

Visualization

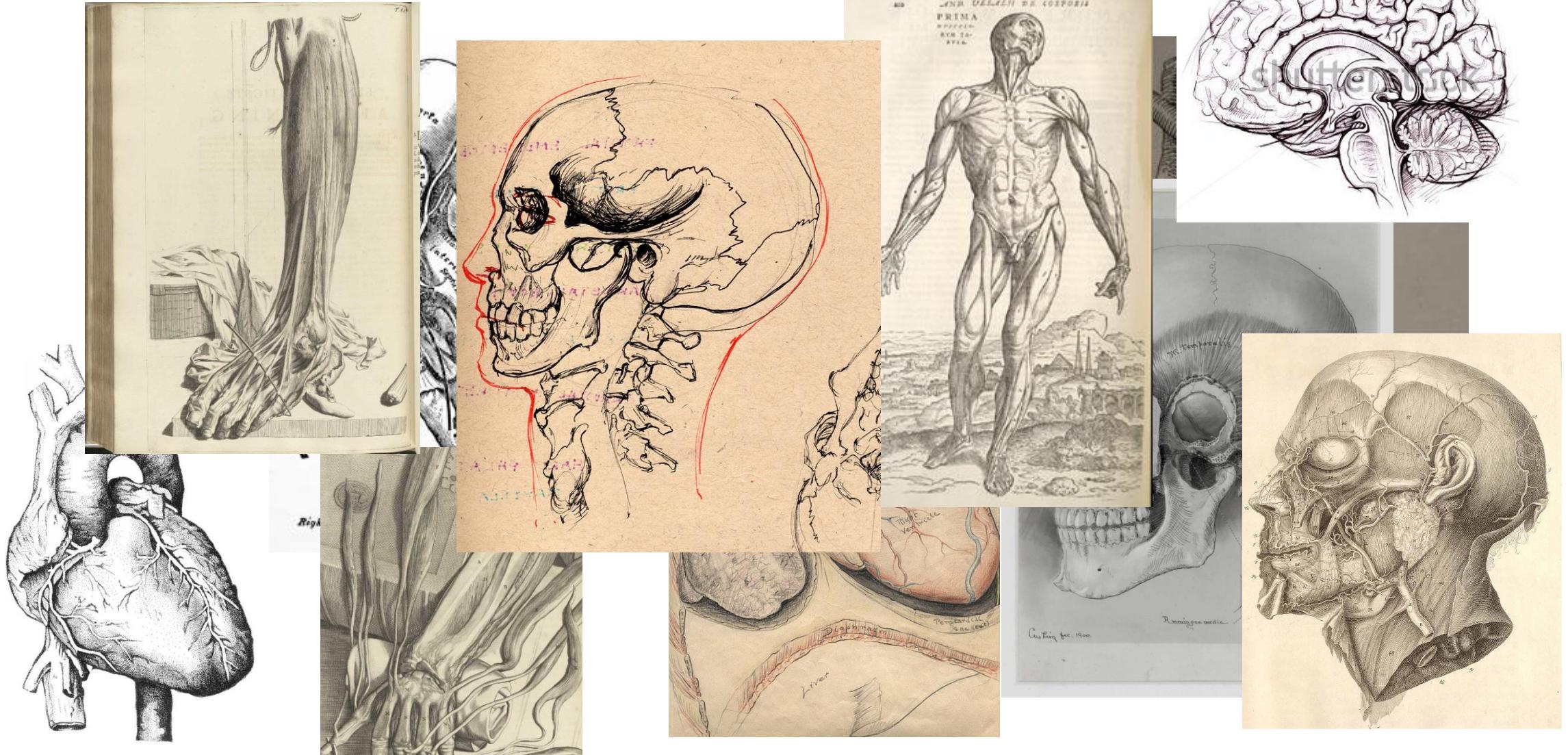
– Illustrative Visualization

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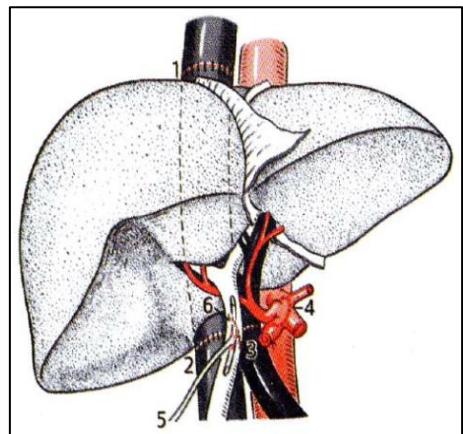
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 - Illustrative Volume Rendering
 - Features Lines
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Medical Illustration

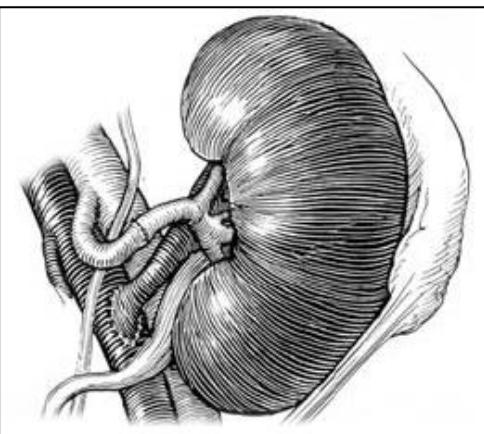


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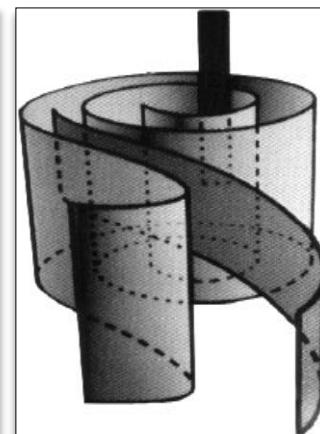
- Role Model: Illustrations in medical textbooks, atlases, technical drawings
- Application and adaptation of illustration techniques



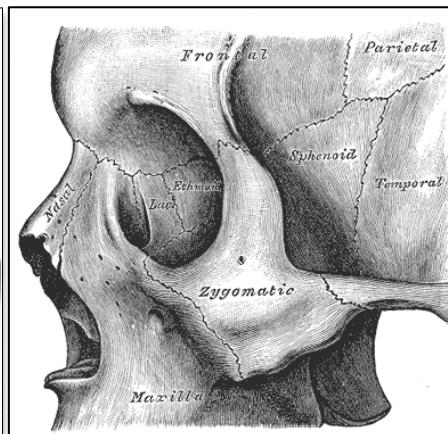
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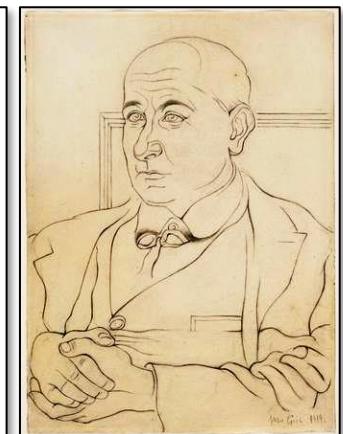
Hatching (Andrews 2006)



Line Rendering
(Dooley/Cohen
1990)



Shading (Gray 1918)



Feature Lines
(Matisse und Juan
Gris 2007)



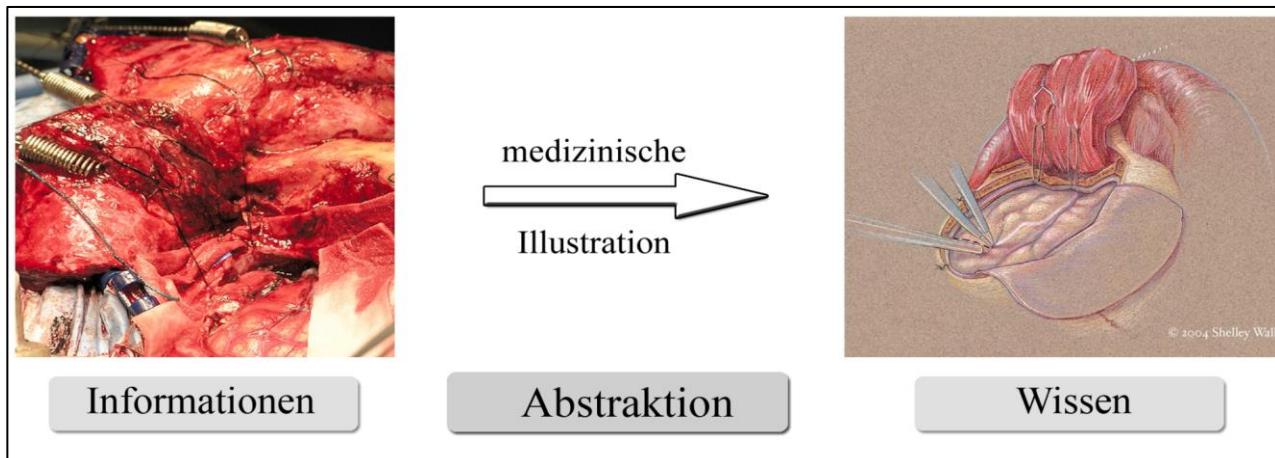
Smart Visibility (Hulsey
2005)

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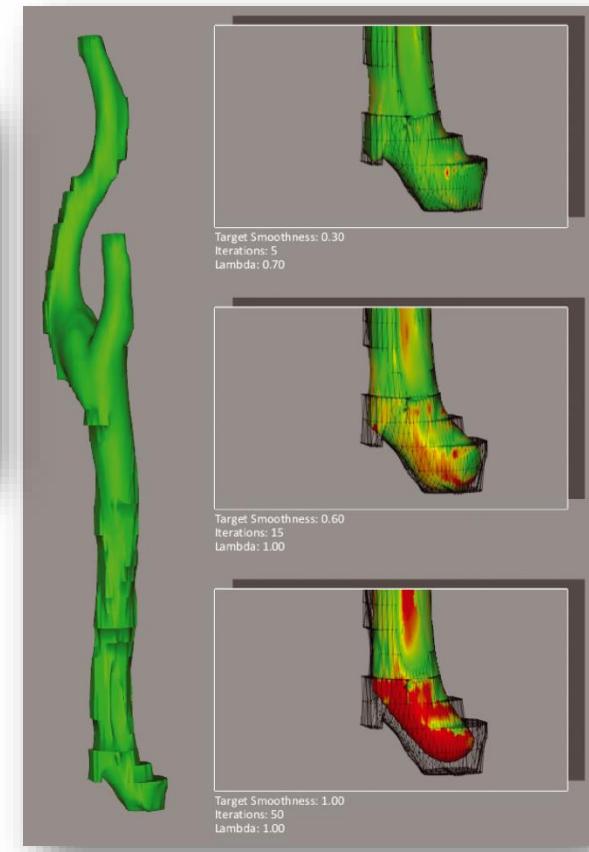
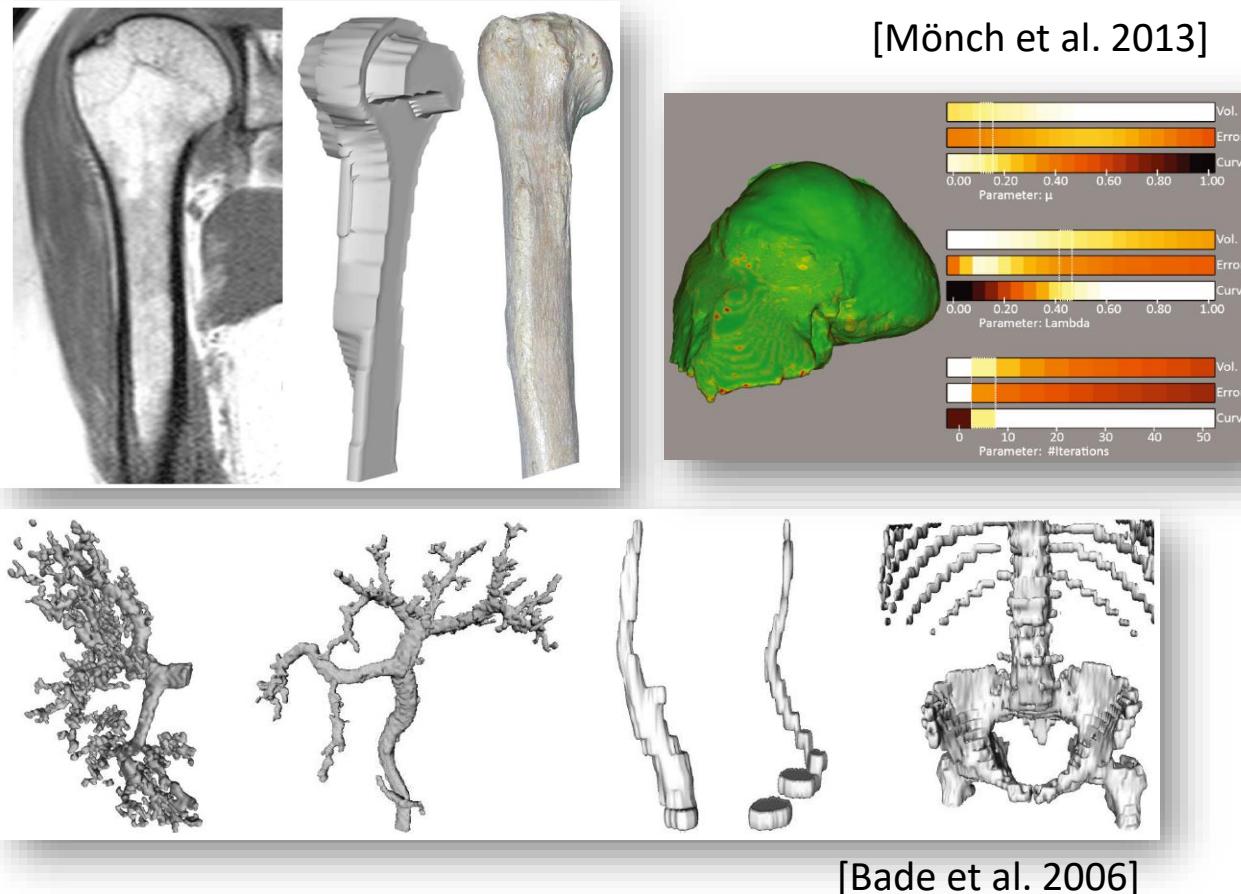
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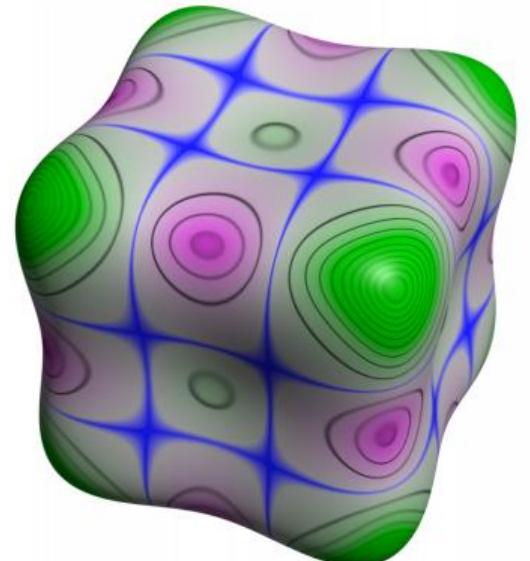
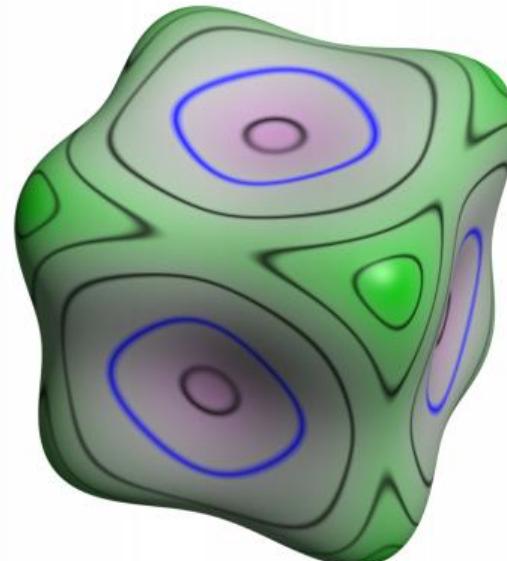
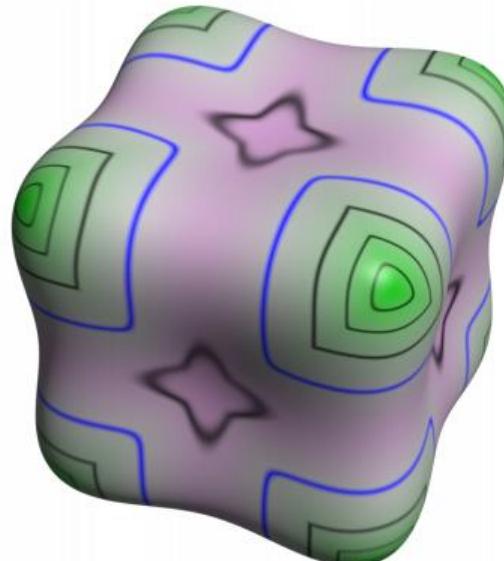
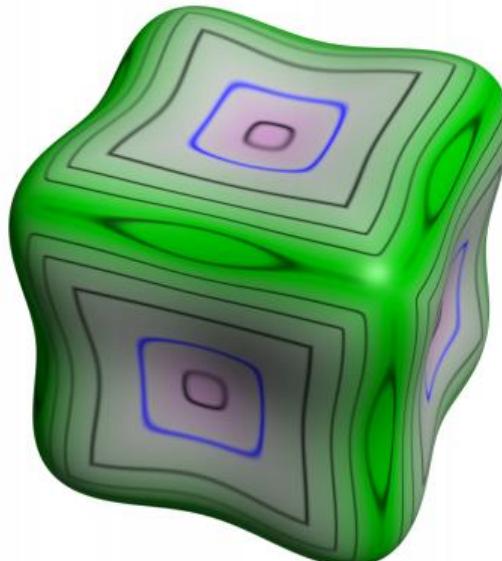
- Smoothing: Features should be retained



Curvature-Based Transfer Functions

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- Direct volume rendering maps data measures to opacities and colors
- Incorporating curvature measures into the illustration
- Curvature-based transfer functions extend the expressivity and utility of volume rendering



(From: Kindlmann et al. 2003)

Curvature Measurement

- Curvature depends on small positional changes on the surface, and the resulting changes in the surface normal
- Volume data, surfaces are implicitly represented as isosurfaces of reconstructed continuous data values $f(x)$

$$f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\nabla f = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right)^T$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\nabla n^T &= -\nabla \left(\frac{\nabla f^T}{|\nabla f^T|} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{|\nabla f^T|} (I - nn^T) H\end{aligned}$$

I ... identity matrix

H ... Hessian matrix

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$$H = \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right)_{i,j=1,\dots,n} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

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- What is P ?
- P is an operator that projects every point on the tangent plane defined by the normal n

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- P & H are symmetric and P projects vector on the tangent space
 - Restricting ∇n^T to the tangent space is symmetric -> exist orthonormal basis (p_1, p_2) such that ∇n^T is diagonal

