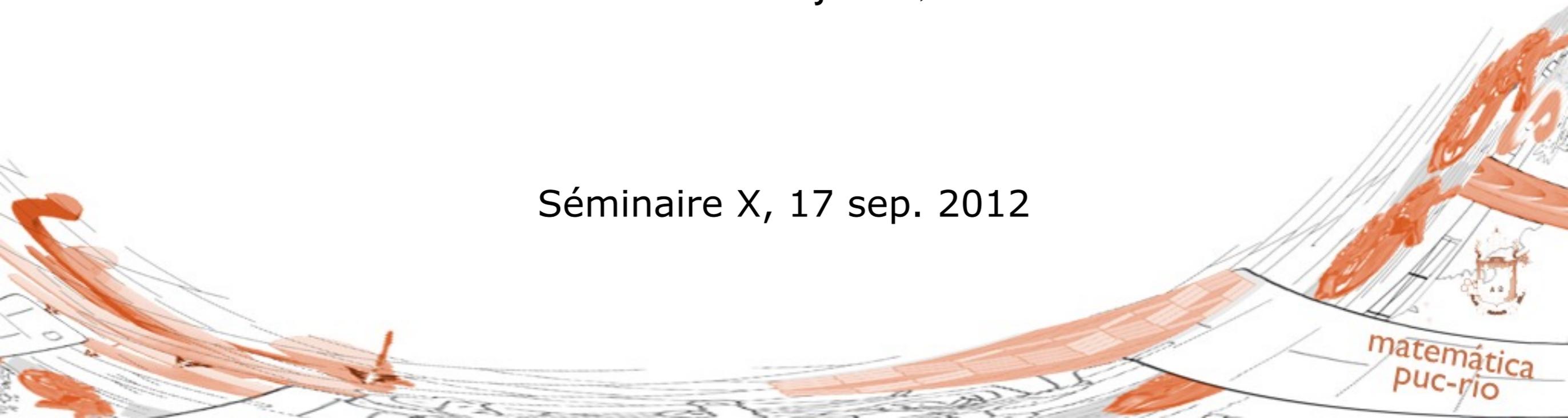


# Some combinatorial Morse theory

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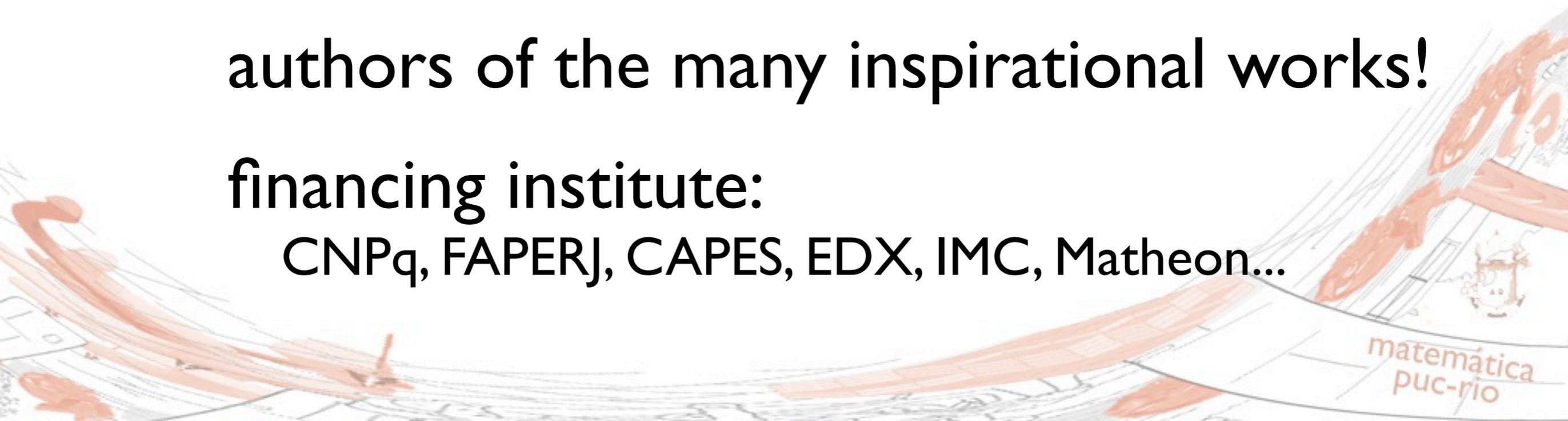
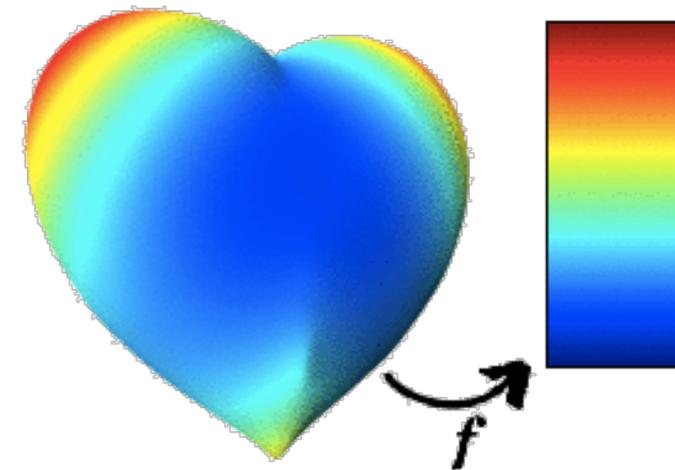
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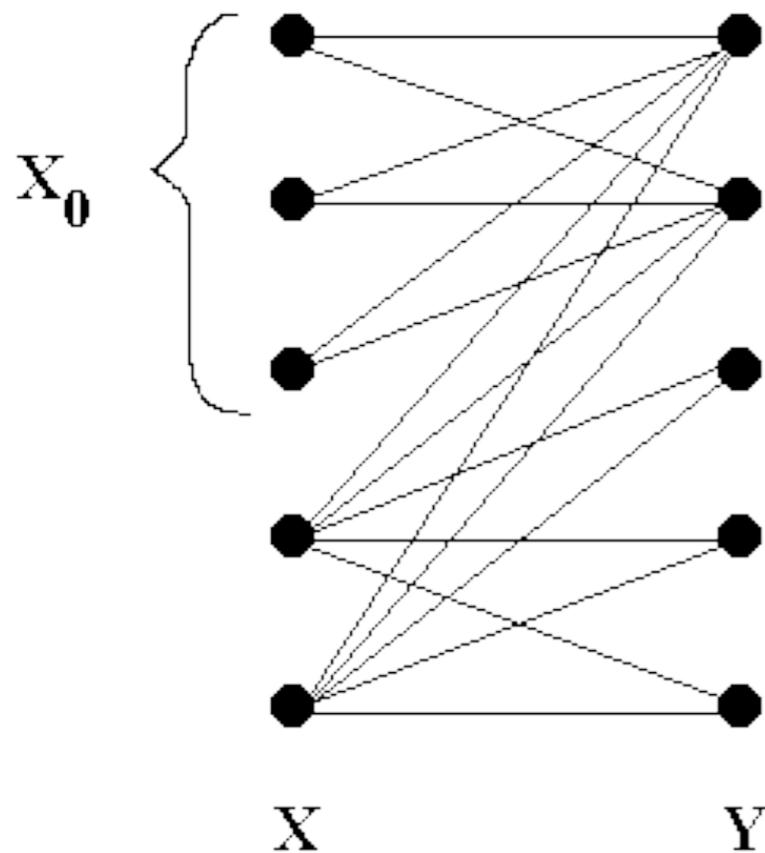
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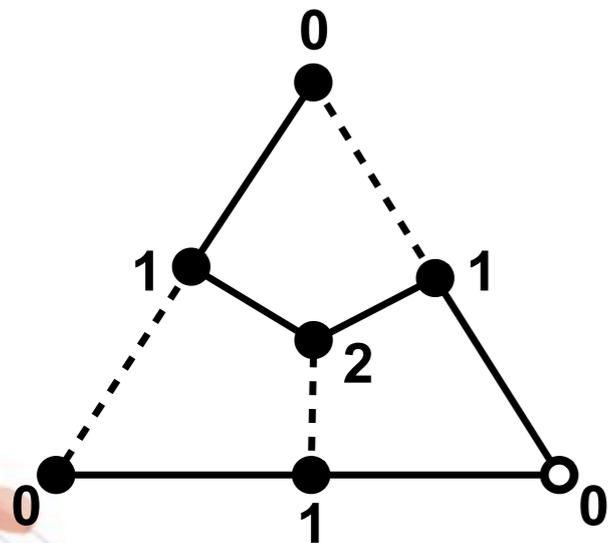
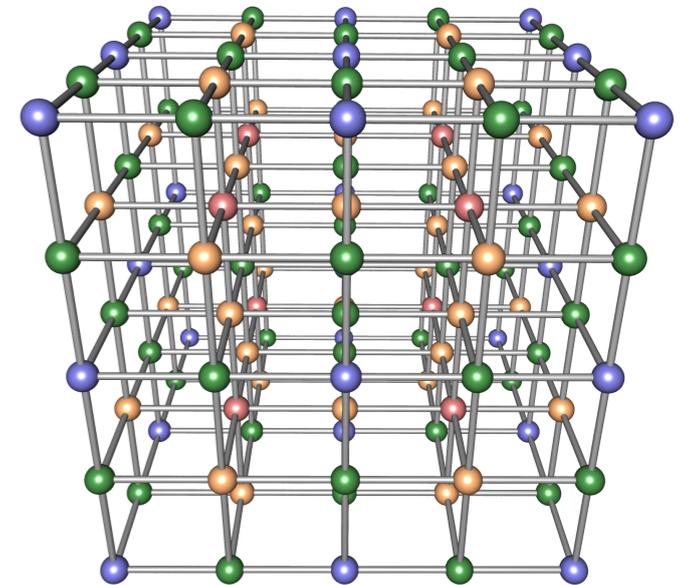
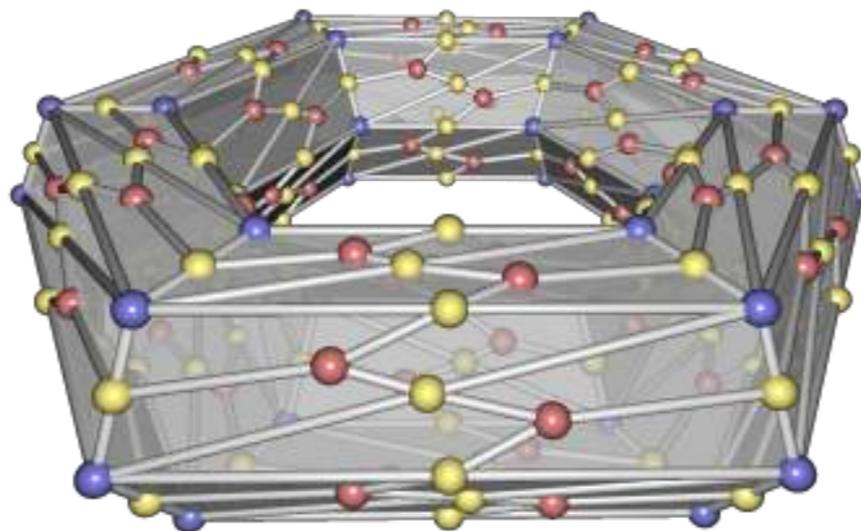
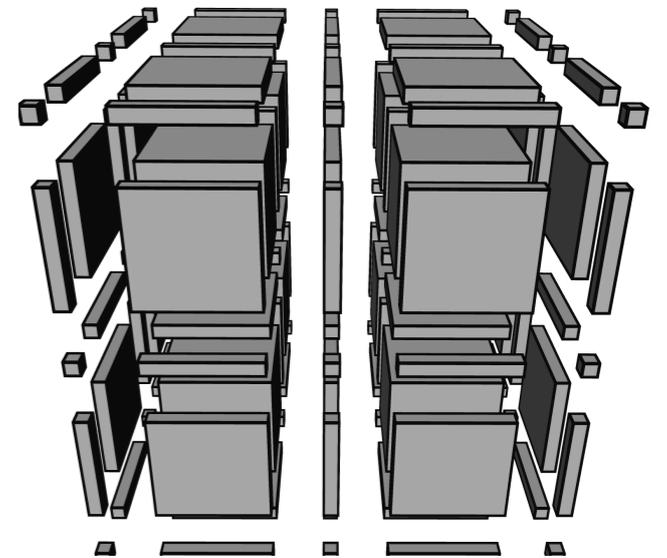
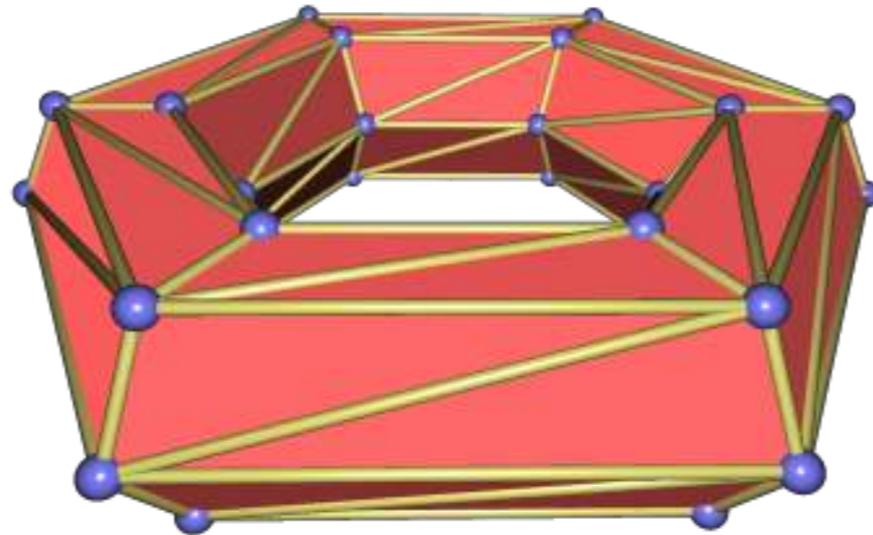
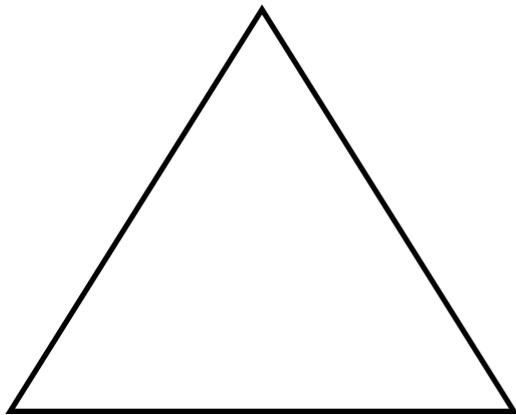
# Introduction: special maximal matching



bipartite matching

topological objects

# Class of graphs: Hasse diagrams

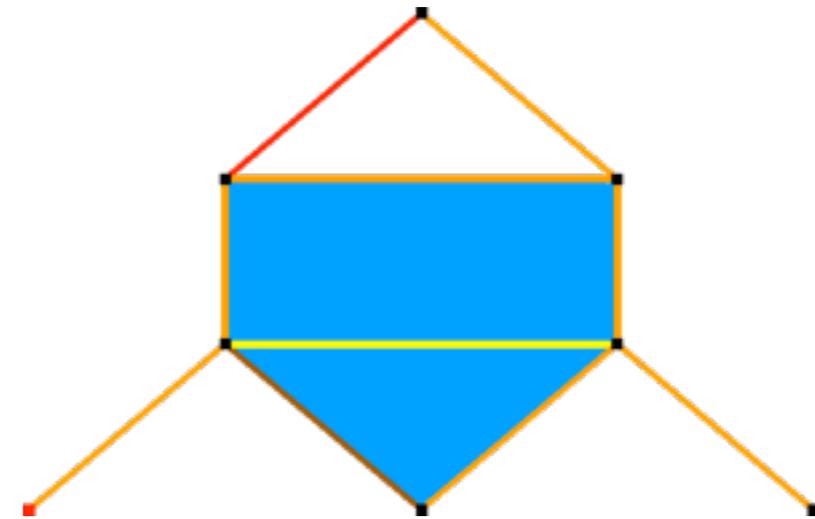


graph coding a cell complex

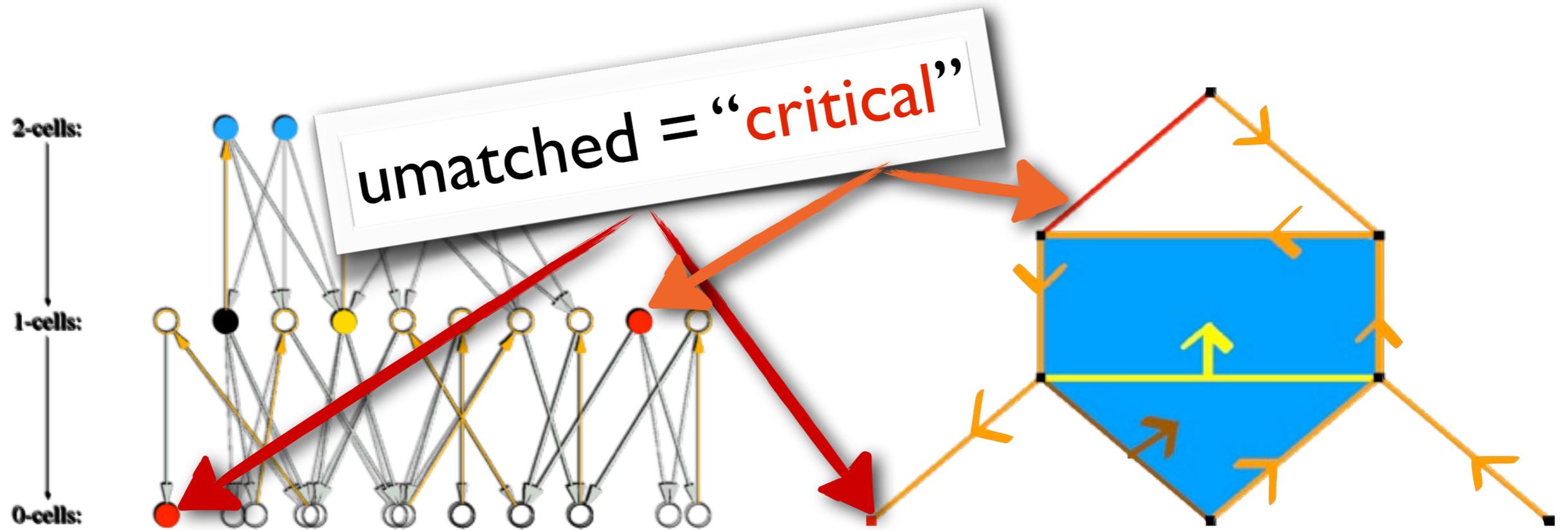
# Hasse diagram

Simple oriented graph built out of  $K$ :

- nodes represent the cells of  $K$
- links connect cells towards their bounding faces



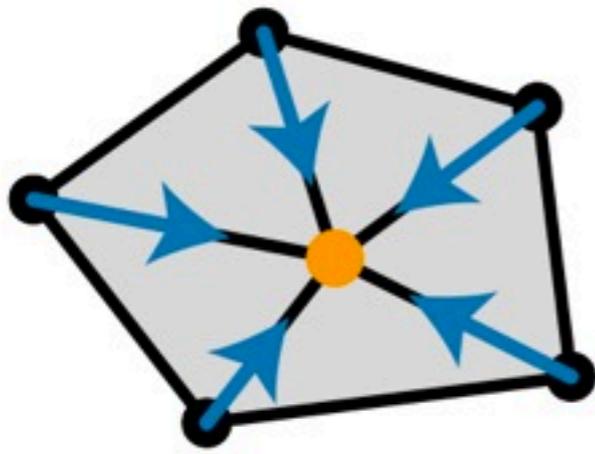
# Matching in Hasse diagrams



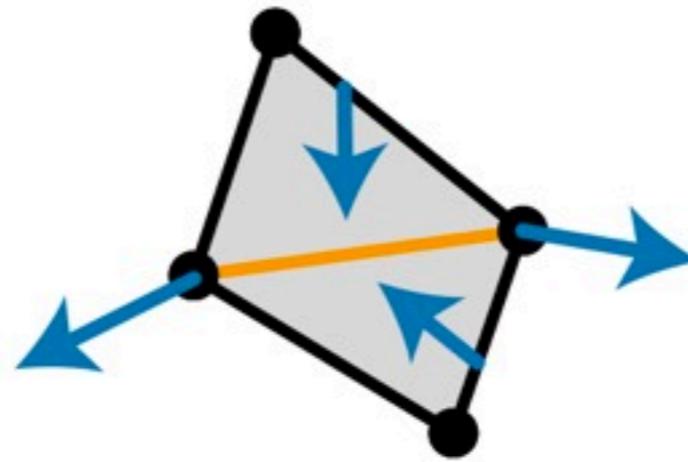
(unoriented) bipartite matching

selected links have their orientation reversed

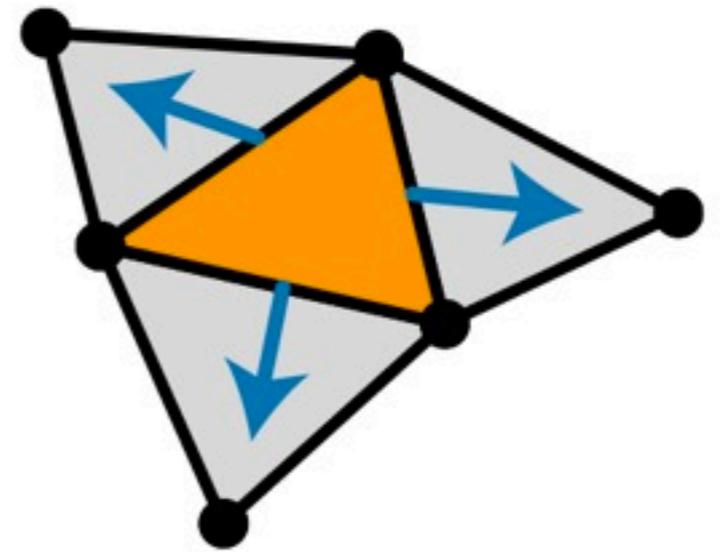
# Shape of critical cells



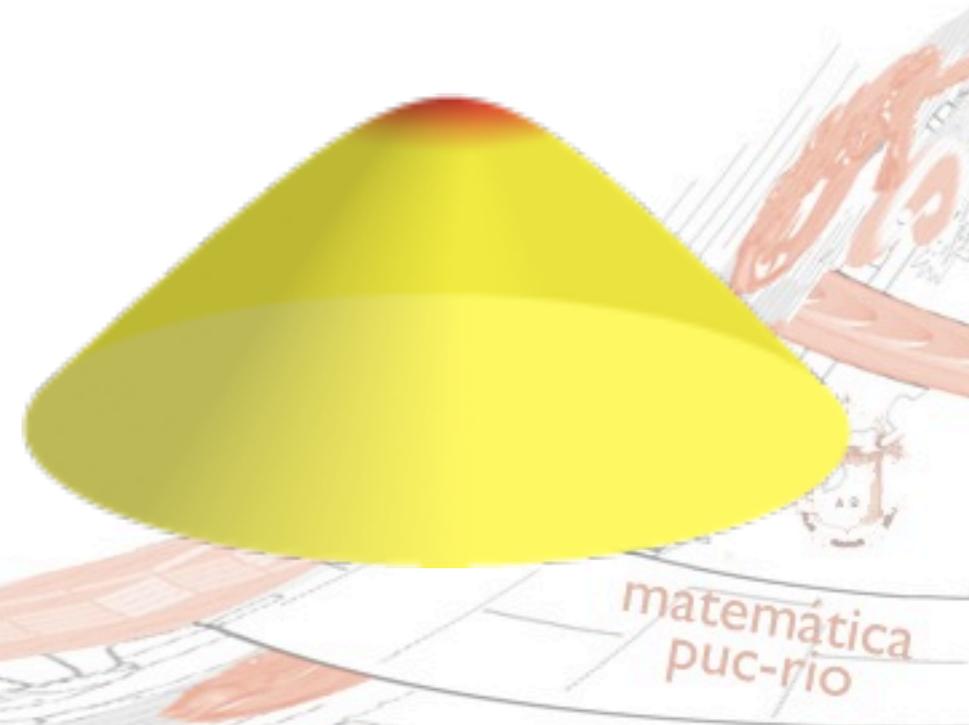
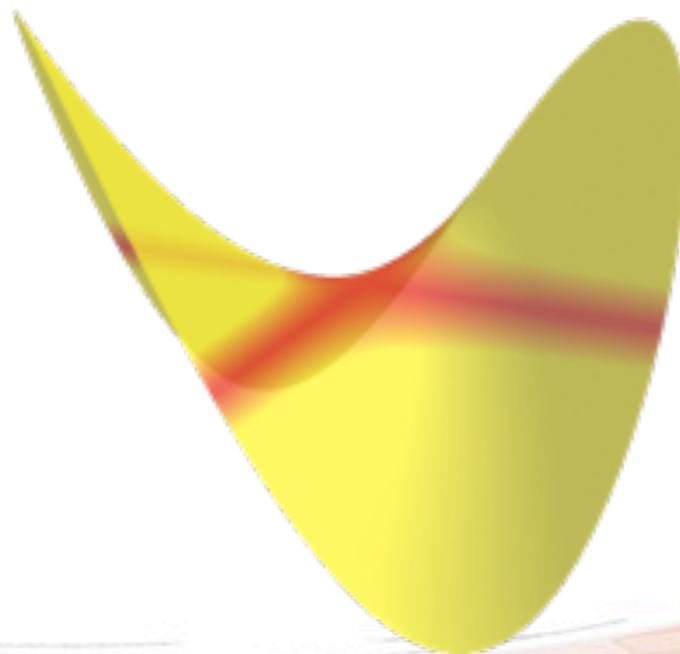
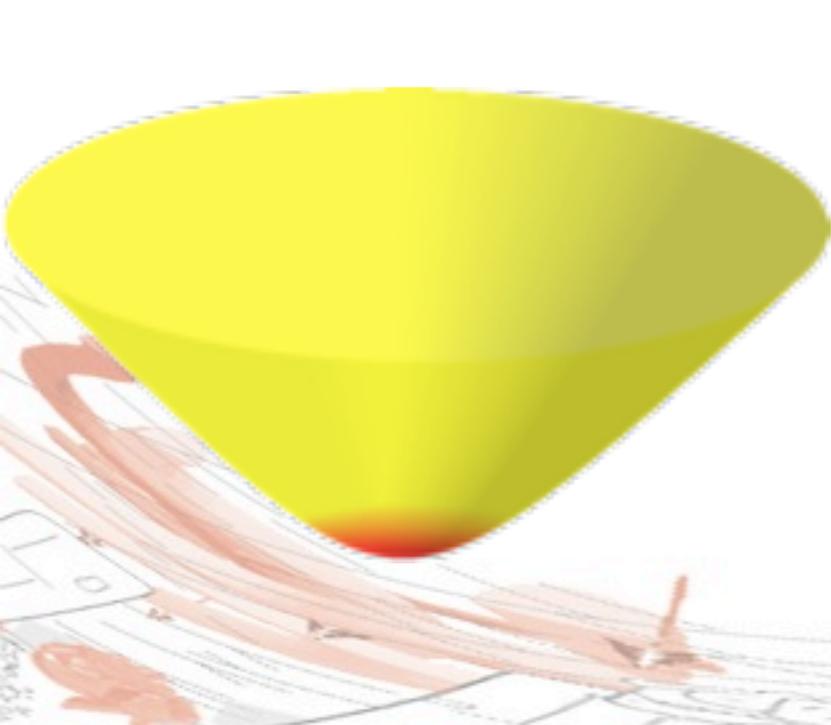
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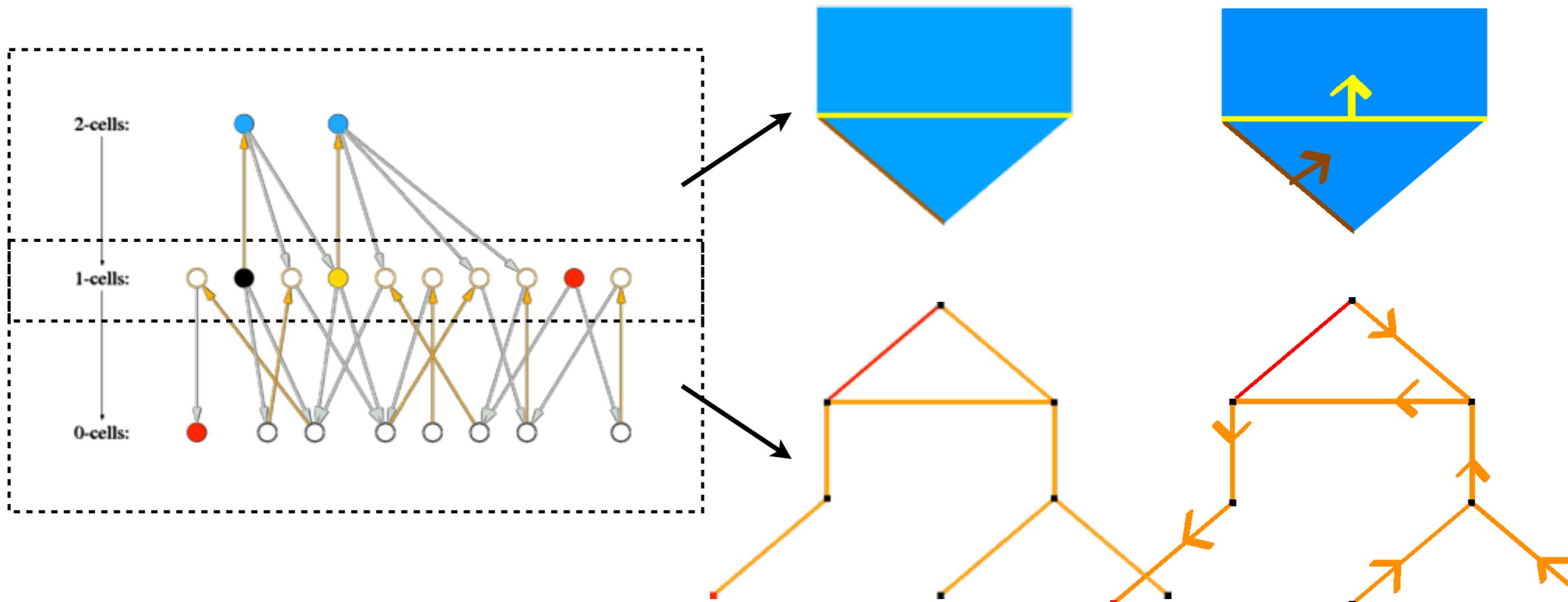


Maximum





# Layers of the Hasse diagram



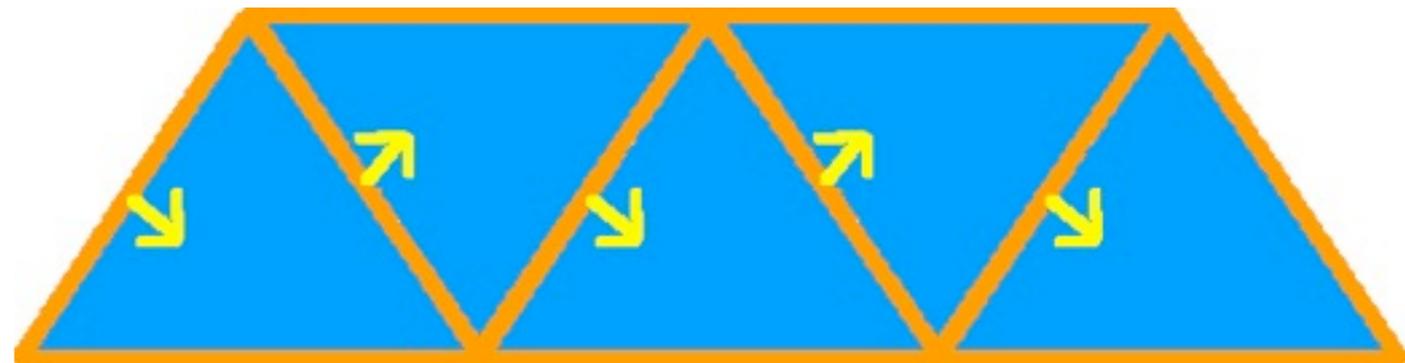
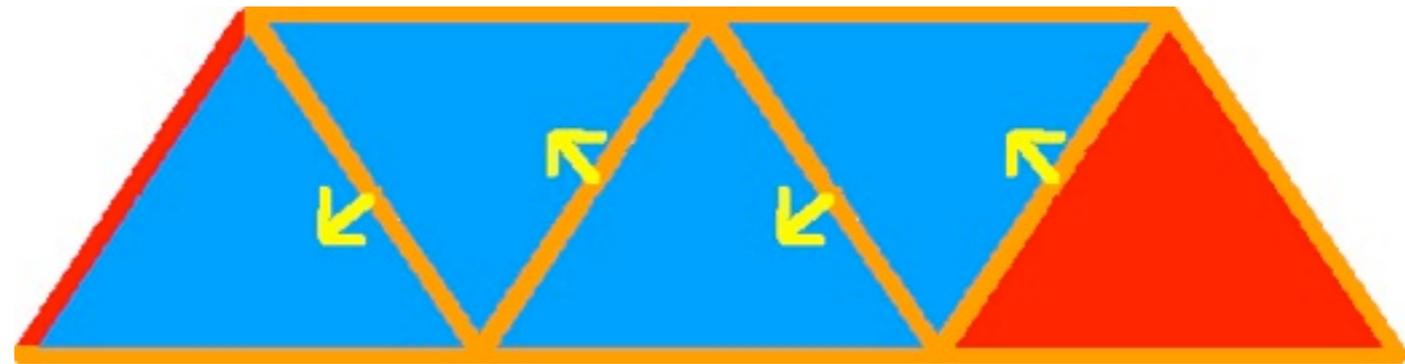
for 2d manifolds:  
alternating paths are paths in the primal / dual graph

