

CUBIT - Sandia's Geometry & Meshing Toolkit



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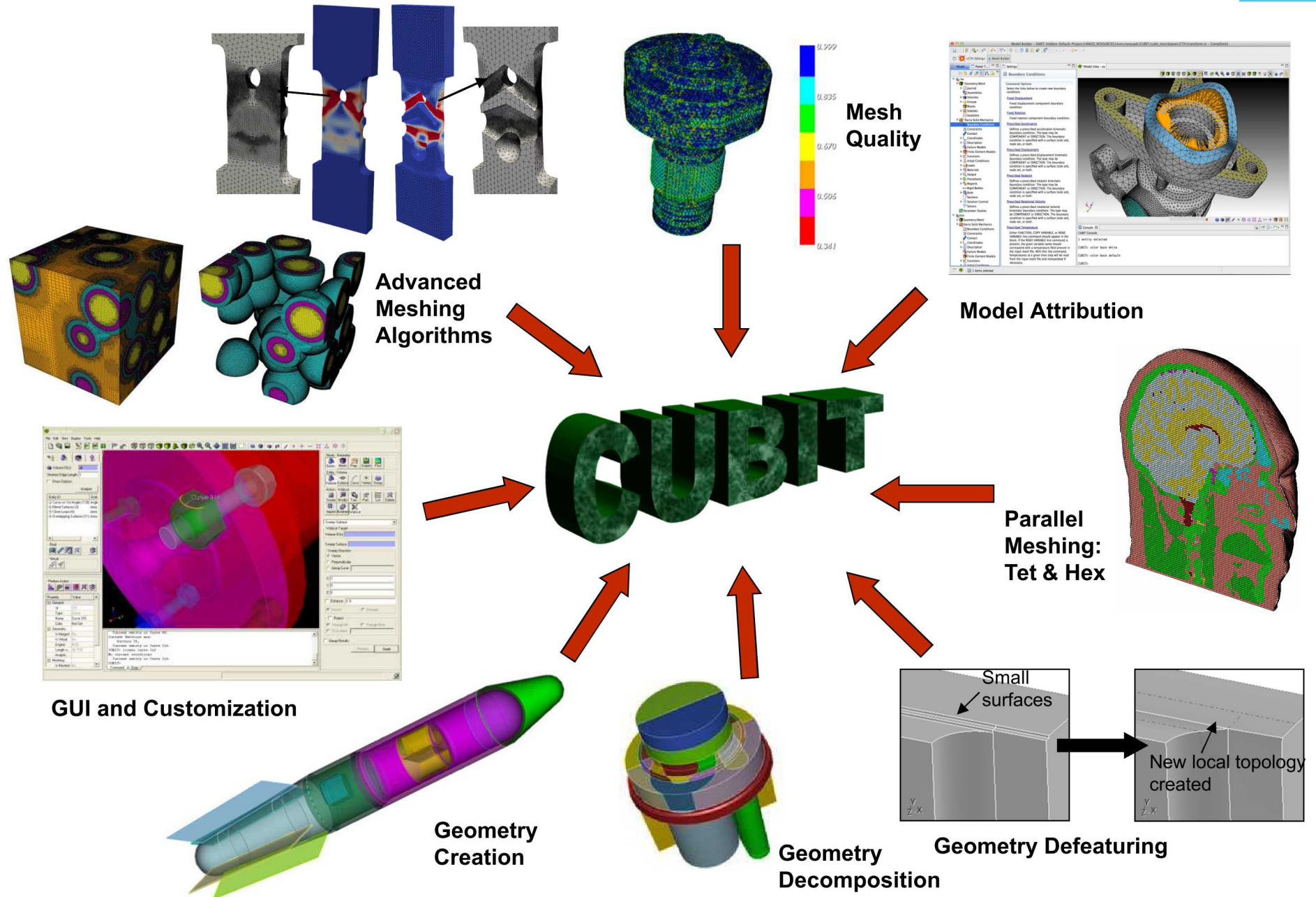
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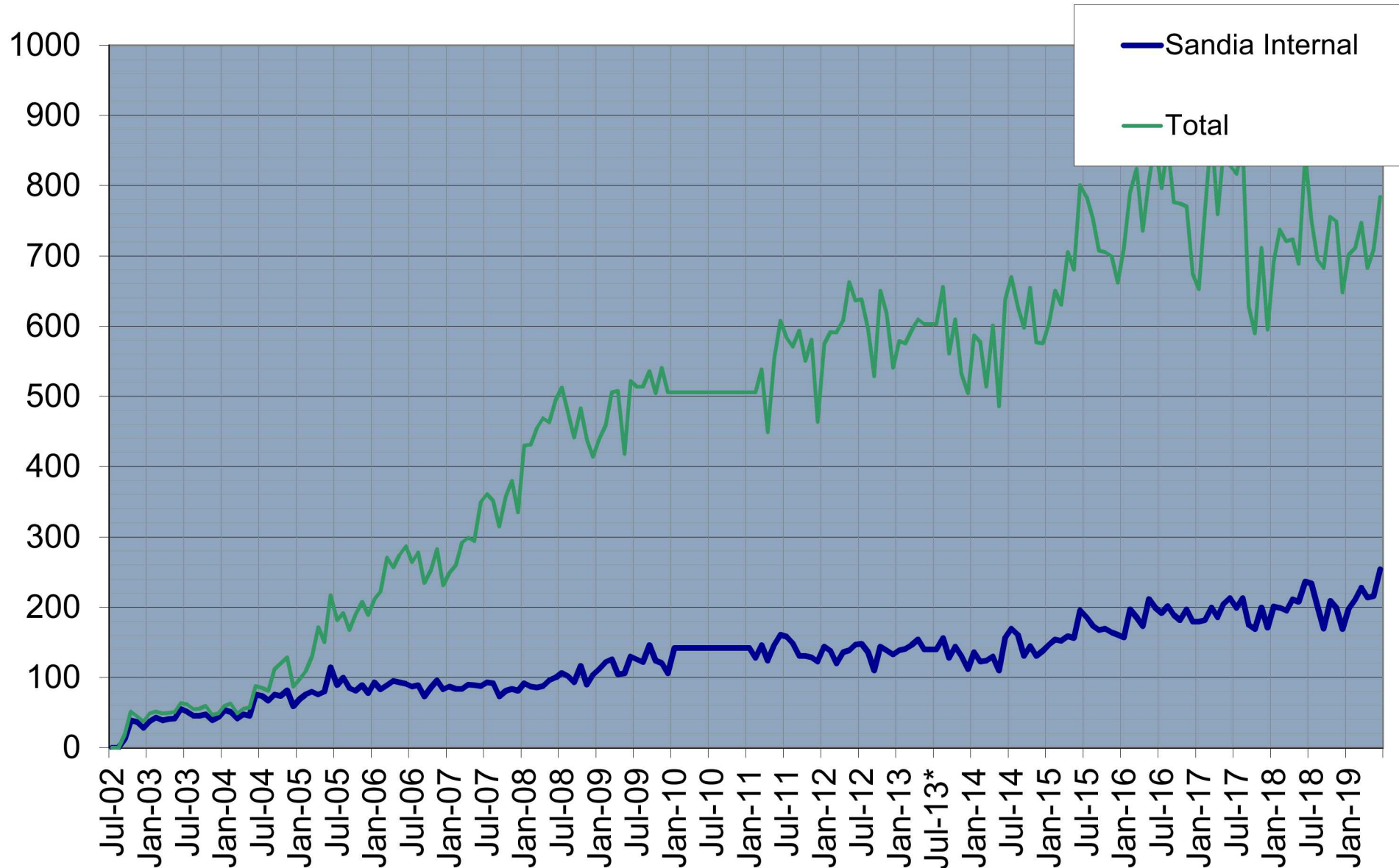
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Overview of CUBIT

