



# Geometric Computing with Python

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<https://geometryprocessing.github.io/geometric-computing-python/>



# Who are we?



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Daniele  
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# Course Goals

- Learn how to design, program, and analyze algorithms for **geometric computing**
- Hands-on experience with shape modeling and geometry processing algorithms
- Learn how to batch process large collections of geometric data and integrate it in deep learning pipelines

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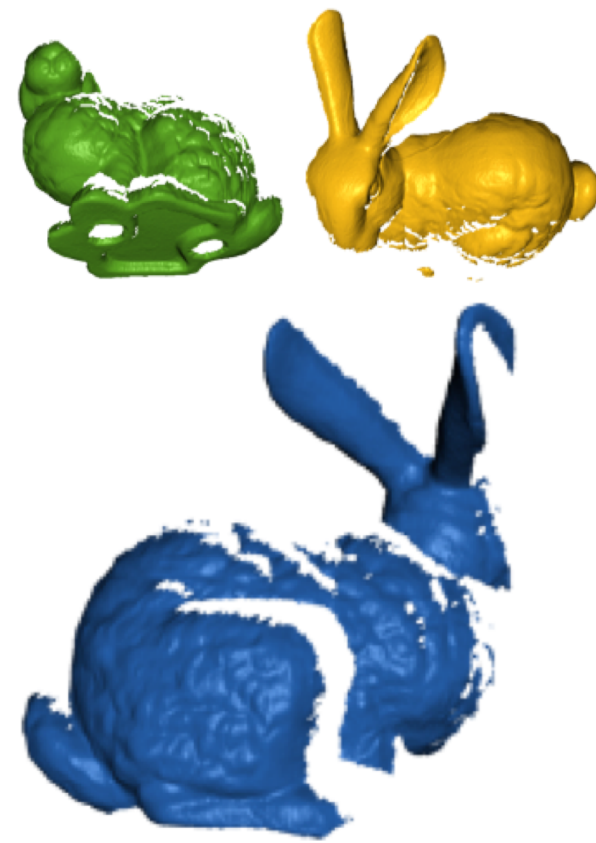
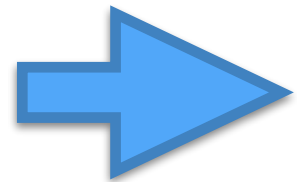
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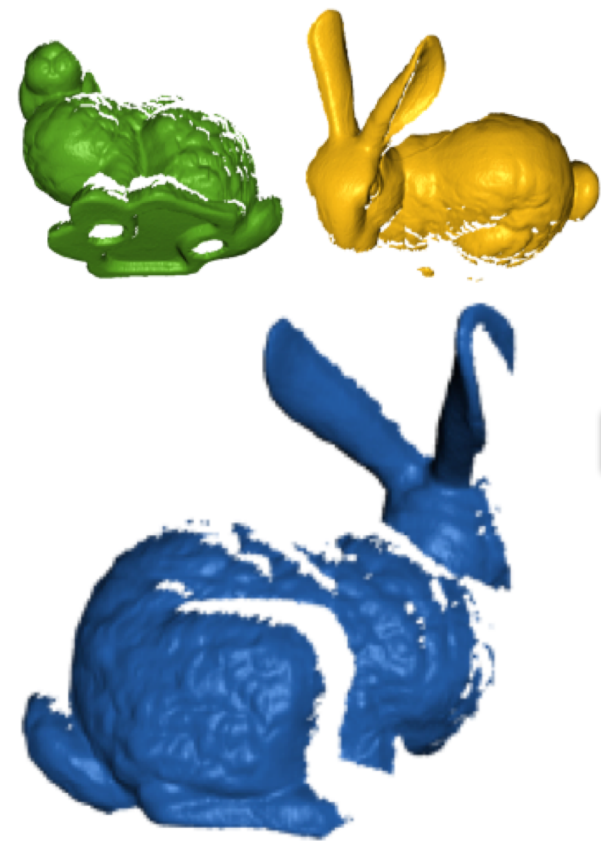
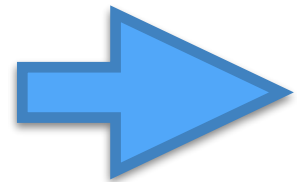


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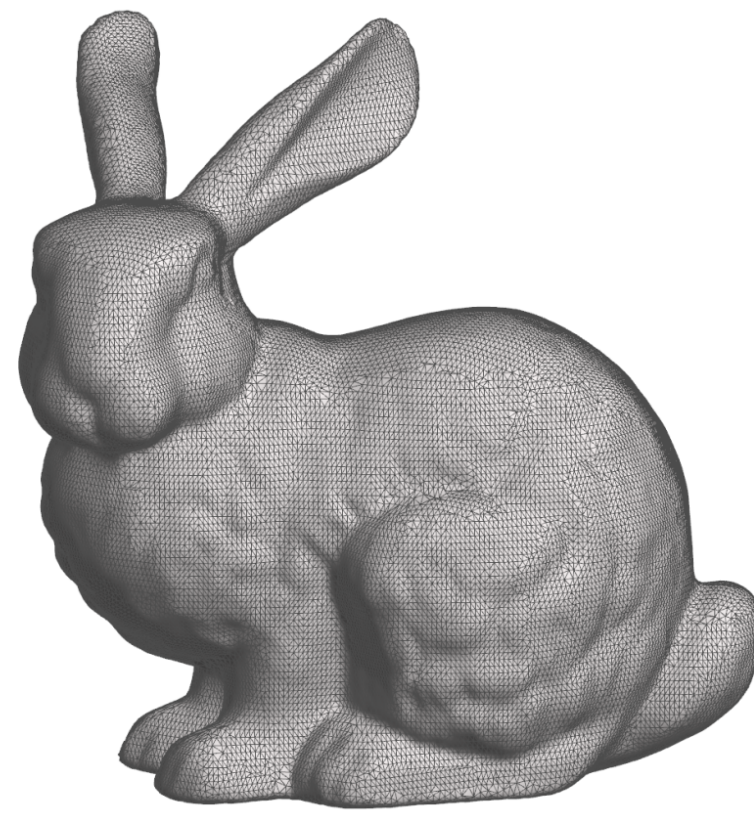
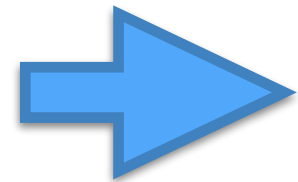
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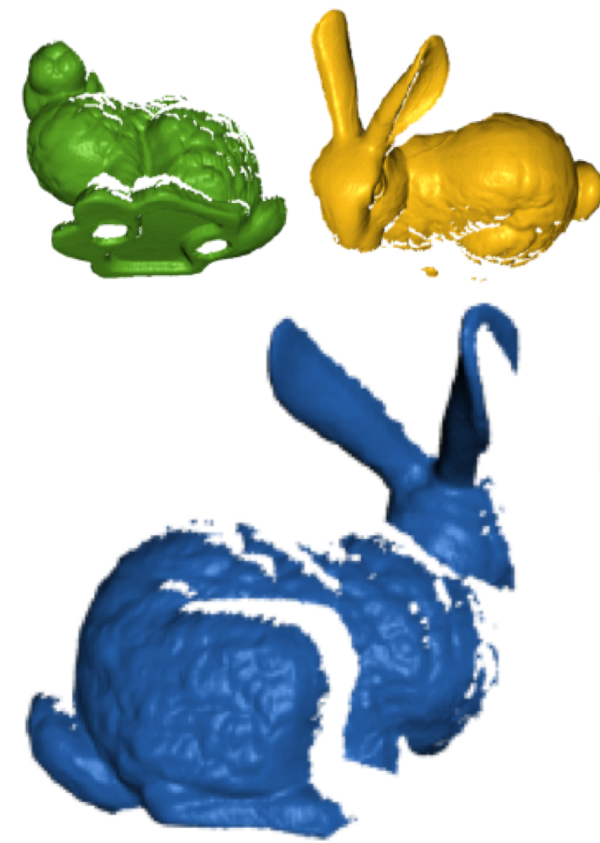
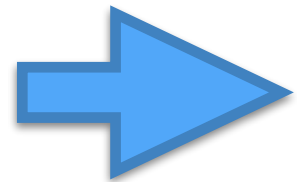
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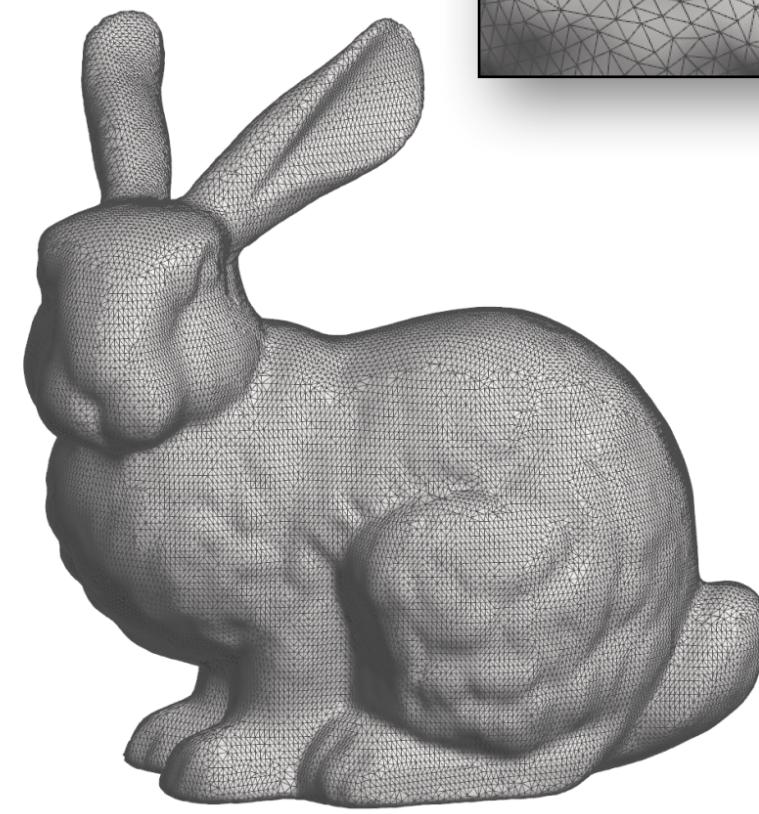
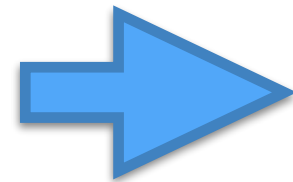
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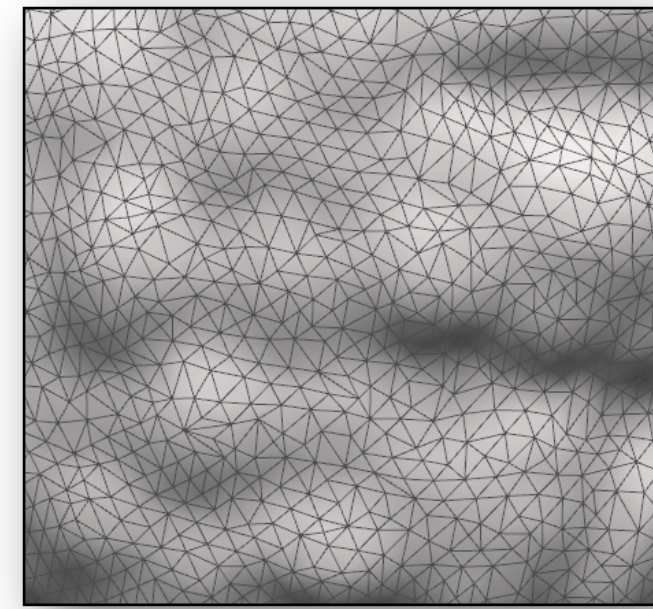
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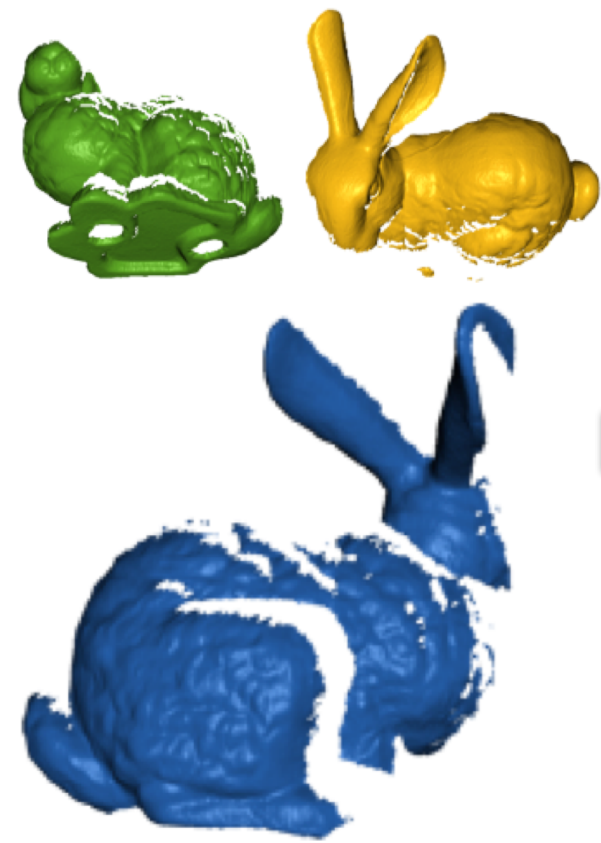
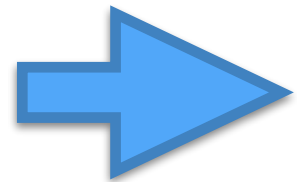




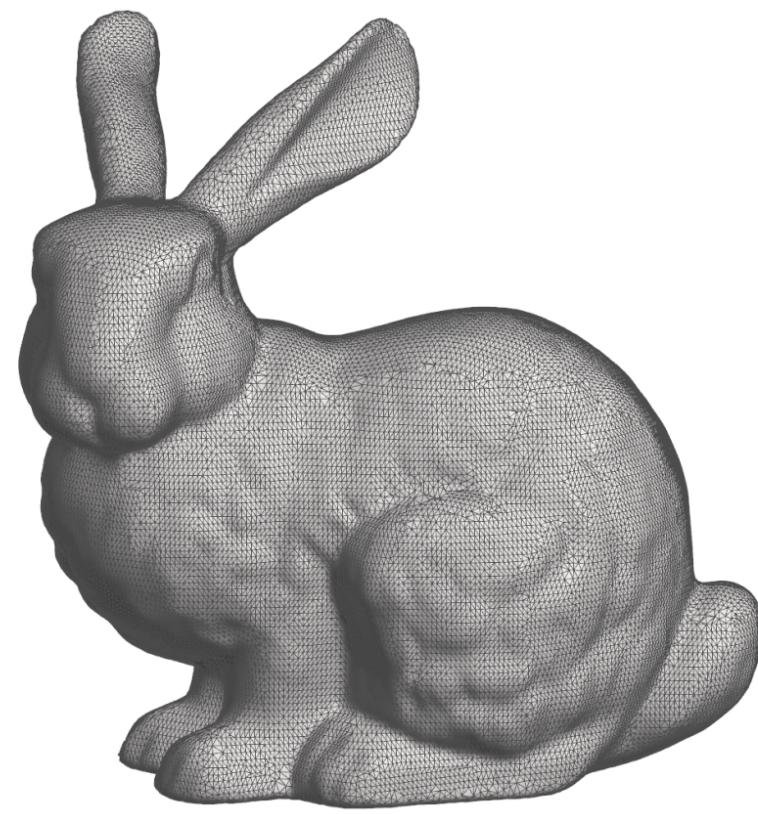
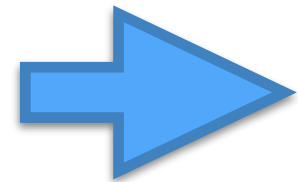
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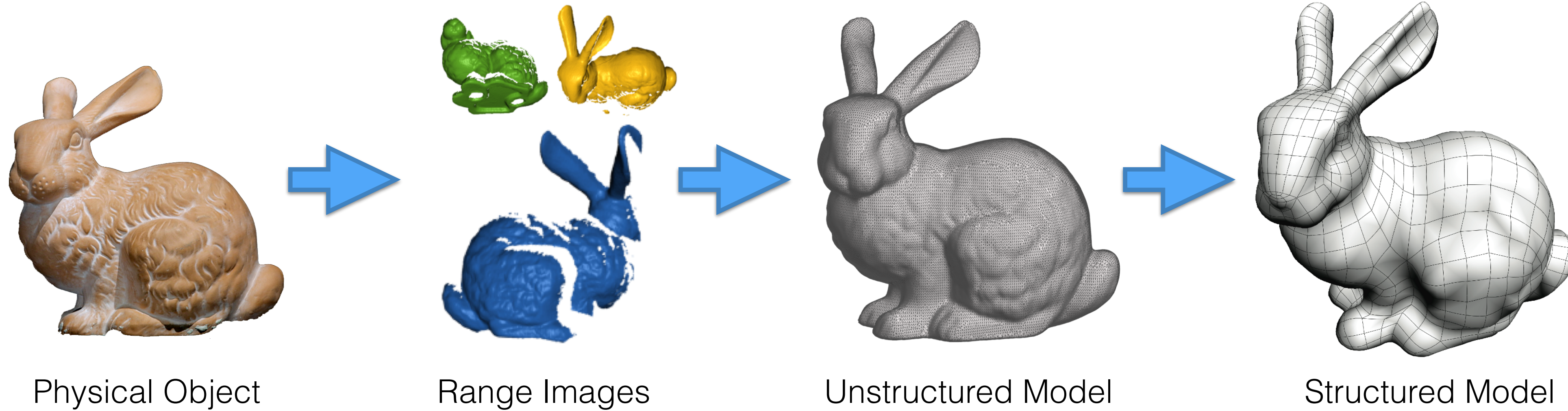
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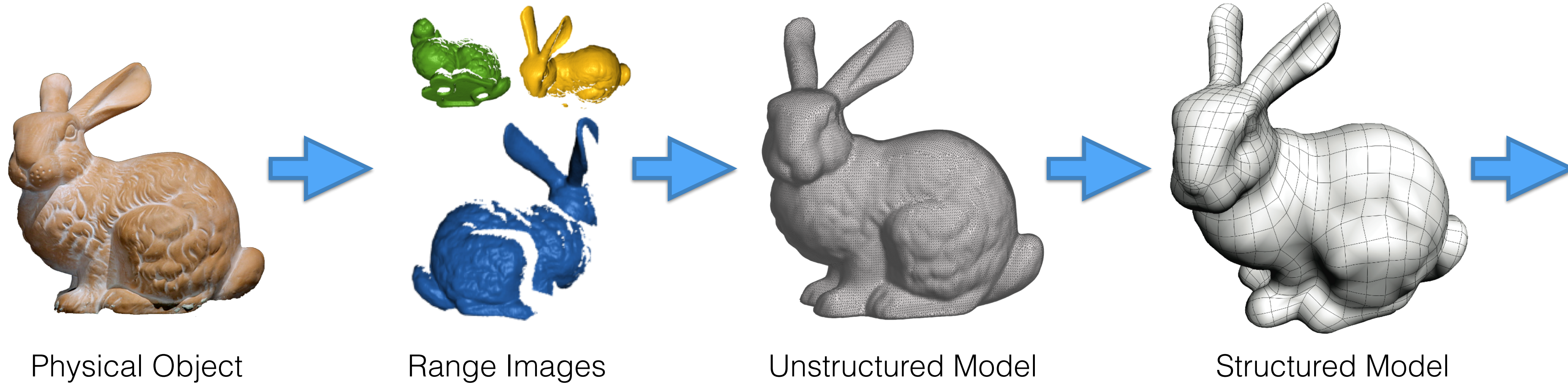


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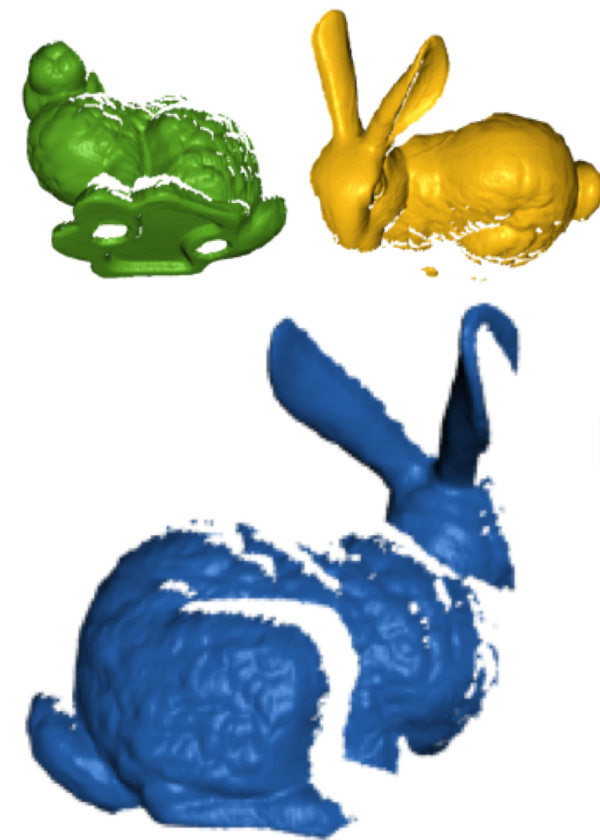
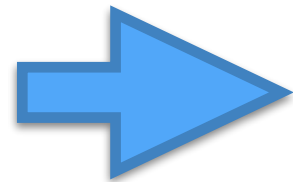


