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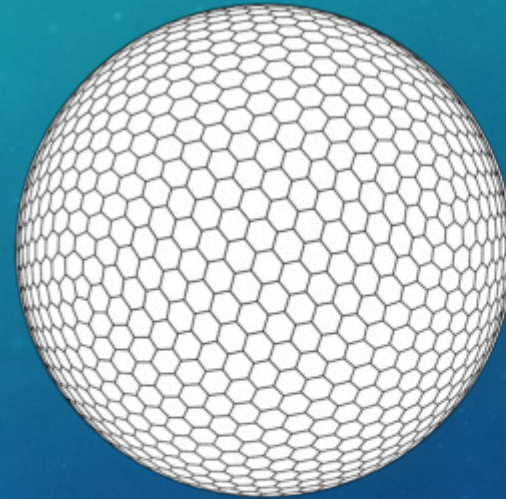
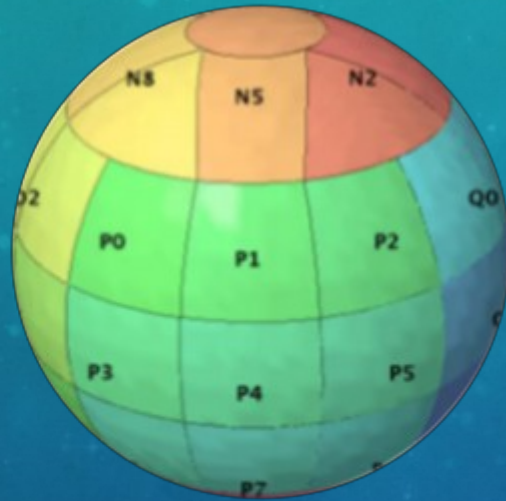
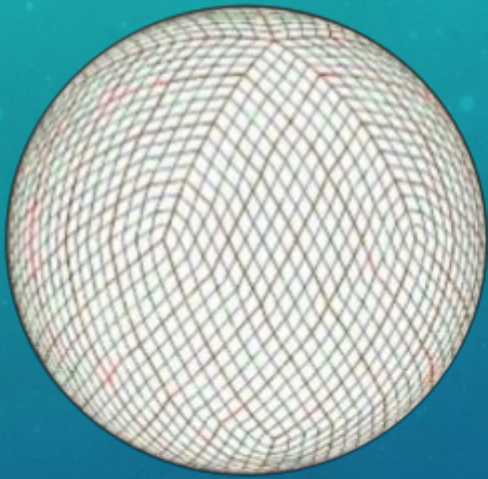
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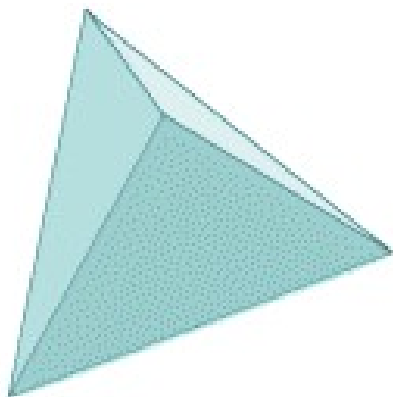
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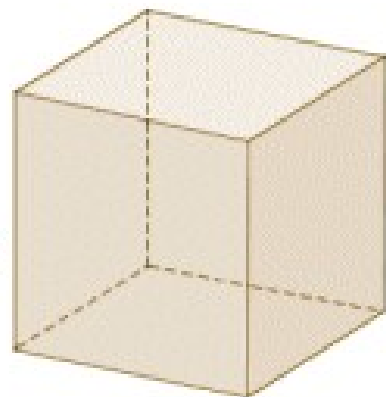
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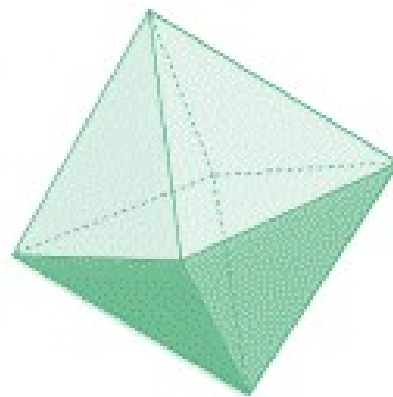
1) ISEA Triangular Grid 2) SCENZ-Grid 3) ISEA Hexagonal Grid 4) Illustration of Quaternary Triangular Mesh global grid used by permission of Geoffrey Dutton



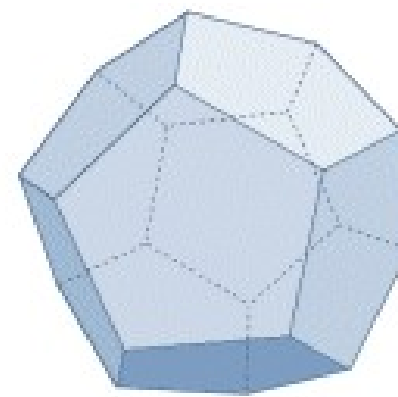
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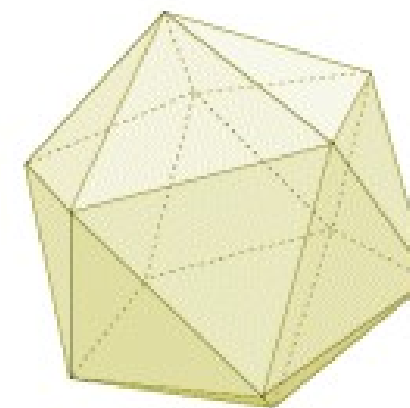
Hexahedron



