
Deformable Model with Adaptive Mesh and Automated Topology Changes

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Segmentation/Reconstruction of large 3D images.

- ◇ steady technical improvements of acquisition devices,
- ◇ increase of image resolution and hence of image size.

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- ◇ reduced set of shape parameters  robust and efficient,
- ◇ lack of genericity: new problem  new model.

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- ◇ very wide range of shapes,
- ◇ number of shape parameters directly determined by image resolution  heavy computational costs.

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Objective

- ◇ To build a deformable model
 - ◇ that can recover objects with **any topology**,
 - ◇ with costs **more independent** from the size of input data.

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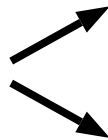
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Automated topology changes

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Regular sampling using distance constraints

$$\delta \leq d_E(u, v) \leq \zeta \delta$$

Where

- ◇ u, v are neighbour vertices,
- ◇ d_E denotes the **Euclidean** distance,
- ◇ δ determines the global resolution of the model,
- ◇ ζ is the ratio between the lengths of the longest and smallest edge on the mesh.

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Restoring constraints

Edge **too short**: contraction
(+ special case...)



Edge **too long**: split



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The new distance d_R should

- ◇ overestimate distances in interesting parts of the image to increase accuracy,
- ◇ underestimate distances elsewhere to decrease accuracy.

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$$L_R(\vec{ds}) = \sqrt{\vec{ds} \times G(x_1, \dots, x_n) \times {}^t\vec{ds}}$$

Where G is a **Riemannian metric**, i.e.

- ◇ $G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is a dot product,
- ◇ G is continuous.

Which means that $L_R(\vec{ds})$ depends on both

- ◇ the displacement \vec{ds} ,
- ◇ the origin (x_1, \dots, x_n) of the displacement.

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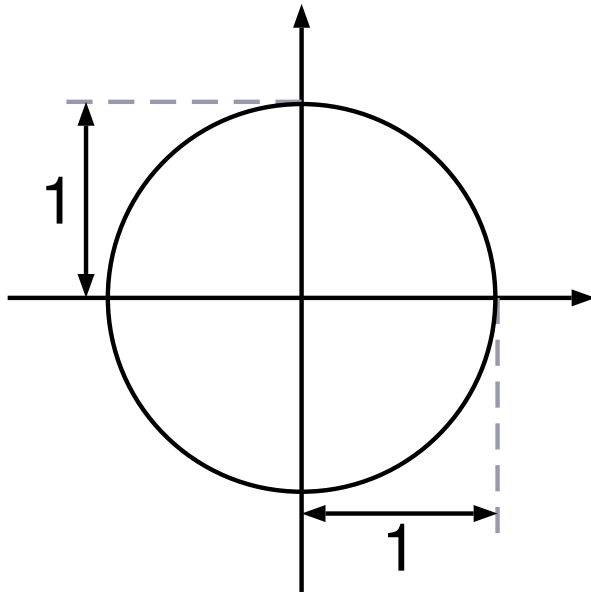
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Distance between two points u and v

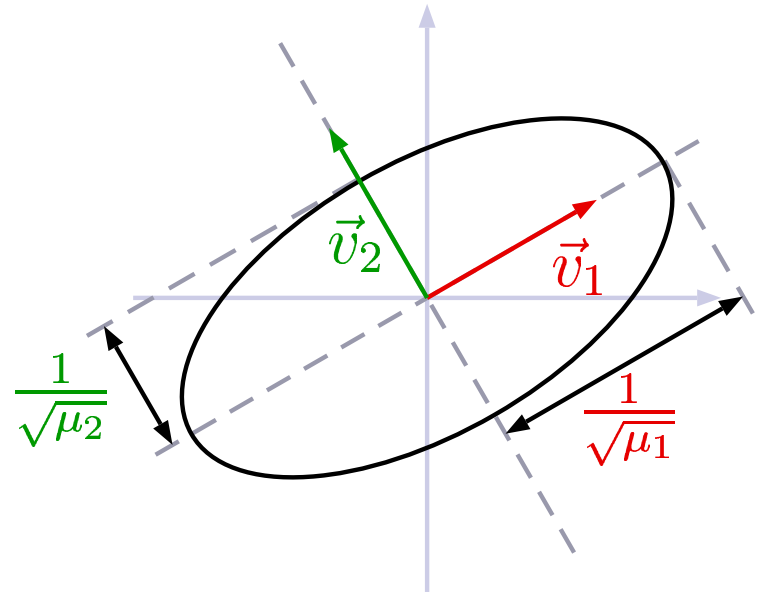
$$d_R(u, v) = \inf \{ L_R(\gamma) \mid \gamma(0) = u, \gamma(1) = v \}$$

Geometrical Interpretation of Metrics

Euclidean unit ball



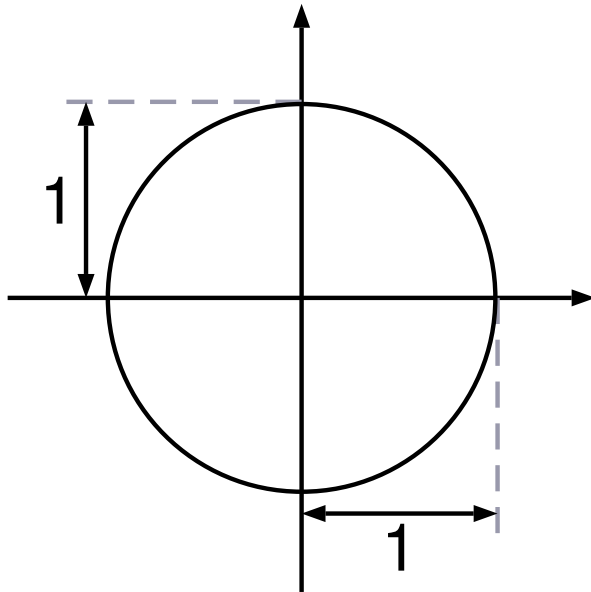
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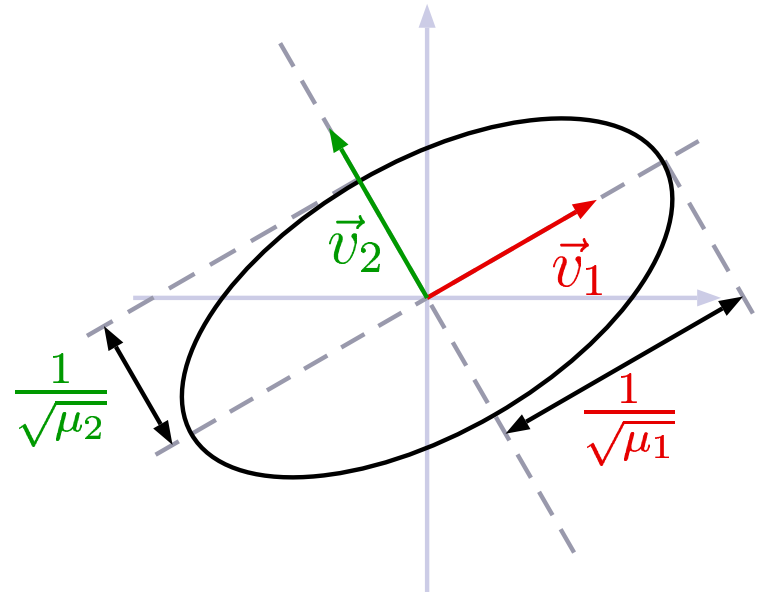
(\vec{v}_1, μ_1) , (\vec{v}_2, μ_2) local eigen decomposition of the metric.

