

# Lignes Géodésiques et Segmentation d'images

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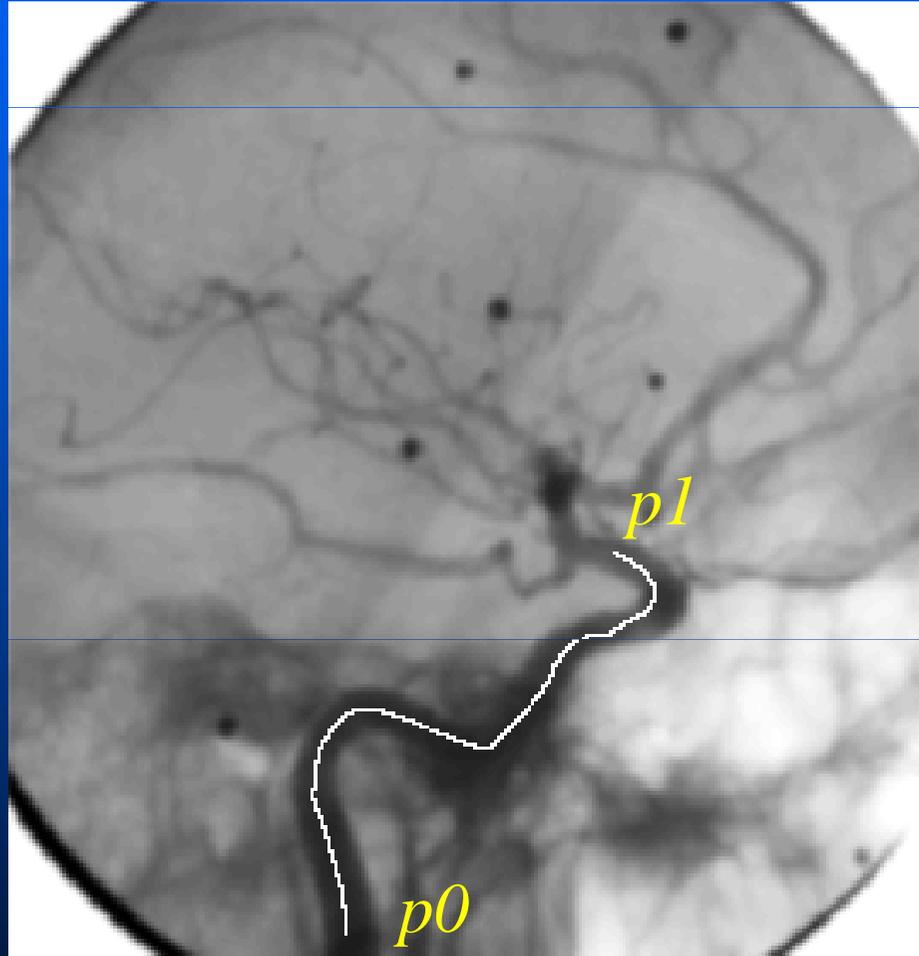
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dark structure  
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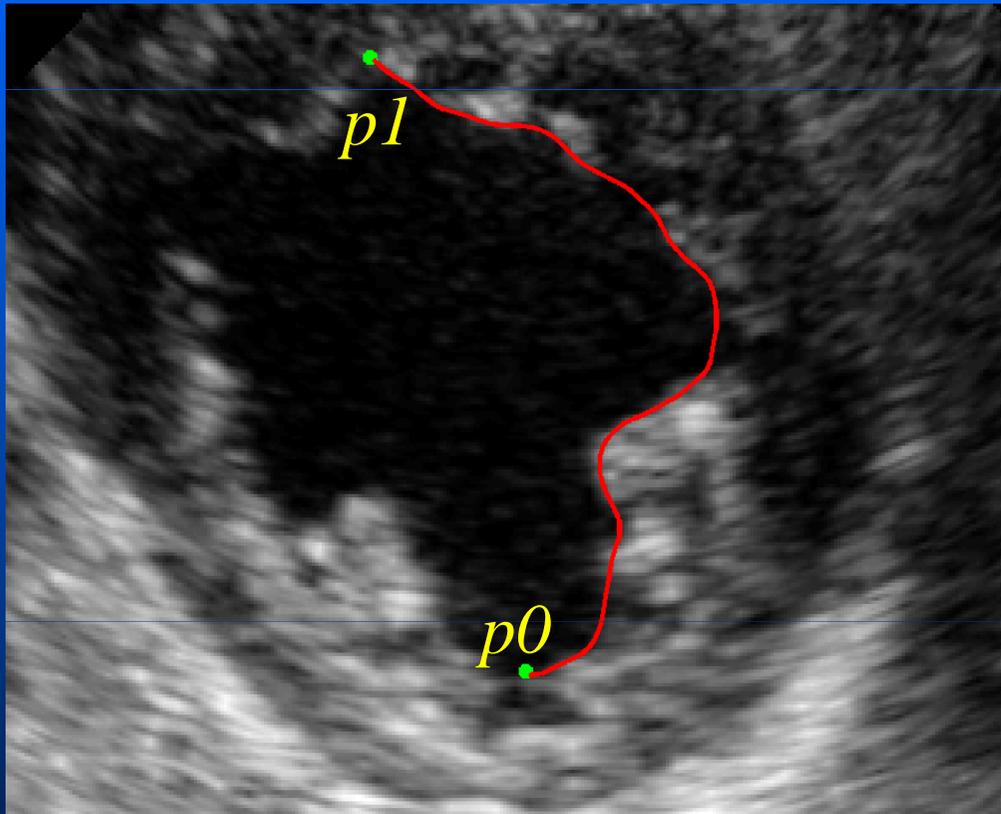
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Potential  $P > 0$  takes lower values near interesting features :  
on contours, dark structures, ...

STEP 1 : search for the surface of minimal action  $U$  of  $p_0$  as the minimal energy integrated along a path between start point  $p_0$  and any point  $p$  in the image

Start point  $C(0) = p_0$ ;

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Solution of Eikonal equation:

$$\|\nabla U_{p_0}(x)\| = P(x) \text{ and } U_{p_0}(p_0) = 0$$

Example  $P=1$ ,  $U$  Euclidean distance to  $p_0$

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$$\frac{dC}{ds}(s) = -\nabla U_{p_1}(C(s)) \text{ with } C(0) = p_2.$$

Theorem 1: (Euler Lagrange of E) Any curve  $C$  which is a local minimum of energy  $E$  is a solution of

$$\nabla \mathcal{P}(C) \cdot \vec{n} = \mathcal{P}(C) \kappa$$

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**Definition 3 (field lines)** We will say that  $C$  is a field line of  $\nabla U_{p_1}$  if it is the solution of the ordinary differential equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dC(t)}{dt} = -\nabla U_{p_1}(C(t)) \\ C(0) = \mathbf{p}. \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

where  $\mathbf{p}$  is a point of the image domain.

And we have the following property:

**Theorem 4 (Field Lines and Euler-Lagrange equation)** If  $U_{p_1}$  is solution to the problem  $\|\nabla U_{p_1}\| = \mathcal{P}$  with  $U_{p_1}(\mathbf{p}_1) = 0$ , every line field of  $\nabla U_{p_1}$  is a critical curve of the geodesic energy  $E$ .

# FAST MARCHING in 2D:

very efficient algorithm  $O(N \log N)$  for Eikonal Equation

Introduced by Sethian / Tsitsiklis

Numerical approximation of  $U(x_{ij})$  as the solution to the discretized problem with upwind finite difference scheme

$$\|\nabla U\| = \tilde{P}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \max\left(u - U(x_{i-1,j}), u - U(x_{i+1,j}), 0\right)^2 \\ & + \max\left(u - U(x_{i,j-1}), u - U(x_{i,j+1}), 0\right)^2 = h^2 \tilde{P}(x_{i,j})^2 \end{aligned}$$

This 2nd order equation induces that :

action  $U$  at  $\{i,j\}$  depends only of the neighbors that have lower actions.

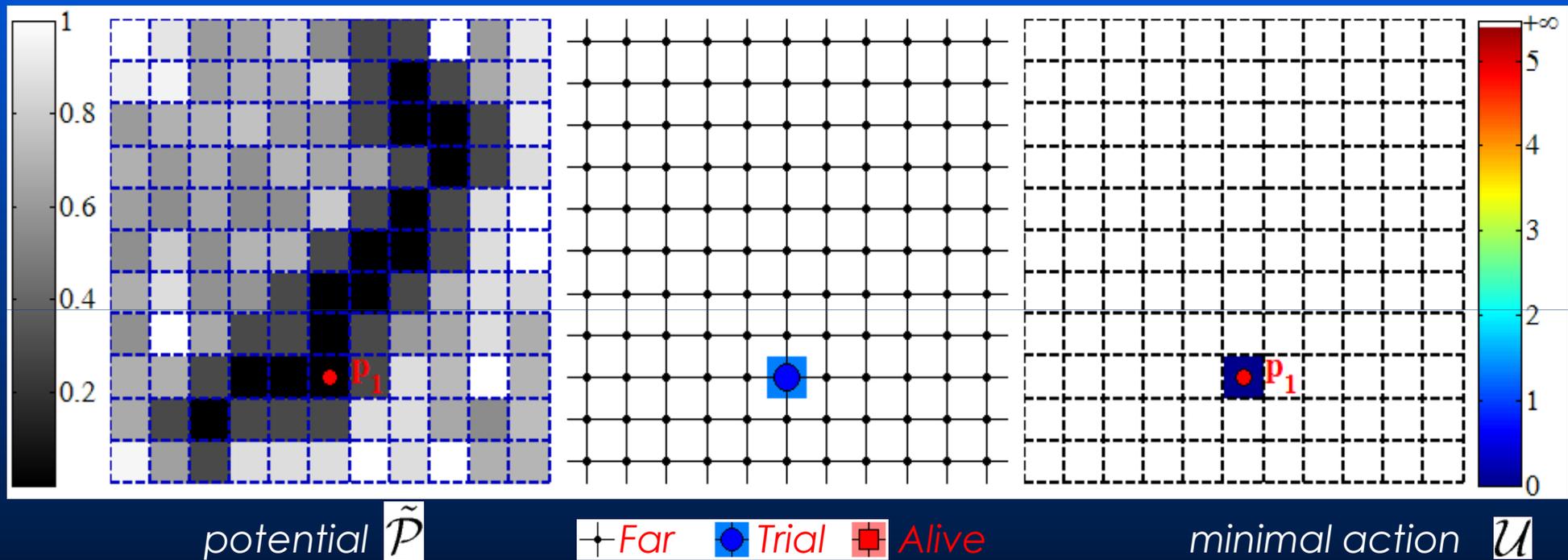
Fast marching introduces order in the selection of the grid points for solving this numerical scheme.

Starting from the initial point  $p_0$  with  $U = 0$ ,  
the action computed at each point visited can only grow.

Level sets of  $U$  can be seen as a Front propagation outwards.

# Fast Marching Algorithm

## Initialization



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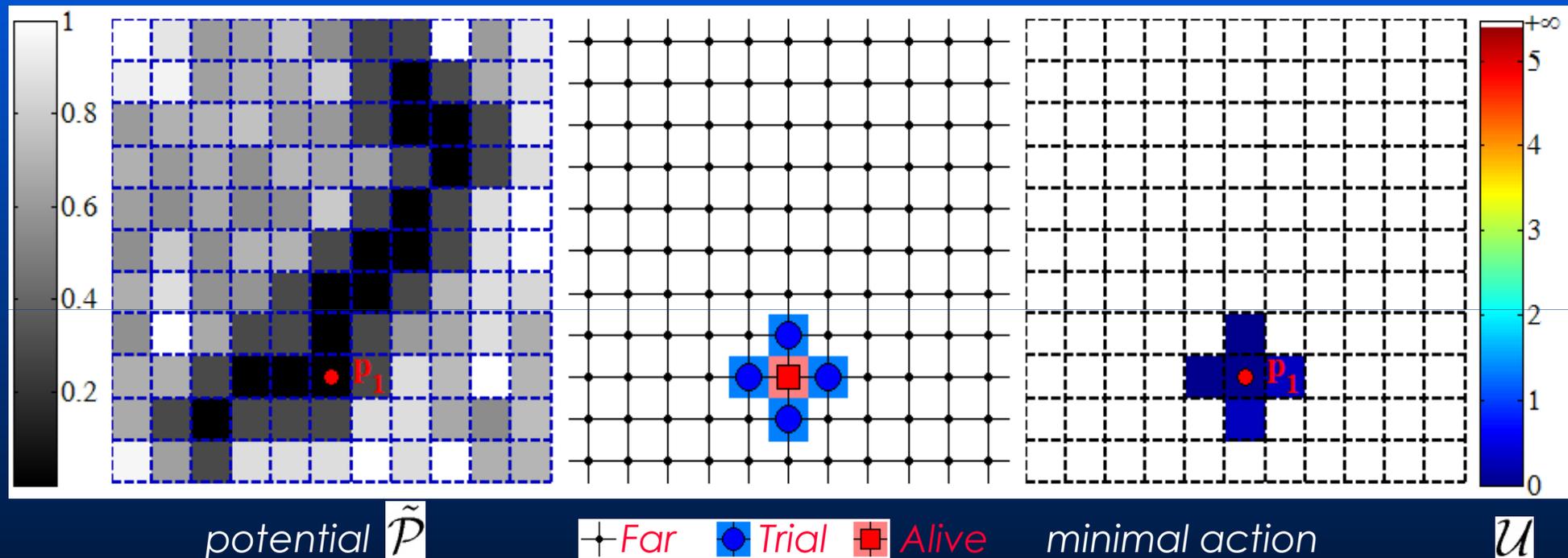
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## Itération #1

- Find point  $\mathbf{x}_{\min}$  (Trial point with smallest value of  $\mathcal{U}$ ).
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- For each of 4 neighbors  $\mathbf{x}$  of point  $\mathbf{x}_{\min}$  :  
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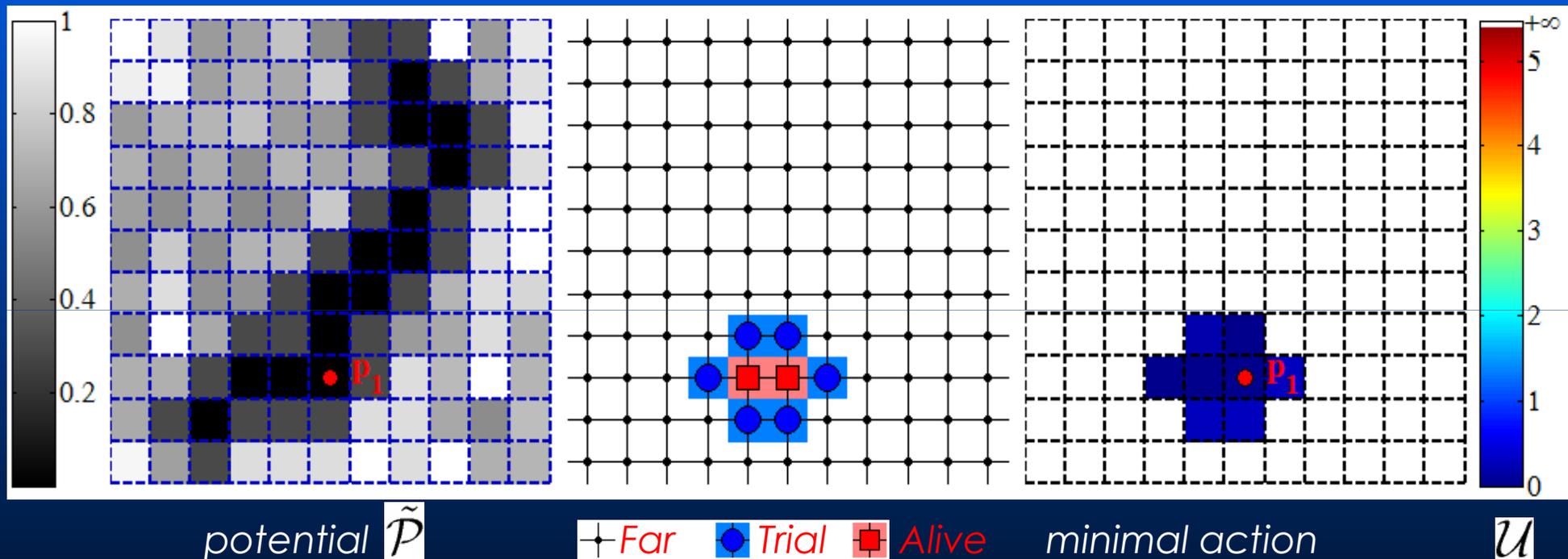
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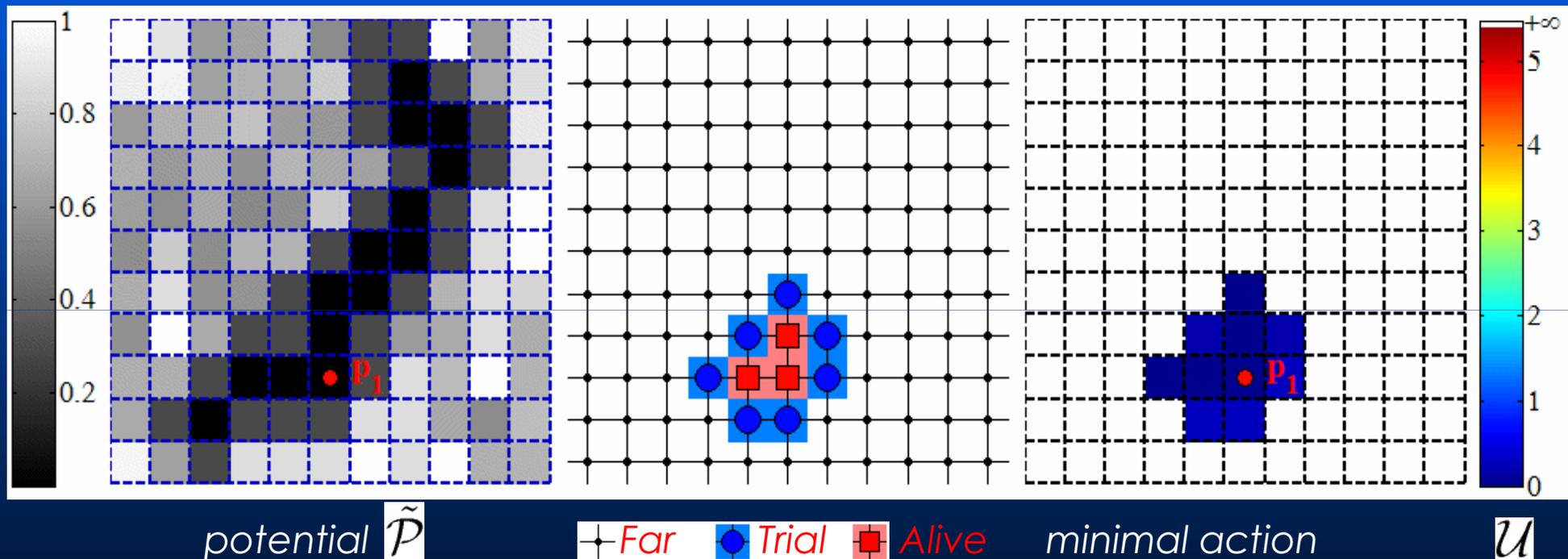
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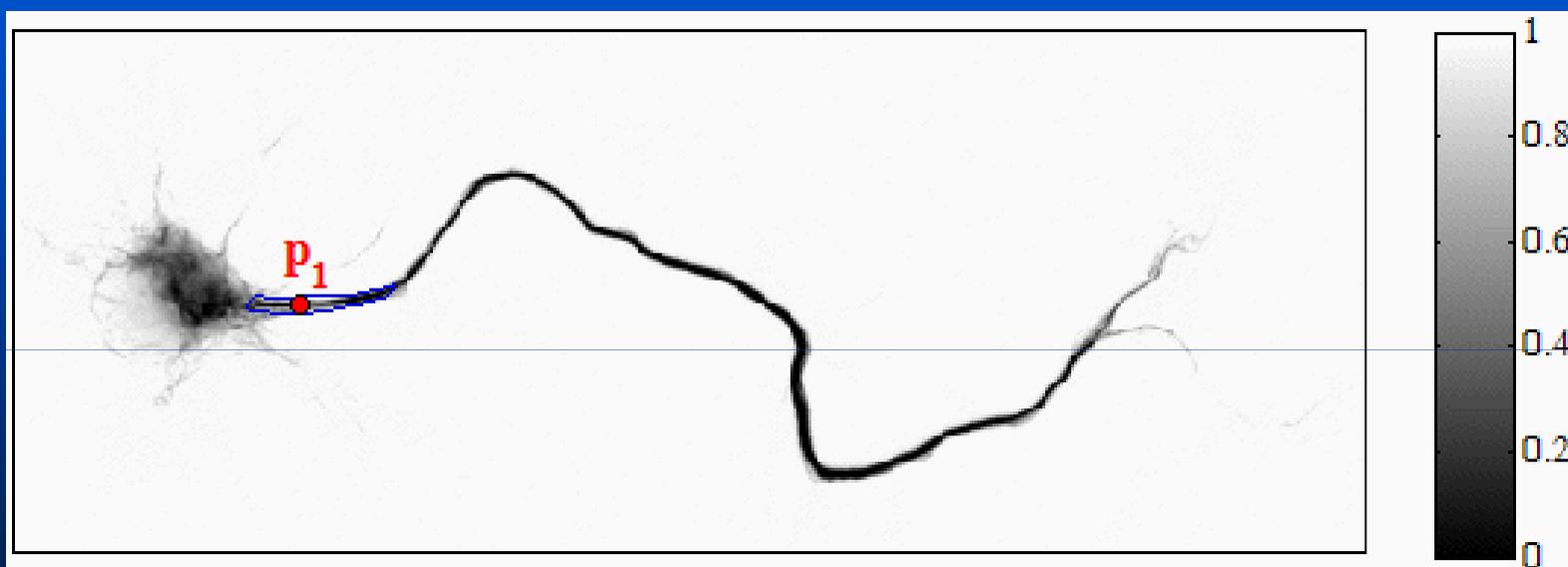
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# Minimal Path between p1 and p2



potentiel  $\mathcal{P}$

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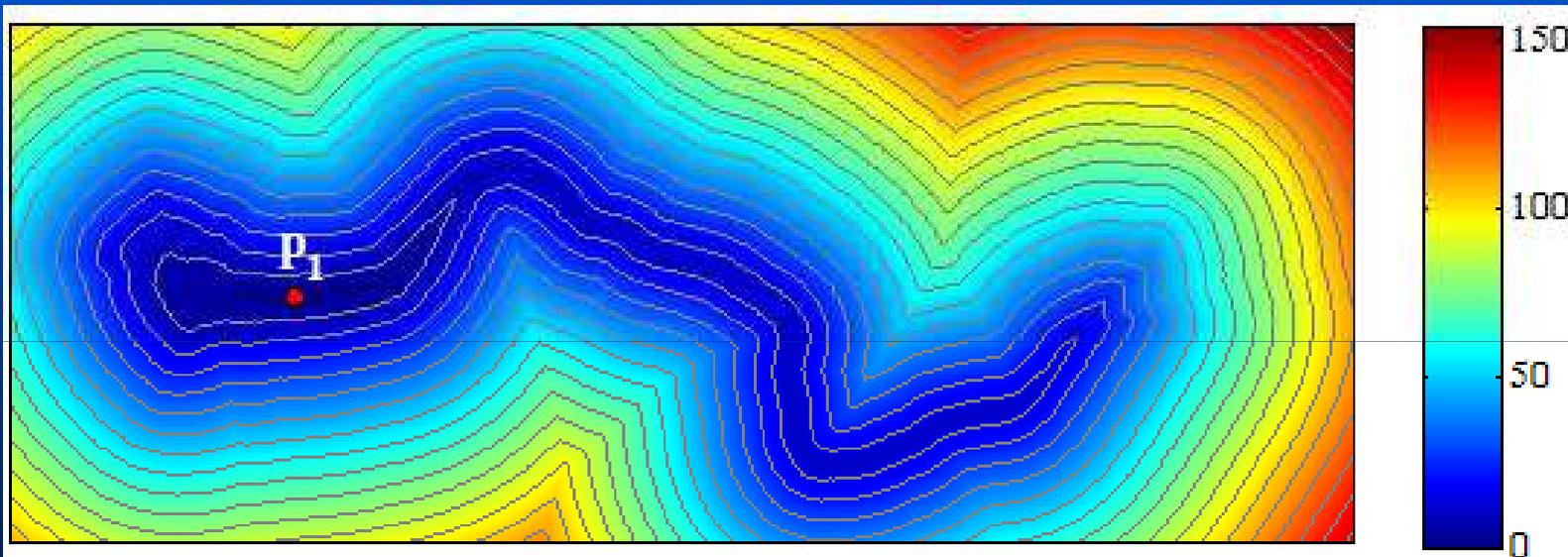
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Minimal action  $\mathcal{U}_1 : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  solution of Eikonal equation :

$$\begin{cases} \|\nabla \mathcal{U}_1(\mathbf{x})\| = \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{x}) \text{ pour } \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \\ \mathcal{U}_1(\mathbf{p}_1) = 0 \end{cases}$$



*minimal action*

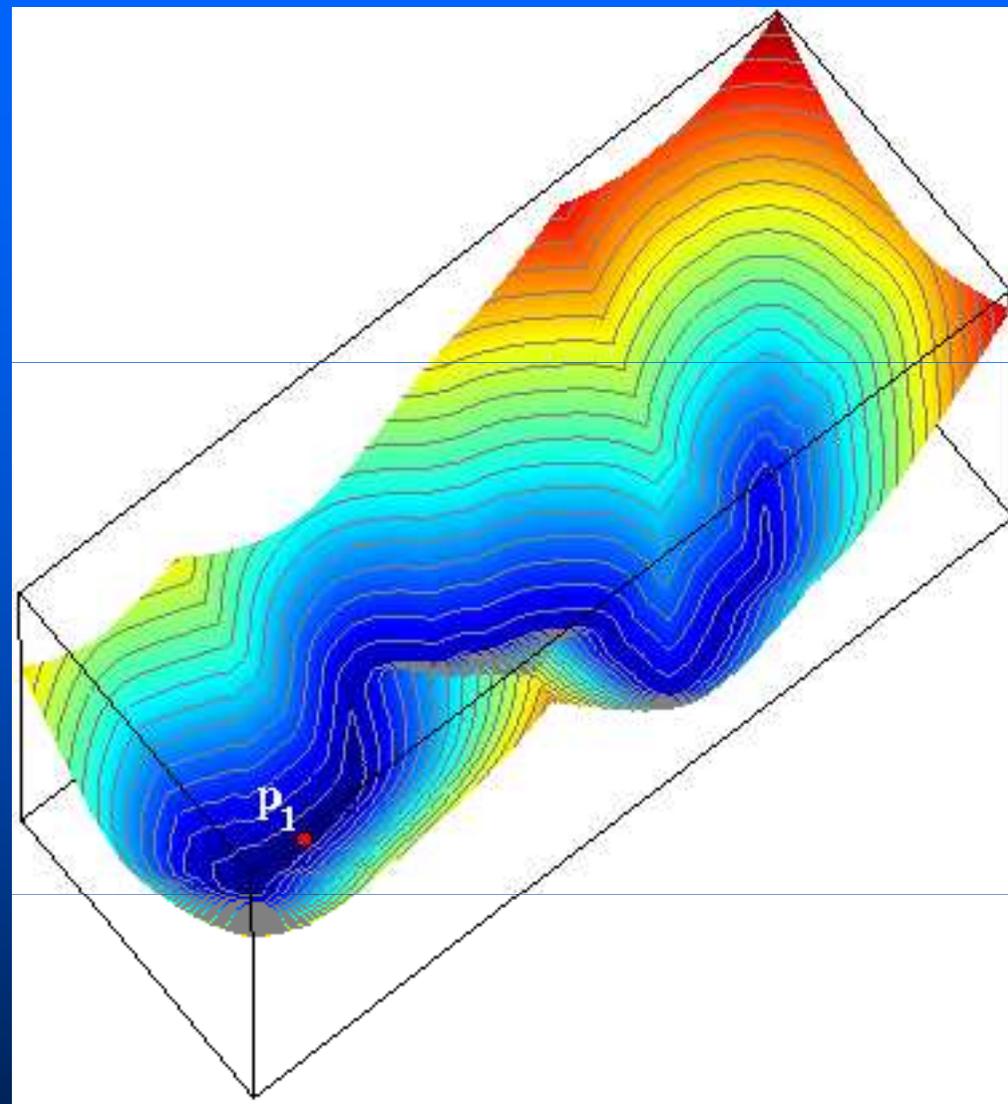
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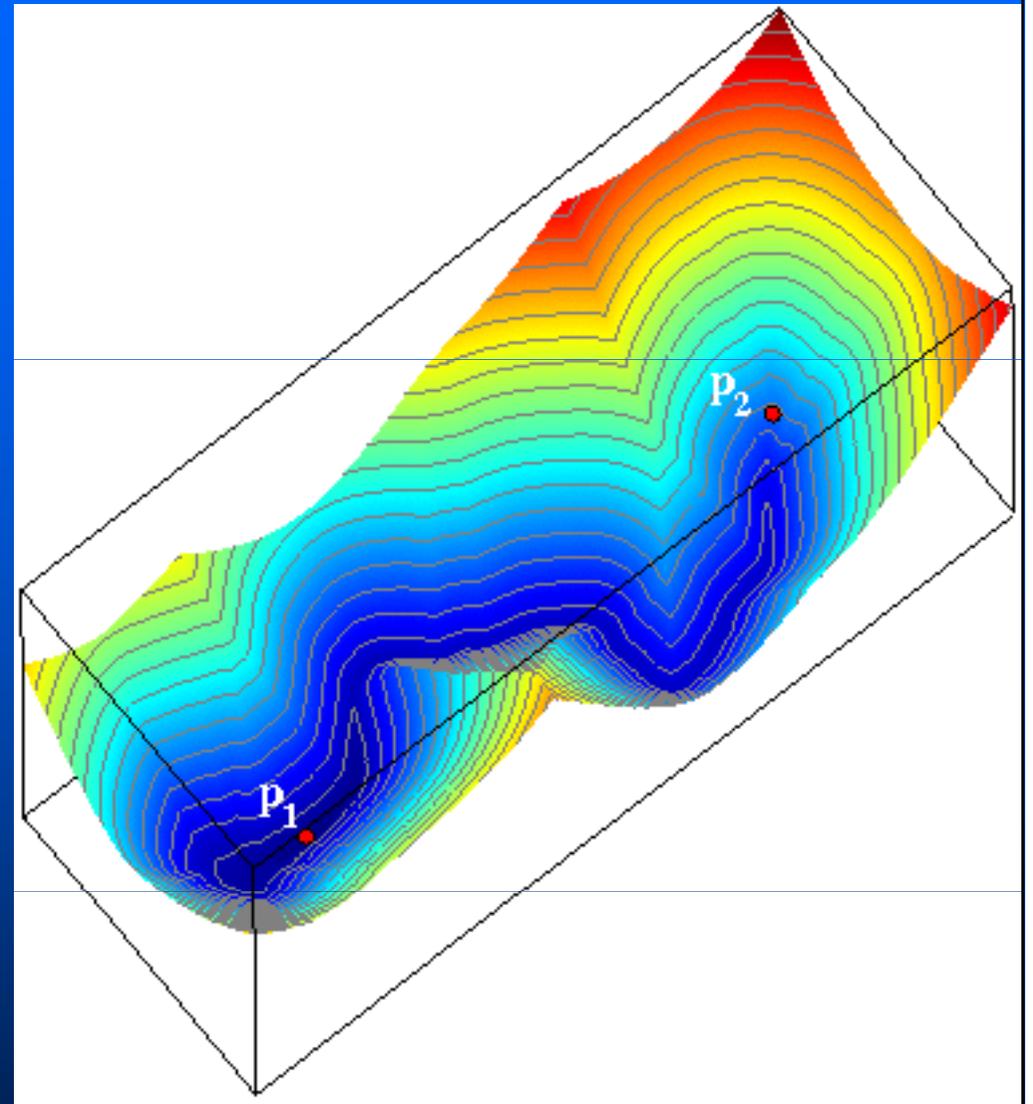
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$$\mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2} = \min_{\gamma \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2}} \int_{\gamma} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(\gamma(s)) ds$$

Is obtained by solving ODE:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2}(s)}{\partial s} = -\nabla \mathcal{U}_1(\mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2}(s)) \\ \mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2}(0) = \mathbf{p}_2 \end{cases}$$

⇒ simple gradient descent on  $\mathcal{U}_1$  from  $\mathbf{p}_2$  to  $\mathbf{p}_1$



minimal action  $\mathcal{U}_1$

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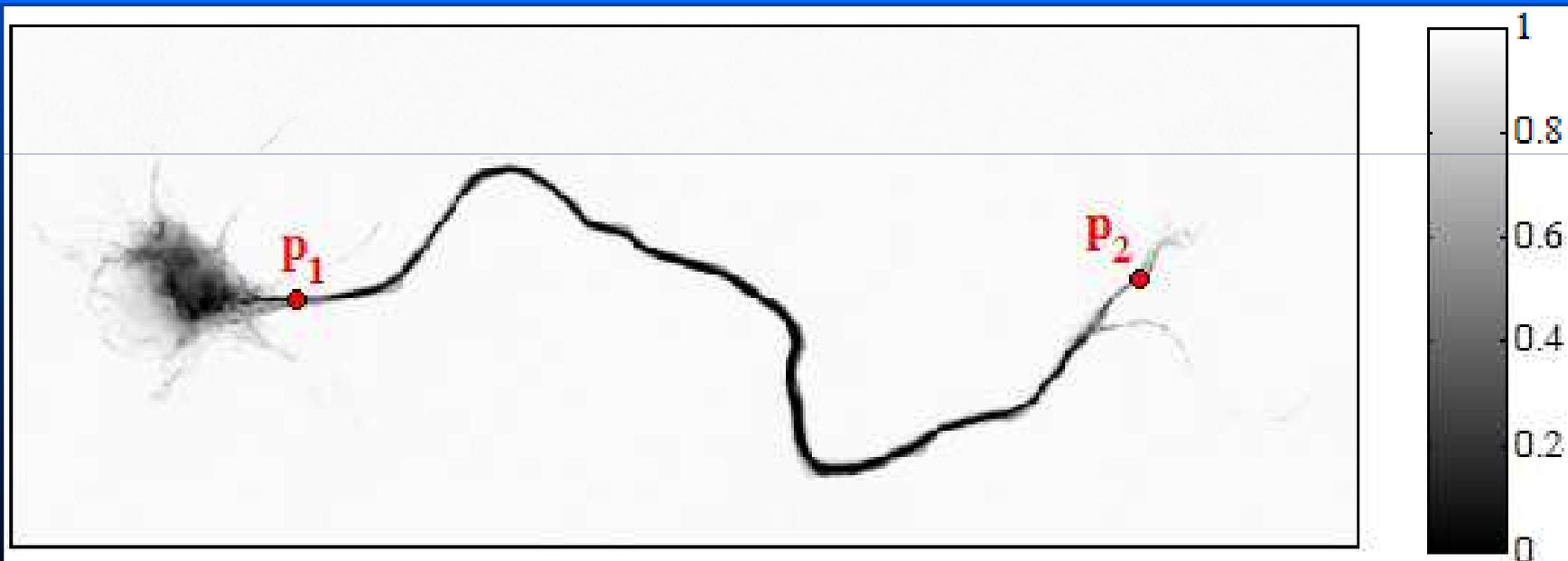
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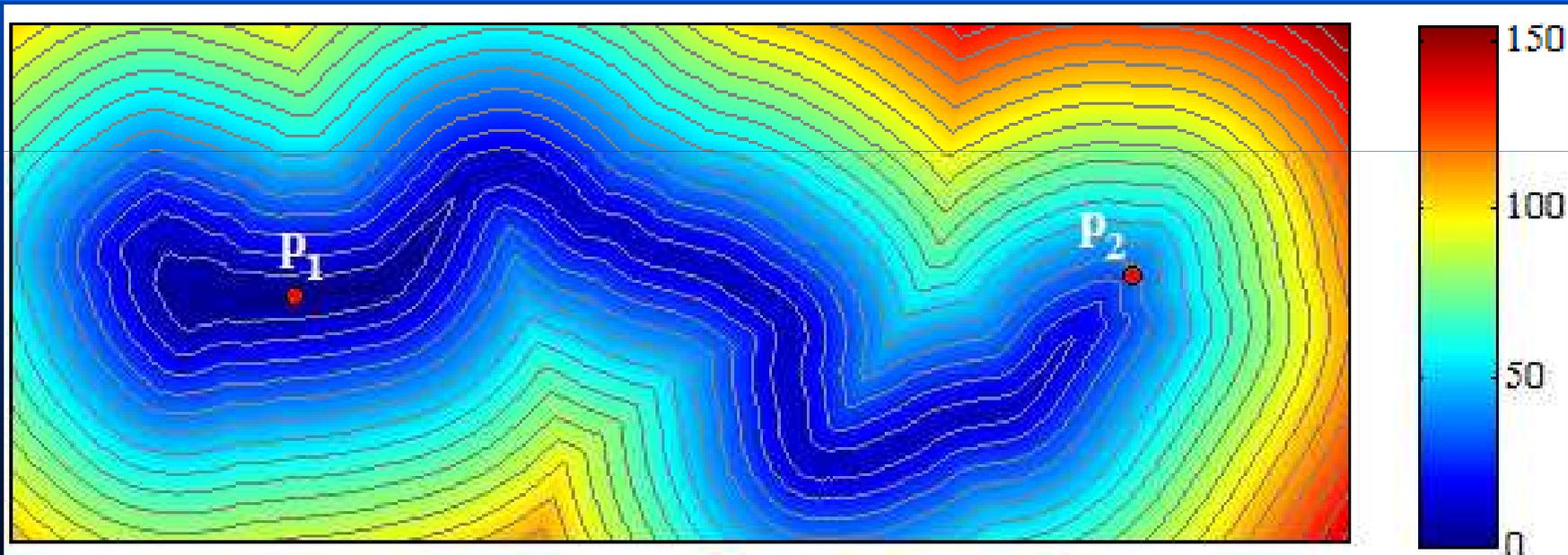
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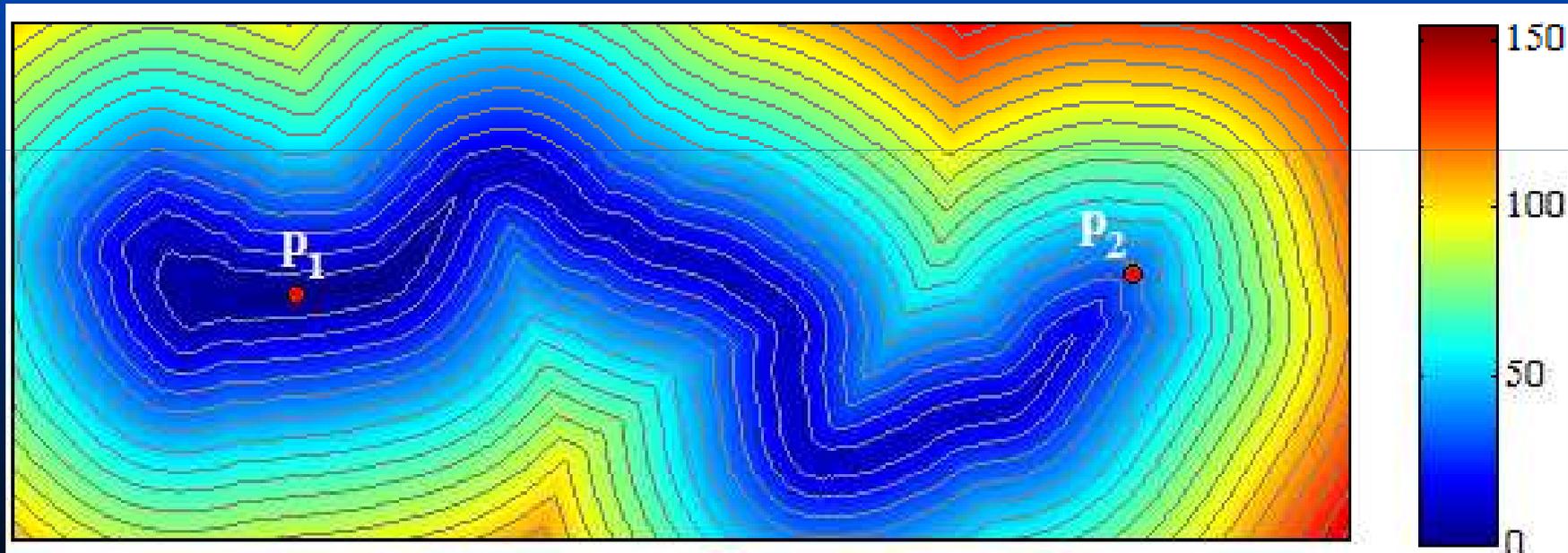
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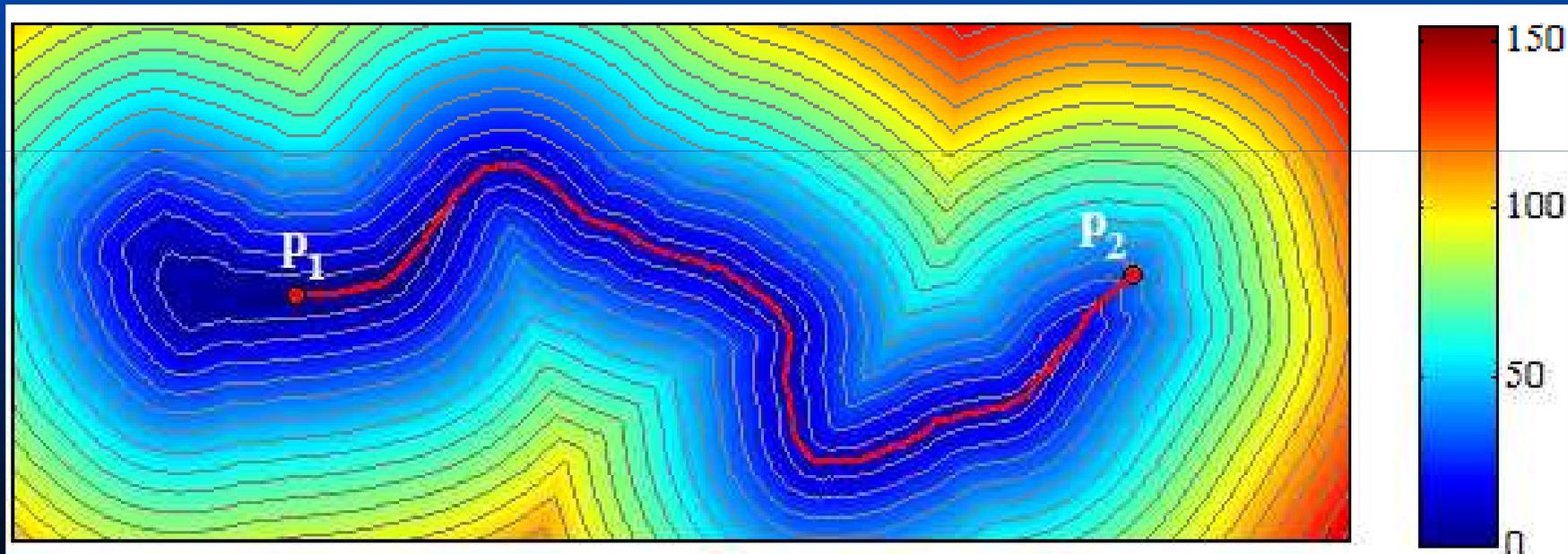
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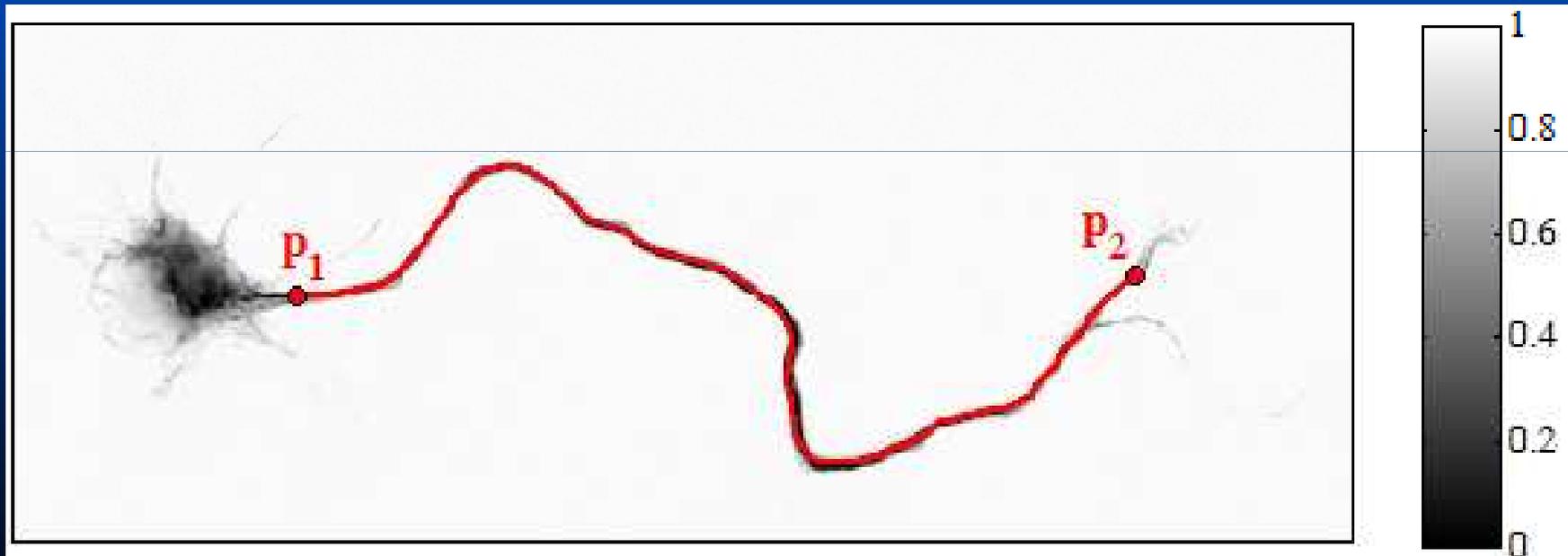
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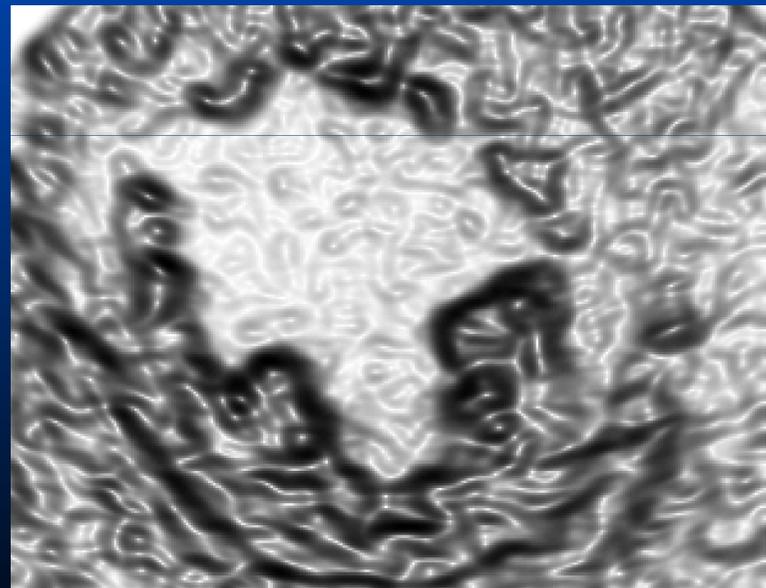
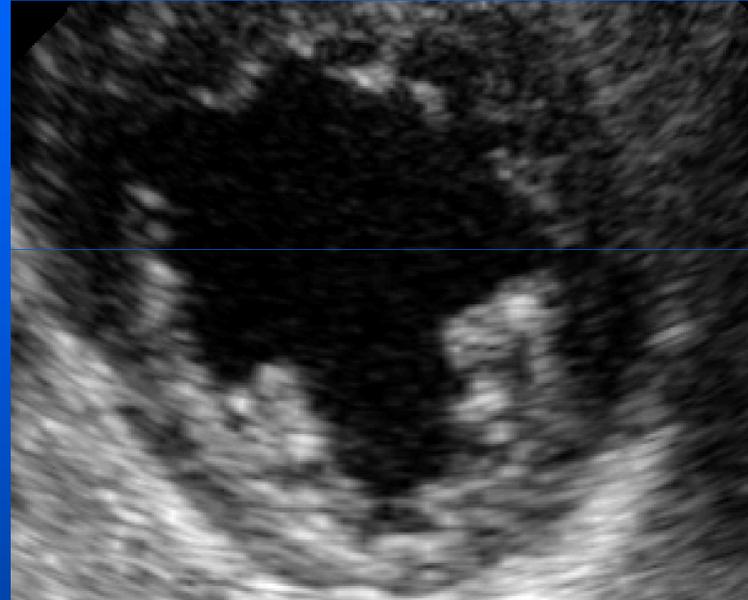


