

# Multiway Simple Cycle Separators and I/O-Efficient Algorithms for Planar Graphs

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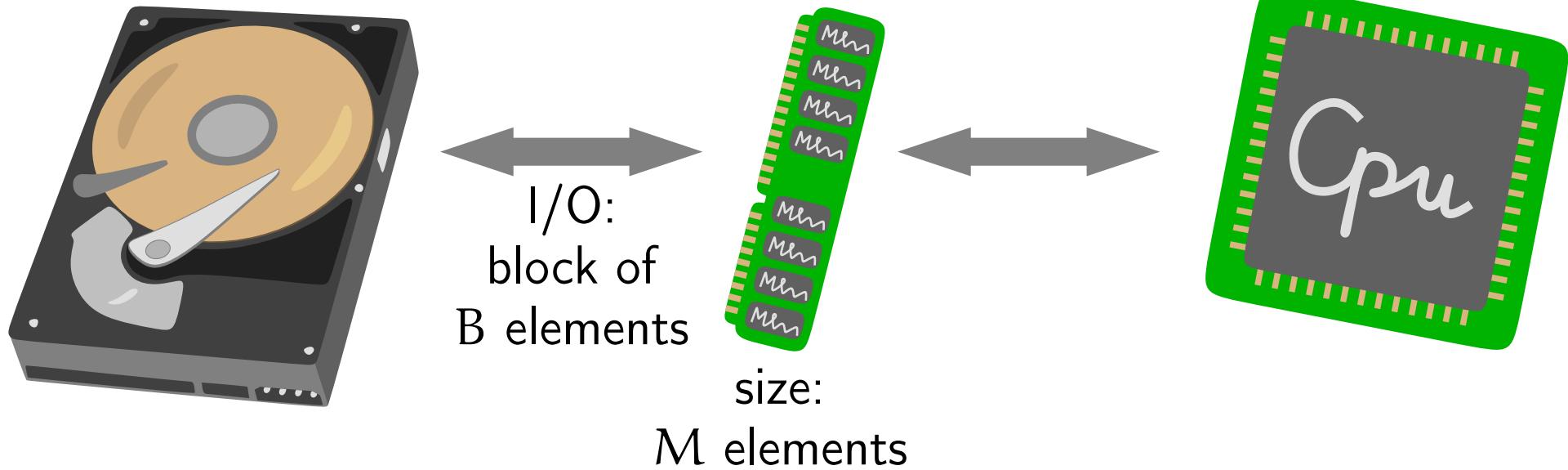
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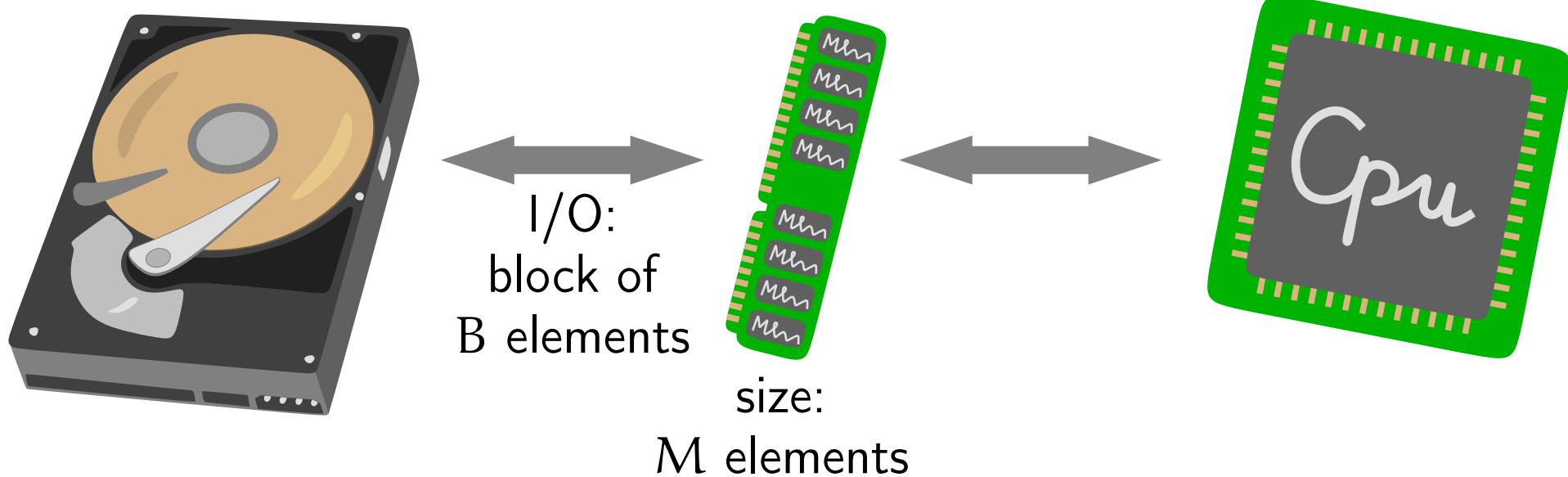
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- I/O-efficient planar graph algorithms
- Definition multiway simple cycle separator
- Internal-memory construction
- Summary

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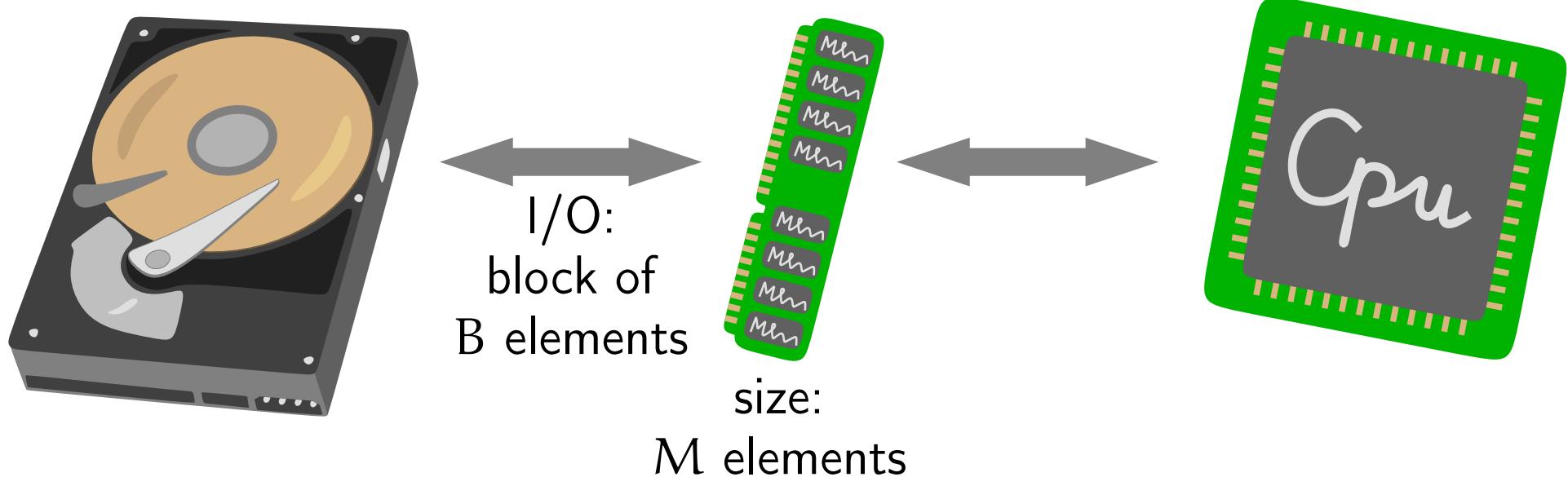


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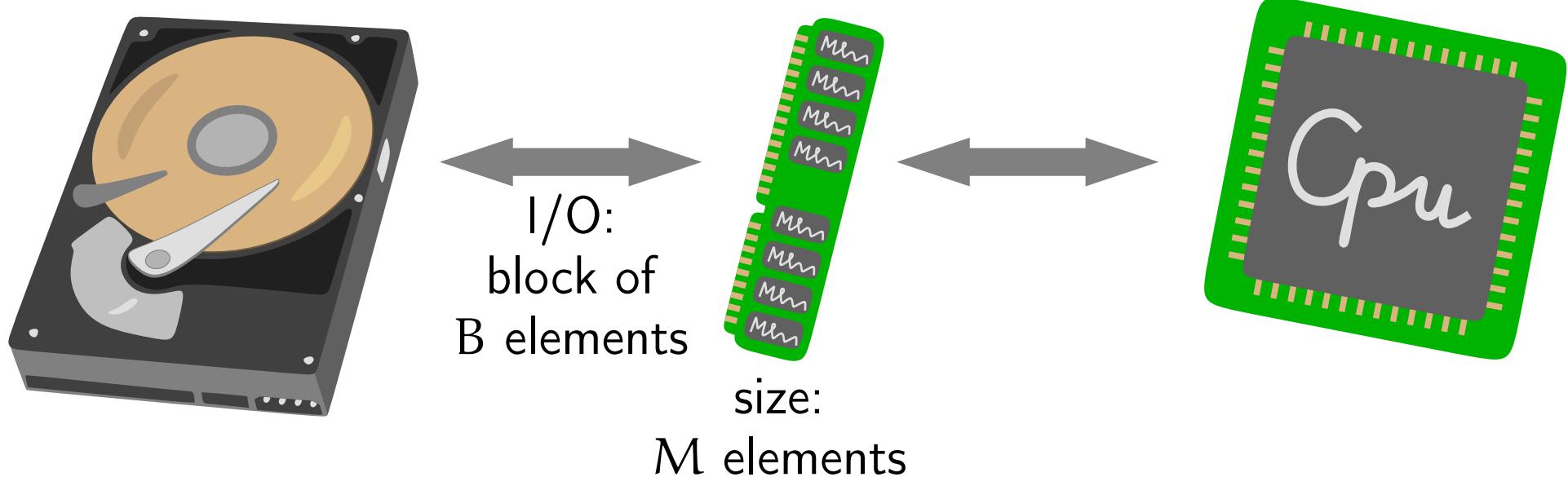
