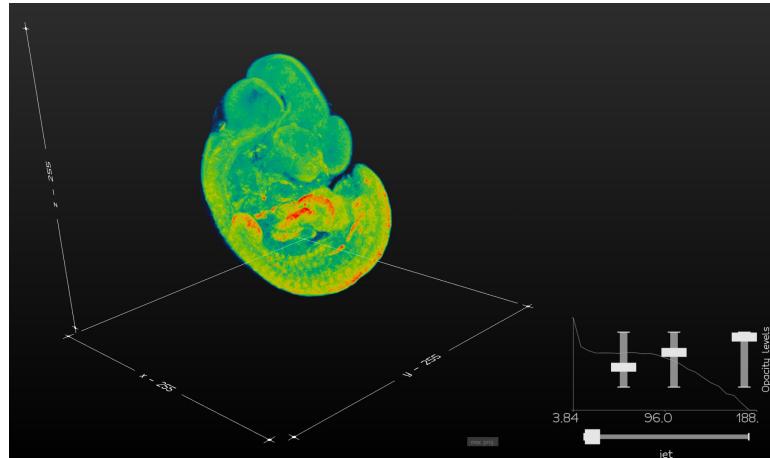


# v3do

A python module for scientific analysis and visualization of 3d objects



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# Why?

`matplotlib` is not very useful in 3D

VTK is a fantastic library... but it has a steep learning curve.



```
import vtk

def main():
    colors = vtk.vtkNamedColors()
    # Set the background color.
    bkg = map(lambda x: x / 255.0, [26, 51, 102, 255])
    colorsSetColor("BkgColor", *bkg)

    # This creates a polygonal cylinder model with eight circumferential
    # facets.
    cylinder = vtk.vtkCylinderSource()
    cylinder.SetResolution(8)

    # The mapper is responsible for pushing the geometry into the graphics
    # library. It may also do color mapping, if scalars or other
    # attributes are defined.
    cylinderMapper = vtk.vtkPolyDataMapper()
    cylinderMapper.SetInputConnection(cylinder.GetOutputPort())

    # The actor is a grouping mechanism: besides the geometry (mapper), it
    # also has a property, transformation matrix, and/or texture map.
    # Here we set its color and rotate it -22.5 degrees.
    cylinderActor = vtk.vtkActor()
    cylinderActor.SetMapper(cylinderMapper)
    cylinderActorGetProperty().SetColor(colors.GetColor3d("Tomato"))
    cylinderActor.RotateX(30.0)
    cylinderActor.RotateY(-45.0)

    # Create the graphics structure. The renderer renders into the render
    # window. The render window interactor captures mouse events and will
    # perform appropriate camera or actor manipulation depending on the
    # nature of the events.
    ren = vtk.vtkRenderer()
    renWin = vtk.vtkRenderWindow()
    renWin.AddRenderer(ren)
    iren = vtk.vtkRenderWindowInteractor()
    iren.SetRenderWindow(renWin)

    # Add the actors to the renderer, set the background and size
    ren.AddActor(cylinderActor)
    ren.SetBackground(colors.GetColor3d("BkgColor"))
    renWin.SetSize(300, 300)
    renWin.SetWindowName('CylinderExample')

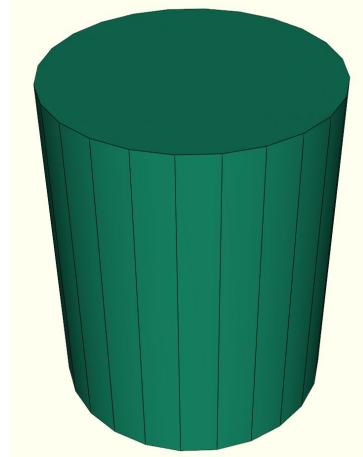
    # This allows the interactor to initialize itself. It has to be
    # called before an event loop.
    iren.Initialize()

    # We'll zoom in a little by accessing the camera and invoking a "Zoom"
    # method on it.
    ren.ResetCamera()
    ren.GetActiveCamera().Zoom(1.5)
    renWin.Render()

    # Start the event loop.
    iren.Start()

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()
```

```
import vedo
vedo.Cylinder().show()
```



...not only visualization!  
(paraview can already do it)

*Vedo makes working with VTK a lot easier. I do understand VTK (or at least I think I do), but it is still a lot of work to get something simple done!*

R. de Bruin, Delft Univ. of Tech

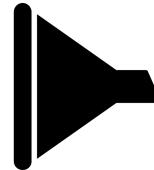
# Where?



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Preprocessing  
Raw Data



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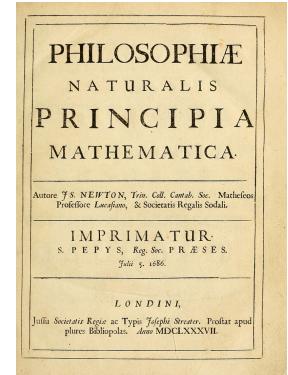
v3do sits somewhere in here

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Postprocessing  
Data analysis



MB



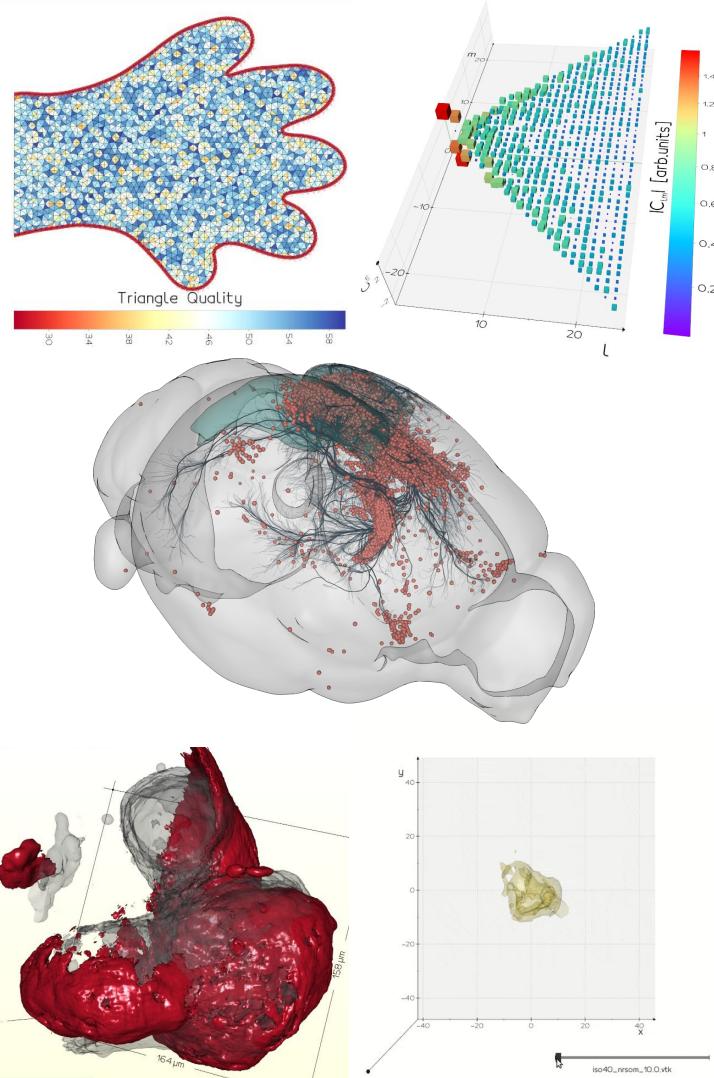
"A 3D-powered version of matplotlib"