Octahedron



Dodecahedron



Icosahedron

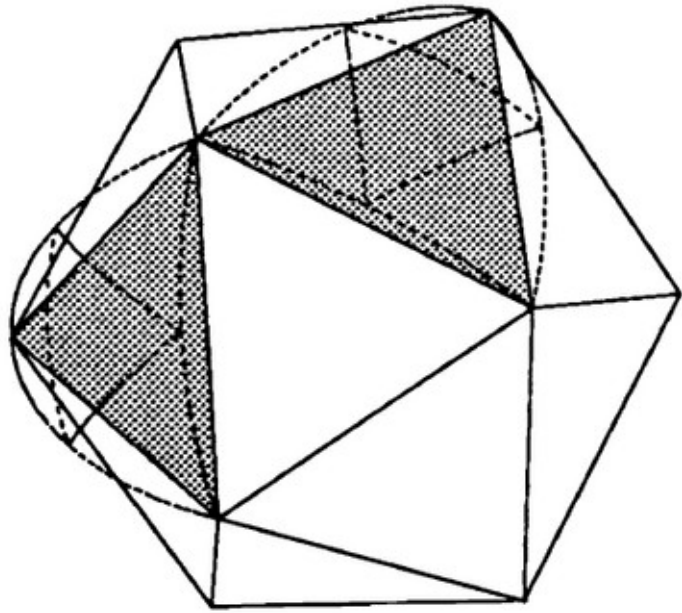


Figure 4: Derivation of trixels from the icosahedron

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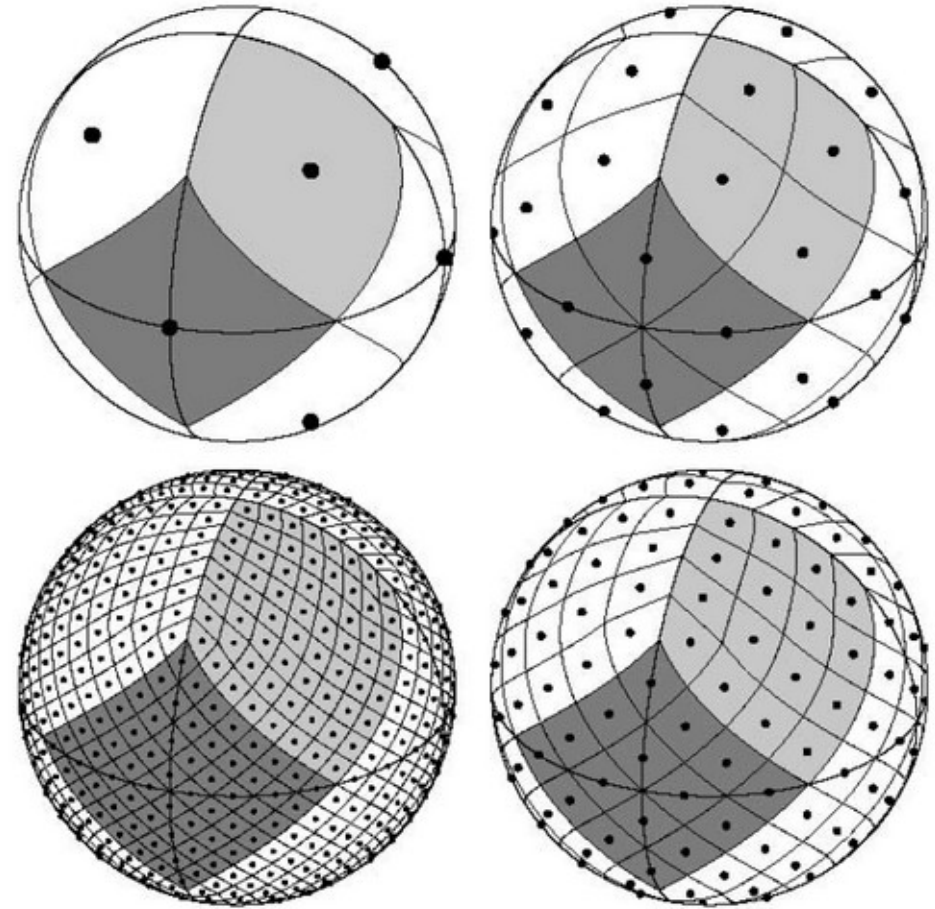
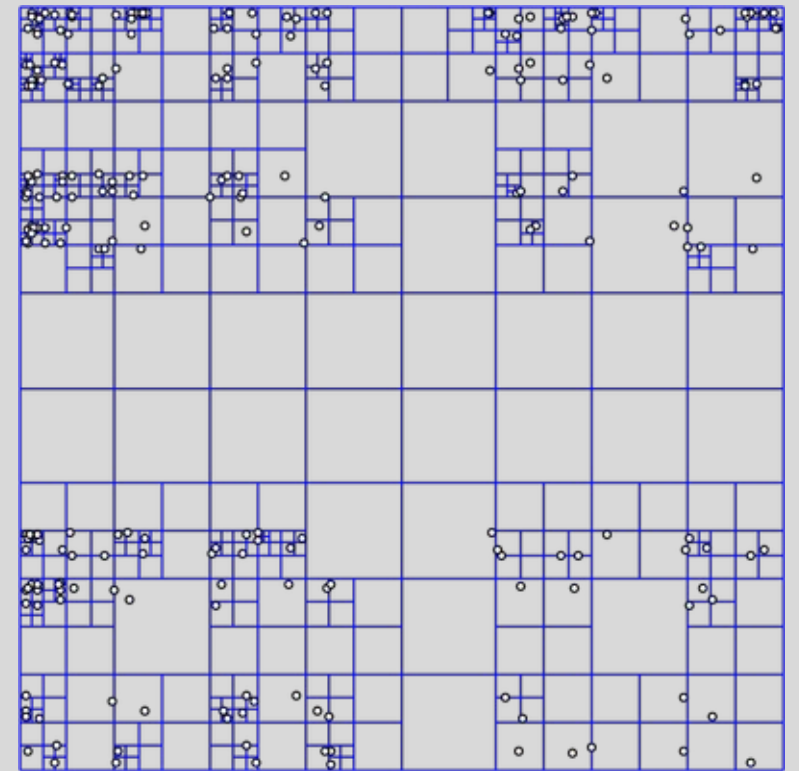
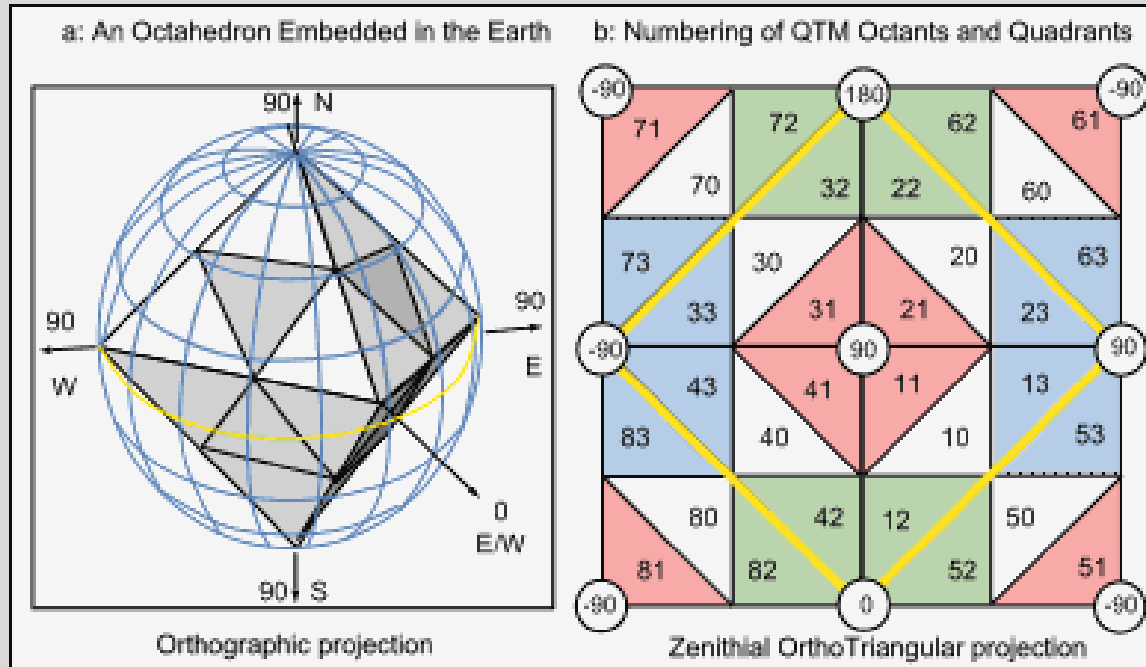


FIG. 3.—Orthographic view of the HEALPix partition of the sphere.

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QUATERNARY TRIANGULAR MESH (QTM)

- Geoffrey Dutton 1989
- Recursively subdivide a circumscribed octahedron with small circle arcs

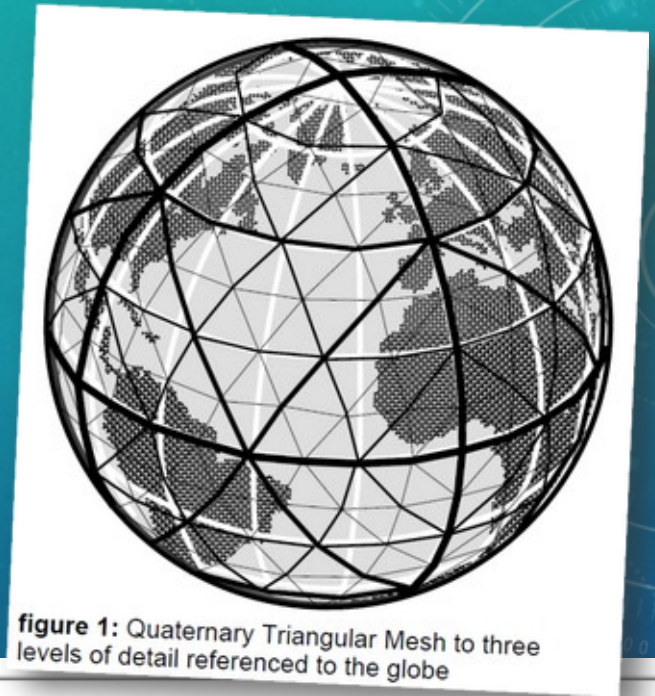


figure 1: Quaternary Triangular Mesh to three levels of detail referenced to the globe

