An Introduction to Applied Topology

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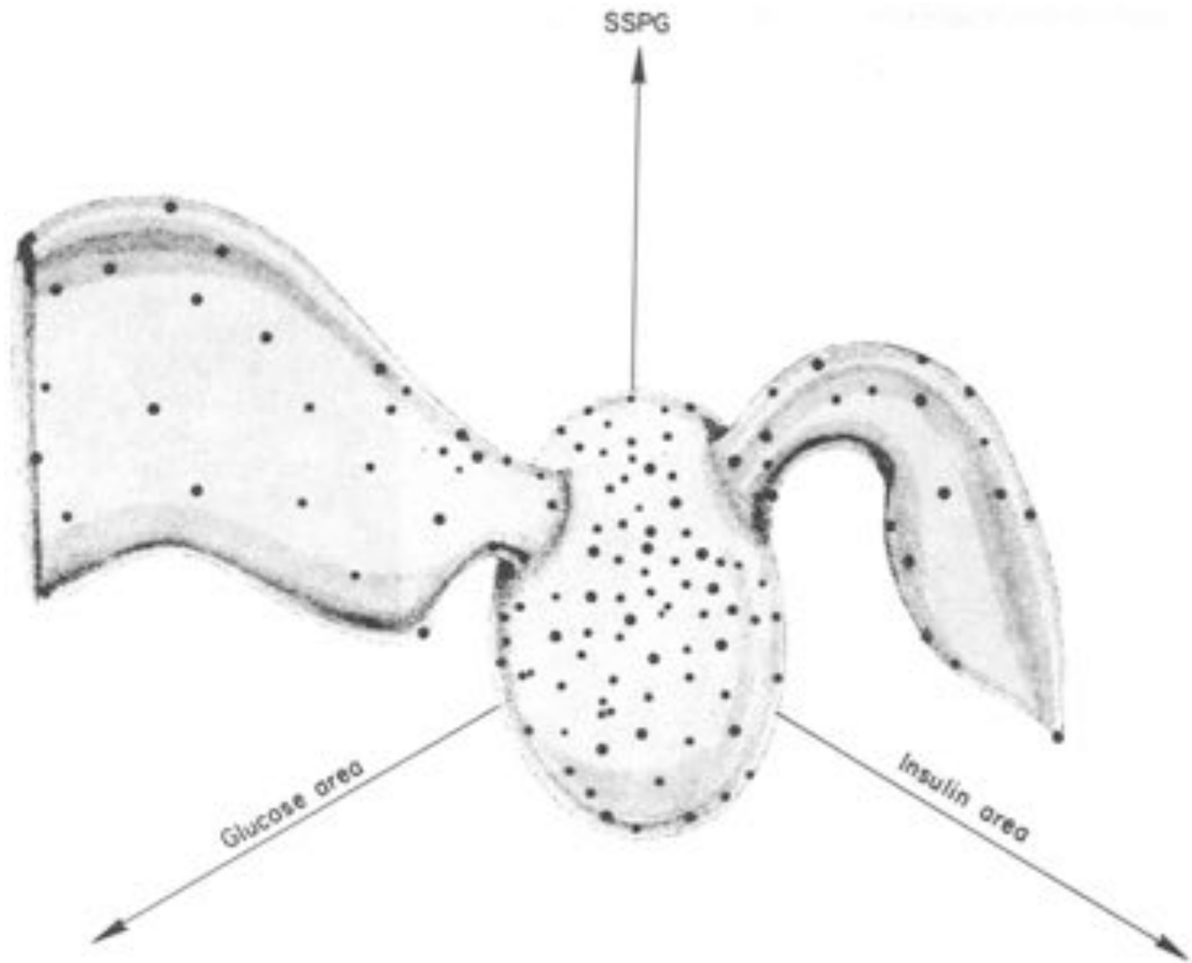
Example: Diabetes study
145 points in 5-dimensional space



An attempt to define the nature of chemical diabetes using a multidimensional analysis by G. M. Reaven and R. G. Miller, 1979

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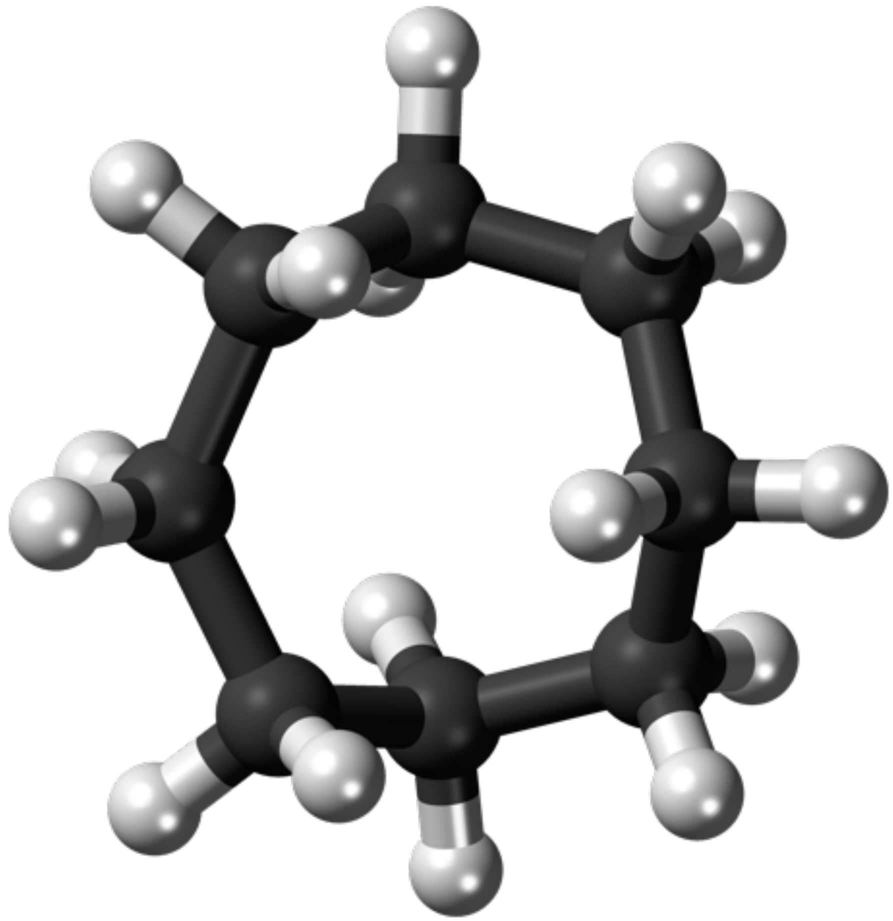

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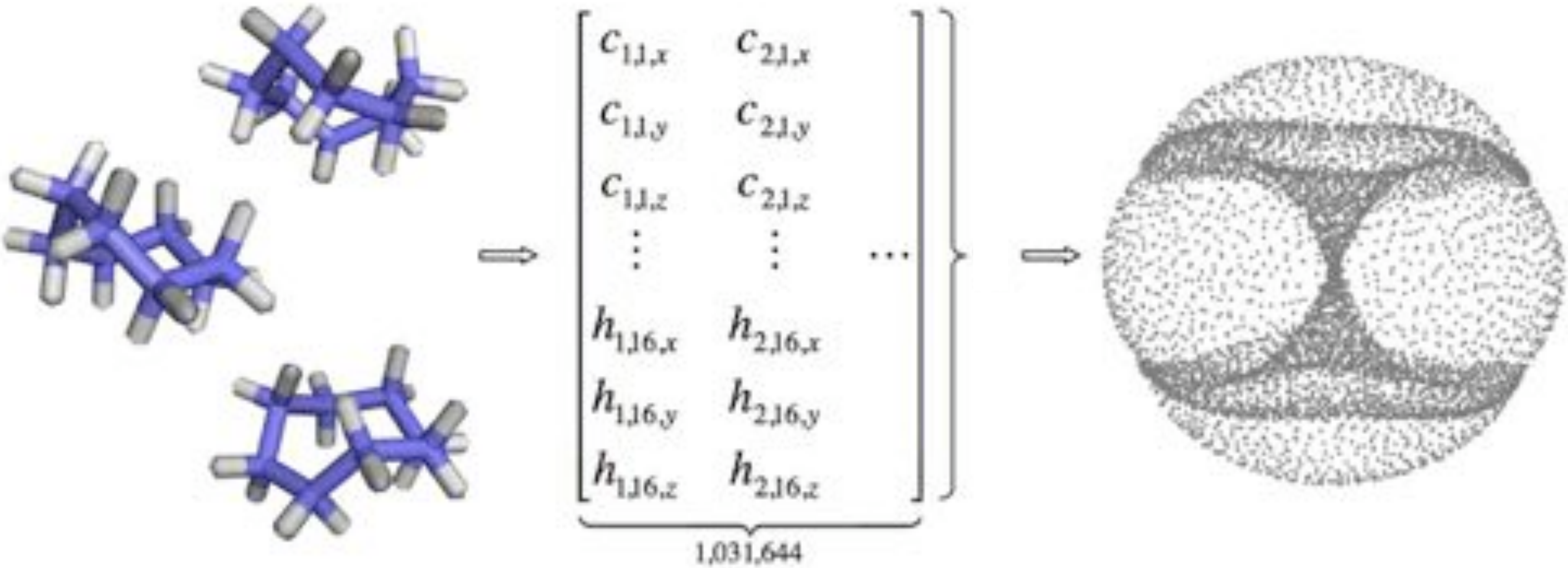

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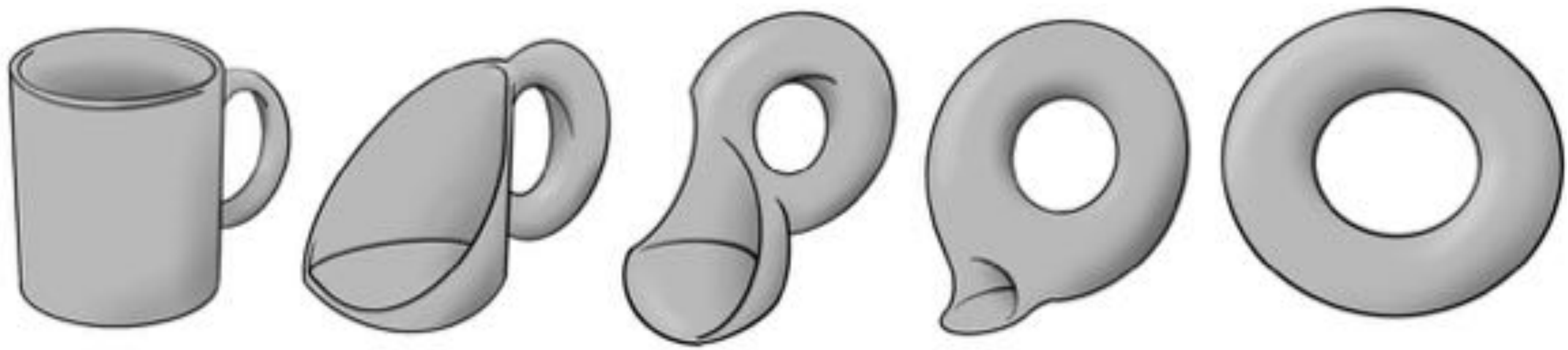

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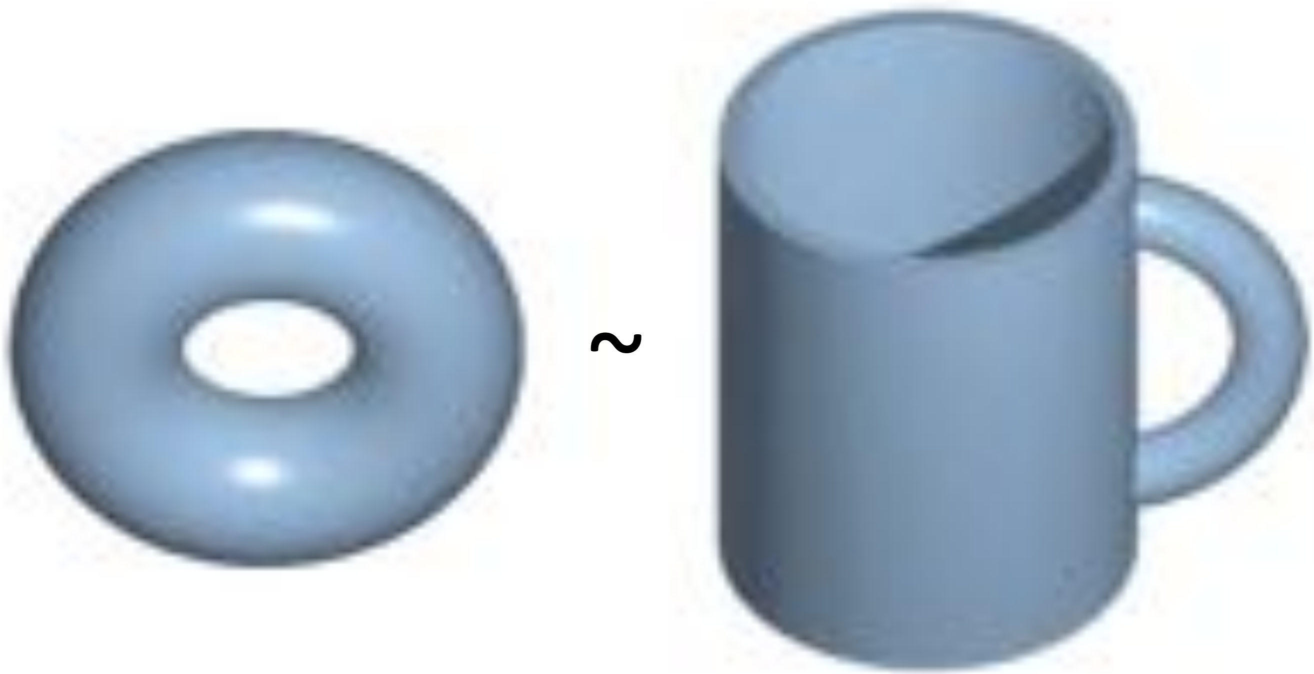

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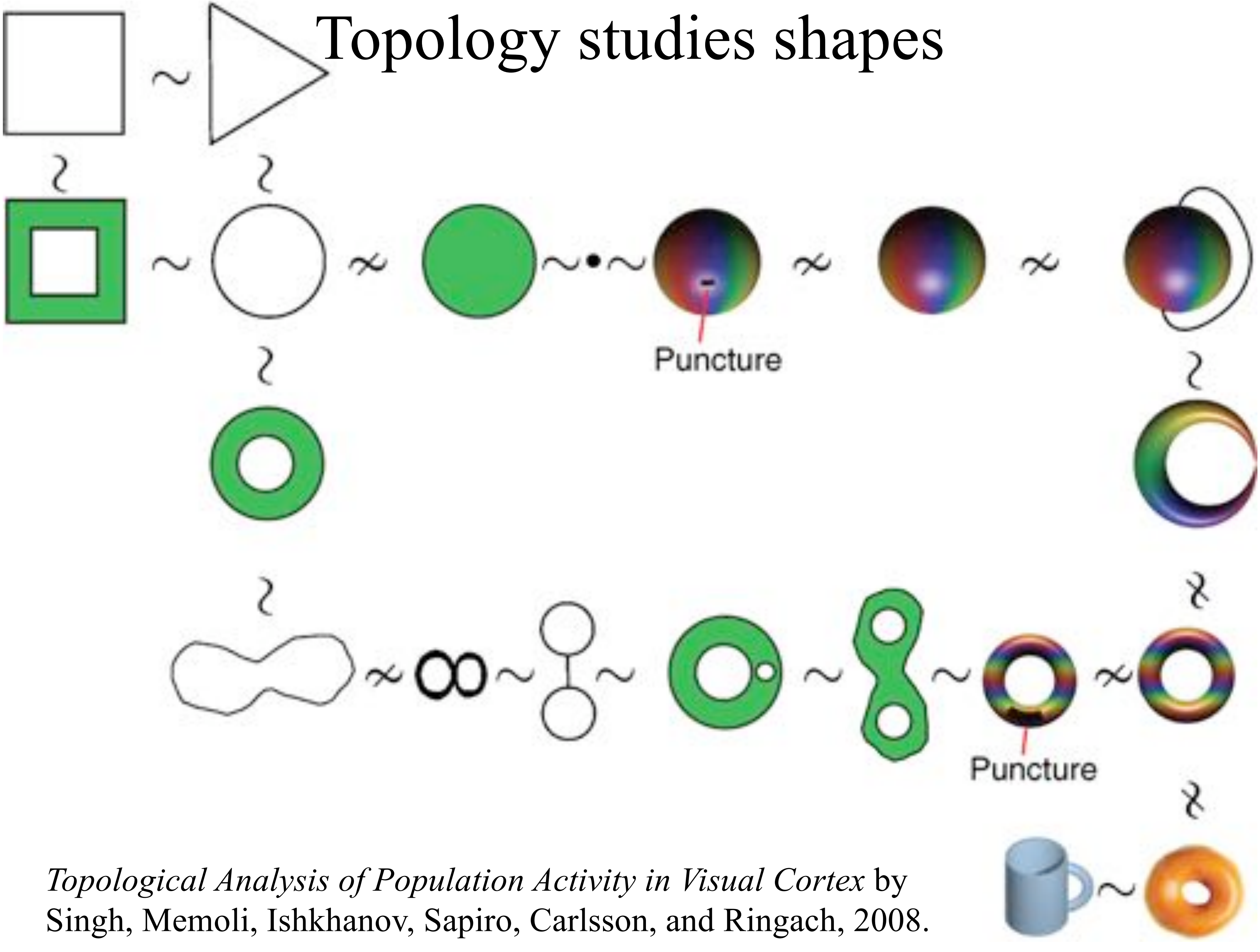

Topological Analysis of Population Activity in Visual Cortex by Singh, Memoli, Ishkhanov, Sapiro, Carlsson, and Ringach, 2008.

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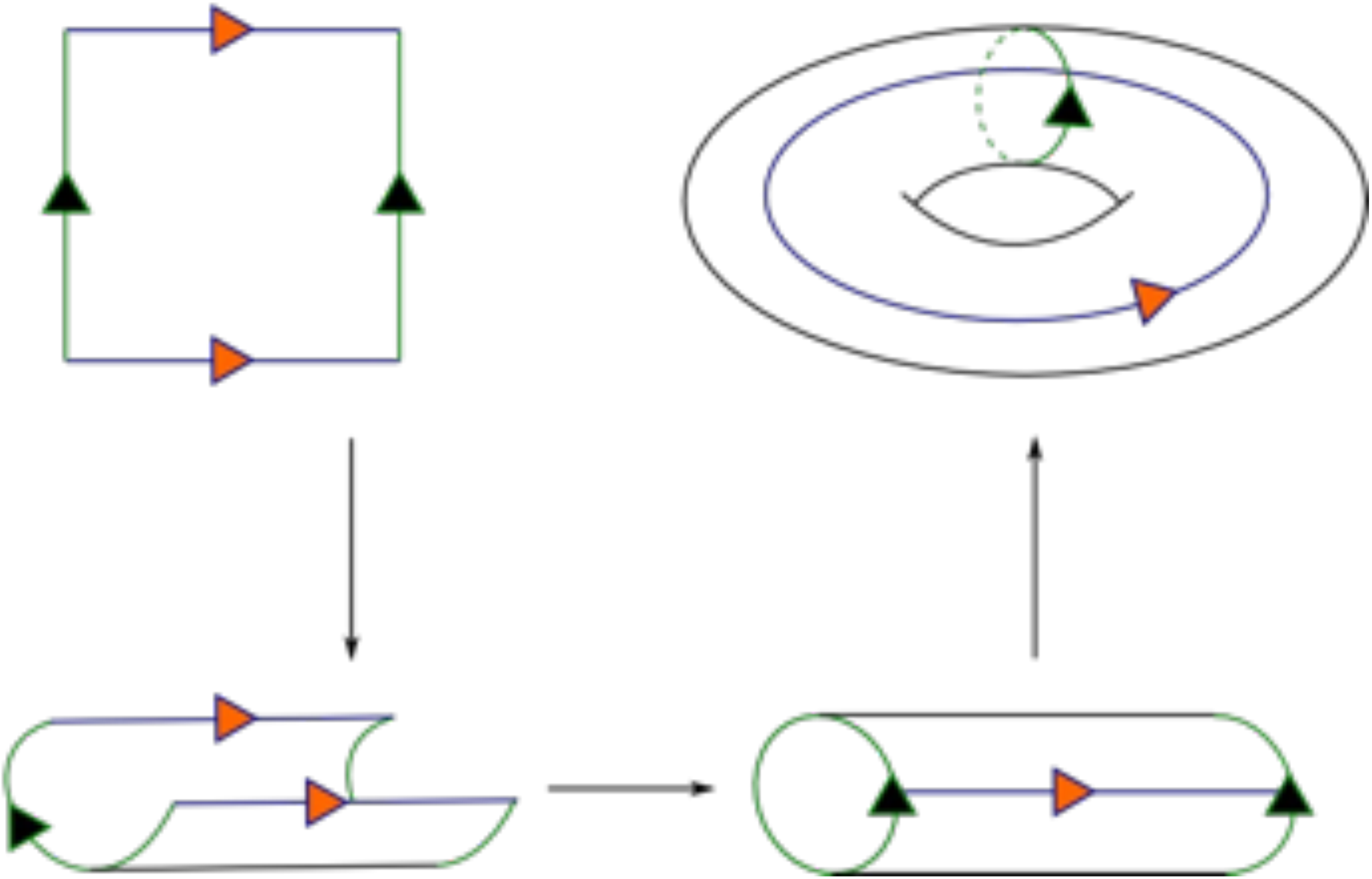
Torus



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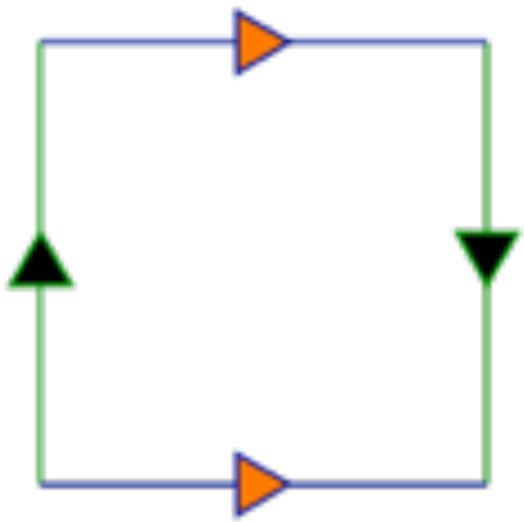

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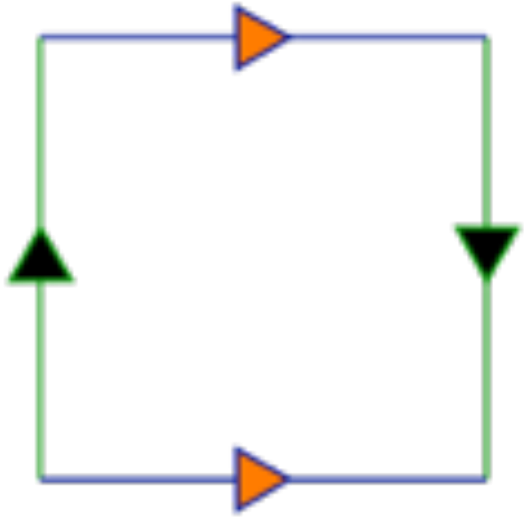