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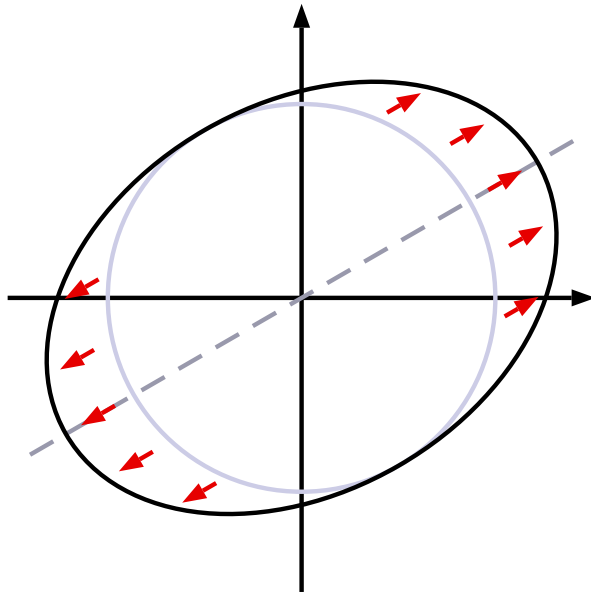
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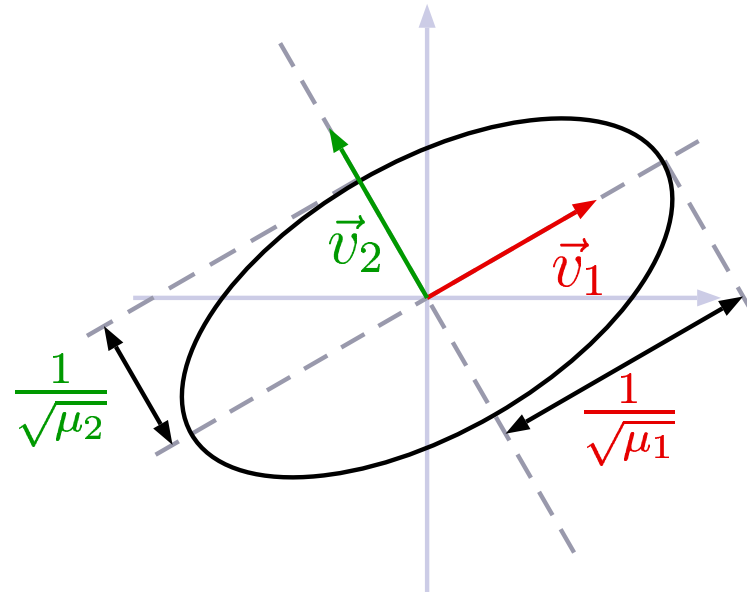
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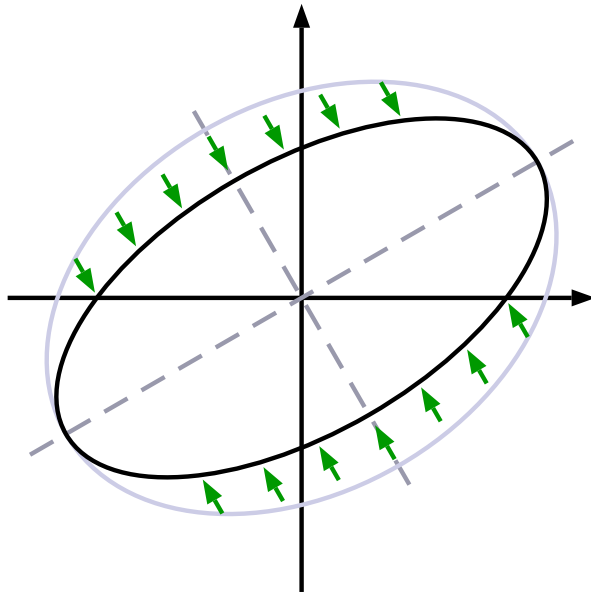
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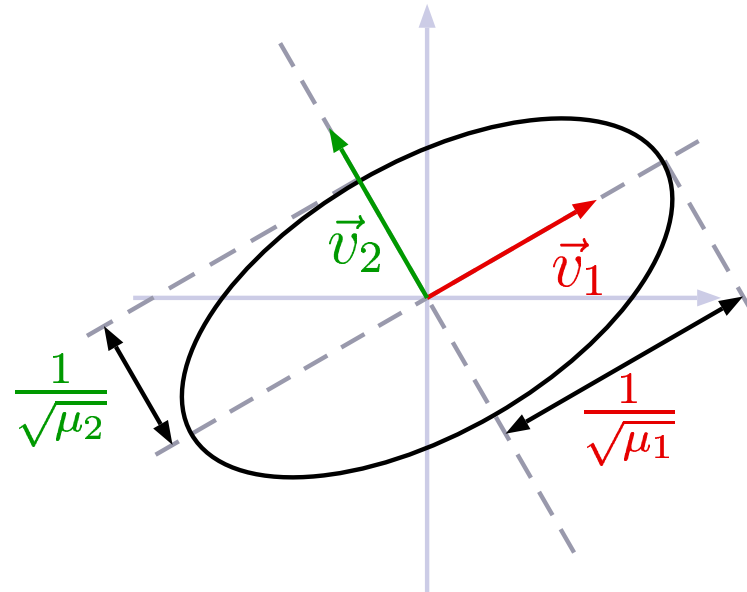
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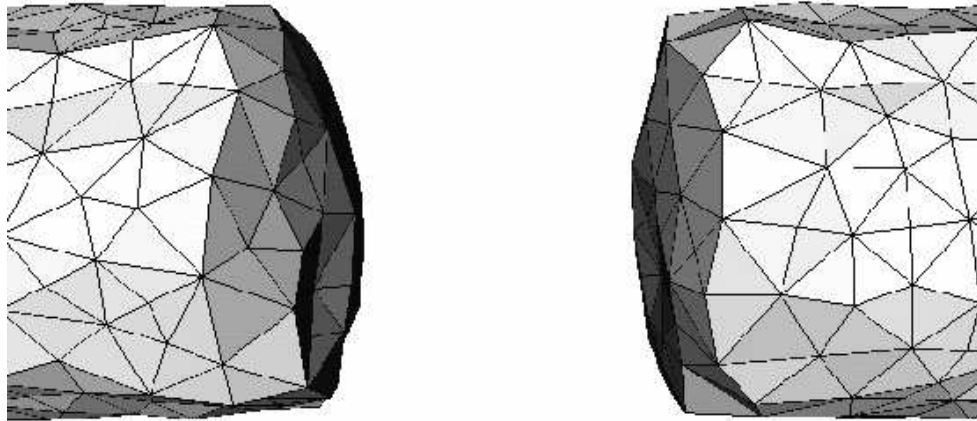


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along \vec{v}_1 with the ratio $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_1}}$, along \vec{v}_2 with the ratio $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_2}}, \dots$

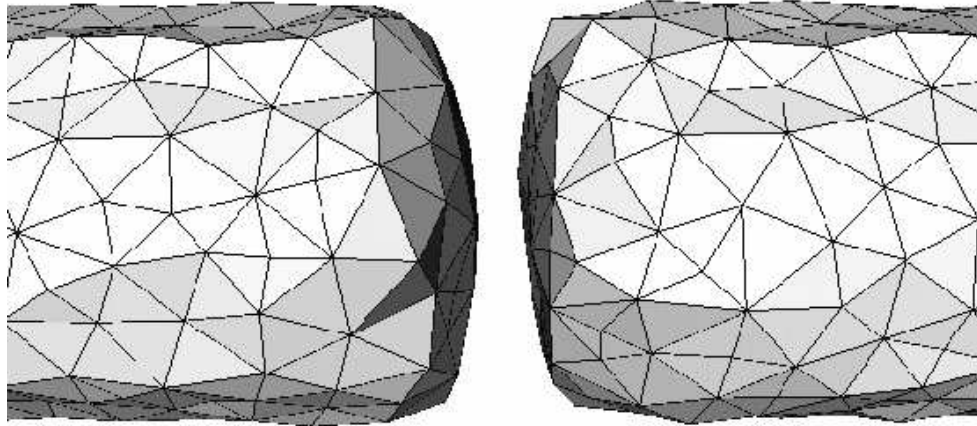
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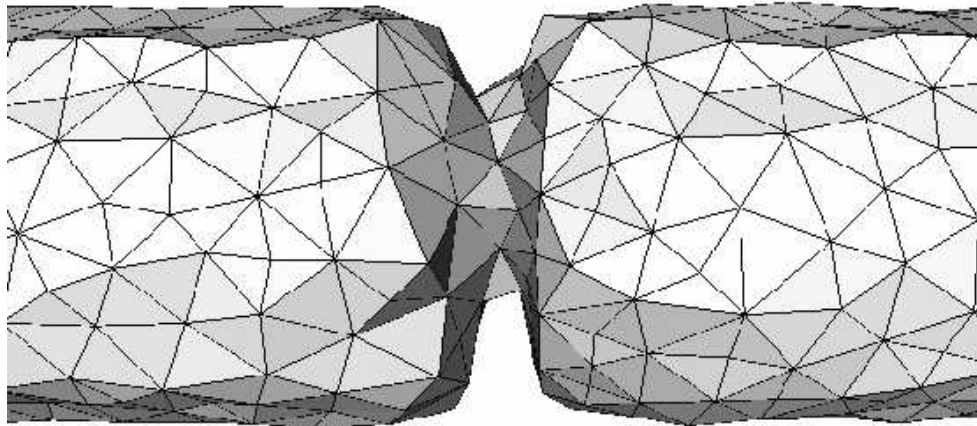
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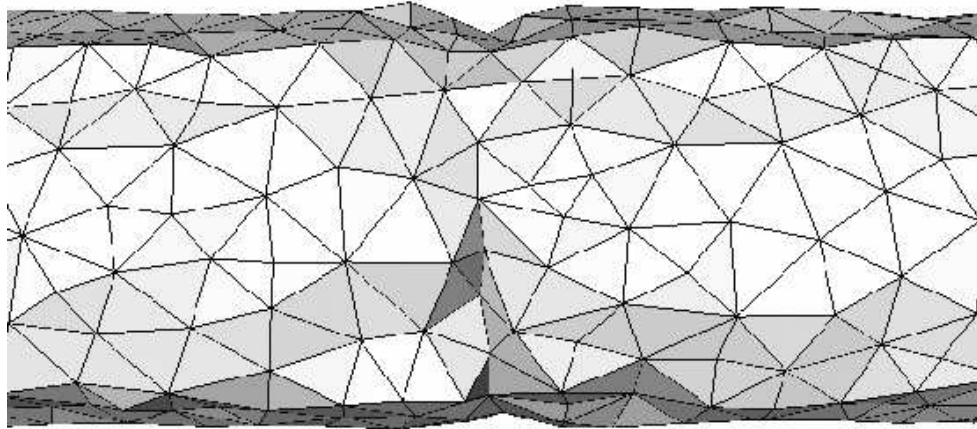
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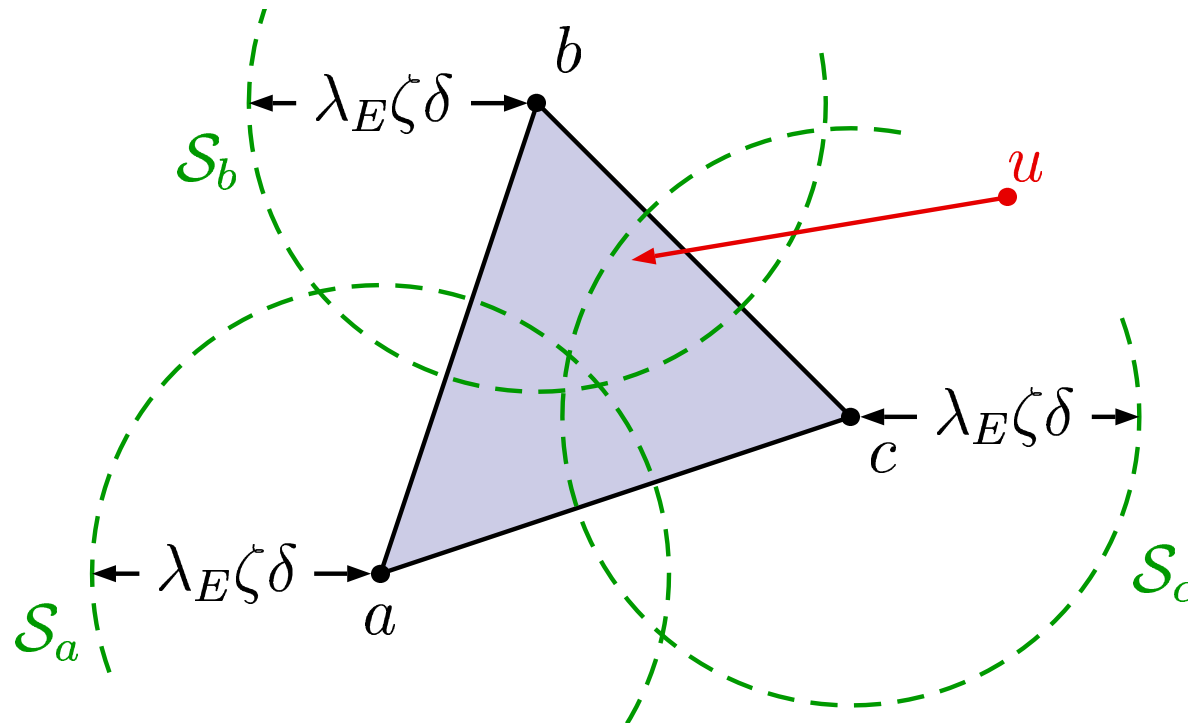