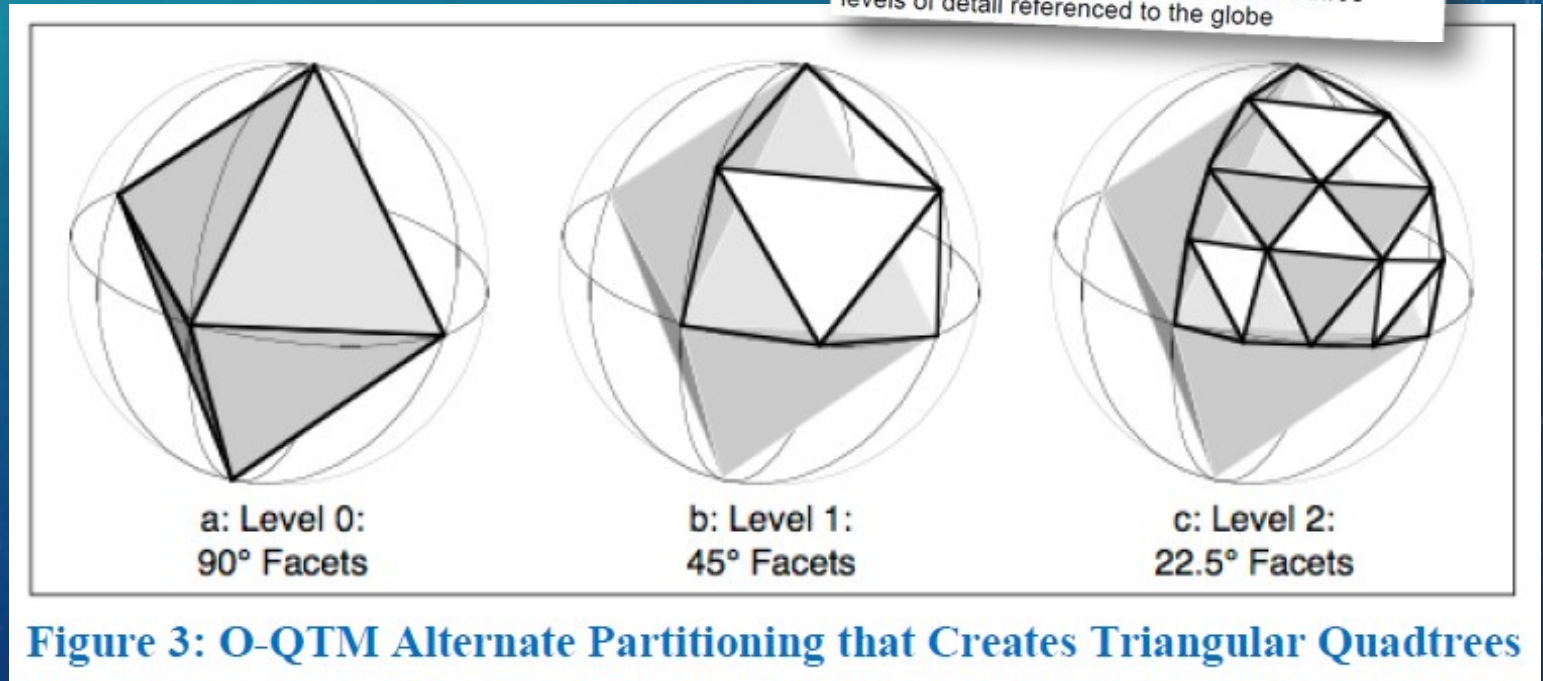
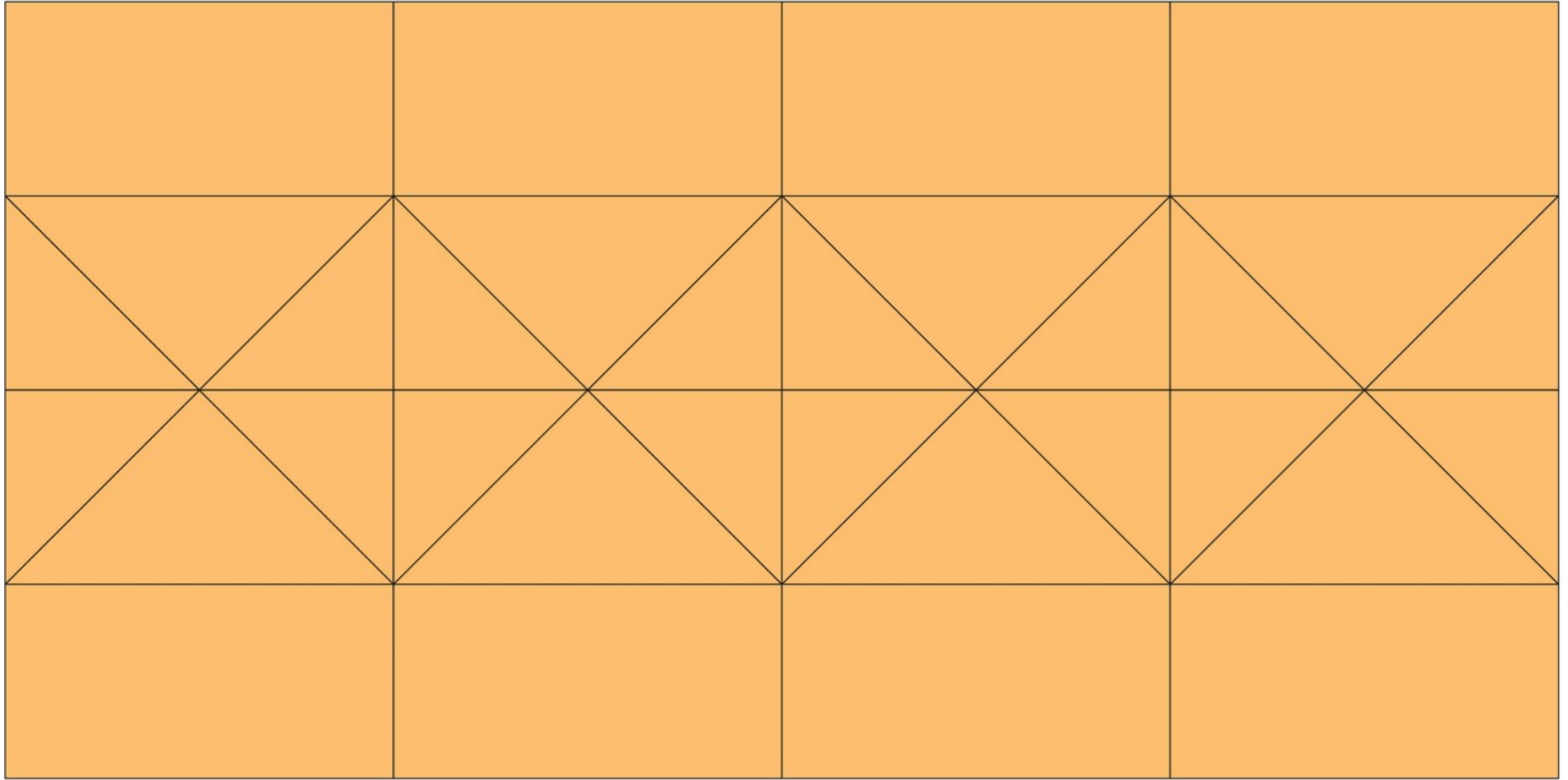
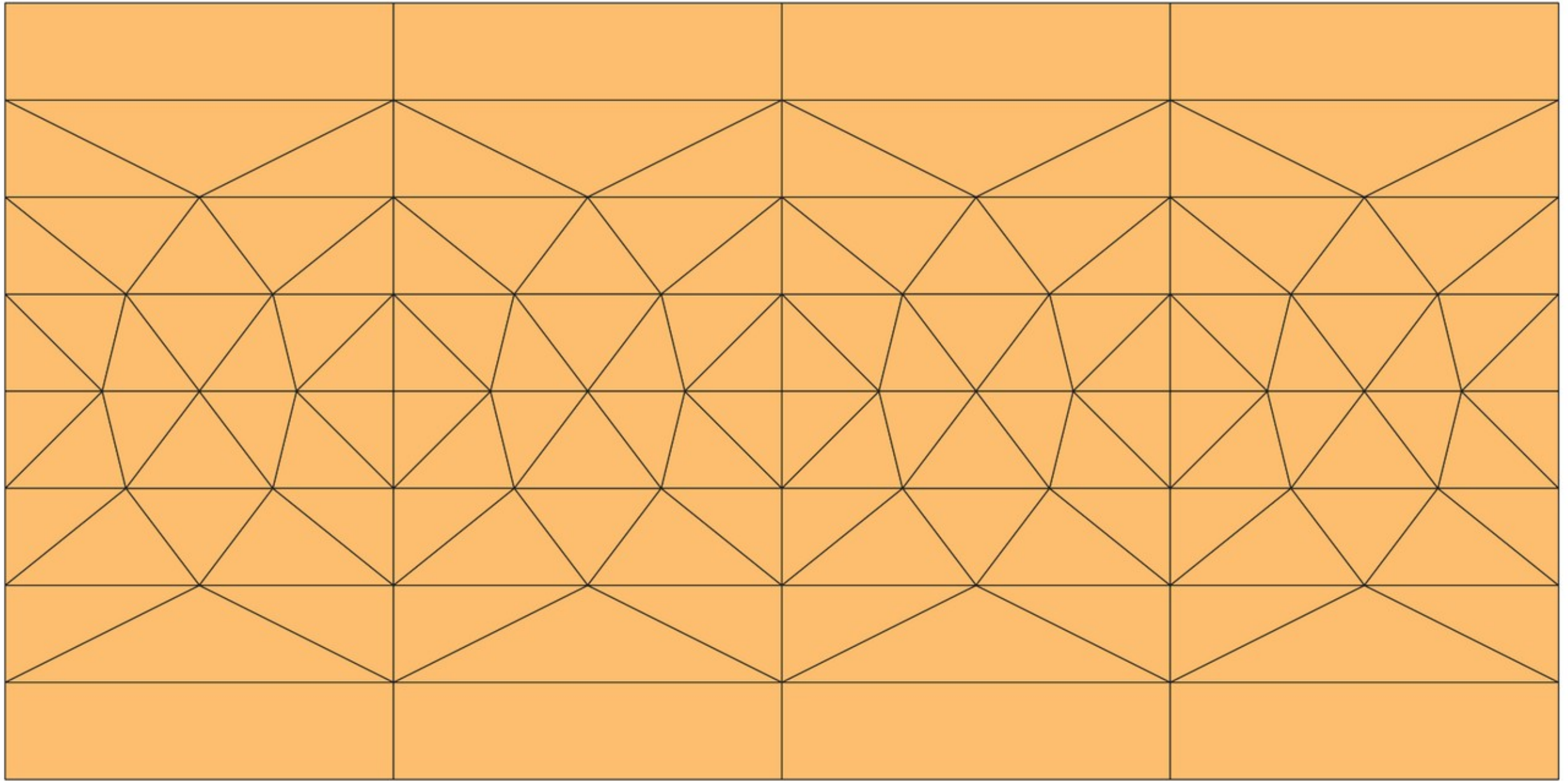
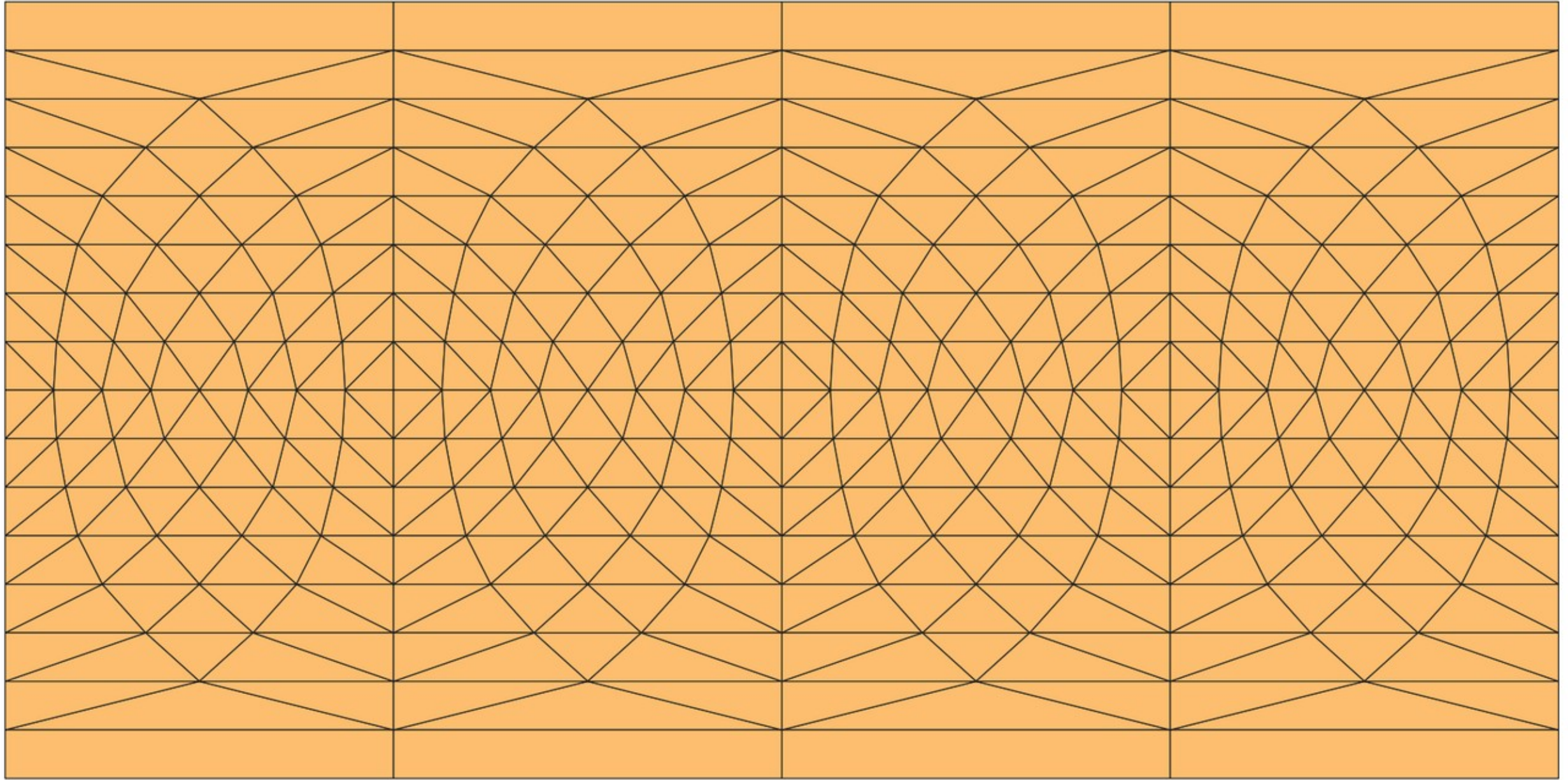


