

Robust and Hybrid Crypto-watermarking Approach for 3D Multiresolution Meshes Security

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Abstract: Since the release of the first 3D watermarking algorithm, several approaches have grown up with a diversity of techniques used during the embedding of information into meshes. The main objective is always to secure data shared by remote users. The originality of the present work is issued from combining encryption and hybrid watermarking algorithm to secure 3D multiresolution meshes. The new crypto-watermarking system is composed of three parts: the first part is said watermark preparation and it aims to prepare data to be inserted. During this step, the logo (which refers to copyright information) is encrypted using RSA (Rivest, Shamir, Adleman) algorithm and then encoded by applying a convolutional encoder to the encrypted logo already transformed into a binary sequence. As for the second part, it is called mesh preparation and it consists on decomposing the 3D multiresolution mesh by applying wavelet transform to generate wavelet coefficient vector. Finally, the third part of our algorithm, called hybrid watermarking, occurs to insert encrypted logo and RSA keys into both multiresolution and spatial presentations of the mesh. In fact, the encrypted logo is inserted into resulting wavelet coefficients after applying the transformation to spherical coordinate system, modulation and demodulation. As for RSA key, it is inserted into the mesh resulting from the first watermarking around by modifying geometric information of vertices. Found results prove that we are able to insert a high amount of data without influencing the mesh quality. The application of the most popular attacks does not prevent a correct extraction of data already inserted which is justified by the use of the RSA to encode the watermark and the convolutional error correcting code to retrieve the corrupted information. Our algorithm is, then, robust against these attacks.

1 INTRODUCTION

Since technology has made available speed computer networks and remote multimedia databases, allowing the sharing and the transmission of 3D meshes, solving security problems becomes an intellectual property due to the fact that that digital copying does not cause any loss of quality and the digital reproduction costs are negligible and counterfeiters can proceed anonymously without leaving a trace. All these problems make legal protection alone is no longer sufficient to ensure the peaceful management of works transmitted to the public. Hence, the need to use other techniques to strengthen existing legal protections seems necessary.

Digital watermarking is one of the proposed solutions to ensure sharing meshes security which justify the publication of several watermarking approaches

such as works published in (Hitendra et al., 2014), (Yuan, 2015), (Jen-Tse et al., 2014), (Lamiaa et al., 2015) and (Ouled Zaid et al., 2015). These algorithms aim to insert data into the mesh to protect it against any type of alterations. Unfortunately, in spite of the variety of tools used in these approaches, 3D watermarking domain still suffers from several deficiencies.

The second solution proposed to counter to security problems is cryptography. However the efficiency of this later to secure shared documents mainly images, it is not yet used in the field of 3D representation. As a result, this paper aims to join cryptography with 3D hybrid watermarking in order to guarantee the security of 3D multiresolution meshes.

In this context, we propose a new hybrid crypto-watermarking algorithm ensuring 3D multiresolution meshes security. The proposed system uses encryp-

tion tool (RSA algorithm) and a watermarking tools (wavelet transform, Modulation, spherical coordinate system, convolutional error code) in order to increase the amount of inserted data while keeping the mesh quality and ensuring robustness against the most popular attacks. The originality of this paper is, in one side, to work in parallel in two different fields of insertion: spatial and multiresolution, hence the hybrid notation which allow enhanced insertion rate while keeping mesh quality. On the other side, the use of the RSA, widely used in the field of image processing, to encrypt the logo before inserting it will reinforce the robustness of our algorithm.

2 STATE OF THE ART

Sharing 3D meshes between remote users poses great security problems. Since these problems imposed themselves, attempts to propose adequate solutions, in the form of watermarking, encryption and steganographic algorithms, have continued to appear until today.