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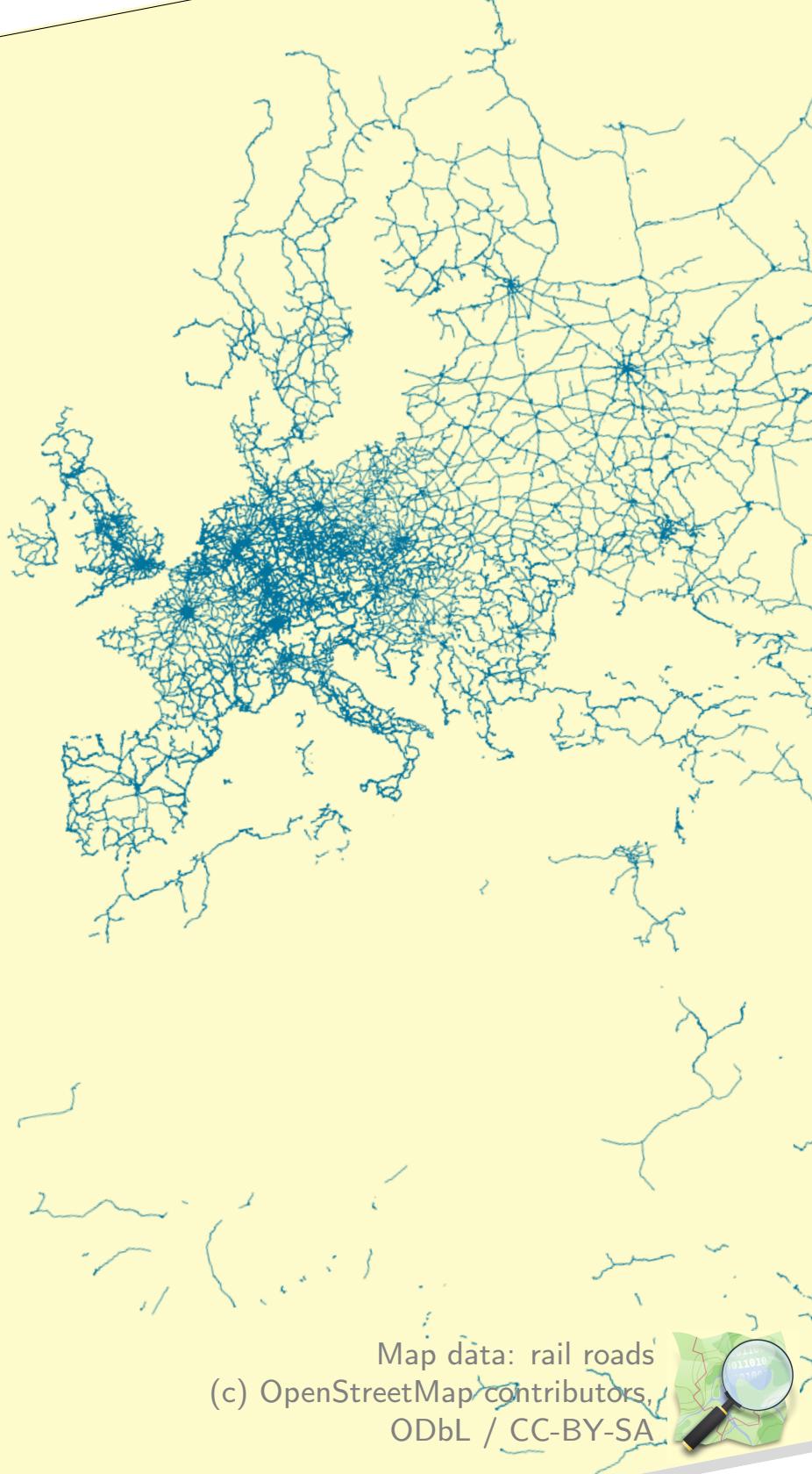
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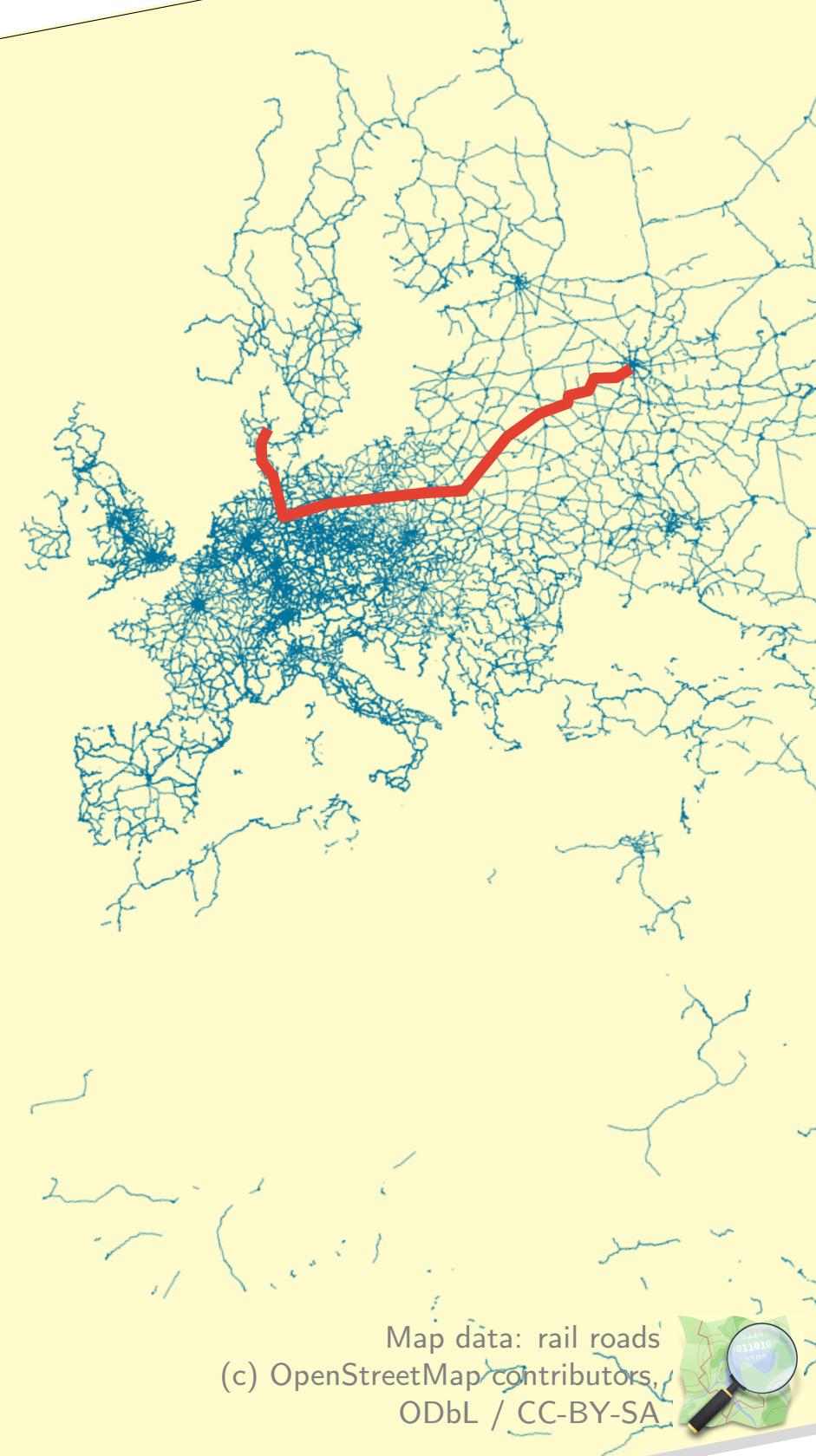
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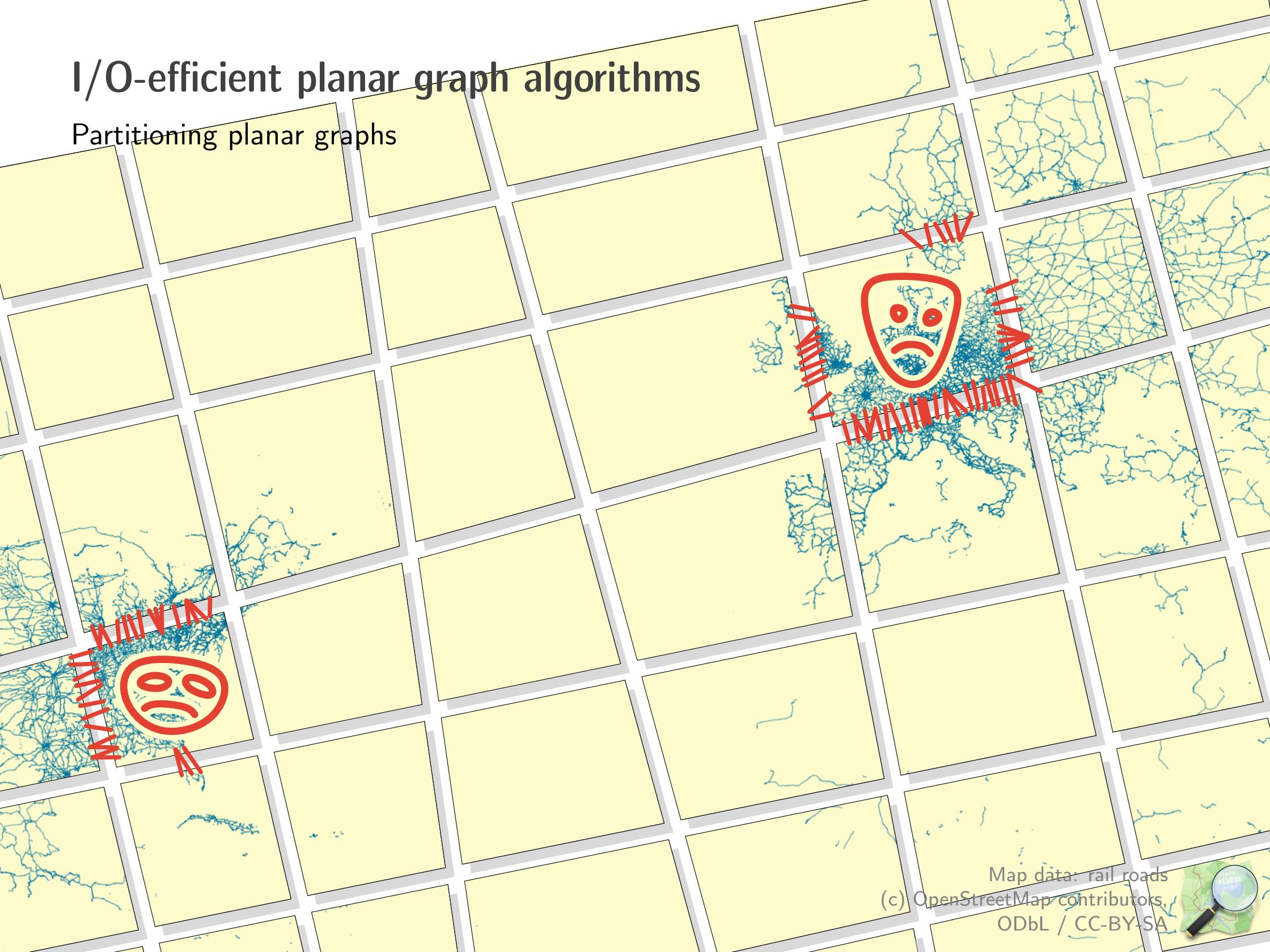


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Goal: partition planar graphs with guarantees on

- size of regions
- “perimeter” of regions
- (internal-memory) computation time
- # I/Os ( $O(\text{sort}(N))$ )



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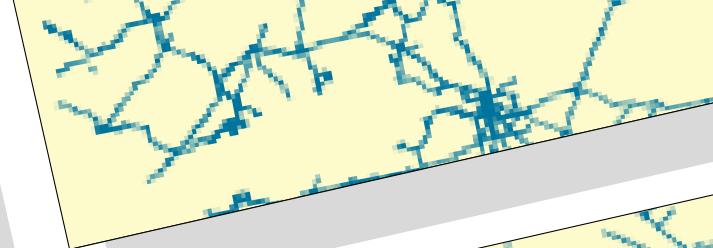
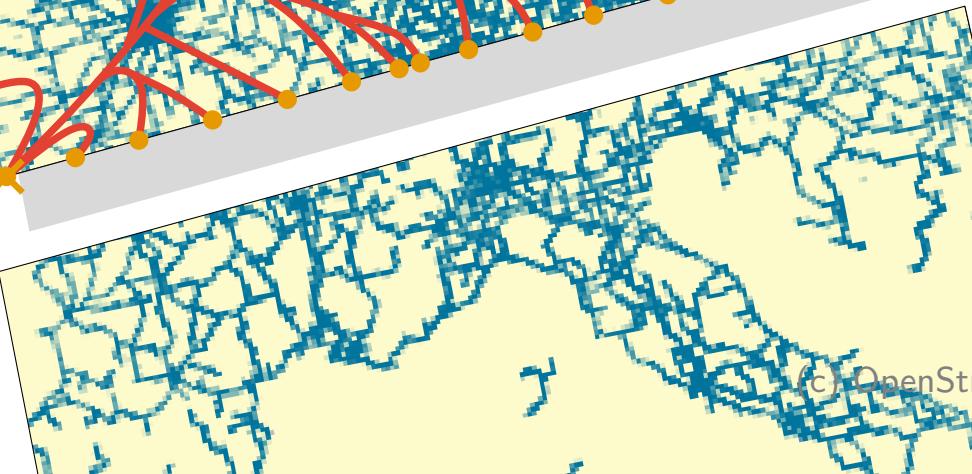
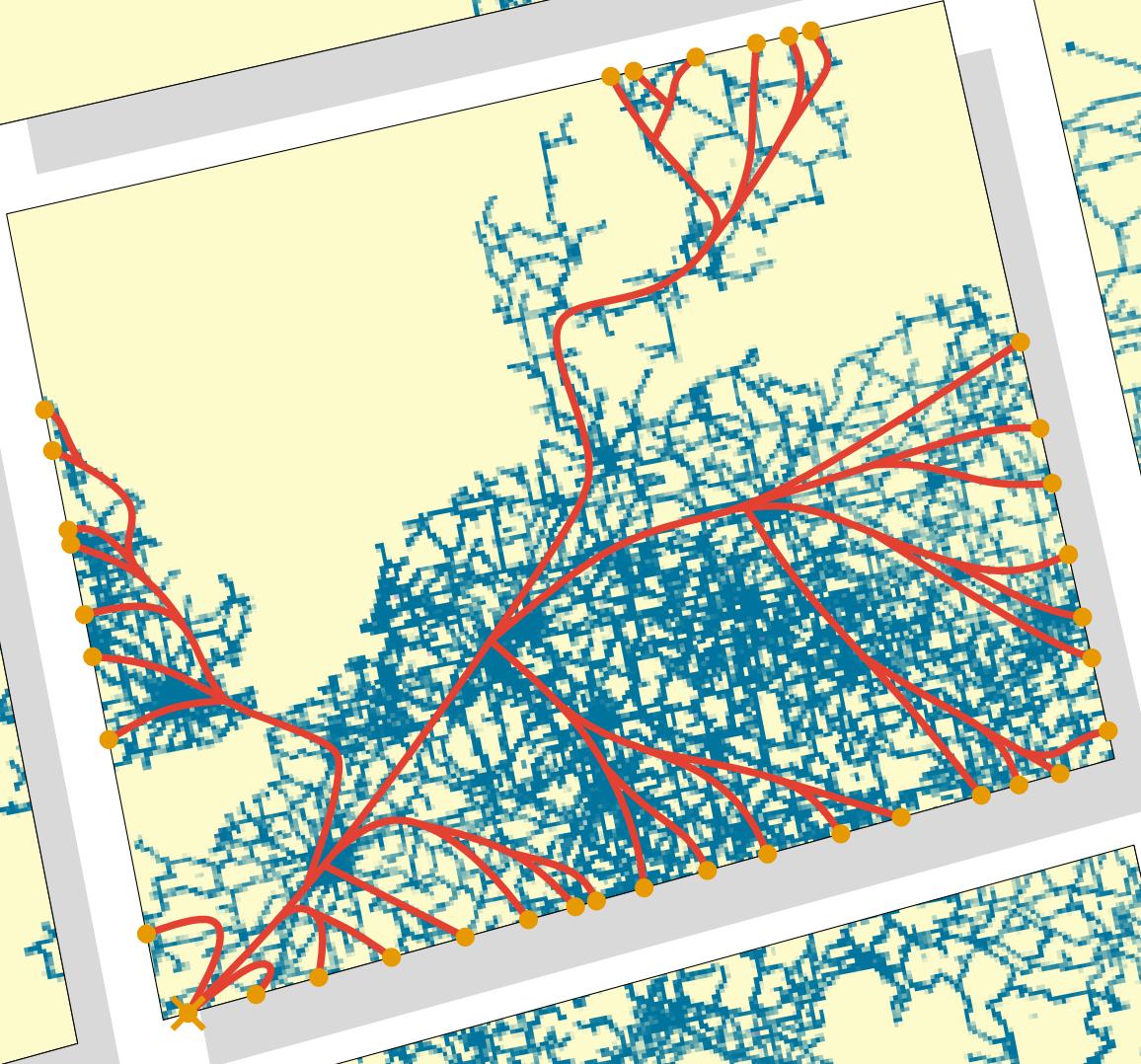