# Augmenting alternating paths

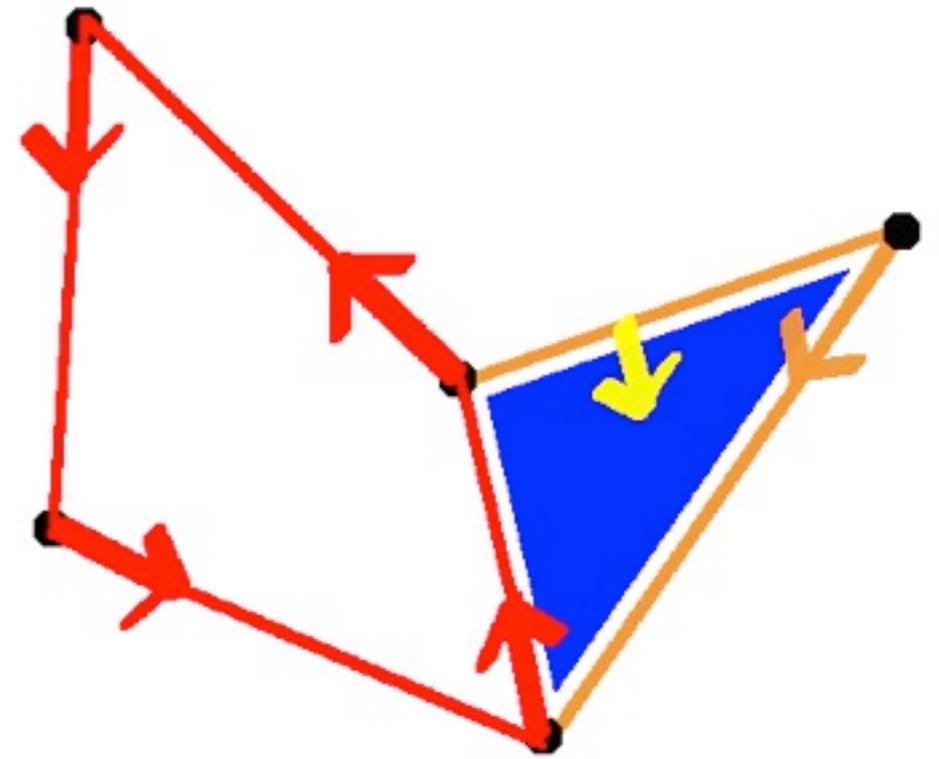
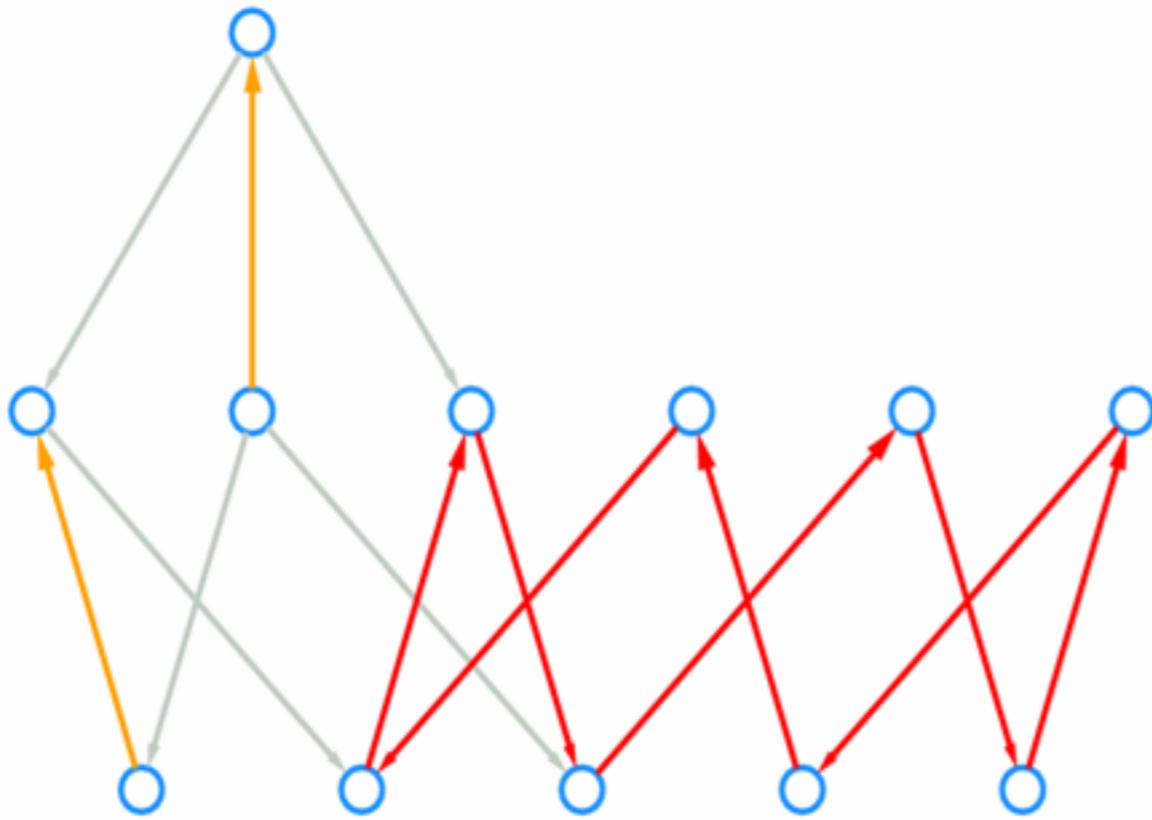
improves matching

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reduces number of  
critical cells



# Acyclic matching



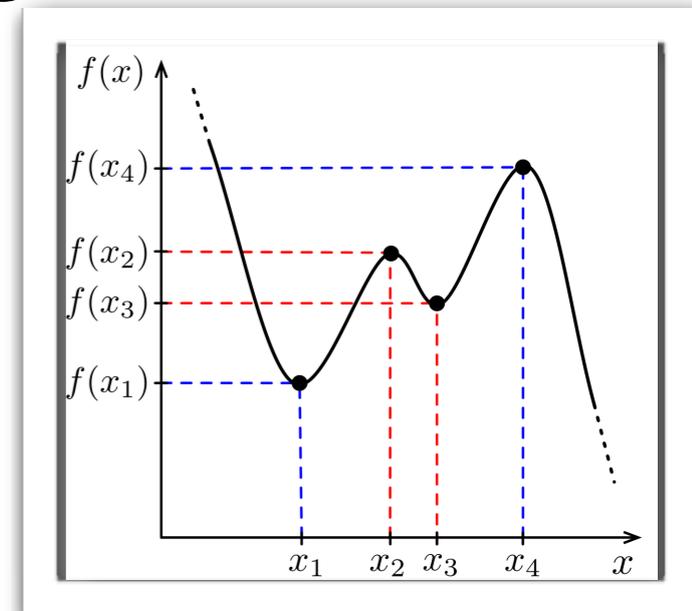
No alternating cycle

# Maximal acyclic matching in Hasse diagrams

Combinatorial problem:

MAX SNP hard

extendable to subclass of matchings (stable?)

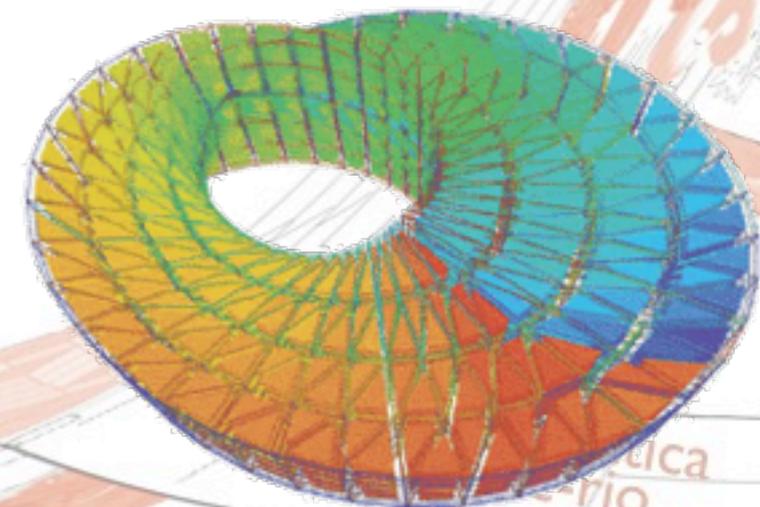


Topological problem:

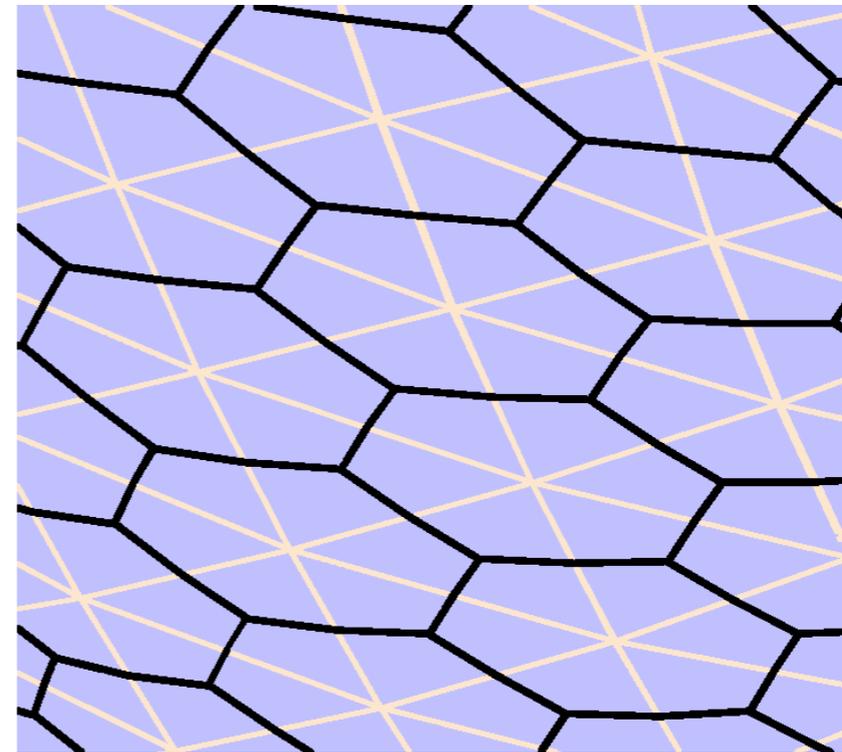
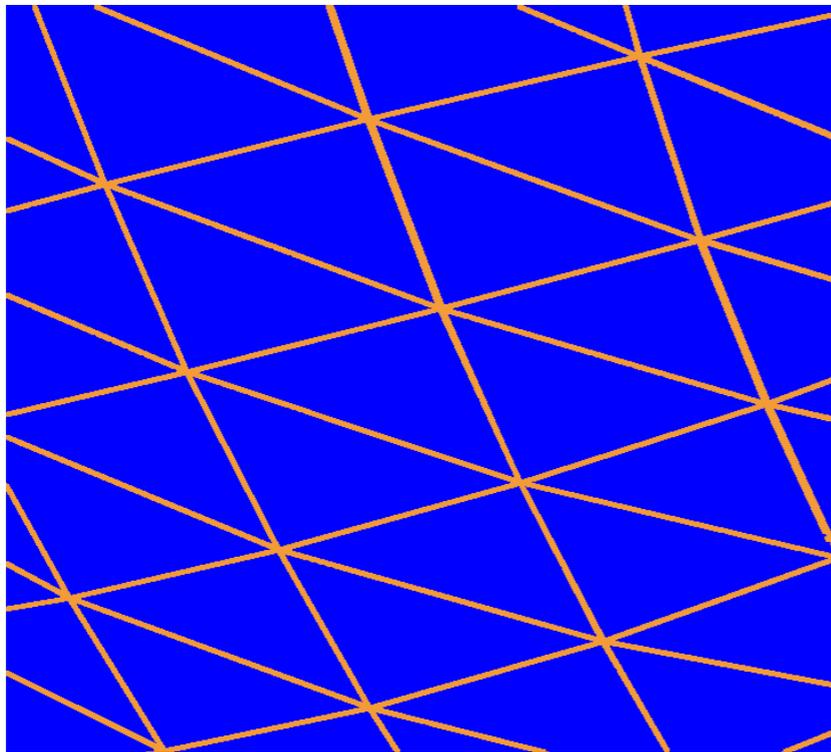
critical cells are building blocks of Morse theory

lower bounds from the cell complex

characterizes homotopy of the cell complex



# Simple cases: 2-manifolds



layers: primal/dual graph

acyclic matching  $\rightarrow$  tree structure

maximal  $\rightarrow$  spanning tree

# Primal spanning tree

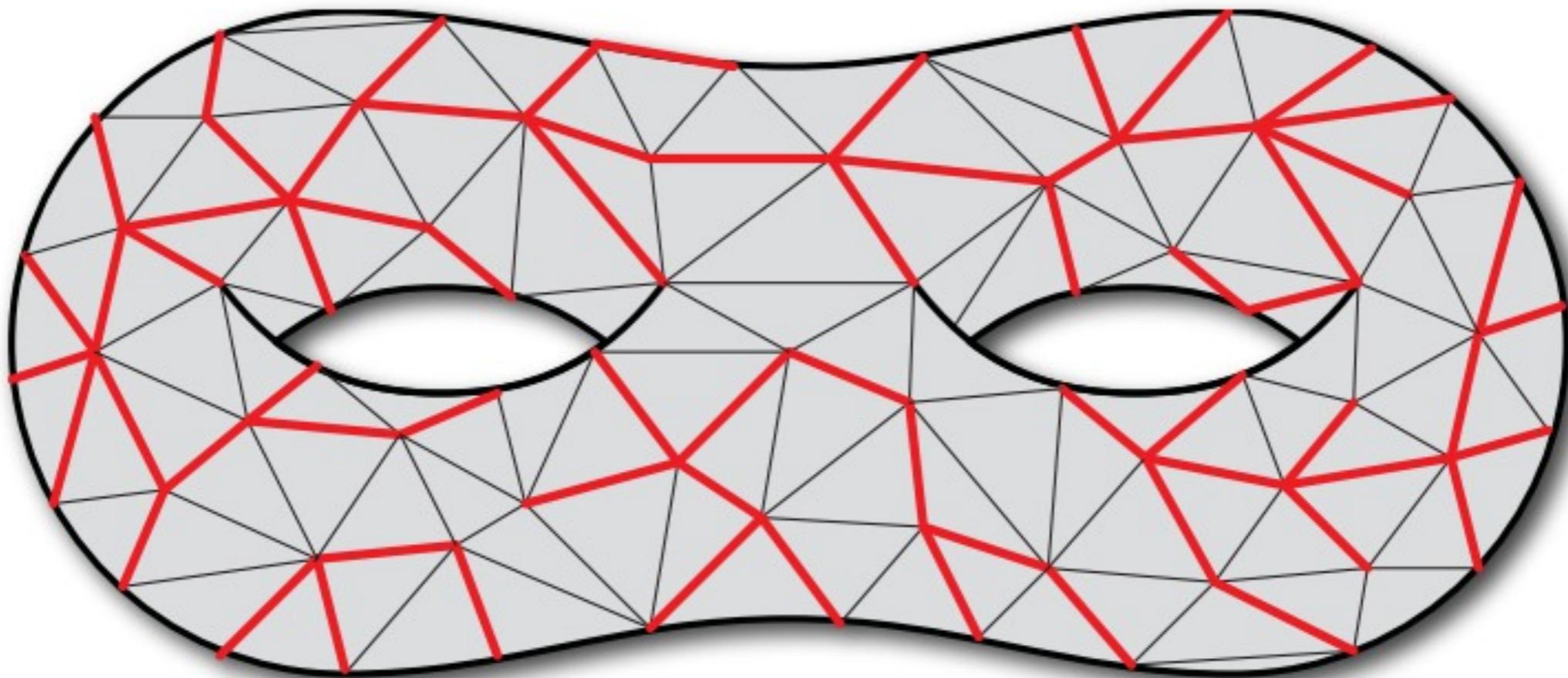
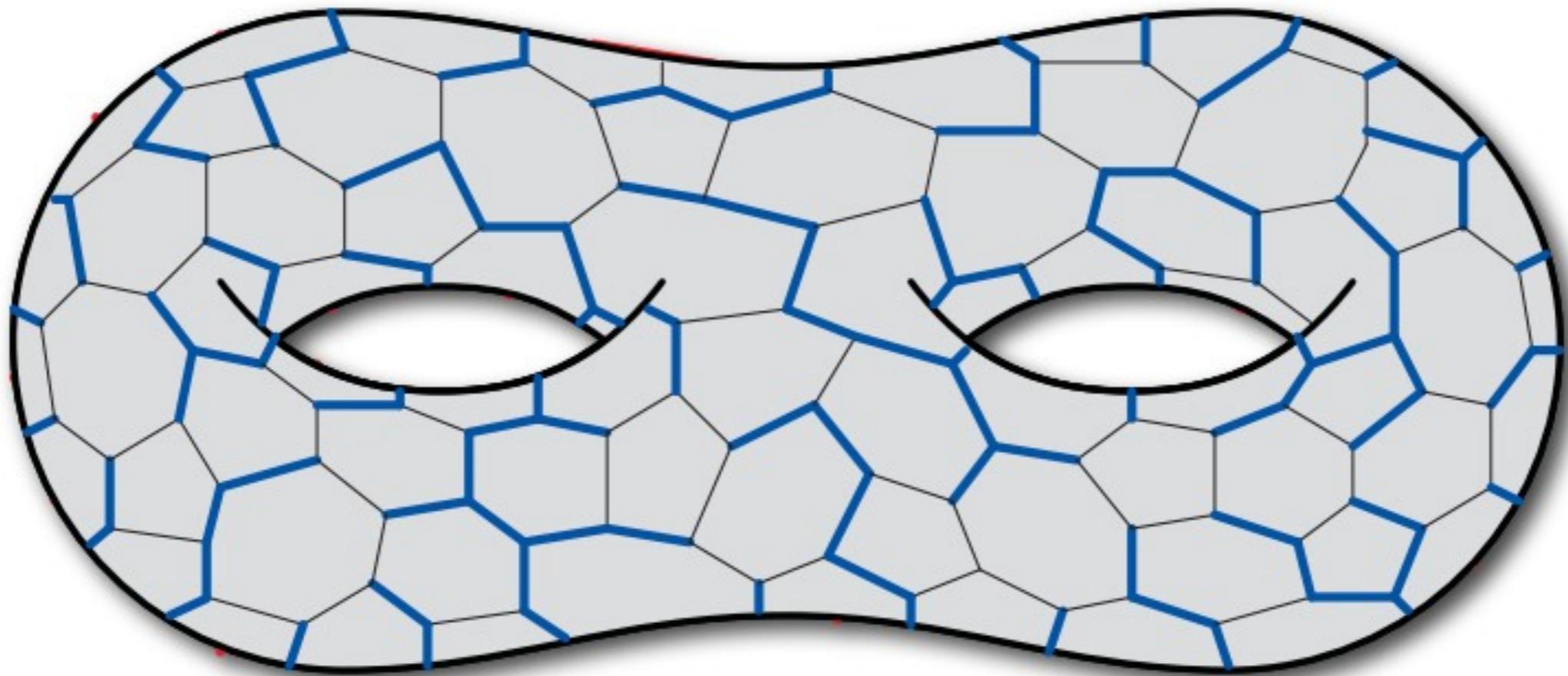


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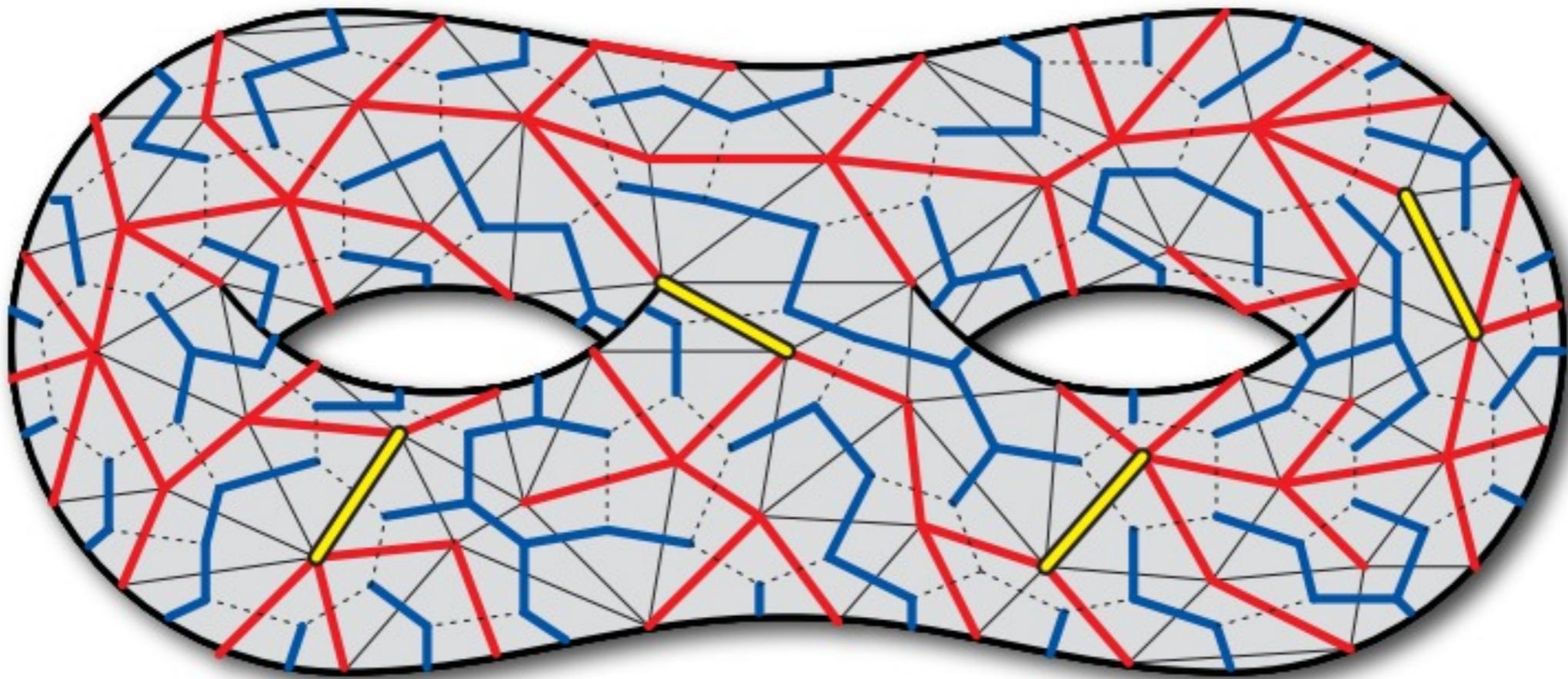
# Dual spanning Co-tree



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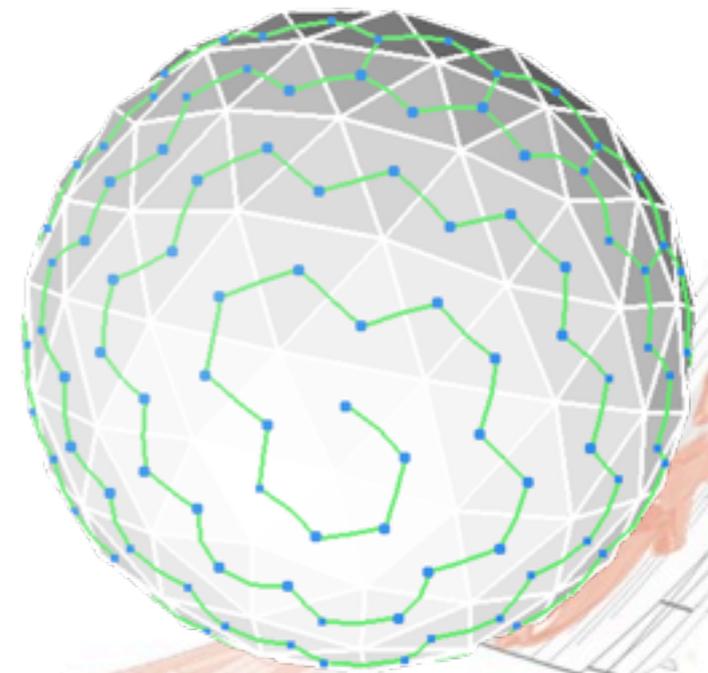
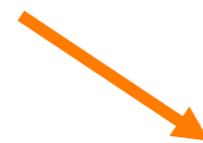
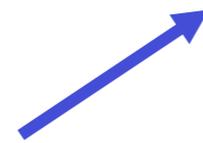
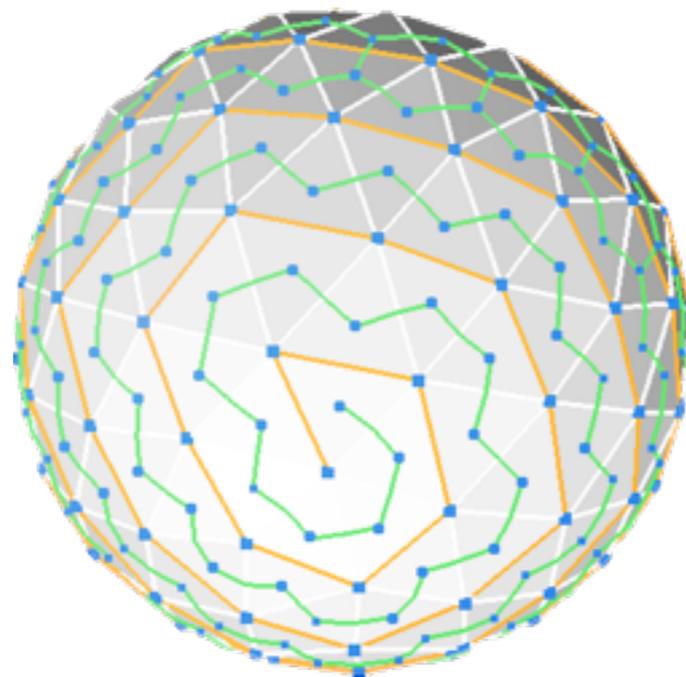
# Tree-cotree decomposition



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# Spheres: $\chi=2$ critical



**Jordan curve theorem:**

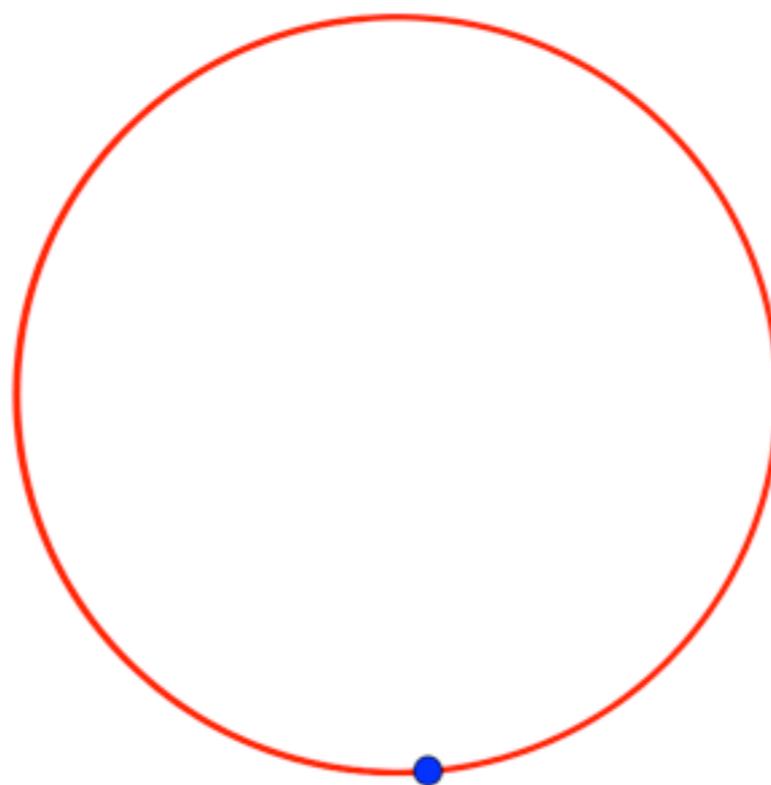
dual spanning tree leaves a  
primal spanning tree

# A stronger theorem



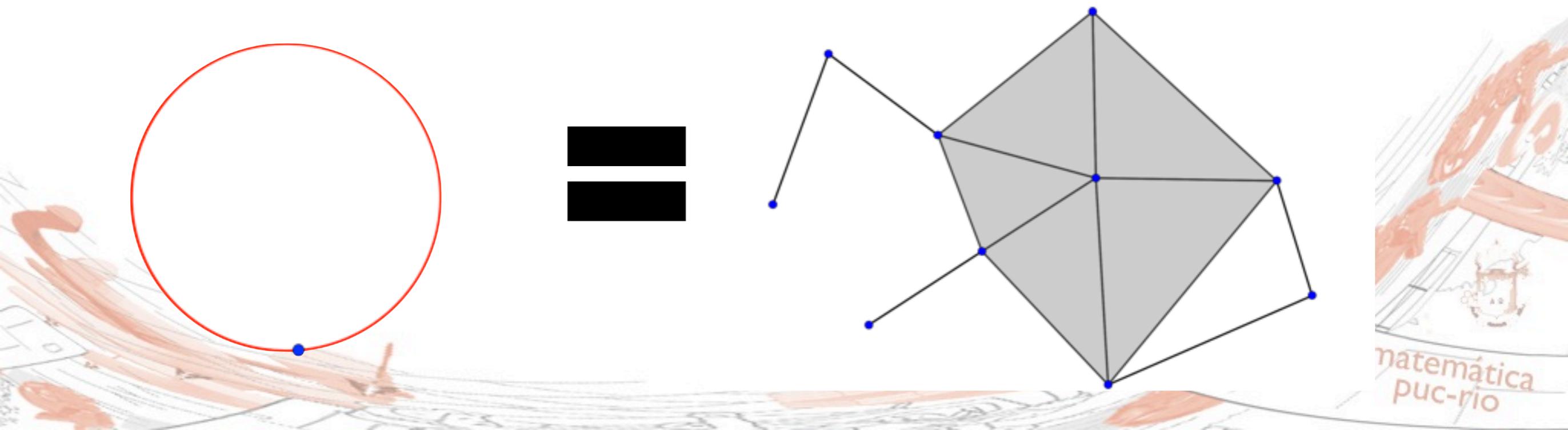
Given an acyclic matching on the Hasse diagram of a cell complex  $K$ ,  $K$  is homotopy equivalent to a CW complex with only the critical cells

# Idea of the proof

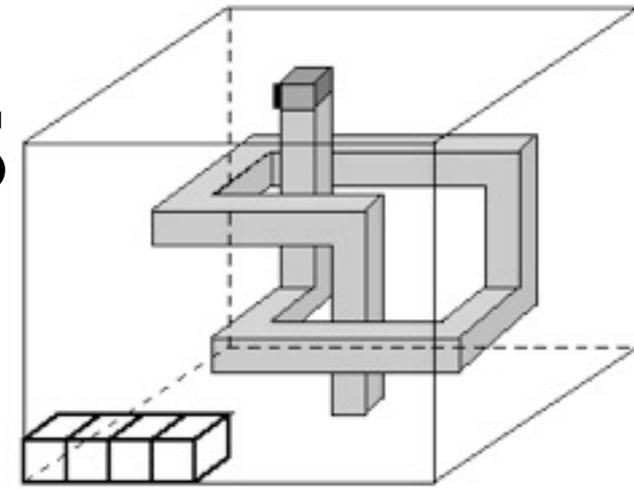


# Main Theorem

Given an acyclic matching on the Hasse diagram of a cell complex  $K$ ,  $K$  is homotopy equivalent to a CW complex with only the critical cells



