

A discrete uniformization for polyhedral surfaces and its applications

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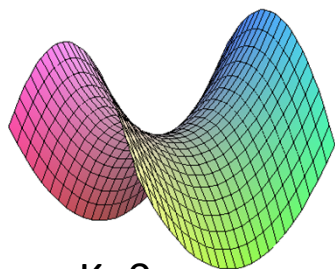
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classical theory of  
smooth surfaces

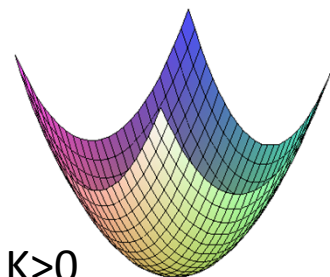
**Metric** = Riemannian metric

**curvature** = Gaussian curvature

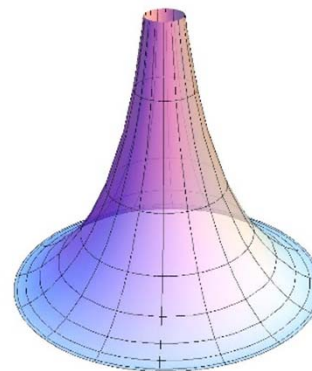
$$K = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} 12 \frac{\pi r^2 - A(r)}{\pi r^4}$$



$K < 0$



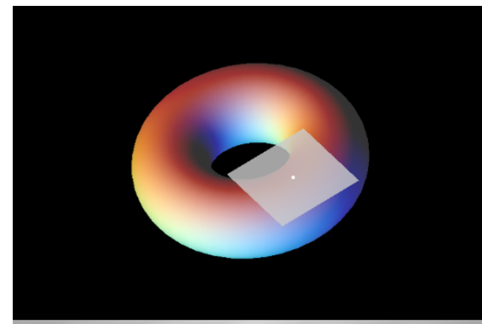
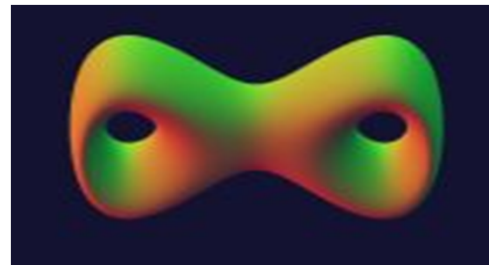
$K > 0$



pseudosphere,  $K \equiv -1$

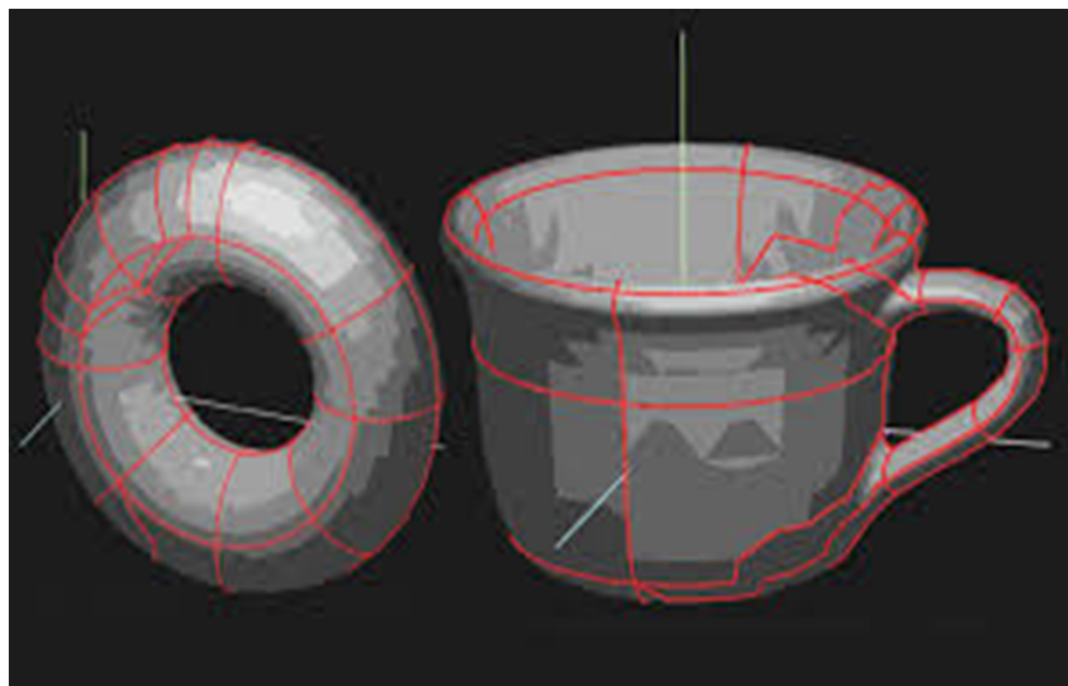


$K \equiv 1$

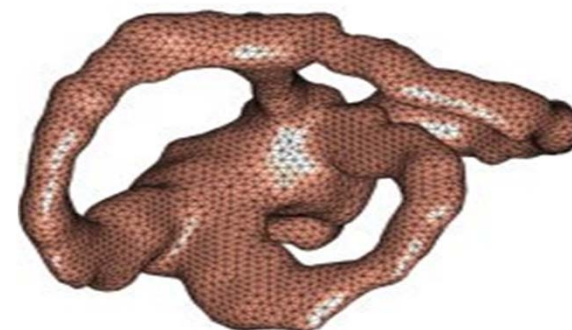
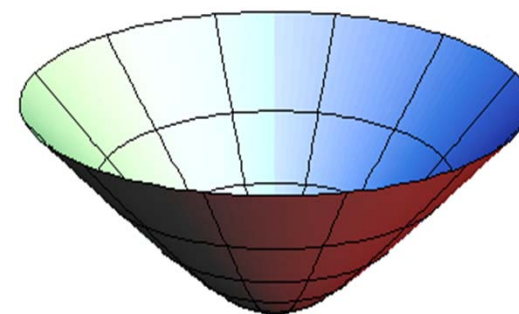


*Basic question:*

relationship between curvature and metric

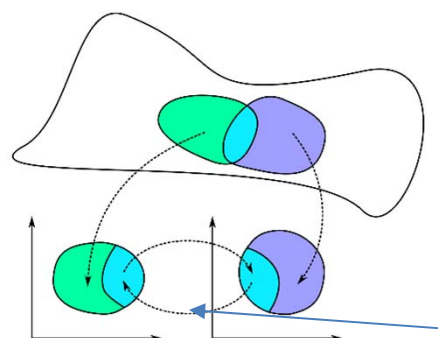
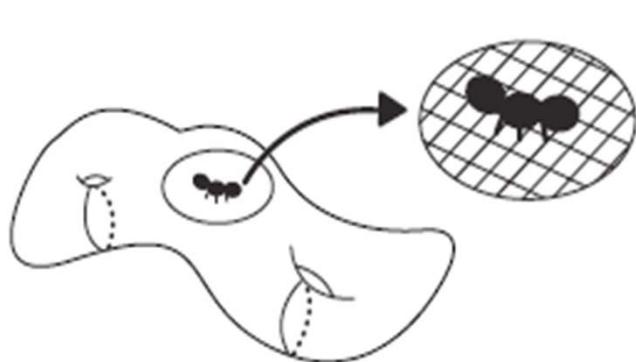


$y^2 - z^2$



**Uniformization thm** (Poincare-Koebe, 1907)  $\forall$  Riemannian metric  $g$  on  $S$ ,  
 $\exists \lambda: S \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_{>0}$  s.t.,  $(S, \lambda g)$  is a complete metric of curvature 1, 0, -1.

