Topological Data Analysis: The New Frontier of Data Science

CS 6170: Computational Topology

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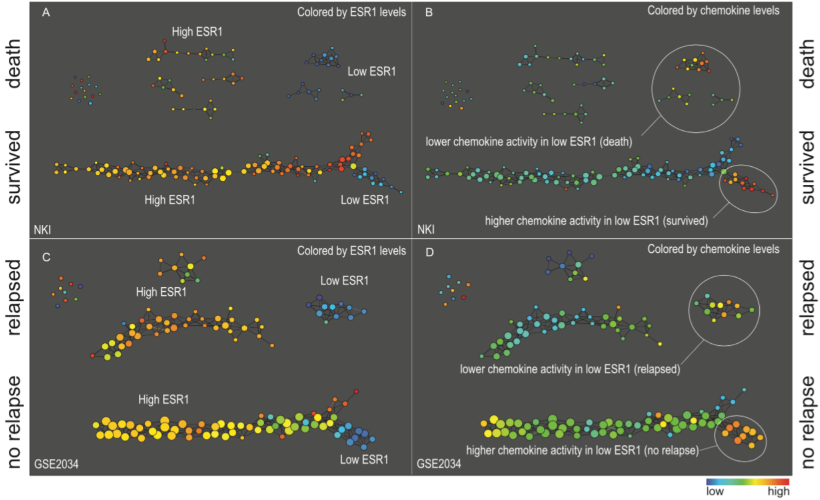
Topological Data Analysis

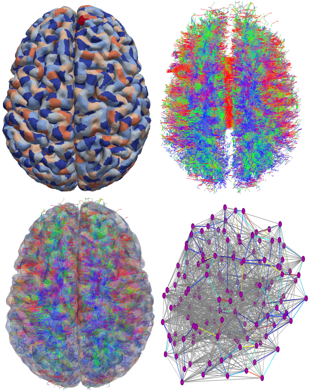
- A marriage: math and computer science
- Topological data analysis is cool: many data applications!
- Many great and fun people are players in this field: mathematicians, computer scientists, statisticians...
- Interdisciplinary: CS, math (algebraic topology, differential topology, i.e. Homology, Morse theory), statics (machine learning, manifold learning), electrical engineering (sensor networks), physics (universe)
- It is young (15+ years), and a lot of open problems, that is, challenges and opportunities! (Imaging the field of computational geometry at its infancy...)
- The researchers are only in their 2nd generation (approximately): room to grow!
- Topological data analysis and visualization is inseparable

Market/Gene Segmentation



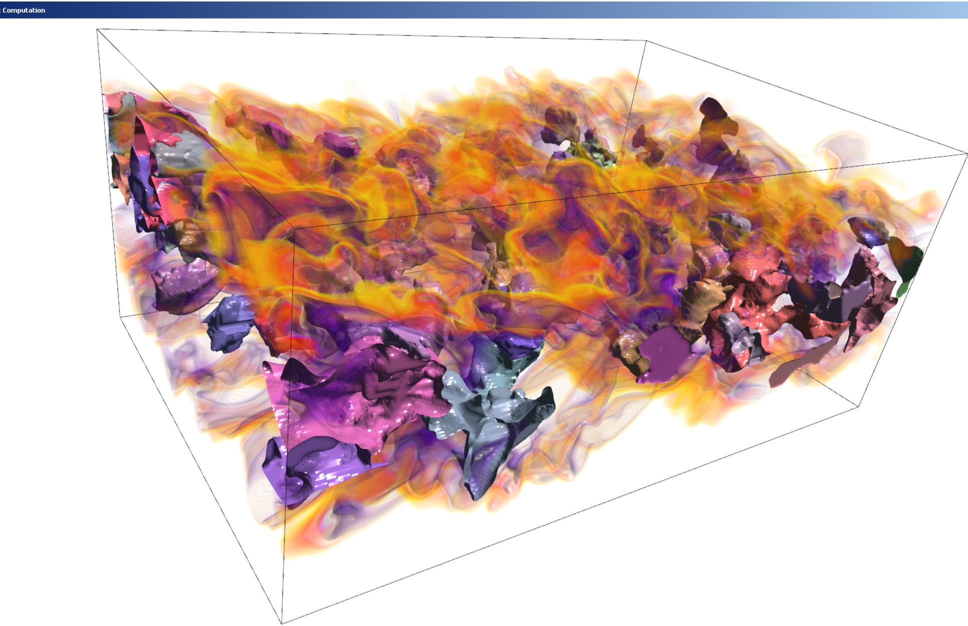
[P. Y. Lum et. al 2013]

Brain Networks

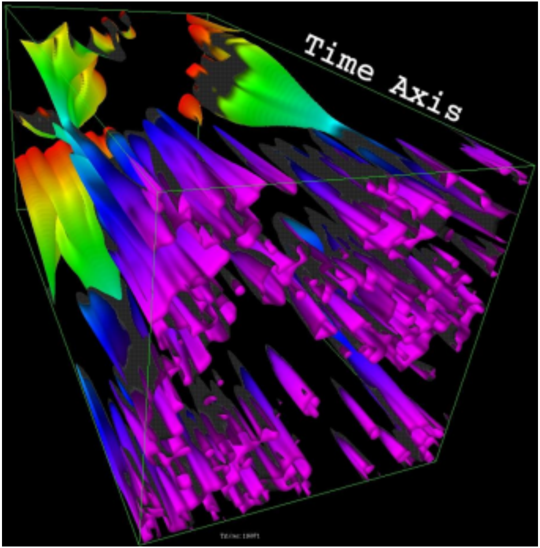


[Wong et. al 2016]

