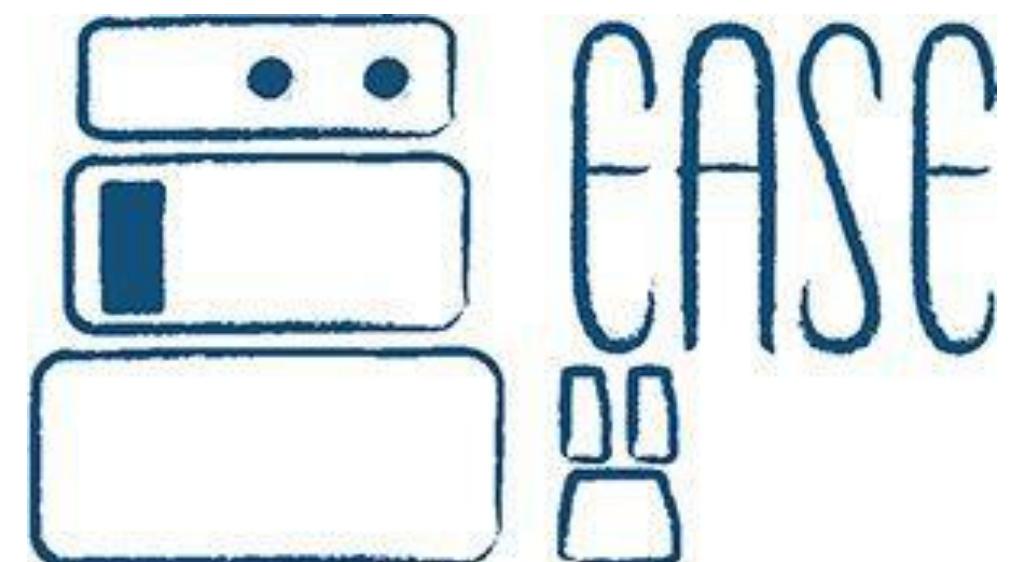




# SIMDop: SIMD Optimized Bounding Volume Hierarchies for Collision Detection

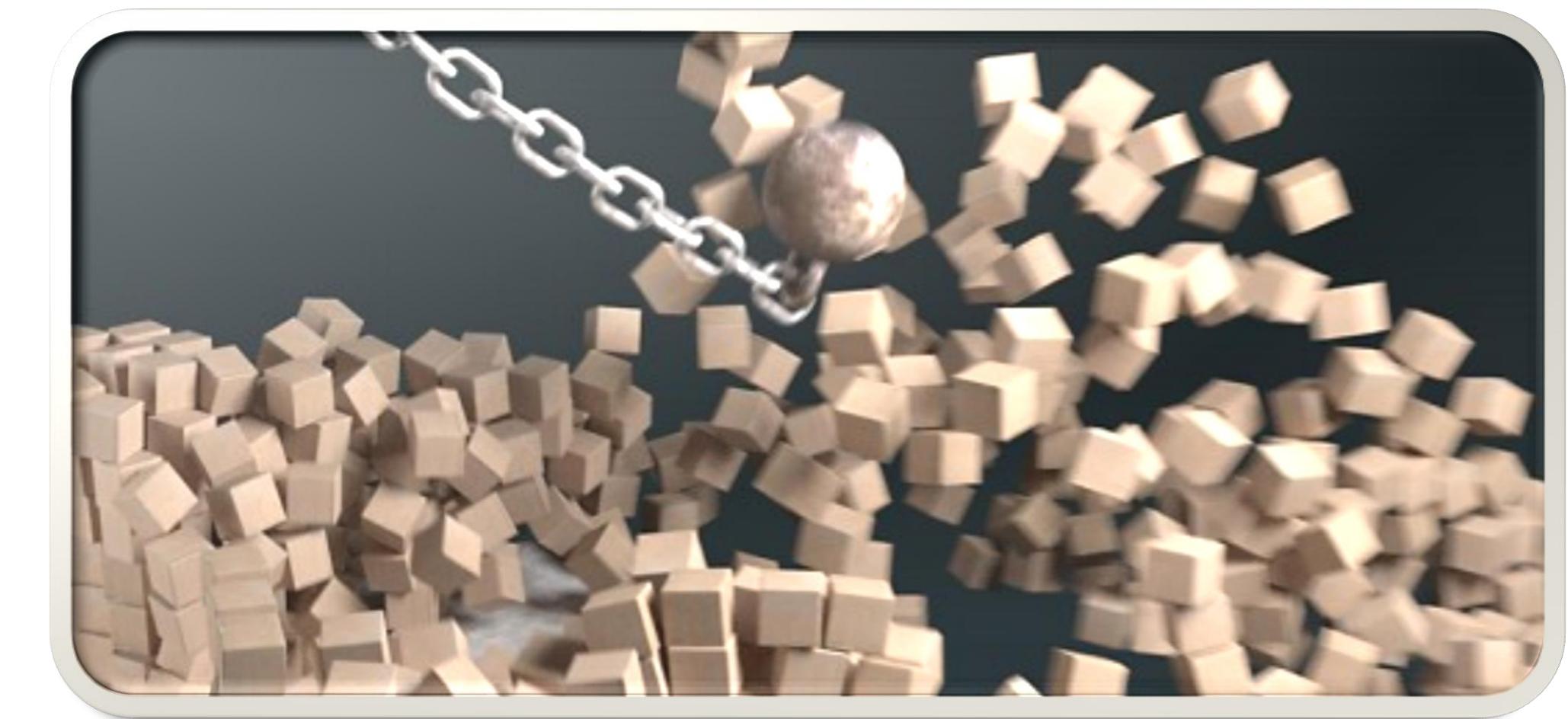
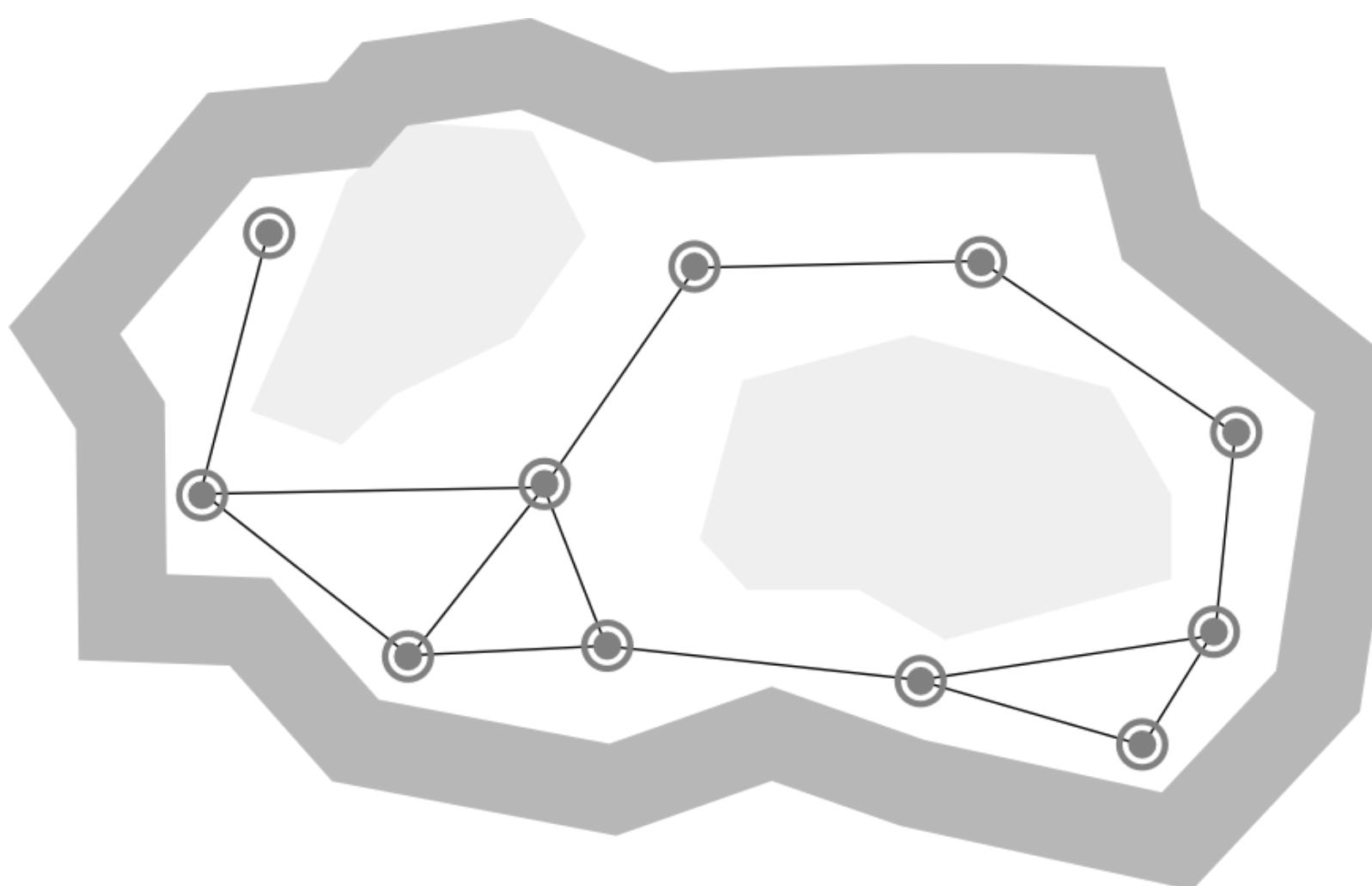
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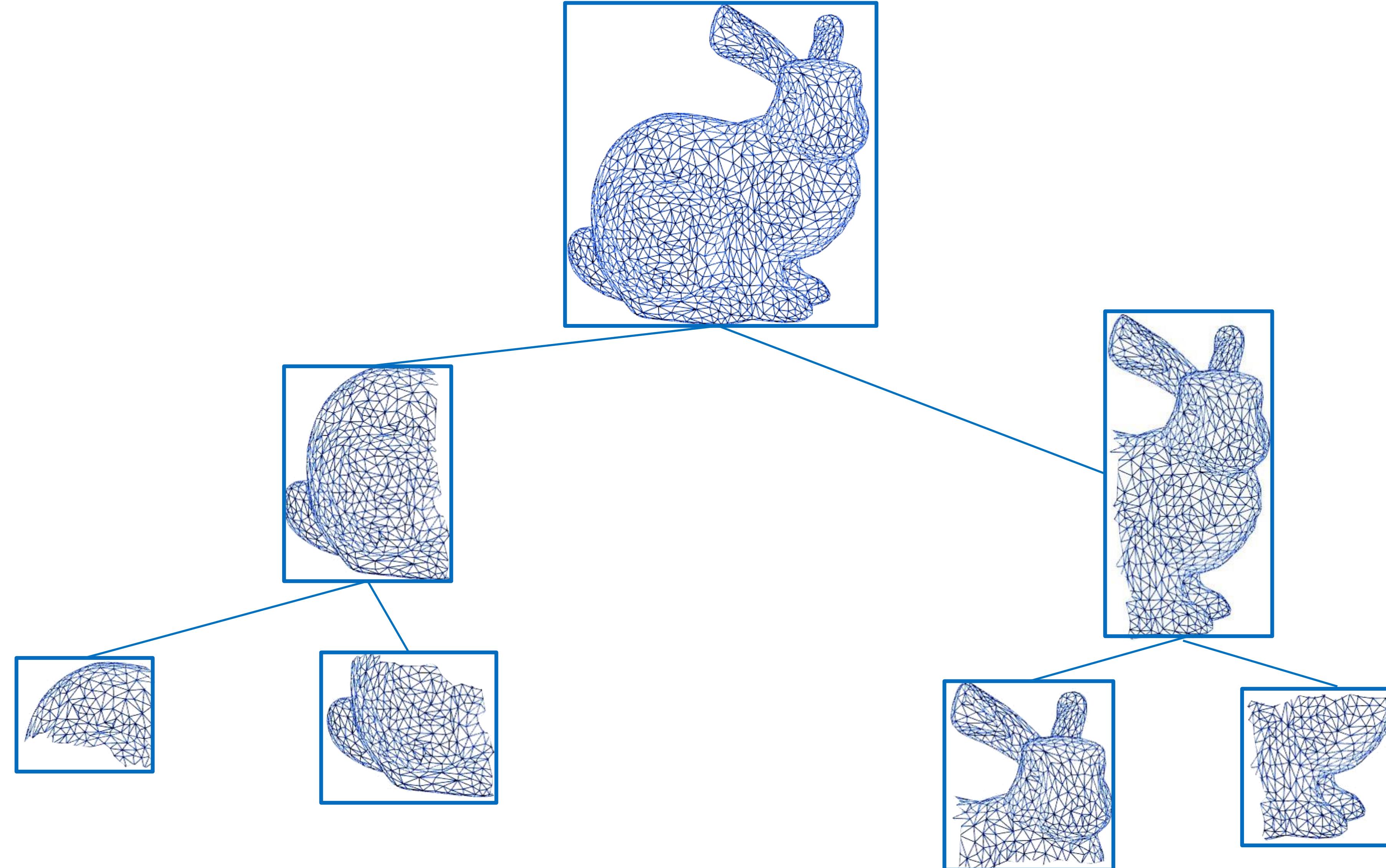