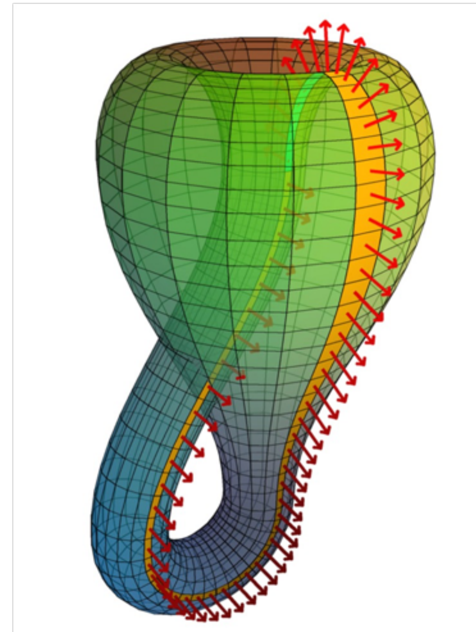

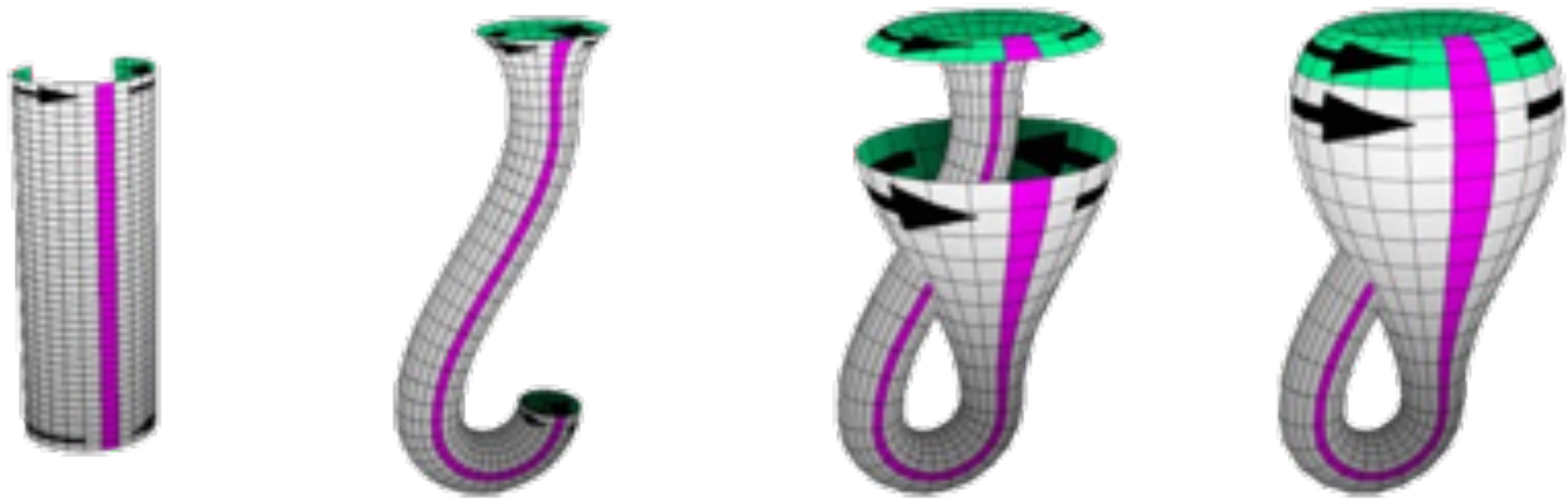

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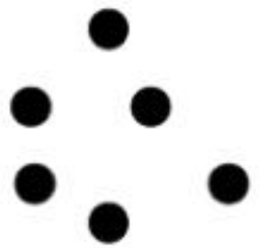

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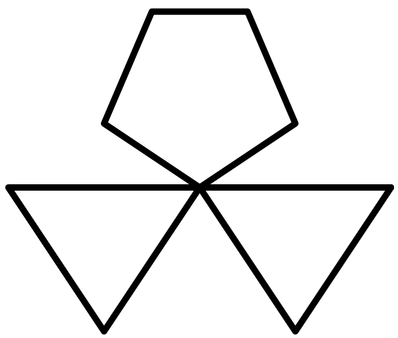
1-dimensional homology H_1: rank 0



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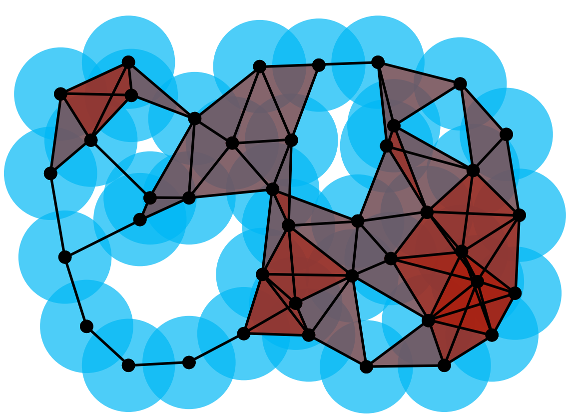

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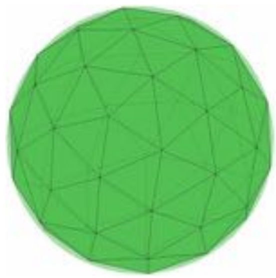

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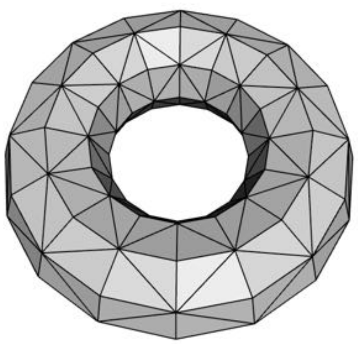

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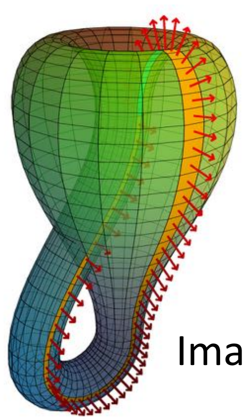

Be careful! (Same as torus over $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$)

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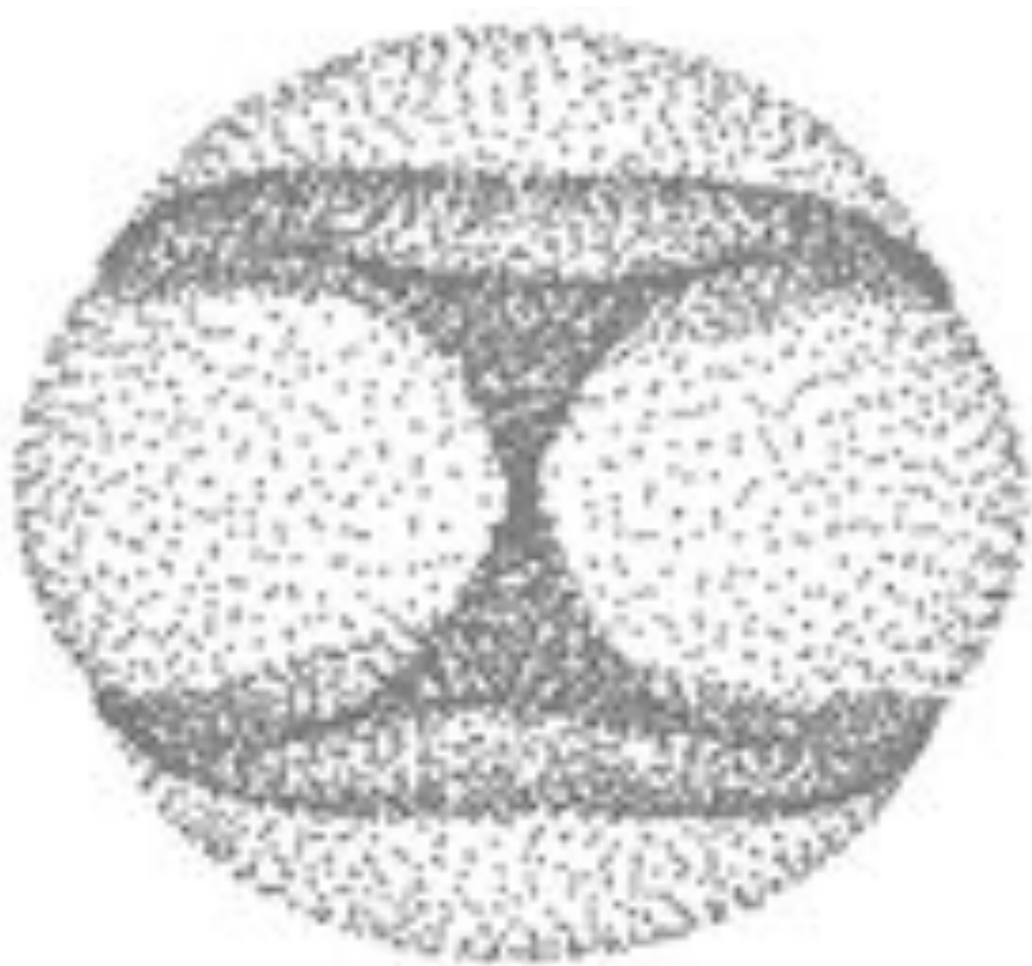

