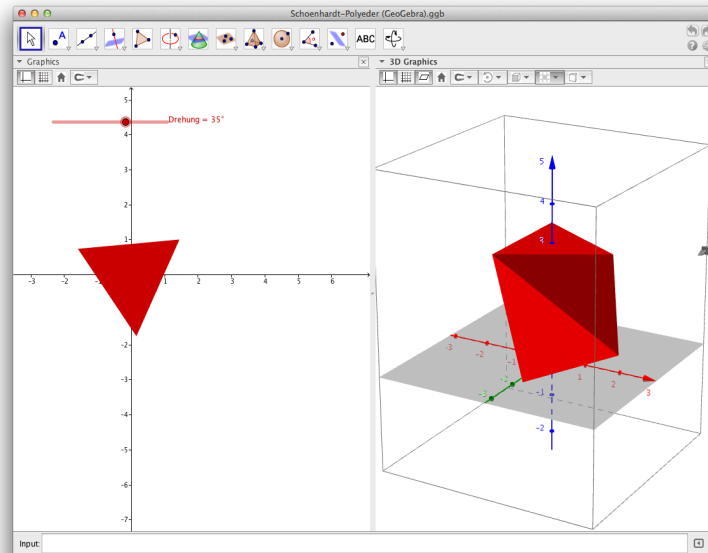
Thurston-  
Polyeder  
(1971)



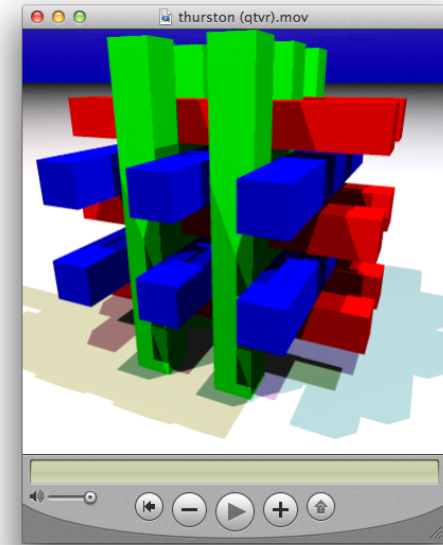
Chazelle's  
Polyeder  
(1984)



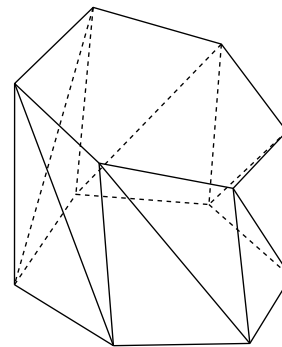
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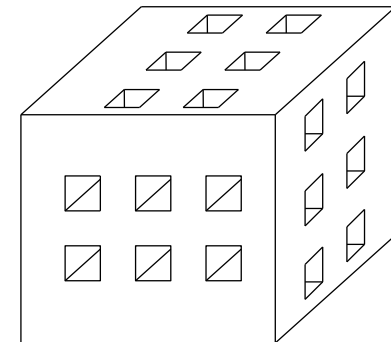
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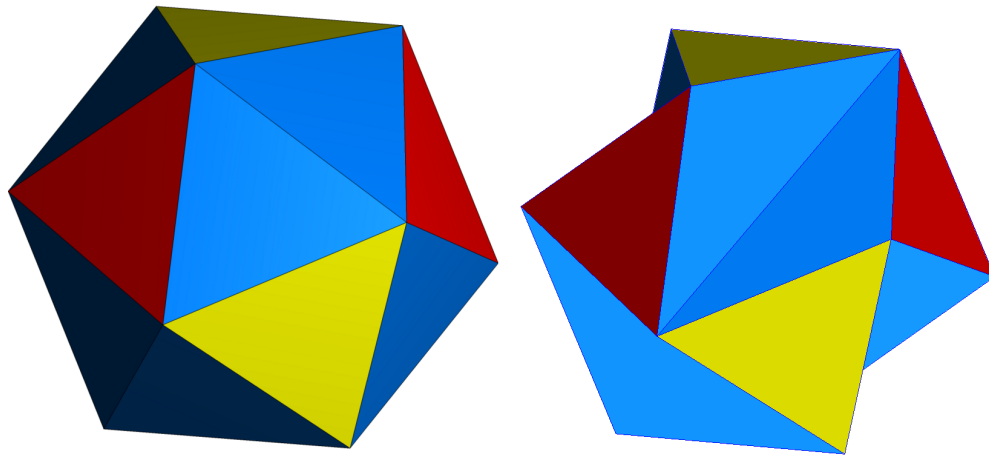


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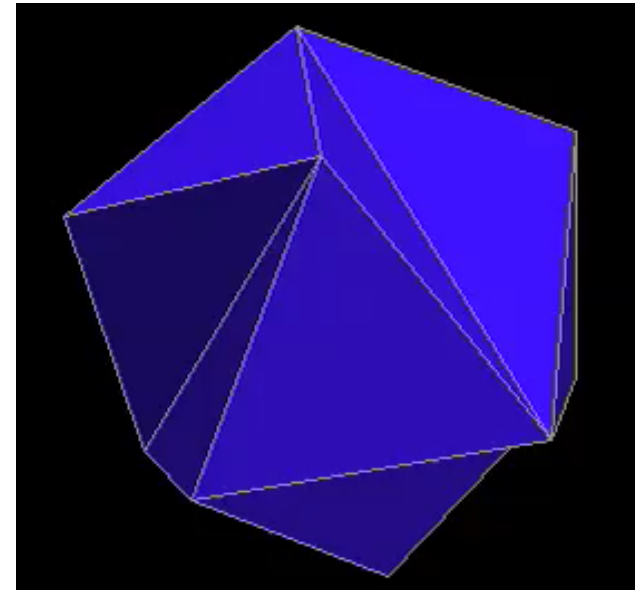


Generalization of Schönhardt by Rambau



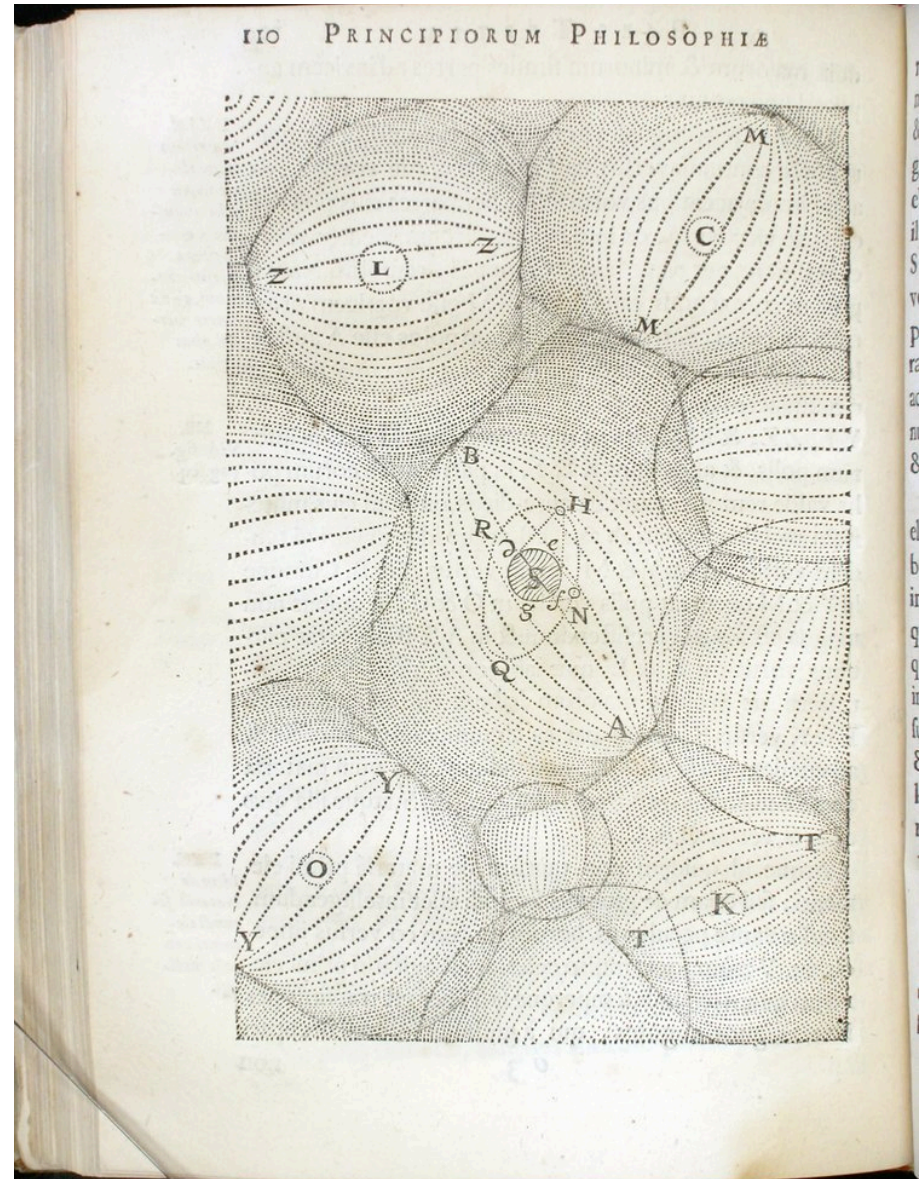
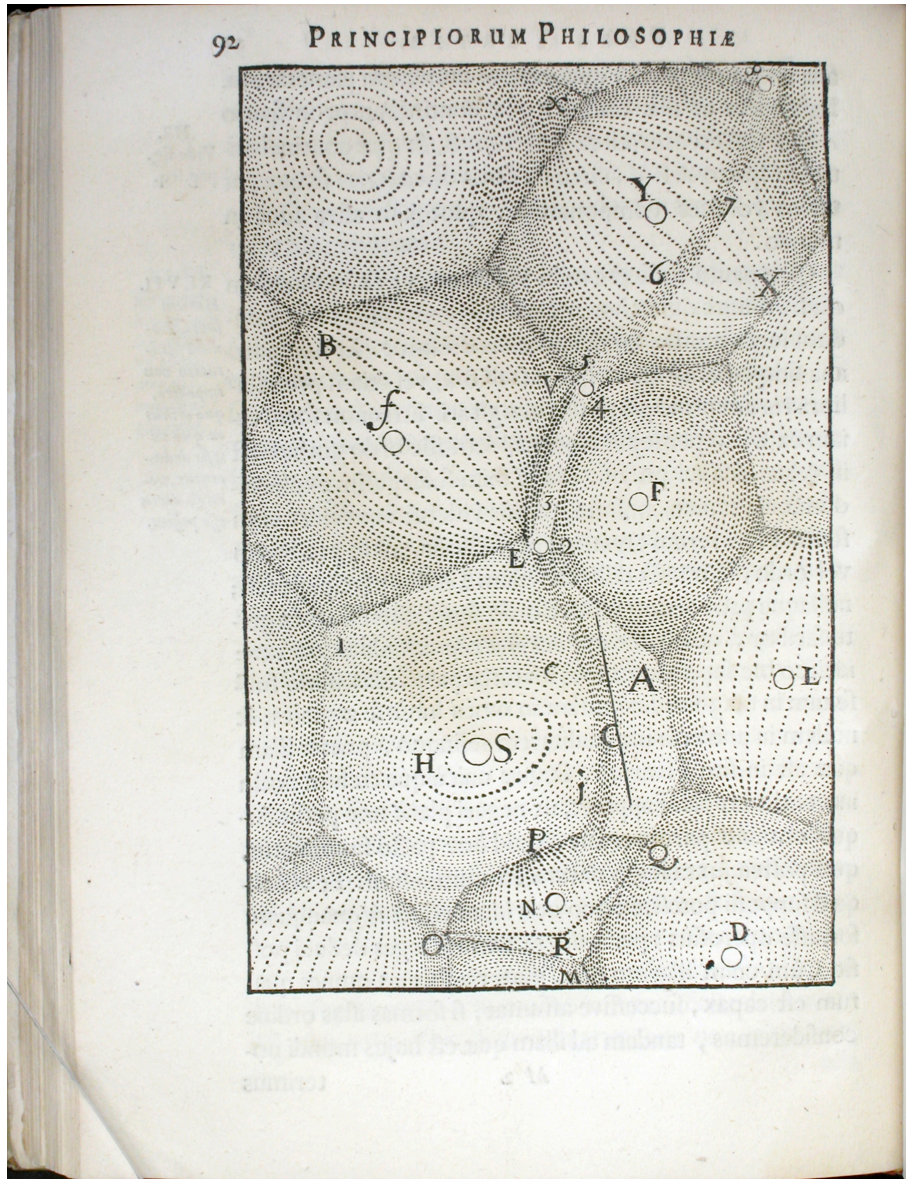


Jessen's Iksaeder



- Eine der ersten Erwähnungen von René Descartes (Cartesius; 1596-1650) in seiner *Principia Philosophiae*, 1644:
  - Stellte sich vor, daß das Universum mit Materie gefüllt ist, die von den Sternen angezogen wird und um diese herumwirbelt
  
- Georgy F. Voronoy (Георгий Ф. Вороной) 1868 – 1908
  - Geboren in Russland, heutige Ukraine
  - Professor in Warschau
  - Schüler: Delaunay





# Independent Discoveries in Other Fields



Descartes	Astronomy	1644	“Heavens”
Dirichlet	Math	1850	Dirichlet tessellation
Voronoi	Math	1908	Voronoi diagram
Boldyrev	Geology	1909	area of influence polygons
Thiessen	Meteorology	1911	Thiessen polygons
Niggli	Crystallography	1927	domains of action
Wigner & Seitz	Physics	1933	Wigner-Seitz regions
Frank & Casper	Physics	1958	atom domains
Brown	Ecology	1965	areas potentially available
Mead	Ecology	1966	plant polygons
Hoofd et al.	Anatomy	1985	capillary domains



# Delaunay (1890 – 1980)



- Schüler von Voronoy (und Grave)
- Einer der 3 besten russischen Bergsteiger um 1930
- Russische Schreibweise: Борис Николаевич Делоне
  - Damals war Französisch (und Deutsch) die Wissenschaftssprache!



- Nicht zu verwechseln mit dem Maler Robert Delaunay !
  - 1885 – 1941 ; wirklich französisch

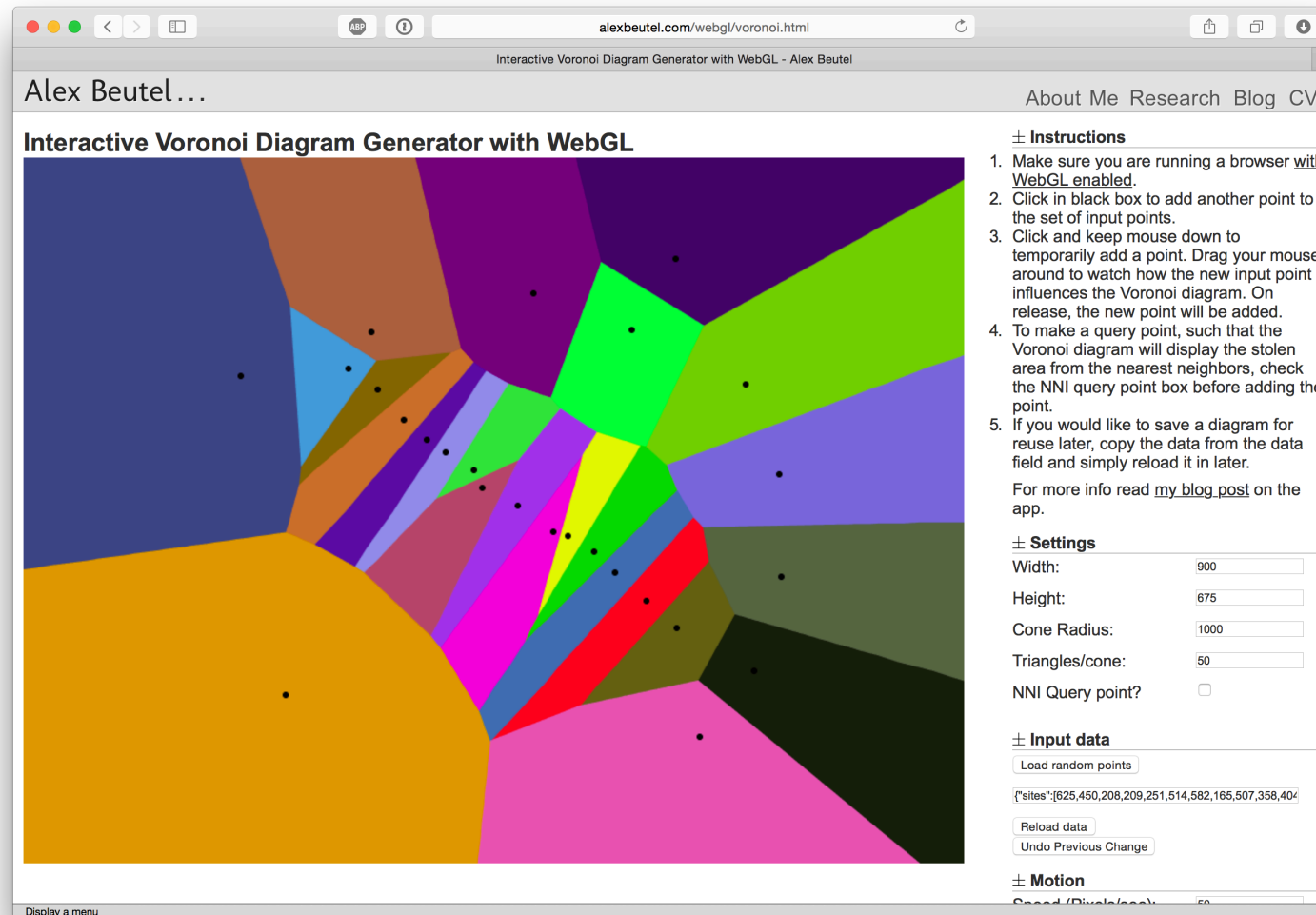


Champs de Mars. La Tour rouge. 1911



Homage à Bleriot, 1914





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## Interactive Voronoi Diagram Generator with WebGL

**± Instructions**

1. Make sure you are running a browser with WebGL enabled.
2. Click in black box to add another point to the set of input points.
3. Click and keep mouse down to temporarily add a point. Drag your mouse around to watch how the new input point influences the Voronoi diagram. On release, the new point will be added.
4. To make a query point, such that the Voronoi diagram will display the stolen area from the nearest neighbors, check the NNI query point box before adding the point.
5. If you would like to save a diagram for reuse later, copy the data from the data field and simply reload it in later.

For more info read [my blog post](#) on the app.

**± Settings**

Width:

Height:

Cone Radius:

Triangles/cone:

NNI Query point?

