

# Unstructured Mesh Generation Using MEGG3D – Mixed-Element Grid Generator in Three Dimensions

Yasushi Ito\*, Alan M. Shih† and Bharat K. Soni‡

\*†‡Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, University of Alabama at Birmingham, USA, {\*yito, †ashih, ‡bsoni}@uab.edu

## Abstract

An efficient and robust unstructured mesh generator, Mixed-Element Grid Generator in 3 Dimensions (MEGG3D), has been developed [-]. MEGG3D has five key components: (1) a direct advancing front method for surface triangulation based on discrete surface models [, ]; (2) a decimation method for triangular meshes with quality enhancement methods [] (Figure 1a); (3) an advancing front method for isotropic tetrahedral mesh generation []; (4) a multiple marching direction method for semi-structured near-field mesh generation []; (5) an octree-based unstructured hexahedral mesh generation method with a new set of refinement templates [] (Figure 1b). MEGG3D is previously known as EdgeEditor and has been demonstrated part of its capability for generating meshes for complex geometries.

In this paper, we will summarize the current capability of MEGG3D and show variety of meshes for complex geometries.

## References

1. Ito, Y. and Nakahashi, K., "Direct Surface Triangulation Using Stereolithography Data," *AIAA Journal*, Vol. 40, No. 3, 2002, pp. 490-496.
2. Ito, Y. and Nakahashi, K., "Surface Triangulation for Polygonal Models Based on CAD Data," *International Journal for Numerical Methods in Fluids*, Vol. 39, Issue 1, 2002, pp. 75-96.
3. Ito, Y., Shum, P. C., Shih, A. M., Soni, B. K. and Nakahashi, K., "Robust Generation of High-Quality Unstructured Meshes on Realistic Biomedical Geometry," *International Journal for Numerical Methods in Engineering*, Vol. 65, Issue 6, 2006, pp. 943-973.
4. Ito, Y., Shih, A. M. and Soni, B. K., "Reliable Isotropic Tetrahedral Mesh Generation Based on an Advancing Front Method," Proceedings of the 13<sup>th</sup> International Meshing Roundtable, Williamsburg, VA, 2004, pp. 95-105.
5. Ito, Y., Shih, A. M., Soni, B. K. and Nakahashi, K., "Multiple Marching Direction Approach to Generate High Quality Hybrid Meshes," *AIAA Journal*, Vol. 45, No. 1, January 2007, pp. 162-167.
6. Ito, Y., Shih, A. M. and Soni, B. K., "Octree-Based Unstructured Hexahedral Mesh Generation," Proceedings of the APCOM'07 in conjunction with

the EPMESC XI, Kyoto, Japan, 2007 (CD-ROM).

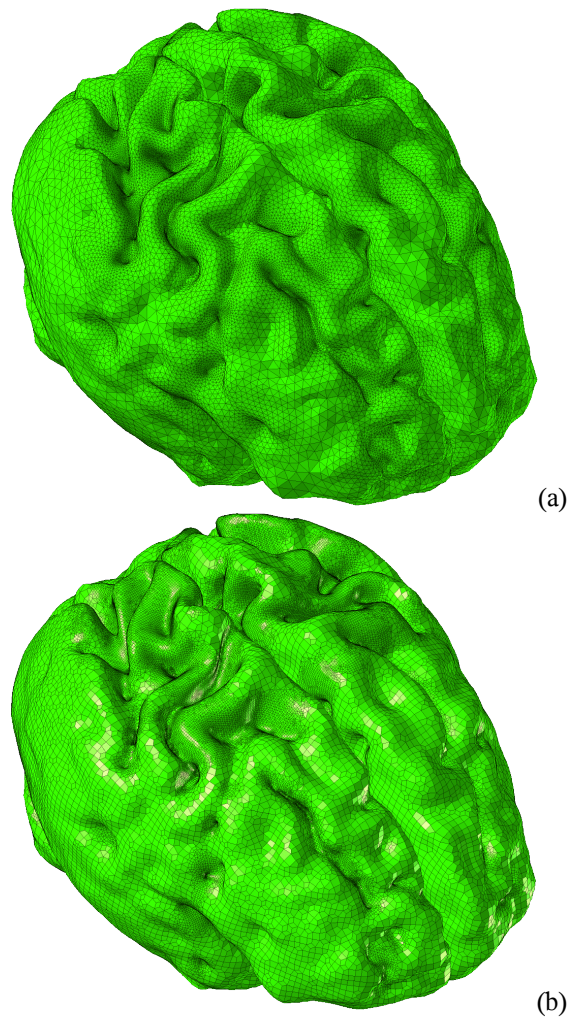


Figure 1. Meshes for a human brain model: (a) tetrahedral mesh; (b) hexahedral mesh