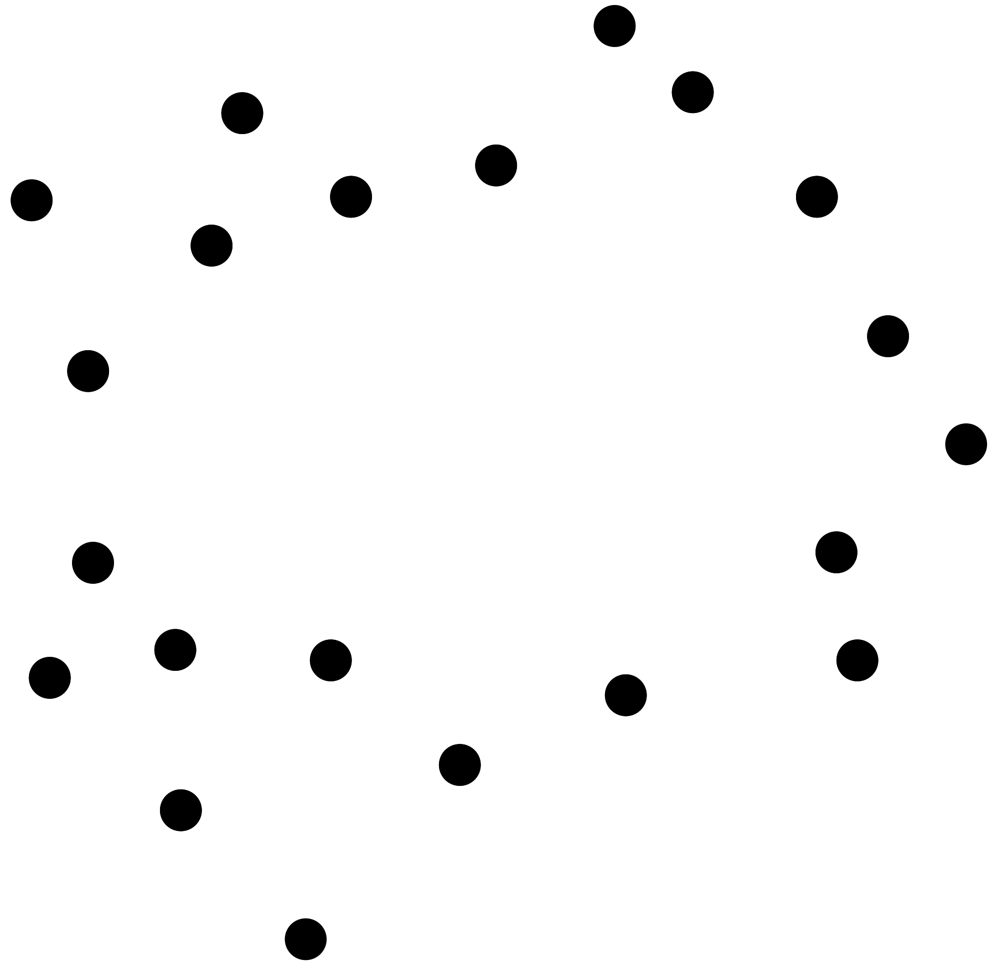

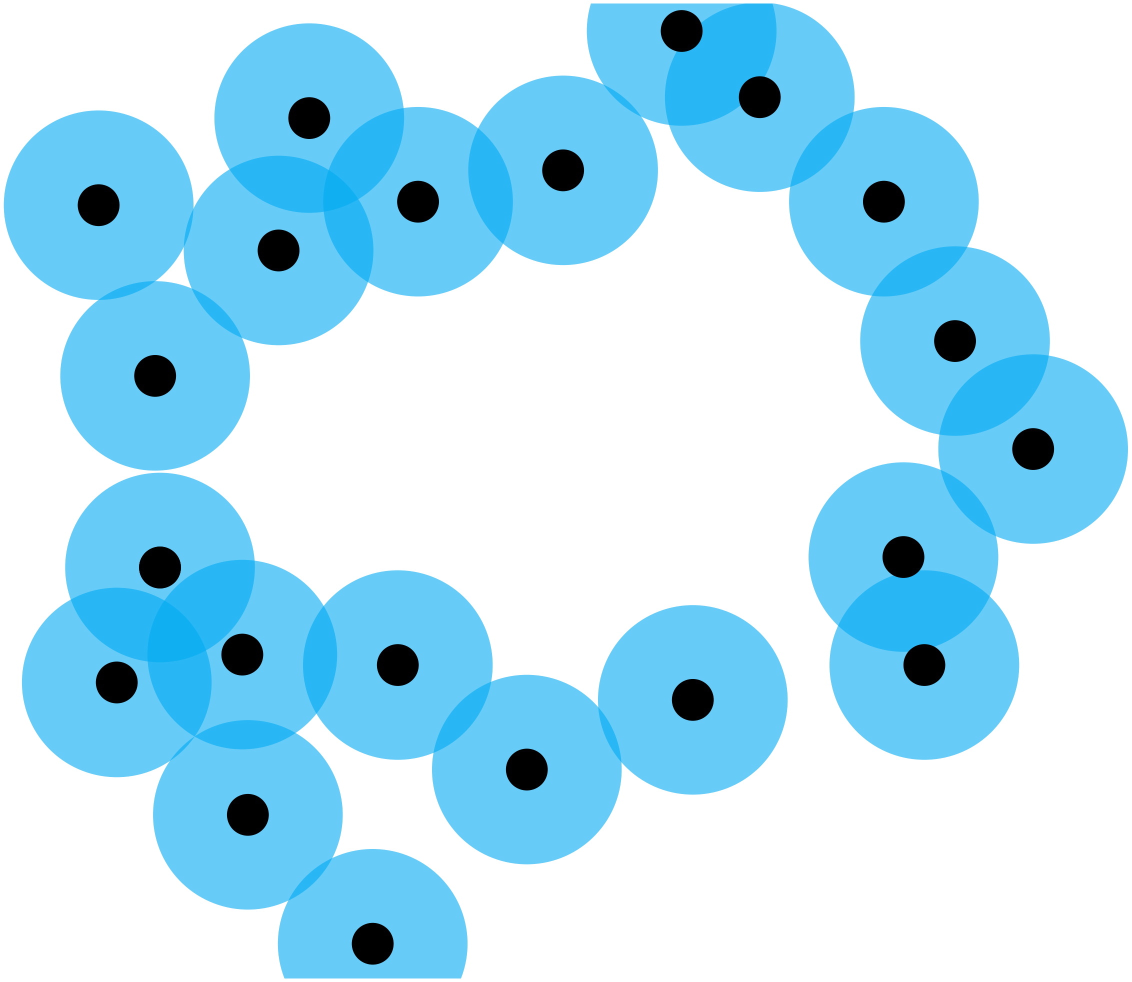

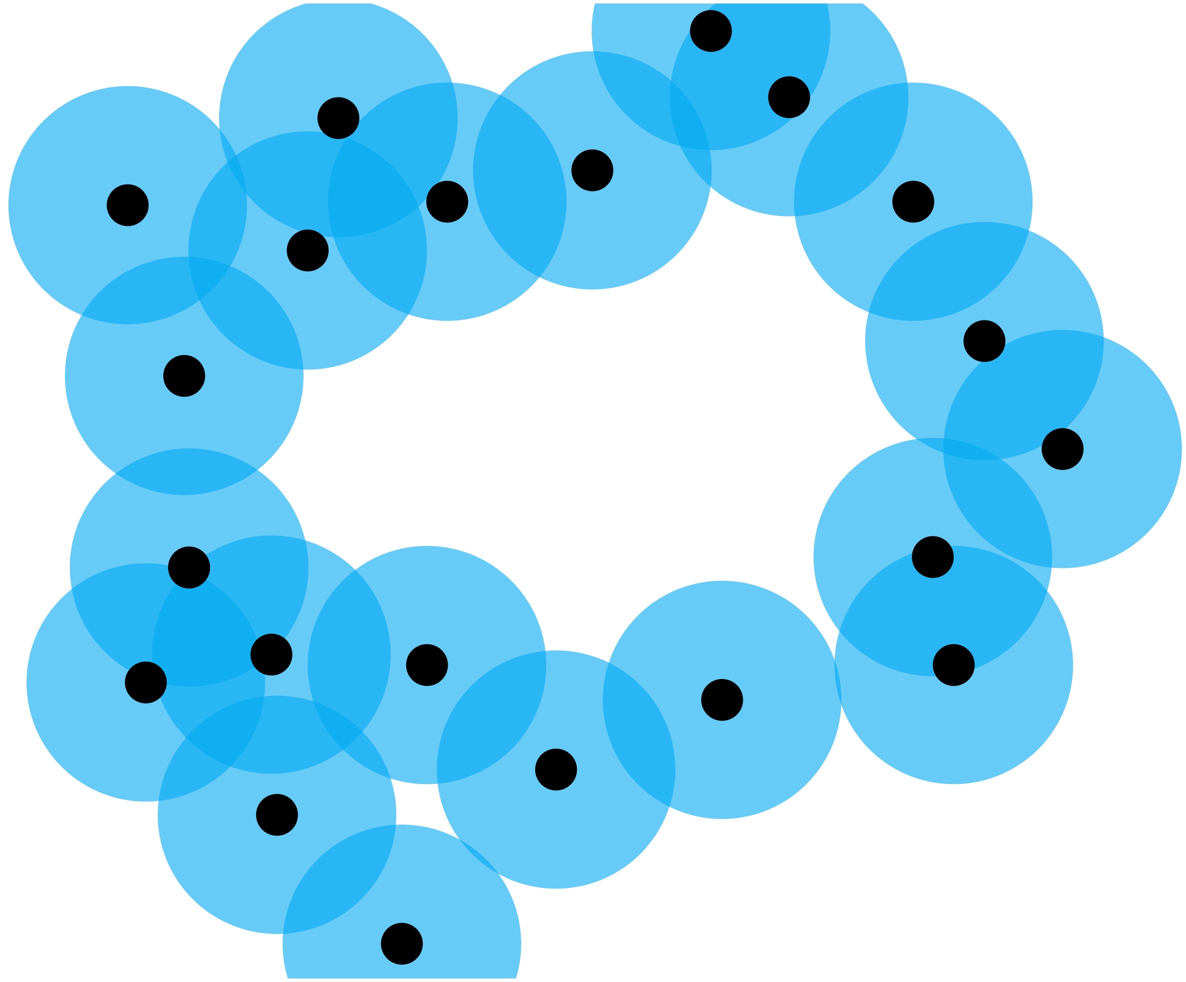

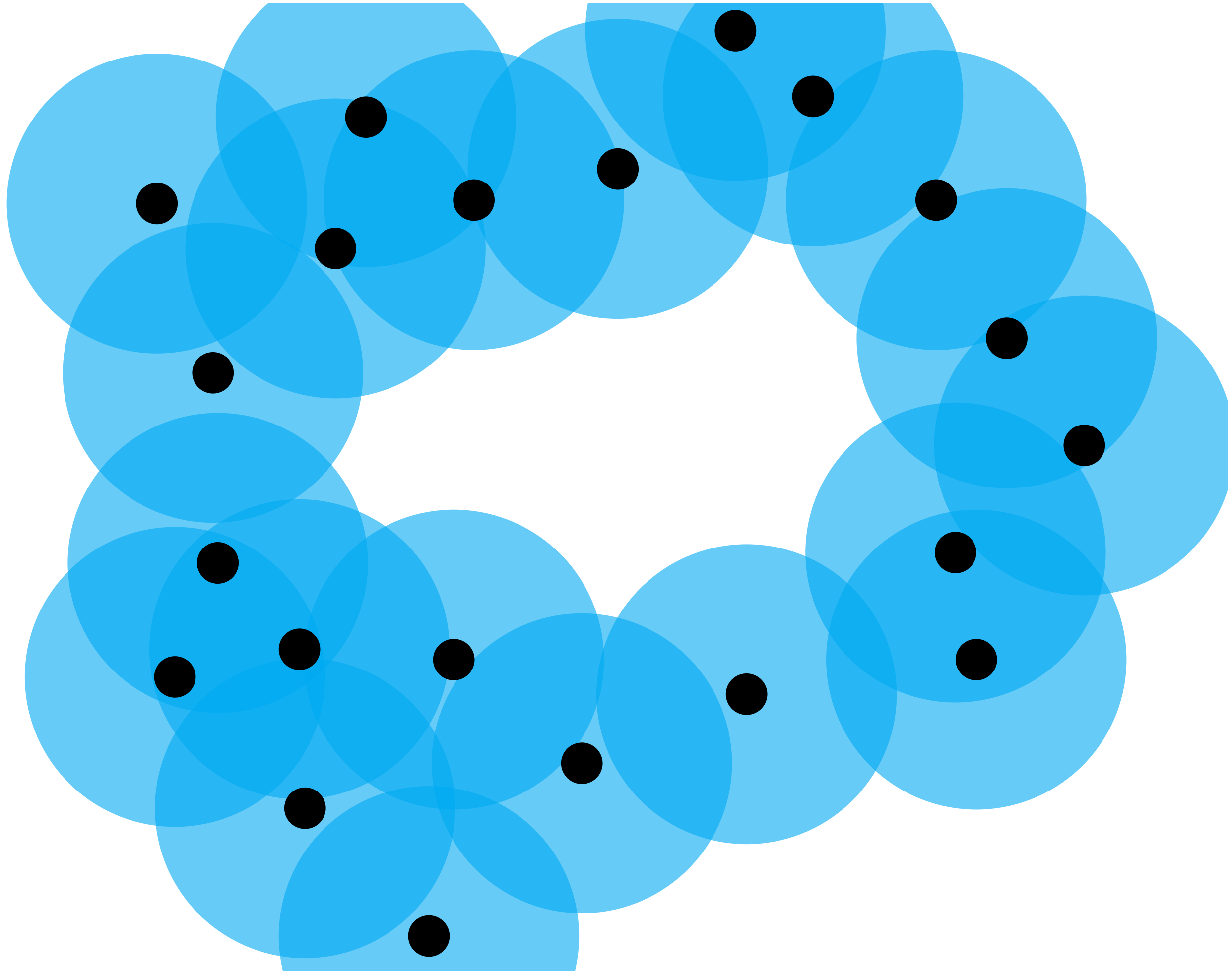

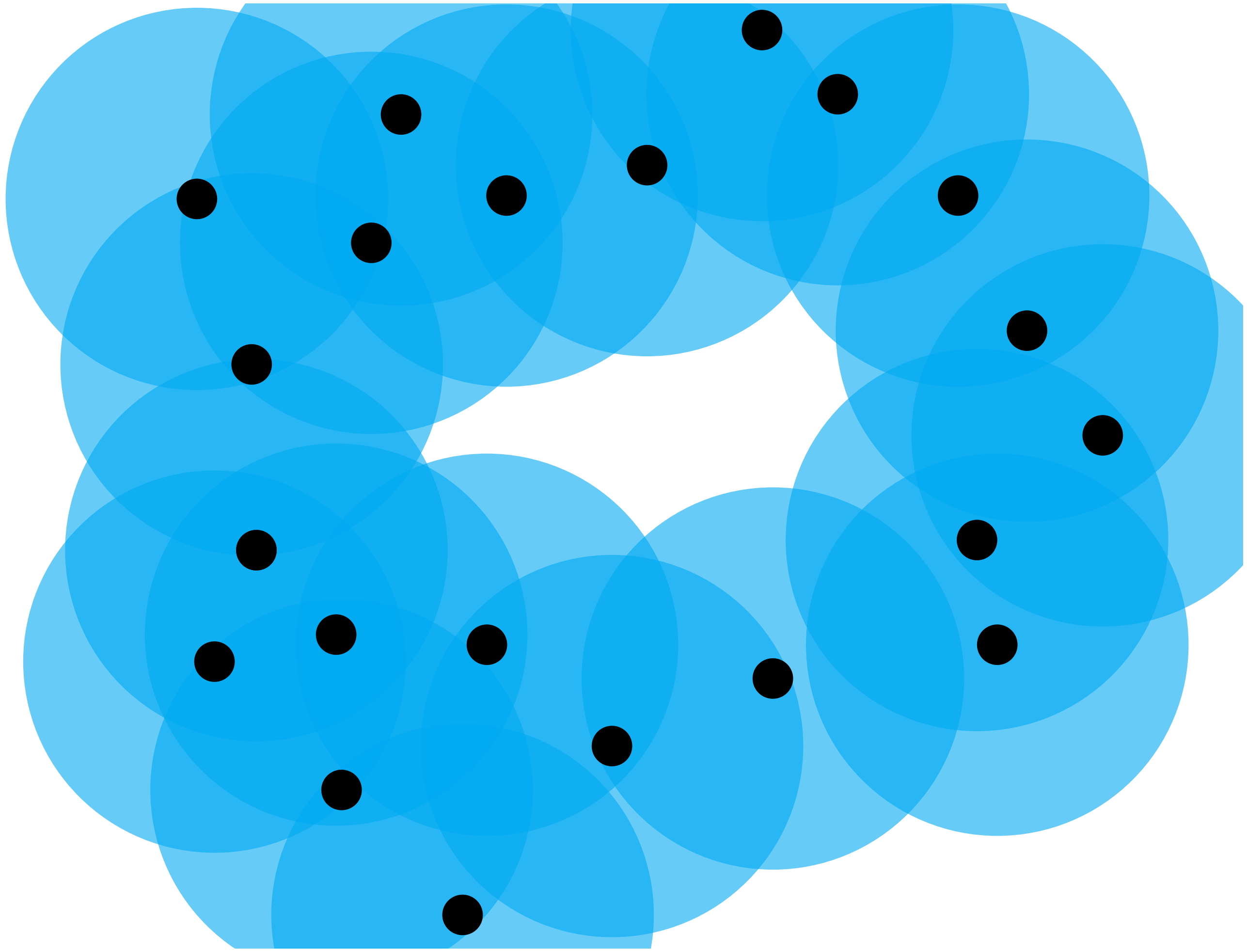

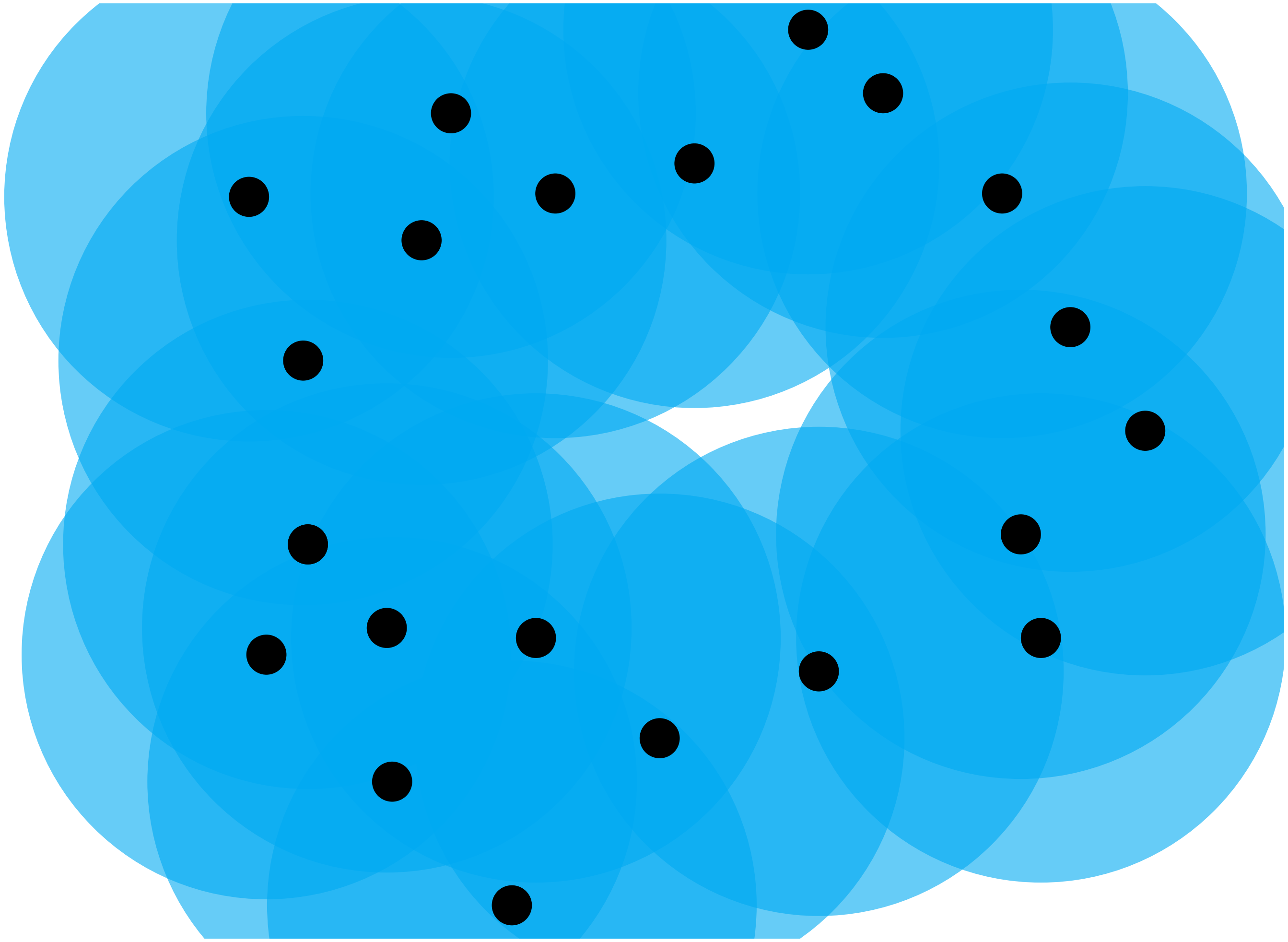

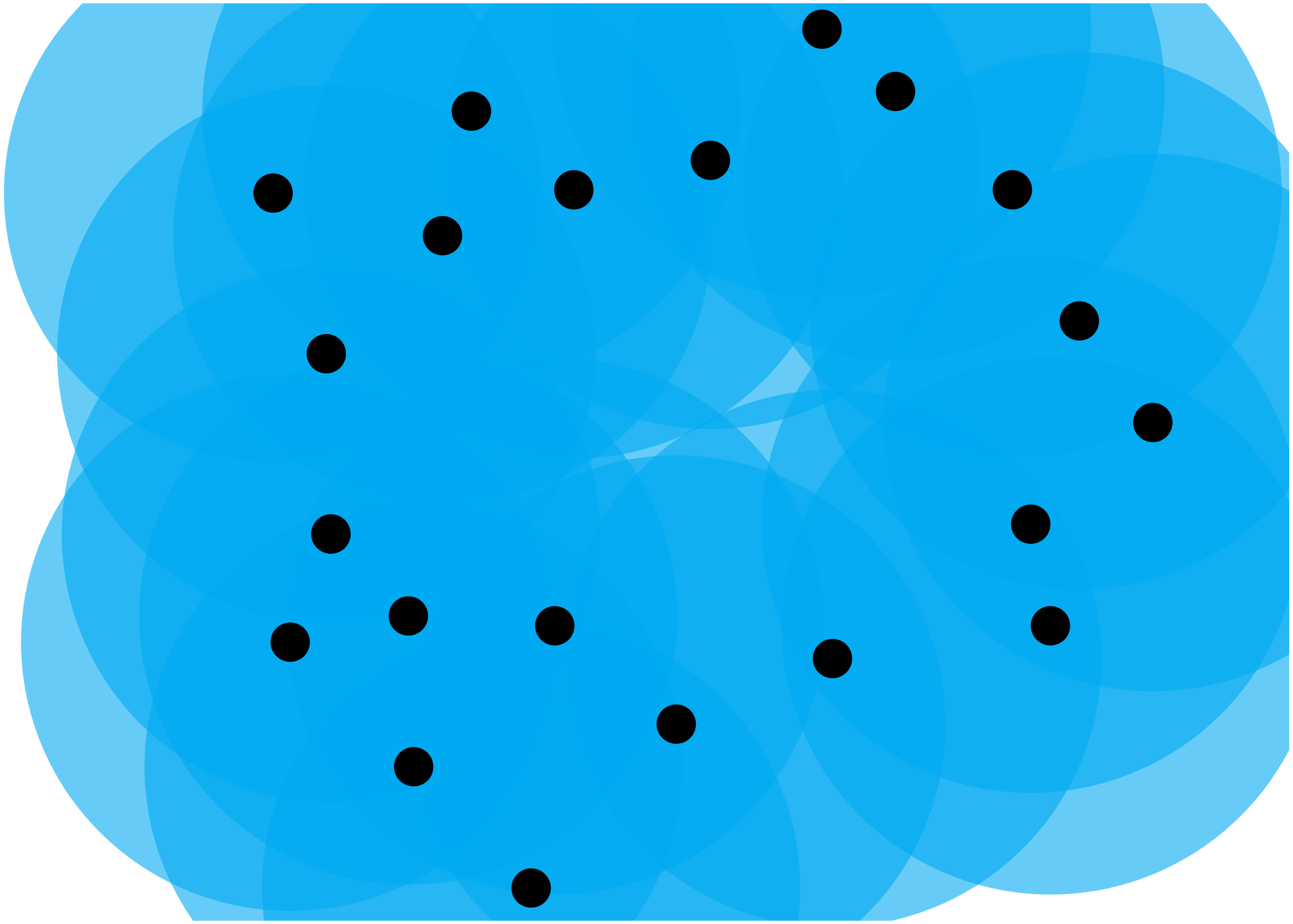

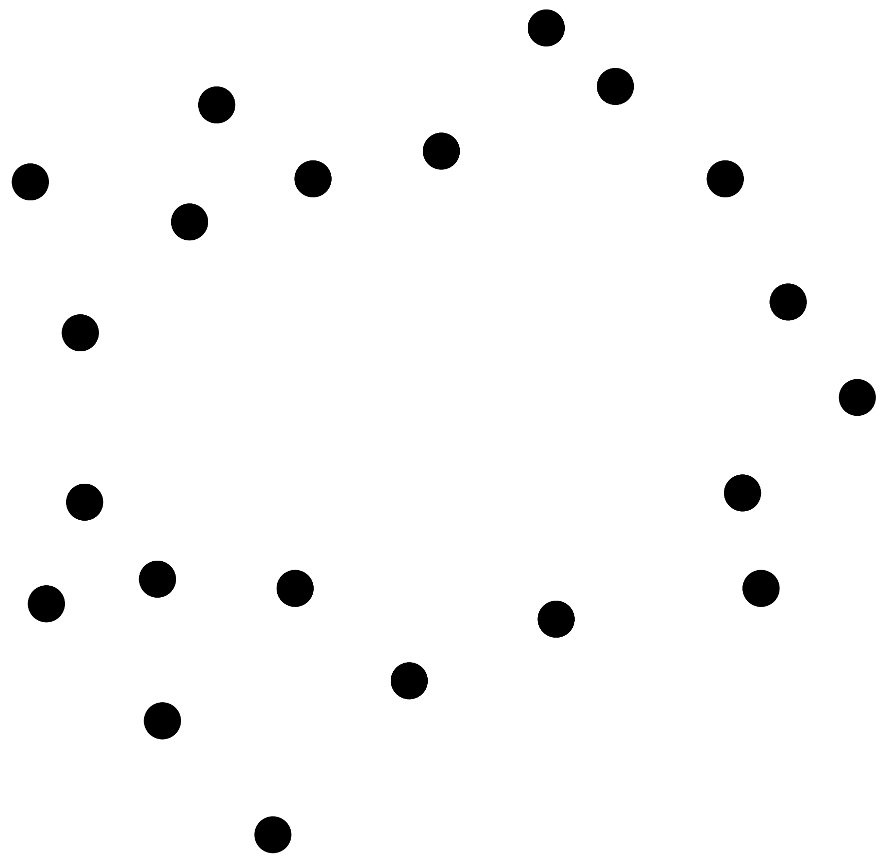

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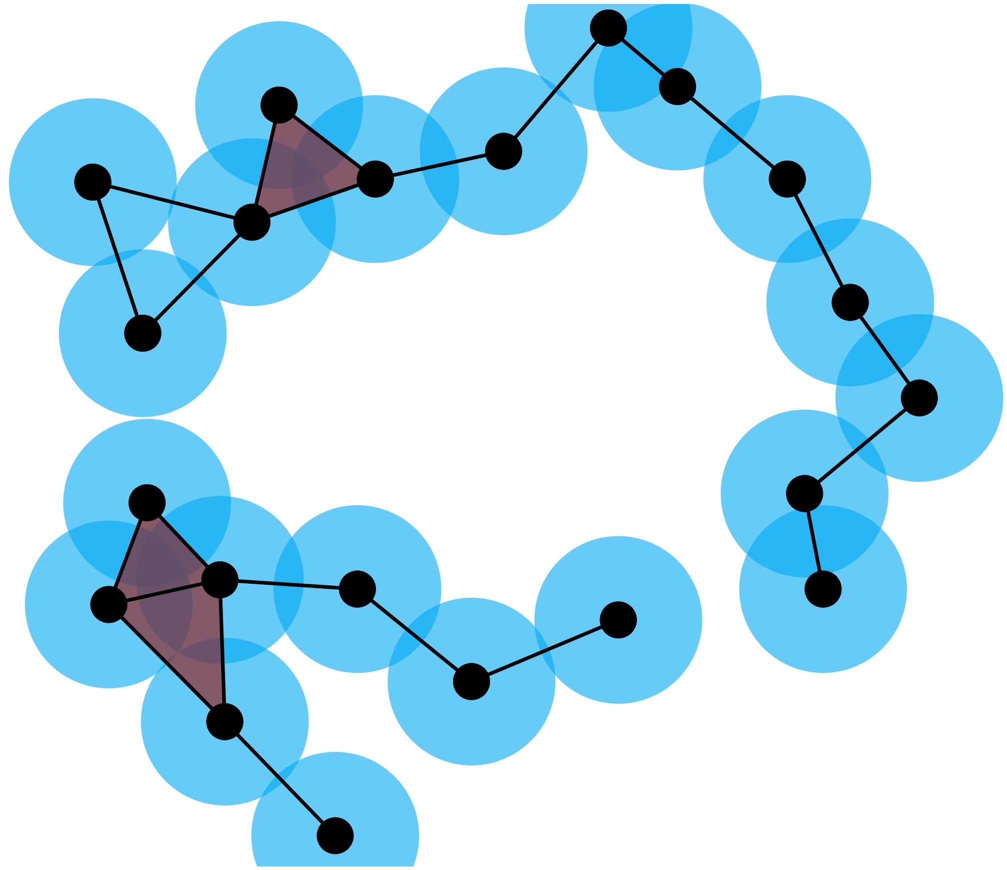

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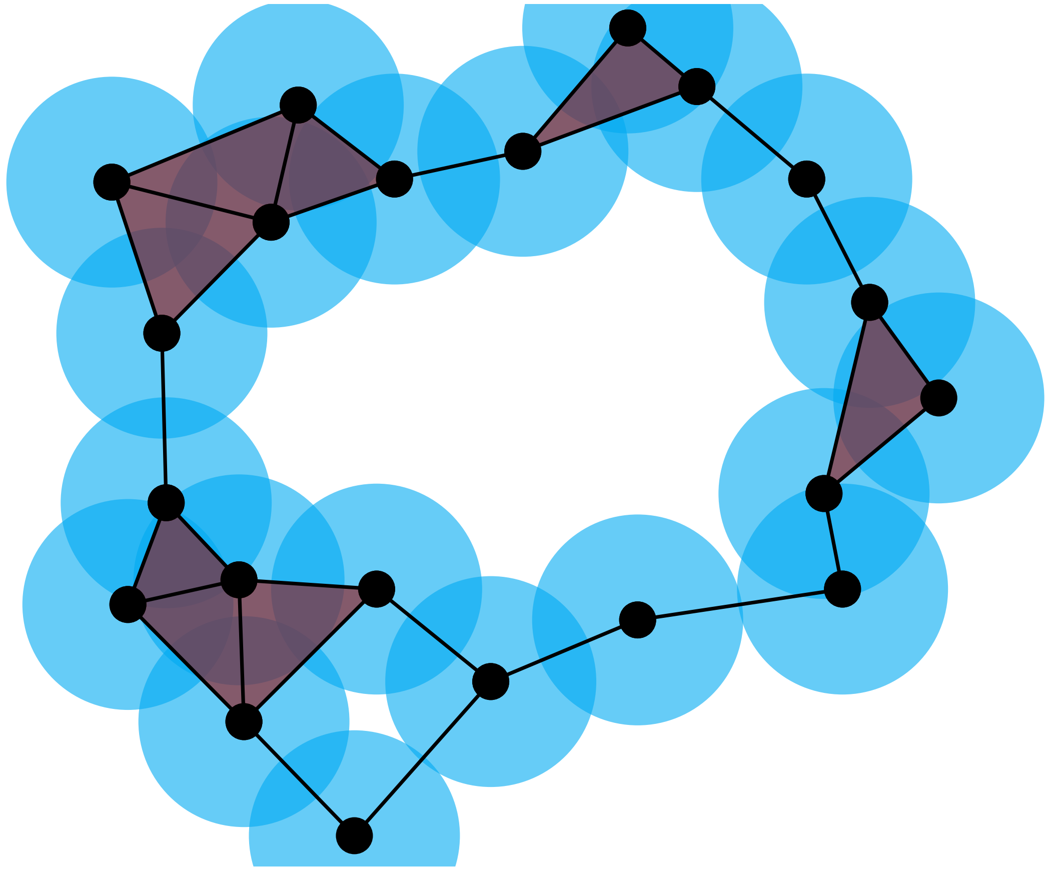

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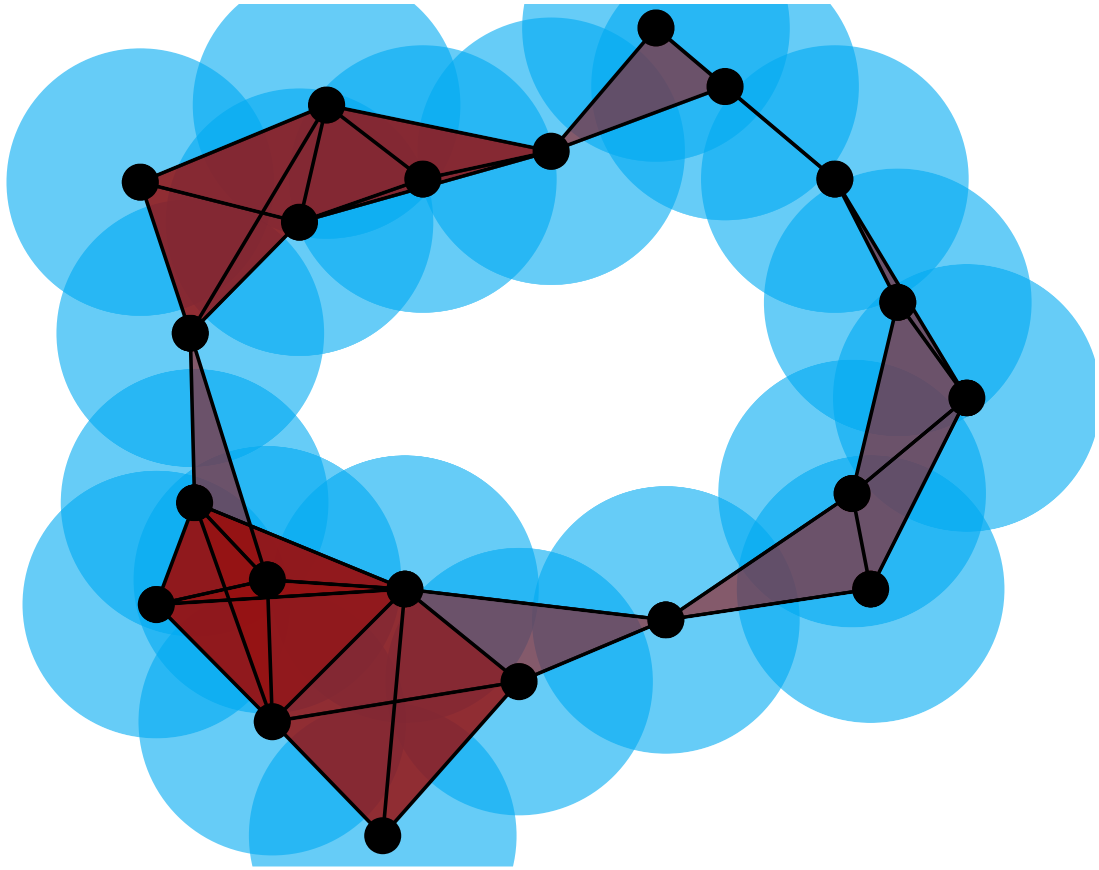

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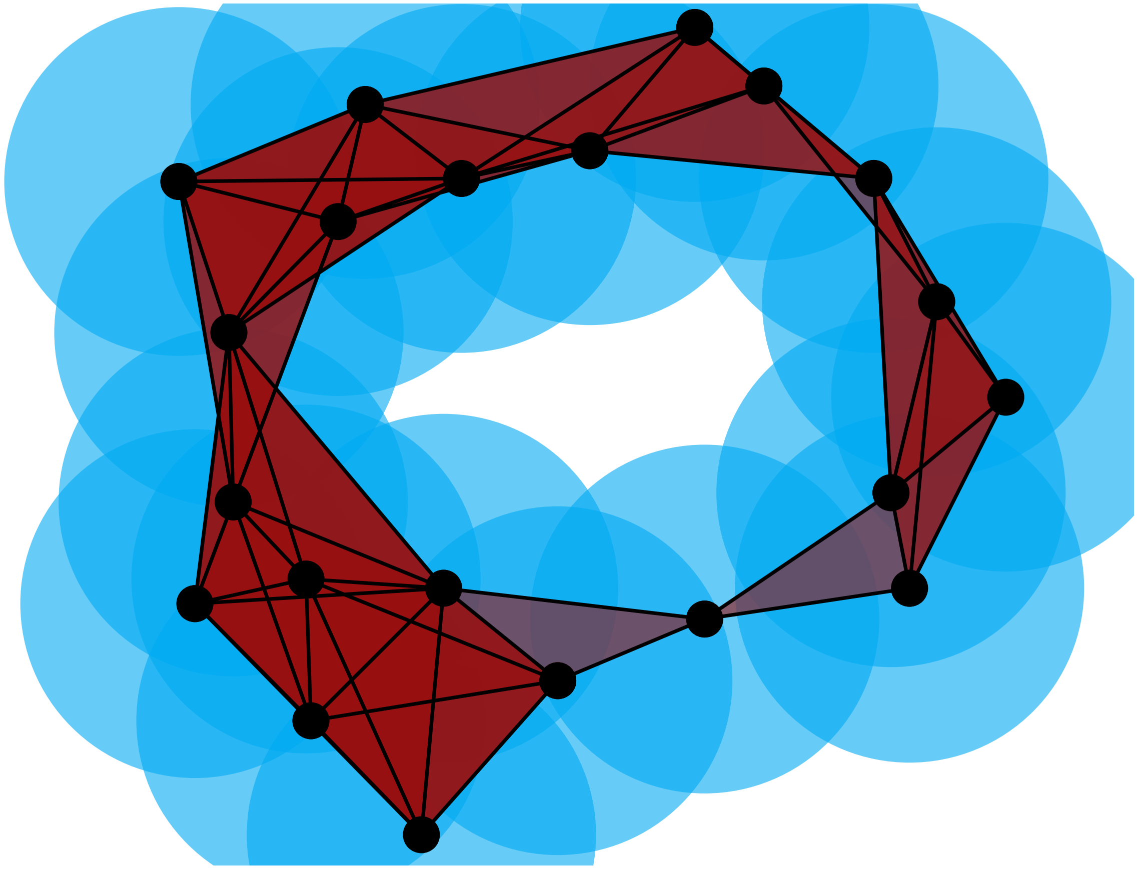

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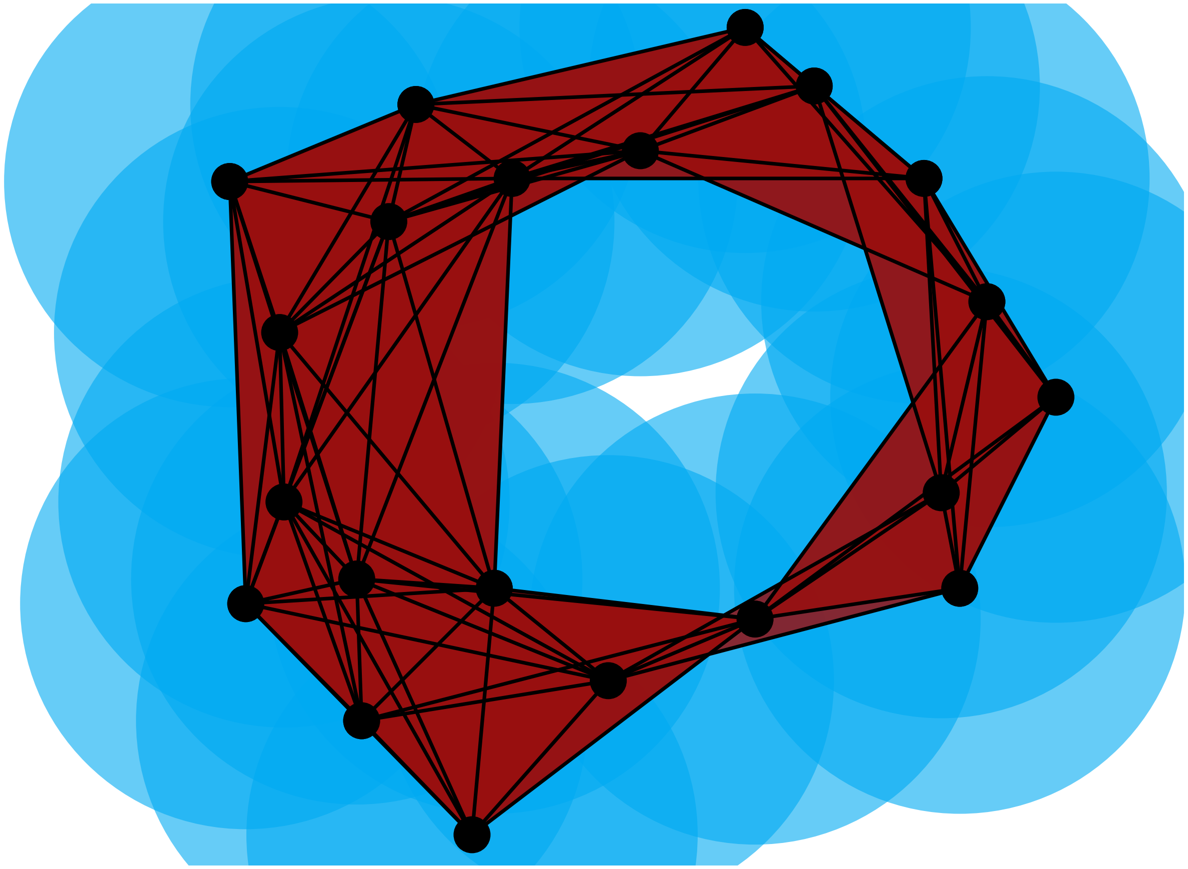