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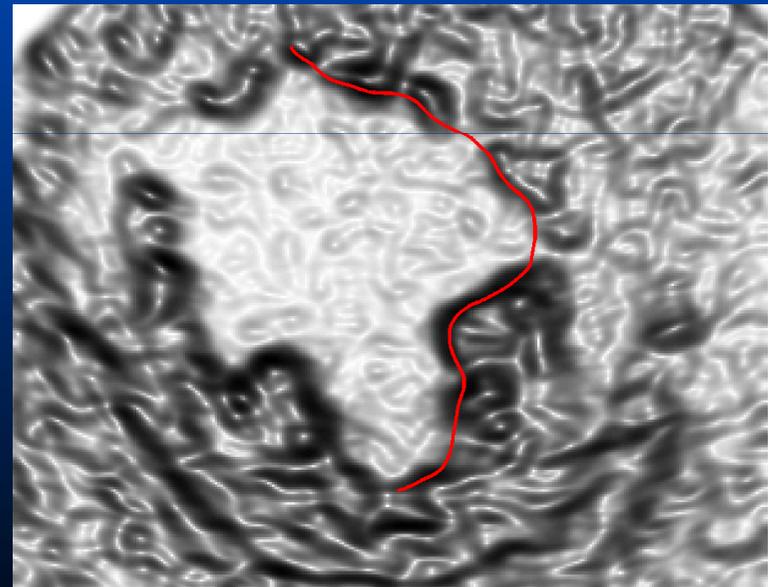
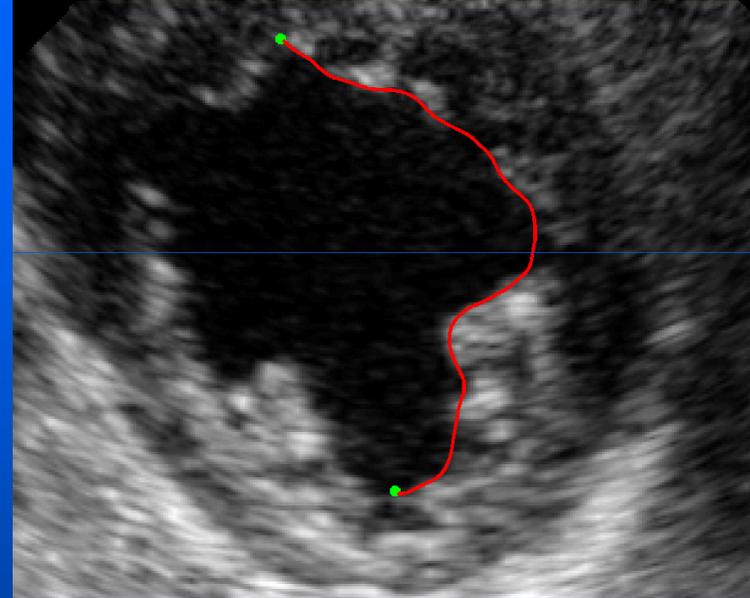
Energy to minimize

$$E(\gamma) = \int_0^L P(\gamma(t)) dt$$

$$P: X \in \Omega \rightarrow \frac{1}{1 + \alpha \cdot |\nabla I_\sigma(X)|^2}$$

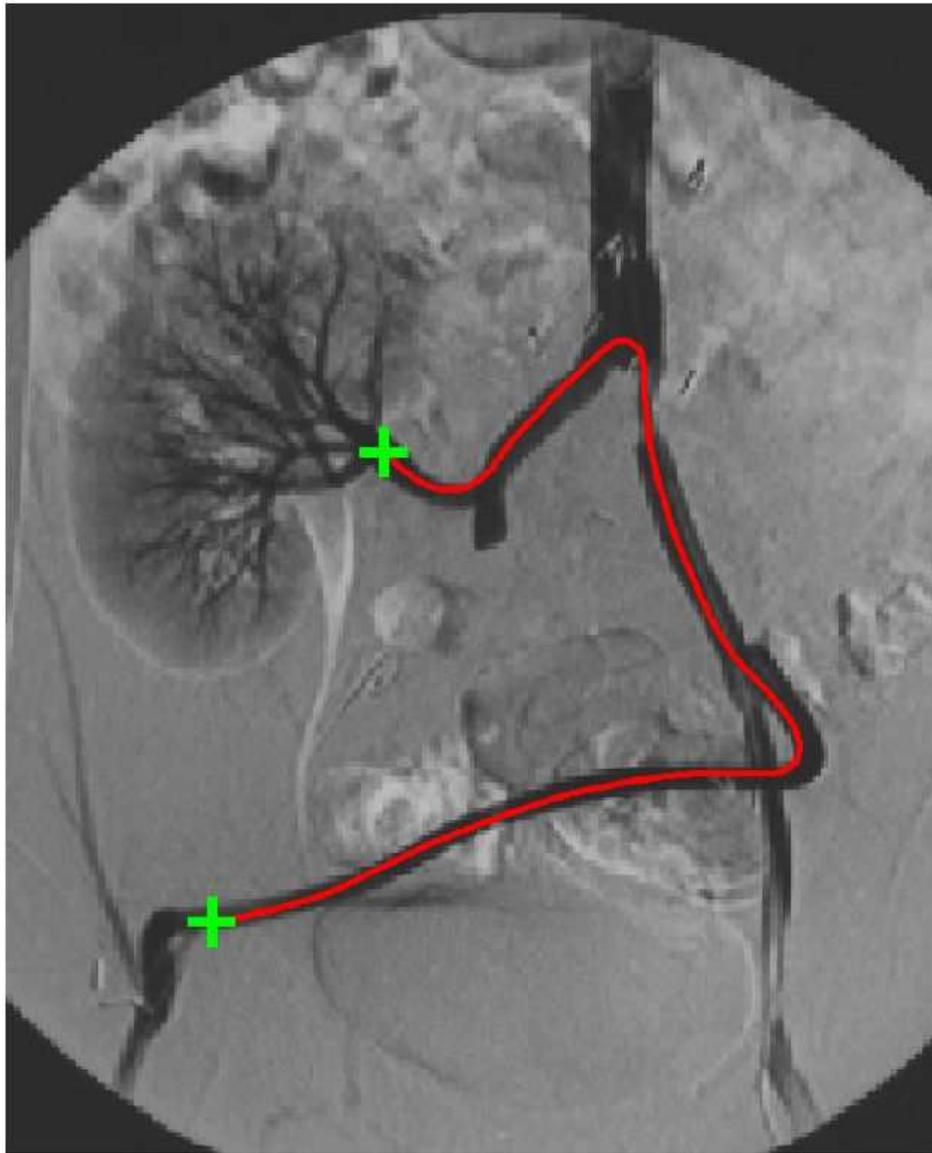


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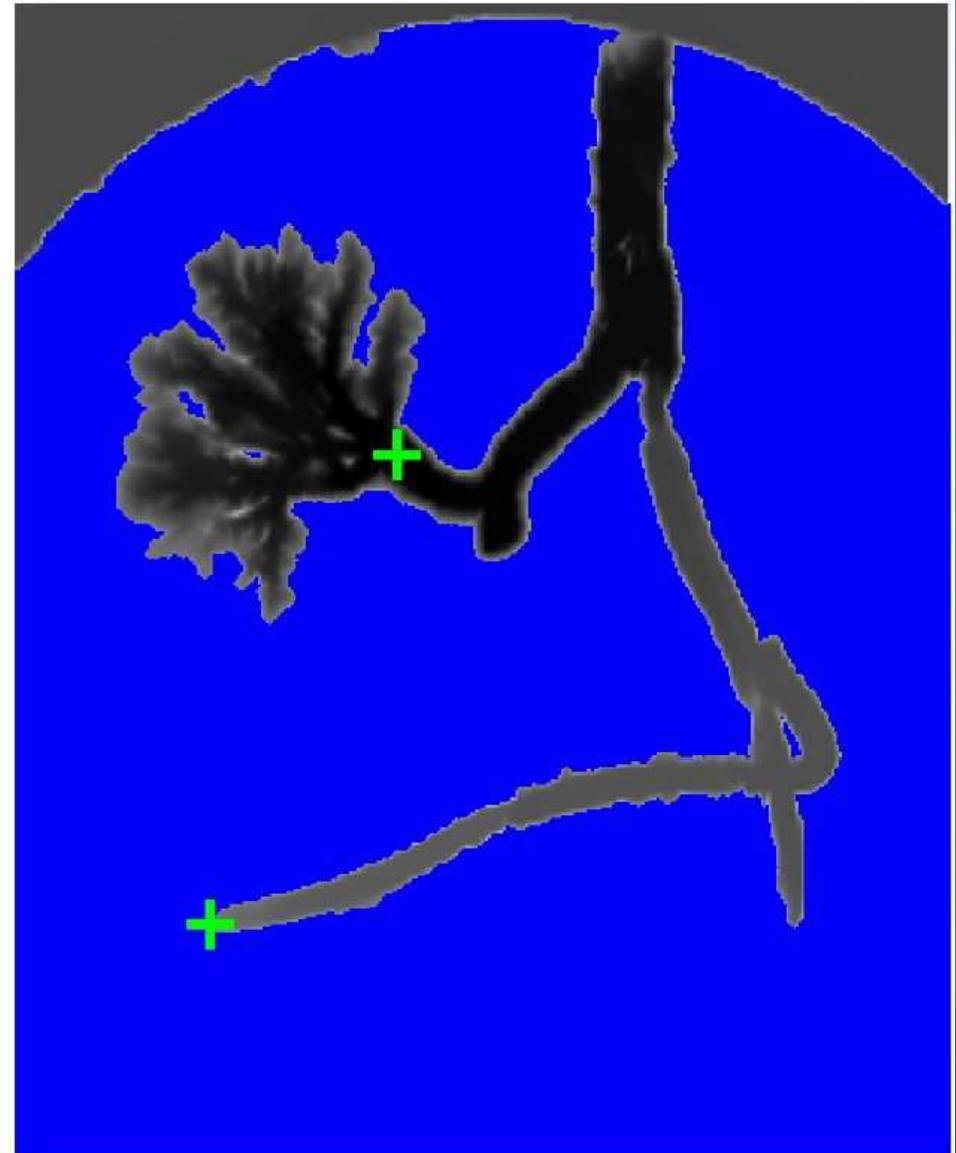


# Minimal paths for 2D segmentation

- ▶  $P(\mathbf{x}) = w + (I(\mathbf{x}) - I(\mathbf{x}_0))^2 \Rightarrow$  chemin d'intensité homogène

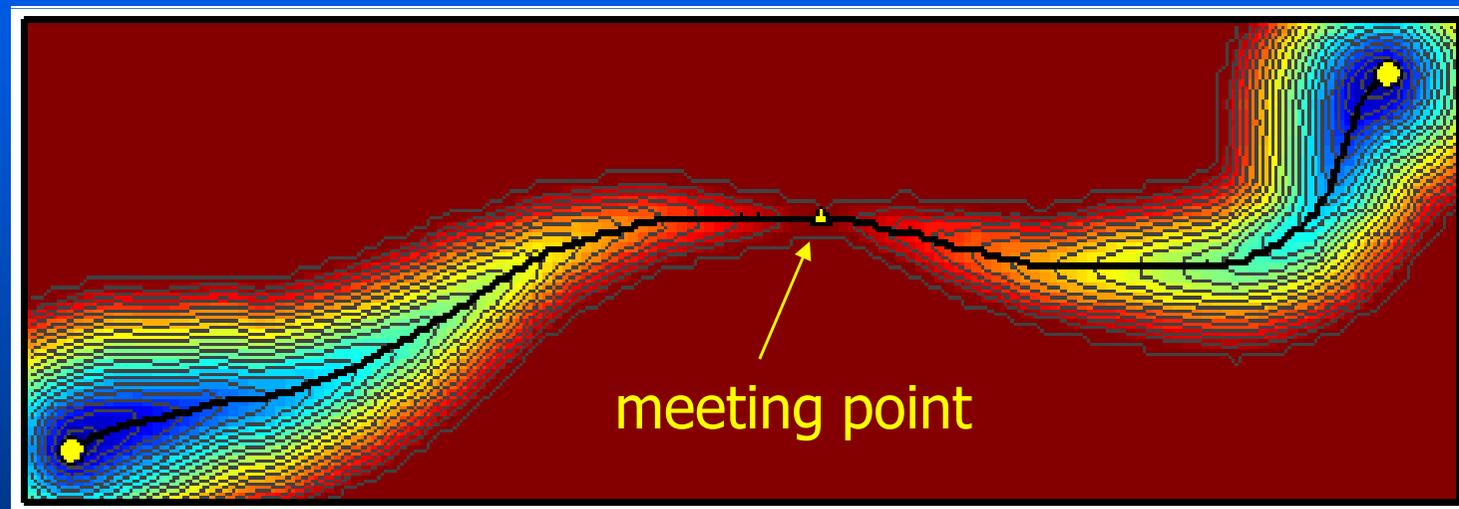


Chemin



Carte de distance

Simultaneous propagation of two fronts until a shock occurs.



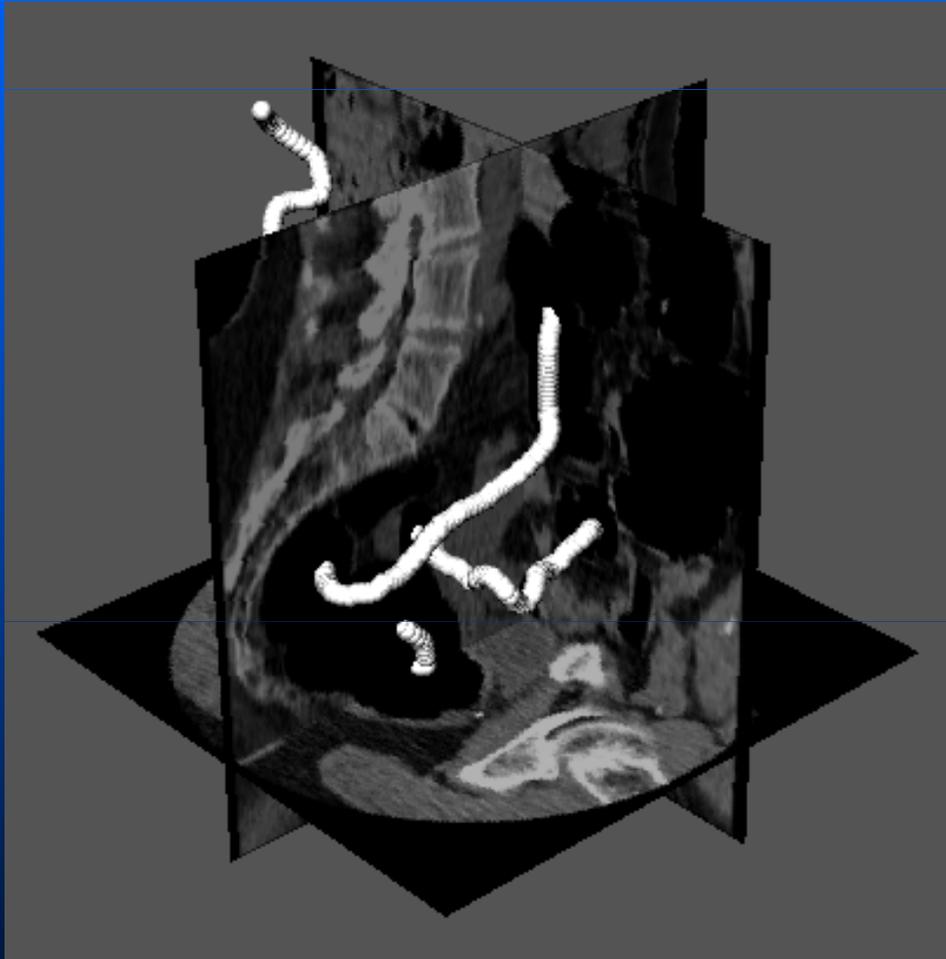
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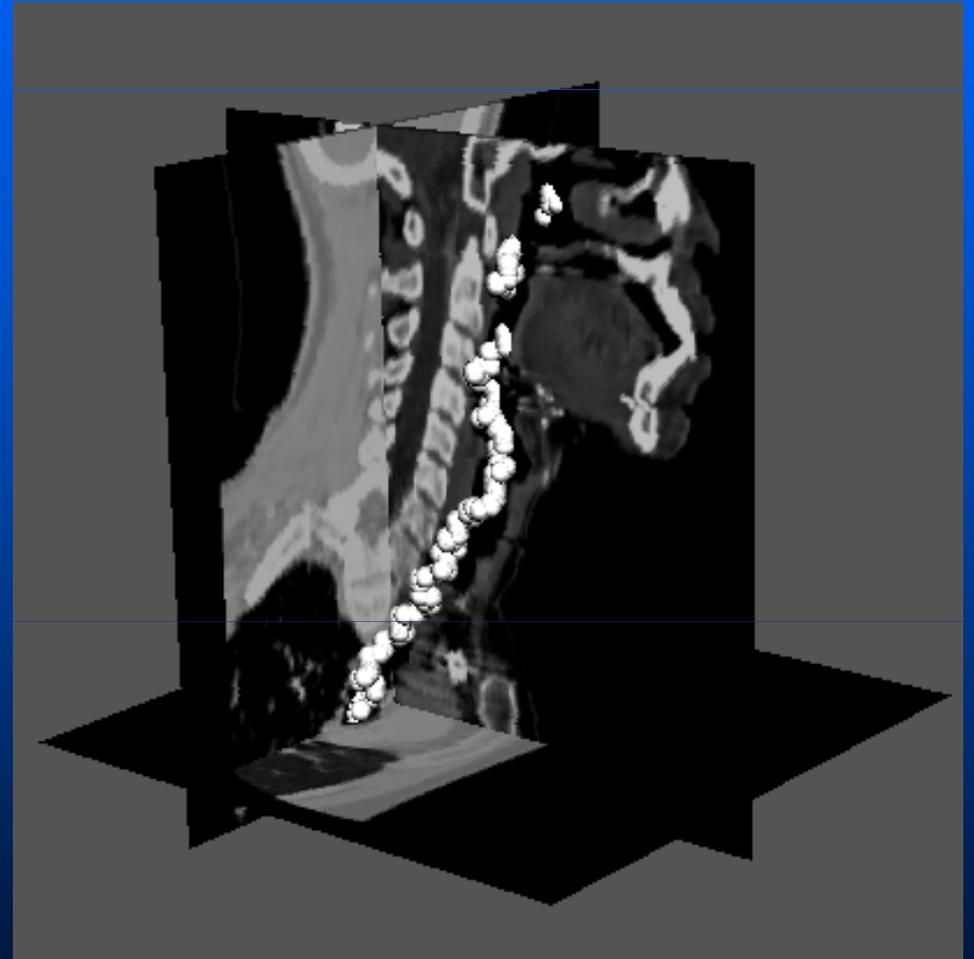
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# Examples of 3D Minimal Paths



Colon 3D CT



Trachea 3D CT

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# Riemannian Manifolds, Anisotropy and Geodesic Distances

- 2D Riemannian manifolds defined over a compact planar domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$
- Length of a curve  $[0,1] \rightarrow \Omega$

$$L(\gamma) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \int_0^1 \sqrt{\gamma'(t)^T H(\gamma(t)) \gamma'(t)} dt.$$

with  $H: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  a metric tensor field of anisotropy  $\alpha: \Omega \rightarrow [0,1]$

- Geodesic distance

$$d(x, y) = \min_{\gamma \in P(x, y)} L(\gamma), \quad \forall (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

- Distance map  $U_S: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of a point set  $S = \{x_k\}_k$

$$U_S(x) = \min_{x_k \in S} d(x, x_k), \quad \forall x \in \Omega$$

# Anisotropy and Eikonal Equation

*Theorem:*  $U_{x_0}$  is the unique viscosity solution of the Hamilton-Jacobi equation

$$\|\nabla U_{x_0}\|_{H(x)^{-1}} = 1 \quad \text{with} \quad U_{x_0}(x_0) = 0,$$

where  $\|v\|_A = \sqrt{v^T A v}$ .

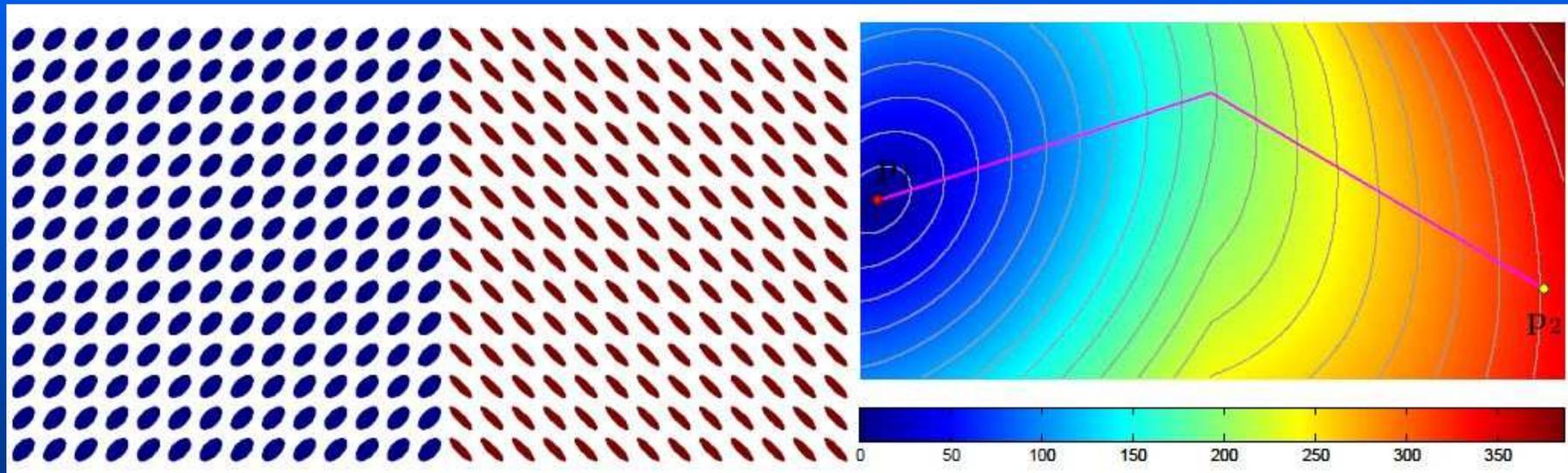
Geodesic curve  $\gamma$  between  $x_1$  and  $x_0$  solves

$$\gamma'(t) = -\frac{H(\gamma(t))^{-1} \nabla U_{x_0}}{\|H(\gamma(t))^{-1} \nabla U_{x_0}\|} \quad \text{with} \quad \gamma(0) = x_1.$$

*Example:* isotropic metric  $H(x) = W(x) \text{Id}_x$ ,

$$\|\nabla U_{x_0}\| = W(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma'(t) = -\frac{\nabla U_{x_0}}{\|\nabla U_{x_0}\|}.$$

# Anisotropy and Geodesics



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Tensor eigen-decomposition:

$$H(x) = \lambda_1(x)e_1(x)e_1(x)^T + \lambda_2(x)e_2(x)e_2(x)^T \quad \text{with} \quad 0 < \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2,$$

Local anisotropy of the metric:

$$\alpha(x) = \frac{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1}{\lambda_2 + \lambda_1} = \frac{\sqrt{(a-b)^2 + 4c^2}}{a+b} \in [0,1] \quad \text{for} \quad H(x) = \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ c & b \end{pmatrix}$$

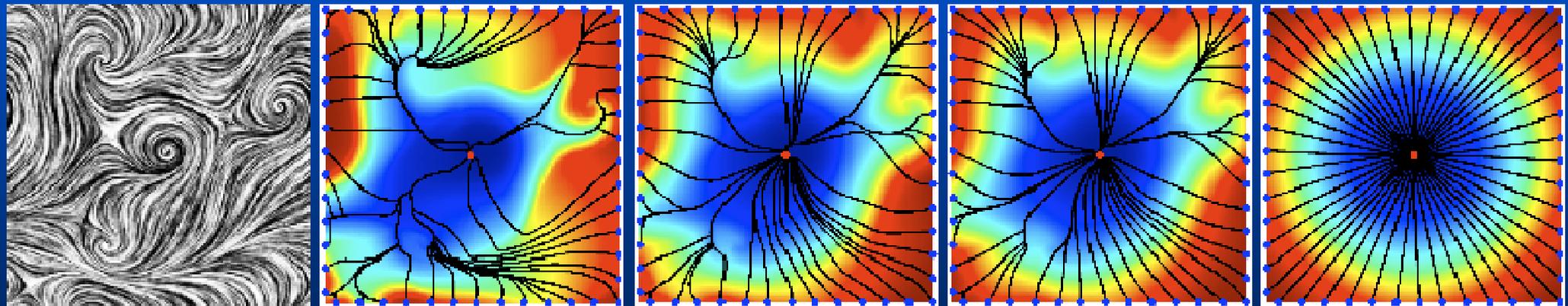


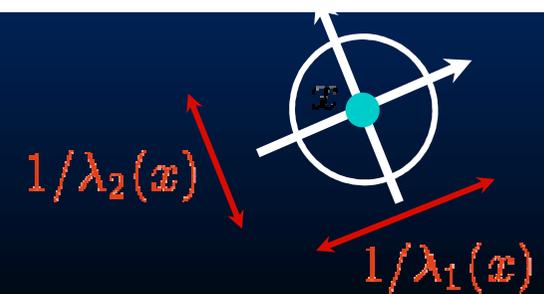
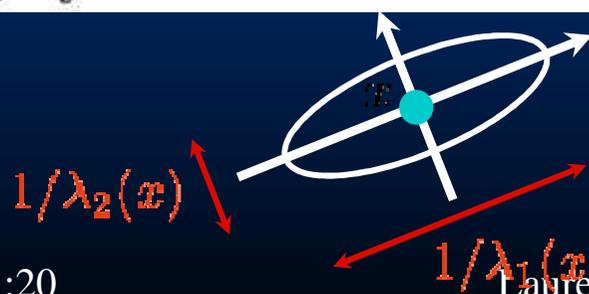
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$\alpha = .95$

$\alpha = .7$

$\alpha = .5$

$\alpha = 0$

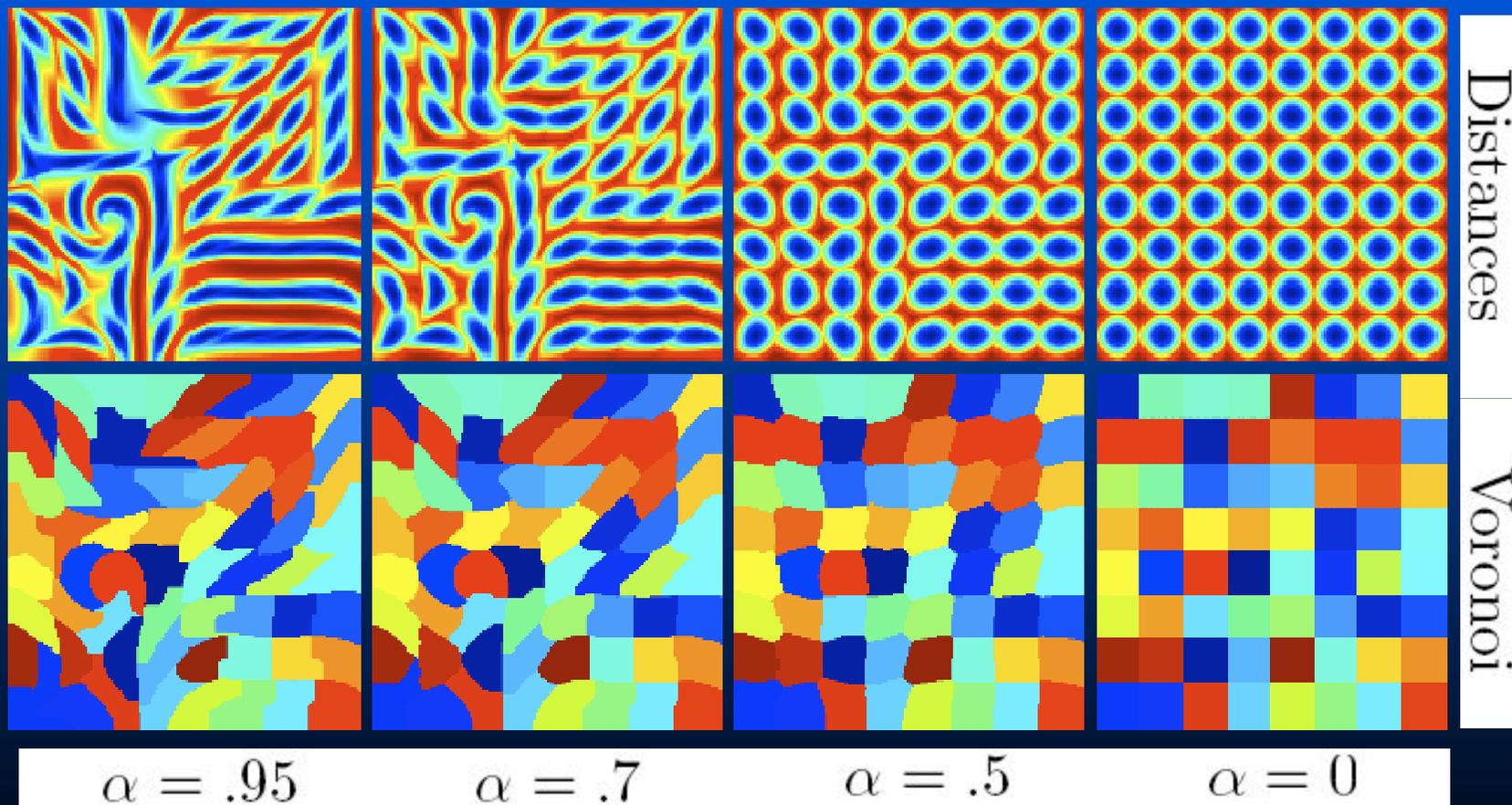
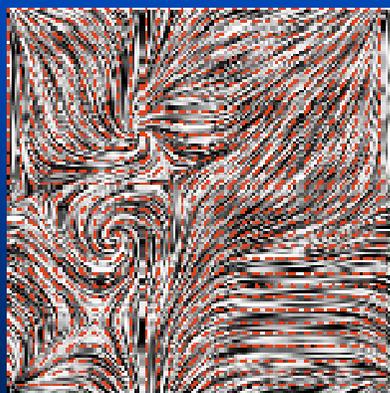


# Anisotropic Voronoi Segmentation

Voronoi segmentation:

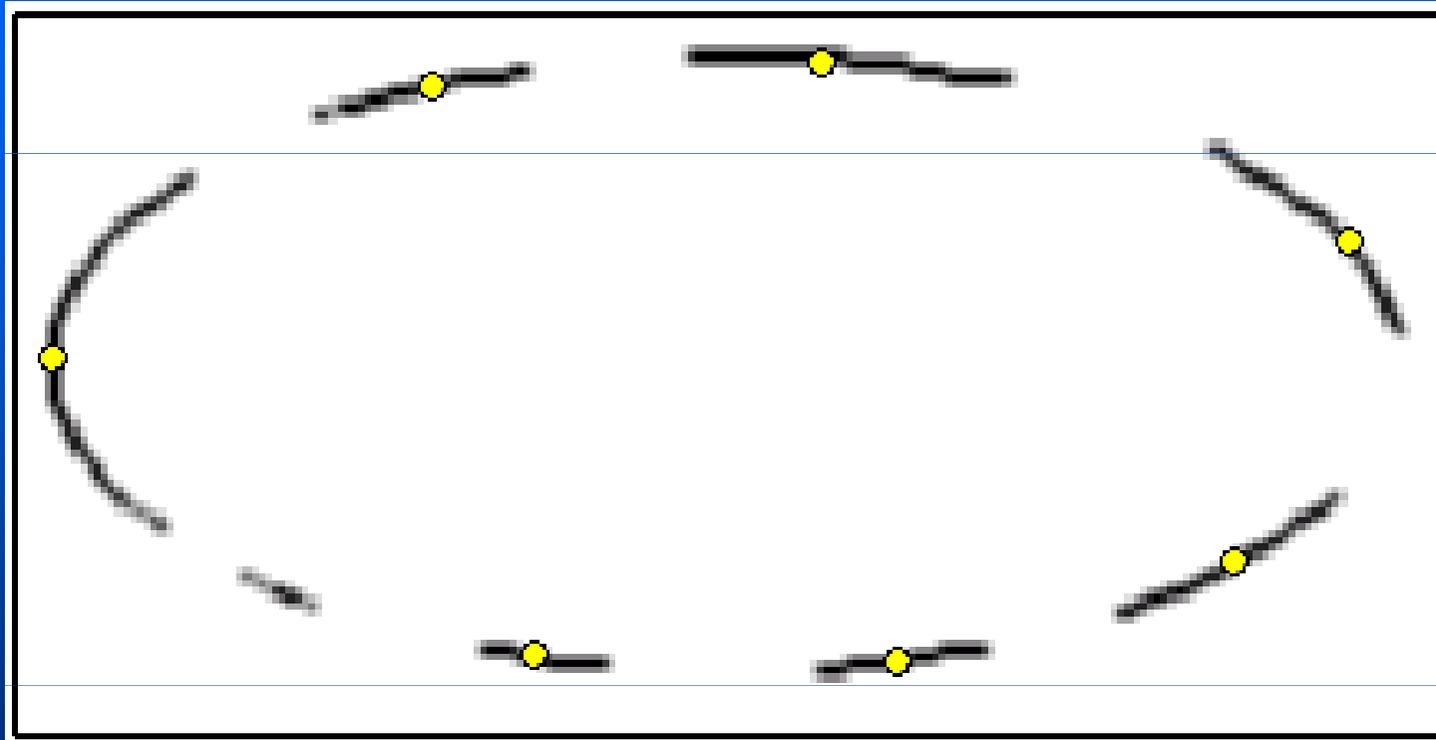
$$\Omega = C_0 \cup \bigcup_{x_i \in \mathcal{S}} C_i \quad \text{where} \quad C_i = \{x \in \Omega \mid \forall j \neq i, \quad d(x_i, x) \leq d(x_j, x)\}$$

Outer cell:  $C_0 = \text{Closure}(\Omega^c)$ .



## Perceptual Grouping using Minimal Paths

The potential is an incomplete ellipse and 7 points are given.