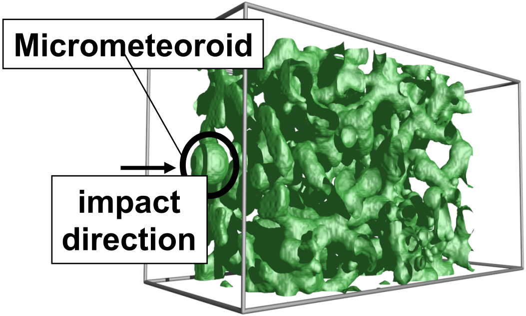
Combustion simulation

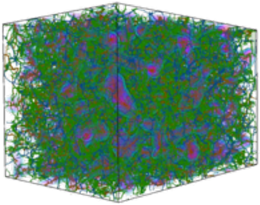


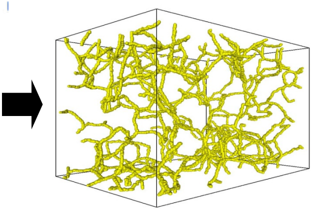
Tracking 2D Combustion



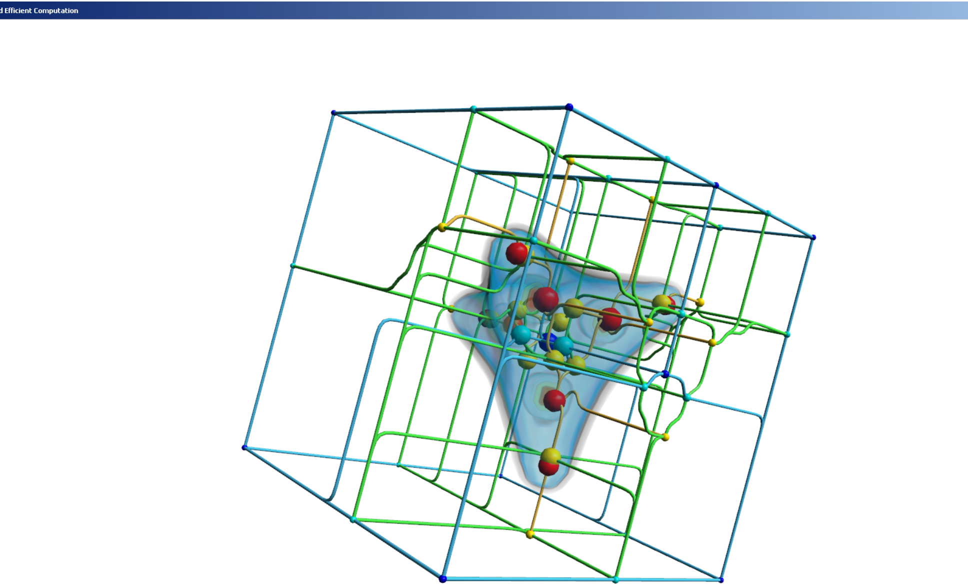
Quantitative Analysis of the Impact of a Micrometeoroid in a Porous Medium; reconstruction the structure of porous medium





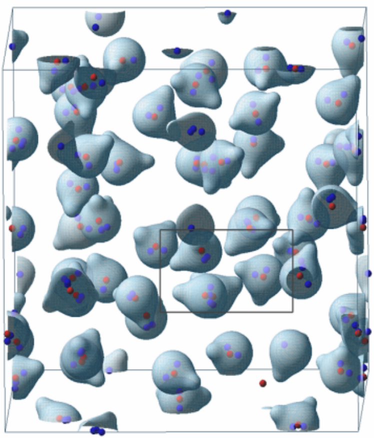


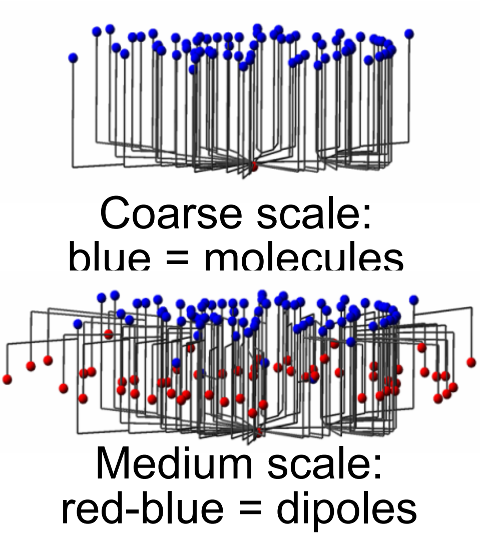
Chemical compound: C4H4



Molecular dynamics

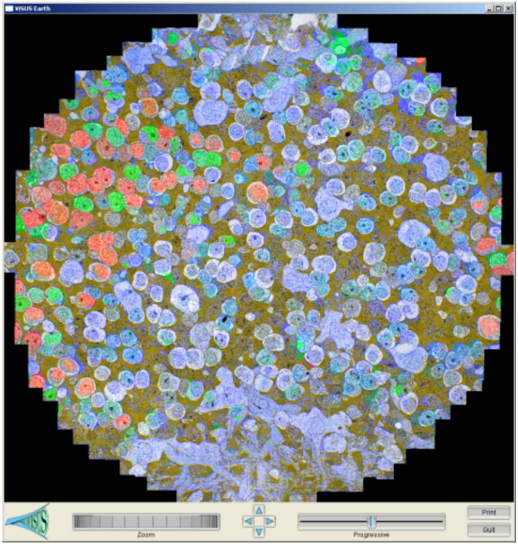
Molecular dynamics simulation (left) with abstract graph representation of its features at two scales (right)





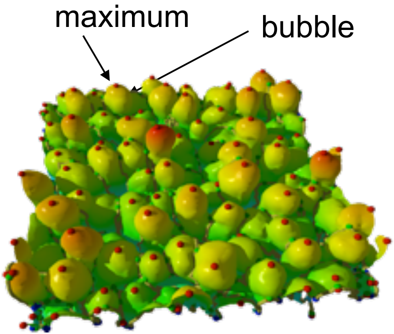
Retinal connectome

A connectome is a comprehensive map of neural connections in the brain [wiki]