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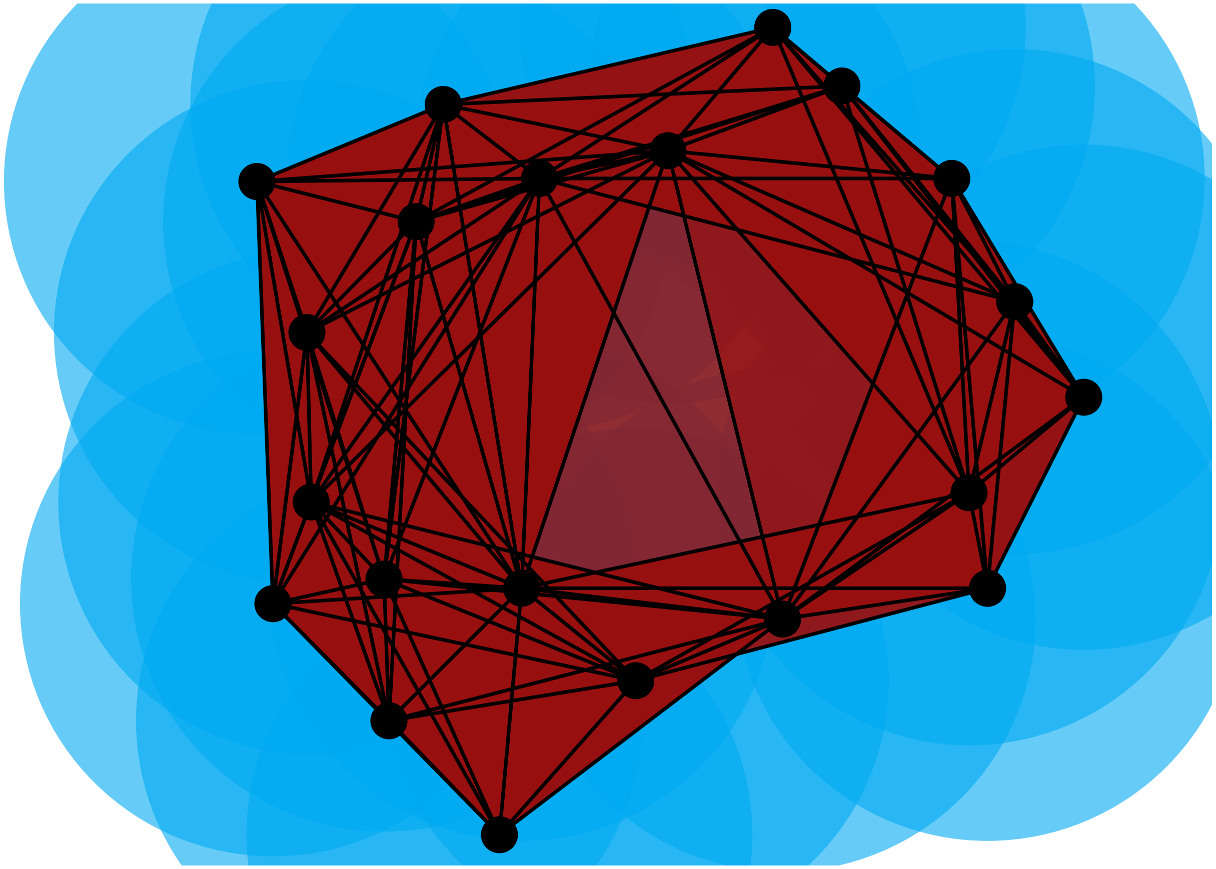

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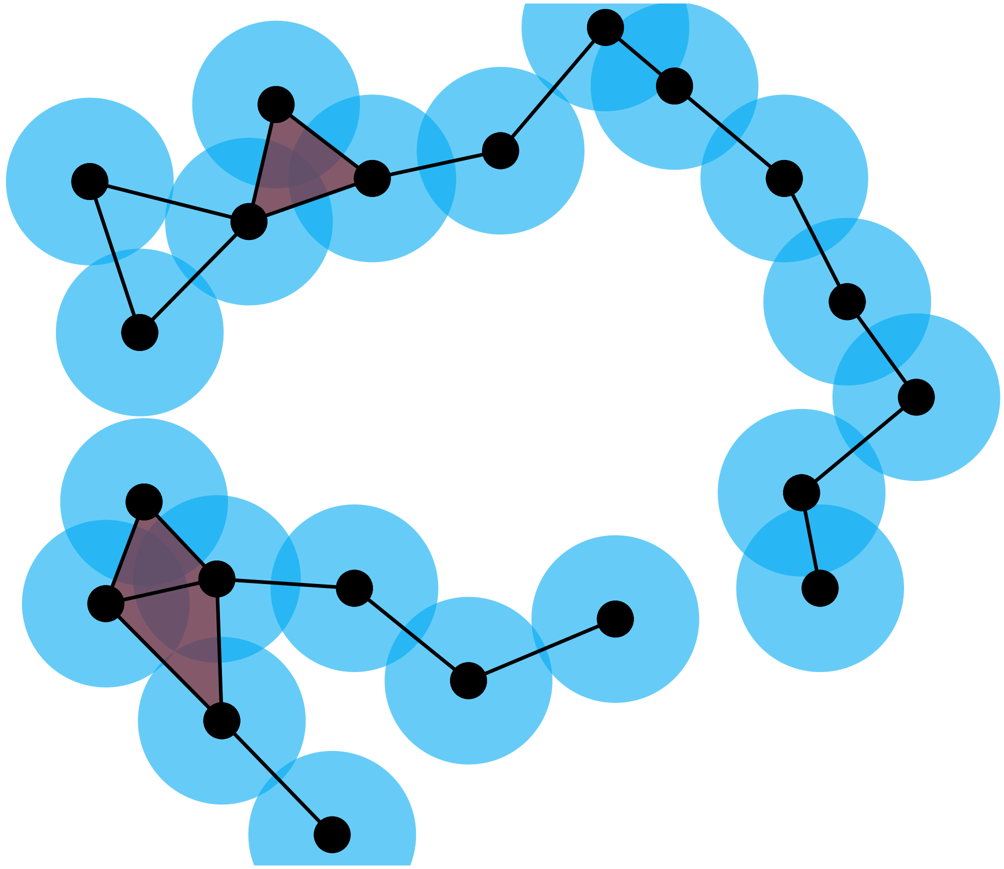

Nerve Lemma. $\check{\mathrm{C}}\mathrm{ech}(X;r) \simeq \text{union of balls}$

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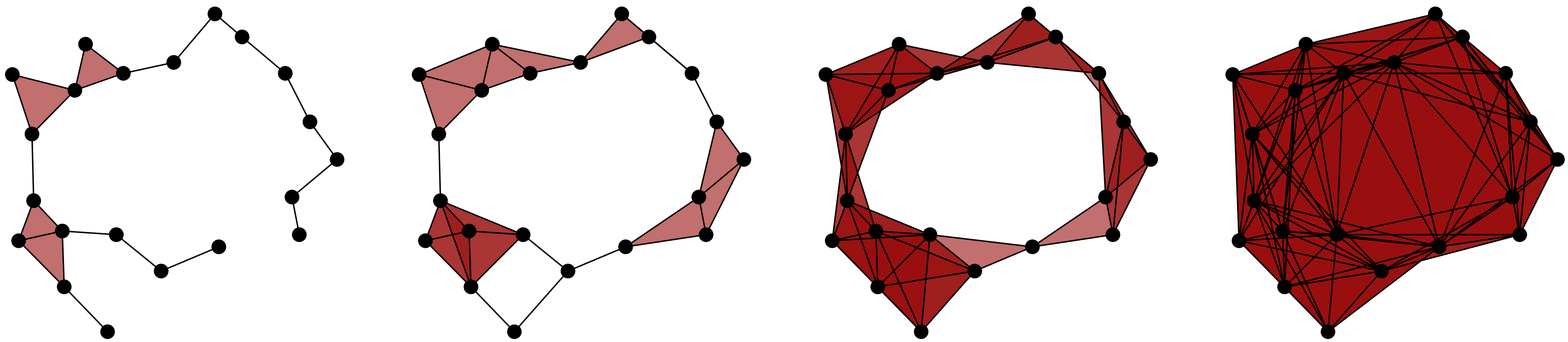

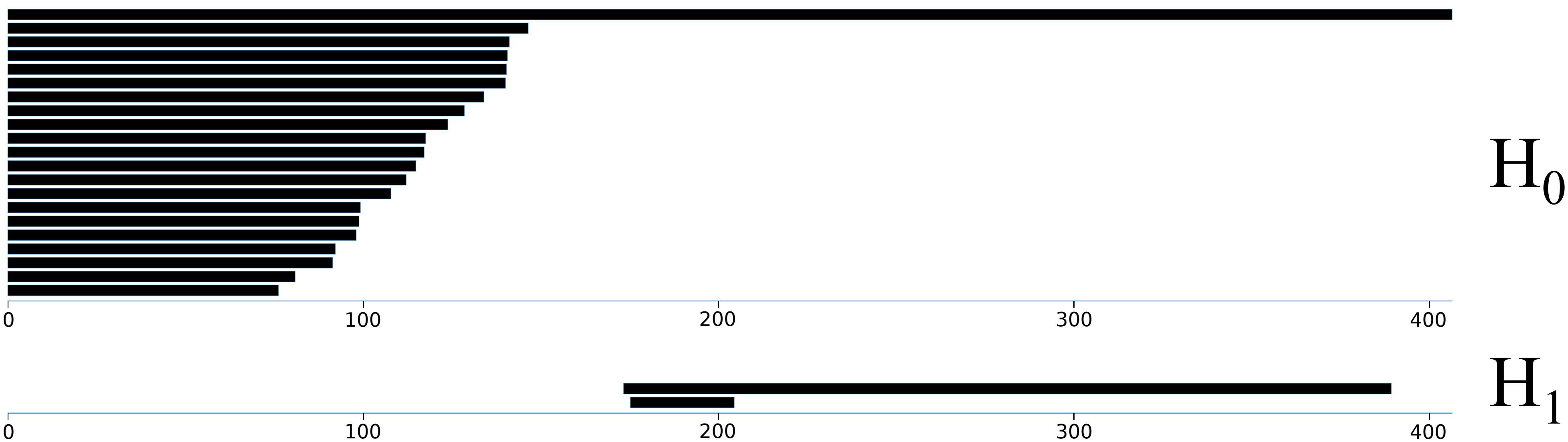

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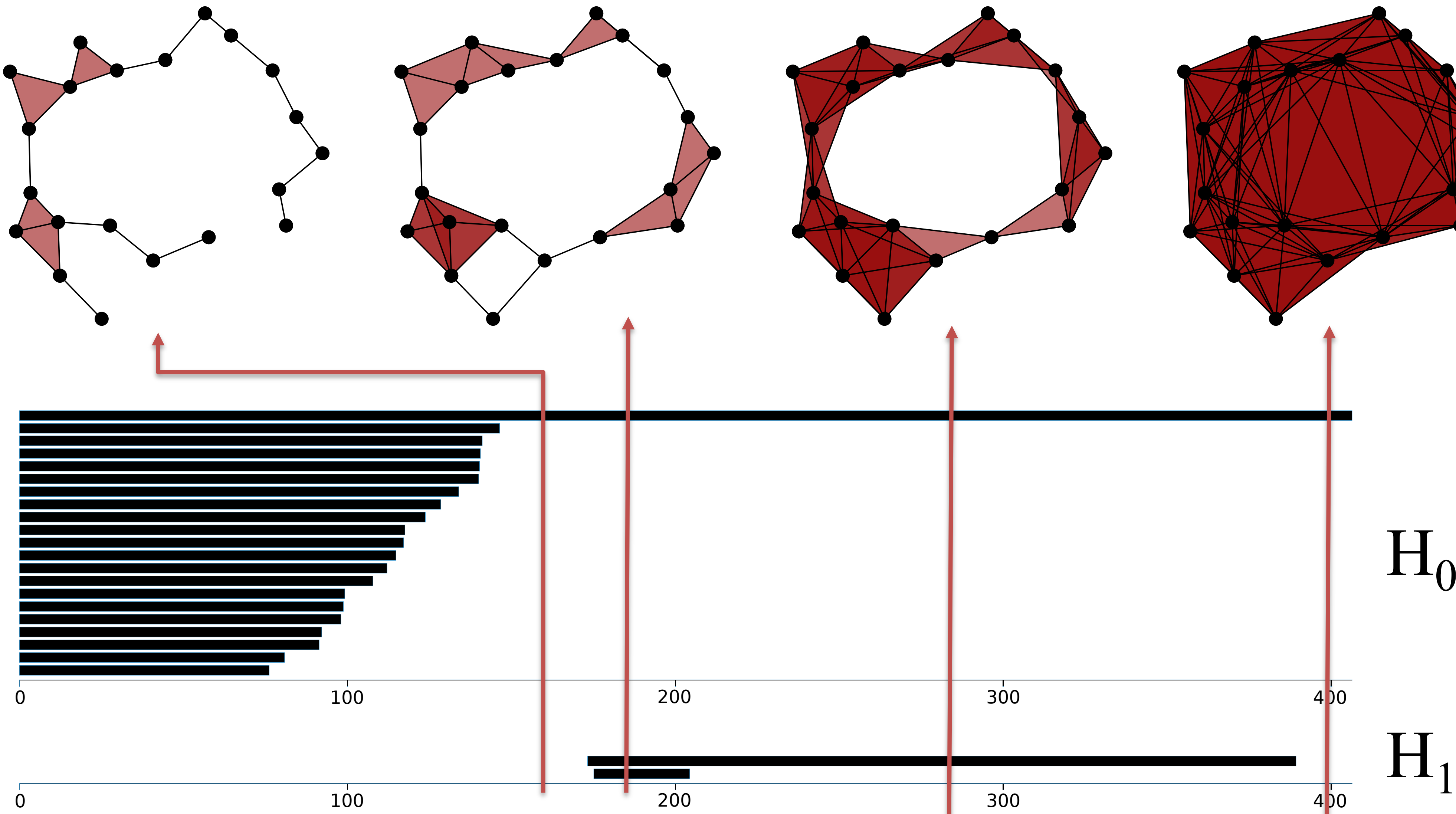

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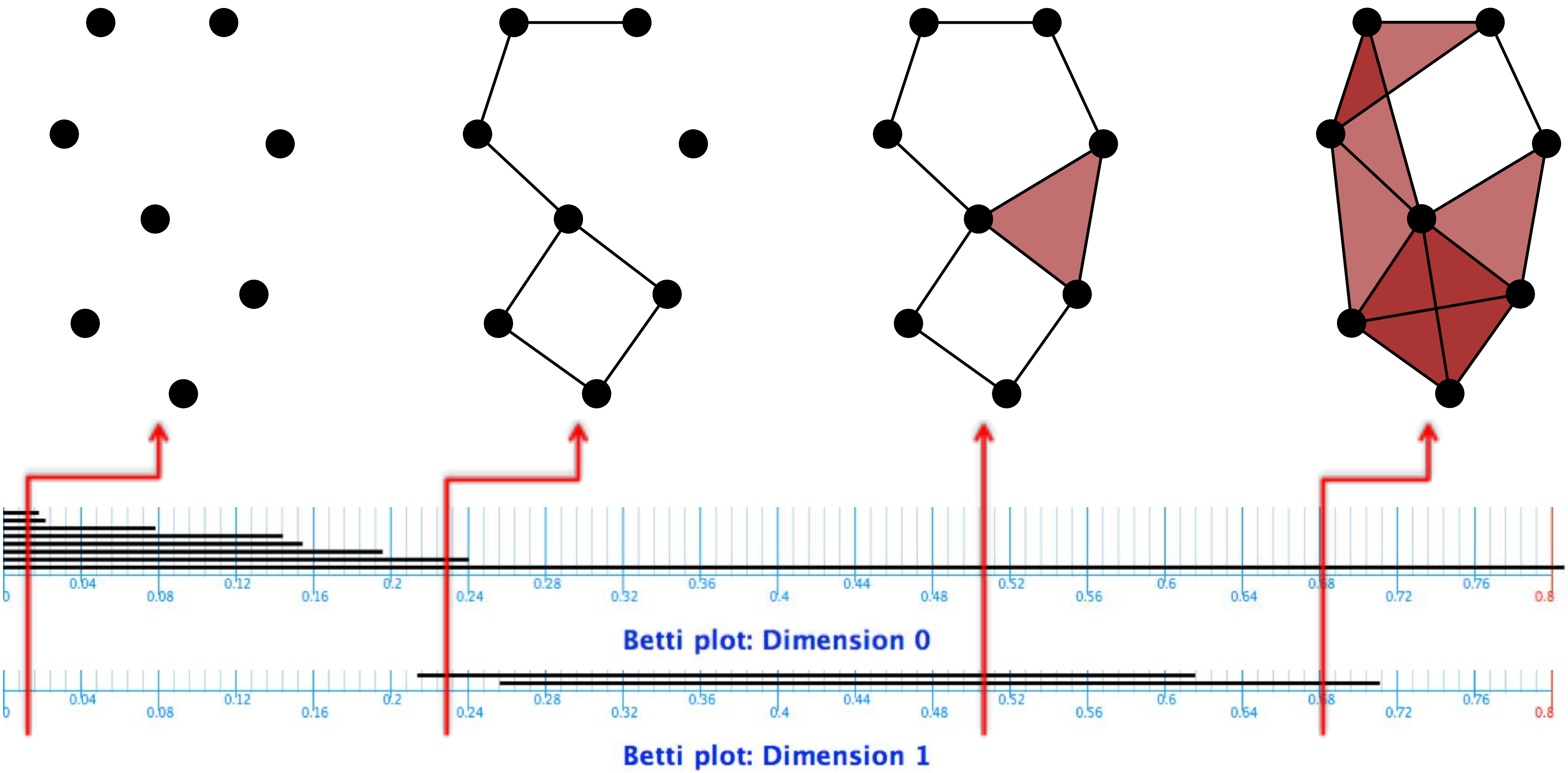

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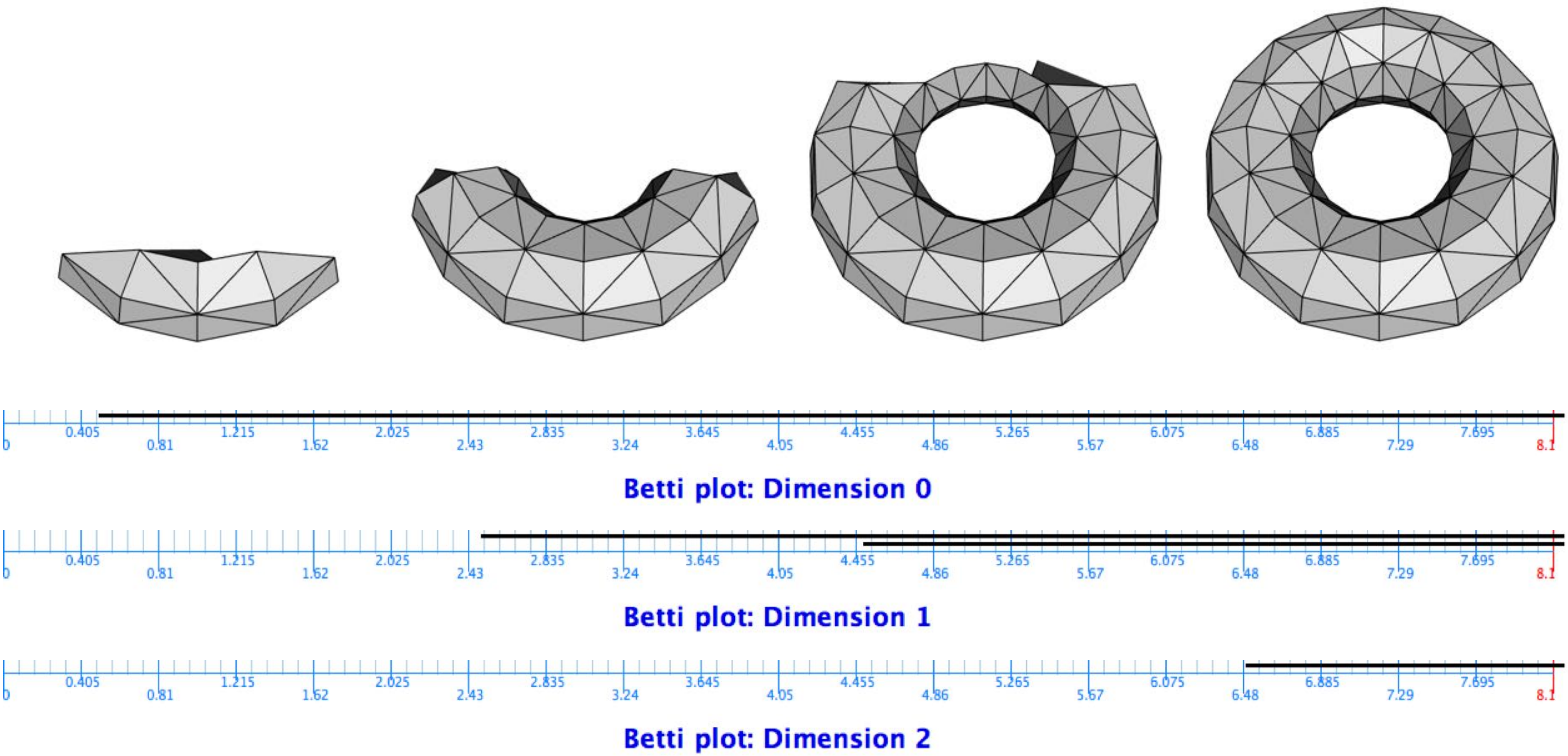

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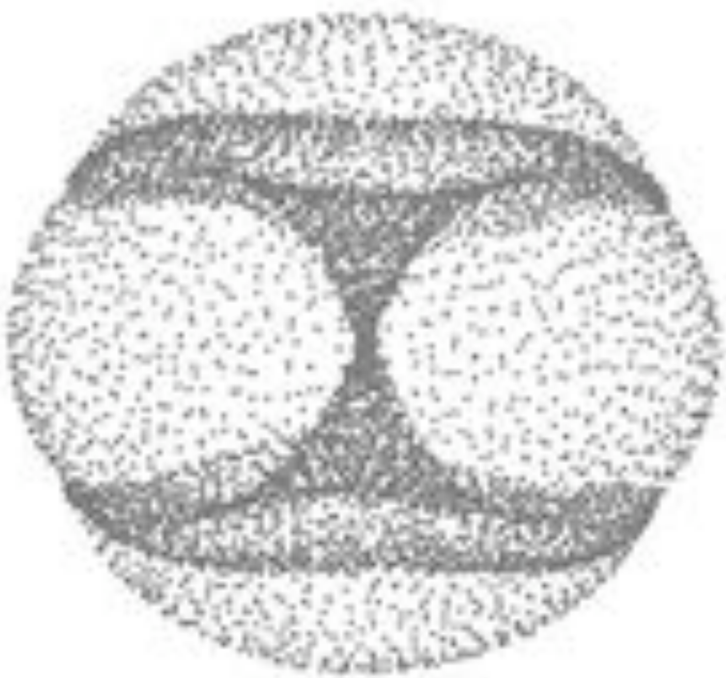

