

Oberseminar Geometrie	Wednesday 12th December 2012
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‘Recent results on flip-graphs.’

Consider a triangulation T of a point configuration \mathcal{A} in some Euclidean space. A flip is a local operation that transforms T into another triangulation of \mathcal{A} . The flip graph of \mathcal{A} is the graph whose vertices are the triangulations of \mathcal{A} and whose edges correspond to flips.

Several questions about flip-graphs remain open, such as its connectedness when \mathcal{A} has dimension 3 and 4, or the diameter of some of its connected subgraphs. Among such connected subgraphs, one finds in particular the 1-skeletons of secondary polytopes.

Recent results on flip-graphs will be reviewed in this talk. In particular, the recently announced proof that the flip-graph of a polygon with n vertices has diameter $2n - 10$ when n is greater than 12 will be sketched.