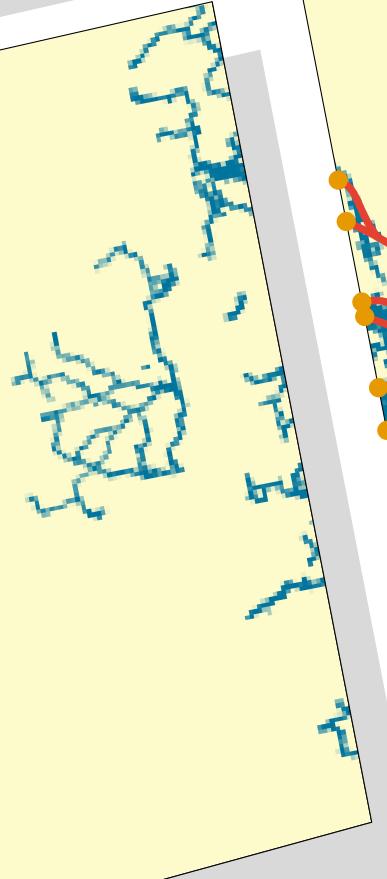
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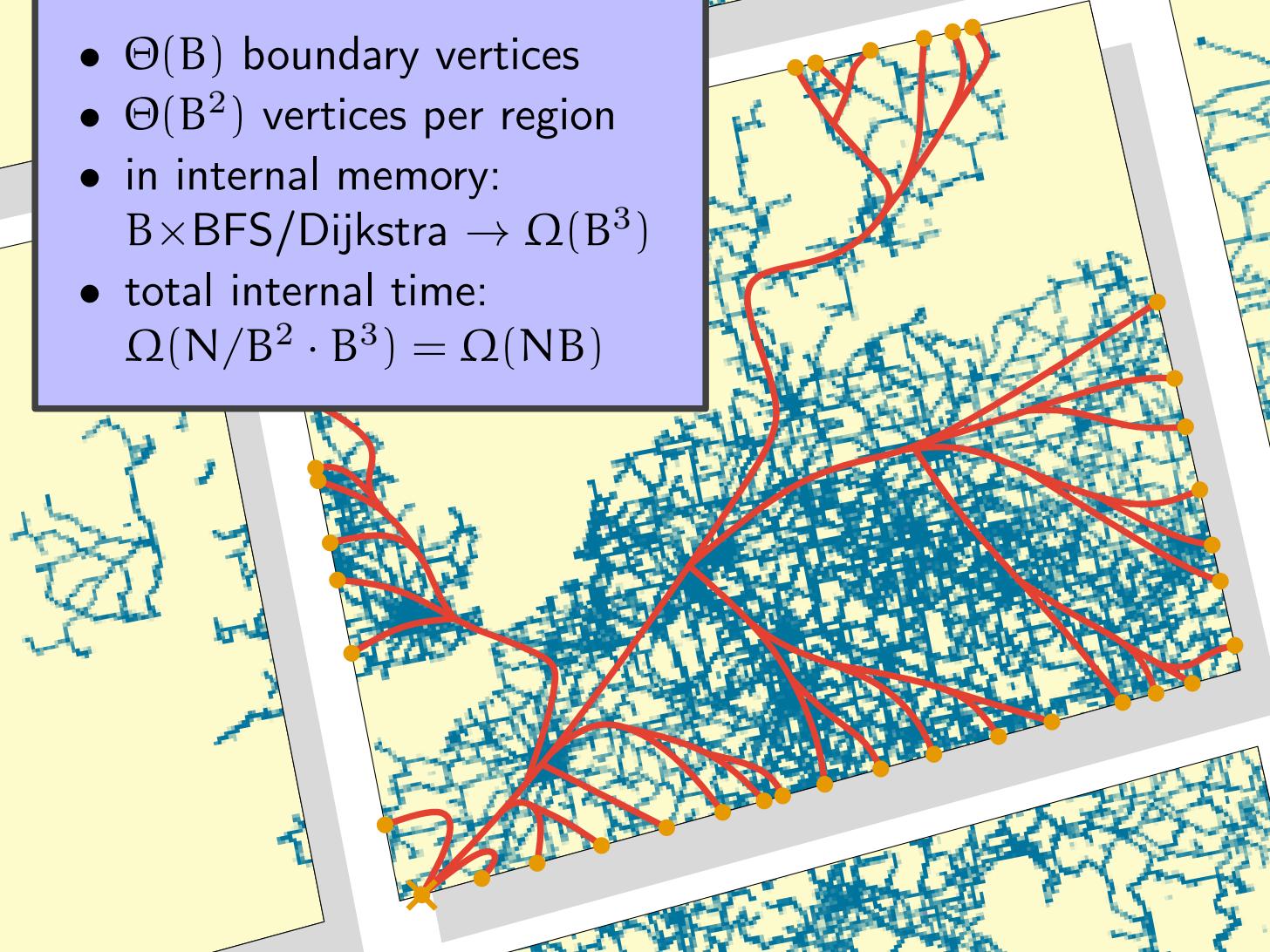
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Note: same as  $O(N)$  internal-memory algorithm!



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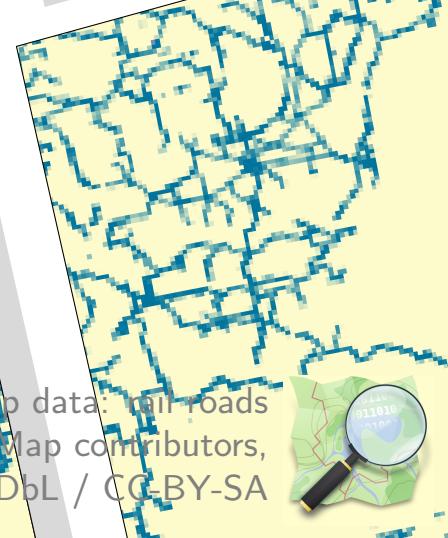
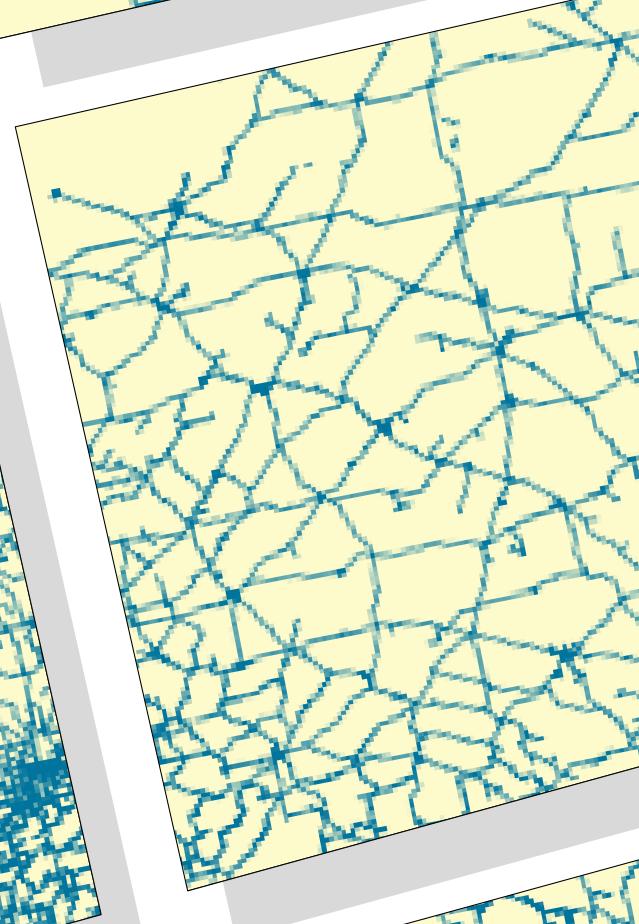
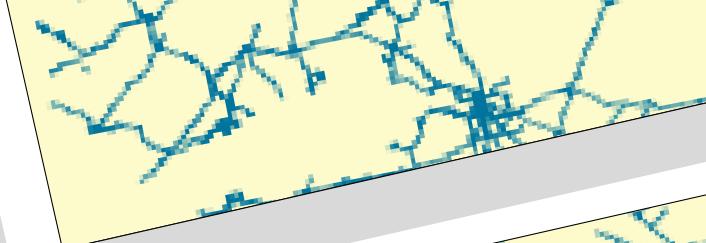
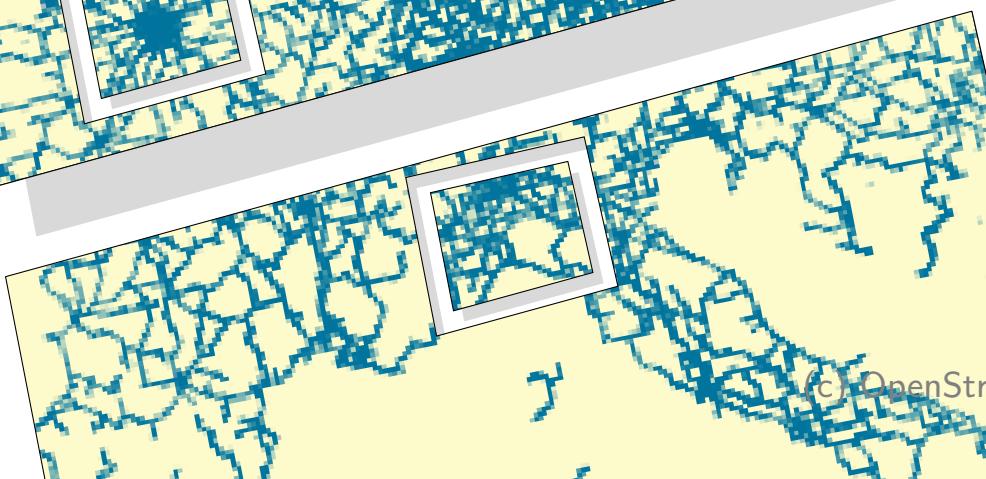
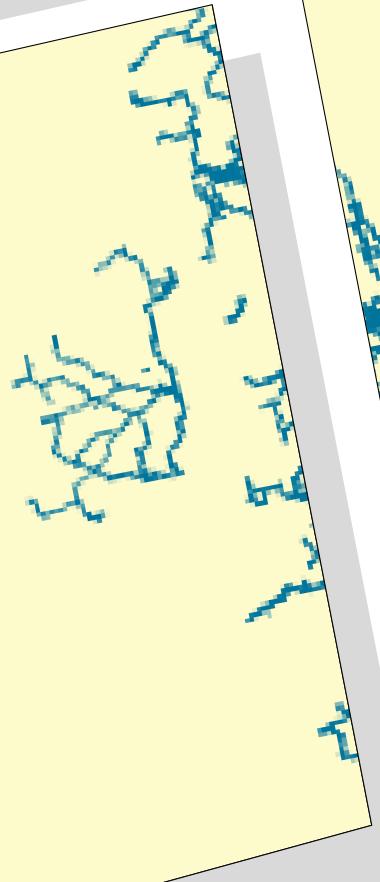
Alternative:

- use Klein's algorithm [2005] using  $O(B^2 \log B)$  time
  - hence  $O(N/B^2 \cdot B^2 \log B) = O(N \log N)$  total time
- BUT...



