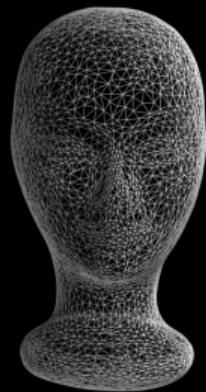


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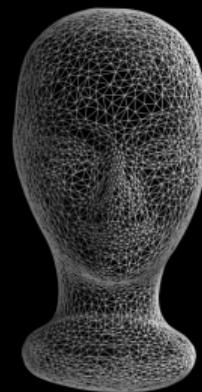
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Fixed surface  $\mathcal{M}$ .  
Given by a **triangle mesh**.

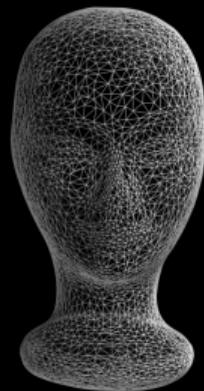


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Interpolation



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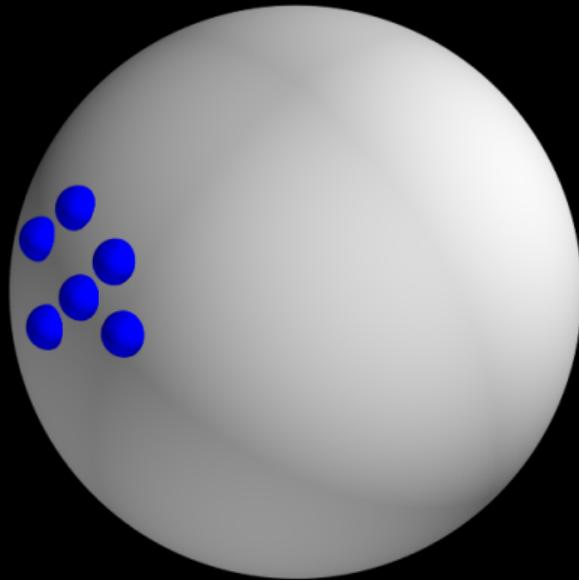
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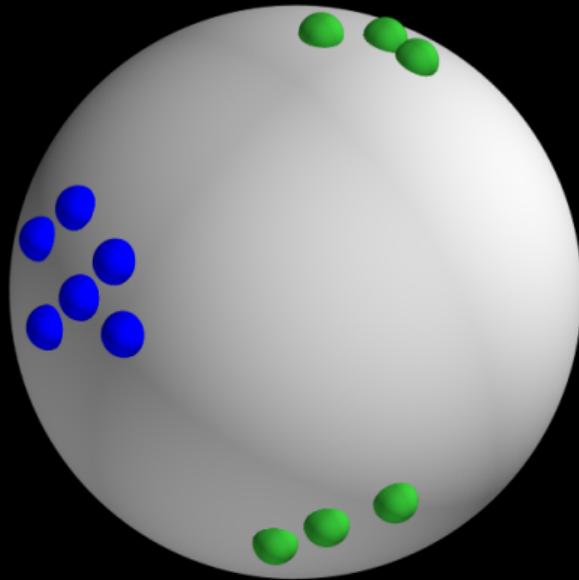