# Topological bounds for manifolds



$$m(k) = \# \text{ critical } k\text{-cells}$$

$$\beta(k) = k^{\text{th}} \text{ Betti number}$$

Euler characteristic

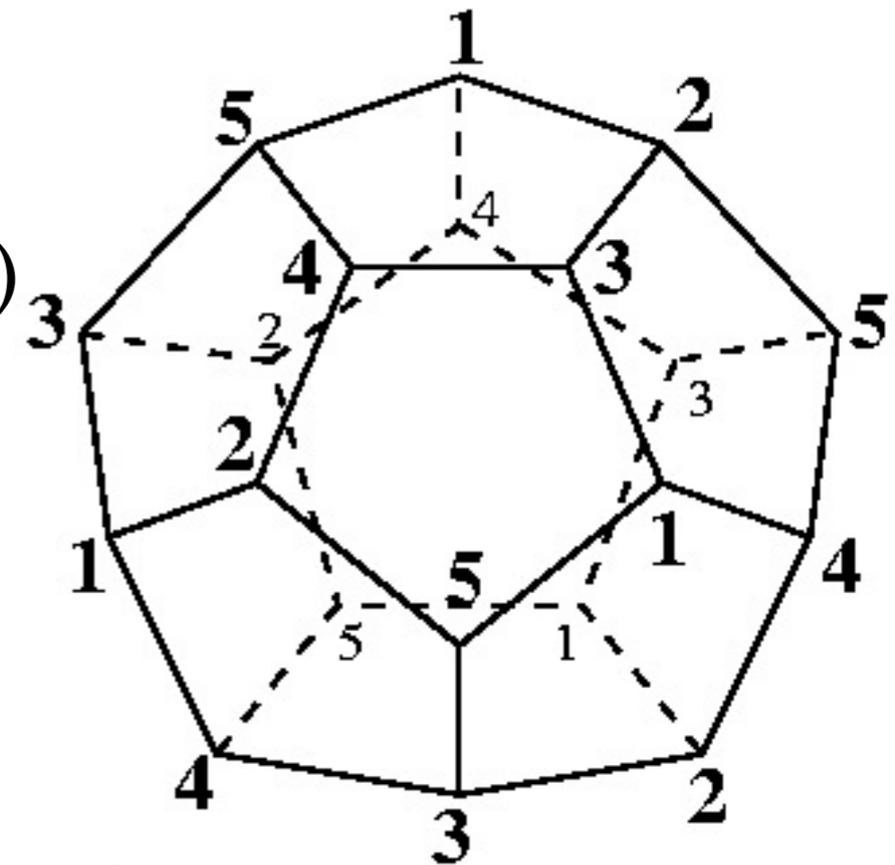
$$\beta(n) - \beta(n-1) + \dots \pm \beta(0) = m(n) - m(n-1) + \dots \pm m(0)$$

Weak Morse inequalities

$$\beta(k) \leq m(k)$$

Strong Morse inequalities

$$\beta(k) - \beta(k-1) + \dots \pm \beta(0) \leq m(k) - m(k-1) + \dots \pm m(0)$$



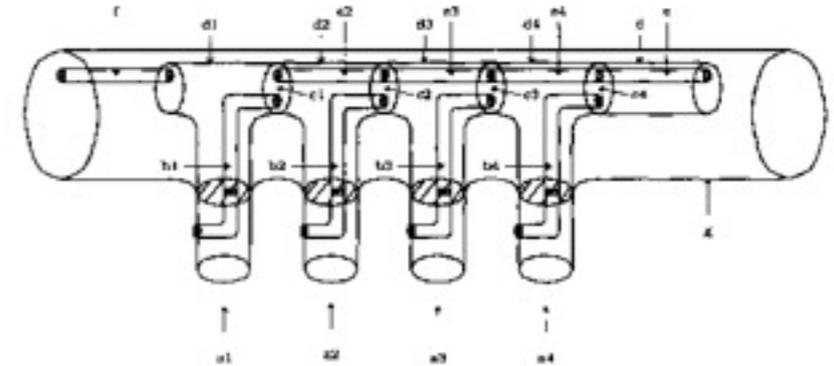
# Complexity from topology

MAX SNP-hard

Reduces to collapsibility:

smaller number of simplices to remove from a 2-simplicial complex for it to collapse.

reduces to vertex cover

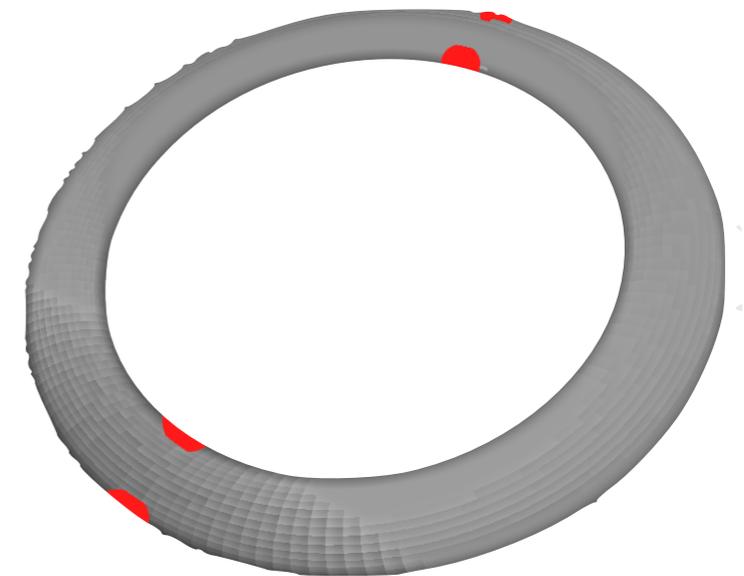


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# Quick way of computing topology!!!

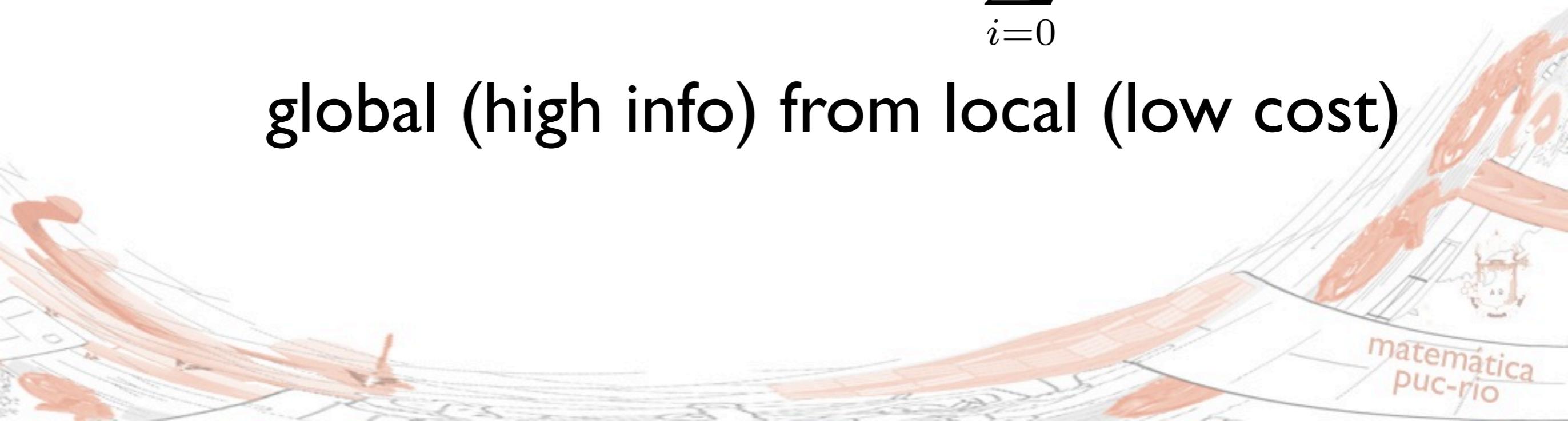
get the big picture

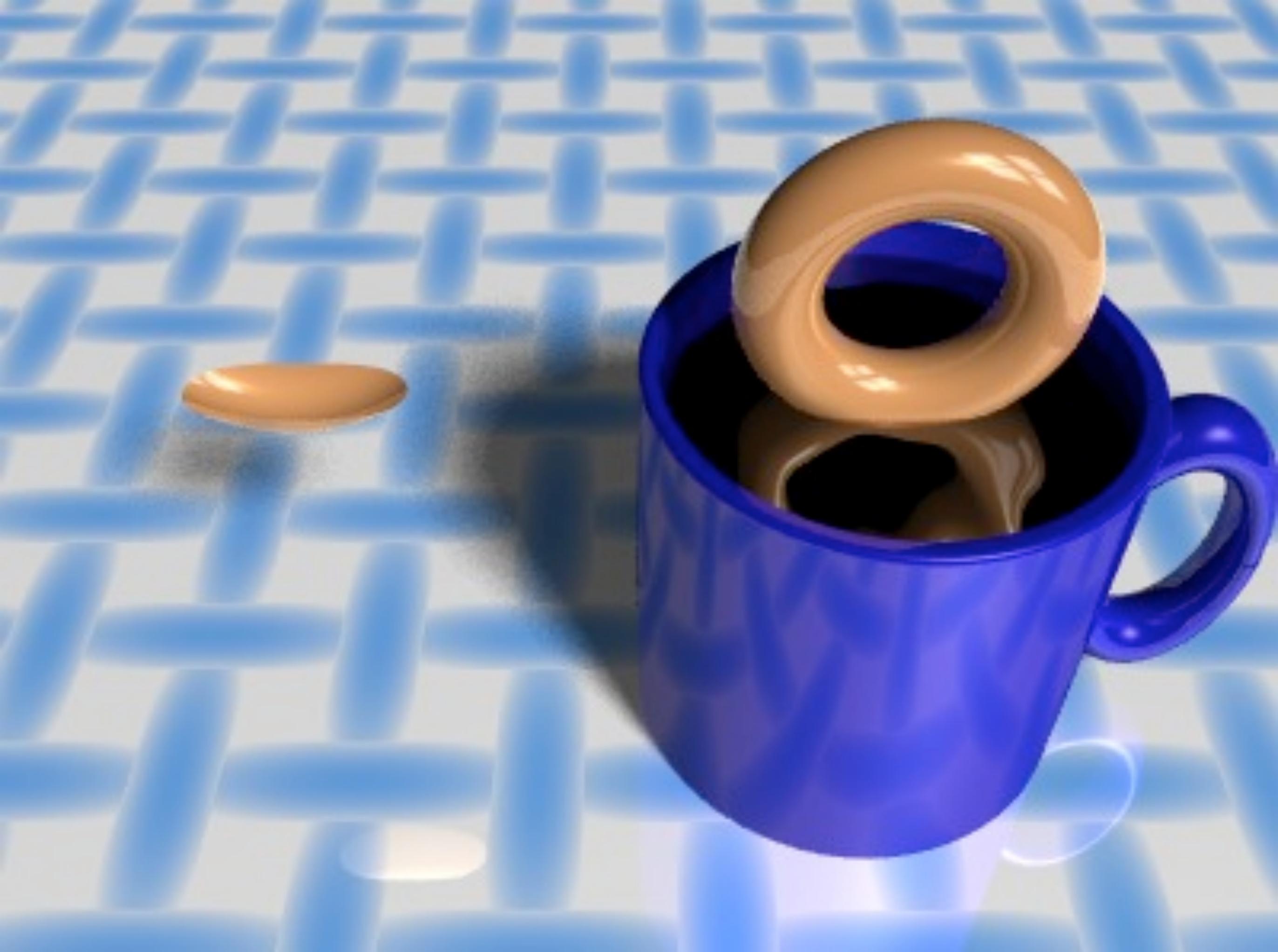
partially self-validated



$$\chi = \sum_{i=0}^d (-1)^i \cdot m_i$$

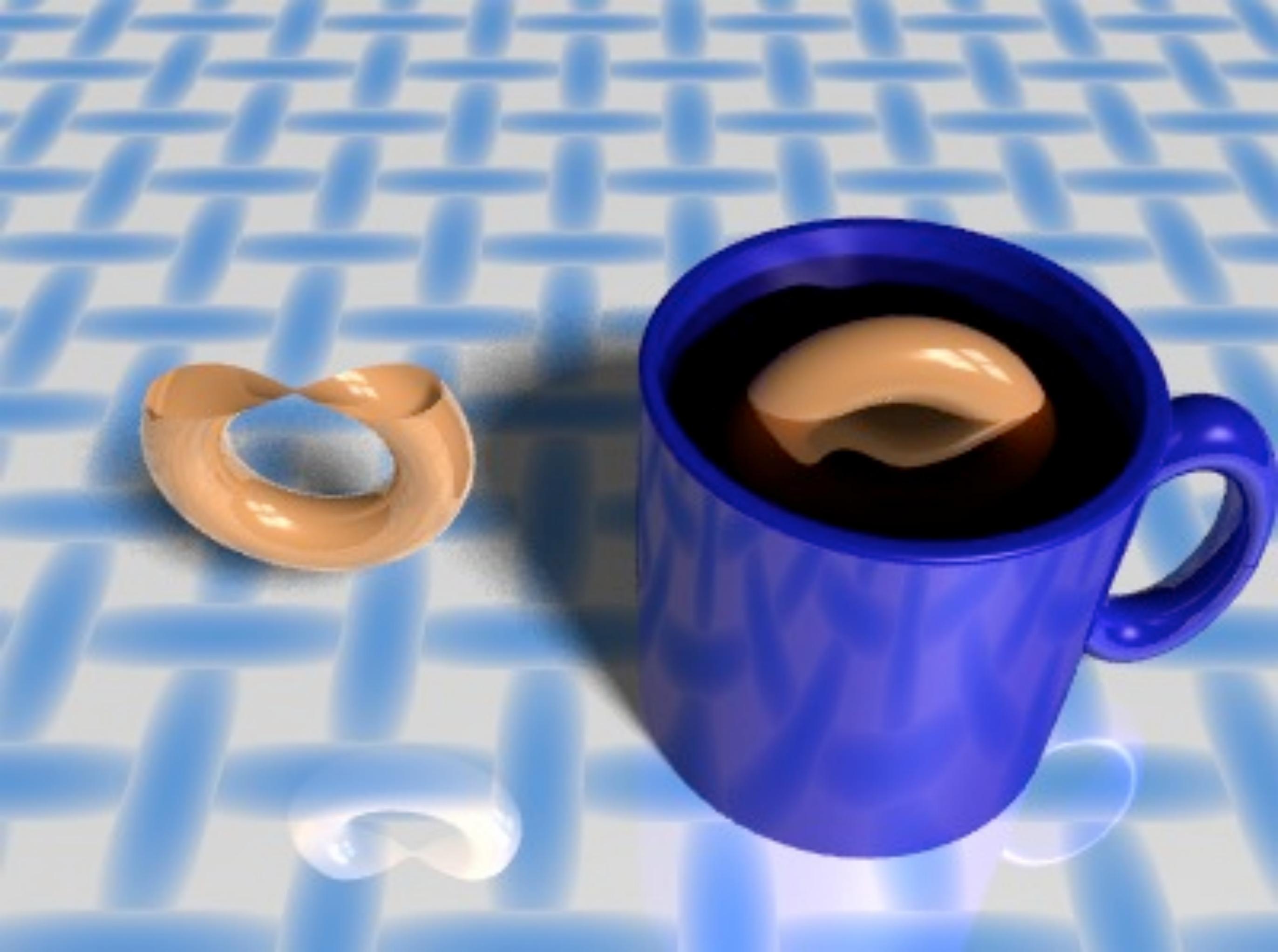
global (high info) from local (low cost)





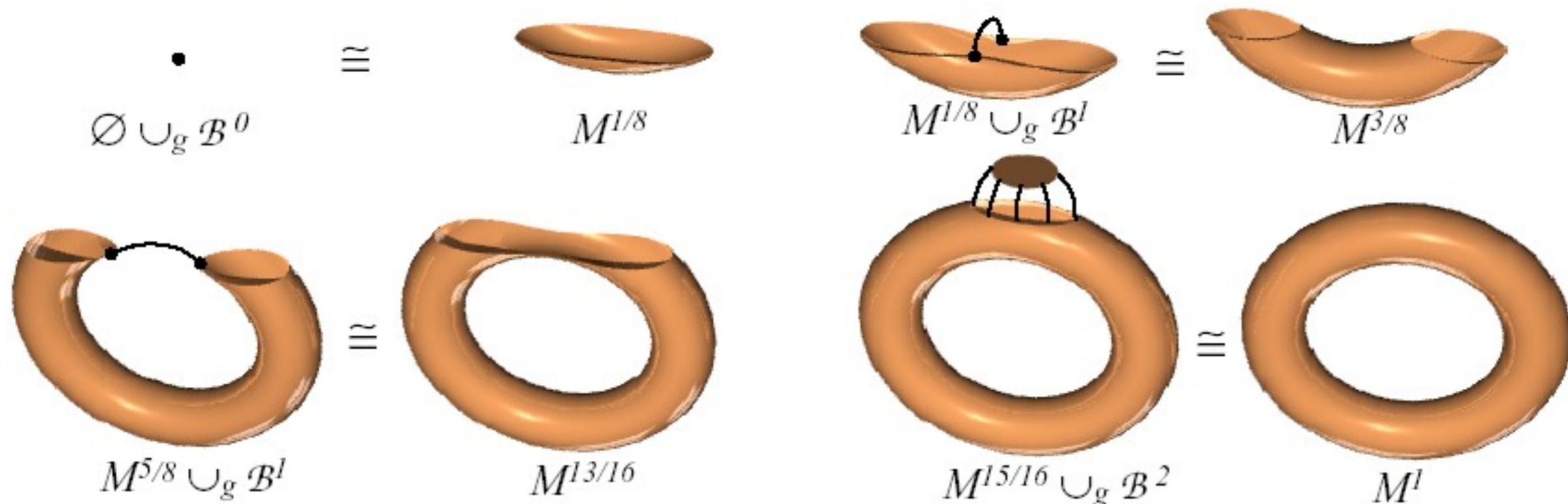




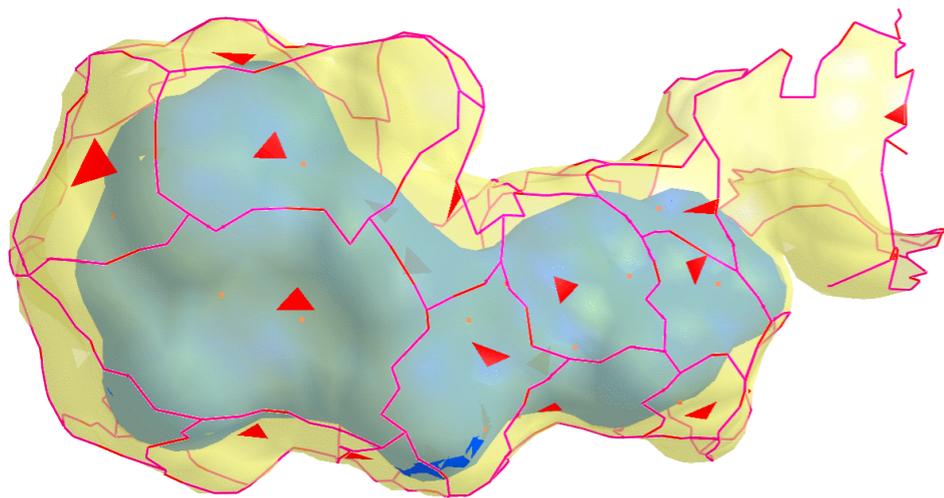




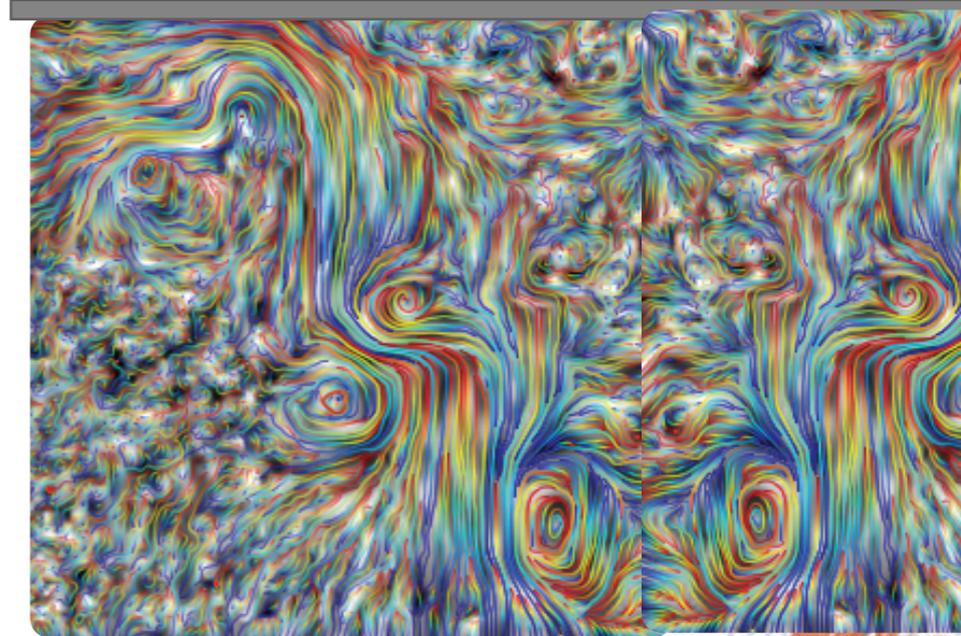
# Frame by frame



# Topological objects



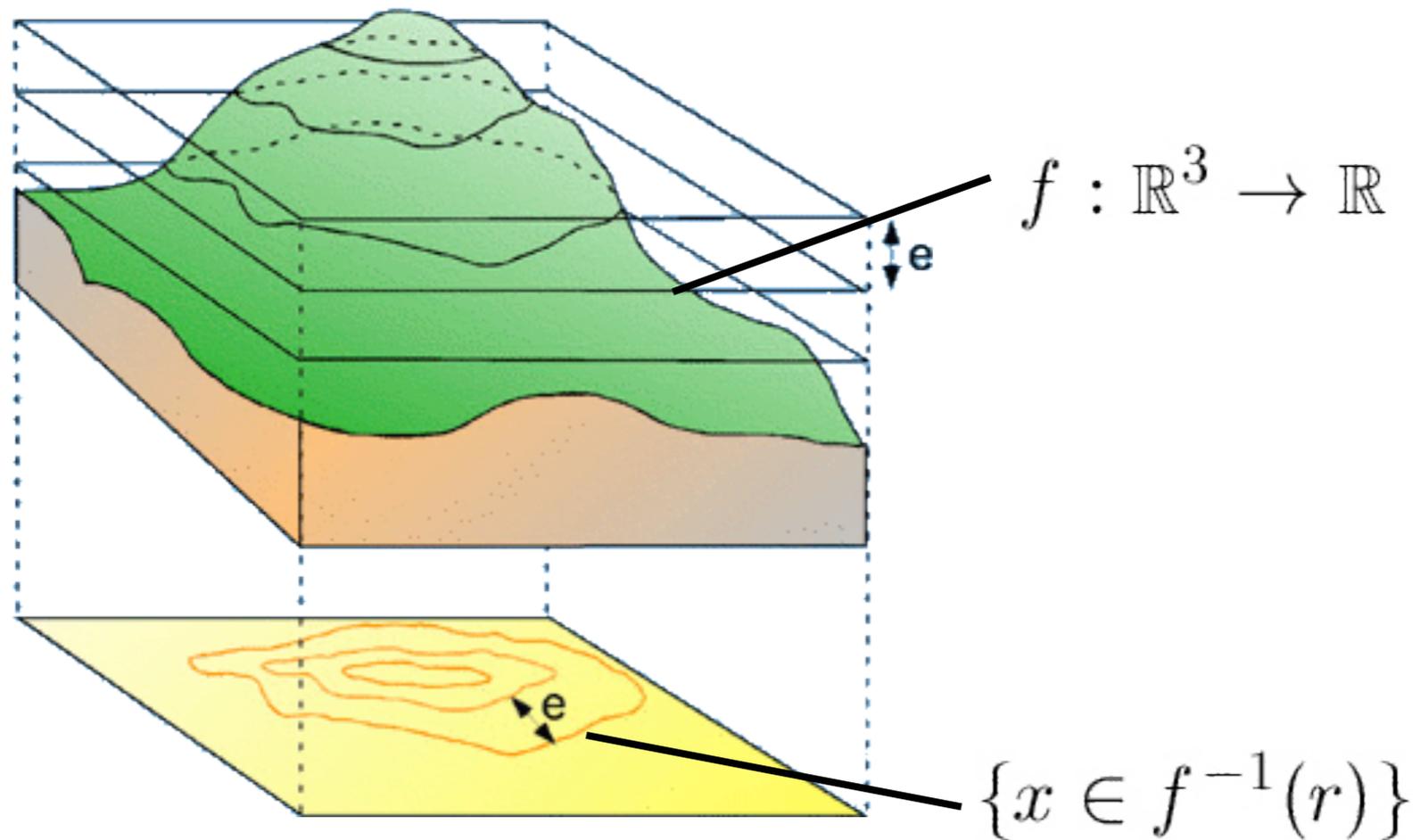
Manifolds,  
Subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$



Vector fields



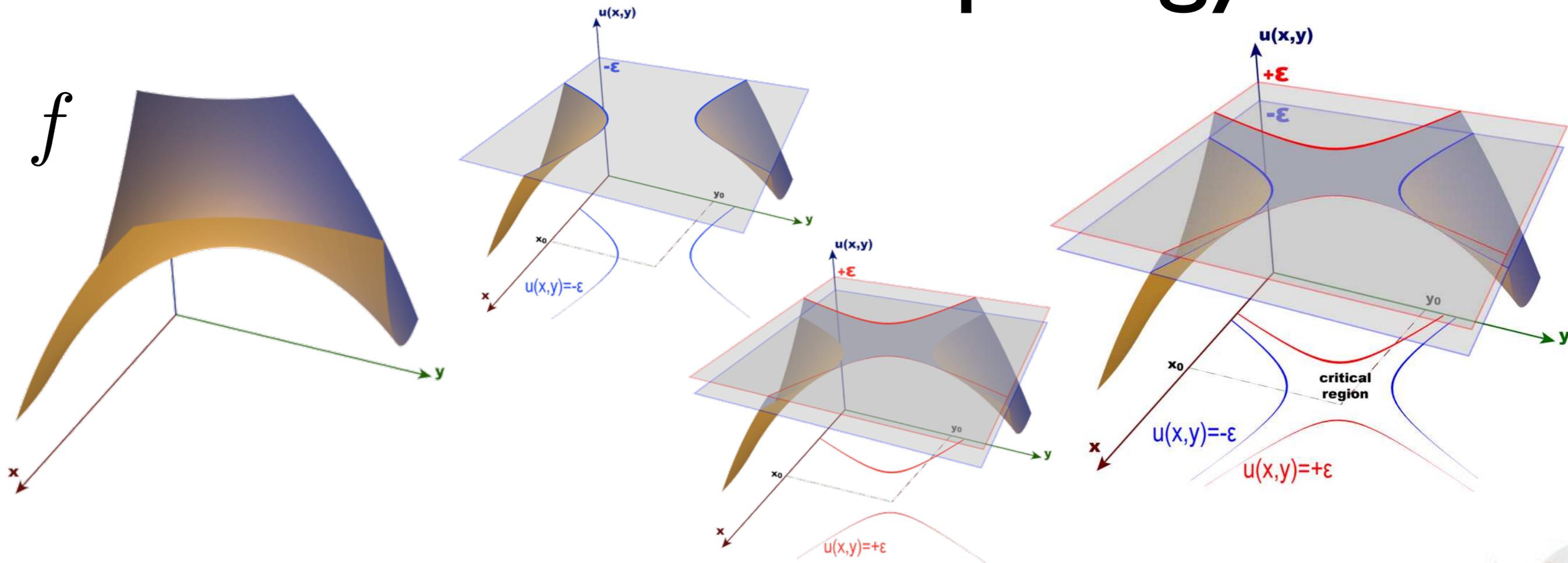
# Submersion intuition



subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  respecting a condition  $f$

$\Rightarrow$  closer to real data

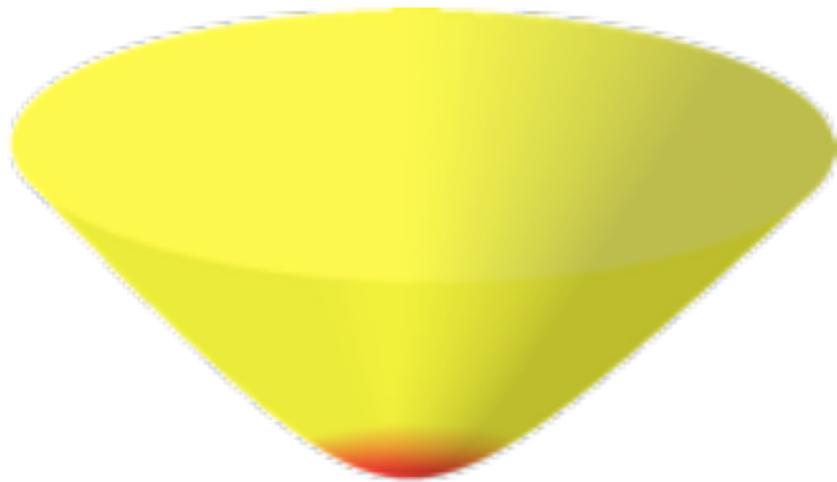
# Submersion topology



critical set of  $f$  (Morse lemma)

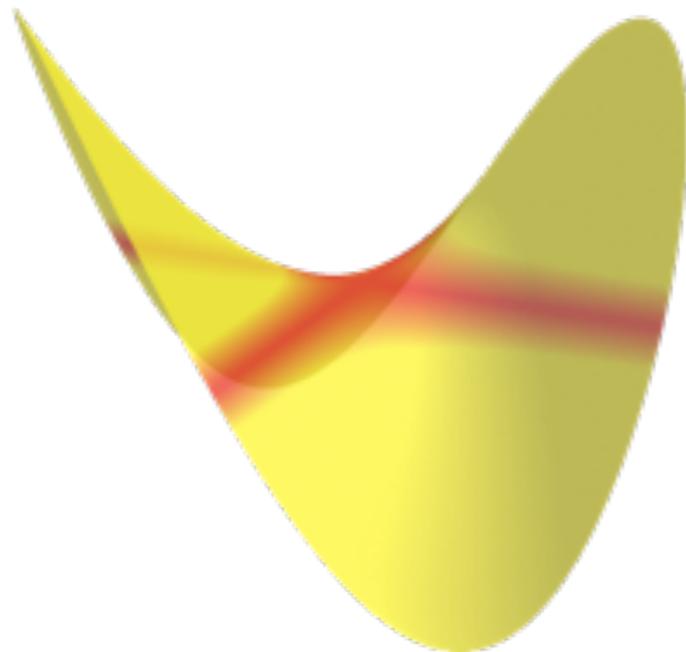
$\Rightarrow$  global from local function analysis