"A handy day-to-day tool for the researcher"

**It can prove useful with any type of data having a spatio-temporal structure**

# What can you do with it?

- Work with polygonal meshes and point clouds
- Morphometrics (mesh warp, cut, connect, ...)
- Analysis of 3D images and tetrahedral meshes
- 2D/3D plotting and histogramming.
- Integration with other external libraries  
(Qt, napari, trimesh, pymeshlab, SHTools ...)
- Jupyter and Colab environments are supported
- Command Line Interface (CLI) as quick viz tool
- Export/exchange 3D interactive scenes to file
- Create interactive animations
- Generate publication-quality renderings

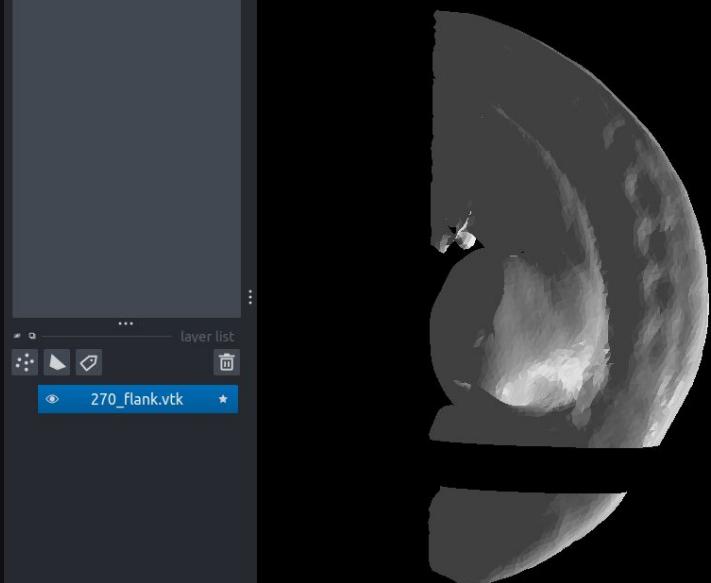


File View Window Plugins Help

layer controls

opacity: 1.00  
contrast limits:  
auto-contrast: once continuous  
gamma: 1.00  
colormap: gray  
blending: translucen  
shading: flat

## Mouse hind limb



layer list



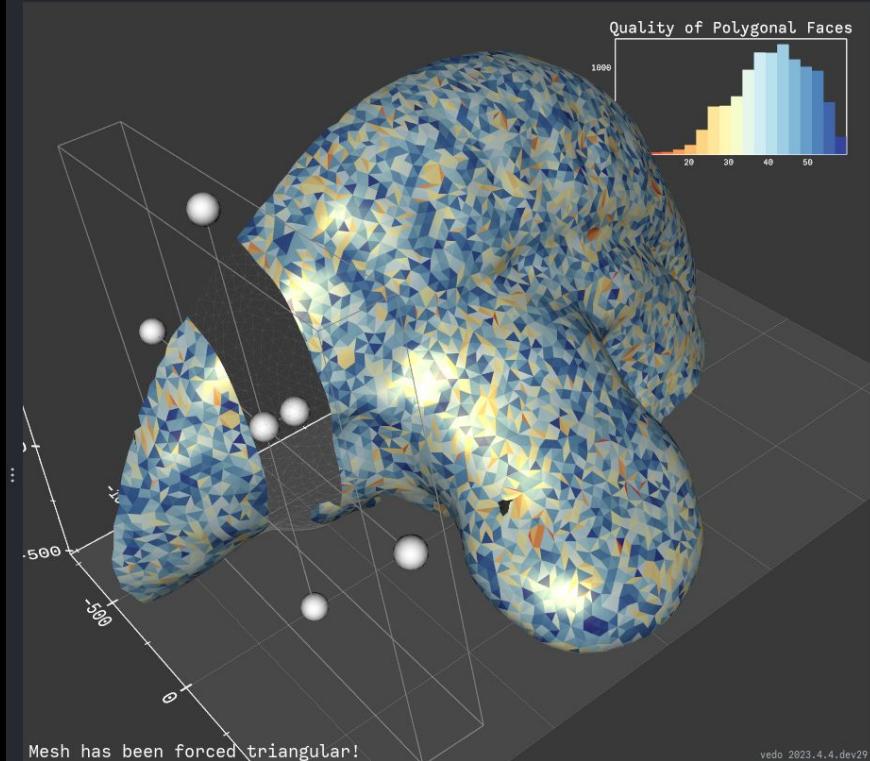
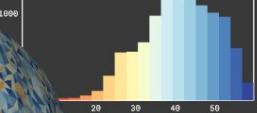
270\_flank.vtk \*



<https://github.com/jo-mueller/napari-vedo-bridge>

Mesh cutter (napari-vedo-bridge)

Quality of Polygonal Faces



Mesh has been forced triangular!

vedo 2023.4.4.dev29

Cutting tools

Plane cutter

Box cutter

Sphere cutter

Extract largest

Compute

Curvature

Face Quality

Surface Area

Volume

Data

Load

Retrieve from napari

Save

Send back to napari

activity

# How?

- Install:

