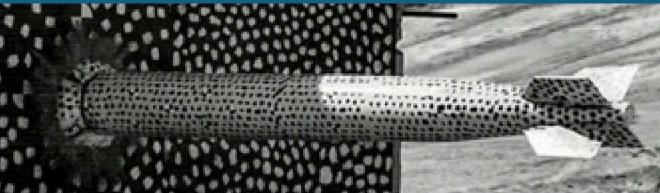


# CUBIT - Sandia's Geometry & Meshing Toolkit



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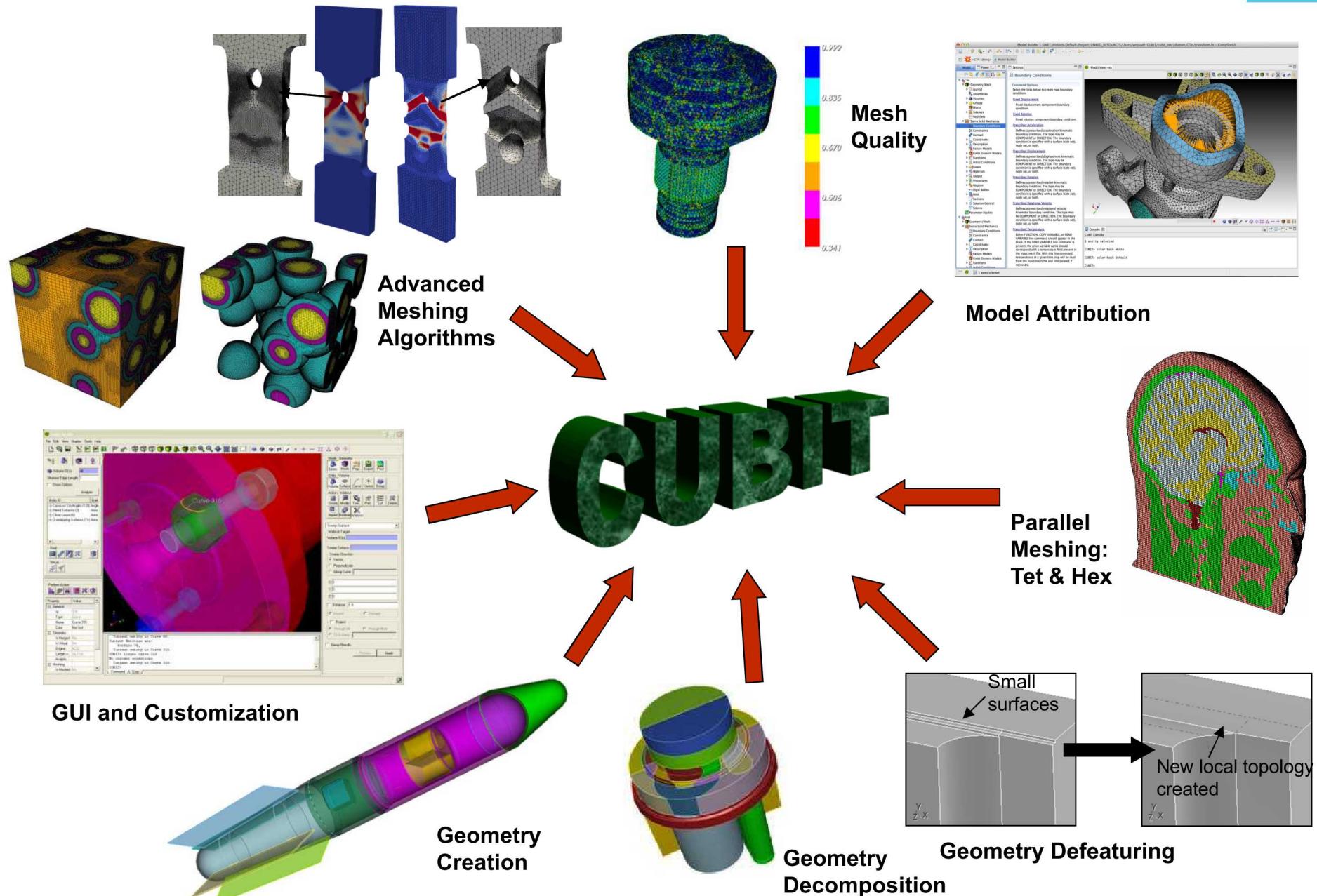
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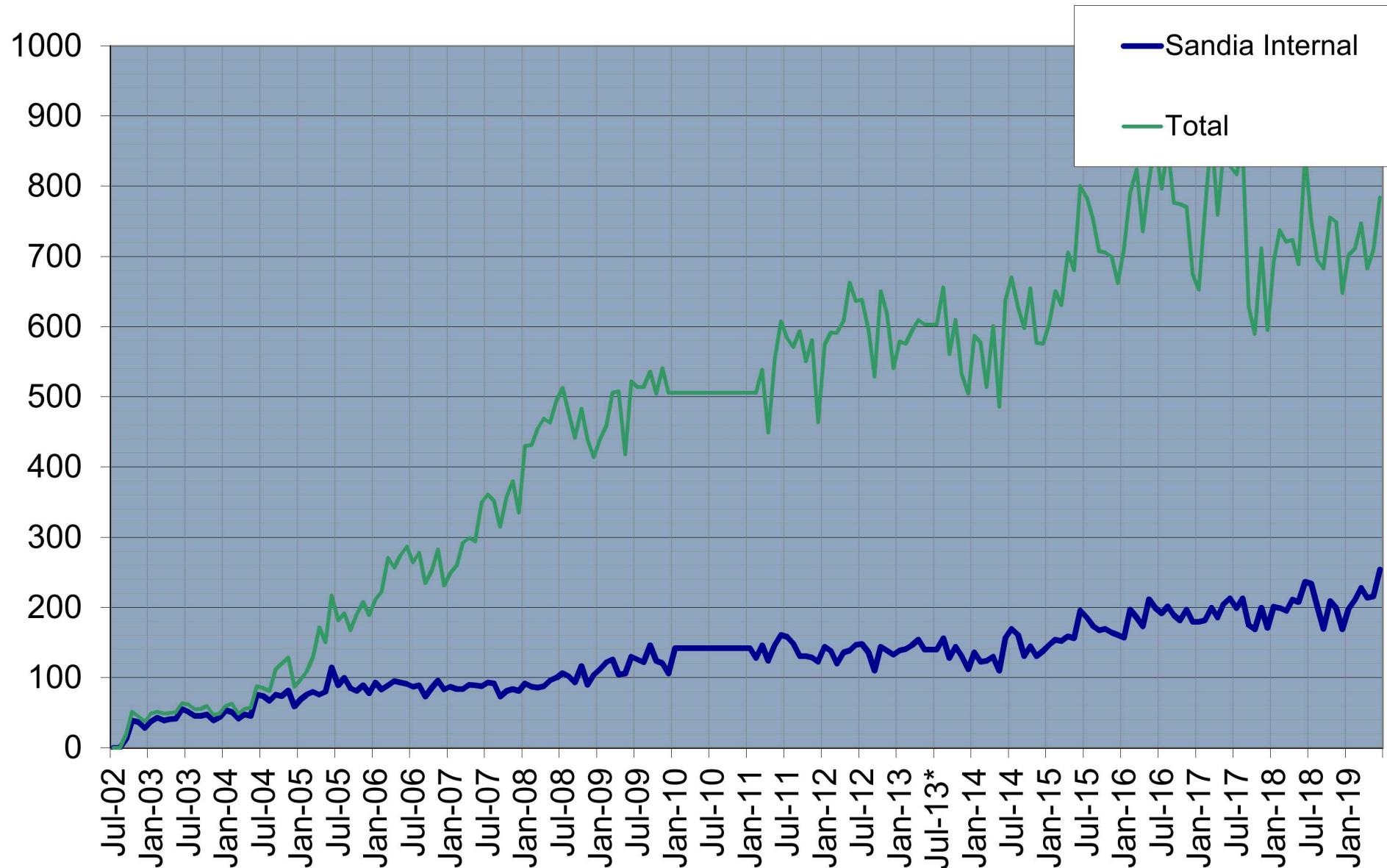
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# Overview of CUBIT

