

# Introduction to Scientific Visualization

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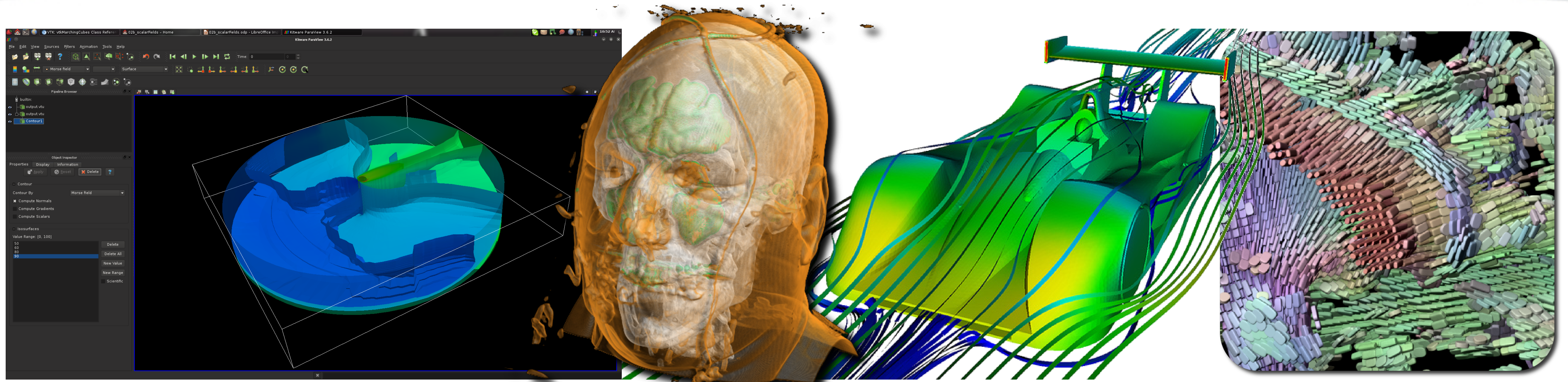


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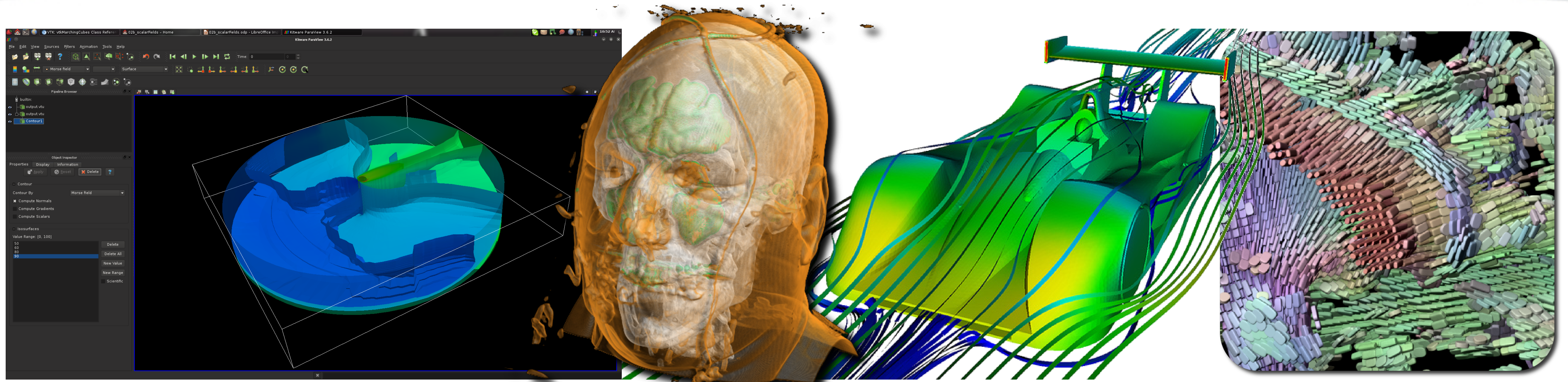
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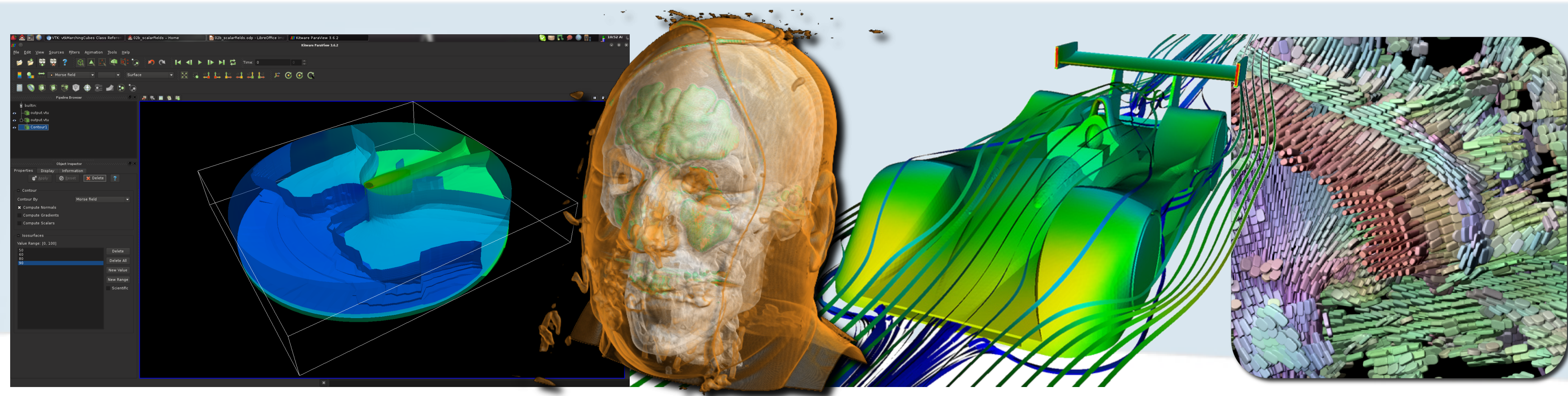


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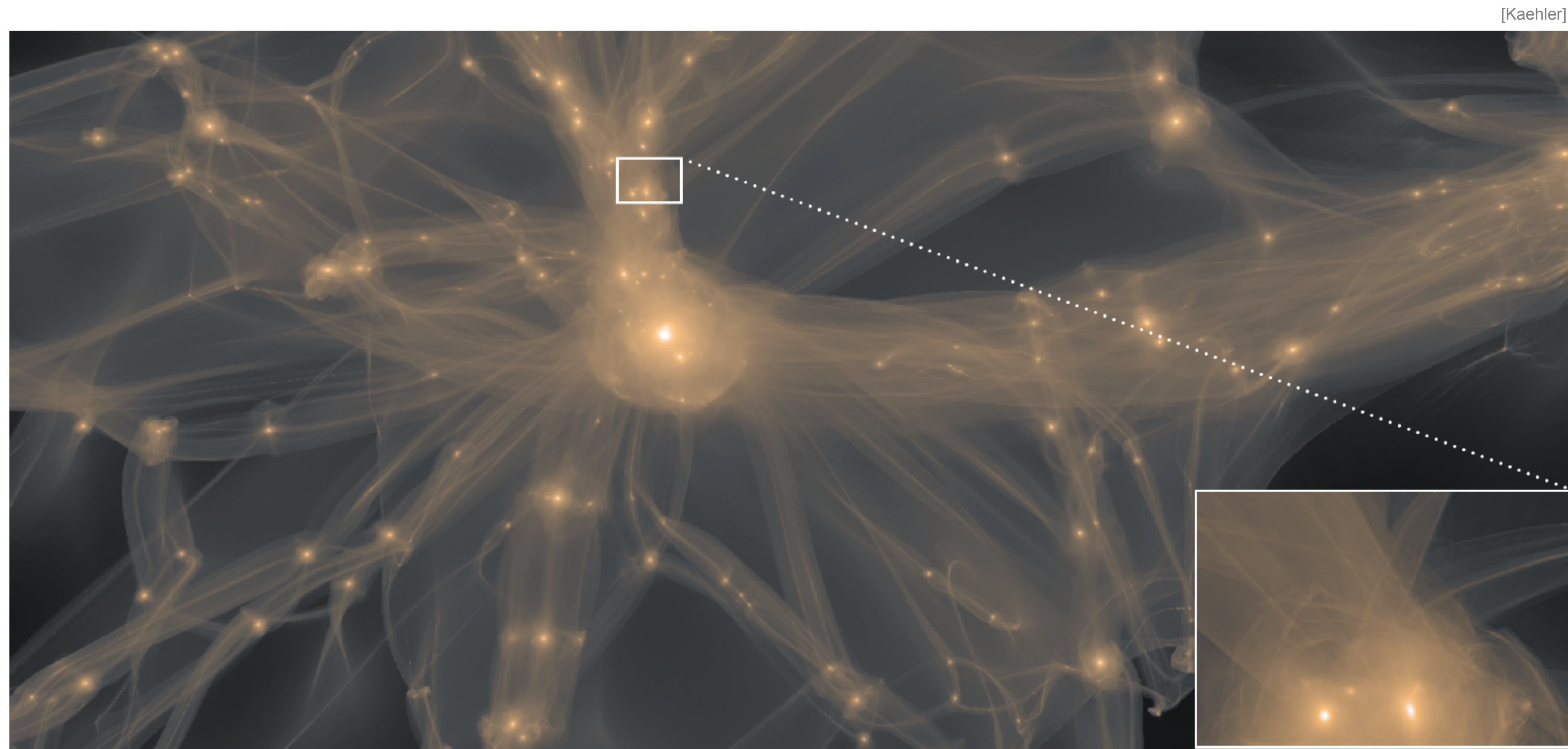
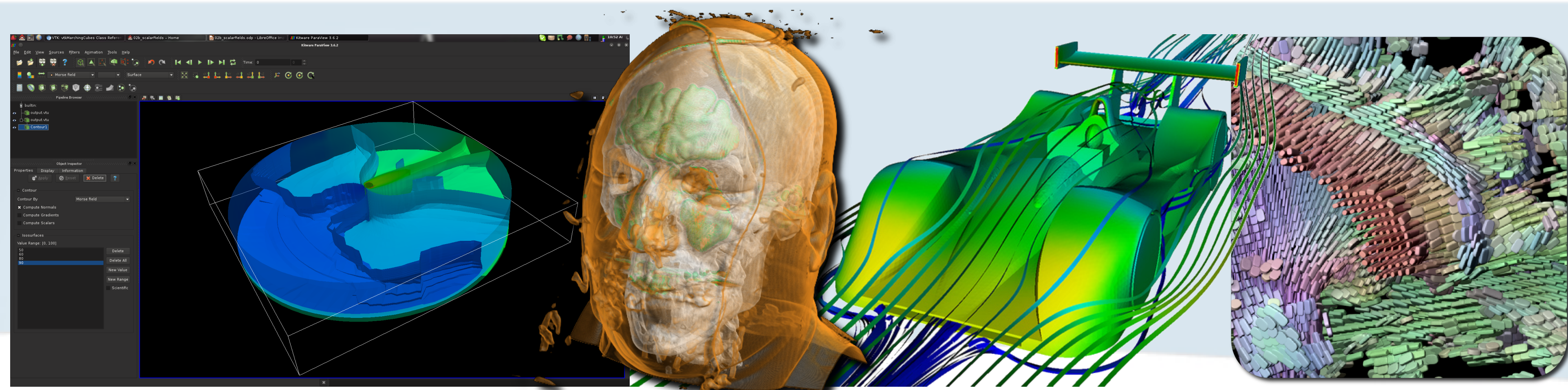
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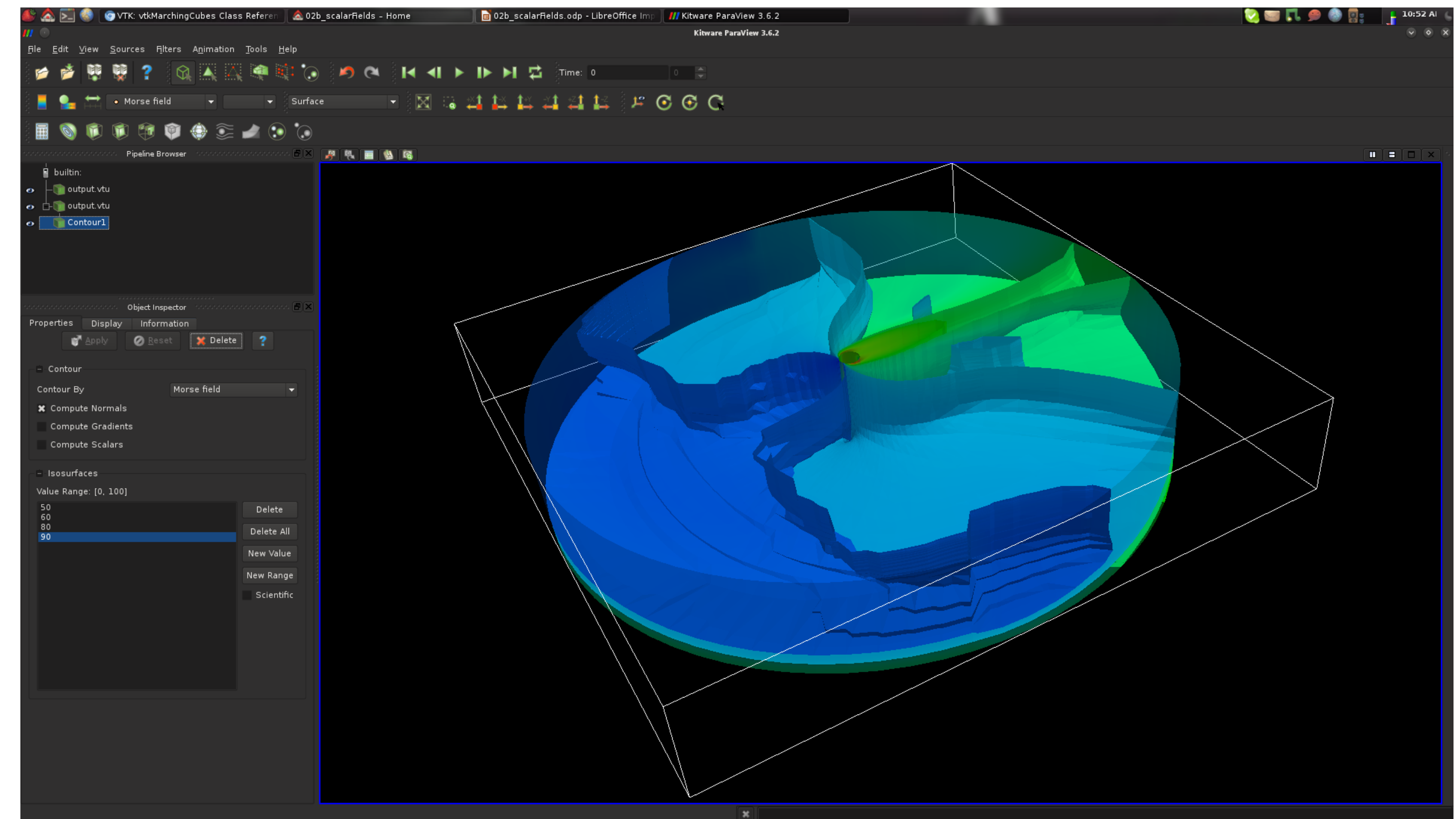
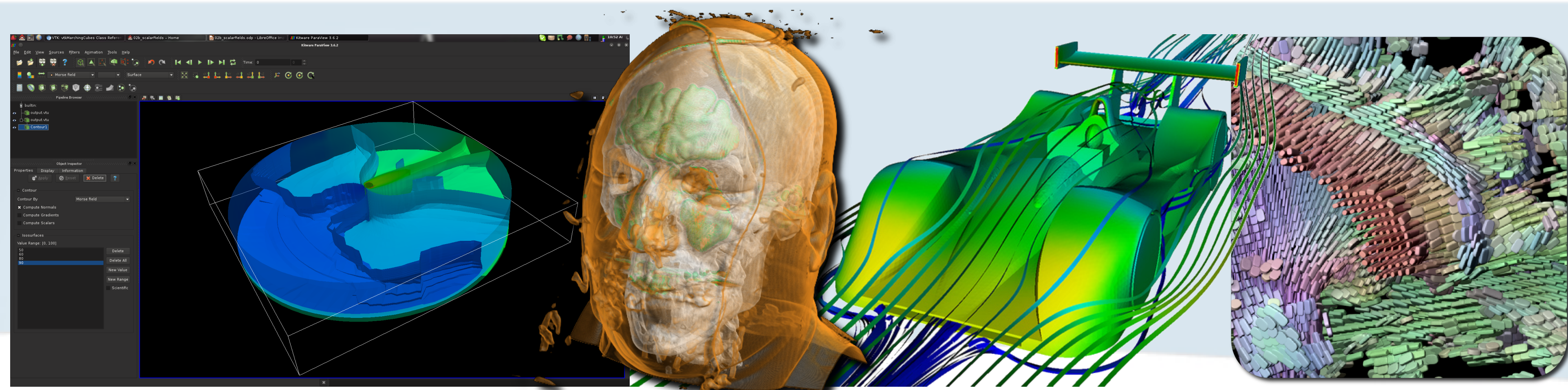


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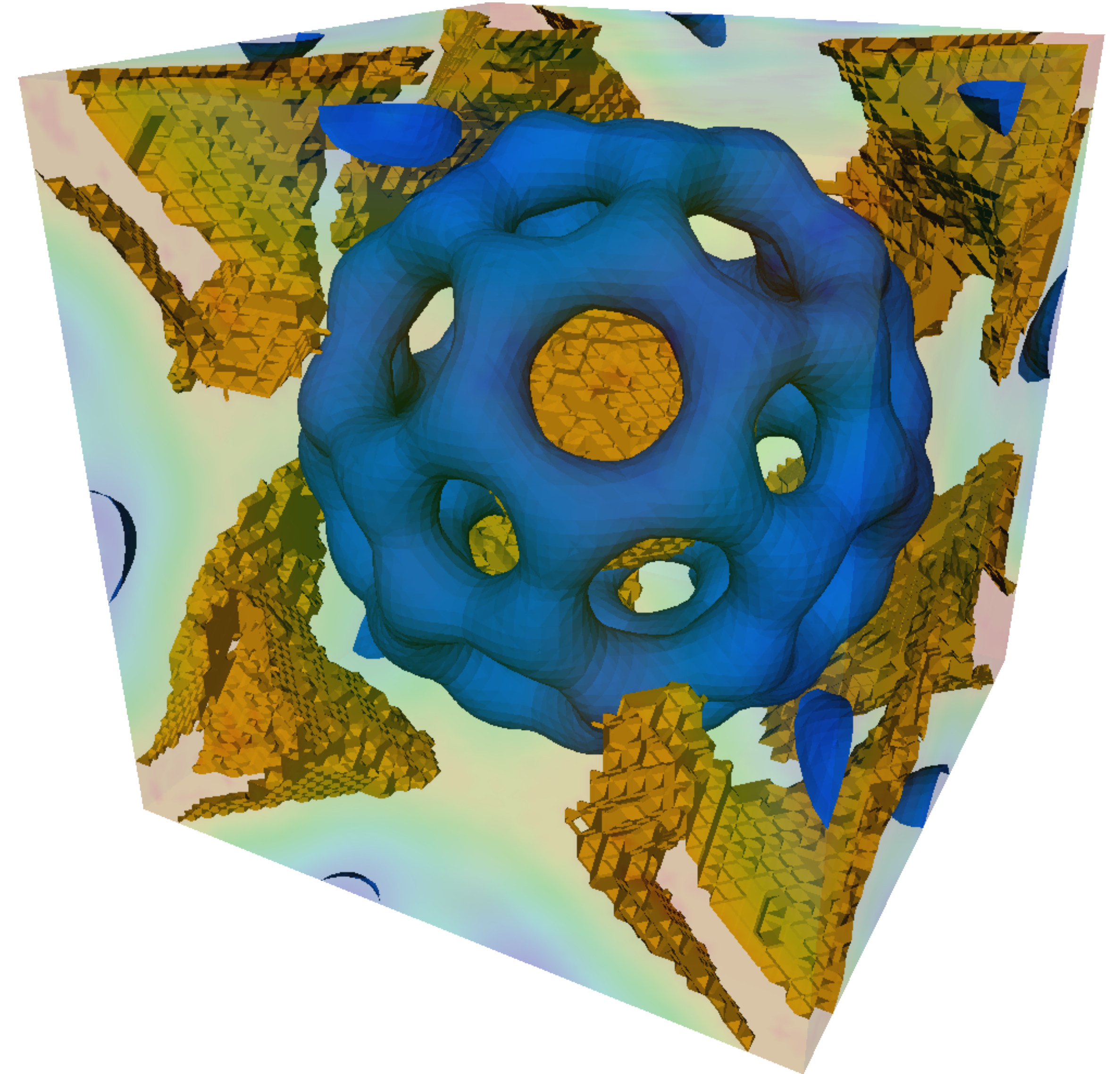
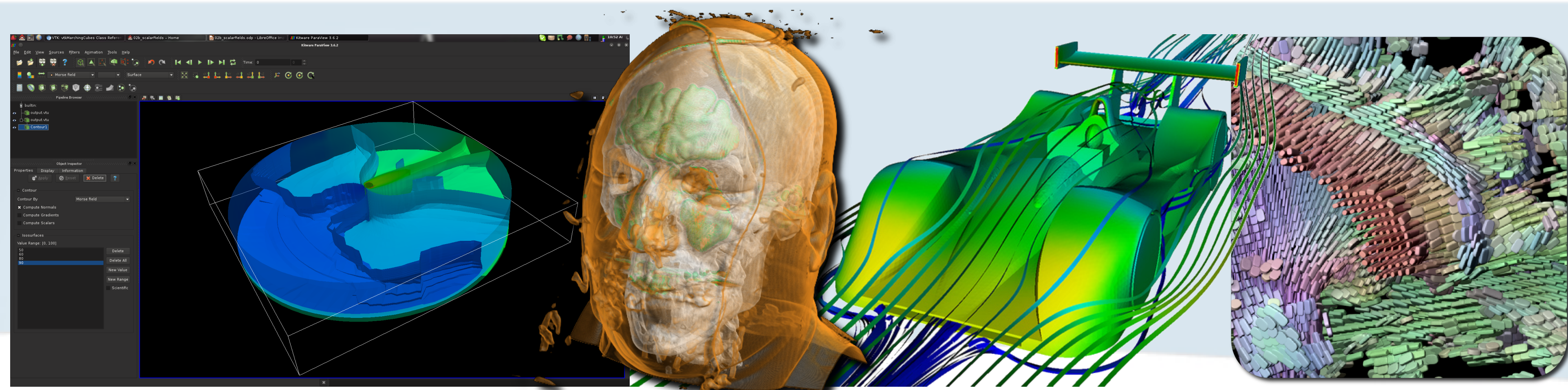
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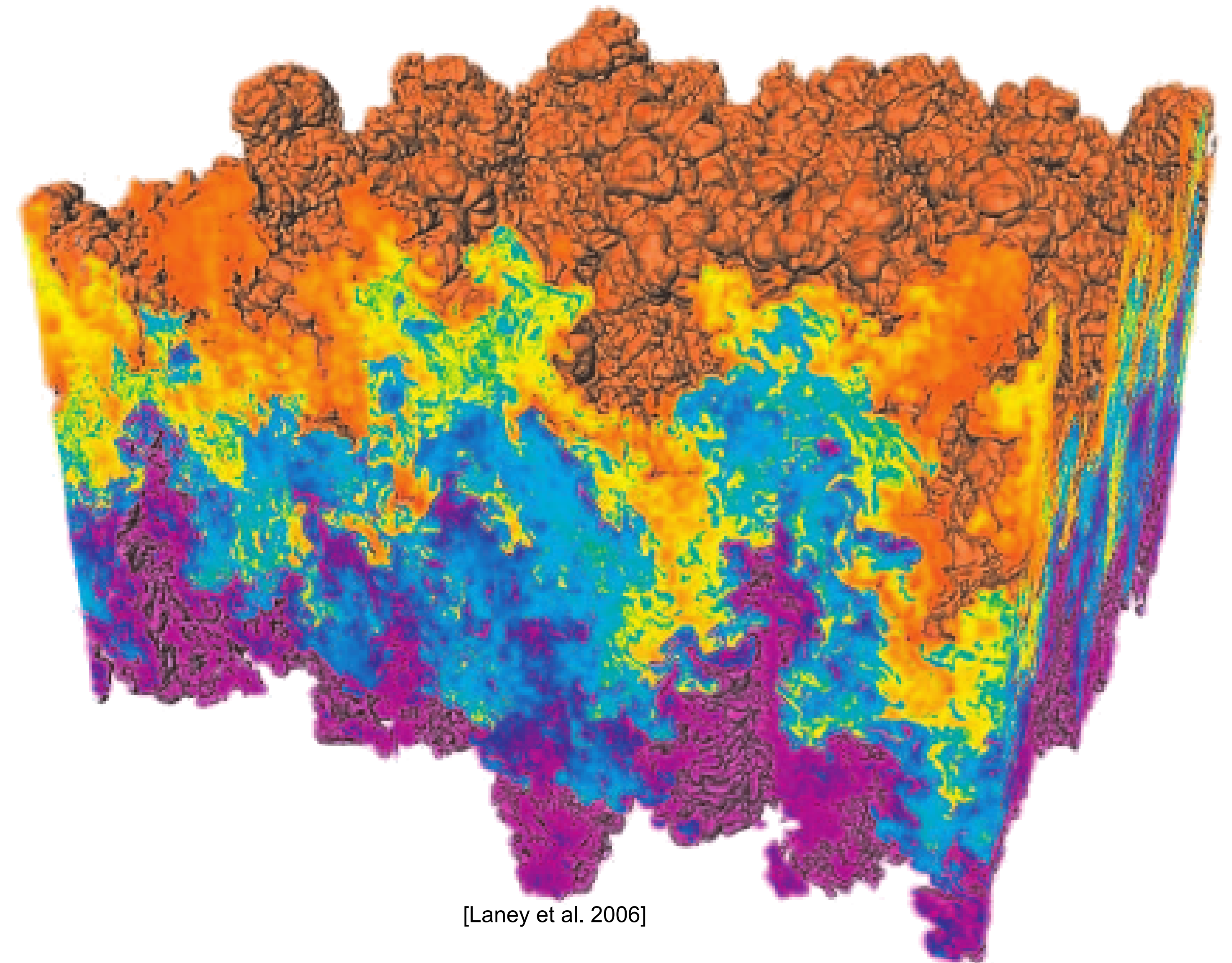
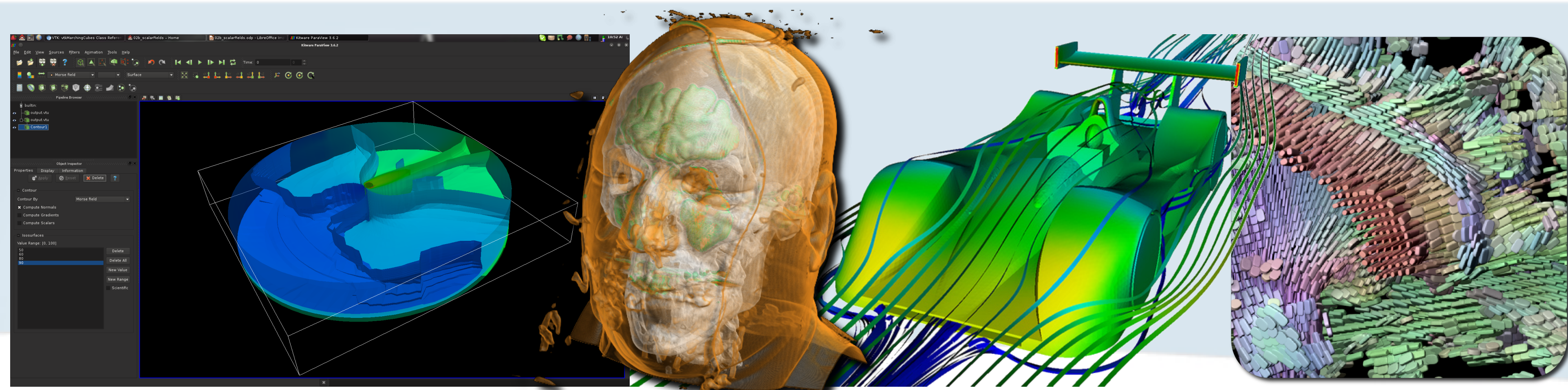
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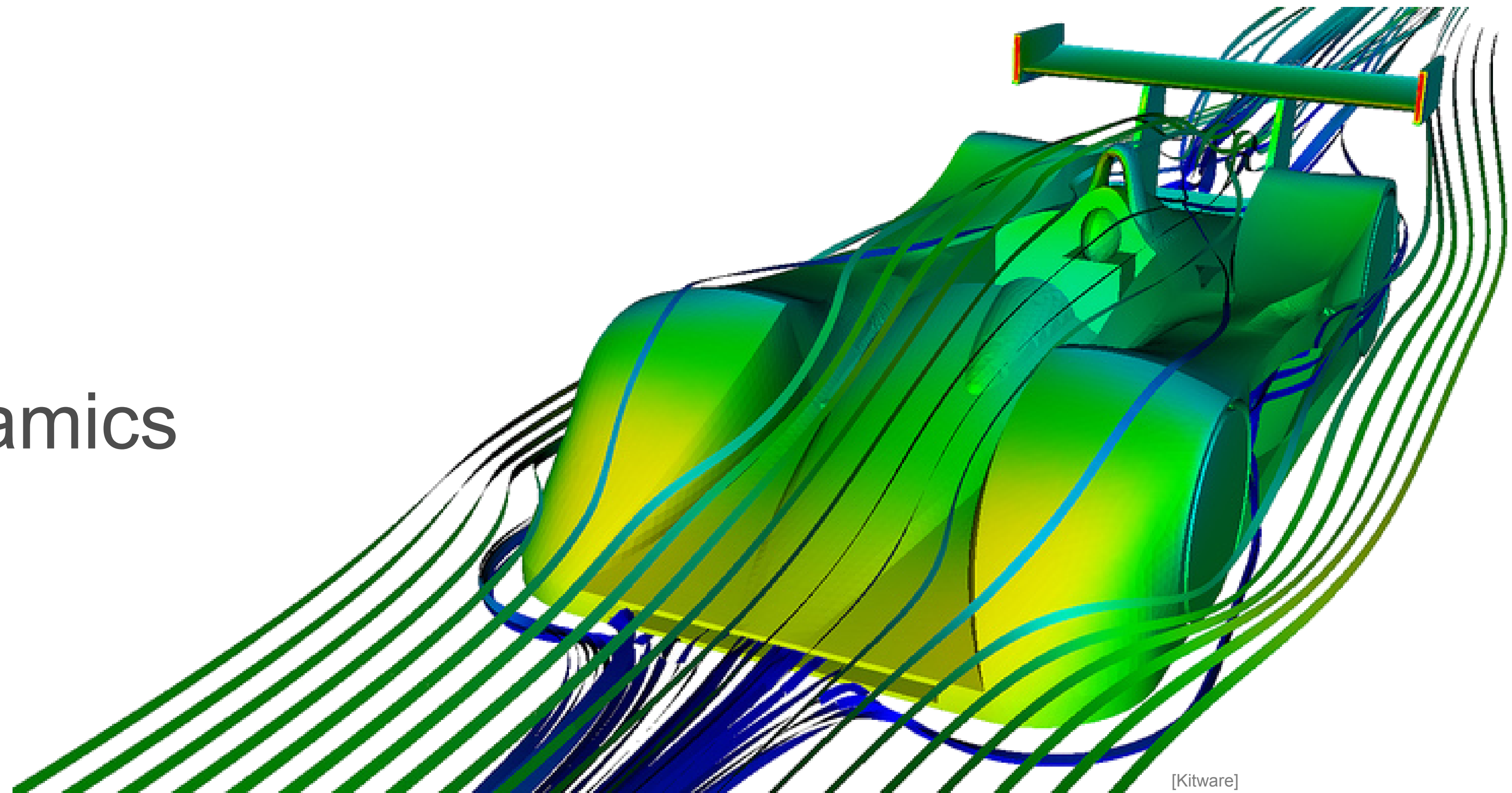
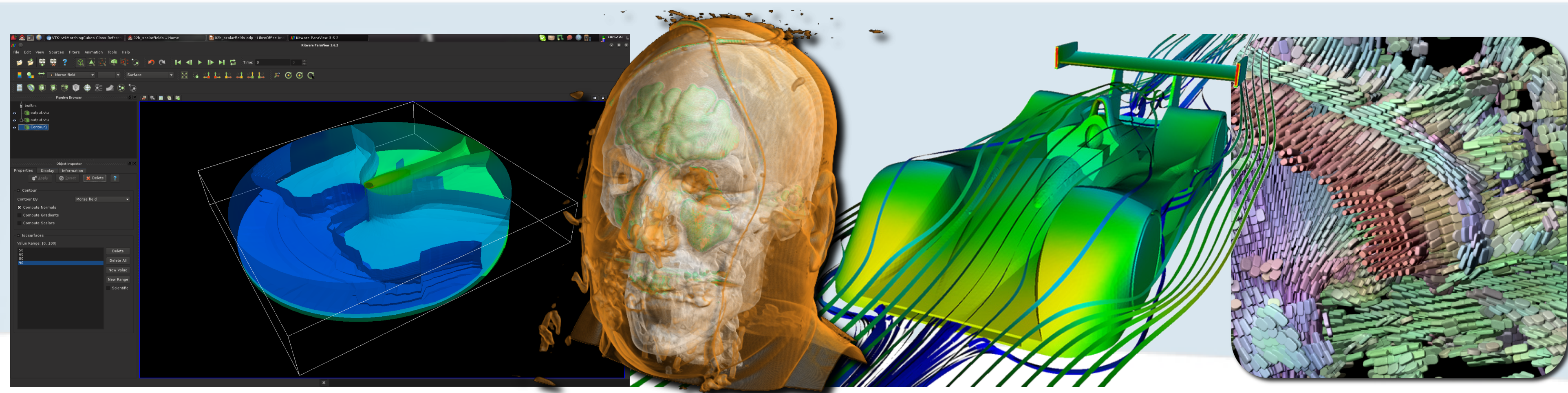


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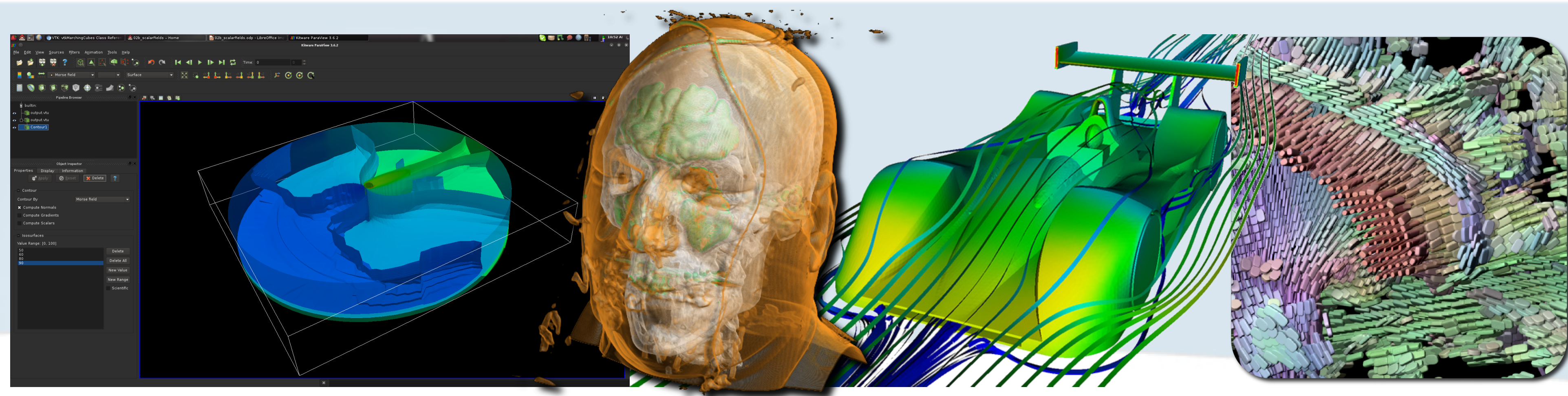
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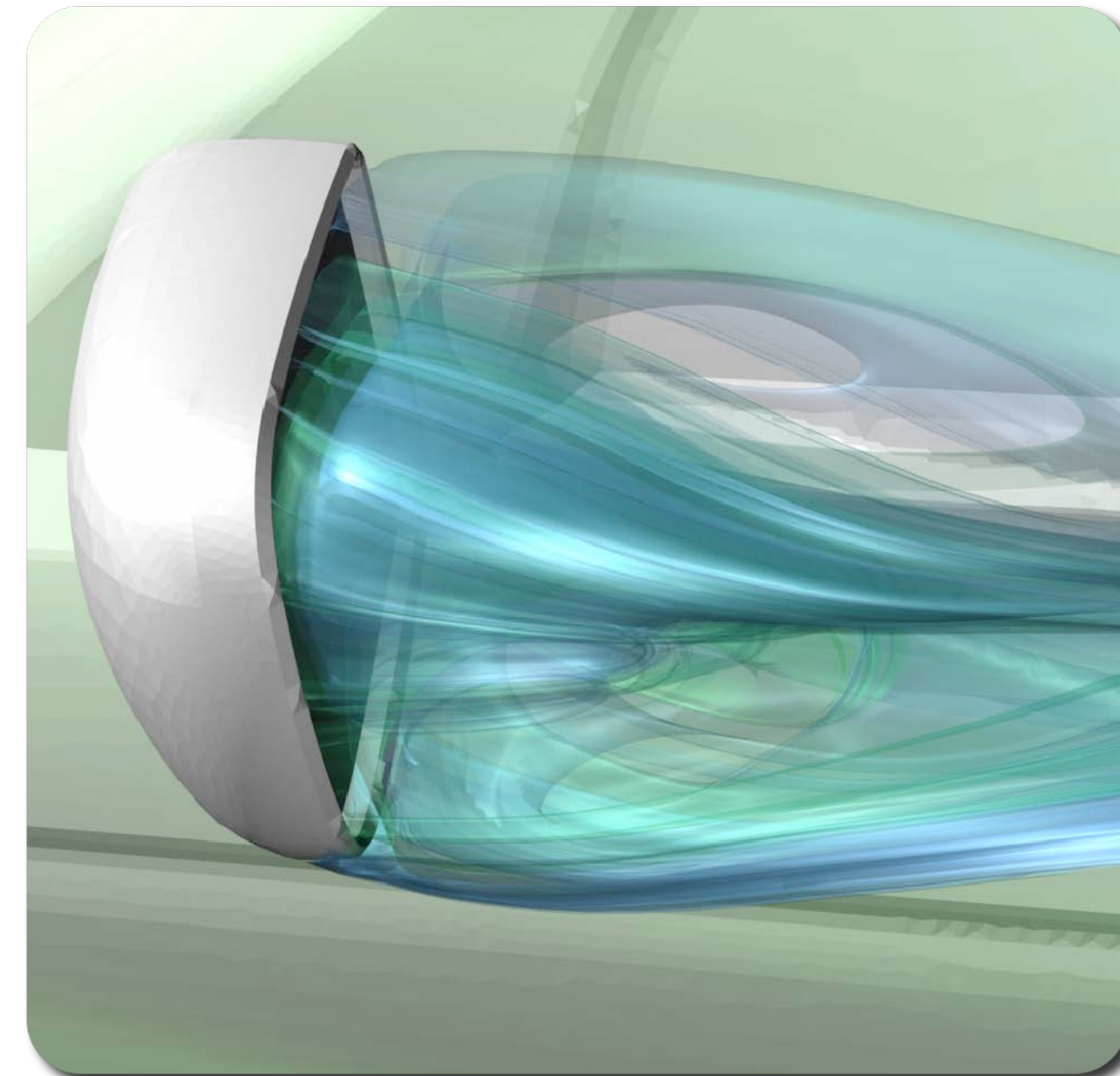
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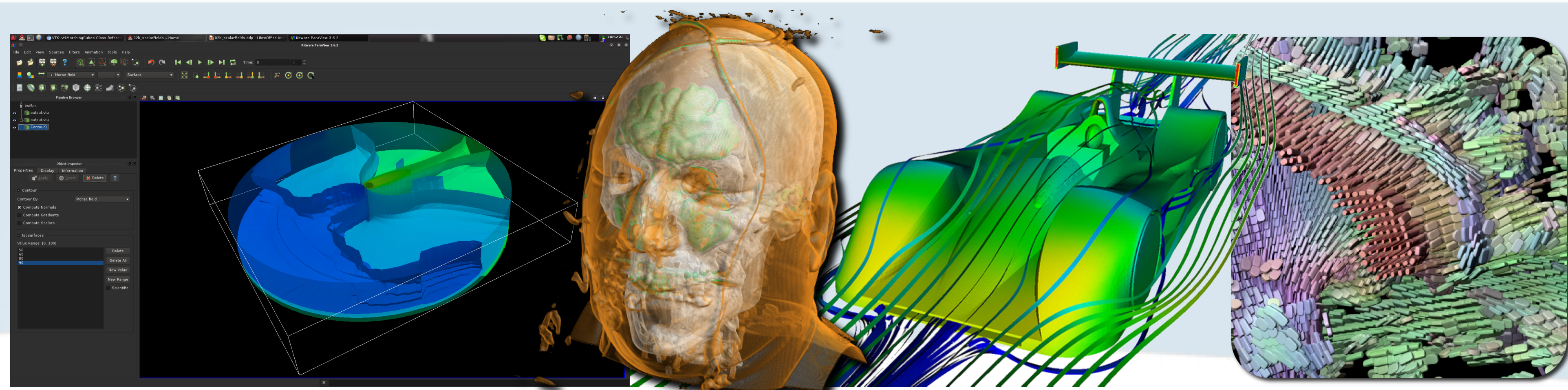
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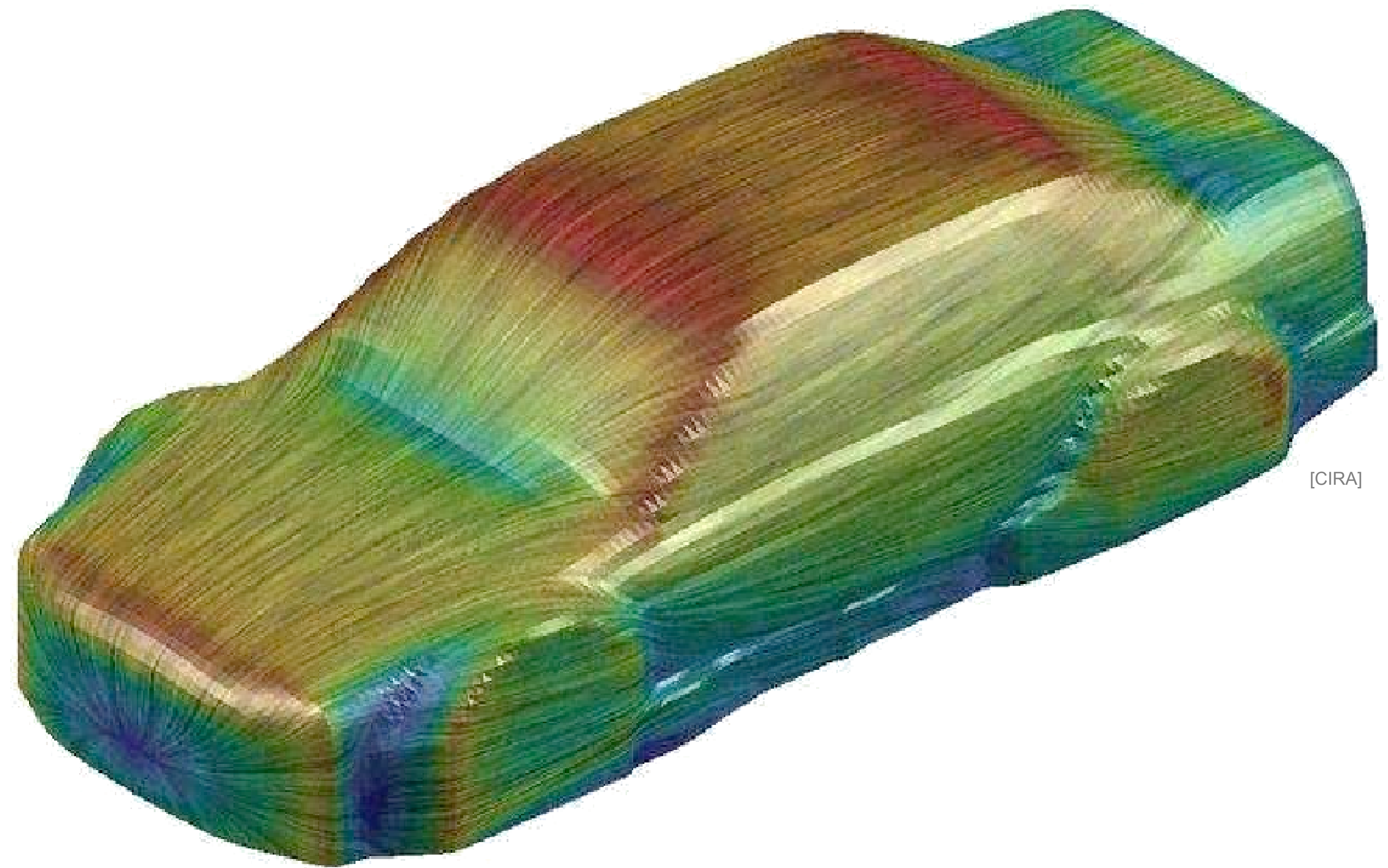
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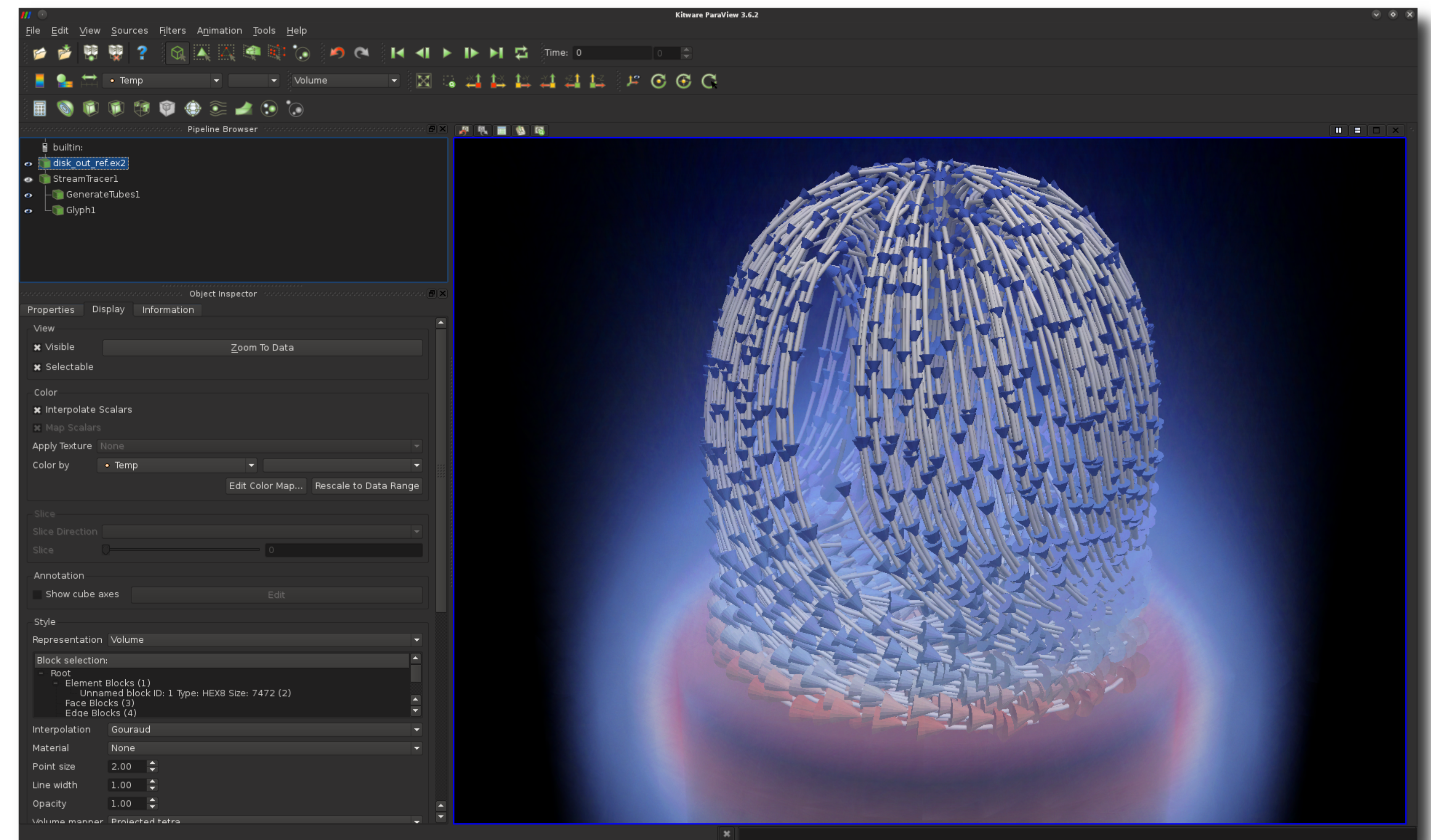
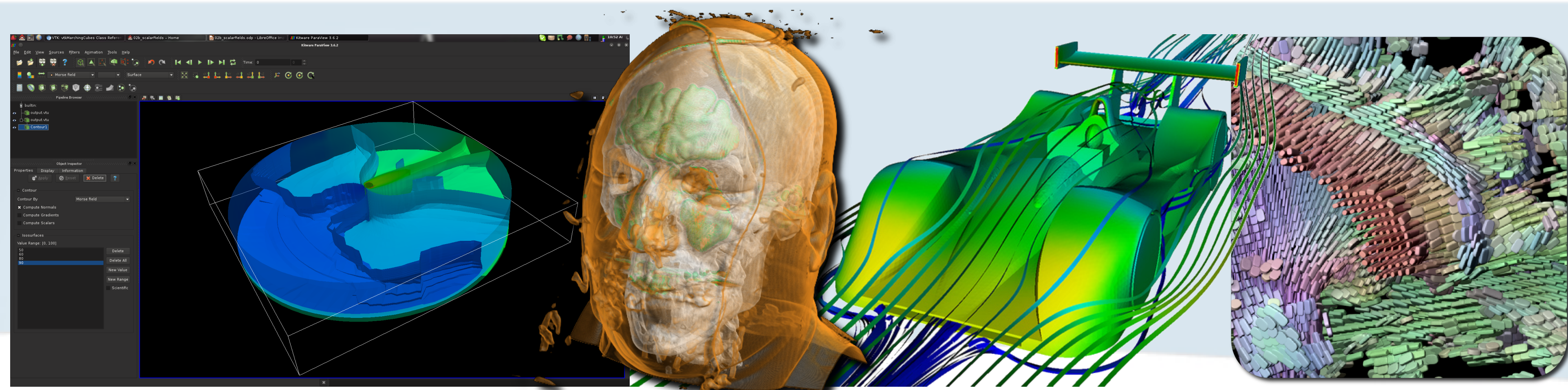


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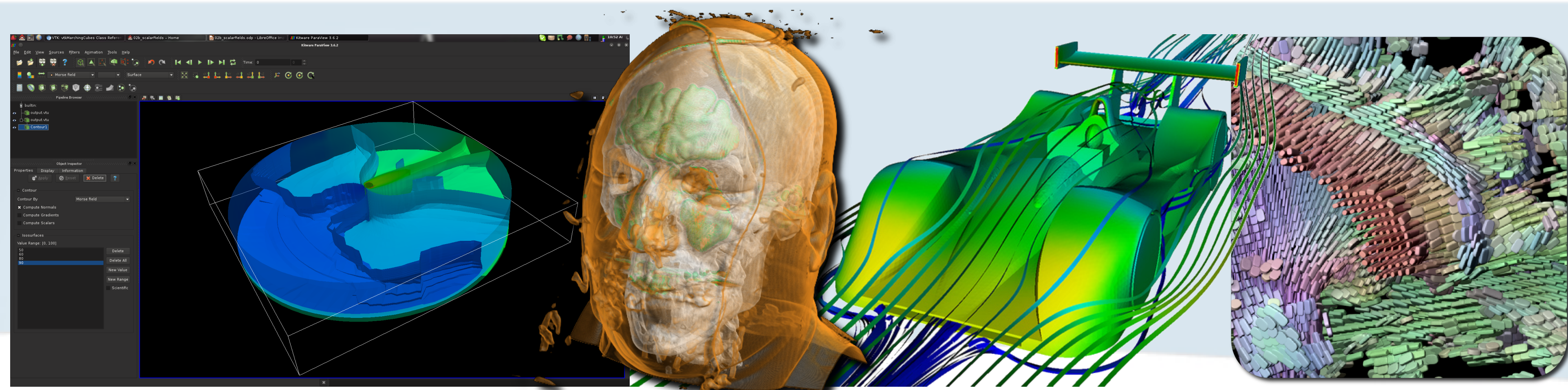
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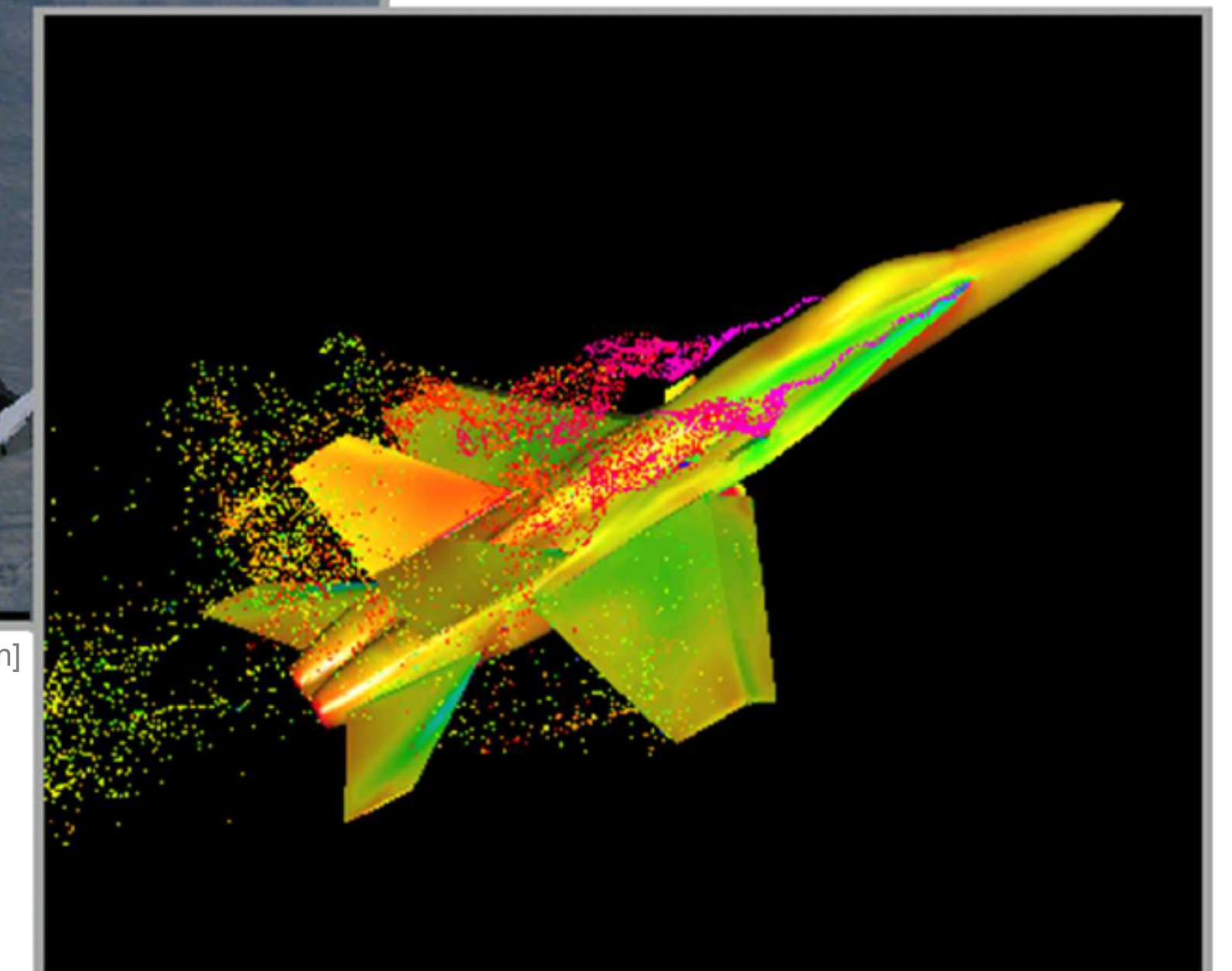


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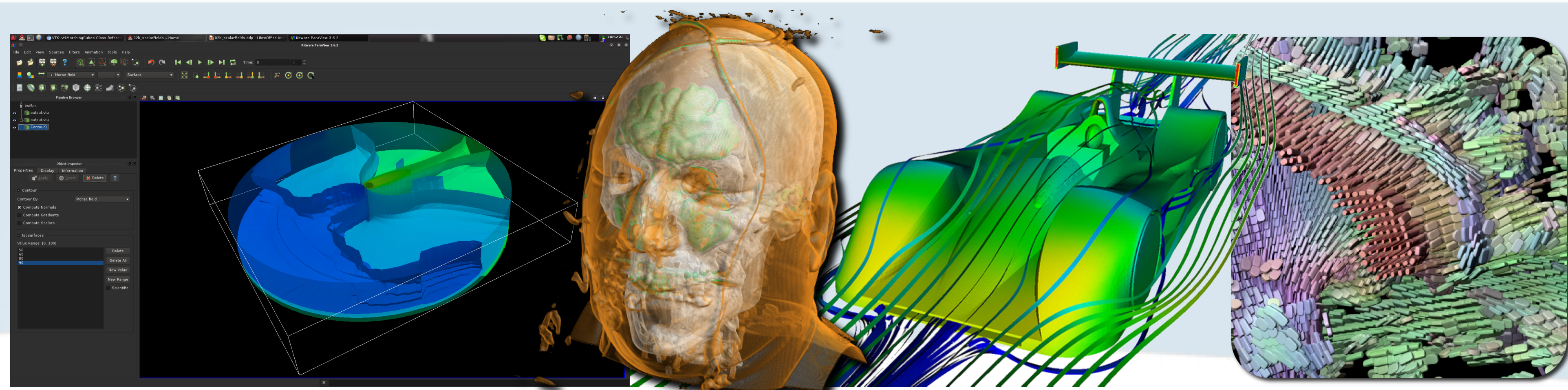


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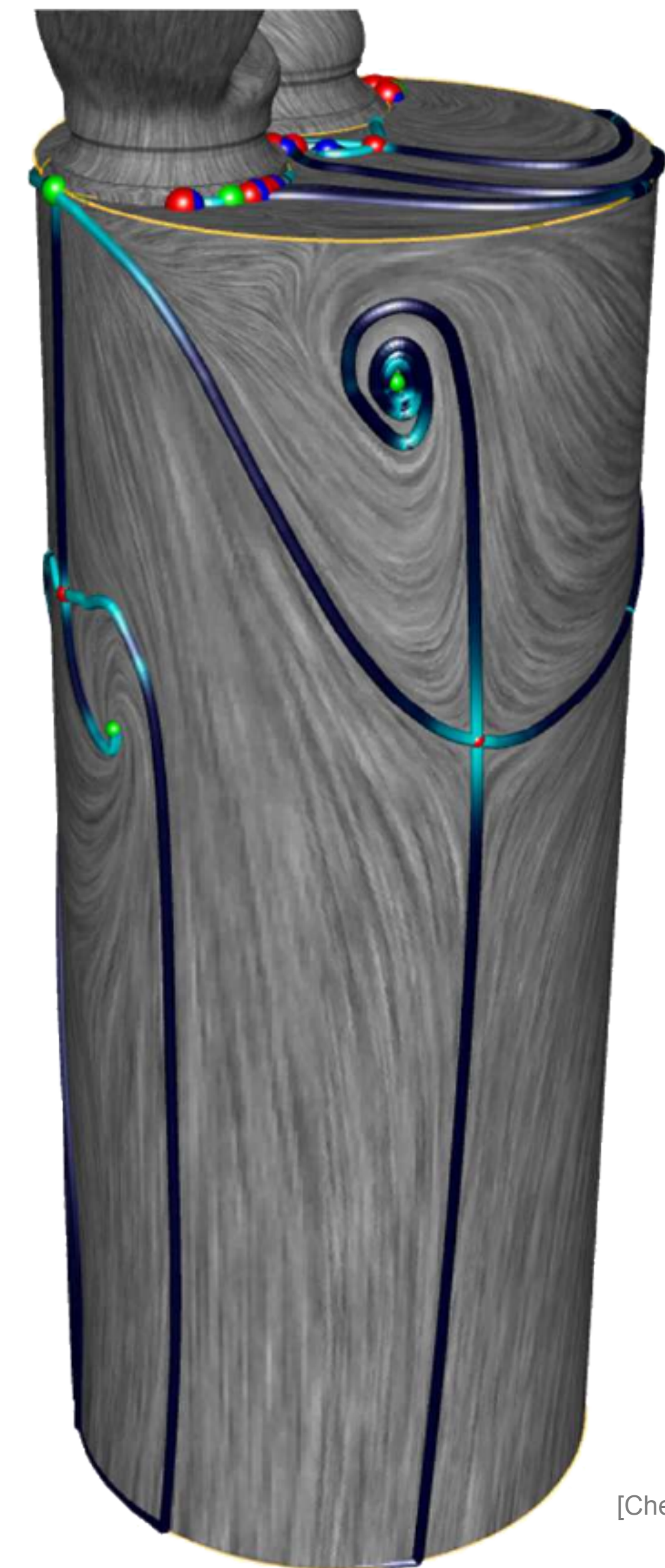




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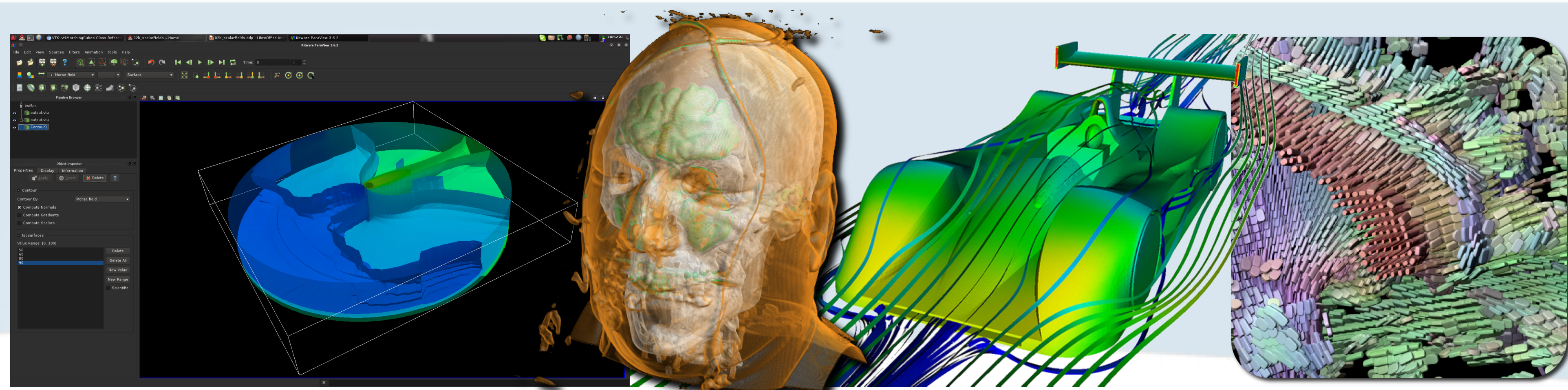
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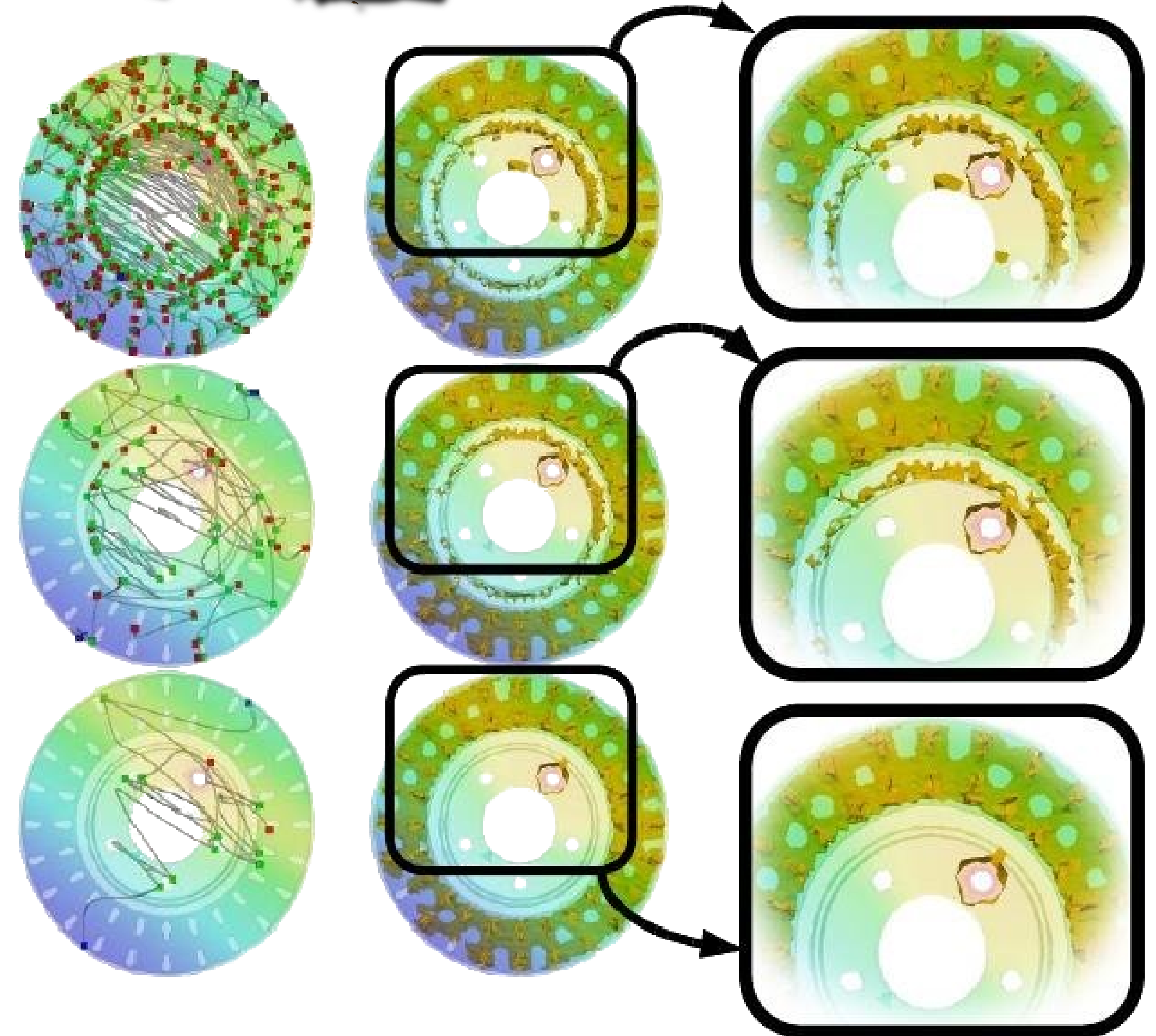
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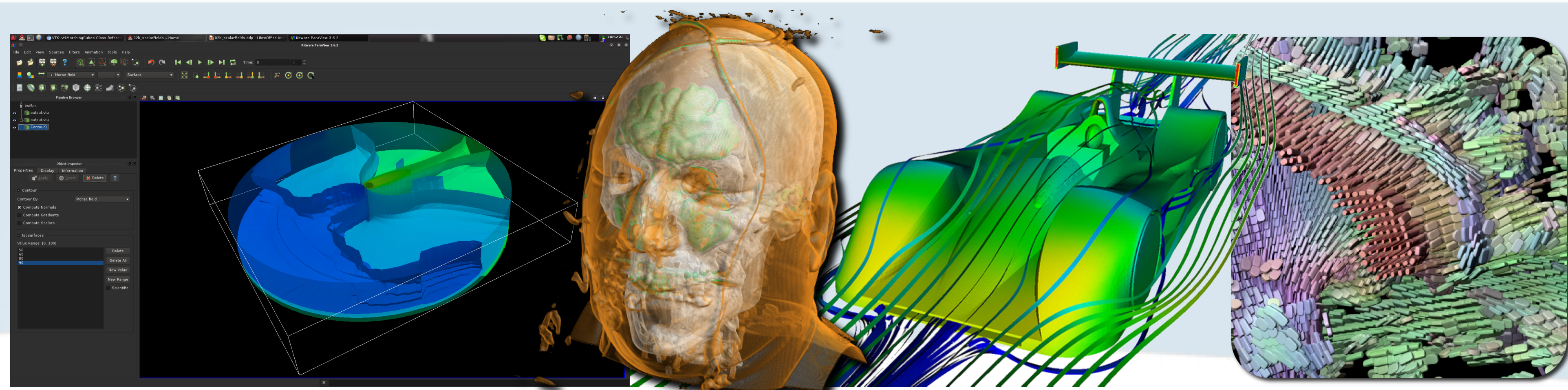


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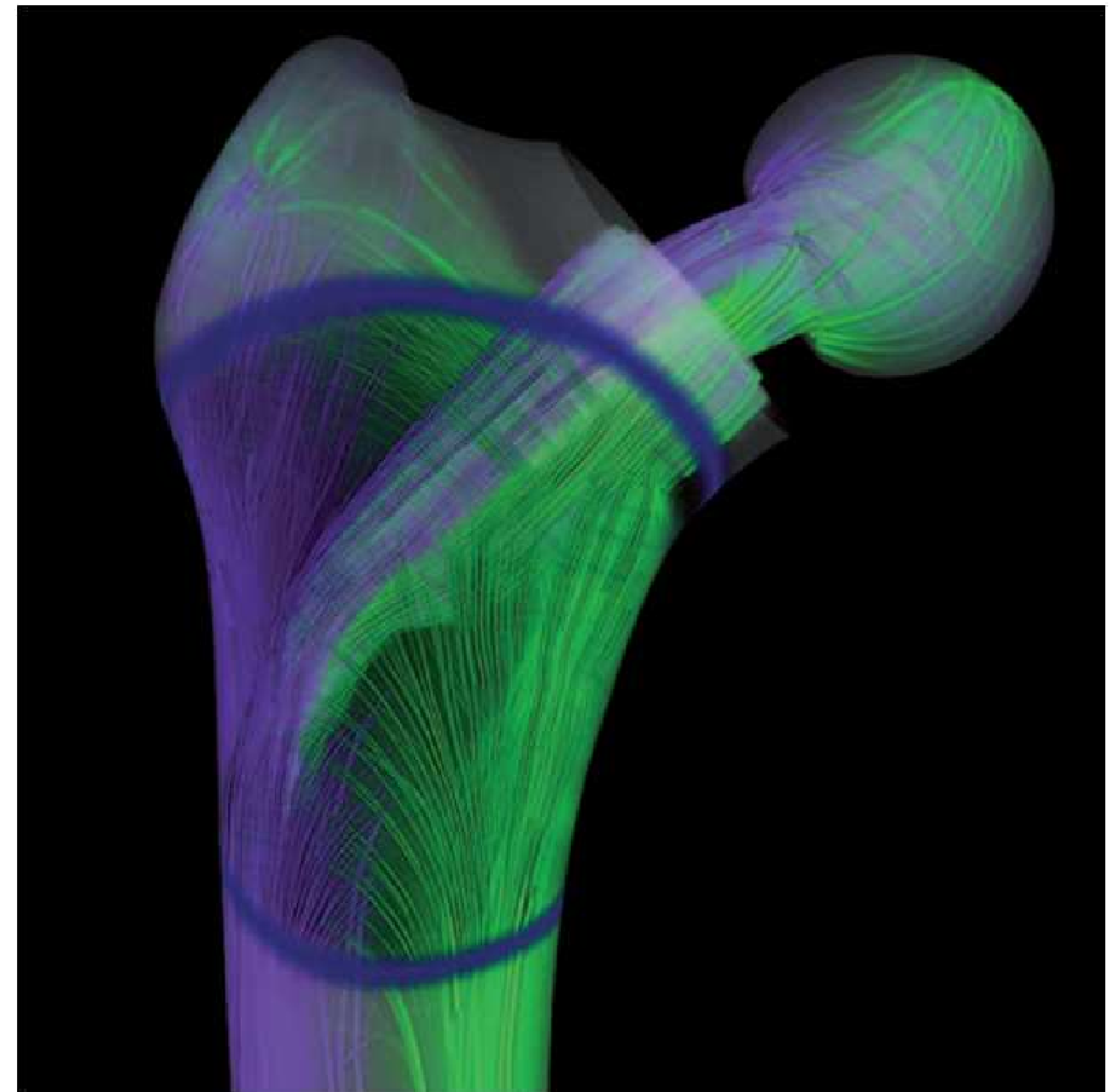




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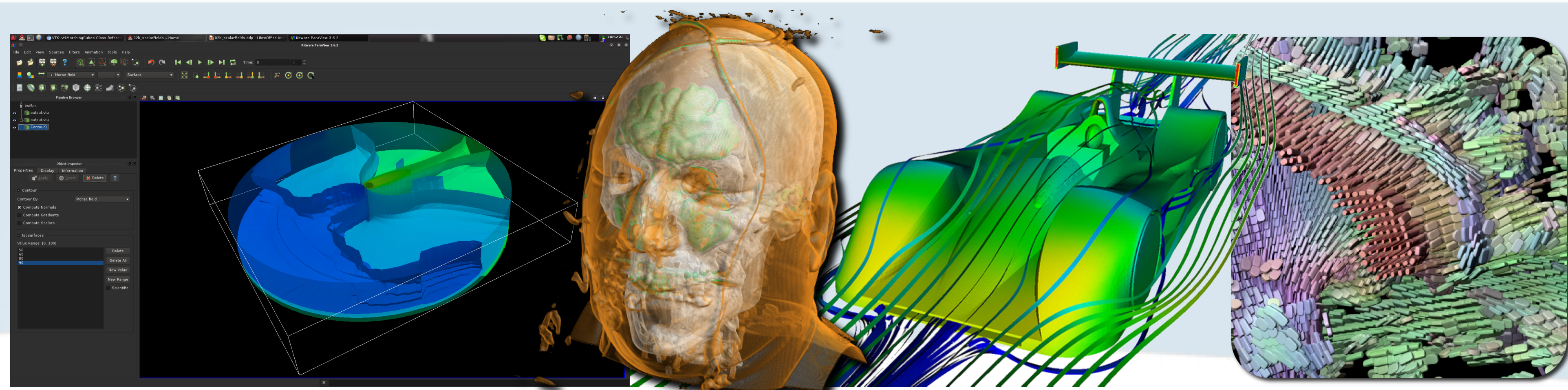


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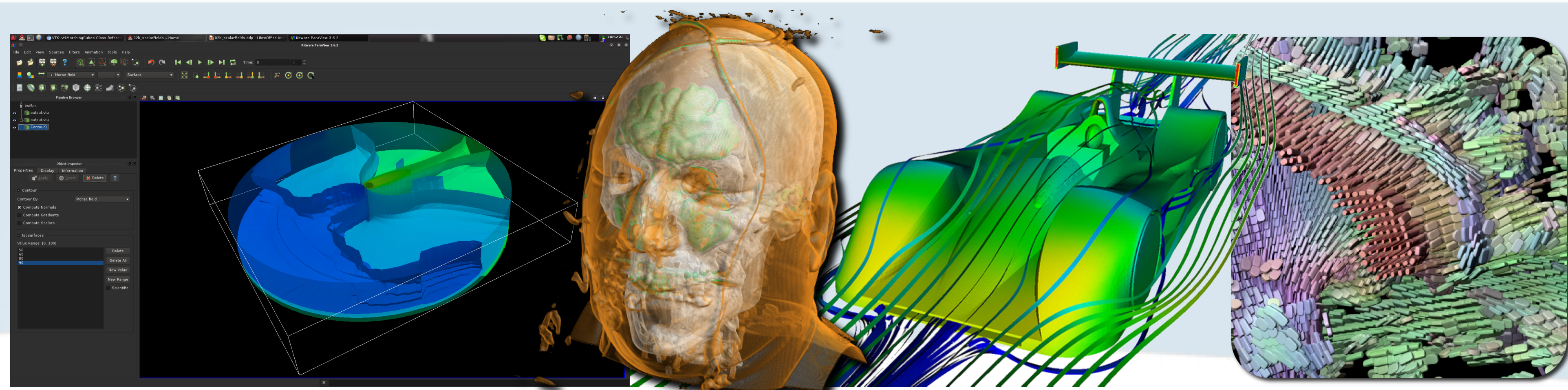


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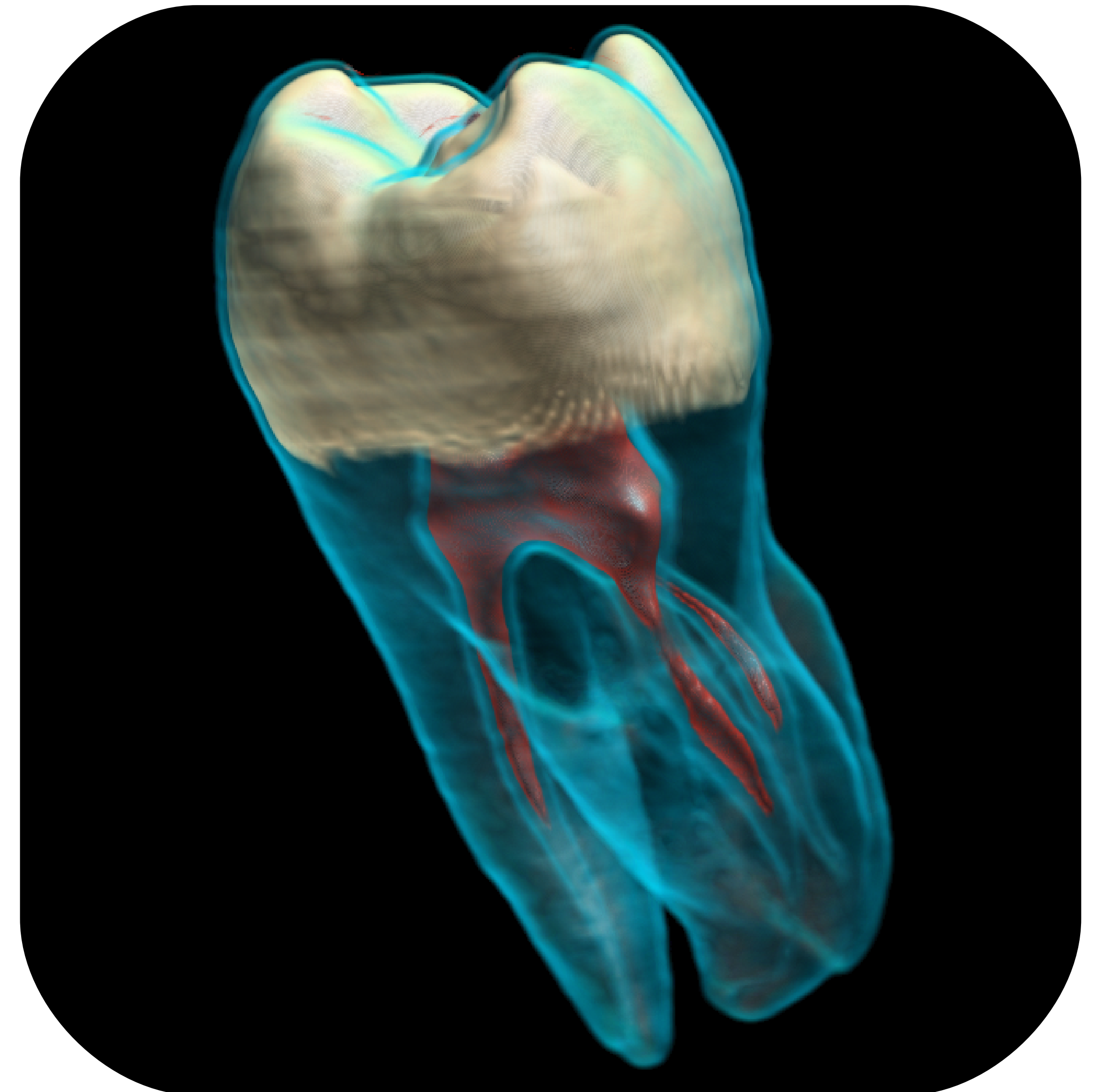




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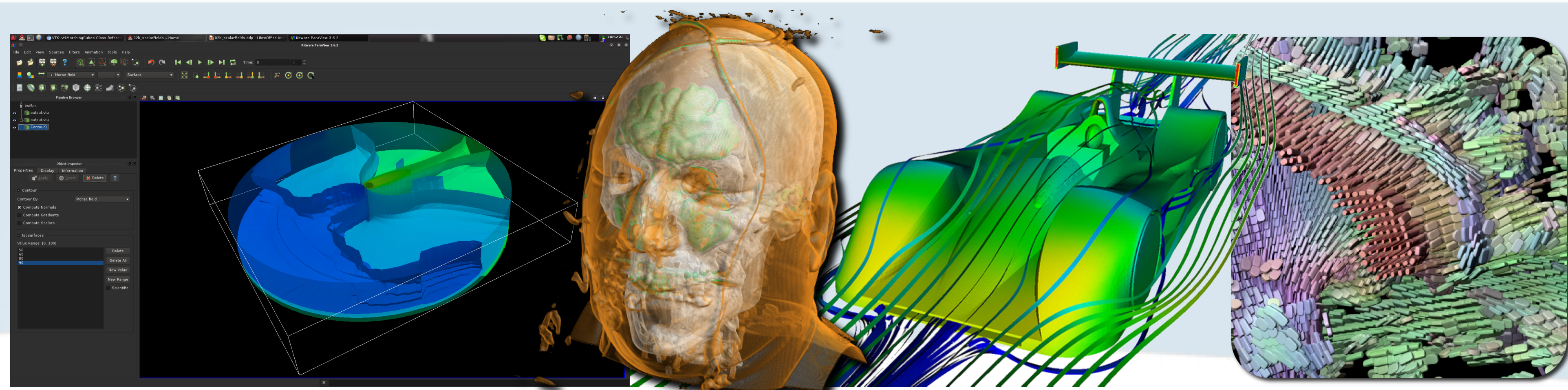


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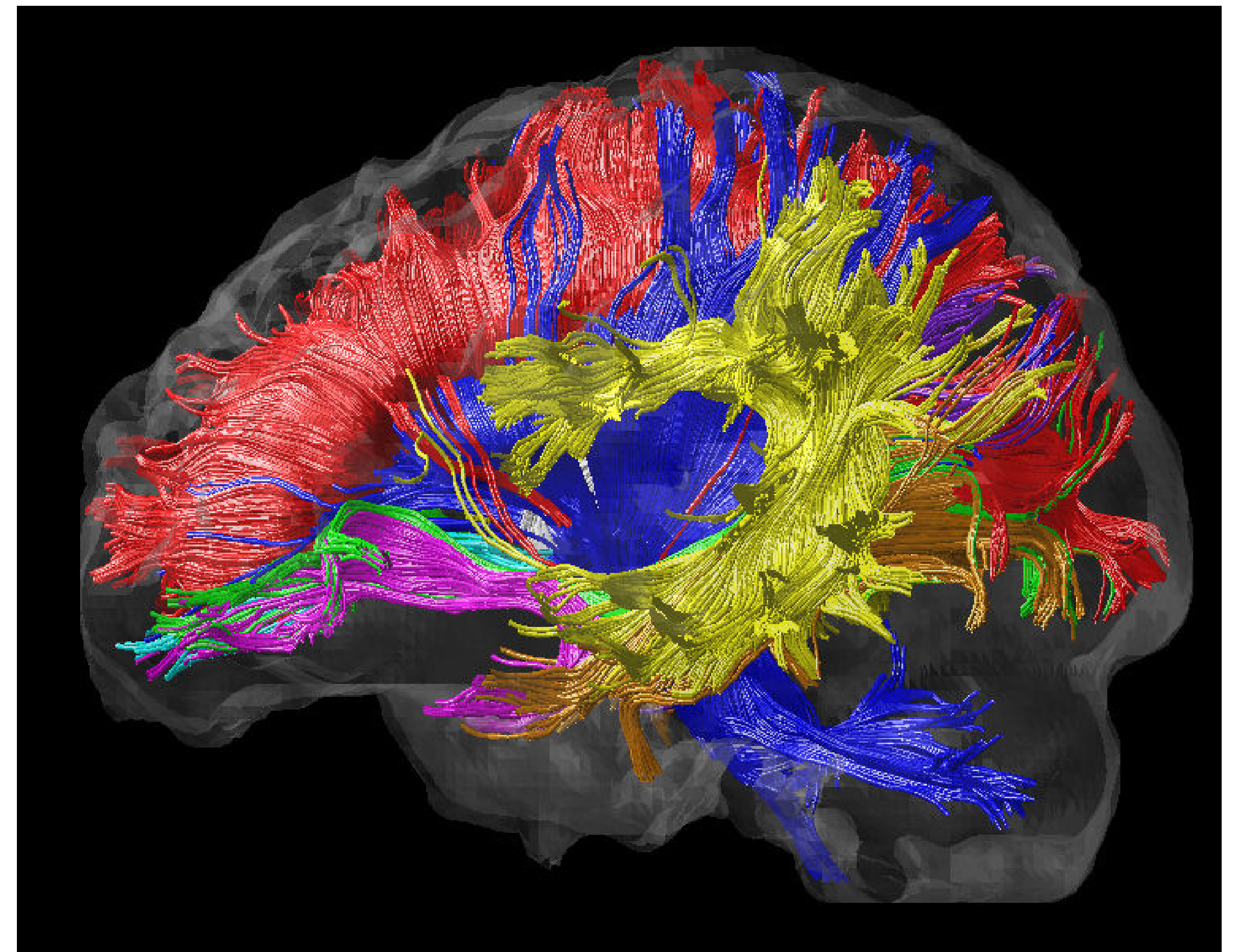




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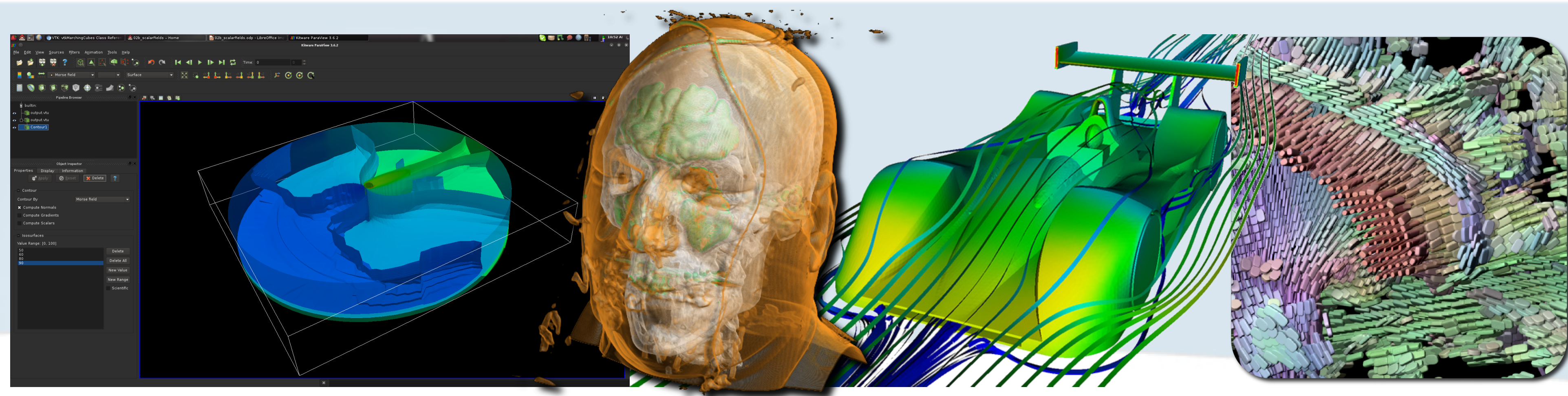


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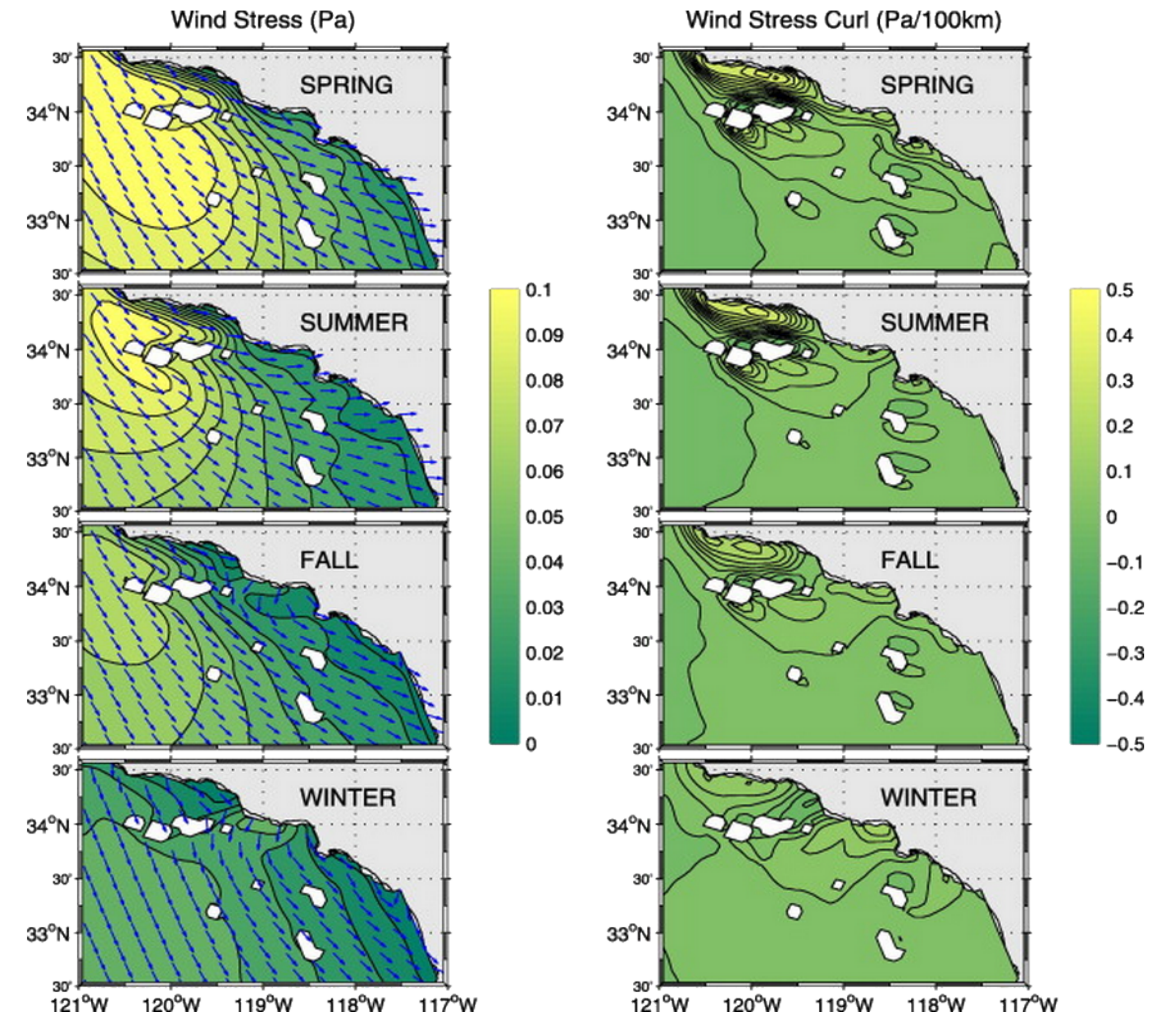




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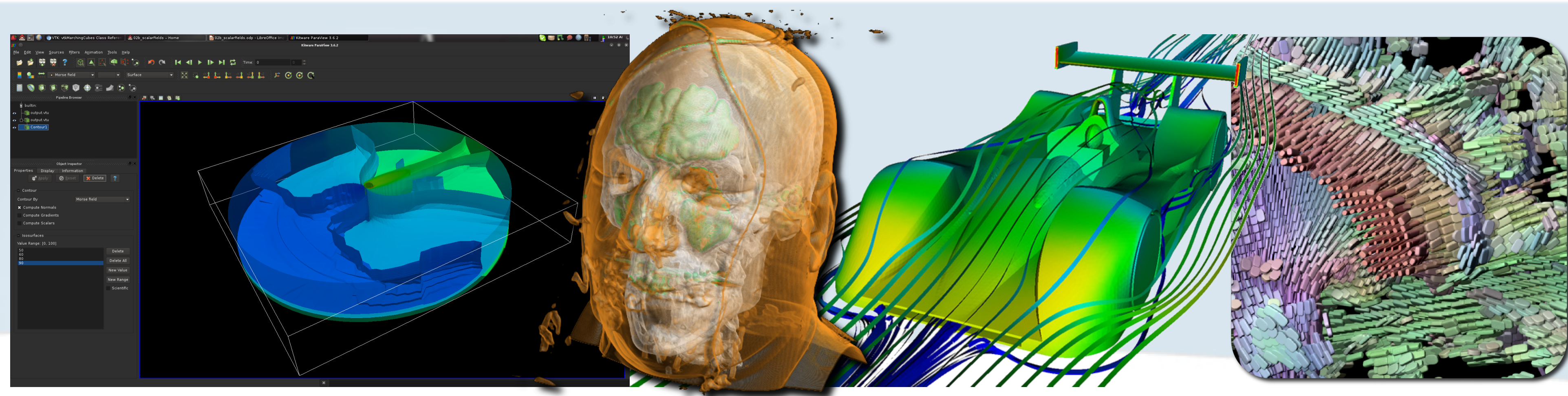


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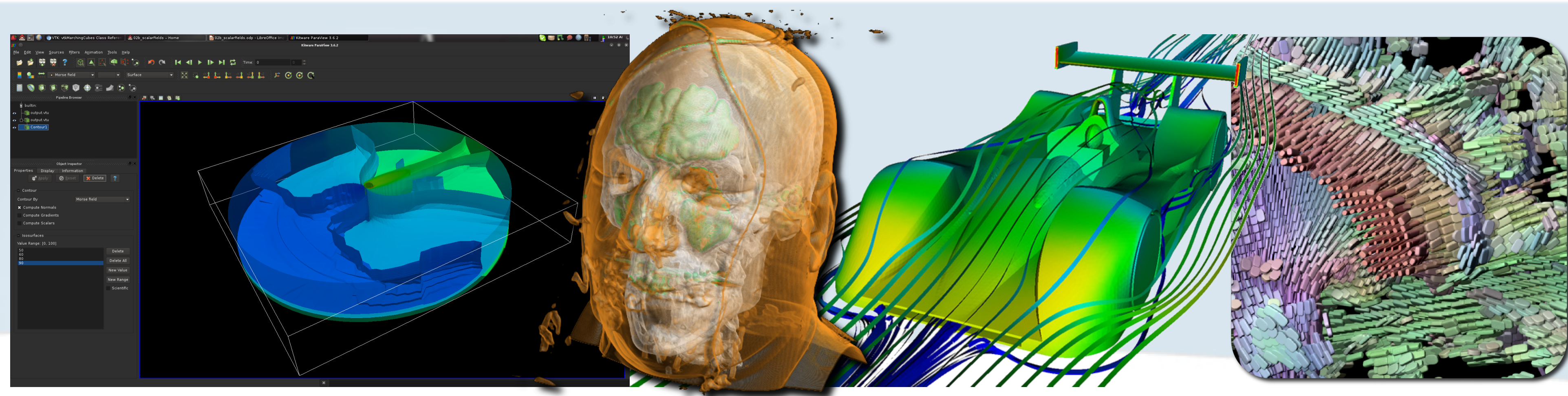
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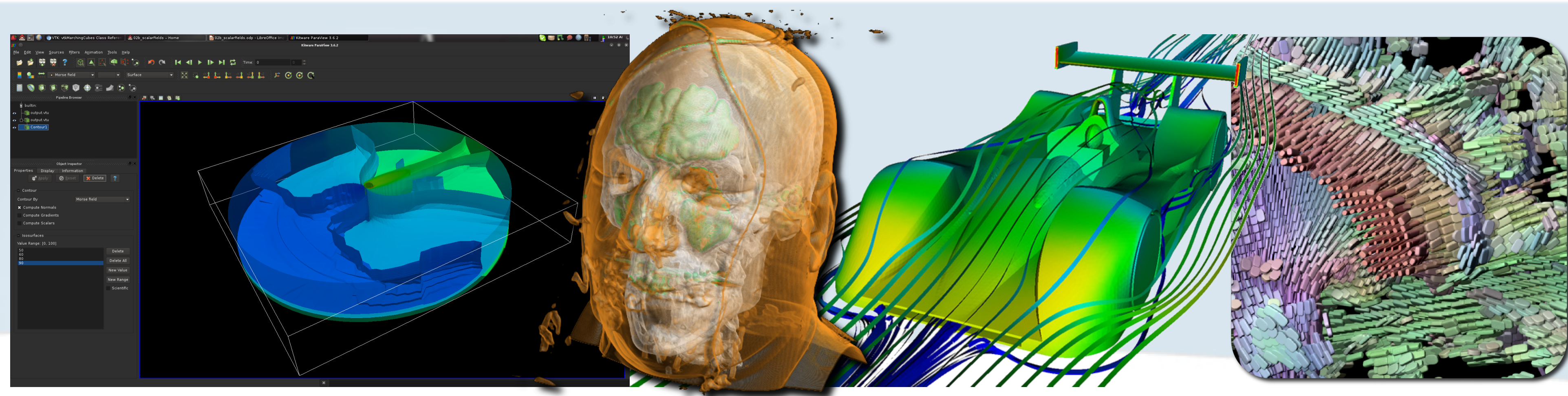
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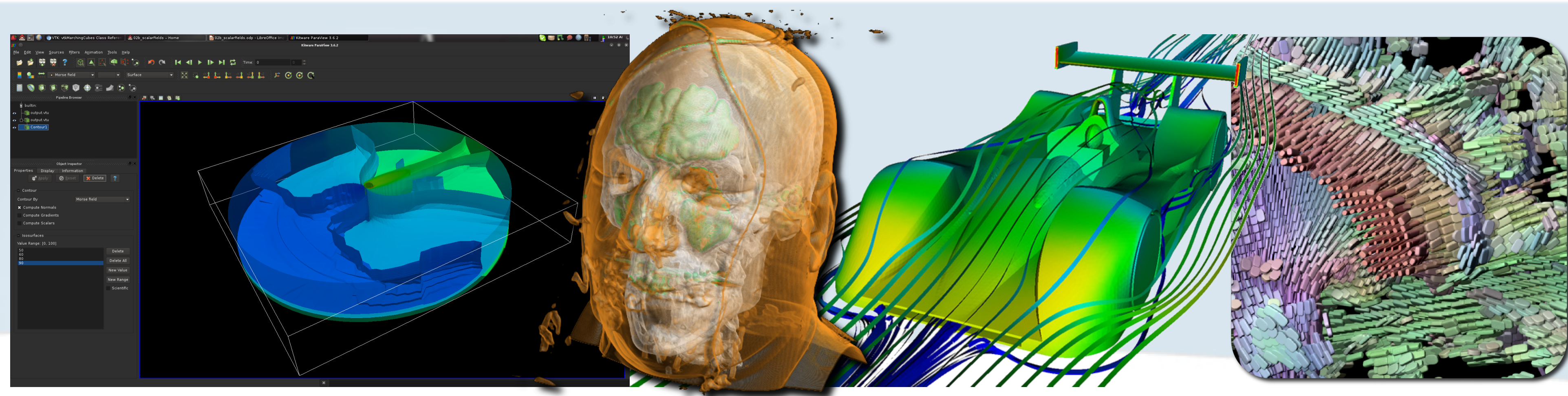
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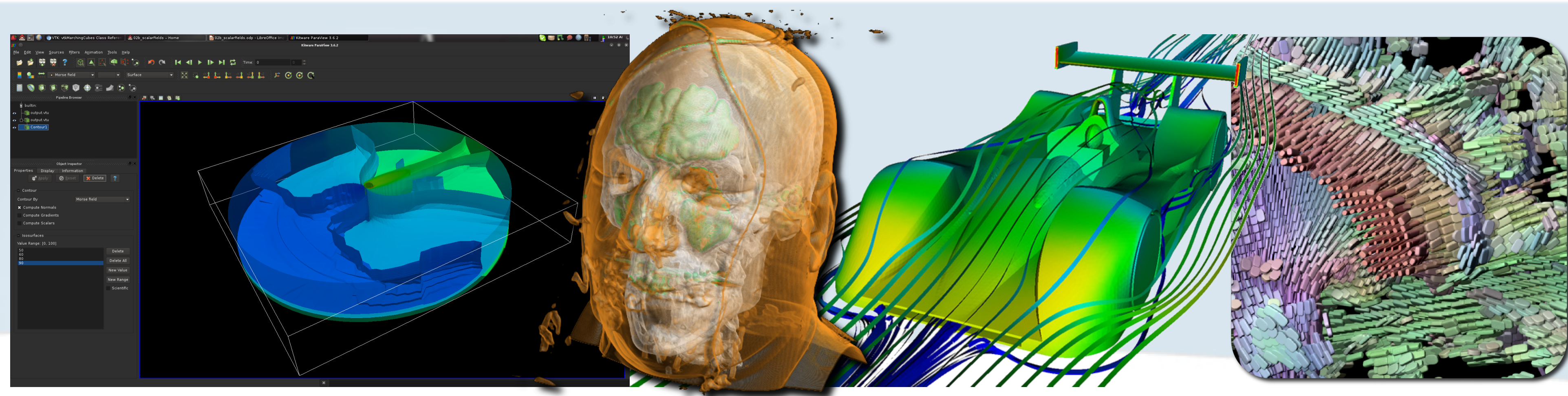
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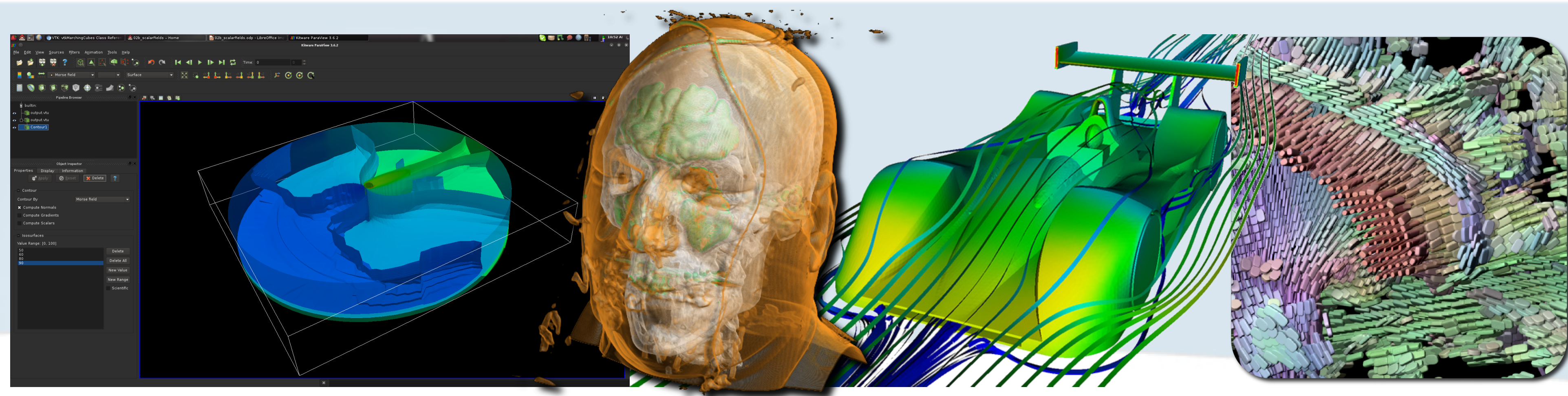
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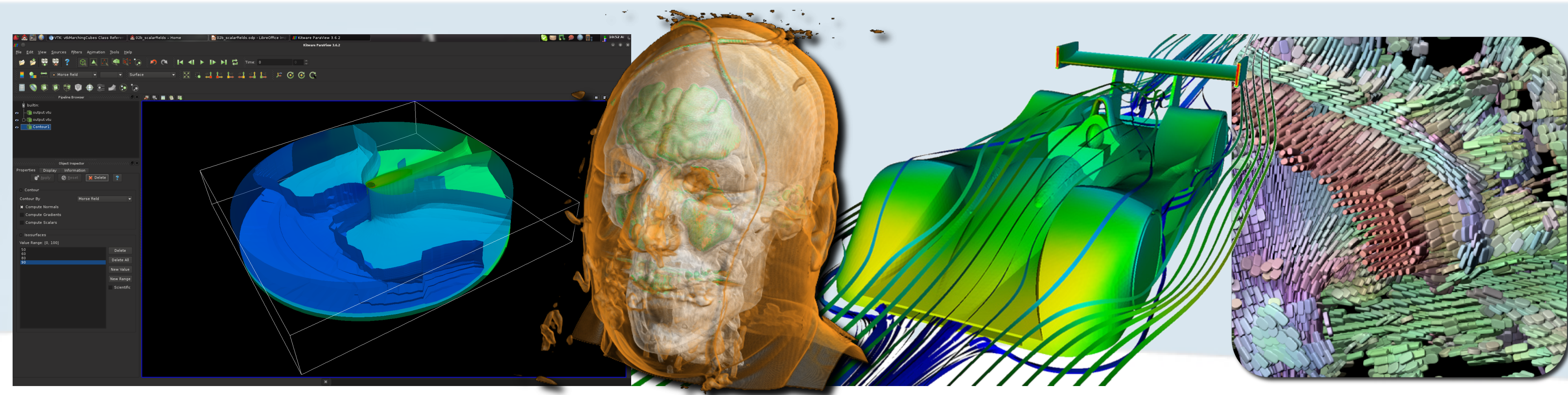
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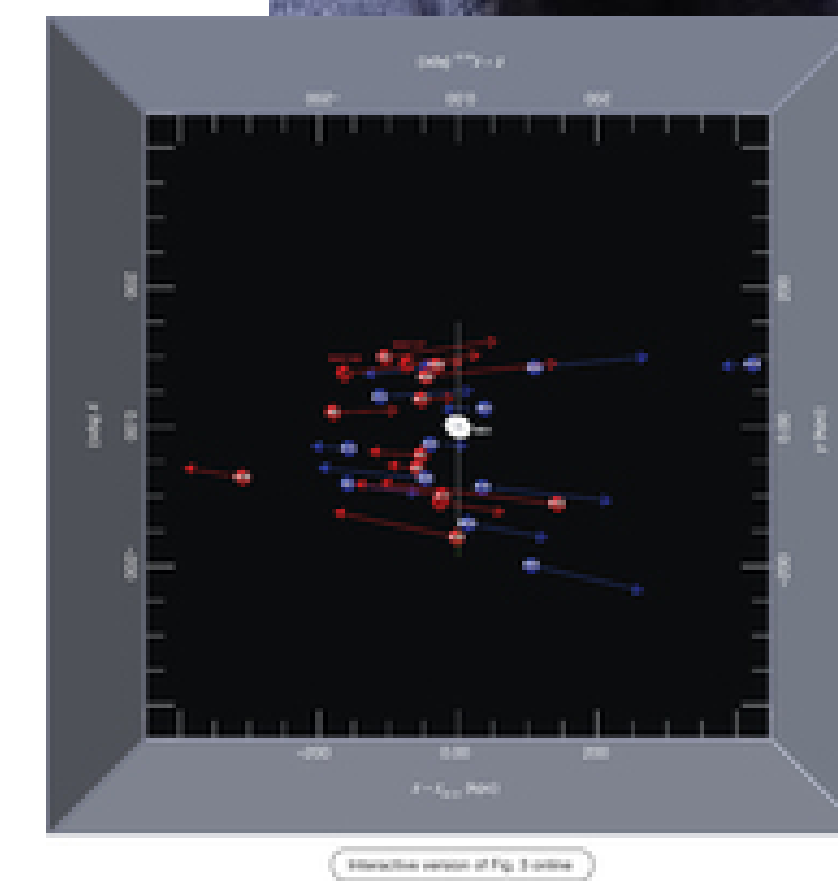
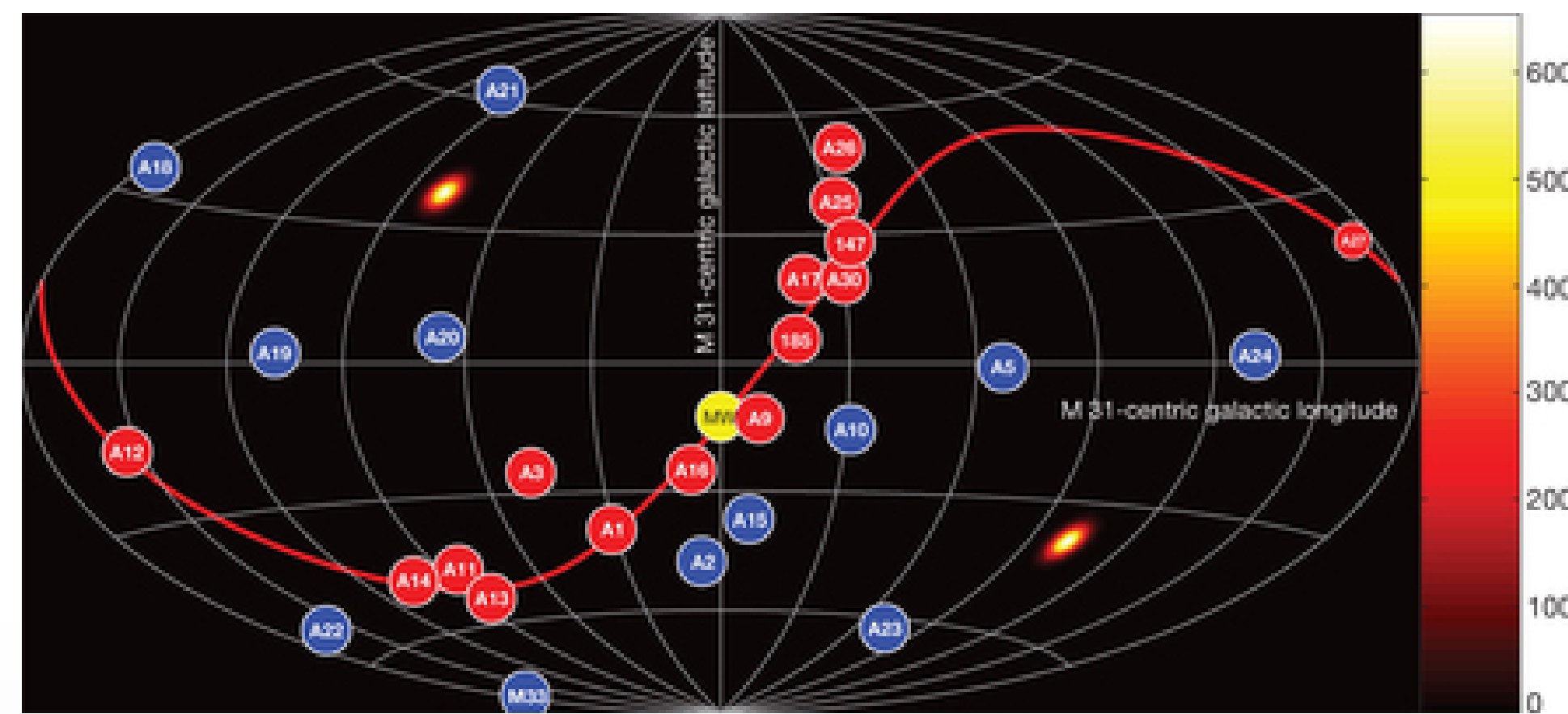
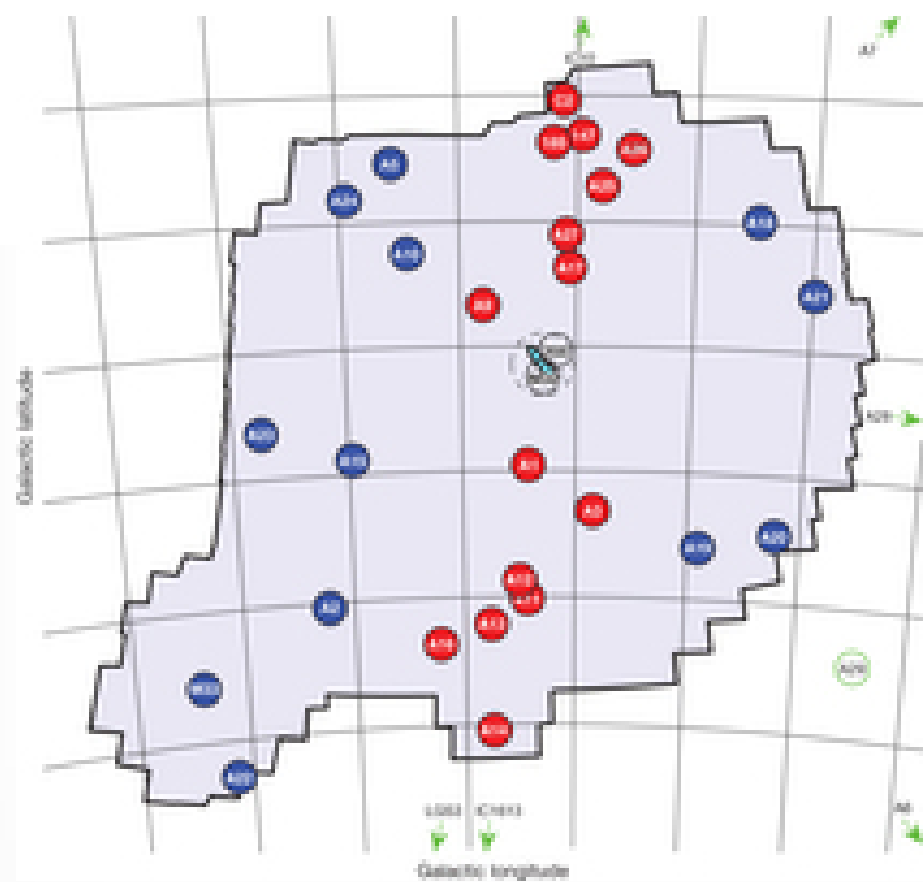
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- Communication of scientific results
  - Interactive and graphical material



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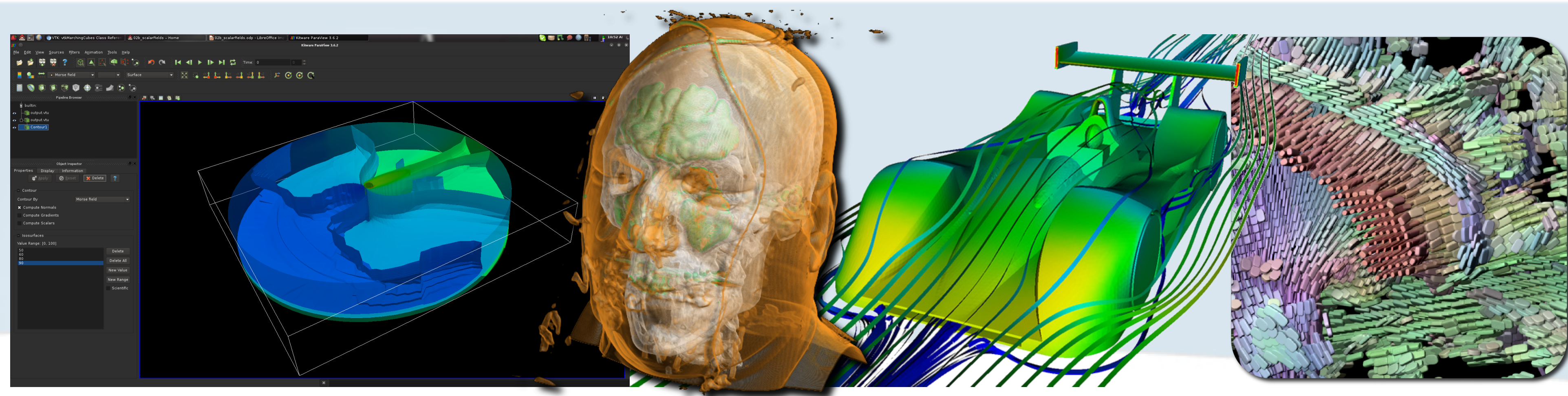