**± Input data**

`{\"sites\": [625,450,208,209,251,514,582,165,507,358,404]}`

**± Motion**

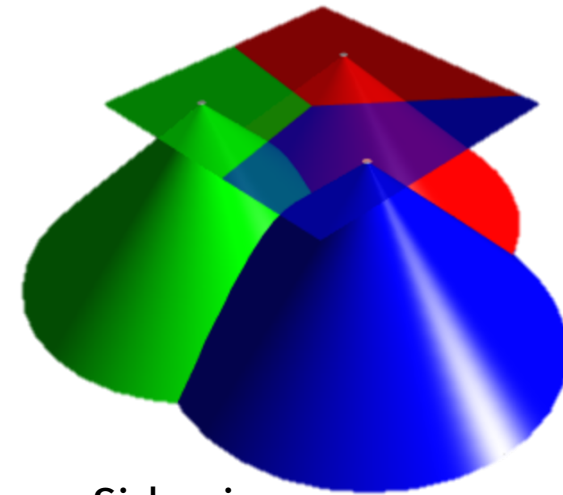
Speed (Divide/sec):

Display a menu

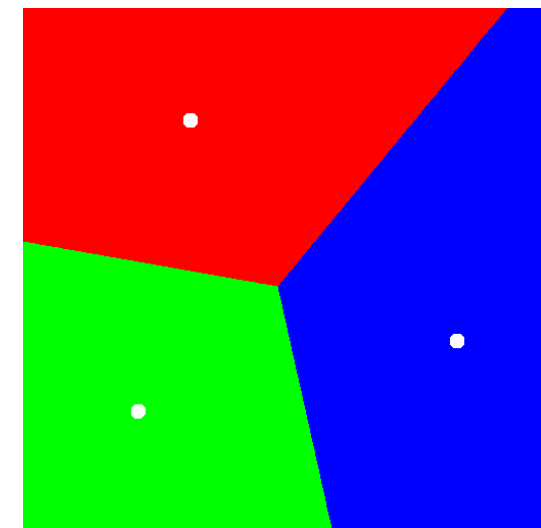
<http://alexbeutel.com/webgl/voronoi.html>

# The "Cones Trick" to Generate Approximate 2D Voronoi Diagrams

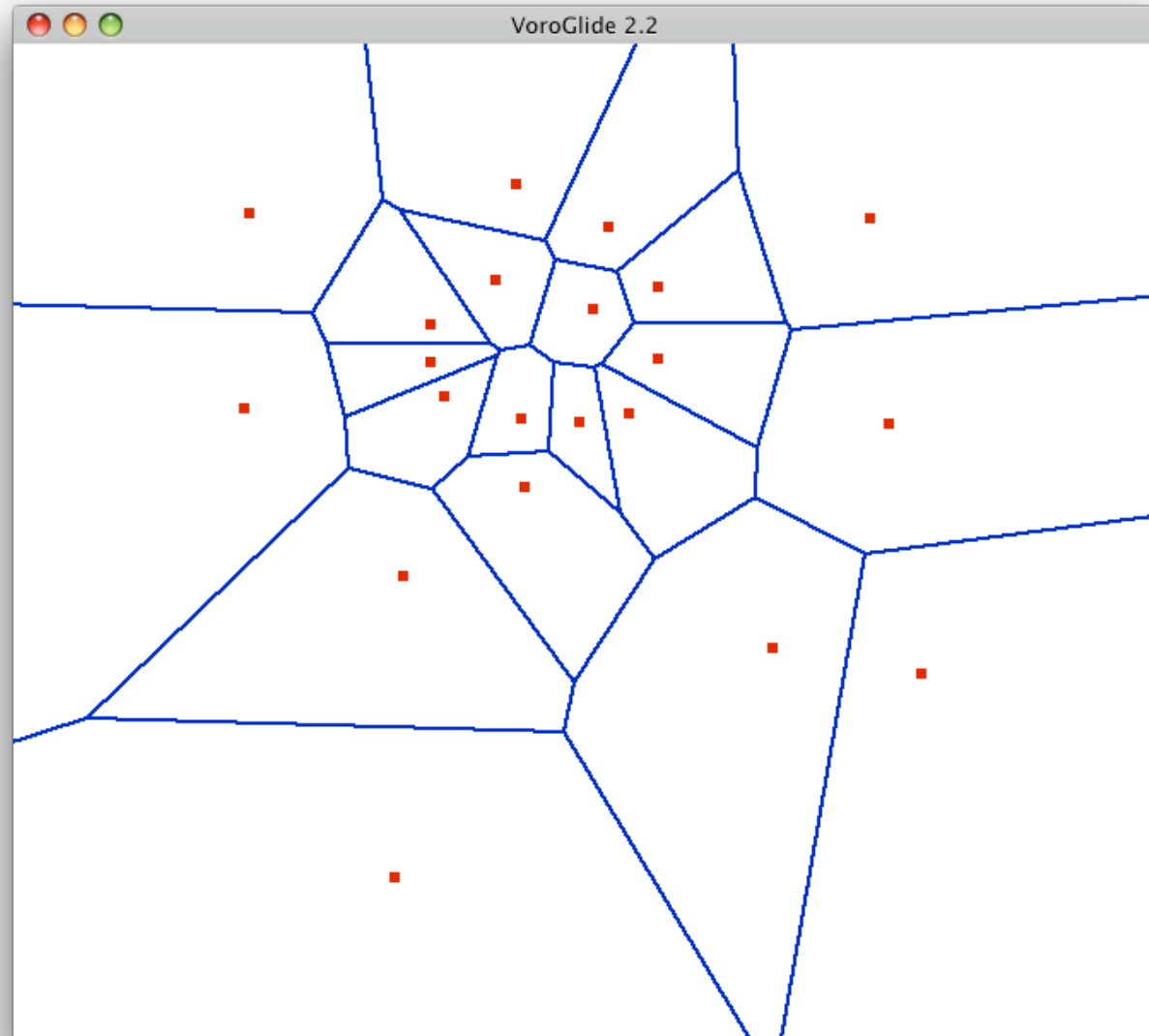
- Observation:
  - Place a cone at every Voronoi site with  $90^\circ$  angle
  - Distance of a point  $X$  from Voronoi site = height of cone above  $X$
- Method:
  - For each site, render a cone with different color (= ID)
  - Borders in color buffer = Voronoi edges
  - Value in Z-buffer = distance from site
- Already noticed by Dirichlet & Voronoi



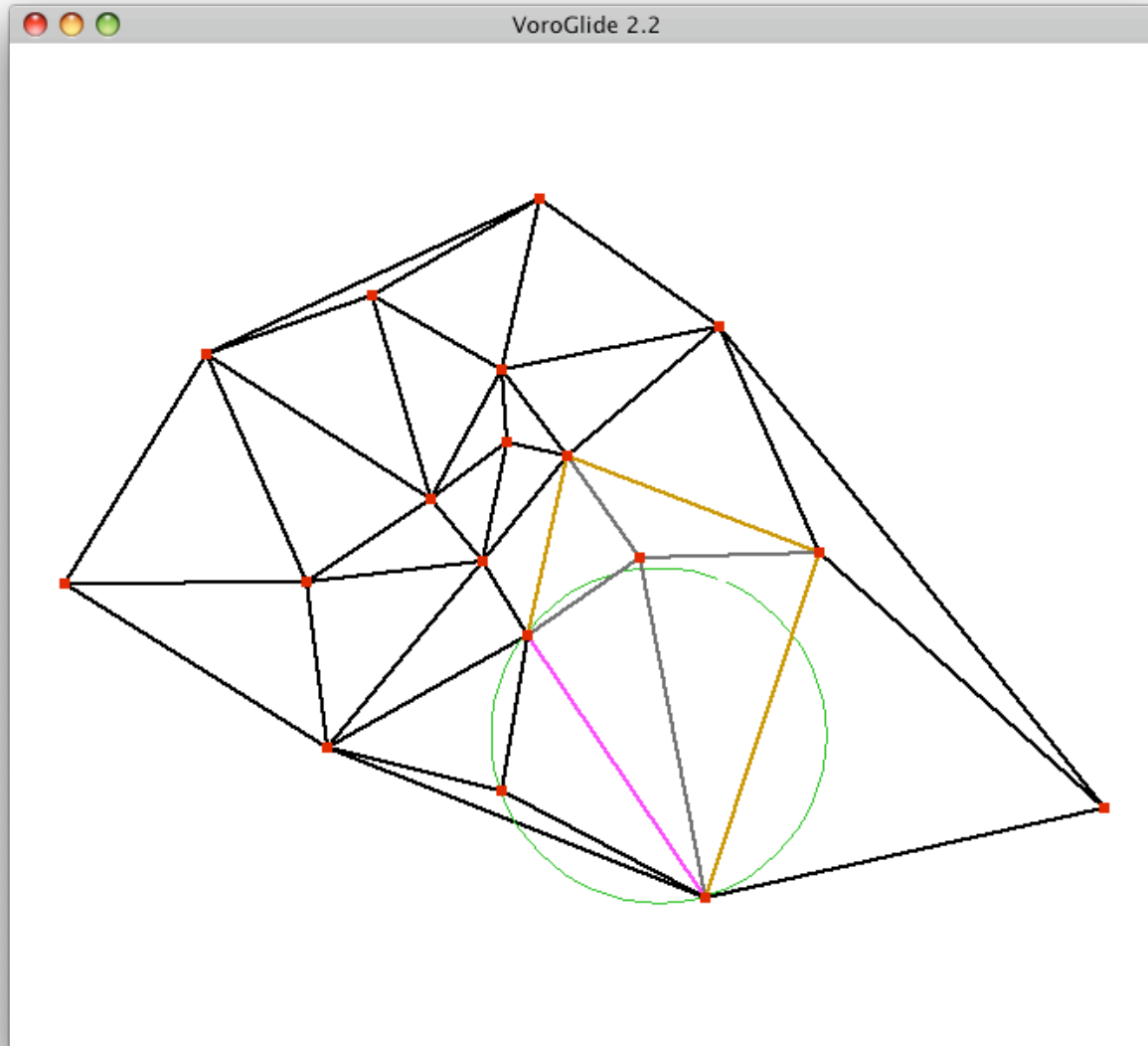
Side view



Top view



<http://www.geometrylab.de/VoroGlide/>

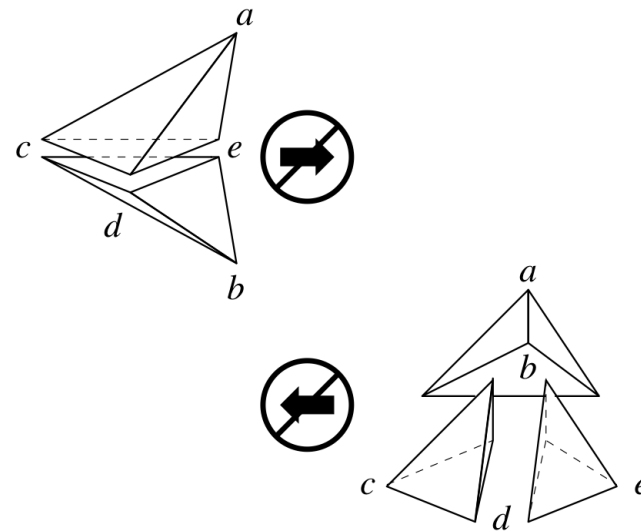
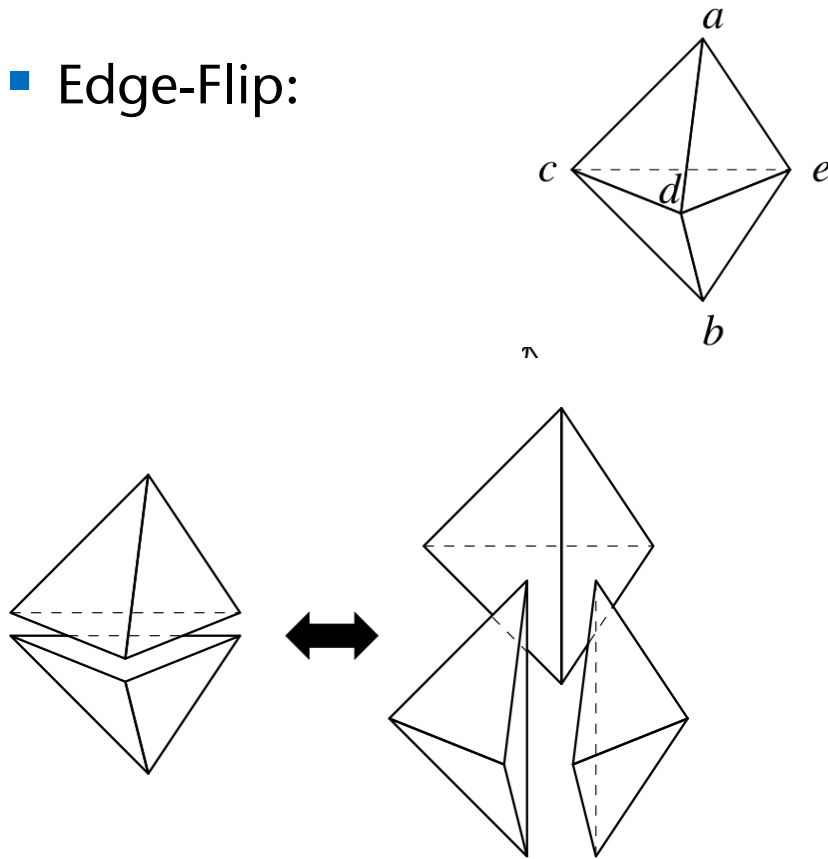
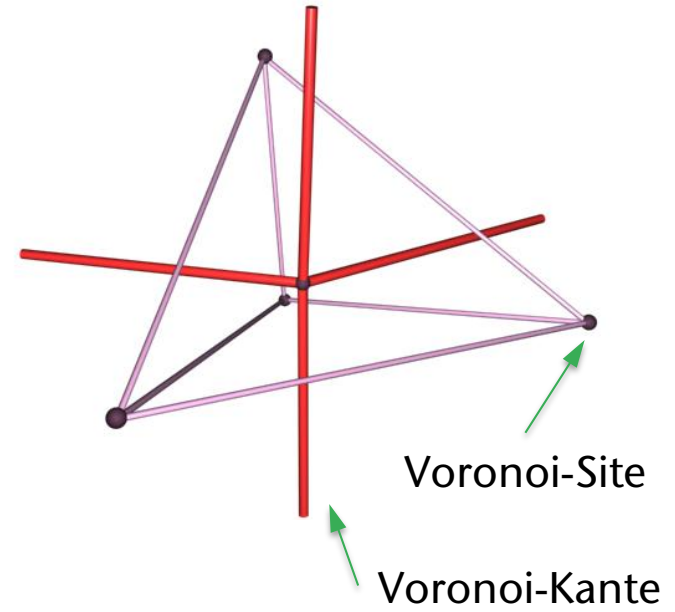


# Verallgemeinerung des Voronoi-Diagramms

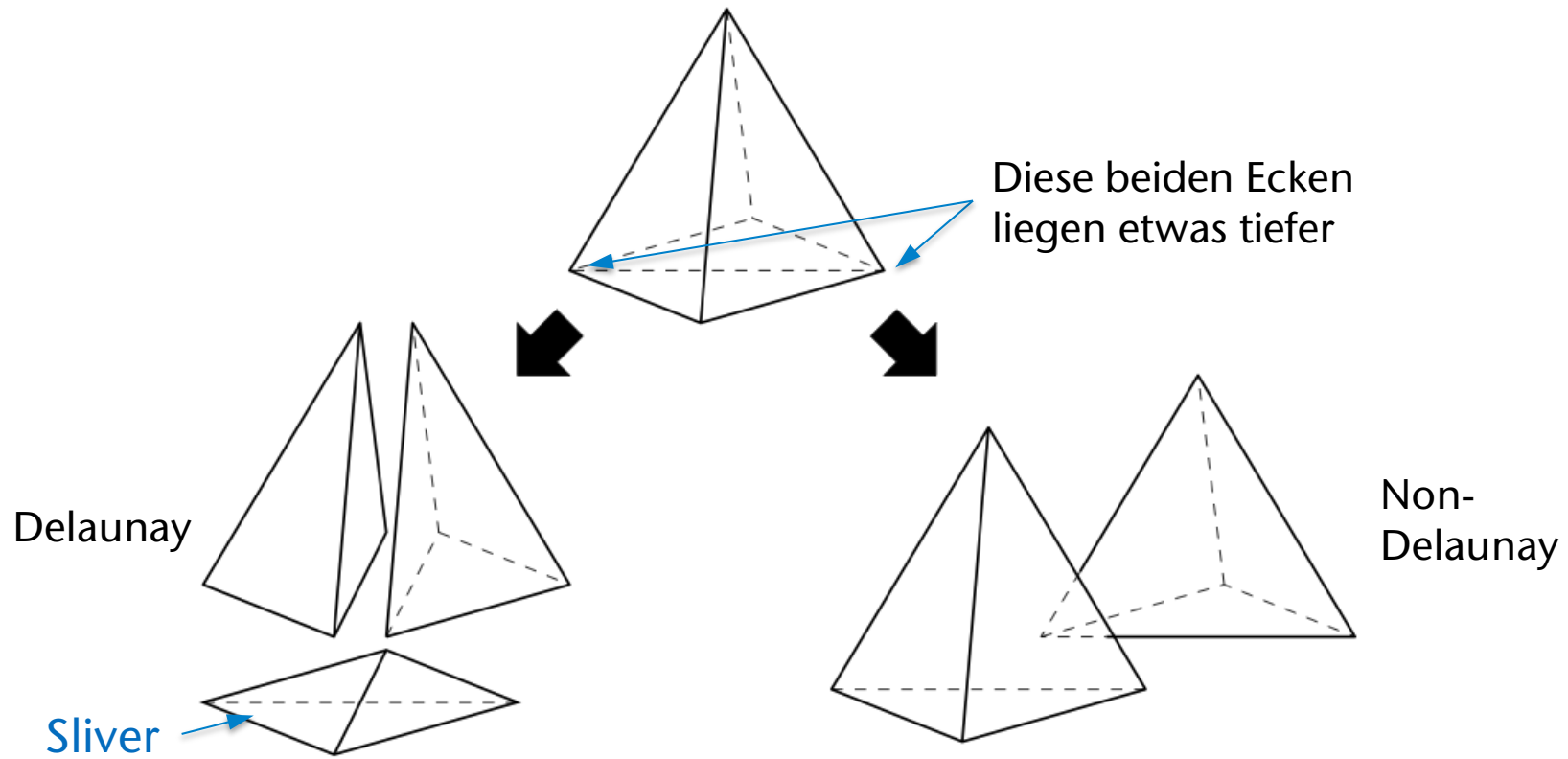
- Andere Distanz-Funktionen
- Andere Objekte als Sites
- Höhere Dimension
- Andere Äquivalenzklassen
- ...

