# ACPR 19 Tutorial Digital Geometry in Pattern Recognition: Extracting Geometric Features with DGtal and Applications – Part I –

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### Overview of the presentation - Part I -

- 1. Motivation, Theory and Applications
- 2. Geometry with Digital Straight lines
  - 2.1 Main idea of DSS recognition algorithms
  - 2.2 Adaptation to noise
  - 2.3 Applications of DSS
- 3. DGtal Library Overview
  - 3.1 Short presentation of the library
  - 3.2 Extracting level sets contours with DGtal
  - 3.3 Example of geometric estimator
- 4. Practical session: Hands on DGtal

https://kerautret.github.io/ACPR19-DGPRTutorial



# 1. Motivation, Theory and Applications

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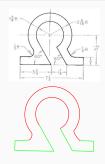
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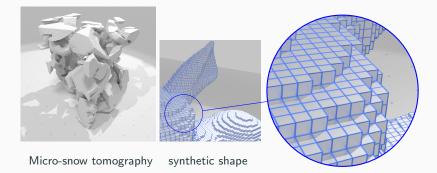
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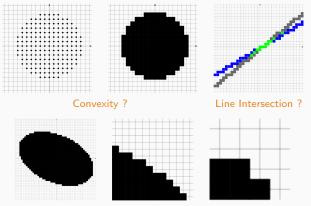
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- 3D shapes = set of voxels = subsets of Z<sup>3</sup>



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### Why a specific Digital Geometry ?

- geometry of pixels/voxels looks easy but is difficult for many reasons
- Euclidean definitions of connectedness, convexity, straight lines, differential geometric quantities fail



Infinitesimal differential geometry?

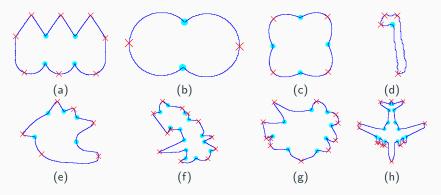
# Applications require geometric tools

#### **Classical image applications**

- image restoration, noise identification/removal
- image segmentation with geometric priors
- shape matching, indexing
- precise shape measurements (biomedical and material imaging)

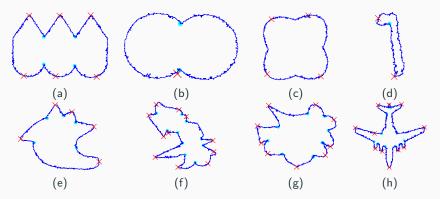
#### Desired geometric analysis

- identify linear or planar parts
- cut shape into convex / concave parts
- identify dominant points (high curvature) and inflexion points (perception)
- measure volume, perimeter, area, length, curvatures
- identify centerline of tubular objects
- compute skeleton, medial axis
- process shape geometry: remove noise, simplify, multi-scale decomposition



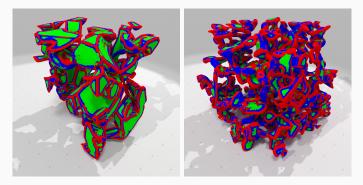
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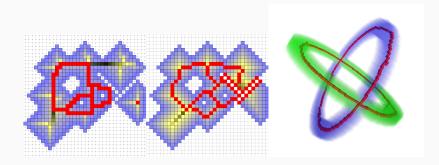


#### 3D shape feature extraction on snow micro-structures

- 3D micro-tomography of snow  $\Rightarrow$  binary 3D images
- digital topology  $\Rightarrow$  digital surface tracking
- extracting linear parts along axes plane xy, xz, yz
- theoretical asymptotic analysis of length wrt gridstep h
- identify features according to length of linear parts

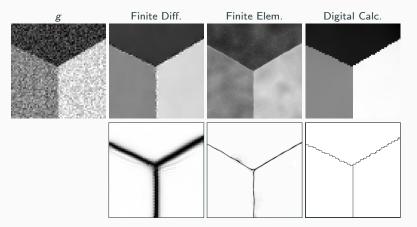
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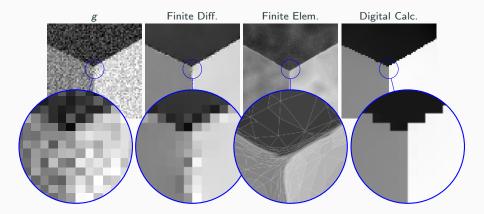
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- consistent definitions of connectedness
- topological invariant (here homotopy)
- simple points preserve topology: very efficient topological control