# Usual critical sets



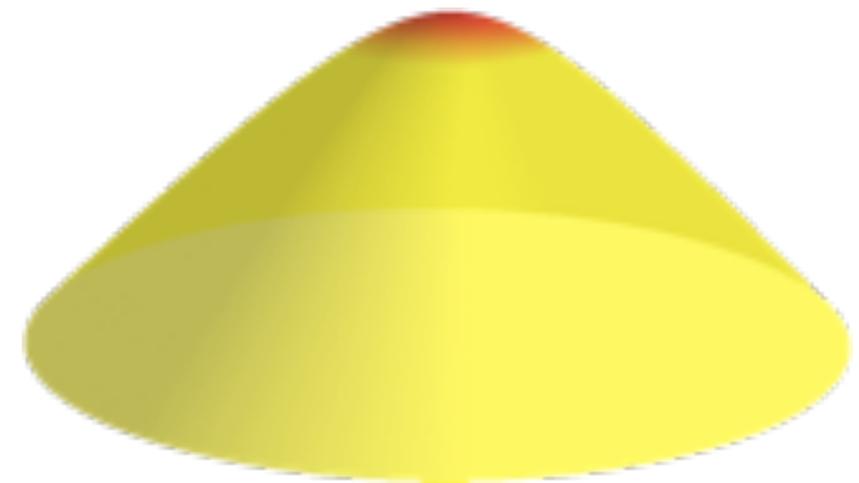
**minima**

**new  
component**



**saddles**

**joins / splits  
components**

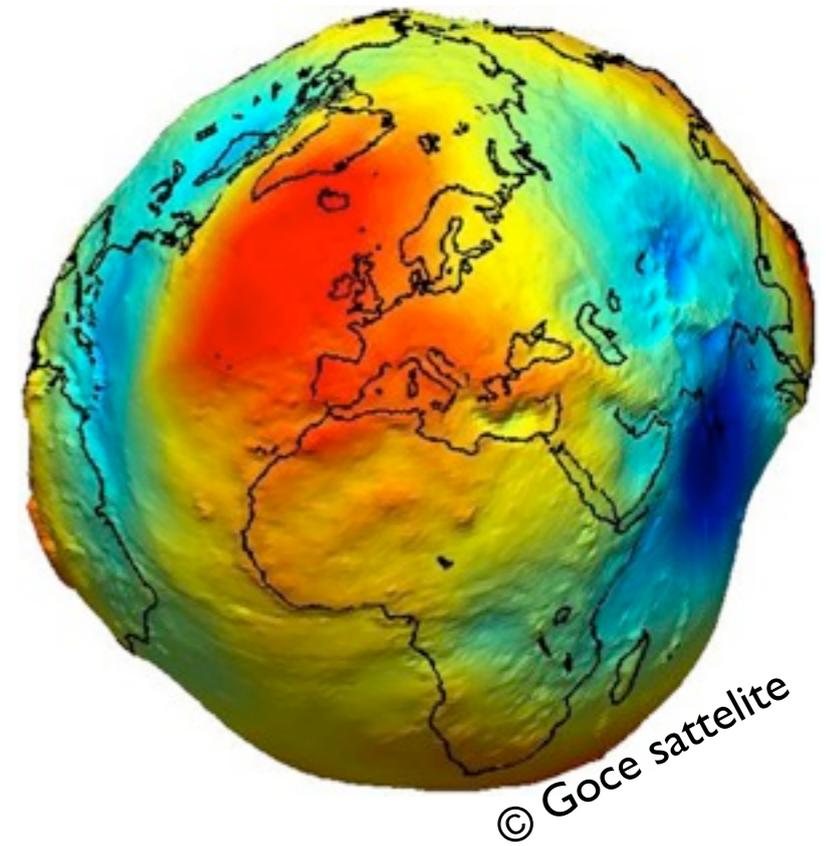
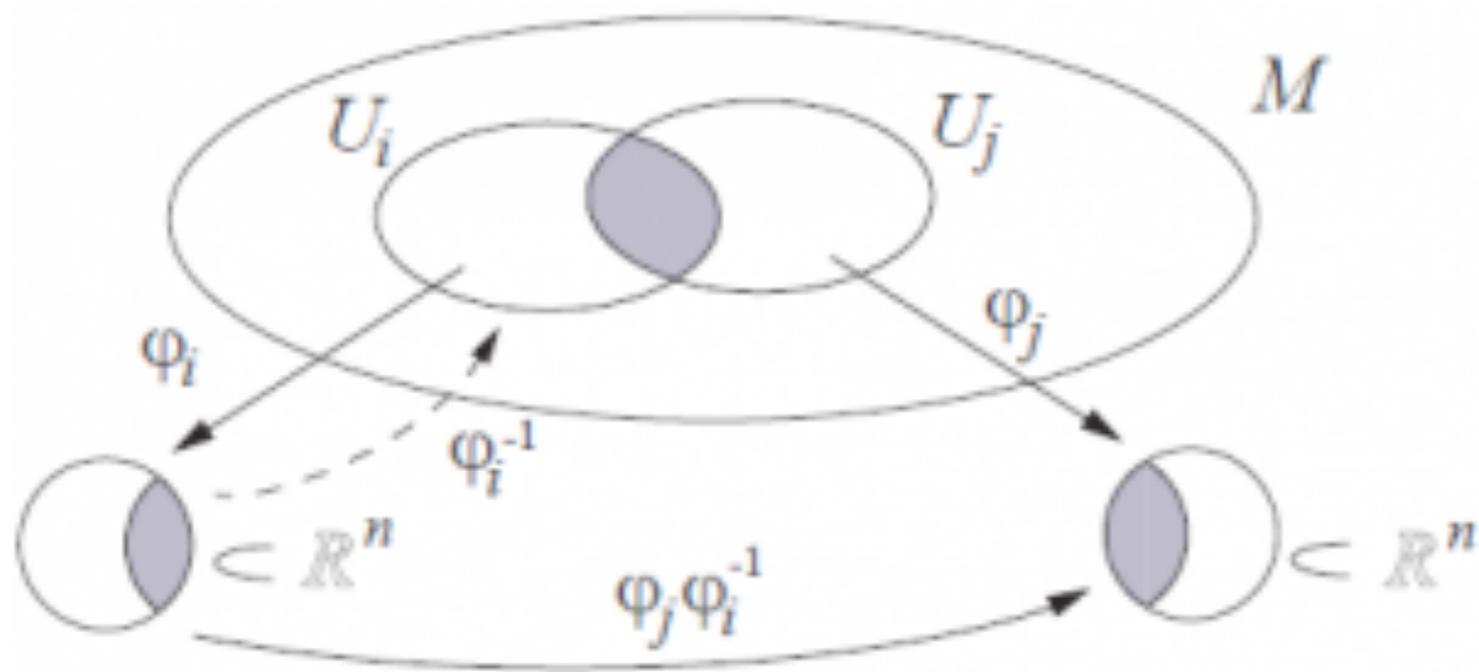


**maxima**

**end  
component**



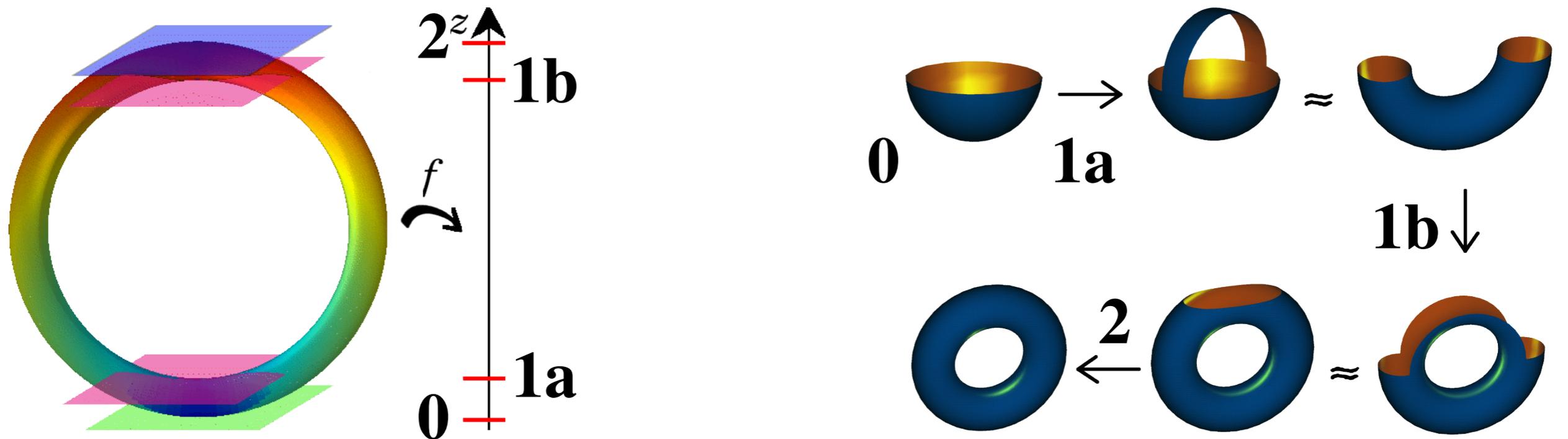
# Immersion intuition



locally equivalent to  $\mathbb{R}^d$

$\Rightarrow$  intuitive differential tools

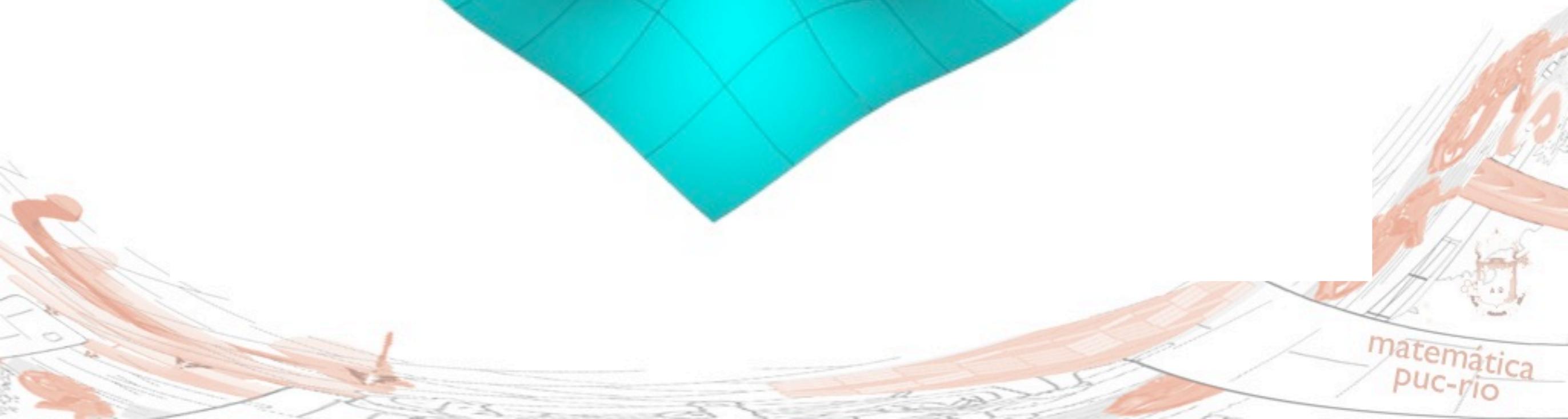
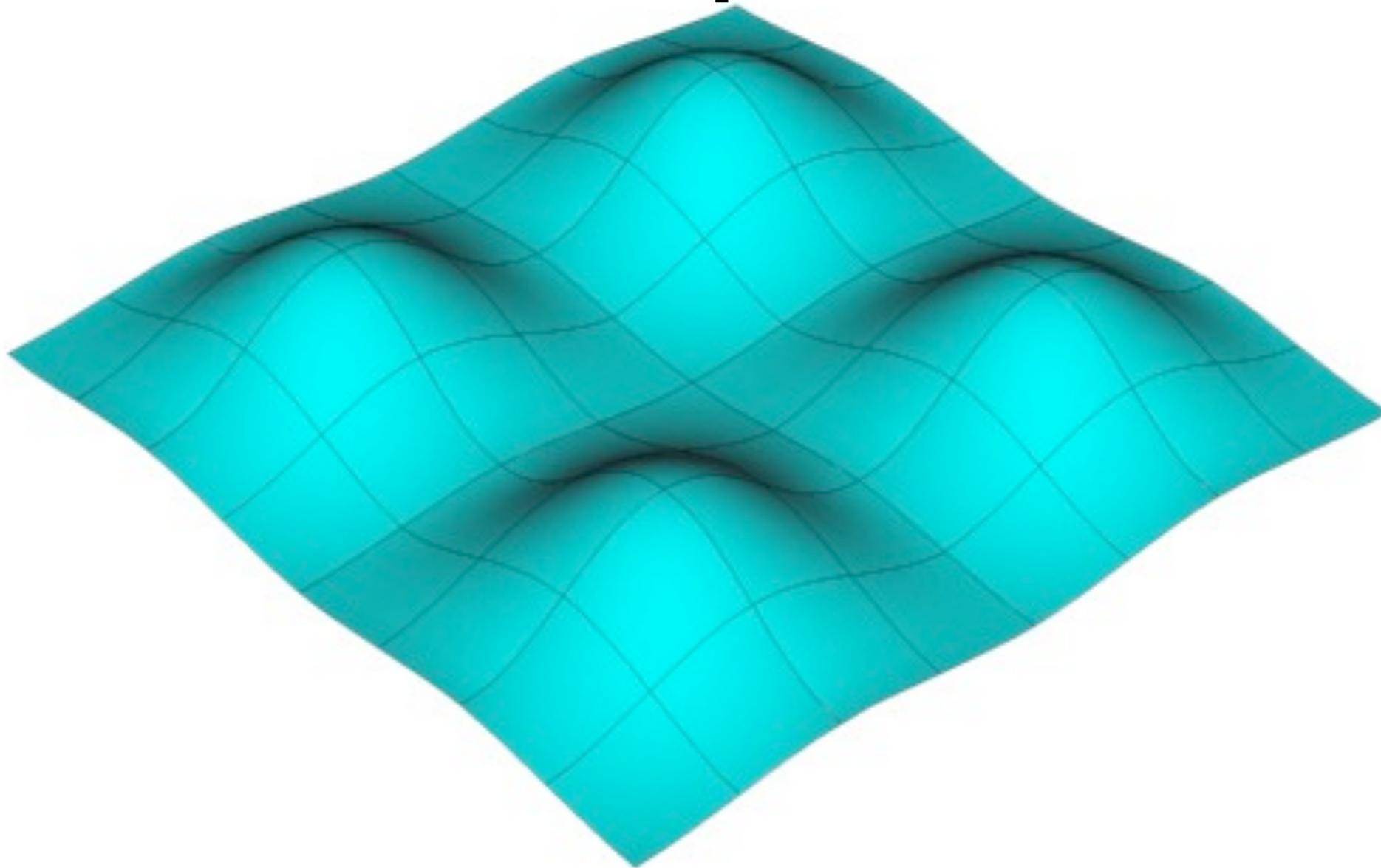
# Immersion Morse topology



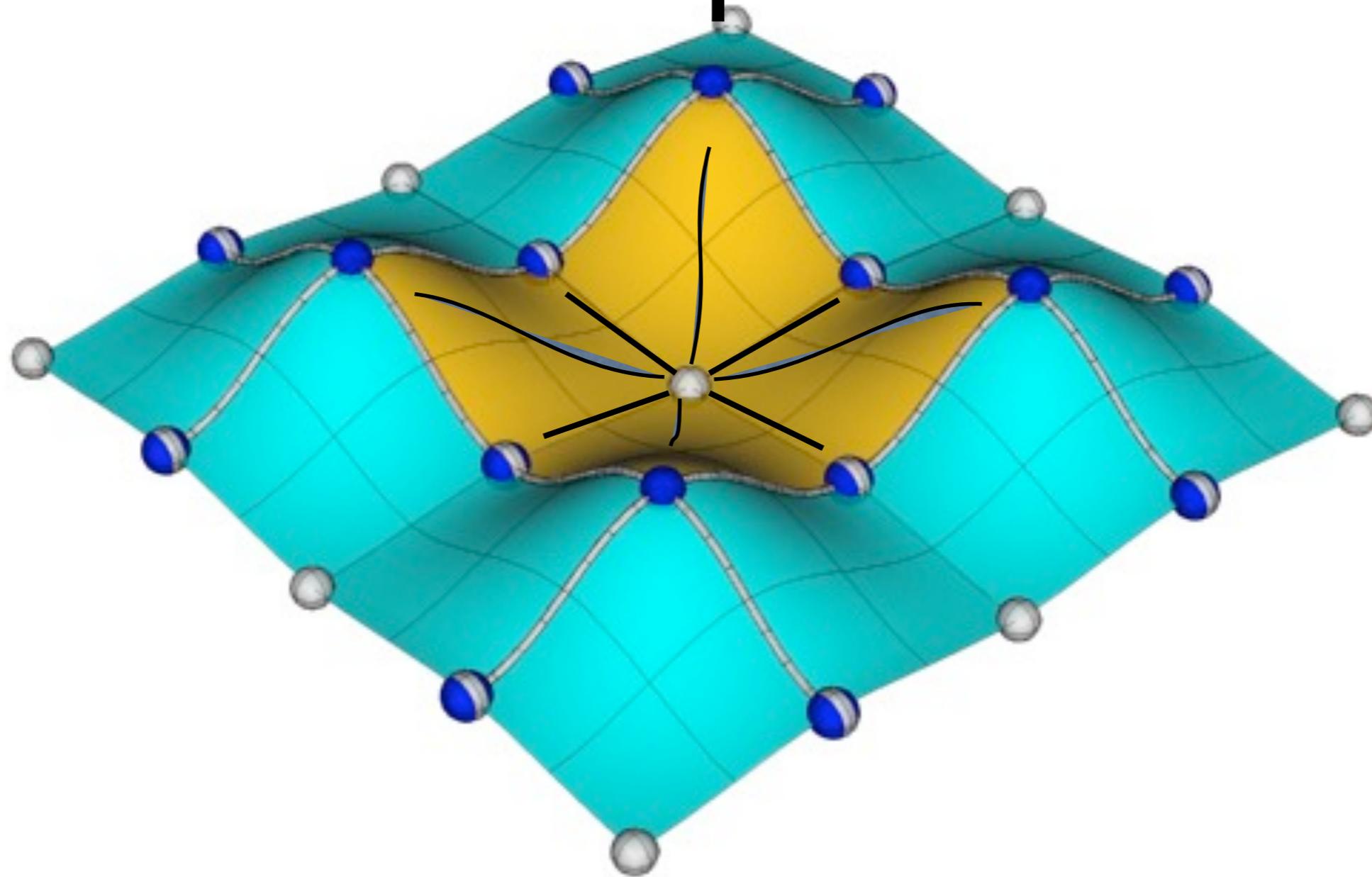
critical set of a function on the manifold

$\Rightarrow$  global from local function analysis

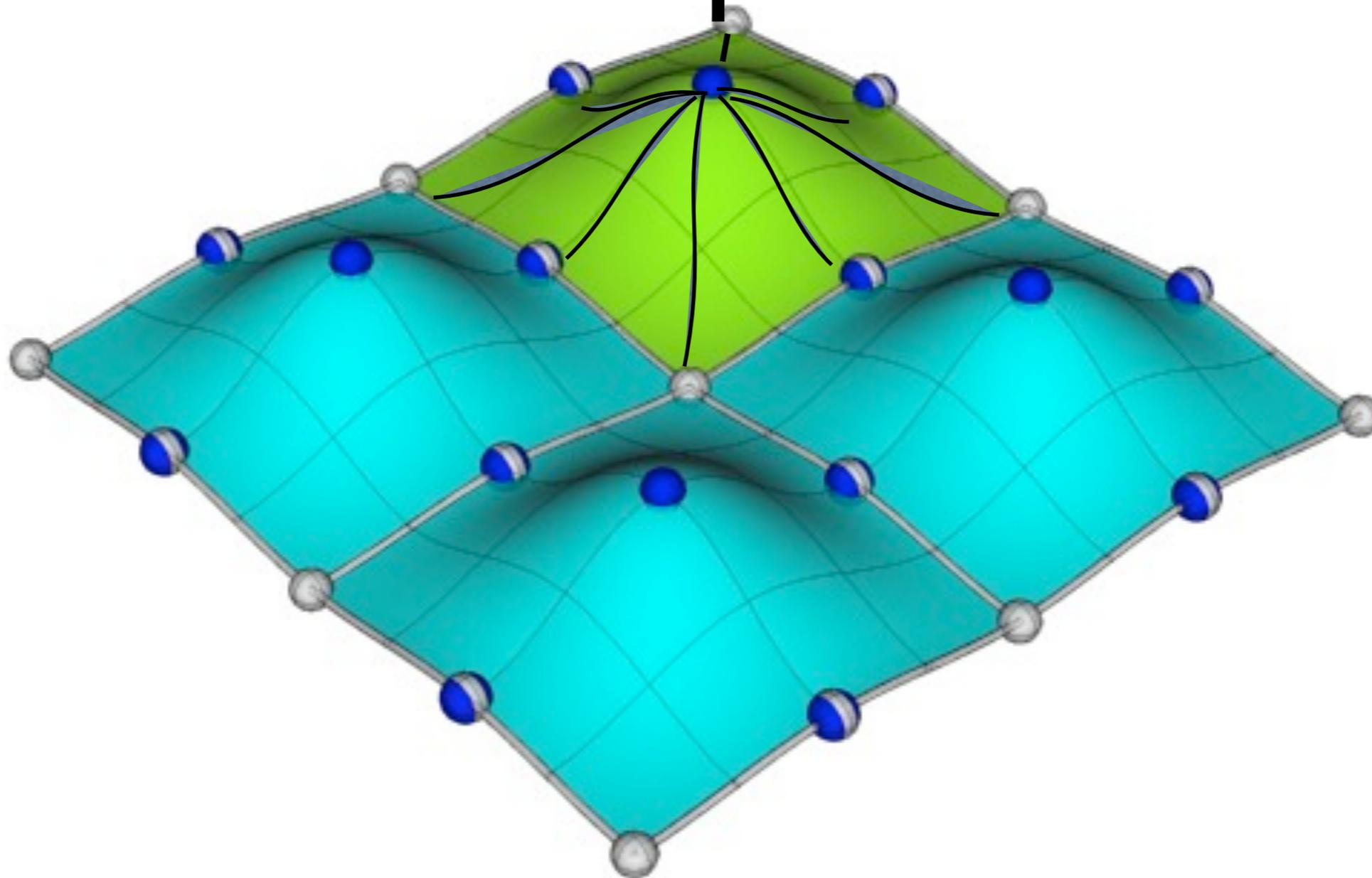
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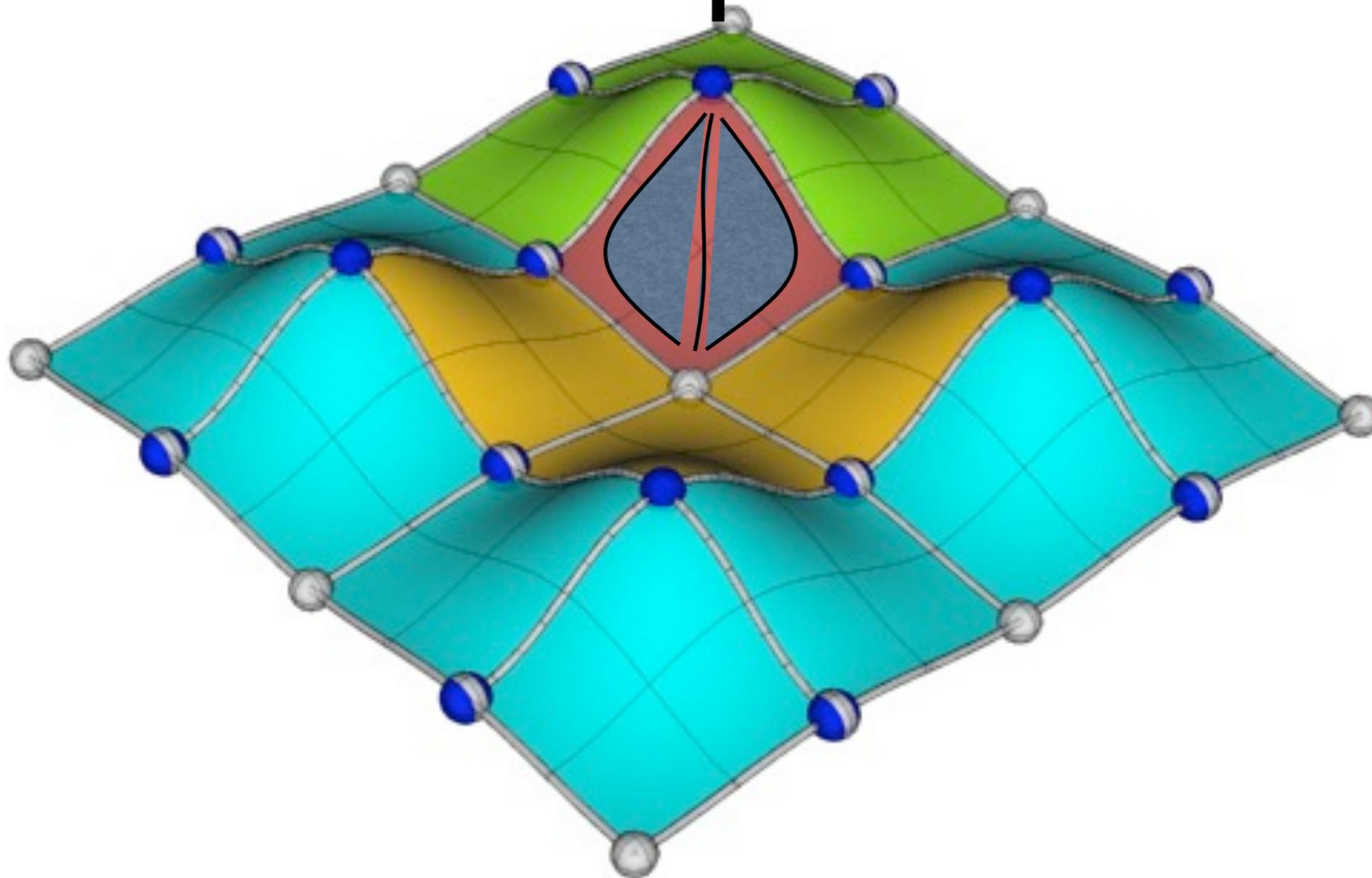
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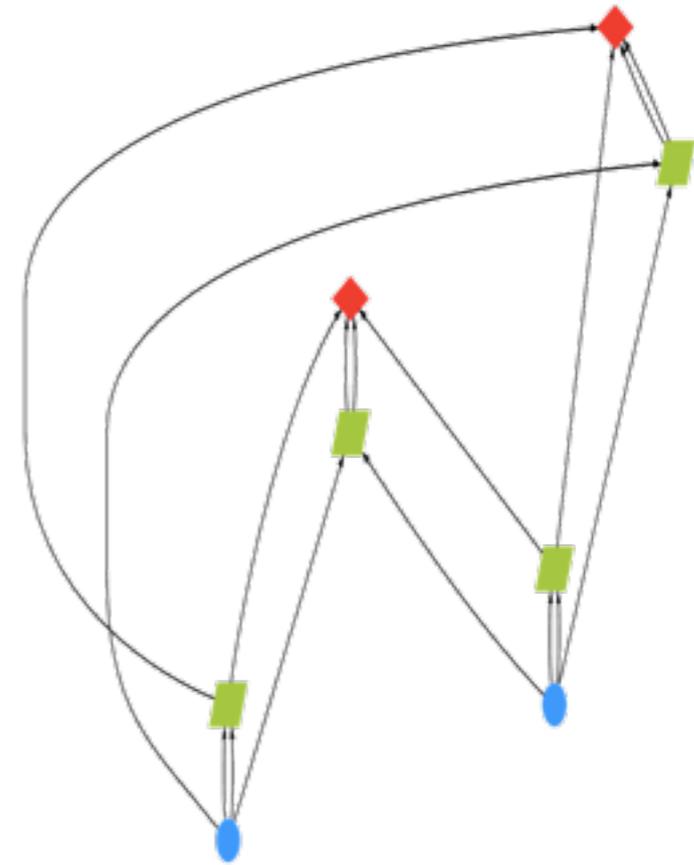
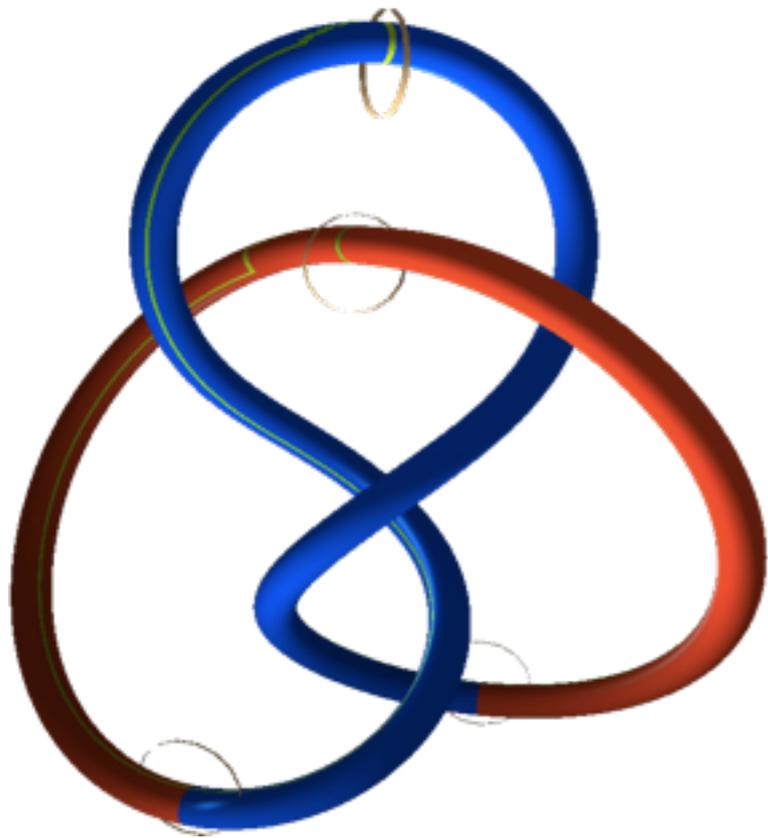
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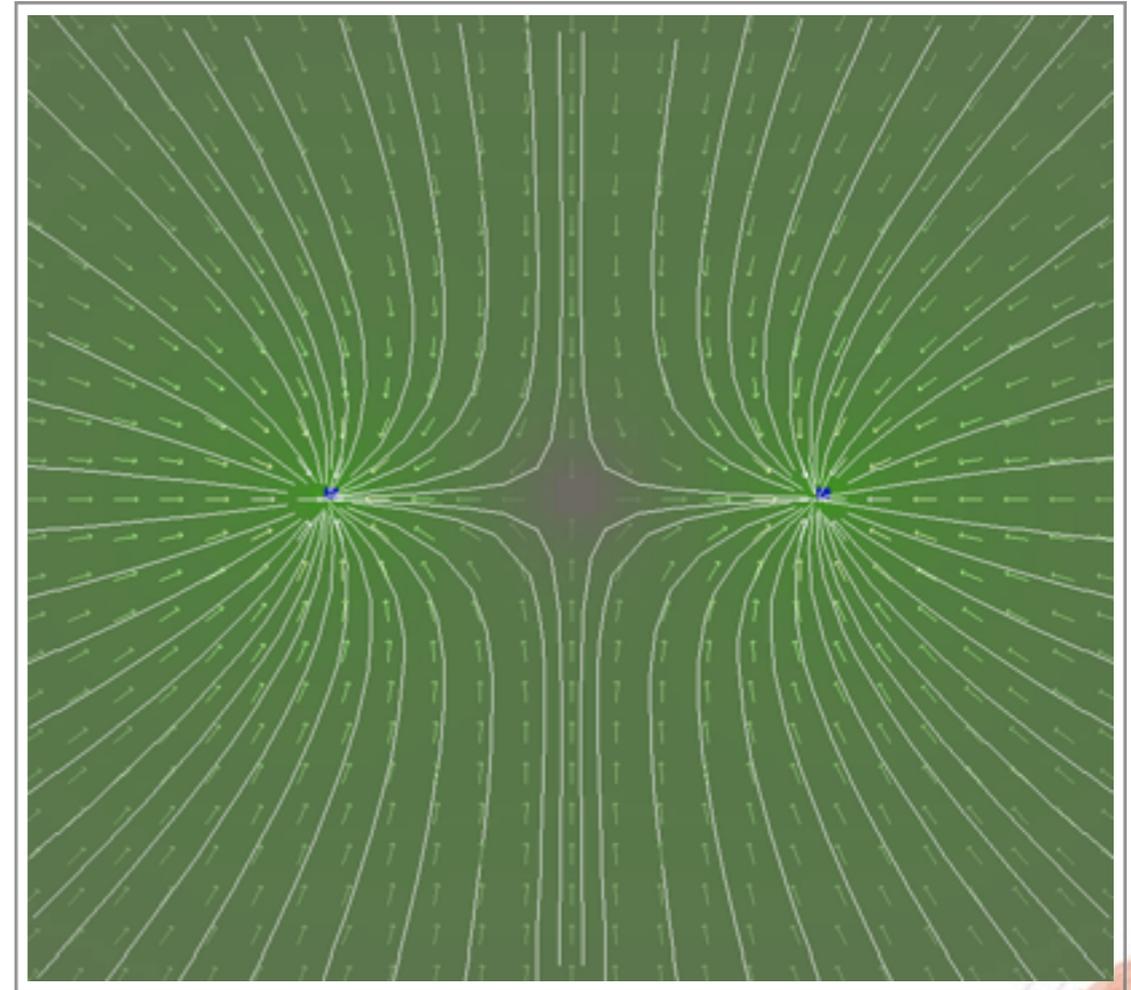
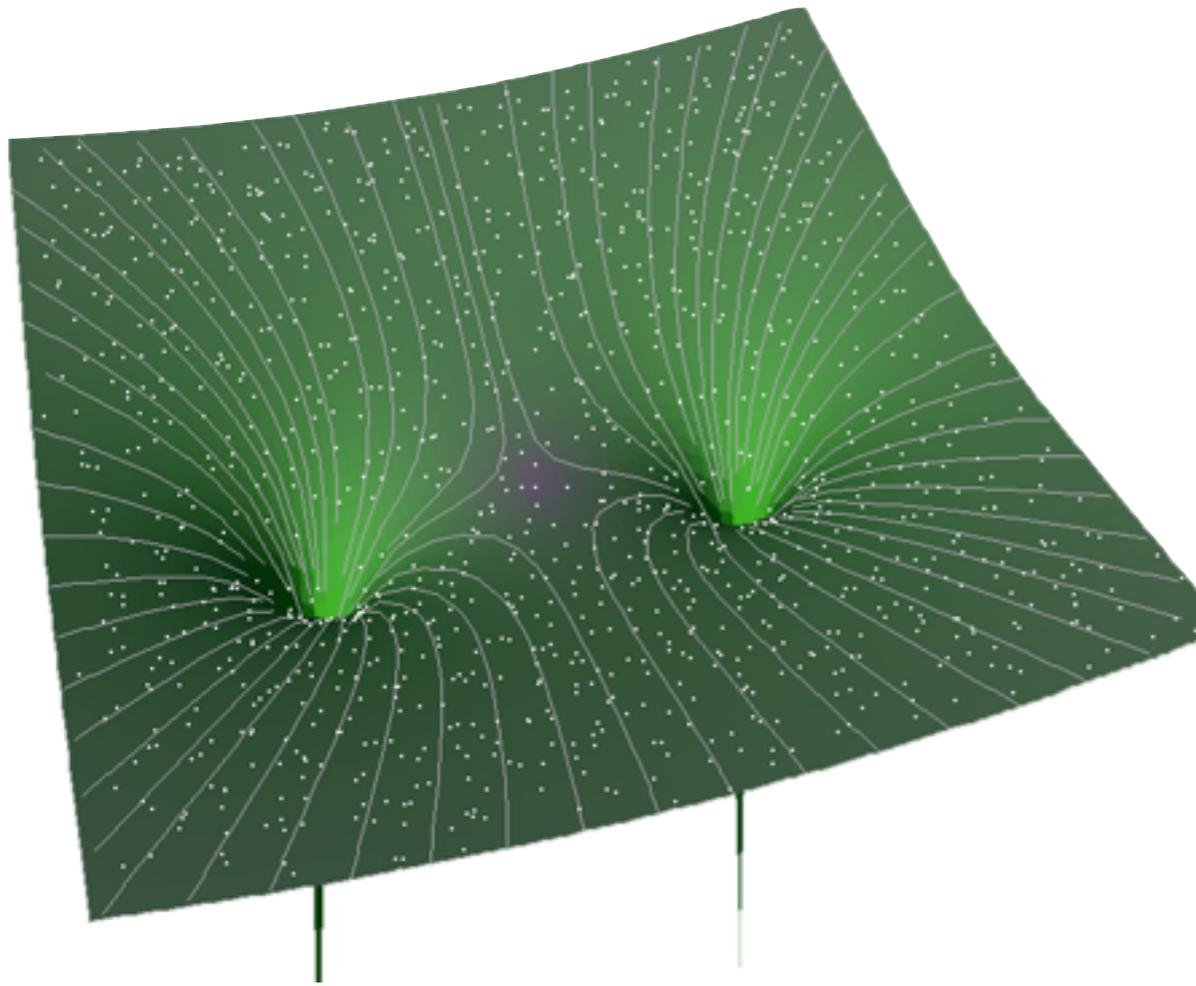
# Morse-Smale complex