$\lambda g$  and  $g$  have the same notion of angles, i.e., **conformal**.



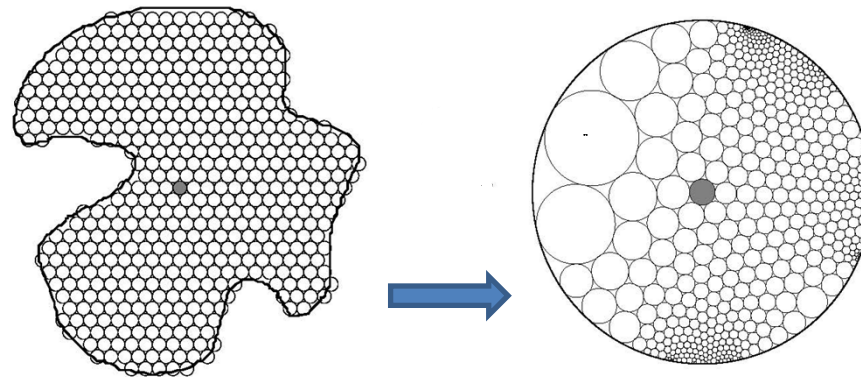
$$z = e^{it} \frac{z - z_0}{1 - \overline{z_0} z}$$



6g-6 invariants

### Corollary. (Riemann mapping)

Any simply connected bounded domain in the plane is conformal to the unit disk.

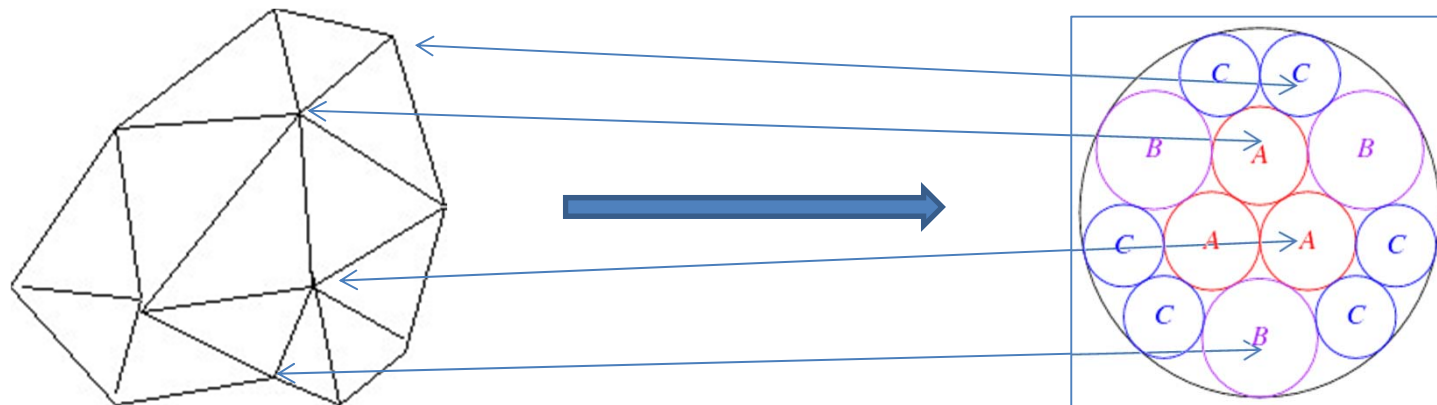


circle packing metric

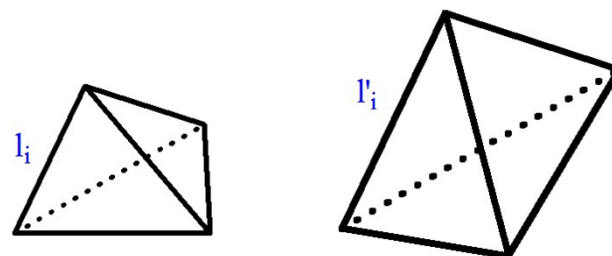
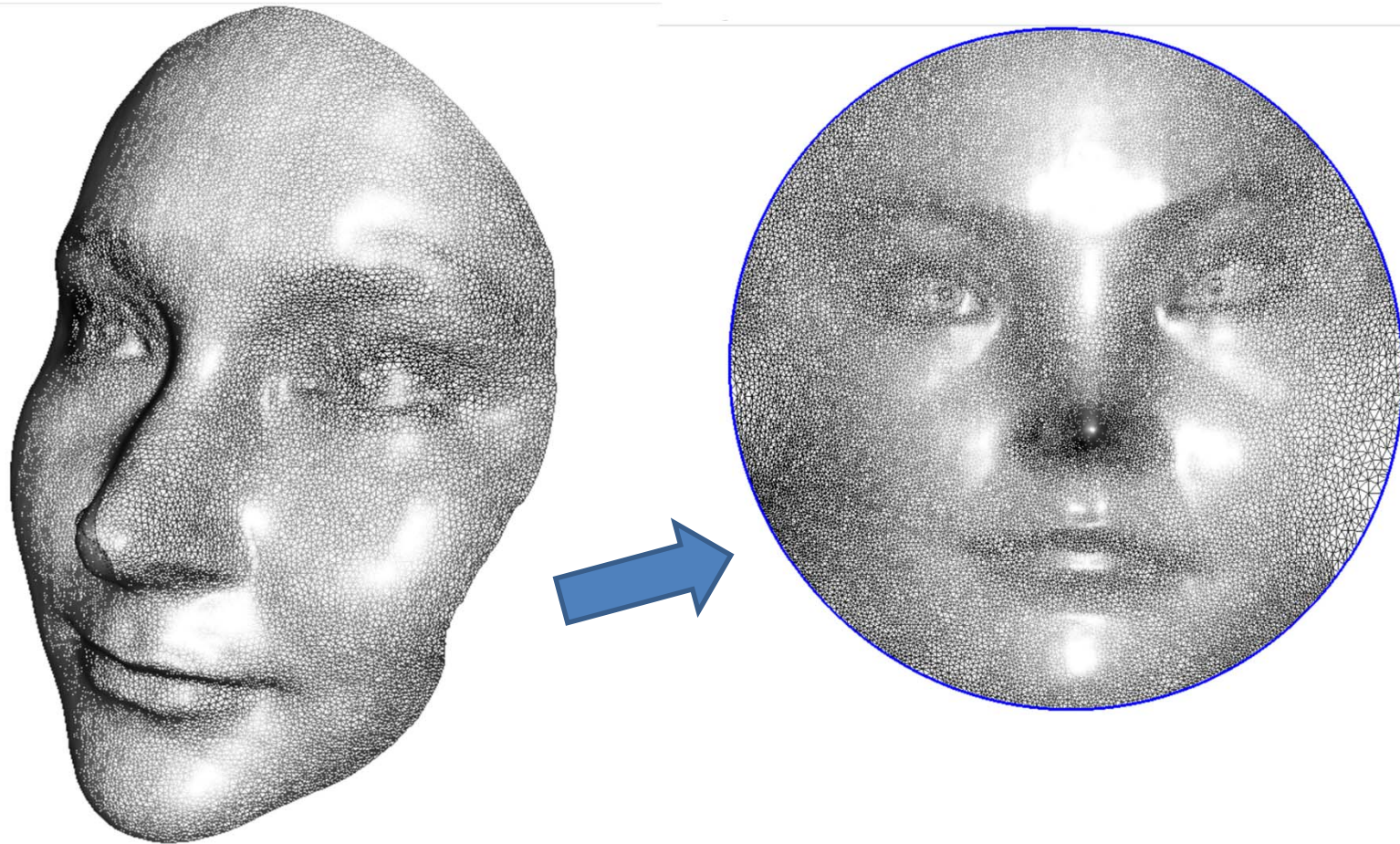
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### Andreev-Koebe-Thurston Theorem

A simplicial triangulation of a disk can be *realized* by a circle packing of the unit disk.







discrete conformal?

