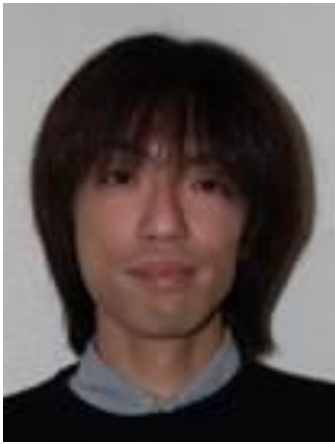




# Multi-level Partition of Unity Implicit

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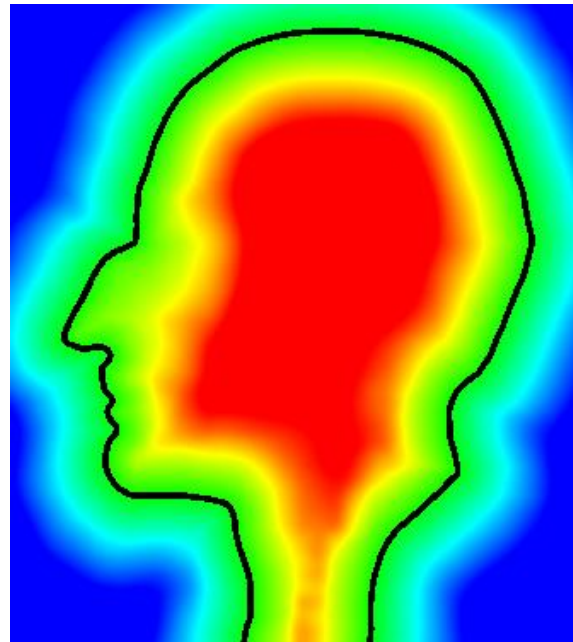
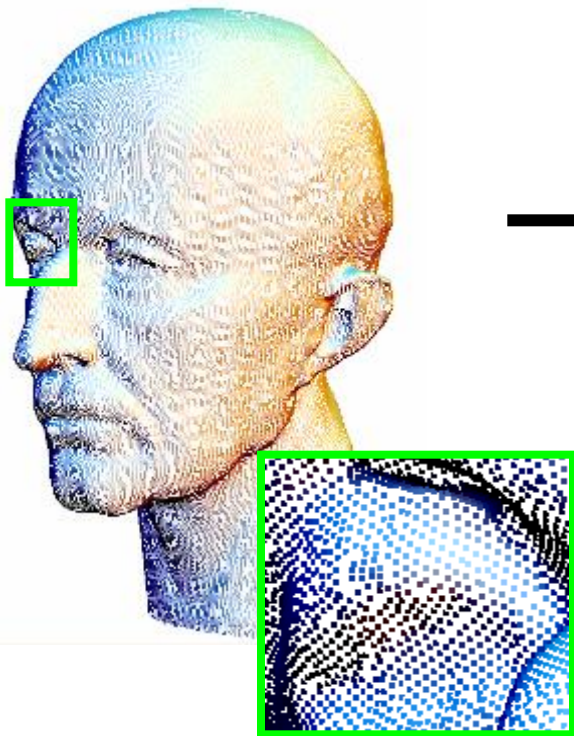
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# Introduction - Problem

- Goal: Representing implicit solid as a function  $f$
- Input: Points with Normals (typical output of range scanners)



$f(x,y,z) > 0$  inside  
 $f(x,y,z) < 0$  outside  
 $f(x,y,z) = 0$   
approximates points

Signed distance.

# Introduction - Problem

## ■ Issues

□ Local vs. Global

■ (N/k of k x k) vs. (N x N)

□ Sharp Features

□ Error Control

[Turk and O'brien 2002.]

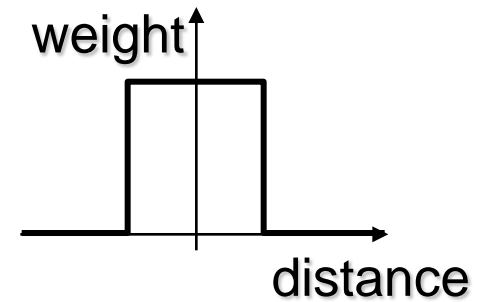
$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^k w_j \phi(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}_j) + P(\mathbf{x})$$

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 weight      basis

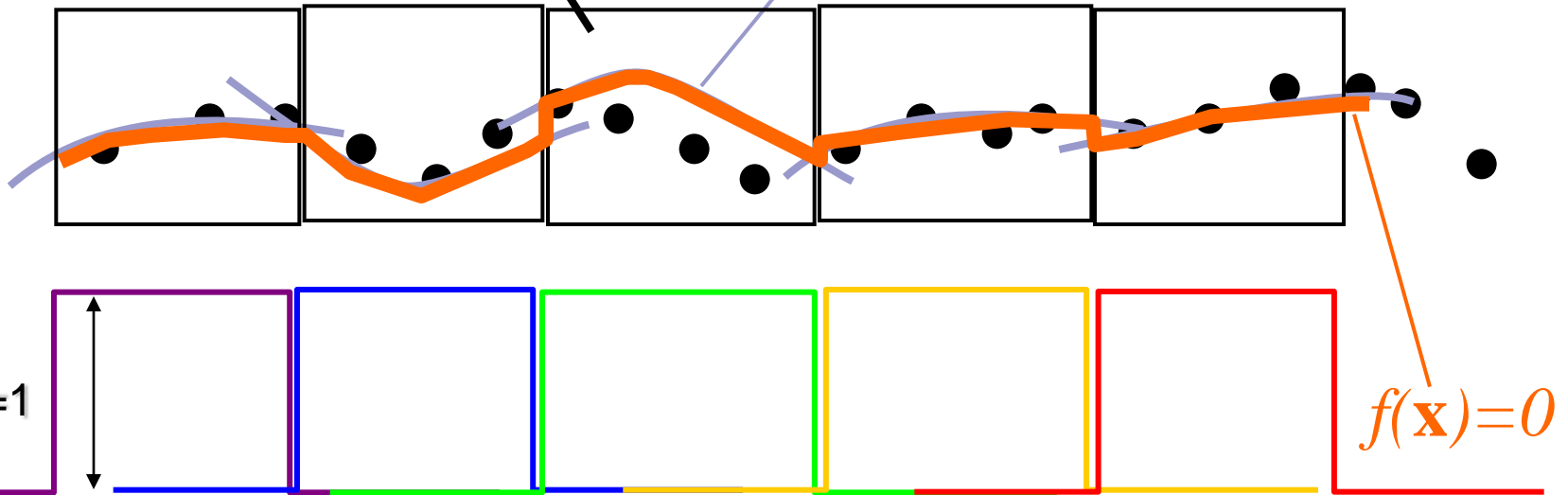
$$\begin{bmatrix}
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 \phi_{21} & \phi_{22} & \dots & \phi_{2k} & 1 & c_2^x & c_2^y & c_2^z \\
 \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 \phi_{k1} & \phi_{k2} & \dots & \phi_{kk} & 1 & c_k^x & c_k^y & c_k^z \\
 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 c_1^x & c_2^x & \dots & c_k^x & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 c_1^y & c_2^y & \dots & c_k^y & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 c_1^z & c_2^z & \dots & c_k^z & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 w_1 \\
 w_2 \\
 \vdots \\
 w_k \\
 p_0 \\
 p_1 \\
 p_2 \\
 p_3
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 h_1 \\
 h_2 \\
 \vdots \\
 h_k \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 0
 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Function patching