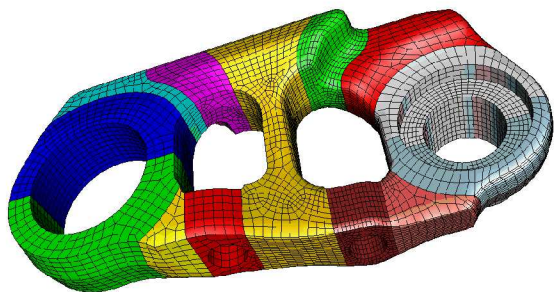
- Free for US Govt Use
- ~800 repeated users per month
- 70% of users are external
- ~100,000 runs every month
- CSimSoft handles Academic and Commercial licenses
- Customers:
 - NASA, US Army, Navy, Air Force, USGS, DARPA, NIST, NRC, DOE, LANL, LLNL, NREL, Brookhaven, JPL, SLAC, ORNL, LBNL, FNL, NETL,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



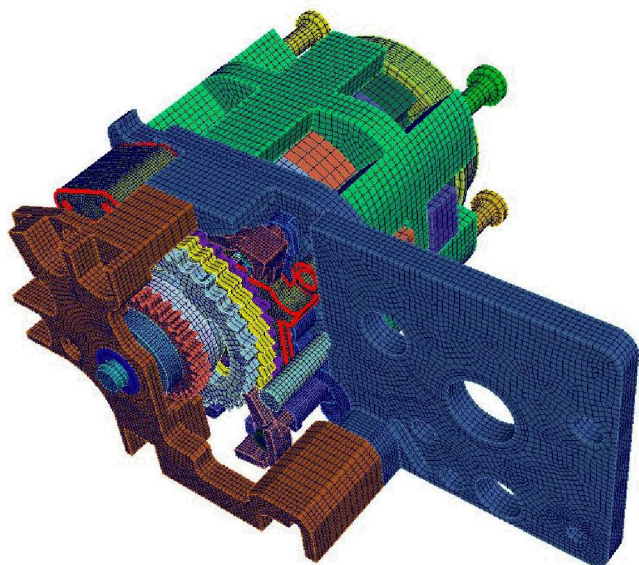
Repeated Users Per Month (17 Years: 2002 to 2019)



