



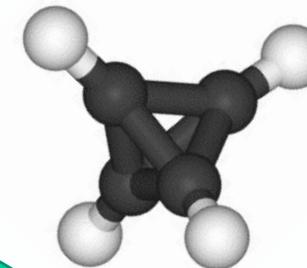
Introduction to topology-based analysis

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Why do we do topological analysis?

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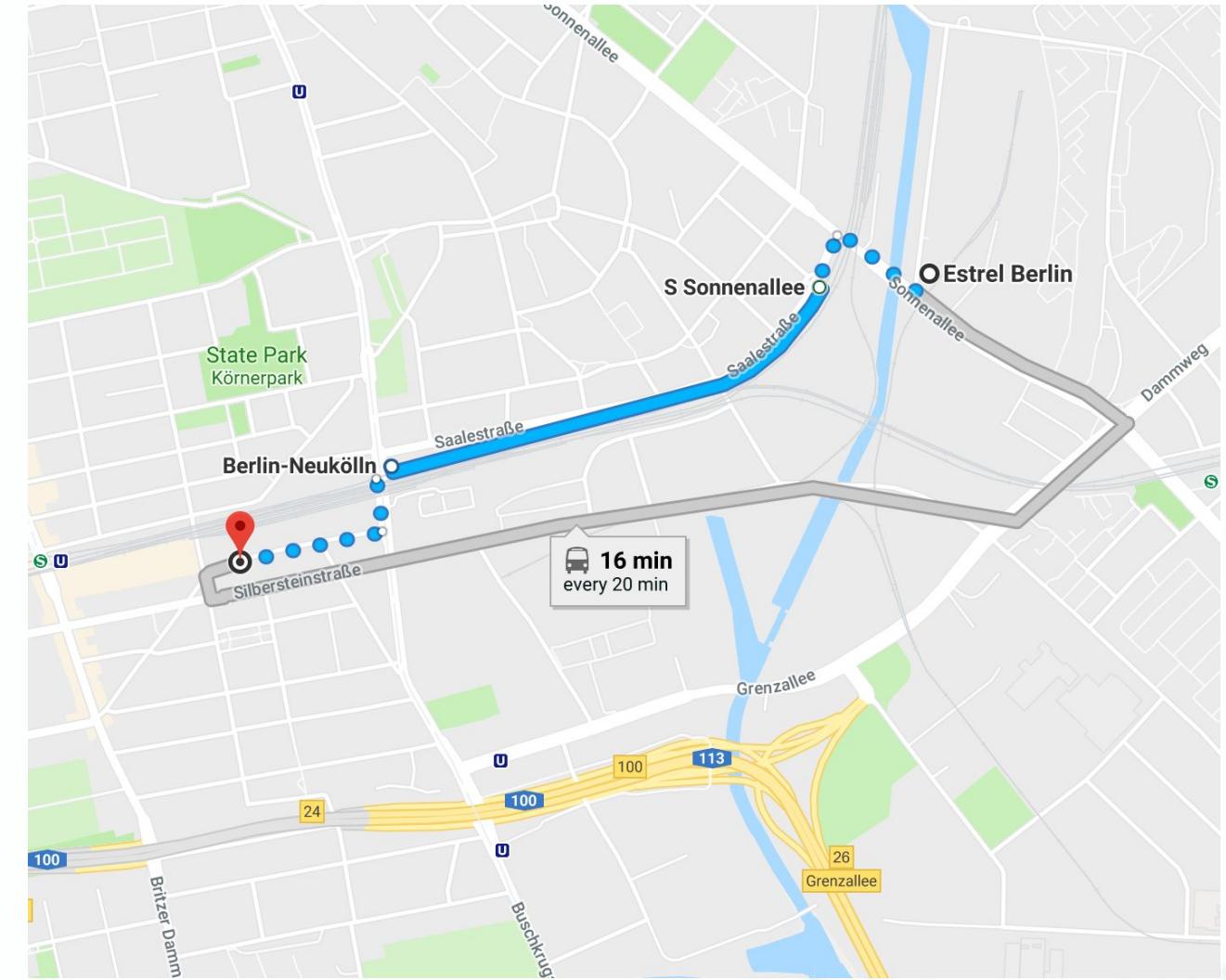


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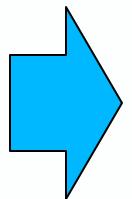
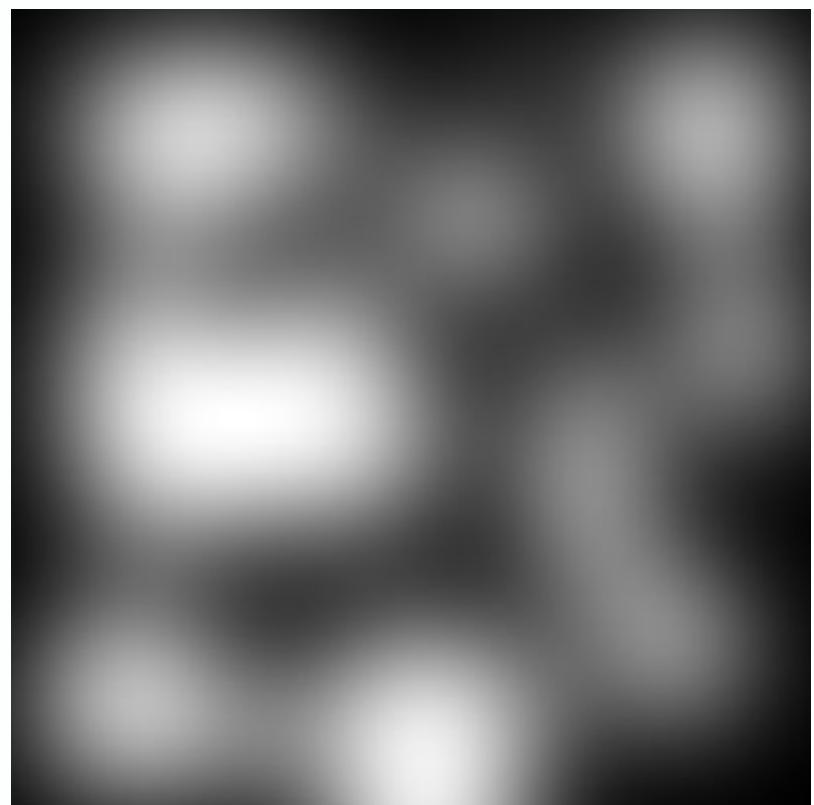
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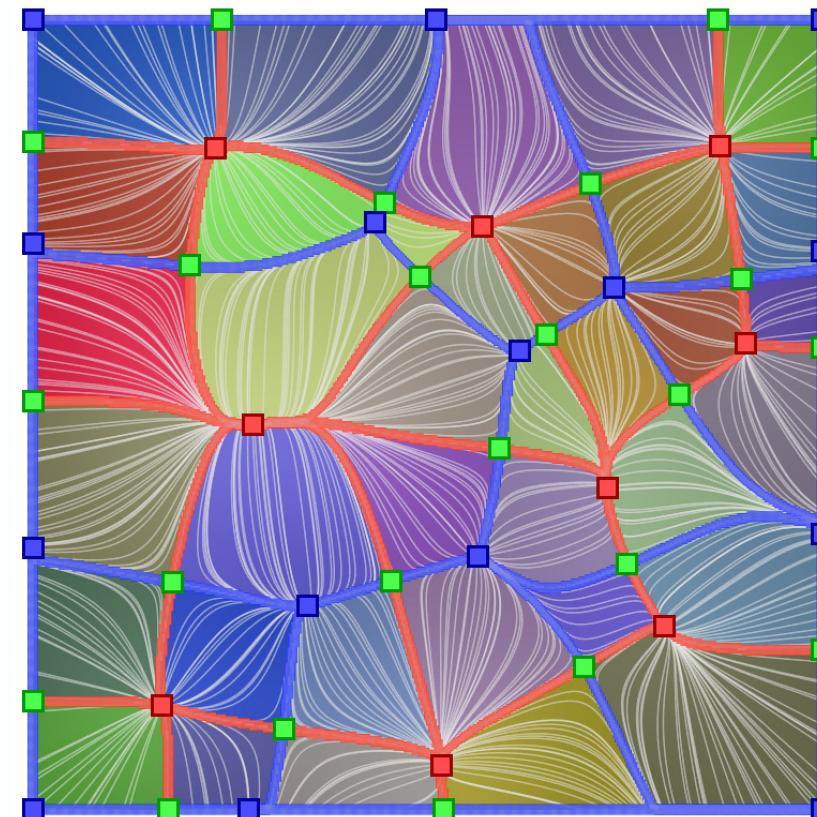
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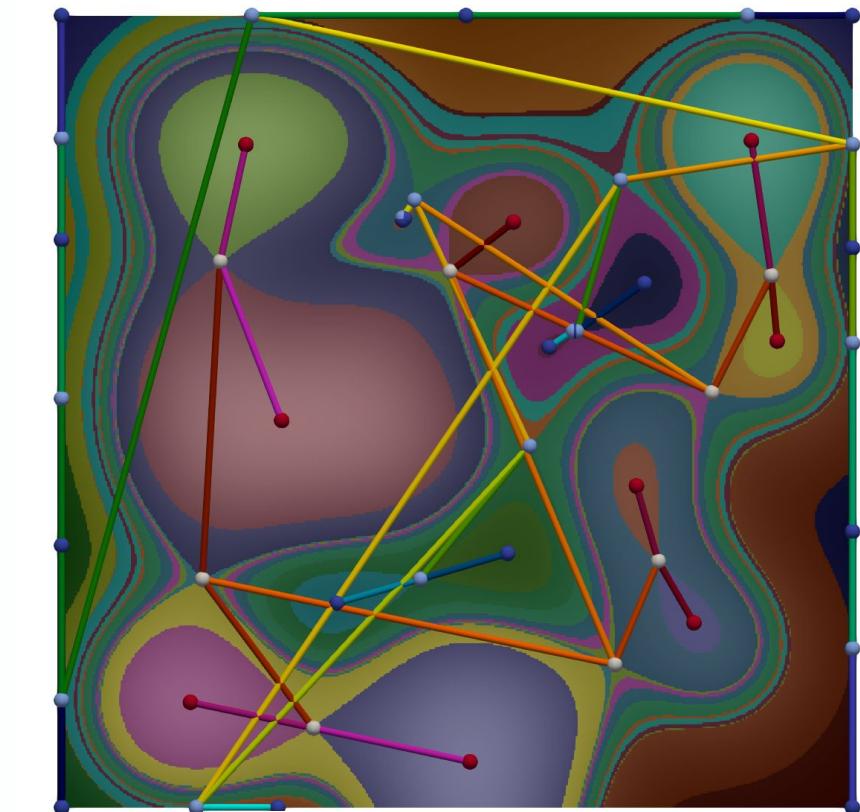
How do we make a map for data?



Topological approaches provide a computable map

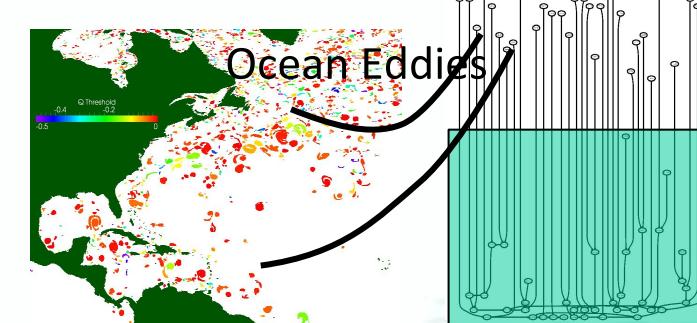
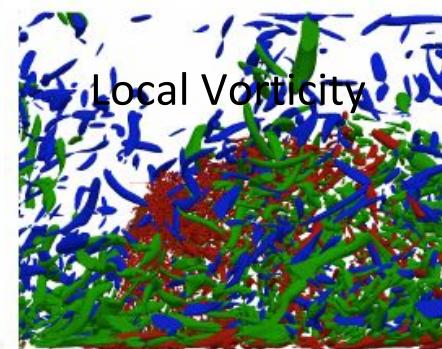
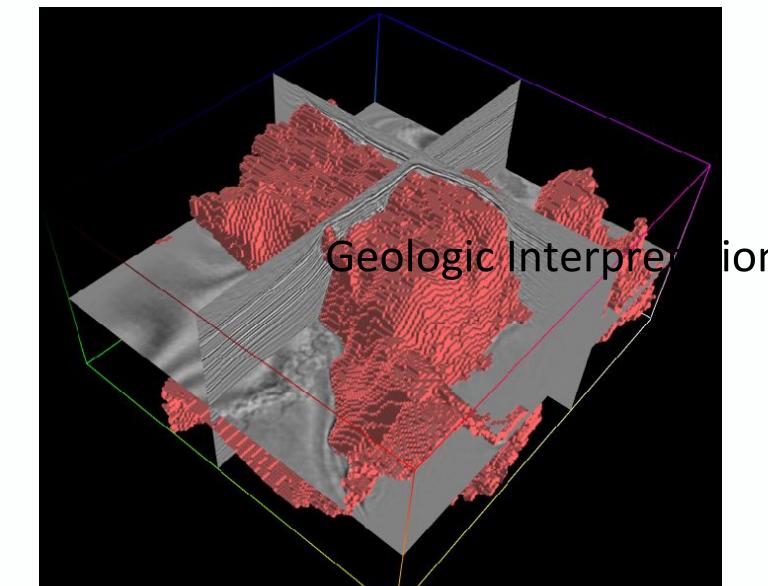
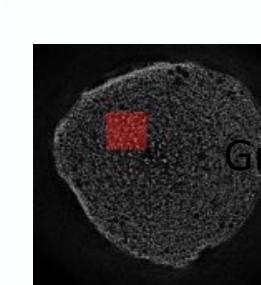
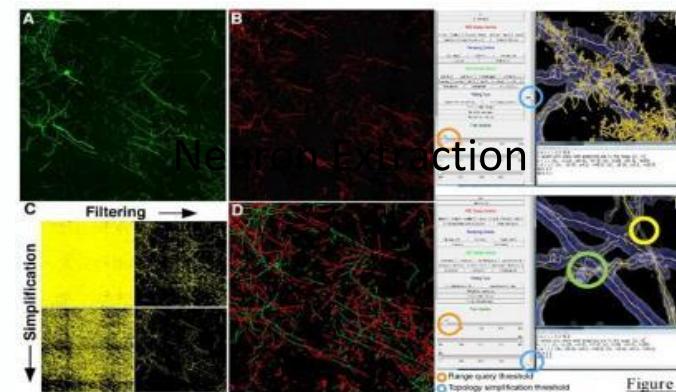
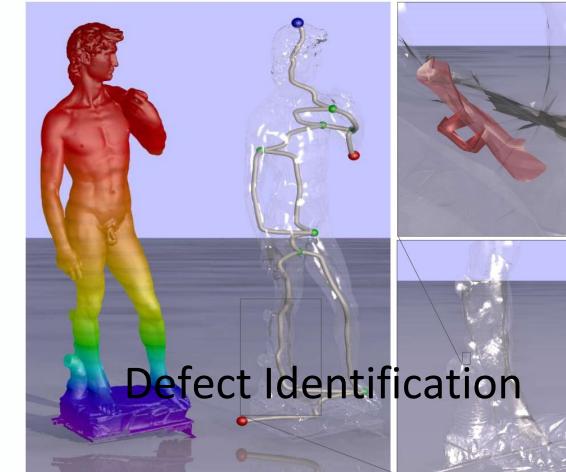
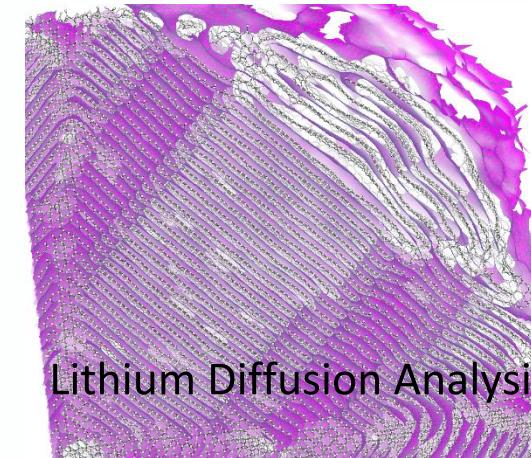
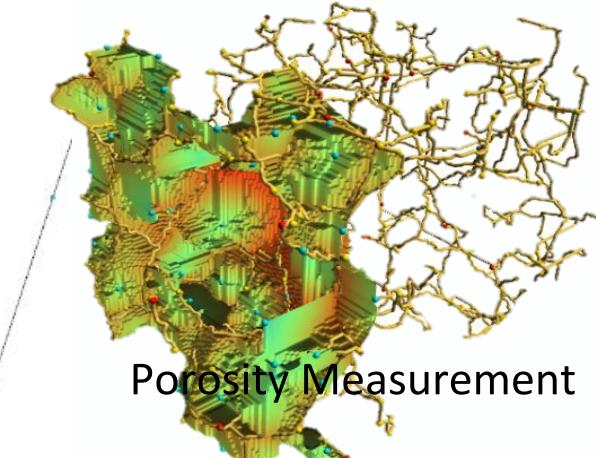
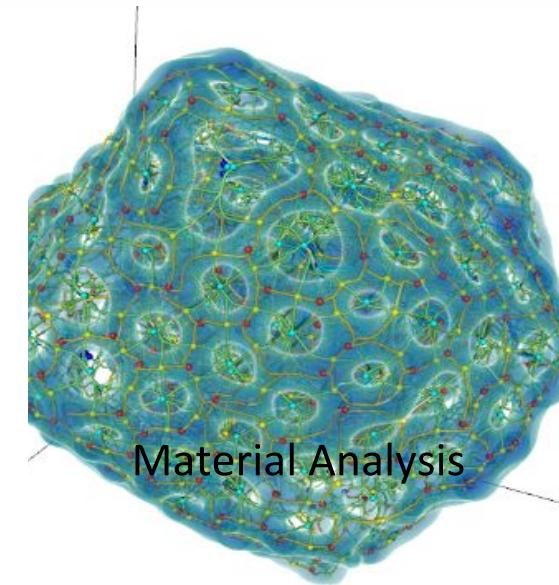
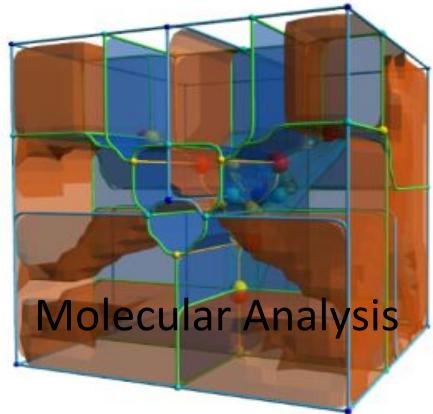


Morse-Smale Complex
Gradient based features



Contour tree
Contour based features

Topological abstractions can solve varied problems



Analysis workflow

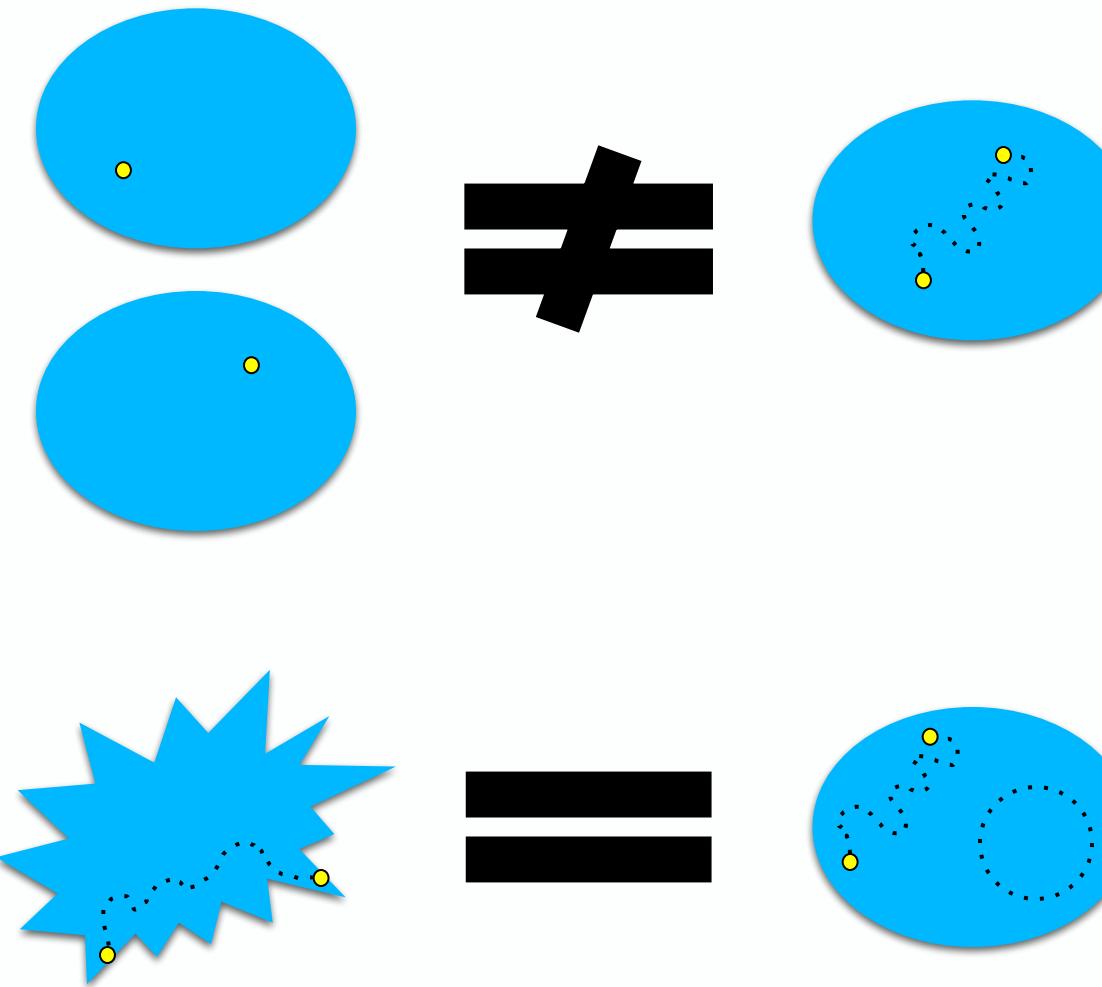
Generate data – simulation, imaging

Pick the right abstraction – compute mt, ct, ms complex, pd

Define the features –

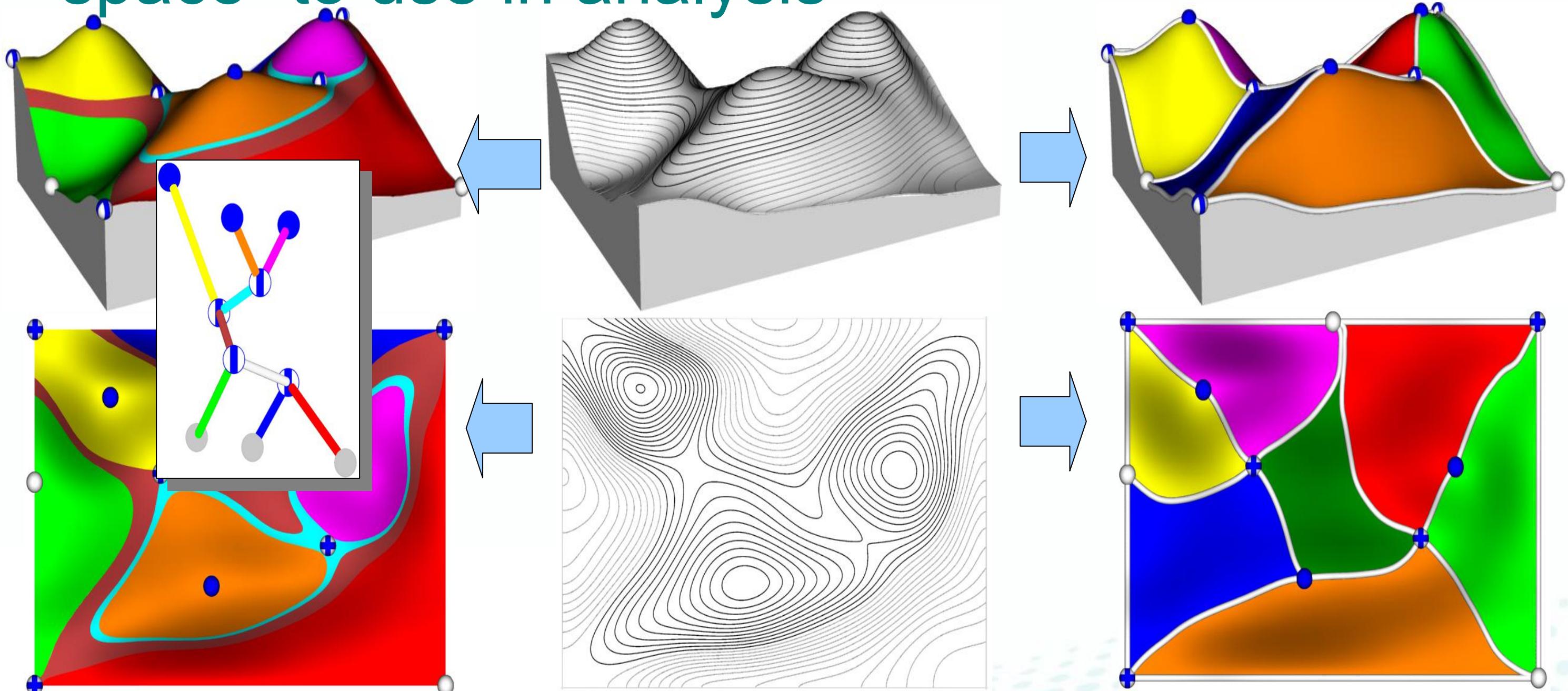
Evaluate (vis) features – repeat

“Topological” analysis is a broad term relating to connectedness, arrangement, and cycles



Art by Henry Segerman and Keenan Crane

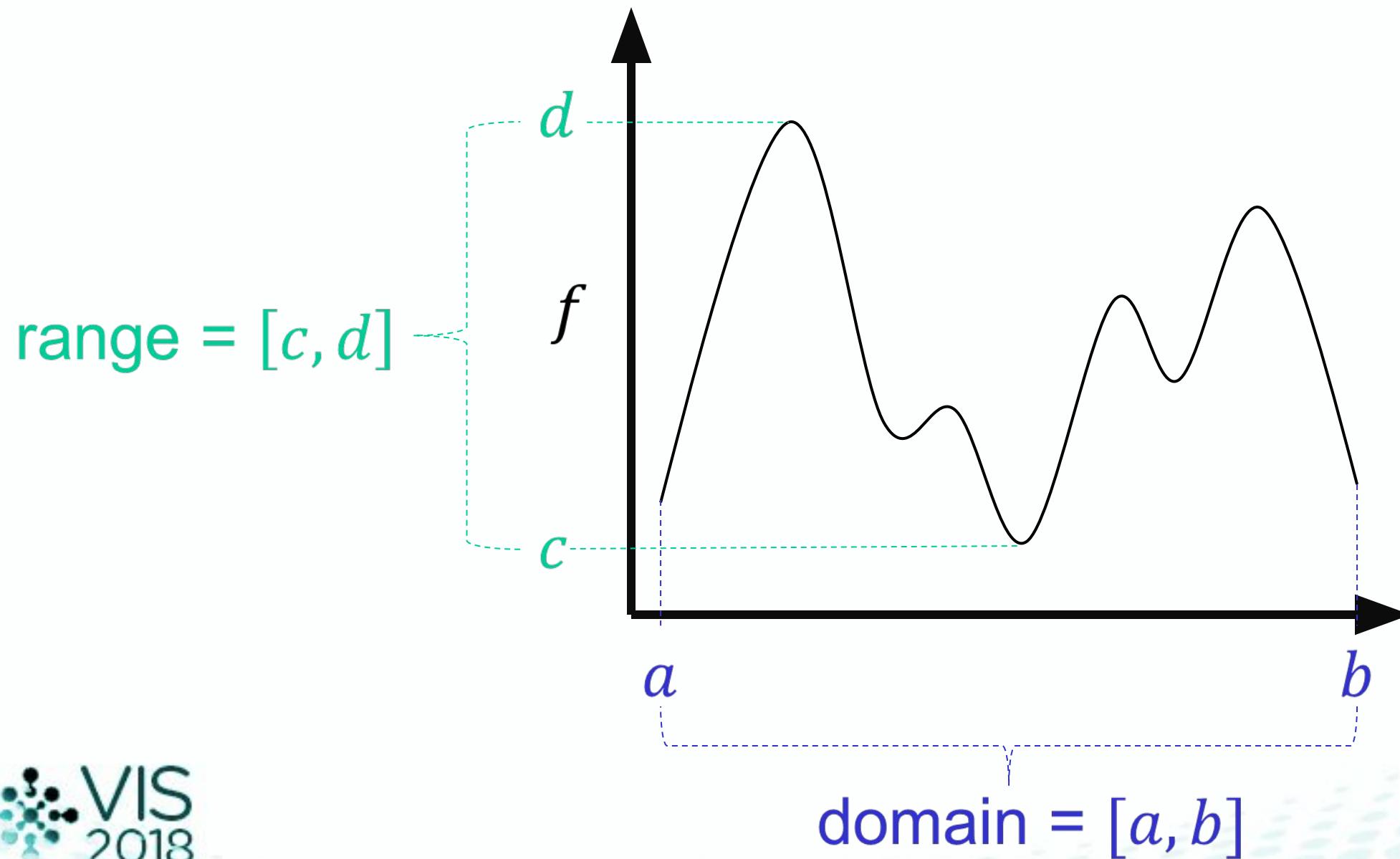
“Topological” approaches provide a “feature space” to use in analysis