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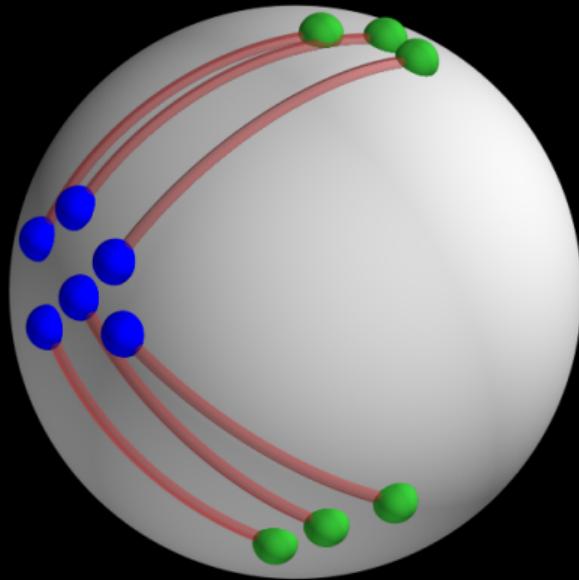
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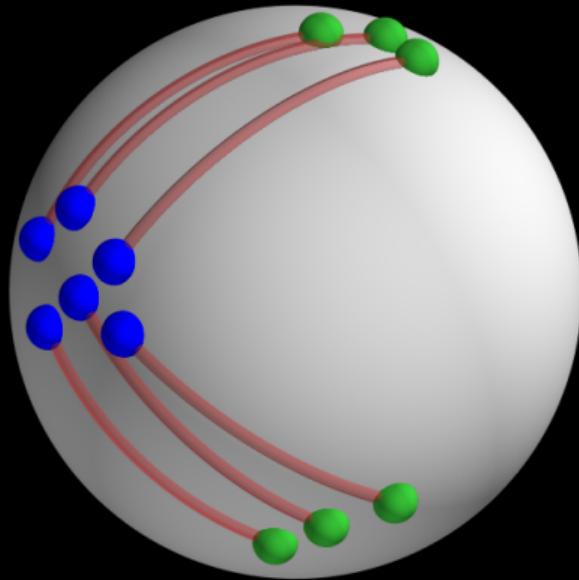
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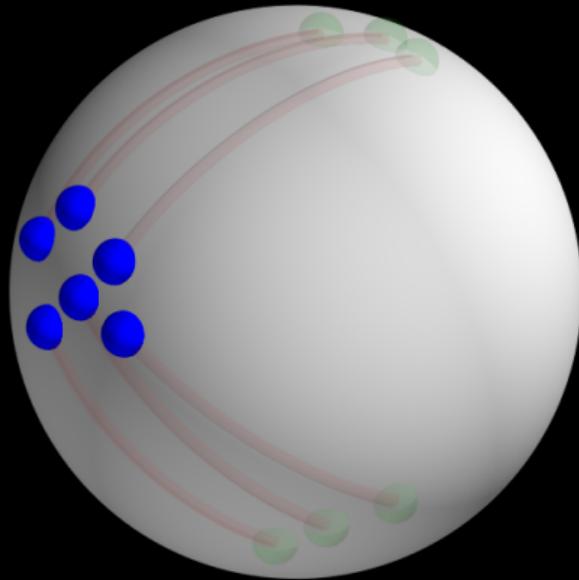
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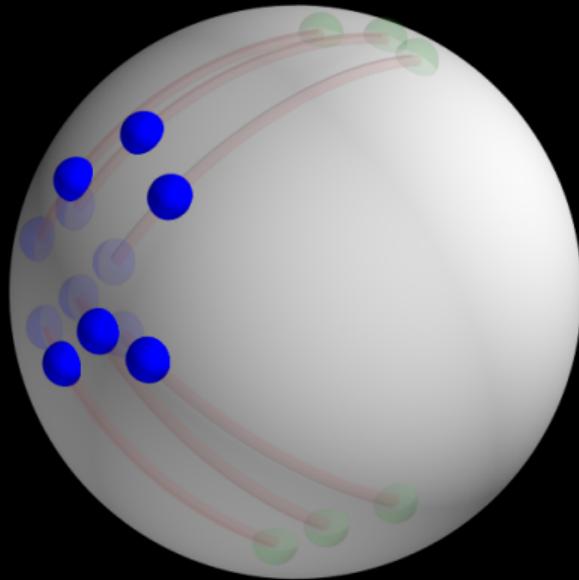
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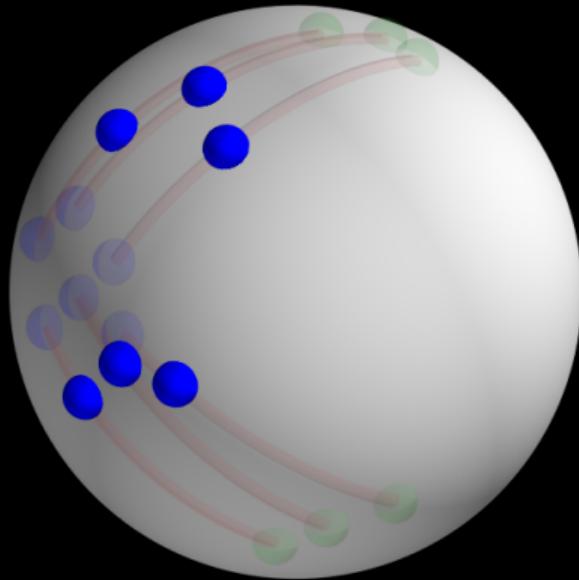
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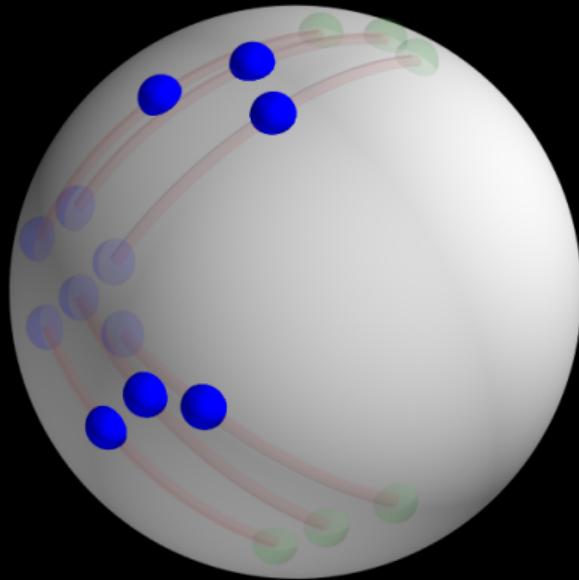