# Motivation

- Collision computation takes up to 90% in most sampling-based motion planning [Reggiani et al., 2002]
- Physically-based simulation in virtual environment [Damkjær & Erleben, 2009]

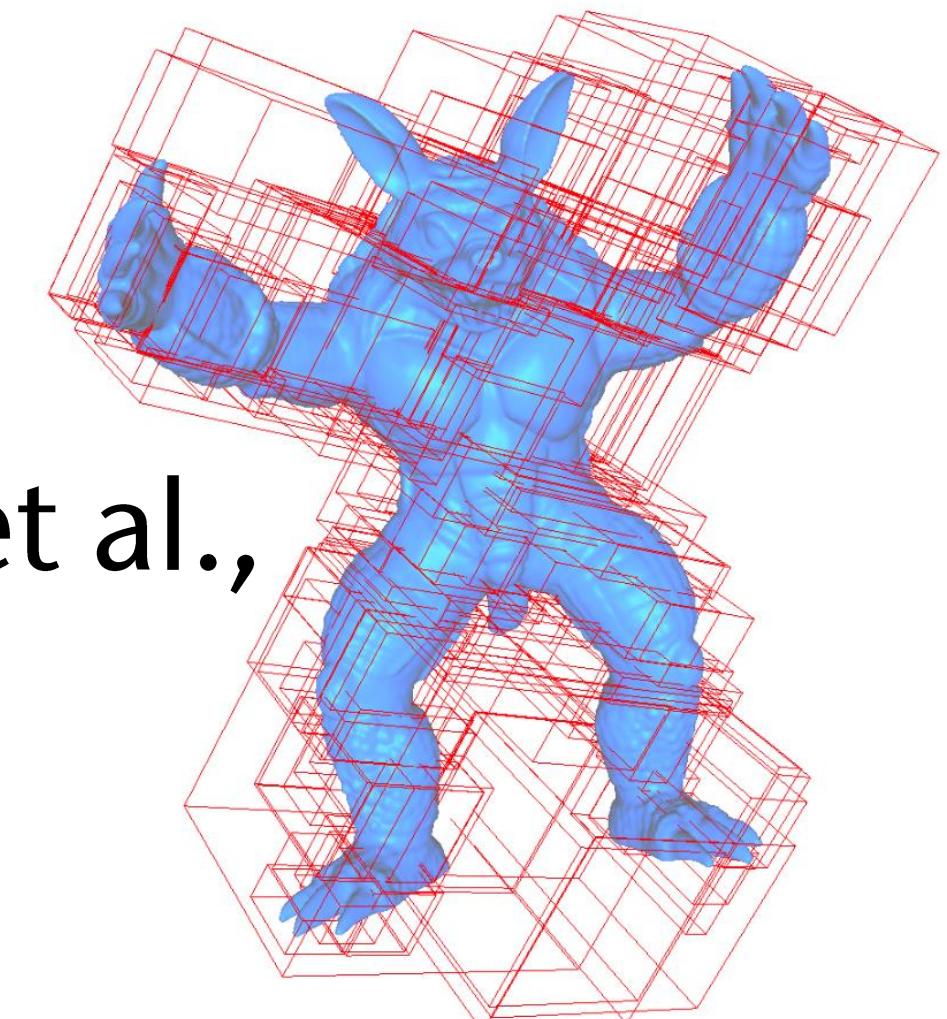


# Bounding Volume Hierarchies (BVH)

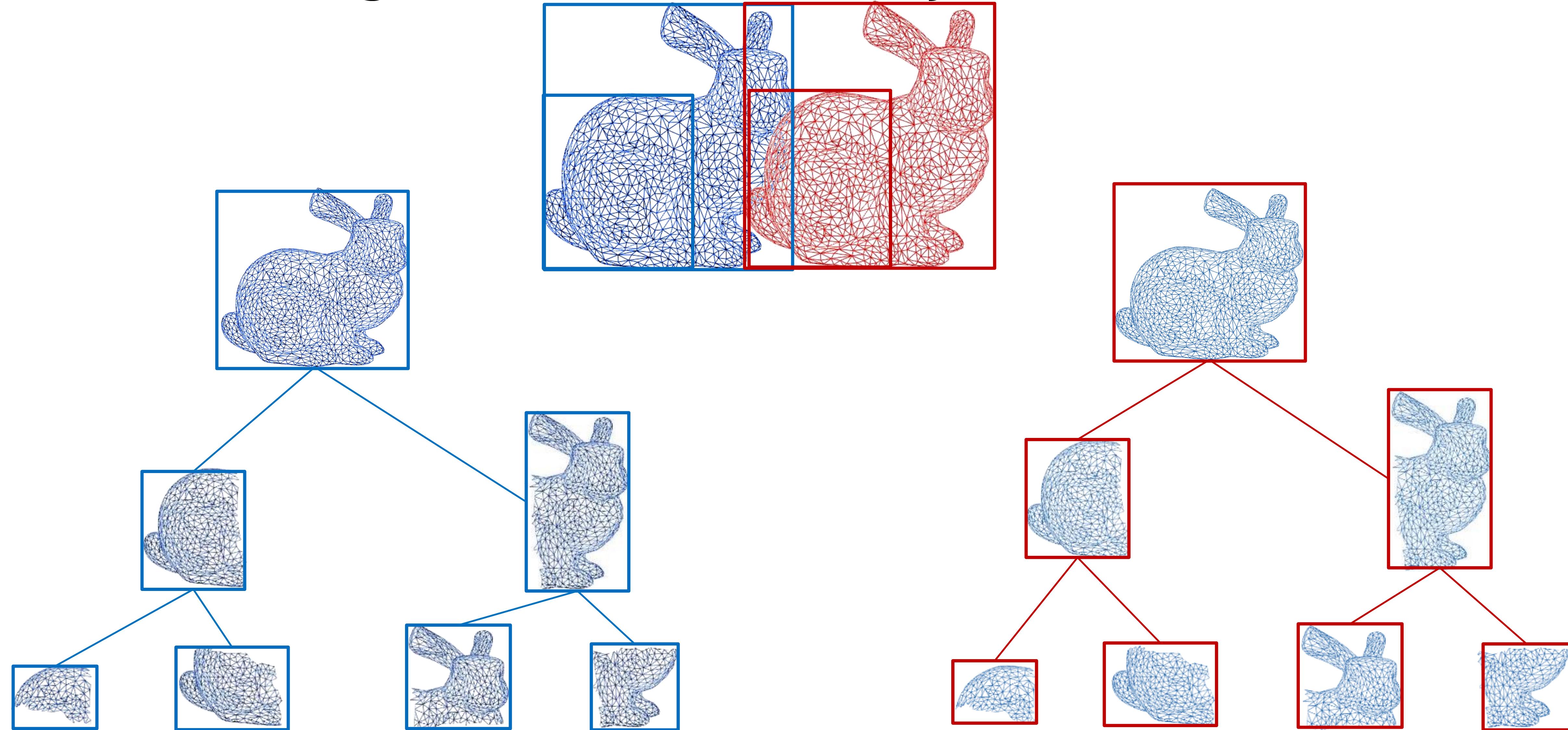


# Previous Work

- BVH using various BVs:
  - **Sphere** [Hubbard, 1996], **AABBs** [Bergen, 1998] [Zachmann, 2002],  
**k-DOP** [Klosowski et al., 1998] [Zachmann, 1998], **OBBs** [Gottschalk et al., 1996], **Convex hull** trees [Ehmann & Ming, 2001]
- In sampling-based motion planning:
  - combination of several BVs (**AABB**, **Sphere**, **OBB**) [Ferguson et al., 2008]
  - **AABB**-based BVH (Schwesinger et al., 2015)