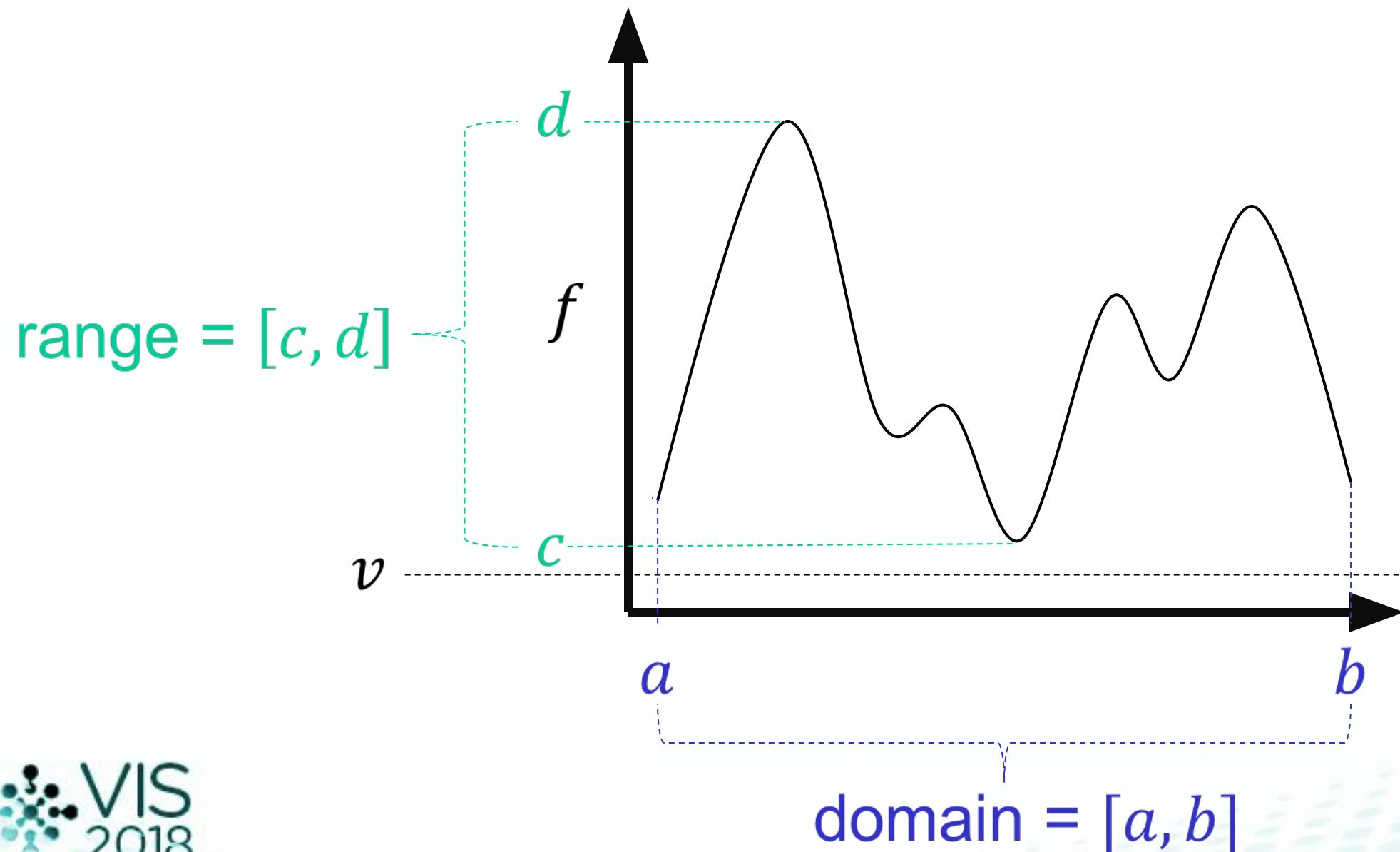
Contour Trees/Reeb Graphs/Merge Trees

Morse/Morse-Smale Complexes

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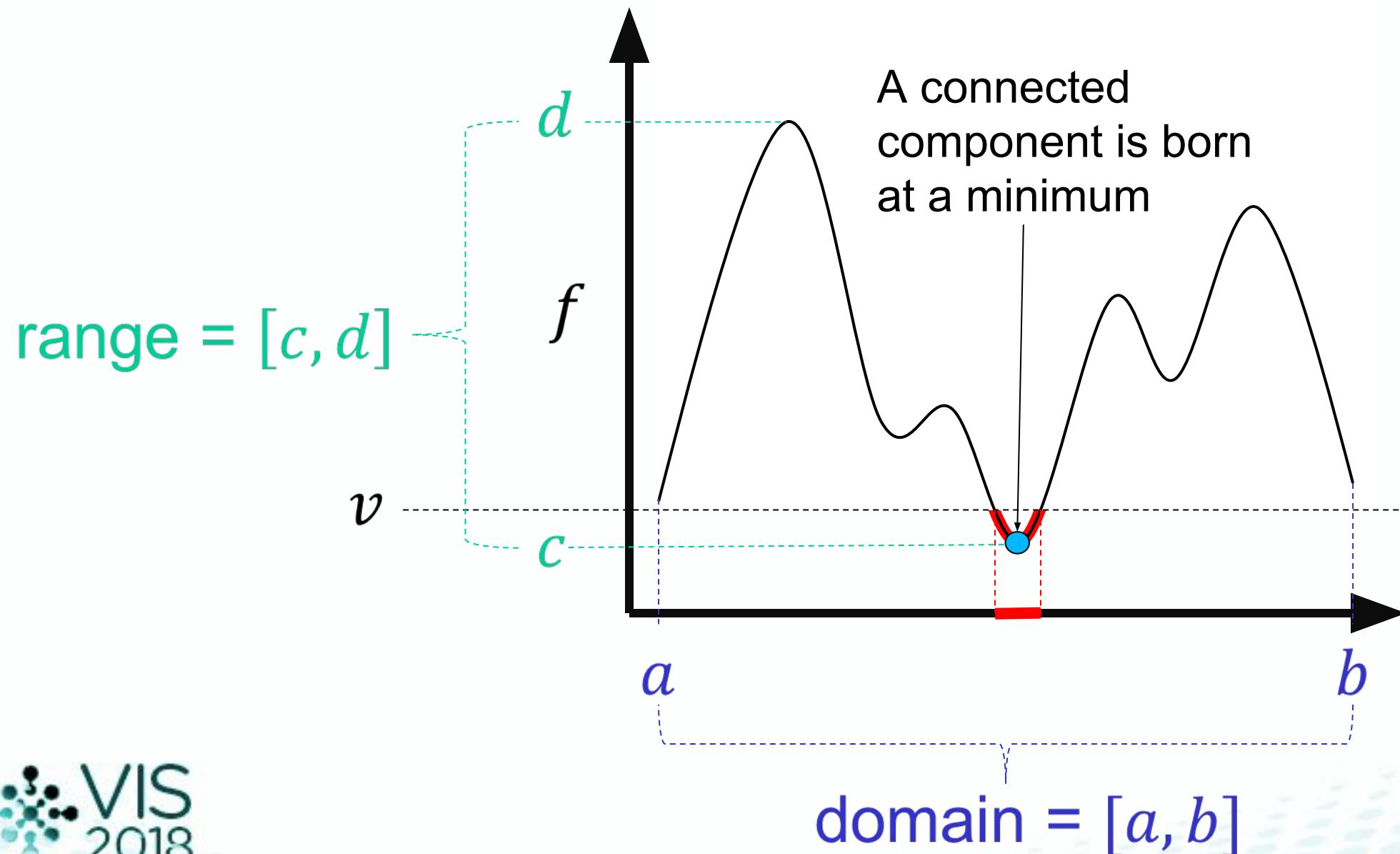
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Topological changes
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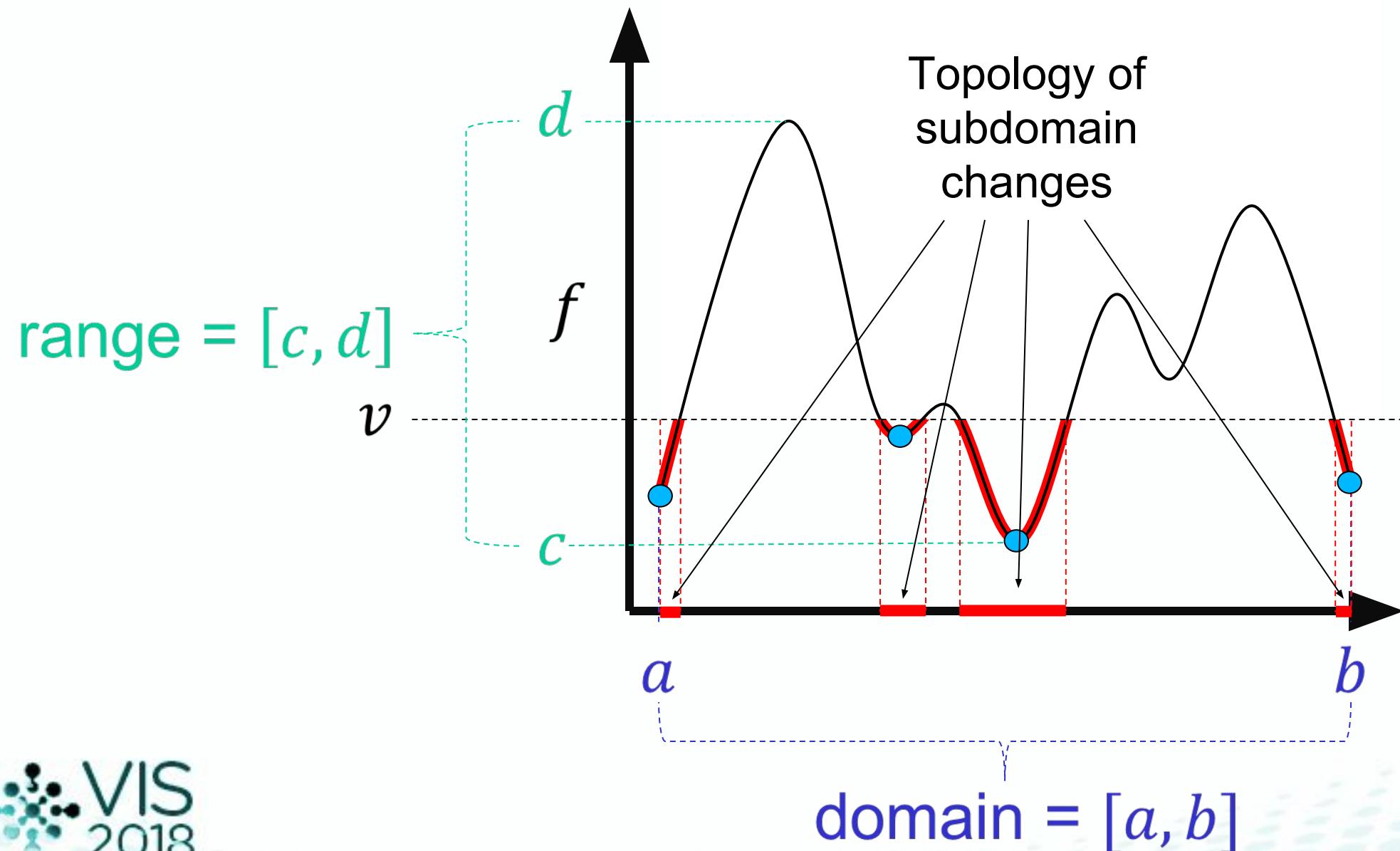
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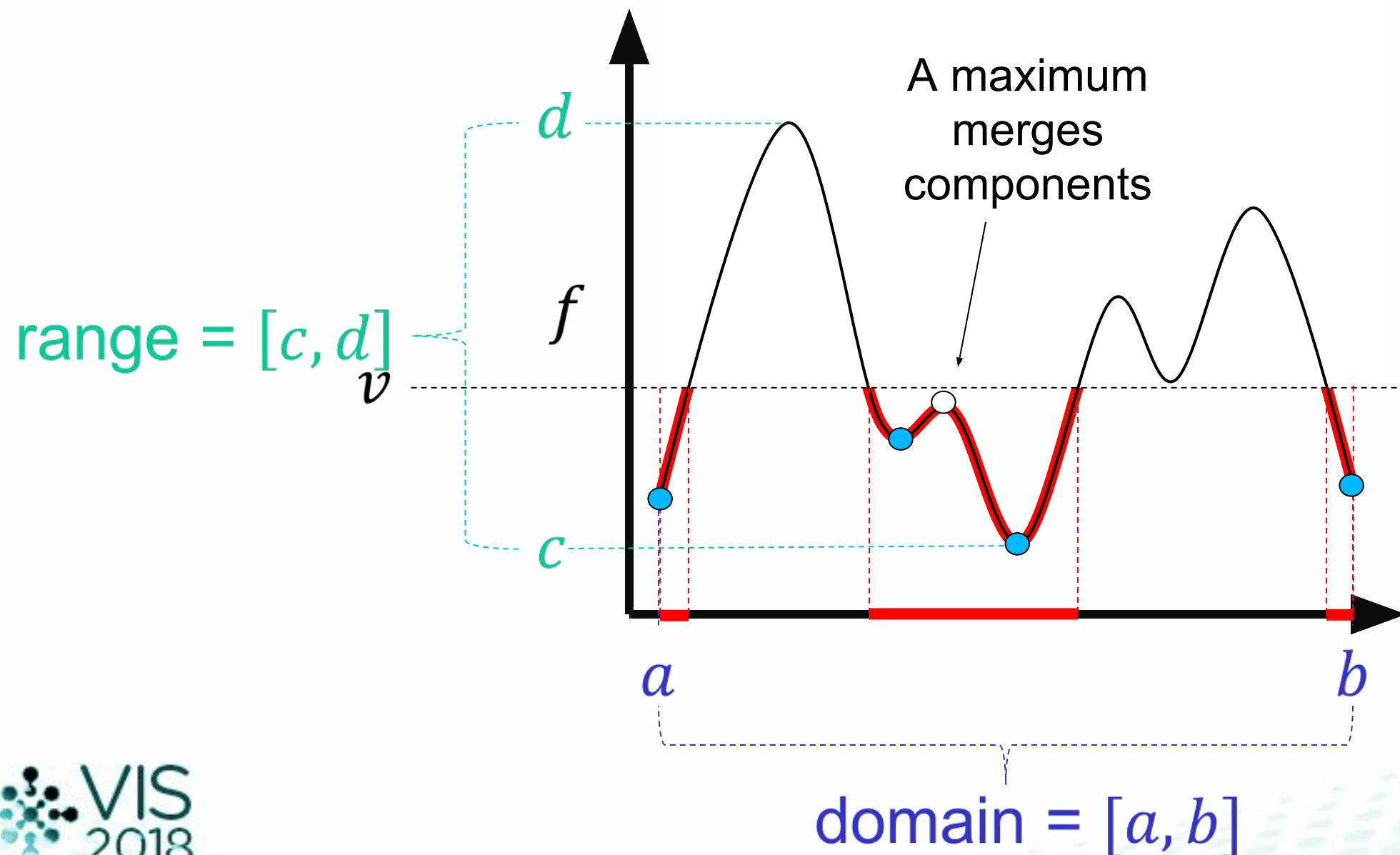
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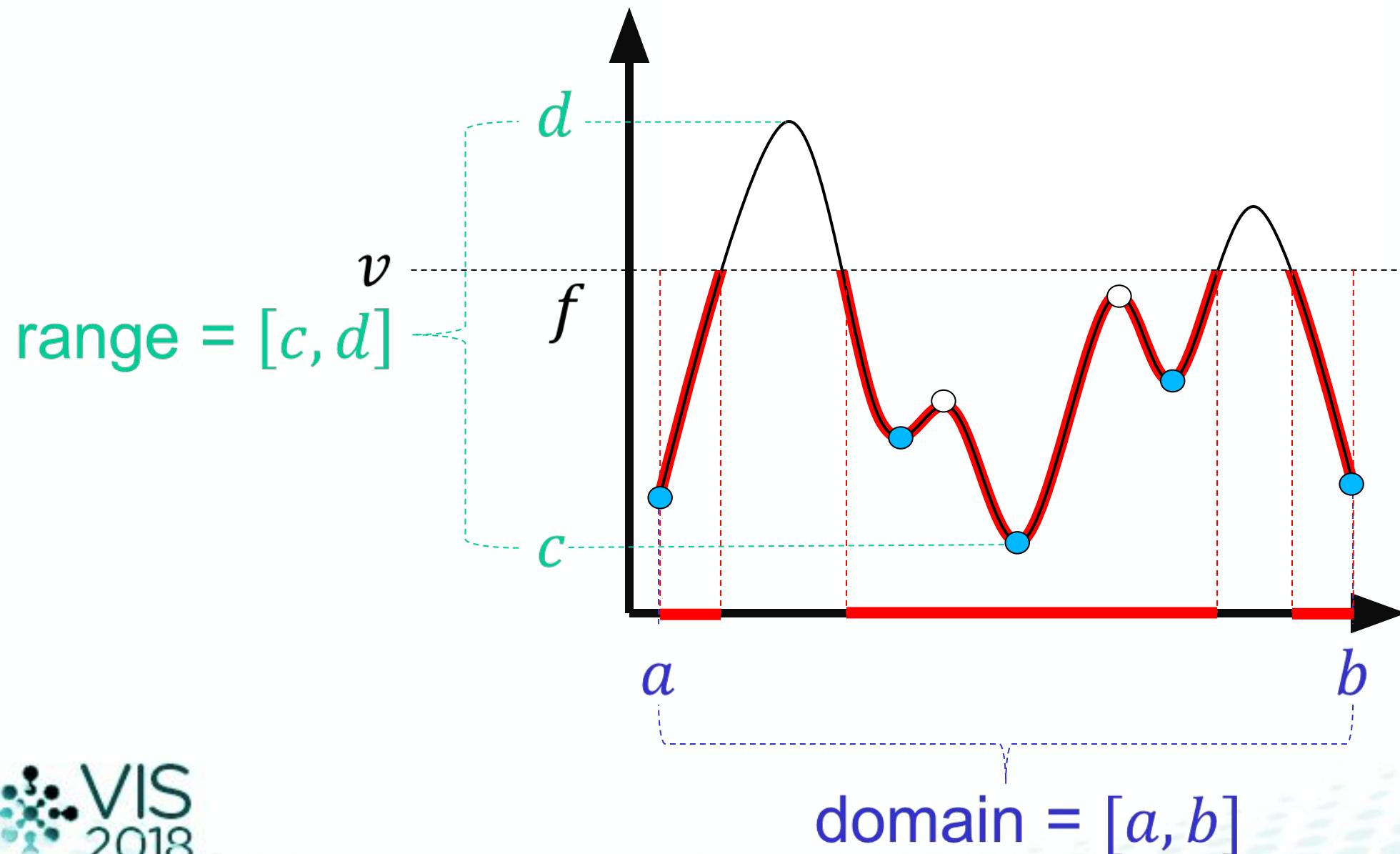
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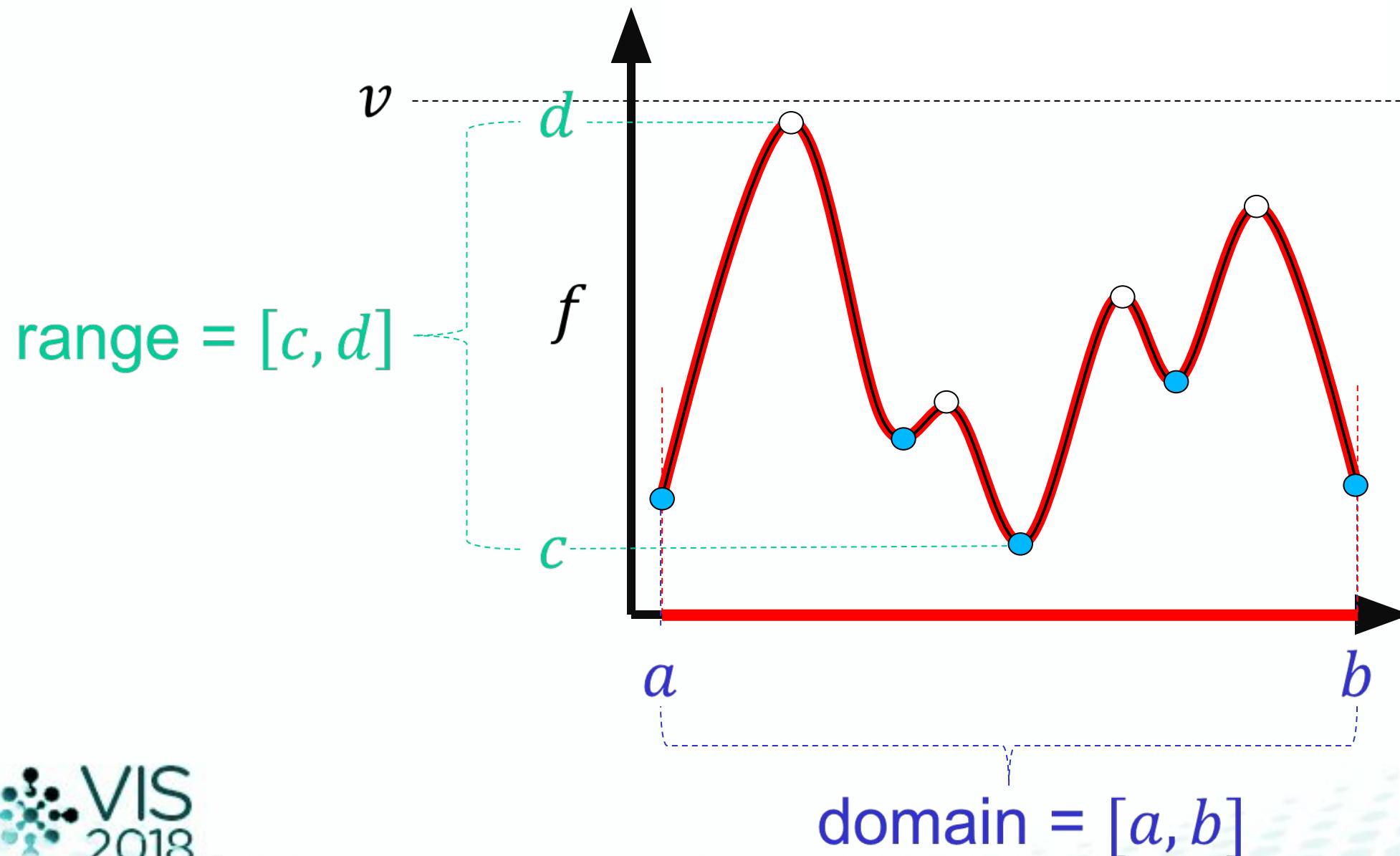
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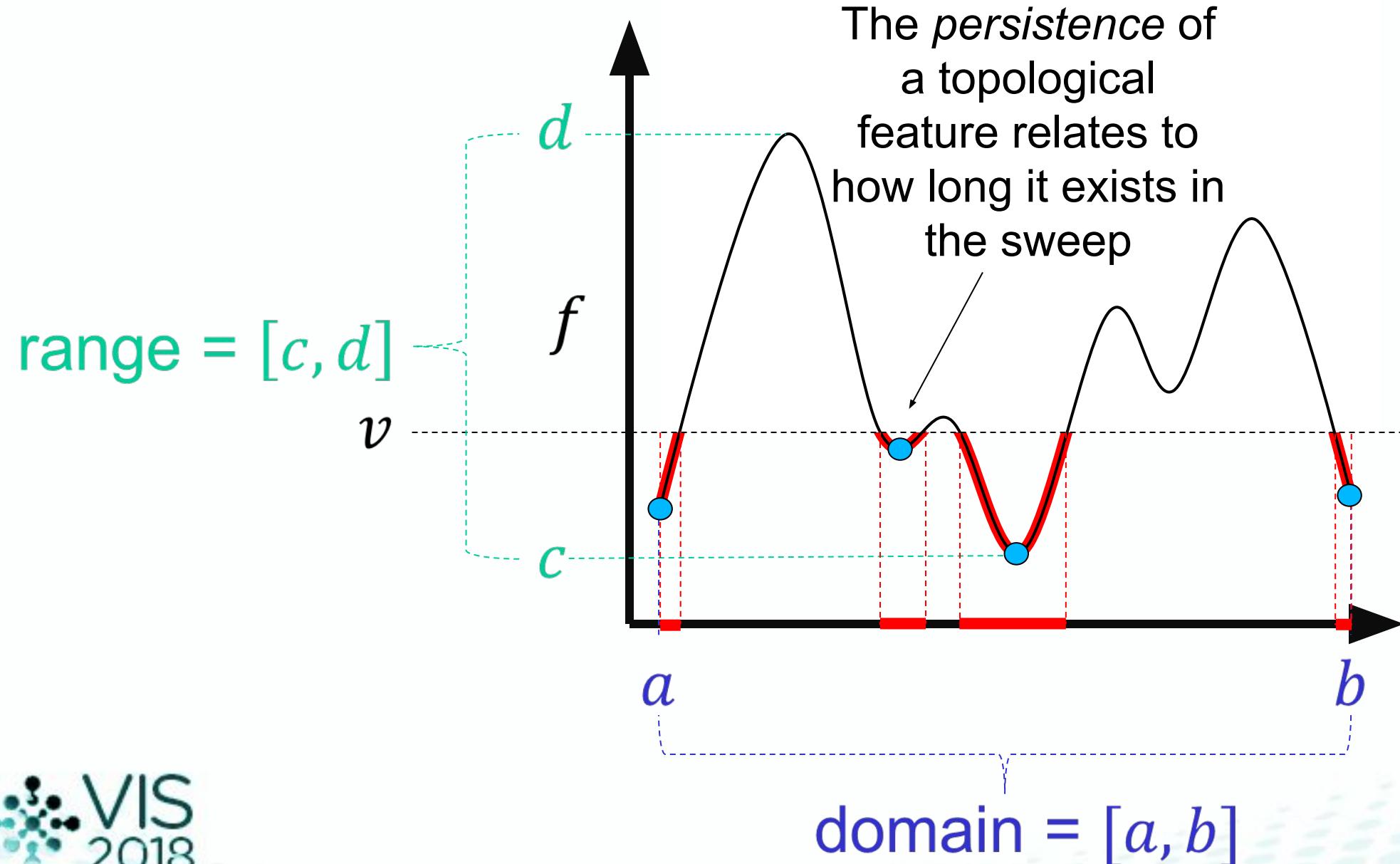
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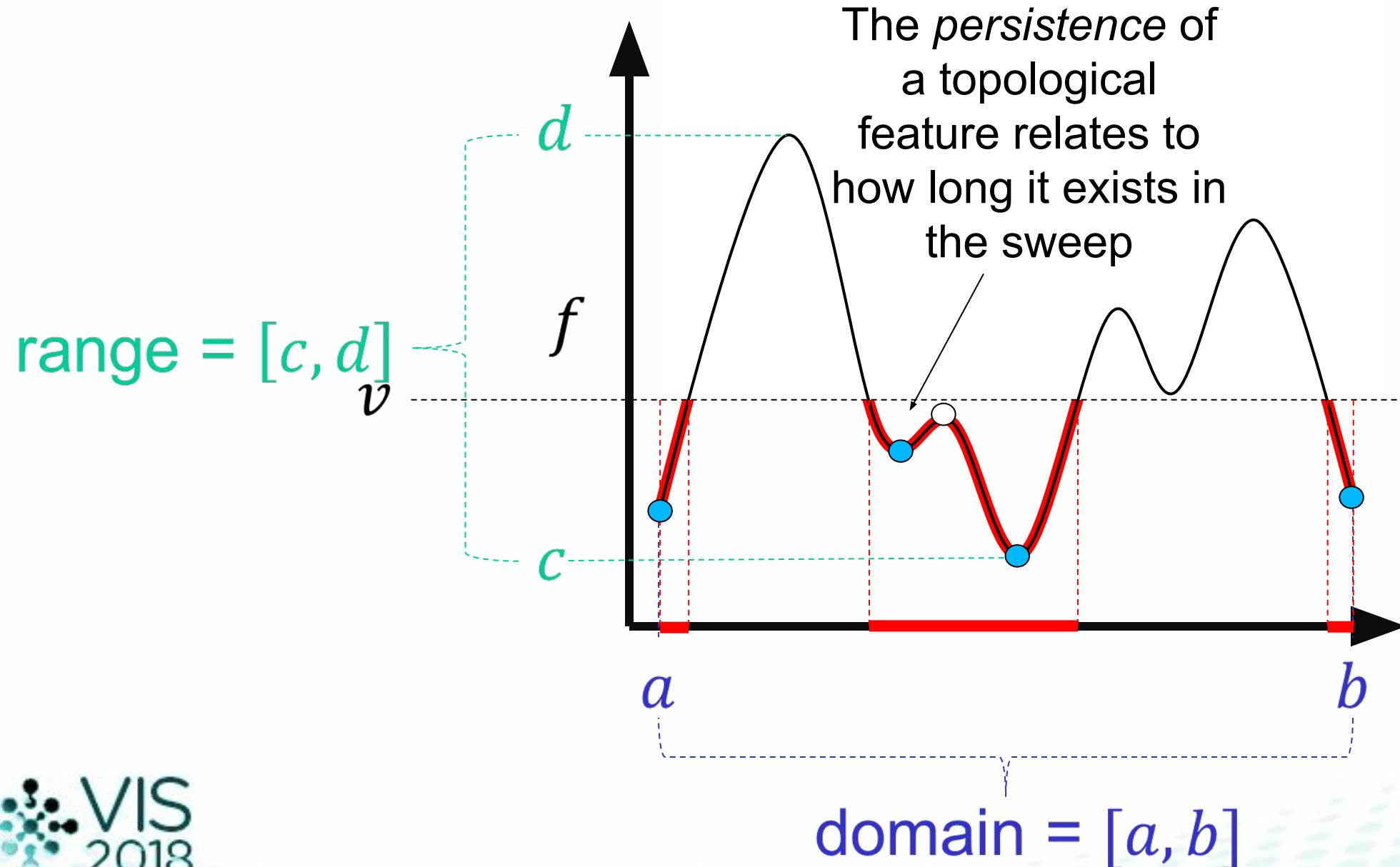
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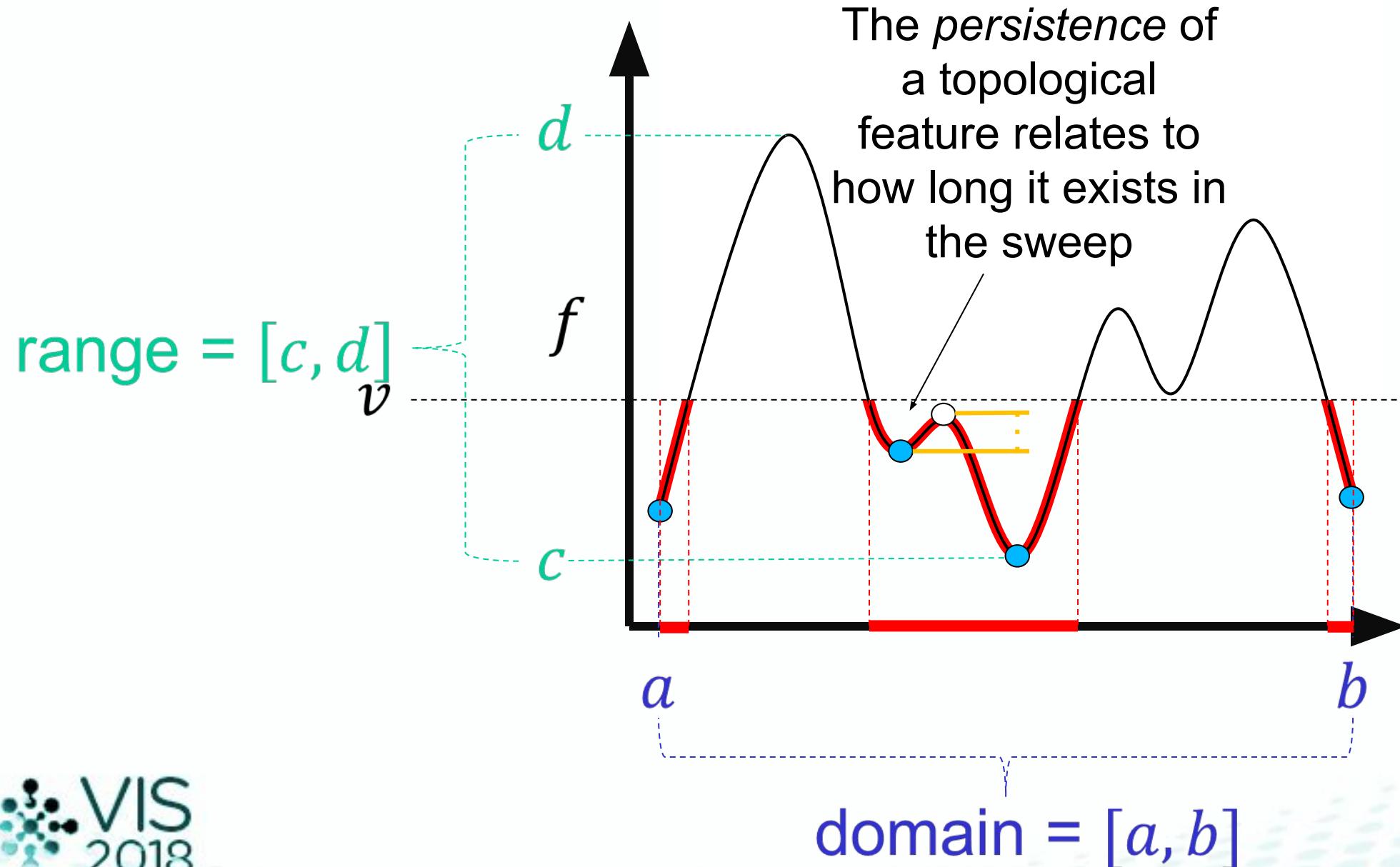
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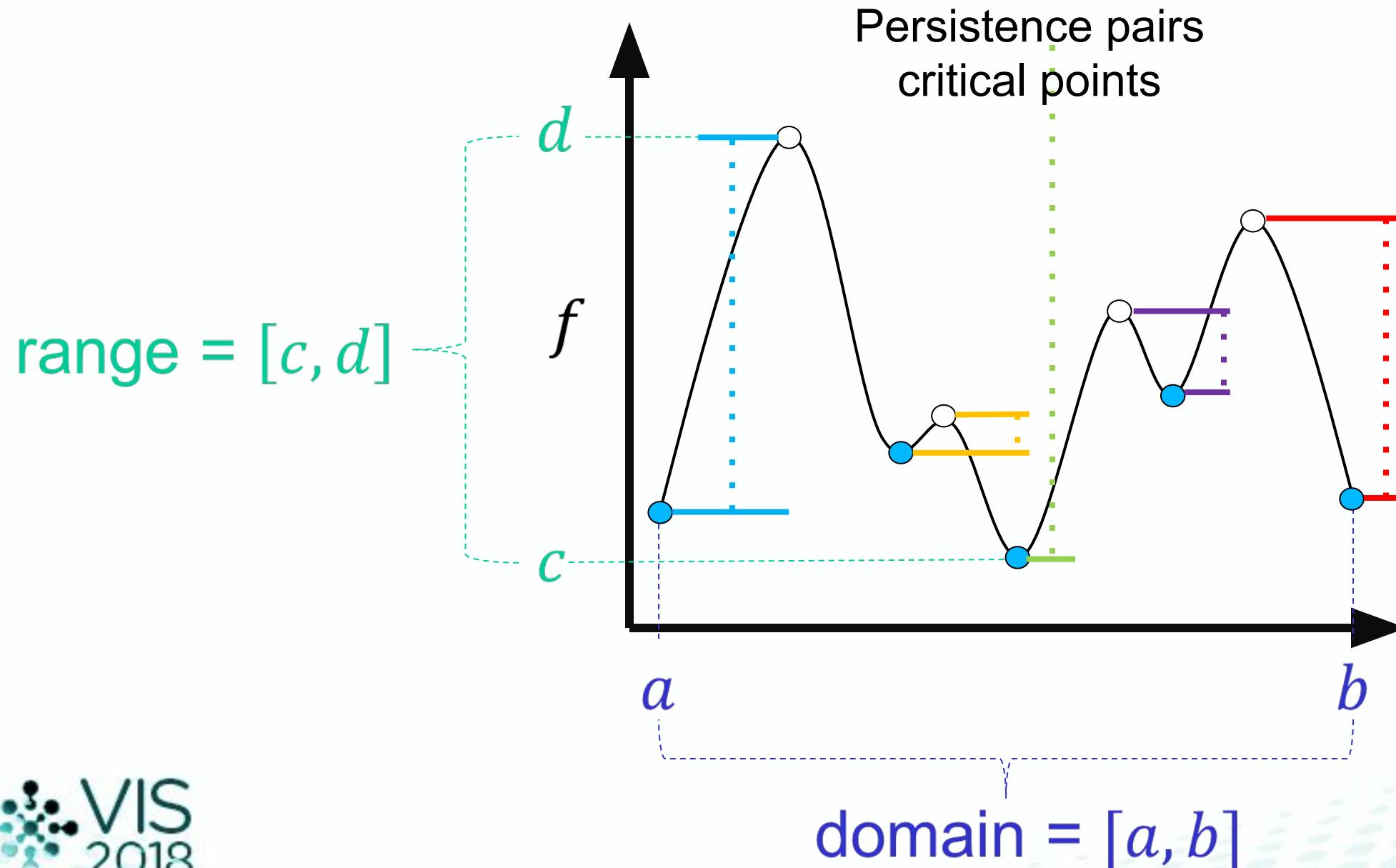


