

# Sketching, Scaffolding, and Inking: A Visual History for Interactive 3D Modeling

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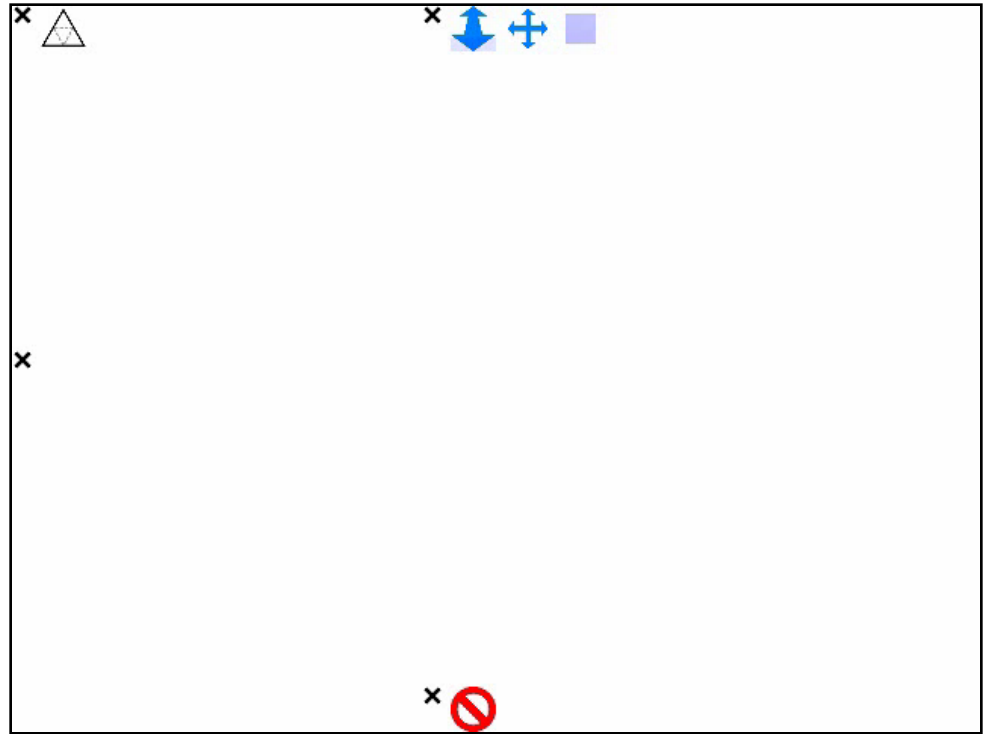


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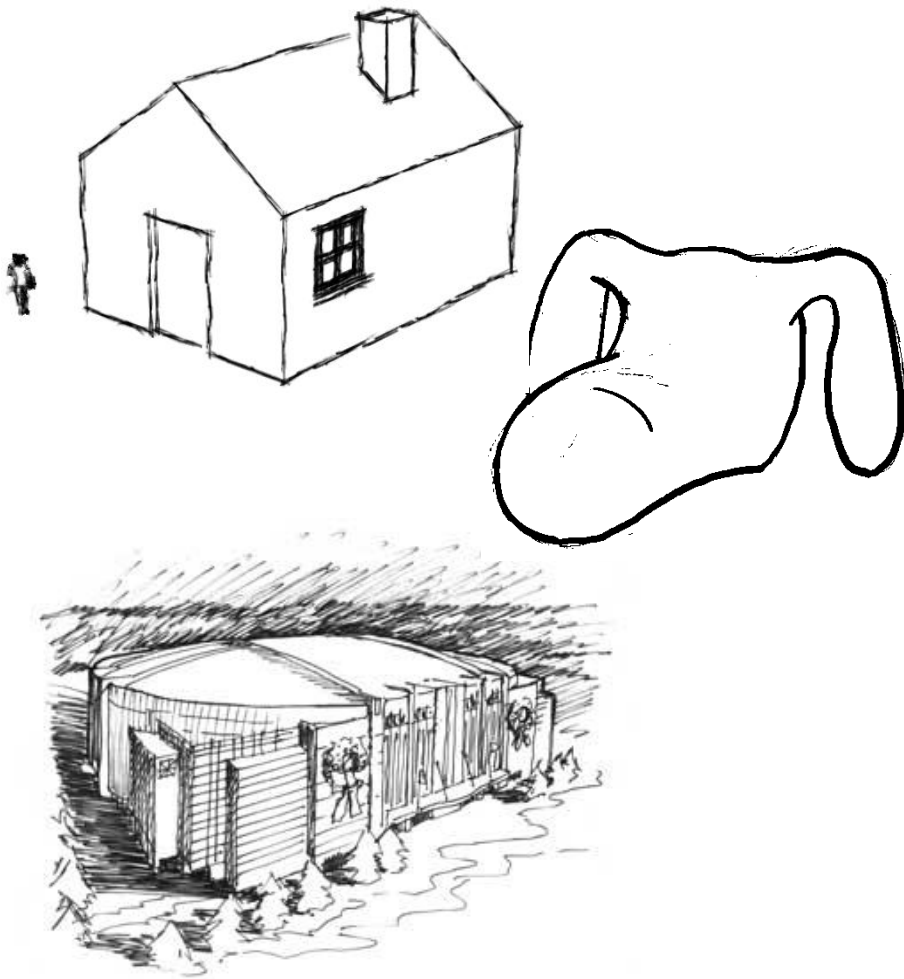
# 10,000-Foot View

- How can we better support the design process in 3D modeling software?
- Sketch-Based Modeling
- Improve 3D model understanding

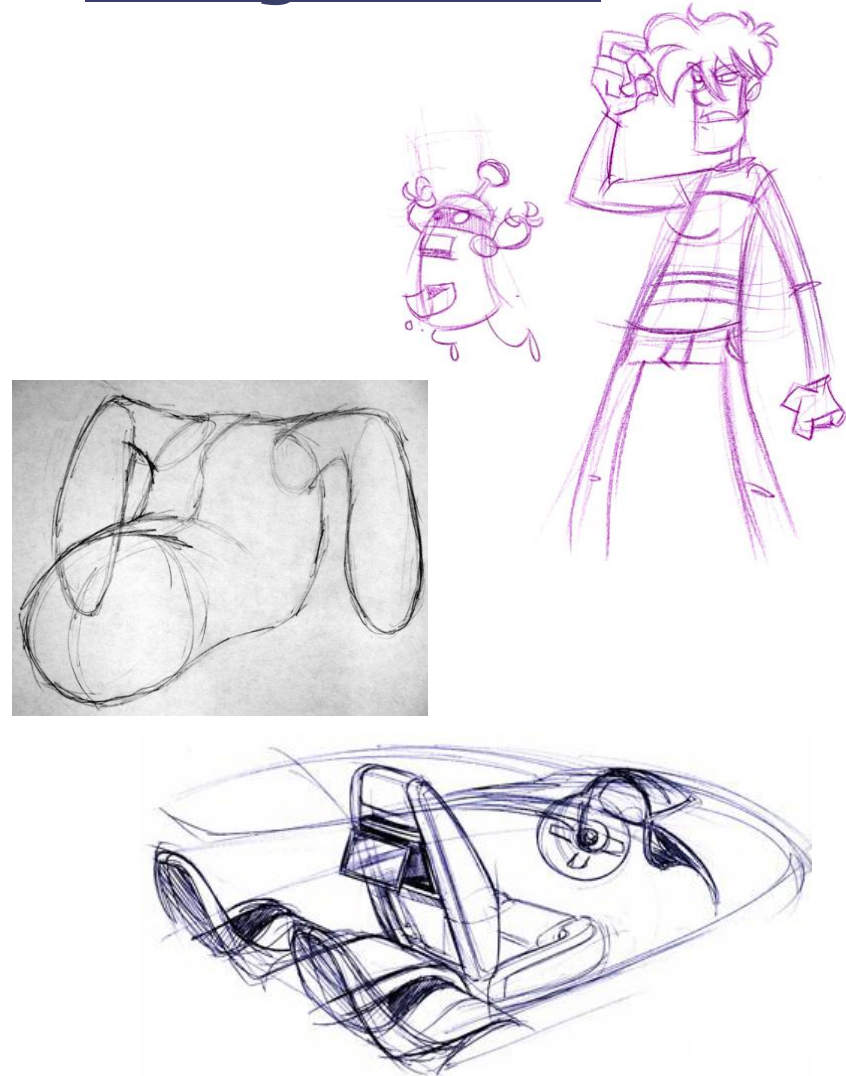


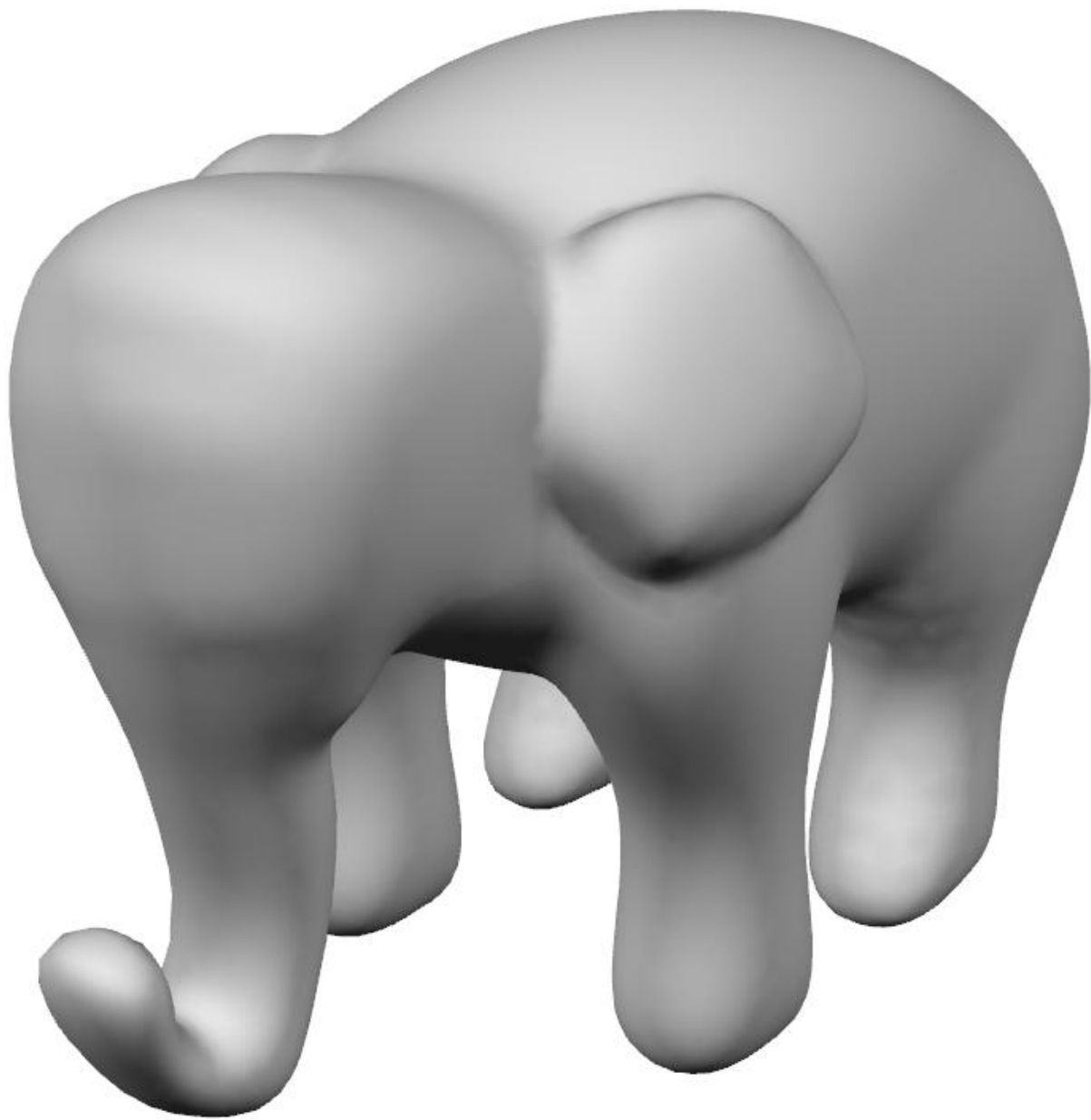
# Visual Representations

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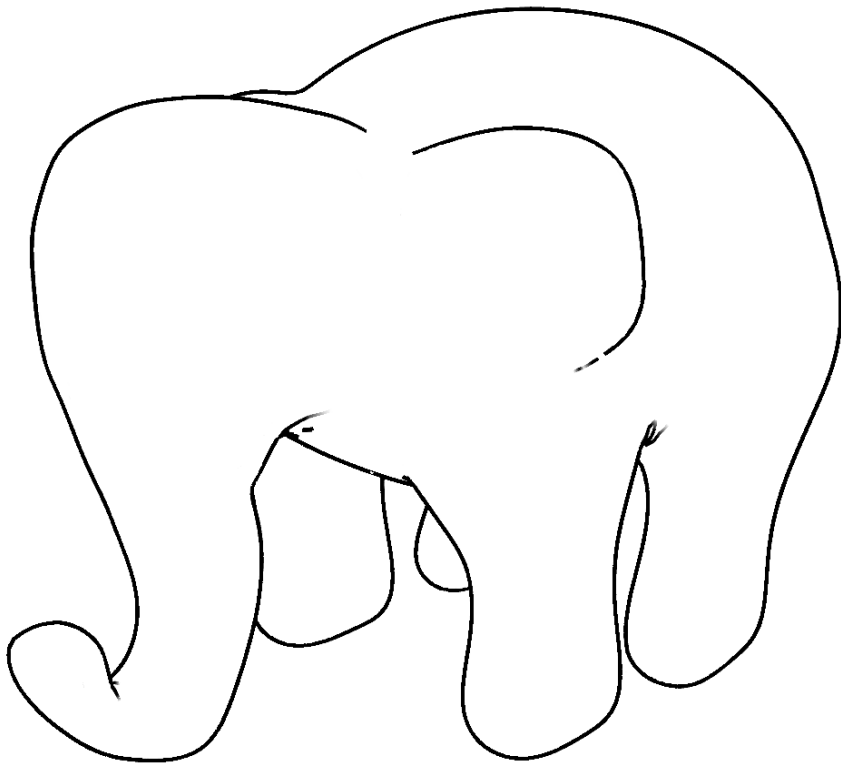