Key issue:

what is a discrete conformal equivalence for PL metrics?

## Polyhedral surface

PL metric  $d$  on  $(S, V)$  is a flat cone metric, cone points in  $V$ .

Isometric gluing of  $\mathbf{E}^2$  triangles along edges:  $(S, \mathcal{T}, \ell)$ .

*triangulation*

**Curvature**  $K = K_d: V \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ ,

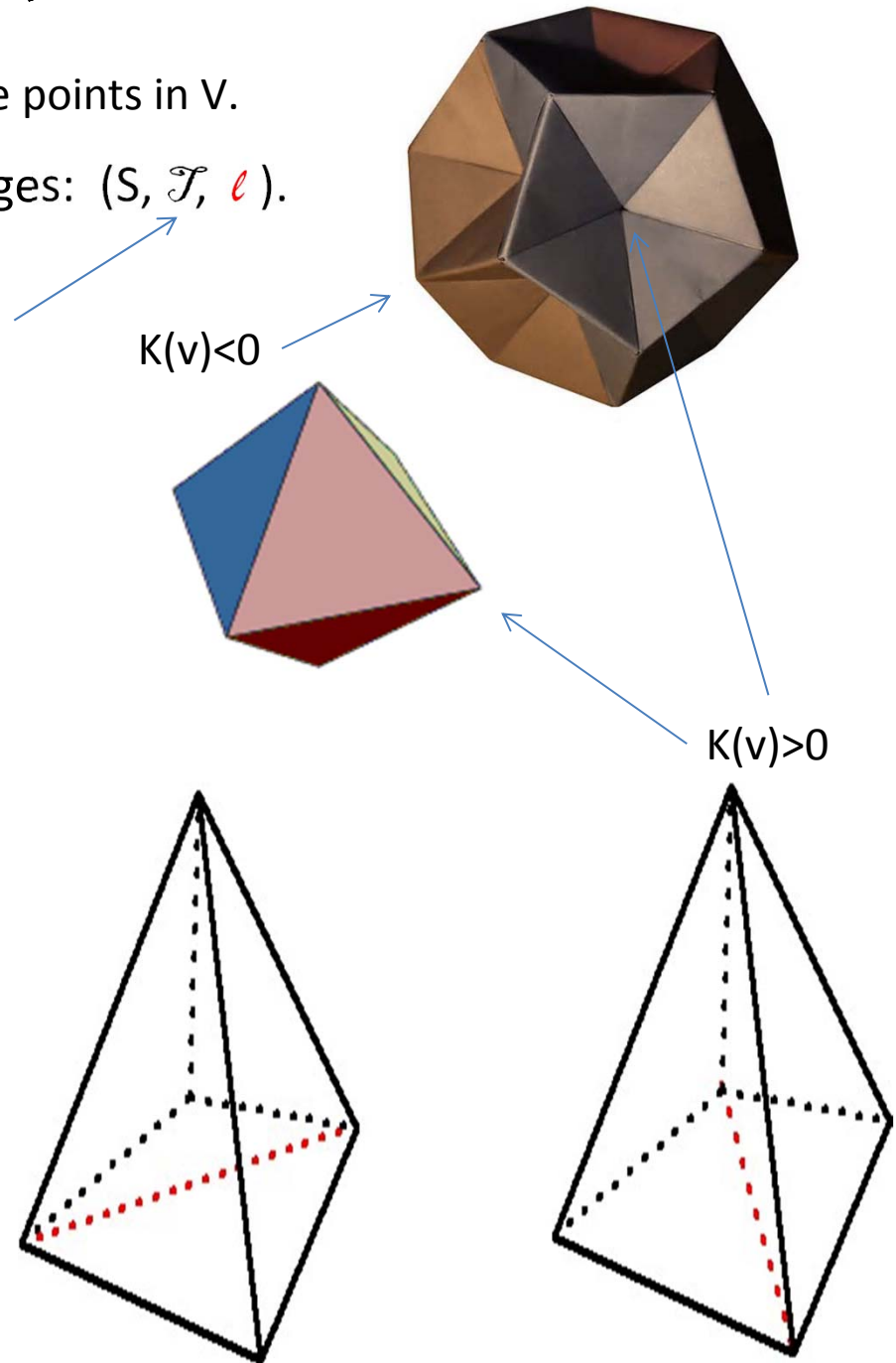
$K(v) = 2\pi$ -sum of **angles** at  $v$

**Gauss-Bonnet**  $\sum K_d(v) = 2\pi \chi(S)$

(Closed surfaces)



A triangulated PL metric  $(S, \mathcal{T}, \ell)$   
is **Delaunay**:  $a+b \leq \pi$  at each edge  $e$ .



# discretization

## Smooth world

Smooth surface  $S$

Functions on  $S$

Riemannian metrics

Gauss Bonnet

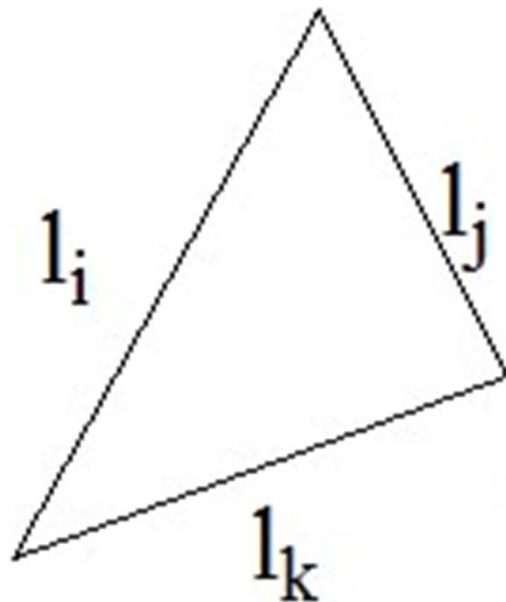
## Discrete world

Triangulated surfaces  $(S, T)$

Functions on  $V=V(T)$

Polyhedral metrics

Curvature  $K_d: V \rightarrow (-\infty, 2\pi)$

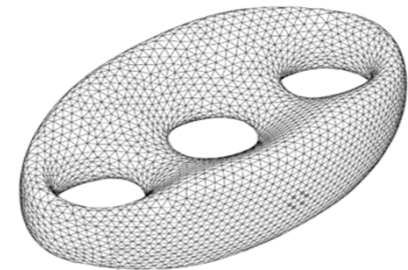


$$l_i + l_j > l_k$$

- $S$  closed surface,  
 $V=\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  in  $S$ ,  $n>0$ .



- Triangulation**  $T$  of  $(S, V)$ :  $V(T)=V$ ,  
 $E=E(T)$



- PL metric**  $d$  on  $(S, T, V)$ :  
isometric gluing of triangles,  
singularities in  $V$ .