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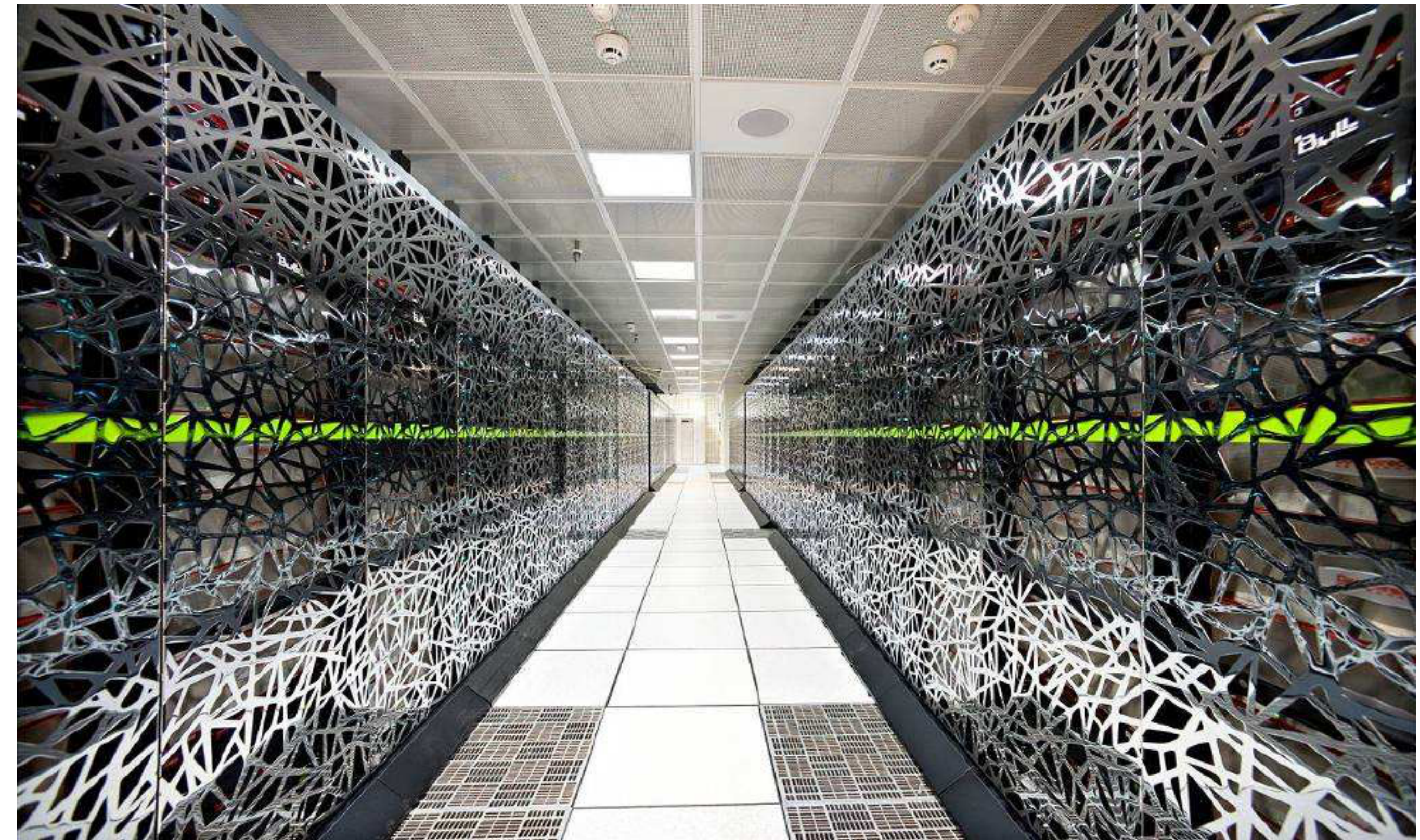




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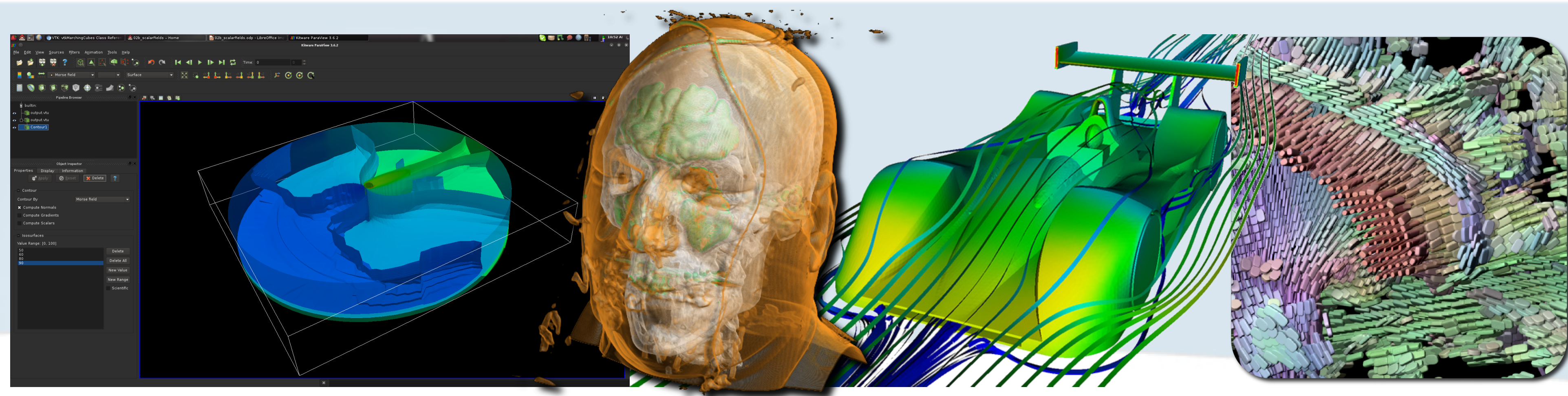


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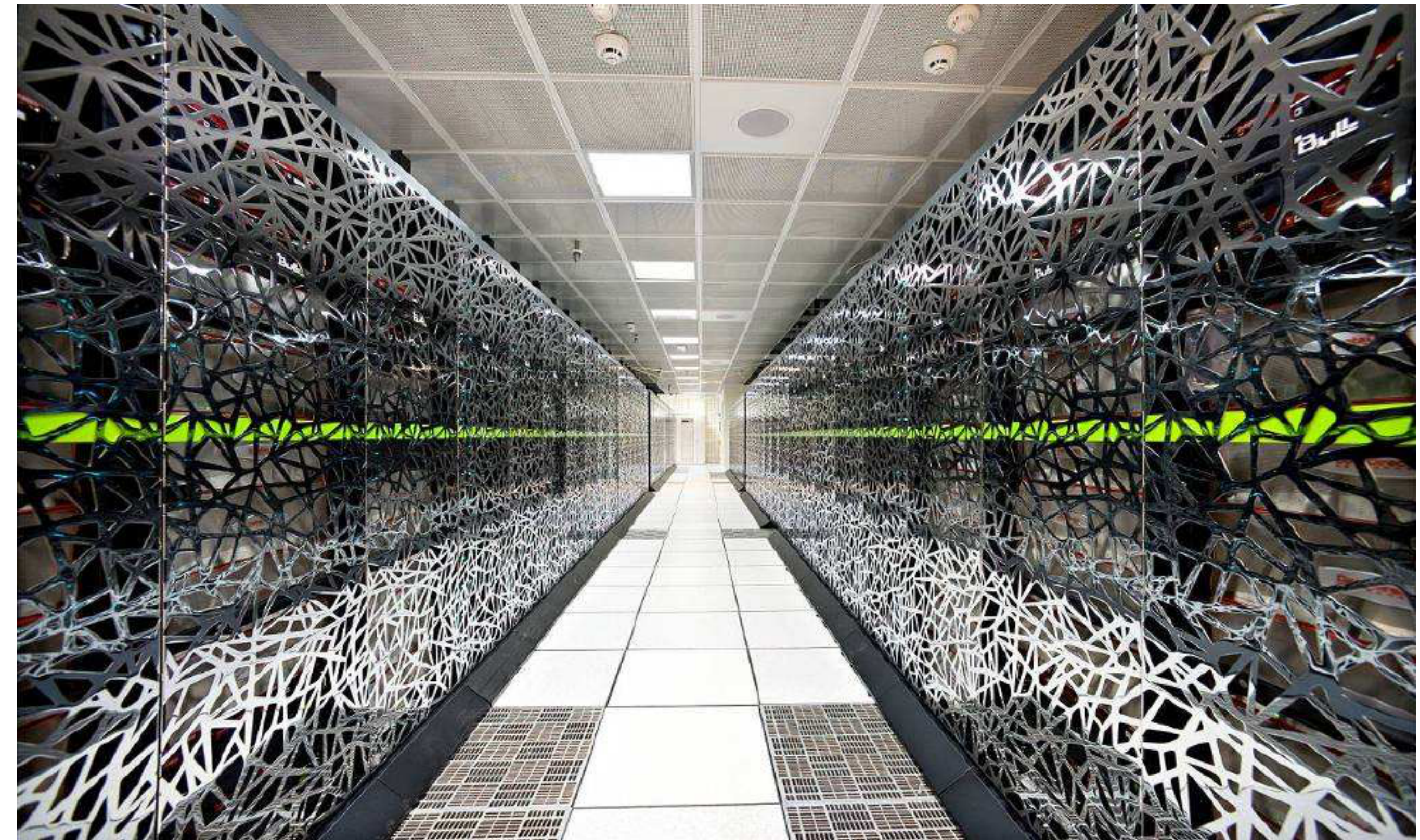




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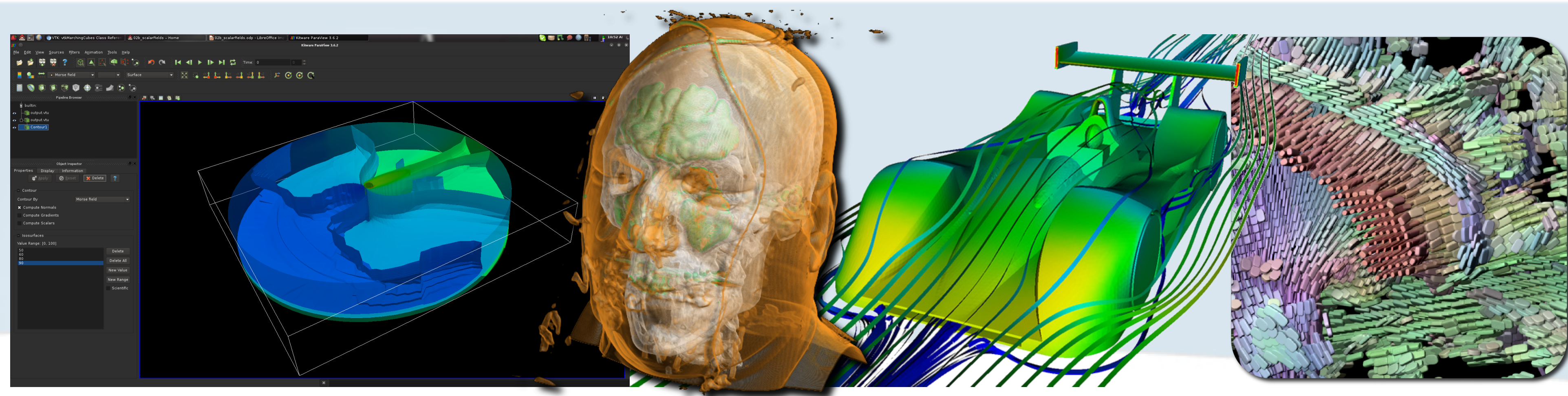


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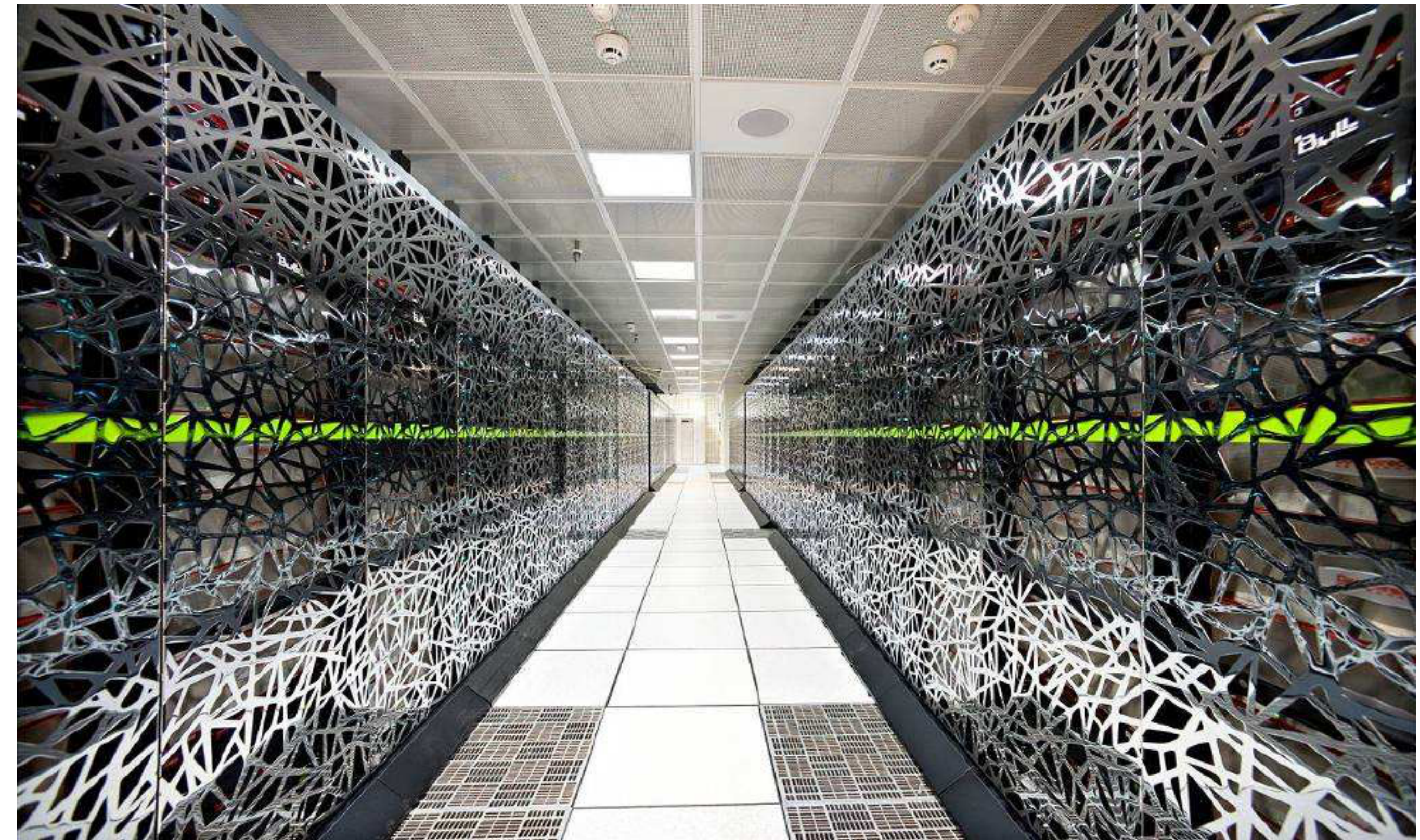




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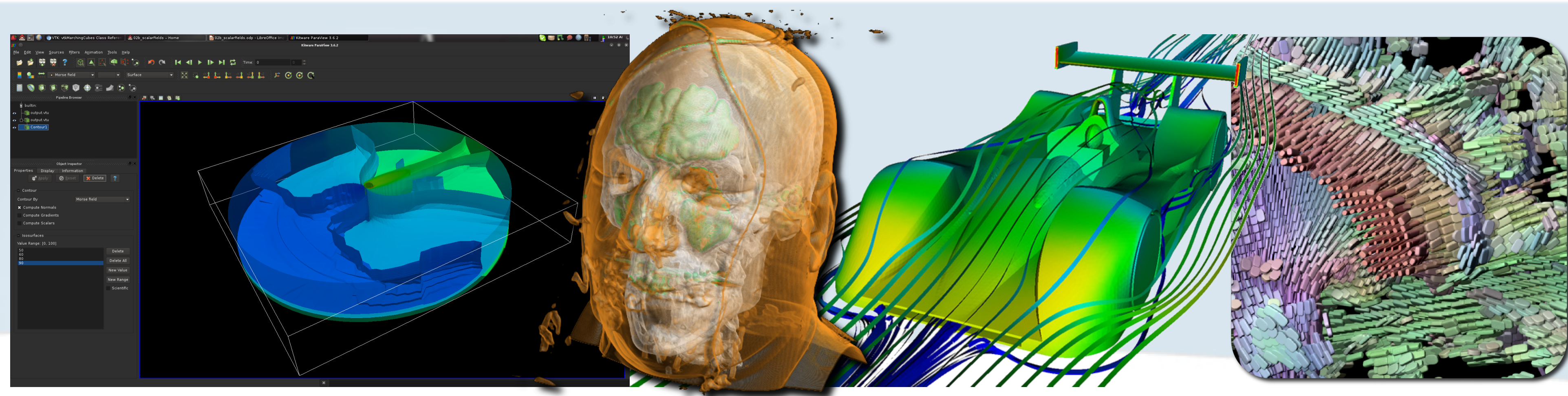


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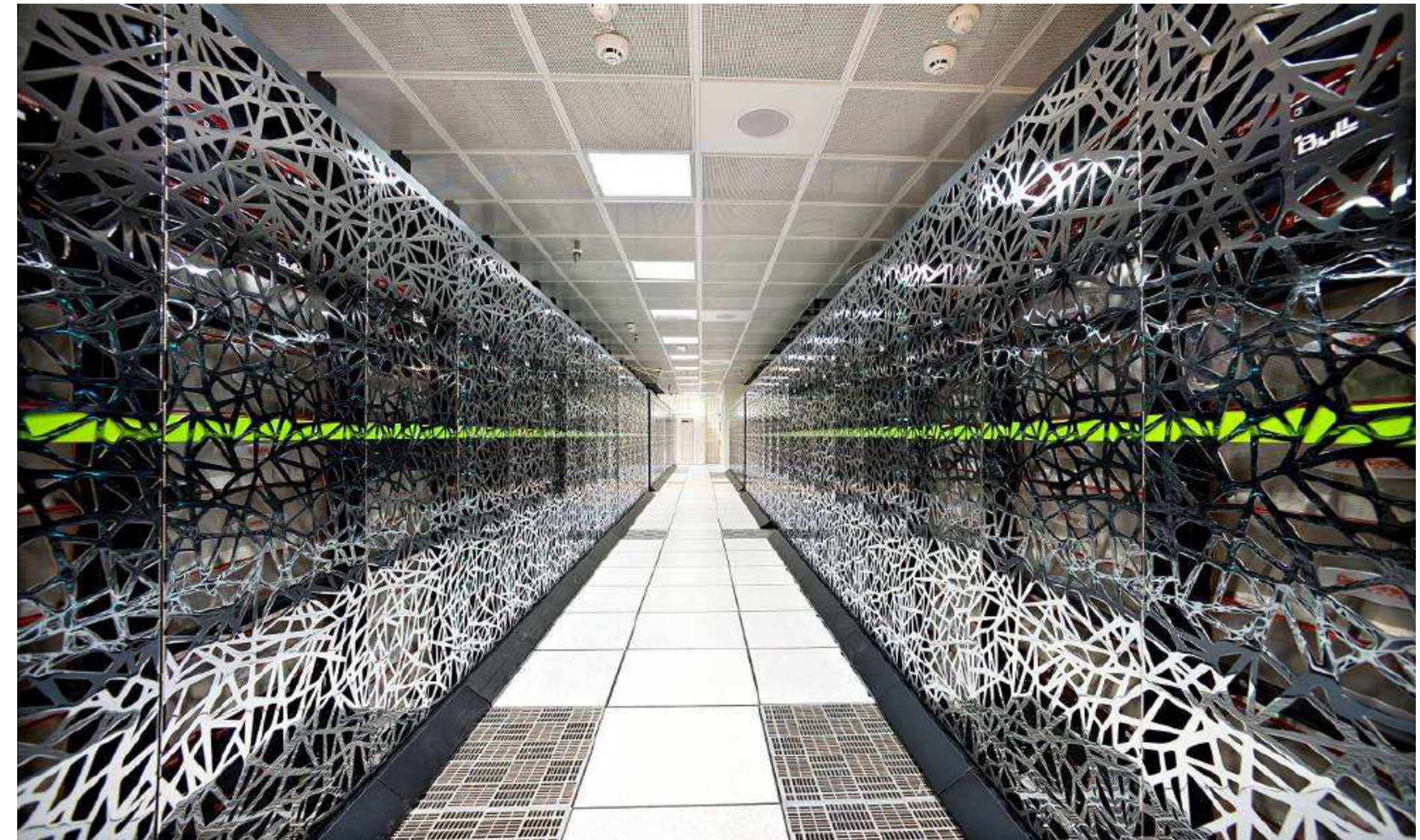
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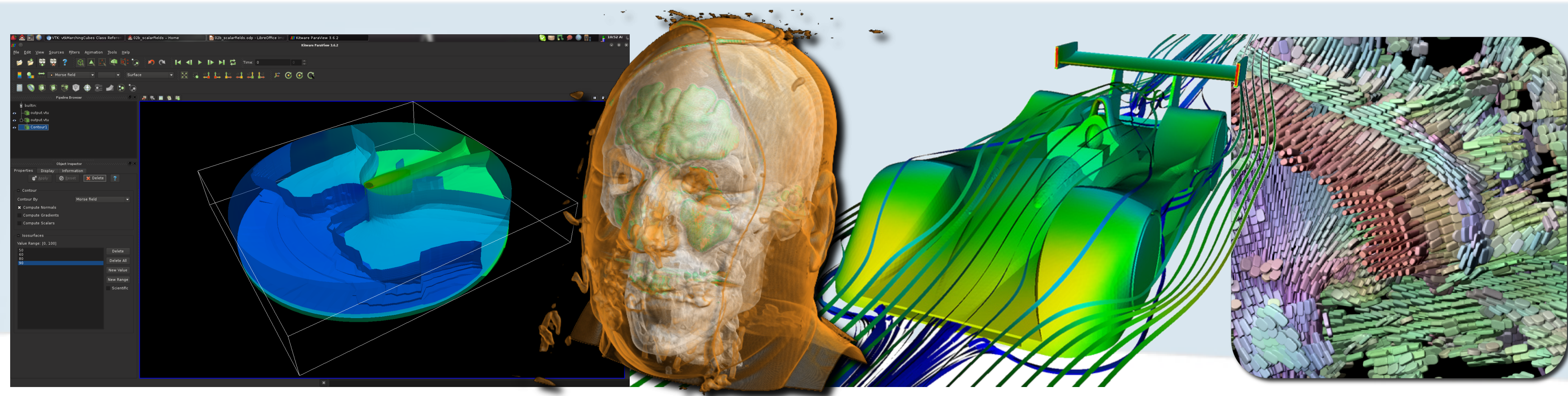
- 3D simulation, rendering and analysis software industry





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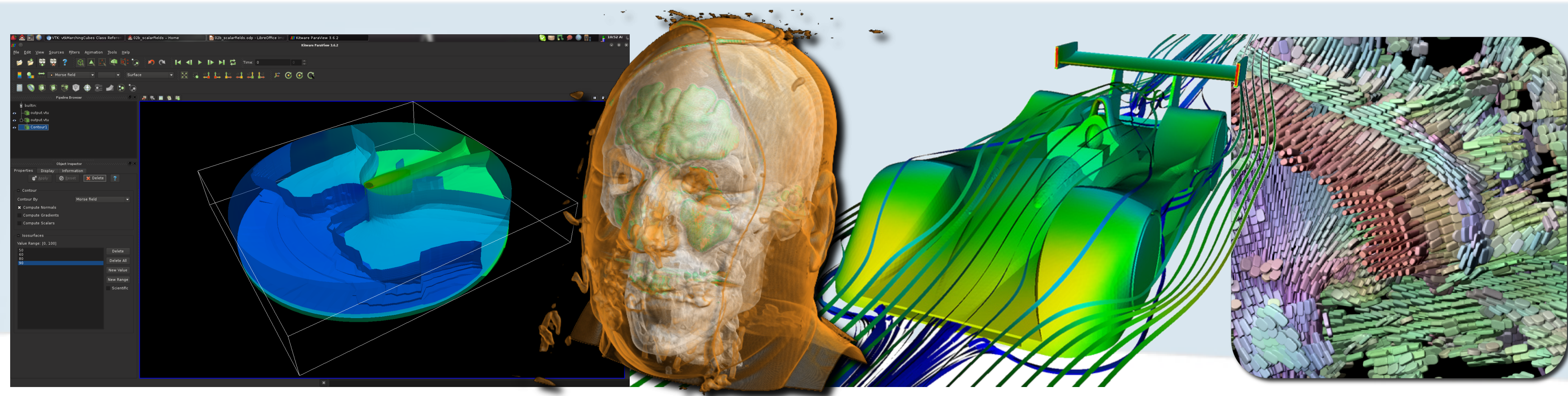
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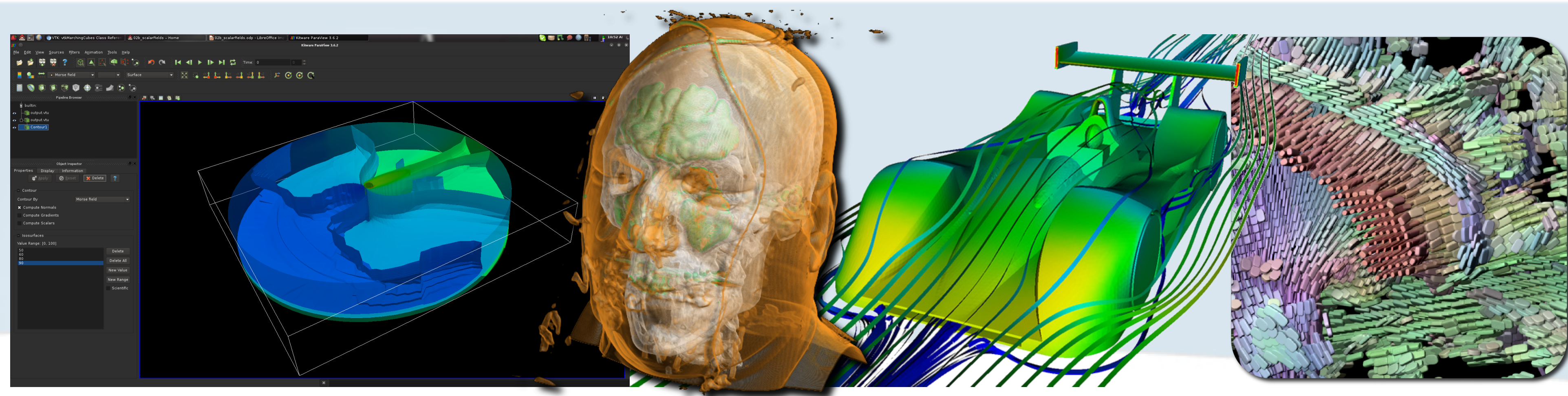
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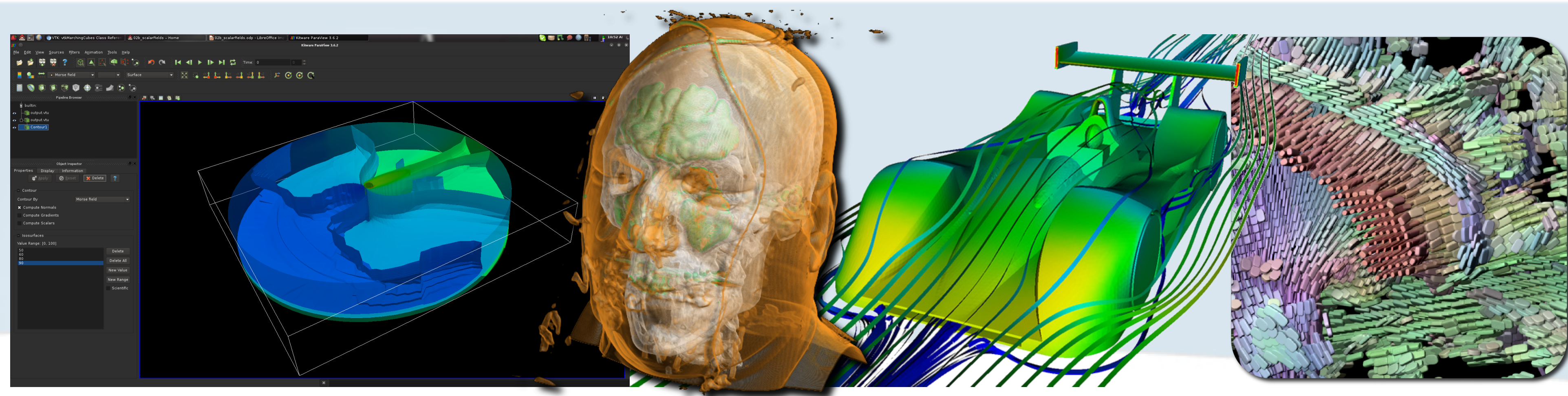
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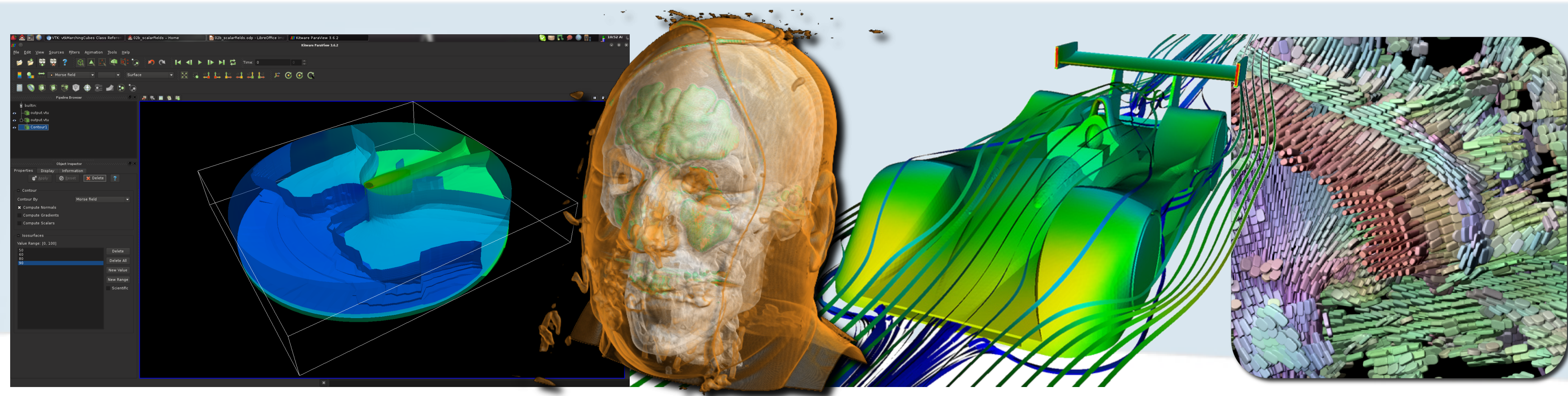


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  - **Geometrical and topological analysis**



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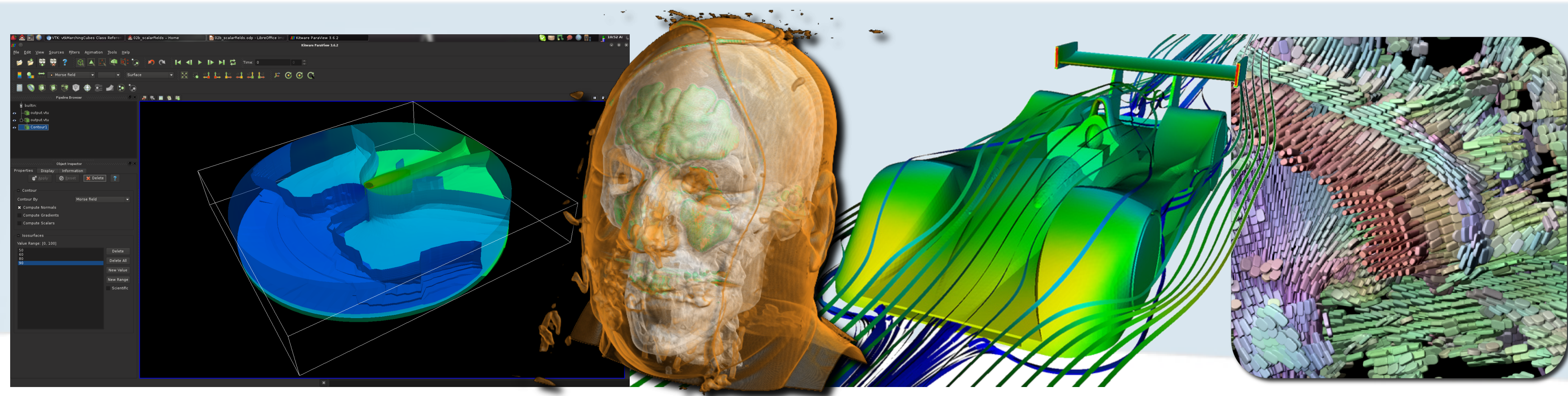
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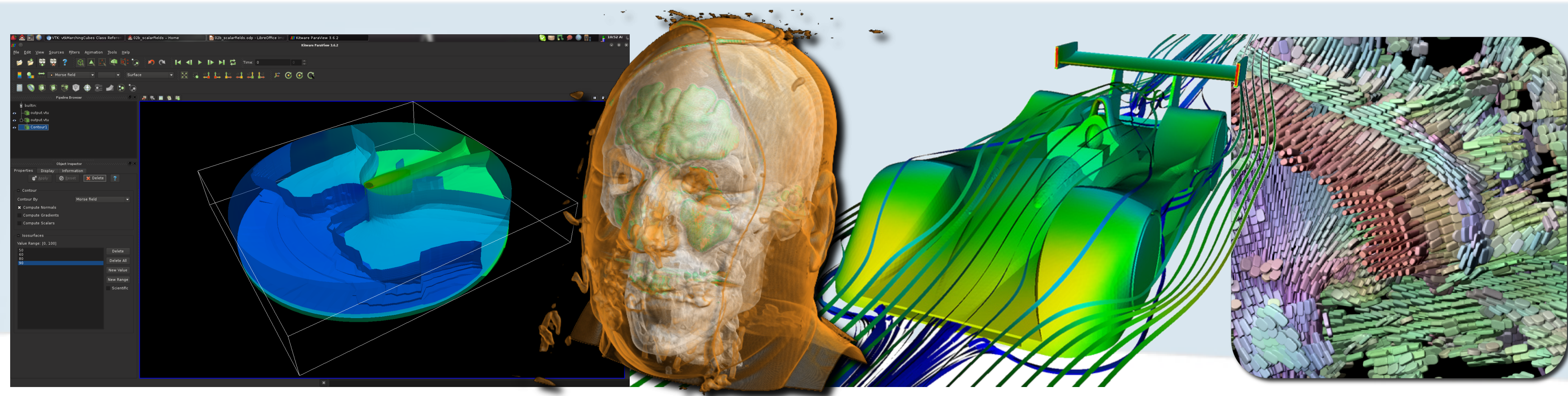
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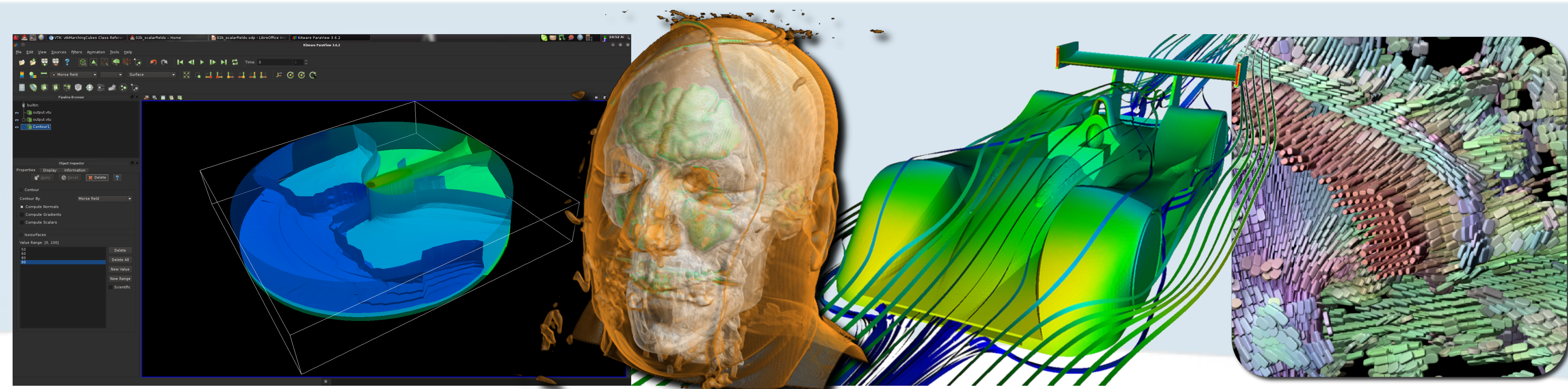
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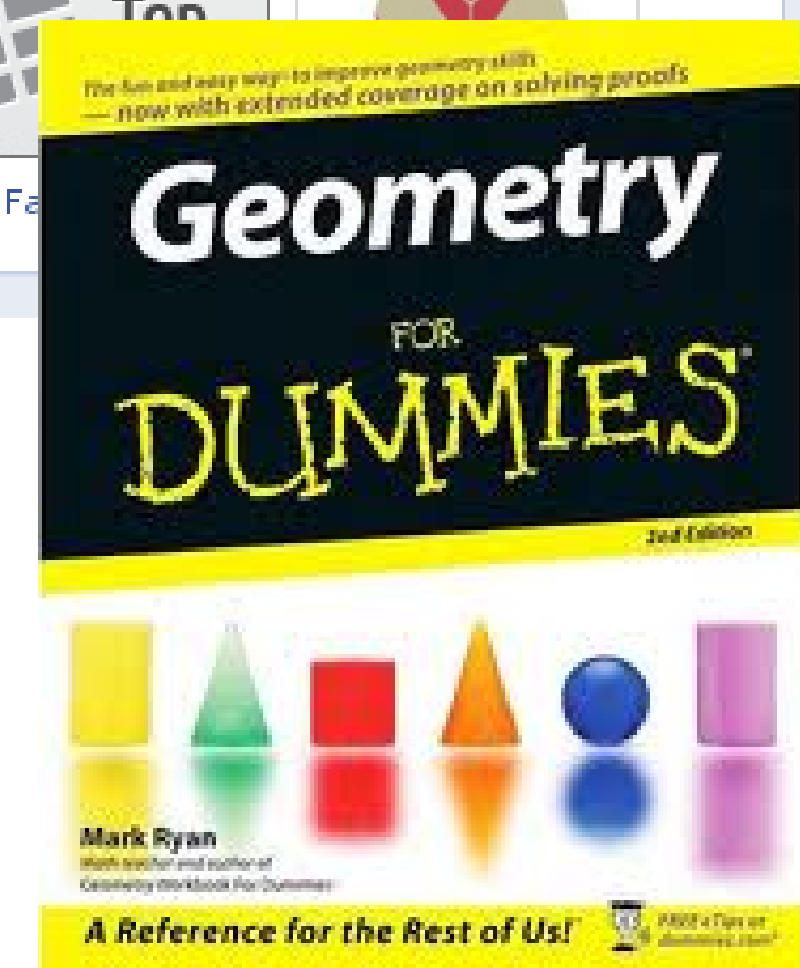
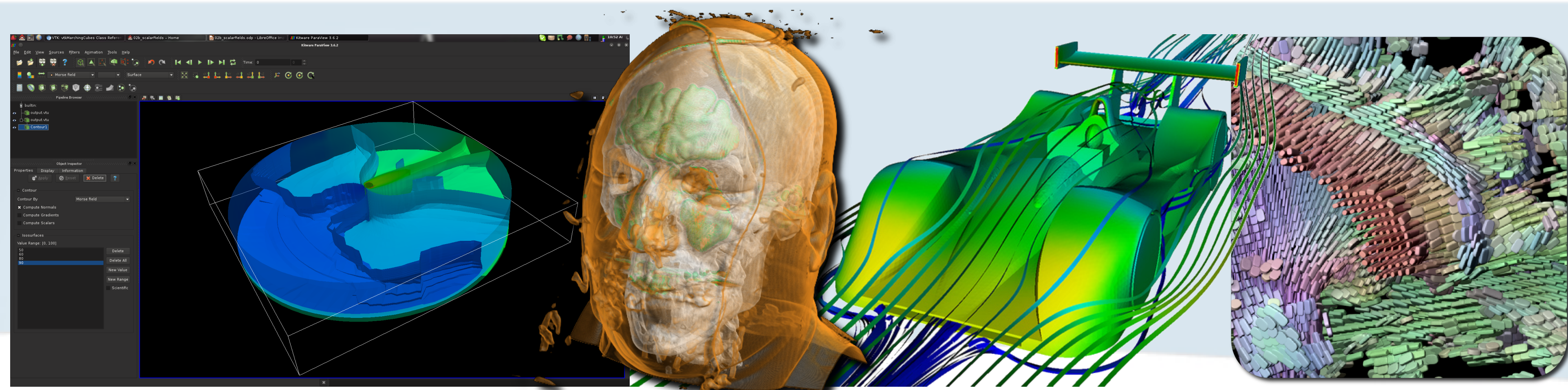
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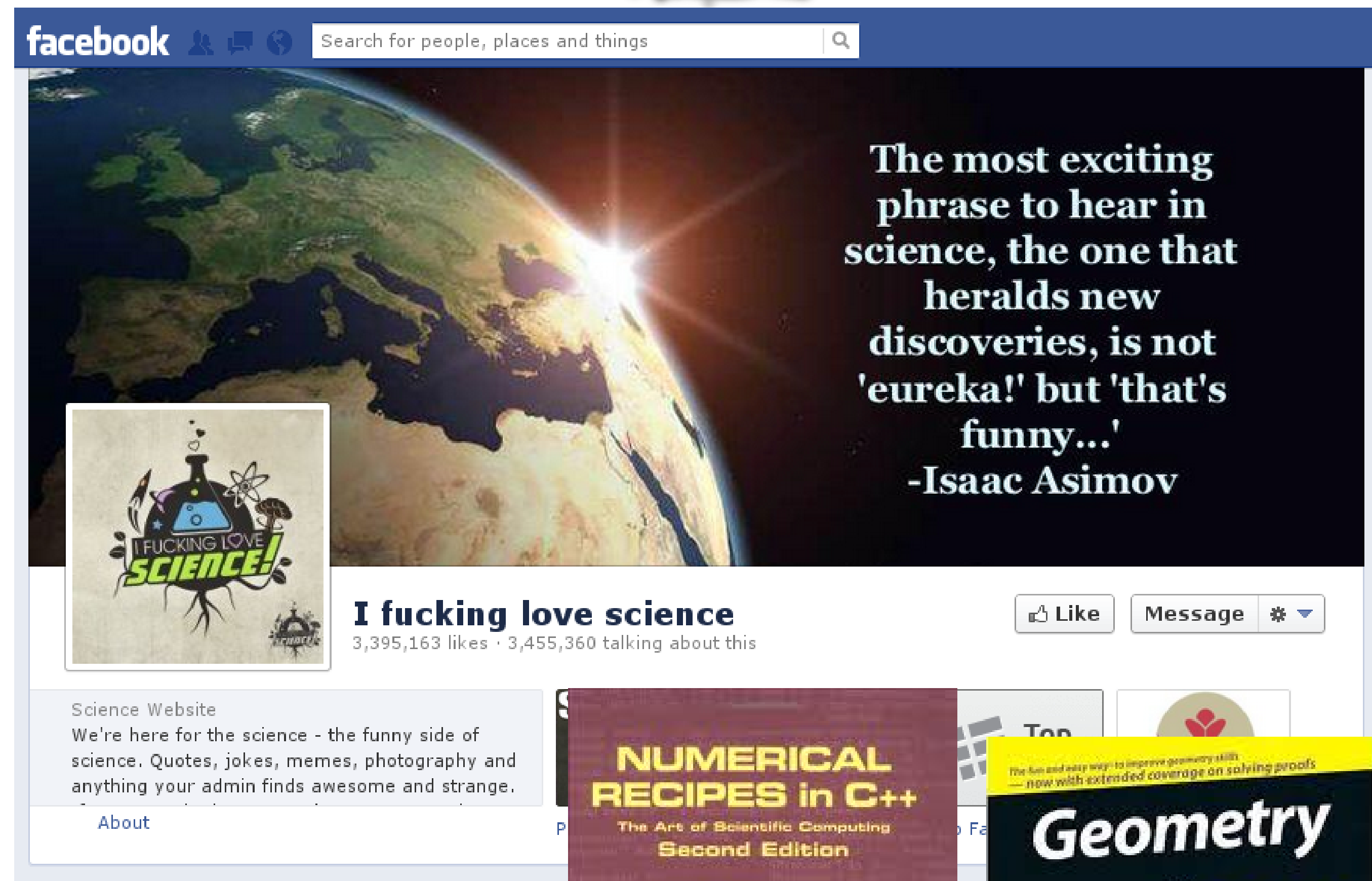
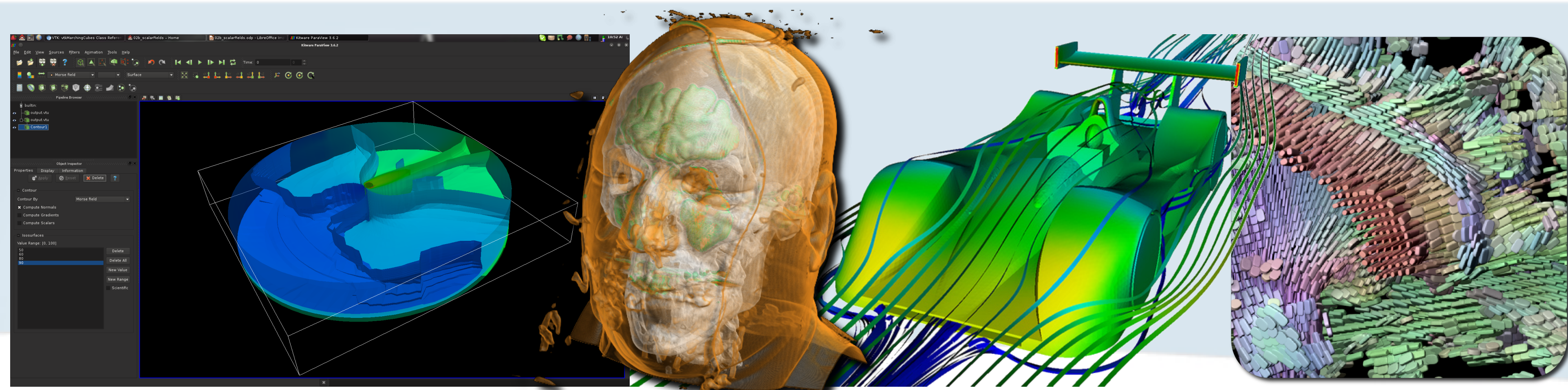
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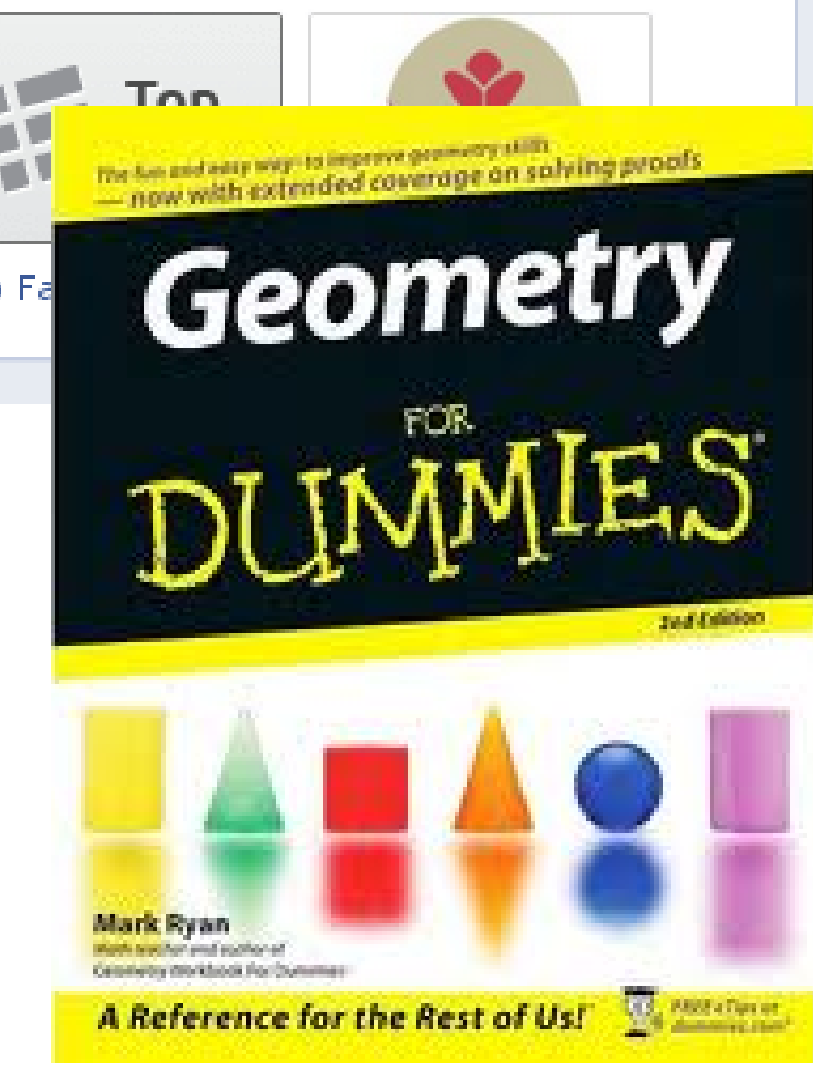
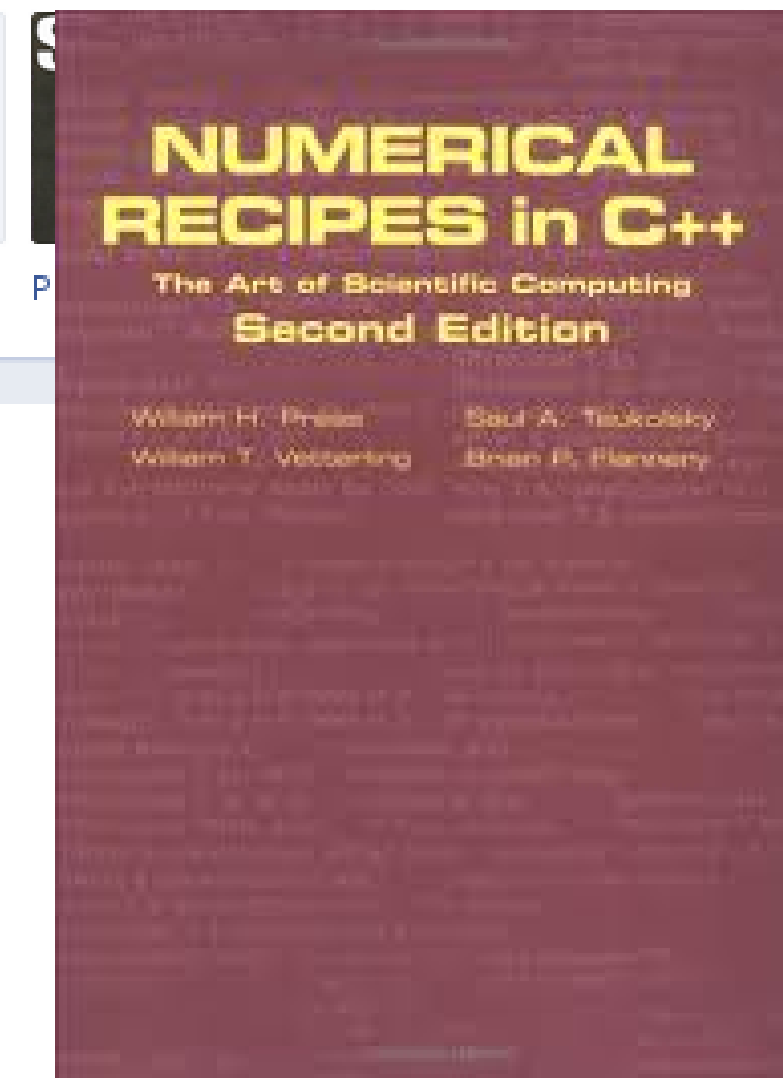
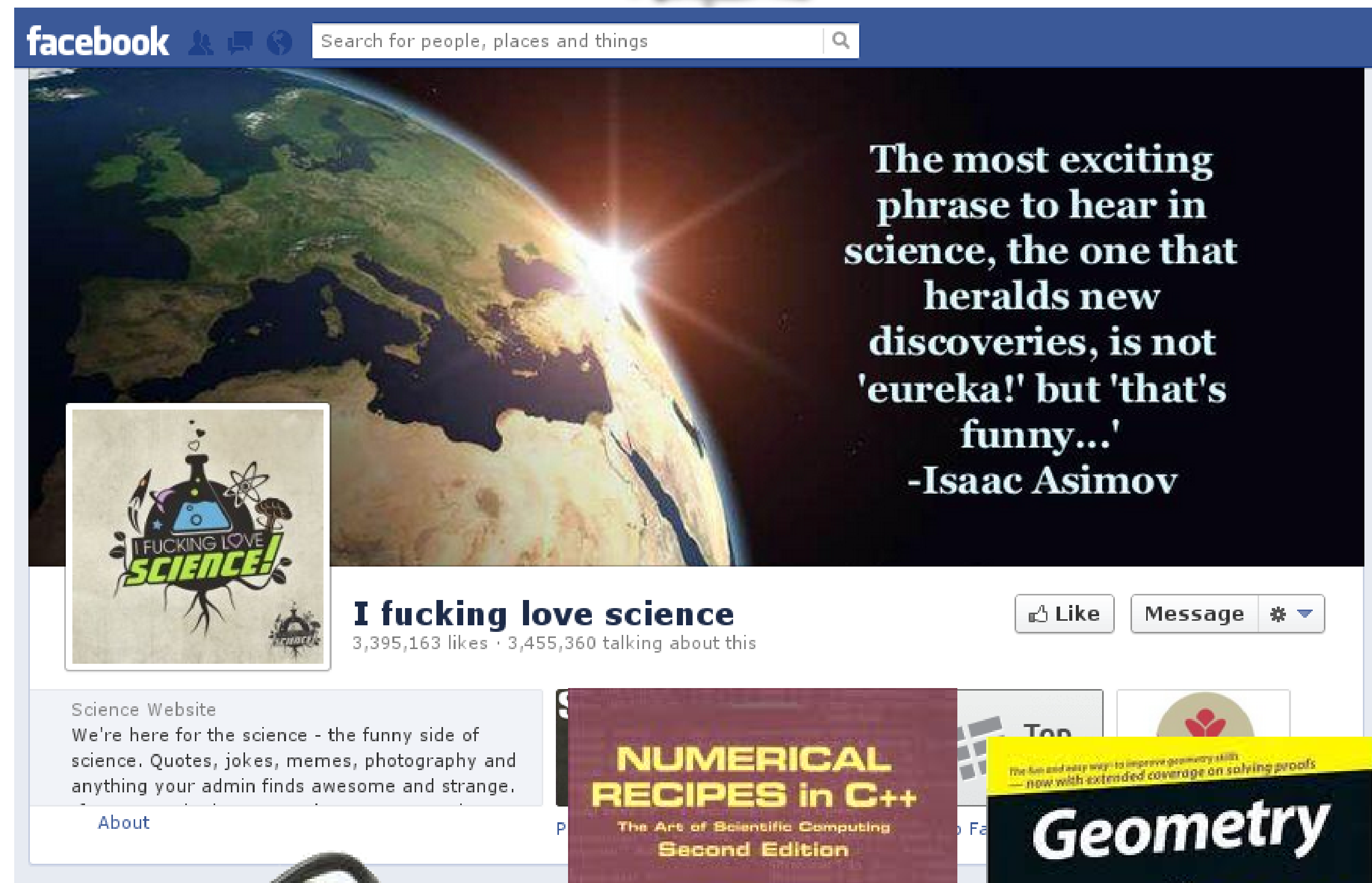
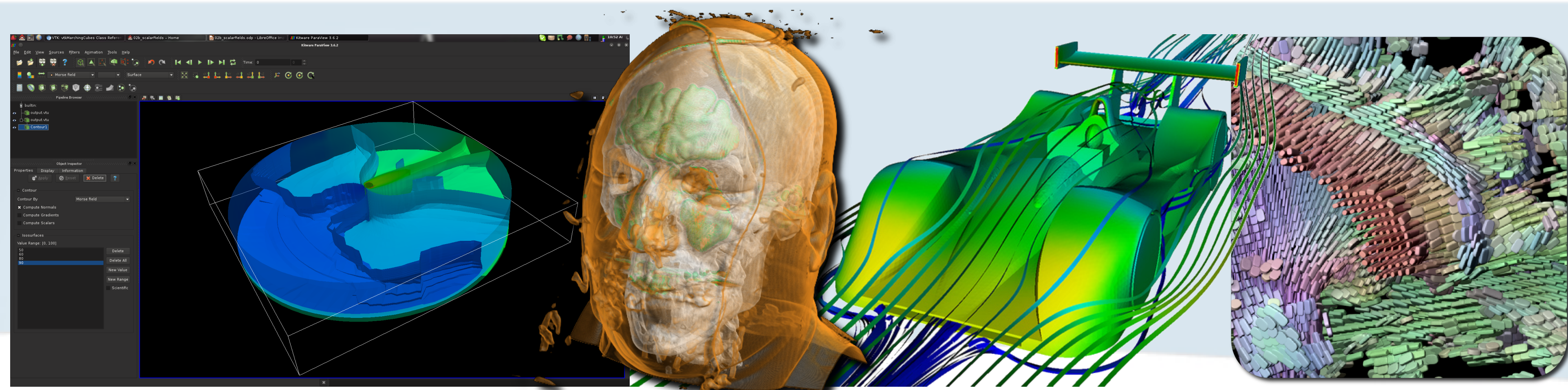
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  - Coding
  - Cool pictures





# How?



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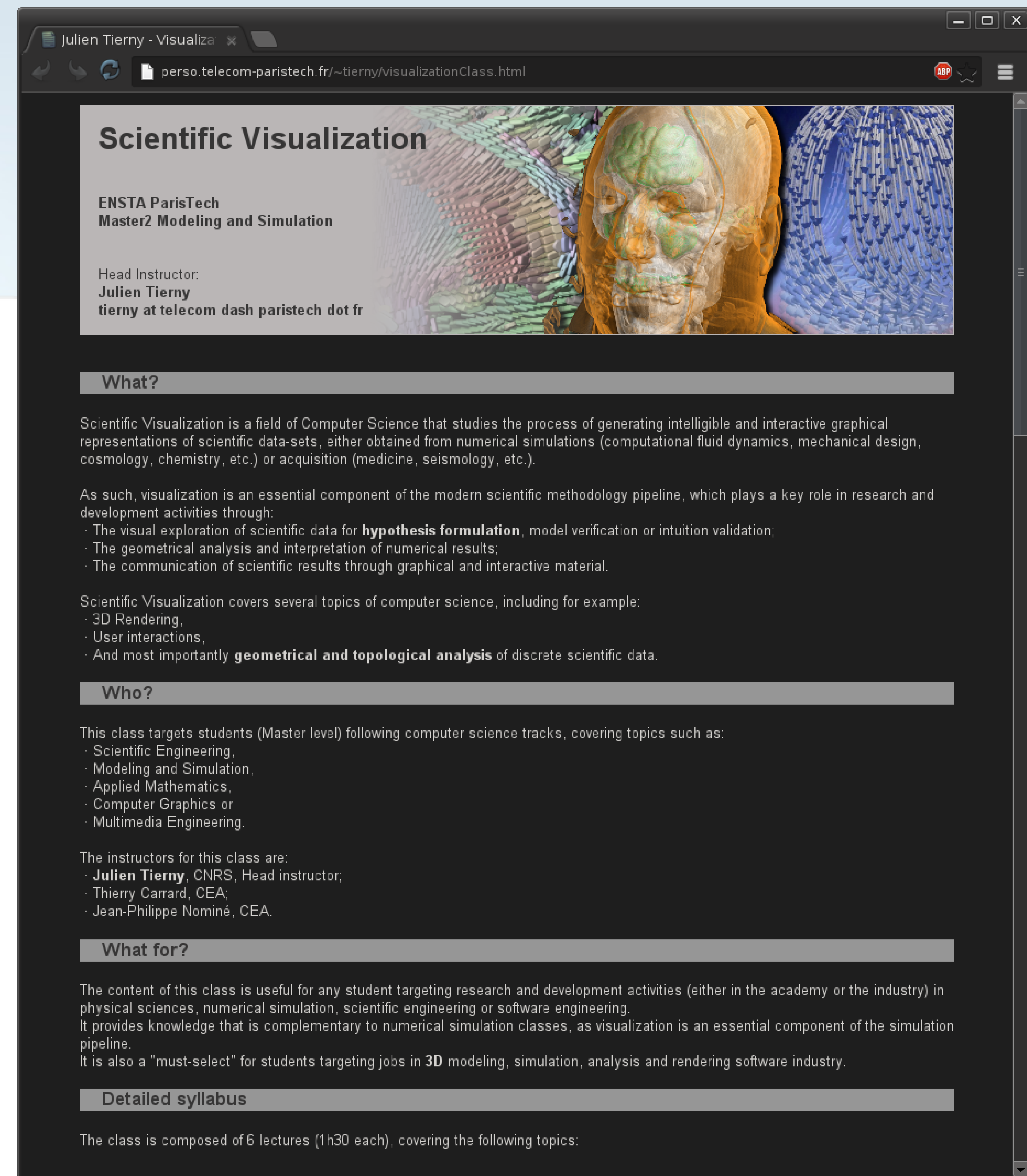


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- Advanced class

- <http://www.telecom-paristech.fr/~tierny/visualizationClass.html>



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "perso.telecom-paristech.fr/~tierny/visualizationClass.html". The page title is "Scientific Visualization". Below the title, it says "ENSTA ParisTech Master2 Modeling and Simulation". The head instructor is listed as "Julien Tierny" with the email "tierny at telecom dash paristech dot fr". The page is divided into sections: "What?", "Who?", and "What for?". The "What?" section defines scientific visualization as a field of computer science that studies the process of generating intelligible and interactive graphical representations of scientific data-sets. It lists three main activities: hypothesis formulation, model verification, and intuition validation. The "Who?" section states that the class targets Master level students in computer science tracks, including Scientific Engineering, Modeling and Simulation, Applied Mathematics, Computer Graphics, and Multimedia Engineering. The "What for?" section explains that the class is useful for students targeting research and development activities in physical sciences, numerical simulation, scientific engineering, or software engineering. It also mentions that the class is a "must-select" for students targeting jobs in 3D modeling, simulation, analysis, and rendering software industry. The "Detailed syllabus" section indicates that the class is composed of 6 lectures (1h30 each), covering the following topics:

**Scientific Visualization**

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Master2 Modeling and Simulation

Head Instructor:  
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**What?**

Scientific Visualization is a field of Computer Science that studies the process of generating intelligible and interactive graphical representations of scientific data-sets, either obtained from numerical simulations (computational fluid dynamics, mechanical design, cosmology, chemistry, etc.) or acquisition (medicine, seismology, etc.).

As such, visualization is an essential component of the modern scientific methodology pipeline, which plays a key role in research and development activities through:

- The visual exploration of scientific data for **hypothesis formulation**, model verification or intuition validation;
- The geometrical analysis and interpretation of numerical results;
- The communication of scientific results through graphical and interactive material.

Scientific Visualization covers several topics of computer science, including for example:

- 3D Rendering,
- User interactions,
- And most importantly **geometrical and topological analysis** of discrete scientific data.

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This class targets students (Master level) following computer science tracks, covering topics such as:

- Scientific Engineering,
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The instructors for this class are:

- **Julien Tierny**, CNRS, Head instructor;
- Thierry Carrard, CEA;
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**What for?**

The content of this class is useful for any student targeting research and development activities (either in the academy or the industry) in physical sciences, numerical simulation, scientific engineering or software engineering. It provides knowledge that is complementary to numerical simulation classes, as visualization is an essential component of the simulation pipeline. It is also a "must-select" for students targeting jobs in 3D modeling, simulation, analysis and rendering software industry.

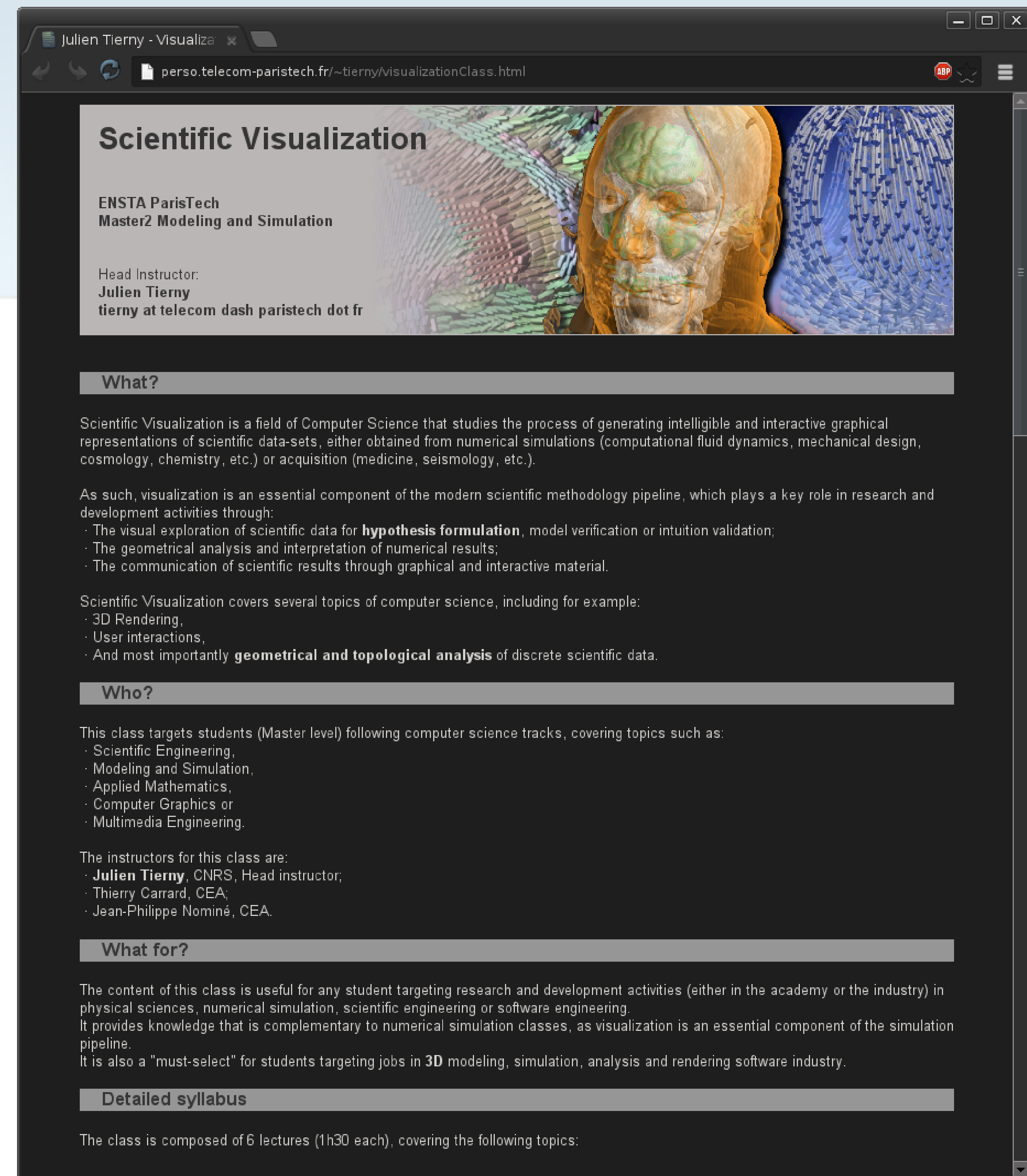
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As such, visualization is an essential component of the modern scientific methodology pipeline, which plays a key role in research and development activities through:

- The visual exploration of scientific data for **hypothesis formulation**, model verification or intuition validation;
- The geometrical analysis and interpretation of numerical results;
- The communication of scientific results through graphical and interactive material.

Scientific Visualization covers several topics of computer science, including for example:

- 3D Rendering,
- User interactions,
- And most importantly **geometrical and topological analysis** of discrete scientific data.

### Who?

This class targets students (Master level) following computer science tracks, covering topics such as:

- Scientific Engineering,
- Modeling and Simulation,
- Applied Mathematics,
- Computer Graphics or
- Multimedia Engineering.

The instructors for this class are:

- **Julien Tierny**, CNRS, Head instructor;
- Thierry Carrard, CEA;
- Jean-Philippe Nominé, CEA.

### What for?

The content of this class is useful for any student targeting research and development activities (either in the academy or the industry) in physical sciences, numerical simulation, scientific engineering or software engineering. It provides knowledge that is complementary to numerical simulation classes, as visualization is an essential component of the simulation pipeline. It is also a "must-select" for students targeting jobs in 3D modeling, simulation, analysis and rendering software industry.

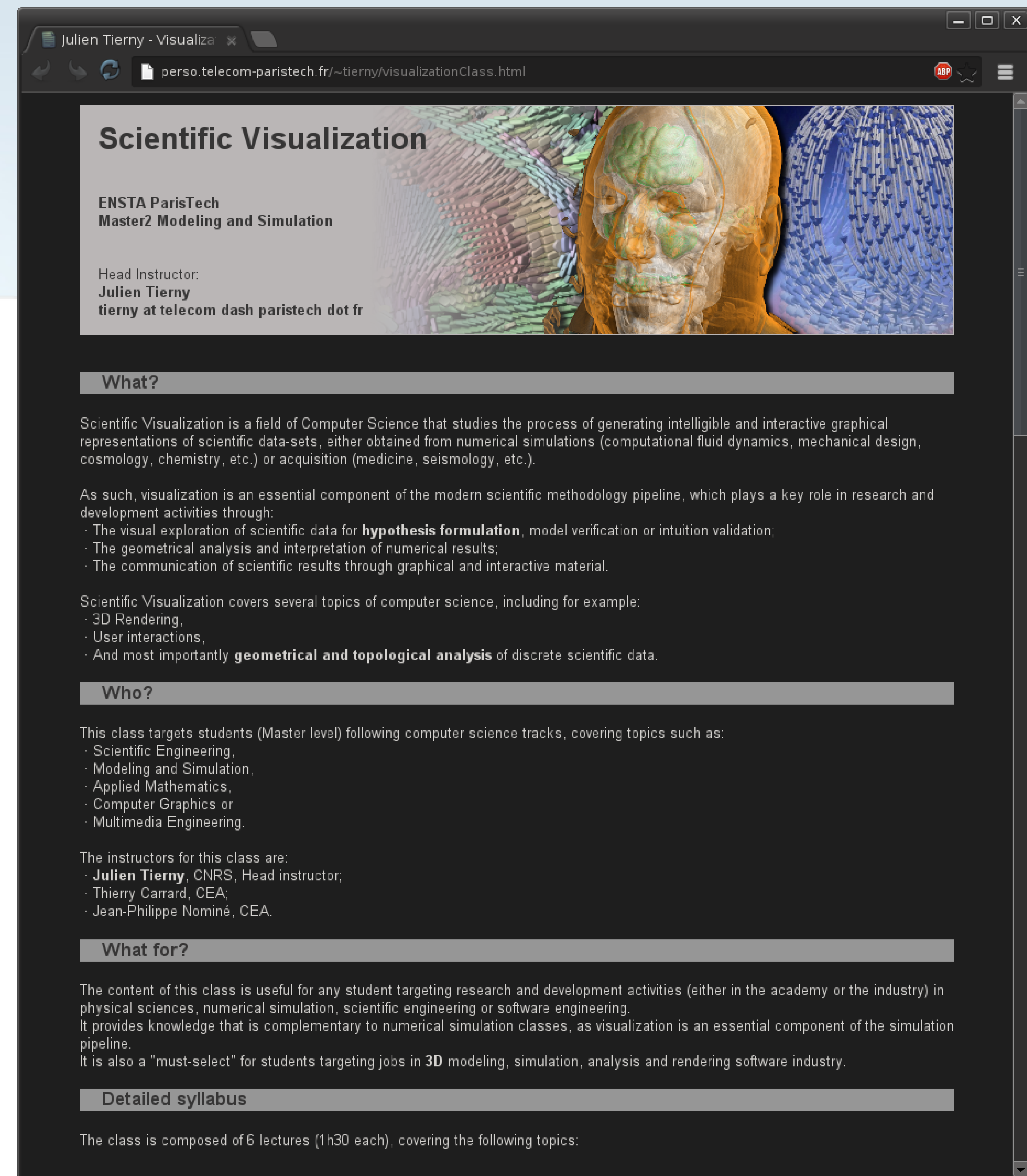
### Detailed syllabus

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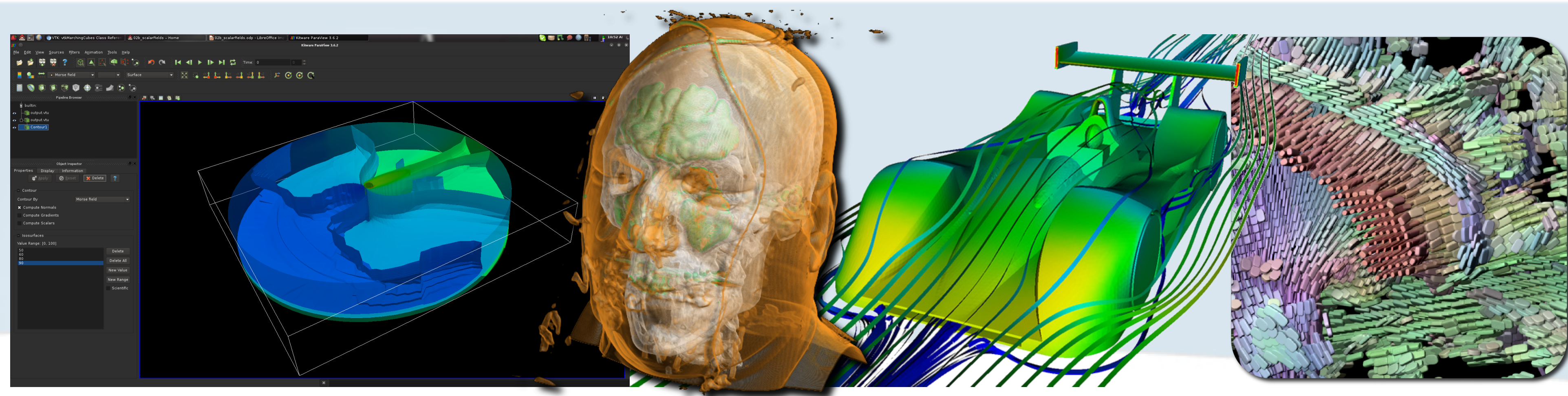
# How?

- First, follow this class
- Modeling & Simulation Master
  - ENSTA ParisTech
- Projects, internships, Ph.D. thesis
- Advanced class
  - <http://www.telecom-paristech.fr/~tierny/visualizationClass.html>

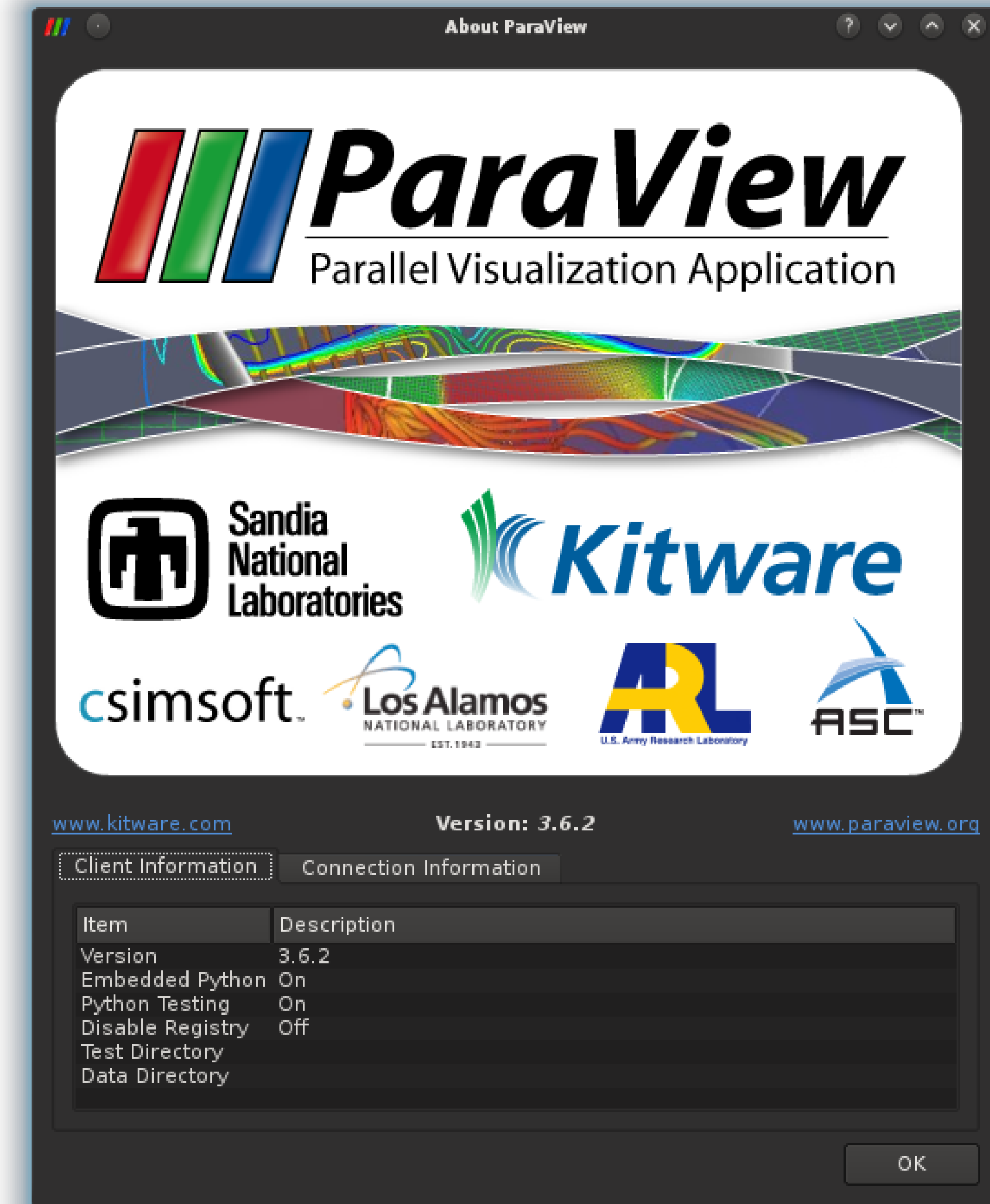
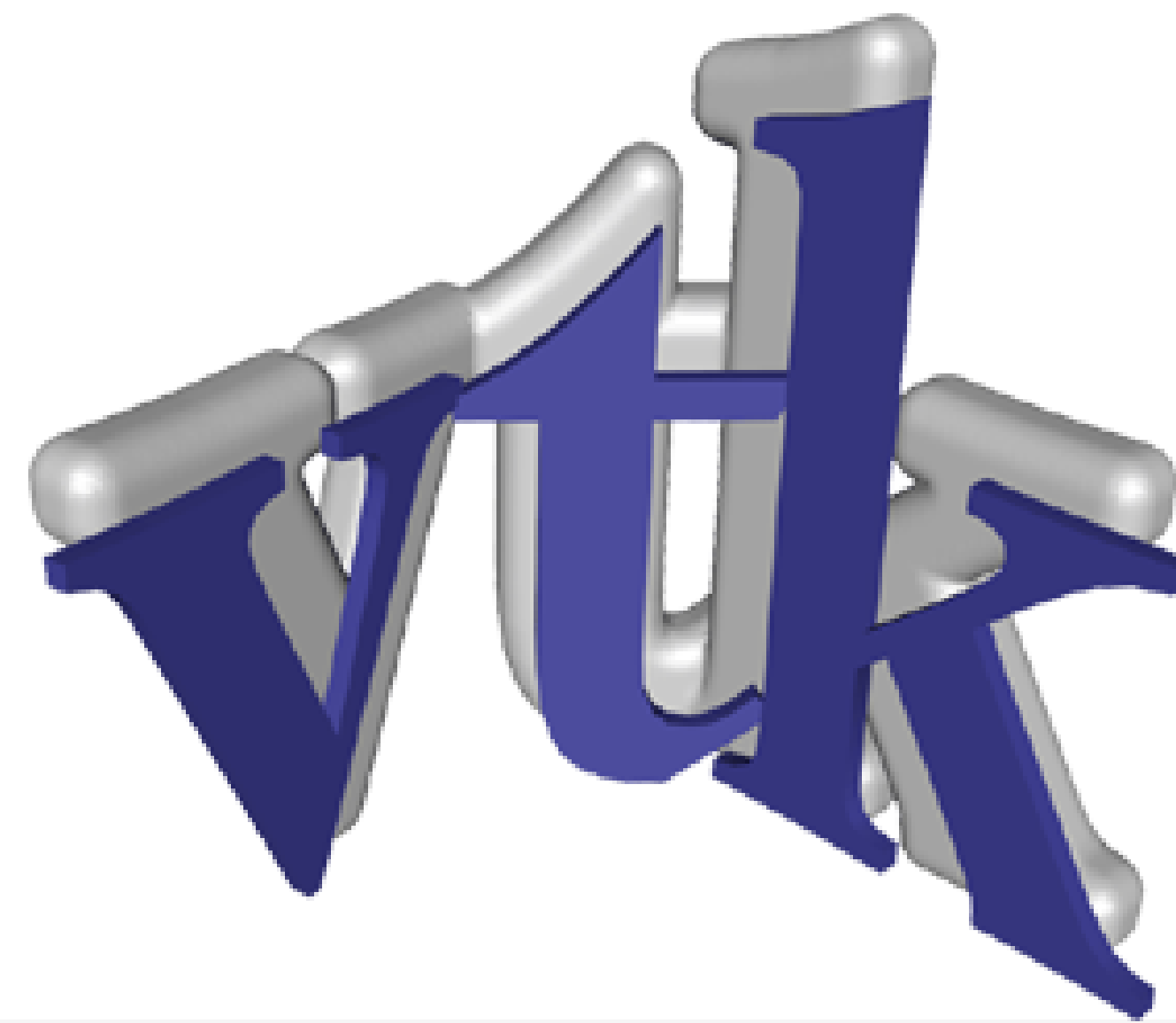




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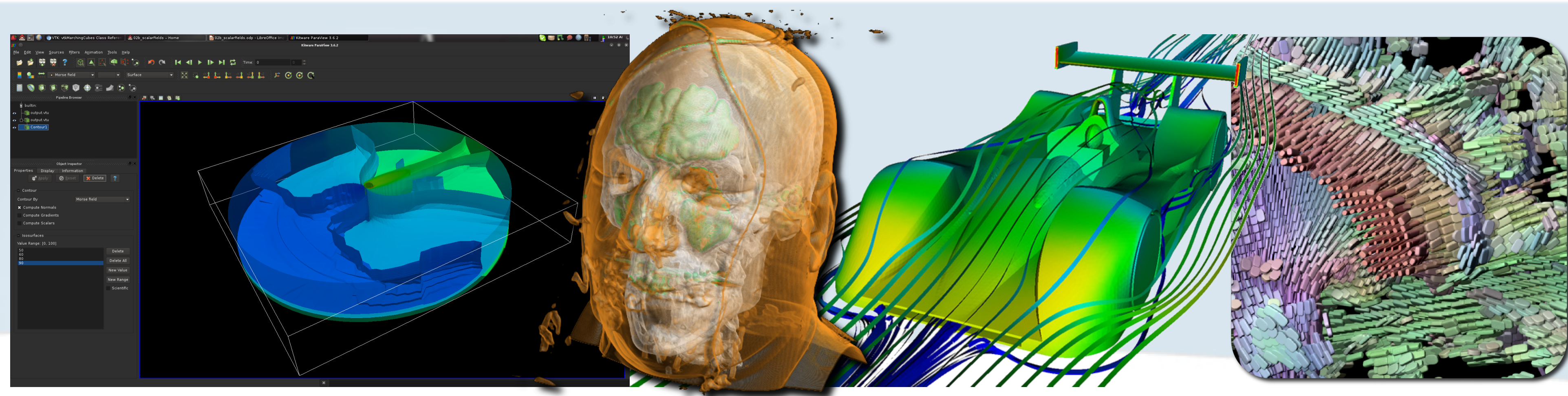
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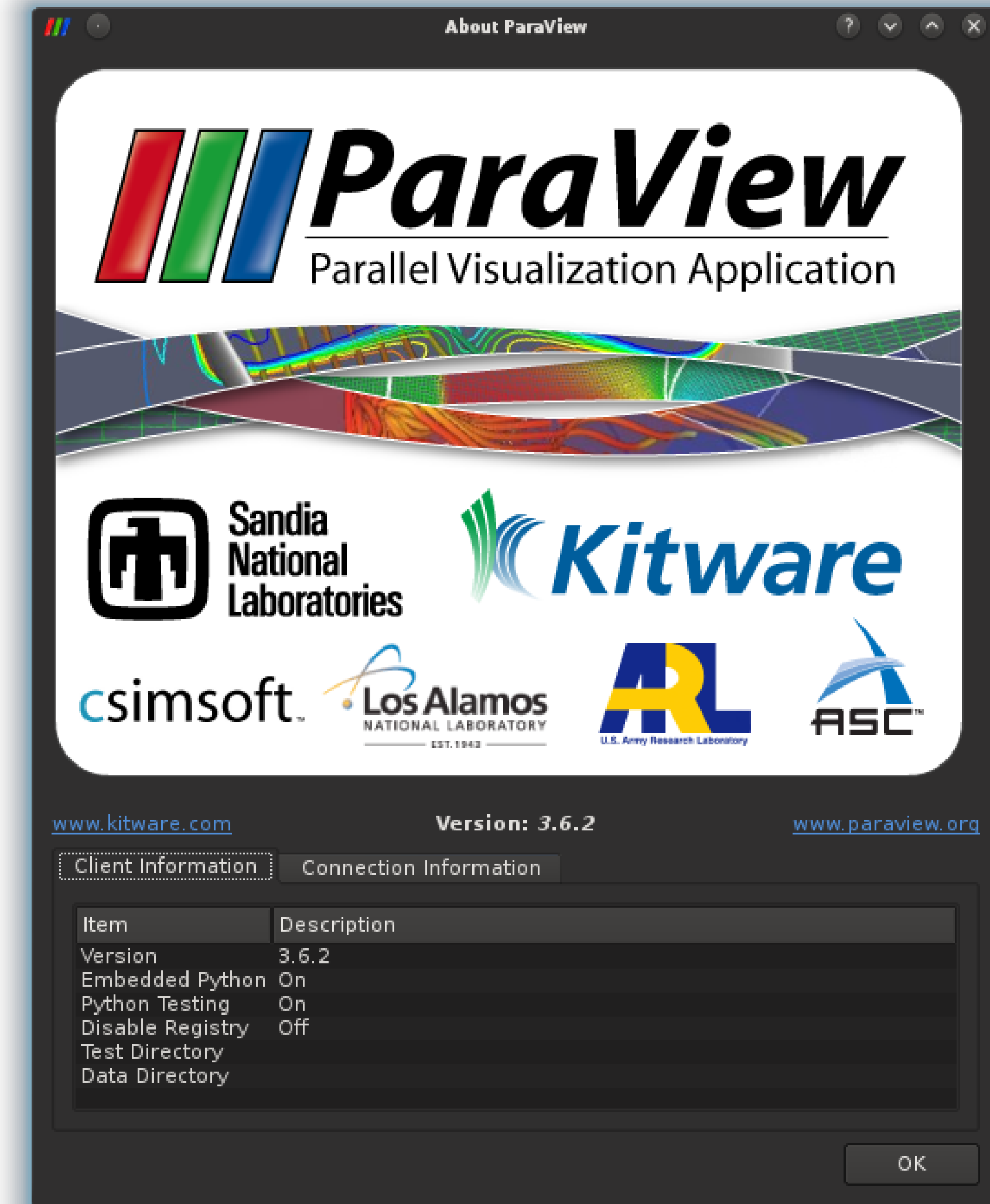
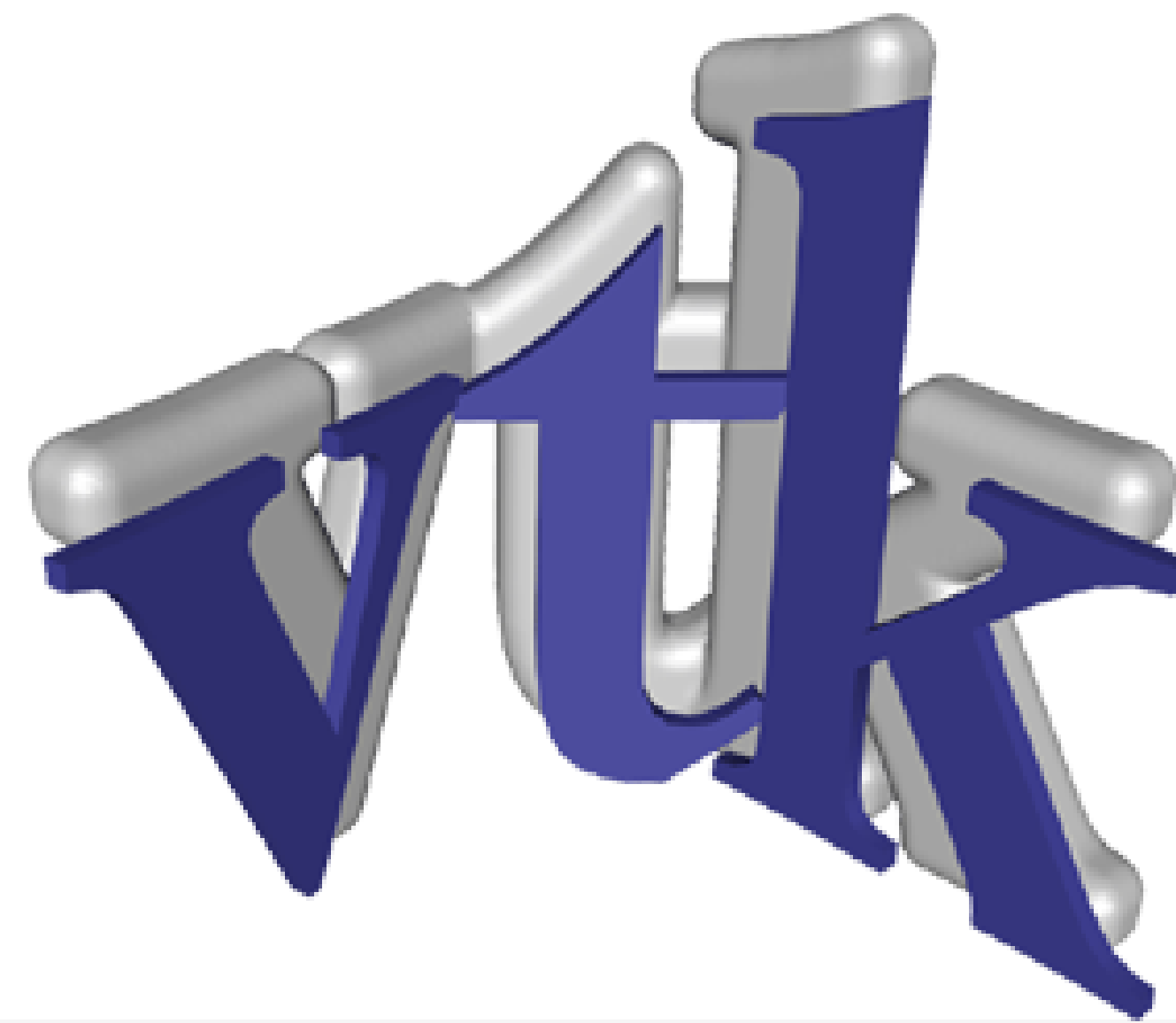
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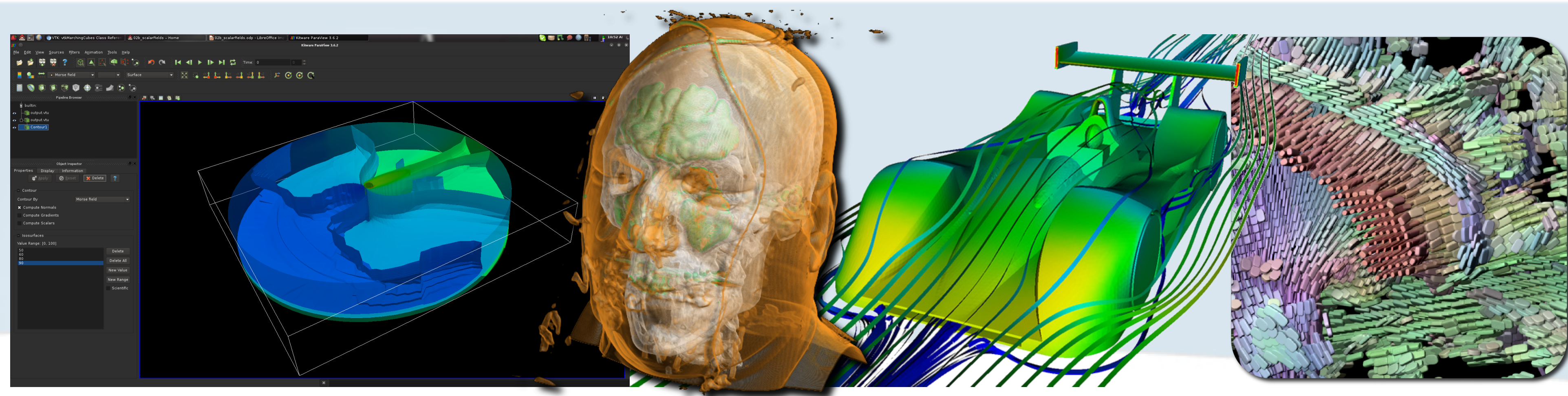


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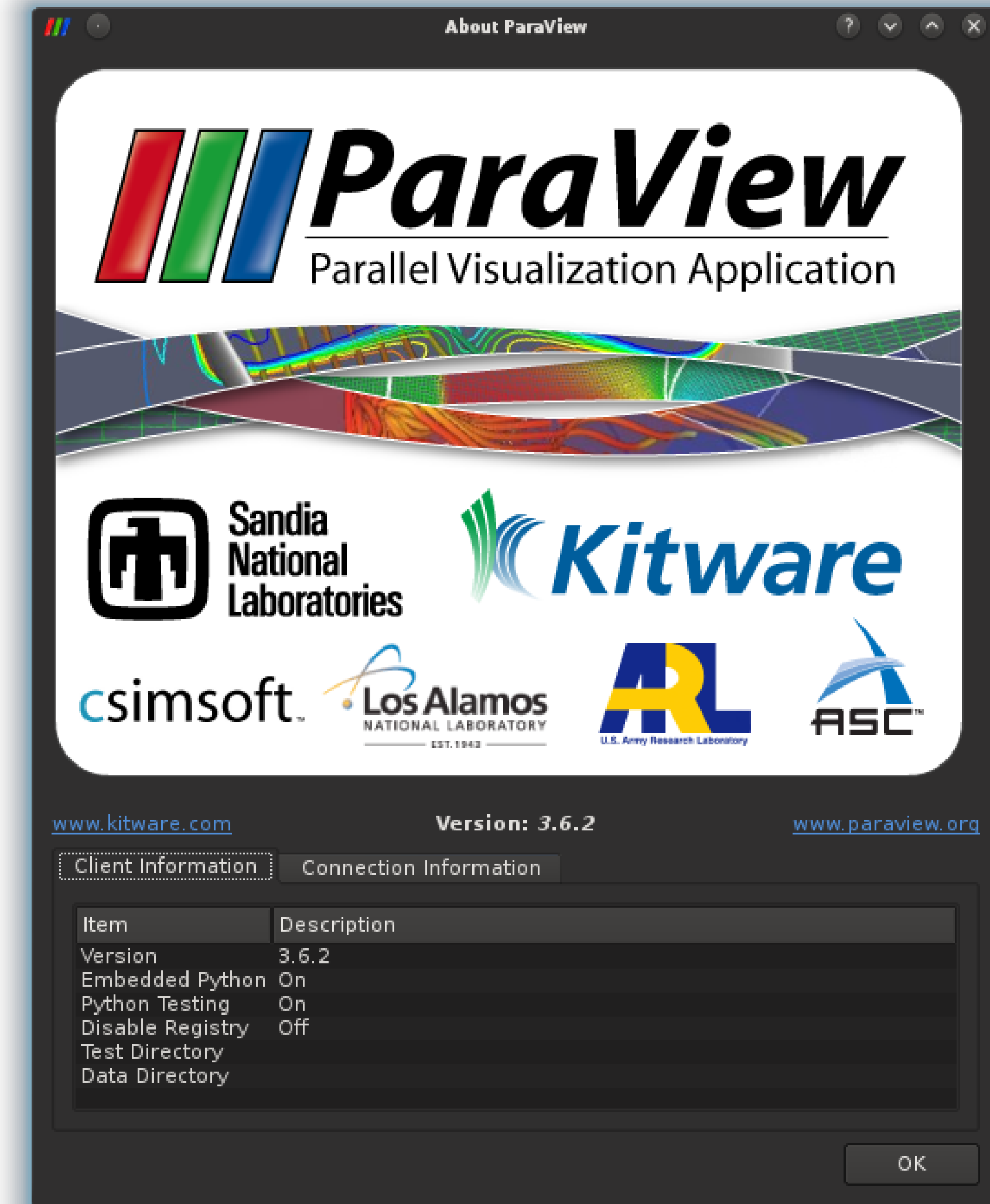
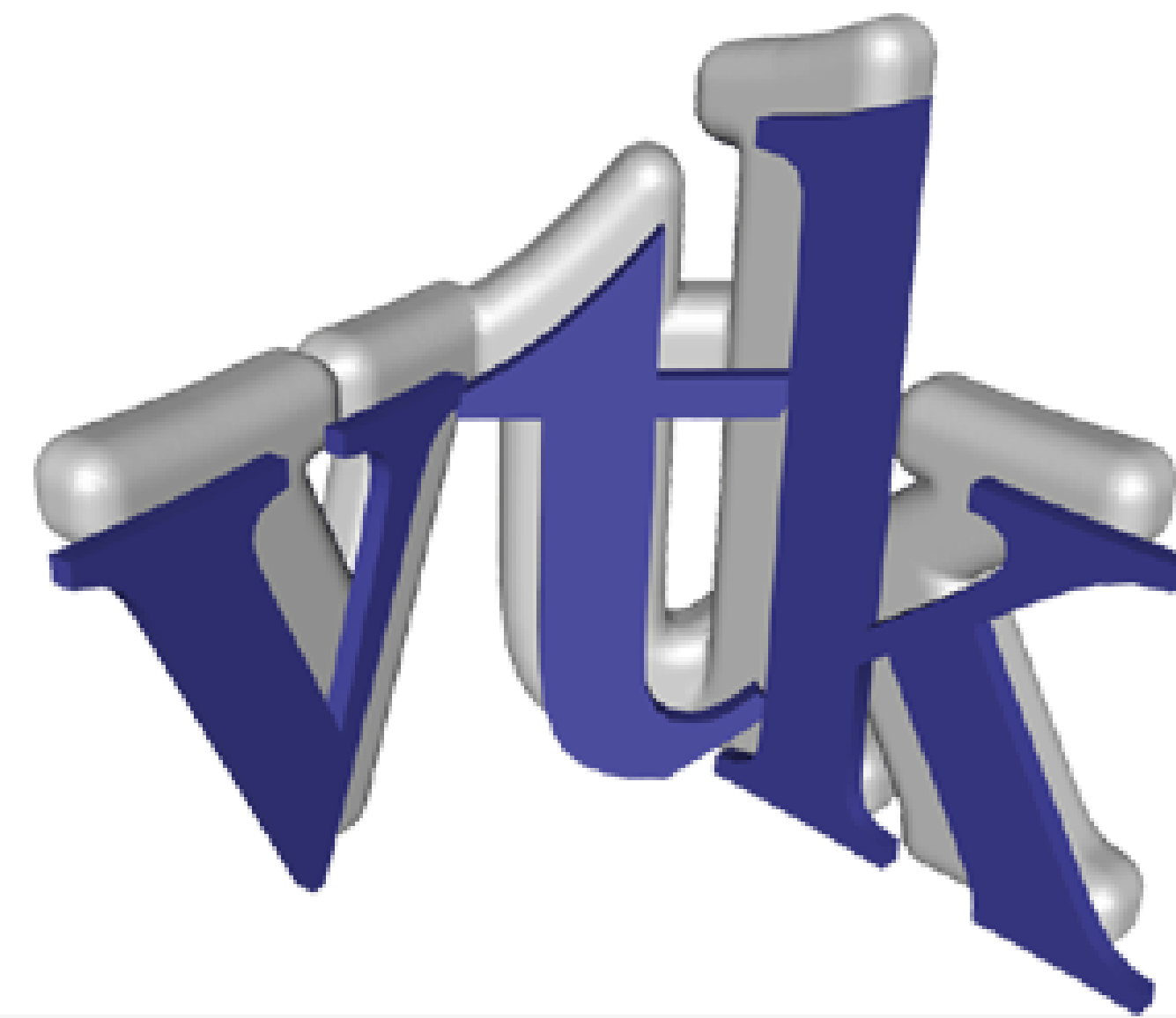




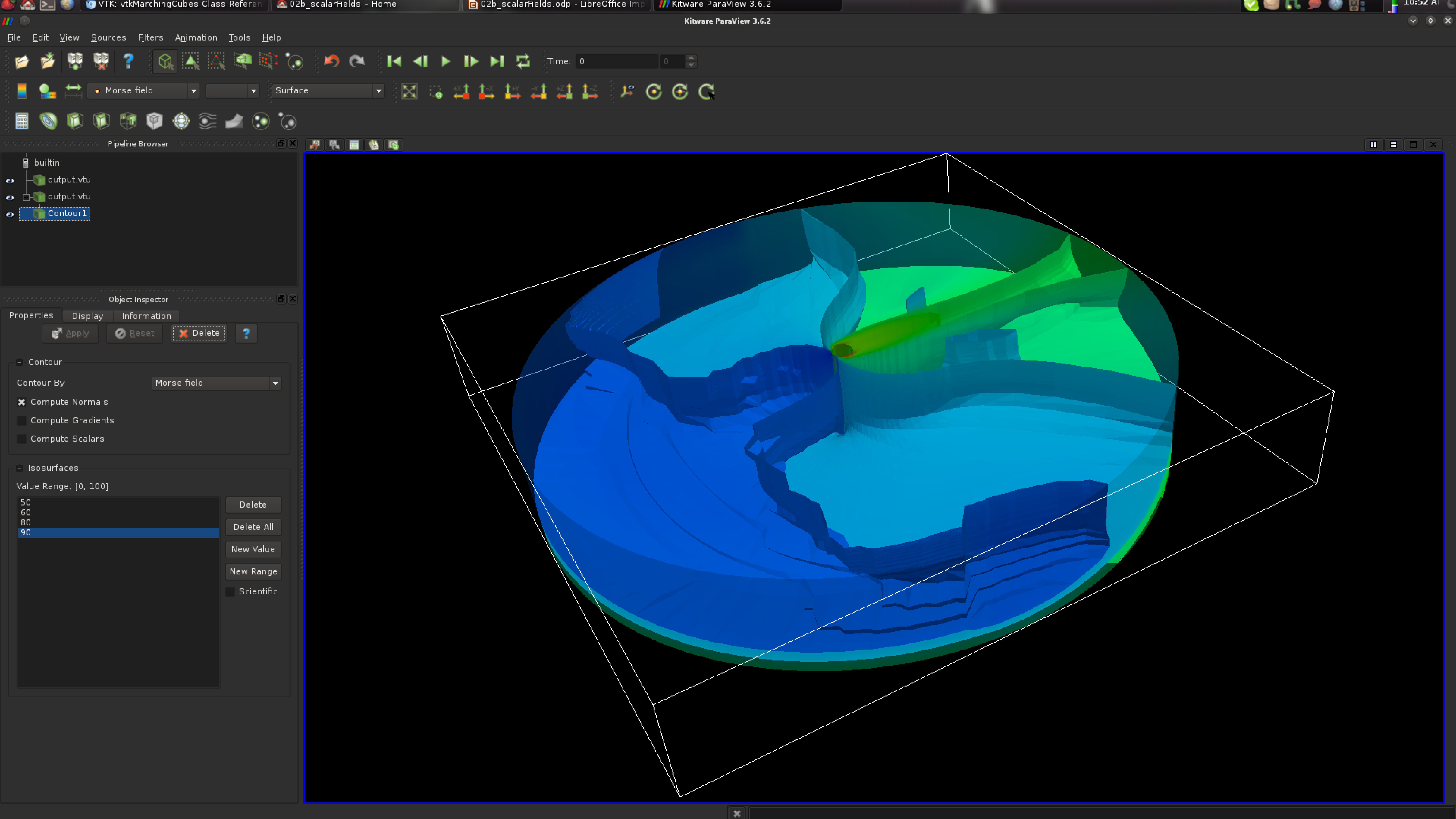
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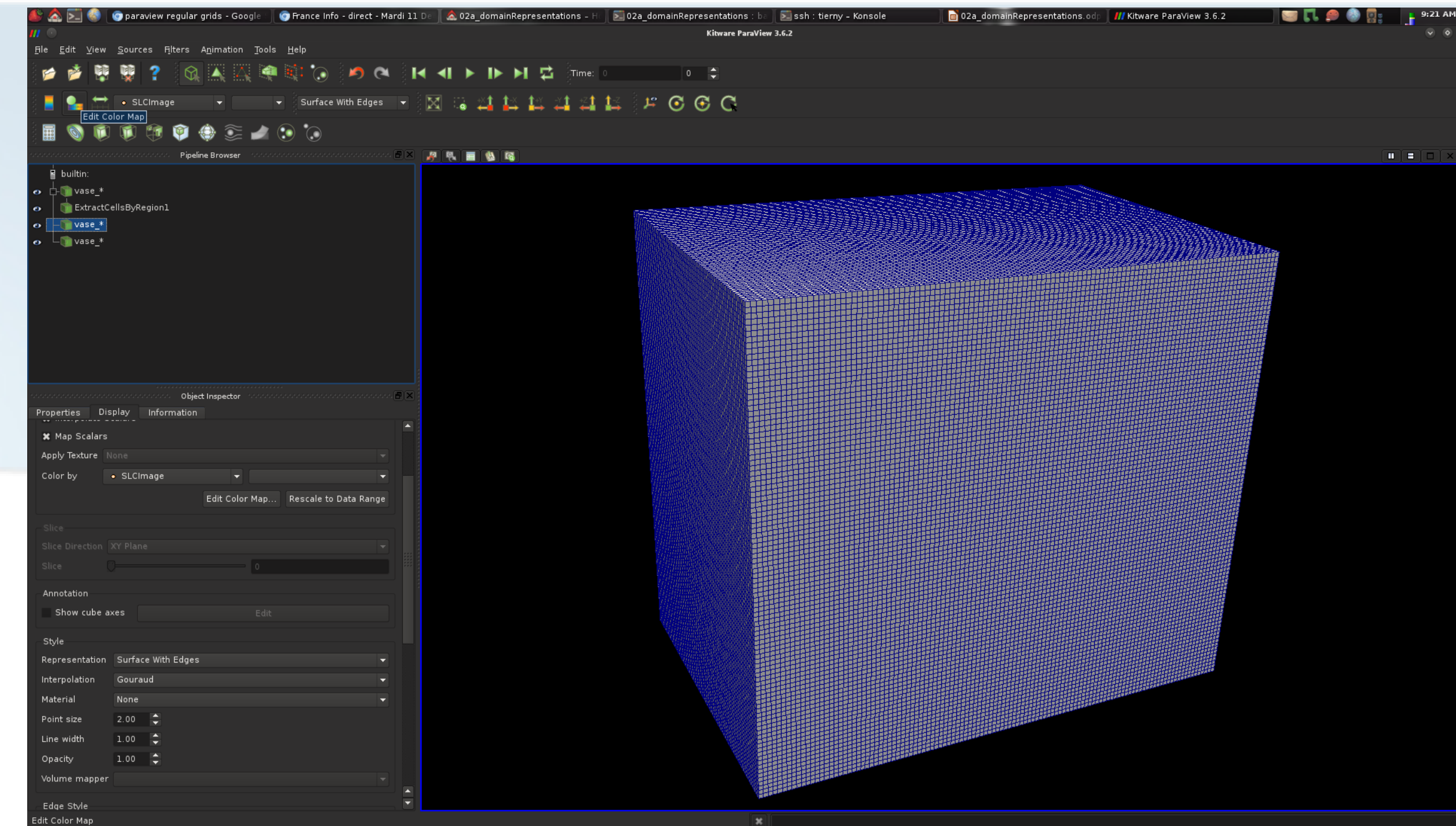
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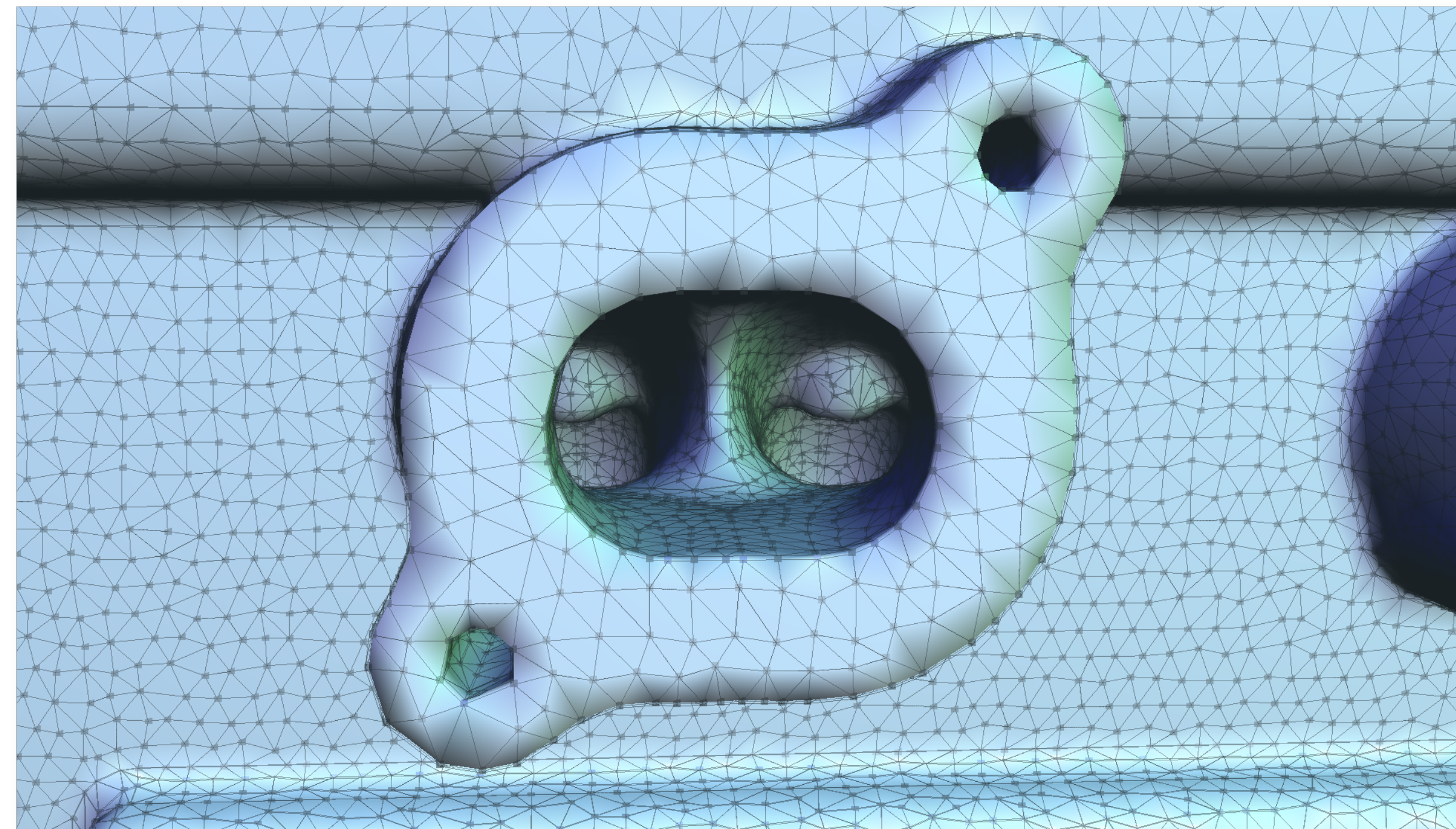
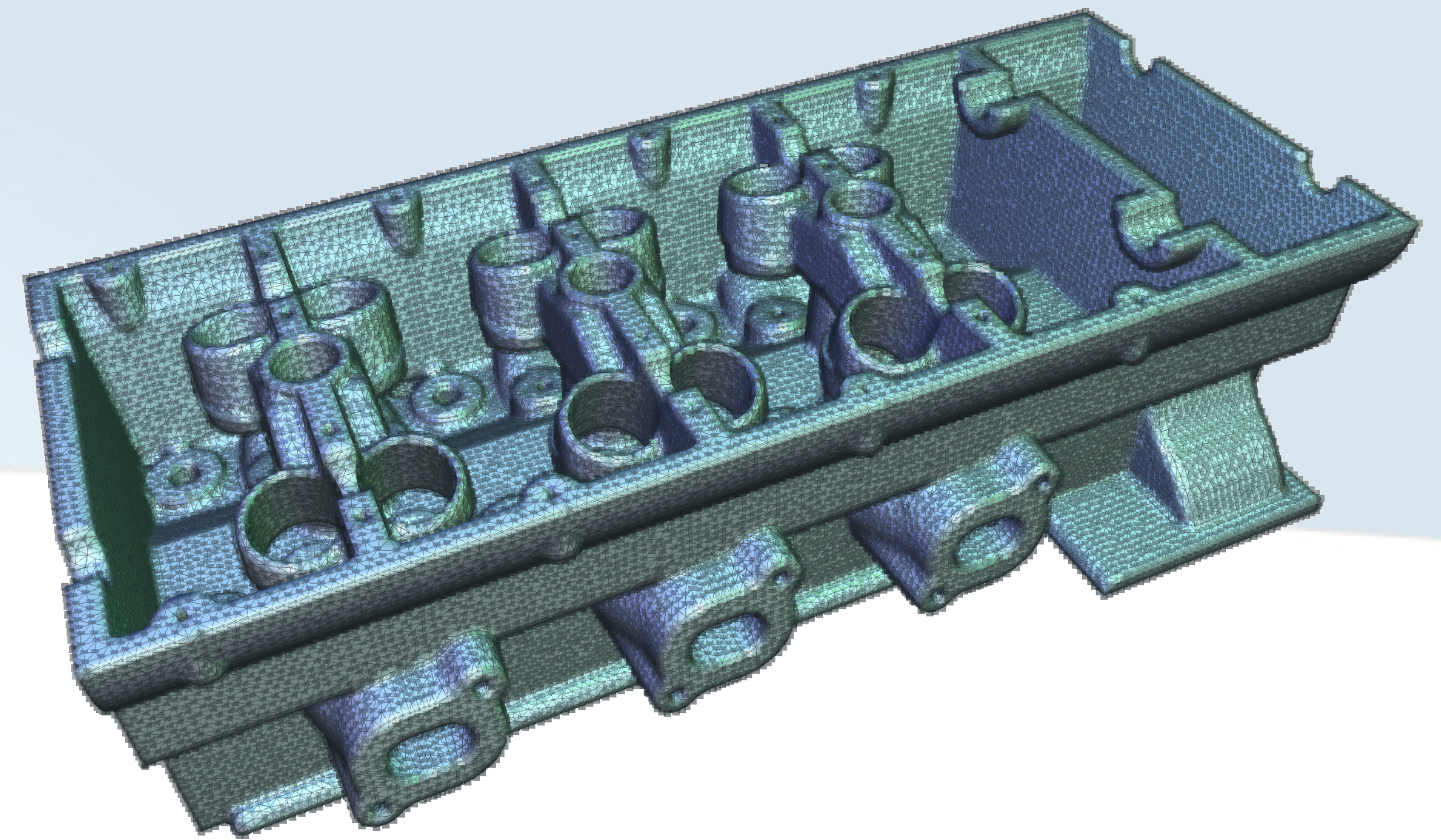
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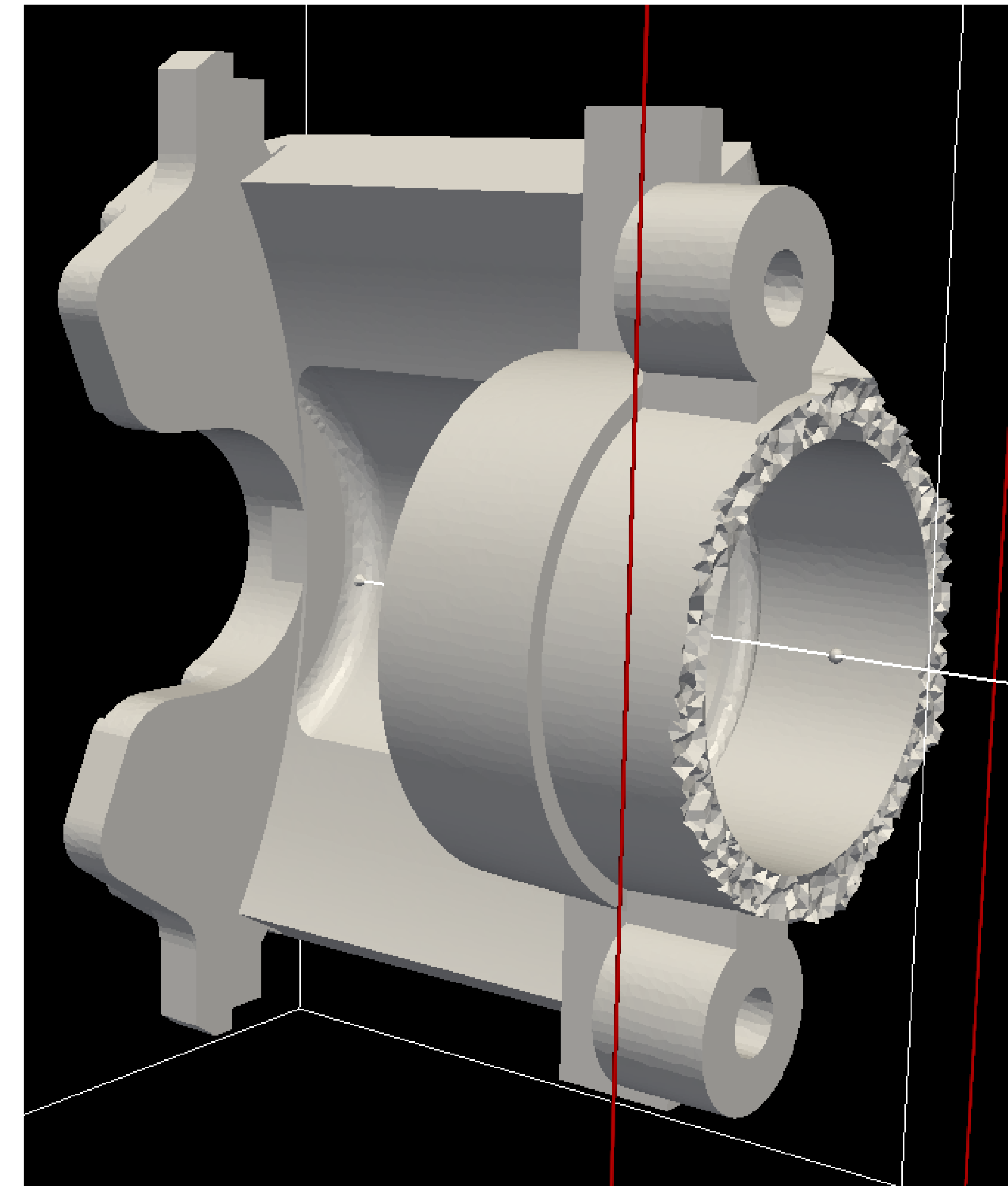
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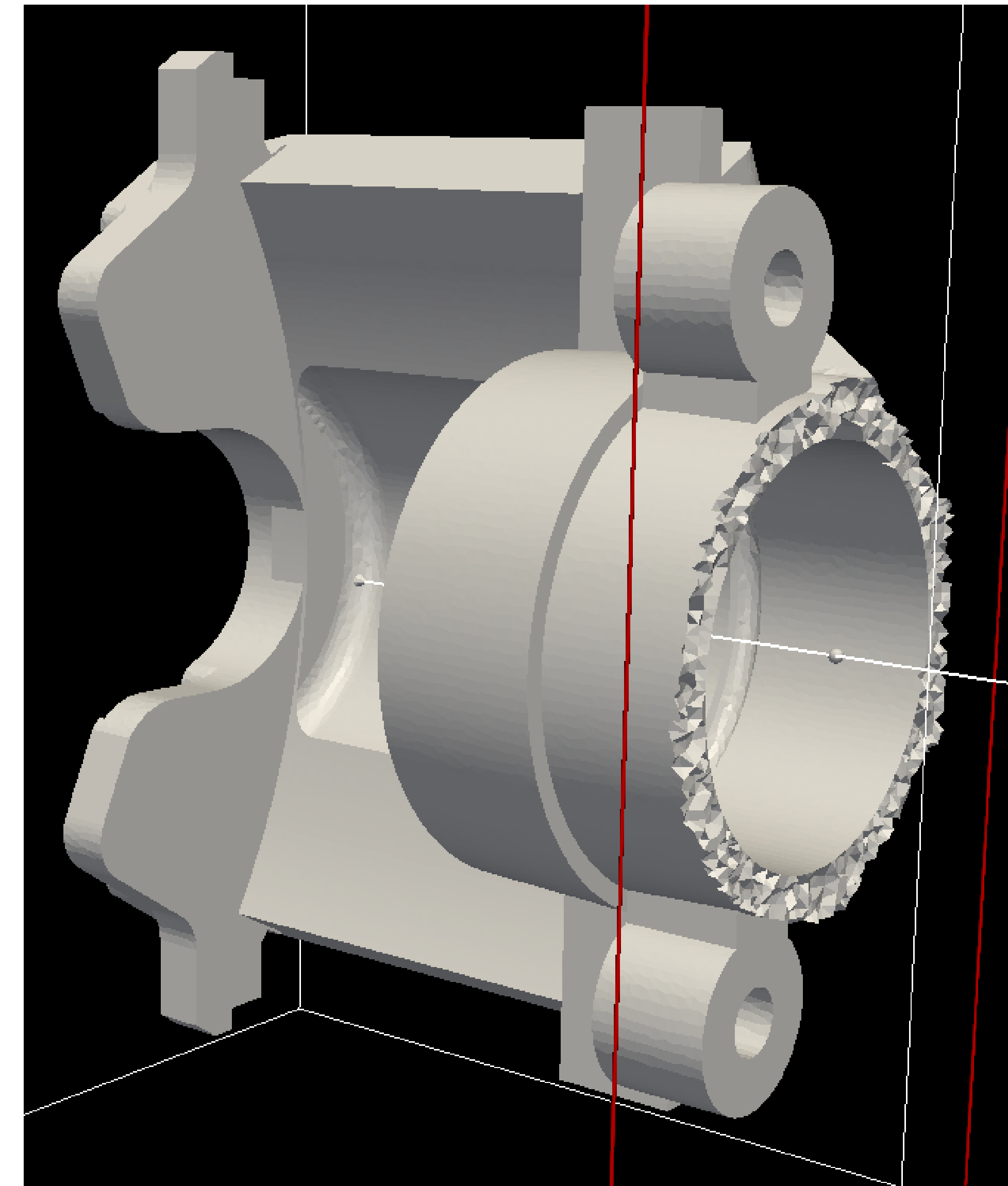