Curvature Measurement

- Rewrite:

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- Given a basis (p_1, p_2, n) :

$$\nabla n^T = \begin{pmatrix} \kappa_1 & 0 & \sigma_1 \\ 0 & \kappa_2 & \sigma_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Curvature Measurement

- Given a basis (p_1, p_2, n) :

$$G = \nabla n^T P = \begin{pmatrix} \kappa_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \kappa_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- In general G has not the easily transparent form:

$$G = -\frac{PHP}{|\nabla f|}$$

Curvature Measurement

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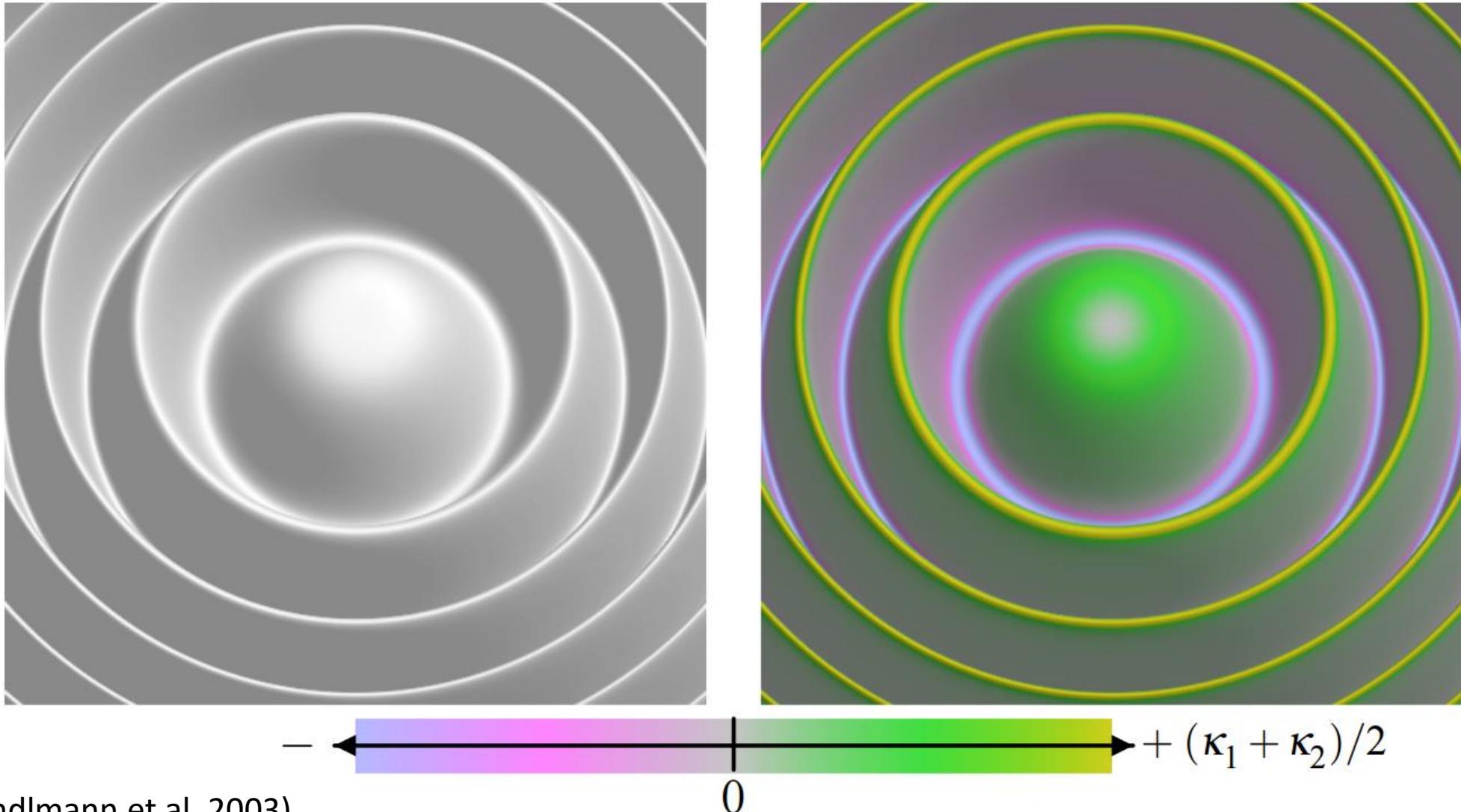
$$T = \text{trace}(G) = \kappa_1 + \kappa_2$$

$$F = |G|_F = \sqrt{\kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2}$$

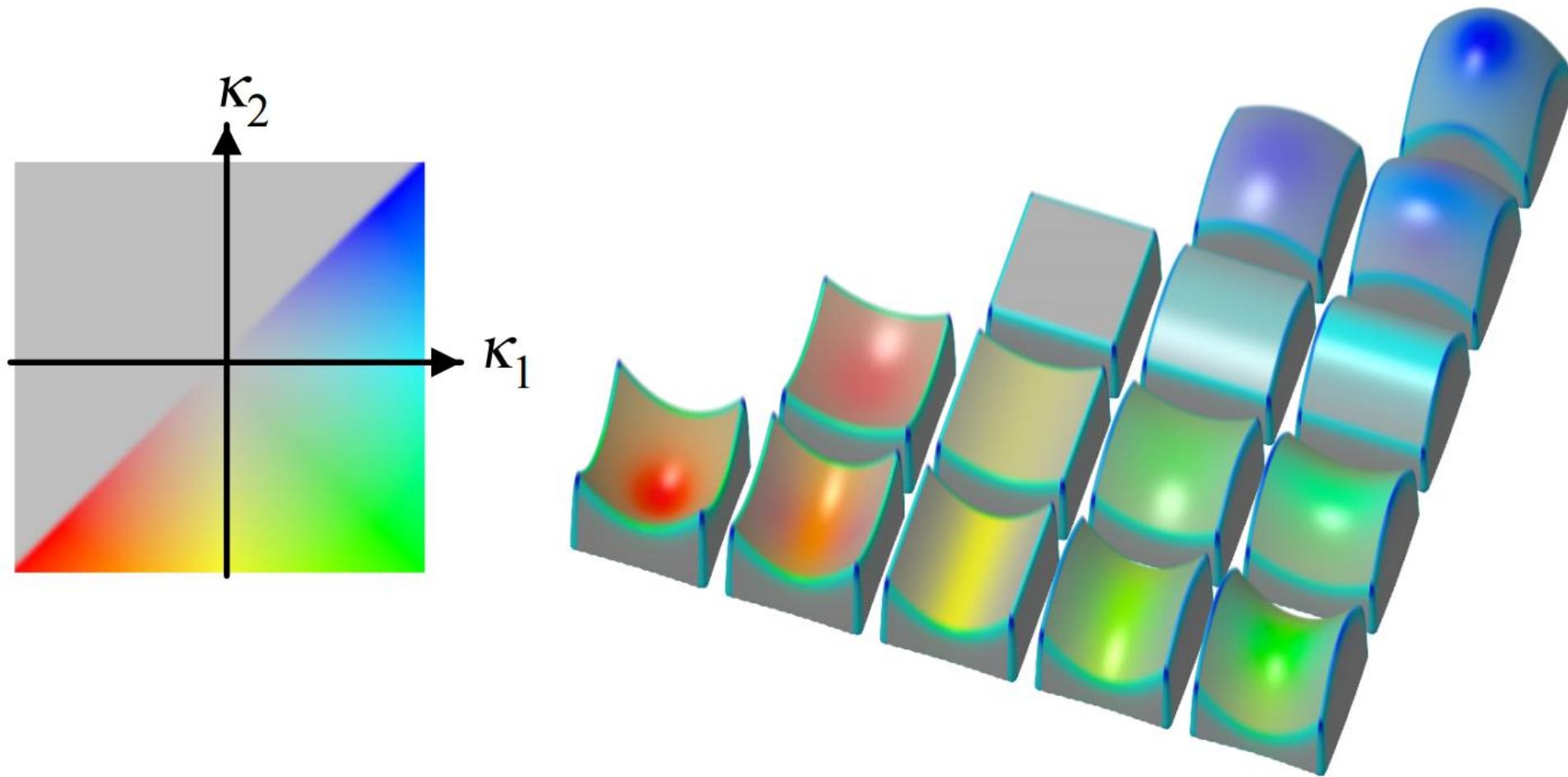
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$$\kappa_{1/2} = \frac{T \pm \sqrt{2F^2 - T^2}}{2}$$

Curvature-Based Transfer Function

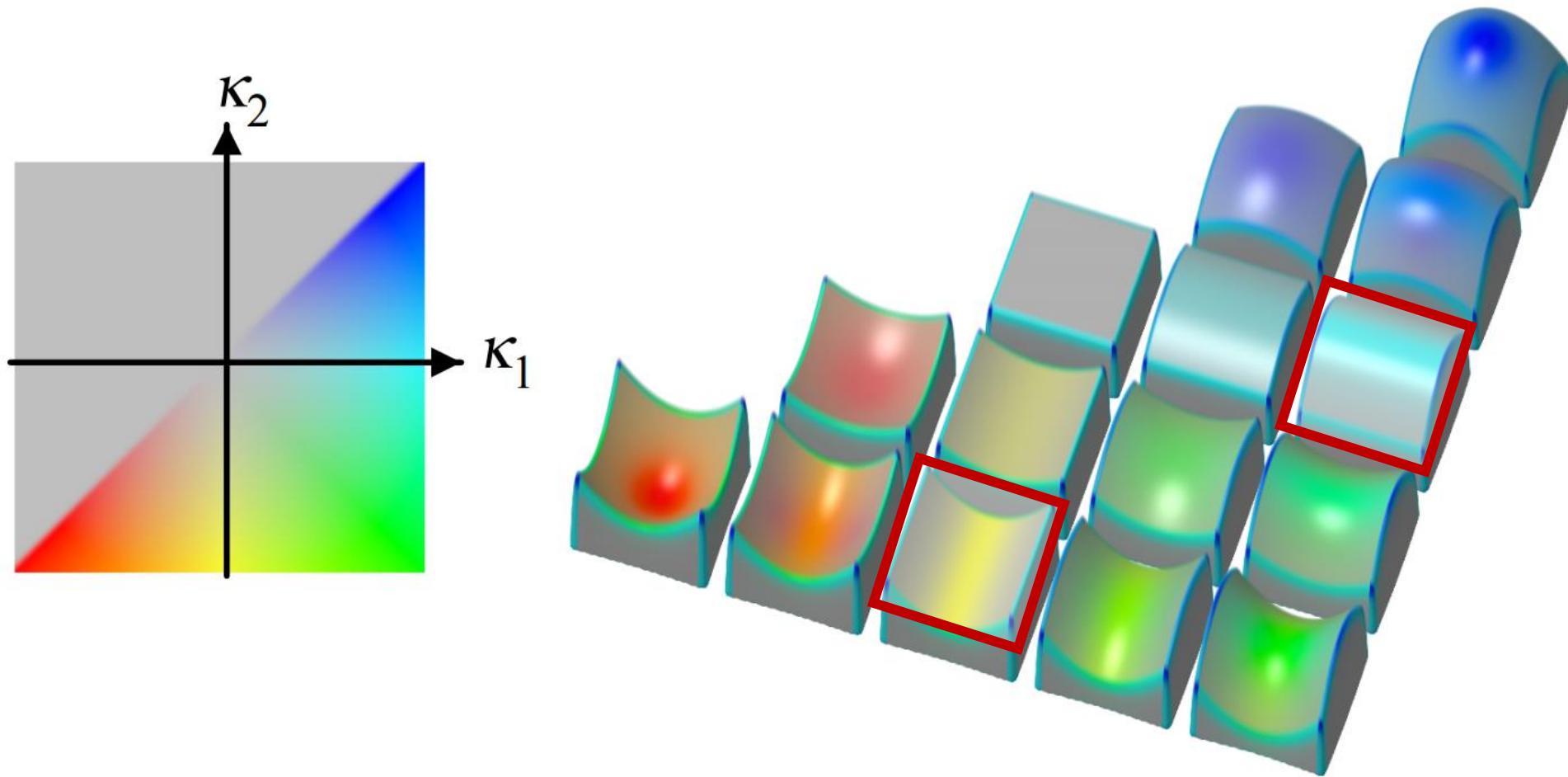


Emphasizing Valleys and Ridges



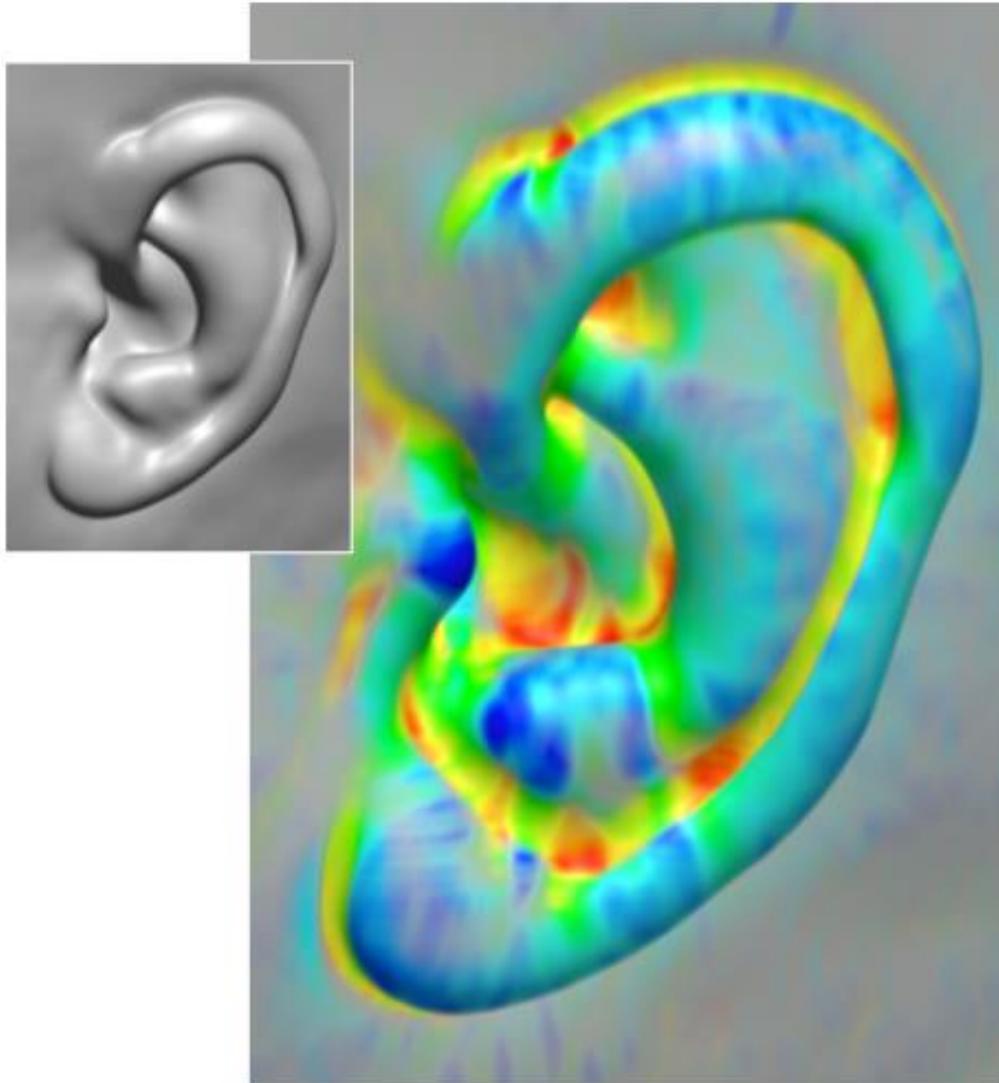
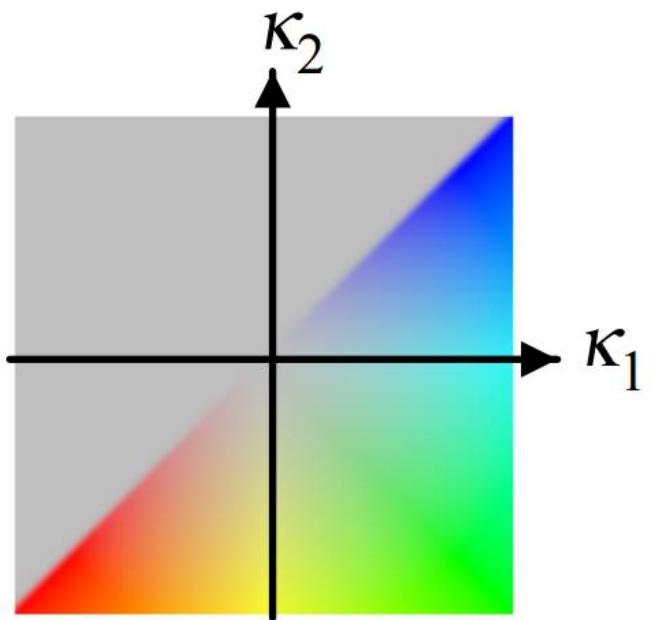
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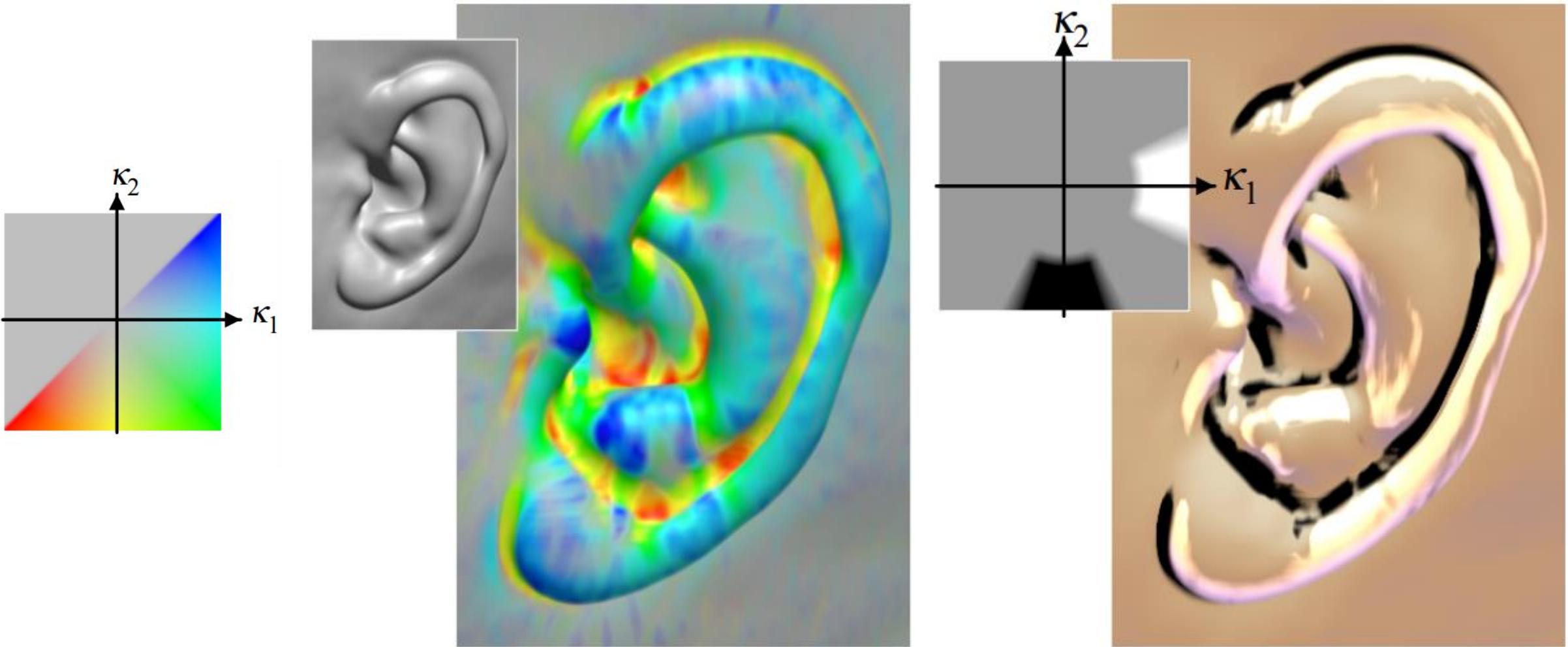
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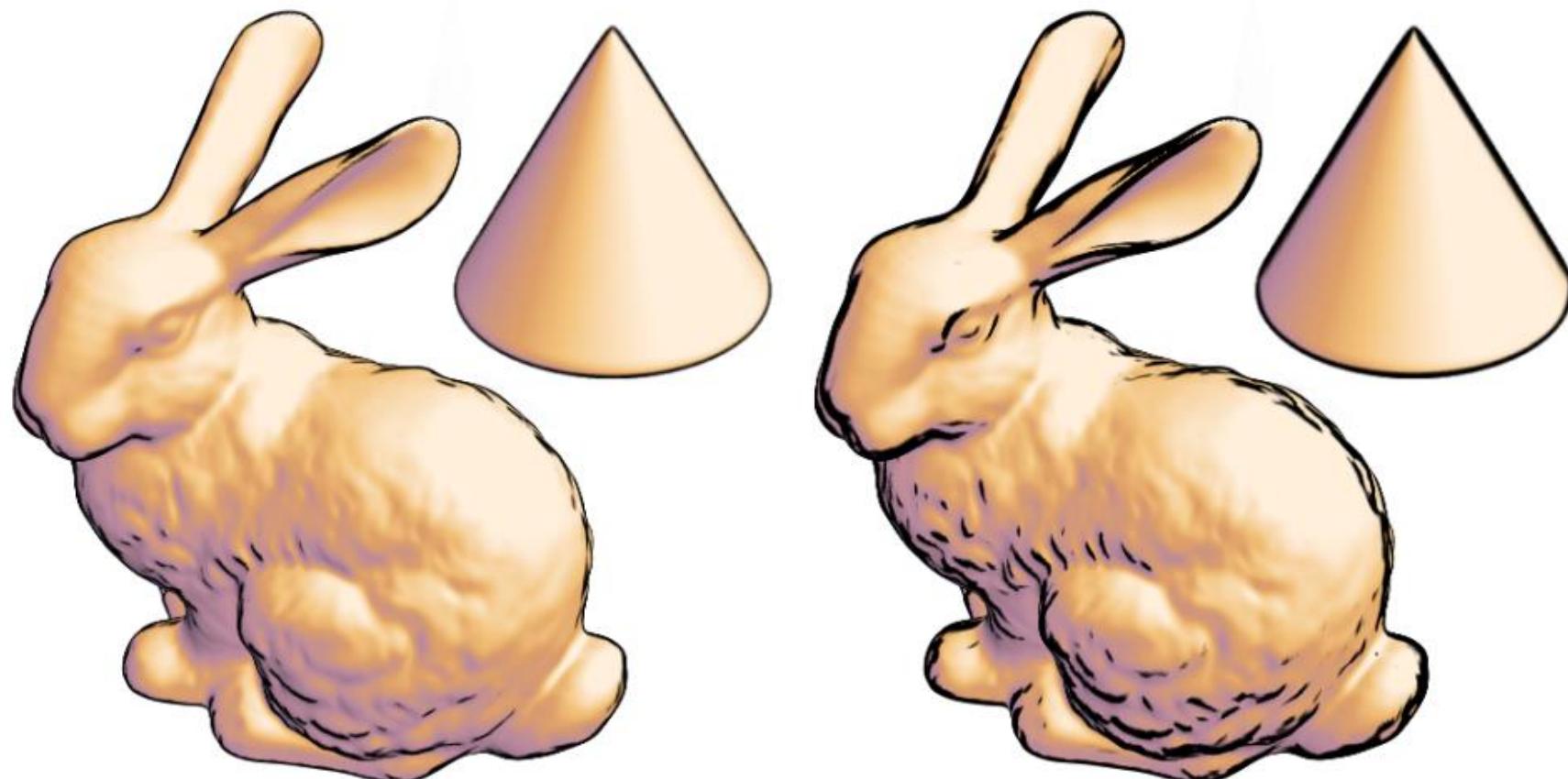
Non-Photorealistic Volume Rendering