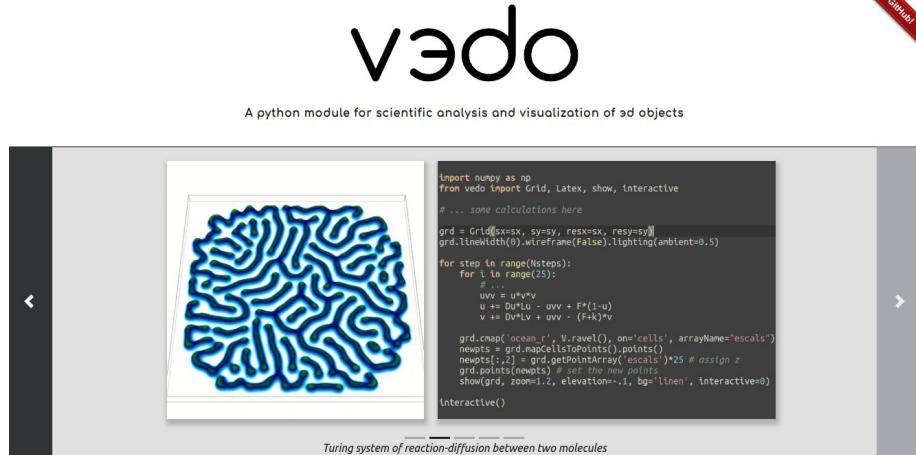
```
pip install vedo
```

- Documentation:

<https://vedo.embl.es/>

- 350+ examples as reference

- Designed to be short and intuitive (most are <30 lines)
- **Searchable** vedo --search string
- **Runnable** vedo --run exemplename



Search example e.g. "mesh"

Hover mouse to see a description



# API documentation is found at [vedo.embl.es/docs](https://vedo.embl.es/docs)



# vedo

API Documentation

Search...

## Contents

- Install and Test
- Command Line Interface
- Export your 3D scene to file
- File format conversion
- Running in a Jupyter Notebook
- Running on a Server
- Running in a Docker container
- Generate a single executable file
- Getting help

## Submodules

- addons
- applications
- assembly
- base
- colors

A python module for scientific analysis of 3D objects and point clouds based on VTK and numpy.

Check out the [GitHub repository here](#).

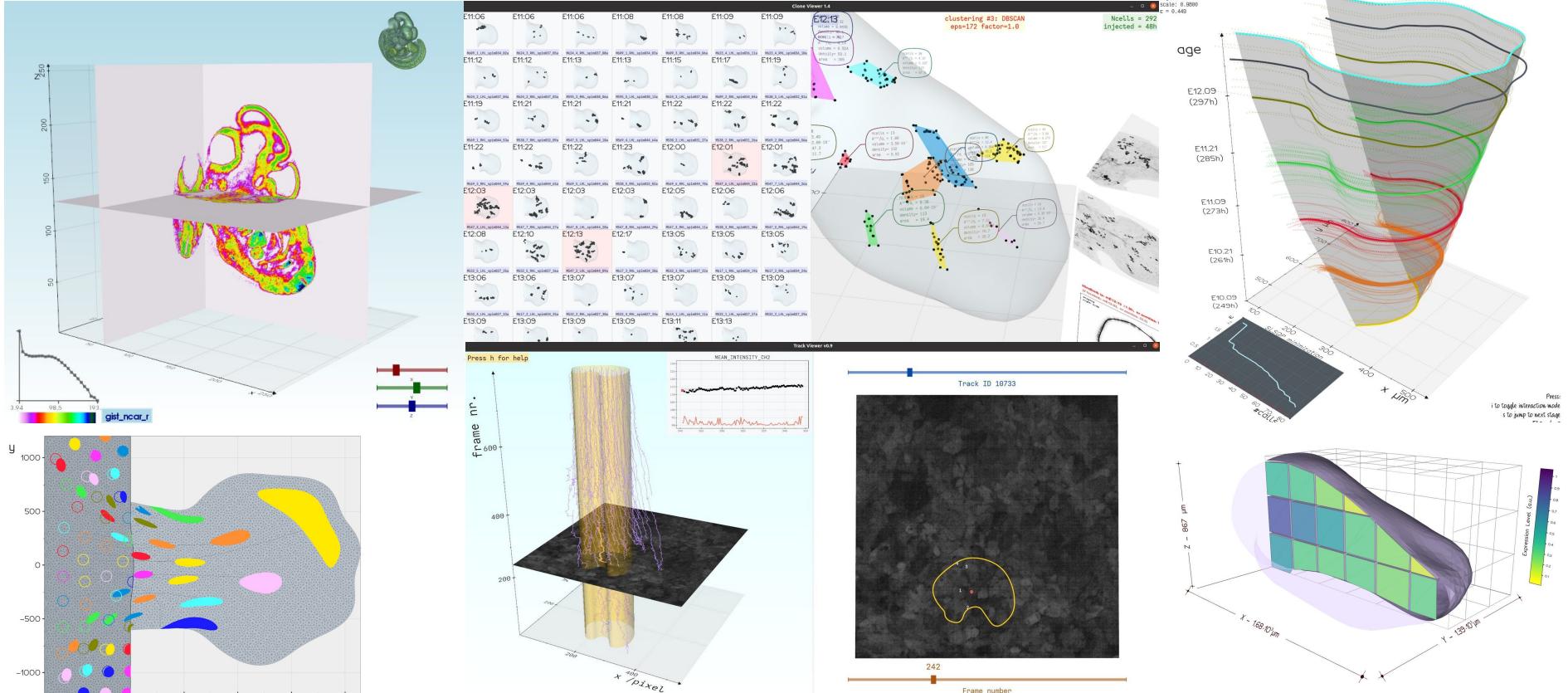
### Install and Test

```
pip install vedo  
# Or, install the latest development version:  
pip install -U git+https://github.com/marcomusy/vedo.git
```