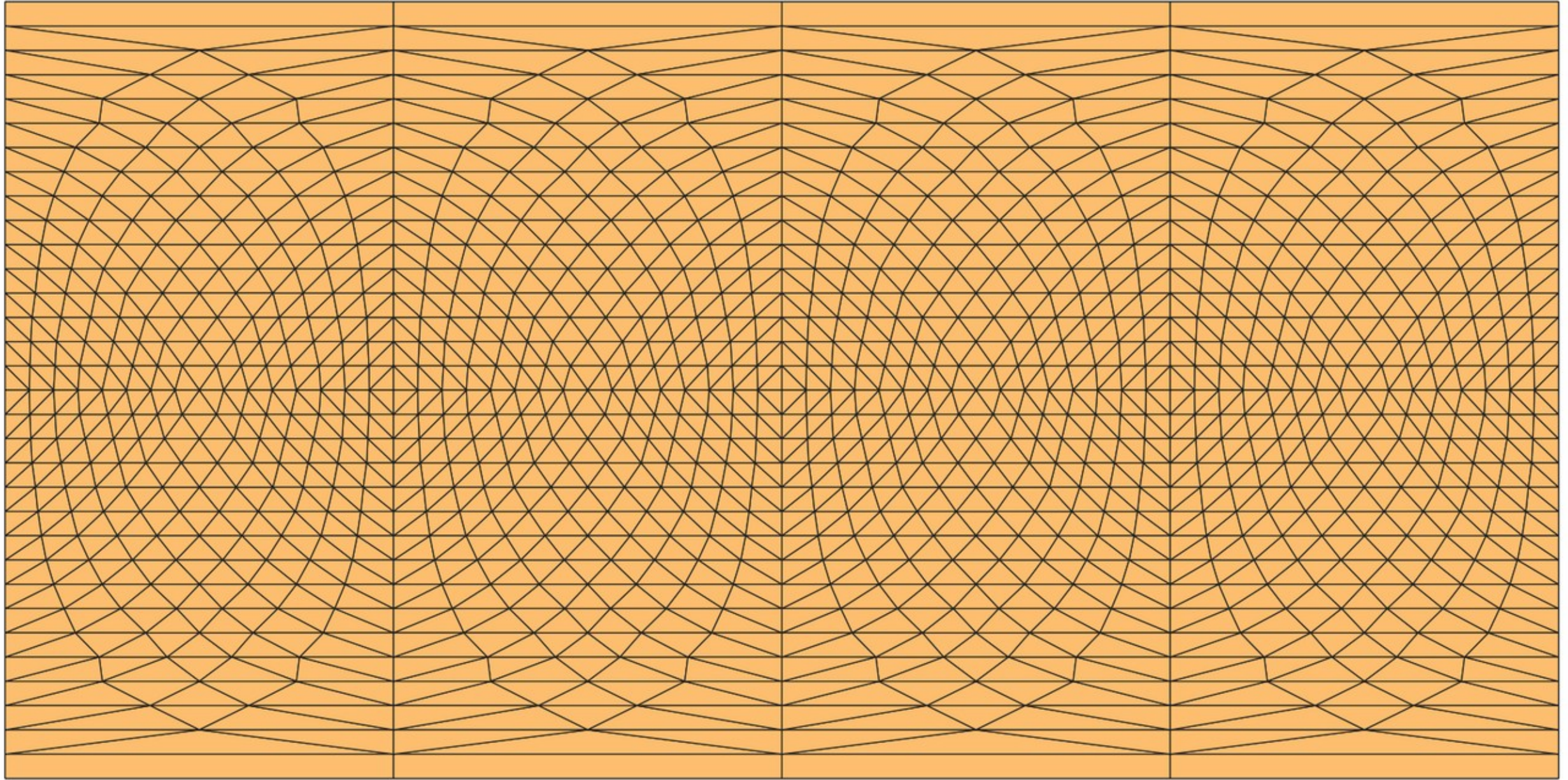
Figure 3: O-QTM Alternate Partitioning that Creates Triangular Quadtrees