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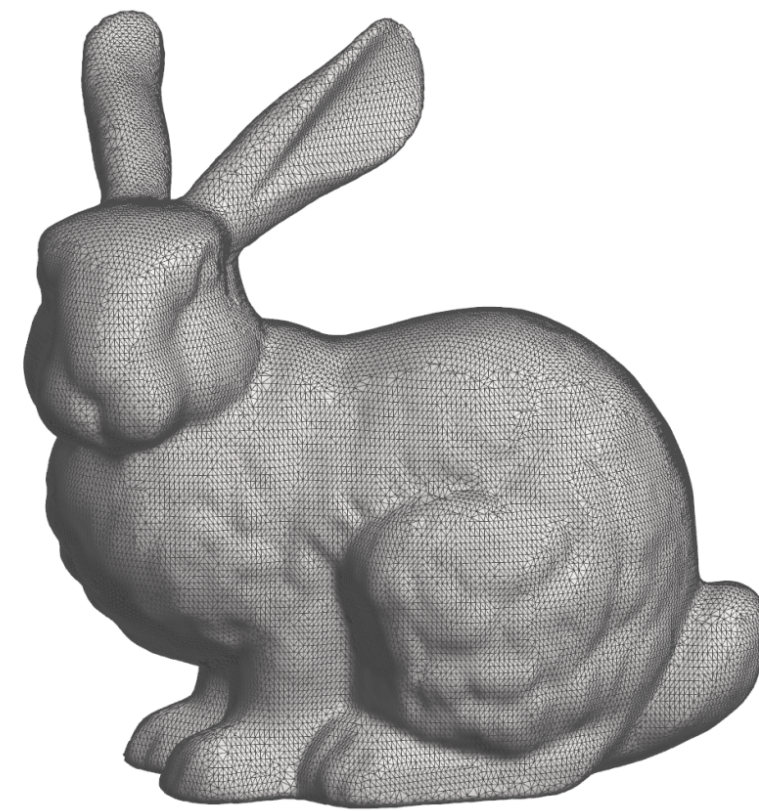
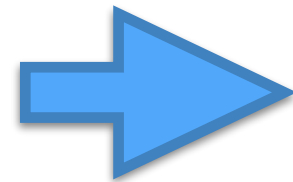
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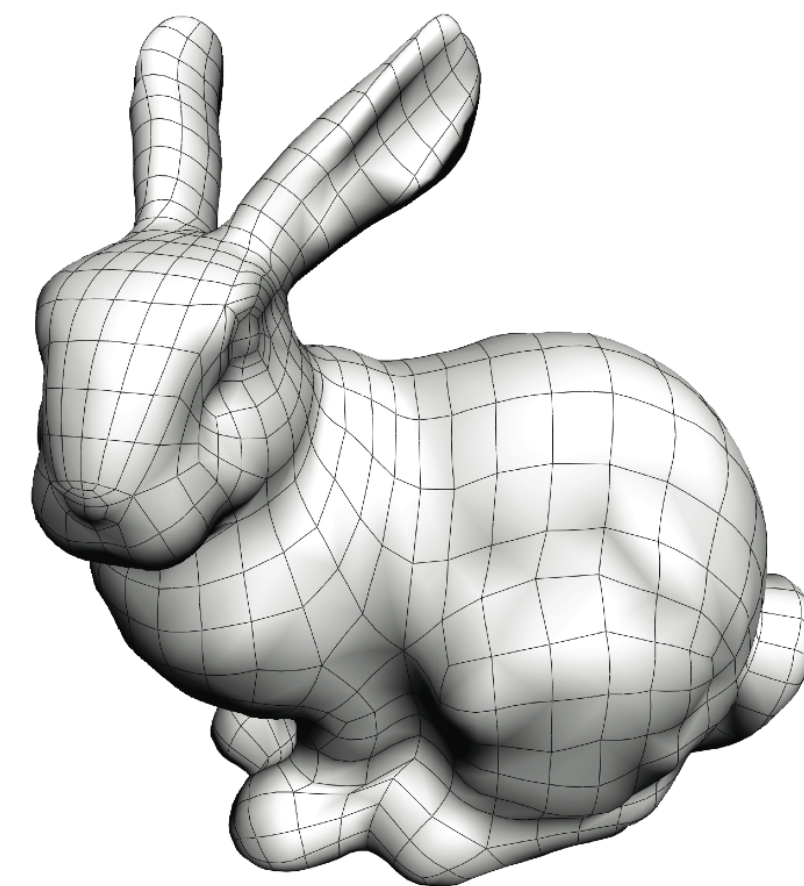
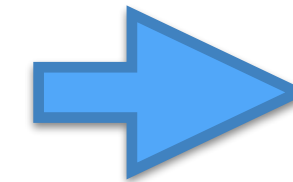
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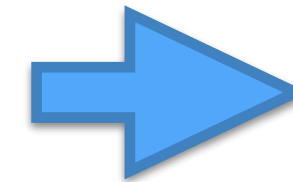
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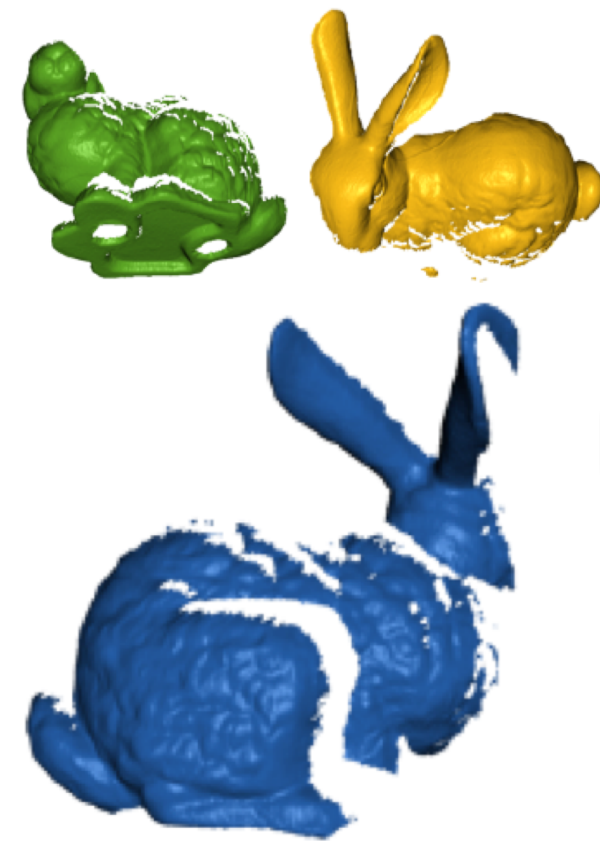
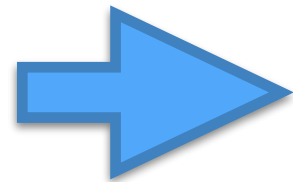
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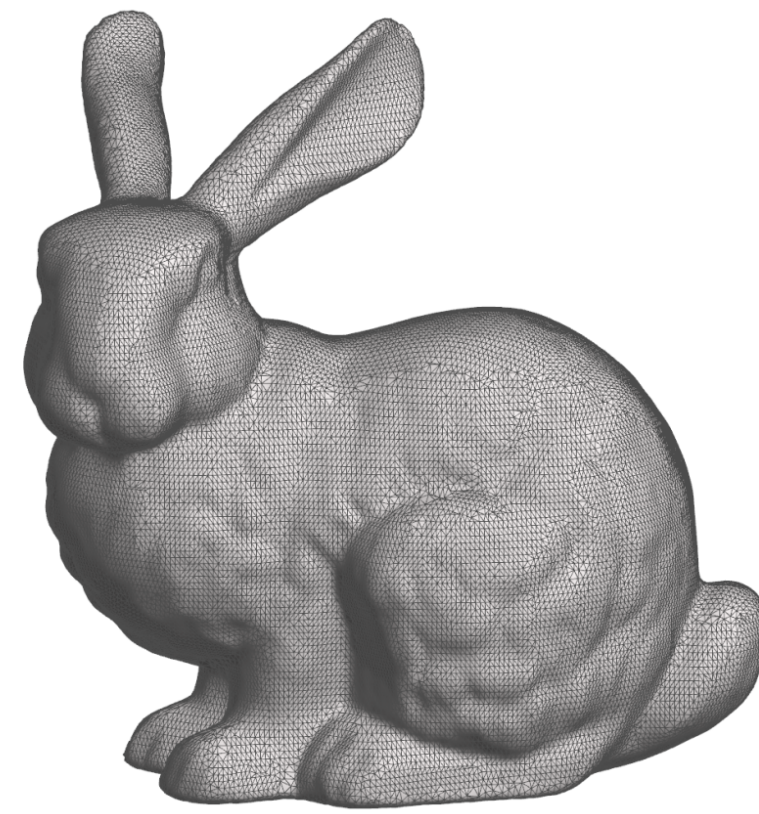
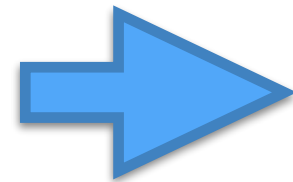
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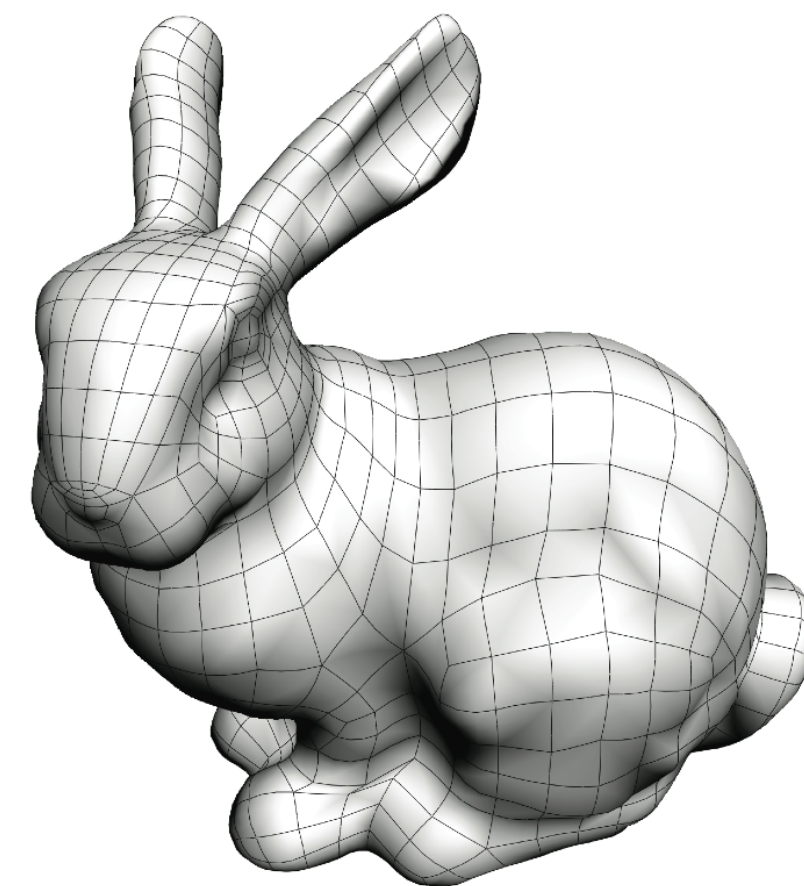
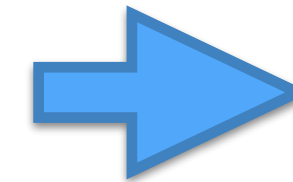
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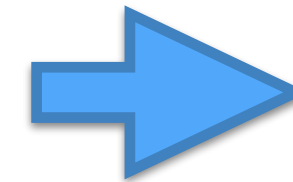
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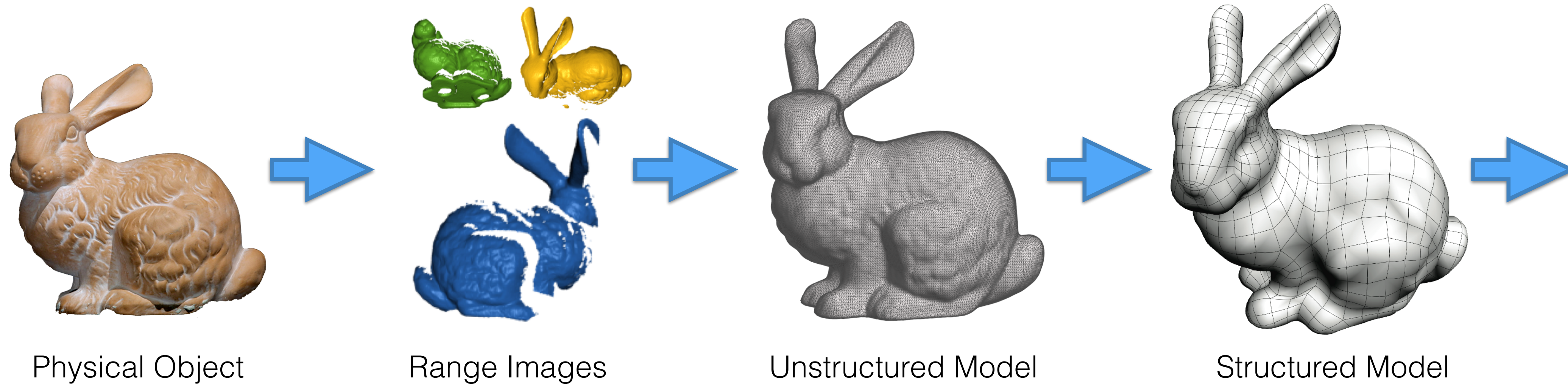
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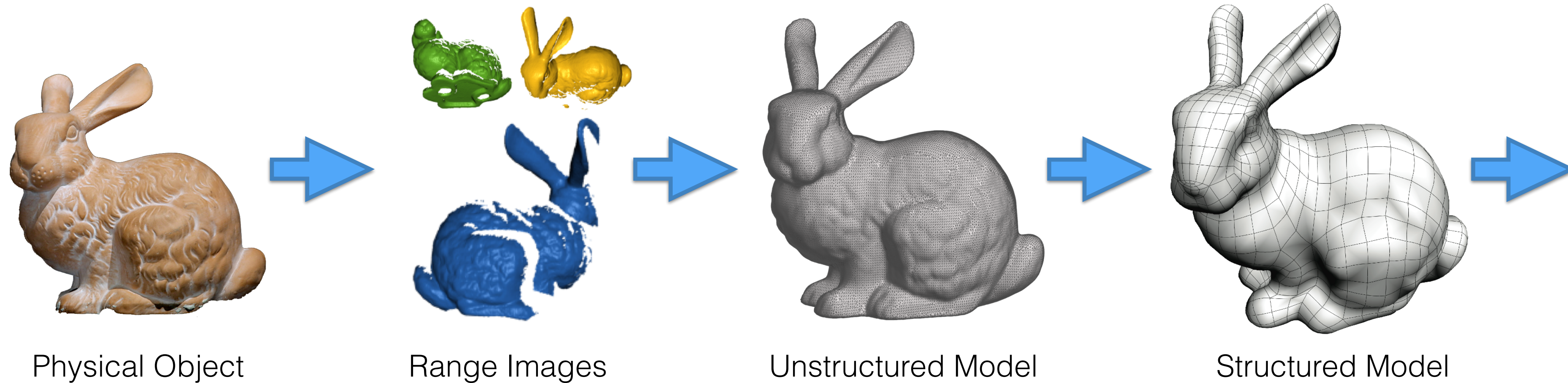
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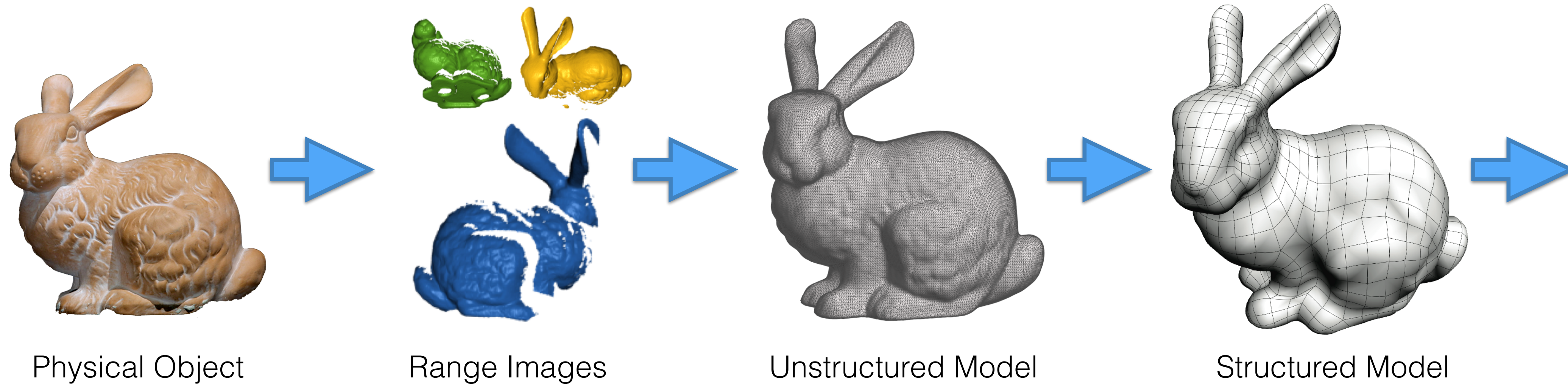
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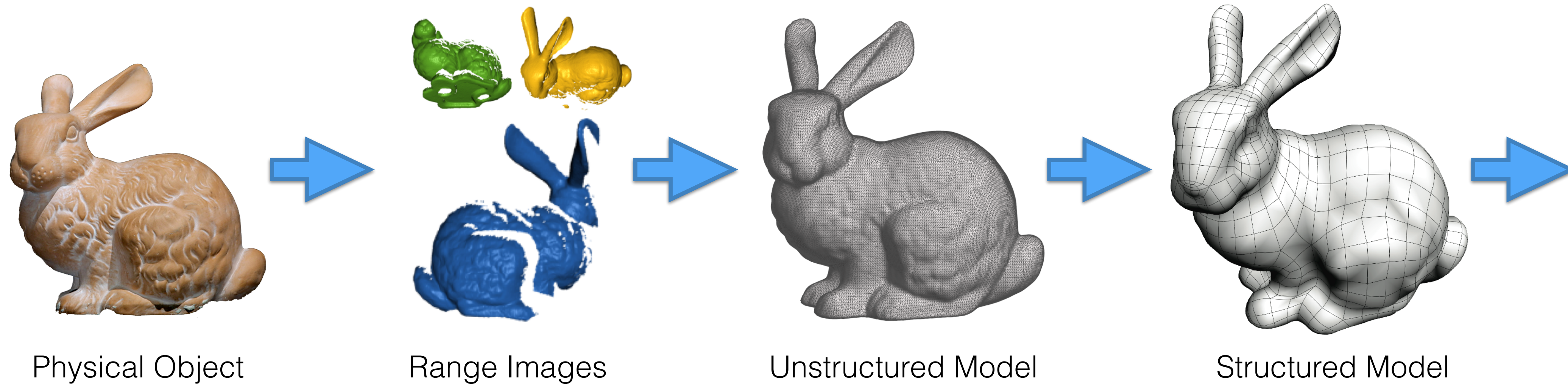
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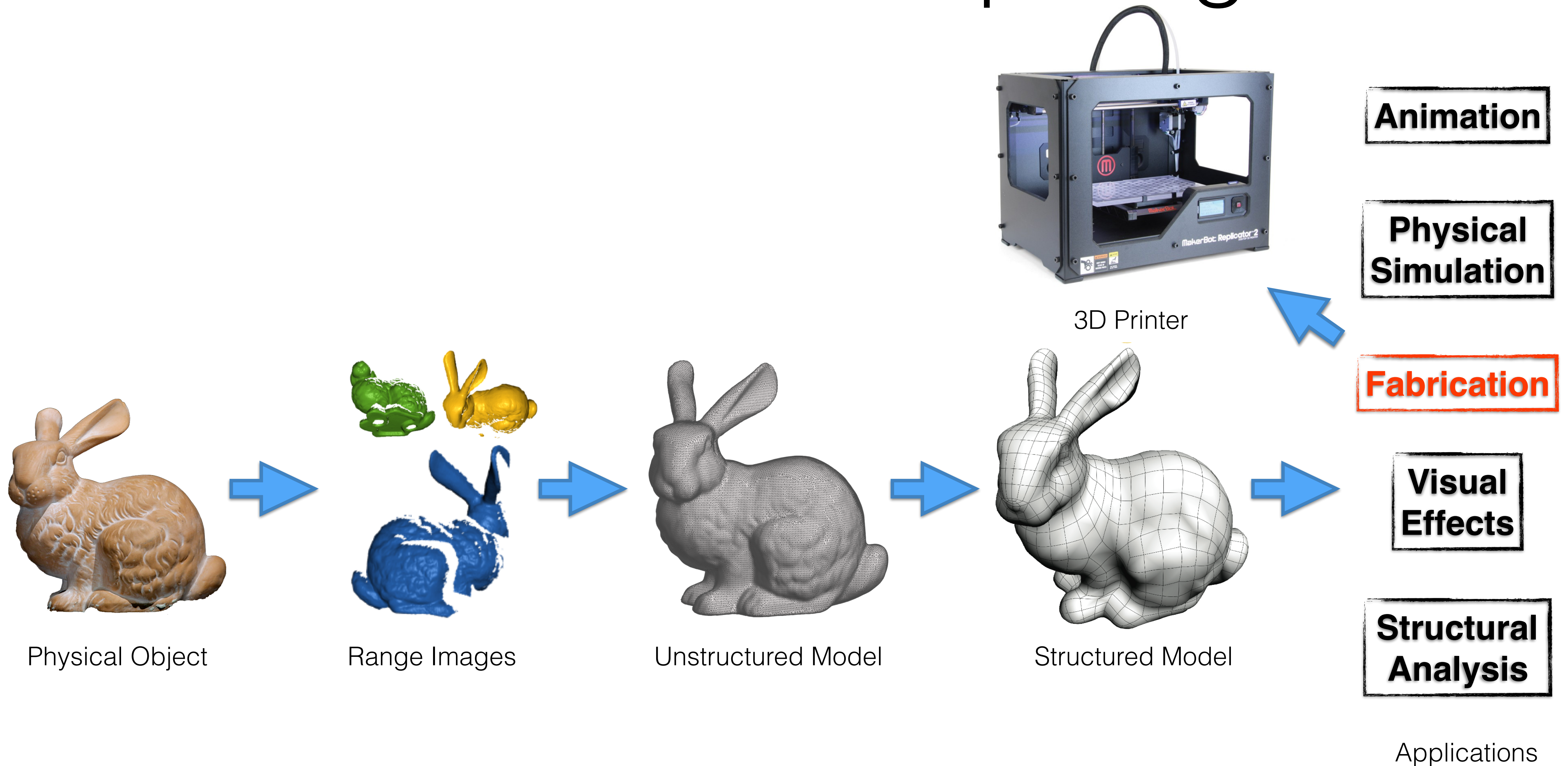
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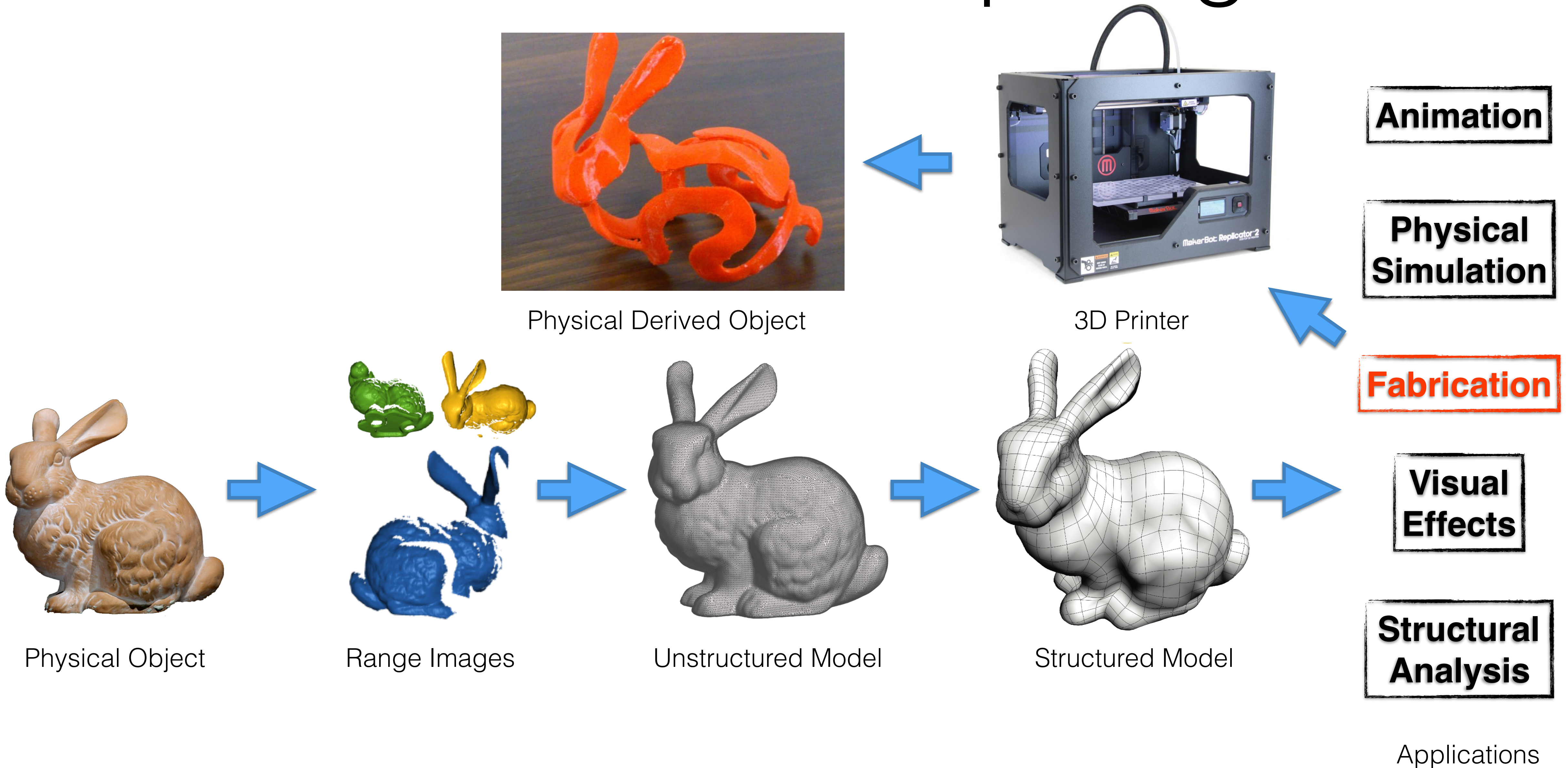