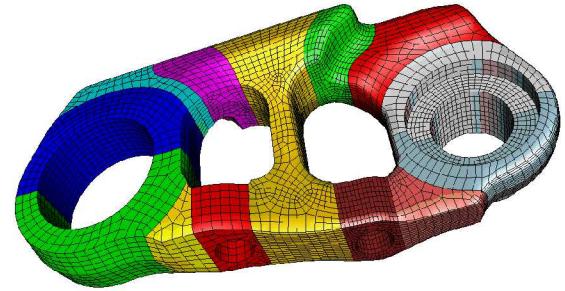
- Free for US Govt Use
- ~800 repeated users per month
- 70% of users are external
- ~100,000 runs every month
- CSimSoft handles Academic and Commercial licenses
- Customers:
  - NASA, US Army, Navy, Air Force, USGS, DARPA, NIST, NRC, DOE, LANL, LLNL, NREL, Brookhaven, JPL, SLAC, ORNL, LBNL, FNL, NETL, APL, Kansas City National Security Campus, Y12 and CRADA/Commercial Partners (Goodyear, Caterpillar, ... )



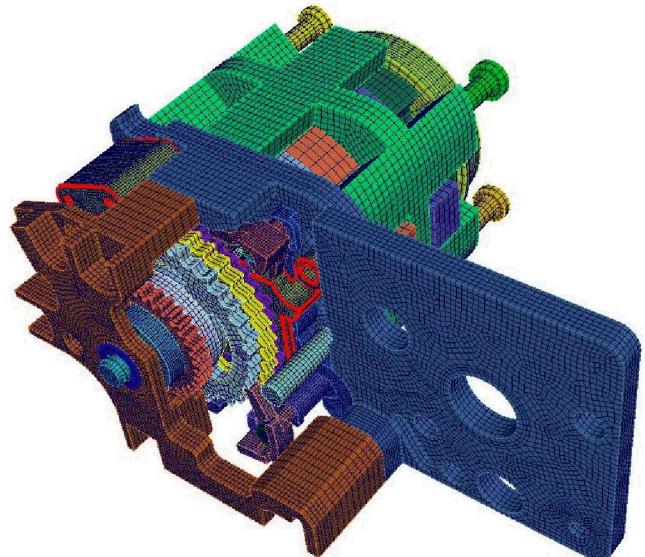
# Repeated Users Per Month (17 Years: 2002 to 2019)



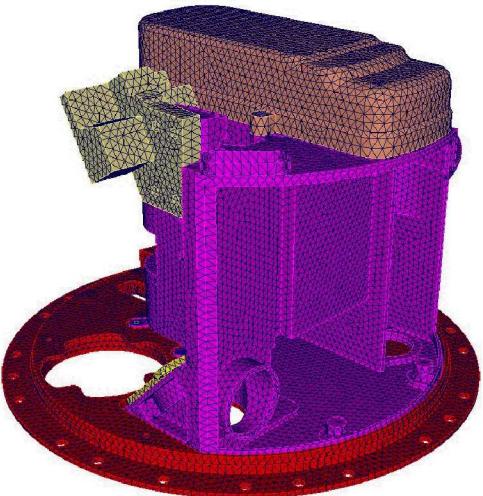
# Sandia Problems



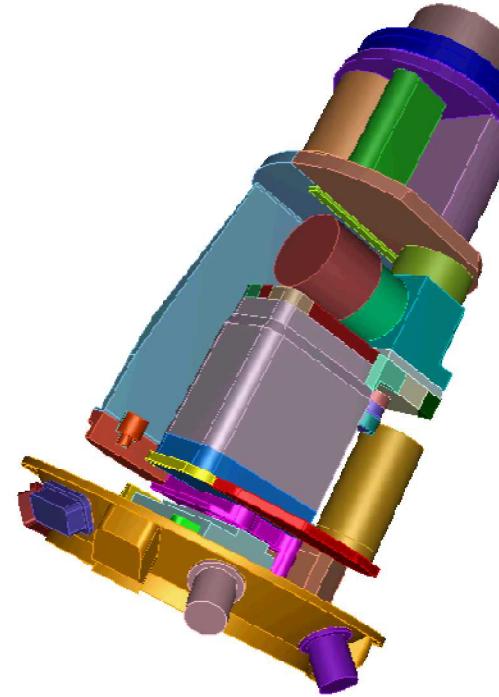
**Lots of Part Interactions**



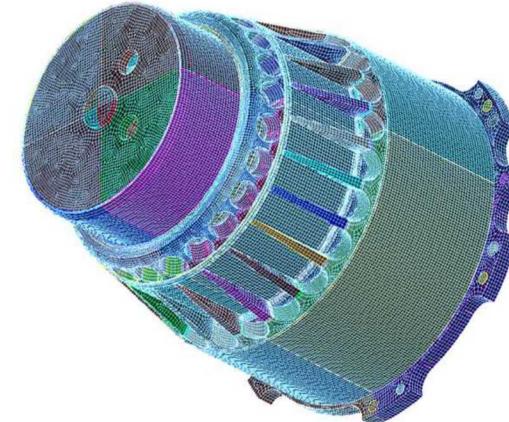
**Large Assemblies**



**High-Quality Mesh**



**Mis-alignments, Unwanted features, ...**



# History

1990: Paving (Ted Blacker et al.)