- Contours based solely on:
$$n \cdot v < \epsilon$$
- Uncontrolled variation in the apparent contour thickness



Non-Photorealistic Volume Rendering

- How to fix this?



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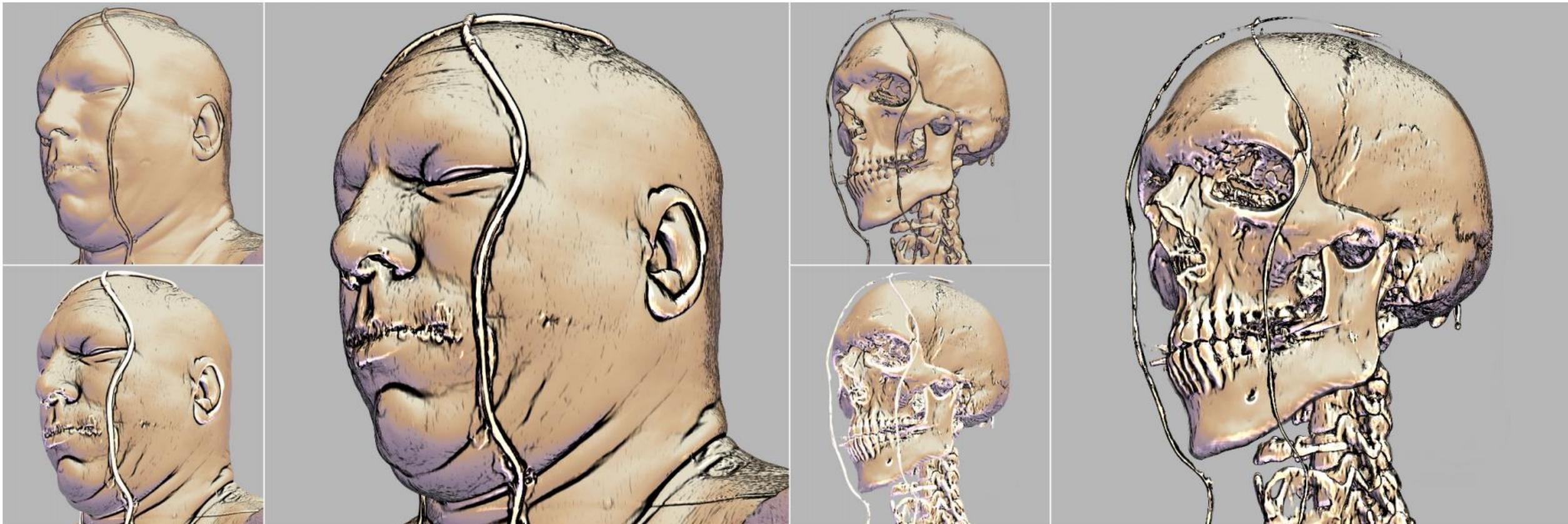
- Use the curvature in view direction κ_v

- Then, we get

$$n \cdot v \leq \sqrt{T\kappa_v(2 - T\kappa_v)}$$

T ... image space thickness

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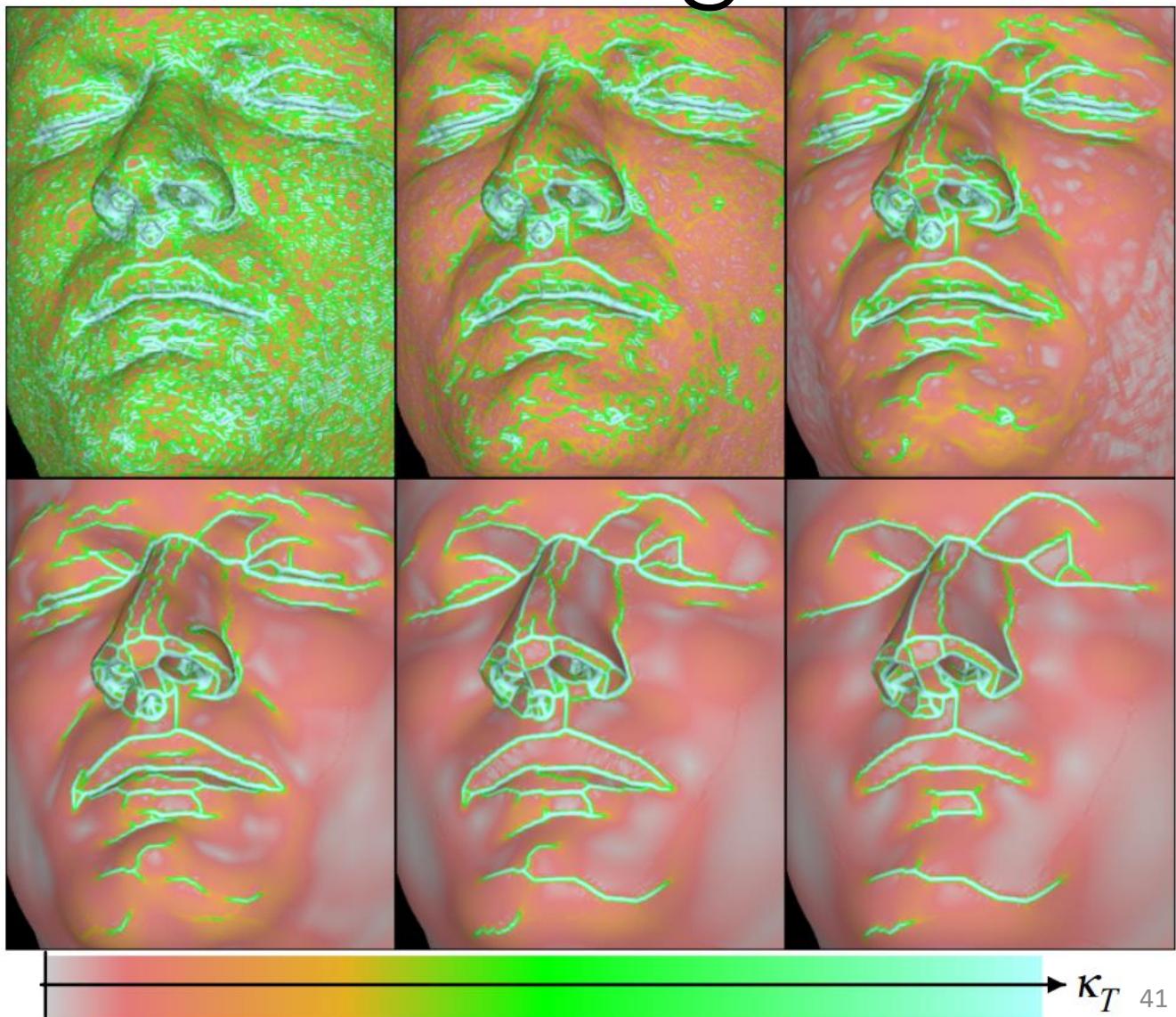


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Visualizing Surface Smoothing

- Visualizing of anisotropic surface smoothing

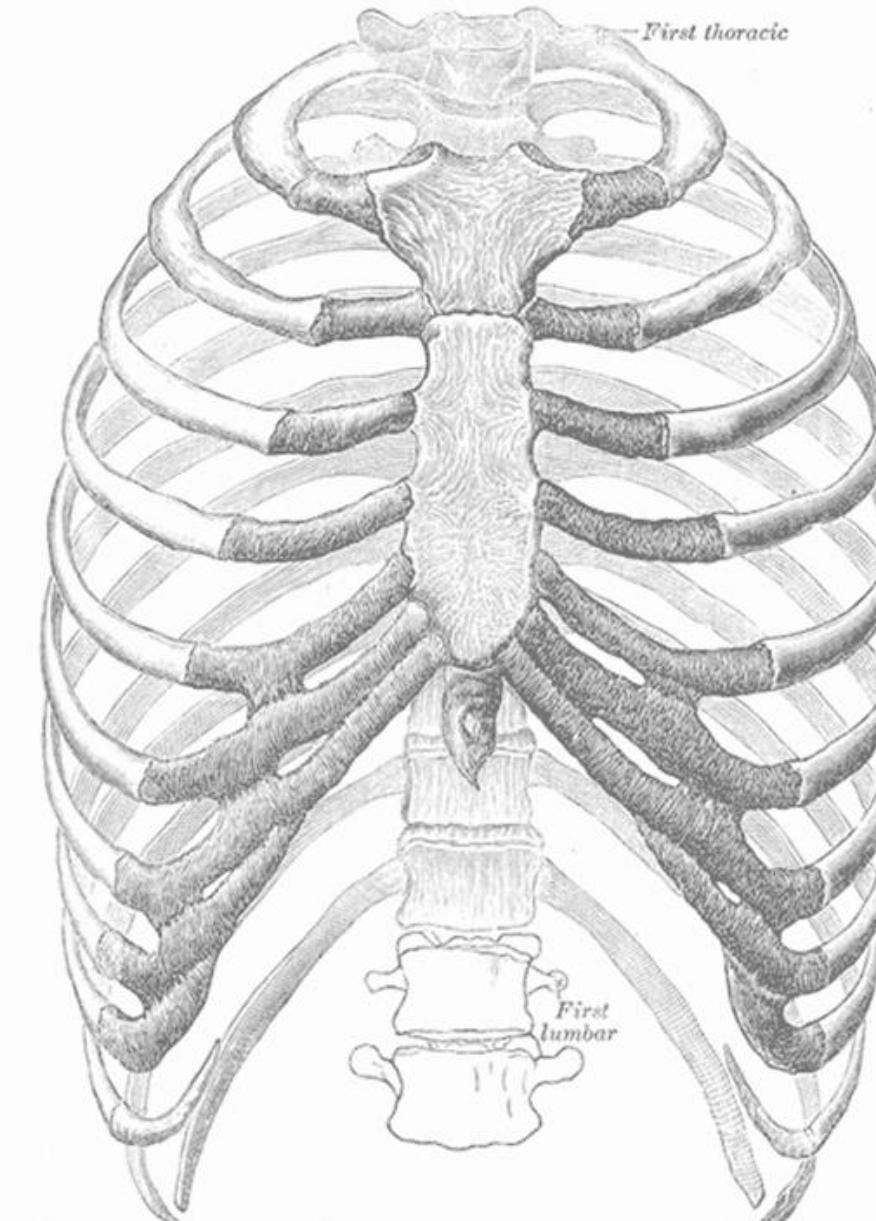
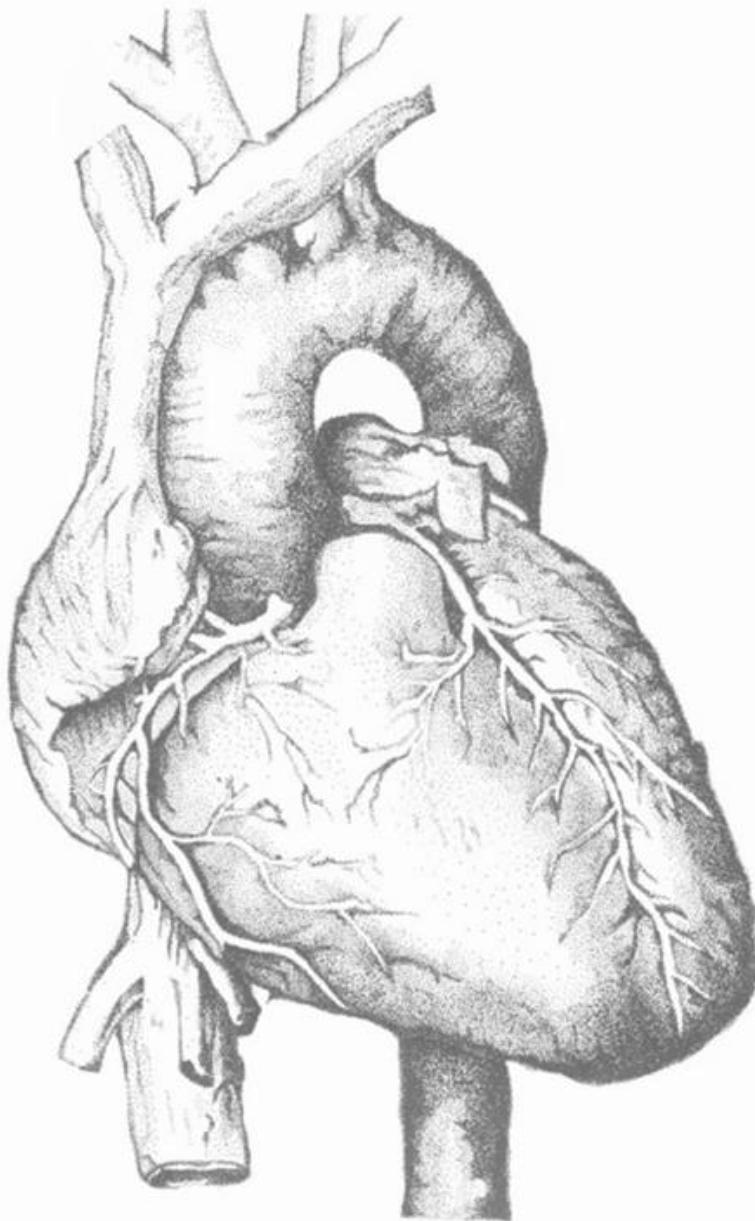
$$\kappa_T = \sqrt{\kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2}$$