Support of  $Q(\mathbf{x})$



$Q(\mathbf{x})=0$  (local approx.)

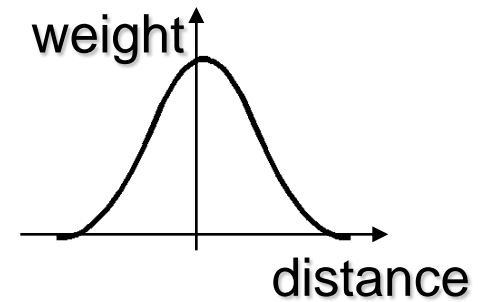


Weighted average of  
local approximations

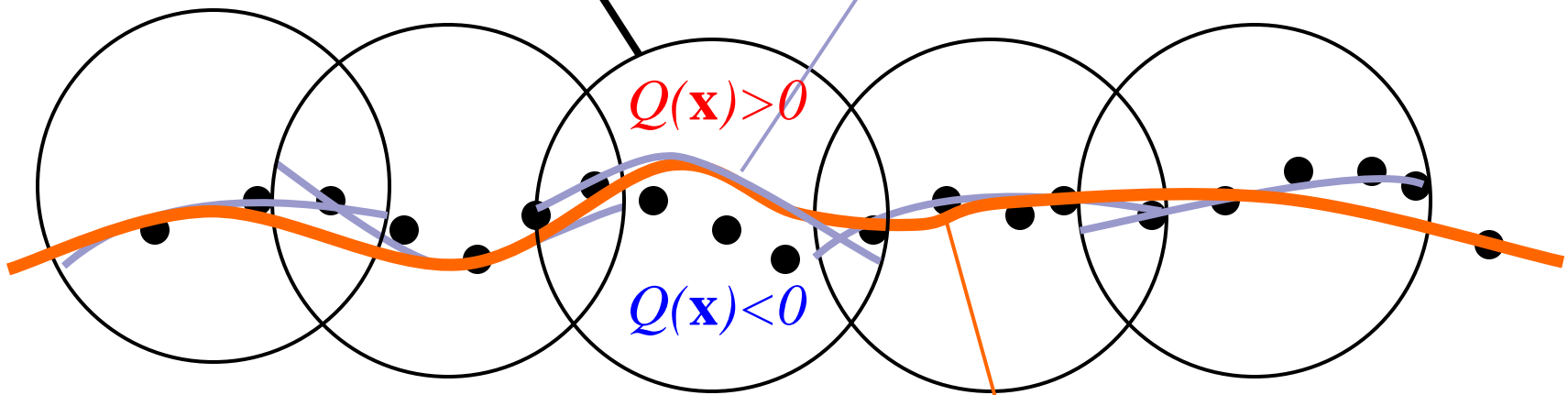
$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\sum w_i(\mathbf{x}) Q_i(\mathbf{x})}{\sum w_i(\mathbf{x})}$$

# Partition of Unity

Support of  $Q(\mathbf{x})$



$Q(\mathbf{x})=0$  (local approx.)



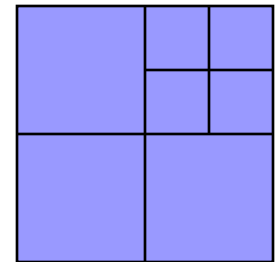
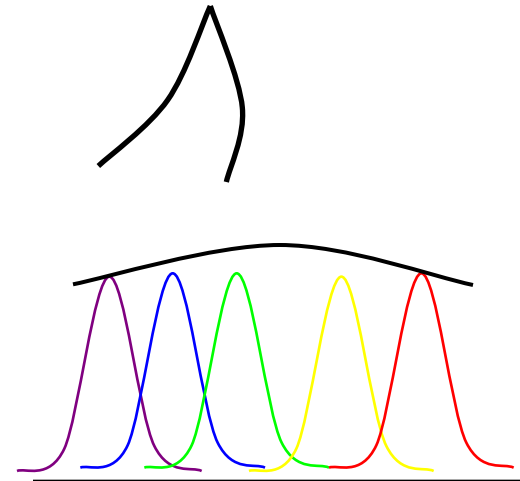
Weighted average of  
local approximations

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\sum w_i(\mathbf{x}) Q_i(\mathbf{x})}{\sum w_i(\mathbf{x})}$$

# Approach of this paper

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum w_i(\mathbf{x}) Q_i(\mathbf{x}) / \sum w_i(\mathbf{x})$$