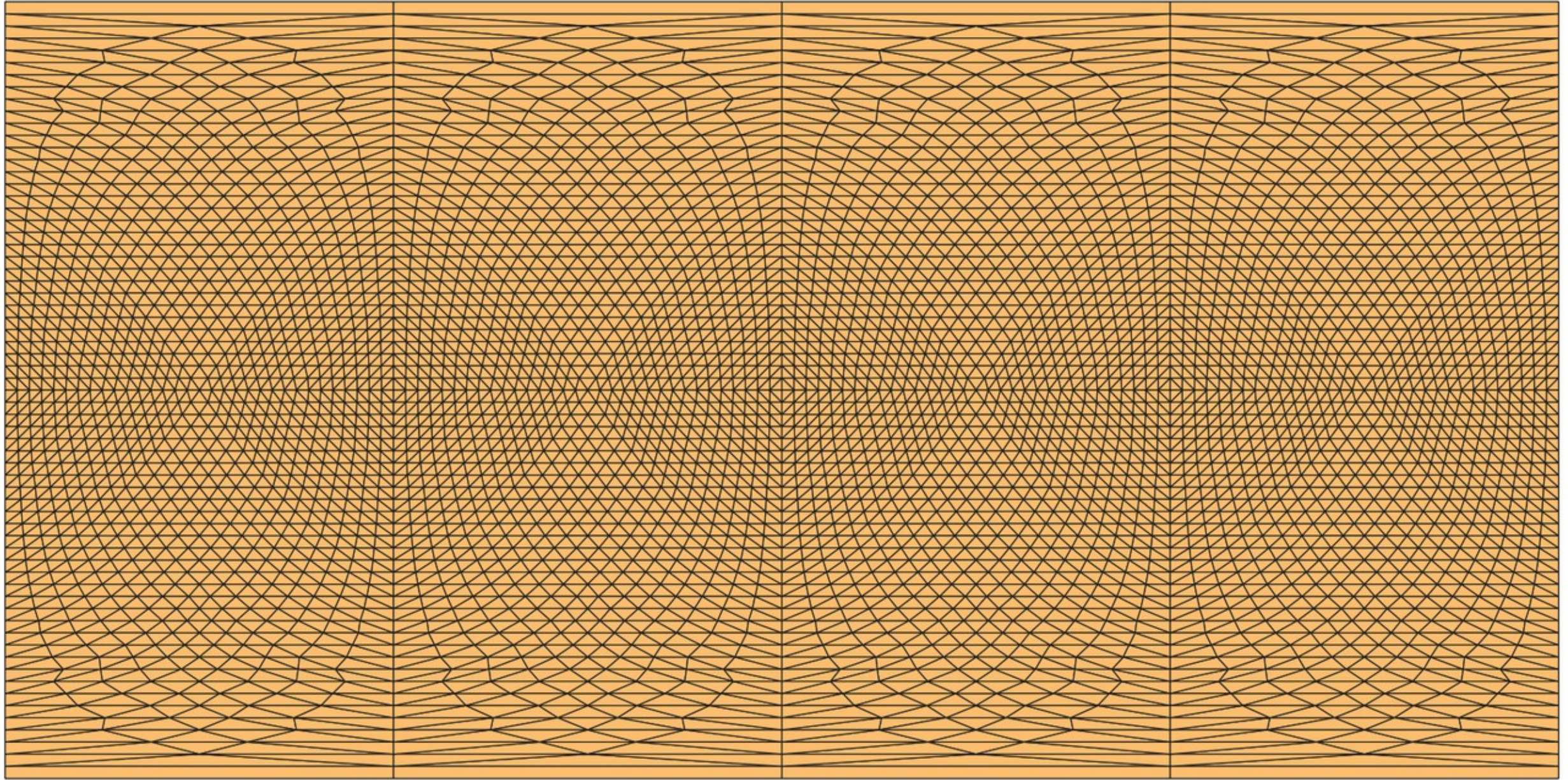
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A global tessellation generator.

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LICENSE	Initial commit	5 months ago
README.md	Added README file, and made cosmetic changes to script.	5 months ago
qtmgenerator.py	Corrected errors in previous 2 versions: now properly using latitude ...	10 days ago

README.md

QTM Generator

This script makes a Quaternary Triangular Mesh (QTM) to tessellate the planet geodetically into a discrete global grid system (DGGS) based on an octohedron. Each triangular facet recursively subdivides into four smaller ones to build a hierarchical mesh. We directly implement the geometry and tile indexing scheme developed by Geoffrey Dutton, and described in the following publication:

Dutton, Geoffrey H. "Planetary Modelling via Hierarchical Tessellation." In Proceedings of the AutoCarto 9 Conference, 462–71. Baltimore, MD, 1989. <https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/875e/12ce948012b3eced58c0f1470dba51ef87ef.pdf>

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Usage:

All geometry is defined in [WGS 84](#). The script outputs to a GeoJSON file for each hierarchical level in the QTM, making as many levels as the user requests.

<https://github.com/paulojraposo/QTM>

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powershell

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PS C:\Users\paulo\Code\QTM> python .\qtmgenerator.py -h
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usage: qtmgenerator.py [-h] OUTSHPPFILEDIR LEVELS
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Builds a Dutton QTM (see citations in source code) and outputs it as a GeoJSON file in WGS84 coordinates.

positional arguments:

OUTSHPPFILEDIR Full path to output directory for the product QTM shapefiles.