$d$  determined by **edge length**

$$\ell_d: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0}$$

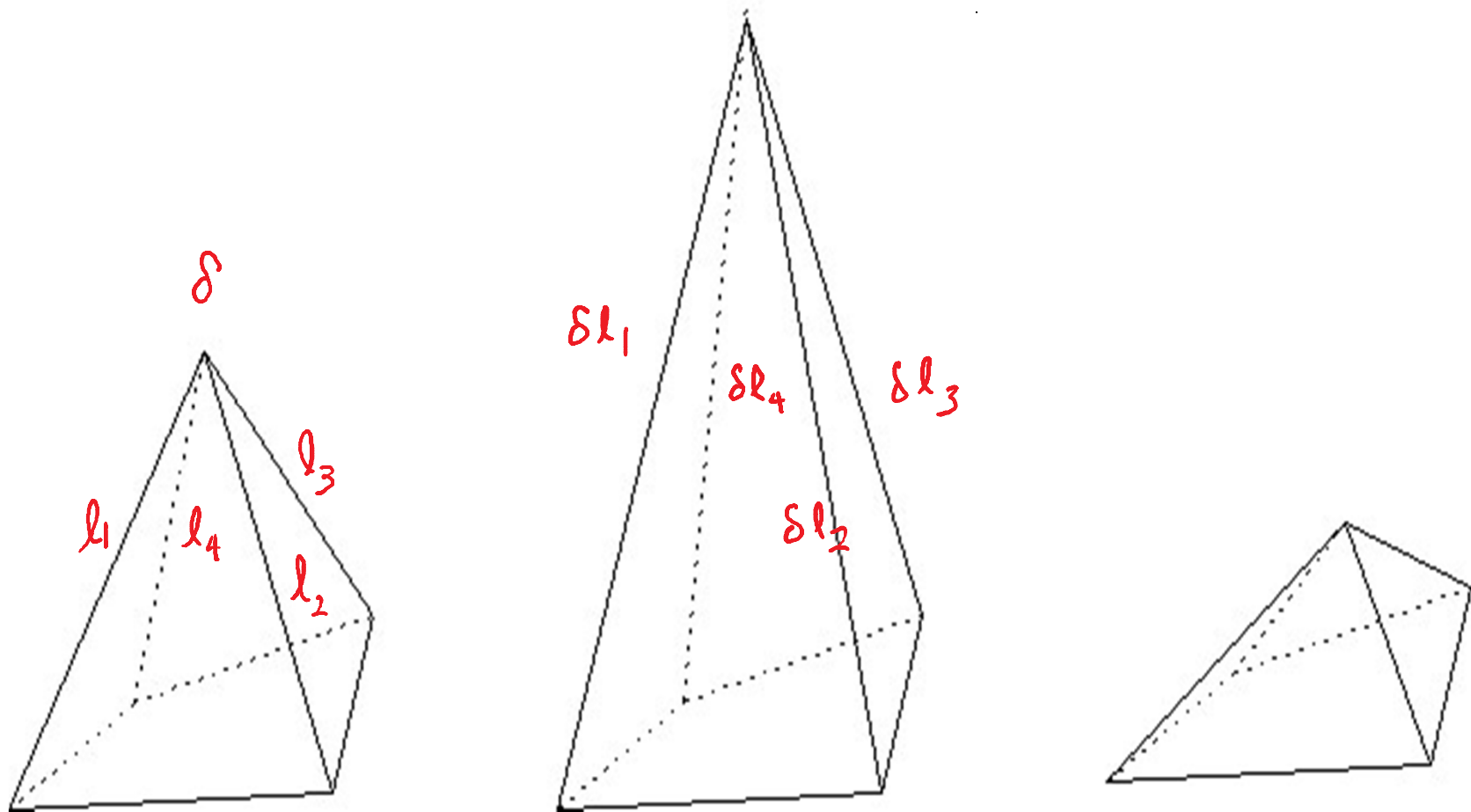
# Discrete conformality I: vertex scaling

Def. (Vertex scaling) Given  $\lambda: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\ell: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\lambda * \ell(uv) = e^{\lambda(u) + \lambda(v)} \ell(uv)$$



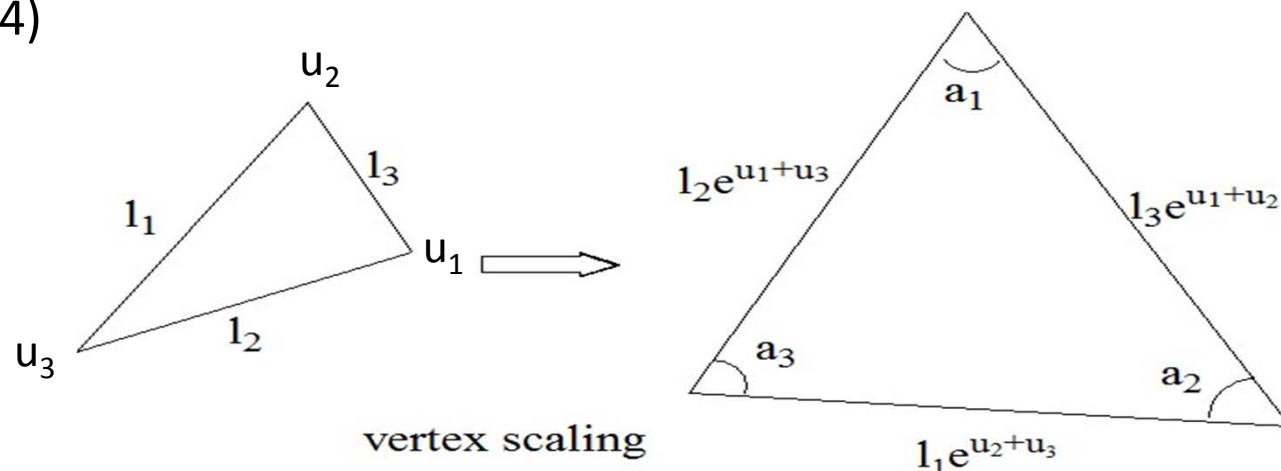
$$|d_{\lambda^4 g}(u, v) - \lambda(u) \lambda(v) d_g(u, v)| \leq C d_g(u, v)^3 \quad (\text{Gu-L-Wu, 2015})$$



Same triangulation, scale edge lengths from vertex weights

## A variational principle

Prop (L, 2004)



Then  $\frac{\partial a_i}{\partial u_j} = \frac{\partial a_j}{\partial u_i}$ ,  $\left[ \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial u_j} \right]_{3 \times 3}$  semi-negative definite,

and there exists a locally concave function  $f(u)$  such that  $\nabla f = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$ .

Bobenko-Pinkahl-Springborn (2010).

$f$  can be extended to a convex function on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and is explicit.

Corollary (BPS, 2010).

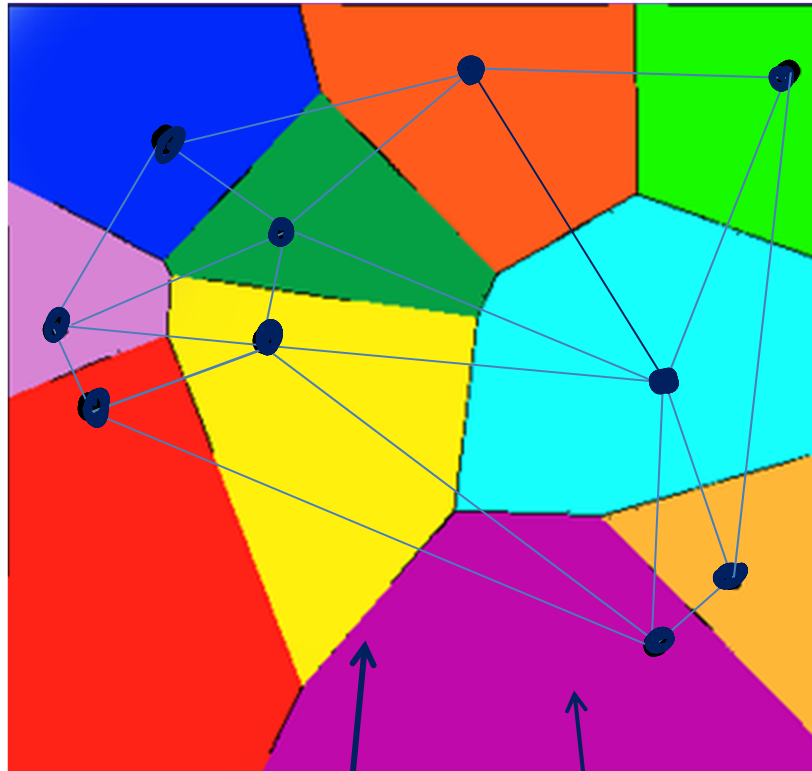
If  $\ell$  and  $u*\ell$  are two PL metrics on  $T$  with the same curvature, then  $u \equiv c$ .