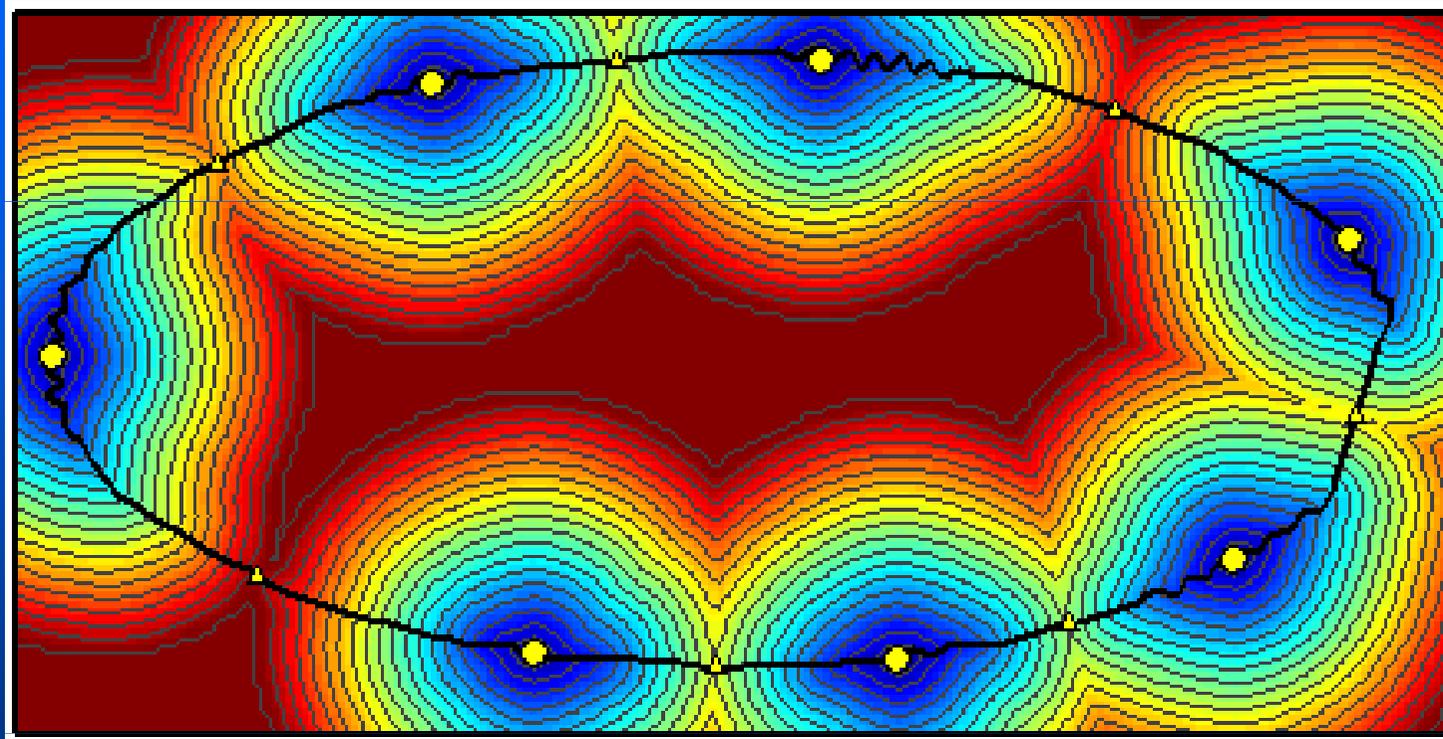


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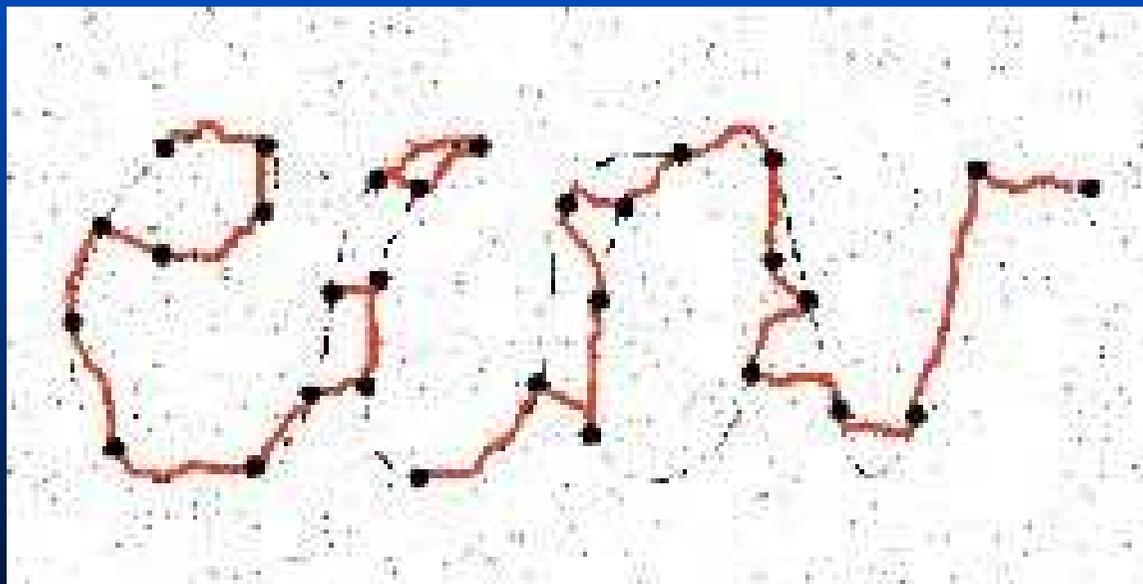
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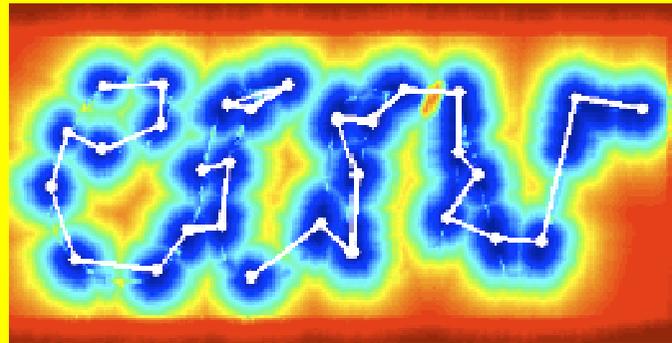
# Perceptual Grouping using Minimal Paths



# Using the orientation with anisotropic geodesics



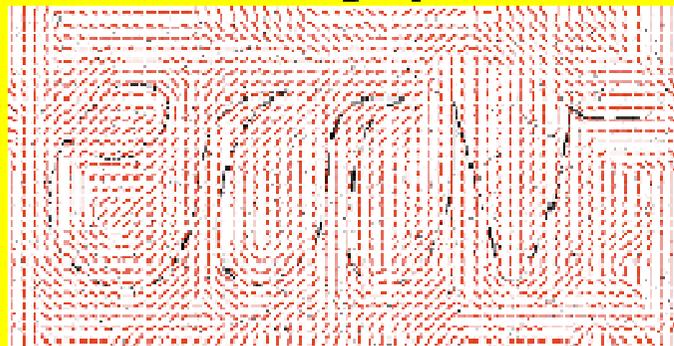
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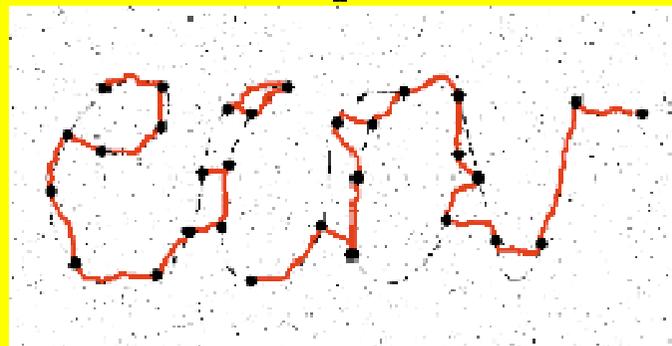
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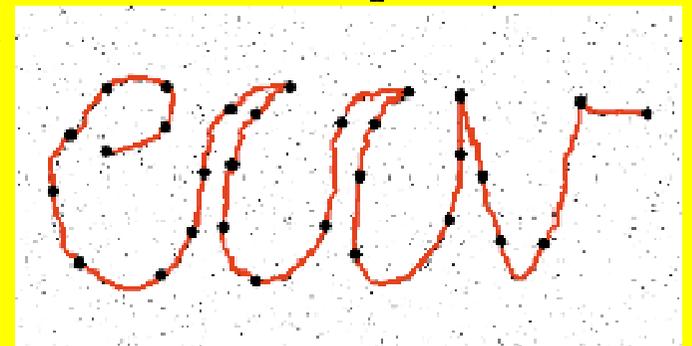
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Dense metric  $T^d(x)$



Isotropic grouping



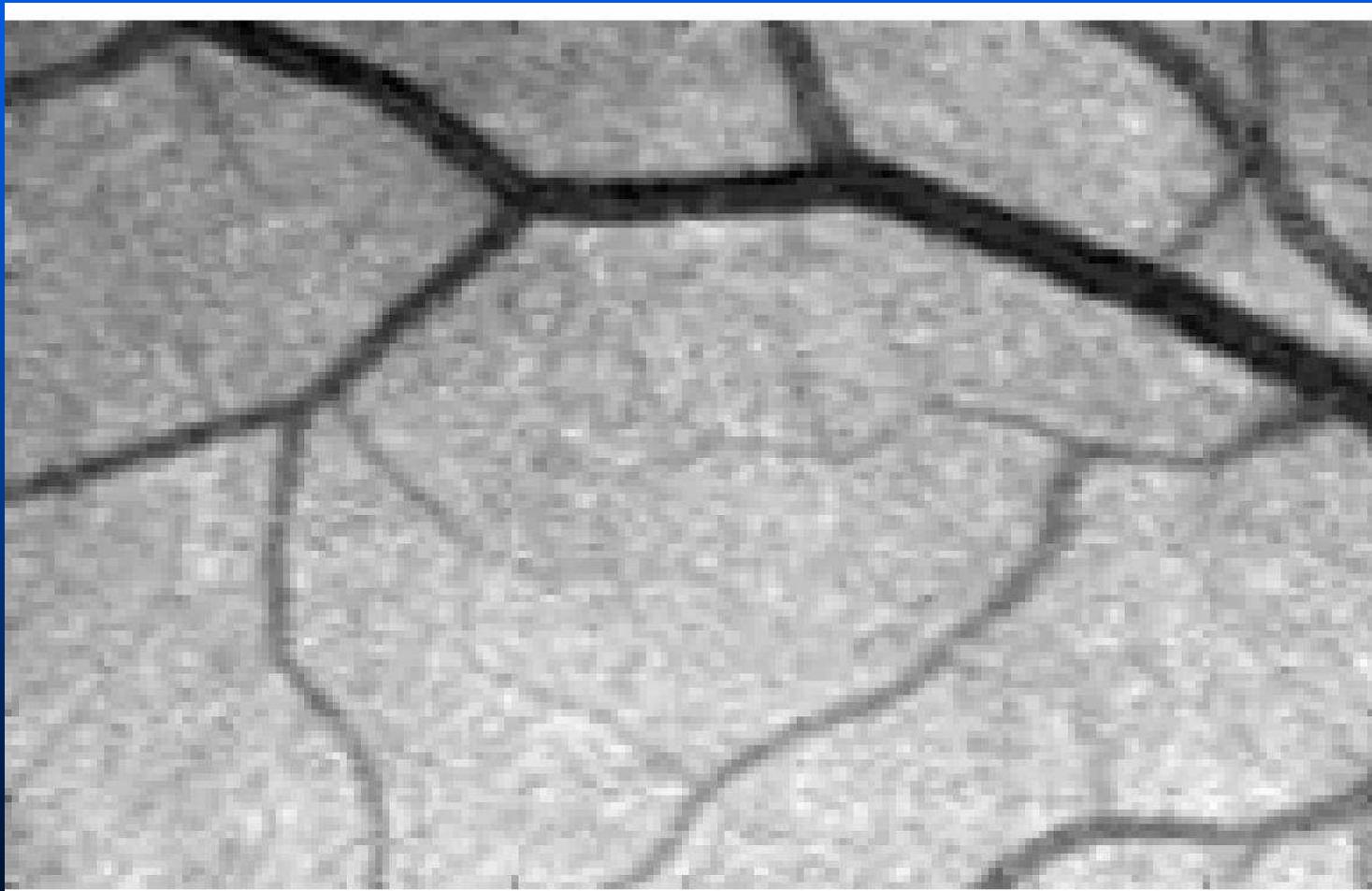
Anisotropic grouping

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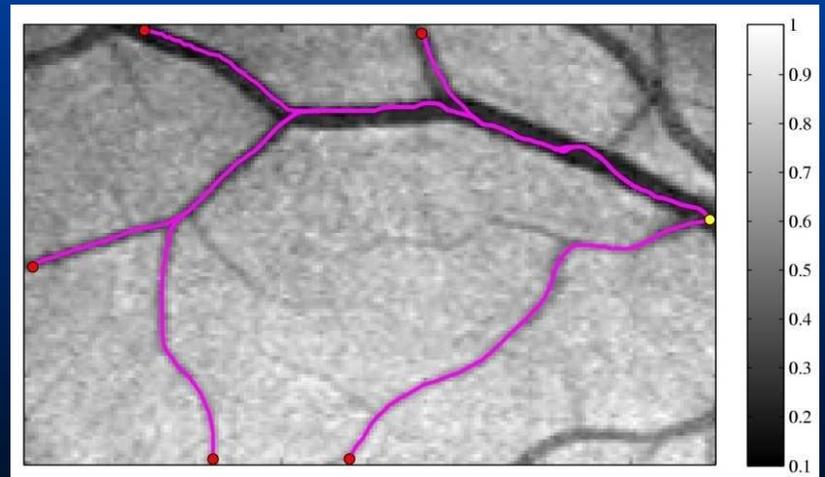
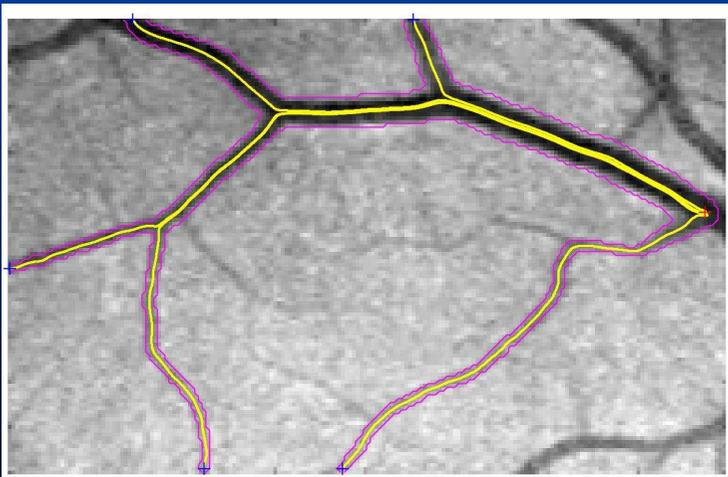
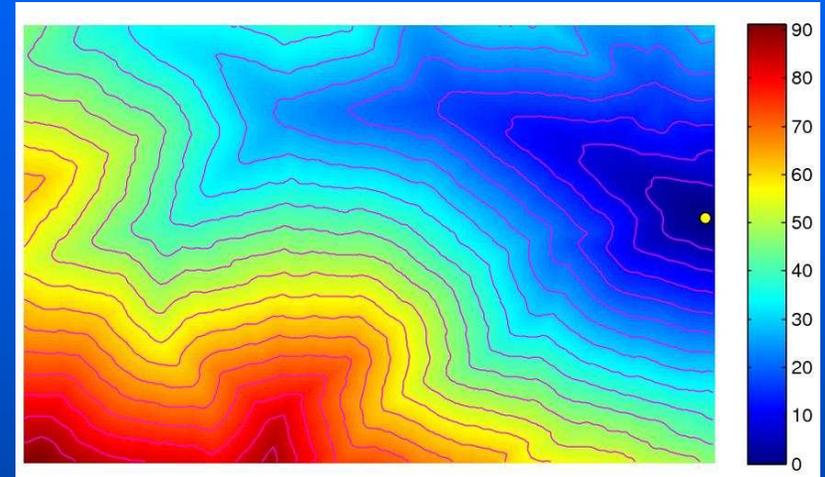
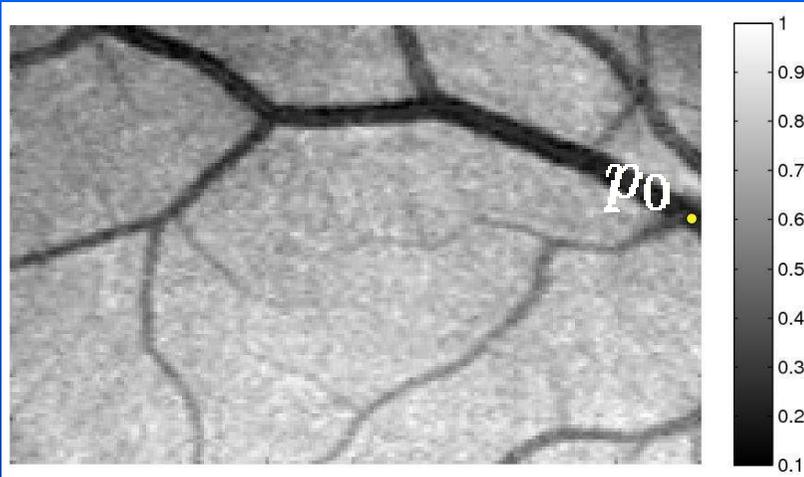
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## Motivation



# Orientation dependent Energy

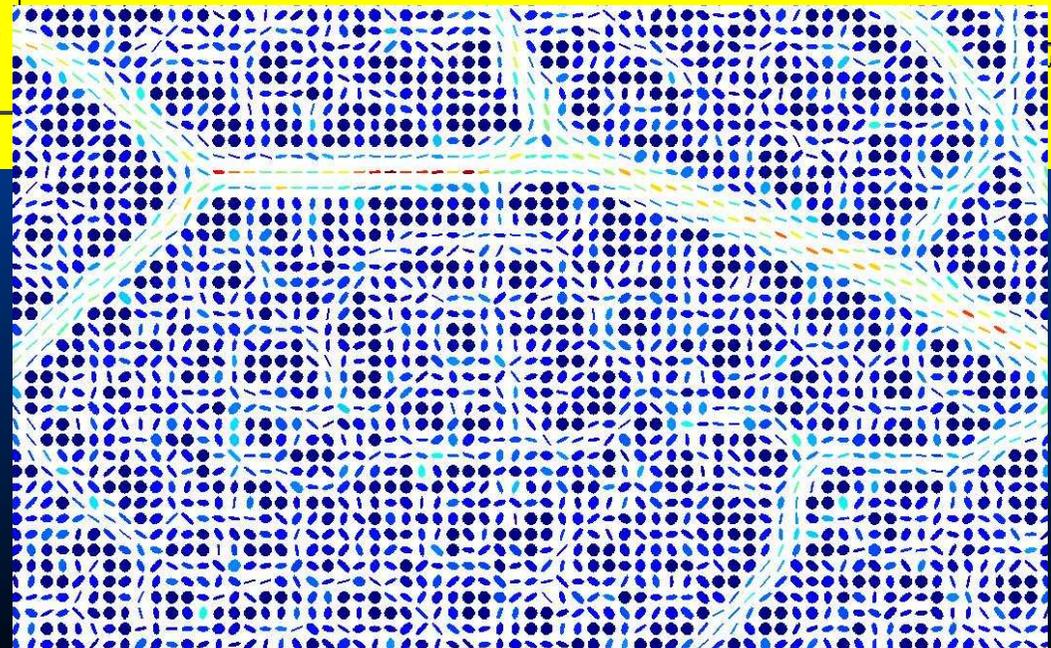
Minimal paths method : looking for a path minimizing the energy

$$E(\mathcal{C}) = \int_0^L P(\mathcal{C}(s)) ds$$

Since the tubular structures have directions, we should consider the orientation:

$$E(\mathcal{C}) = \int_0^L P(\mathcal{C}(s), \mathcal{C}'(s)) ds$$

where  $P(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}') = \sqrt{\mathcal{C}'^T \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{C}) \mathcal{C}'}$   
way  $\mathcal{C}$ , relative to a metric  $\mathcal{M}$ .



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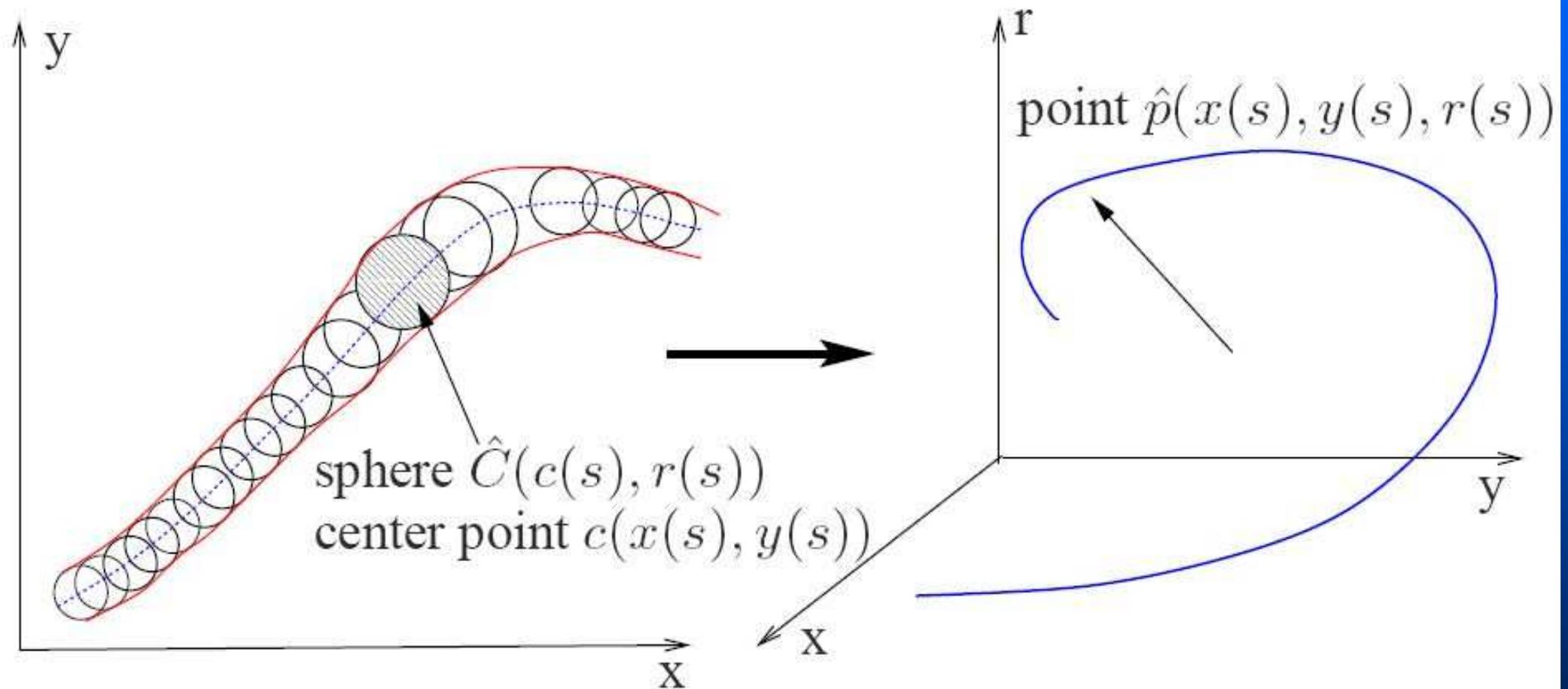


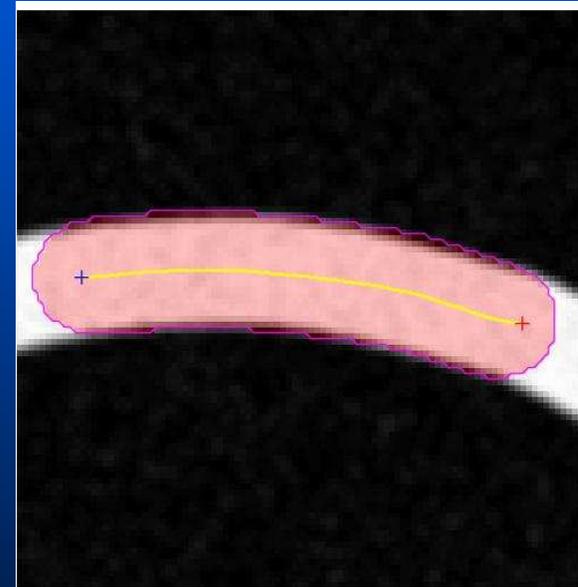
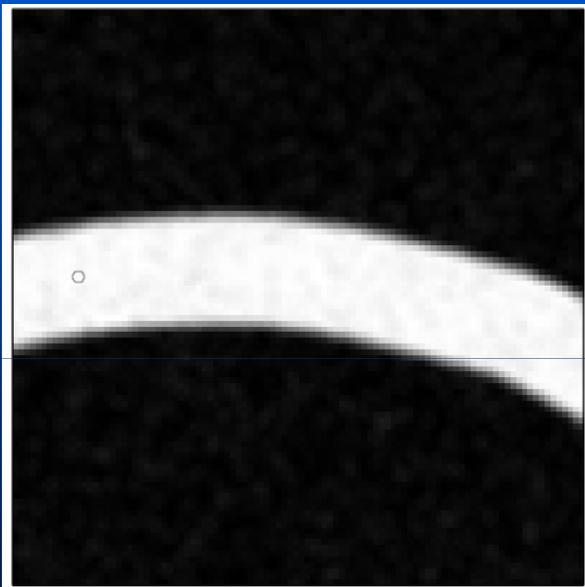
Figure 1. A tubular surface is presented as the envelope of a family of spheres with continuously changing center points and radii.

# Examples of 3D Minimal Paths for tubular shapes in 2D

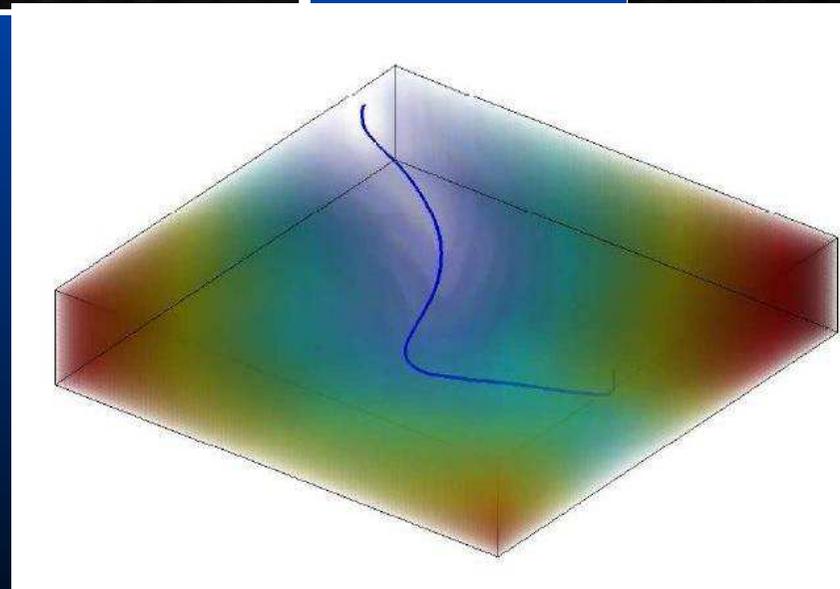
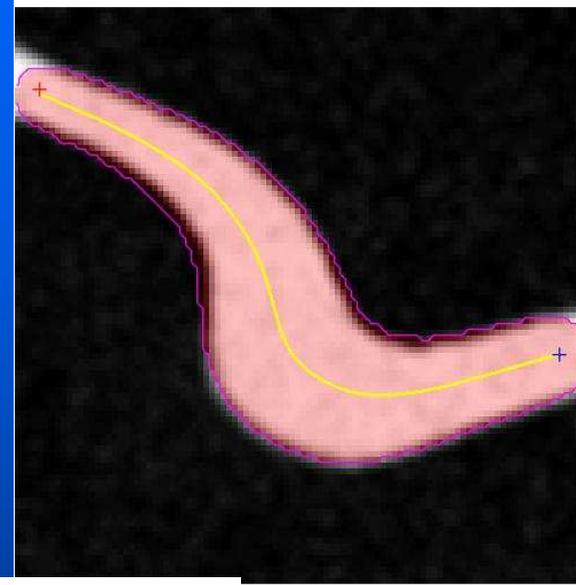
Anisotropic Fast Marching algorithm to solve

$$\|\nabla U(x)\|_{\mathcal{M}^{-1}} = \sqrt{\nabla U(x)^T \mathcal{M}^{-1}(x) \nabla U(x)} = 1 \text{ and } \mathcal{U}_{p_0}(p_0) = 0$$

and back-propagation  $\mathcal{C}' \propto \mathcal{M}^{-1} \nabla U$

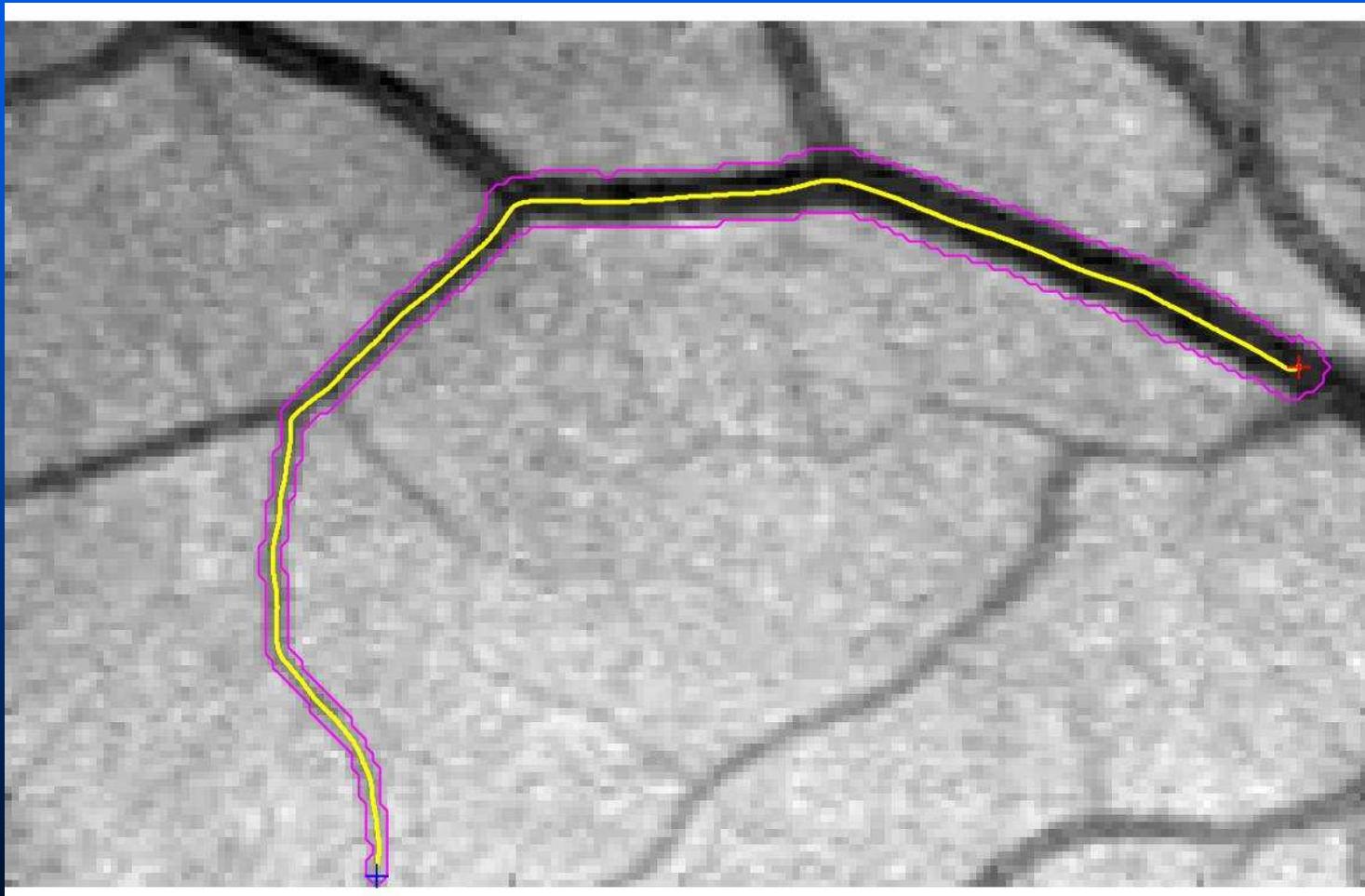


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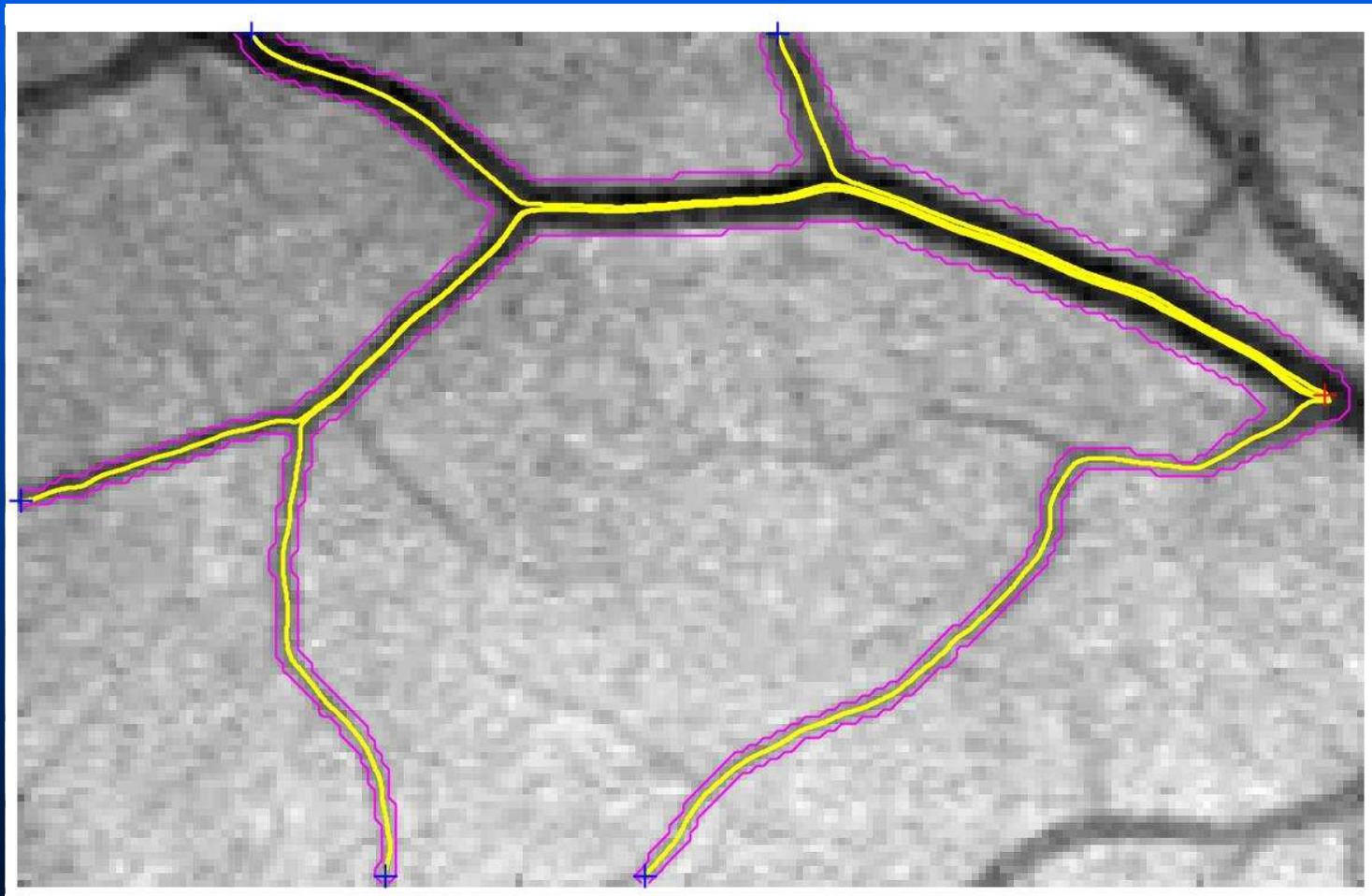
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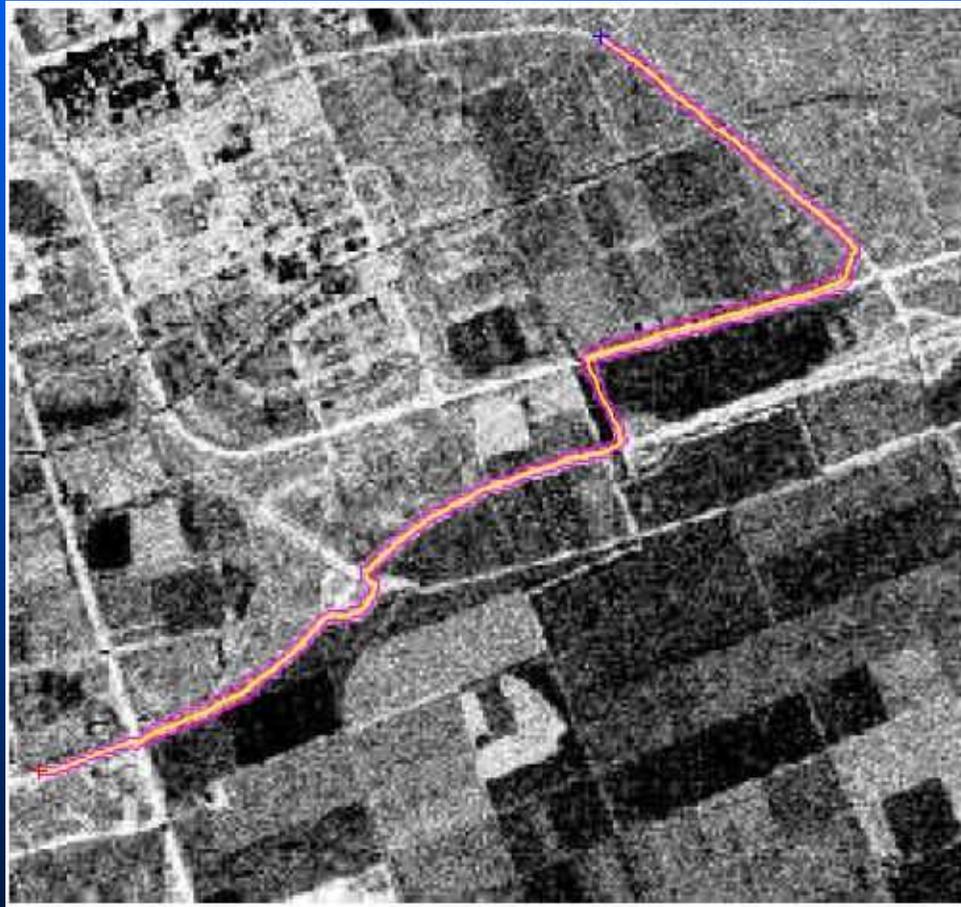
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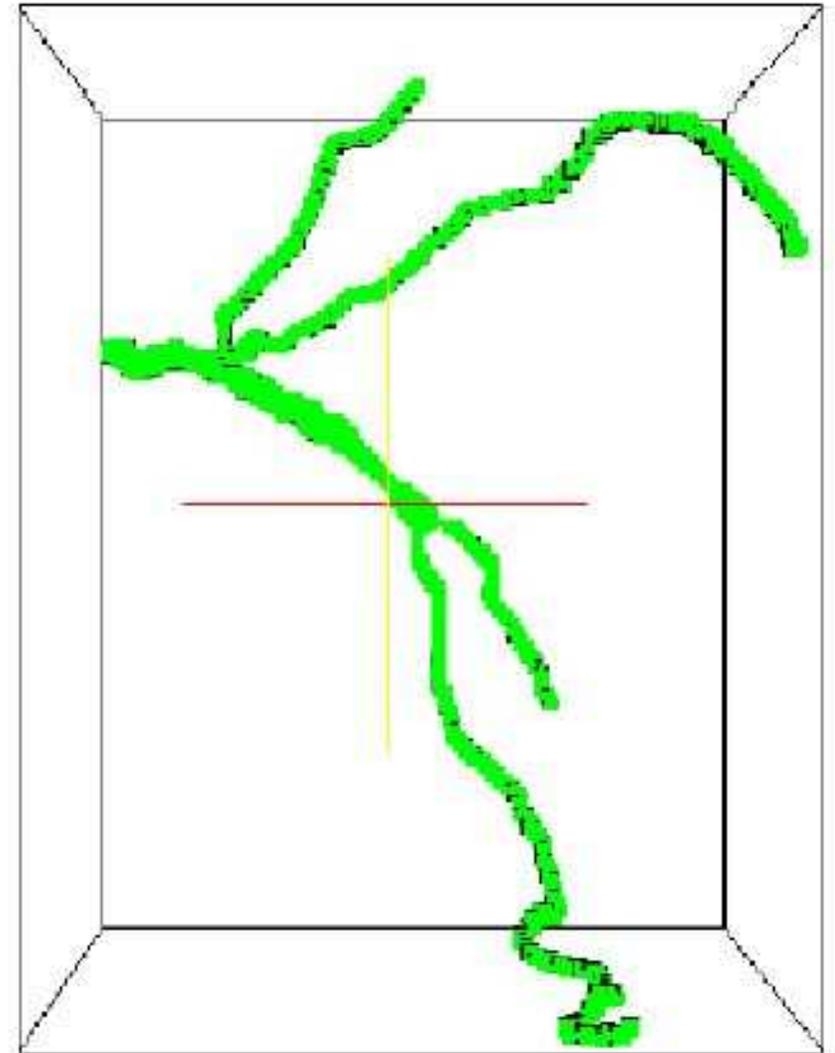
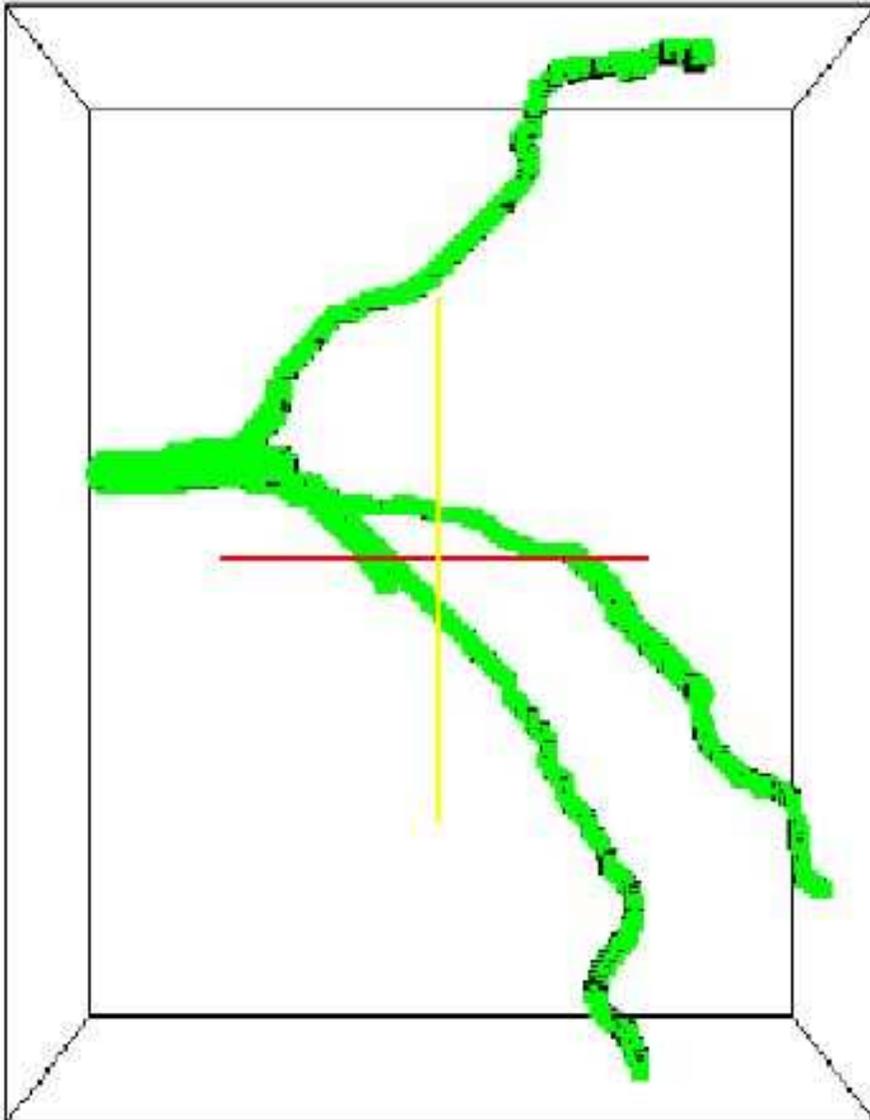