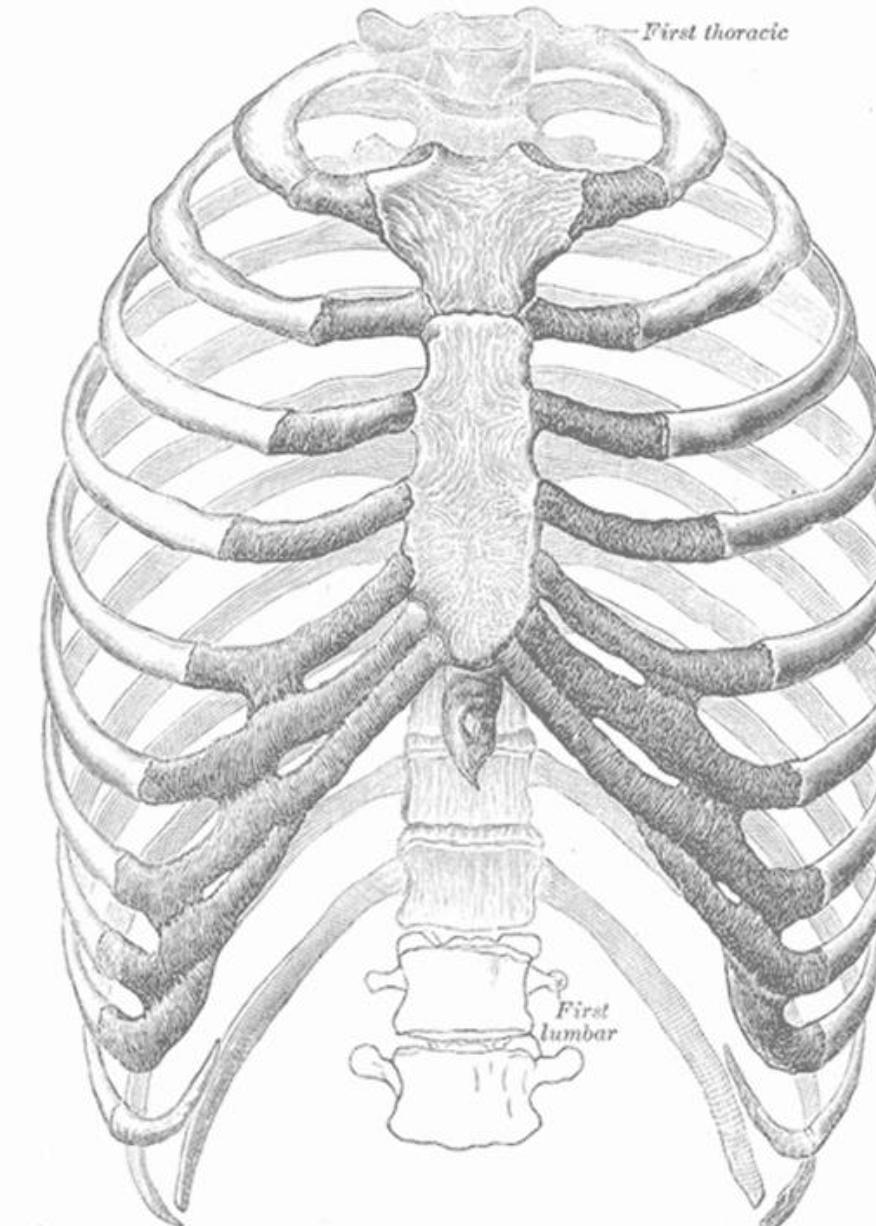
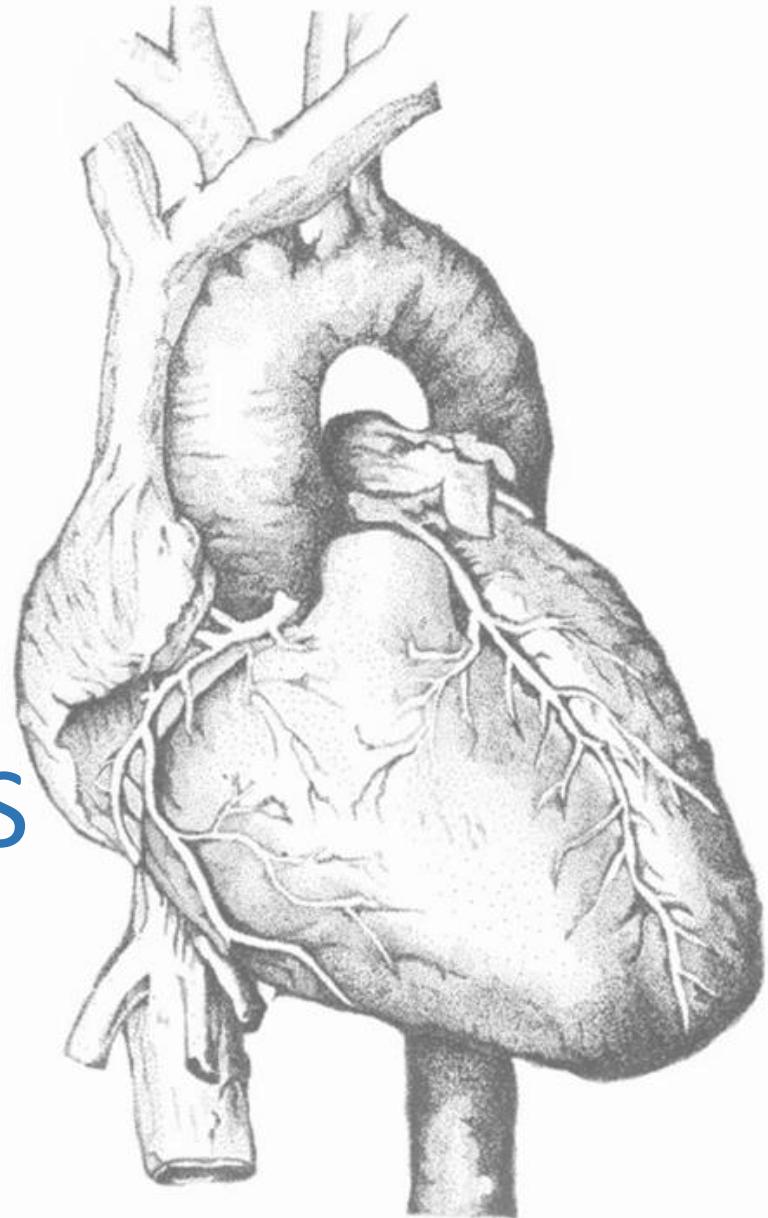
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Feature Lines

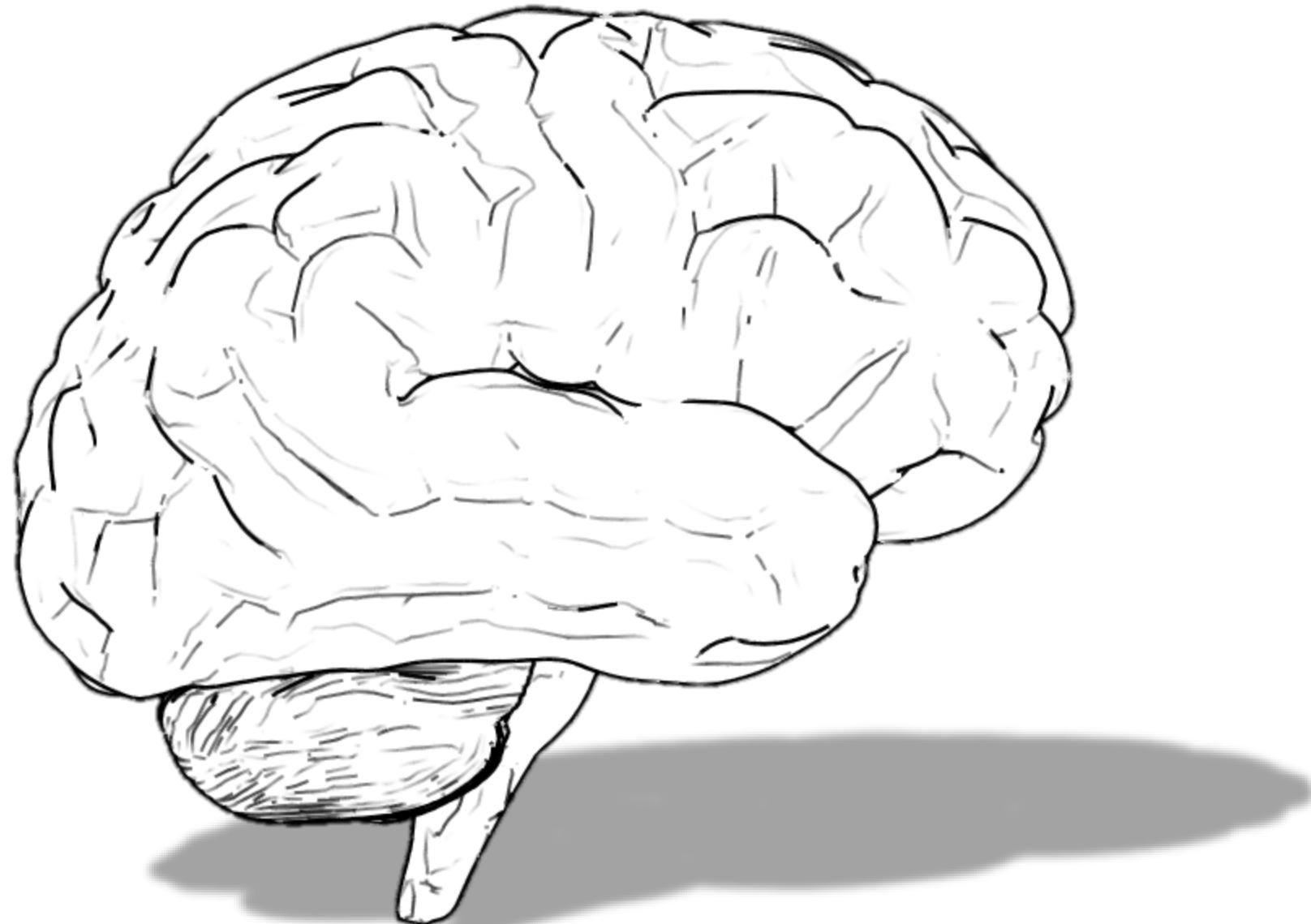
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MEDICAL ILLUSTRATIONS BASED ON LINE DRAWINGS



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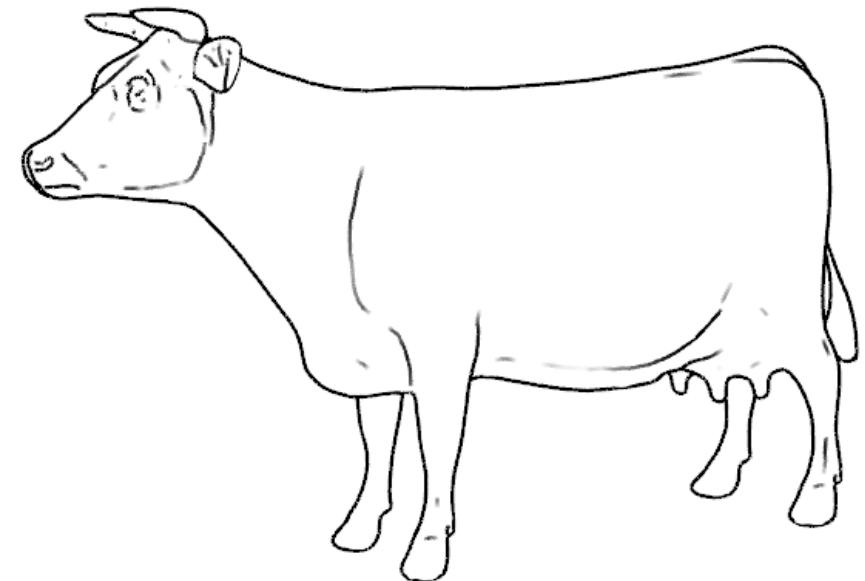
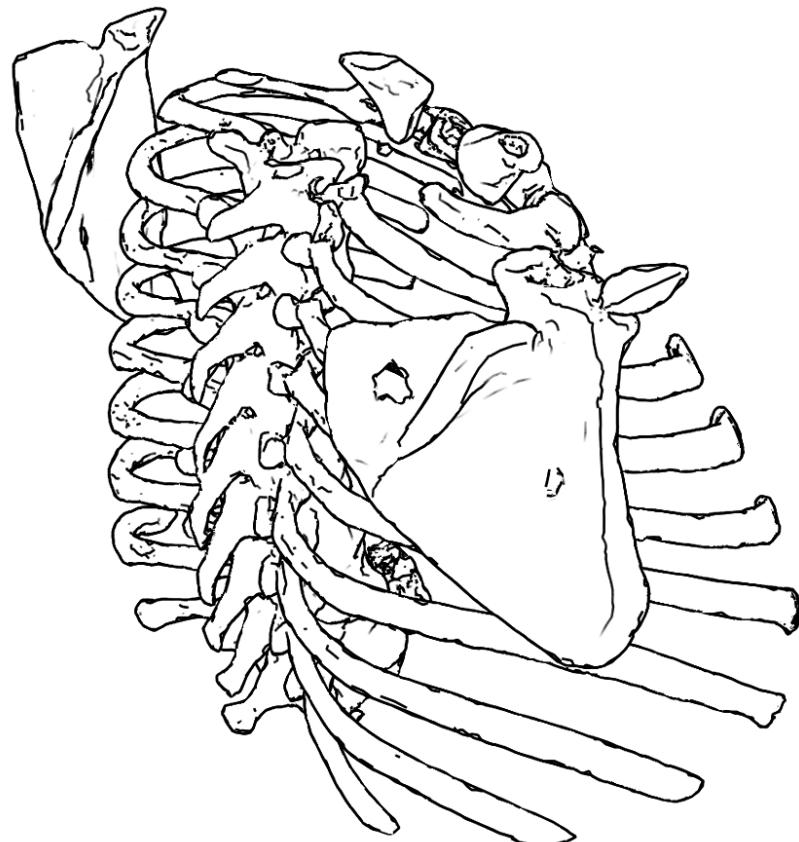


Feature Lines



Feature Lines

- Illustrate features on surfaces
- Separate lines



General Requirements of Feature Lines

- Smoothing:
 - Most of the feature line methods use higher order derivatives
 - The methods assume sufficiently smooth input data
- Frame coherence:
 - During the interaction the user should not be distracted by features that pop out or disappear suddenly
- Filtering:
 - Filtering of feature lines to set apart relevant lines from distracting ones

Feature Lines

- Comparison of image-based and object-based silhouette generation:
 - Both use graphics hardware, are real-time capable
 - Image-based: Easier to implement, result depends on the resolution of the buffers, stylization not possible
 - Object-based: Stylization through analytic description of the edges possible, more accurate, hard to implement and dependent on the quality of the 3D surfaces

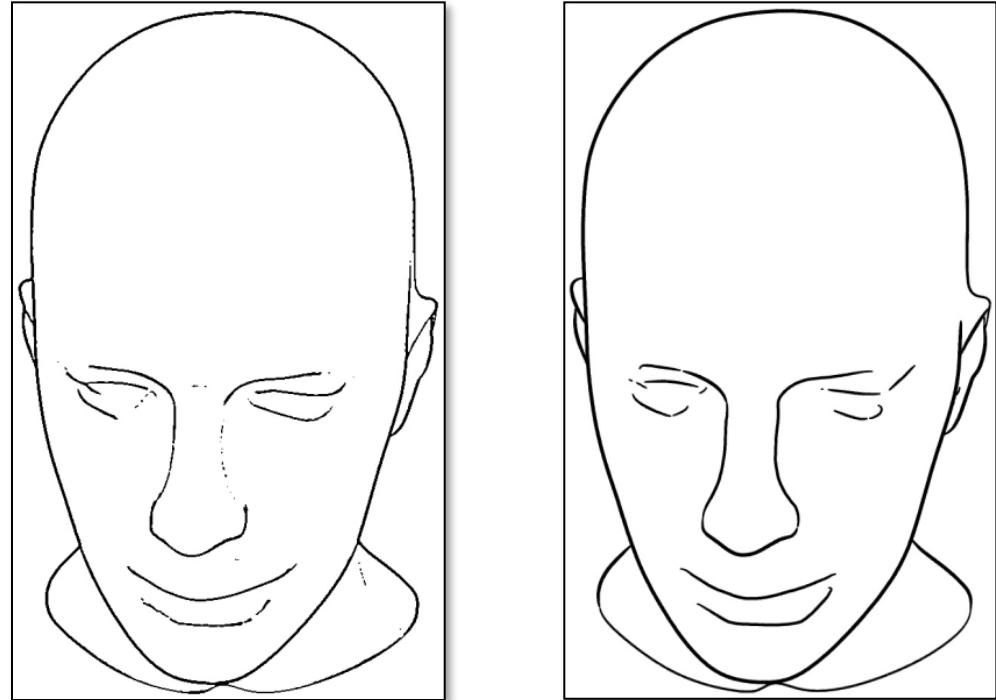
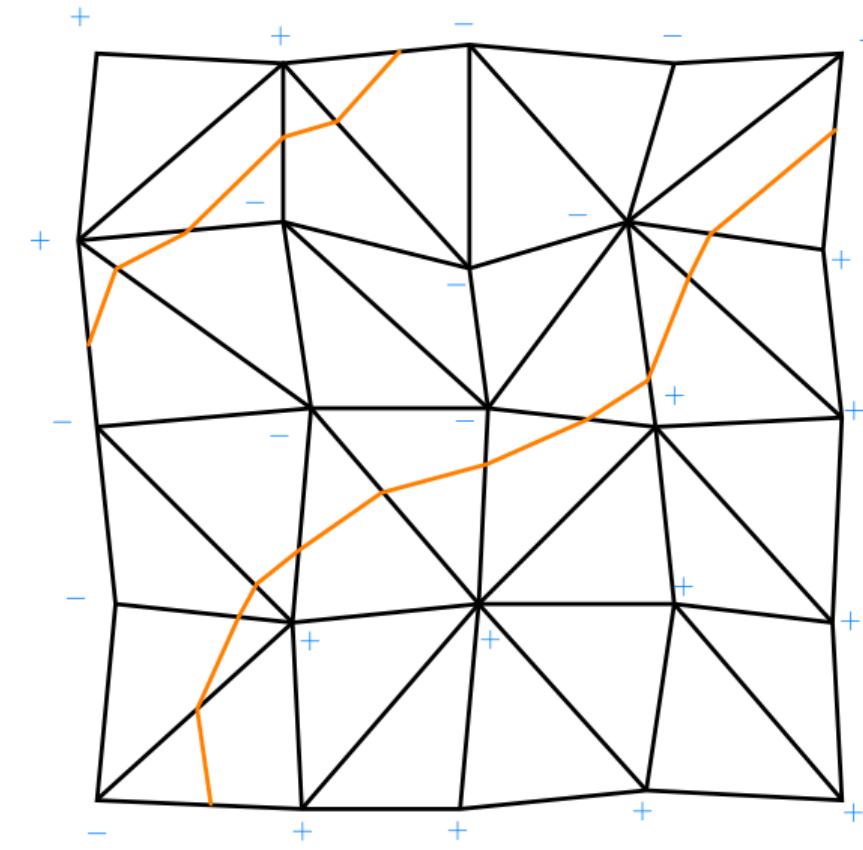
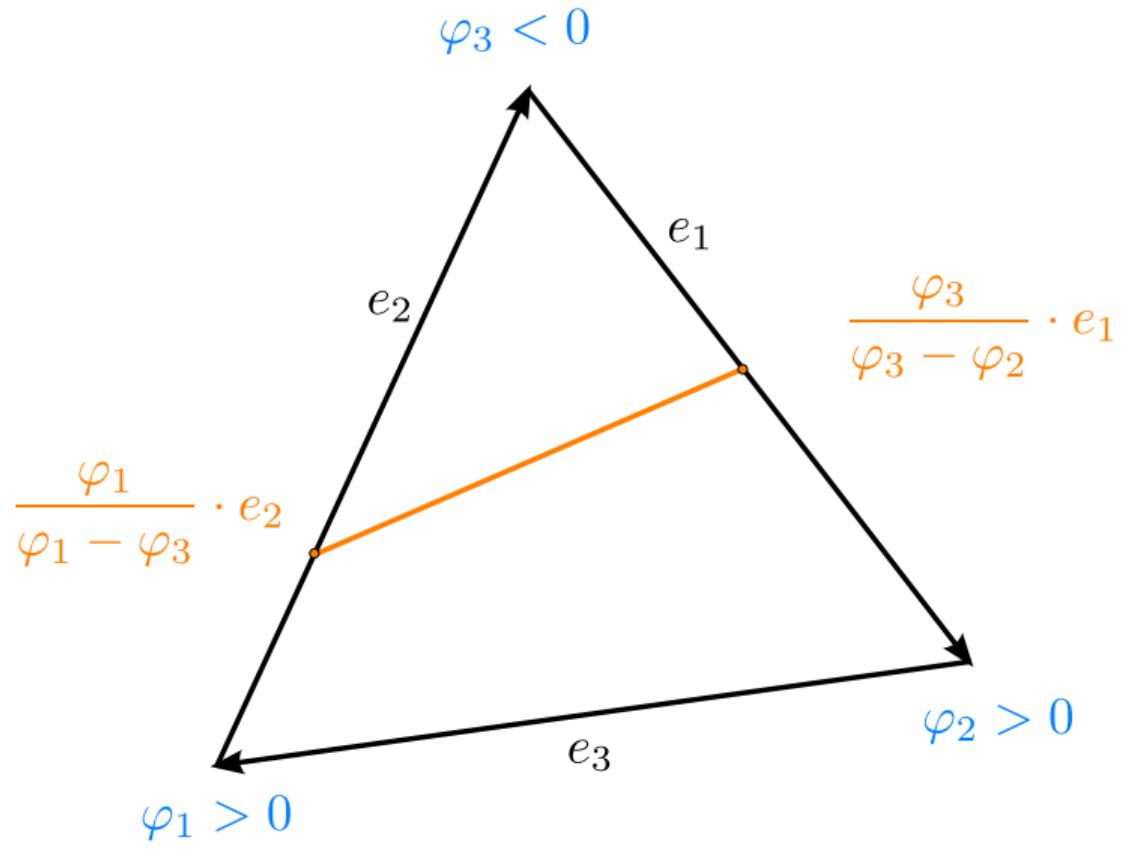


Image-based (left) and object-based (right)

Isolines on Triangulated Surfaces

- Given is a scalar field on the surface
- How to determine the zero-crossings?