However, given  $\ell$  on  $T$ , there are in general no constant curvature metrics of the form  $u*\ell$ .



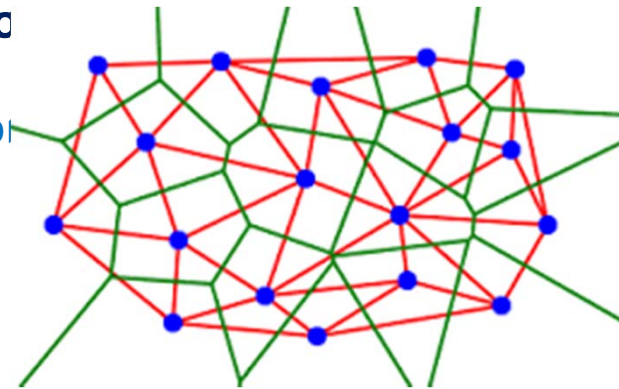
## Discrete conformality, Part II: Delaunay triangulation

A finite point set  $V$  produces a Delaunay triangulation

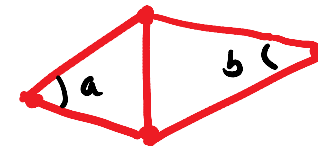


Voronoi cells

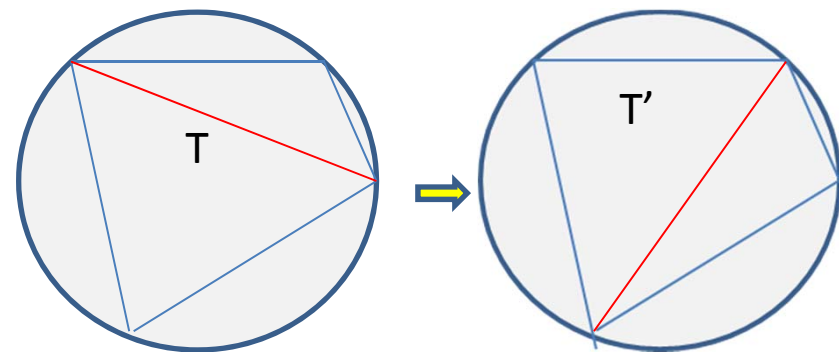
Edge  $e=vv'$  in  $T'$



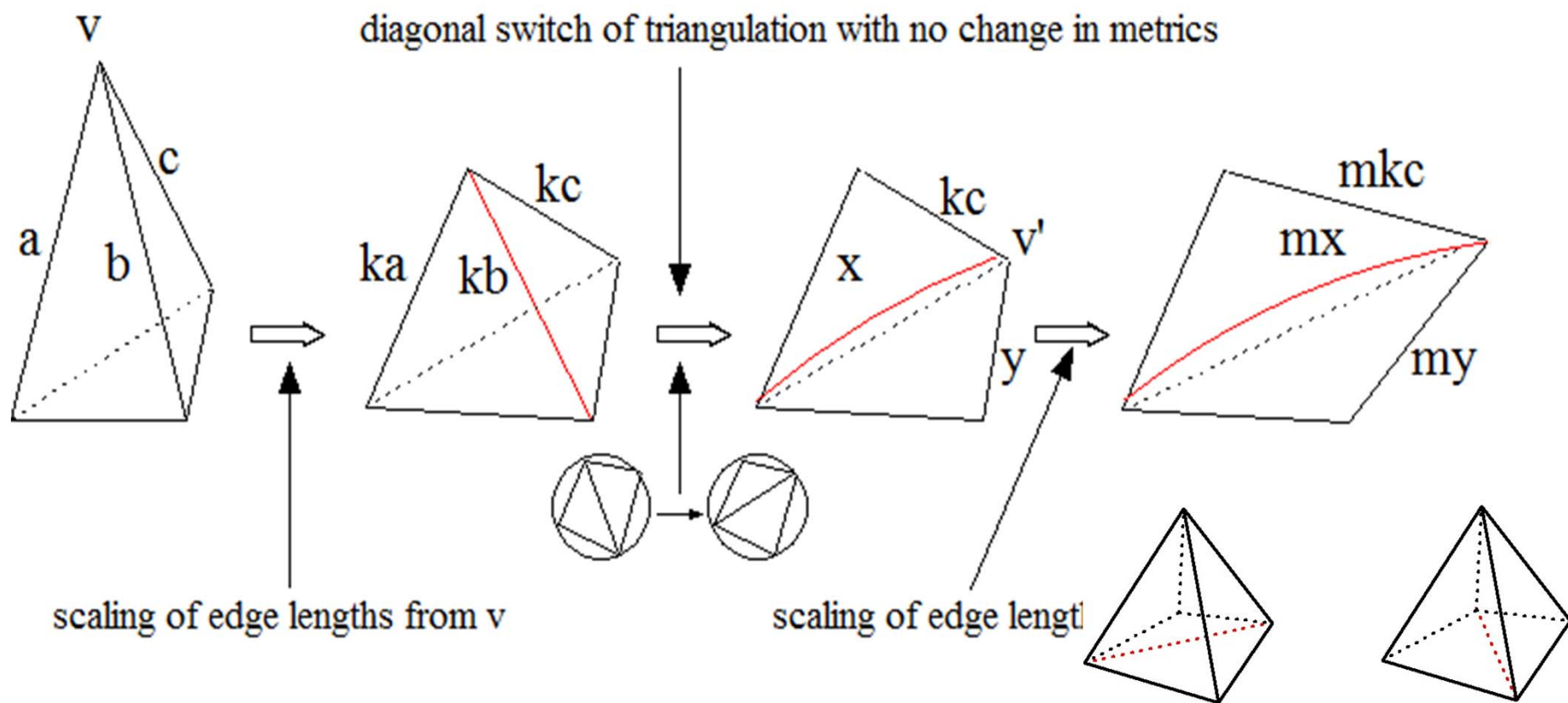
**Delaunay** :  $a+b \leq \pi$  at each edge  $e$



Different Delaunay triangulations of the same metric  $(S,V,d)$  are related by :