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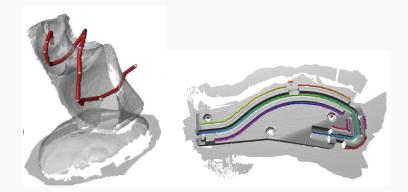
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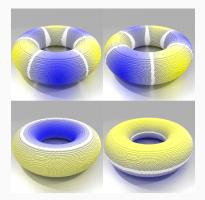
#### Generate 3D surface model from 3D labelled images

- surface tracking in 3D labelled partitions
- convergent normal vector estimation on interfaces
- discrete variational model to align digital surface with estimated normals



#### Centerline extraction in arbitrary mesh / digital surfaces

- normal estimation on mesh / digital surfaces
- ray casting with 3D digital straight lines
- digital voting process



#### Laplacian operator for shape analysis, simplification, matching

- convergent normal estimation on digital surfaces
- convergent surface integrals
- $\bullet \Rightarrow \mathsf{pointwise} \ \mathsf{convergent} \ \mathsf{Laplacian} \ \mathsf{operator}$
- provide eigenvalues/eigenvector analysis

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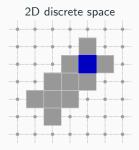
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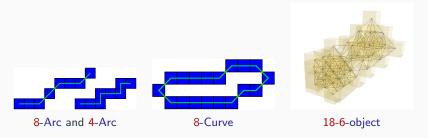
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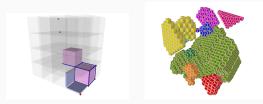
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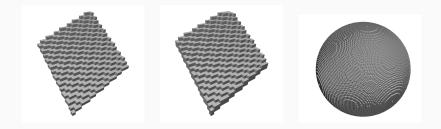
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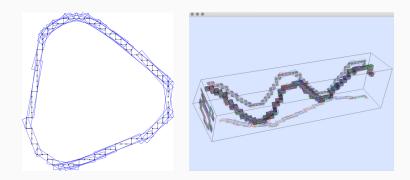
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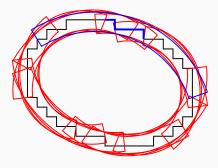
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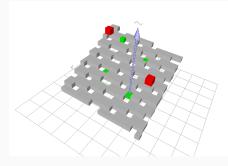
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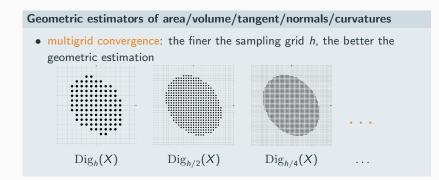
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#### Main ingredients of digital geometry



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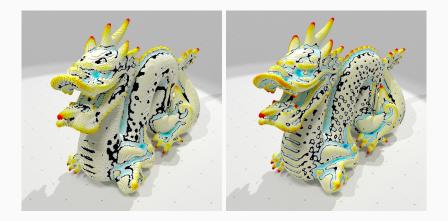
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All results presented in the tutorial were obtained from the DGtal library!

#### Example of convergent curvature estimator

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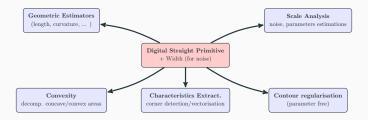


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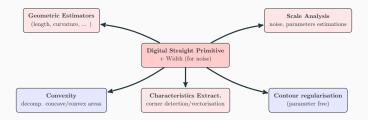
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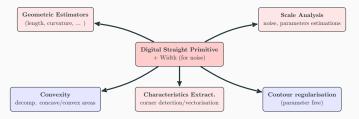
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- 2.2 Adaptation to noise.
- 2.3 Applications examples: curvature, scale detection and vectorisation.