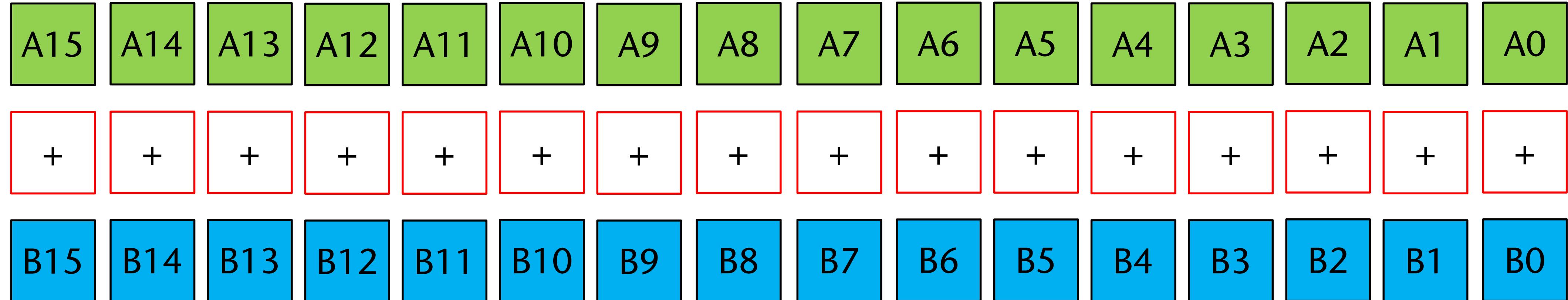


# Bounding Volume Hierarchy Traversal

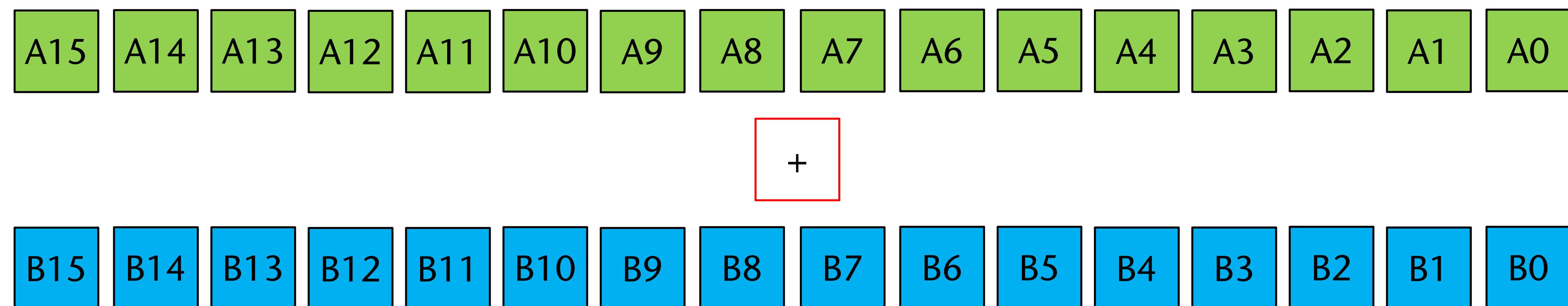


# SIMD Instruction Sets (AVX512)

## Scalar

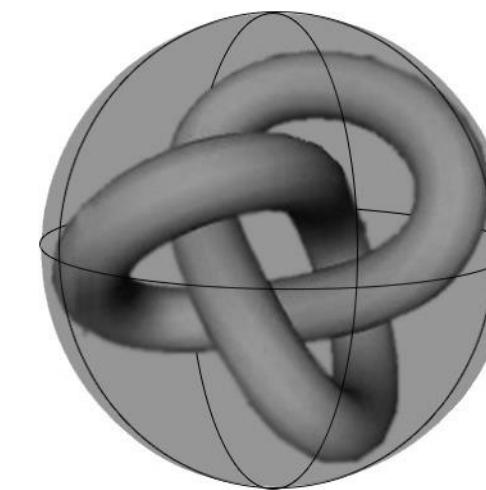


## SIMD

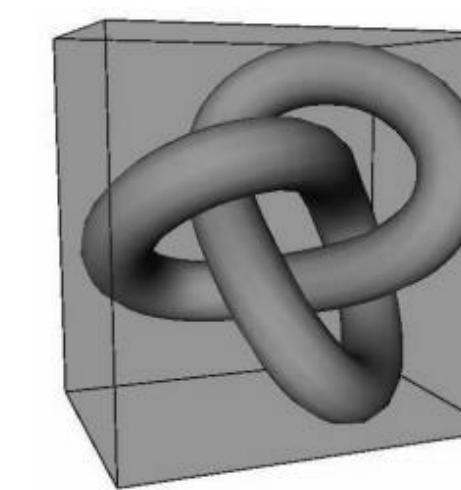


# SIMD Optimization Methods

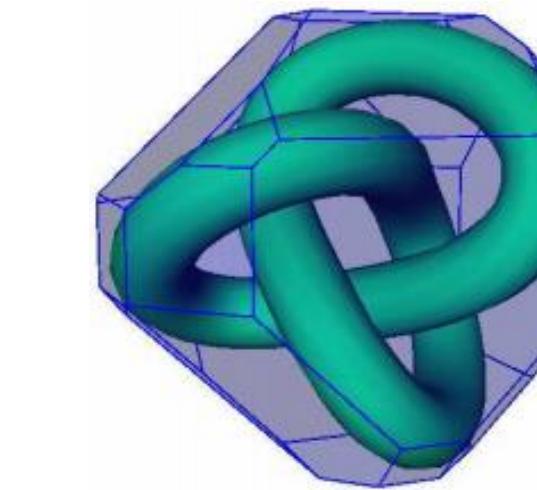
- Method 1: switch on compiler option `/arch:AVX512`
- Method 2: optimize the BV overlap test manually



