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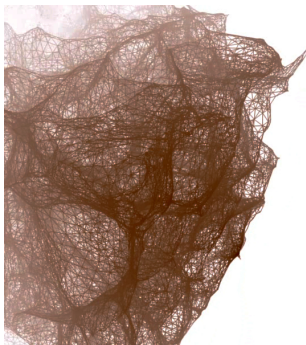
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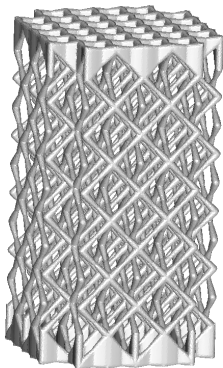
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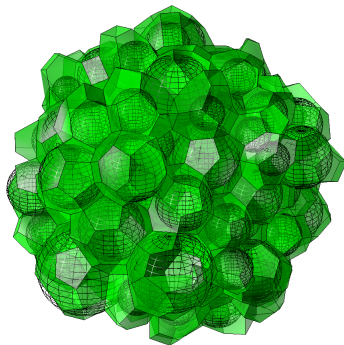
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CGAL Workshop on Periodic Spaces

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# And more...

- ▶ Physics of condensed matter (V. Robins (Canberra))
- ▶ Structural biology  
(D. Weiss (Stanford), J. Bernauer (INRIA Sophia))
- ▶ Crystallography
- ▶ Fluid dynamics
- ▶ Modeling of foams
- ▶ Kelvin conjecture (R. Gabrielli (Bath))
- ▶ ...

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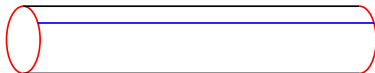
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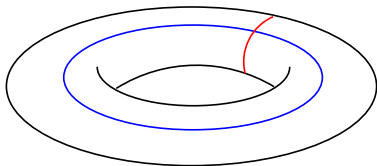
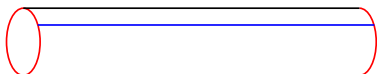
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# The 3D Periodic Space $\mathbb{T}^3$

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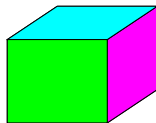
$$\mathbb{T}^3 = \mathbb{R}^3 / \mathbb{Z}^3$$

$\pi : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^3$  quotient map

$\mathbb{T}^3$  homeomorphic to the 3D hypersurface of a torus in 4D

original domain

$$\mathcal{D} = [0, 1) \times [0, 1) \times [0, 1)$$



$\mathcal{D}$  contains exactly one representative for each element of  $\mathbb{T}^3$

# Mapping into $\mathbb{R}^3$

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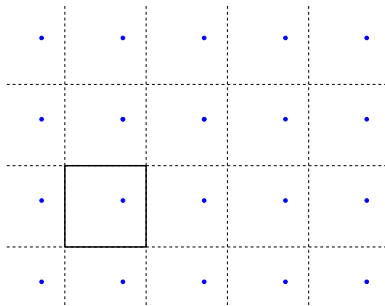
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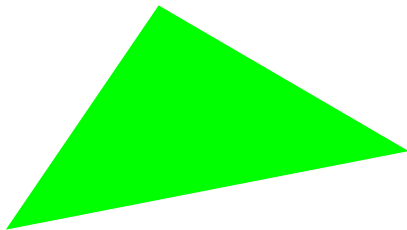
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# Definition

## simplicial complex

= collection  $K$  of simplices such that:

- ▶ if  $\sigma \in K$  and  $\tau$  is a face of  $\sigma$ , then  $\tau \in K$ ,
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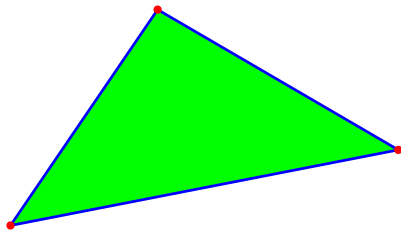


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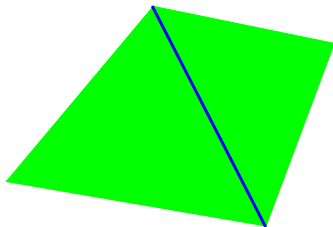


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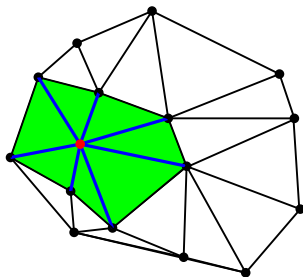
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## Star