# Voronoi / Delaunay in 3D

- Delaunay-Tetraeder
- Bisektoren = Ebenen
- Edge-Flip:



- **Slivers** in 3D Delaunay Tetrahedralizations:



- **Fazit:** die max-min-Winkel-Eigenschaft gilt nur in 2D! ☹

- Komplexität:

Ein Voronoi-Diagramm über  $n$  Punkten im  $d$ -dim. Raum enthält in jeder Dimension  $j$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq d-1$ , eine Anzahl  $f_j$  von Facetten, wobei alle

$$f_j \in O(n^{\lceil \frac{d}{2} \rceil})$$

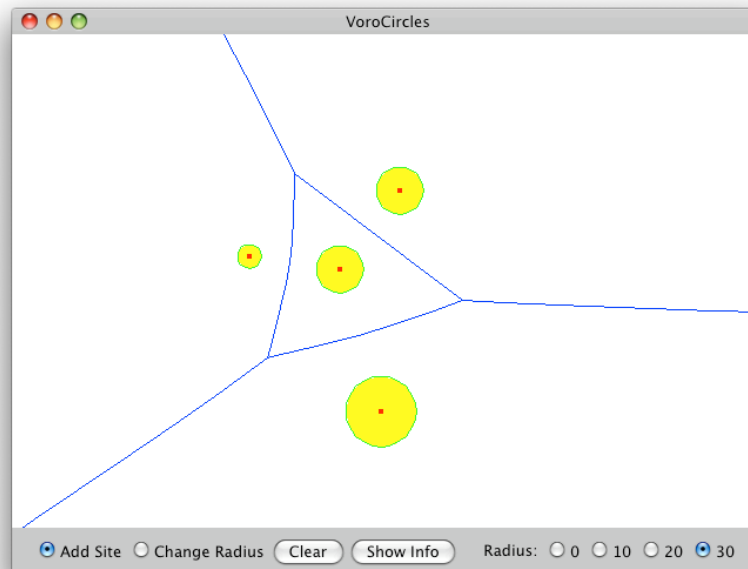


# Das Voronoi-Diagramm mit additiven Gewichten

- Distanz-Funktion zwischen Punkt  $\mathbf{x}$  und Site  $\mathbf{p}_i =$

$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i\| - r_i$$

- A.k.a. **Appolonius-Diagramm**
- Bisektoren = hyperbolische Bögen
- Beispiel:



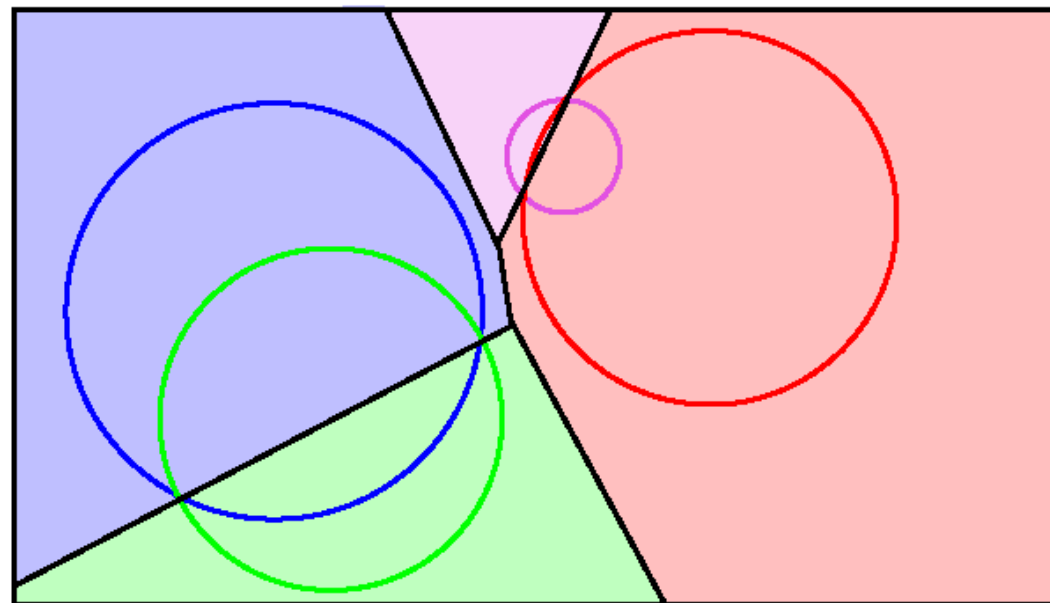
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# Das Power-Diagramm

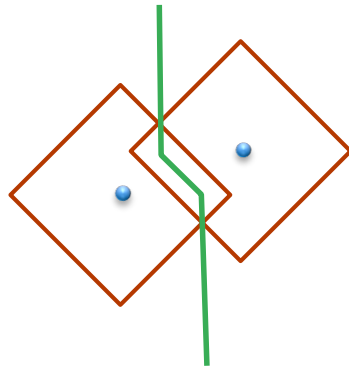
- Distanzfunktion:

$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) = (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i)^2 - r_i$$

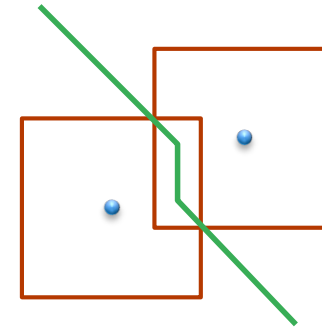
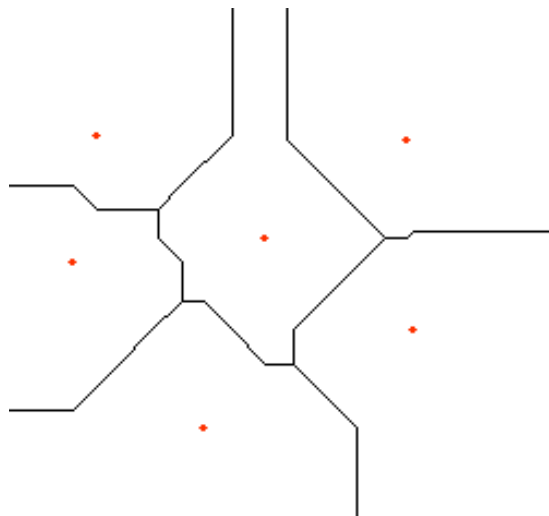
- Bisektoren = Geraden
- Beispiel:



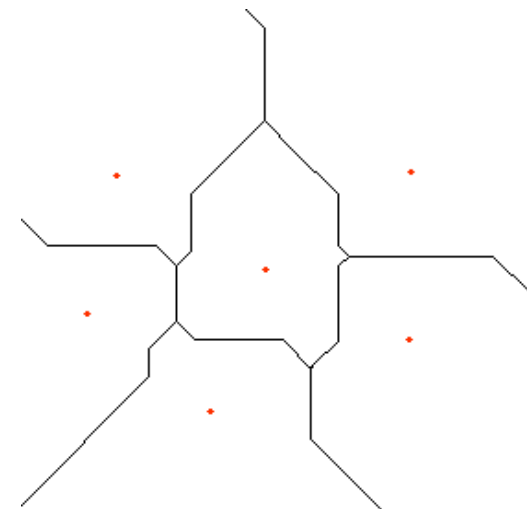
- Voronoi-Diagramm mit  $L_1$ - und  $L_\infty$ -Norm:



$L_1$ -Norm  
(Manhattan norm)

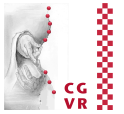


$L_\infty$  - Norm  
(supremum/max-norm)

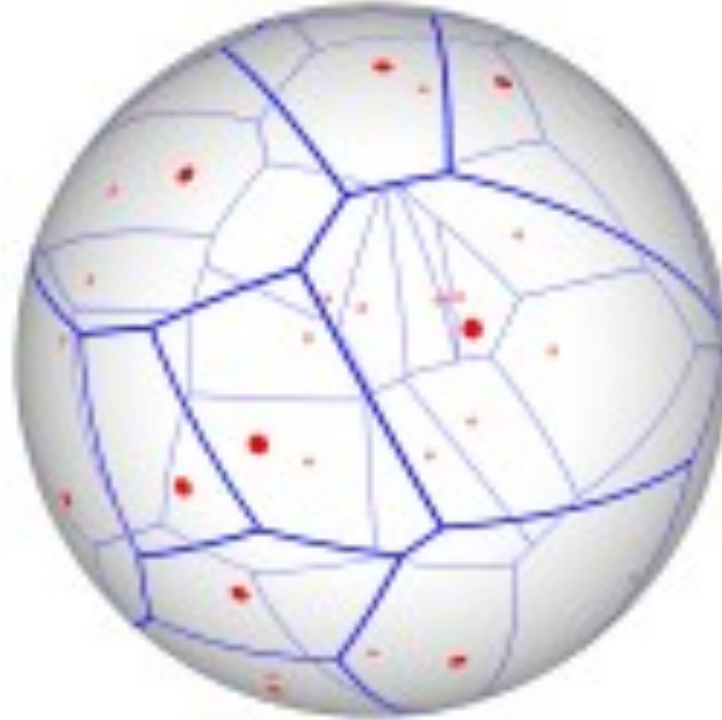




# Voronoi-Diagramme auf anderen Mannigfaltigkeiten

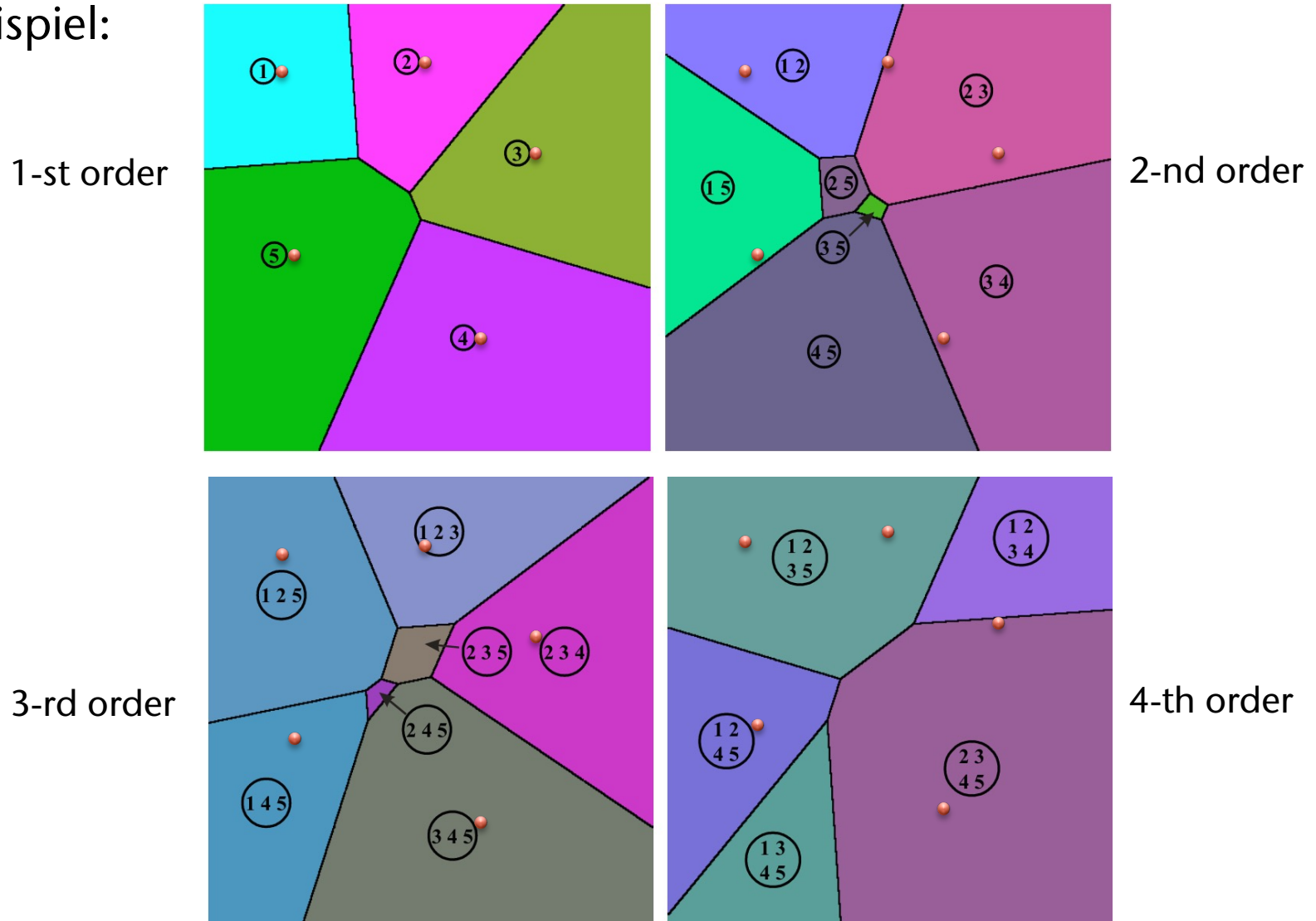


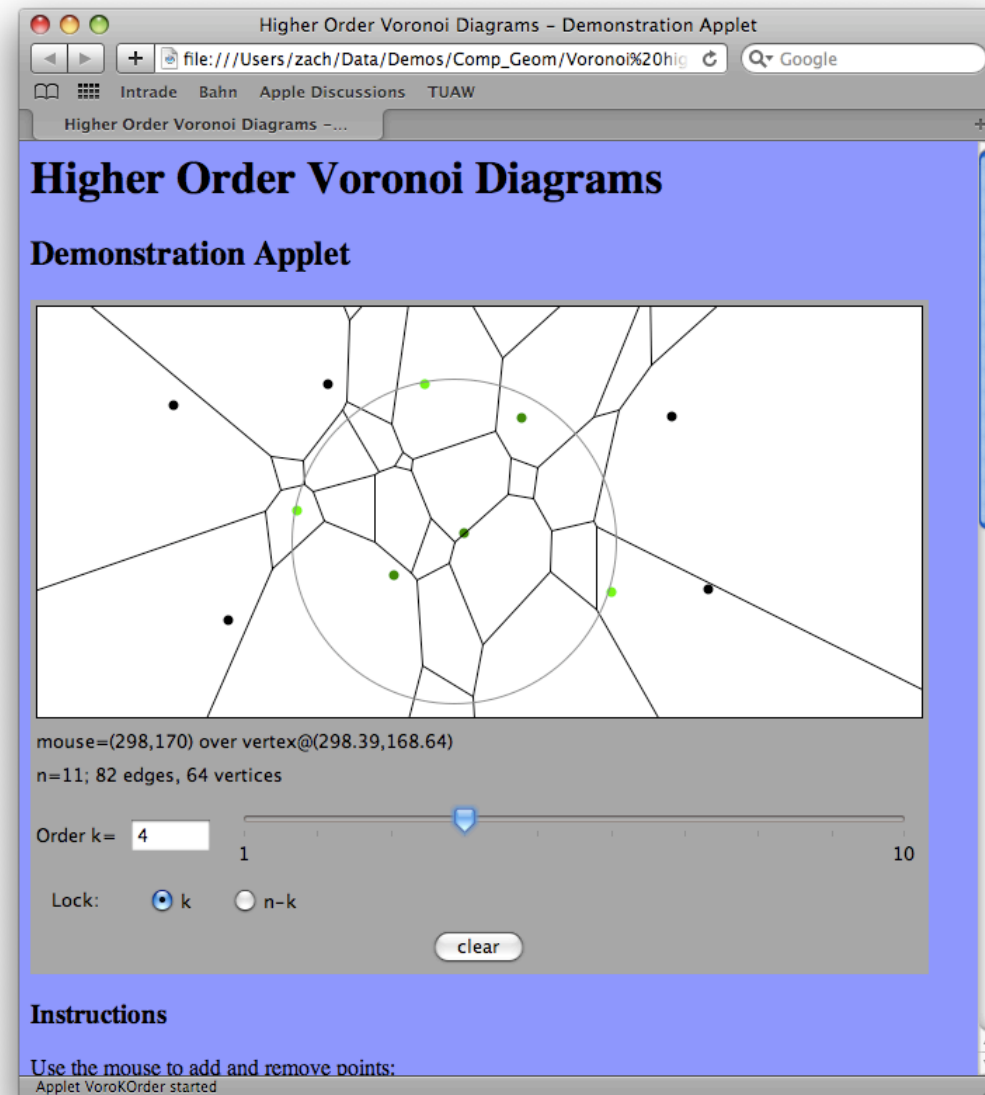
- Z.B. auf der Kugel:
  - Bisektoren = Großkreise



- In einem **Voronoi-Diagramm  $k$ -ter Ordnung**  $V_k(S)$  gehören alle diejenigen Punkte des Raumes zur selben Voronoi-Region, die die selben  $k$  nächsten Nachbarn aus  $S$  haben
- Unterschiede zum klassischen Voronoi-Diagramm:
  - Ein Bisektor kann zu mehreren Begrenzungskanten (-ebenen) beitragen
  - Eine Voronoi-Region muß ihre Generatoren (Sites) nicht mehr enthalten

■ Beispiel:

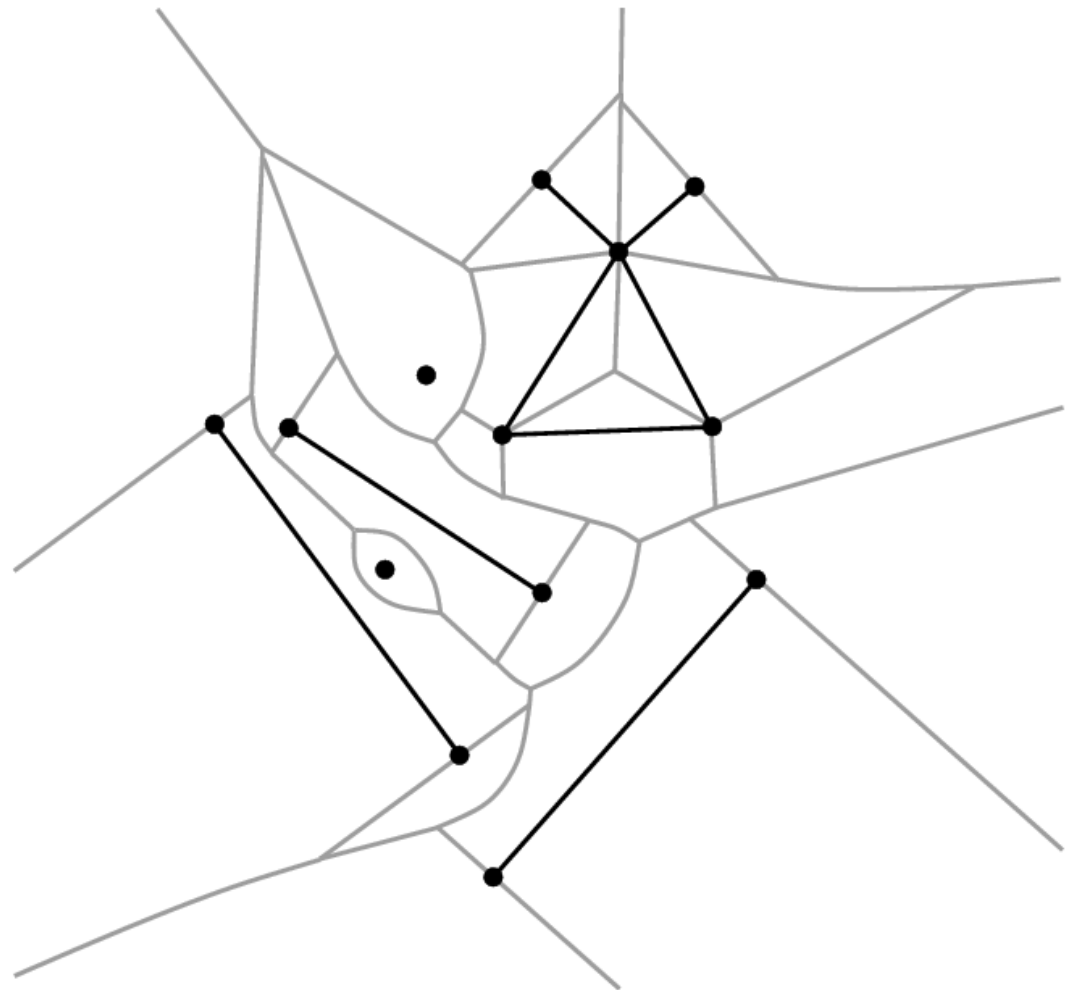




Andreas Pollack - <http://www.pollak.org/en/otherstuff/informatics/voronoi/>

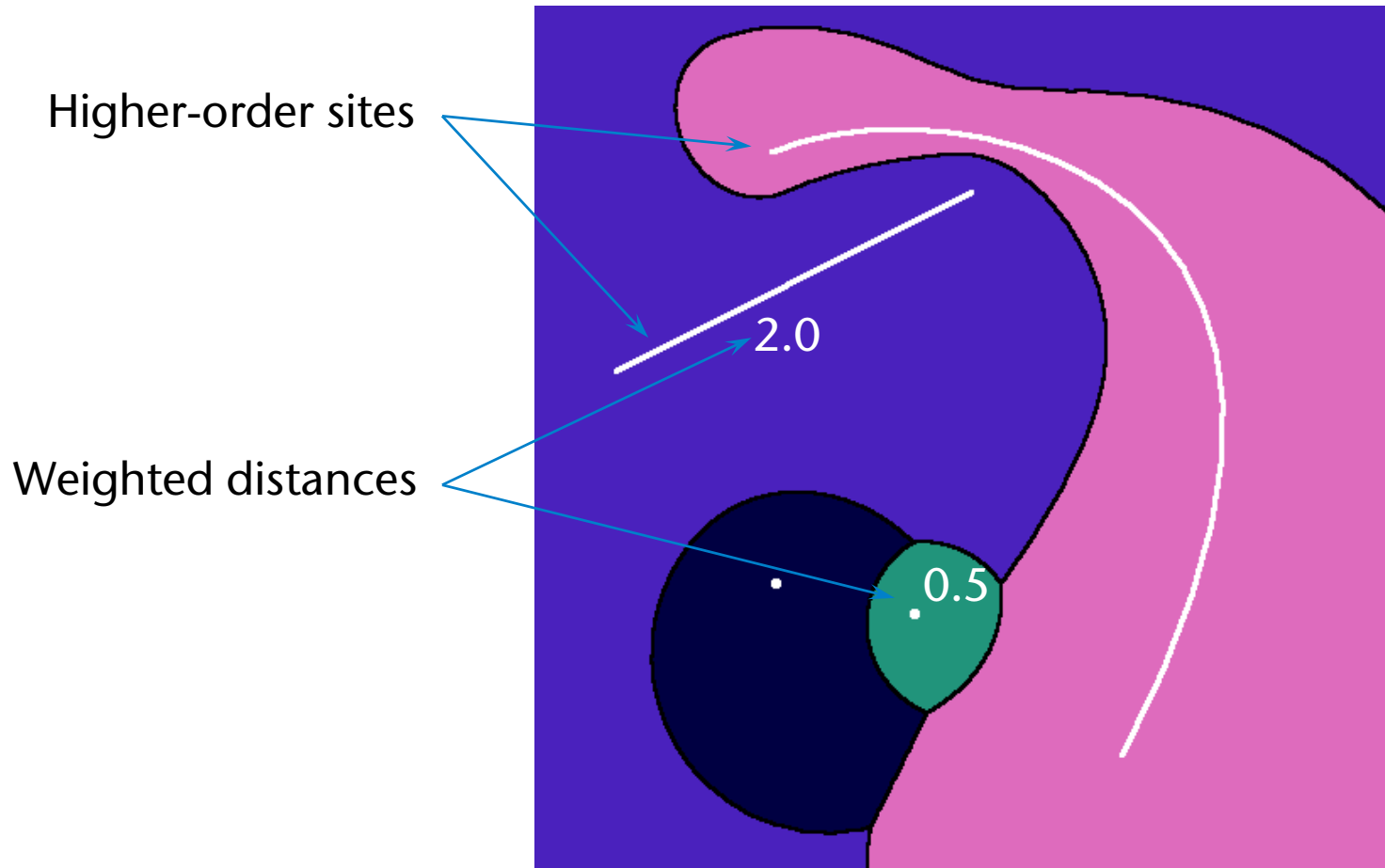
# Voronoi-Diagramm von Liniensegmenten

- Sites sind jetzt Punkte + Liniensegmente
- Bisektoren = Geraden + Parabeln
- Beispiel:





- Example with weighted sites and higher-order sites:



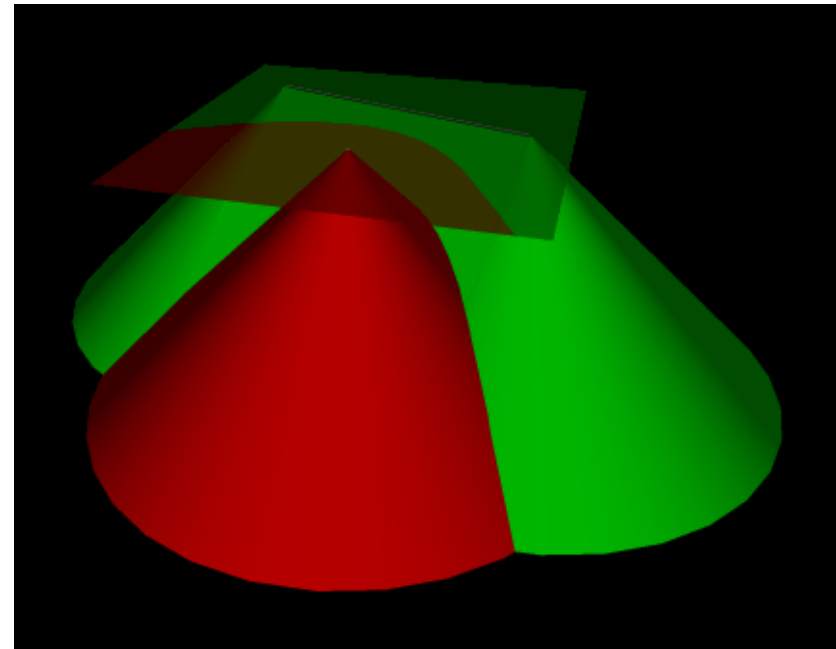
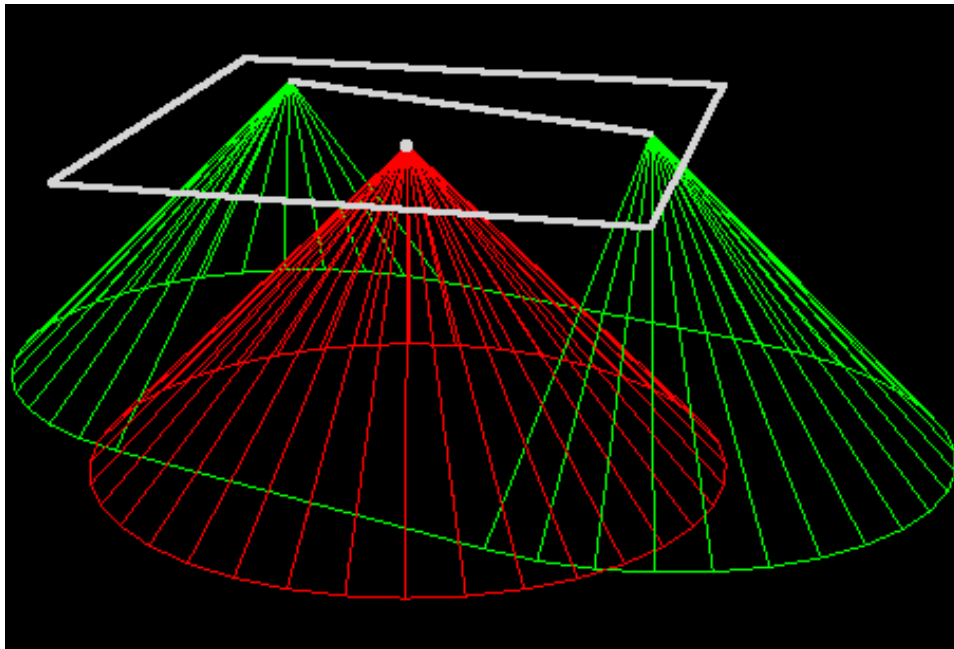
# The "Cone Trick" for Higher-Order Sites

- Observation: the surface in 3D, generated by

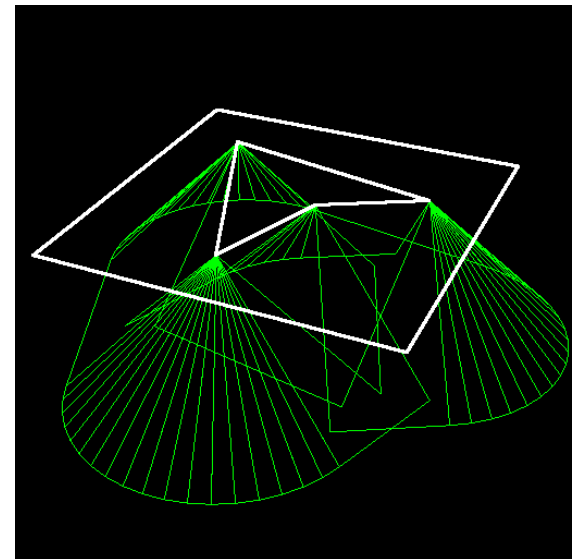
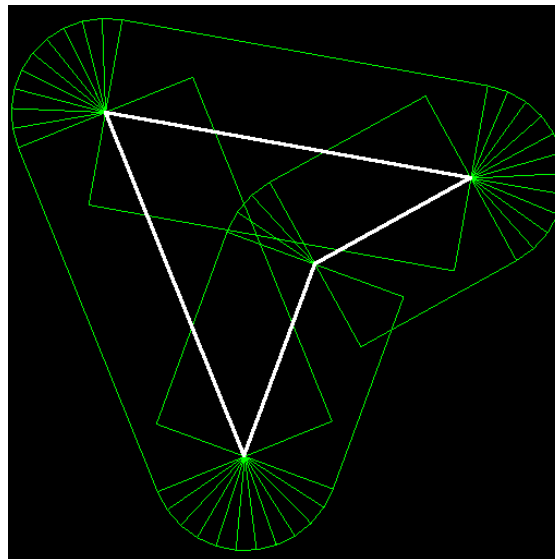
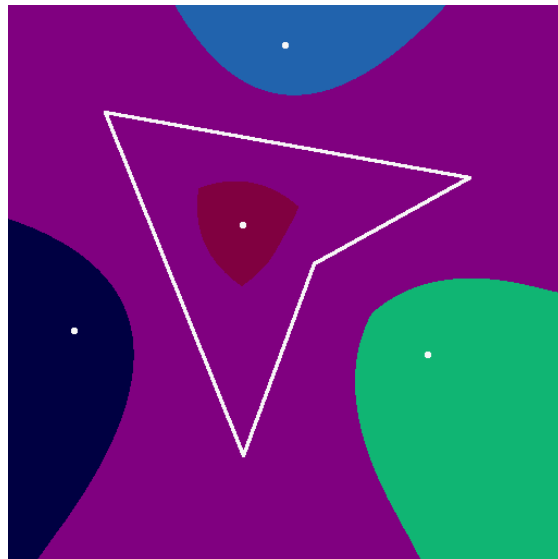
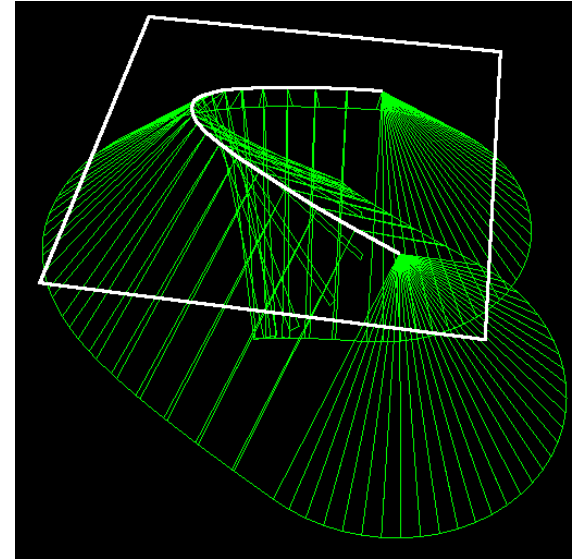
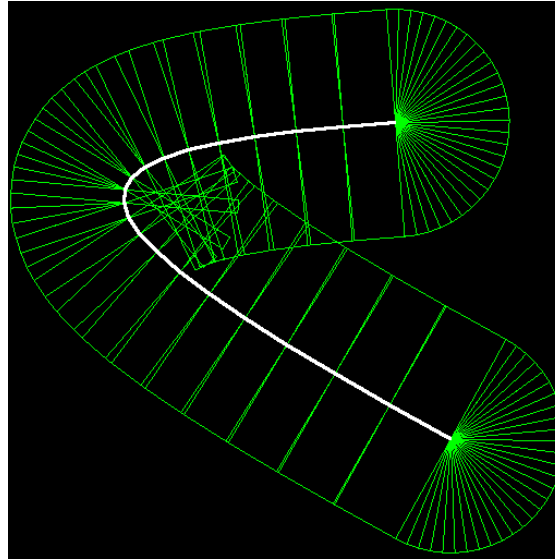
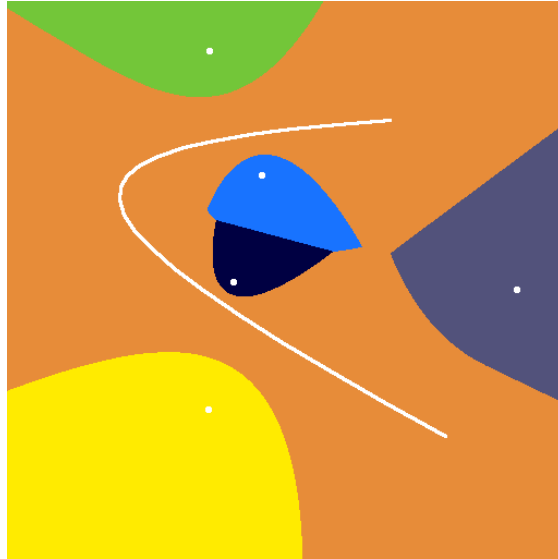
$$f(x, y) = (x, y, d(x, y))$$

where  $d(x, y)$  = distance from the Voronoi site is a **swept cone**

- Idea: approximate distance function by a mesh

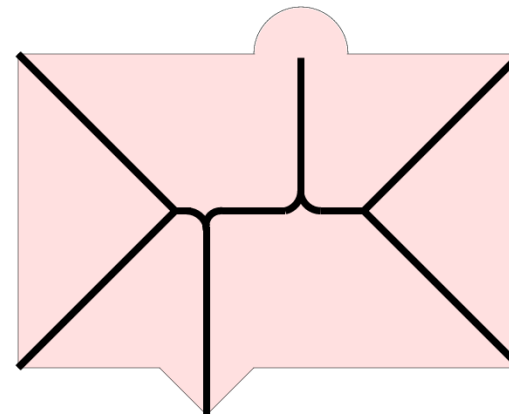
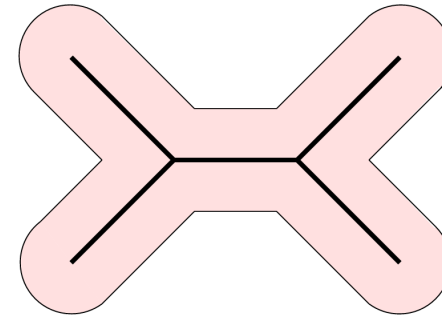
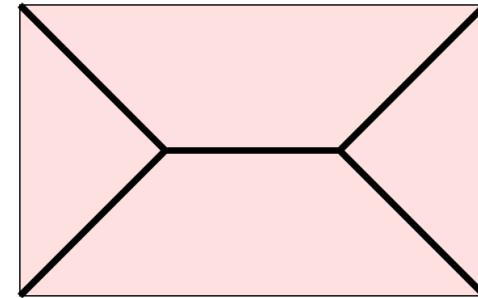


# More Example Distance Meshes

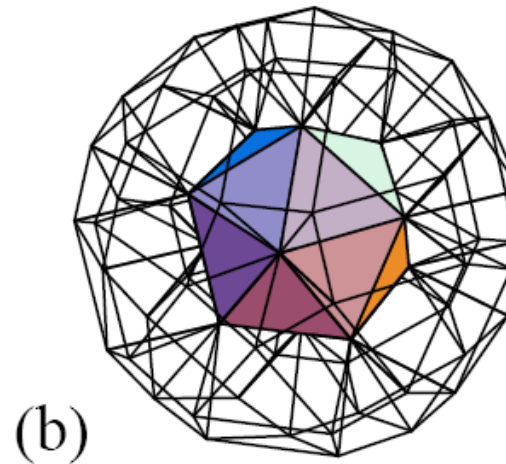
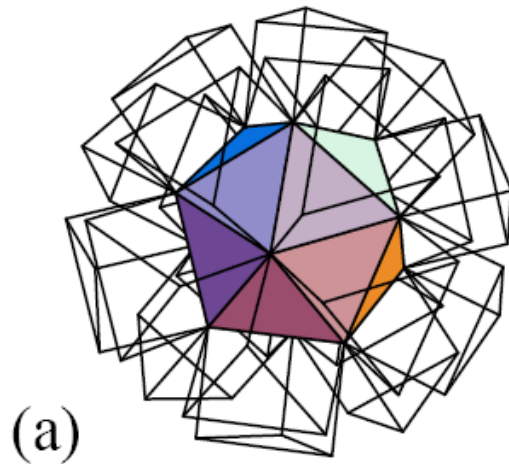


■ **Skeleton** oder **Medial Axis**

- Besonders im Fall von geschlossenen Objekten
- Alle Punkte, die gleich weit von 2 Punkten des Randes eines Objektes entfernt sind
- Problem: Stabilität

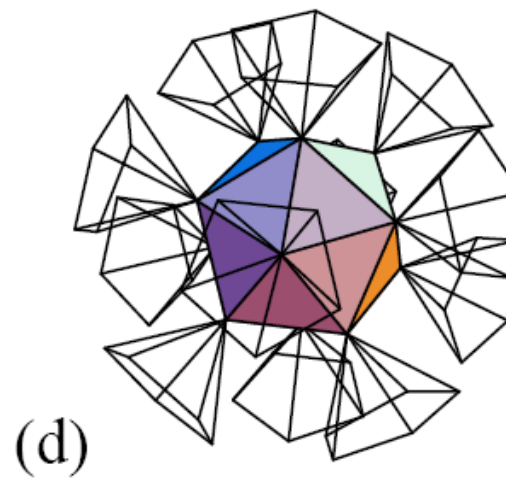
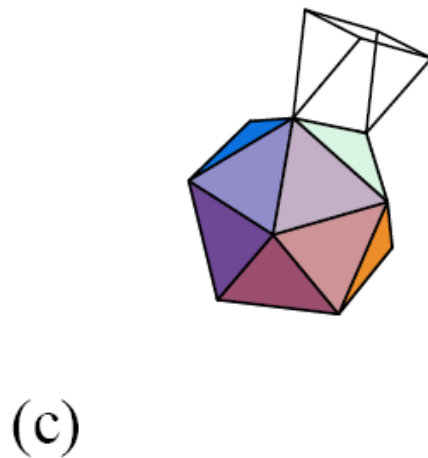


# Äußere Voronoi-Regionen eines konvexen Polyeders

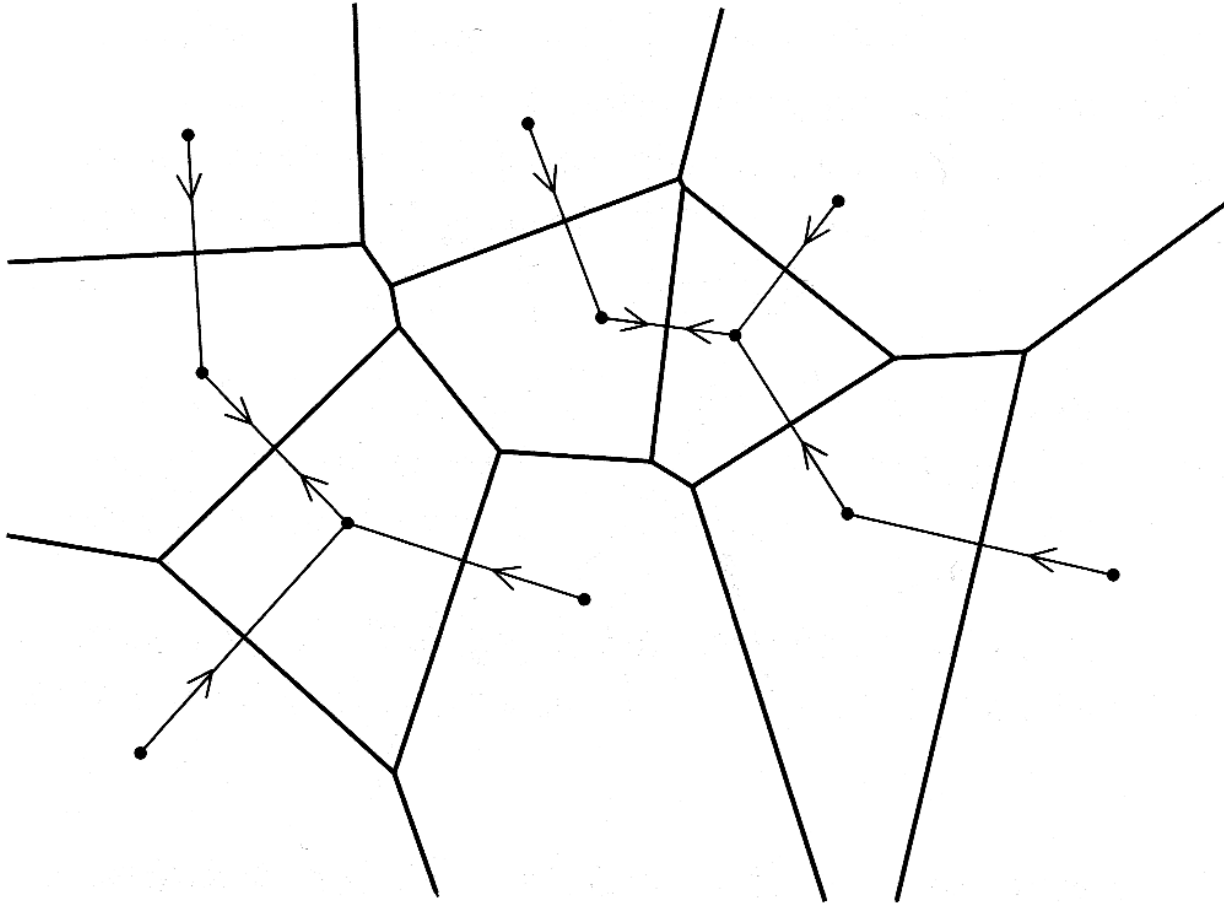


The external  
Voronoi regions of ...