Case study: feature definition

Analyze high-resolution Rayleigh Taylor instability simulations



Case study: persistence simplification

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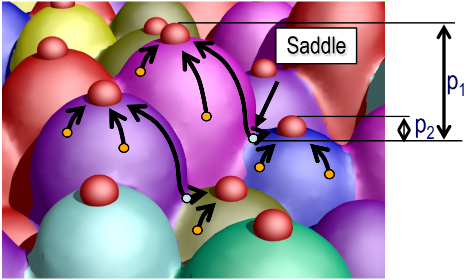
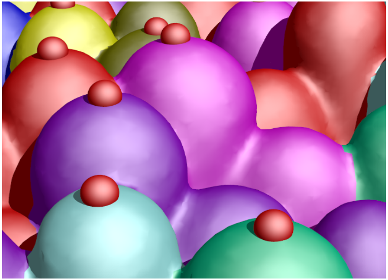
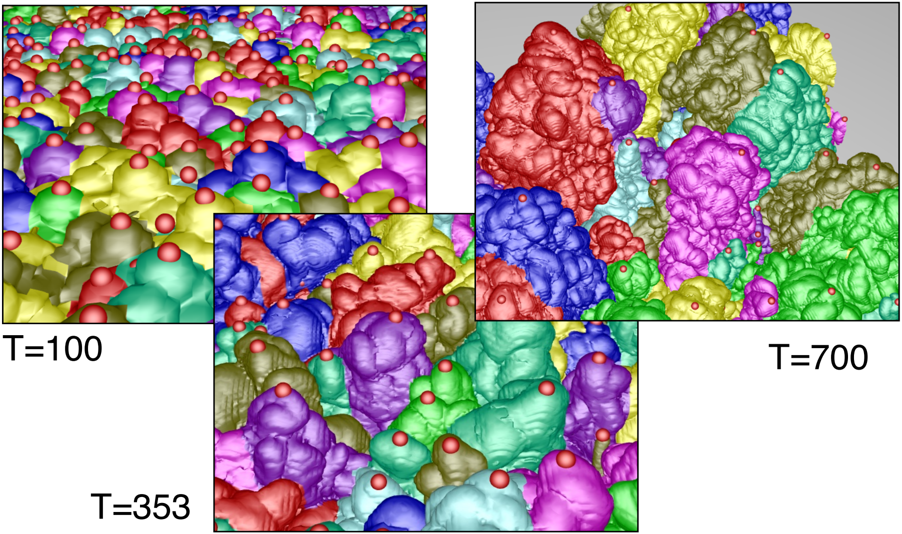




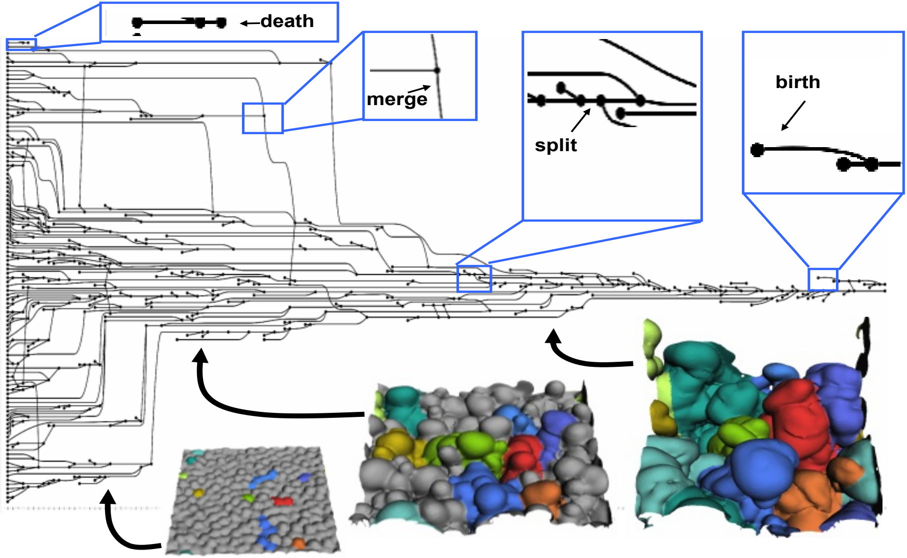
Case study: robust segmentation

The segmentation method is robust from early mixing to late turbulence



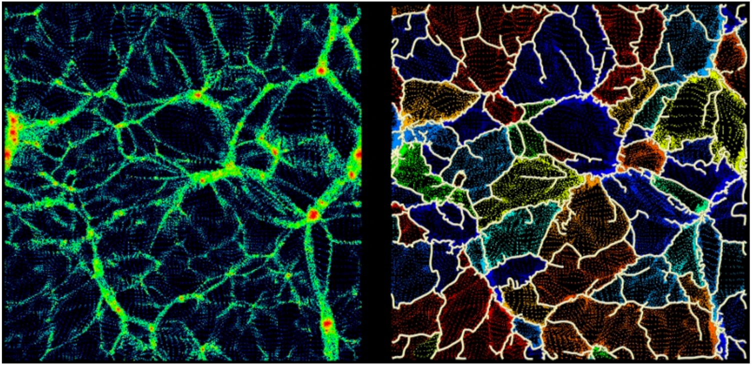
Case study: event characterization

We characterize events that occur in the mixing process



Study the universe!