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Vertex u crosses over the (a, b, c) face



Vertex u enters one of the S_a , S_b or S_c spheres.

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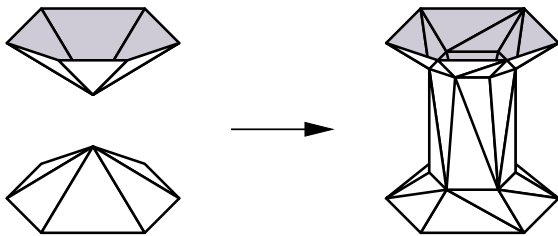
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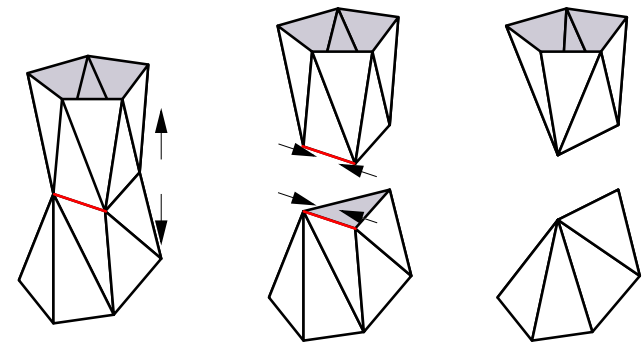
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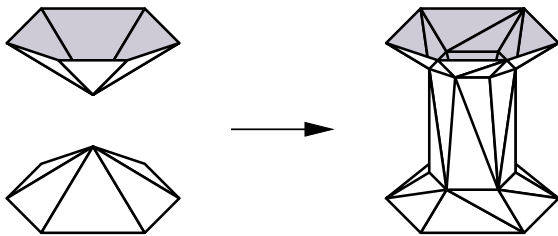
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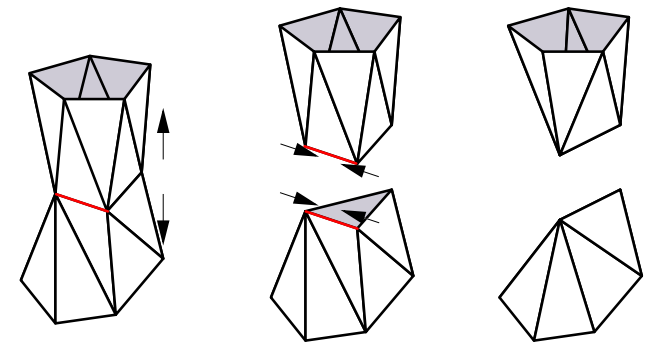
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If the metric is changed

- ◇ λ_E replaced with a new constant λ_R

Motion equations with a Euclidean Metric

$$\forall k \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \quad m\ddot{x}_k = F_k$$

Motion equations with a Riemannian metric

$$\forall k \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \quad m\ddot{x}_k = F_k - \sum_{i,j=1}^n \Gamma_{ij}^k \dot{x}_i \dot{x}_j$$

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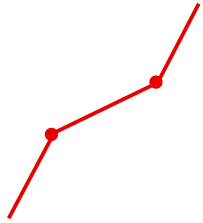
(corrective term neglected: second order in \dot{x} + no influence on the rest position)

Summary

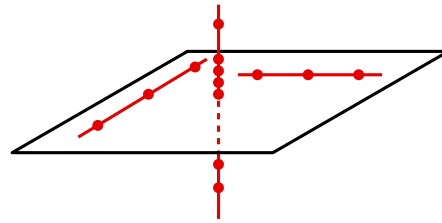
| | Euclidean Metric | Riemannian Metric |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Distance estimation | $\sqrt{\vec{uv} \times {}^t\vec{uv}}$ | $\inf_{\gamma} L_R(\gamma)$ |
| Regular sampling | $\delta \leq d_E(u, v) \leq \zeta\delta$ uniform resolution | $\delta \leq d_R(u, v) \leq \zeta\delta$ adaptive resolution |
| Collision detection | $d_E(u, v) \leq \lambda_E\zeta\delta$ | $d_R(u, v) \leq \lambda_R\zeta\delta$ |
| Local recon- figurations | | unchanged |
| Motion equations | $m\ddot{x} = F$ | $m\ddot{x}_k = F_k - \sum_{i,j=1}^n \Gamma_{ij}^k \dot{x}_i \dot{x}_j$ |

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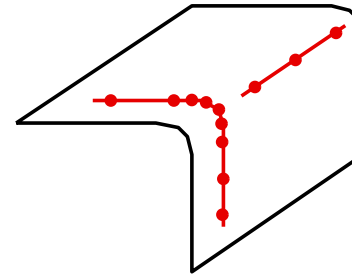
Four kinds of situations



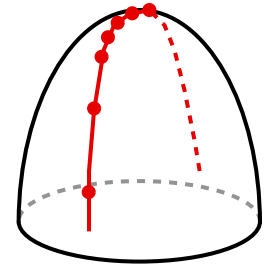
no contour



plane contour



edge, tubular
structure



corner

Choice of the metric

- ◇ Eigenvectors should correspond the normal and the principal directions of the contour,
- ◇ Eigenvalues should correspond to the strength and the principal curvatures of the contour.

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| Structure in the image | Expected resolution | Eigen structure of the metric |
|------------------------|---|--|
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| Tubular structure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ low in the direction of the structure ◇ high in both orthogonal directions | $0 \simeq \mu_2 \ll \mu_1 \simeq \mu_0$ |
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Structure Tensor (1/2)

Definition

The matrix $J_{\rho,\sigma}$ that represents the mapping:

$$\vec{v} \longrightarrow g_{\rho} * \left(\vec{\nabla} (g_{\sigma} * I) \cdot \vec{v} \right)^2$$

Which results in:

$$J_{\rho,\sigma} = g_{\rho} * \begin{pmatrix} I_x^2 & I_x I_y & I_x I_z \\ I_x I_y & I_y^2 & I_y I_z \\ I_x I_z & I_y I_z & I_z^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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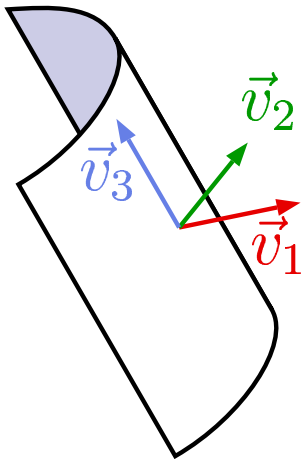
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- ◇ removes the orientation information,
- ◇ integrates the direction information over a neighbourhood.