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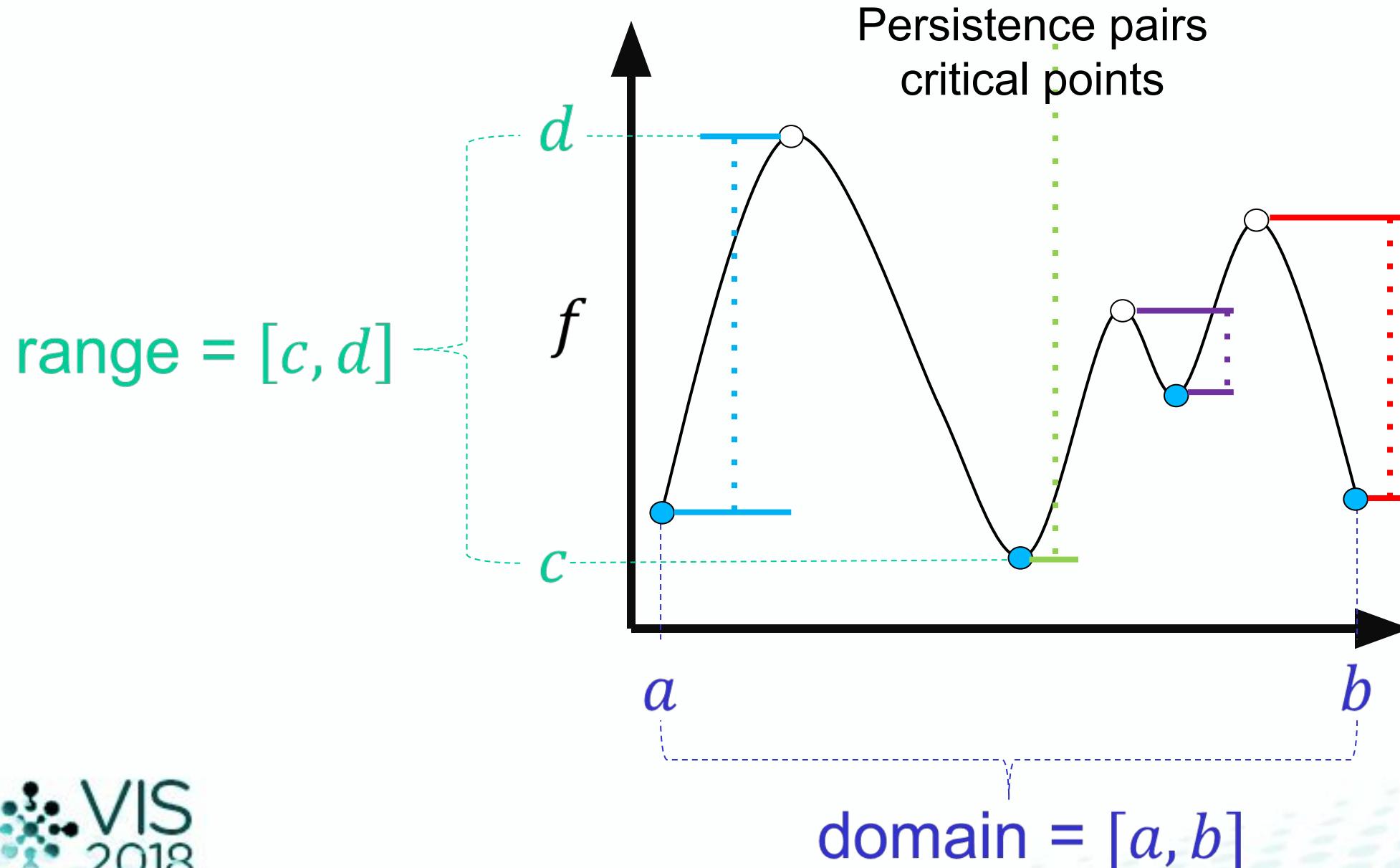
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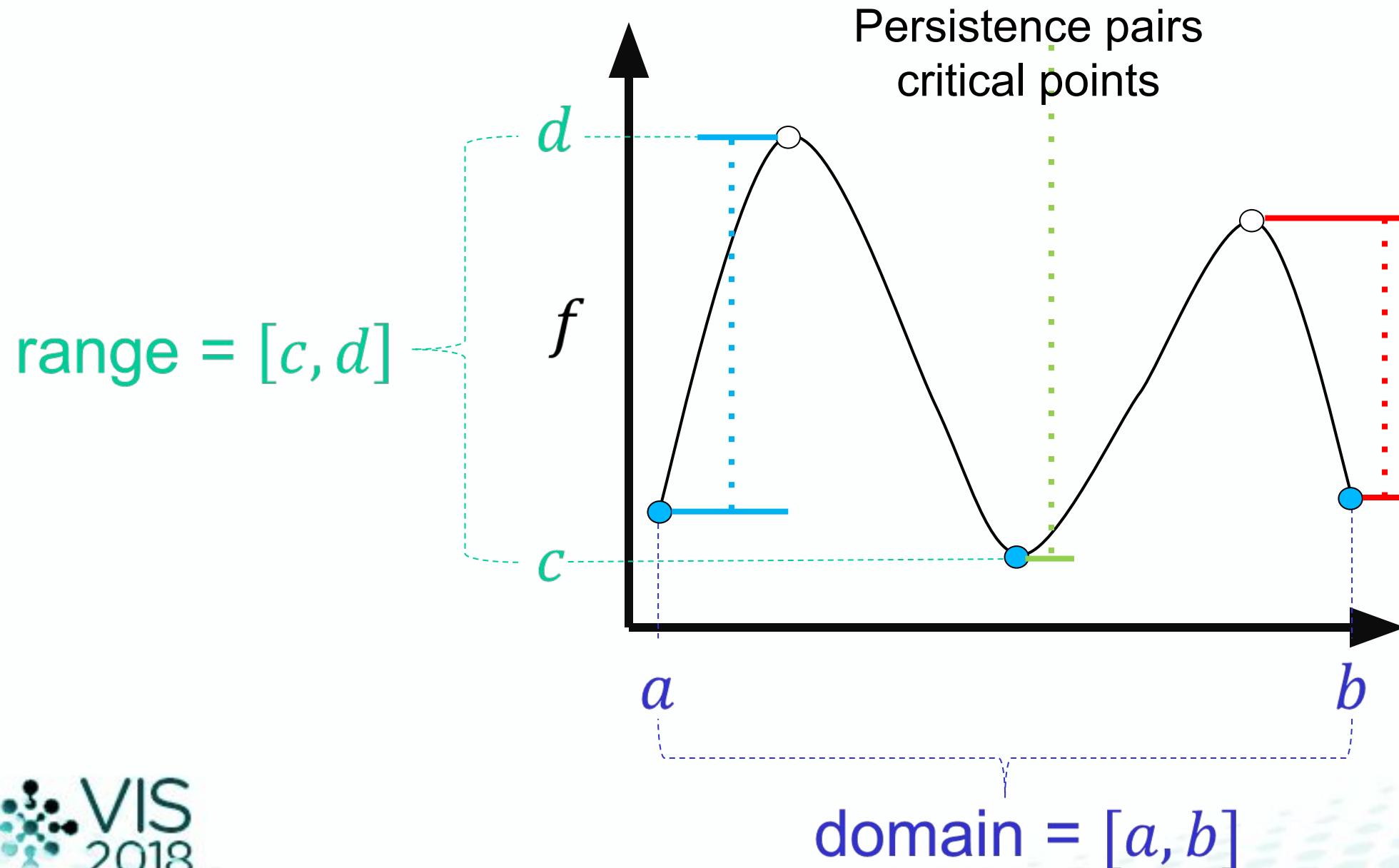
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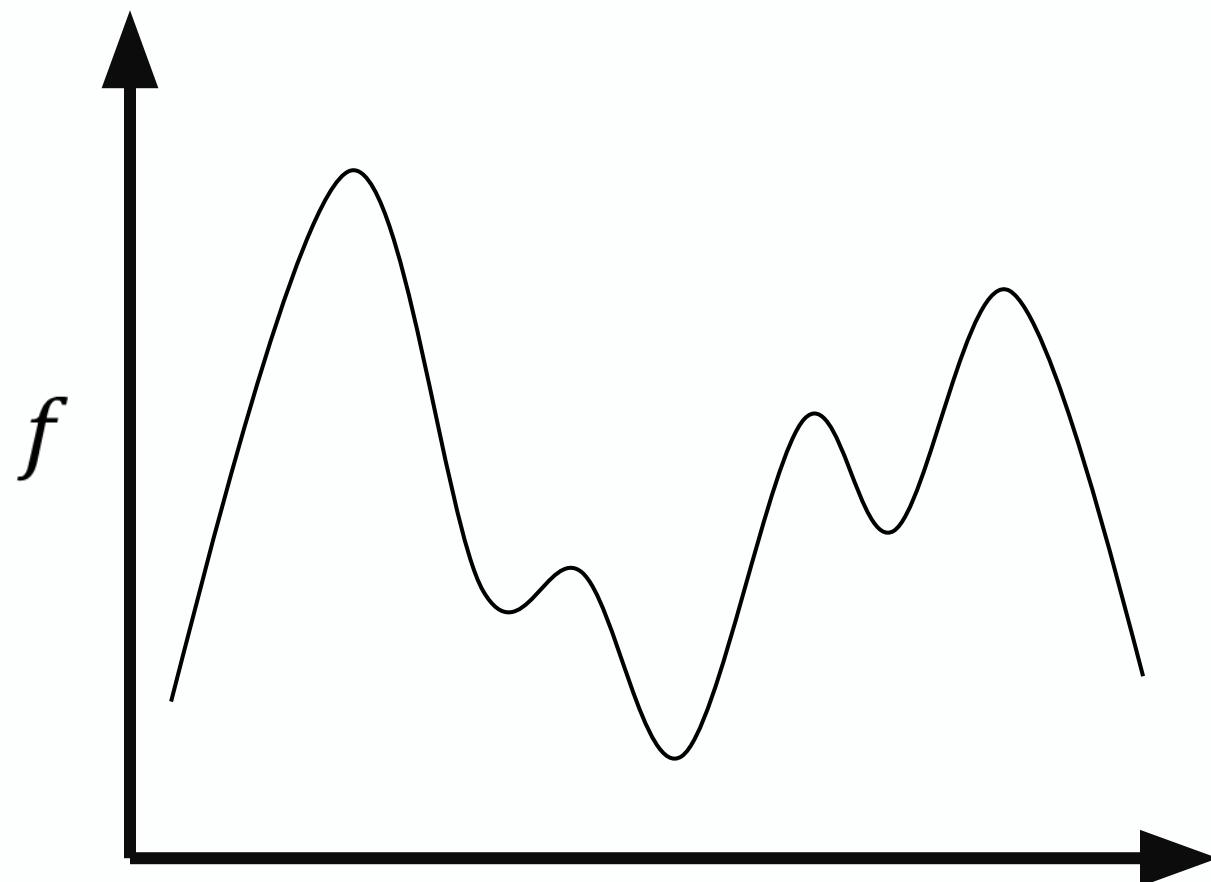
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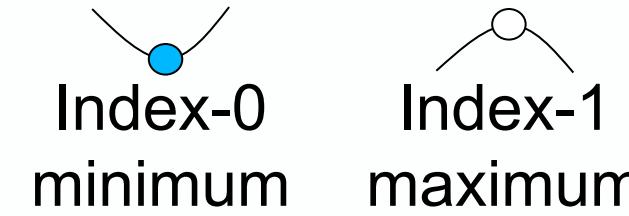
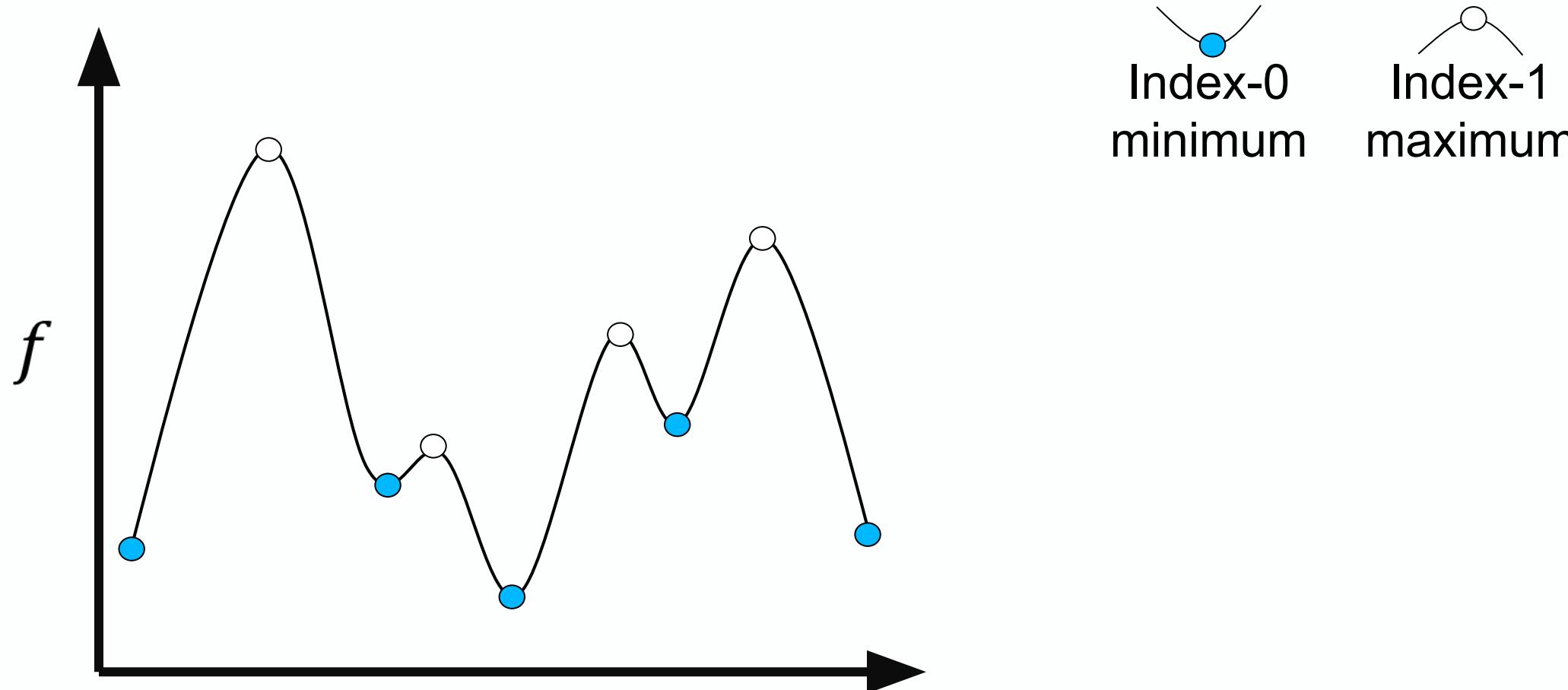
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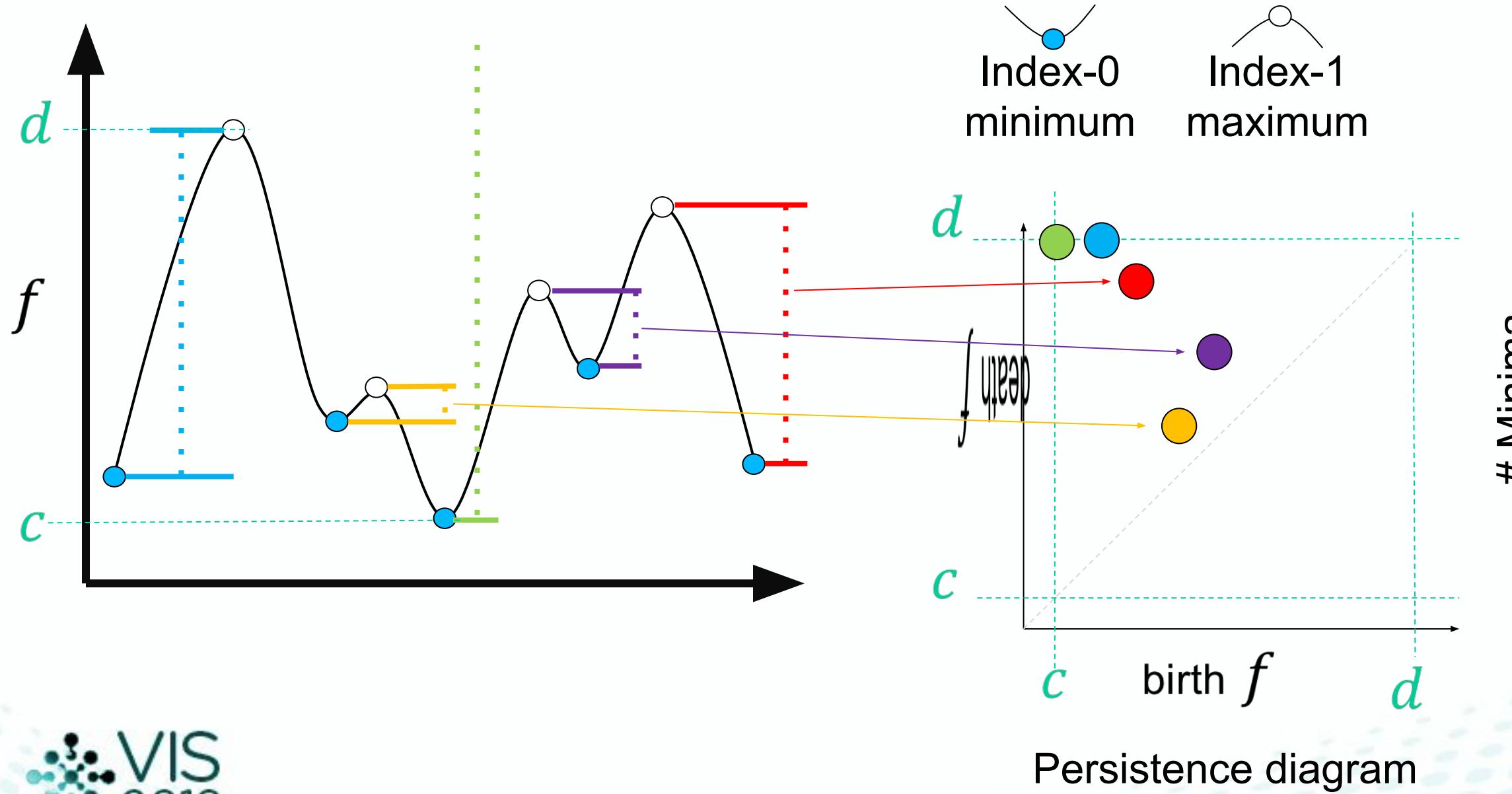
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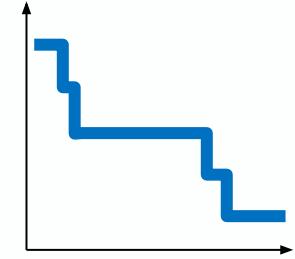
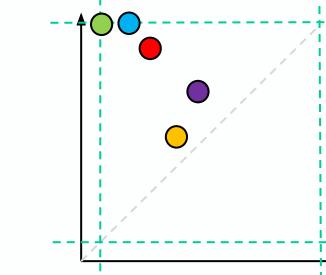
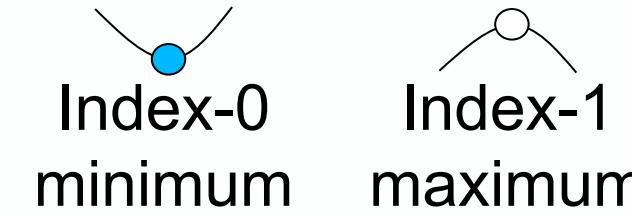
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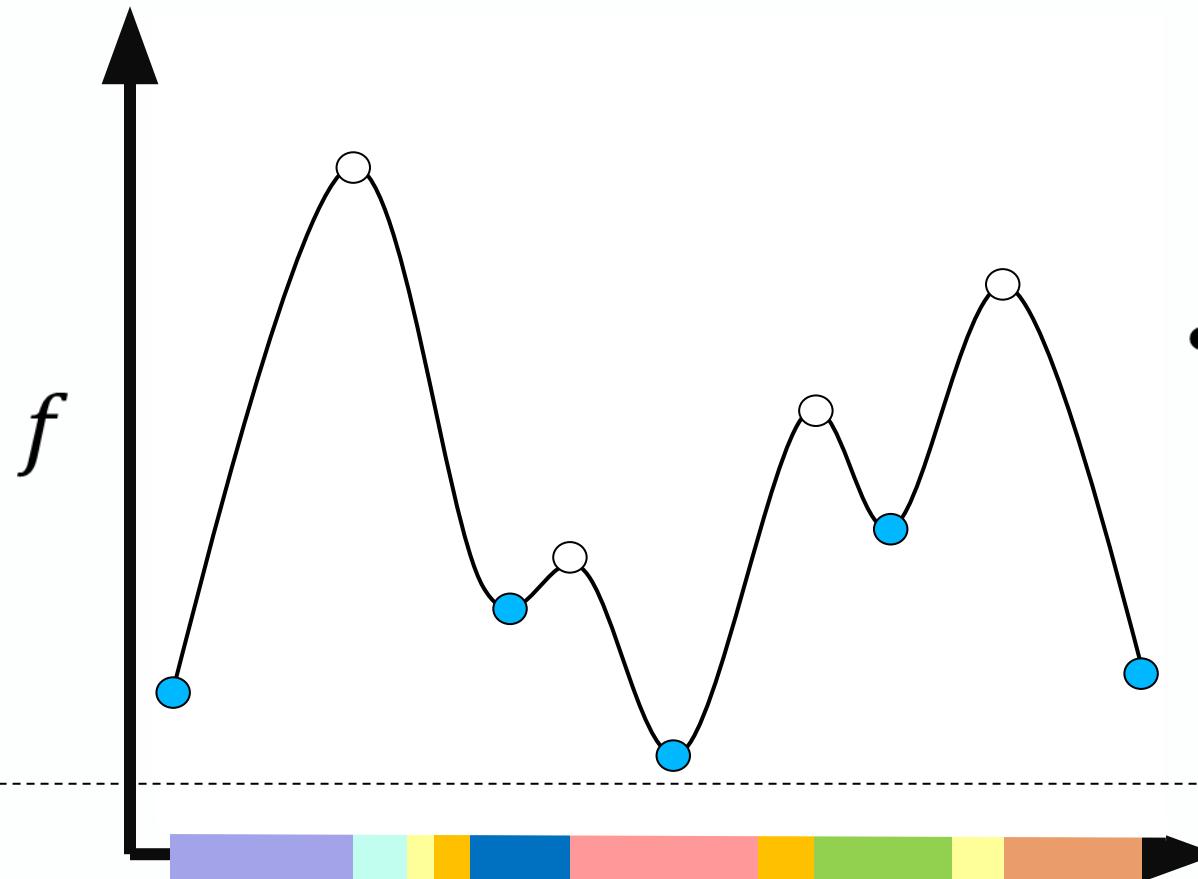
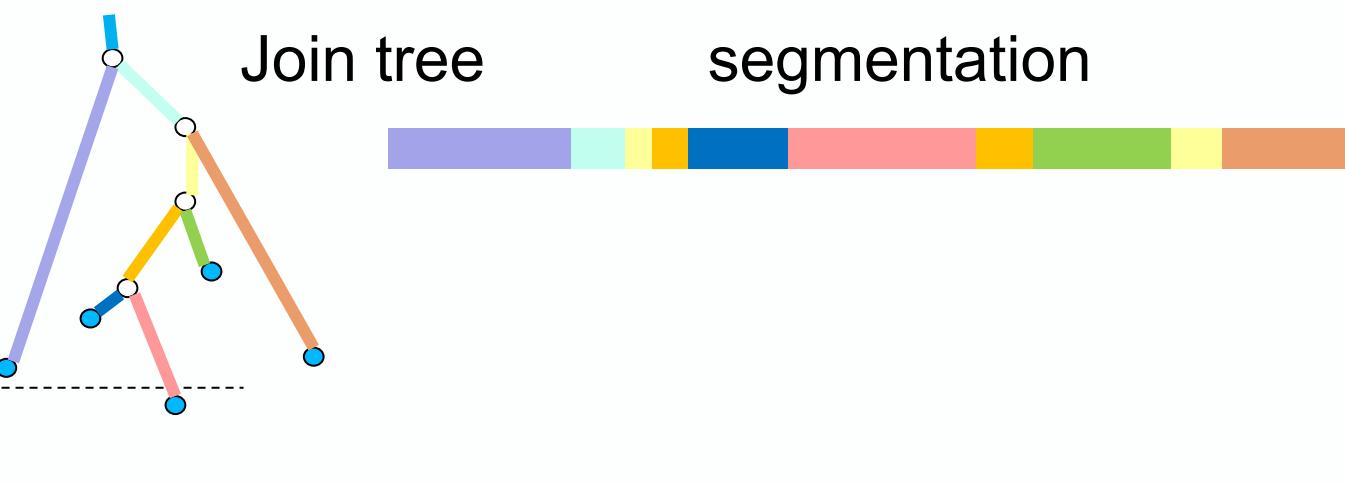


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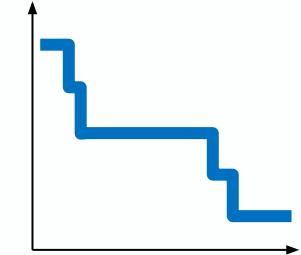
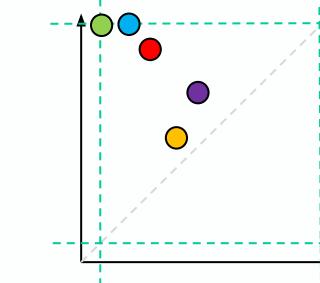
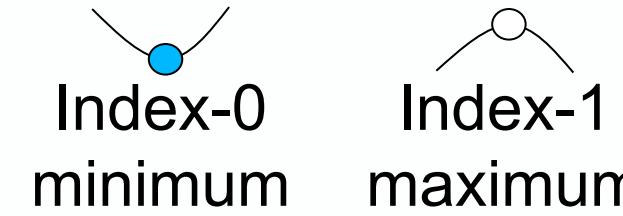


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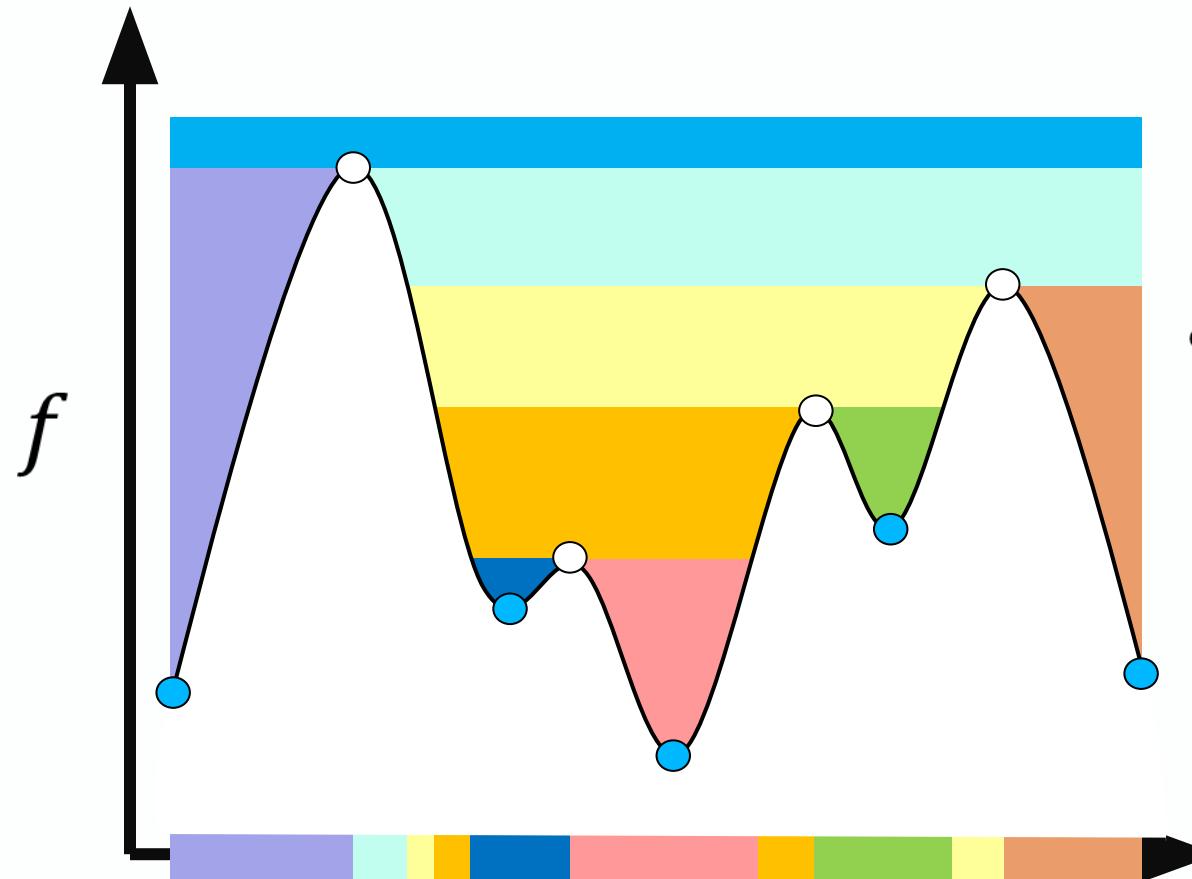


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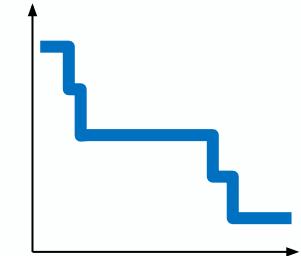
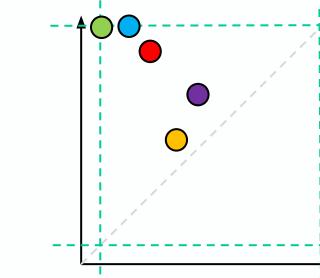
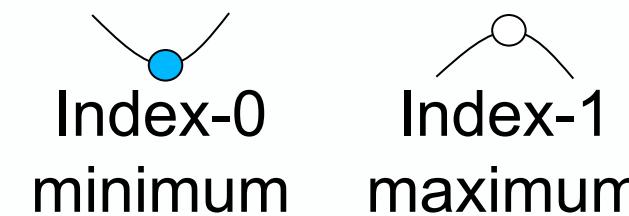


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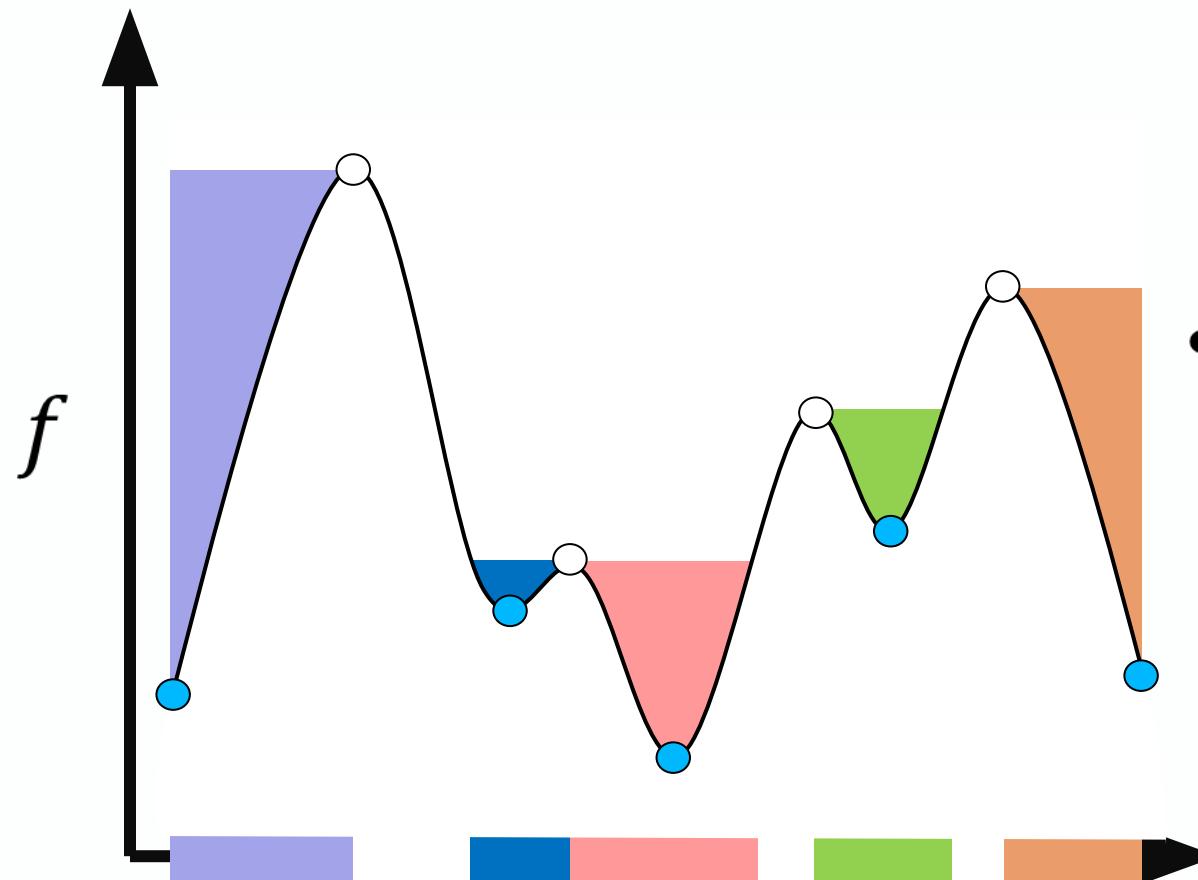
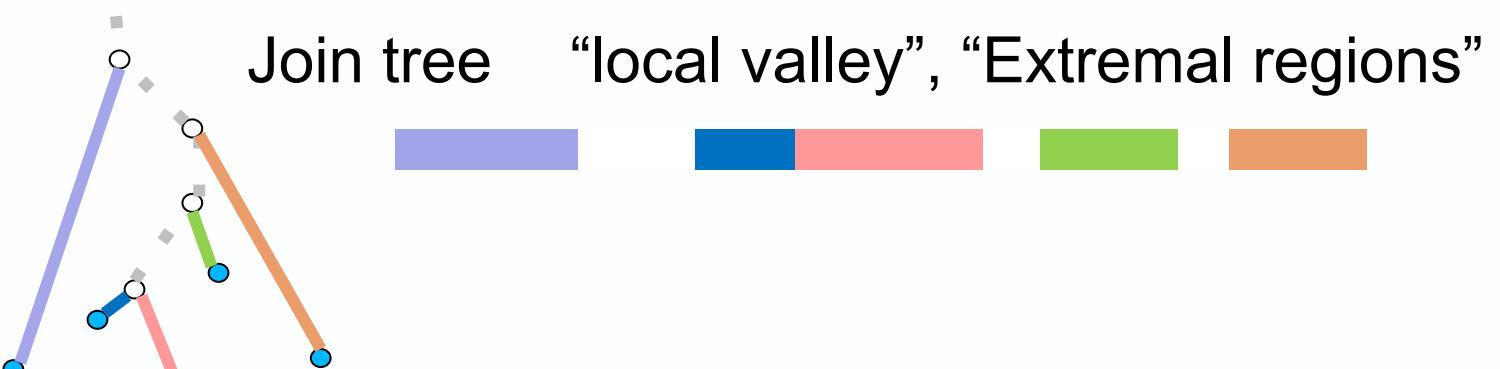


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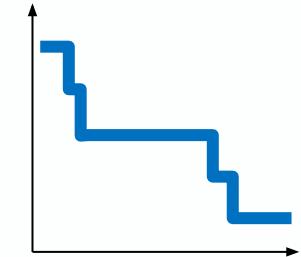
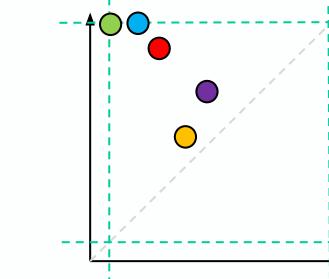
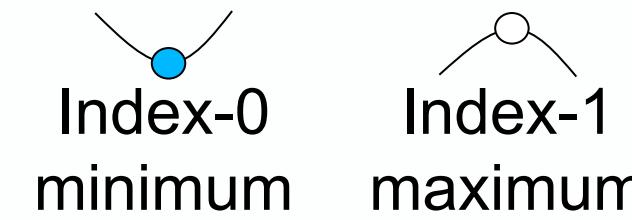


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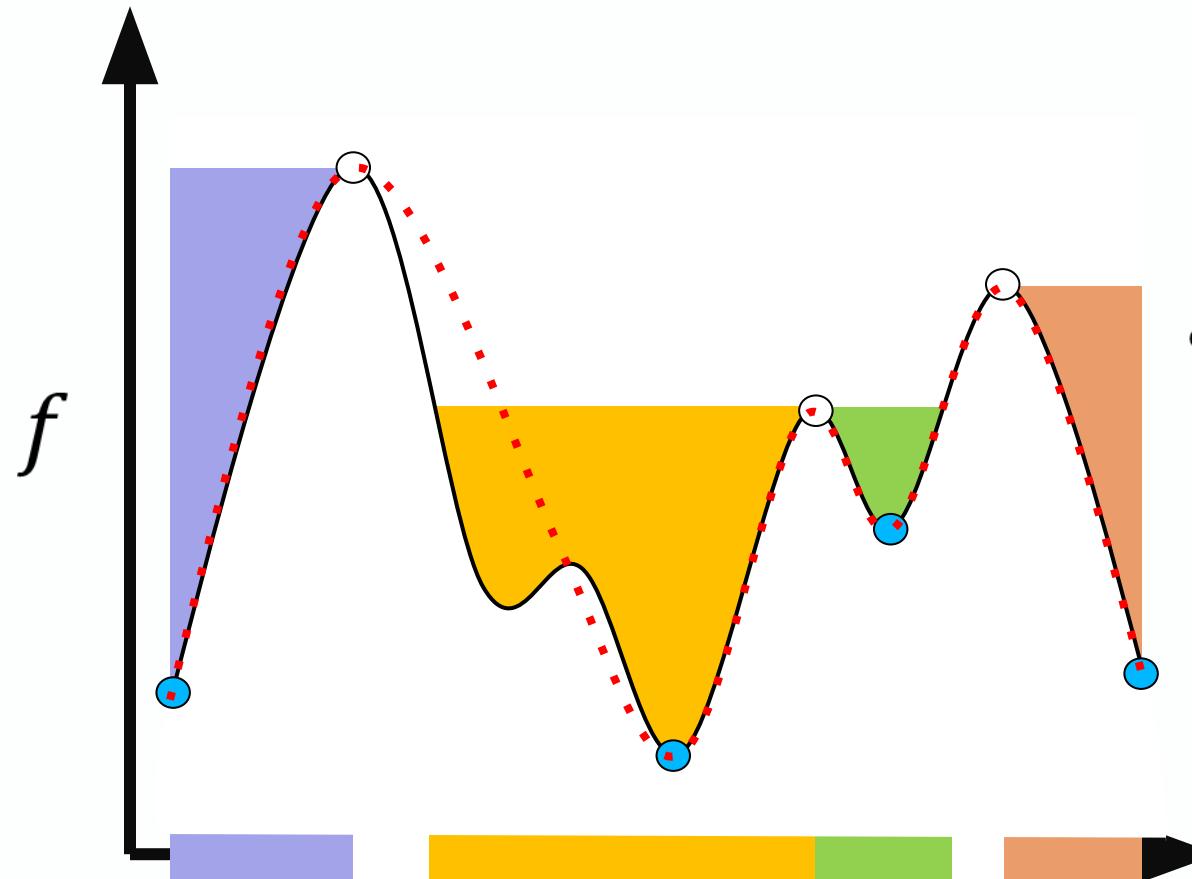


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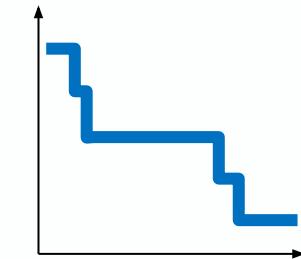
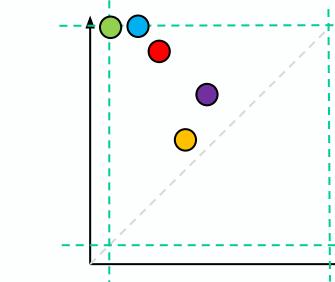
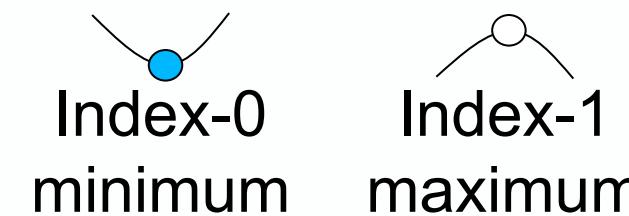


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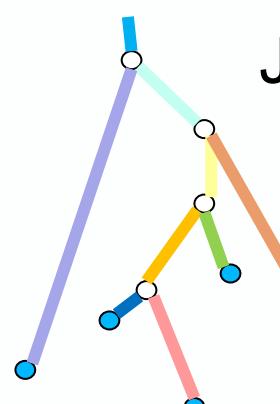


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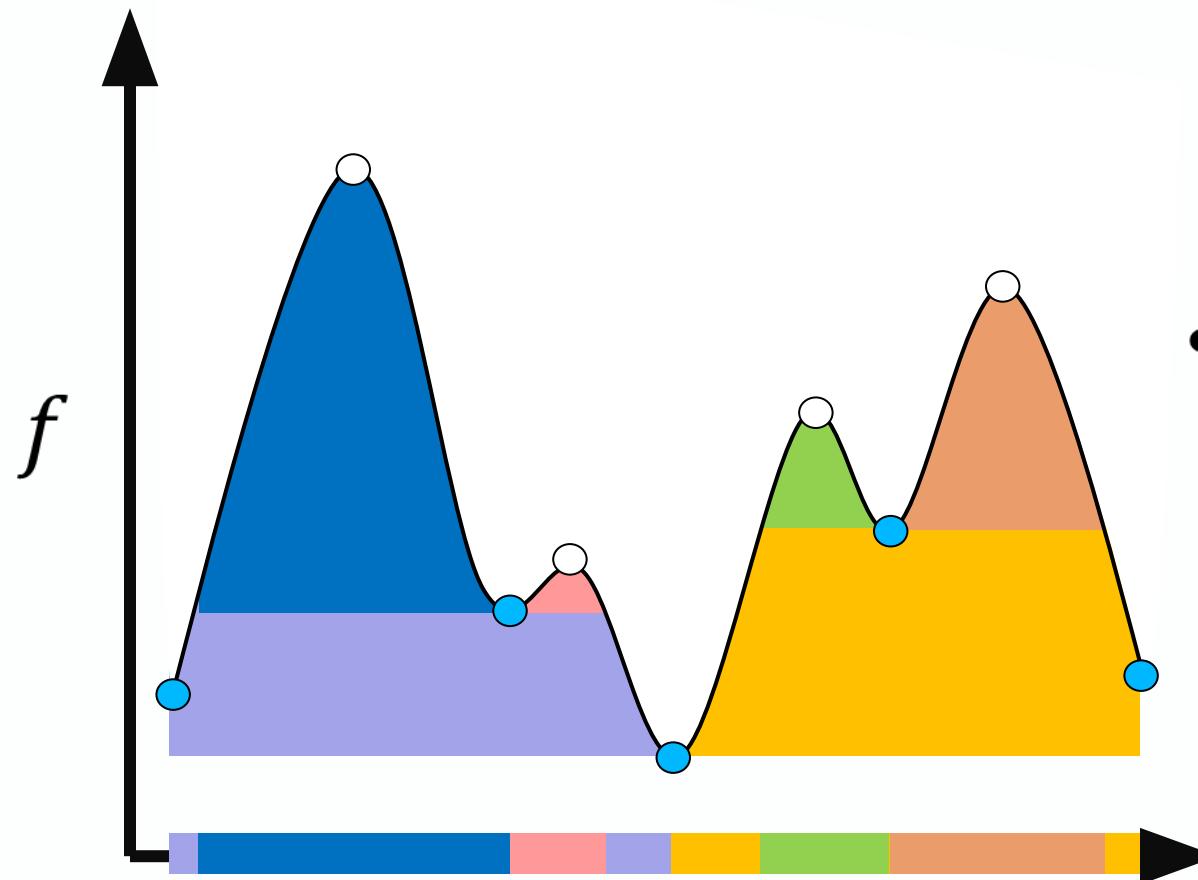
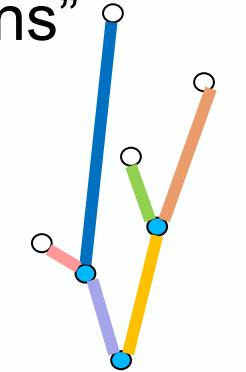


Join tree

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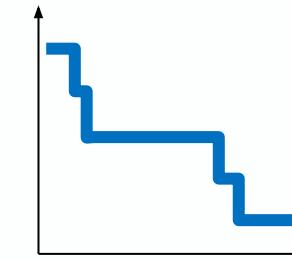
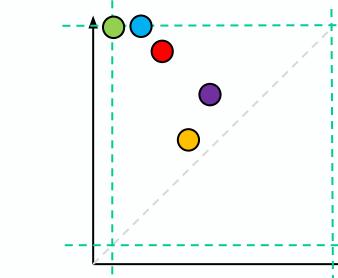
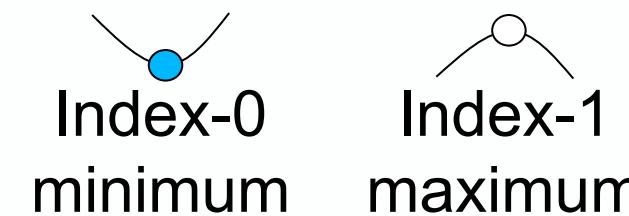


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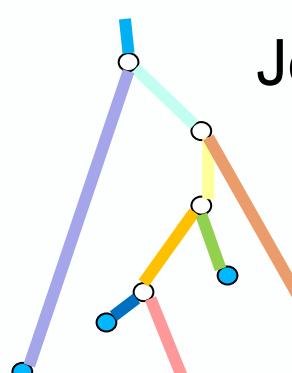


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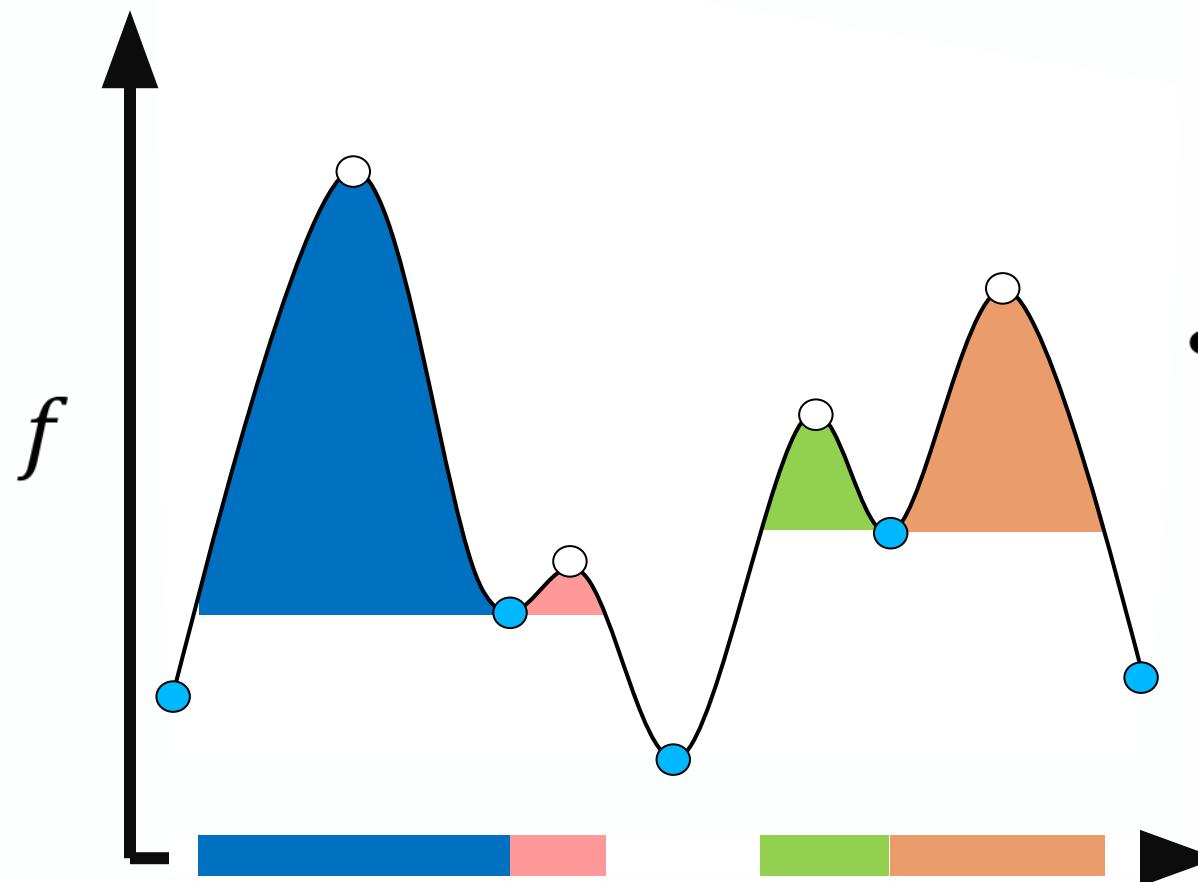
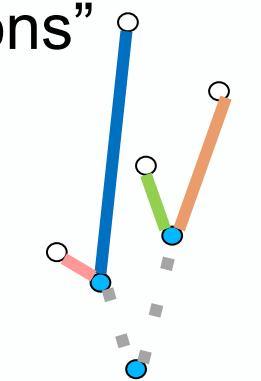