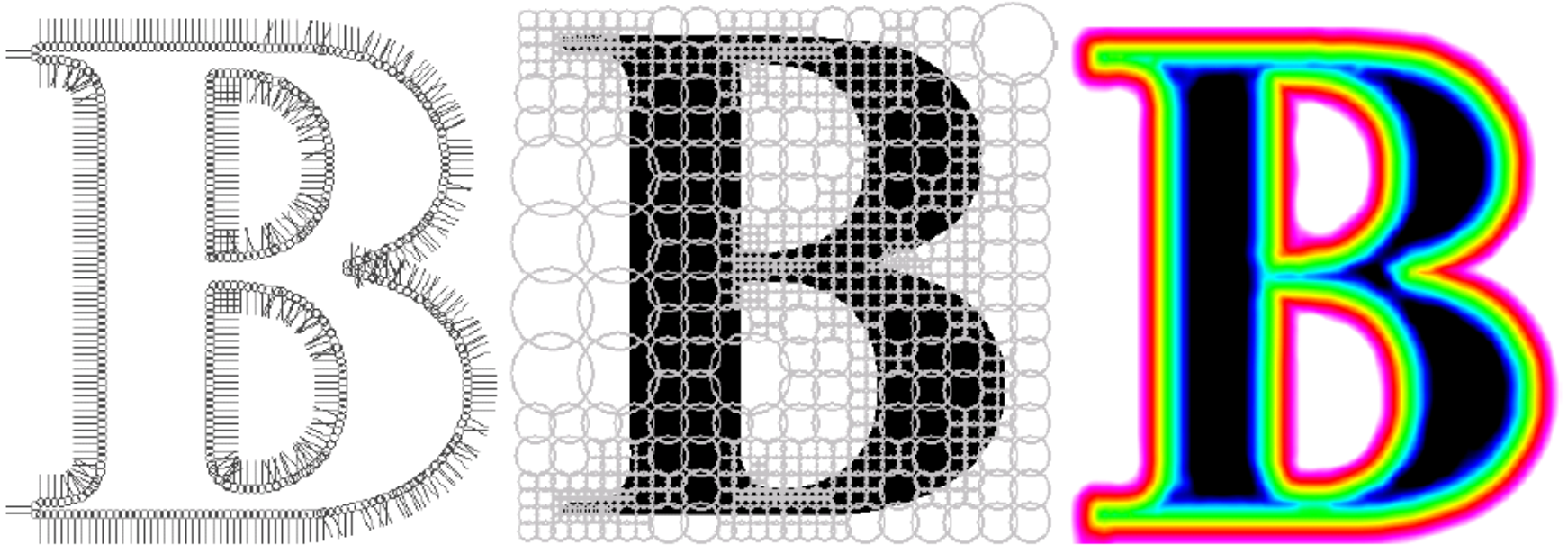
- Piecewise quadratic local approximations  $Q_i(\mathbf{x})$ .
- Partition of unity  $\{w_i(\mathbf{x}) / \sum w_i(\mathbf{x})\}$ 
  - Used to blend local approximations
- Octree based multi-level structure
  - Adapted to geometrical complexity
  - Delivers an adaptive approximation of the distance-function
  - Allows a user to specify approximation accuracy





