

# **Medical Image Processing with Orientation Scores**

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## Outline

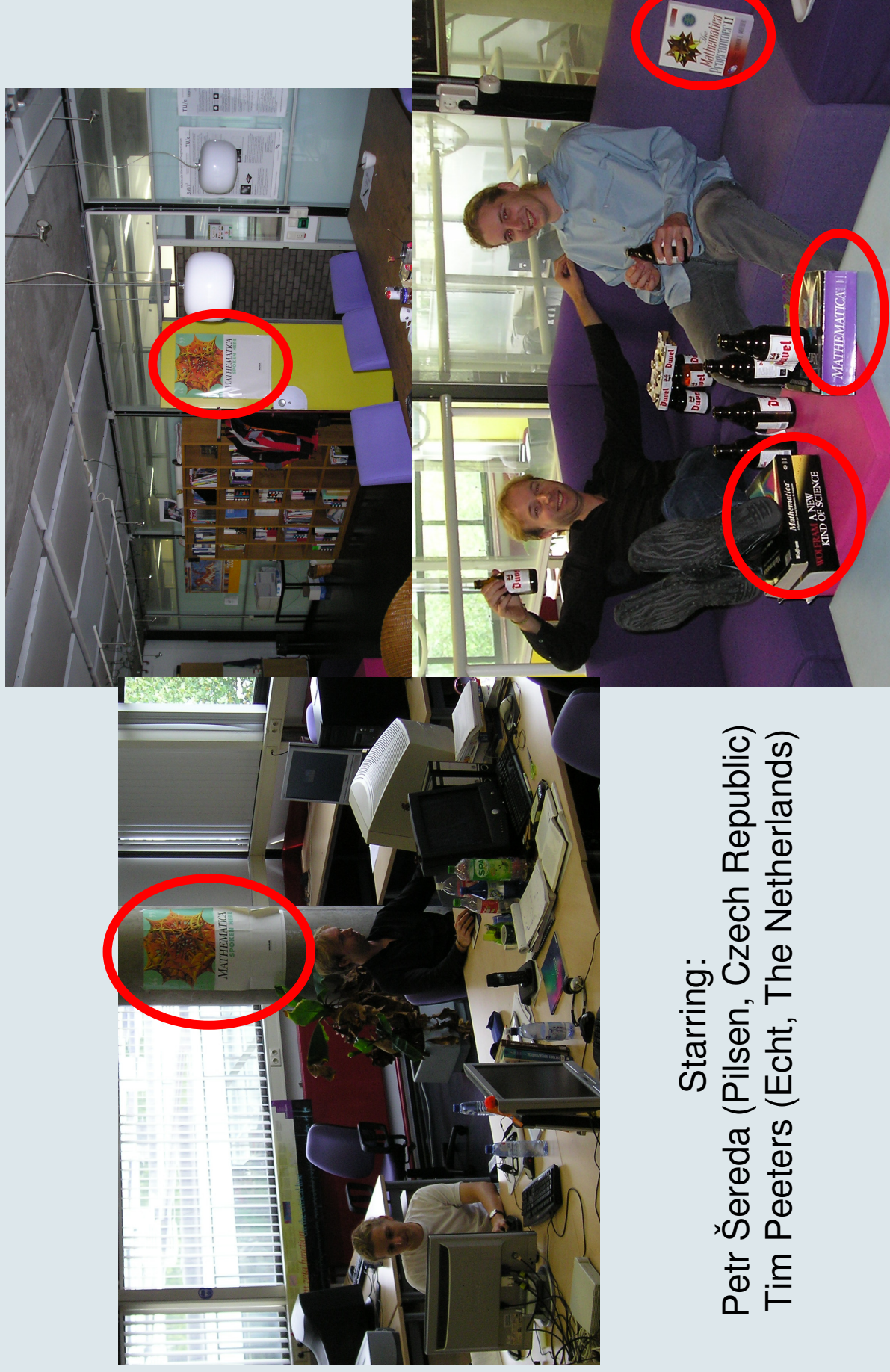
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# The Biomedical Image Analysis group





# Mathematica in the BioMIM lab



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Tim Peeters (Echt, The Netherlands)

## Our Mathematica Infrastructure

- Full campus license for Mathematica
- The need for “bigmath” kernel servers
  - Bigmath1: Tyan TX46, 4x Opteron 2.2Ghz, 32GB
  - Bigmath2: Tyan VX50, 4x Dualcore Opteron 2.2Ghz, 64GB
  - + 3 older servers
- Use of ParallelMathematica





# TU/e BioMedical Image Analysis MATHEMATICA<sup>®</sup> COMPUTING CLUSTER

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- Bigmath2

## bigmath2

Bigmath2 is a Tyan VX50 with 4 Dualcore Opteron 2.2Ghz cpus and 64GB of ram. Its hostname is bigmath2.bmt.tue.nl



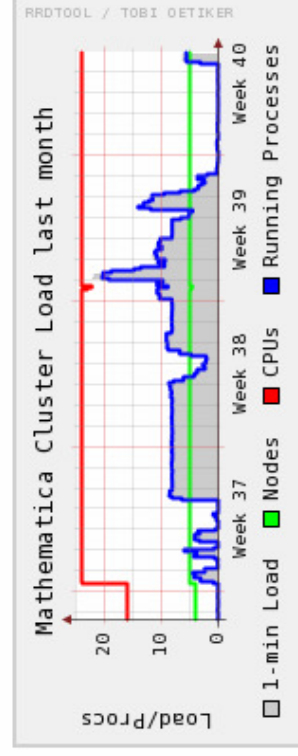
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**Username(cpu usage)**

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## Performance statistics

Show statistics from:



## MathVisionTools

Computer Vision Library for Mathematica:

- Gaussian derivatives
- Geometry driven diffusion
- Orientation score functions
- Image transformations
- DICOM import/export

[www.mathvisiontools.net](http://www.mathvisiontools.net)

## Mathematica in Bachelor Education

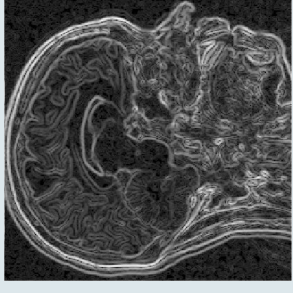
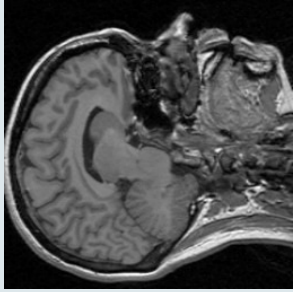
Image Analysis for Pathology.

- Groups of 8 2nd year students
- “Invent” image analysis algorithms in *Mathematica*
- Competitive element
- 6 weeks project

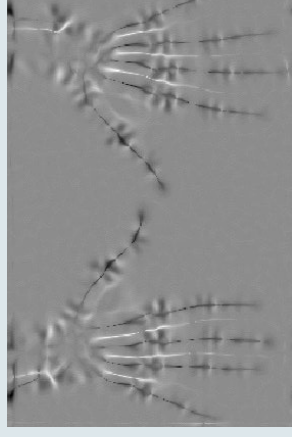
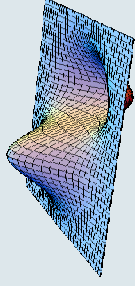




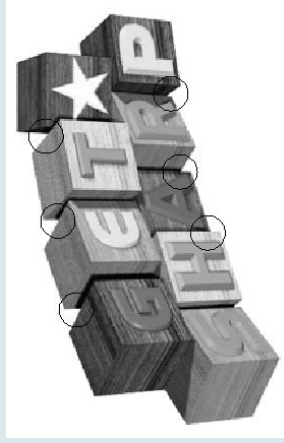
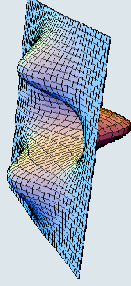
# Example: Differential invariants



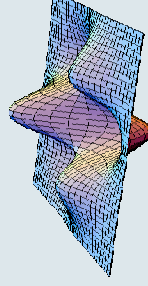
1<sup>st</sup> order  
(edges)



2<sup>nd</sup> order  
(ridges)



3<sup>rd</sup> order  
(T-junctions)



For example

Rotation invariant

T-junction detection:

$$\frac{1}{(L_x^2 + L_y^2)^3} (-L_{xxy} L_y^5 + L_y^4 (2 L_{xy}^2 - L_x (L_{xxx} - 2 L_{xyy}) + L_{xx} L_{yy}) + L_x^4 (2 L_{xy}^2 - L_x L_{xyy} + L_{xx} L_{yy}) + L_x^2 L_y^2 (3 L_{xx}^2 - 8 L_{xy}^2 + L_x (-L_{xxx} + L_{xyy}) - 4 L_{xx} L_{yy} + 3 L_{yy}^2) + L_x L_y^3 (6 L_{xy} (L_{xx} - L_{yy}) + L_x (L_{xxy} - L_{yyy})) + L_x^3 L_y (6 L_{xy} (-L_{xx} + L_{yy}) + L_x (2 L_{xxy} - L_{yyy})))$$