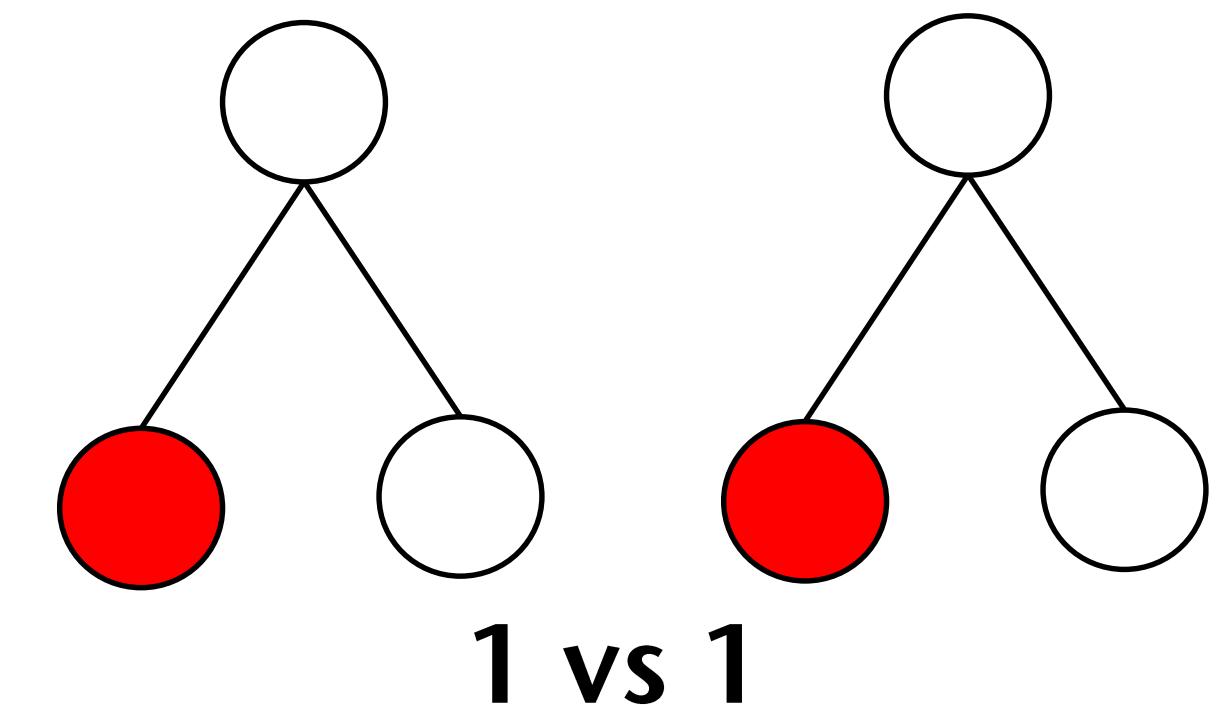
Sphere



AABB

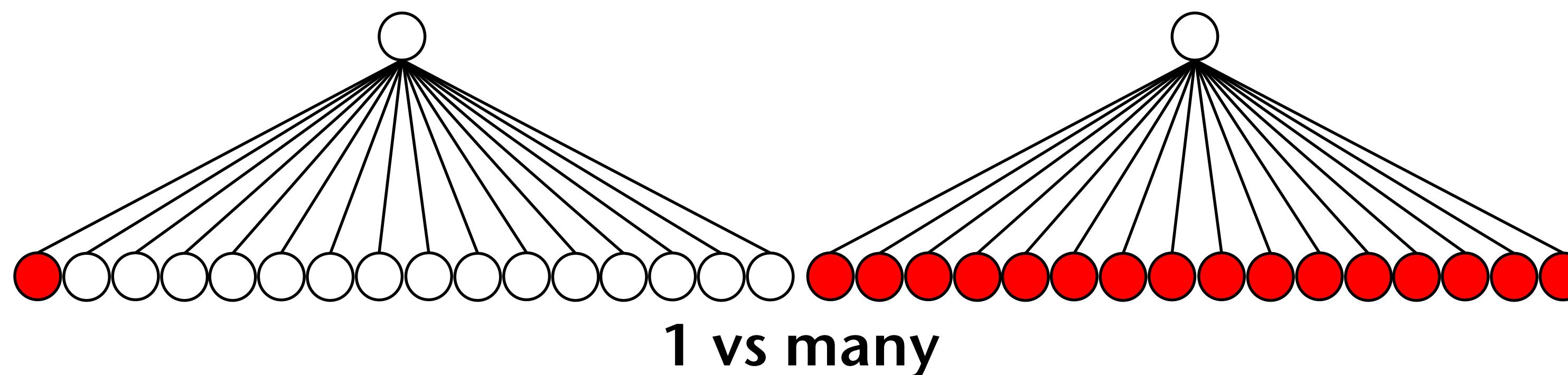


k-DOP

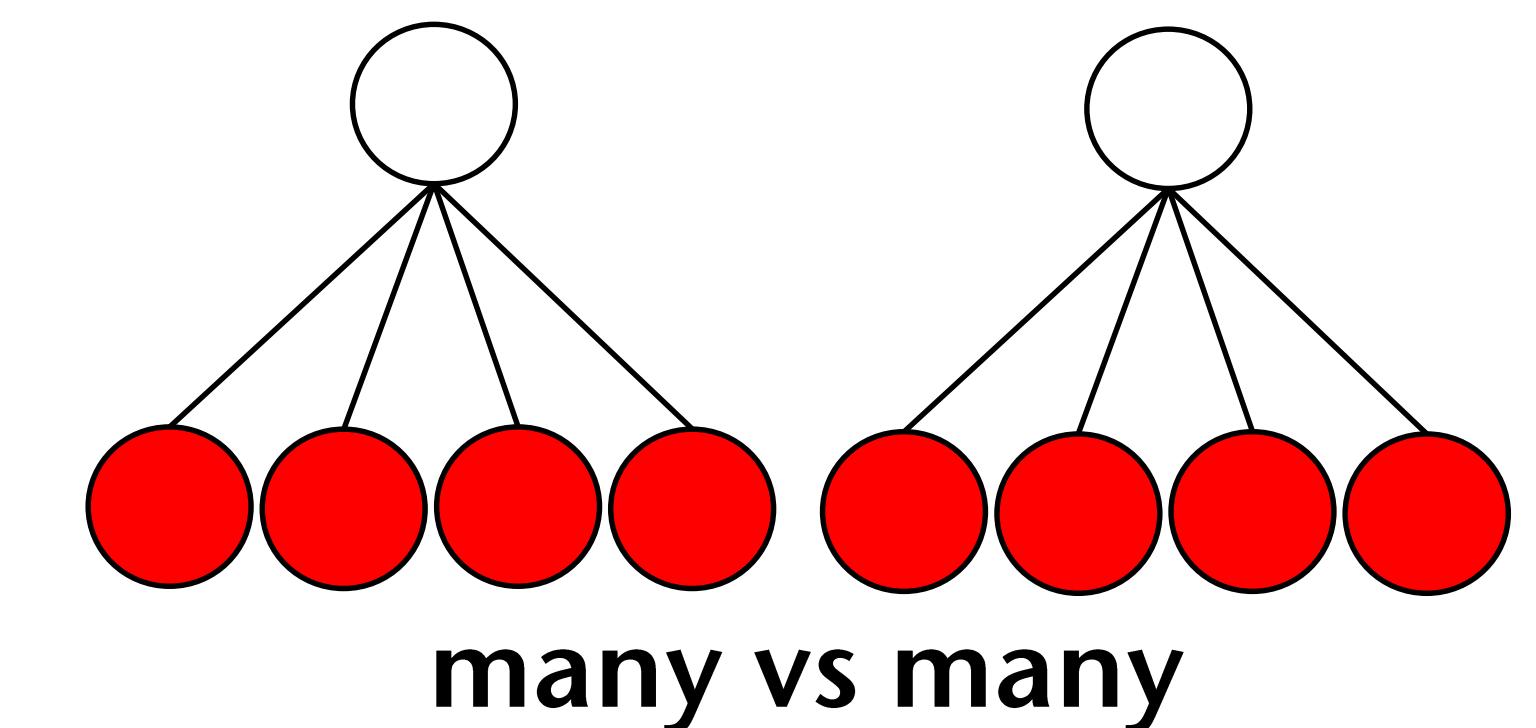


1 vs 1

- Method 3: redesign of the BVH topology



1 vs many



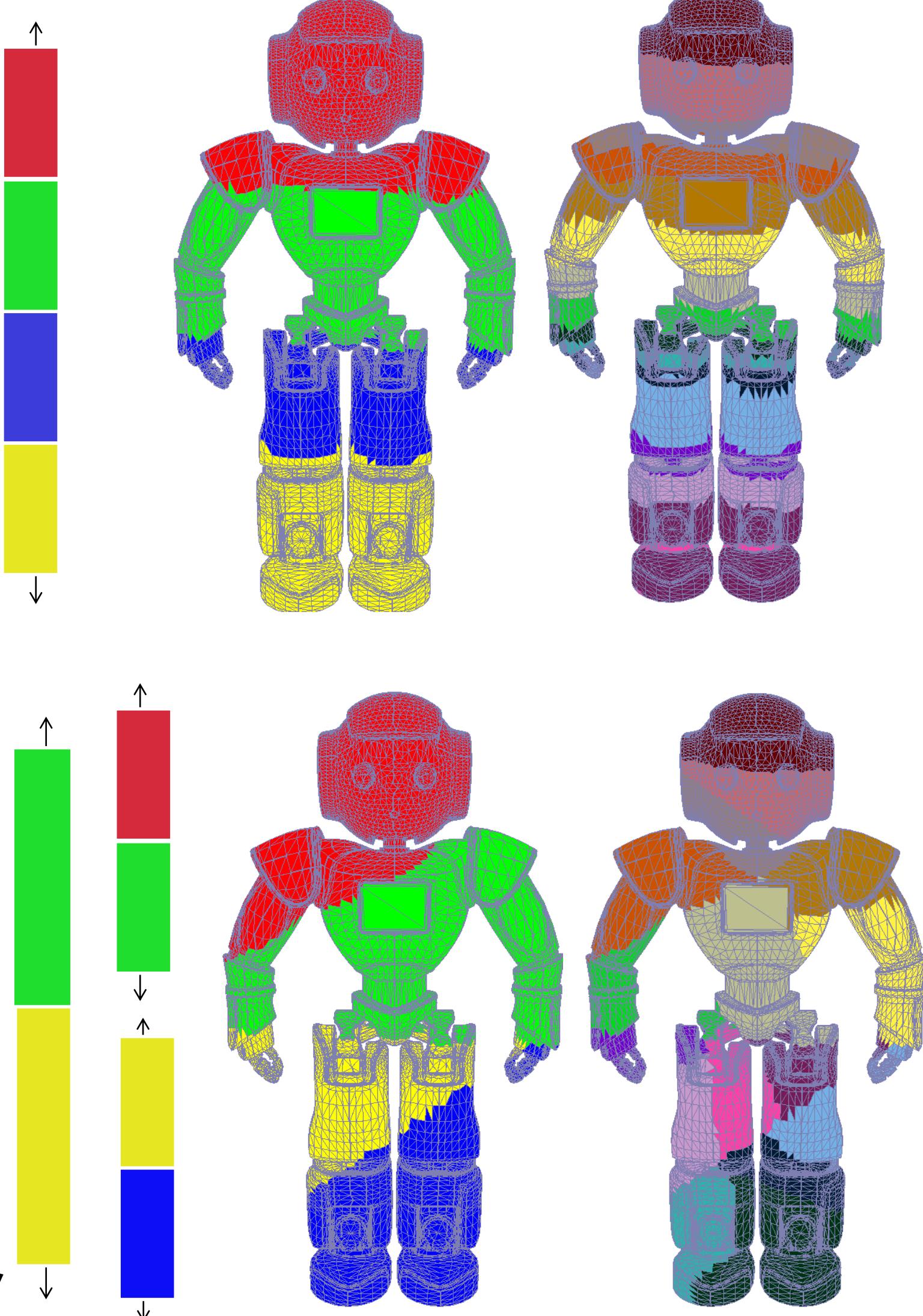
many vs many

# Our Contributions

1. Novel BVHs with higher branching factor
2. SIMD optimized traversal algorithms

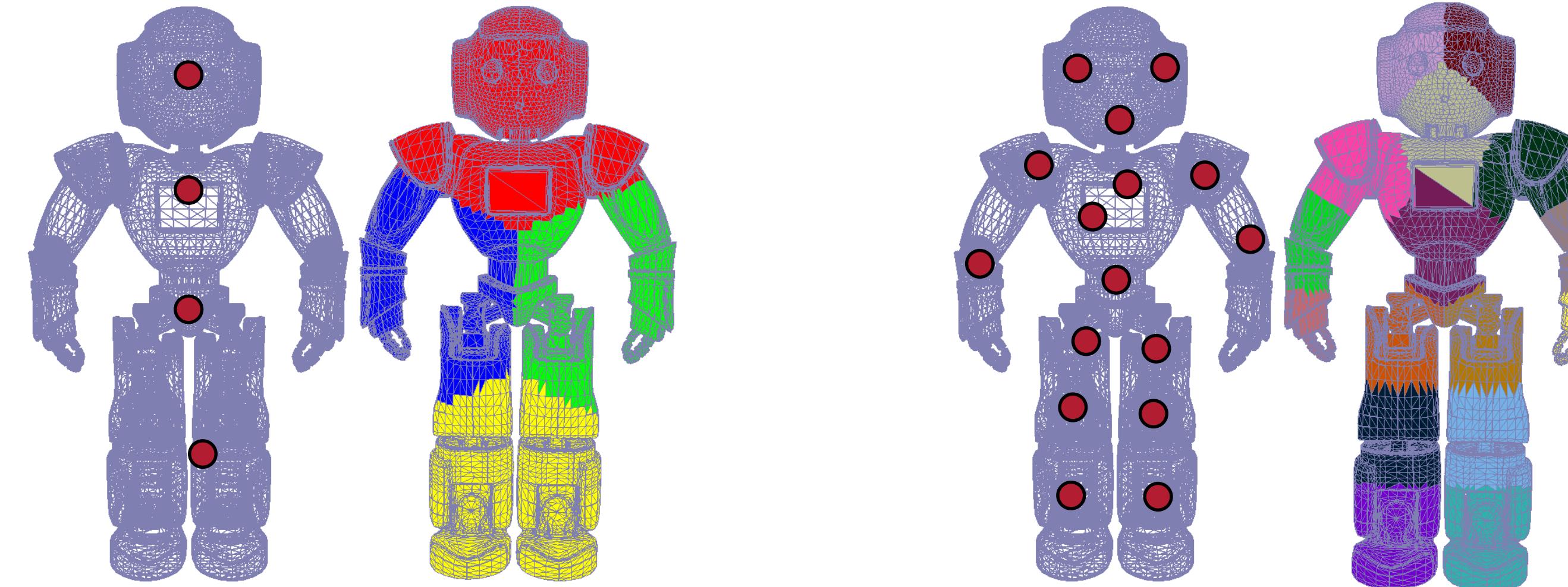
# BVH Construction Strategies

- Longest Axis Split
  - Construct the longest axis
  - [Dickerson et al., 2002] prove optimality for kd-tree (binary)
  - Sort polygons based on the axis
  - Partition into desired branching factors
- Extended Longest Axis Split
  - Construct the longest axis
  - Sort polygons based on the axis, split into two
  - Construct longest axis again for both split parts recursively



# BVH Construction Strategies

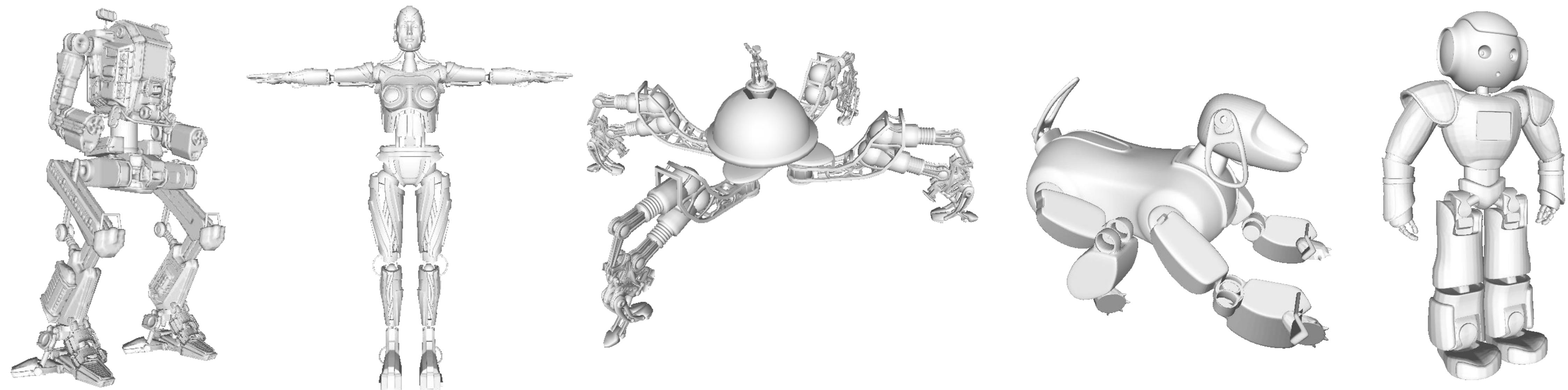
- Batch Neural Gas (BNG) Clustering [Weller et al., 2014]



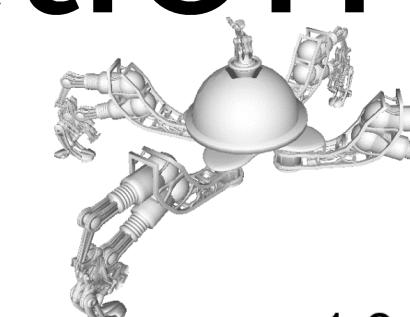
- Advantages:
  - Very robust behavior with respect to the initial cluster center position
  - Future-proof for further SIMD development