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- If the scalar field is differentiable:

$$D_v \varphi(x) = \langle \nabla \varphi(x), v \rangle$$

Covariant Derivative

$$f(x, y) = 5 - x^2 - y^2$$

$$v(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} -y \\ x \end{pmatrix}$$

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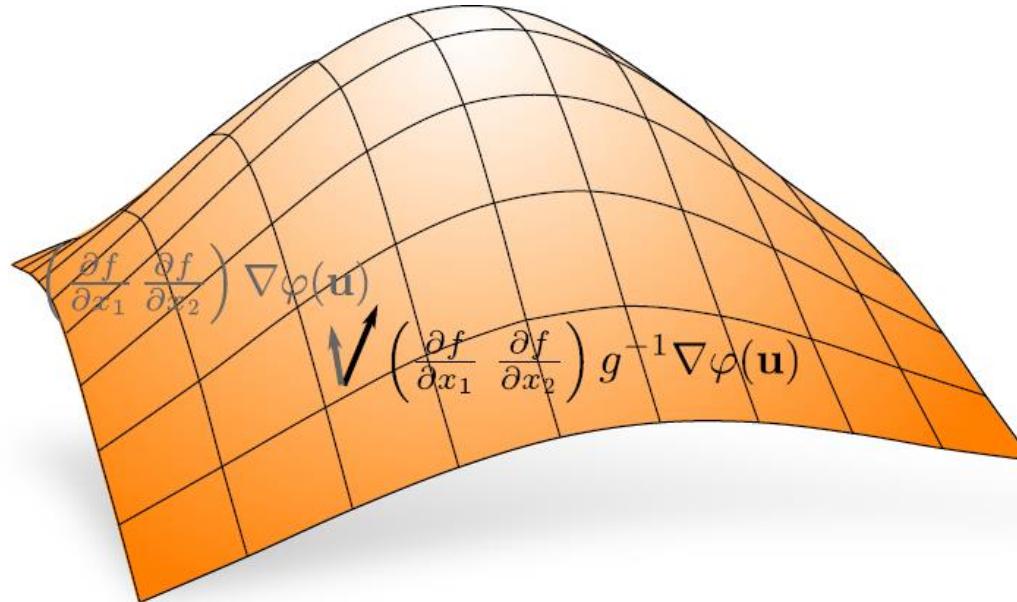
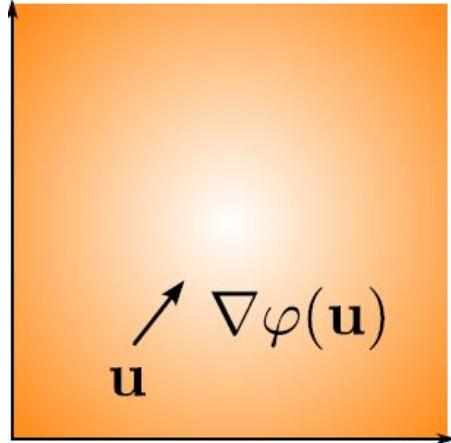
$$= \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} -2x \\ -2y \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -y \\ x \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$$

$$= 0$$

Covariant Derivative

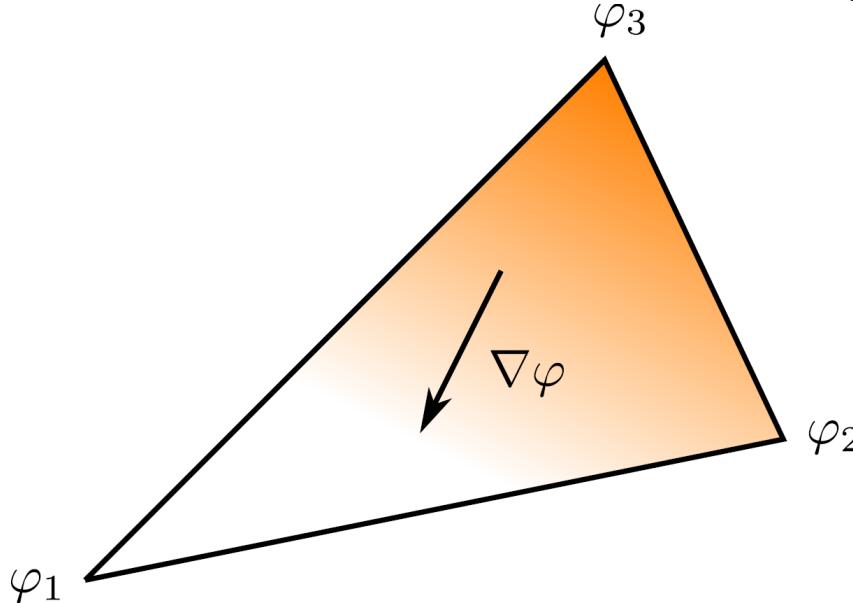
- Covariant derivative of a scalar field along isolines = 0

Requirements: Differential Geometry



- Covariant derivative: $D_v \varphi(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\varphi(x + hv) - \varphi(x)}{h}.$
- Simplified: $D_v \varphi(x) = \langle \nabla \varphi(x), v \rangle,$

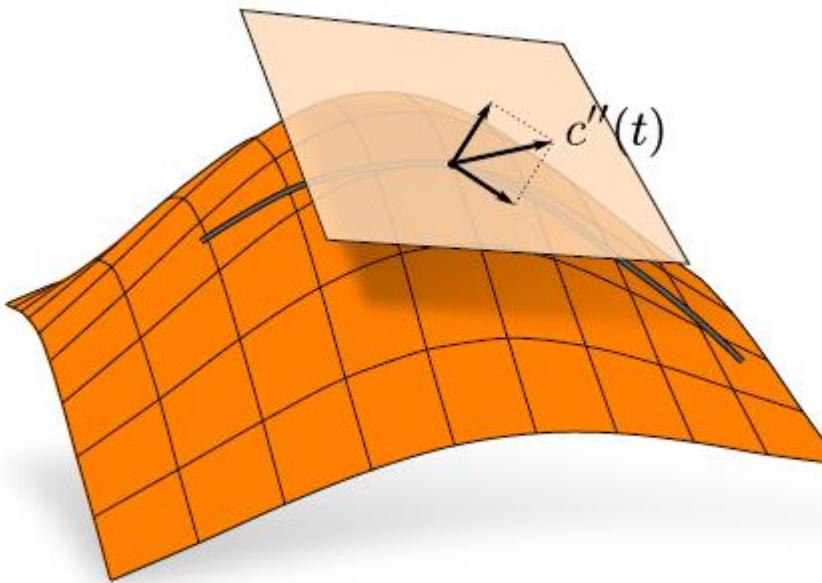
Discrete Differential Geometry



- Discrete covariant derivative: $D_v\varphi(x) = \langle \nabla\varphi(x), v \rangle$.

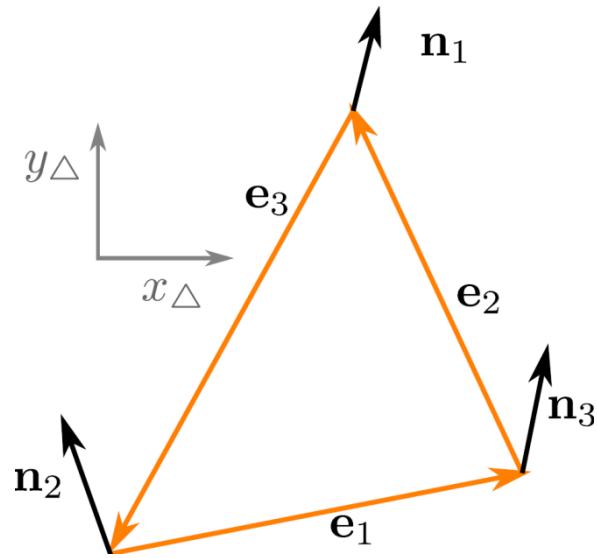
$$\nabla\varphi_\Delta = (\varphi_2 - \varphi_1) \frac{(p_1 - p_3)^\perp}{2A_\Delta} + (\varphi_3 - \varphi_1) \frac{(p_2 - p_1)^\perp}{2A_\Delta}$$

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- **Curvature with curves:** $c''(t) = \underbrace{\text{proj}_{T_p f} c''(t)}_{\text{tangential part}} + \underbrace{\langle c''(t), n \rangle n}_{\text{normal part}}.$
- **Curvature:** $\kappa_{c'(t)}(p) = -\langle c'(t), \frac{\partial n}{\partial t} \rangle.$

Discrete Differential Geometry

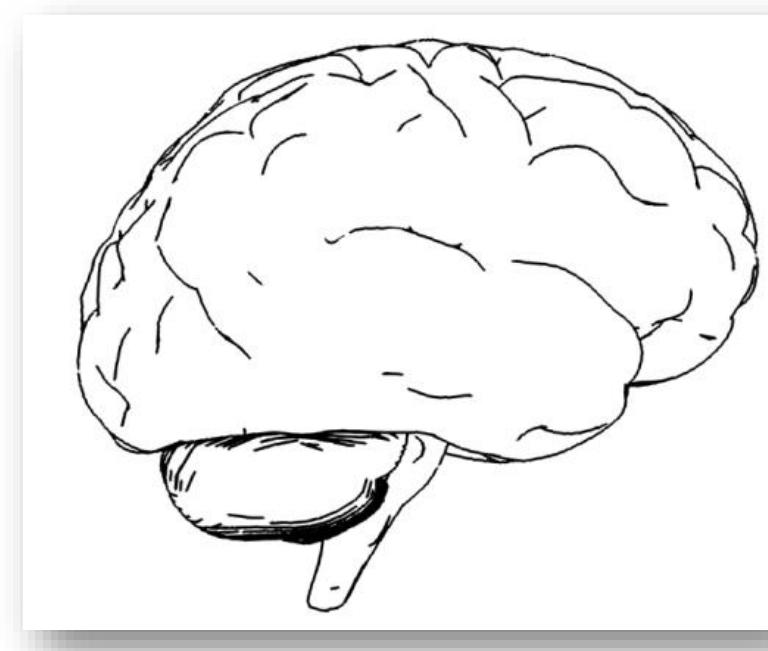
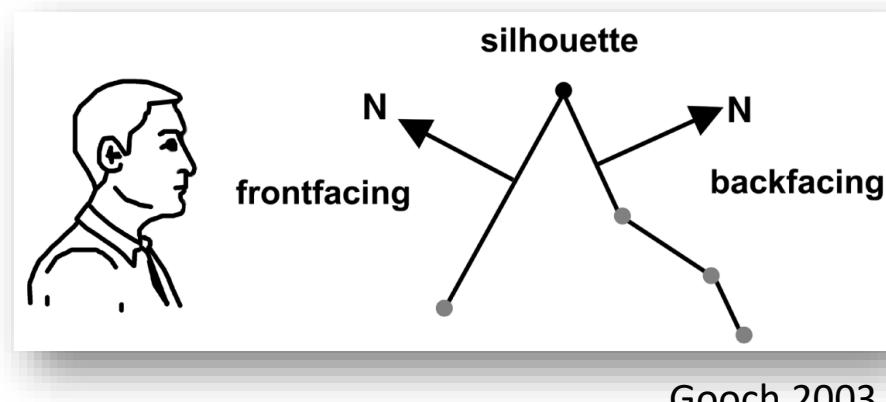


$$S \begin{pmatrix} \langle e_1, x_\Delta \rangle \\ \langle e_1, y_\Delta \rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle n_i - n_j, x_\Delta \rangle \\ \langle n_i - n_j, y_\Delta \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$
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- Curvature approximation with shape operator
- Least square method
- Determine eigenvalues and eigenvectors

Contours

- Definition:
 - Continuous case: $\langle c - p, n \rangle = 0$
- For polygonal surfaces:
 - Not directly adaptable
 - Silhouette connects all edges sharing a visible and a occluded polygon



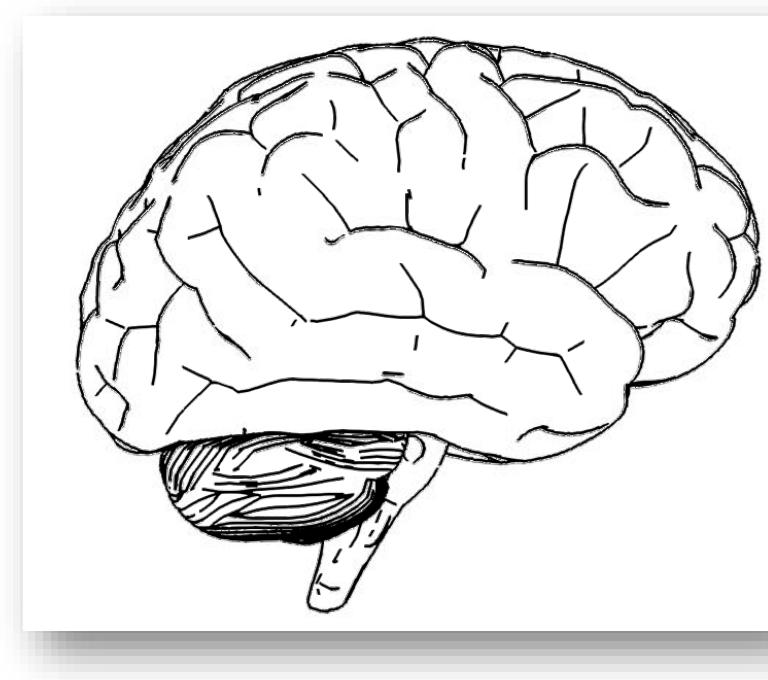
Contours
[Isenberg et al. 2003]

Crease Lines

- Definition:

$$\kappa_r \geq \tau \text{ or } \langle n_i, n_j \rangle \leq \tau'.$$

- View-dependent
- 1. order



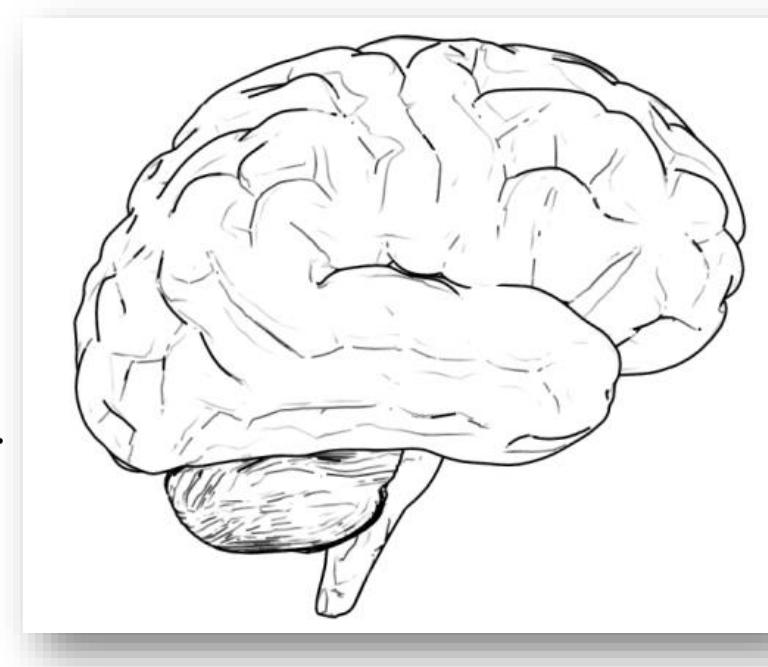
Ridges & Valleys

- Curvature based:

$$D_{k_1} \kappa_1 = 0.$$

$$D_{k_1} D_{k_1} \kappa_1 \begin{cases} < 0, & \text{and } \kappa_1 > 0: \text{ ridges} \\ > 0, & \text{and } \kappa_1 < 0: \text{ valleys.} \end{cases}$$

- View-independent
- 3. order



Ridges & Valleys

[Interrante et al. 1995]

