# Computational techniques for hyperbolic 3-manifolds 

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- Given a combinatorial gluing, we can use computational techniques to find solutions for the shapes of these polyhedra.



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- Going in the reverse direction, we see that for some 3-manifolds (given combinatorially) it is possible to find a (complete) hyperbolic structure. It so happens that when the structure is finite volume, it is unique (for
 the given combinatorial gluing).


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- Broadly speaking, the Geometrization Theorem states that 3-manifolds can be (uniquely) cut along surfaces such that the remaining pieces admit one of 8 model geometries, with hyperbolic geometry being very prevalent.


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