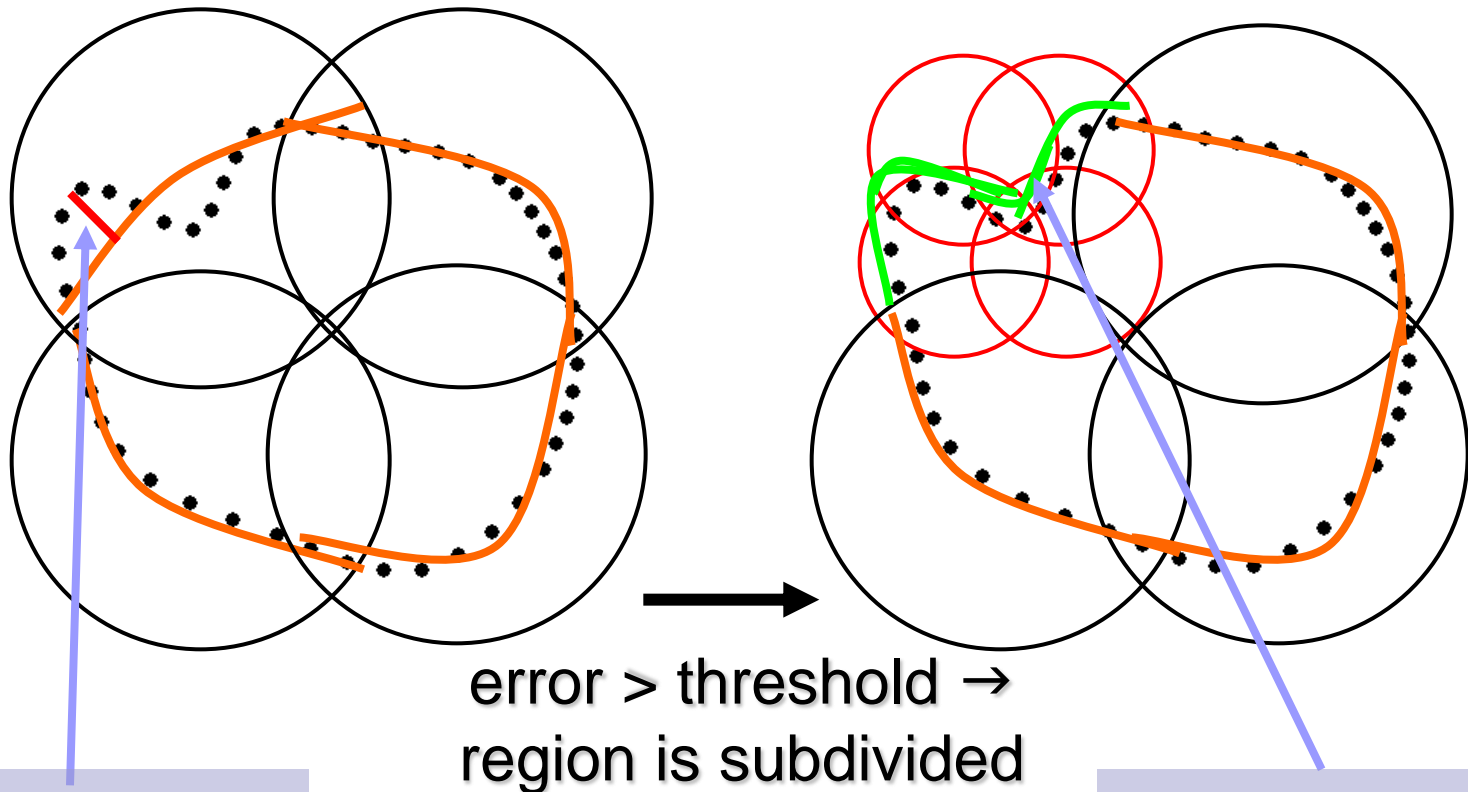
# Octree and ball

- Balls proportional to cell size, center at  $c_i$



# Multi-level Partition of Unity

- Adaptive octree subdivision



# Algorithm of MPU

- For cell  $i$ ,
  - Fit  $Q_i$
  - Calculate  $\varepsilon_i$
  - If  $(\varepsilon_i > \varepsilon_0)$  subdivide the cell and re-compute
- Blending (assembling) all leaf  $Q_i$  's using  $w_i$  's
  - $$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\sum w_i(\mathbf{x}) Q_i(\mathbf{x})}{\sum w_i(\mathbf{x})}$$
- Remaining problem: choices of  $Q_i$  and  $w_i$

# Weight functions

- For approximation

- B-spline  $b(t)$

$$w_i(\mathbf{x}) = b\left(\frac{3|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}_i|}{2R_i}\right)$$

- For interpolation

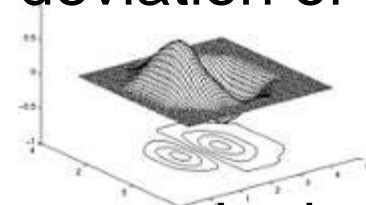
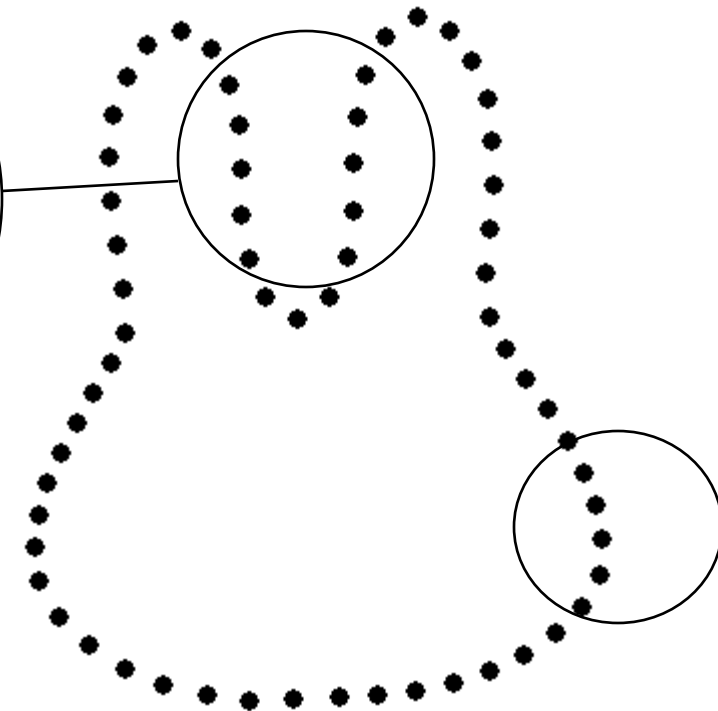
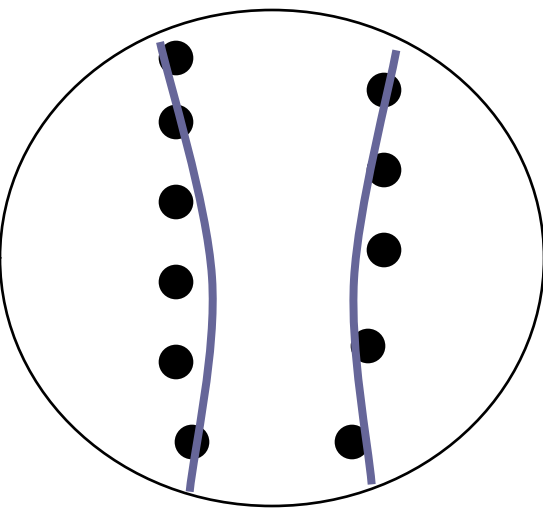
- Inverse-distance singular weights

$$w_i(\mathbf{x}) = \left[ \frac{(R_i - |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}_i|)_+}{R_i |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}_i|} \right]^2, \text{ where } (a)_+ = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } a > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

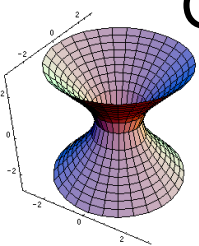
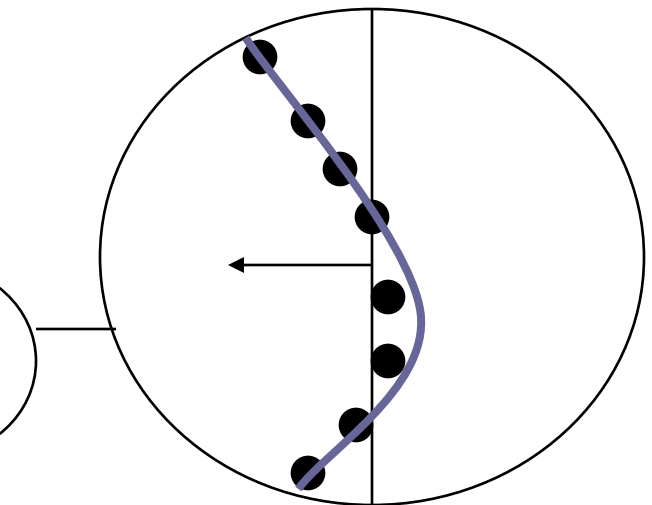
→infinity near  $\mathbf{c}_i$

# Local Shape Function ( $Q_i$ )

- Second-order polynomial approx. by least square fitting
- Approximation type: according to the deviation of normals.