On one side, digital watermarking is one of the most important solutions. Indeed, to protect 3D meshes from unauthorized actions, several 3D watermarking approaches are published. The main objective is to find the best compromise between watermark criteria: insertion rate (number of bits to be inserted), invisibility (mesh quality) and robustness against attacks (ability to extract correctly data in spite of treatment applied to watermarked mesh) through the use of multitude techniques and tools. In order to classify these solutions, we consider the inserting domain as a criterion. The first category includes approaches operating in the spatial domain, such as the approaches of Hitendra published in (Hitendra et al., 2014), Tsai et al. in (Yuan, 2015) and Wang et al. in (Jen-Tse et al., 2014). These approaches embed data either in the topological or in the geometric information. As for the second category, a transformed domain is used. Frequency domain (Lamiaa et al., 2015) and multiresolution domain (Ouled Zaid et al., 2015) are the most used insertion areas. In this case data is inserted by modifying frequency and multiresolutions coefficients. Notwithstanding the significant improvements brought by algorithms proposed over the last decade, the digital watermarking field still suffers from deficiencies. This comes down, firstly, to the complexity to find the best compromise between watermark invisibility, high insertion rate and robustness which are contradictory (the increase of capacity causes either a deterioration of the mesh quality or reduces the level

of robustness). Secondly, treating 3D multiresolution meshes is not an easy mission in comparing them with other types of meshes. This is justified by the sensitivity of handling the multi-resolution appearance of this data type.

On the other side, cryptography has proven its efficiency in securing digital data specially image. This is justified by the abundant use of encryption algorithms in the field of image processing to ensure security ((Benyamin et al., 2014) and (Tariq and Ayesha, 2016) are examples). Despite the effectiveness and the encouraging results of applying cryptography to image, it has been not used until now in the field of 3D representation. This can be justified by the particular presentation of 3D multiresolution meshes and to the difficulty of manipulating these data types.

As a result, we aim, in this paper, to combine cryptography and 3D watermarking in order to protect 3D multiresolution meshes. The originality of this paper is, in one side, to work in parallel in two different fields of insertion: spatial and multiresolution, hence the hybrid notation which allow enhanced insertion rate while keeping mesh quality. On the other side, the use of the RSA, widely used in the field of image processing, to encrypt the logo before inserting it will reinforce the robustness of our algorithm.

3 USED TECHNIQUES

To ensure security of 3D meshes shared between remote users or saved in remote multimedia databases, several techniques are used such as:

3.1 RSA Algorithm

RSA (Rivest–Shamir–Adleman) is the first public key system to be invented, and the most widely used today (Y. et al., 2020). RSA is based on a public key and a private key. The public one can be known to everyone and it is used to encrypt the logo to be inserted into the 3D multiresolution meshes. As for the second key, it is used to decrypt the logo after being extracted from the mesh to guarantee its authenticity. The keys of RSA algorithm are generated by following these steps:

- Choose two different large random prime numbers p and q . This should be kept secret.
- Calculate $n = p \times q$. n is the modulus for the public key and the private keys.
- Calculate $\phi(n) = (p - 1) \times (q - 1)$
- Choose an integer e such as $1 < e < \phi(n)$ and e is co-prime to $\phi(n)$. e is considered as the public

key of RSA algorithm.

- Compute d to satisfy the congruence relation $d \times e \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$. d is considered as the private key of RSA algorithm.

Key generation is the most tricky phase in the RSA algorithm. Algorithm 1 presents the approach to generate public and private key peers.

Algorithm 1.

INPUT: Required modulus bit length, k .

OUTPUT: An RSA key pair $((N, e), d)$ where N is the modulus ($N = p \times q$) not exceeding k bits in length; e is the public exponent, a number less than and coprime to $\phi(n) = (p - 1) \times (q - 1)$; and d is the private exponent such that $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$.

BEGIN

1. Select a value of e from 3,5,17,257,65537,...
2. repeat
 - /*genprime($k/2$) returns a prime of exactly $k/2$ bits, with the ($k/2$)th bit set to 1*/
3. $p \leftarrow \text{genprime}(k/2)$
4. until $(p \bmod [e]) \neq 1$
5. repeat
 - /*genprime($k - k/2$) returns a prime of exactly $(k - k/2)$ bits, with the $(k - k/2)$ th bit set to 1*/
6. $q \leftarrow \text{genprime}(k - k/2)$
7. until $(q \bmod [e]) \neq 1$
8. $N \leftarrow p \times q$
9. $\phi(n) \leftarrow (p - 1)(q - 1)$
10. $d \leftarrow \text{modinv}(e, \phi(n))$
11. return (N, e, d)