# Benchmark

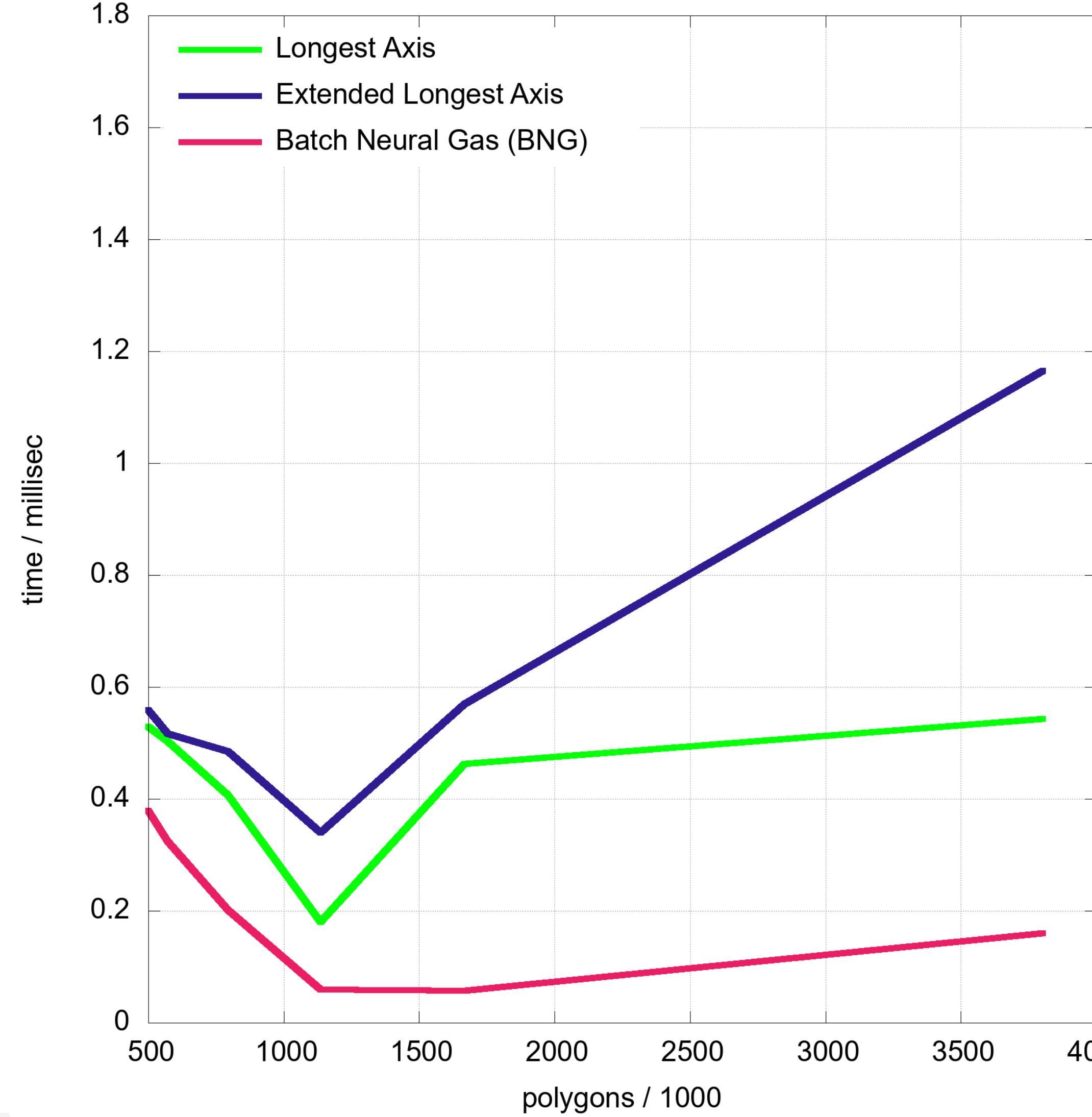
- Use benchmarking suite for collision detection proposed by [Trenkel et al., 2007]
- Use processor with AVX512 capability



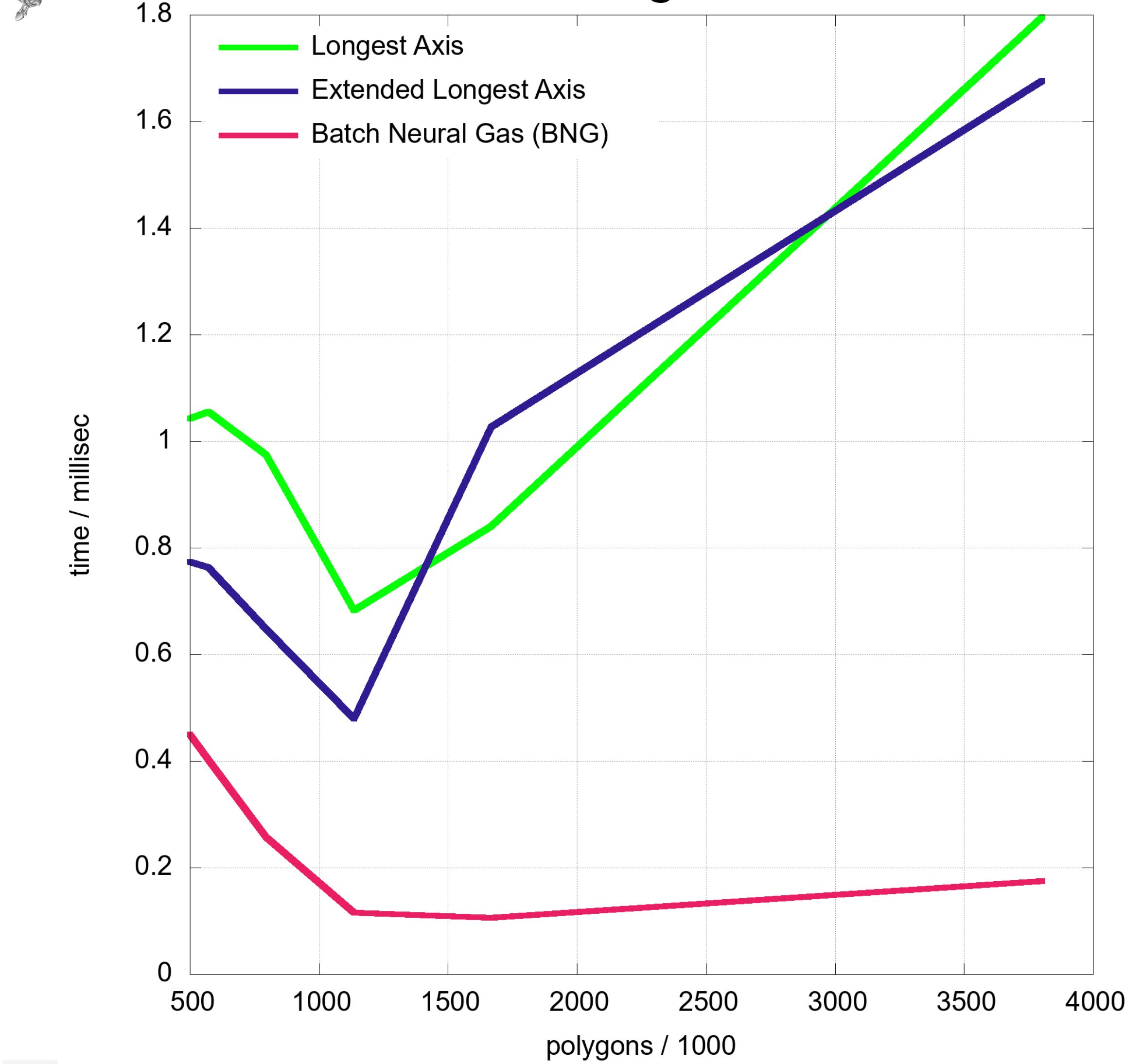
# Results: BVH Construction Strategies (SISD)



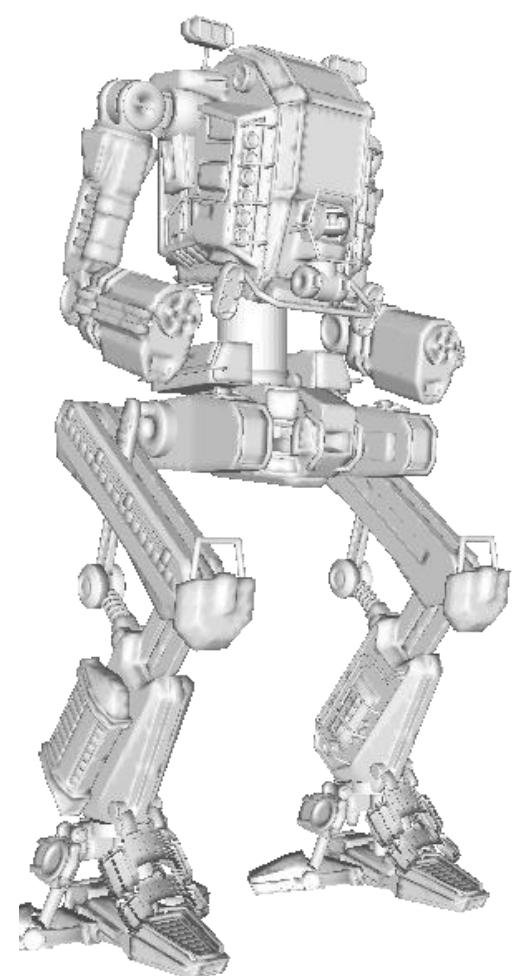
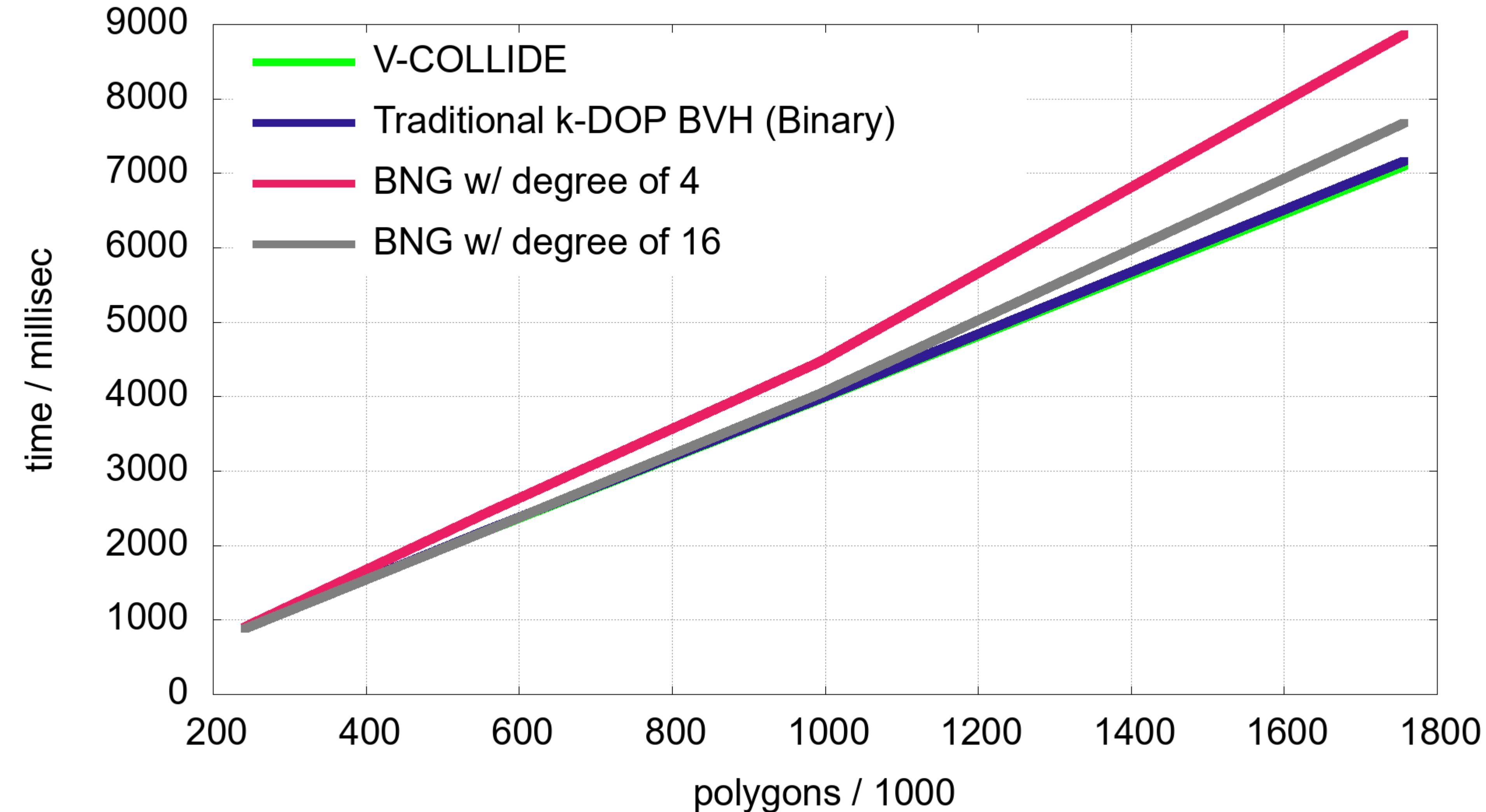
BVH w/ degree of 4