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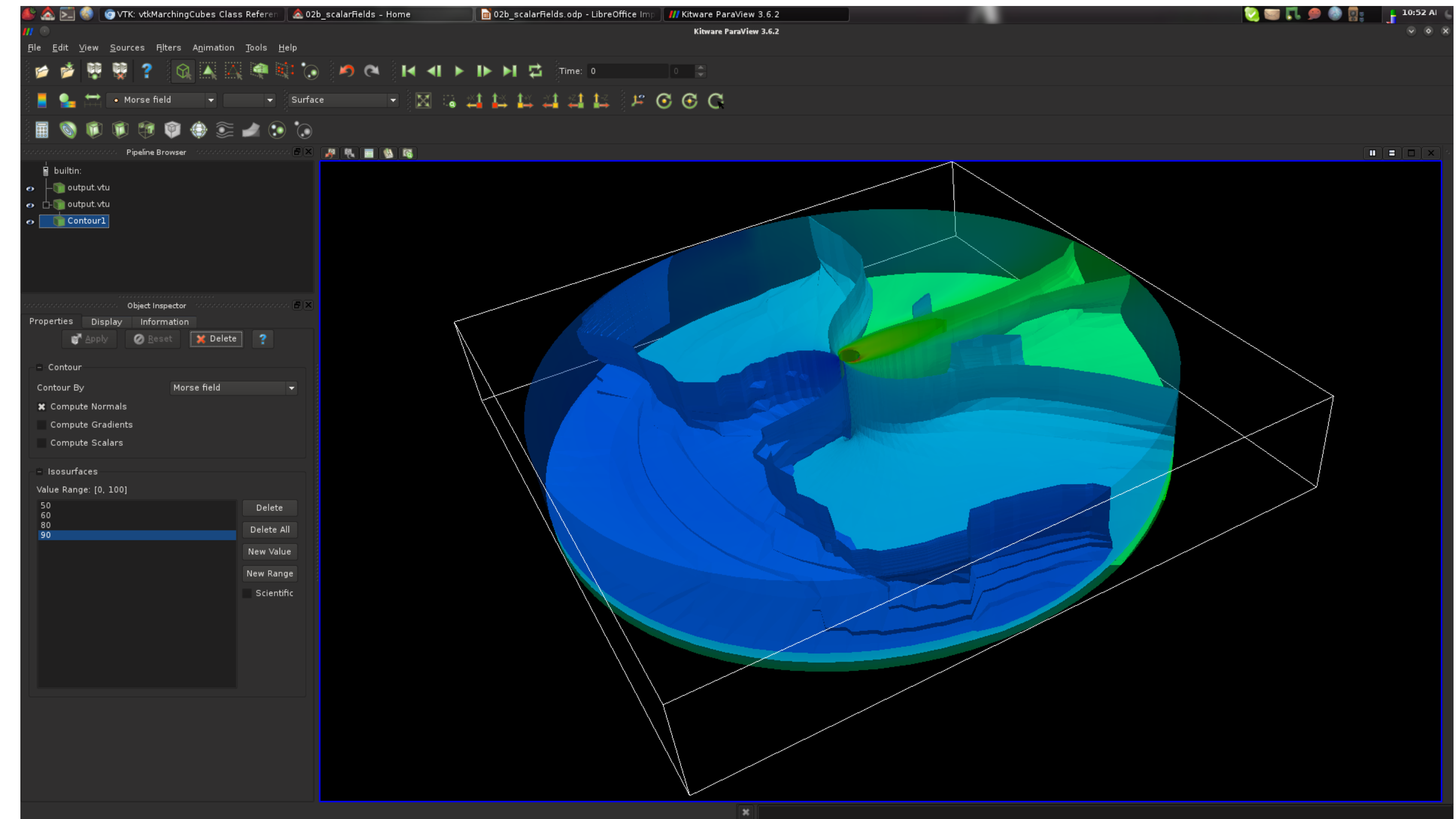
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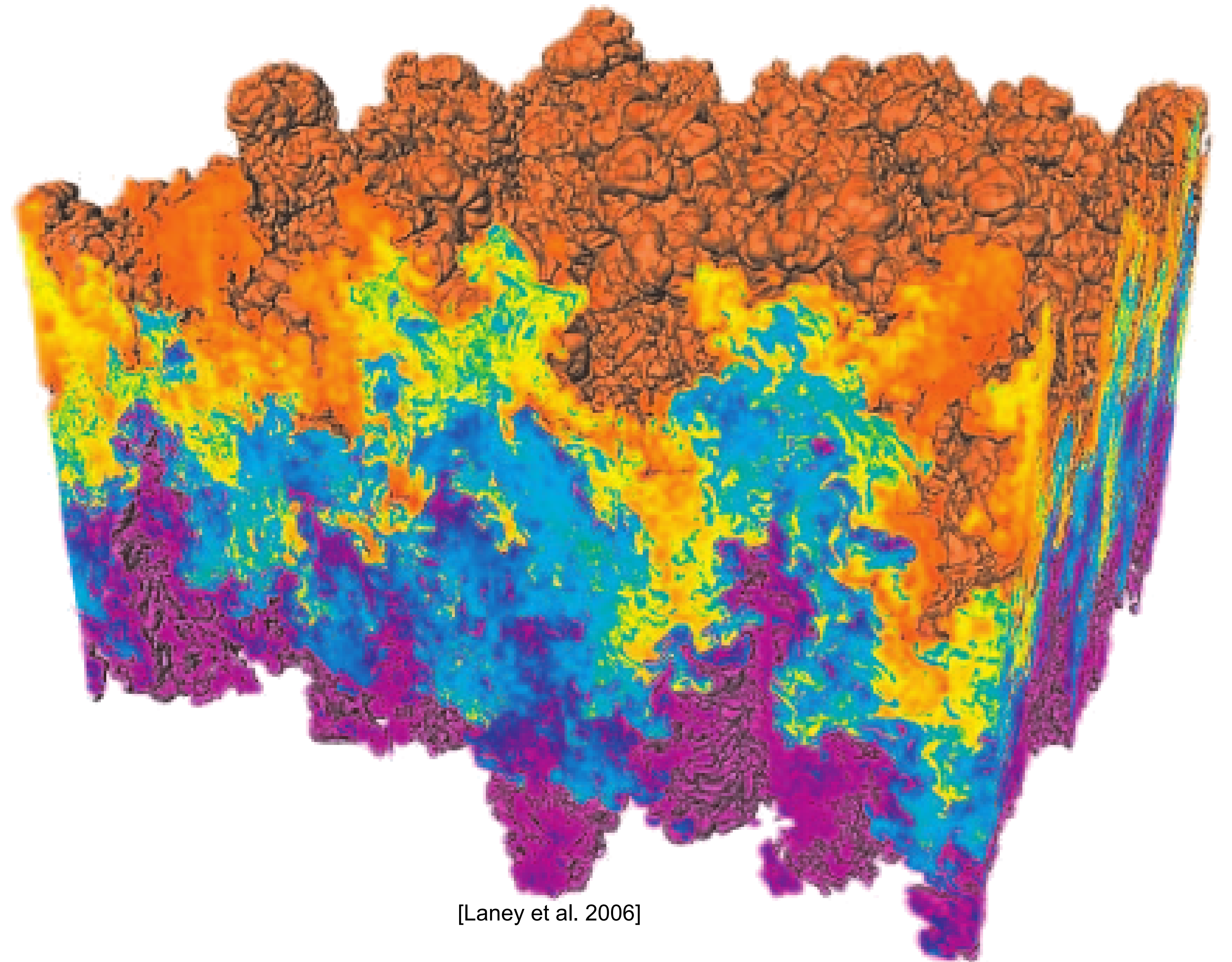




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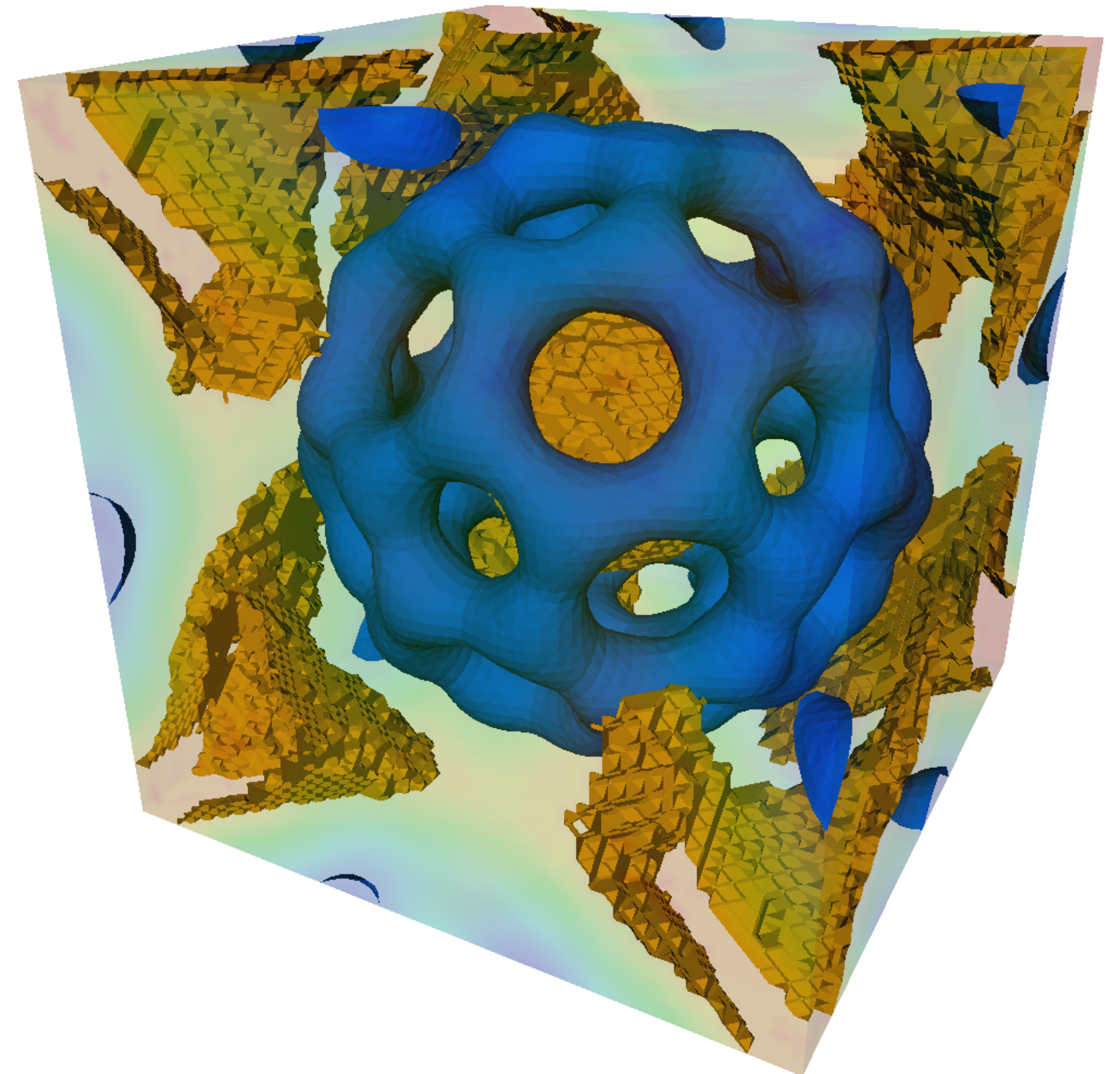
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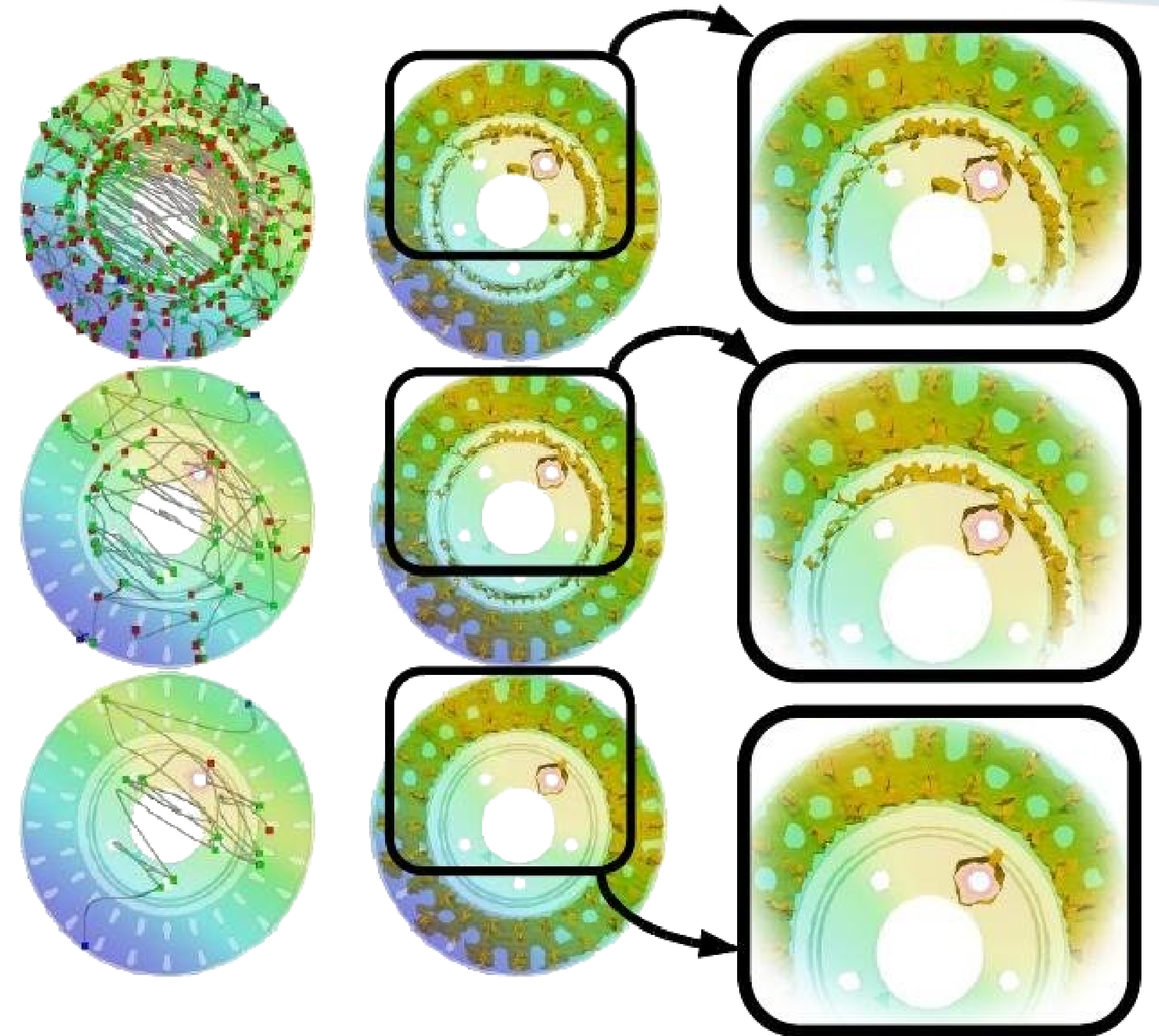




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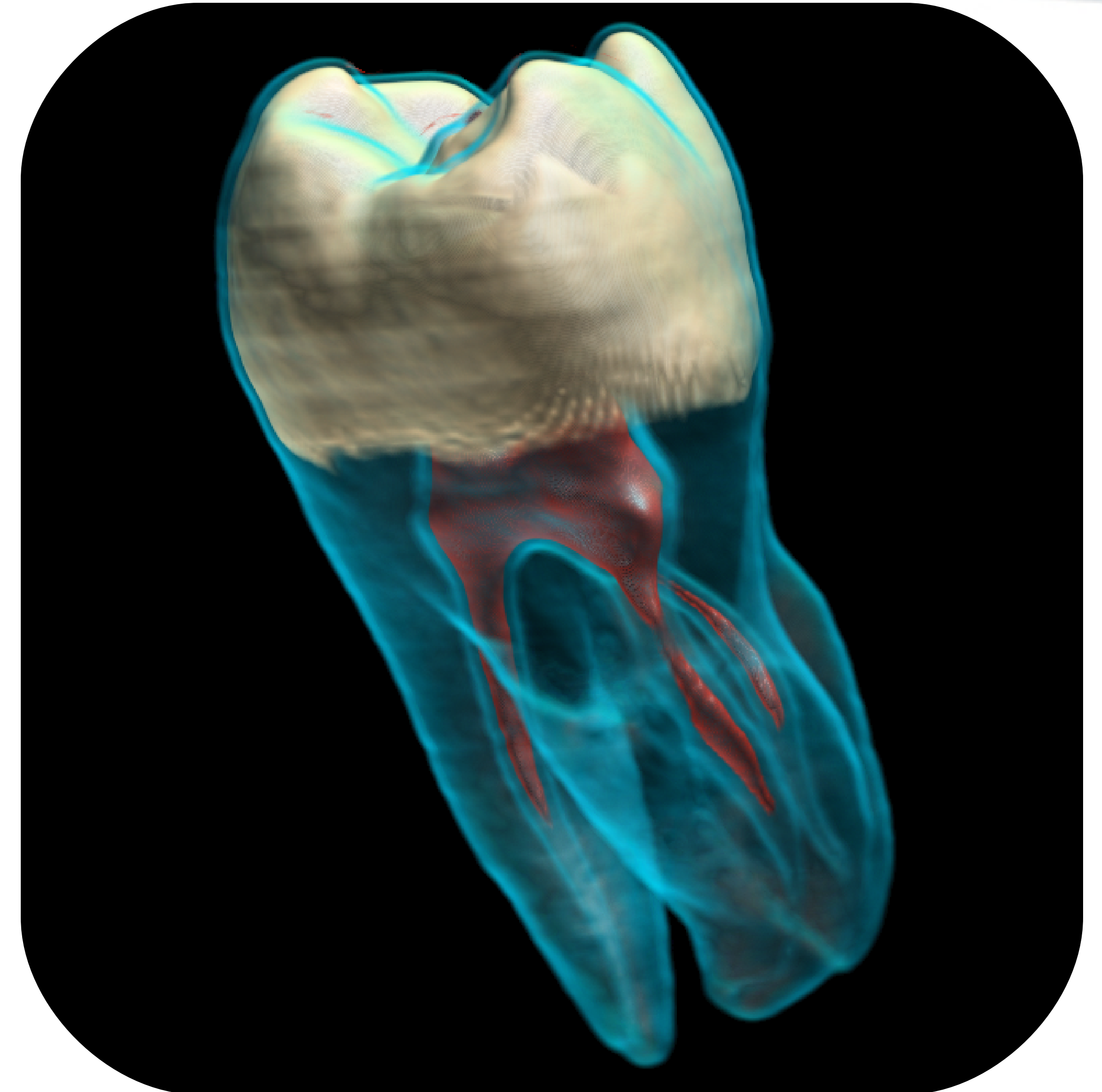




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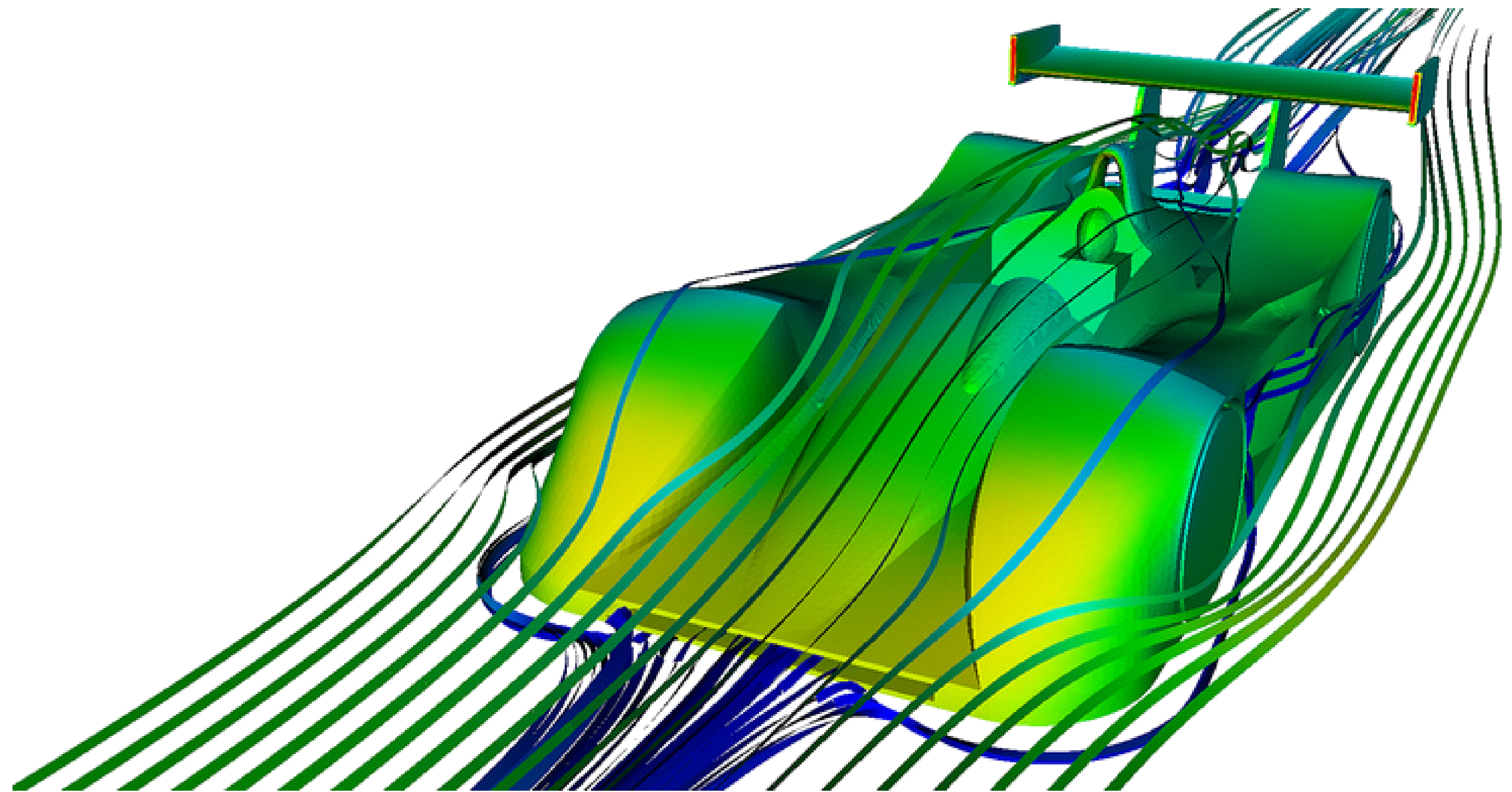
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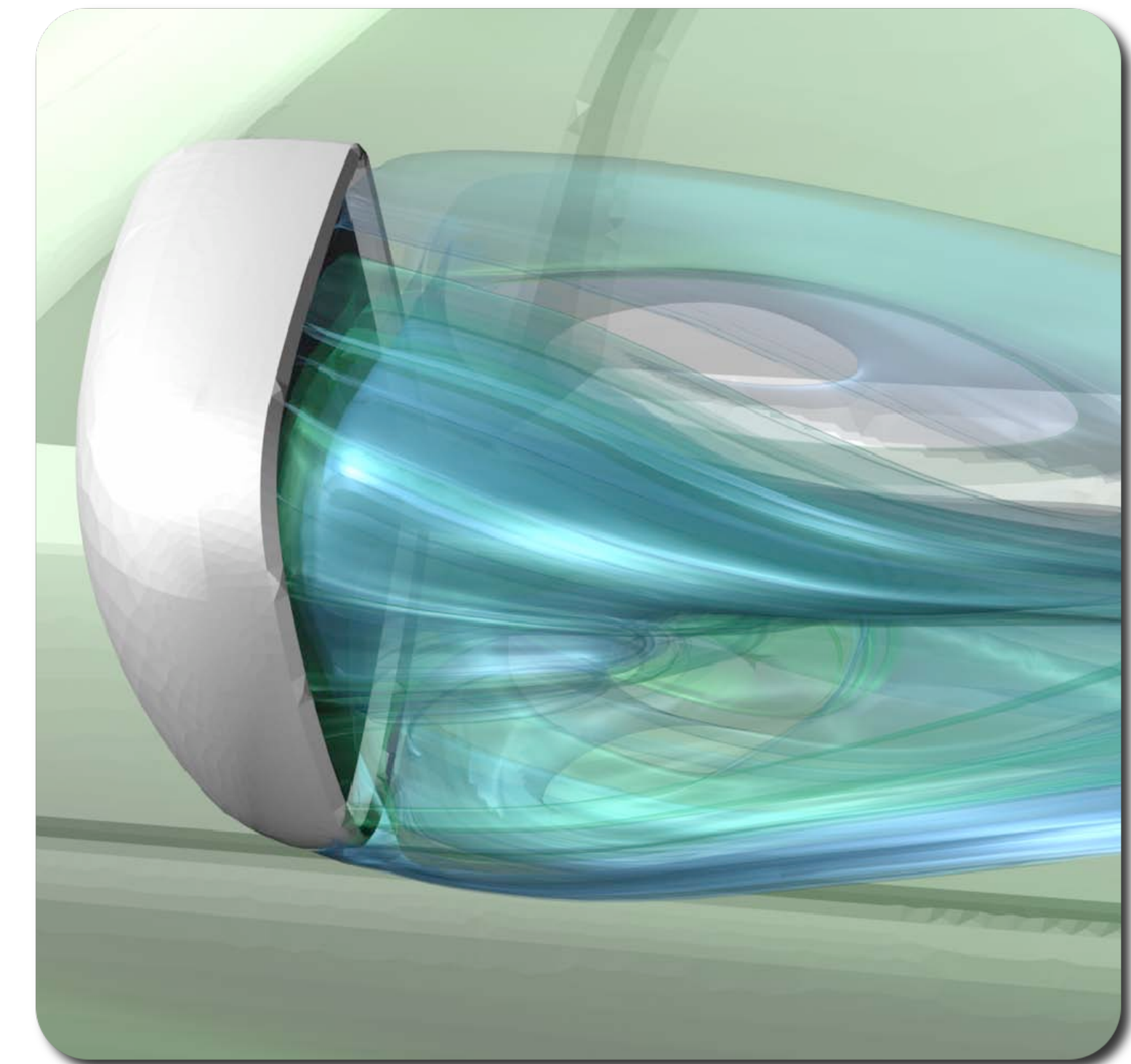




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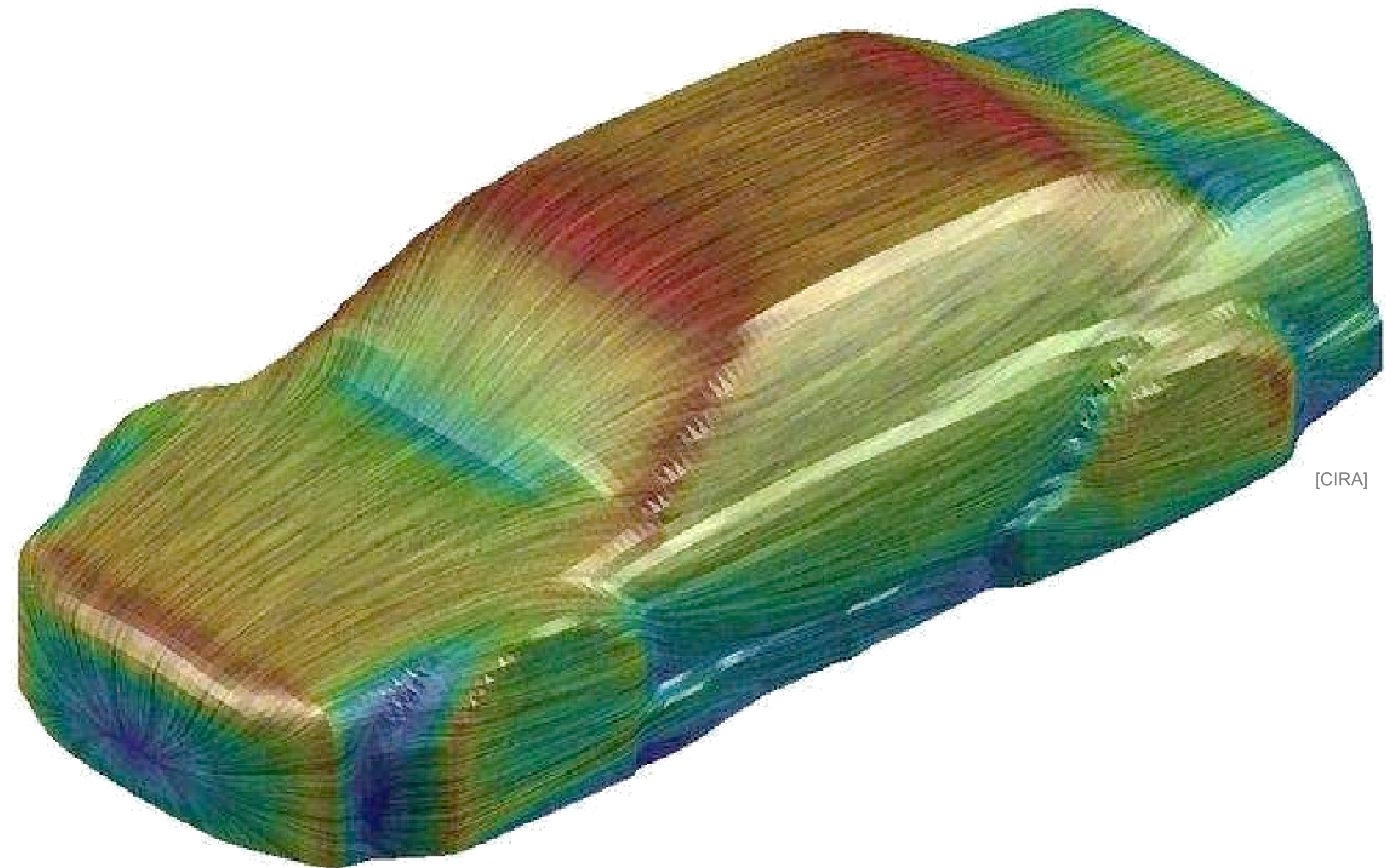
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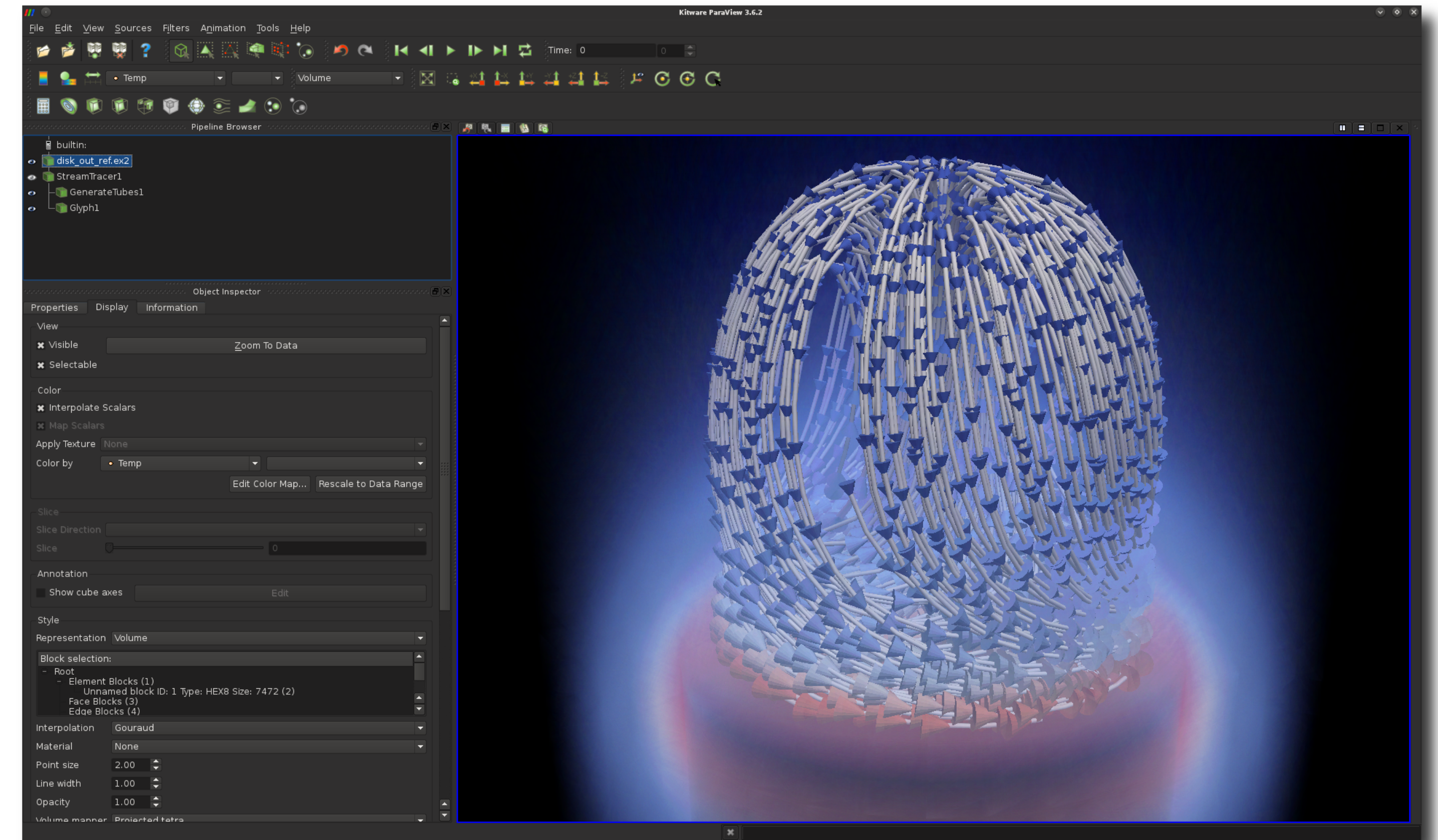




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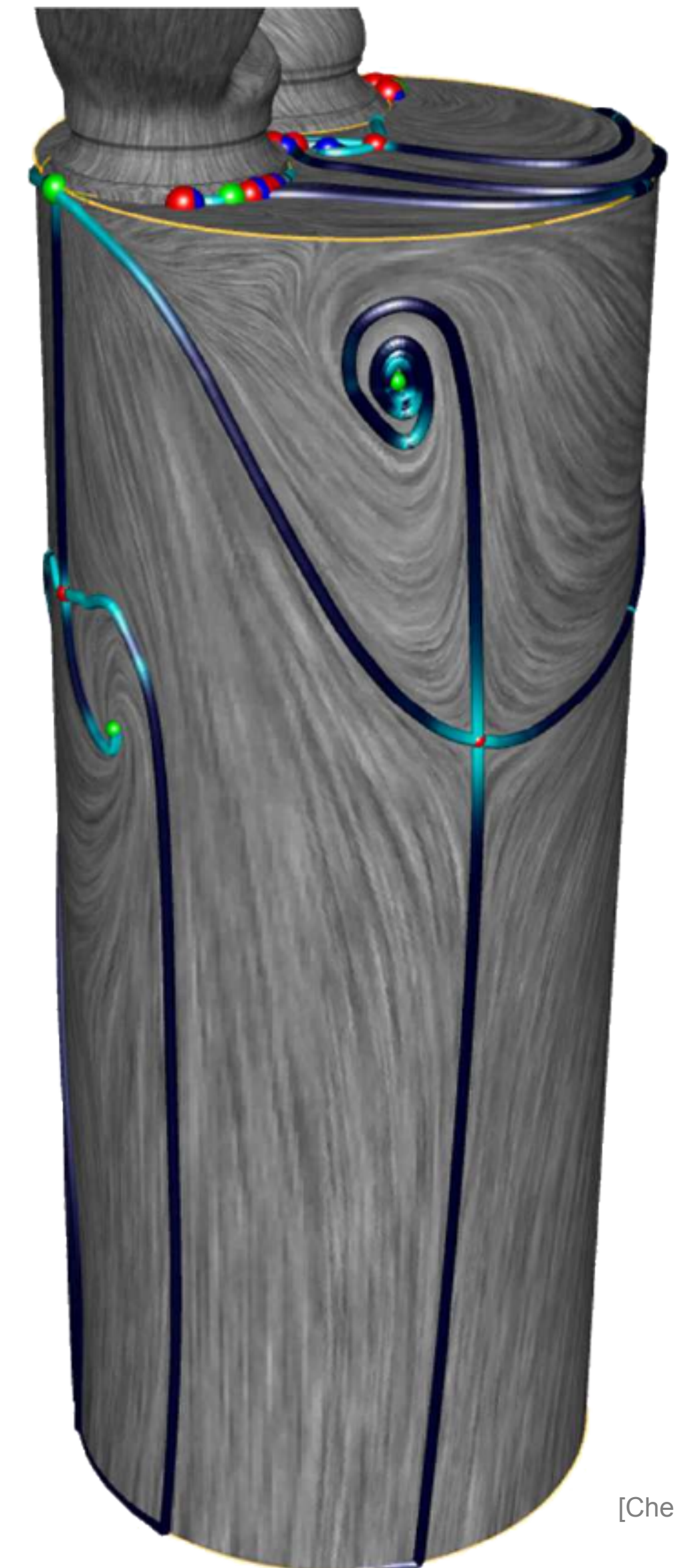




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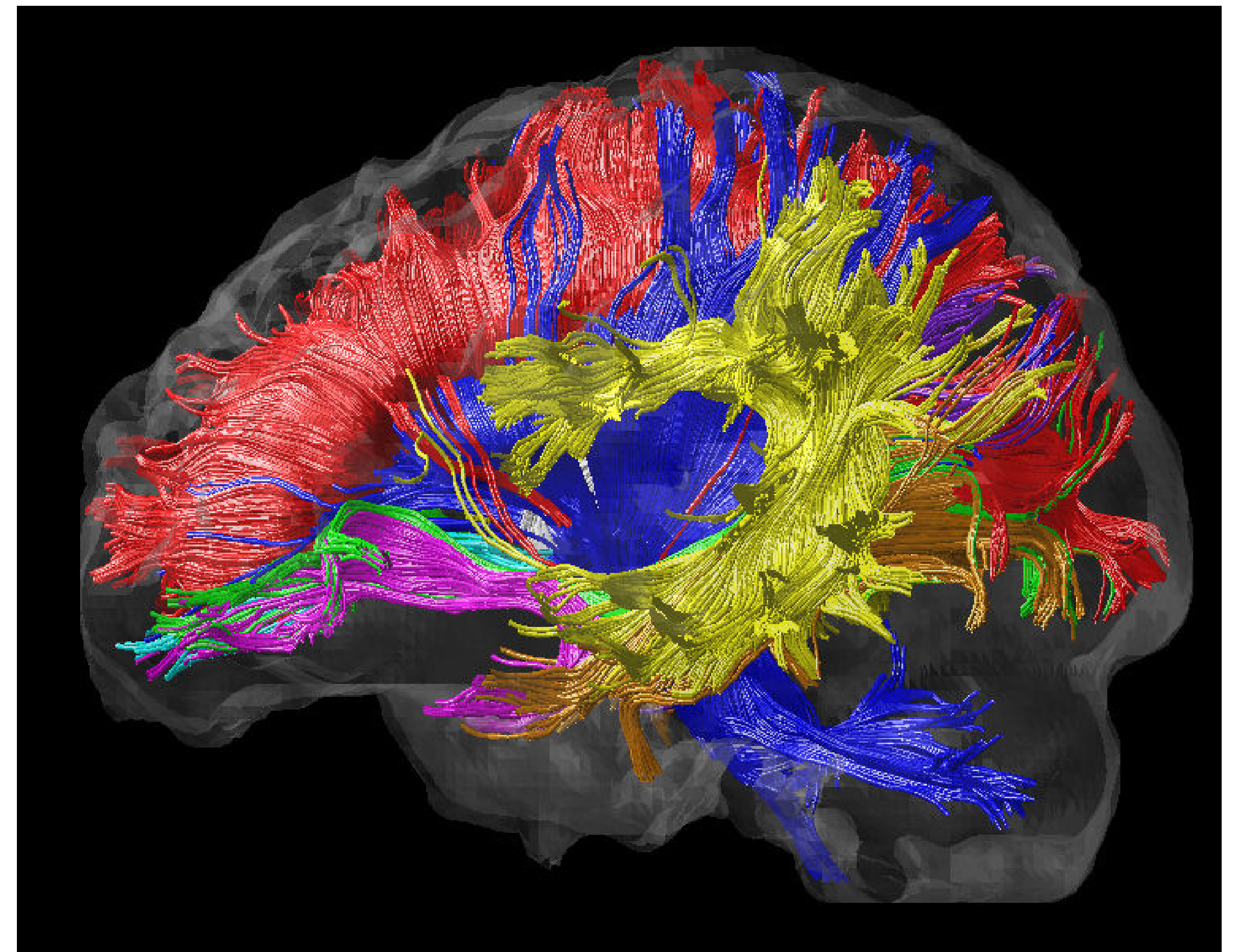
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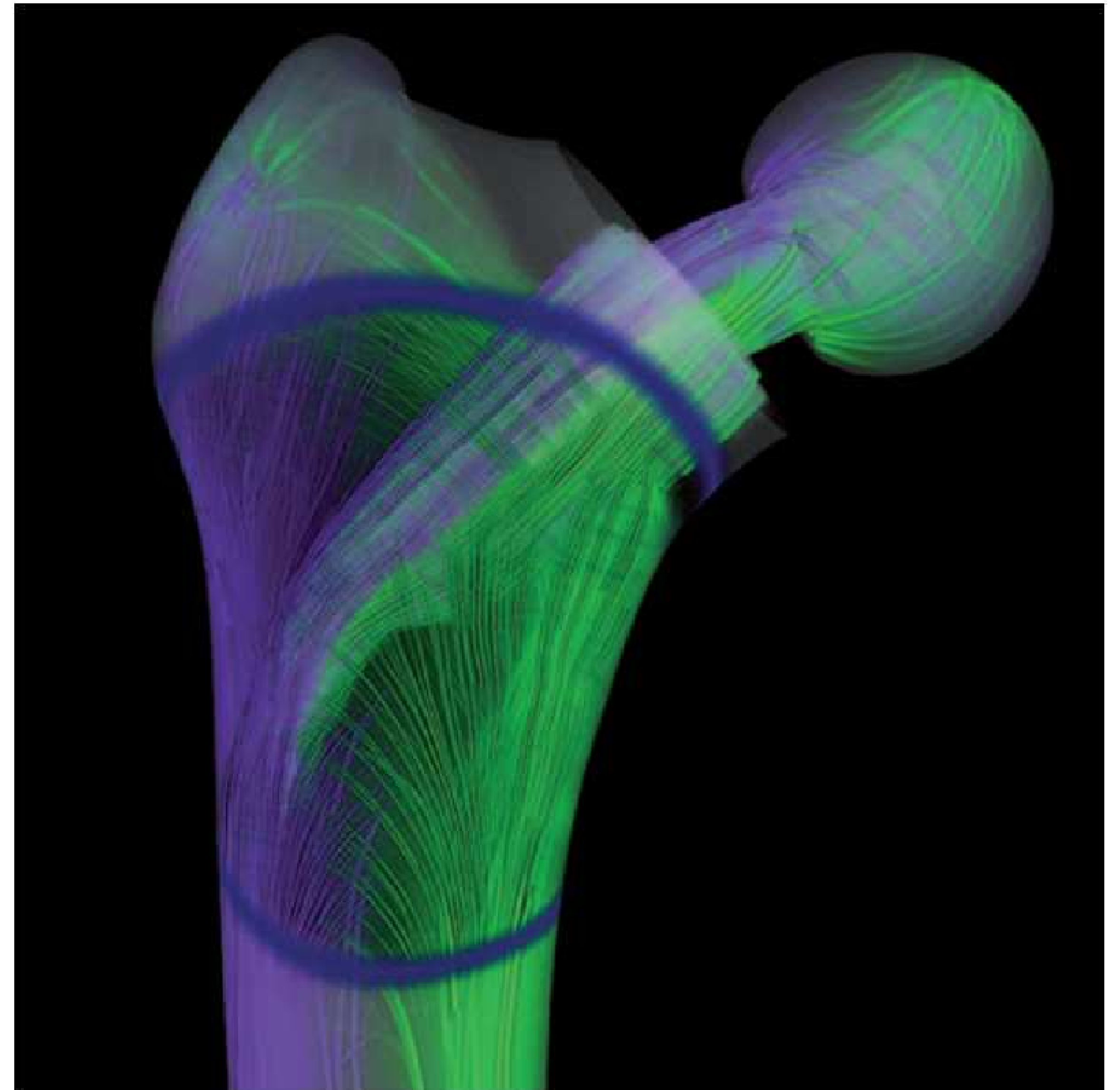




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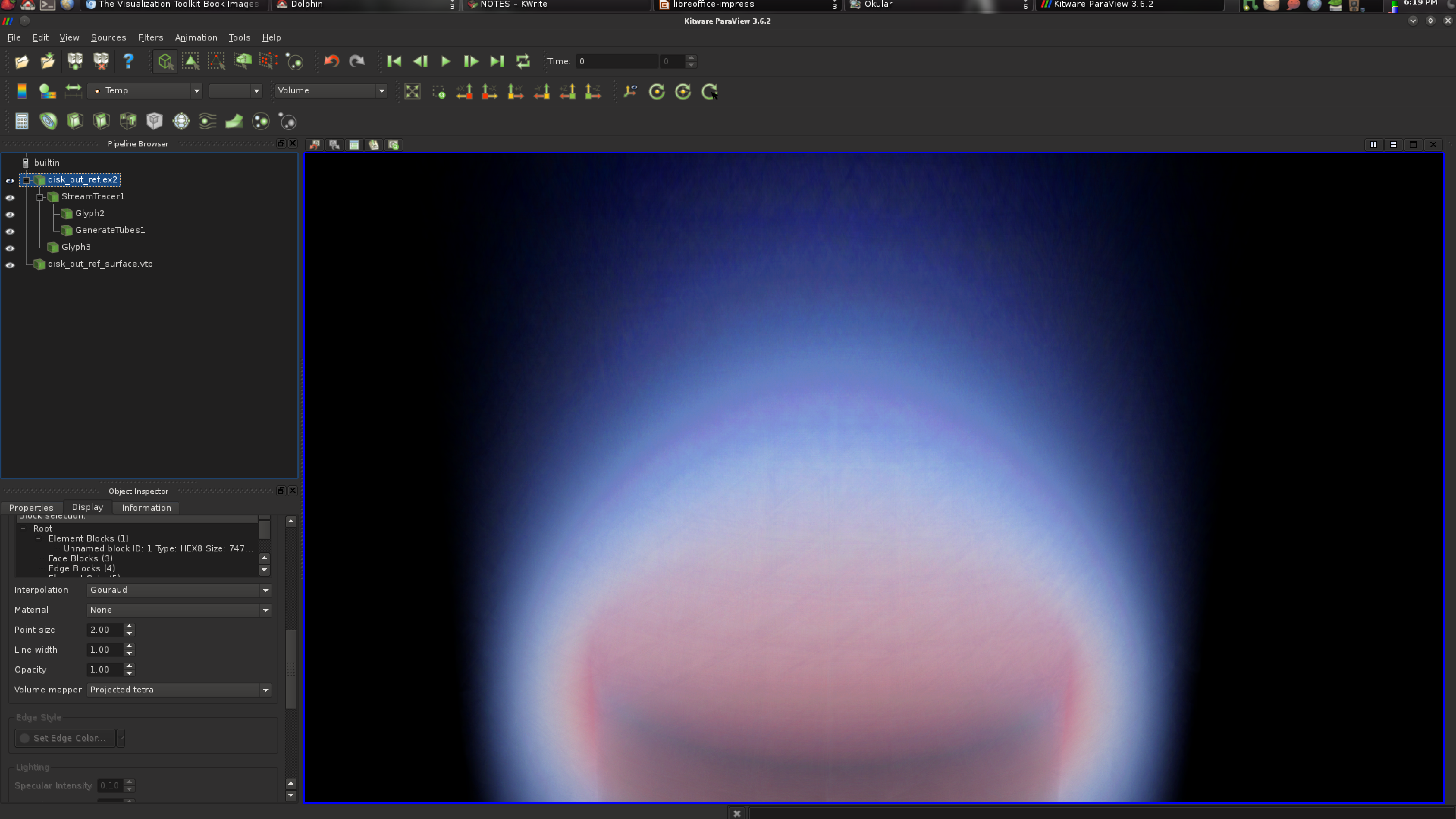
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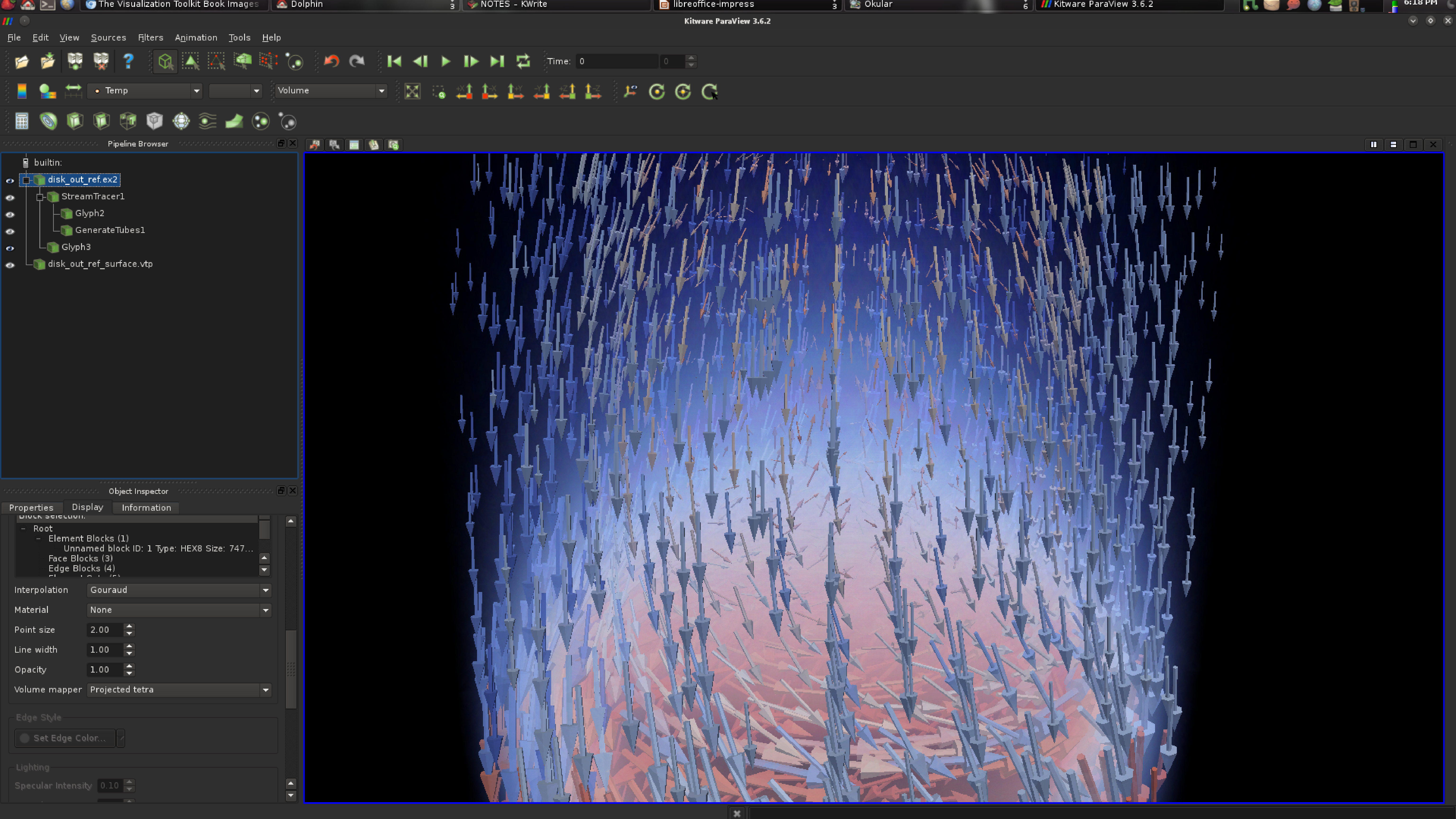
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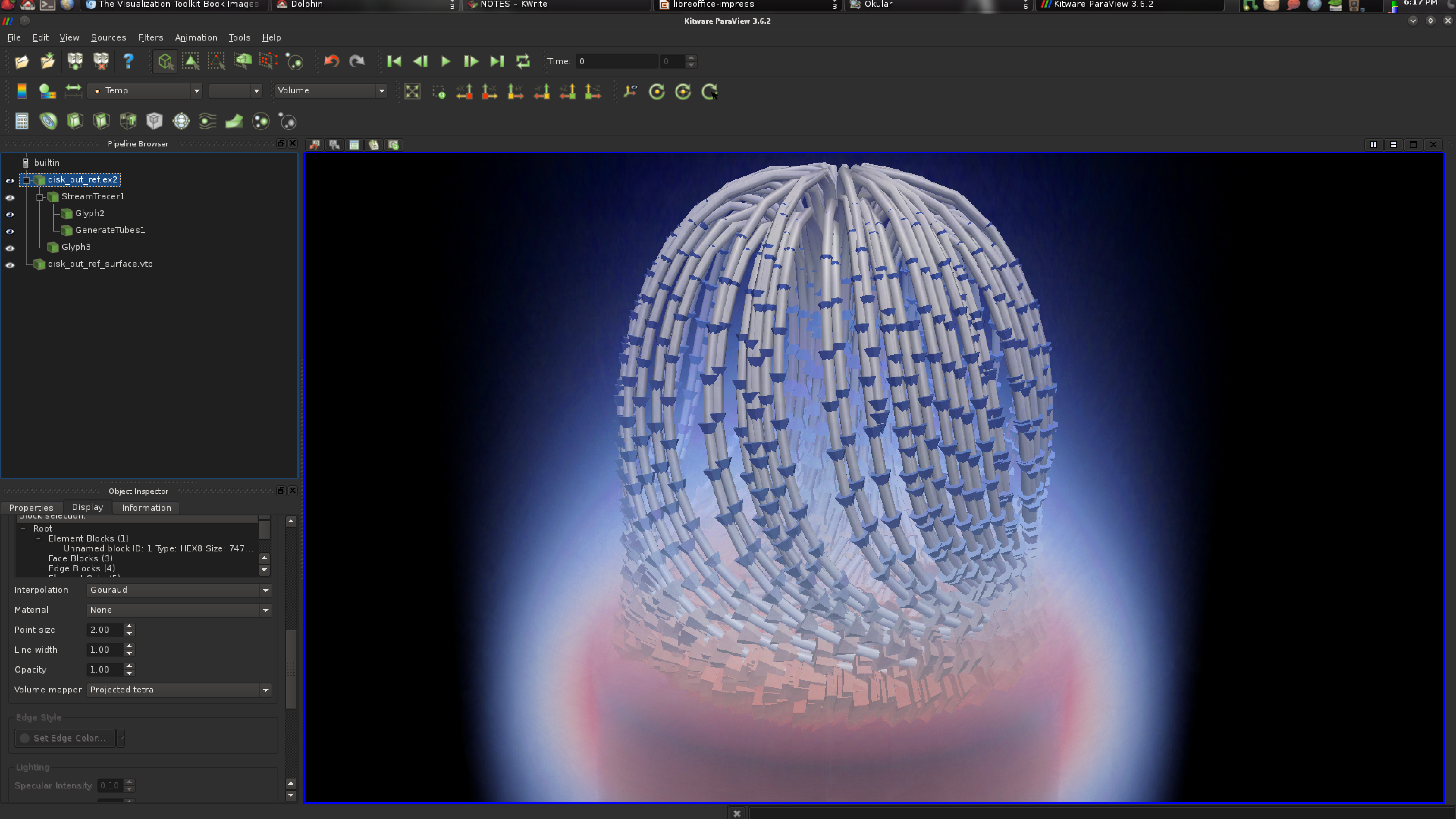














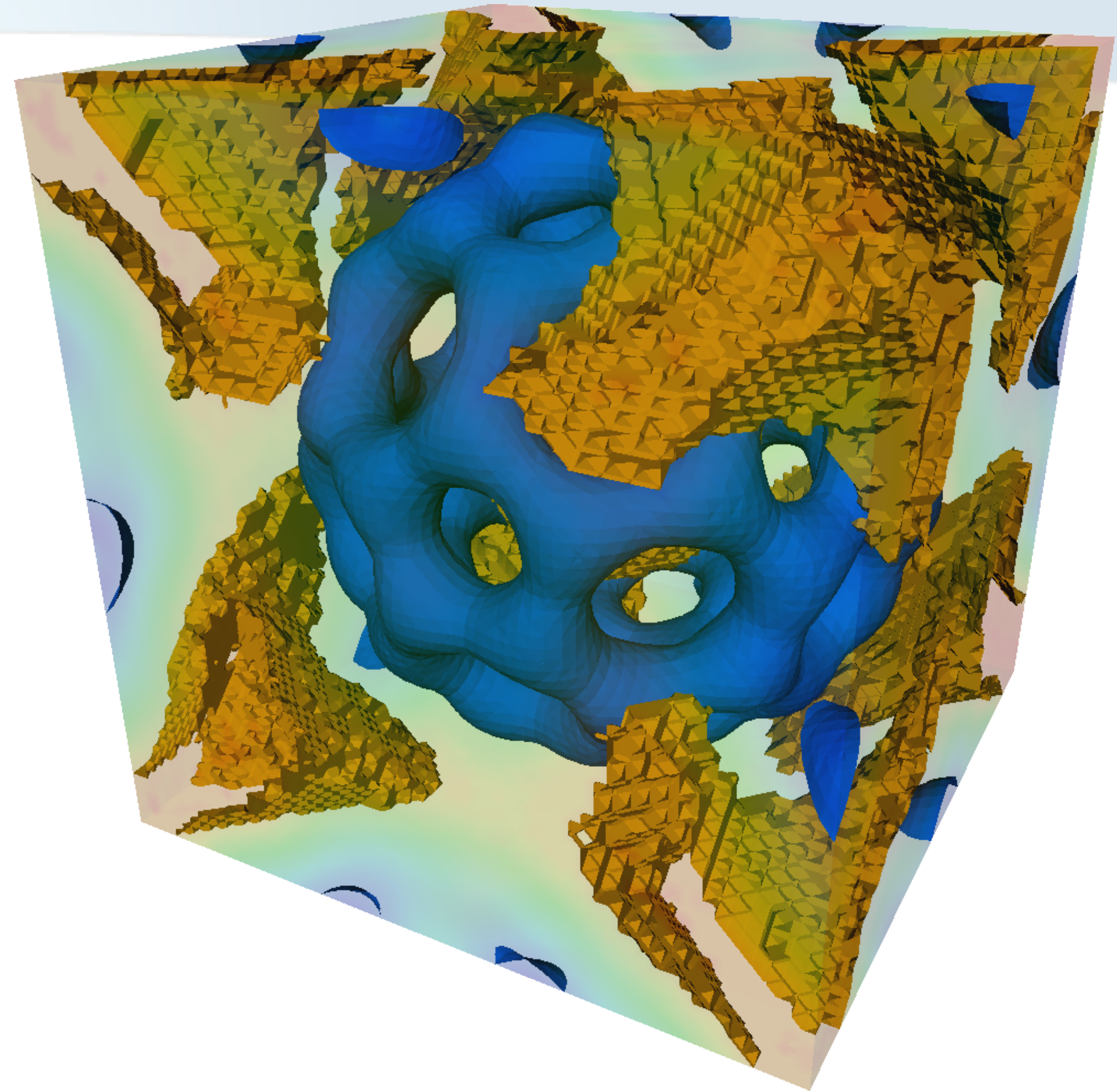
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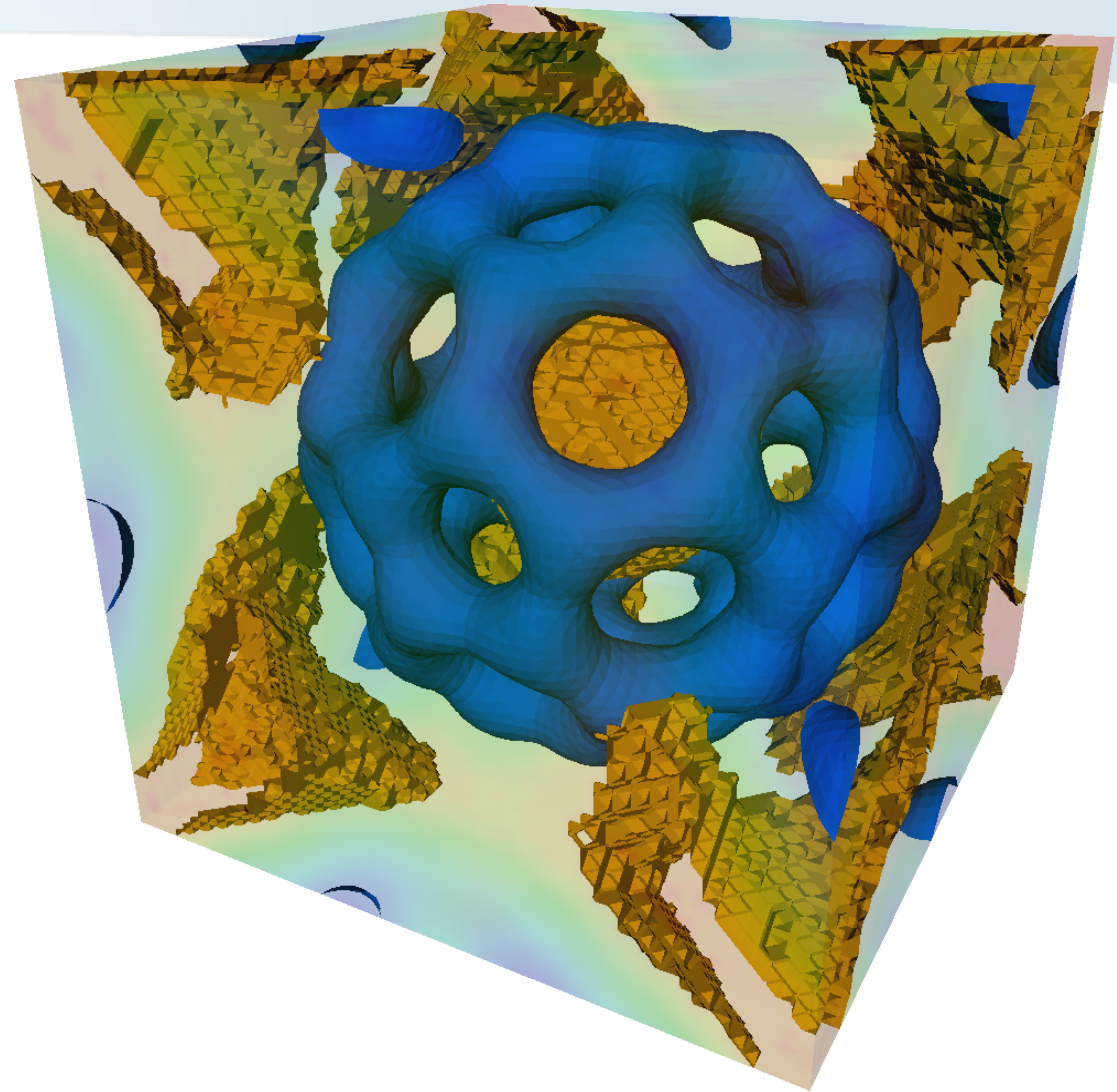
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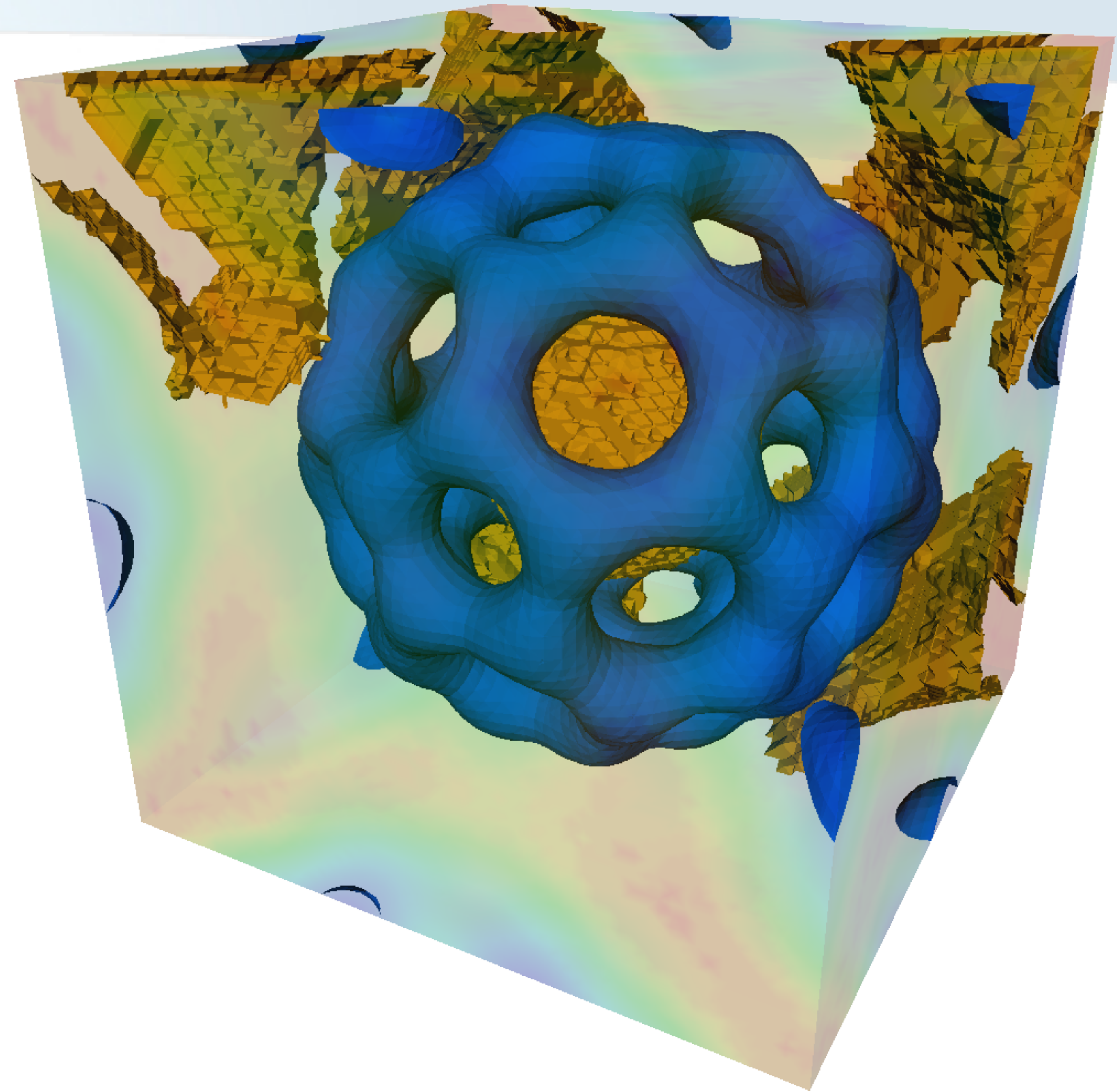
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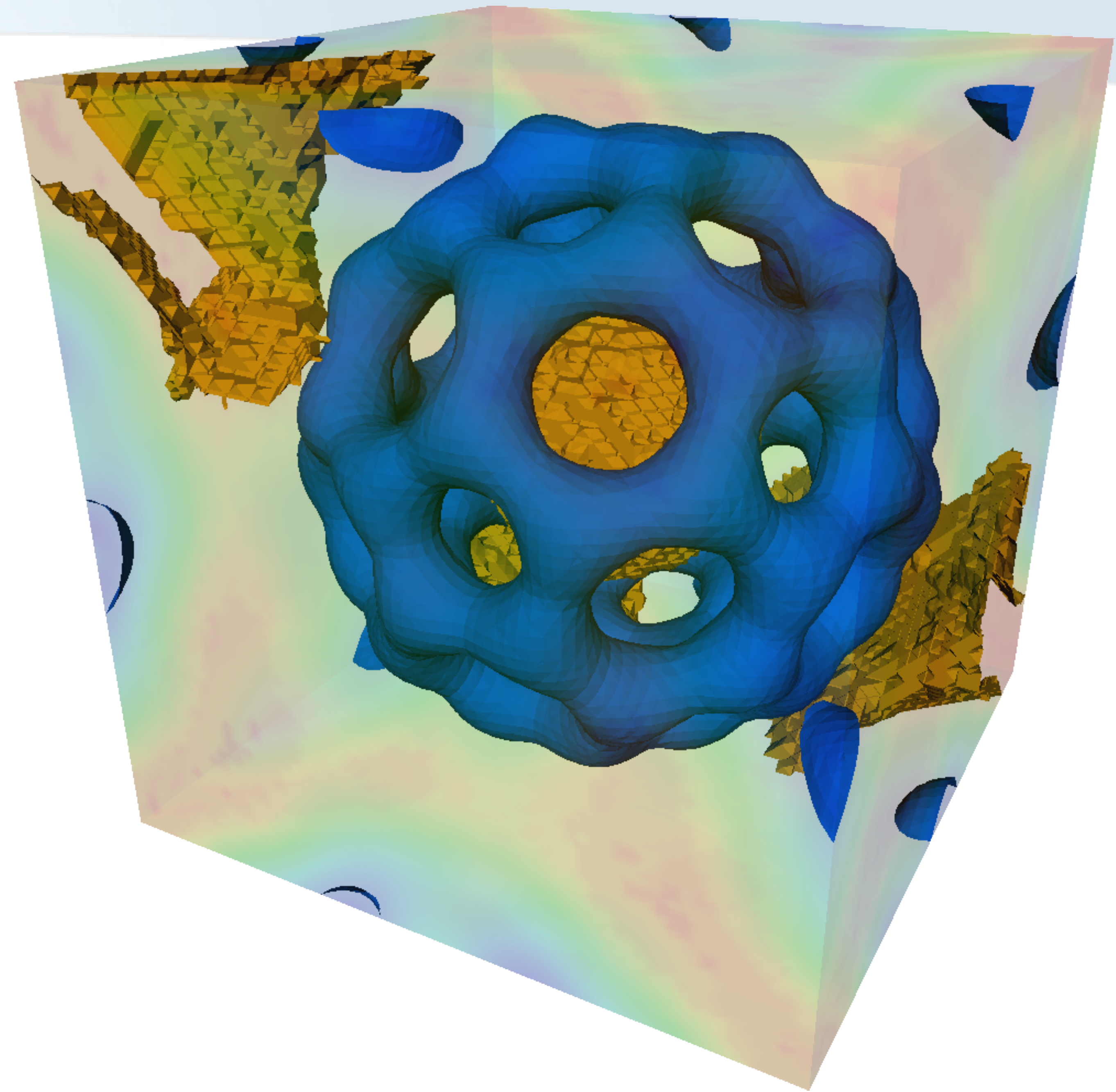
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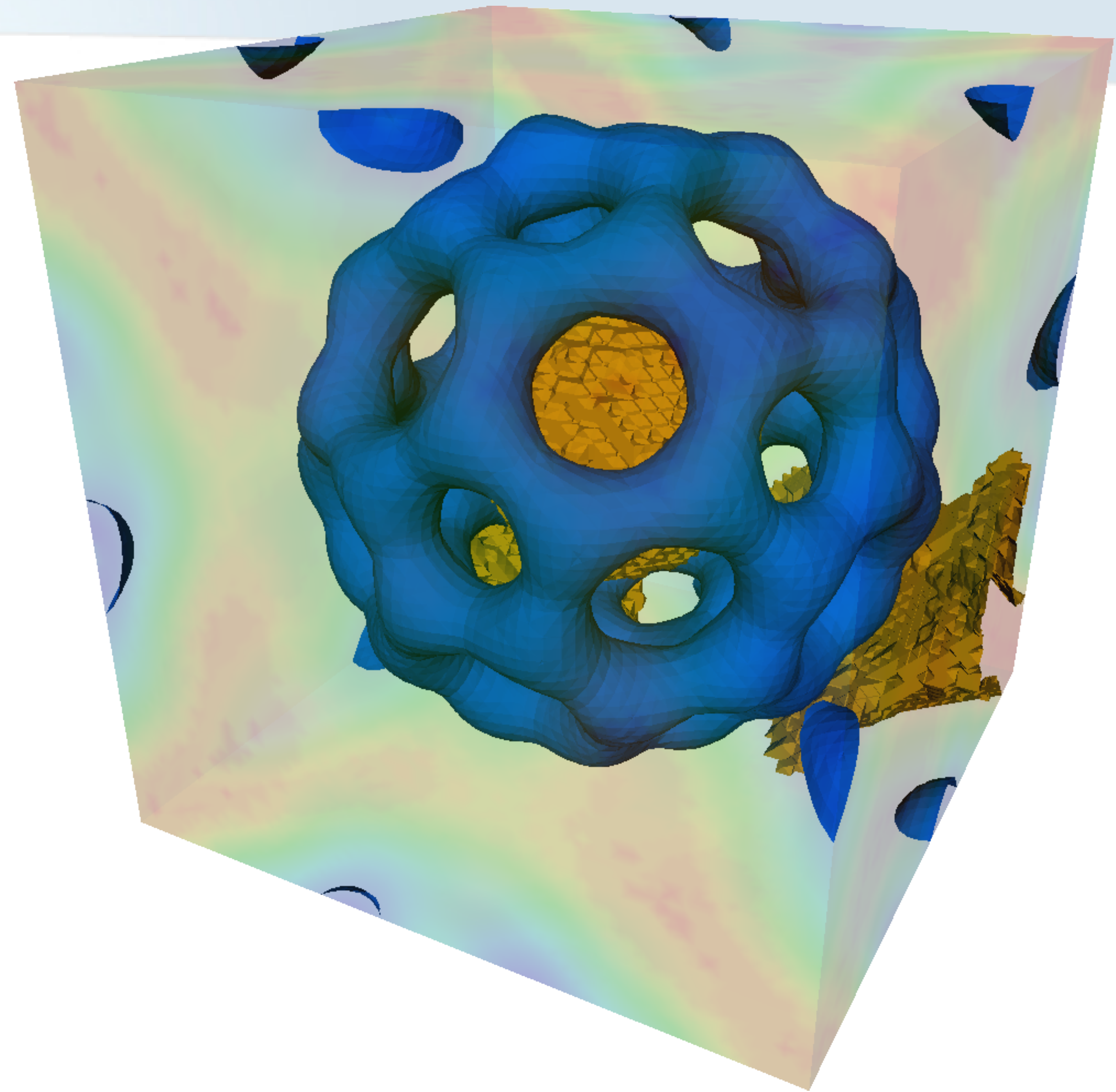
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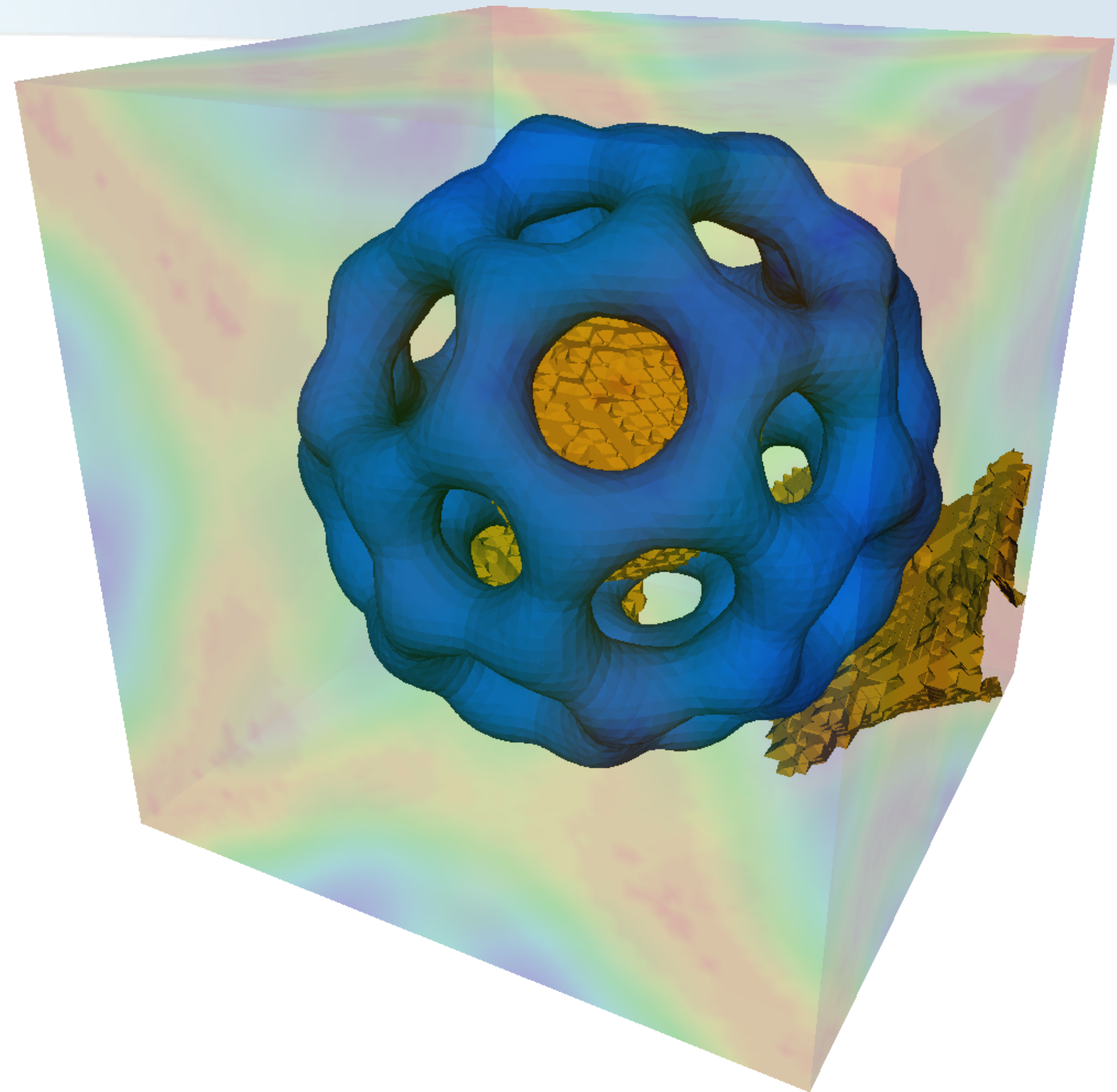
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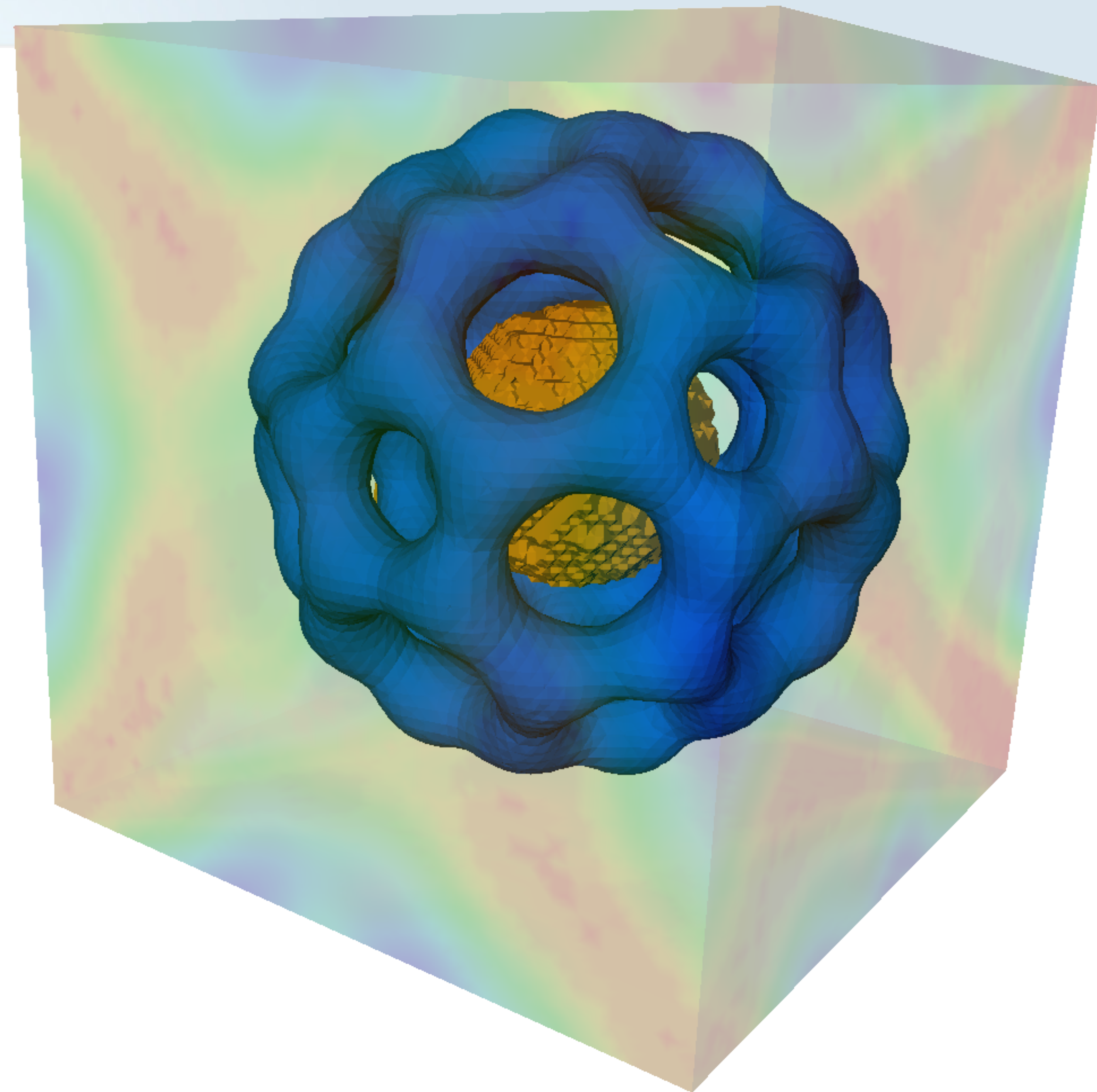
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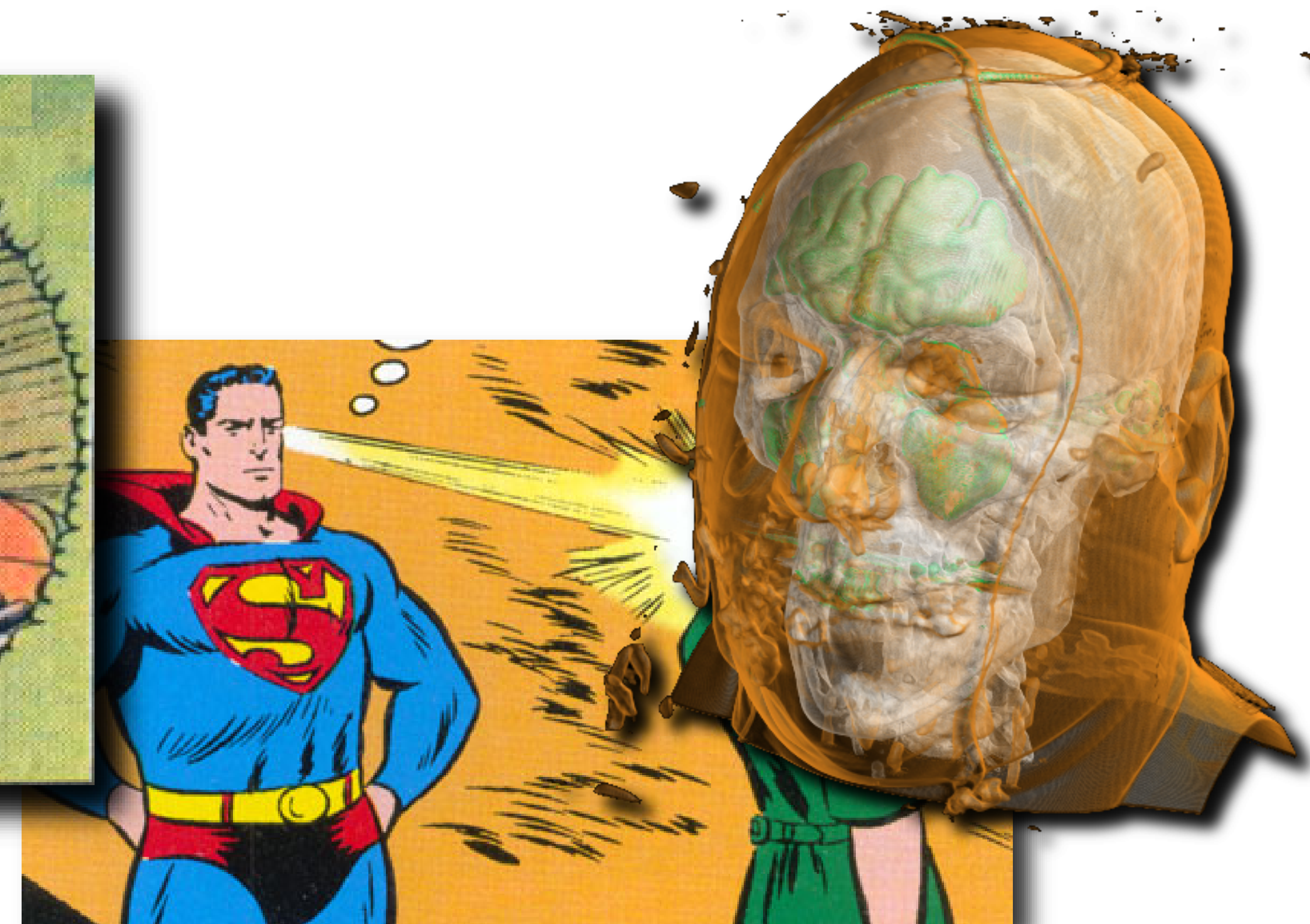
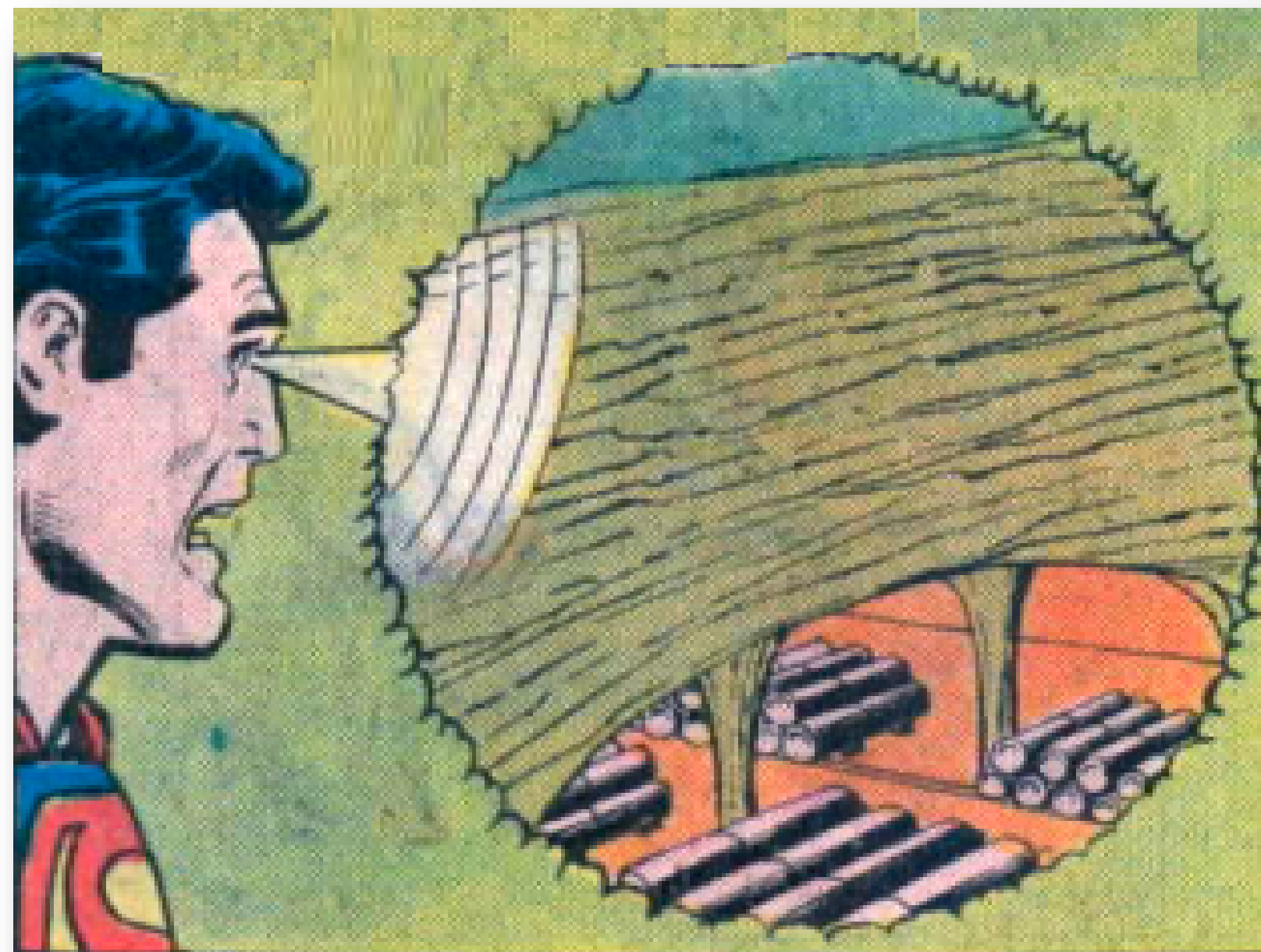
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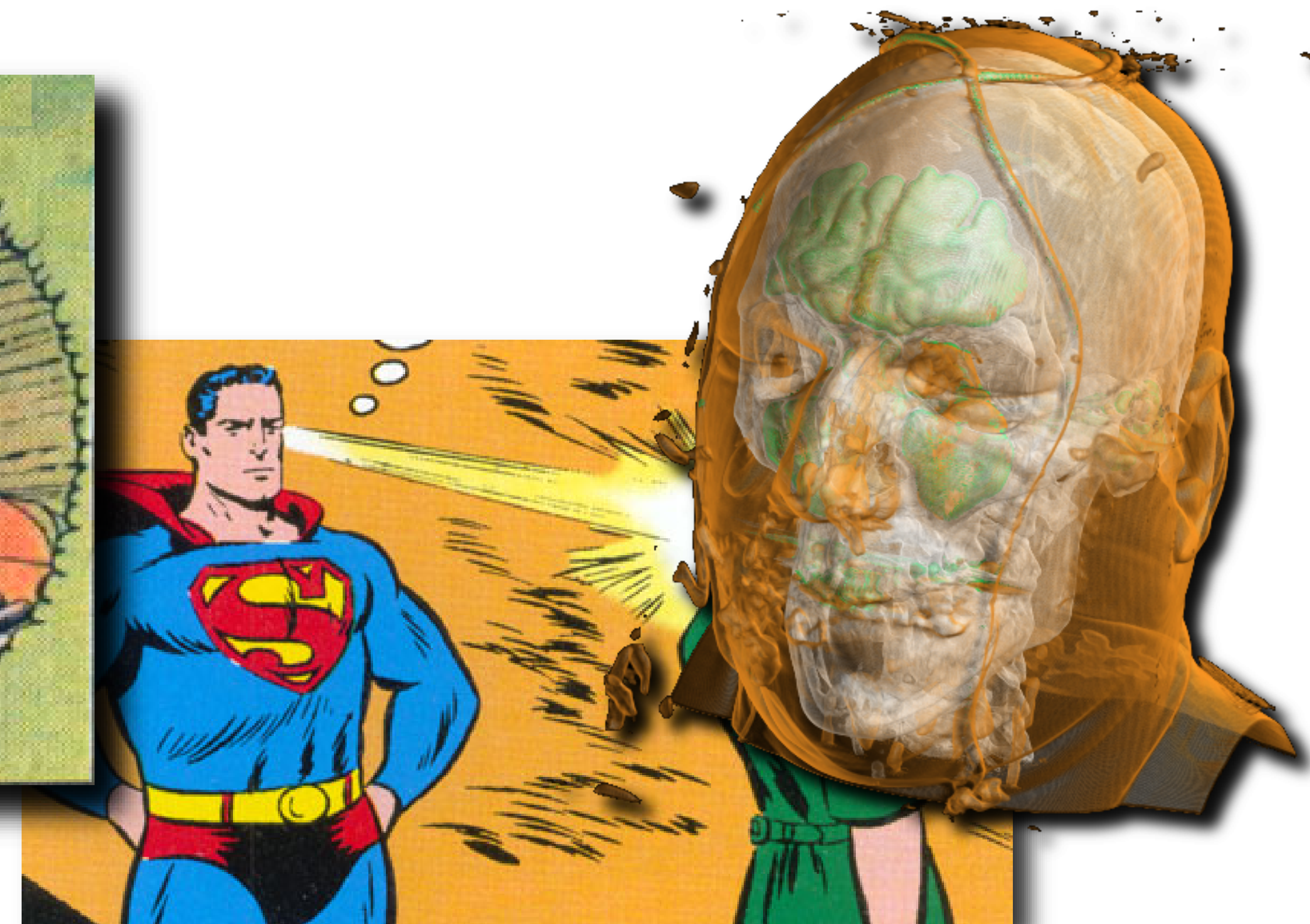
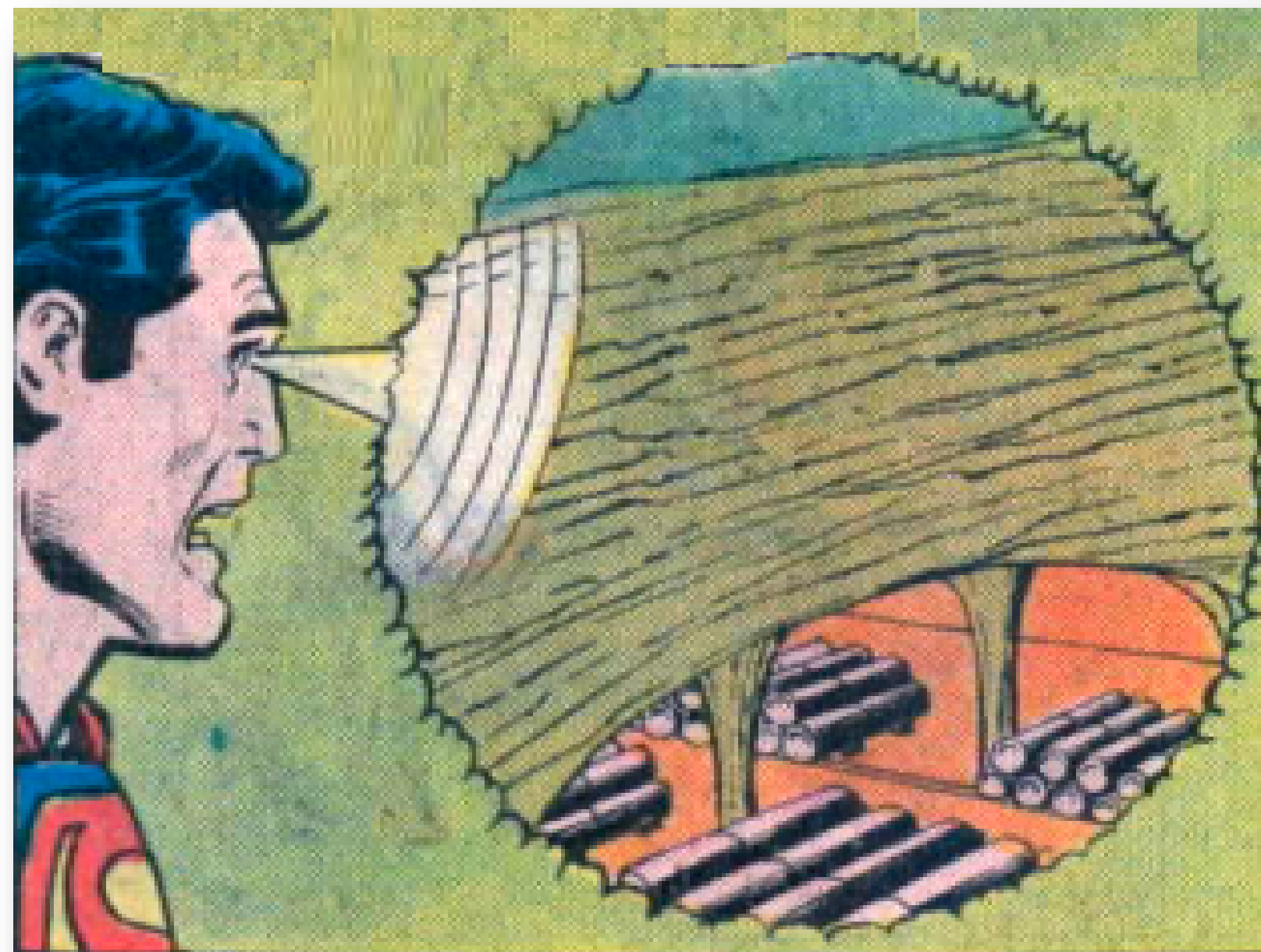
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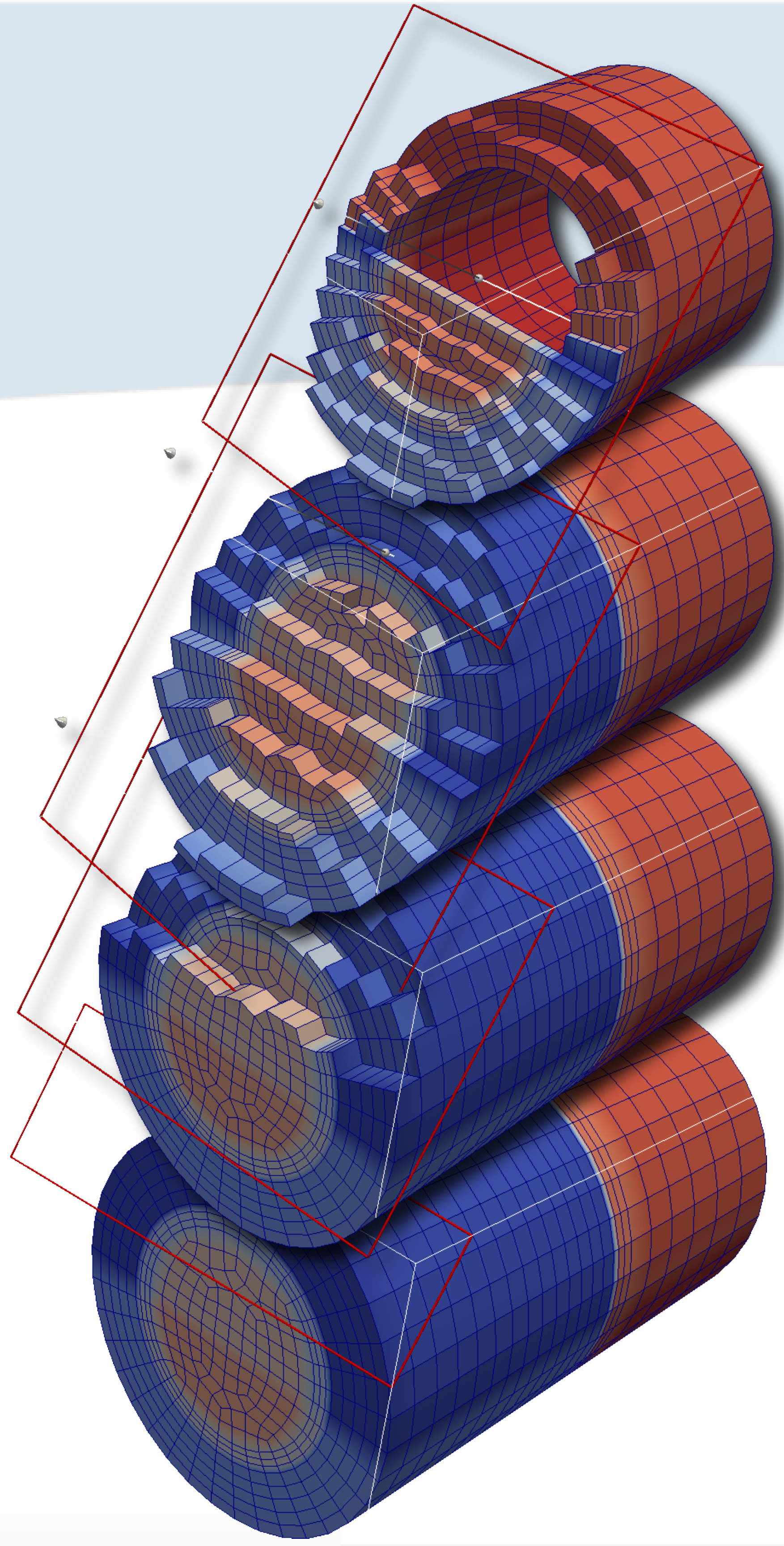
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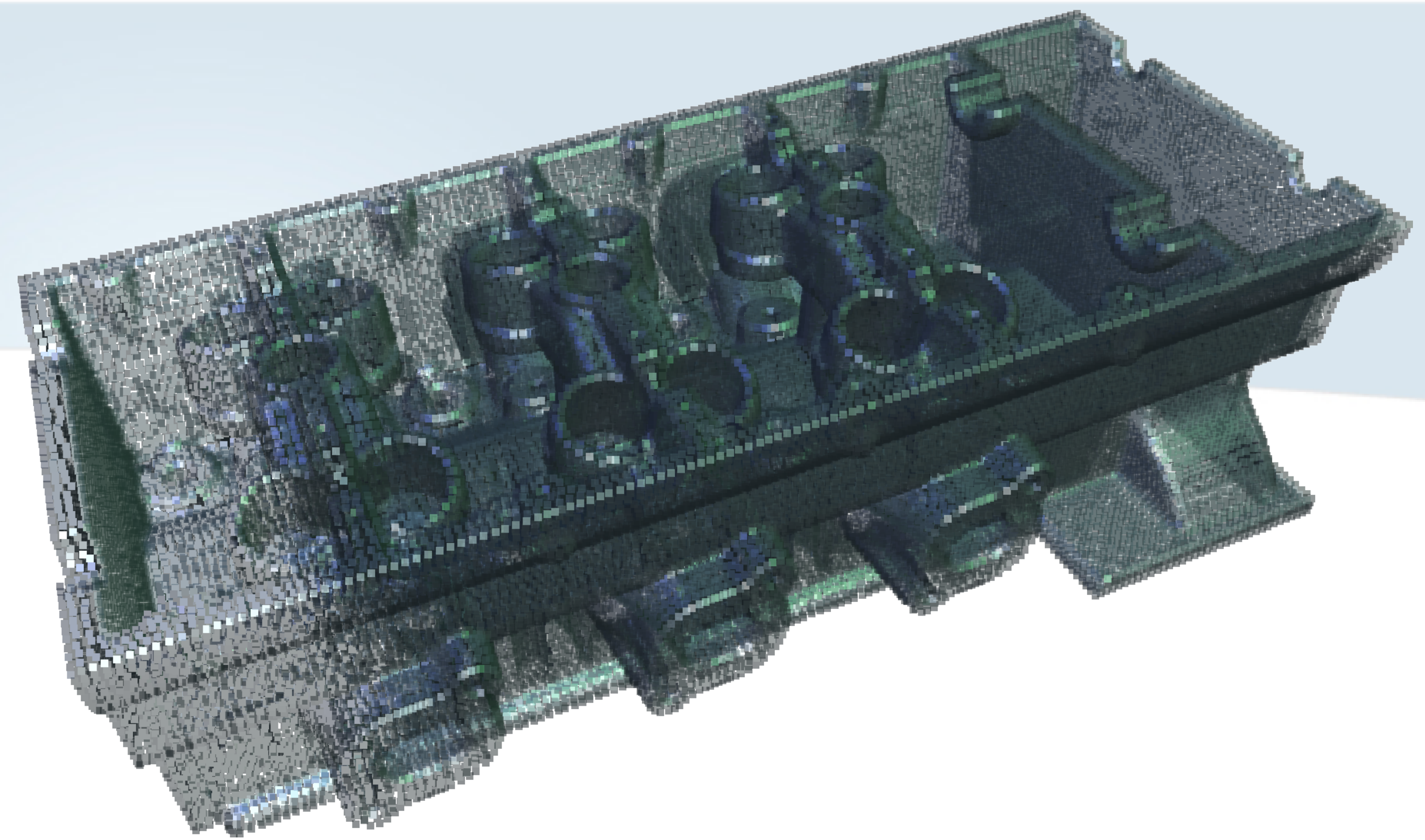
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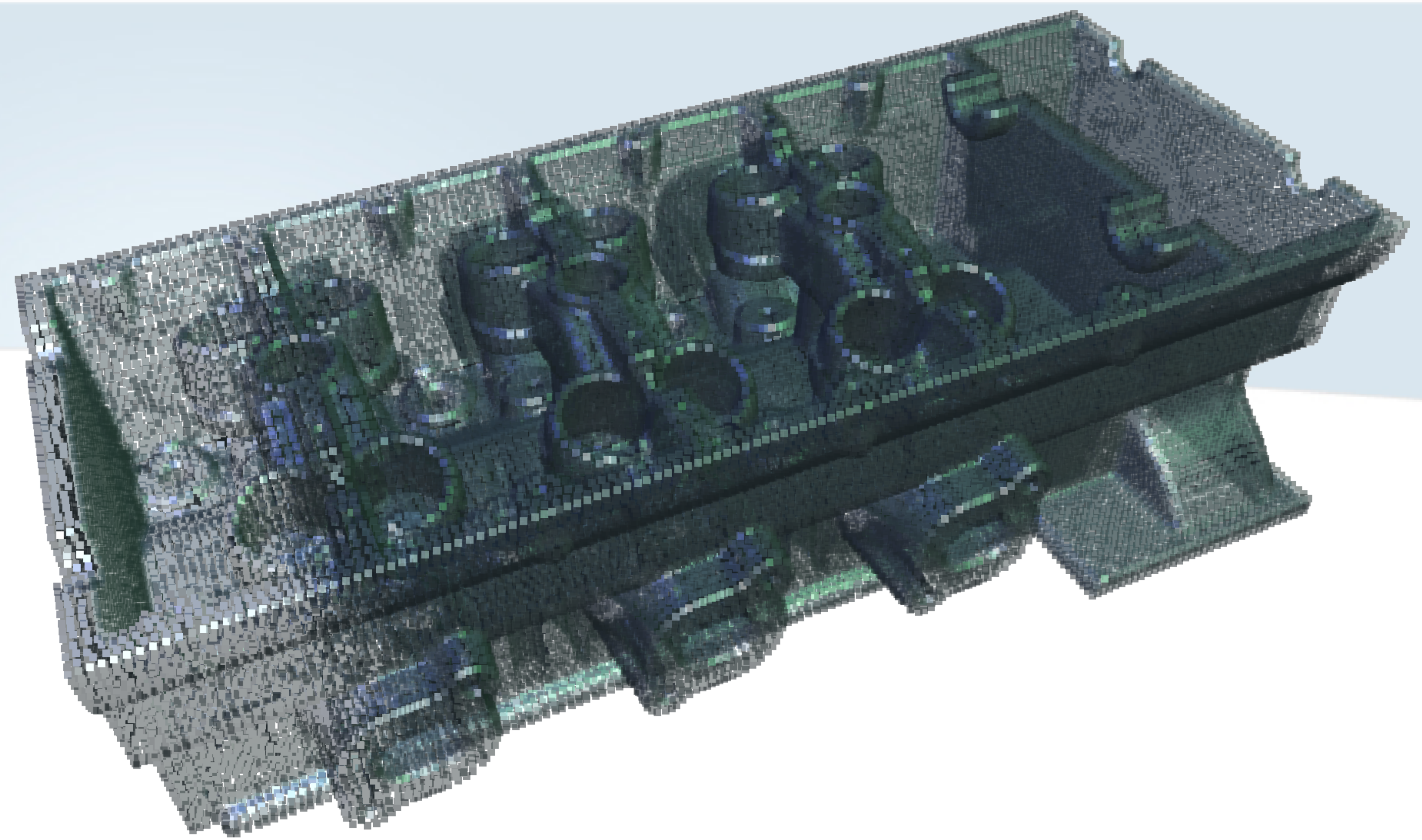