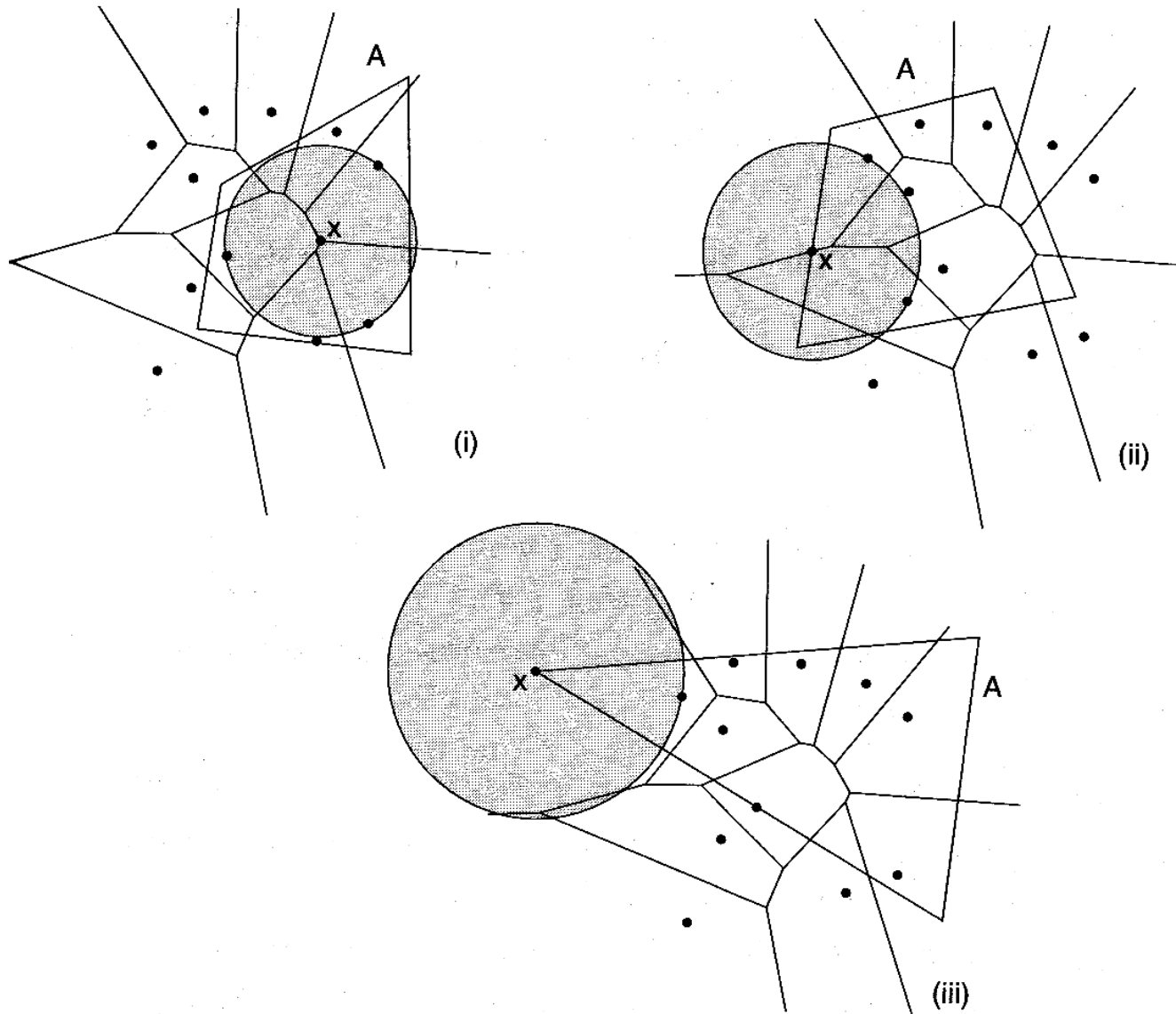
- (a) faces
- (b) edges
- (c) a single edge
- (d) vertices



# Beispiel zu $NNG(S) \subseteq D(S)$



# Maximale, leere Kreise



- **Anthropology and Archeology** -- Identify the parts of a region under the influence of different Neolithic clans, chiefdoms, ceremonial centers, or hill forts.
- **Astronomy** -- Identify clusters of stars and clusters of galaxies (Here we saw what may be the earliest picture of a Voronoi diagram, drawn by Descartes in 1644, where the regions described the regions of gravitational influence of the sun and other stars.)
- **Biology, Ecology, Forestry** -- Model and analyze plant competition ("Area potentially available to a tree", "Plant polygons")
- **Cartography** -- Piece together satellite photographs into large "mosaic" maps
- **Crystallography and Chemistry** -- Study chemical properties of metallic sodium ("Wigner-Seitz regions"); Modelling alloy structures as sphere packings ("Domain of an atom")
- **Finite Element Analysis** -- Generating finite element meshes which avoid small angles
- **Geography** -- Analyzing patterns of urban settlements
- **Geology** -- Estimation of ore reserves in a deposit using information obtained from bore holes; modelling crack patterns in basalt due to contraction on cooling
- **Geometric Modeling** -- Finding "good" triangulations of 3D surfaces
- **Marketing** -- Model market of US metropolitan areas; market area extending down to individual retail stores
- **Mathematics** -- Study of positive definite quadratic forms ("Dirichlet tessellation", "Voronoi diagram")
- **Metallurgy** -- Modelling "grain growth" in metal films
- **Meteorology** -- Estimate regional rainfall averages, given data at discrete rain gauges ("Thiessen polygons")
- **Pattern Recognition** -- Find simple descriptors for shapes that extract 1D characterizations from 2D shapes ("Medial axis" or "skeleton" of a contour)
- **Physiology** -- Analysis of capillary distribution in cross-sections of muscle tissue to compute oxygen transport ("Capillary domains")
- **Robotics** -- Path planning in the presence of obstacles
- **Statistics and Data Analysis** -- Analyze statistical clustering ("Natural neighbors" interpolation)
- **Zoology** -- Model and analyze the territories of animals



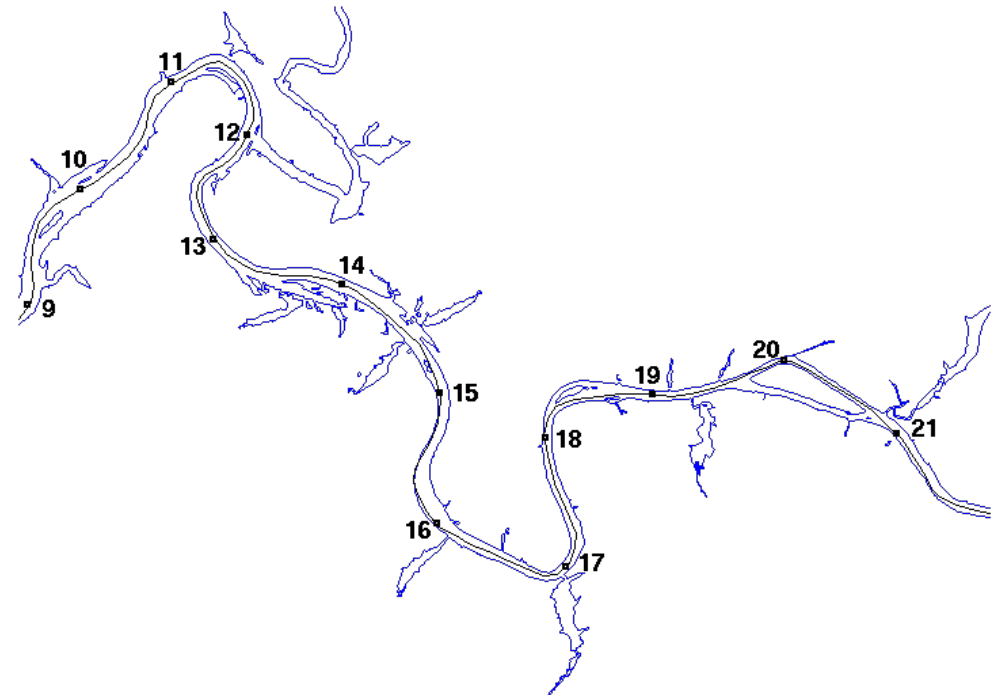


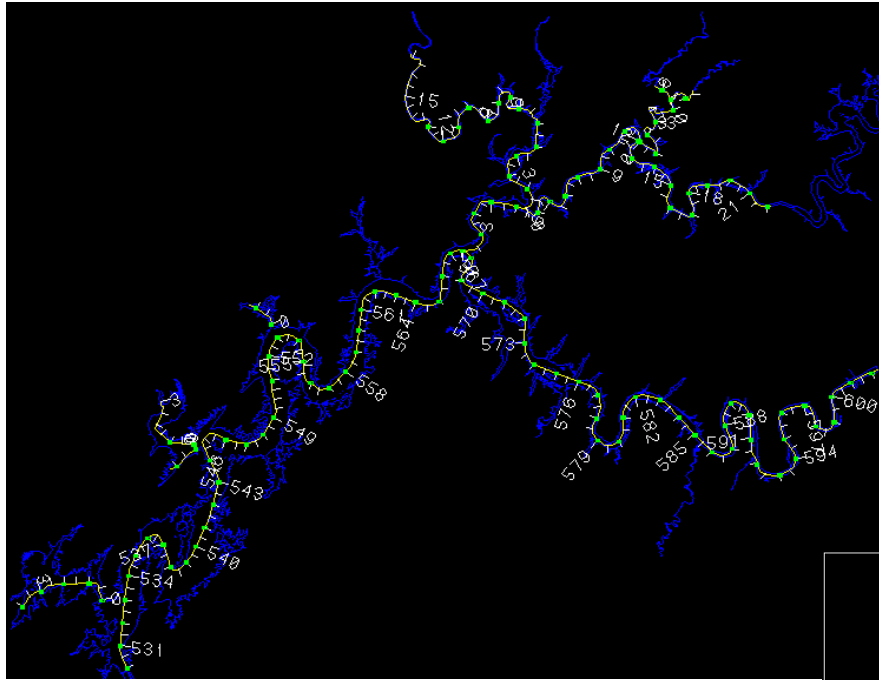
# Anwendung: das River-Mile-Koordinatensystem



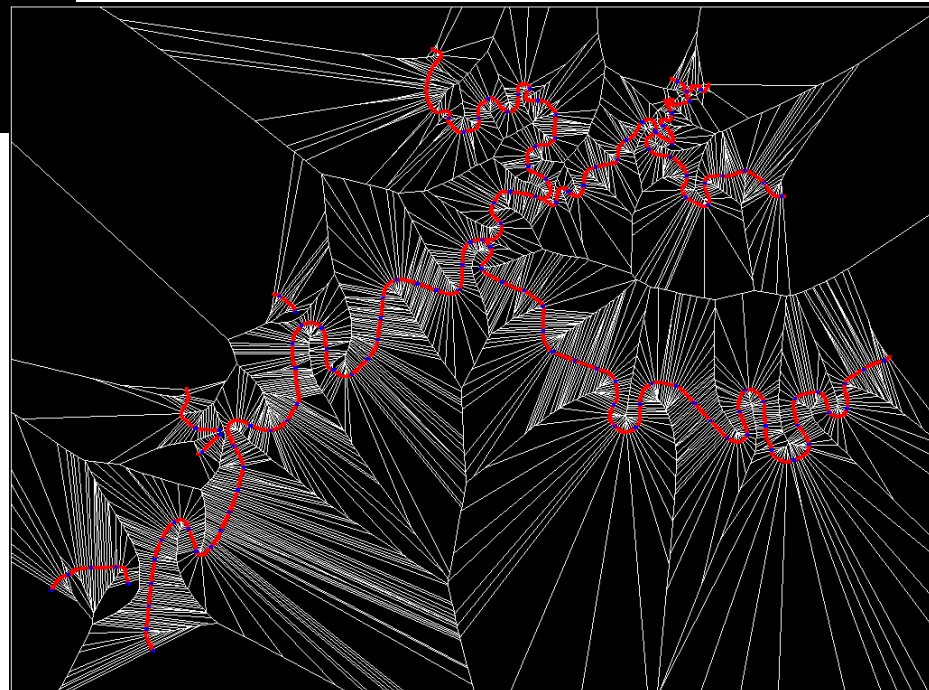
- Das River-Mile-Koordinatensystem:
  - Wird gerne in großen Wasserwegesystemen angewendet
  - Koordinaten eines Punktes in der Ebene =  $(l, q)$  wobei
    - $l$  = gemessen entlang der Mittellinie des Flusses,
    - $q$  = Entfernung von Punkt  $(l, 0)$  senkrecht zur Tangente in  $(l, 0)$

- Aufgabe:  
gegeben ein Punkt  $(x, y) \rightarrow$   
welche Koord.  $(l, q)$  hat er?





Zerlegung der Mittellinie  
in einen fein auf-  
gelösten Polygonzug



Voronoi-Diagramm dazu

- Aufgabe:
  - Gegeben: Menge von Punkten
  - Gesucht: Partitionierung der Punktmenge in "Cluster"
  - Clustering = maximal intra-cluster similarity and minimal inter-cluster similarity  
= minimal intra-cluster distance and maximal inter-cluster distance

# Gute Einteilung in Wahlbezirke (*Redistricting*)

- Das Fairness-Prinzip: "one man, one vote"
  - Ganz einfach ... oder?
- Einfaches Beispiel:

R	R	R	R
R	R	D	D
D	D	D	D

Wählerverteilung

R	R	R	R
R	R	D	D
D	D	D	D

Gleiche Anzahl  
Repräsentanten

R	R	R	R
R	R	D	D
D	D	D	D

Demokraten  
gewinnen

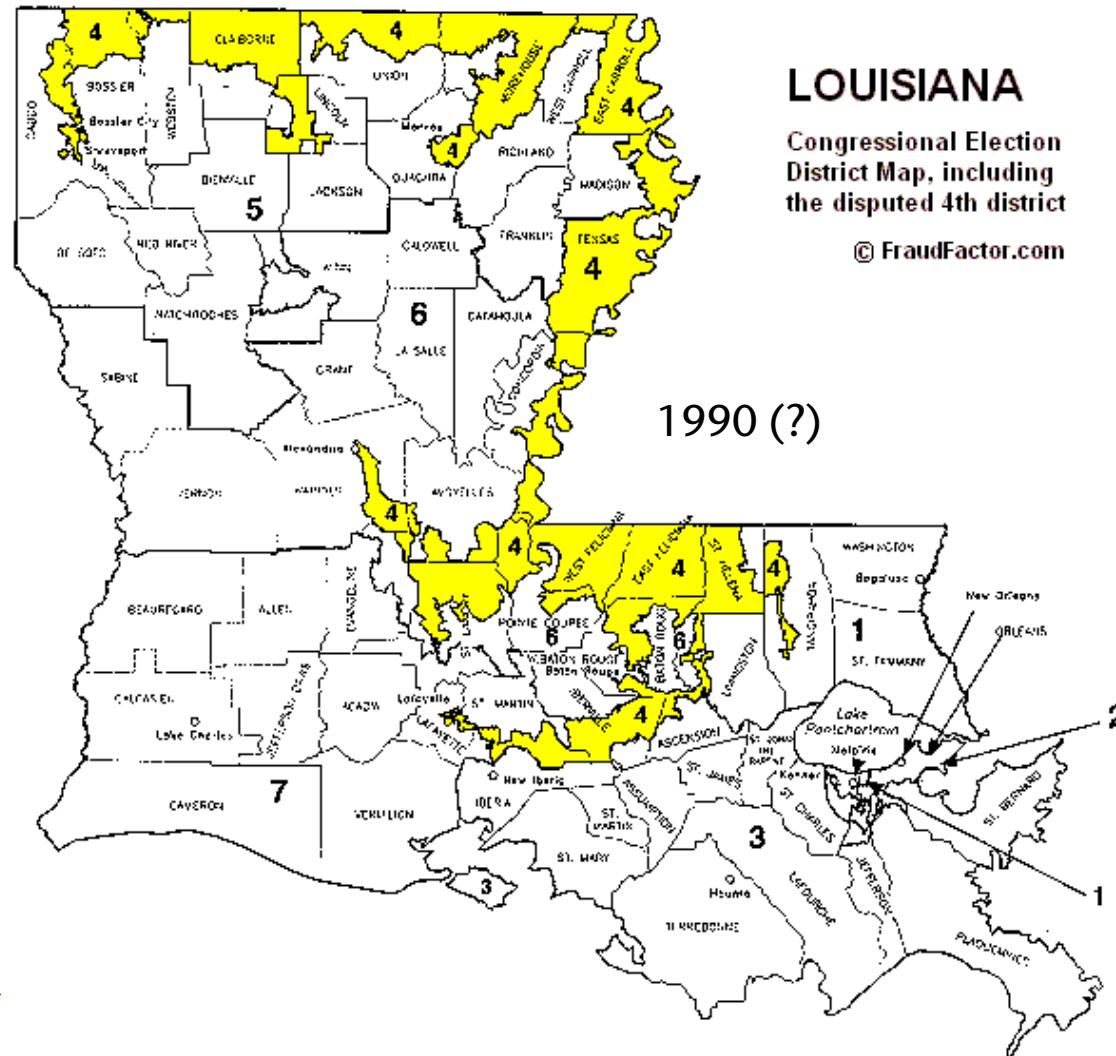
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Republikaner  
gewinnen

- Gesetzliche Kriterien für Wahlbezirke in den USA:
  - Gleiche Anzahl Wähler
  - Jeder Bezirk soll zusammenhängend sein
  - "Kompaktheit" (ist im US-Gesetz aber nicht klar definiert)