Simplex  $\sigma$ , Simplicial complex  $K$

Star of  $\sigma$  in  $K$ :

$$St(\sigma) = \{\tau \in K \mid \sigma \text{ face of } \tau\}$$



$St(v)$

$$|St(v)| := \bigcup_{\sigma \in St(v)} \sigma$$

# Definition

## Triangulation

$\mathbb{X}$  topological space,  $\mathcal{S}$  set of points

simplicial complex  $K$  is a **triangulation of  $\mathcal{S}$**  if

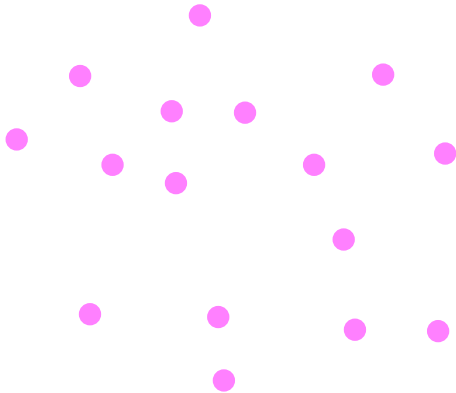
- ▶ each point in  $\mathcal{S}$  is a vertex of  $K$
- ▶  $\bigcup_{\sigma \in K} \sigma$  is homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{X}$ .

## Delaunay Triangulation

The **circumsphere** of each tetrahedron does not contain any other point of  $\mathcal{S}$ .

# Example

point set  $\mathcal{S}$



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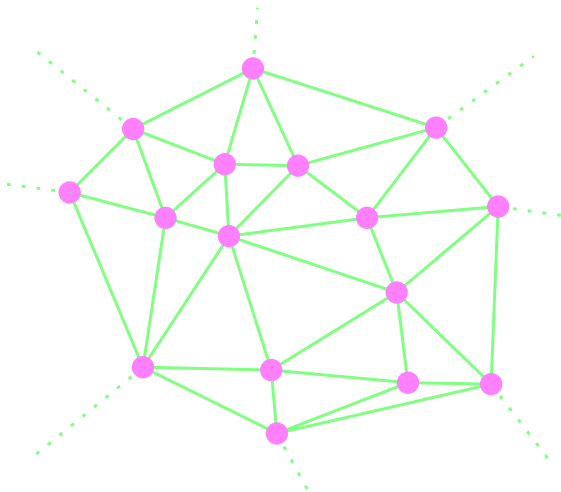
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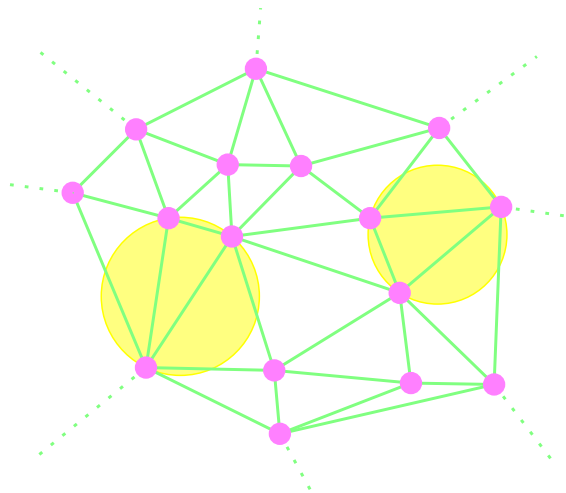
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## Delaunay triangulation $\mathcal{T}$



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# Simplex in $\mathbb{T}^3$ ?

$k$ -simplex in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ : Convex hull of  $k + 1$  points

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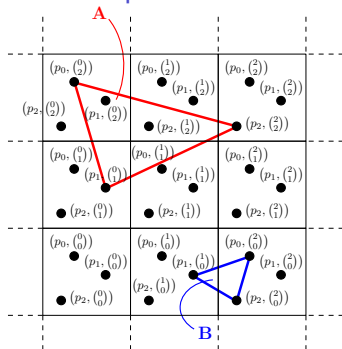
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# Simplex in $\mathbb{T}^3$ ?

$$\mathcal{P} = \{(p_i, \zeta_i) \in \mathcal{D} \times \mathbb{Z}^3, i = 1, \dots, k + 1\}, k \leq 3$$

$$\text{Ch}(\mathcal{P}) = \text{convex hull of } \varphi(\mathcal{P}) = \{p_i + \zeta_i\}$$

If  $\pi|_{\text{Ch}(\mathcal{P})}$  is a homeomorphism,  
then  $\pi(\text{Ch}(\mathcal{P}))$  is a  $k$ -simplex in  $\mathbb{T}^3$ .