1991: CUBIT (Ted Blacker et al.)

1992: 1<sup>st</sup> IMR (Ted Blacker et al.)

1995: Hex Meshing Research

2000: Common Geometry Module - ACIS, Facets, ...

2000: Licensed GHS3D (now MeshGems with Distene)

2003: Added Qt-based GUI

2007: CATIA Integration

2009: Sculpt - all-hex mesh generator

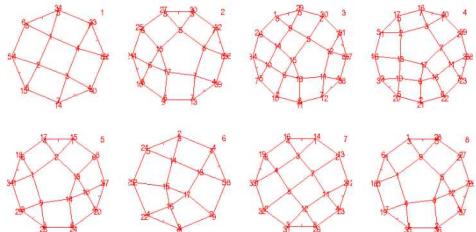
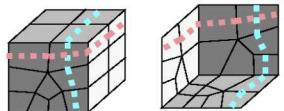
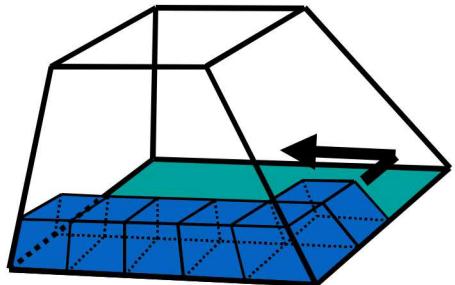
2016: Parallel mesh modification

2019: CUBIT part of NGS (Project Lead: Roshan Quadros, Project Manager: Mike Skroch)

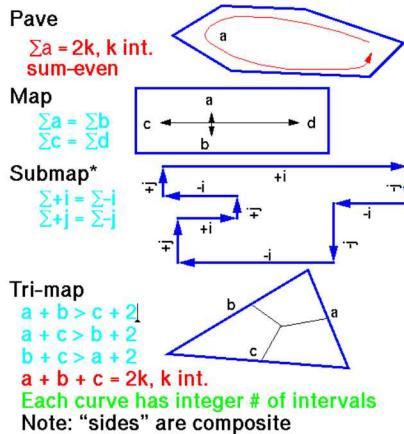
# CUBIT Meshing

1995

Plastering: Advancing front hex meshing

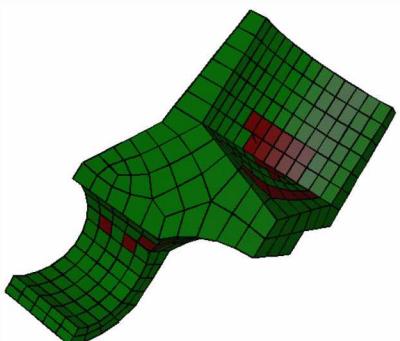


1996 Whisker Weaving: Dual-based advancing front hex meshing



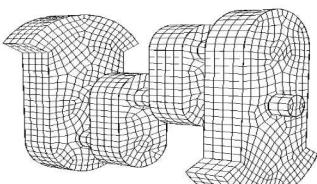
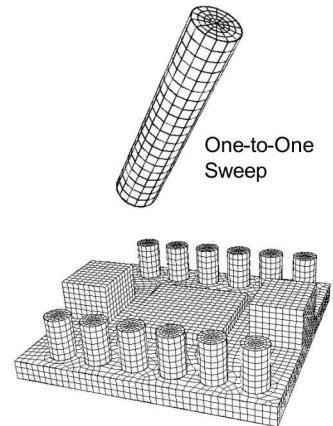
1998

Hex-Tet: Plastering on boundary with tetrahedra on interior



1997

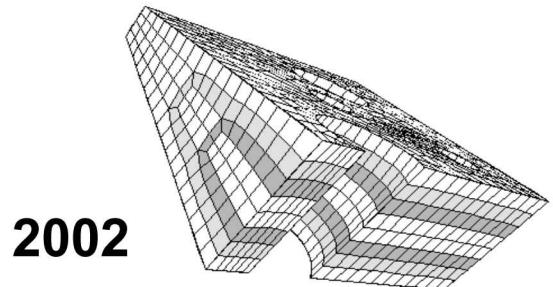
Interval Matching:  
Automatically determine mesh intervals based on selected meshing algorithm



Multisweeping

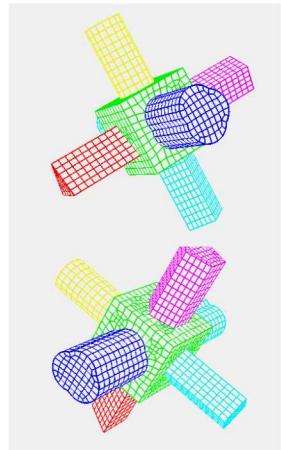
1998-2001  
**Sweeping Algorithms:**  
Hex meshing tools for sweeping a geometry-conforming quad mesh

# CUBIT Meshing



2002

**Dual-based Tools:** Tools for coarsening and refinement using dual-based operations

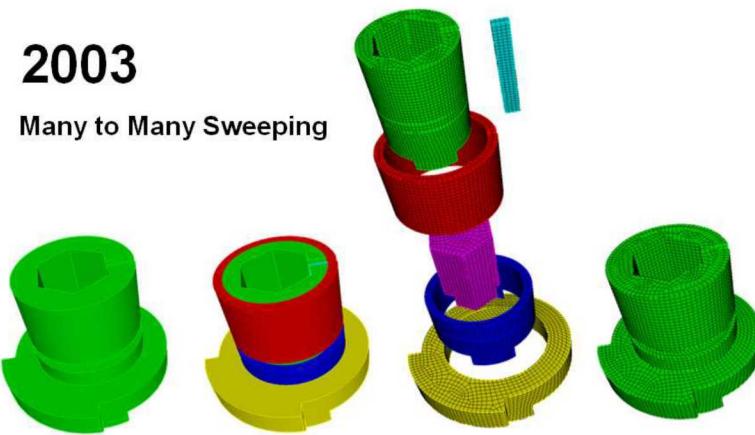


2002-2003

**Mesh Cutting and Grafting**

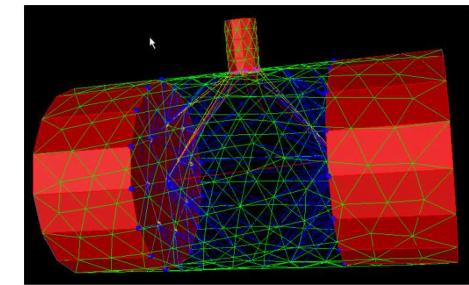
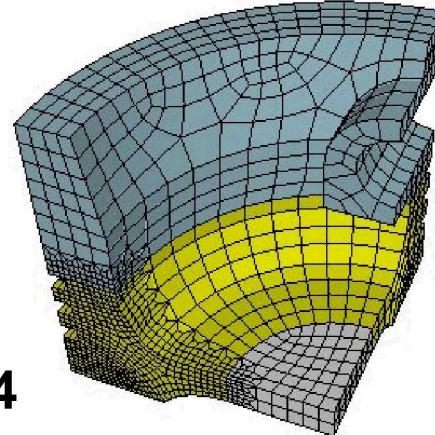
2003