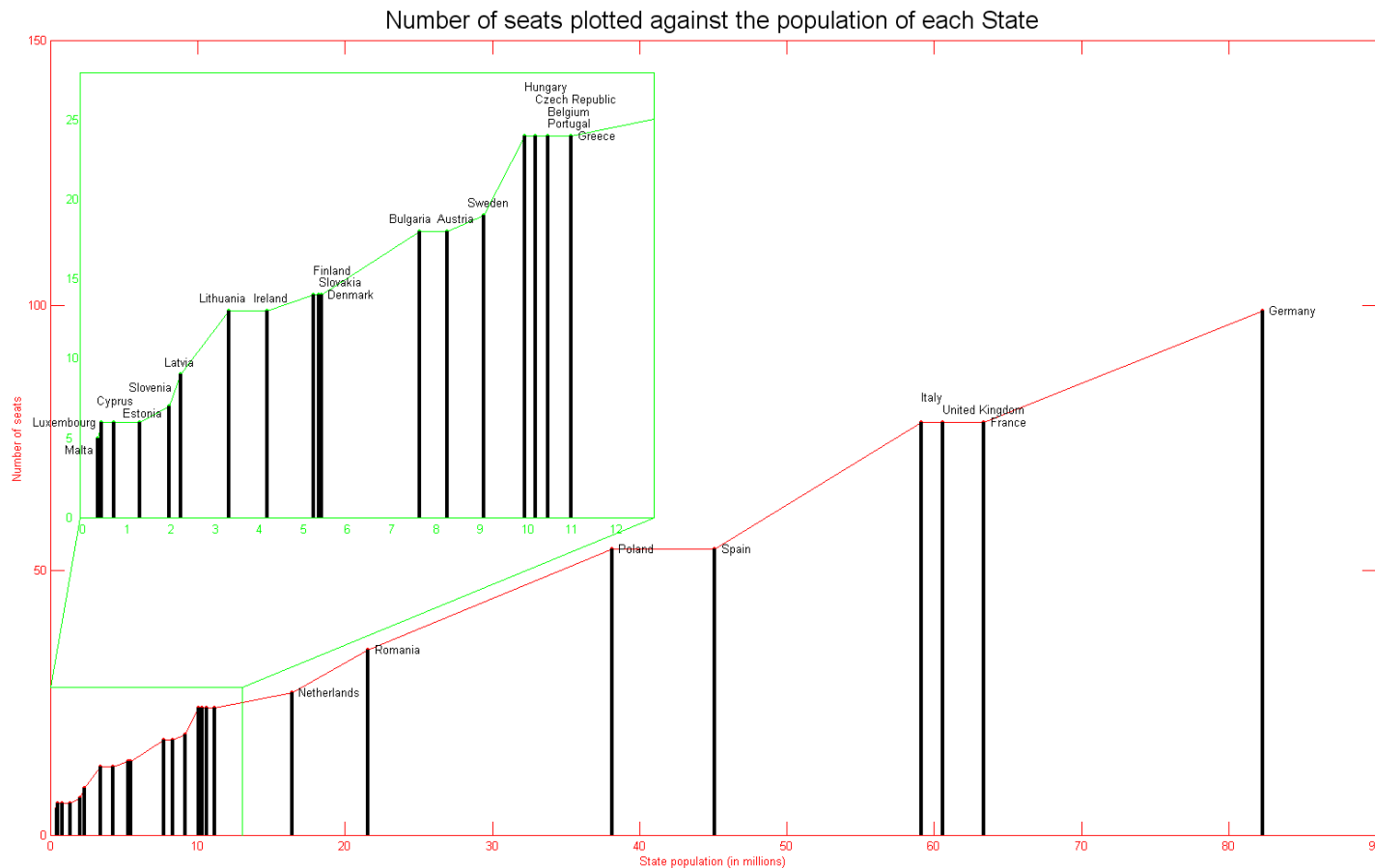
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- Böses Beispiel:



*"In gerrymandered election districts, the voters don't choose their politicians - the politicians choose their voters!"*

- Ähnlicher Effekt bei Europawahlen: die Stimme eines Wählers in Malta oder Luxemburg hat 10x mehr Gewicht als die eines deutschen Wählers!



- Eine mögliche Definition von Kompaktheit:

Sei  $\mathcal{D} = \{D_1, \dots, D_k\}$

eine Menge von Wahlbezirken (*districts*).

Jeder Distrikt  $D_i = \{p_j, \dots, p_l\} \subset P = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$

enthält eine Menge von Wählern  $p_i$ .

Die Kompaktheit eines Distrikts ist

$$c(D) = \sum_{i,j=1}^{|D|} d(p_i, p_j)$$

Die Gesamtkompaktheit der Einteilung in Distrikte ist

$$c(\mathcal{D}) = \sum_{i=1}^k c(D_i)$$

- Theorem:

Eine optimale Aufteilung in Wahlbezirke bzgl. Kompaktheit geht aus einem Power-Diagramm hervor.

- Aufgabe :

- Konstruiere zu gegebener Menge Wähler  $\{p_i\}$  eine Menge von Voronoi-Sites mit Gewichten, so daß
  - $\forall i : |D_i| = n$
  - Voronoi-Sites = "Wahllokale"
  - Gewicht = Maß für die Populationsdichte in dem zugehörigen Distrikt (kleines Gewicht = hohe Dichte)

- Ansatz :

- Starte mit zufälligen Sites und Gewichten
- Verschiebe Sites und Gewichte, bis  $c(\mathcal{D})$  in lokalem Minimum

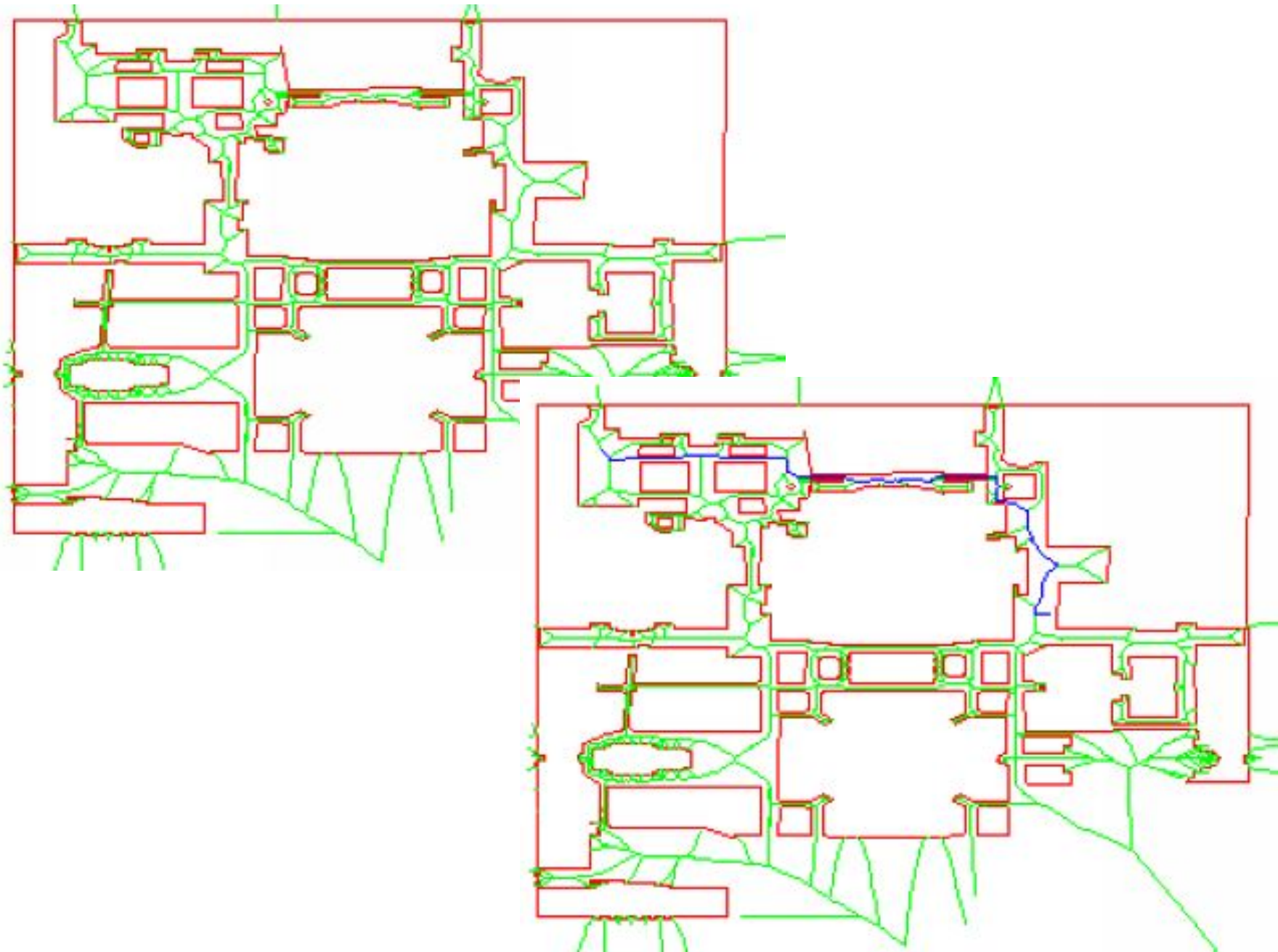
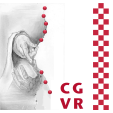


- Gegeben: Grundriß als Menge von Liniensegmenten
- Gesucht: Pfad (z.B. für autonomes Vehikel = Roboter) mit maximalem Abstand zu den Wänden



[http://www.cs.columbia.edu/~pblaer/projects/path\\_planner/](http://www.cs.columbia.edu/~pblaer/projects/path_planner/)

- Lösung:
  - (Verallgemeinertes) Voronoi-Diagramm dazu konstruieren
  - Nächste Voronoi-Knoten zu Start- und Endpunkt suchen
  - Mit Dijkstra-Algo kürzesten Pfad von Start- zu End-Knoten durch Voronoi-Diagramm suchen

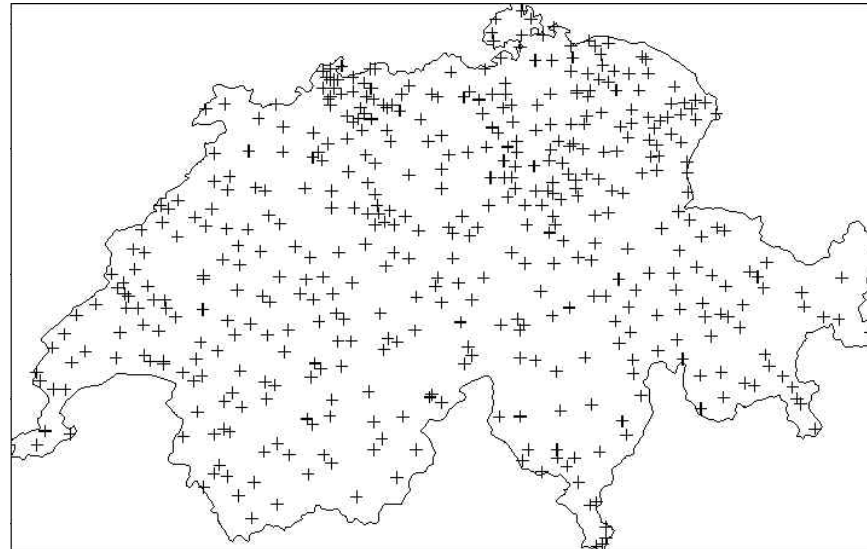
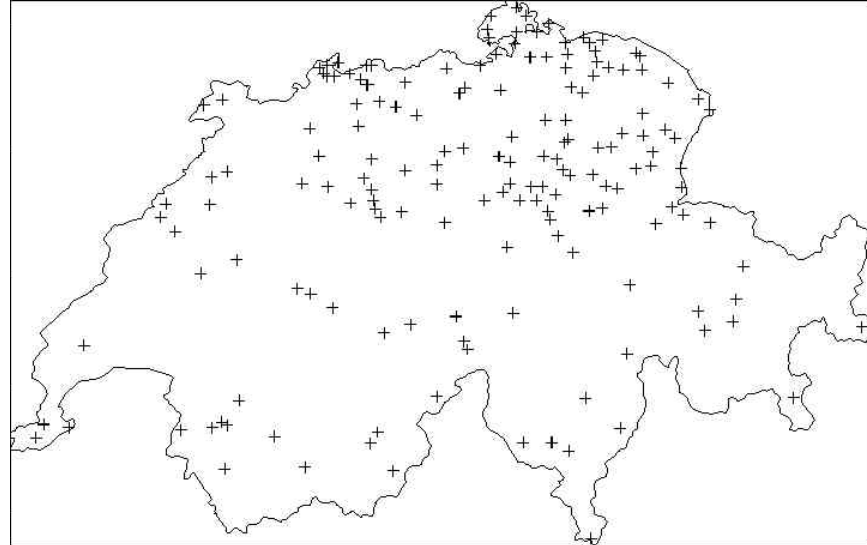


# Bewertung von Samplings

- Beispiel: Wetterstationen
- Frage: wo ist die geringste Dichte?
- Ideales Sampling → jeder Punkt würde eine Fläche von

$$\bar{A} = \frac{A}{n}$$

abdecken ( $A = \text{Gesamtfläche}$ )

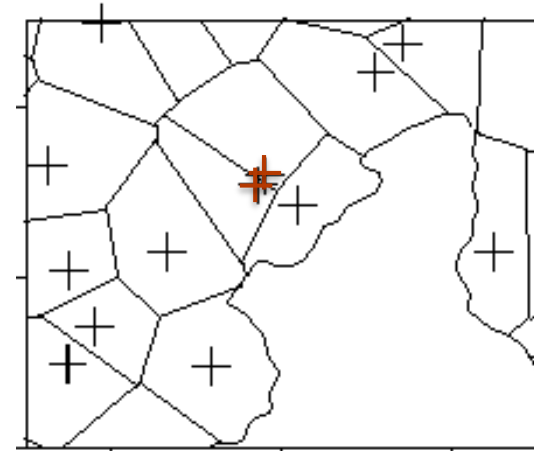


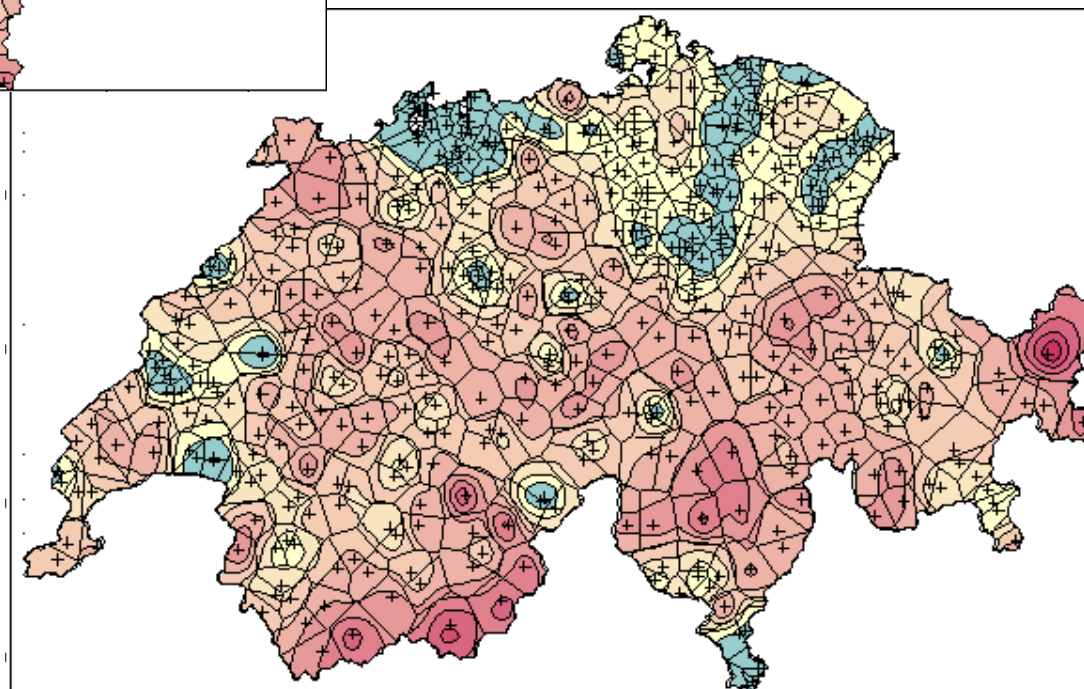
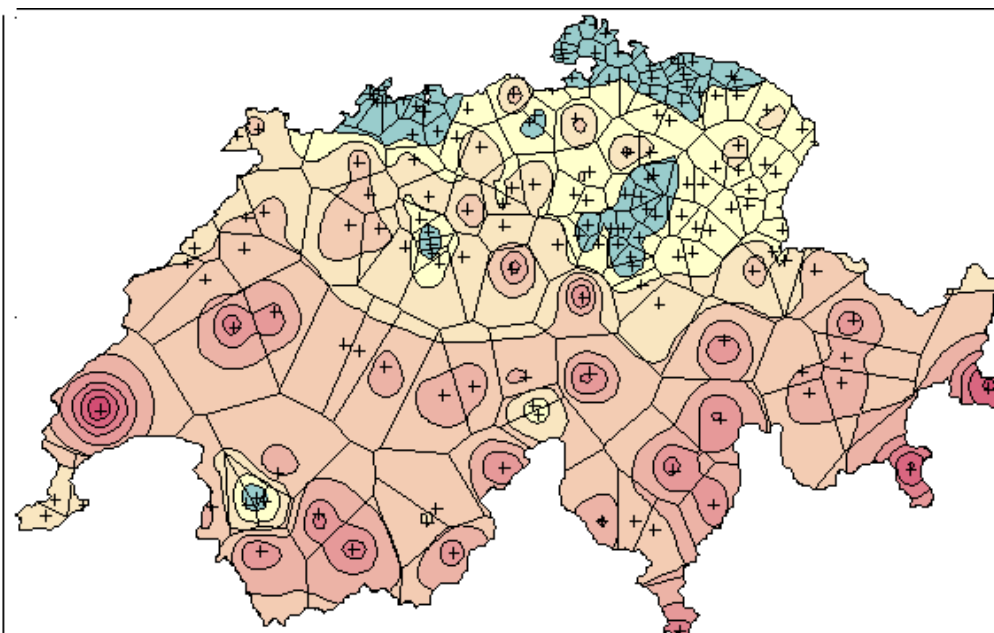
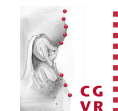
■ Lösung:

- Voronoi- und Delaunay-Diagramm berechnen
- Relative Größe pro Zelle ist

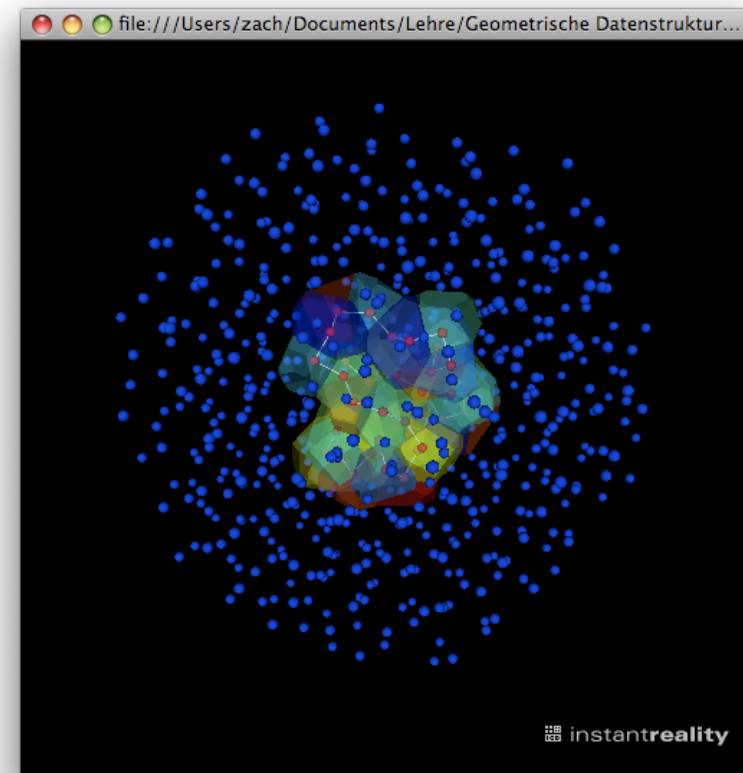
$$A_i = \frac{V_i}{\bar{A}}$$

- $A_i > 1 \rightarrow$  zu geringe Dichte
- Sample-Punkte "bestrafen", falls sie dicht beieinander liegen relativ zur Größe der Zelle  
 $\rightarrow$  Distanz zum nearest neighbor