Structure Tensor (2/2)

Properties of the eigenstructure of the structure tensor

In the neighbourhood of a contour

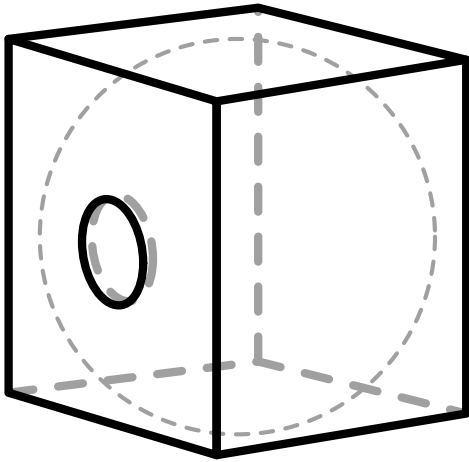
- ◇ \vec{v}_1 orthogonal to image contours, ξ_1 contour strength,
- ◇ \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3 principal directions of the contour, ξ_2 and ξ_3 qualitatively equivalent to principal curvatures.



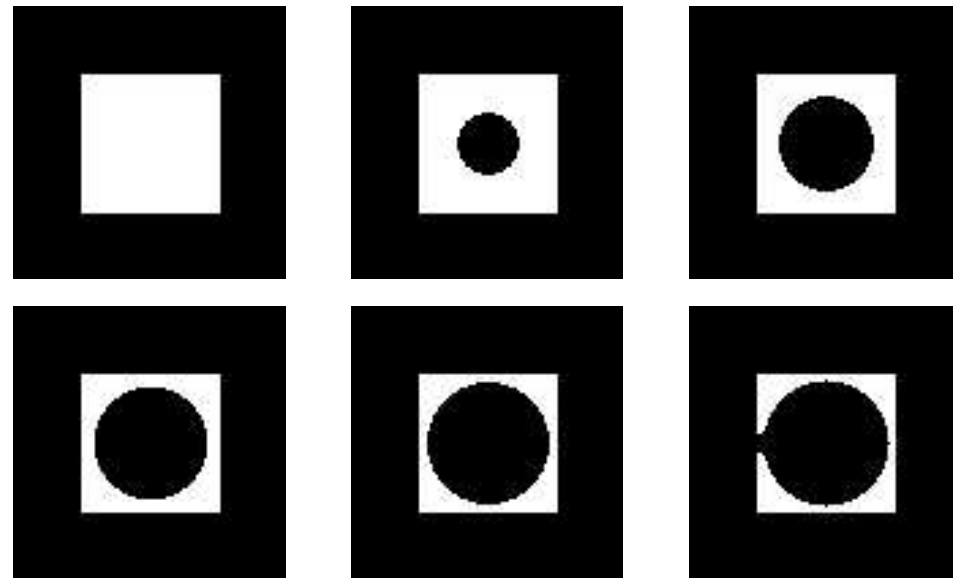
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|--------------|---|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
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| flat contour | 0 | \simeq | ξ_3 | \simeq | ξ_2 | \ll | ξ_1 |
| sharp edge | 0 | \simeq | ξ_3 | \ll | ξ_2 | \simeq | ξ_1 |
| corner | 0 | \ll | ξ_3 | \simeq | ξ_2 | \simeq | ξ_1 |

Results (1/3)

Computer generated image



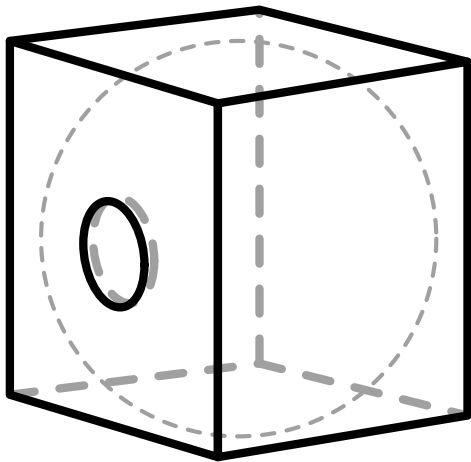
Object represented
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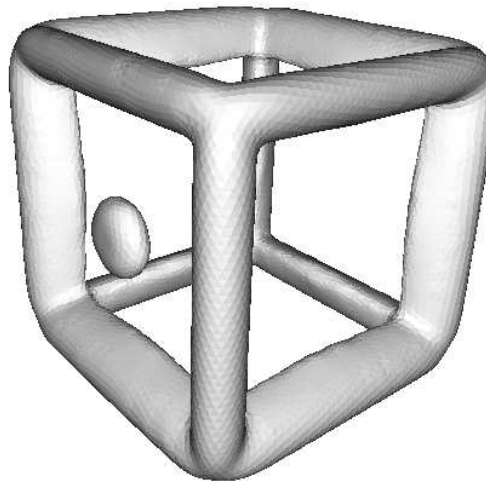
Slices extracted from the image

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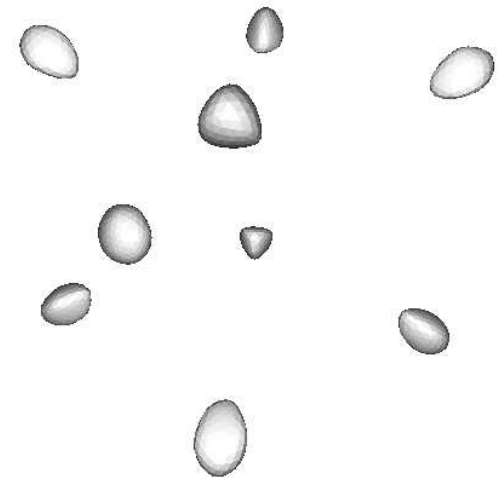
Eigen decomposition of the structure tensor



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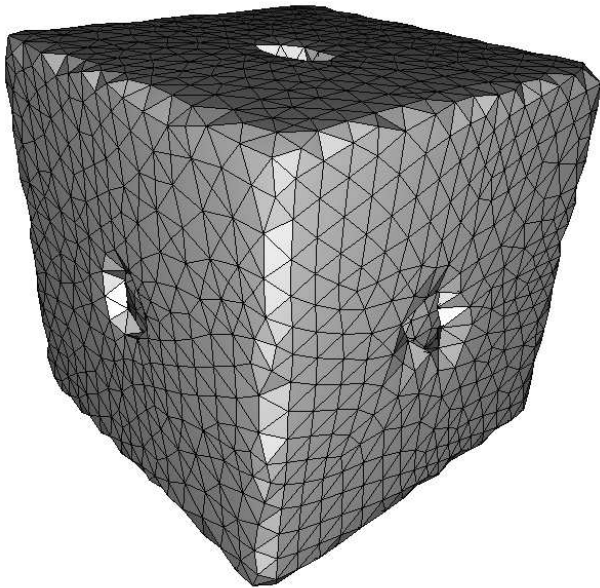


Isosurfaces of the second and third eigen
values of the structure tensor of the
image.

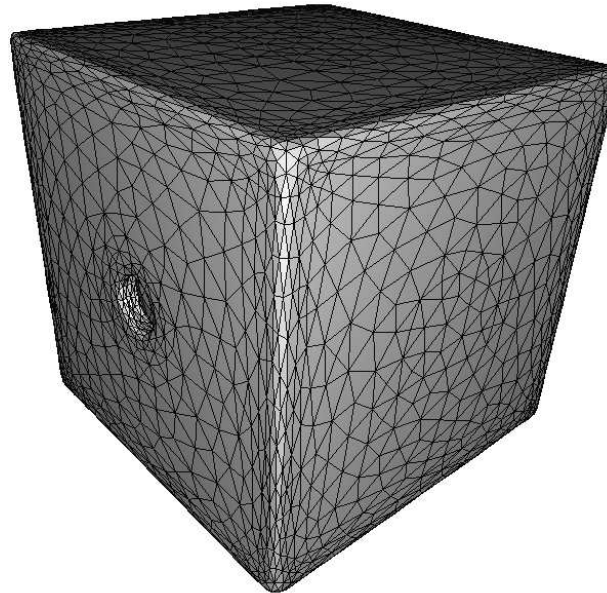


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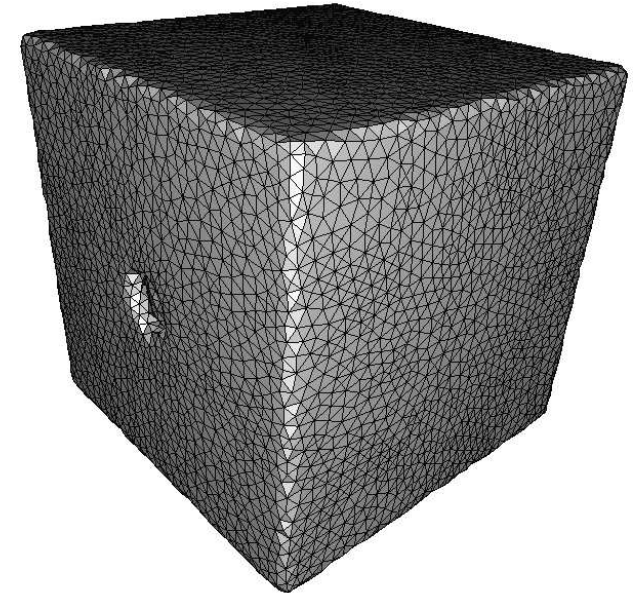
Segmentation/Reconstruction results