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# Course Overview

- **Daniele:** Introduction to Geometric Computing with Jupyter
- **Sebastian:** Geometric Computing and Geometric Deep Learning
- **Teseo:** Mesh Generation and Numerical Simulation
- Q&A

# Getting Started

- The libraries used in this course are implemented in C++ for efficiency reasons, but are exposed to python for ease of integration
- All libraries are available on conda, they can be installed with:

```
conda config --add channels conda-forge
```

```
conda install meshplot
```

```
conda install igl
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conda install wildmeshing
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conda install polyfempy
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# Libraries Overview

Cross Platform: Windows, MacOSX, Linux

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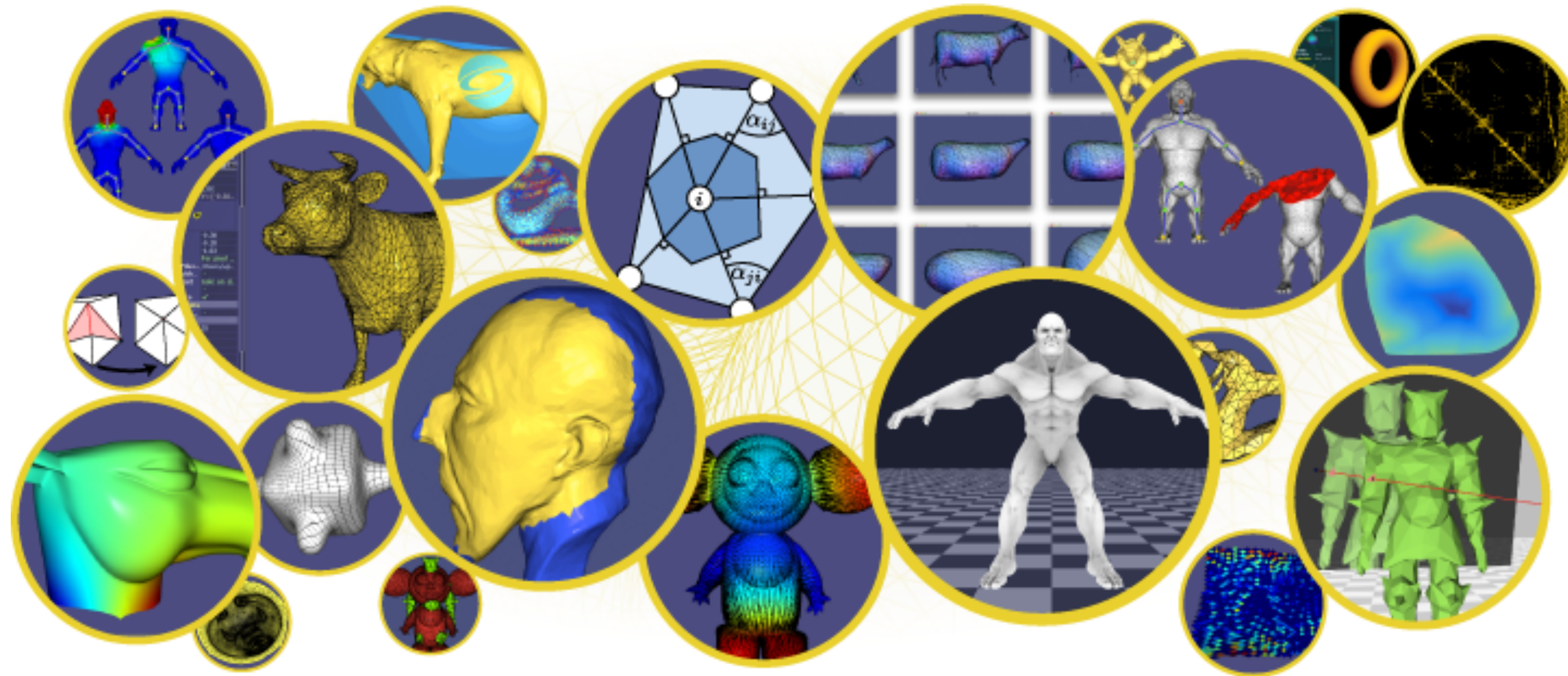
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mp.plot(v, f)
```

<https://skoch9.github.io/meshplot/>





# Interactive Geometry Library (libigl)



<https://libigl.github.io>



# Wild Meshing (TetWild)

Yixin-Hu / TetWild

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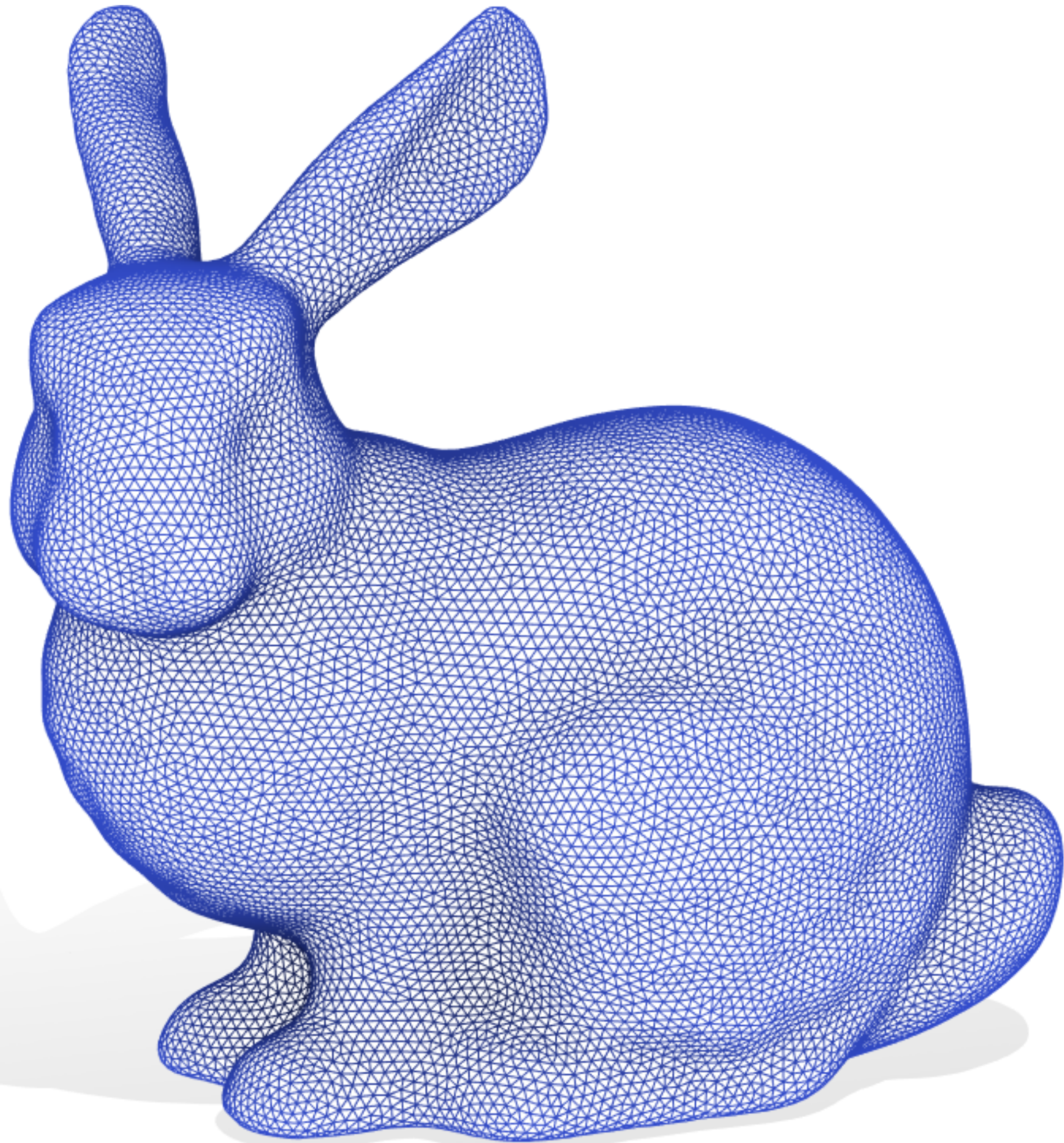


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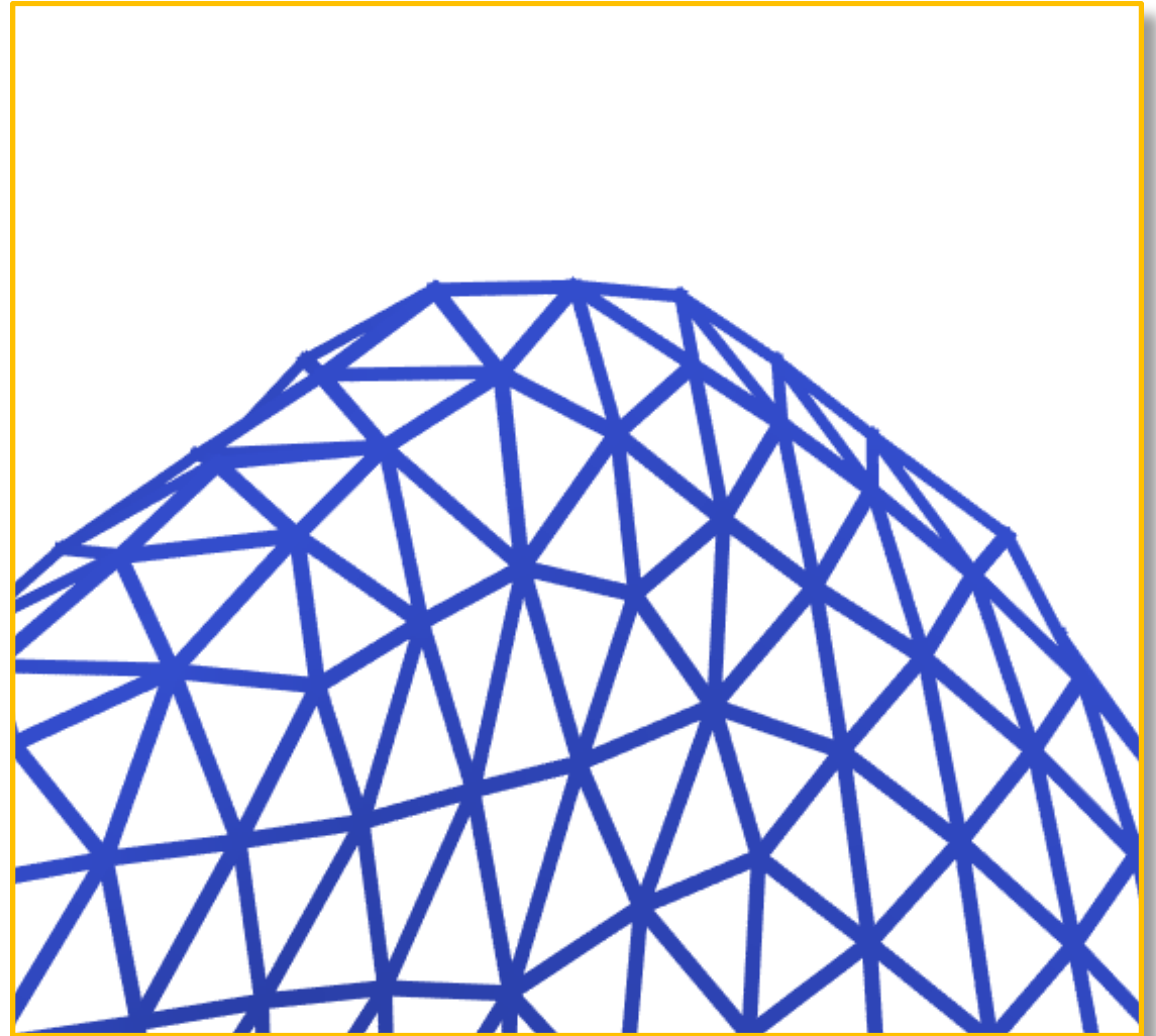
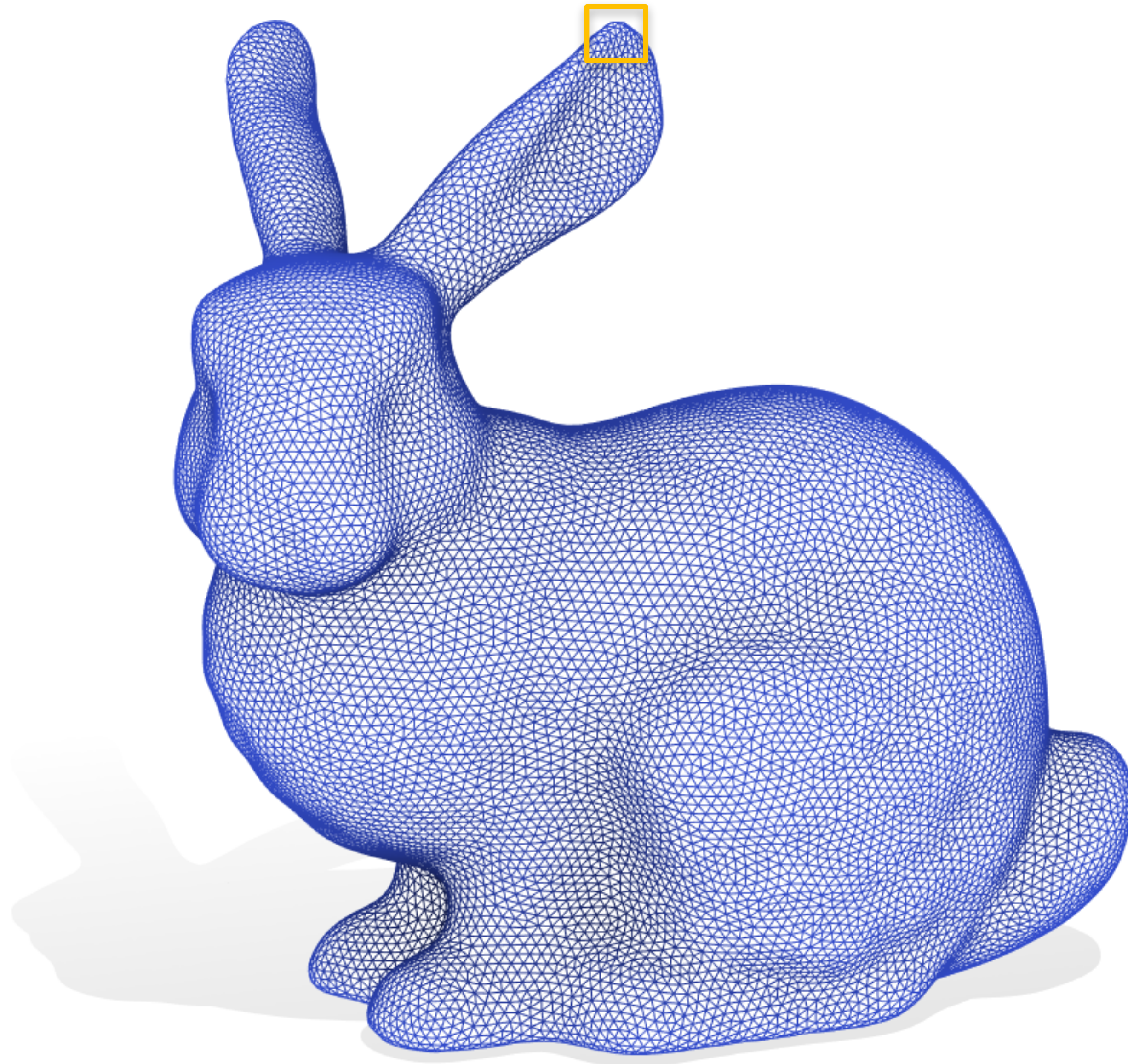