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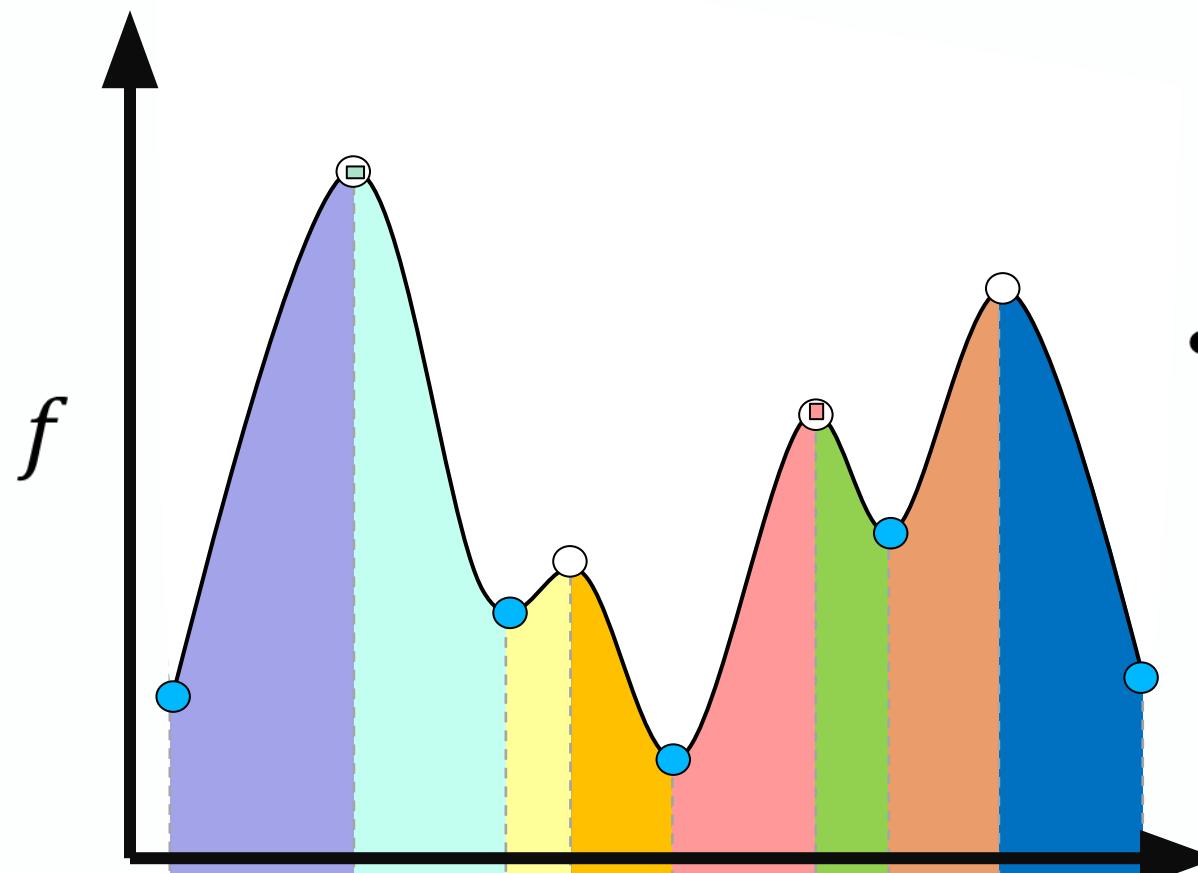
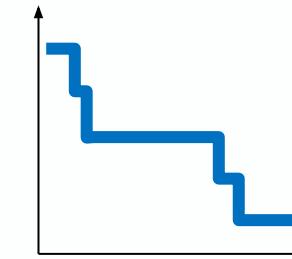
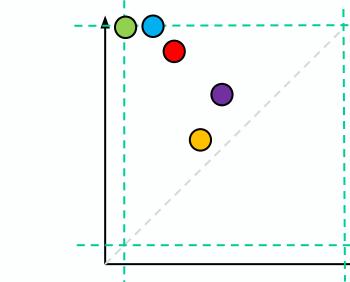
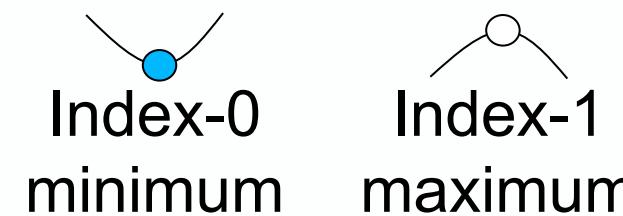
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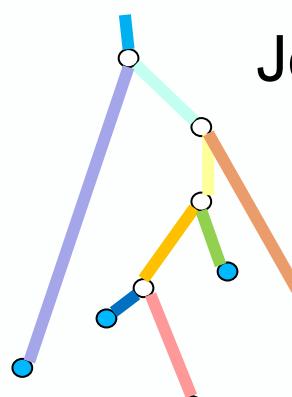


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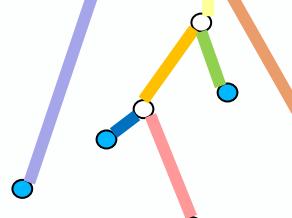


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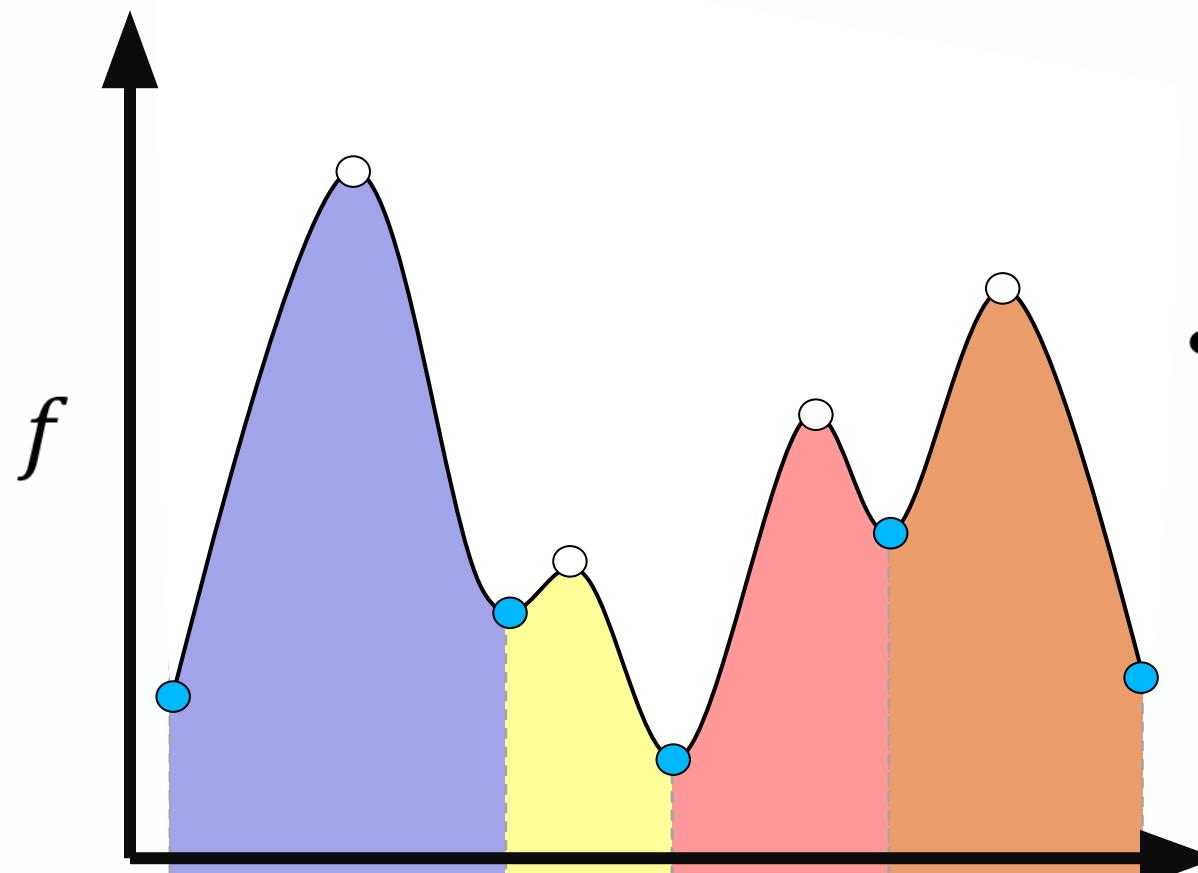
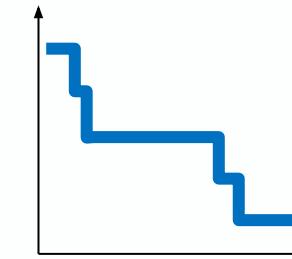
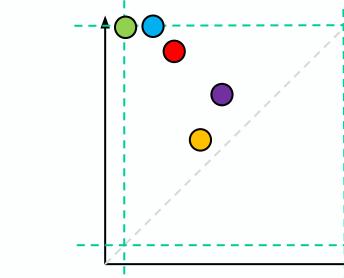
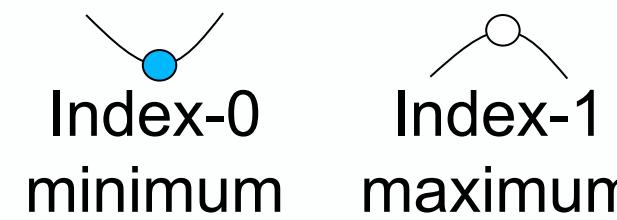
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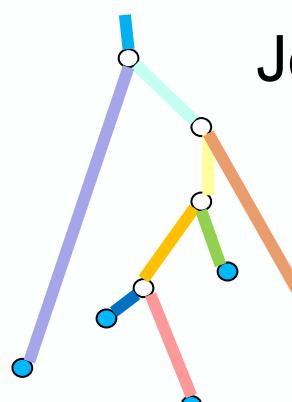
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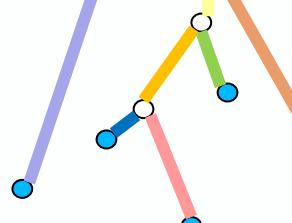


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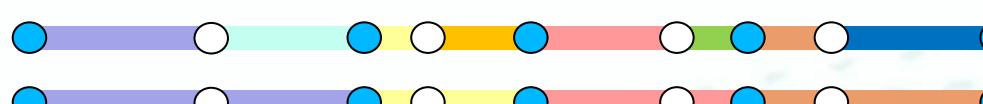


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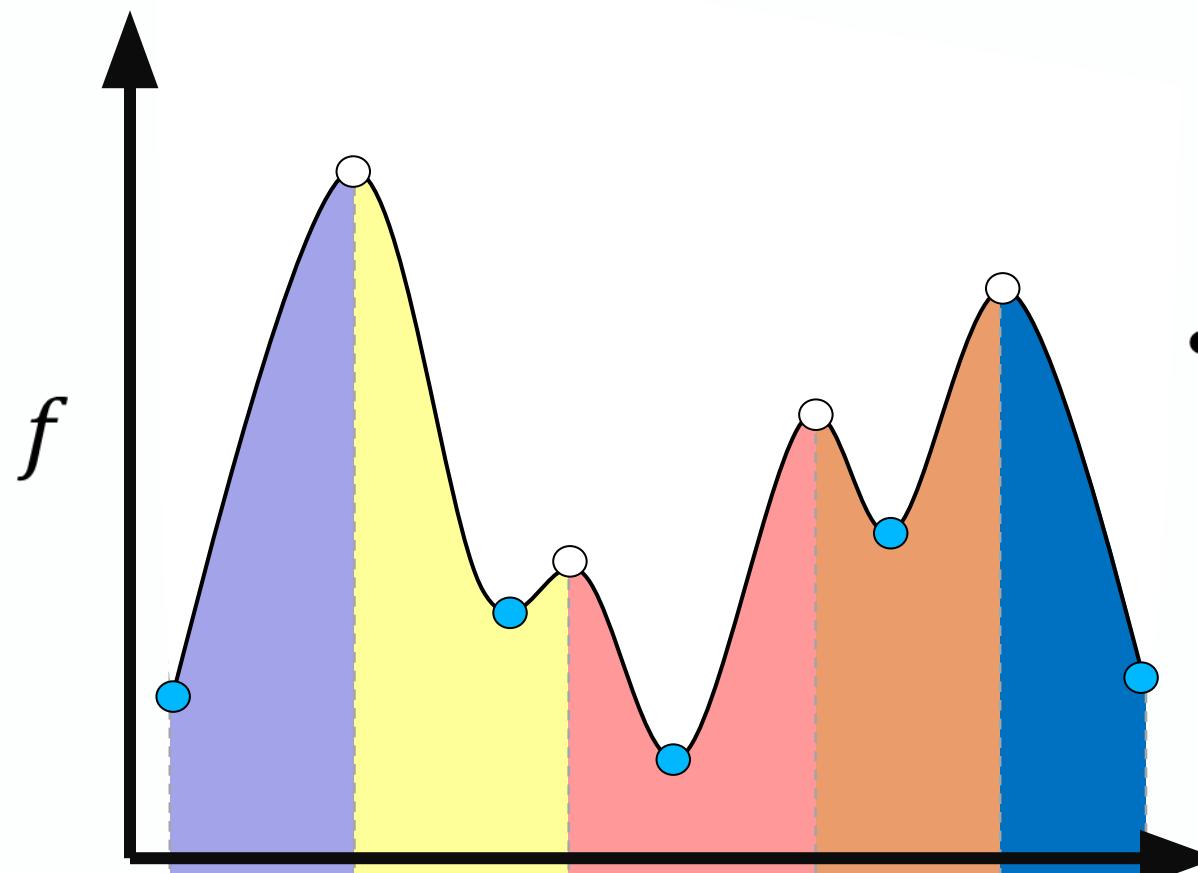
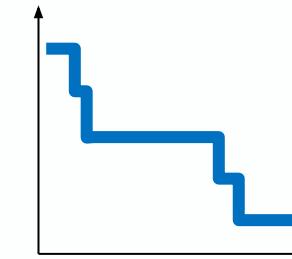
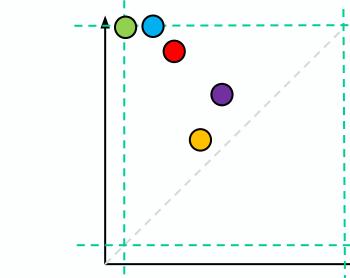
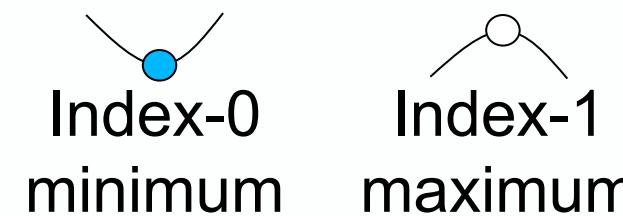
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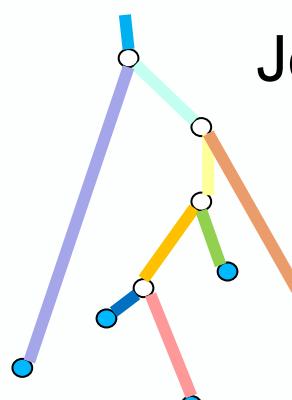
nodes/arcs

Features of a 1-dimensional function

- Critical points where $\nabla f = 0$



- Components existing during the filtration

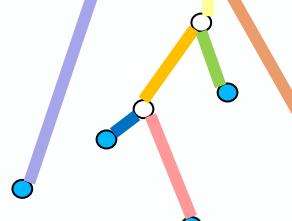


Join tree

"local valley", "Extremal regions"

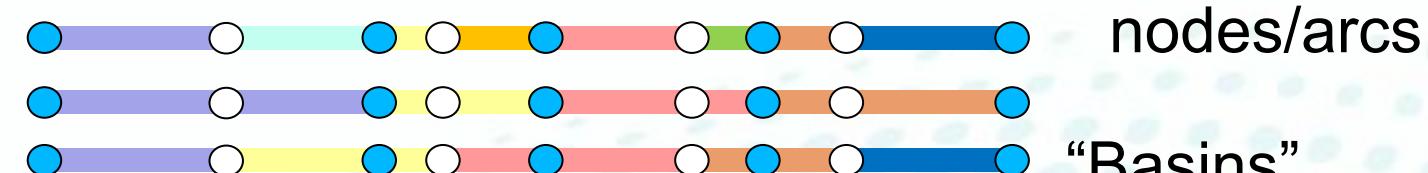


"local peak" Split tree



- Locally monotonic regions Morse-Smale Complex

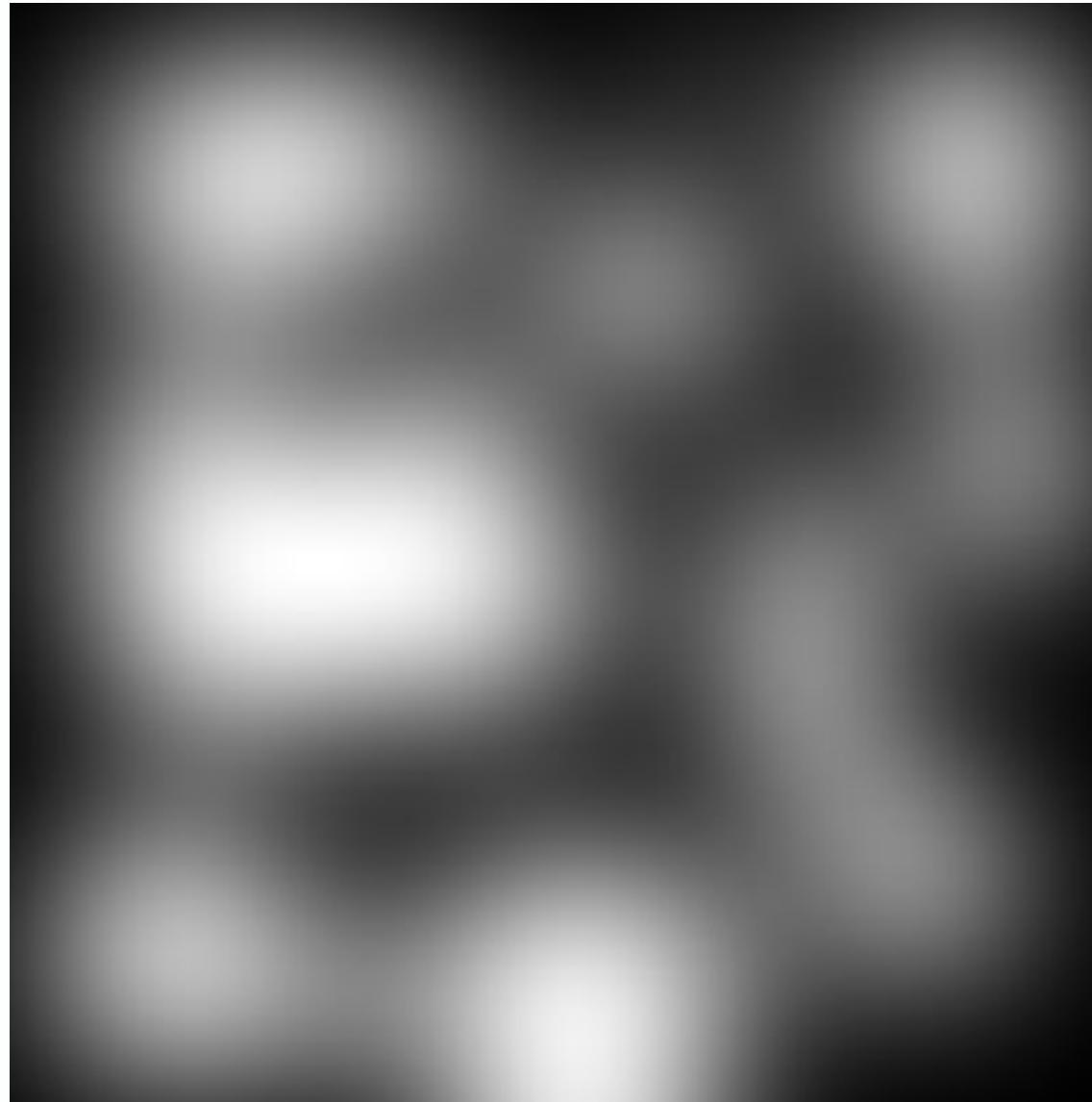
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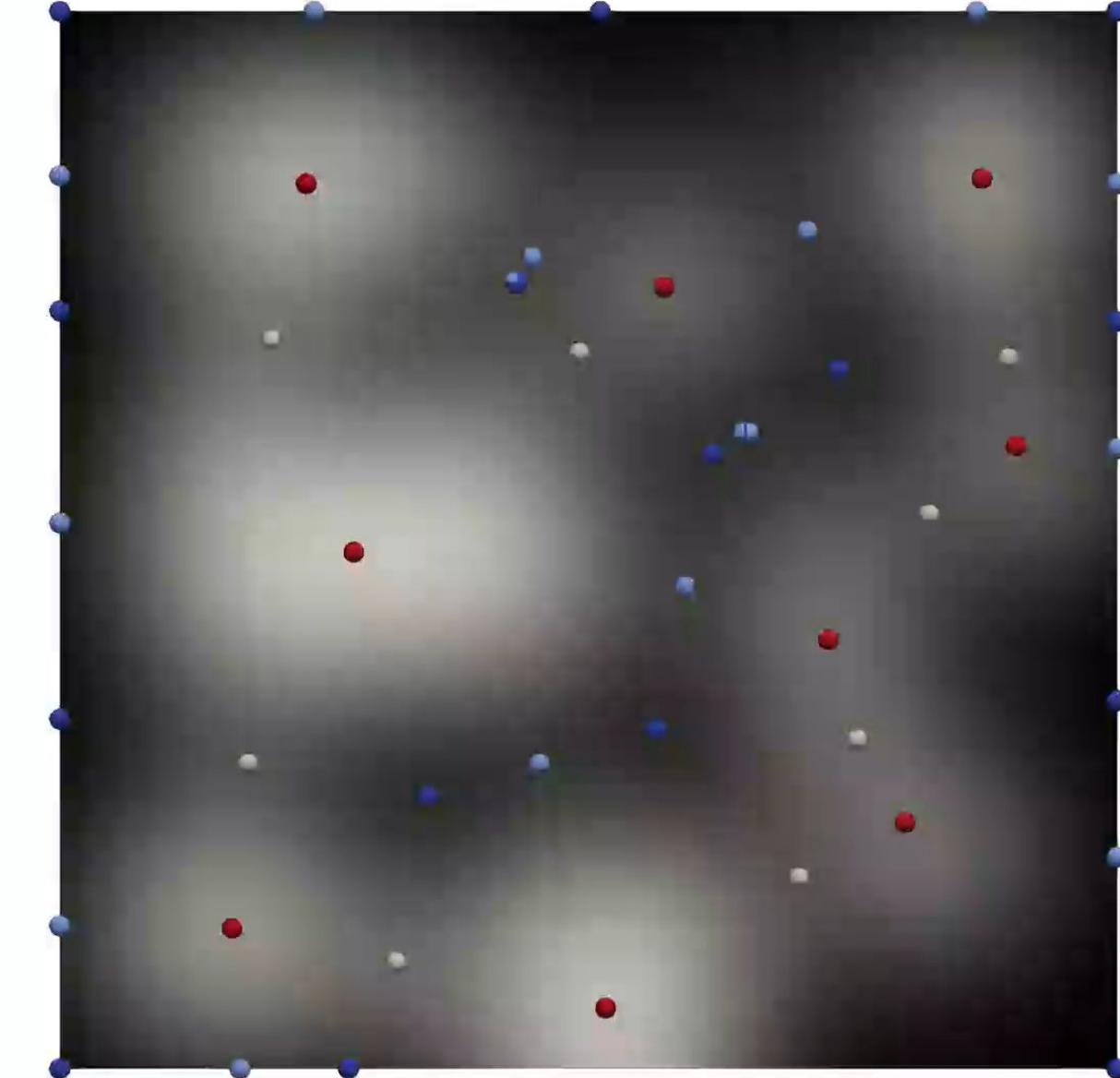
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Features of a 2-dimensional function

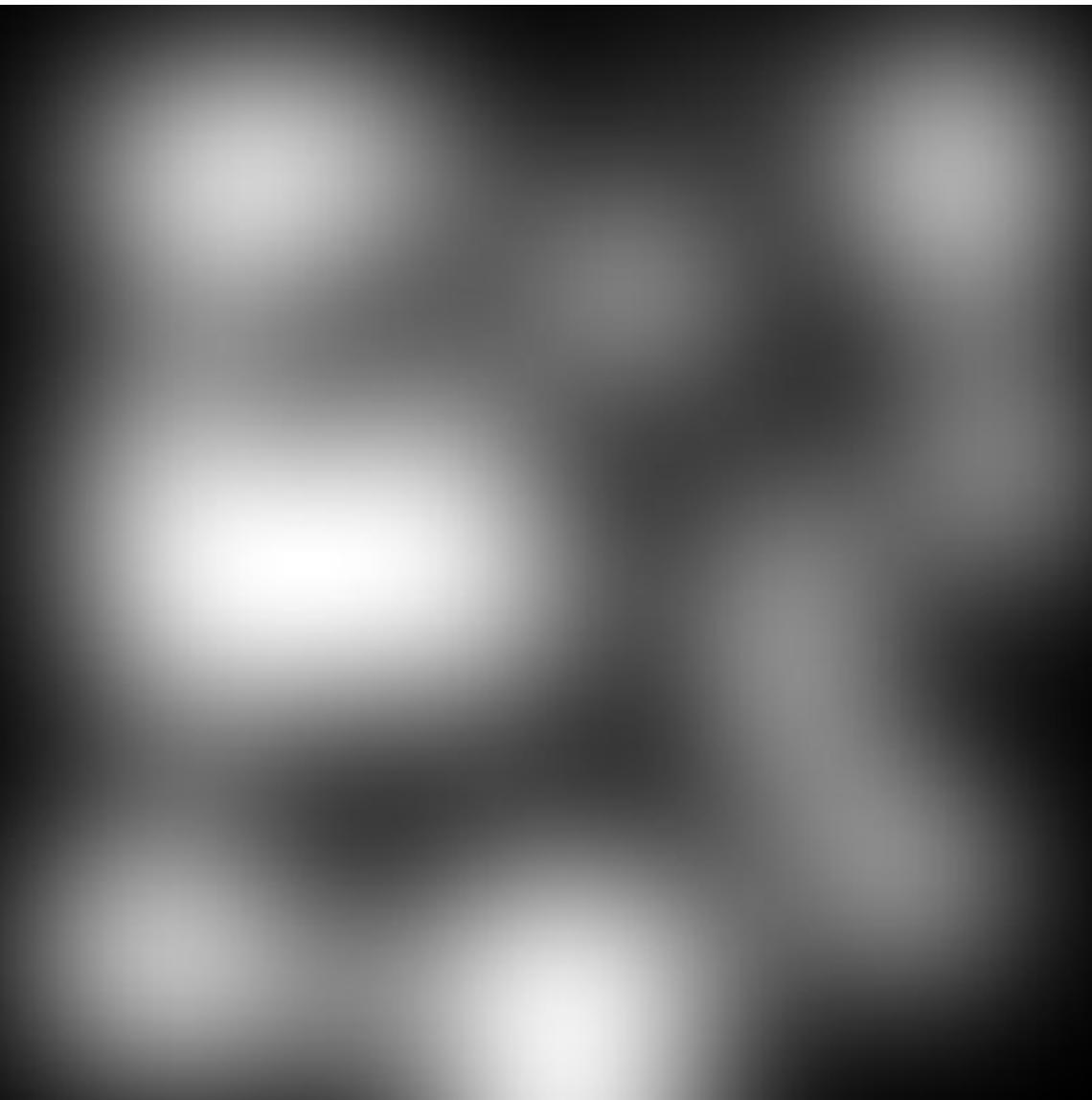


Grayscale rendering
Of 2d scalar function

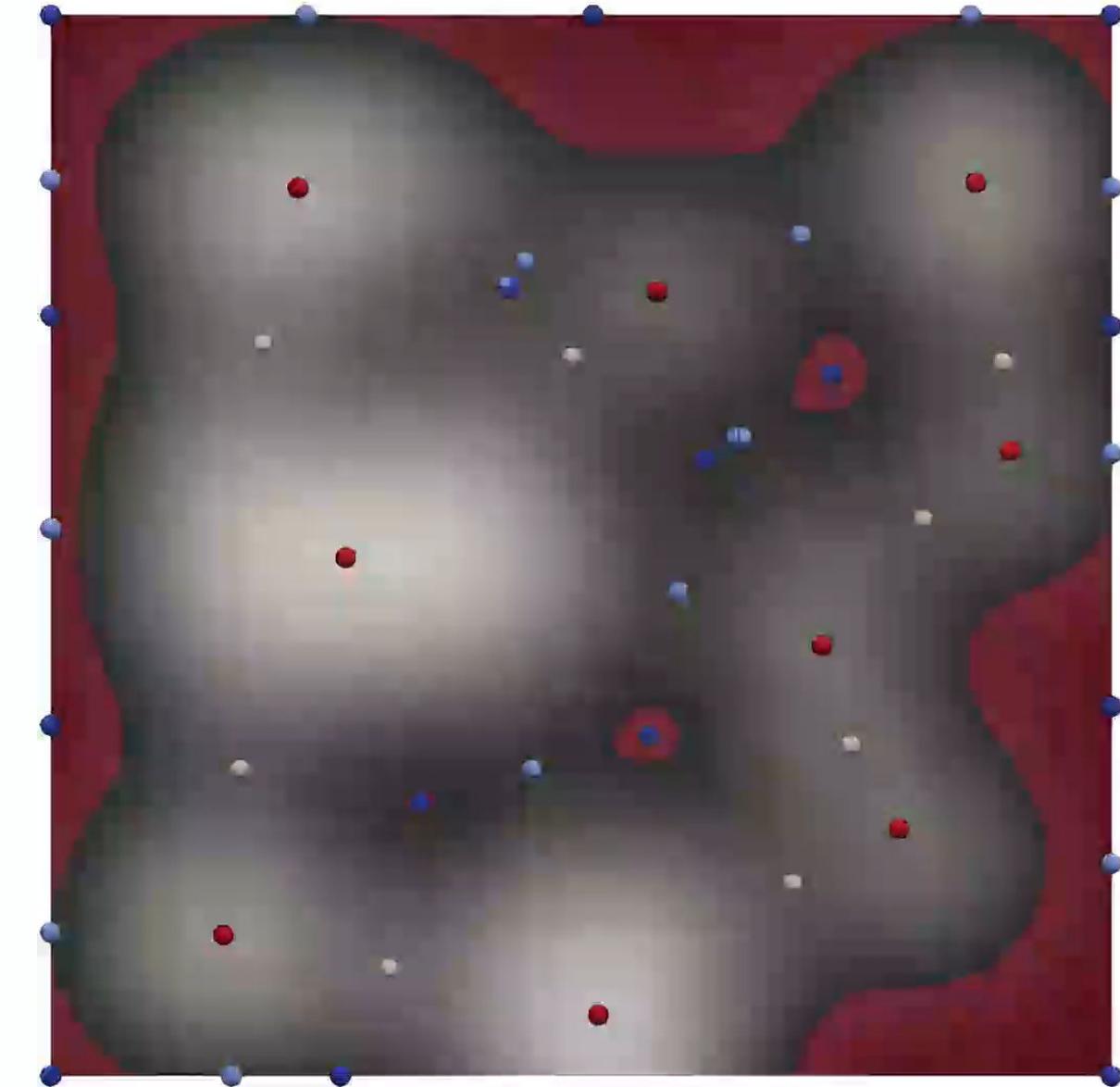


$$f^{-1}((-\infty, v])$$

Features of a 2-dimensional function



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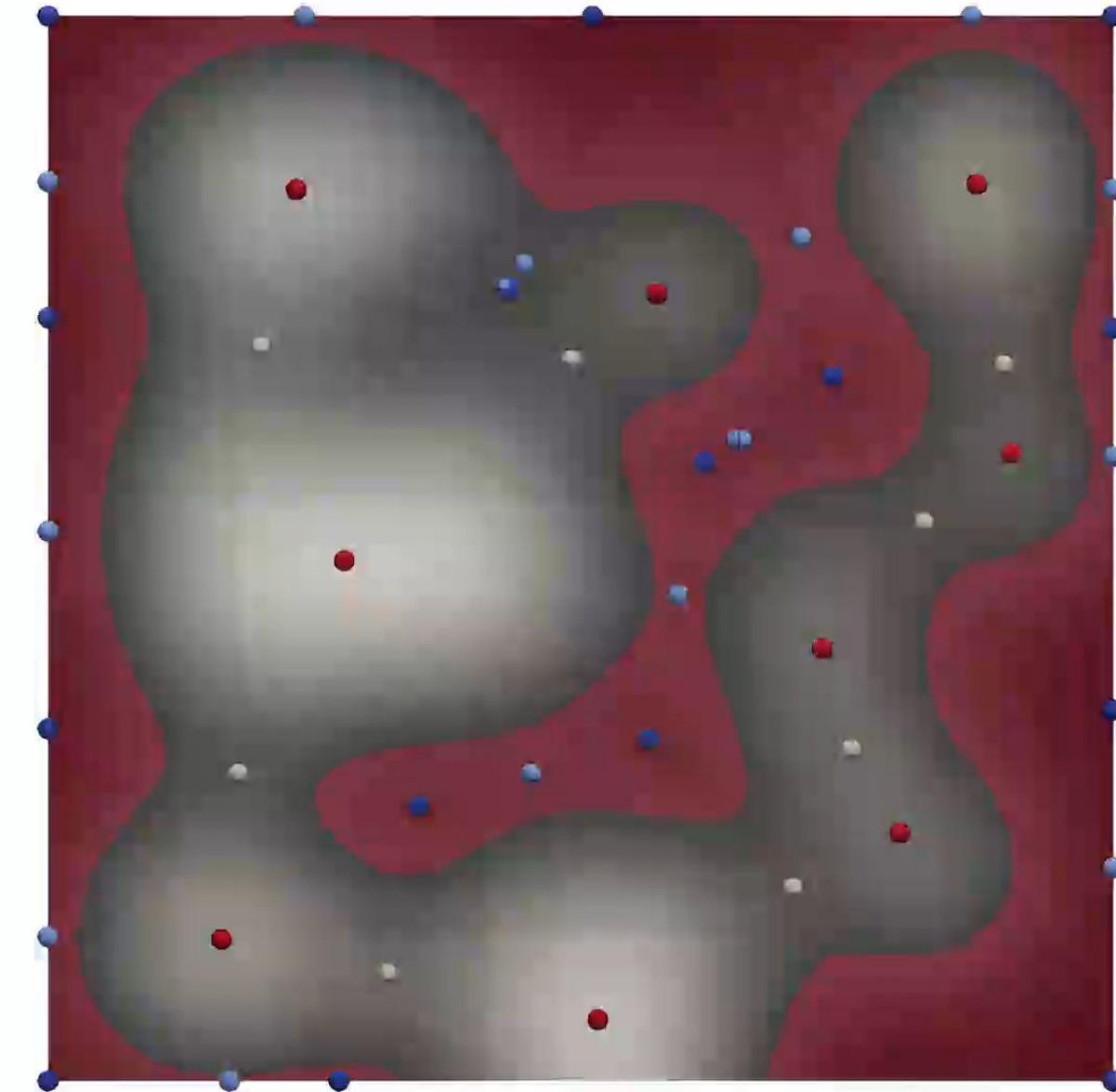


