



# Developing 5D spatial models for GIS

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# The 5D project

- Develop a 5D model that integrates 3D space + time + scale
- Vidi grant from Jantien Stoter
- GIS Technology group at the Delft University of Technology
- 5 years, 2 PhDs (4 years), 1 Postdoc (1 year), 2 part-time researchers

# Spatial models

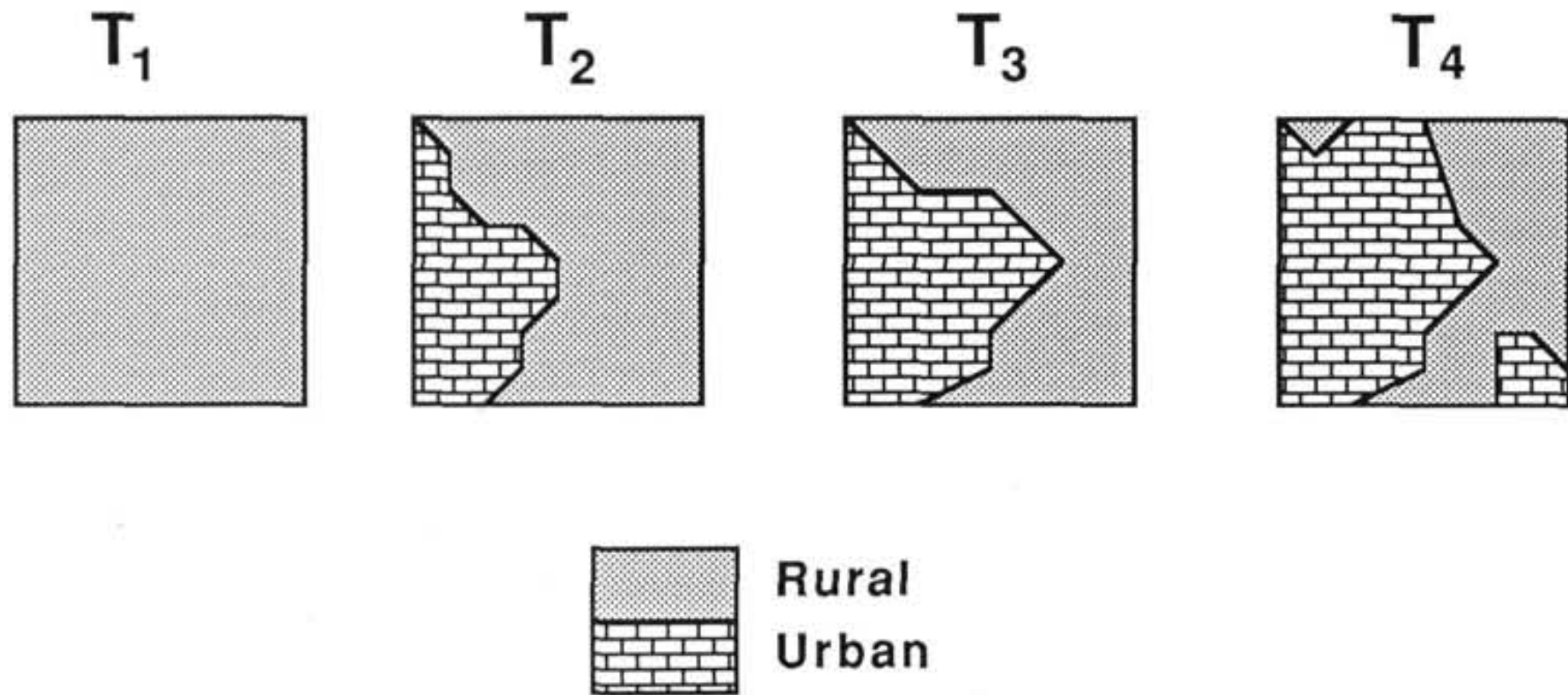
- Several developed independently (CAD, geology, CS/CG, GIS)
- All related, but with different characteristics (topology, allowed geometries, attributes)
- Some trends:
  - Increasing topological information
  - 2D, 3D, nD

# Modelling space+time

- Naïve approach (snapshot)
- Time specific models, linking objects together
- Treating it as spatial (full topology)

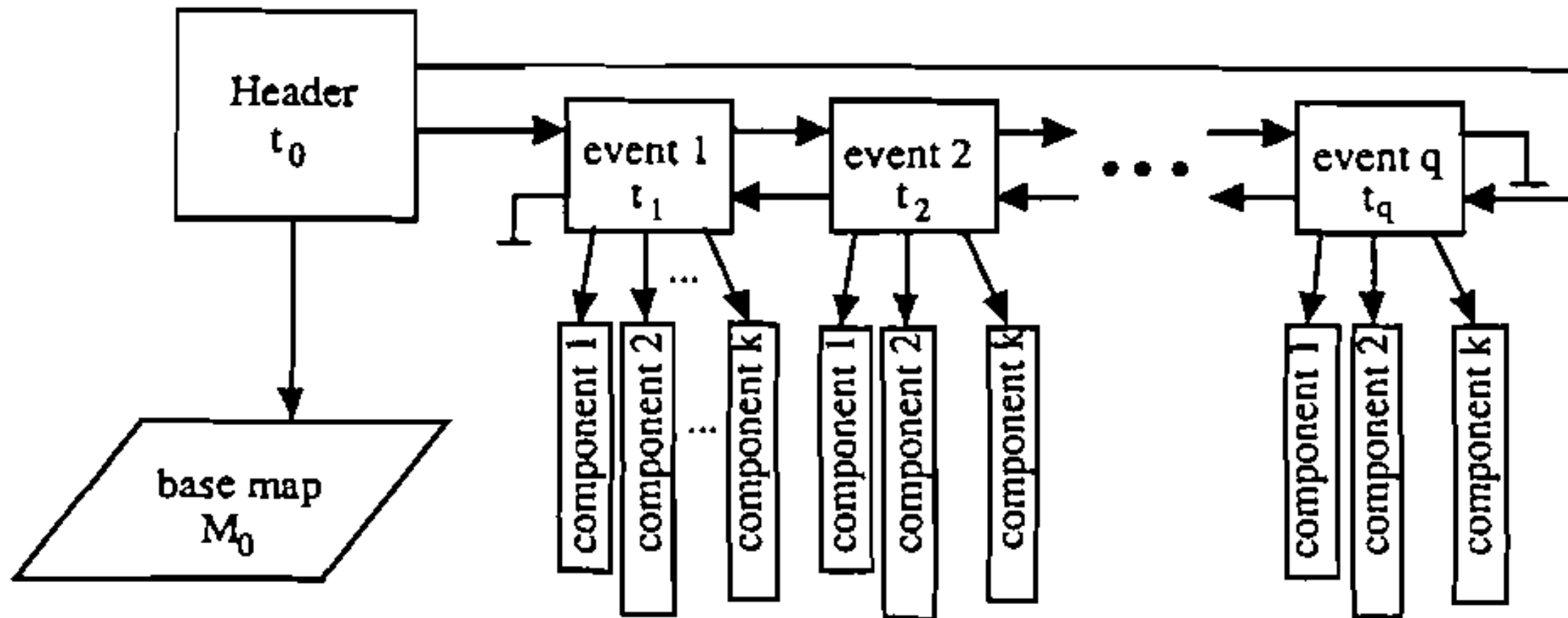


# Modelling space+time



Langran & Chrisman, 1988

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Peuquet & Duan, 1995

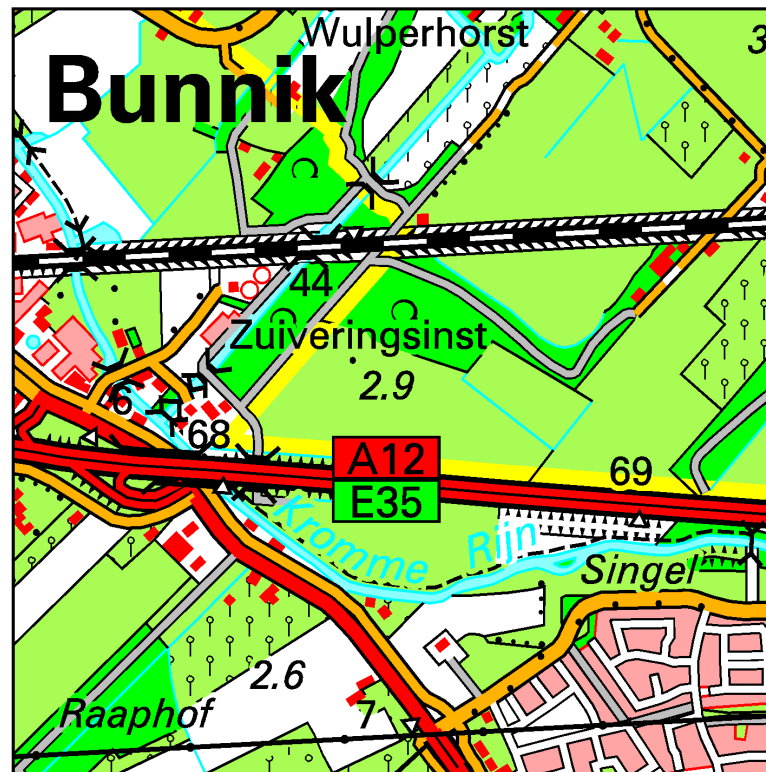
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- Naïve approach (multiple representations)
- Linking objects together
- Treating it as spatial

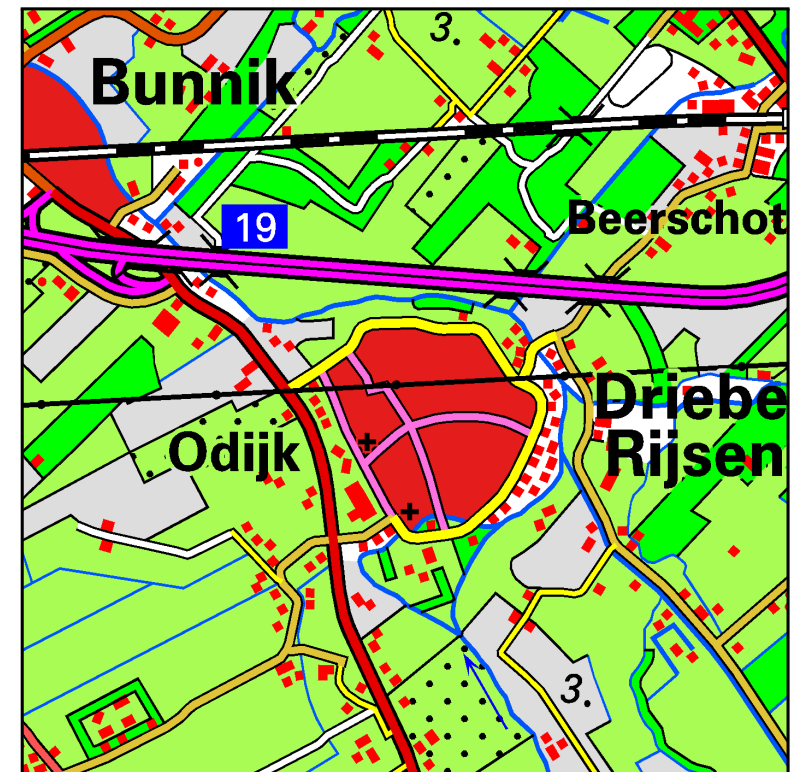
# Modelling space+scale



(a) 1:25 000



(b) 1:50 000



(c) 1:100 000

Meijers, 2011





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4<sup>a</sup> via Hilversum  
Naarden Bussum  
Almere Oostvaarders