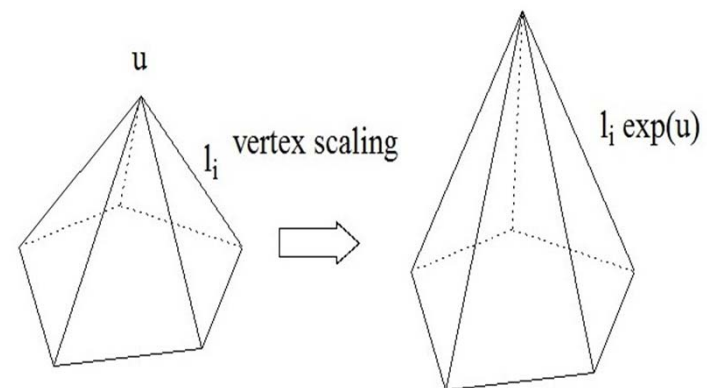


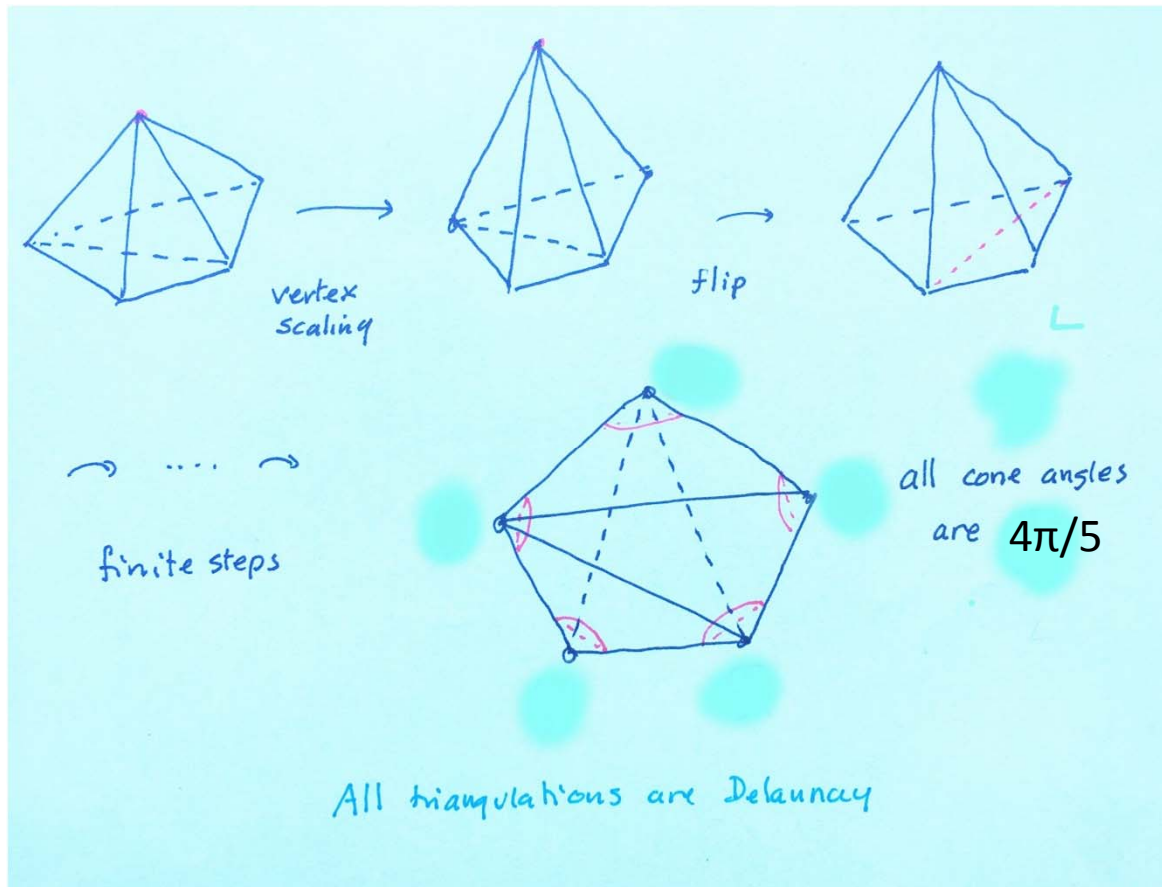
Diagonal switch from  $T$  to  $T'$



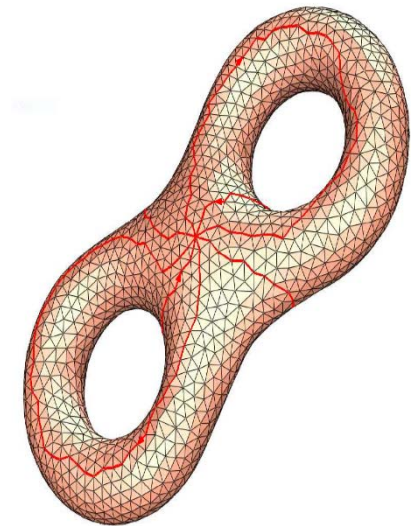
(b) If  $T_i \neq T_{i+1}$ , then  $(S, d_i) \cong (S, d_{i+1})$  by an isometry homotopic to  $\text{id}$ ,

(c) If  $T_i = T_{i+1}$ ,  $\exists \lambda_i: V \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ , s.t.,  $\ell_{d_{i+1}} = \lambda_i * \ell_{d_i}$



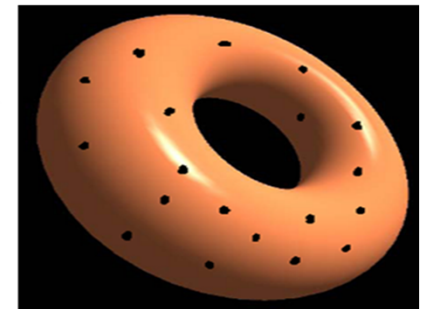
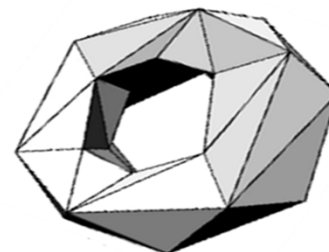


and  $\forall \kappa^*: V \rightarrow (-\infty, 2\pi)$ ,



al principle.