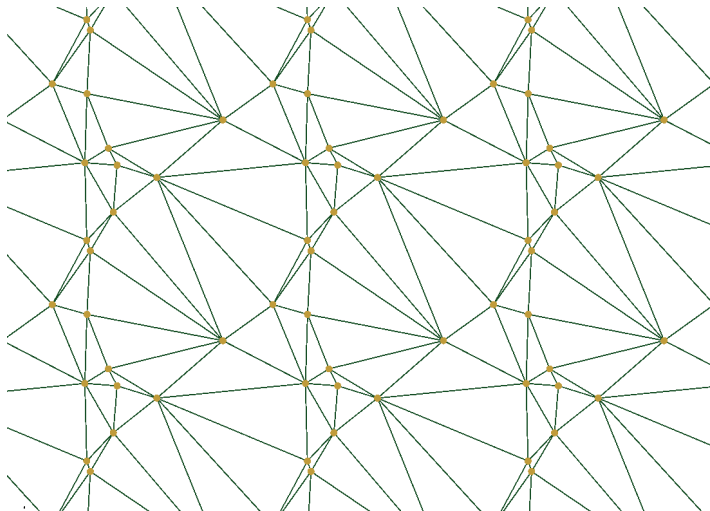
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Consider the **image under  $\pi$**  of an  
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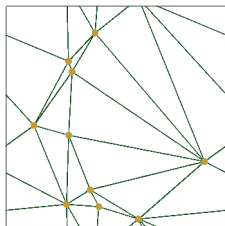
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# Delaunay triangulation in $\mathbb{T}^3$ ?

$\mathcal{S}$  finite point set in  $\mathcal{D}$

$DT_{\mathbb{T}}(\mathcal{S})$  Delaunay triangulation of  $\pi(\mathcal{S})$  in  $\mathbb{T}^3$

= projection under  $\pi$

of the Delaunay triangulation  $DT_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathcal{S}^\varphi)$  of  $\varphi(\mathcal{S} \times \mathbb{Z}^3)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

only if  $\pi(DT_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathcal{S}^\varphi))$  is a simplicial complex

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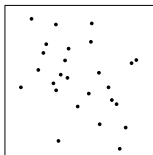
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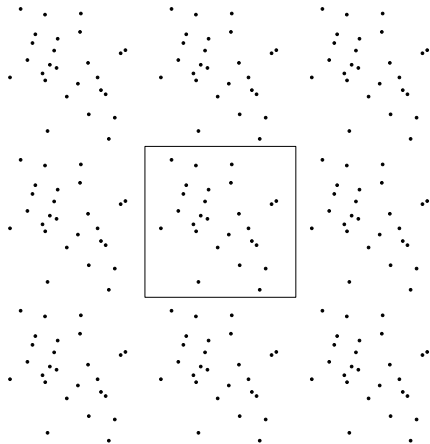


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$$\varphi(\mathcal{S} \times \mathbb{Z})$$

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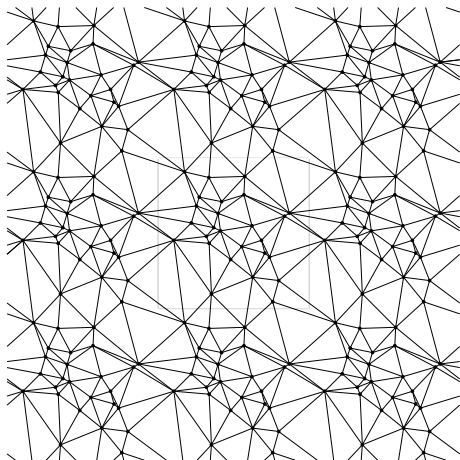
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Why is  $DT(\varphi(\mathcal{S} \times \mathbb{Z}))$  a triangulation?

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# Motivation for definition of $DT_{\mathbb{T}}(S)$

$\bigcup_{\sigma \in DT_{\mathbb{T}}(S)} \sigma$  homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{T}^3$

Is  $\pi(DT_{\mathbb{R}}(S^{\varphi}))$  a simplicial complex ?