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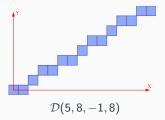
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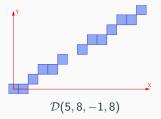
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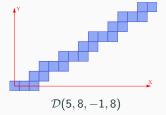
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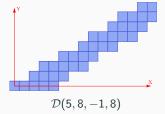
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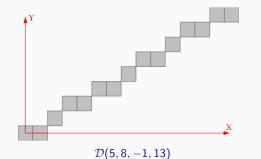
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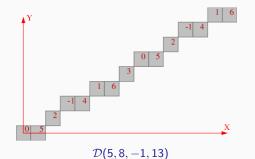
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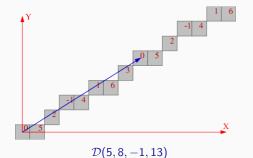
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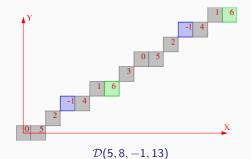


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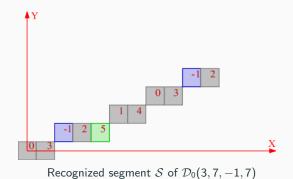
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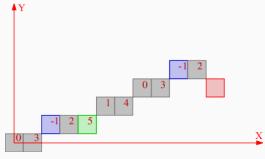
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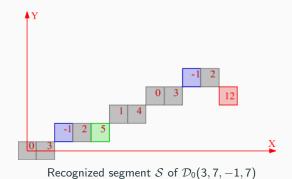
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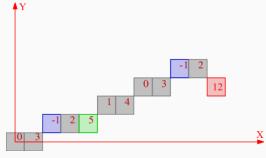
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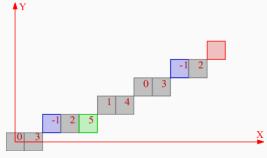
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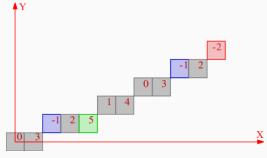
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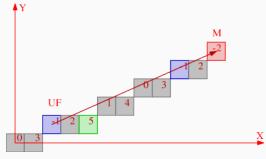
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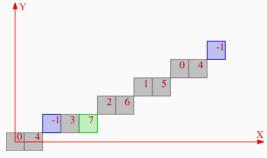
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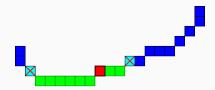
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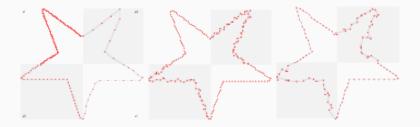
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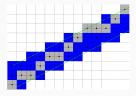
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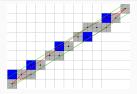
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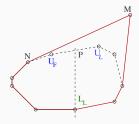


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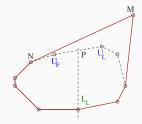
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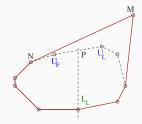
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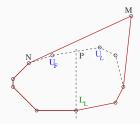


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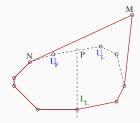


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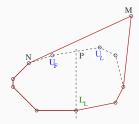


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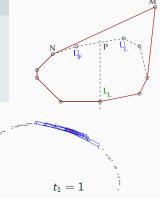
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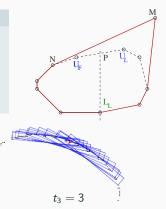


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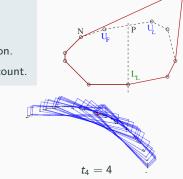




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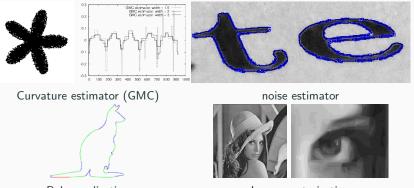




# 2.3 Applications of DSS

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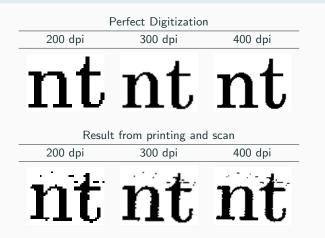
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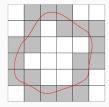