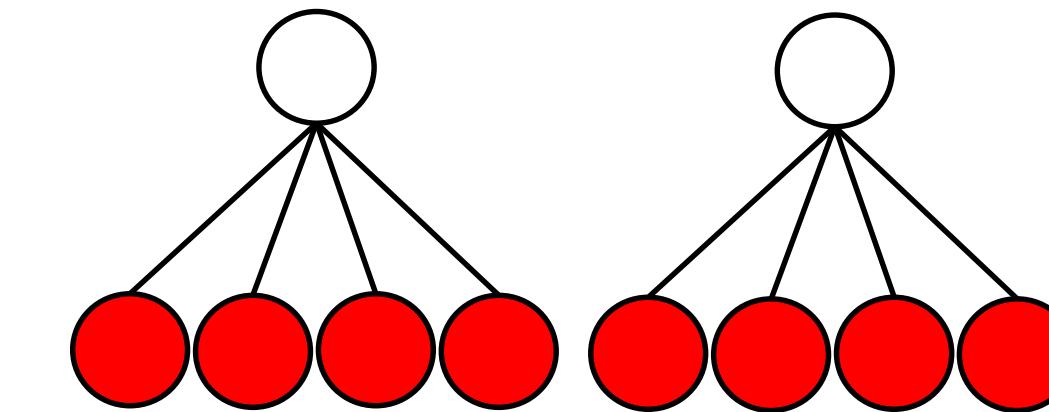
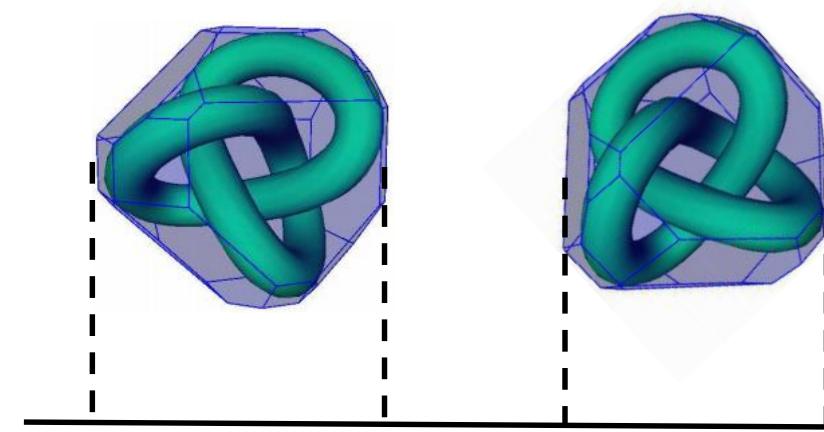
BVH w/ degree of 16



# Result: BVH Construction Time



# Simultaneous BVH Traversal Algorithm (4 vs 4)



```

for ( h = 0; h < degreeBVH; h++)
{
    for ( i = 0; i < degreeBVH; i++)
    {
        for ( j = 0; j < k / 2; j++ )
        {
            bool resL = a[j] < -b[k / 2 + j];
            bool resH = -a[k/ 2 + j] > b[j];
            if (resL || resH)
                return false;
        }
        return true;
    }
}