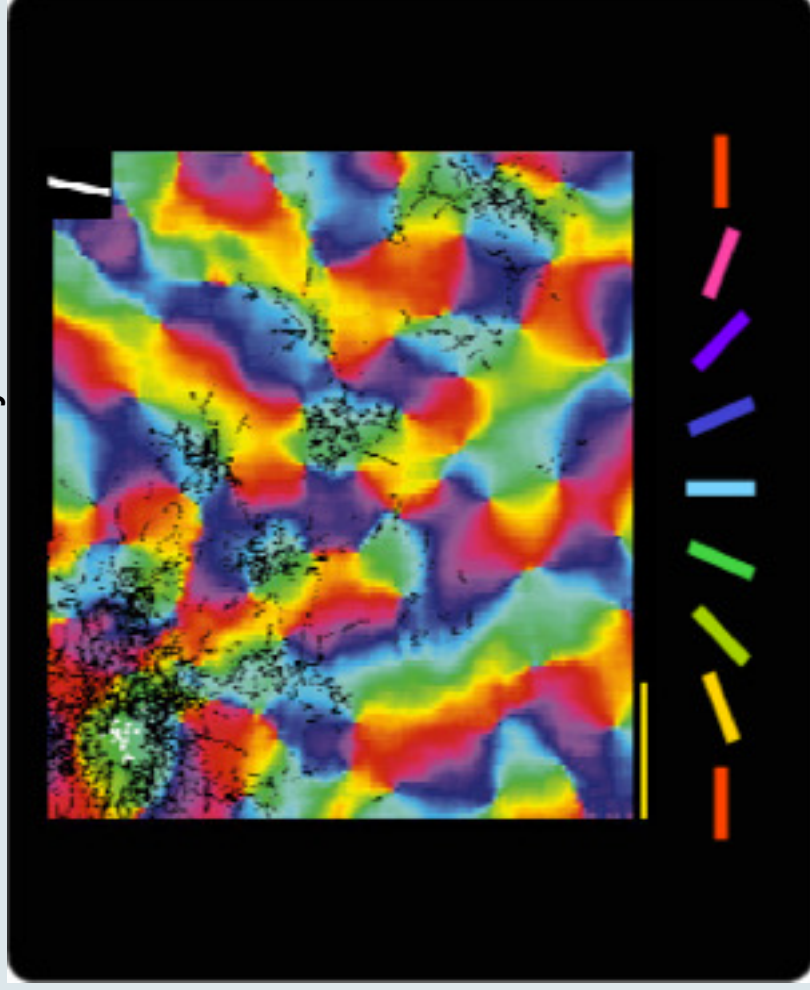
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## Biological Inspiration

1. The retina contains receptive fields of varying sizes → *multi-scale* sampling device
2. Primary visual cortex is *multi-orientation*

Measurement in Primary Visual Cortex

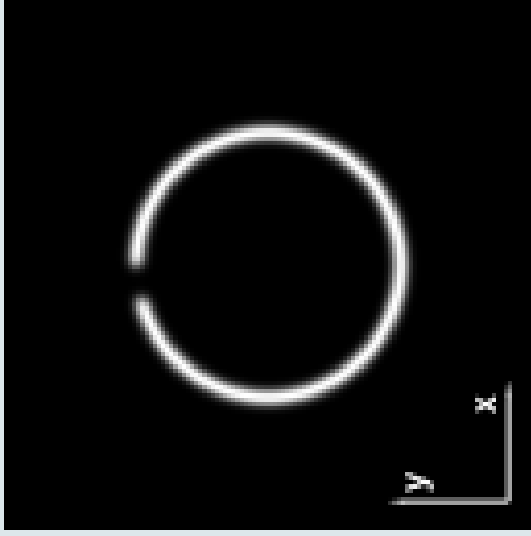


- Cells in the primary visual cortex are orientation-specific
- Strong connectivity between cells that respond to (nearly) the same orientation

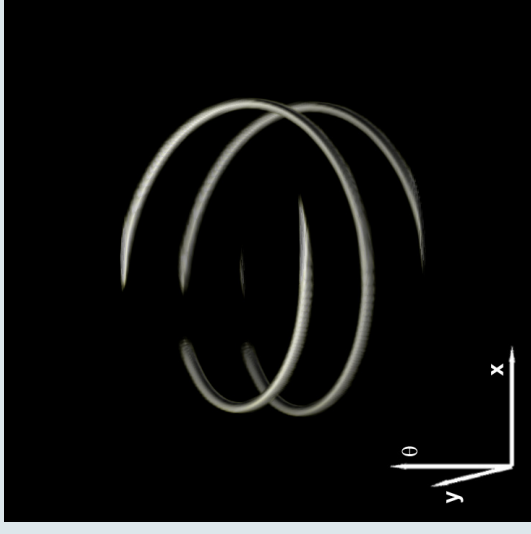
## Orientation Scores

From 2D image  $f(x,y)$  to orientation score

$U_f(x,y,\theta)$  with position  $(x,y)$  and orientation  $\theta$



$$f(x,y) \xrightarrow{W_\psi} U_f(x,y,\theta)$$



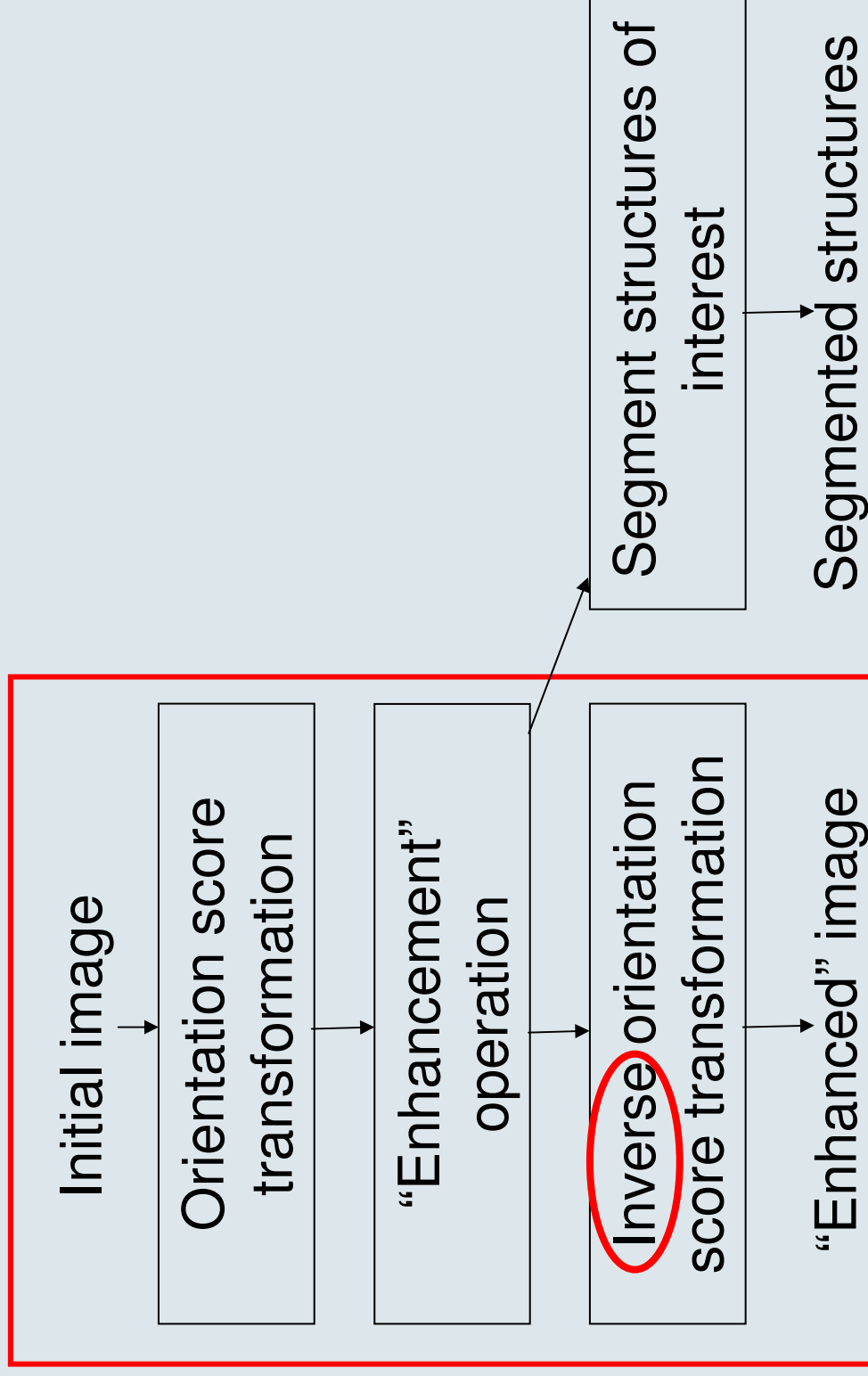
$$(W_\psi[f])(\mathbf{x}, \theta) = U_f(\mathbf{x}, \theta) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \psi(R_\theta^{-1}(\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x})) f(\mathbf{x}') d\mathbf{x}'$$