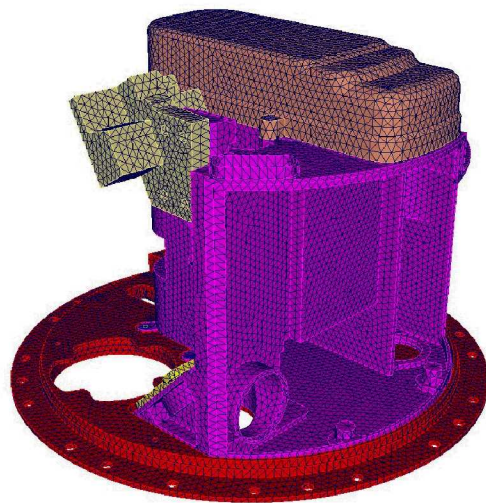
Sandia Problems



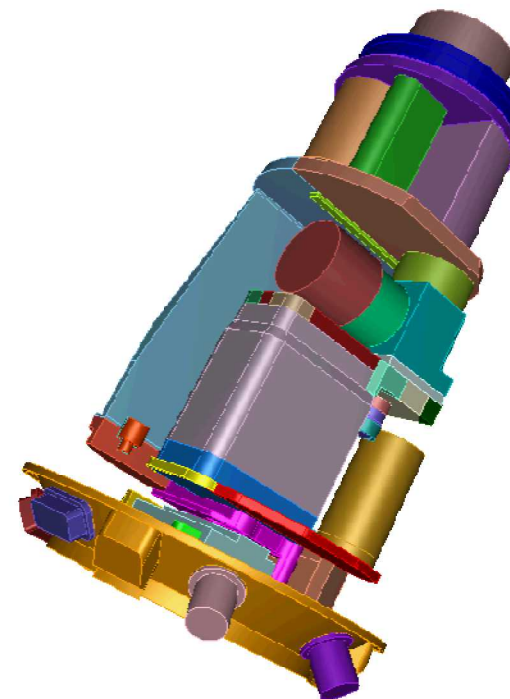
Lots of Part Interactions



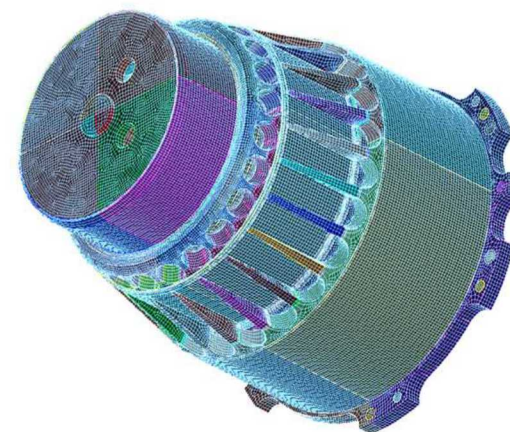
Large Assemblies



High-Quality Mesh



Mis-alignments, Unwanted features, ...



History

1990: Paving (Ted Blacker et al.)

1991: CUBIT (Ted Blacker et al.)

1992: 1st 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

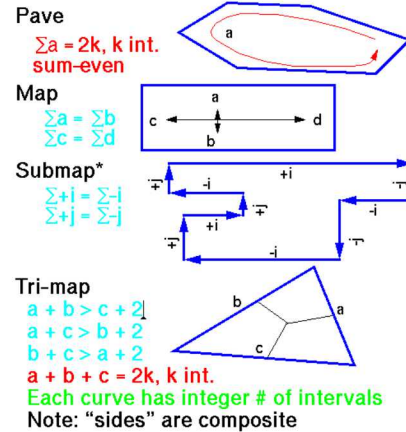
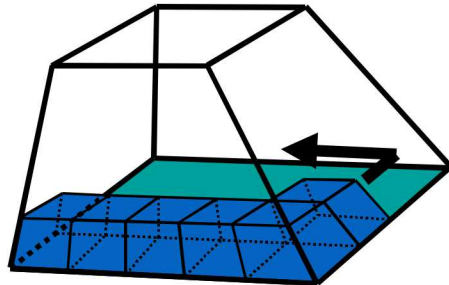
2016: Parallel mesh modification

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

CUBIT Meshing

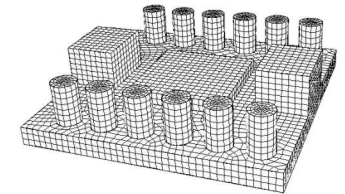
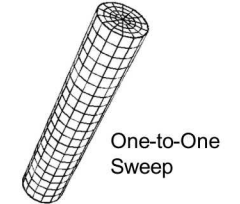
1995

Plastering: Advancing front hex meshing

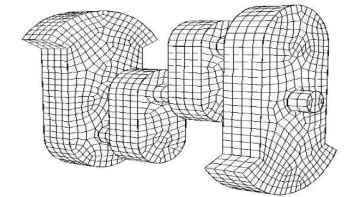


1997

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



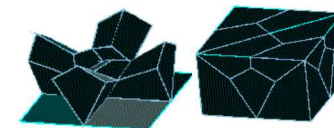
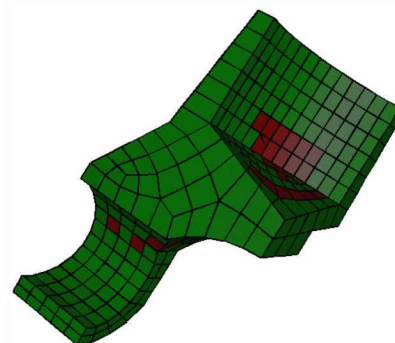
Many-to-One Sweep



Multisweeping

1998

Hex-Tet: Plastering on boundary with tetrahedra on interior

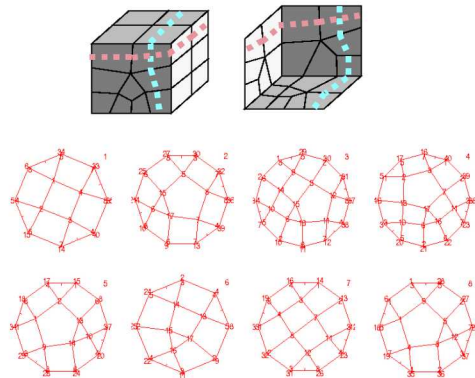


1999

Geode: Transition template to facilitate all hex mesh with hex-tet algorithm.