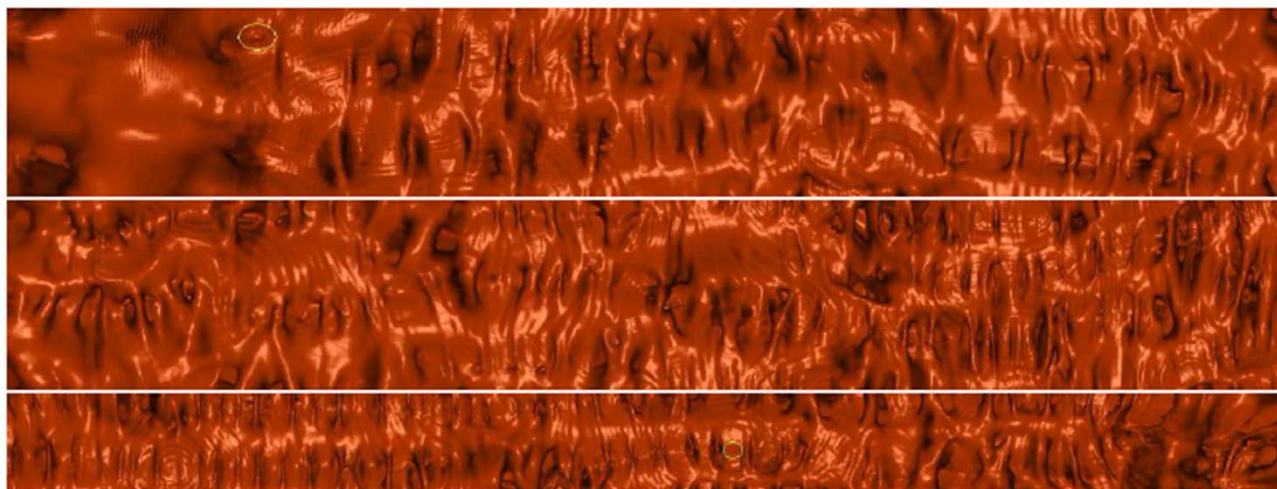
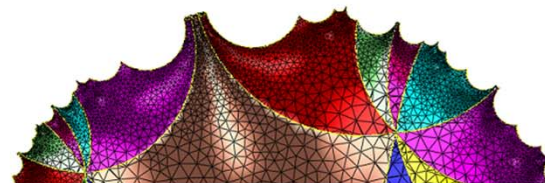
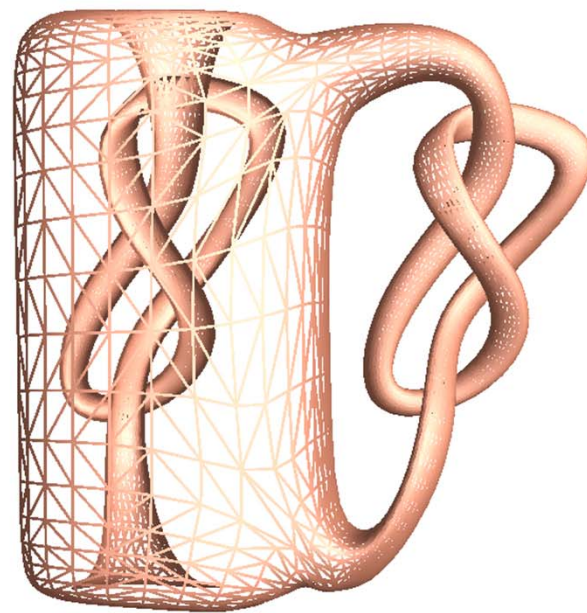
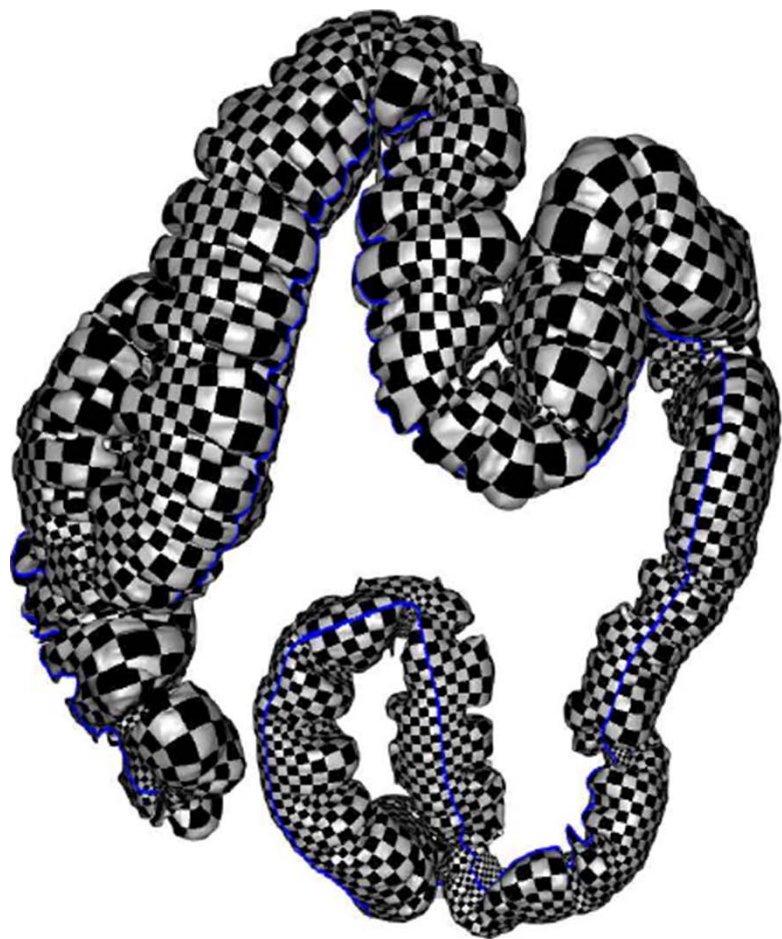
$$\kappa^* = 0$$



Thm(Fillastre 2008) Every cusped hyperbolic puncture torus is isometric the boundary of a convex hull of a finite set of points in a Fuschian hyperbolic 3-manifolds.

For  $\kappa^* = \frac{2\pi \cdot \chi(S)}{|V|}$ ,  $d^*$  is a **discrete uniformization metric**. There exists a hyperbolic version of thm 1

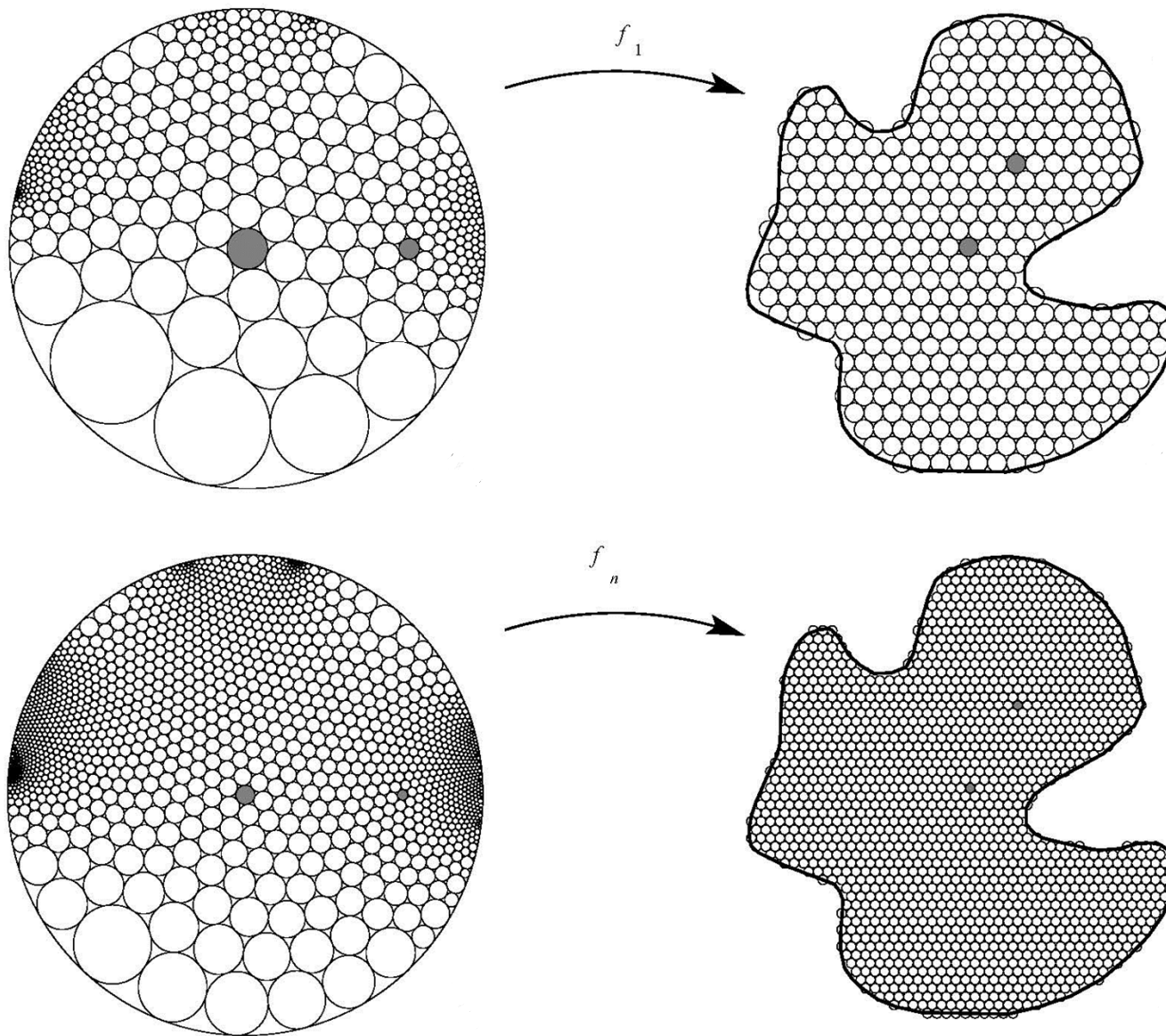






## Convergence

*Thurston's discrete Riemann mapping conjecture,*  
Rodin-Sullivan's theorem:  $f_n \rightarrow$  the Riemann mapping