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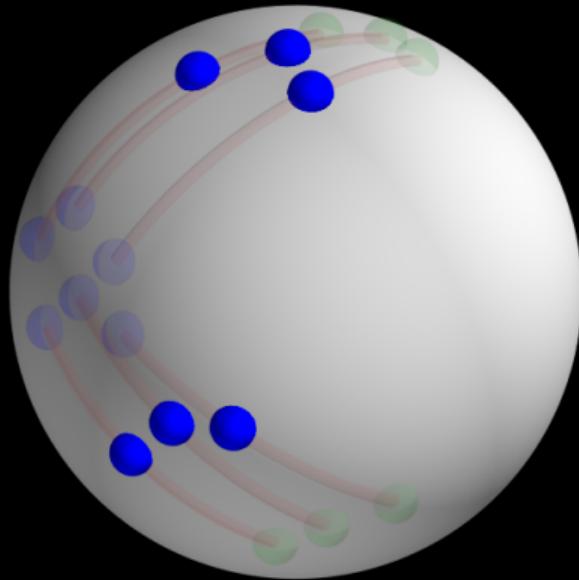
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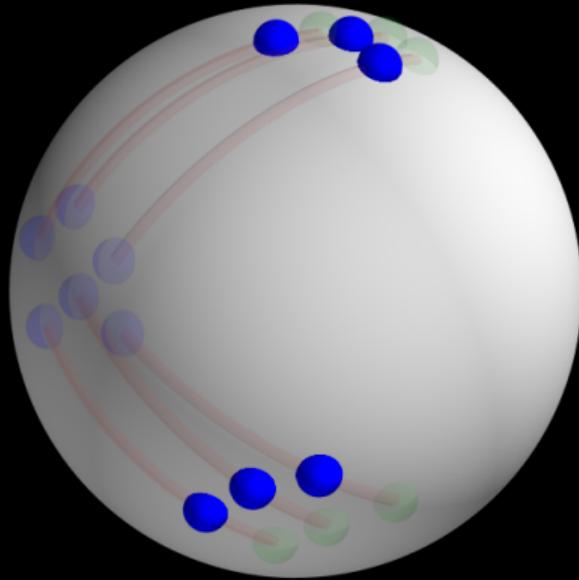
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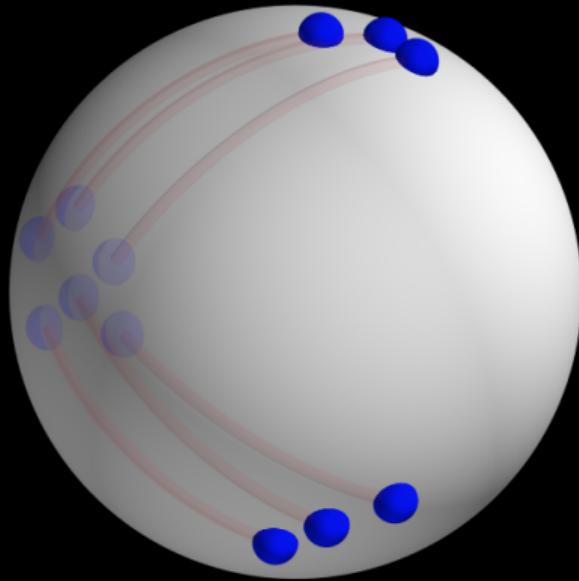
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- Size  $\sim N \times M$  ( $N$  temporal grid,  $M$  number of vertices).
- Alternating Direction Method of Multipliers (only non local step : space-time fixed Poisson problem)
- $N = 30, 5000$  vertices :  $\sim 5$  minutes.