To encrypt a message m with RSA algorithm, formula 1 is used.

$$c = m^e \bmod [n] \tag{1}$$

c is the ciphertext. As for decryption, it can be done following formula 2

$$m = c^d \bmod [n] \tag{2}$$

3.2 Convolutional Error Correcting Code

Convolutional codes (Viterbi, 1971), also known as trellis or recursive, were discovered by Elias in 1955. These codes are known for their simplicity, power and efficiency, which justify their frequent use. The characteristics of a convolutional code are that data, before being inserted in a 3D mesh, is considered as a finite series of symbols which undergo shifting operations

using memories to generate another series of encoded symbols.

3.2.1 Convolutional Encoder

To encode data with a convolutional encoder a state machine or a trellis presentation can be used. In the state machine case, each state is a particular state of the registers which are initially assumed to be zero. Hence, each branch is the state change of the encoder according to the arrival of a new bit from the watermark to be inserted. As presented in figure 1, these branches are identified by the value of the input bit that causes the change of state and the codeword produced at the arrival of this bit (Sayahi et al., 2017).

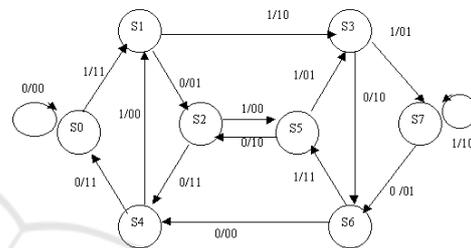


Figure 1: State machine representation.

As for the trellis presentation, it can be considered as a state machine repeated numerous times (see figure 2) Thus, each vertex is the state of the encoder. Each edge is a transition and has as label the corresponding output of the encoder.

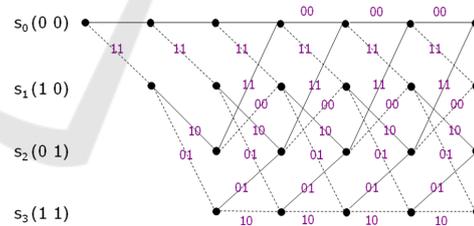


Figure 2: Trellis representation.

3.2.2 Convolutional Decoder

To decode a message, already coded with a convolutional encoder, many algorithms can be used. Especially in this work, we will use a Viterbi algorithm. This choice is justified by the ability of this algorithm to correct errors which are randomly distributed which is the case of errors generated by the application of attacks to the host mesh (Sayahi et al., 2019).

3.3 Spherical System

To ensure the invisibility of our watermark, we chose to transform vertex and wavelet coefficients, before being watermarked, to the spherical system (ρ, θ, ϕ) . This transformation is ensured by applying the following formula 3:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \\ \theta &= \arccos\left(\frac{z}{\rho}\right) \\ \psi &= \begin{cases} \arccos\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}\right) \\ 2 \times \Pi - \arccos\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}\right) \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

After watermarking, to reconstruct the watermarking mesh, an inverse transformation should be applied to represent again the vertex coefficients in the Cartesian system by applying the formula 4

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \rho \times \sin \theta \times \cos \psi \\ y &= \rho \times \sin \theta \times \sin \psi \\ z &= \rho \times \cos \theta \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

3.4 Wavelet Transform

As shown in figure 3, wavelet transform is a step in our crypto-watermarking algorithm allowing the representation the host meshes in the multiresolution field. The objective of the multiresolution analysis is to decompose a mesh M_i into two sets: a coarser low resolution meshes M_{i-1} and a set of details D_{i-1} : the analysis phase. This phase is applied as a pre-processing step of the mesh to be watermarked. All extracted details are regrouped in a wavelet coefficient vector (WCV) as it is shown in the formula 5 (Hachicha et al., 2020).

$$M_i = M_{i-1} \oplus D_{i-1} \quad (5)$$

D_{i-1} refers to the set of details needed to rebuild the mesh M_i , with higher resolution, from the mesh M_{i-1} . \oplus is the complement orthogonal operator.