Vertrek 11 24 Stoptrein  
3 via Hilversum  
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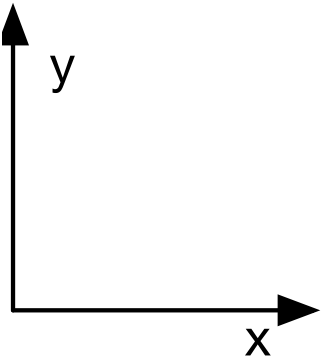
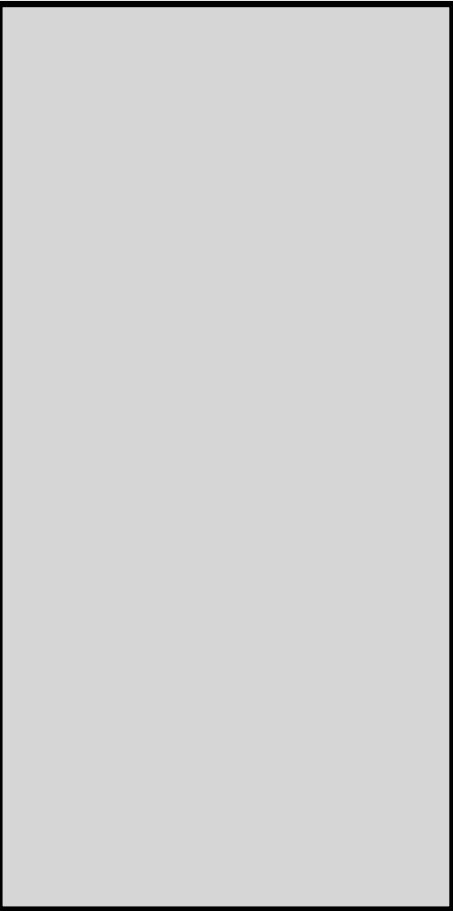
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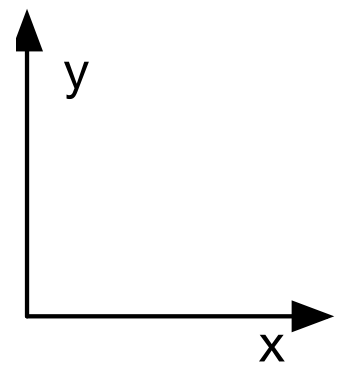
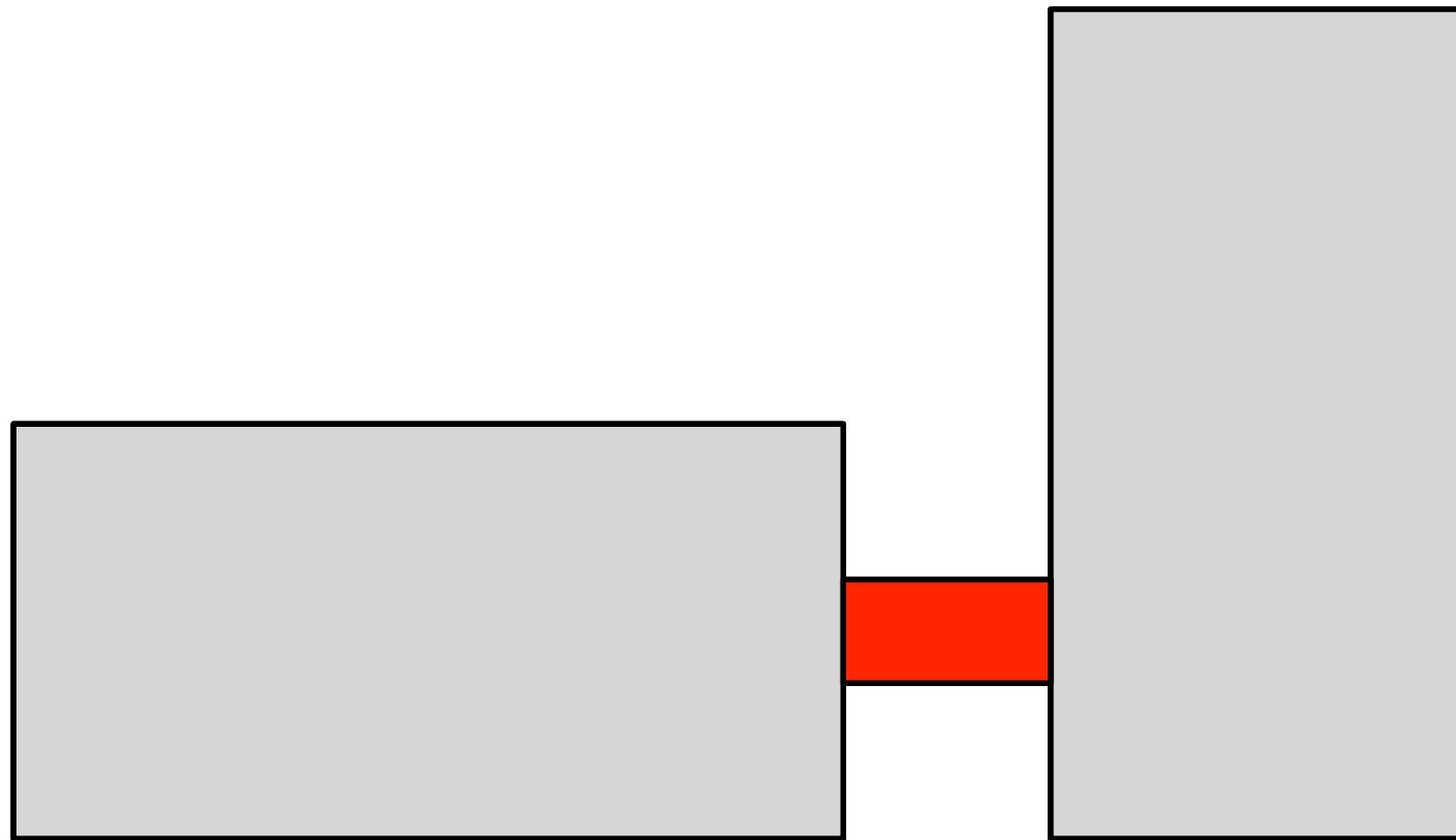
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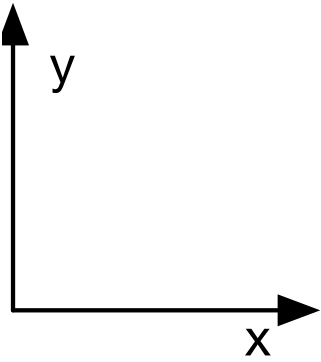
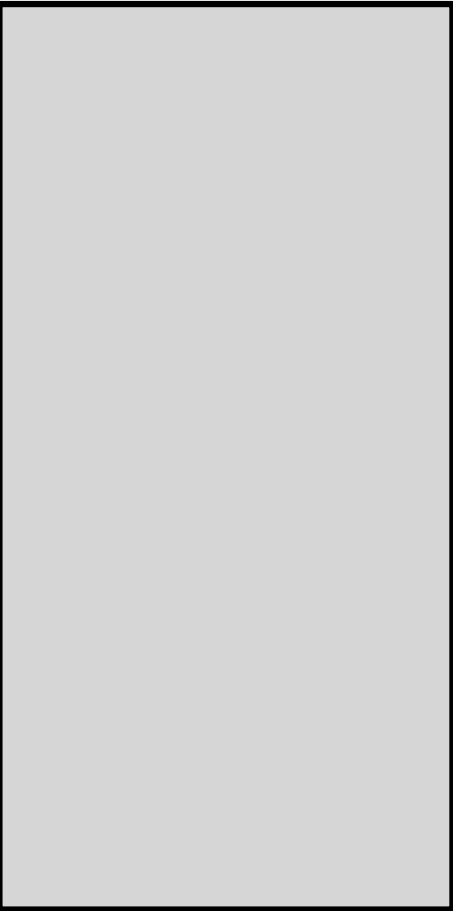
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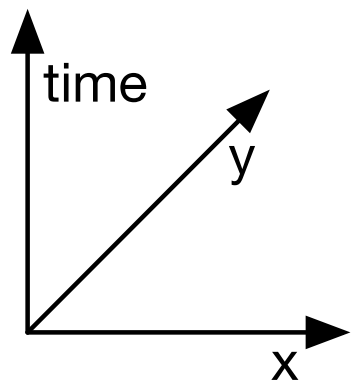
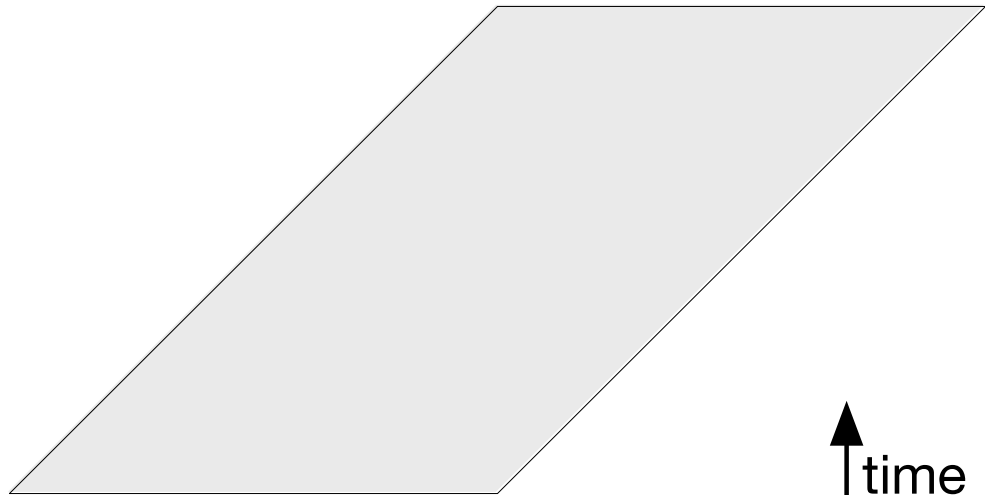


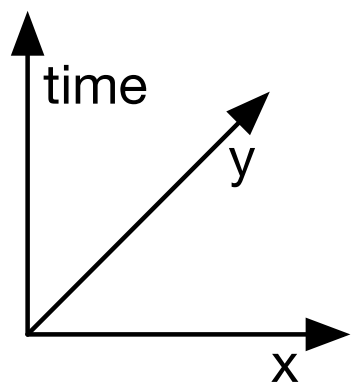
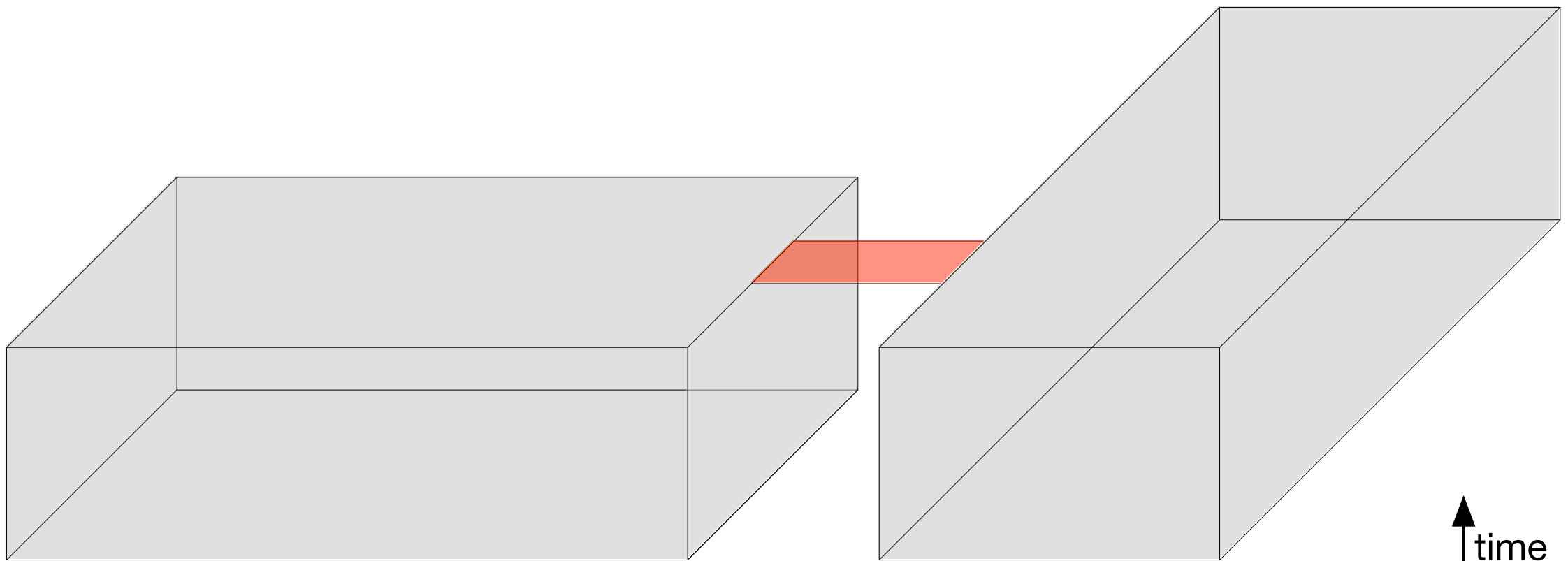


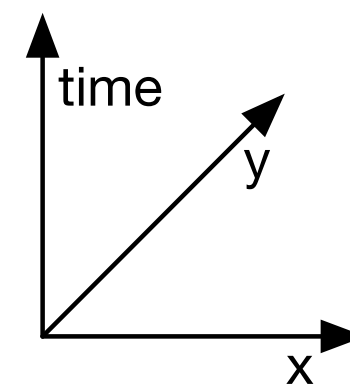
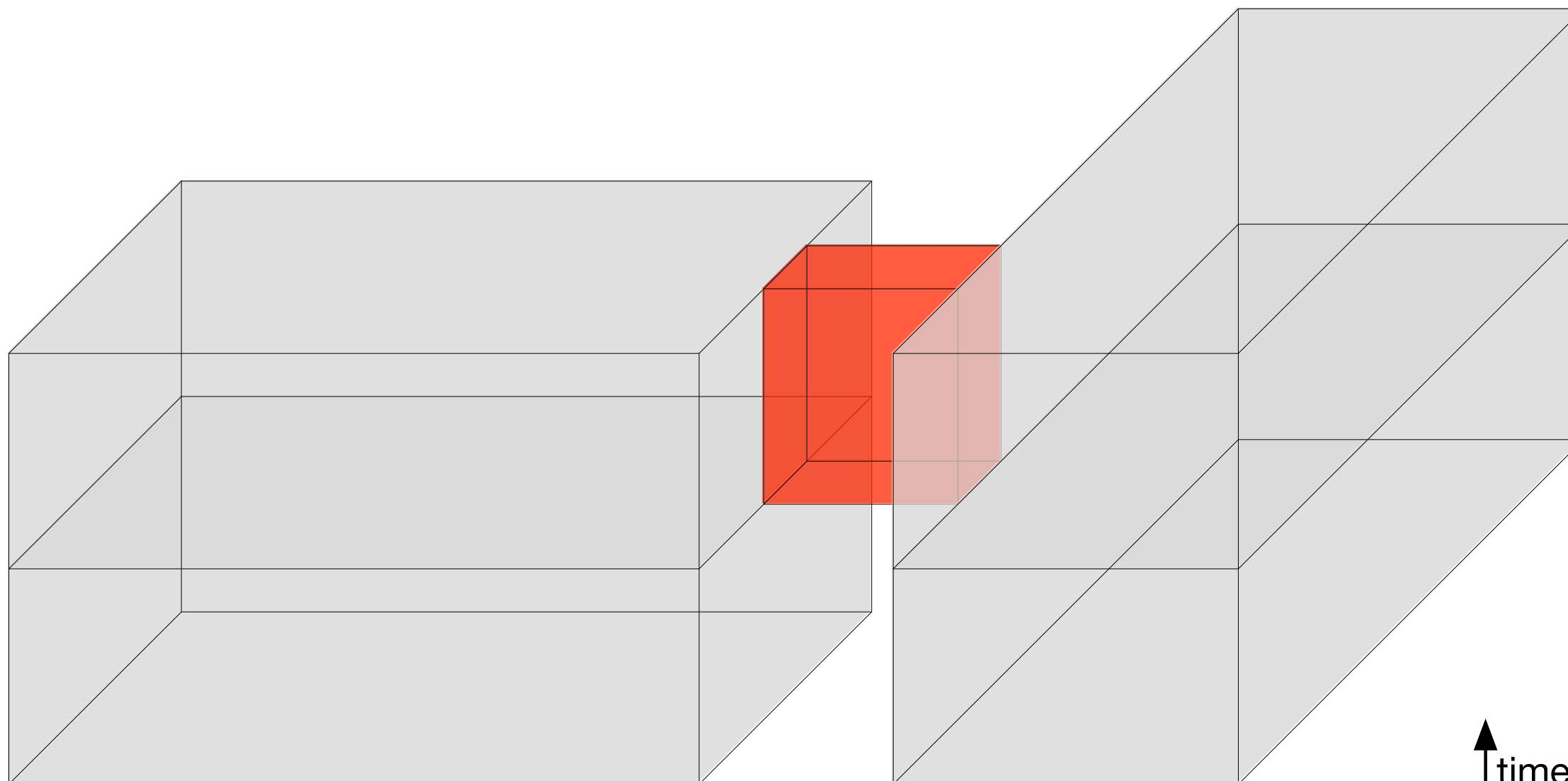