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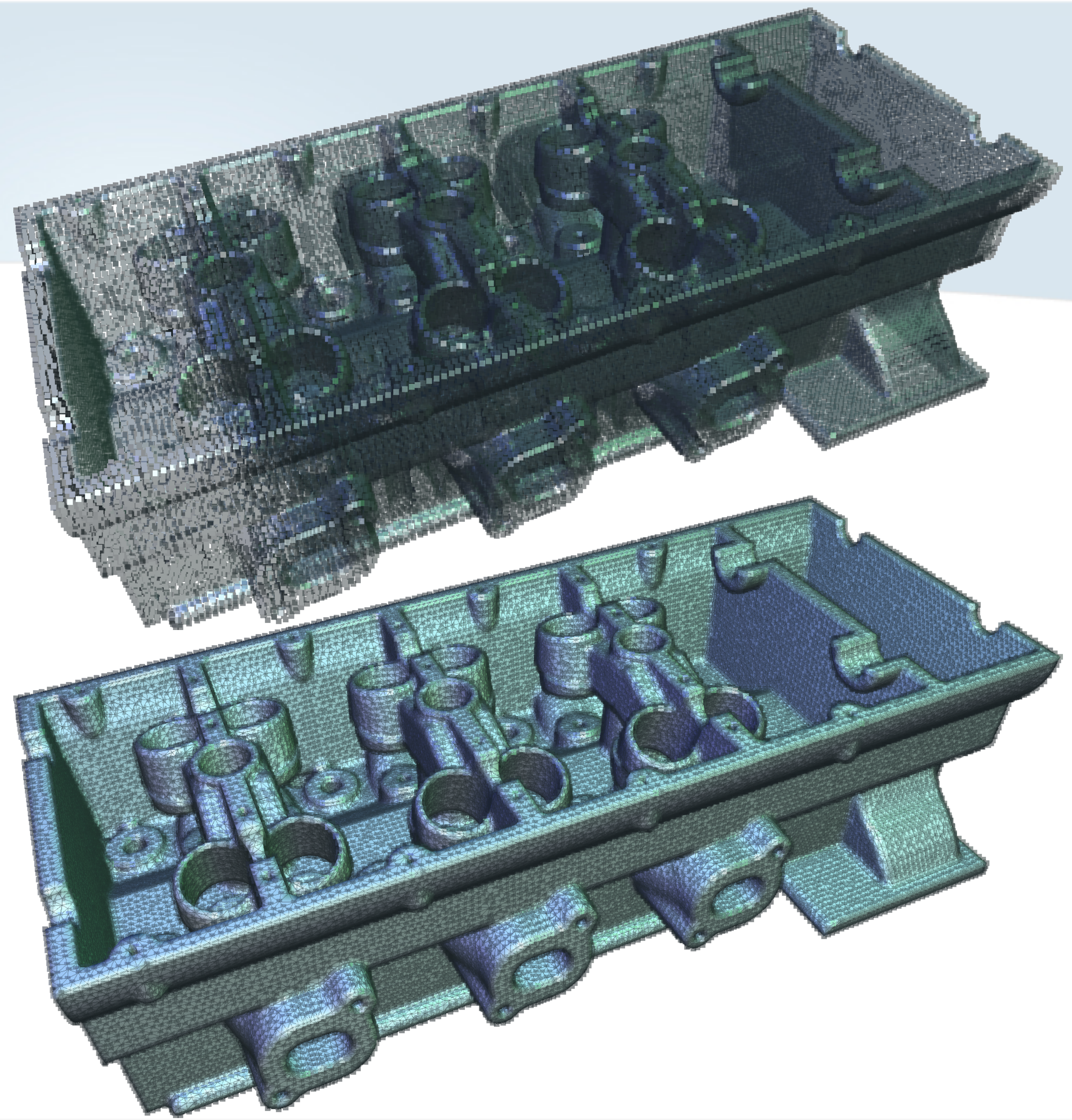


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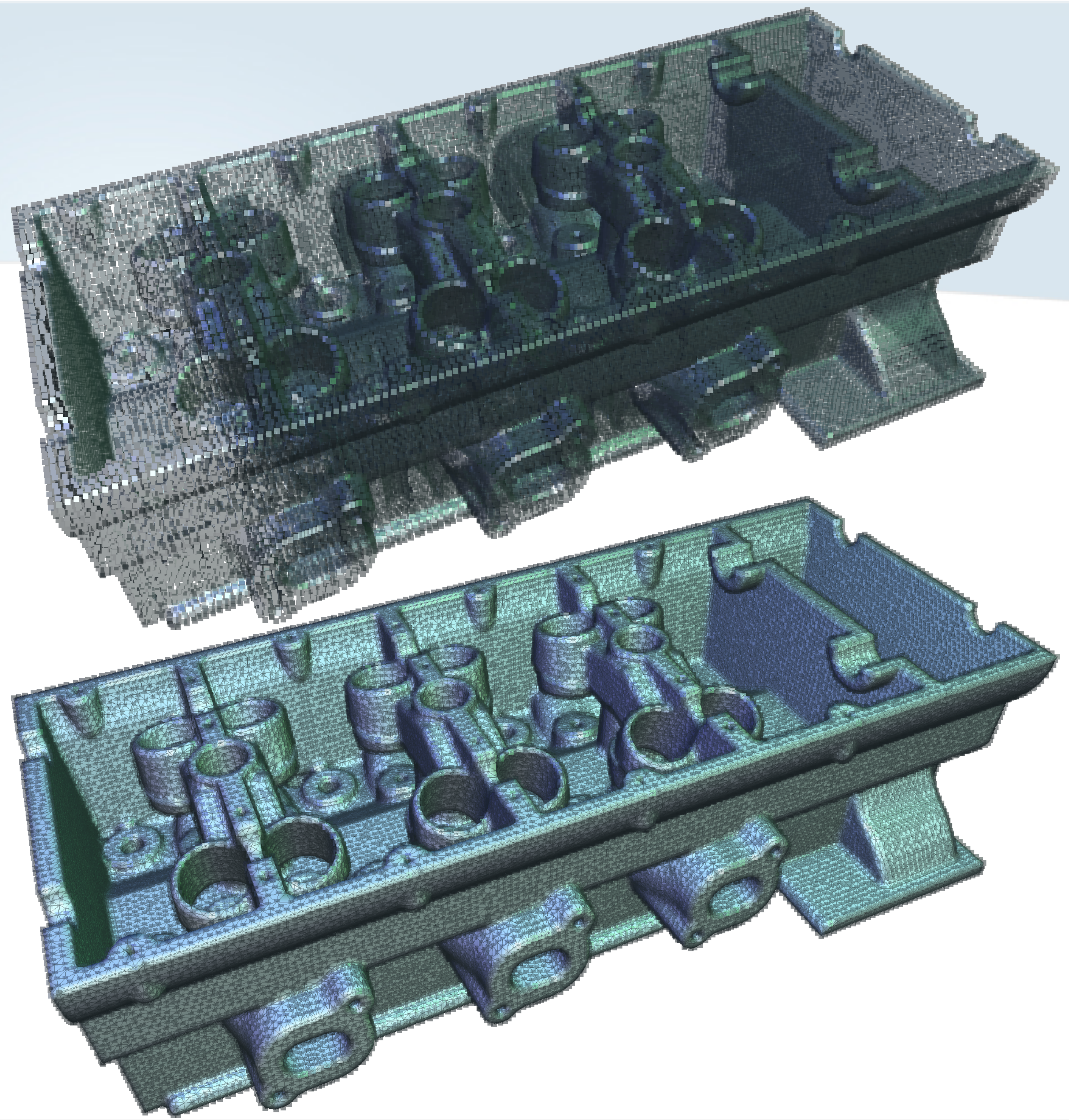
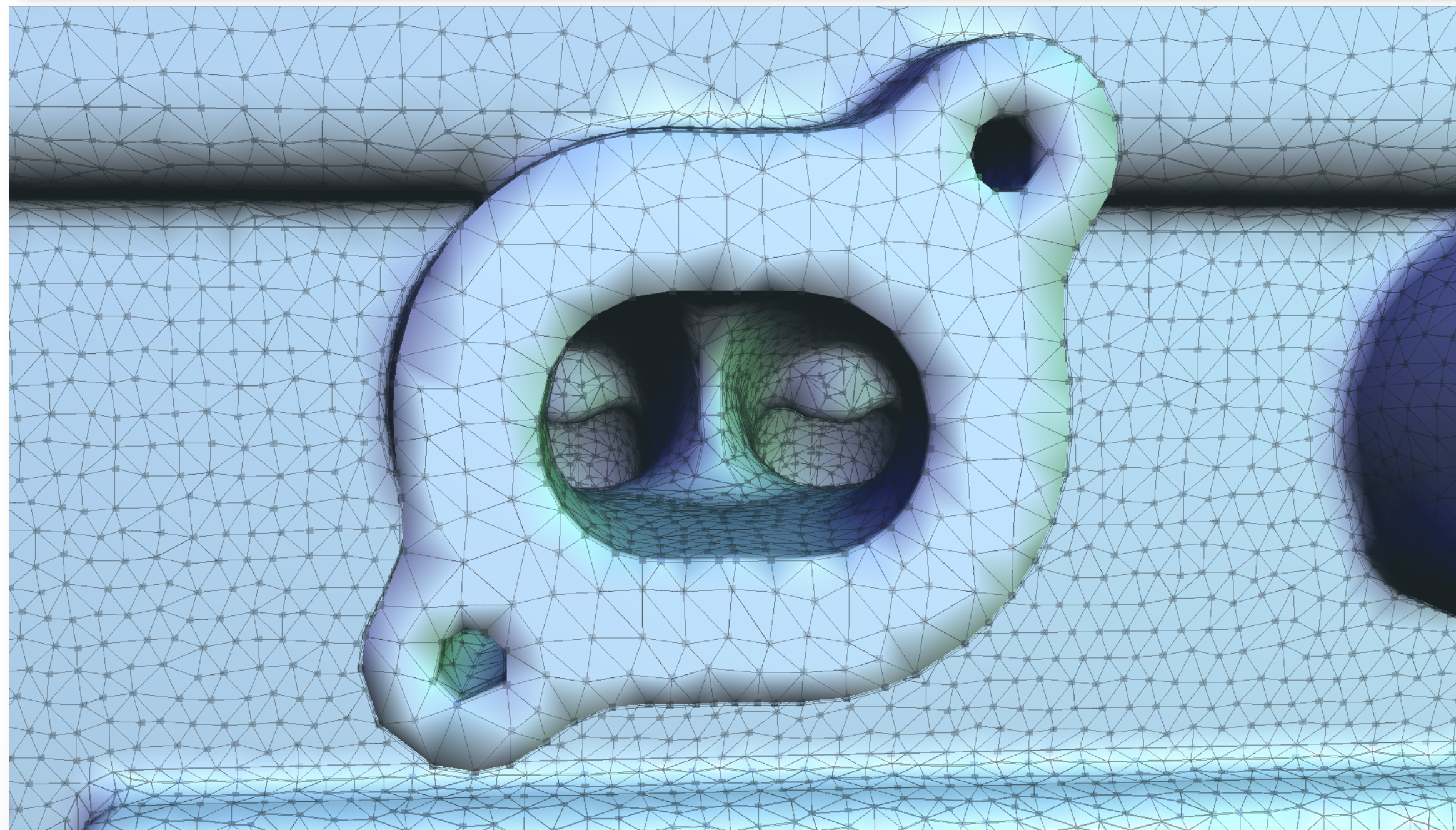


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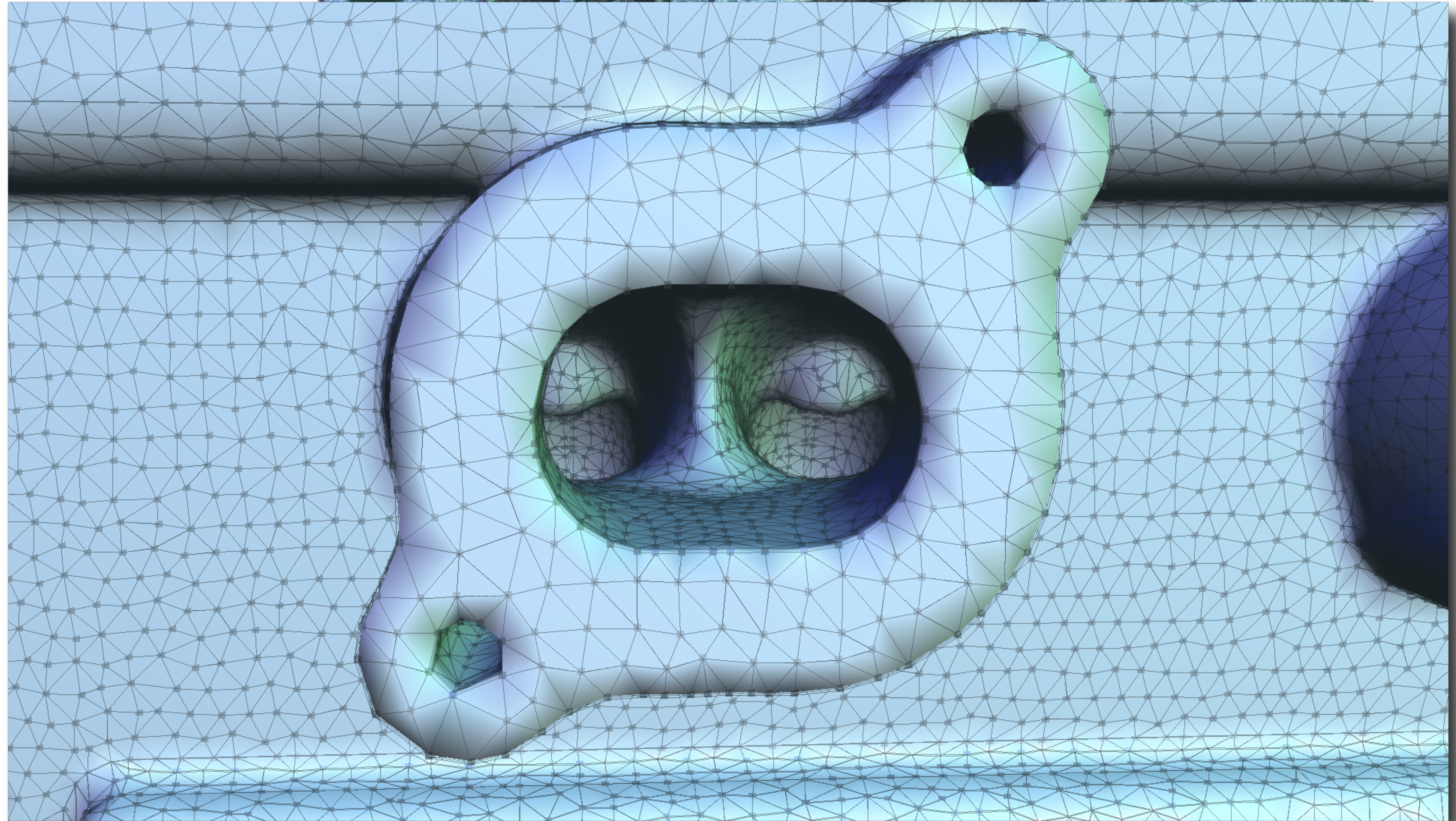
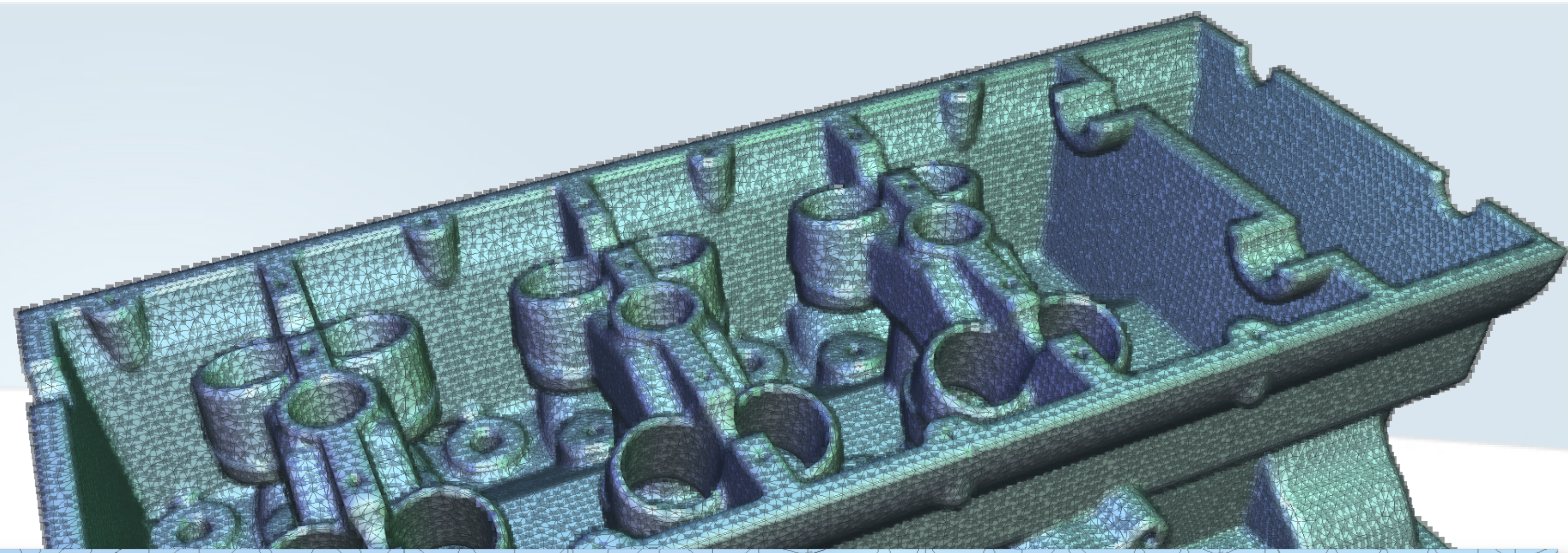


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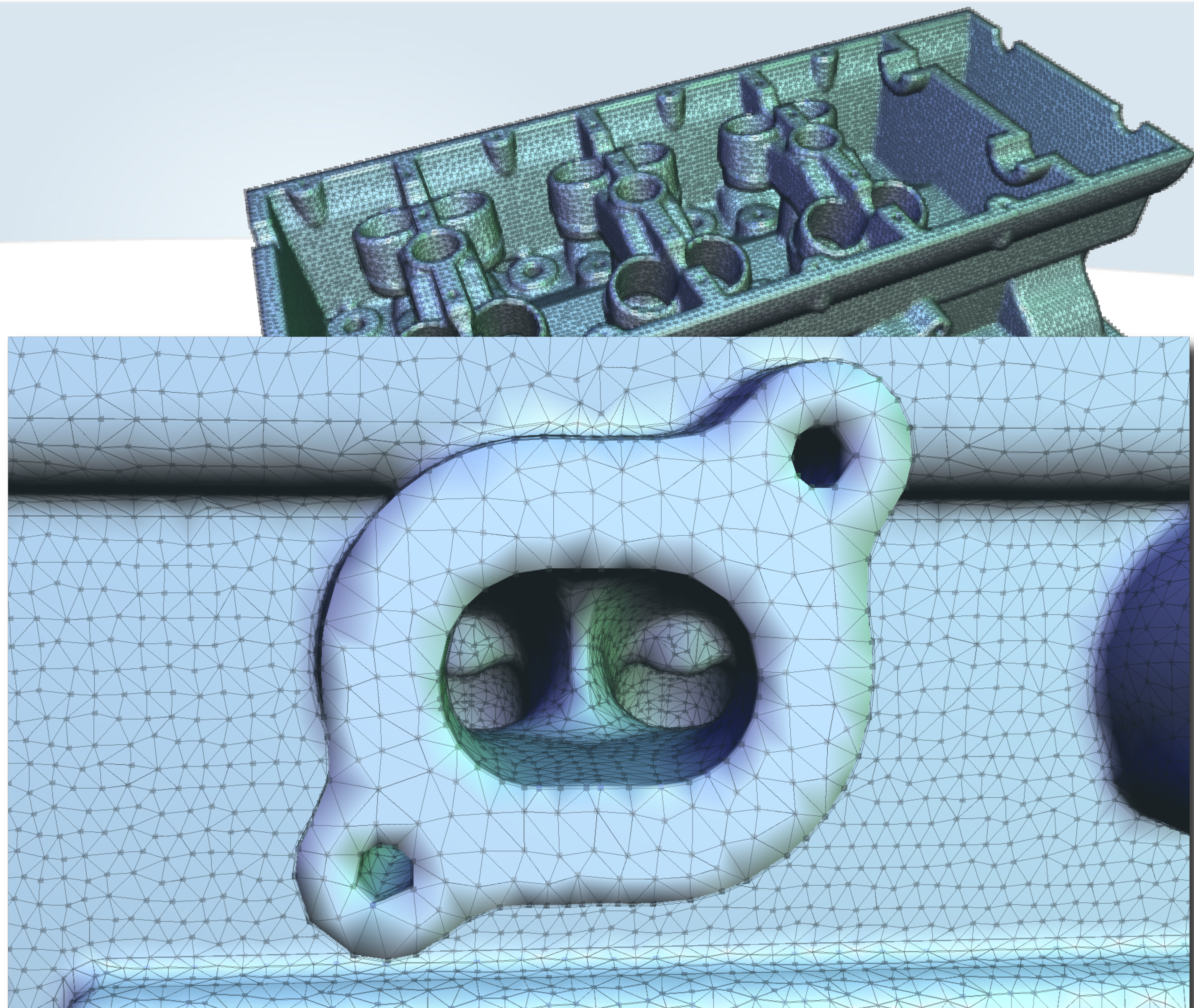
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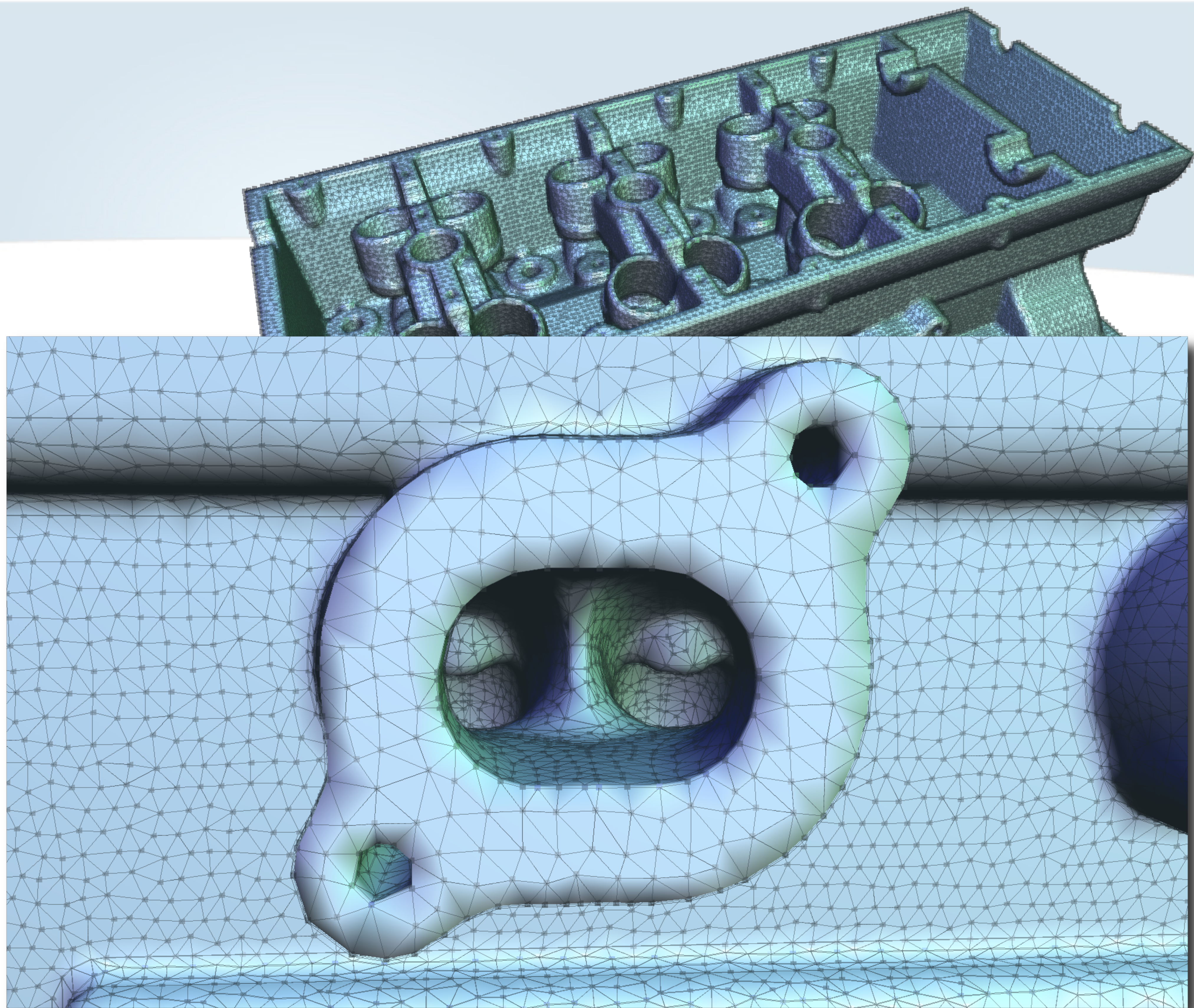
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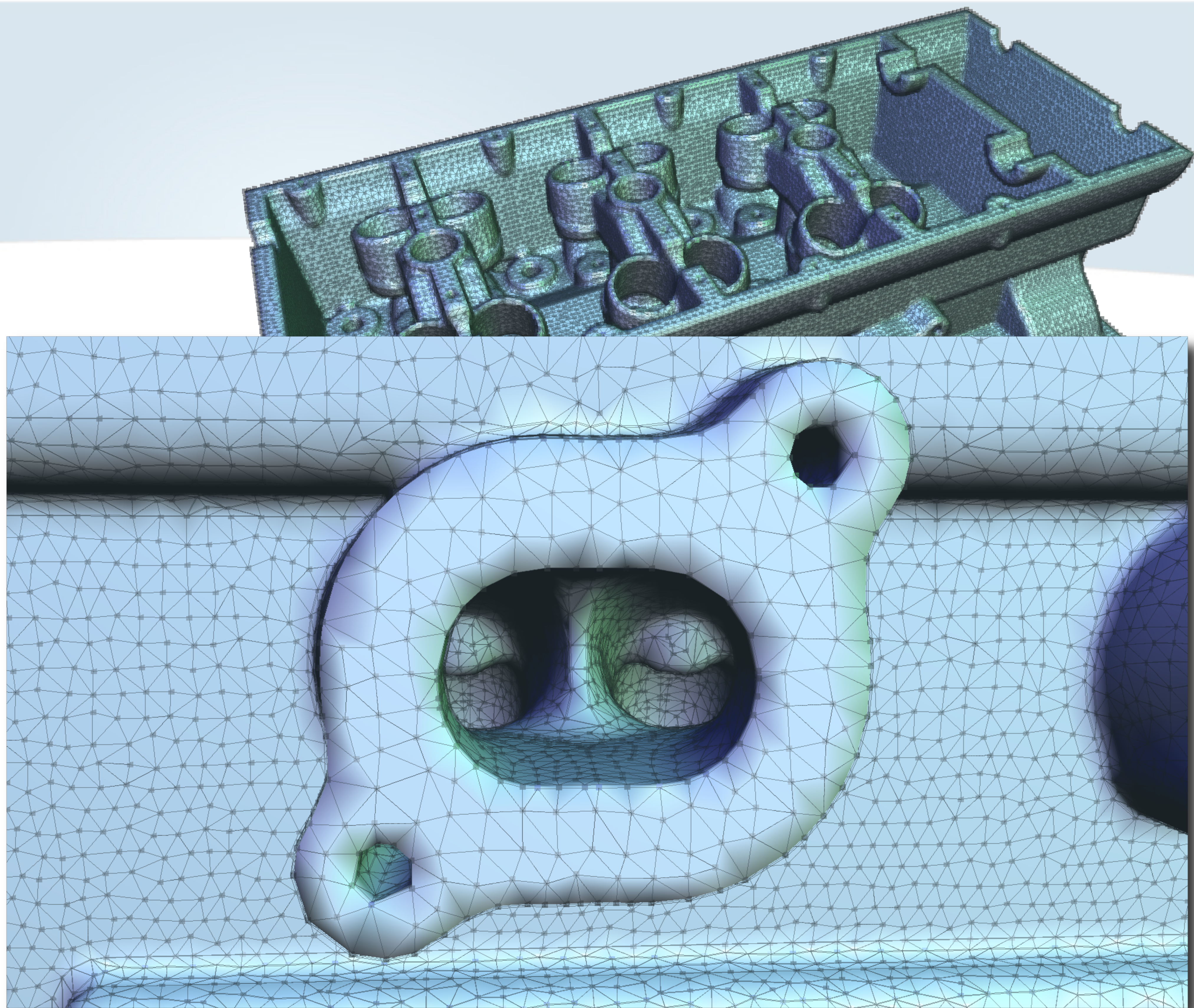
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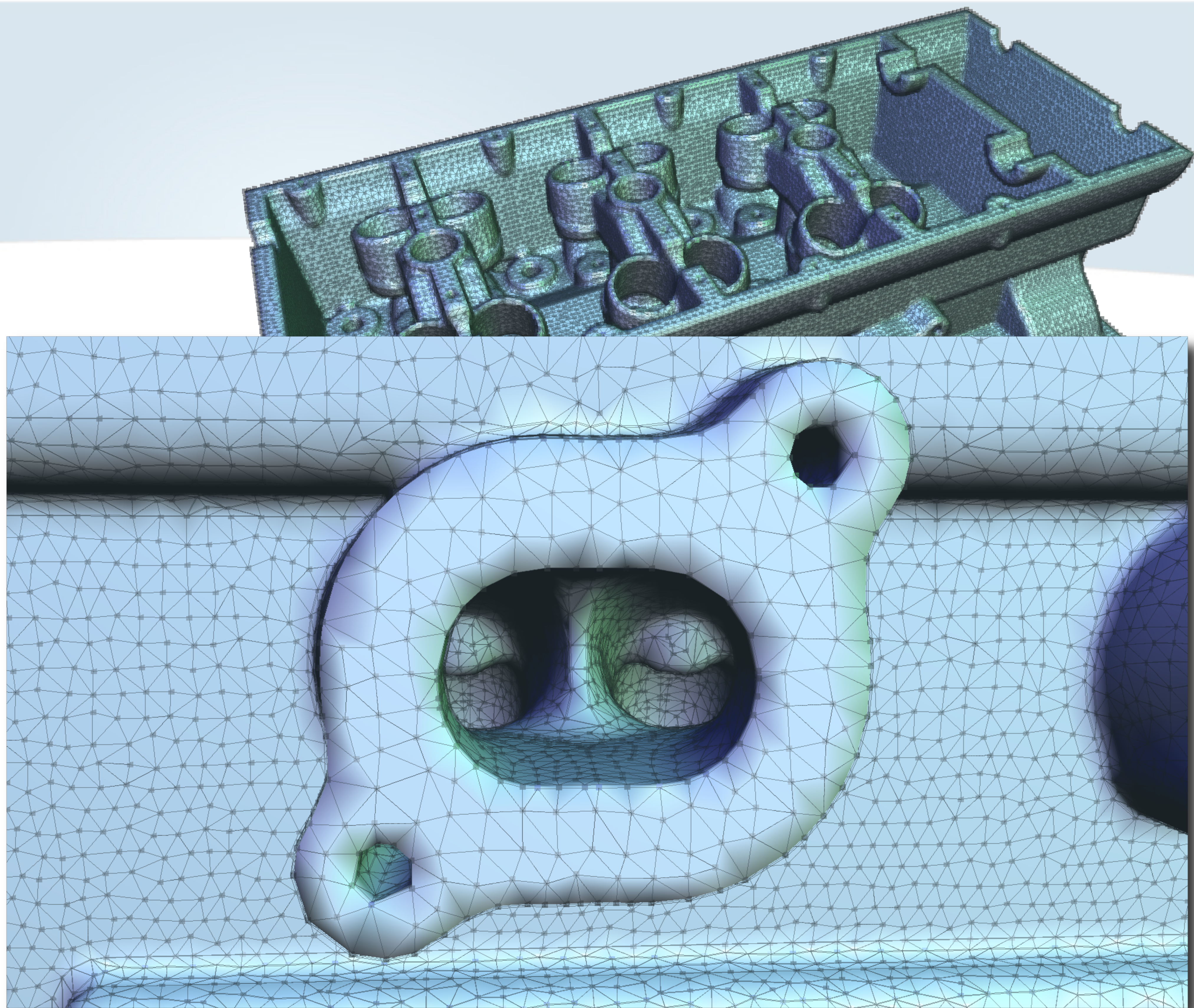
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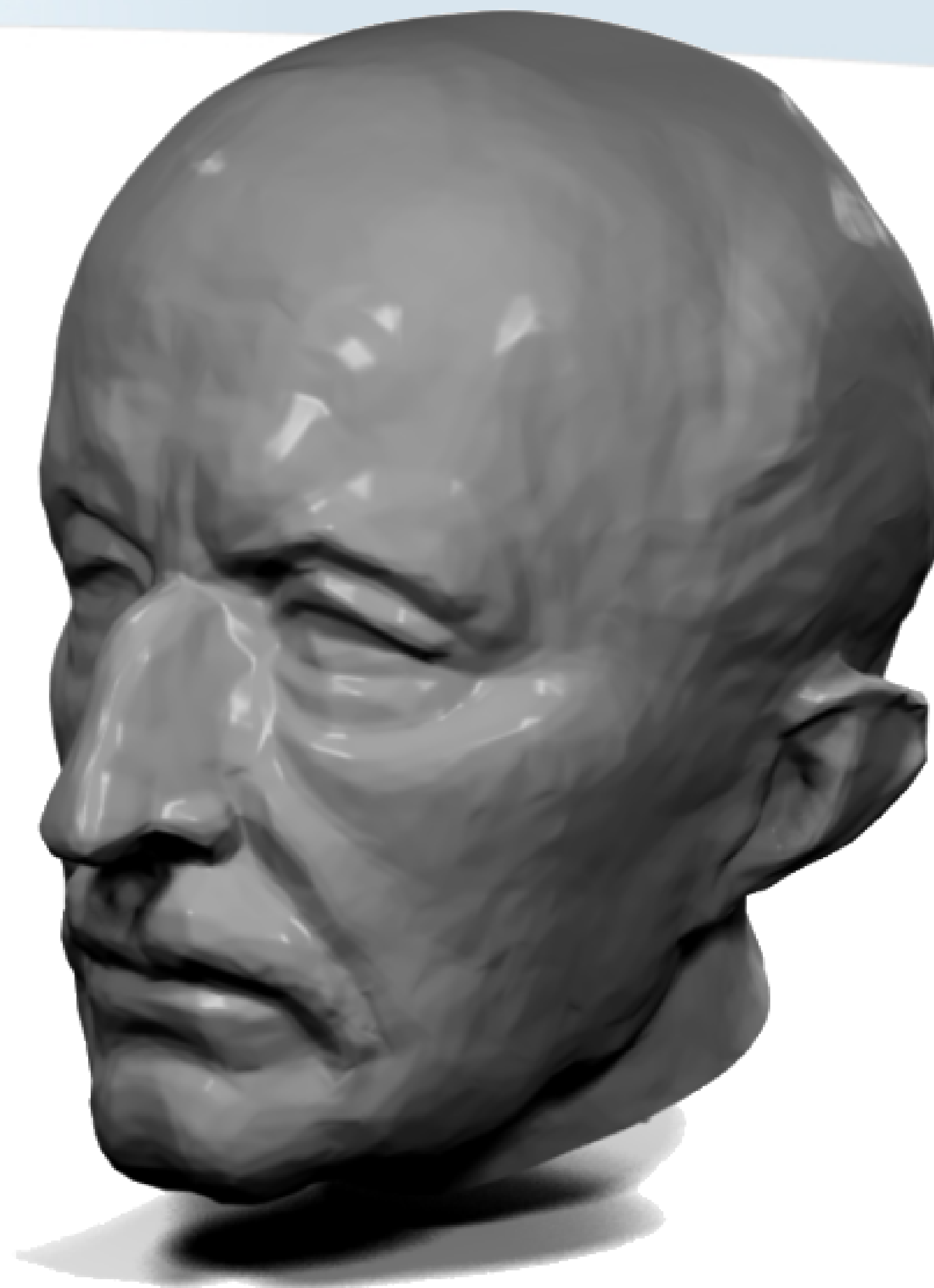
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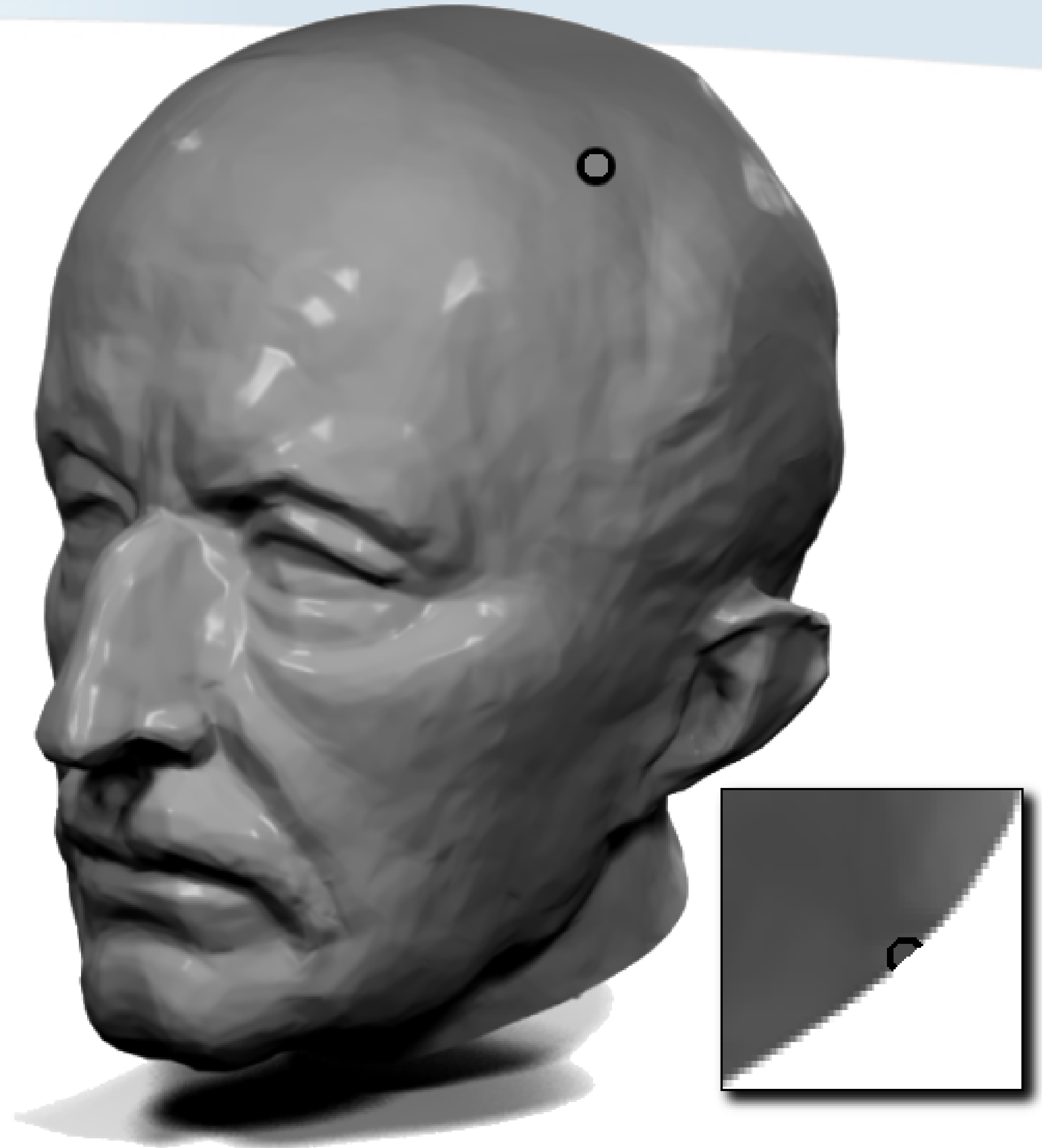
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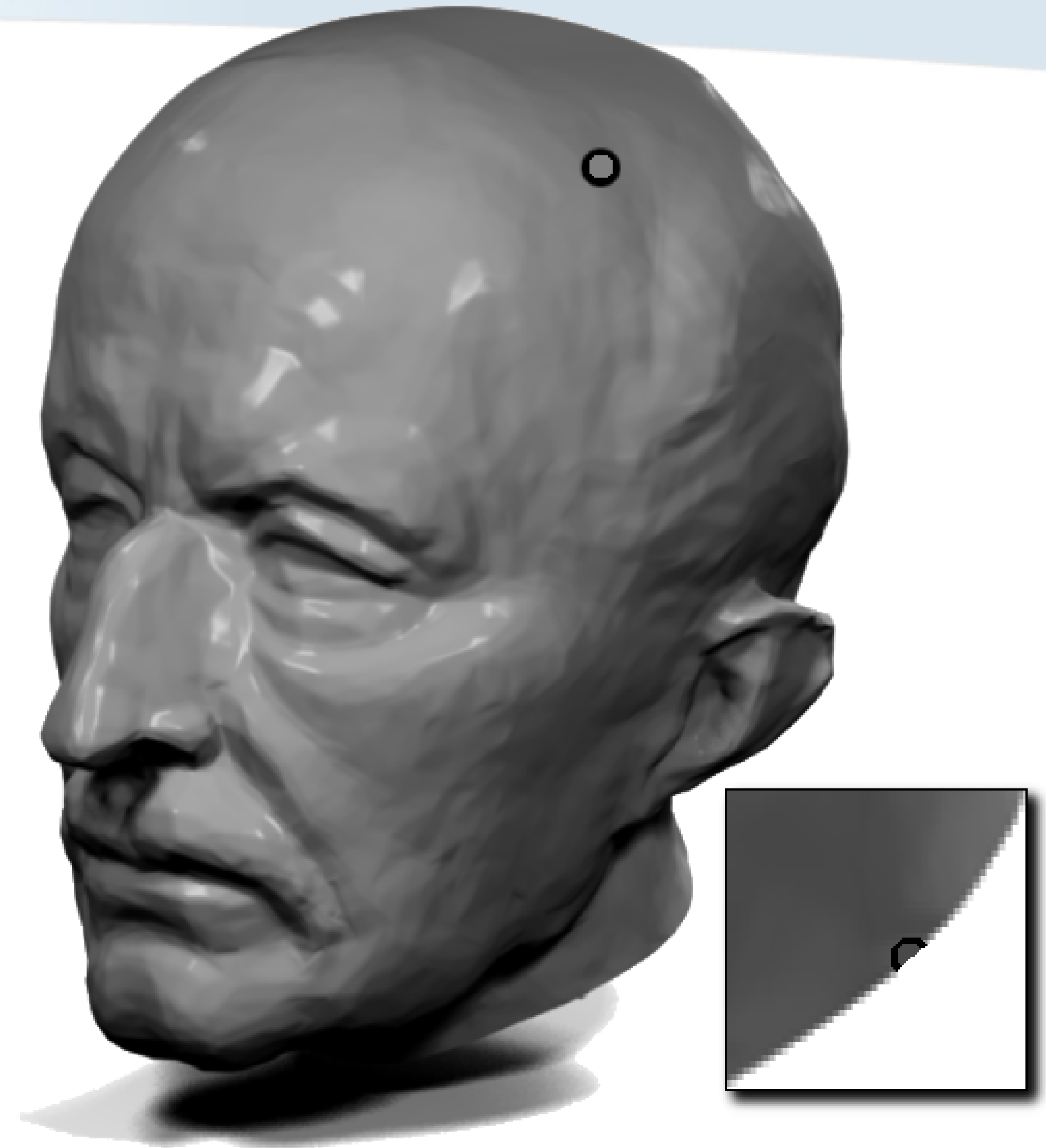
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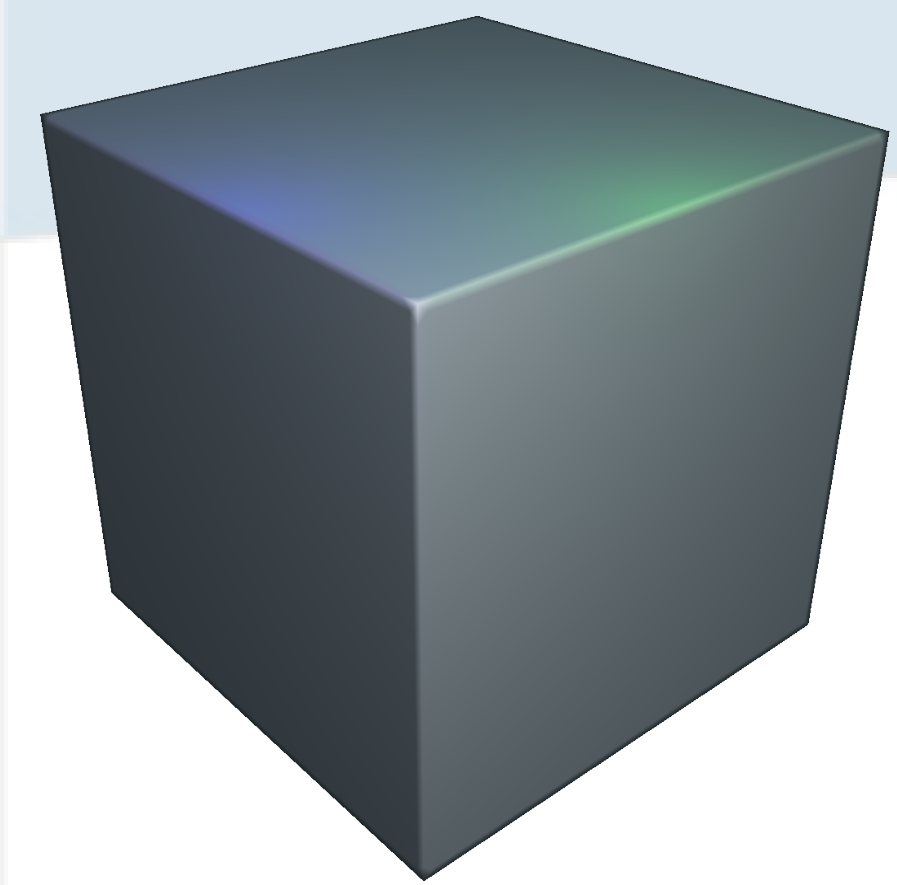
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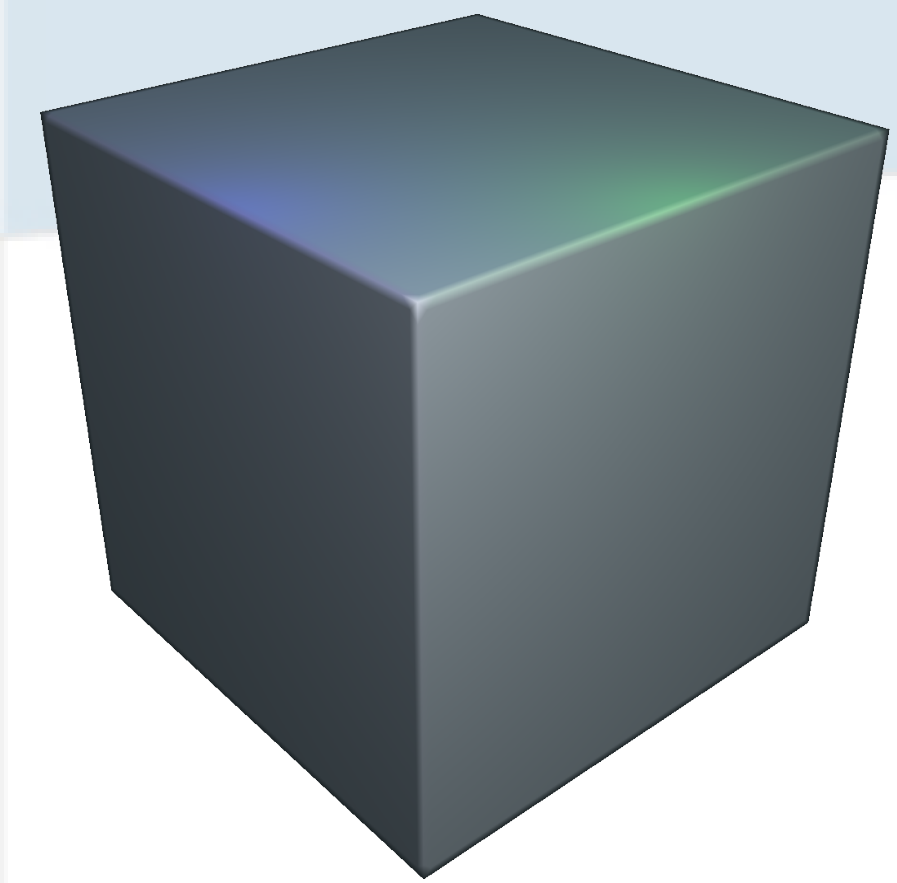
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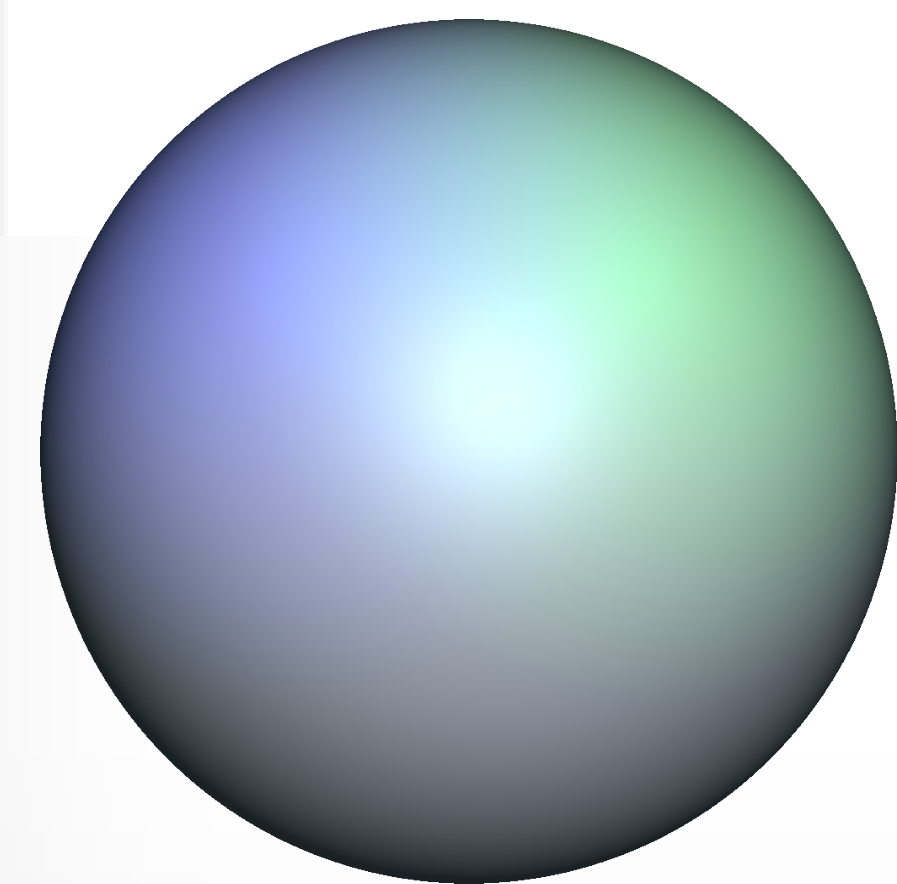
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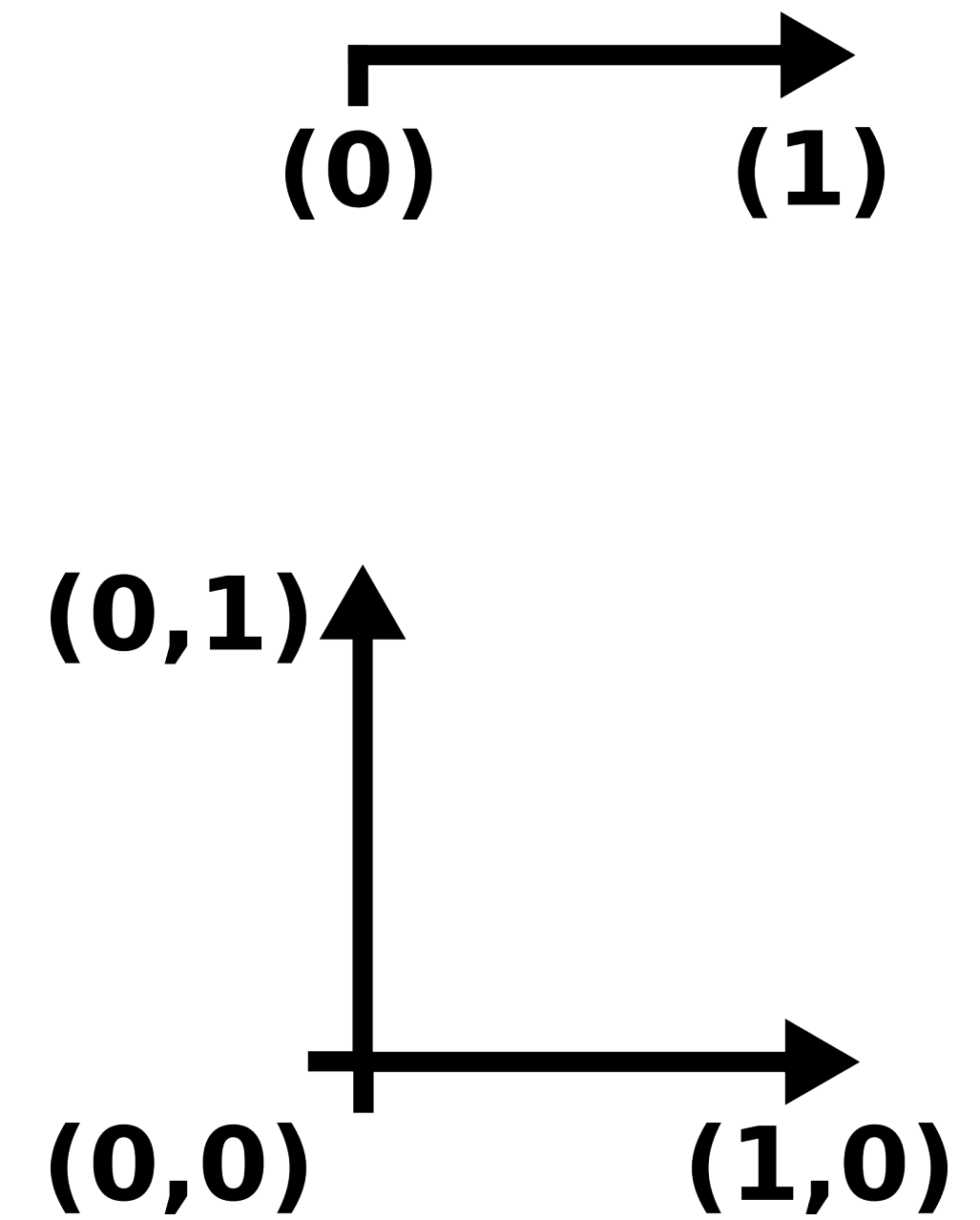
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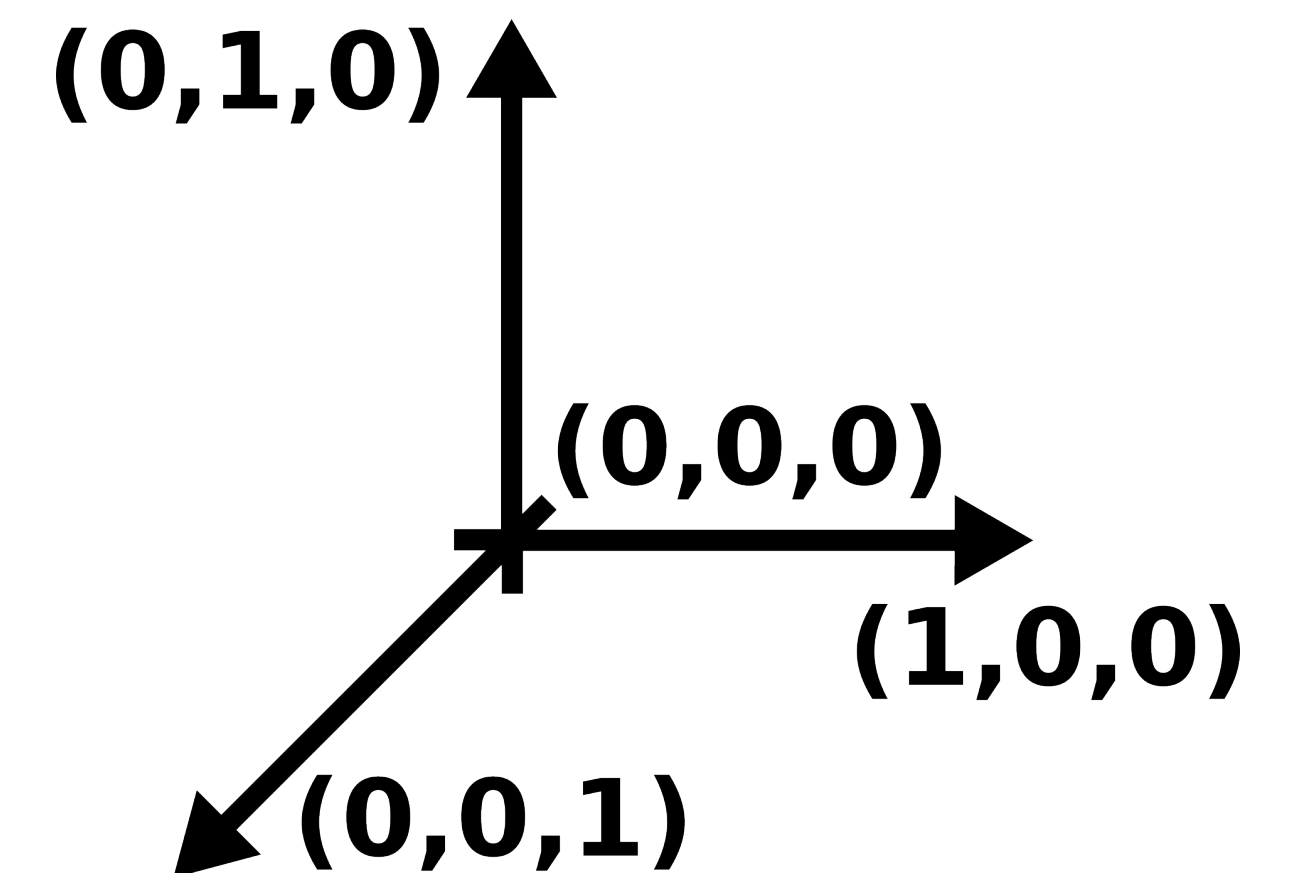
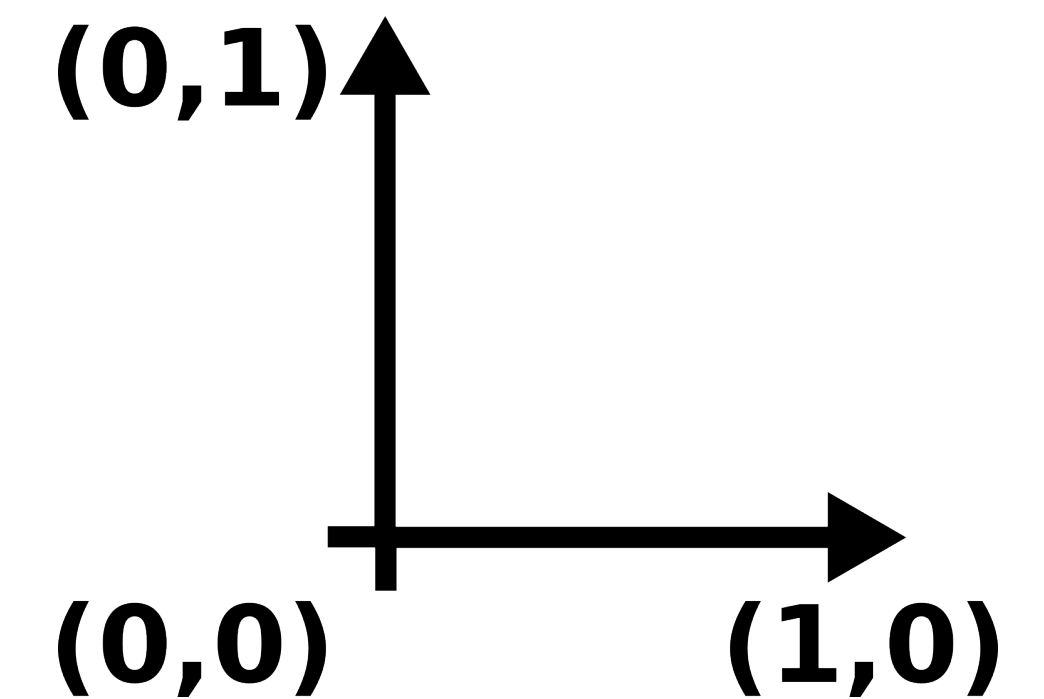
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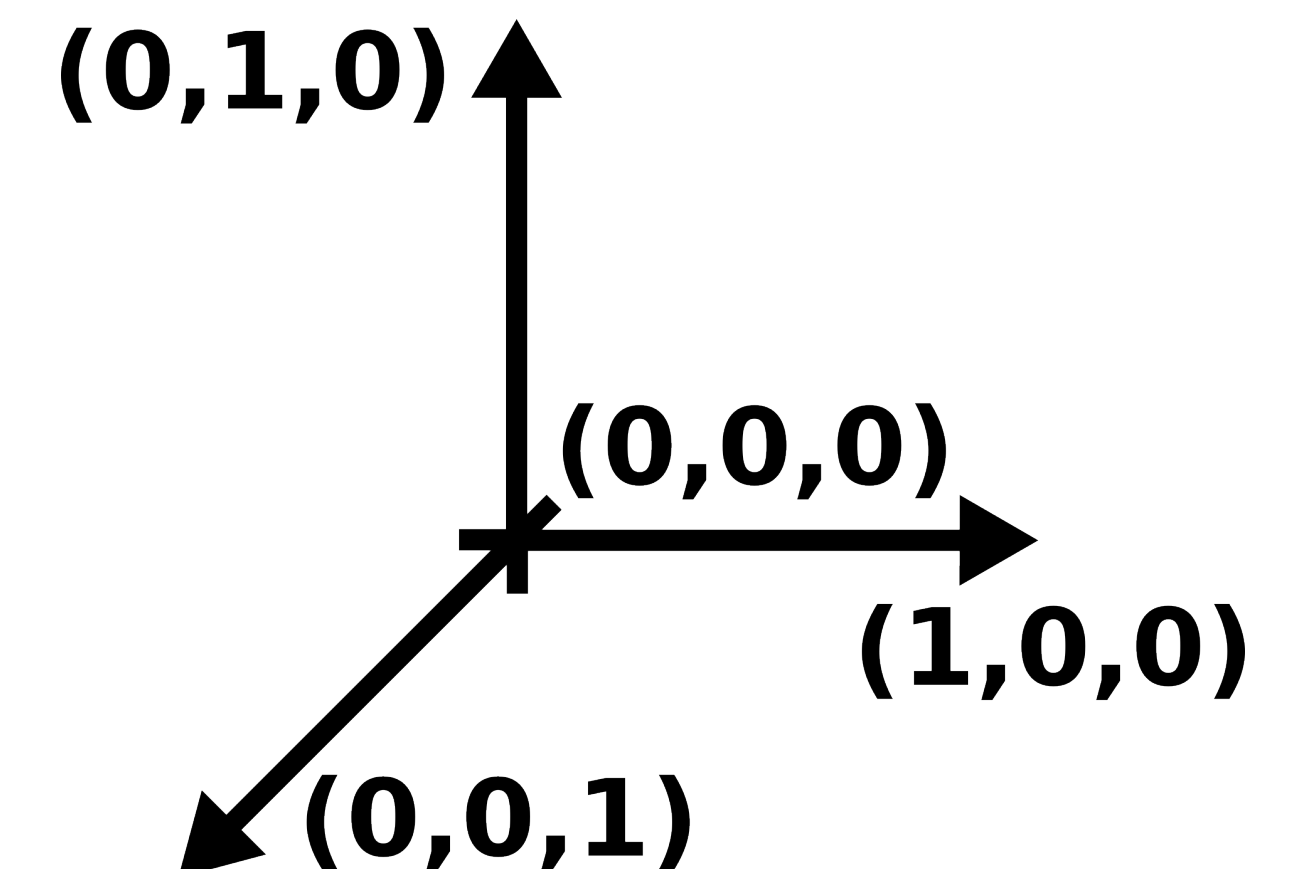
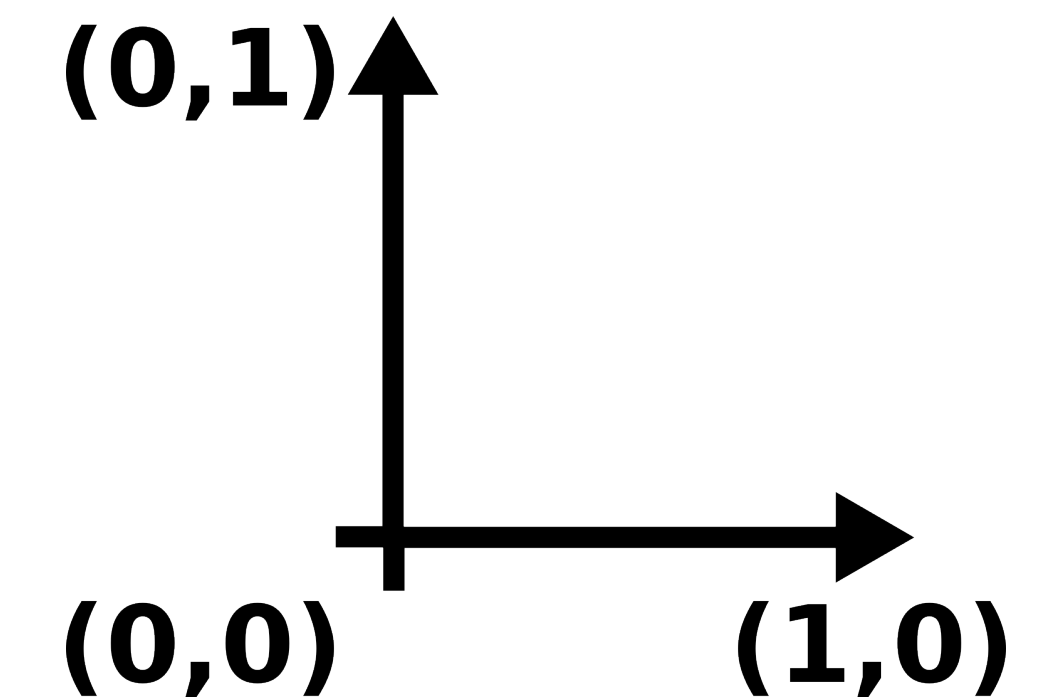
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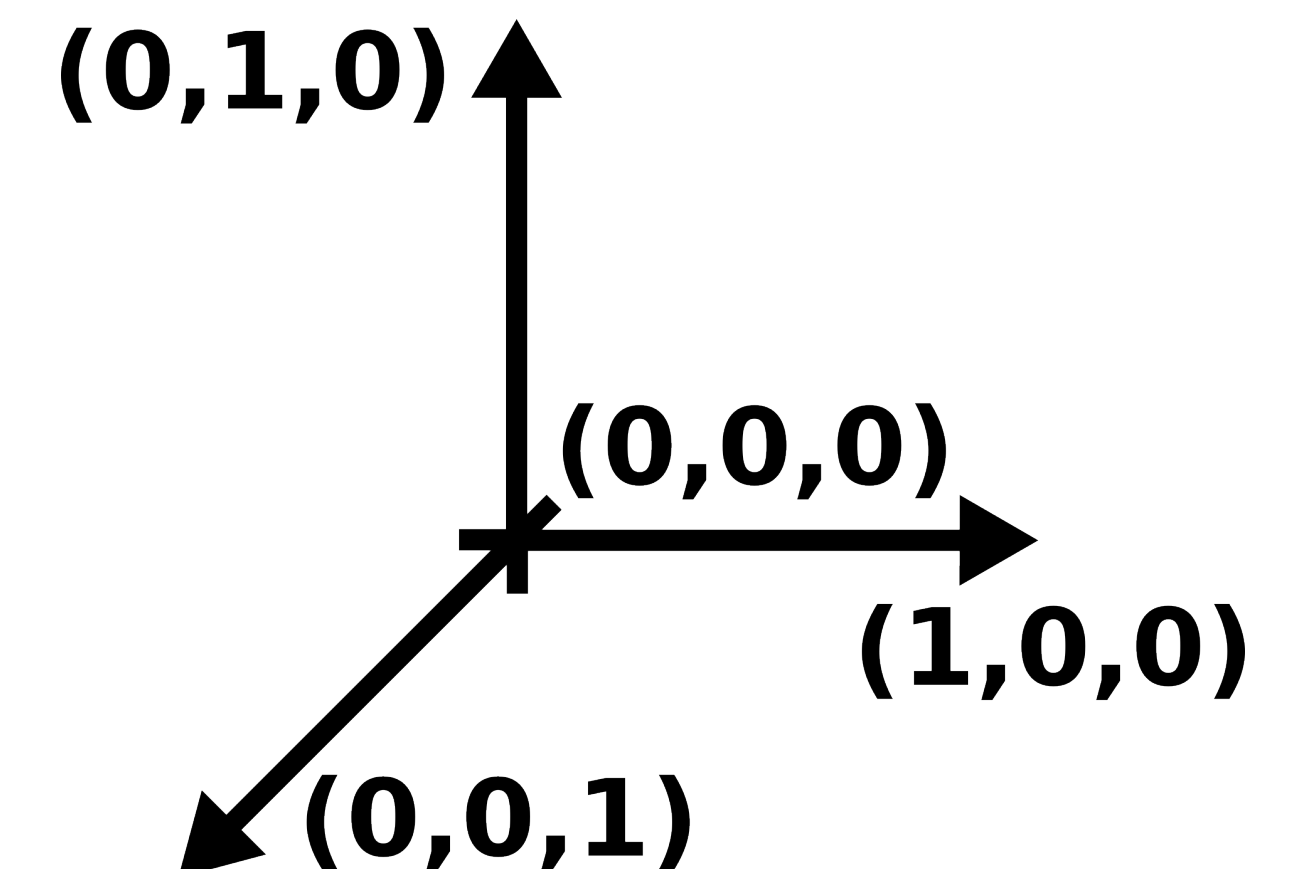
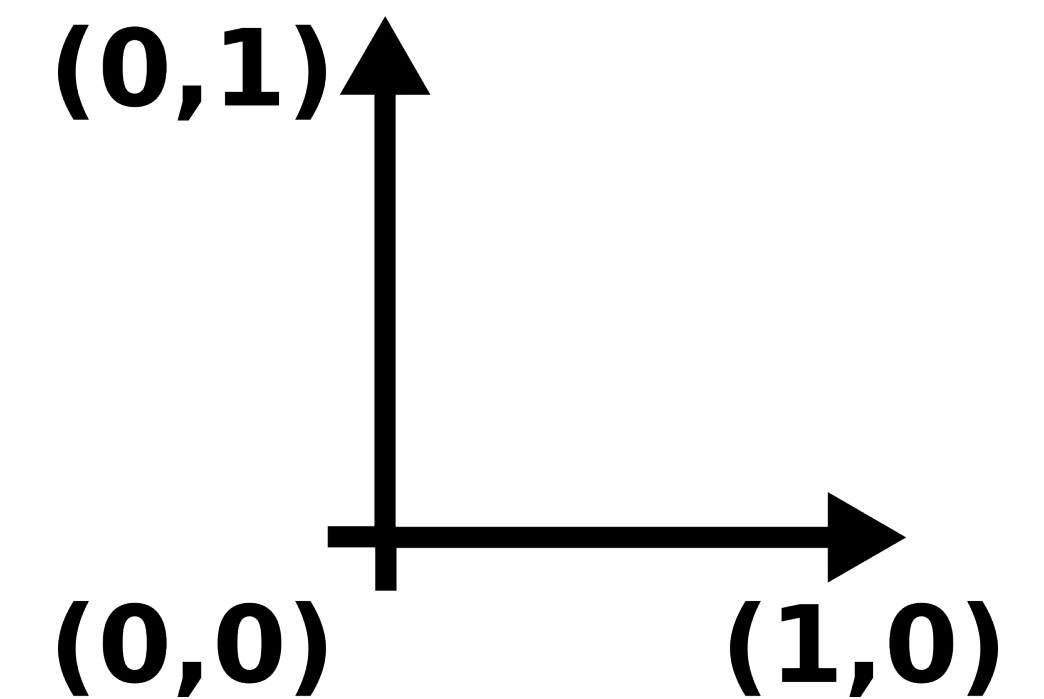
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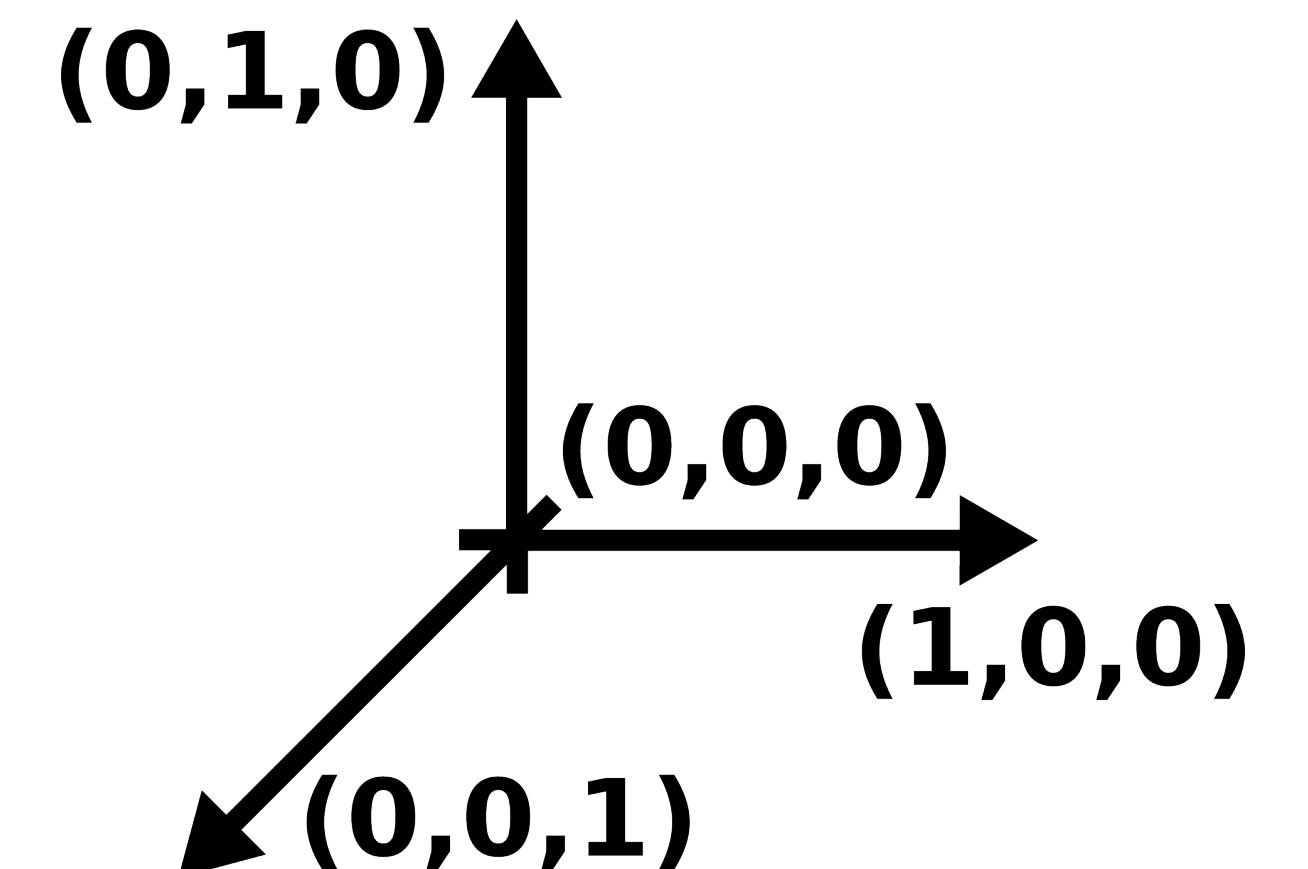
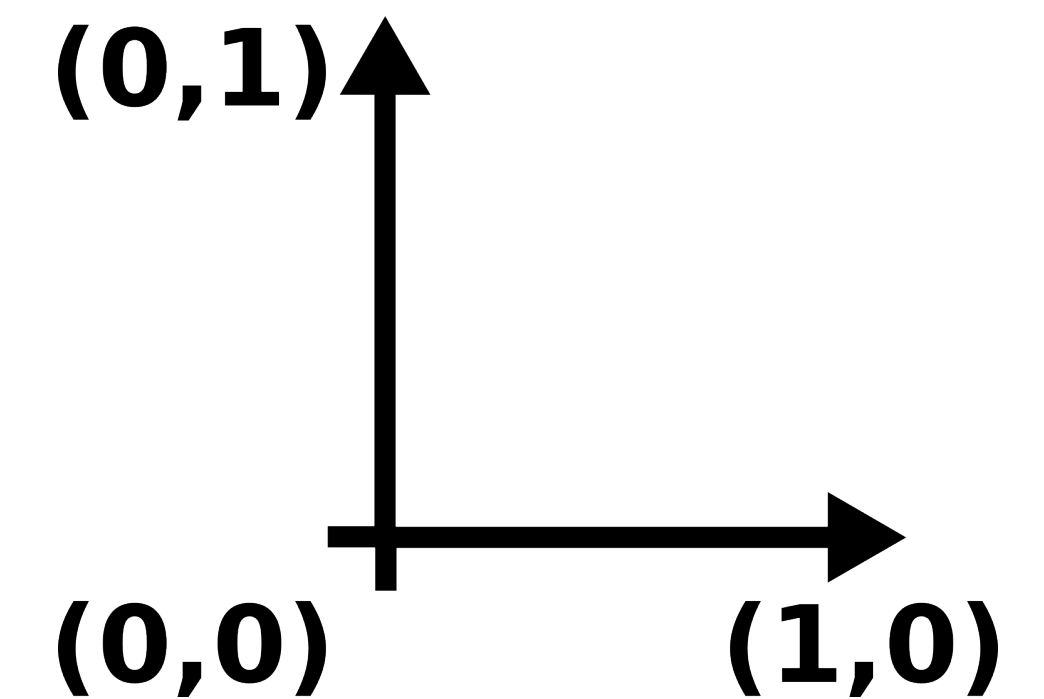
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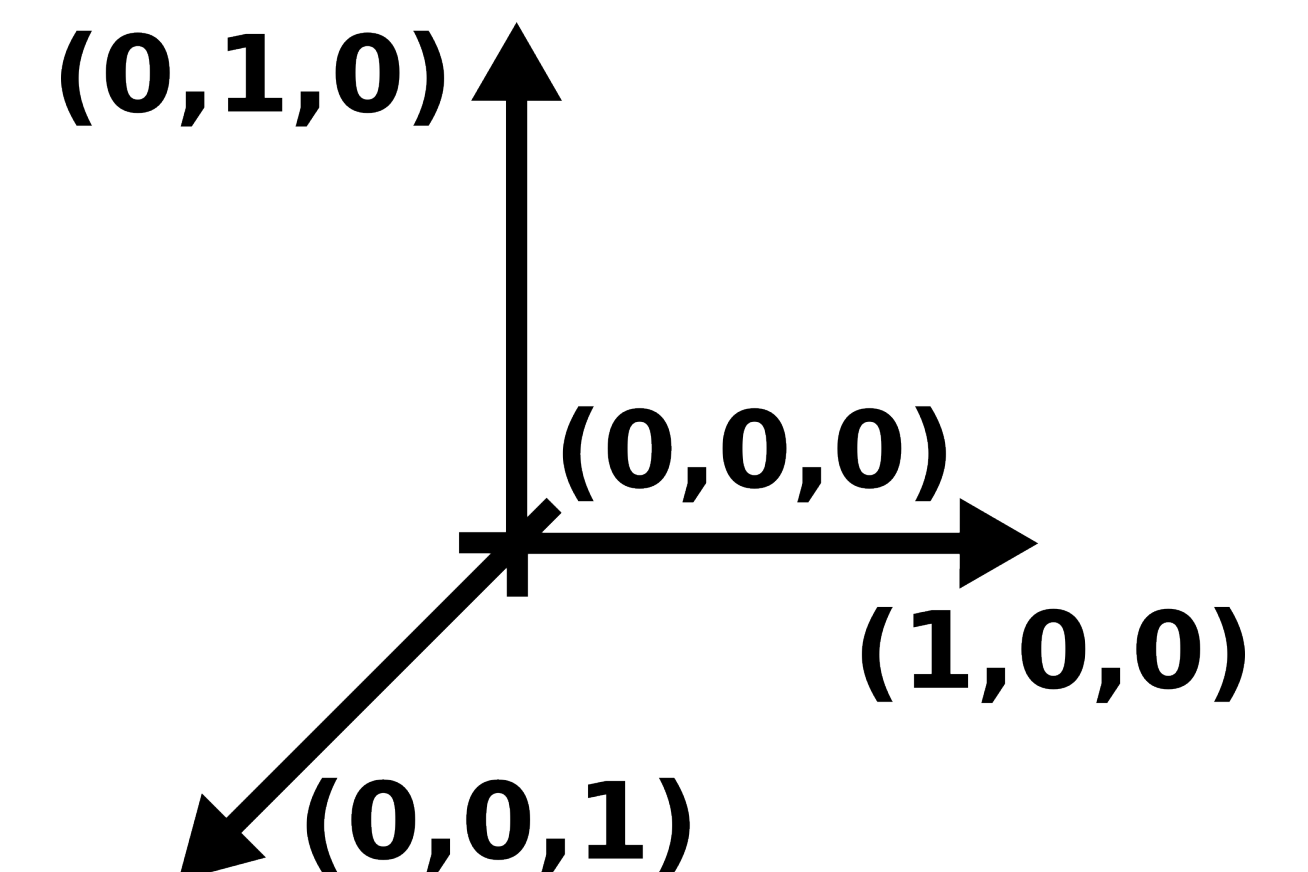
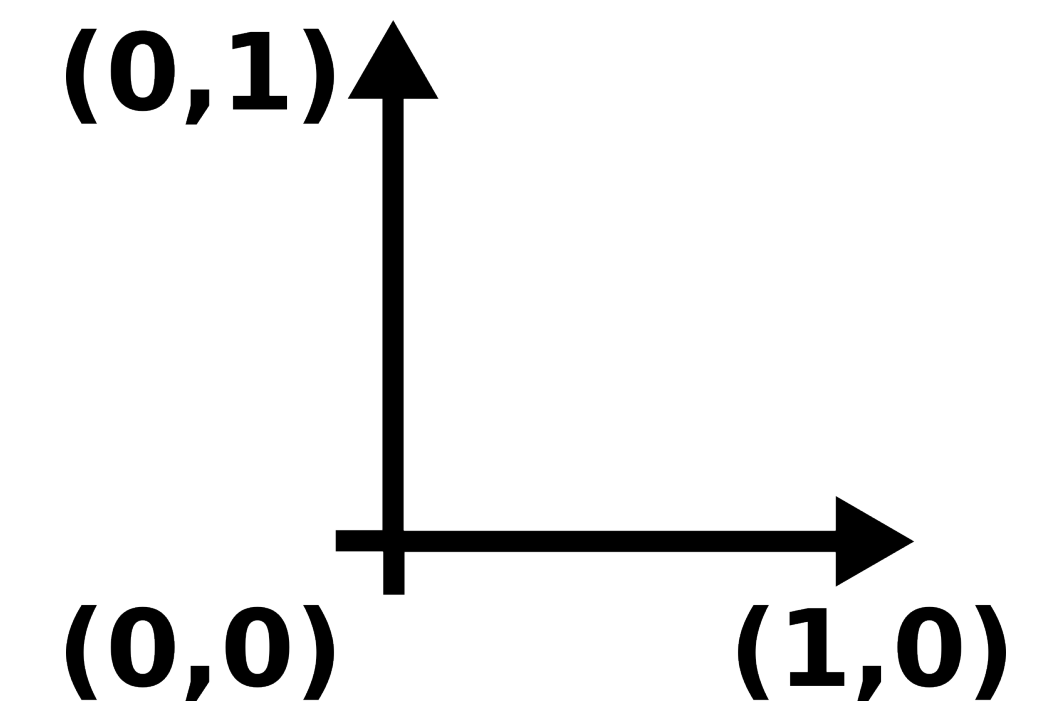
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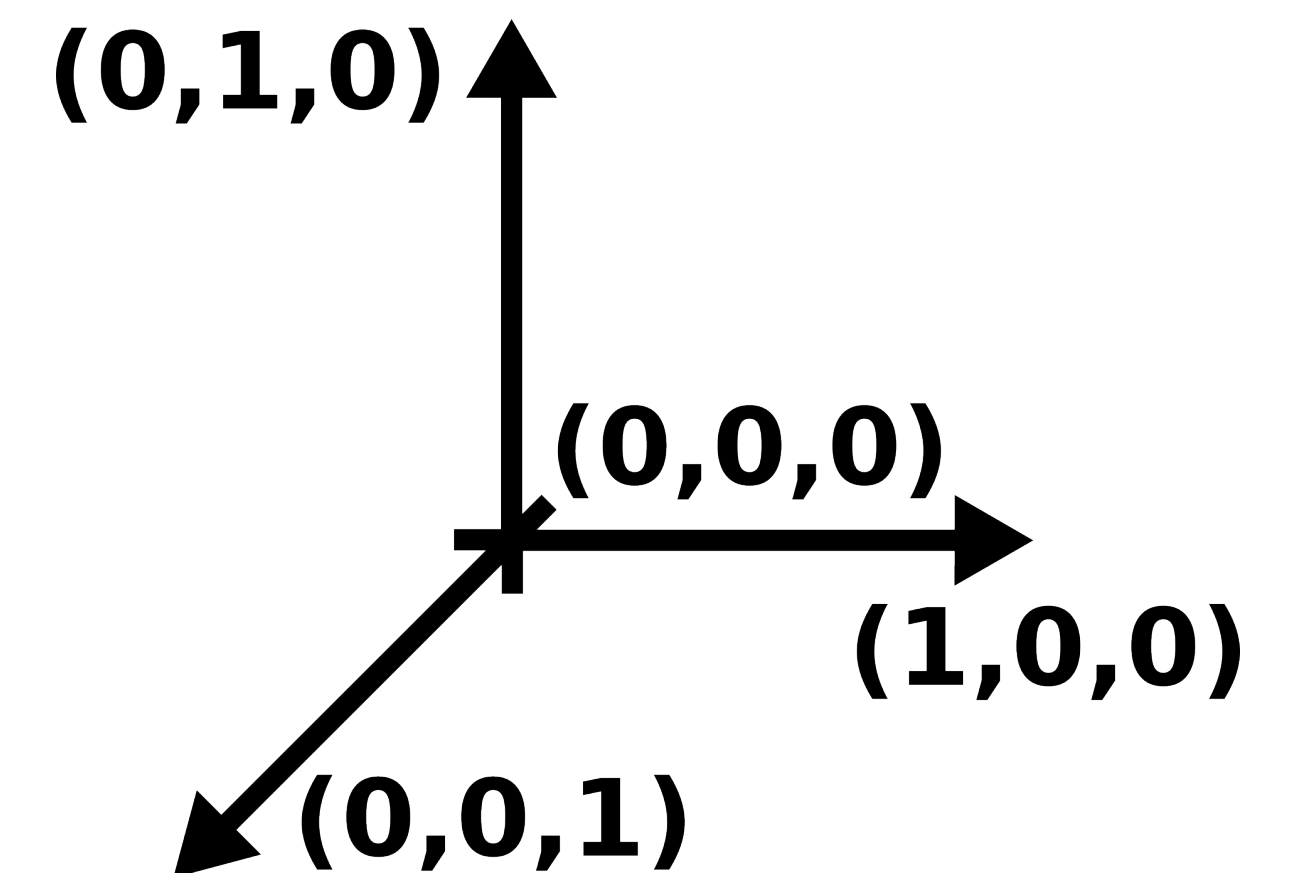
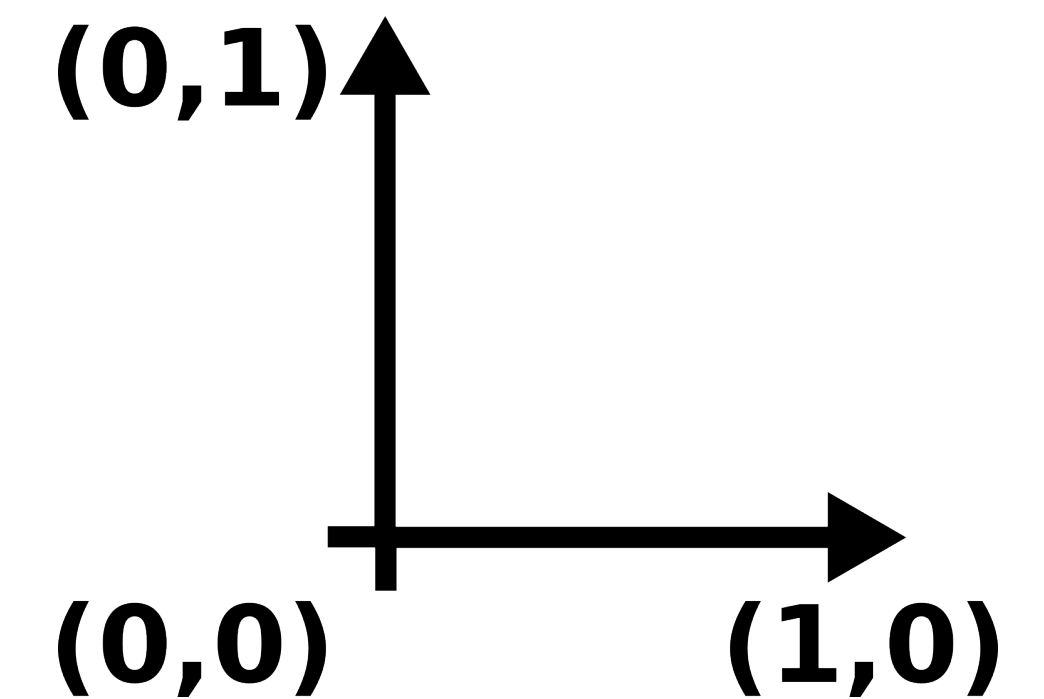
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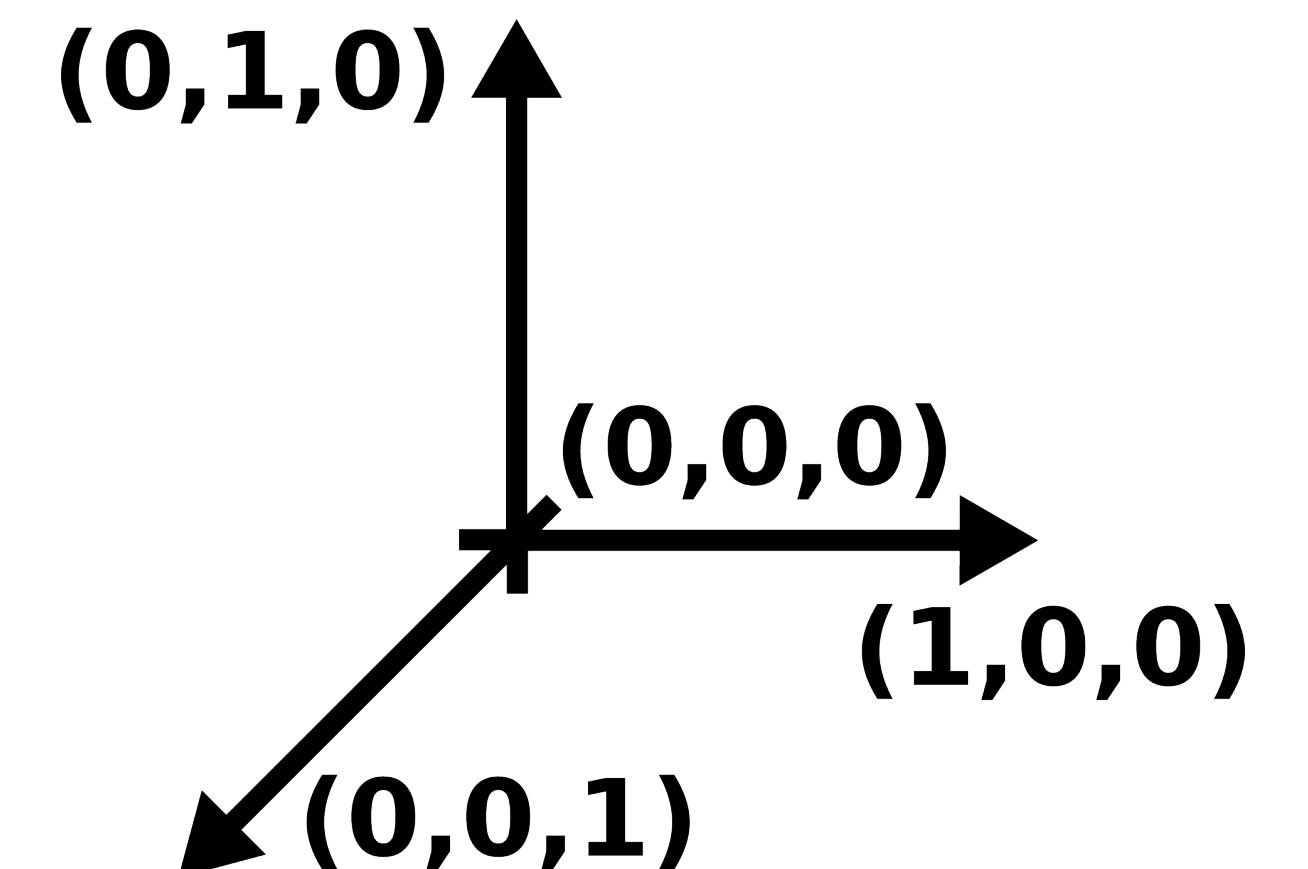
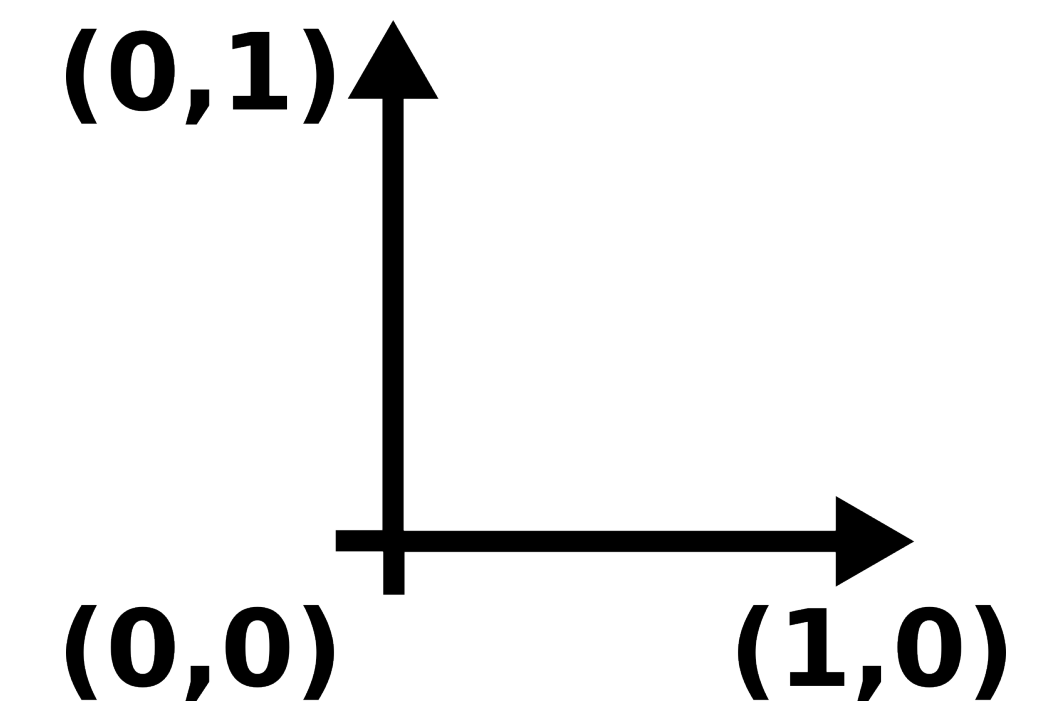
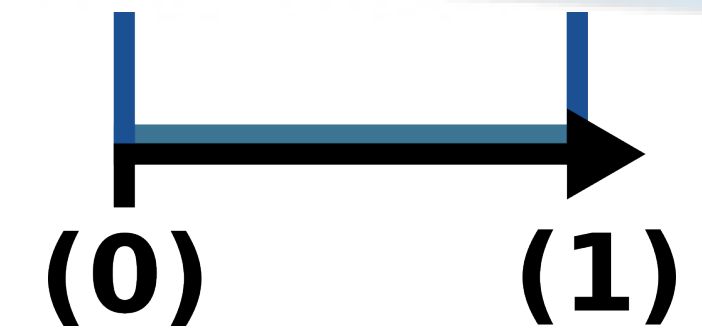
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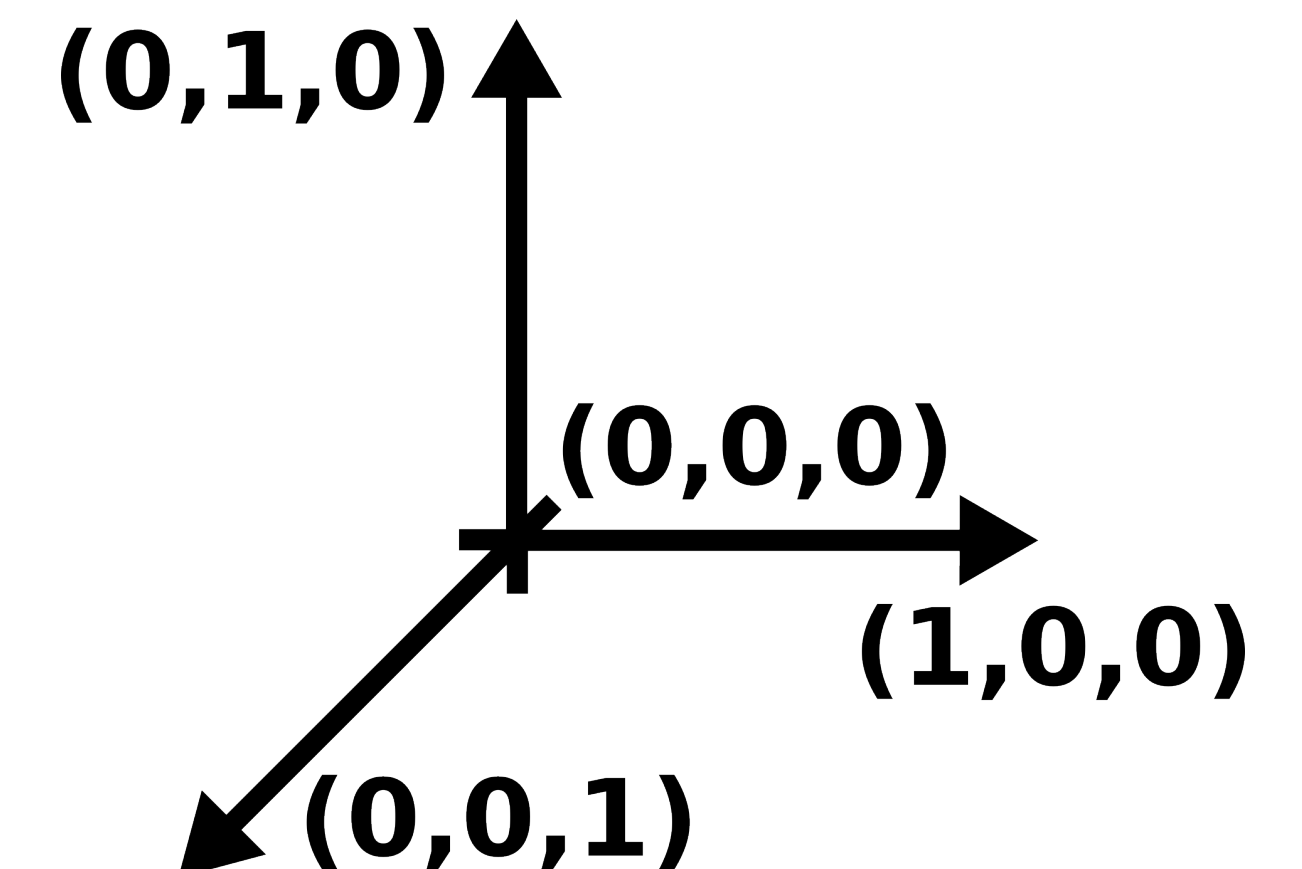
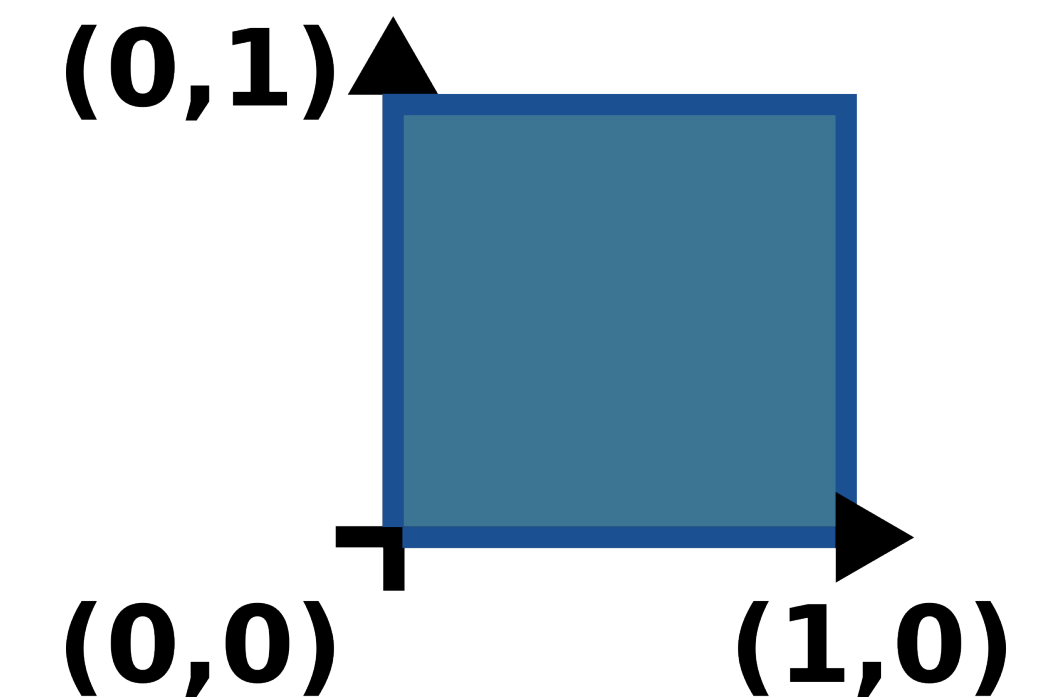
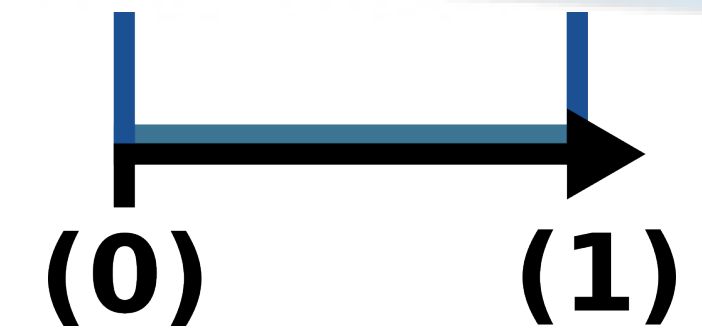
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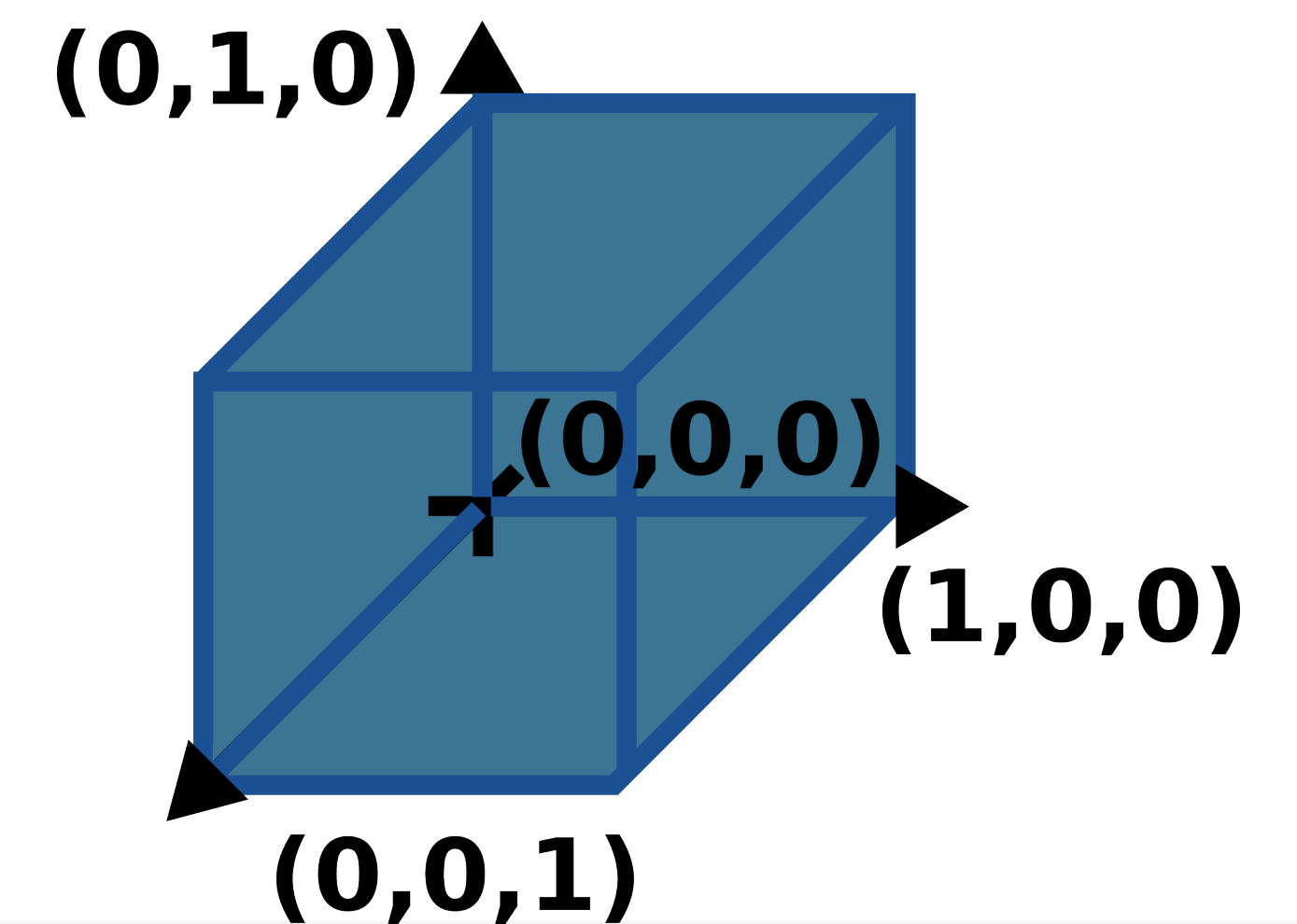
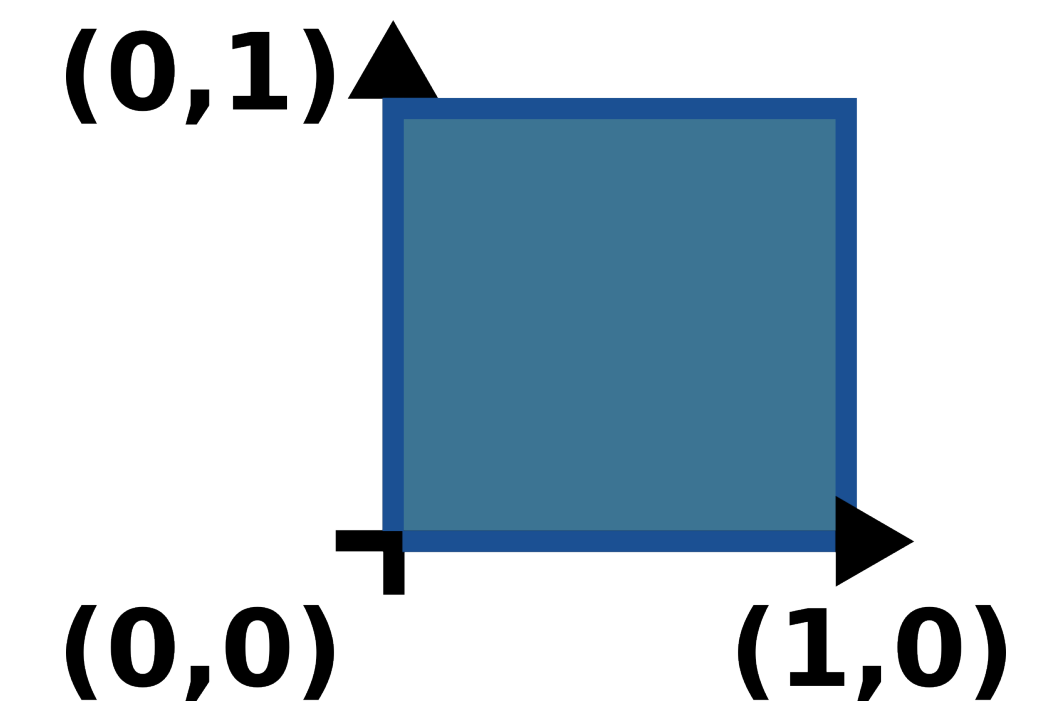
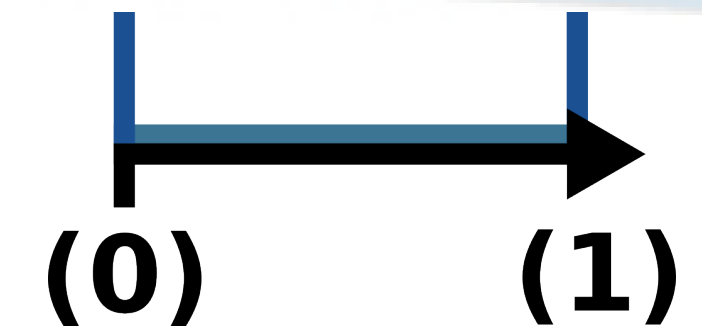
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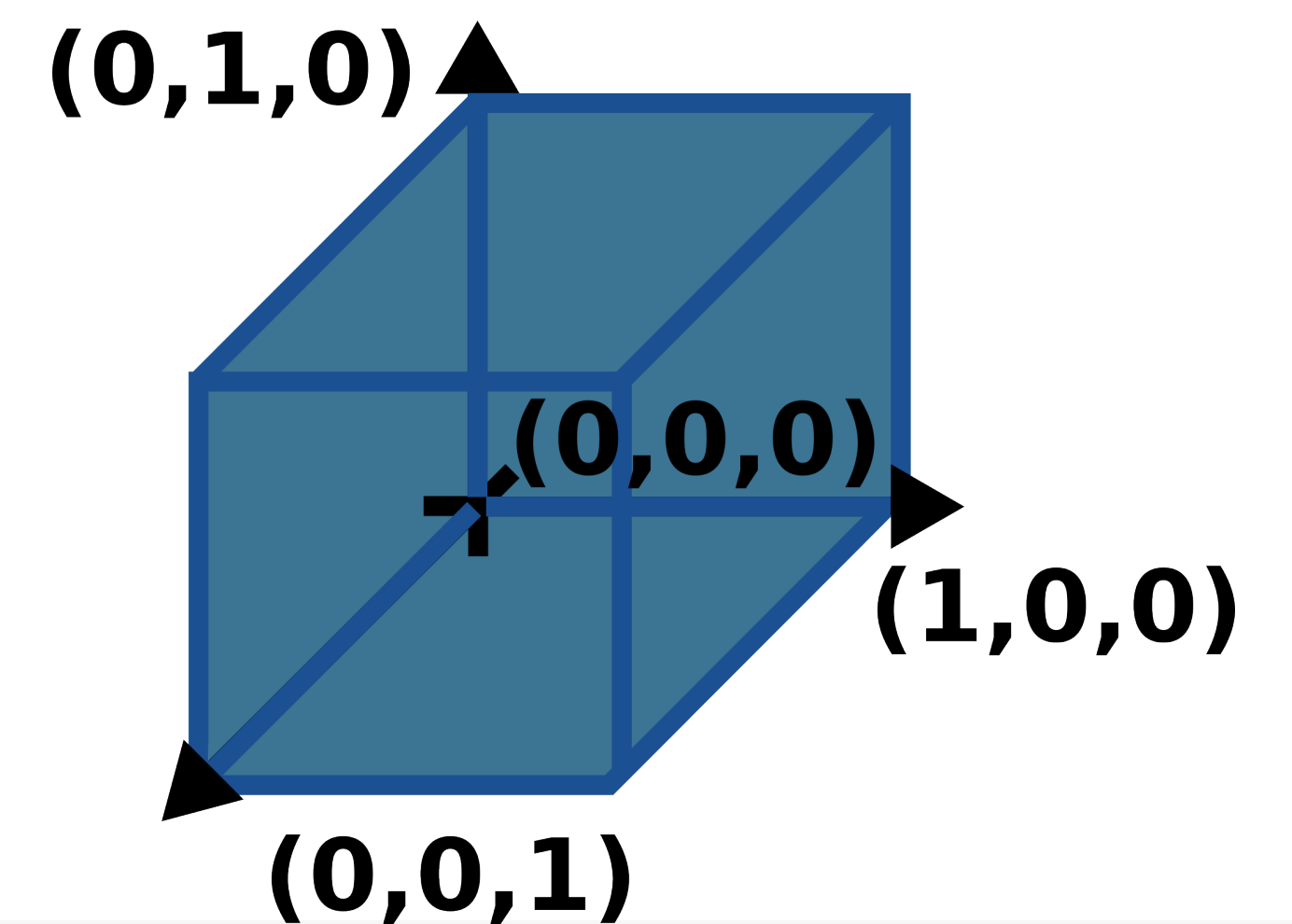
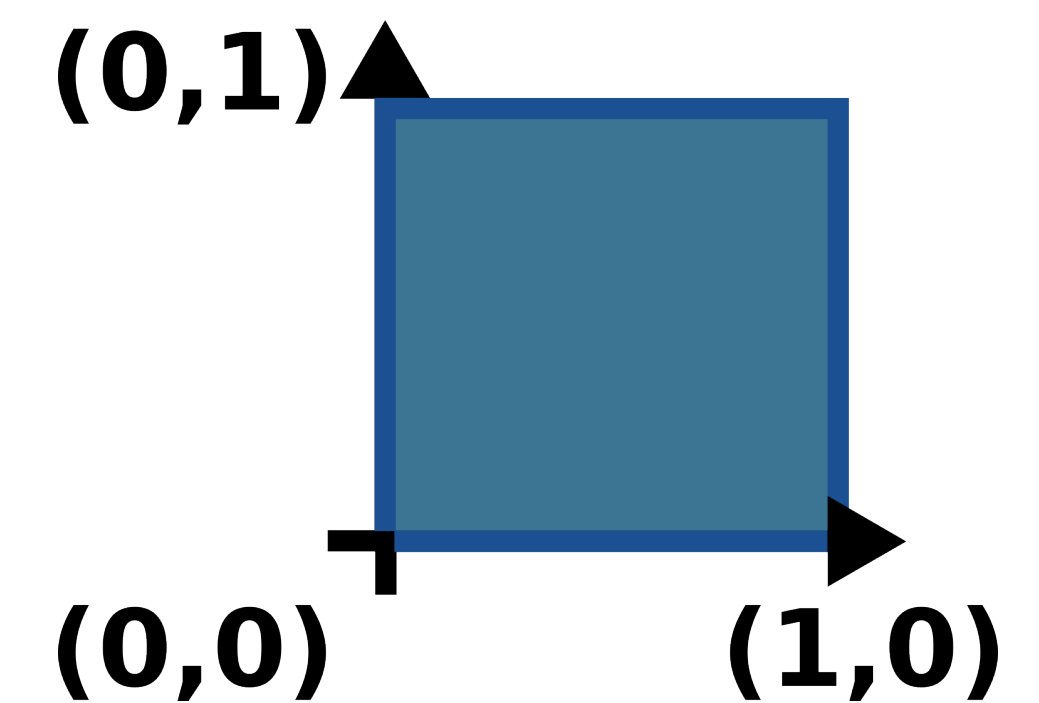
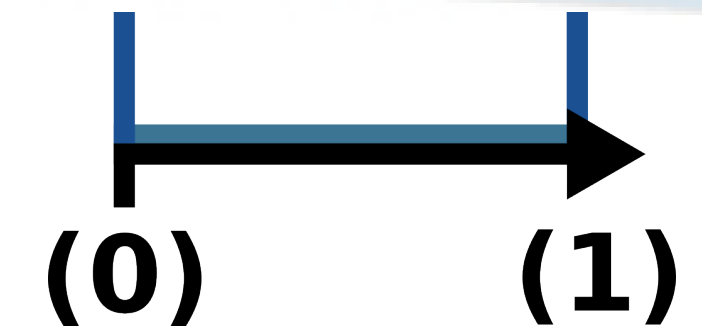
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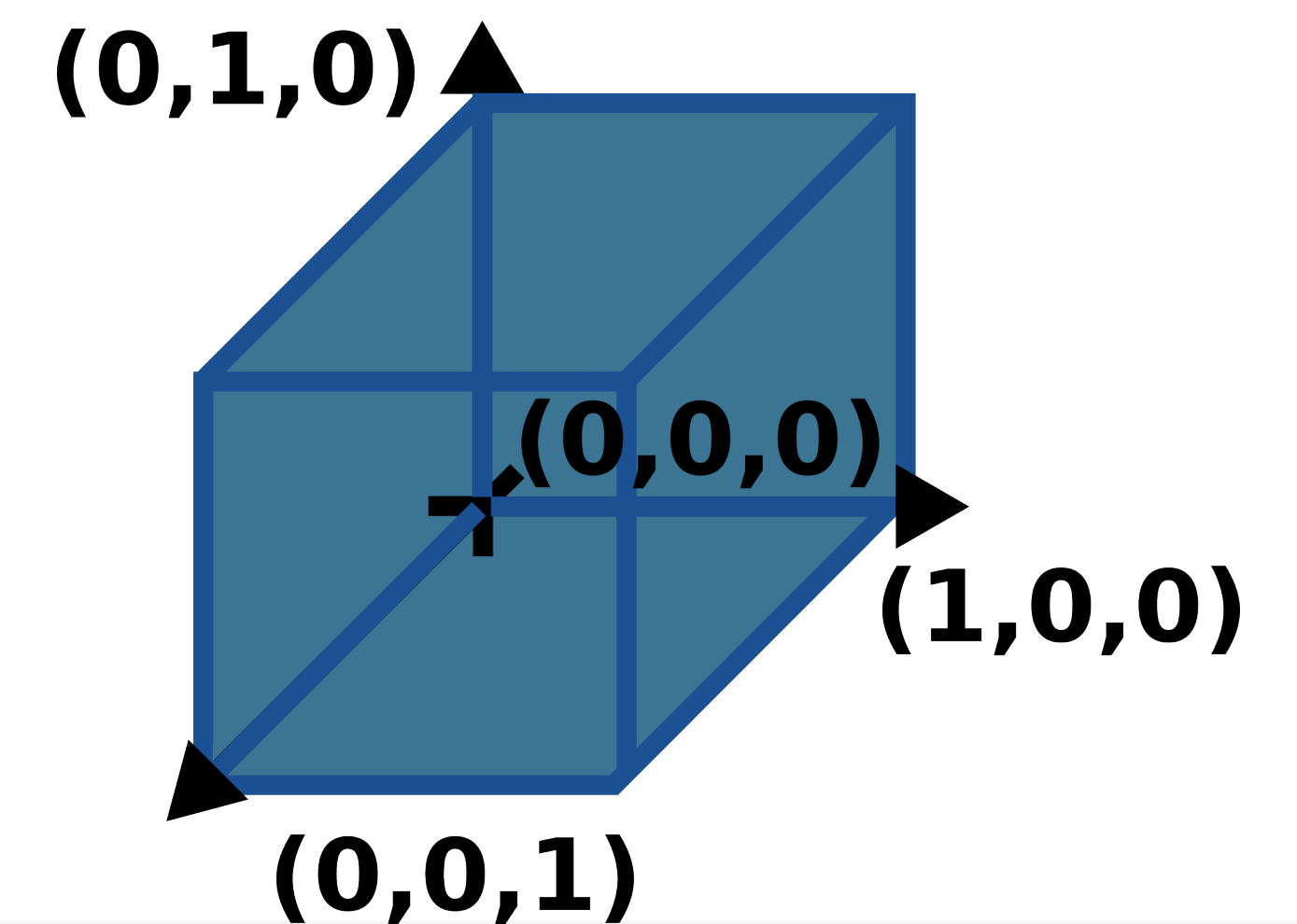
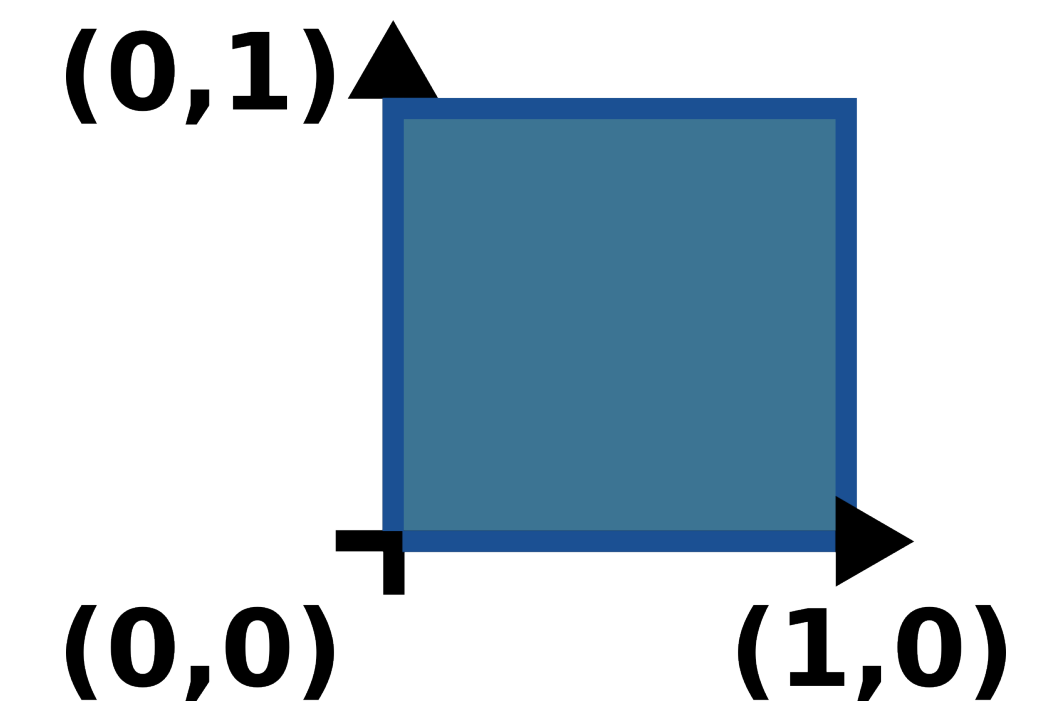
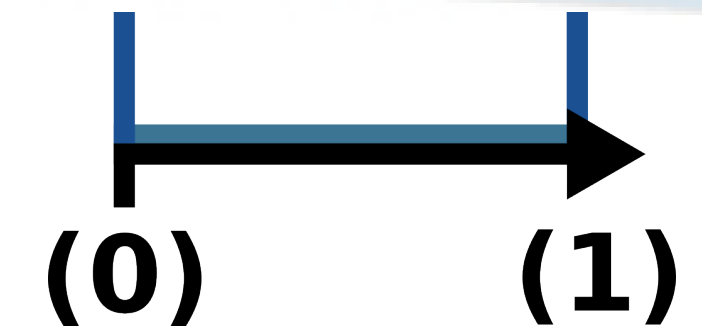
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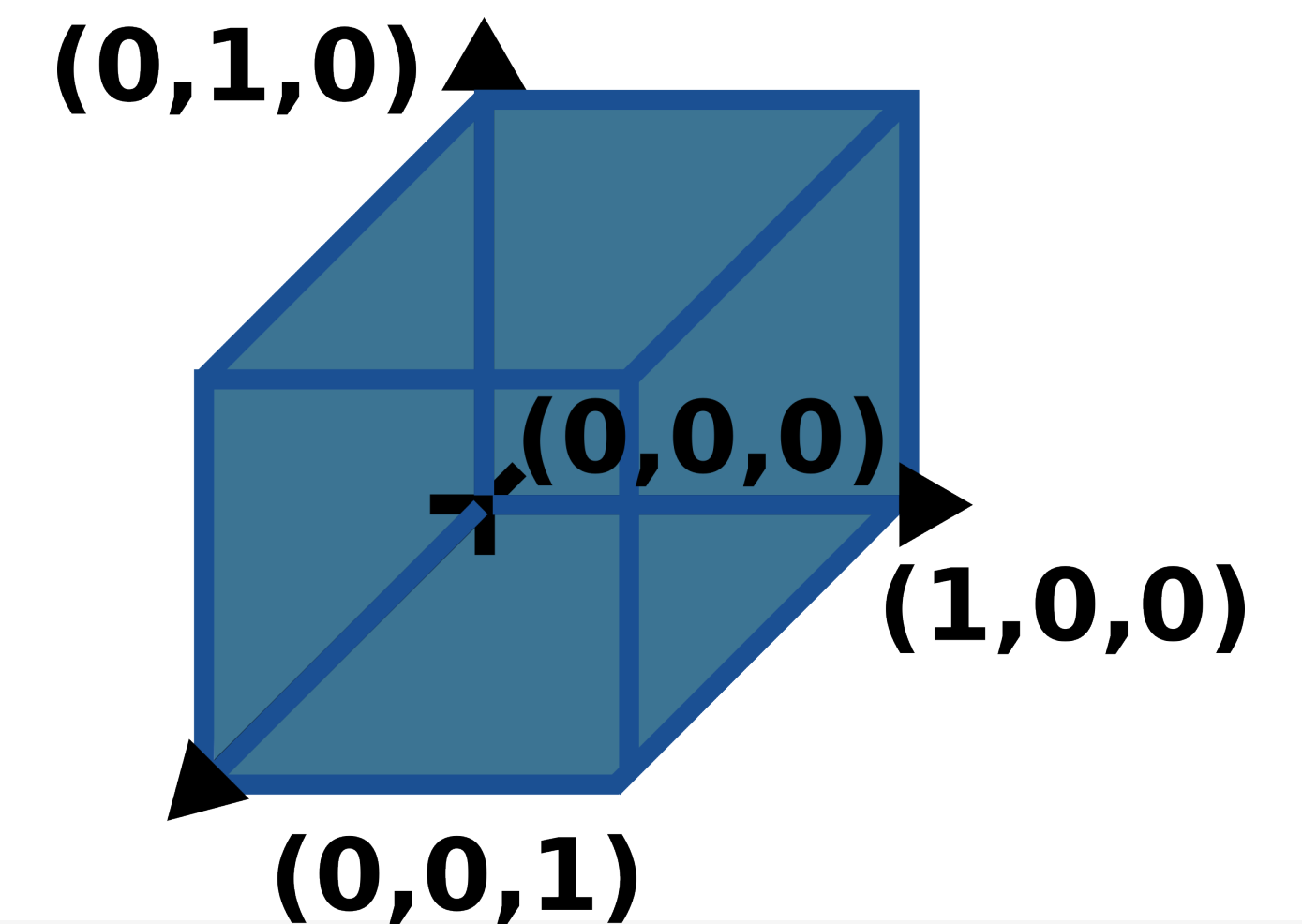
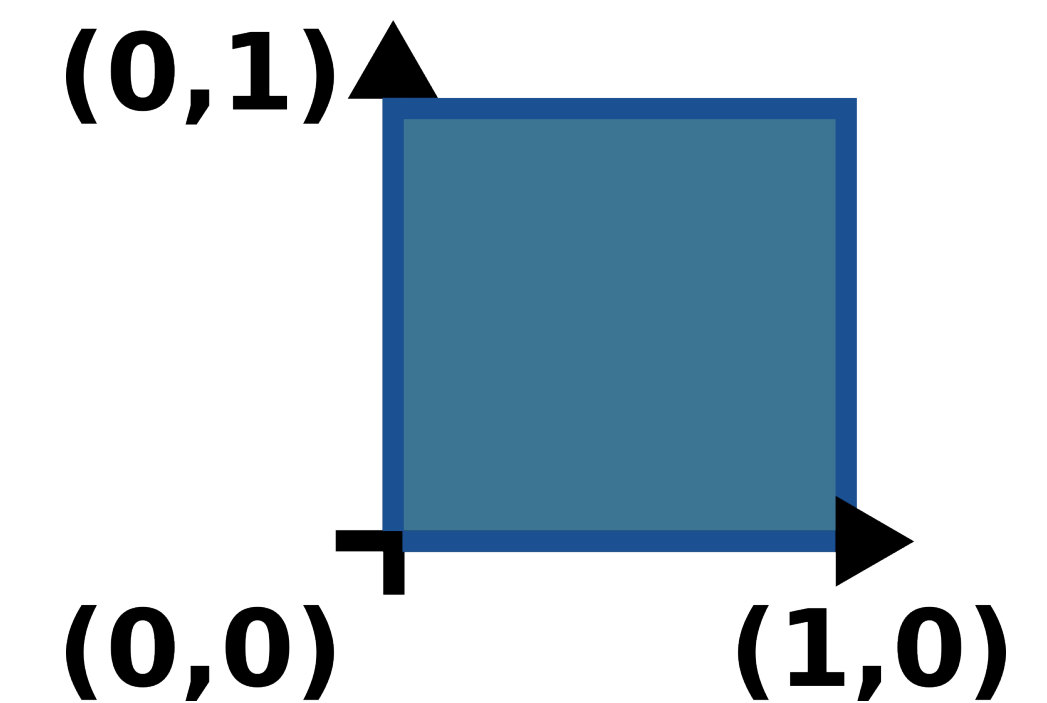
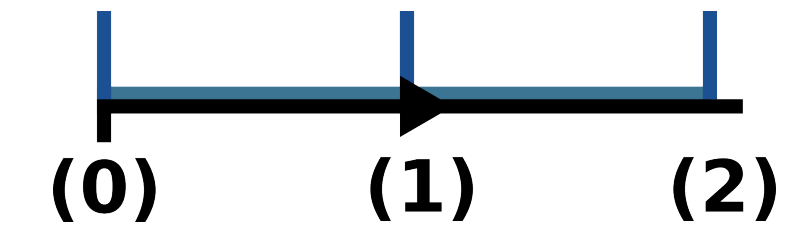
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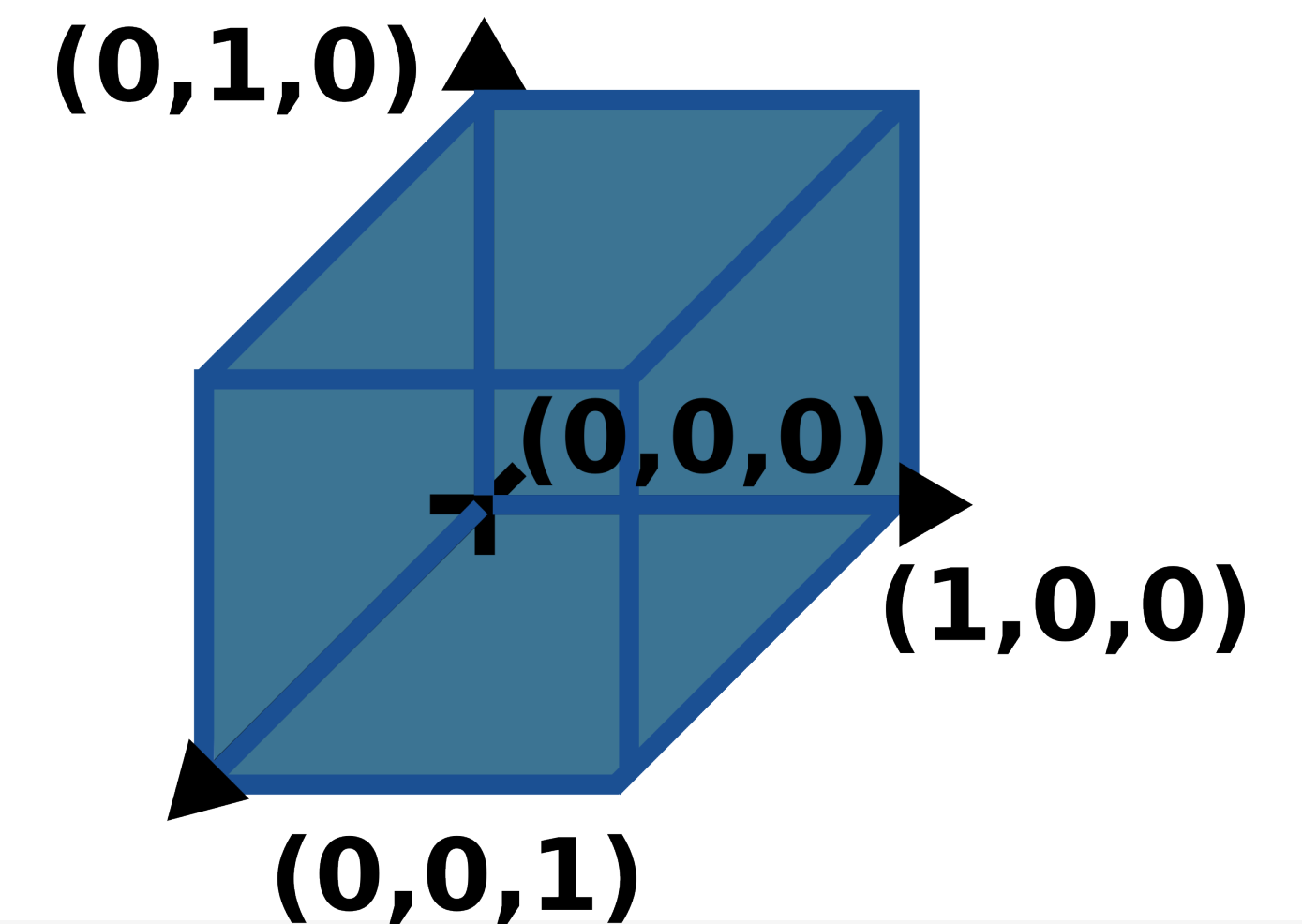
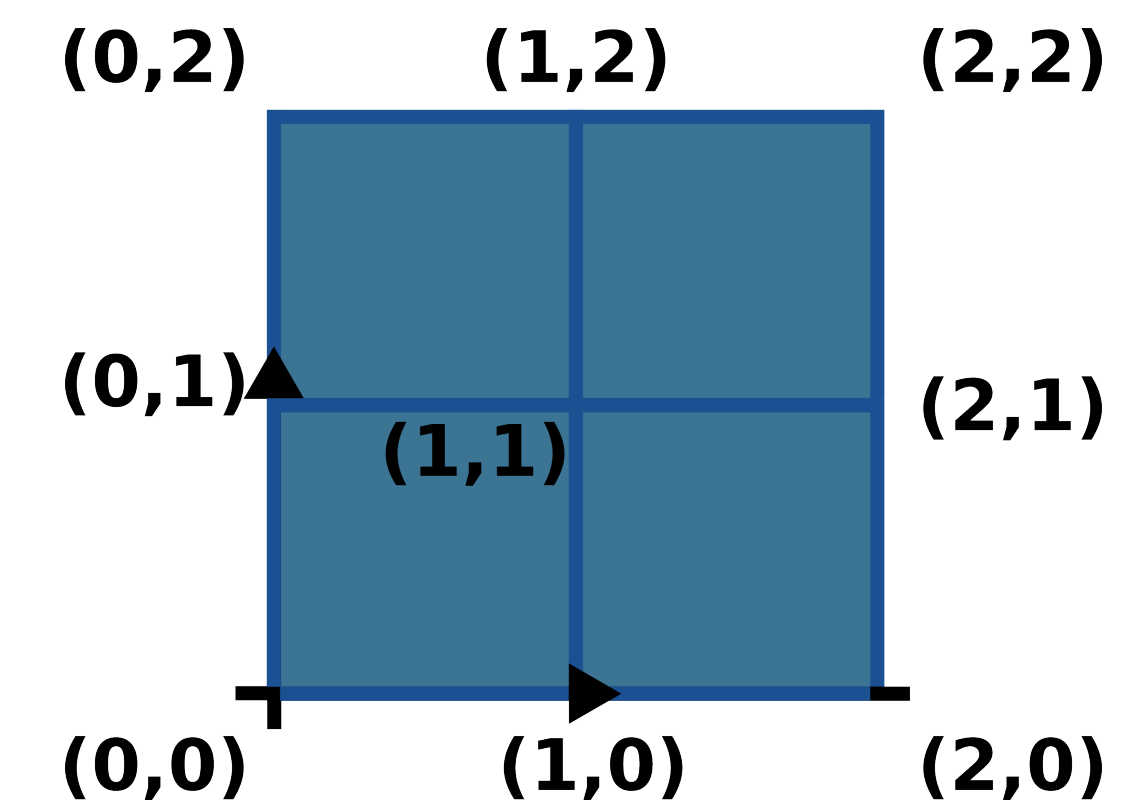
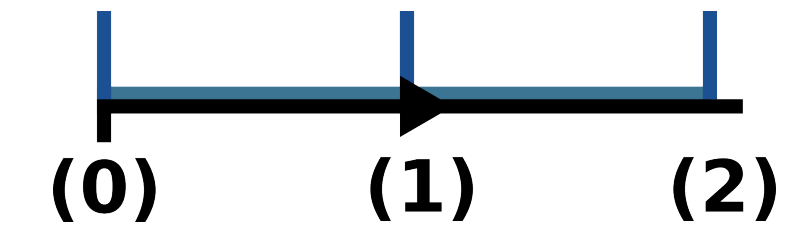
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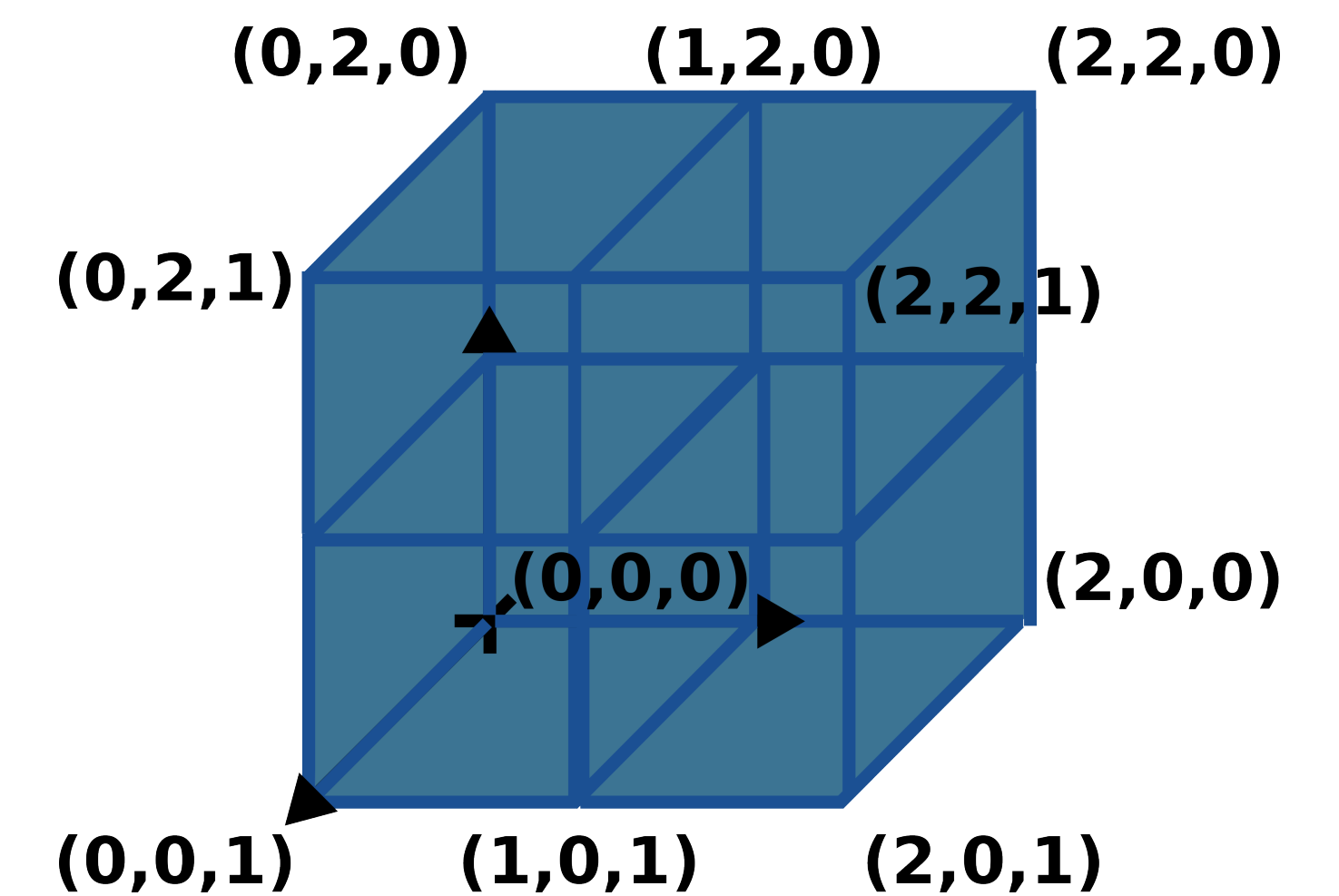
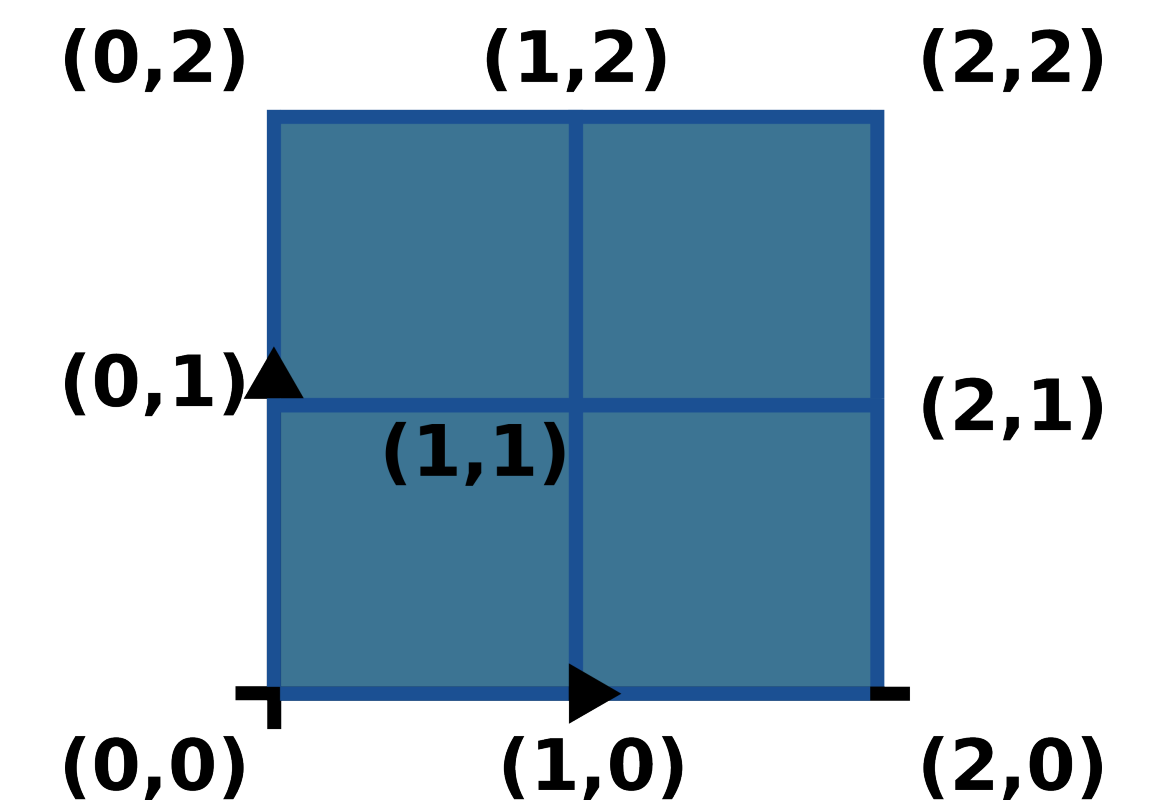
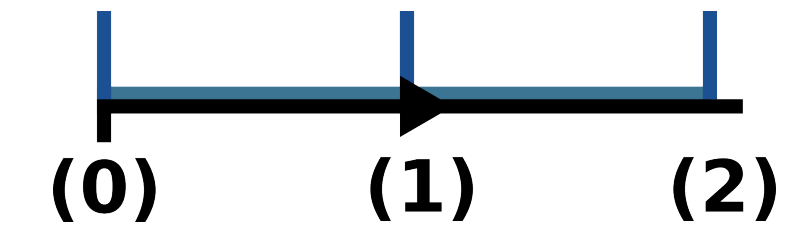
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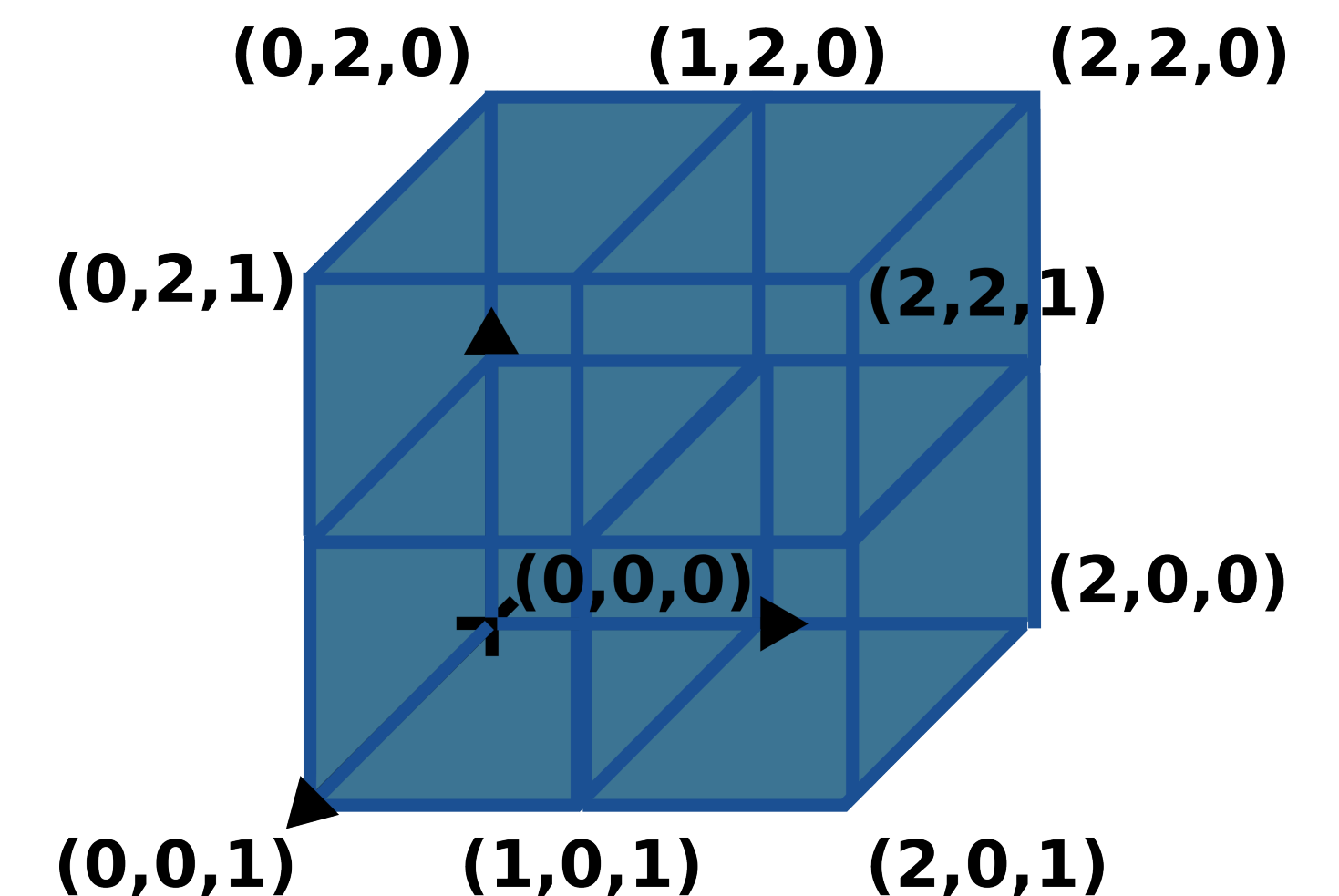
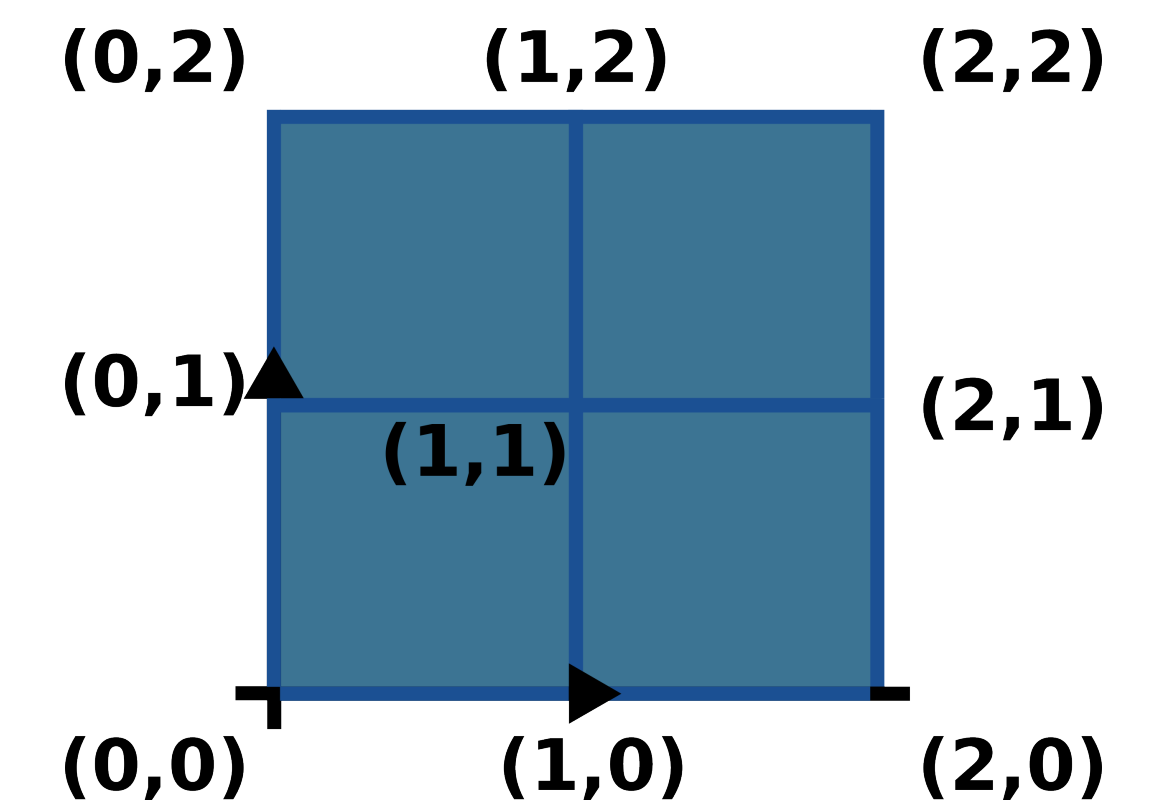
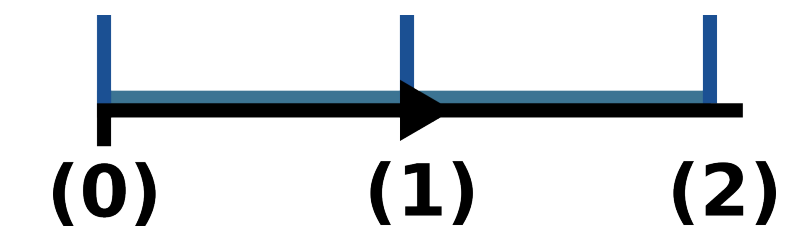
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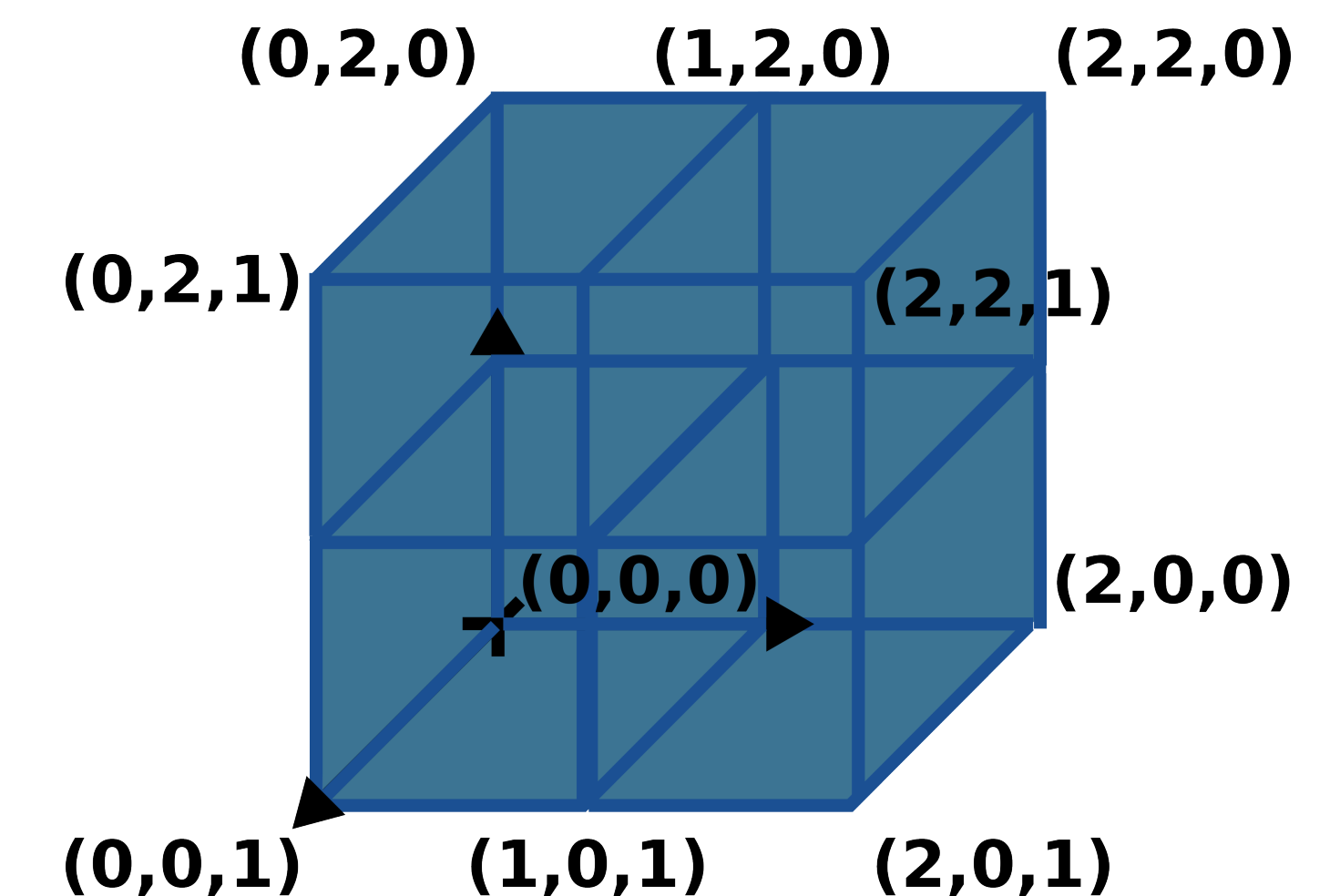
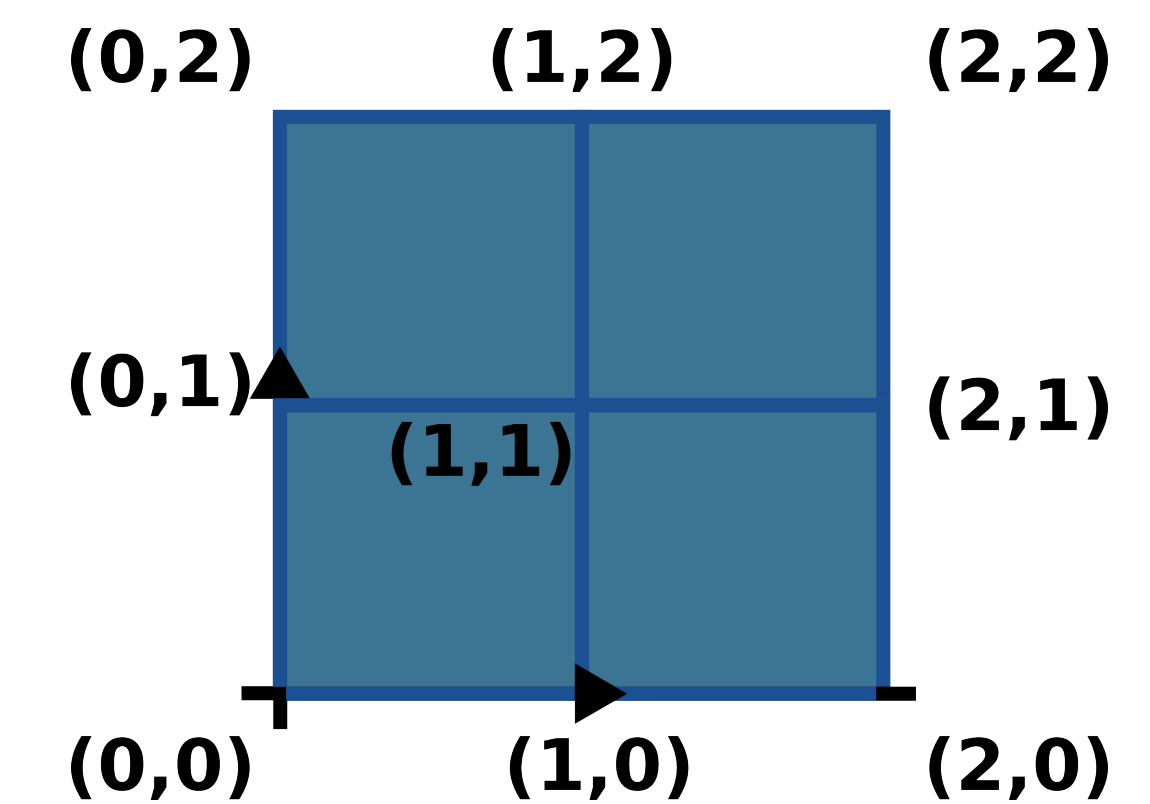
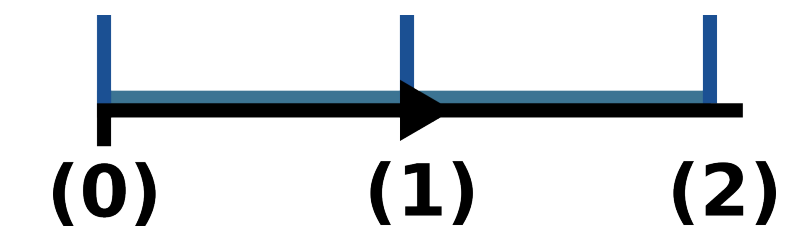
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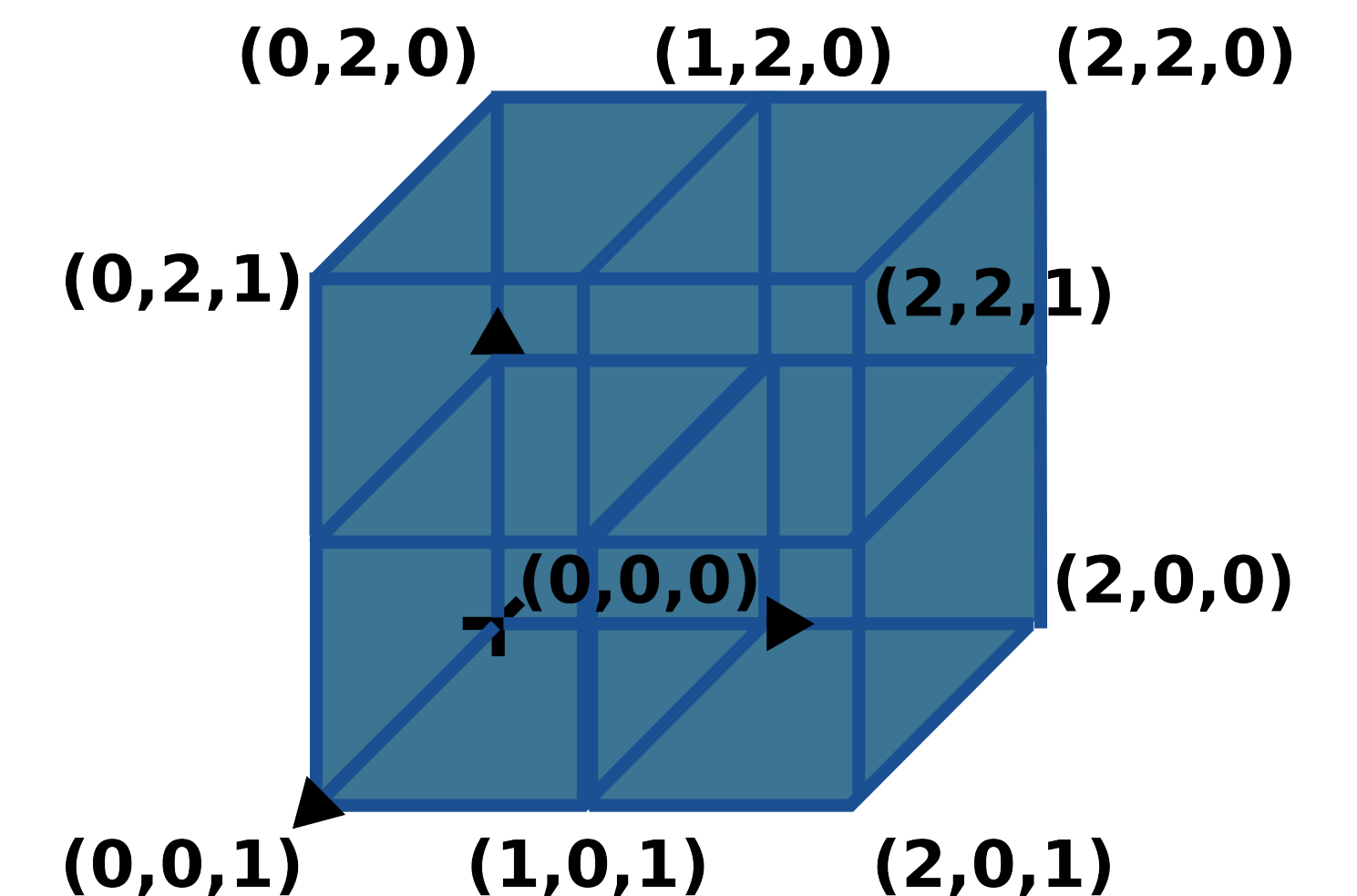
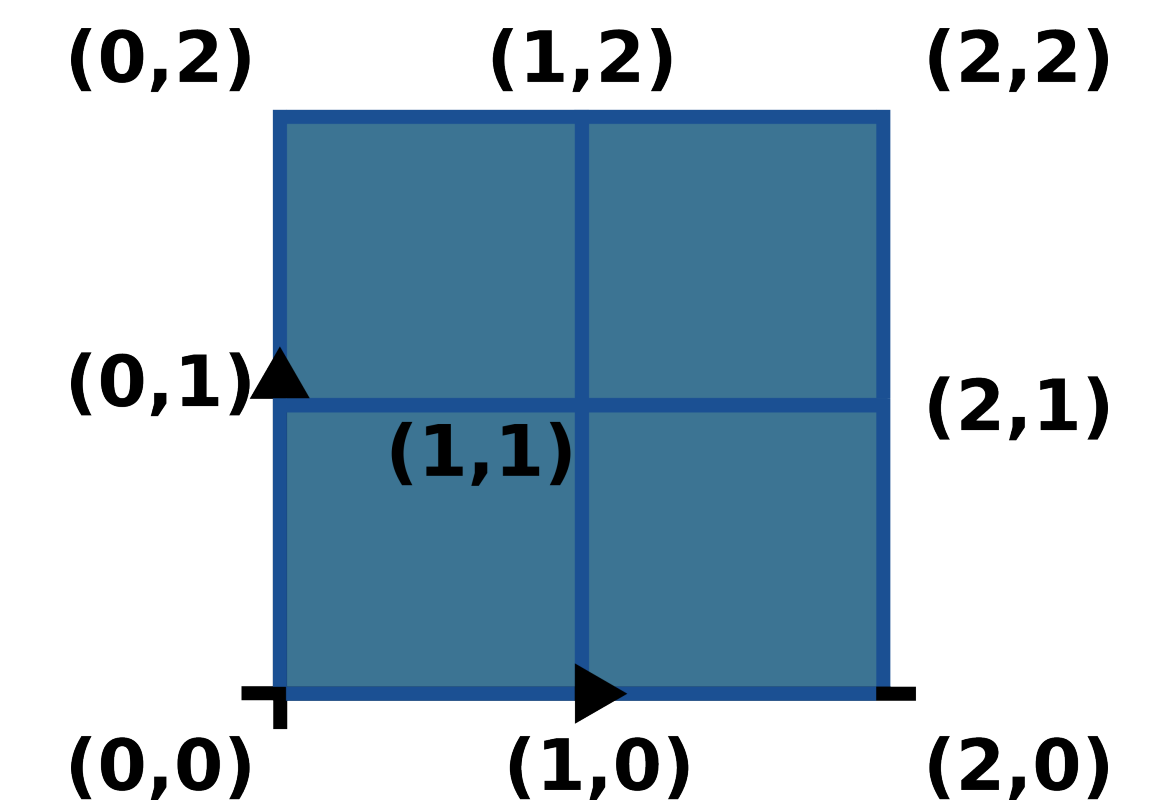
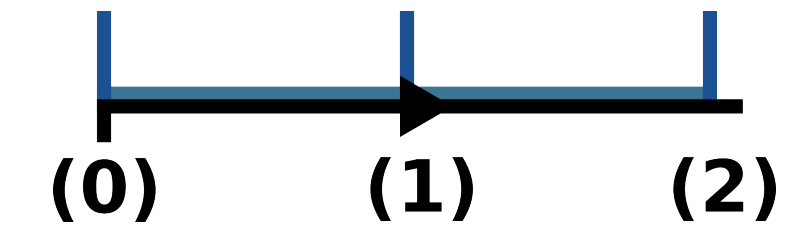
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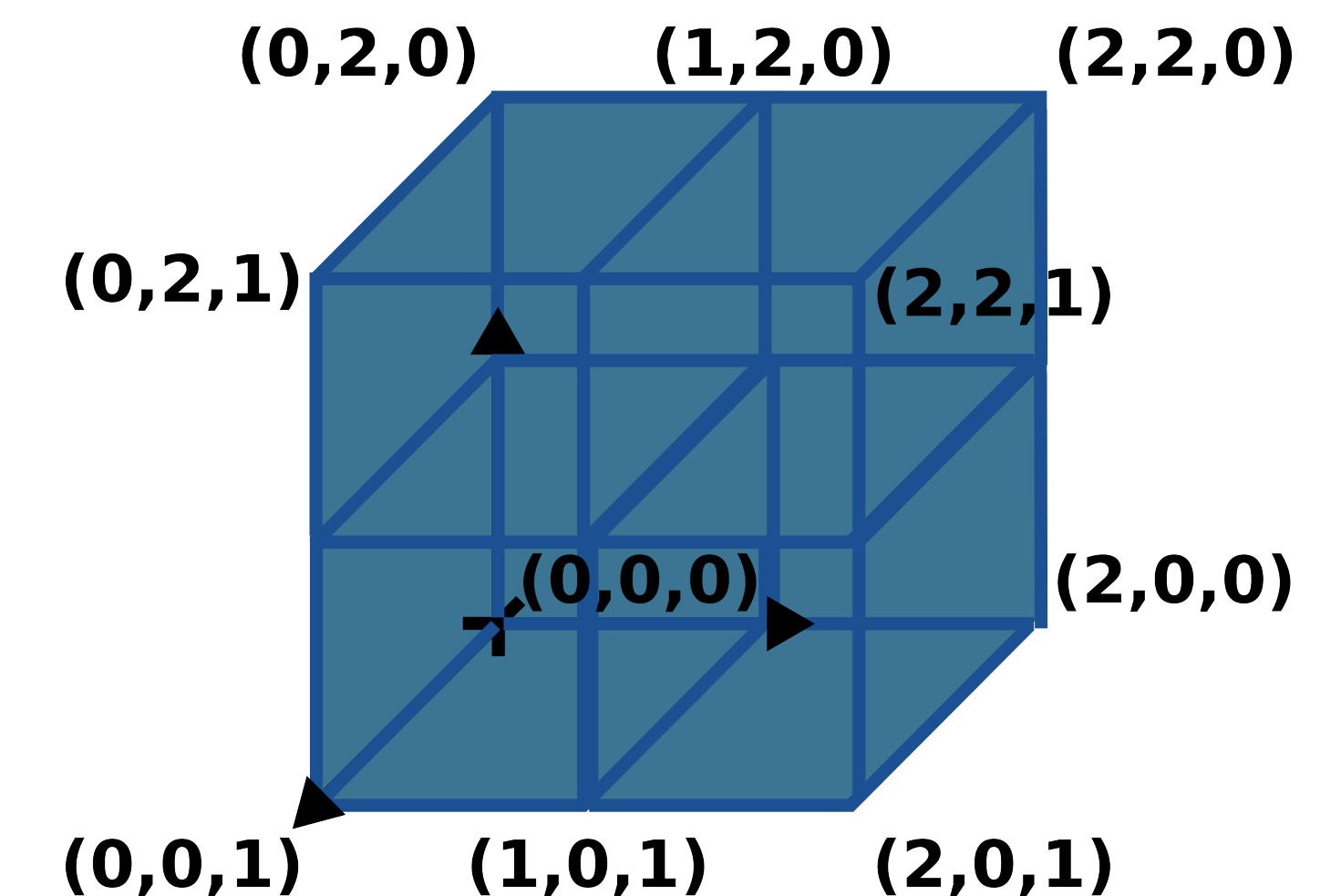
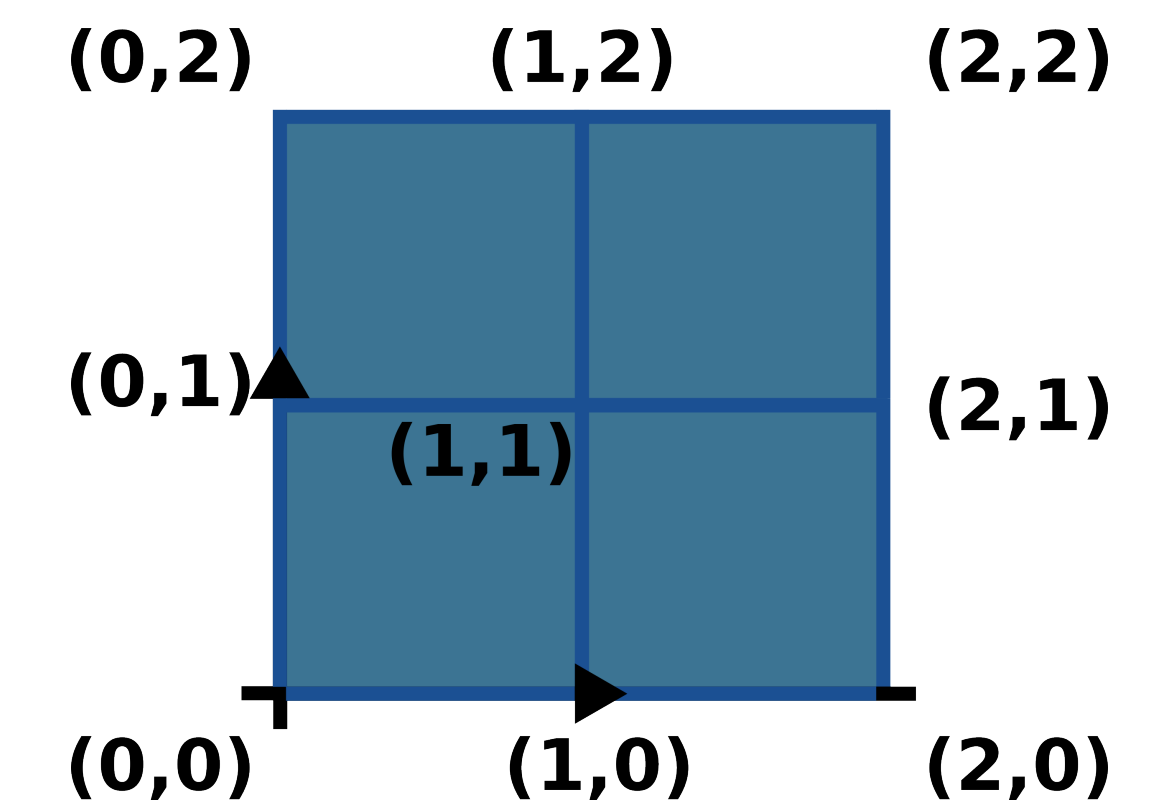
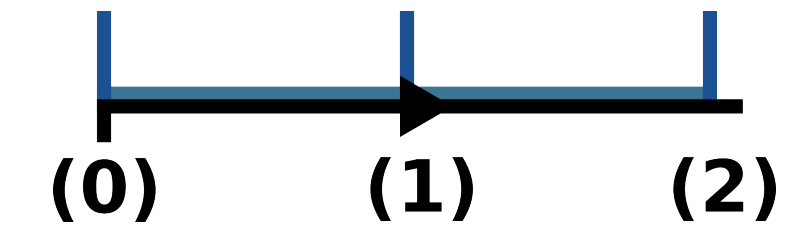
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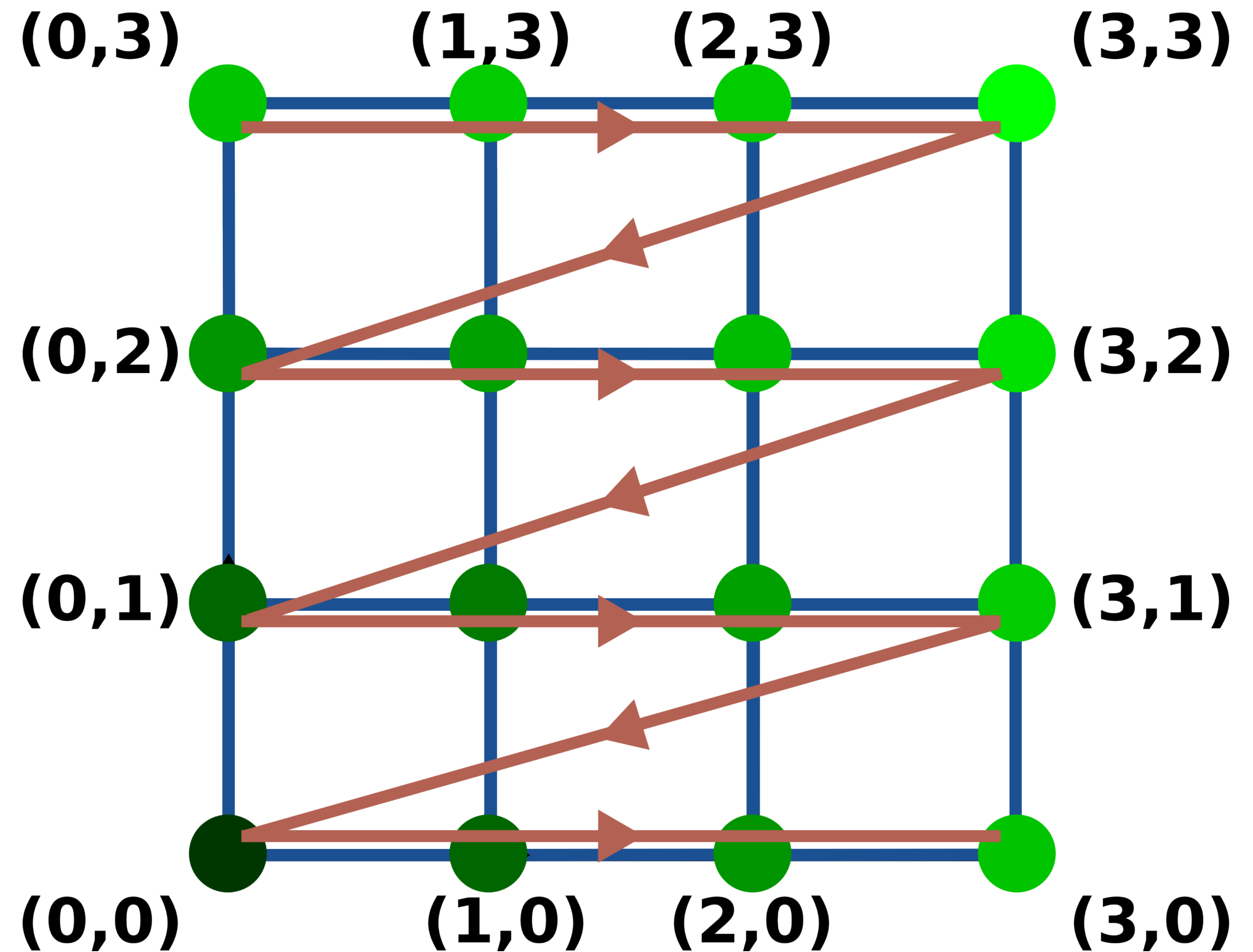
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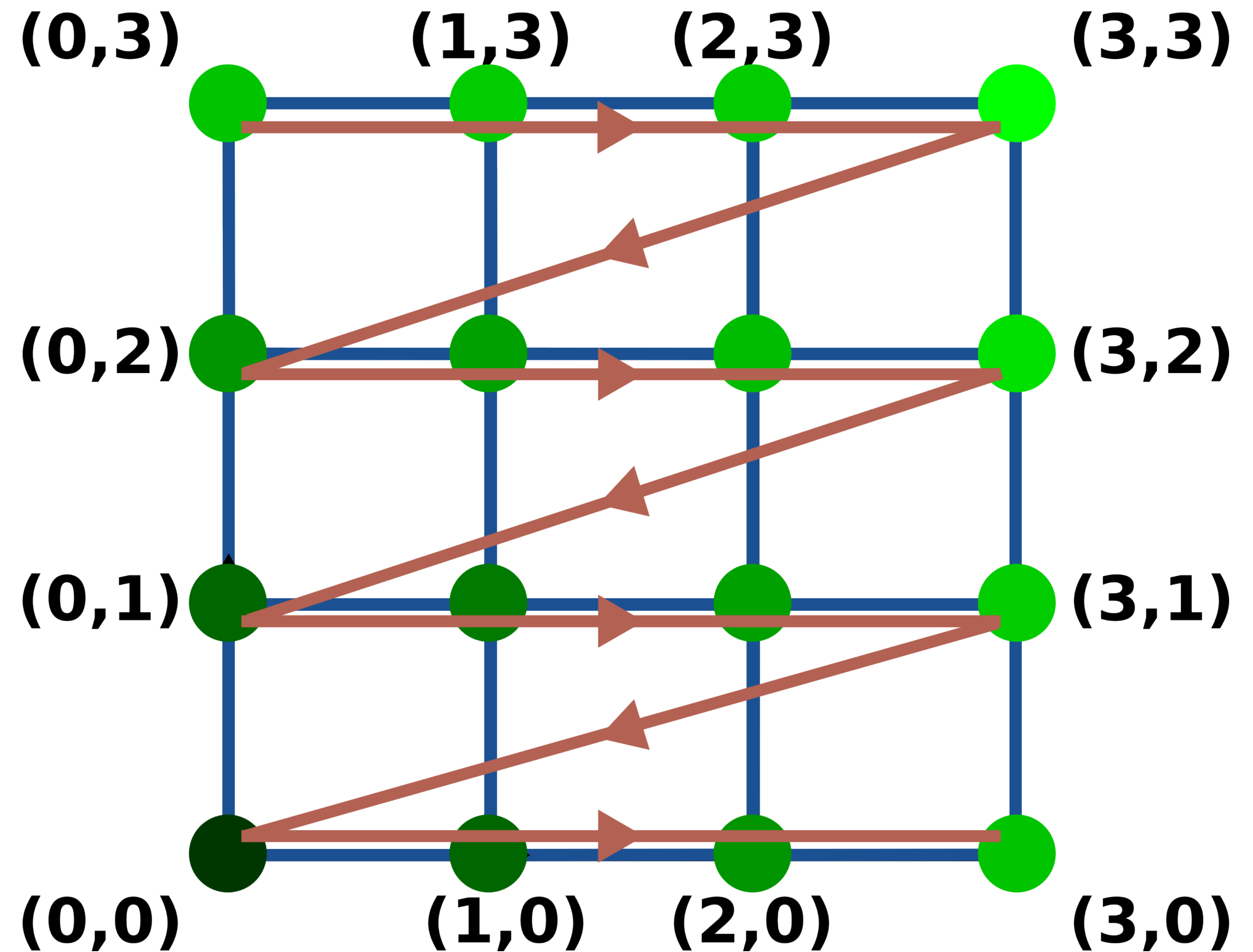
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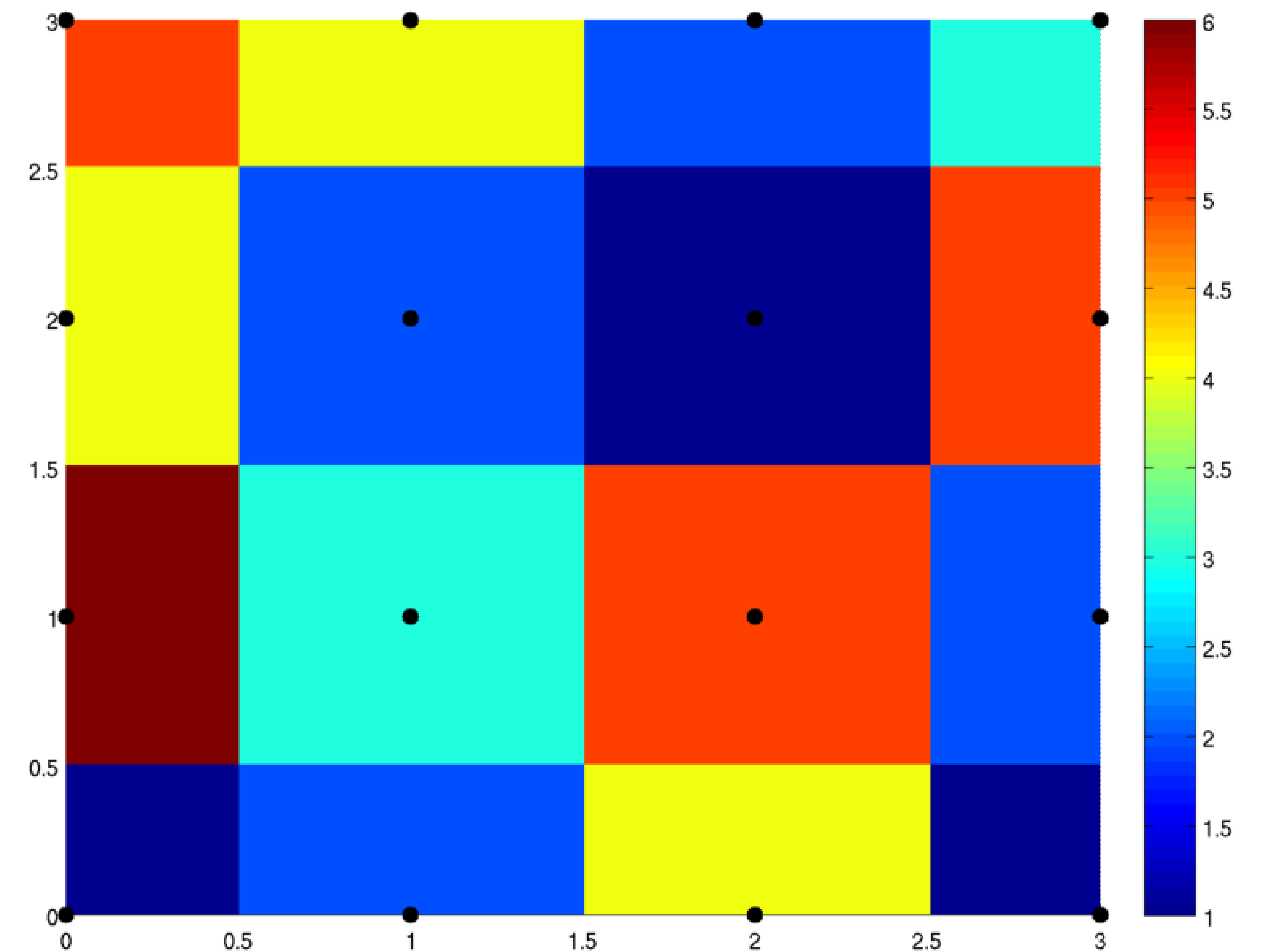
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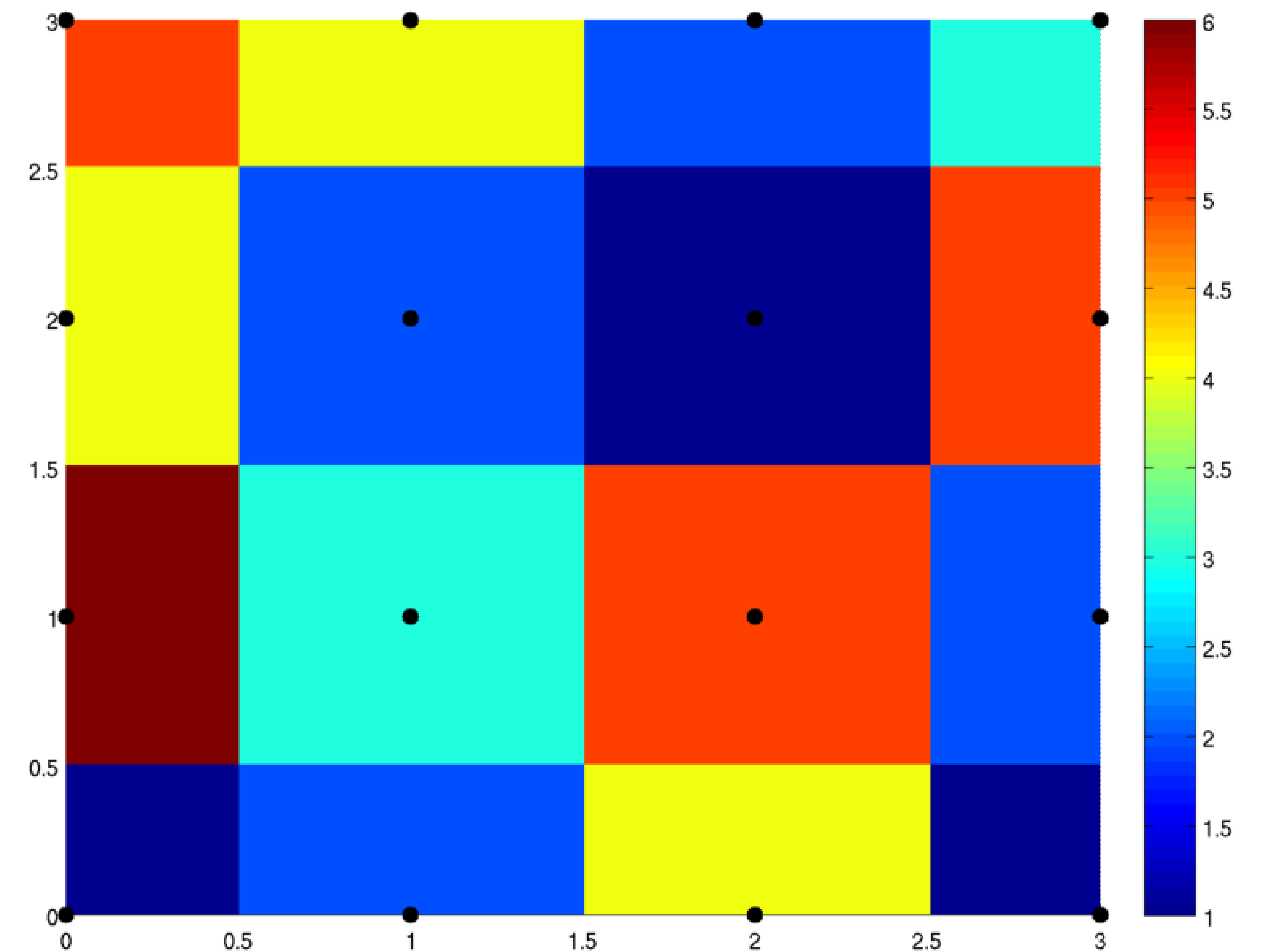
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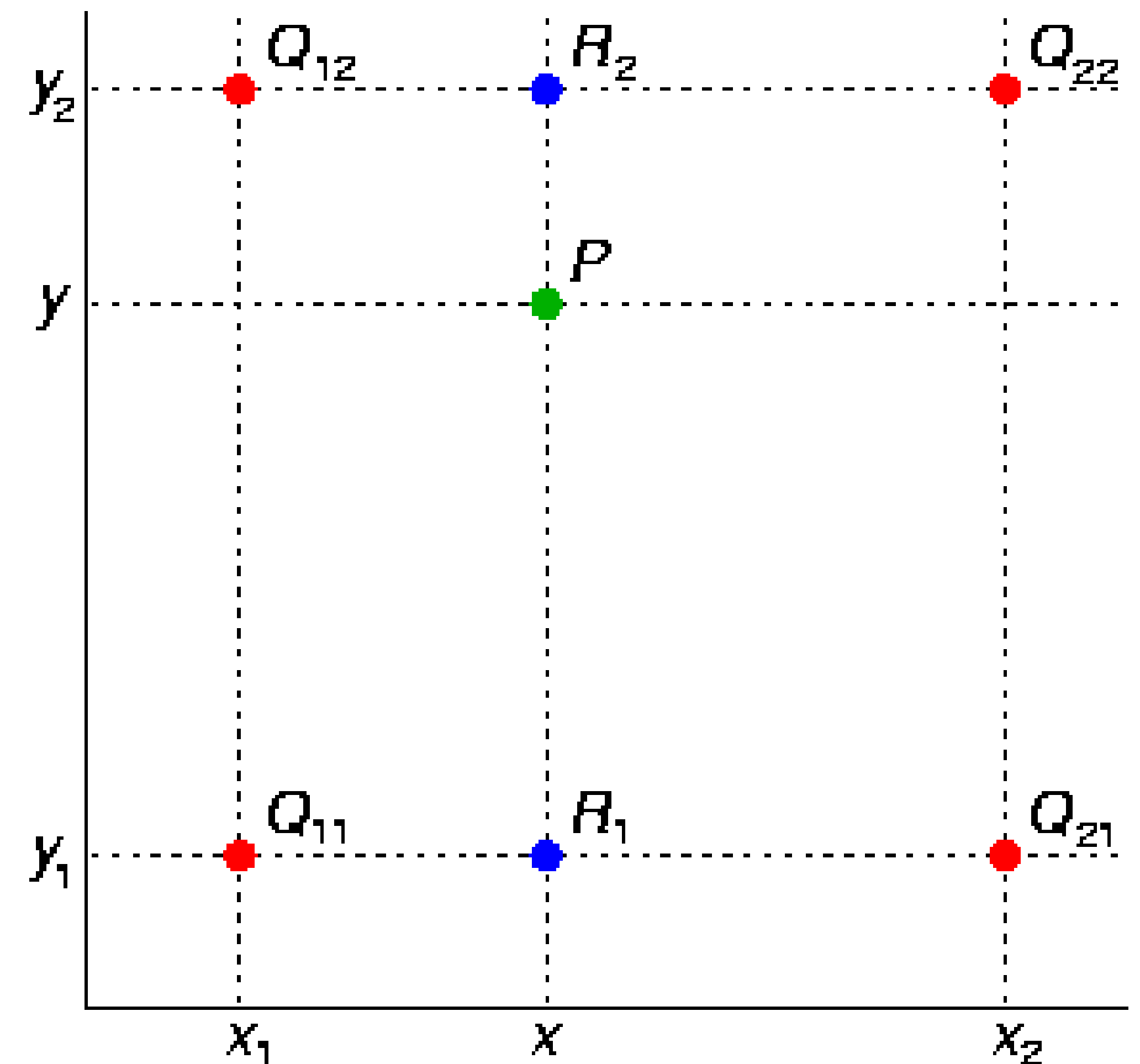
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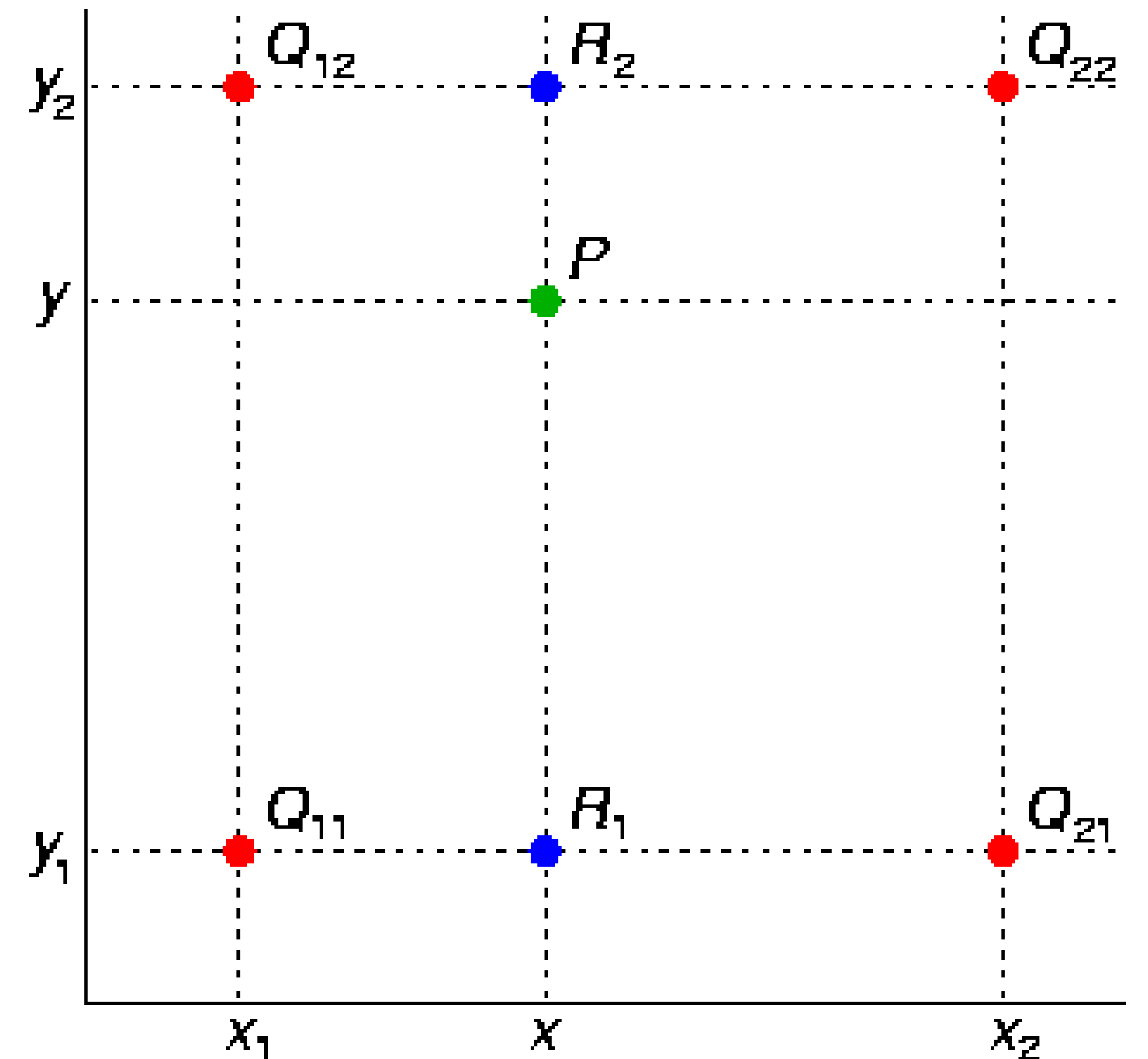