Design sketch

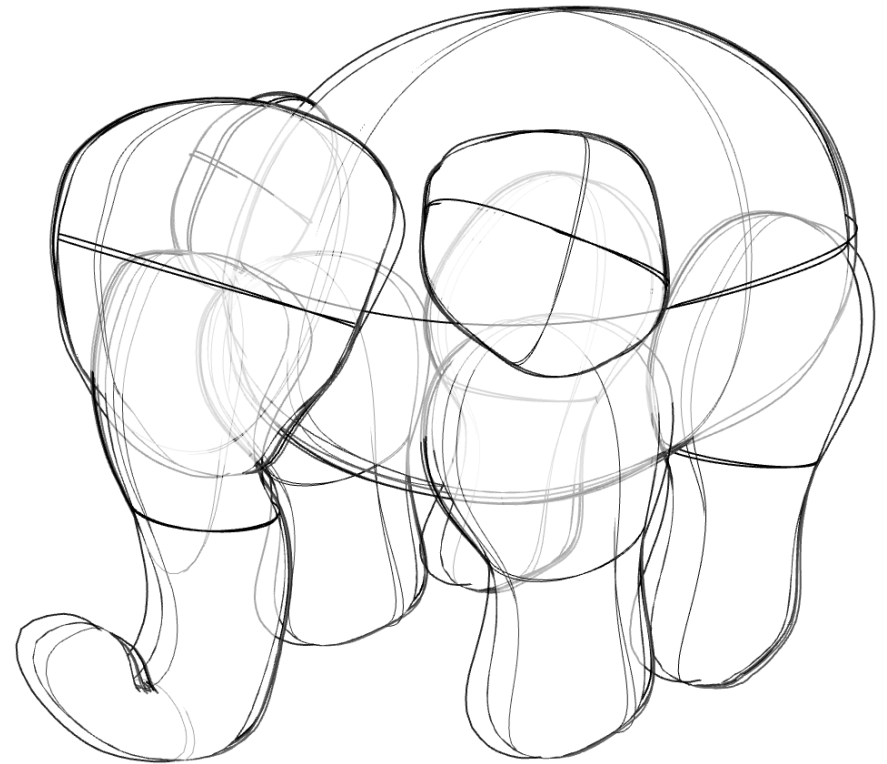


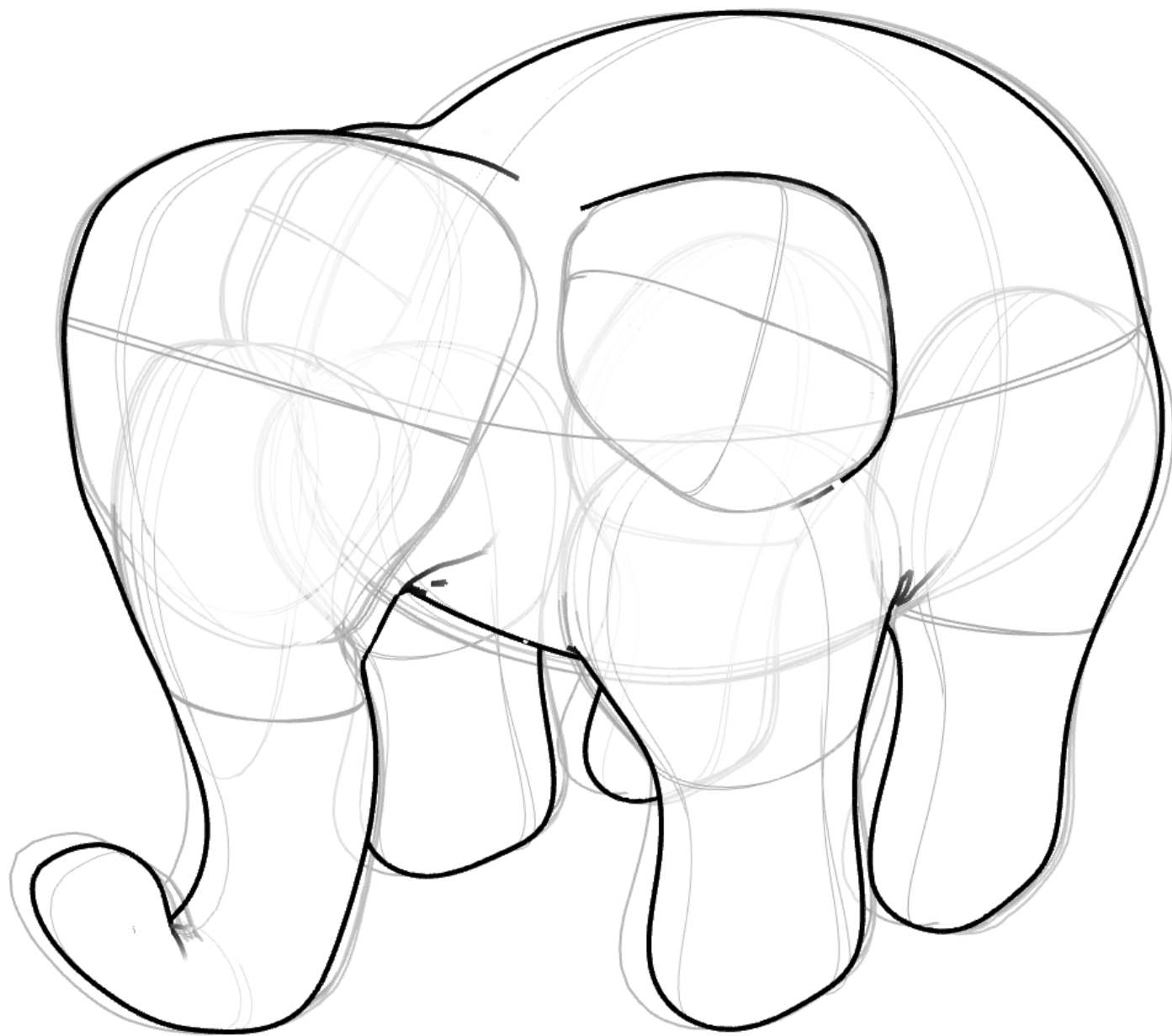


**Production sketch**



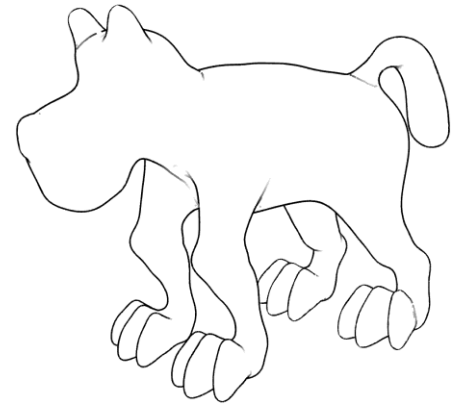
**Design sketch**





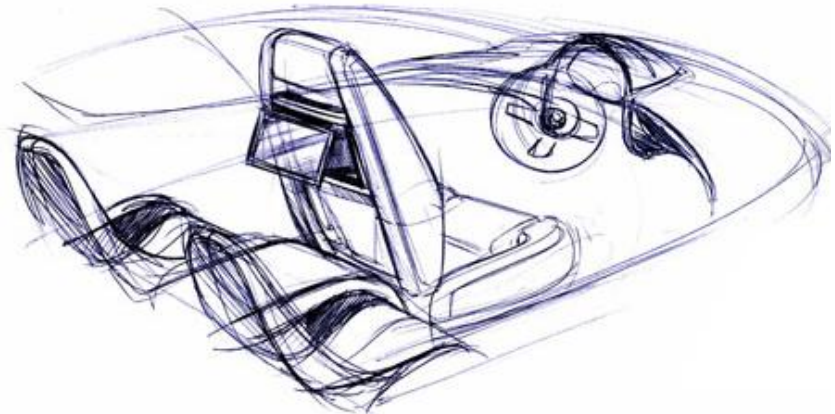
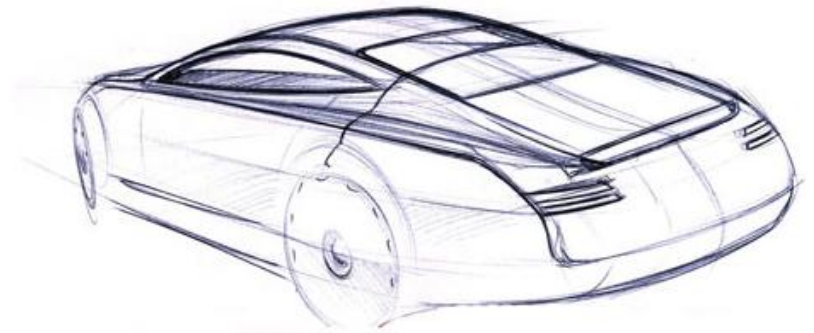
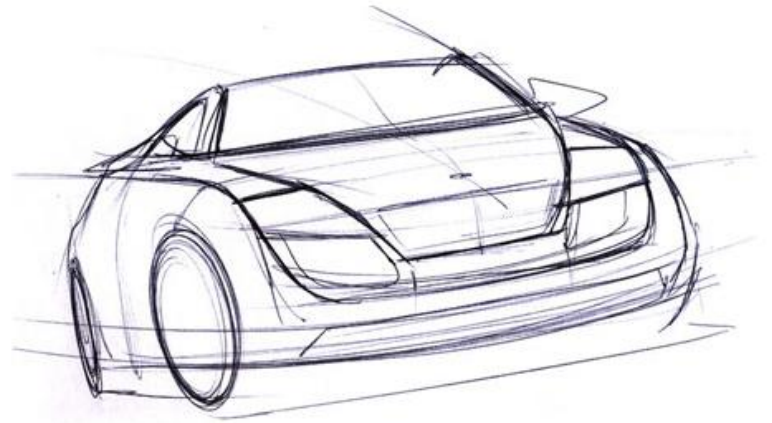
# Goals

- Figure out how to simulate design sketching
- Integrate w/ production sketch rendering
- Implement in an interactive 3D surface modeler

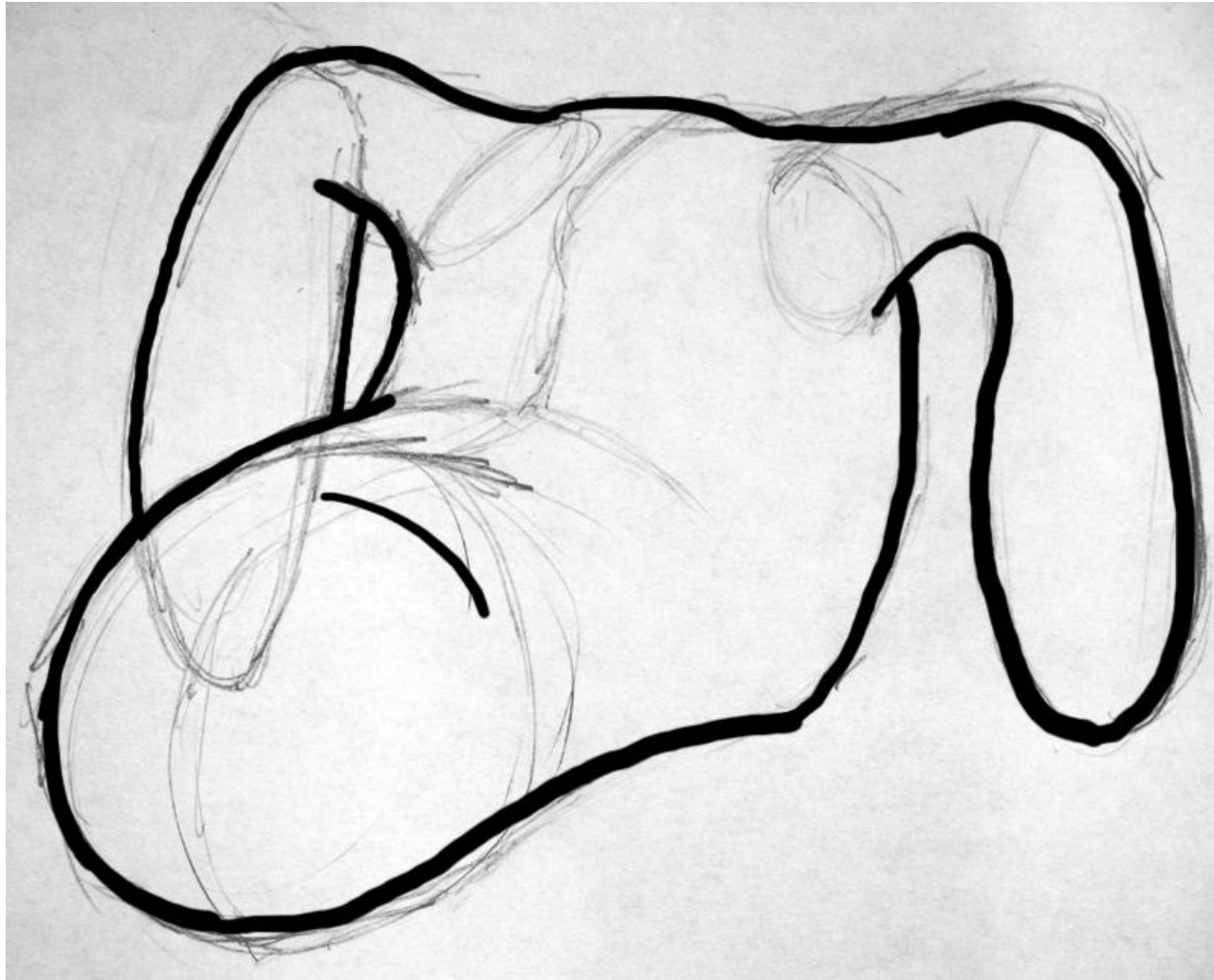




# Design Sketches







# HOW TO DRAW COMICS THE **MARVEL** WAY

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# Comic Art Pipeline



**Sketching / Penciling**



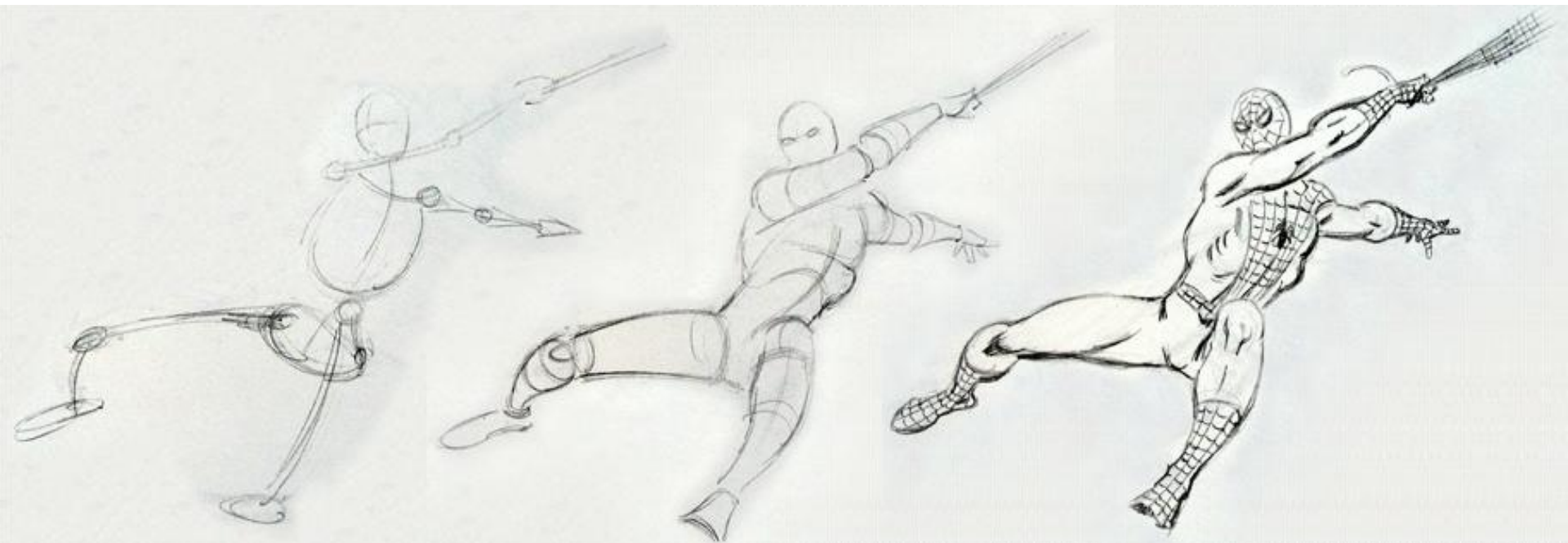
**Inking**



**Coloring**

# Sketching / Penciling

- Iterative refinement
- High-throughput
- Consistency





# Visual Scaffolding

- Temporary artist-created design aids
  - “Construction lines/shapes”, “trace lines”, “guide lines”, etc...