TDA+ASTRONEMY
POTENTIALS



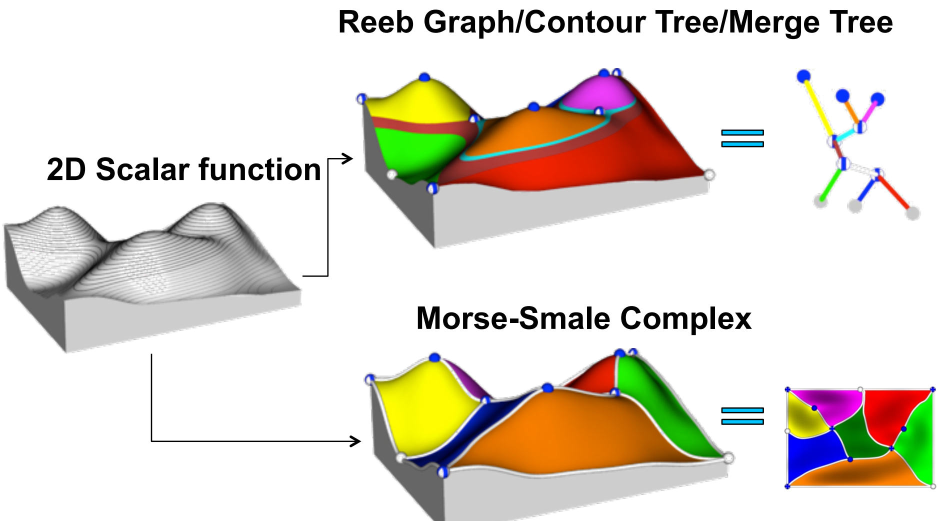
FILAMENTS STRUCTURE T. SOUSBIE, *DISPERSE*

A really old joke...

Who thinks the coffee mug and a donut is the same?

Key development in topological data analysis (TDA)

1. Abstraction of the data: topological structures and their combinatorial representations
2. Seperate features from noise: persistent homology



Contour tree

[M. Kreveld, R. Oostrumy, C. Bajaj, V. Pascucci, D. Schikore. Contour Trees and Small Seed Sets for Isosurface Traversal. 1997]
[H. Carr,J. Snoeyink, U. Axen, Computing Contour Trees in All Dimensions, 2001]

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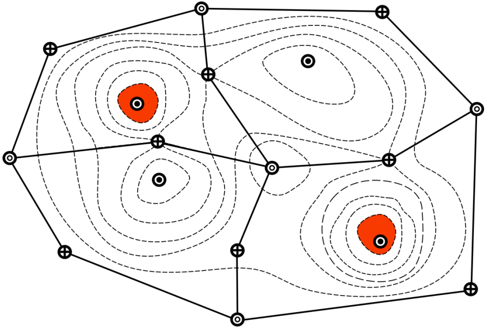

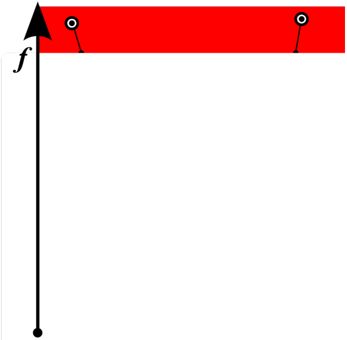

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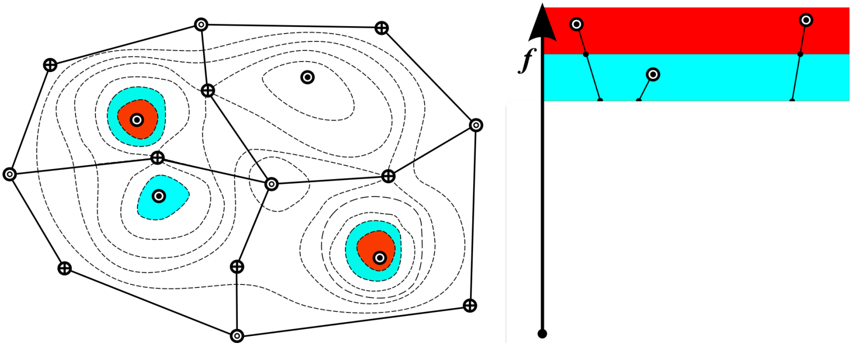

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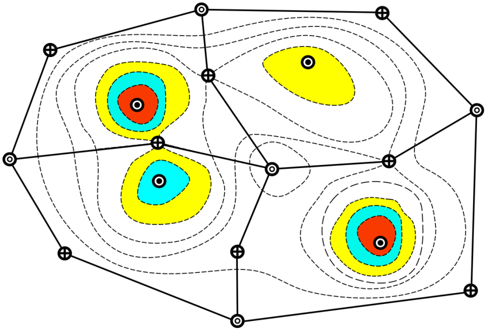

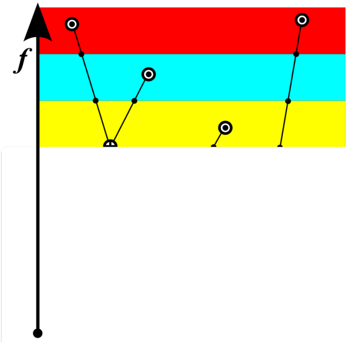

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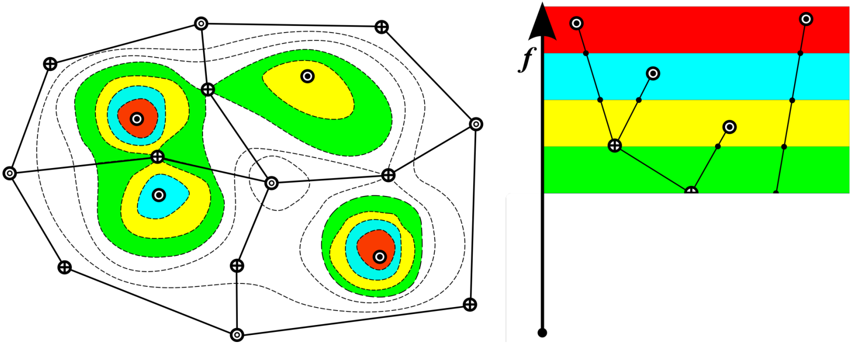

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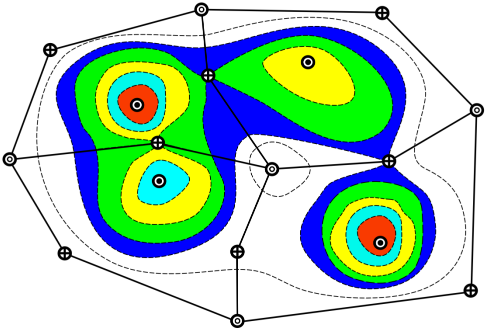