$$R_\theta = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

An orientation score is a function  
on the *Euclidean motion group*

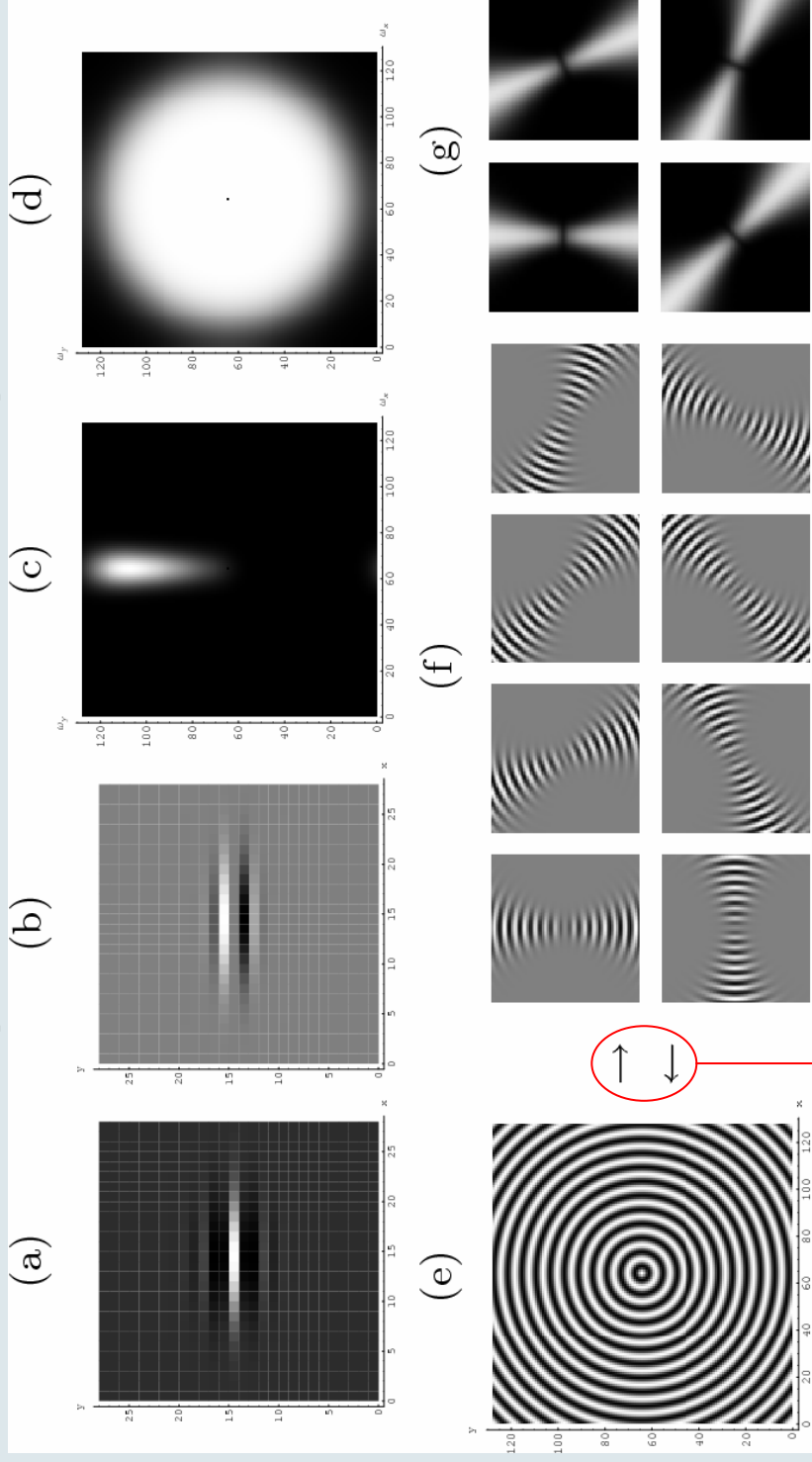


# Our approach: Image Processing via Orientation Scores



# Invertible Orientation Score Transformation

Design considerations: reconstruction, directional, spatial localization, quadrature



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os1 = CKOrientationScoreTransform[img1, k, sφ, q, t, ss];
img1back = Plus @@ os1;
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# The Diffusion Equation on Images

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} \nabla u \\ u(\mathbf{x}; 0) = f(\mathbf{x}) \end{cases} \quad \nabla = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^T$$

$f$  = image

$u$  = scale space of image

$\mathbf{D}$  = diffusion tensor

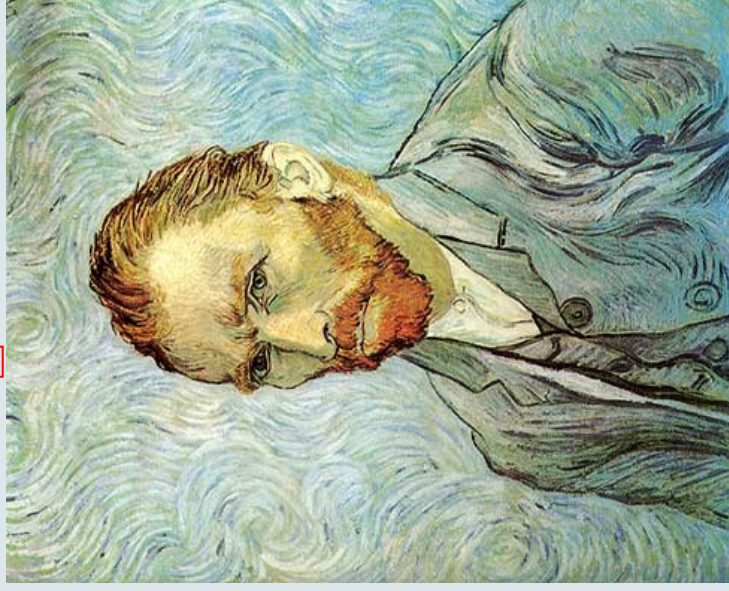
Linear diffusion

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{I}$$



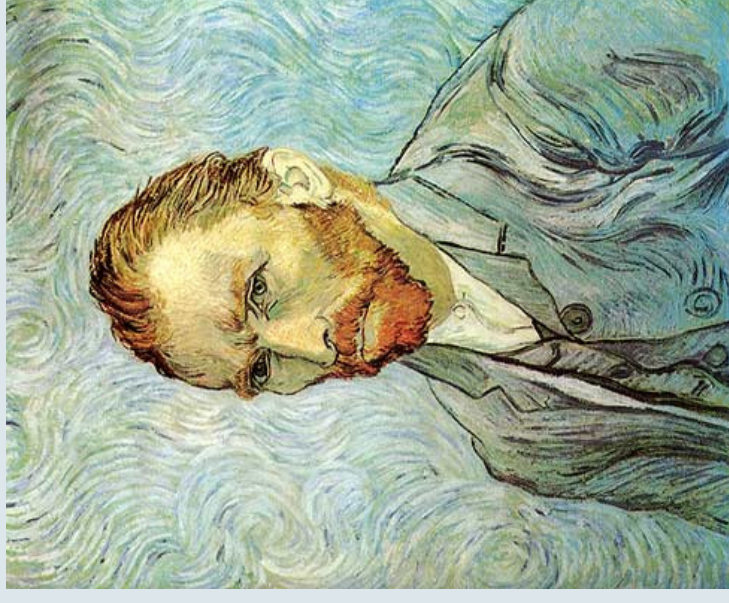
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$$\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{x}) = g(|\nabla u(\mathbf{x})|) \mathbf{I}$$



Coherence-enhancing diff.

$$\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{x}) = s(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{v}^T(\mathbf{x}) + \alpha \mathbf{I}$$



$t = 0$



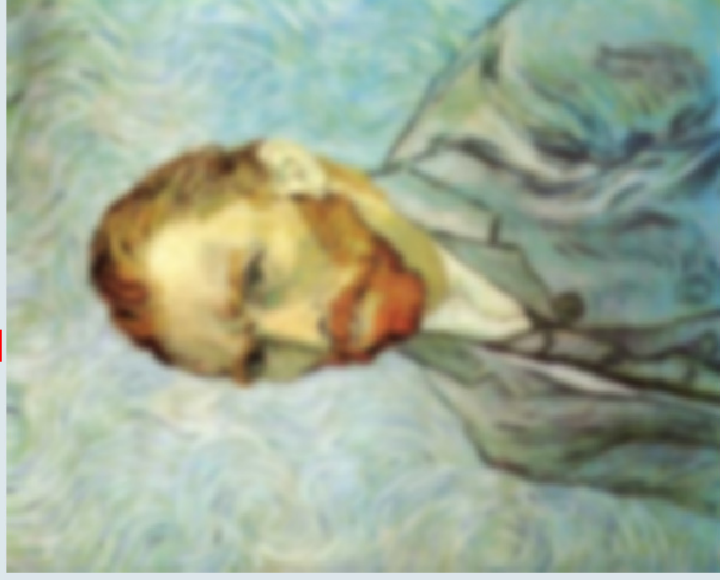
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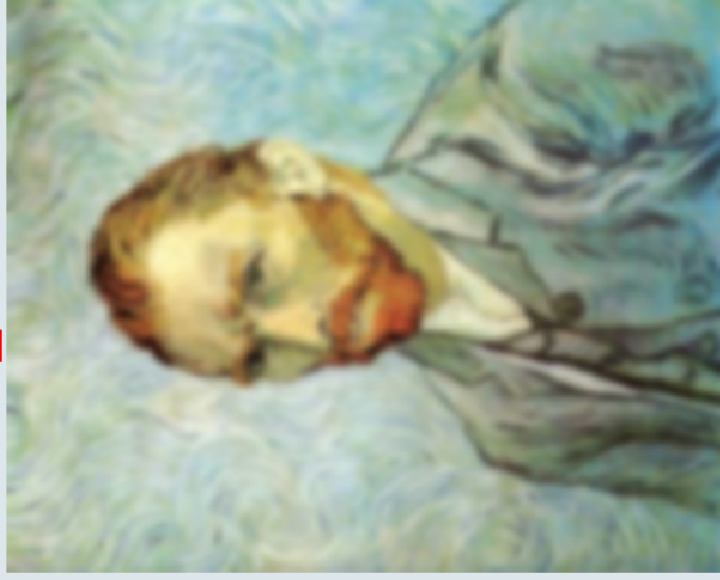
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$t = 10$

