Interactive Cutting Operations for Generating Anatomical Illustrations from Volumetric Data Sets

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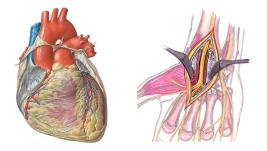
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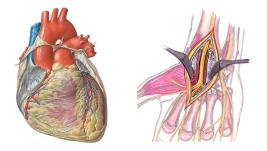
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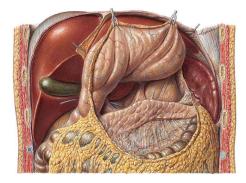


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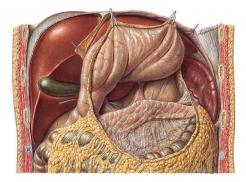
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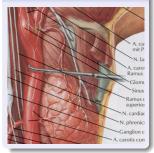
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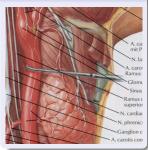
Anatomical atlases use:

- cutaways ubiquitously
- no transparency or ghosting techniques
- deformations

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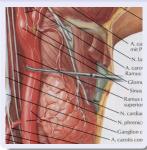


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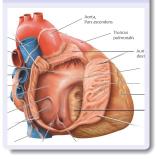


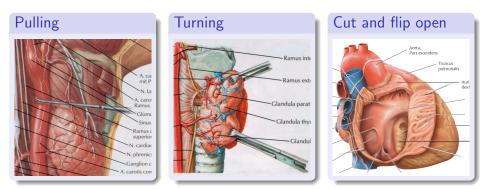
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Cut and flip open





Source	Pull	Turn	Cut/Flip
Netter	19	6	6
Sobotta	33	7	23
Prometheus	22	16	15
Total	74	29	44

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Requirements for generating illustrative deformations

- Retain full data set resolution
- Interactive manipulation
- Physically comprehensible behaviour
- No preprocessing, no segmentation
- Optional support for transparency

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Physically-inspired

- 3D ChainMail algorithm (Gibson, 1997)
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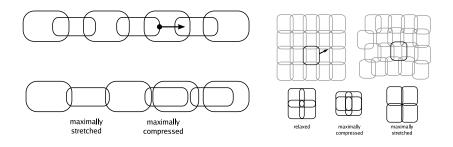


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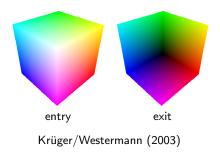


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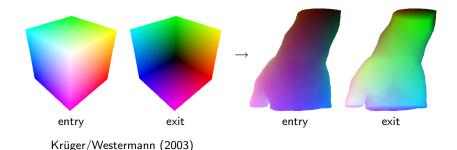
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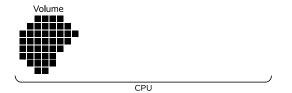
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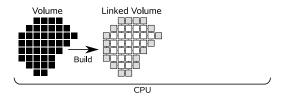


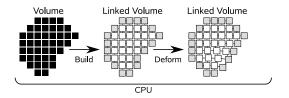
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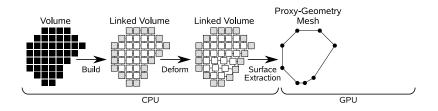
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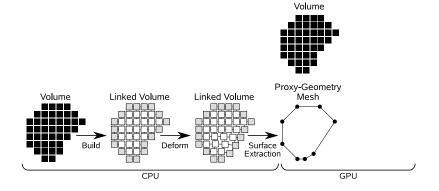


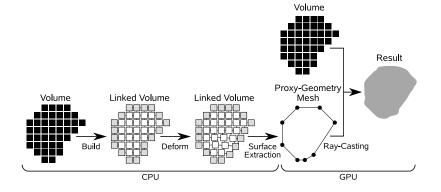












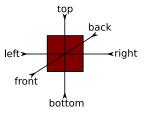
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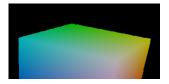
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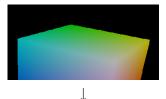


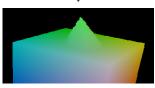
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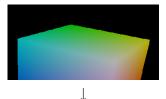


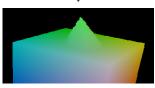
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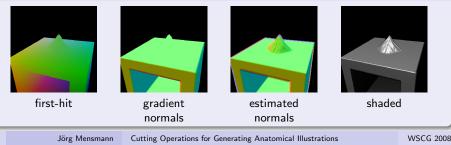
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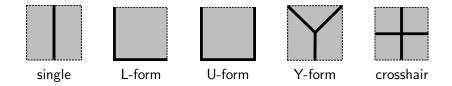
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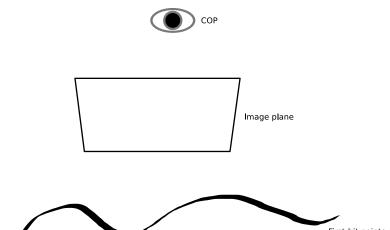


