Software tool for cranial orthosis design

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 - Thin plate spline (TPS) as a kernel function $\rho(r)$.
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Algorithm speed and possible speed-up by OpenMP on multiple CPU cores

CPU cores [-]	1	2	4	8	16	24
Shrink [s]	0.80	0.75	0.73	0.72	0.73	0.72
Prepare [s]	85.36	46.44	23.32	12.30	7.96	5.63
Solve [s]	3.94	2.65	2.18	1.96	1.88	1.88
Transform [s]	248.07	124.19	62.29	32.56	15.75	10.87
Total [s]	338.16	174.03	88.51	47.54	26.33	19.09



Computation times for different sizes of the model

Model size [vertices] (1d)	243897	494826	1033902
Shrink [s] (2)	0.24	0.72	2.61
Prepare [s] (3)-(4)	1.65	4.83	18.54
Solve [s] (5)	0.44	1.89	10.19
Transform [s] (6)	2.76	8.79	38.91
Total [s] (2)-(6)	5.09	16.23	70.25



Result model