## Theorem

*If for all vertices  $v$  of  $DT_{\mathbb{R}}(S^{\varphi})$*

*$\pi|_{St(v)}$  is a homeomorphism,*

*then  $\pi(DT_{\mathbb{R}}(S^{\varphi}))$  is a simplicial complex.*

# Proof of the theorem

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## Proof sketch:

$\sigma$  simplex in  $DT_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathcal{S}^{\varphi})$

If  $\pi|_{\sigma}$  homeomorphism  $\Rightarrow$  simplices “match” under  $\pi$

Degenerate cases solved by symbolic perturbation,  
invariant by translations

[Devillers-Teillaud 03]

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## Proof sketch:

1. simplices “match” under  $\pi$

$\pi(DT_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathcal{S}^{\varphi}))$  is finite

follows from **local finiteness of  $DT_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathcal{S}^{\varphi})$**  and **1.**

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$\sigma_{\mathbb{R}}, \tau_{\mathbb{R}}$  simplices in  $DT_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathcal{S}^{\varphi})$

$\pi$  maintains the incidence relation, i.e.

$$\tau_{\mathbb{R}} \text{ face of } \sigma_{\mathbb{R}} \Rightarrow \pi(\tau_{\mathbb{R}}) \text{ face of } \pi(\sigma_{\mathbb{R}})$$

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$\sigma, \tau$  simplices in  $\pi(DT_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathcal{S}^{\varphi}))$

## Lemma

$\sigma \cap \tau$  consists of simplices in  $\pi(DT_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathcal{S}^{\varphi}))$

Proof using 1.

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Remains to show:

$$\#(\sigma \cap \tau) = 1$$

Use  $\pi|_{St(v)}$  is a homeomorphism

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local finiteness

criterion 1

criterion 2



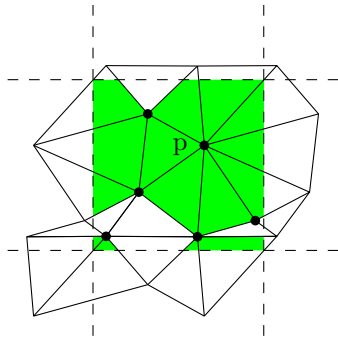
# Another criterion

## Theorem

$\pi(DT_{\mathbb{R}}(S^{\varphi}))$  is a simplicial complex

(if and) only if

no cycles of length 2 in its 1-skeleton



# $\pi(DT_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathcal{S}^\varphi))$ is not always a simplicial complex

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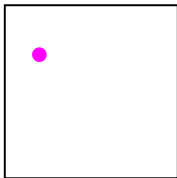
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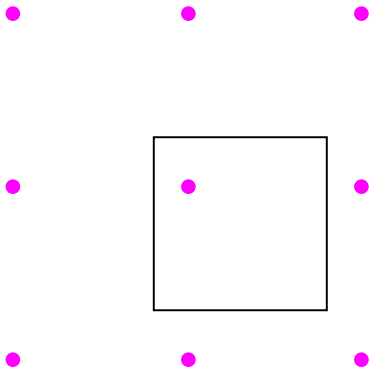


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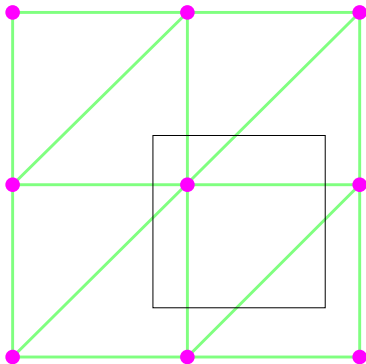
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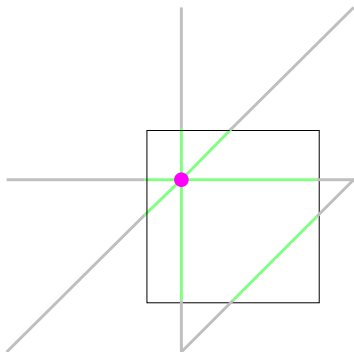
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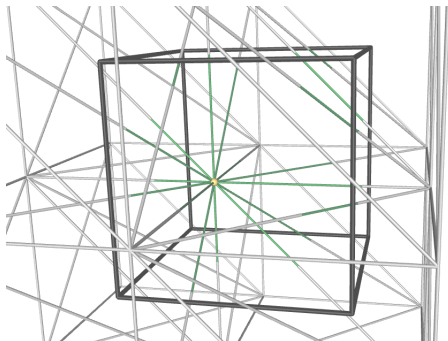
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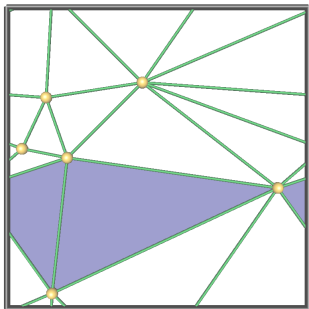
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$\mathbb{X}$  a topological space.