1998-2001

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

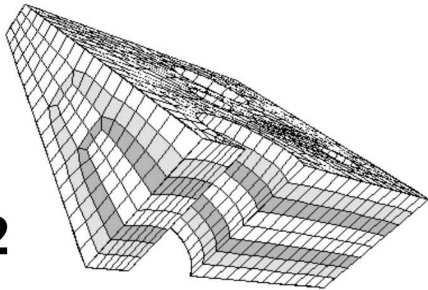


1996 Whisker Weaving: Dual-based advancing front hex meshing

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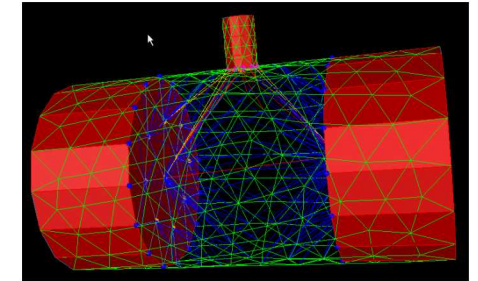
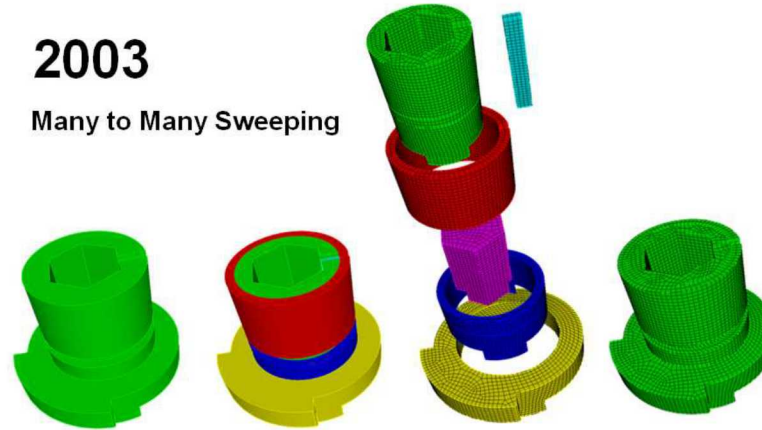
2002

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



2003

Many to Many Sweeping

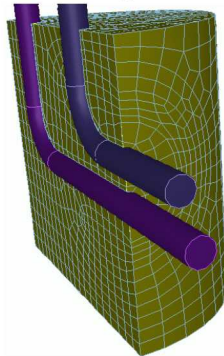
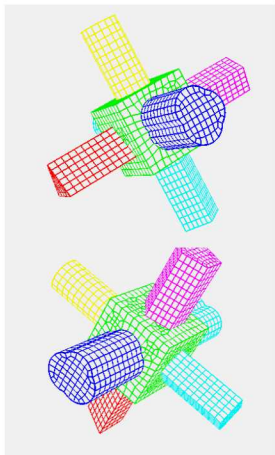


2005

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

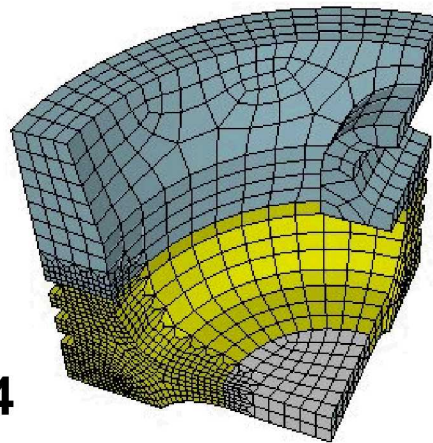
2002-2003

Mesh Cutting and Grafting



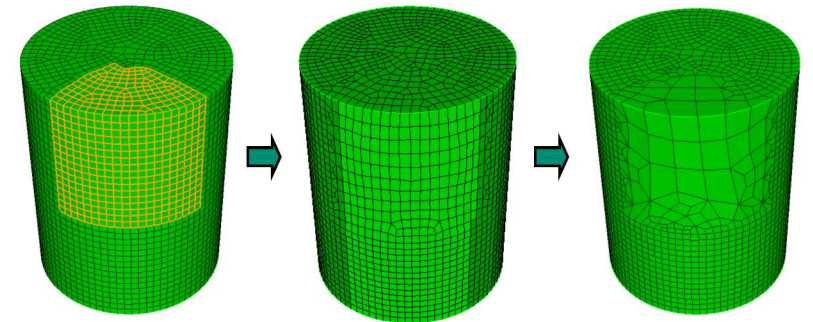
2004

Conformal Hex Refinement



2008

Conformal Hex Coarsening

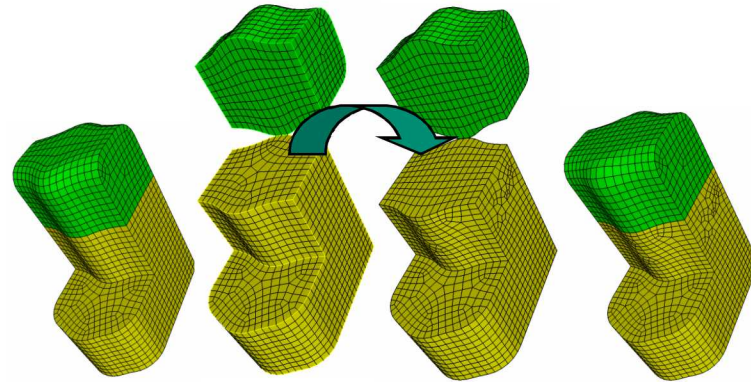


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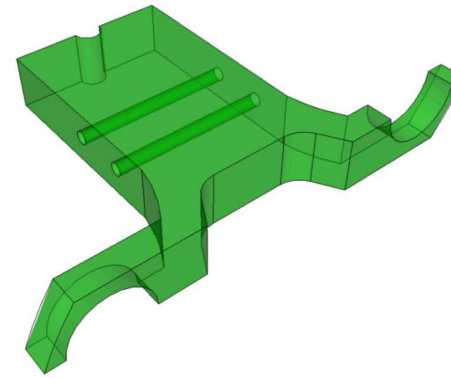
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Sheet Insertion