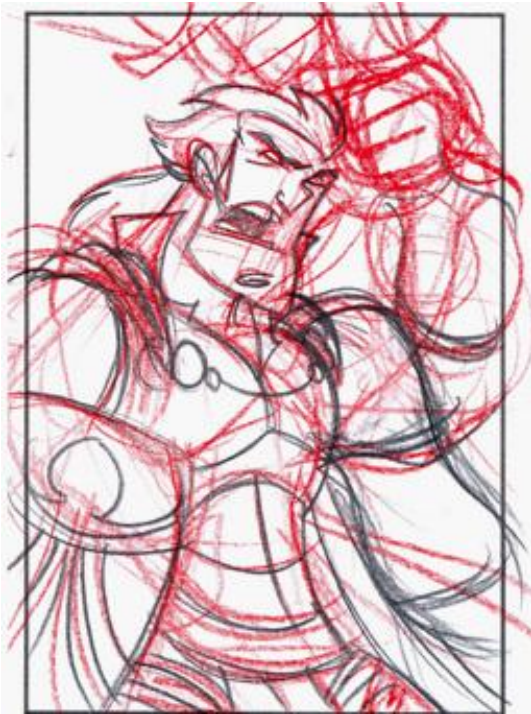
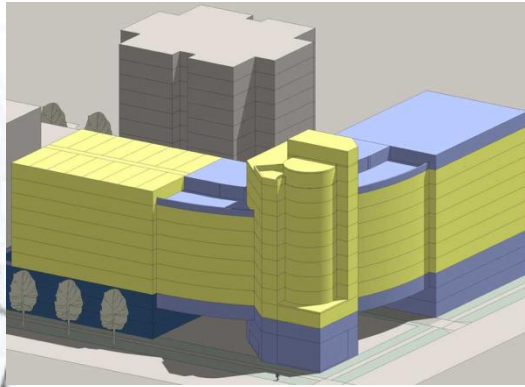
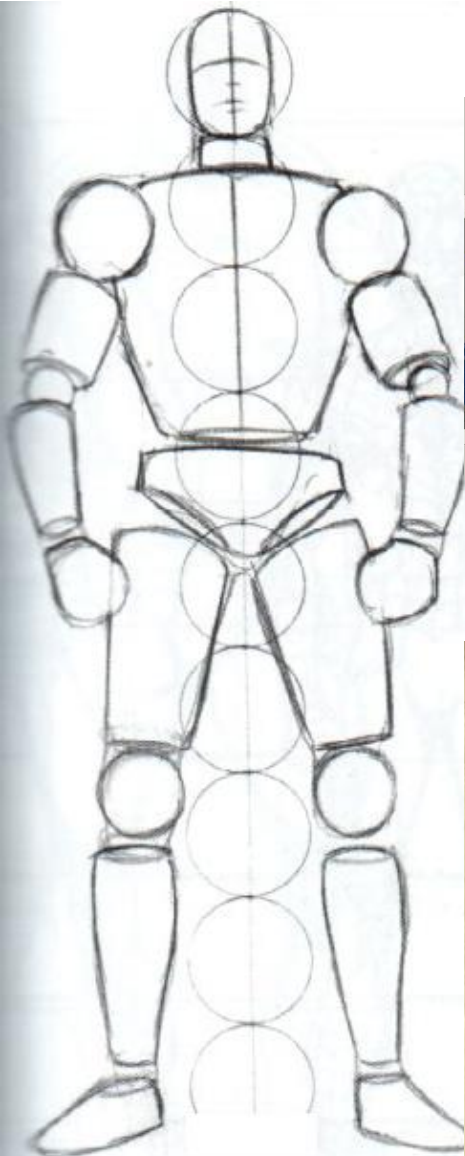


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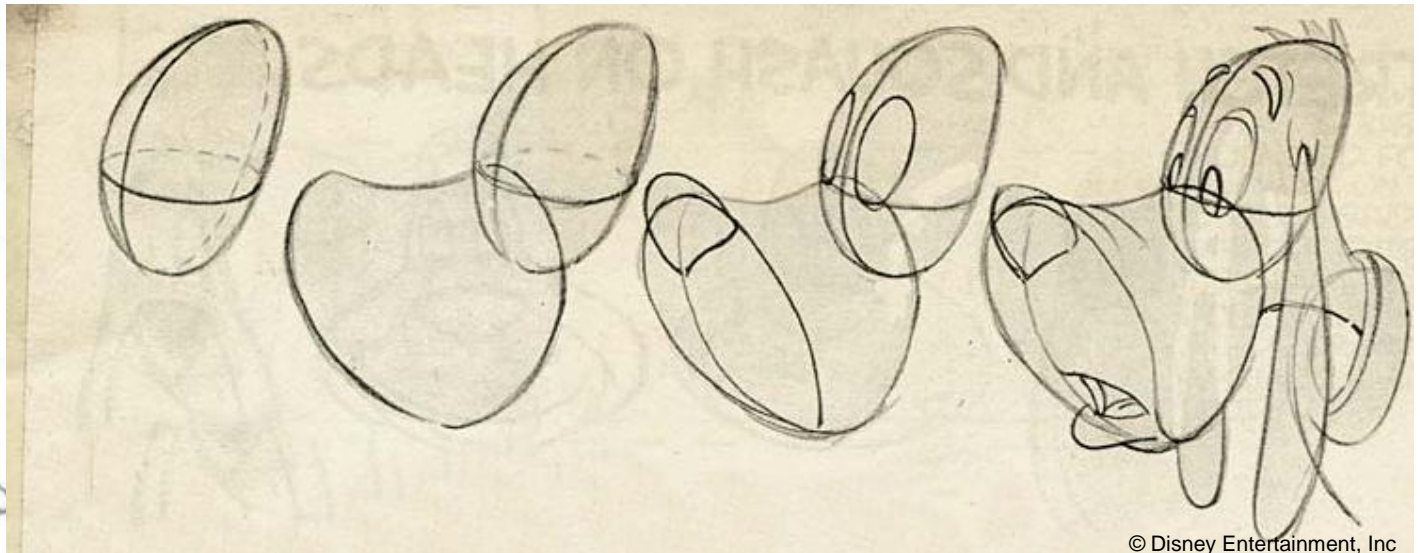


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# Geometric Massing



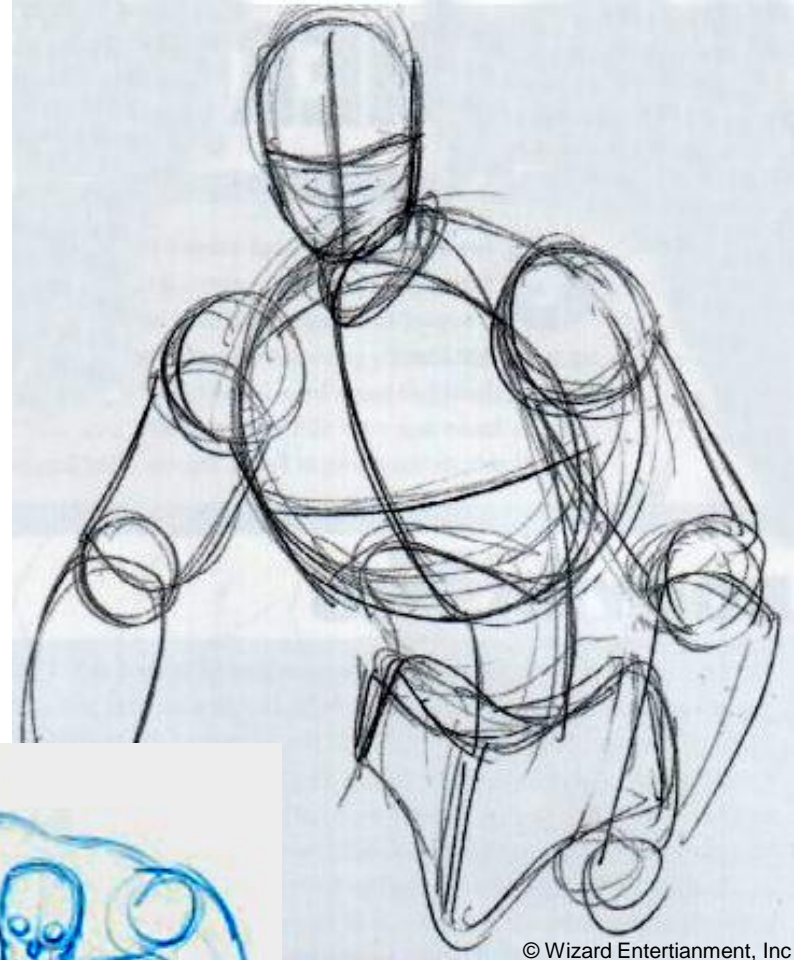
- Architectural *Massing Models*
- Helps with form, perspective
- Well-suited for SBM (model-by-part)



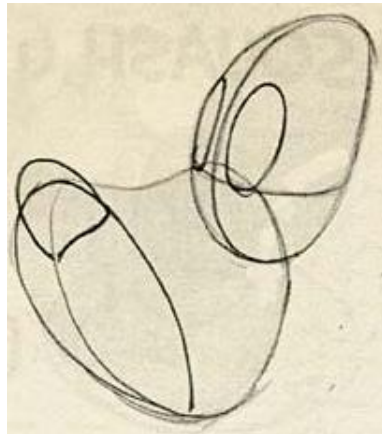
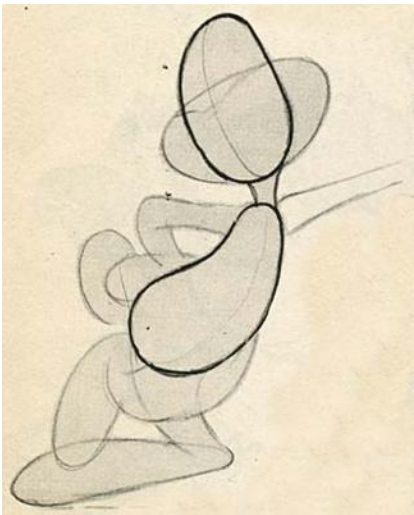


# Geometric Massing

- Coarse geometric shapes
- Partial “shape axes”
- Varying occlusion
- Lots of overdraw