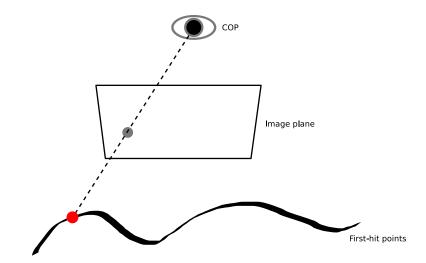
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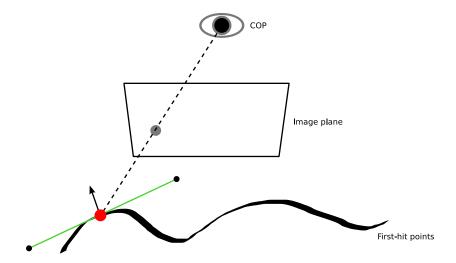
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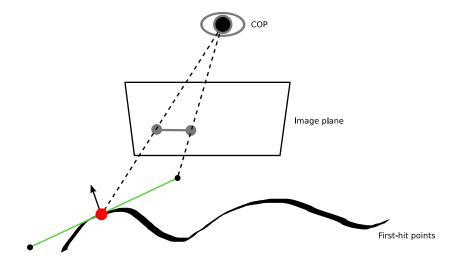
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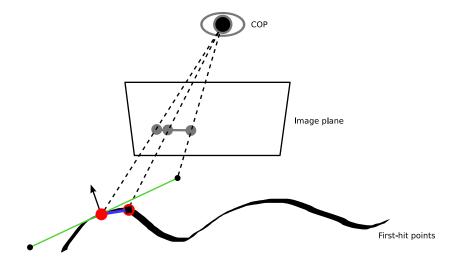
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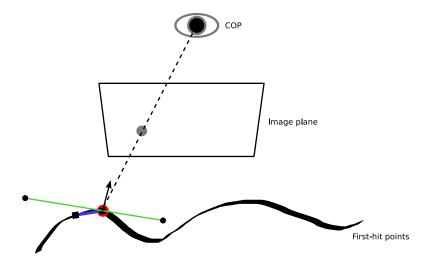


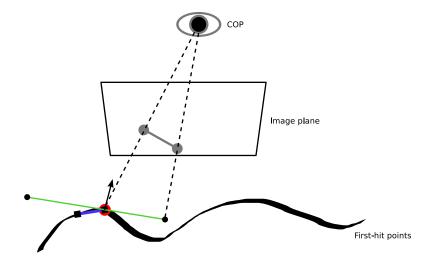


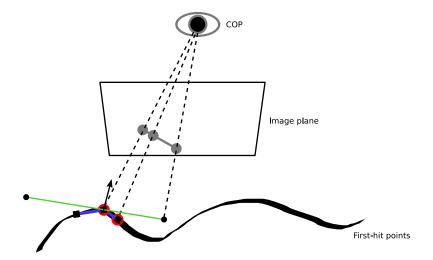


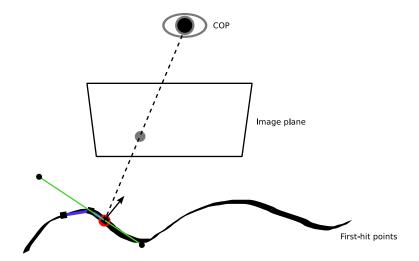


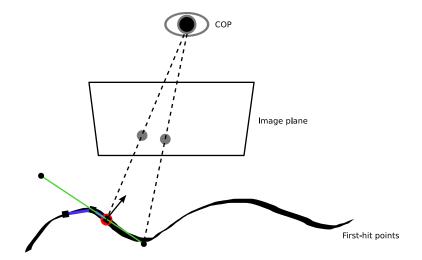


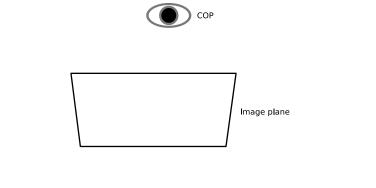




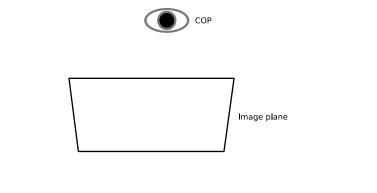














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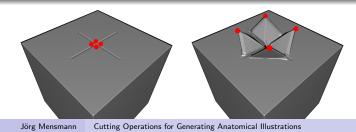
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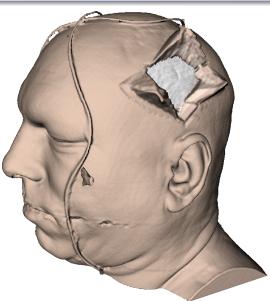
 $256 \times 128 \times 256$ voxels

single cut manual deformation

2,710,516 ChainMail elements 4.3% surface elements 693,200 vertices 38 fps 256^3 voxels

Y-cut manual deformation

6,040,852 ChainMail elements 3.9% surface elements 1,529,000 vertices 23 fps



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Future Work

- Map material properties to deformation constraints
- Evaluate more realistic physical model (like FEM)
- Improve image quality



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