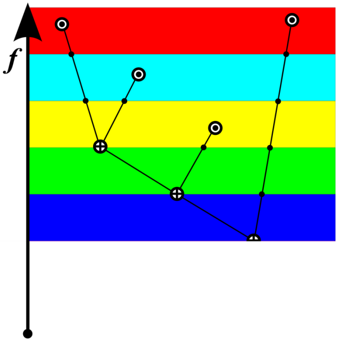

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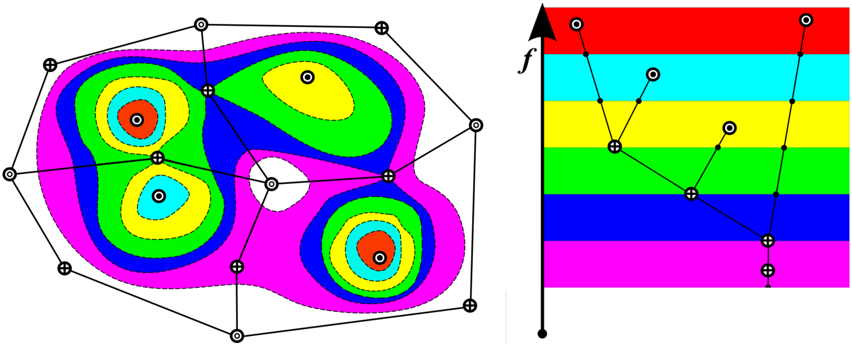

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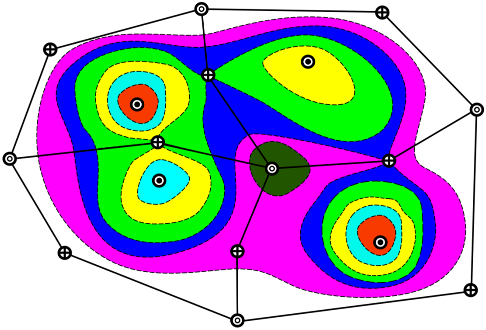
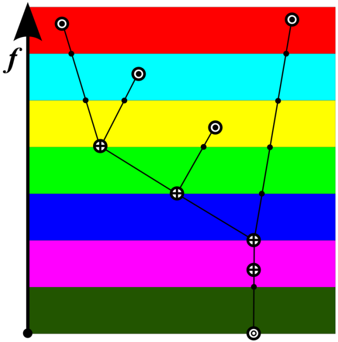
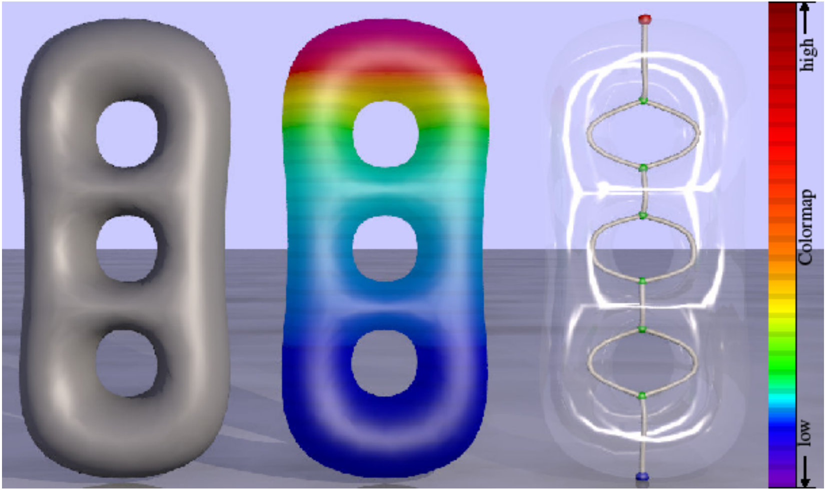




Reeb graph

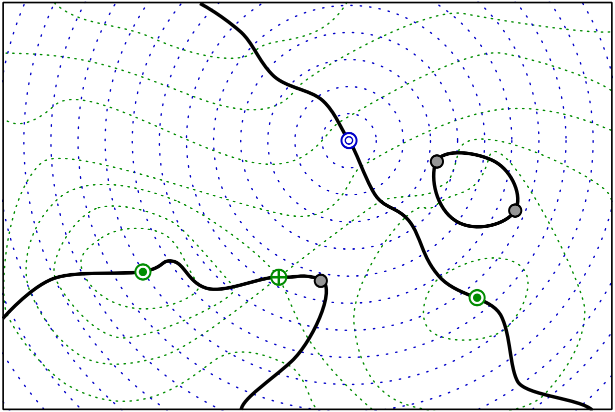
Graph obtained by continuos contraction of all the contours in a scalar field, where each contour is collapsed to a distinct point.



[K. Cole-McLaughlin, H. Edelsbrunner, J. Harer, V. Natarajan and V. Pascucci. Loops in Reeb Graphs of 2-Manifolds. 2004]

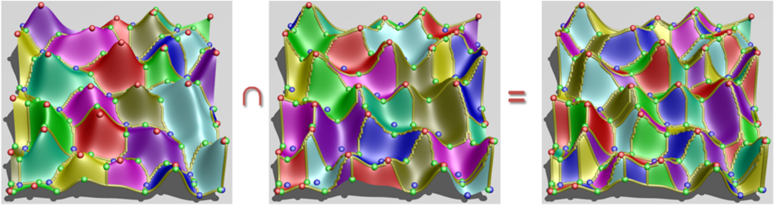
Jacobi Set

[H. Edelsbrunner and J. Harer. Jacobi sets of multiple Morse functions. 2002]