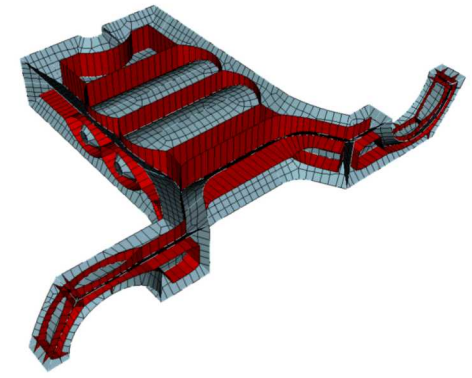


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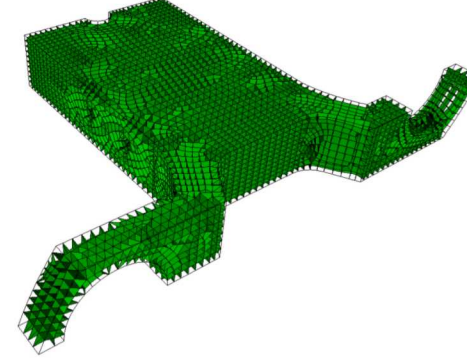
Mesh matching



(a) Solid with holes



(b) Mesh on MA inside corridors



(c) Tracks in 3D



(d) Mesh cross section

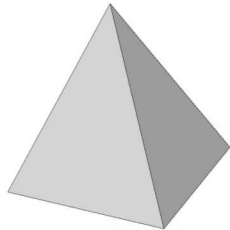
LayTracks3D: Hex Meshing via Medial Object

