# Degree-Driven Algorithm Design for Computing Volumes of CSG Models 

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## Motivation and Background



Image from Idaho National Lab, Flickr


Image from:T.M. Sutton, et. al., The MC21 Monte Carlo Transport Code, Proceedings of (M\&C + SNA 2007)

## Volume Calculation Framework Overview

Basic idea: Divide-and-conquer.
Use an octree to decompose space into boxes, determining the surfaces affecting each box, stopping when the box is small enough or surfaces are simple enough that we can approximate volume accurately.


Our contribution: Framework that computes each component's volume in multi-comp. CSG models.
Based on a minimal, extensible set of predicates that handles any model \& is very efficient on common cases.

| Algorithm | Error | Time (sec) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
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## Primitives: <br> Signed Quadratic Surfaces



$$
\begin{gathered}
f(x, y, z)<a_{1} x^{2}+a_{2} y^{2}+a_{3} z^{2} \\
+a_{4} x y+a_{5} x z+a_{6} y z \\
+a_{7} x+a_{8} y+a_{9} z+a_{10}
\end{gathered}
$$

## Model Representation Basic Component: Boolean Formula

A basic component defined by intersections and unions of signed surfaces

$$
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## Operations on Primitives

Operations on signed surface $S$ with point or box:

- Point inside - return if query point is inside $S$.

- Integrator - return the intersection volume of the interior of $S$ with an axis-aligned box.


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## Box classification test

Box classification - return if the points of an axis-aligned box are inside, outside or both with respect to $S$.


$$
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& b=\left(b_{1}, p_{2}, \ldots, p_{6}\right) \\
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classify $(\mathrm{s}, b)$
(1) check if any vertices of $b$ are on different sides of $s$. -- Degree 3
(2) check if any edge of $b$ intersect s. -- Degree 4
(3) check if any face of $b$ intersects s. -- Degree 5

## Face test

Test if a face f intersects $S$.


Let $\mathbf{c}$ be the intersection curve of the plane P containing the face and $s$.

$$
c(x, y)=\left(\begin{array}{lll}
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2 & (2) & 3
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Can we reduce the box test to degree 4?

## Experiment: Accuracy and Time



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## Conclusion

Current challenges:

- Lower degree box classification
- Tighter error bounds
- Translating other problems from reactor physics into the language of computational geometry.

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## Model Operations <br> Component Hierarchy: Boolean Formulae

Operations for a comp. hierarchy:

- Point location - return the hierarchical component containing a point.

- Formula restricted to a box - given an axis aligned box $b$, a Boolean formula $F$ and the classification for all surfs of $F$ for $b$, replace all surfs of $F$ in which $b$ is completely inside or outside with True or False respectively.


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