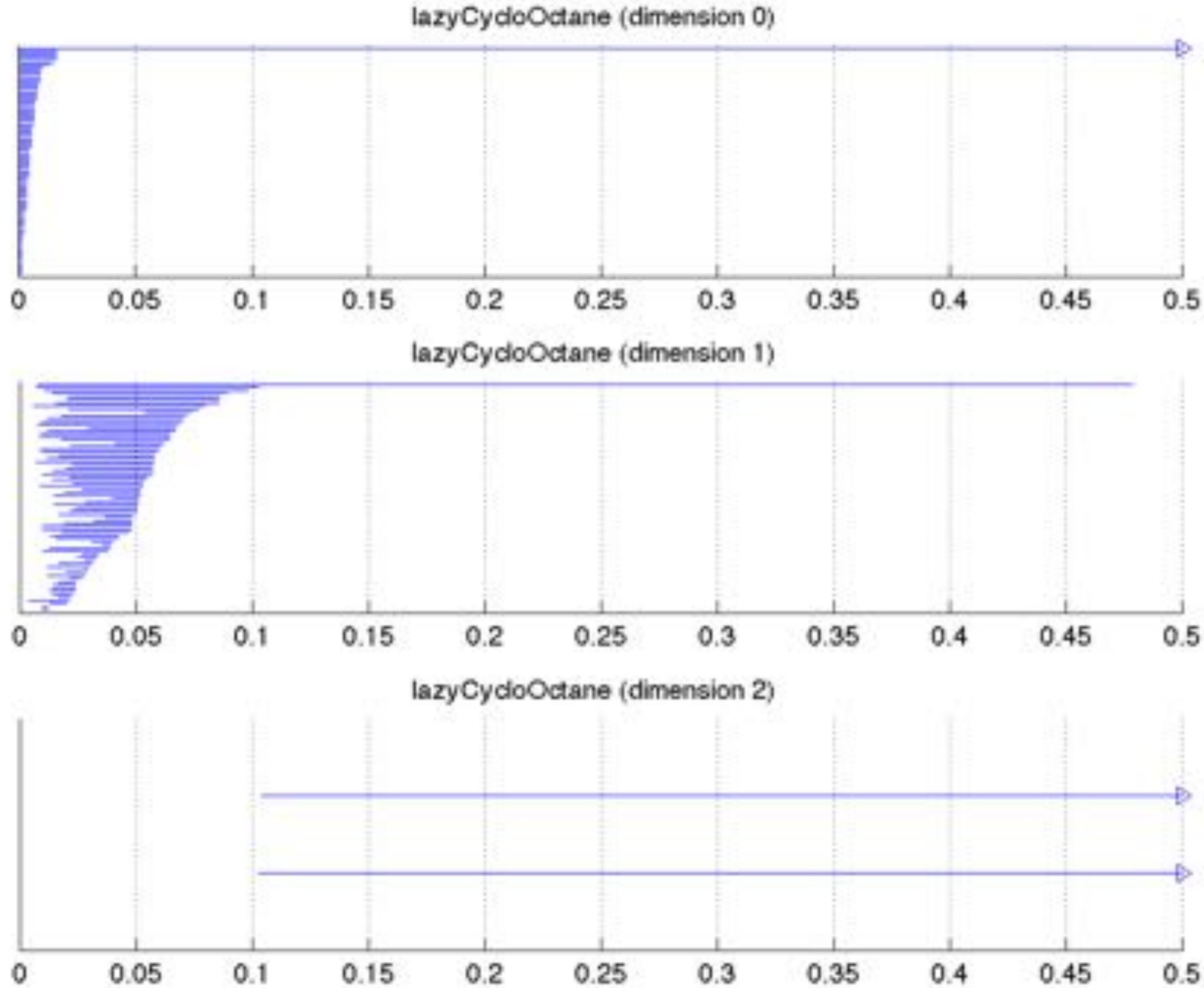

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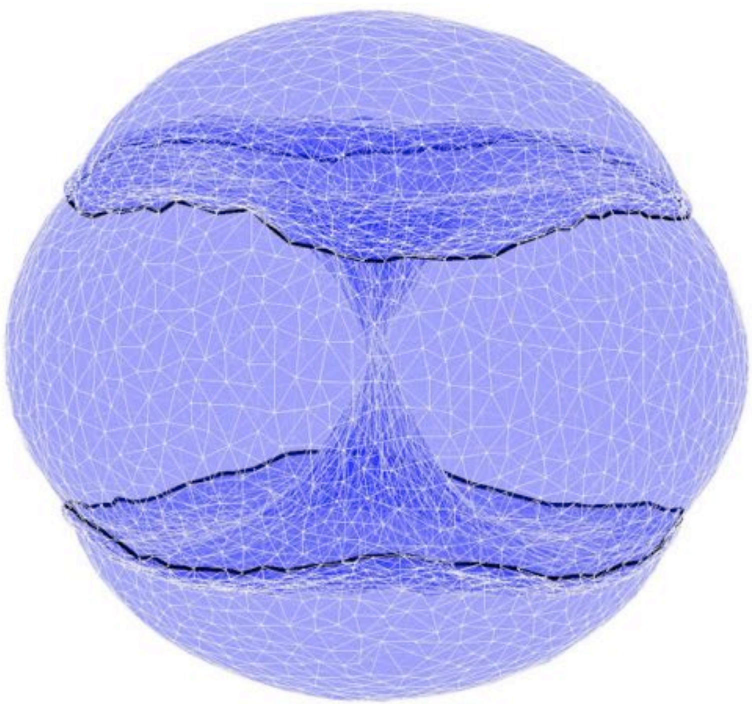

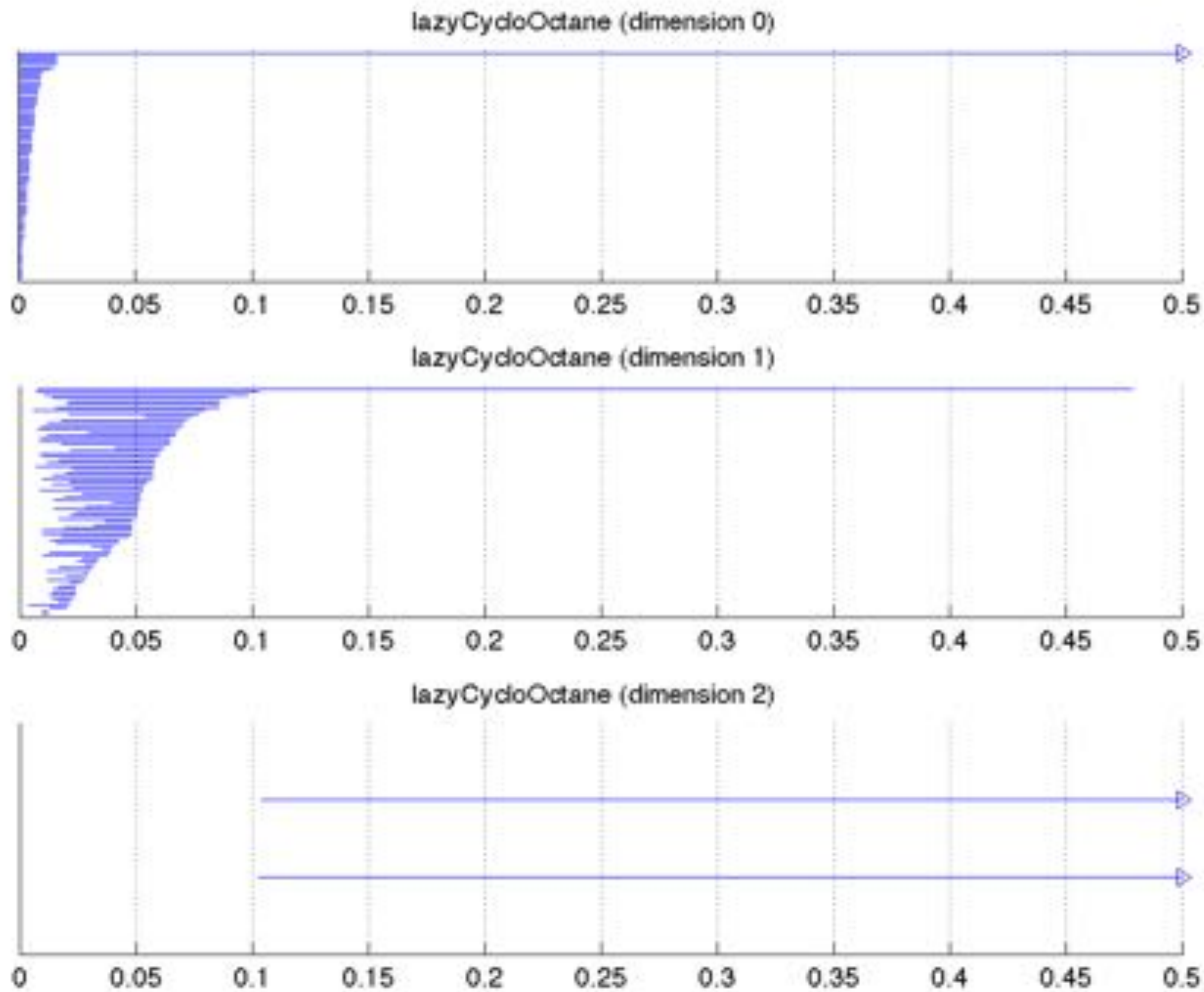

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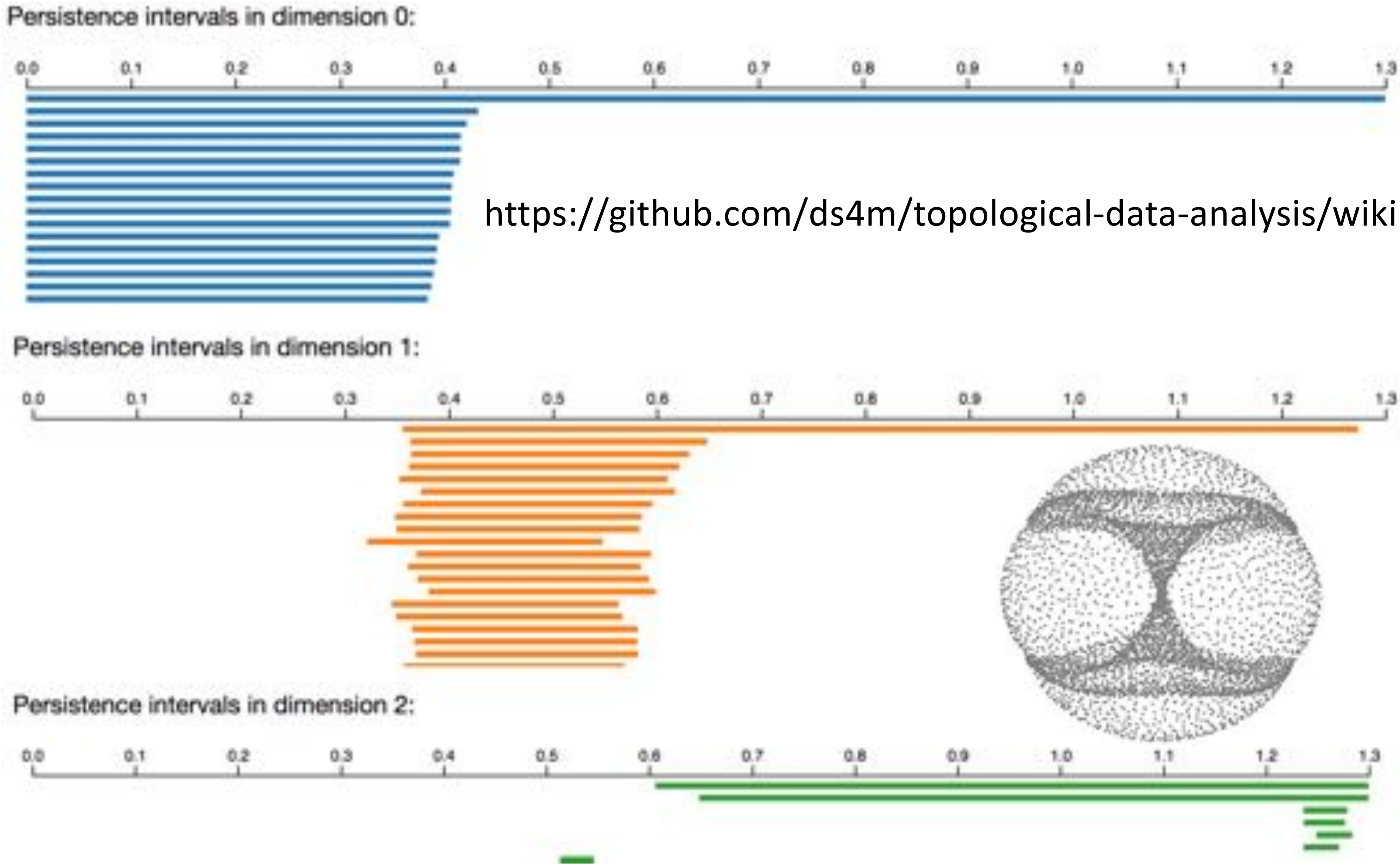

https://github.com/ds4m/topological-data-analysis/wiki

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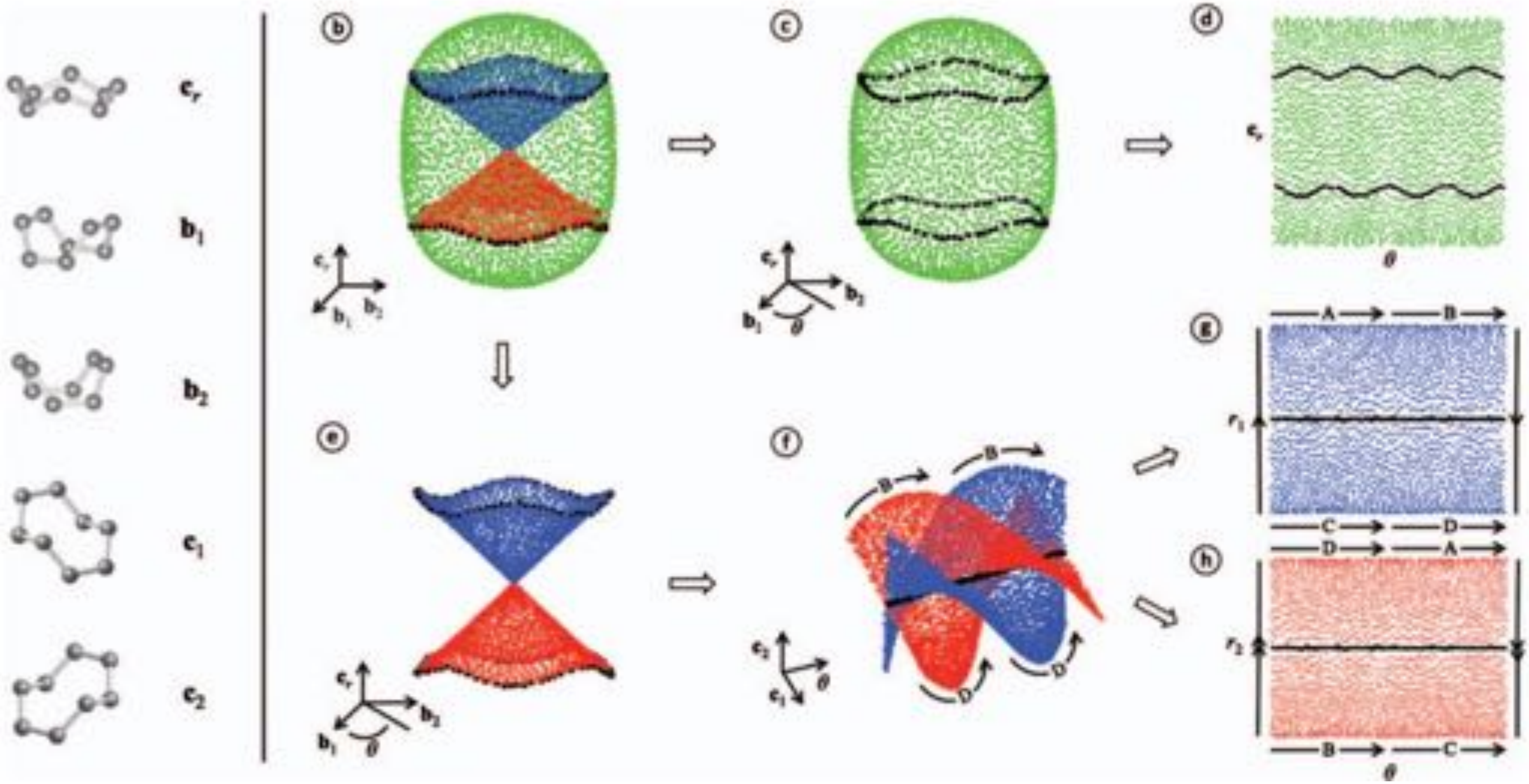

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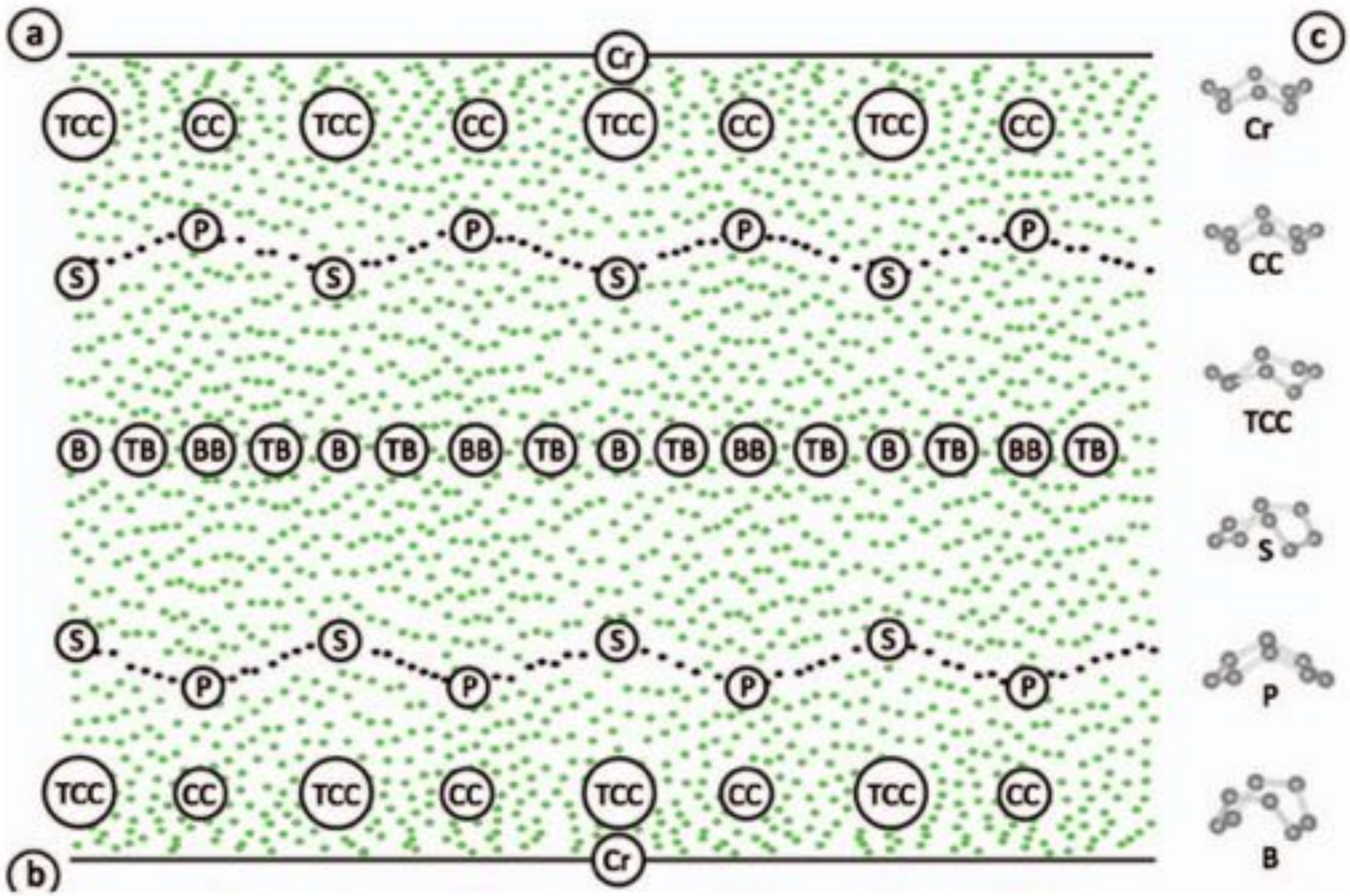

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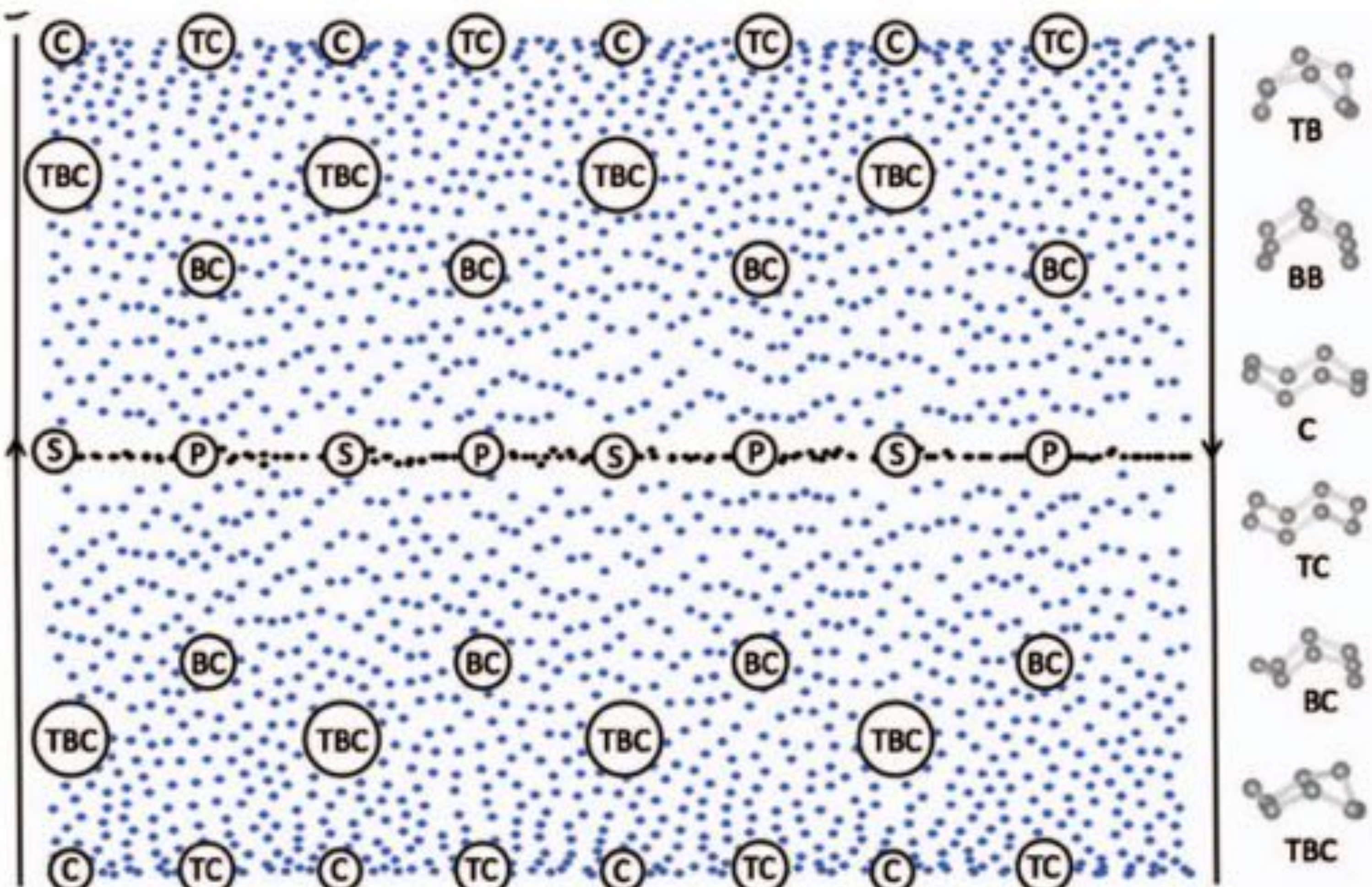

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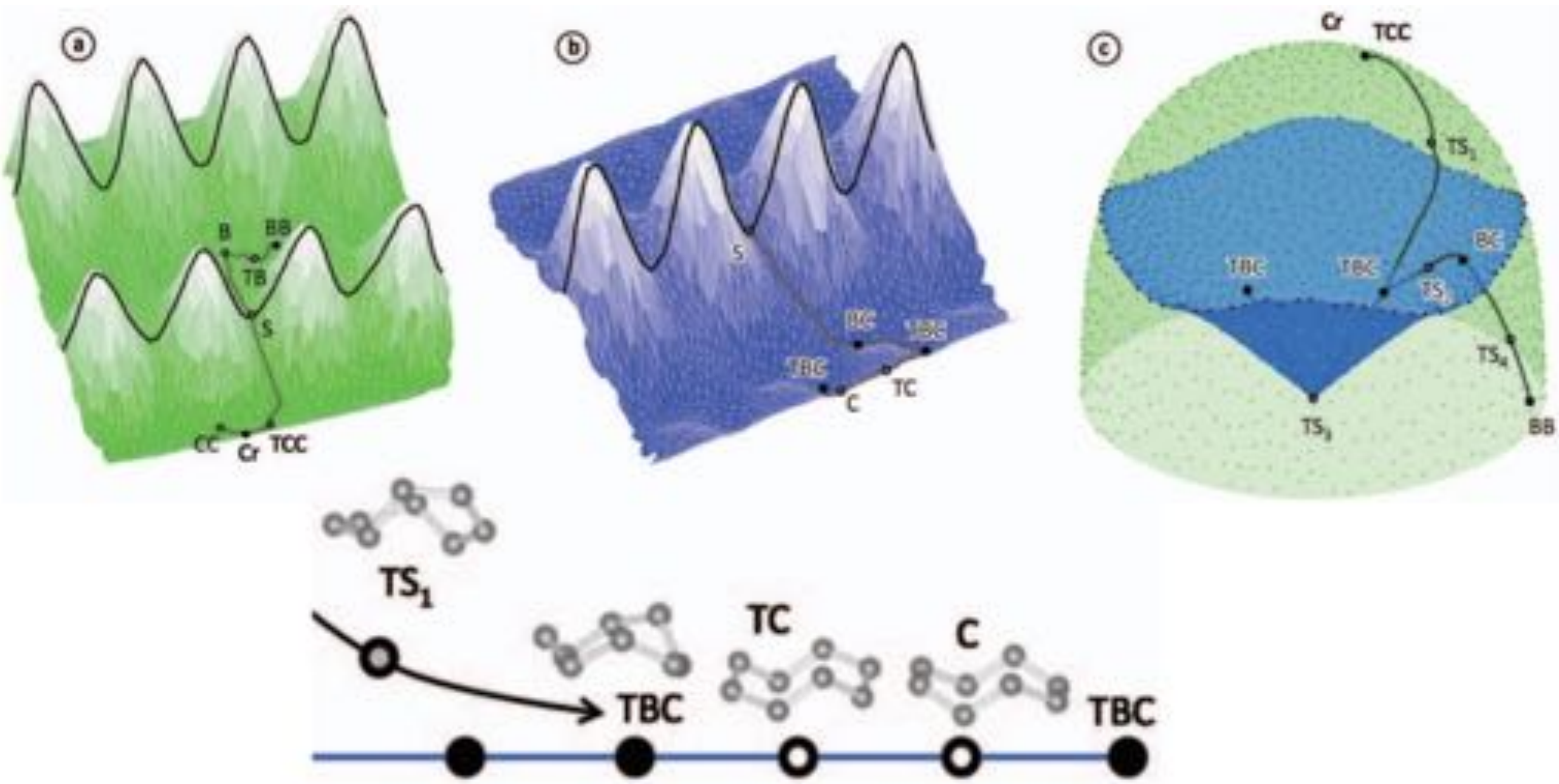