Suggestive Contours

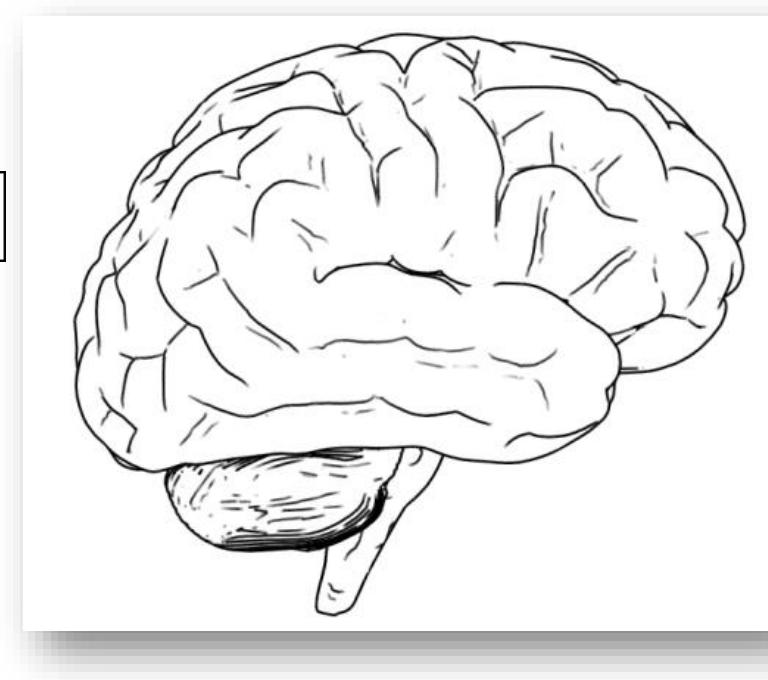
- View-dependent:

$$D_w \langle n, v \rangle = 0 \text{ and } D_w D_w \langle n, v \rangle > 0.$$

or

$$\kappa_r = 0 \text{ and } D_w \kappa_r > 0.$$

- 2. Order
- No convex objects



Suggestive Contours

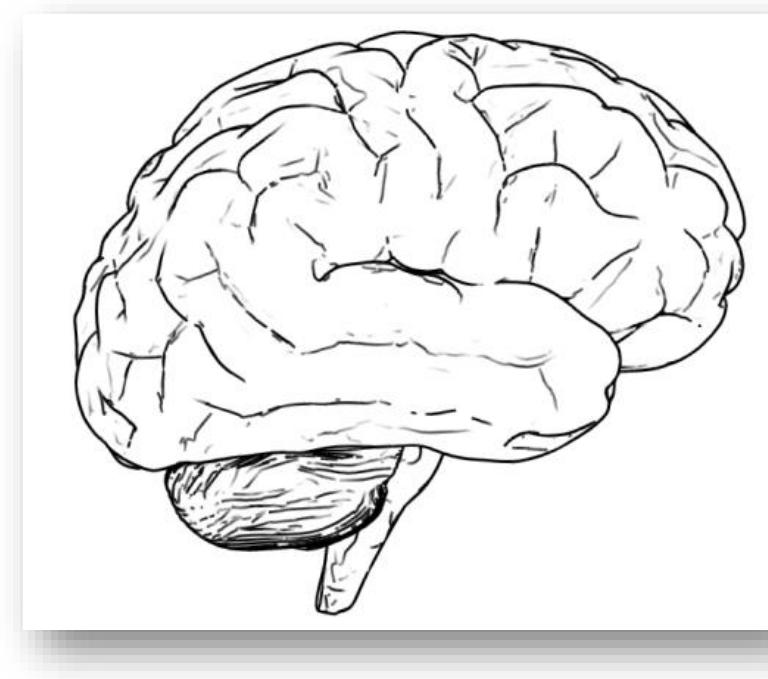
[DeCarlo et al. 2003]

Apparent Ridges

- View-dependent:

$$D_{t'} \kappa'_1 = 0 \text{ and } D_{t'} D_{t'} \kappa'_1 < 0.$$

- 3. Order
- Combines advantages of RV and SC



Apparent Ridges

[Judd et al. 2007]

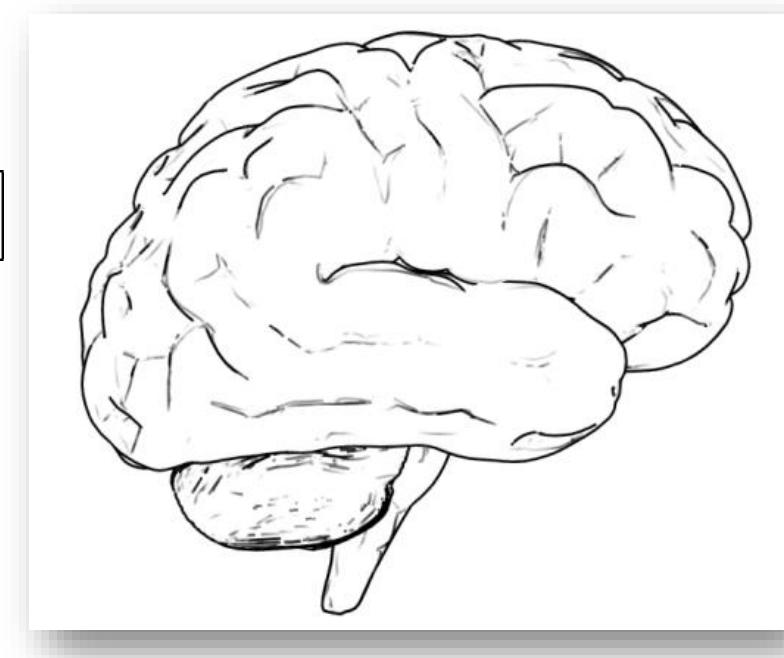
Photic Extremum Lines

- View-dependent:

$$D_w \|\nabla f\| = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad D_w D_w \|\nabla f\| < 0.$$

$$w = \frac{\nabla f}{\|\nabla f\|} \quad \text{and} \quad f = \langle v, n \rangle.$$

- 3. order
- More degrees of freedom by adding lights



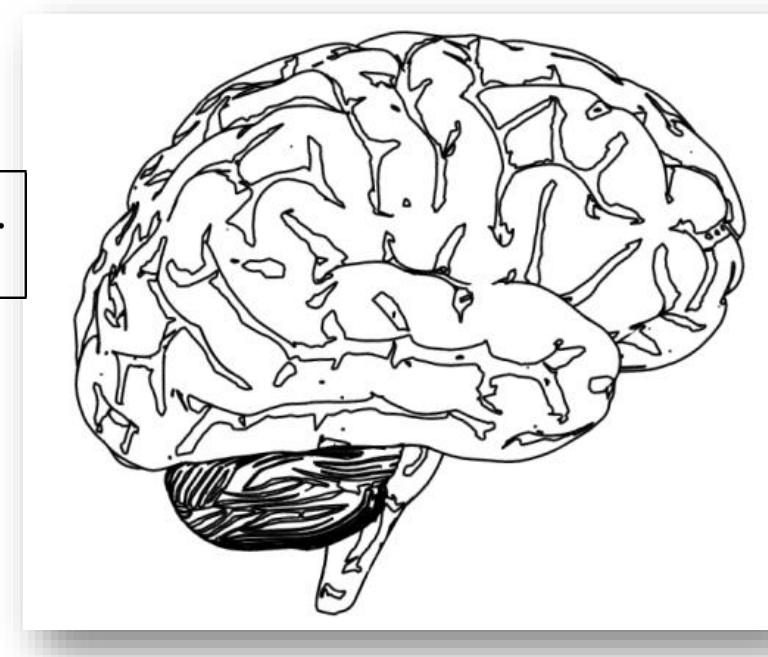
Photic extremum lines
(PELs) [Xie et al. 2007]

Demarcating Curves

- View-independent:

$$\langle w, Sw \rangle = 0 \text{ with } w = \arg \max_{\|v\|=1} D_v \kappa.$$

- 3. order
- Curvature change maximal
- Determine a $2 \times 2 \times 2$ rang-3 tensors
- Can be analytical determined



Demarcating Curves

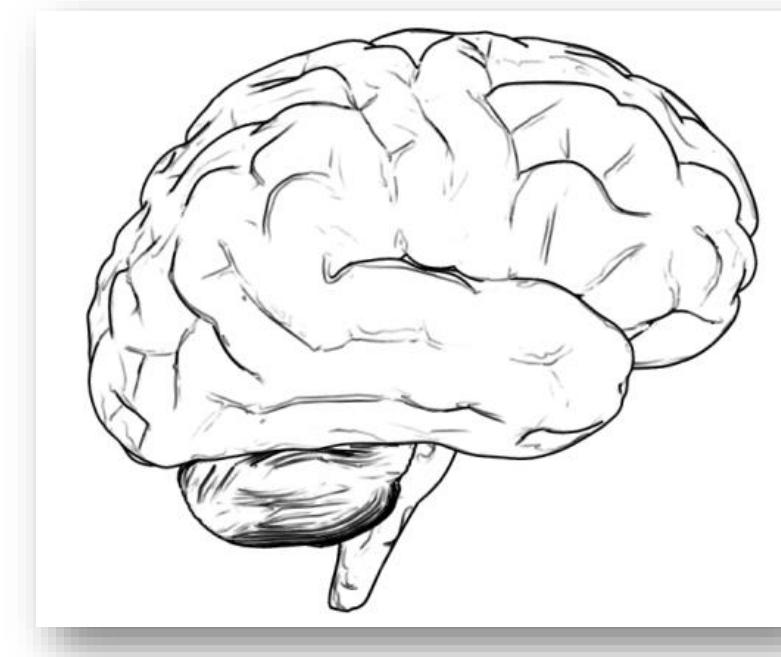
[Kolomenkin et al. 2008]

Laplacian Lines

- View-dependent:

$$\Delta f = 0 \text{ and } \|\nabla f\| \geq \tau.$$

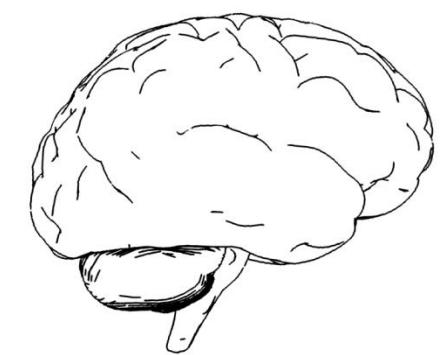
- 3. order
- Laplacian-of-Gaussian
- Preprocessing



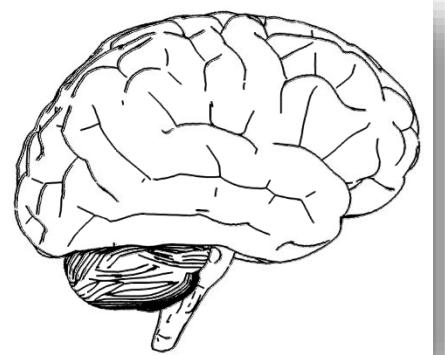
Laplacian lines

[Zhang et al. 2011]

Feature Lines



Contours
[Isenberg et al. 2003]



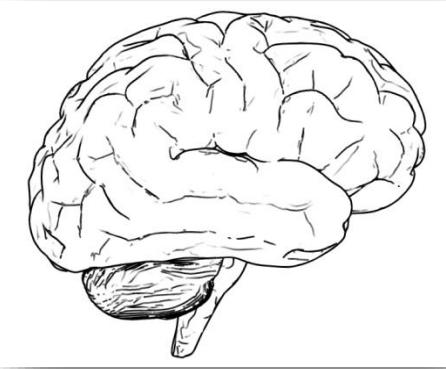
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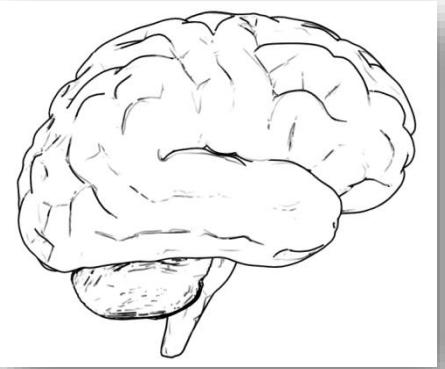
Ridges & Valleys
[Interrante et al. 1995]



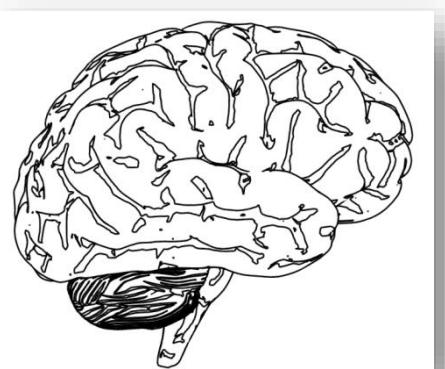
Suggestive Contours
[DeCarlo et al. 2003]



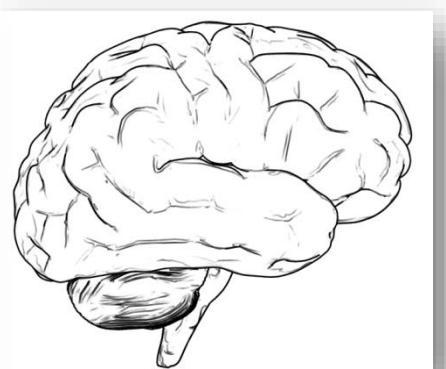
Apparent Ridges
[Judd et al. 2007]



Photic extremum lines
(PELs) [Xie et al. 2007]



Demarcating Curves
[Kolomenkin et al. 2008]



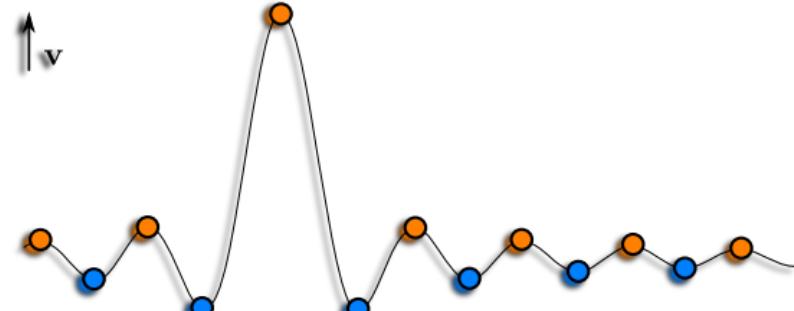
Laplacian lines
[Zhang et al. 2011]

Comparisons

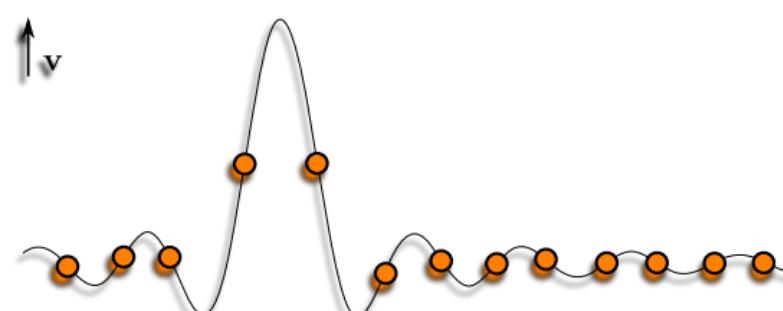
Name	Order	View-dep.
Contours	1	yes
Crease Lines	1	no
Ridges & Valleys	3	no
Suggestive Contours	2	yes
Apparent Ridges	3	yes
Photic Extremum Lines	3	yes
Demarcating Curves	3	no
Laplacian Lines	3	yes

Comparisons

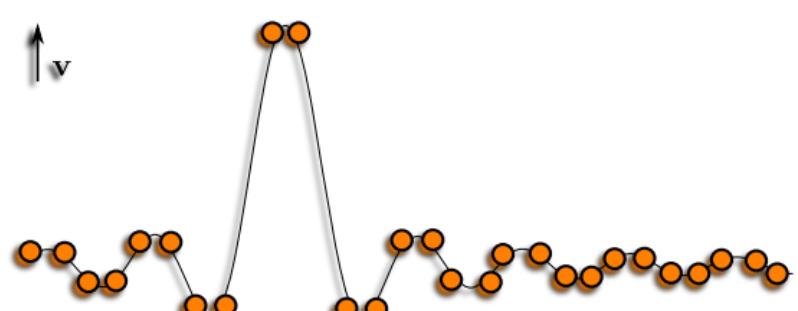
- Comparison of higher order feature line techniques on an analytical surface



(a) Ridges and Valleys, Ap-parent Ridges

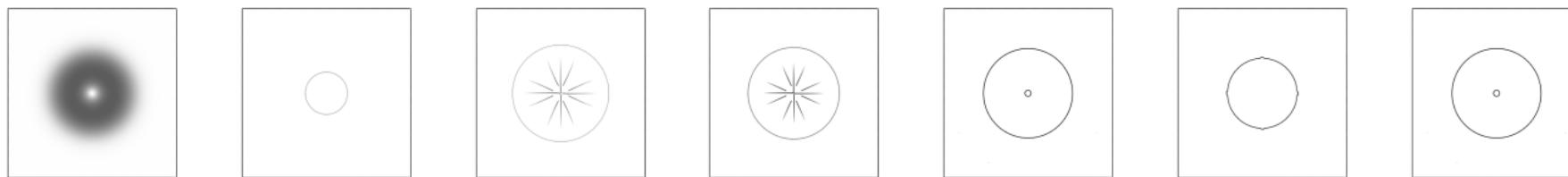
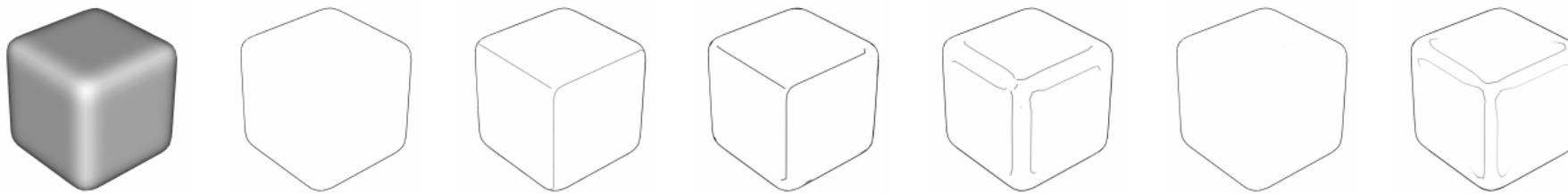
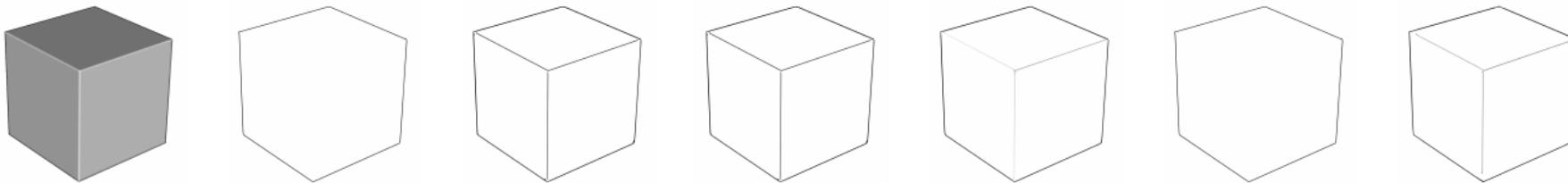