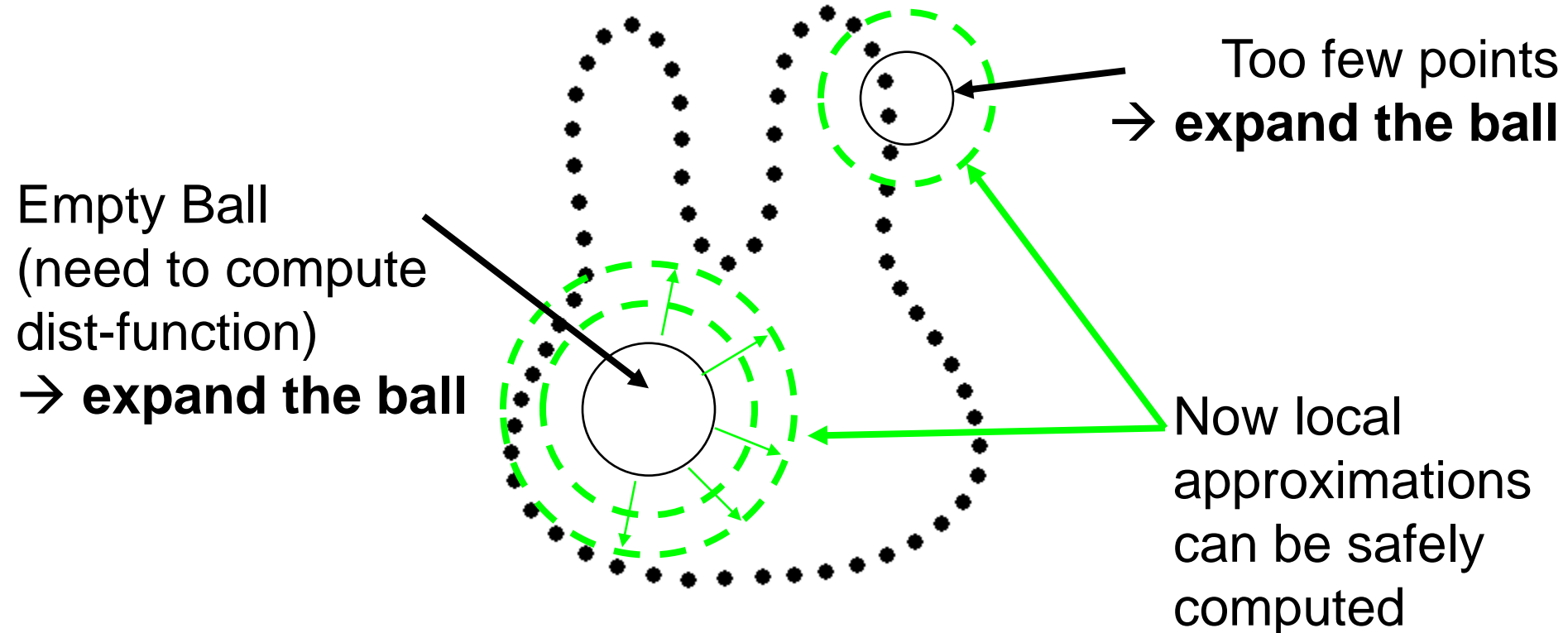
Bivariate quadratic polynomial in local coordinates



General 3D quadric

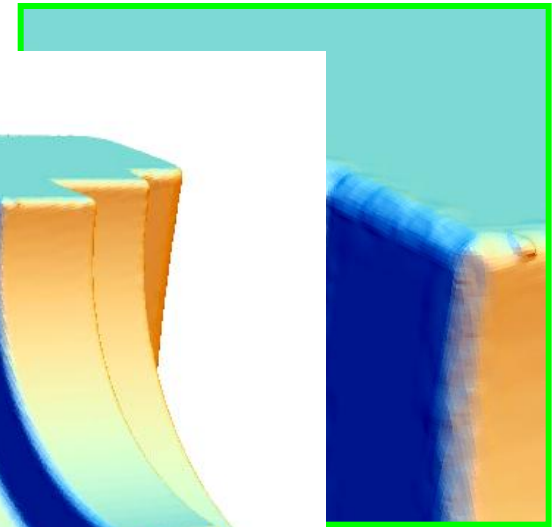
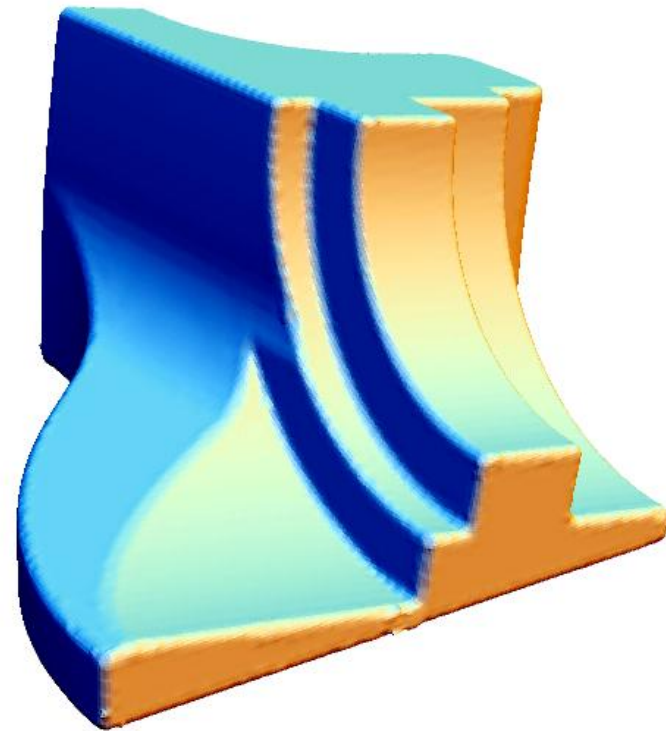
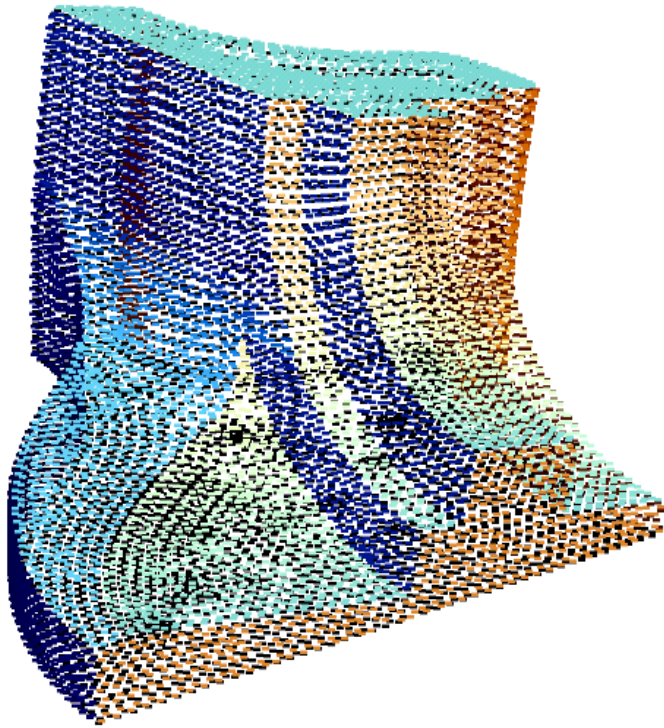
# Local Shape Function ( $Q_i$ )