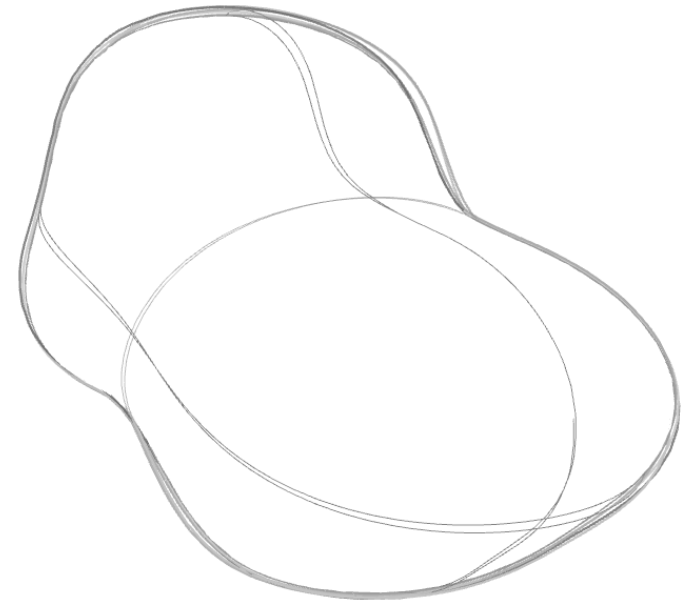
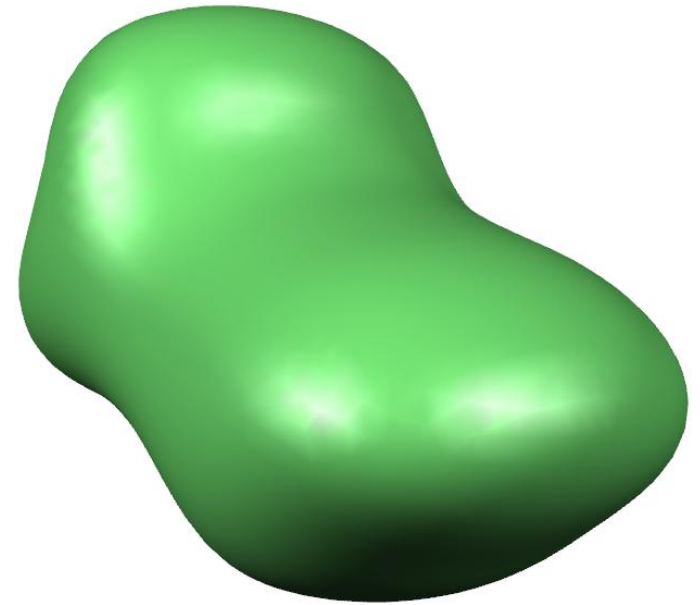
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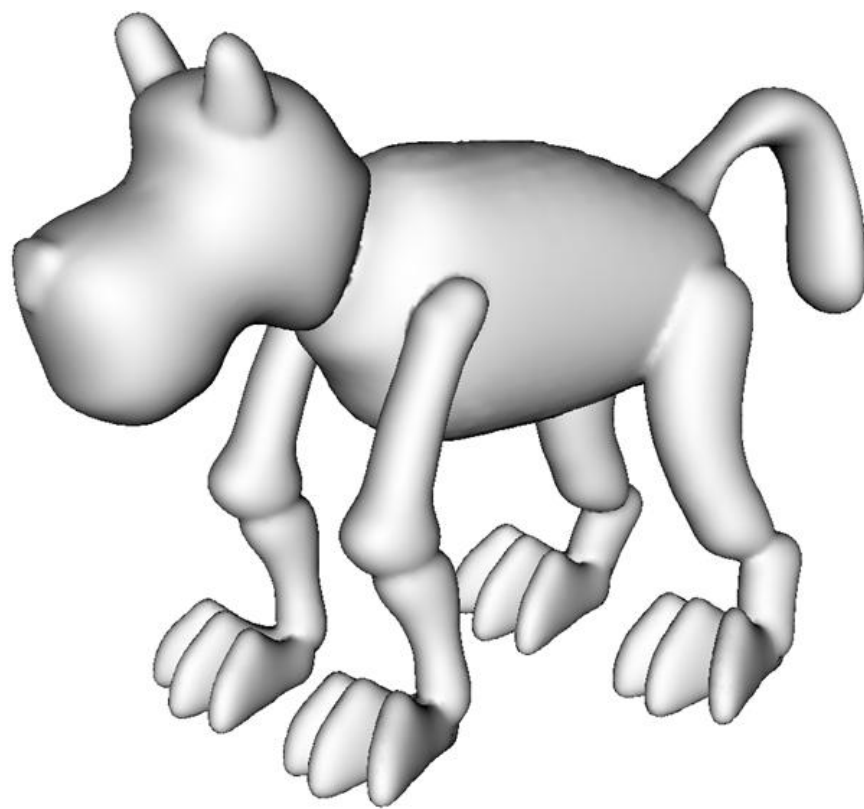
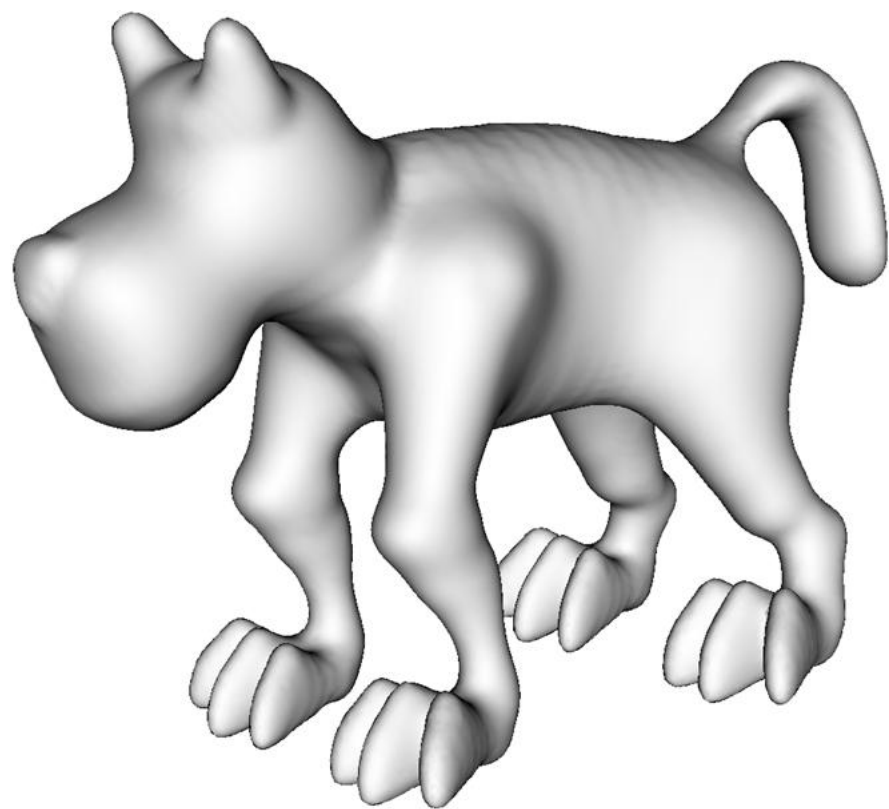


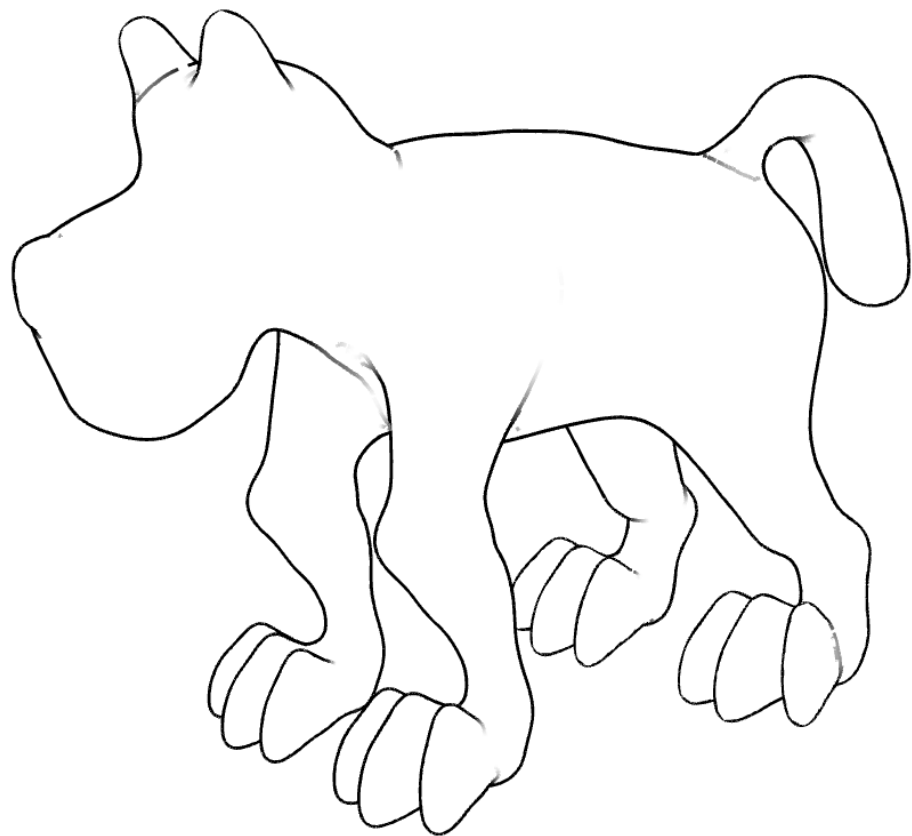


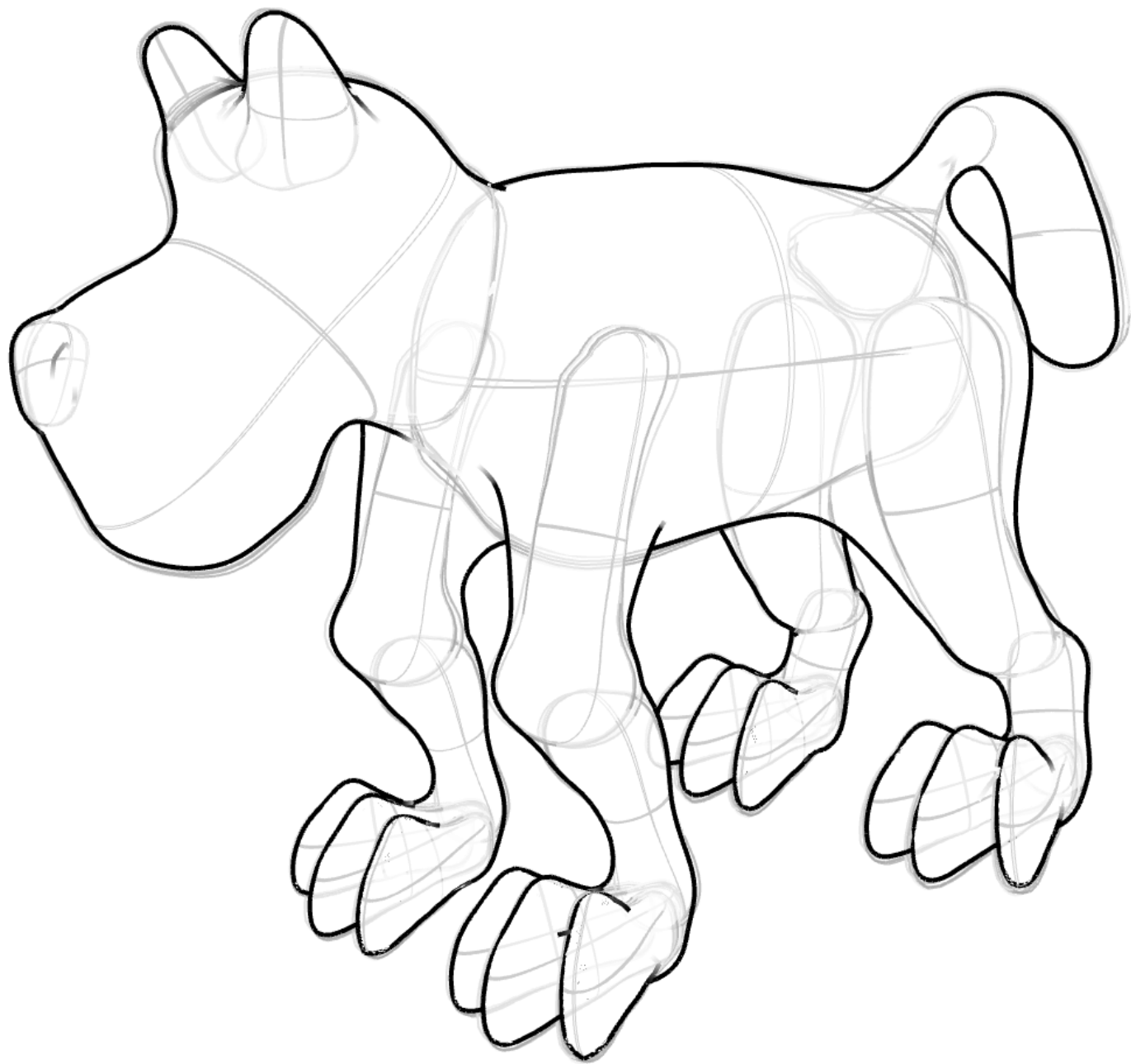
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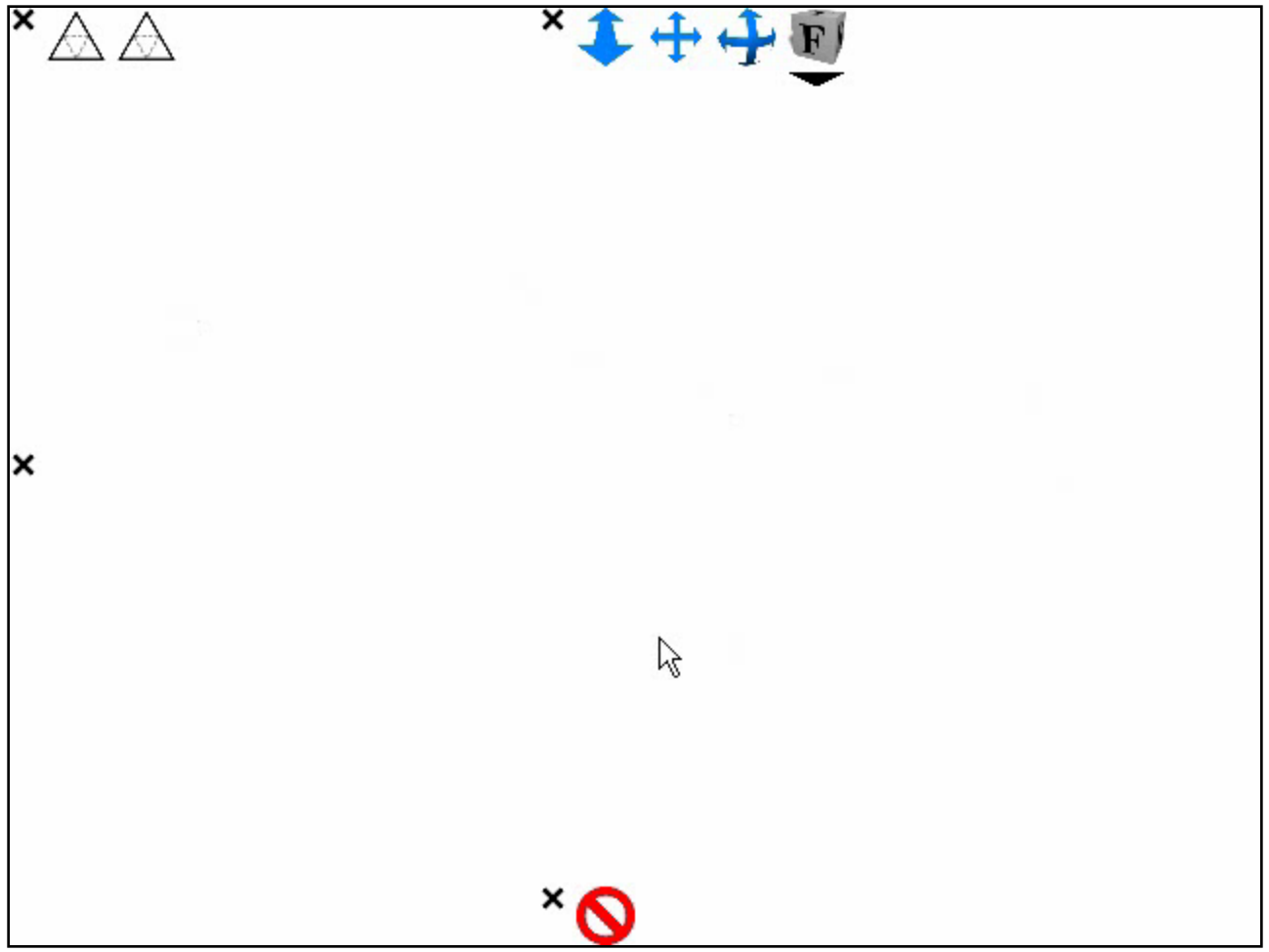
- Fit bounding box
- Contours from plane intersections
- Random perturbation
- Fade in/out based on viewing angle