$\rho : \tilde{\mathbb{X}} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$  is a **covering map**,  
and  $\tilde{\mathbb{X}}$  is a **covering space** of  $\mathbb{X}$  if:

$\forall x \in \mathbb{X}$

- ▶  $\exists V_x$  open neighborhood of  $x$
- ▶  $\exists$  a decomposition of  $\rho^{-1}(V_x)$  as a family  $\{U_{\alpha_x}\}$ ,  
 $U_{\alpha_x} \subset \tilde{\mathbb{X}}$  pairwise disjoint

s.t.  $\rho|_{U_{\alpha_x}}$  is a homeomorphism for each  $\alpha_x$ .

If  $h = \max_{x \in \mathbb{X}} |U_{\alpha_x}|$  is finite, then  $\tilde{\mathbb{X}} = h$ -sheeted covering space.

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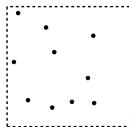
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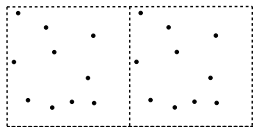
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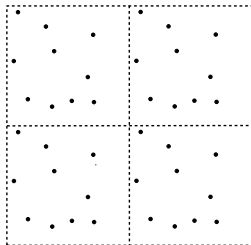


2-sheeted covering

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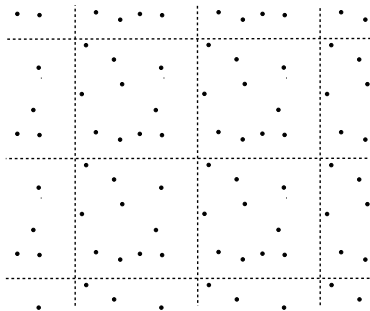
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$\infty$ -sheeted covering =  $\mathbb{R}^2$  = *universal covering*

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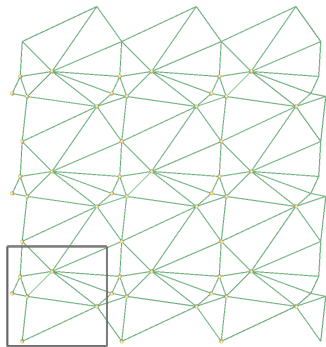
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$\mathbb{T}_{27}^3 = 3^3$ -sheeted covering

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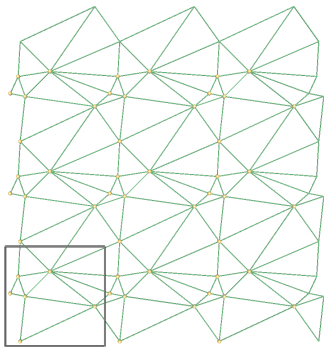
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$\pi_{27}(DT_{\mathbb{R}}(S^{\varphi}))$  is always a simplicial complex

*Proof uses [Dolbilin-Huson 97]*

*but the simplicial complex is homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{T}^3$*



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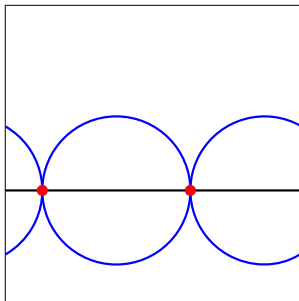
- ▶ not just when  $\pi(DT_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathcal{S}^\varphi))$  is a simplicial complex
- ▶ but when  $\pi(DT_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathcal{T}^\varphi))$  is guaranteed to be a simplicial complex for any  $\mathcal{T} \supseteq \mathcal{S}$

# Ball diameter criterion

$\Delta$  tetrahedron in  $\pi(DT_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathcal{S}^{\varphi}))$