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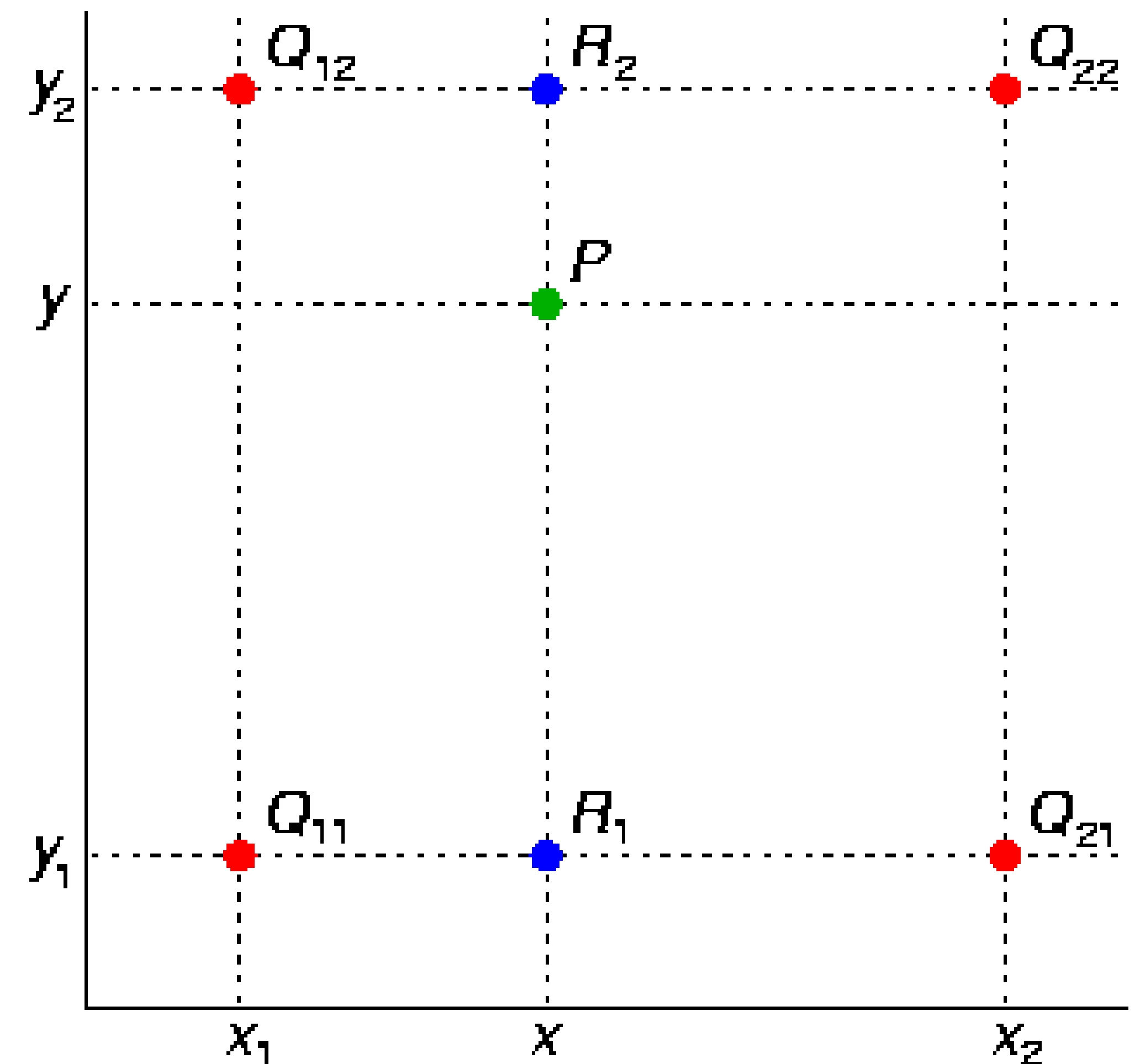
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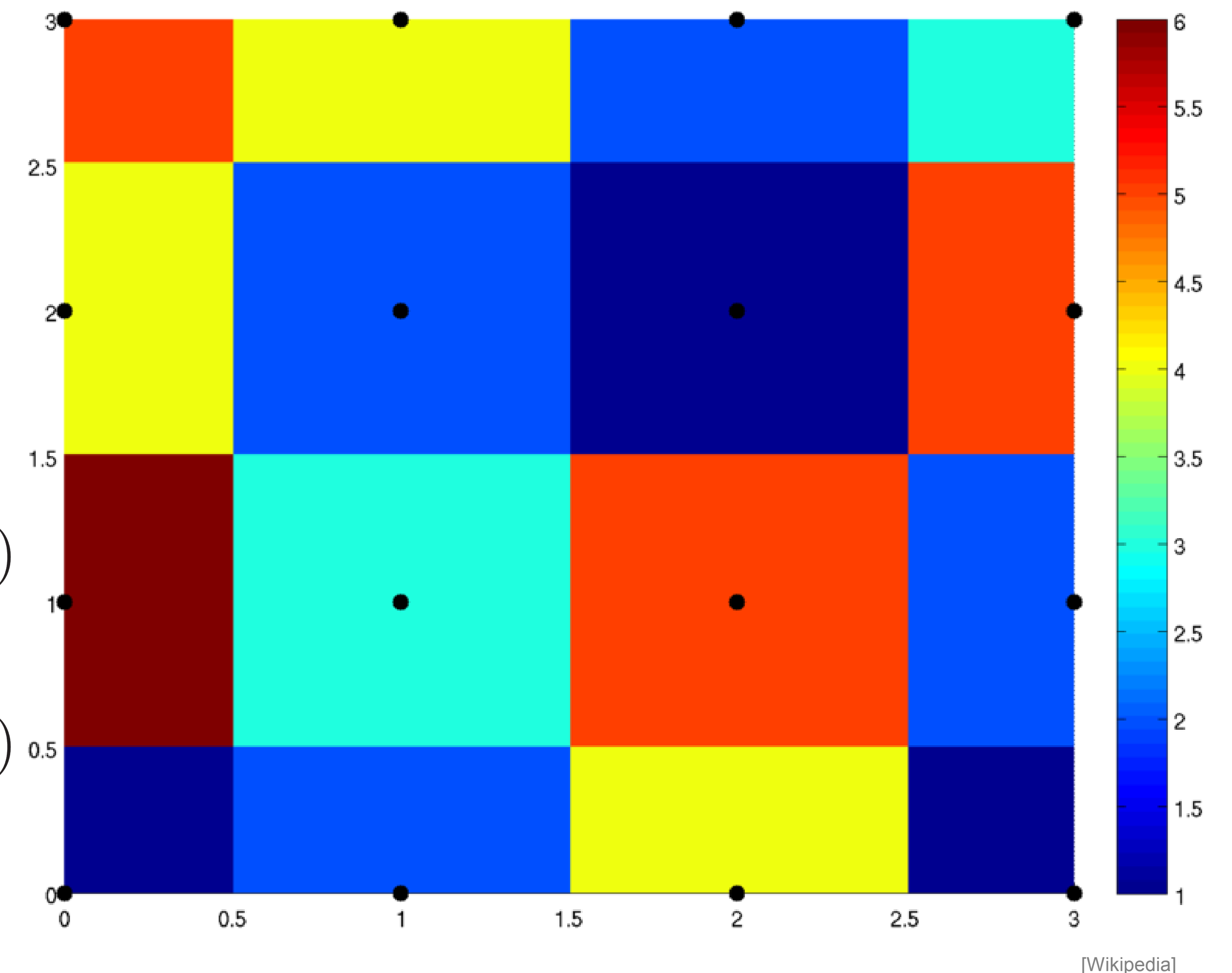
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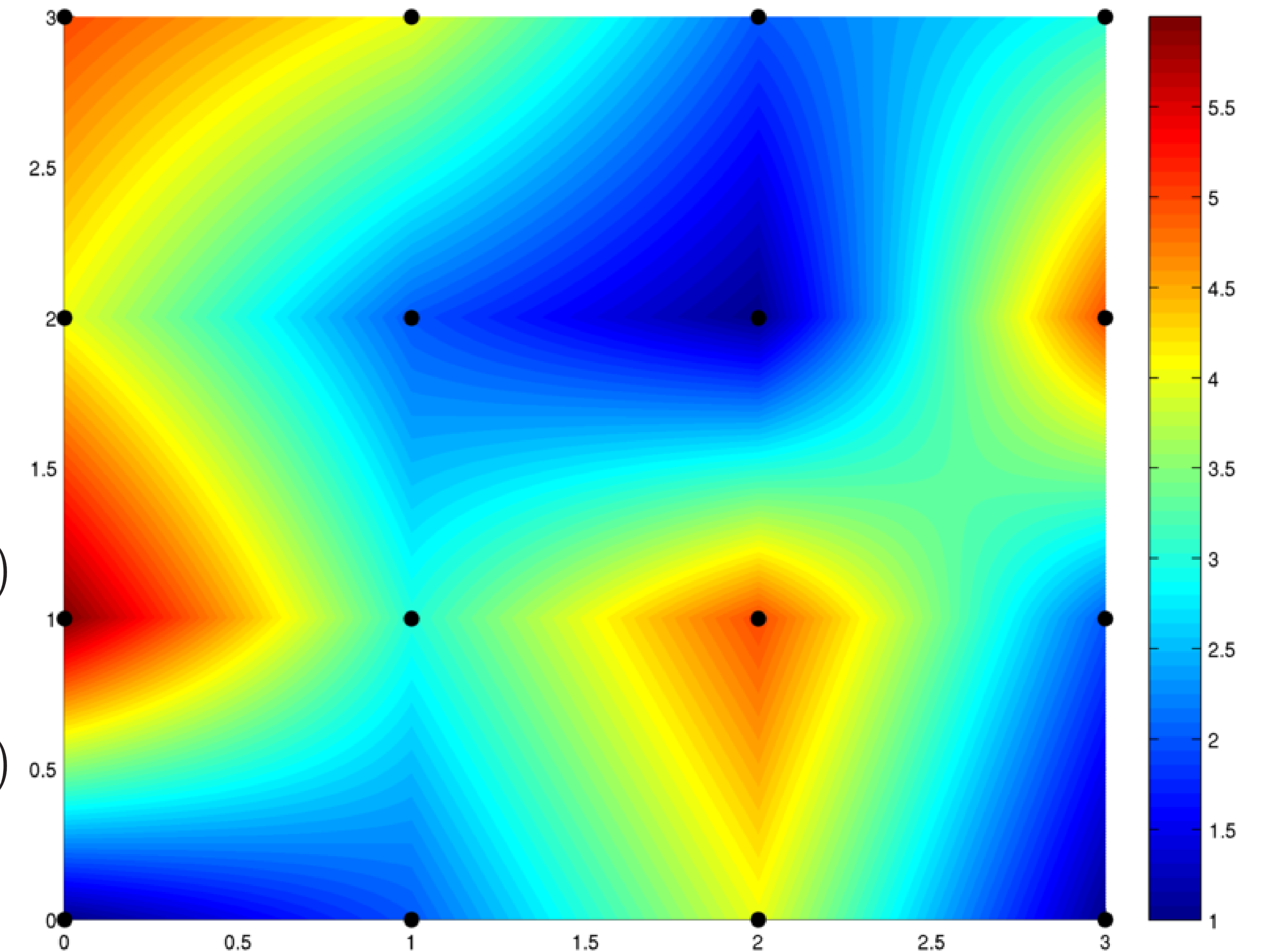
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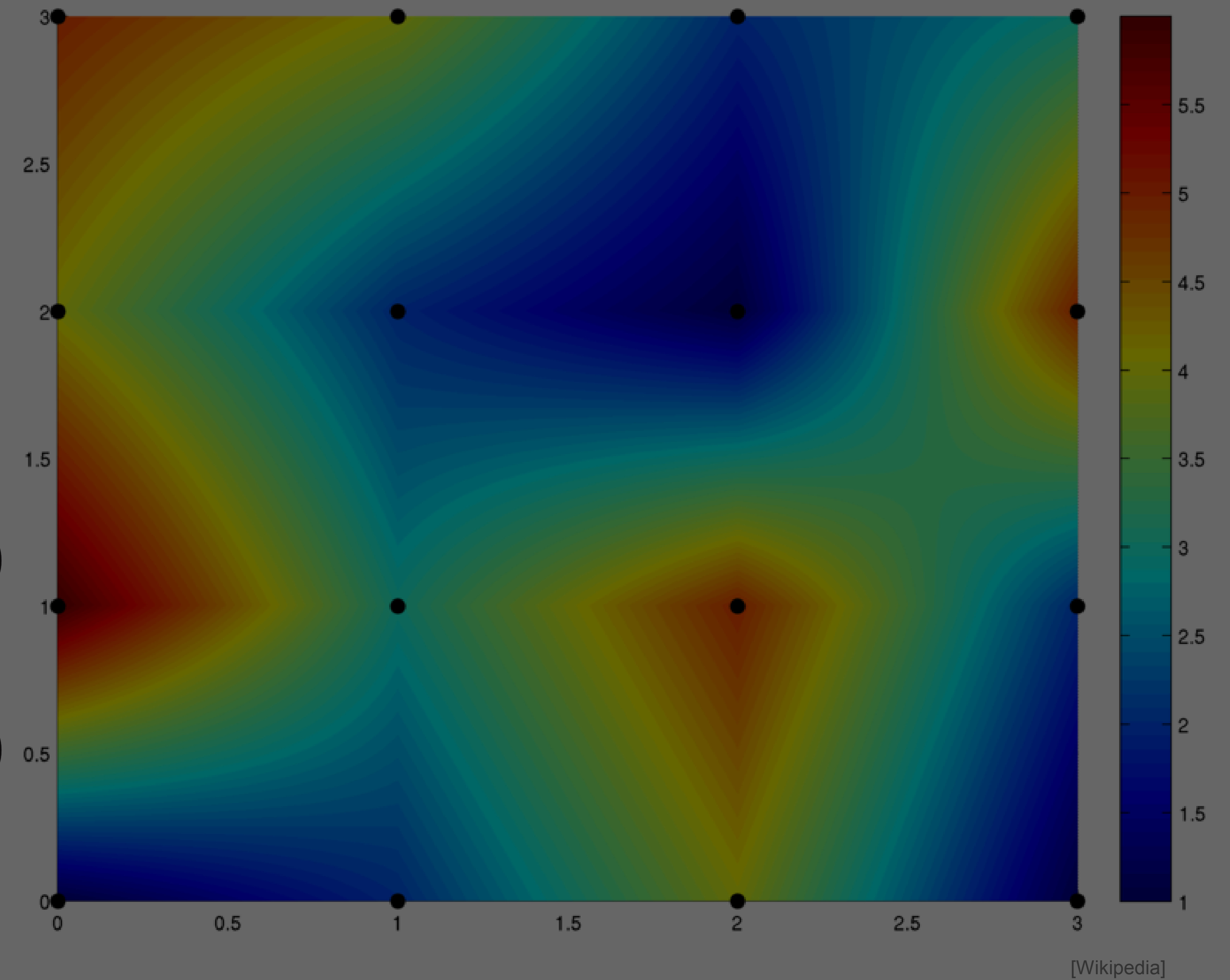
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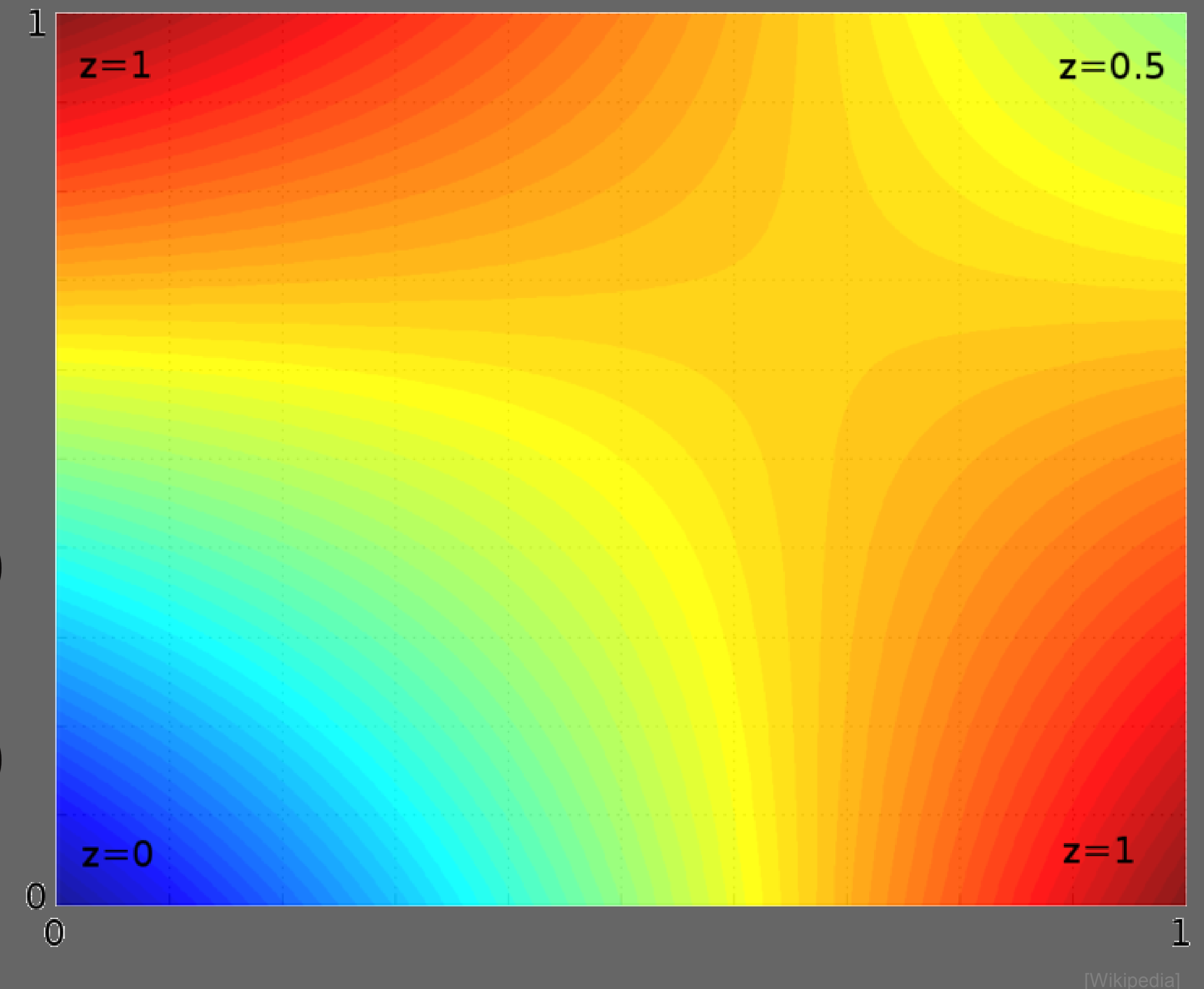
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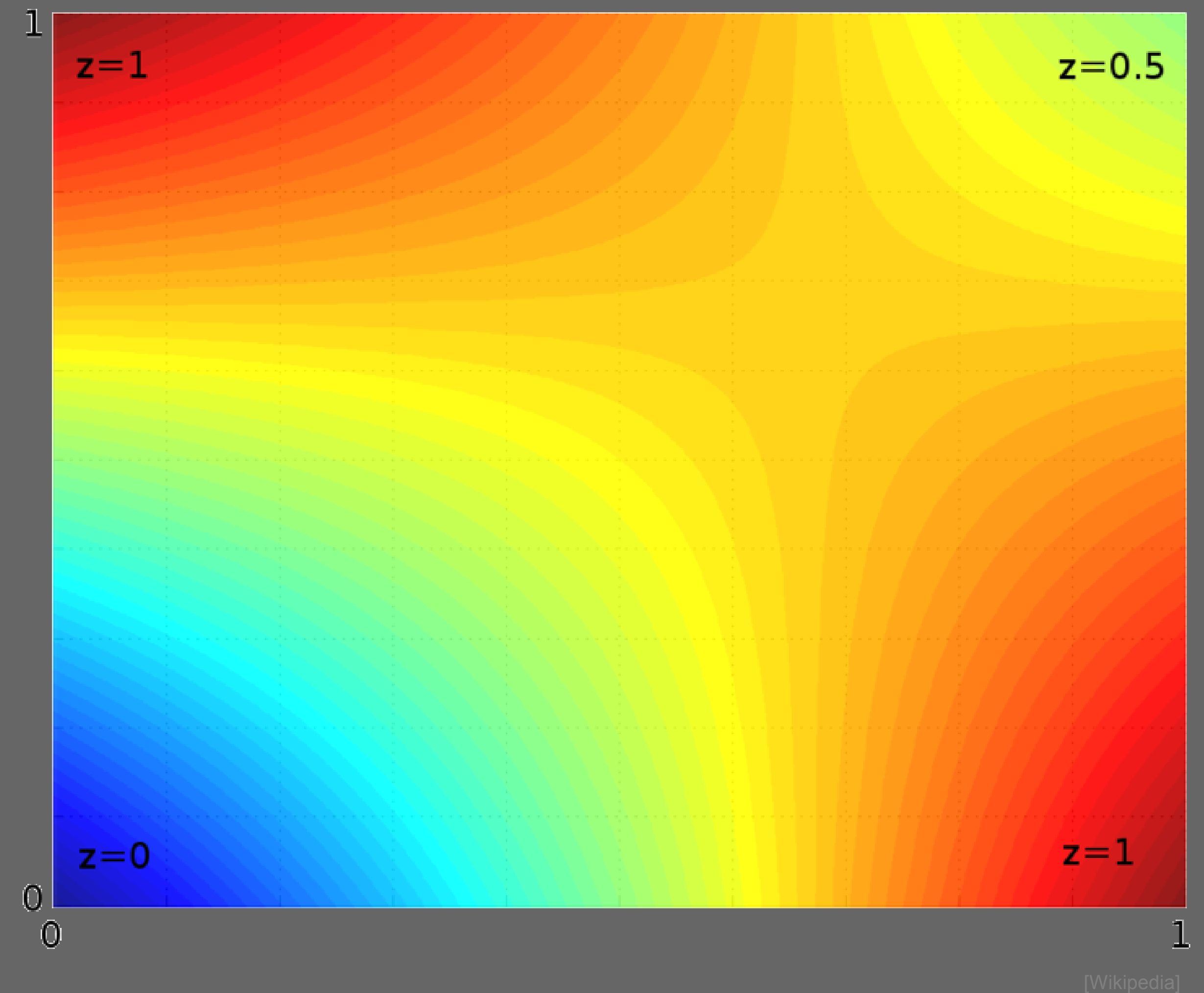


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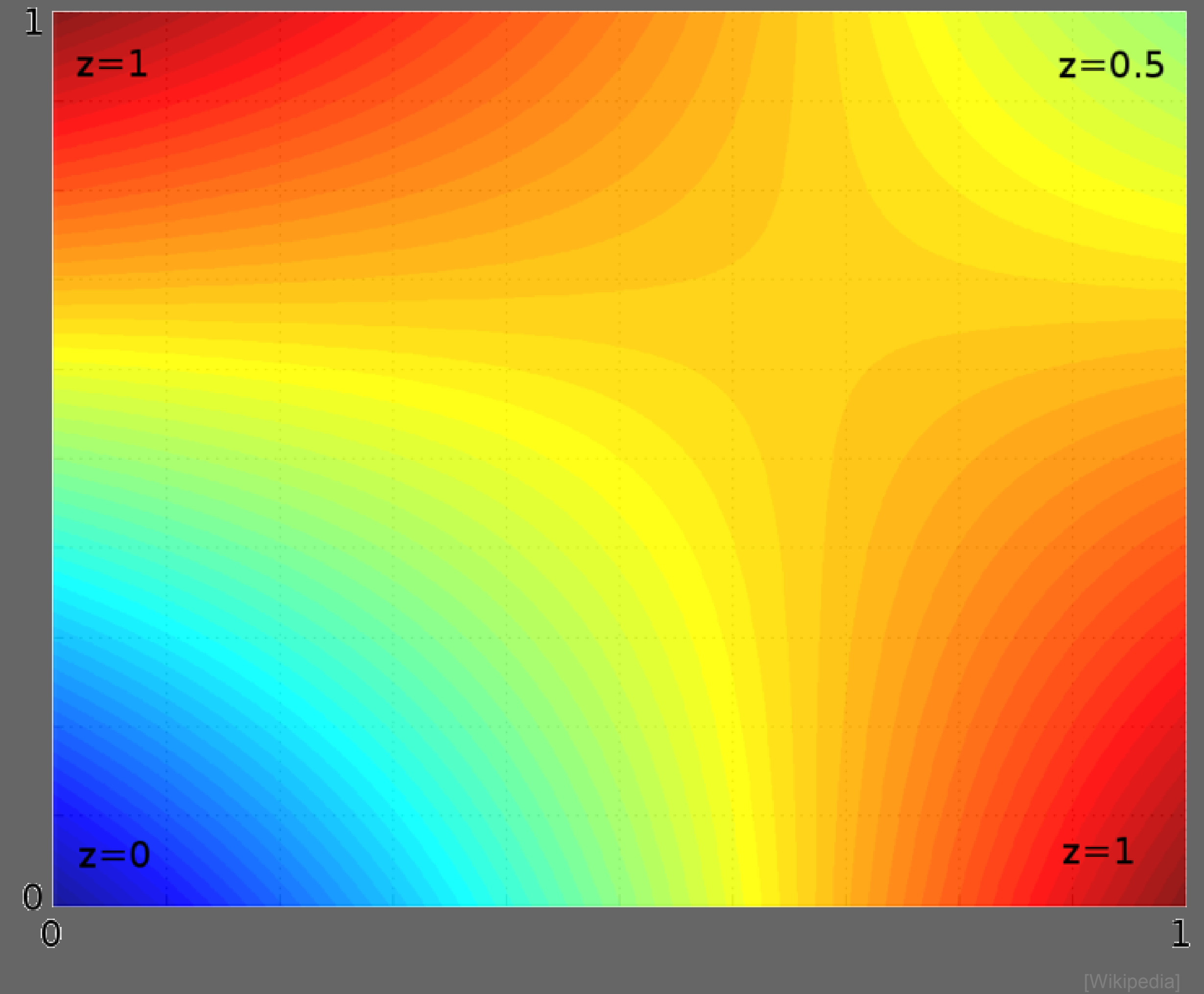
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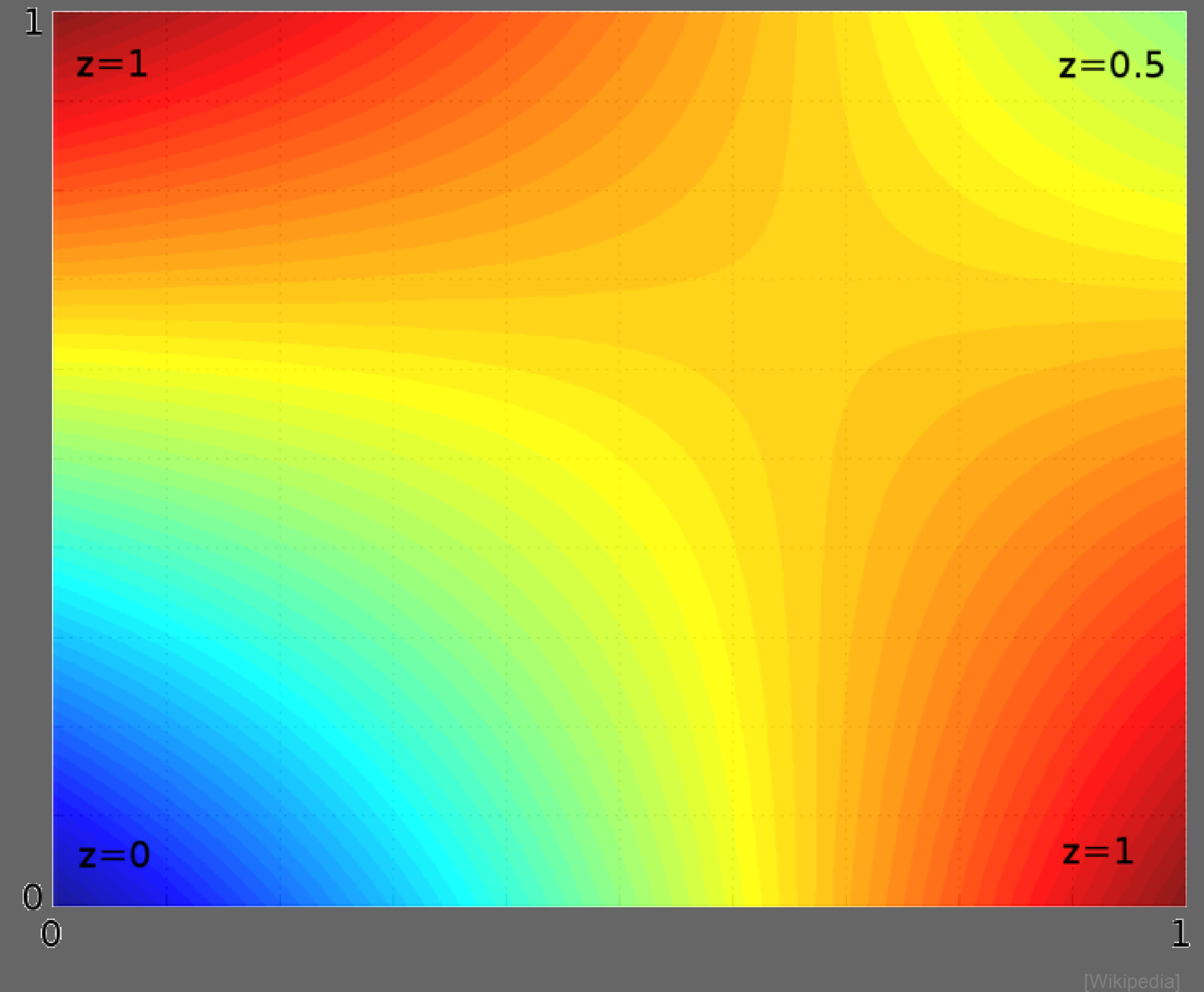
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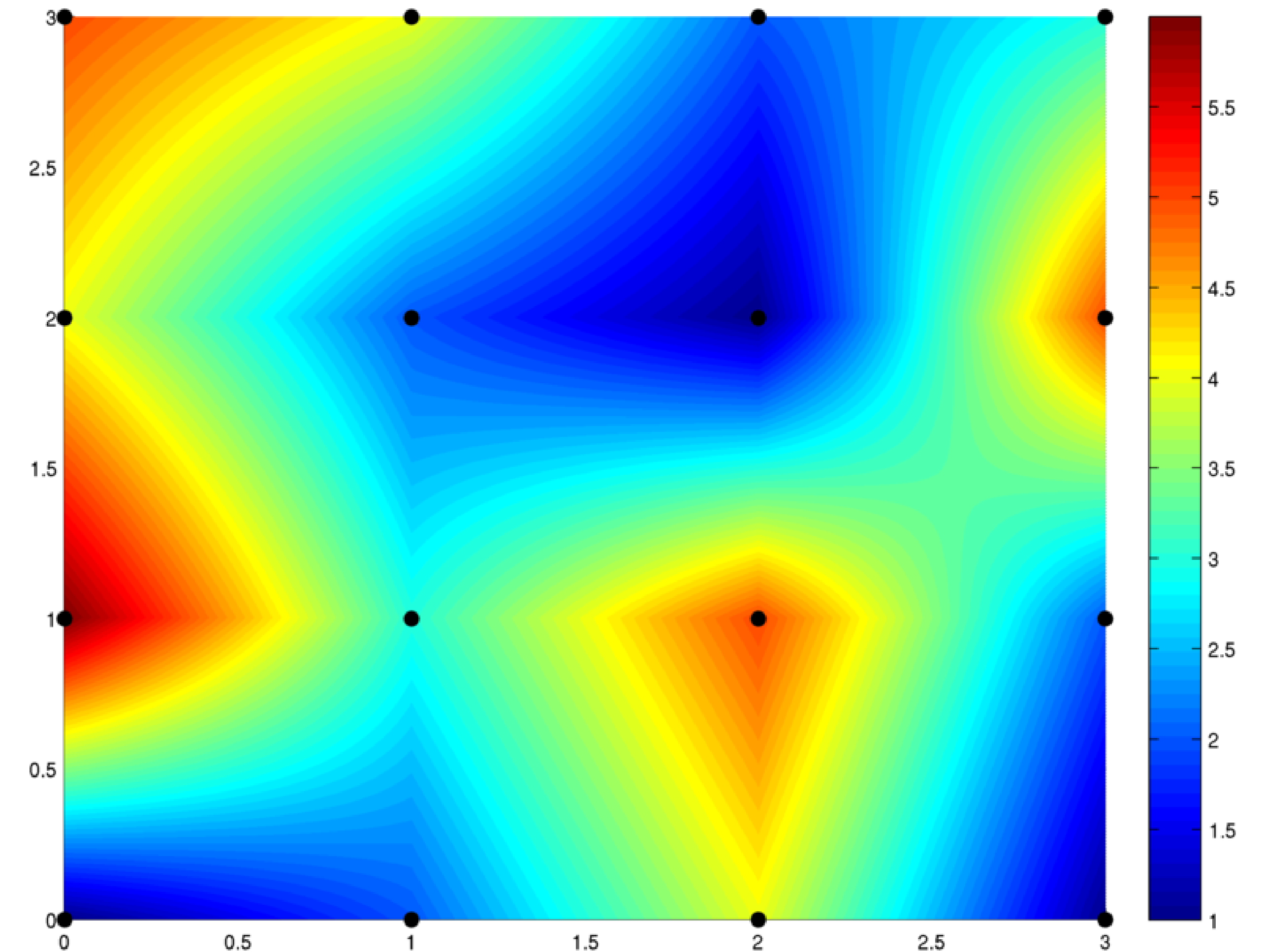
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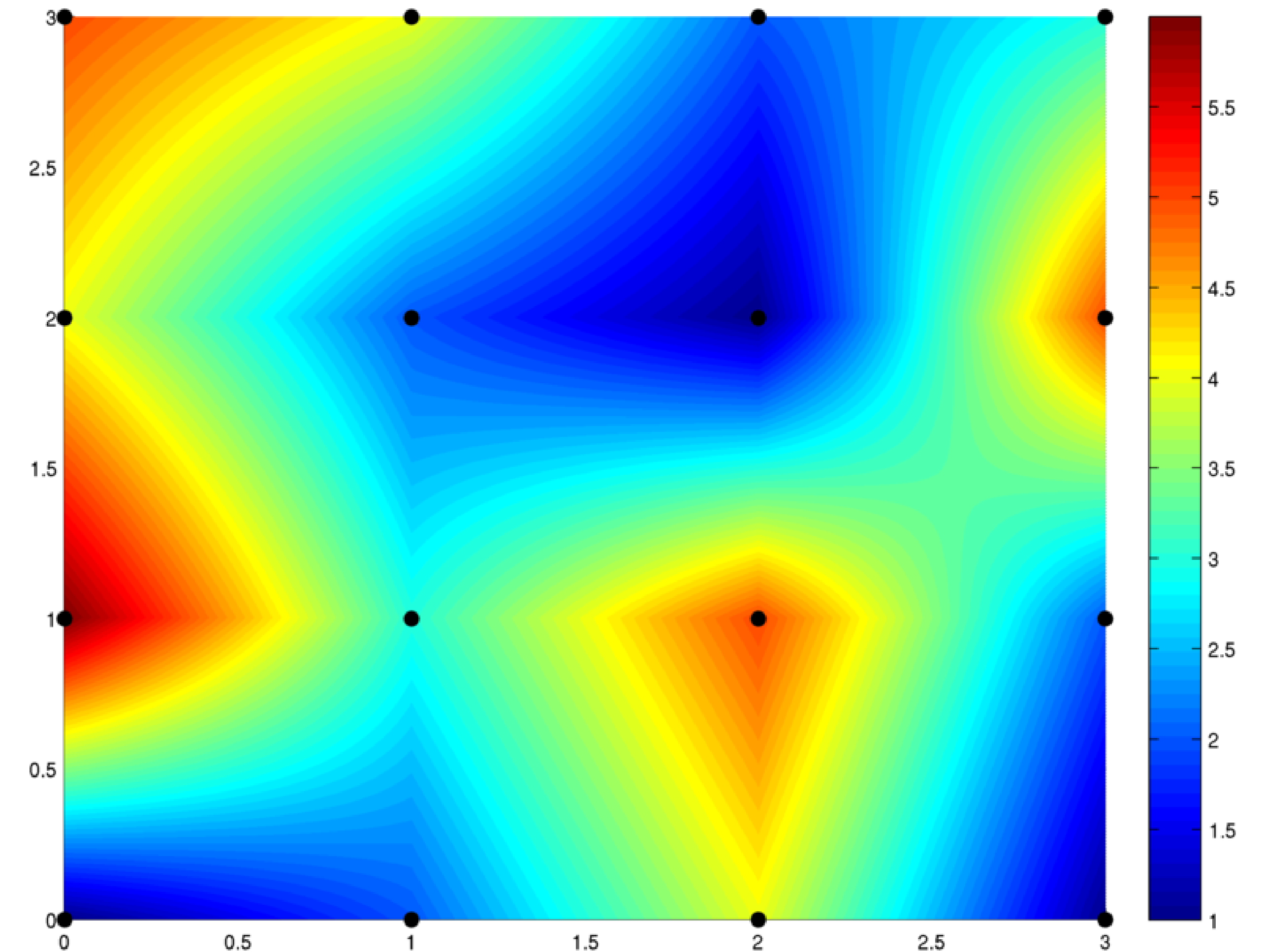