2014

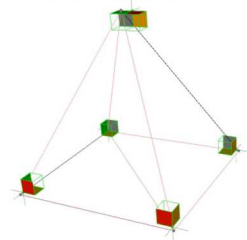
2009

Sculpt Research

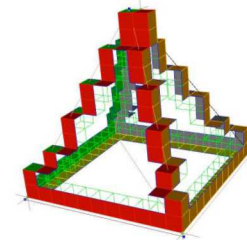
Original
geometry



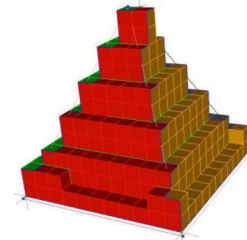
Vertices
embedded



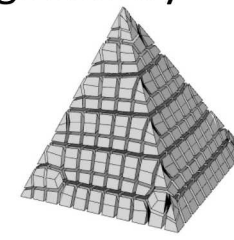
Curves
embedded



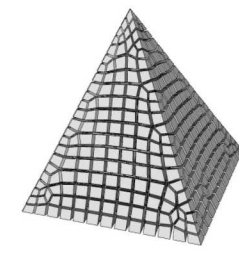
Surfaces/Volumes
embedded



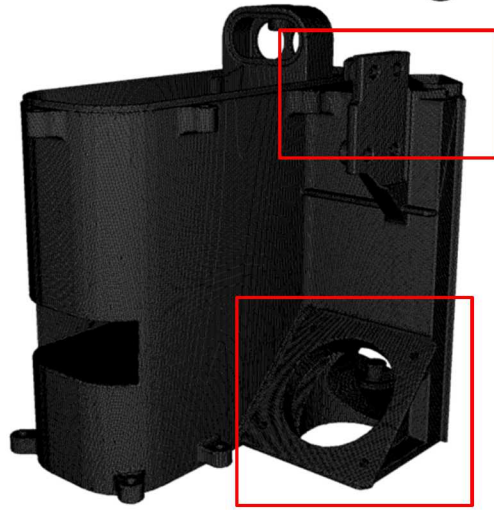
Smooth to
geometry



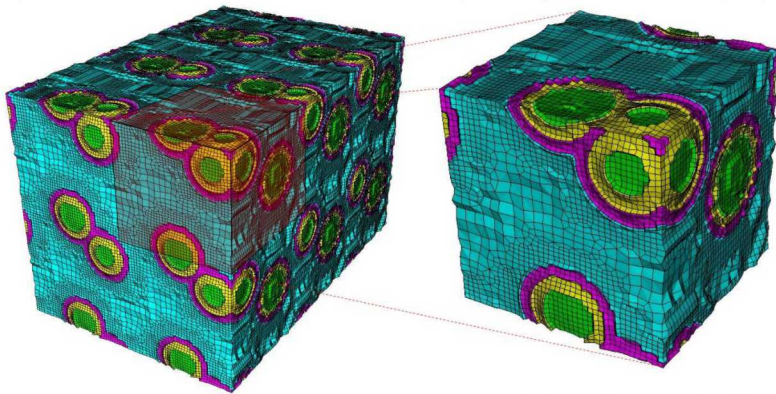
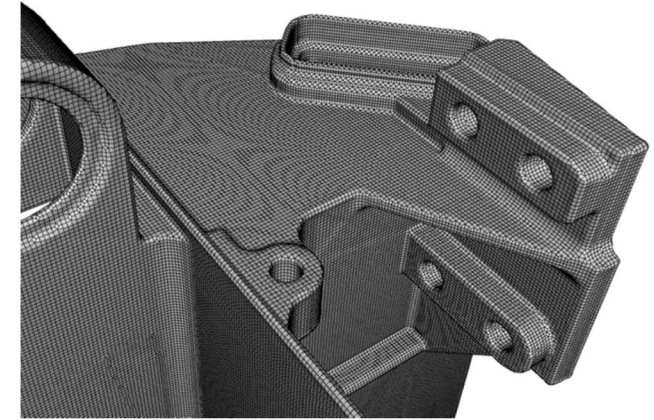
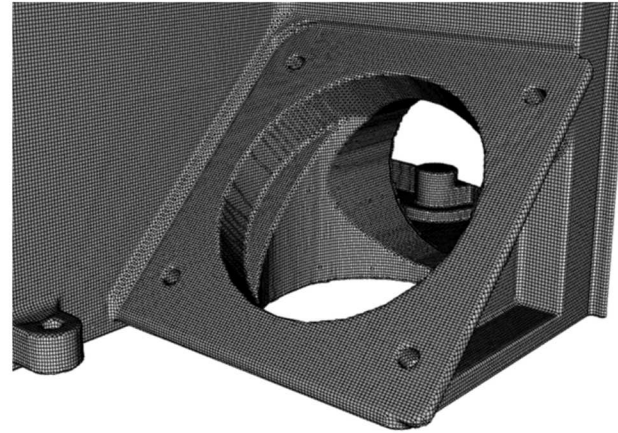
Sheets
Inserted



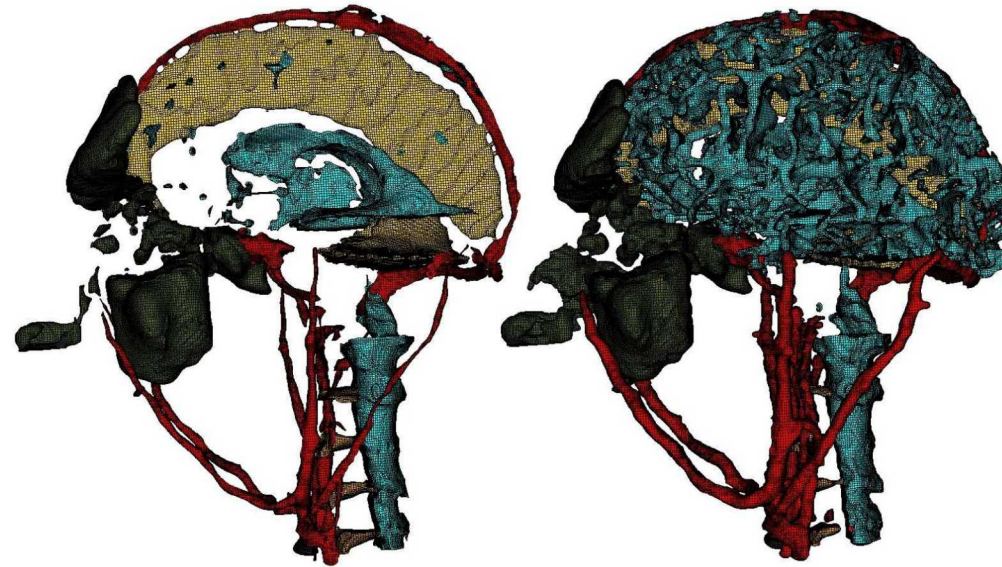
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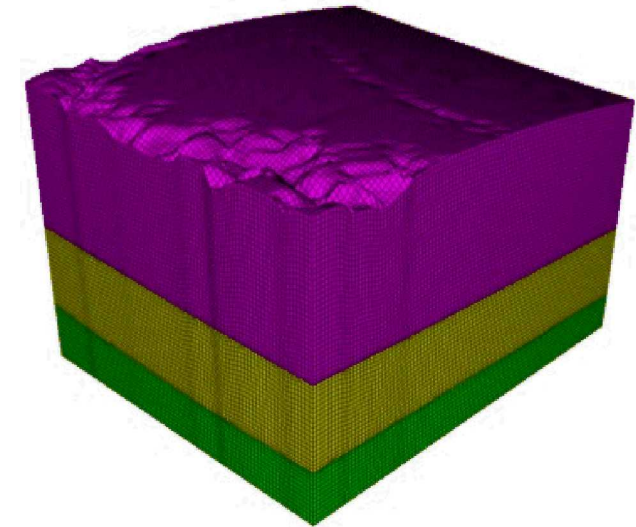
Mechanical Parts