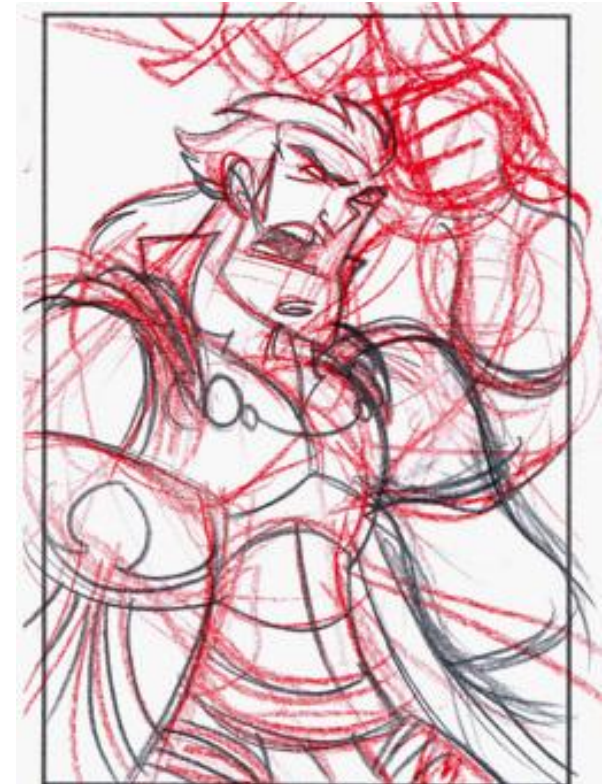






# Erasing vs Deleting

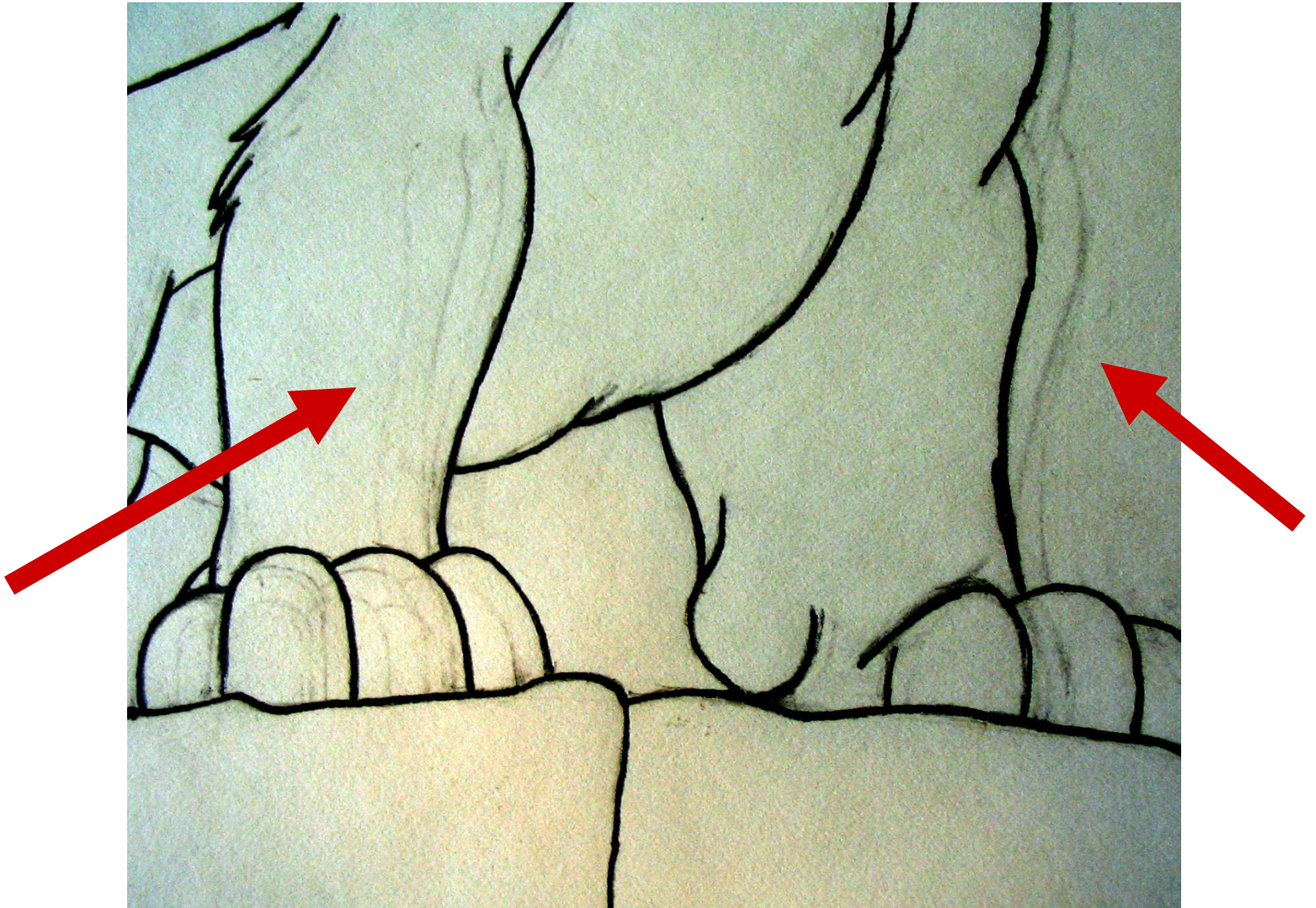
- Deleted parts “disappear”
  - Can’t learn from them
- No “mistakes” in design sketching !!!
  - Exploring alternatives
- Not an artifact of paper