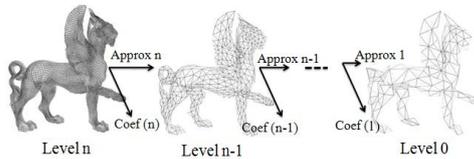


Figure 3: Wavelet transform.

The principle of the wavelet transform is to decompose, by filtering, the energy of a signal using two basic functions. Thus, applying these functions on a mesh in an analysis step, we obtain a lower resolution mesh and a set of wavelet coefficients needed to reconstruct the original mesh in the synthesis step

(Sayahi et al., 2016a). All these coefficients are assembled into a single vector called wavelet coefficient vector (WCV). Especially, this vector will be modified during insertion following bits to be inserted (formula 6).

$$WCV = \begin{pmatrix} D_1 \\ \vdots \\ D_i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} d_1^x & d_1^y & d_1^z \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ d_i^x & d_i^y & d_i^z \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

After the insertion step, all watermarked details and meshes of different resolution levels are, then, used to reconstruct the watermarked mesh: synthesis phase.

4 PROPOSED CRYPTO-WATERMARKING SYSTEM

The main idea of this work is to combine a 3D hybrid watermarking system with an RSA encryption algorithm to ensure 3D multiresolution meshes security. Our hybrid watermarking system inserts data both in the multiresolution and spatial domain which allowed us to enhance the insertion rate. The data inserted in the multiresolution domain are a logo encrypted using RSA algorithm. As for the spatial domain, the watermark is the private key used during logo encryption. The originality of this work is to join cryptography with a 3D hybrid watermarking algorithm. This new system is composed of an insertion and extraction step, ensure then copyright protection and indexation.

4.1 Insertion Step

Before sharing 3D multiresolution meshes, an insertion step should be executed. The main goal is to insert information related to authenticity in the form of a logo into these objects. The logo in our case is a grayscale image encrypted using an RSA algorithm.

As shown in figure 4, our insertion step can be decomposed into 3 phases such as:

4.1.1 Watermark Preparation

Before embedding data into meshes, information to be inserted should be prepared. In fact, data in our case is a logo, in the form of a grayscale image, referring to the author's copyright. This logo should be encrypted using RSA algorithm after generating private and public RSA keys. To enhance the robustness

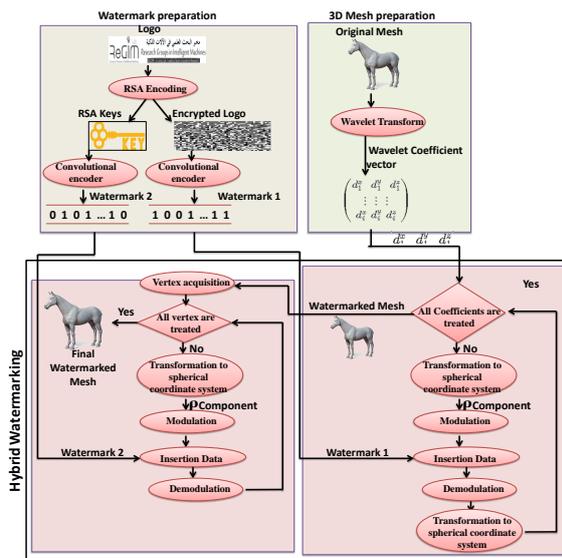


Figure 4: Insertion step.

of our crypto-watermarking system, both keys and encrypted logo are encoded using a convolutional error correcting code. Results generated by this encoder are the watermark to be inserted.

4.1.2 3D Mesh Preparation

The host mesh must be also treated before the insertion phase. Therefore, a wavelet transform should be applied to present it in the multiresolution domain to enhance invisibility, insertion rate and the robustness of our Algorithm. The result of this step is the WCV which will be modified according to data to be inserted.

4.1.3 Hybrid Watermarking

One of the particularities of this approach is that the 3D mesh undergoes hybrid watermarking. Indeed, the insertion iteration occurs twice. In the first one, the multiresolution domain is adopted to insert the encrypted logo into the wavelet coefficients after being modulated and transformed to the spherical coordinate system. The insertion, then occurs into rho component according to the following formula 7:

$$r' = \begin{cases} r + 0.7 & \text{if bit} = 1 \\ r + 0.3 & \text{if bit} = 0 \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

After being watermarked, all spherical coefficients should be represented again in the Cartesian coordinate system and the watermarked mesh should be reconstructed by applying a demodulation and an inverse wavelet transform.