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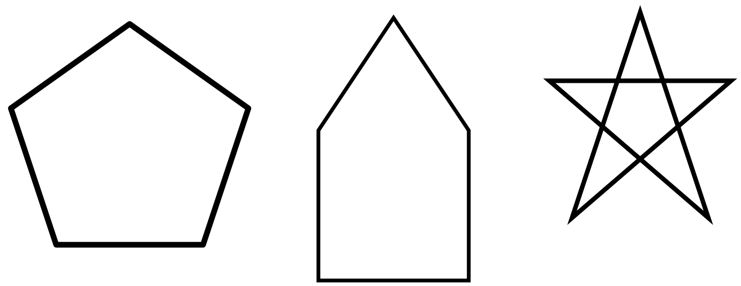

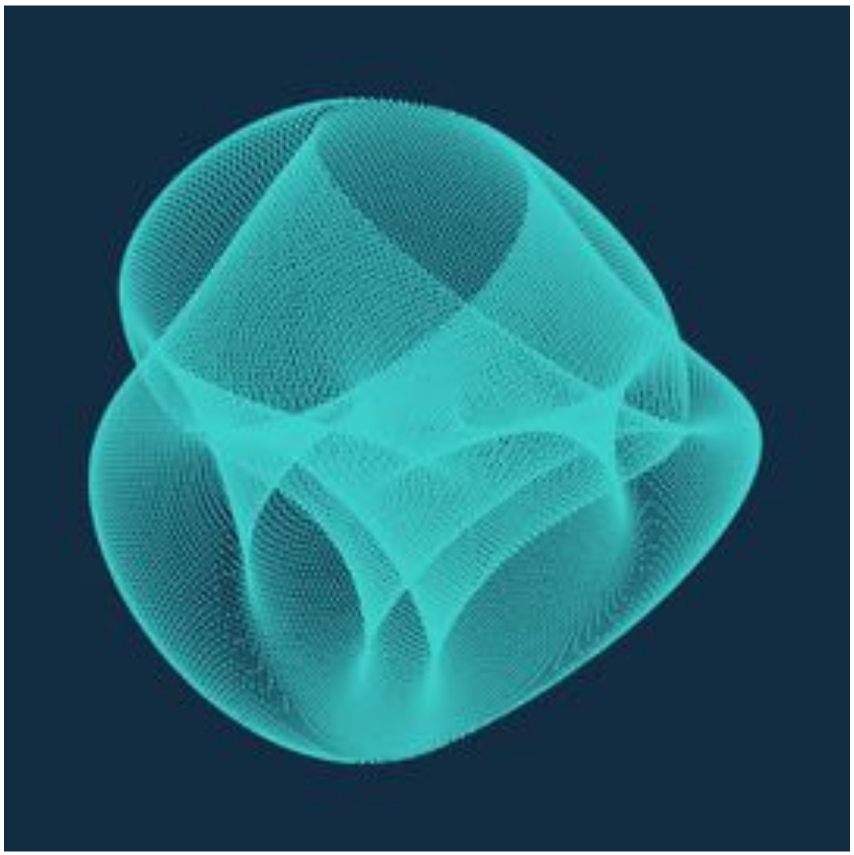

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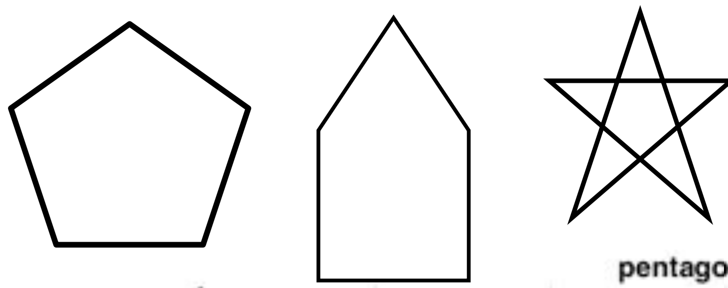

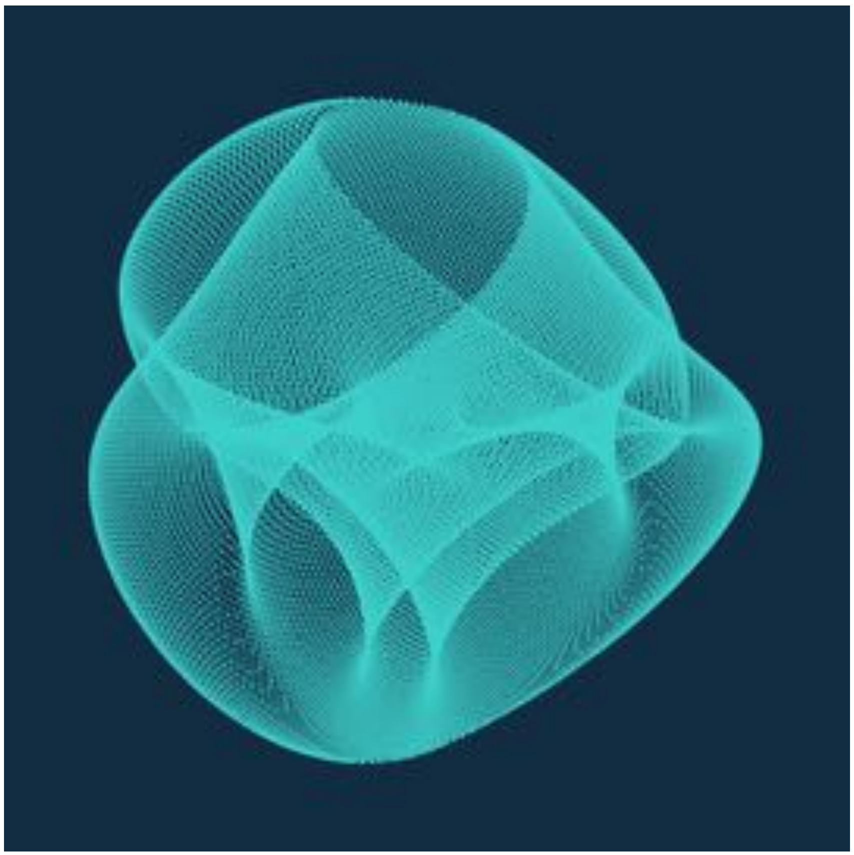

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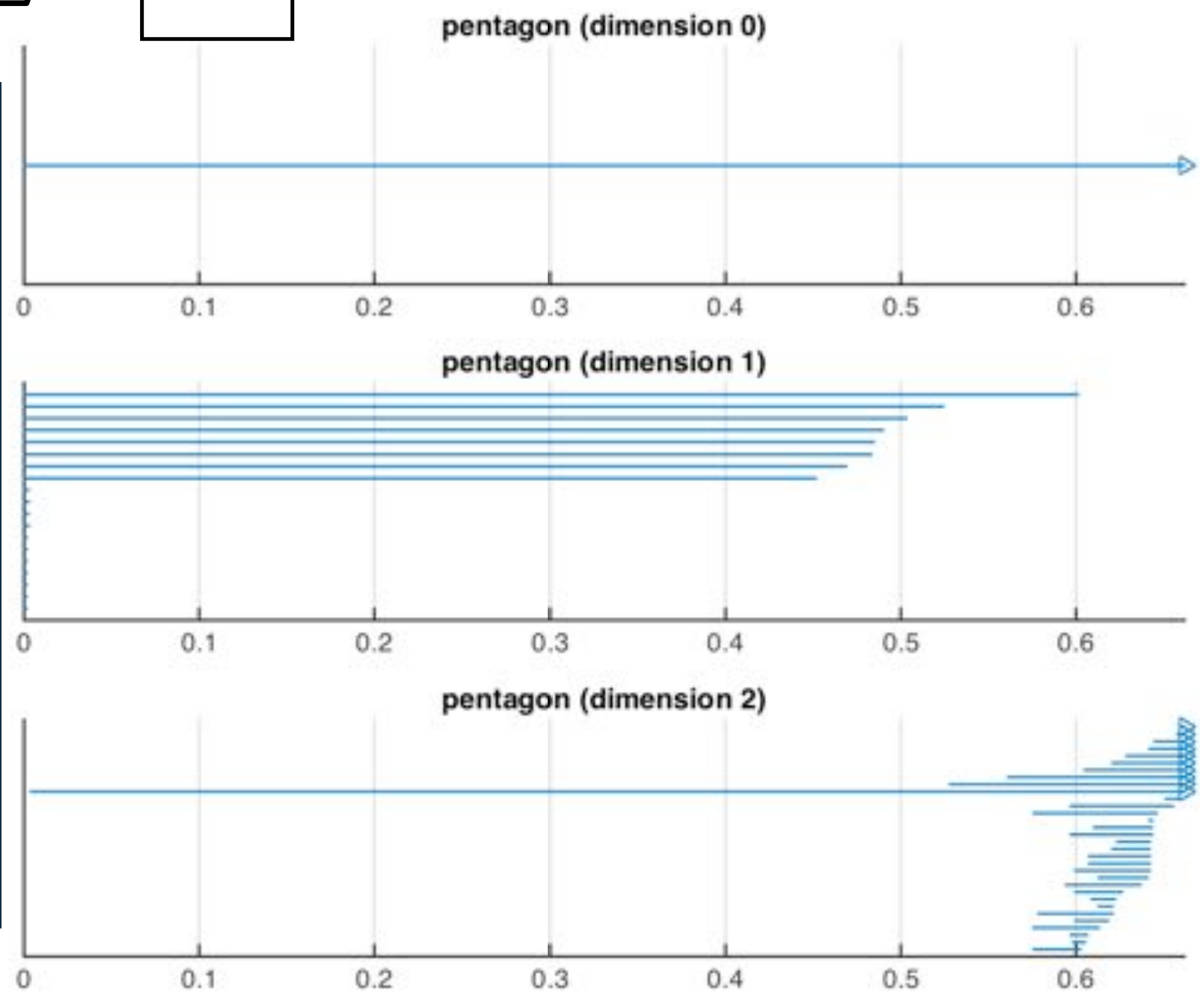

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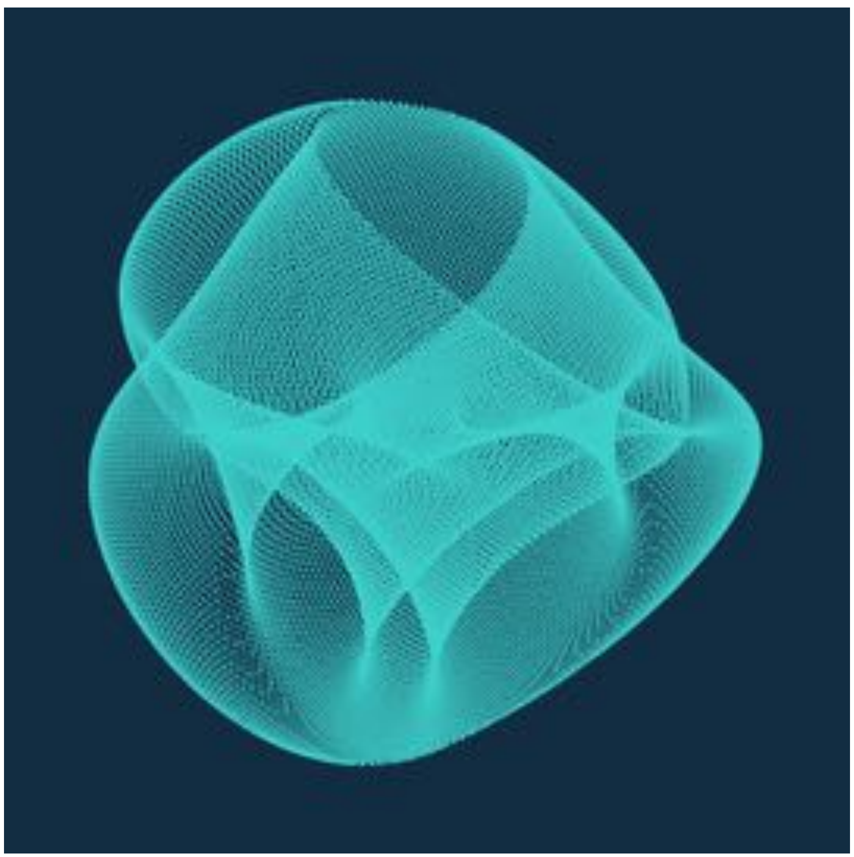

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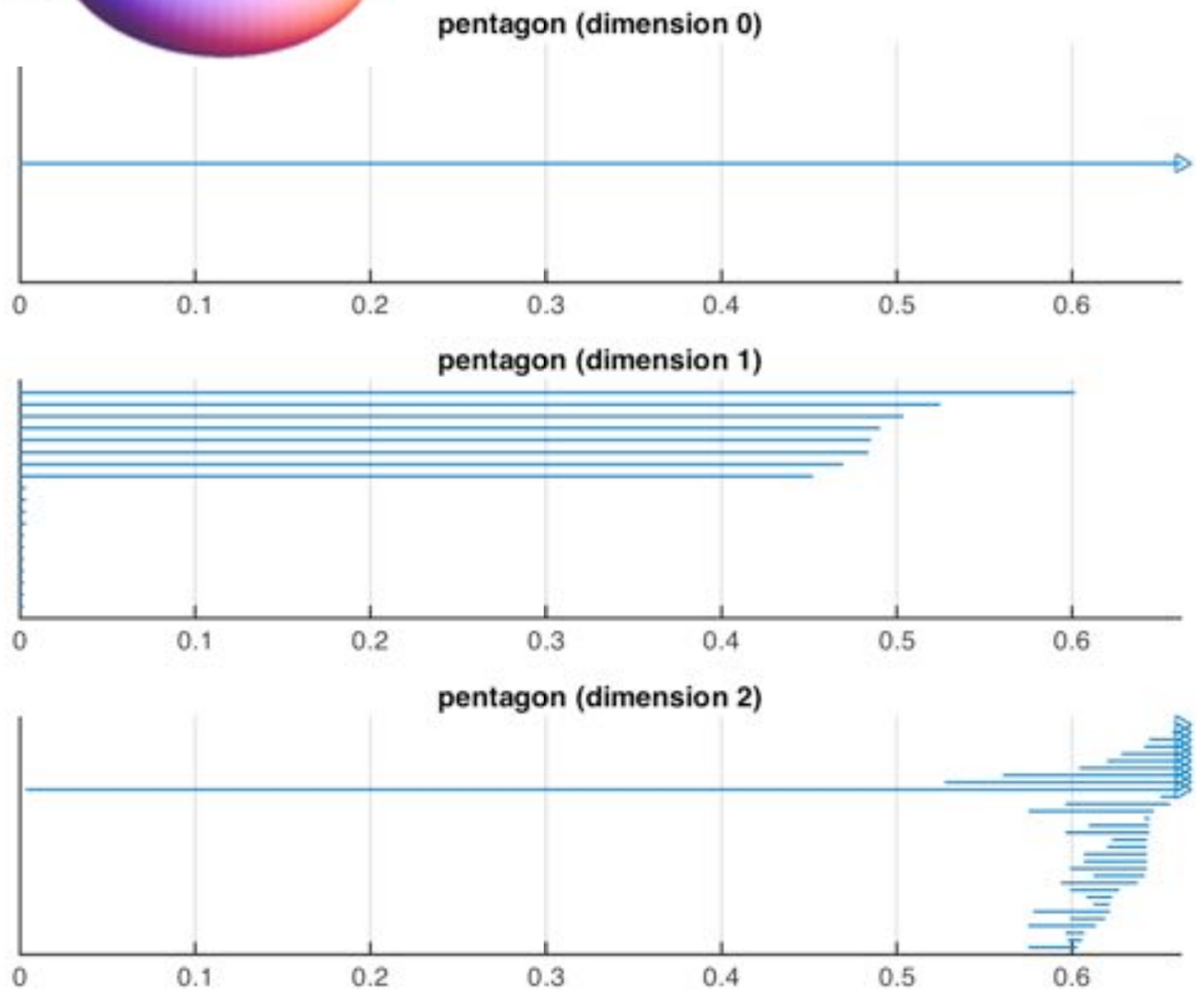

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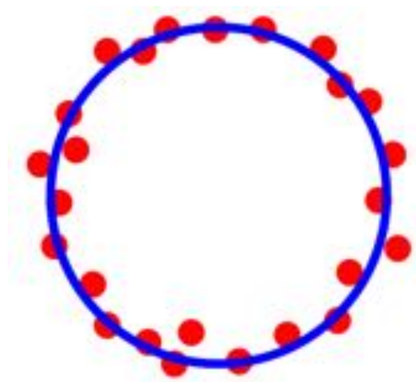
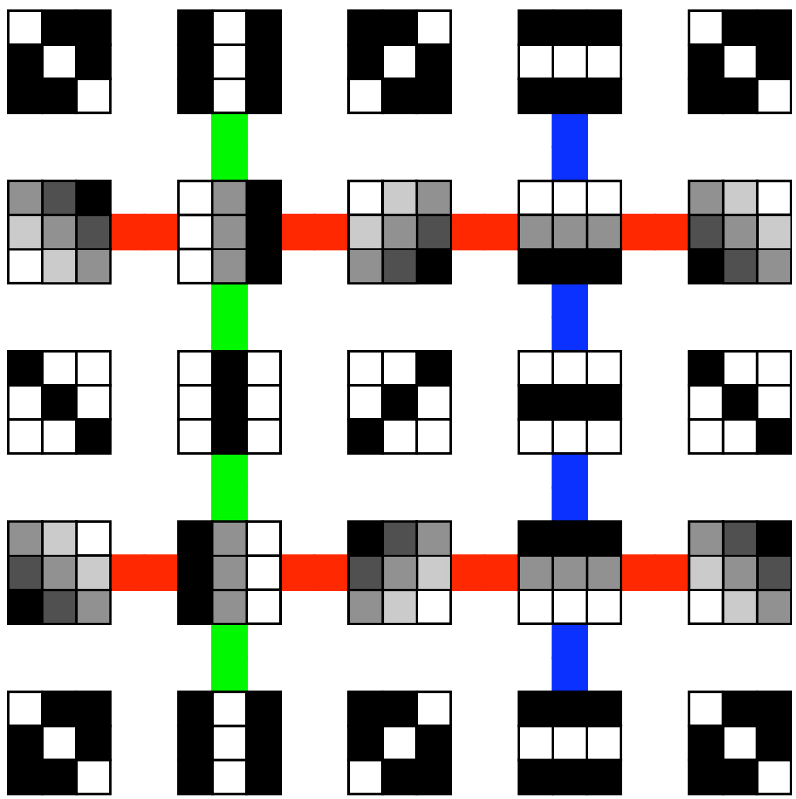
- <u>Stability Theorem.</u>
  If X and Y are metric spaces, then

$$d_b(\mathrm{PH}(\check{\mathrm{C}}\mathrm{ech}(X)), \mathrm{PH}(\check{\mathrm{C}}\mathrm{ech}(Y))) \leq 2 d_{\mathrm{GH}}(X, Y)$$



Topology applied to image data



Persistent homology applied to data

The receptive fields of cells in our primary visual cortex (V1) are related to the statistics natural images.

Independent component filters of natural images compared with simple cells in primary visual cortex by JH van Hateren and A van der Schaaf, 1997

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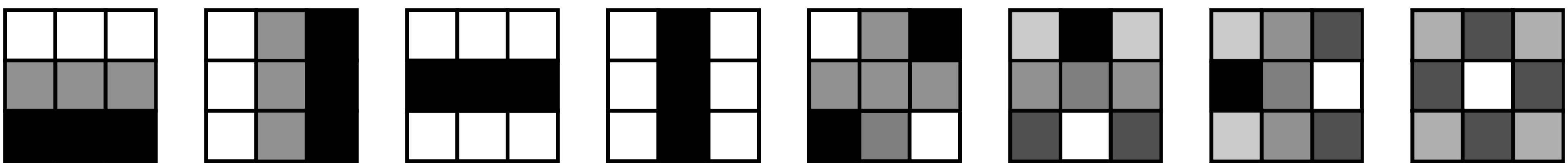
3x3 *high-contrast* patches from images

Points in 9-dimensional space, normalized to have average color gray and contrast norm one (on 7-sphere).



On the Local Behavior of Spaces of Natural Images by Gunnar Carlsson, Tigran Ishkhanov, Vin de Silva, and Afra Zomorodian, 2008.