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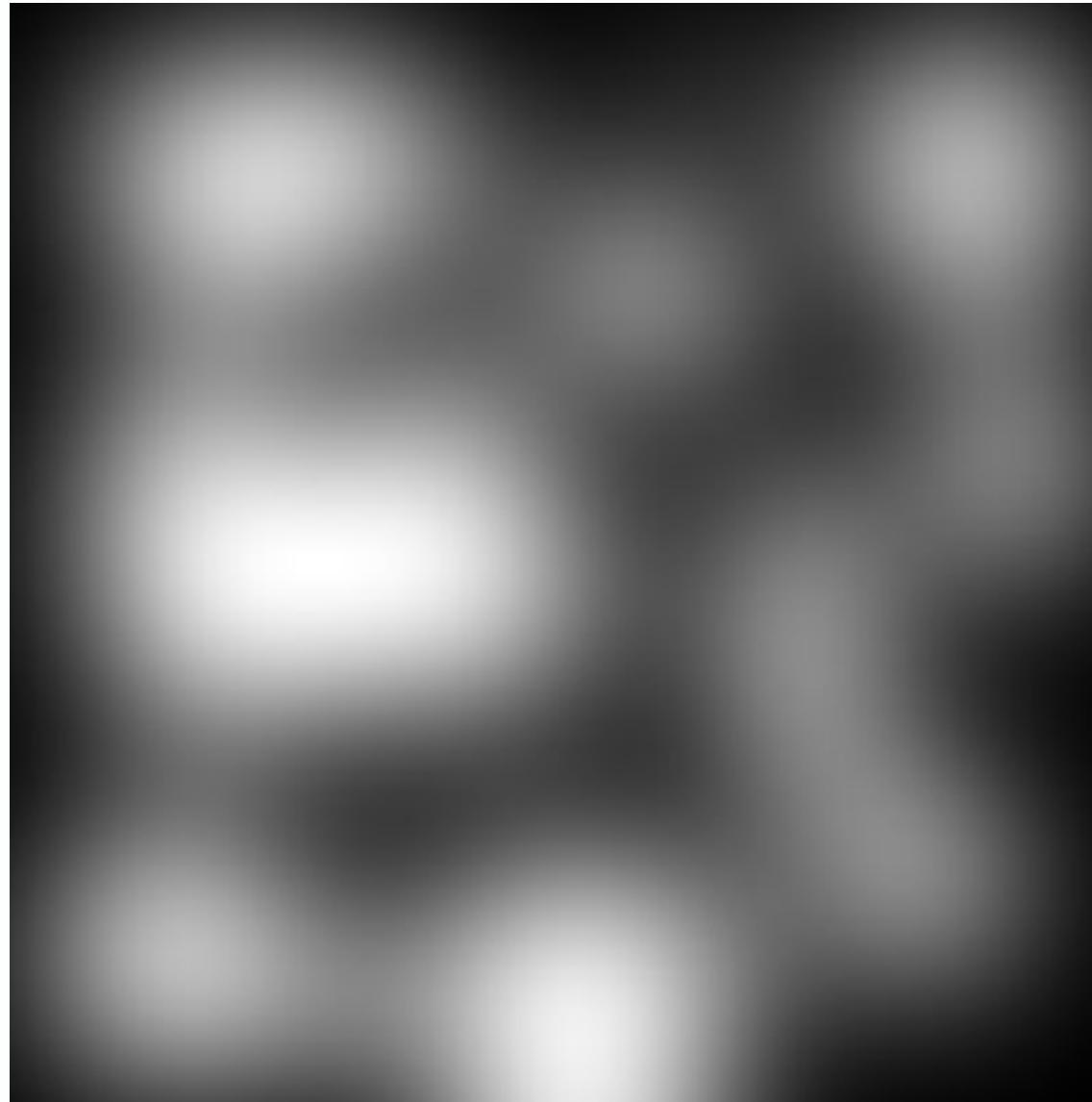


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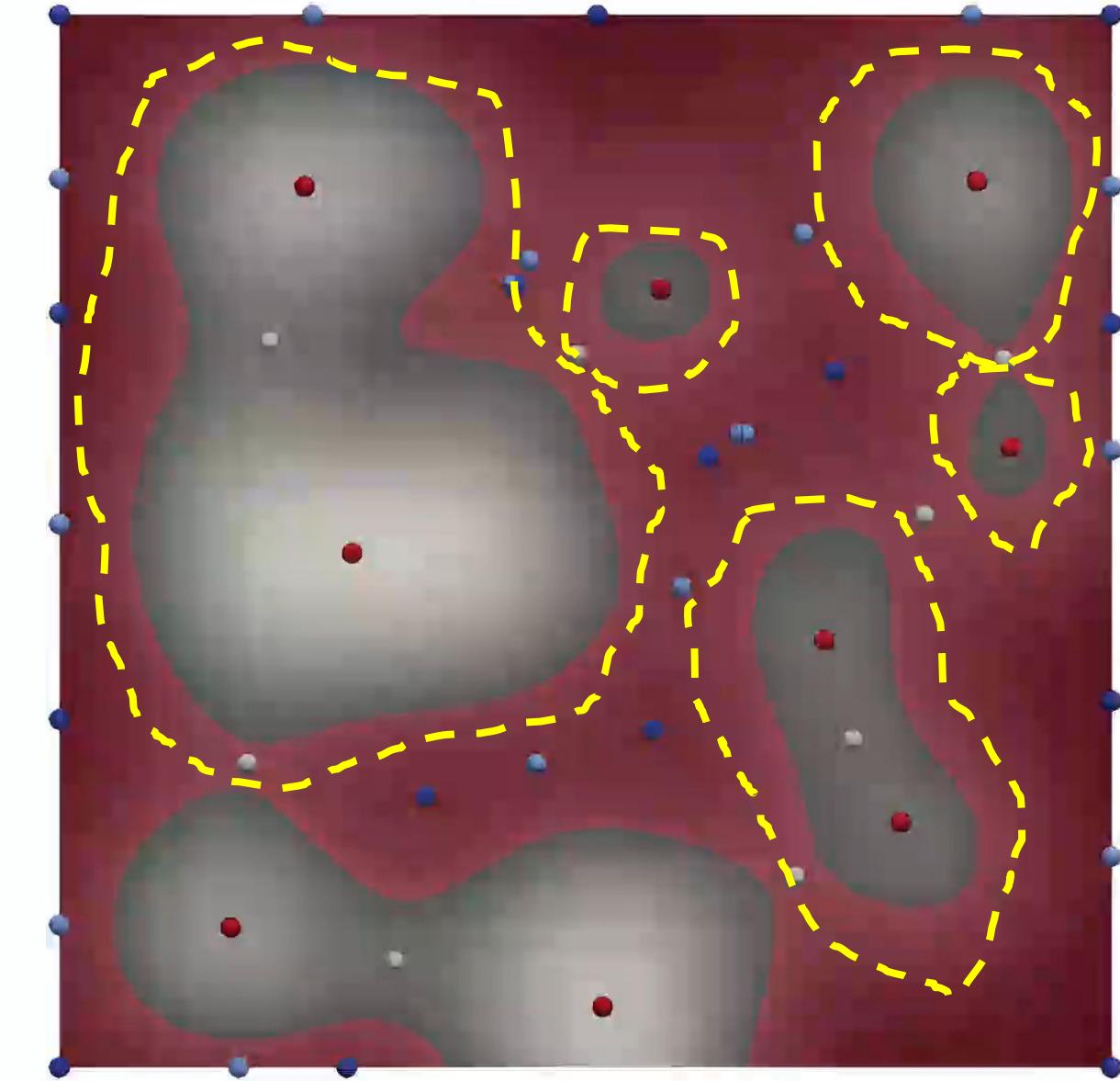


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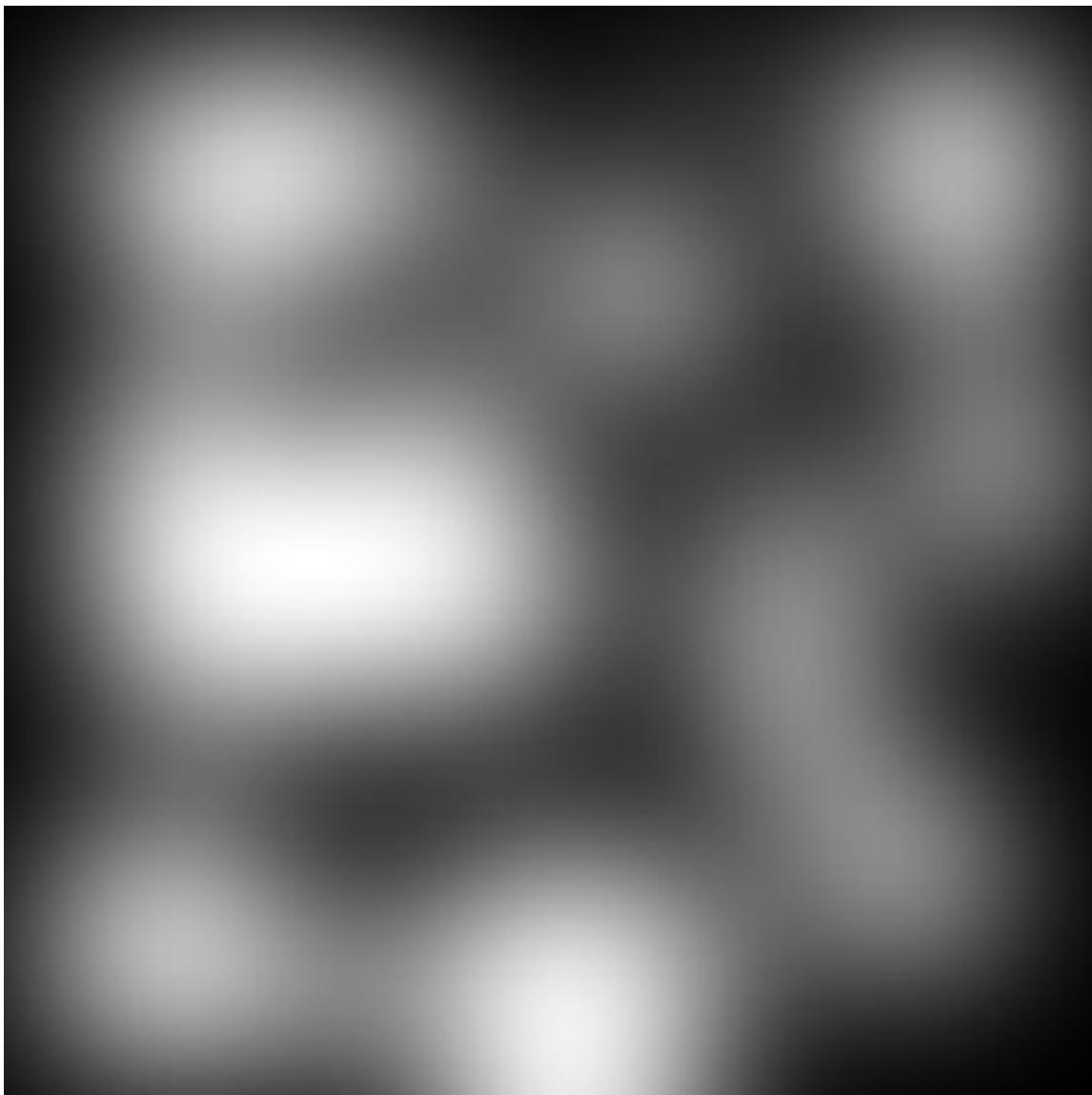


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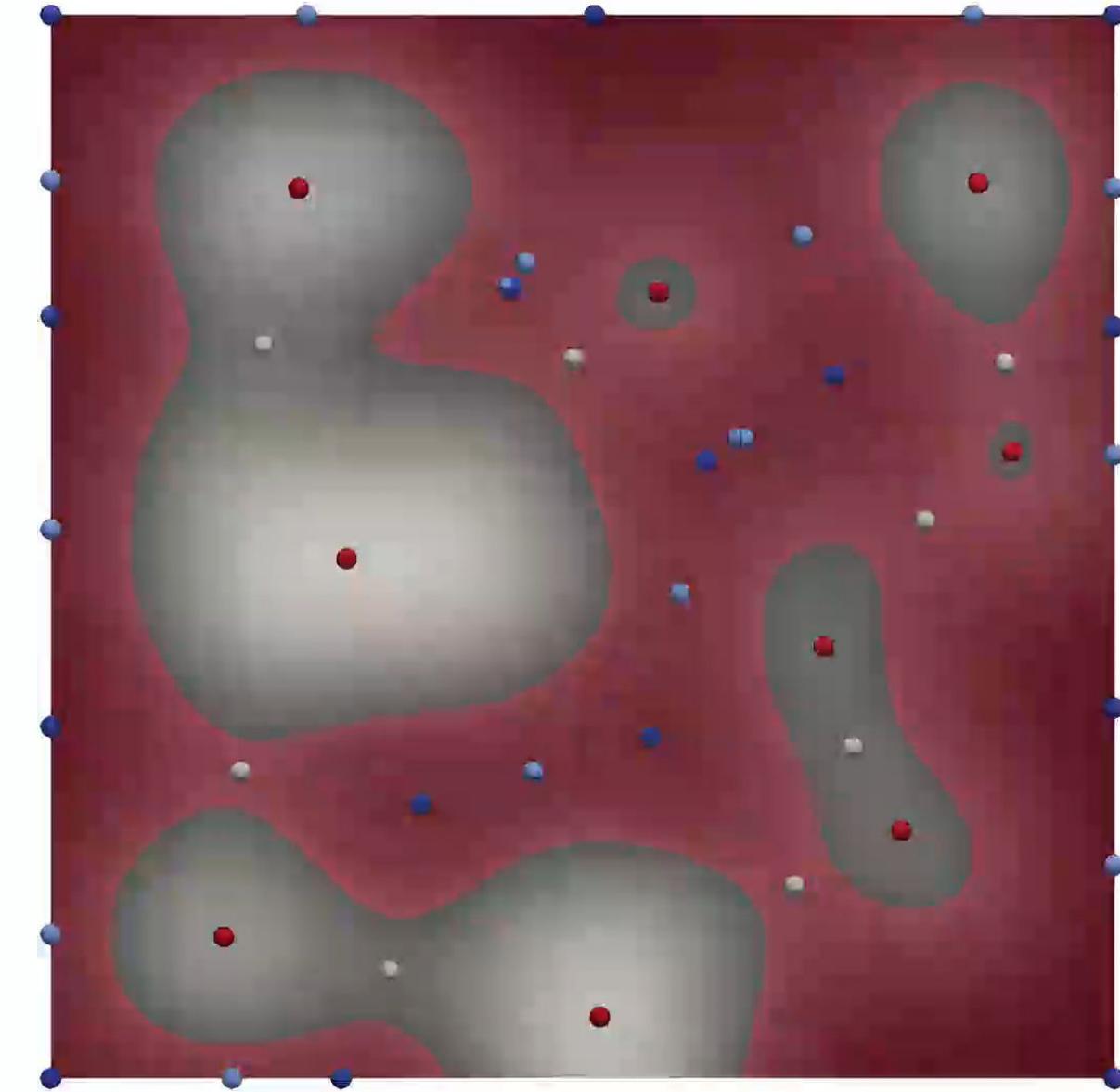


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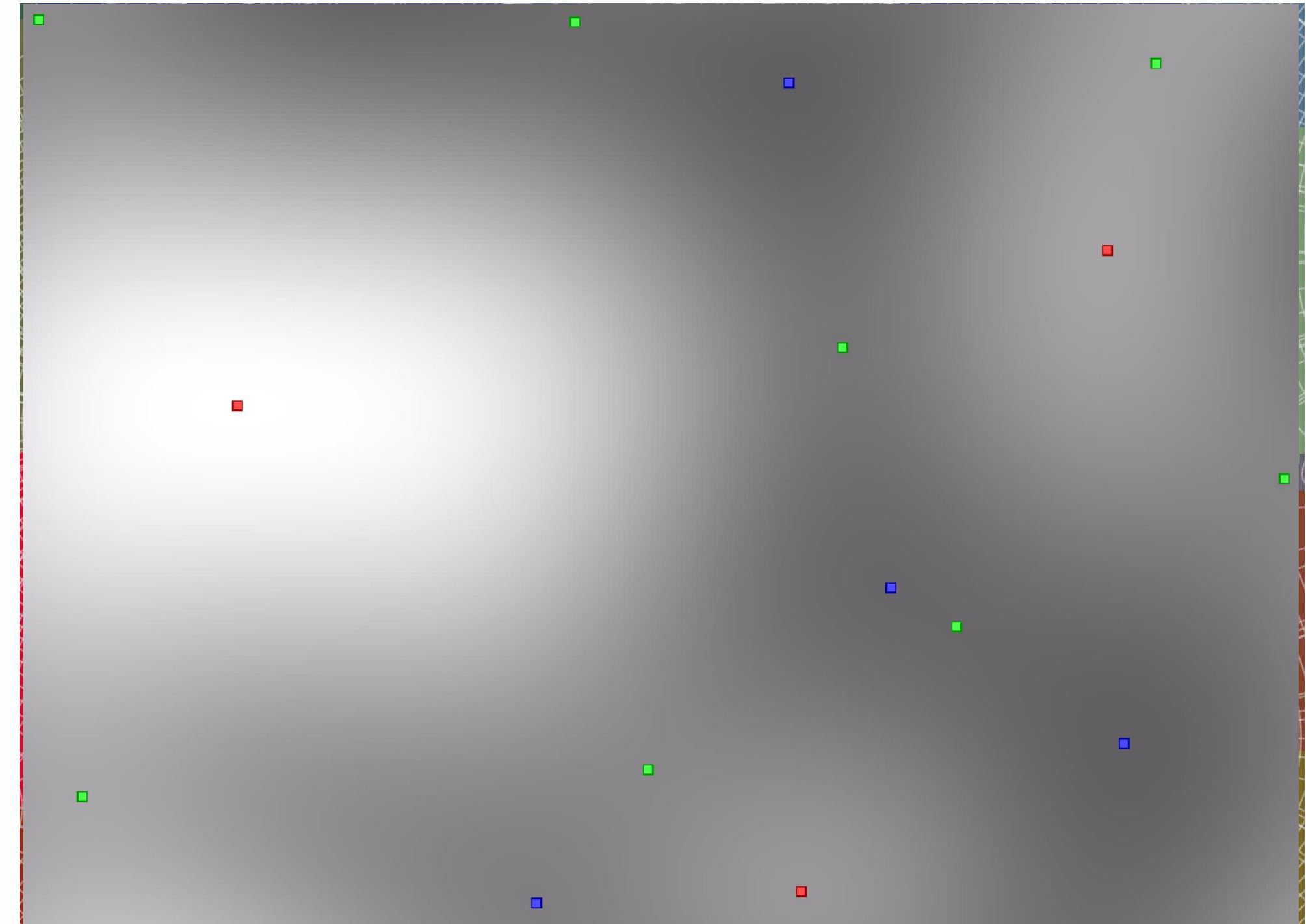
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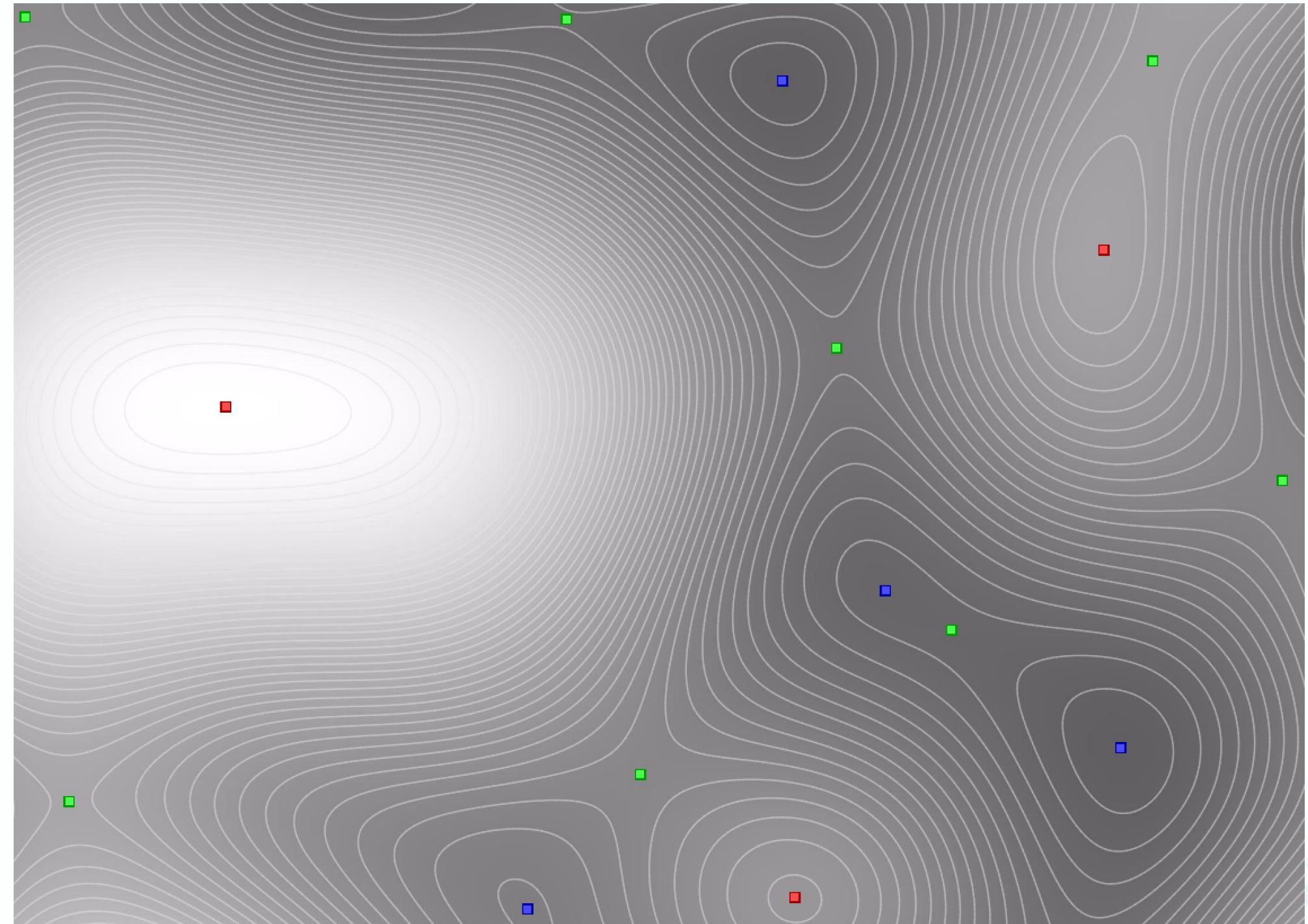
Features of a 2-dimensional function

“Monotonicity” =
pieces of contours
grouped by integral
lines



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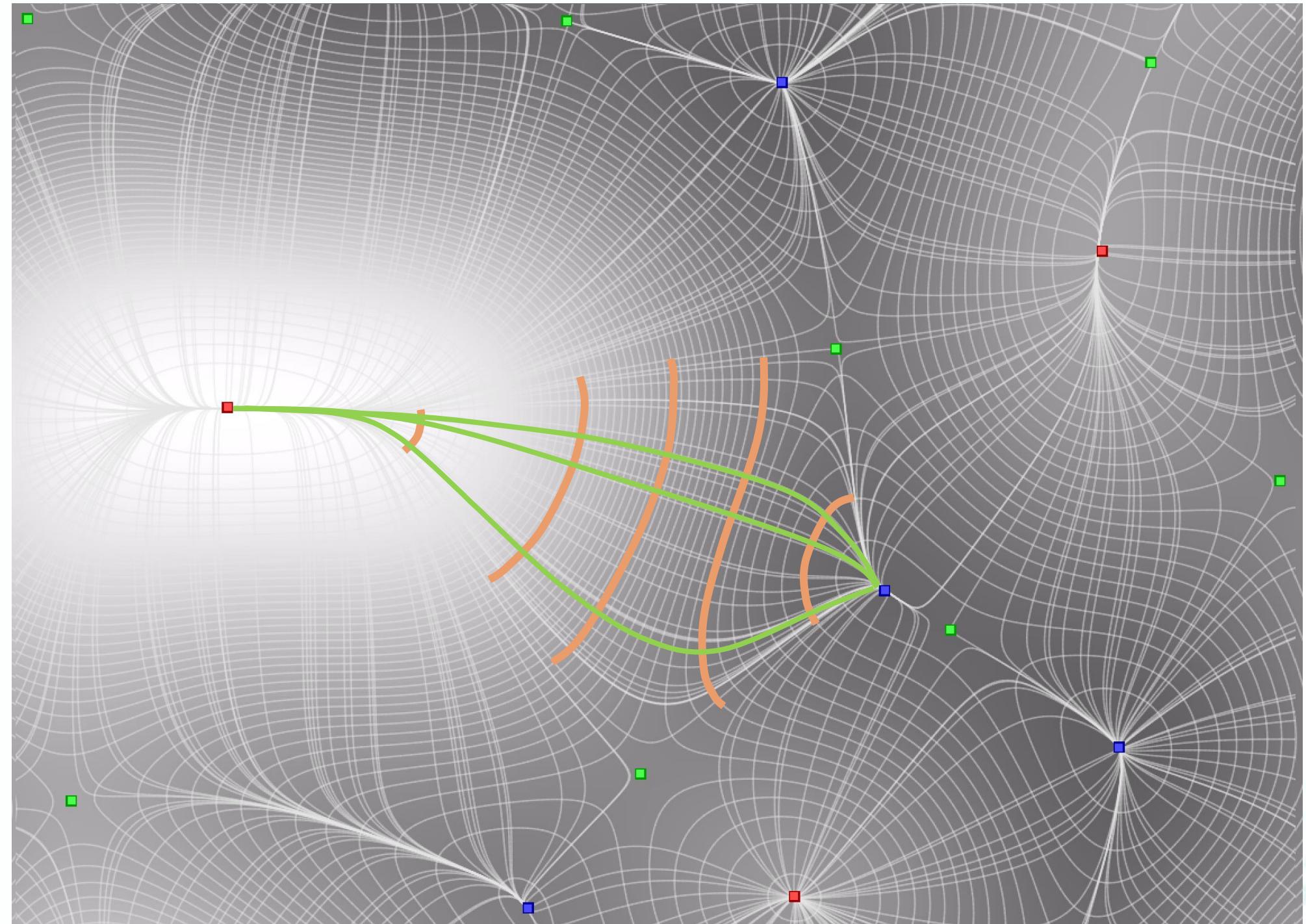
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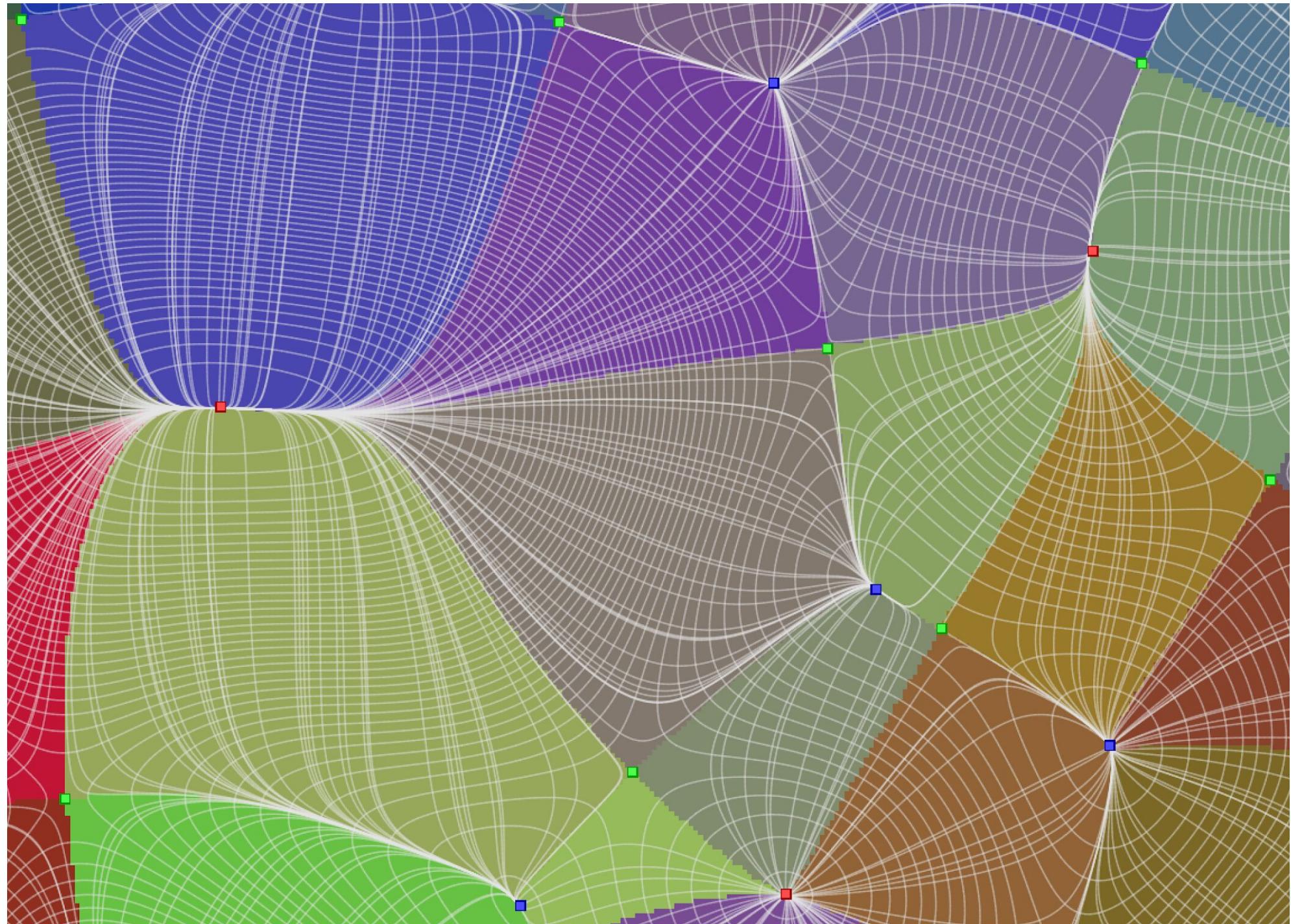
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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} L(t) = \nabla f(L(t))$$



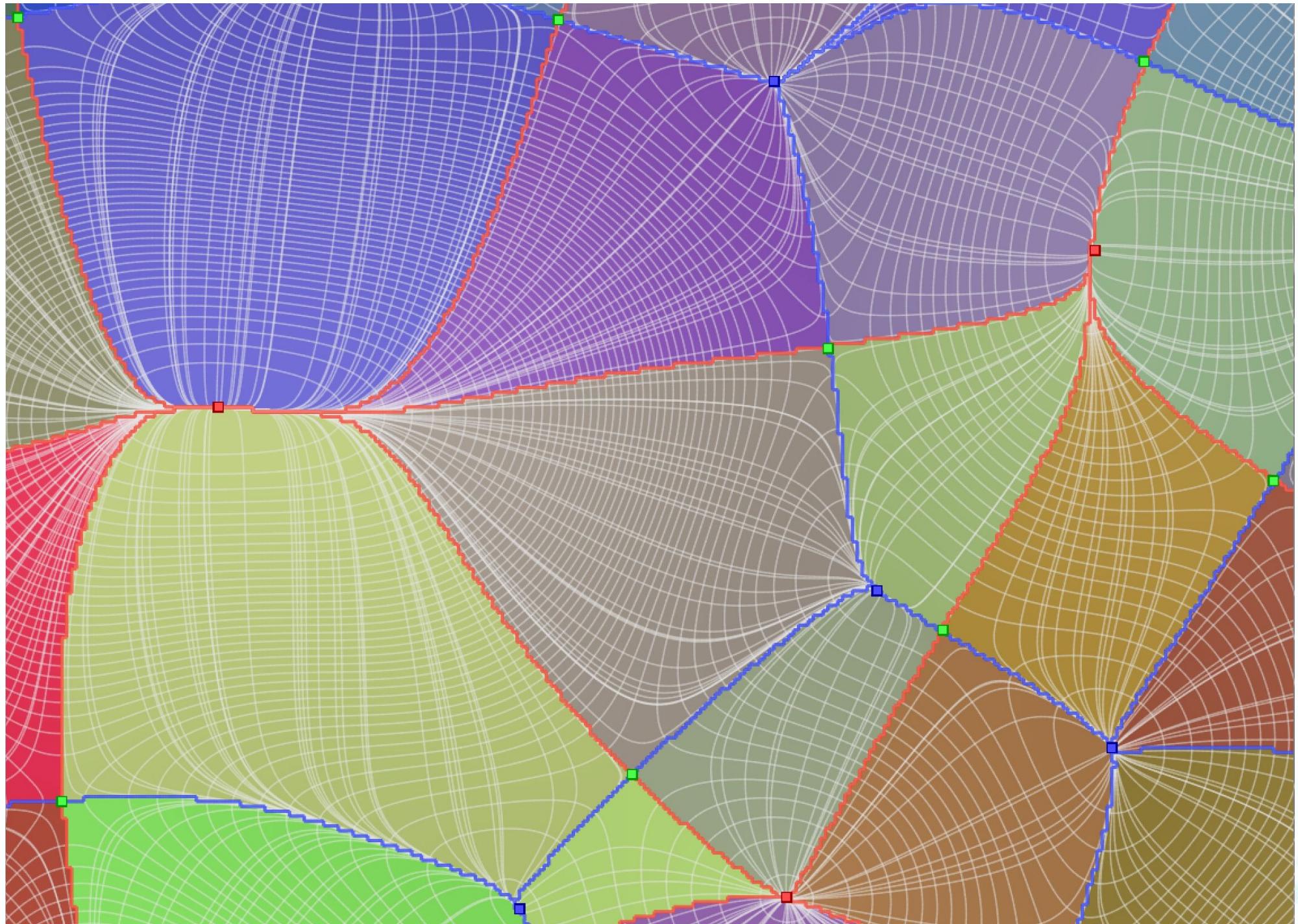
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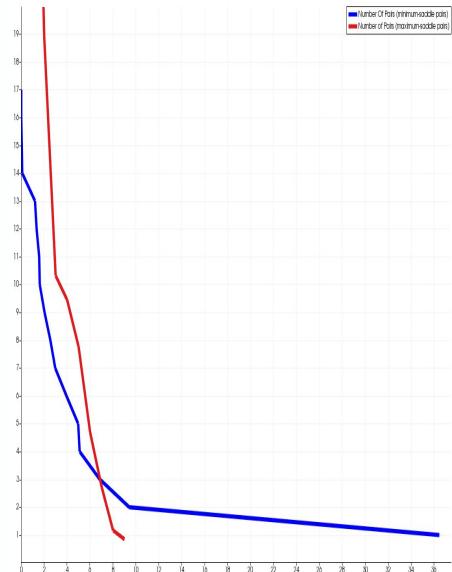


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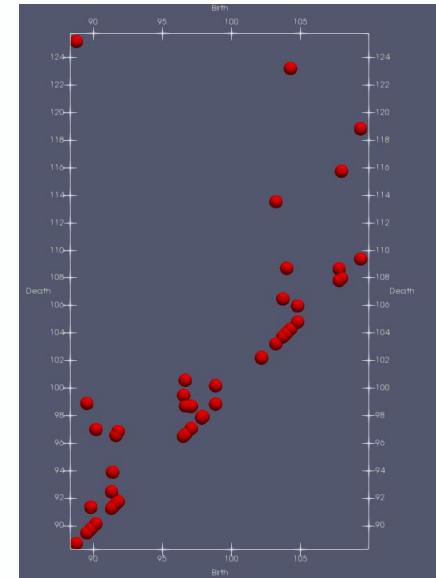
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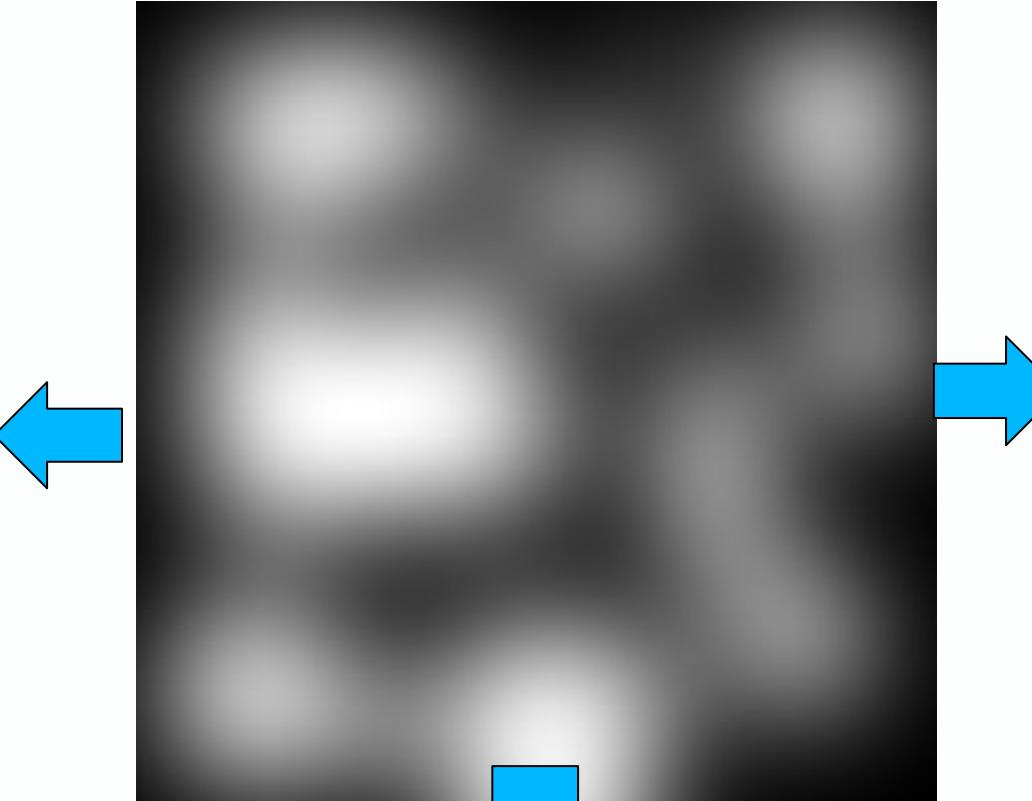
Features of a 2-dimensional function



Persistence
curve



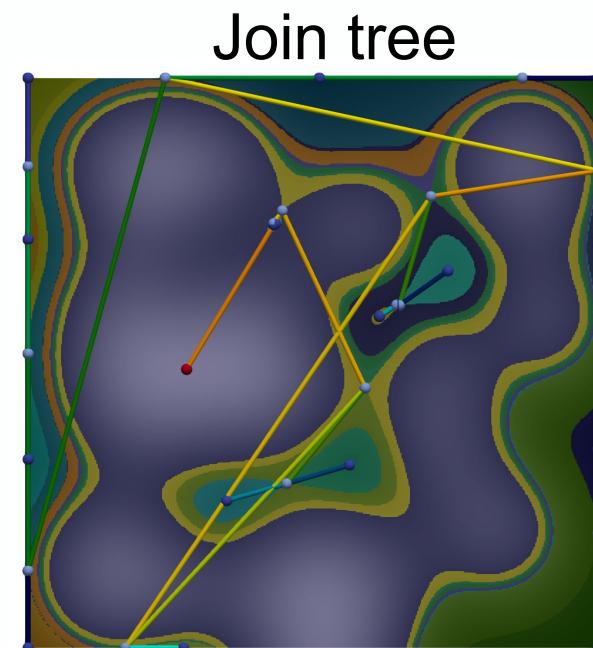
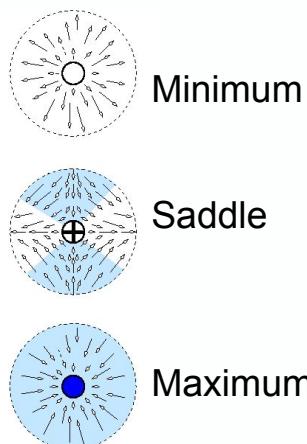
Persistence
diagram