# Diffusion in orientation scores

$$\partial_t u = \left( \begin{array}{c} \partial_\theta \\ \partial_\xi \\ \partial_\eta \end{array} \right)$$

Left-invariant derivatives

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} D'_{11} + D_{22}\kappa^2 \\ D_{22}\kappa \\ 0 \end{array} \right)$$

Diffusion in orientation

curvature

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ D_{33} \end{array} \right)$$

Evolving orientation score

Diffusion tangent to oriented structures

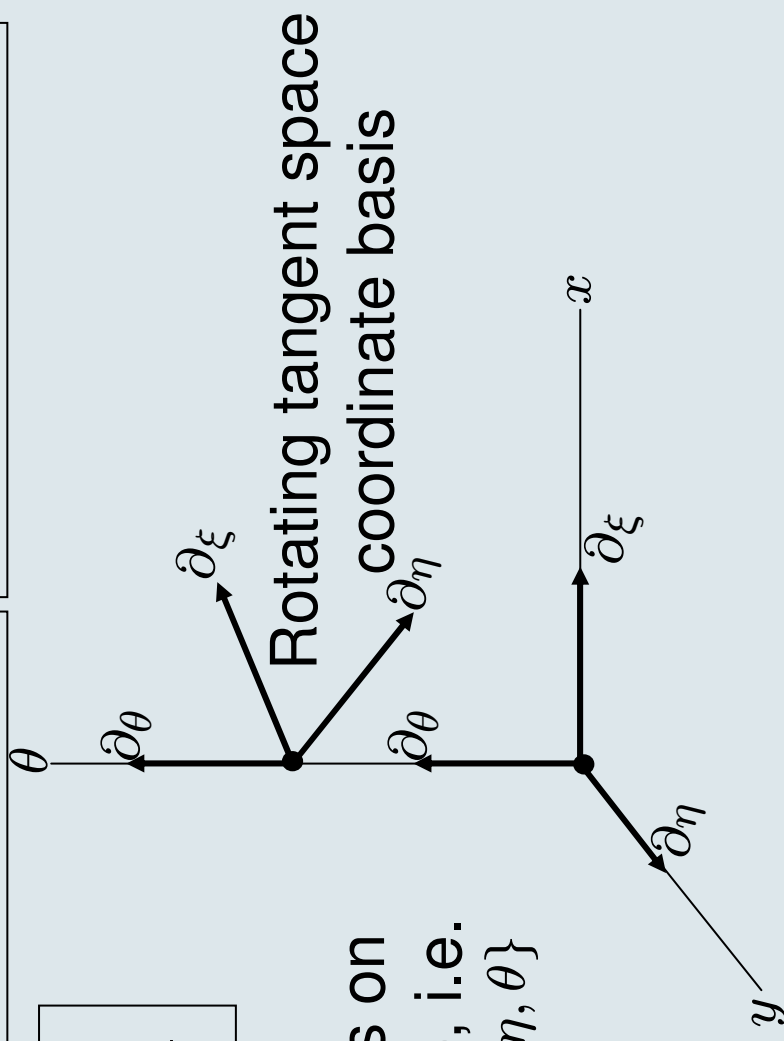
Diffusion orthogonal to oriented structures

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\xi &= \cos \theta \partial_x + \sin \theta \partial_y \\ \partial_\eta &= -\sin \theta \partial_x + \cos \theta \partial_y \end{aligned}$$

$\partial_\xi$ ,  $\partial_\eta$ , and  $\partial_\theta$  are

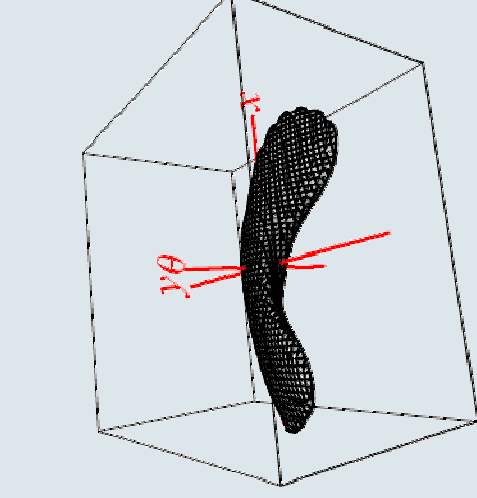
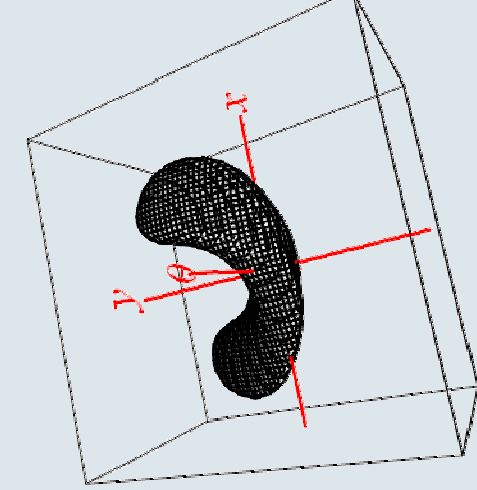
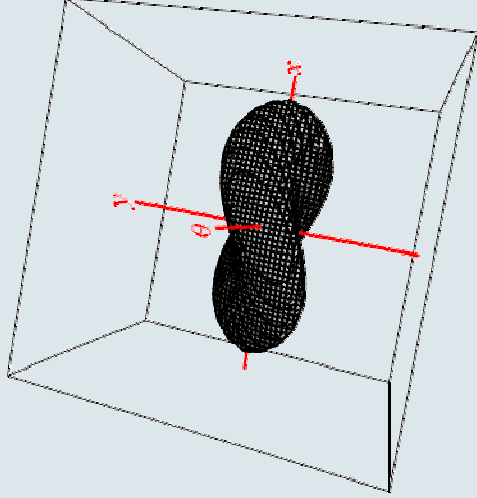
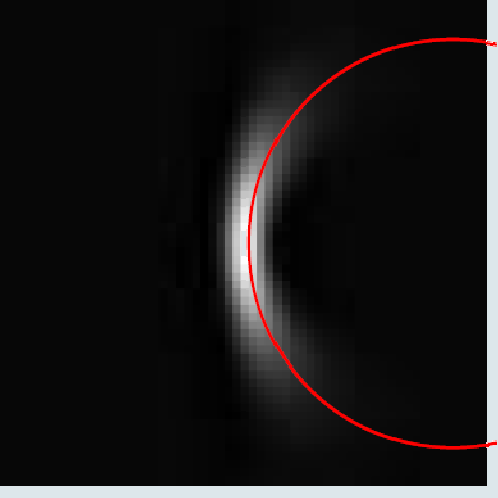
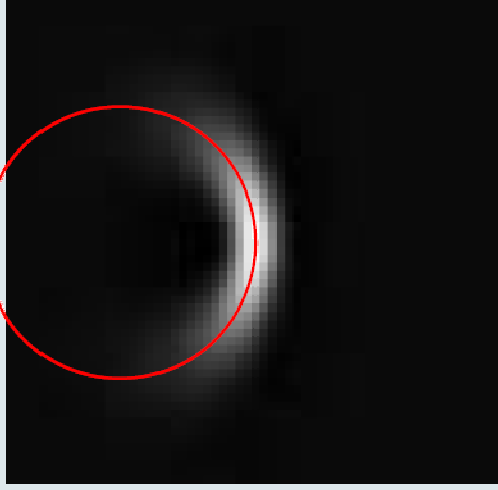
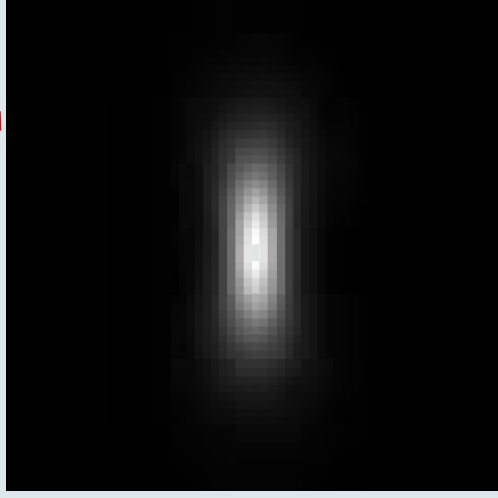
left-invariant derivatives on Euclidean motion group, i.e.