Then

```
import vedo  
vedo.Cone().show(axes=1).close()
```

# Play with your own data (if you have it at hand!)



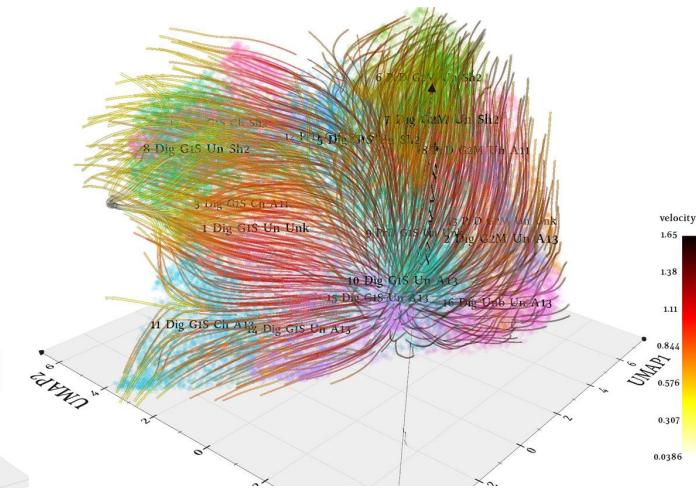
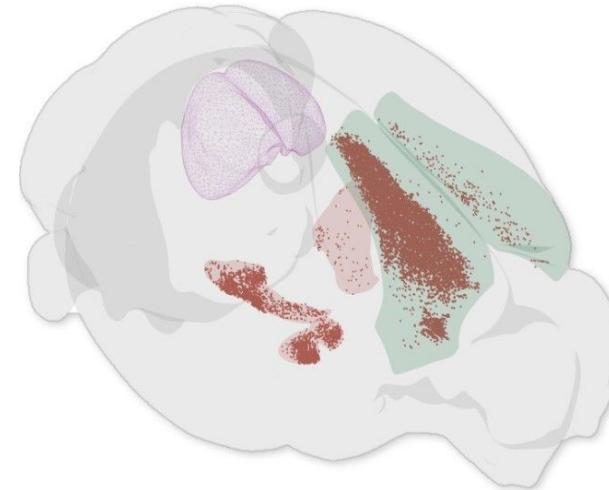
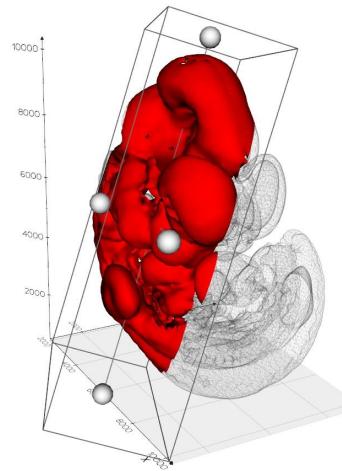
# Conclusion

- Proved very useful in diverse applications
- Documented API with many examples
- **Happy to offer support!**

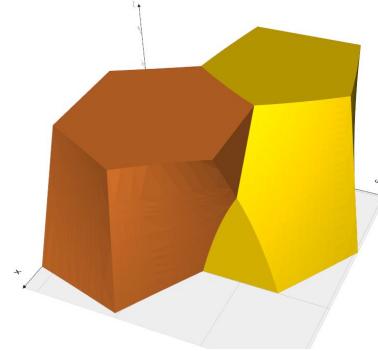
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# vedo practicals

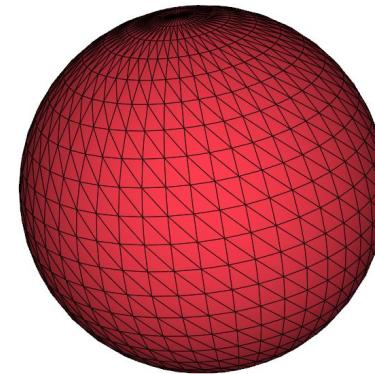


```
> pip install vedo
```

# Basic Geometric Objects

```
1 from vedo import *
2
3 settings.default_backend = "vtk"
4
5 sphere = Sphere().linewidth(1)
6
7 plt = Plotter()
8 plt += sphere
9 plt.show()
10 plt.close()
```

In Jupyter  
notebooks

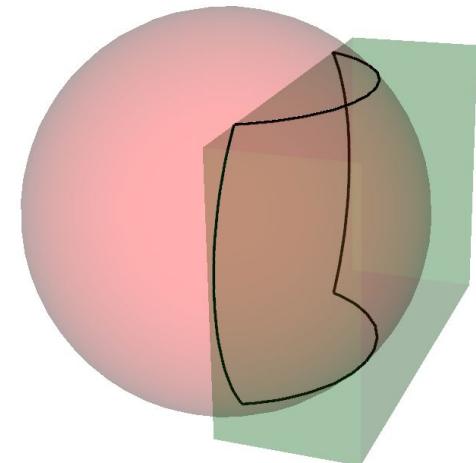


Press "h" in  
rendering window

```
# Create a sphere and a box
sphere = Sphere(r=1.5).c("red5", 0.2)
box = Box(pos=(1,0,0)).triangulate().c("green5", 0.2)

# Find the intersection between the two
intersection = sphere.intersect_with(box).lw(4)

plt += [sphere, box, intersection]
```



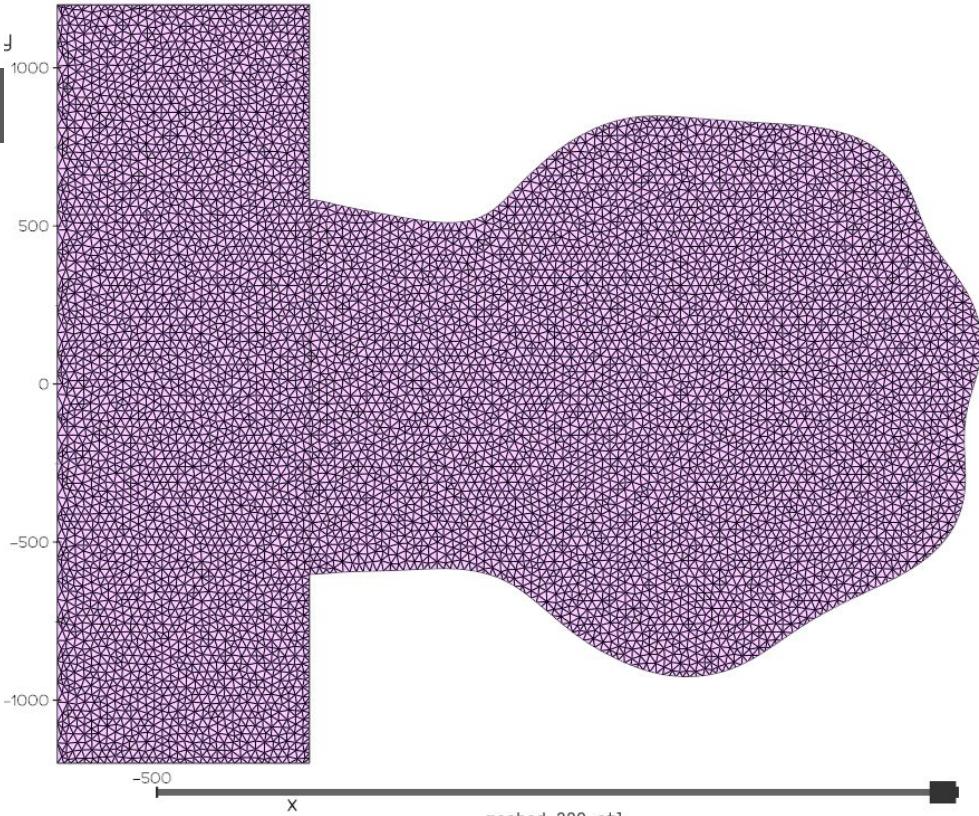
# Plotting made simple

```
> vedo -s data/meshed_*.stl
```