Morse-Smale complex

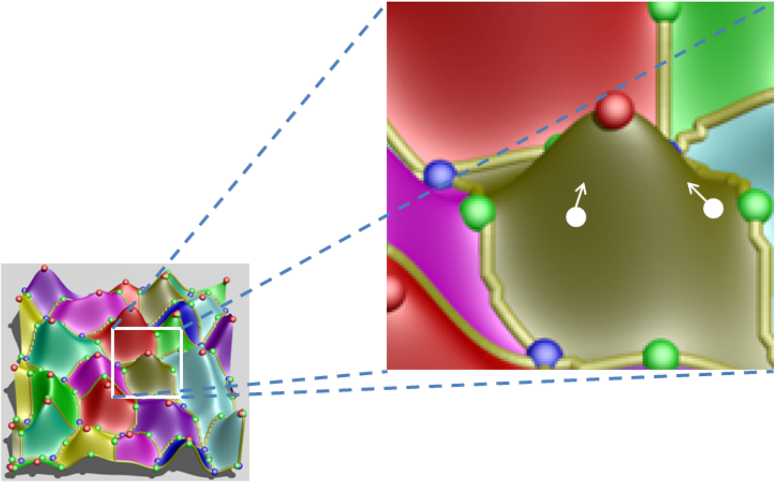
[H. Edelsbrunner, J. Harer and A. Zomorodian. Hierarchical Morse-Smale complexes for piecewise linear 2-manifolds. 2003]
[H. Edelsbrunner, J. Harer, V. Natarajan and V. Pascucci. Morse-Smale complexes for piecewise linear 3-manifolds. 2003]
A partition of the data into monotonic regions



Ascending Manifolds $\cap$ Descending Manifolds = Morse-Smale Complex

Ascending Manifolds

Compute steepest ascent gradient from each point in dataset



Descending Manifolds

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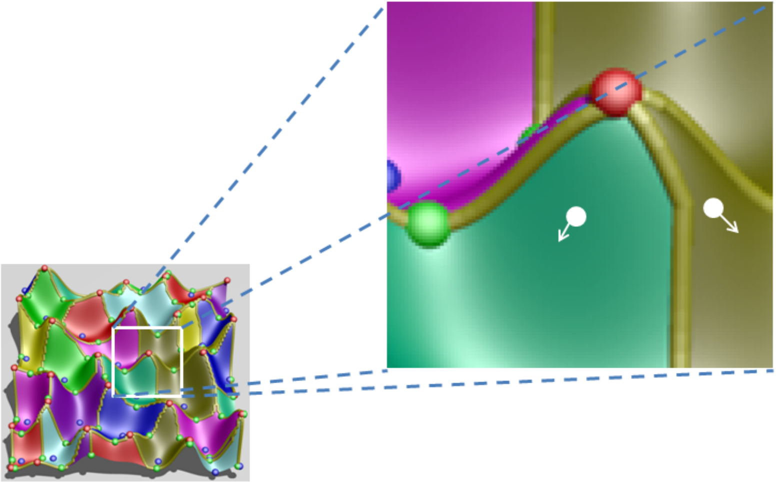


Morse-Smale complex

[P.-T Bremer, H. Edelsbrunner, B. Hamann and V. Pascucci. A Multi-resolution Data Structure for Two-dimensional Morse-Smale Functions. 2003]

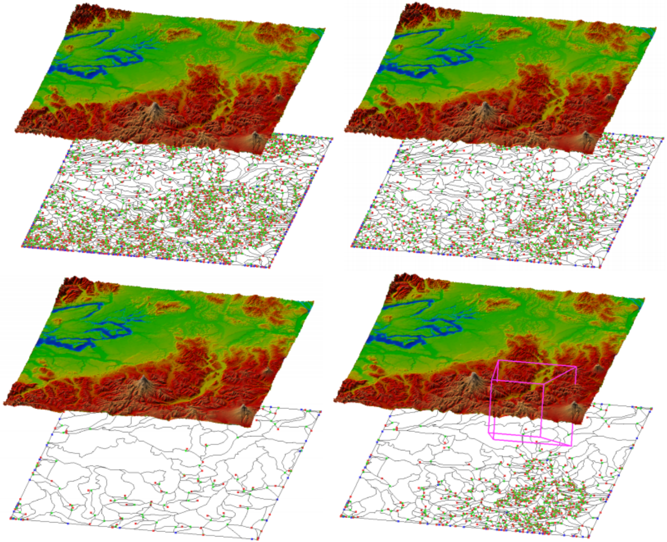


Figure 11: (Upper-left) Puget Sound data after topological noise removal. (Upper-right) Data at persistence of 1.2% of the maximum height. (Lower-left) Data at persistence 20% of the maximum height. (Lower-right) View-dependent re□nement (purple: view frustum).

Morse-Smale complex

[A. Gyulassy, V. Natarajan, V. Pascucci, P.-T. Bremer, B. Hamann. Topology-based Simplication for Feature Extraction from 3D Scalar Fields, 2005]

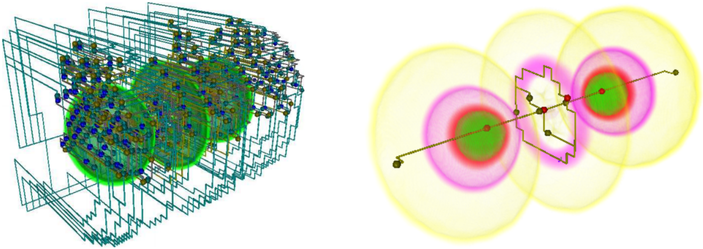
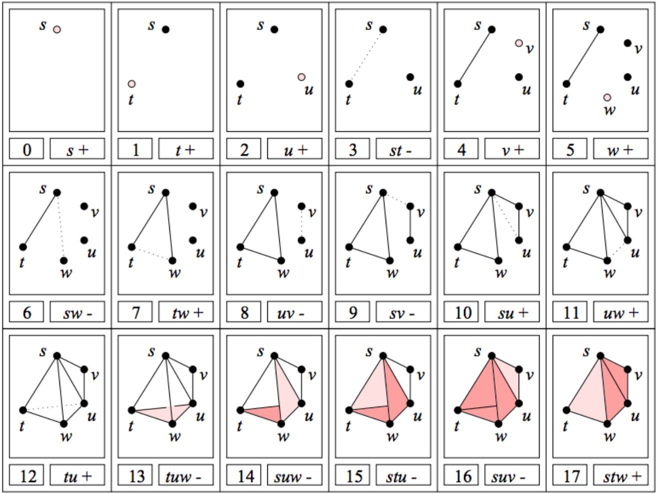