**Many to Many Sweeping**



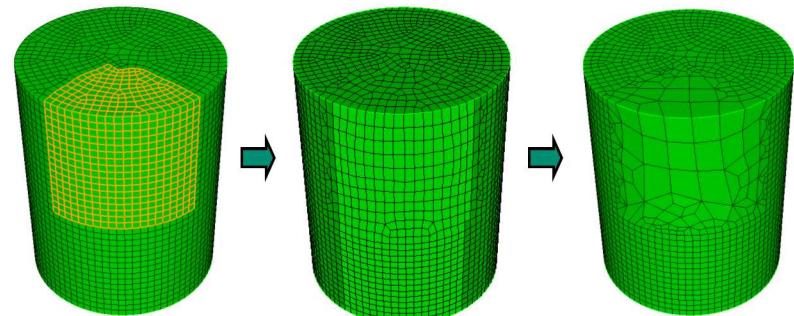
2004

**Conformal Hex Refinement**



2005

**Cable Weaving and Unconstrained Plastering:** Ongoing research to define all-hex mesh for arbitrary volumes



2008

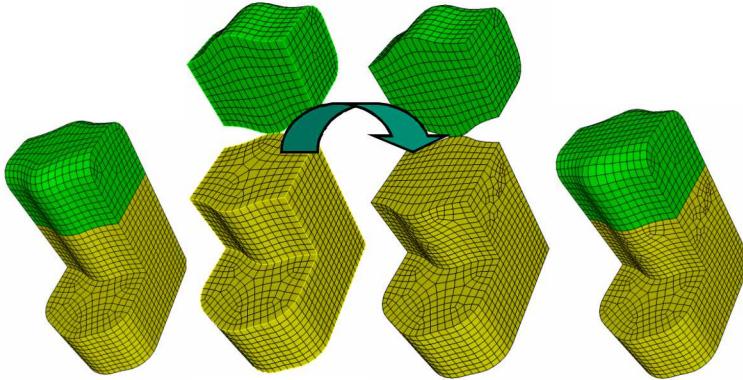
**Conformal Hex Coarsening**

# CUBIT Meshing



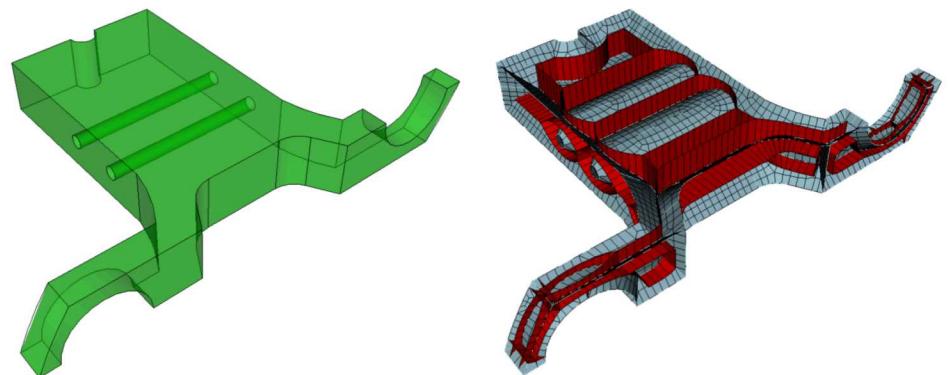
2007

Sheet Insertion

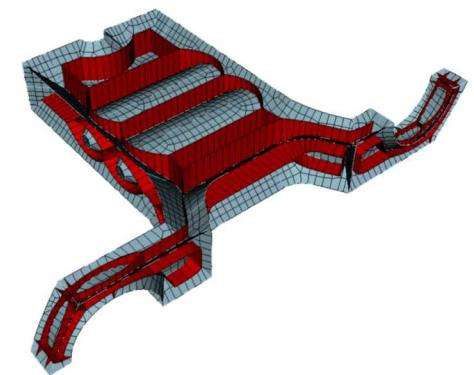


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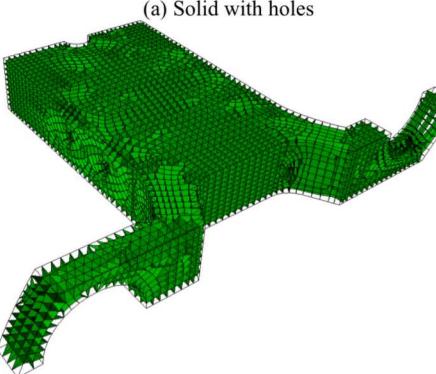
Mesh matching



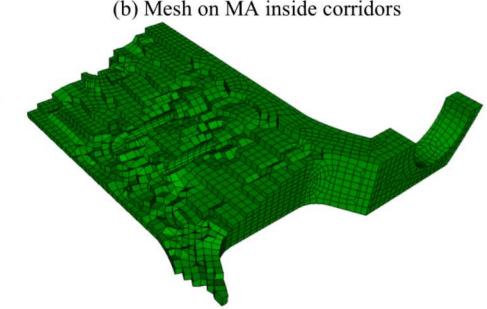
(a) Solid with holes



(b) Mesh on MA inside corridors



(c) Tracks in 3D



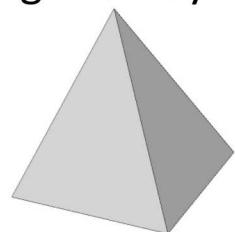
(d) Mesh cross section

LayTracks3D: Hex Meshing via Medial Object

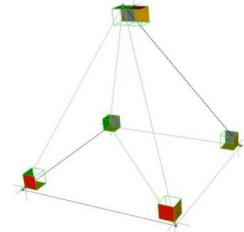
2014

2009  
Sculpt Research

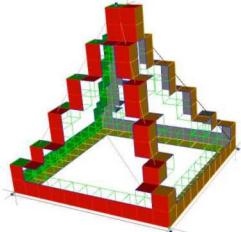
Original  
geometry



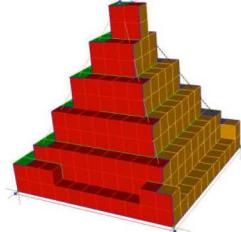
Vertices  
embedded



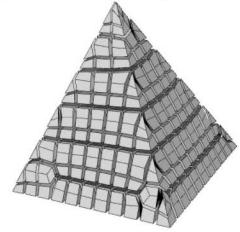
Curves  
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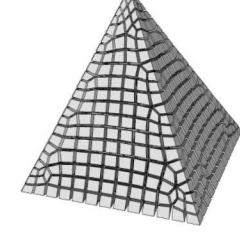
Surfaces/Volumes  
embedded