As for the second watermarking iteration, the input is the watermarked mesh resulting from the first iteration. The insertion in this case occurs in the spatial domain that is to say that vertices coordinates will be modified according to data to be inserted. The embedded information at this level is RSA keys. As in the first iteration, embedding includes modulation, transformation to spherical system, insertion, demodulation and transformation again in the Cartesian coordinate system.

4.2 Extraction Step

After mesh sharing between remote users, verification of authenticity and copyright should occur. To do it, an extraction step must take place. Since our watermarking system is hybrid, extraction should be executed twice. In the first iteration, RSA keys are extracted. To do it, we should represent each vertex in the spherical system; apply for it a modulation and an extraction to obtain encoded RSA keys. These later passes through a convolutional decoder to correct errors which probably took place. 3D mesh should be reconstructed in order to start the second iteration. In this iteration, we aim to extract the logo and decrypt it using keys resulting from the previous iteration. In fact, the mesh should be presented in the multiresolution domain by applying wavelet transform. The resulting wavelet coefficients are transformed to the spherical coordinate system before being modulated. Just after, extraction occurs and data are collected to be decoded using the same convolutional decoder. Once the errors are corrected, the extracted logo will be decrypted using the RSA algorithm and a verification step should take place (see figure 5).

5 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

As already mentioned, the assessment of our crypto-watermarking system is done through the following points:

5.1 Watermarking System Experimentation

The evaluation of the hybrid watermarking part of our approach consists, on the one hand, of testing the impact of inserting a large amount of information (encrypted image) on the host mesh quality. In other words, we seek to find the best compromise between insertion rate and invisibility which are contradictory. On the other hand, we must also study the ability of

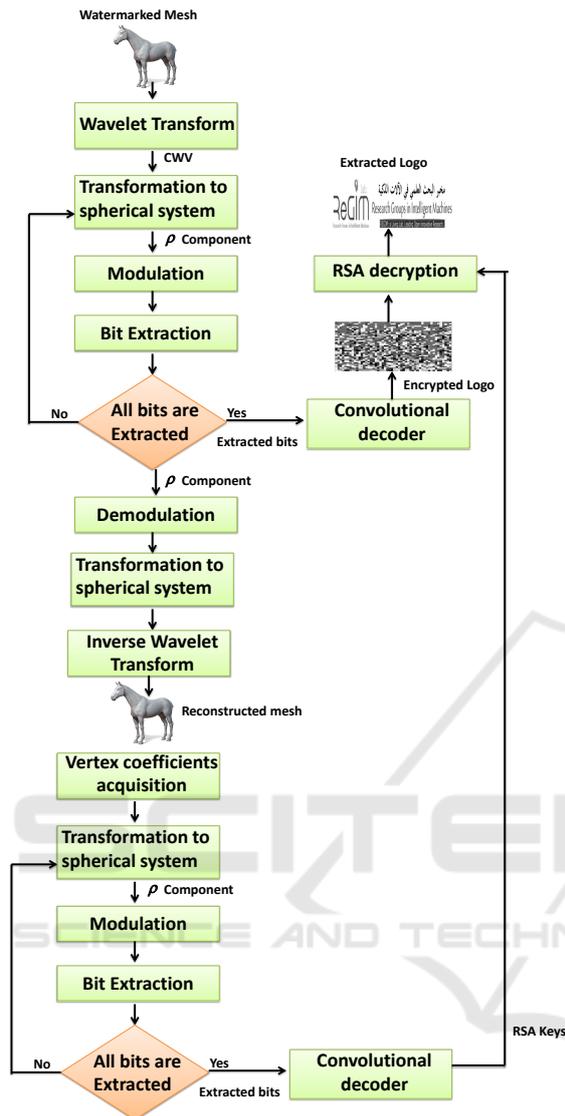


Figure 5: Extraction step.

our approach to maintaining the inserted image intact despite the attacks applied to the watermarked mesh.