Or in a script:

```
1  from vedo import load
2  from vedo.applications import Browser
3
4  meshes = load("../data/meshed_*.stl")
5
6  for i in range(len(meshes)):
7      meshes[i].color(i).linewidth(1)
8
9  bro = Browser(meshes, size=(1600,800))
10 bro.show()
11 bro.close()
```

scripts/01-vis\_serie.py



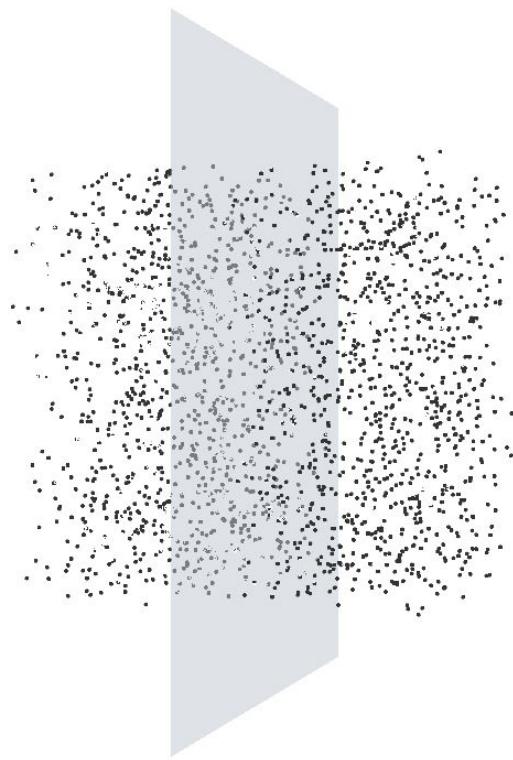
# **Point Clouds & Polygonal Meshes**

# Create a point cloud and cut it

```
points = np.random.rand(2000, 3)

pts = Points(points)
pln = Plane(pos=(0.5, 0.5, 0.6), normal=(1, 0, 0), s=(1.5, 1.5))

show(pts, pln).close()
```



# Create a point cloud and cut it

```
pts.cut_with_plane(0.5, 0.5, 0.6))
```

🔥 Can you create a normal distributed cloud and cut the points inside a cylinder?

*Hint: search the [API docs](#) for “cylinder”*



# Build a polygonal mesh manually

```
from vedo import Mesh, show

# Define the vertices and faces that make up the mesh
verts = [(50,50,50), (70,40,50), (50,40,80), (80,70,50)]
faces = [(0,1,2), (2,1,3), (1,0,3)]

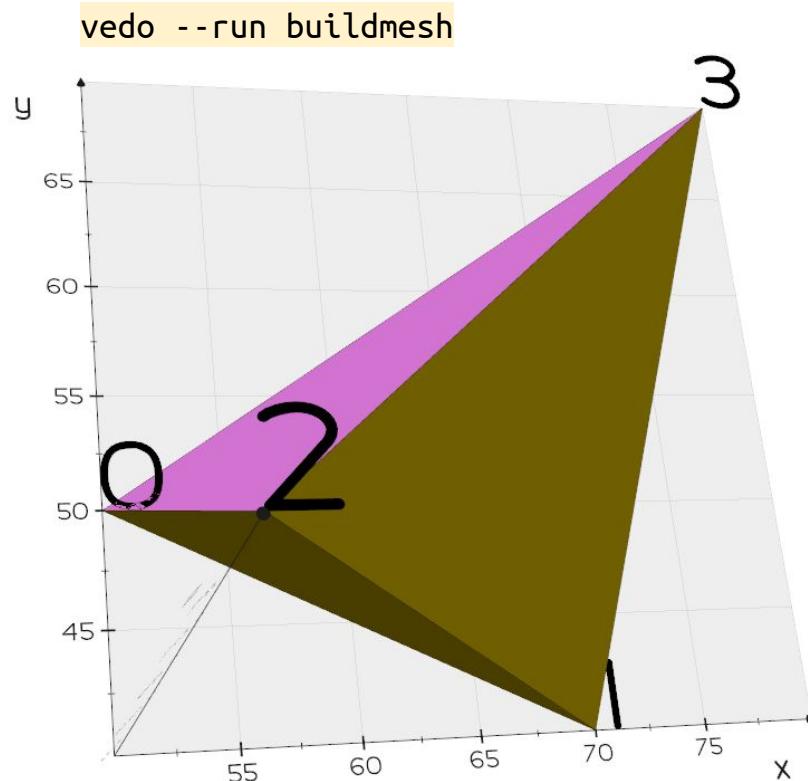
# Build the polygonal Mesh object from the vertices and faces
mesh = Mesh(verts, faces)

# Set the backcolor of the mesh to violet
# and show edges with a linewidth of 2
mesh.backcolor('violet').linecolor('tomato').linewidth(2)

# Create labels for all vertices in the mesh showing their ID
labs = mesh.labels('id').c('black')

# Print the points and faces of the mesh as numpy arrays
print('points():', mesh.points())
print('faces() :', mesh.faces())

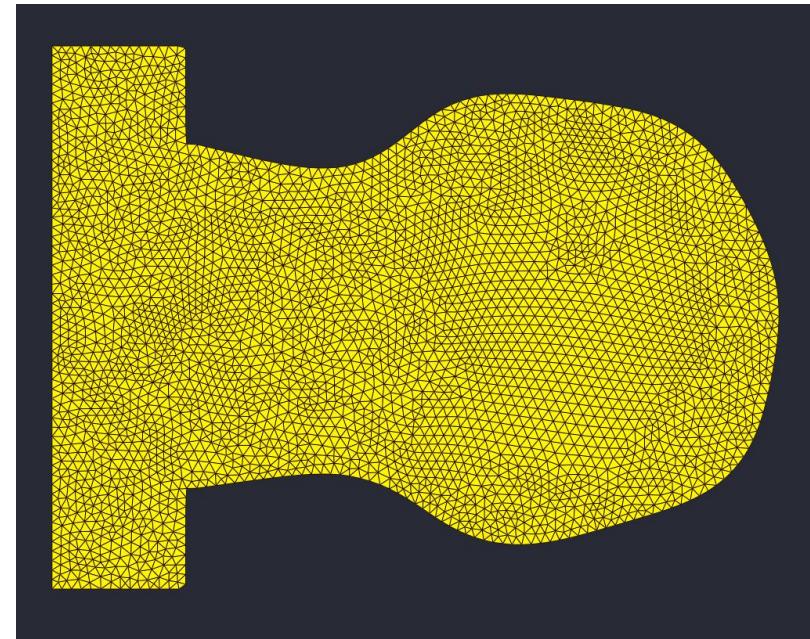
# Show the mesh, vertex labels, and docstring
show(mesh, labs, viewup='z', axes=1).close()
```