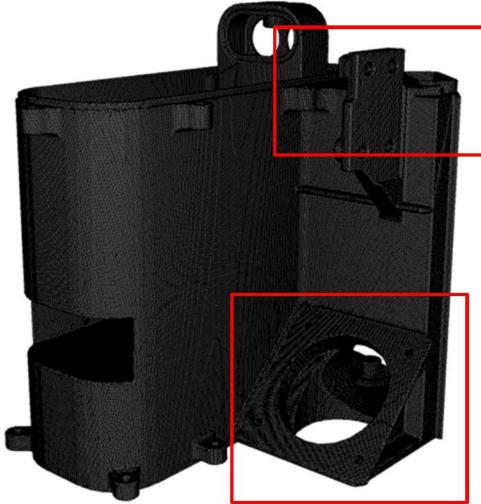
Smooth to  
geometry



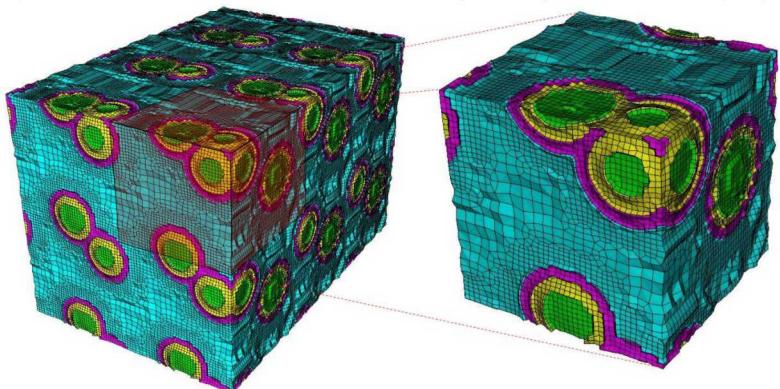
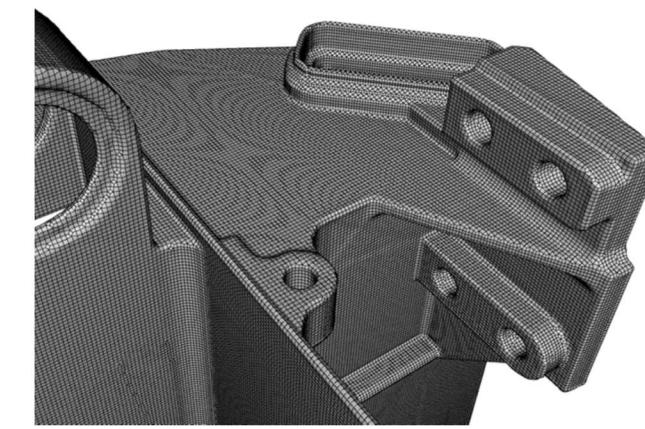
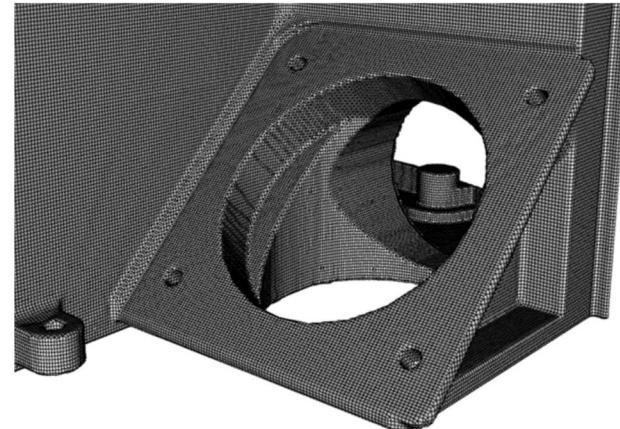
Sheets  
Inserted



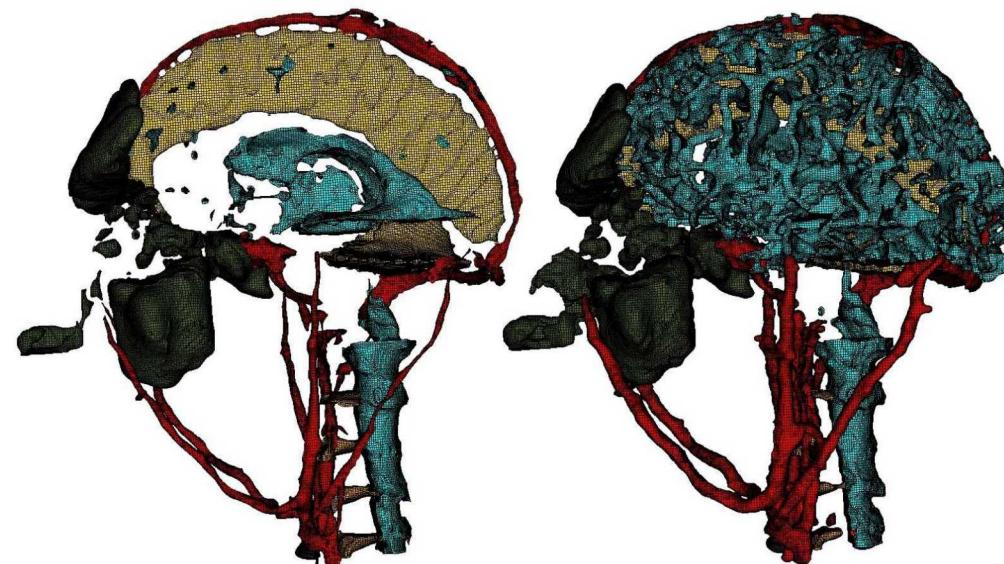
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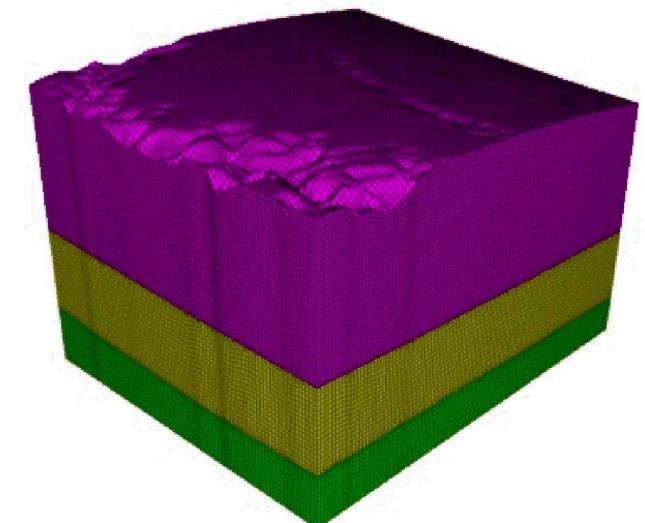
Mechanical Parts