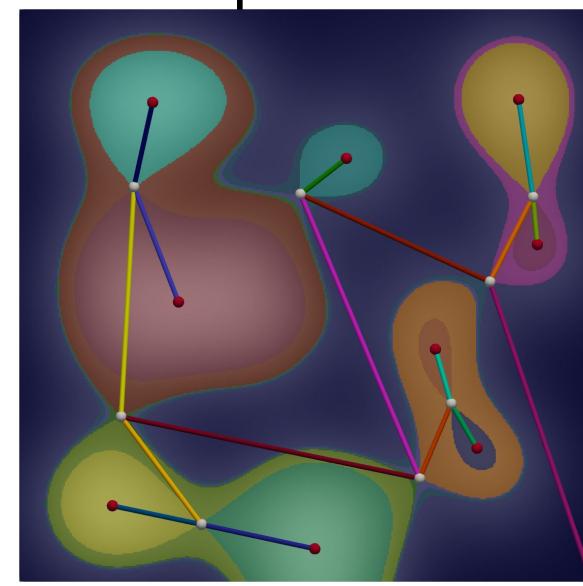
Split tree



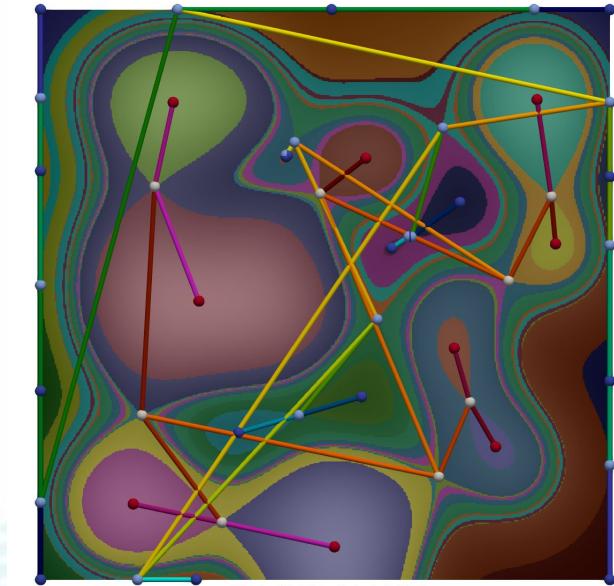
Morse-Smale Complex



Join tree

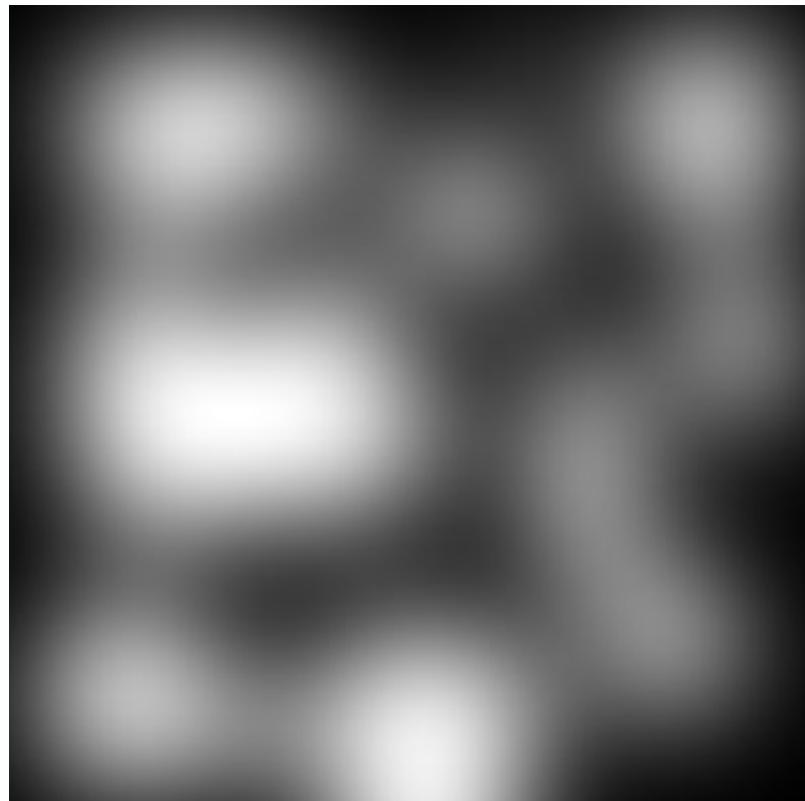


Contour tree

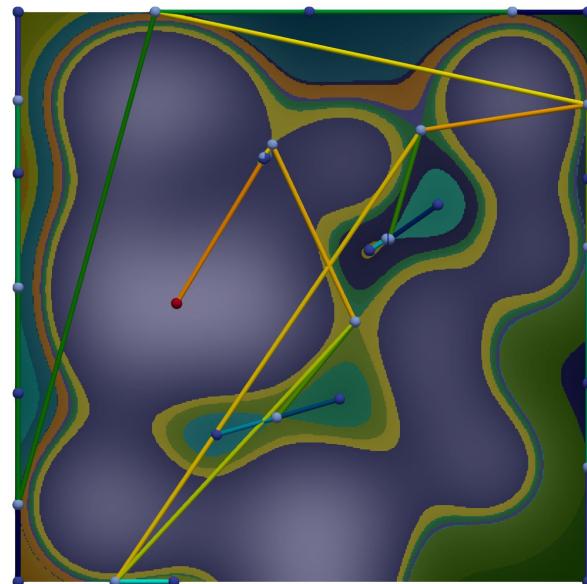


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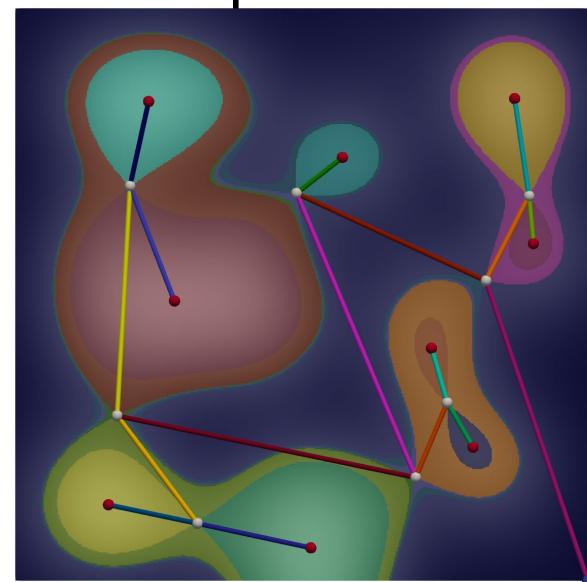
Contour-based features



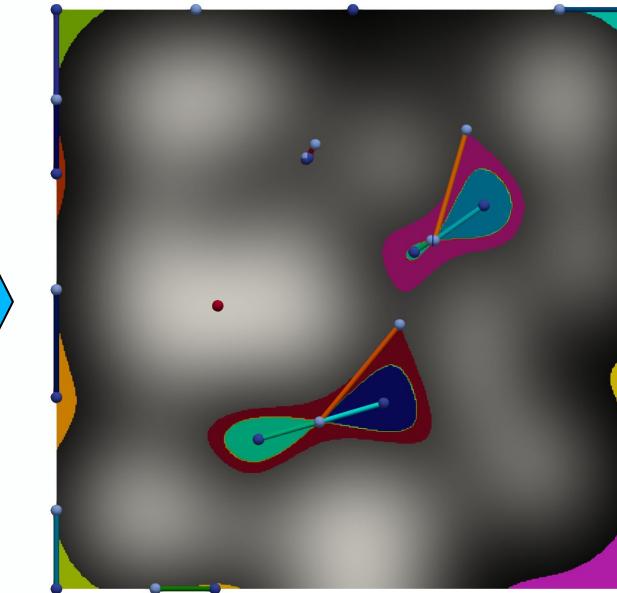
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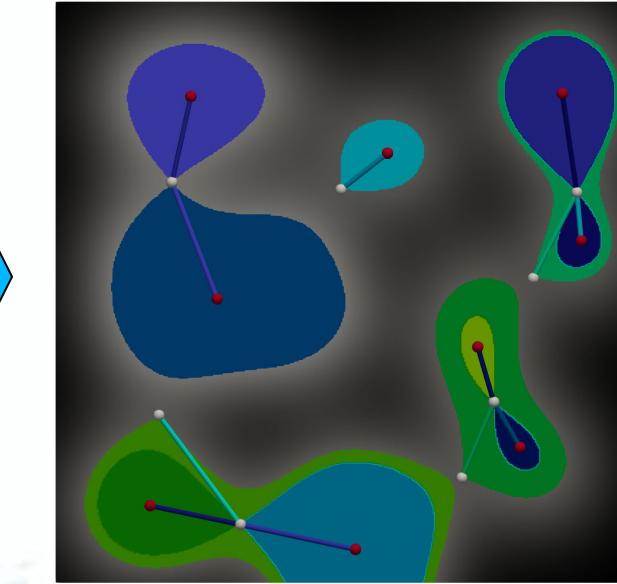
Split tree



“local valleys”

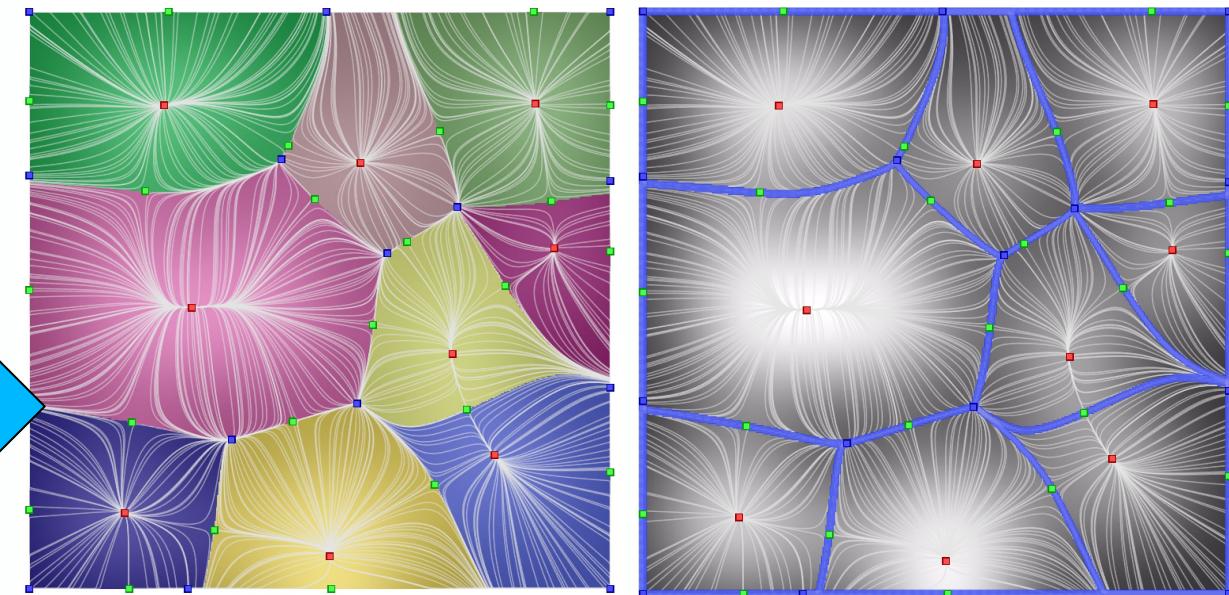
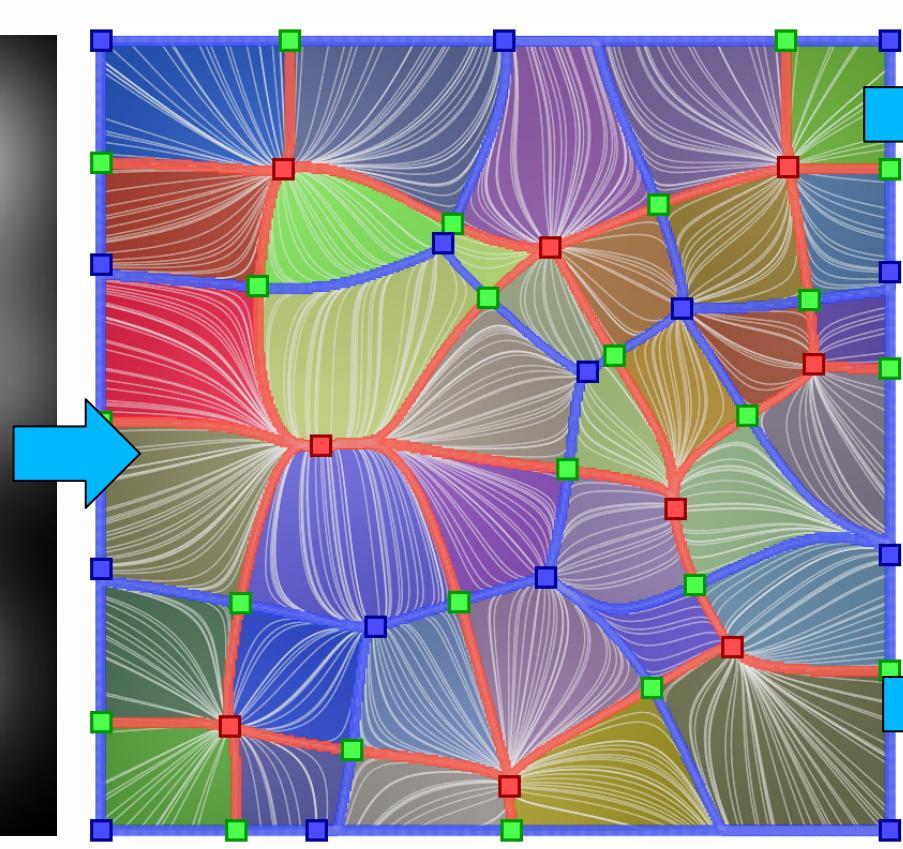
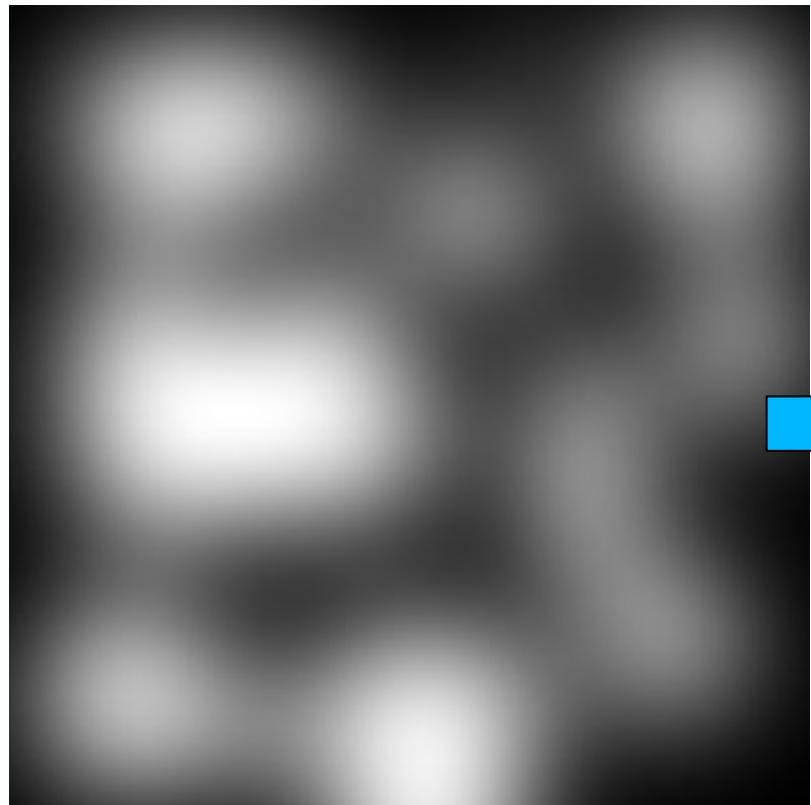


“local peaks”



Features of a 2-dimensional function

Gradient based features



"Mountains"

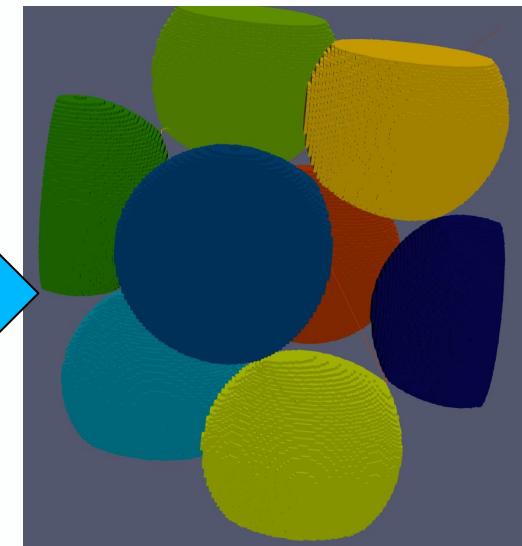
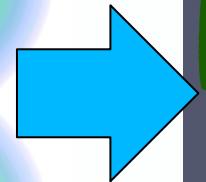
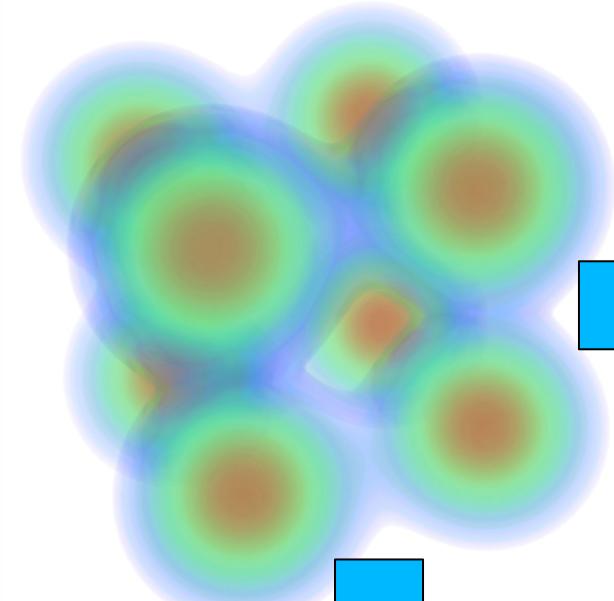
"Valley lines"

Morse-Smale Complex

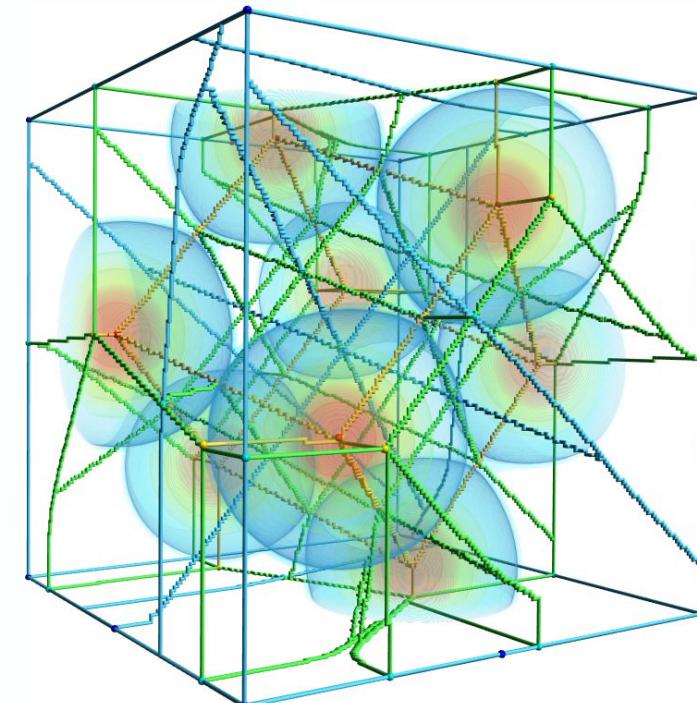
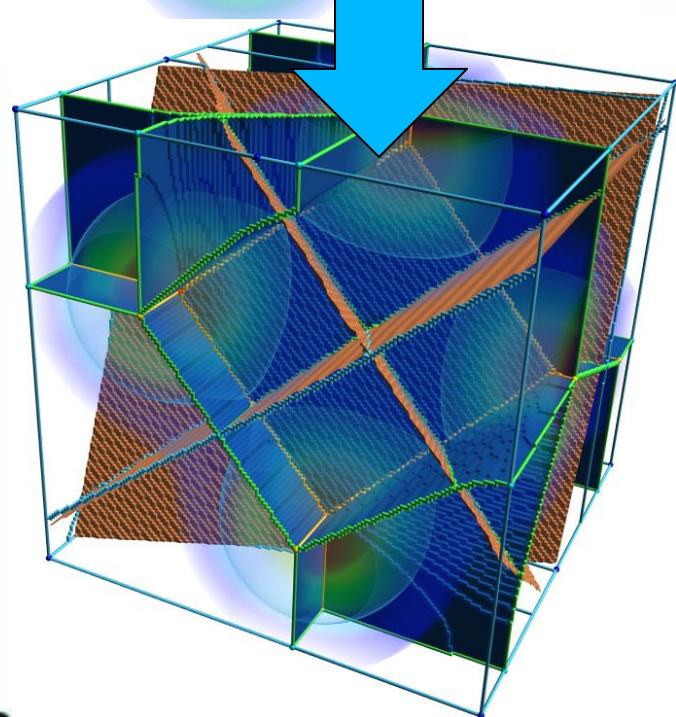
"Basins"

"Ridge lines"

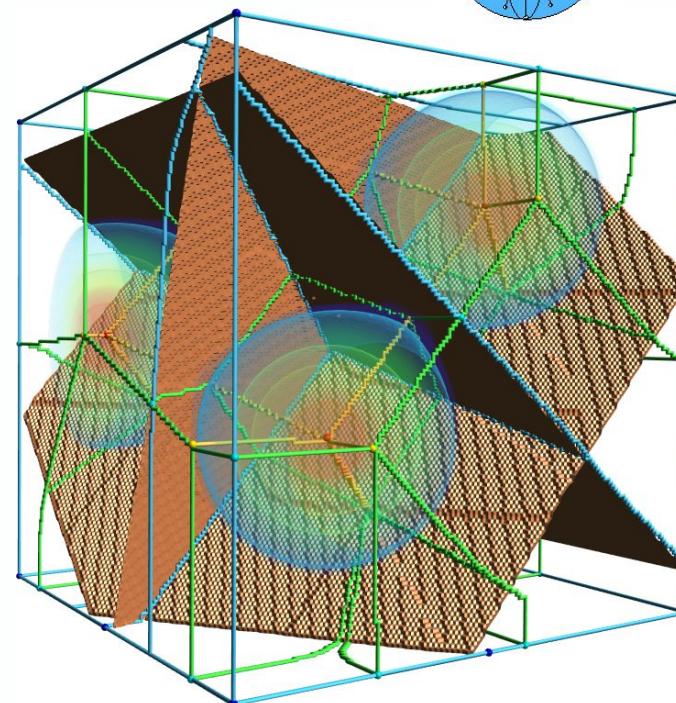
Features of a 3-dimensional function



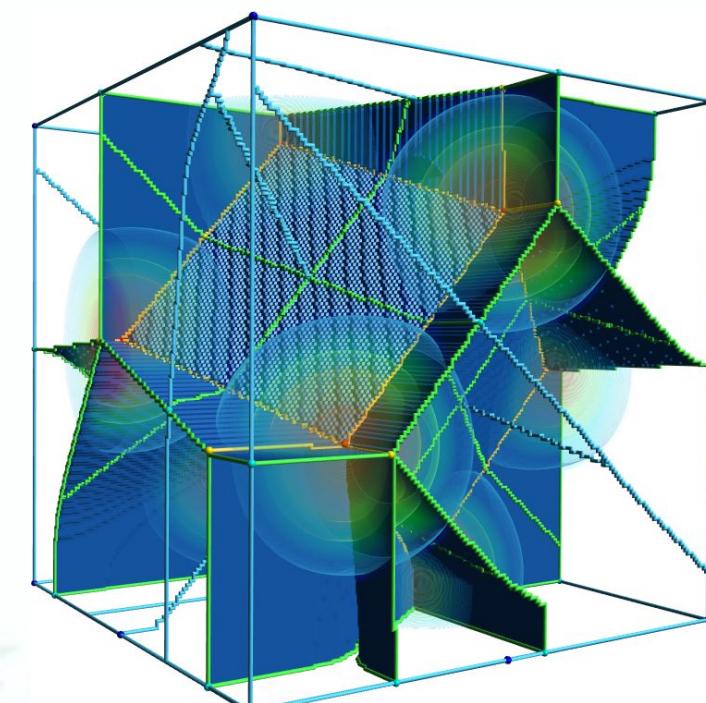
Split tree, Join tree,
Contour-trees
works the same as 1-
and 2d



“Ridge lines” “Valley lines”
“Saddle connectors”

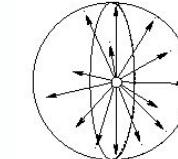


“Ridge surfaces”
Descending 2-manifolds

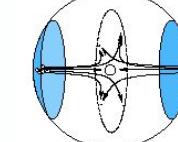


“Valley surfaces”
Ascending 2-manifolds

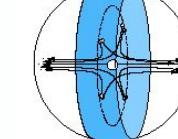
Minimum



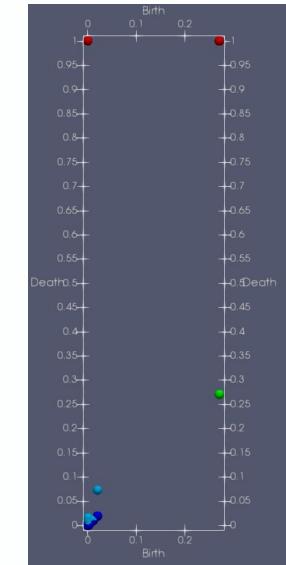
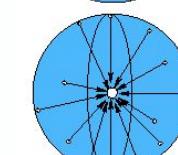
1-saddle



2-saddle



Maximum



Persistence
diagrams also
record
saddle-saddle
pairs



How do we approach an analysis
problem?

In reverse:

“I need to extract/identify/count/measure....”

Extreme point

Persistence diagram/
persistence plot

Local peaks/valleys

Leaves/branches of
join/split/contour trees

Ridge/Valley lines

Saddle-extremum arcs of MSC

Mountains/Basins

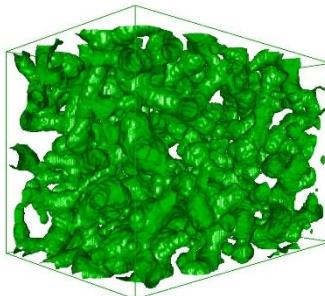
Ascending/descending
segmentation ids of MSC

Separating surfaces

Ascending/descending
2-manifolds of MSC

Create a hypothesis for topological features

Data

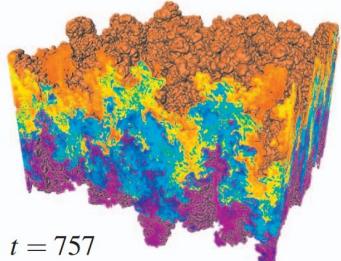


Scientific question

→ “Quantify porosity” →

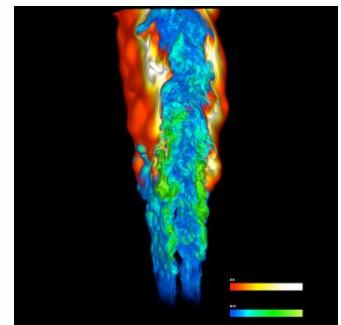
Redefine with abstraction

Measure total length and number of cycles in ridge-like “filaments”



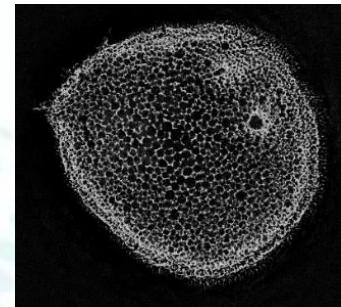
→ “Measure bubble formation rate” →

Evolution of stable descending 2-manifolds (“mountains”) on mixture fraction isosurface



→ “Identify ignition kernels” →

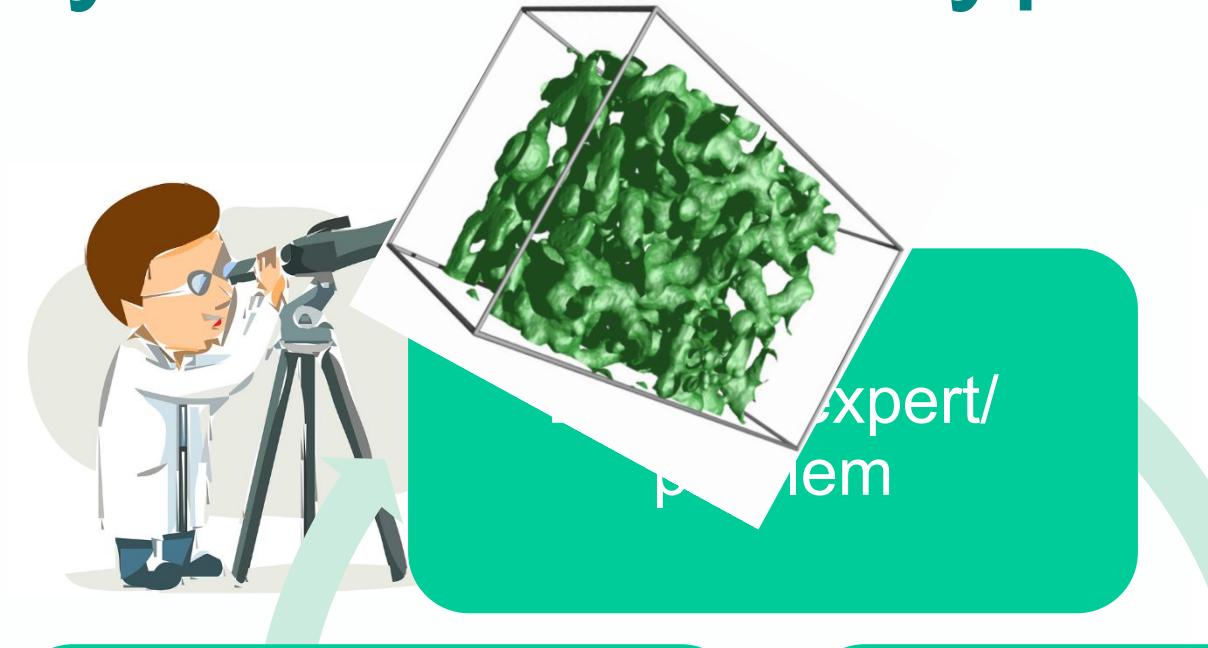
Local peaks and regions in temperature field below flame base



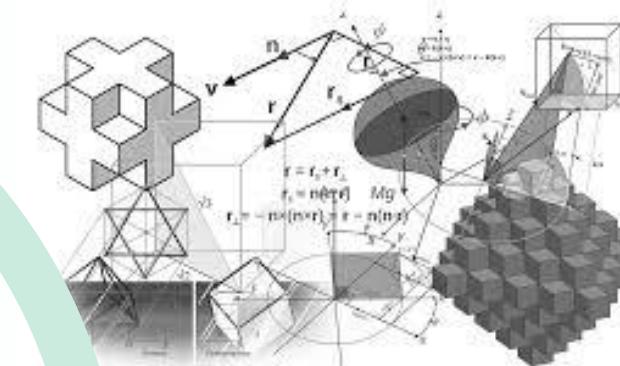
→ “Measure deformation of cavity walls” →

Measure deviation from plane for ascending 2-manifolds separating “basins”

Continuously re-evaluate hypothesis

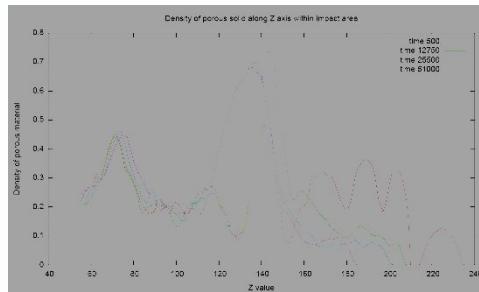


Expert/
problem

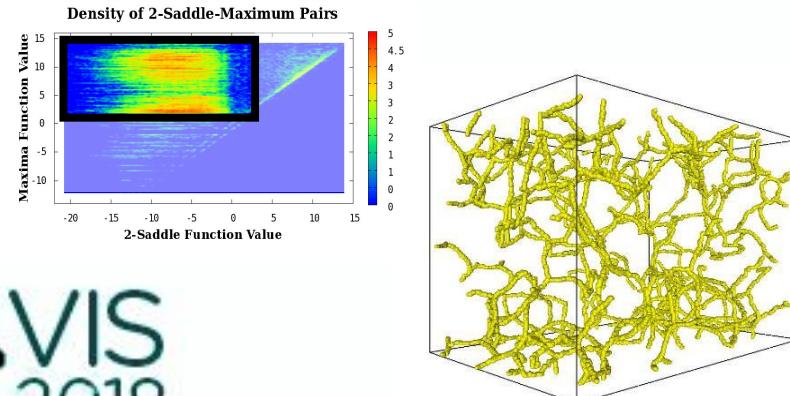


Visualization/Analysis

Proposed abstraction



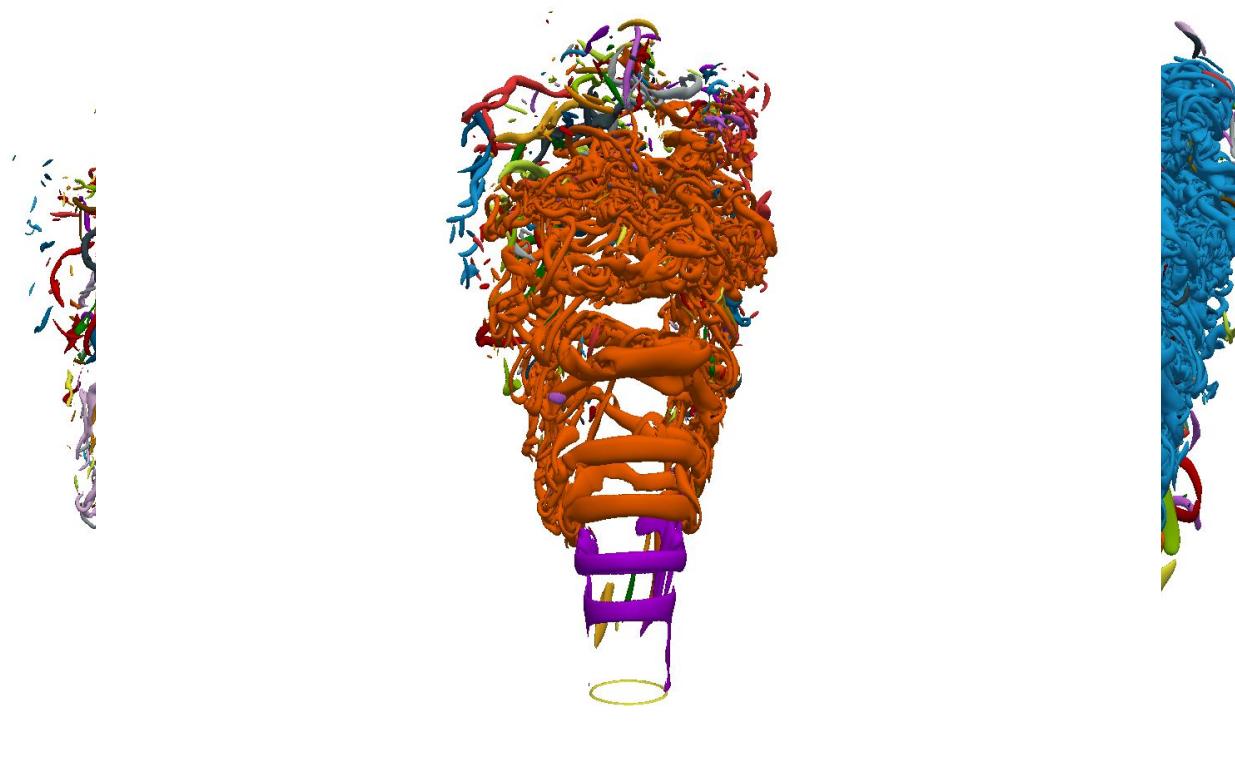
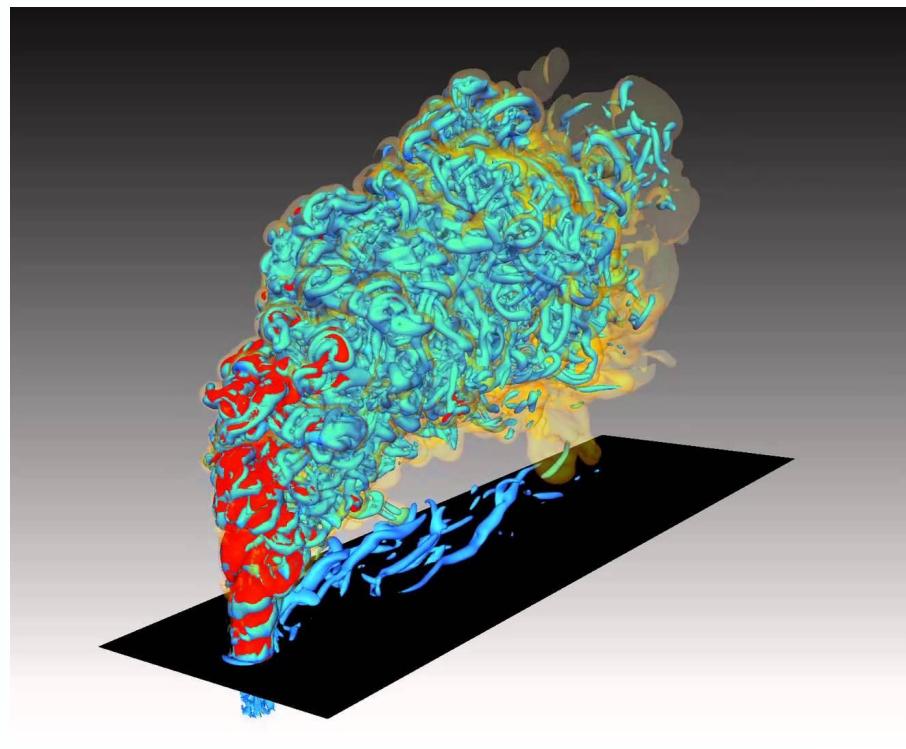
Computational
realization



Some examples

Identifying vorticity structures in turbulent flows

Indicator-based Vortex Detection Remains most Common Approach with Well-Known Problems