# Create a polygonal mesh

```
# Read data  
faces = np.load(faces_path)  
verts = np.load(verts_path)
```

```
msh = Mesh([verts, faces]).linewidth(1)
```

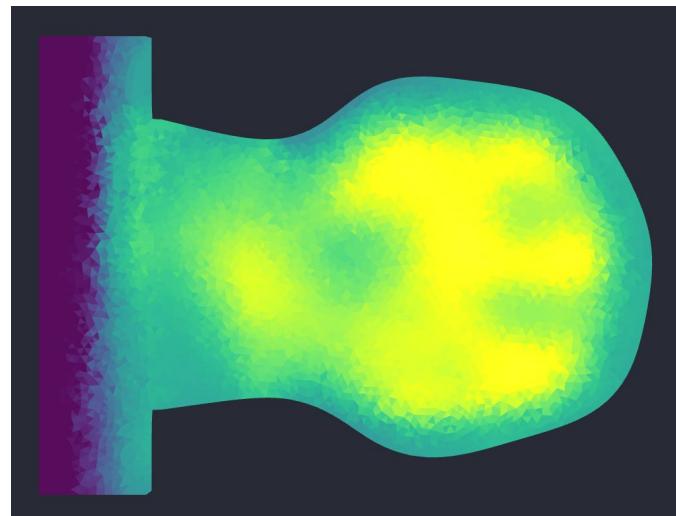
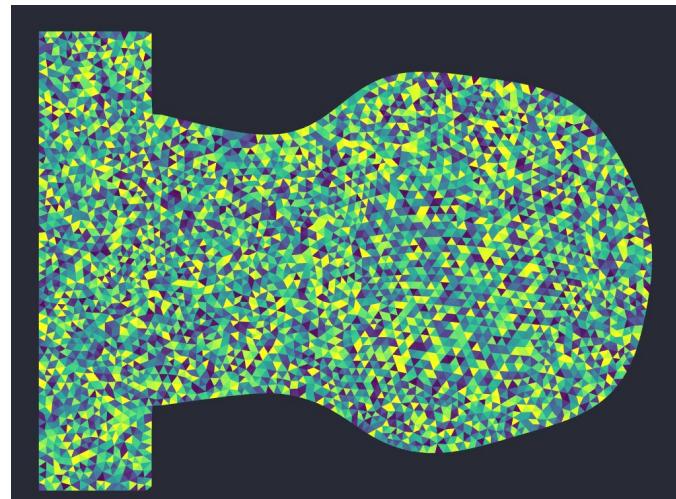


# Add gene data associated to cells

```
# Adding scalar values  
n = faces.shape[0] # number of faces  
values = np.random.random(n)  
msh.celldata["fake_data"] = values
```

🔥 Can you add the gene expression data to the mesh?

Use `./data/gene_data.npy`



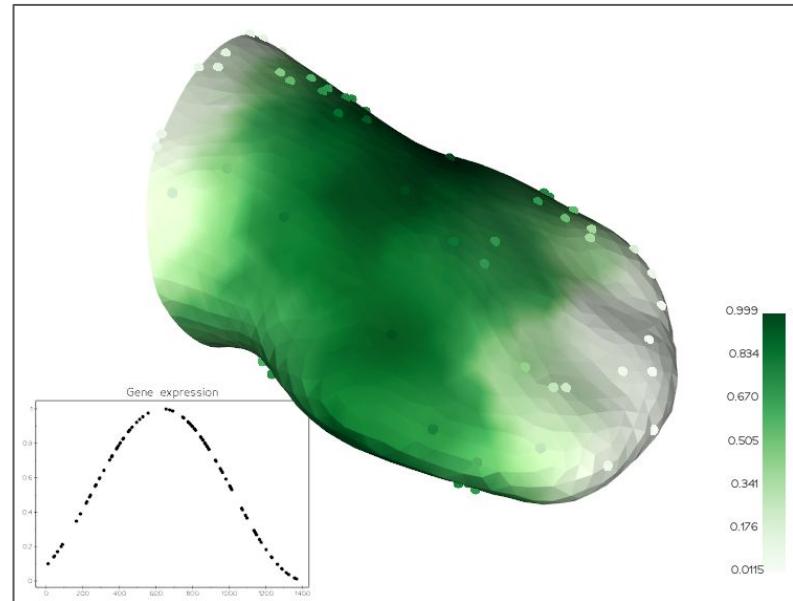
# Interpolate data from sparse measurements in 3D