2163 vertices,
 $\delta = 2, \zeta = 2.5$



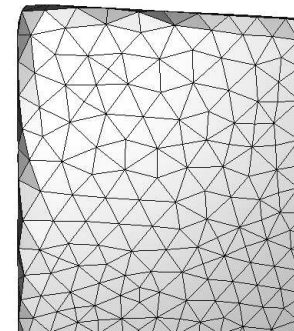
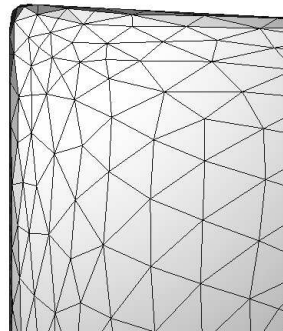
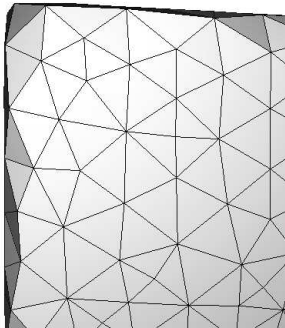
3497 vertices,
 $\delta = 3, \zeta = 2.5,$
 $1 \leq \sqrt{\mu_2} \leq \sqrt{\mu_1} \leq \sqrt{\mu_0} \leq 10$



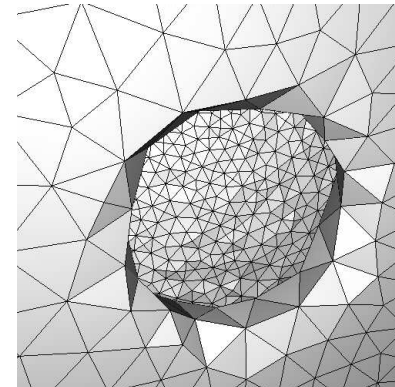
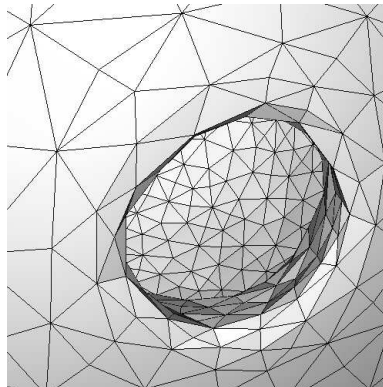
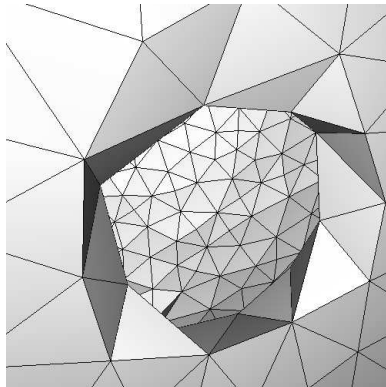
8904 vertices
 $\delta = 1, \zeta = 2.5$

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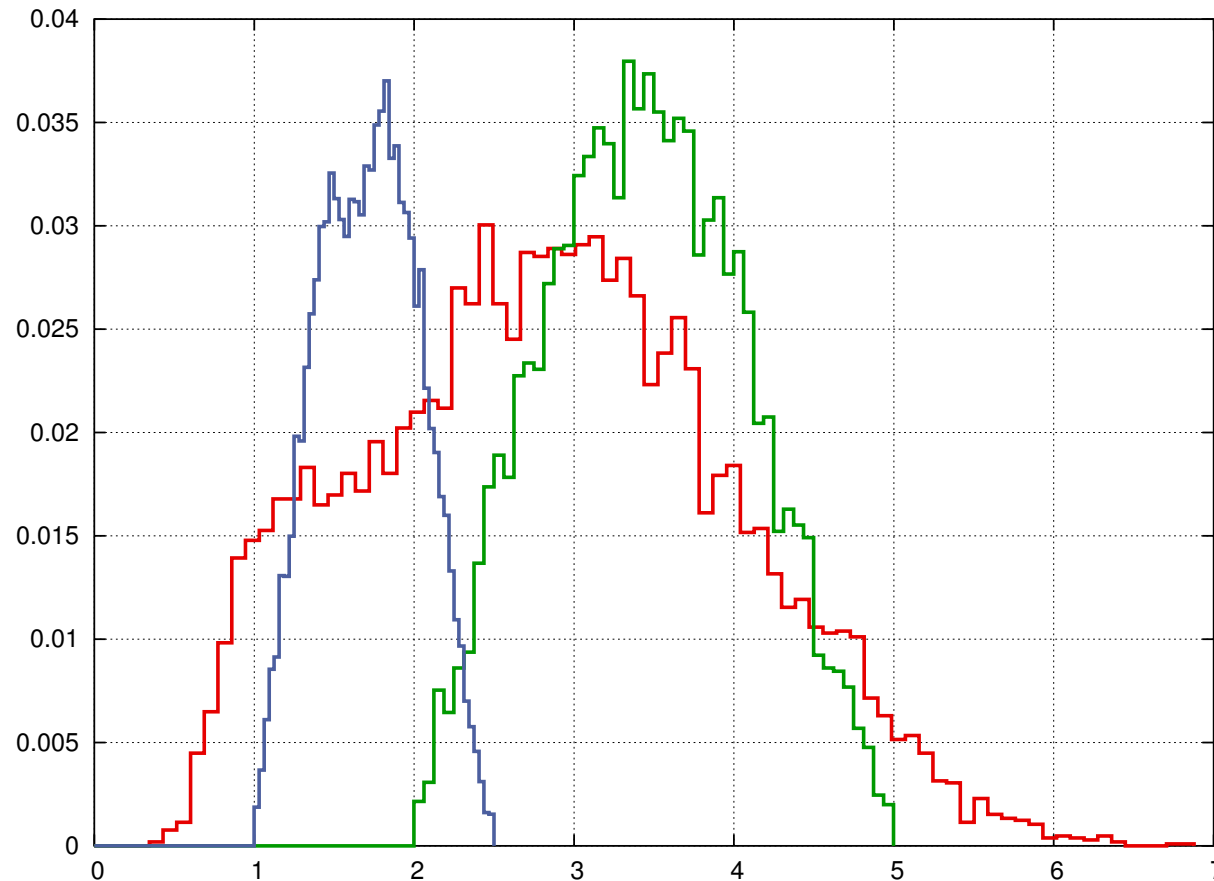
One corner of the cube



Hole in the cube



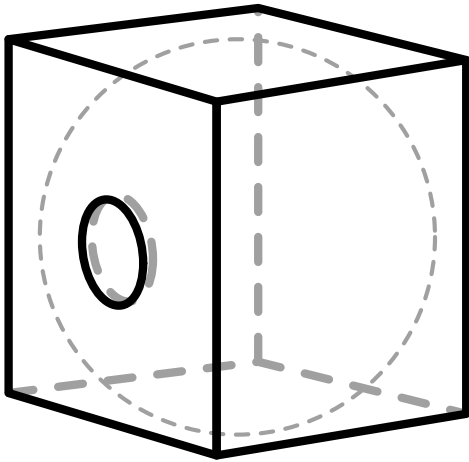
Repartition of edge lengths



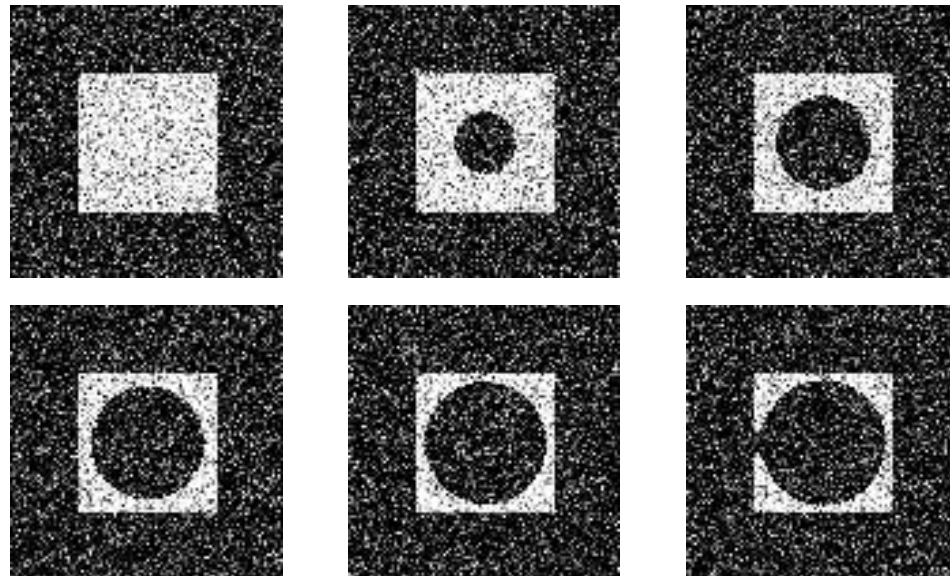
- fine model, • adaptive model, • coarse model