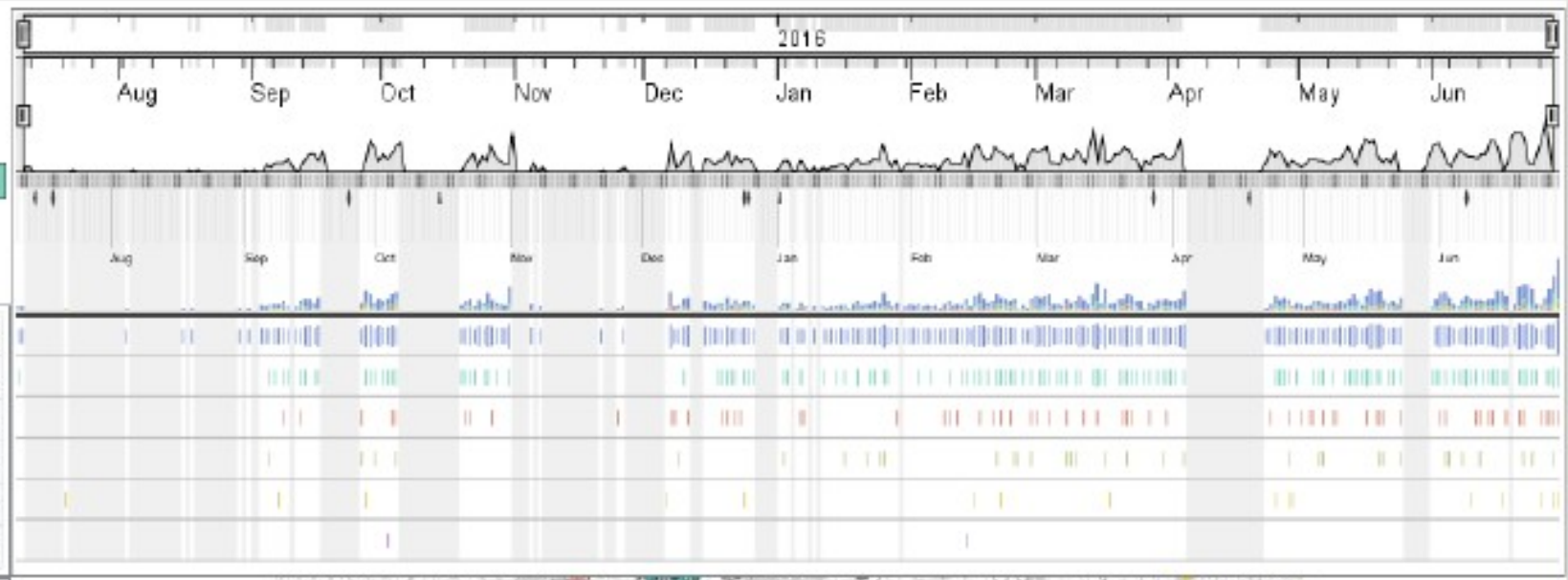
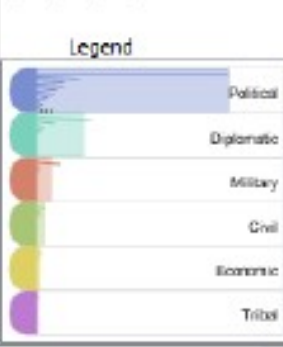
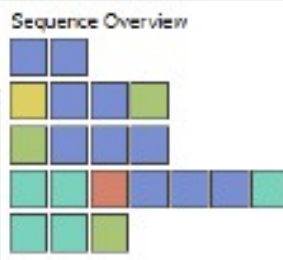
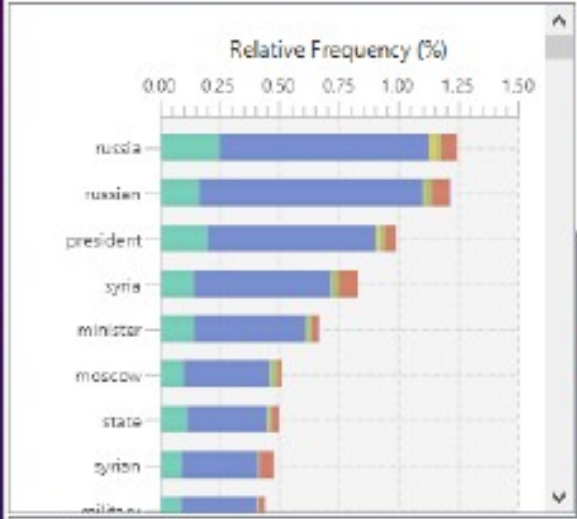
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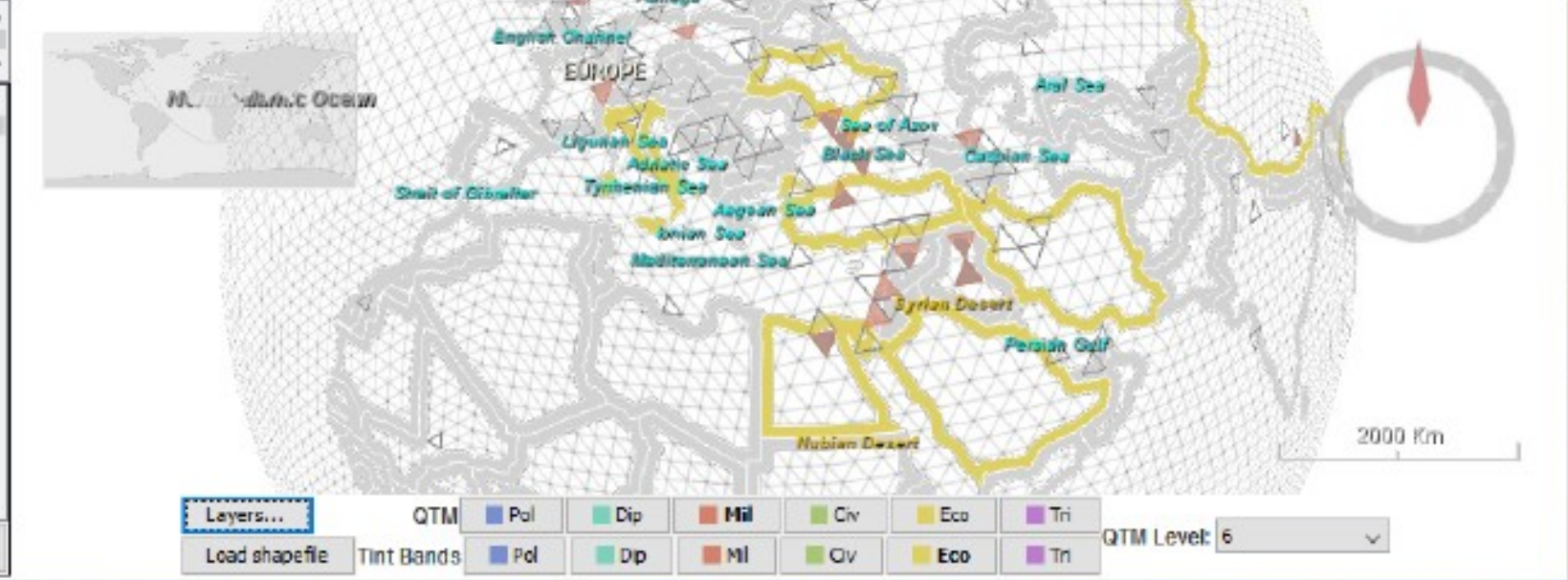
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Data Input and Binning

Input CSV:

Bin up to QTM level:

Attribute to bin:

Export to GeoJSON:

Modifiable Areal Units

Scaling (QTM level to draw):

Zoning (longitudinal shift of mesh in degrees):

Visualization

Quantiles:

1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th

Choropleth color ramp: oranges purples

Projection:

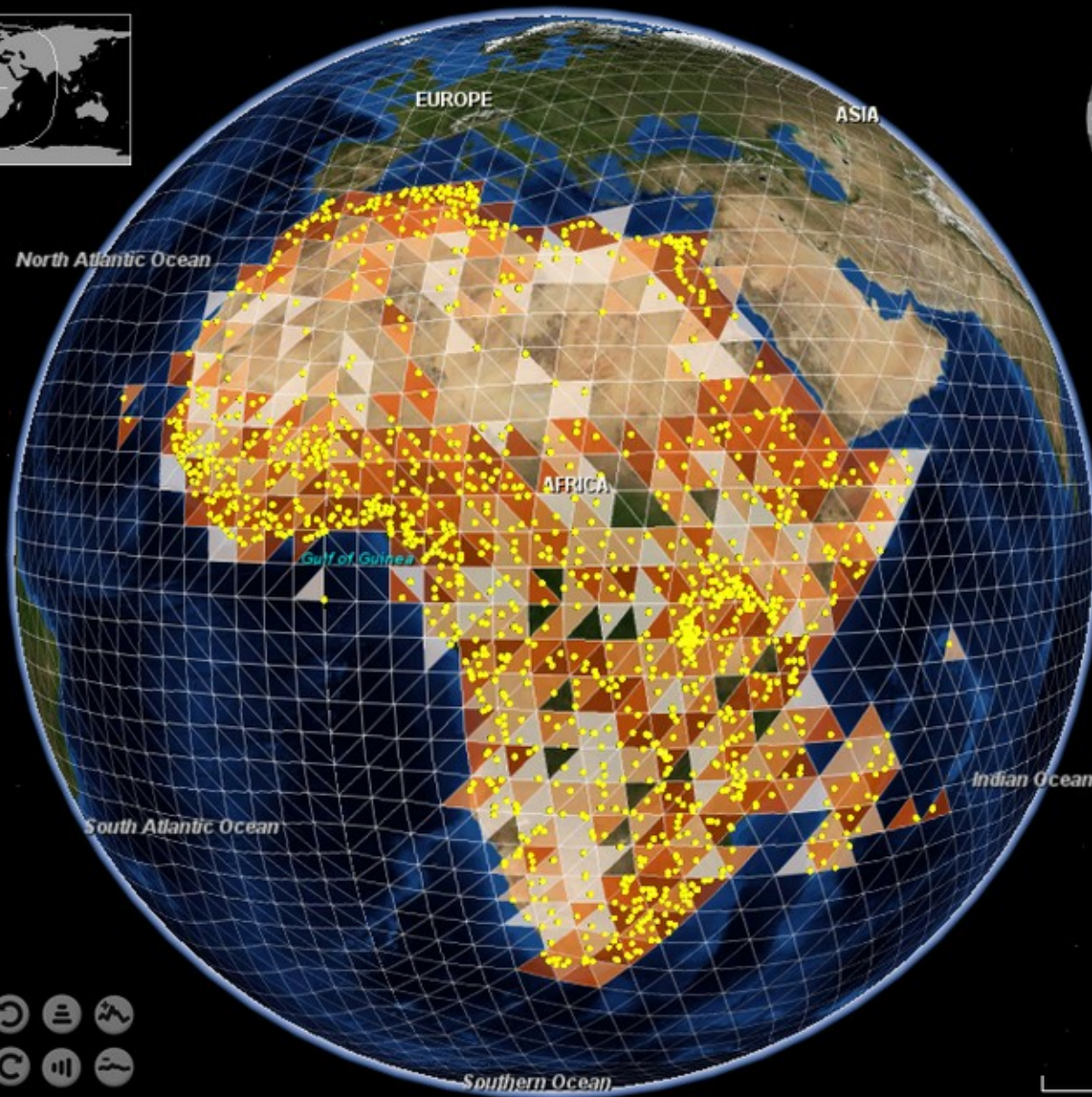
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Place Names