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Previous work:

- Italiano, Nussbaum, Sankowski, Wulff-Nilsen: Improved algorithms for min cut and max flow in undirected planar graphs, STOC'11.  
 $O(N \log(\varepsilon N) + \sqrt{N/\varepsilon} \log N)$

Concurrent work:

- Klein, Mozes, Sommer: Structured recursive separator decompositions for planar graphs in linear time, arXiv:1208.2223.

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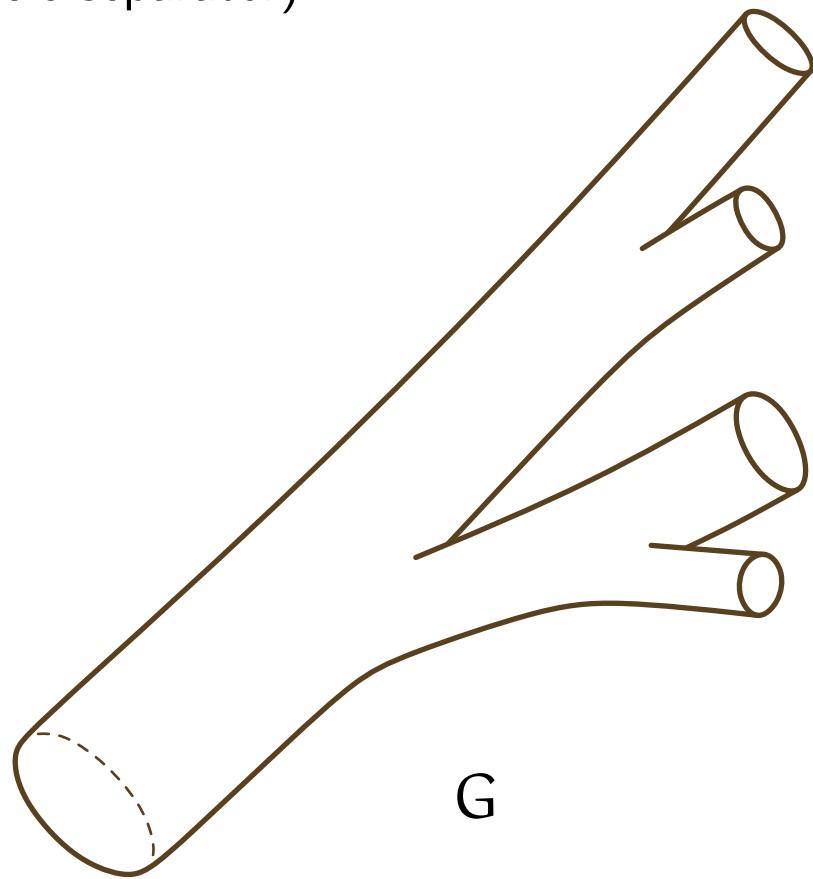
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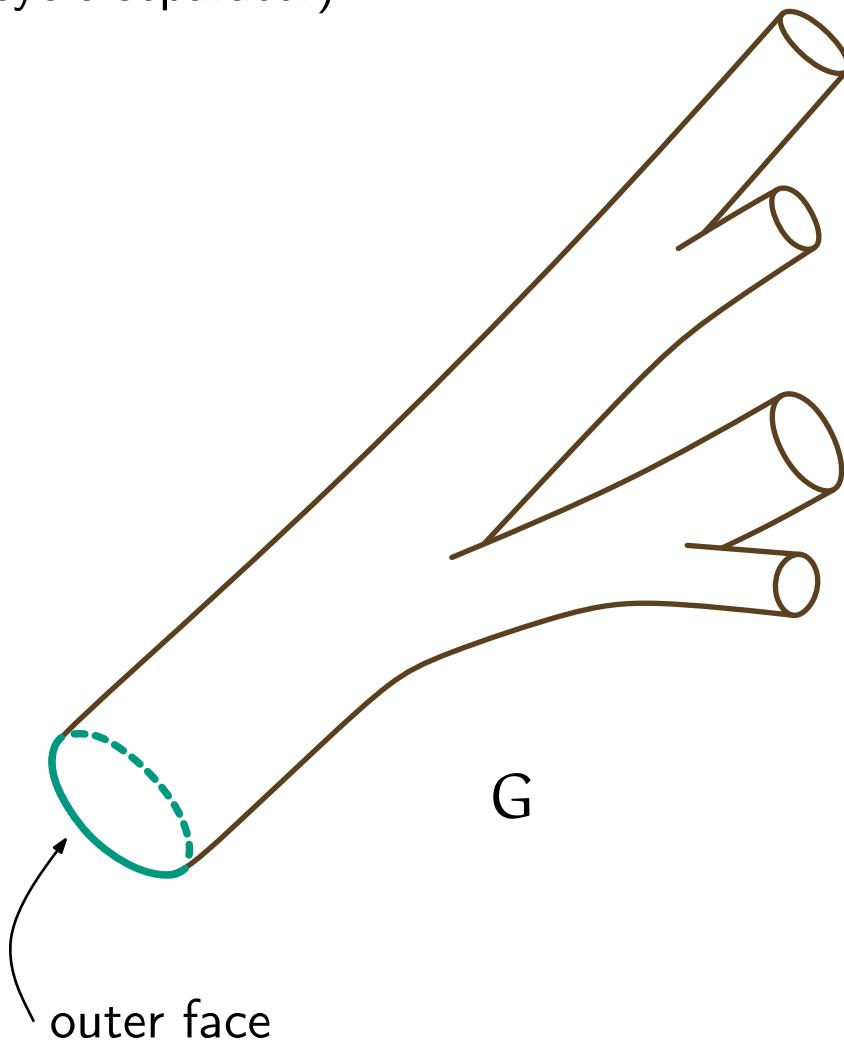
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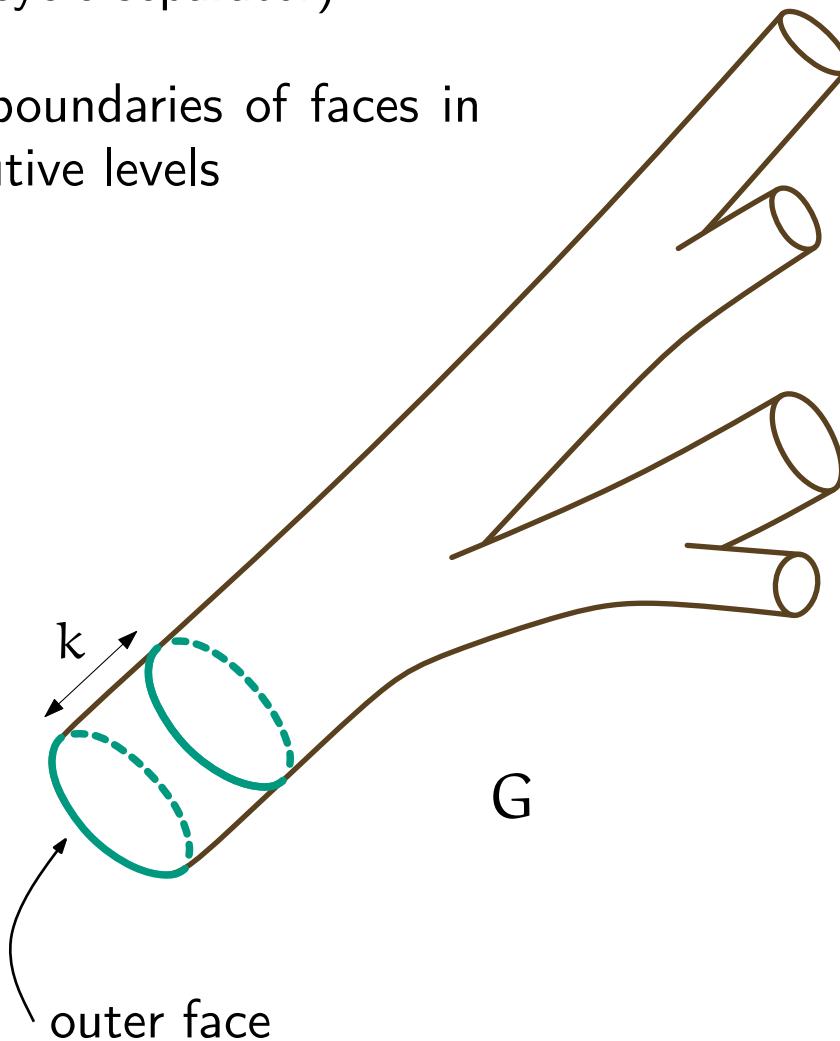
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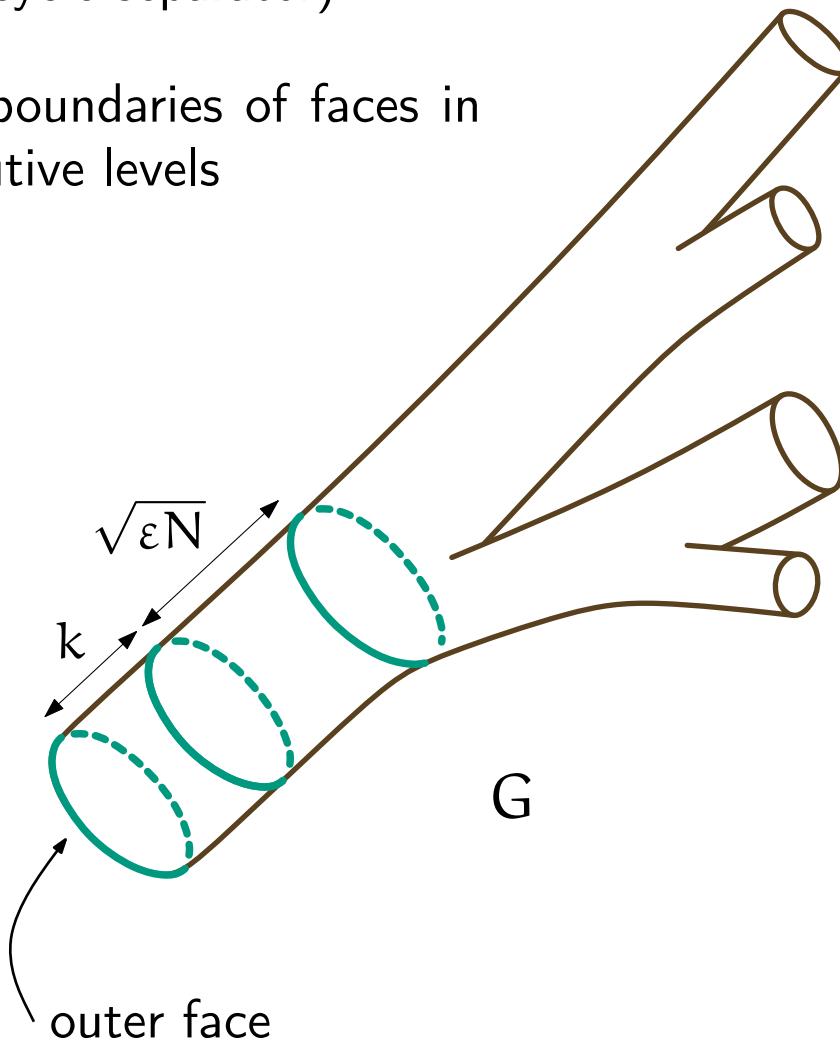
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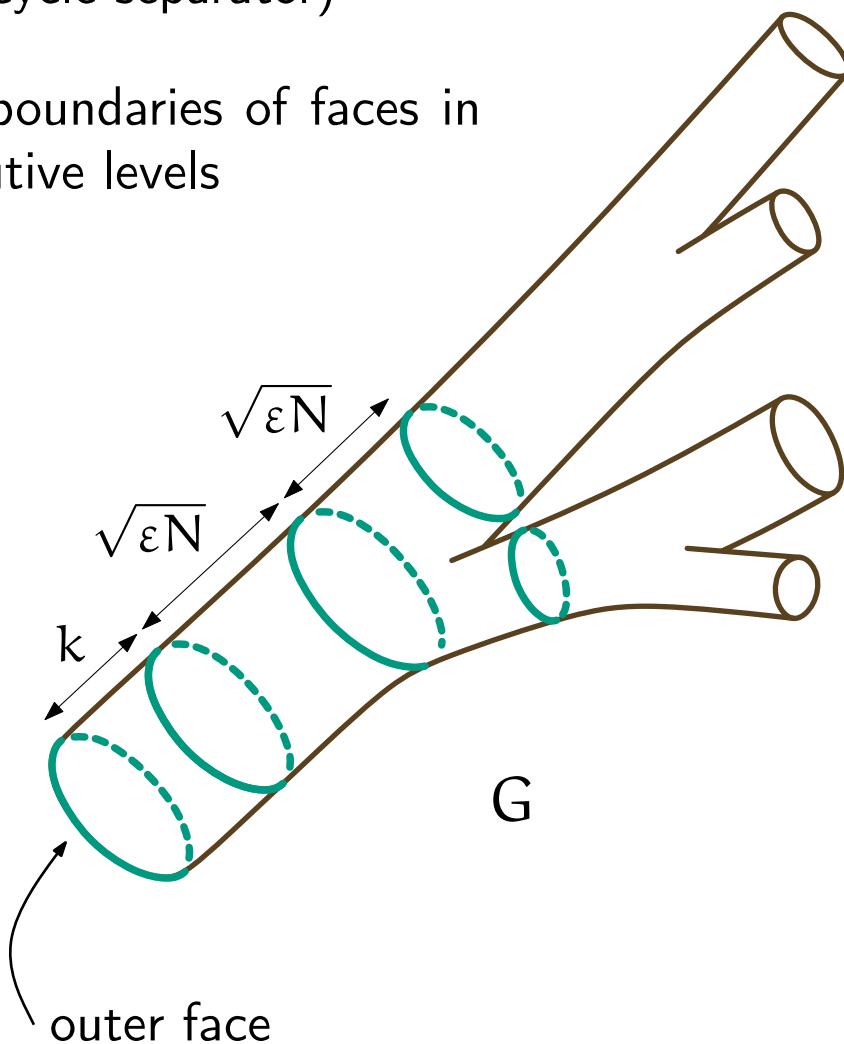