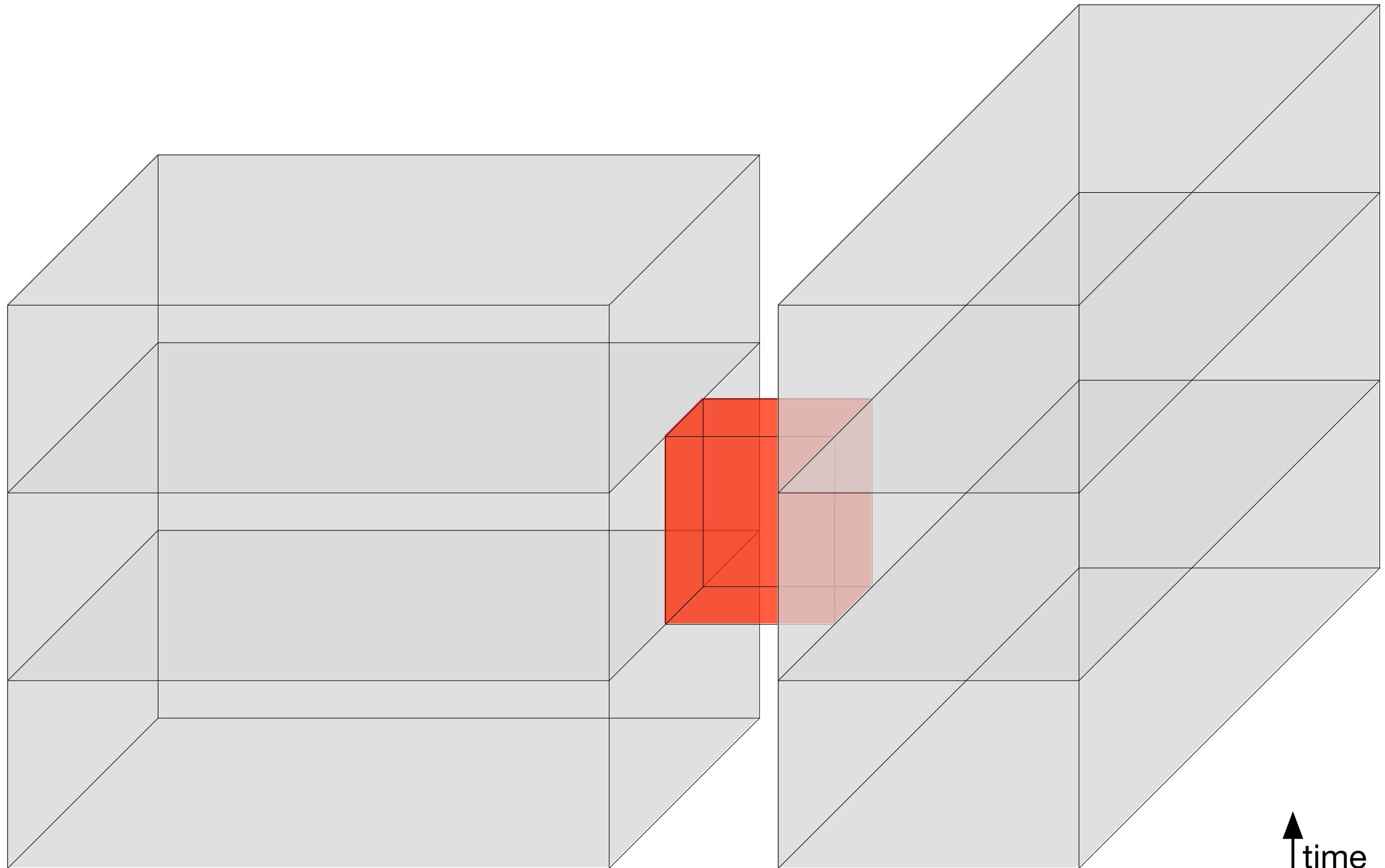




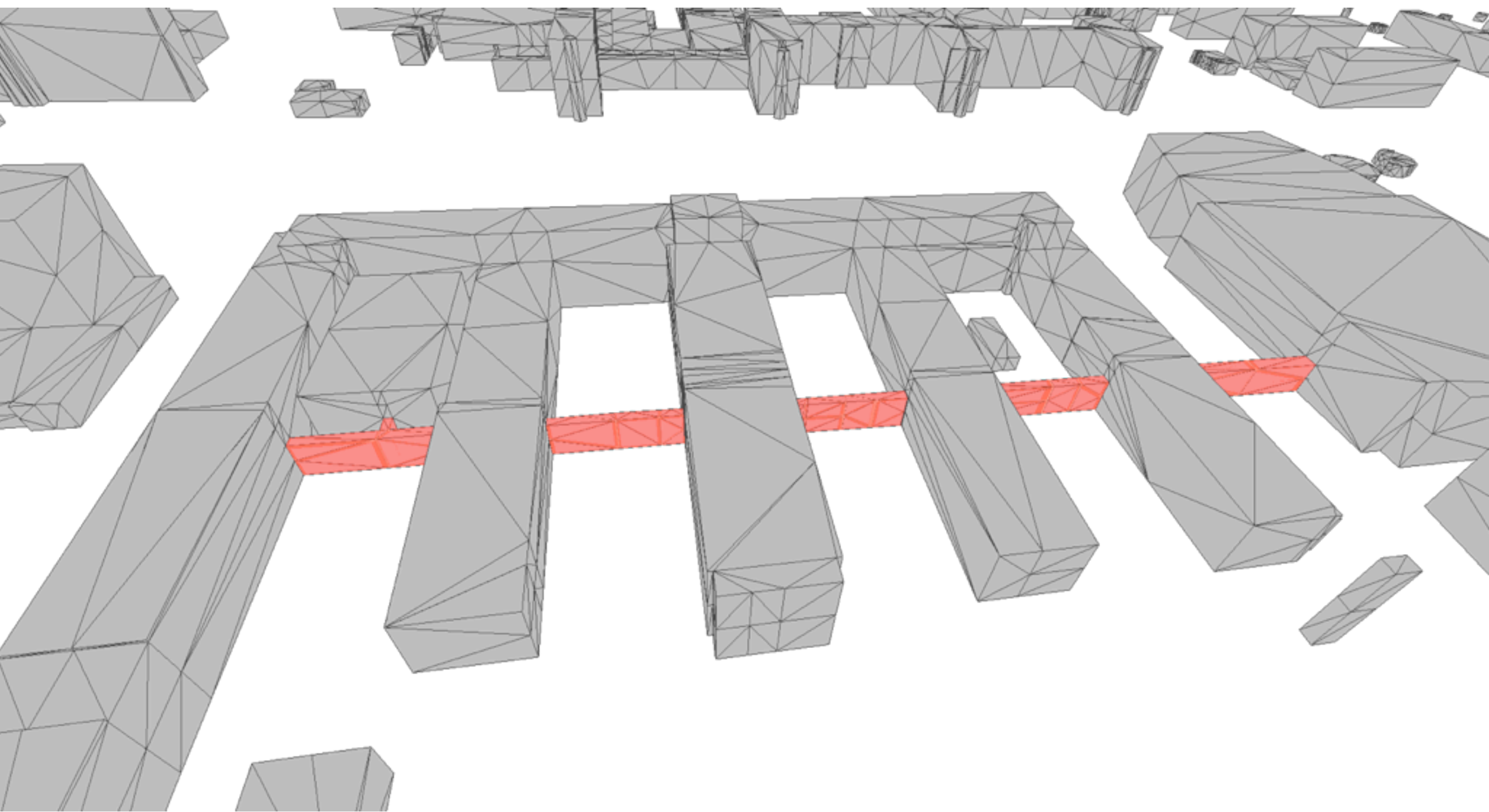


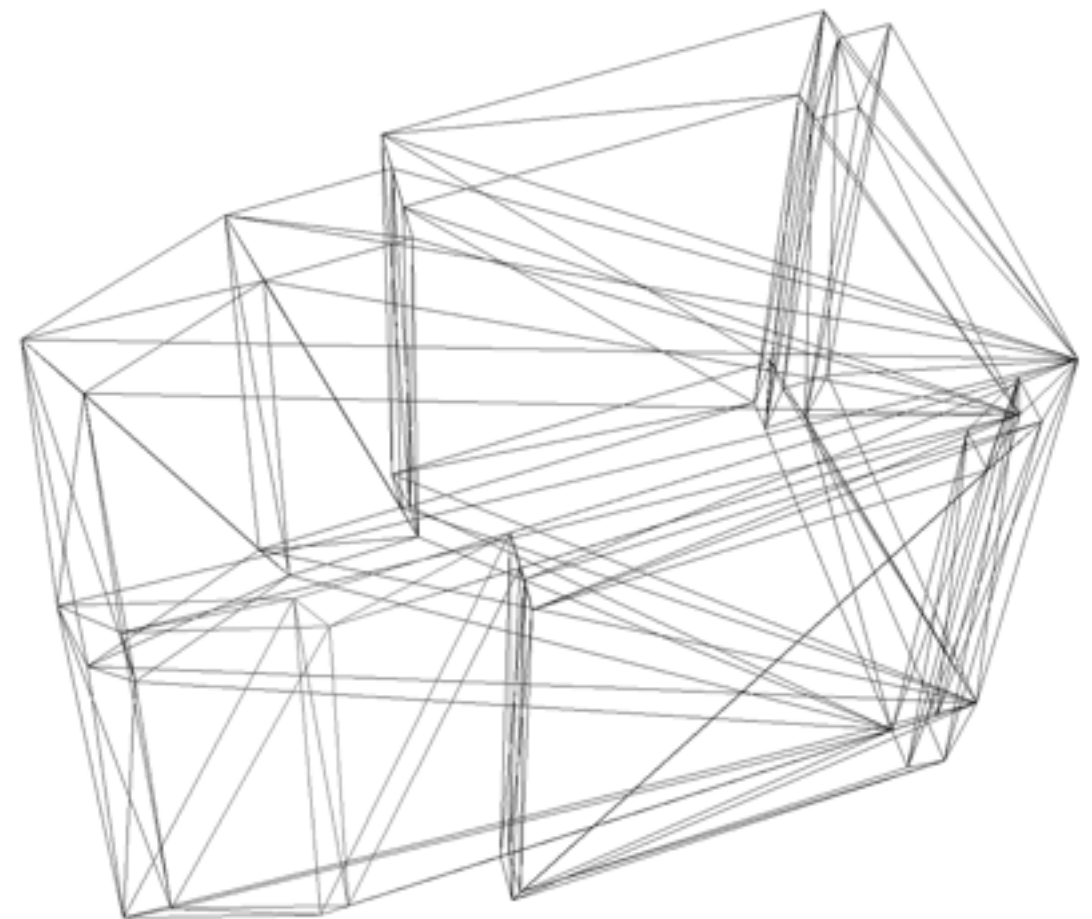
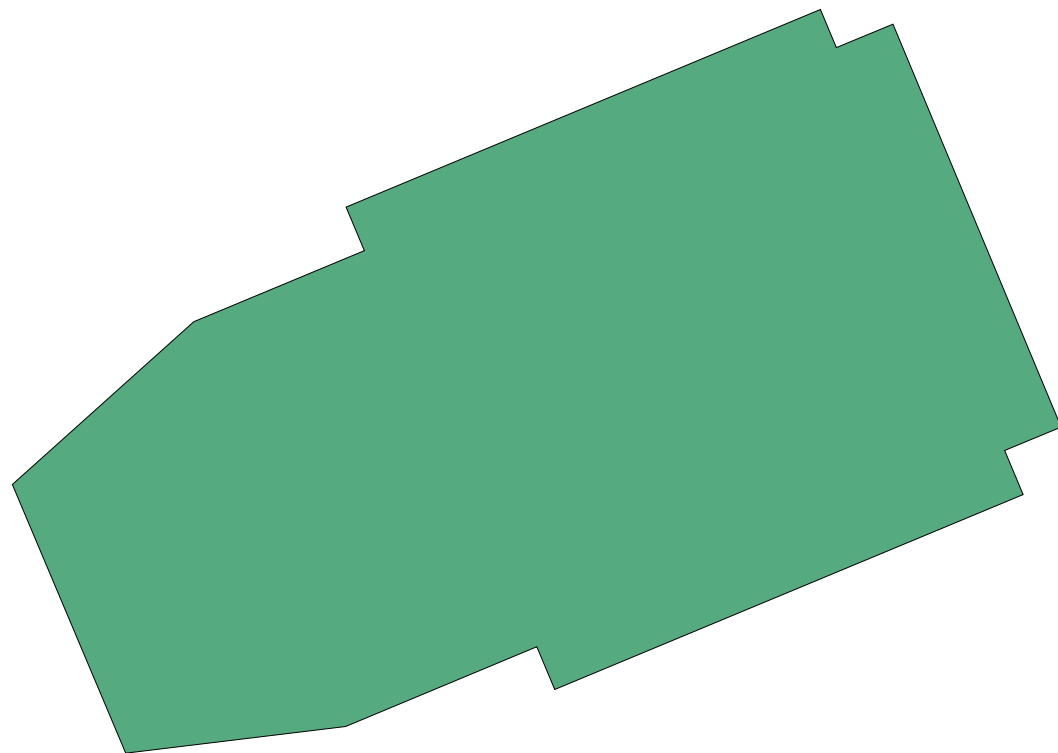
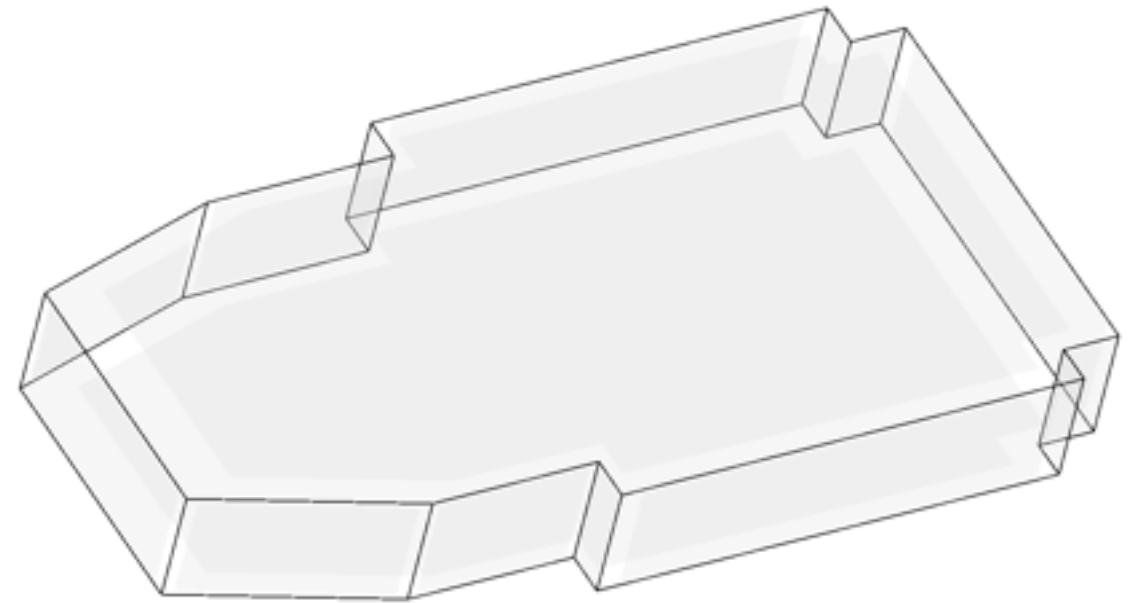












