



# Simplification envelopes

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# Introduction

- User specified error bound  $\varepsilon$
- Framework
  - Local algorithm
  - Global algorithm
- Geometry preserving
- Prevention of self-intersection
- Offset surfaces (envelopes)
- Hierarchy of LOD



Hierarchy of LOD

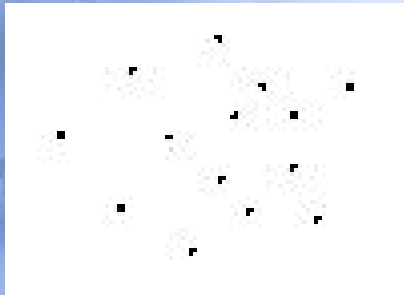
# Background

- Two categories (from I to A)
  - Minimize number of vertices
  - Minimize the error
- Varshney's PhD thesis

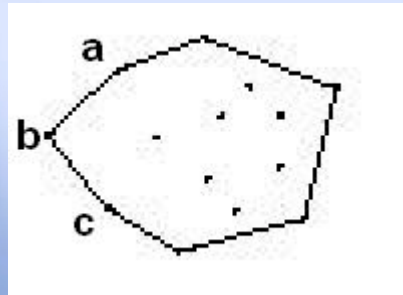


# Concepts

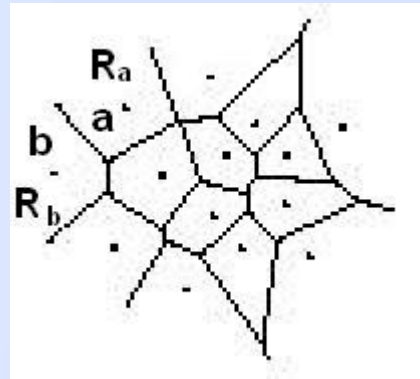
- Convex hull
- Voronoi diagram
- Delaunay triangulation



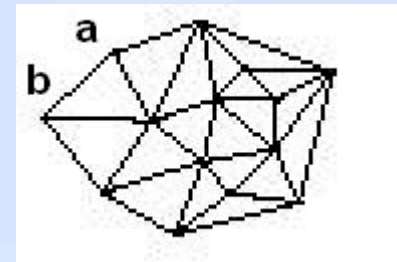
Point set P



Convex hull



Voronoi diagram



Delaunay triangulation

# Terminology and assumptions

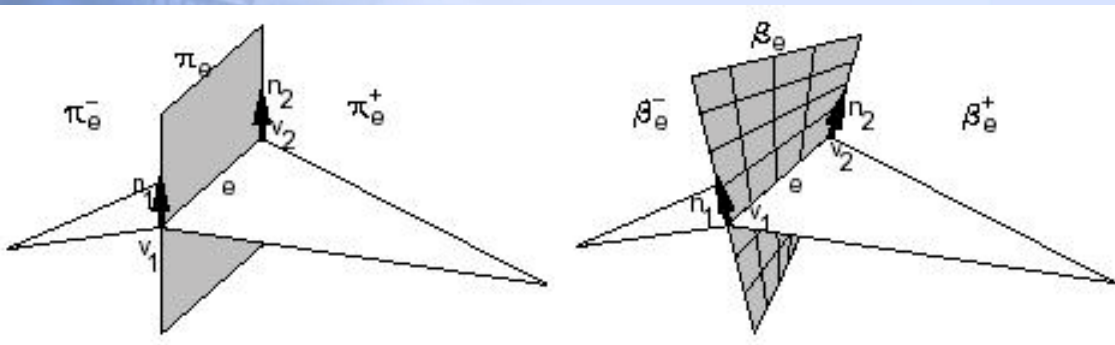
- P: polygonal model
- A: approximation of P
- $\varepsilon$ -approximations
- Assumptions
  - Triangles
  - Well-behaved model
  - Manifold (or bordered manifold)
  - Single normal