Let's assume that we know the expression of a gene in 100 positions

```

1 import numpy as np
2 from vedo import dataurl, Mesh, Points, show
3 from vedo.pyplot import plot
4
5 # Load a mesh of a mouse limb at 12 days of development
6 msh = Mesh(dataurl + "290.vtk")
7
8 # Pick 100 points where we measure the value of a gene expression
9 ids = np.random.randint(0, msh.npoints, 100)
10 pts = msh.points()[ids]      # slice the numpy array
11 x = pts[:, 0]                # x coordinates of the points
12 gene = np.sin((x+150)/500)**2 # we are making this up!
13
14 # Create a set of points with those values
15 points = Points(pts, r=10).cmap("Greens", gene)
16
17 # Interpolate the gene data onto the mesh, by averaging the 5 closest points
18 msh.interpolate_data_from(points, n=5).cmap("Greens").add_scalarbar()
19
20 # Create a graph of the gene expression as function of x-position
21 gene_plot = plot(x, gene, lw=0, title="Gene expression").as2d(scale=0.5)
22
23 # Show the mesh, the points and the graph
24 show(msh, points, gene_plot)
25

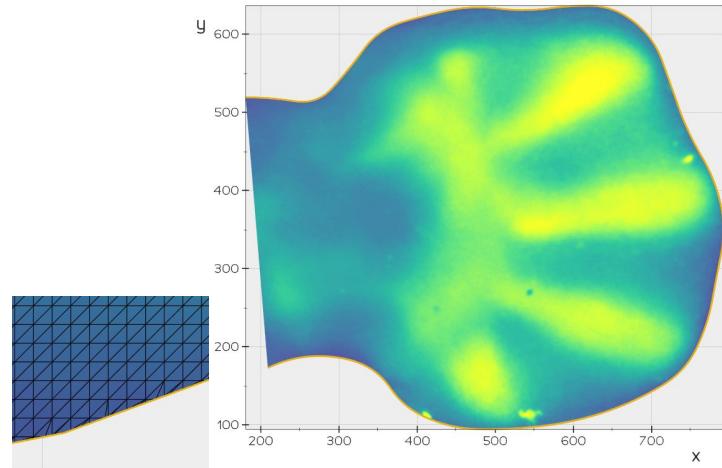
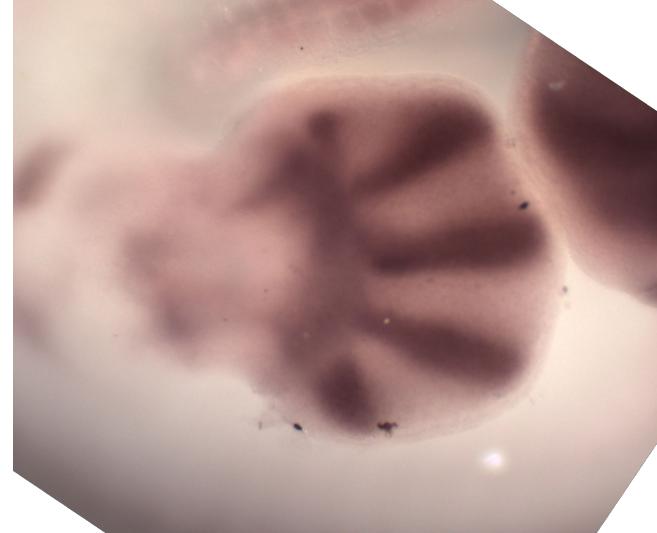
```



# Mesh from a JPG image

Manually select a contour and extract a  
polygonal mesh from the input image

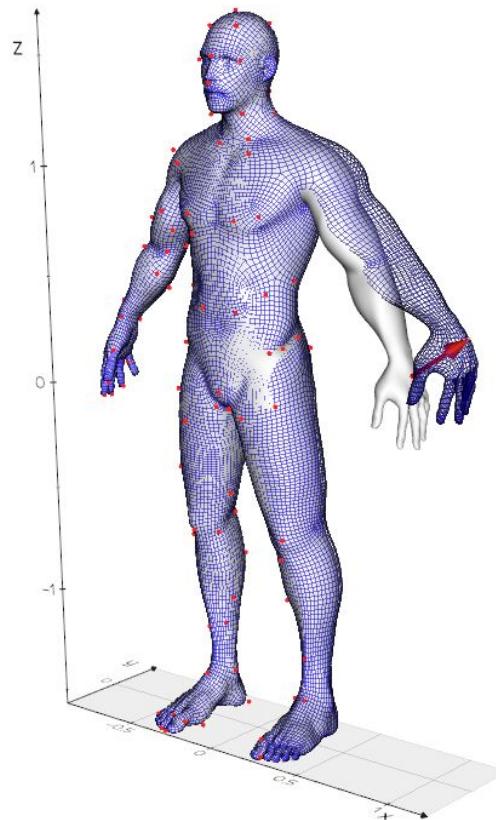
```
1  from vedo import Picture, settings, show
2  from vedo.applications import SplinePlotter
3
4  settings.default_backend = "vtk"
5
6  pic = Picture("data/sox9_exp.jpg").bw()
7
8  plt = SplinePlotter(pic)
9  plt.show(mode="image", zoom='tight')
10 outline = plt.line
11 plt.close()
12
13 print("Cutting with outline...")
14 msh = pic.tomesh().triangulate().cmap("viridis_r")
15 cut_msh = msh.clone().cut_with_point_loop(outline)
16
17 cut_msh.interpolate_data_from(msh, n=3)
18 show(cut_msh, outline, axes=1).close()
```



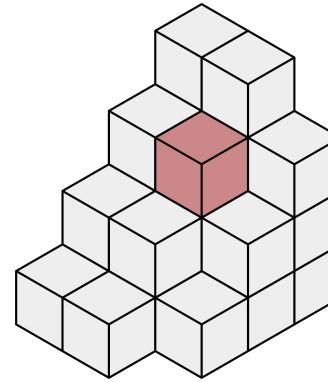
# Warp a Mesh (non-linear registration)

All points stay fixed while a single point in space moves as the arrow indicates

```
4  from vedo import dataurl, Mesh, Arrows, show
5
6  # Load a mesh
7  mesh = Mesh(dataurl+"man.vtk").color("white")
8
9  # Create a heavily decimated copy with about 200 points
10 # (to speed up the computation)
11 mesh_dec = mesh.clone().triangulate().decimate(n=200)
12
13 sources = [[0.9, 0.0, 0.2]] # this point moves
14 targets = [[1.2, 0.0, 0.4]] # ...to this.
15 for pt in mesh_dec.points():
16     if pt[0] < 0.3:          # while these pts don't move
17         sources.append(pt)   # (e.i. source = target)
18         targets.append(pt)
19
20 # Create the arrows representing the displacement
21 arrow = Arrows(sources, targets)
22
23 # Warp the mesh
24 mesh_warped = mesh.clone().warp(sources, targets)
25 mesh_warped.c("blue").wireframe()
26
27 # Show the meshes and the arrow
28 show(mesh, mesh_warped, arrow, axes=1)
```



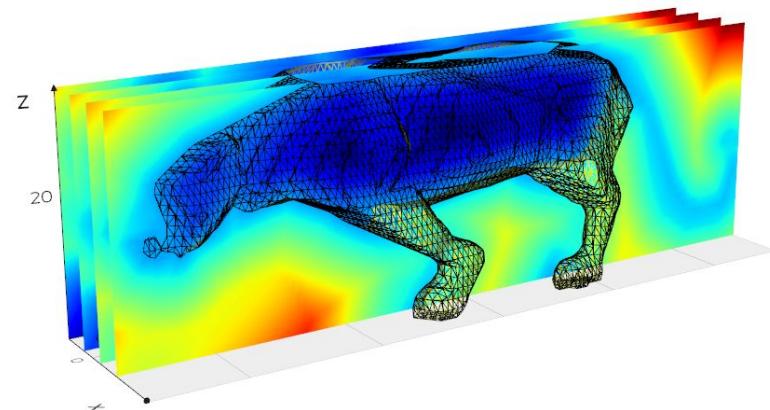
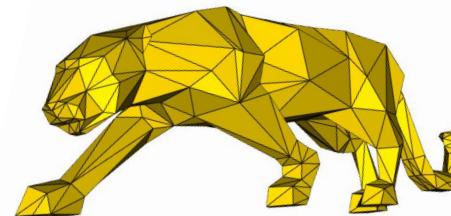
# **Volumes** **(eg TIFF stacks)**