$Q = 1000$

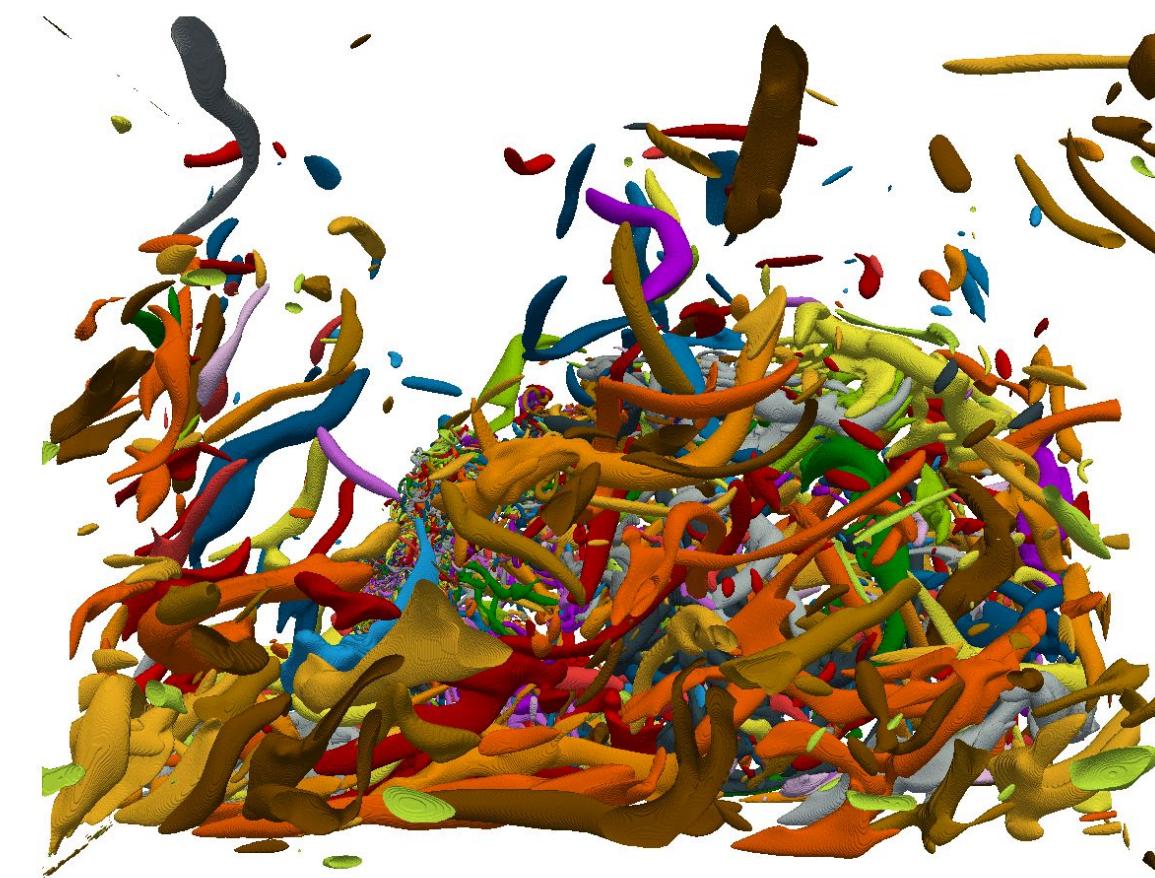
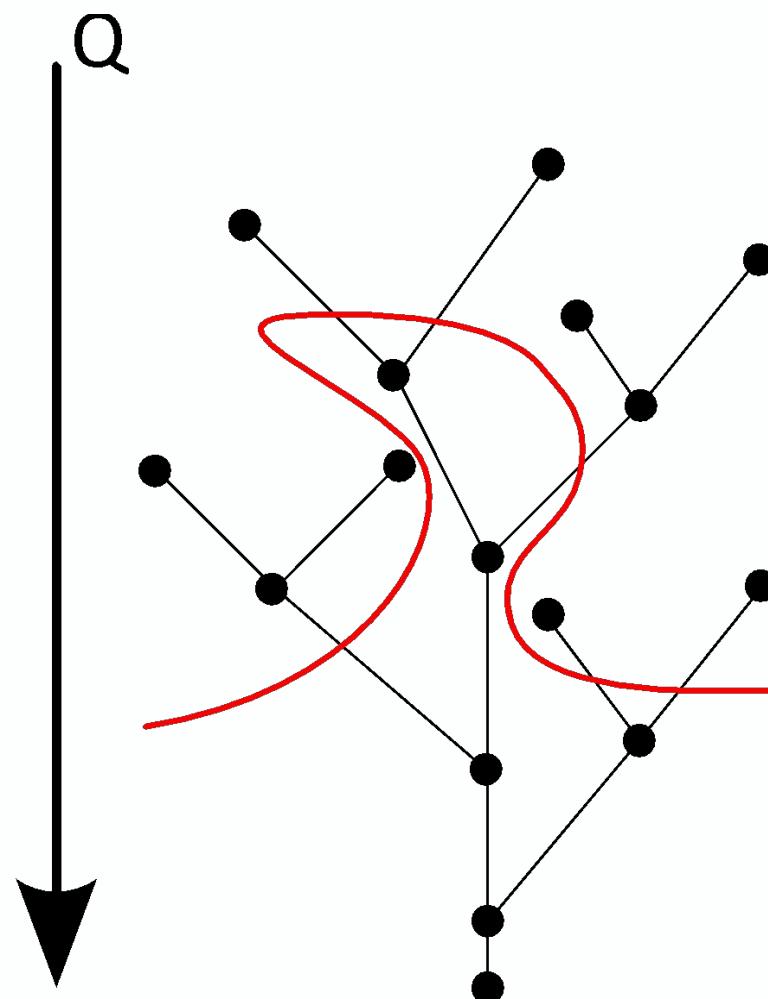
$Q = 100$

$Q = 5$

Identifying vorticity structures in turbulent flows

Cutting the split tree based on *relevance* allows for “local peaks” definition of vortex

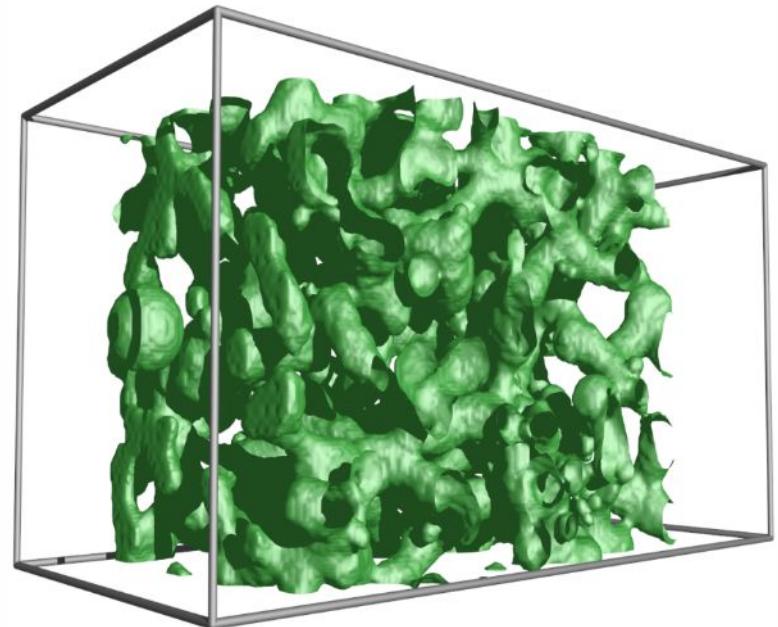
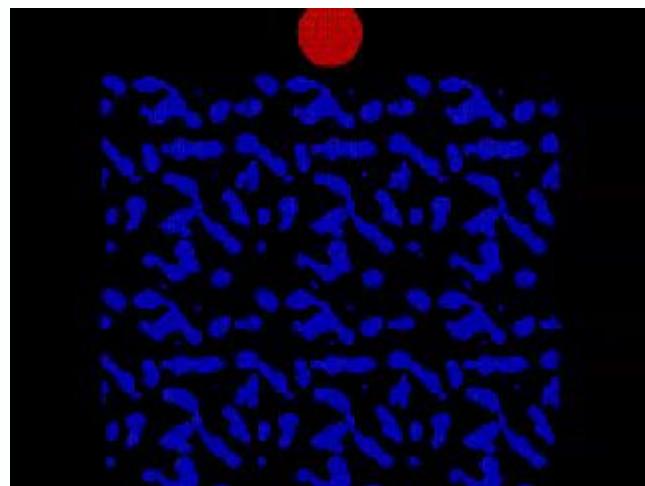
$$relevance(p) = 1 - \frac{localMax(p) - f(p)}{localMax(p) - globalMin}$$



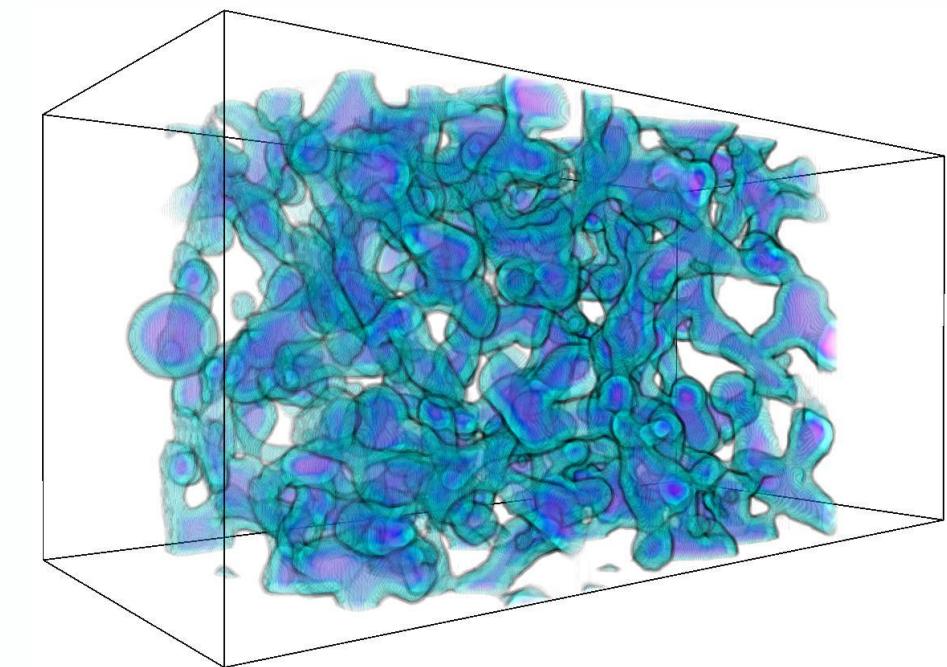
P.-T. Bremer, A. Gruber, J. Bennett, A. Gyulassy, H. Kolla, J. Chen, R.W. Grout. **“Identifying turbulent structures through topological segmentation,”** In Com. in App. Math. and Comp. Sci., Vol. 11, No. 1, pp. 37-53. 2016.

Measure change in porosity of metal foam

Measure filament length and number of cycles, using ridge-like lines of the MS complex



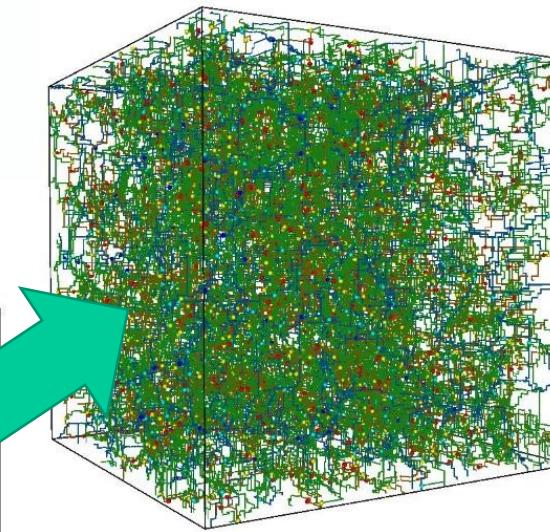
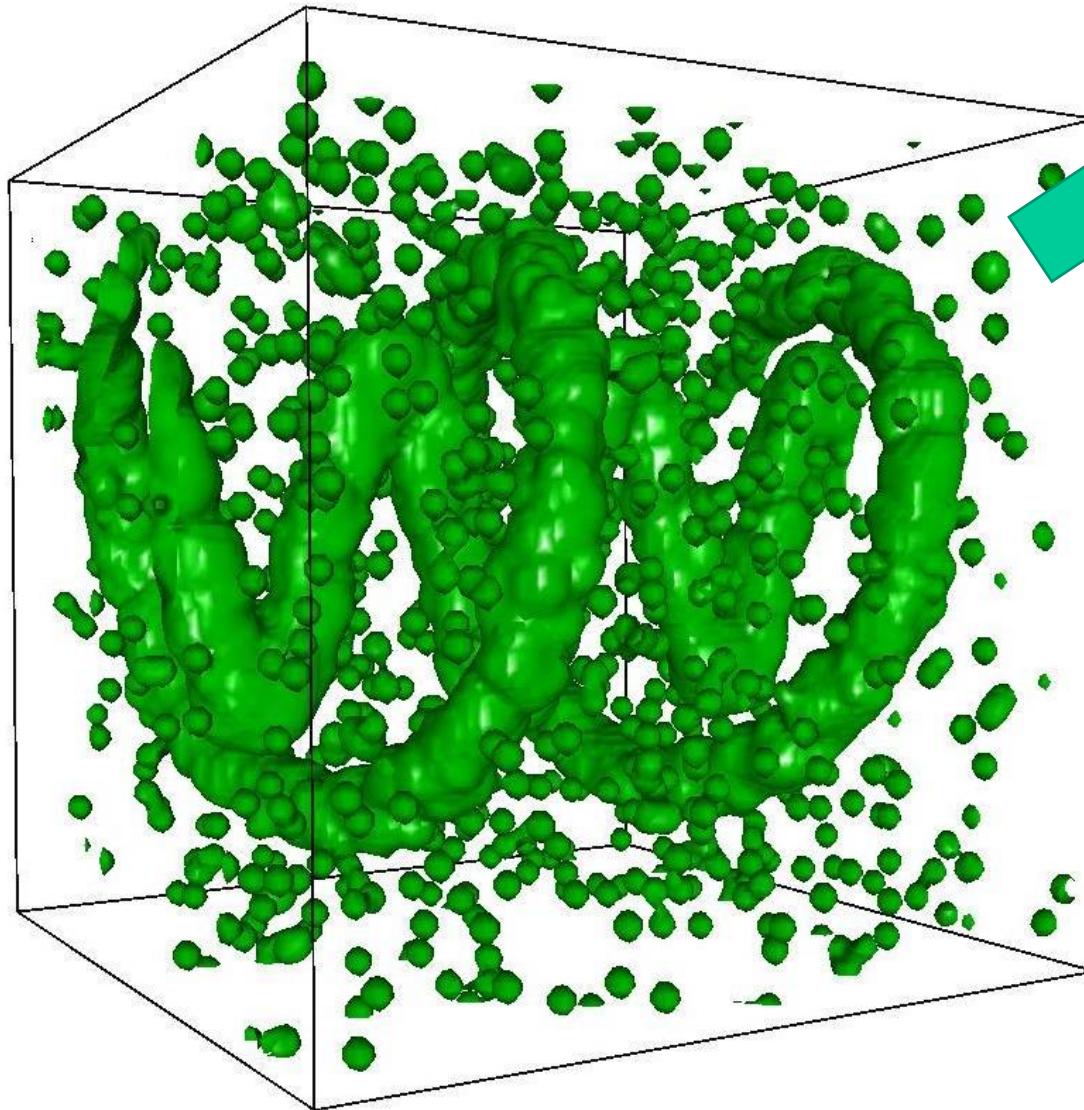
Time varying field of binary data
(1 = metal, 0 = vacuum)



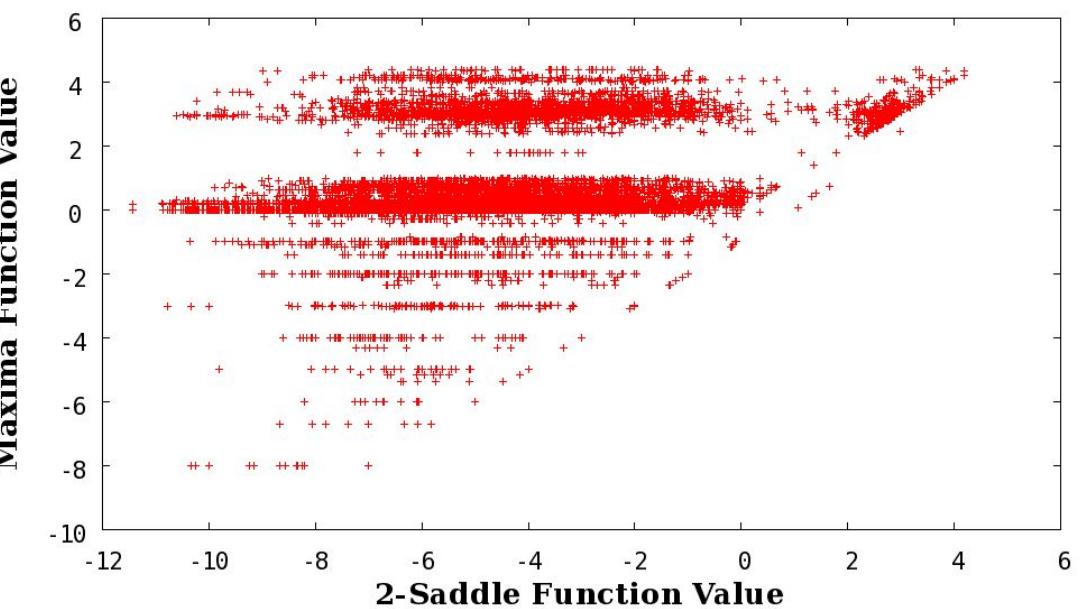
Signed distance field from 0.5
isosurface

Measure change in porosity of metal foam

Sanity checking our abstraction!

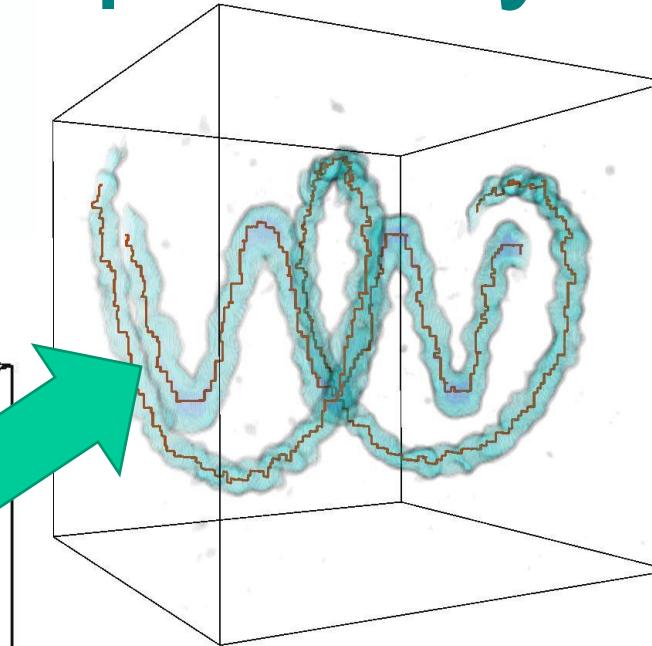
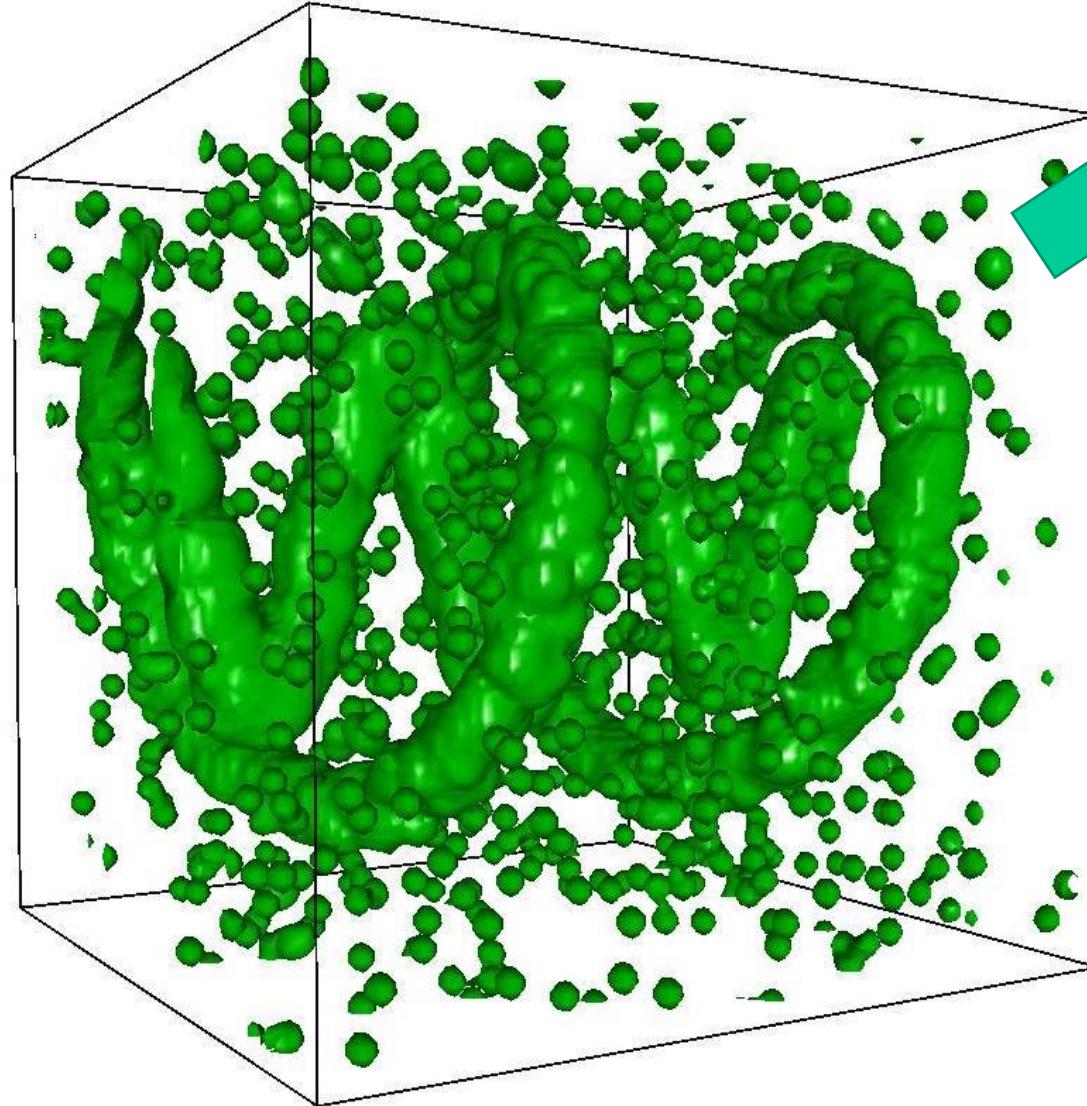


Distribution of 2-Saddle-Maximum Pairs

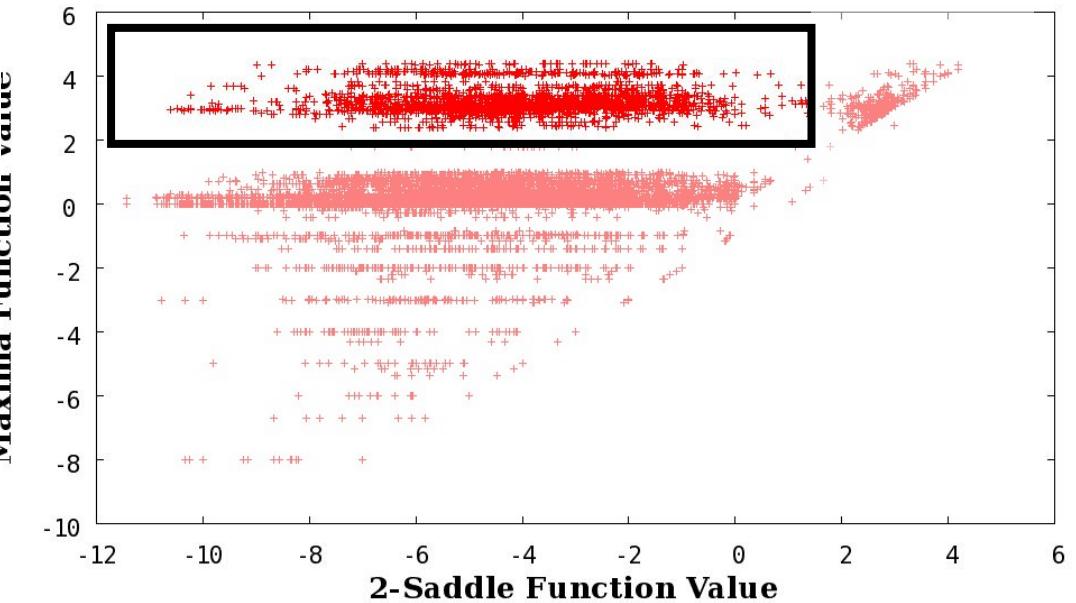


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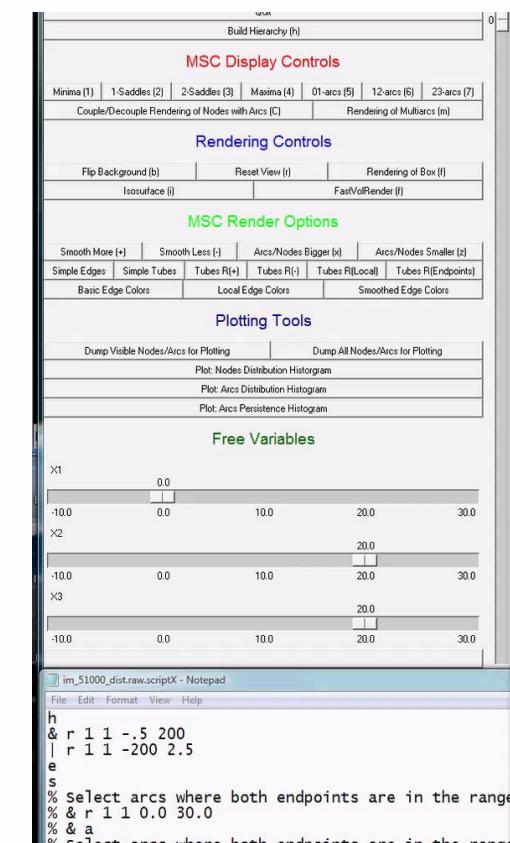
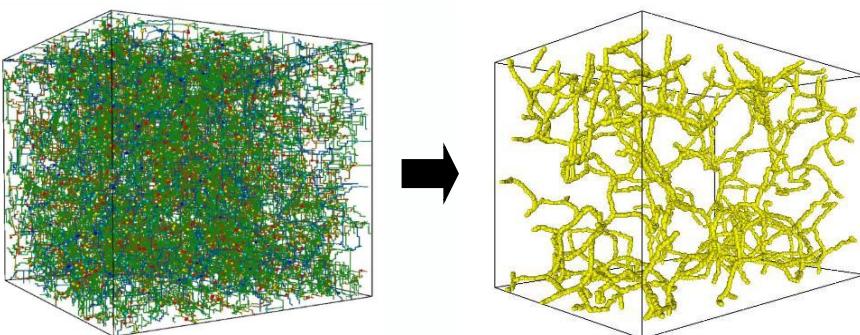
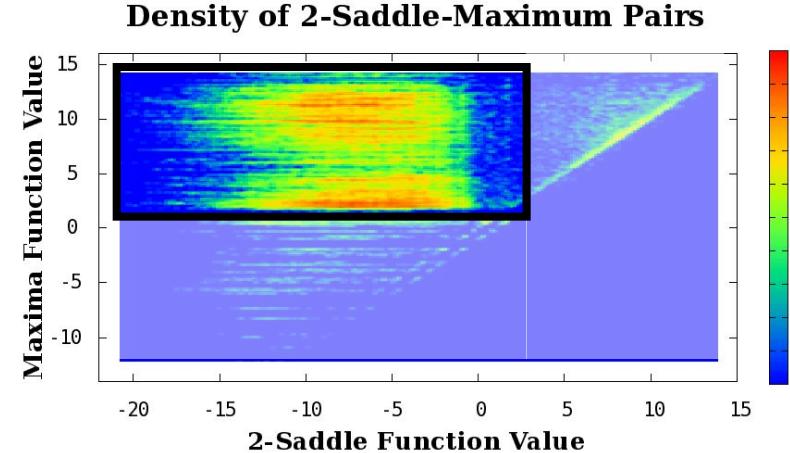


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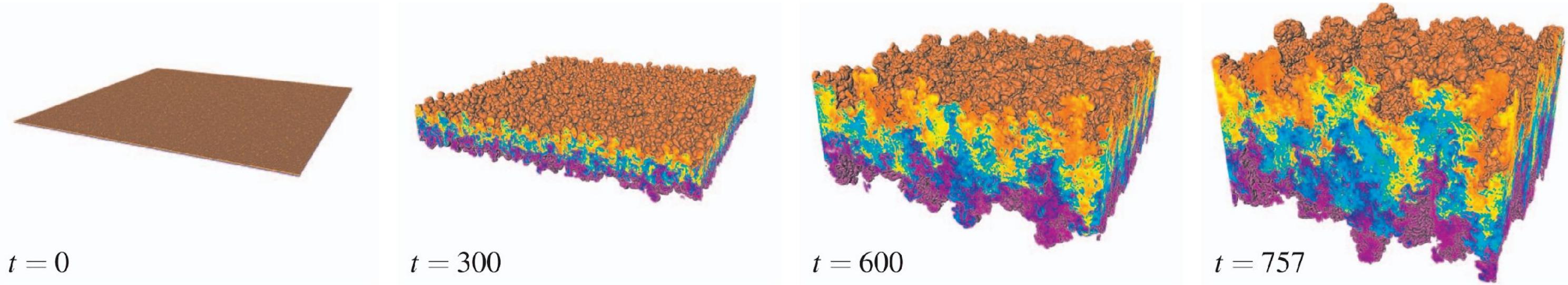


Measure change in porosity of metal foam

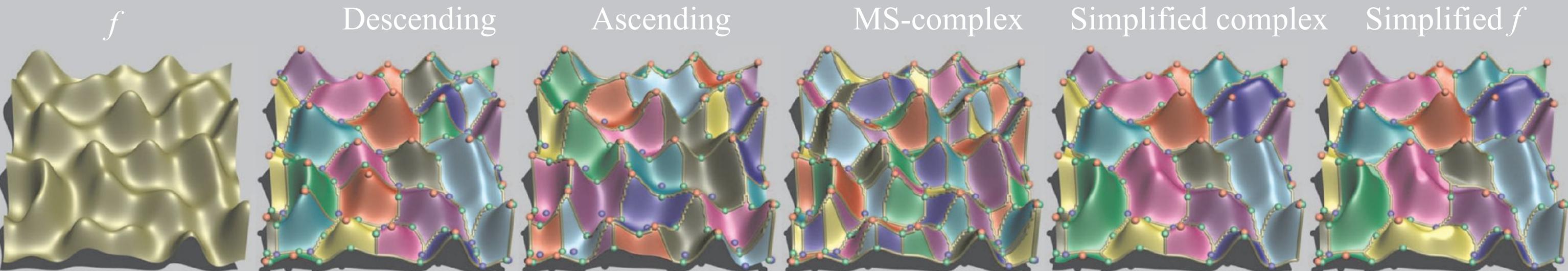
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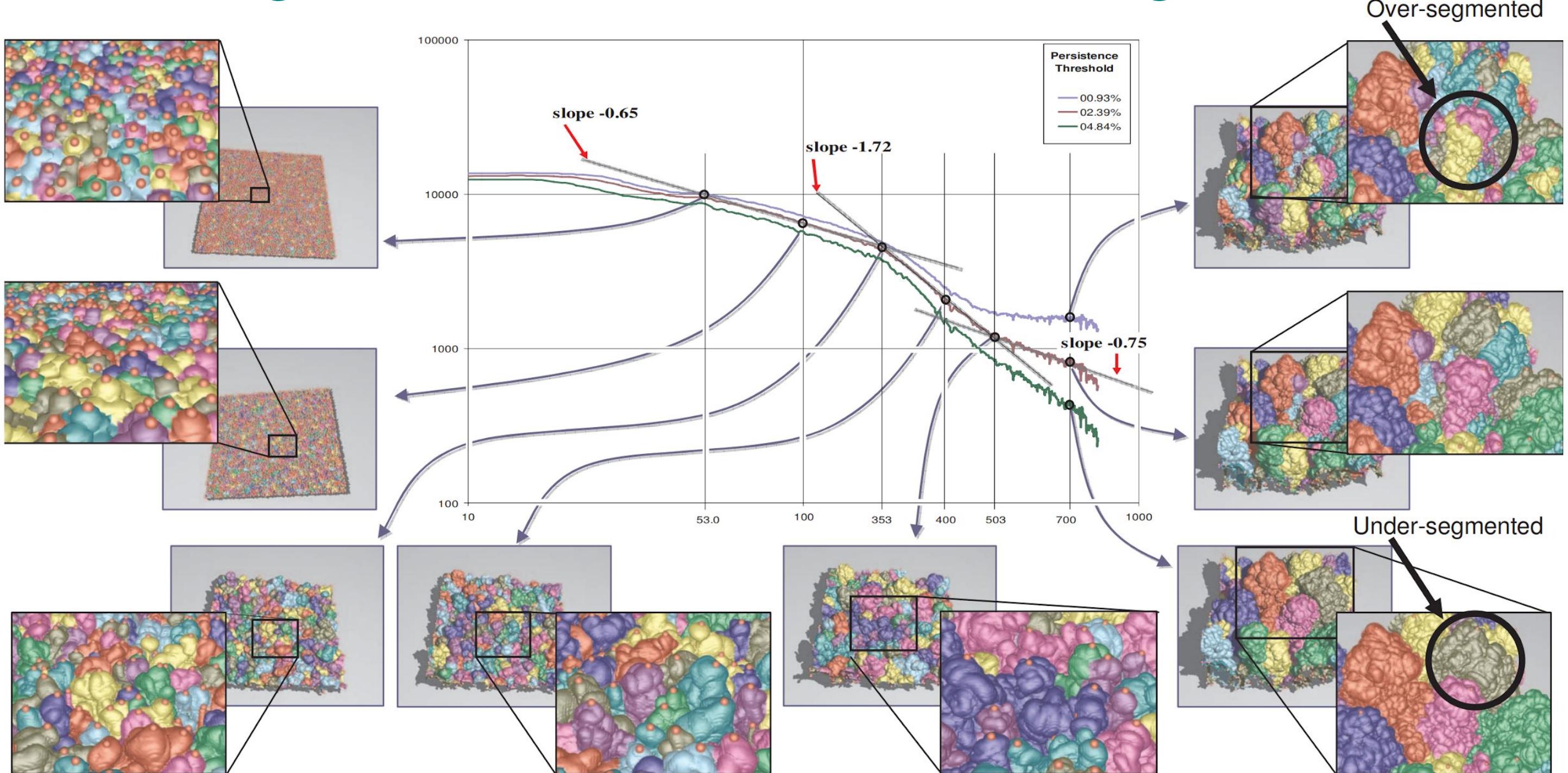
Counting bubbles in turbulent mixing



Pick a value, extract isosurface, analyze height function of it

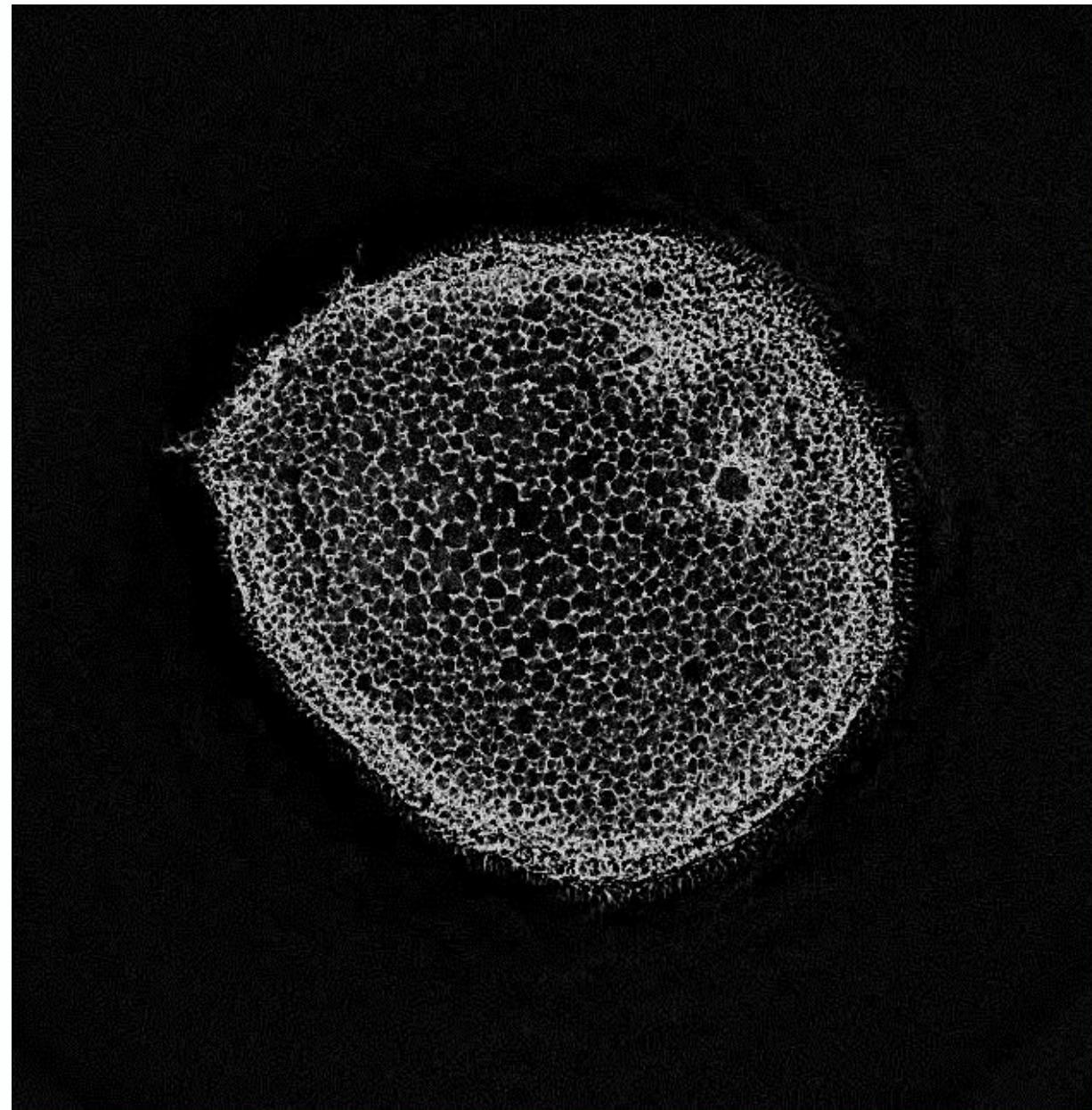


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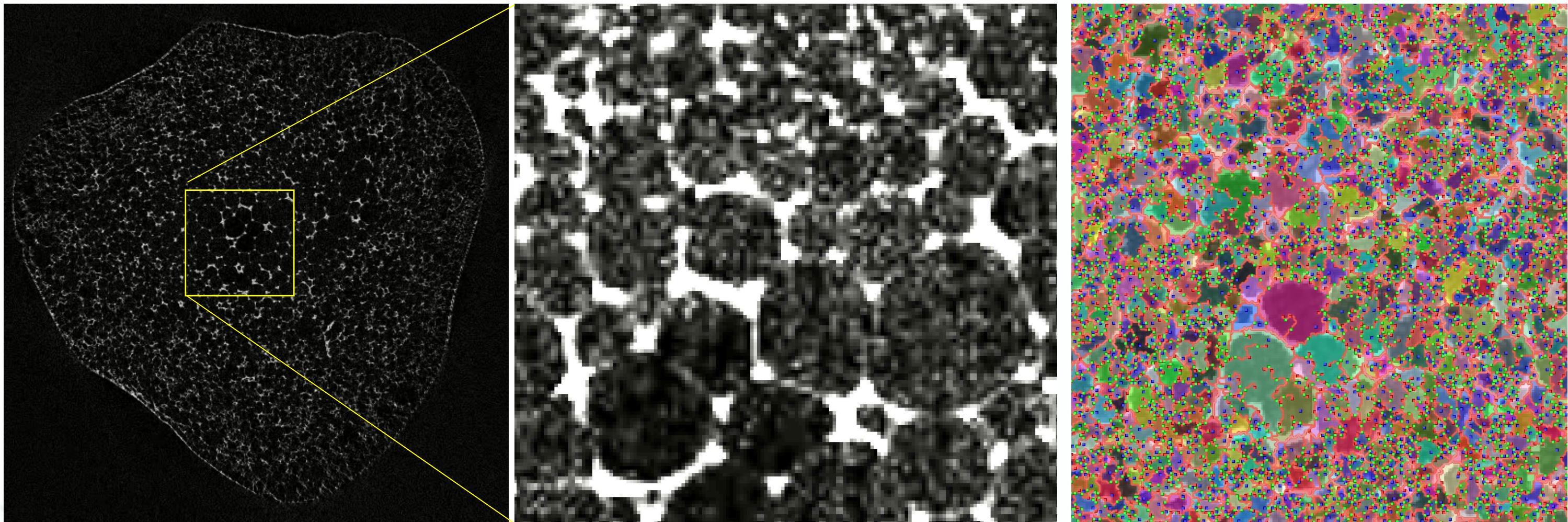
Deformation of voids in a foam

Extract basins from MS complex, measure sizes, boundaries, etc.?