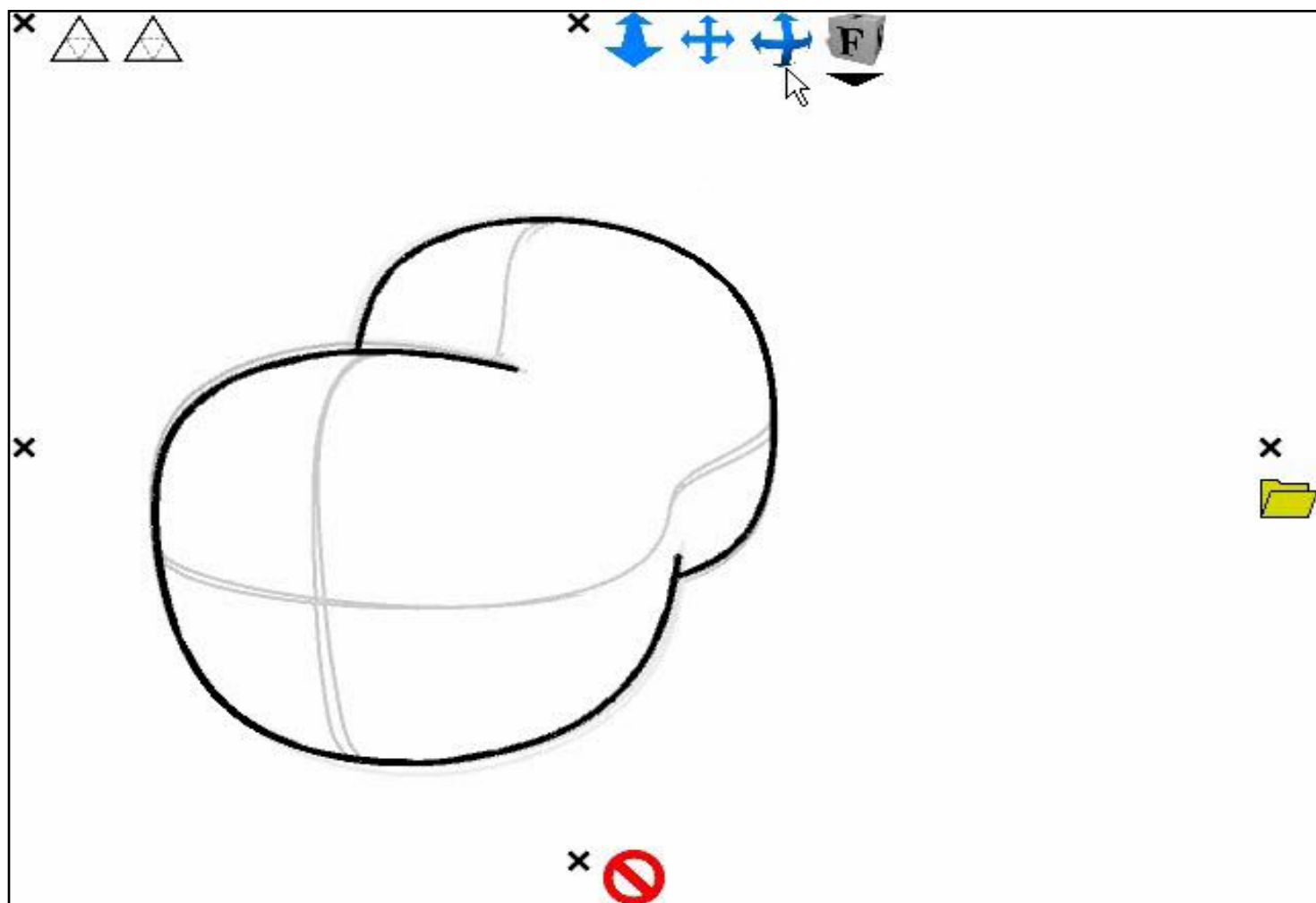


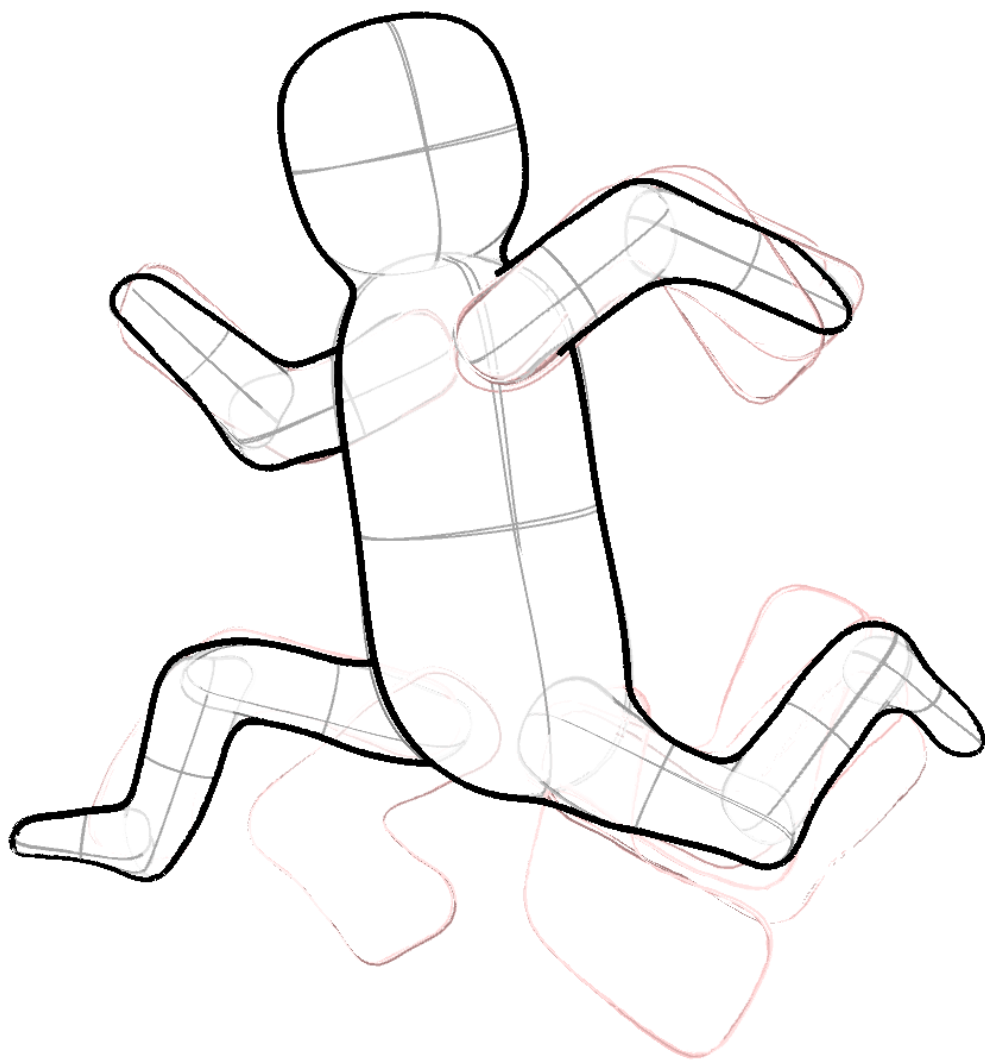




# Eraser Marks

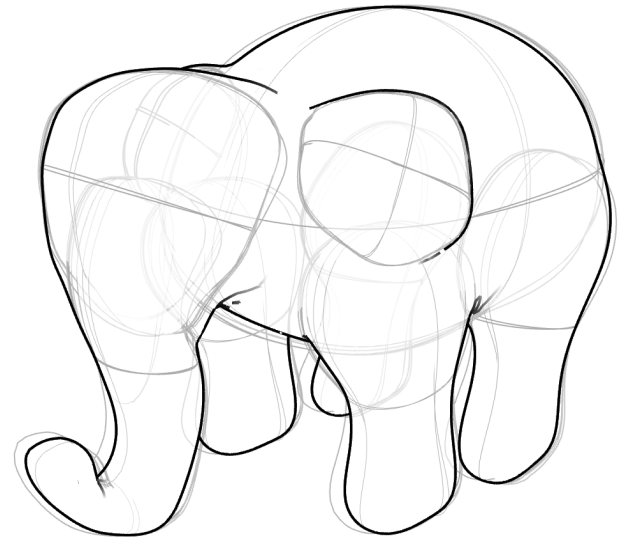






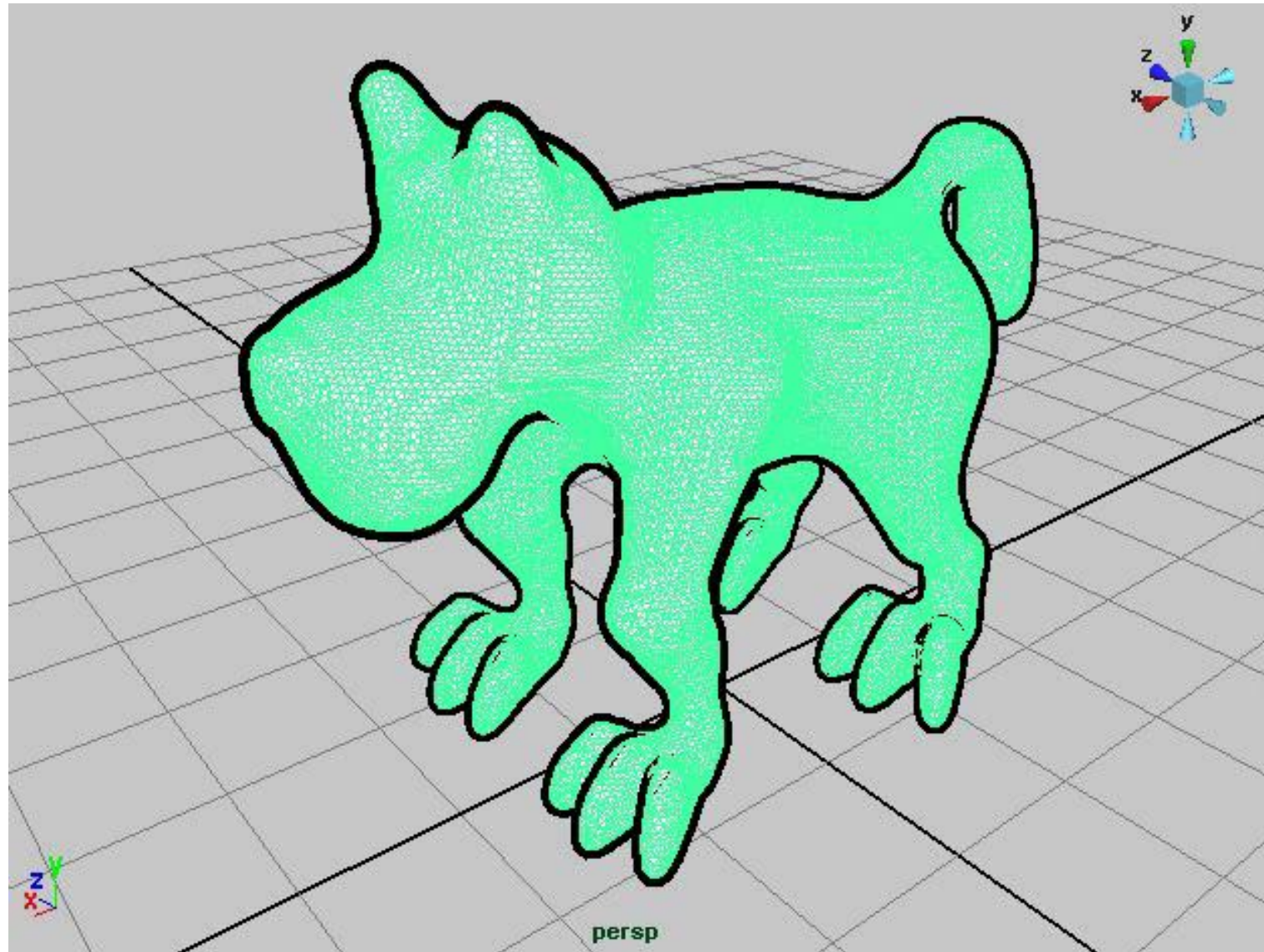
# “Real-World” Application

- Have design sketch “look”
  - Geometric Massing
  - Eraser Marks
- Composite w/ production sketch techniques
  - Pen & Ink
- Now to integrate renderer into an interactive modeling system...



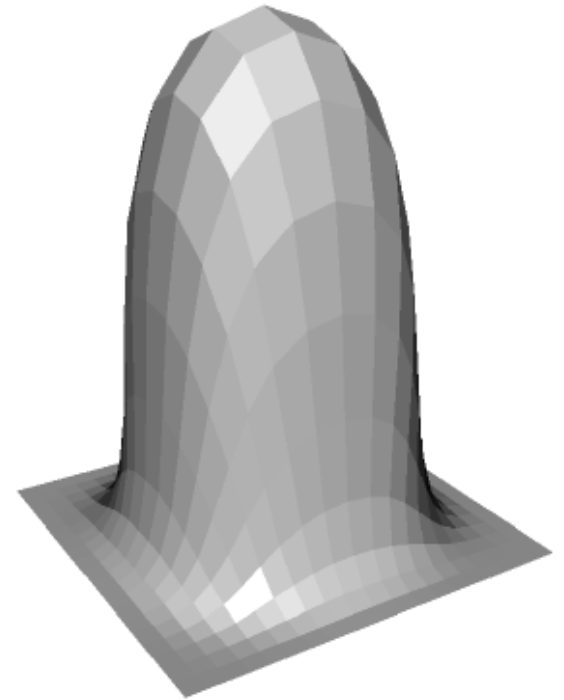


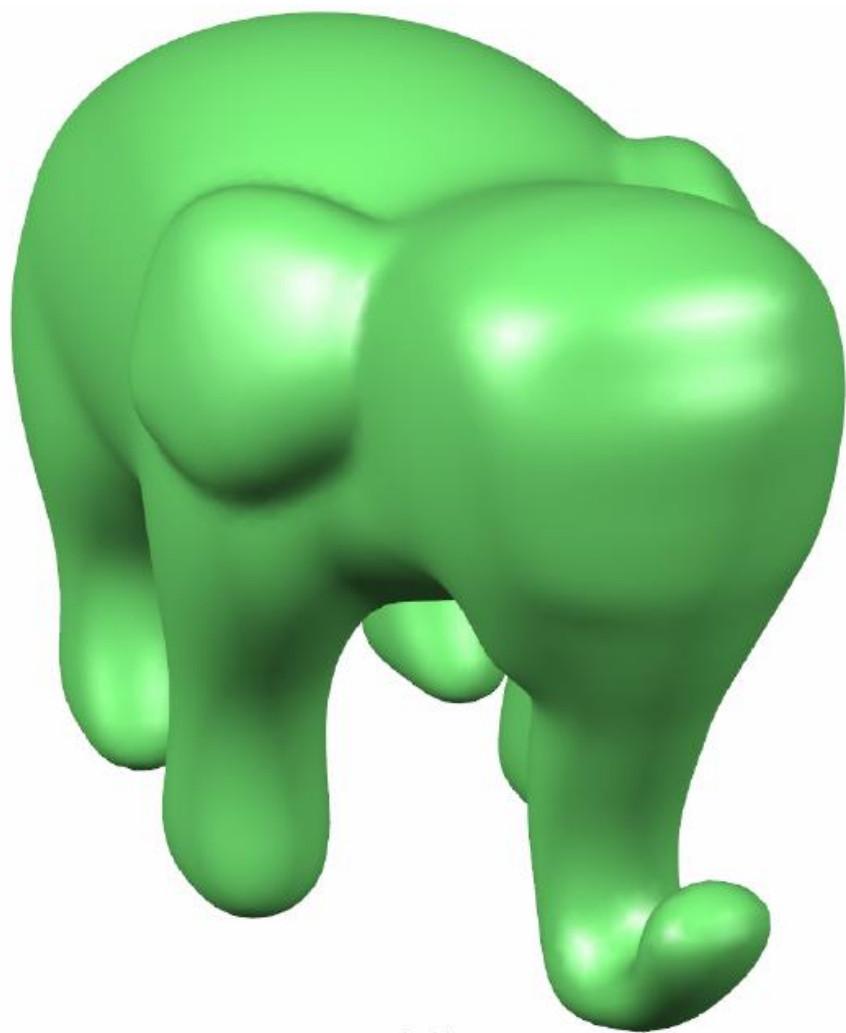
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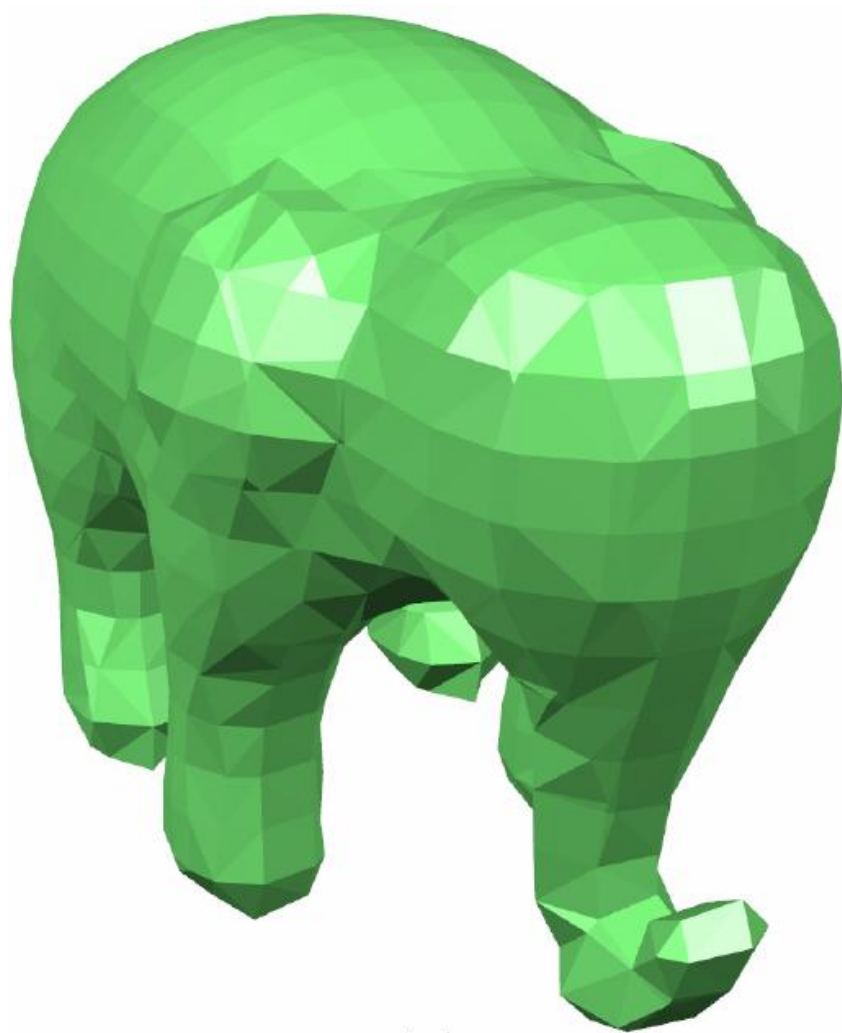
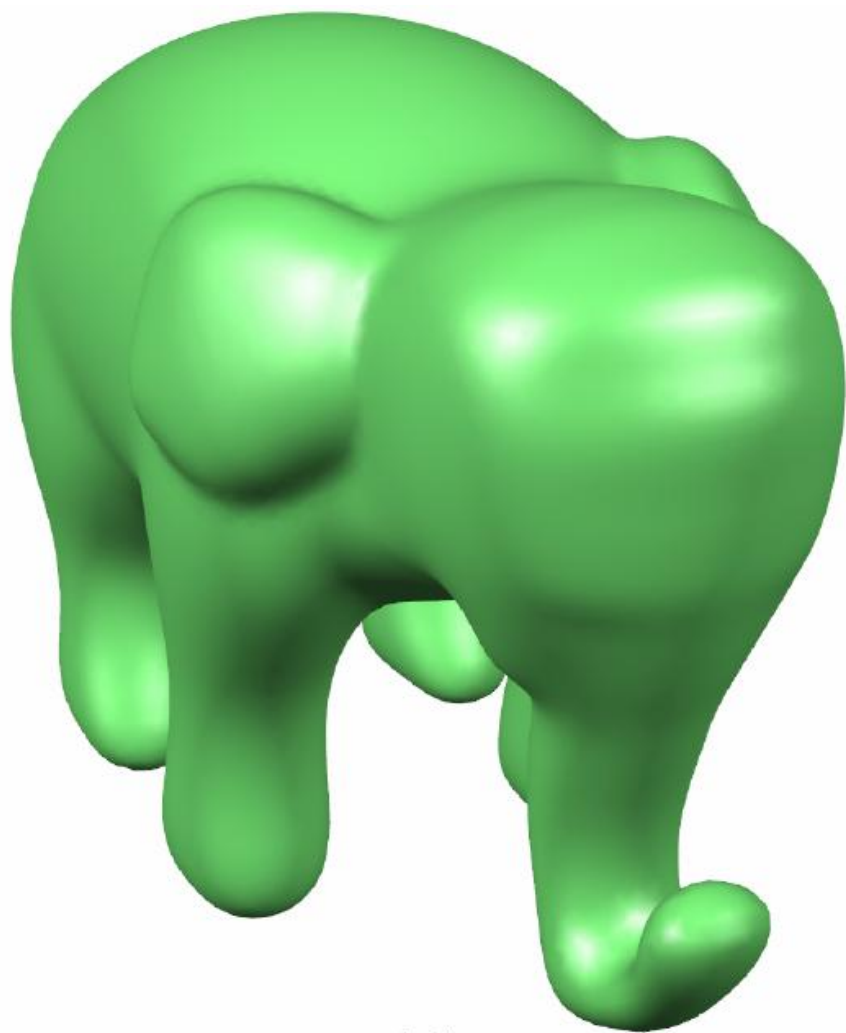
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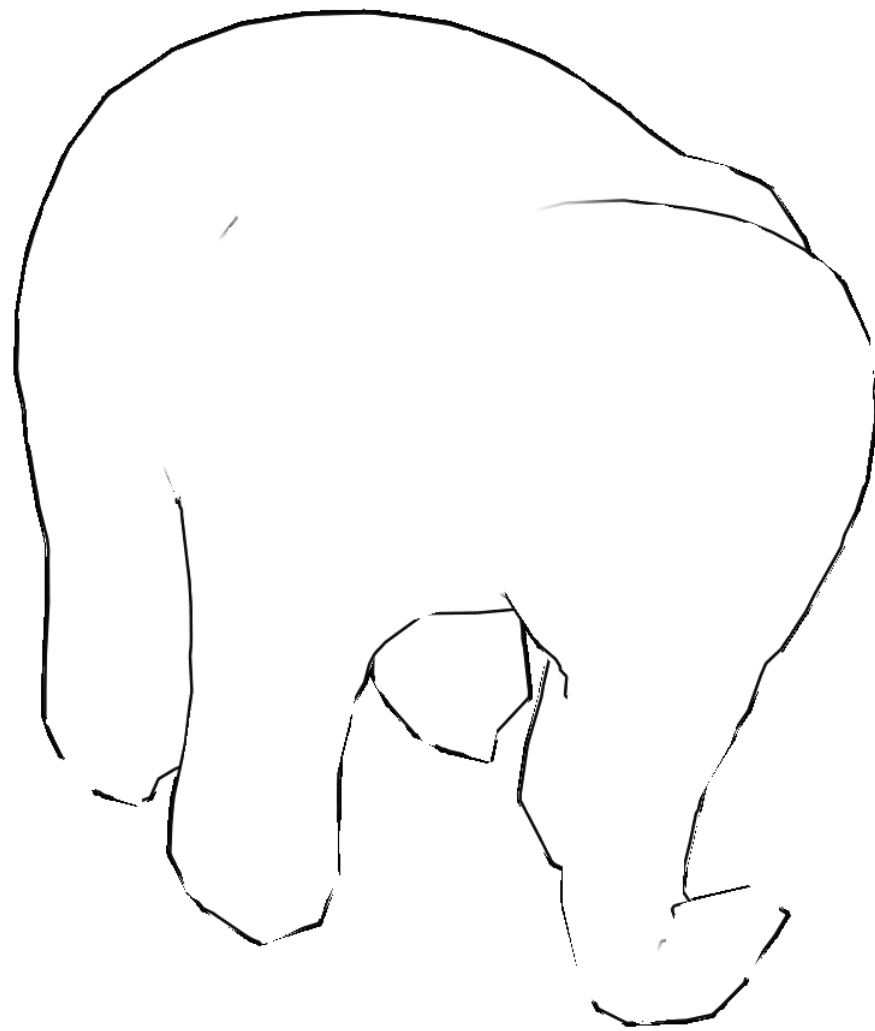
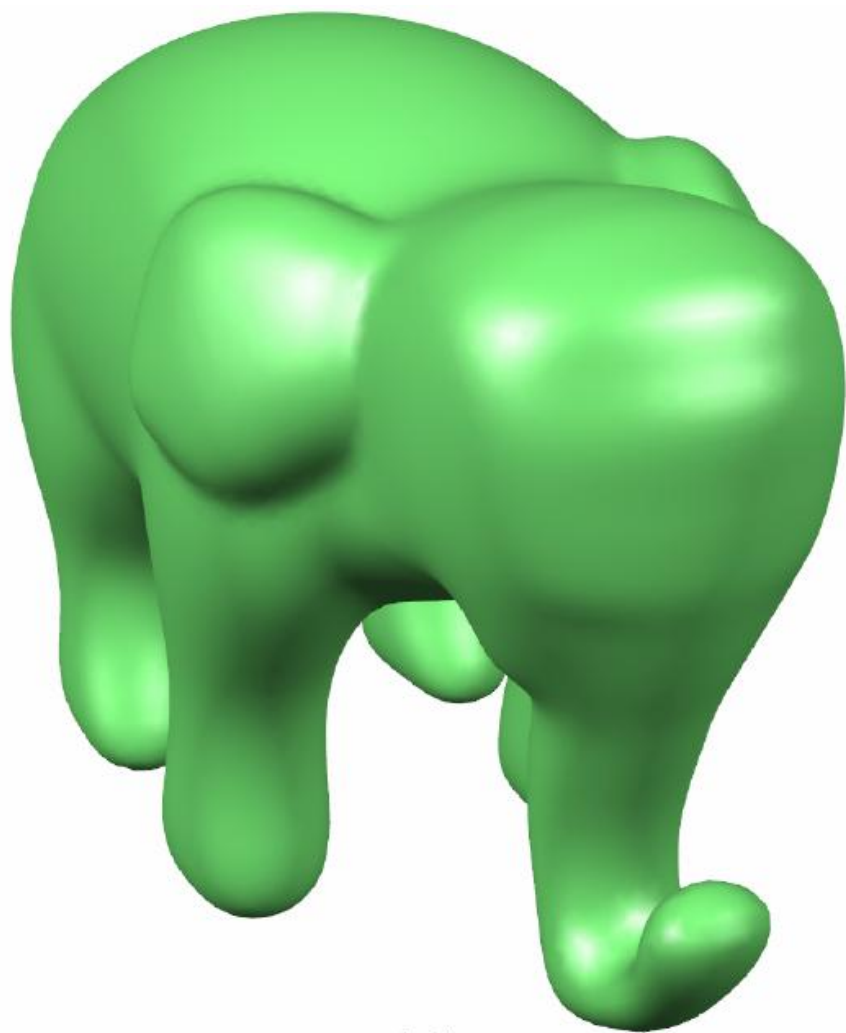
- Free-form modeling
  - NURBS, SubD, Implicit
- Interactivity is **critical**
  - Meshes are low-res
  - Ugly contours
- Mesh is dynamic
  - Can't precompute!