Molecular Modeling



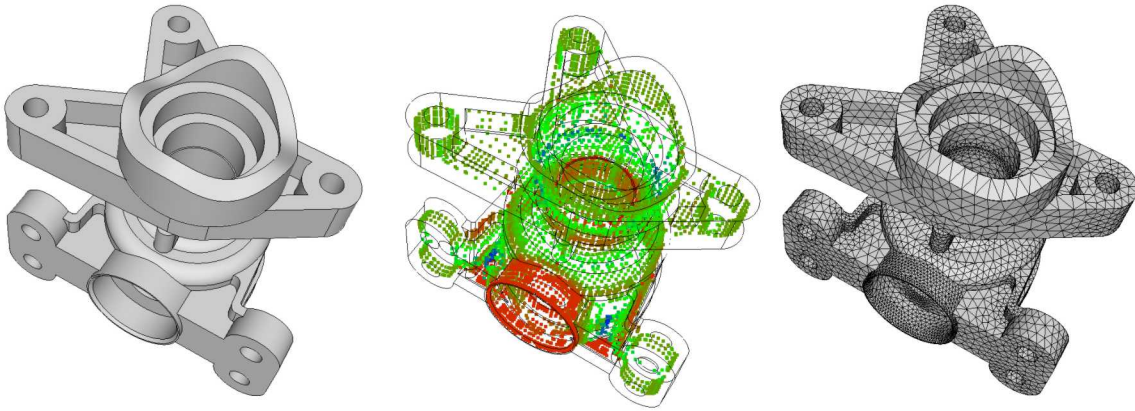
Medical Imaging



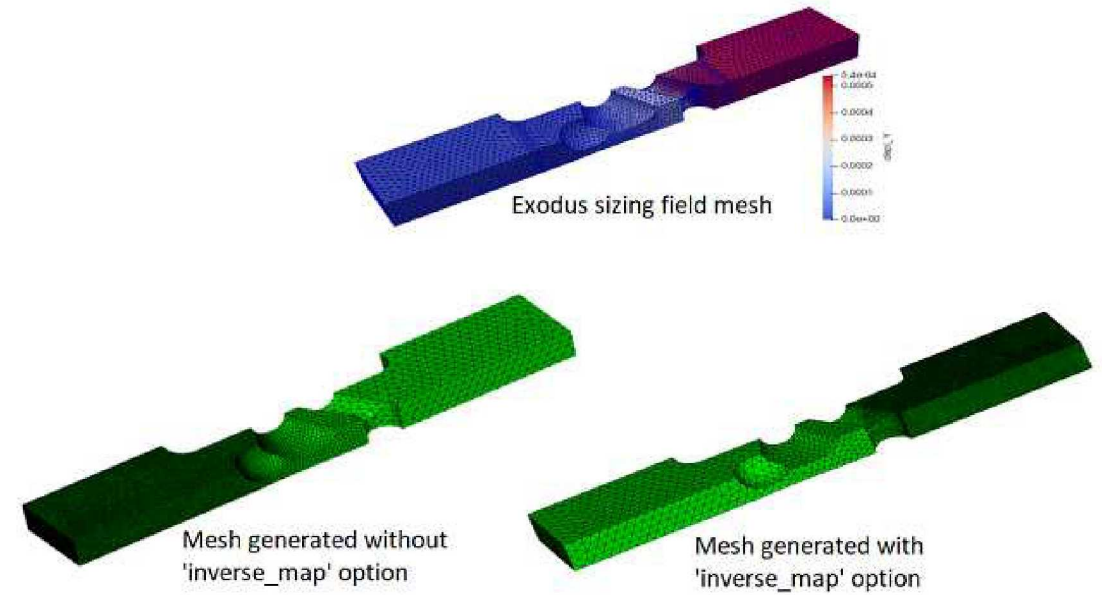
Geological models

2009-2019

Sculpt – Parallel All-Hex Inline Mesh Generator



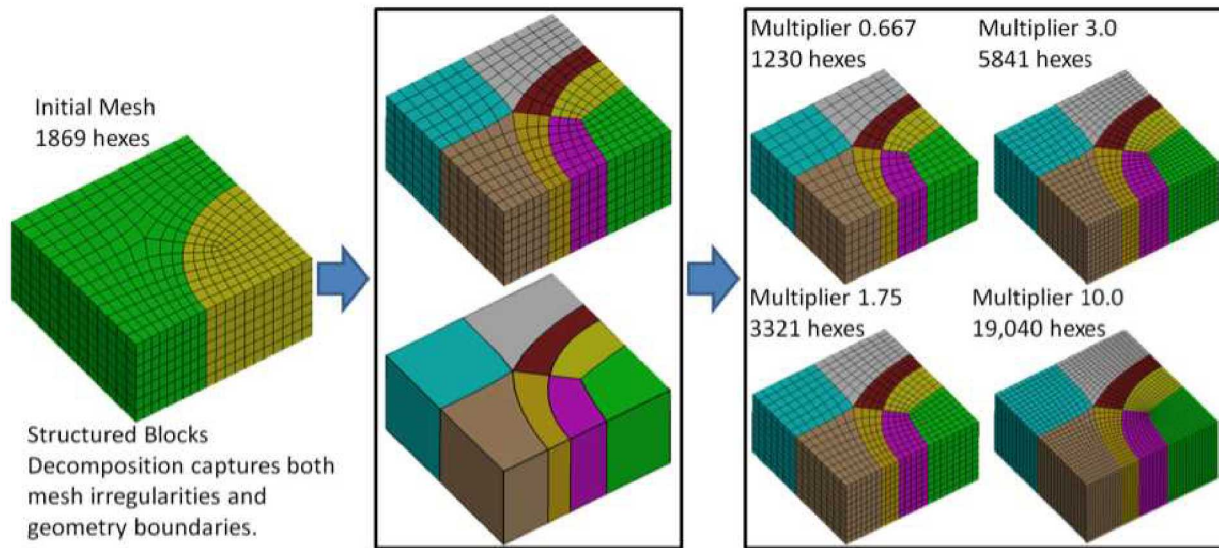
Geometry Adaptive Mesh Sizing



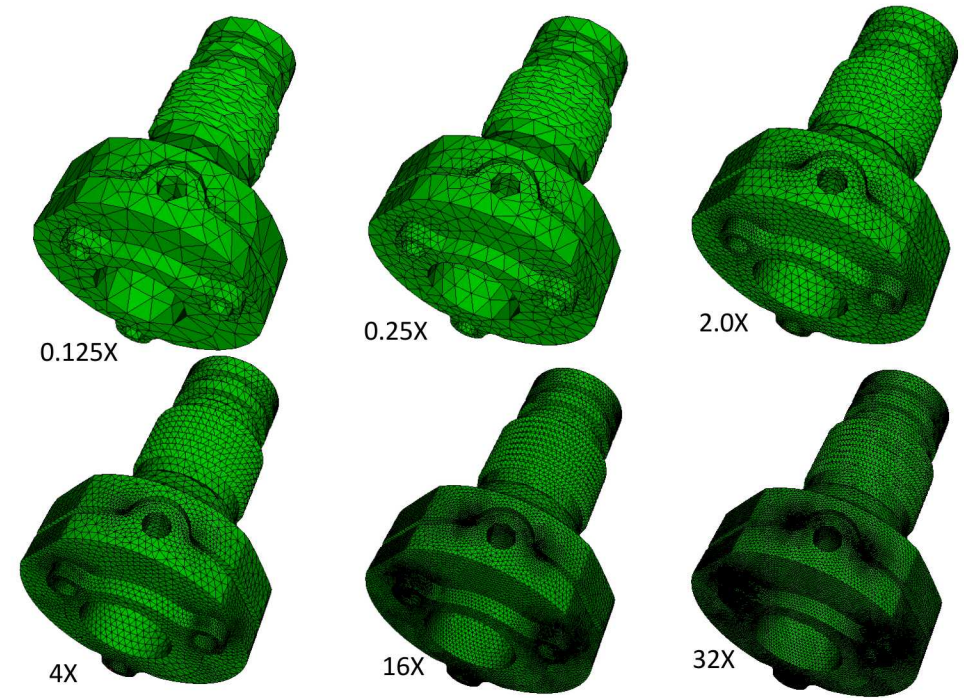
Physics-based Adaptive Remeshing

2005 – 2018
Mesh Sizing Framework

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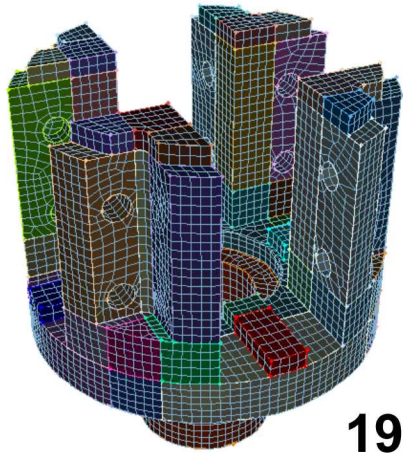


2016
Hex Mesh Scaling