$$\mathcal{L}_g \partial_i U = \partial_i \mathcal{L}_g U, \quad i \in \{\xi, \eta, \theta\}$$



## Example diffusion kernels

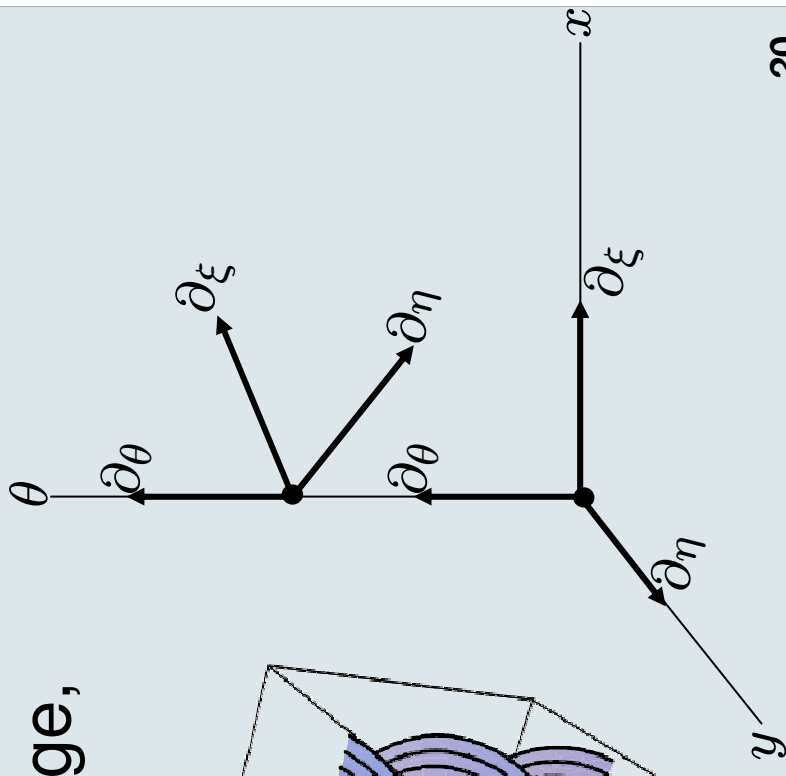
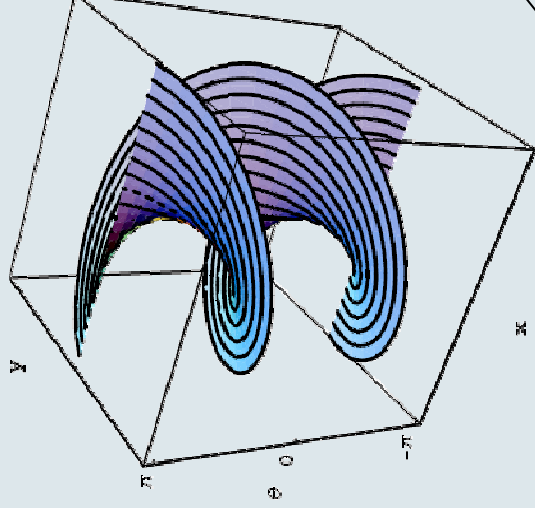
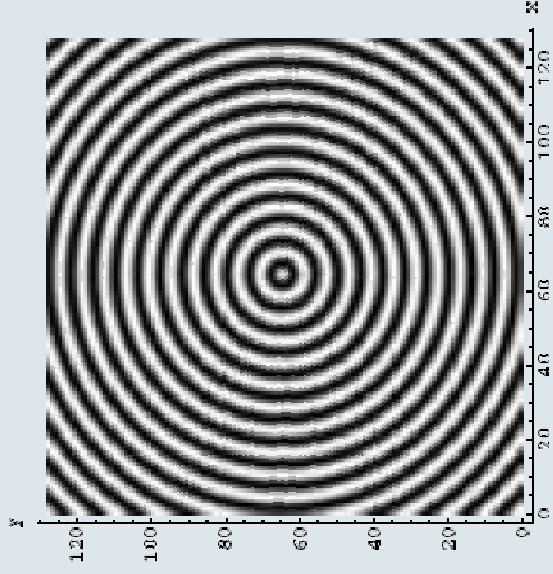
$$\partial_t u = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_\theta & \partial_\xi & \partial_\eta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} D'_{11} + D_{22}\kappa^2 & D_{22}\kappa & 0 \\ D_{22}\kappa & D_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & D_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \partial_\theta \\ \partial_\xi \\ \partial_\eta \end{pmatrix} u$$



# How to Choose Conductivity Coefficients

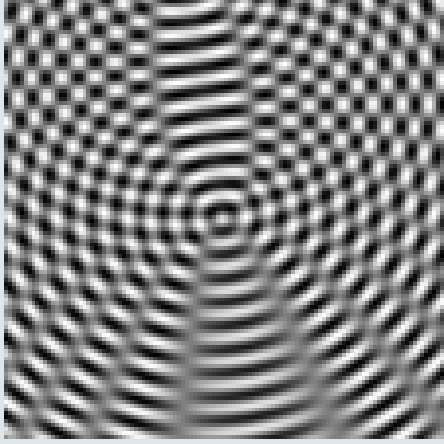
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- Oriented regions:  $D'_{11}$  and  $D_{33}$  small,  $D_{22}$  large and  $\kappa$  according to estimate
- Non-oriented regions:  $D'_{11}$  large,  $D_{22}=D_{33}$  large,  $\kappa = 0$