# Envelope computation I

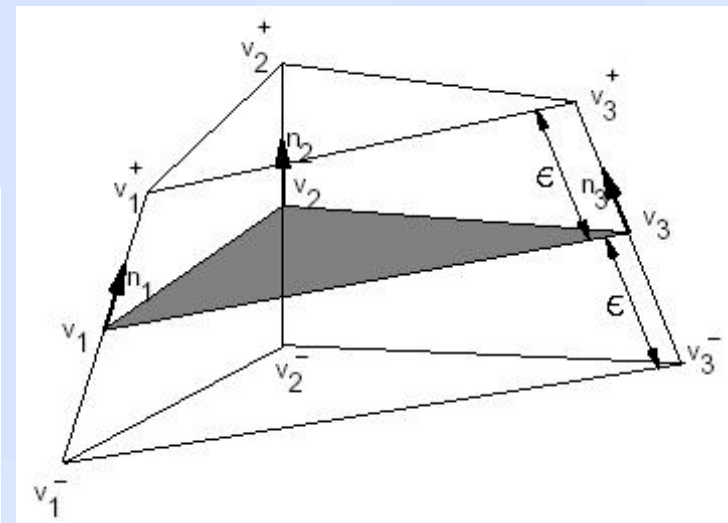
- Fundamental triangles
- Edge half-spaces
- Fundamental prism