```

```

_mm512 endResult = _mm512_set1_ps( 1.0f );

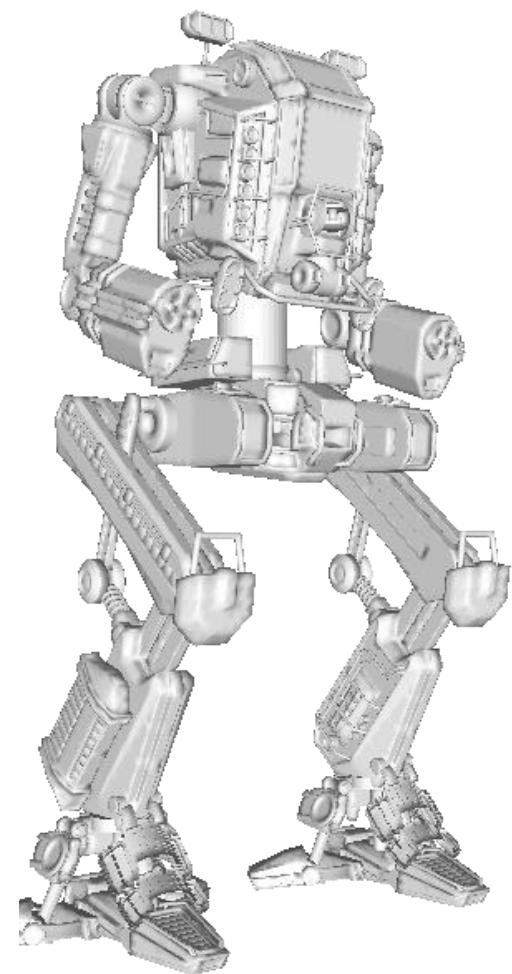
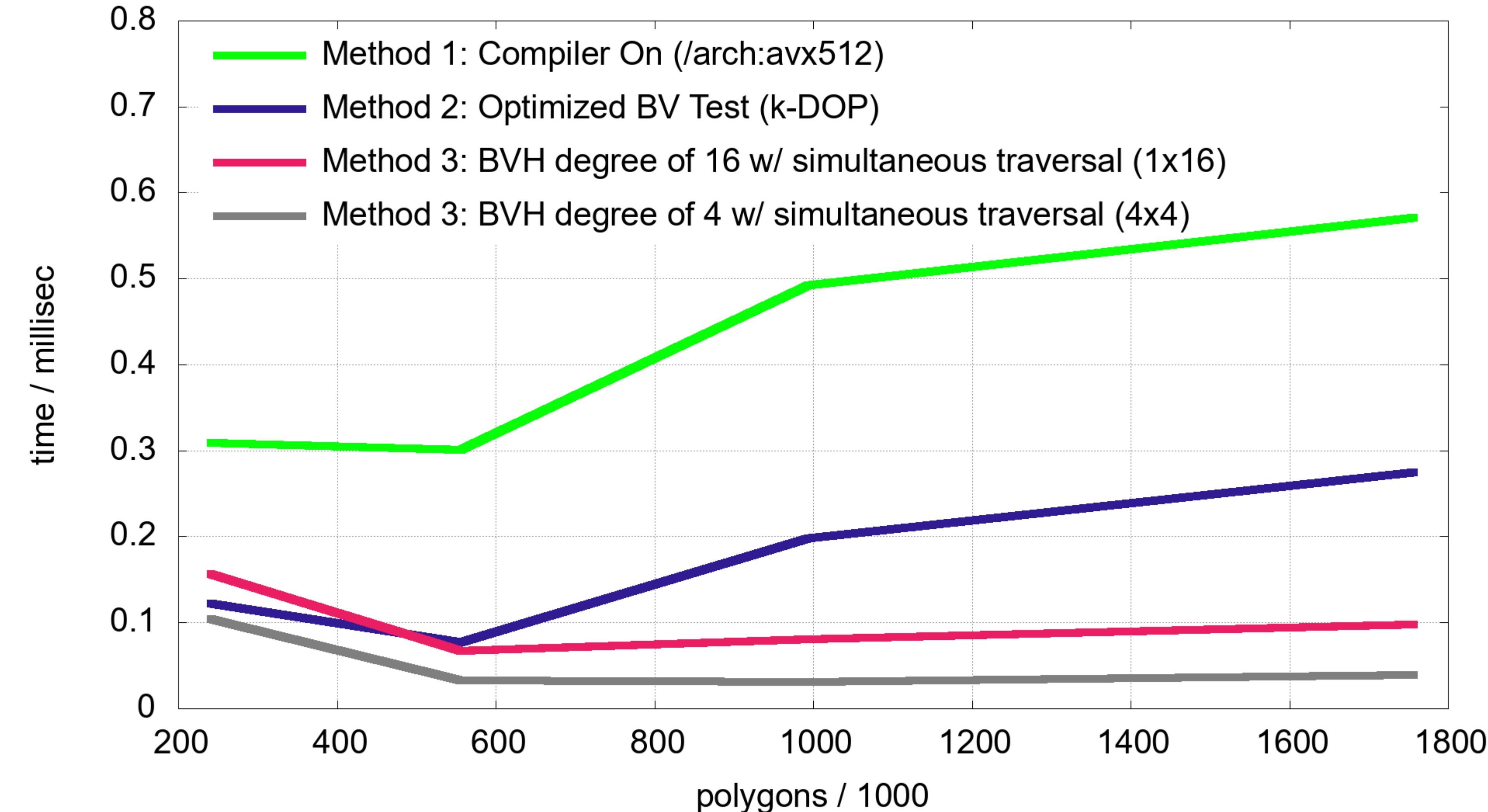
for ( i = 0; i < k / 2; i++ )
{
    _mm512 resL = _mm512_cmp_ps( oriAL, oriBL, _CMP_LT_OS );
    _mm512 resH = _mm512_cmp_ps( oriAH, oriBH, _CMP_GT_OS );
    _mm512 tempRes = _mm512_kor( resL, resH );
    endResult = _mm512_kor ( endResult, tempRes );
    If (endResult == 65535)
        break;
}
return endResult;

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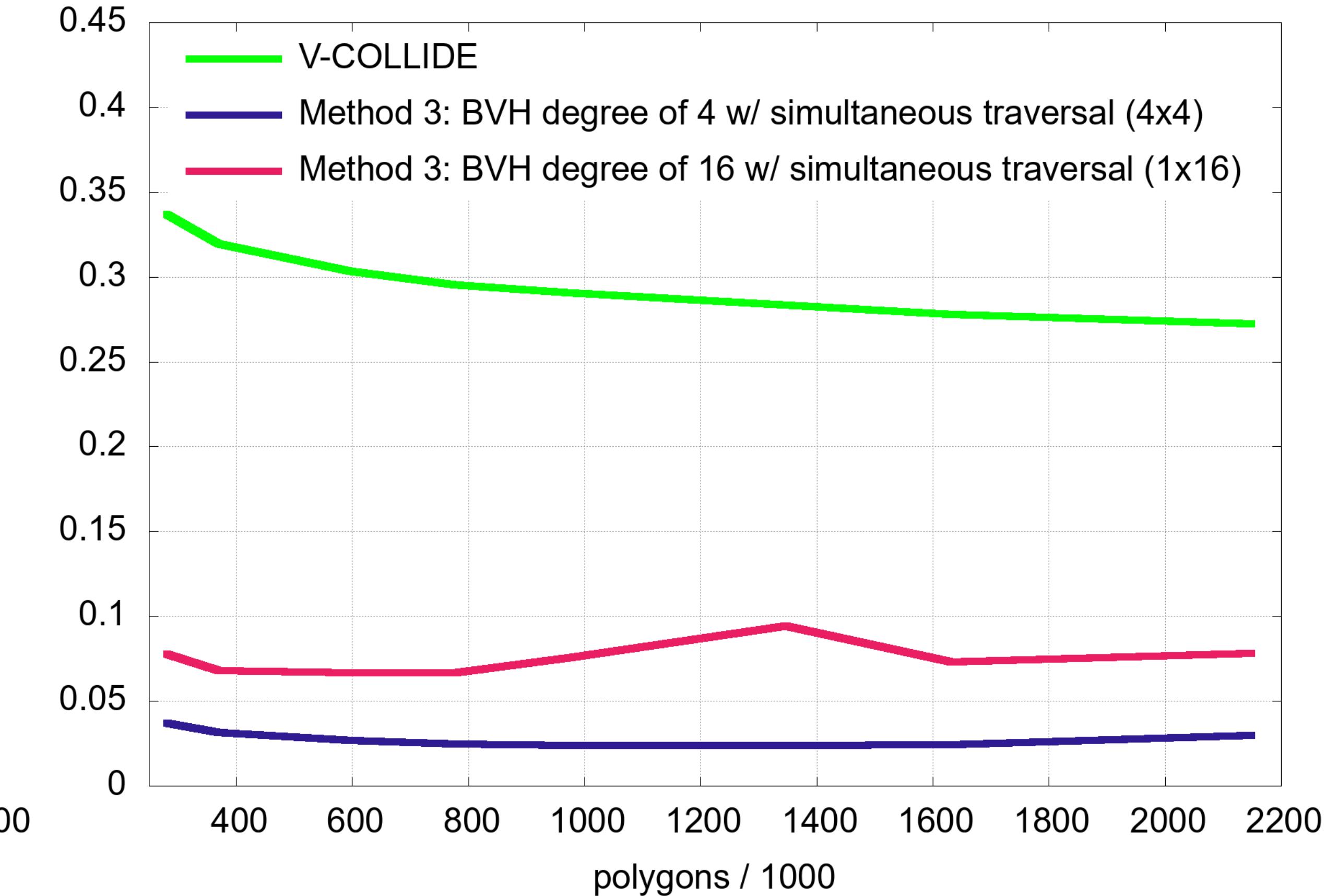
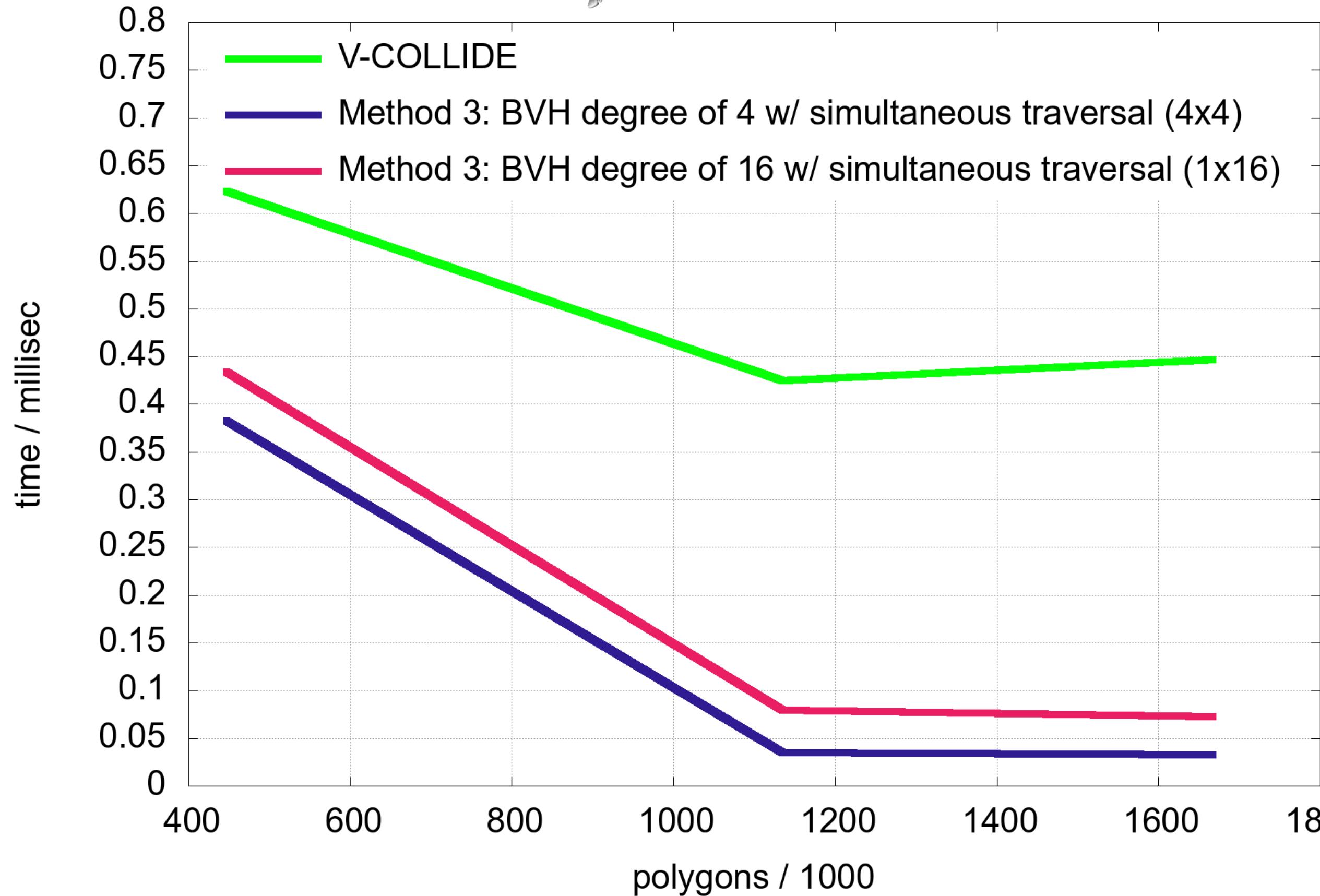
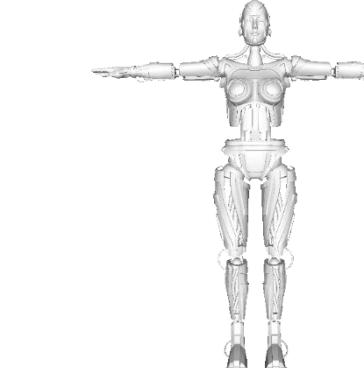
**k-DOP Intersection Test**  
**3 x 16 operations / orientation**

**parallel k-DOP Intersection Test**  
**5 operations / orientation**

# Result: SIMD Implementations



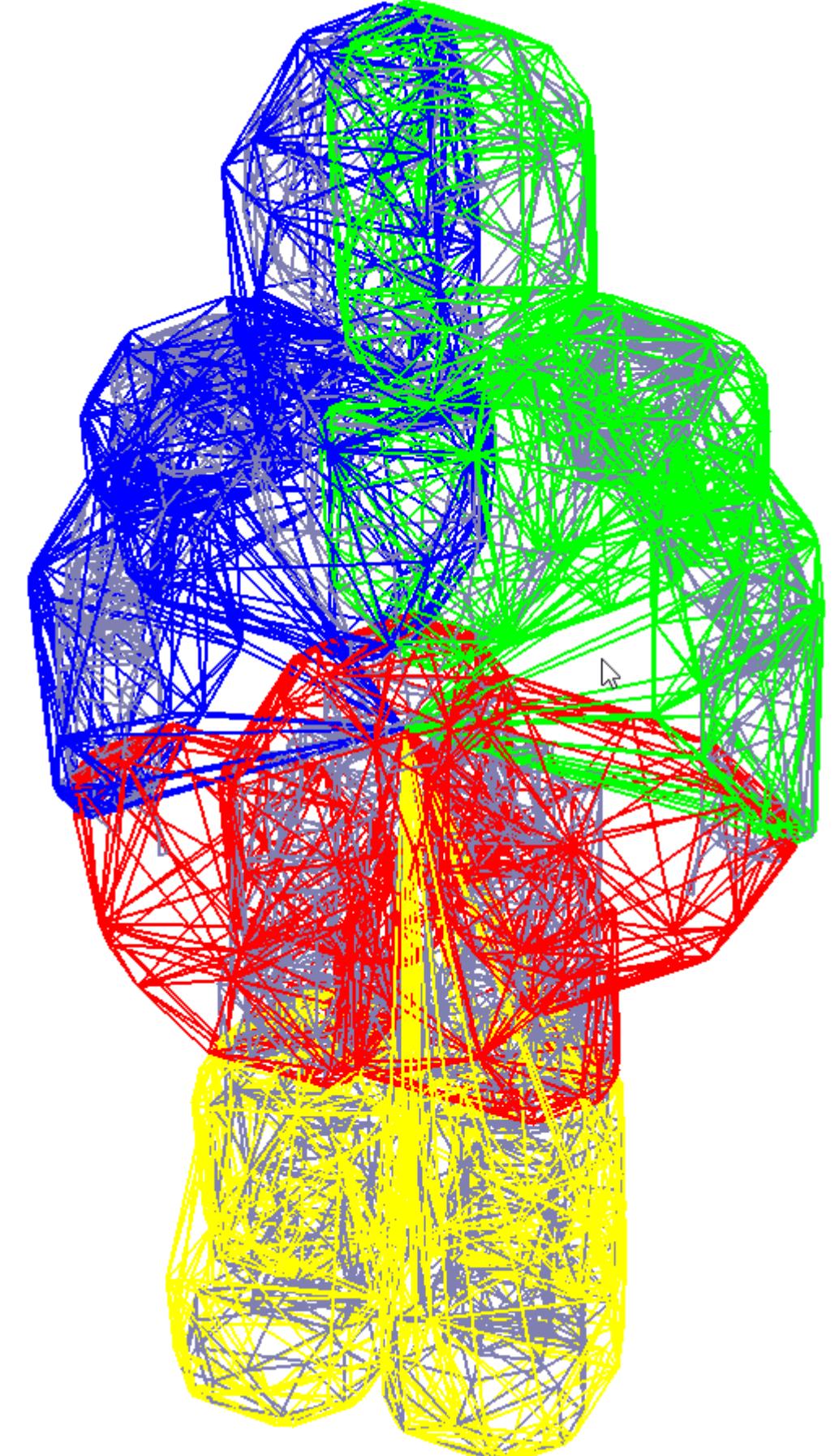