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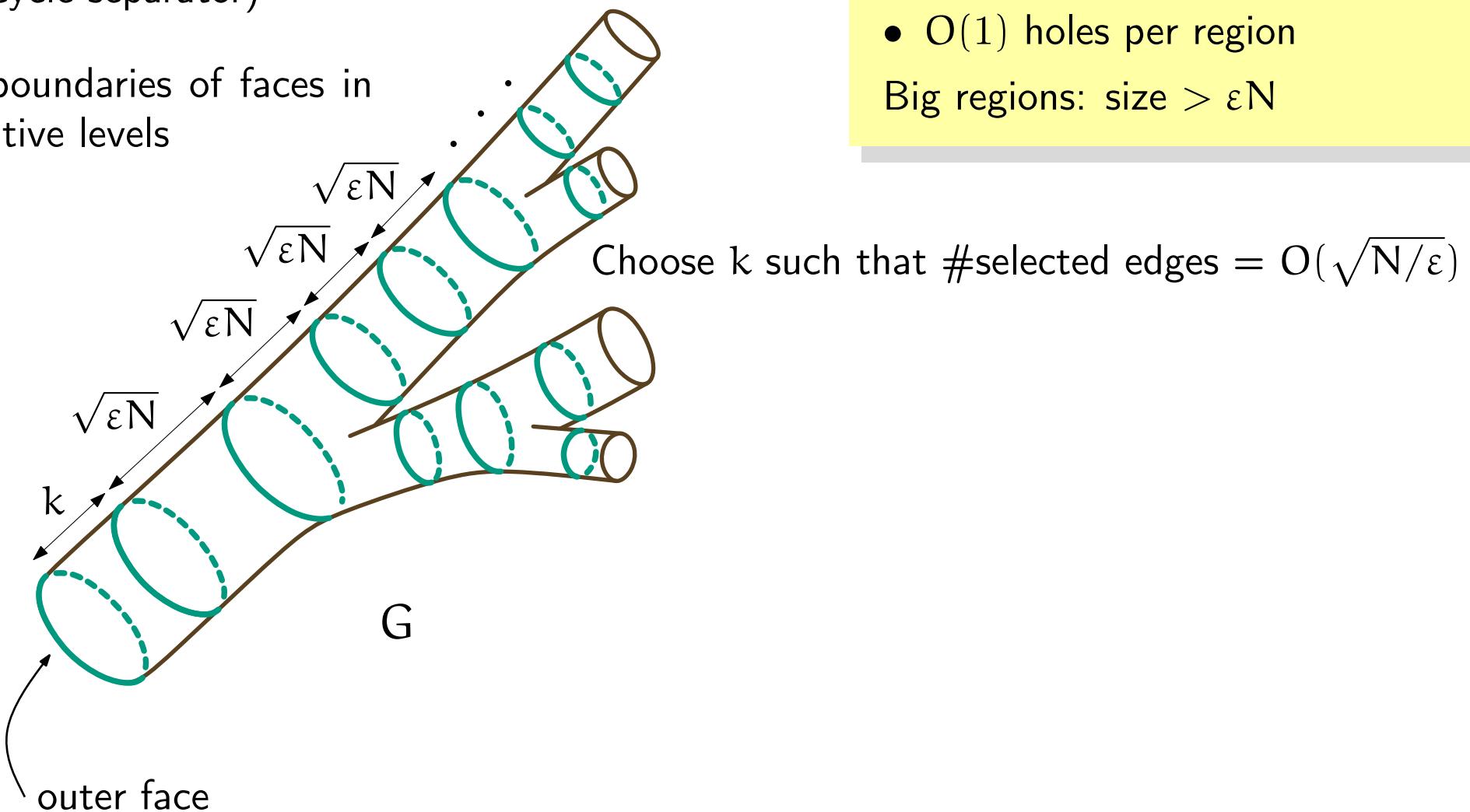
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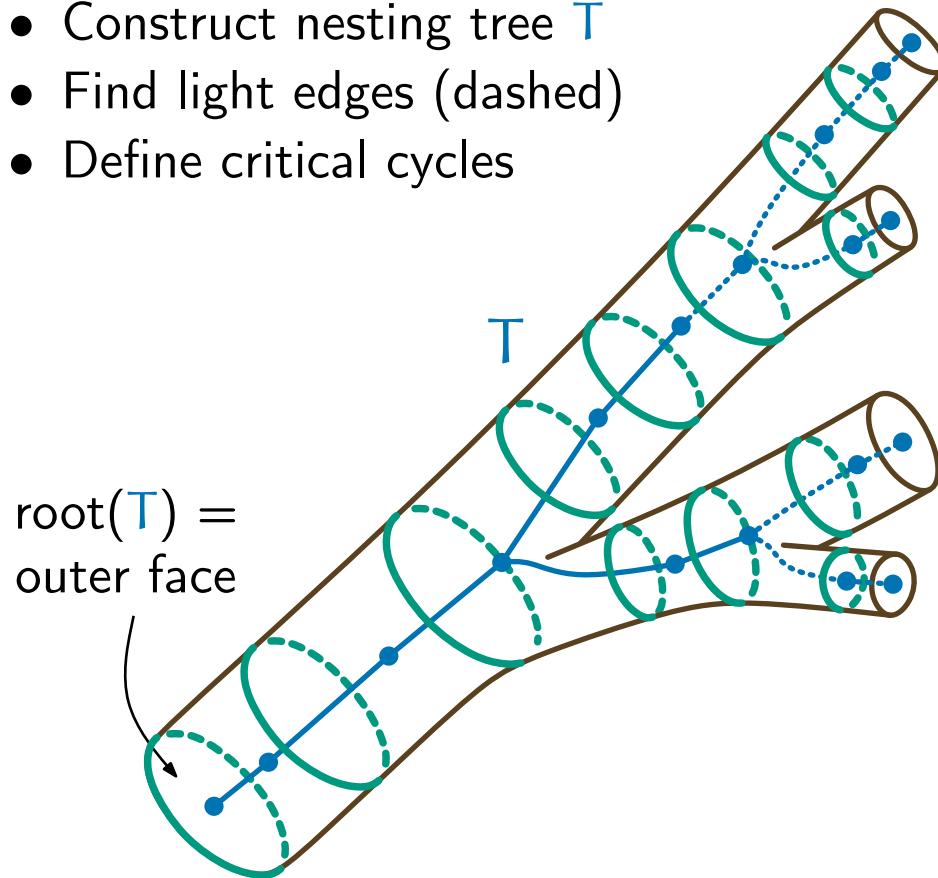
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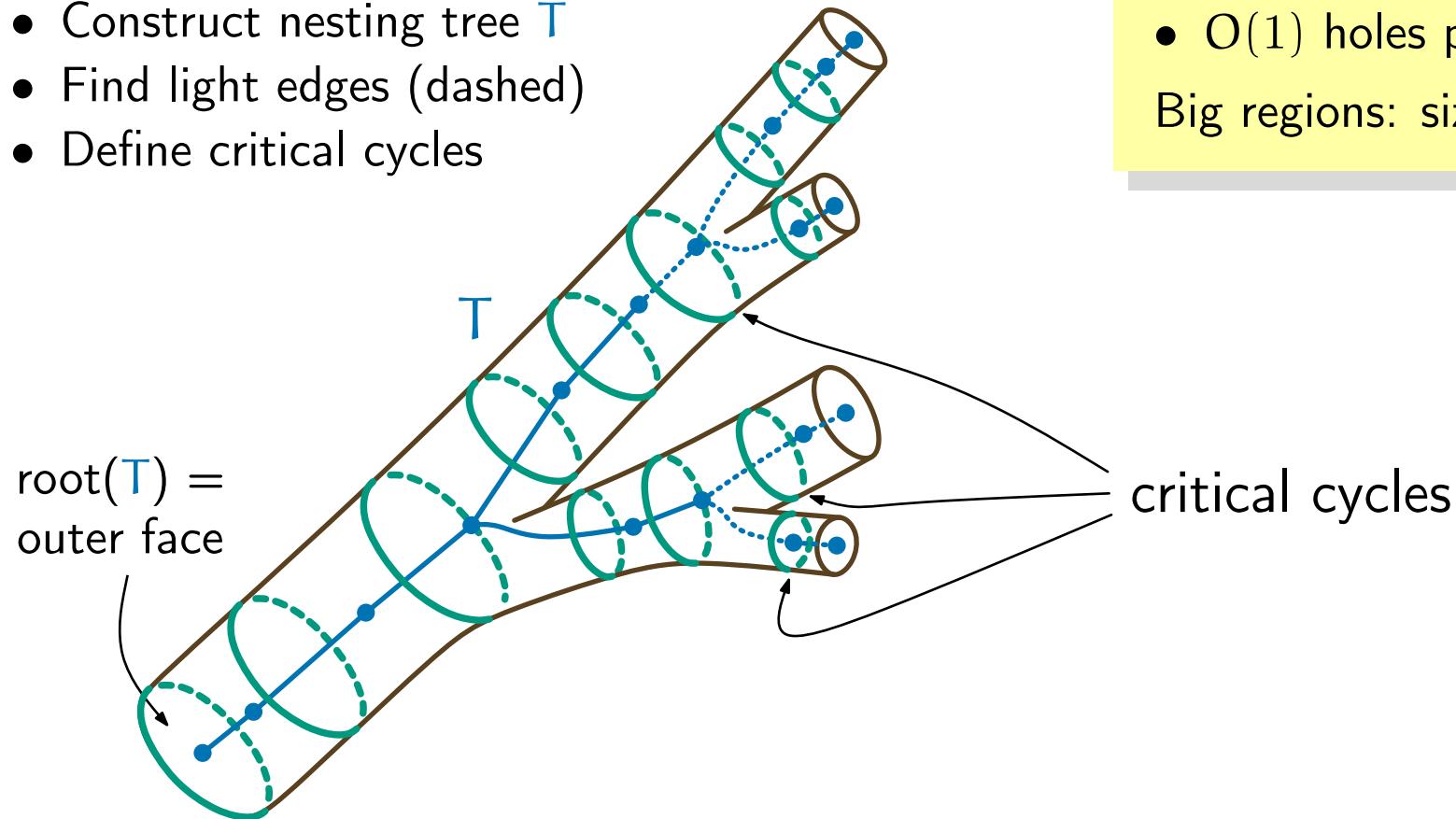
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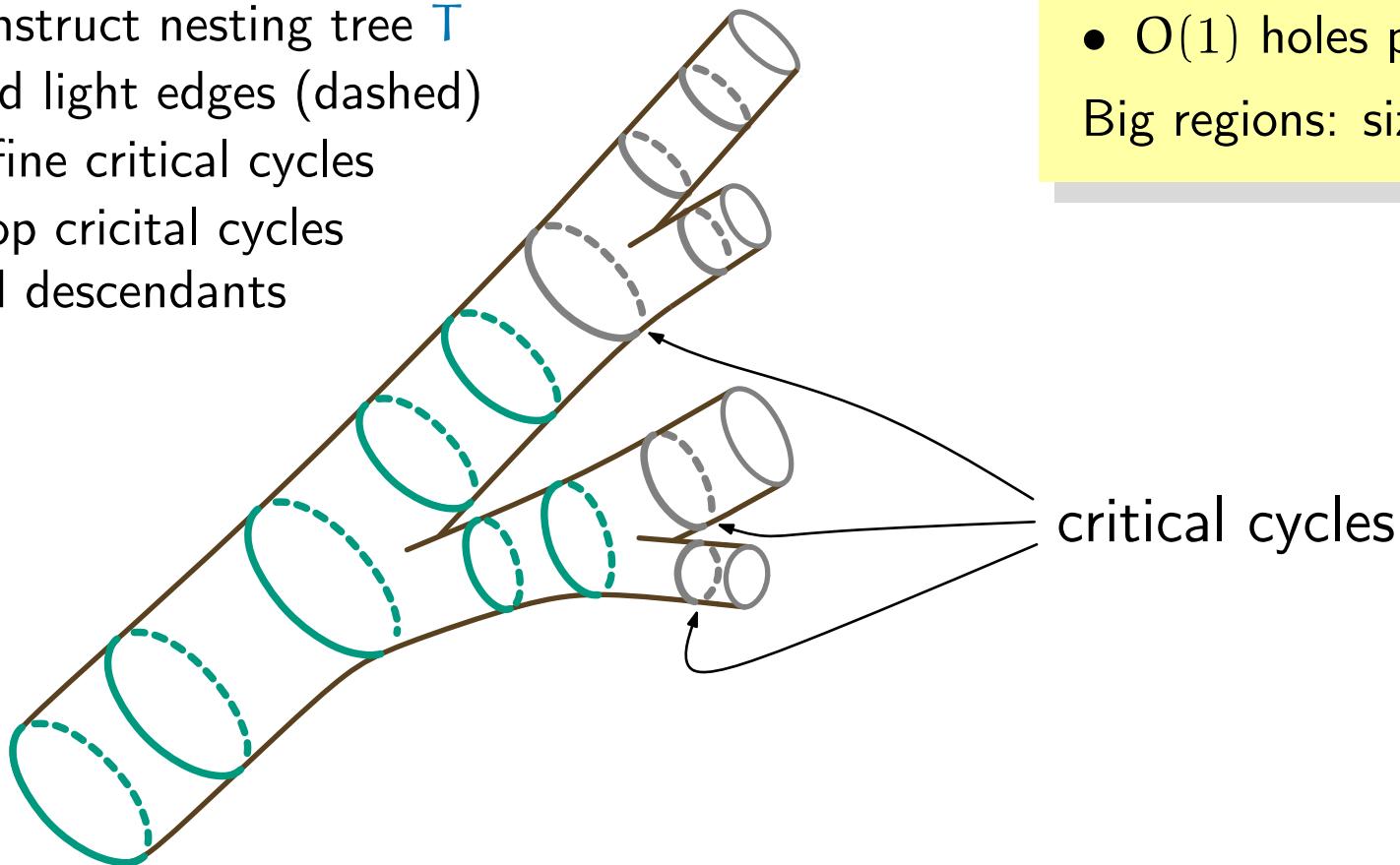