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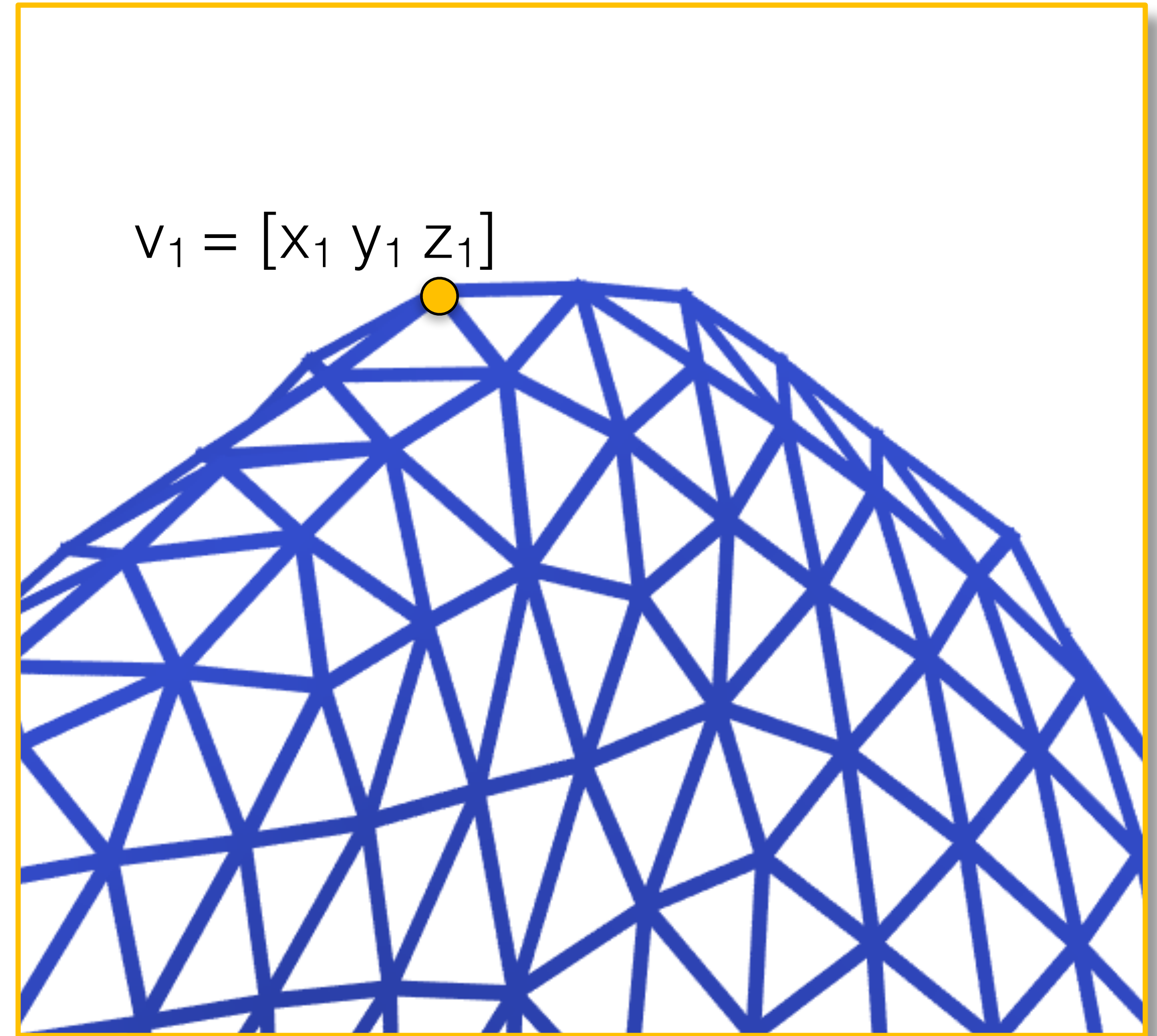
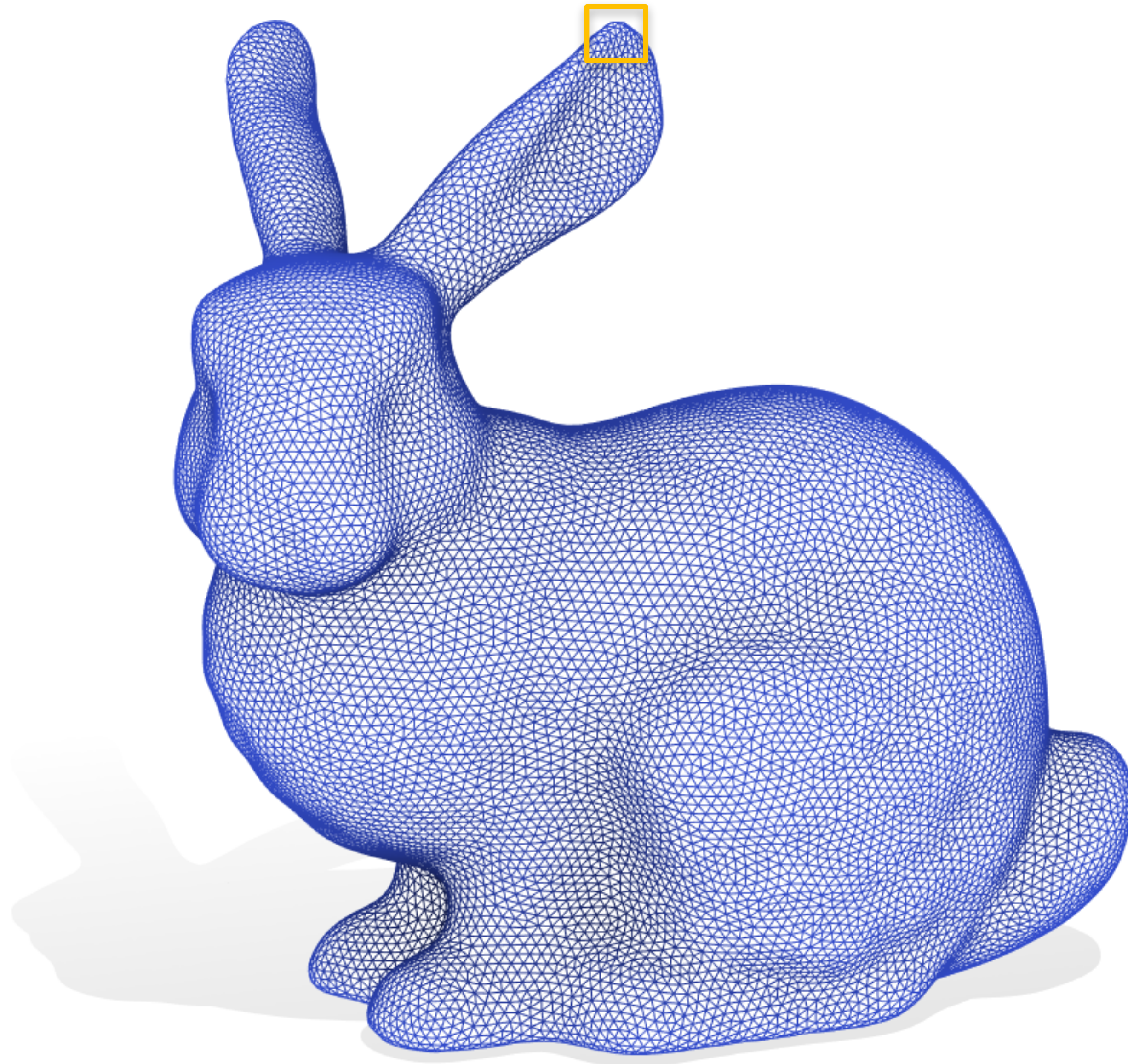


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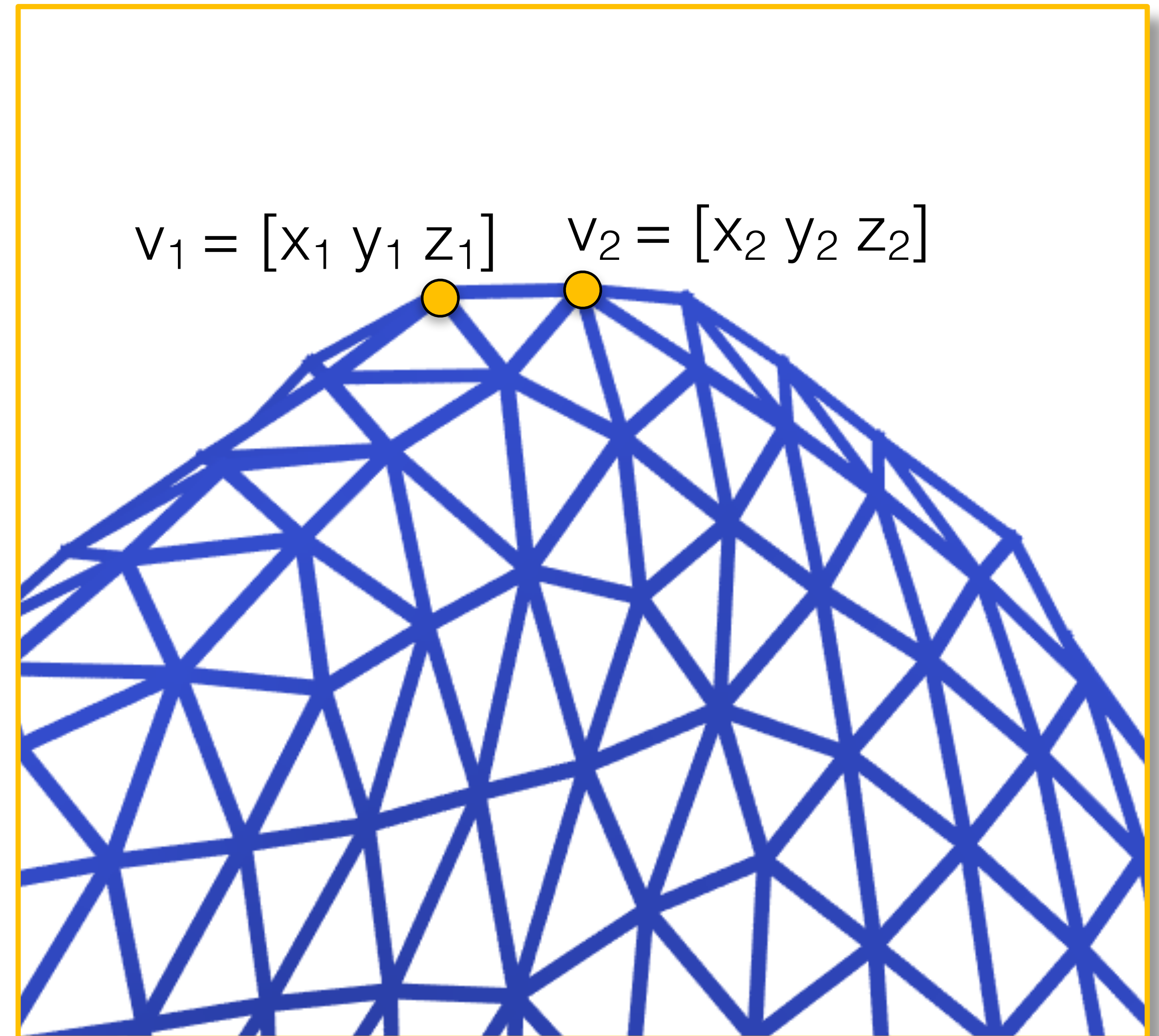
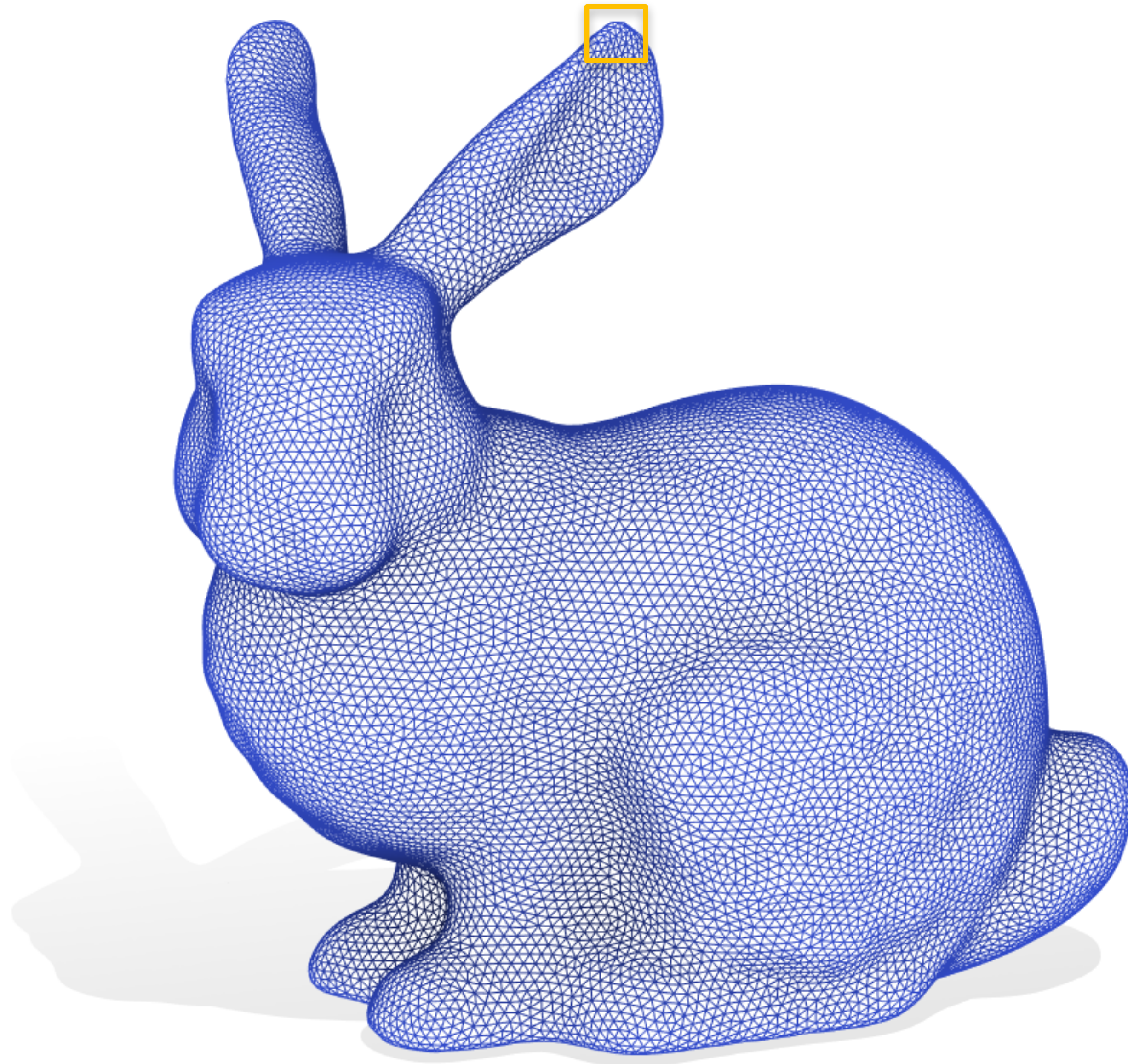


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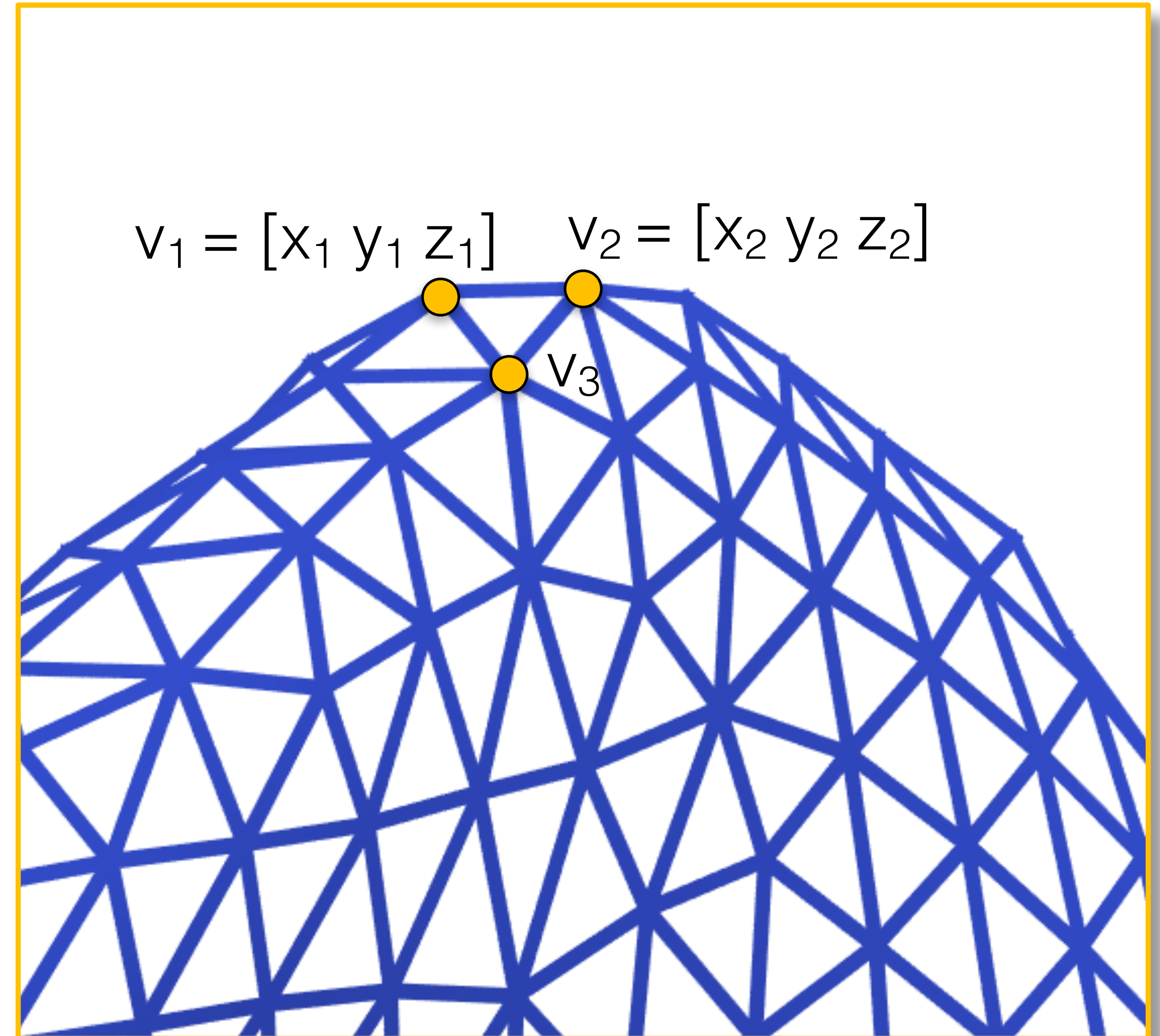
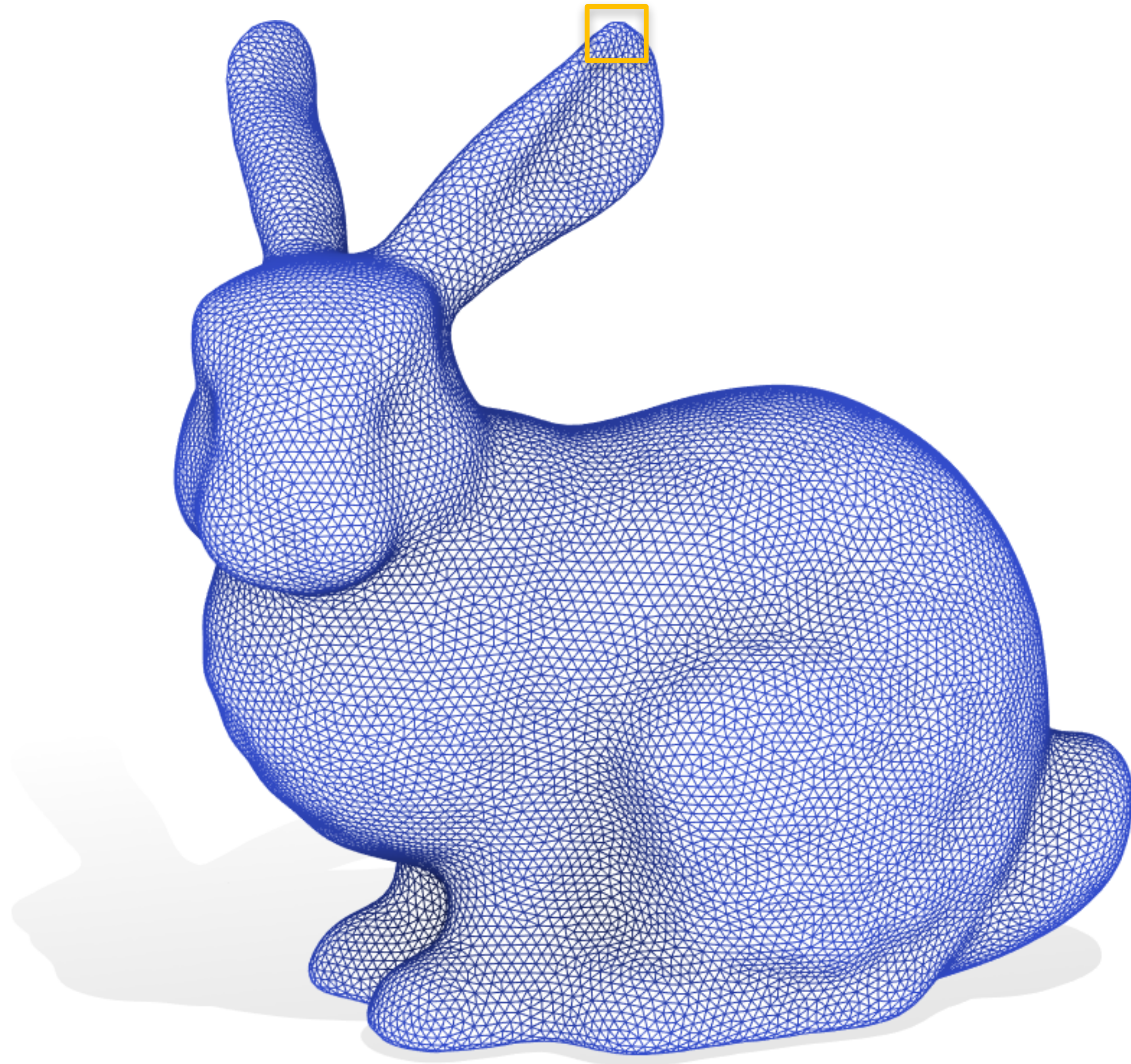