$$c(v_i^\pm) = c(v_i) \pm \epsilon n(v_i)$$

$$n(v_i^\pm) = n(v_i)$$



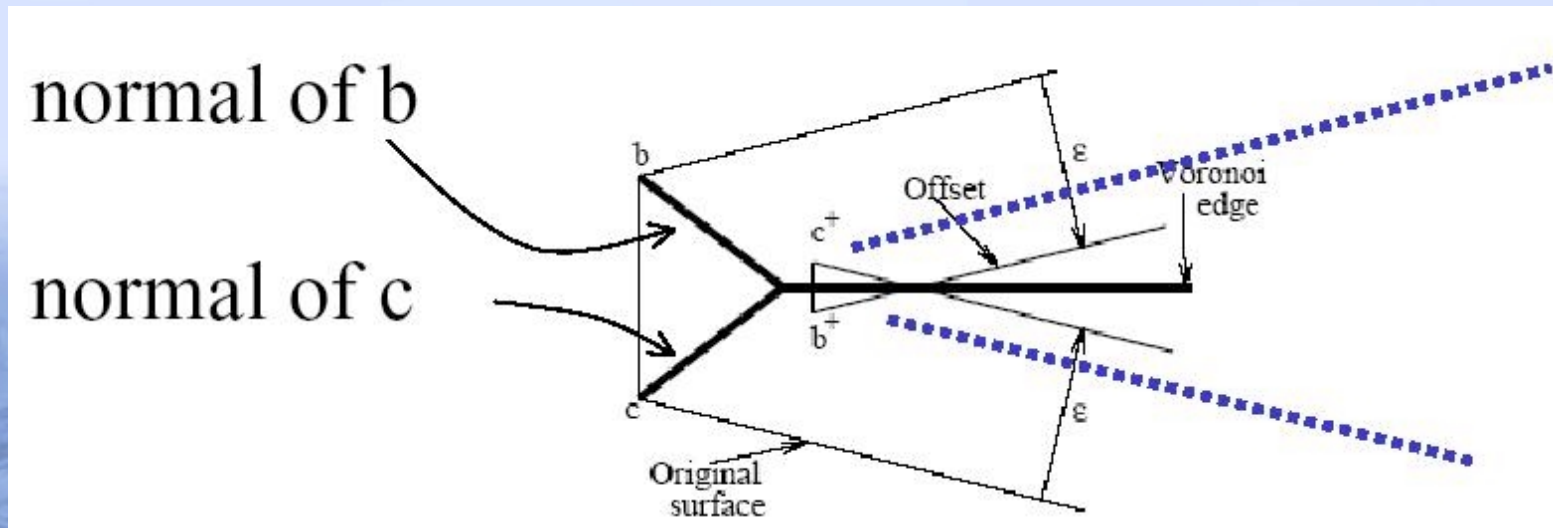
Edge half-spaces



The fundamental prism

# Envelope computation II

- Voronoi regions

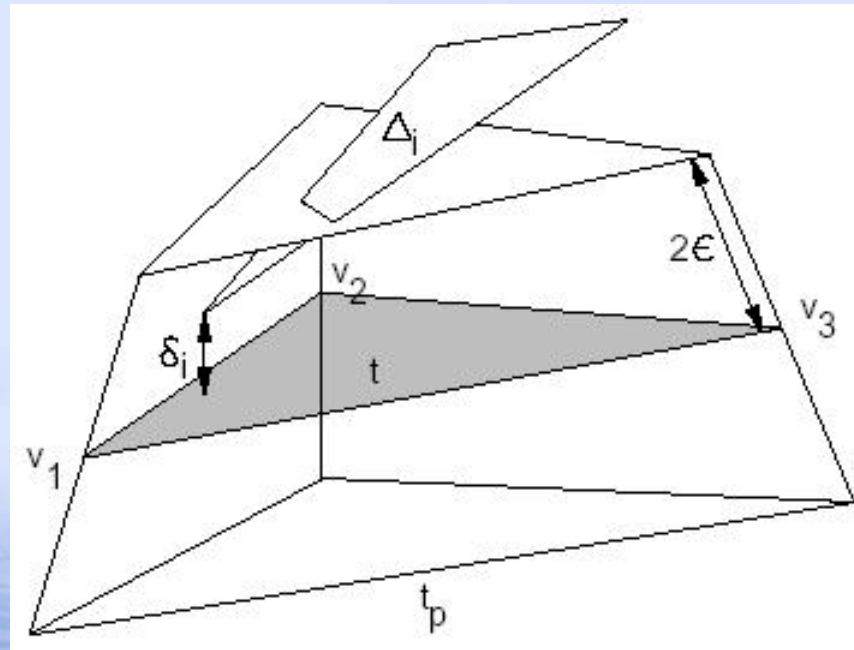


Offset surfaces, Courtesy of Irene

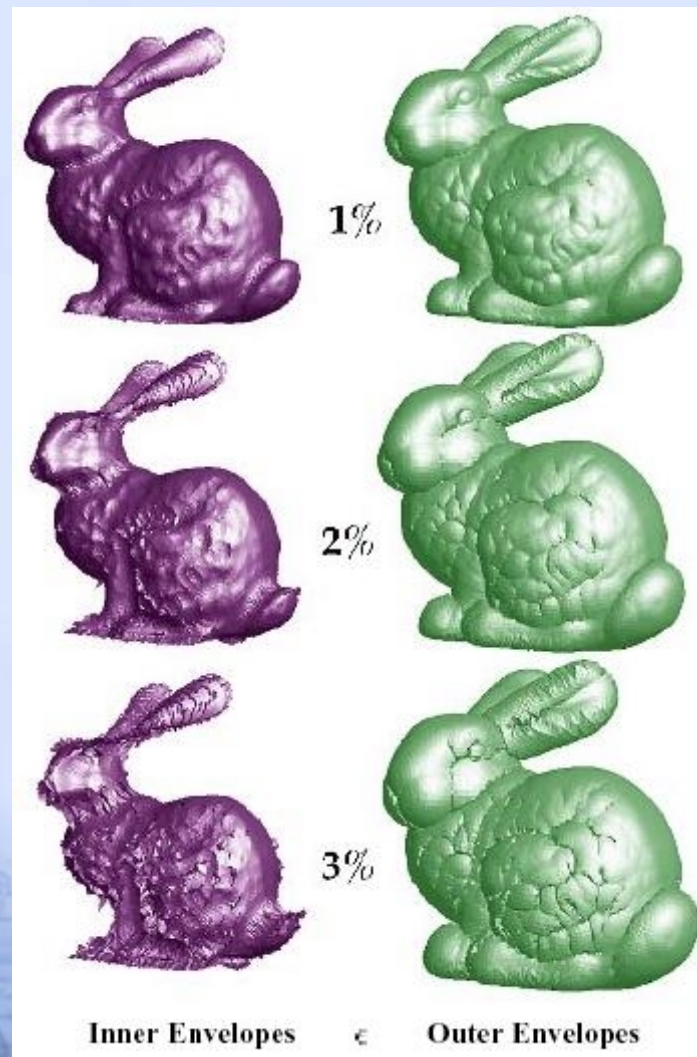