(b) Suggestive Contours, Demarcating Curves



(c) Photic Extremum Lines, Laplacian Lines

Comparisons



SH

SC

RV

AR

PEL

DC

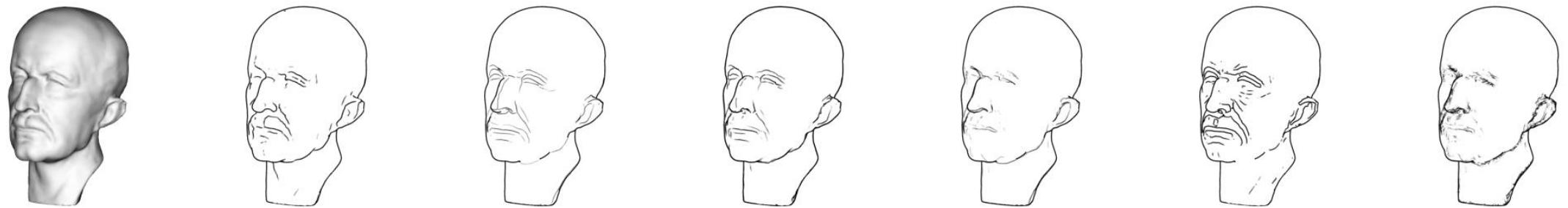
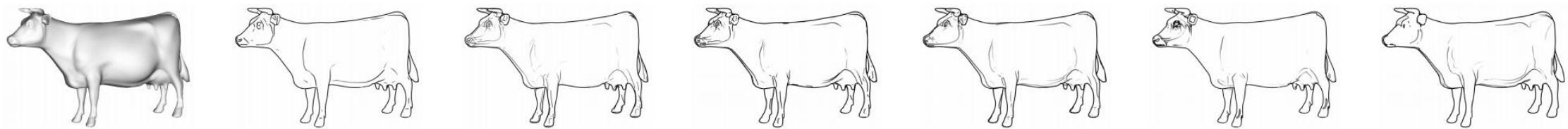
LL

(From: Lawonn and Preim, 2015)

Comparisons

Name	Sharp Edges	Round Edges	Bumps (s.w.)	Bumps (top)	Contour	Deformation
Contour	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
Crease Lines	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Ridges & Valleys	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
Suggestive Contours	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓
Apparent Ridges	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Photic Extremum Lines	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Demarcating Curves	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Laplacian Lines	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗

Comparisons



SH

SC

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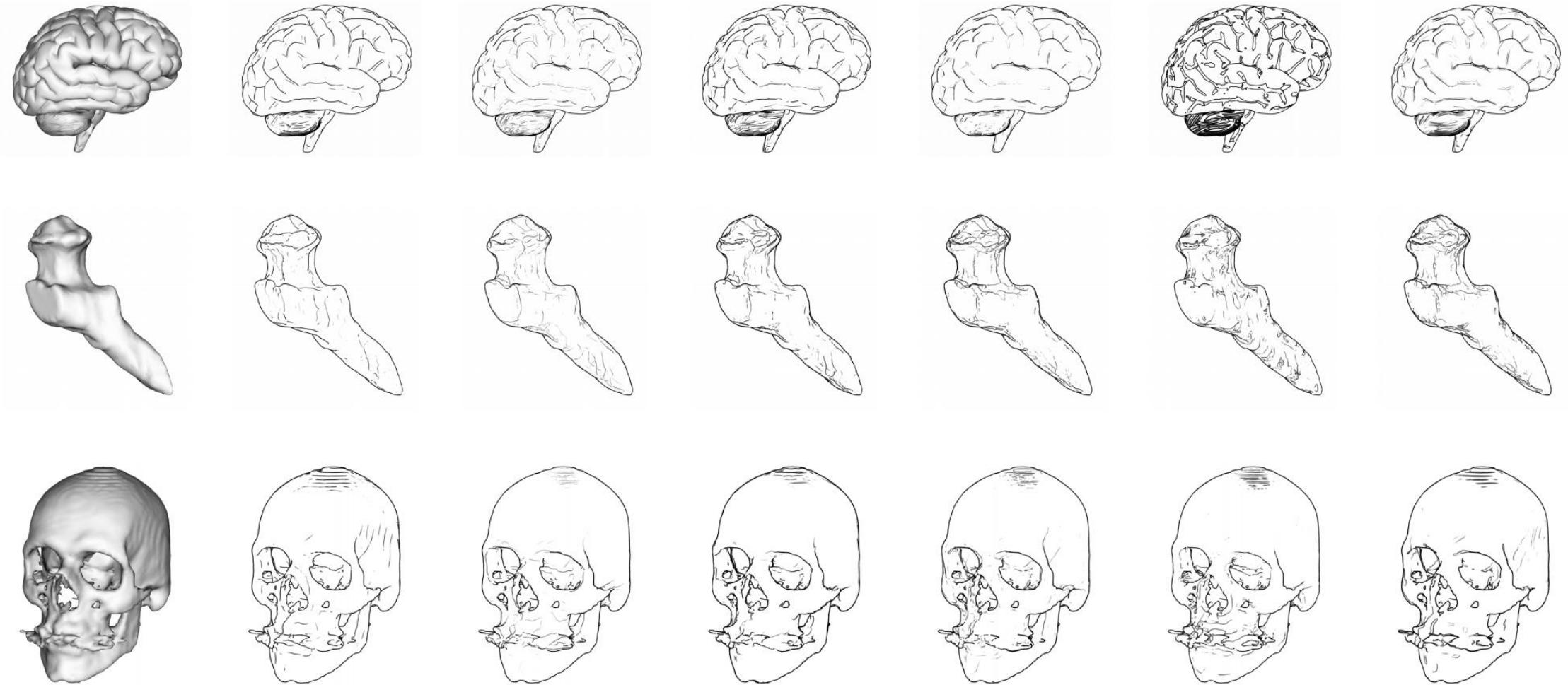
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Comparisons



SH

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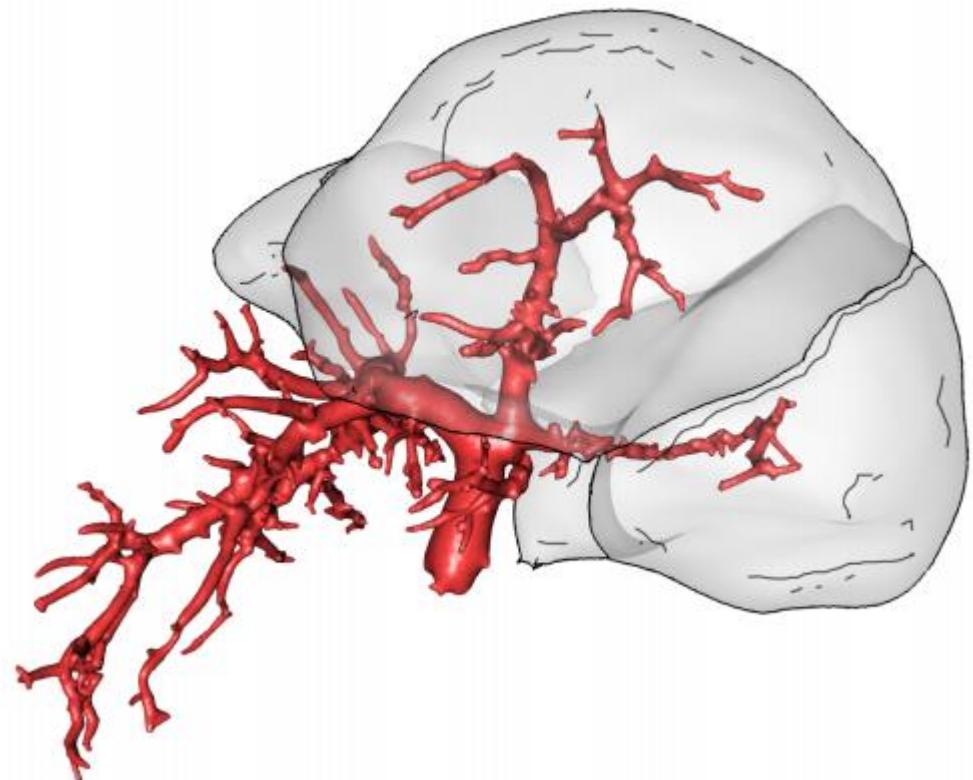
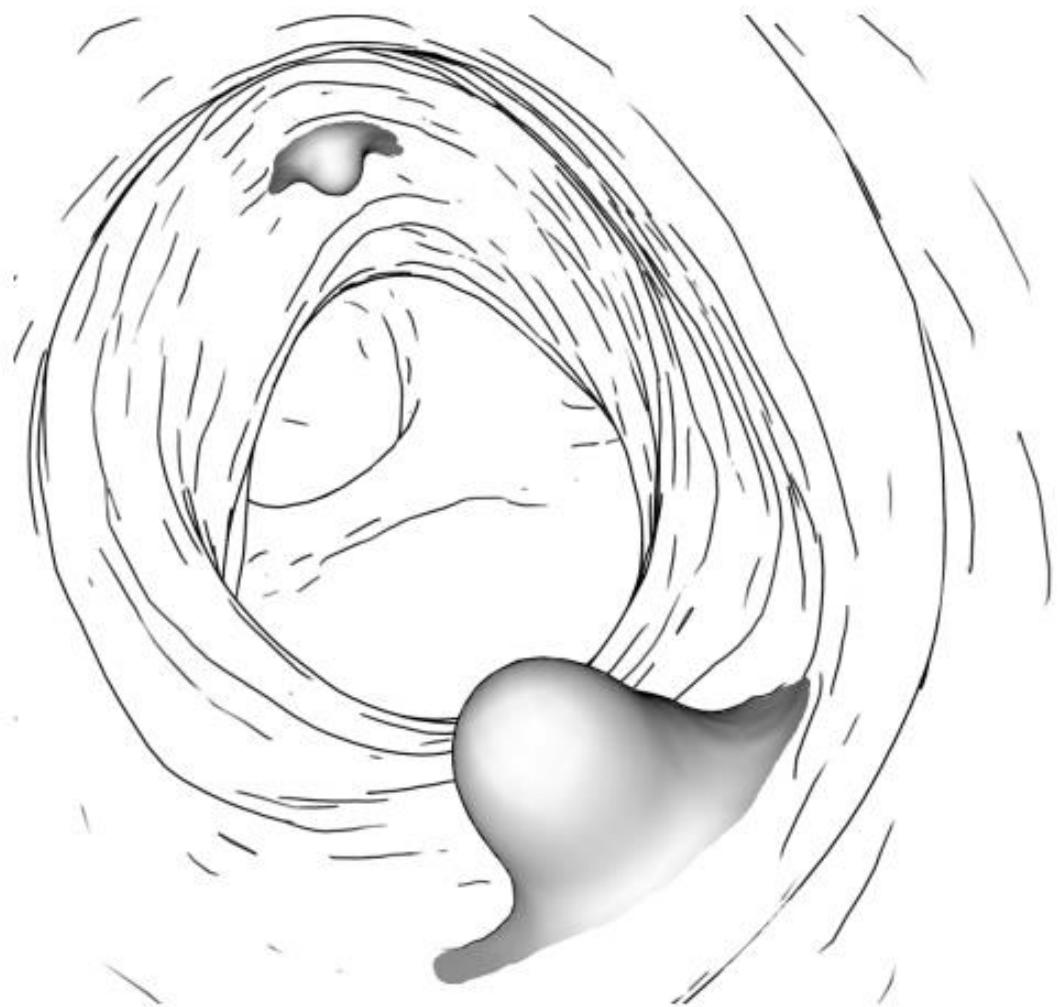
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Medical Application

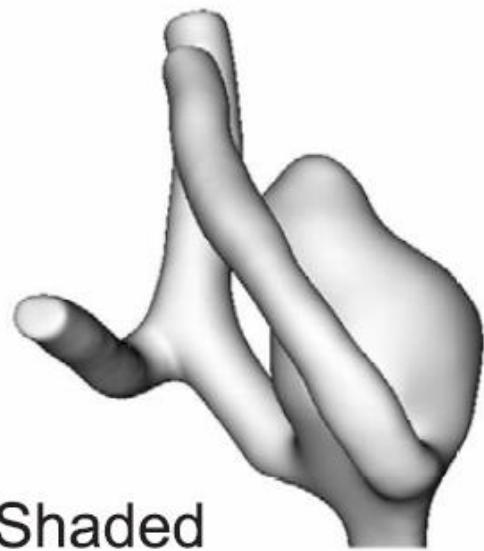
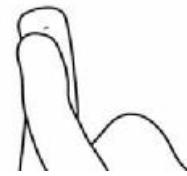


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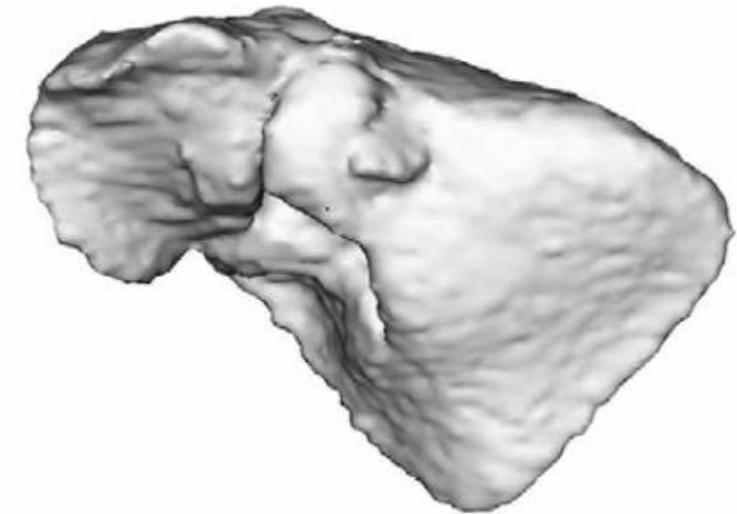
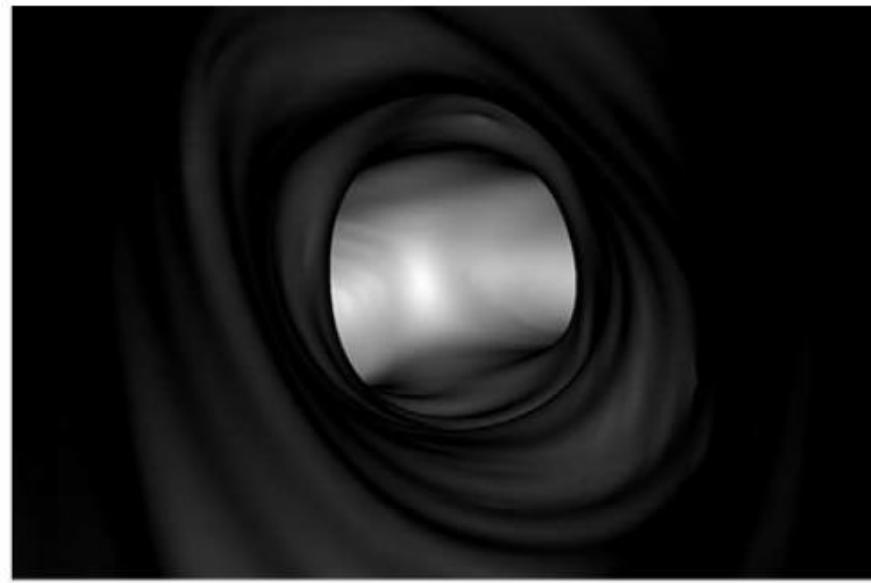


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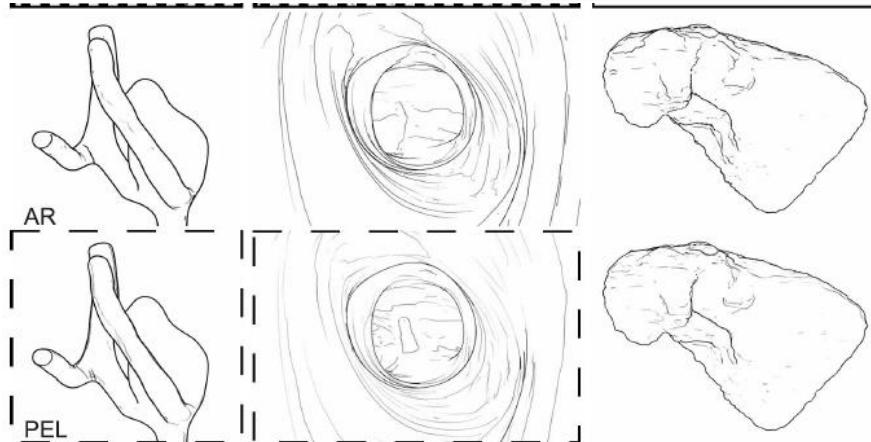
Evaluation of Feature Lines



Shaded



PEL



AR

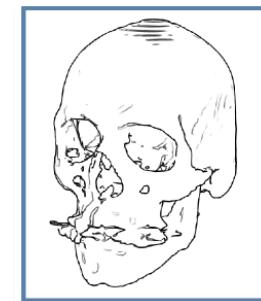
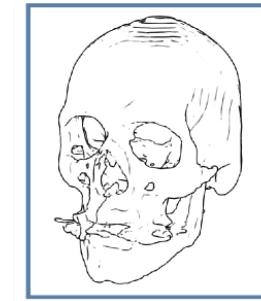
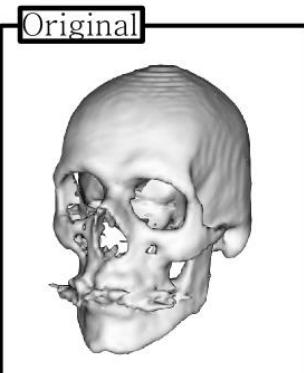
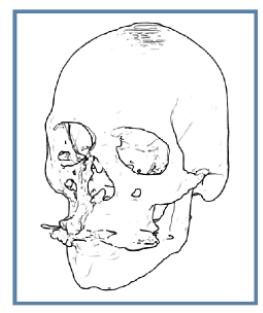
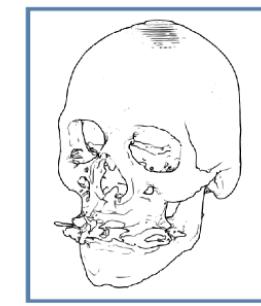
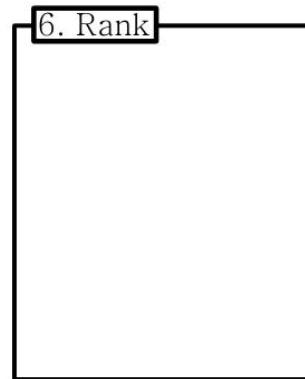
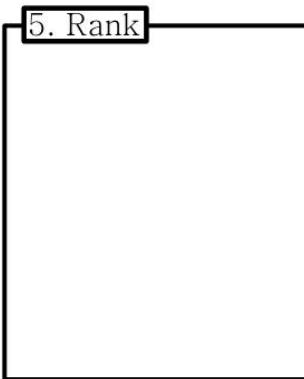
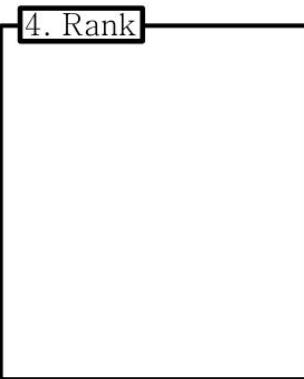
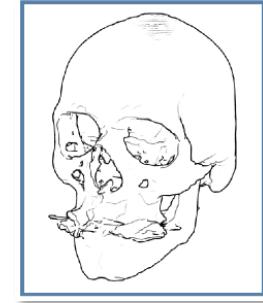
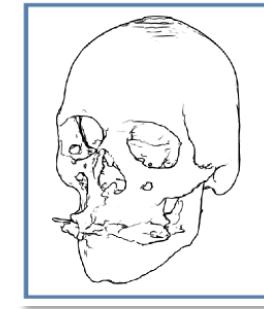
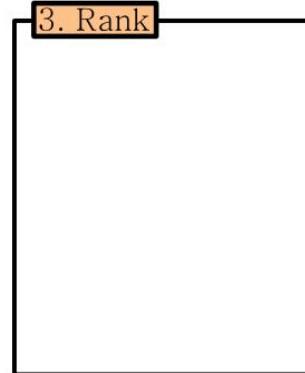
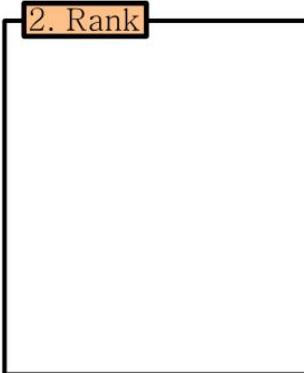
[Lawonn et al.; Qualitative Evaluation of Feature Lines on Anatomical Surfaces, BVM]