- Expand balls to include sufficient number of points.



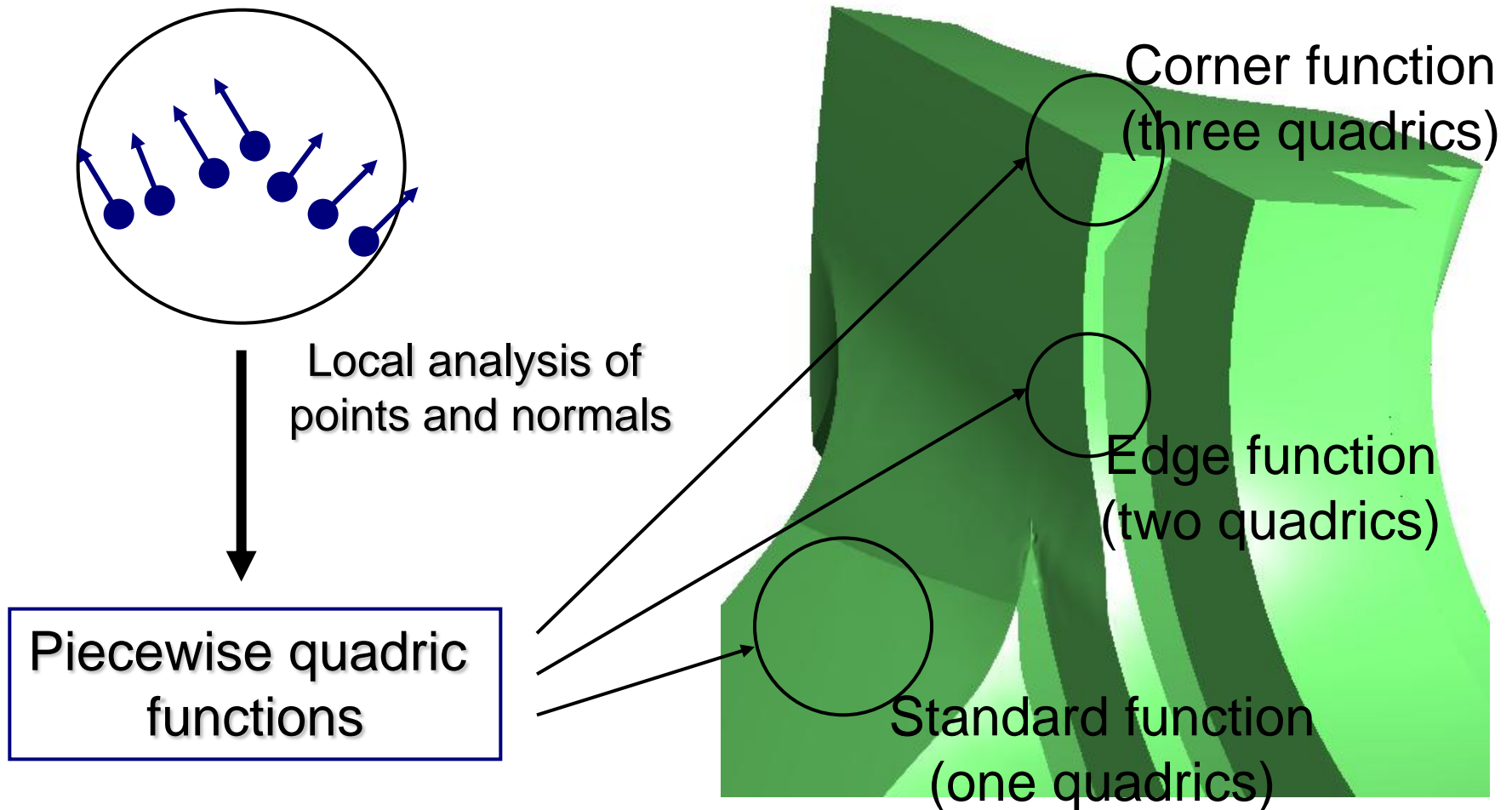
# Sharp Features

- Quadrics  $\rightarrow$  Impossible to represent sharp features



# Sharp Features

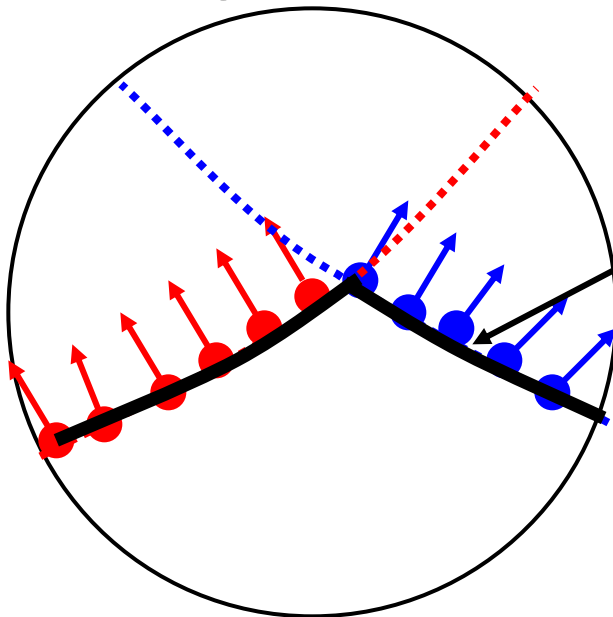
- Use piecewise smooth local approximations





# Sharp Features

- Edge: most deviated  $n_1, n_2$
- Corner: highly deviated from  $n_3 = n_1 \times n_2$



max/min Boolean  
operations  
→ piecewise smooth  
local approximations

Clustering Normals  
→ Clustering Points

# Accuracy Control

- For visualization purposes 0.01% accuracy is sufficient.