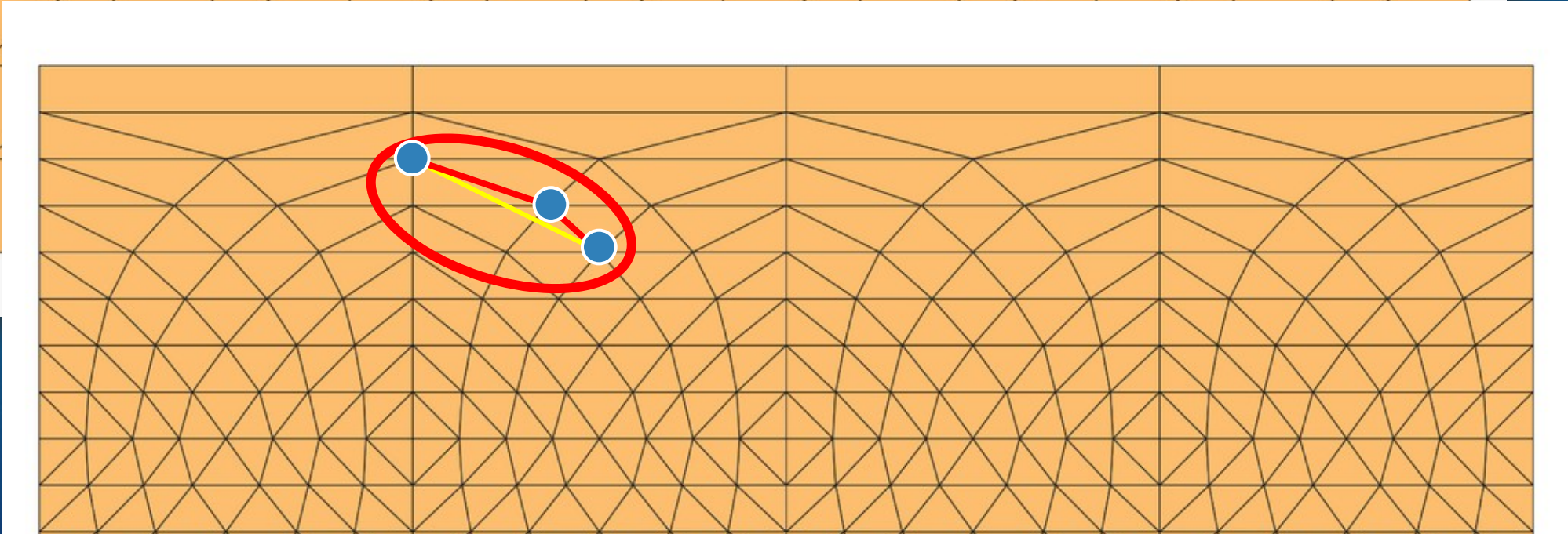
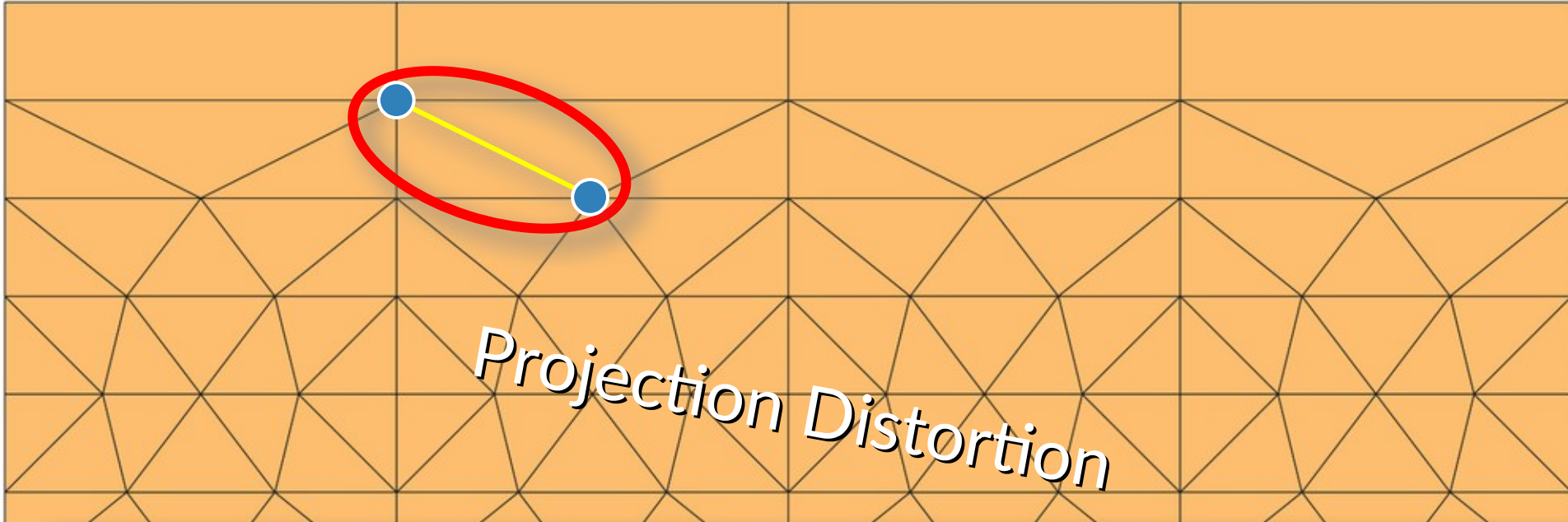
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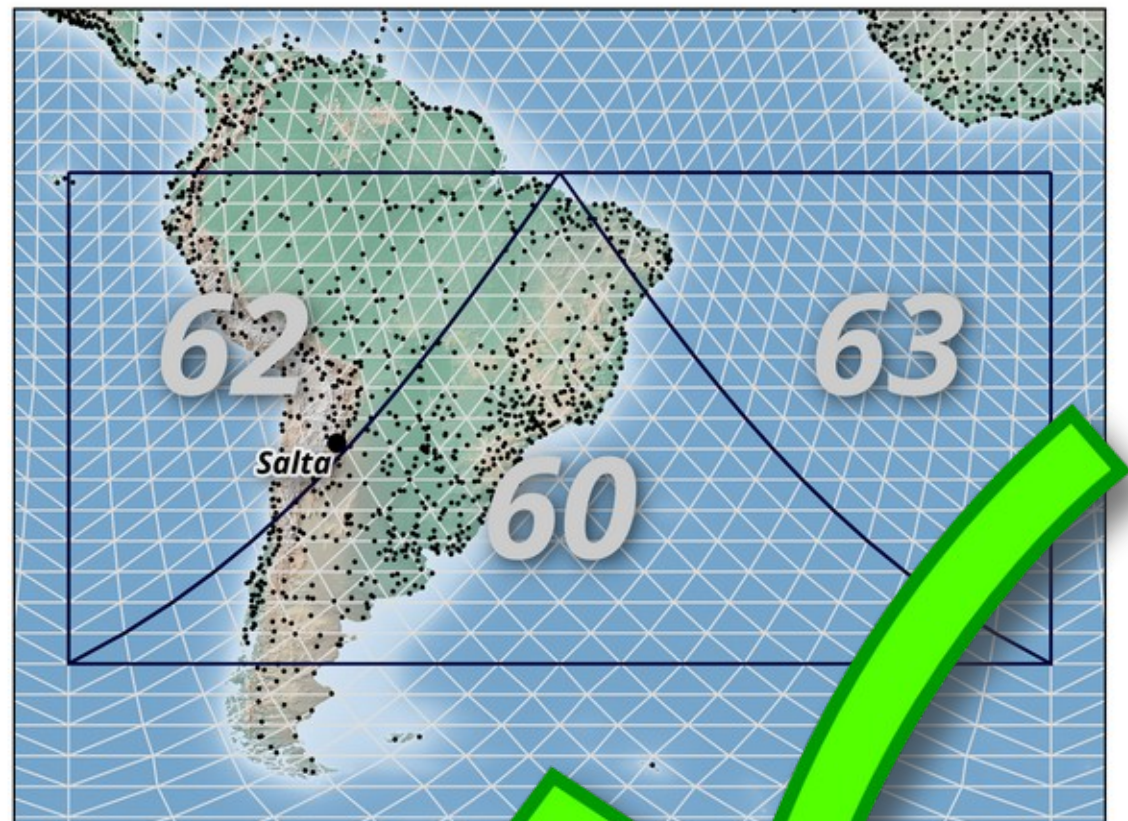
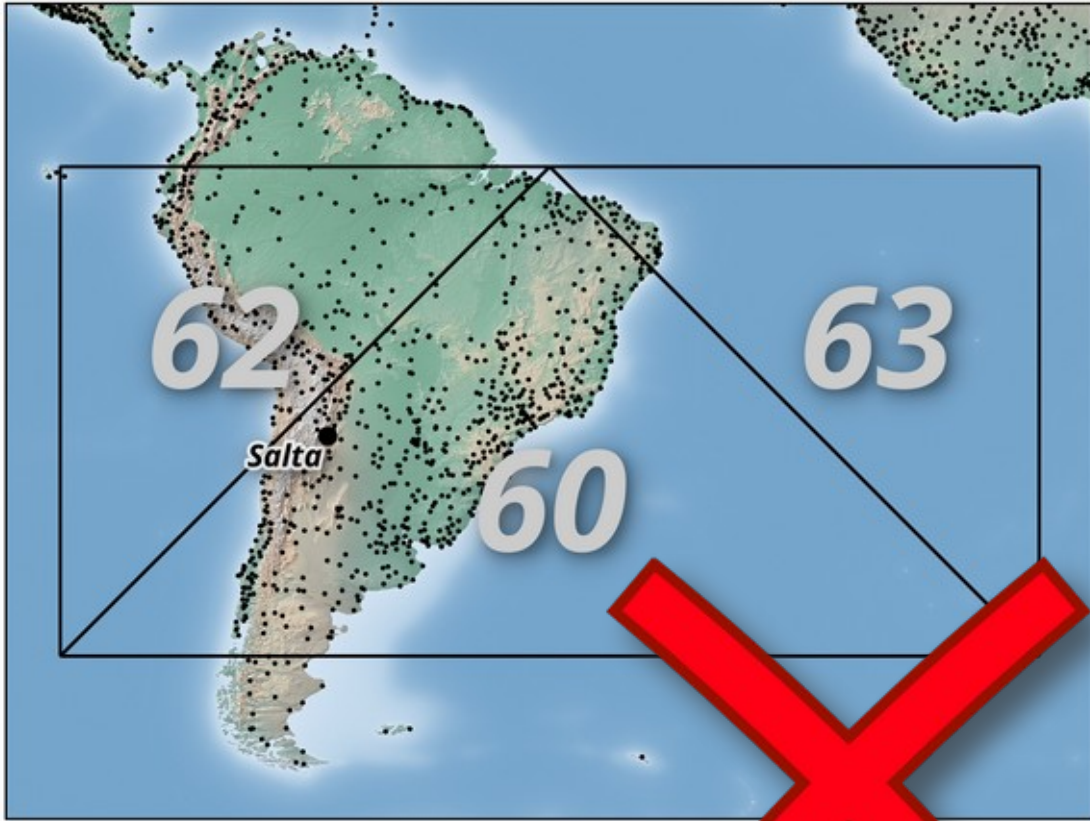