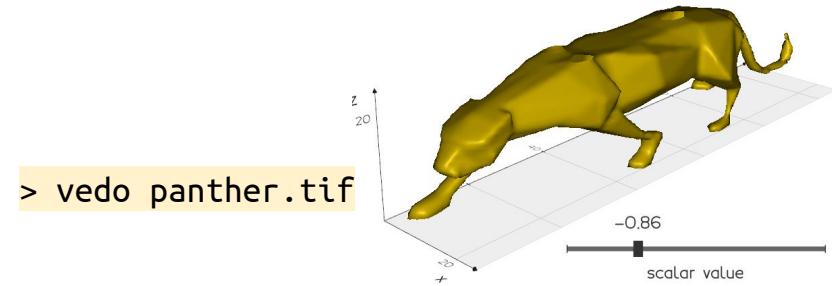
# Compute distance from a mesh

..and save it as a tiff stack

```
1  from vedo import *
2
3  msh = Mesh(dataurl + "panther.stl")
4
5  vol = msh.signed_distance(dims=[25,125,25])
6  iso = vol.isosurface(0.0)
7
8  plt = Plotter()
9  plt += iso.wireframe()
10
11 for i in range(0, 25, 5):
12     plt += vol.xslice(i).cmap("jet")
13
14 vol.write("panther.tif")
15 plt.show(axes=1)
```



> vedo panther.tif

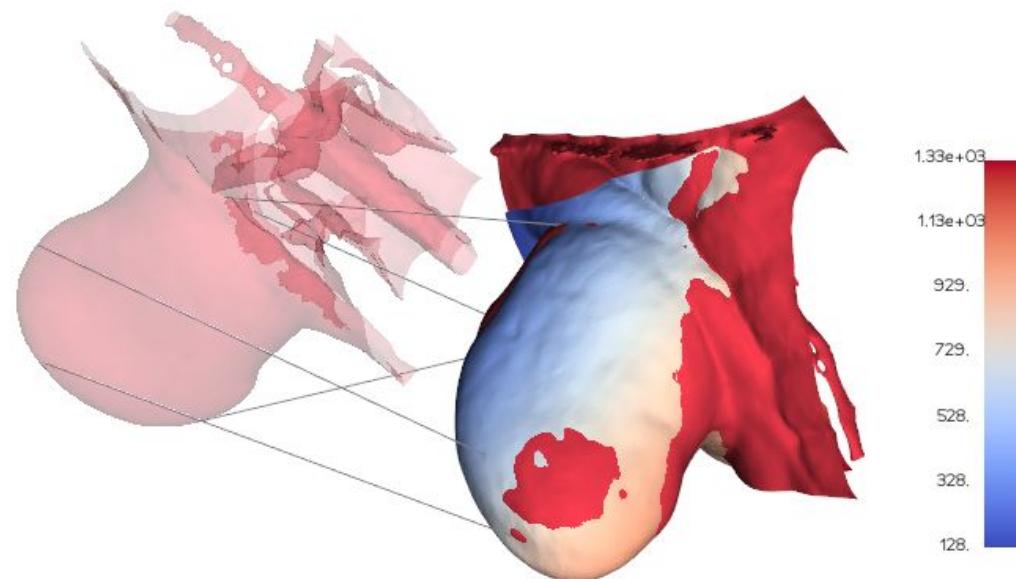


# Extras: Linear vs Non-Linear Registration

Naive registration (ICP) might fail!

Try to:

1. Inspect the meshes
2. Identify landmark points
3. Warp one mesh onto the other

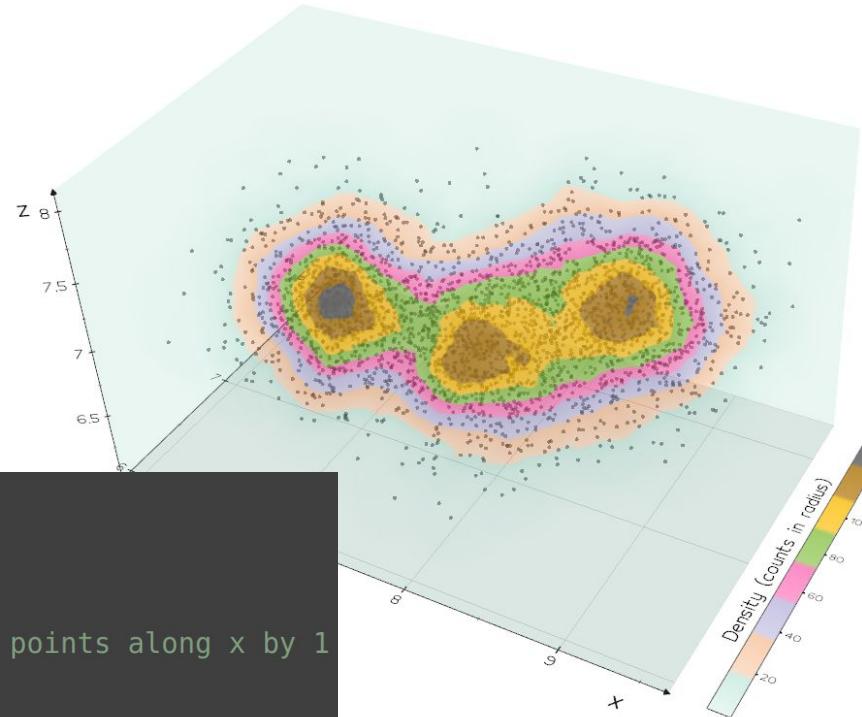


# Compute point density

..from a point cloud:

14-cells\_segment.ipynb

```
2 from vedo import *
3
4 n = 3000
5 p = np.random.normal(7, 0.3, (n,3))
6 p[:int(n*1/3)] += [1,0,0]      # shift 1/3 of the points along x by 1
7 p[ int(n*2/3):] += [1.7,0.4,0.2]
8
9 pts = Points(p, alpha=0.5)
10
11 # Create a Volume from the points representing the points density
12 vol = pts.density(radius=0.25).cmap('Dark2').alpha([0.1,1])
13 vol.add_scalarbar3d(title='Density (counts in radius)', c='k')
14
15 show(pts, vol, __doc__, axes=1).close()
```



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