5.1.1 Invisibility and Insertion Rate

Insertion rate and invisibility are two contradictory watermarking criteria. In fact, when the number of bits to be inserted increases, there will be mesh quality deterioration. Our task is then to enhance insertion rate while keeping mesh quality. Figure 6 shows 3D crypto-watermarked meshes using our approach.

As it is presented in table 1, our approach has succeeded to insert a high amount of information (38×10^4 bits) without influencing mesh quality. This is justified by the value of MSQE equal to 1.9×10^{-7} . These results are better of these recently published in

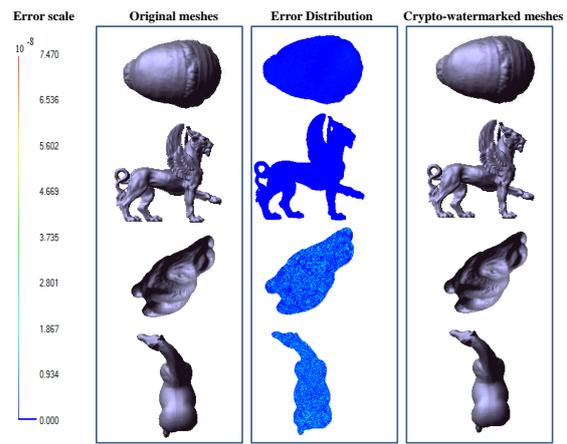


Figure 6: Crypto-watermarked meshes.

(Xiao and Qing, 2012; Ouled Zaid et al., 2015; Hitendra et al., 2014; Ying et al., 2016; Yuan, 2015; Sayahi et al., 2016b; Sayahi et al., 2017).

Table 1: Comparison with literature of our invisibility and insertion rate results.

Approaches	insertion rate	MSQE
(Xiao and Qing, 2012)	765	0,007
(Ouled Zaid et al., 2015)	10650	0.2×10^{-3}
(Hitendra et al., 2014)	21022	2.7×10^{-5}
(Ying et al., 2016)	199	3.2×10^{-5}
(Yuan, 2015)	172974	1.2×10^{-5}
(Sayahi et al., 2016b)	250000	$1,2 \times 10^{-6}$
(Sayahi et al., 2017)	337929	2×10^{-7}
Our approach	380000	$1,9 \times 10^{-7}$

5.1.2 Robustness Against Attacks

In addition to insertion rate and invisibility, our crypto-watermarking system must be robust against most popular attacks such as similarity transformation, smoothing, coordinate quantization, simplification and compression attacks (H. et al., 2018). To evaluate the robustness of our algorithm we calculate the correlation between the extracted watermark and the original data to evaluate the degree of watermark alteration. Of course, when the value of the correlation is near to 1, we can say that the watermark withstand attacks (Tjoa et al., 2020).

- Robustness against similarity transformation

It includes translation, rotation and uniform scaling are examples of this category which never alter the form of the mesh (see Figure 7).

Applying rotation, translation and uniform scaling on the watermarking meshes doesn't prevent the correct extraction of the whole inserted data. Correlation

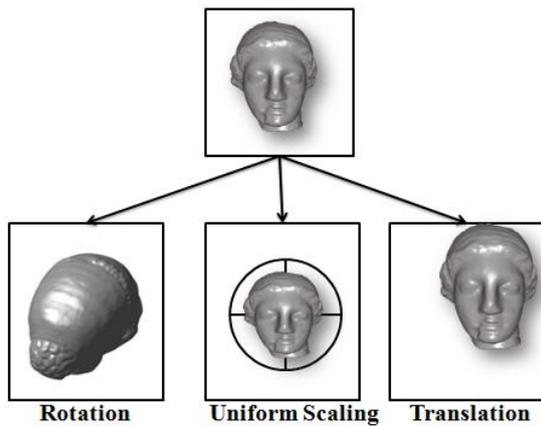


Figure 7: Similarity transformation attack.

is always equal to 1. Our crypto- watermarking system is, then, robust against similarity transformation attacks.

- Robustness against noise addition attack

It aims to modify the coordinates of the vertices using a pseudo-random generator which can change vertices position. This change will be a multiplication of these coordinates by the random factor which reflects noise level. As a result, points describing the mesh will be redistributed randomly in space which threatens inserted information (see figure 8).