# Analytical $\varepsilon$ computation

$$\varepsilon_{new} = \frac{1}{2} \min_i \delta_i$$

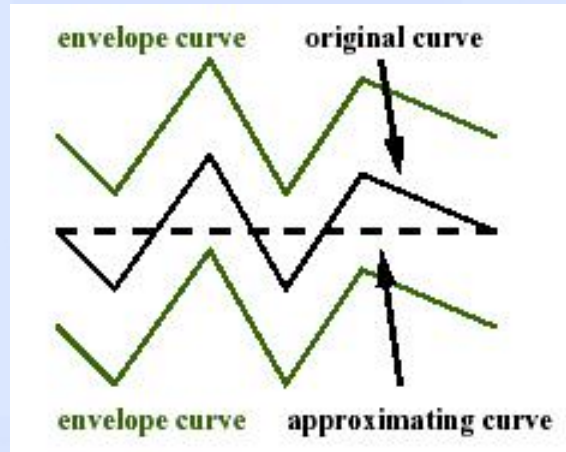
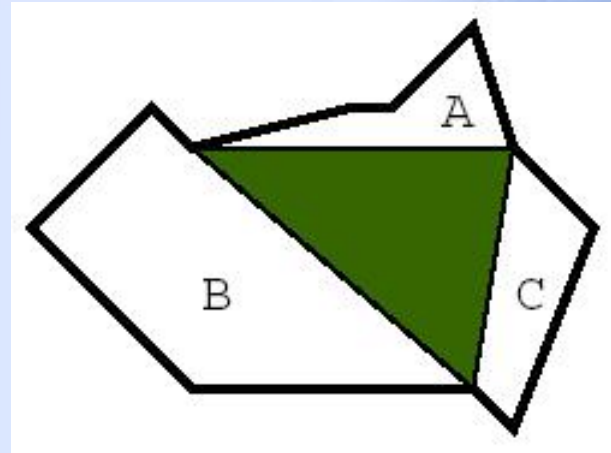


# Numerical $\epsilon$ computation



# Generation of approximation

- Hole creation
- Hole filling
- Candidate triangle
- Local algorithm
- Global algorithm
  - Cover
  - Overlap