# Possible base models

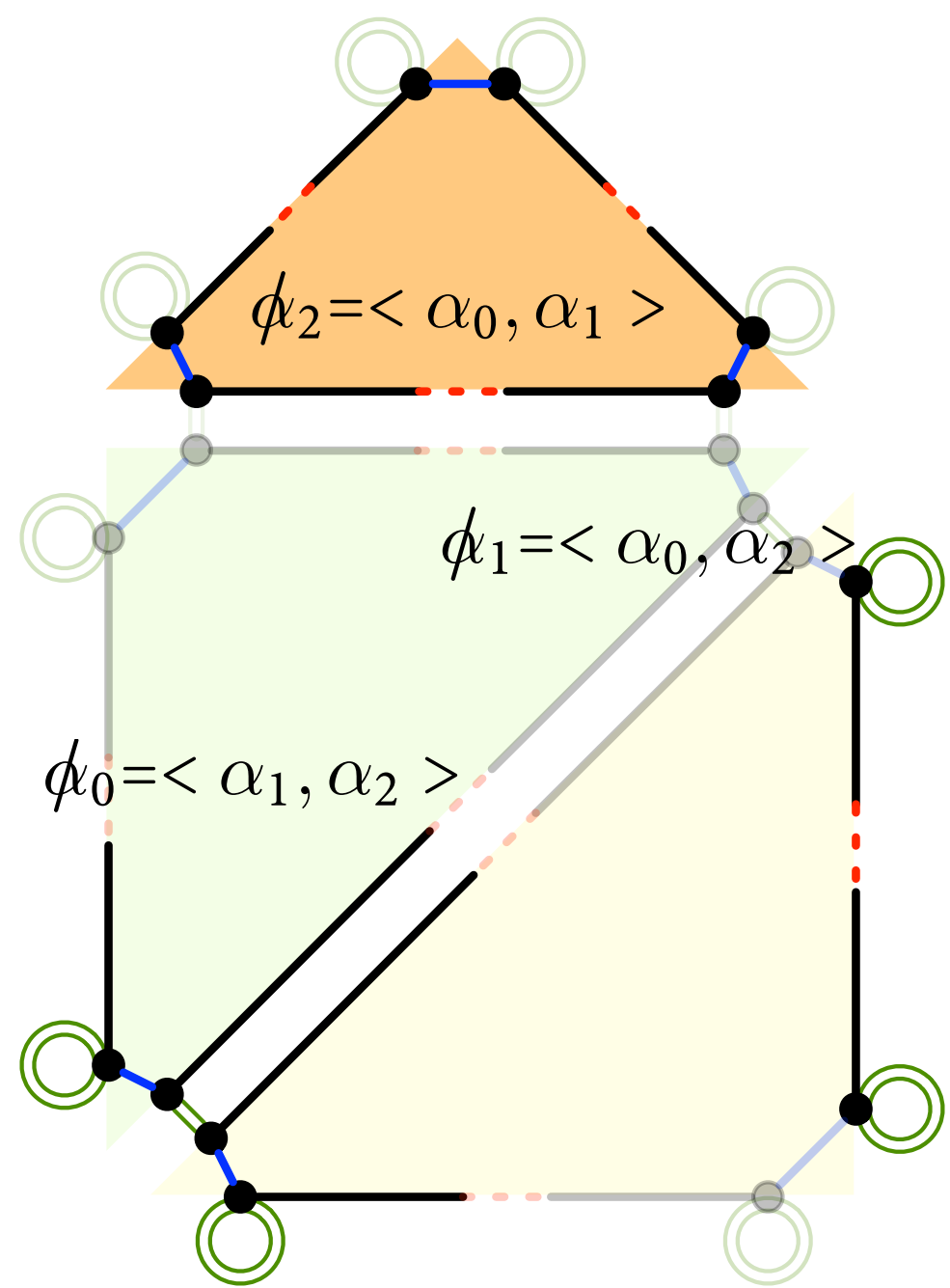
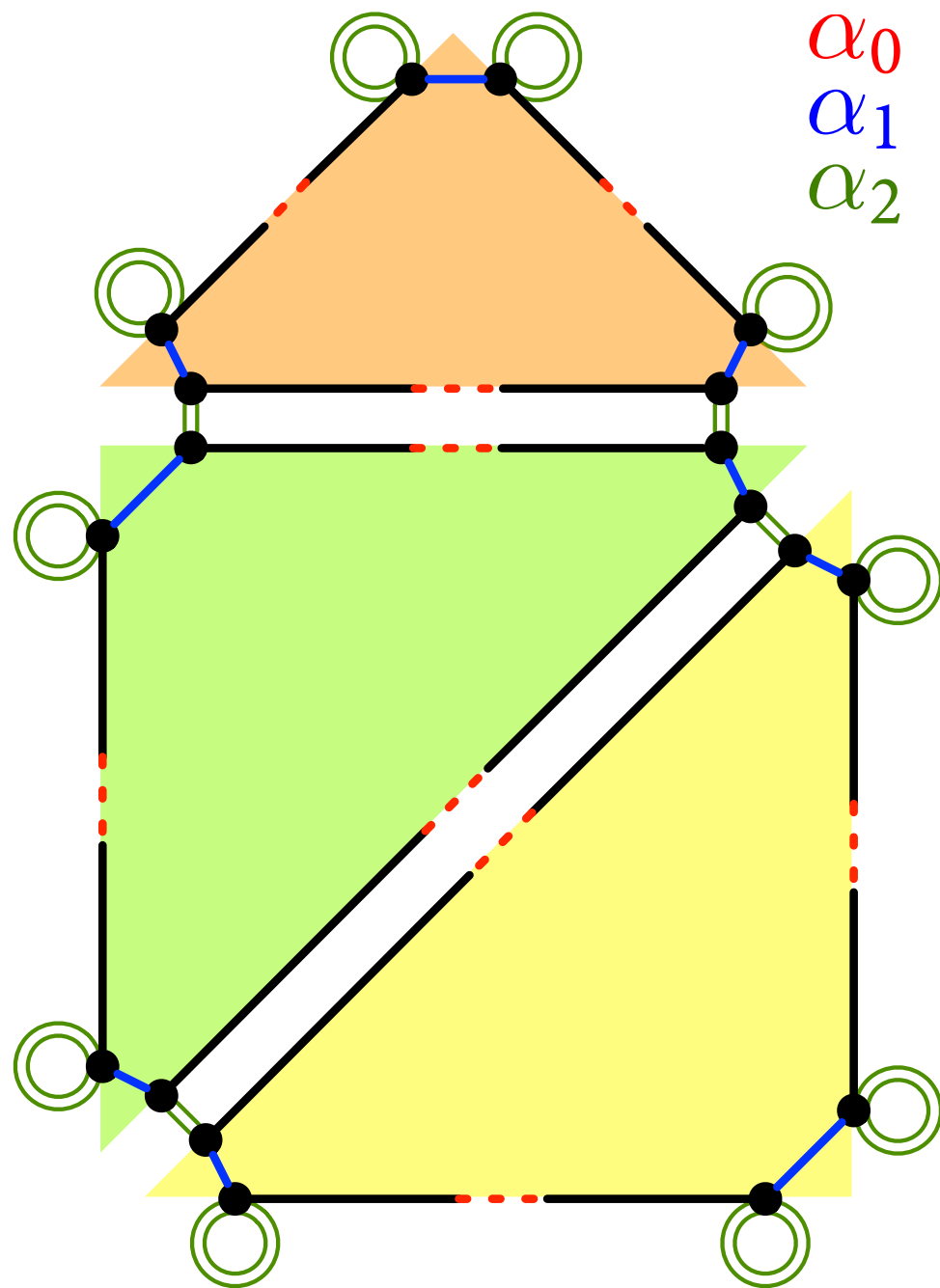
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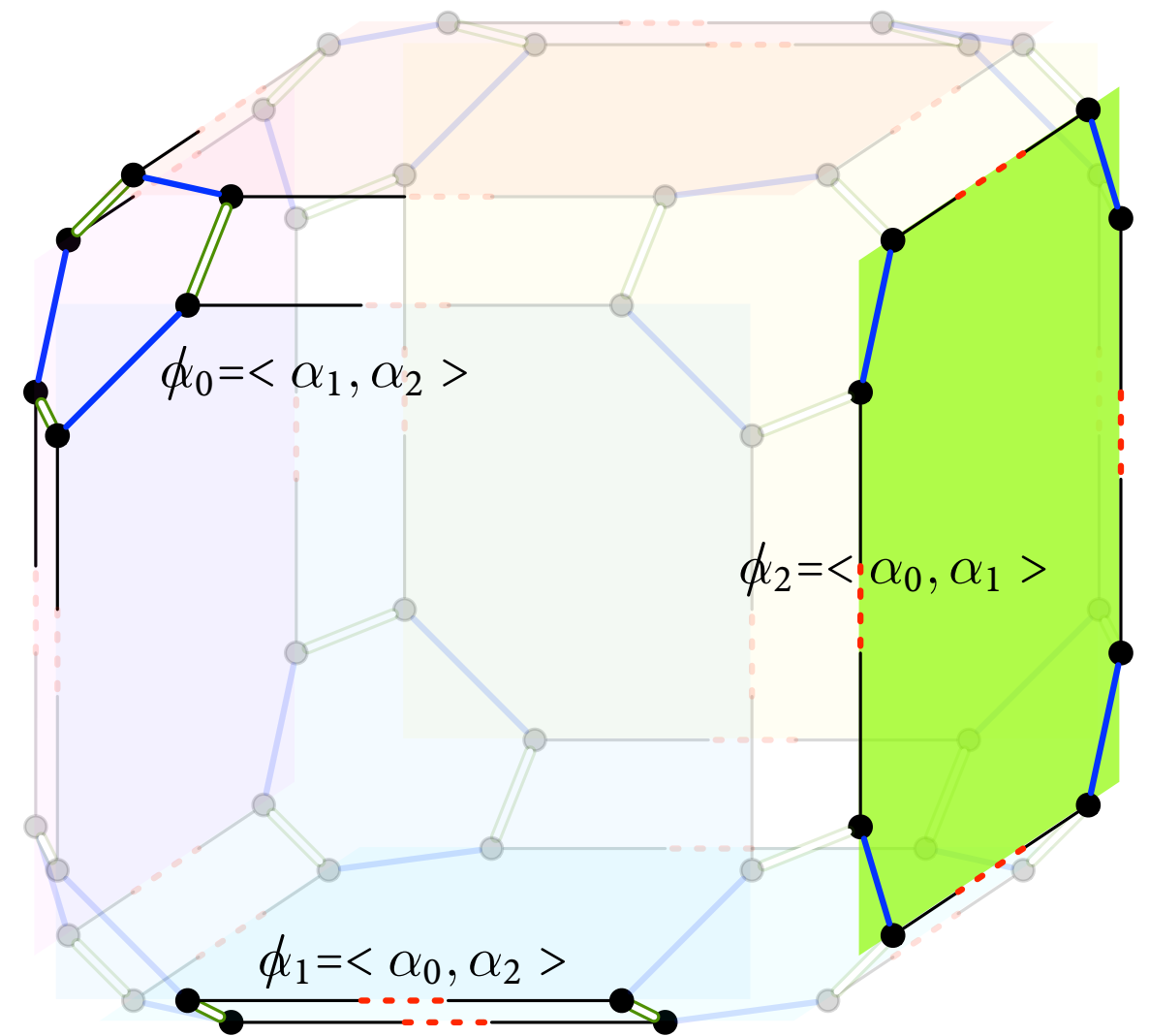
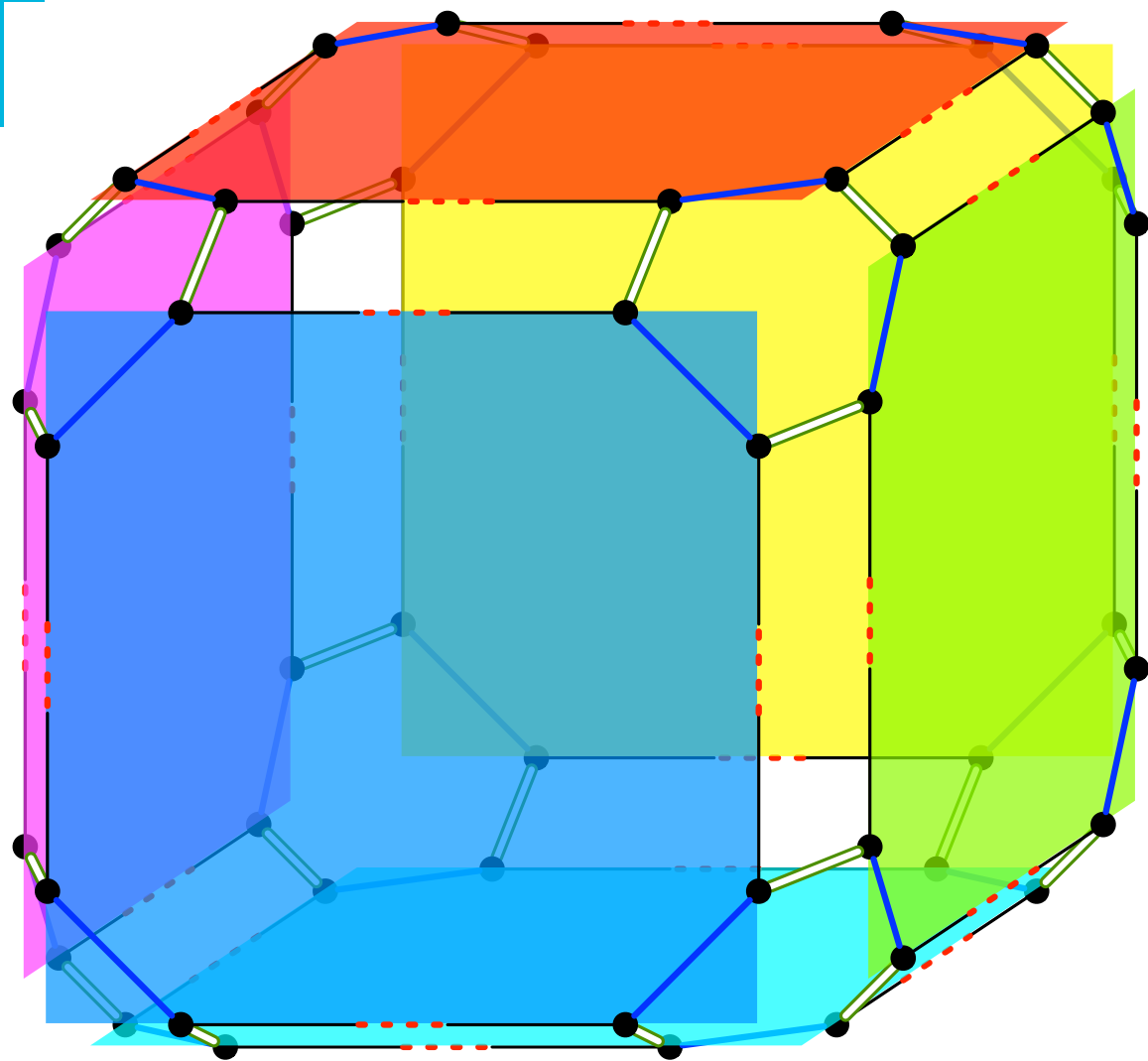
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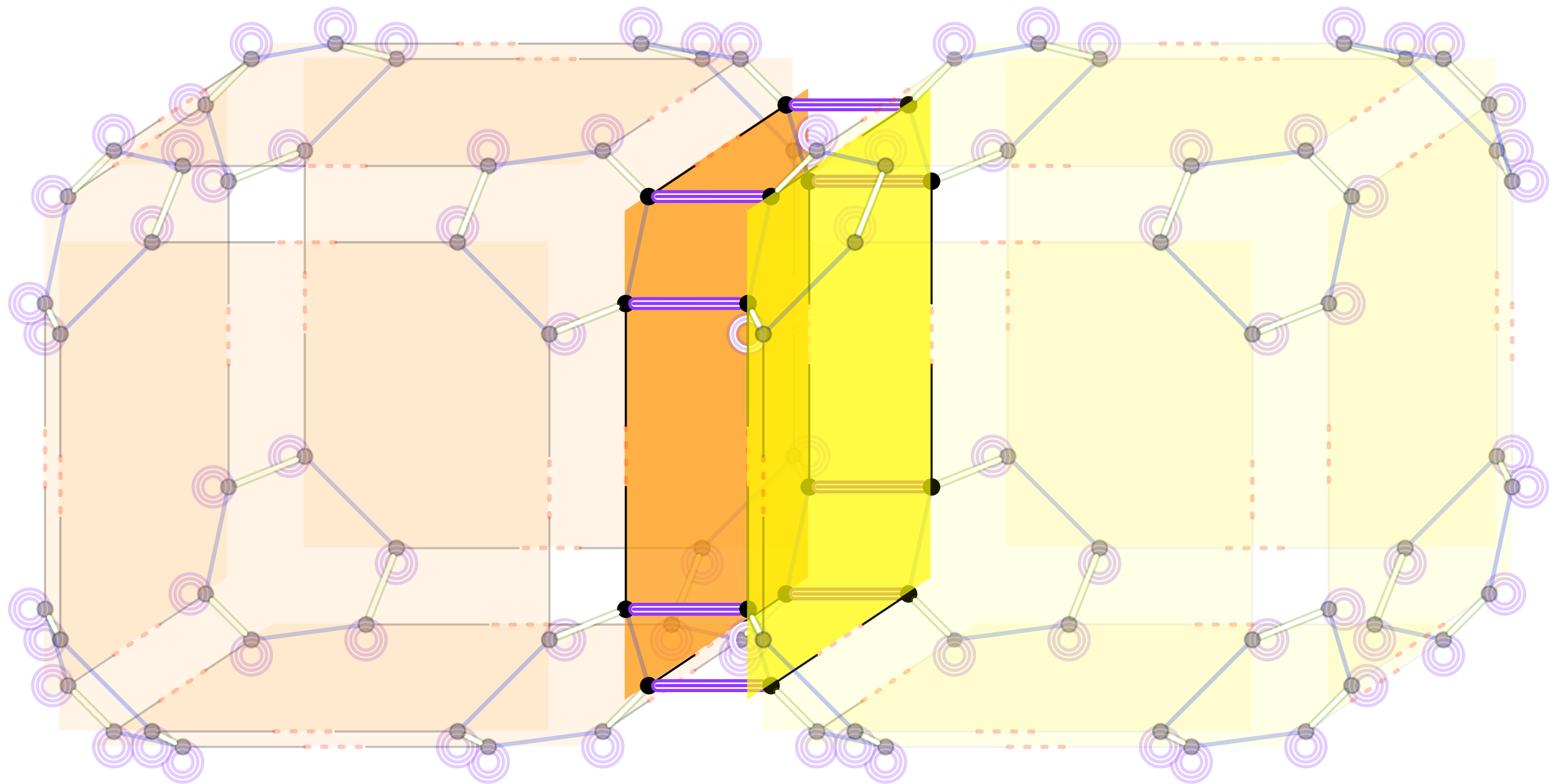
# Generalised maps