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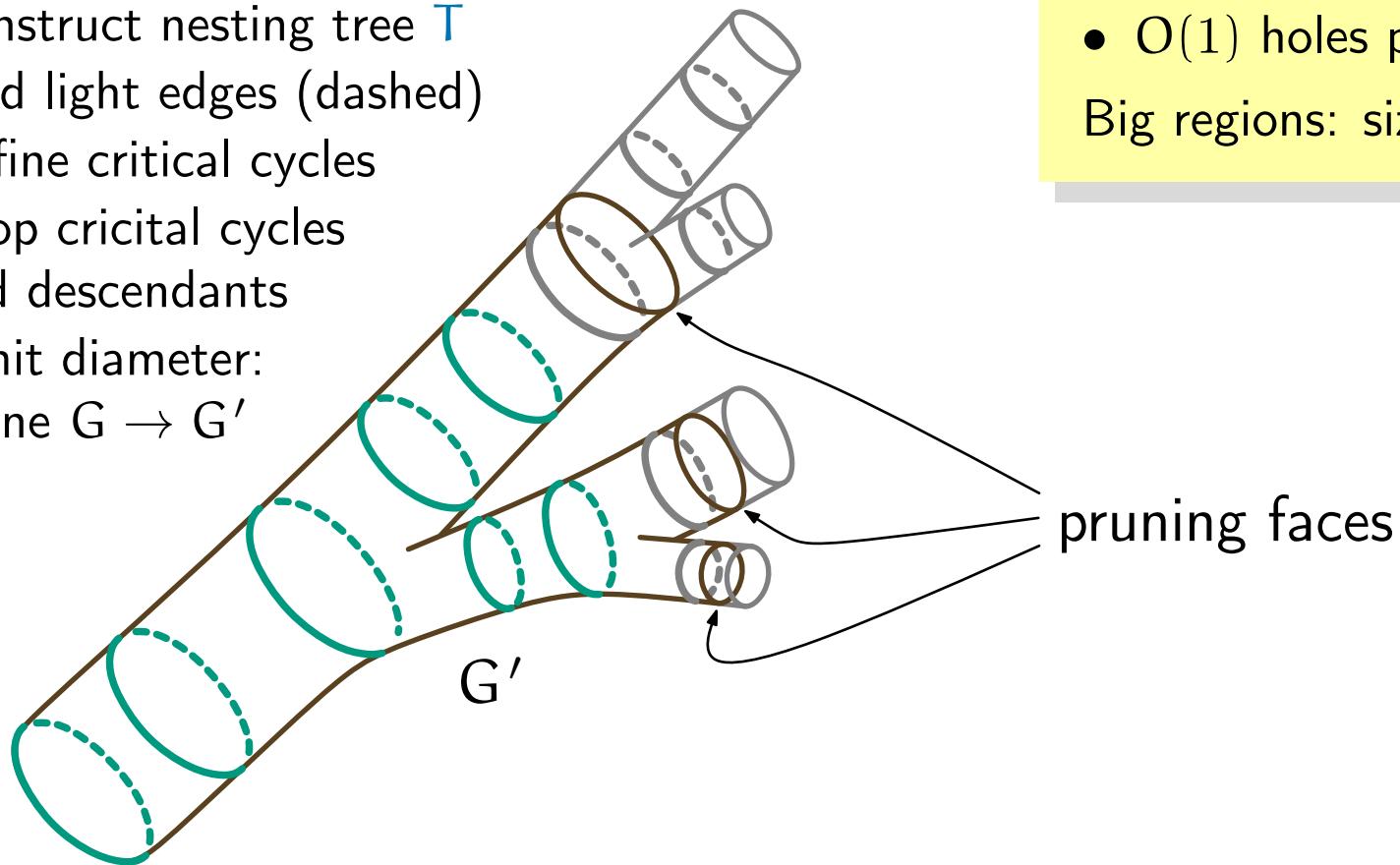
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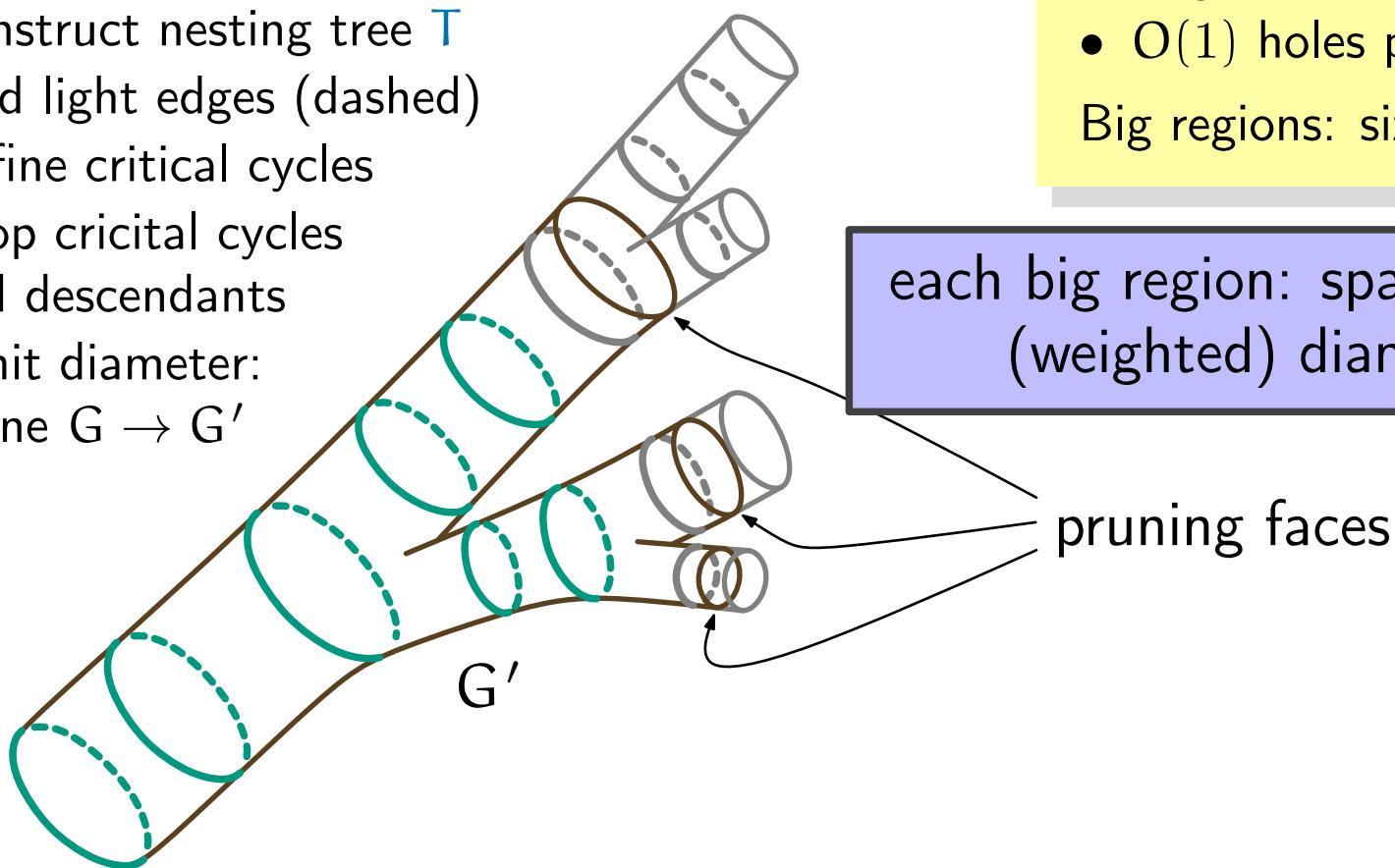
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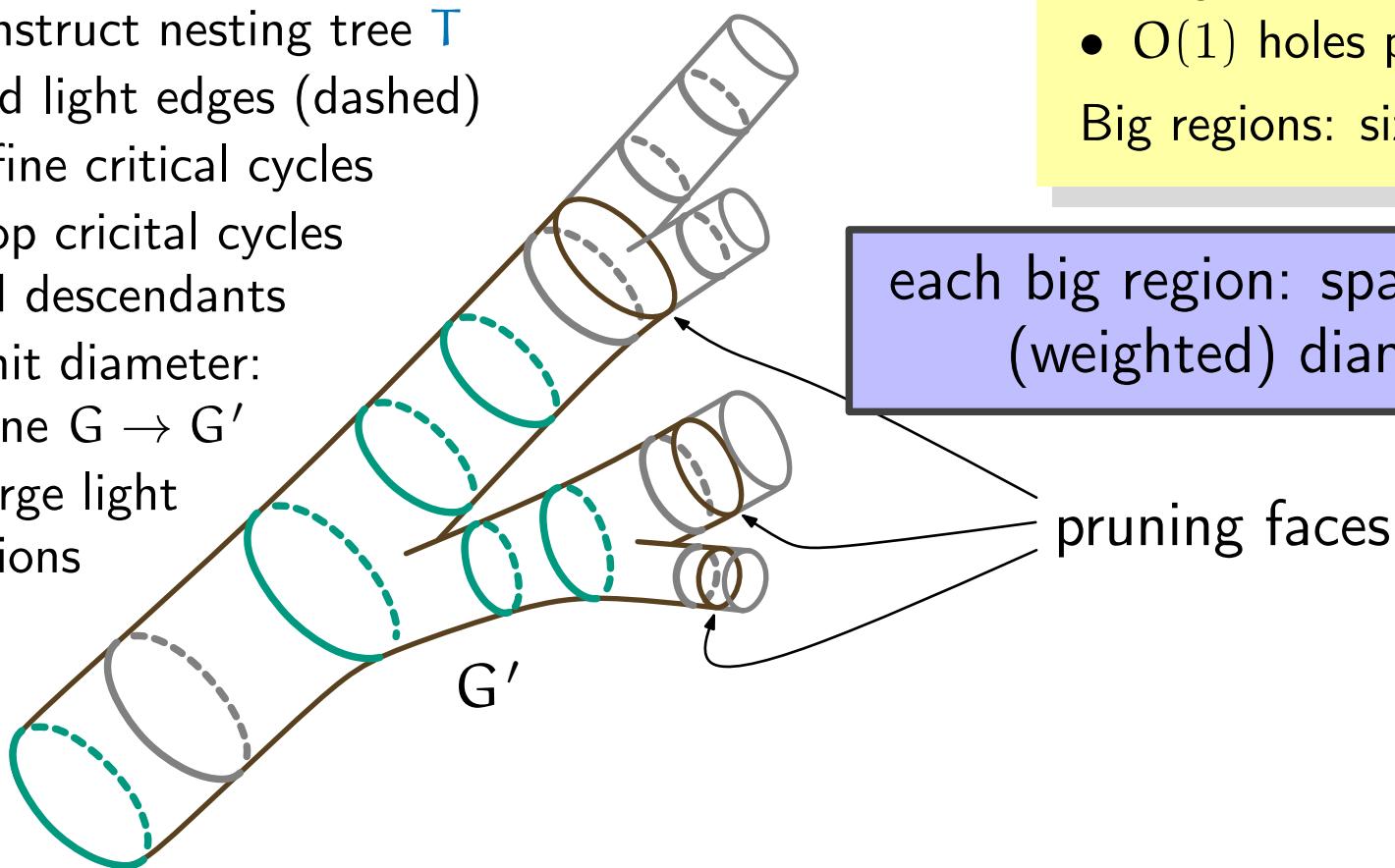
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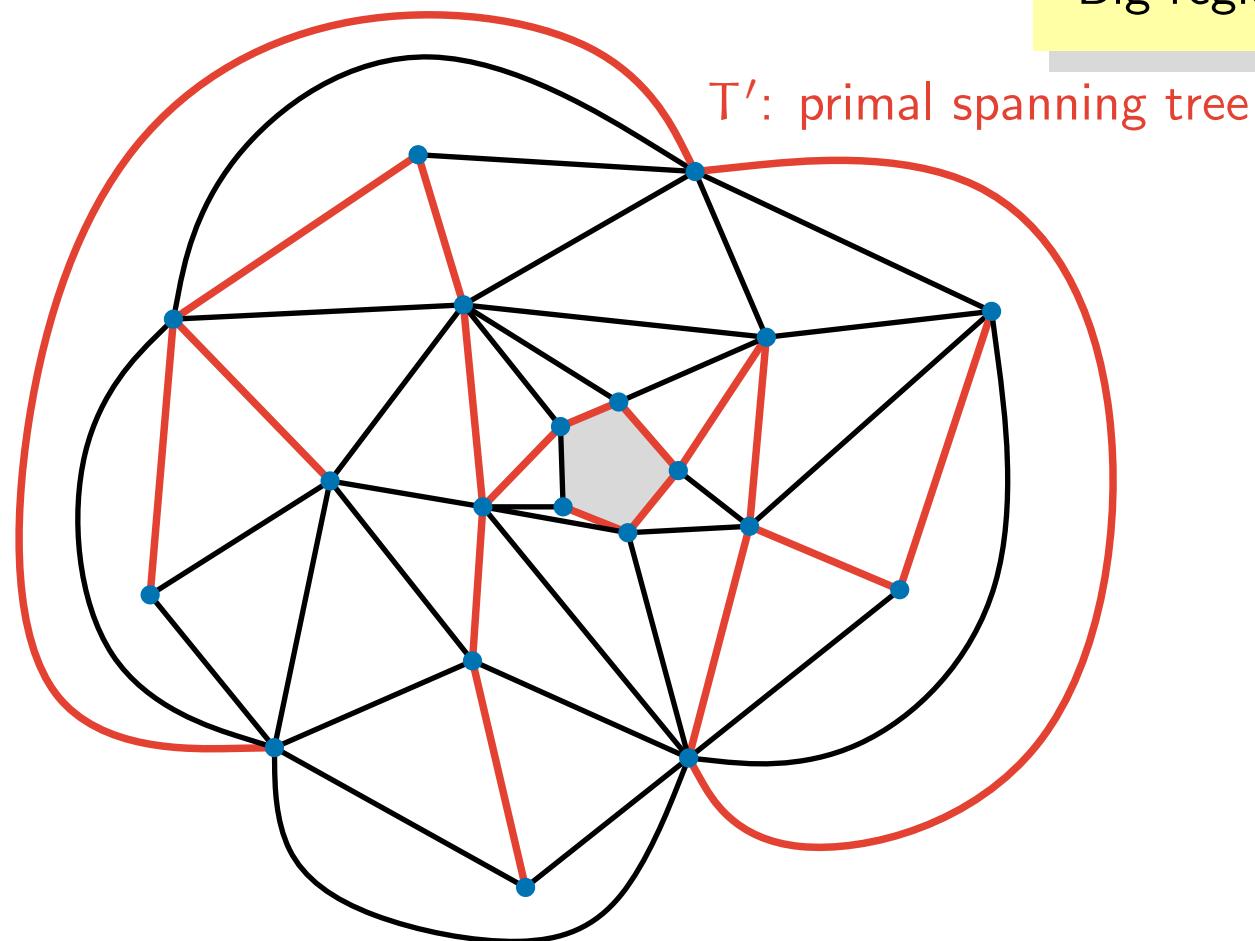
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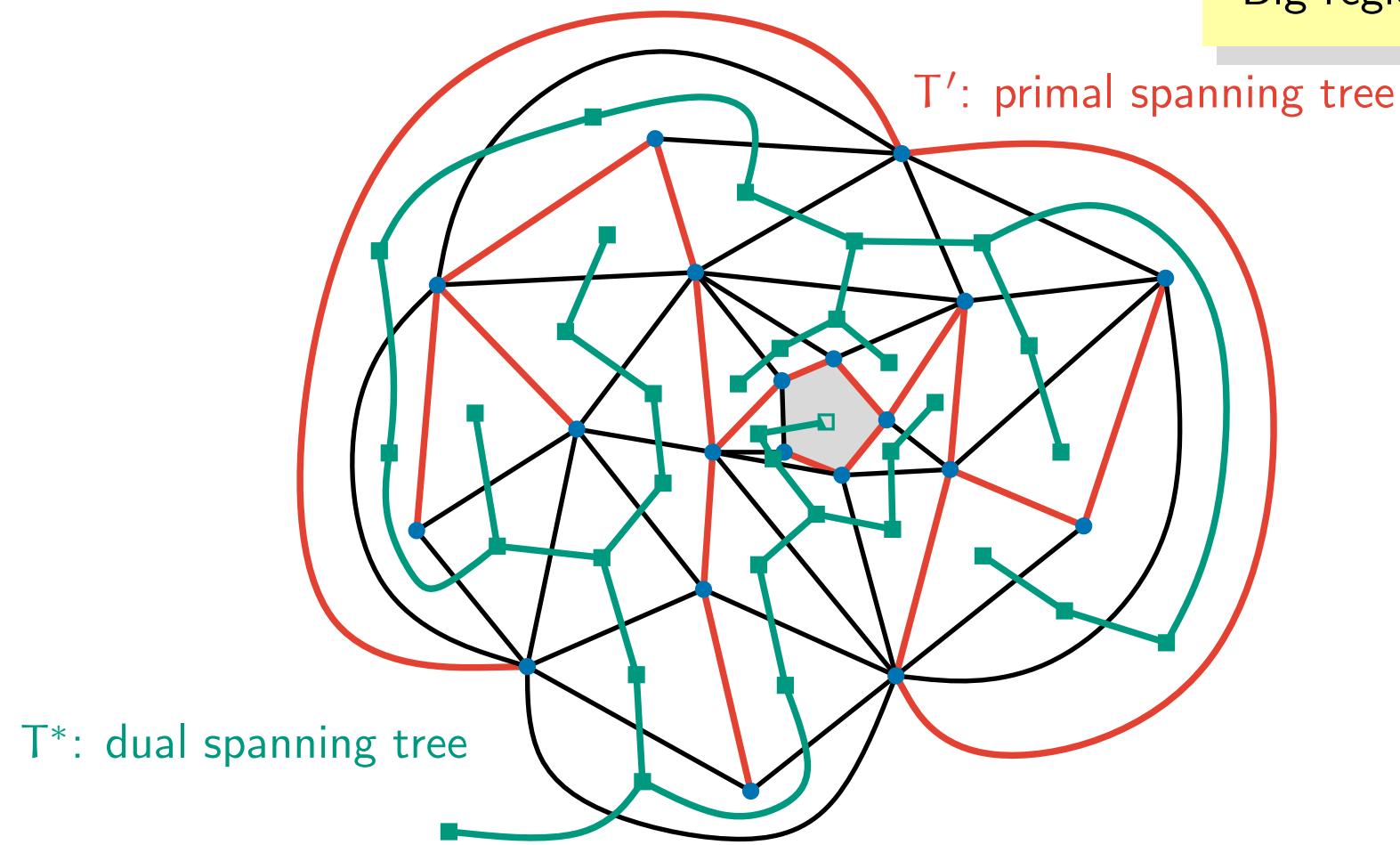