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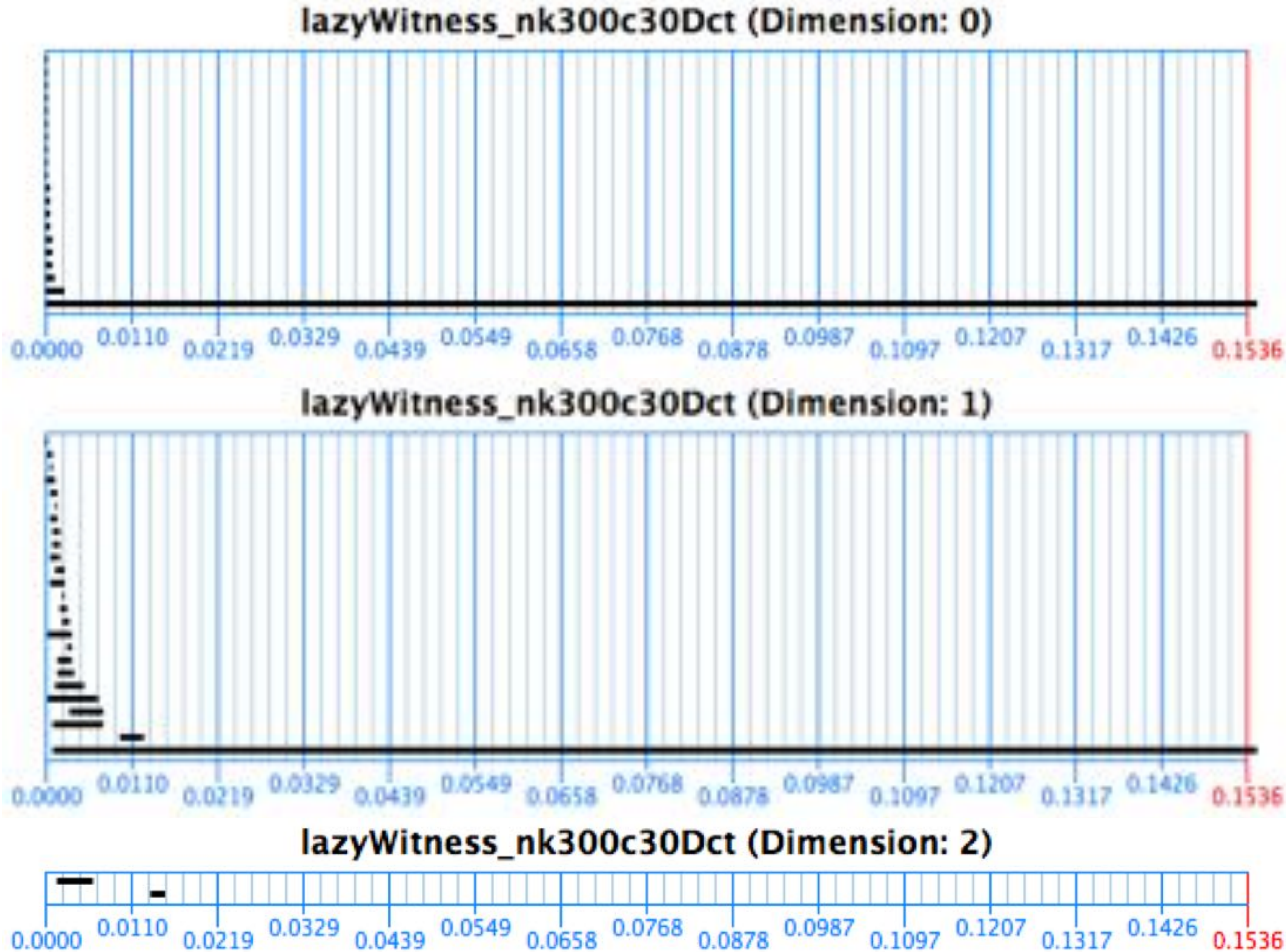

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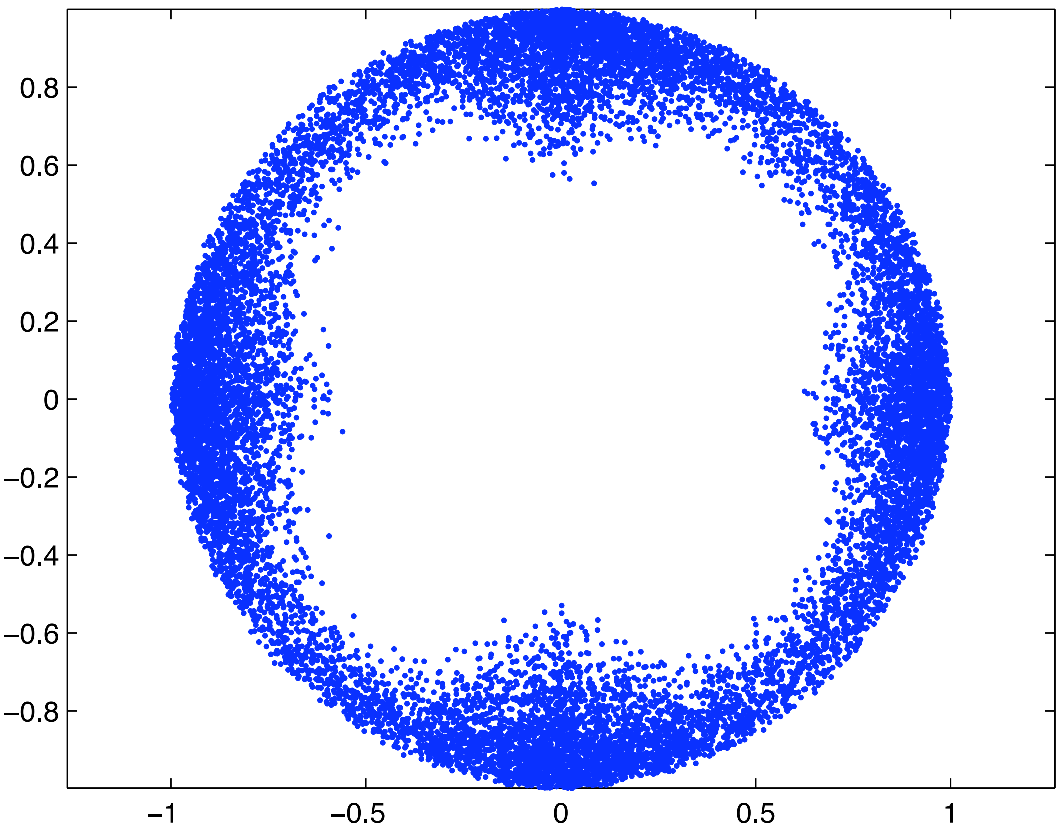

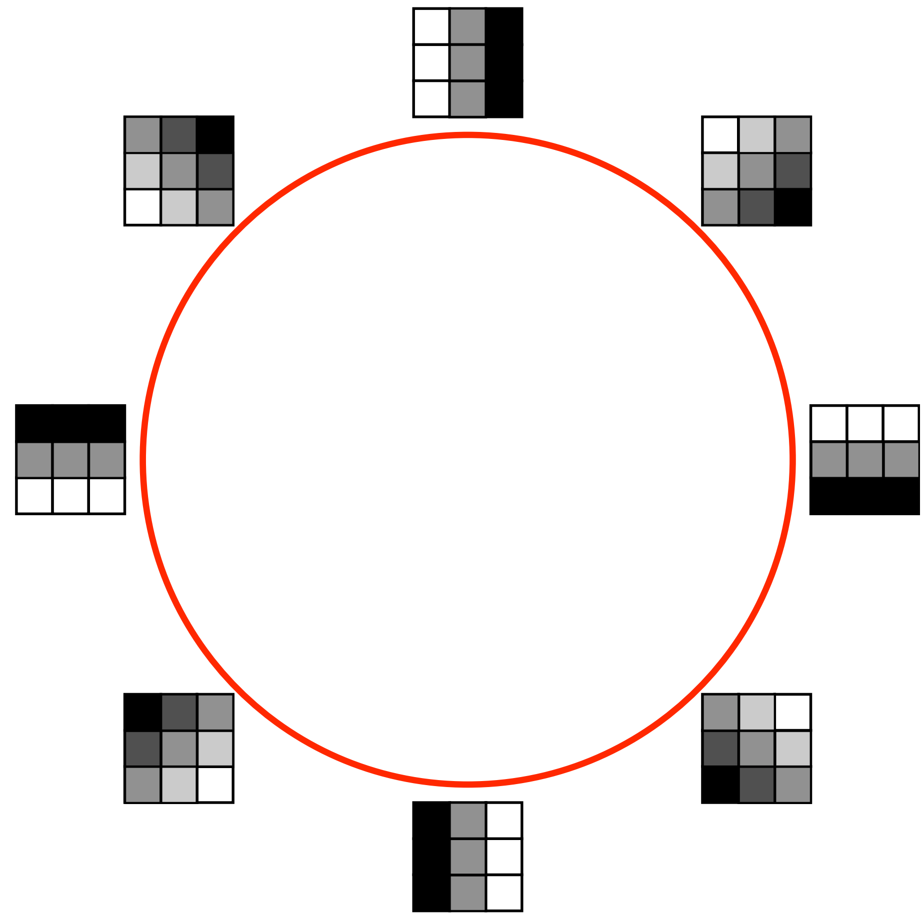

Interpretation: nature prefers linearity

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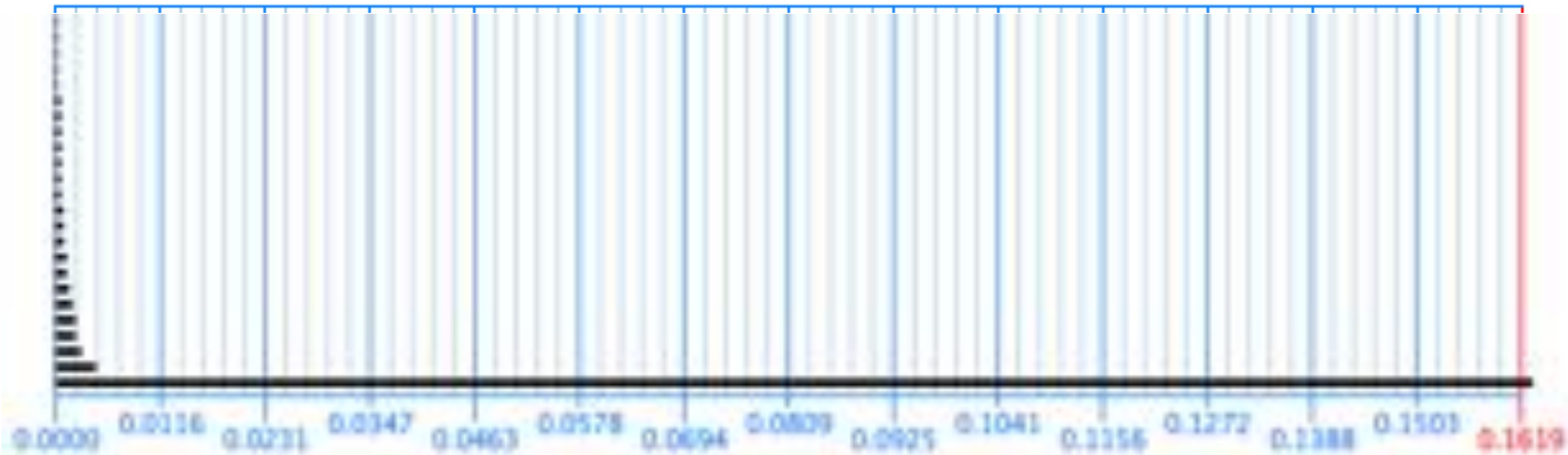

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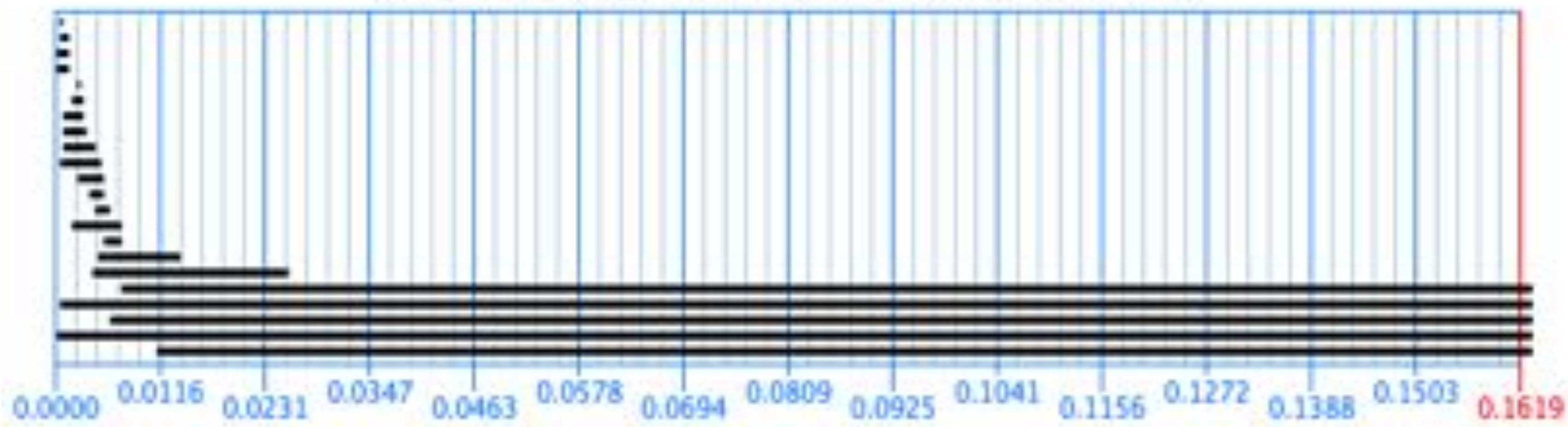

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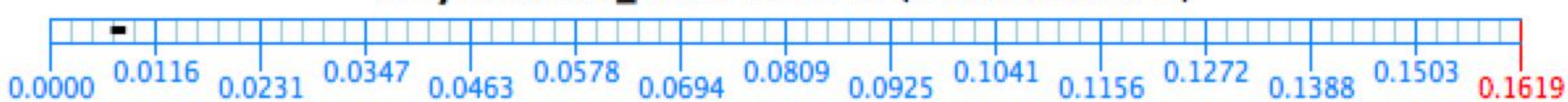

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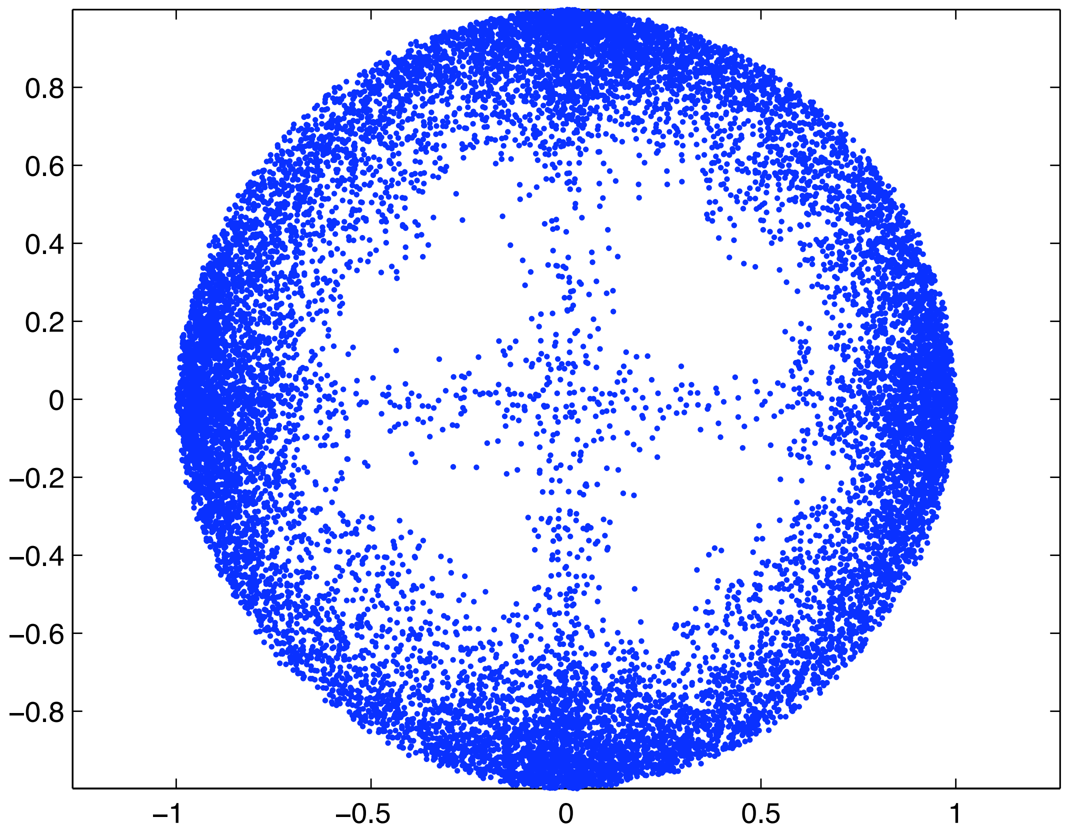

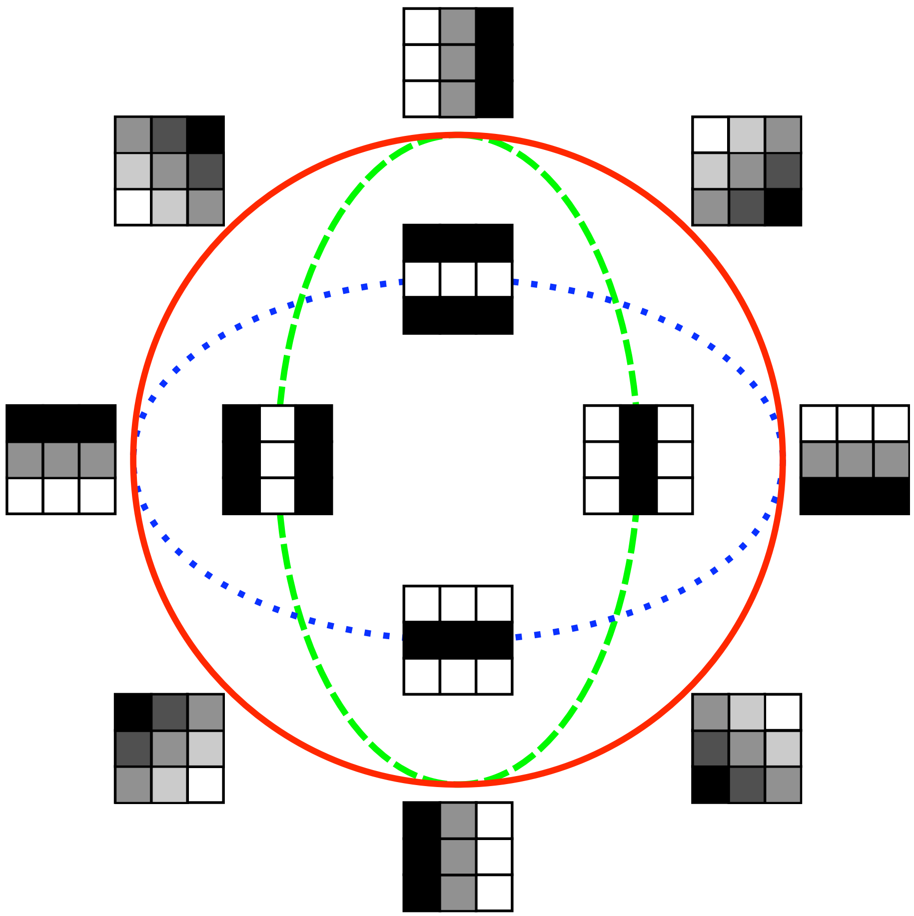

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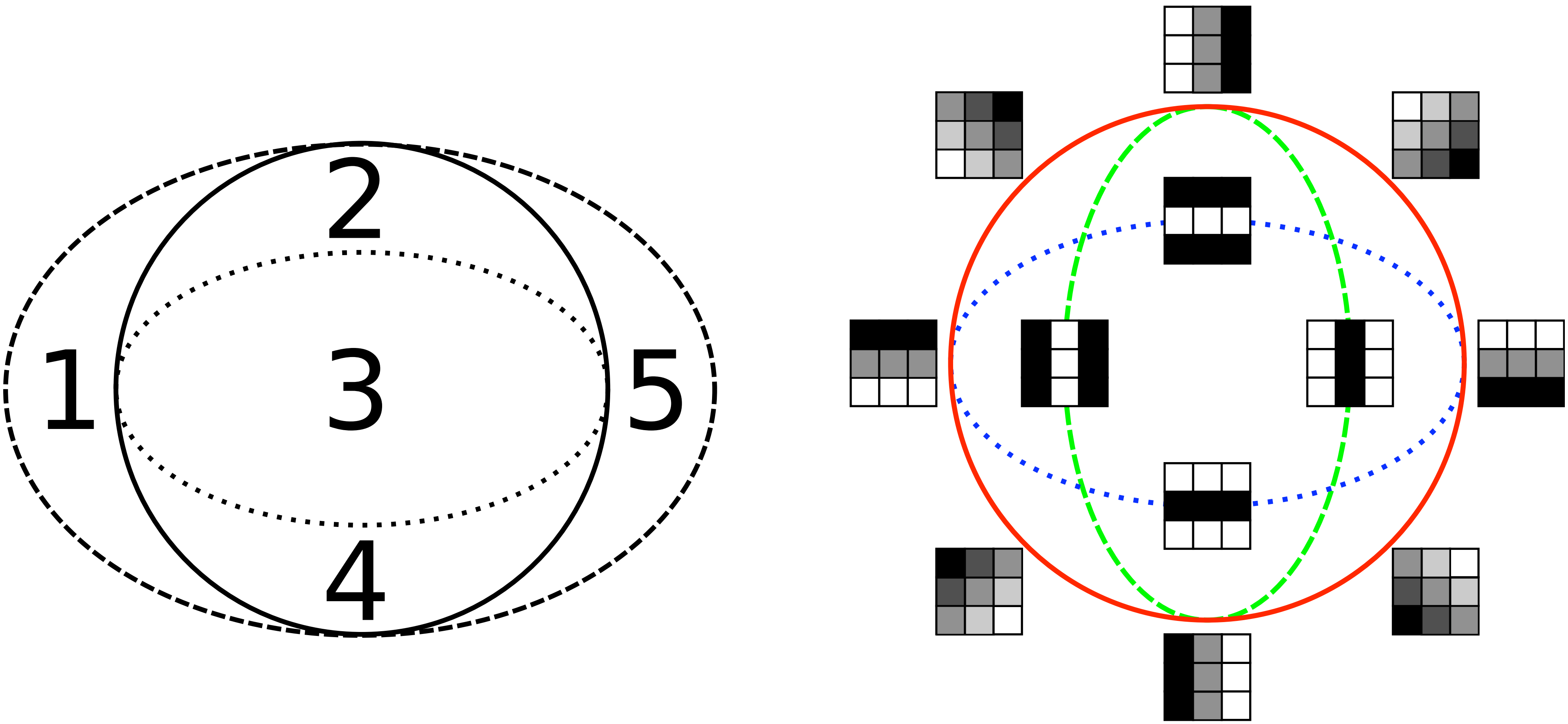

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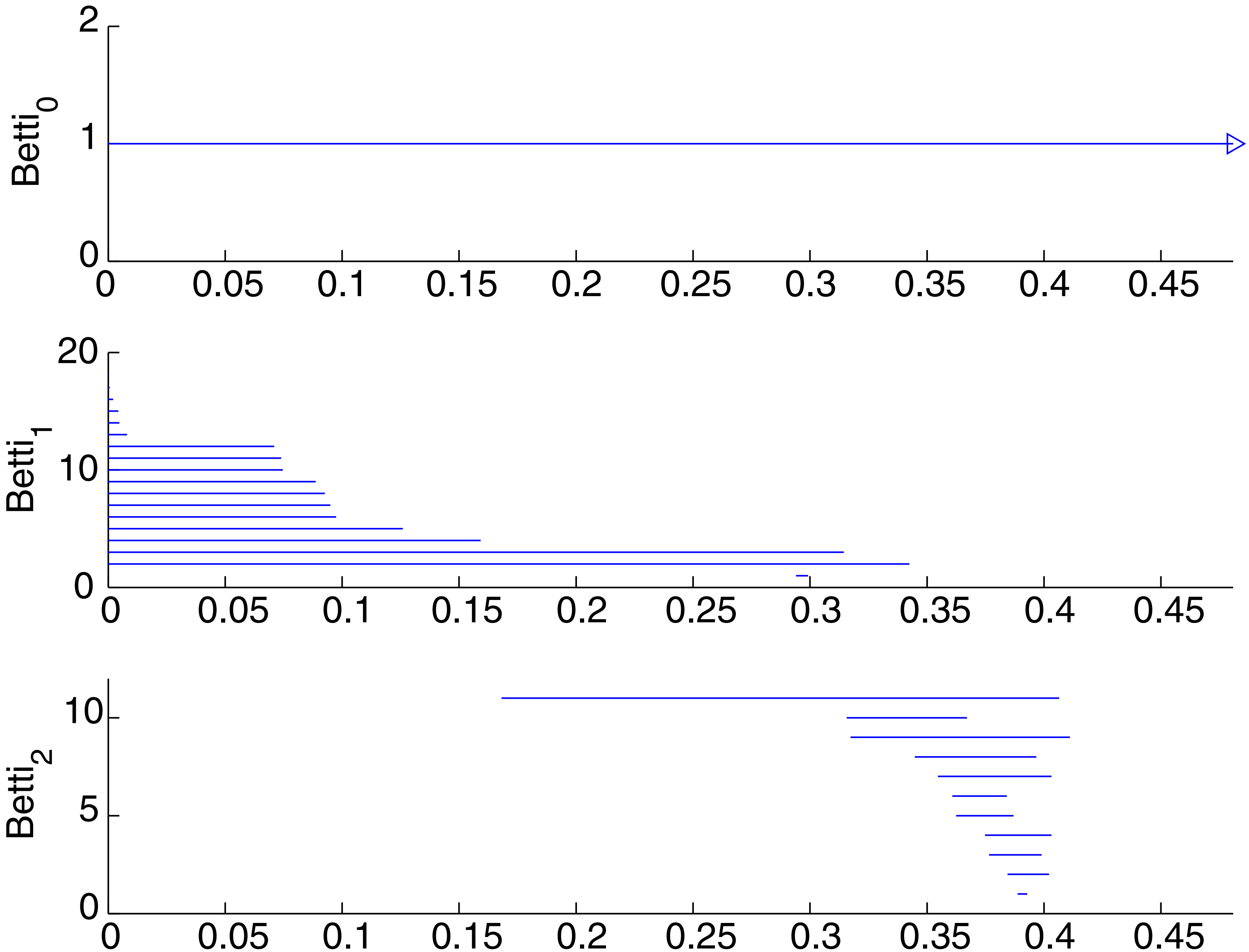

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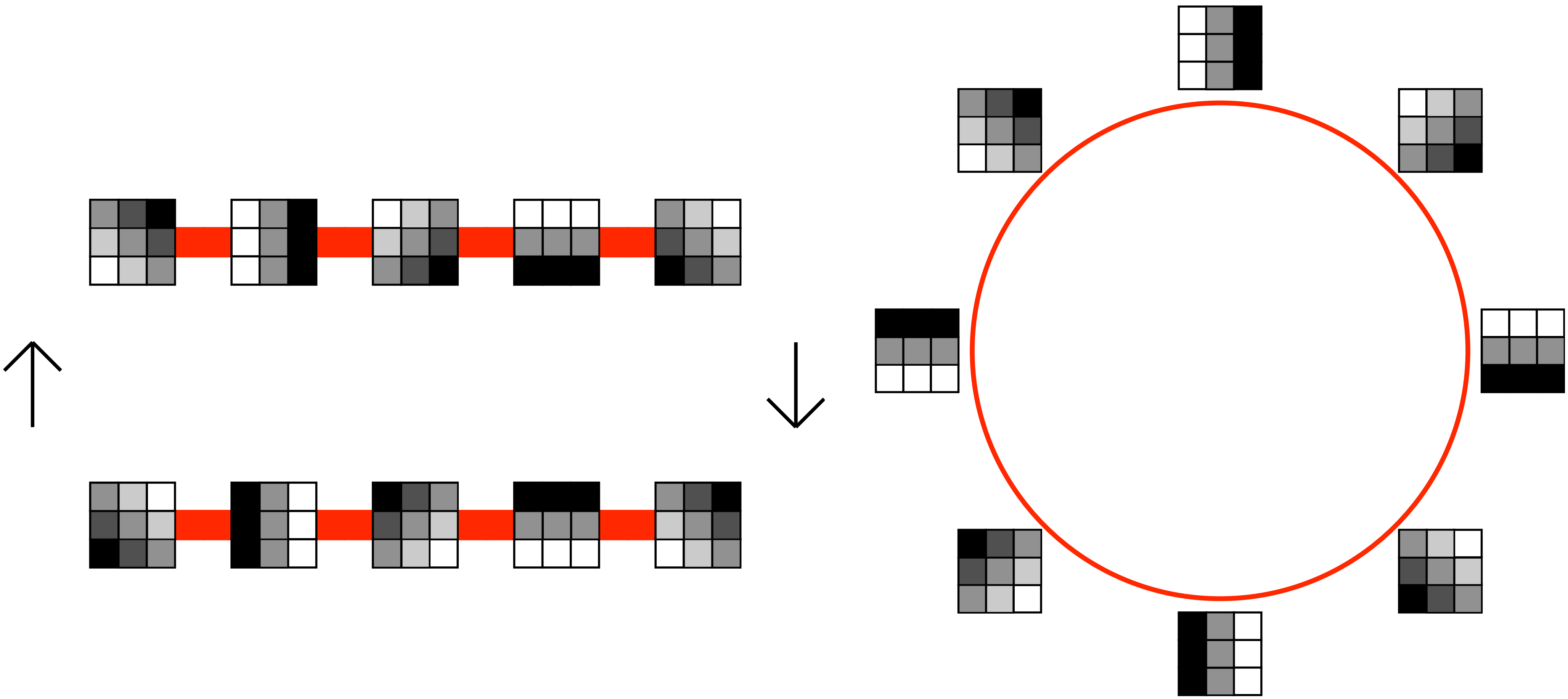