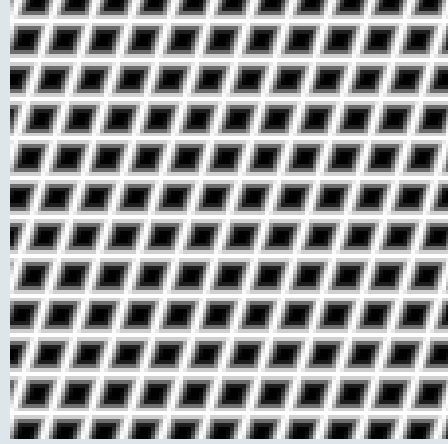




## Results

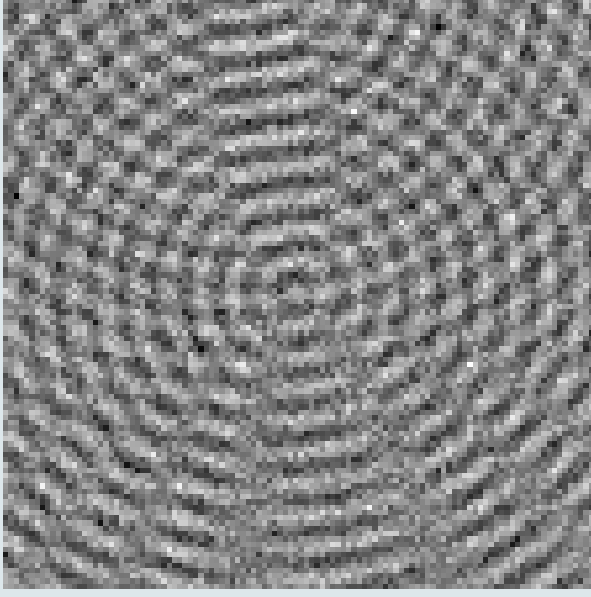


Size: 128 x 128 x 64

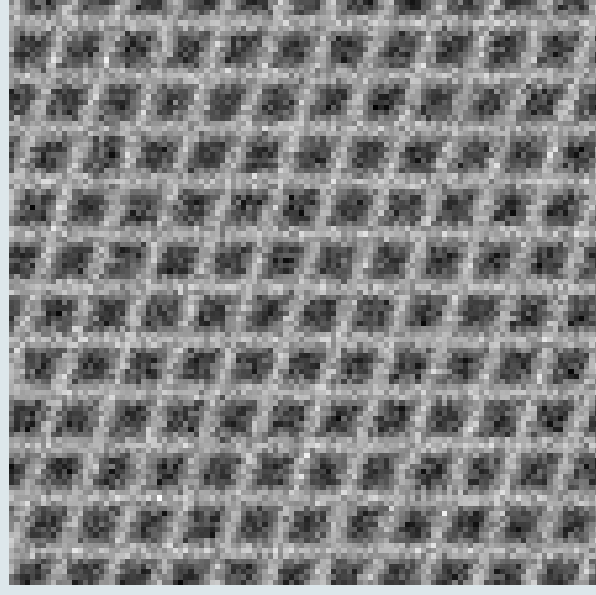
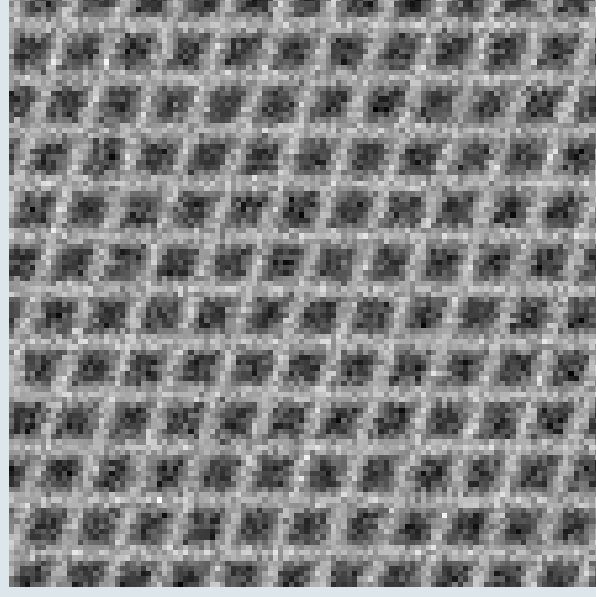
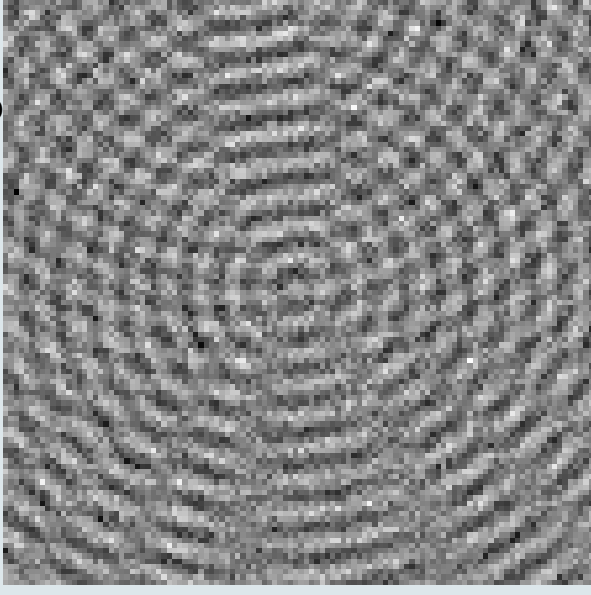


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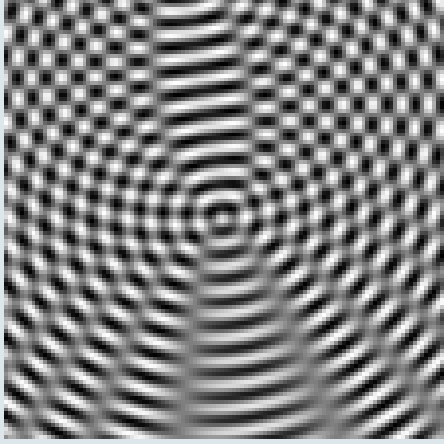
Diffusion in orientation score



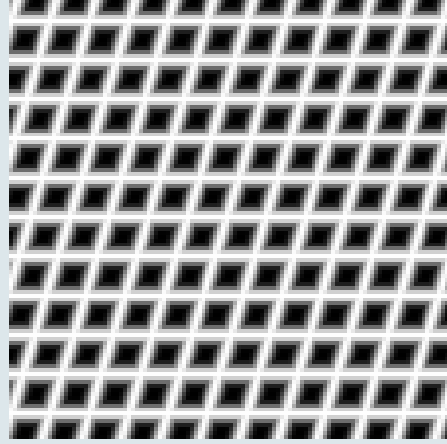
Coherence enhancing diffusion



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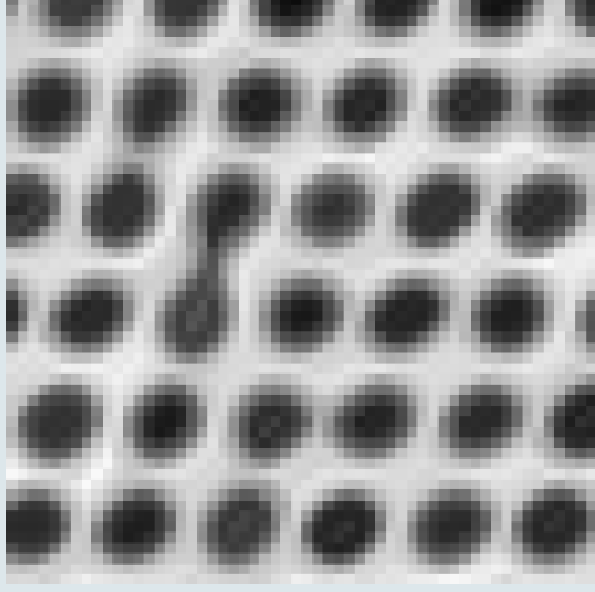
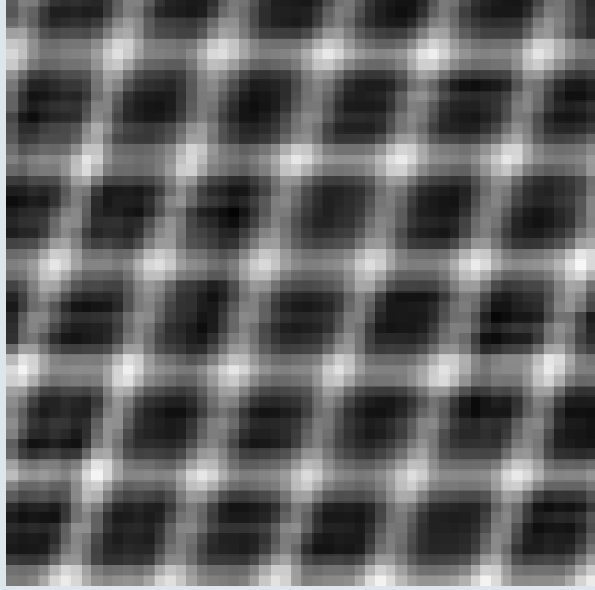


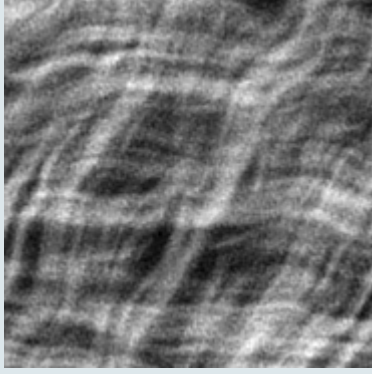
Diffusion in orientation score



$t = 10$

Coherence enhancing diffusion





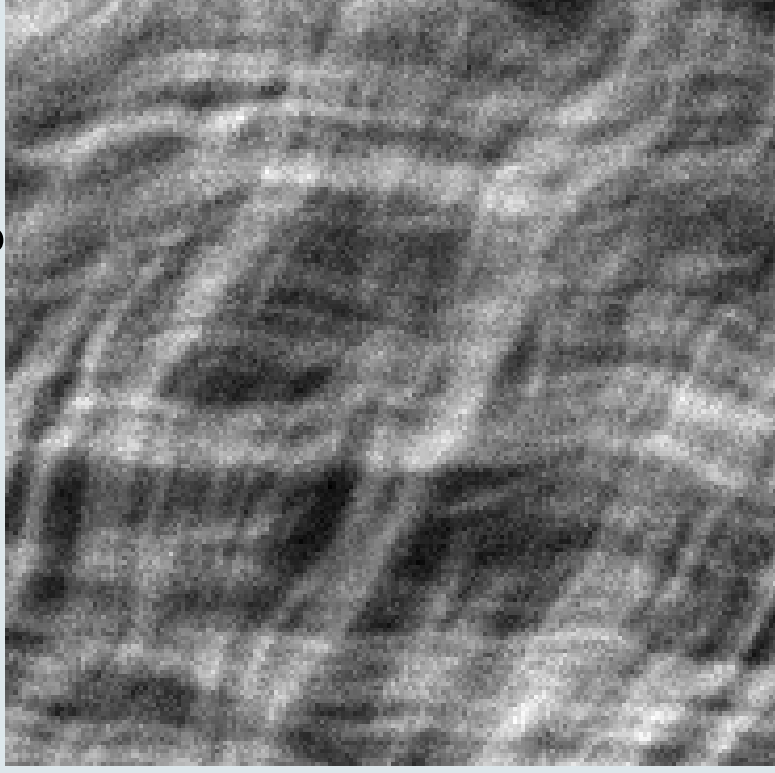
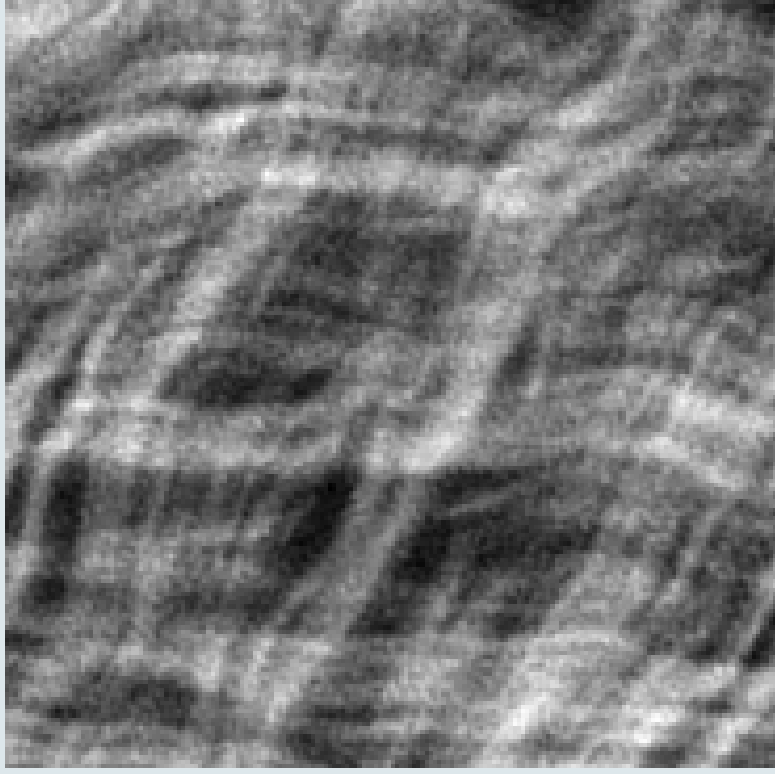
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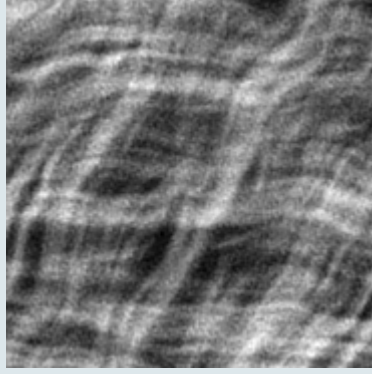
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$t = 0$