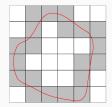
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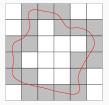
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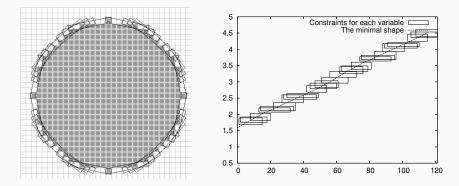
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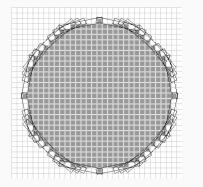
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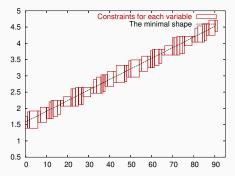
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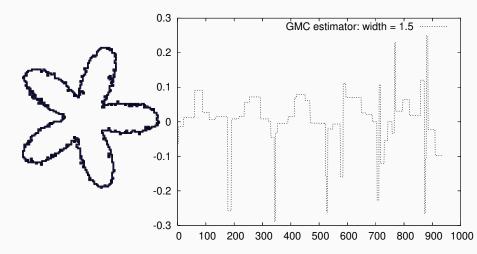
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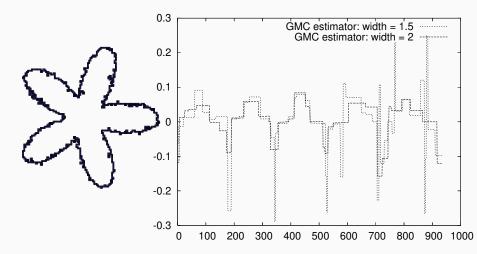




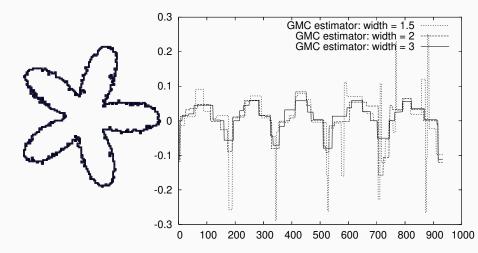
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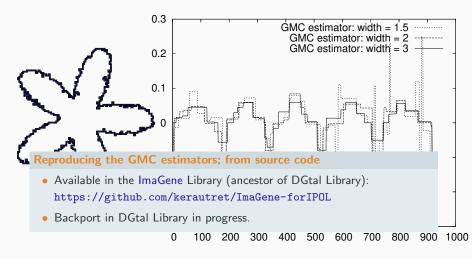
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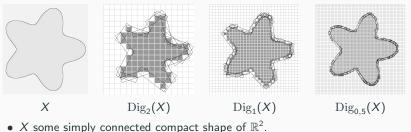
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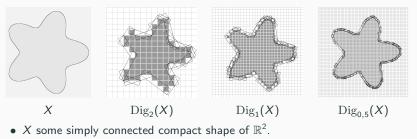


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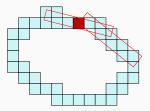




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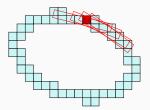
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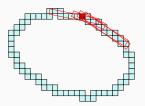
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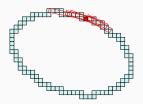
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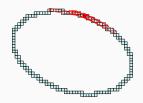
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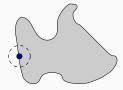
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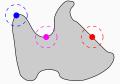
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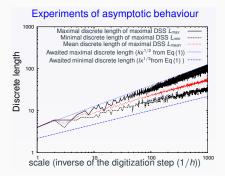
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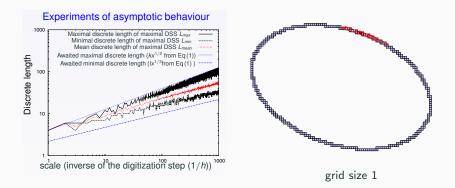
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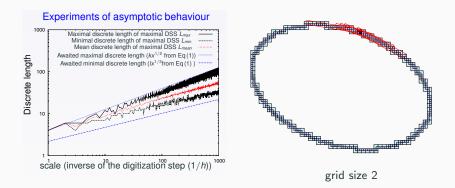