relation between critical points

$\Rightarrow$  local function analysis + graph

# Vector field

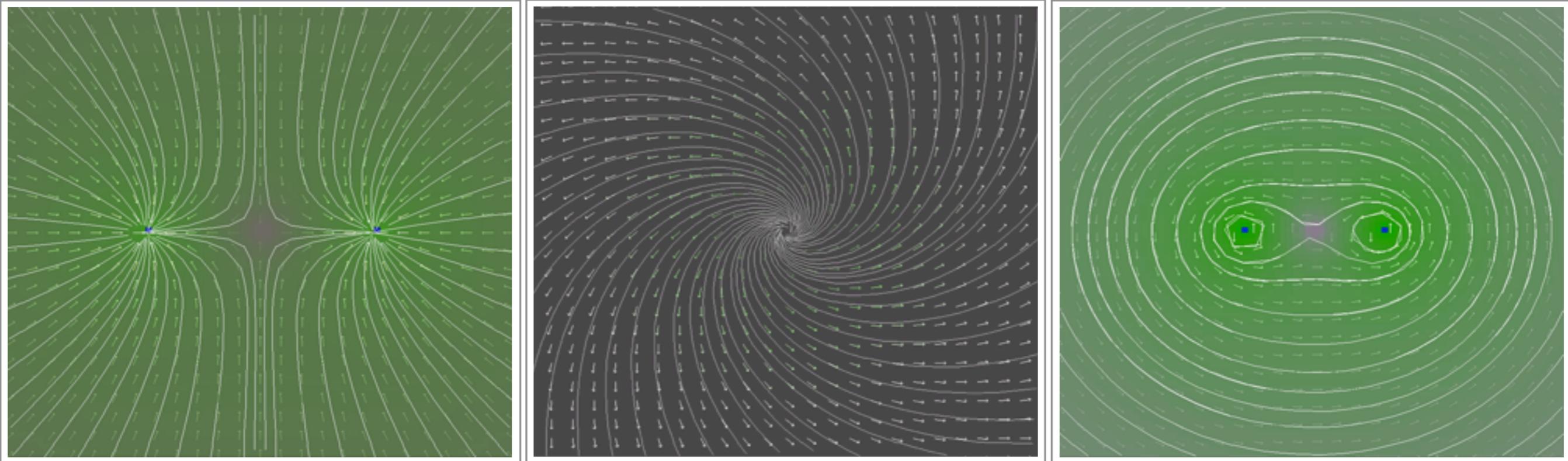


essentially tubular flow

sparse invariant sets

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# Vector field topology



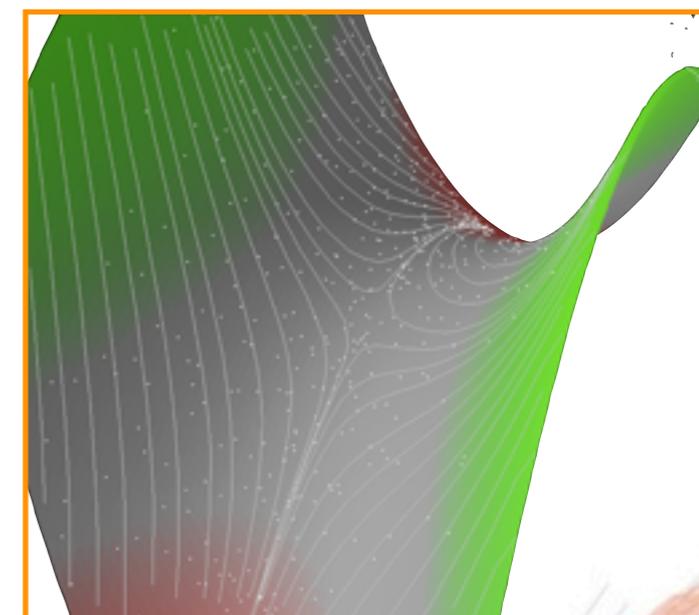
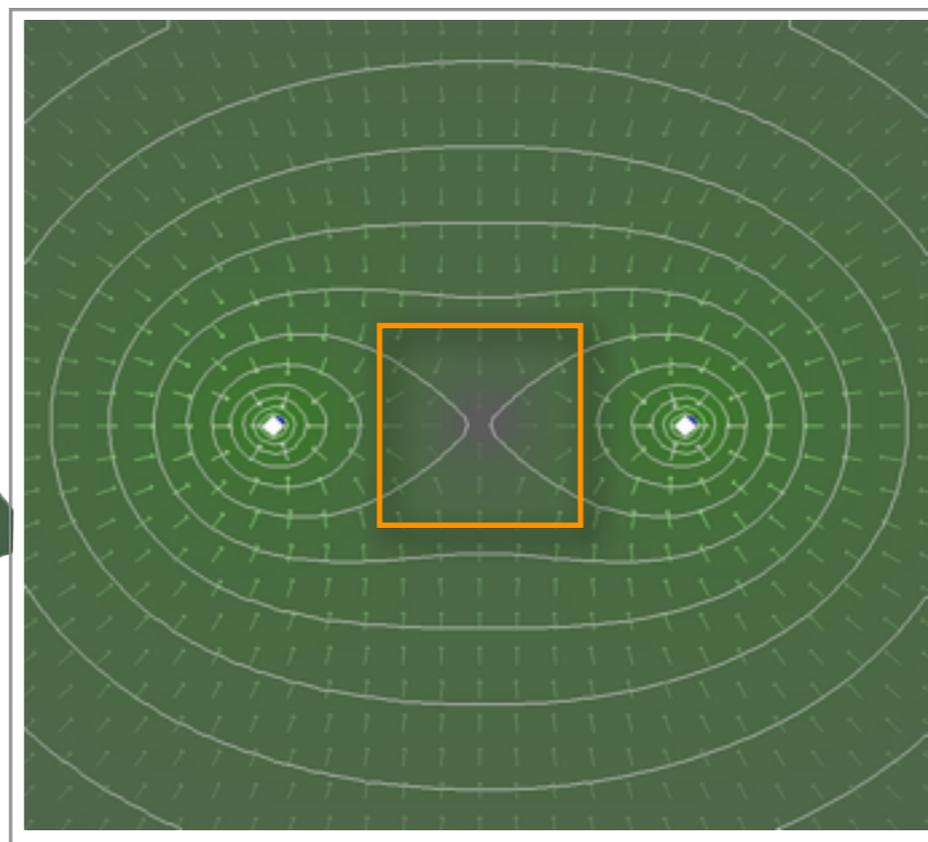
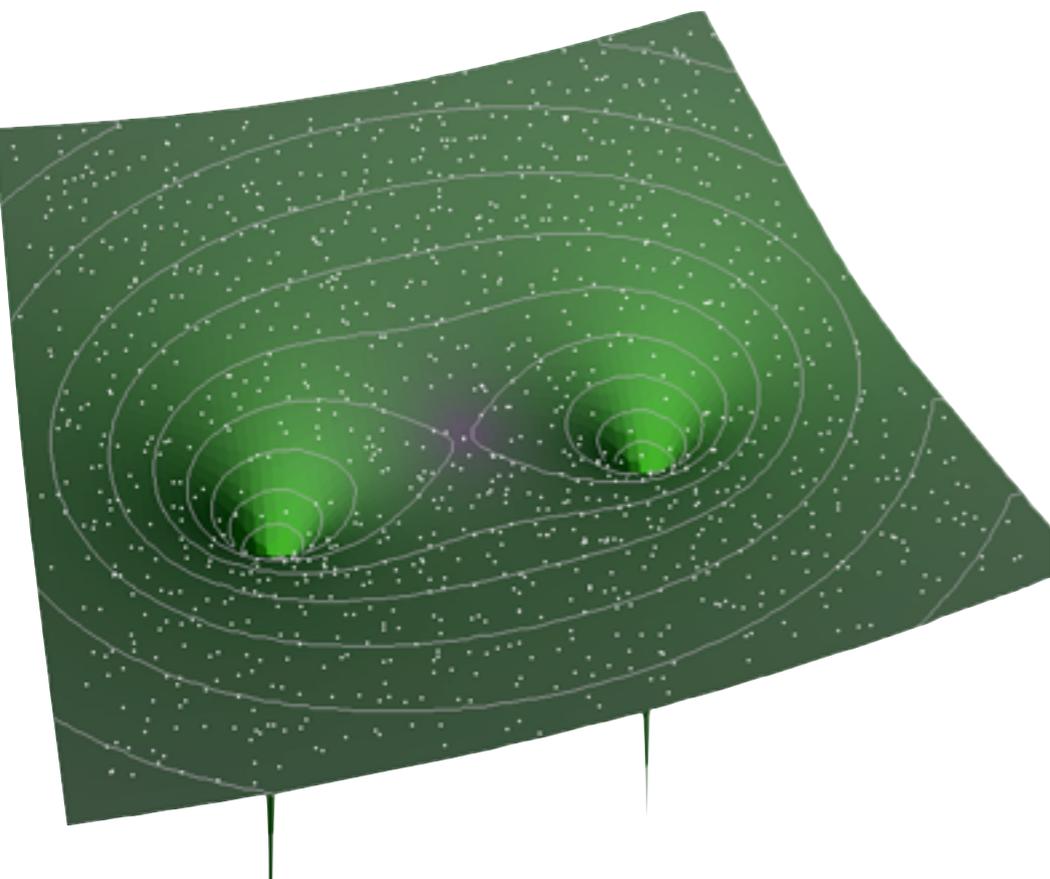
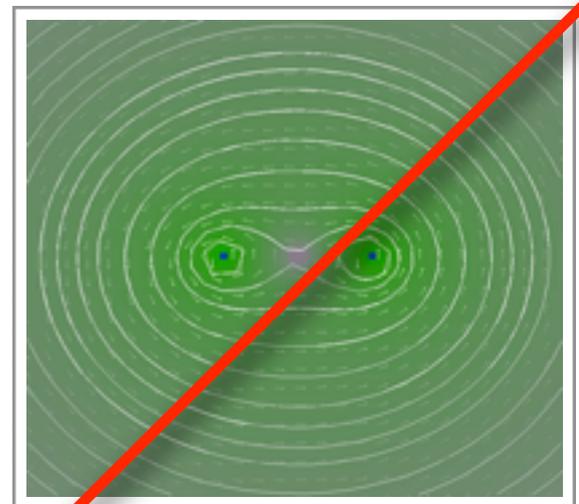
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**isolated singularities behavior**

**$\Rightarrow$  local analysis (Hartman Grobman) + graph**

**+ closed orbits + non-generic**

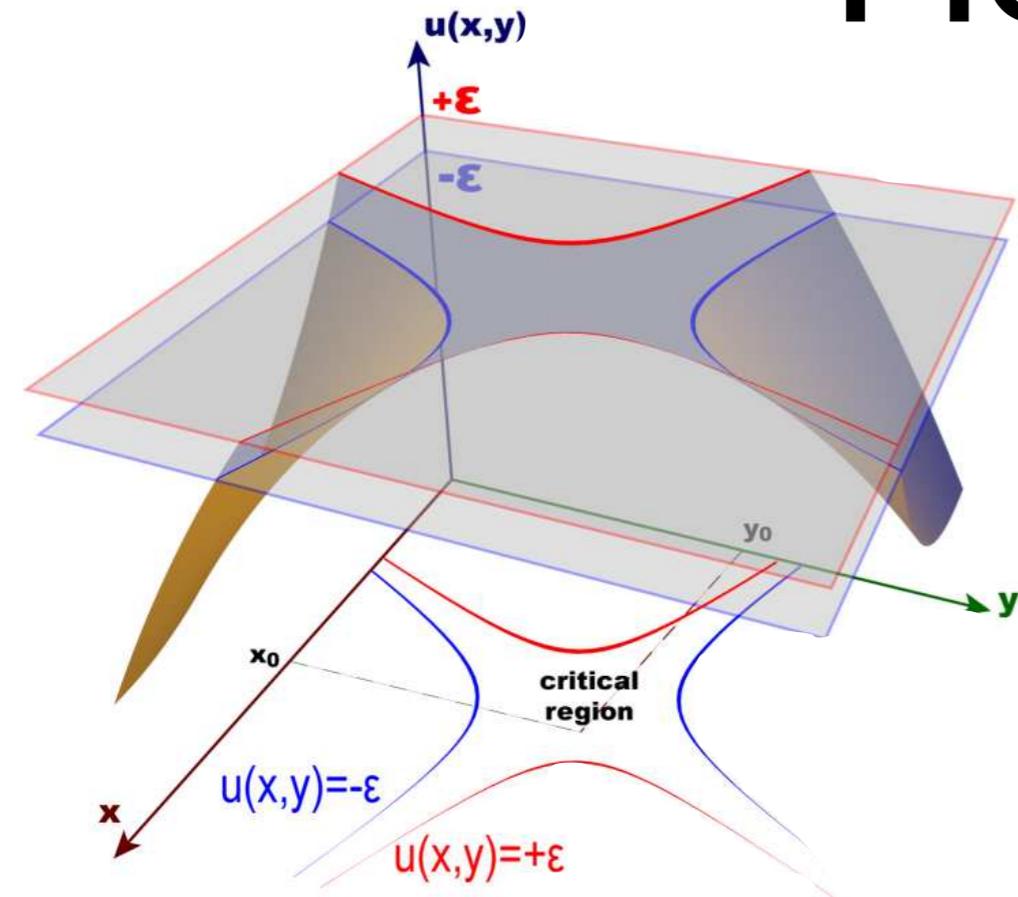
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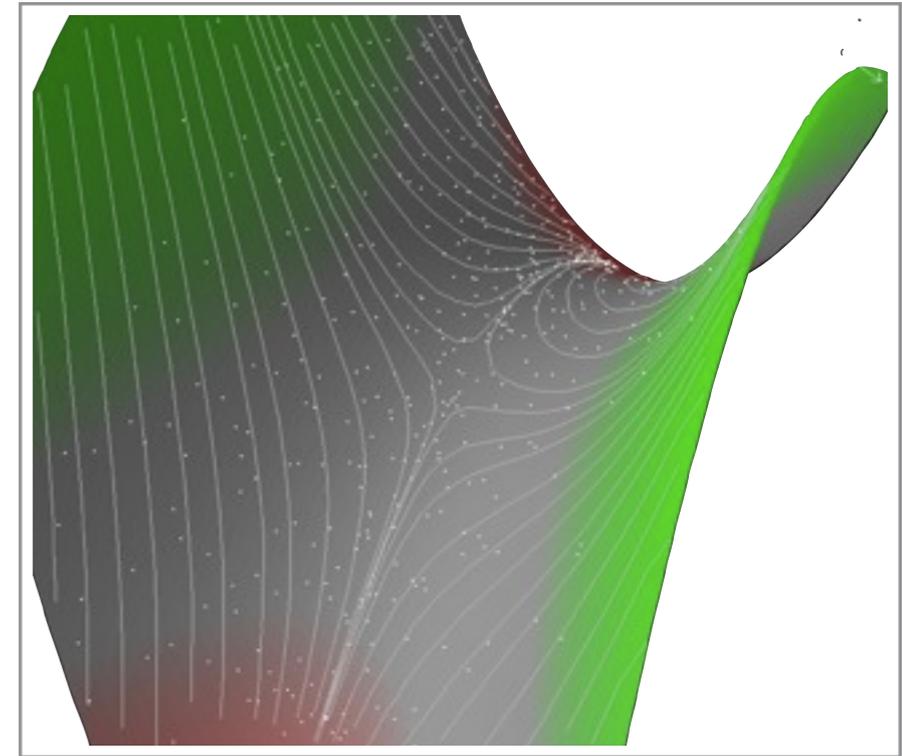
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⇒ Morse-Smale structure

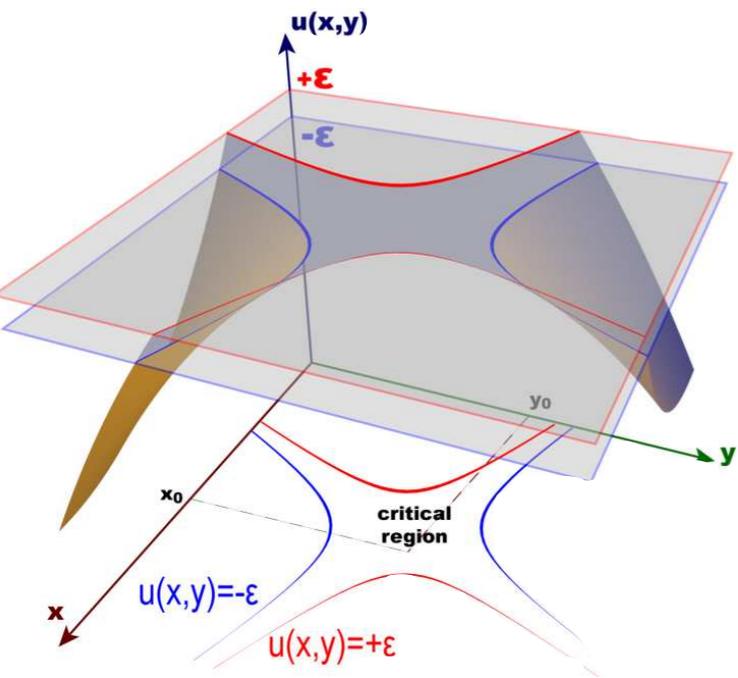
# Morse theory



$$\chi = \sum_{i=0}^d (-1)^i \cdot m_i$$



topology from local function analysis  
+ Smale complex / topological graph



# Morse theory

**Manifold**

$$\mathcal{M} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

**Function**

$$f : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

**Critical point**

$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{M}, \partial f(\mathbf{x}) = 0$$

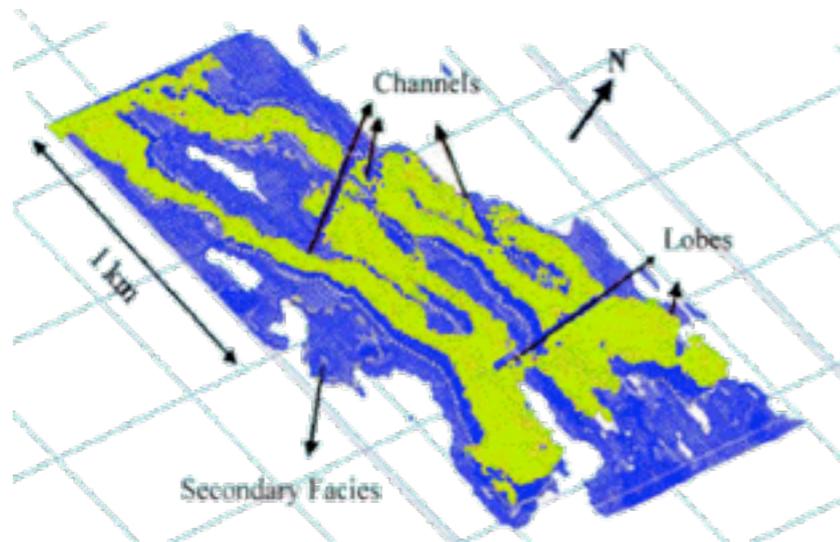
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$$\#\{\lambda_d \in Eig(\partial^2 f), \lambda < 0\}$$

**Topology**

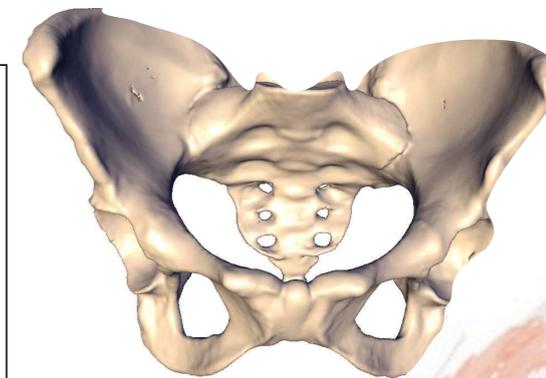
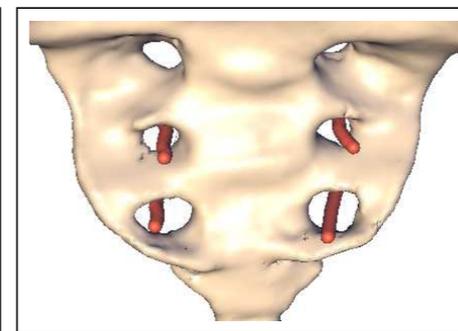
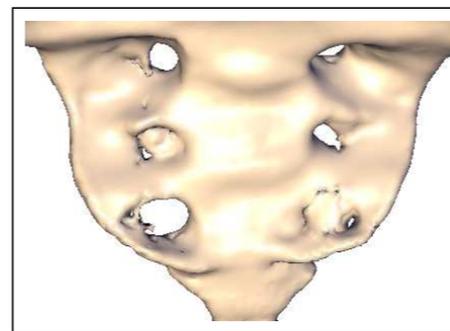
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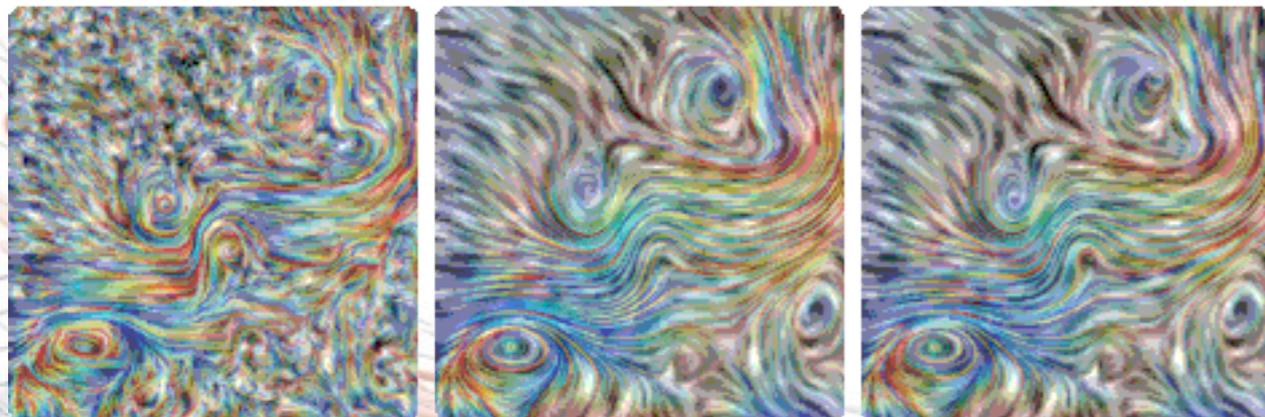