- Strong mathematical foundation (with ongoing work)
- Used in practice: GOCAD (geology) & Moka (geometric modeller)







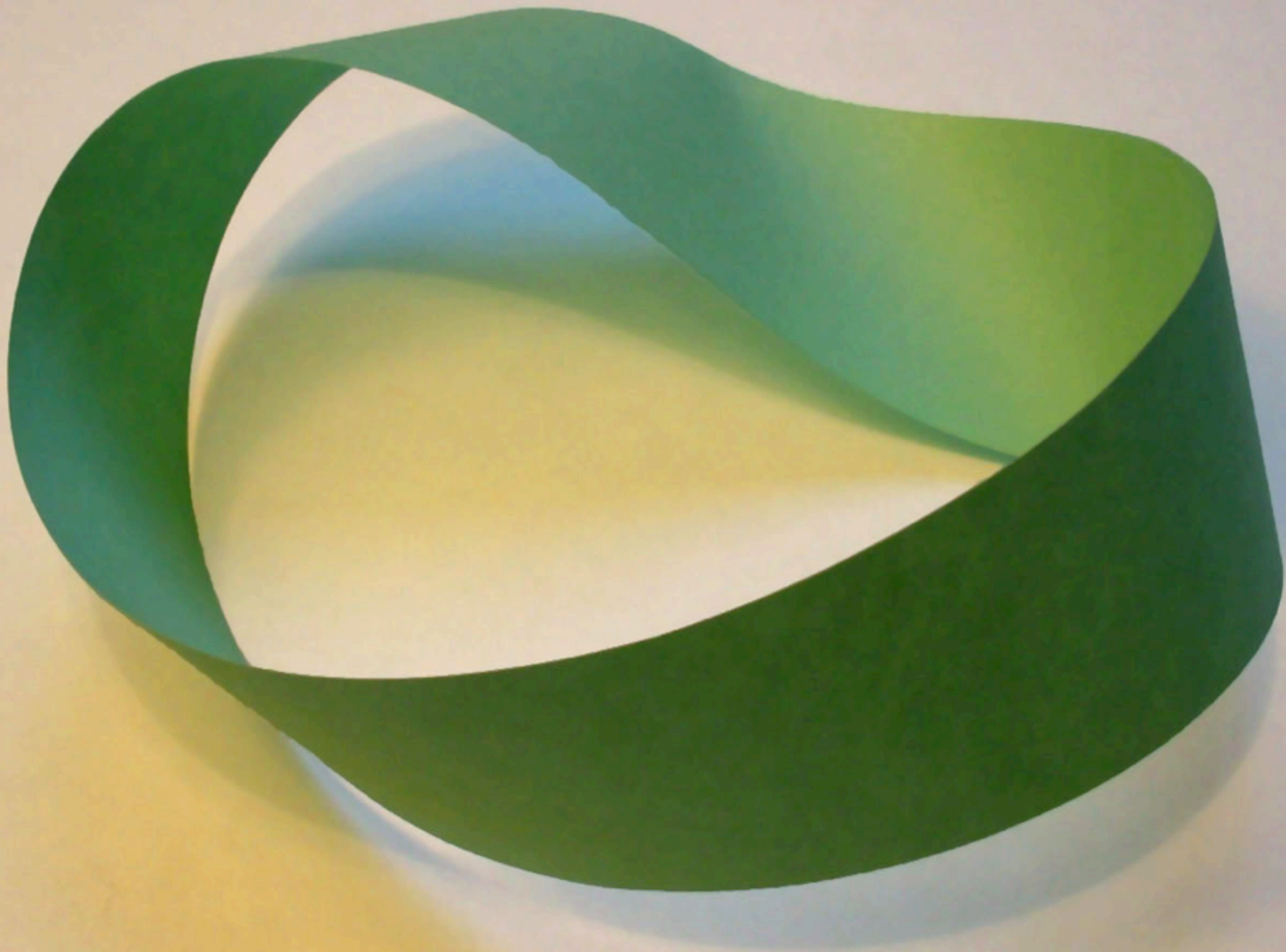


# What can we represent with usual GIS data structures?

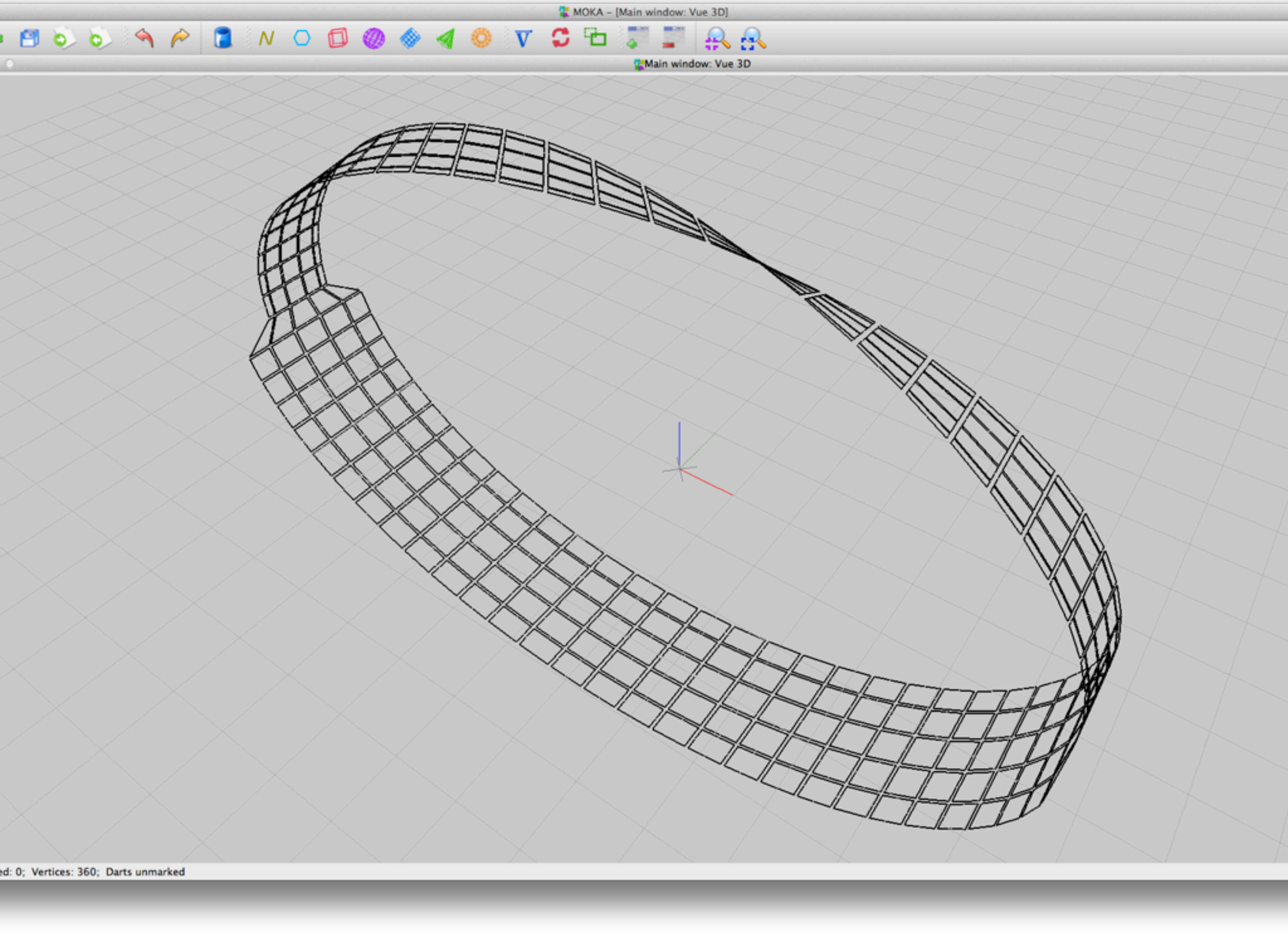
- 2D (3D objects are usually represented by their 2D boundary)
- Manifold
  - Not all topological relationships can be kept
- Orientable
  - Data sets are filled with badly oriented objects
- Holes?

# In higher dimensions, objects become more complex

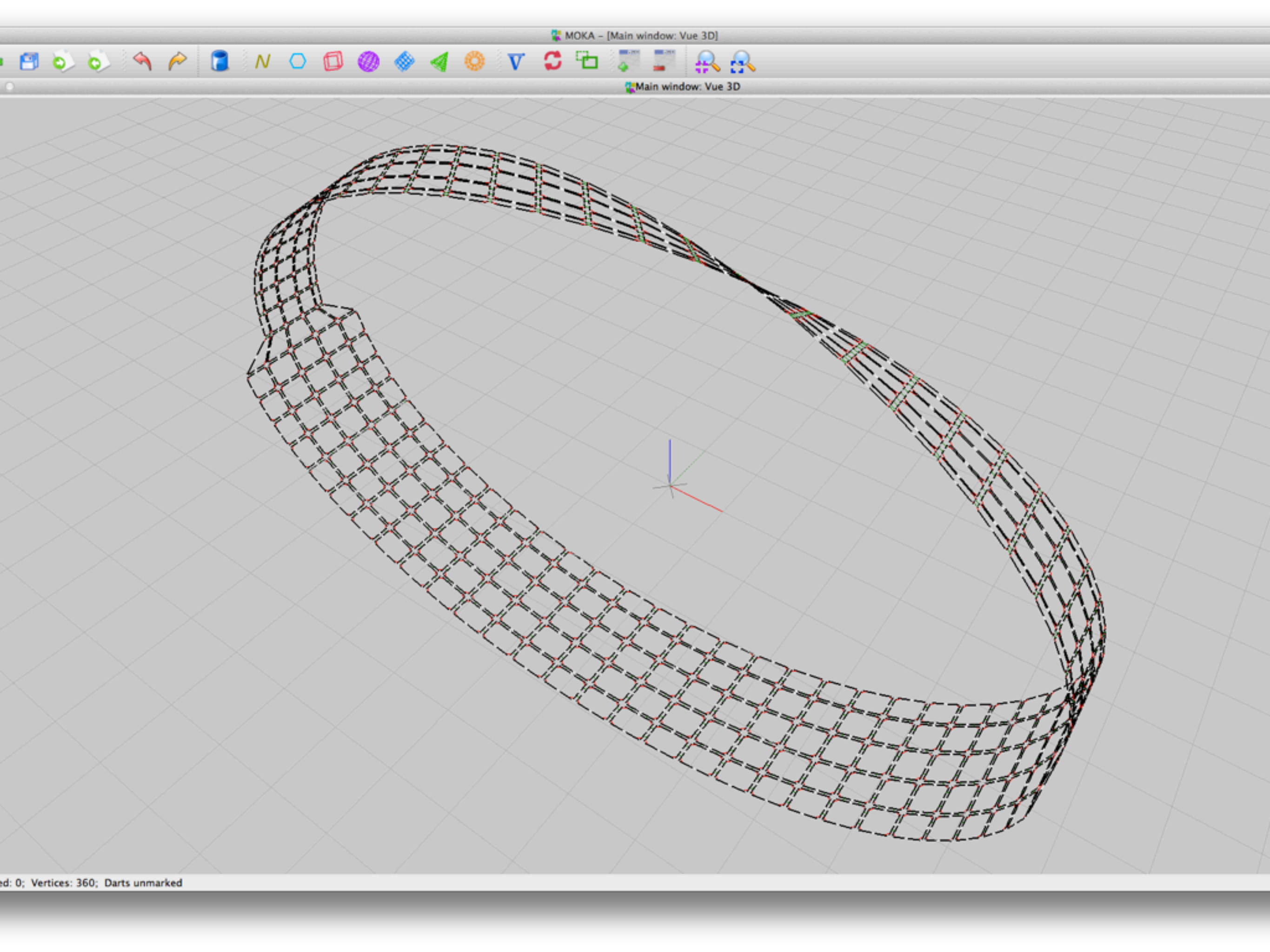
- 2D topology is no longer sufficient
- There might be holes in any dimension
- Visualisation is not trivial