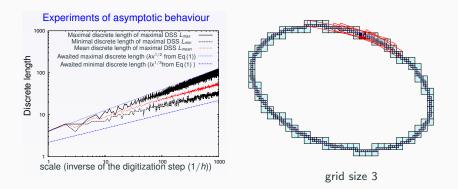


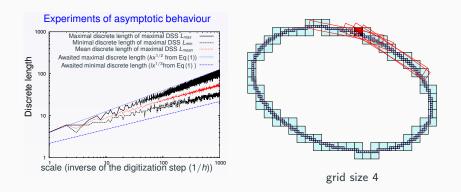


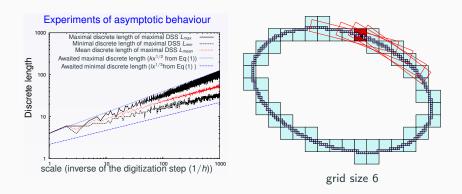


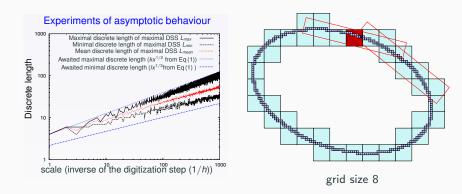






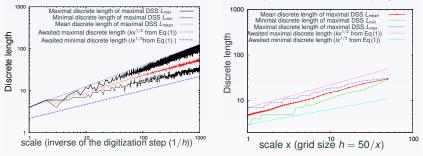












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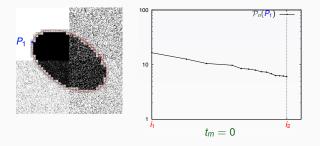
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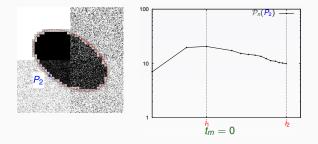
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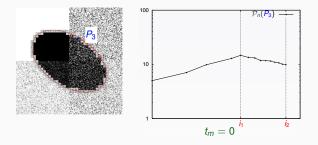
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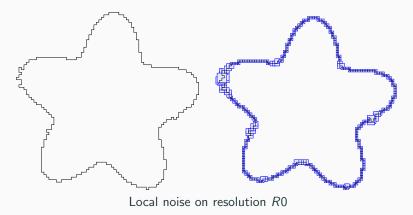
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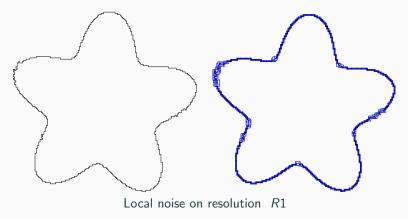
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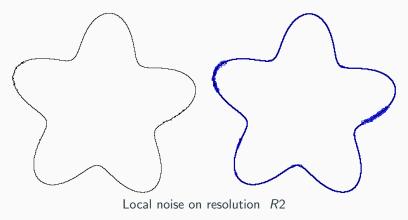
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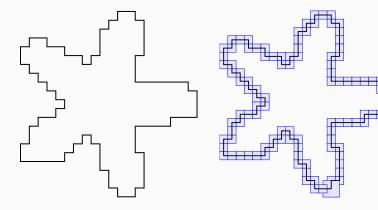
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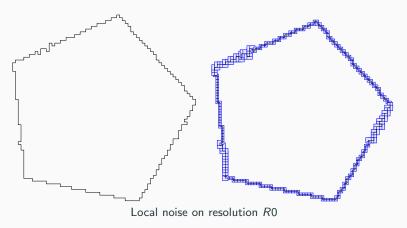
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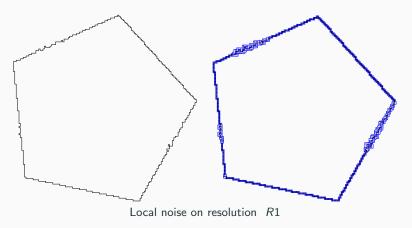


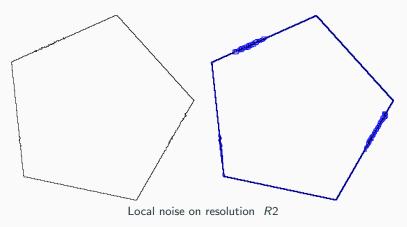
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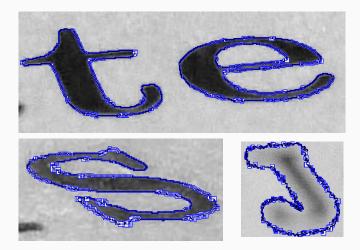


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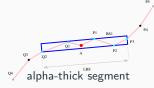
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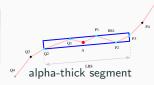
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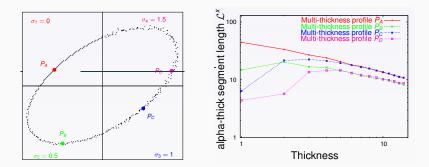