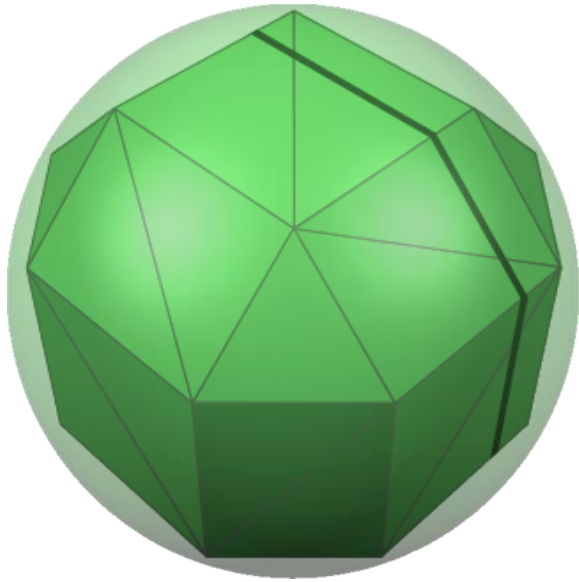








# Silhouettes



Sub-Poly Contours  
on Base Mesh

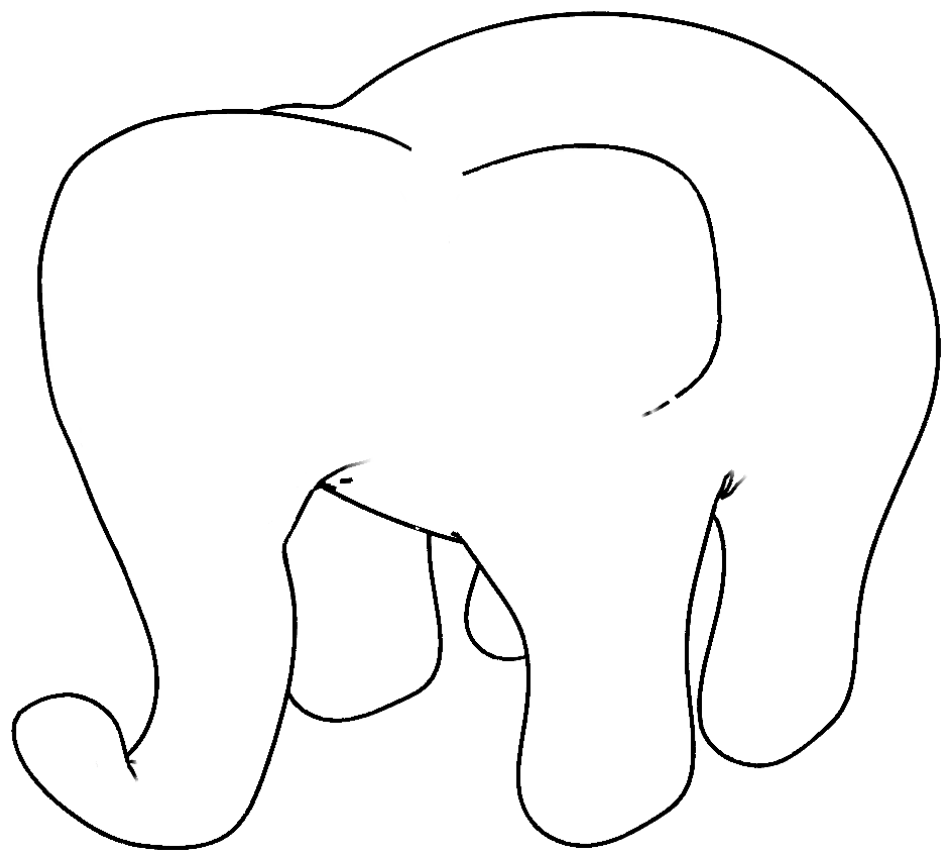
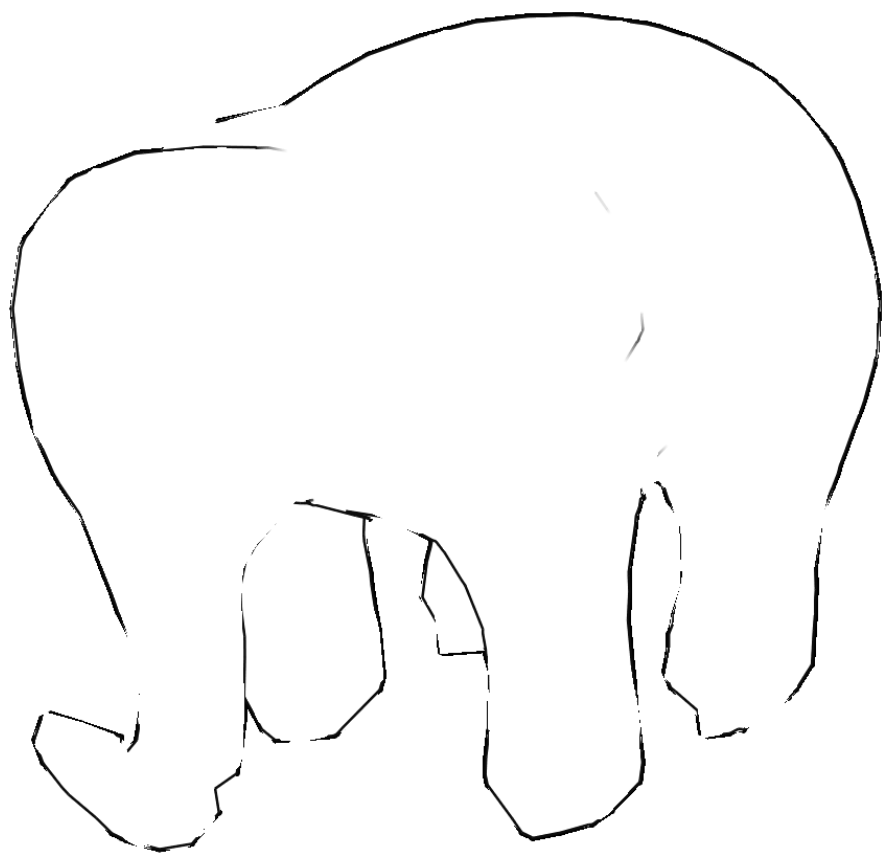


Project



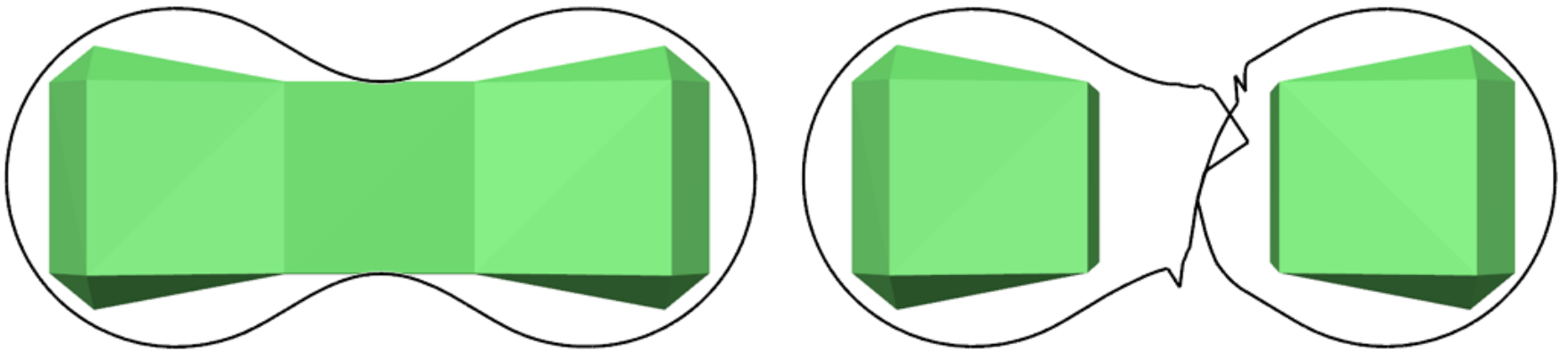
Refine





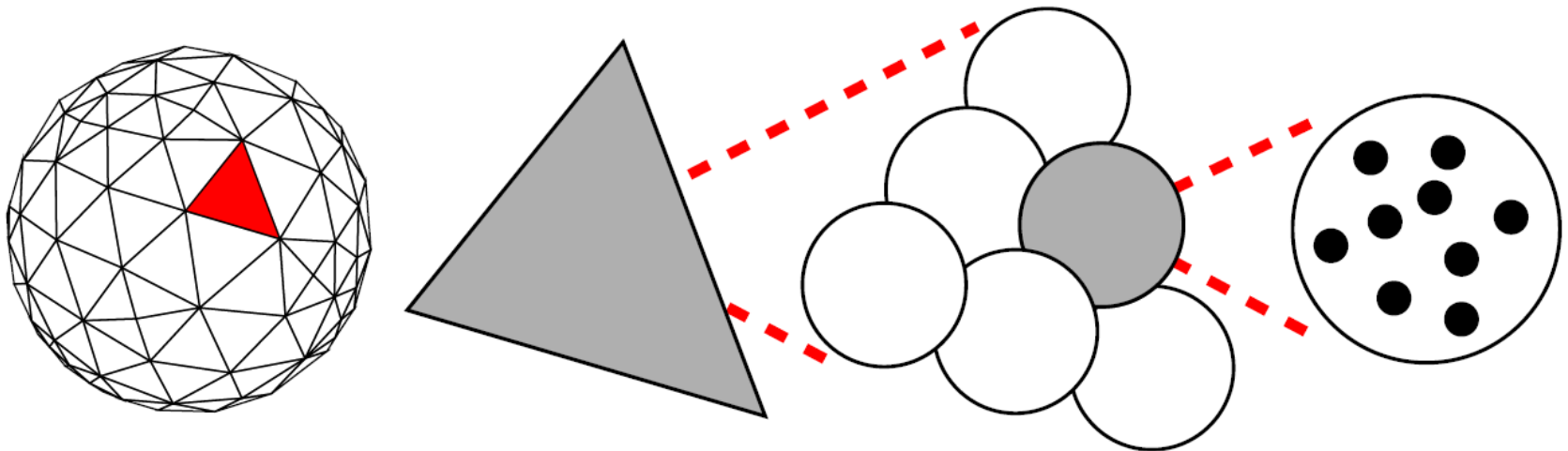
# Caveats

- Need functional surface normals
- Base mesh needs to capture topology of surface