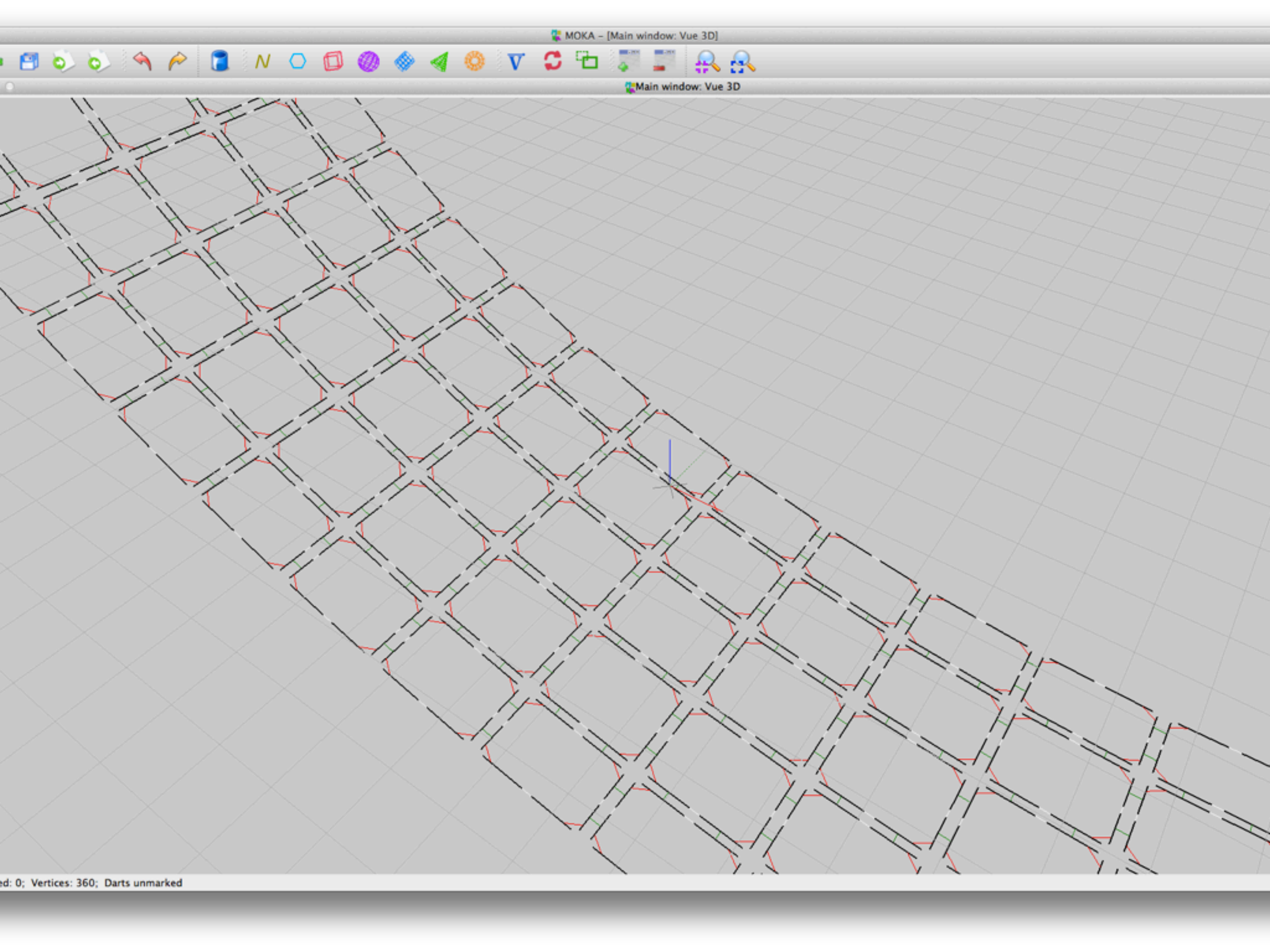




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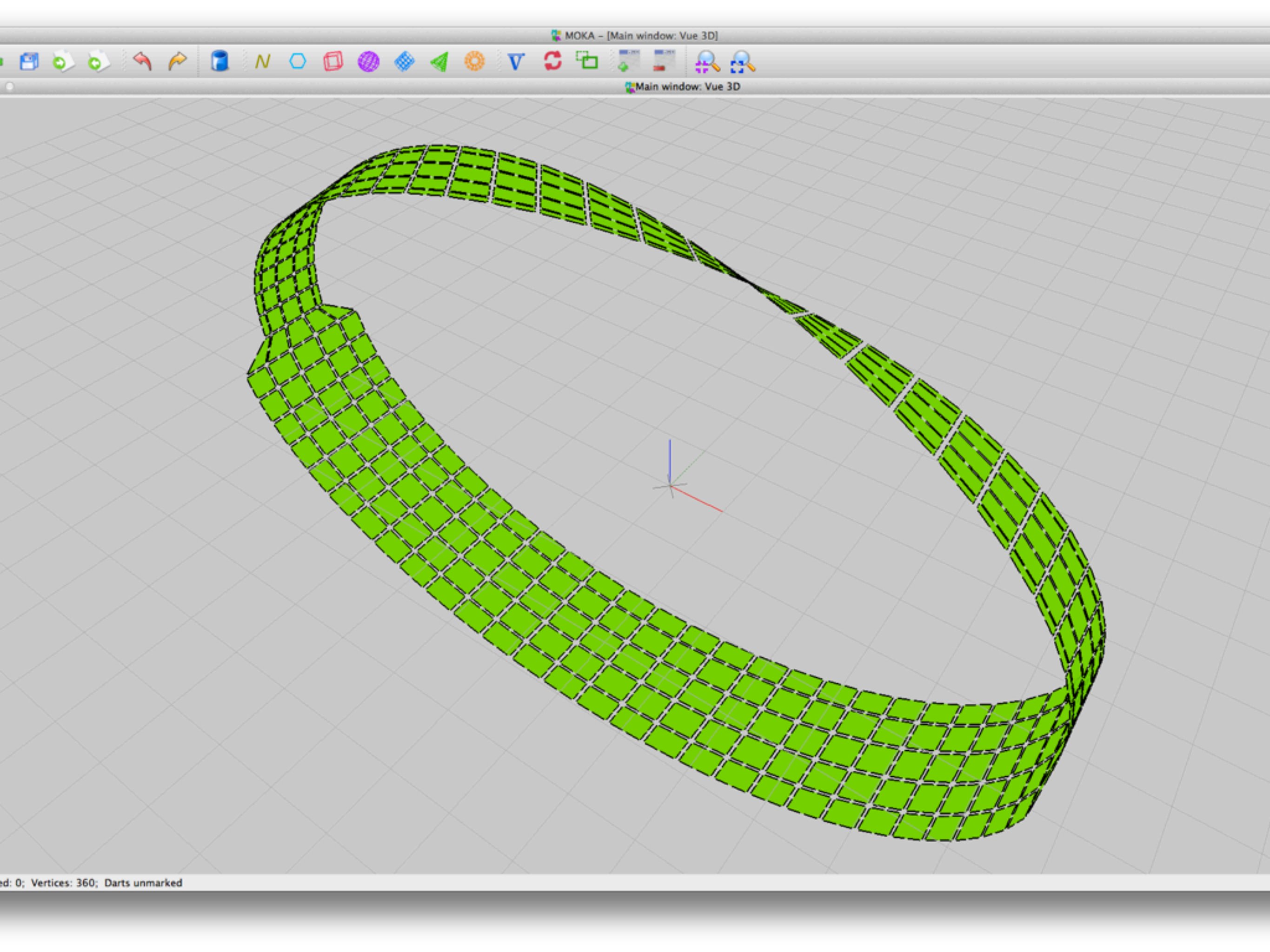


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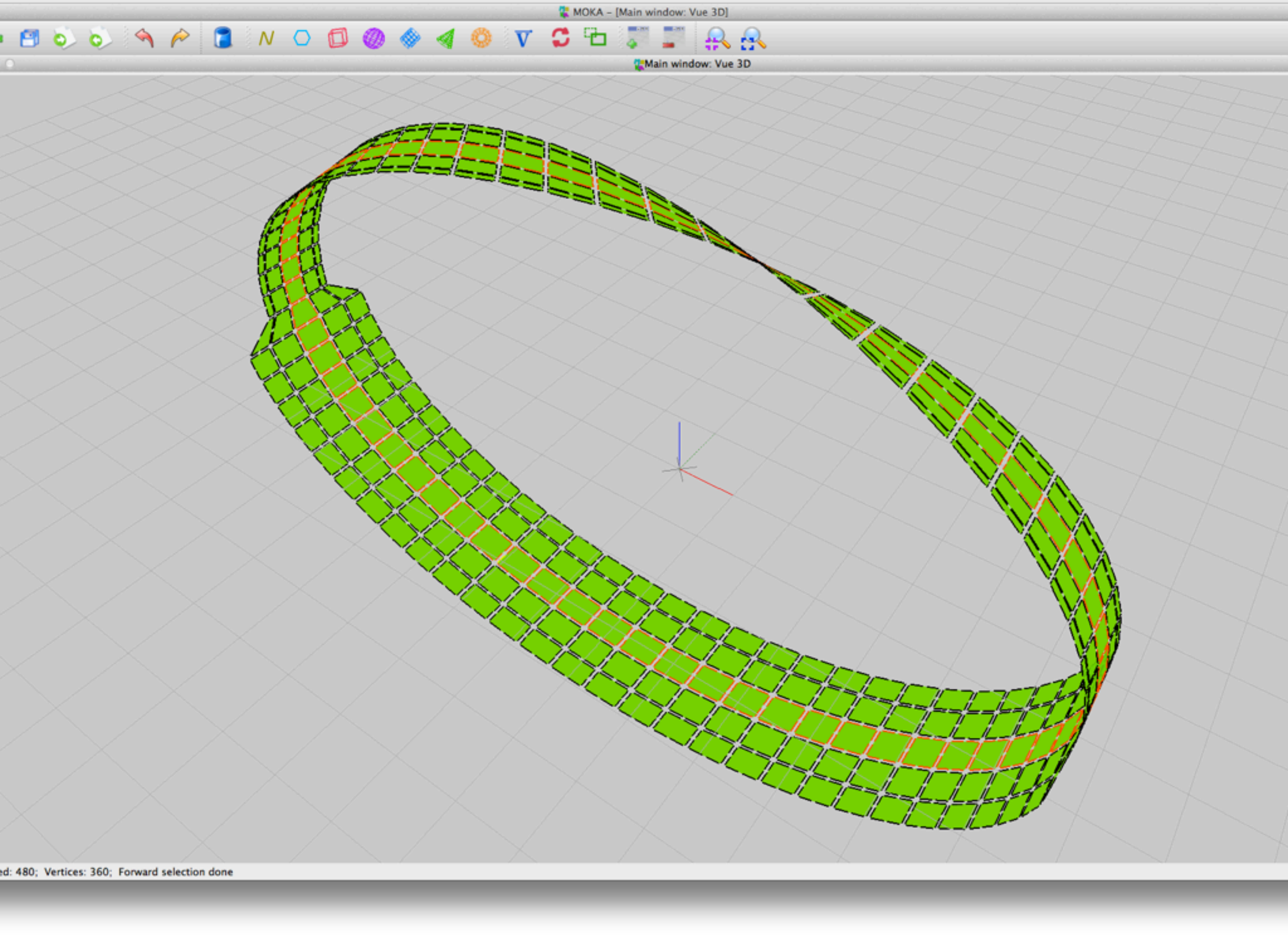