2017
Tet Mesh Scaling

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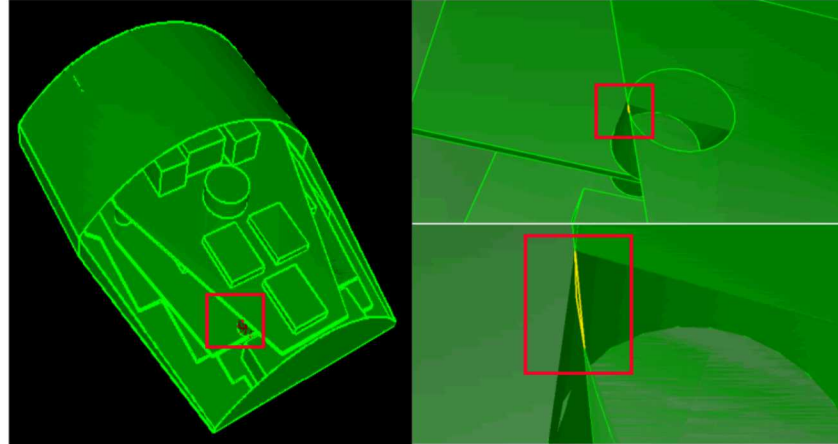


1999

Automatic Decomposition:
Detects and decomposes
geometry into sweepable parts

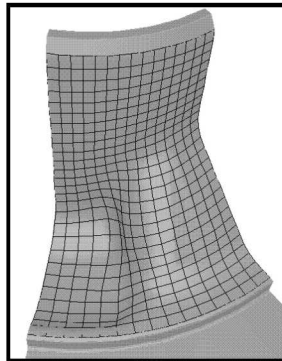
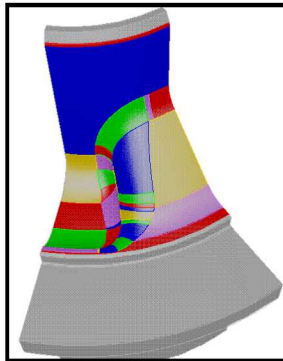
2000

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



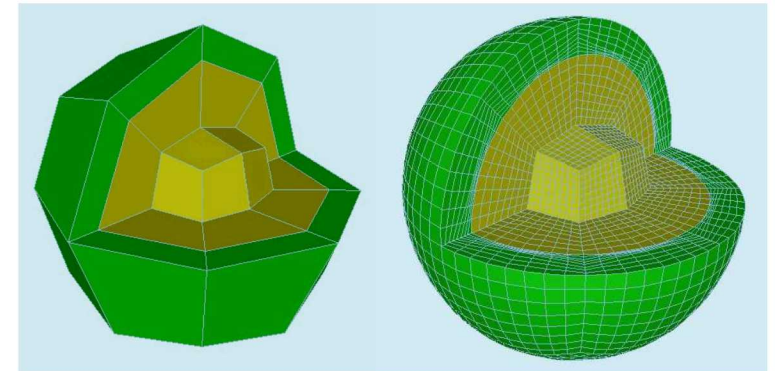
2002

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



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)