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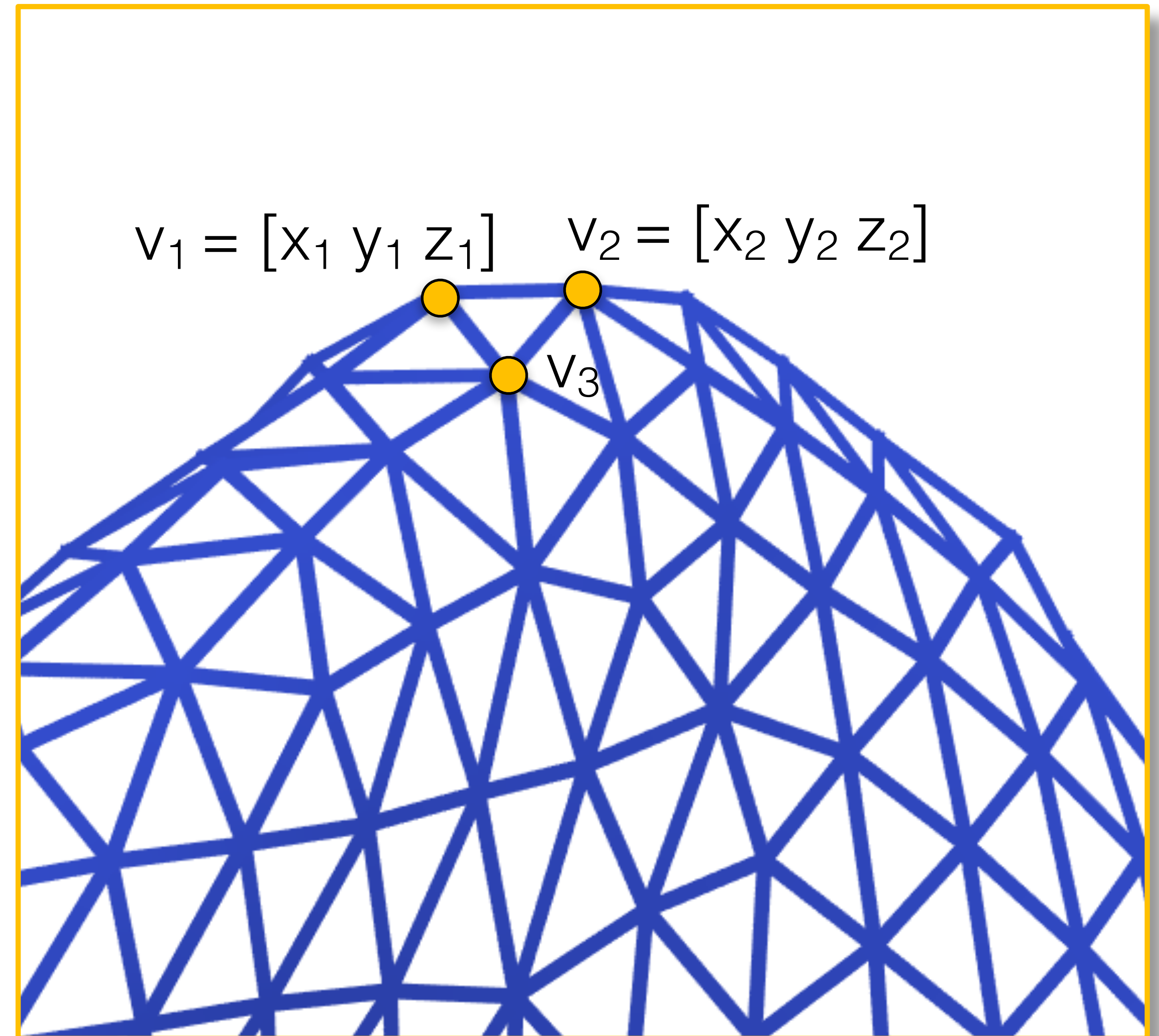
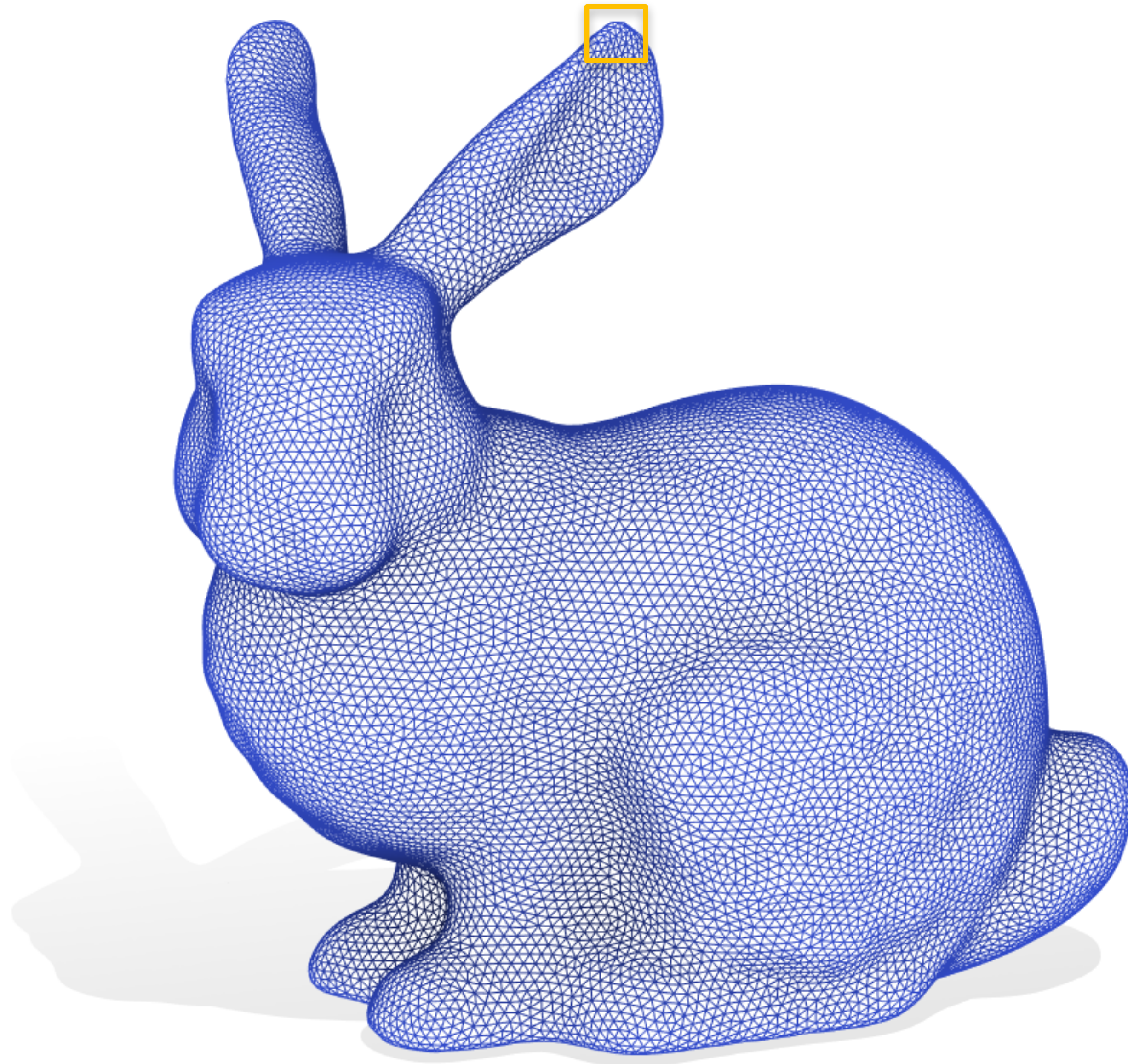


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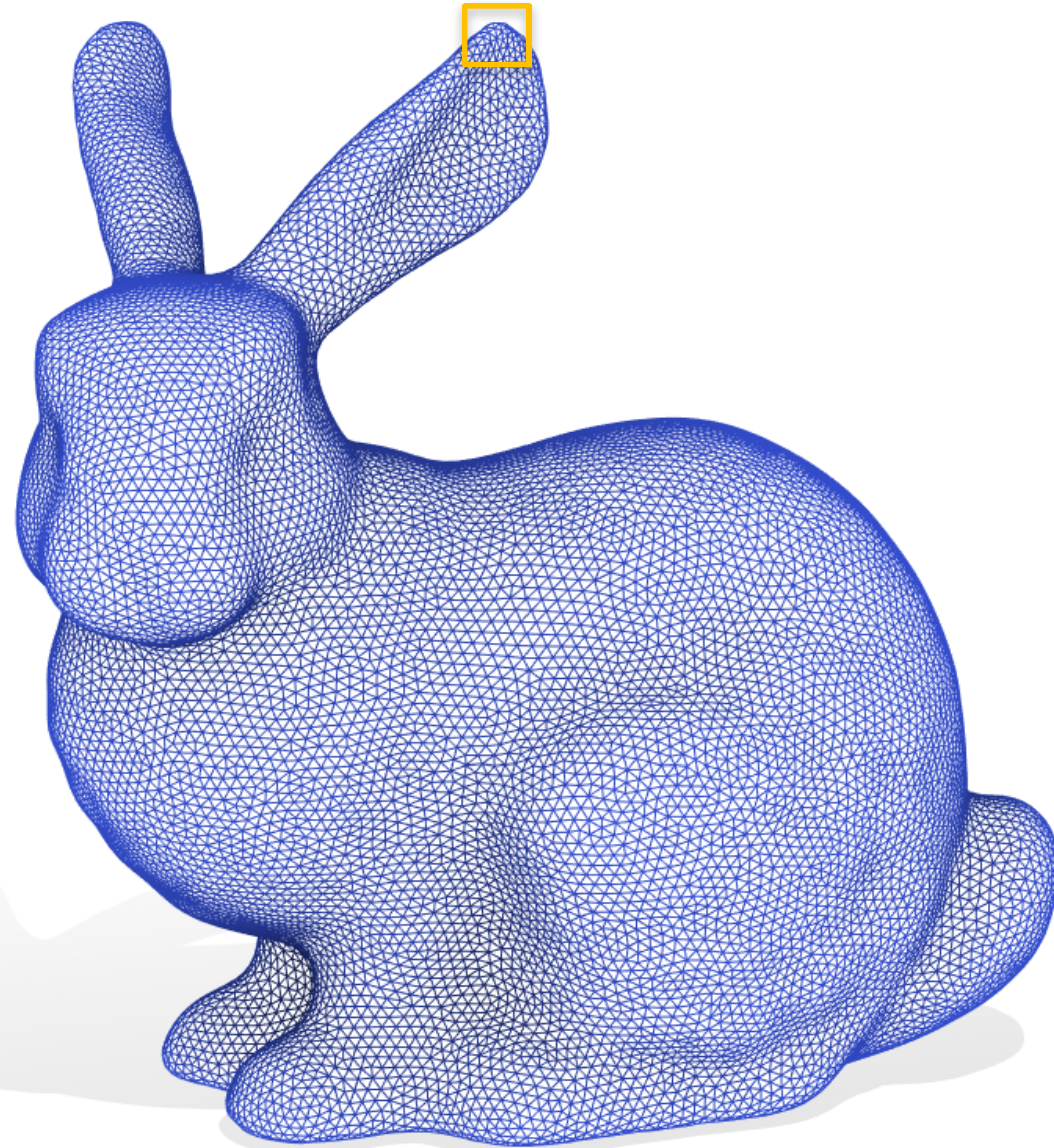


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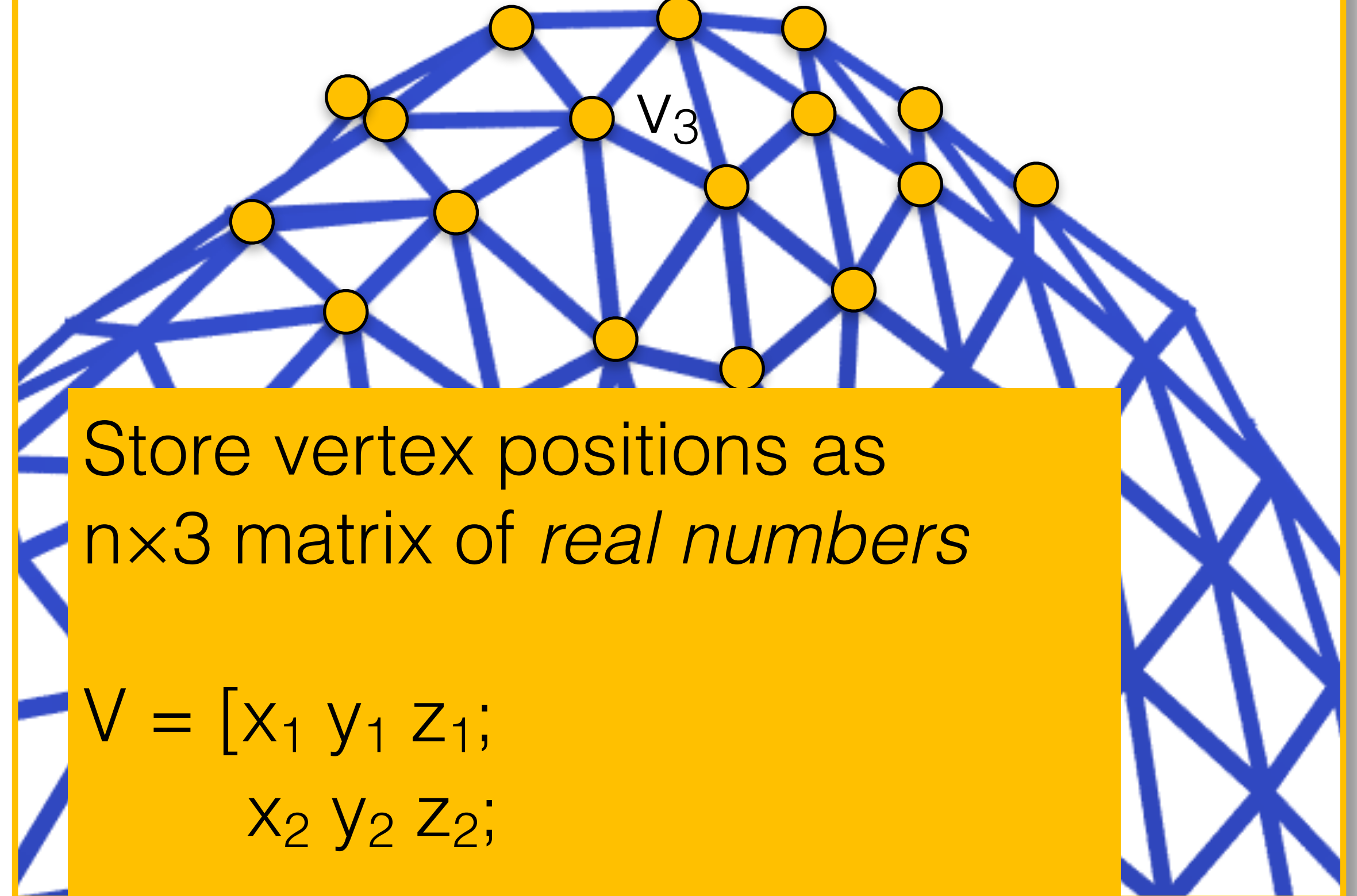




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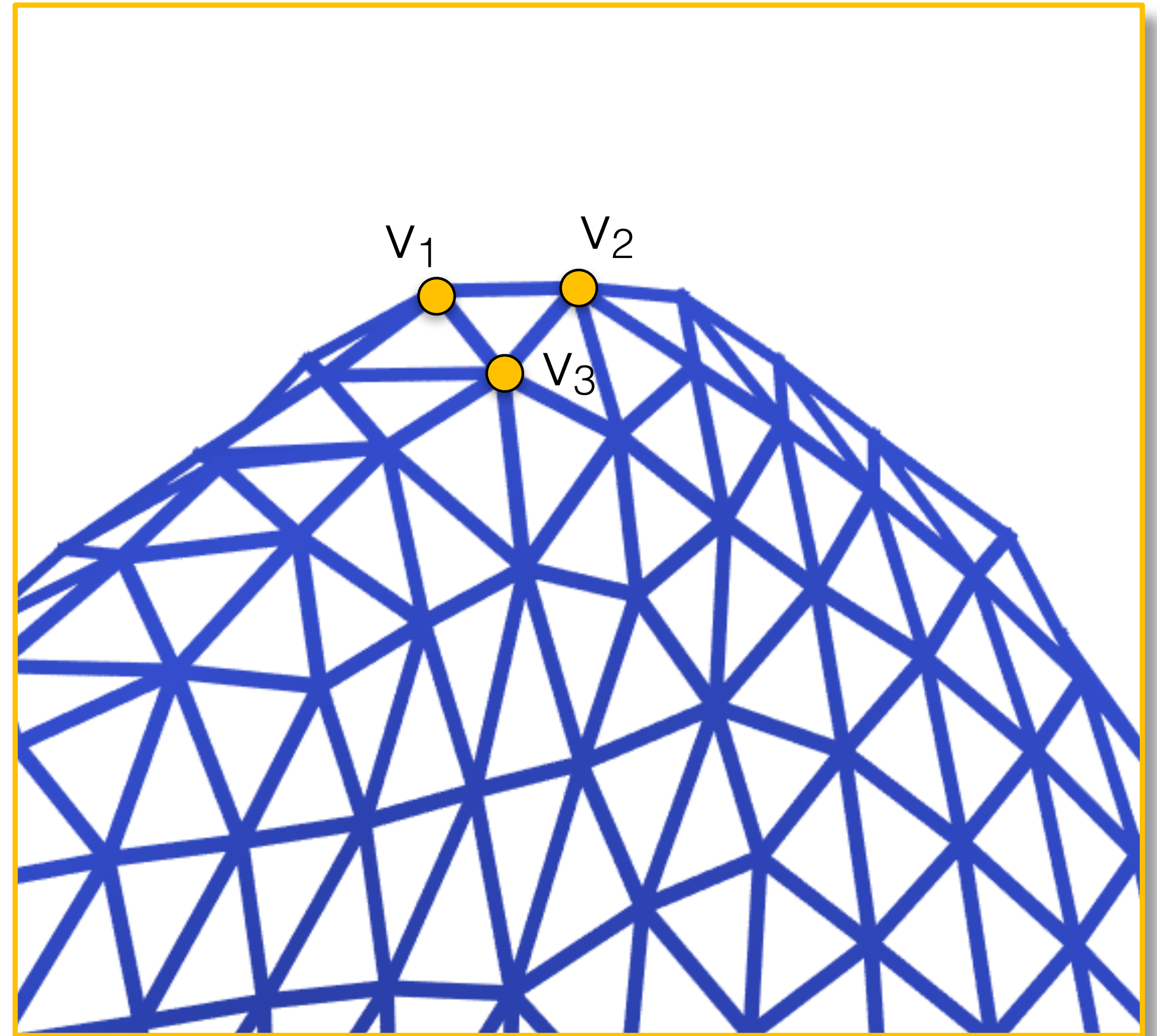
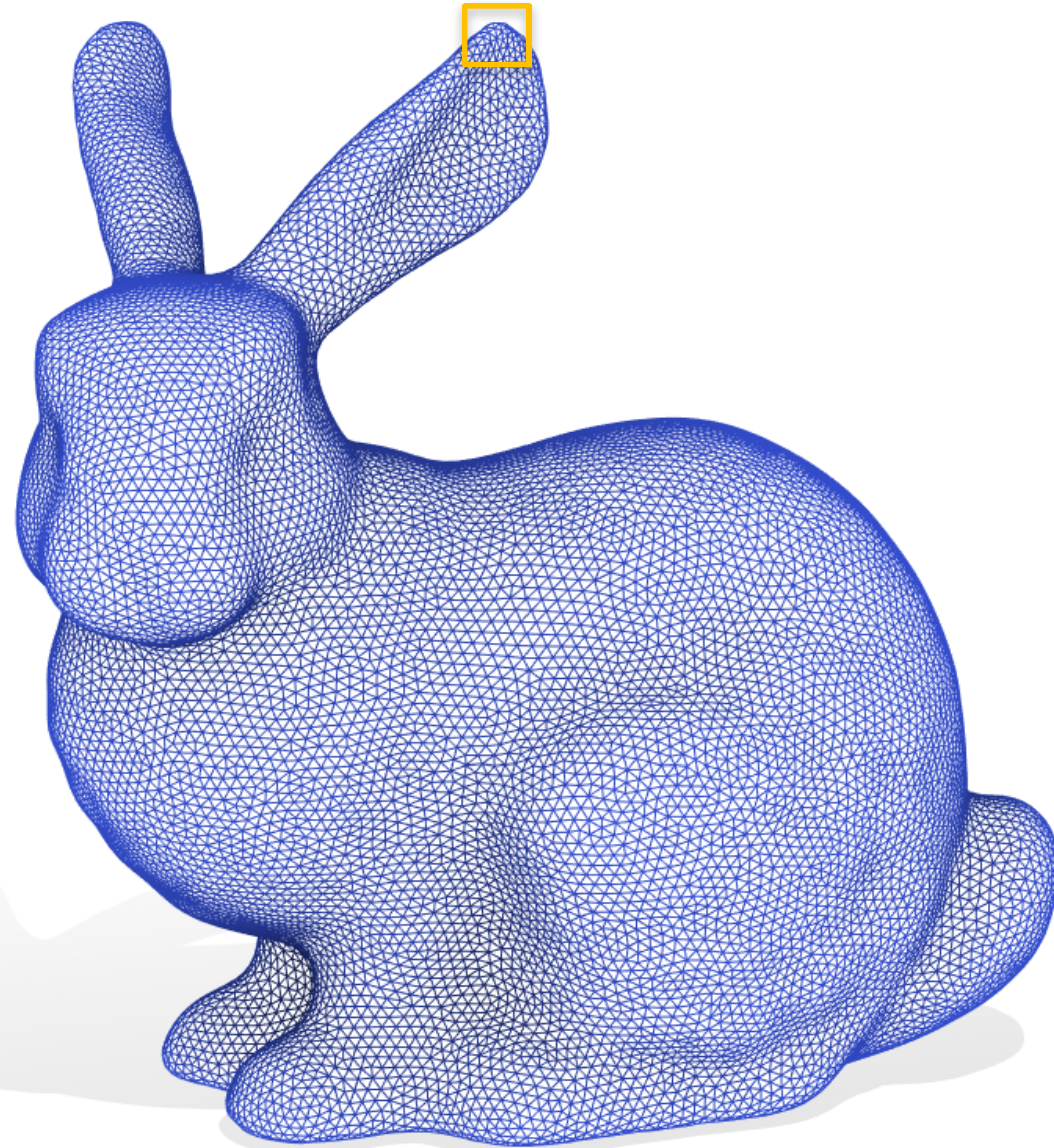