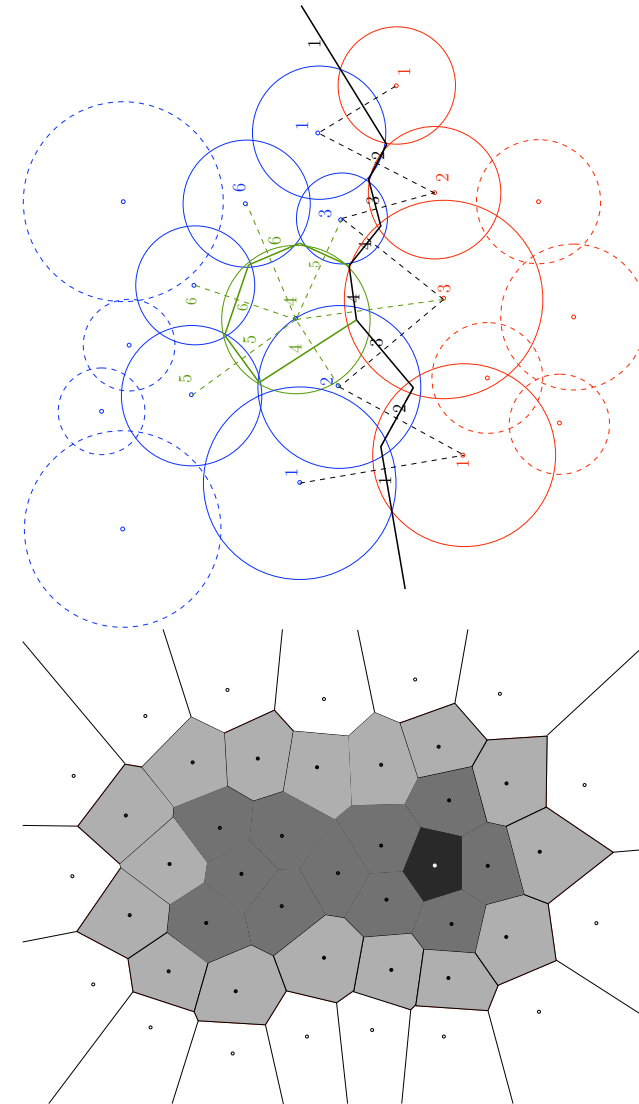




- Frage:
  - Wie sieht die aktive Oberfläche (= **Interface**) eines Moleküls aus?
  - Welche Atome interagieren mit Atomen aus der Umgebung
- Eine Lösung:
  - Platziere zufällig Atome um das geg. Molekül herum
  - Berechne das Voronoi-Diagramm alle Punkte
  - Interface = Voronoi-Facetten zwischen Molekül und Umgebungsatomen



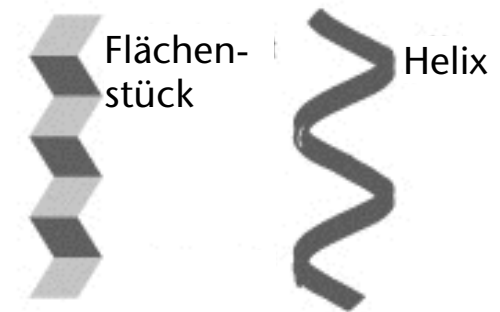
- Verwende Power-Diagramm oder Voronoi-Diagramm mit additiven Gewichten
  - Gewicht = Atomradius
- Berechne "Tiefe" pro Atom:
  - Atome mit einer Voronoi-Facette nach außen = Tiefe 1
  - Traversiere Delaunay-Graph breadth-first von außen nach innen
  - Je tiefer ein Atom, desto geringer sein Beitrag zu Wechselwirkungen



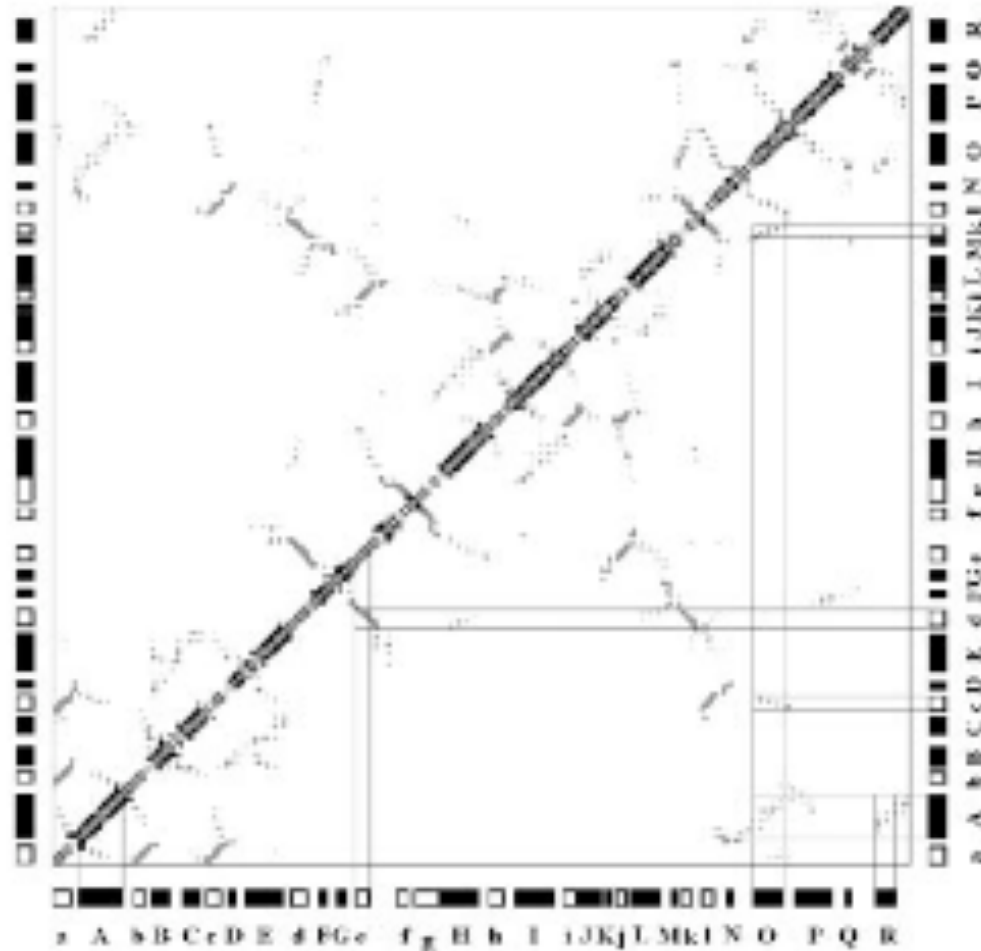


## Secondary Structure of Proteins

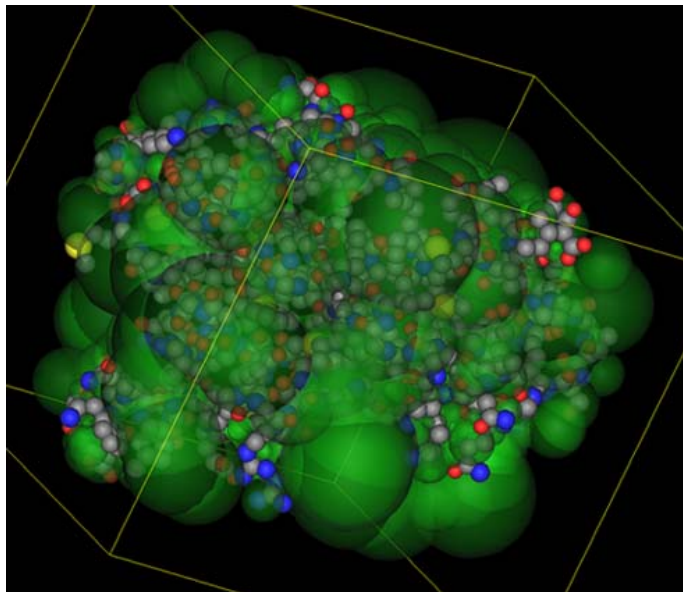
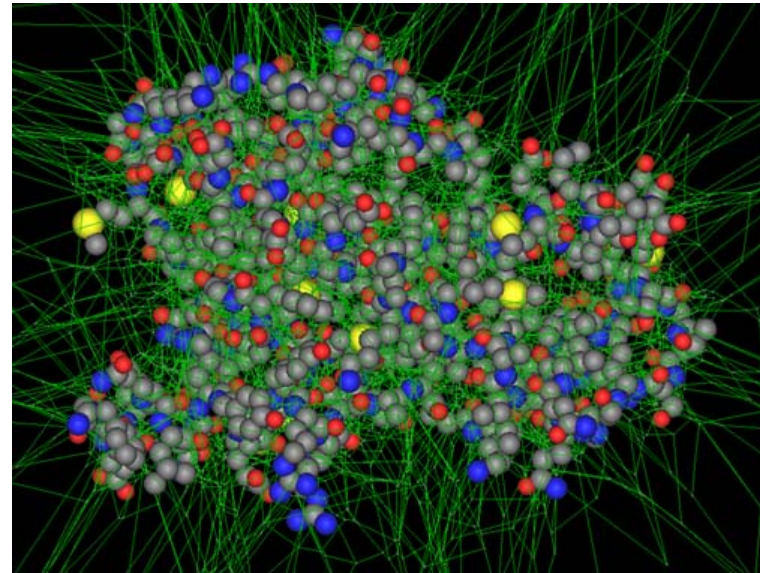
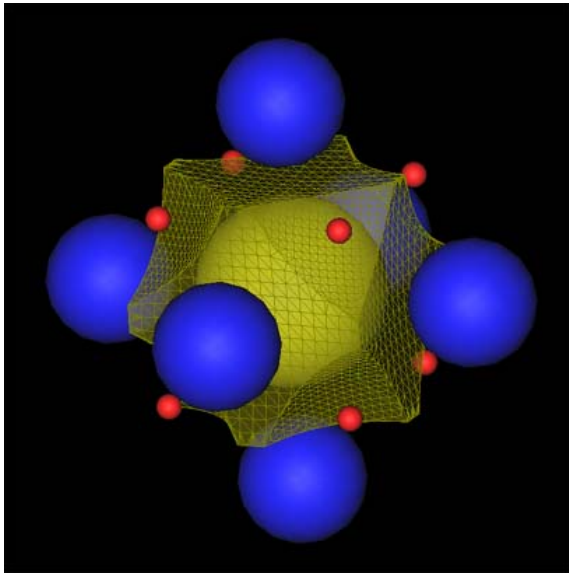
- Lange Proteine falten sich zu Helices, Knäueln, und Flächenstücken
- Ergibt Wechselwirkungen zwischen Atomen (Bindungen), die nicht in der chemischen Formel zu sehen sind
- Frage: gegeben die Positionen der Atome, wie sieht die sekundäre Struktur aus?
  - Welche Atome sind "benachbart", welche nicht
  - Wie stark sind sie benachbart?
- Lösung: Voronoi-Diagramm
  - Benachbart = gemeinsame Voronoi-Facette
  - Stärke der Nachbarschaft = Größe der Facette



- Resultat: Adjazenz-Matrix (grau/schwarz = schwach/stark benachbart)



# Appolonius-Diagramme in 3D



Z.B. um die Leerstellen  
in einem Molekül zu  
bestimmen

# Visibility Sorting Using Voronoi Diagrams

- Erinnerung: BSPs für Visibility-Sortierung
- Methode:
  - Definiere eine Visibility-Relation auf Voronoi-Regionen

$$R_1 \prec_v R_2$$

jeder Punkt der Voronoi-Zelle  $R_2$  wird durch einen Punkt der Zelle  $R_1$  bzgl. des Viewpoints  $v$  verdeckt

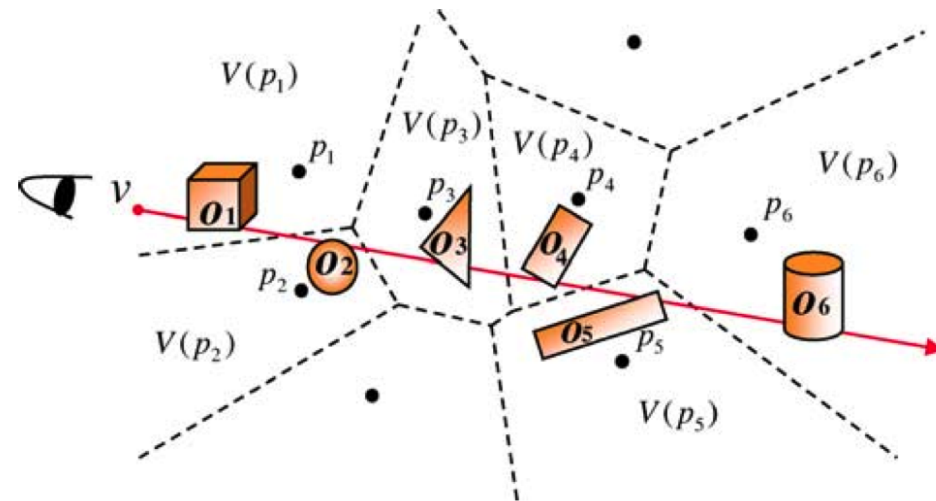
- Nun gilt:

$$R_1 \prec_v R_2 \Leftrightarrow \forall p_1 \in R_1 \forall p_2 \in R_2 : \|v - p_1\| < \|v - p_2\|$$

- Bew.: klar weil  $R_1$  und  $R_2$  komplett auf verschiedenen Seiten des Bisektors zwischen  $R_1$  und  $R_2$  liegen.

■ Idee:

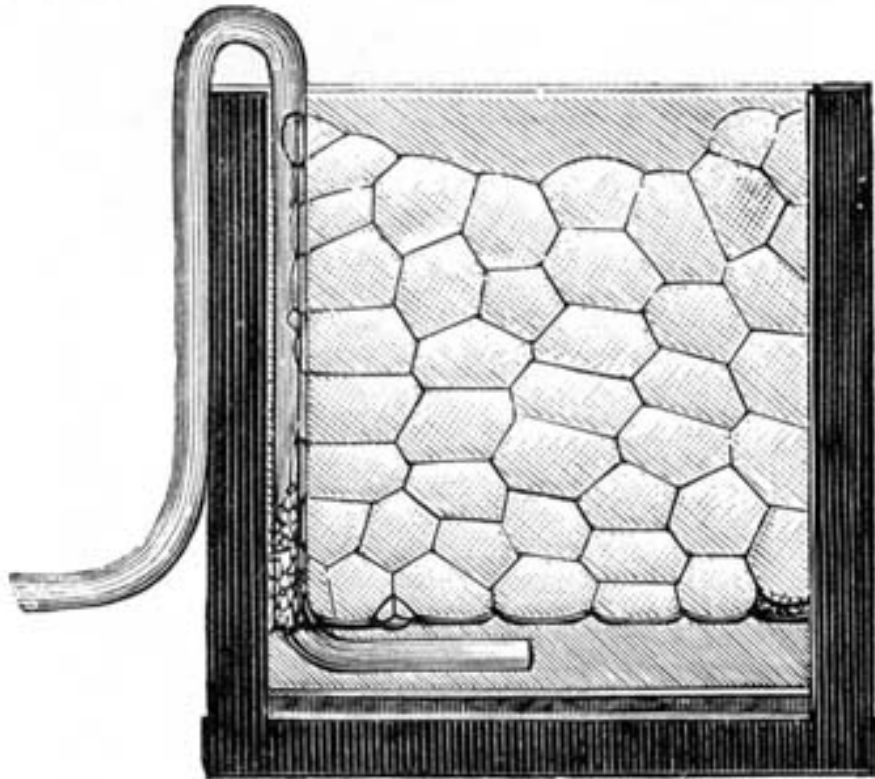
- Zunächst alle Pgone in Voronoi-Zellen clustern
- Zur Laufzeit nur noch die Voronoi-Sites sortieren (inkrementell)



■ Ansatz zum Voronoi-Clustering:

- Initialisierung: eine Zelle pro Polygon mit Schwerpunkt als Site
- Die kleinste Zelle löschen:
  - Voronoi-Diagramm lokal neu berechnen
  - Polygone der kleinsten Nachbarzelle zuordnen
- Abbruch falls keine Zelle mehr aufgelöst werden kann, ohne daß eine zyklische Visibility-Ordnung in einer Zelle entsteht