# Results: Comparison with V-COLLIDE



(An experimental comparative analysis has shown that V-COLLIDE outperforms other CD libraries like PQP [Reggiani et al., 2002] )

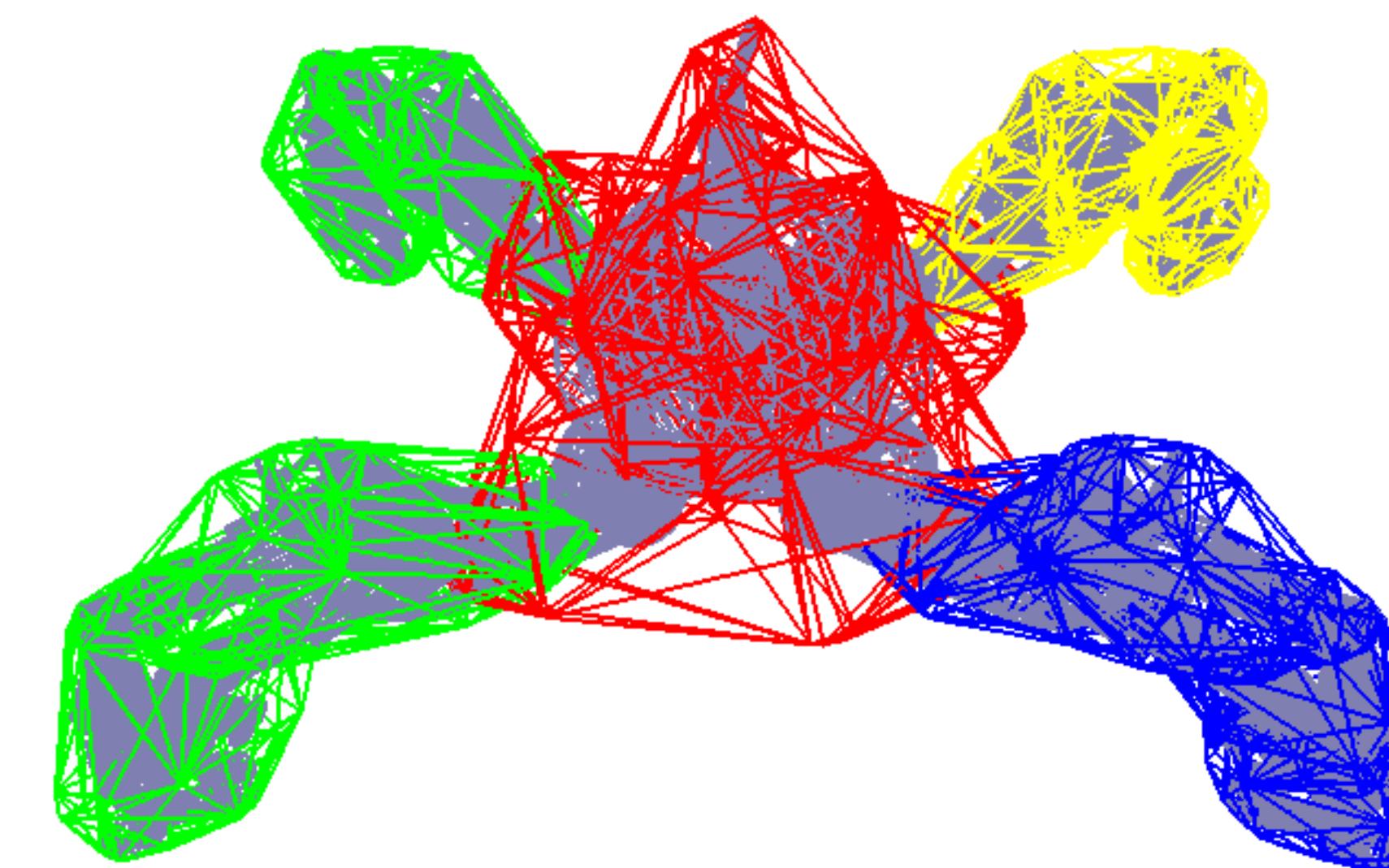
# Conclusions

- Novel BVH with higher branching factors
- Novel heuristic for constructing BVH with arbitrary branching factor (BNG)
- Novel SIMD optimized traversal algorithm
- Our SIMD Optimized BVH outperforms traditional BVHs by an order of magnitude

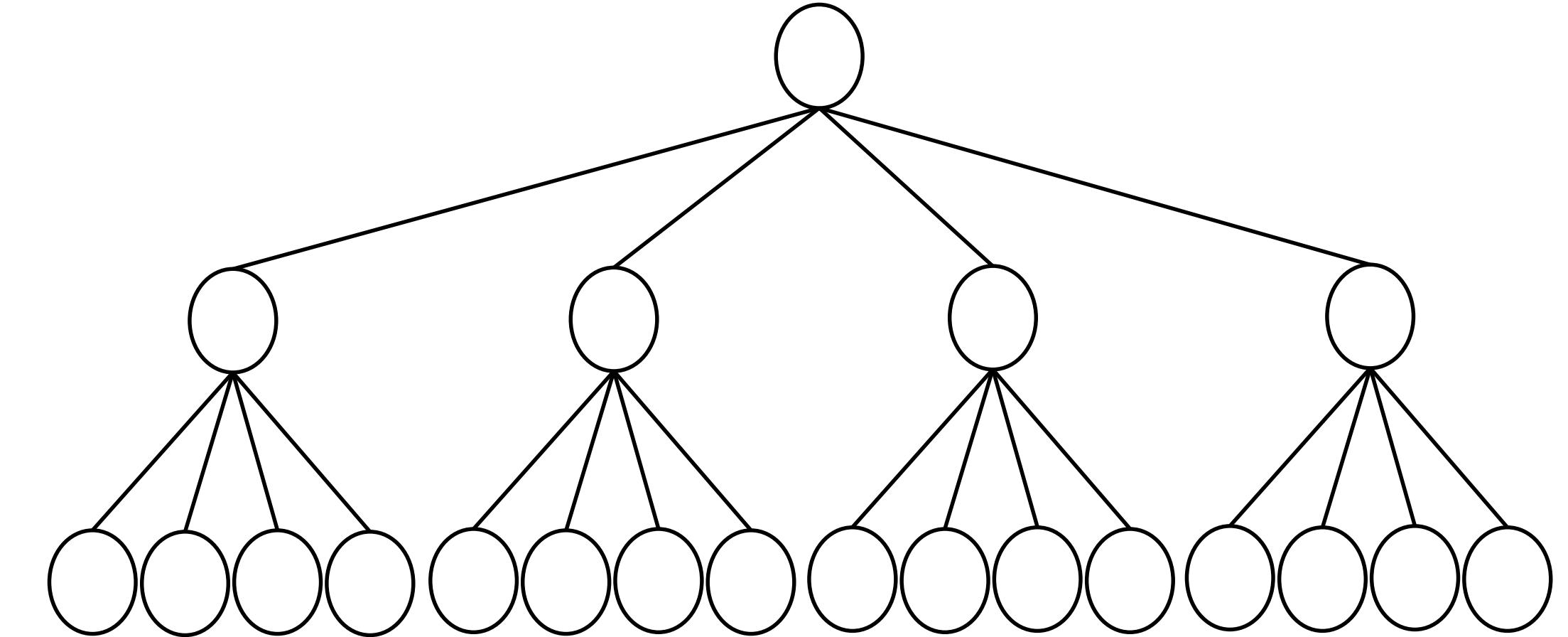
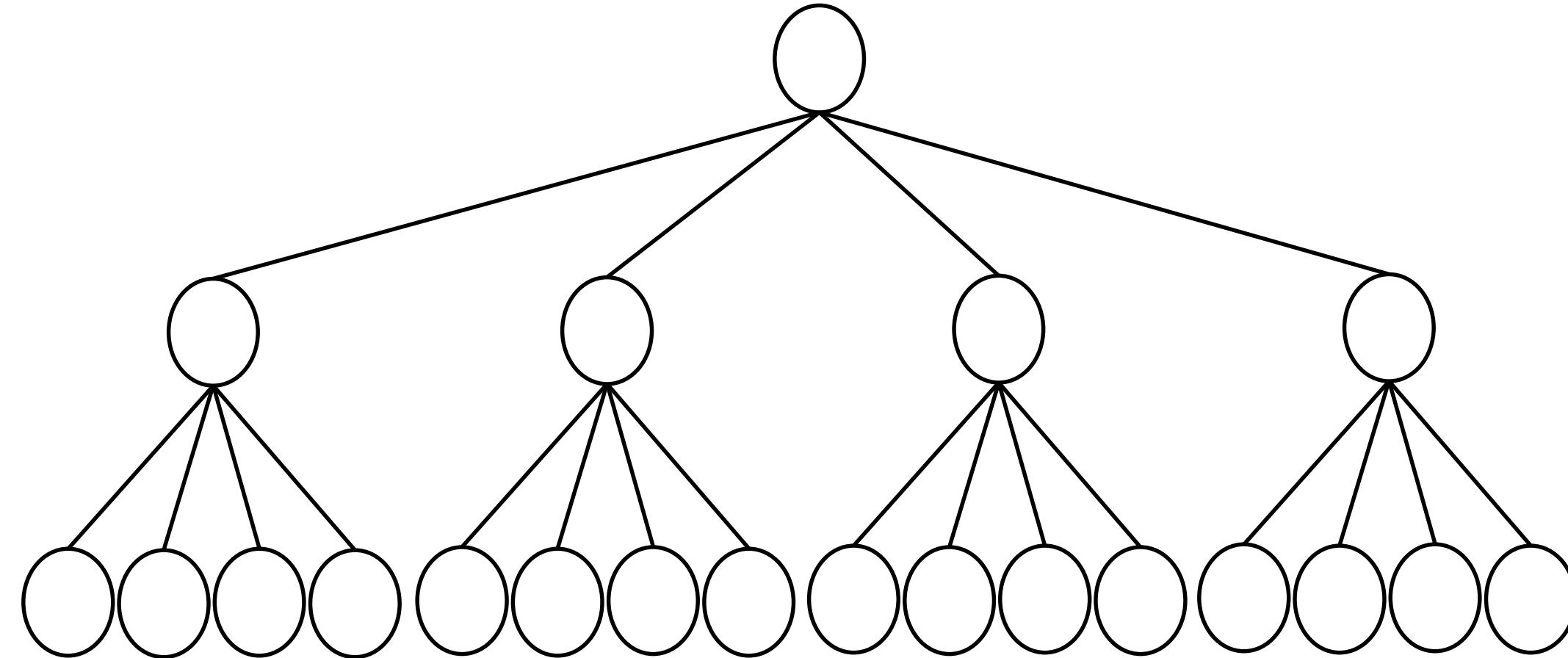


# Future Works

- Explore other BV for SIMD traversal algorithms
- Influence of the number of orientations for k-DOP
- Include magnification control to BNG construction algorithm



# Thank You!



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