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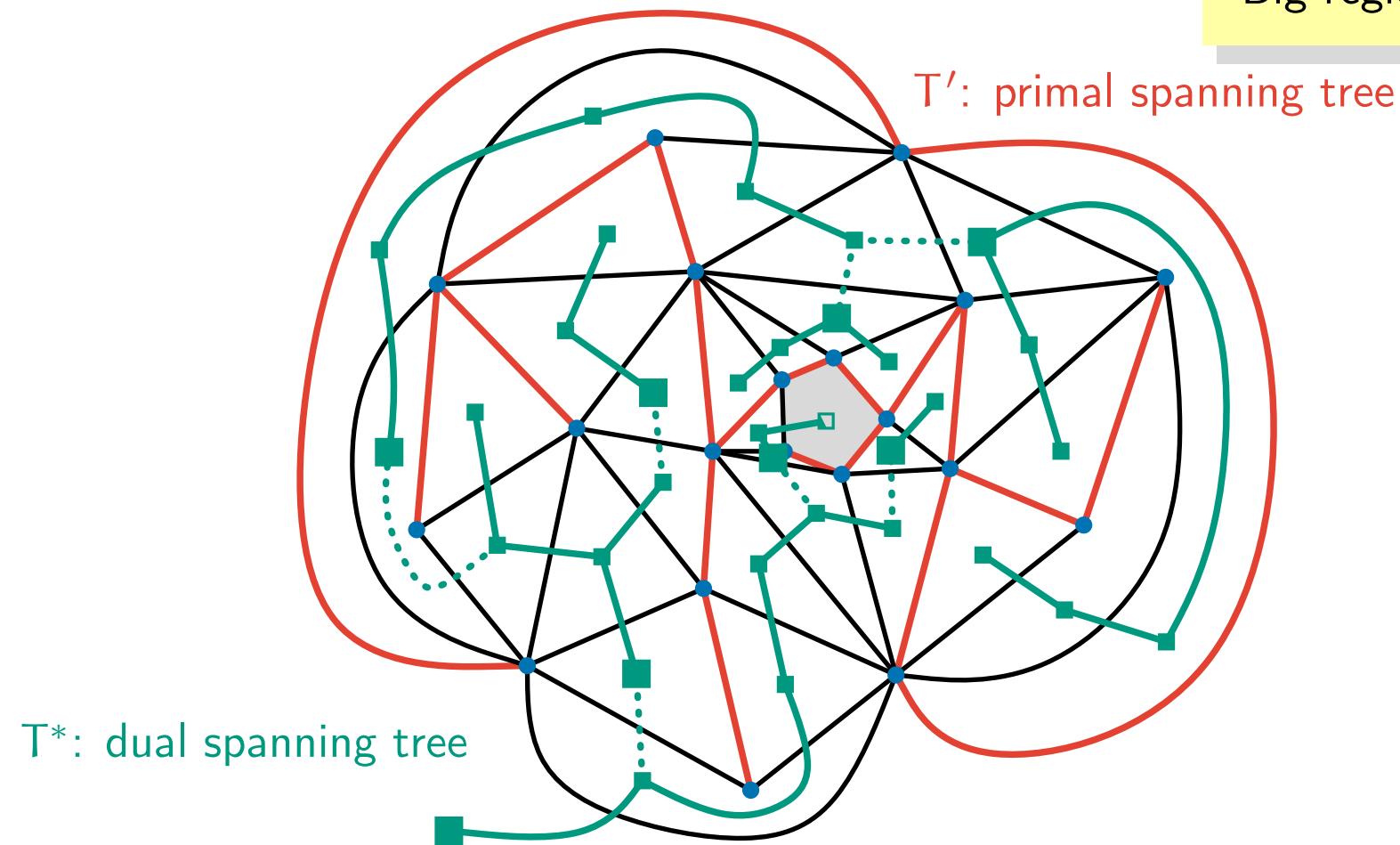
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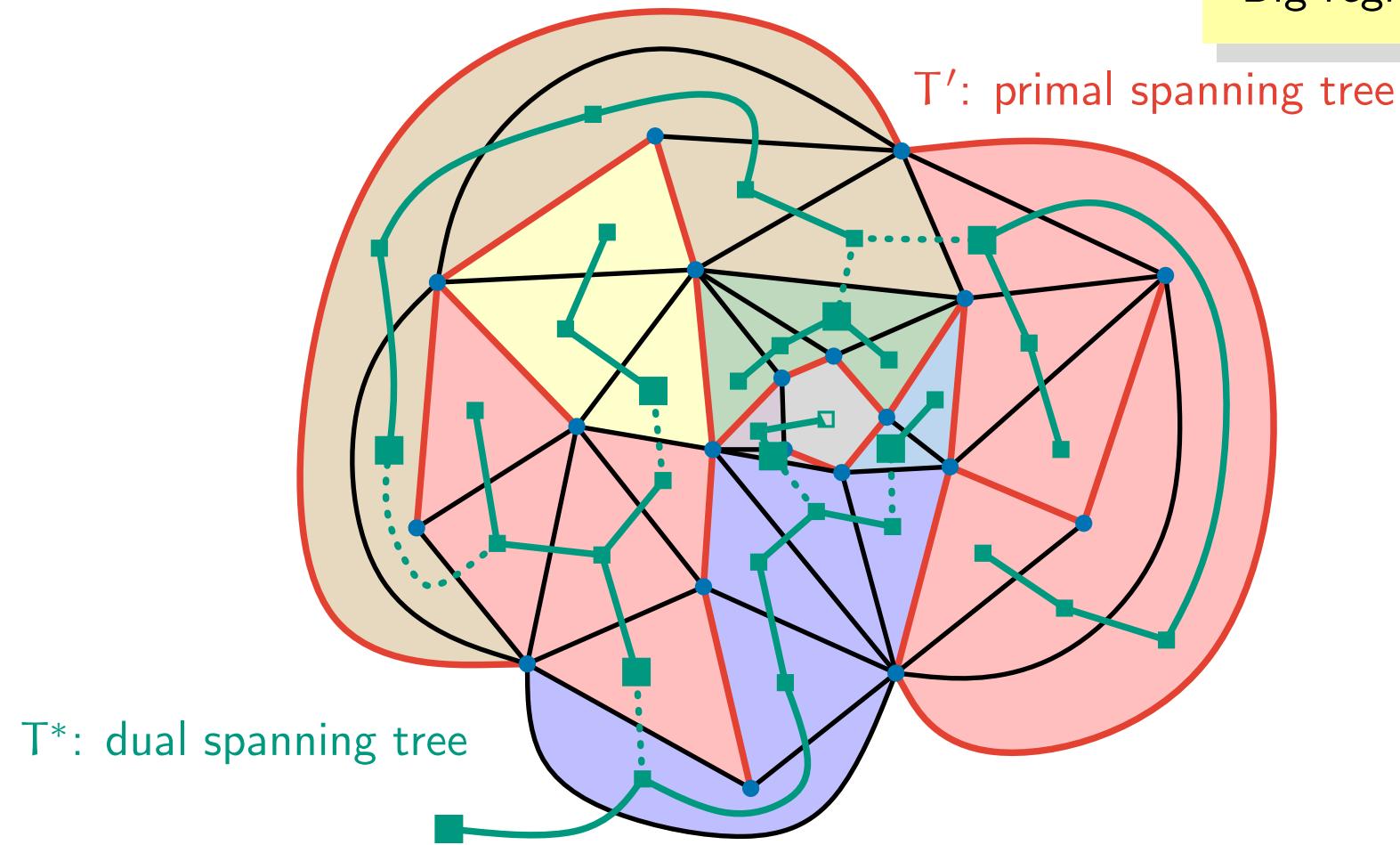
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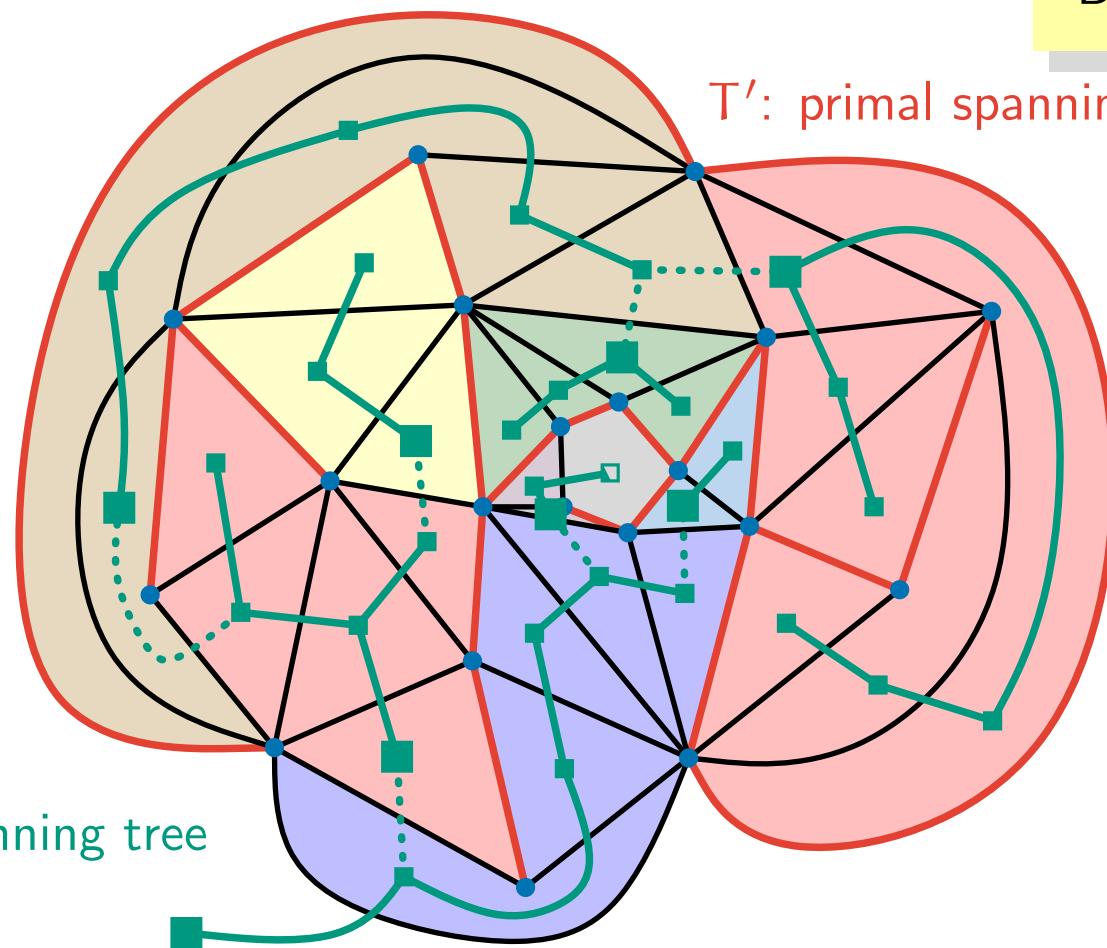
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Output Step 2.1:  
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