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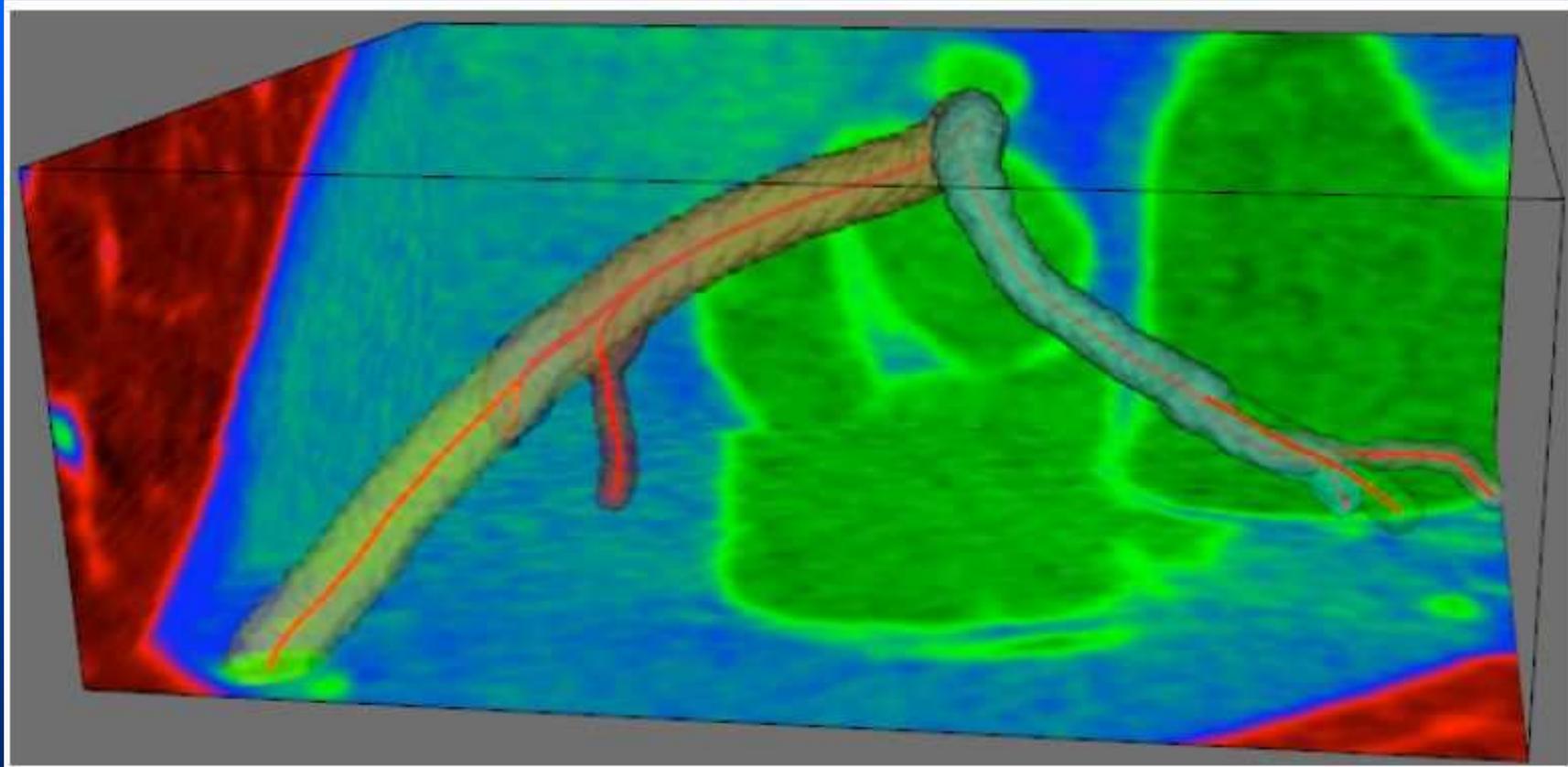
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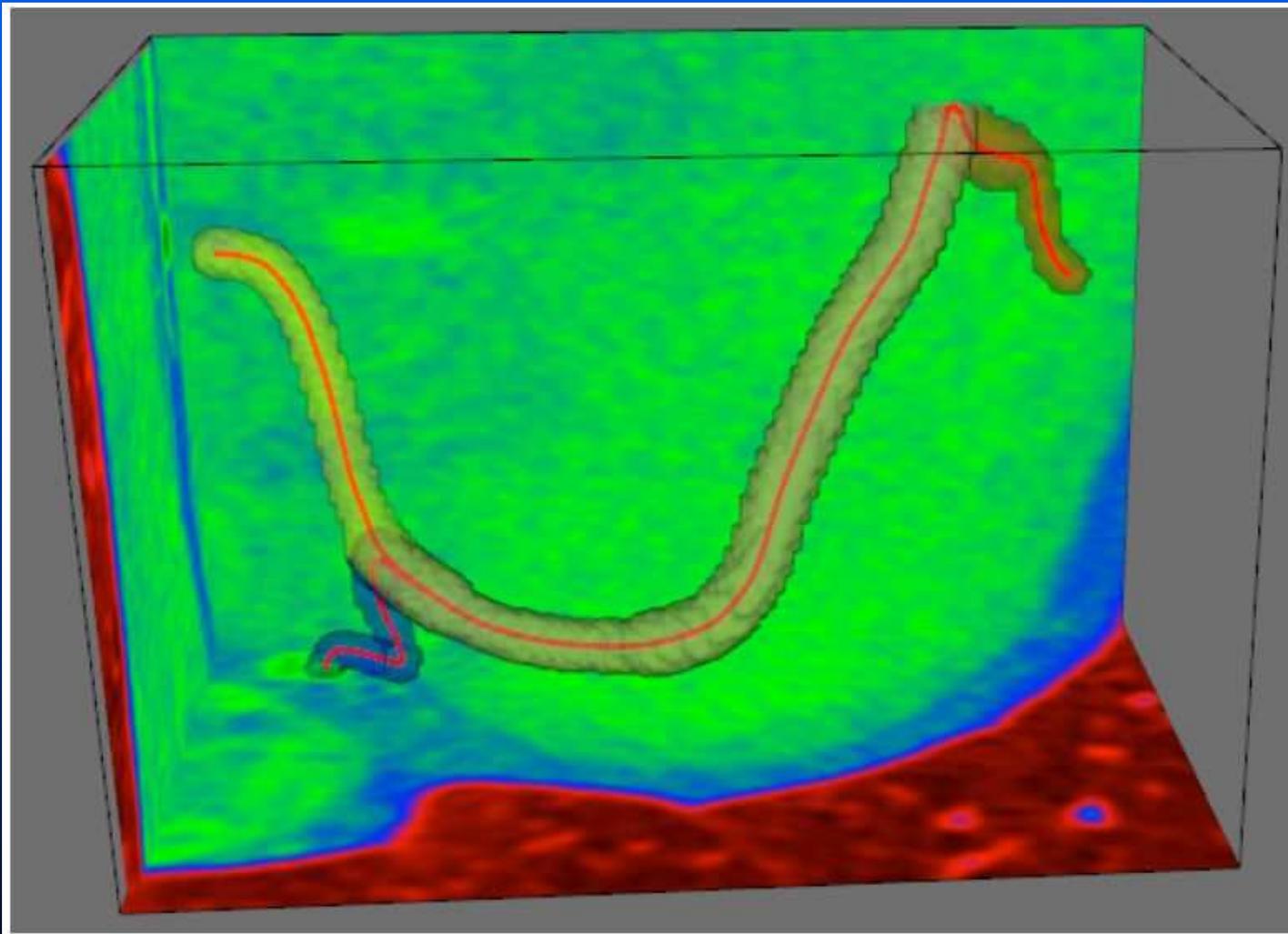


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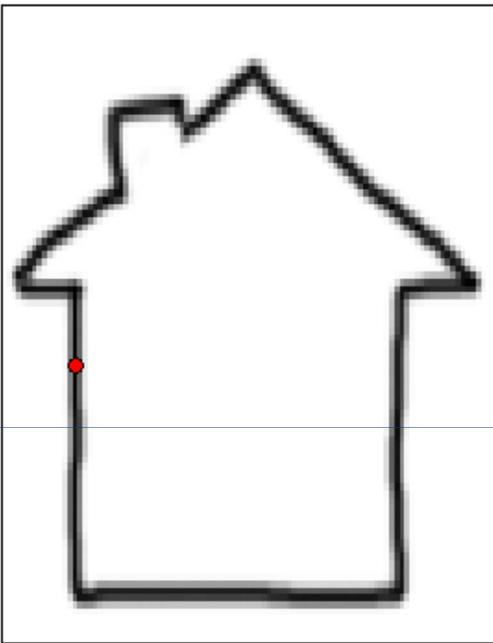


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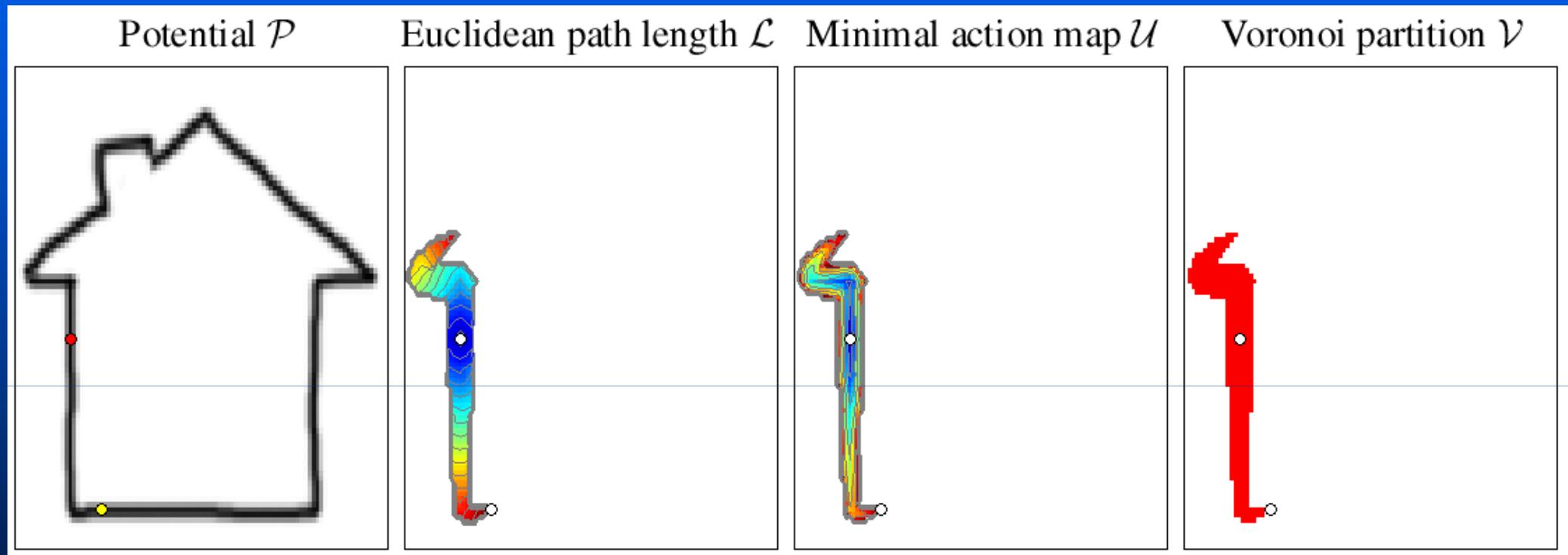
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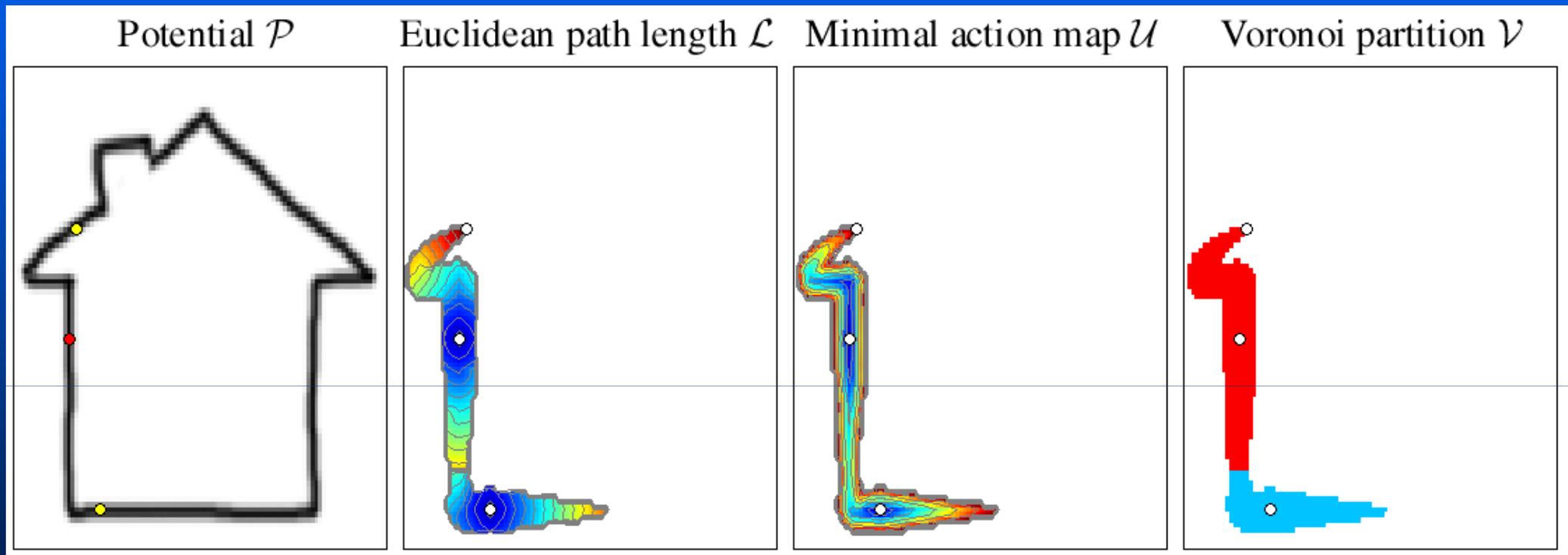
Potential  $\mathcal{P}$



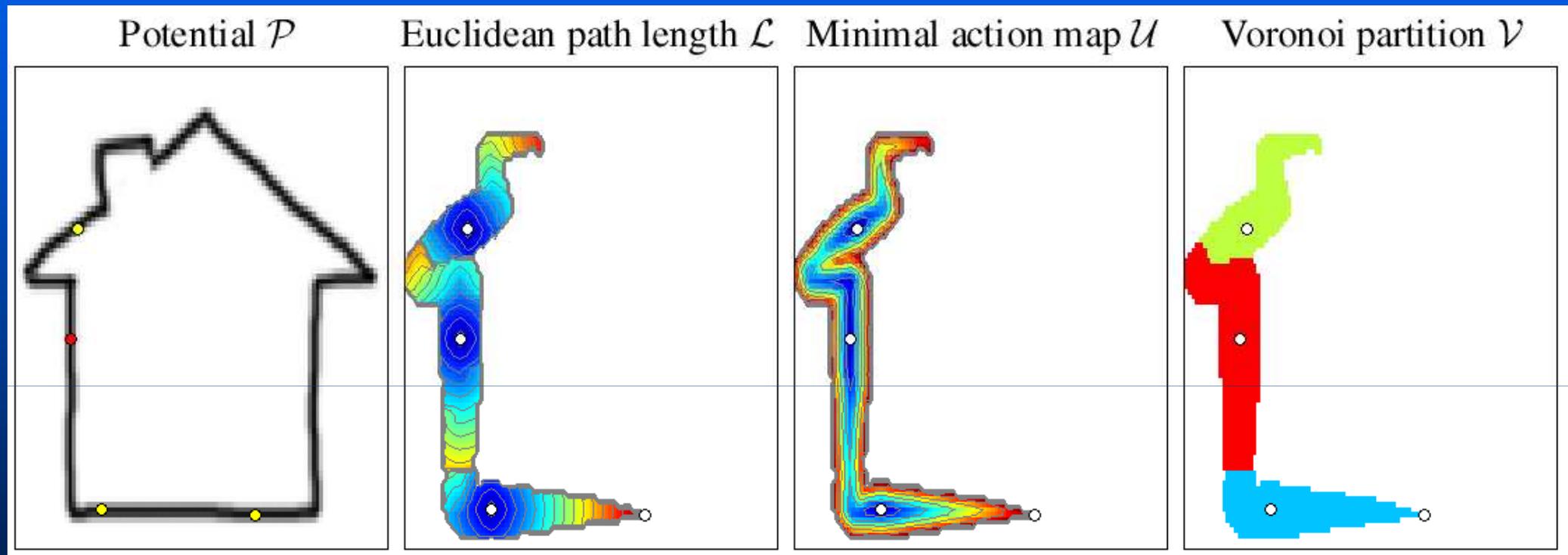
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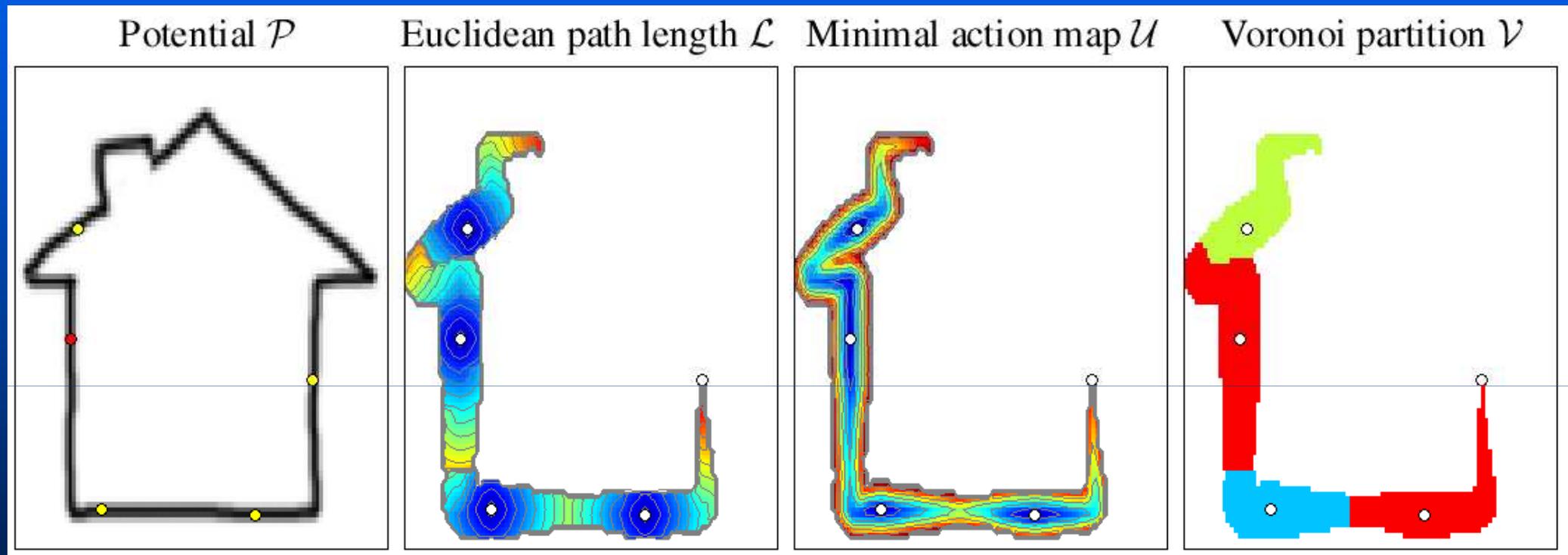
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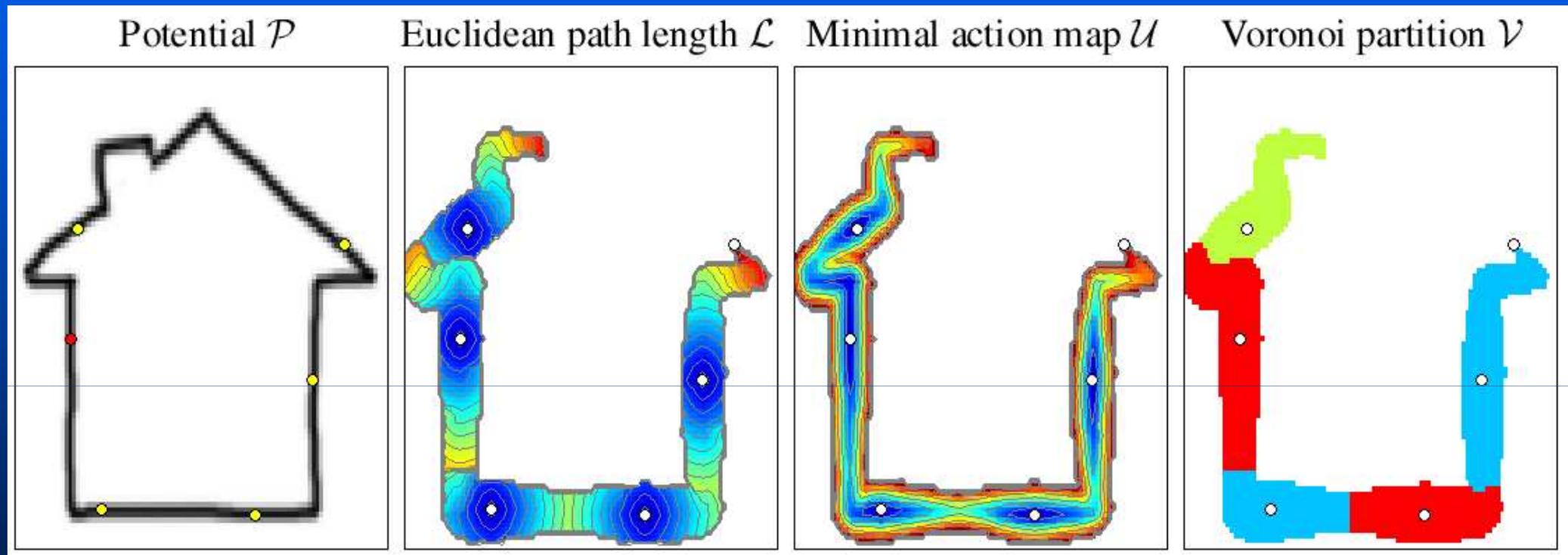
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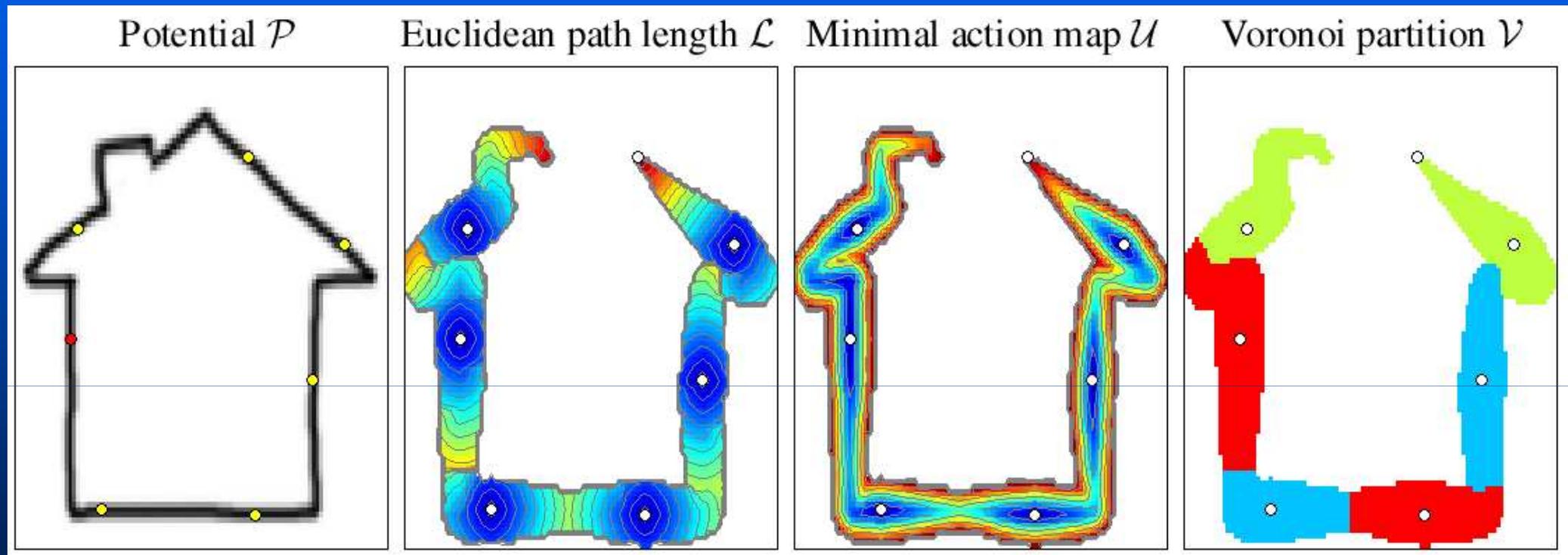
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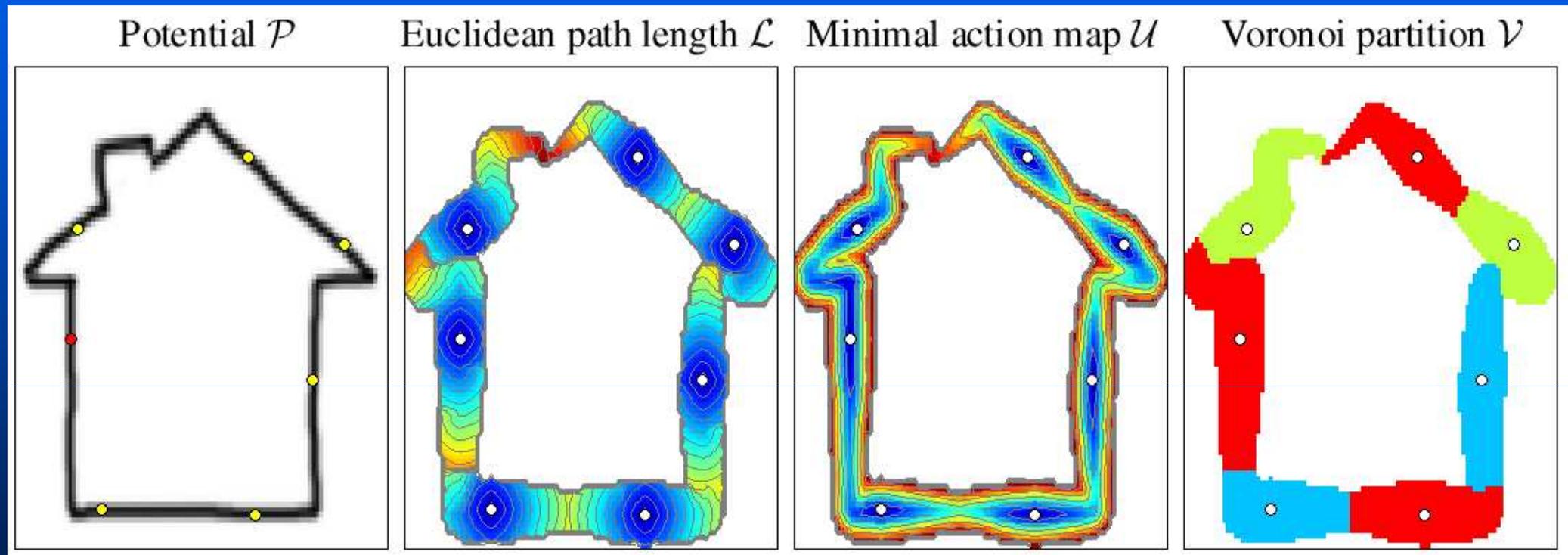
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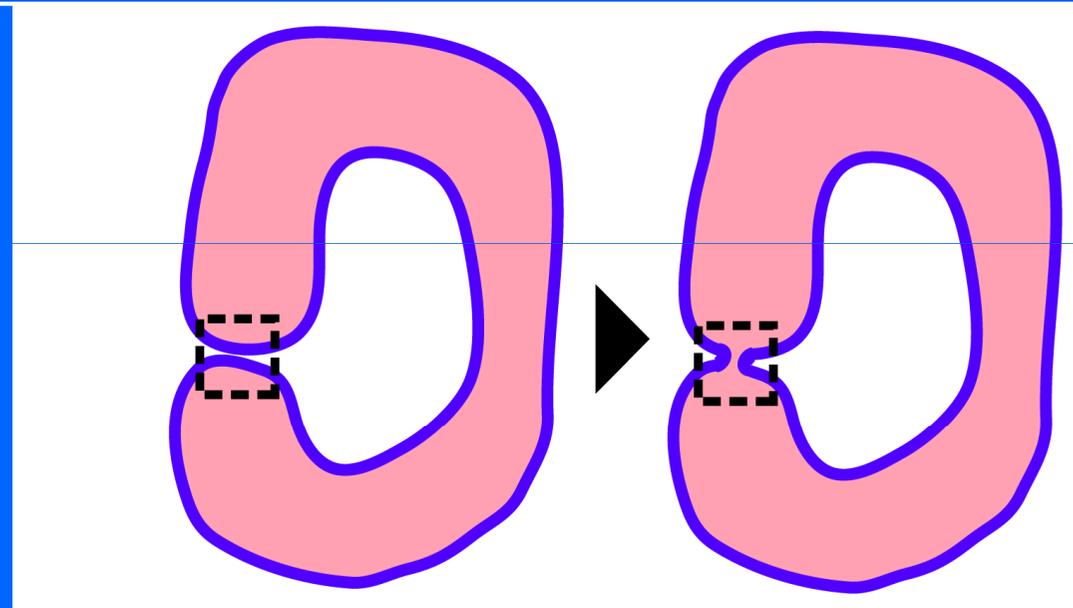


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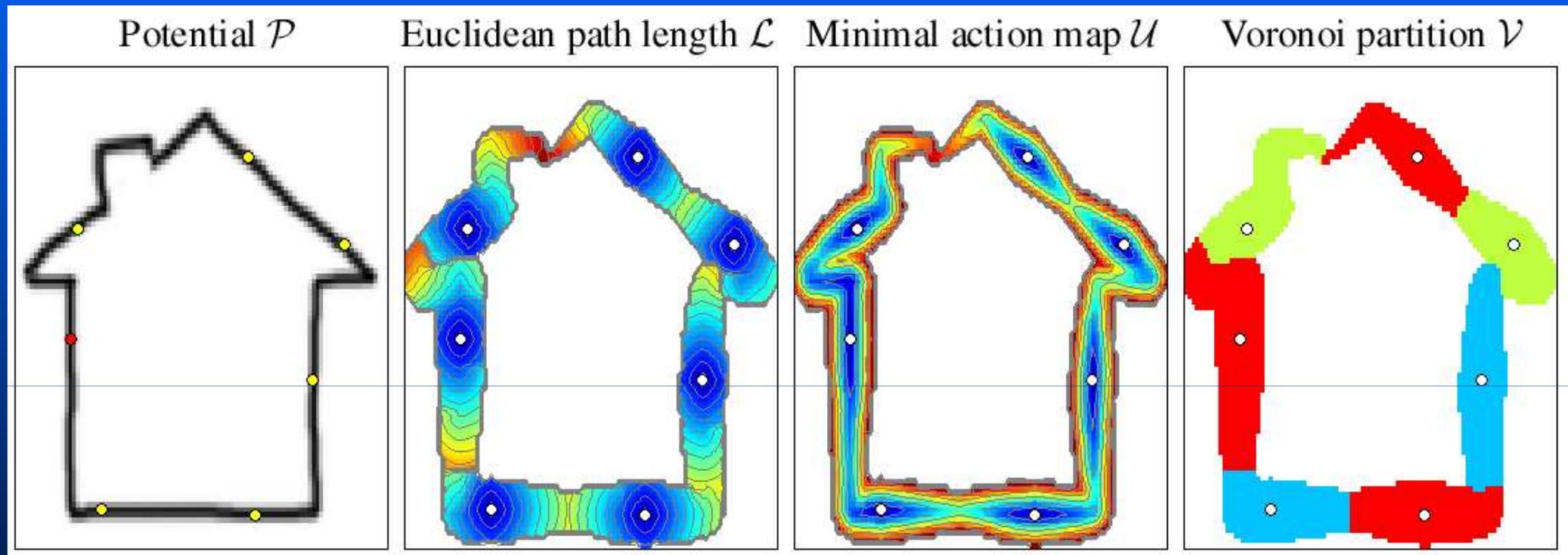


# Adding keypoints: Stopping criterion

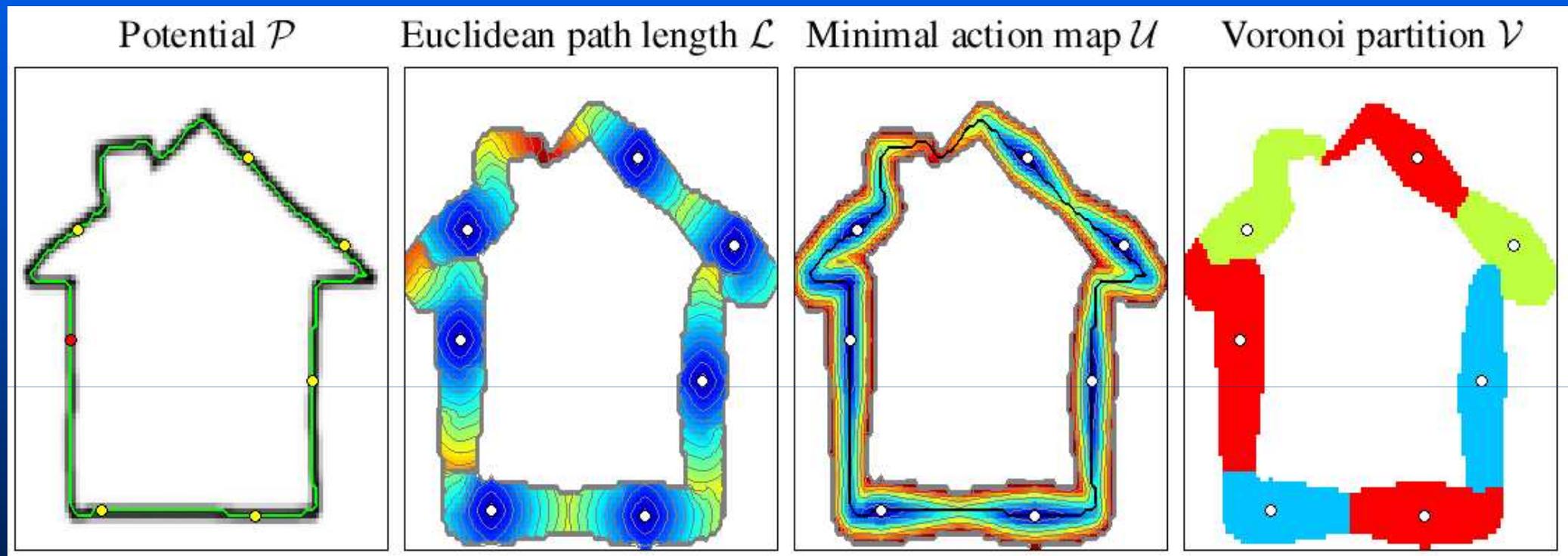
The propagation must be stopped as soon as the domain visited by the fronts has the same topology as a ring.