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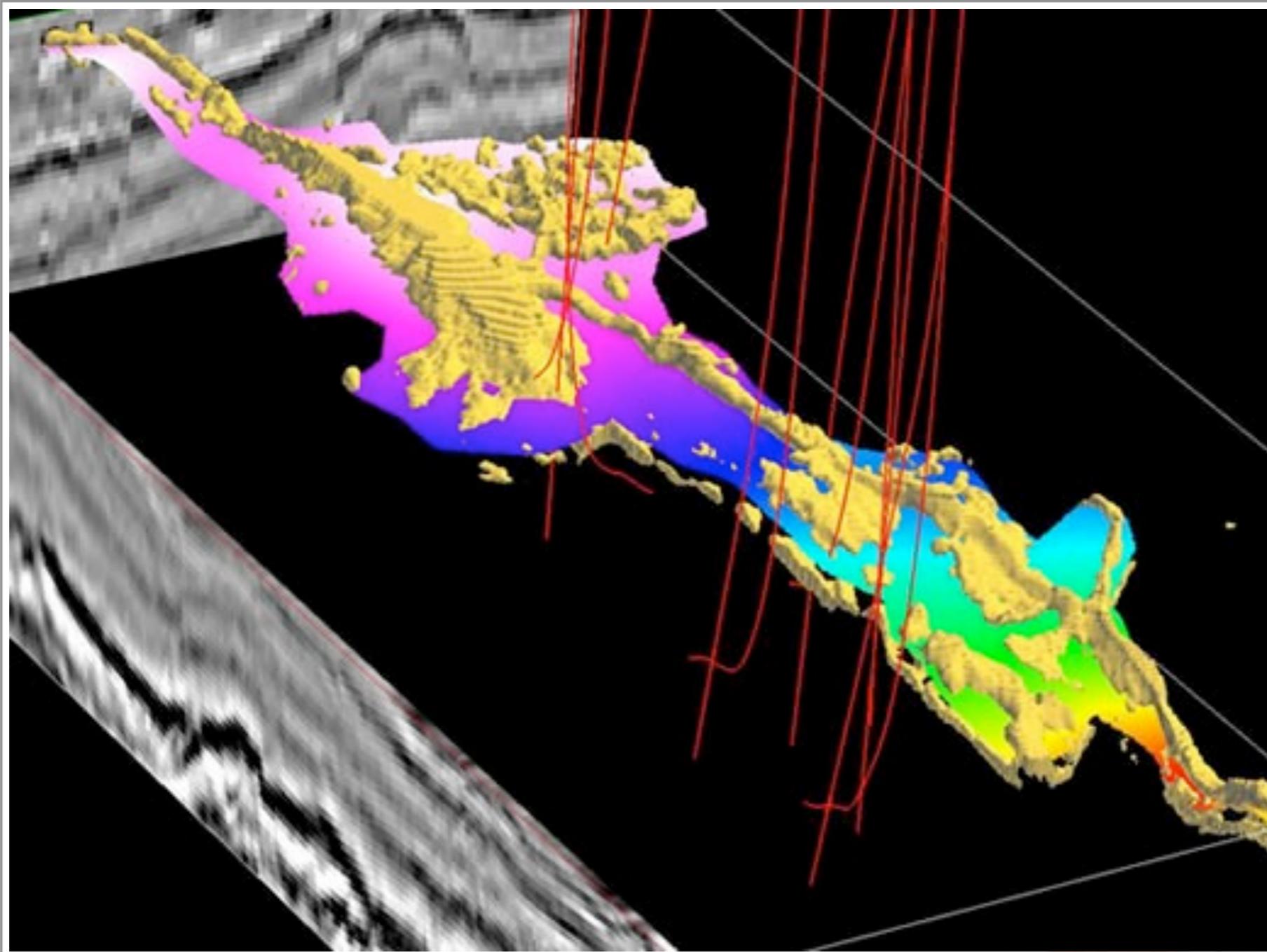
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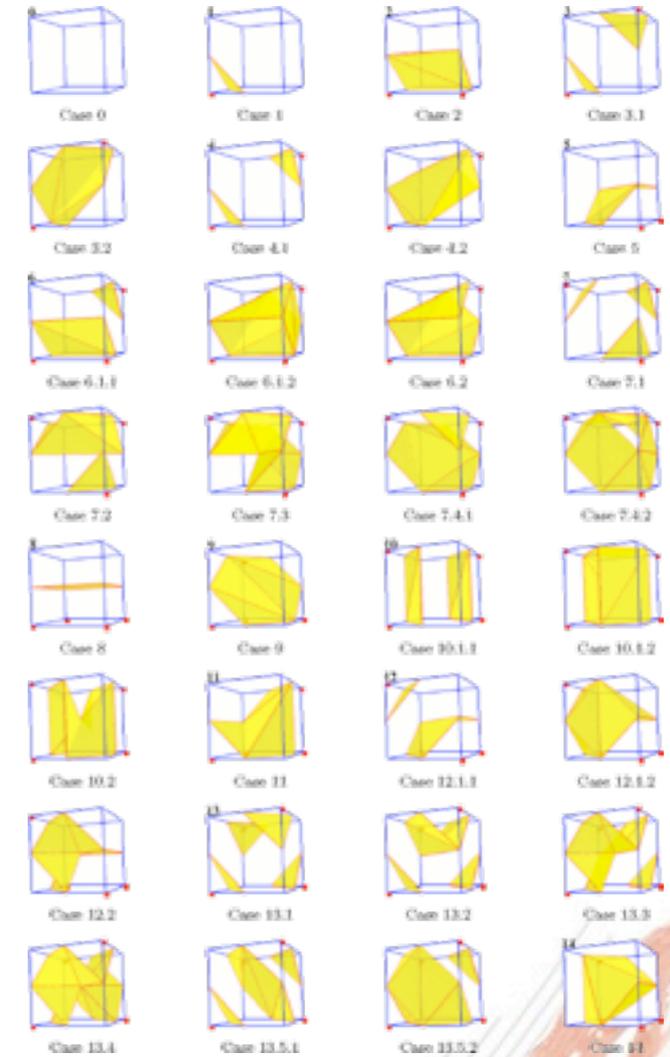
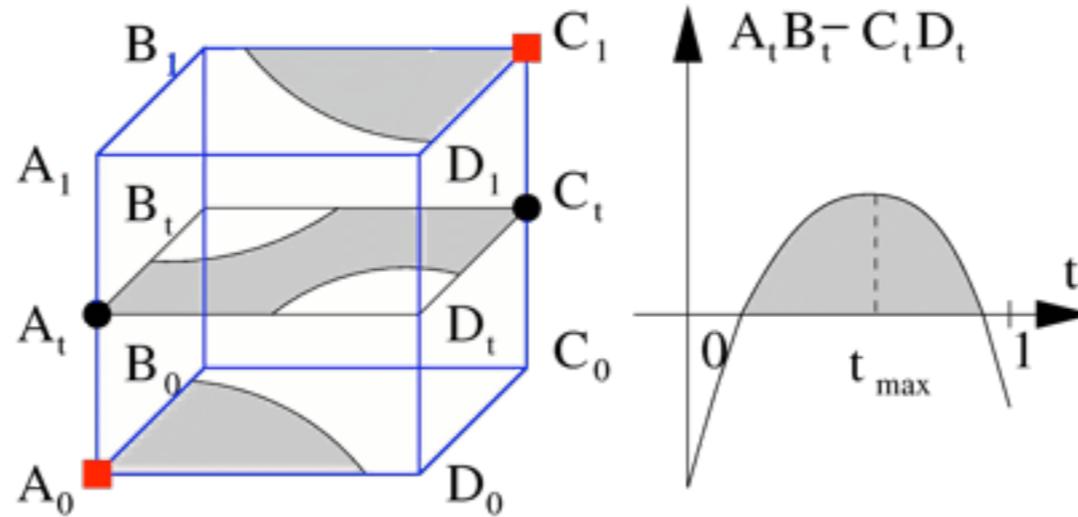
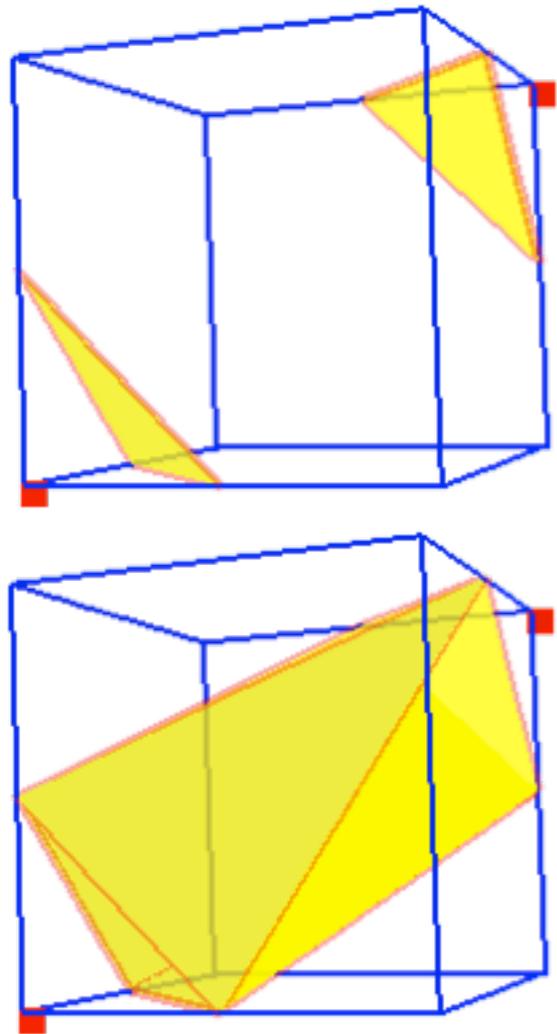
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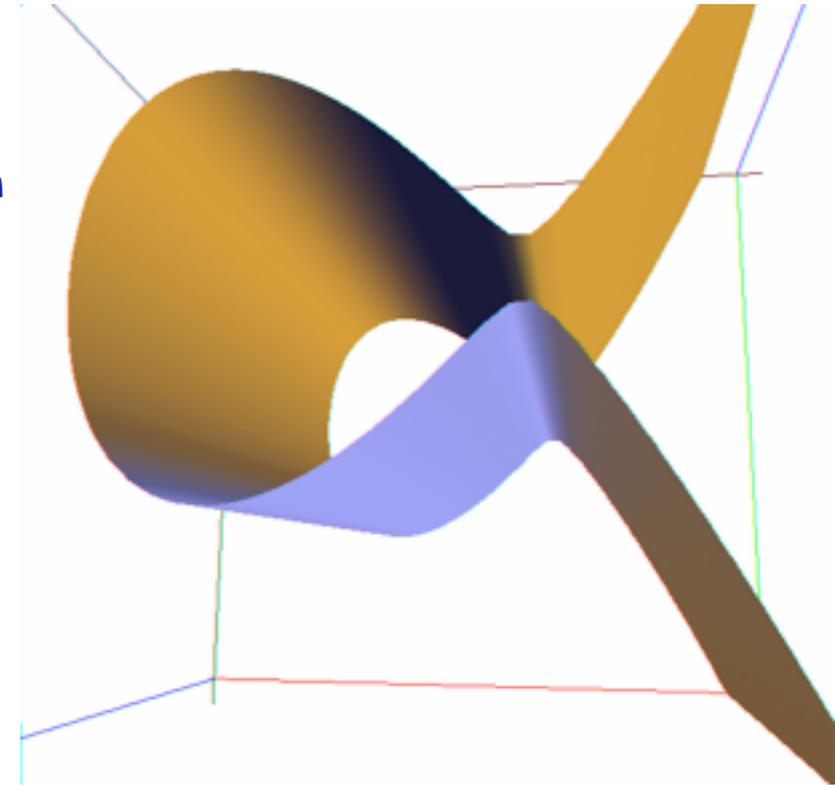
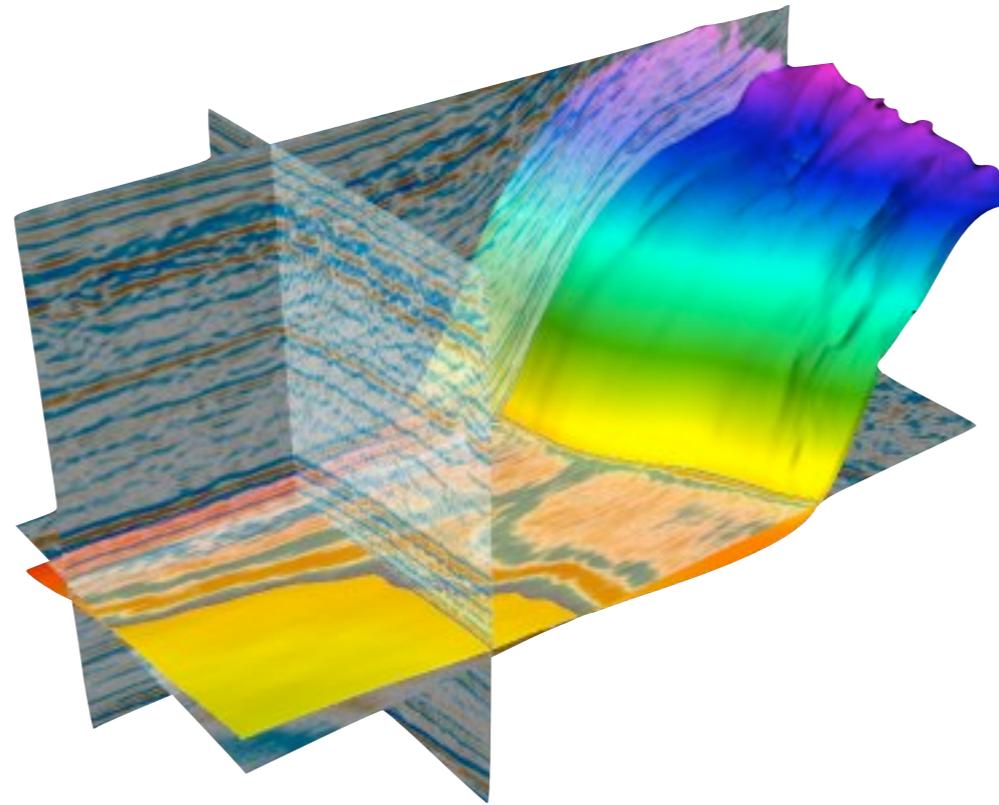
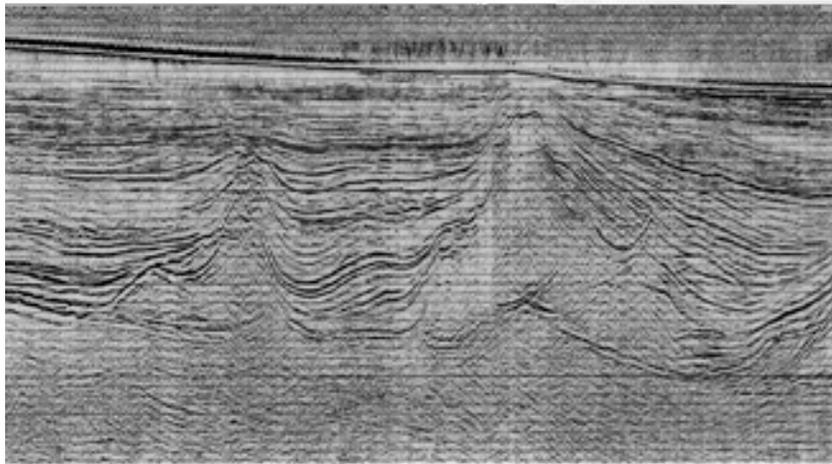


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## Topological cases of Marching Cubes

⇒ differentiable function analysis

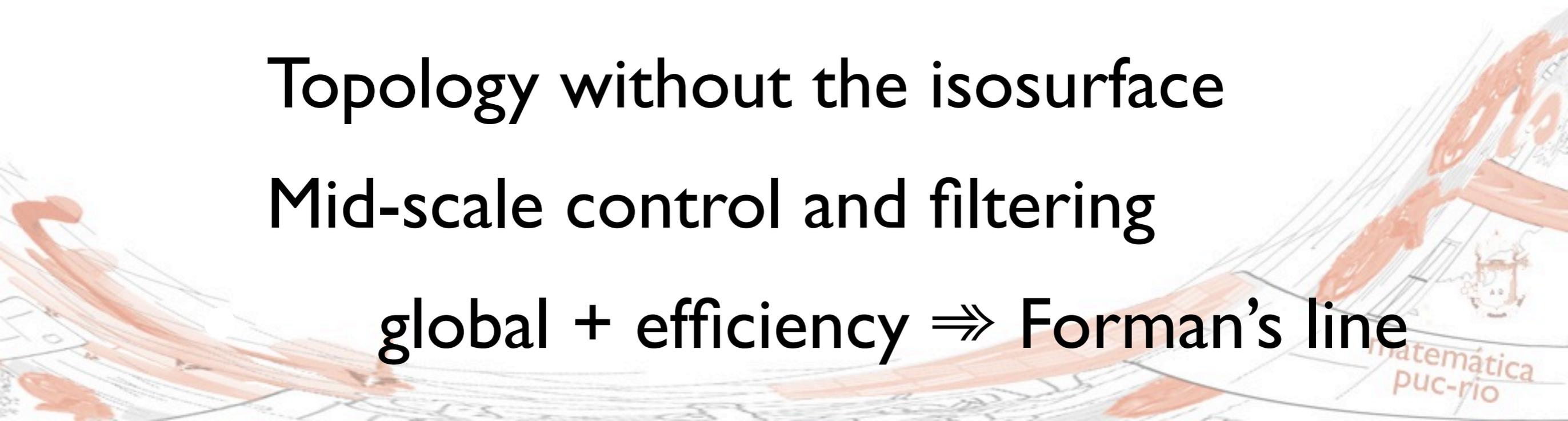
# Large isosurface topology



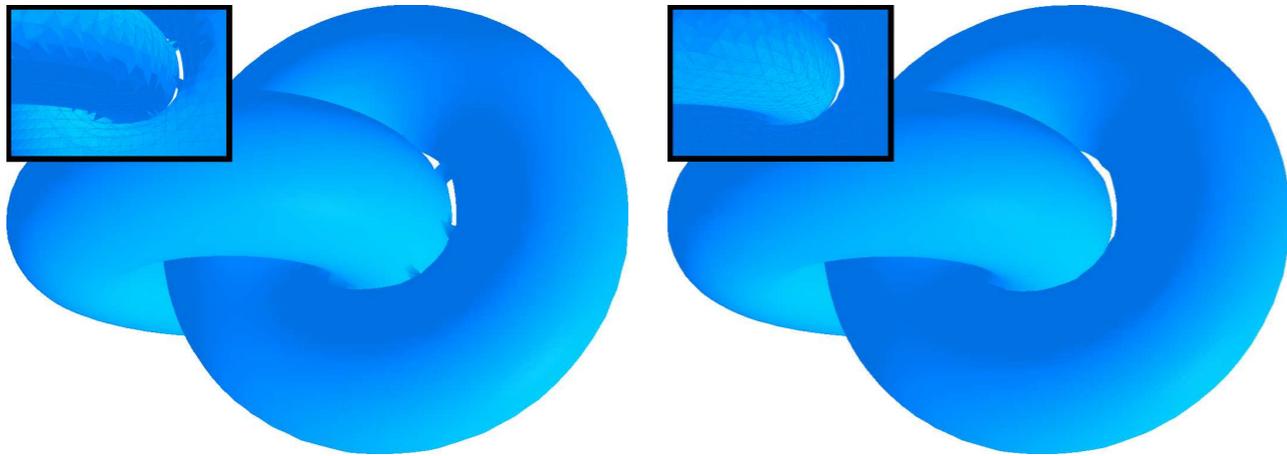
Topology without the isosurface

Mid-scale control and filtering

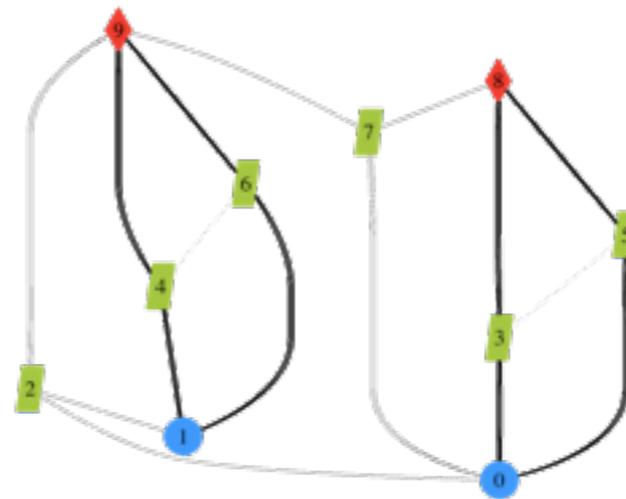
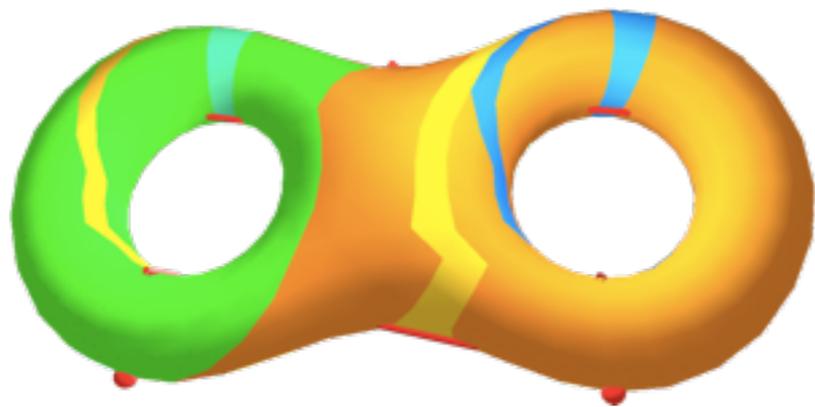
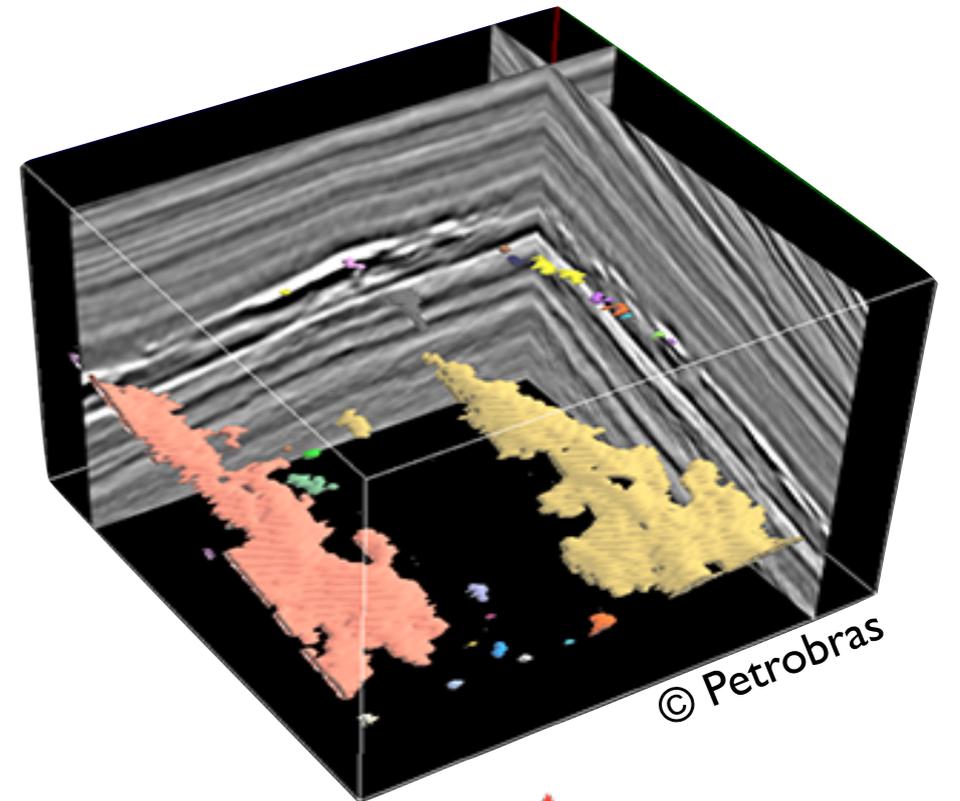
global + efficiency  $\Rightarrow$  Forman's line



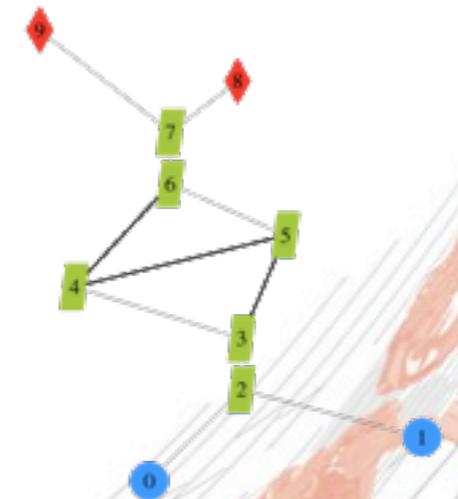
# Some Isosurfaces' Topology



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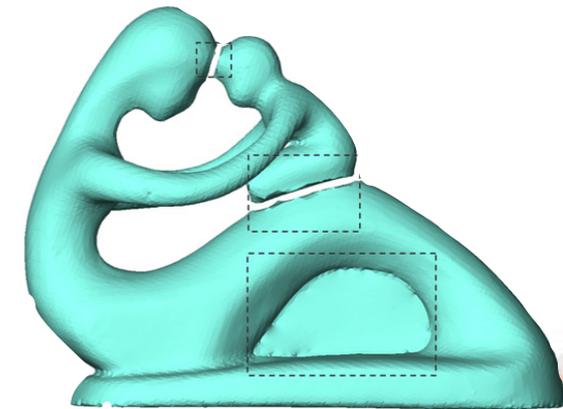
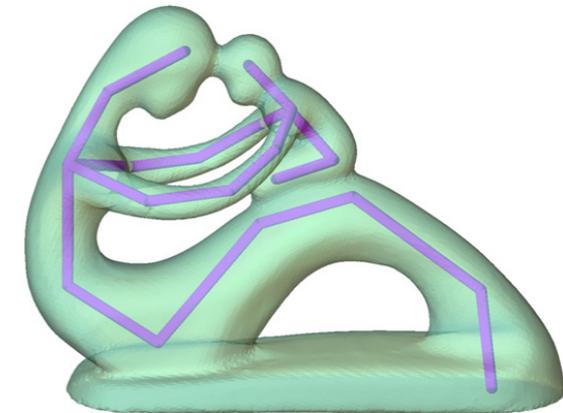
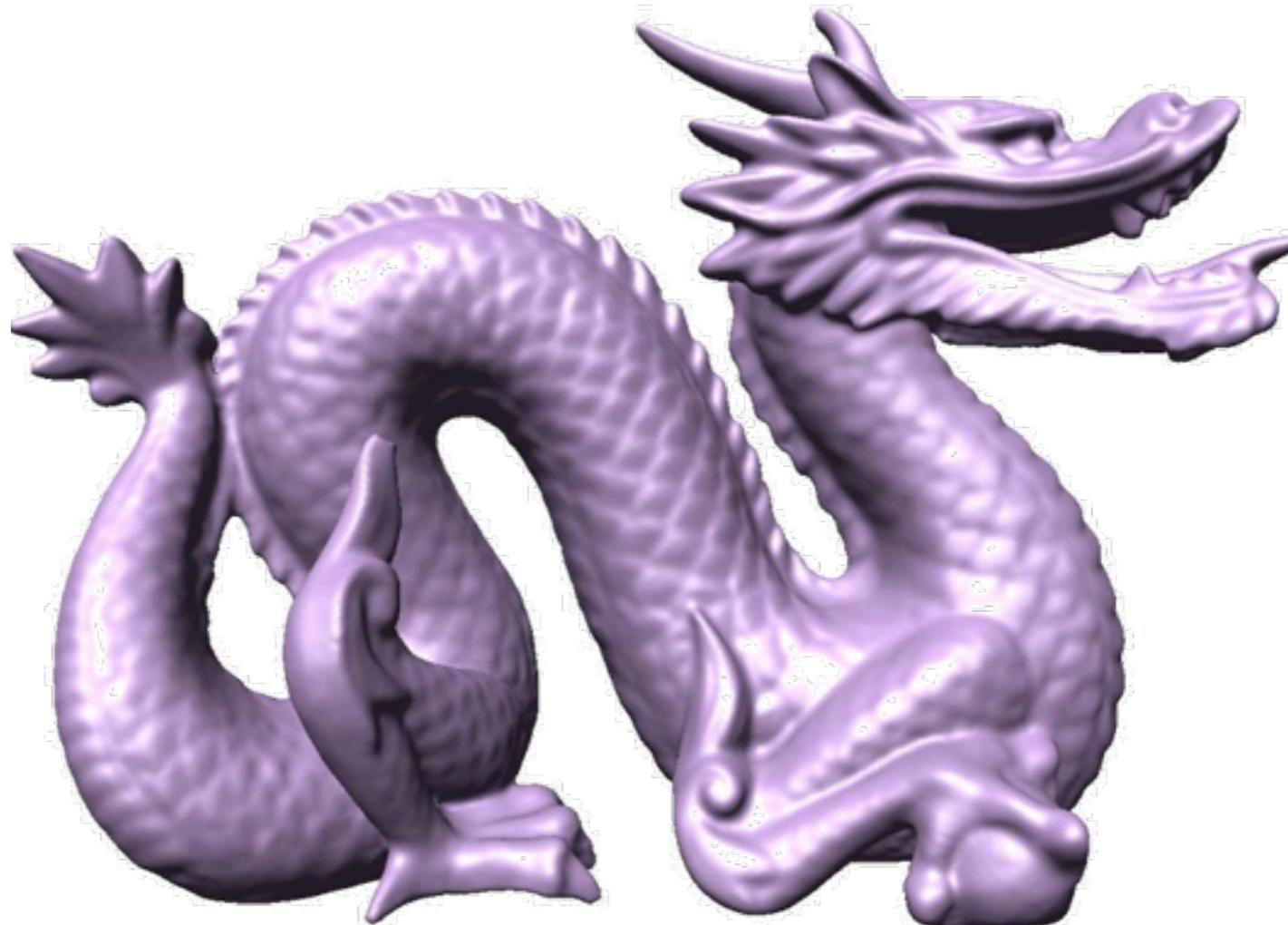
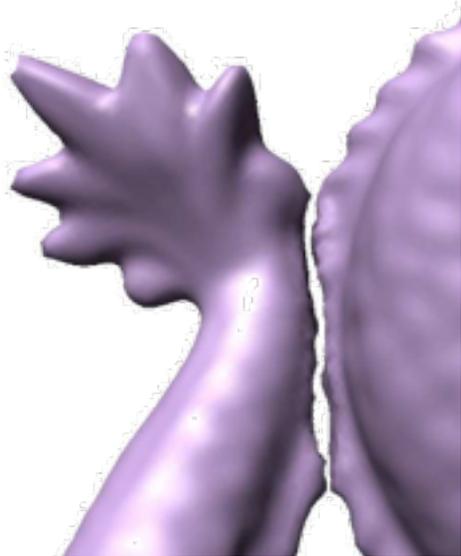


Smale complex



Reeb graph

# Surface reconstruction



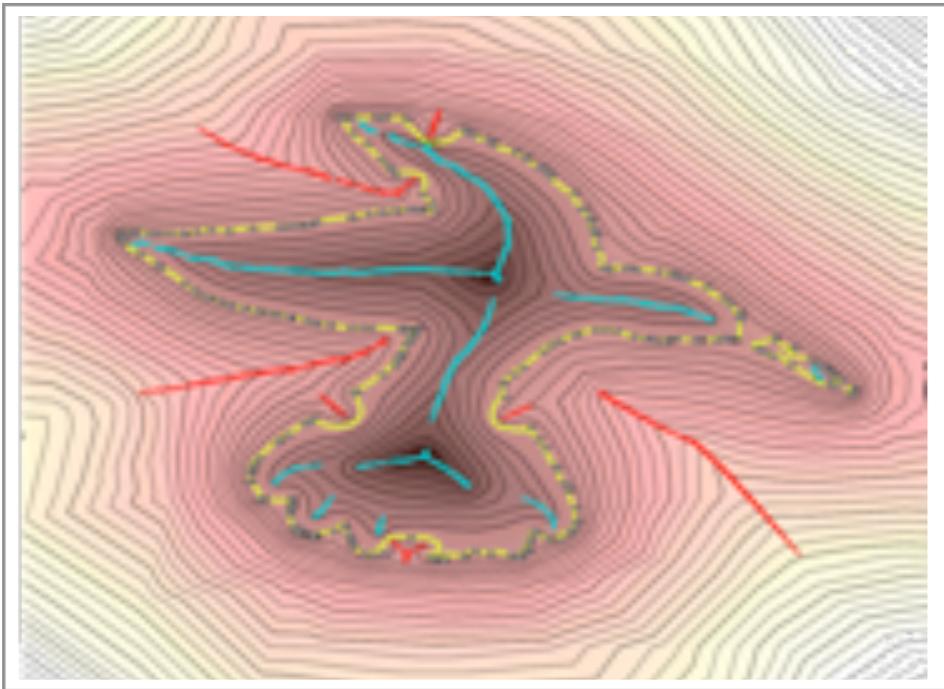
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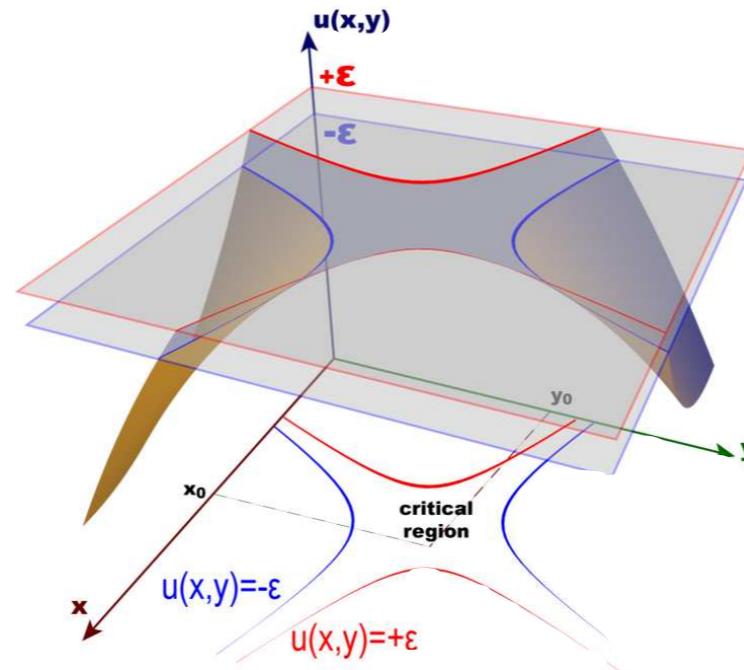
**noisy, sparse point set**

**⇒ correct topology?**

# Surface reconstruction



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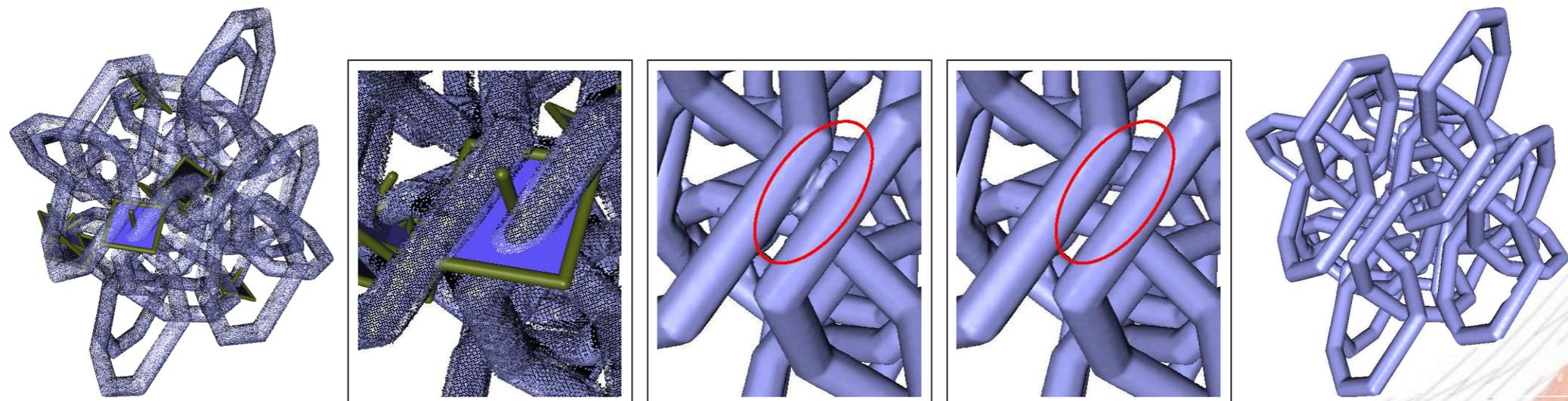
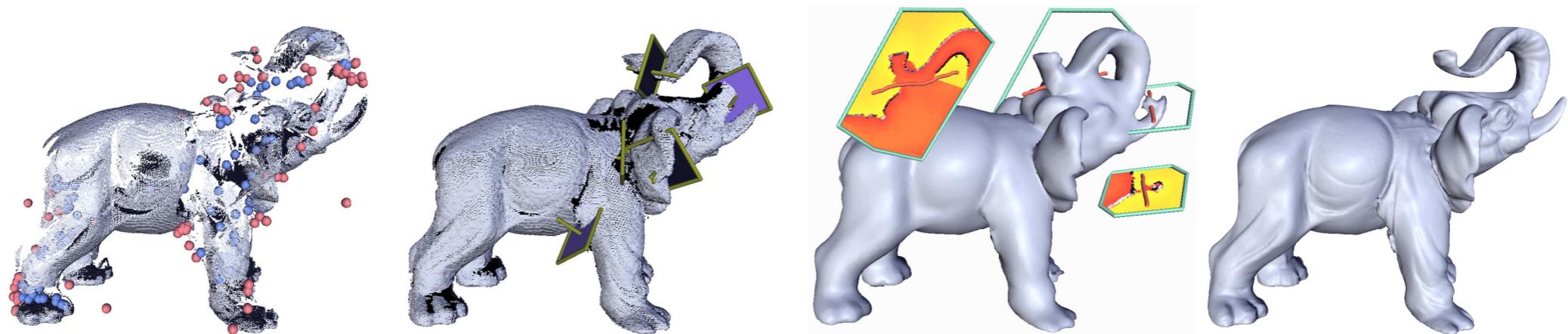


interactive topology edition

local critical regions

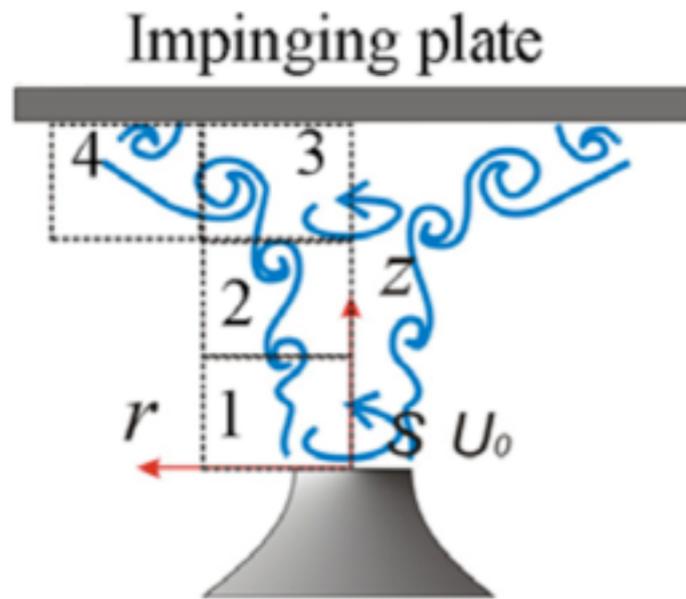
⇒ Banchoff's line

# Topology-aware reconstruction

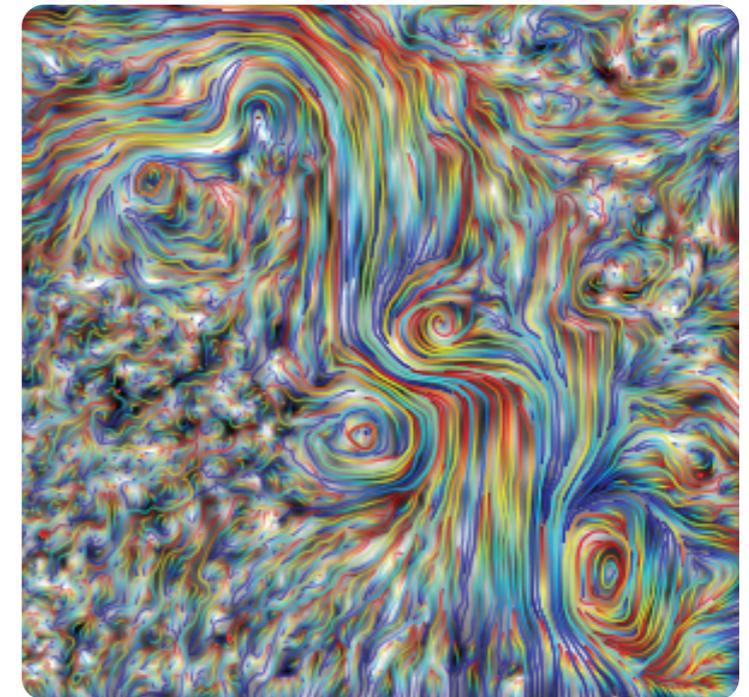
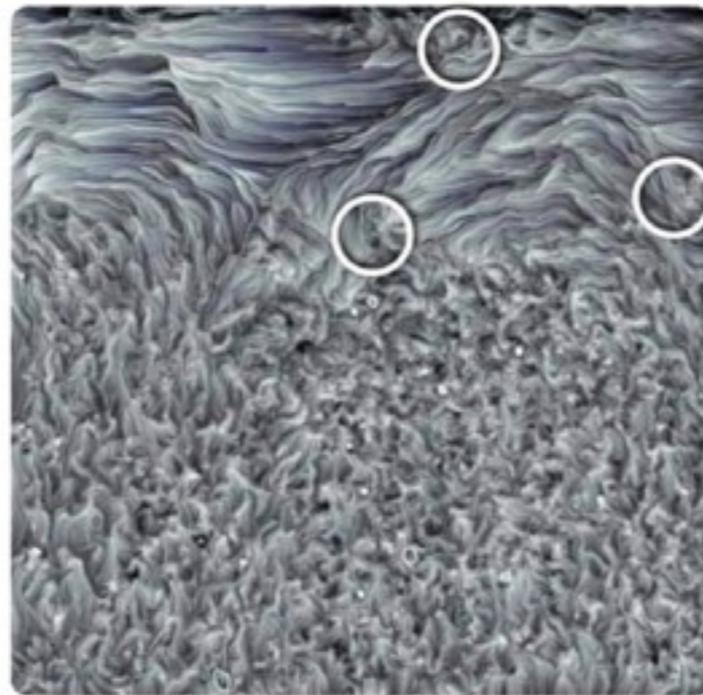