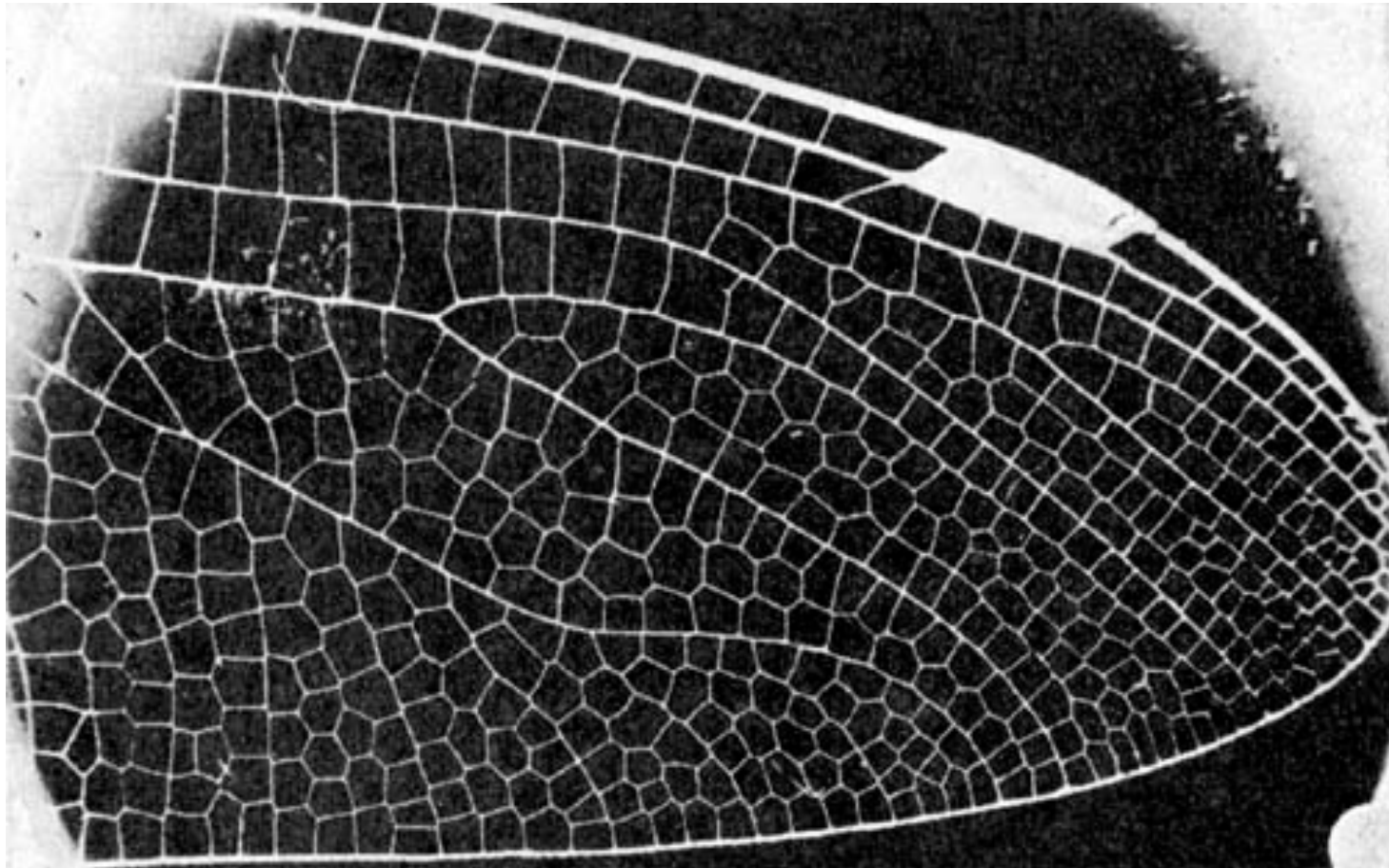
# Voronoi-Diagramme in der Natur



Seifenblasen in einem  
Glasrahmen



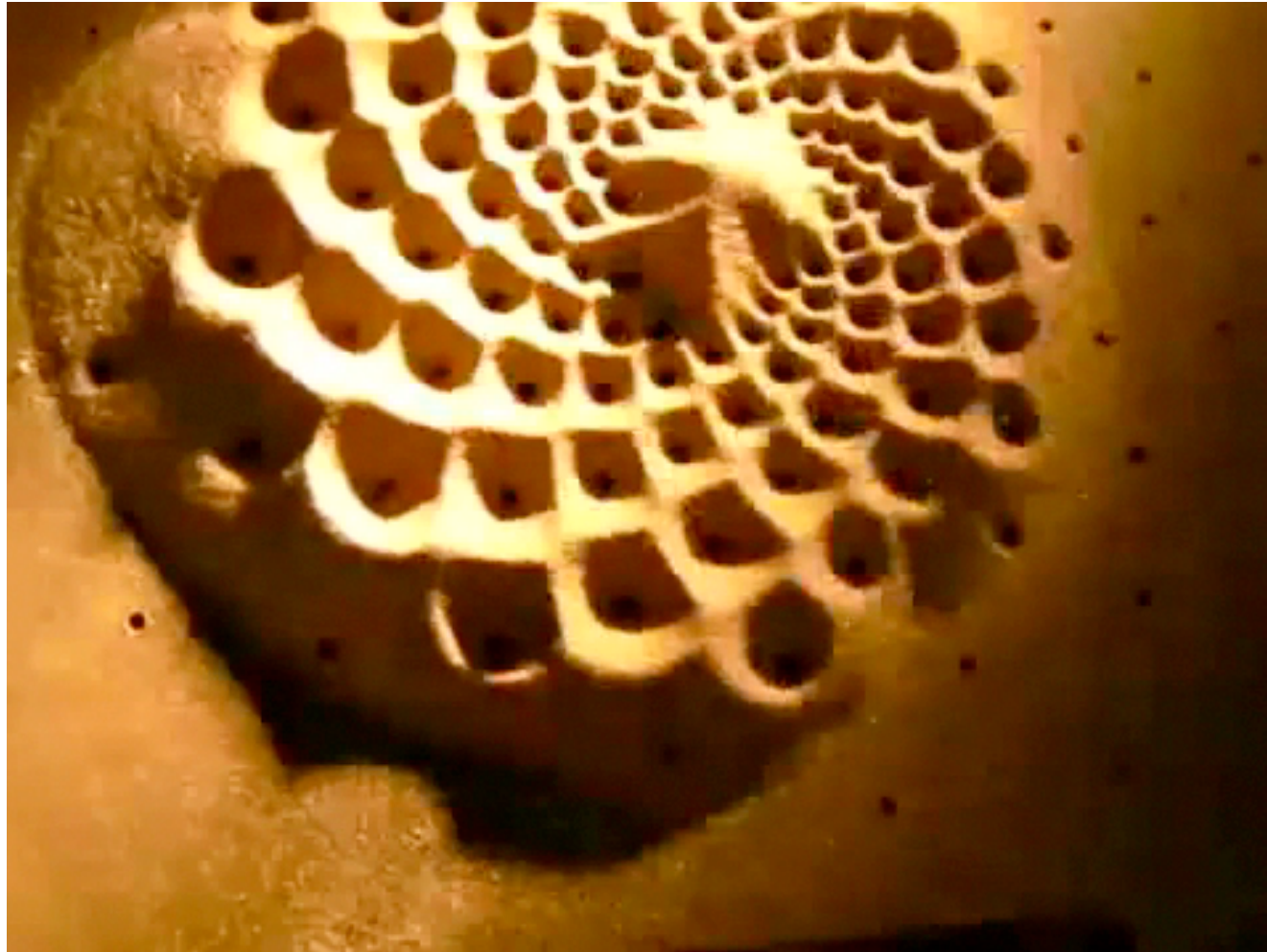
Bienenwaben  
(centroidal Voronoi tessellation)



Libellenflügel







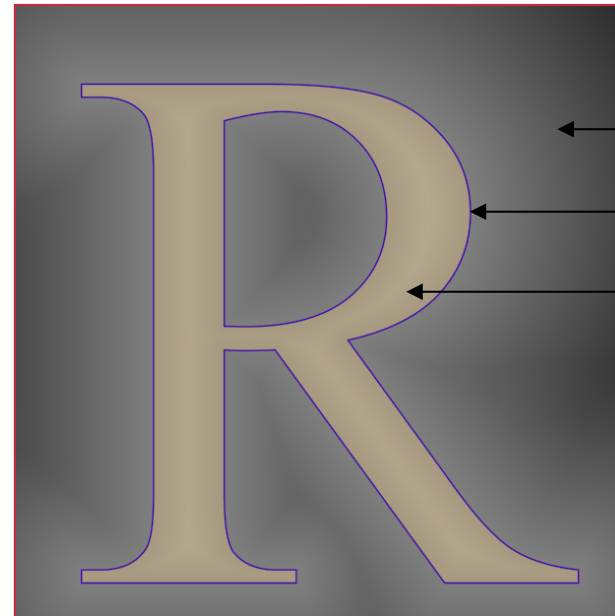
# Voronoi-Diagramm in der interaktiven Kunst



Scott Snibbe, phaeno, Wolfsburg



*2D Shape*



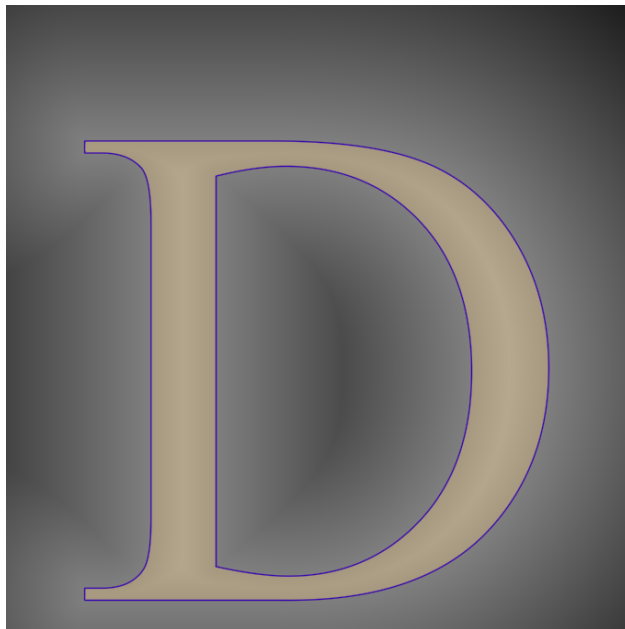
*Shape's distance field*

← *Outside*

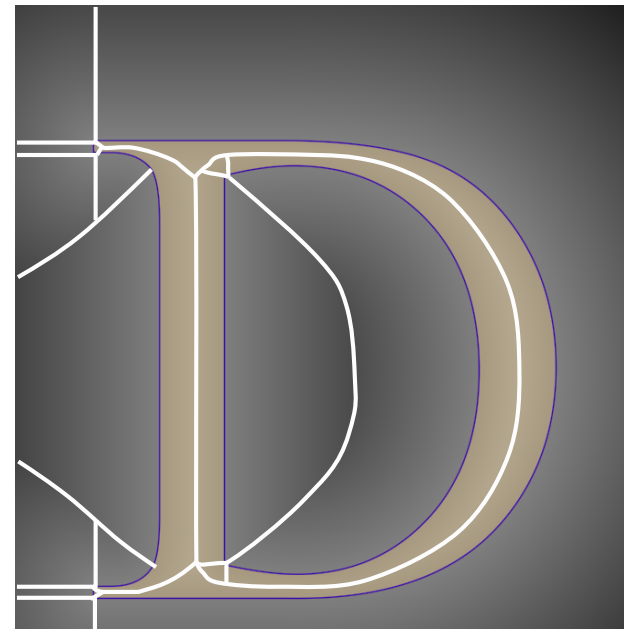
← *Boundary of shape*

← *Inside*

- Distance fields are  $C^0$ -continuous everywhere
- Distance fields are  $C^1$ -continuous except at boundaries of Voronoi regions

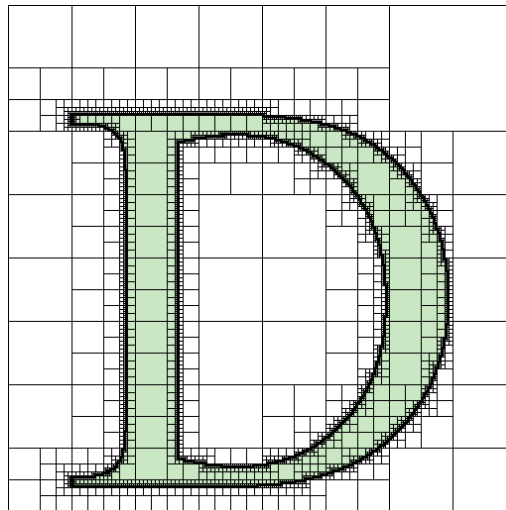


*Distance field is  $C^0$  continuous*

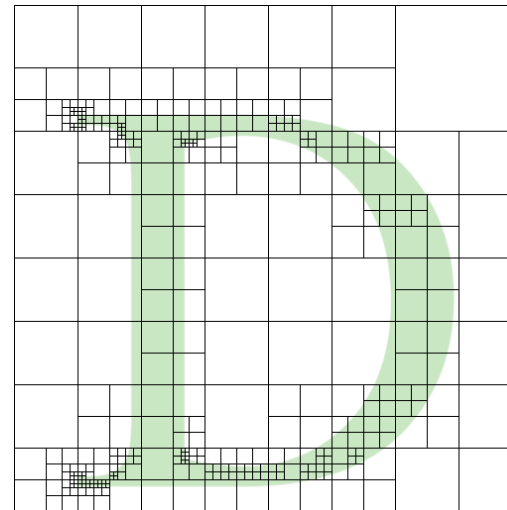


*$C^1$  continuous except at Voronoi boundaries*

- Adaptively Sampled Distance Fields (ADFs): sample at low rates where the distance field is smooth; sample at higher rates only where necessary (e.g., near corners)

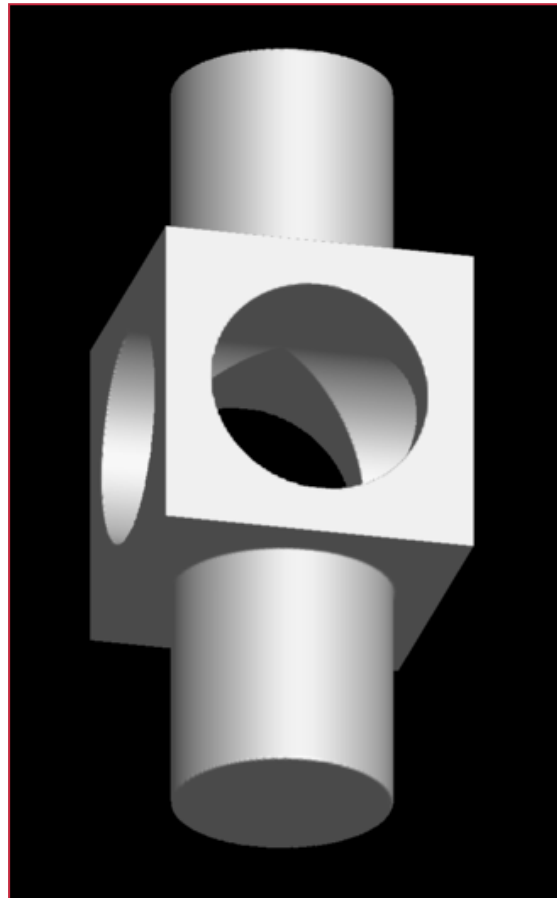


*Boundary-limited quadtree*

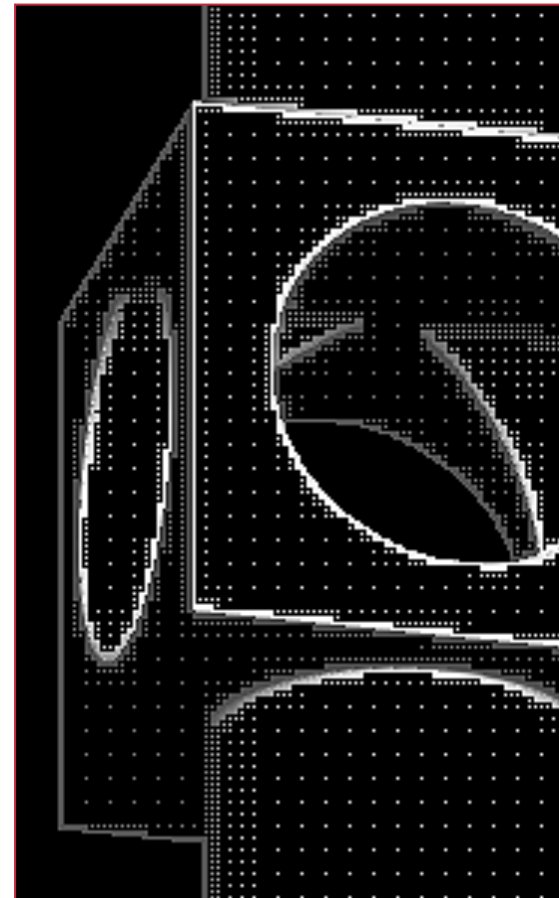


*Detail-directed ADF*

- Rendering ADF's using adaptive ray-casting:

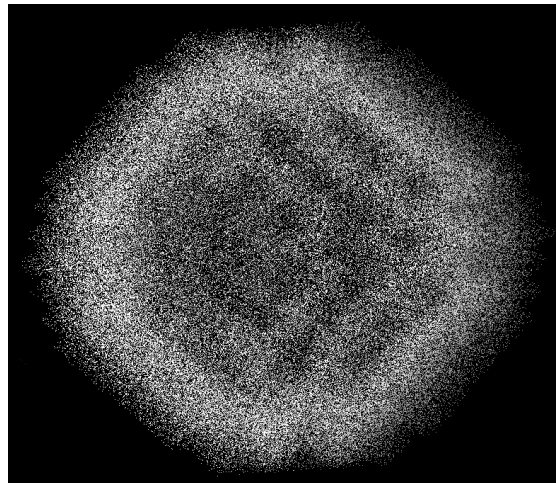


*Rendered via adaptively ray casting*

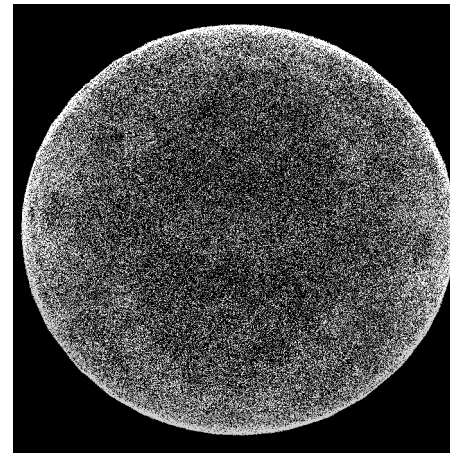


*Rays cast to render part of the image on the left*

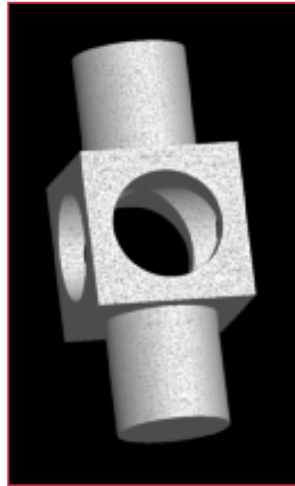
- Point-based rendering of ADF's:
  - Seed each boundary leaf cell with randomly placed points, number of points proportional to cell size
  - Relax the points onto the ADF surface using the distance field and gradient
  - Optionally shade each point using the field's gradient



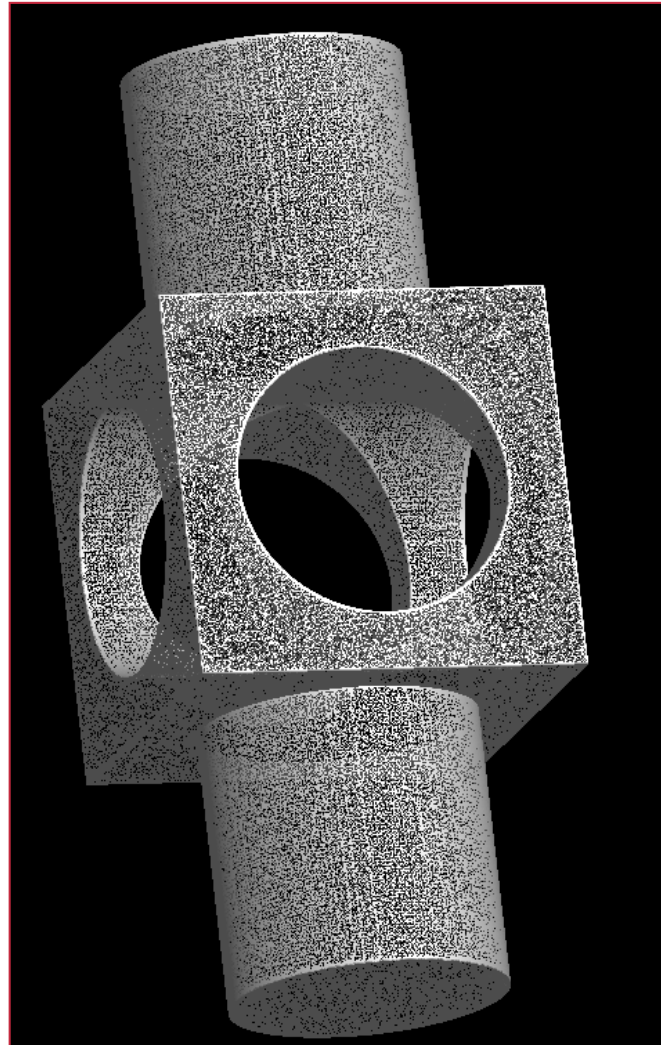
*Original points seeded in  
boundary leaf cells*



*Points after relaxation onto  
the surface*



*An ADF  
rendered as  
points at two  
different scales*







# Thanks Folks