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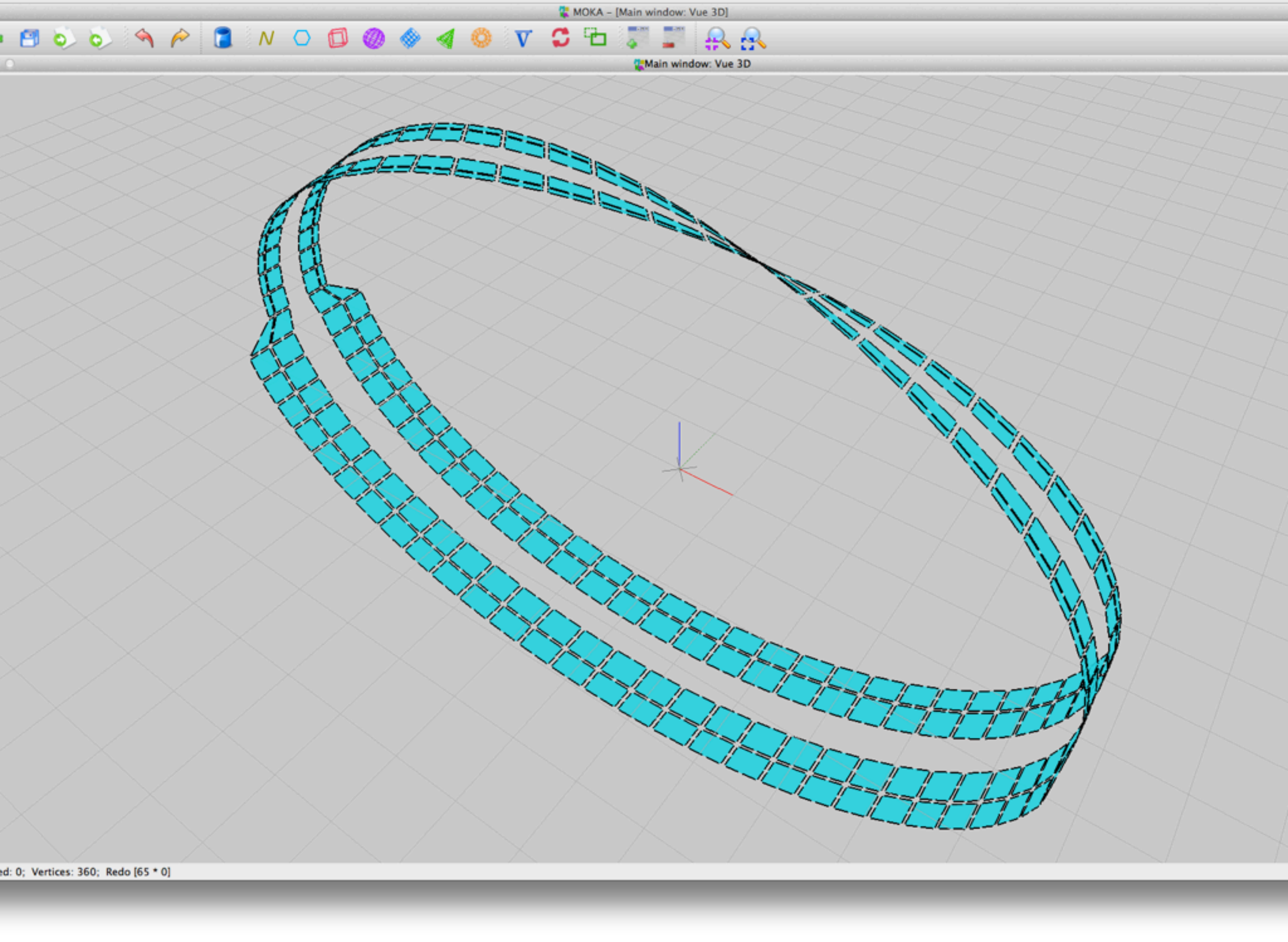
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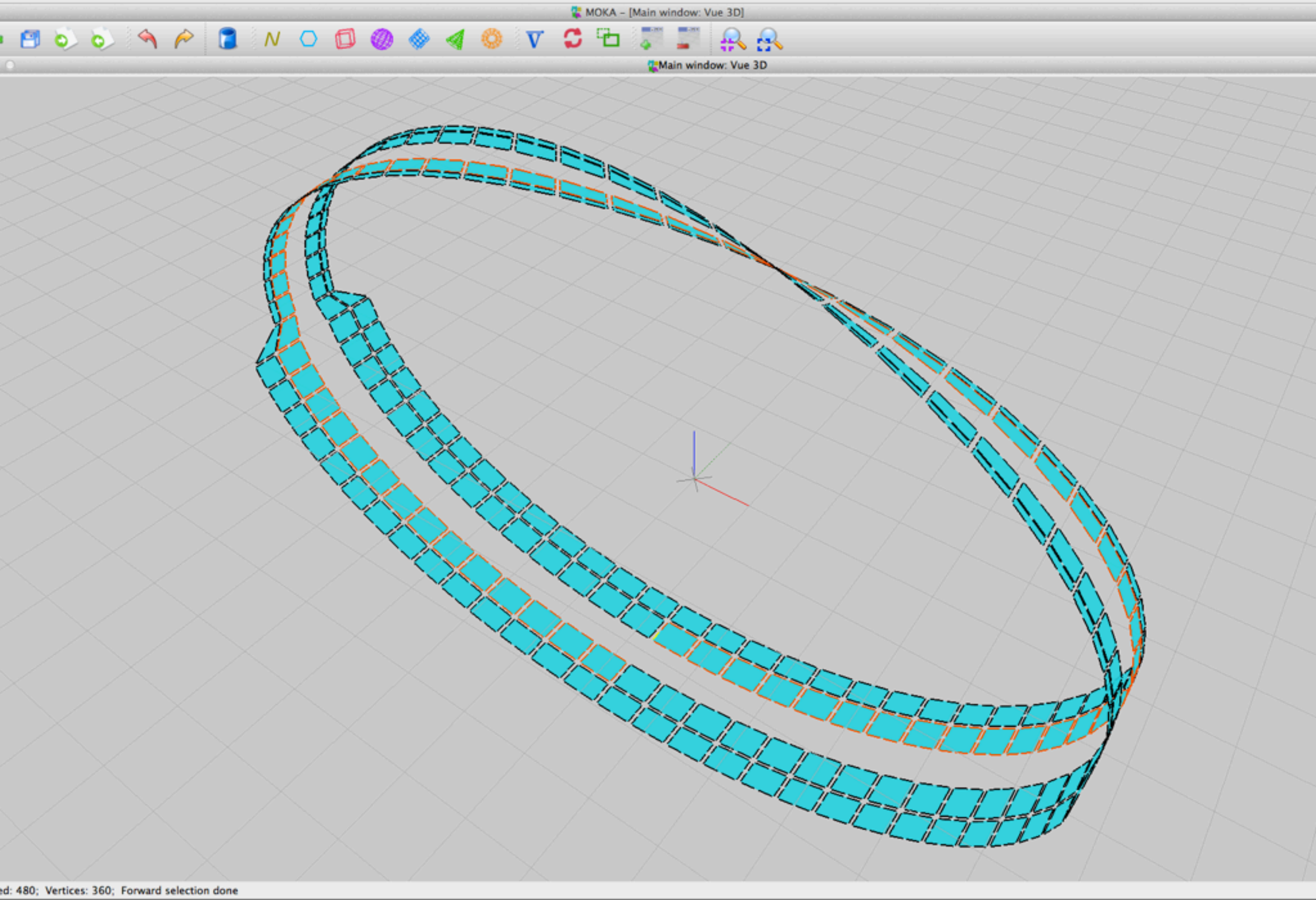
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Topological characteristics				
Globals			Volume incident to 'last'	
darts:	2400		darts:	2400
vertices:	360	0-borders: 0	vertices:	360
edges:	660	1-borders: 0	edges:	660
faces:	300	2-borders: 1	faces:	300
volumes:	1	3-borders: 1	Euler characteristic:	0
composants:	1		Orientability coefficient:	1
			Genus:	0
			S(1,1,0): Möbius strip	



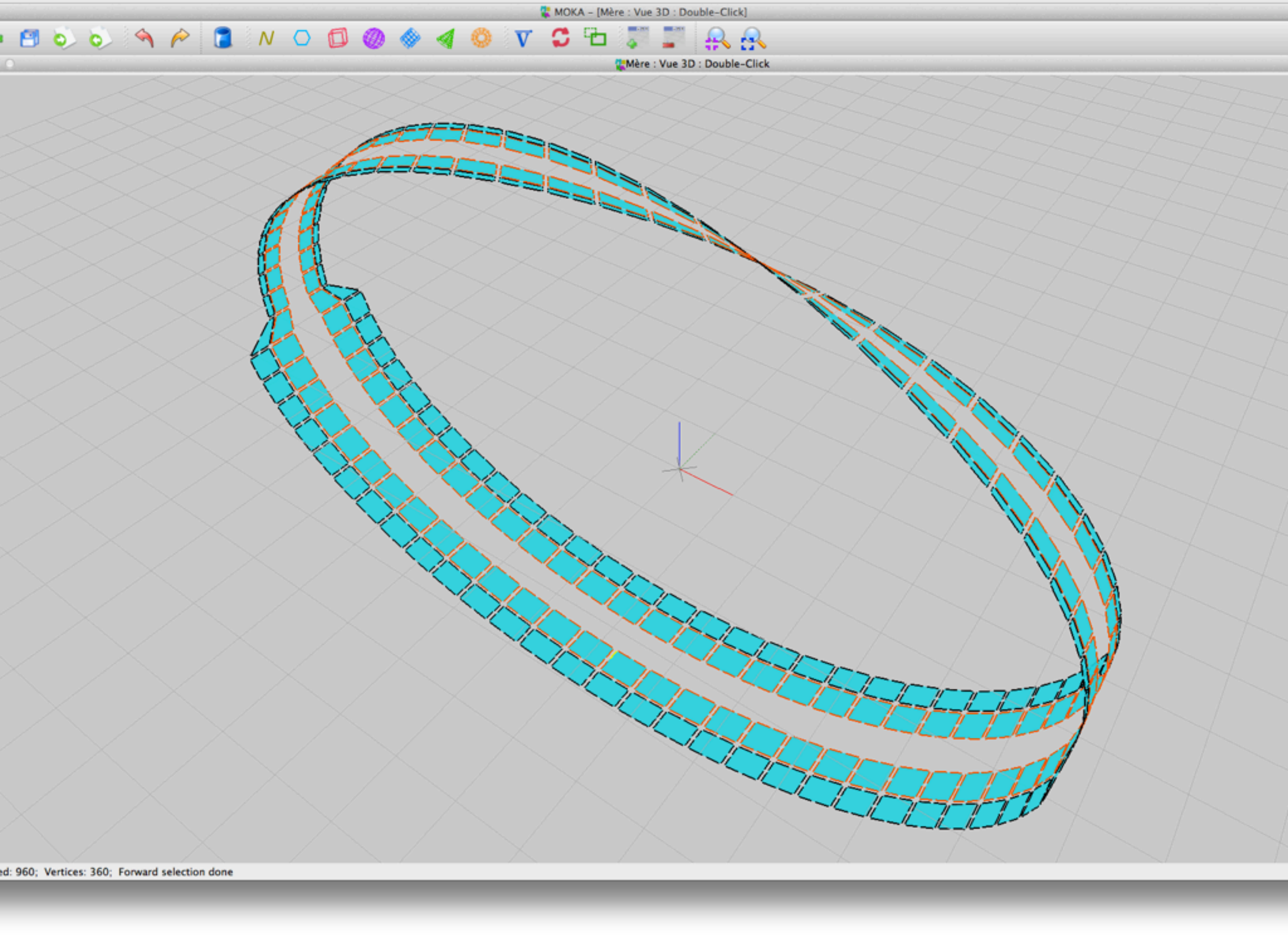


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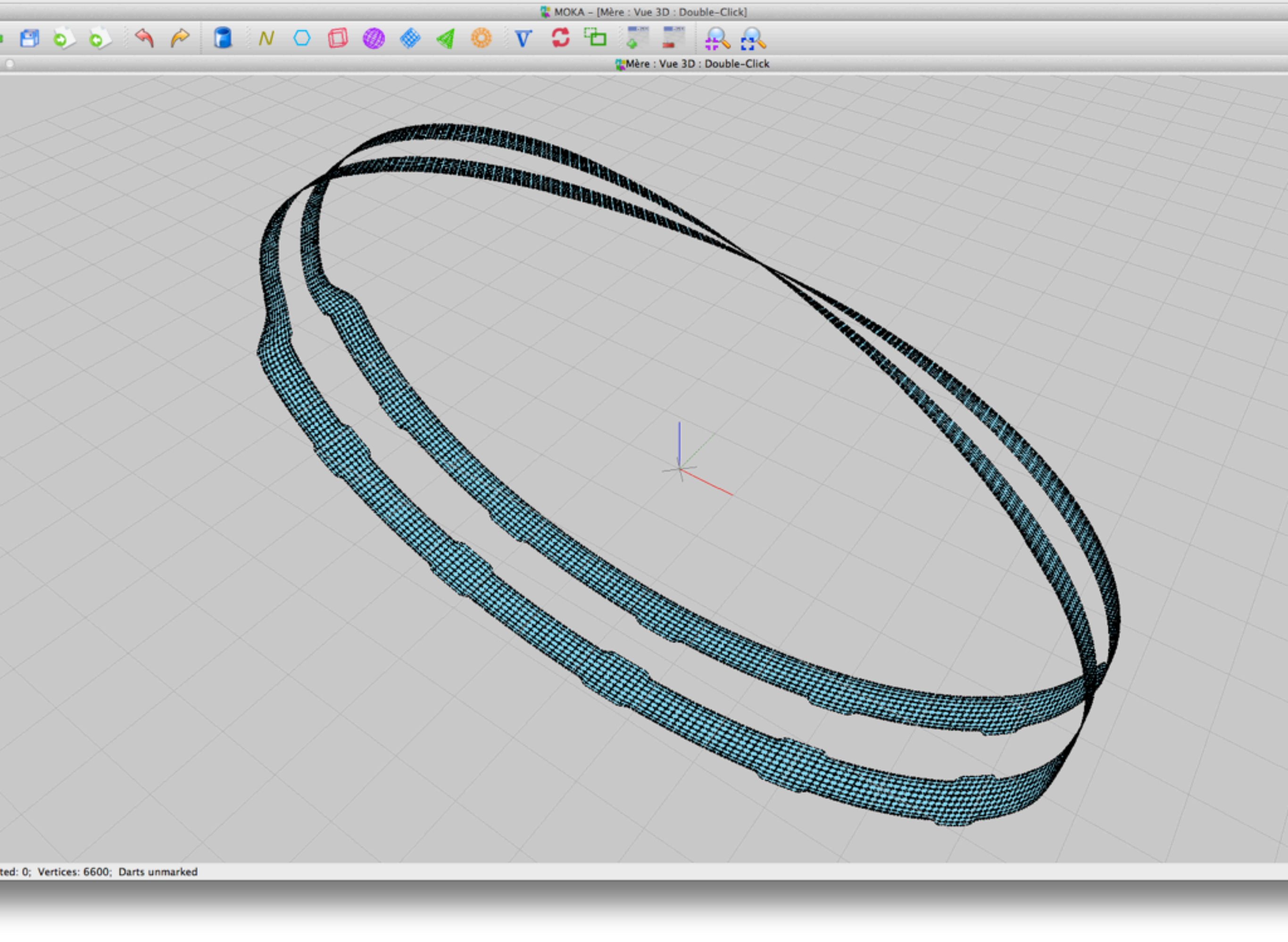
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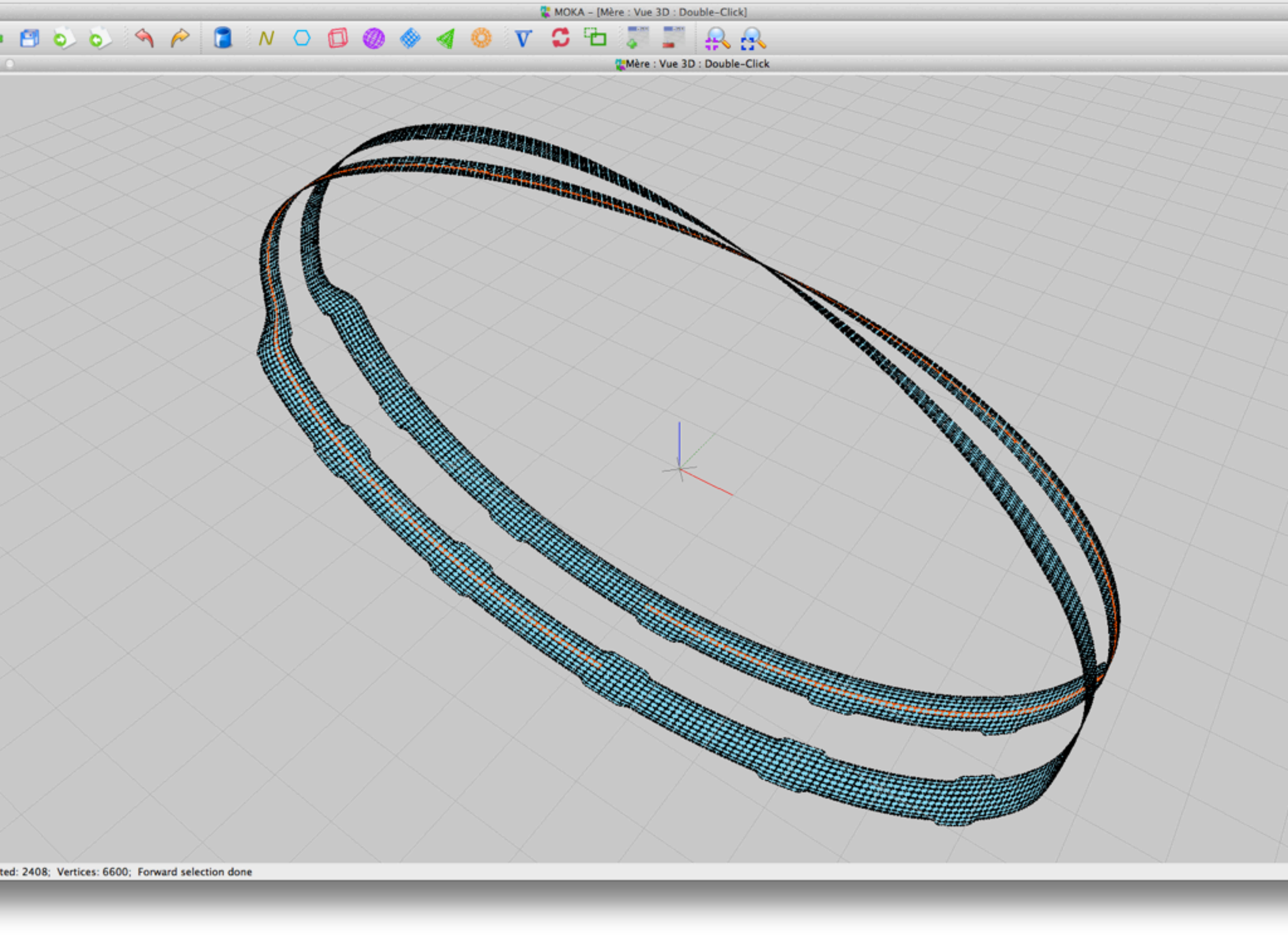
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Topological characteristics				
Globals			Volume incident to 'last'	
darts:	1920		darts:	1920
vertices:	360	0-borders: 0	vertices:	360
edges:	600	1-borders: 0	edges:	600
faces:	240	2-borders: 2	faces:	240
volumes:	1	3-borders: 1	Euler characteristic:	0
composants:	1		Orientability coefficient:	0
			Genus:	0
			S(2,0,0): Strip	