Evaluation

- Realistic assessment
- Aesthetic depiction
- Selection of preferred technique

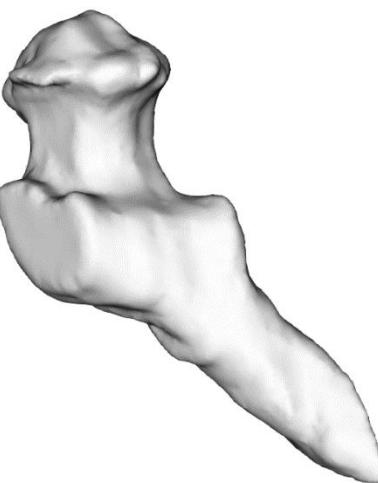
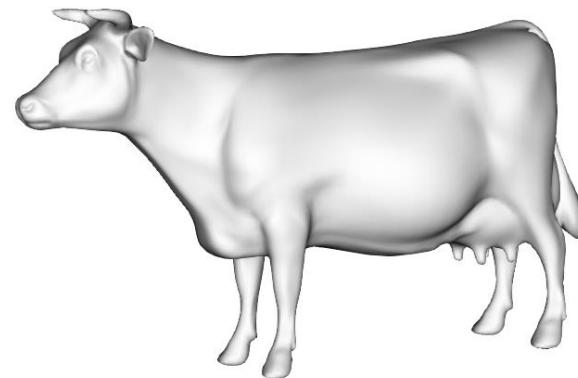
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Evaluation



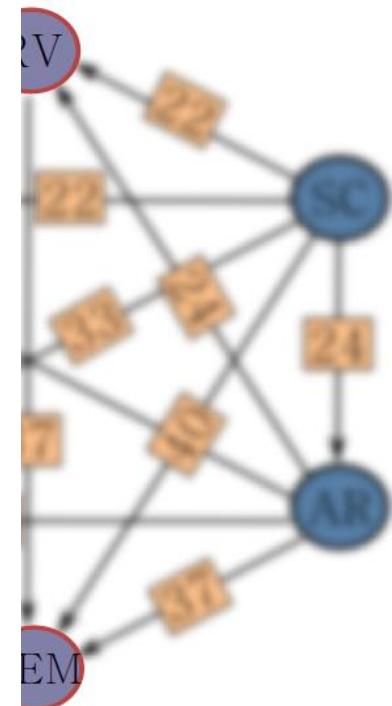
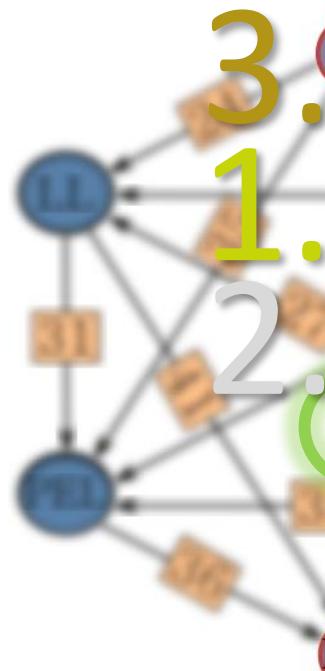
Comparative Evaluation of
Techniques for Shape Depiction,

Models



Schulze Method

	RV	SC	AR	DEM	PEL	LL
RV	0	0	0	37	37	24
SC	24	0	24	40	33	24
AR	24	0	0	37	38	27
DEM	0	0	0	0	0	0
PEL	0	0	0	36	0	0
LL	0	0	0	41	31	0



Results

Method	Rank 1-3	Rank 4-6
RV	6	6
SC	7	5
AR	11	1
PEL	5	7
DEM	1	11
LL	8	5

Rank	Aesthetic						Realistic					
	Buddha	Brain	Cow	Femur	Max	Skull	Buddha	Brain	Cow	Femur	Max	Skull
1	AR	LL	PEL	LL	AR	PEL	SC	AR	AR	LL	AR	SC
2	RV	SC	AR	AR	LL	RV	AR	SC	PEL	DEM	LL	LL
3	SC	AR	RV	PEL	RV	SC	RV	LL	RV	AR	SC	PEL
4	LL	RV	DEM	DEM	PEL	AR	LL	RV	DEM	PEL	RV	AR
5	PEL	PEL	SC	SC	SC	LL	PEL	PEL	SC	SC	PEL	DEM
6	DEM	DEM	LL	RV	DEM	DEM	DEM	DEM	LL	RV	DEM	RV

Results

	Buddha	Brain	Cow	Femur	Max	Skull
RV	8	7	3	2	6	1
SC	13	7	4	6	5	14
AR	11	12	14	6	16	6
PEL	2	1	10	9	3	8
DEM	1	3	8	10	1	3
LL	8	13	4	10	12	11

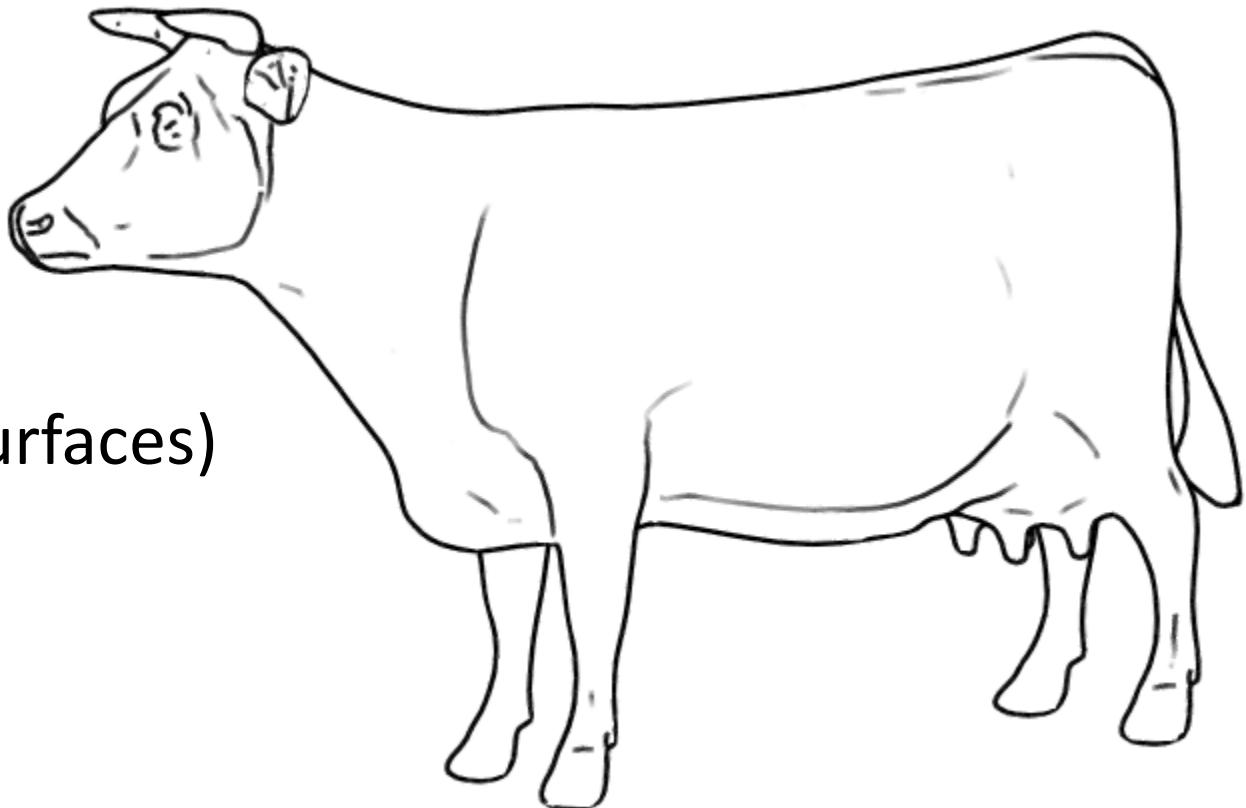
Discussion

- Limitation: pre-generated images
- Realistic depiction of poor perceivable structures

Recommendations

Suggestive Contours:

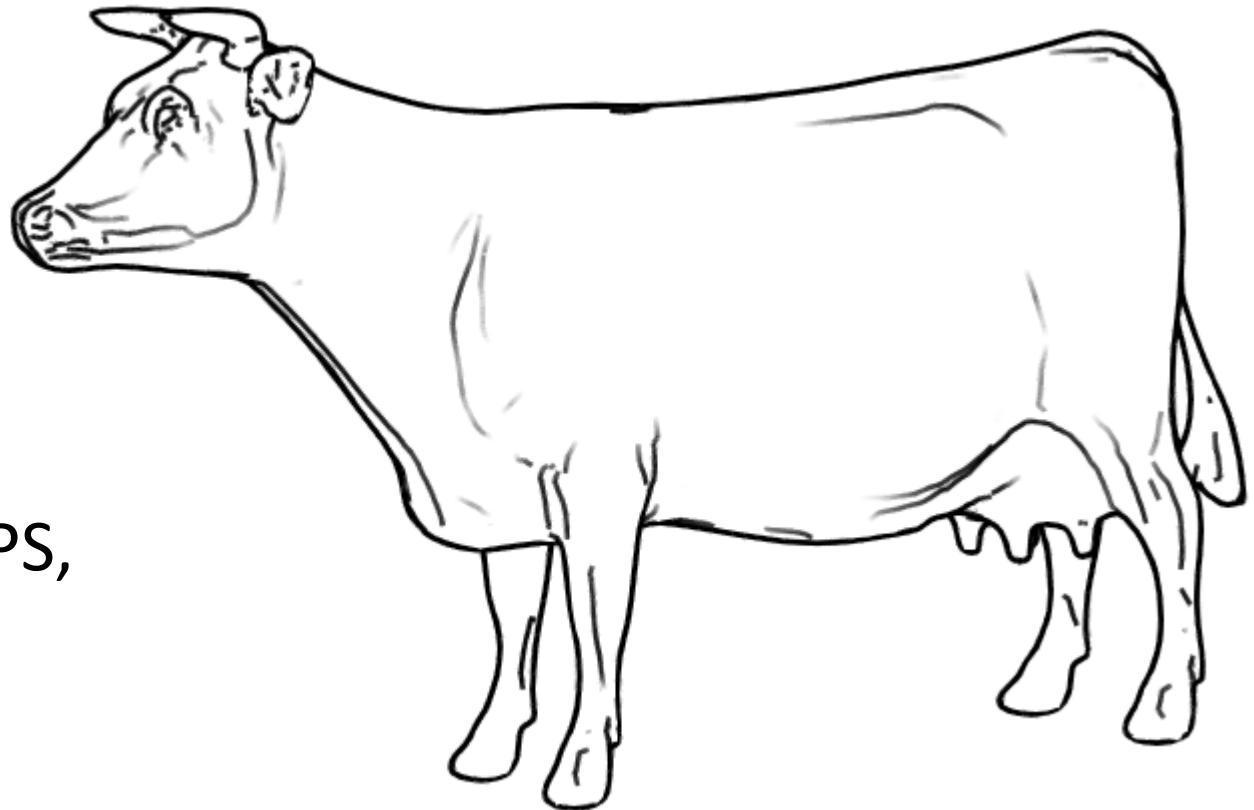
- Noisy surfaces
- 2 representations (animated surfaces)
- No convex structures



Recommendations

Apparent Ridges:

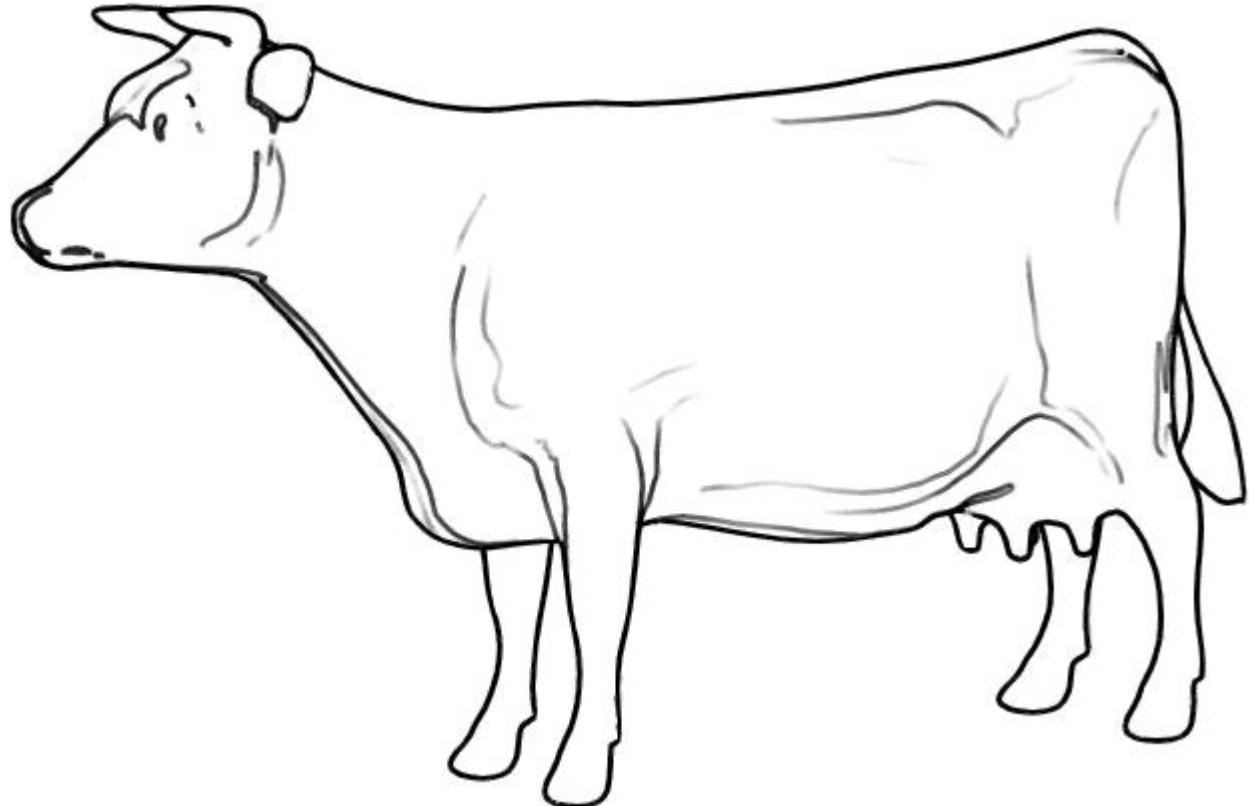
- Convey contour
- Depiction of sharp structures
- Low performance 64k tri. (8 FPS,
SC 45 FPS, LL 15 FPS)



Recommendations

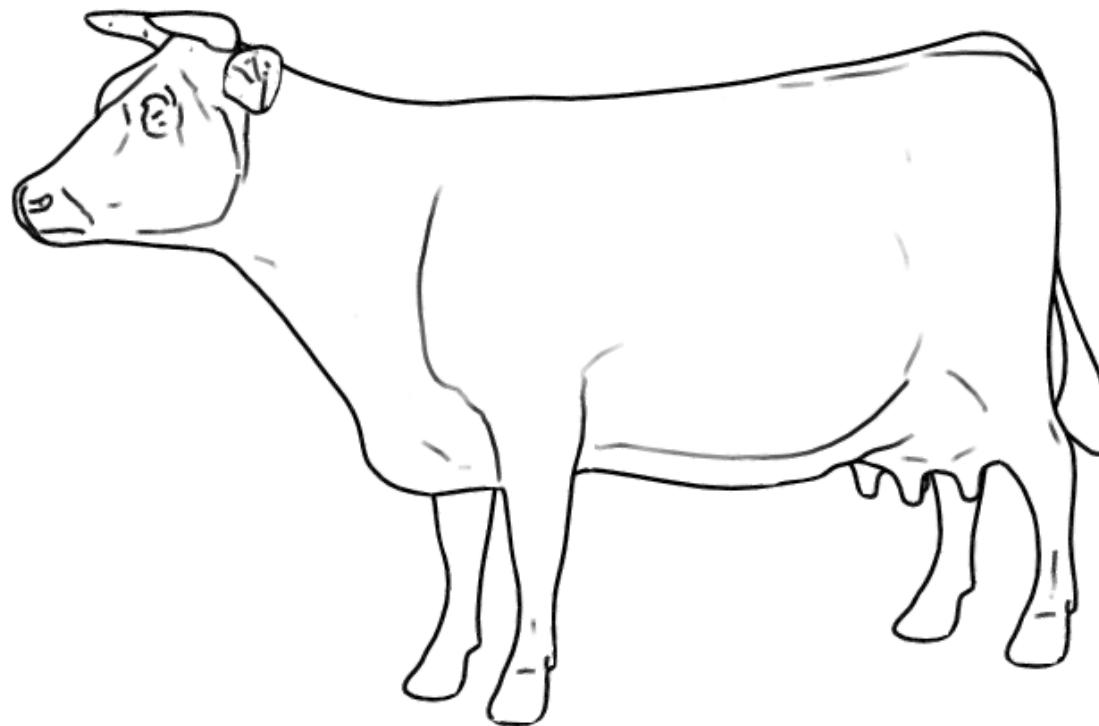
Laplacian Lines:

- Convey contour
- Depiction of sharp structures
- Preprocessing of Laplacian



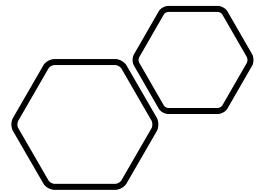
Recommendations

- Summary: Suggestive Contours
- Very fast
- Satisfying results



Conclusion

- Evaluation with 149 participants
- Aesthetic, realistic, and favored technique
- 6 surfaces
- For analysis: Schulze method
- Apparent ridges, suggestive contours, and Laplacian Lines
- Results are tendency and no definite statement



Questions???