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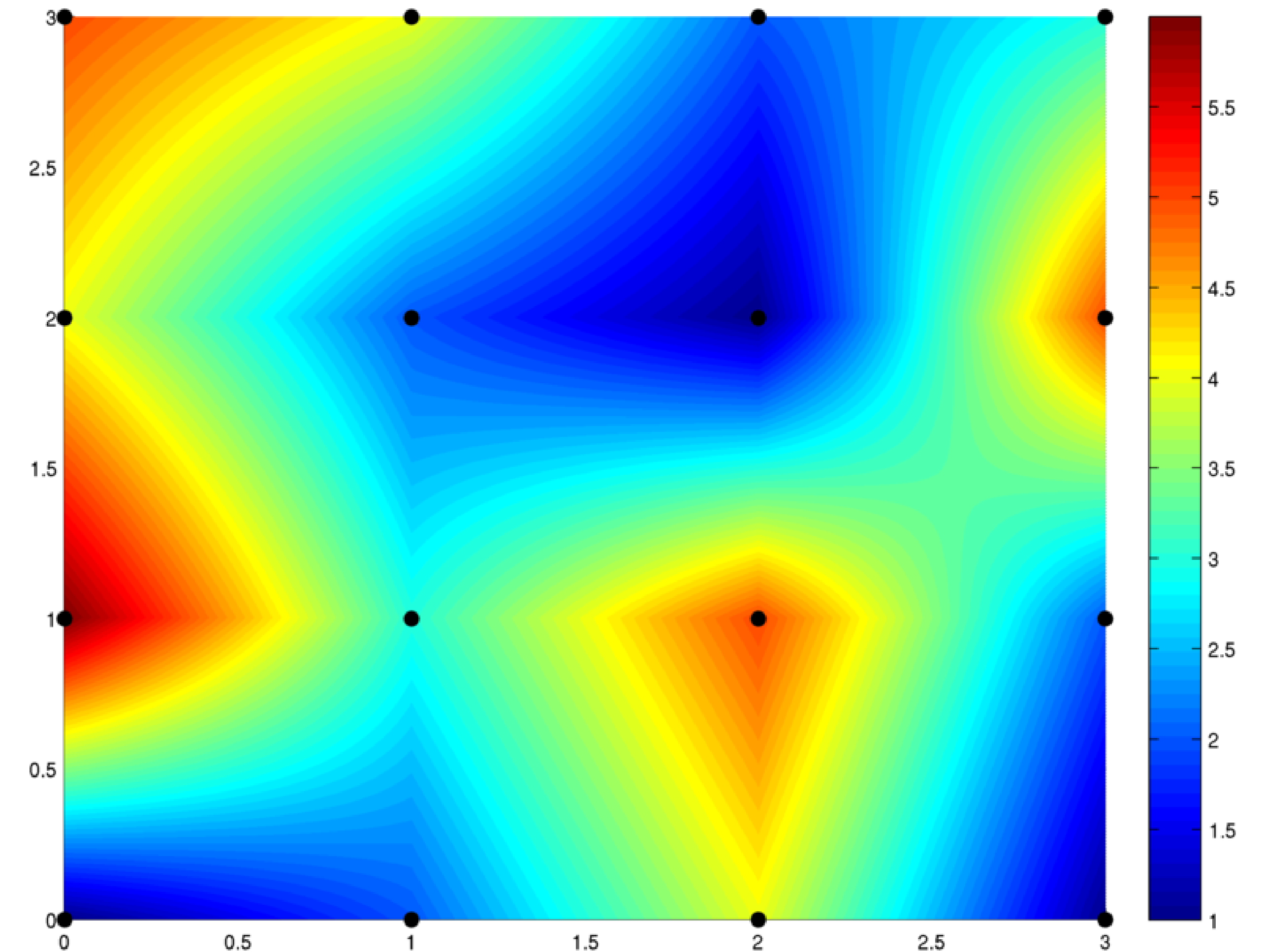
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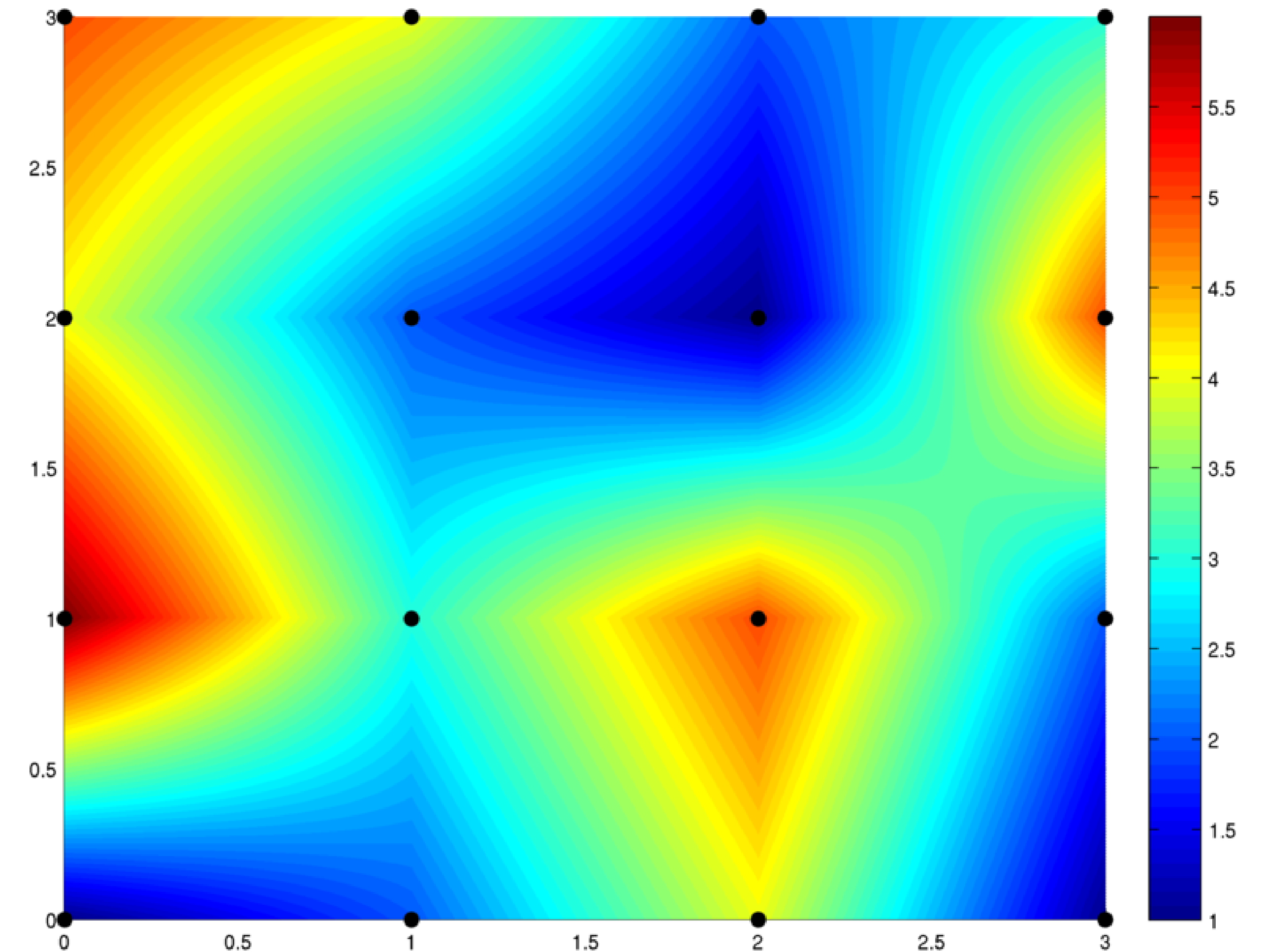
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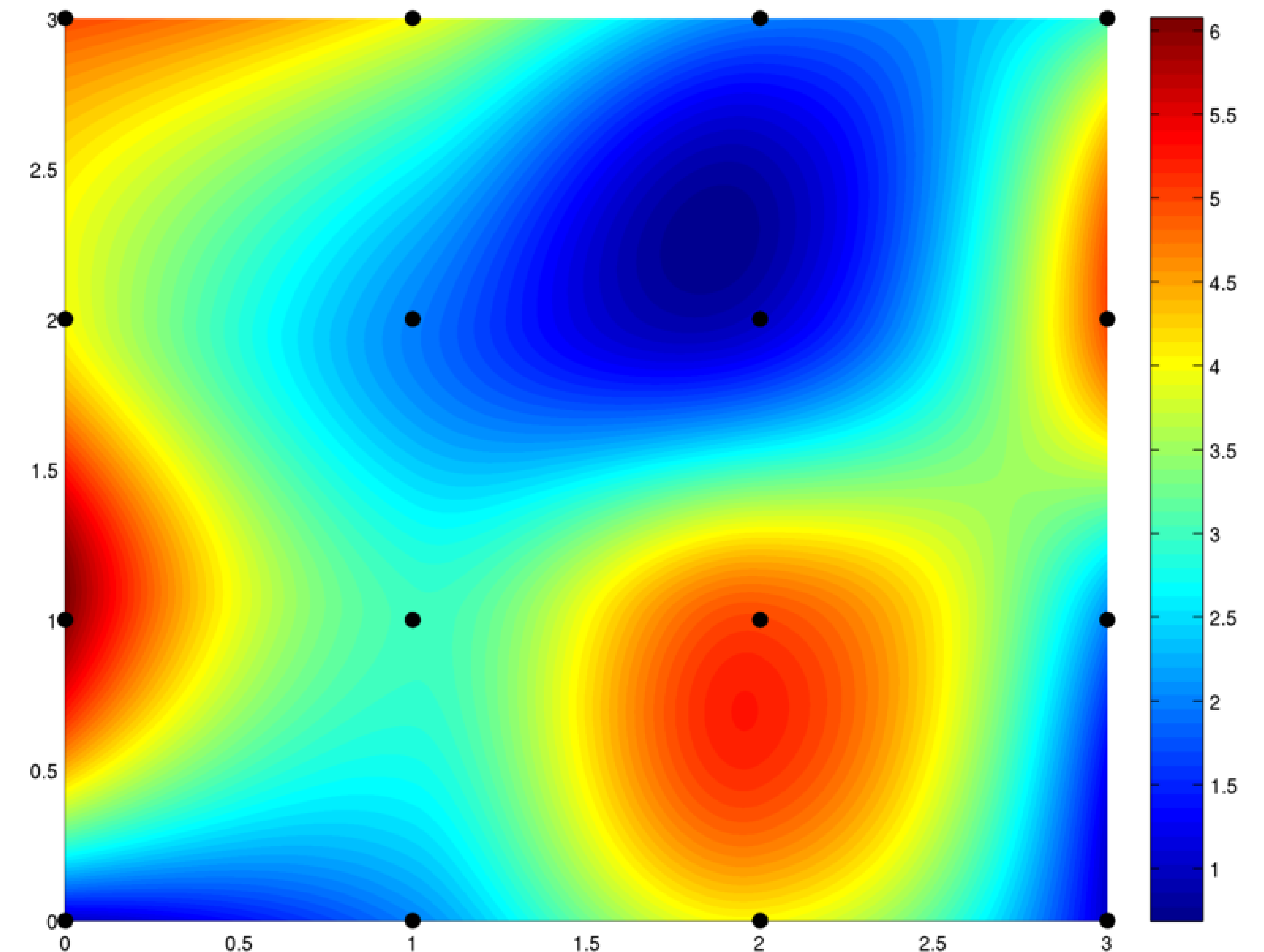
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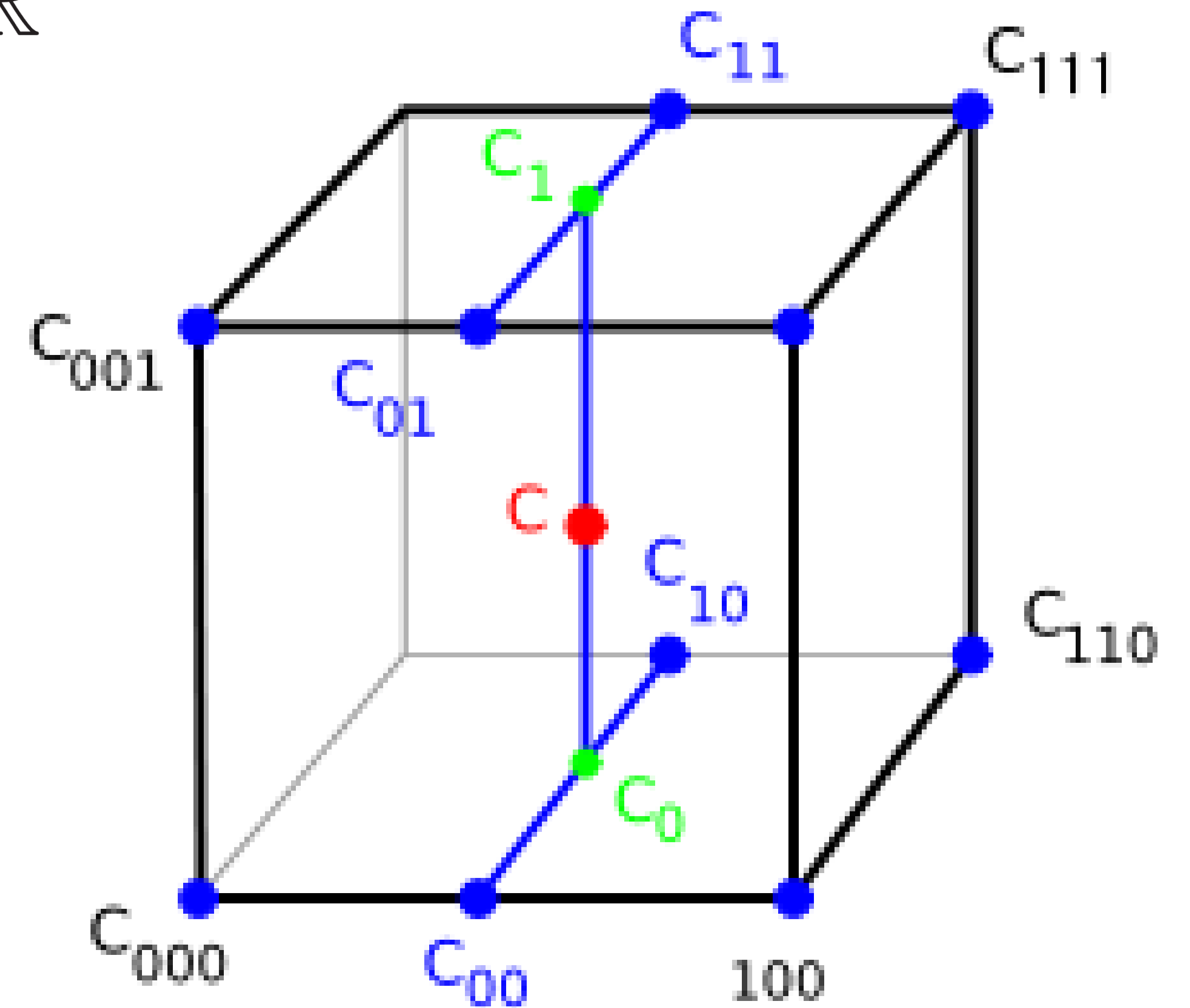
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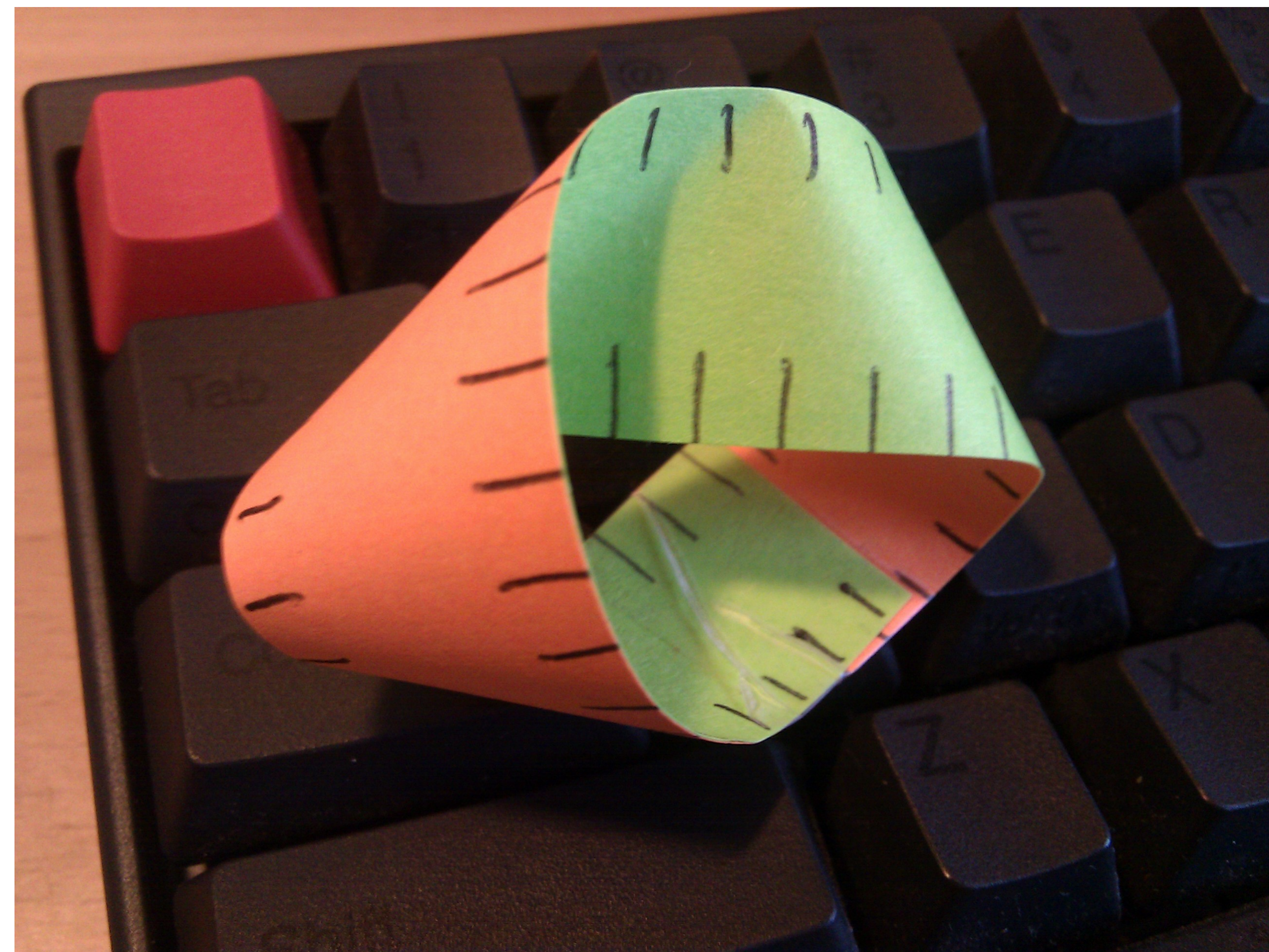


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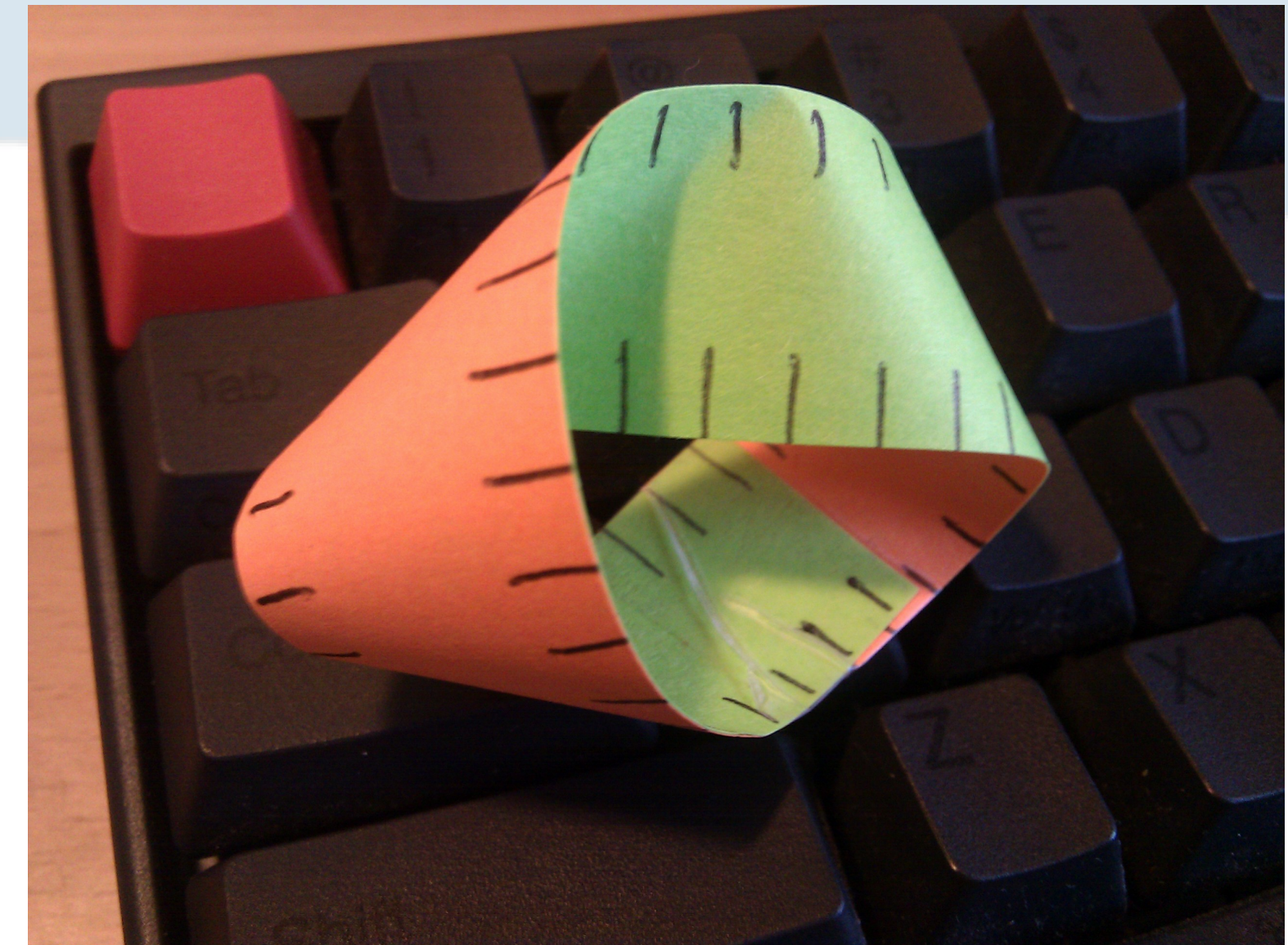
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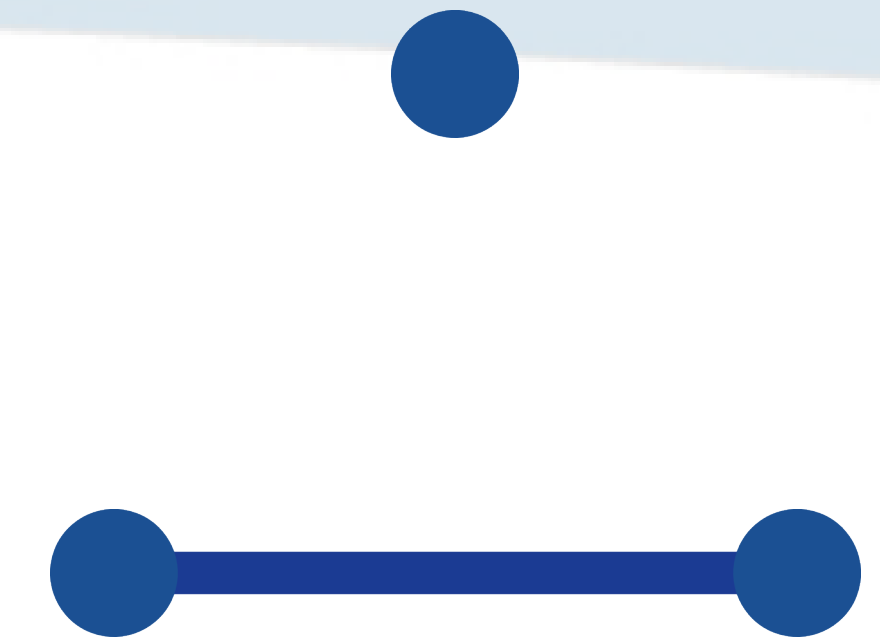
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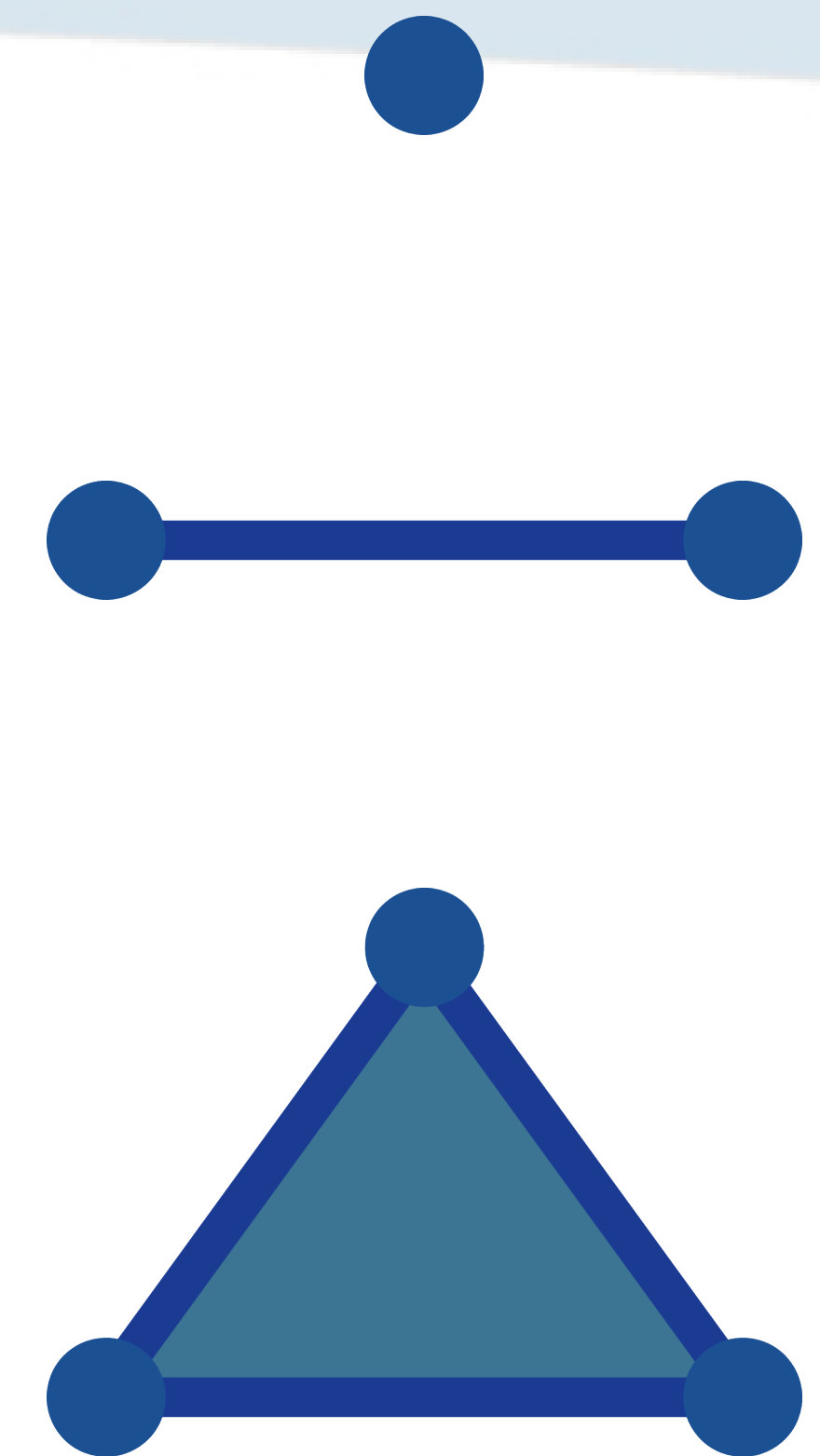
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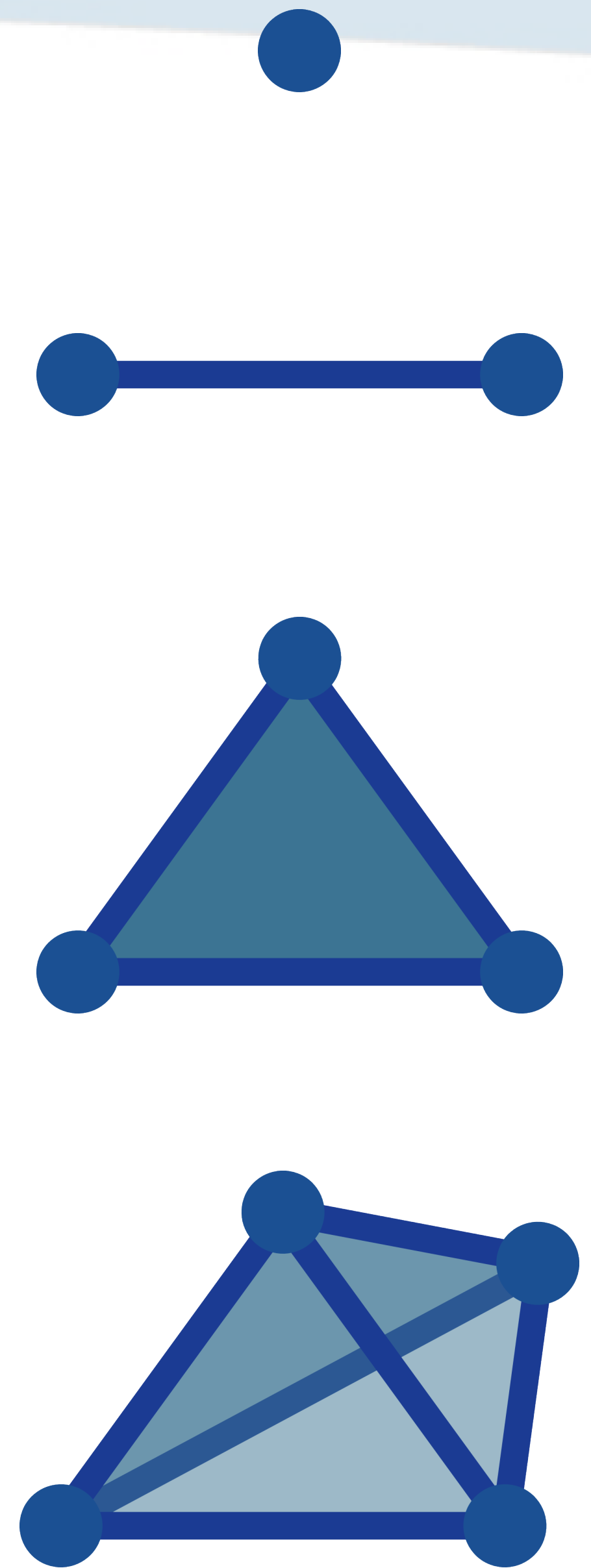
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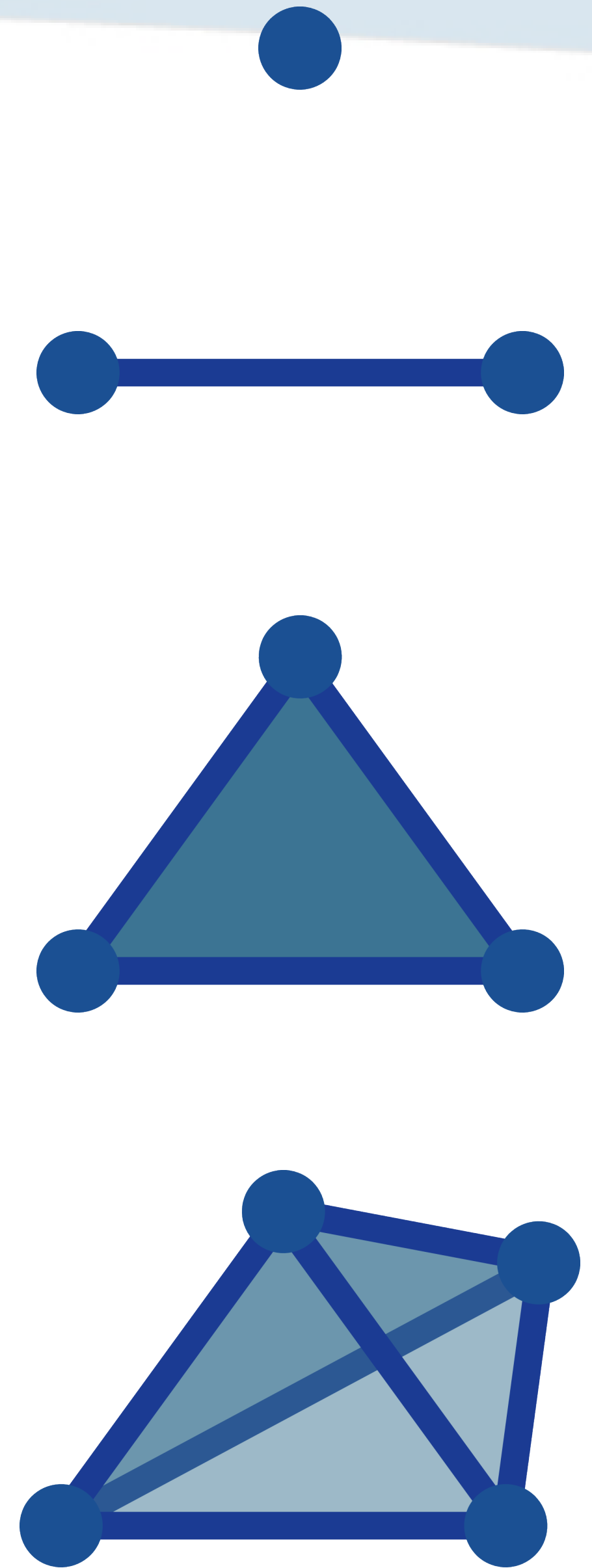
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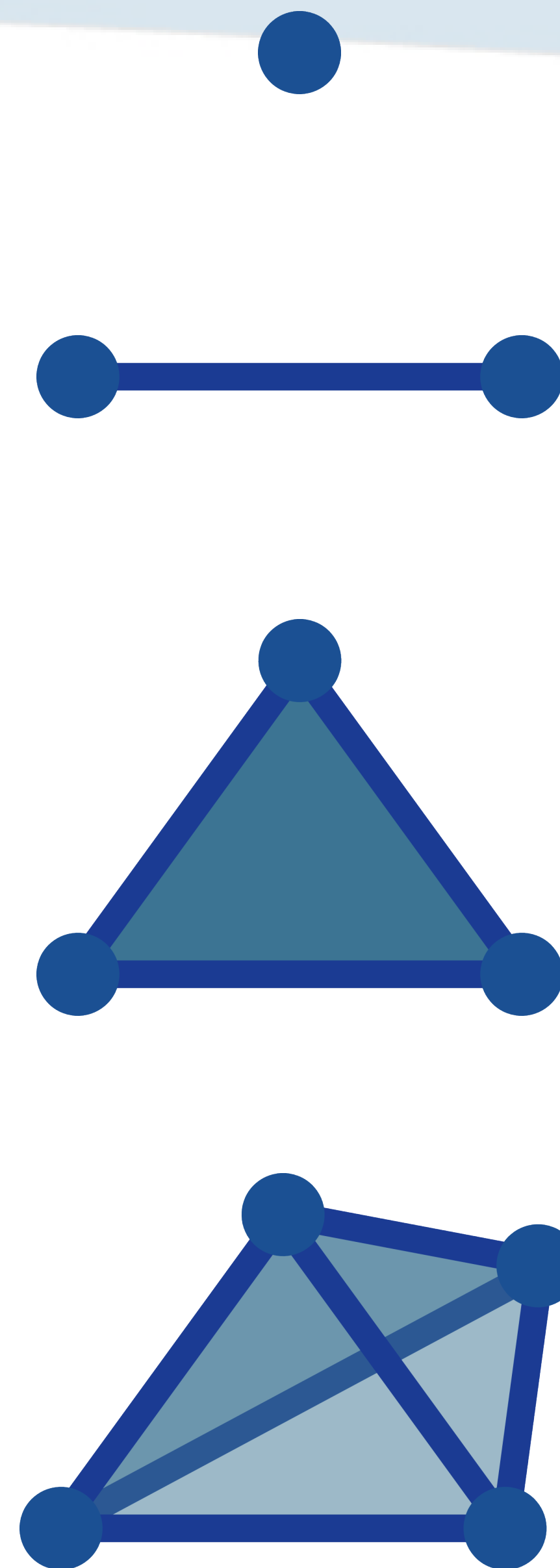
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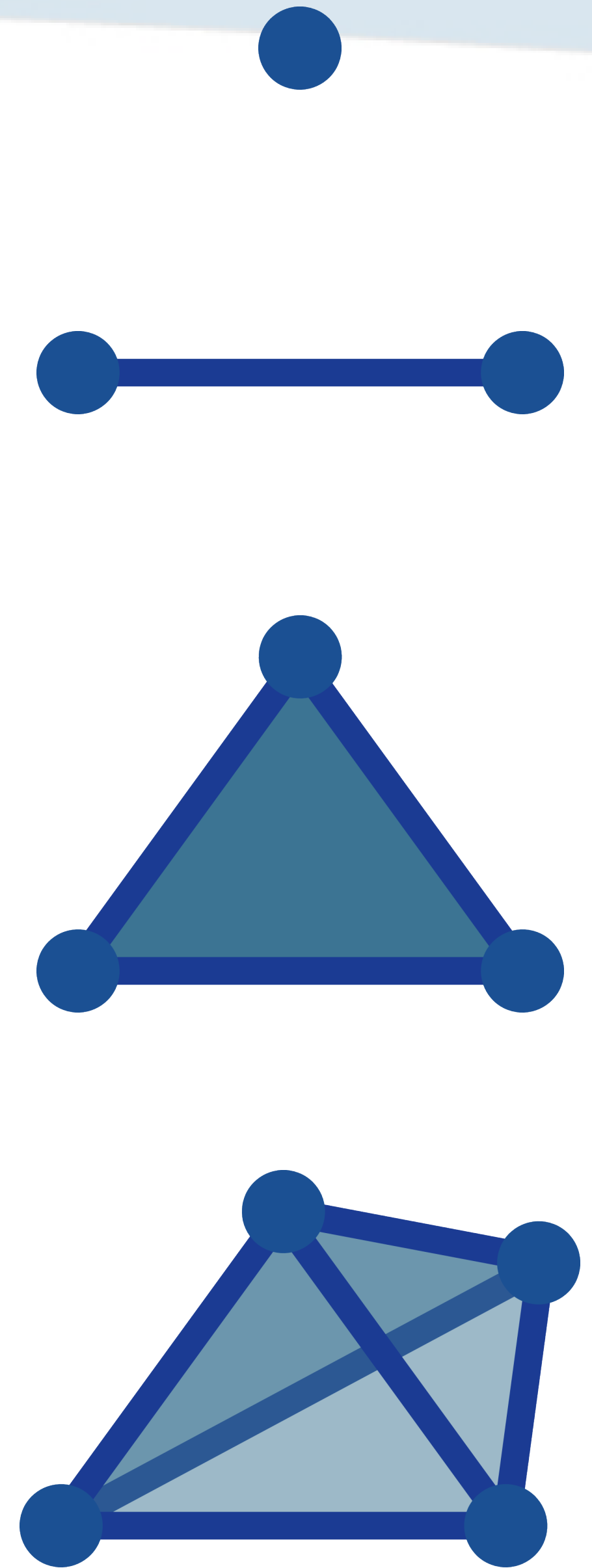
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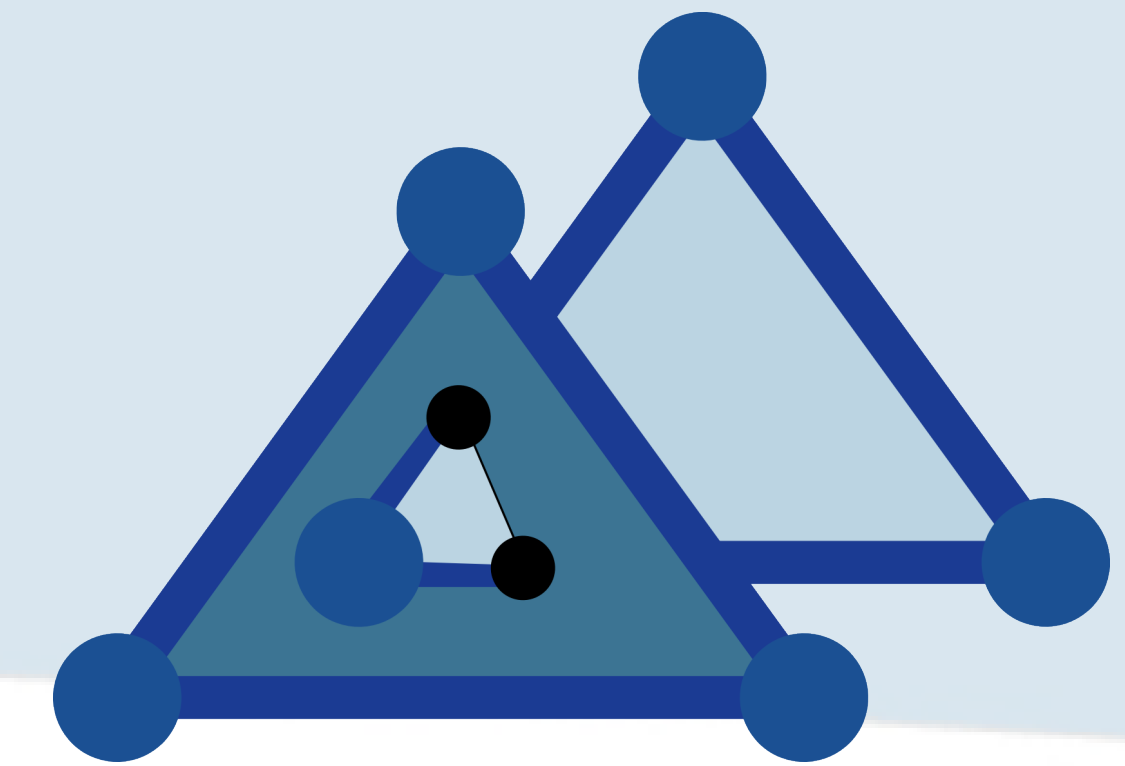
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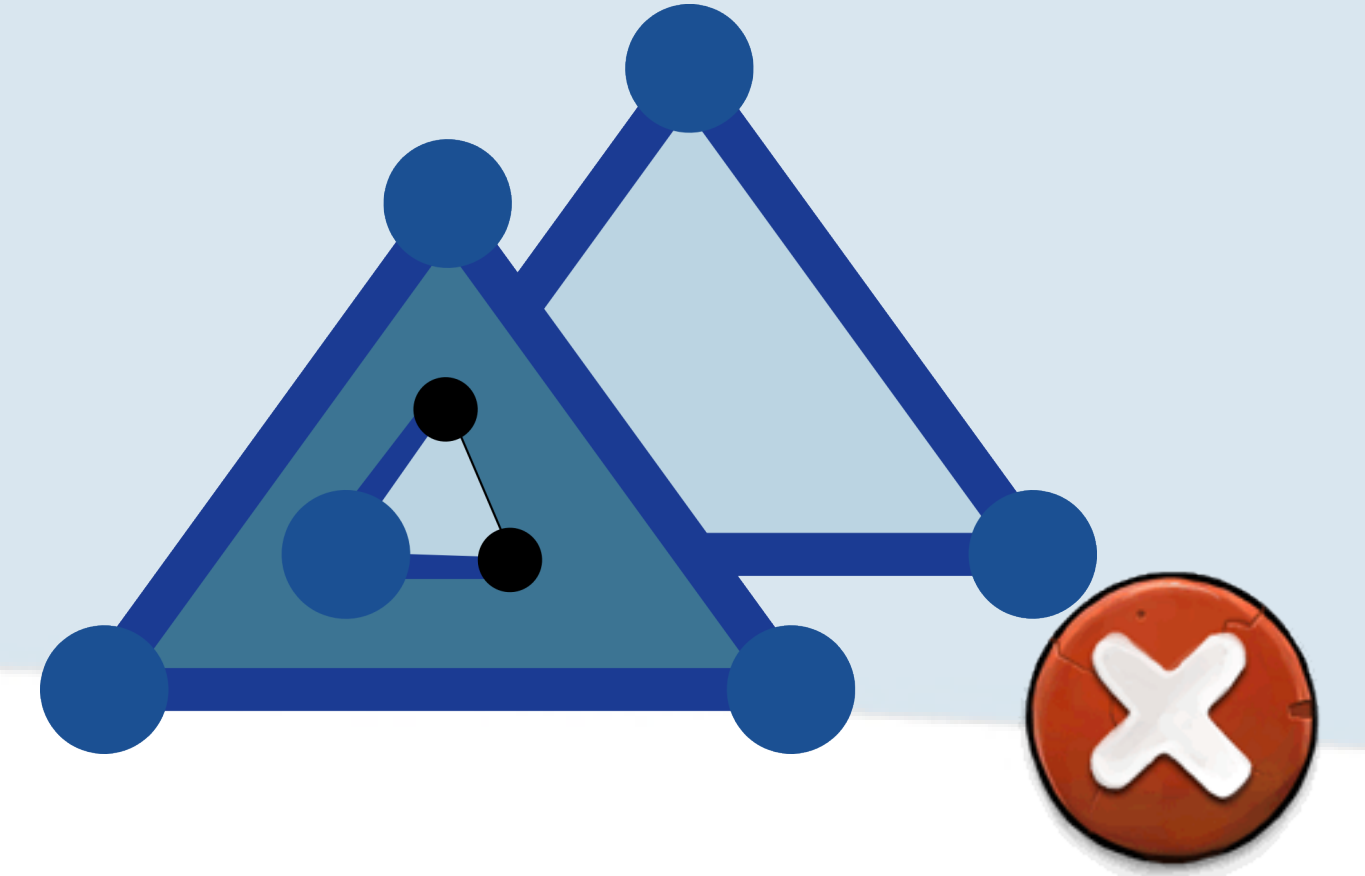
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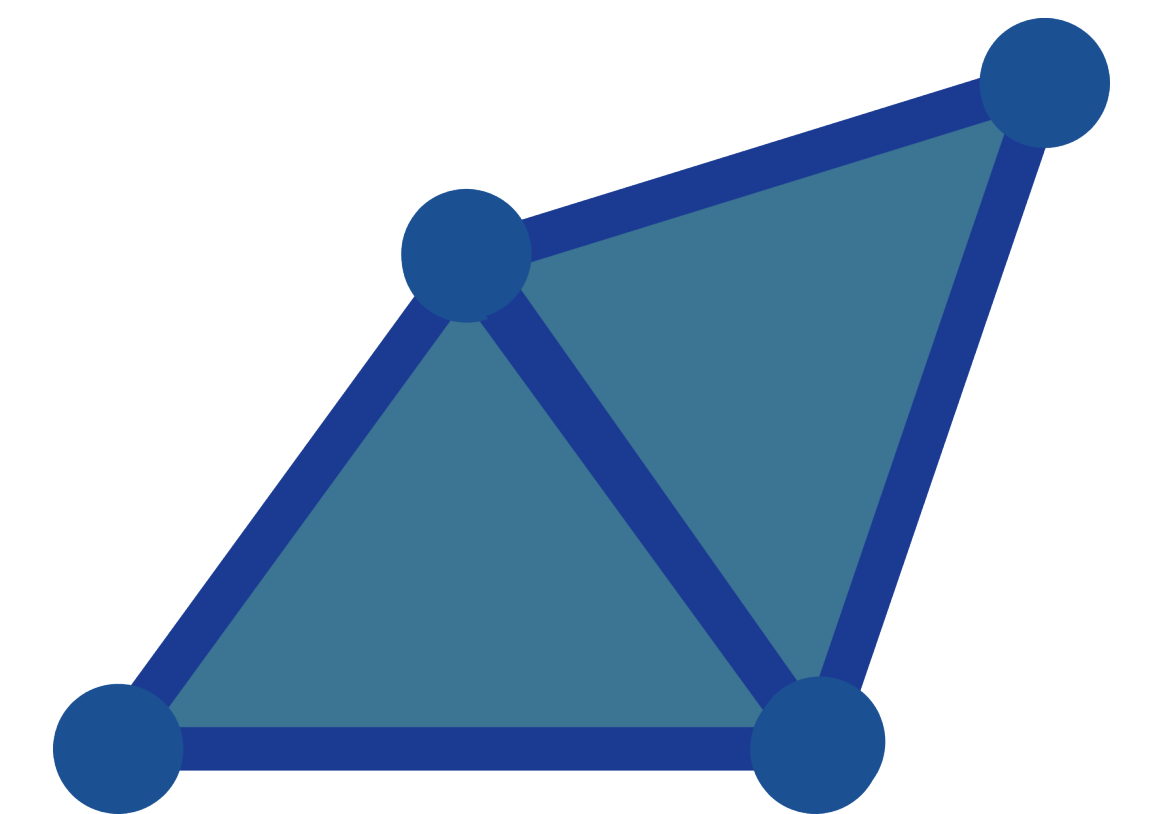
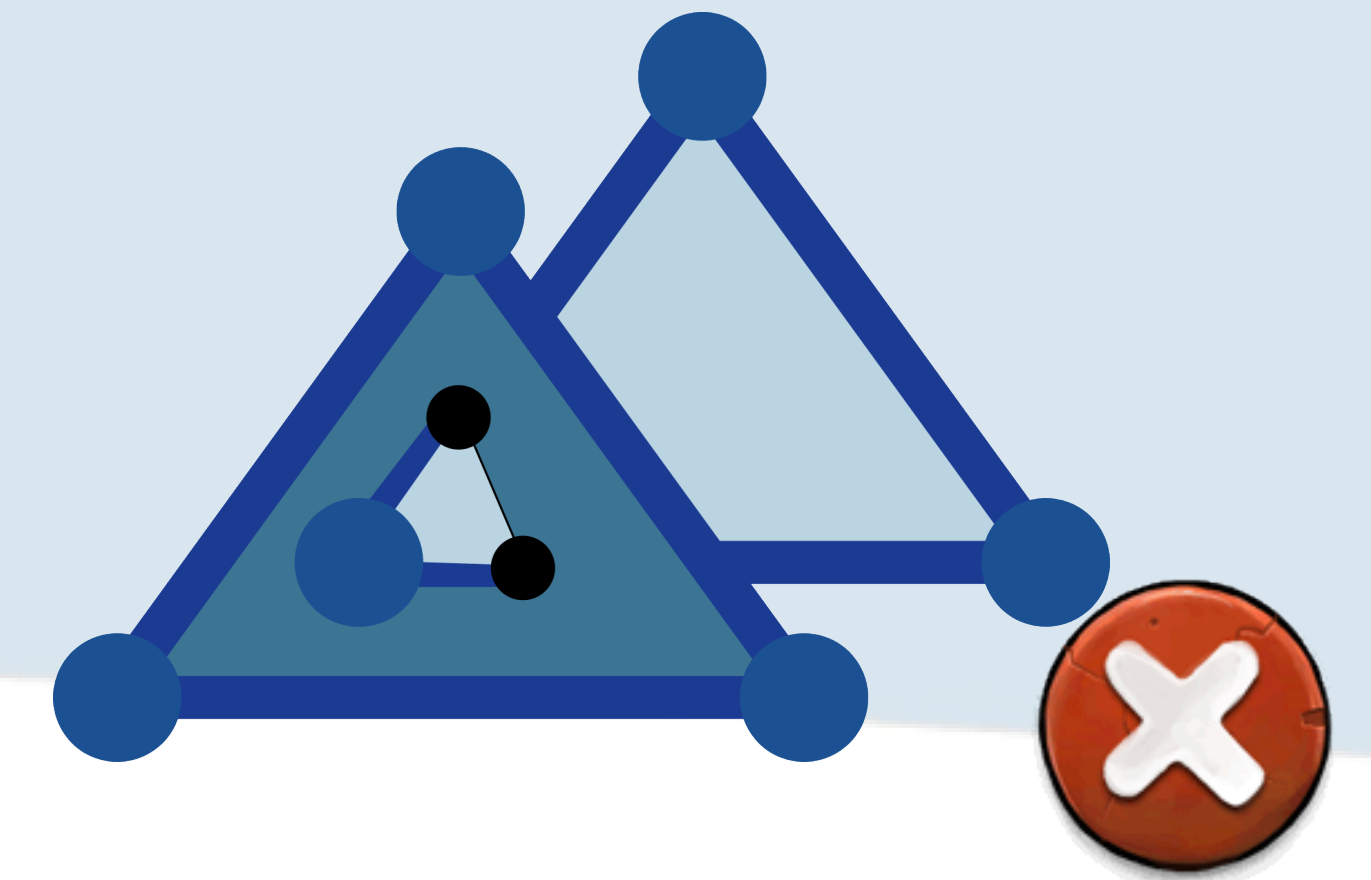


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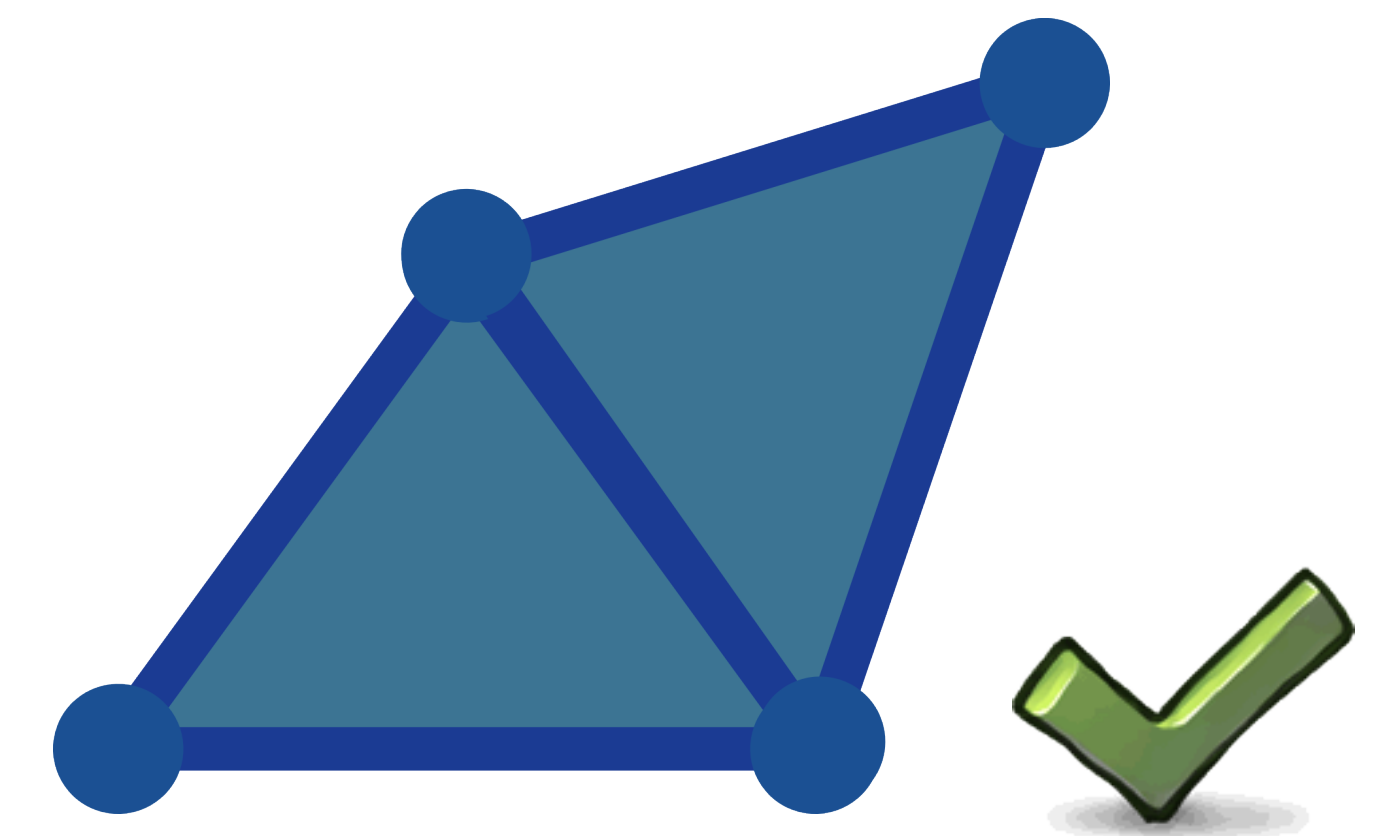
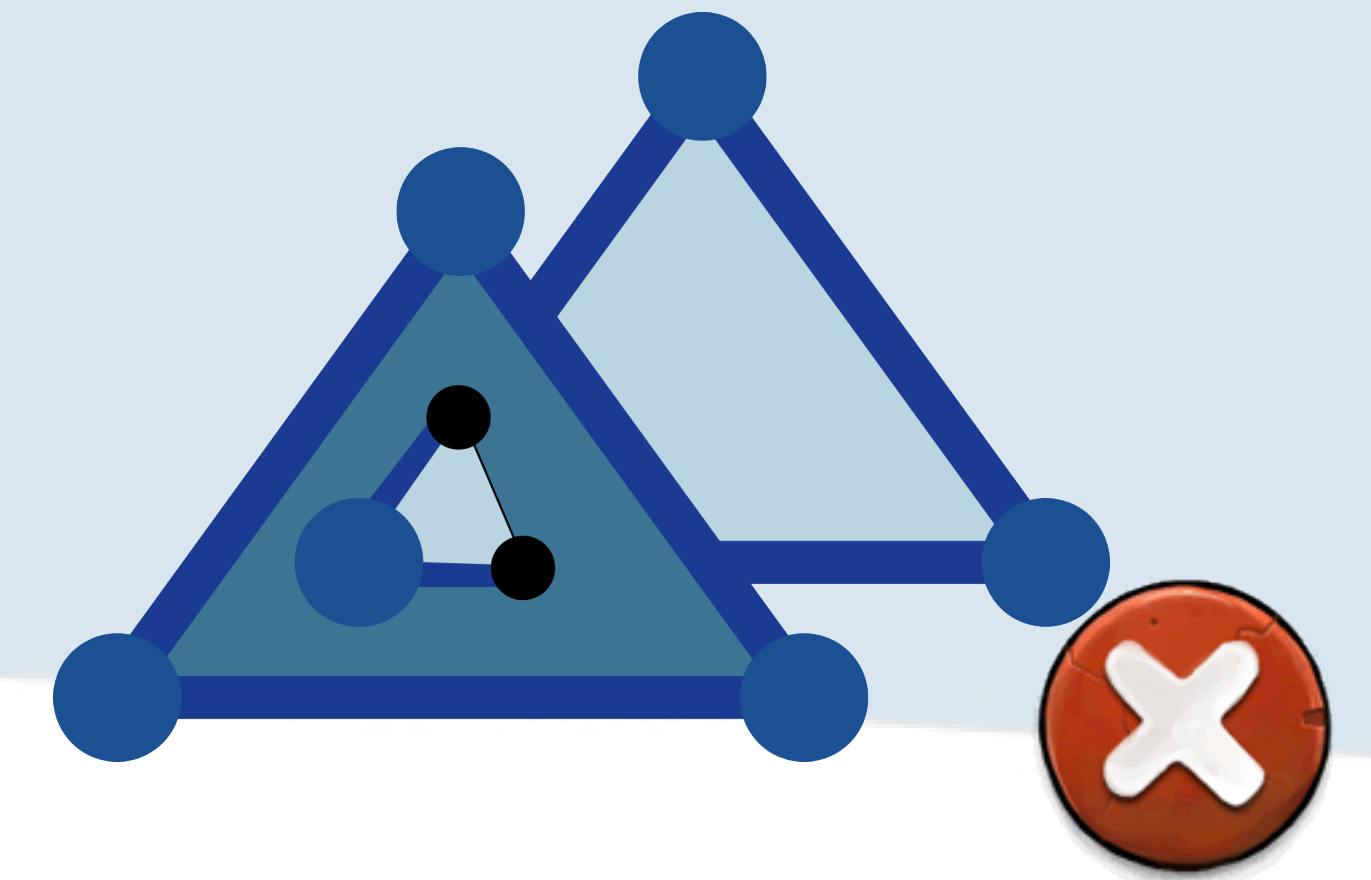
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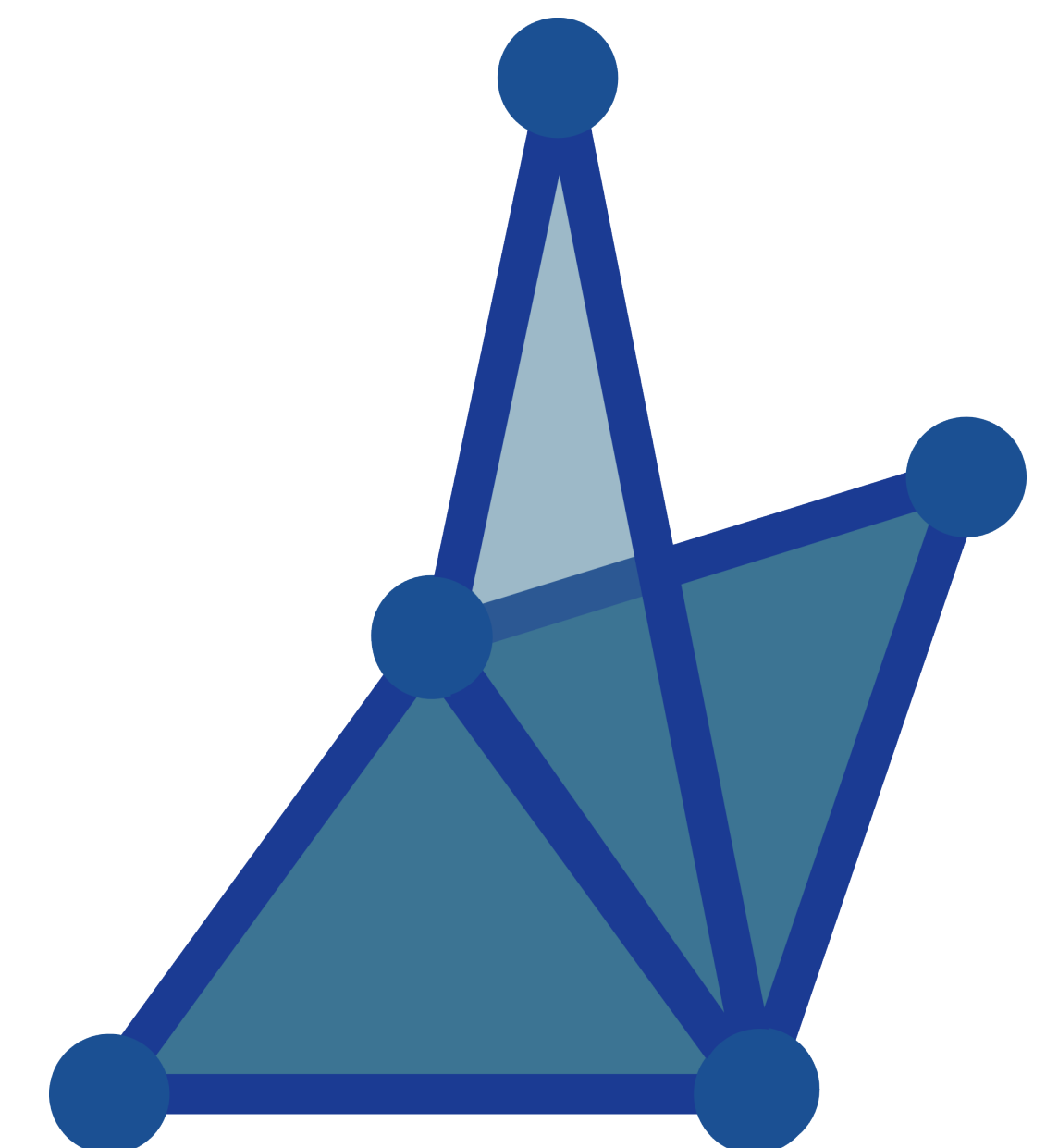
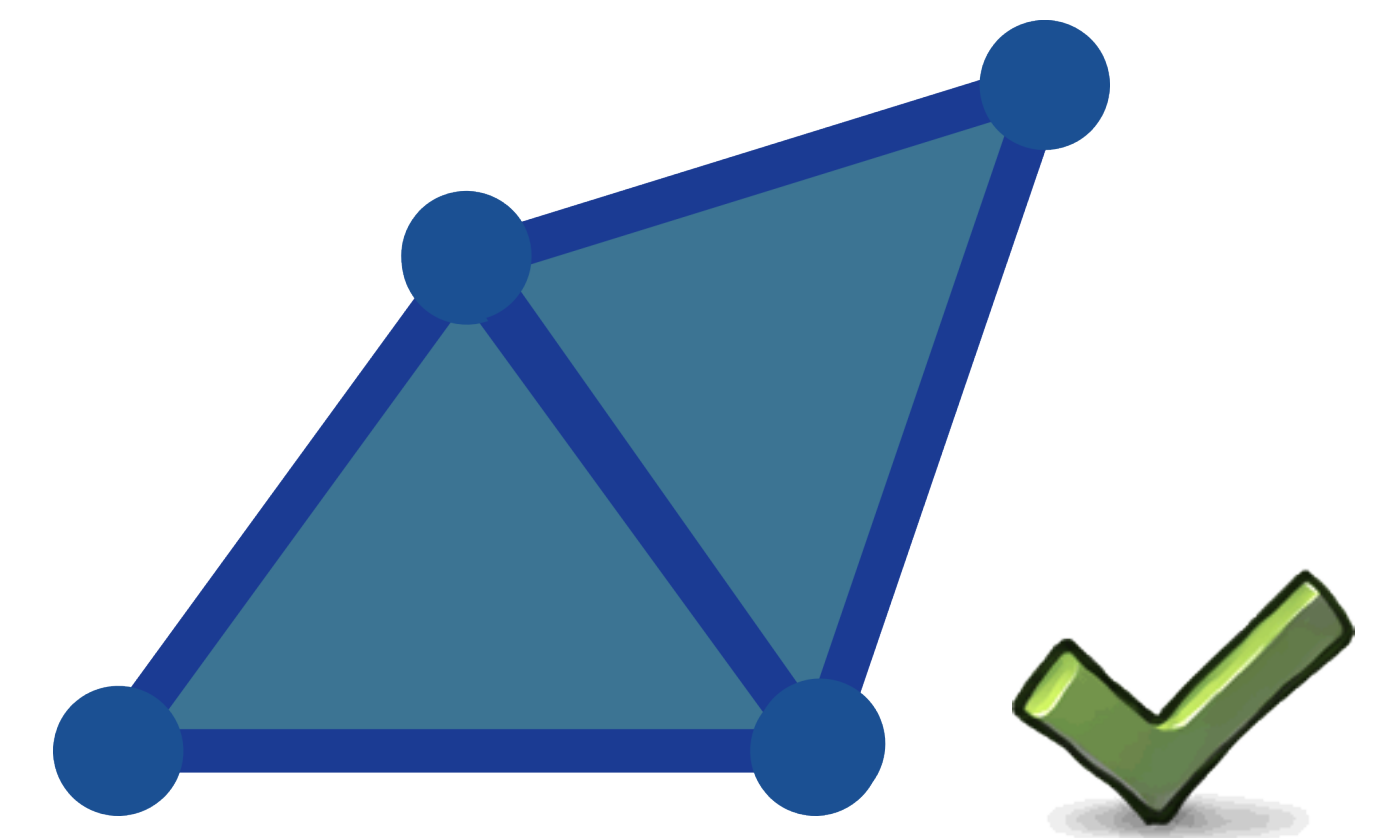
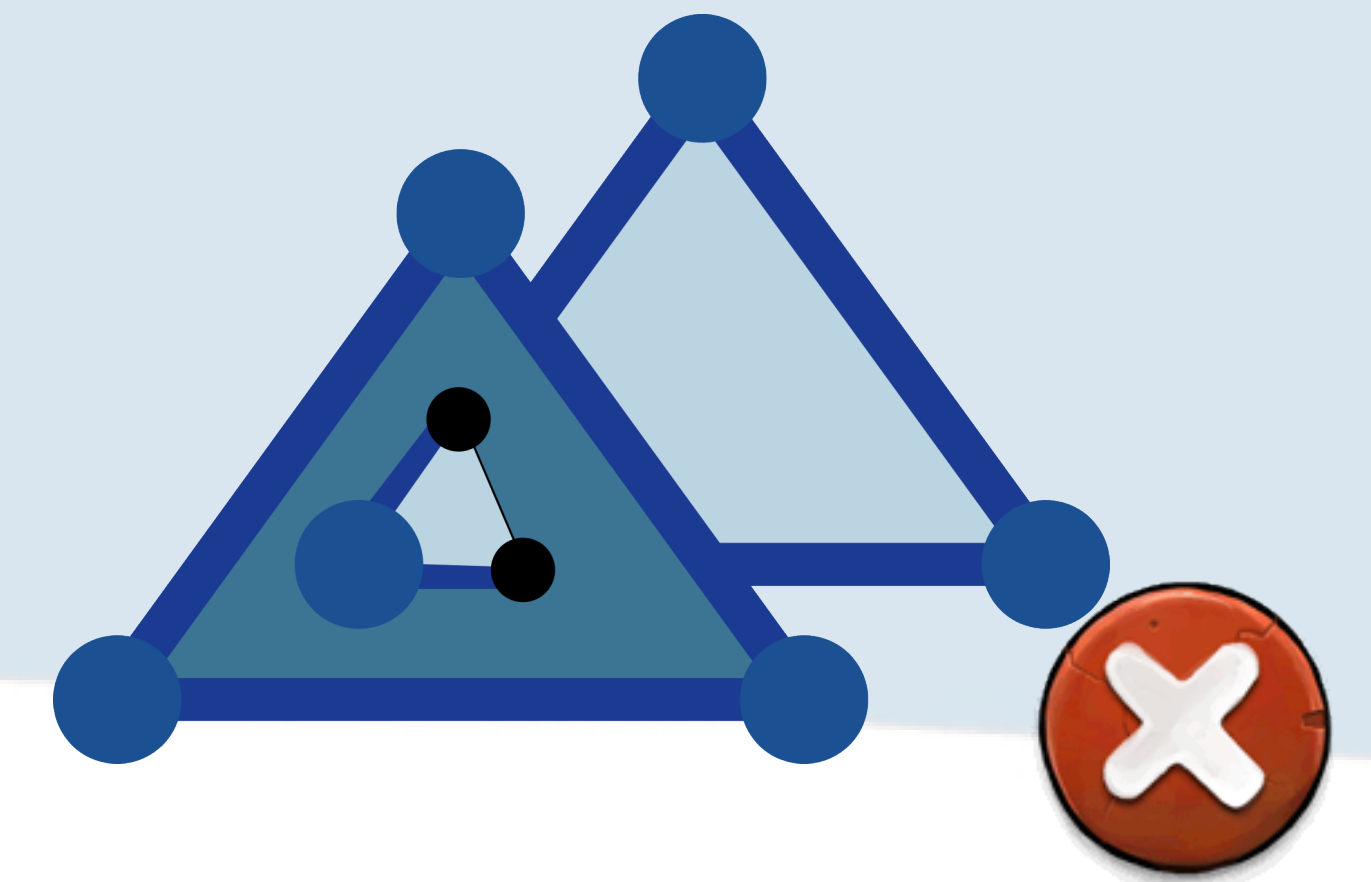
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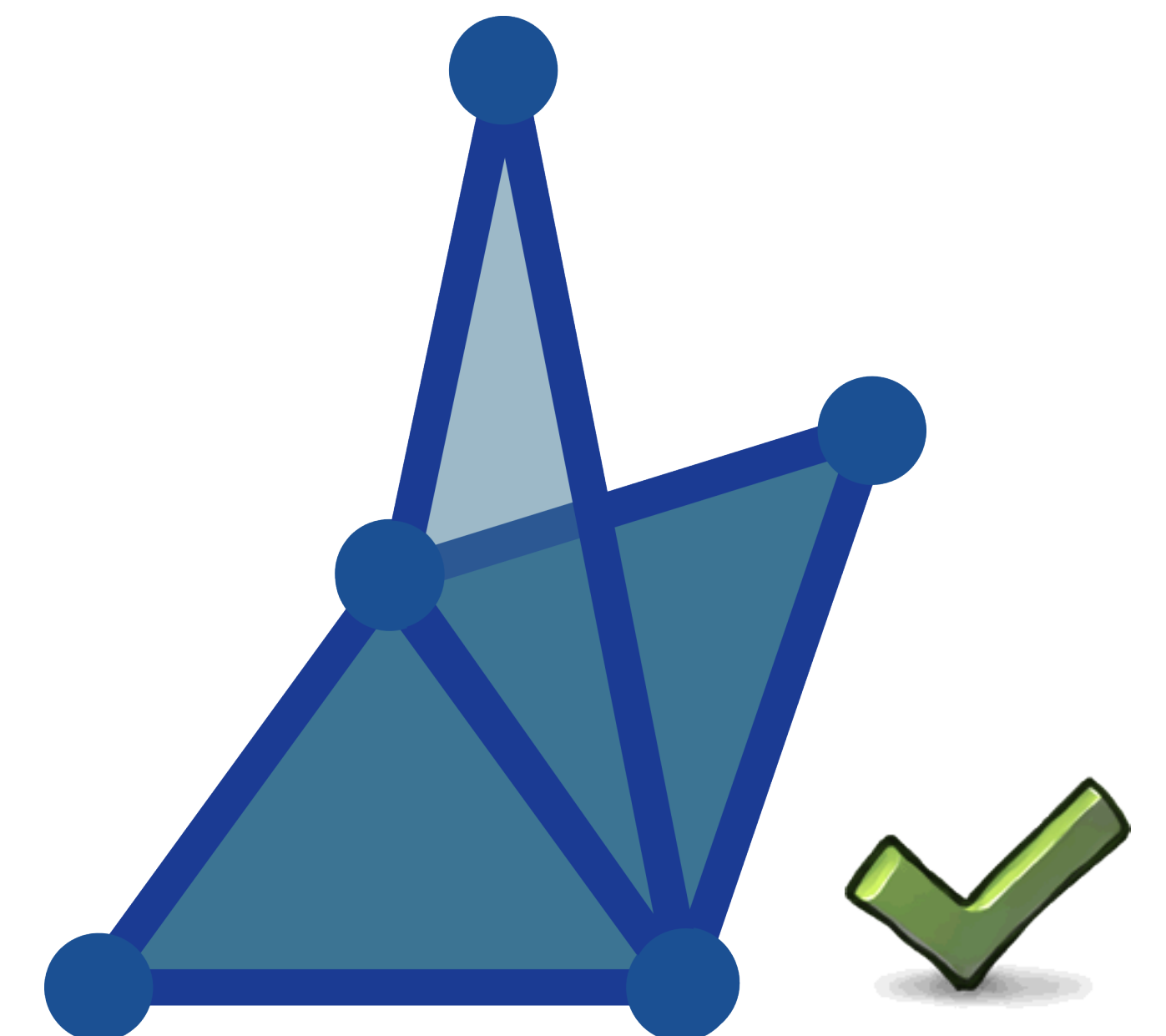
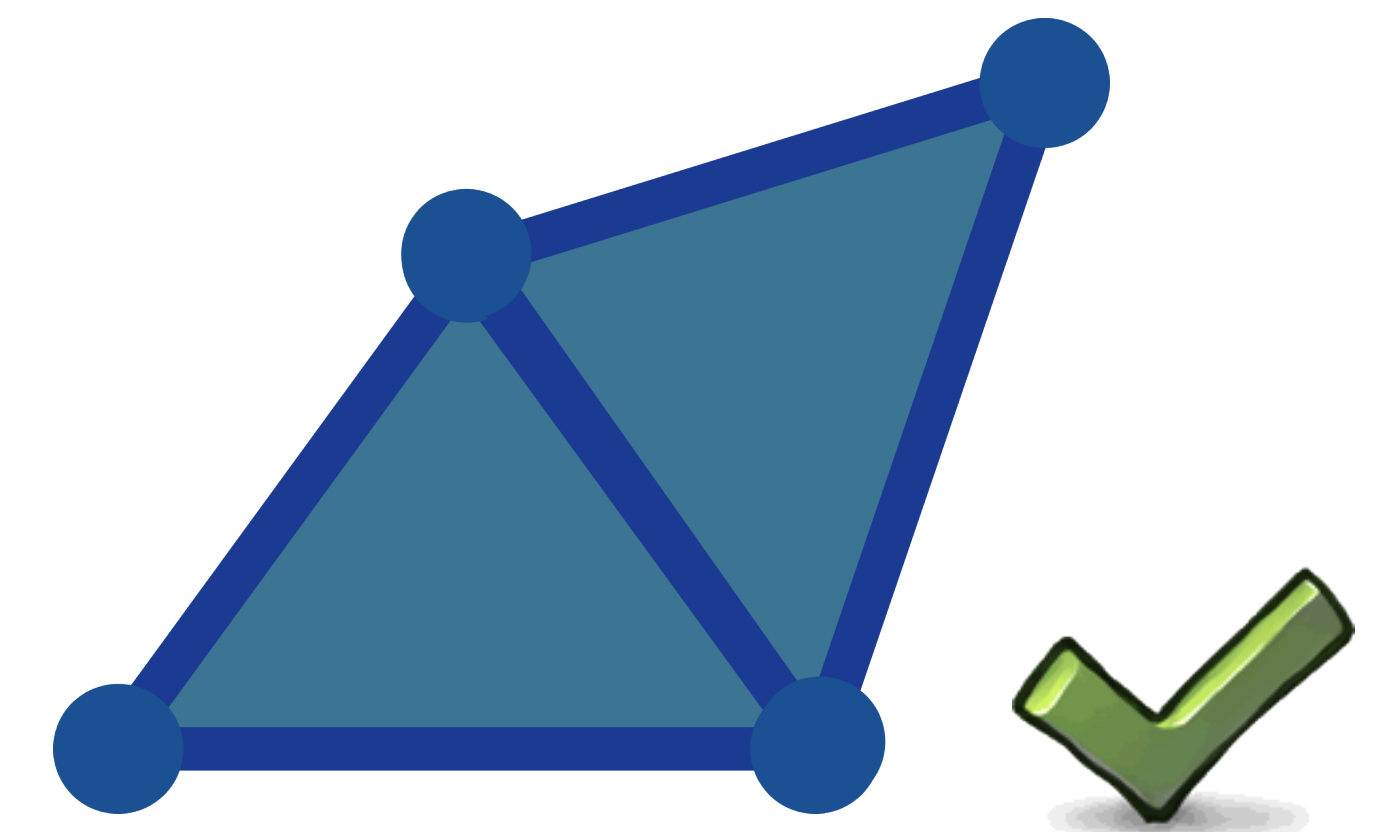
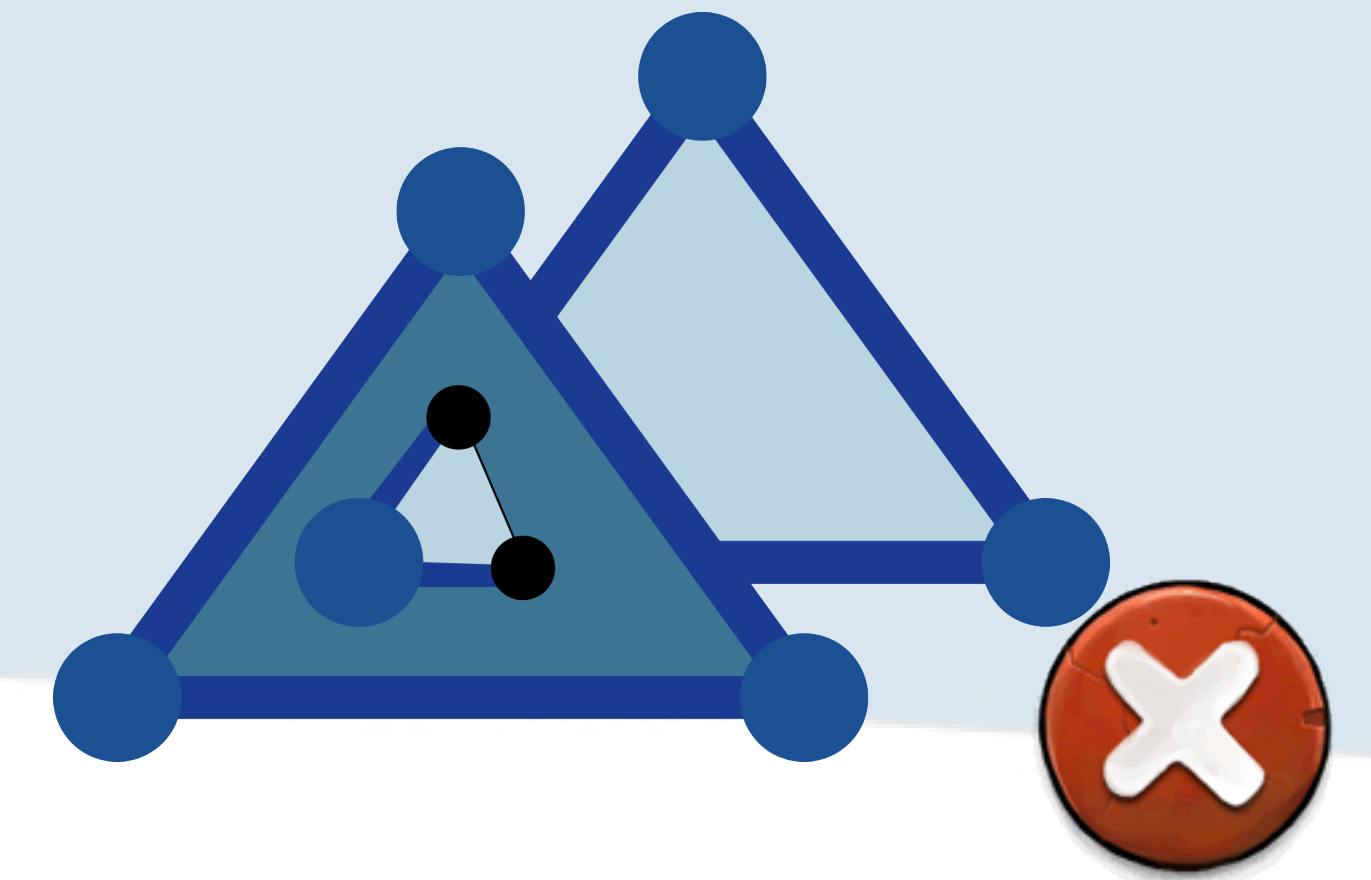
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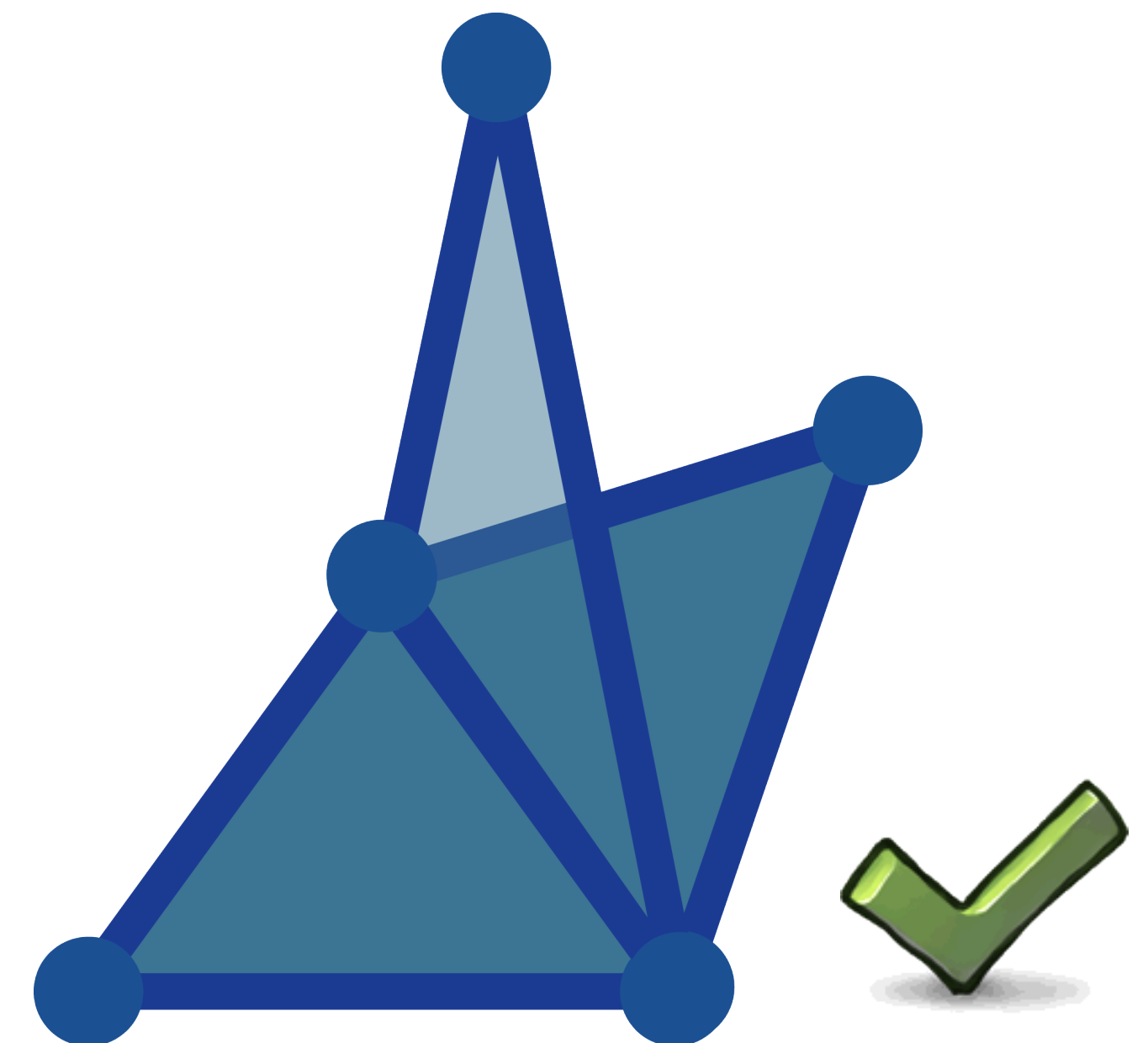
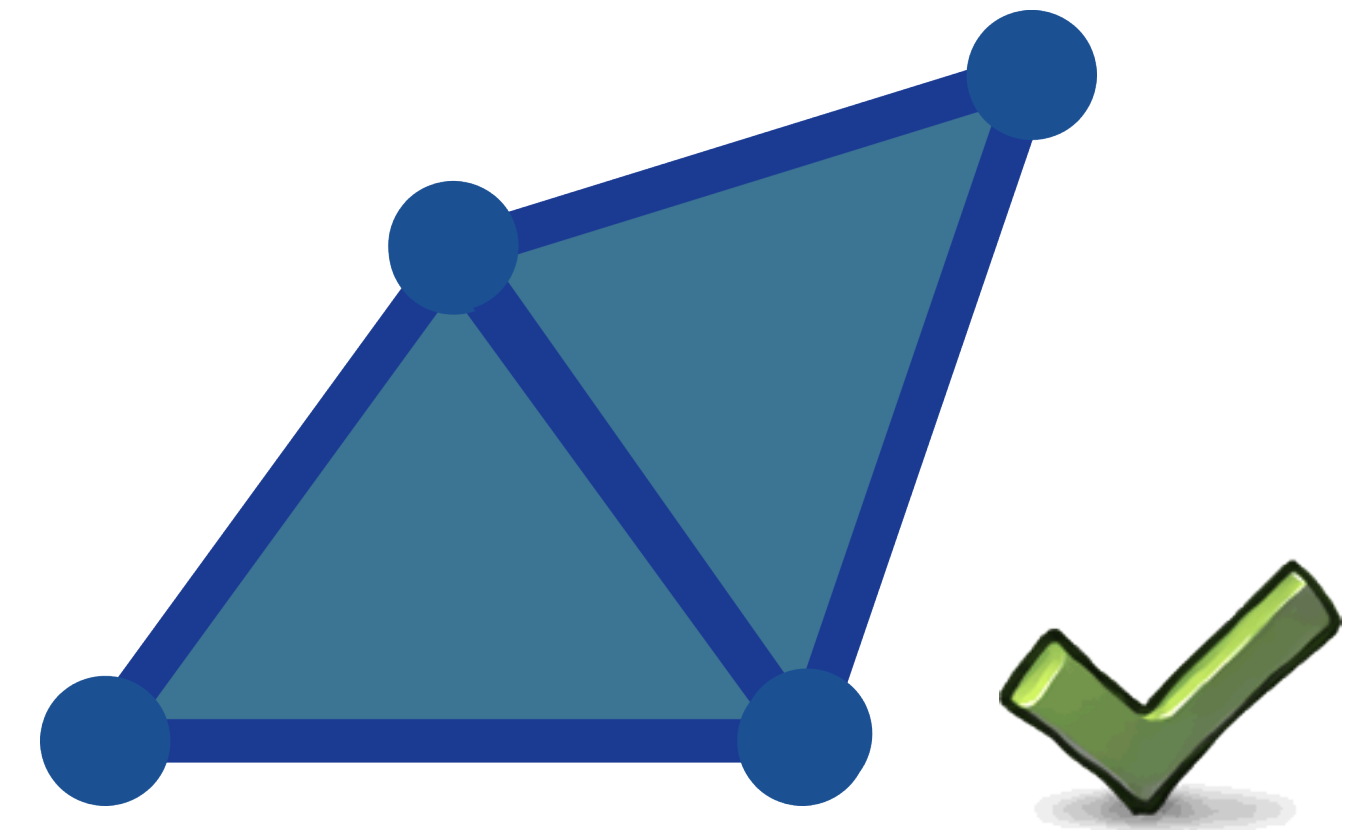
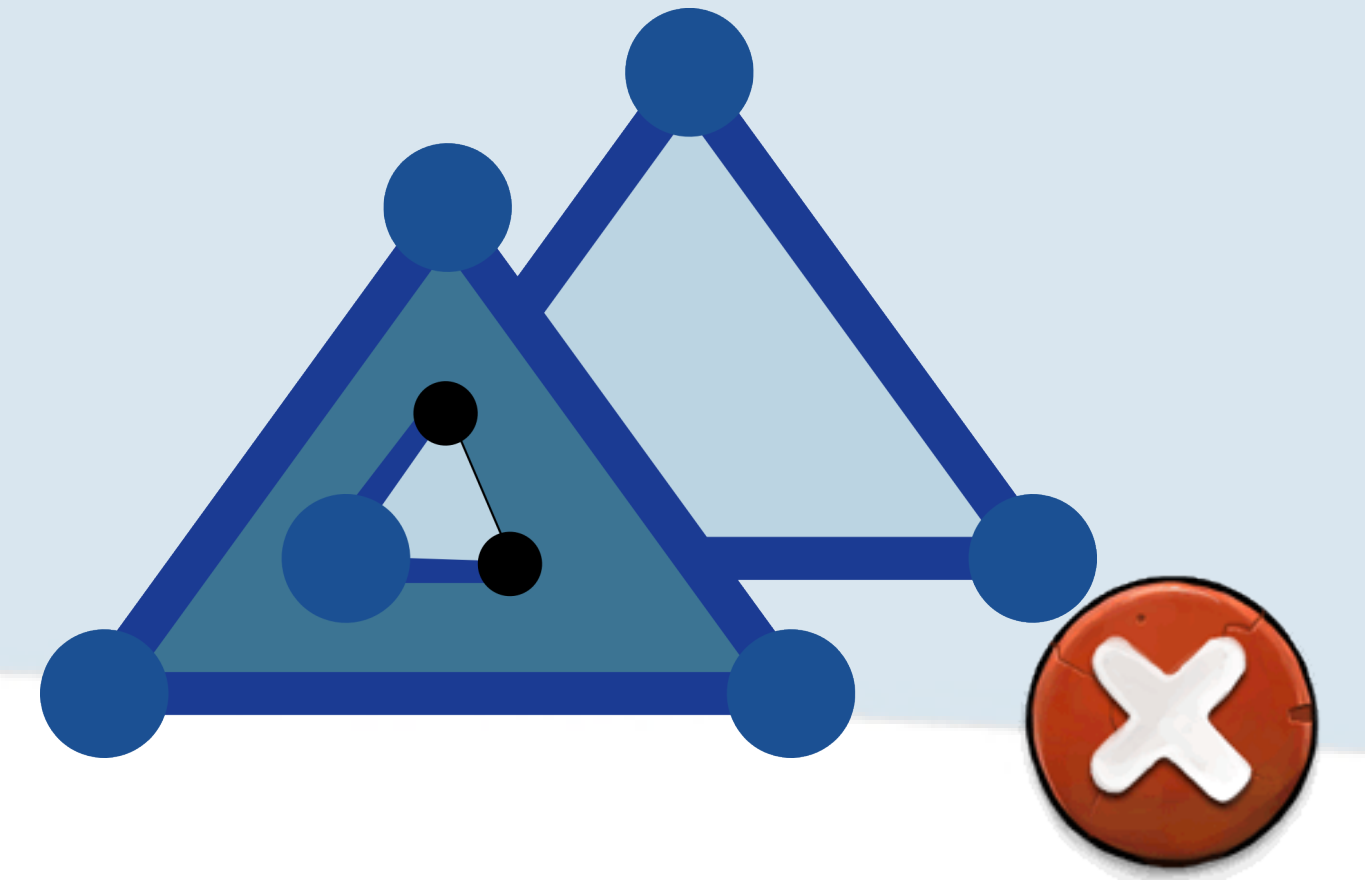
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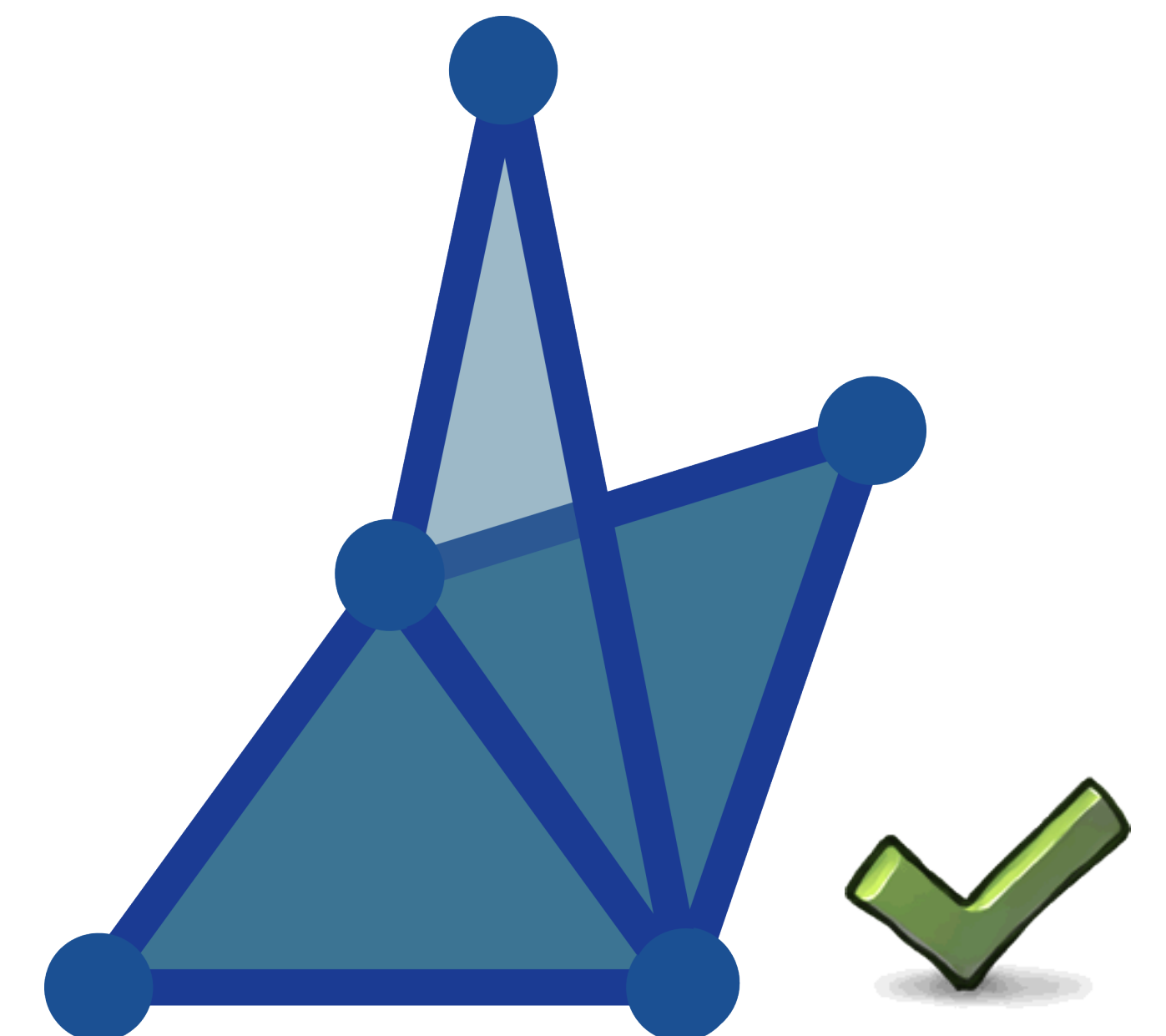
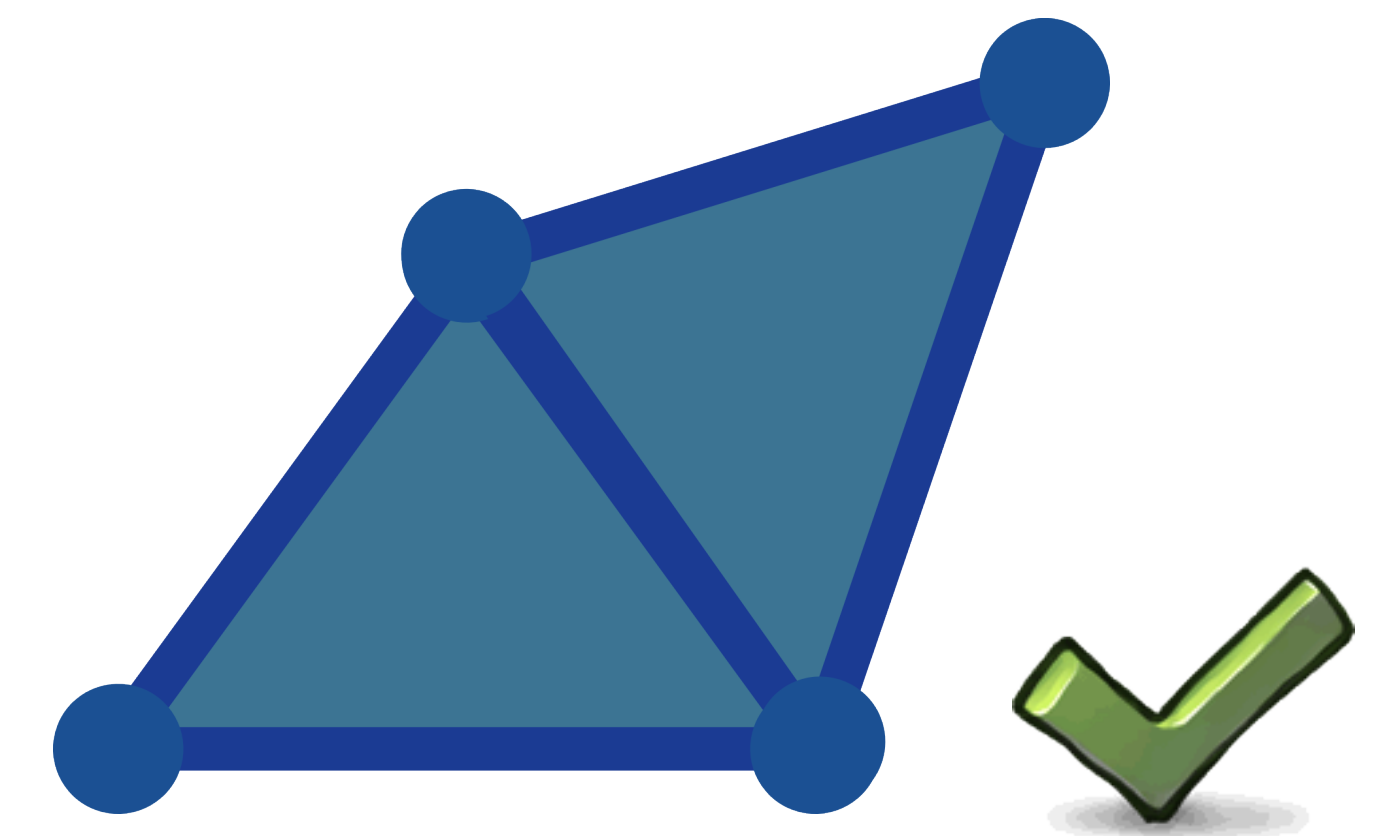
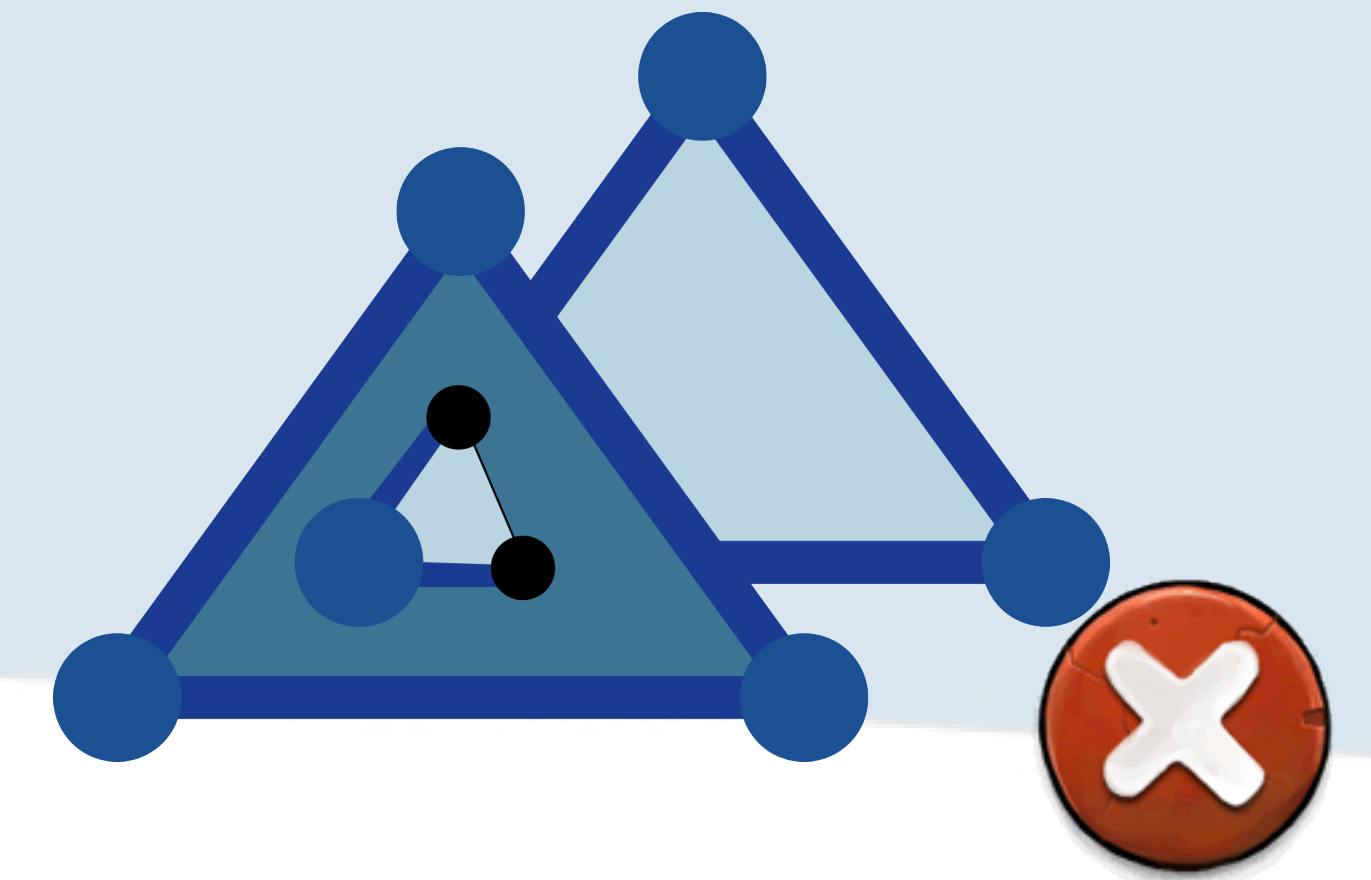
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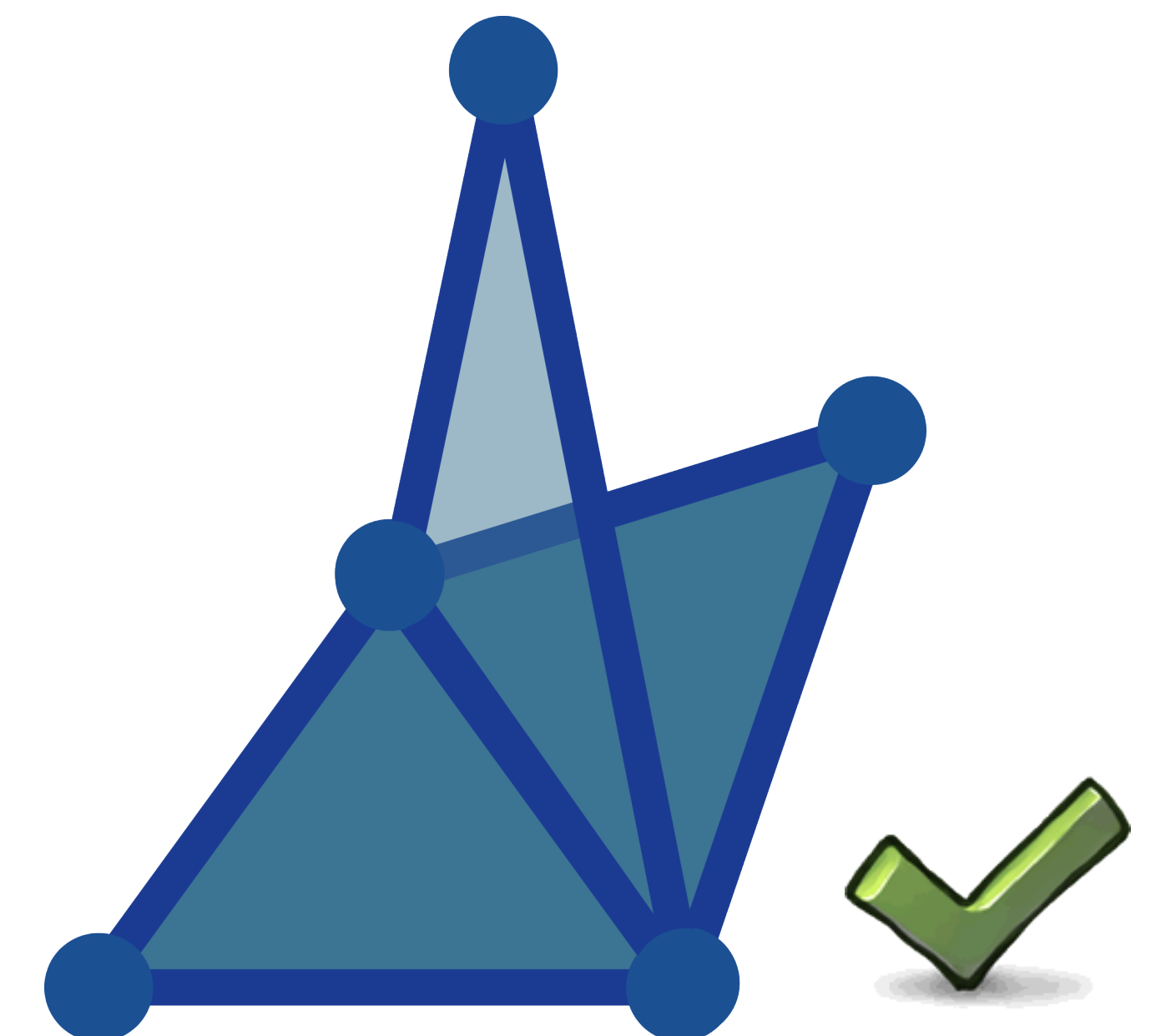
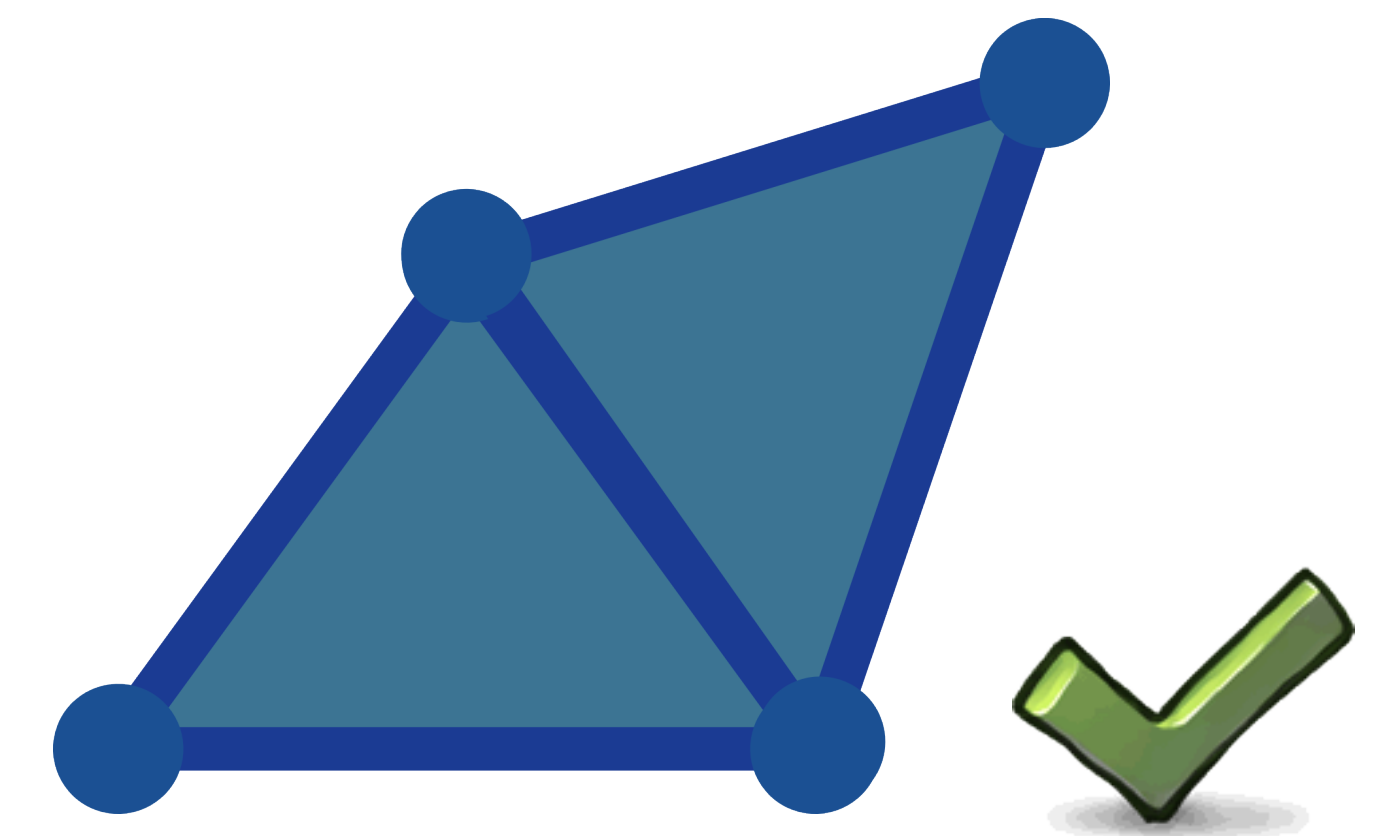
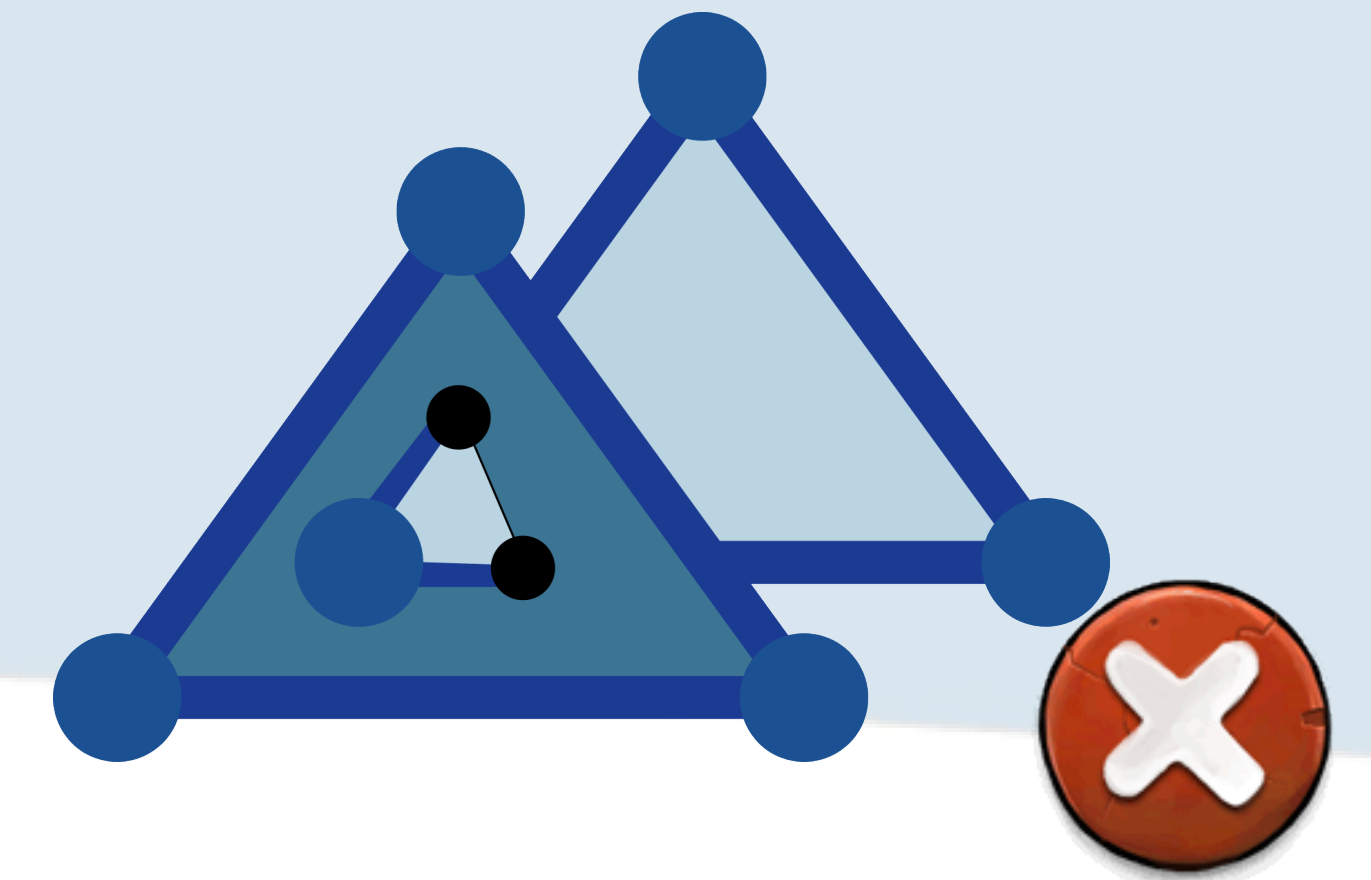
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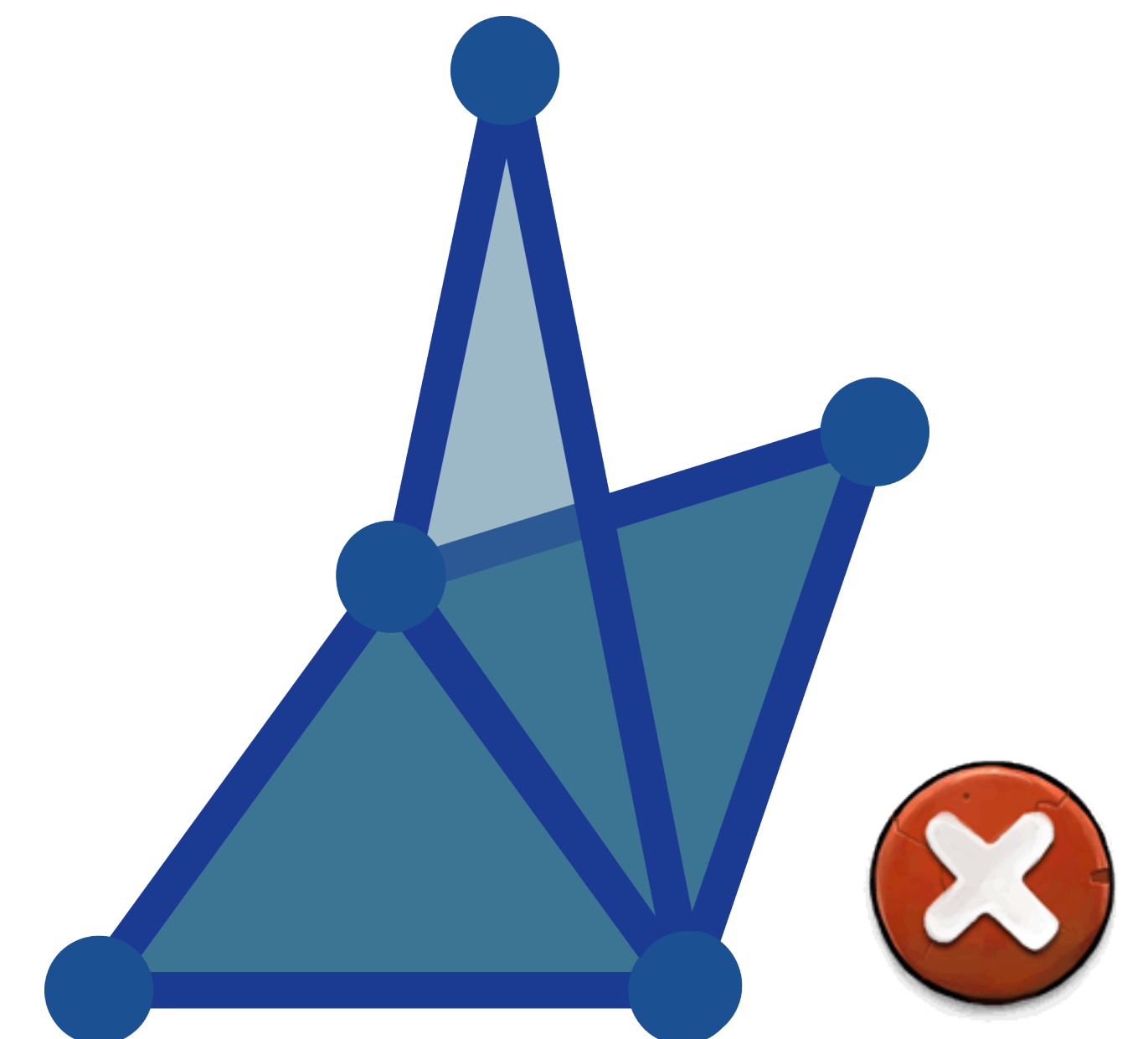
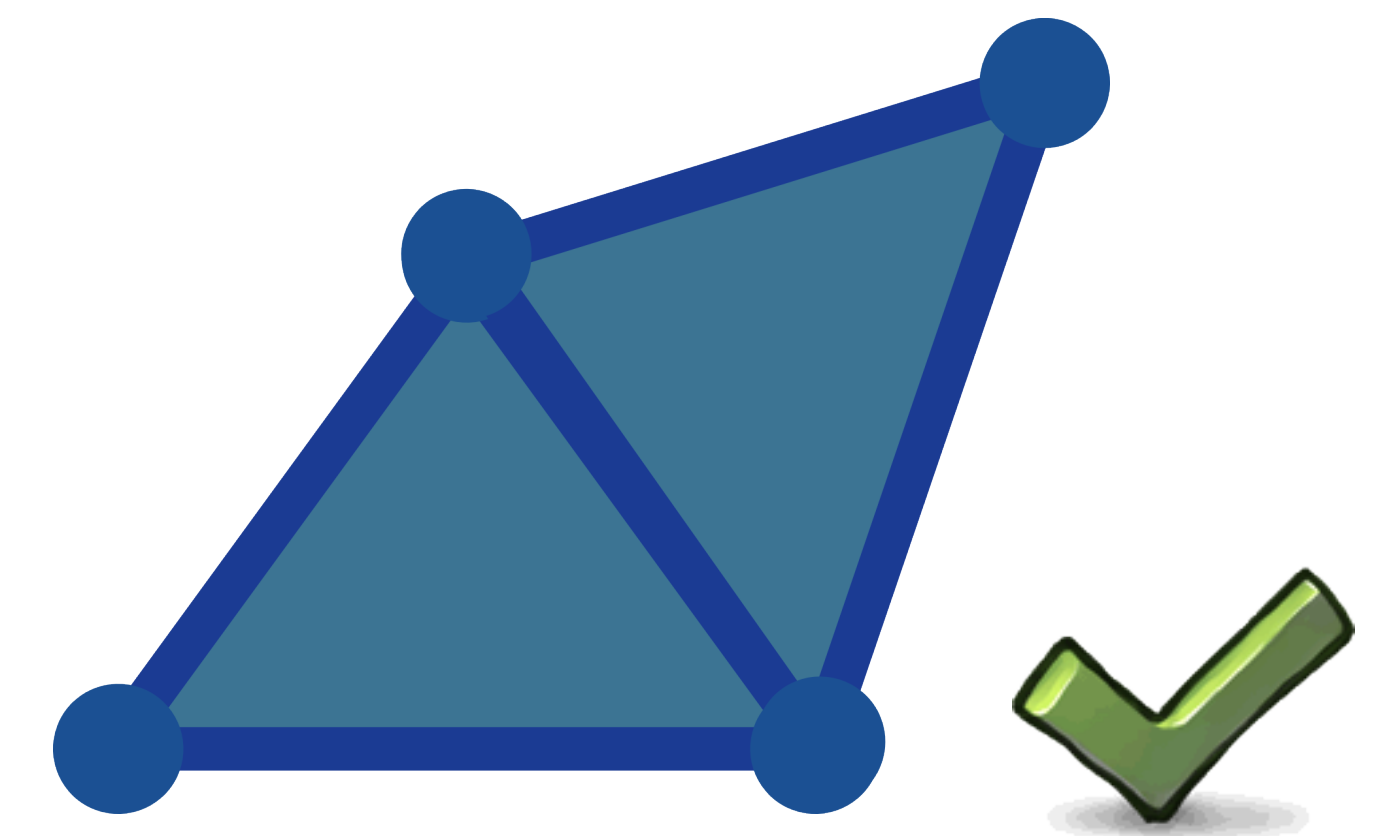
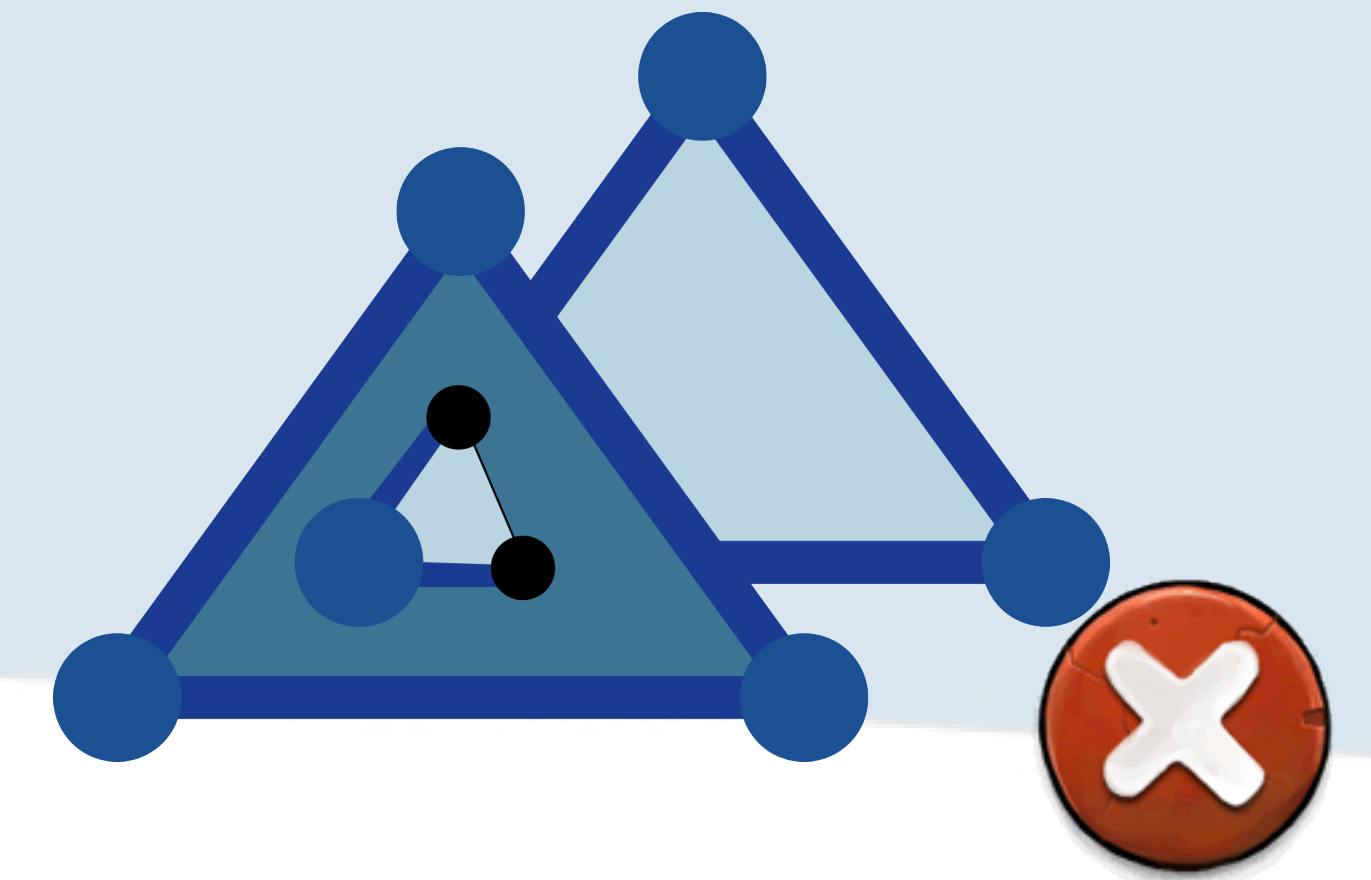
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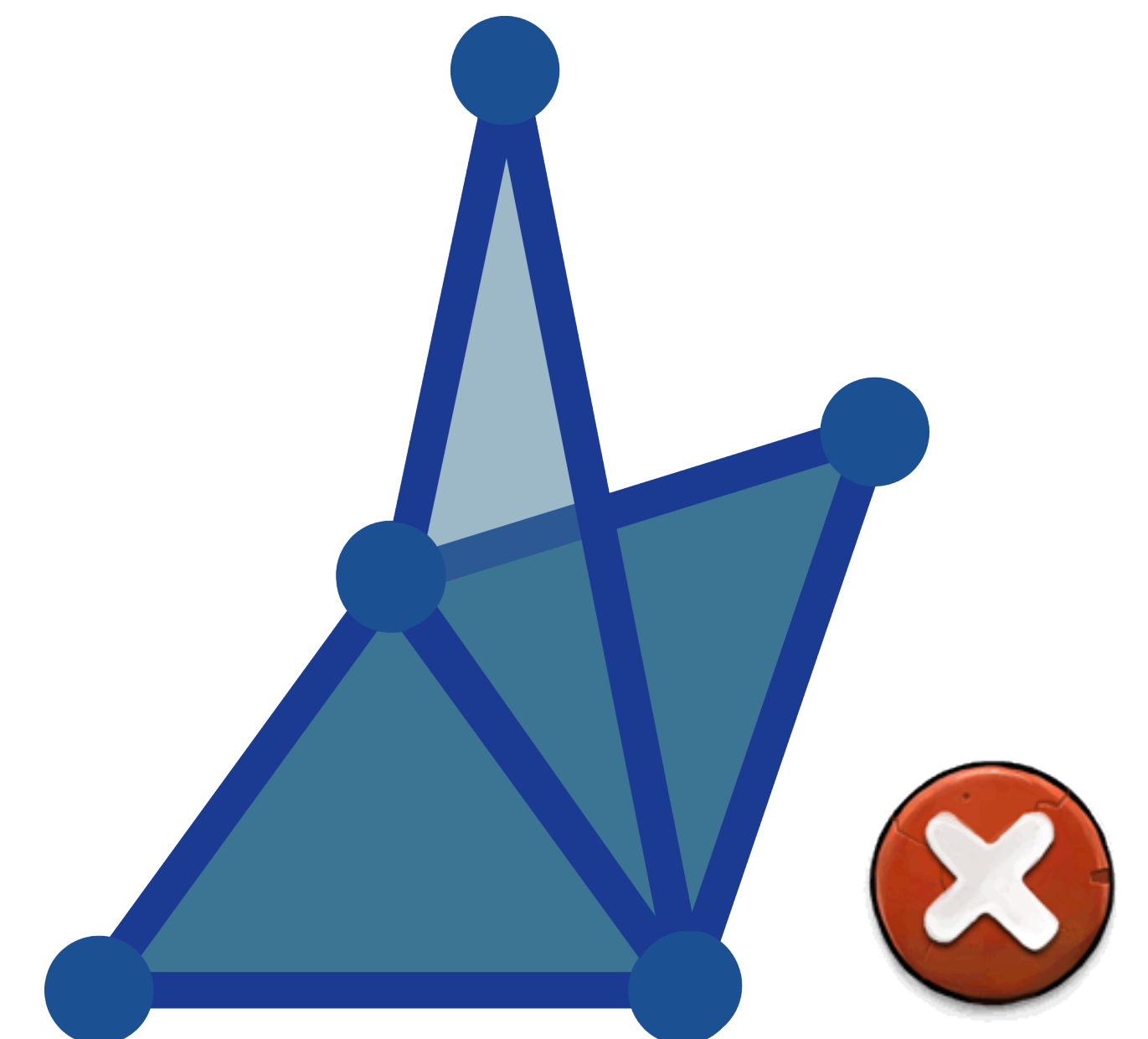
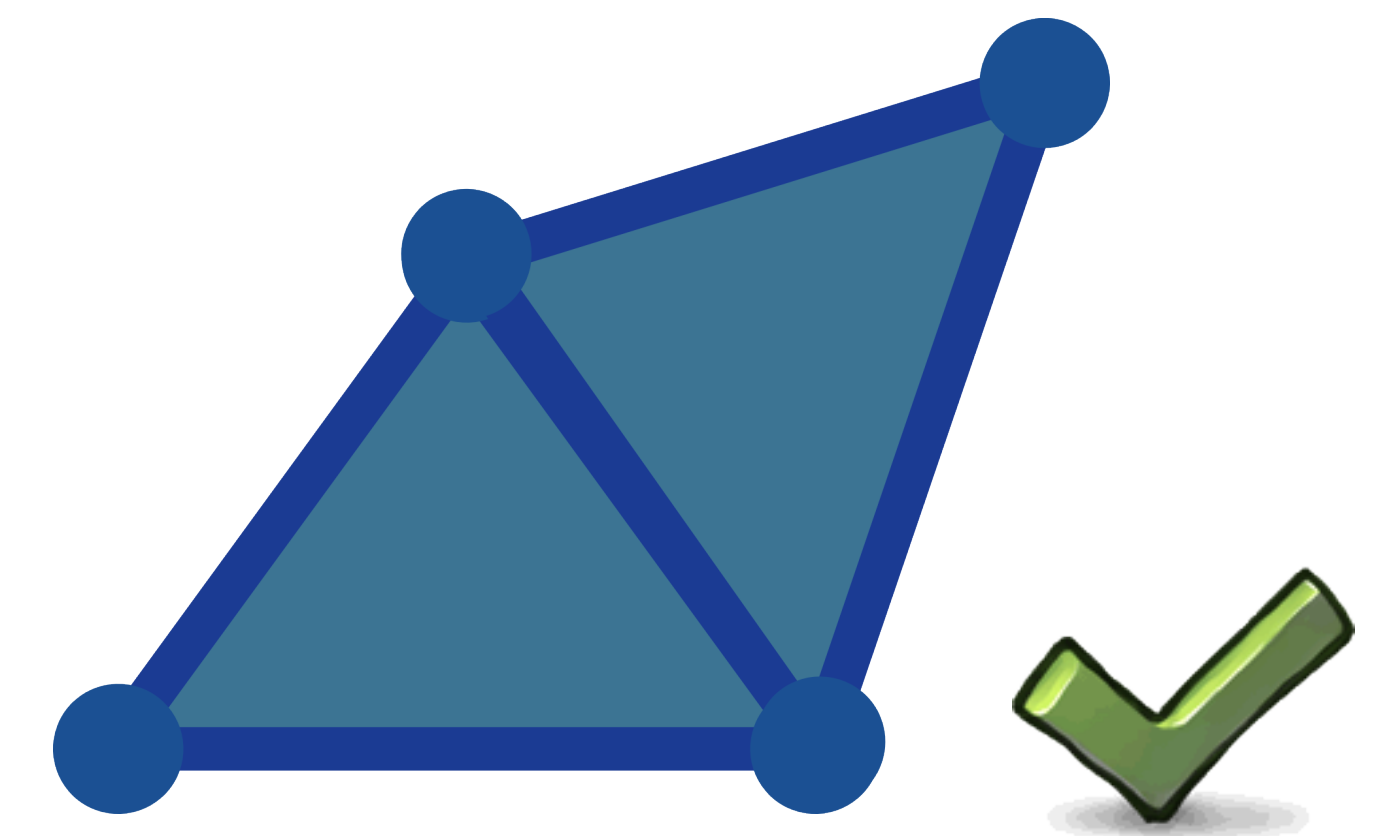
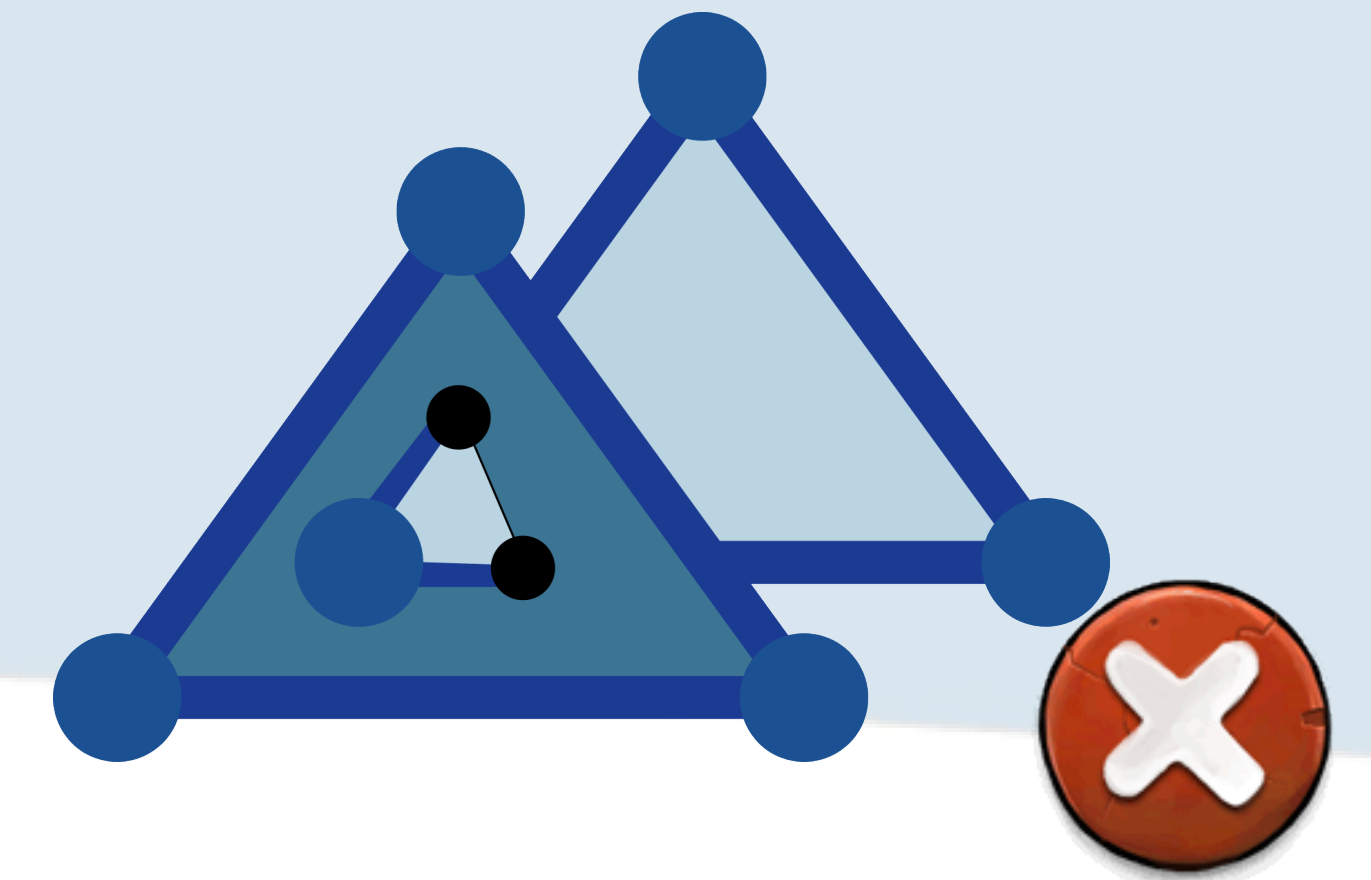
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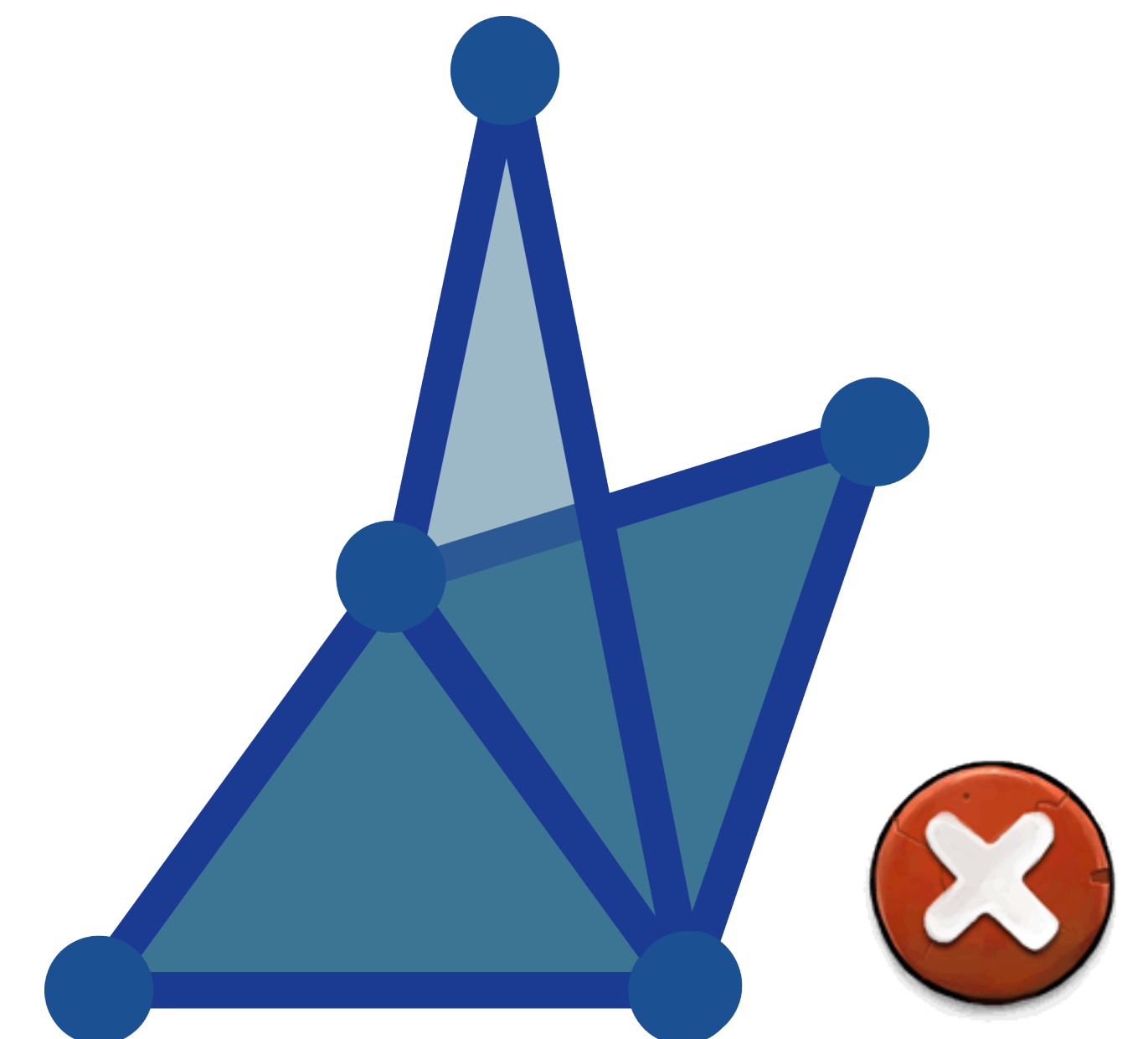
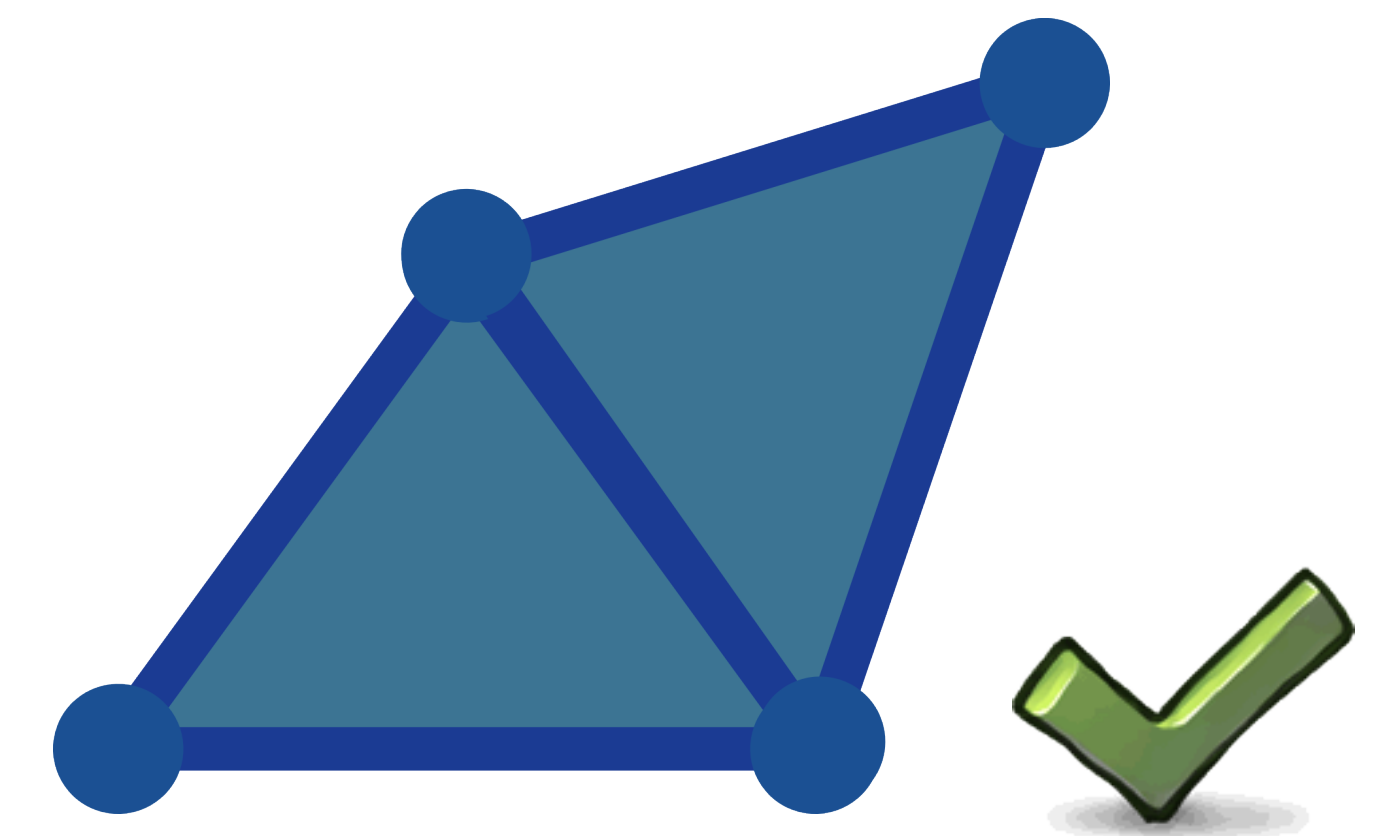
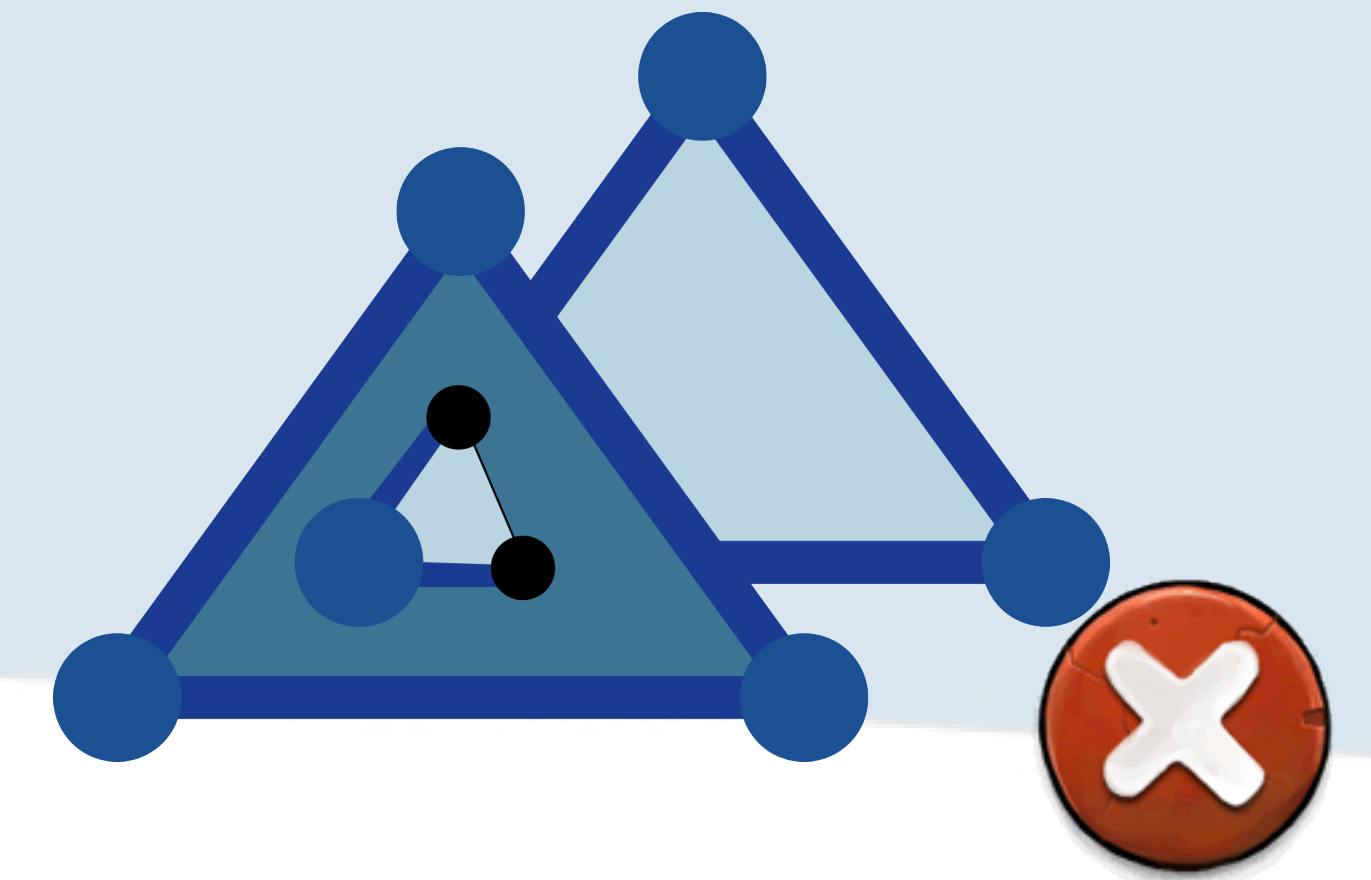
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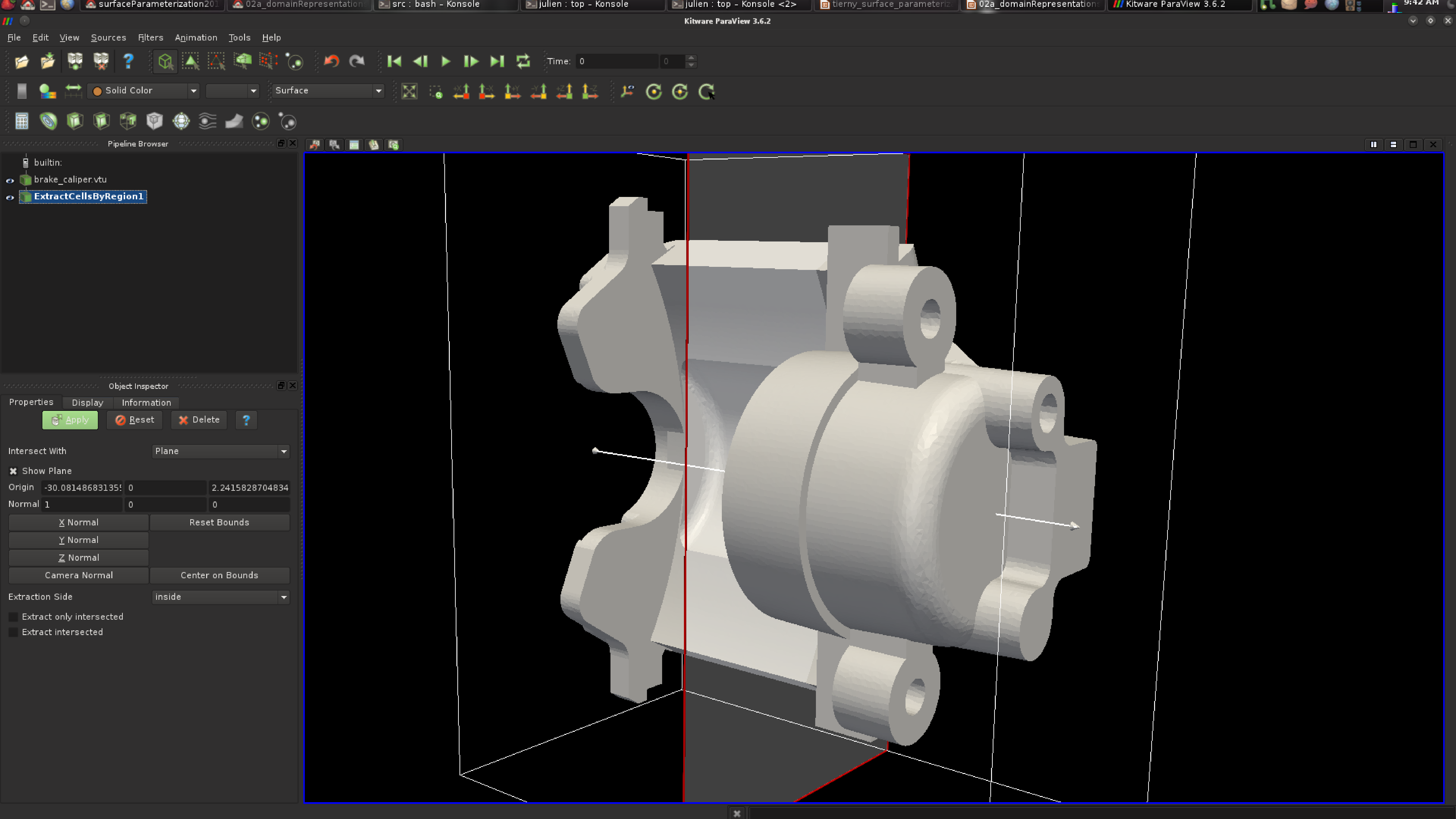