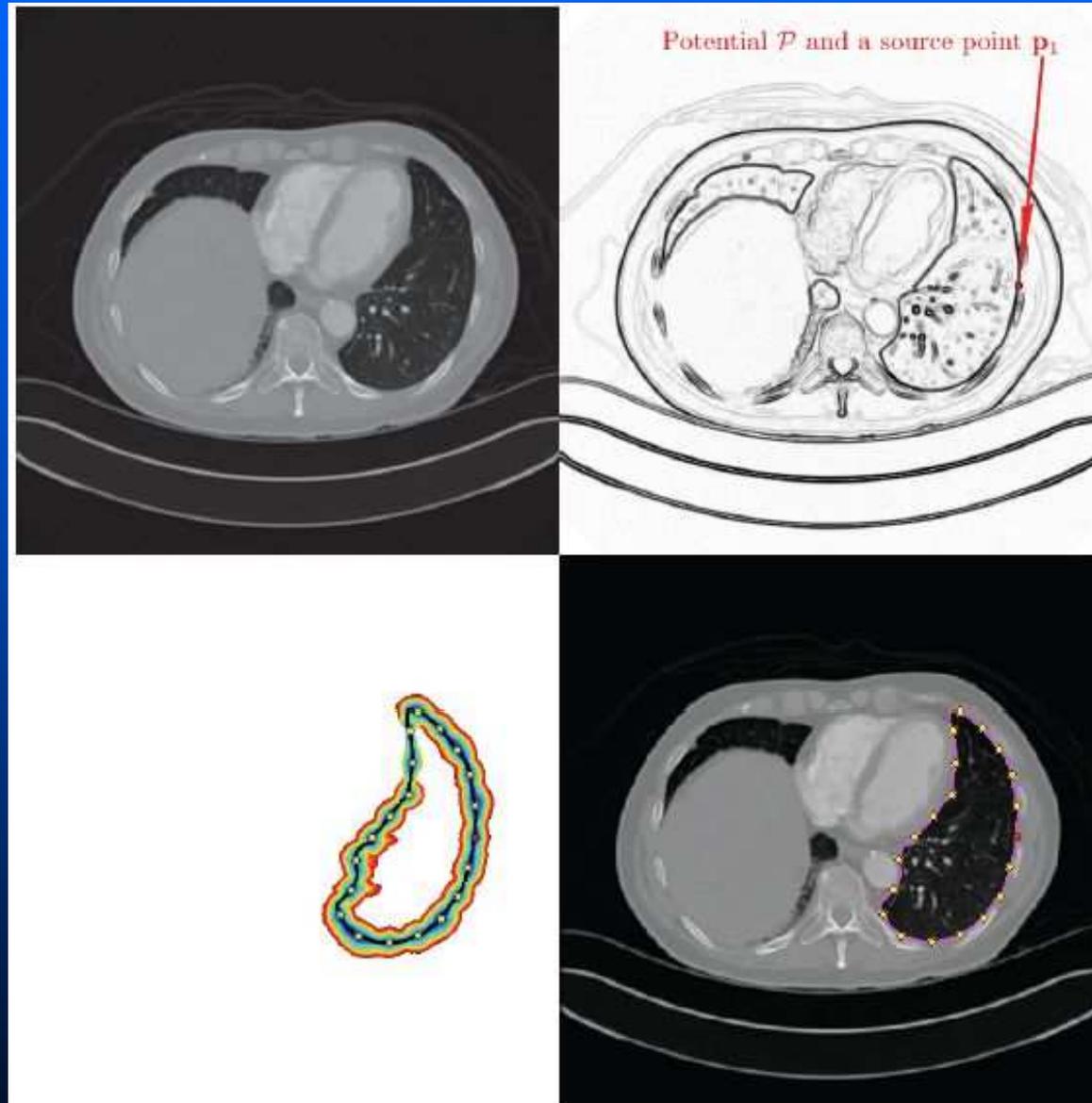
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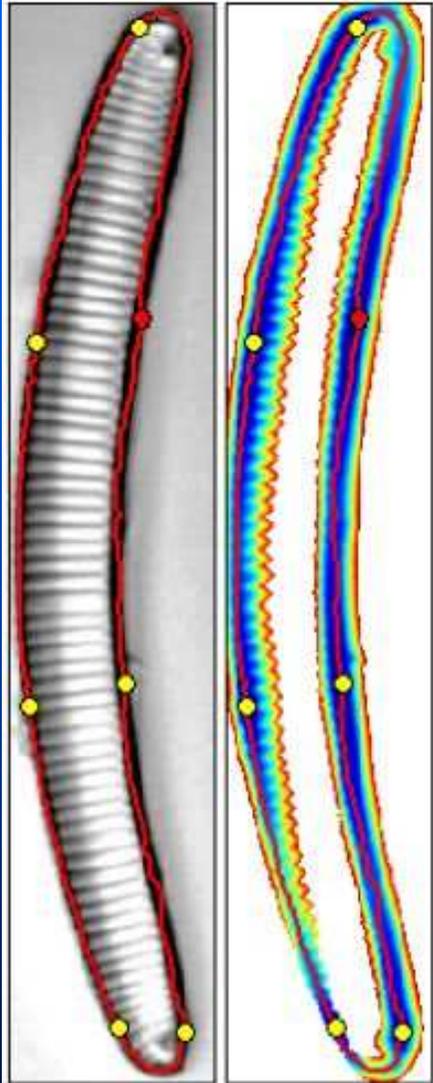
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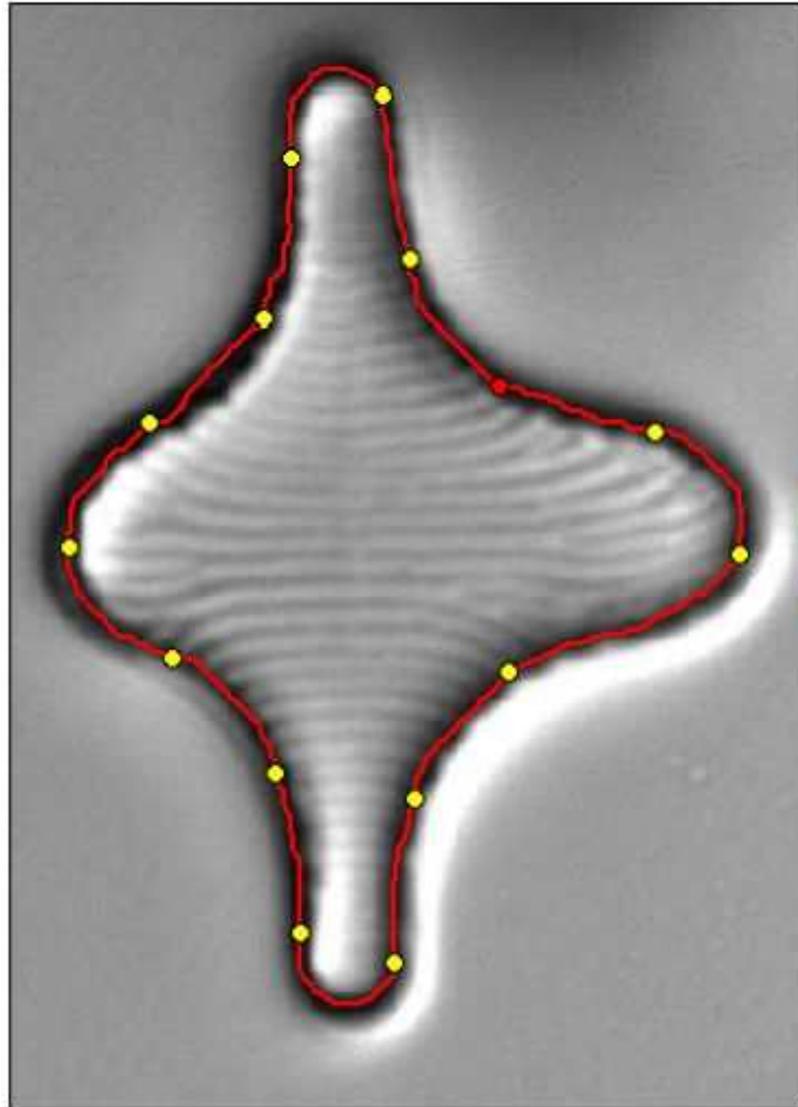
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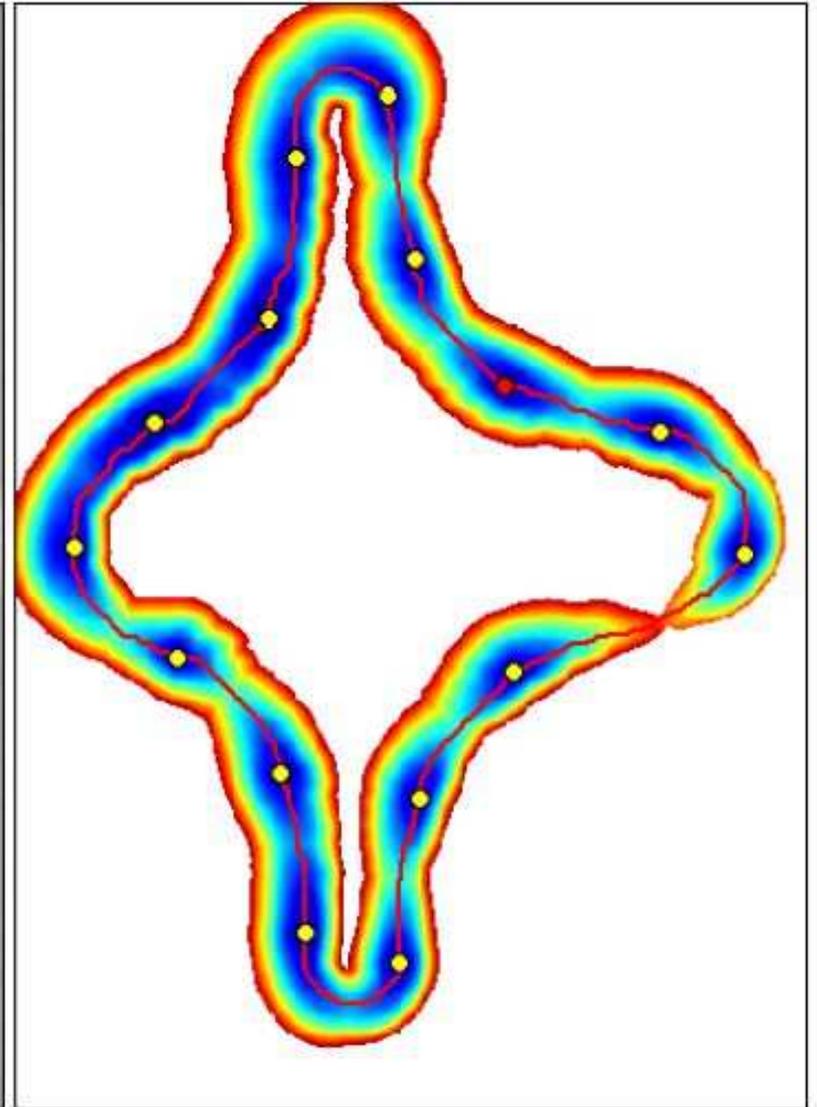
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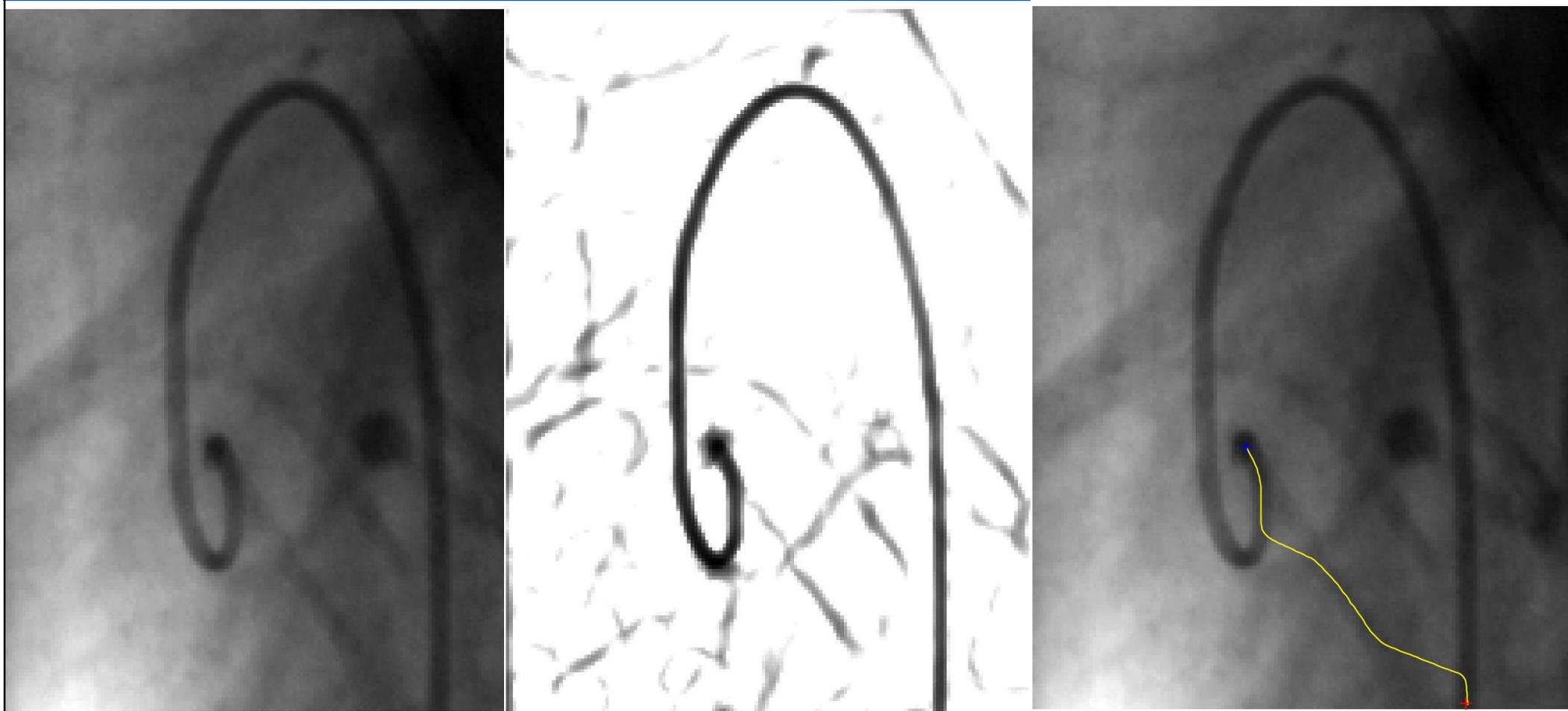
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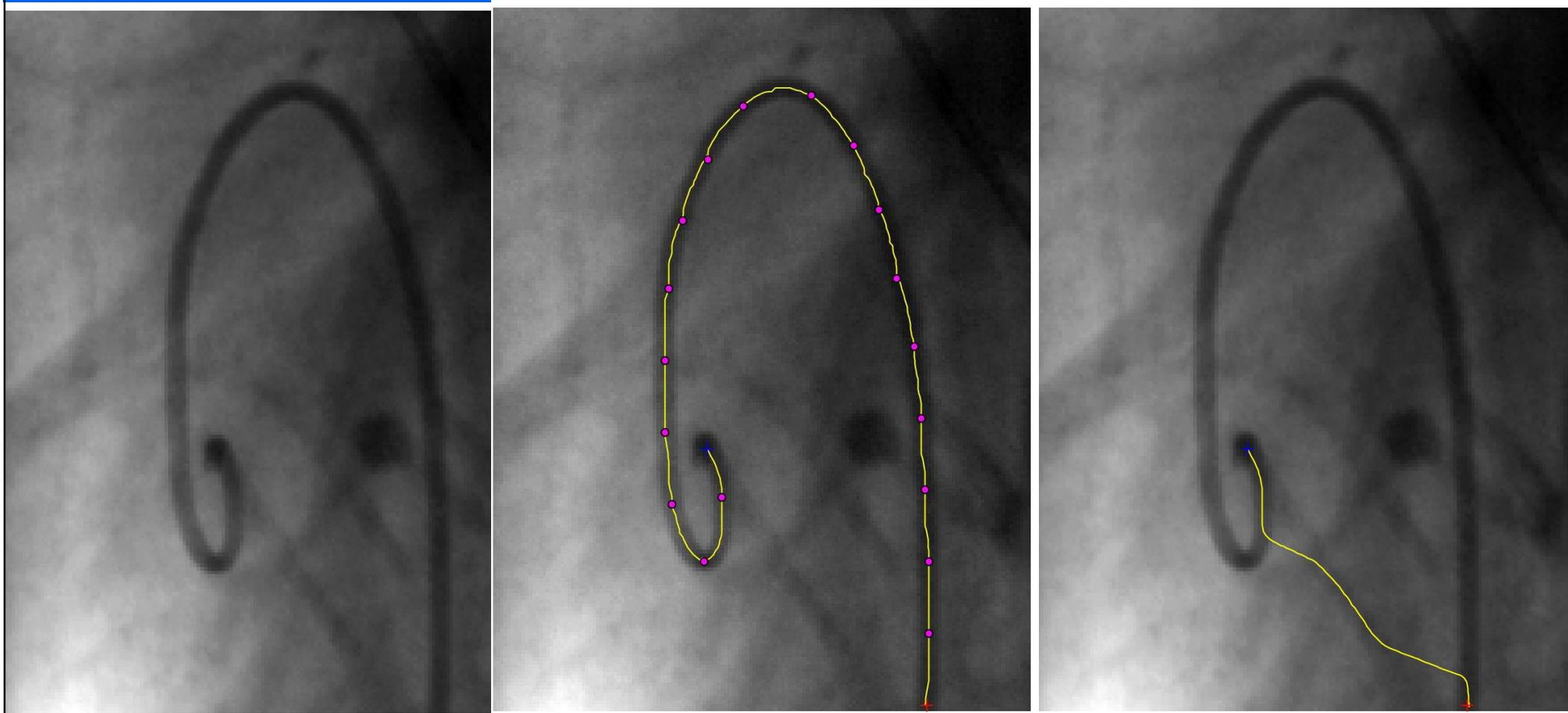
(b)



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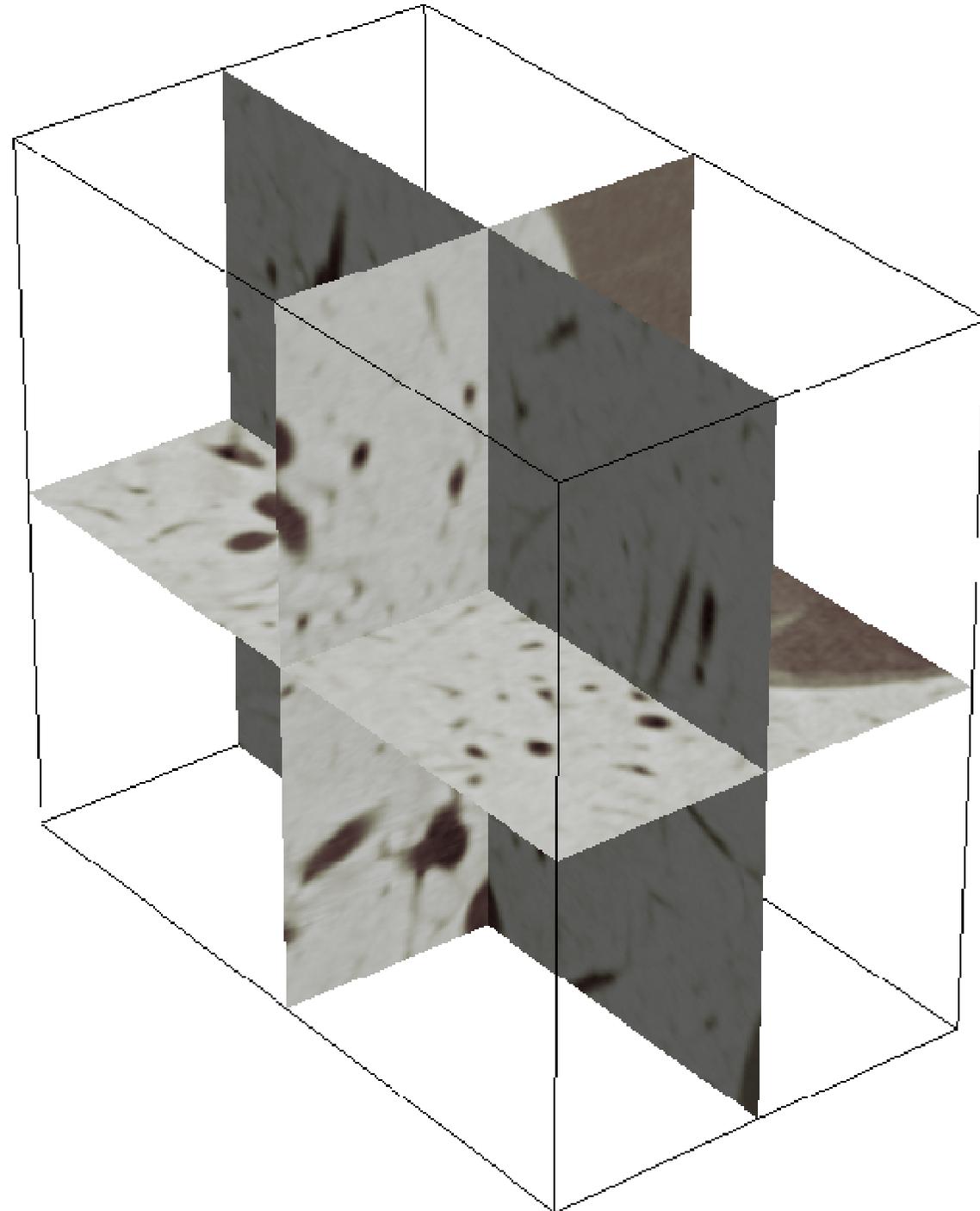


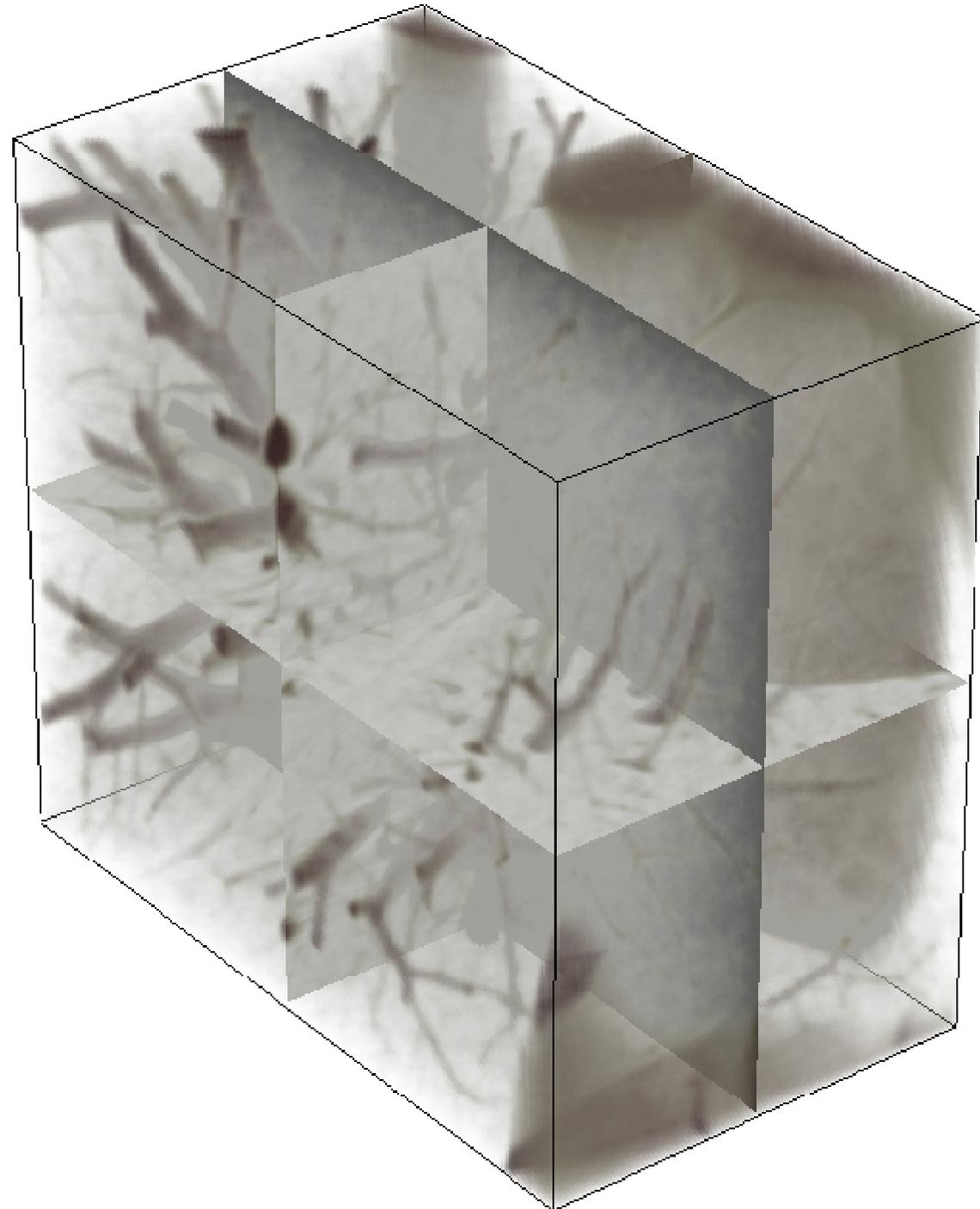
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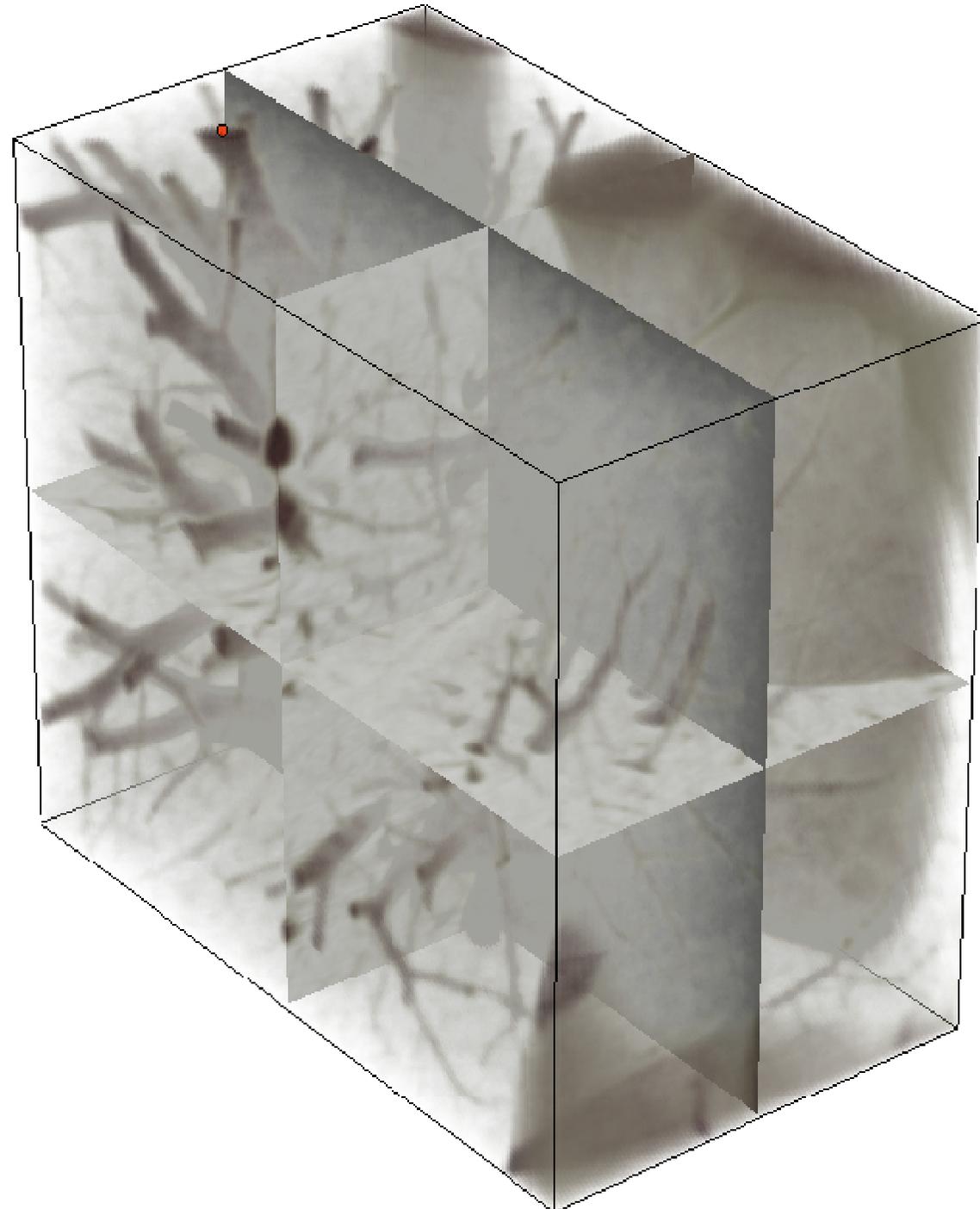


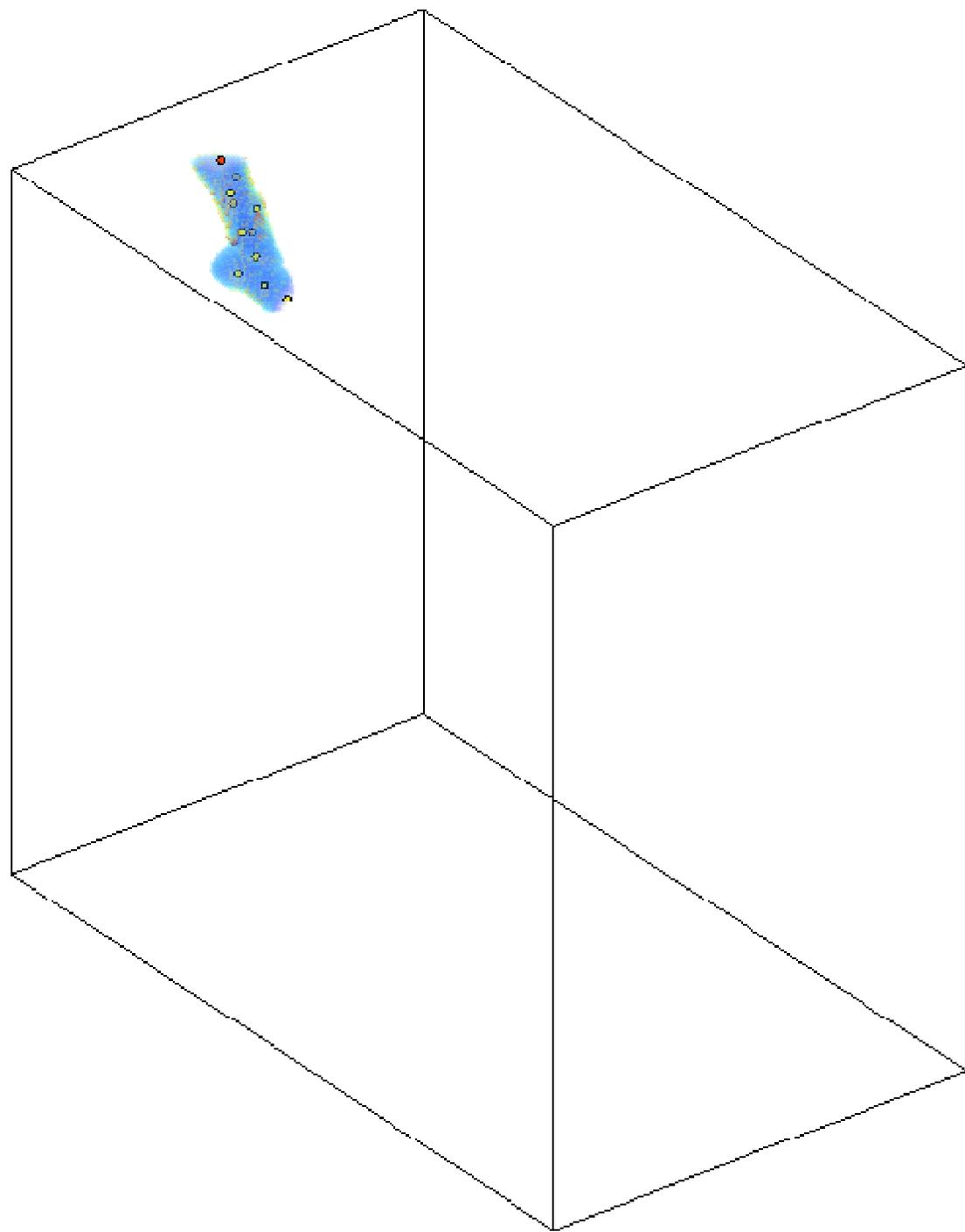
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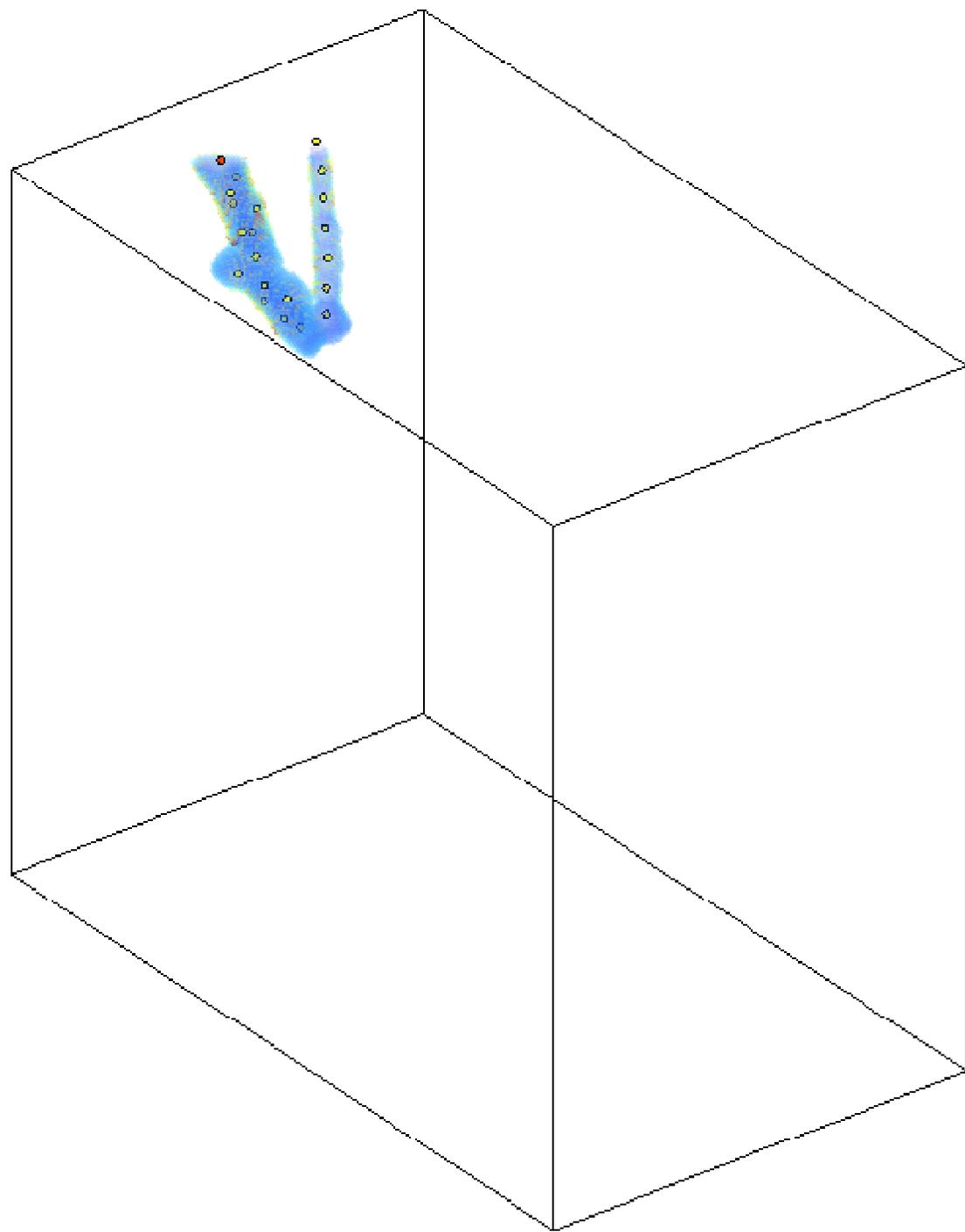
Example of results of the  
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of Pulmonary Arteries