Original mesh  
(David head 1mm)



Approximation by MPU  
with 0.01% accuracy

# Applications – Geometric operations



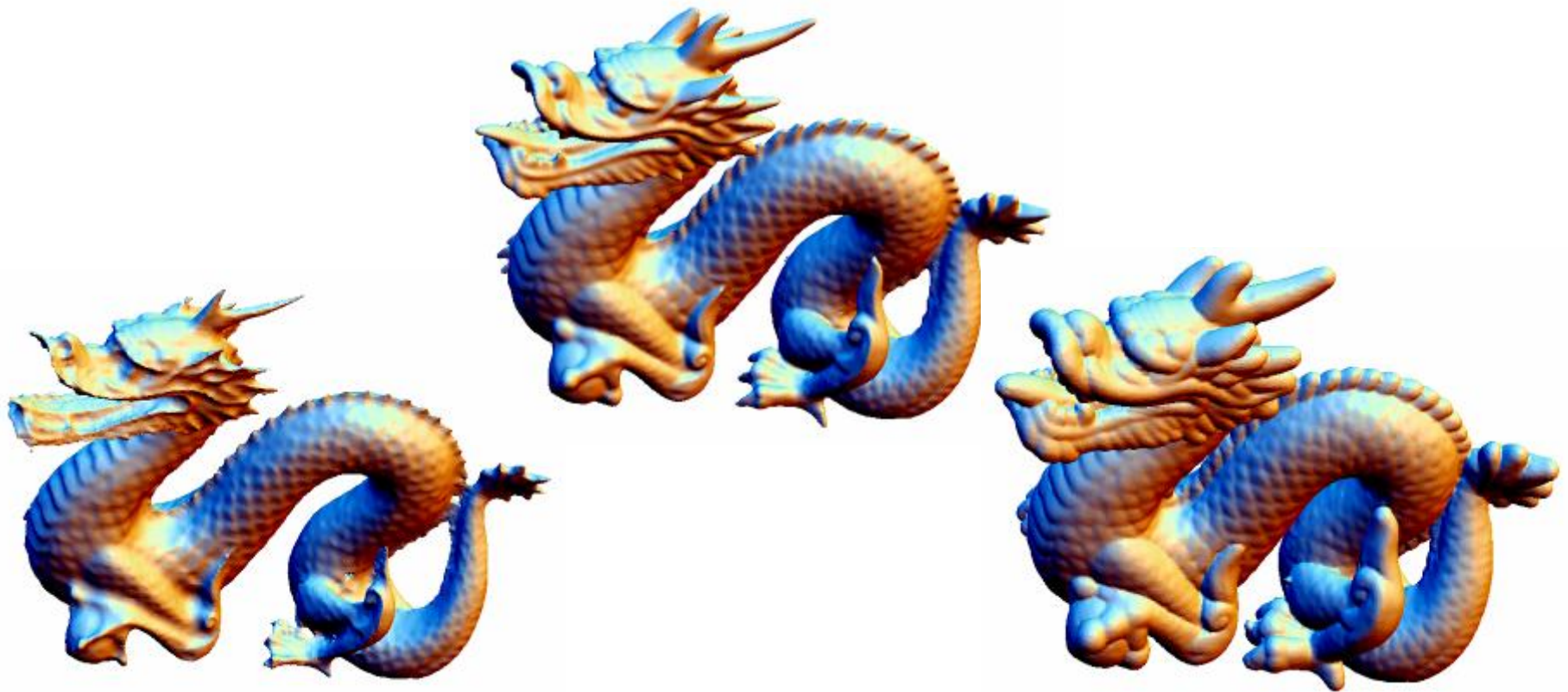
Boolean operations



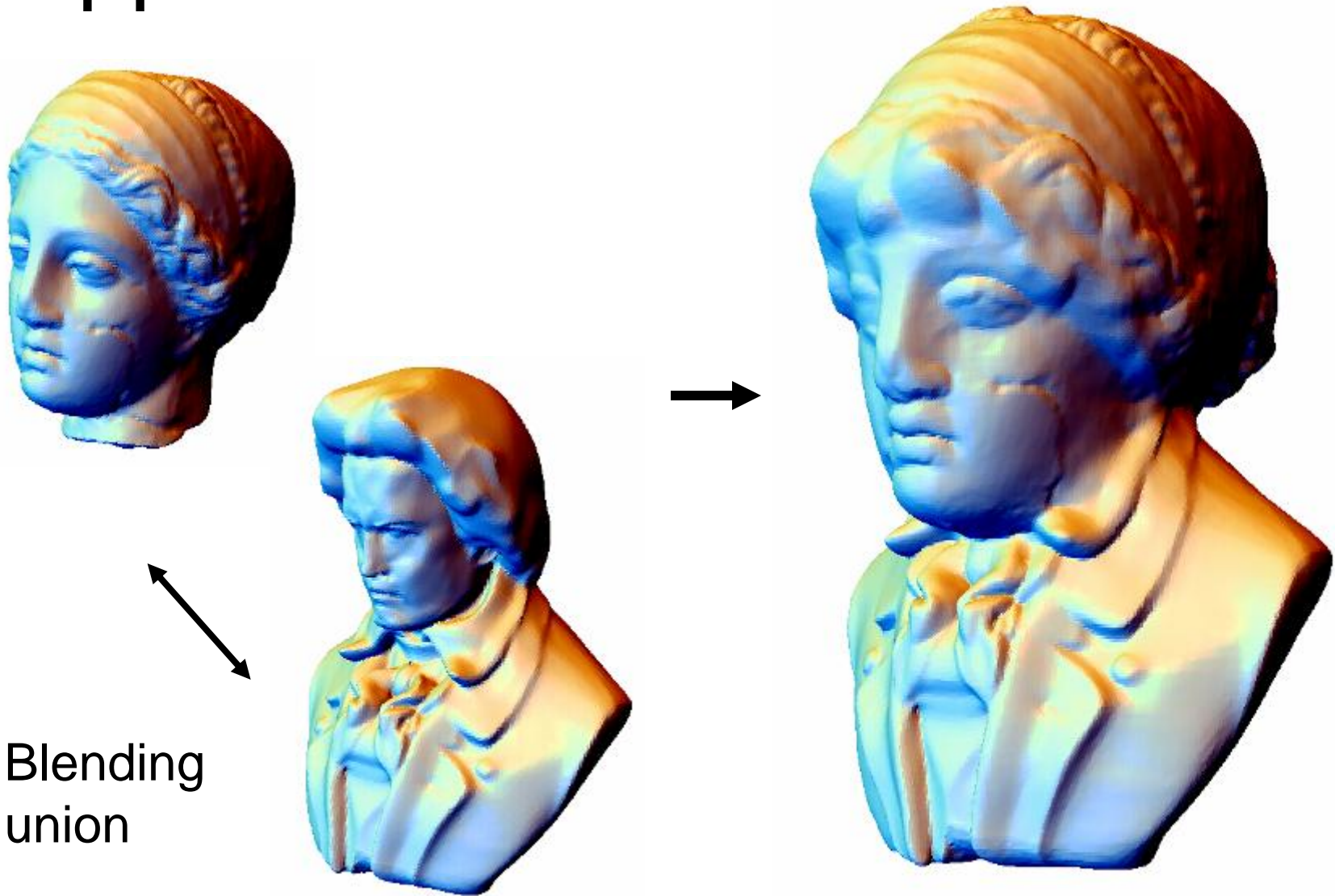
Space transformation

# Applications - offsetting

- If  $f$  is a good approx. of signed distance.



# Applications - Blending



# Applications - Morphing

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = (1-t)f_1(\mathbf{x}) + t f_2(\mathbf{x})$$



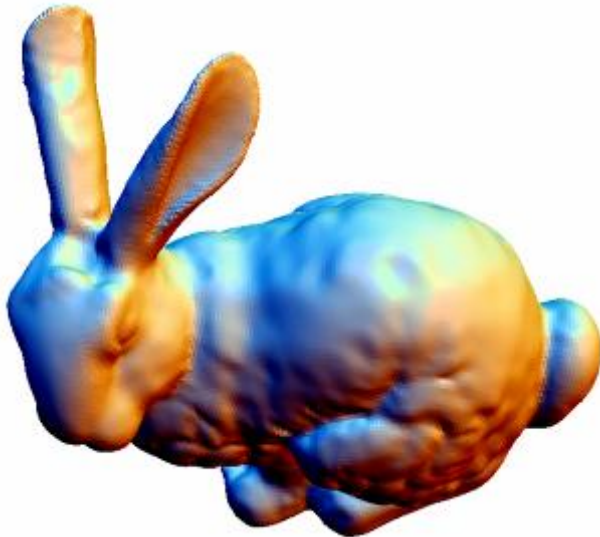
$$f_1(\mathbf{x}) = 0$$



$$f_2(\mathbf{x}) = 0$$

# Applications – Filling, Smoothing

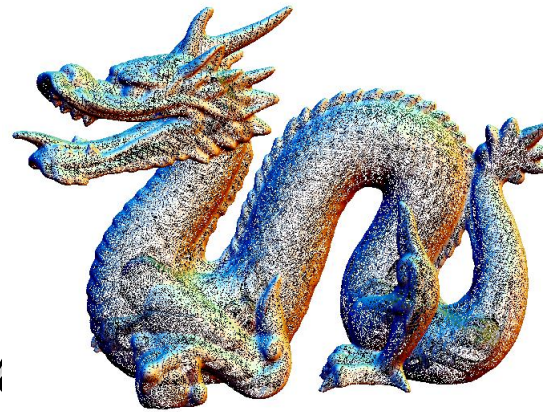
- No topological restrictions