Molecular Modeling



Medical Imaging

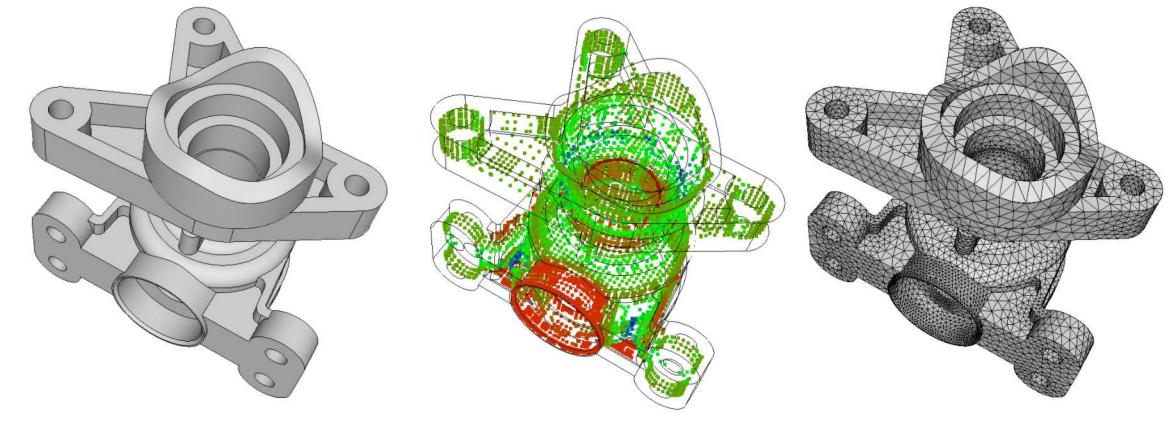


Geological models

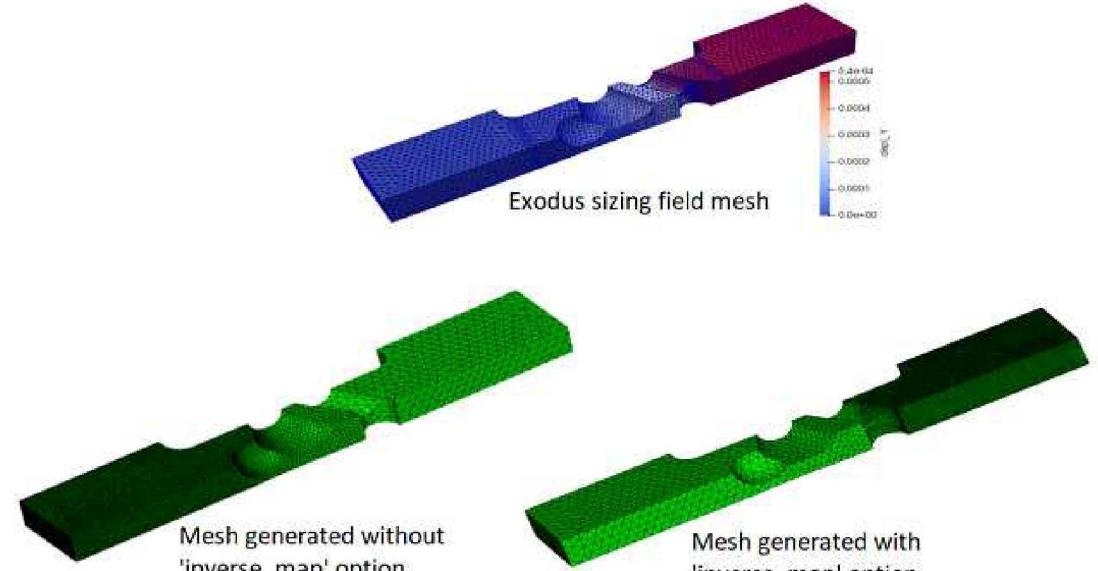
2009-2019

Sculpt – Parallel All-Hex Inline Mesh Generator

# Cubit Meshing



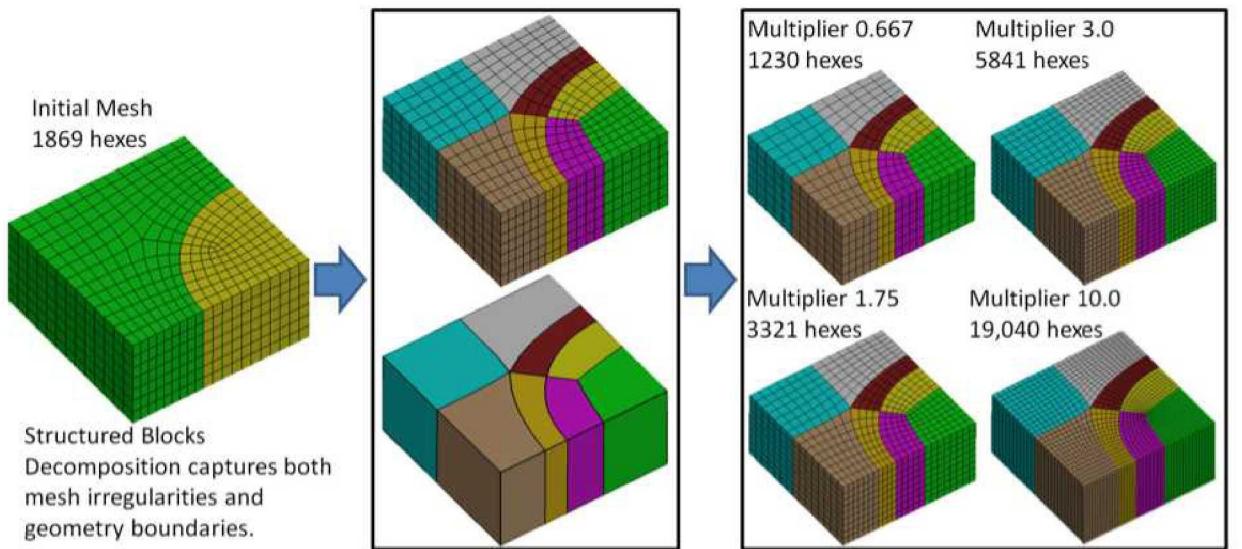
Geometry Adaptive Mesh Sizing



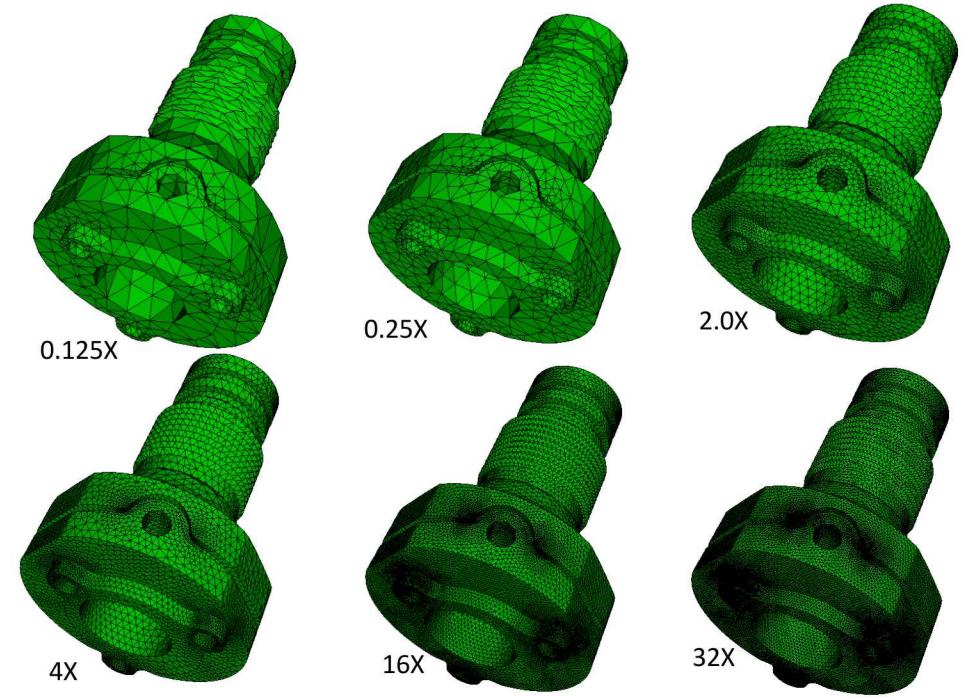
Physics-based Adaptive Remeshing

**2005 – 2018**  
Mesh Sizing Framework

# CUBIT Meshing

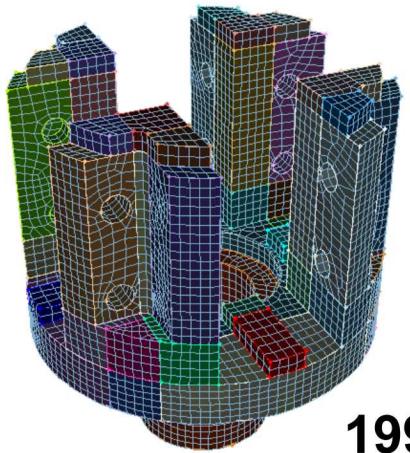


2016  
Hex Mesh Scaling



2017  
Tet Mesh Scaling

# CUBIT Geometry

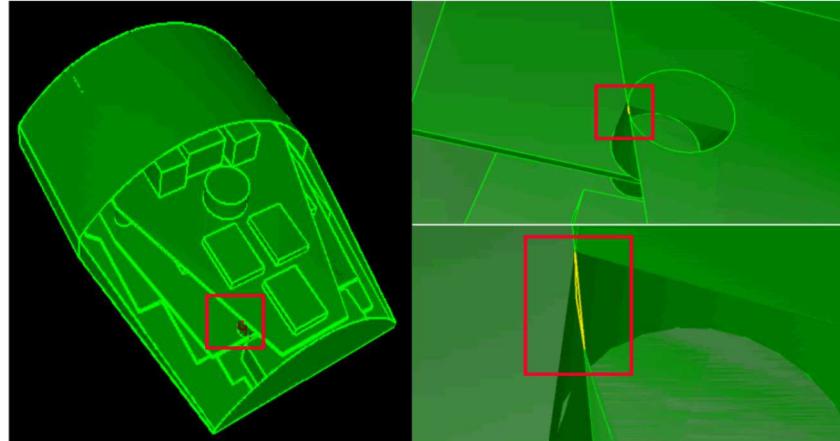