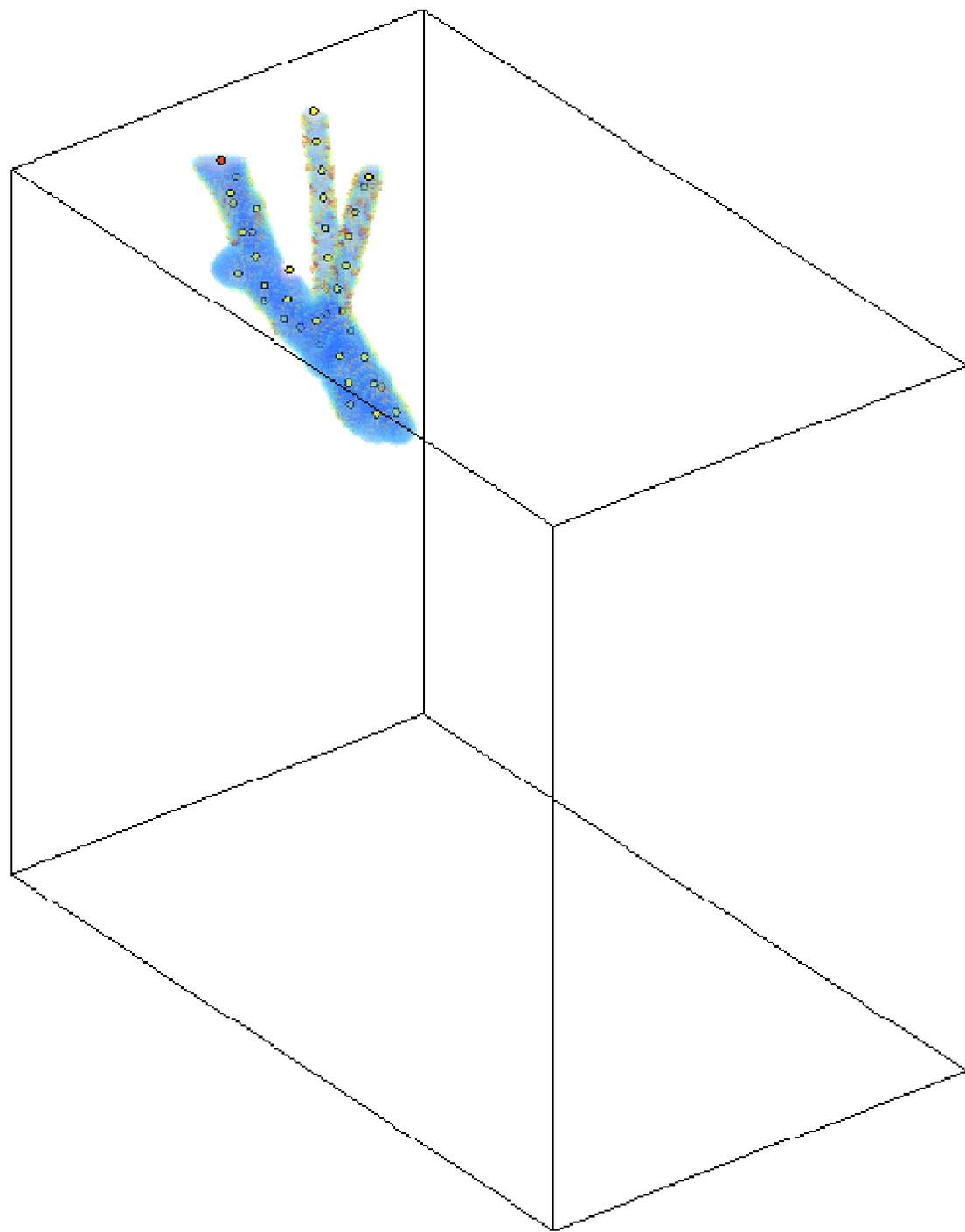


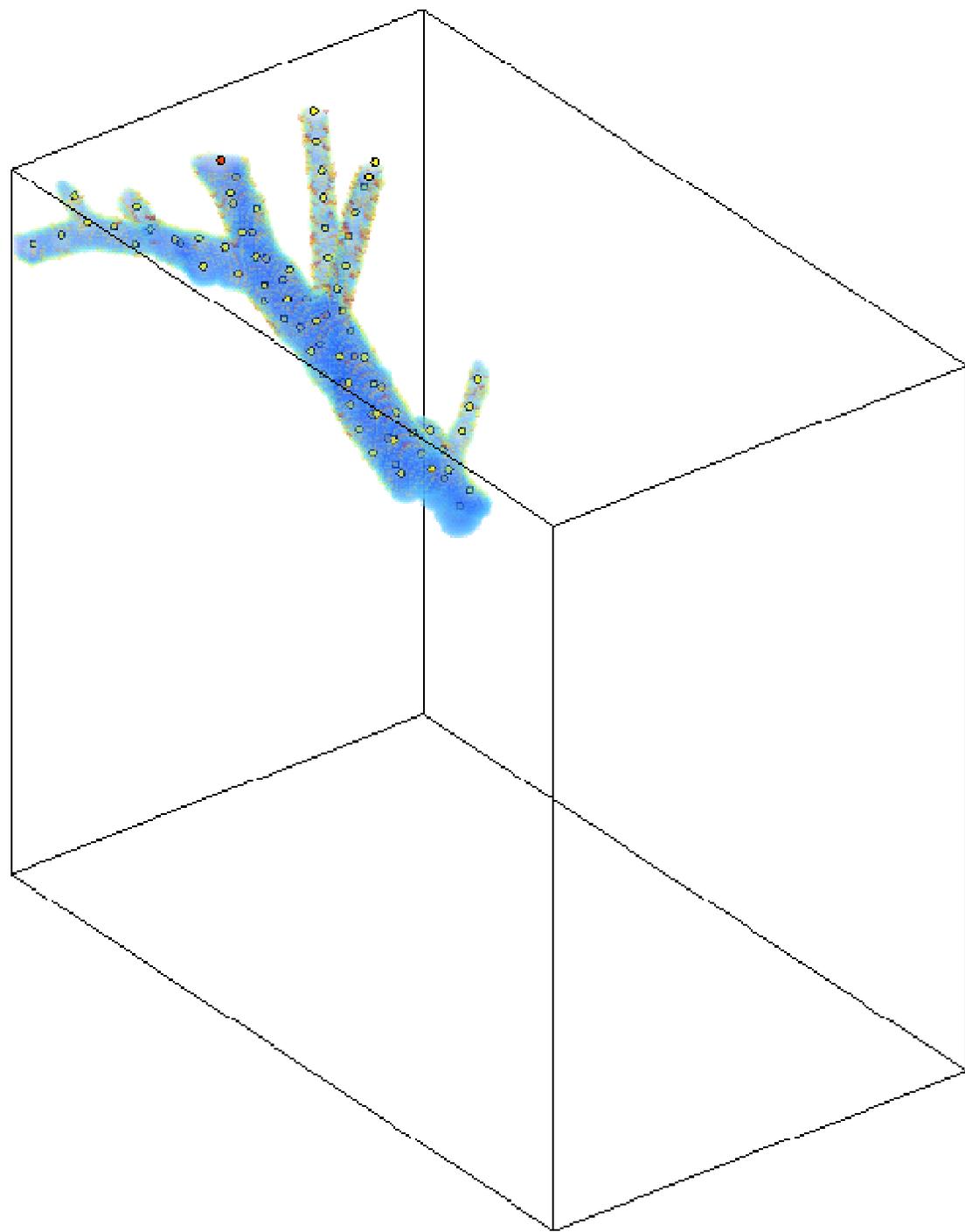


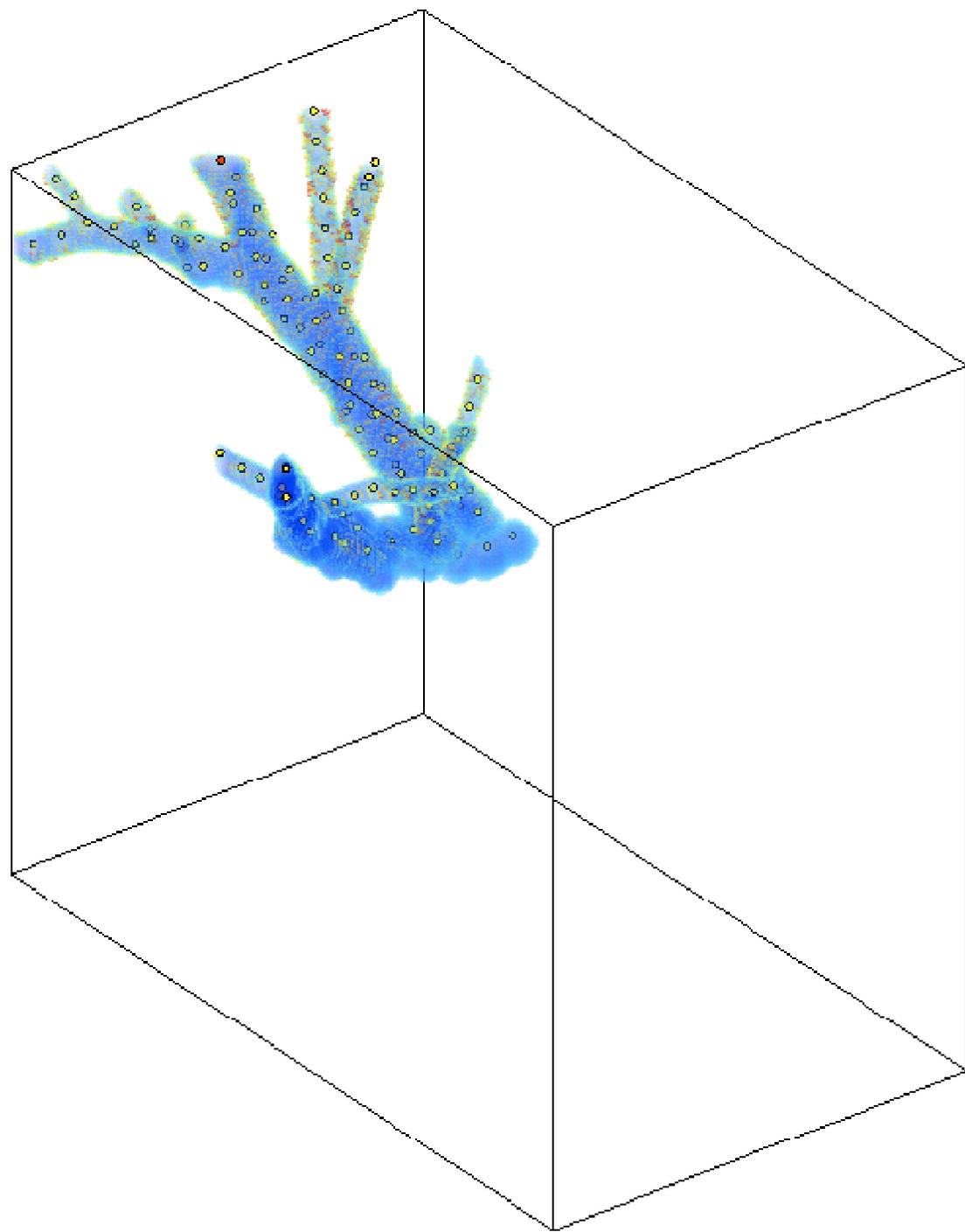


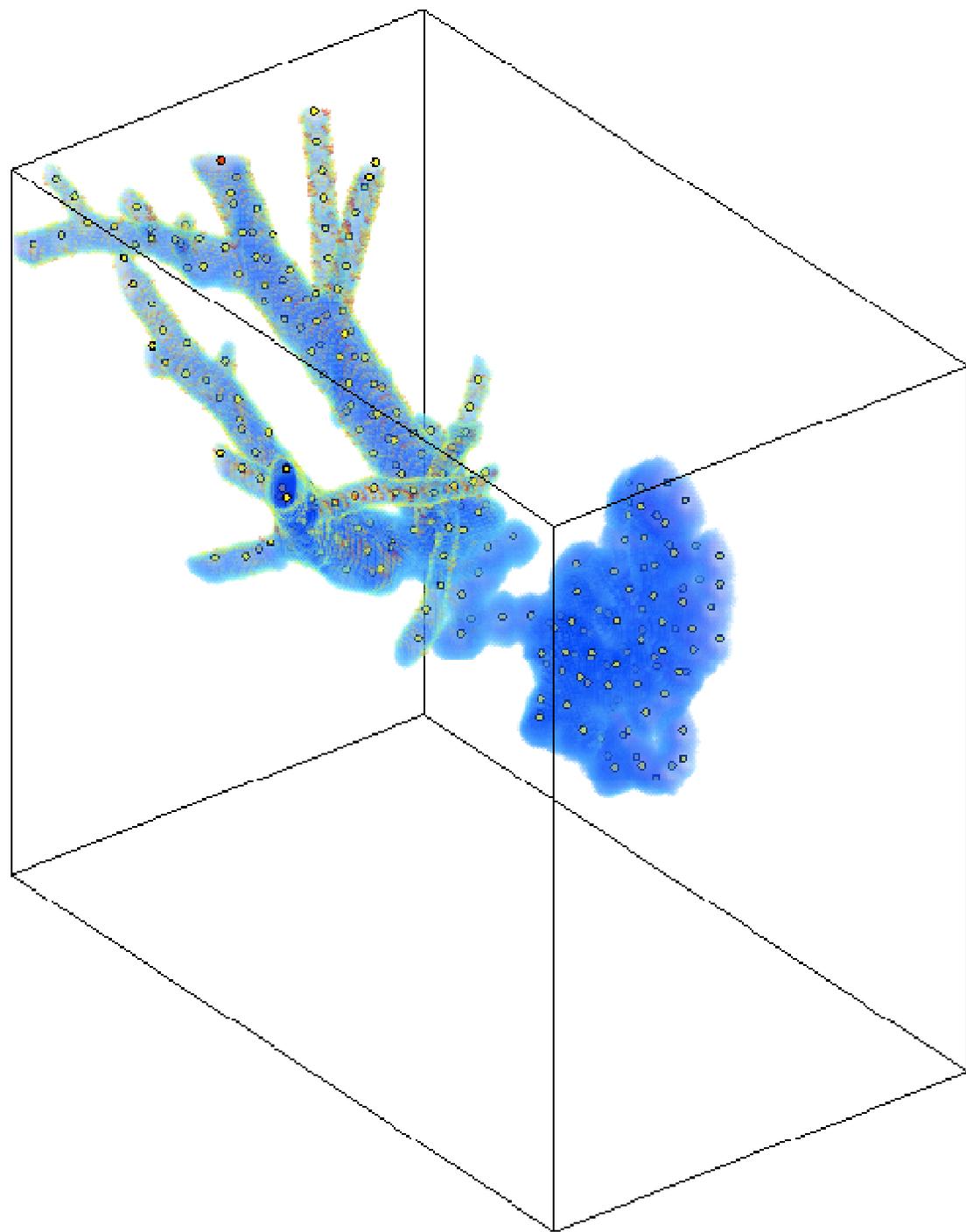


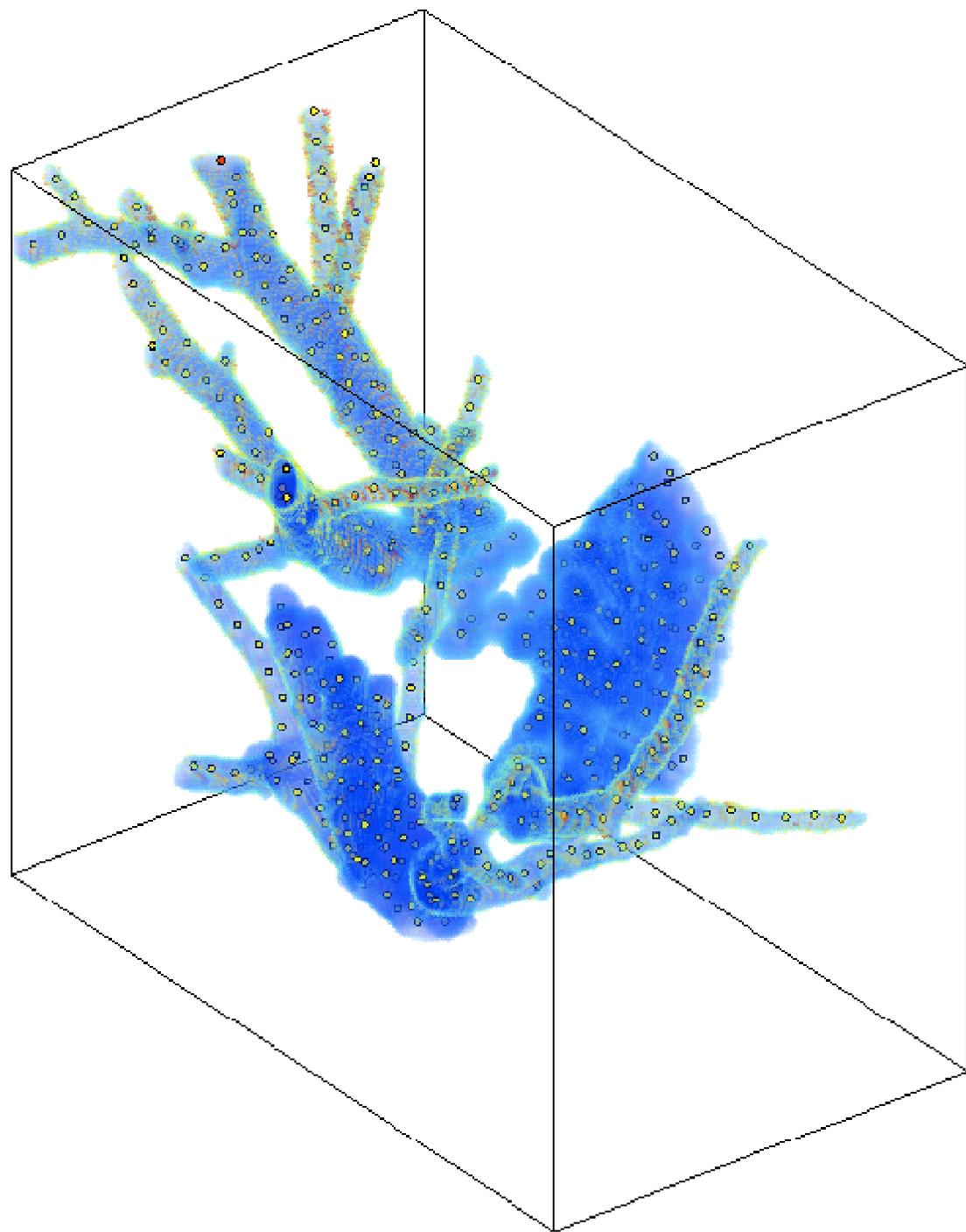












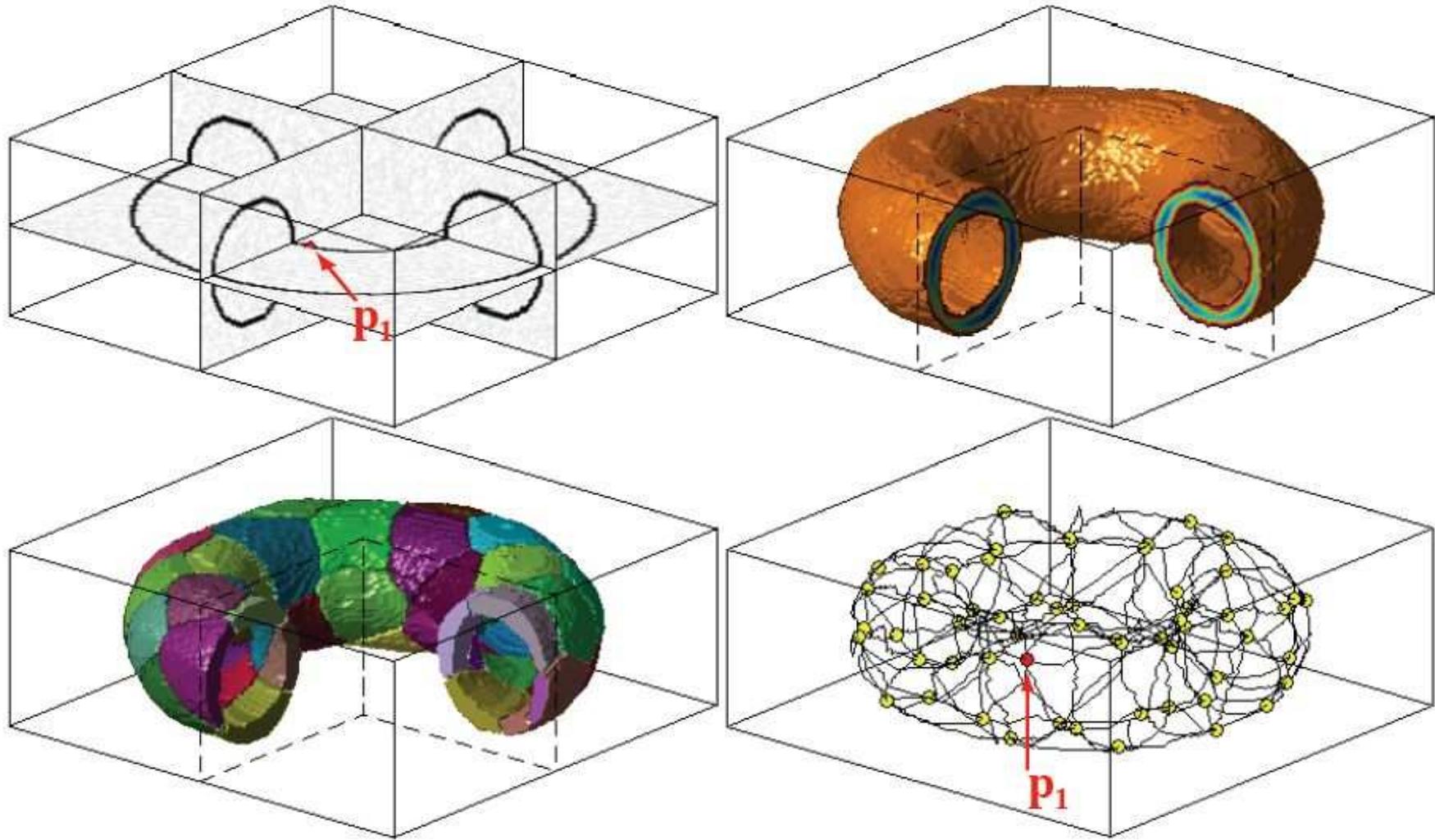
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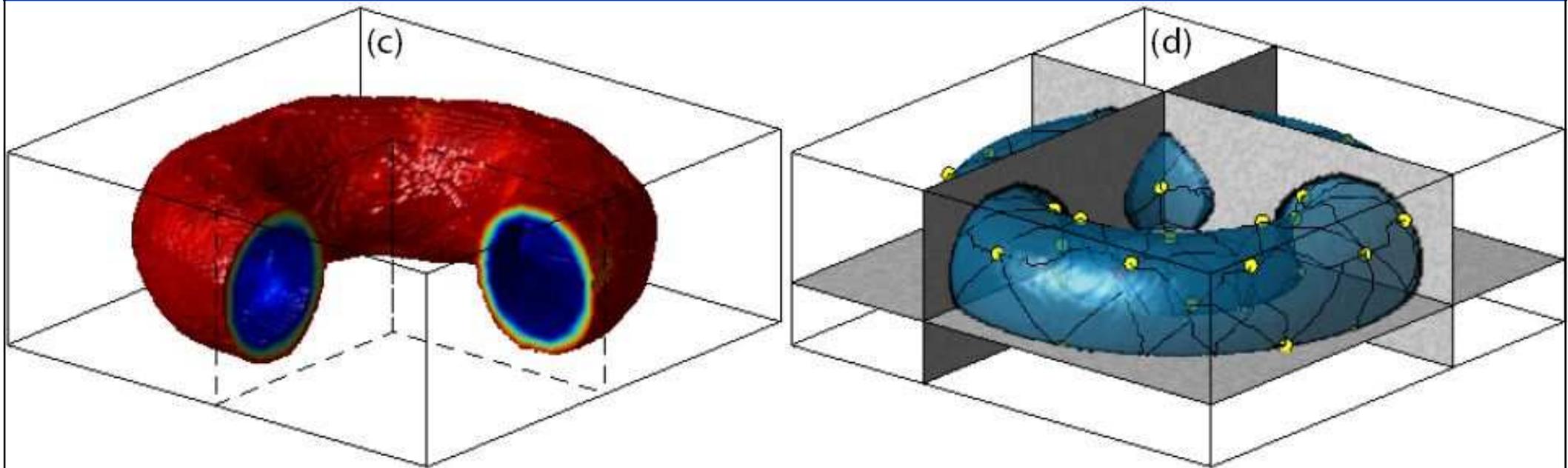
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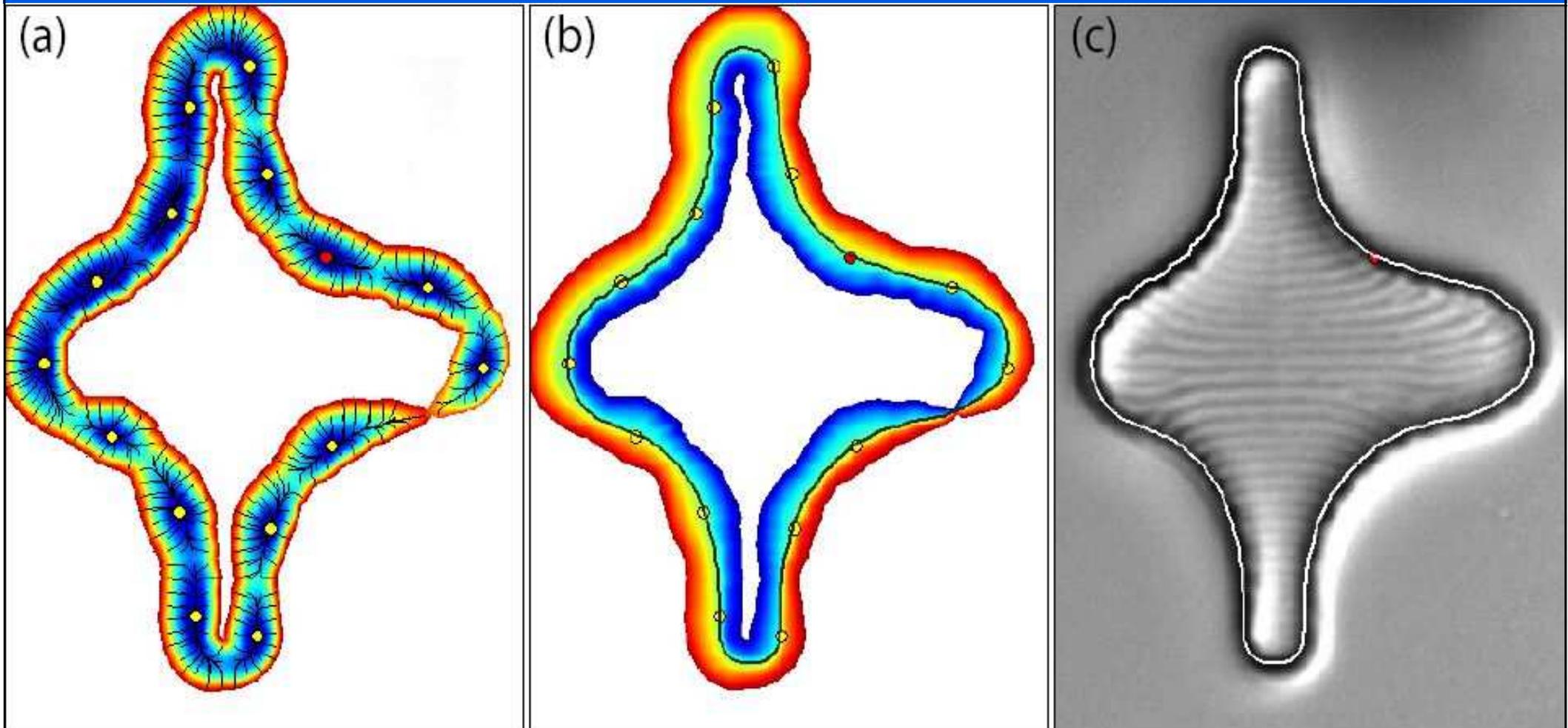


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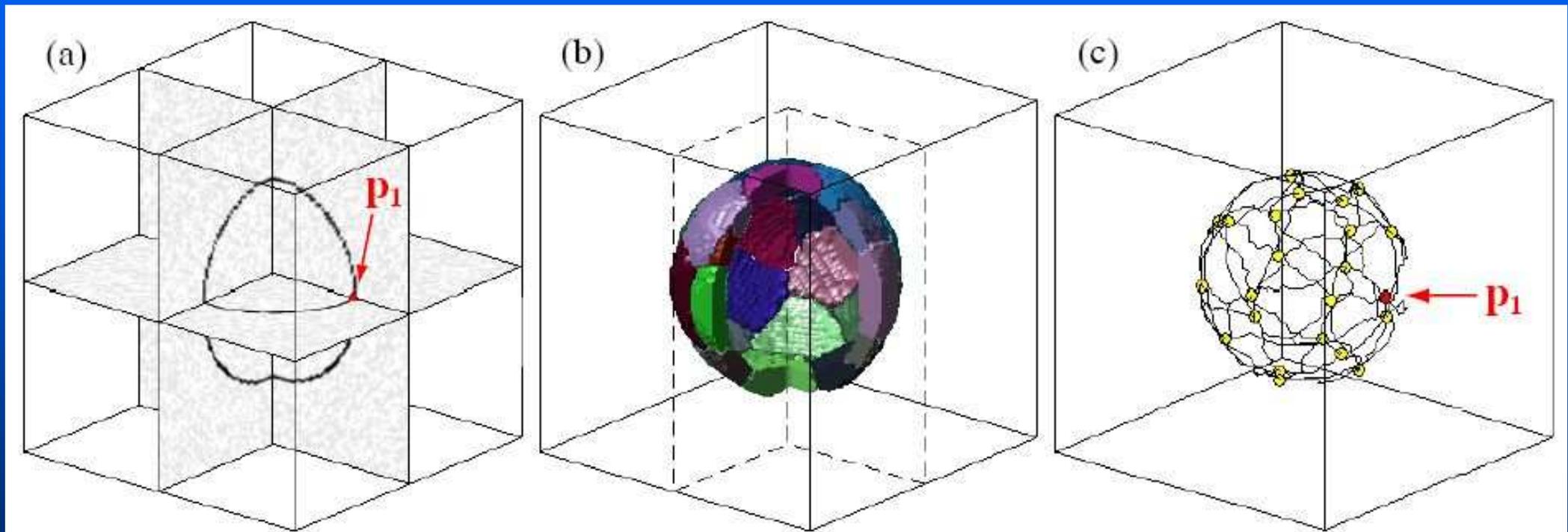
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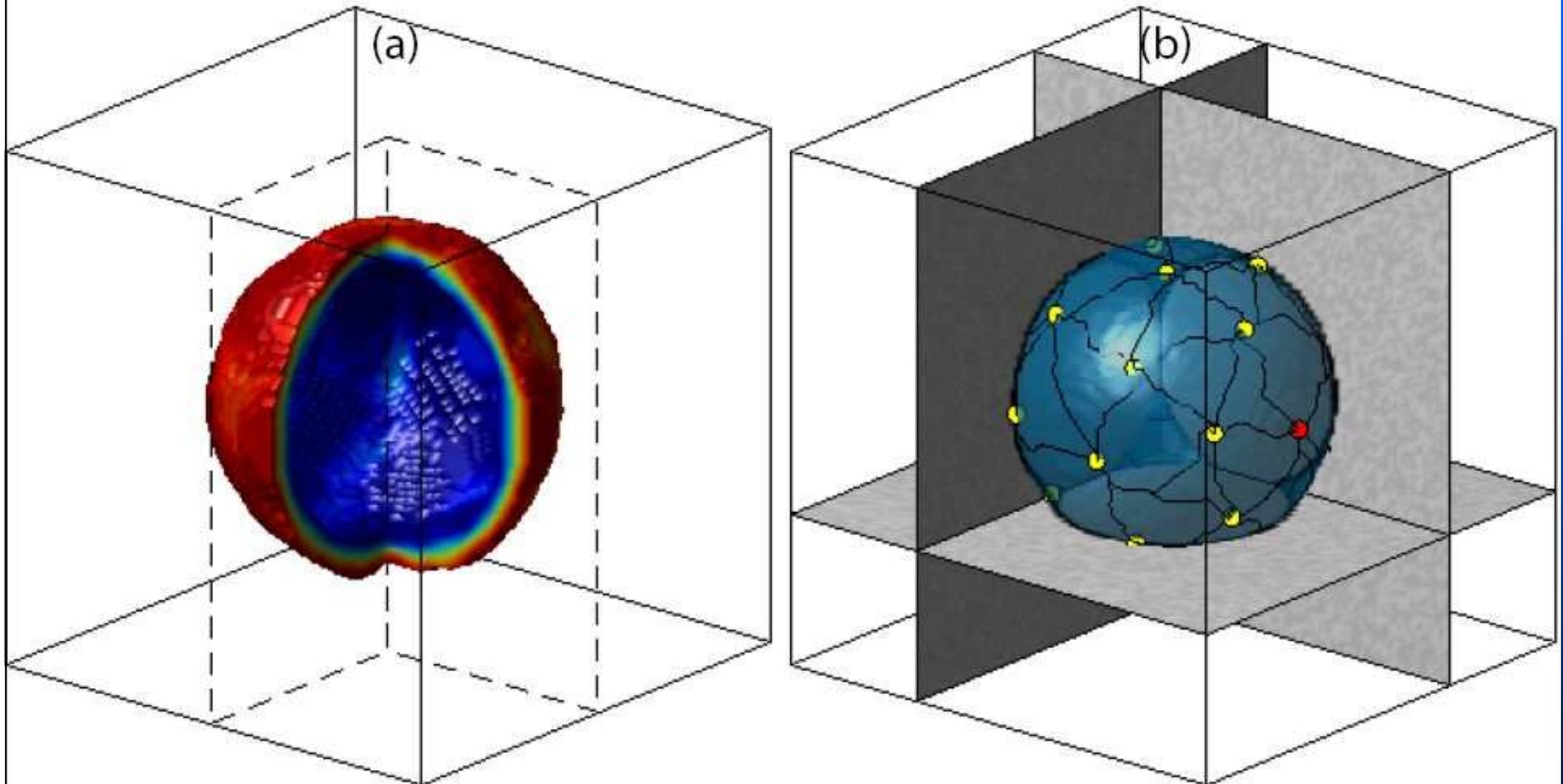
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- Example for a 2D image.



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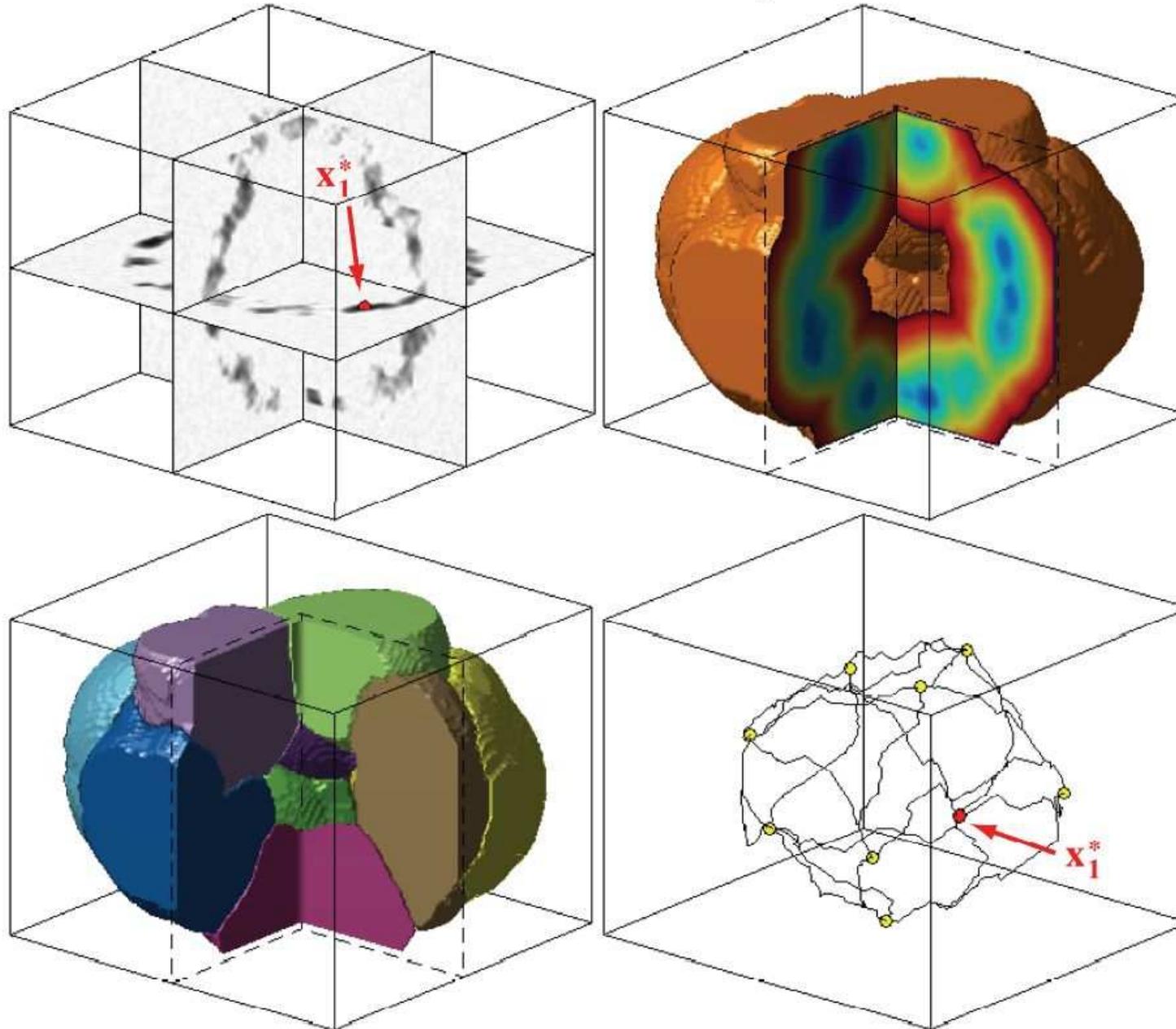


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- Mesh completed to a surface by Transport

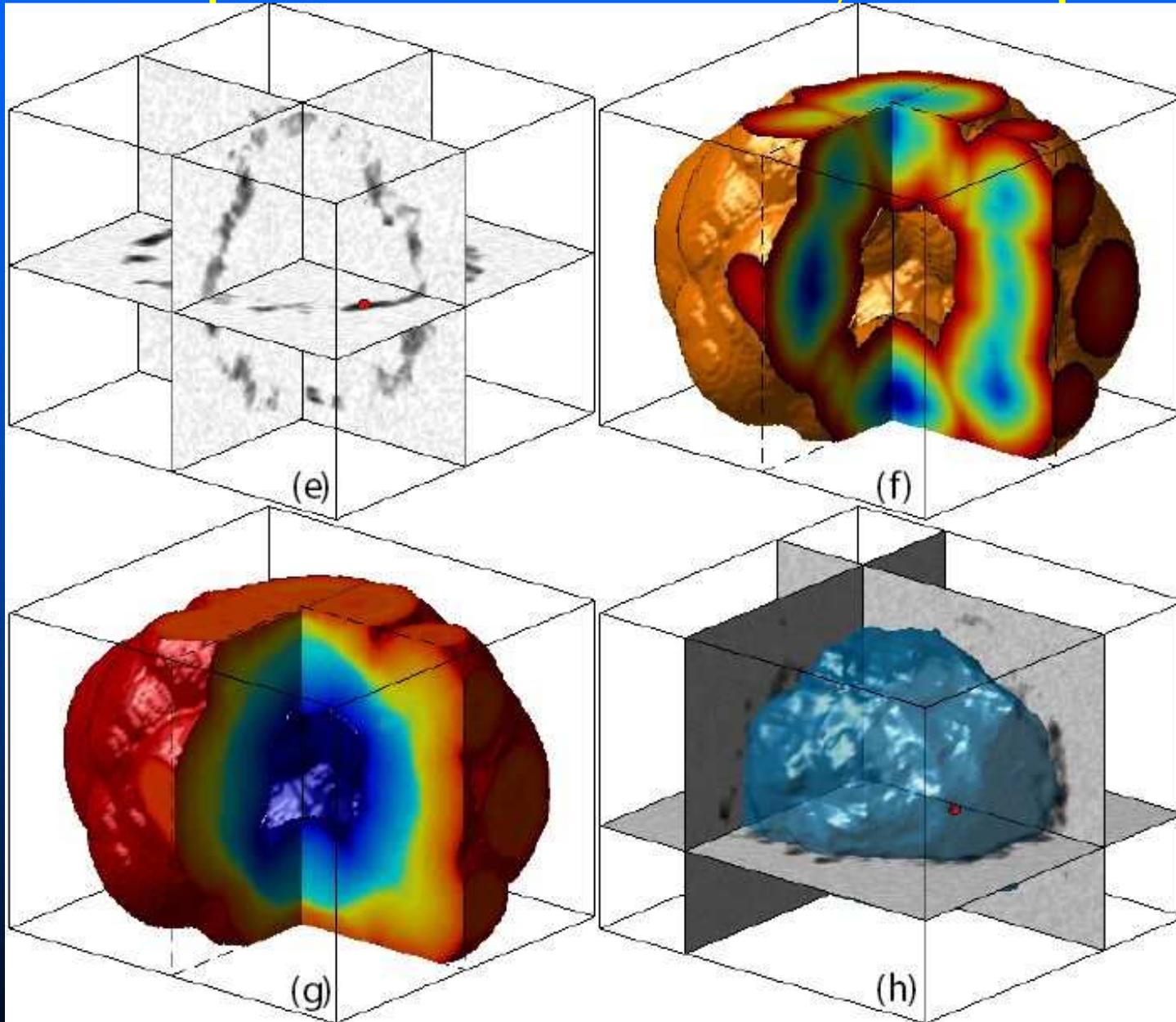


# ■ Example for a 3D real image: geodesic mesh

● On a 3D real image

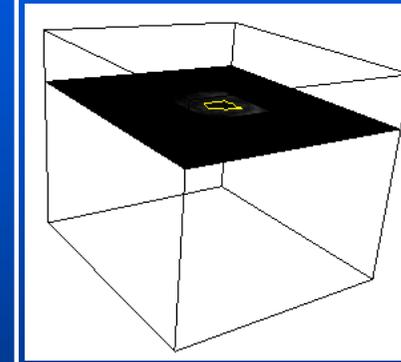
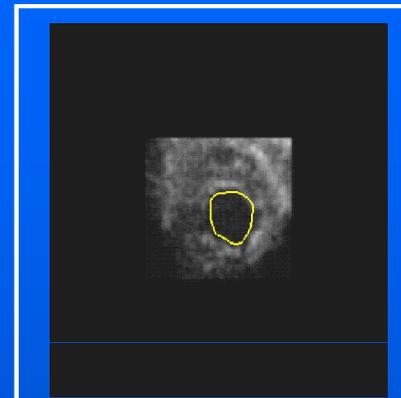
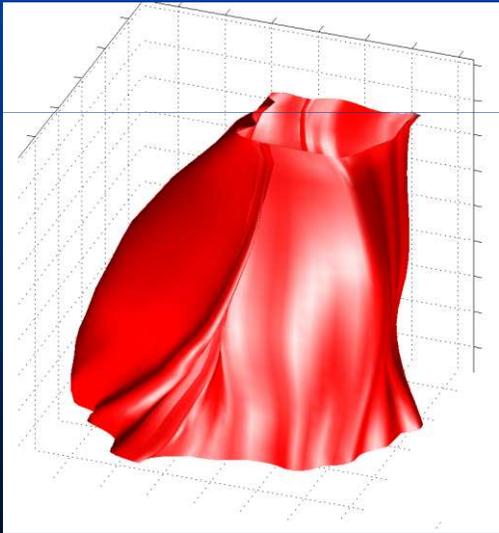


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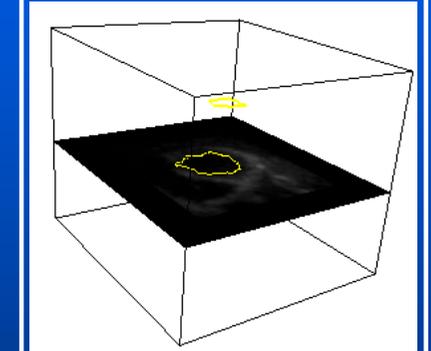
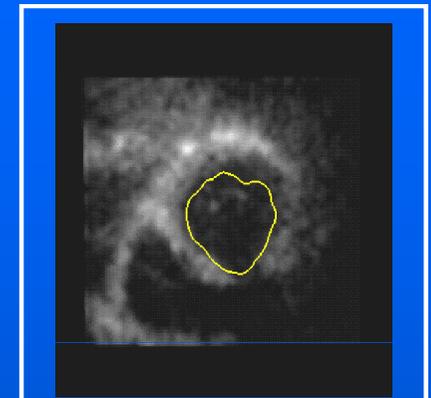


# Fast Constrained Surface Extraction by Minimal Paths

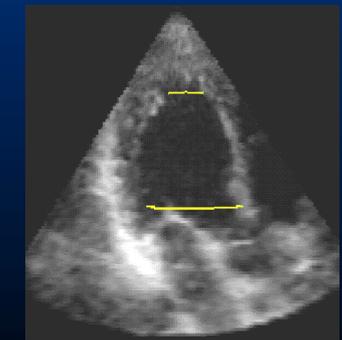
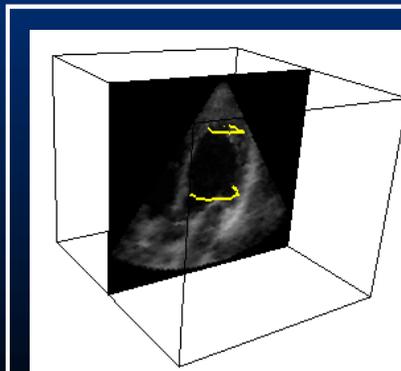
- Input:
  1. 3D image.
  2. Two closed curves ( $C_1, C_2$ ) drawn by expert on two slices.
- Goal:
  - Fast algorithm to obtain a surface lying on the two curves and segmenting the object of interest.



$C_1$



$C_2$



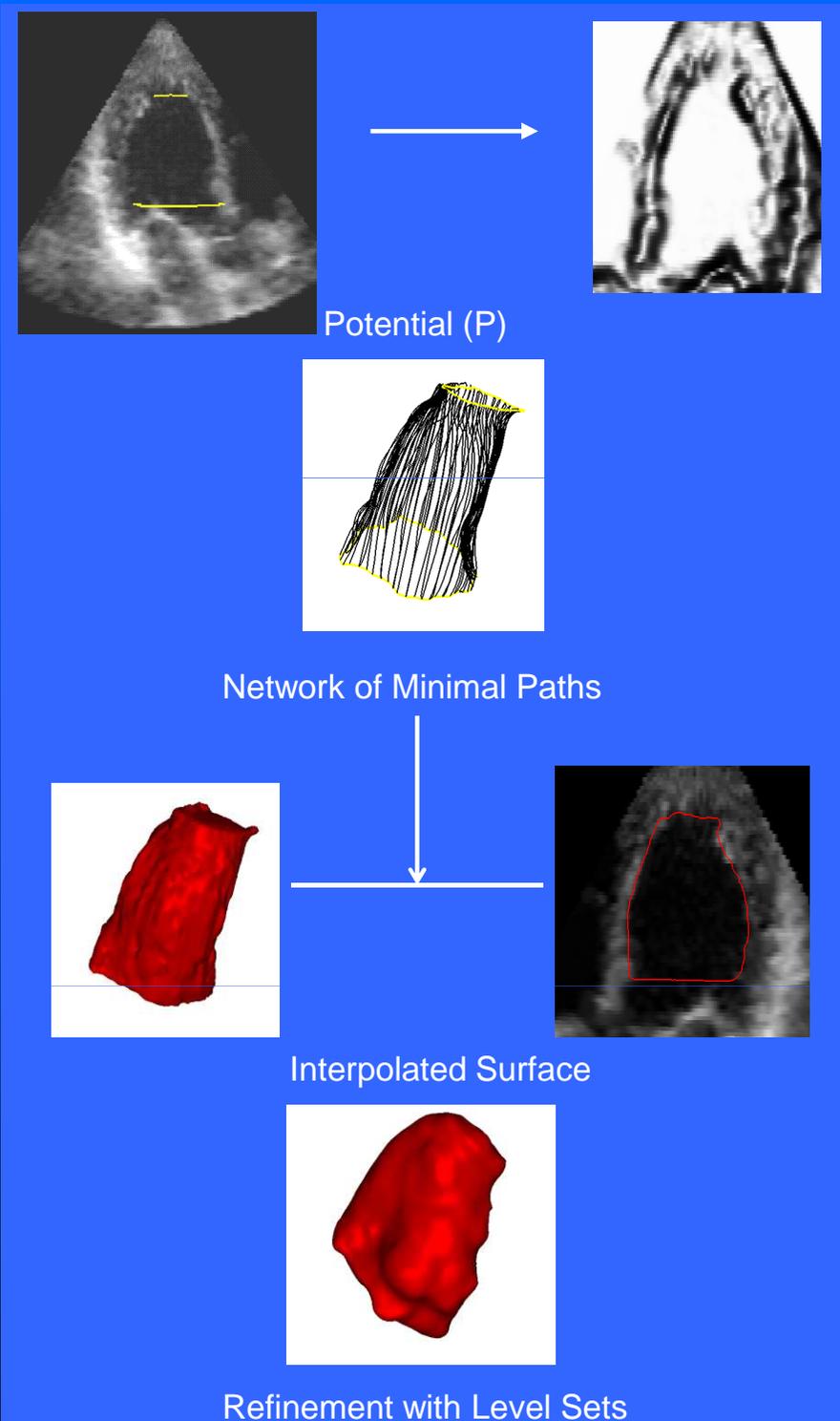
## Solution proposed

From a potential (P) describing the image features

- We create a network of paths  $S_{C_1}^{C_2}$  linking the given curves  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  and globally minimizing

$$E(C) = \int_C P(C) ds$$

- We interpolate them in order to generate the segmenting surface.
- If further precision is needed an active model can be used to refine the segmentation.