Diffusion in orientation score

Coherence enhancing diffusion

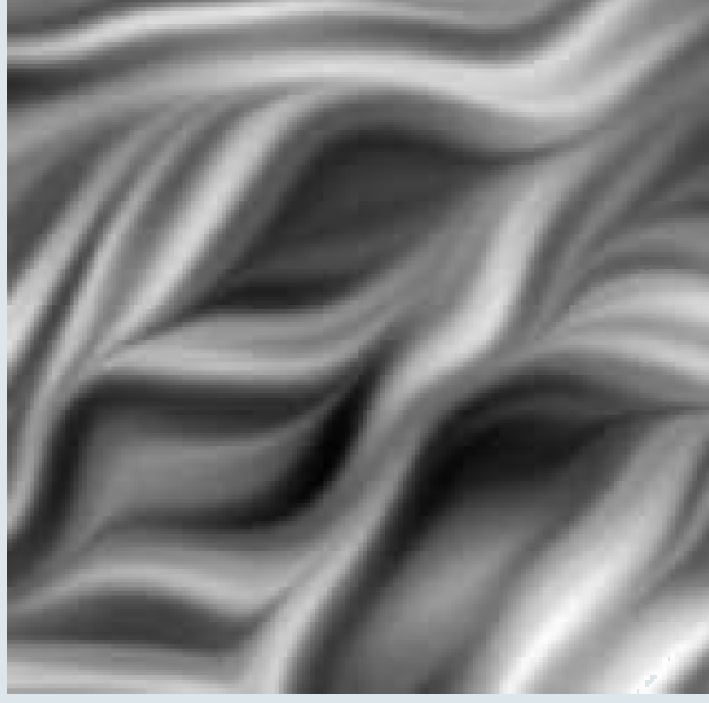




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$t = 30$    Diffusion in orientation score   Coherence enhancing diffusion





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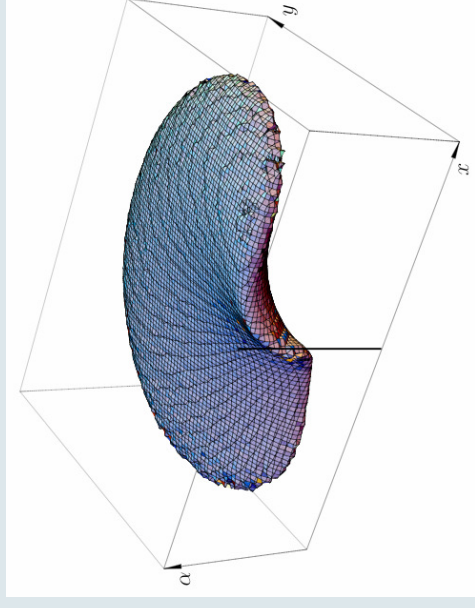
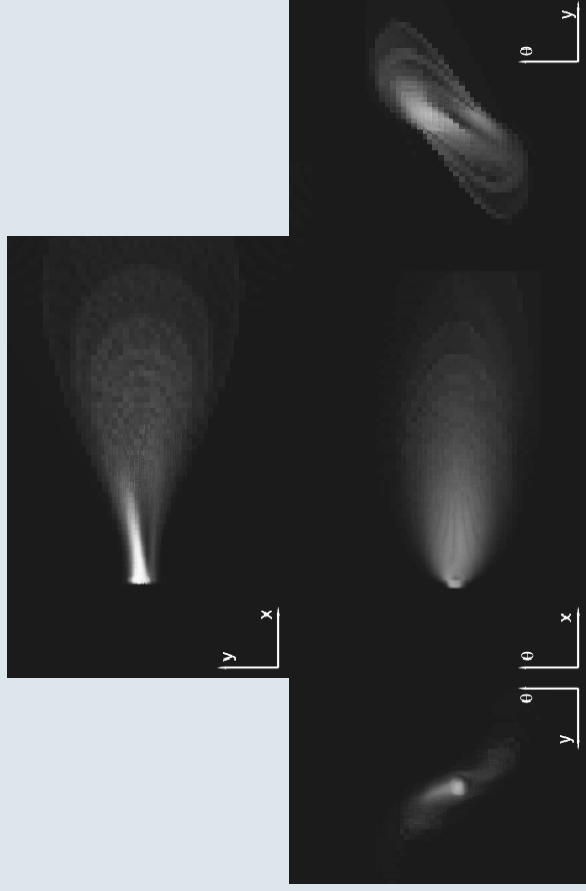
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## Other PDE: the stochastic completion field

Resolvent of linear PDE

$$\partial_t u = (A - \lambda I)u \text{ with } A = (-\partial_\xi + D_{11}\partial_{\theta\theta})$$

It renders probability density field for line continuation based on random walker prior



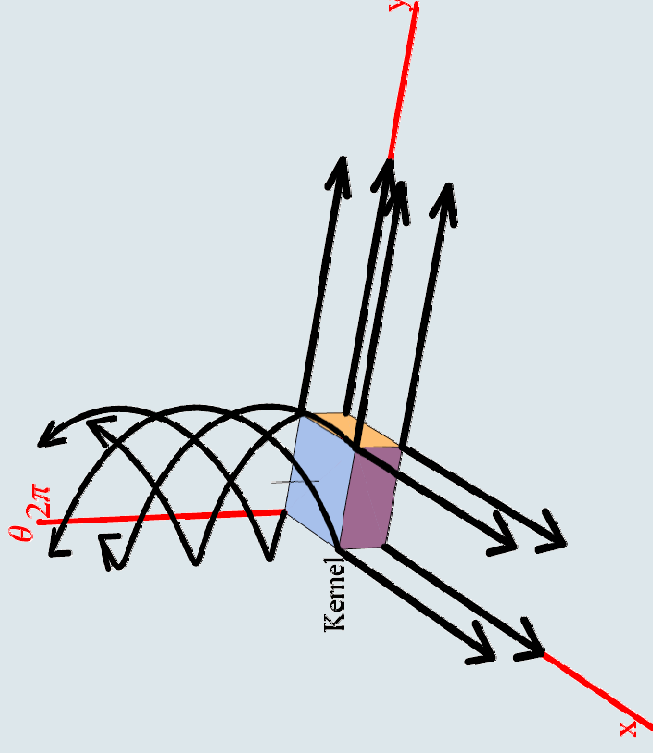
## Convolution on Orientation Scores

An image is a function on the translation group

An orientation score is a function on the Euclidean motion group

Normal convolution (on translation group)