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# Vector field de-noising



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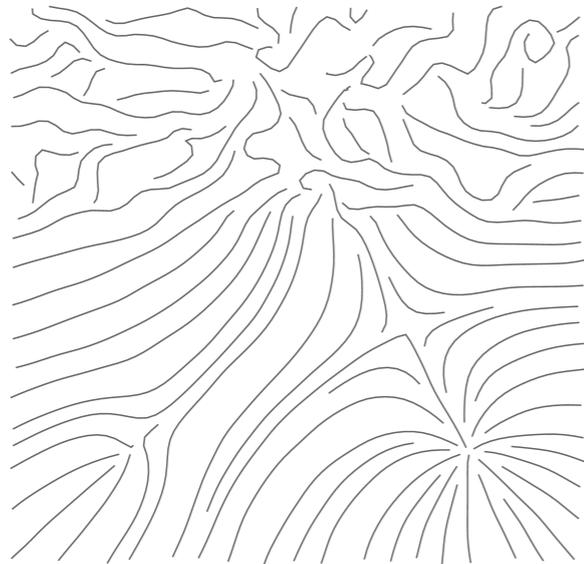
noise at the scale of the data

clean data + “important” vortices

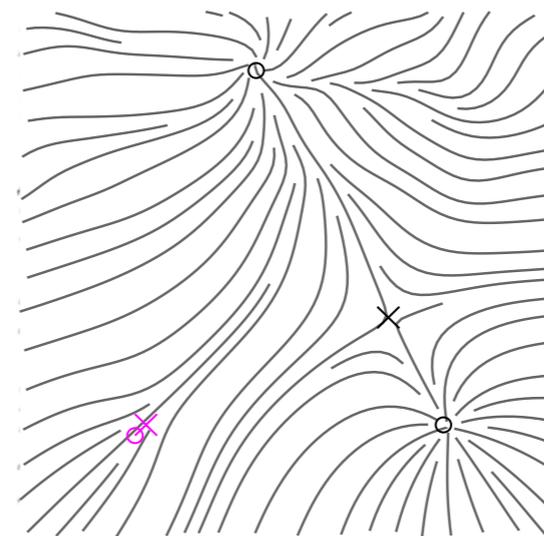
local interpolation analysis

# Interactive de-noising

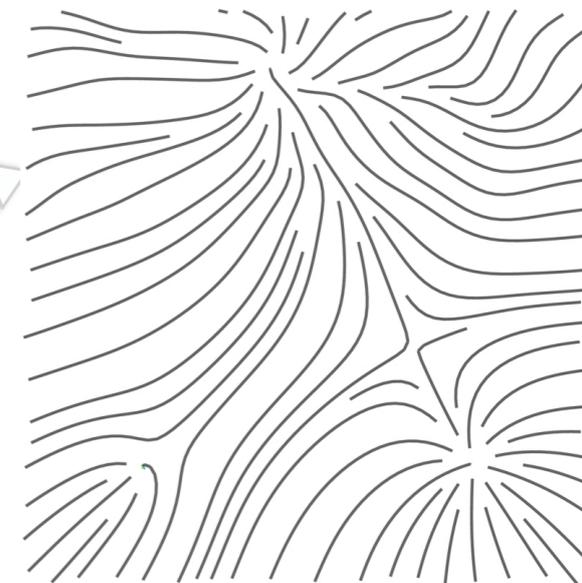
Original field



Reconstruction



Final field



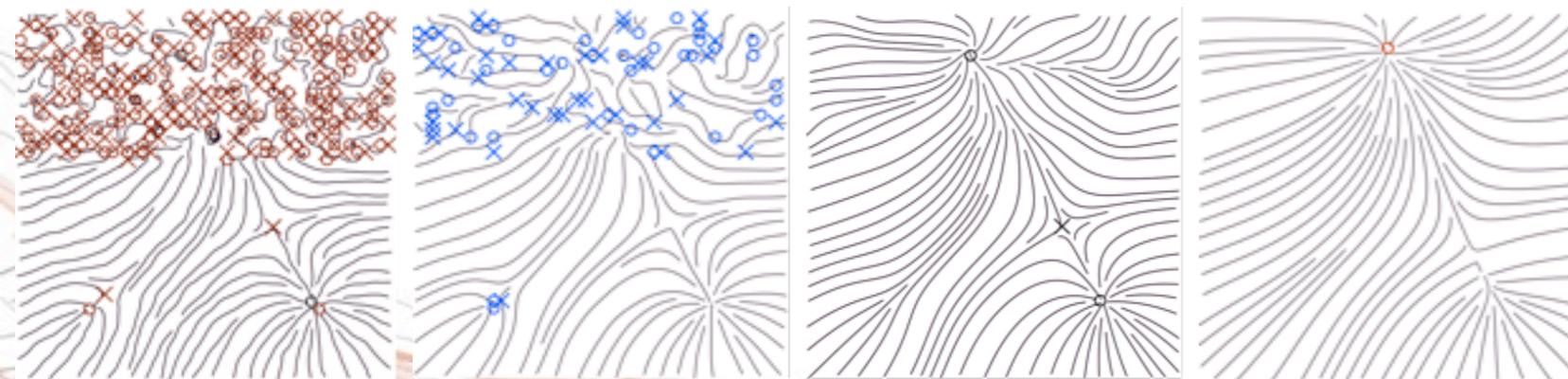
Filtering



Local singularities

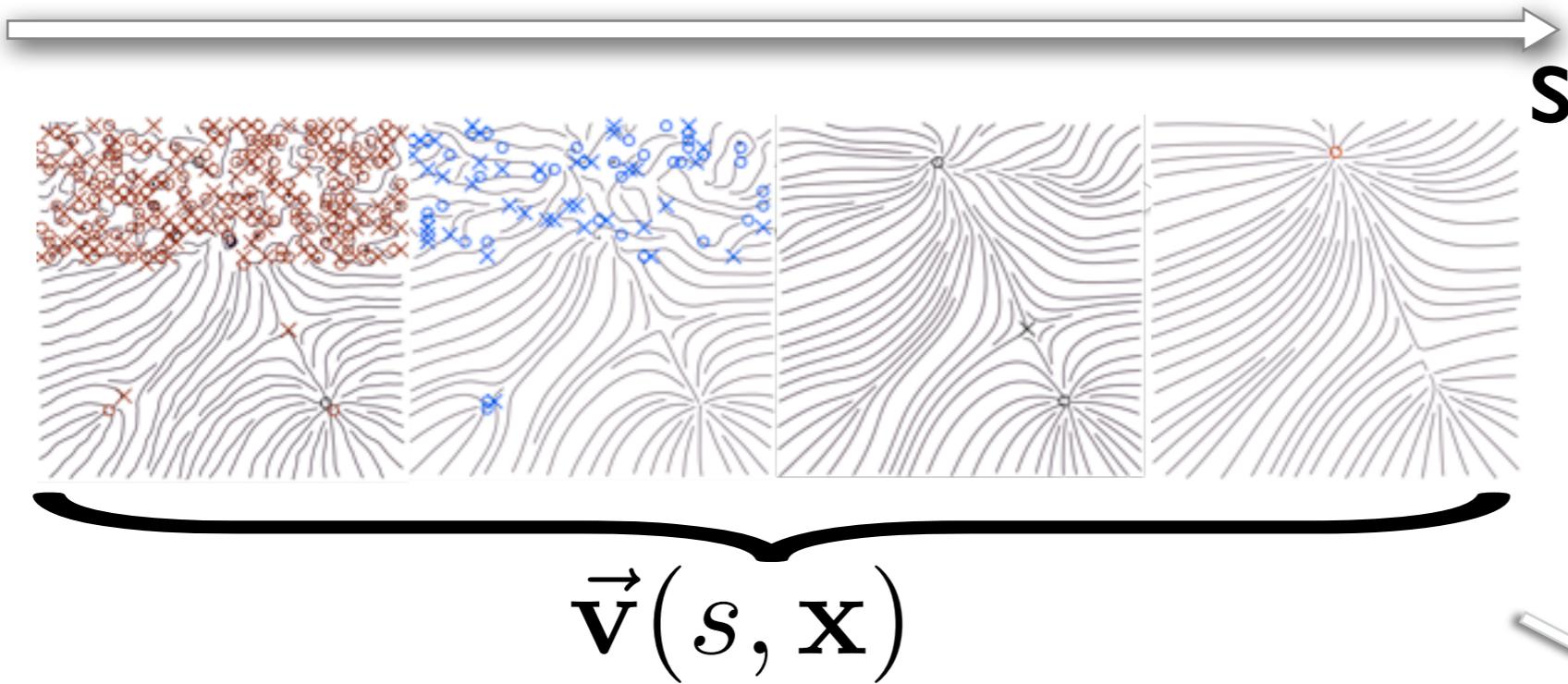


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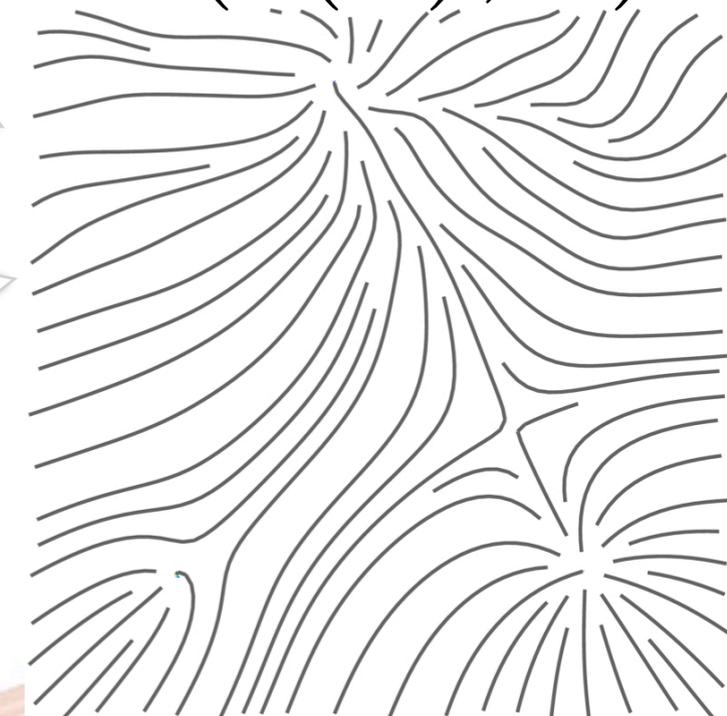


Scale space

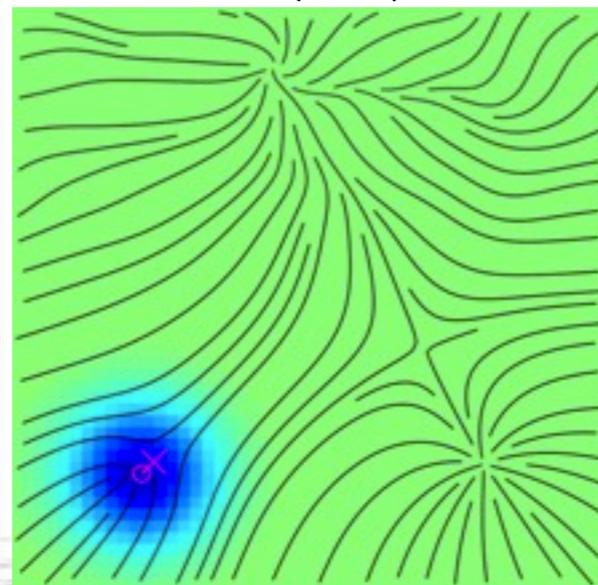
# Scale-dependent singularity



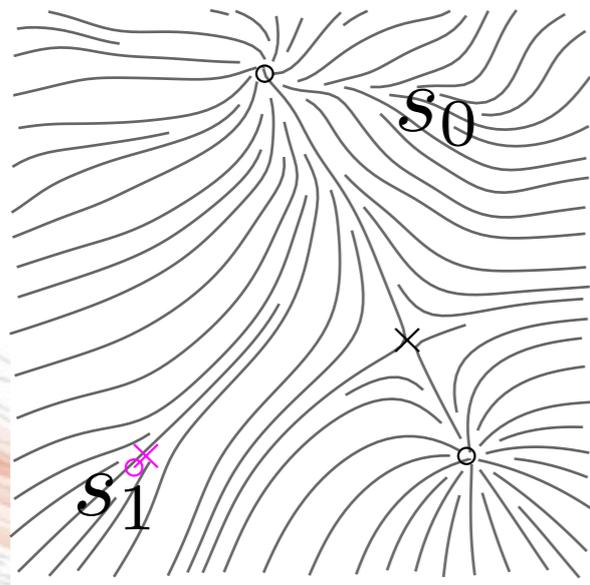
$$\vec{v}(s(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x})$$



$$s(\mathbf{x})$$

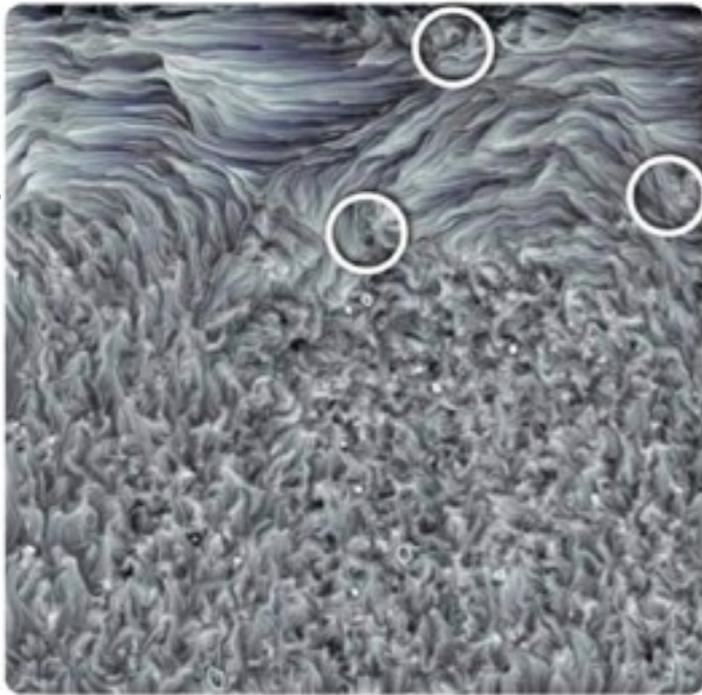


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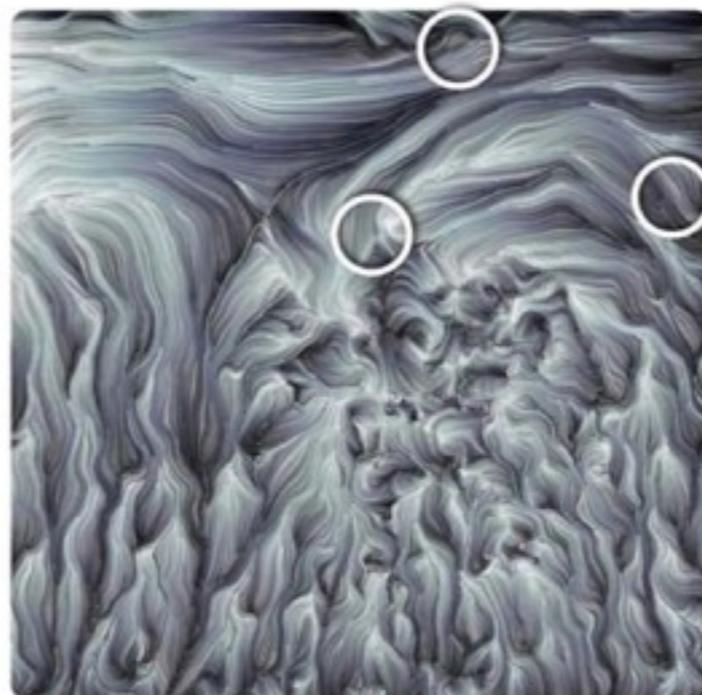


# Topology-aware de-noising

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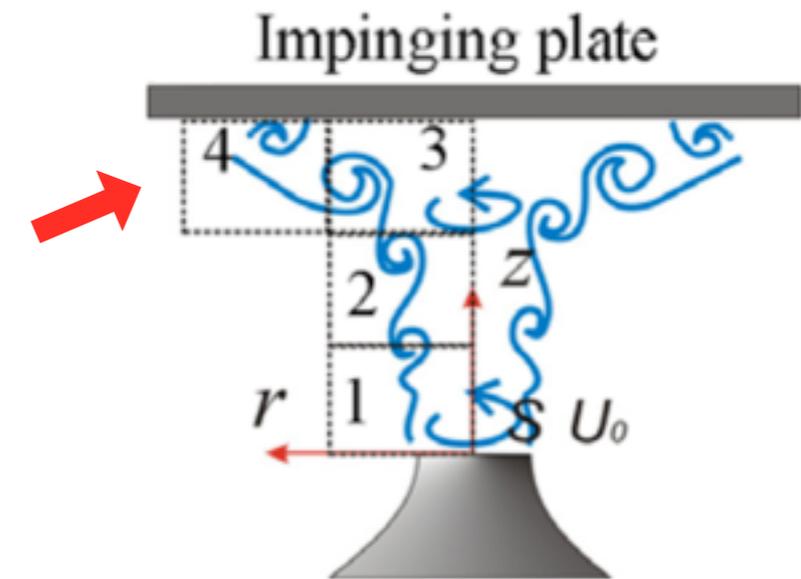
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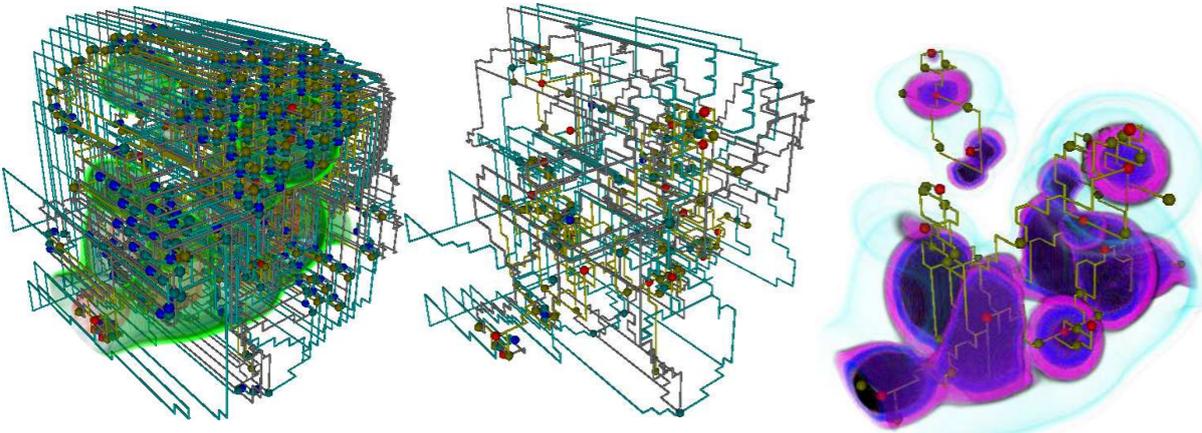
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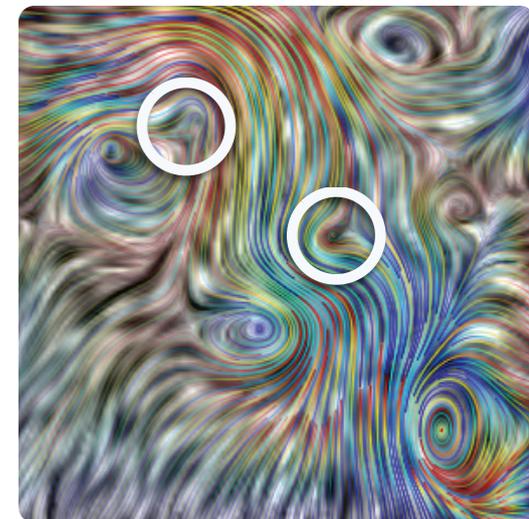
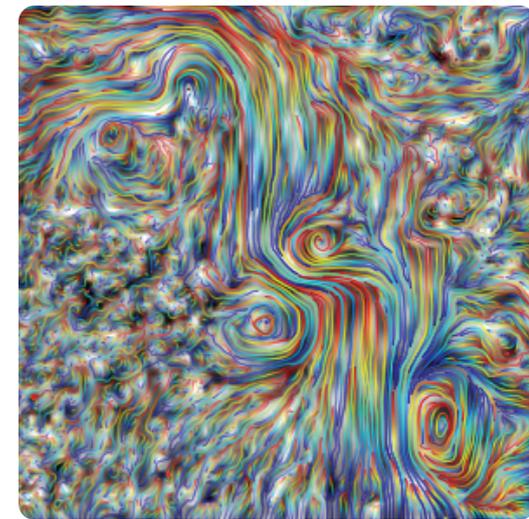
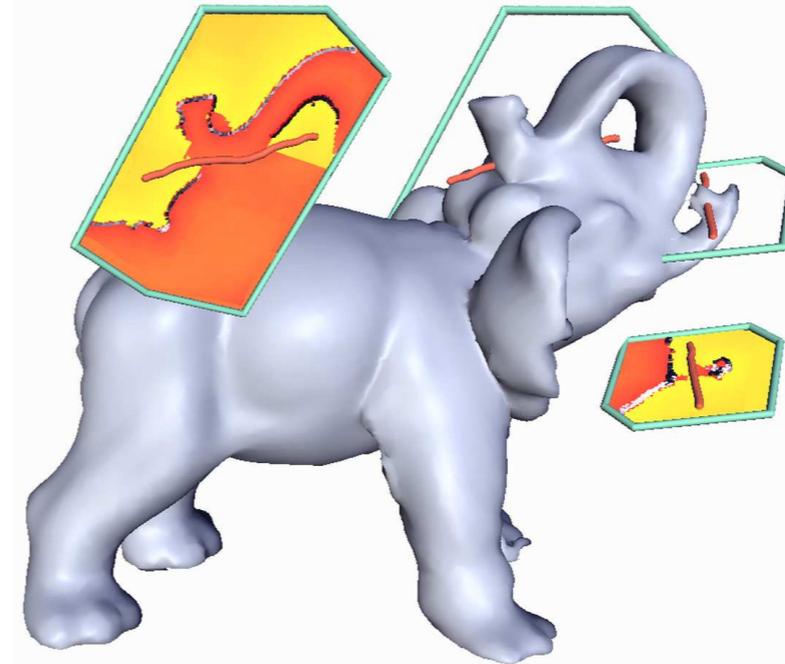
Reconstructed



# Some common points



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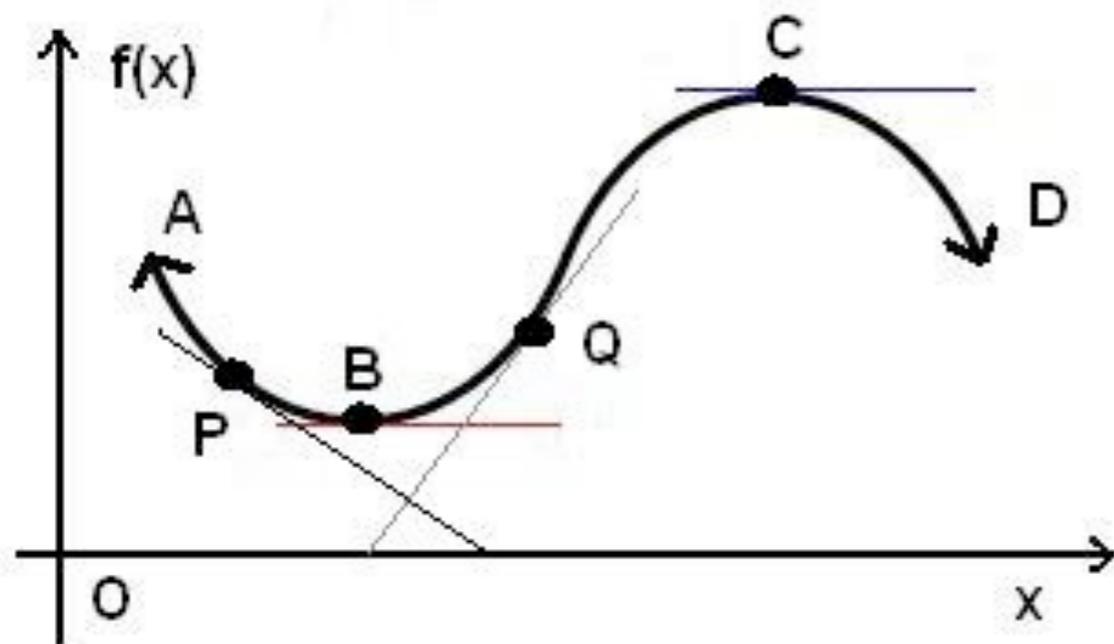
singular points only

⇒ several applications

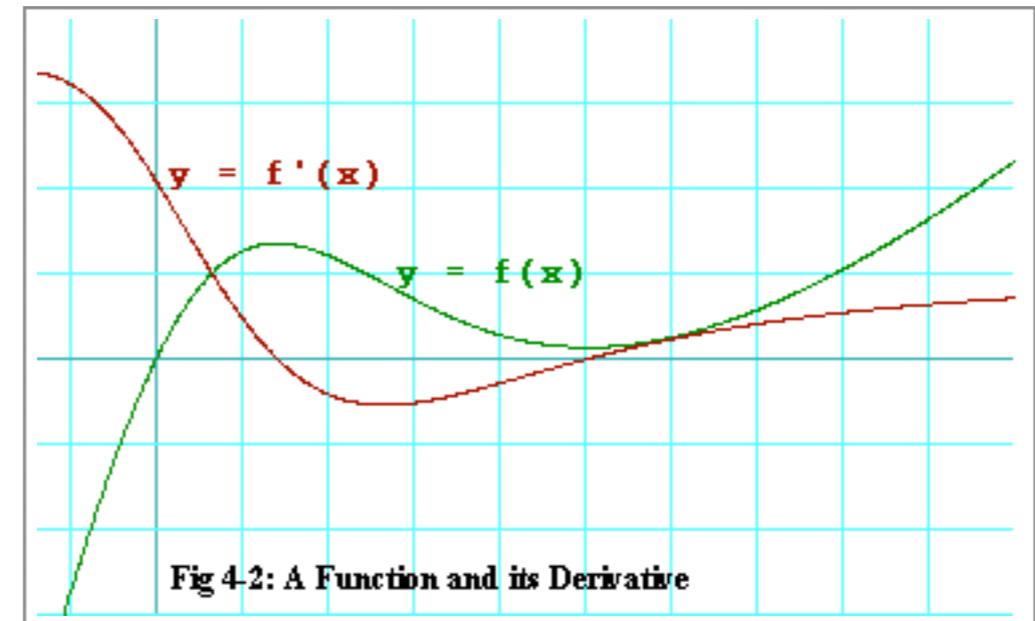
topology: intuitive interfaces

• noise / scale problems

# Analysis is hard to compute



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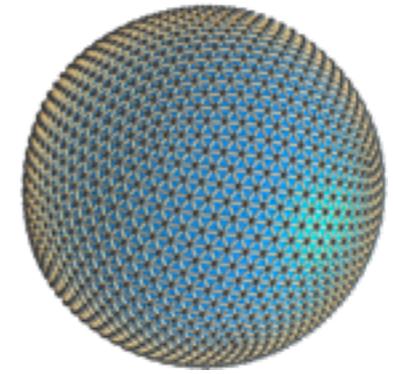
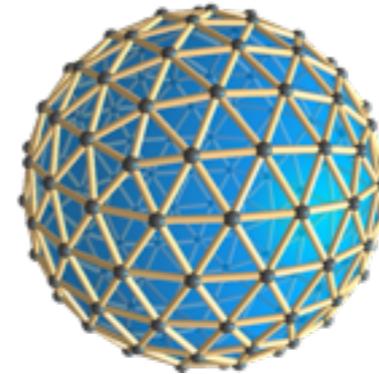
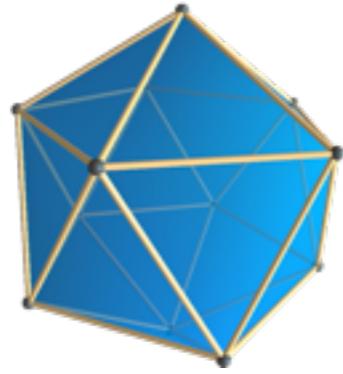
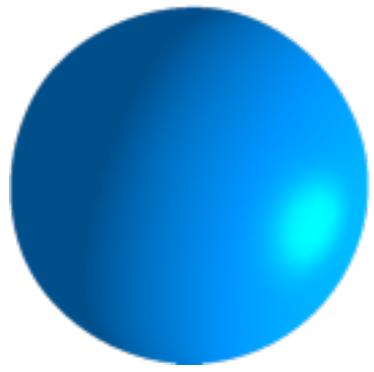