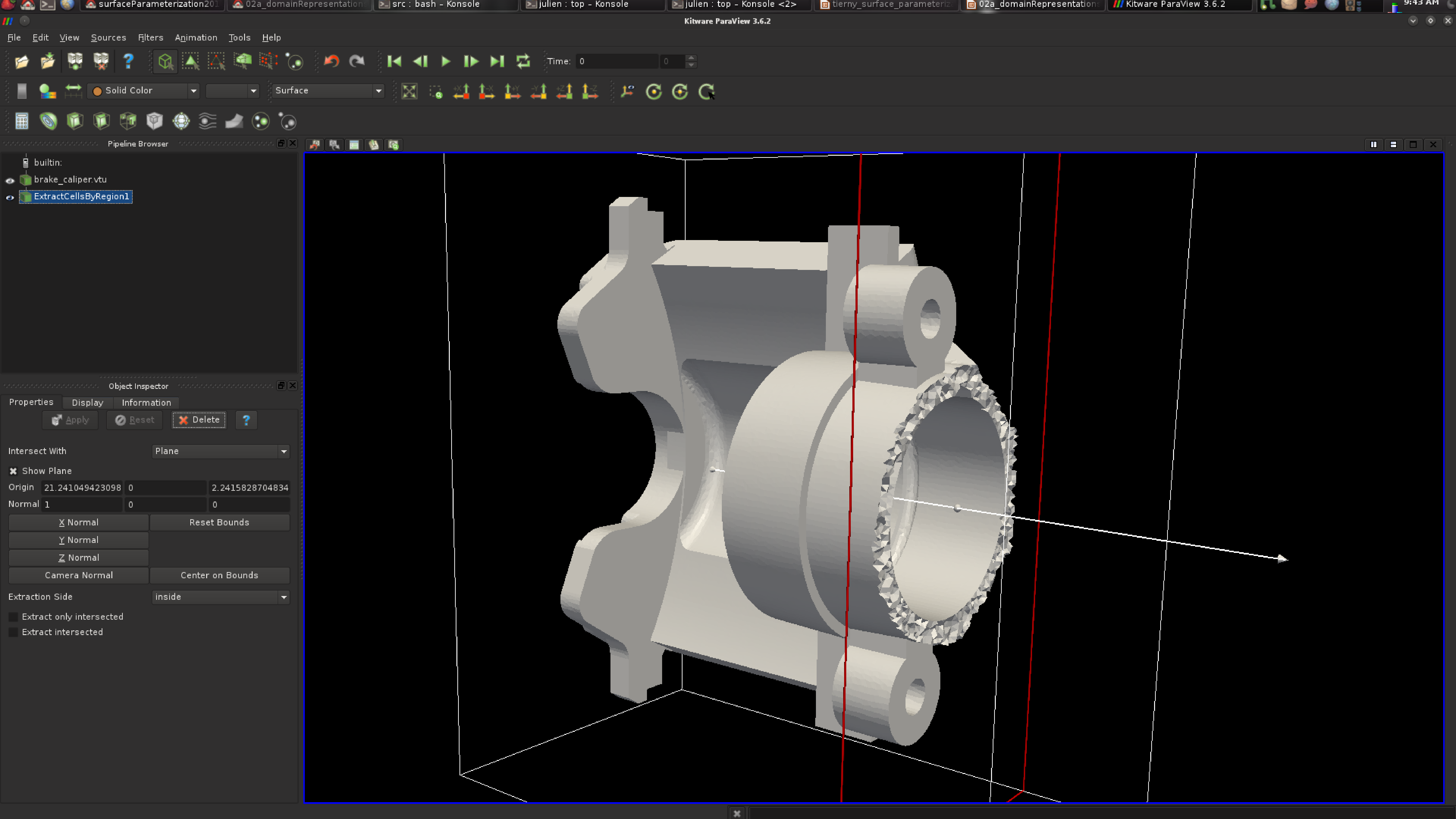
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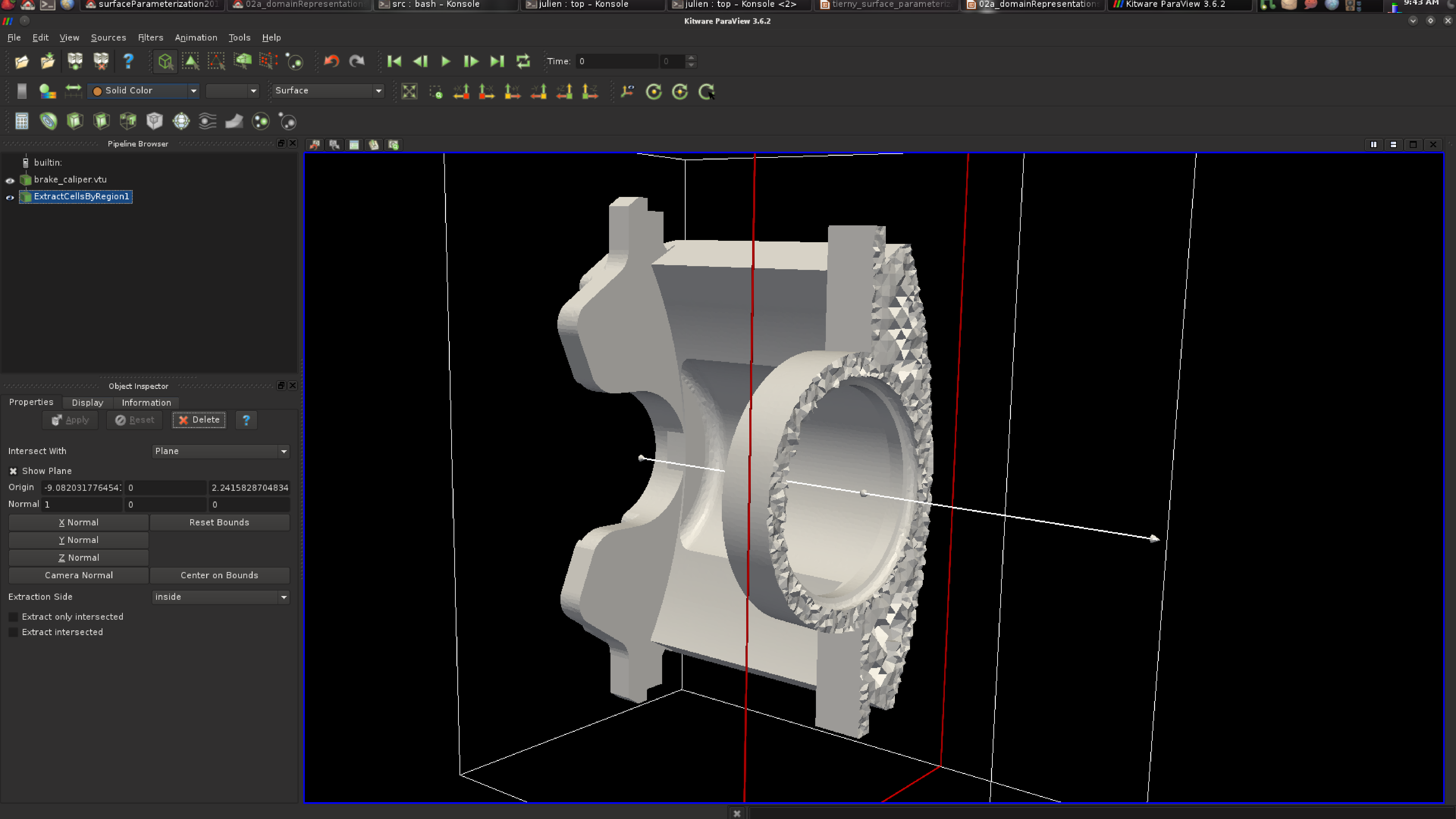


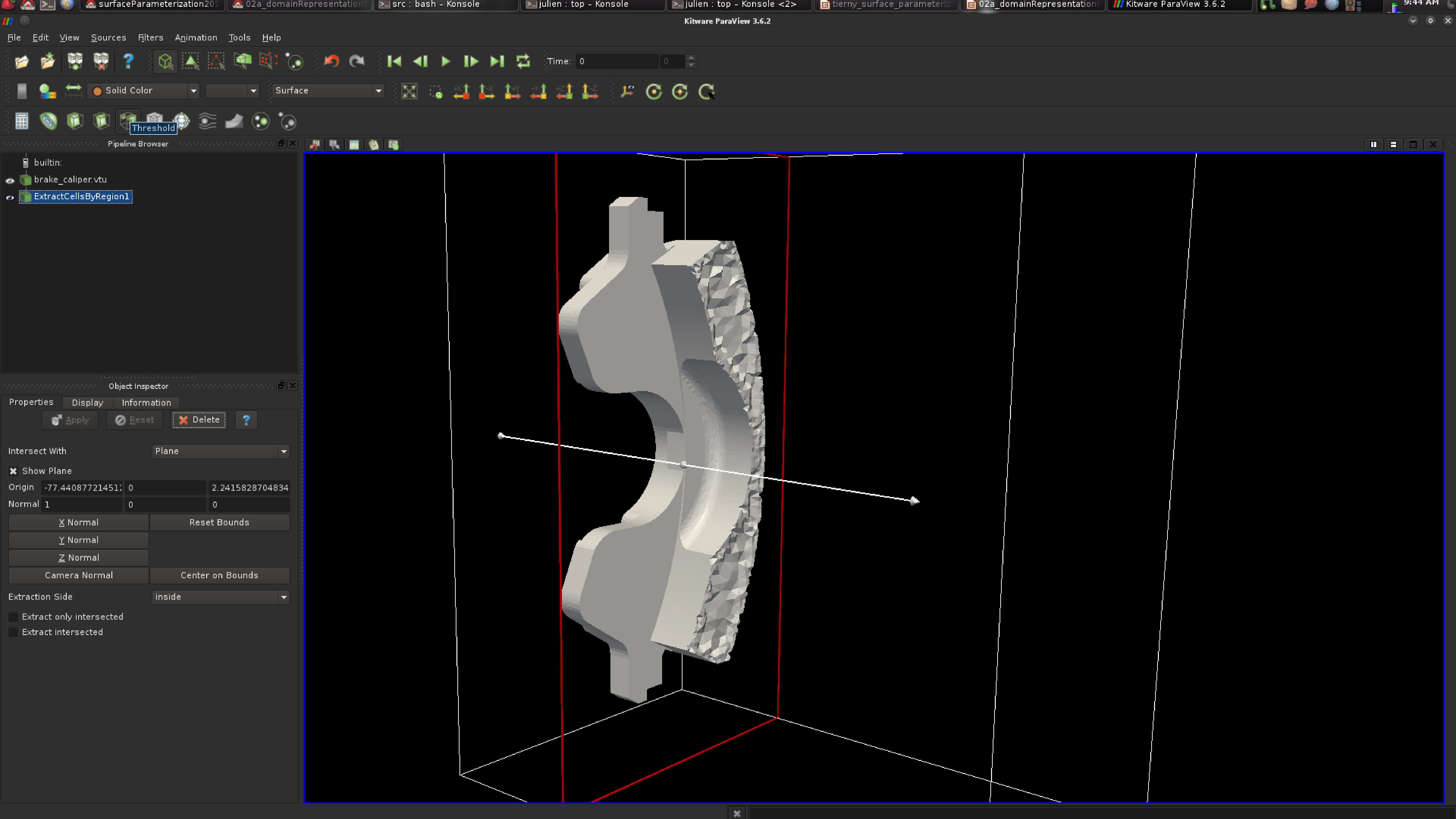








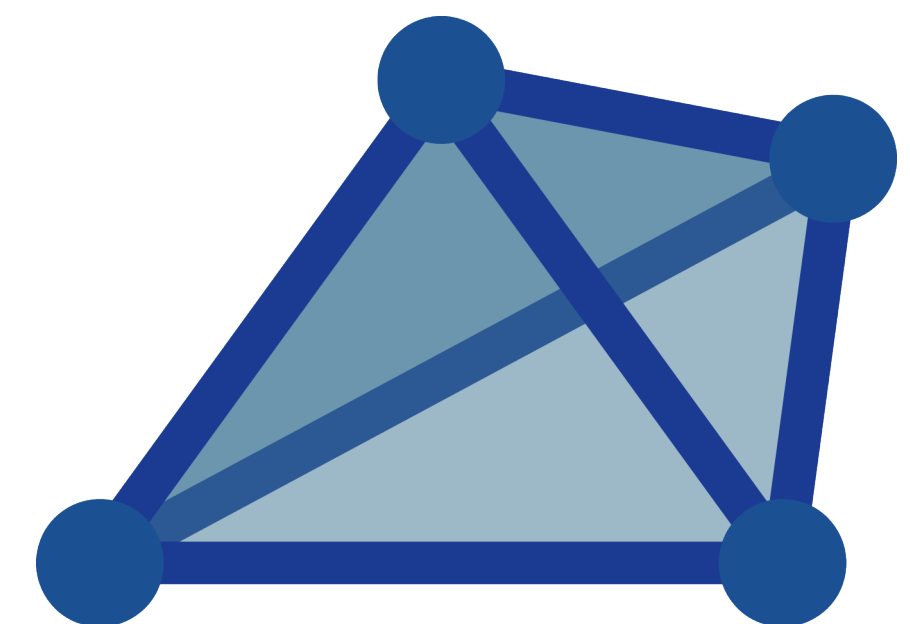
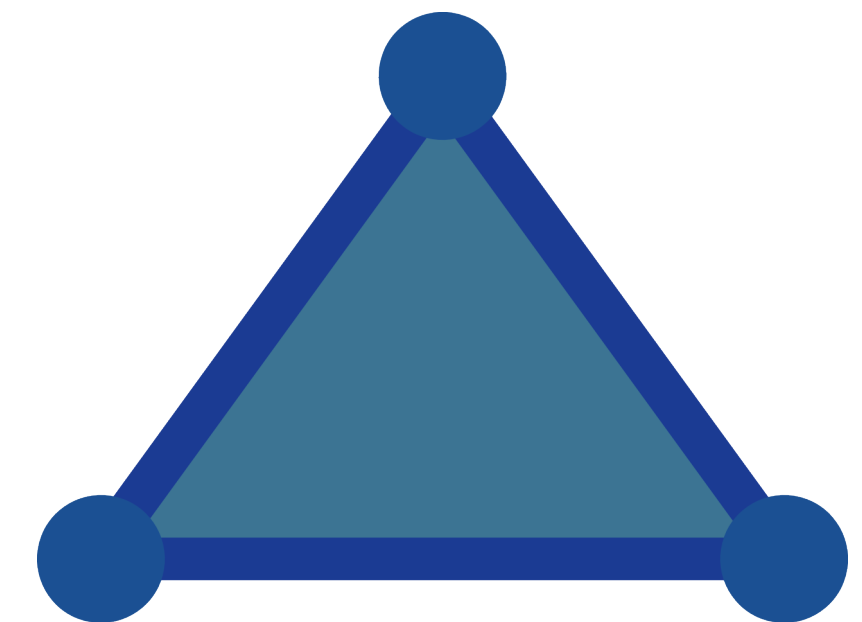






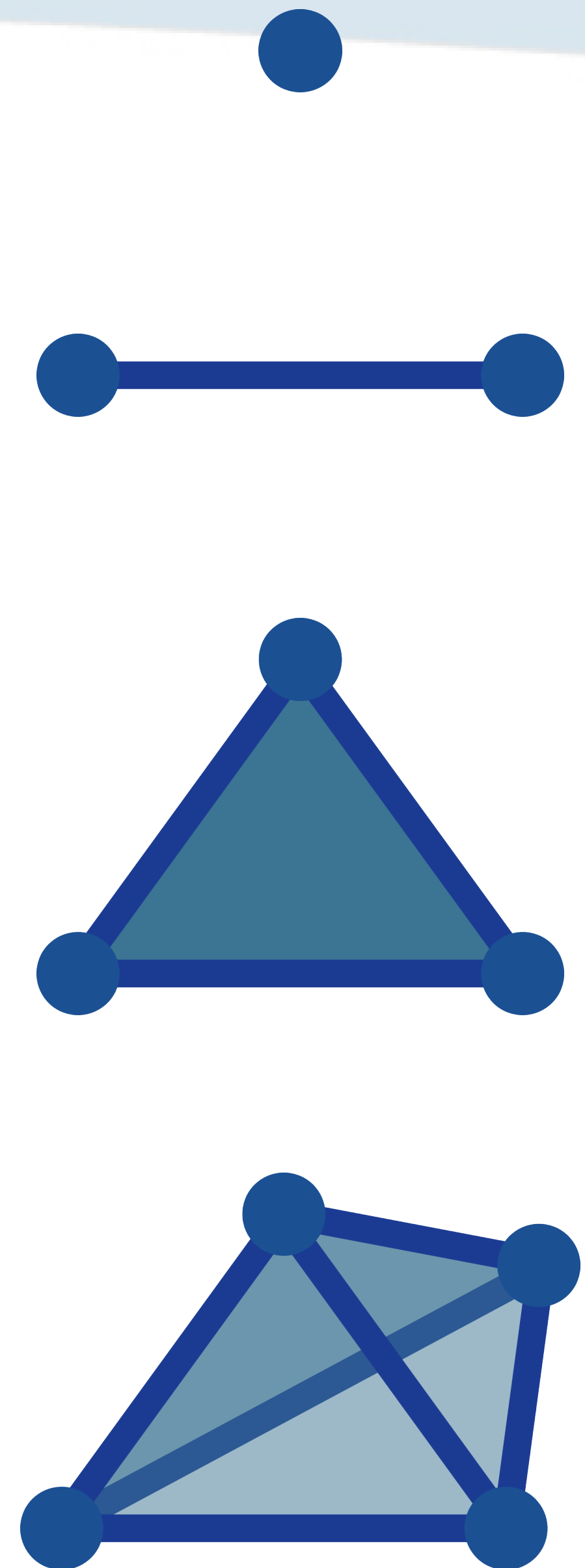
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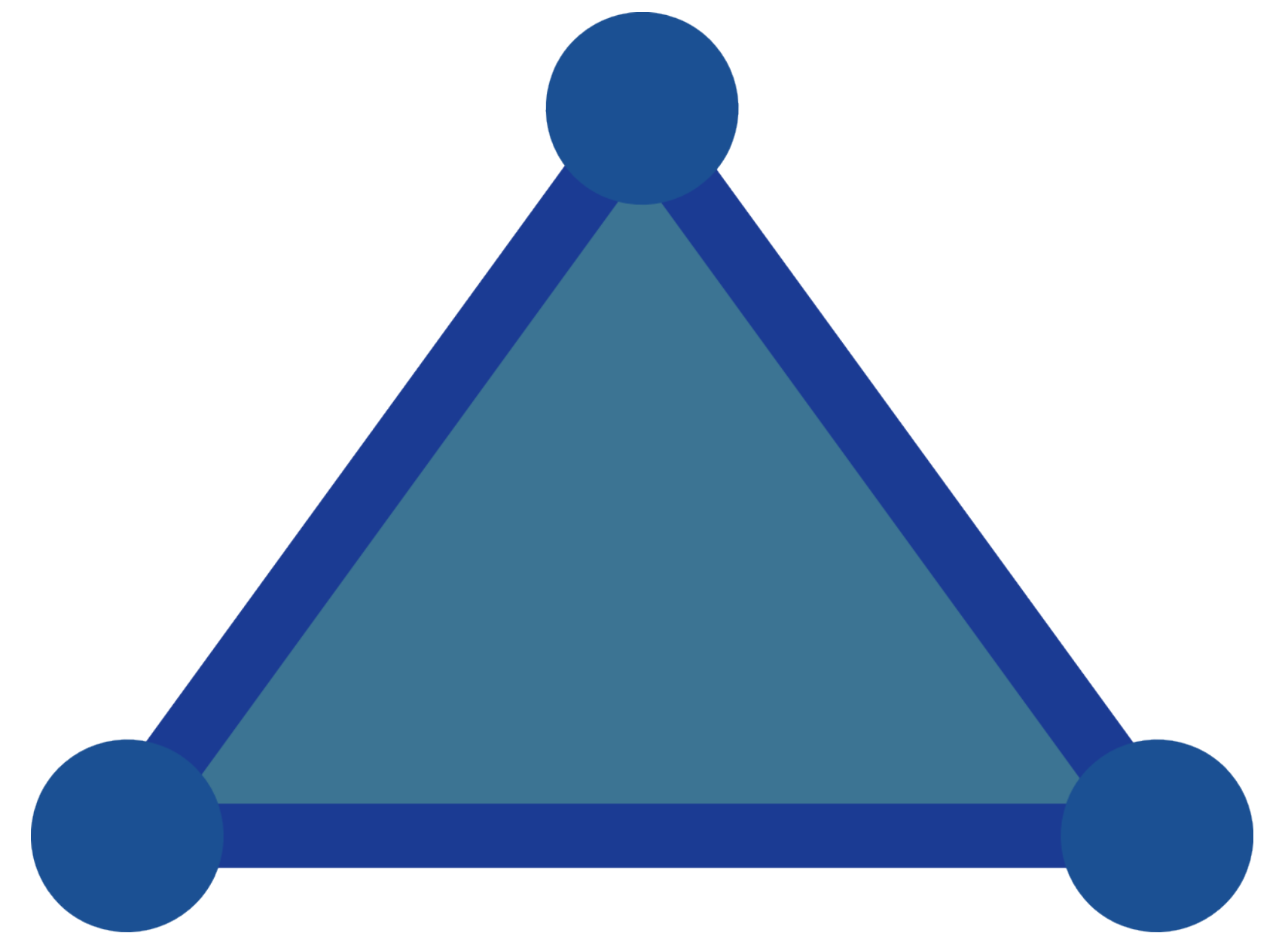
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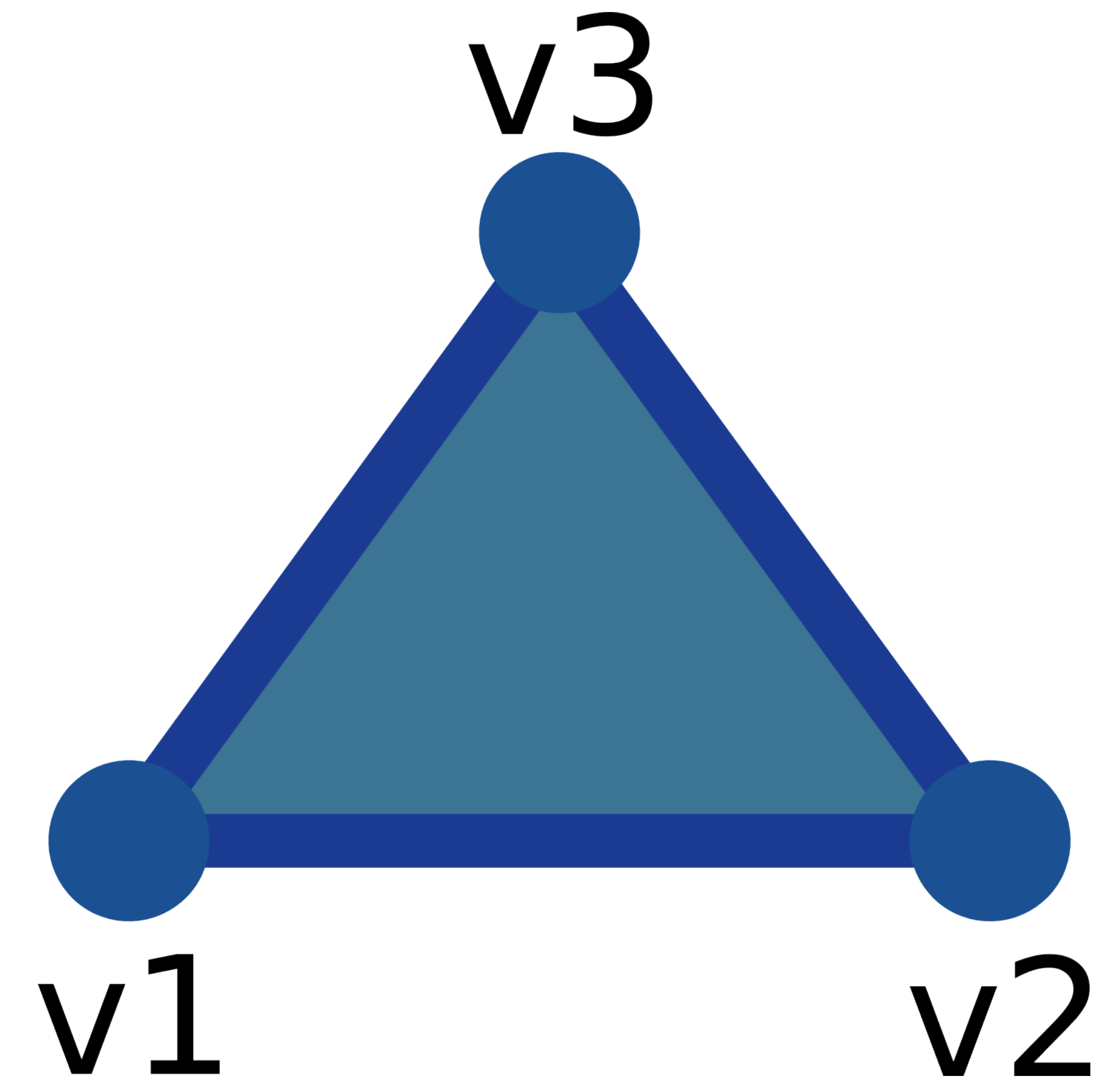
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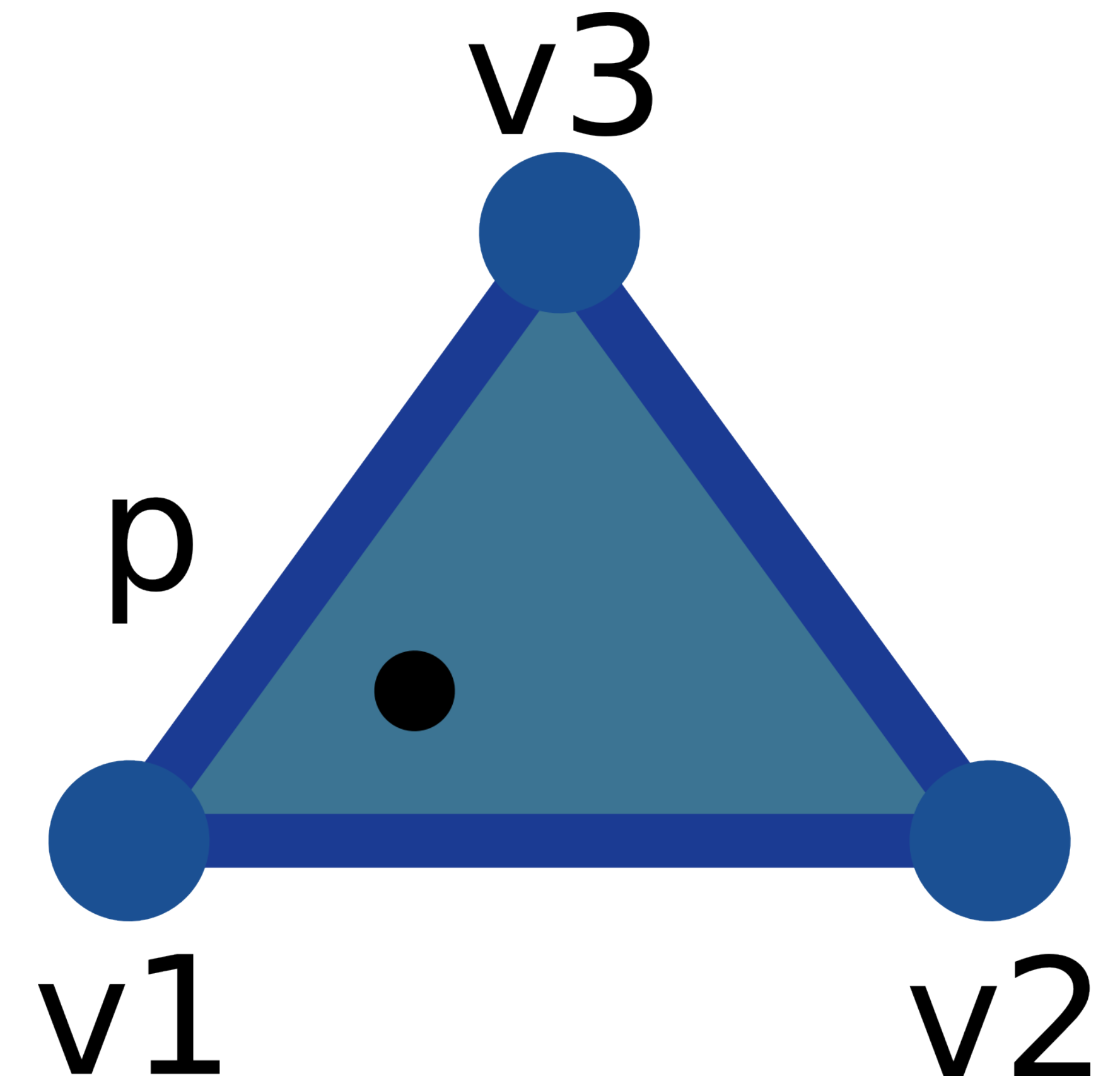
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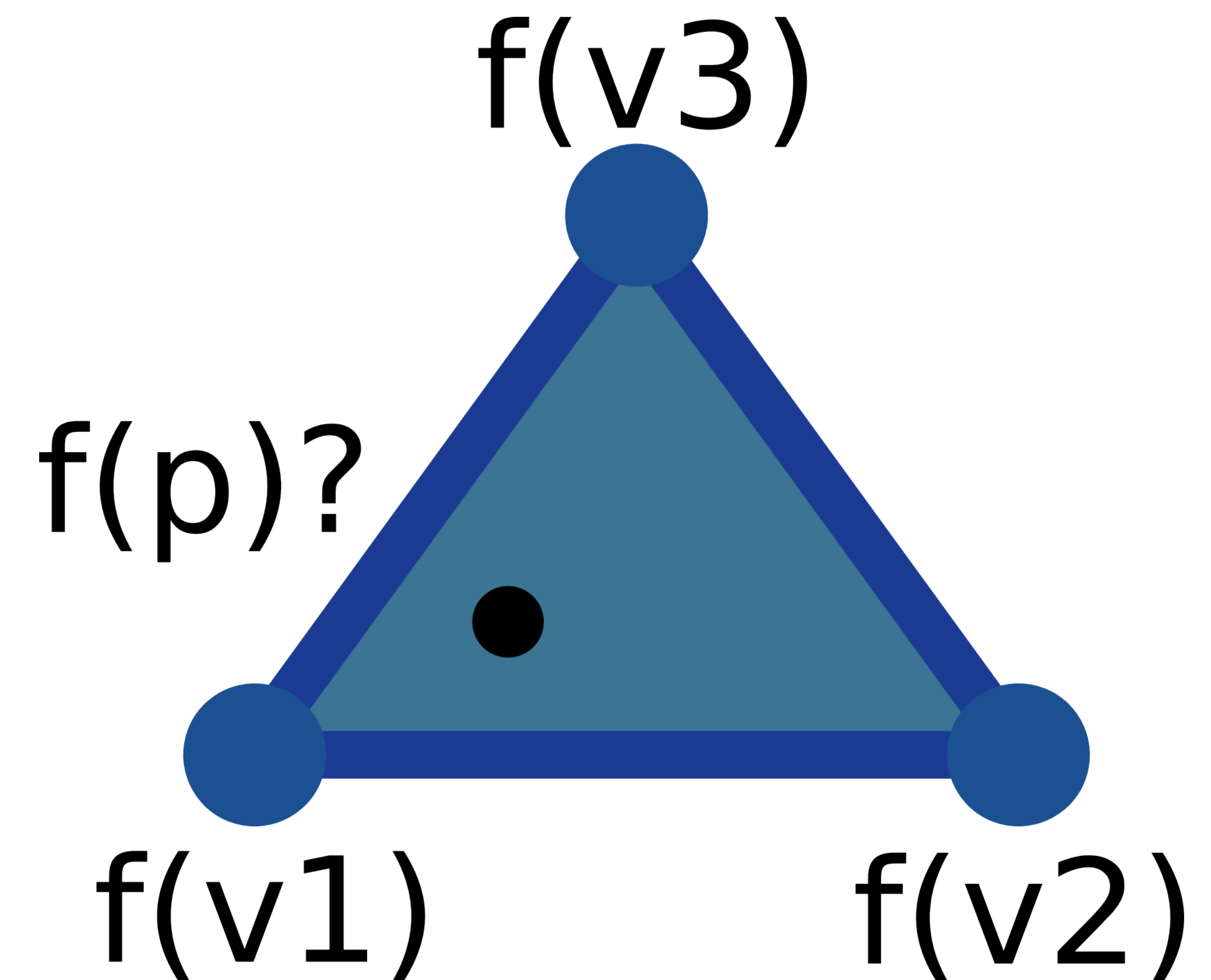
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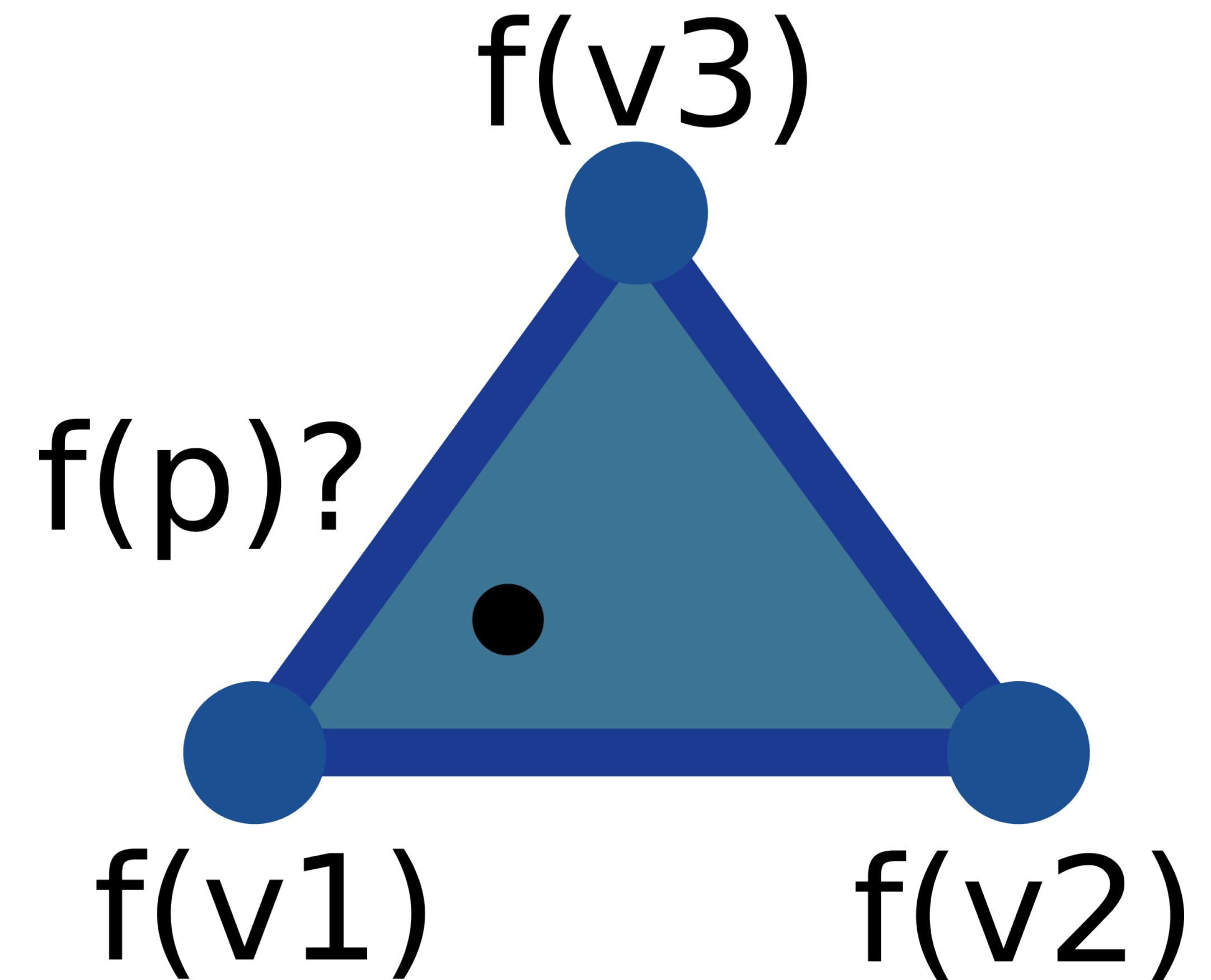
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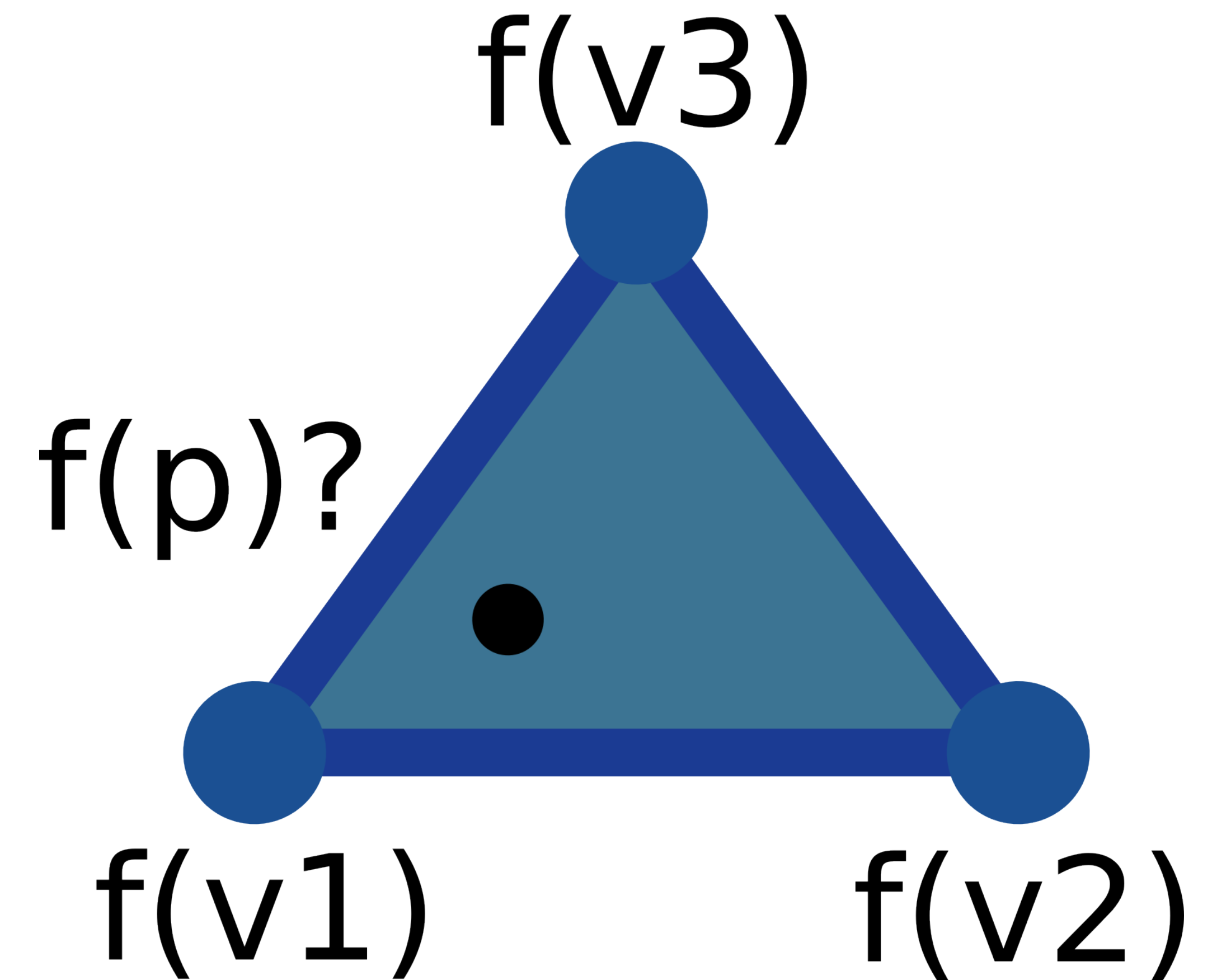
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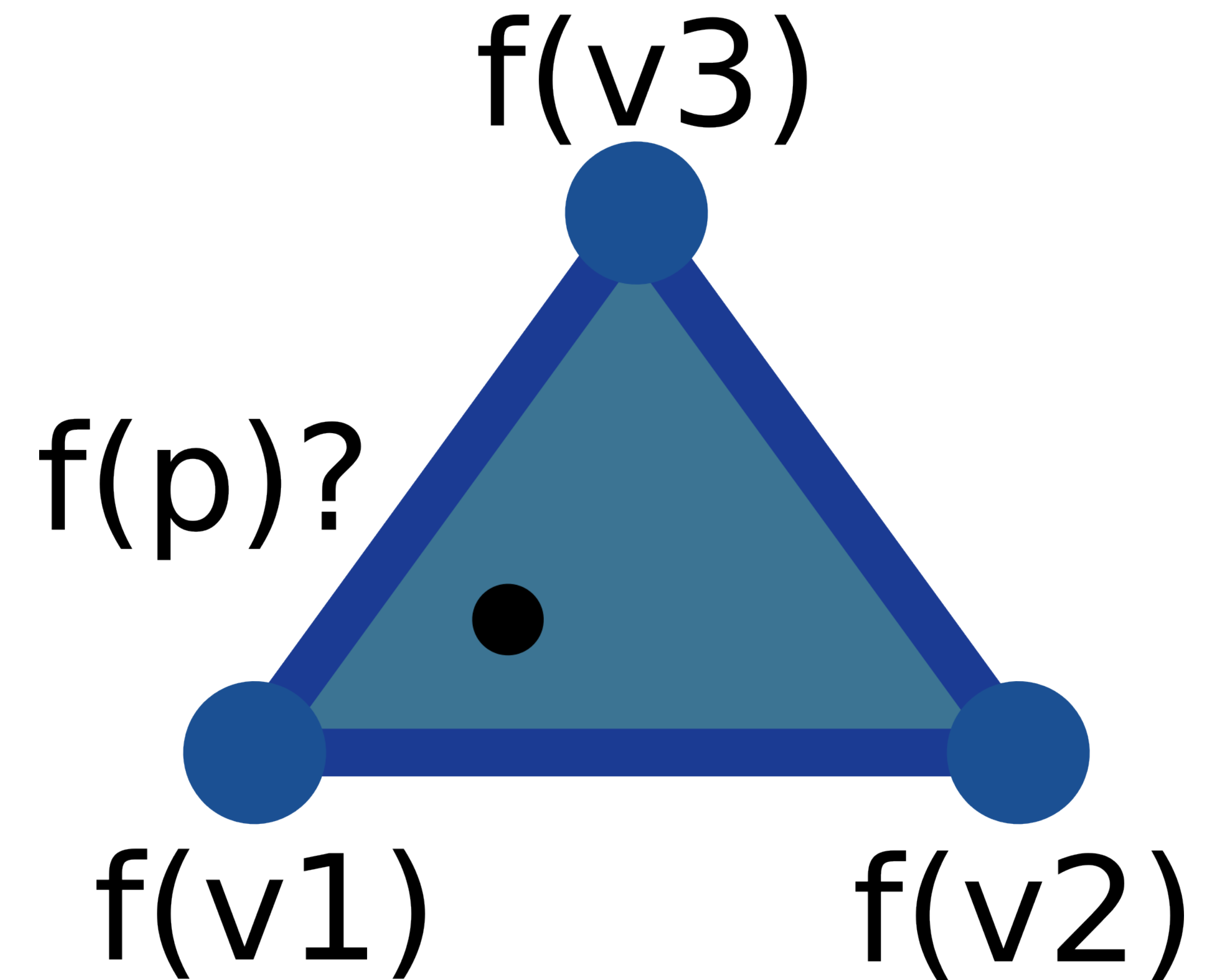
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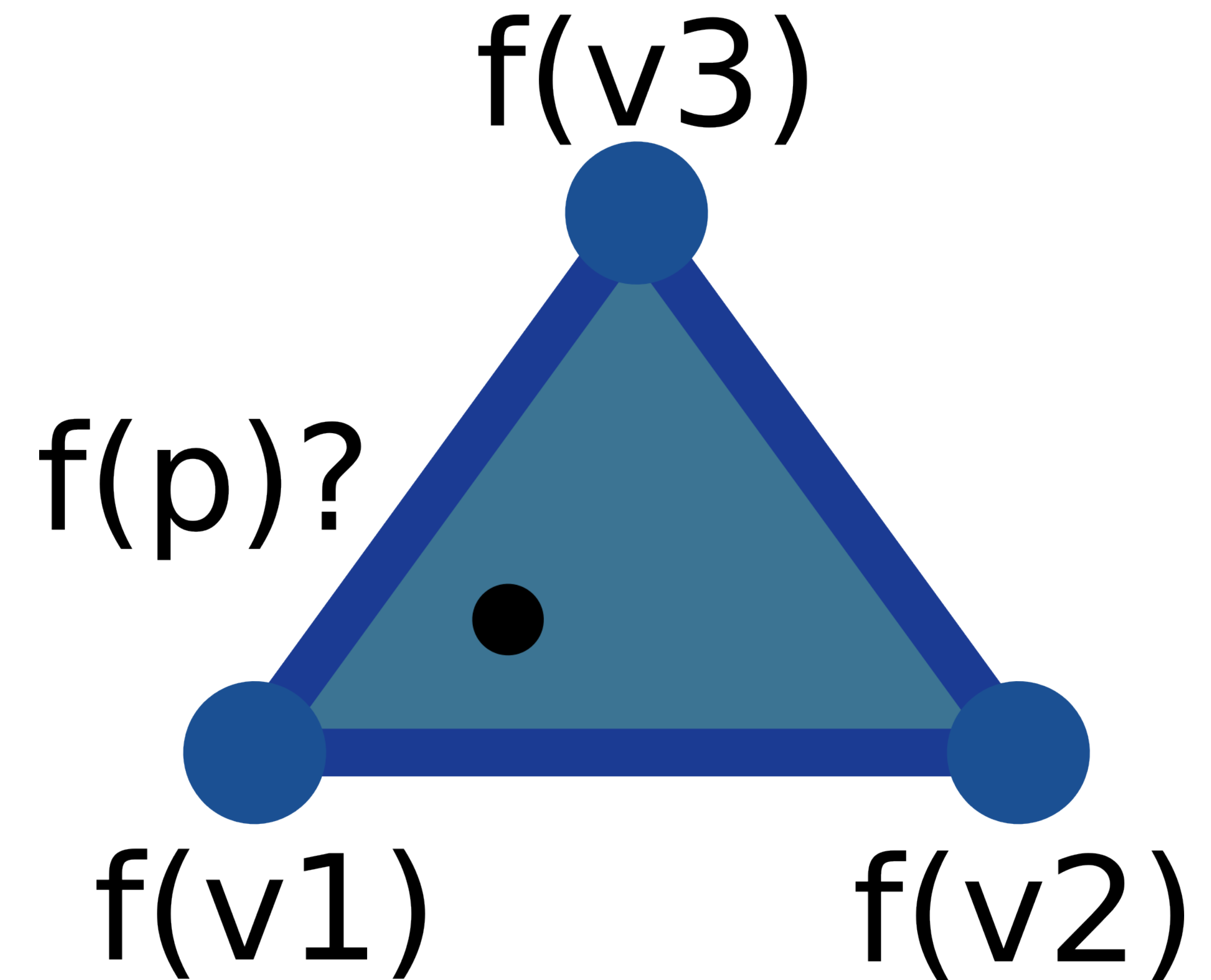
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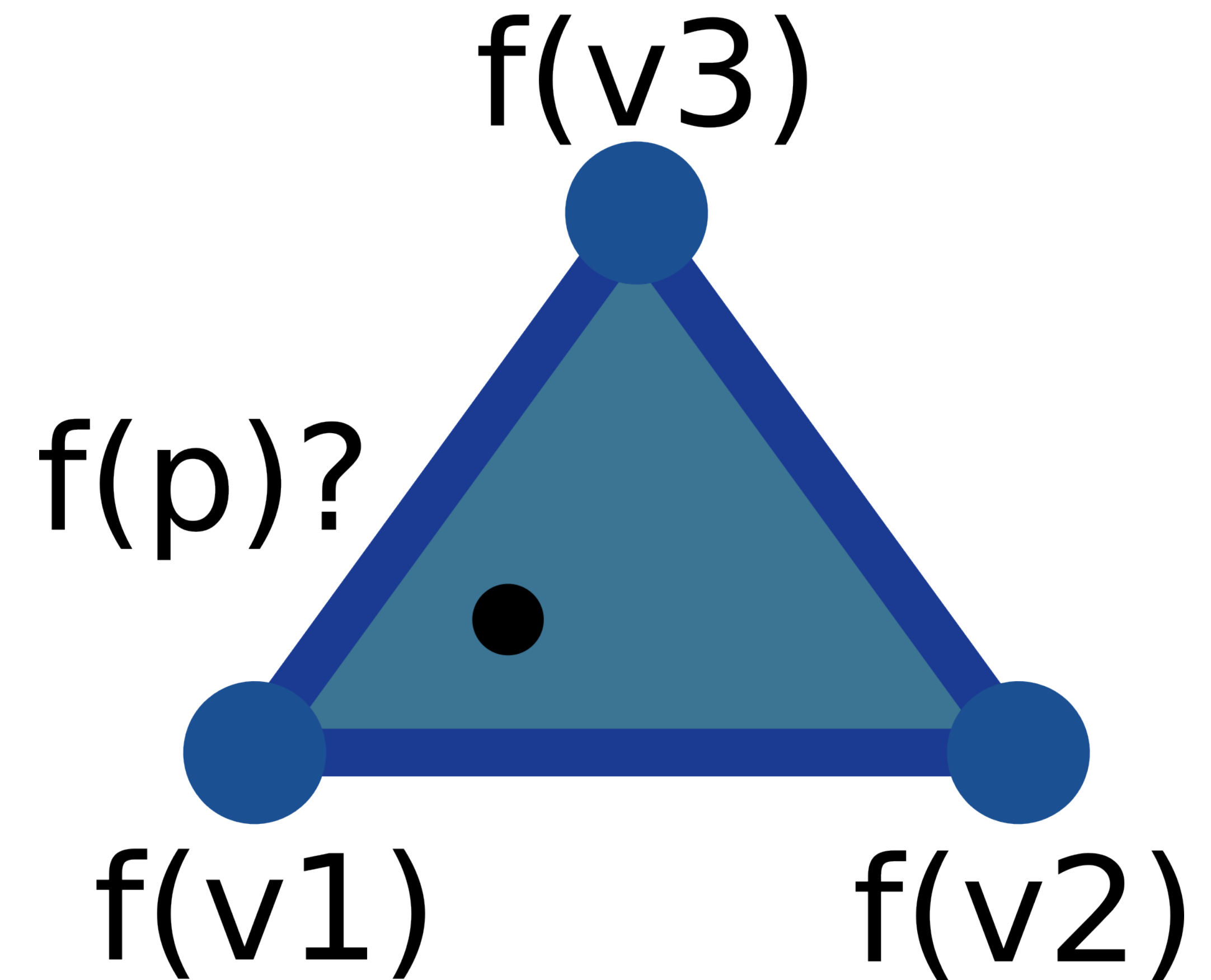
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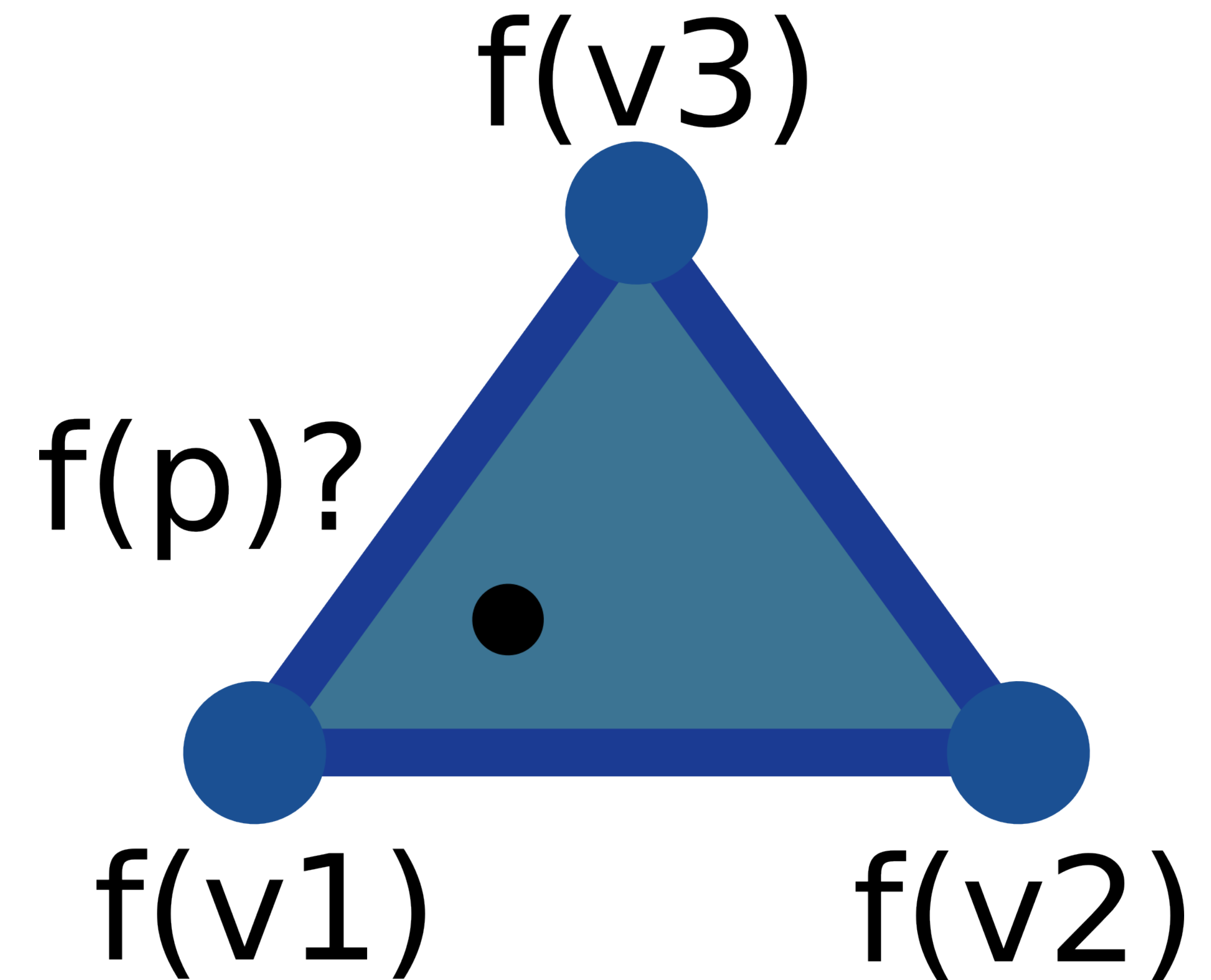
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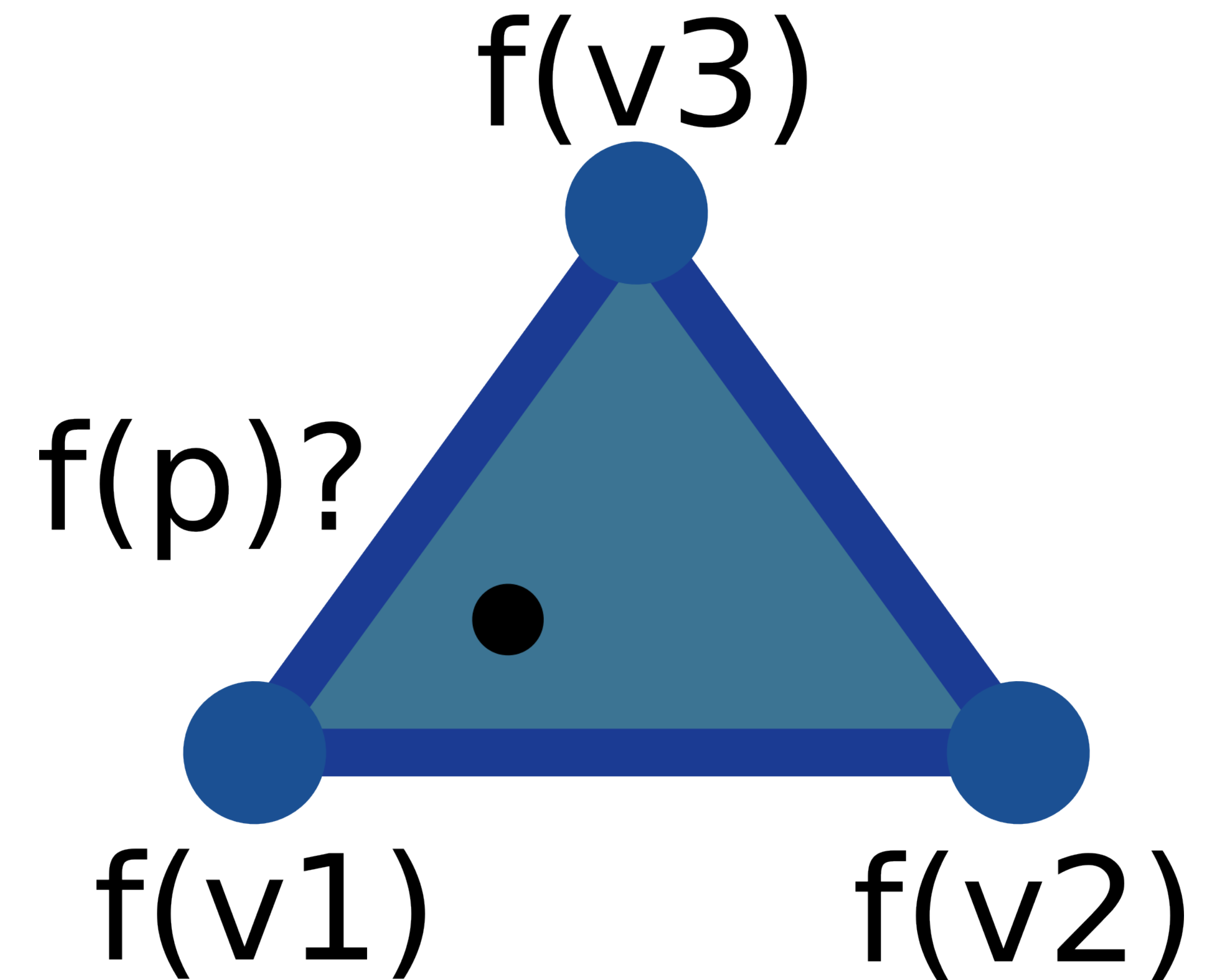
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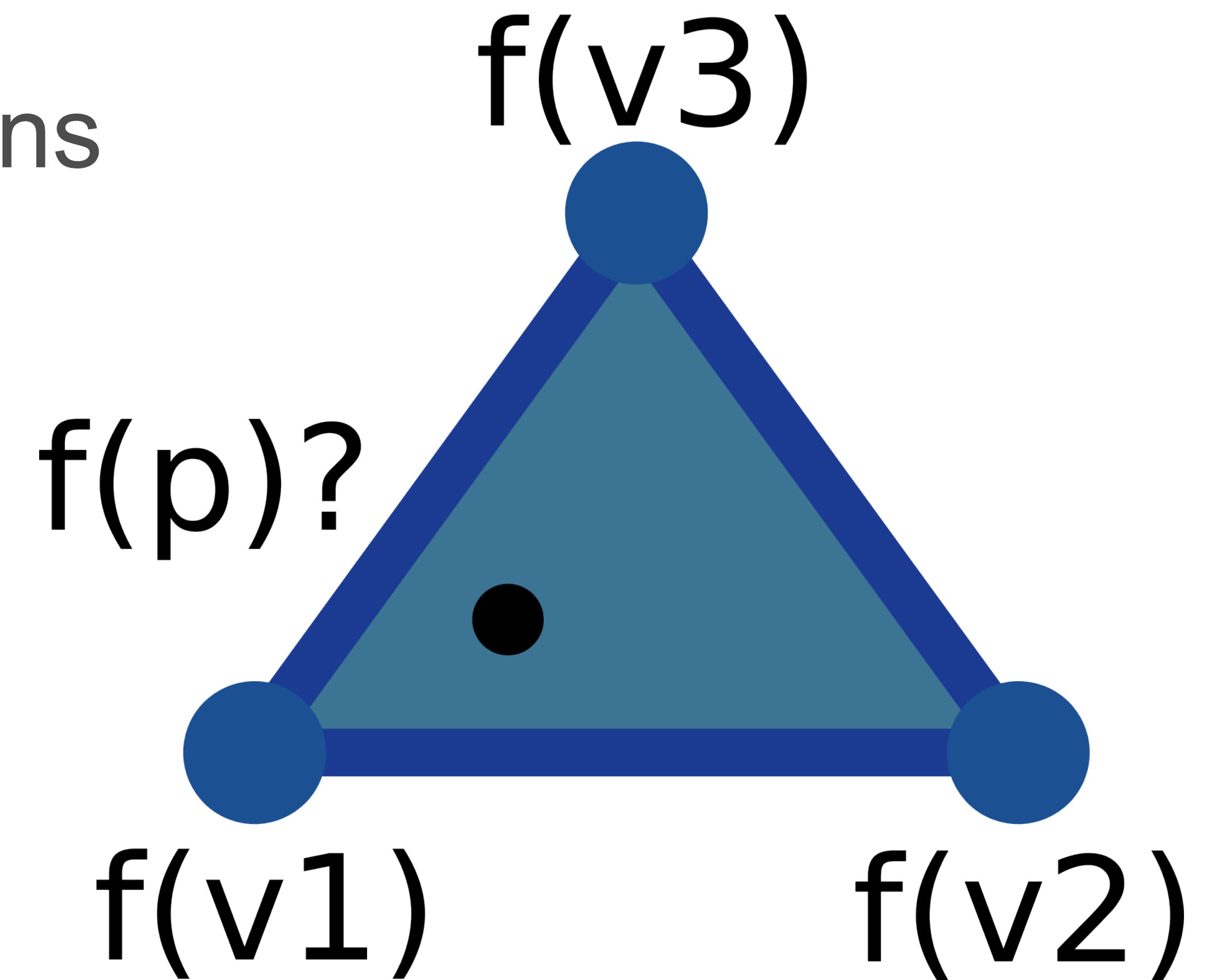
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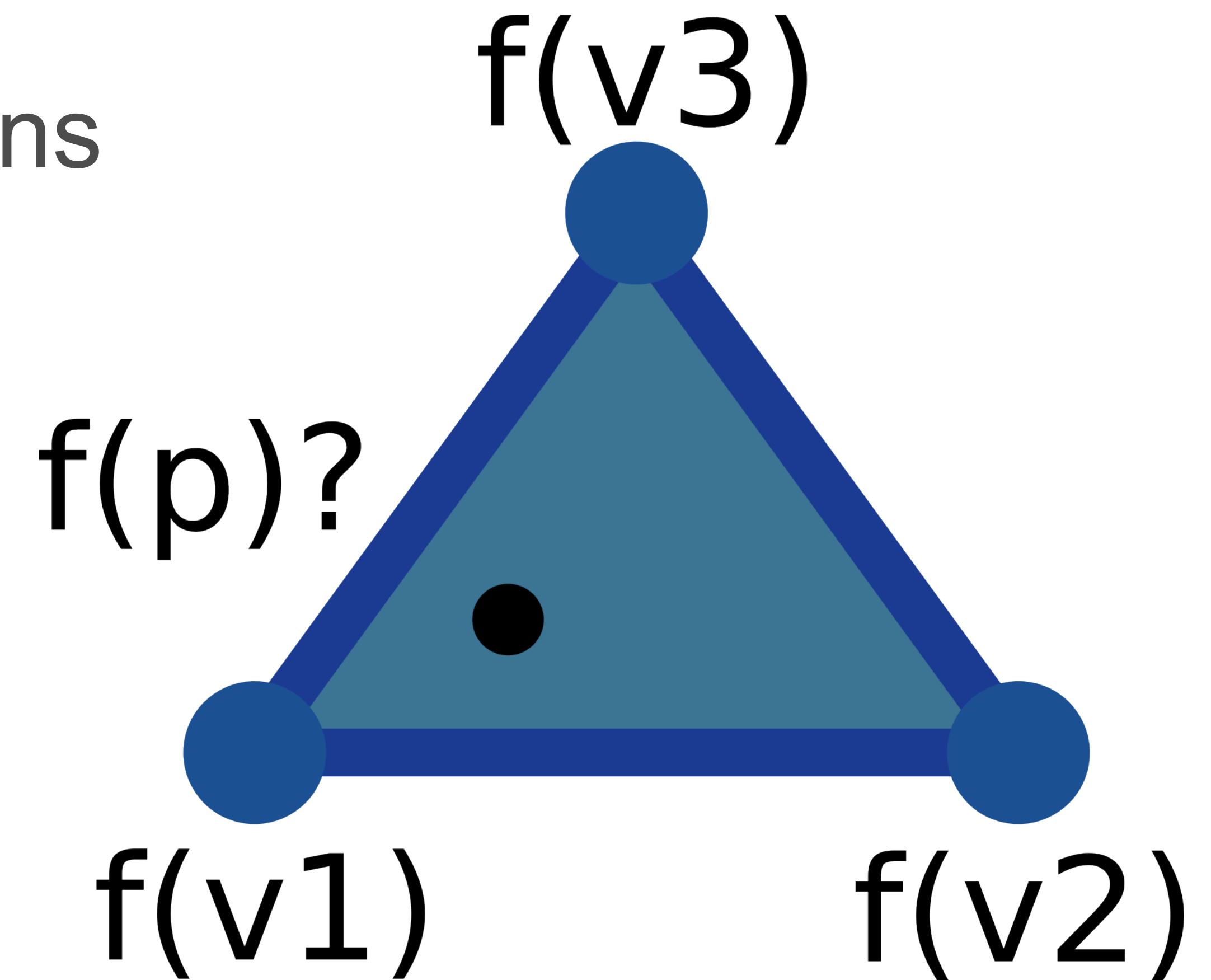
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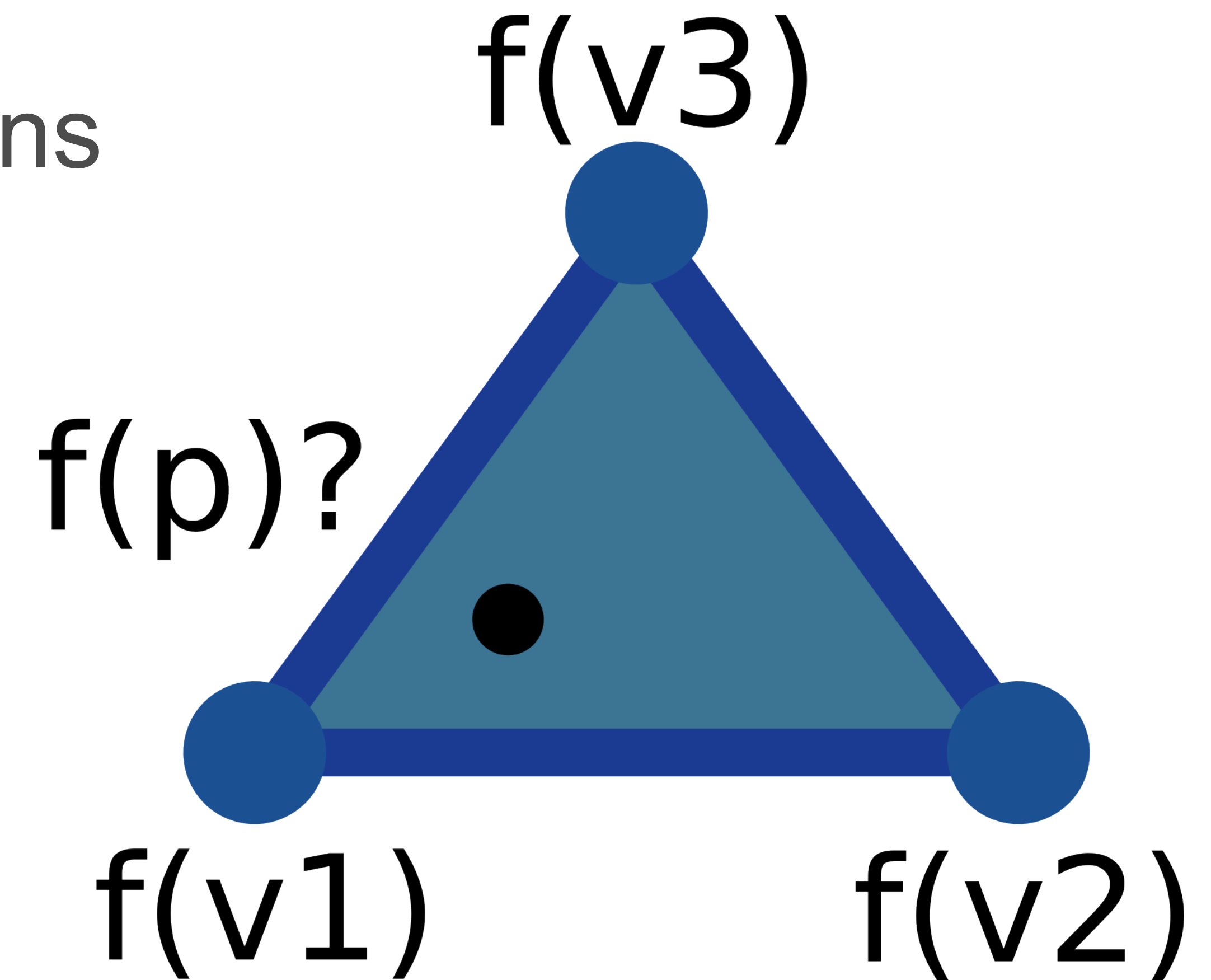
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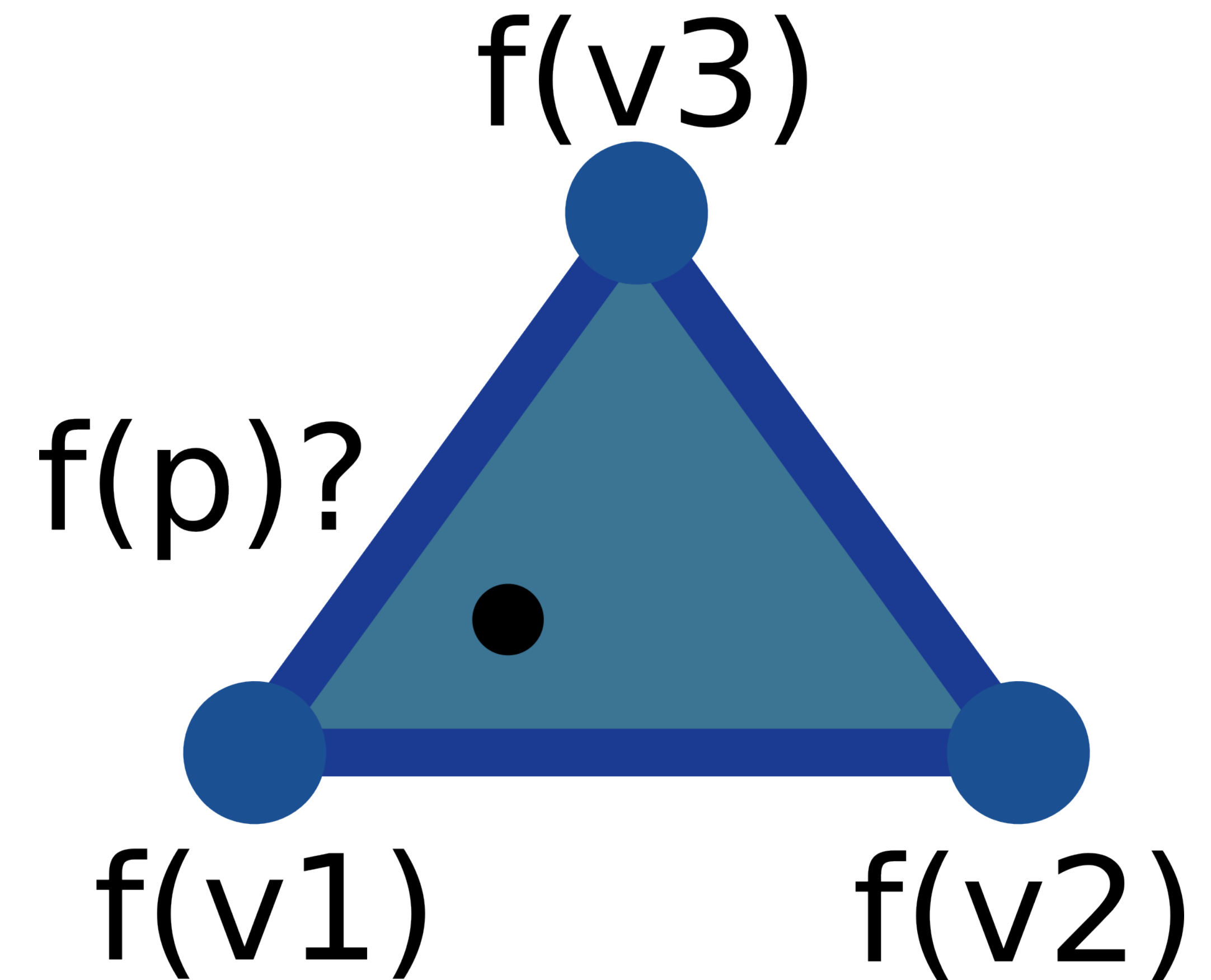
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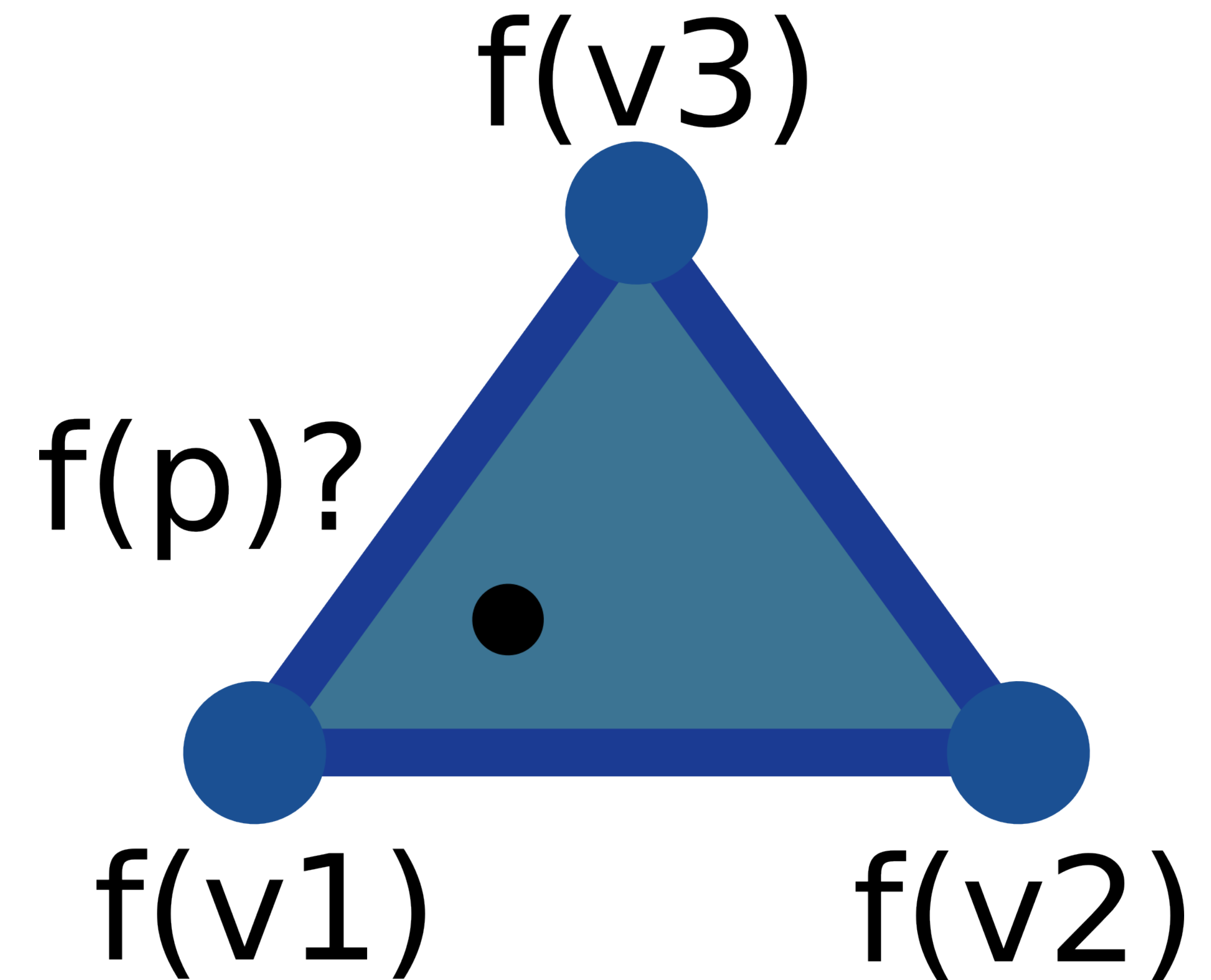
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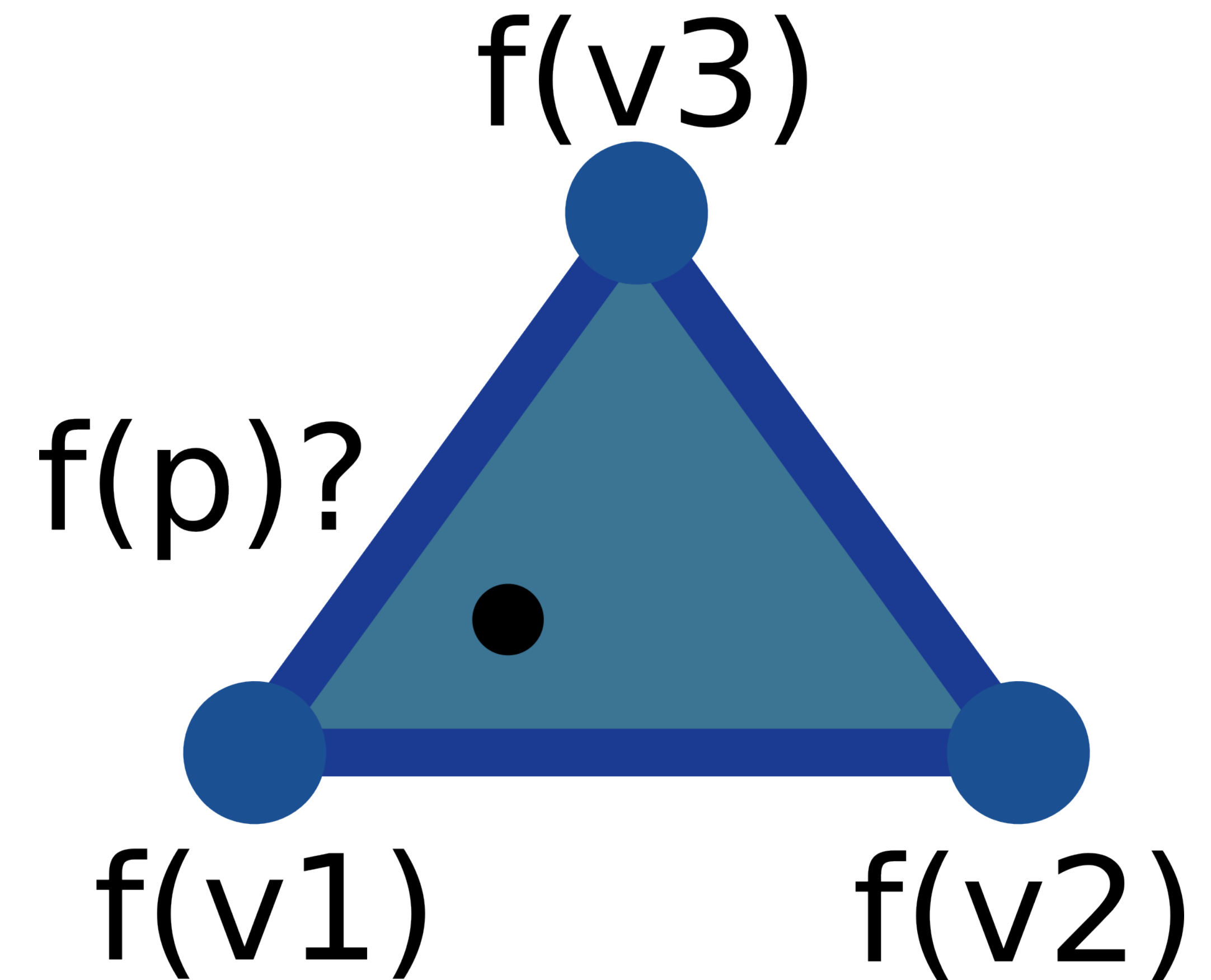
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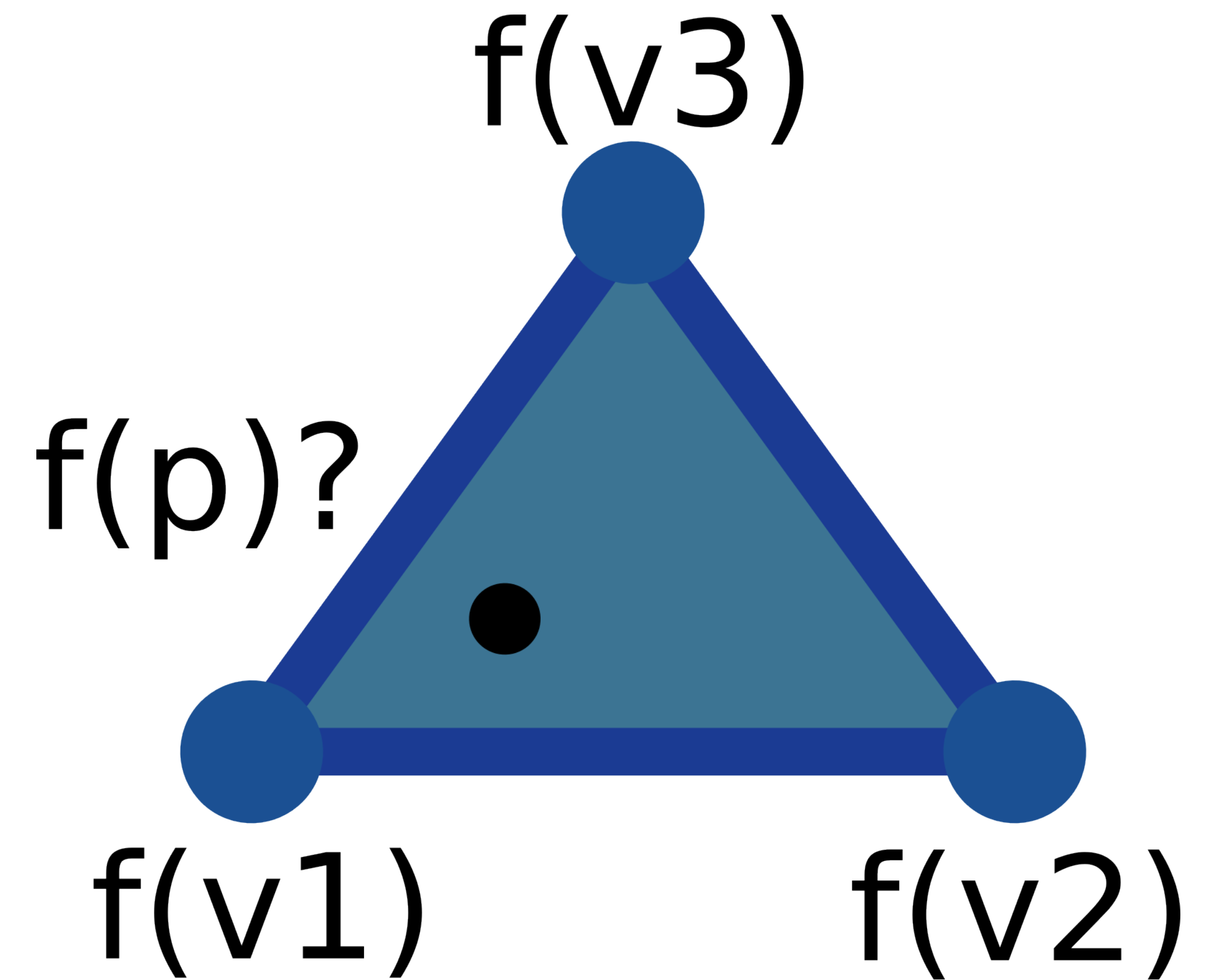
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- Similar reasoning for d-simplex