Hypothesis :  $\Psi$  satisfies on image domain

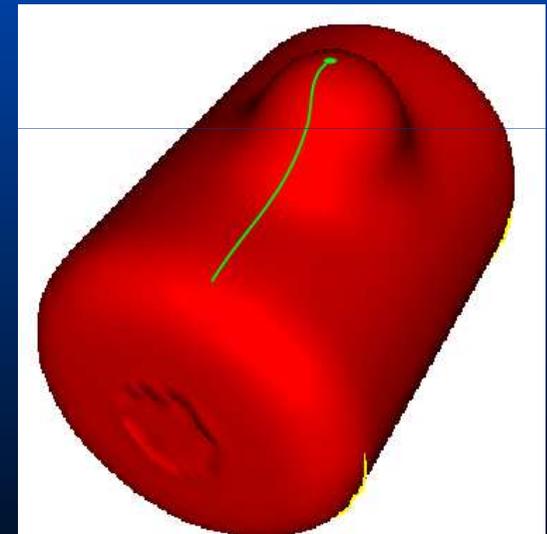
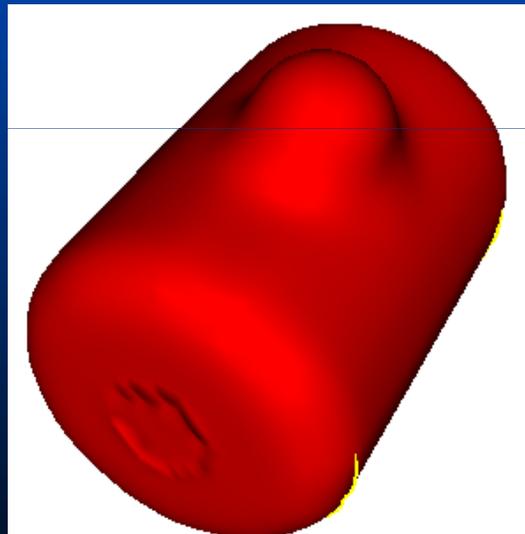
$$\forall p \in \Omega, \langle \nabla \Psi(p), \nabla U_{\Gamma_1}(p) \rangle = 0 \quad \Gamma_2 \subset \Psi^{-1}(0)$$

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$$\forall p \in \Omega, p \in \Psi^{-1}(0) \Rightarrow C_{\Gamma_1}^p \subset \Psi^{-1}(0)$$



$\Psi^{-1}(0)$  is composed only of minimal paths leading to  $\Gamma_1$



Path network : implicit approach as zero level set of solution of a transport equation

Construction of  $\Psi$  when  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  are planar (usual case for applications).

$$\begin{cases} \forall p \in \Omega, \langle \nabla \Psi(p), \nabla U_{\Gamma_1}(p) \rangle + H(\Psi) = 0 \\ \Gamma_2 \subset \Psi^{-1}(0) \end{cases}$$

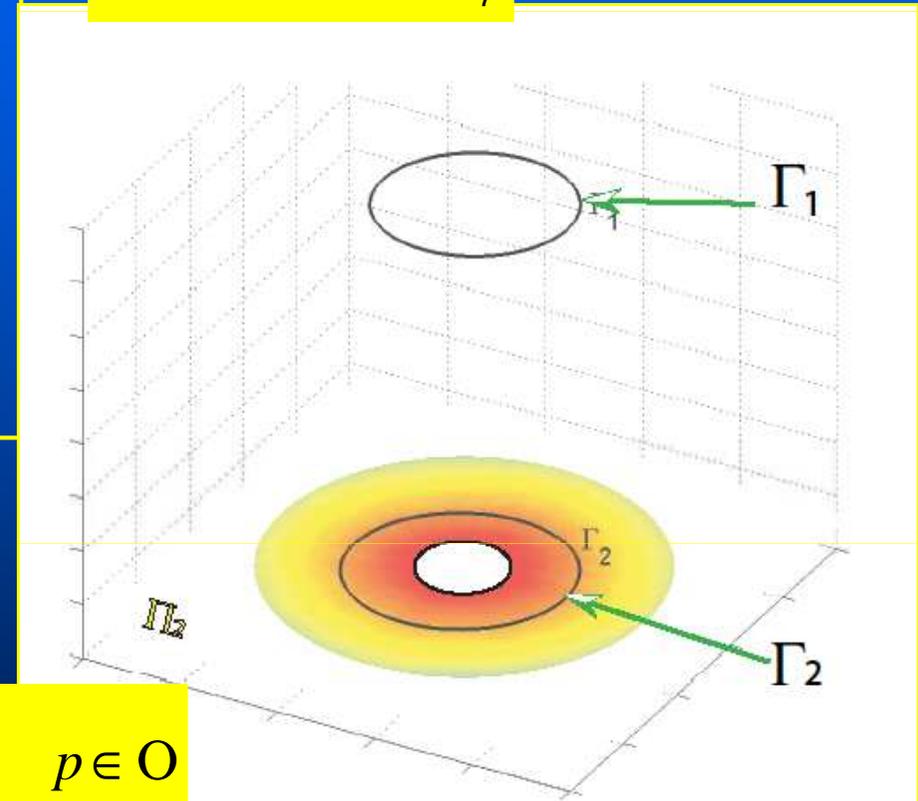
$$V_\eta^2 = \{p \in \Pi_2 \text{ such that } |d_2(p)| \leq \eta\}$$

$$O = \text{int}(\Omega) - V_\eta^2$$

$$\begin{cases} p \in \Psi^{-1}(0) \Rightarrow C_{\Gamma_1}^p \subset \Psi^{-1}(0) \\ S_{\Gamma_1}^{\Gamma_2} \subset \Psi^{-1}(0) \end{cases}$$

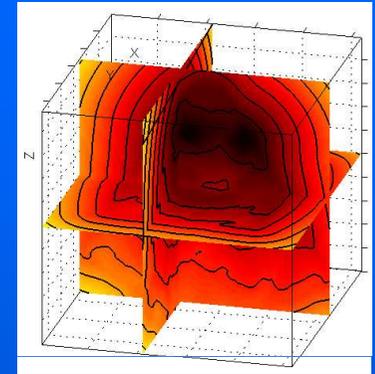
By choosing  $H(\Psi) = \alpha \cdot \Psi$ , we have to solve this problem:

$$\begin{cases} \langle \nabla \Psi(p), \nabla U_{\Gamma_1}(p) \rangle + \alpha \cdot \Psi = 0 & \text{if } p \in O \\ \Psi(p) = d_2(p) & \text{if } p \in V_\eta^2 \\ \Psi(p) = \min_{p \in V_\eta^2} (d_2(p)) & \text{if } p \in \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$



**Step 1:** numerical Resolution of eikonal equation by :  
*Fast Marching, Group Marching, Fast Sweeping*

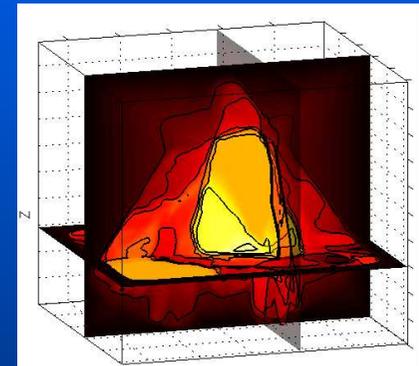
$$\|\nabla U_{\Gamma_1}\| = P$$



➤ **Etape 2:** Resolution of transport equation

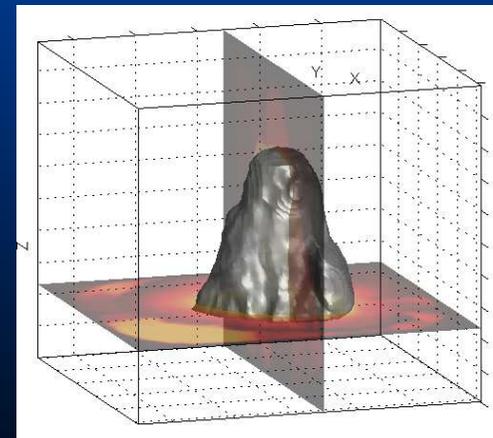
- By iterative approach
- By *Fast Marching* approach.
- By *Fast Sweeping* approach.

$$\begin{cases} \langle \nabla \Psi(p), \nabla U_{\Gamma_1}(p) \rangle + \alpha \cdot \Psi = 0 \\ \Psi = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_2 \end{cases}$$

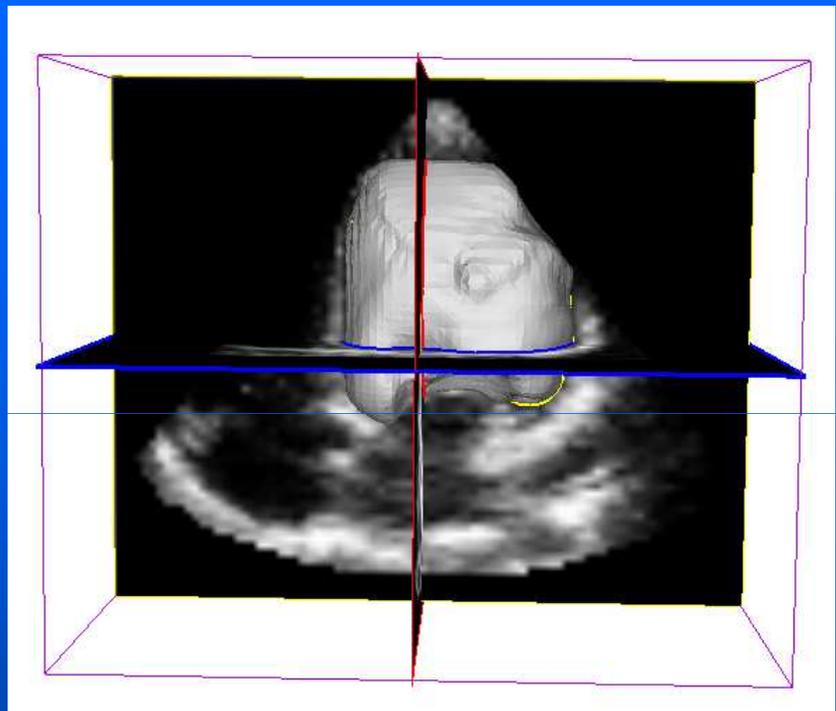


➤ **Step 3:** Detection of zero level set

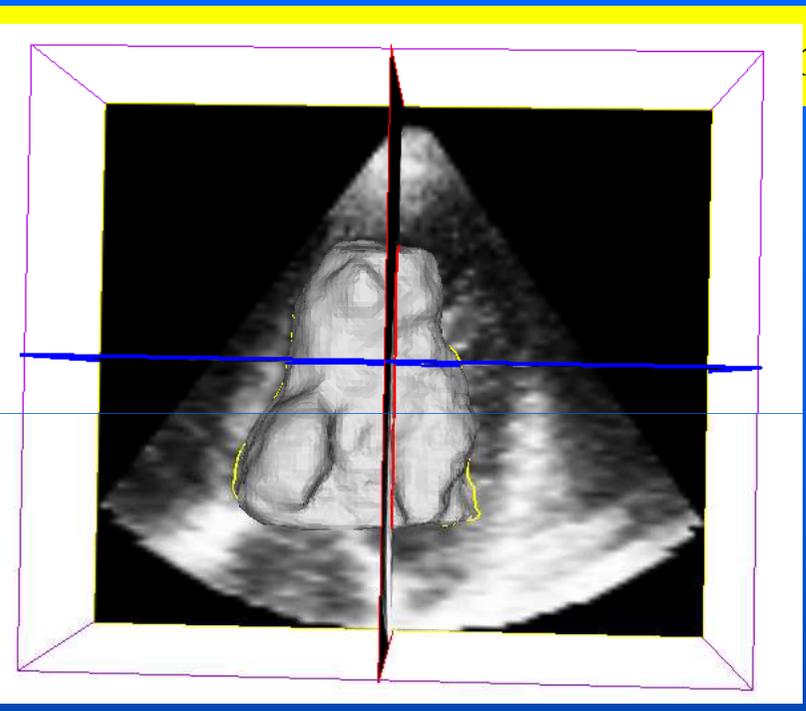
- by *Marching Cube, Marching Tetrahedra...*



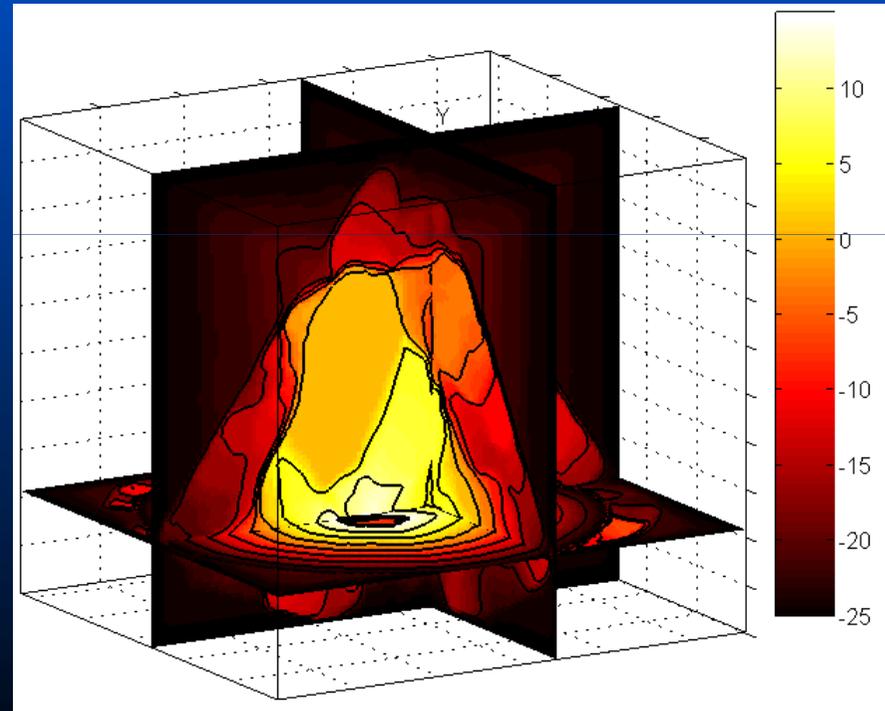
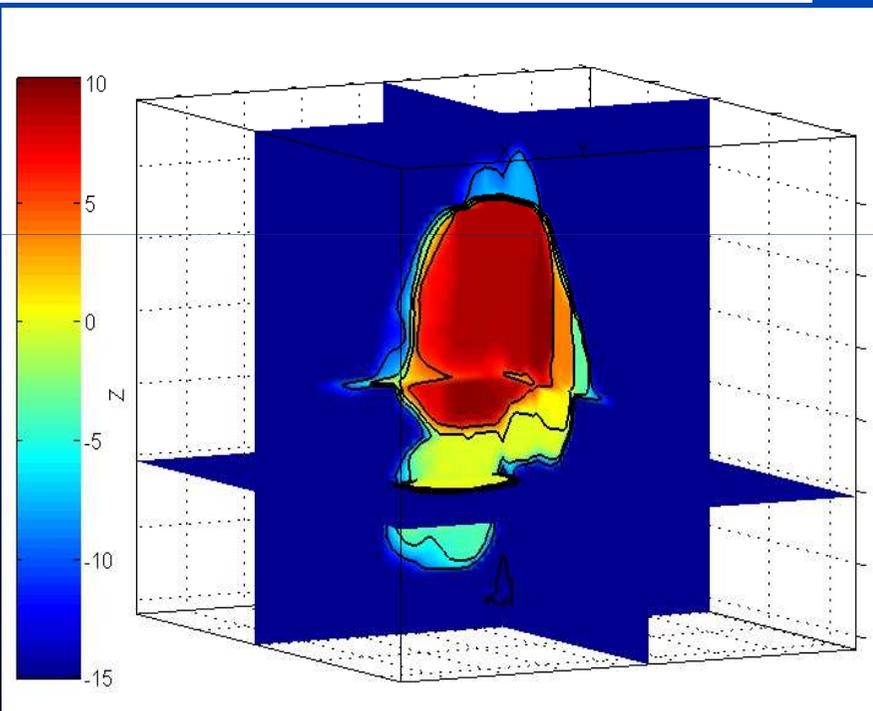
# Examples of path network : implicit approach as zero level set of a transport equation



Hypot  
 $\forall p \in \Omega$   
 $\Gamma_2 \subset \Psi$



main

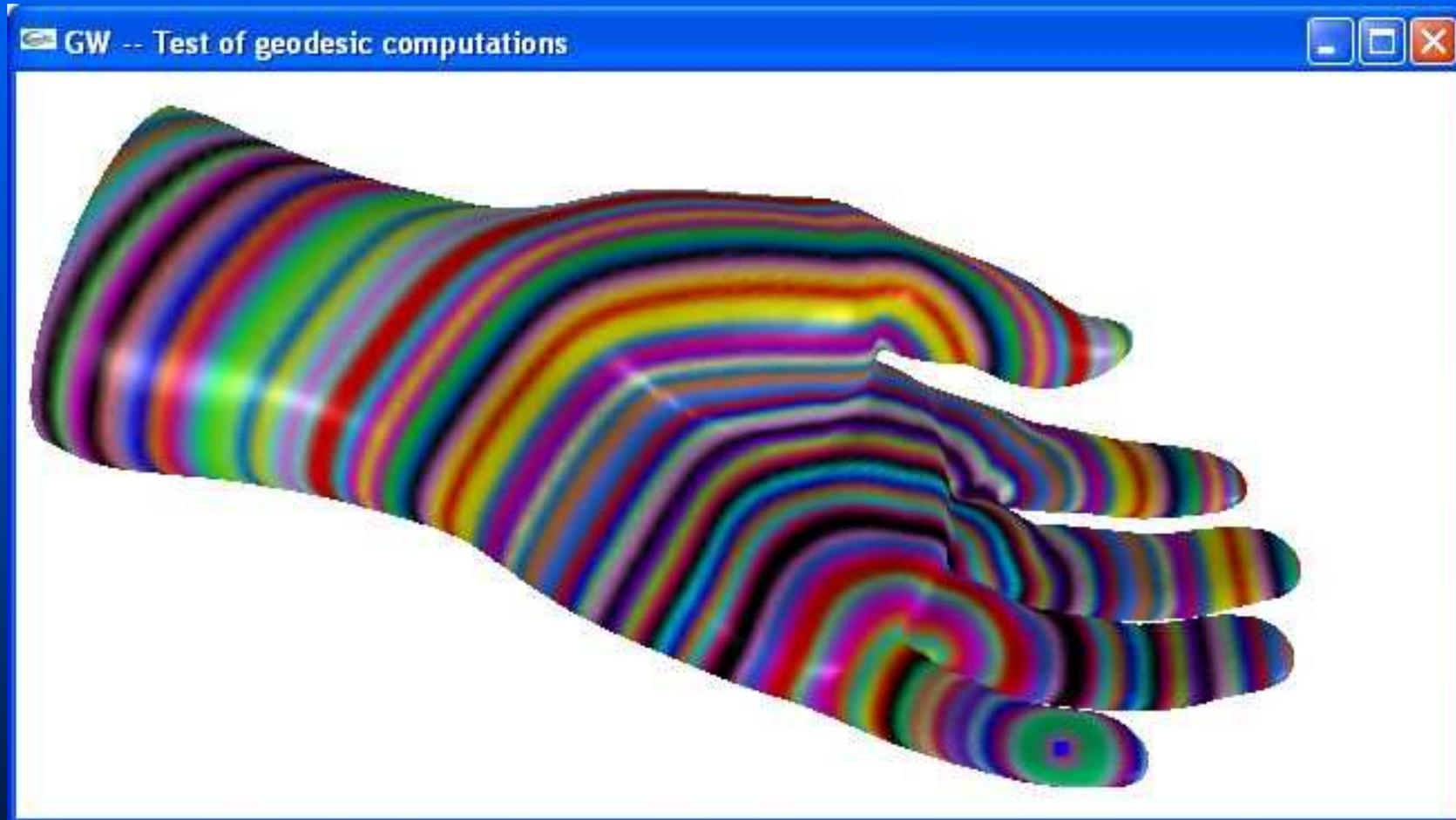


# Overview

- Minimal Paths, Fast Marching and Front Propagation
- Anisotropic Fast Marching and Perceptual Grouping
- Anisotropic Fast Marching and Vessel Segmentation
- Closed Contour segmentation as a set of minimal paths in 2D
- Geodesic meshing for 3D surface segmentation
- Fast Marching on surfaces: geodesic lines and Remeshing –  
Isotropic, Adaptive, Anisotropic

# Fast Marching on a surface and Remeshing

## Front Propagation on a surface from one point.



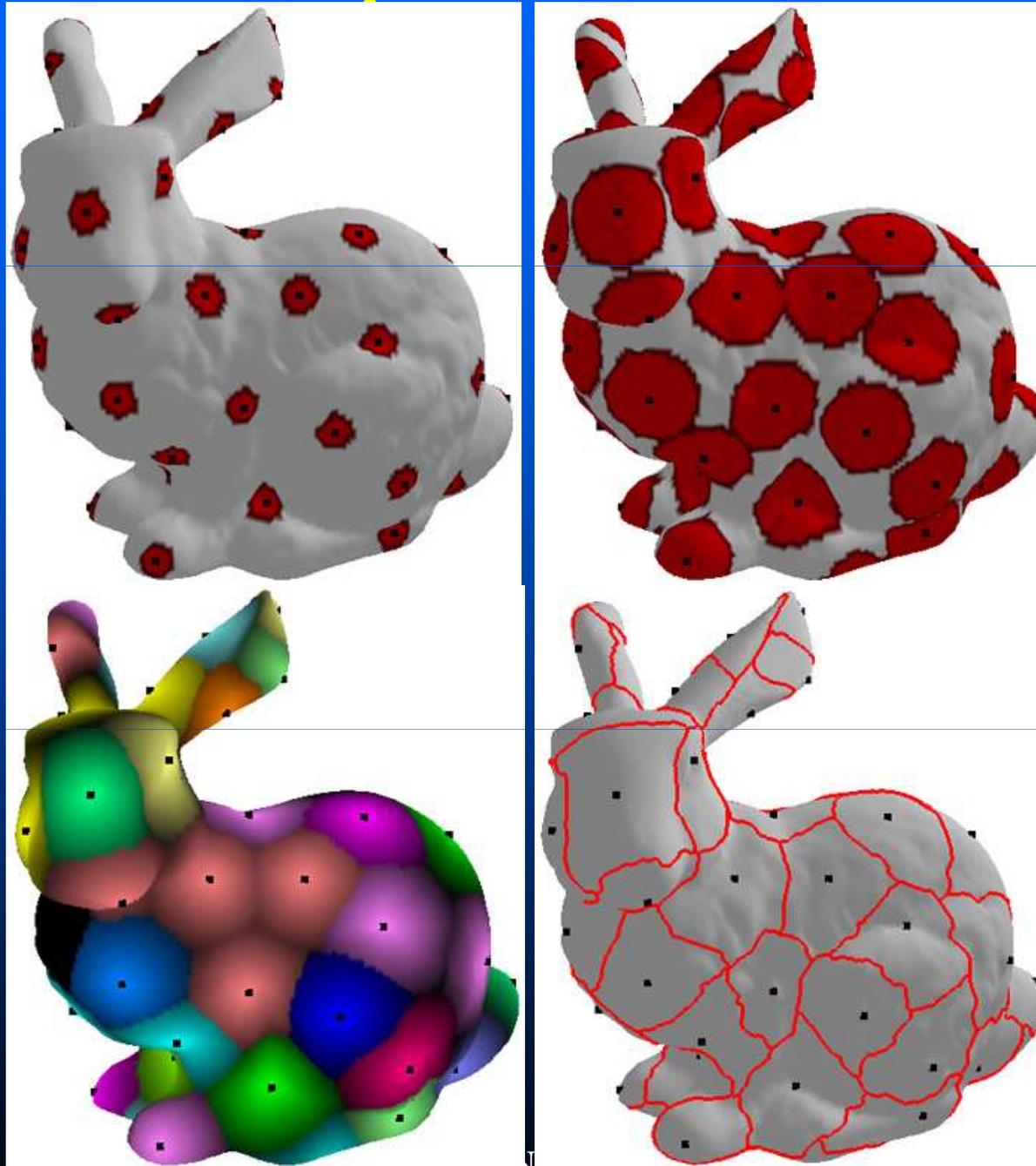
# Fast Marching on a surface



# Geodesic lines on a surface



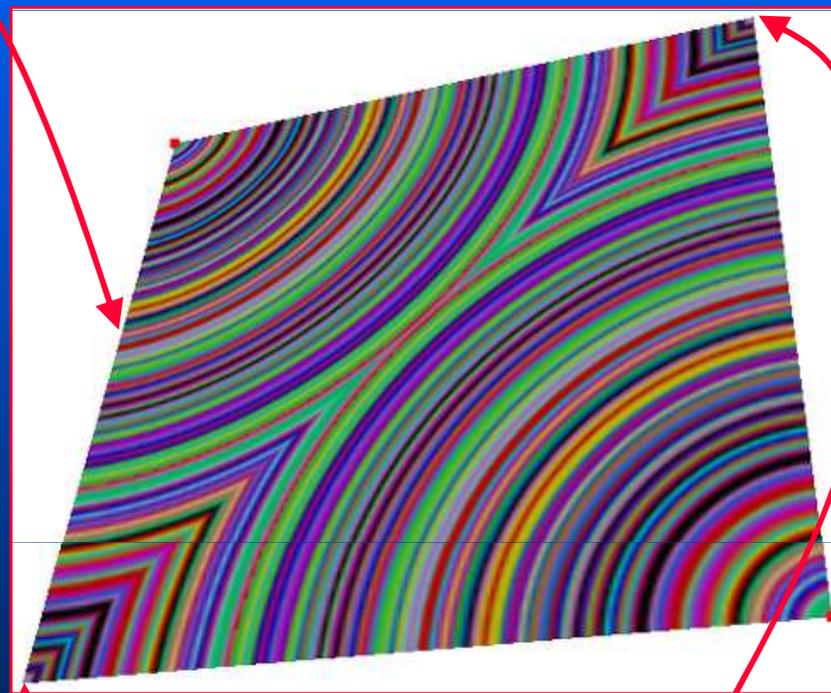
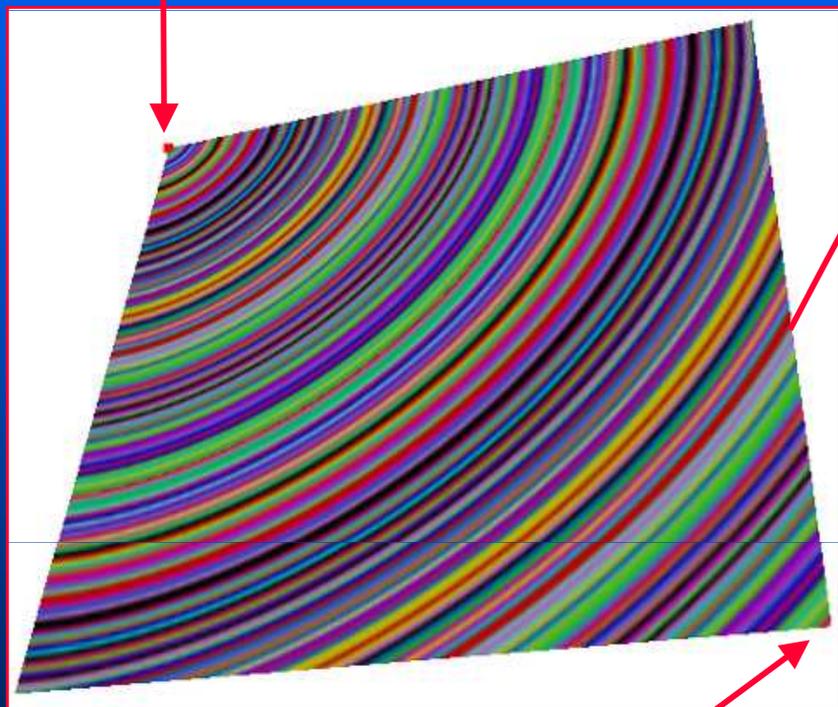
# Example of Voronoi



# Sampling with uniform distribution

Choose first point anywhere

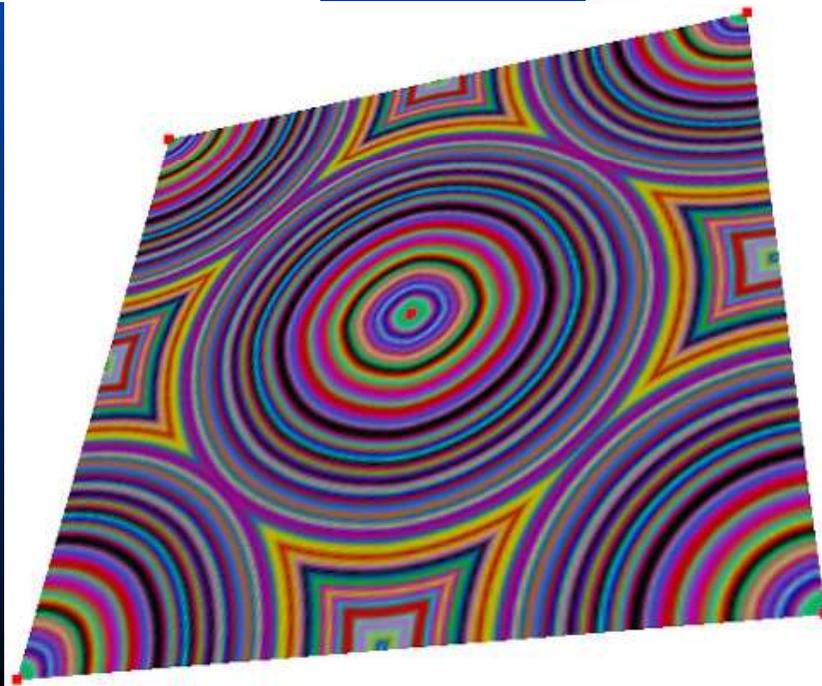
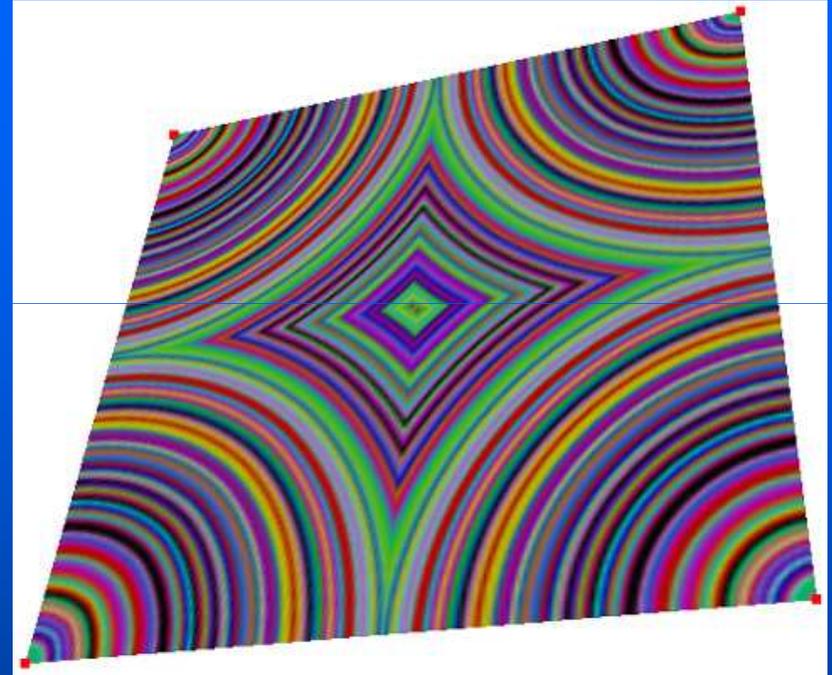
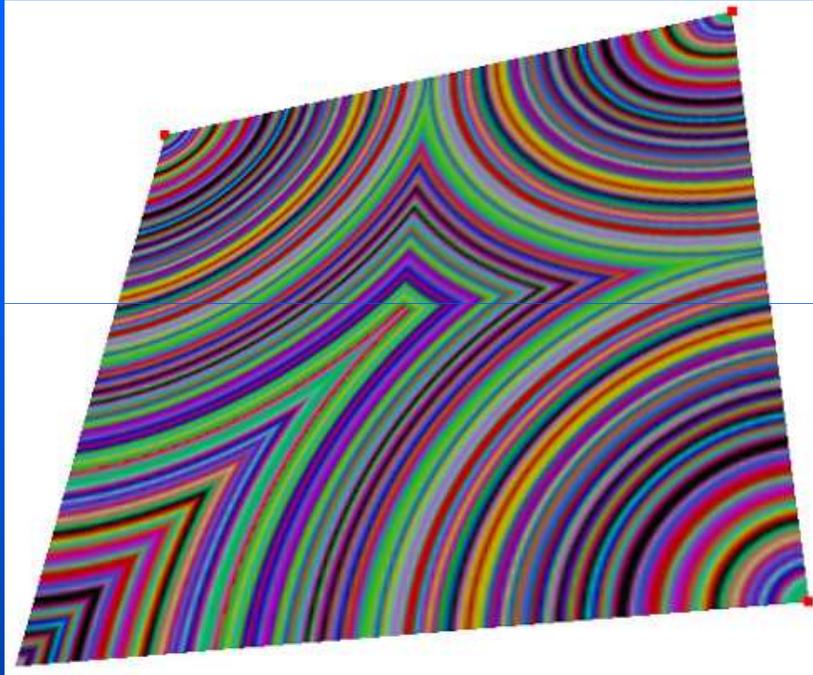
update the geodesic distance



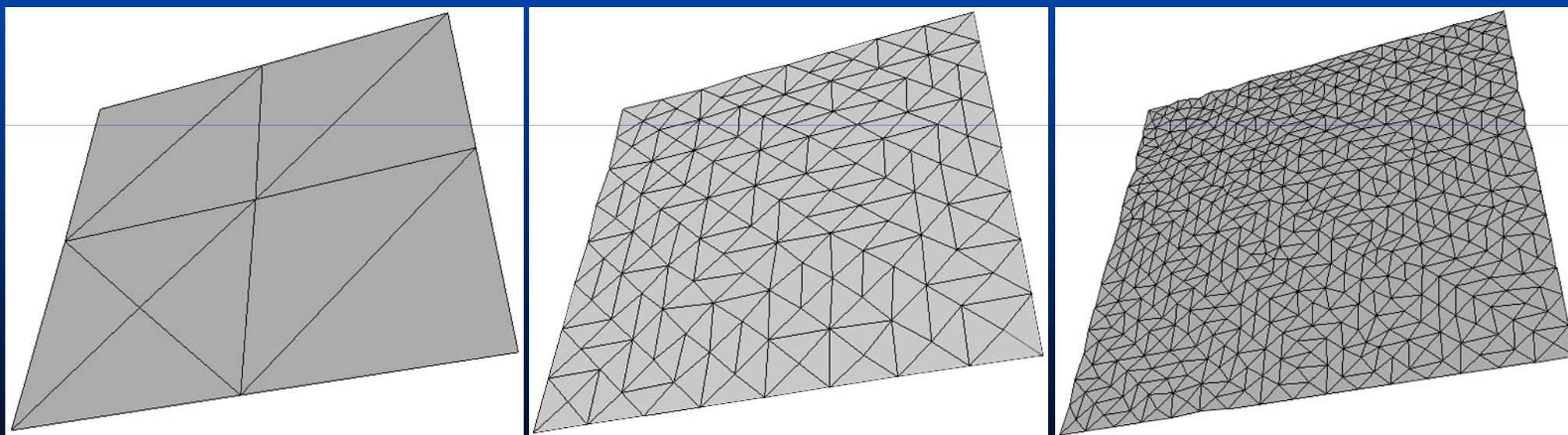
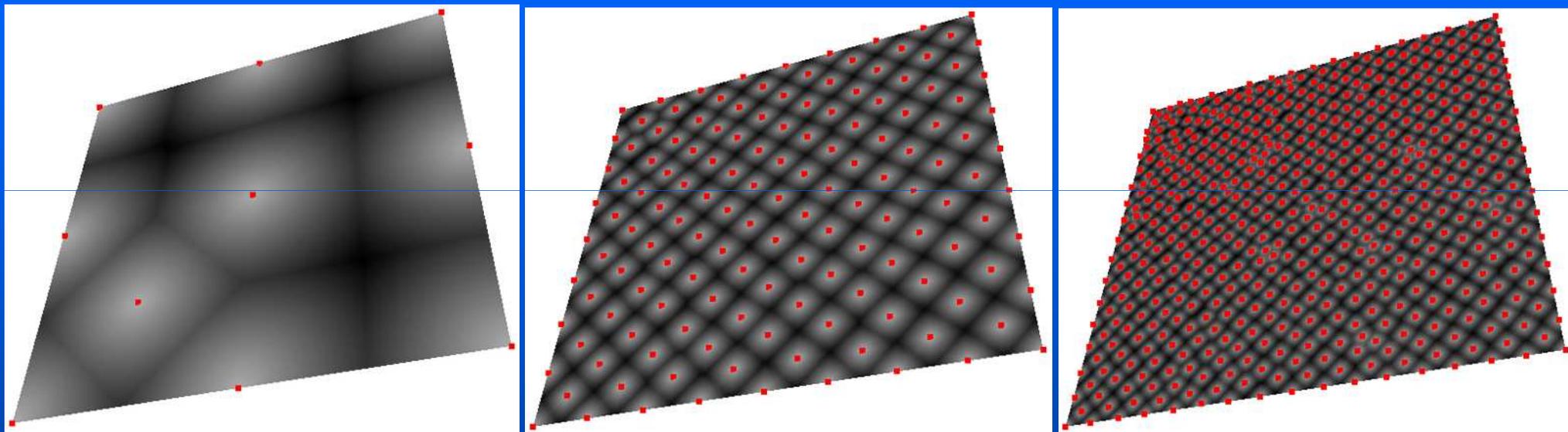
choose the furthest point