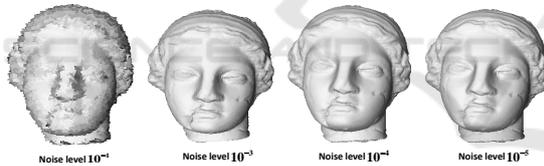


Figure 8: Noise addition attack.

In order to study the robustness of our watermarking algorithm against noise addition attack, we varied the noise level and calculate the correlation between the original data and information retrieved from the watermarked and attacked mesh. Results shown in table 2 approve that our system can extract the whole inserted data from a noise level equal to 10^{-5} . These results are enhanced in comparison with those in (Sayahi et al., 2015; Jen-Tse et al., 2014; Sayahi et al., 2019; Sayahi et al., 2017).

- Robustness against smoothing attack

This attack is usually applied over building the object to remove noise. The application of a smoothing attack changes the positions of the vertices which may damage the image already inserted (see Figure 9).

To evaluate the robustness of our approach against smoothing attacks, we varied the deformation factor

Table 2: Correlation values after applying Noise addition attack.

Noise level	10^{-4}	10^{-5}	10^{-6}	10^{-7}
In(Sayahi et al., 2015)	0.8	—	—	—
In(Jen-Tse et al., 2014)	0.3	—	—	—
In(Sayahi et al., 2019)	0.99	1	1	1
In (Sayahi et al., 2017)	0.9	1	1	1
Ours	1	1	1	1

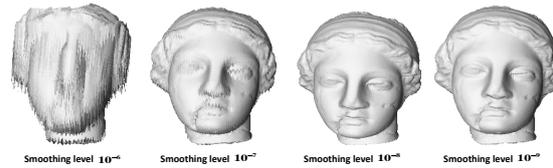


Figure 9: Smoothing attack.

and calculate every time the correlation between the inserted and extracted data. Results, as exposed in table 3, that our system can extract the whole inserted data from a dfactor equal to 10^{-8} . This result is enhanced in comparison with recent published results such as (Sayahi et al., 2015; Ying et al., 2016; Sayahi et al., 2019; Sayahi et al., 2017).

Table 3: Correlation values with applying smoothing attacks.

dFactor	10^{-8}	10^{-9}	10^{-10}
In(Sayahi et al., 2015)	0.18	0.31	0.43
In(Ying et al., 2016)	0.5	0.8	1
In(Sayahi et al., 2019)	1	1	1
In(Sayahi et al., 2017)	0.92	1	1
Ours	1	1	1

- Robustness against coordinate quantization attack

It aims at quantifying vertex coordination using two factors previously calculated according to the maximum and minimum values along x, y and z coordinates (Figure 10).

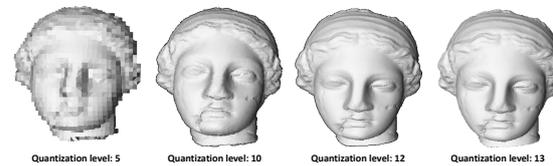


Figure 10: Coordinate quantization attack.

To assess the stoutness of our algorithm against coordinate quantization attack, we changed the quantization level and calculate every time the correlation between the inserted and extracted data. All information is correctly extracted from a quantization level

equal to 13 (see table 4). Presented results are better than those recently published in (Ying et al., 2016; Sayahi et al., 2016c; Sayahi et al., 2019; Sayahi et al., 2017).

Table 4: Correlation values with applying coordinate quantization attacks.

Quantization Level	10	12	13	14
In(Ying et al., 2016)	0.7	0.85	–	–
In(Sayahi et al., 2016c)	0.14	0.628	0.954	1
In(Sayahi et al., 2019)	0.76	0.92	1	1
In(Sayahi et al., 2017)	0.56	0.8	0.91	1
Ours	0.8	0.95	1	1

• Robustness against Simplification attack

Simplification is one of the most popular attacks which consists, as presented in figure 11, of reducing the mesh resolution from one iteration to another.



Figure 11: Simplification attack.