Store vertex positions as  
 $n \times 3$  matrix of *real numbers*

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & z_1; \\ x_2 & y_2 & z_2; \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ x_n & y_n & z_n \end{bmatrix}$$

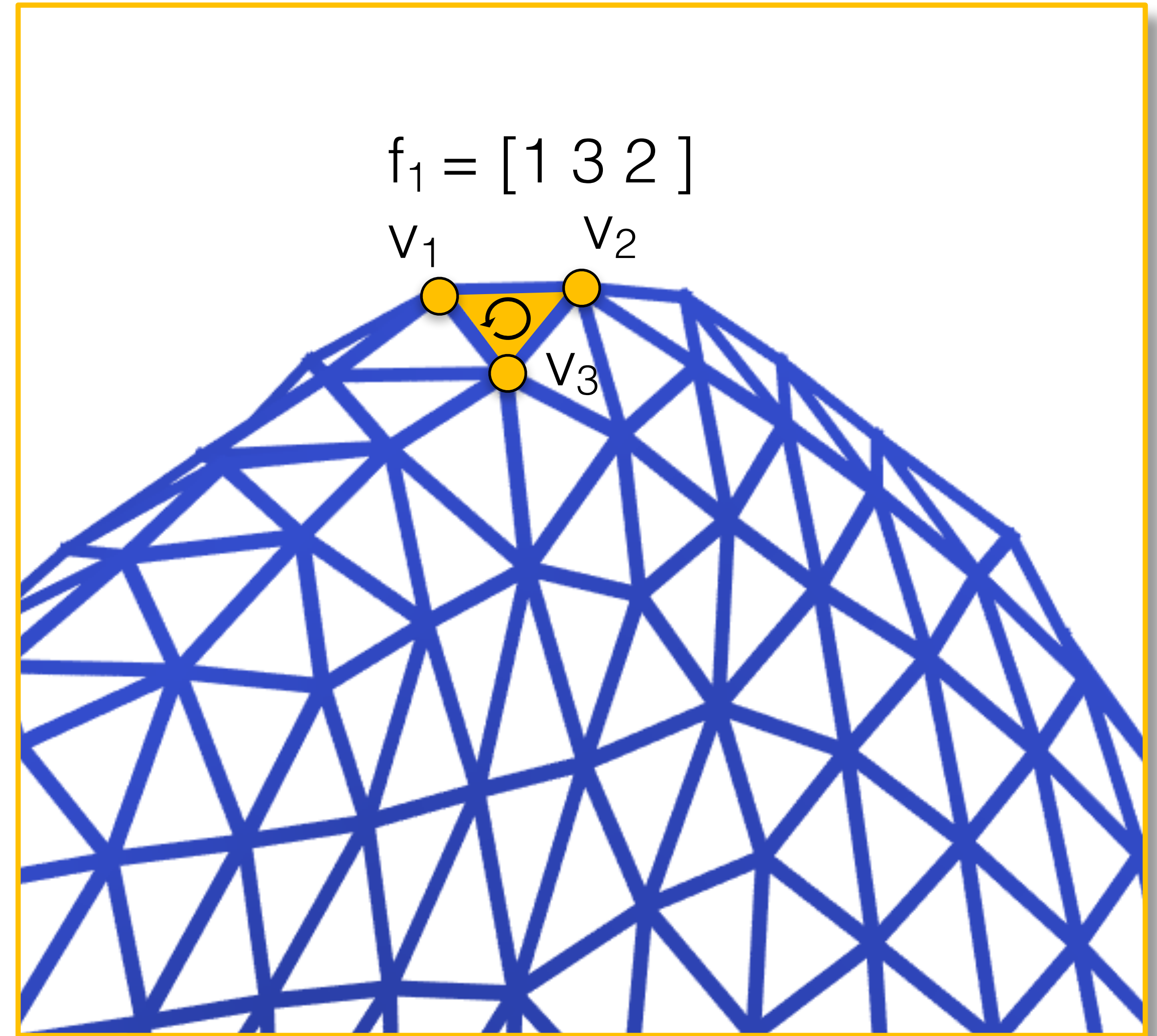
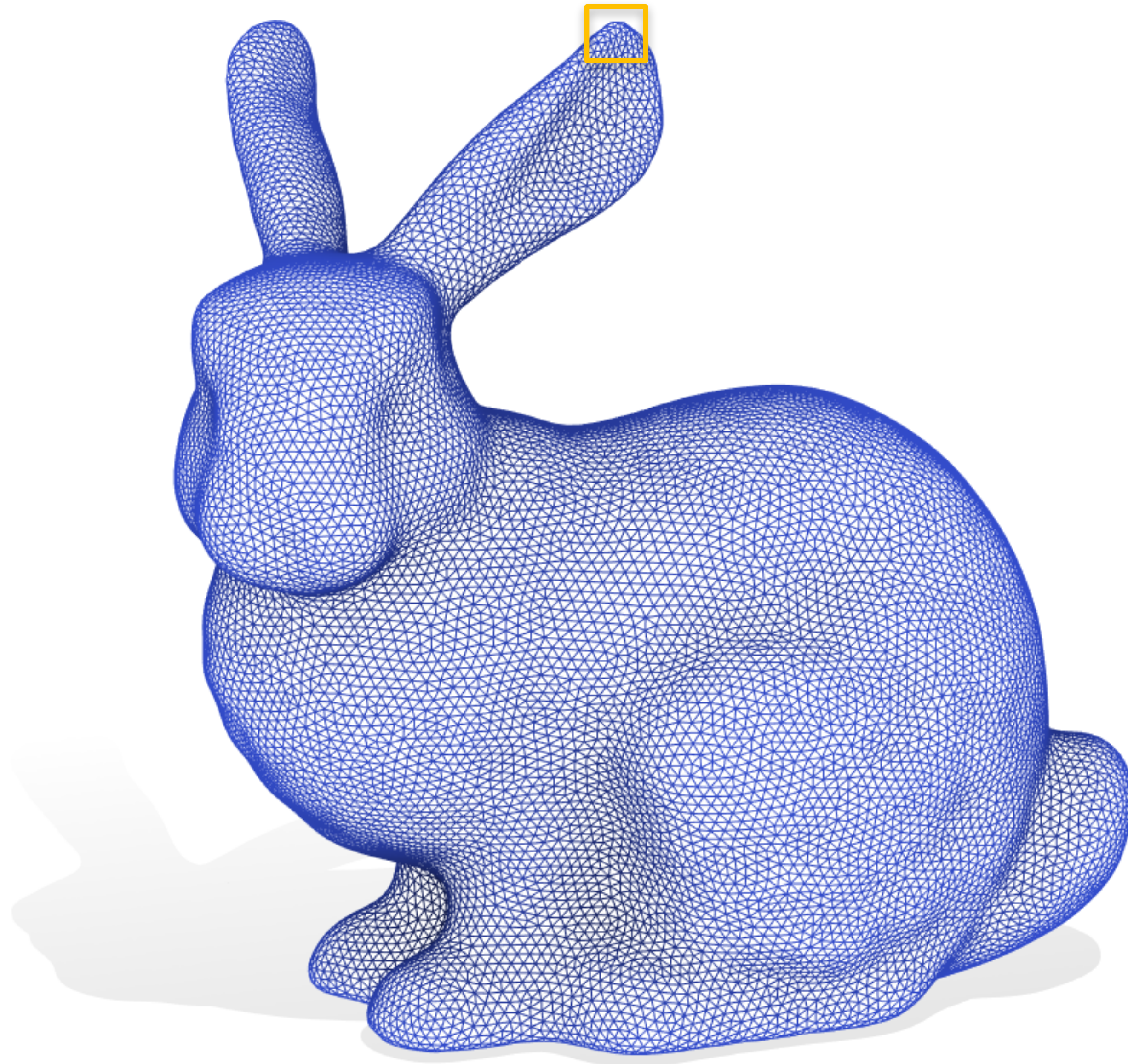


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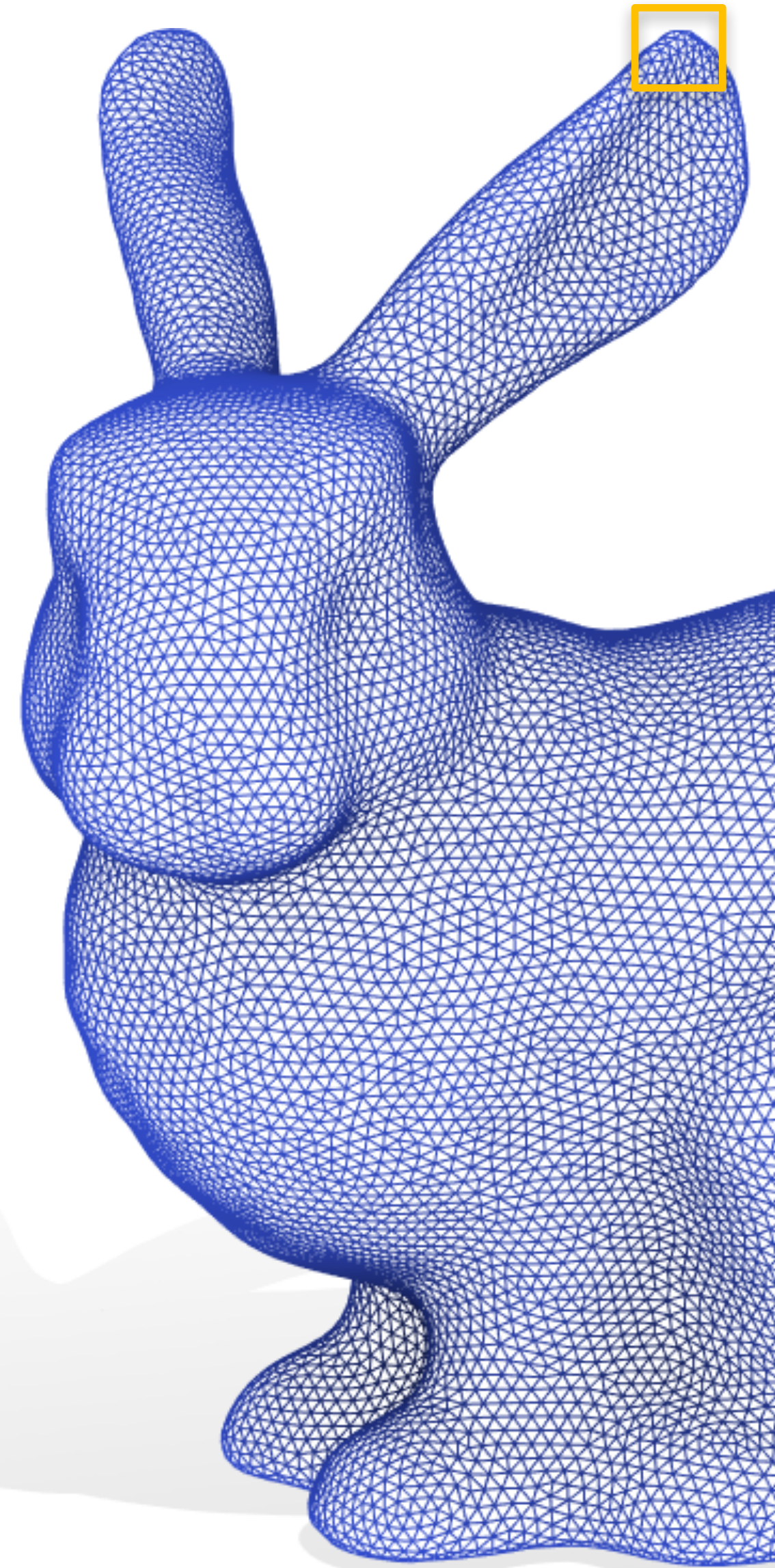


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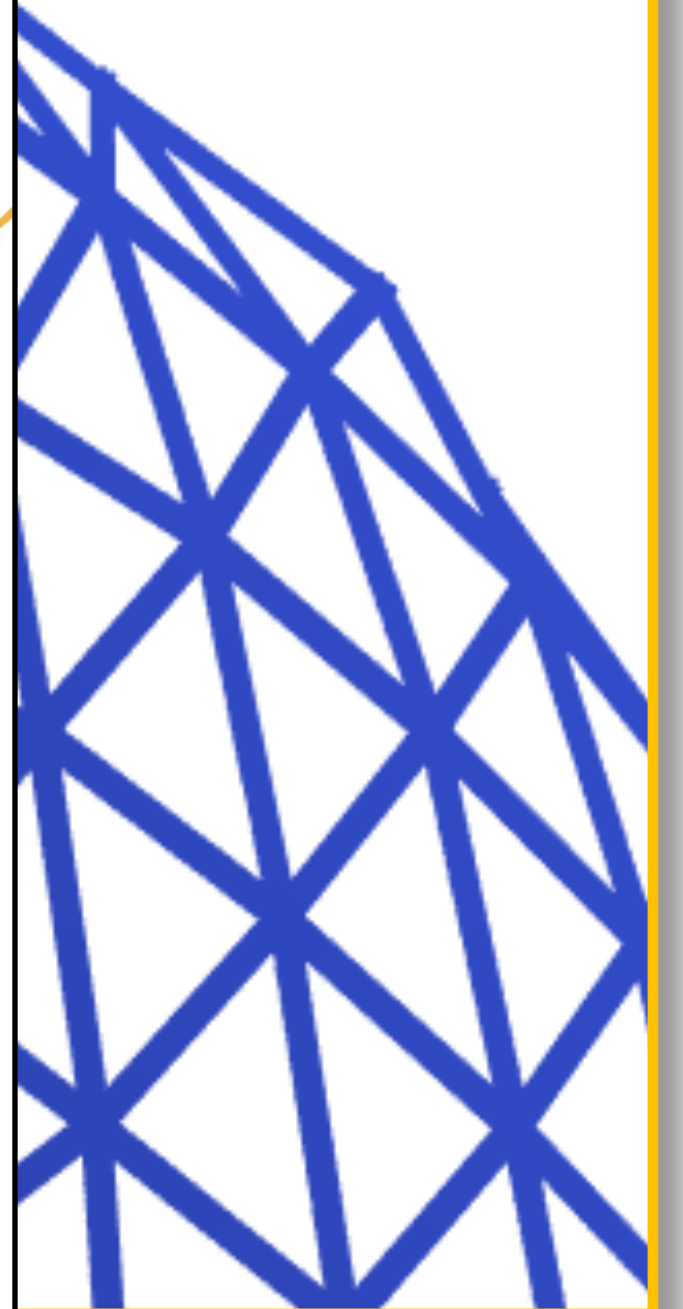
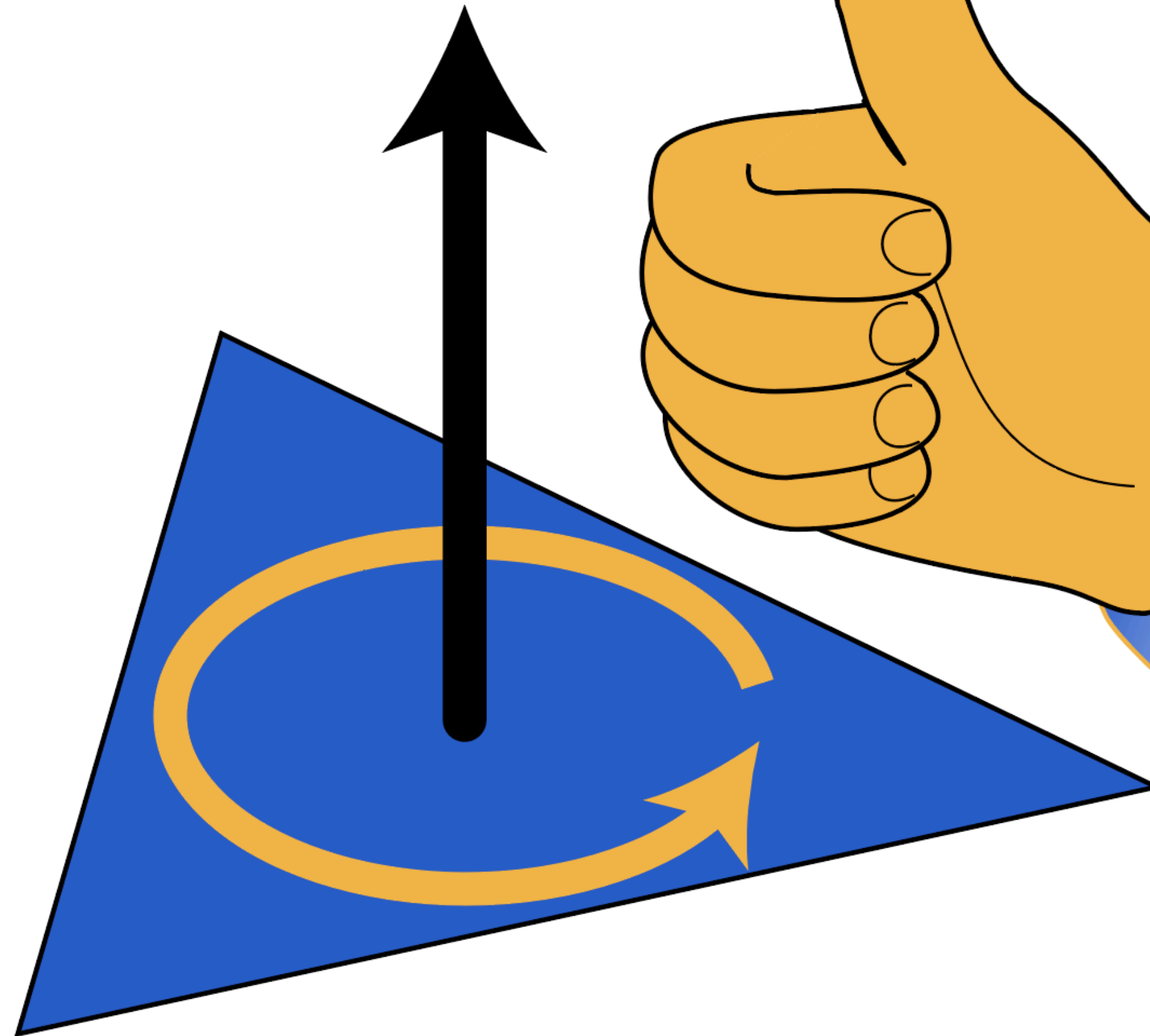