Results (2/3)

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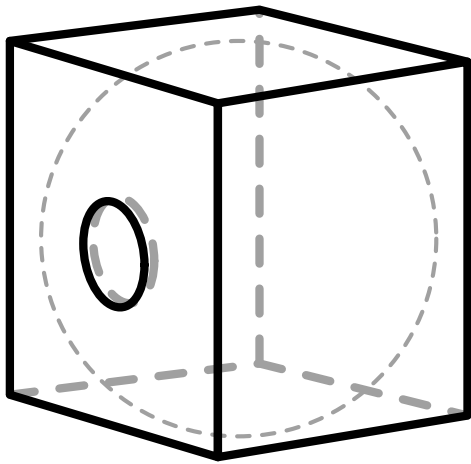
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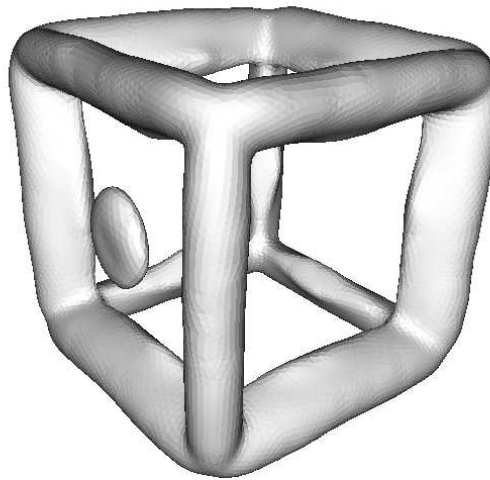
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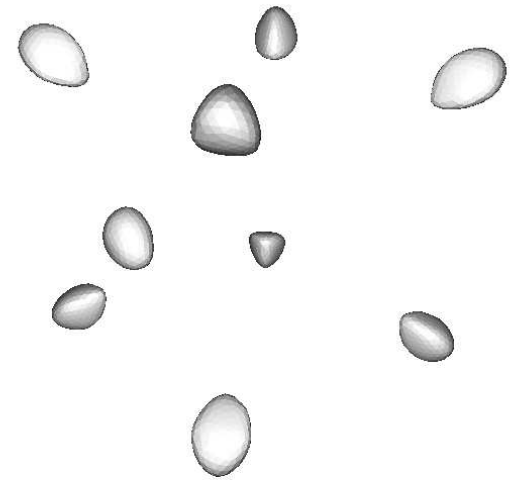
Eigen decomposition of the structure tensor



Object represented
in the image

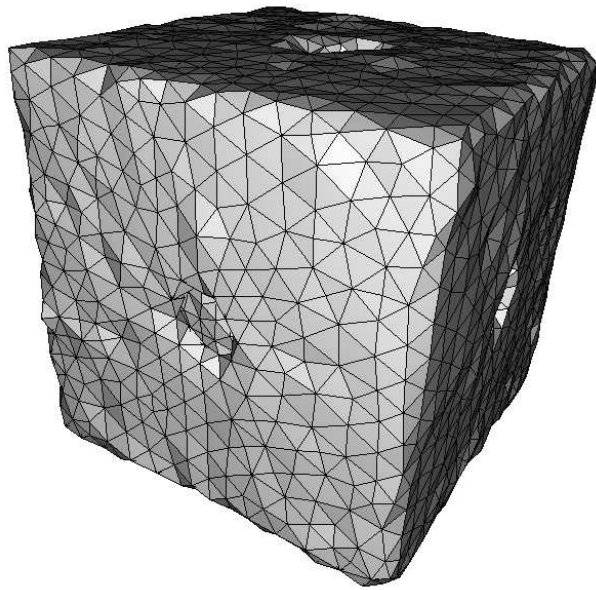


Isosurfaces of the second and third eigen
values of the structure tensor of the
image.

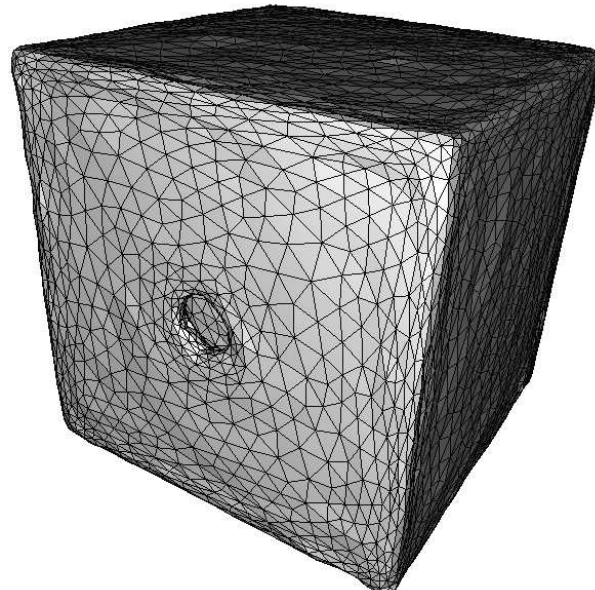


Results (2/3)

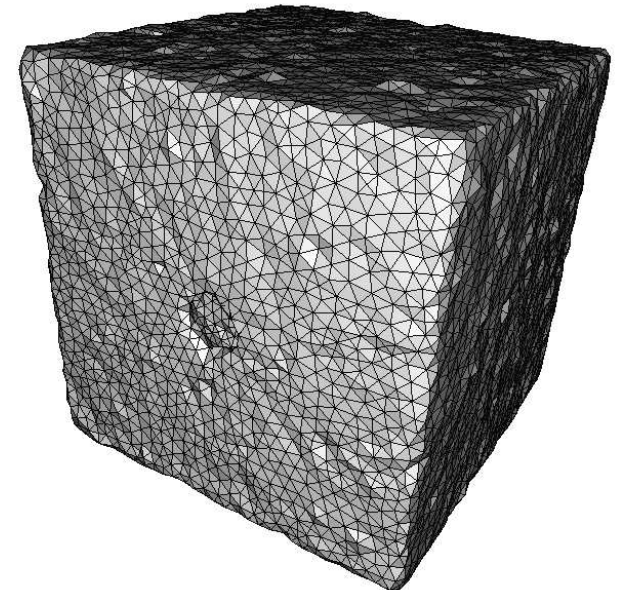
Segmentation/Reconstruction results



2107 vertices
 $\delta = 2, \zeta = 2.5$

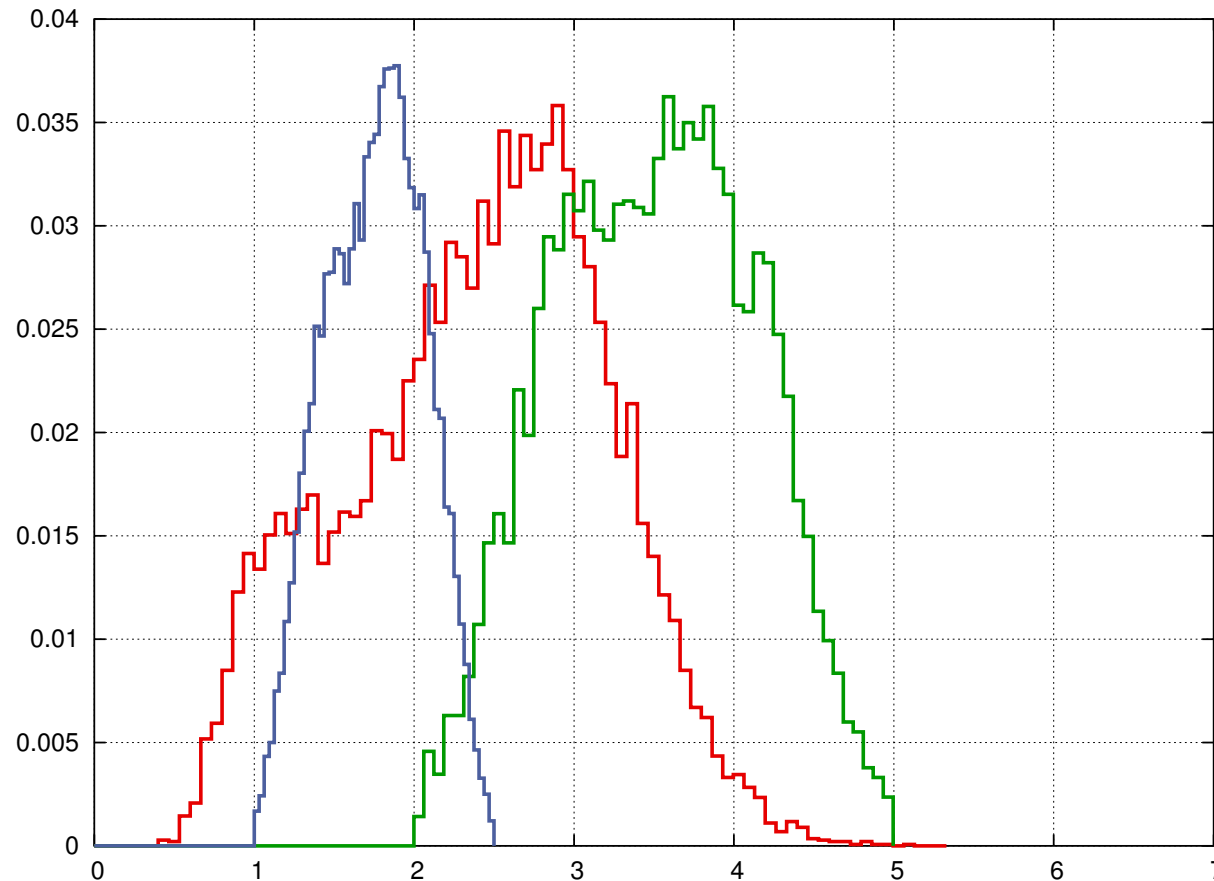


4832 vertices
 $\delta = 3, \zeta = 2.5,$
 $1 \leq \sqrt{\mu_2} \leq \sqrt{\mu_1} \leq \sqrt{\mu_0} \leq 10$