To study the efficiency of our approach against this attack, we calculate the correlation between original and watermarked data in terms of iteration number. Results presented in table 5 approve that our system is robust against simplification attack.

Table 5: Correlation values with applying simplification attacks.

iteration Number	3	4	5	6
In(Hitendra et al., 2014)	–	0.79	0.68	0.61
In(Dae, 2015)	0.45	0.25	0.1	0.05
In(Ying et al., 2016)	0.92	–	–	–
In(Sayahi et al., 2017)	1	1	1	1
In(Sayahi et al., 2019)	1	1	1	1
Ours	1	1	1	1

• Robustness against compression attack

Compression is one of the most popular treatments applied to digital data in order to facilitate storage and sharing of data. The compression of watermarked data can alter and even deteriorate inserted data. So we can say that an algorithm is robust if it is able to extract correctly inserted data from a compressed data. In particular, 3D watermarking algorithm should be robust against compression attack. Unfortunately, there are no tests on compression in

recently published articles. The evaluation of the robustness algorithm against compression is shown in table 6 results approve that the whole data is extracted from a rate bit/vertex equal to 2.5. These results are improved in comparison with those recently published such as (Sayahi et al., 2016c; Sayahi et al., 2019; Sayahi et al., 2017).

Table 6: Correlation values with applying compression attack.

Bit/vertex	1	1.5	2	2.5	3
In(Sayahi et al., 2016c)	0.4	0.6	0.89	0.9	1
In(Sayahi et al., 2019)	0.79	0.83	0.9	0.56	1
In(Sayahi et al., 2017)	0.6	0.78	0.9	1	1
Ours	0.72	0.8	0.92	1	1

5.2 Encryption System Evaluation

Before insertion, the logo, to be inserted, is encrypted using RSA algorithm. The logo is a grayscale image. In figure 12, histograms of original and encrypted images are shown. Histograms of encrypted image are evenly distributed and they are so distinct from those of original images containing large spikes. As a result, it is difficult to interpret the appearance of the encrypted image.

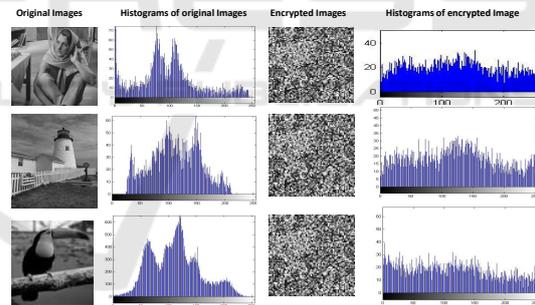


Figure 12: Histograms of original and encrypted images.

In order to evaluate the efficiency of RSA algorithm, we calculate the entropy and the PSNR between the original and encrypted logo. Results are presented in table 7.

Table 7: Entropy and PSNR between original and encrypted logo.

	Entropy	PSNR
(Sayahi et al., 2019)	7.997	7.590
(Sayahi et al., 2017)	7.997	7.590
Our approach	7.998	7.400

6 CONCLUSION AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

In this work, we propose a new hybrid crypto- watermarking algorithm for 3D multiresolution meshes. The particularity of this work is, on one side, the hybrid watermarking applied on 3D meshes. In fact, the mesh is watermarked in the multiresolution and the spatial domain. On the other side, the second particularity is to combine cryptography with 3D watermarking to secure 3D multiresolution meshes. This choice is justified by the efficiency that cryptography and hybrid watermarking have proven in securing images. Our system allows a high insertion rate (logo encrypted with RSA algorithm and RSA keys). The encrypted logo is inserted after applying wavelet transform, Transformation to spherical system and modulation. After that the watermarked mesh should be reconstructed. As for the second iteration, RSA keys are inserted into the mesh resulting from the first iteration by modifying vertices coordinates. Experimental results prove that our hybrid crypto- watermarking approach has kept the mesh quality despite the high insertion rate. Applying the most popular attacks to the watermarked meshes did not prevent the correct extraction of the logo and RSA keys.

As perspectives, we want to extend our work by adding to it an intelligent module allowing to set automatically the coefficients to be used during insertion using the method of quantification that are fixed empirically in this work.

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