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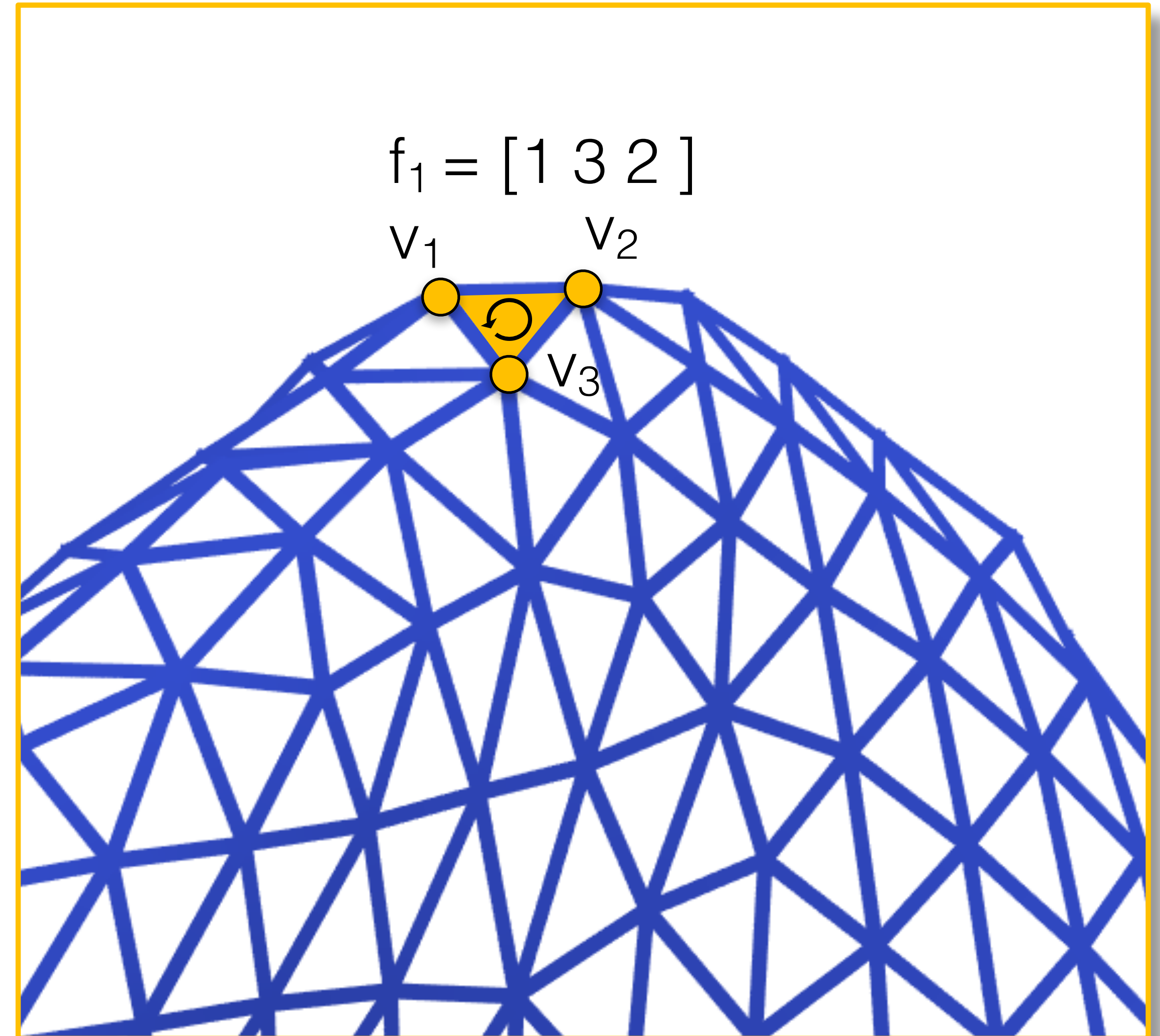
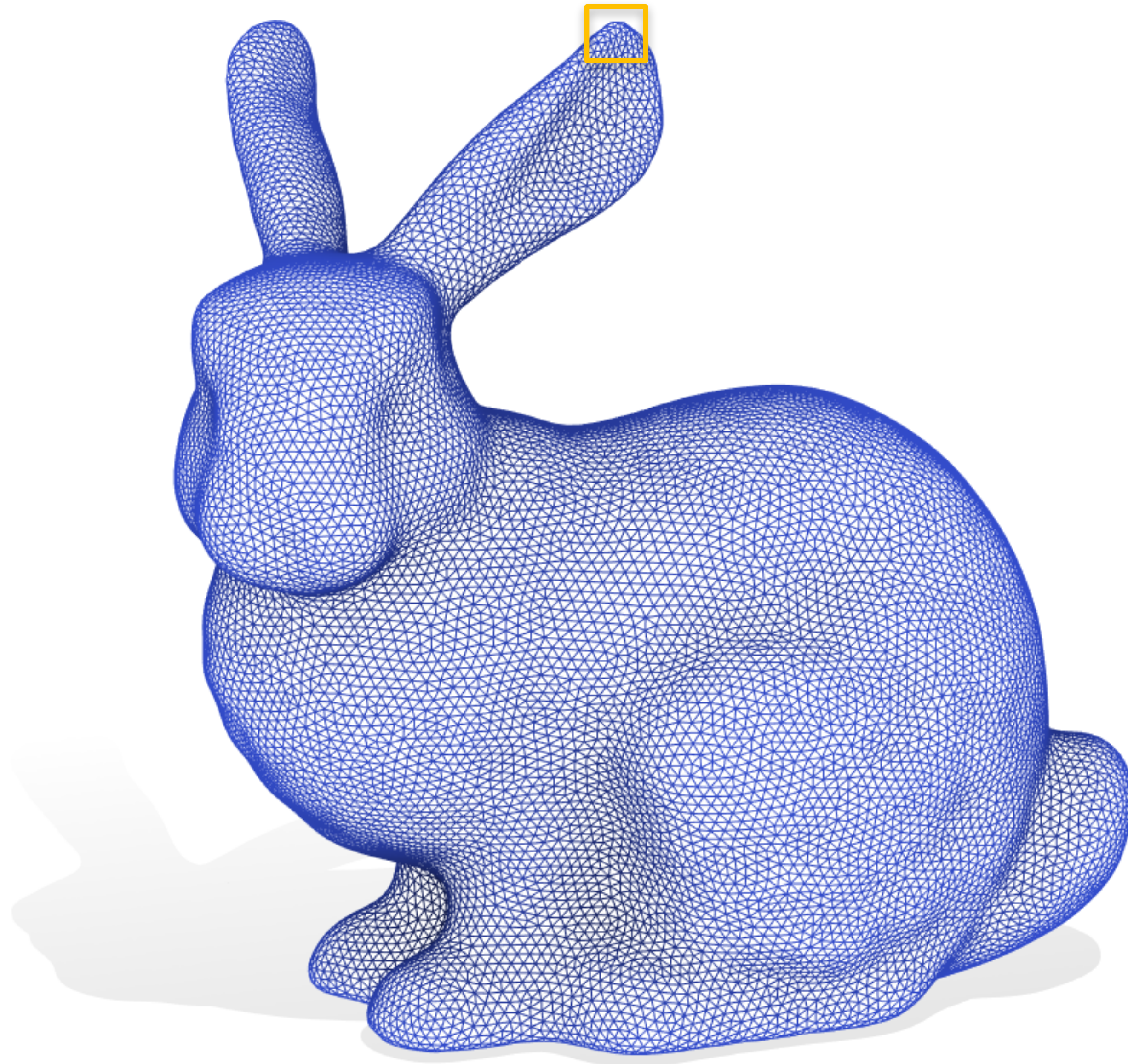


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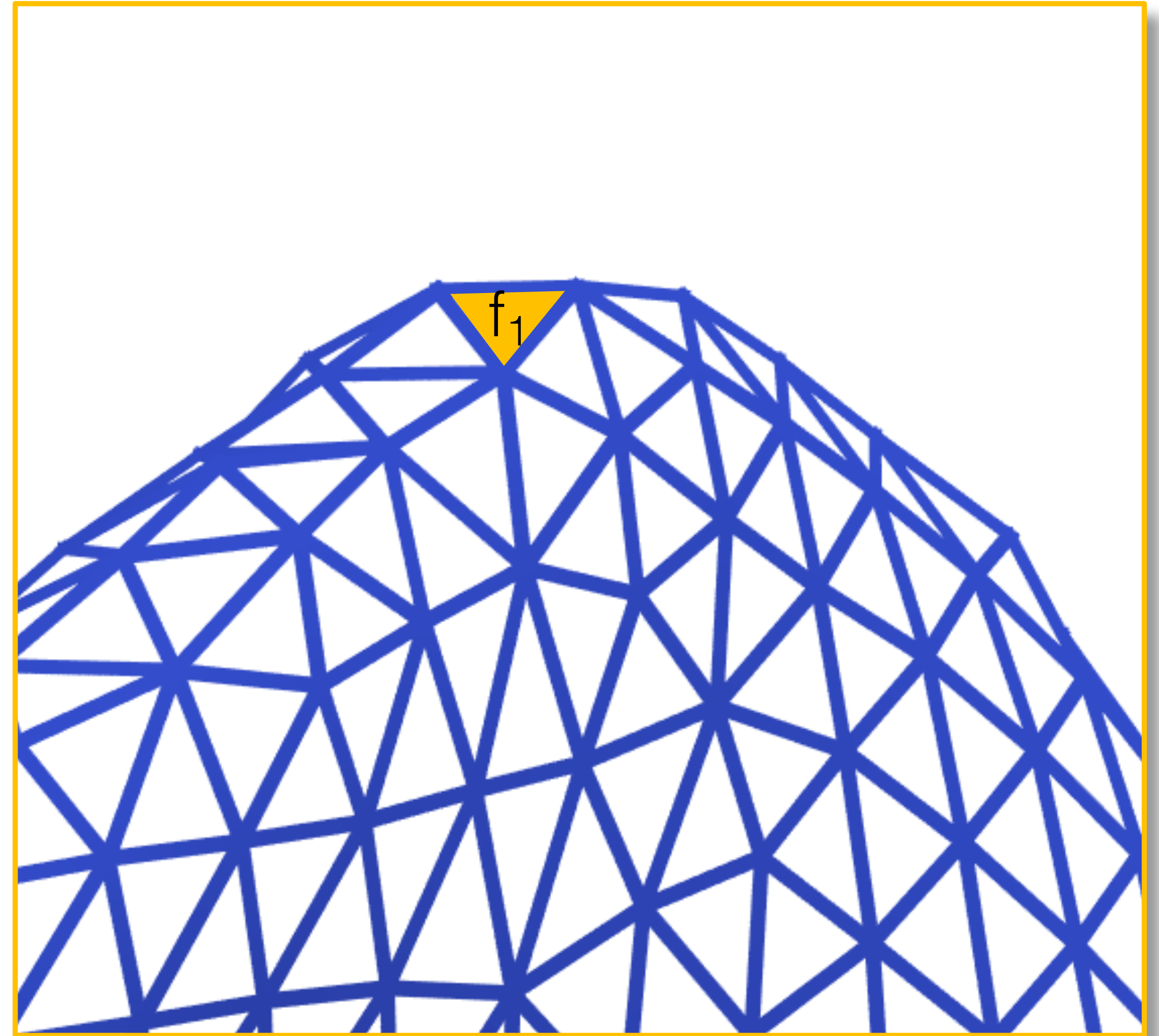
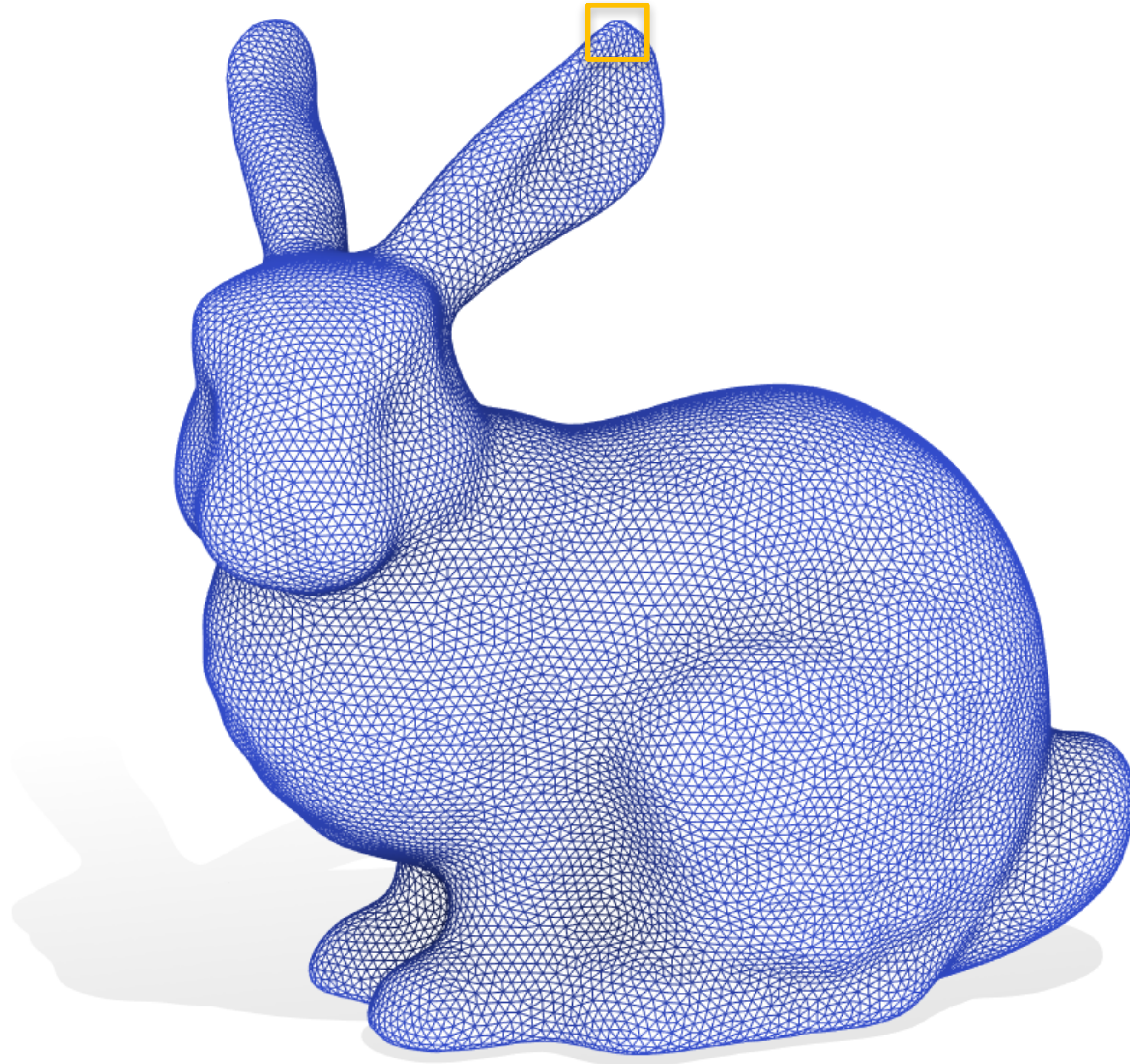


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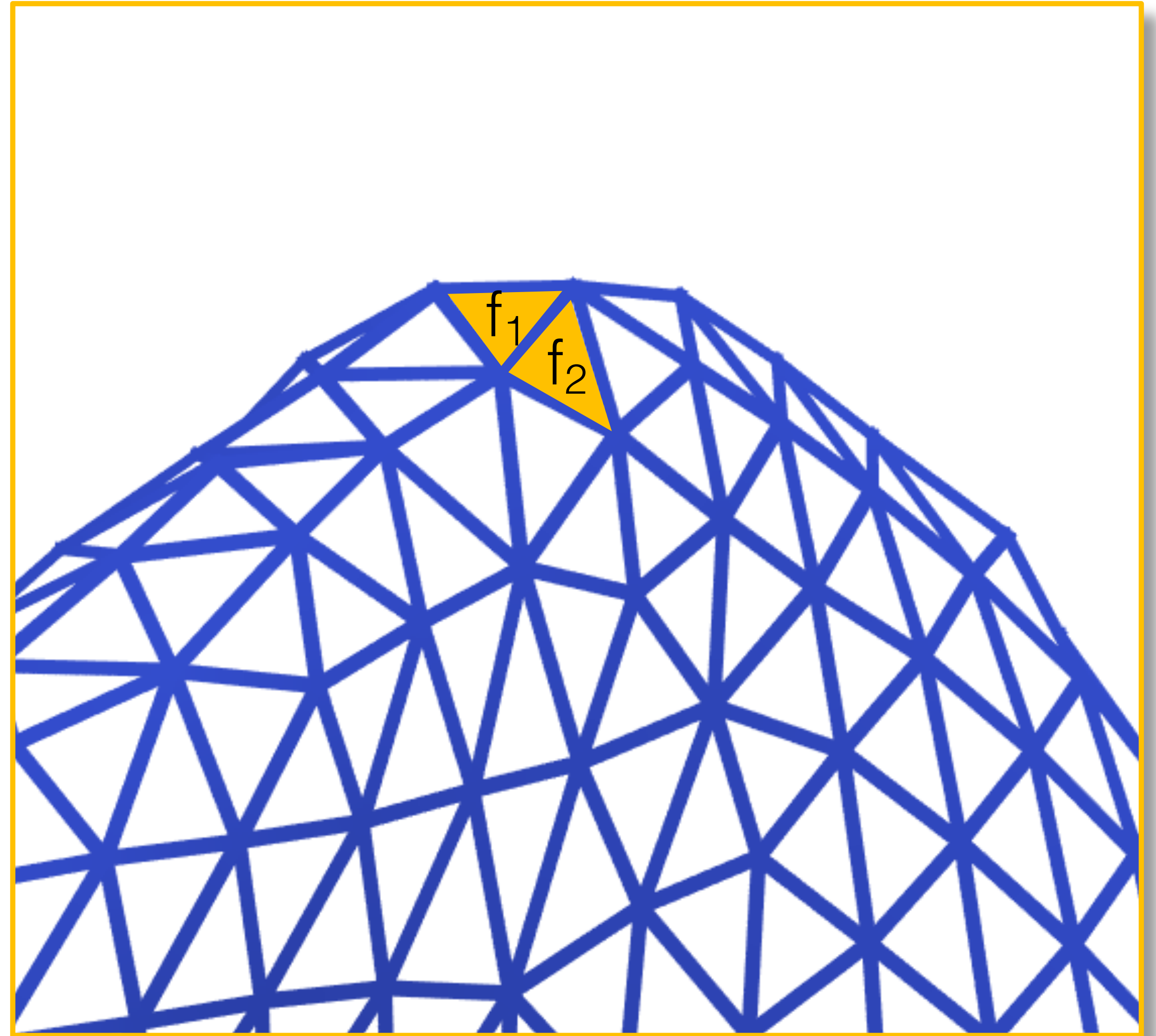
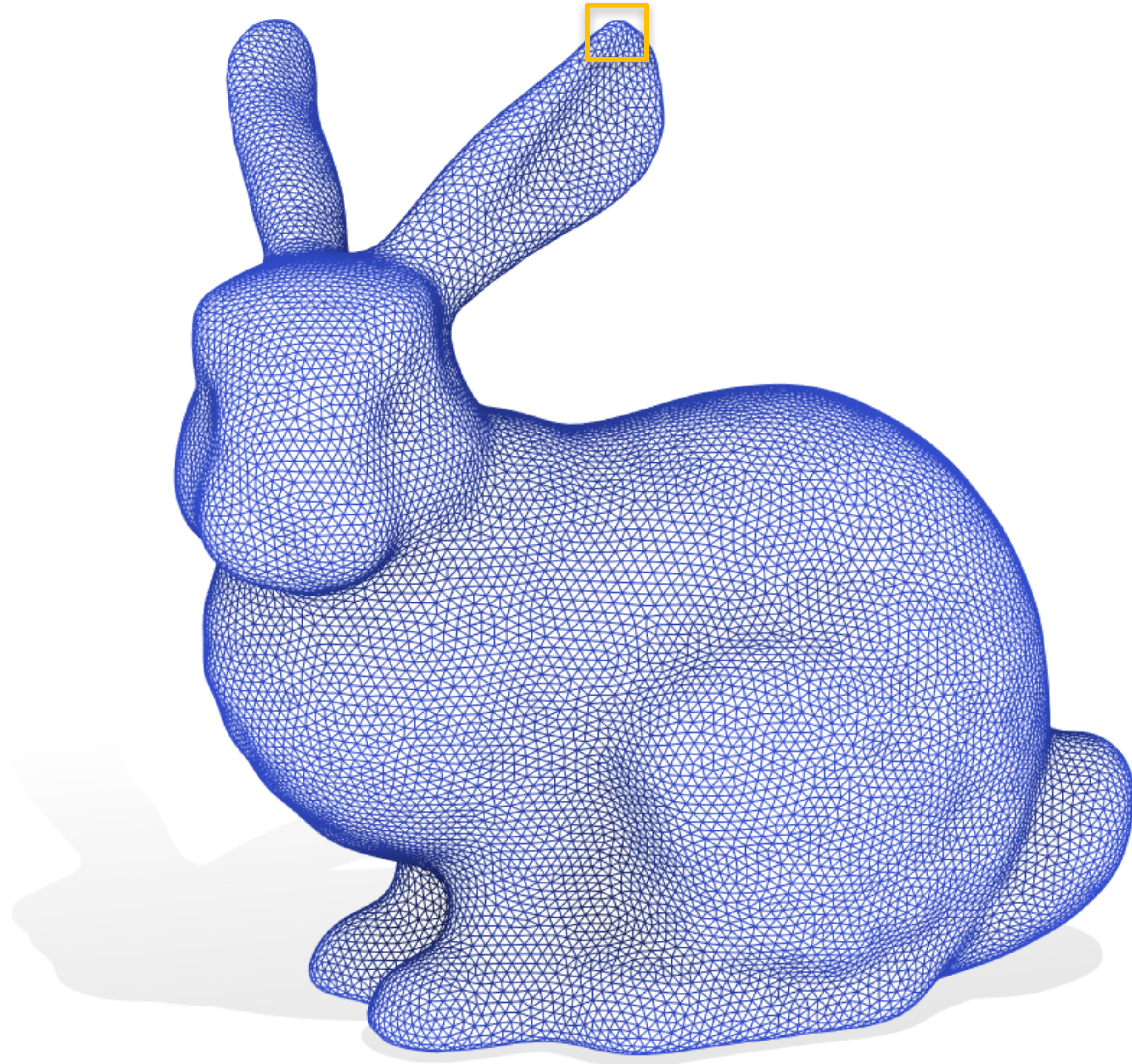