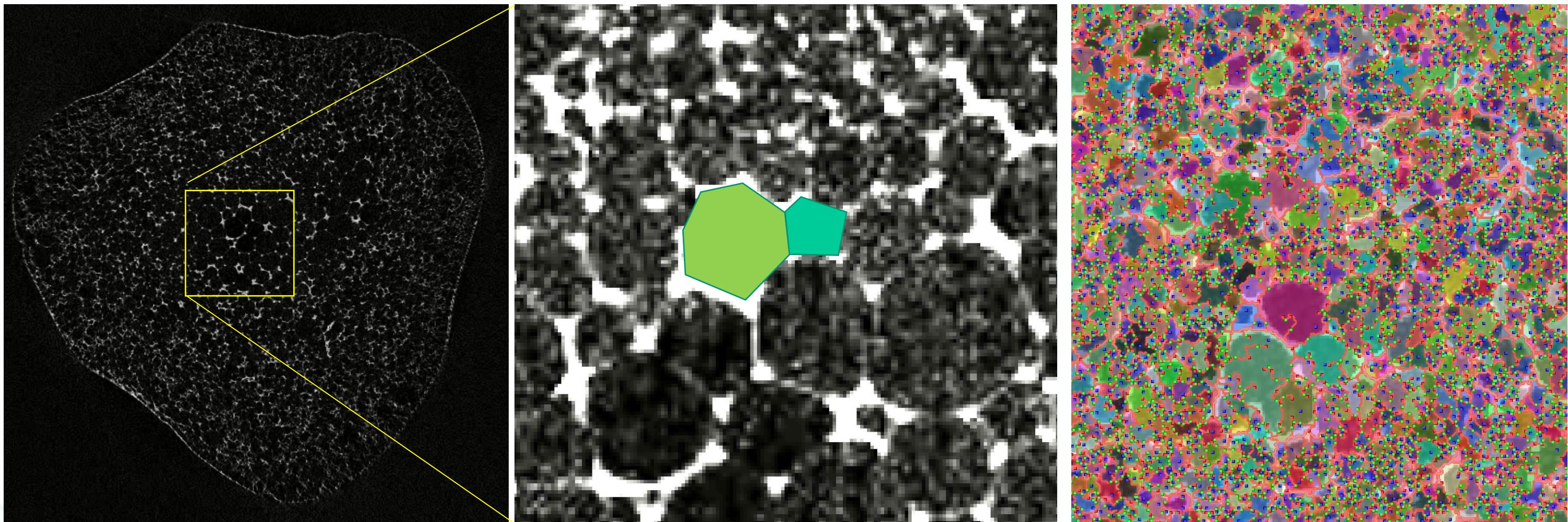
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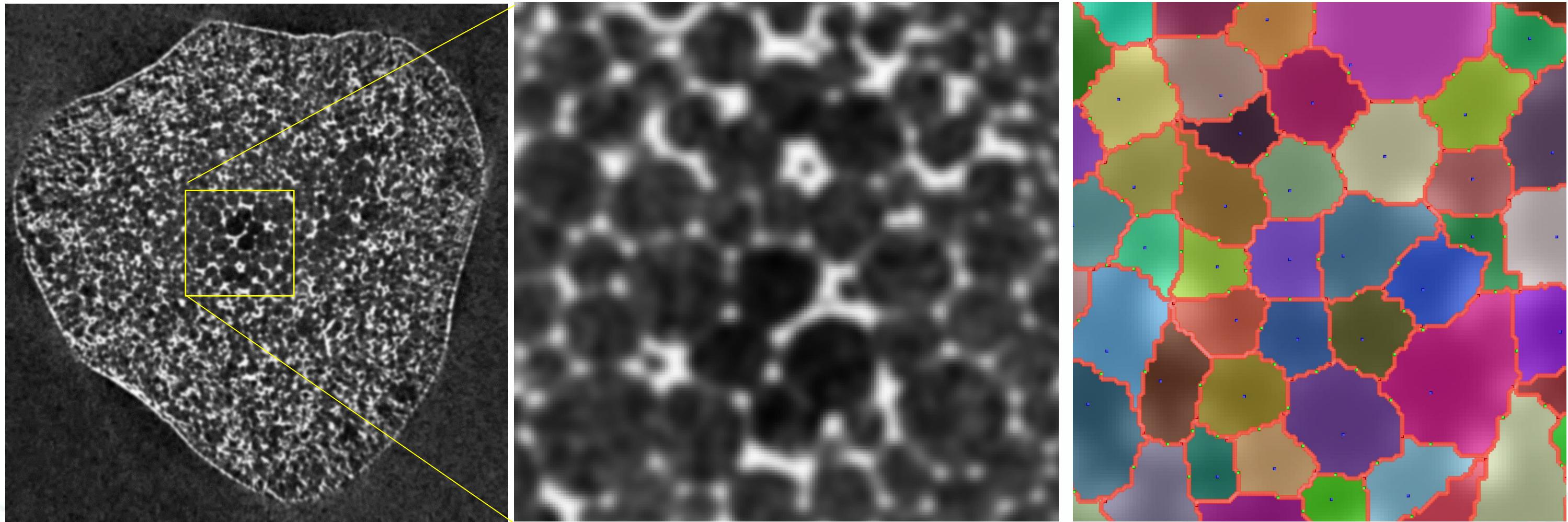
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Deformation of voids in a foam

Extract basins from MS complex, measure sizes, boundaries, etc.?

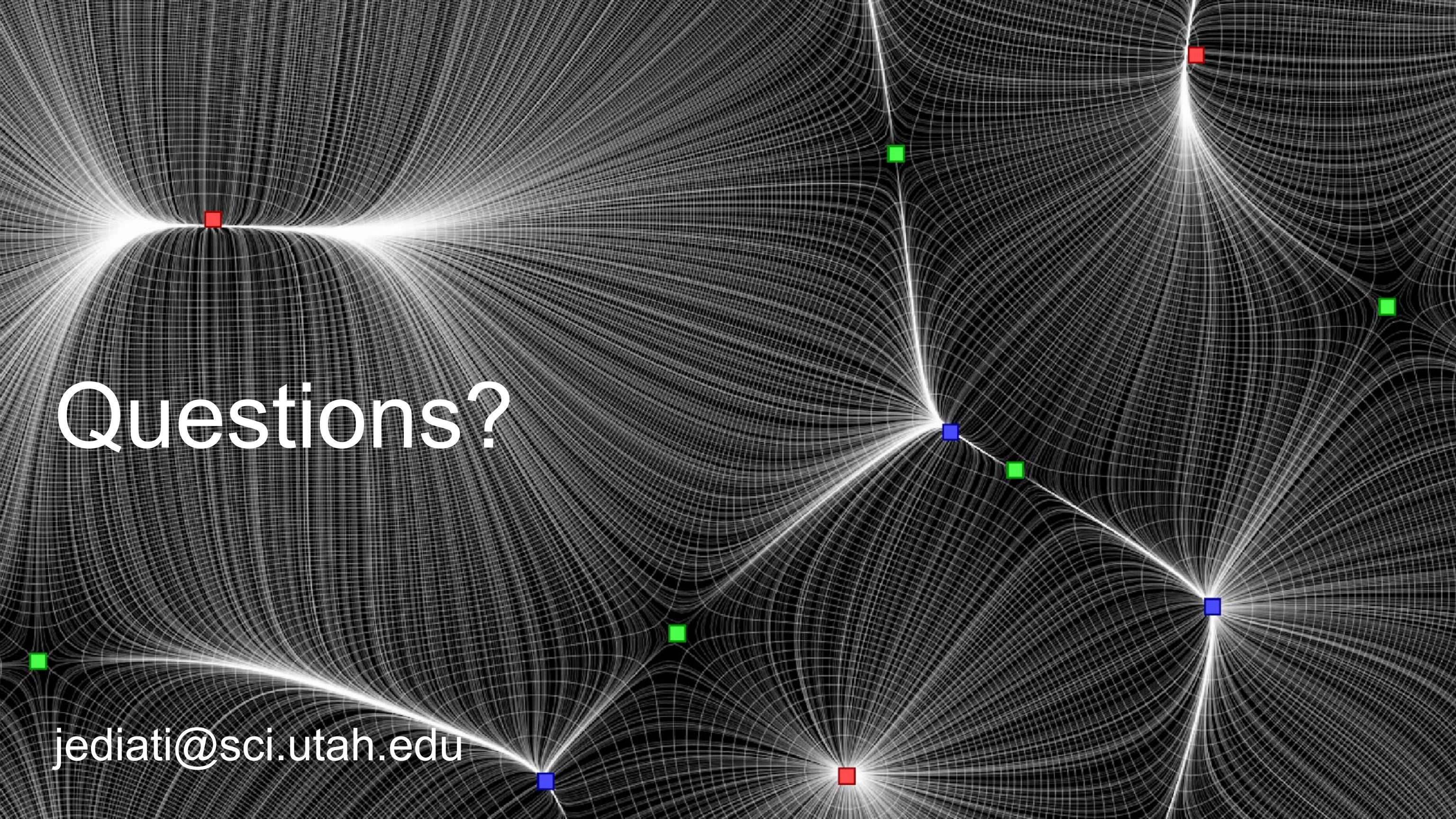


Words of wisdom? More like, *musings...*

I have never gotten the translation to abstraction exactly right on the first attempt (sample size 20+ application domains in 10 years)

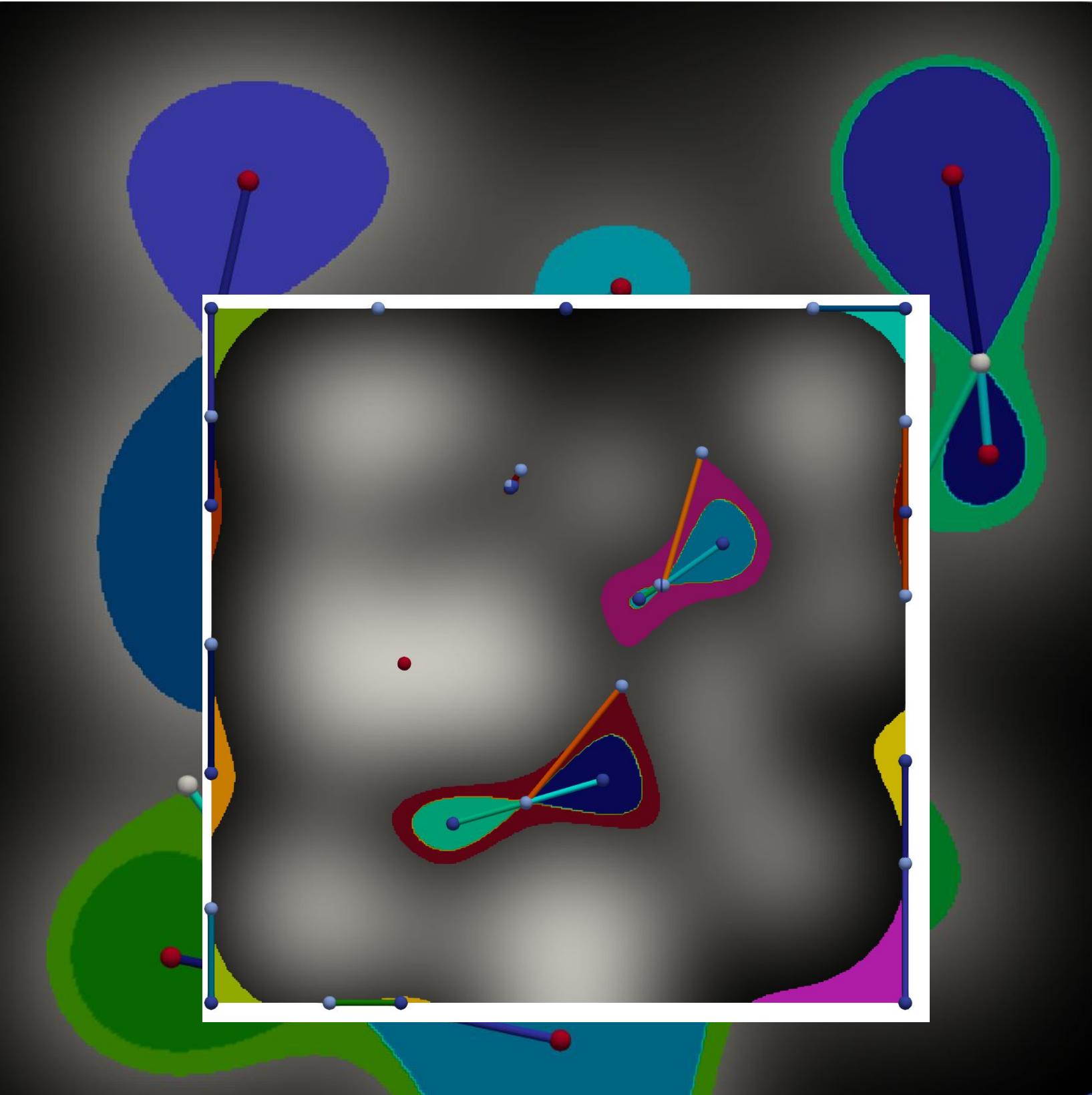
Visualize!!! Visual feedback and debugging is invaluable in converging to a robust feature definition

Topology tells you what **IS**, not necessarily what you think there should be

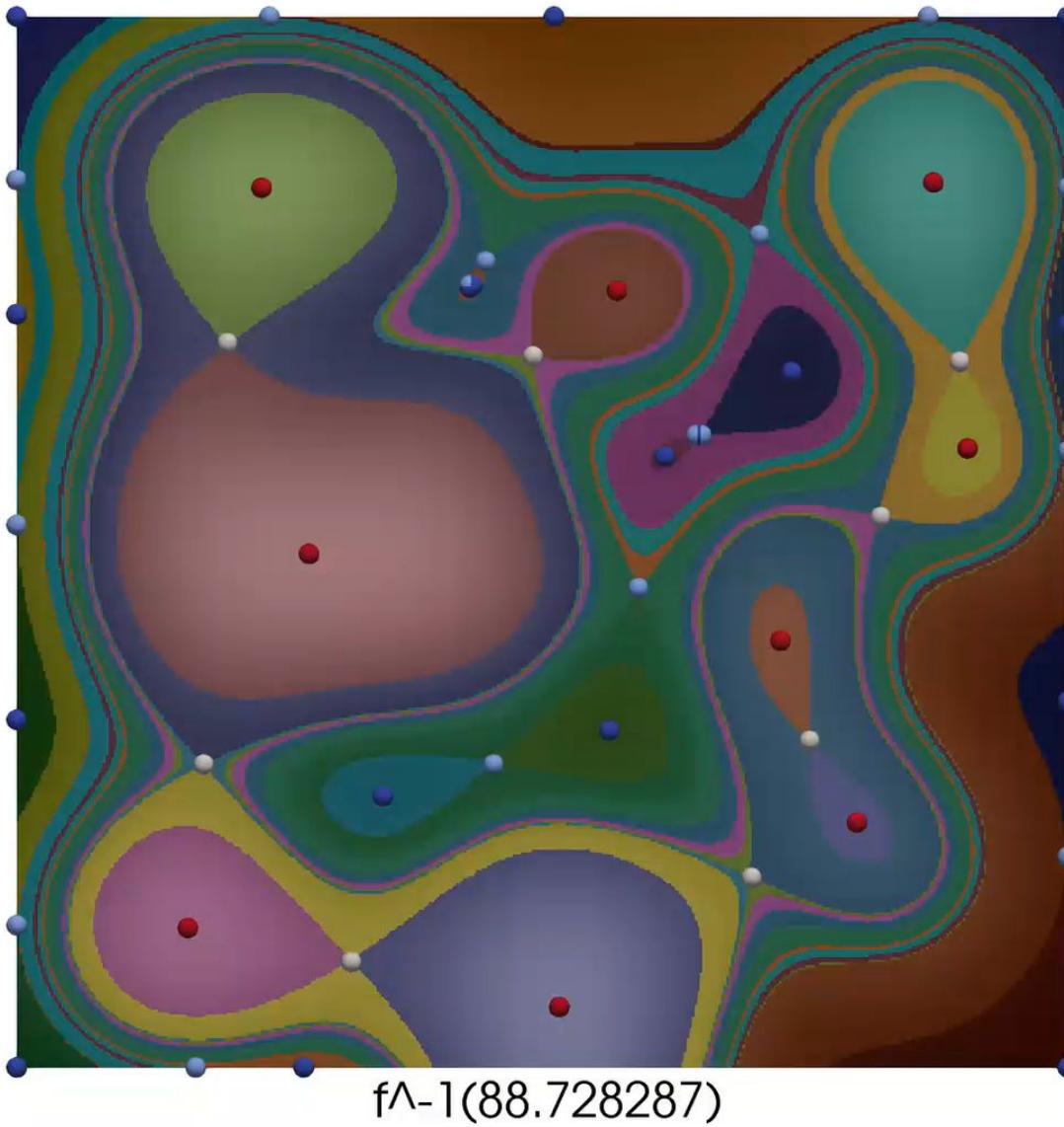


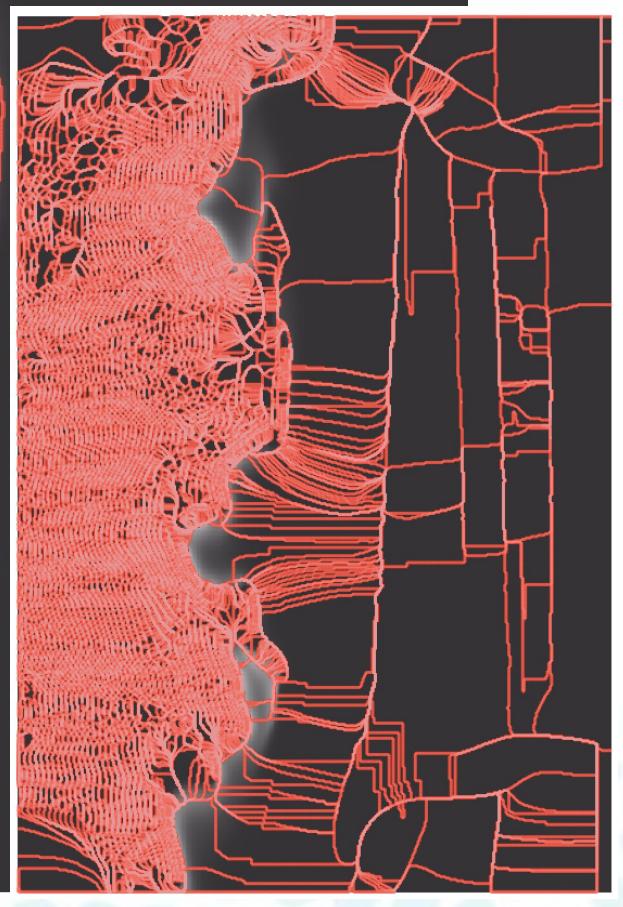
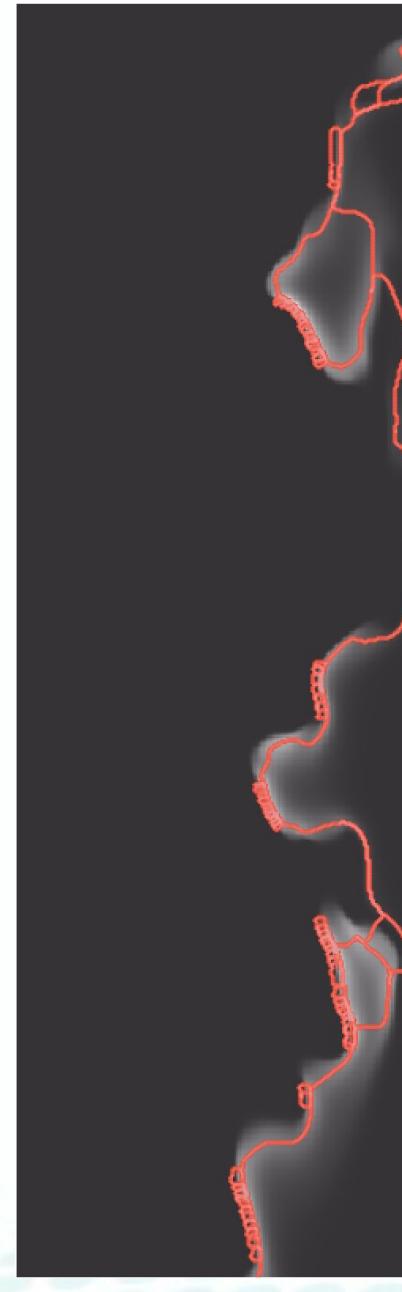
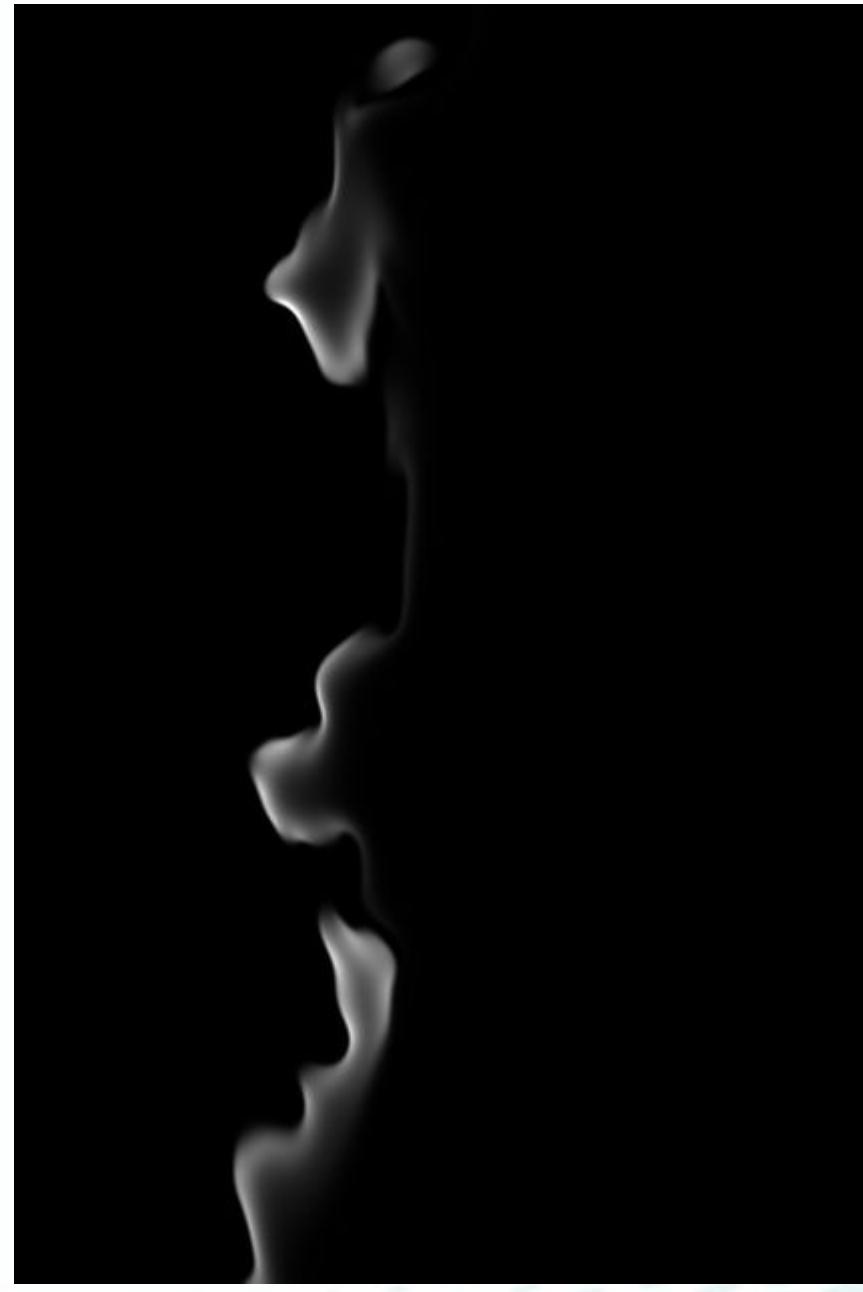
Questions?

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What kinds of abstract available





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Crash course on English-> topology

Translating analysis needs to topology...

What a scientist needs

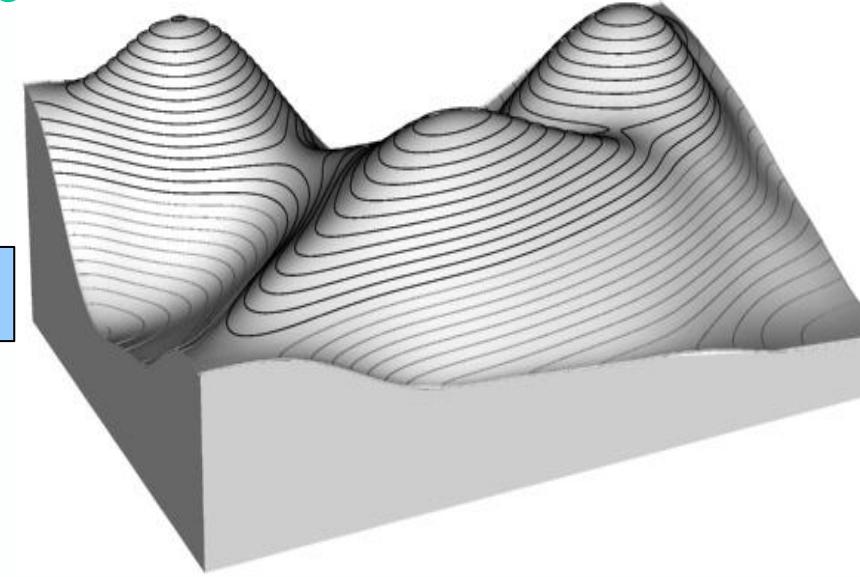
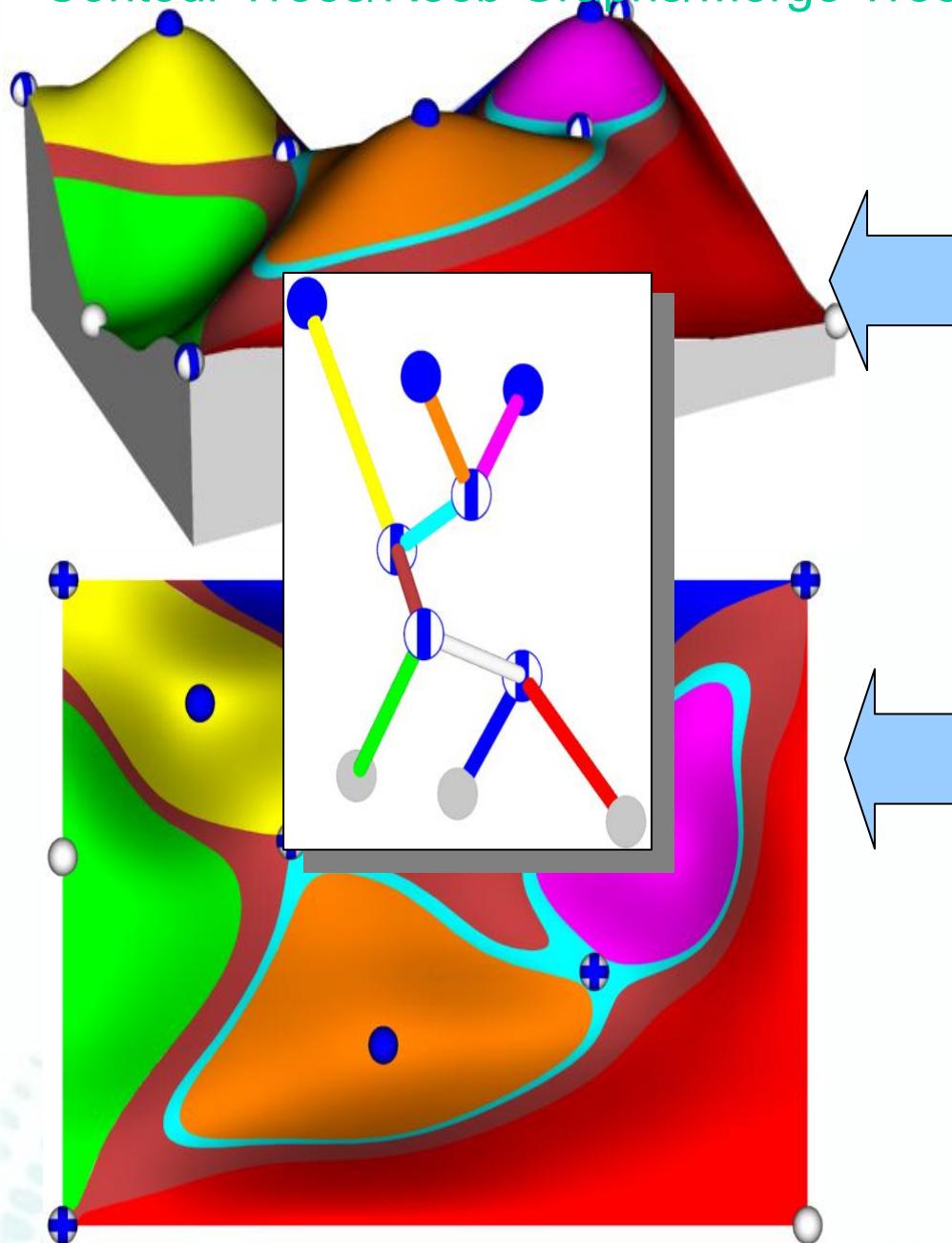
“I want flame surfaces”

Topological description

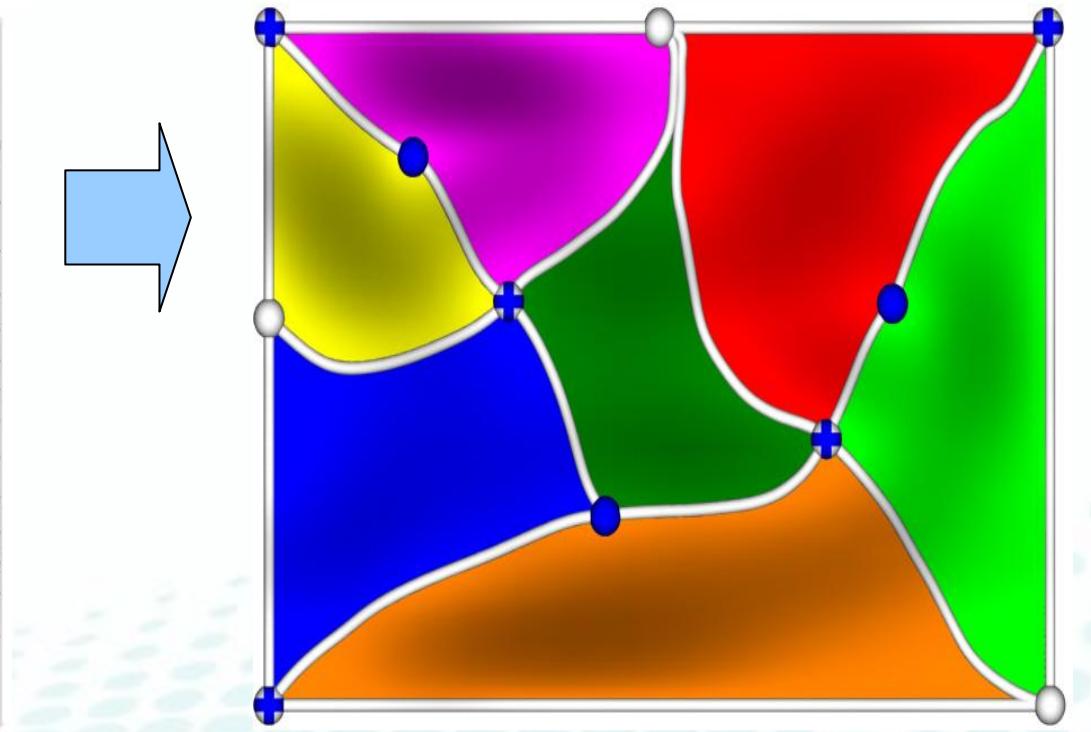
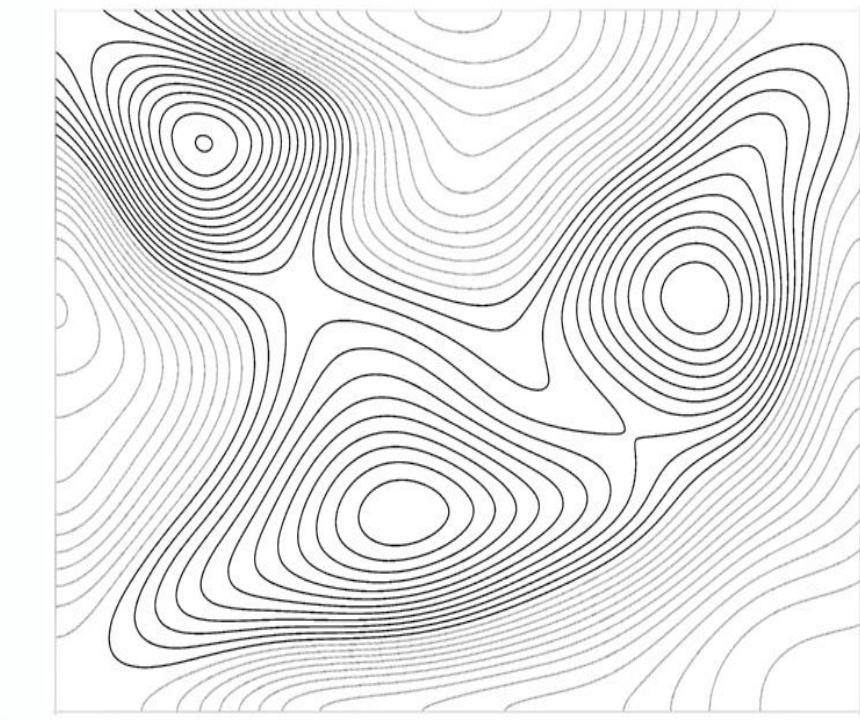
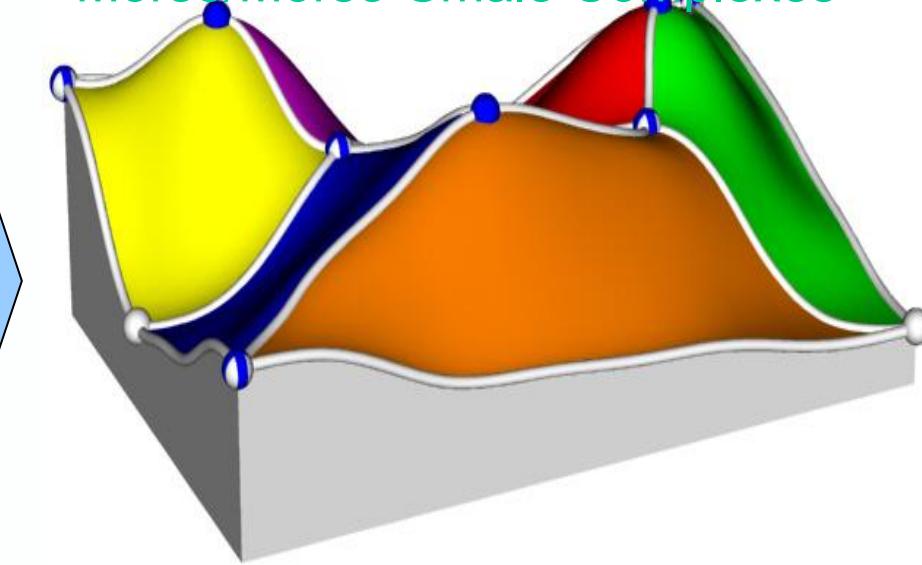
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2-manifolds of temperature
field separating fuel and
oxidizer

Different abstractions for different kinds of features

Contour Trees/Reeb Graphs/Merge Trees



Morse/Morse-Smale Complexes



Different abstractions for different kinds of features