# Hidden Line Removal & Stippling

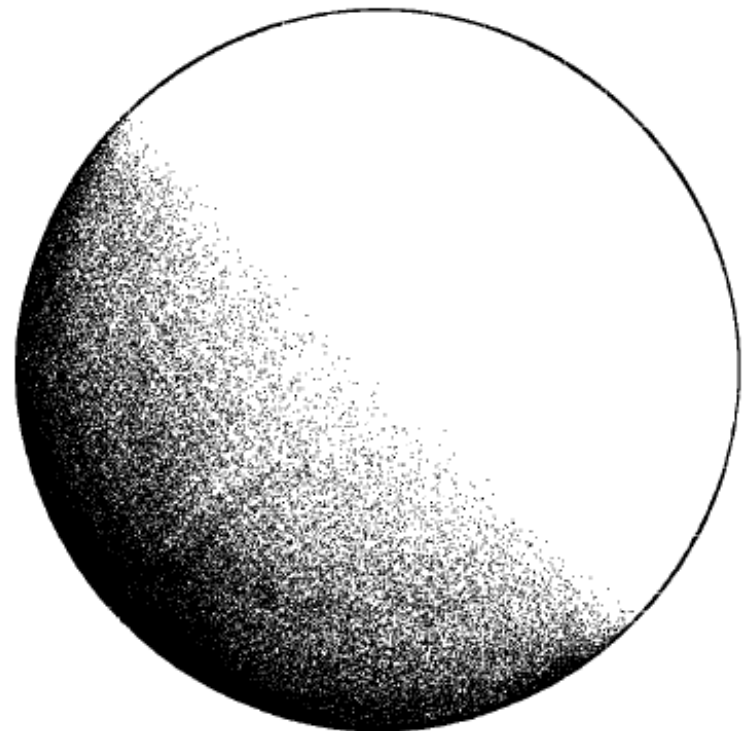
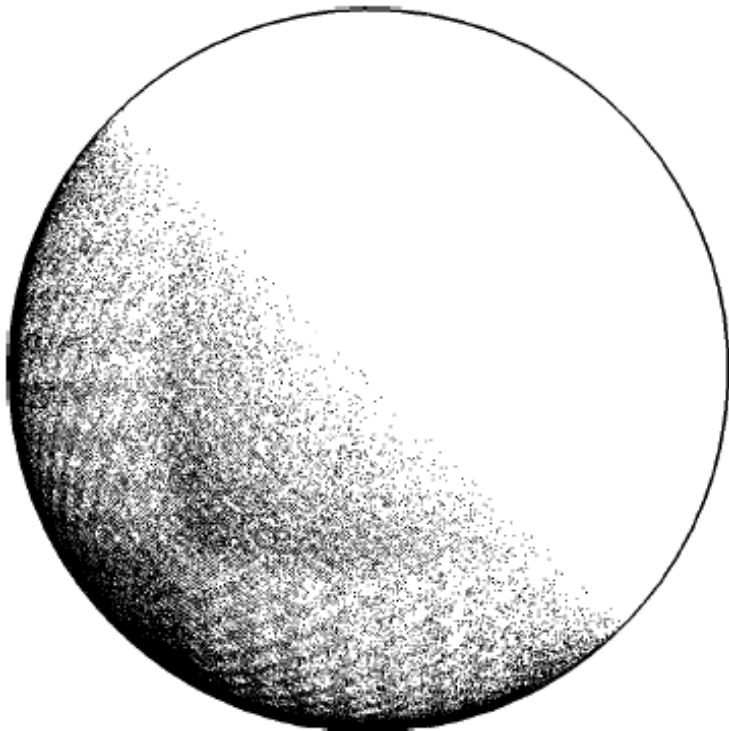
- Surfel approach (“tiny canvasses”)
  - Cover base mesh w/ surfels
  - Project to surface
- Hierarchical culling, lazy generation
  - base mesh as spatial data structure





# Surfel Distribution

- “As-uniform-as-possible”
- Take surface curvature into account



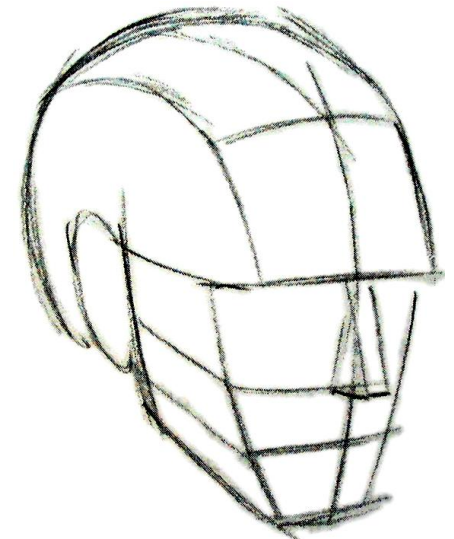
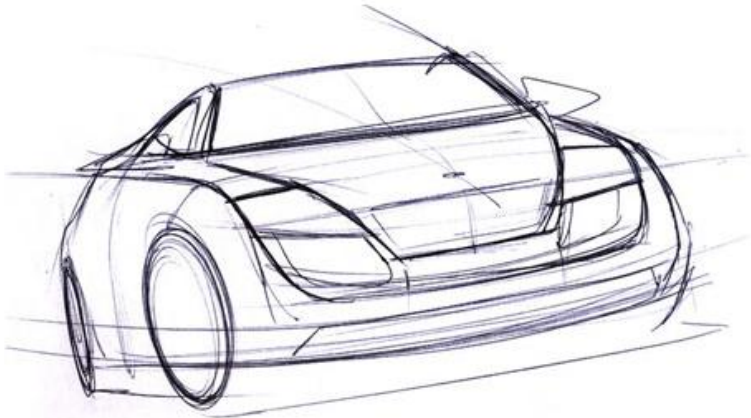
# Wins

- Visual Scaffolding
  - Geometric Massing, Eraser Marks
- Real-Time Pen & Ink on dynamic surfaces
  - Implicit, NURBS, SubDs
  - Fully object-space
  - Supports incremental refinement
  - Frame-coherent as long as base mesh triangles do not change
- **Smoother-looking surface at equivalent interactive framerate!**

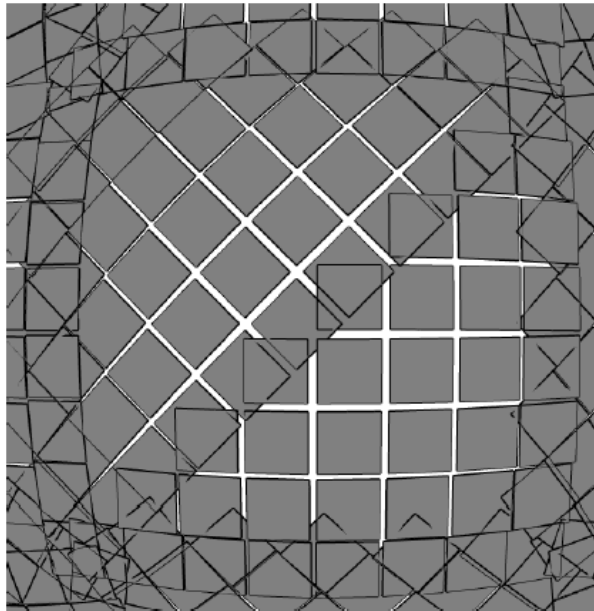
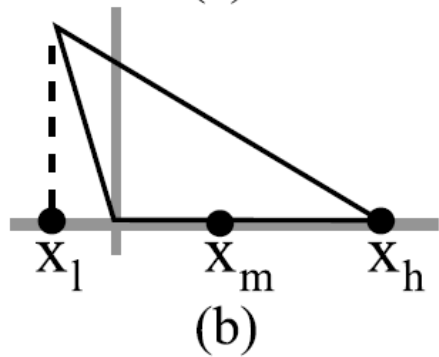
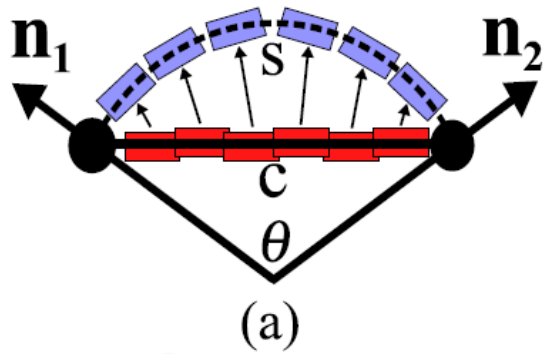


# The Future

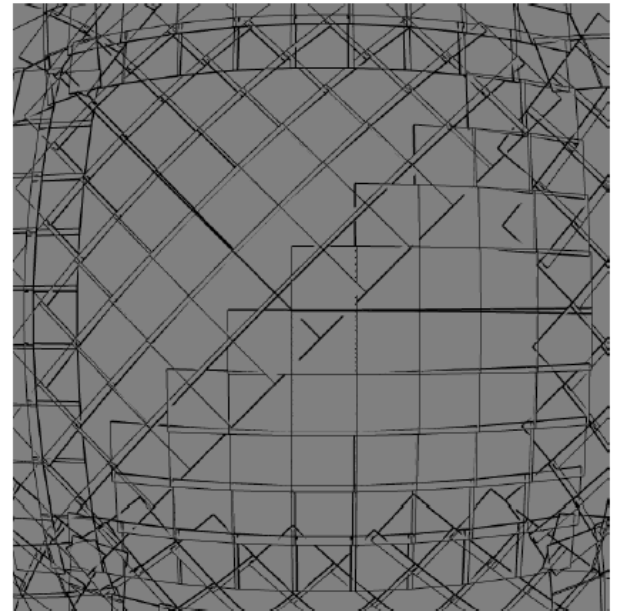
- Other visual scaffolding types
- Interactive Scaffolding
- “Conjecturing” scaffolding?
- [www.shapeshop3d.com](http://www.shapeshop3d.com)  
(Under “Downloads” -> “Extras”)



# Surfel Rasterization



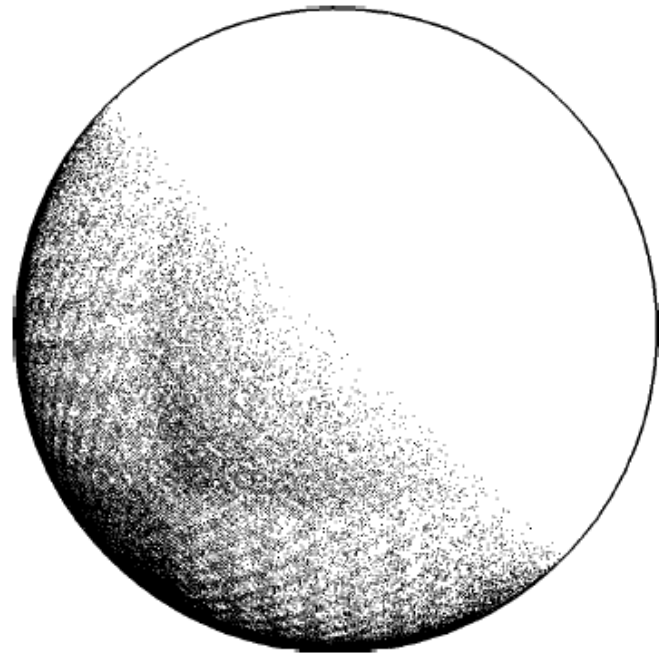
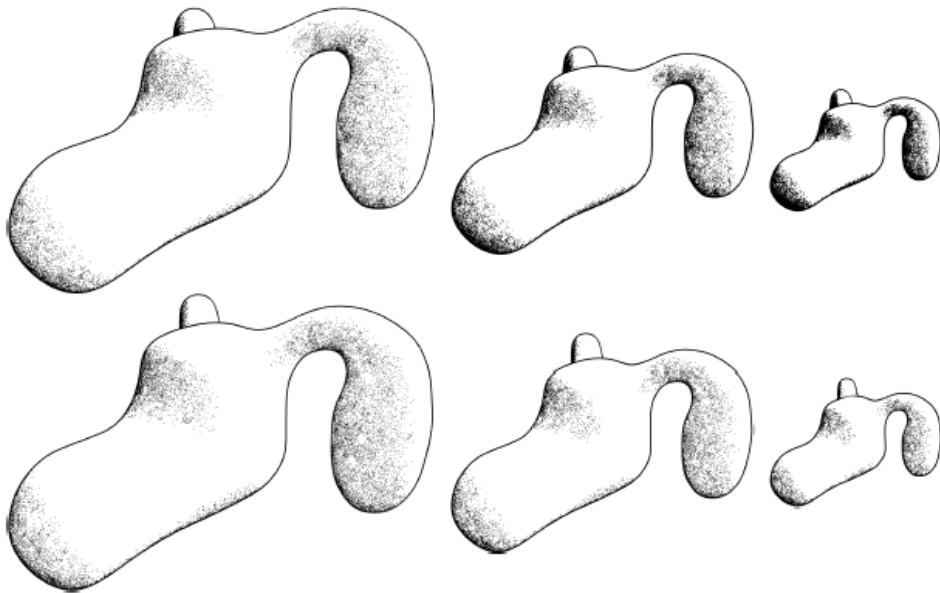
(c)



(d)

# Surfel Distribution

- “As-uniform-as-possible”
- Take surface curvature into account
- View-dependent density





# Sketching Videos

- **Eyes:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GAi7cHiaf-U>
- **Superman:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EZZtXKUHUYU>
- **Jim Lee:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ys5UmSx9rfA>
- **Great quick sketches** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kygMLI60Bt4>
- **Wolverine!** [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v\\_kB6GzzCkU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v_kB6GzzCkU)
- **Stewie** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-AH4Zrw7MwM>
- **Drawing a head** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=erKzKISJxxk>
- **Hand** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p2-aheNqhRM>
- **Geometric Massing** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRj5CaMjTNs>
- **Spongebob Squarepants** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m6MfGYwsy80>
- **Adam Hughes**
  - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvaG1EZ9shM>
  - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mAO3sUyg-Bw> (talks about construction lines!)