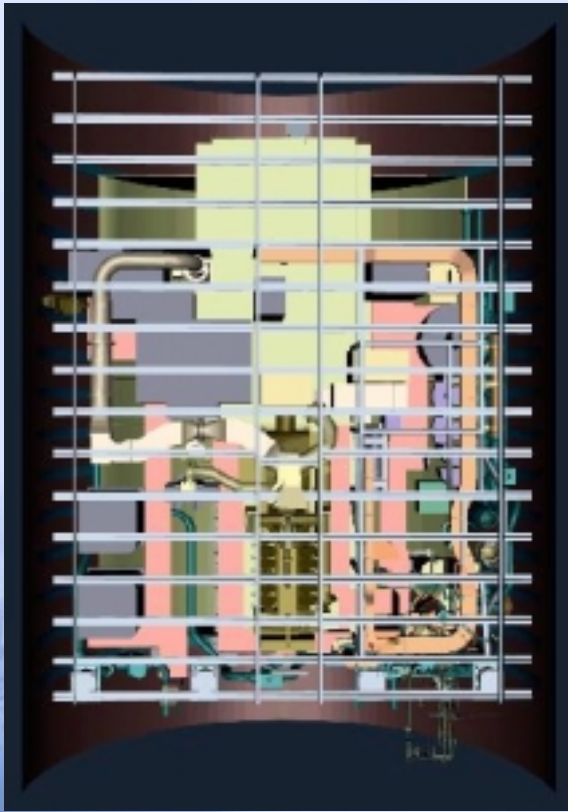
# Additional features

- Preserve sharp edges
- Adaptive approximation
- Manifold Bordered surfaces

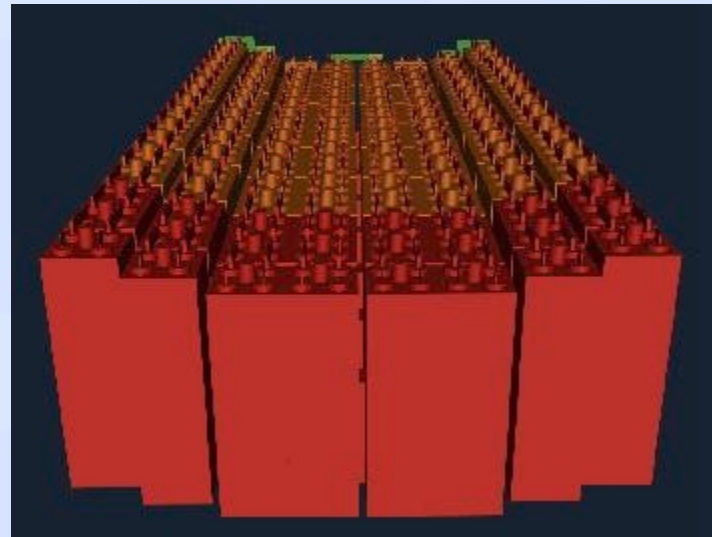




# Results



*AMR model, 3,000 objects,  
500,000 triangles. Simplified  
2,600 objects, 430,000 triangles.*



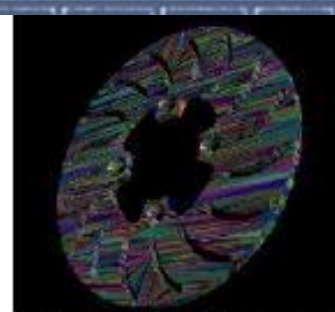
*Batteries model, 87,000 triangles.  
Simplified 45,000 triangles.*



(a) bunny model: 69,451 triangles



(b) phone model: 165,936 triangles



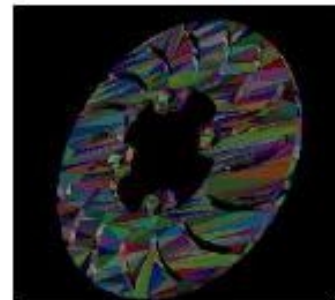
(c) rotor model: 4,736 triangles



(a)  $\epsilon = 1/16\%$ , 10,793 triangles



(b)  $\epsilon = 1/32\%$ , 12,364 triangles



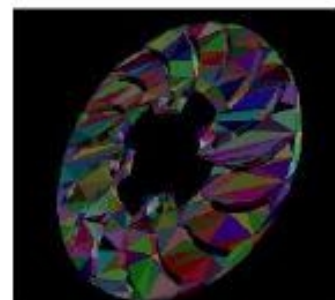
(c)  $\epsilon = 1/8\%$ , 2,146 triangles



(a)  $\epsilon = 1/4\%$ , 2,204 triangles



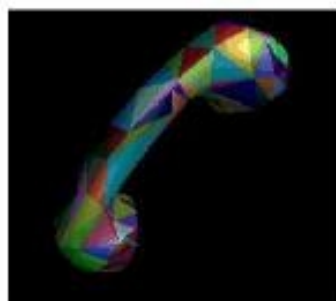
(b)  $\epsilon = 1/16\%$ , 4,891 triangles



(c)  $\epsilon = 3/4\%$ , 1,266 triangles



(a)  $\epsilon = 1\%$ , 575 triangles



(b)  $\epsilon = 1\%$ , 412 triangles



(c)  $\epsilon = 3\ 3/4\%$ , 716 triangles

# Performance

Bunny			Phone			Rotor			AMR		
$\epsilon$ %	# Polys	Time	$\epsilon$ %	# Polys	Time	$\epsilon$ %	# Polys	Time	$\epsilon$ %	# Polys	Time
0	69,451	N/A	0	165,936	N/A	0	4,735	N/A	0	436,402	N/A
1/64	44,621	9	1/64	43,537	31	1/8	2,146	3	1	195,446	171
1/32	23,581	10	1/32	12,364	35	1/4	1,514	2	3	143,728	61
1/16	10,793	11	1/16	4,891	38	3/4	1,266	2	7	110,090	61
1/8	4,838	11	1/8	2,201	32	1 3/4	850	1	15	87,476	68
1/4	2,204	11	1/4	1,032	35	3 3/4	716	1	31	75,434	84
1/2	1,004	11	1/2	544	33	7 3/4	688	1			
1	575	11	1	412	30	15 3/4	674	1			

Simplification performance and run times in minutes

On Hewlett-Packard 735/125



# Future work

- Moving vertices, ...



# Pros and cons

- Advantage
  - High fidelity
- Disadvantages
  - Cannot simplify models drastically
  - $\epsilon$

# Comparison

What matters me most	Recommendation
Geometric accuracy	SE
Performance	QEM
Drastic simplification	QEM
Progressive transmission	PM

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# Q & A