1999

**Automatic Decomposition:**  
Detects and decomposes  
geometry into sweepable parts

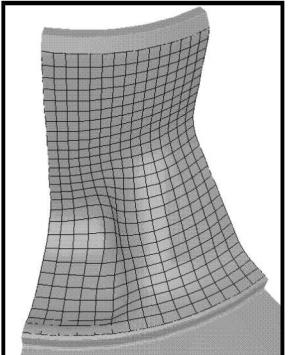
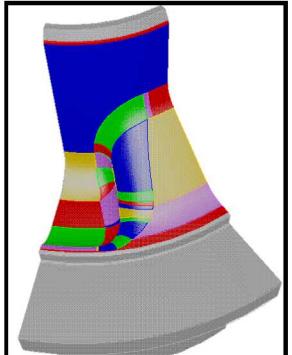
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**Automatic Detail Suppression:** An approach to detecting and  
removing small features in a CAD model



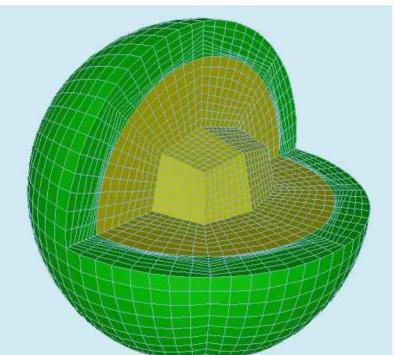
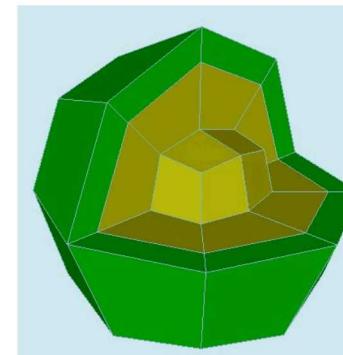
2002

**Mesh-based Geometry:**  
Creates a geometric model  
from a finite element mesh.  
Enables mesh improvement  
and design changes without  
CAD geometry