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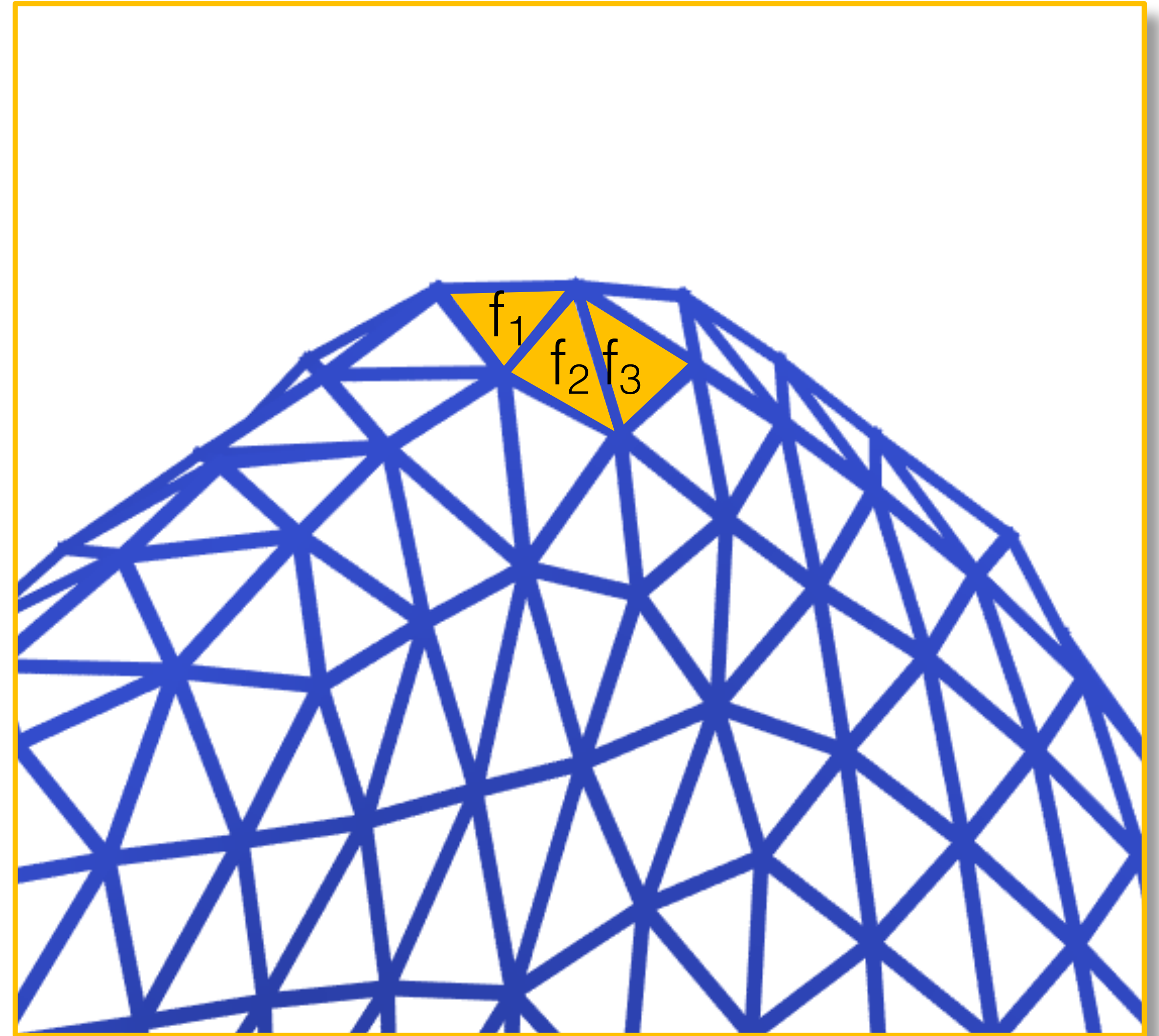
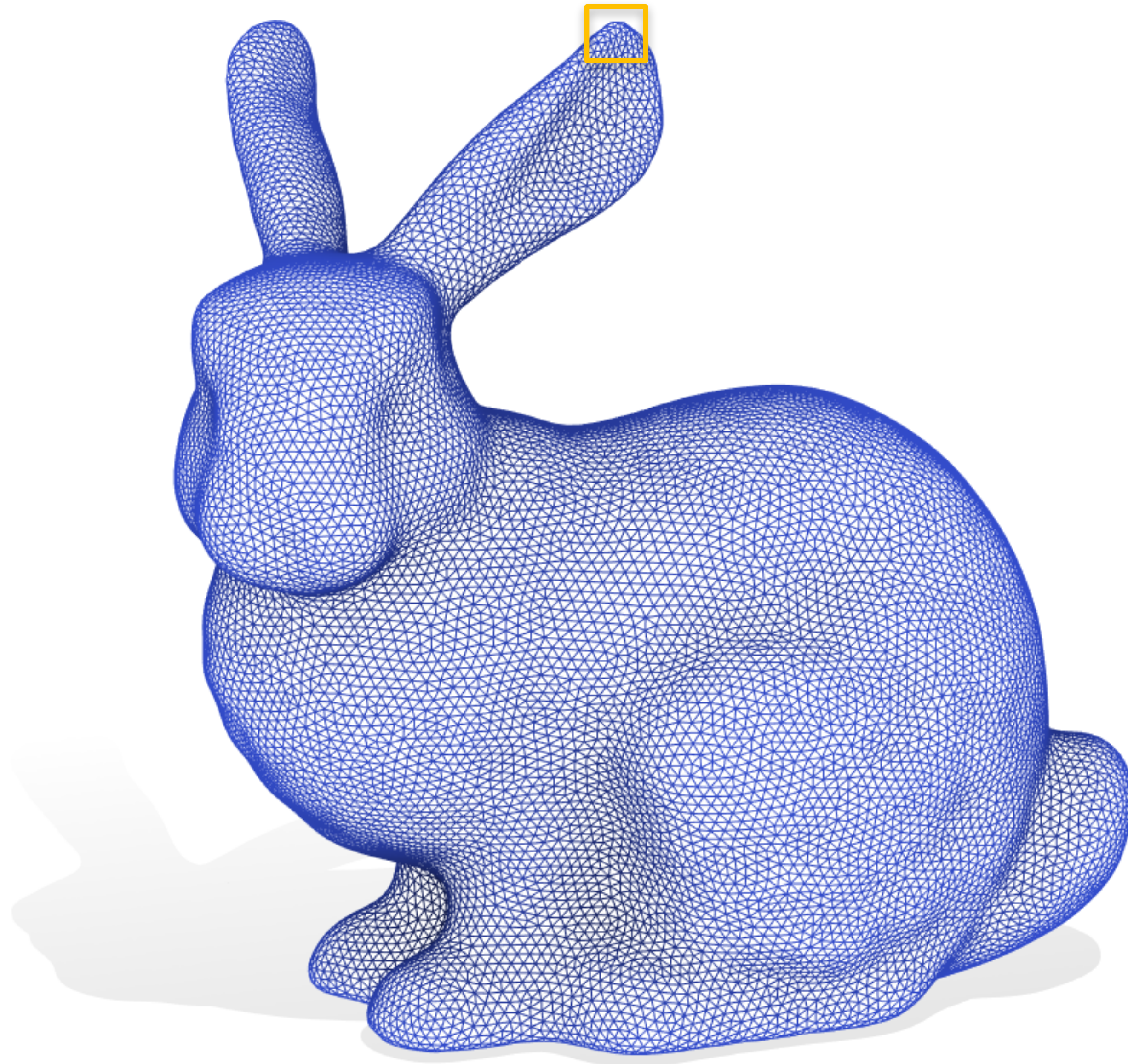


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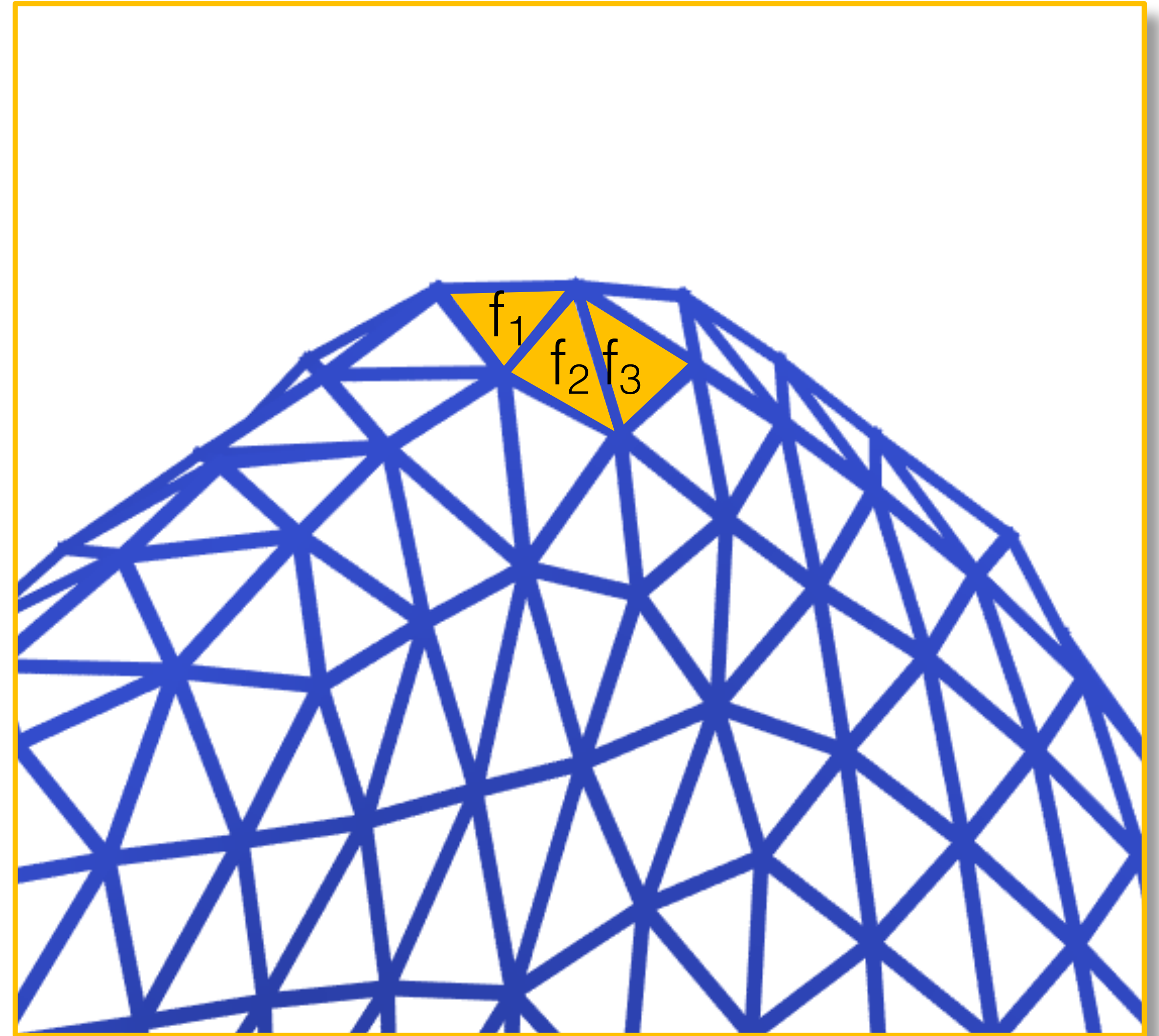
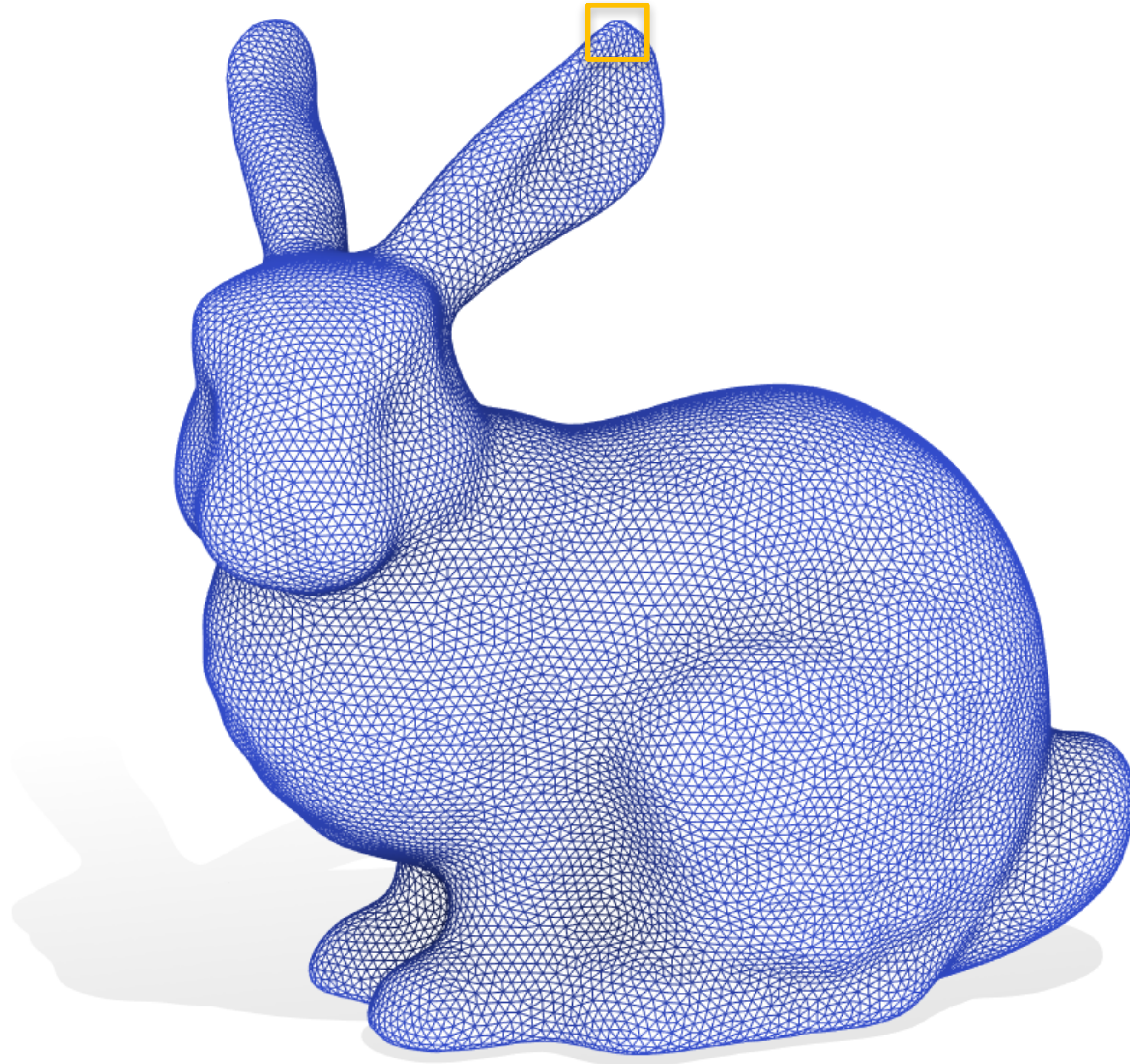


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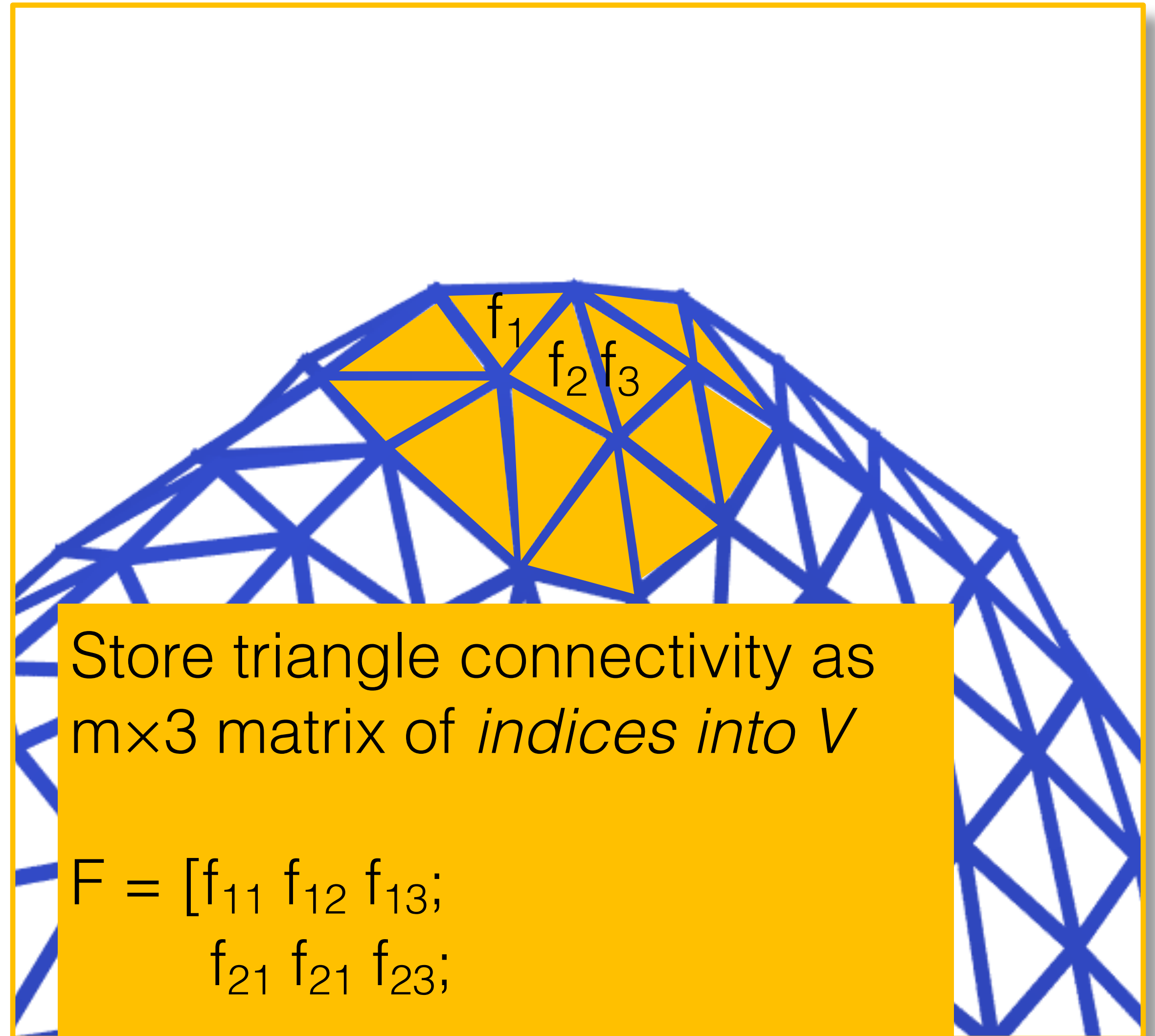
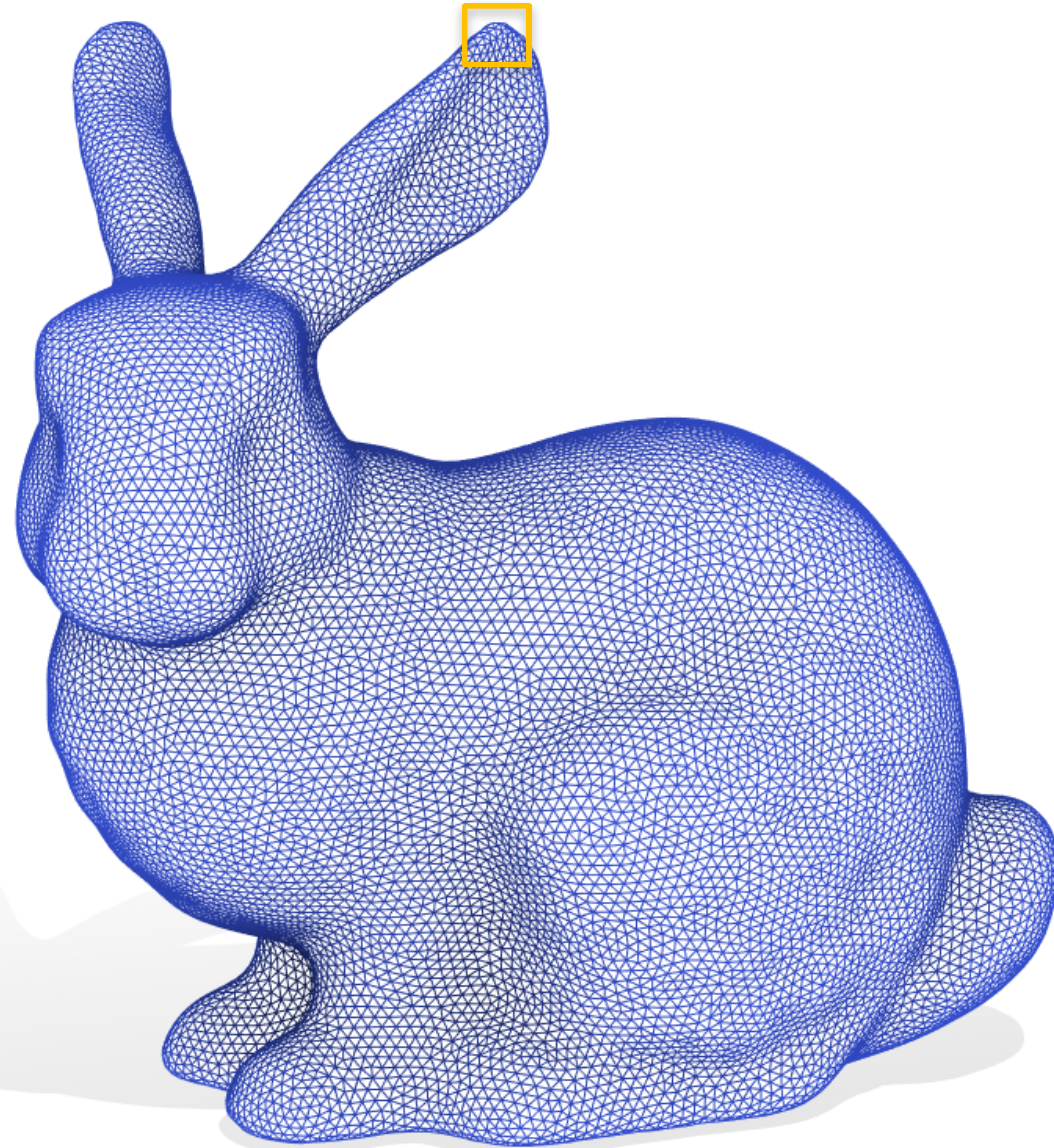


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Store triangle connectivity as  
 $m \times 3$  matrix of *indices into  $V$*

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} & f_{13}; \\ f_{21} & f_{22} & f_{23}; \\ \dots & & \\ f_{n1} & f_{n2} & f_{n3} \end{bmatrix}$$



# Why RAW matrices?

- Memory efficient and cache friendly
- Indices are simpler to debug than pointers
- Trivially copied and serialized
- **Interchangeable** with other libraries: **numpy**, pyTorch, Tensorflow, Scipy, MATLAB, OpenCV





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# Binder Demo