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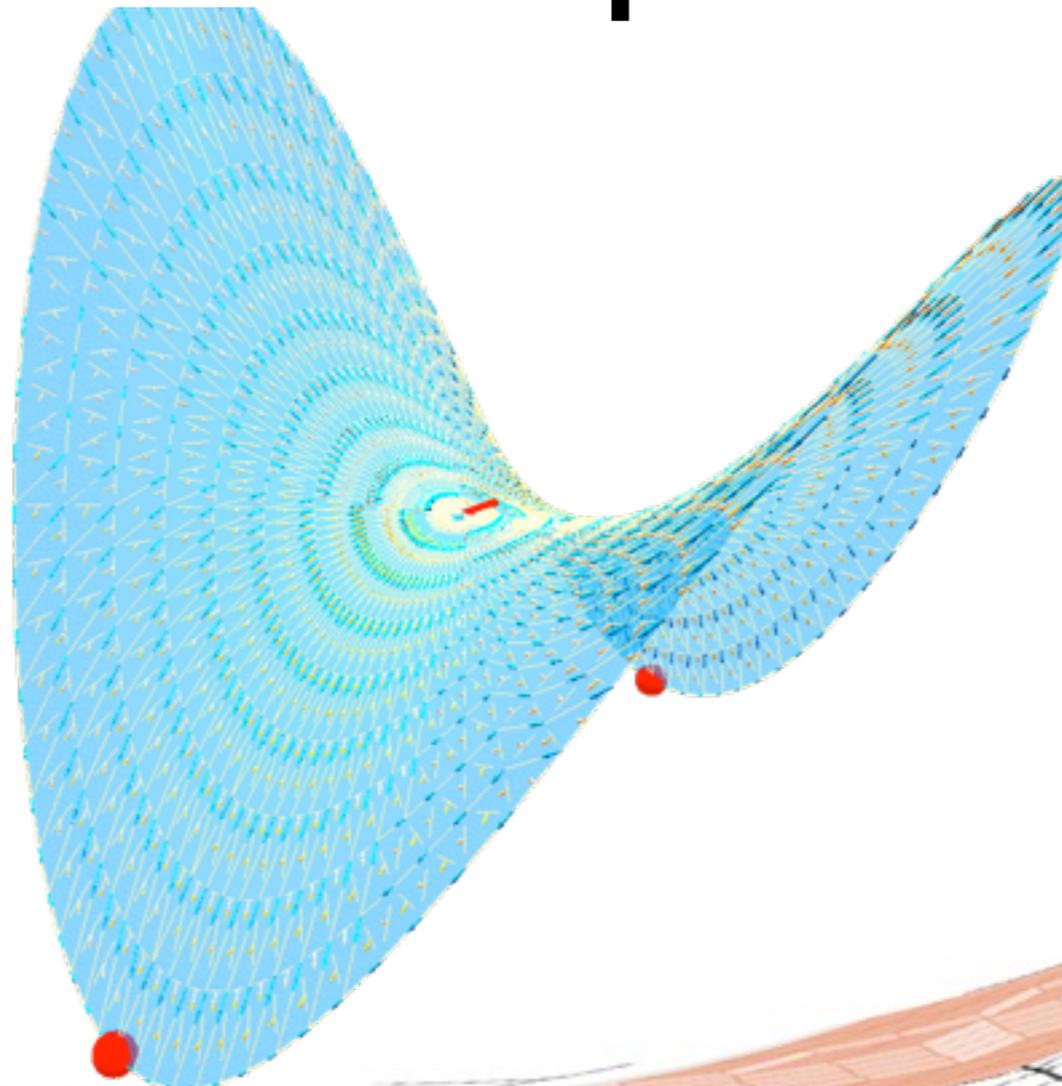
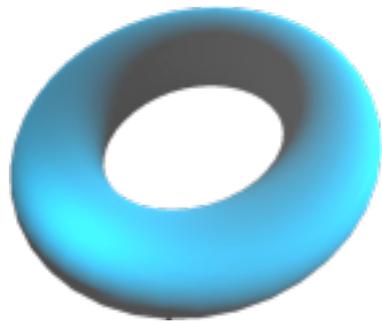
**But intuitive:**

*quick and ready insight*

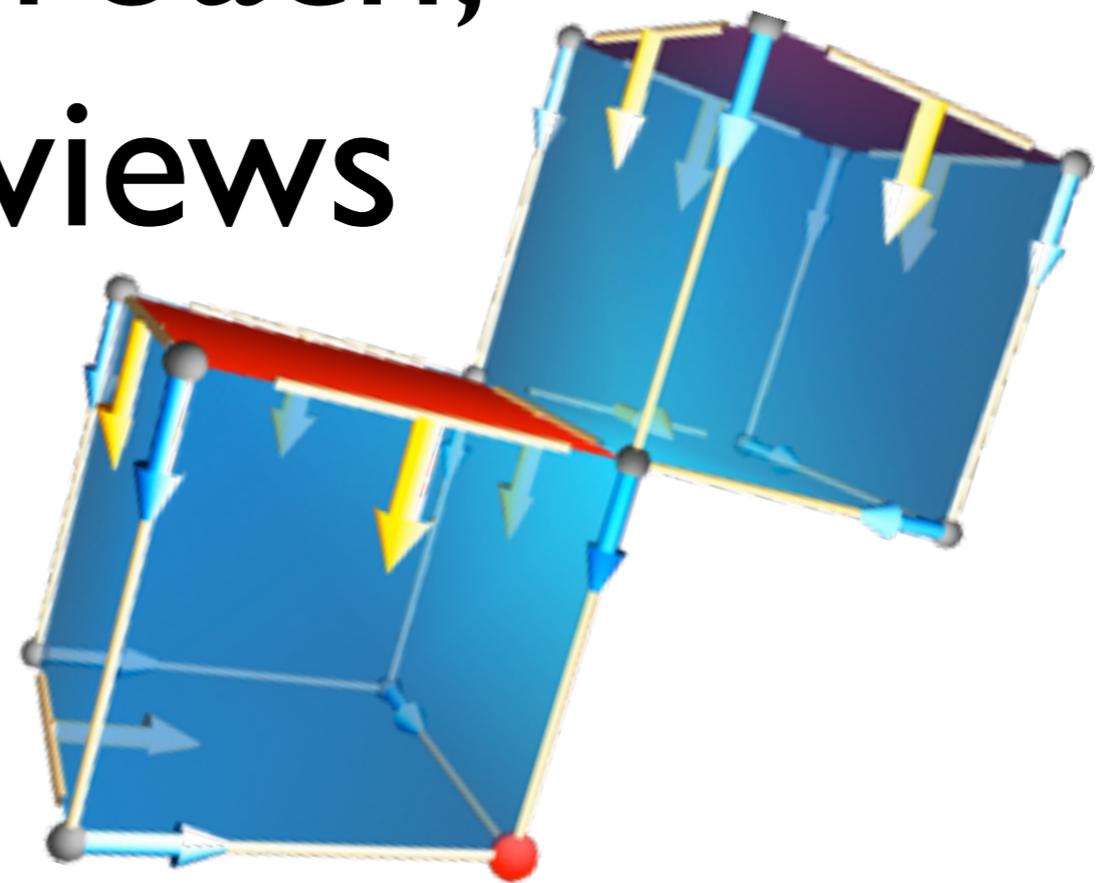
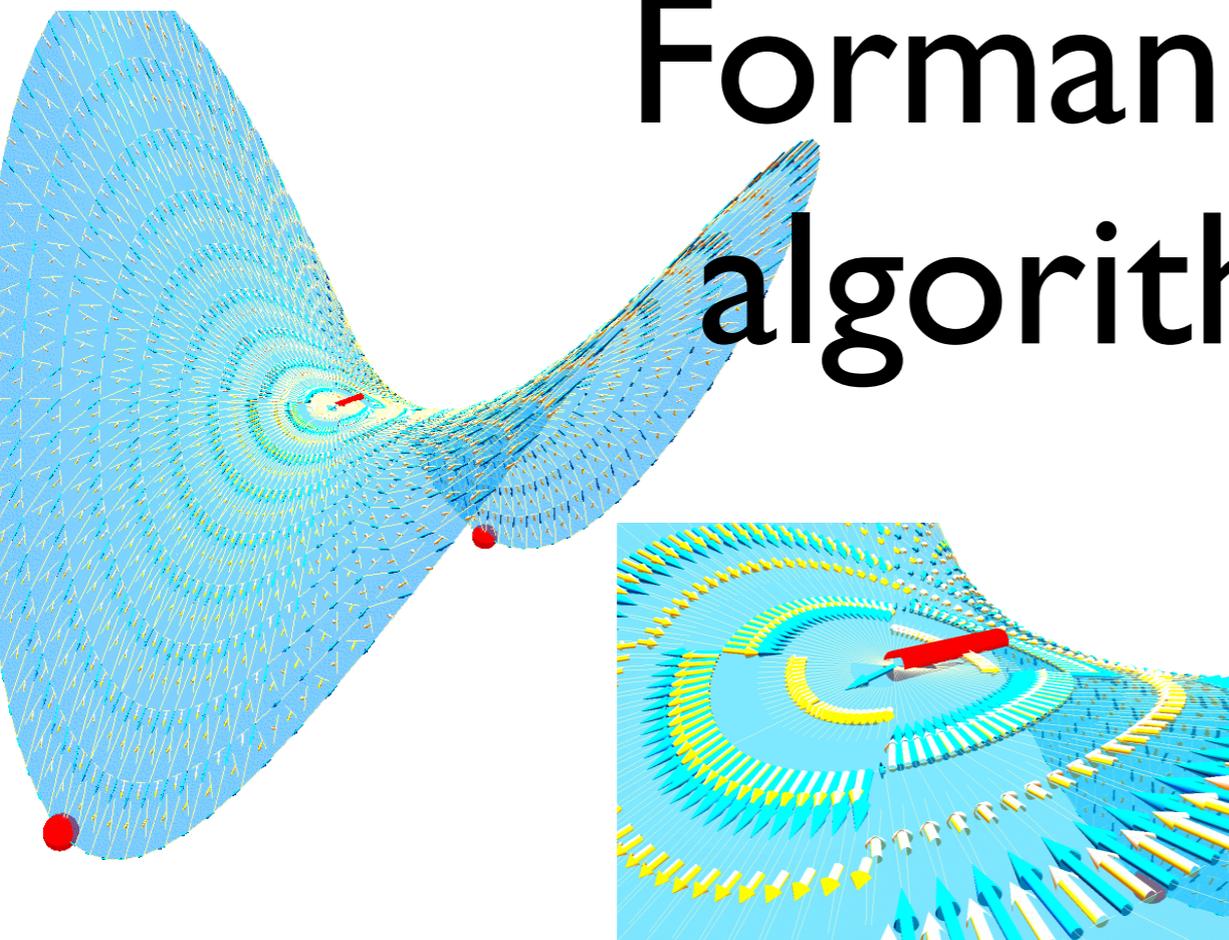
*immediate apprehension or cognition*



# Combinatorial optimizations



# Forman's approach, algorithmic views



combinatorial field

$\Rightarrow$  matching along the flow

$\Rightarrow$  critical = unmatched

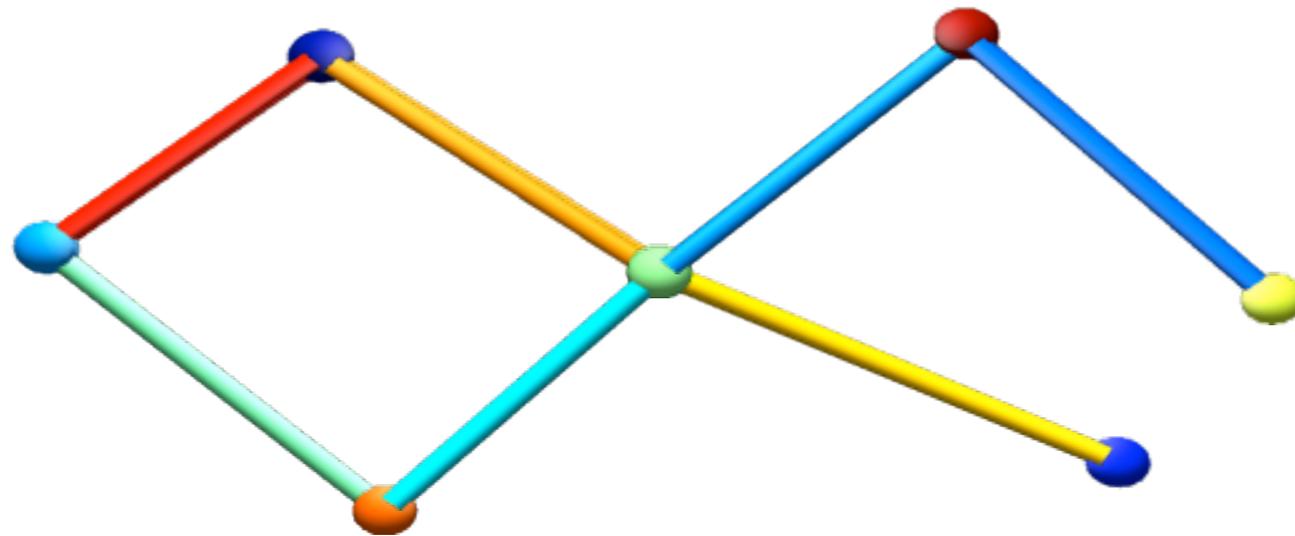
gradient field

no closed gradient path  $\Rightarrow$  acyclic

matching

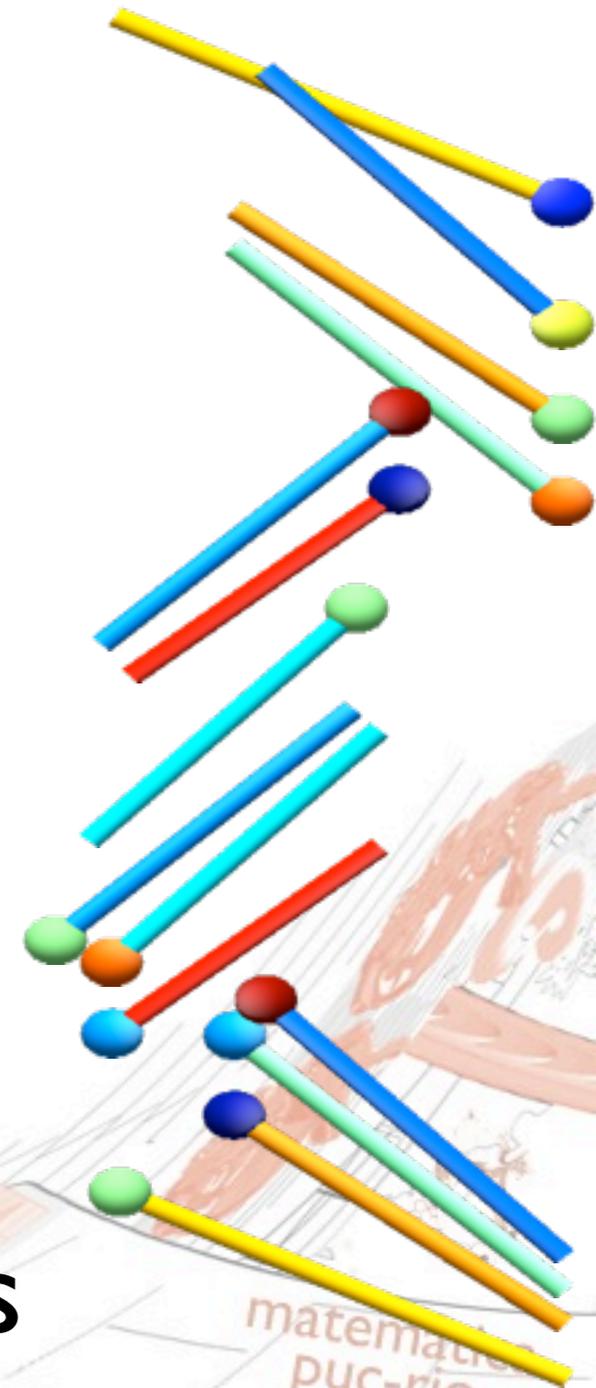
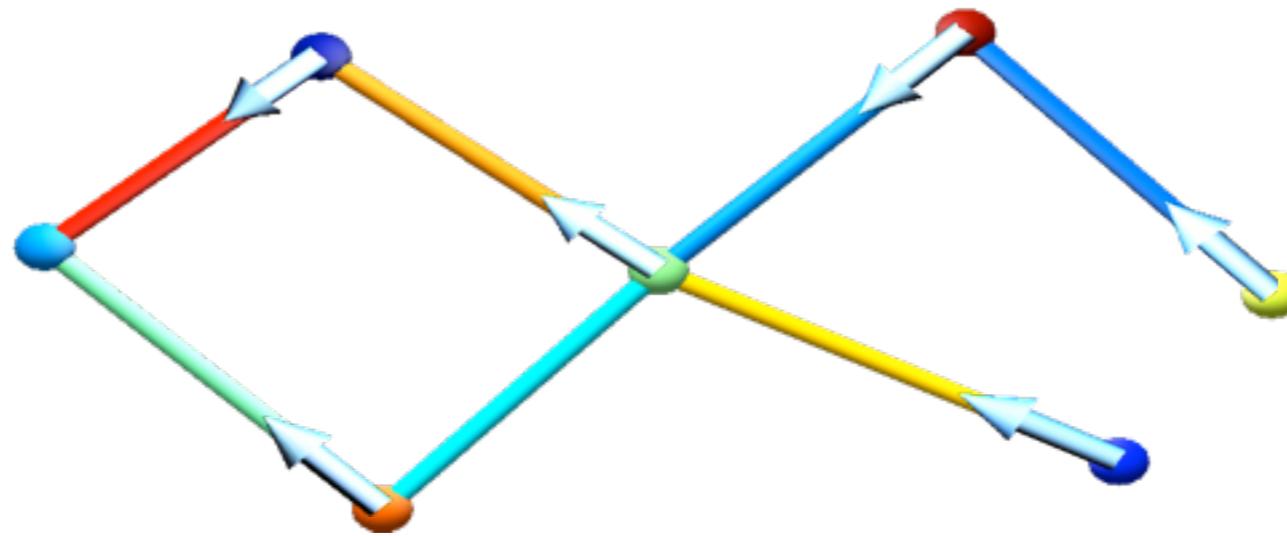
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# Geometric Morse function



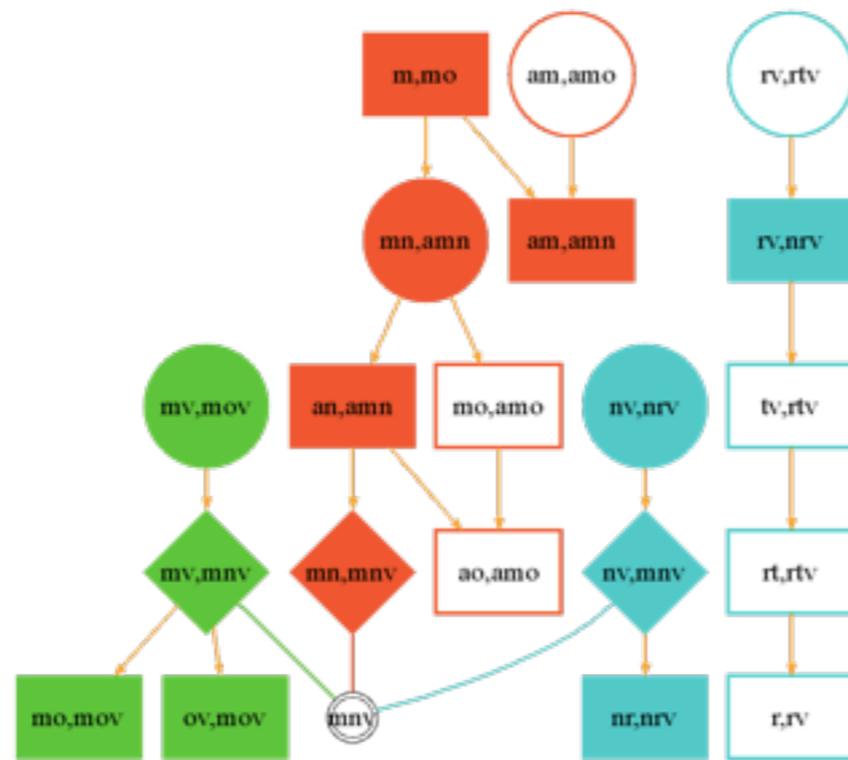
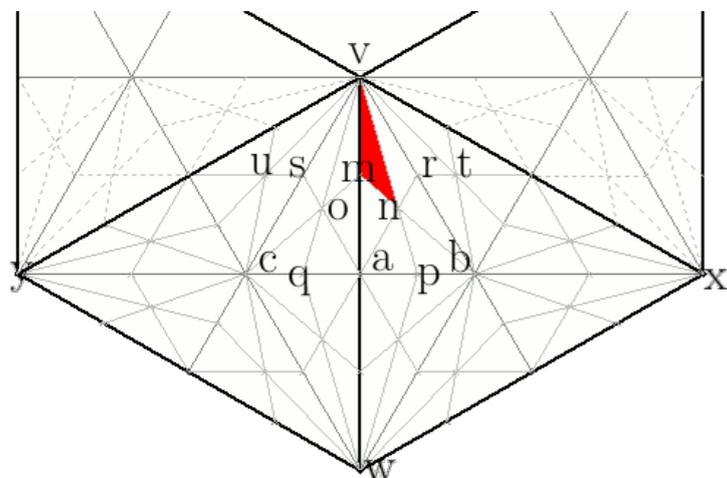
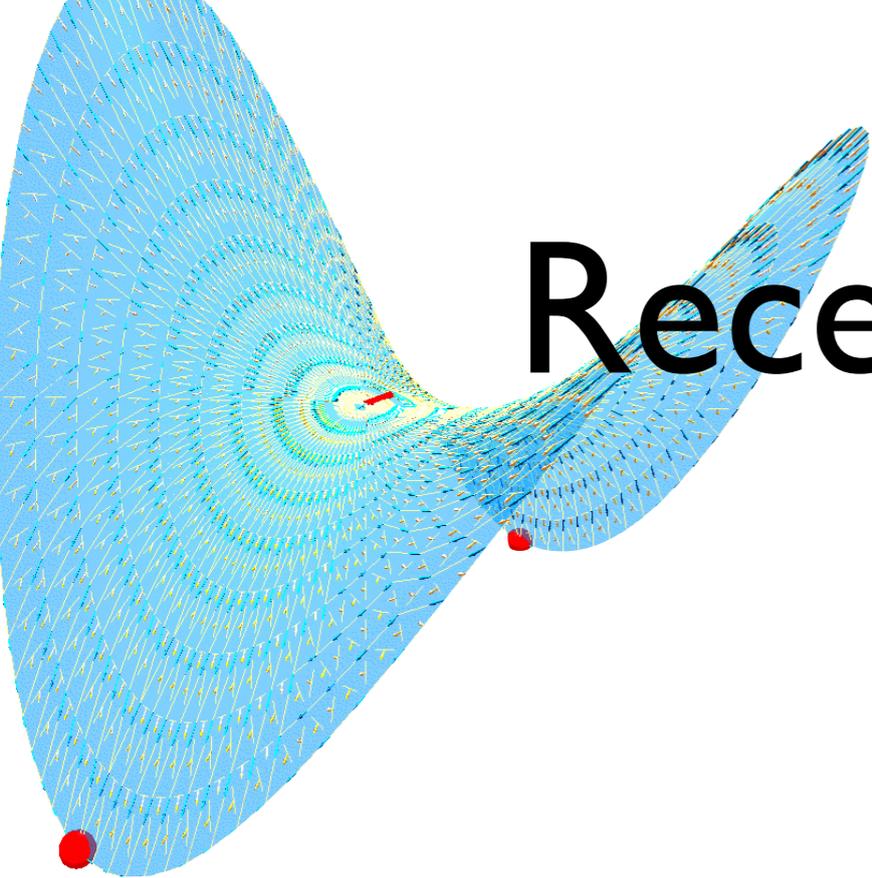
Smooth Morse function = greedy order  
orient first

# Elementary optimization



• can also enforce critical cells

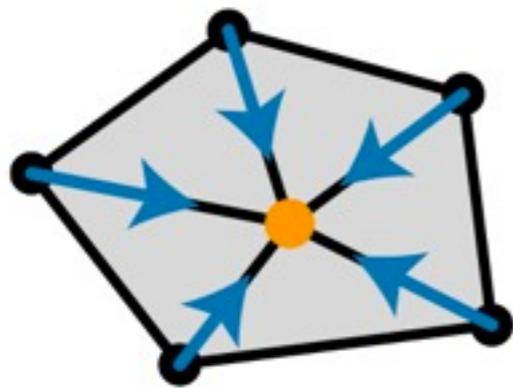
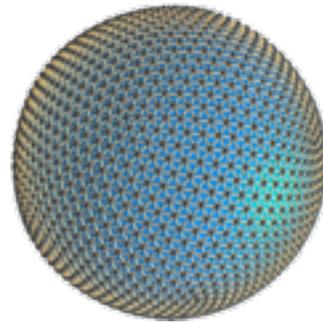
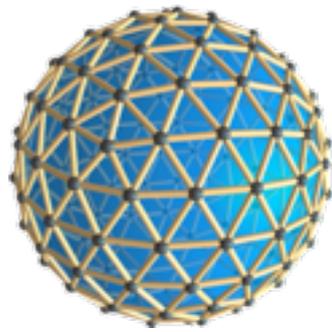
# Recent improvements



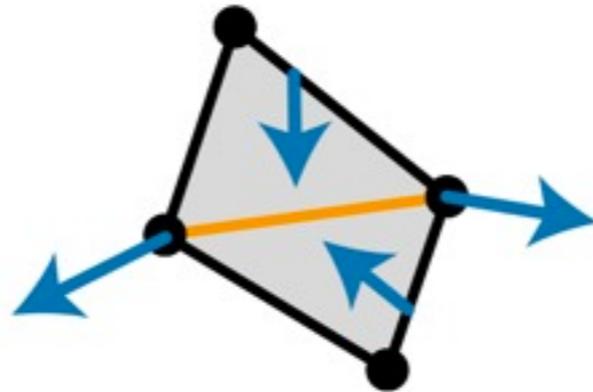
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On triangulated surface, greedy construction of Forman's vector field keeps Banchoff's critical set for slowly varying function  $f : \mathcal{K}_0 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}$

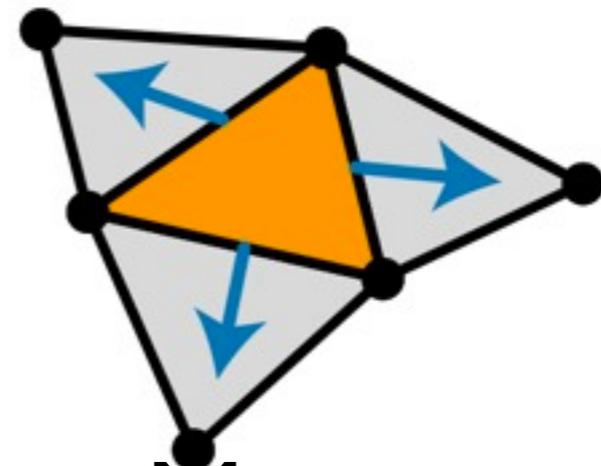
# Critical cells in the right place



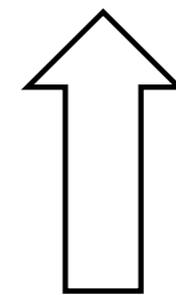
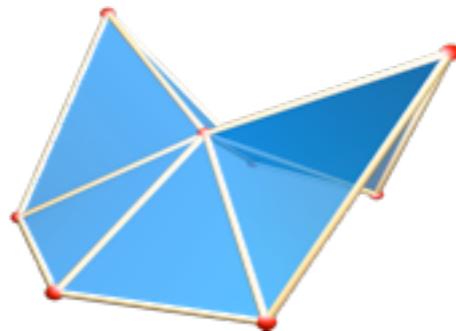
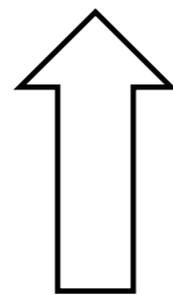
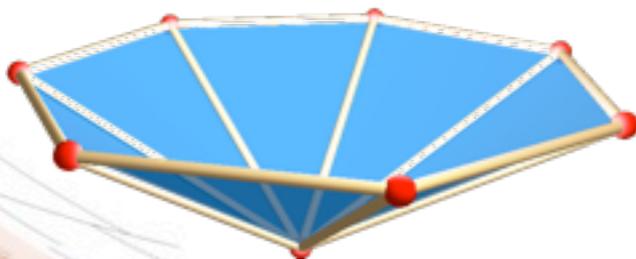
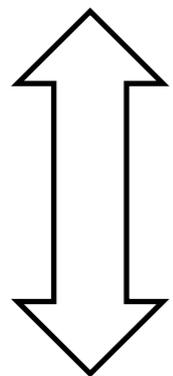
Minimum



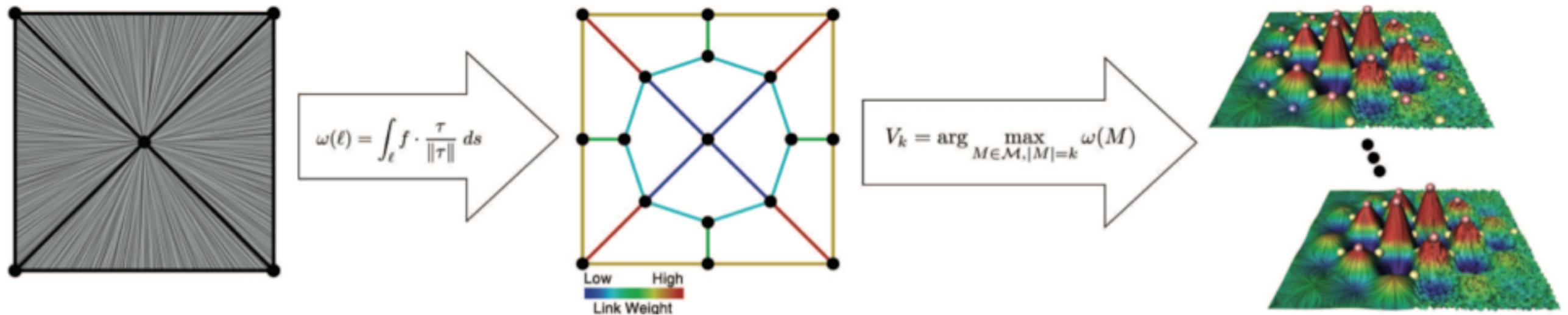
Saddle



Maximum



# Maximal weight matching



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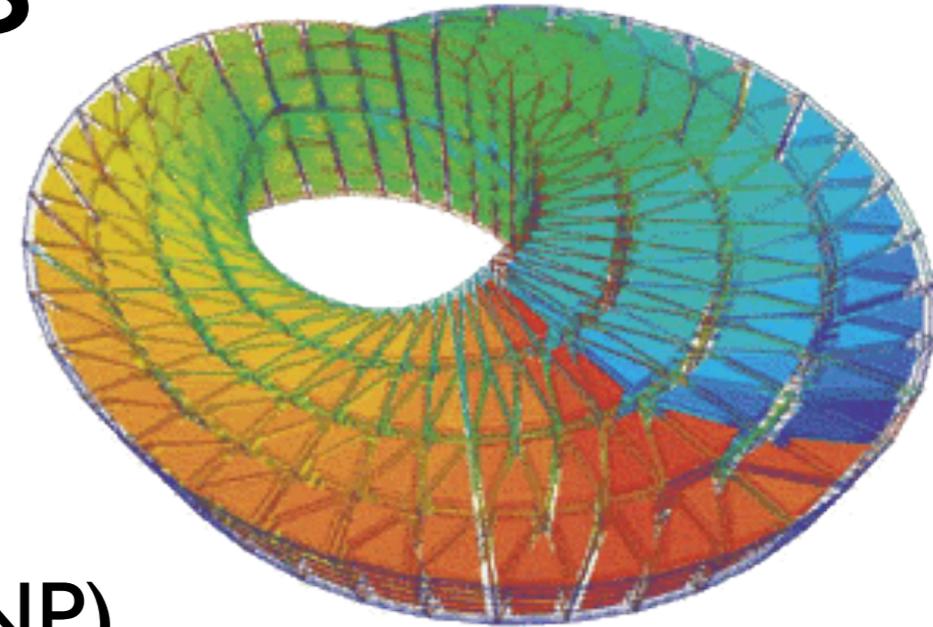
Forman's critical set results from global construction:

number of critical cells

quality of the field approximation

Scale-  
dependent  
critical set

# Next challenges



Higher dimension (besides NP)

L., Lopes, Tavares, Joswig, Pfetsch...

More general cases (infinite complexes)

Ayala, Vilches...

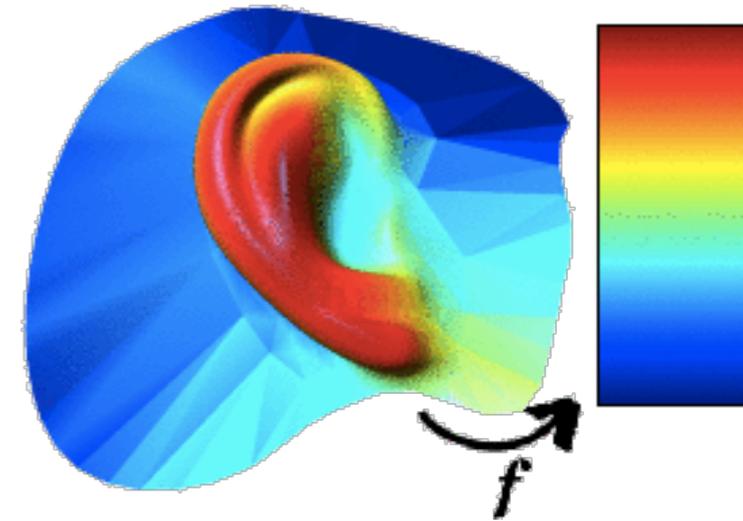
More complex objects (tensors,  $\{f_i\}$ )

Forman, Tricoche, Tong, Desbrun...

More theoretical guarantees

L., Zhang, Mischaikow...

More matchings



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