2001

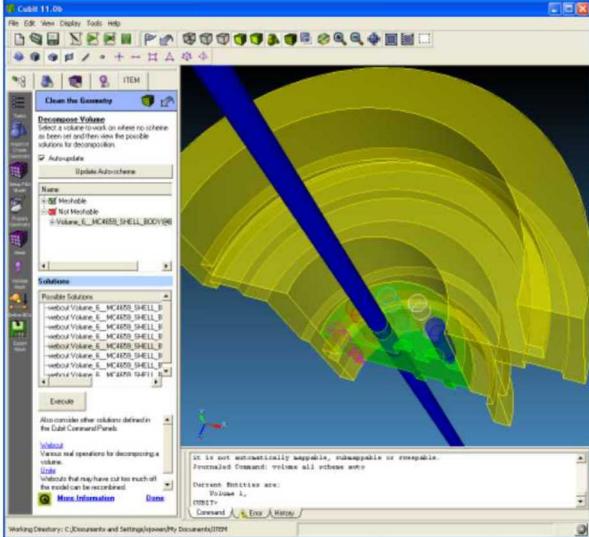
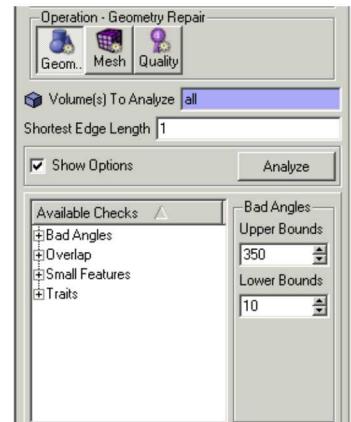
**Virtual Geometry:** Enables  
Composite and partitioned  
geometry to simplify mesh  
generation



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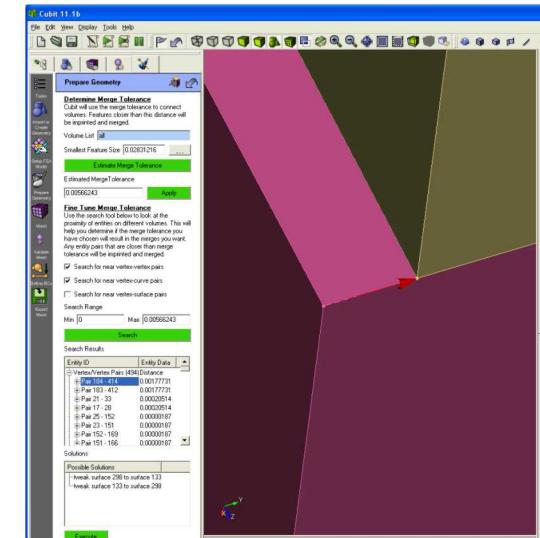
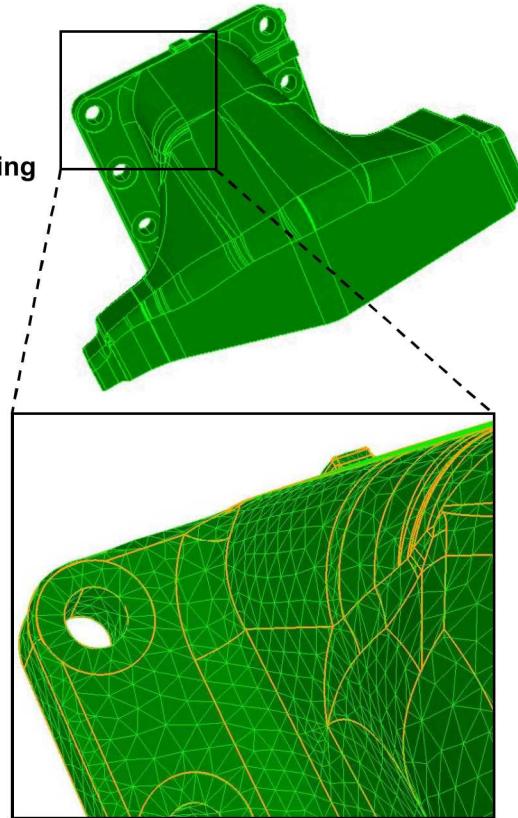
2005 & 2007

Geometry Power Tool &  
Immersive Topology  
Environment for  
Meshing (ITEM)



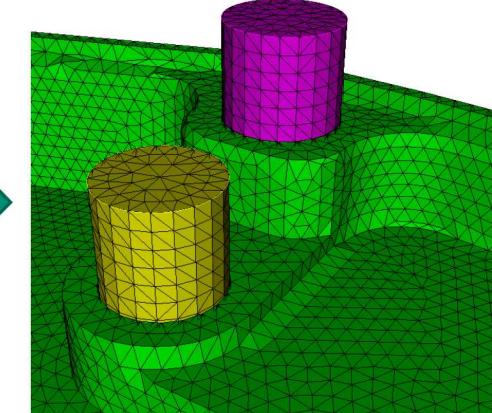
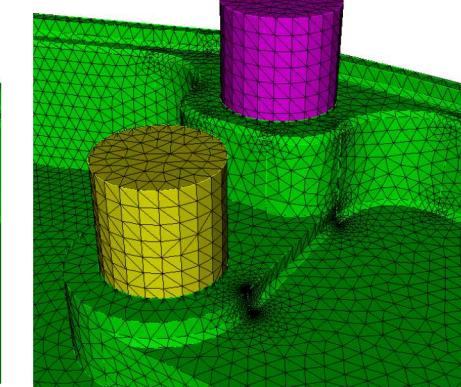
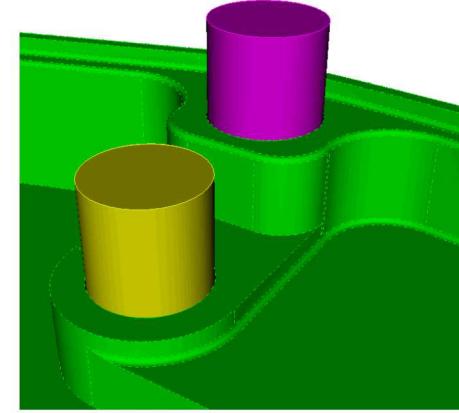
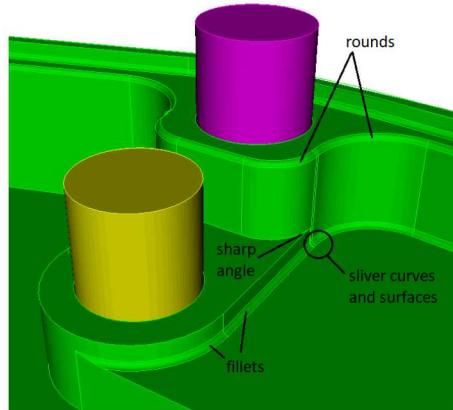
2009

Geometry  
Tolerant Meshing



2006 & 2008

Tolerant Imprinting  
and User Tools



2018

Automatic Defeaturing via Massive Compositing

# Outlook at Sandia

## □ Parallel Meshing for NGP

- Morph parallel tetmesher in NGS
- Sculpt enhancements
- MeshGems parallel tetmesher Tetra-HPC
- Lightweight uniform mesh refinement

## □ Address Geometry Issues

- Scalable Geometric Modeler (SGM) - Open source geometric kernel

## □ Componentize to support Next Generation Simulation (NGS)