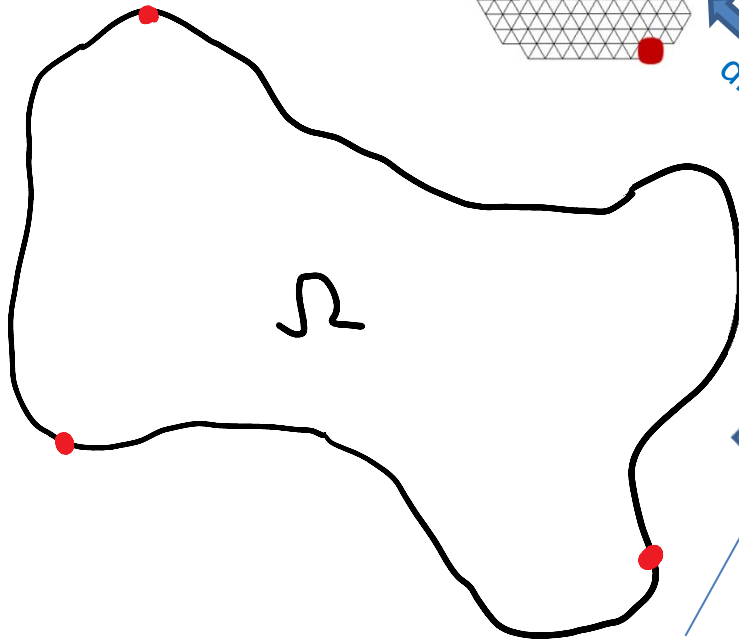
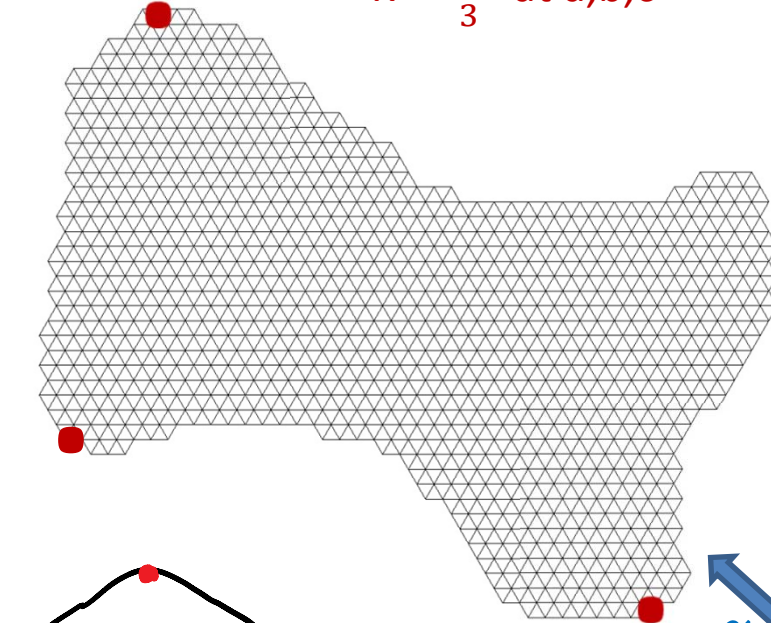
$$K^* = \frac{4\pi}{3} \text{ at } a, b, c$$

**Cor.** A polygonal disk  $(D, V; a, b, c)$  in  $\mathbf{C}$  is **d.c.** to the equilateral triangle  $(\Delta ABC, V', \{A, B, C\})$

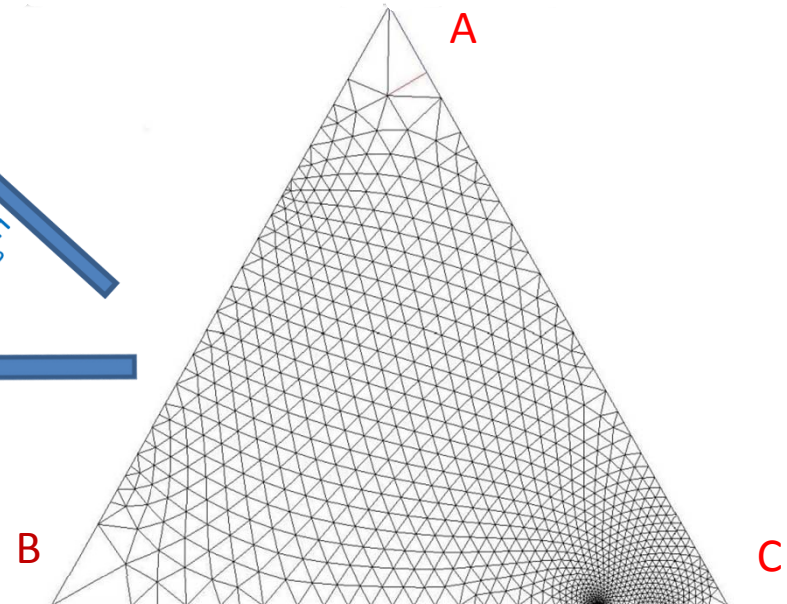
## Thm 2 (L-Sun-Wu)

$f_n \rightarrow$  Riemann mapping for  $(\Omega; p, q, r)$ .

Counterpart of Thurston's circle packing conjecture:  
 $F_n$  converges to the Riemann mapping.



discrete unif. maps  $F_n$



Riemann mapping sending the triangle to  $(\Omega; p, q, r)$ .

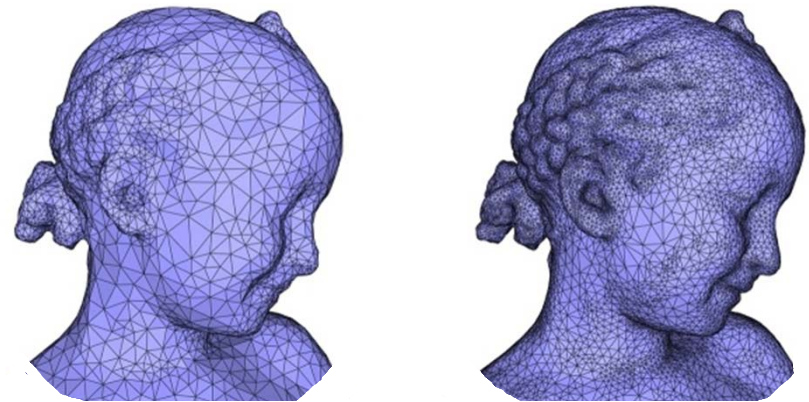
## Convergence

$(\Sigma, d)$  is a disk with a Riemannian metric  $d$ , and  $p, q, r$  three boundary points.

A sequence of PL triangulations  $(\Sigma, T_n)$  is *regular* if there exist  $\delta > 0$ ,  $C > 0$  s.t.

(1) all angles in  $T_n$  are in  $(\delta, \frac{\pi}{2} - \delta)$ ,

(2) all lengths of edges in  $T_n$  are in  $(\frac{1}{C \cdot n}, \frac{C}{n})$



**Thm 3(Gu-Wu-L).** If  $(\Sigma, T_n)$  is a regular sequence of triangulations of a Riemannian disk  $(\Sigma, d, p, q, r)$  and  $f_n: \Sigma \rightarrow \Delta$  is the associated discrete uniformization map, then  $f_n$  converges uniformly to the uniformization map associated to  $(\Sigma, d)$ .

The same is true for a torus  $(S^1 \times S^1, g)$  with any Riemannian metric.

**Cor.** The uniformization map for simply connected surface and torus is computable.

Thank you.