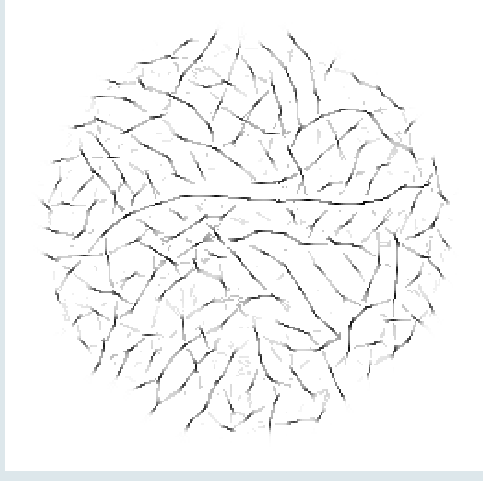
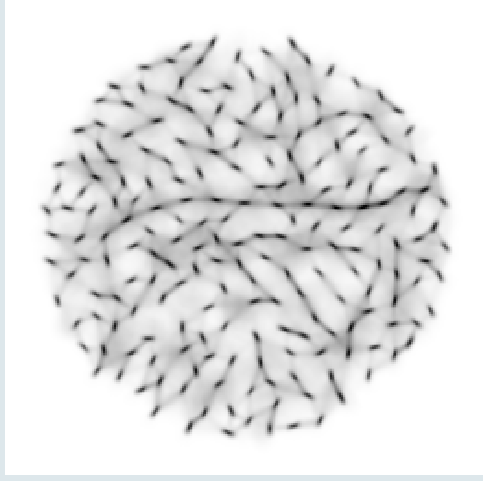
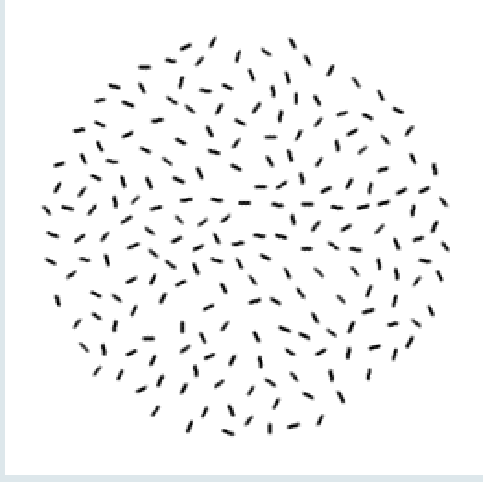
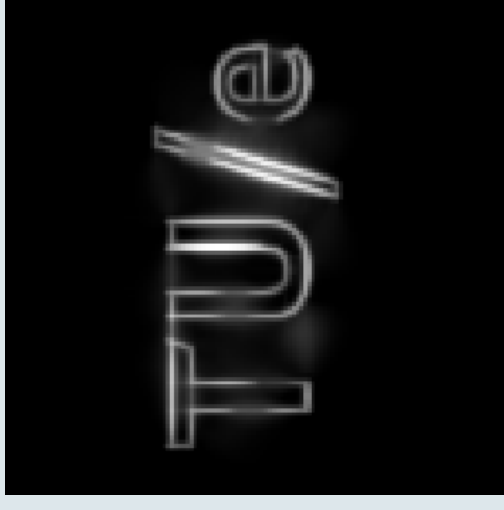
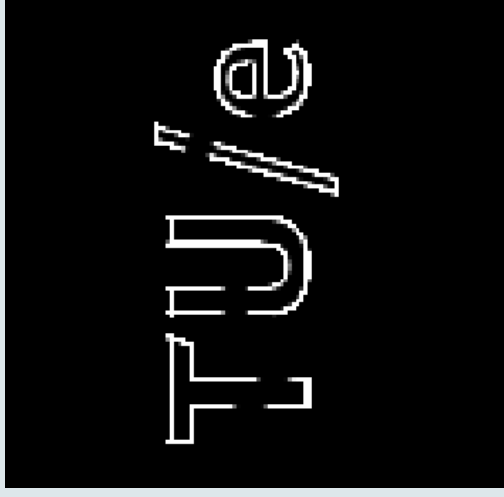
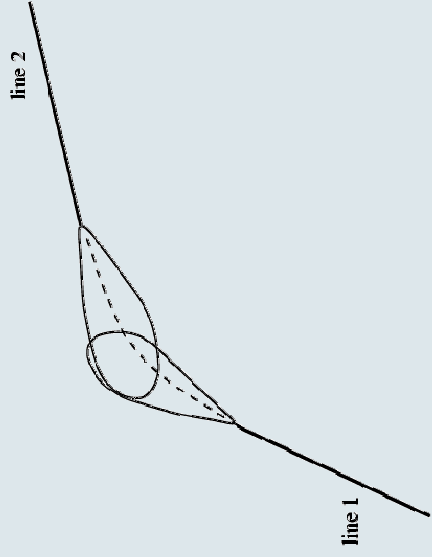
$$[f * g](\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) g(\mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y}$$



G-convolution, where G is the Euclidean motion group

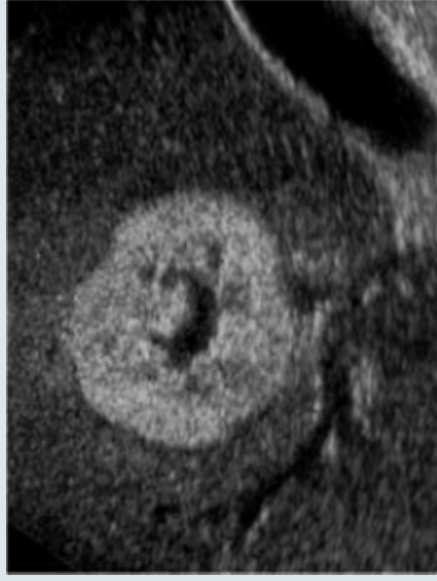
$$[K *_G U_f](\mathbf{x}, \theta) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \int_0^{2\pi} K(R_{\theta'}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'), \theta - \theta') U_f(\mathbf{x}', \theta') d\theta' d\mathbf{x}'$$

## Filling Gaps in Curves



(From M.Sc. thesis by Renske de Boer)

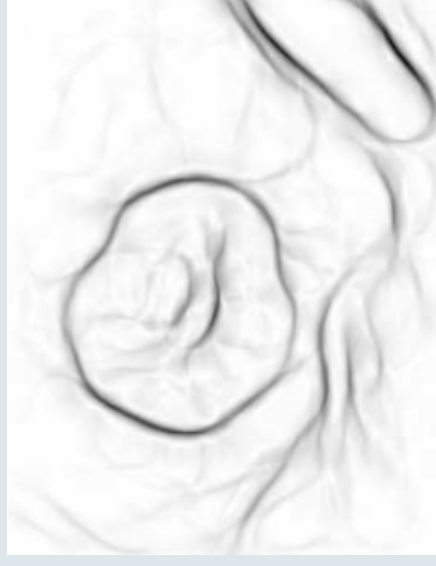
# Enhancing edges in Medical images



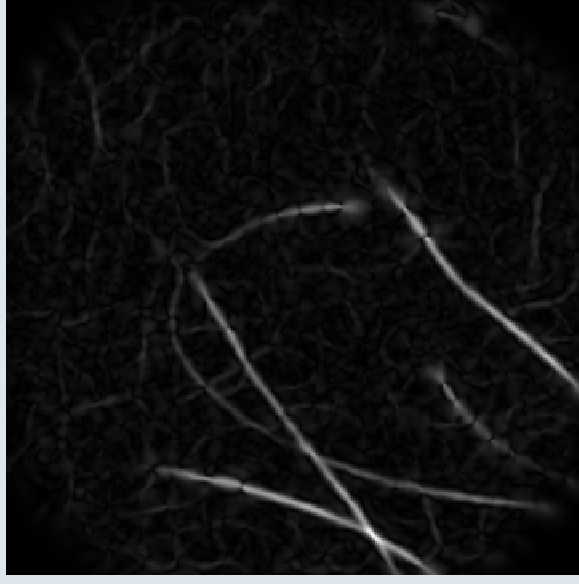
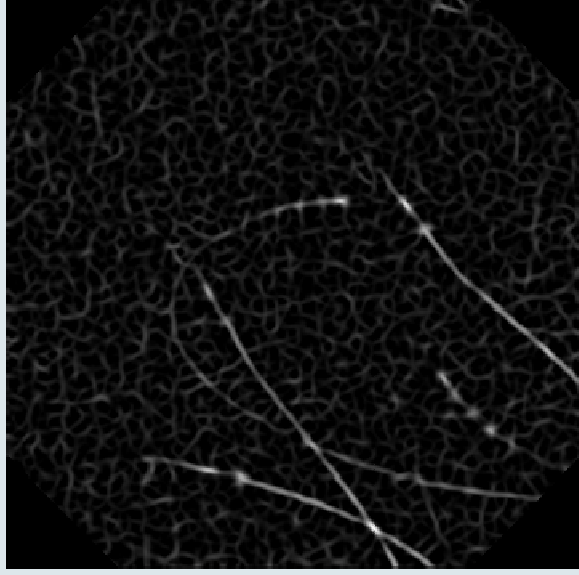
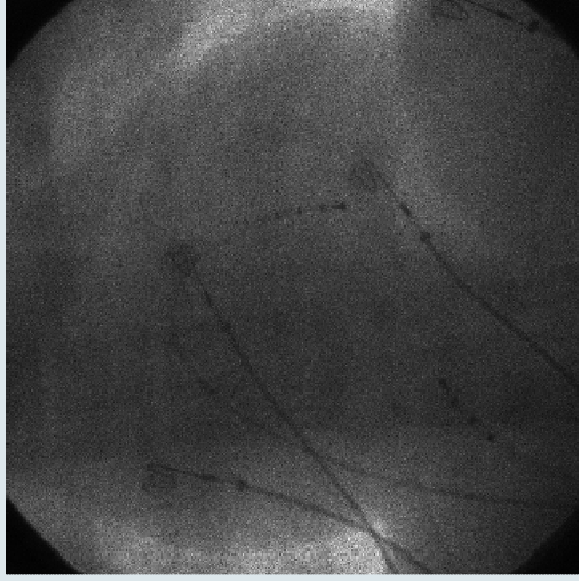
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Local information



Result





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## Using Mathematica

- Mathematica is helpful in solving the math (e.g. non-commuting operators)
- NDSolve in *mathematica* is not usable for our type of PDEs as far as I know
- PDE solver is written in C++, linked with Mathlink
- Typical problems of our PDE
  - Highly anisotropic, not aligned with grid
  - Non-commuting operators
  - Convection + diffusion

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