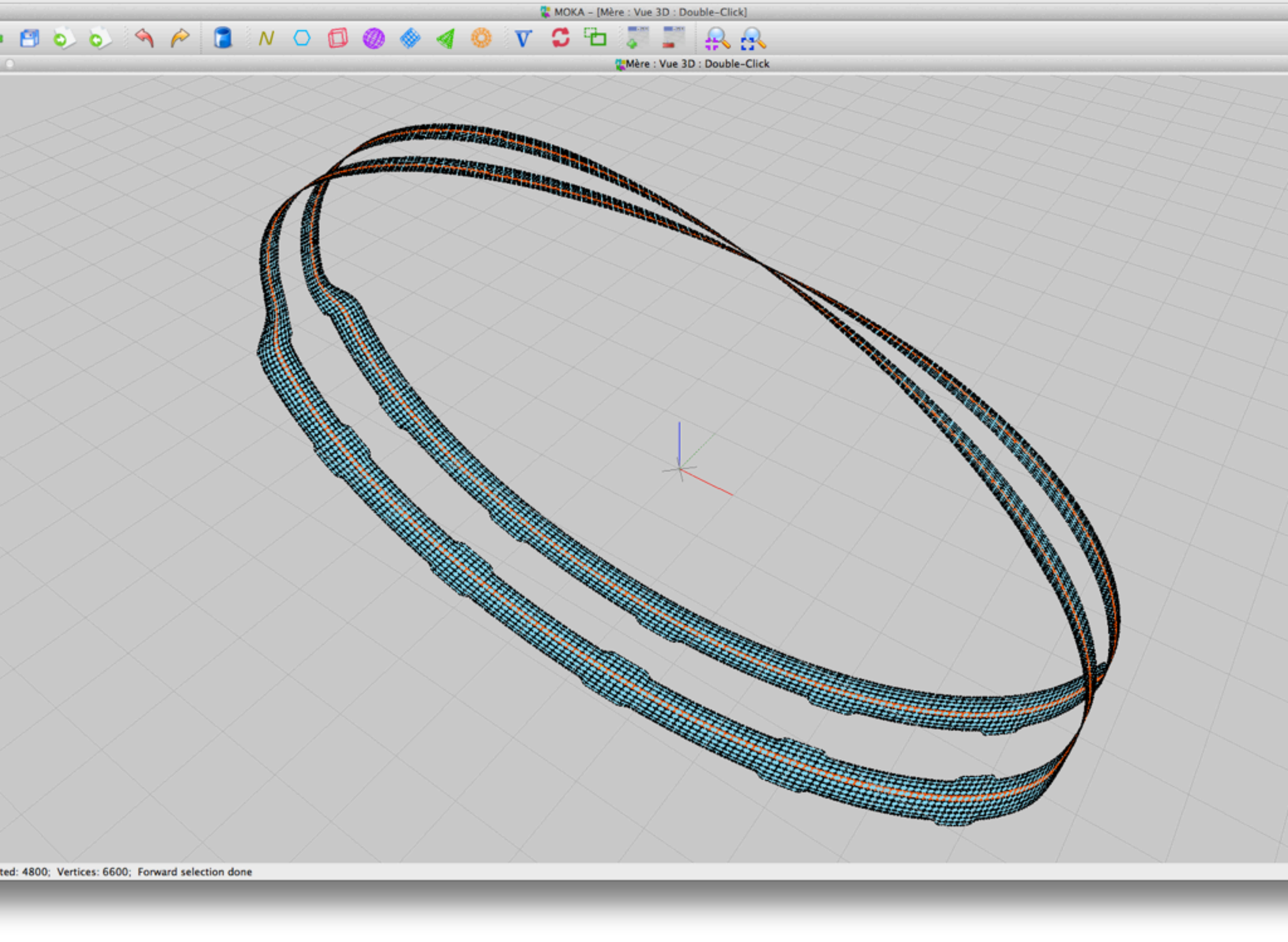




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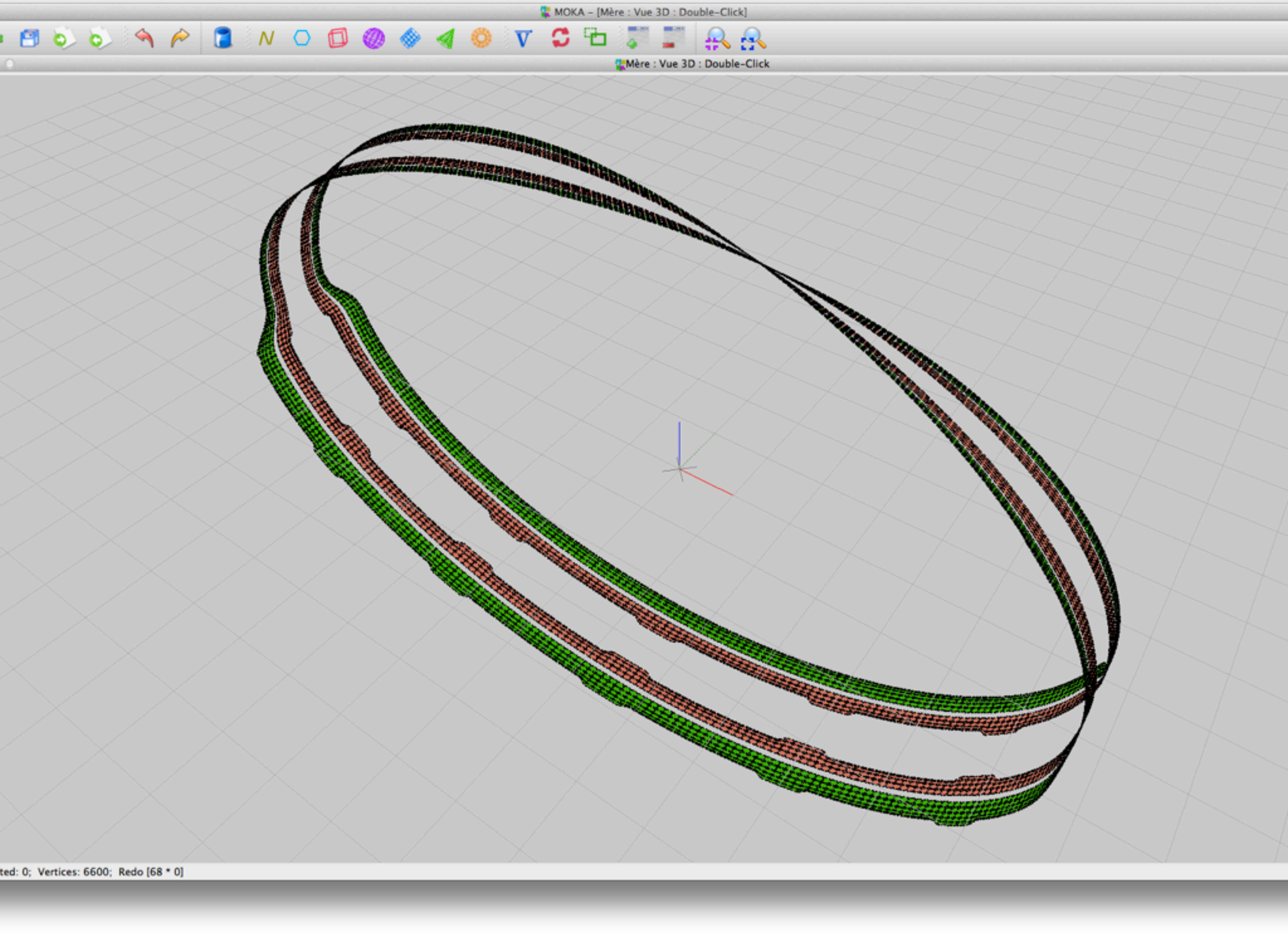


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Mère : Vue 3D : Double-Click

ted: 0; Vertices: 6600; Redo [68 \* 0]

Topological characteristics				
Globals			Volume incident to 'last'	
darts:	43200		darts:	24000
vertices:	6600	0-borders: 0	vertices:	3600
edges:	12000	1-borders: 0	edges:	6600
faces:	5400	2-borders: 4	faces:	3000
volumes:	2	3-borders: 2	Euler characteristic:	0
composants:	2		Orientability coefficient:	0
			Genus:	0
				S(2,0,0): Strip

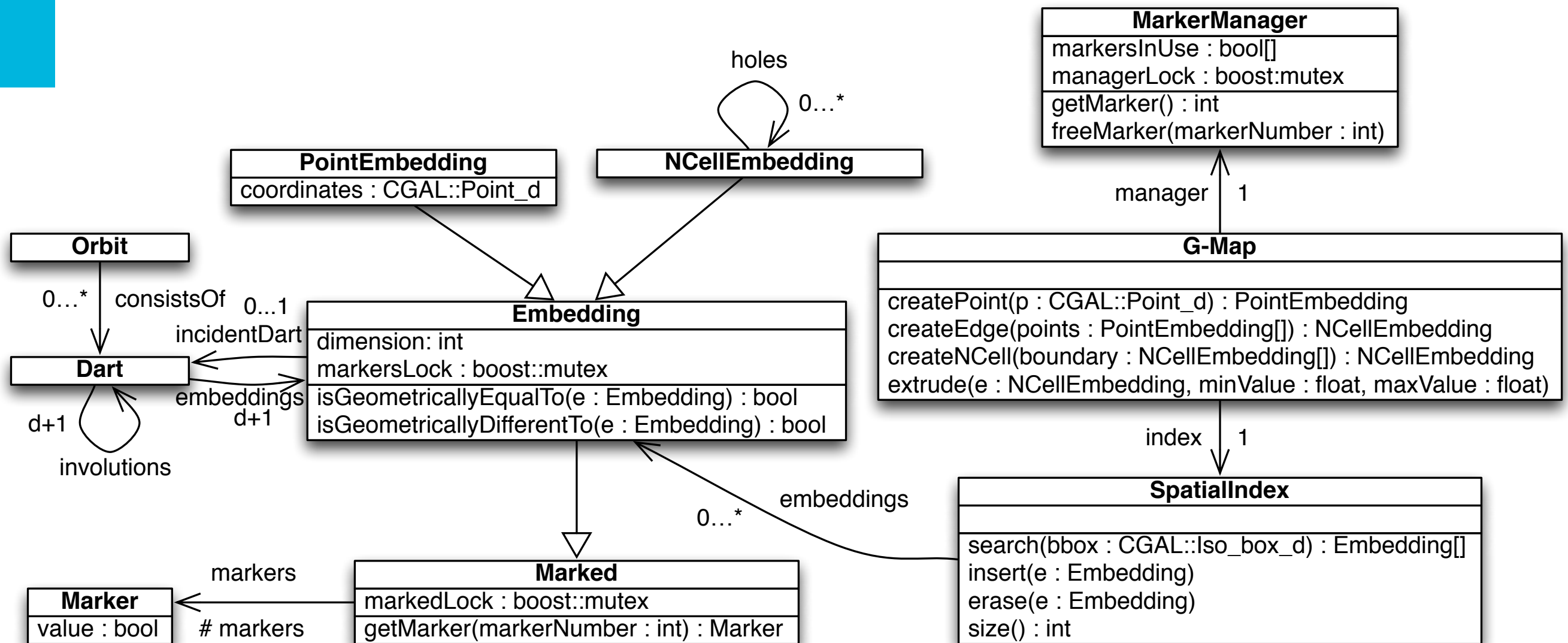


# What is needed?

- Storing geometry, topology and computed values
- Complex handling of attributes: numeric, text, classes
- Construction from invalid or non topological data
- Queries: geometric, topological, attribute based, or a combination
- Holes, in possibly every dimension  $> 0$
- Disconnected objects

# Operations

- Traversing the 5D structure
- Construction of 5D objects
- Efficient access to disconnected objects (0D-5D), which might be disconnected
- Visualisation in 2D & 3D (slicing & projections)



Thank you! Questions?