8542 vertices
 $\delta = 1, \zeta = 2.5$

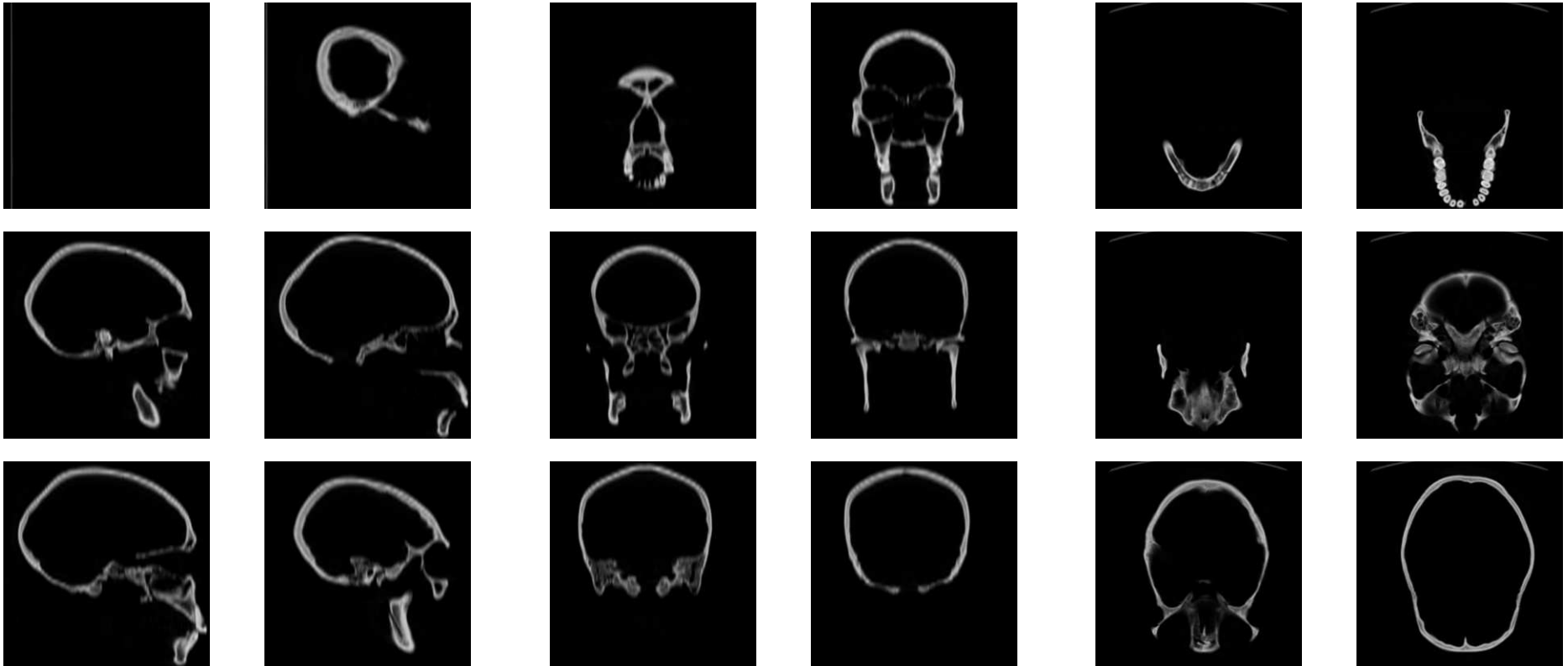
Repartition of edge lengths



- fine model, • adaptive model, • coarse model

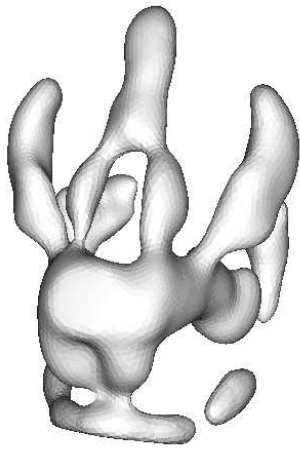
Results (3/3)

Biomedical image (Head CT-scan)

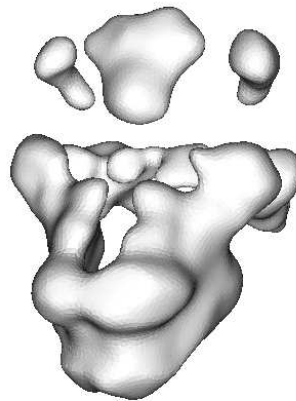


Results (3/3)

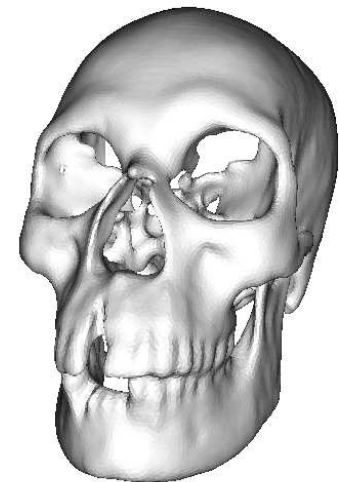
Eigen decomposition of the structure tensor



An isosurface of the
2nd eigenvalue.



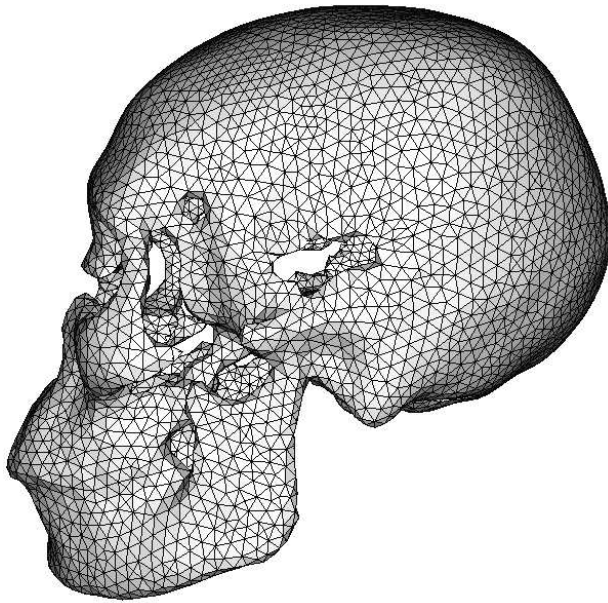
An isosurface of the
3rd eigenvalue.



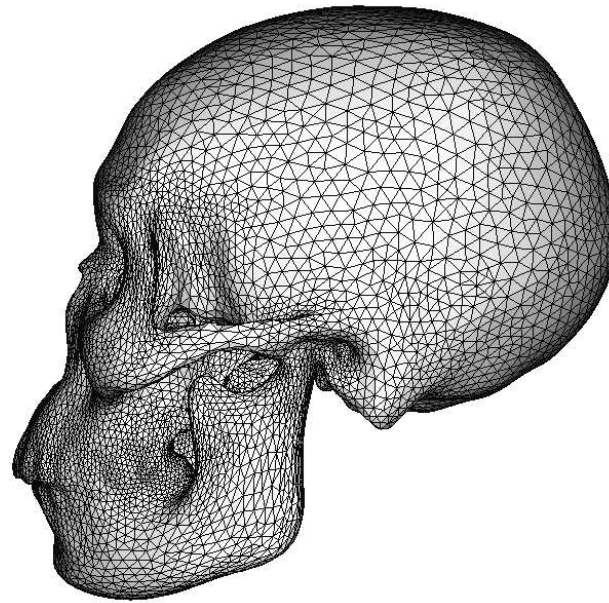
Object in the image.