Circumsphere diameter of any  $\Delta < \frac{1}{2}$

$\Rightarrow \pi(DT_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathcal{S}^{\varphi}))$  is a triangulation

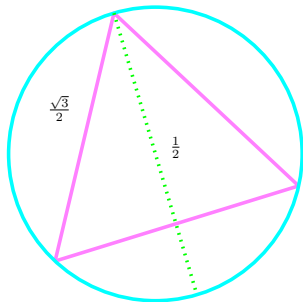


# Edge length criterion

$e$  edge in  $\pi(DT_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathcal{S}^{\varphi}))$

Length of any  $e < \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$

$\Rightarrow \pi(DT_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathcal{S}^{\varphi}))$  is a triangulation



# Properties

- ▶ Structure always a Delaunay triangulation

[Thompson 02] computes a “tessellation”  
not always a triangulation  
not always Delaunay

- ▶ No duplication of points if possible

[Dolbilin-Huson 97] and others always 27 copies

*Vertex removal works too*

# Theoretical Analysis

Randomized worst-case optimal  $O(n^2)$   
with **adapted** Delaunay hierarchy

[Devillers 02]

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# Experimental Analysis

## Optimizations

- ▶ **Spatial sorting** from CGAL [Delage]
- ▶ Optional insertion of **dummy points** to force 1-sheeted covering

- Data from research in cosmology
- Random points

**1 million random points in 23 seconds**

2.33 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor

Factor  $\simeq 1.6$  compared to Delaunay triangulation in  $\mathbb{R}^3$   
on large data sets in CGAL [Pion-Teillaud]



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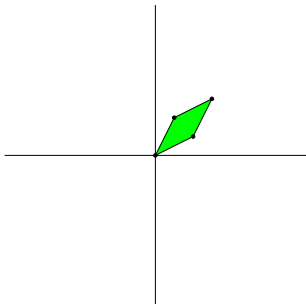
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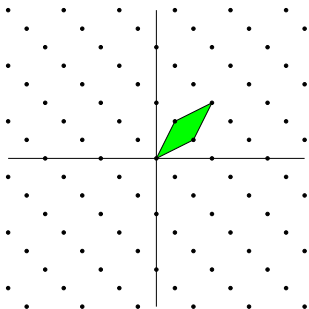
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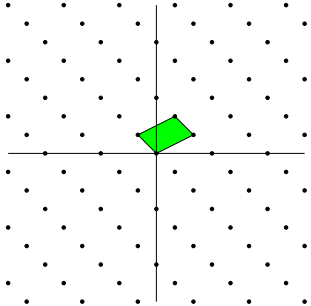
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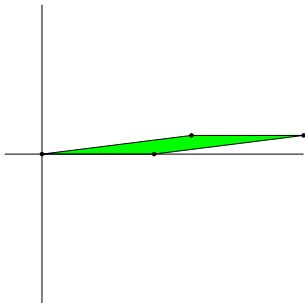
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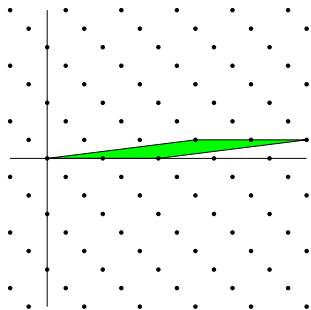
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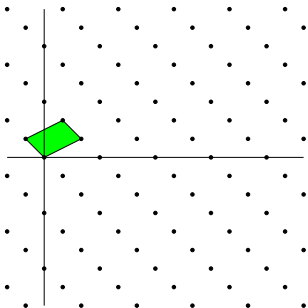
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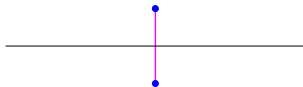


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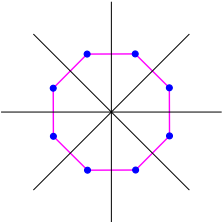
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reflection: **always** a self-edge

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rotation: always self-edges

# Future work

- ▶ Periodic meshes
- ▶ Periodic alpha shapes
- ▶ Applications
- ▶ Other orbifolds
  - ▶ of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (e.g. crystallographic space groups)
  - ▶ of the sphere
    - ▶ projective plane [Aanjaneya-Teillaud 07]
  - ▶ of the hyperbolic space
  - ▶ general approach
  - ▶ Preliminary work with M. Aanjaneya

# Demo

(to appear in CGAL 3.5)

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