Figure: Topology simplication applied on electron density data for a hydrogen atom: the input has a large number of critical points, several of which are identied as being insignicant and removed by repeated application of two atomic operations. Features are identied by the surviving critical points and enhanced in a volume rendered image by an automatically designed transfer function

Persistent homology

[H. Edelsbrunner, D. Letscher and A. Zomorodian. Topological persistence and simplification. 2002] [A. Zomorodian, G. Carlsson. Computing Persistent Homology. 2004] Persistence diagram v.s. barcodes and persistence modules.



Persistent homology

When data is corrupted by noise, how can we tell features from noise?

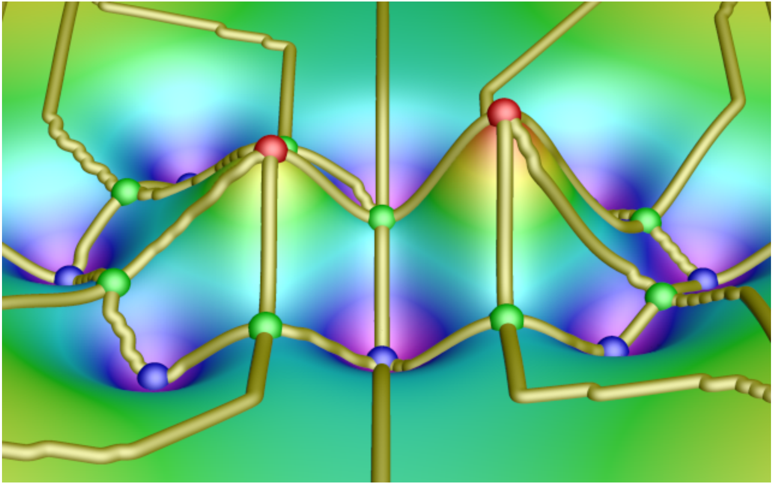
"The eye, or the brain, performs the marvelous task of taking the sense data of individual points and assembling them into a coherent image of a continuumit infers the continuous from the discrete."

Figure: The Seine at La Grande Jatte by Georges Seurat

[S. Weinberger. What is persistent homology? 2011]

Persistent homology

Simplifying topological features



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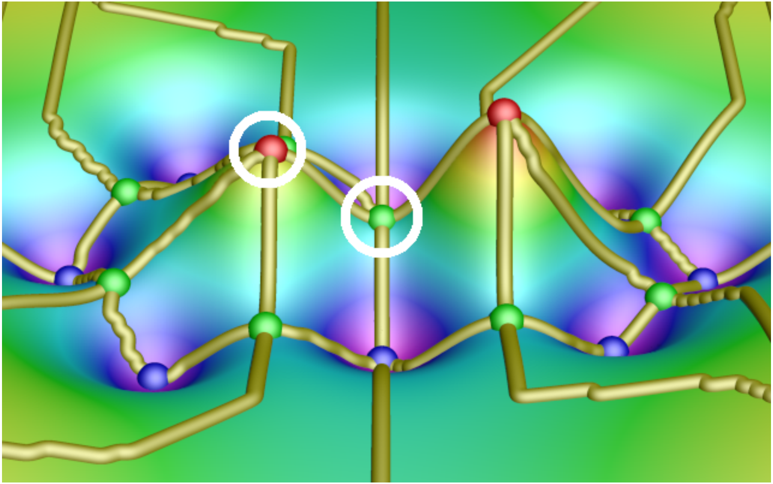

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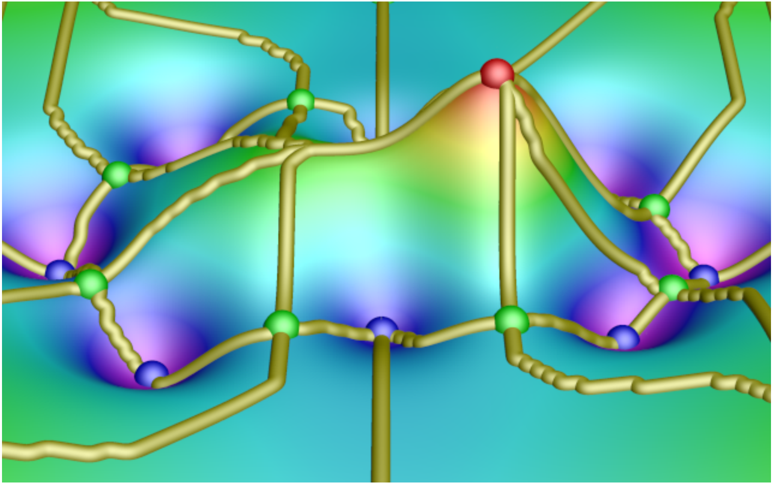
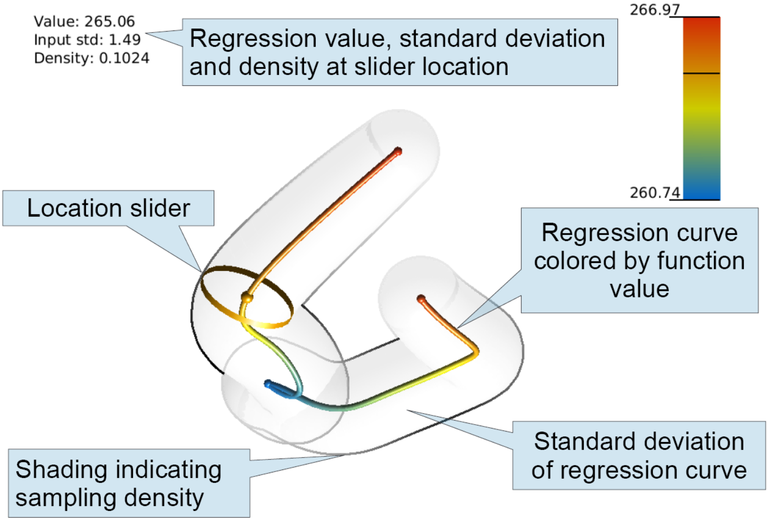


What about hight dimensional data? More data analysis than visualization...