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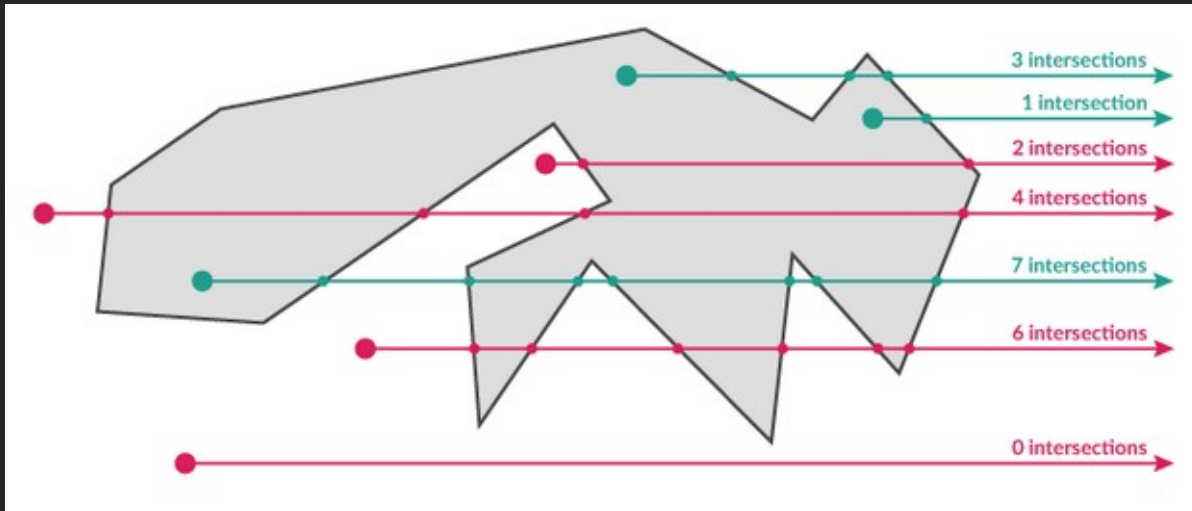
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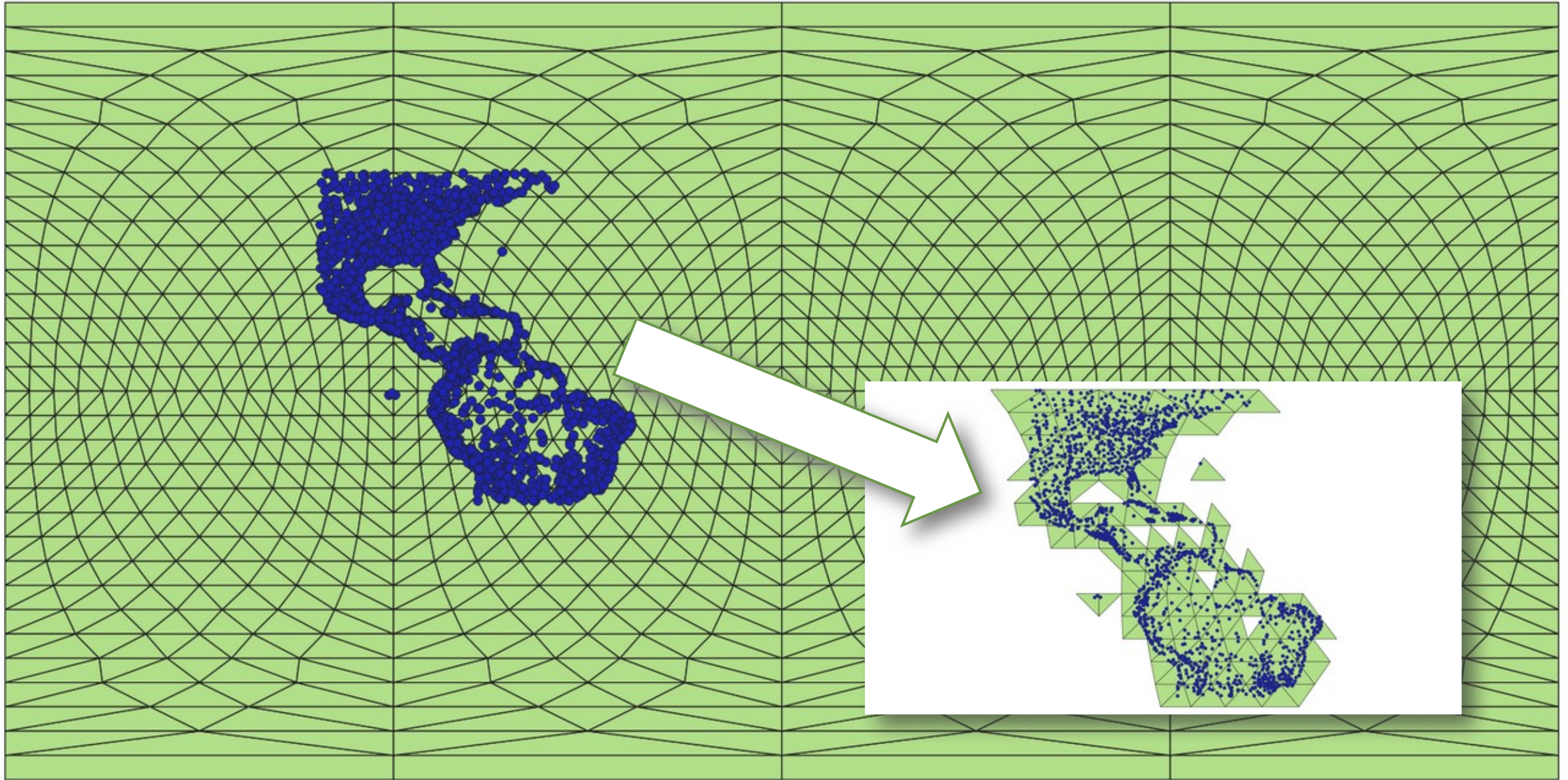
Off Globe





- Ray-casting point-in-polygon test
- but *geodetic!* with great and small circle arcs





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Microsoft Teams interface with a search bar and a navigation menu.

QGIS interface showing a map with a pink grid overlay. The interface includes a menu bar (Project, Map, Insert, Analysis, View, Edit, Imagery, Share), a toolbar, and a Symbology panel on the right. The Symbology panel shows 'Primary symbology' set to 'Single Symbol' with a pink square symbol.

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Microsoft Teams window showing a search bar and a navigation menu.

QGIS interface showing a map with a colorful, irregular grid overlay. The interface includes a menu bar (Project, View, Layer, Settings, Plugins, Vector, Sabor, Database, Web, Mesh, Processing, Help), a toolbar, and a Browser panel on the left. The Browser panel shows a tree view of the project's data layers, including 'ExperimentArea01', 'AddressPoints_P1_IP5021', and 'Set_PointsAddress.shp'.

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