The two new furthest points

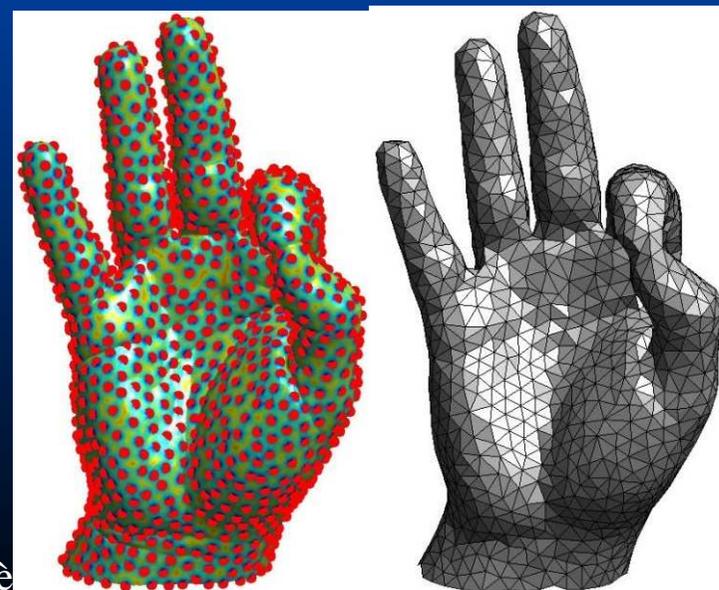
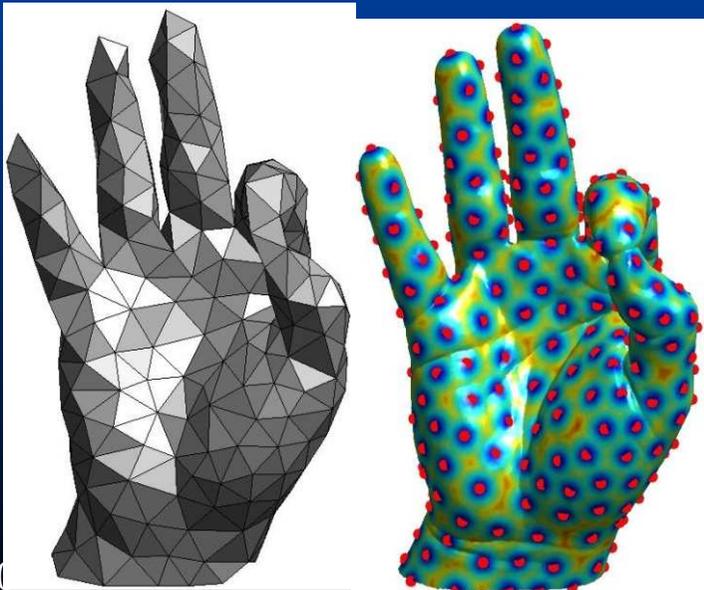
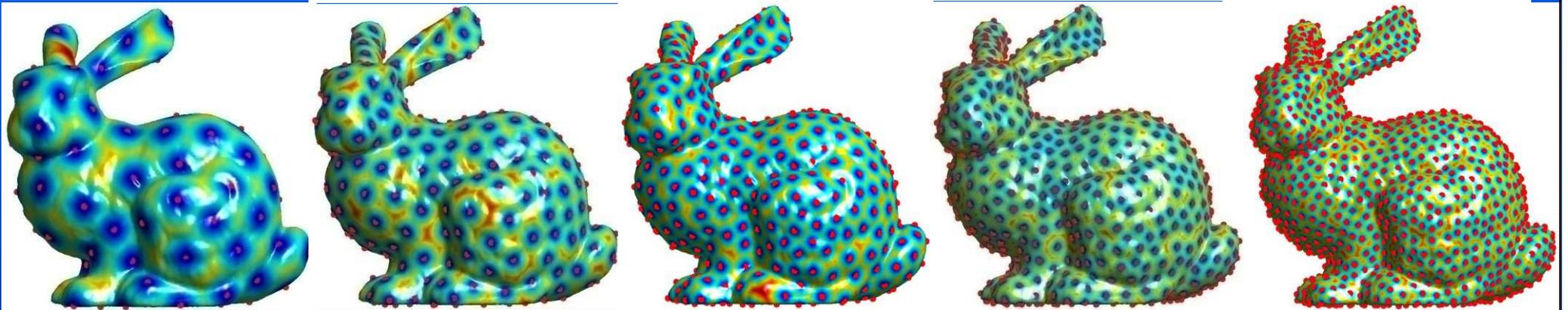
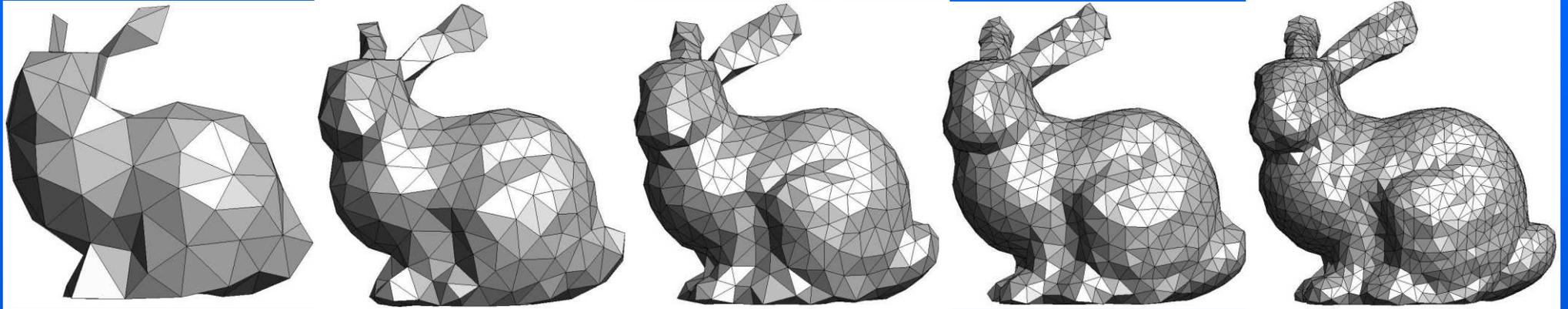
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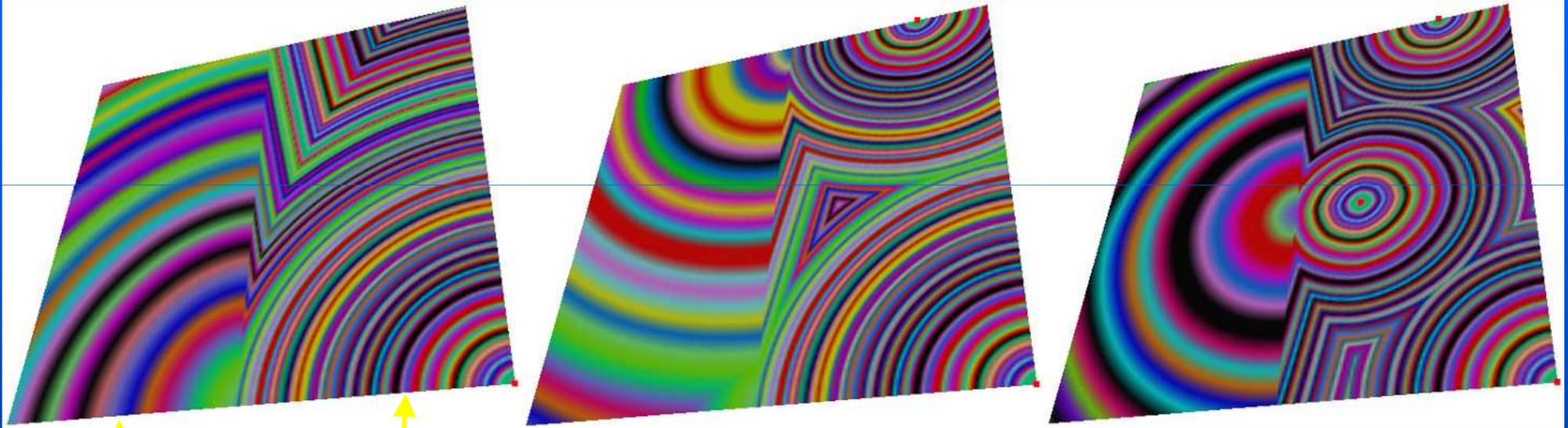
# Sampling on a plane



# Uniform Remeshing



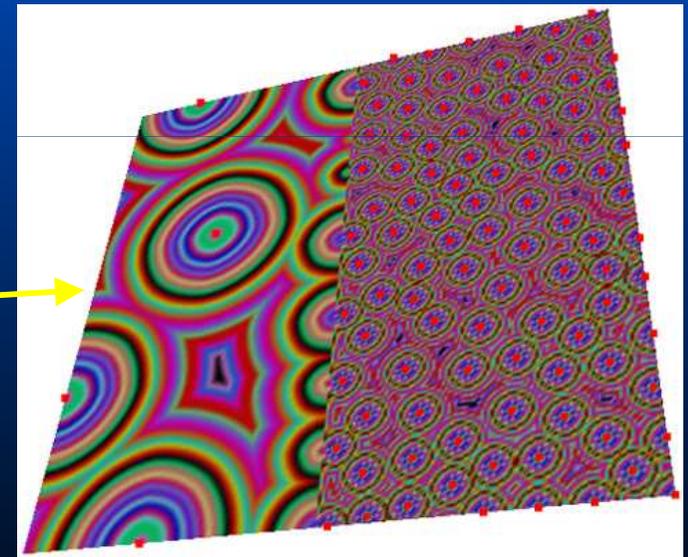
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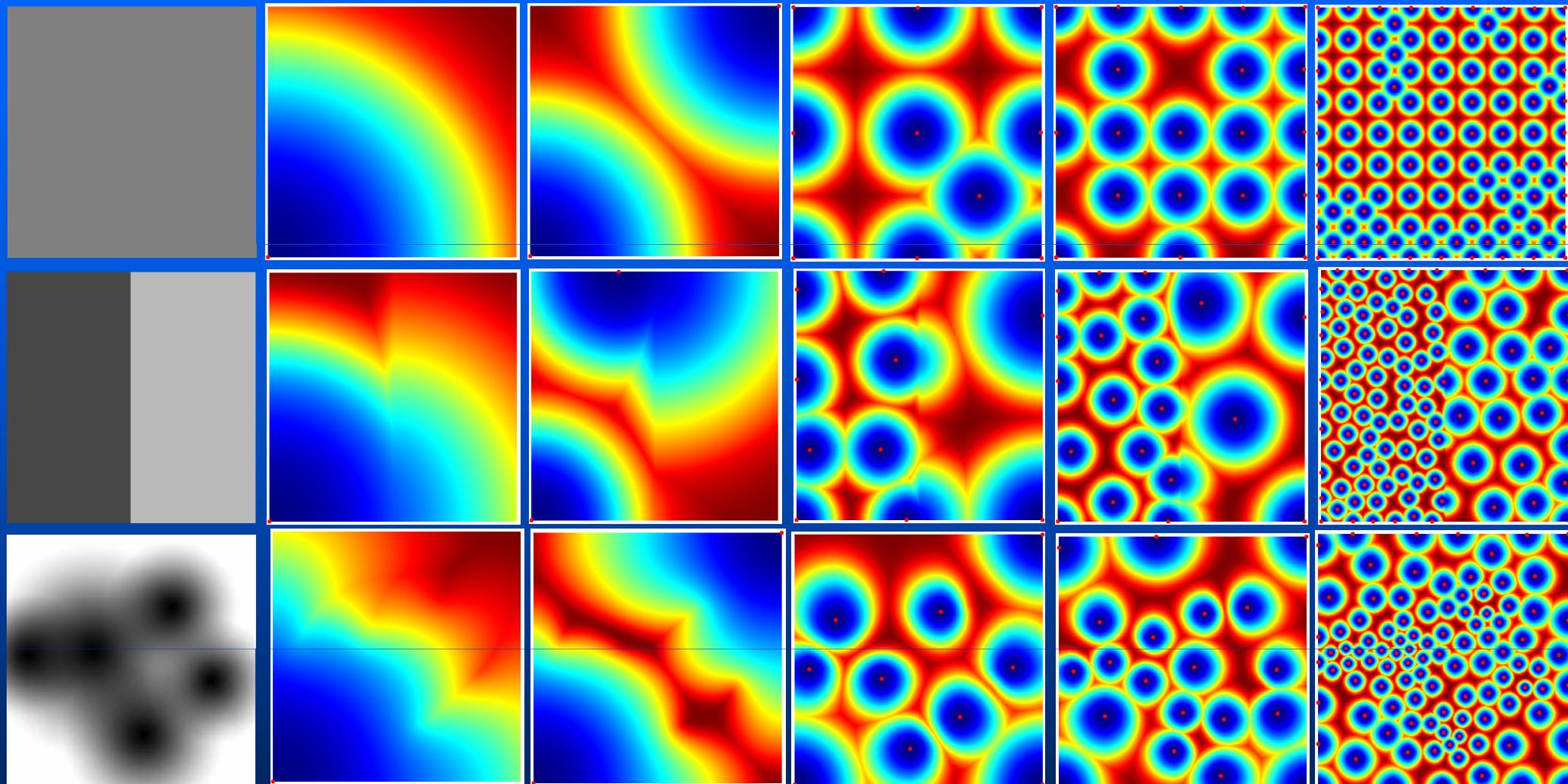
High  
Speed

Low  
speed

A little  
later ...



# Farthest Point Sampling

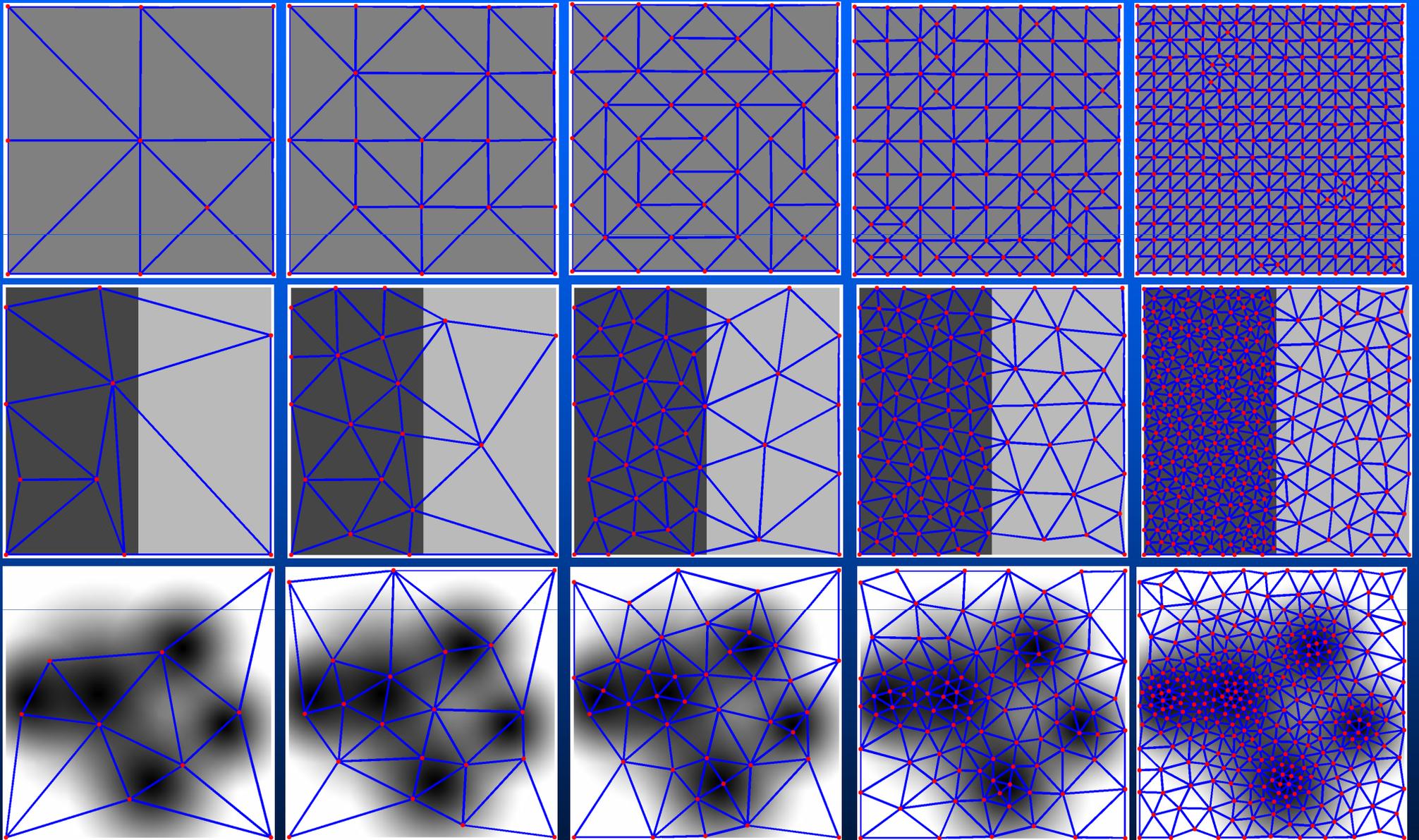


Metric

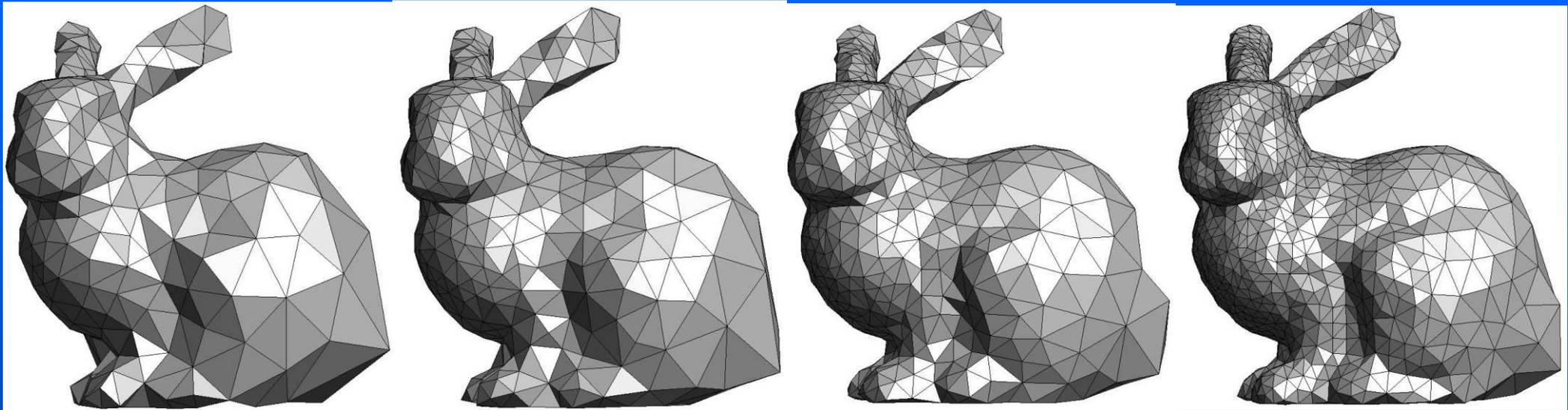
# samples

$W(x)$  small  $\implies$  front moves slowly,  
 $\implies$  denser sampling.

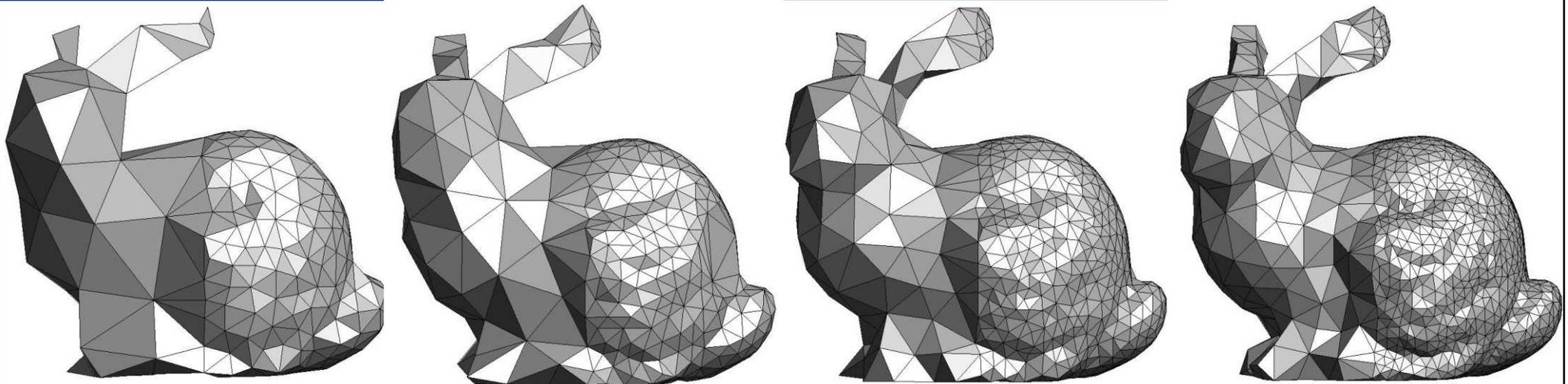
# Farthest Point Triangulation



# Adaptive Remeshing



# samples →



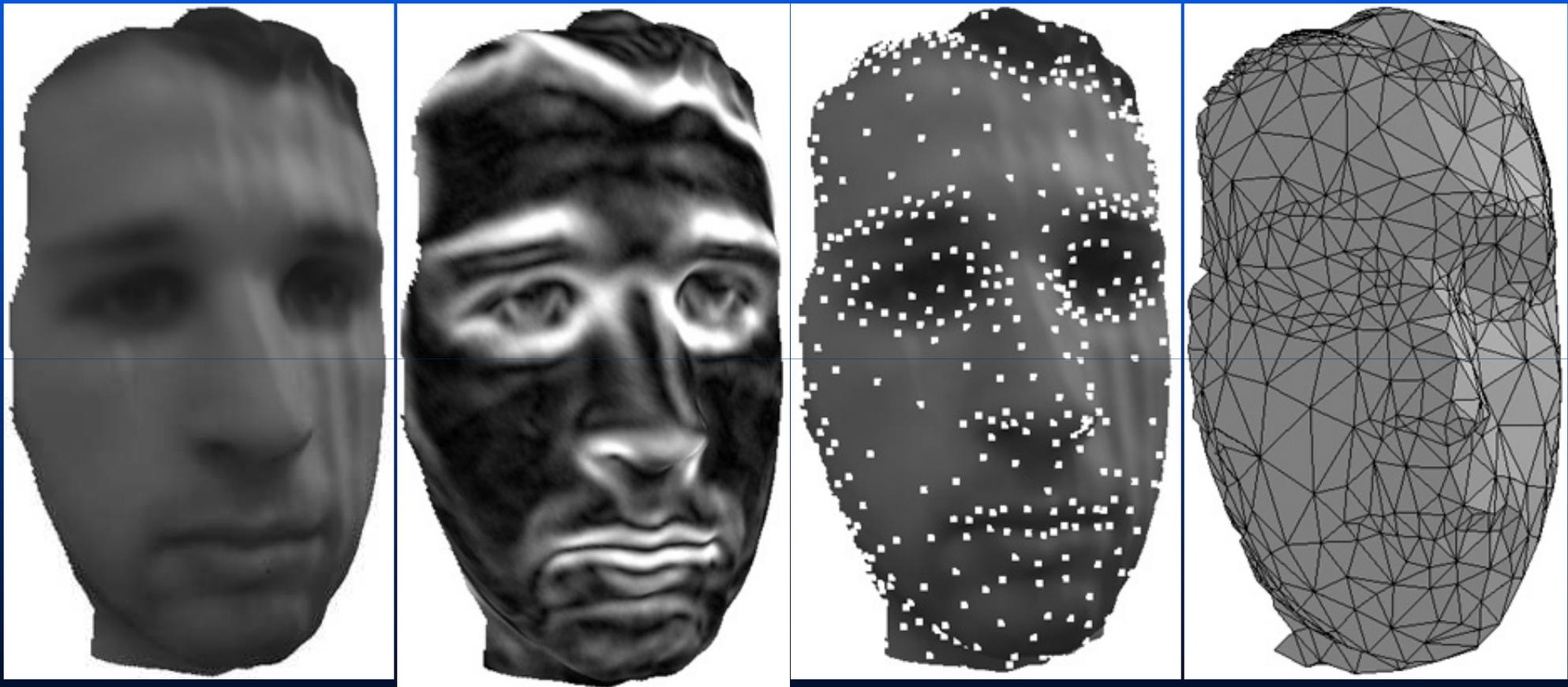
# Density Given by a Texture

■ A texture:

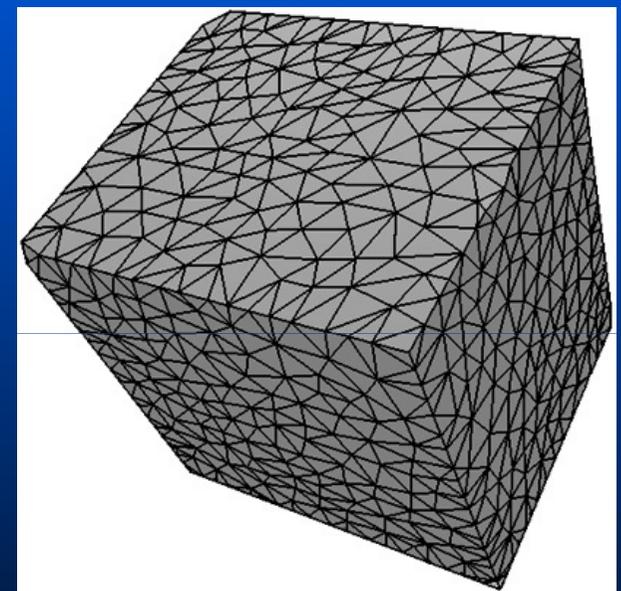
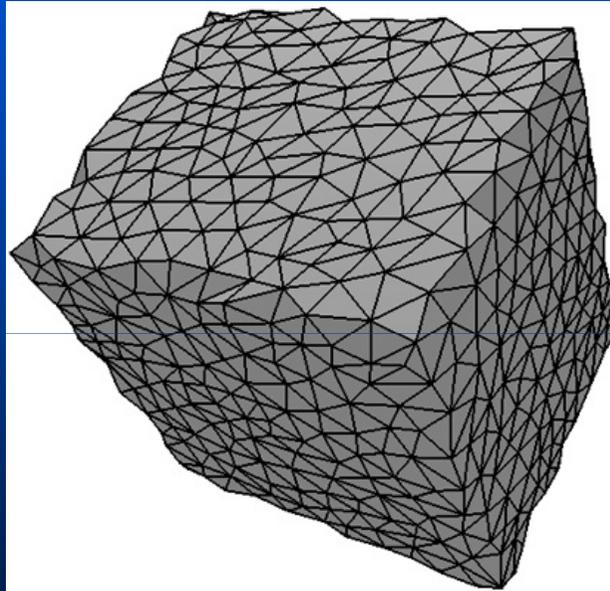
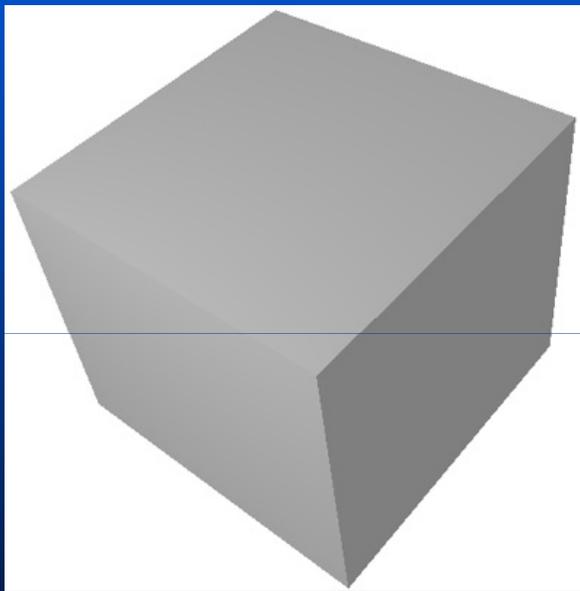
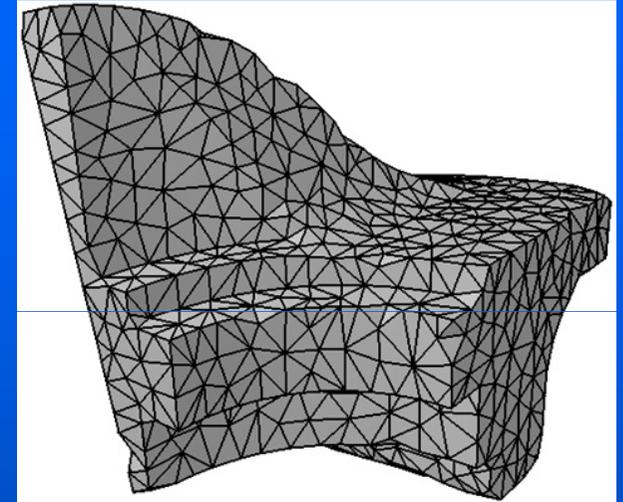
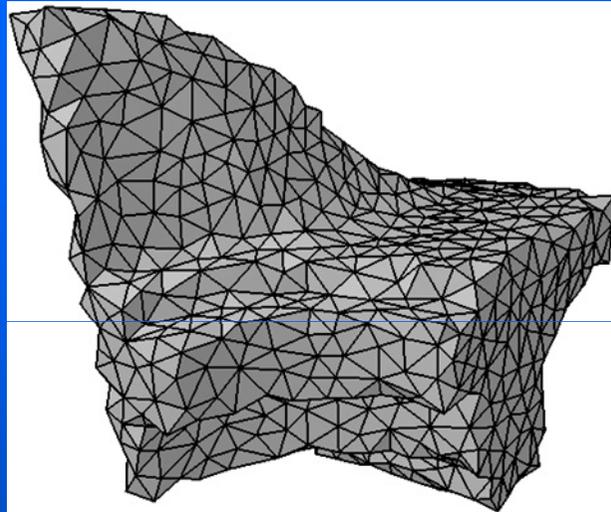
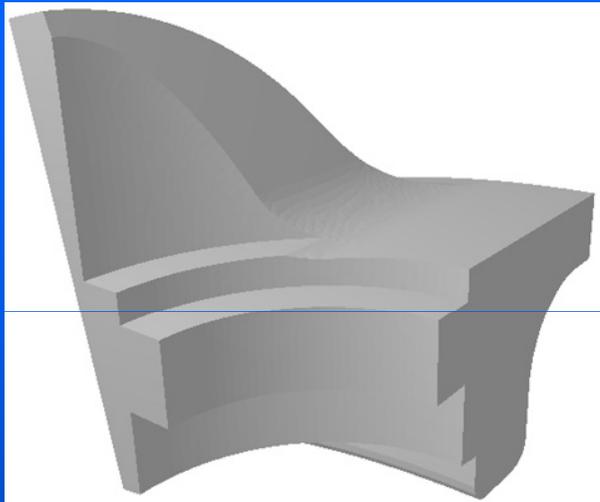
$$T : S \xrightarrow{\varphi} [0,1]^2 \xrightarrow{I} \mathbb{R}$$

■ Adaptive speed :

$$F = 1/P(v) = 1/\left(\varepsilon + \left|\overrightarrow{\text{grad}}(I)(\varphi(v))\right|\right)$$



# Examples of Remeshing

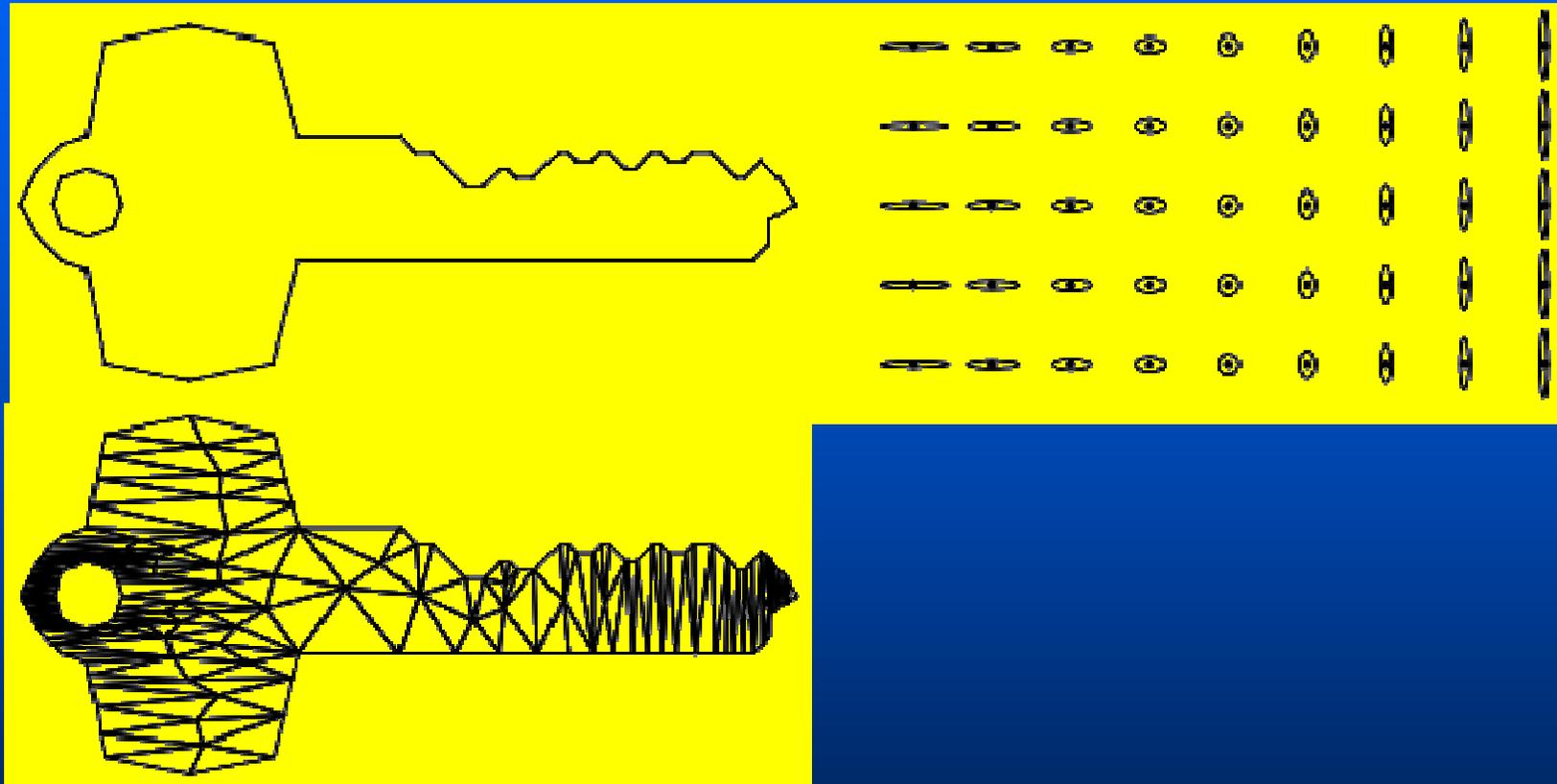


**Original  
mesh**

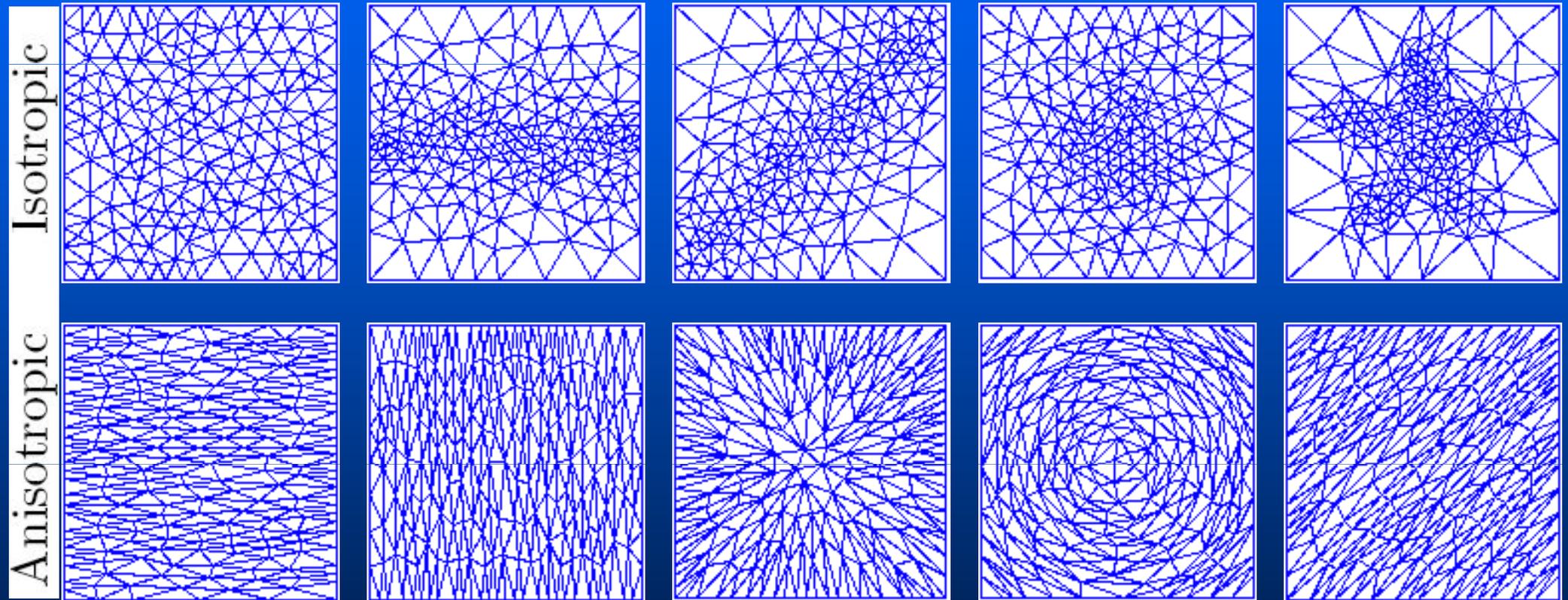
**Uniform**

**Curvature  
adapted**

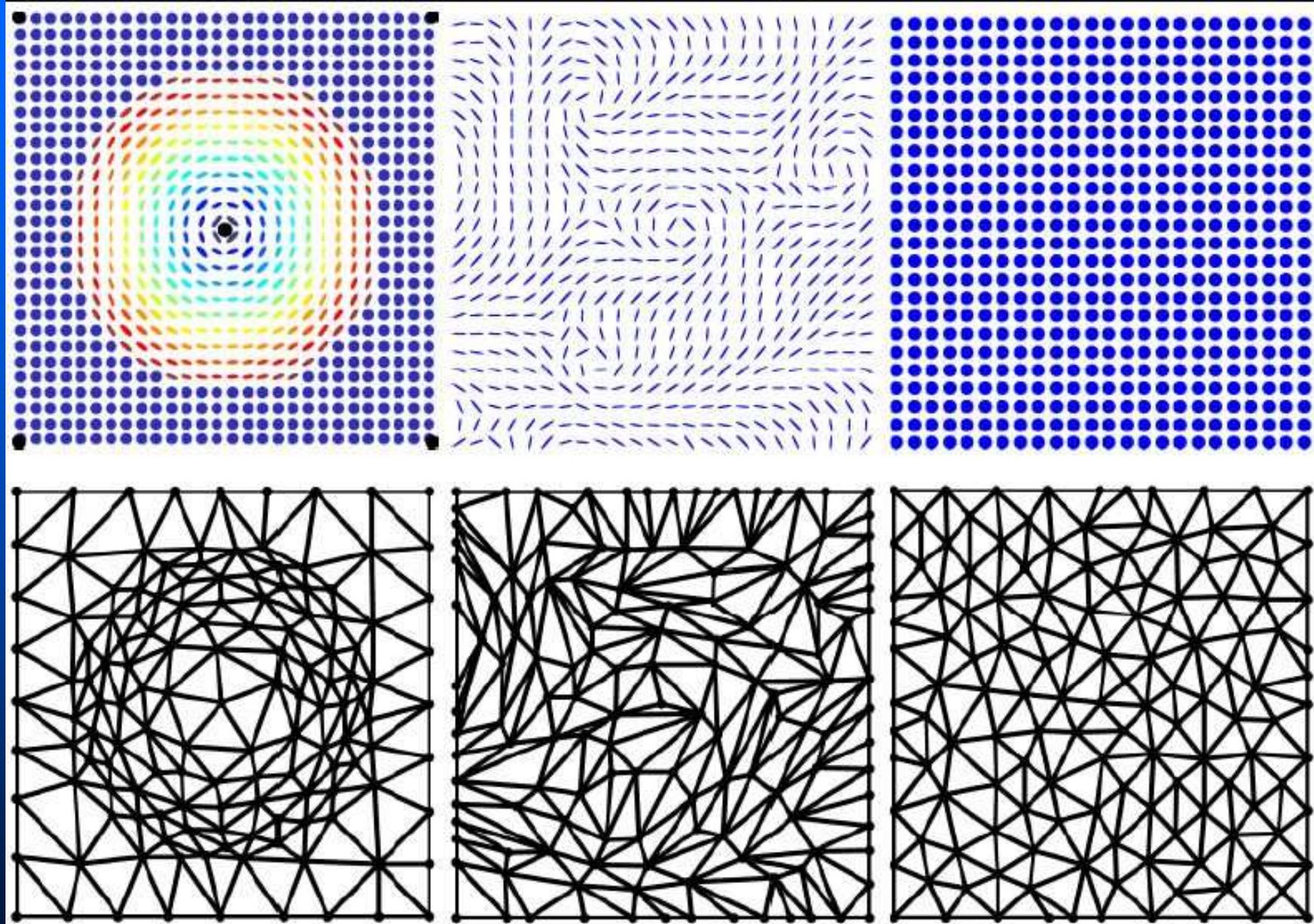
# Examples of Anisotropic Meshing



# Isotropic vs. Anisotropic Meshing

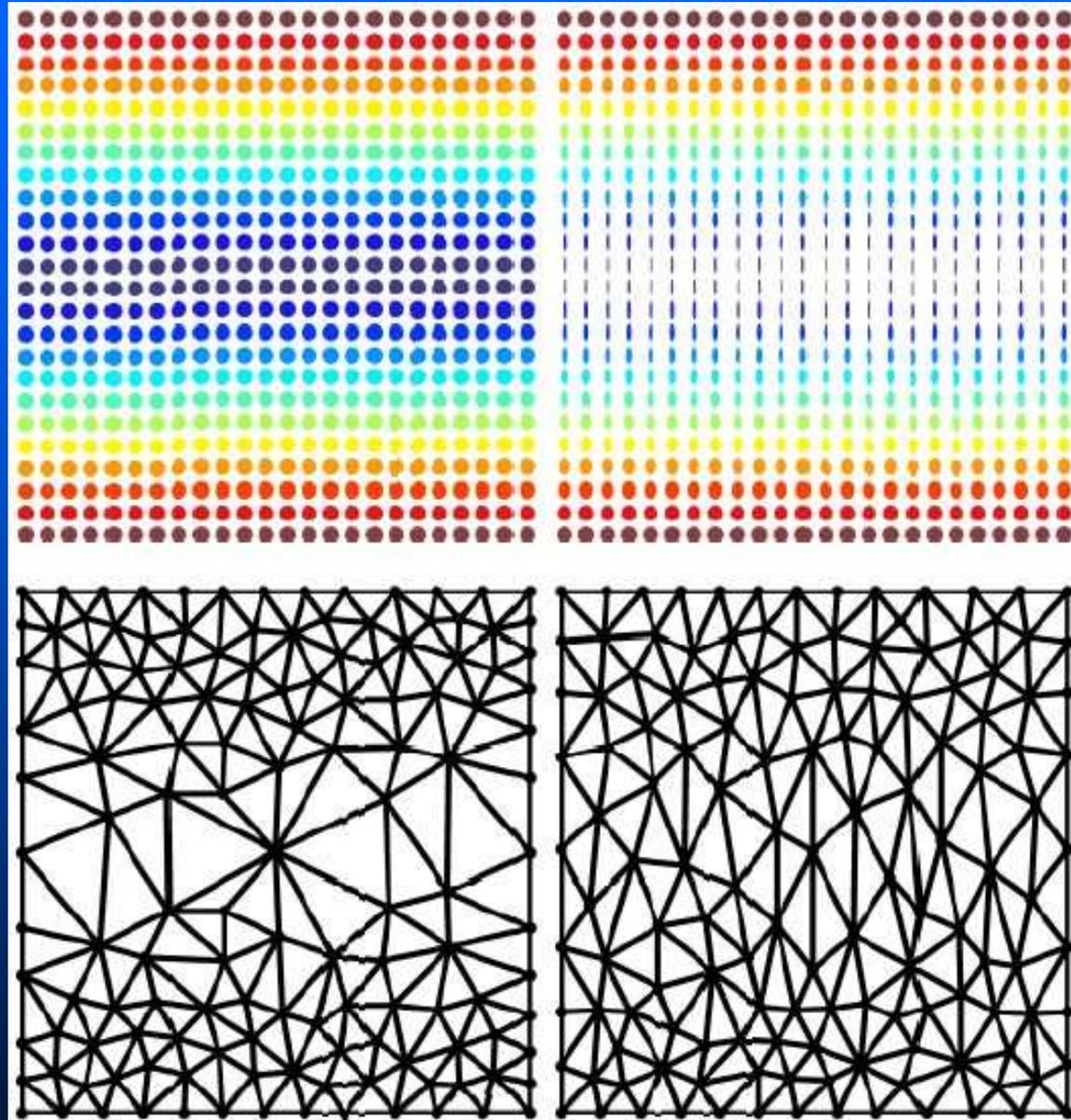


# Anisotropic Meshing



farthest point strategy

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farthest point strategy

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