Results (3/3)

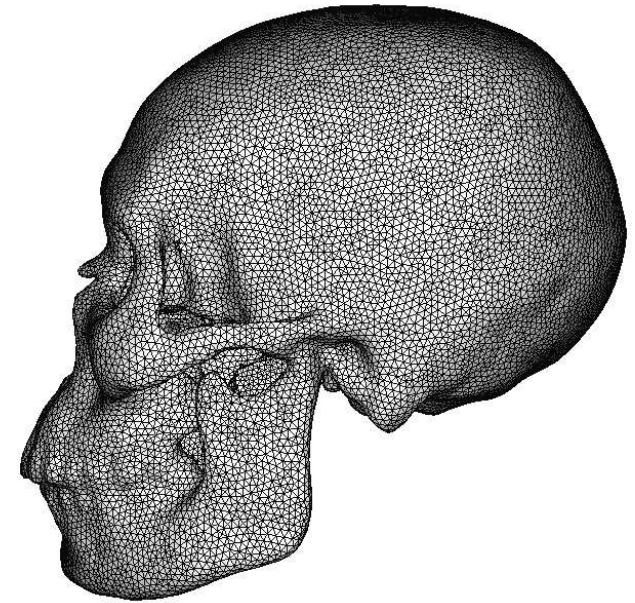
Segmentation/Reconstruction results



10.970 vertices
 $\delta = 0.012, \zeta = 2.5$



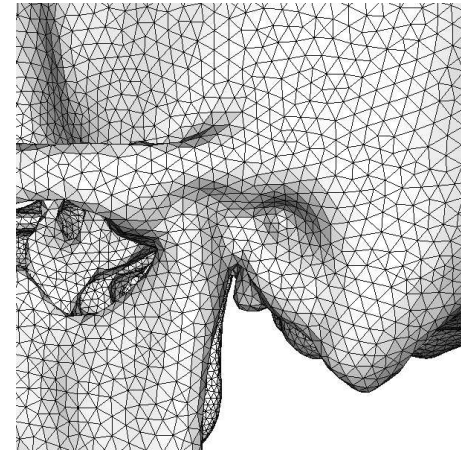
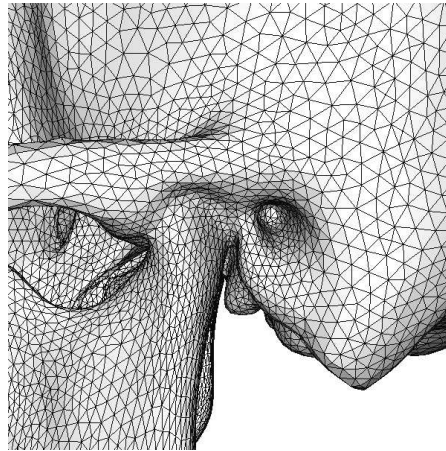
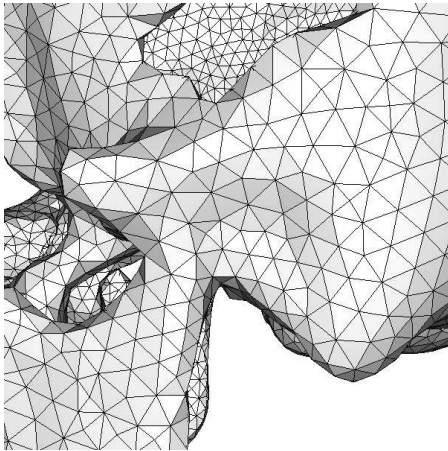
23.142 vertices
 $\delta = 0.024, \zeta = 2.5,$
 $1 \leq \sqrt{\mu_2} \leq \sqrt{\mu_1} \leq \sqrt{\mu_0} \leq 15$



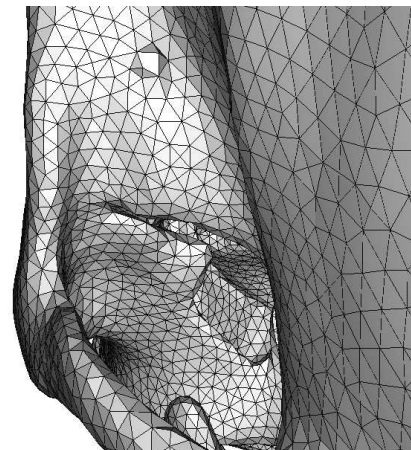
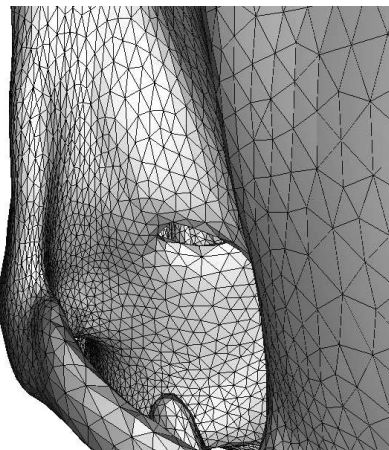
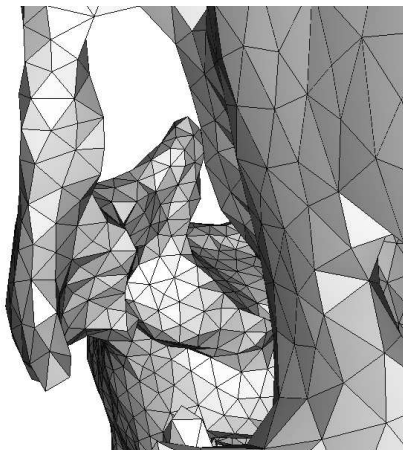
46.590 vertices,
 $\delta = 0.005, \zeta = 2.5$

Results (3/3)

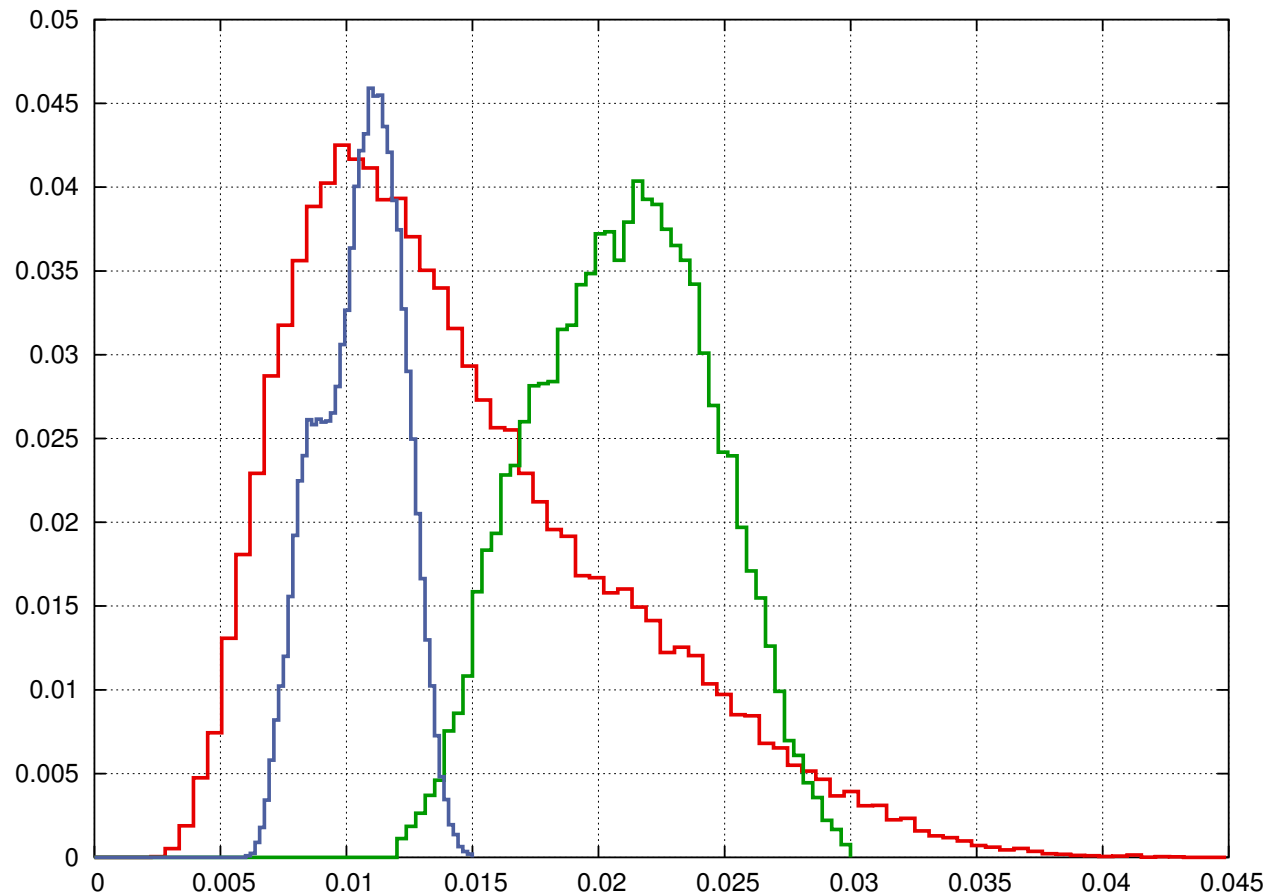
Left ear



Orbit of the left eye viewed from behind left



Repartition of the edge length



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Conclusion and Perspectives

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- ◇ Deformable model that achieves both
 - ◇ adaptive topology,
 - ◇ adaptive resolution

Perspectives

- ◇ Initialization with adaptive resolution,
- ◇ Different ways of building metrics...