# Performance



RAM: 34 MB  
Time: 7 sec.  
(1.6 GHz P4)  
Accuracy: 0.25%



RAM: 195 MB  
Time: 99 sec.  
(1.6 GHz P4)  
Accuracy: 0.08%

35K points

433K points



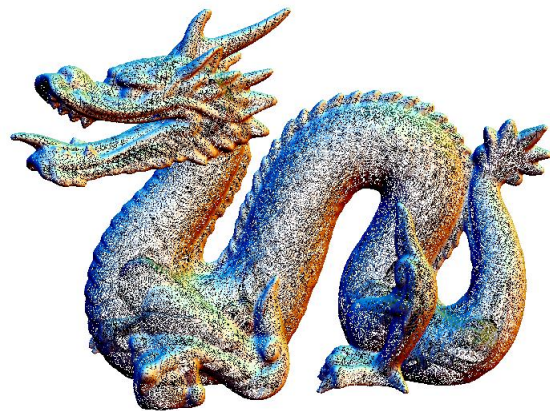
91K triangles



820K triangles



# Performance

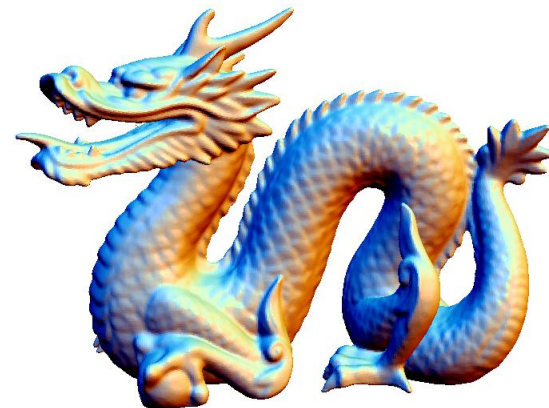


MPU

RAM: 195 MB

Time: 99 sec.

(Pentium4 1.6 GHz)



Reconstruction  
with 0.08% accuracy

[Carr et al. SIG01]

RAM: 306MB

Time: 170 min.

(Pentium3 550 MHz)

×100



×3



# Conclusion

- A new implicit representation for 3D scattered point data
  - Easy to implement
  - Fast reconstruction
  - Can handle a very large data
  - Can represent sharp features
  - Good for function-based modeling