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**Positivity and mass preservation** are enforced **automatically**





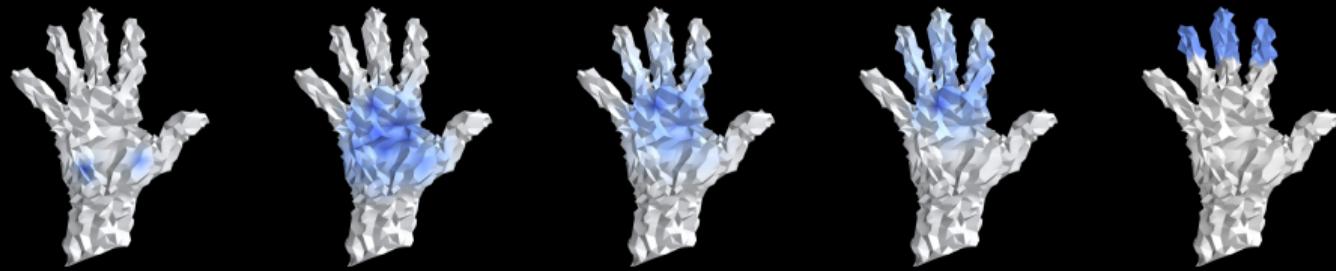
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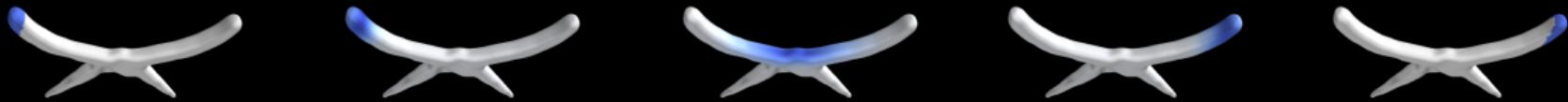


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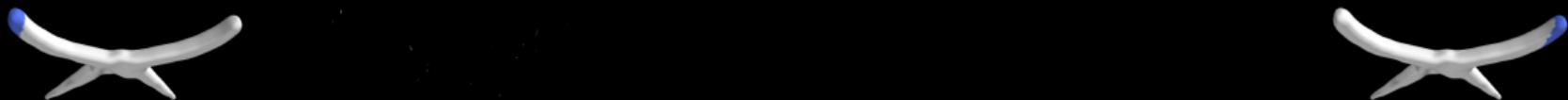