High dimensional scalar function

[S. Gerber, P.-T. Bremer, V. Pascucci, R. Whitaker. Visual Exploration of High Dimensional Scalar Functions. 2010]



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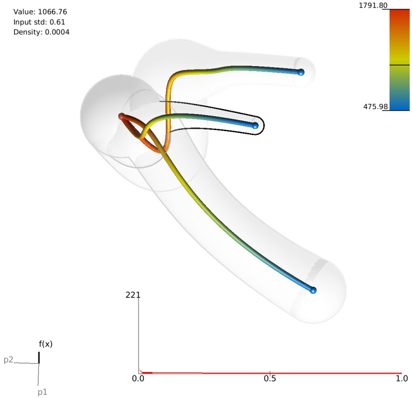
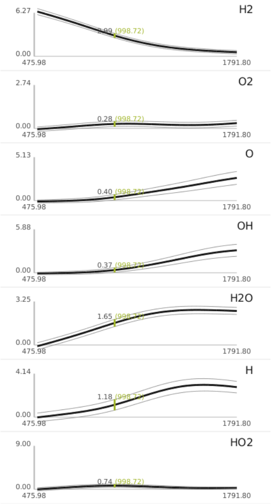
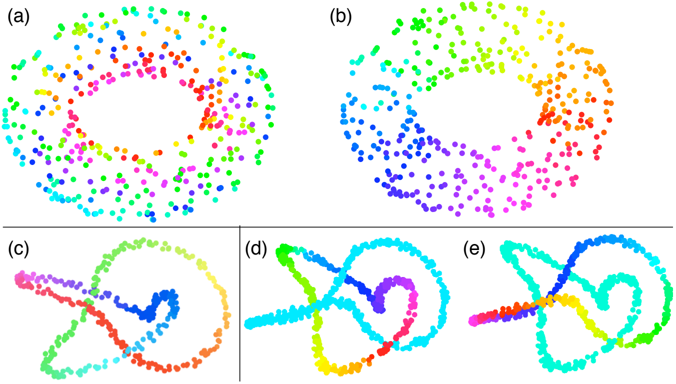




10 dimensional data set describing the heat release wrt. to various chemical species in a combustion simulation

Circular structure in high dimensions

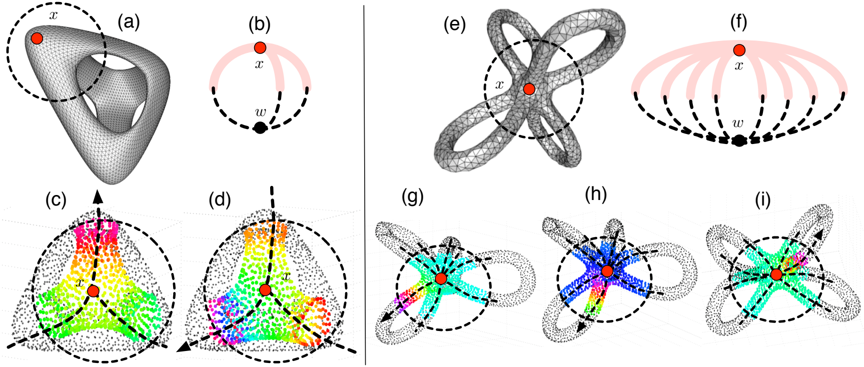
Parametrizing data (for circular features) in high-dimensions.



[Silva, Morozov, Vejdemo-Johansson 2009]

Detect branching features in high-dim data

Parametrizing data in high-dimensions.

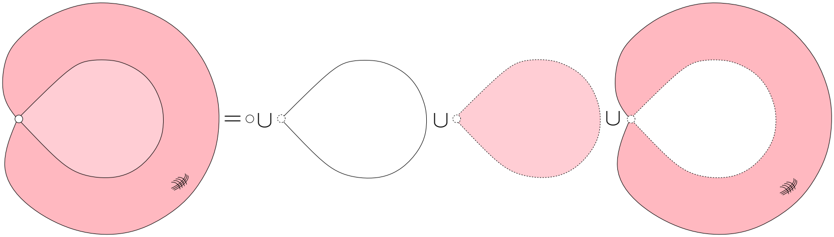


[W, Summa, Pascucci, Vejdemo-Johansson 2011]

Stratification learning in high dimensions

The coarsest stratification of a pinched torus

1. Decompose into manifold pieces (strata). 2. Pieces fit "nicely".



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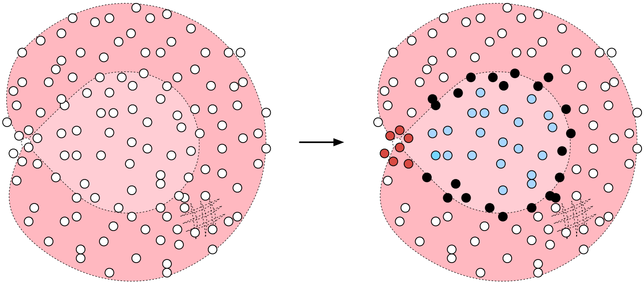

What are some of the cool open problems?

For data analysis...

- Robustness of topological structures
- Scalability, approximation
- High-dimensional data
- Integration with statistics and machine learning
- Usability

Thank you!

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