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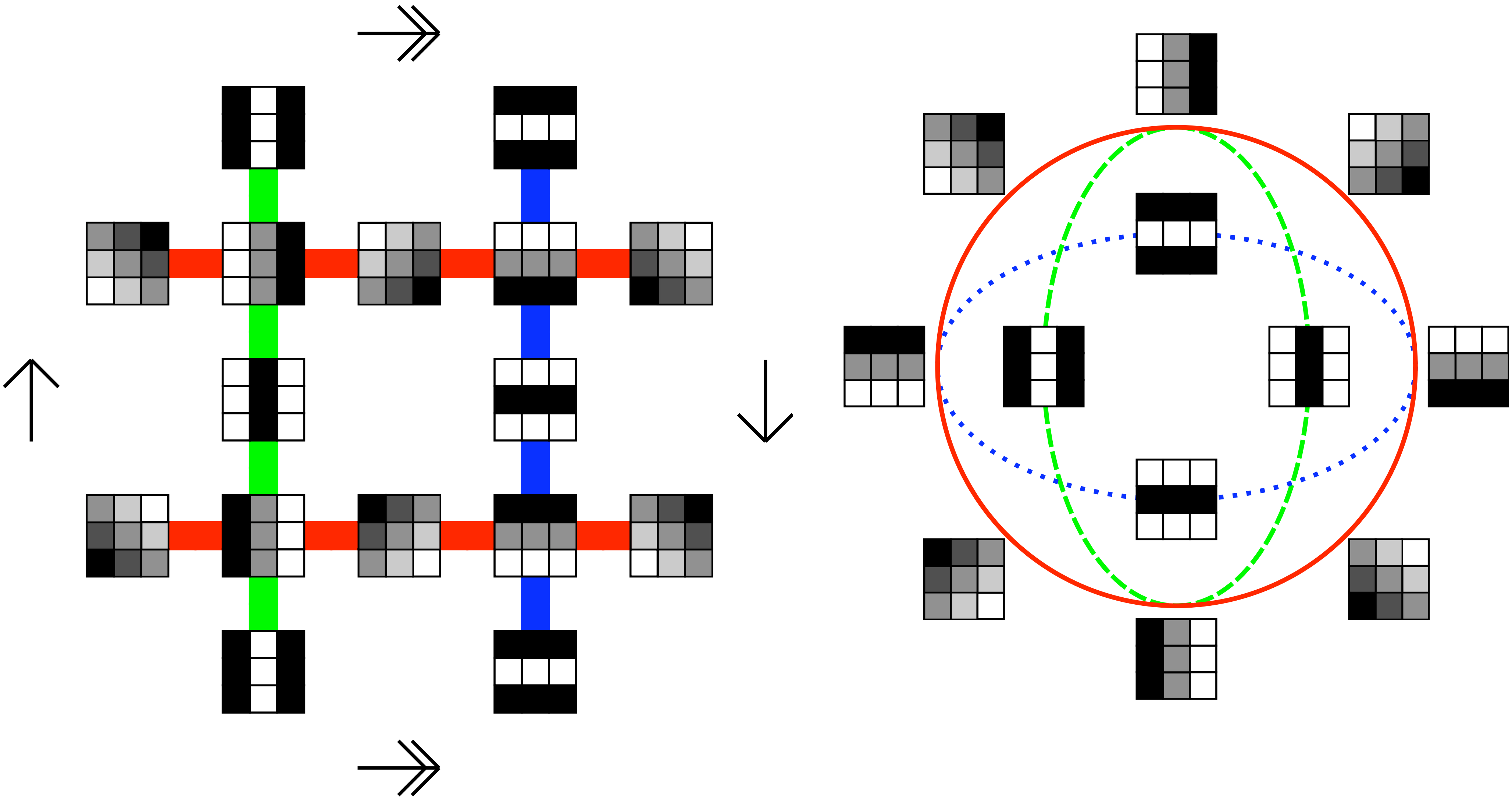

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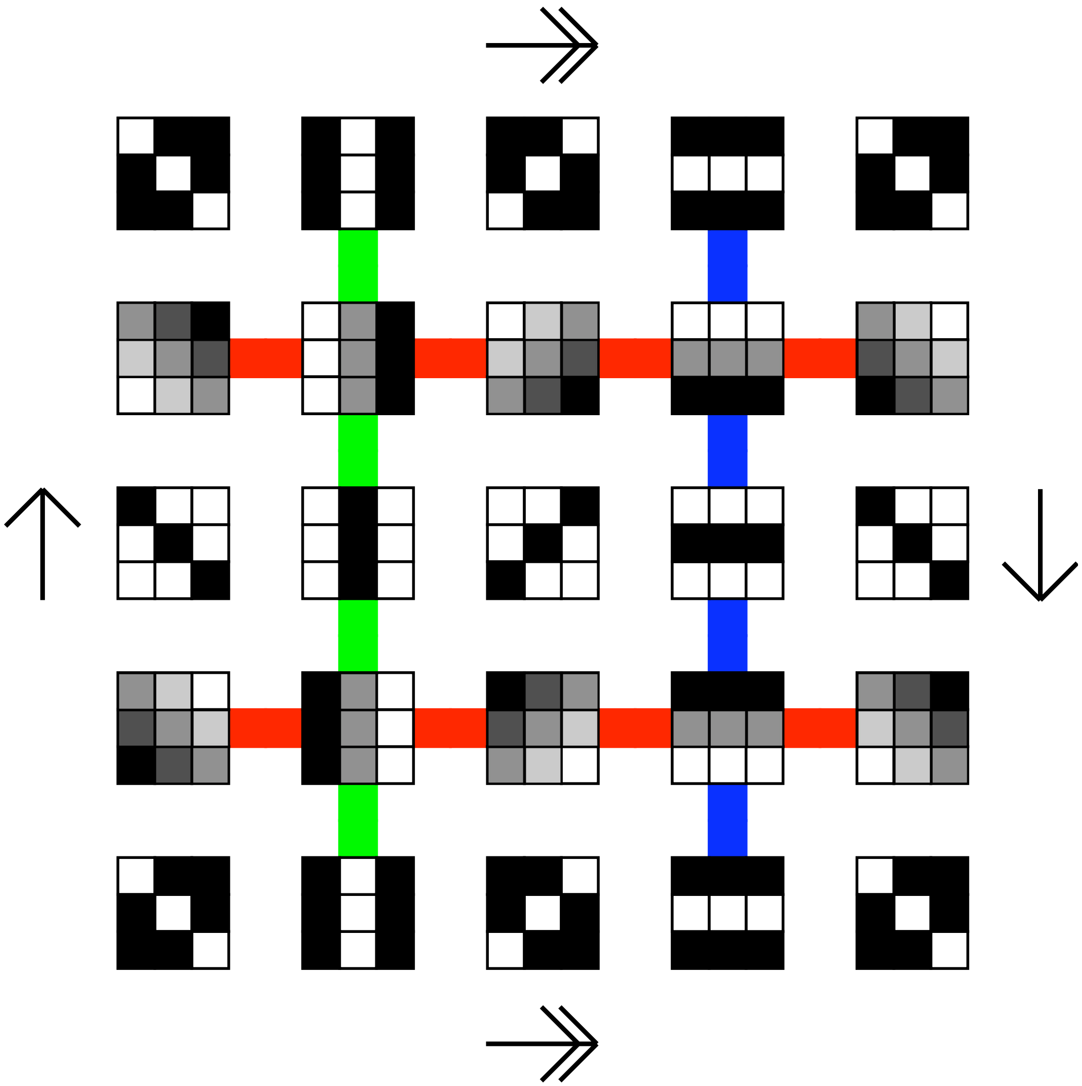

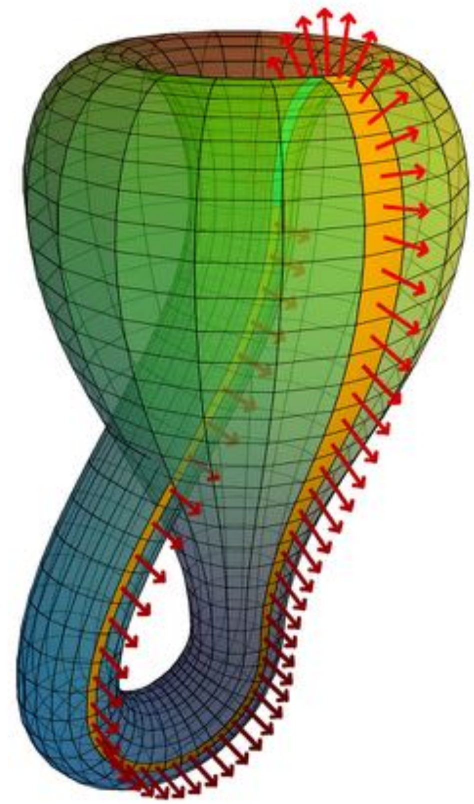

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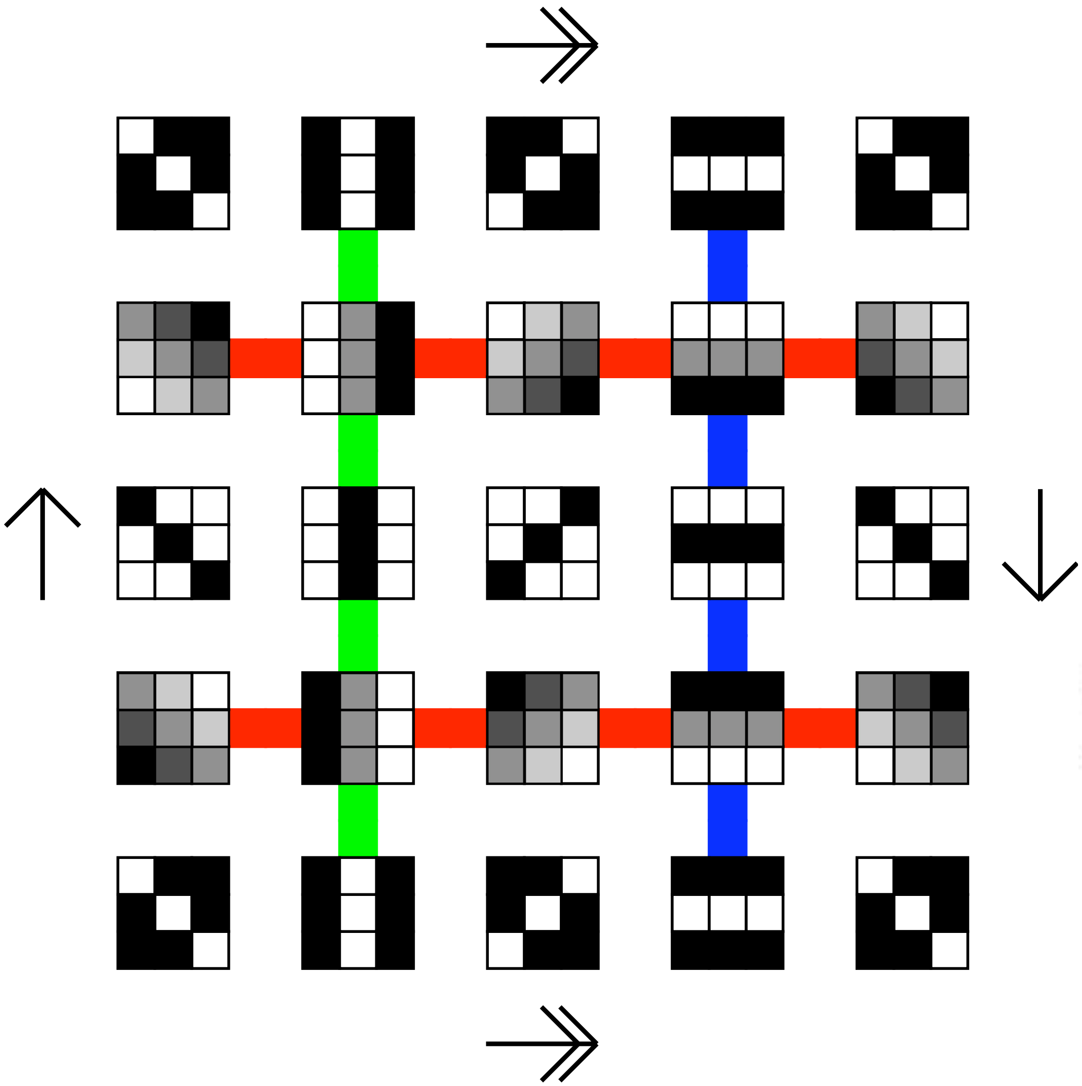

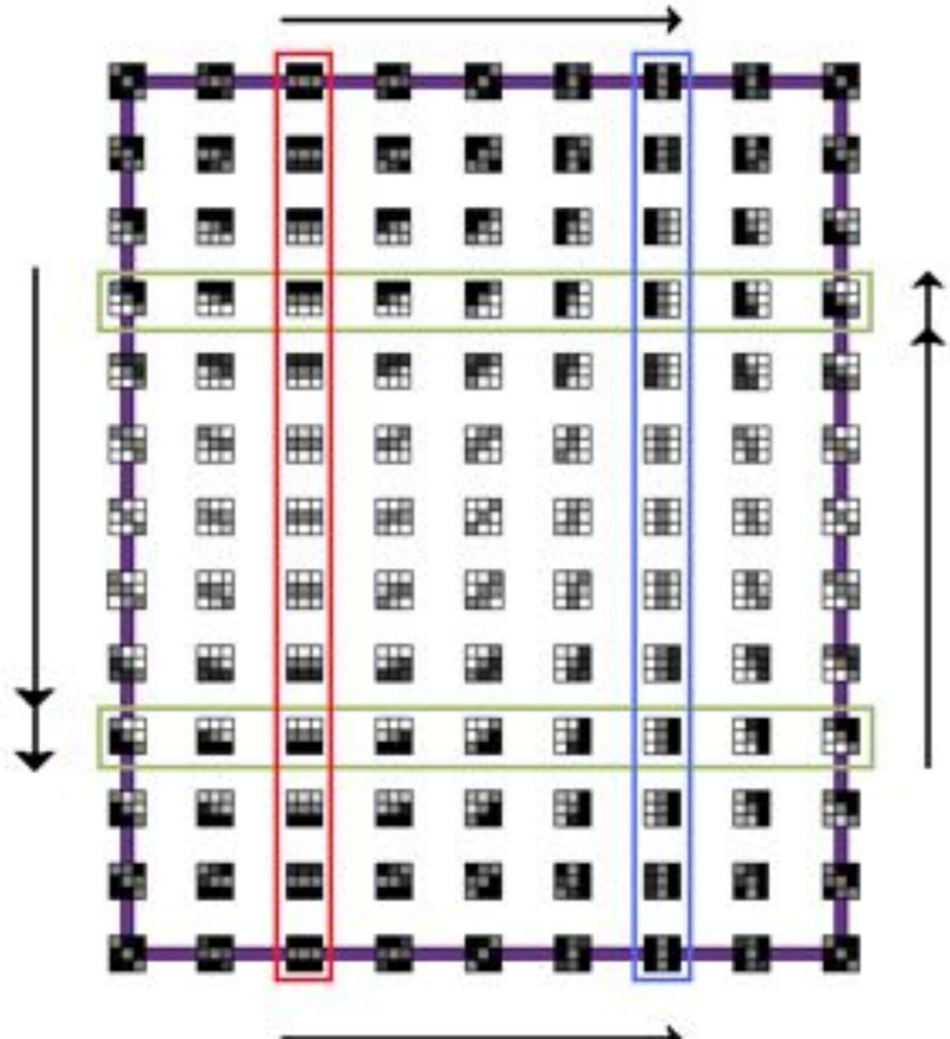

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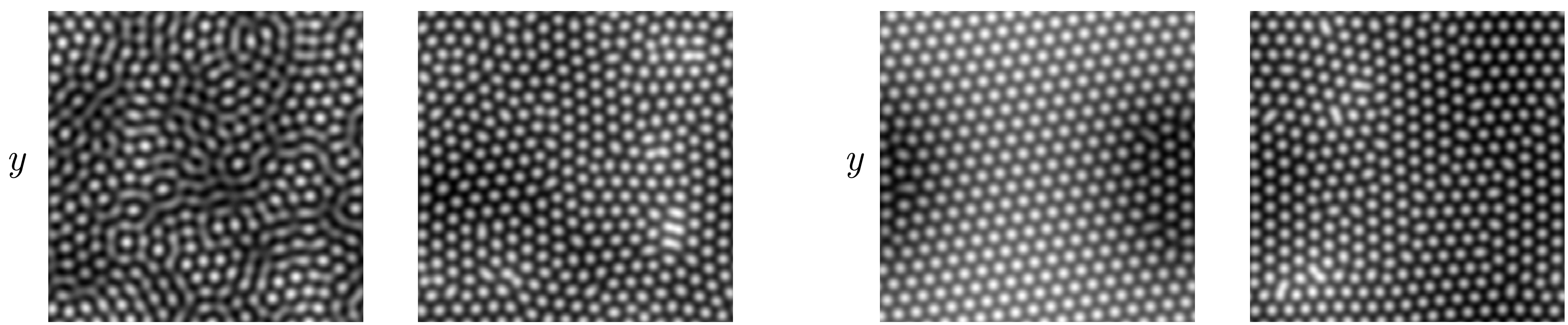

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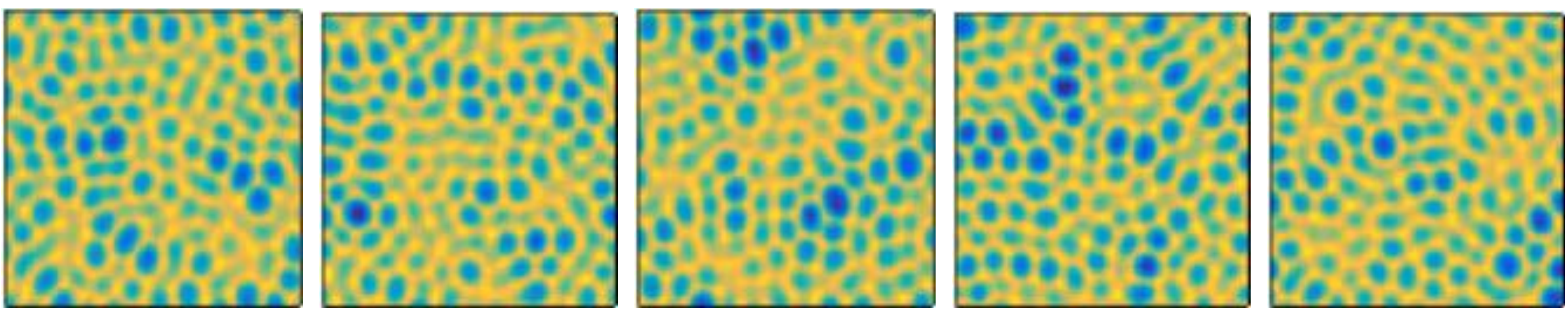

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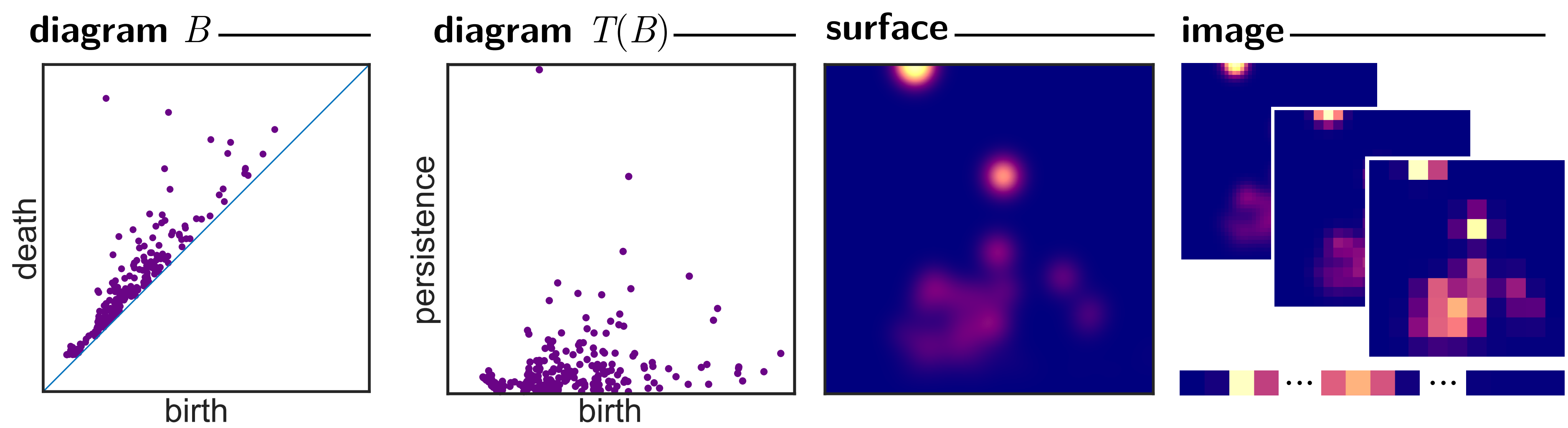

Conclusions

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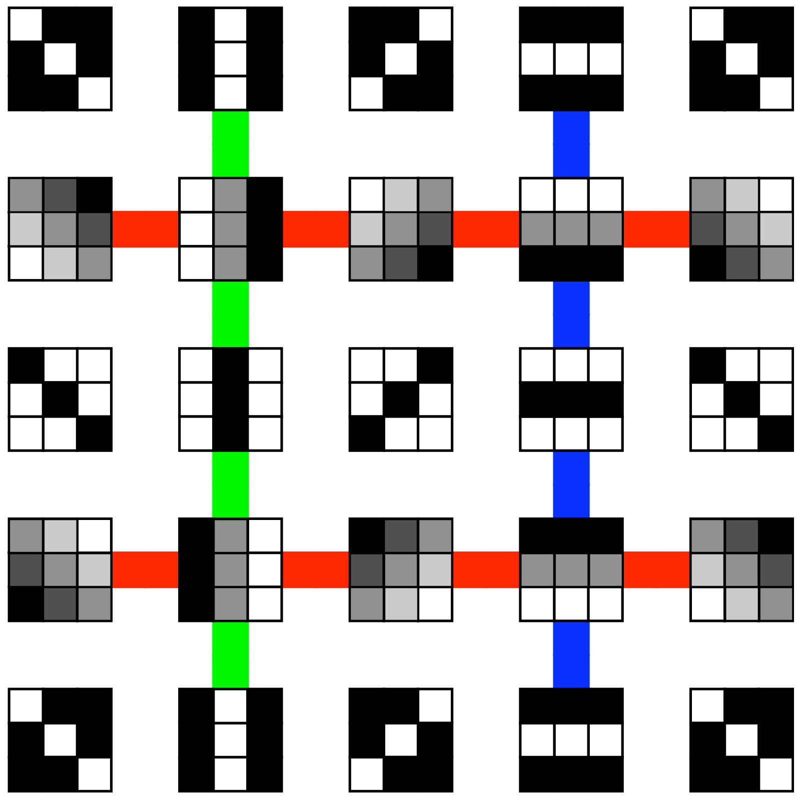

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- Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, *The First Circle*

Where can I find resources if I am interested in applied topology?

- You may be interested in the Applied Algebraic Topology Research Network. Become a member to receive email invites to the online research seminars. Recorded talks are available at the YouTube Channel. There is also a forum.
- Another source of applied topology news is appliedtopology.org.
- A second online research seminar is GEOTOP-A: Applications of Geometry and Topology.
- Mailing lists with announcements in applied topology include WinCompTop and ALGTOP-L.

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