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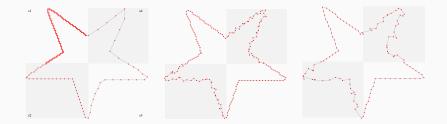
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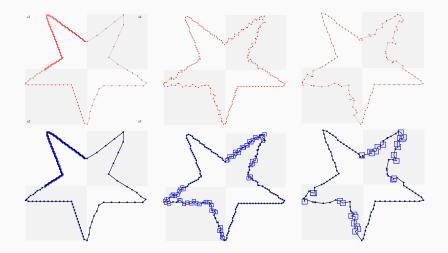




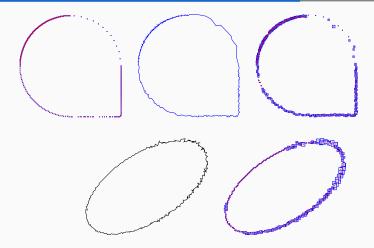
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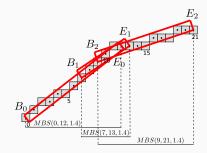
### Reproduction of the results

Online demonstration available on IPOL: [Kerautret & Lachaud, 2014]

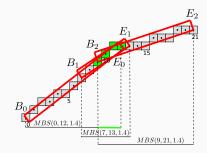
- The algorithm can be tested online: http://www.ipol.im/pub/art/2014/75/
- IPOL article with source code (based on the ImaGene Library).
- Reproducible in DGtal (with Alpha-Thick Segments), see examples of tutorial.

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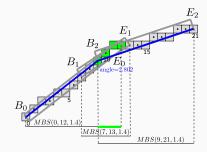
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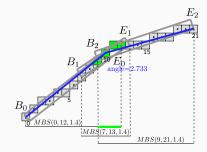
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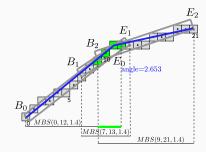
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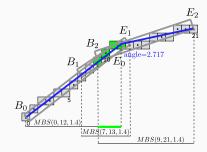
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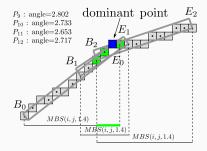


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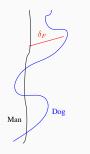
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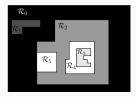
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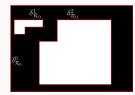


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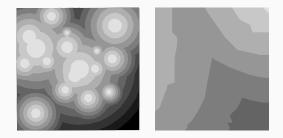


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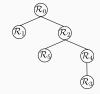


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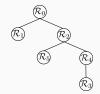
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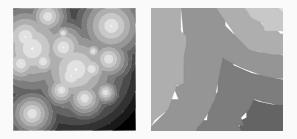


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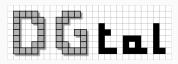


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## Main Objectives:

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- For the discrete geometry communauty and related (digital topology, image processing, discrete geometry, arithmetic).
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- Simplify comparisons of new methods with already existing approaches.
- Simplifies the construction of demonstration tools.

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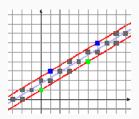
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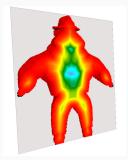
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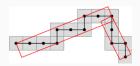
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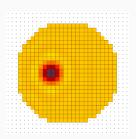
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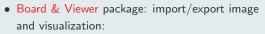
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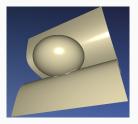
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### Programming principle:

- Generic Programming.
- Concept, models of concepts and concept checking.
- $\Rightarrow$  C++ with template programming

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• Track intergrid Cell and display them from Freman Chains objects:

```
SurfelAdjacency<2> sAdj(true);
std::vector<std::vector<Z2:::Point>> vCnt;
Surfaces<Z2:::KSpace>::extractAllPointContours4C(vCnt, ks, set, sAdj);
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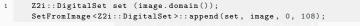
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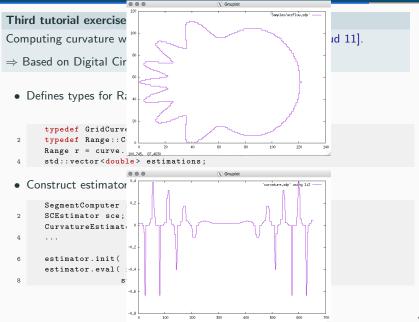
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SegmentComputer sc;
SCEstimator sce;
CurvatureEstimator estimator(sc, sce);
...
estimator.init( 1, r.begin(), r.end() );
estimator.eval( r.begin(), r.end(),
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Test DGtal online with Jupyter notebook

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- Login: use password: admin;123



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