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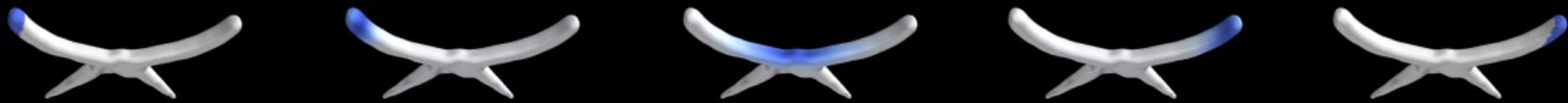
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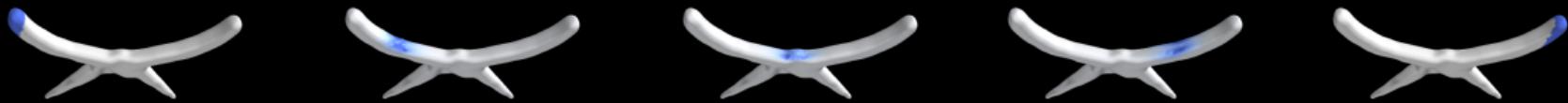
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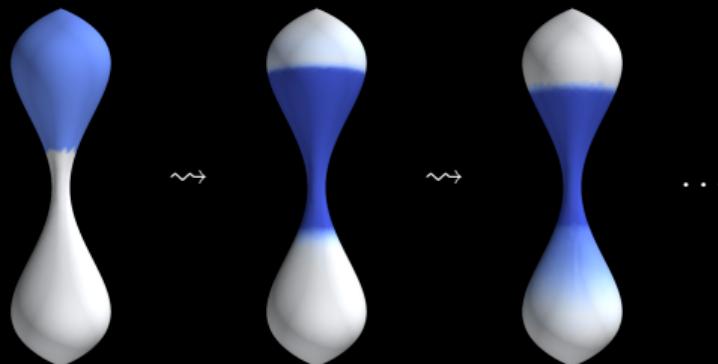


$F$  functional on the space of densities, we want to compute the **gradient flow**

$$\dot{\mu} = -\nabla_W F(\mu).$$

If  $\mu^k$  is known, to compute  $\mu^{k+1}$  we use the JKO scheme, same complexity as before.

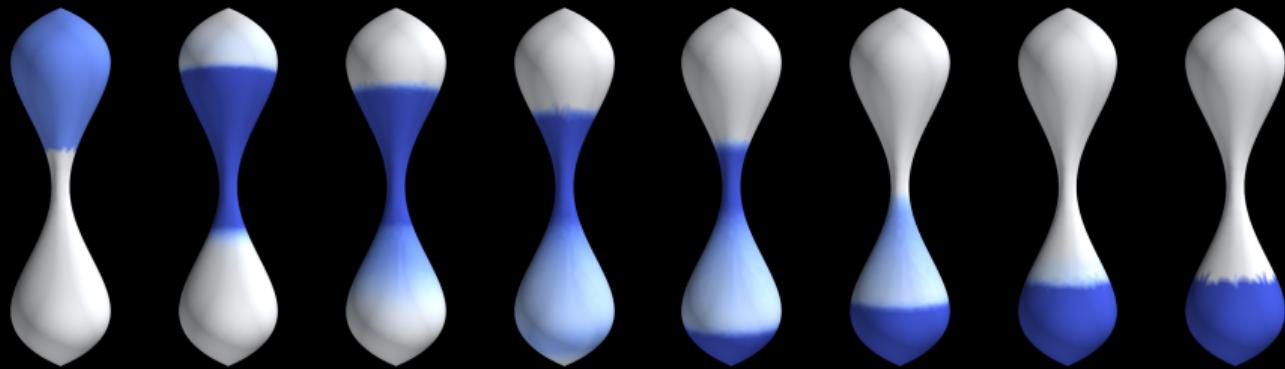
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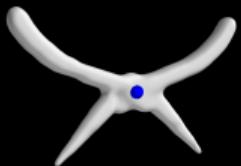
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