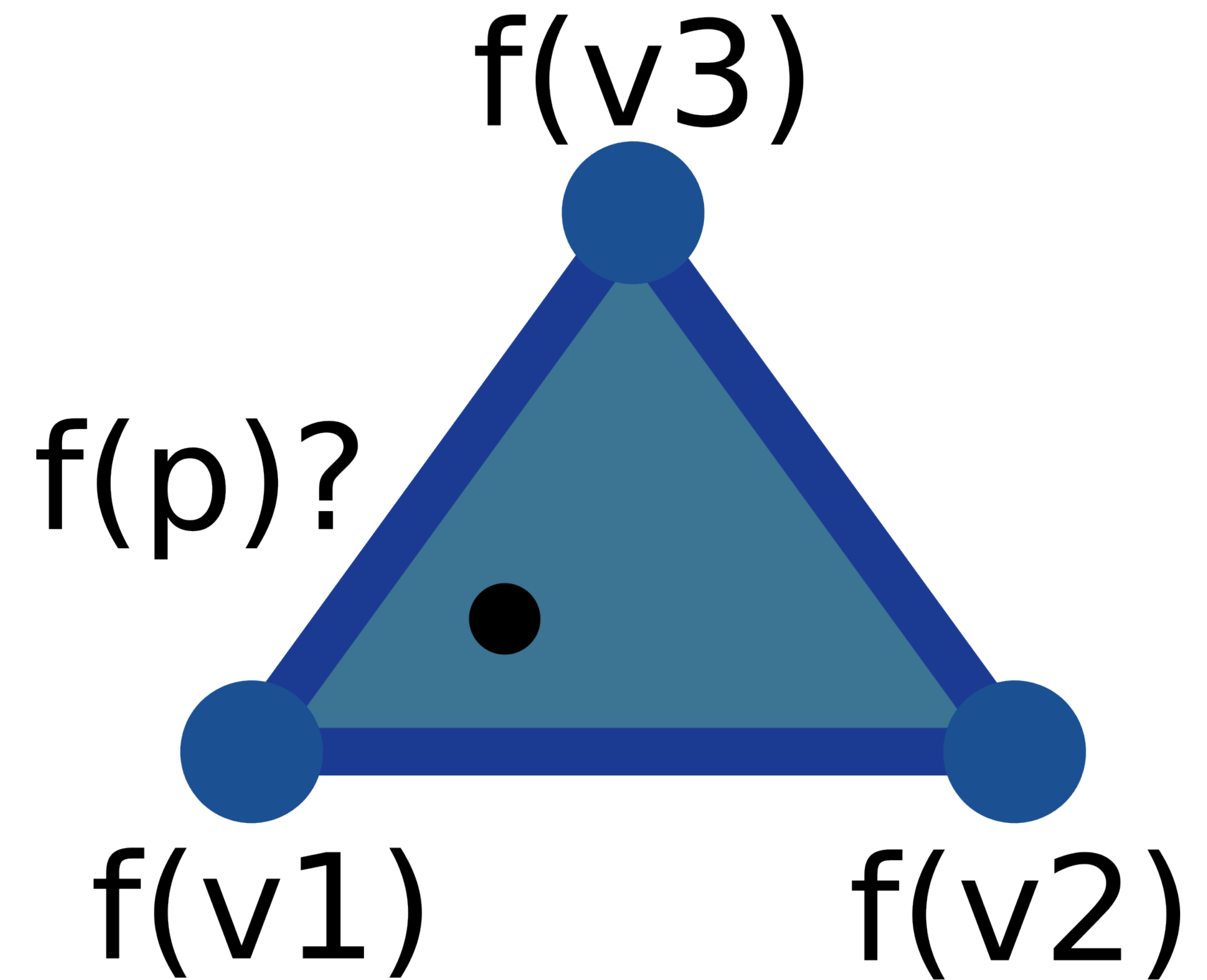
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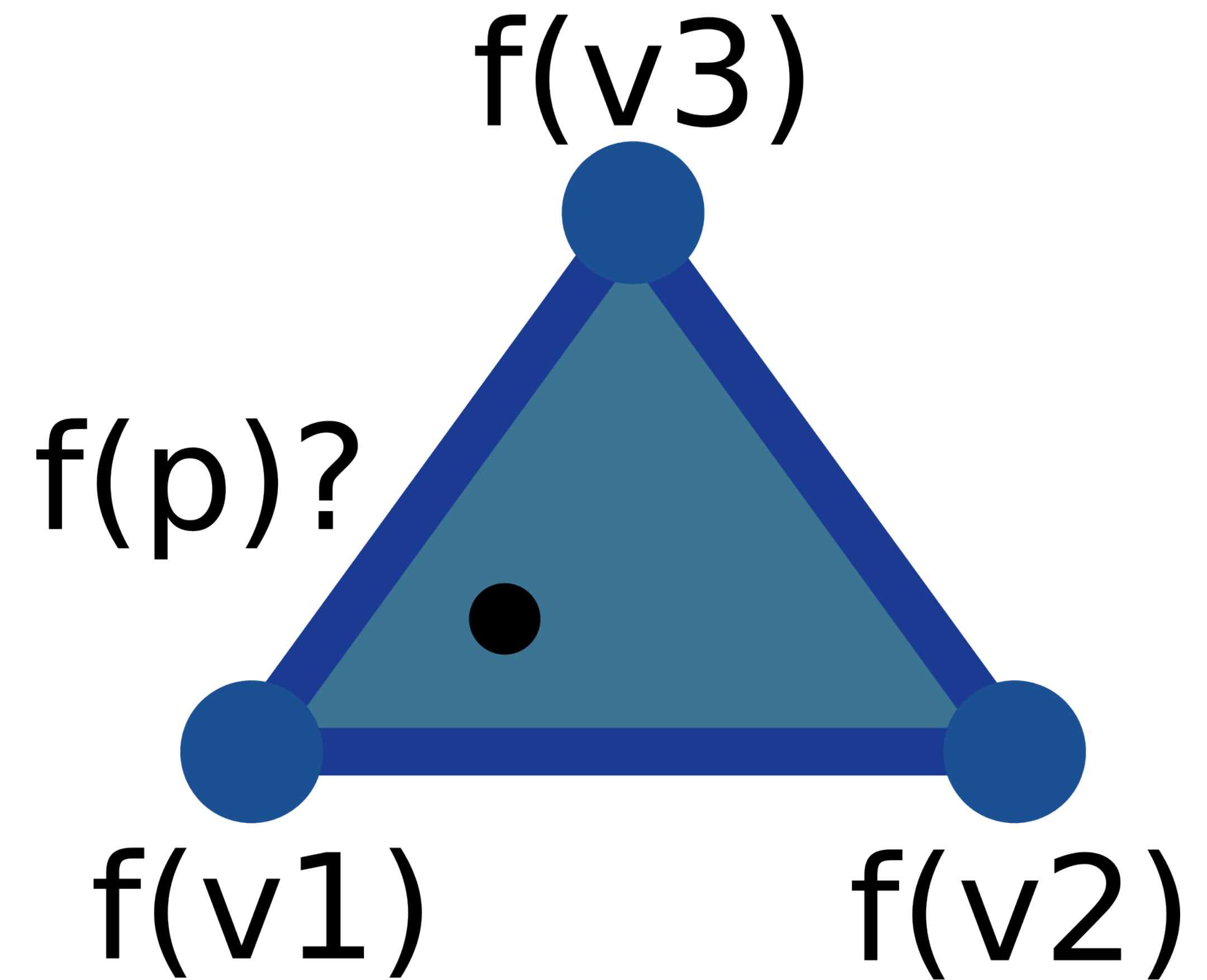
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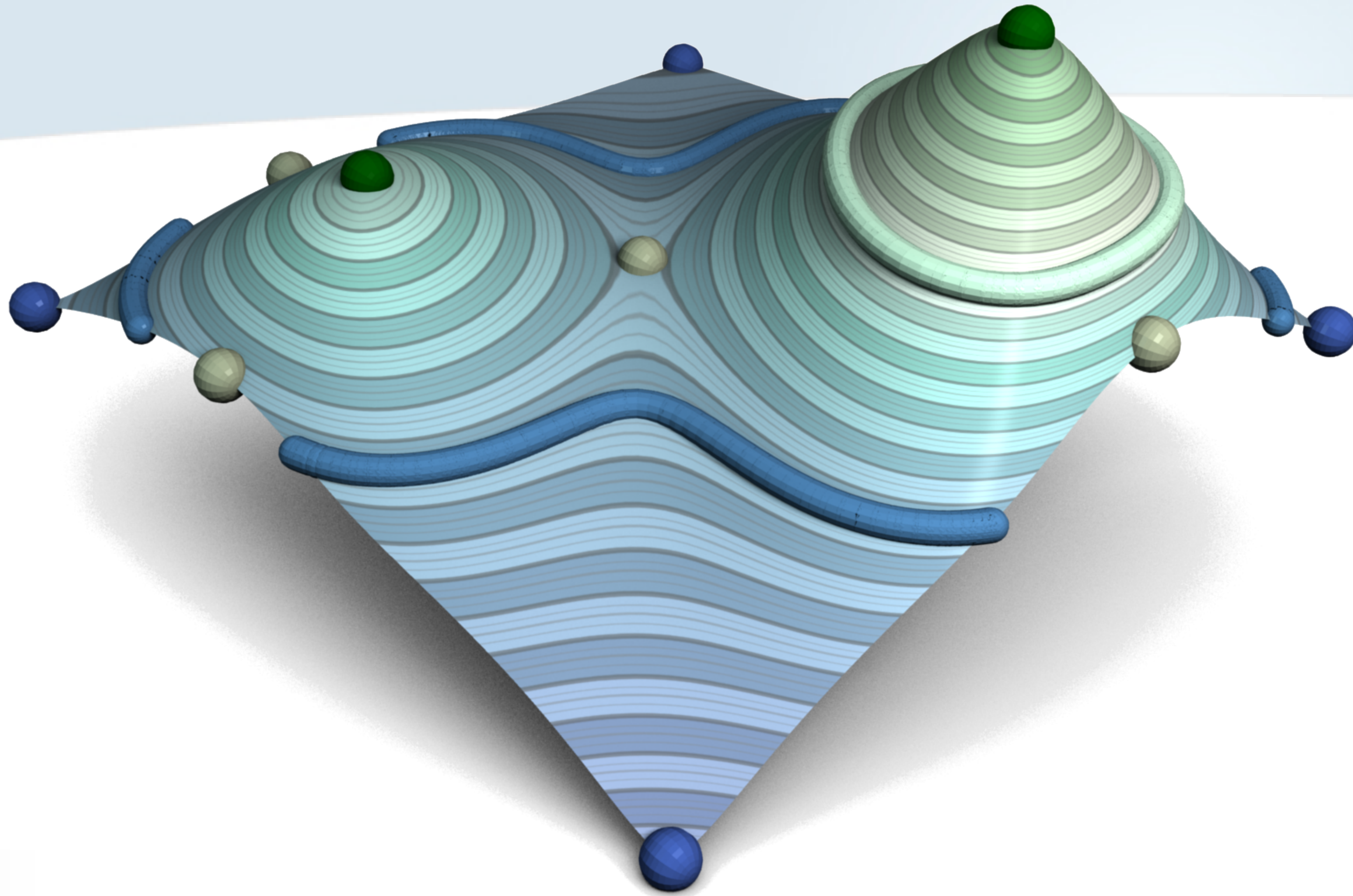


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- No critical point in the interior!





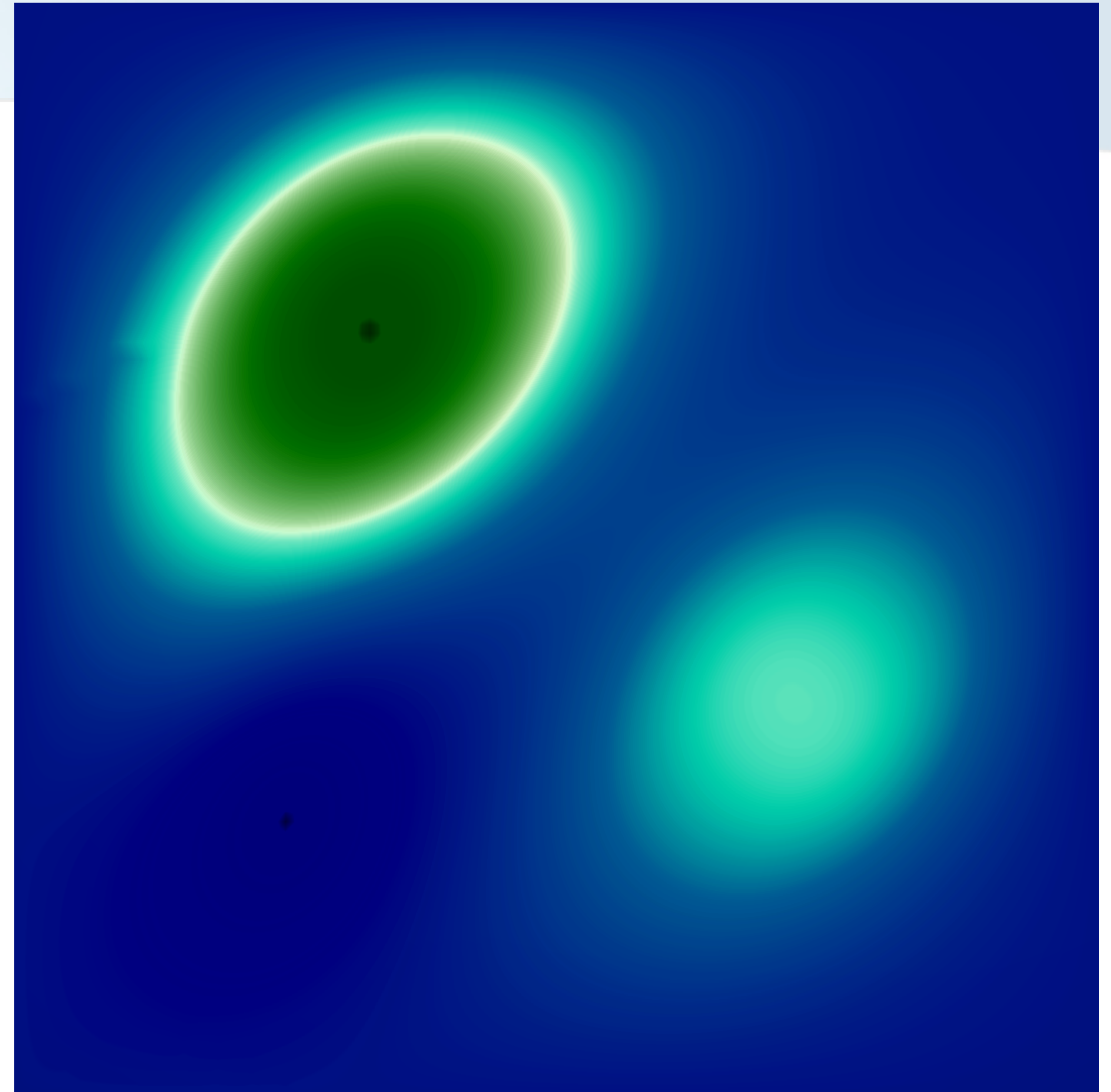


# Scalar Field Visualization



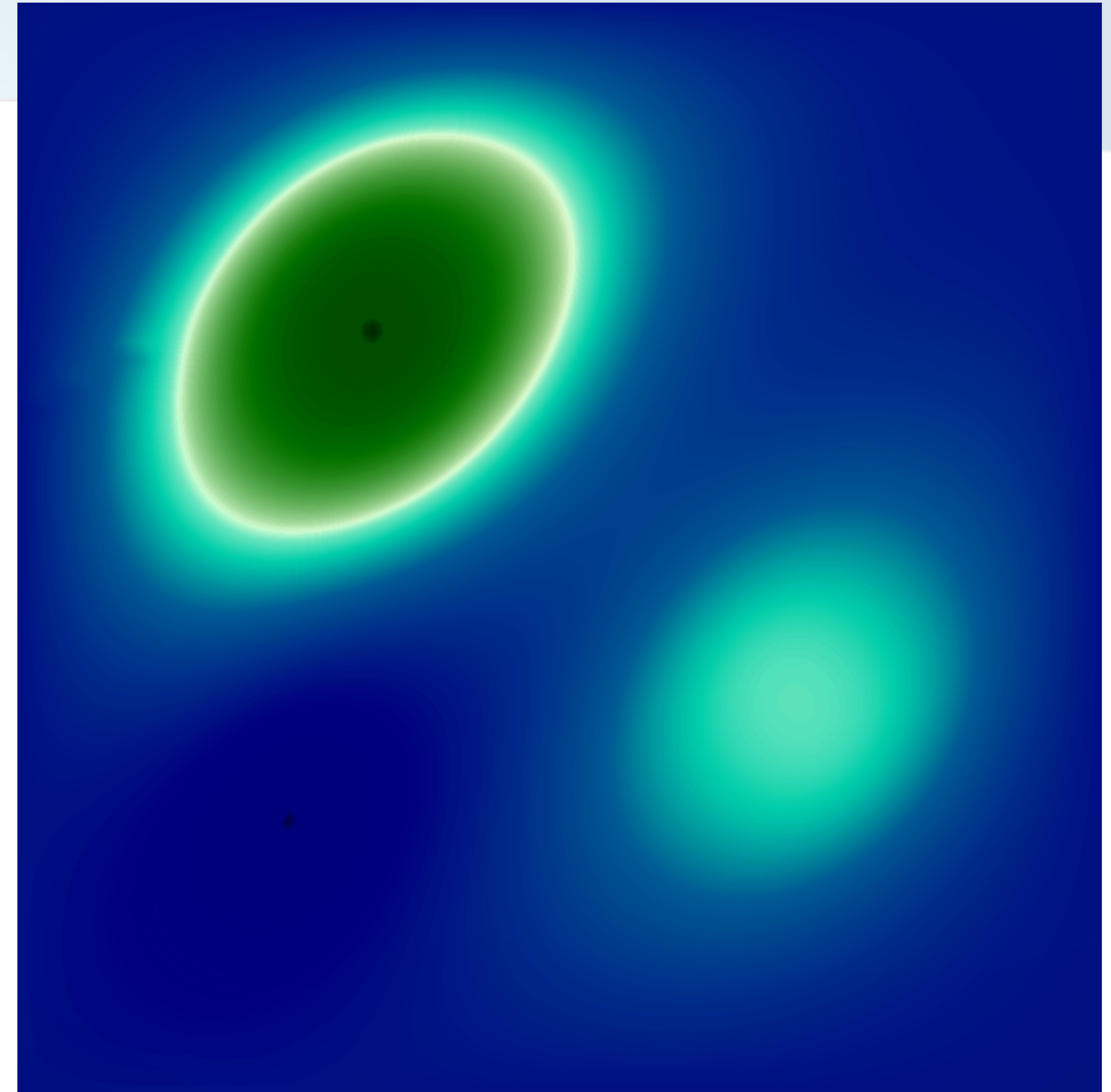
# Scalar field geometry

- Continuous color maps



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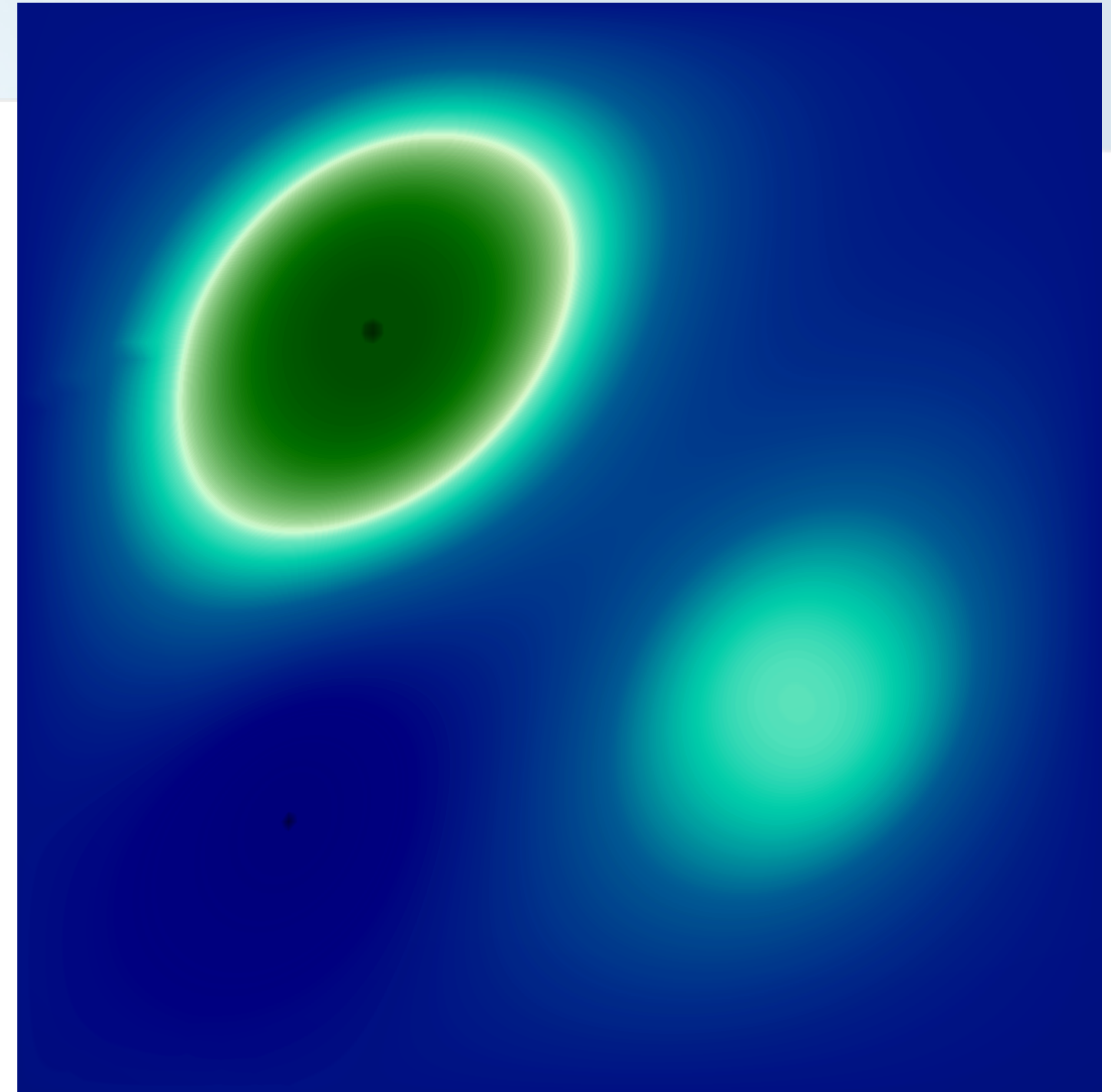
- Continuous color maps
  - Difficulty to estimate the geometry





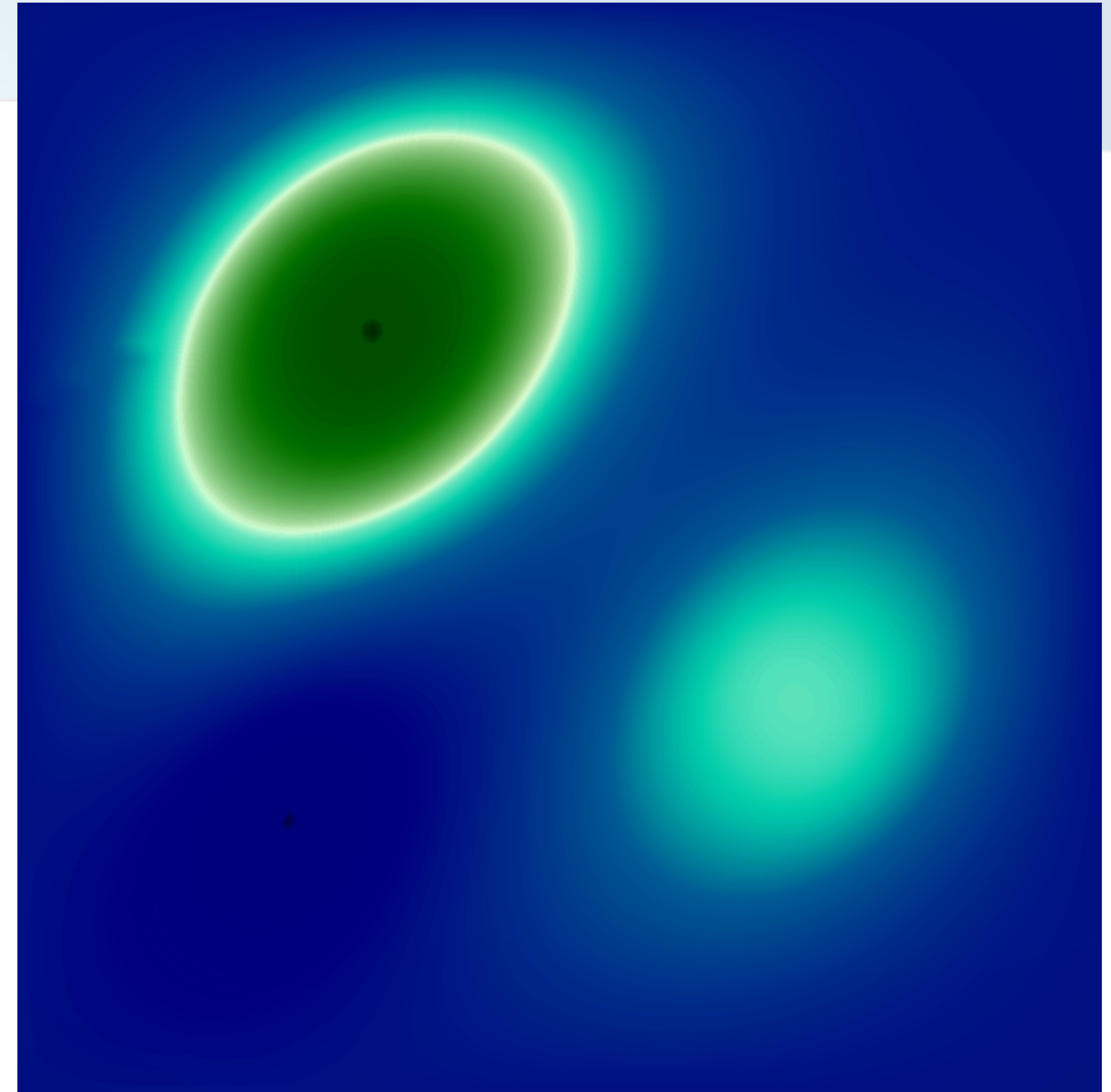
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  - Difficulty to estimate the geometry
    - Locally (gradient)
    - Globally (level sets)



# Scalar field geometry

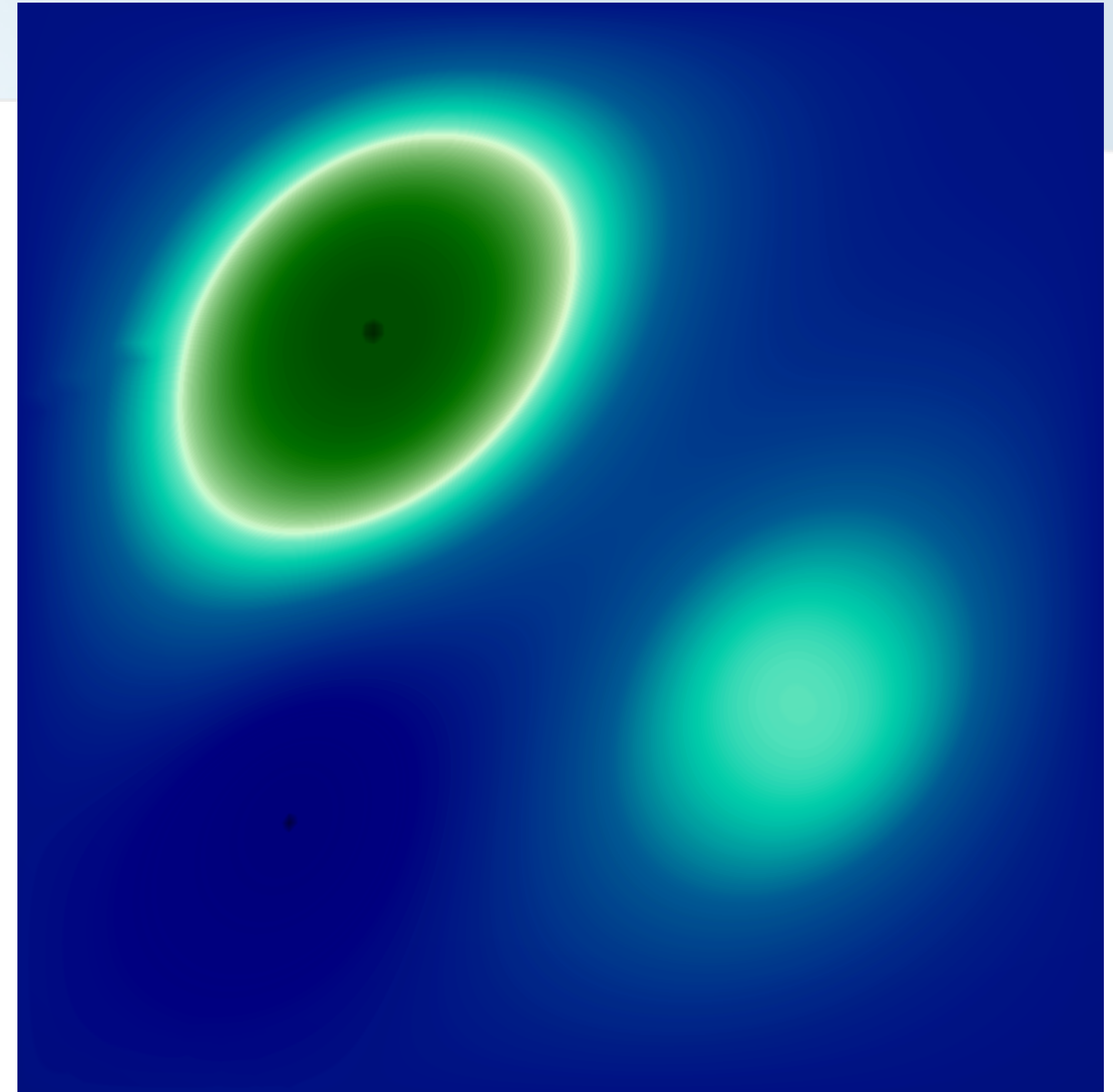
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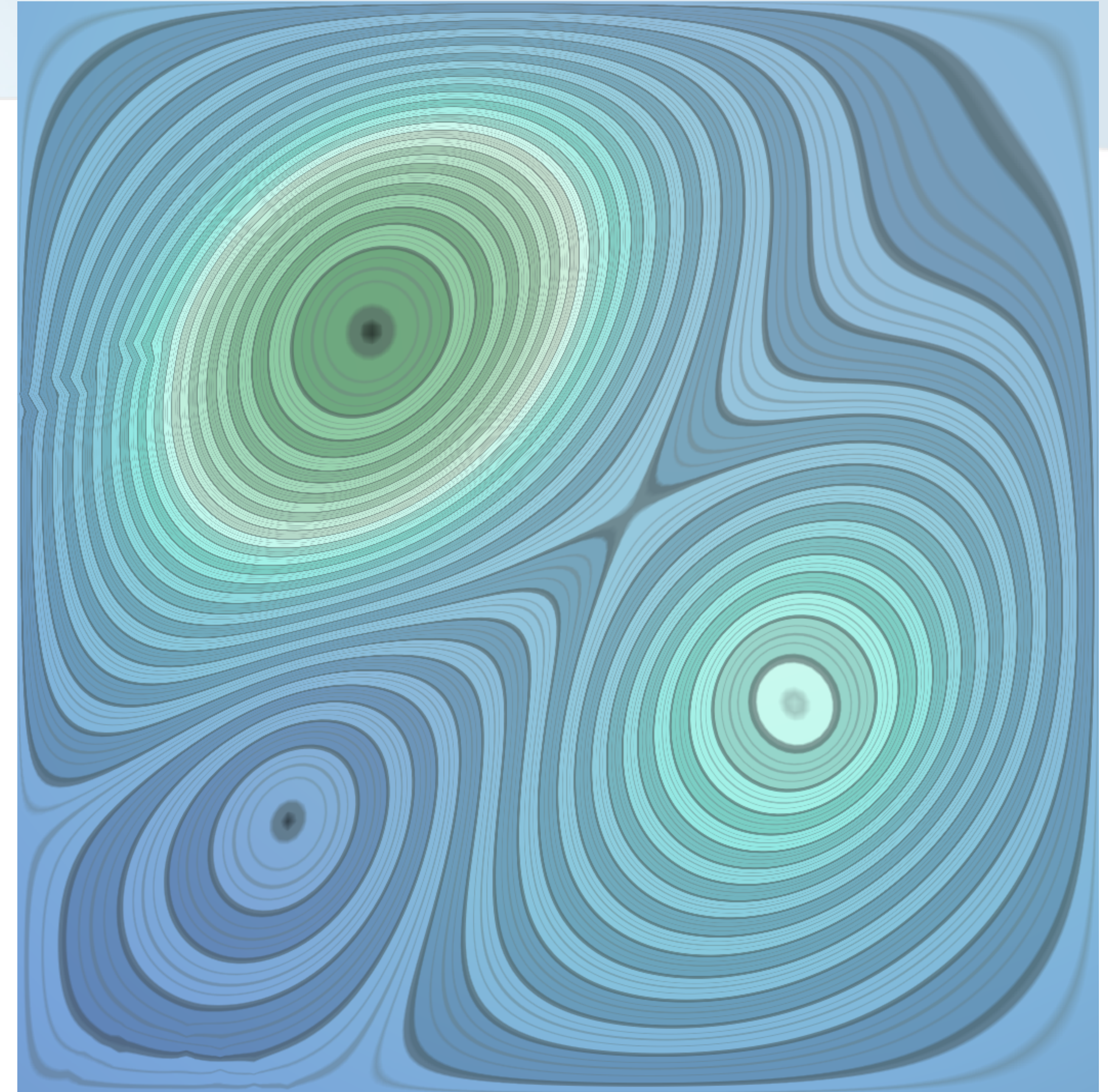
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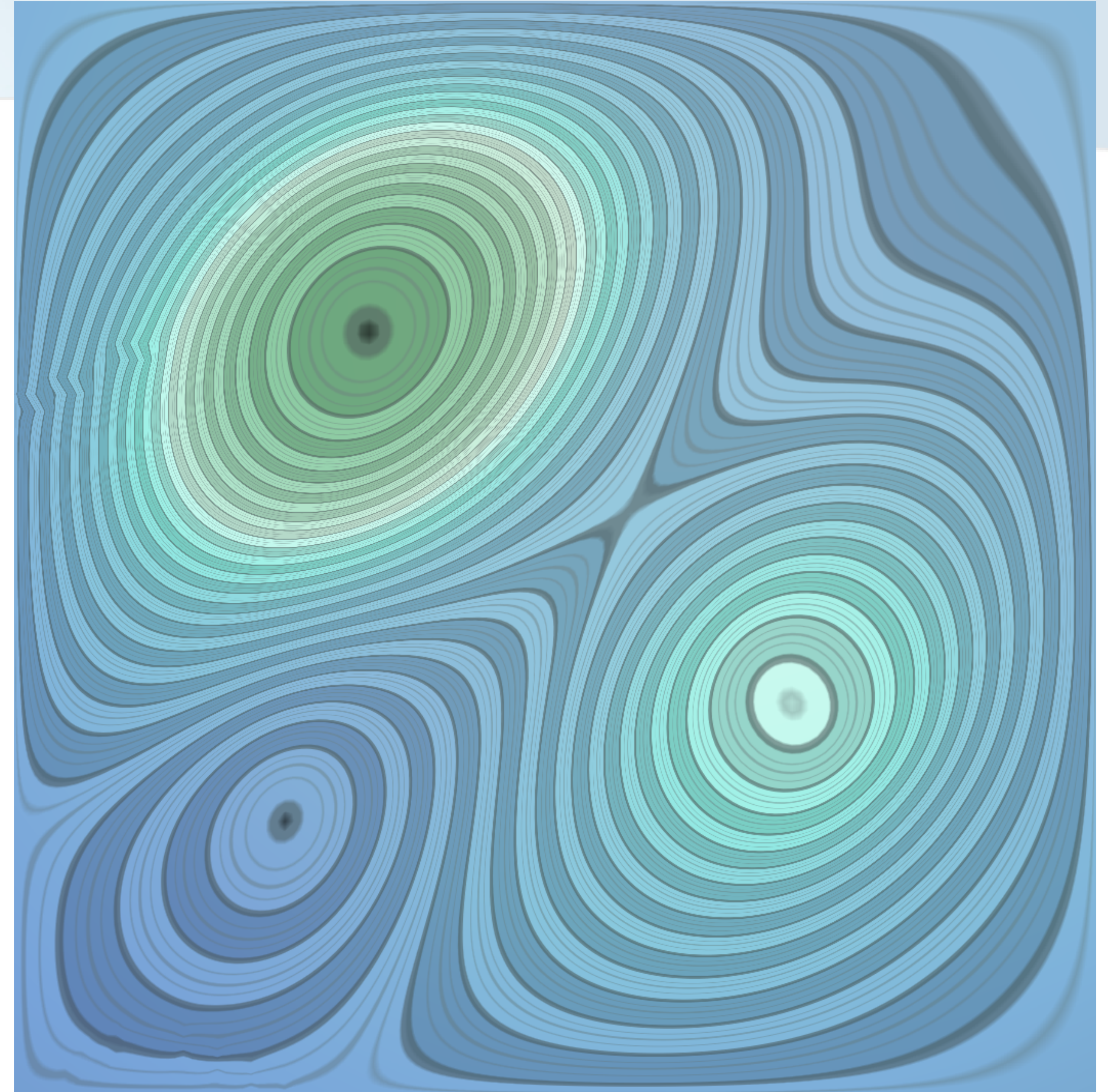
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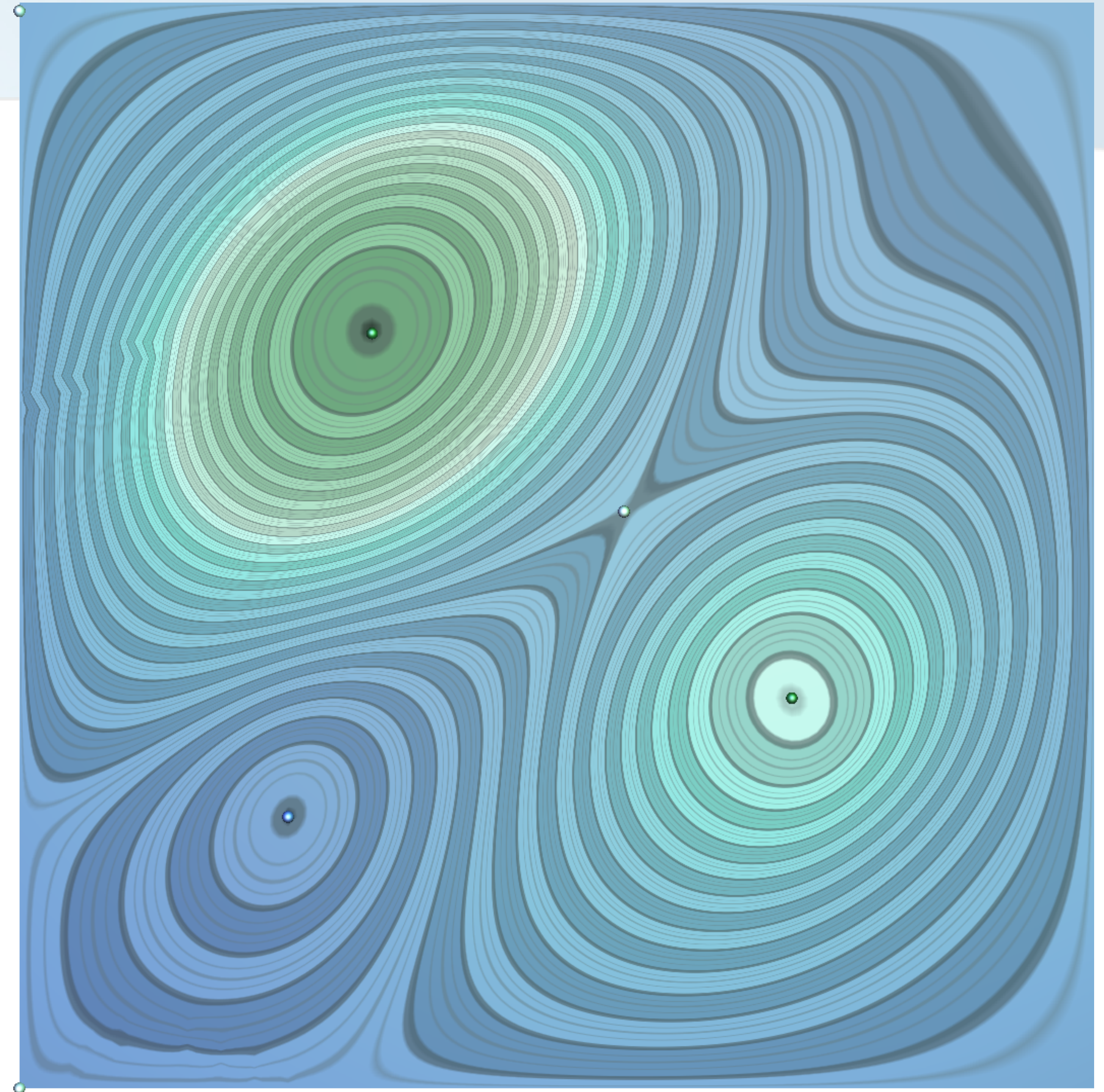
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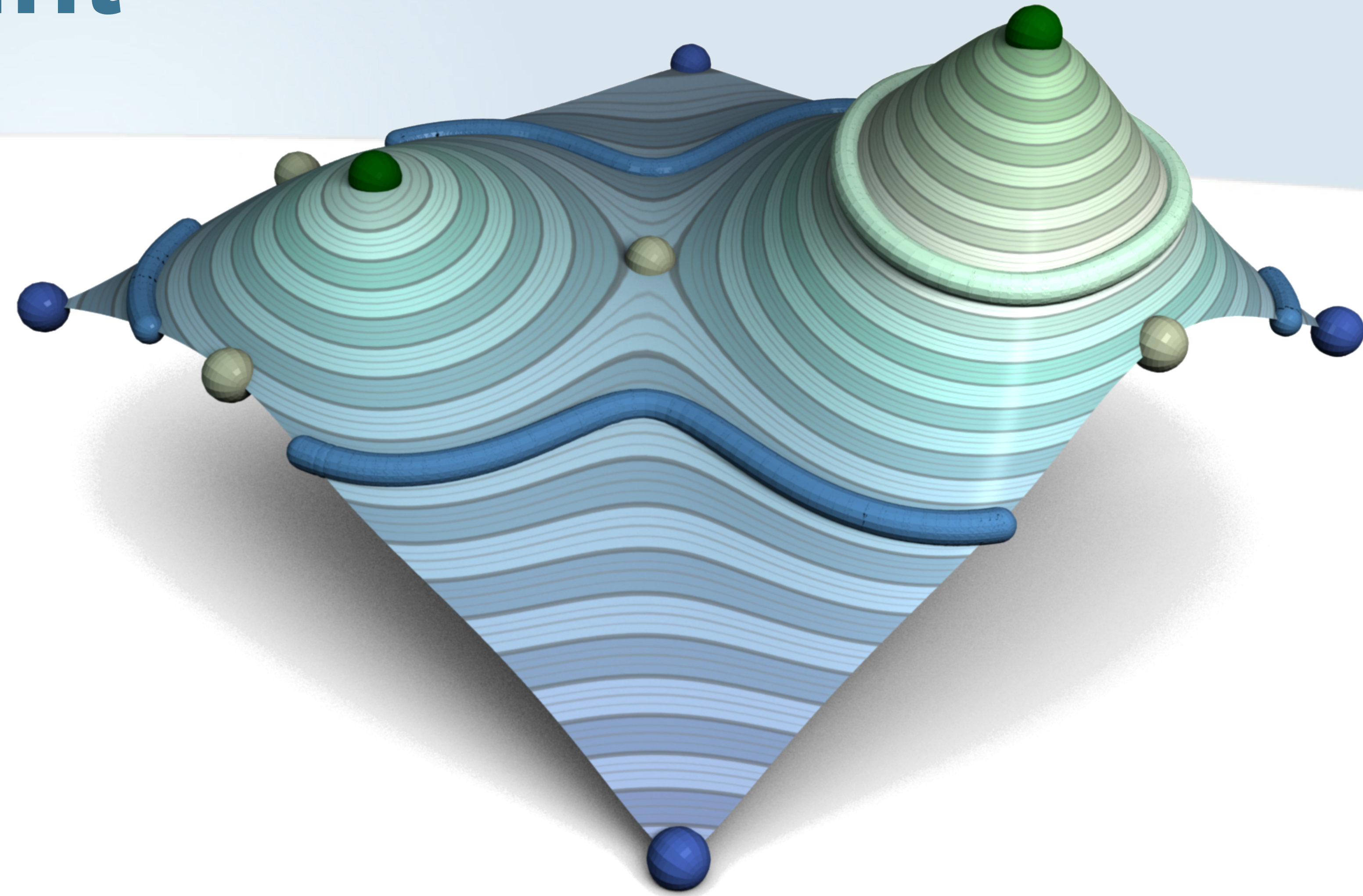
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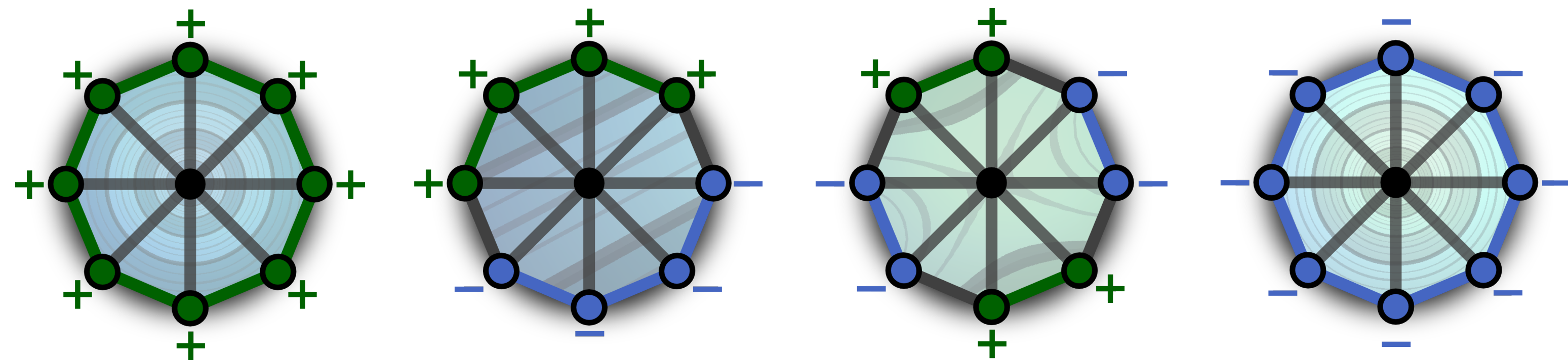
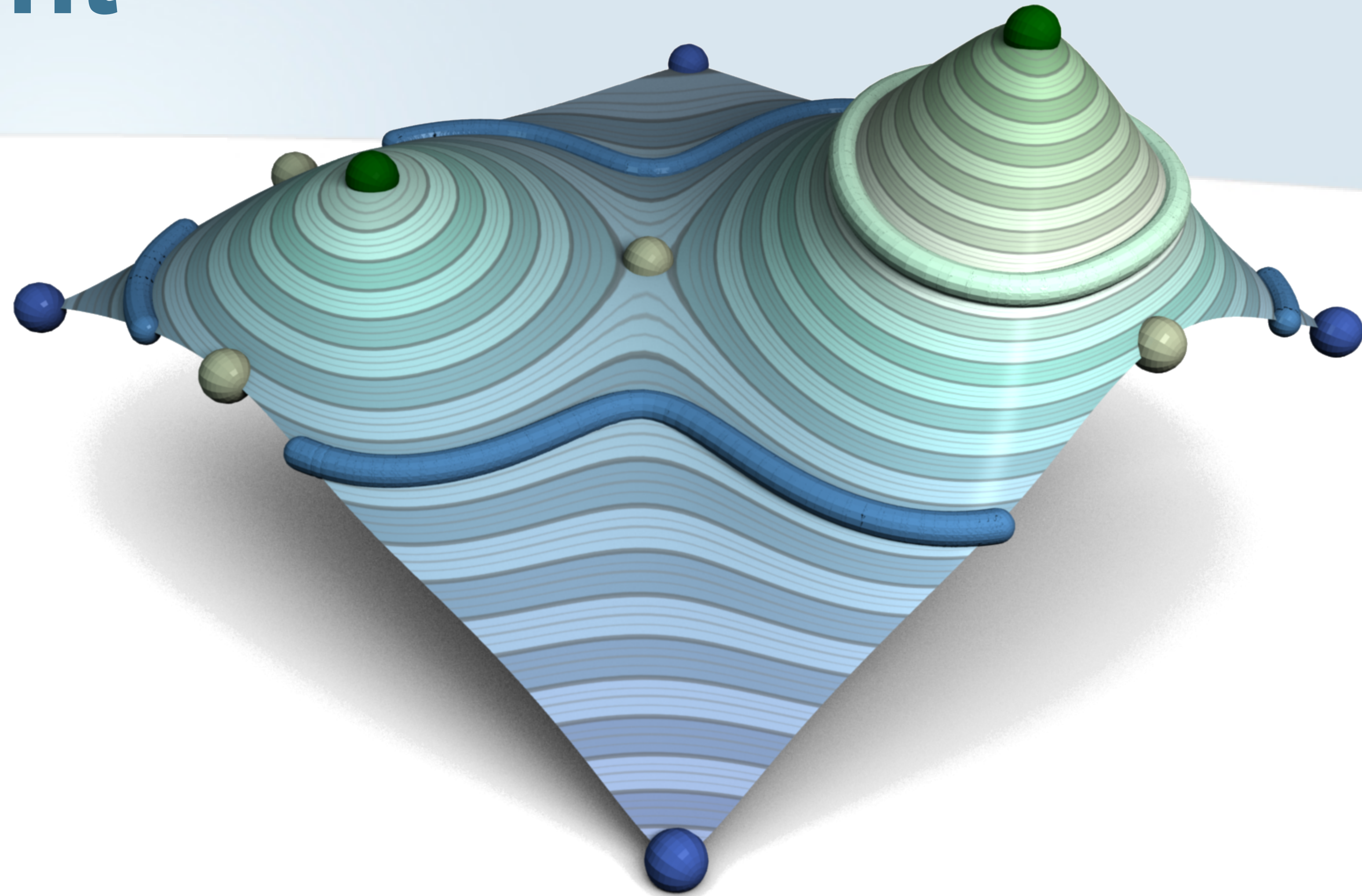
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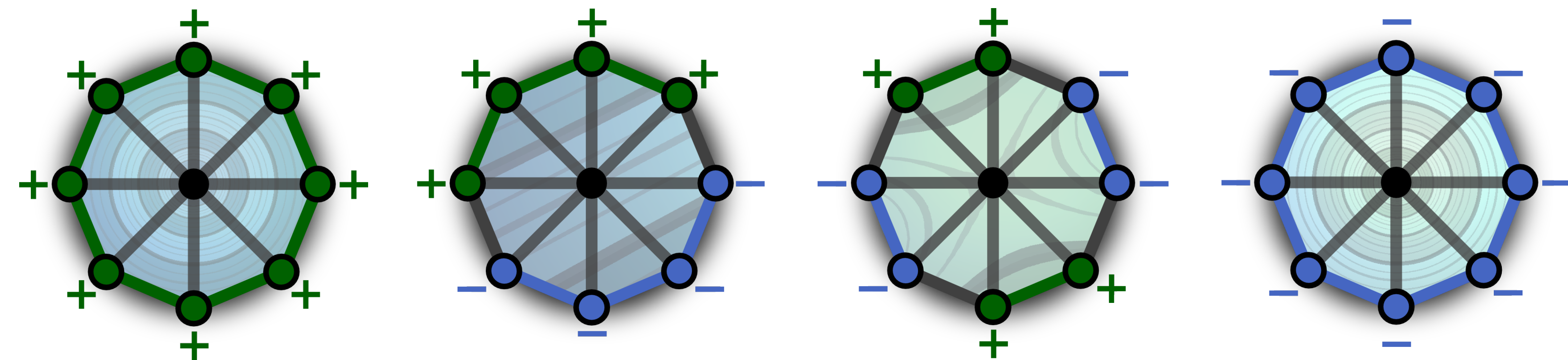
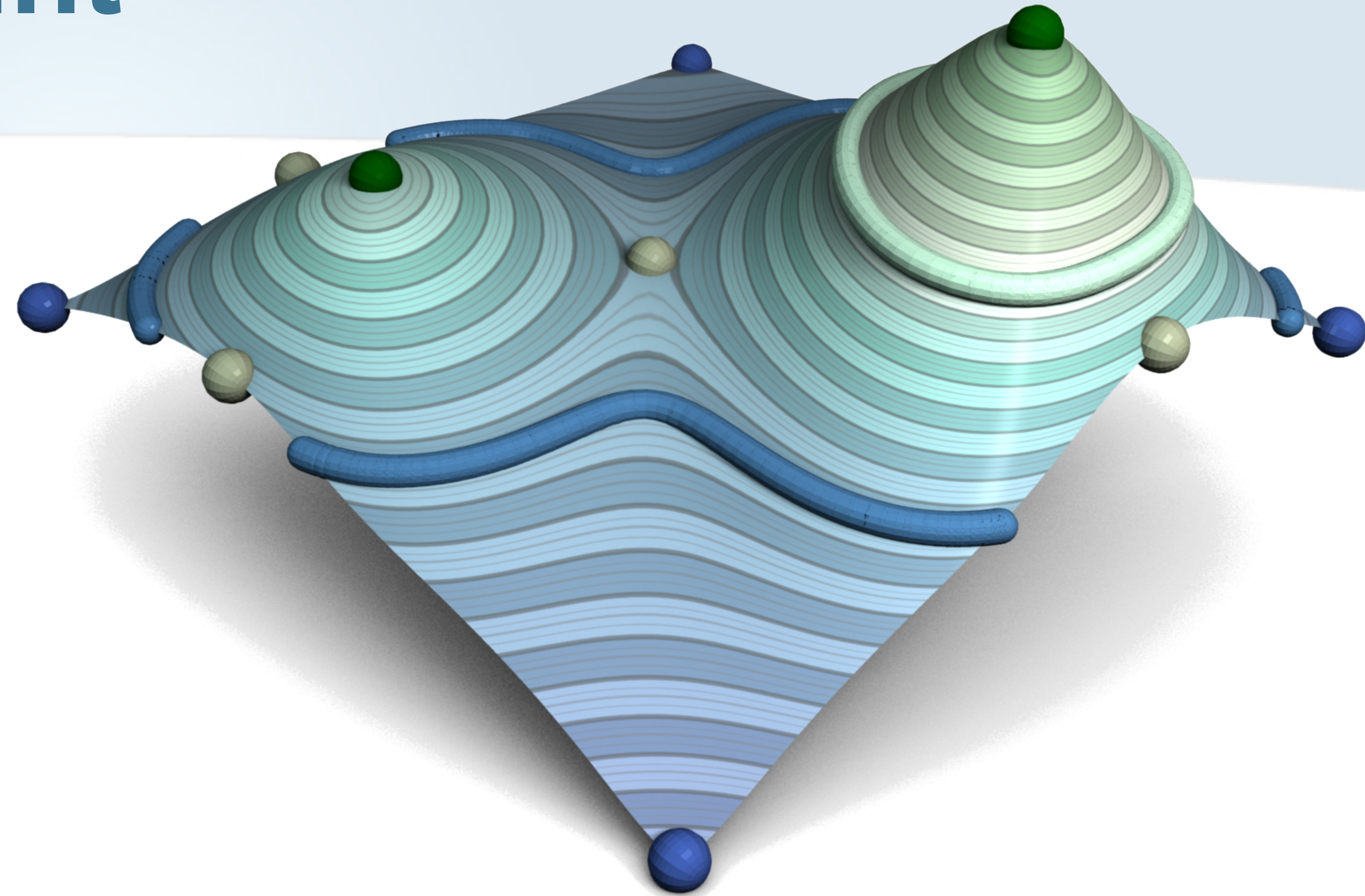
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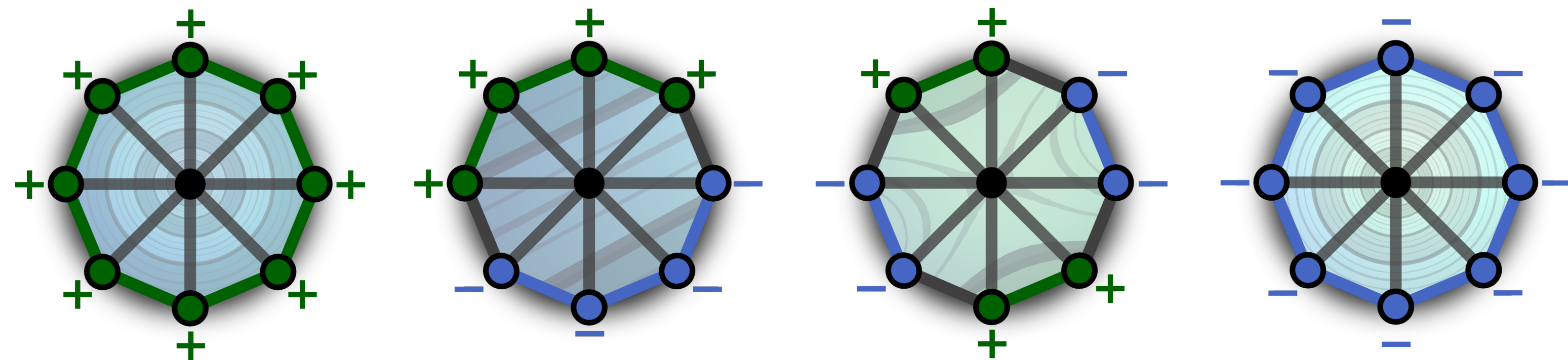
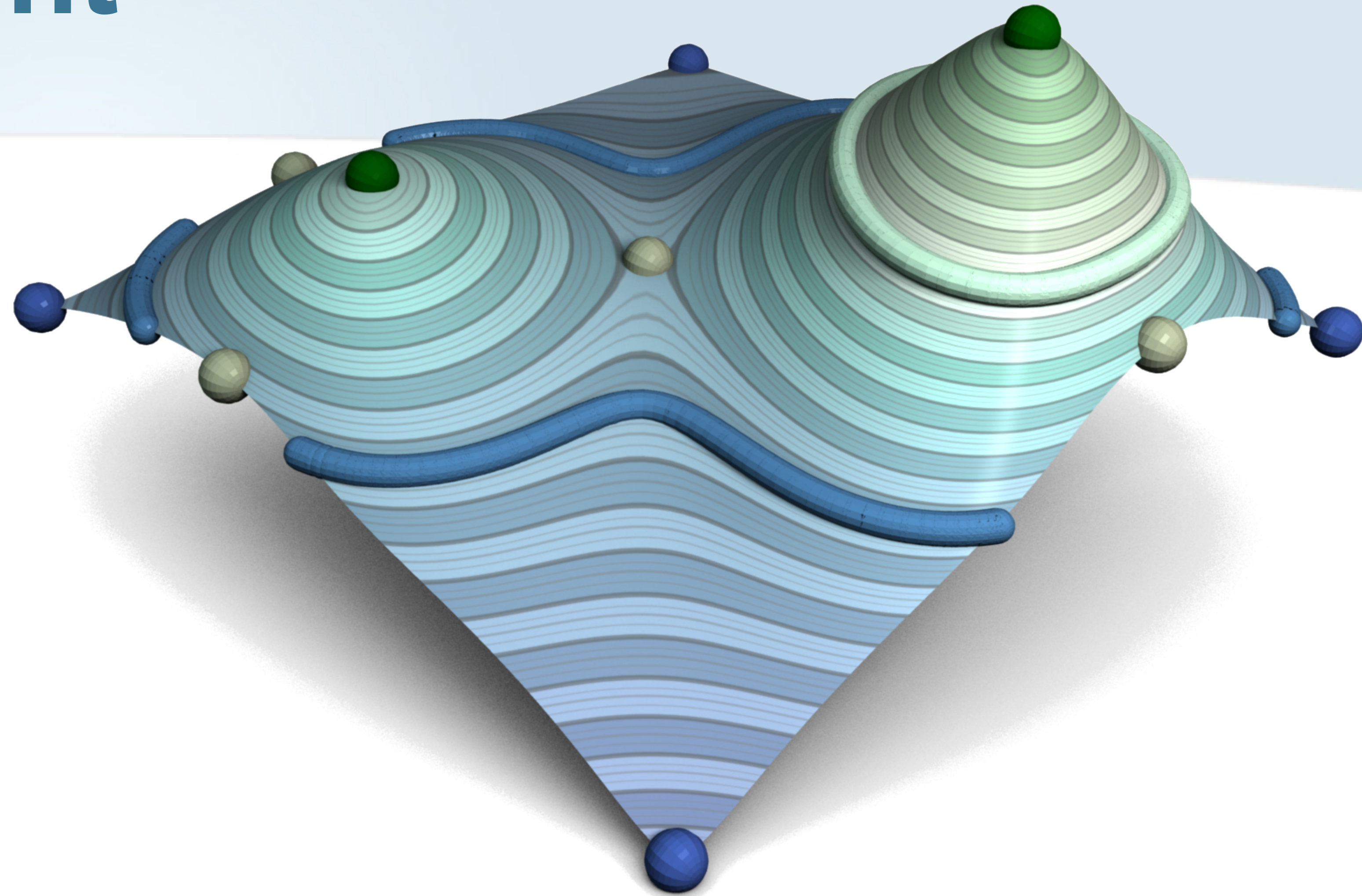
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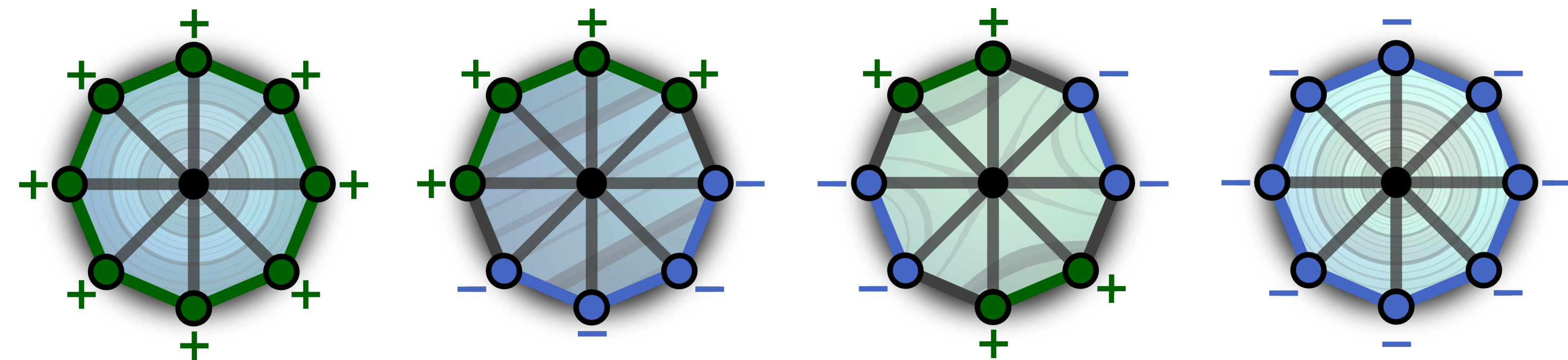
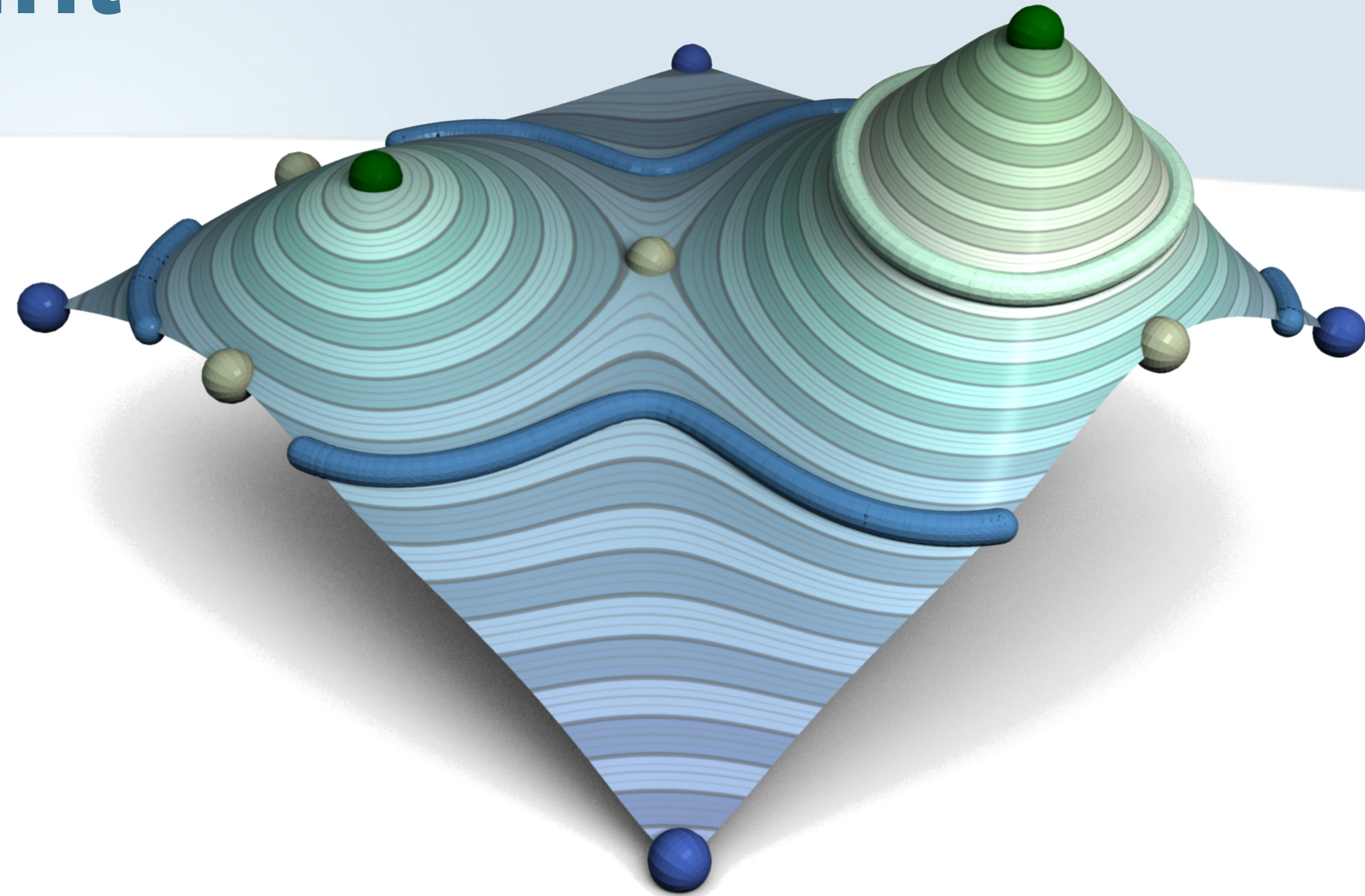
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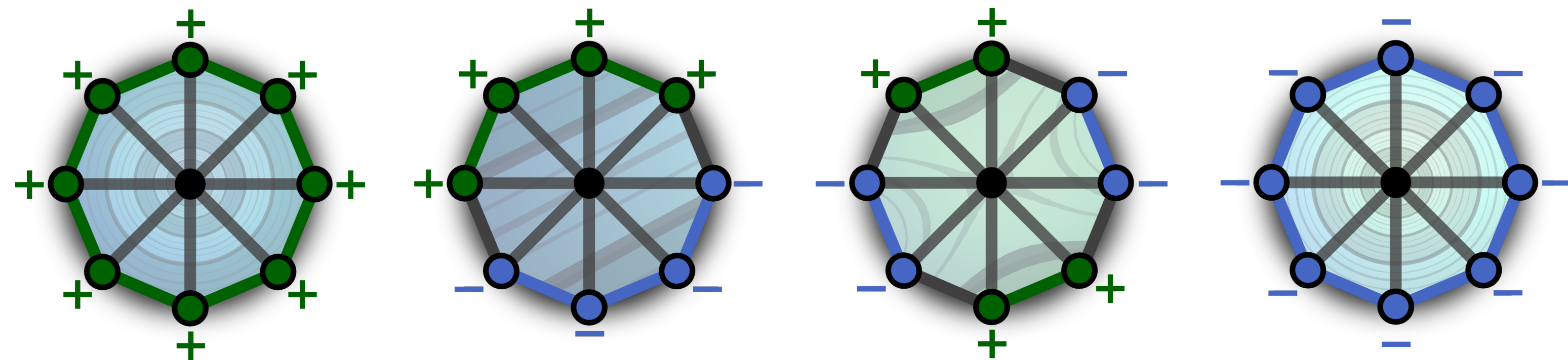
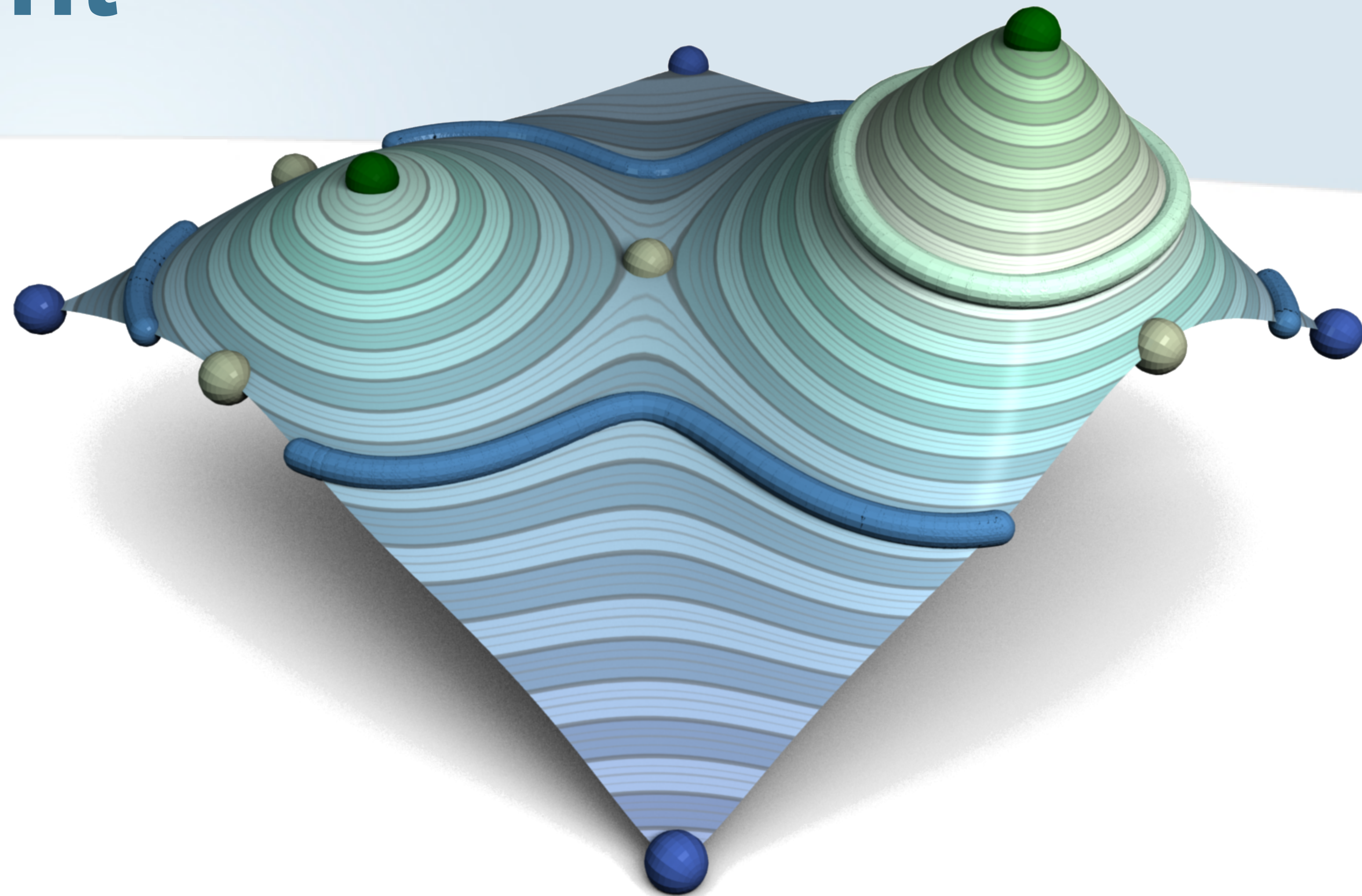
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  - Link of a simplex





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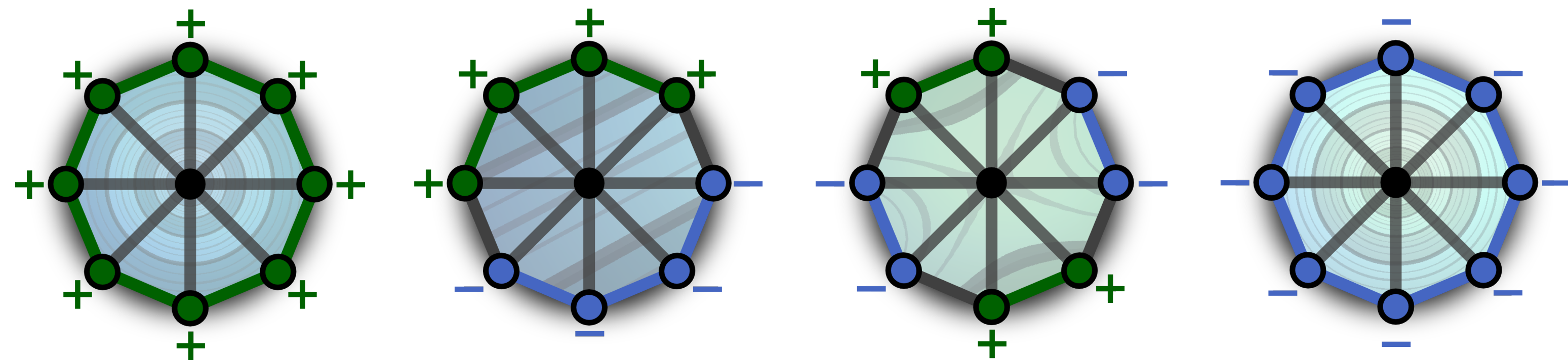
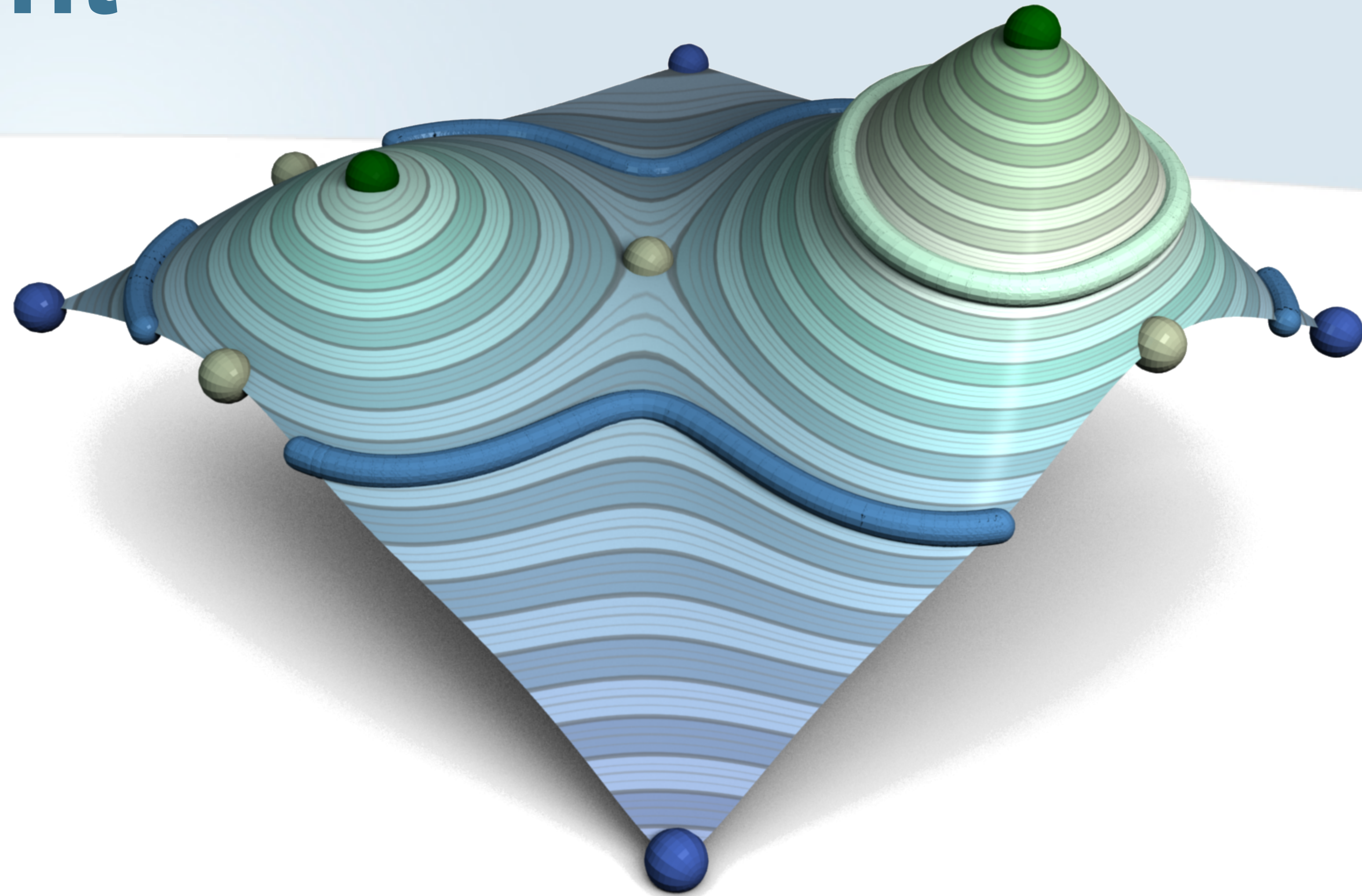
- Combinatorial identification
  - Star of a simplex  $\sigma$ 
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  - Link of a simplex
    - Simplices of the closure of the star that do not contain  $\sigma$  as a face





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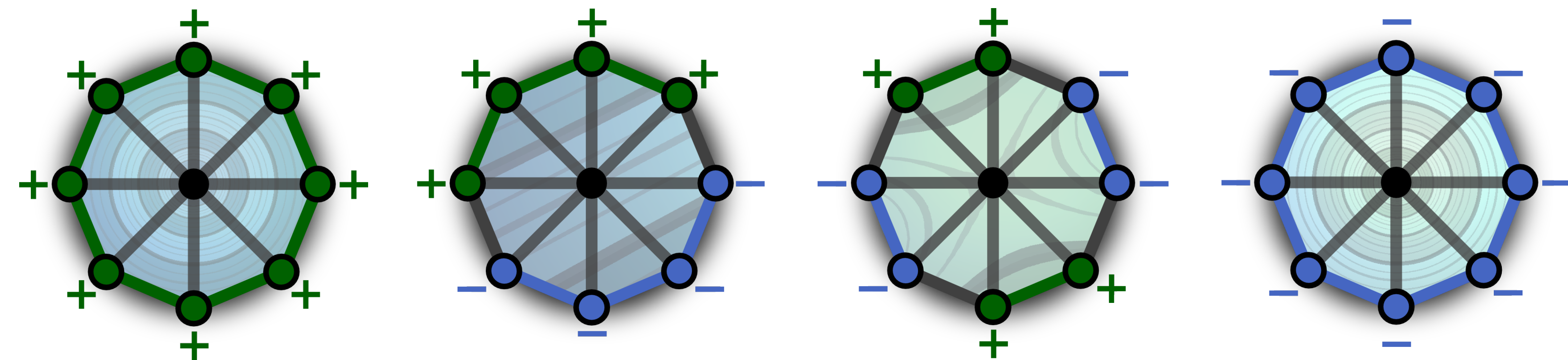
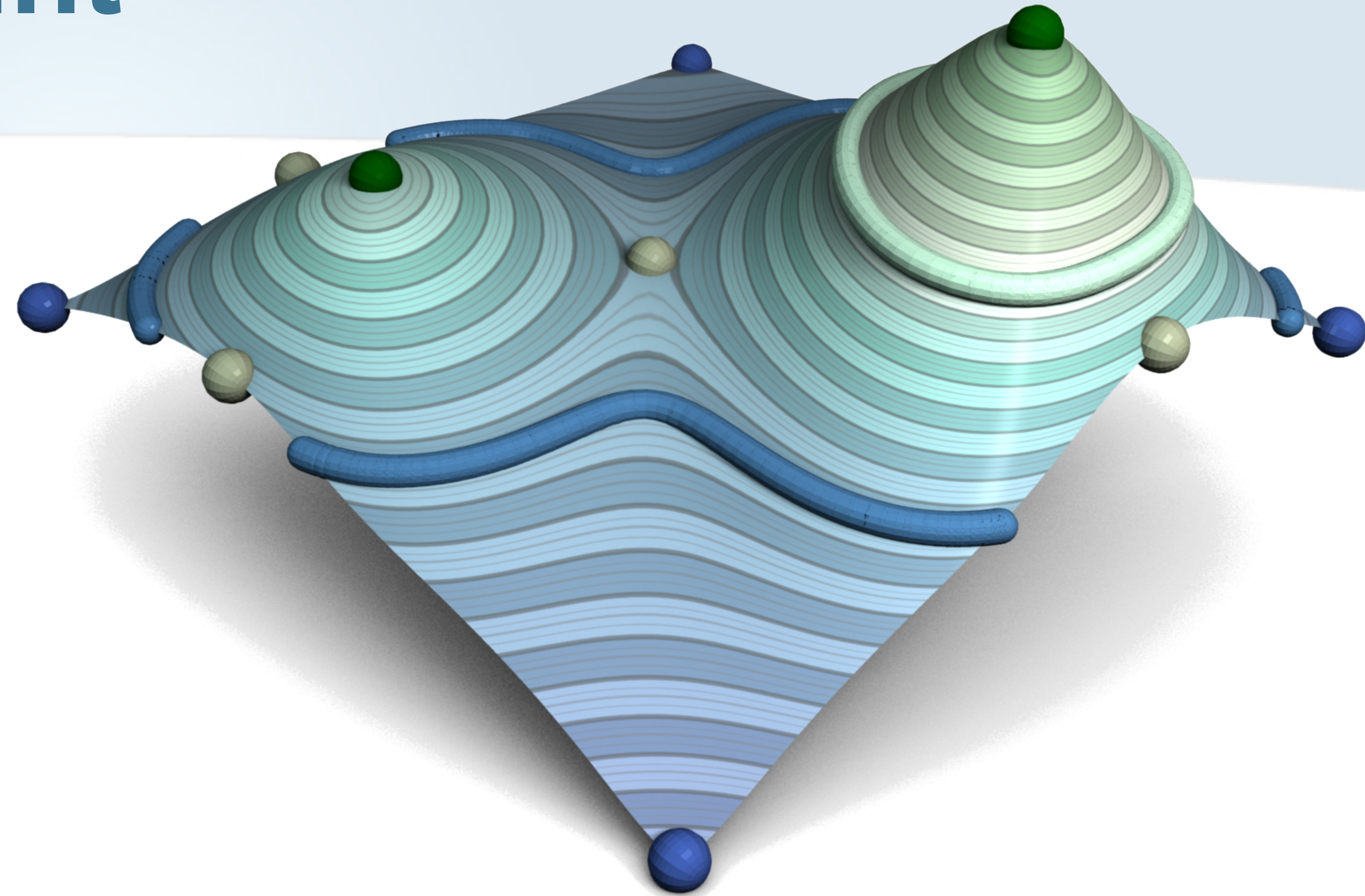
- Combinatorial identification
  - Lower link of  $v$





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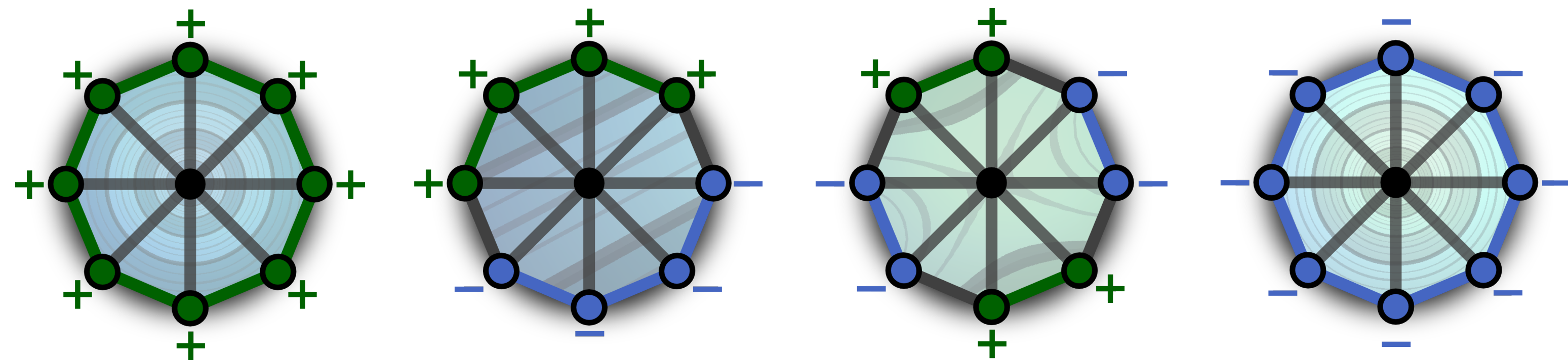
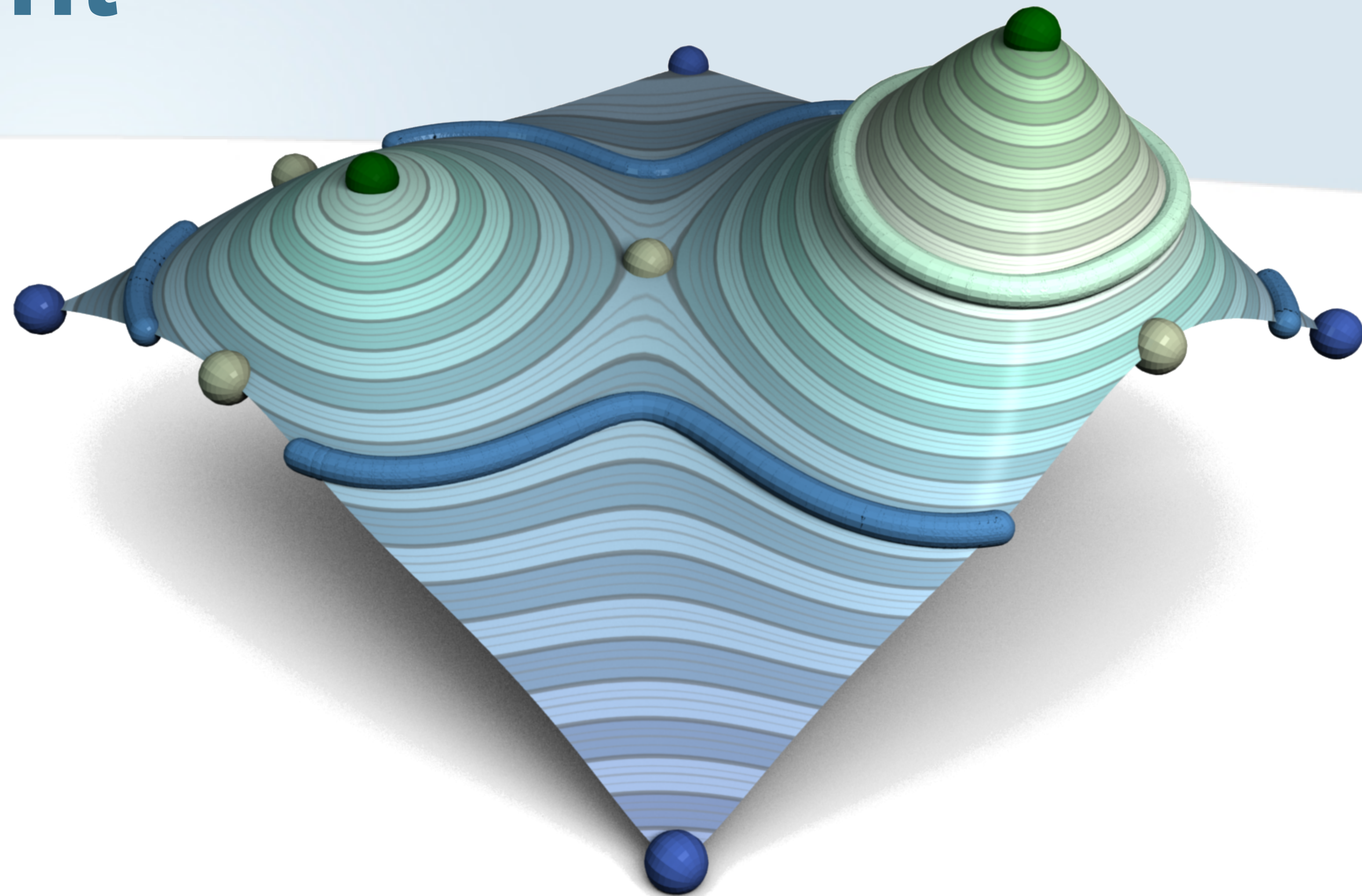
- Combinatorial identification
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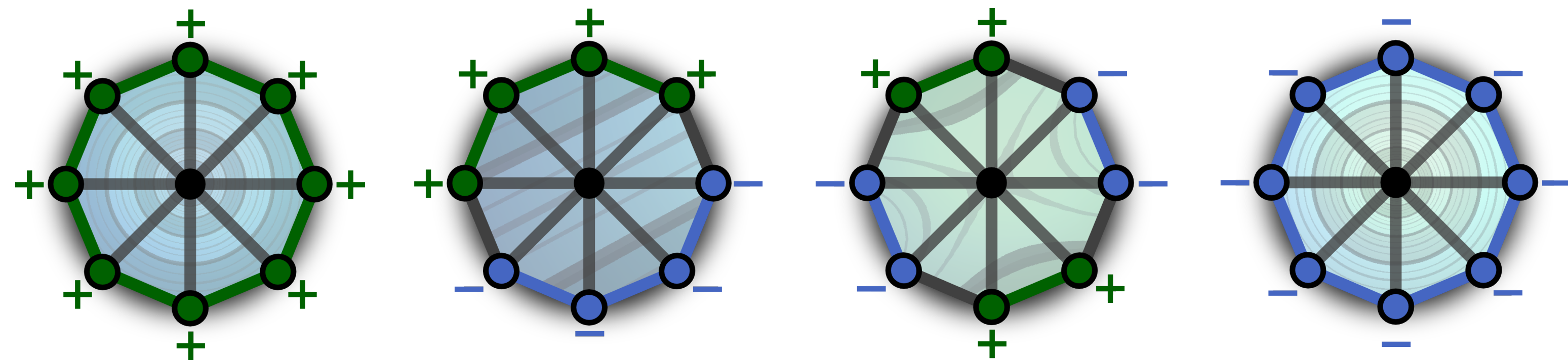
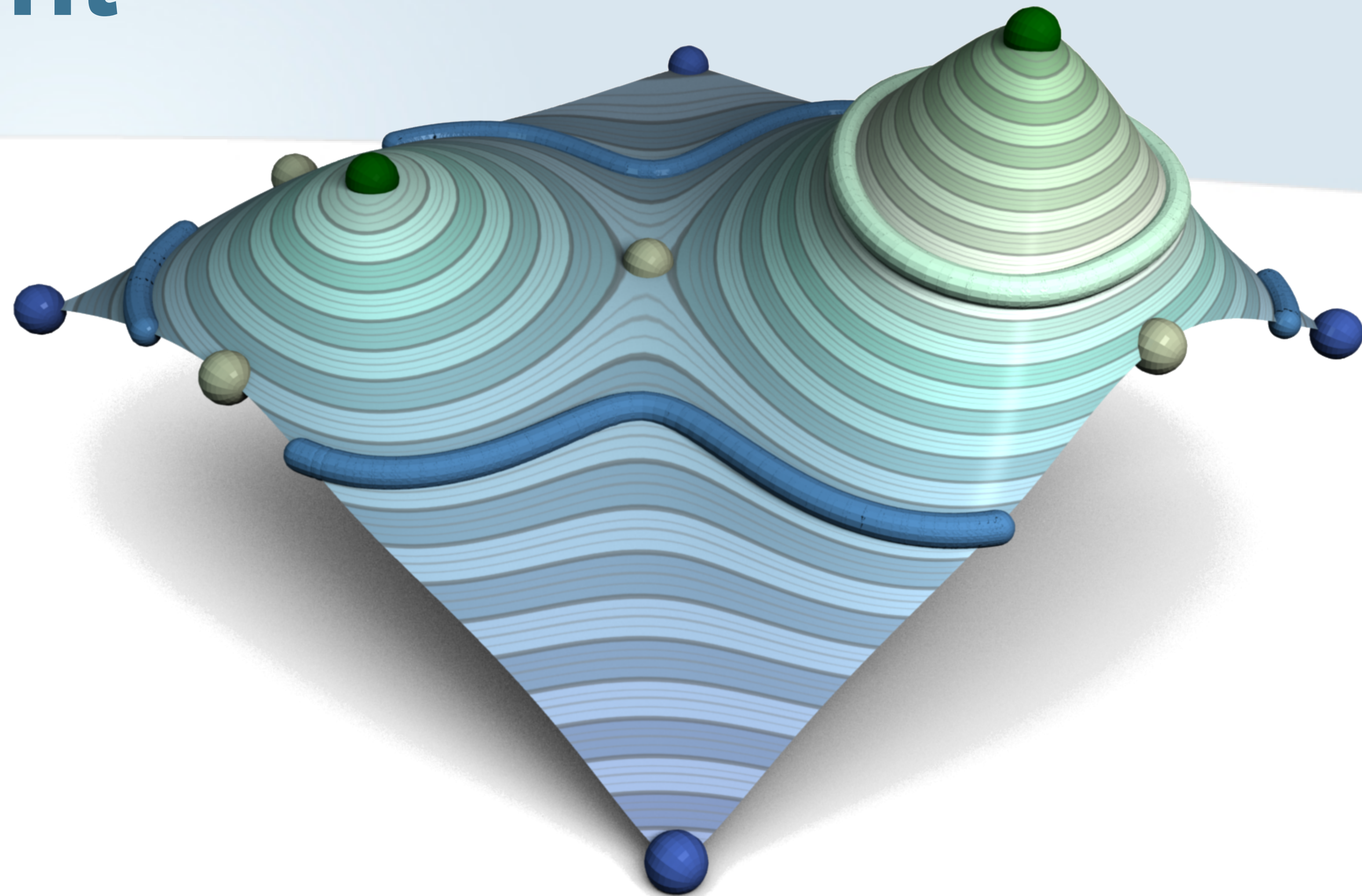
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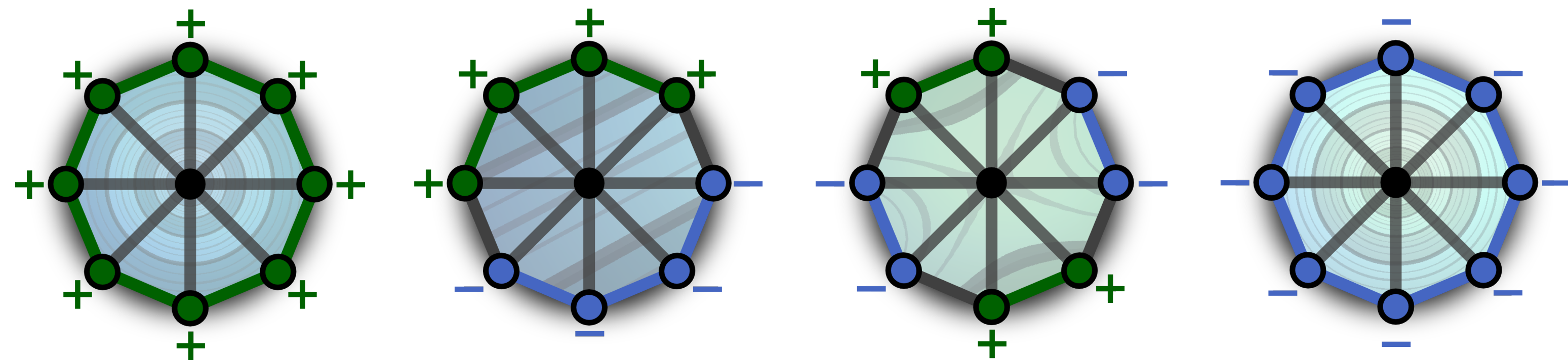
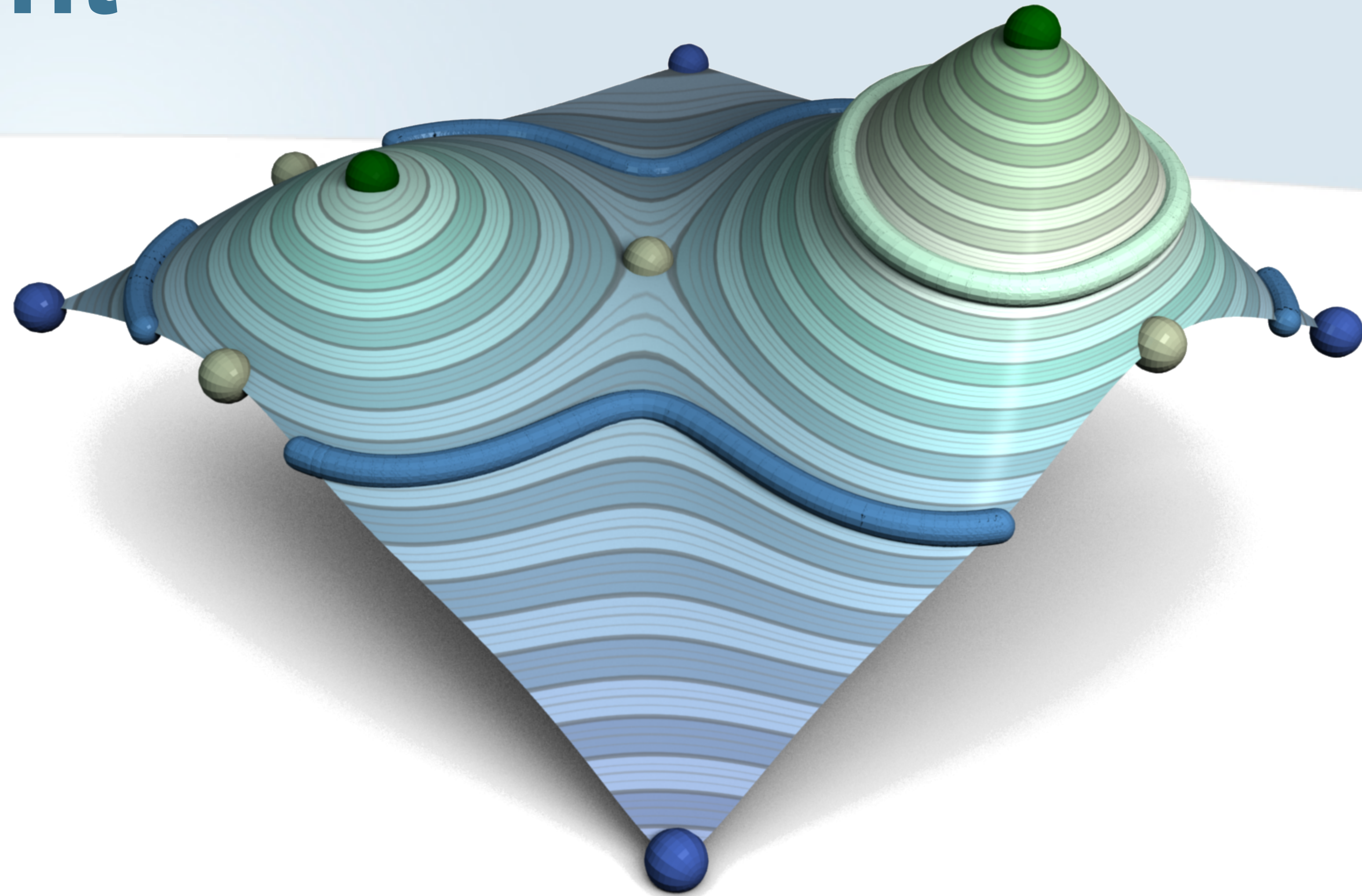
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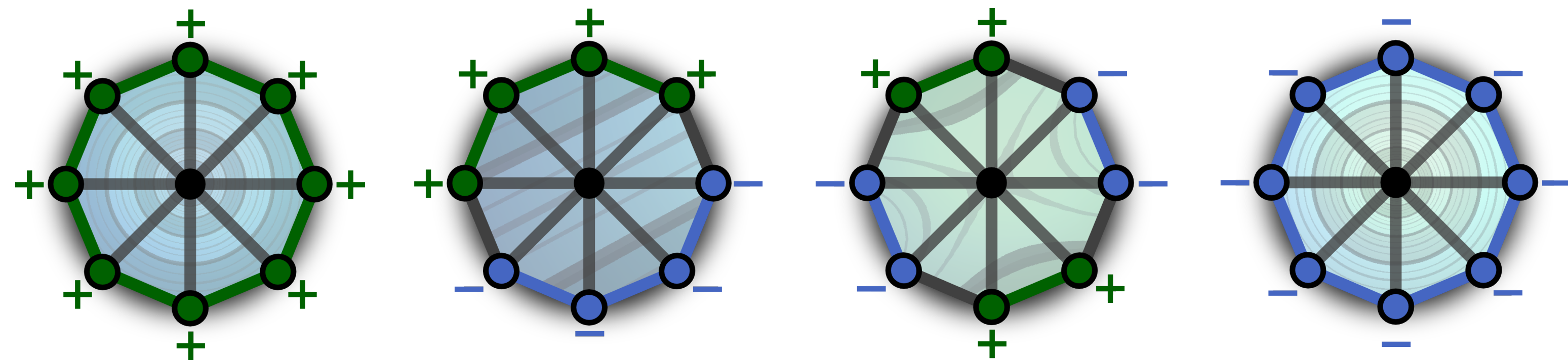
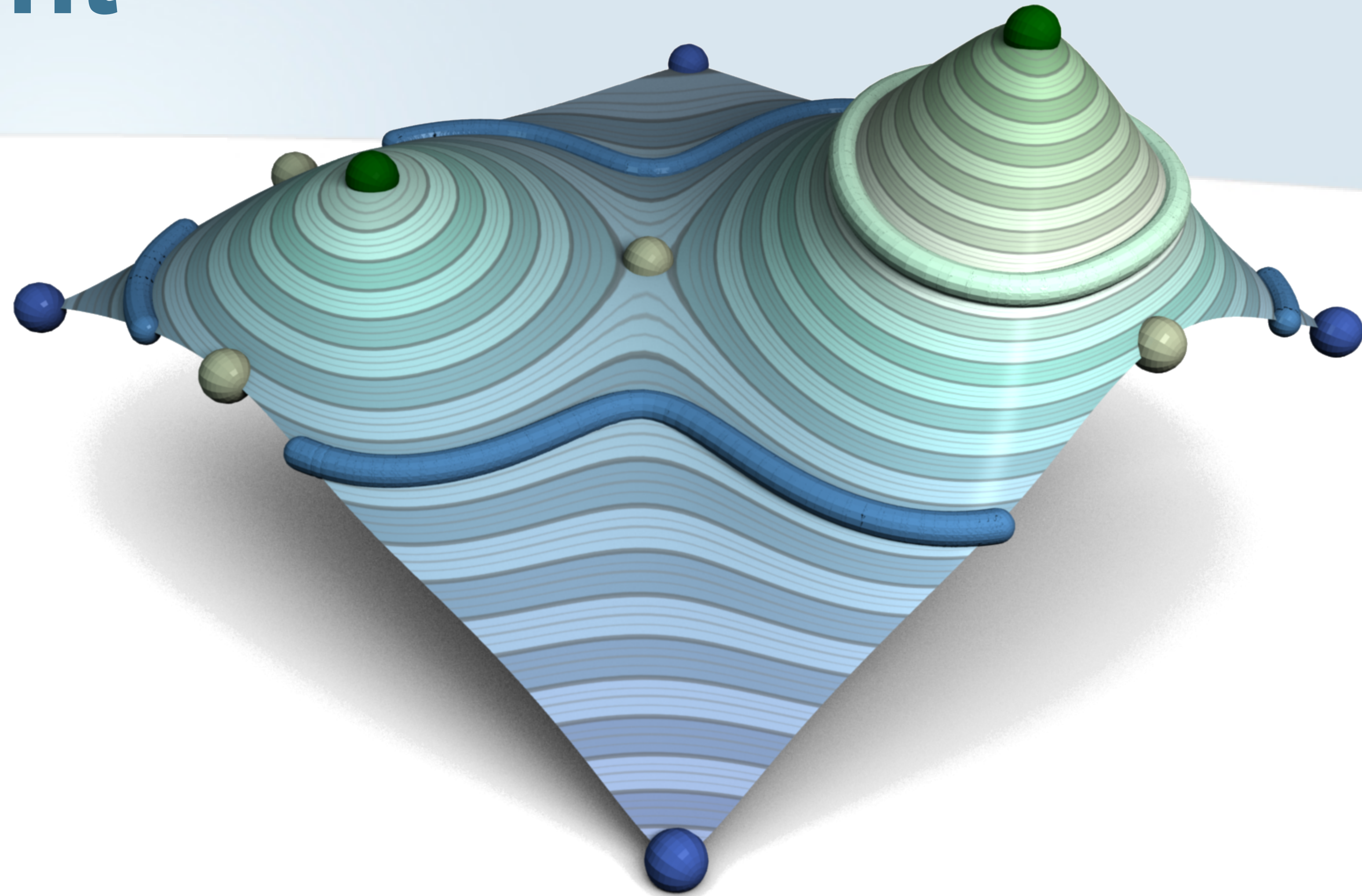
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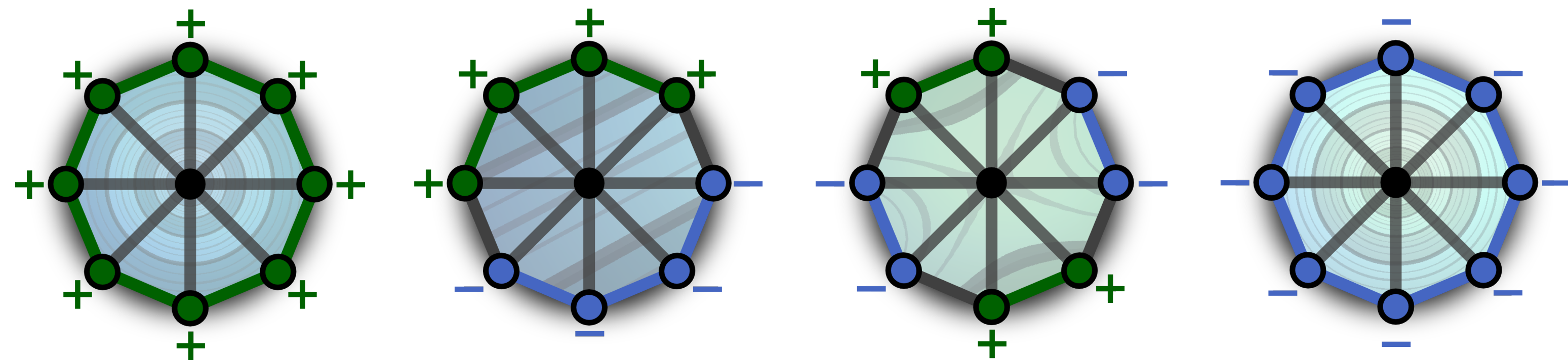
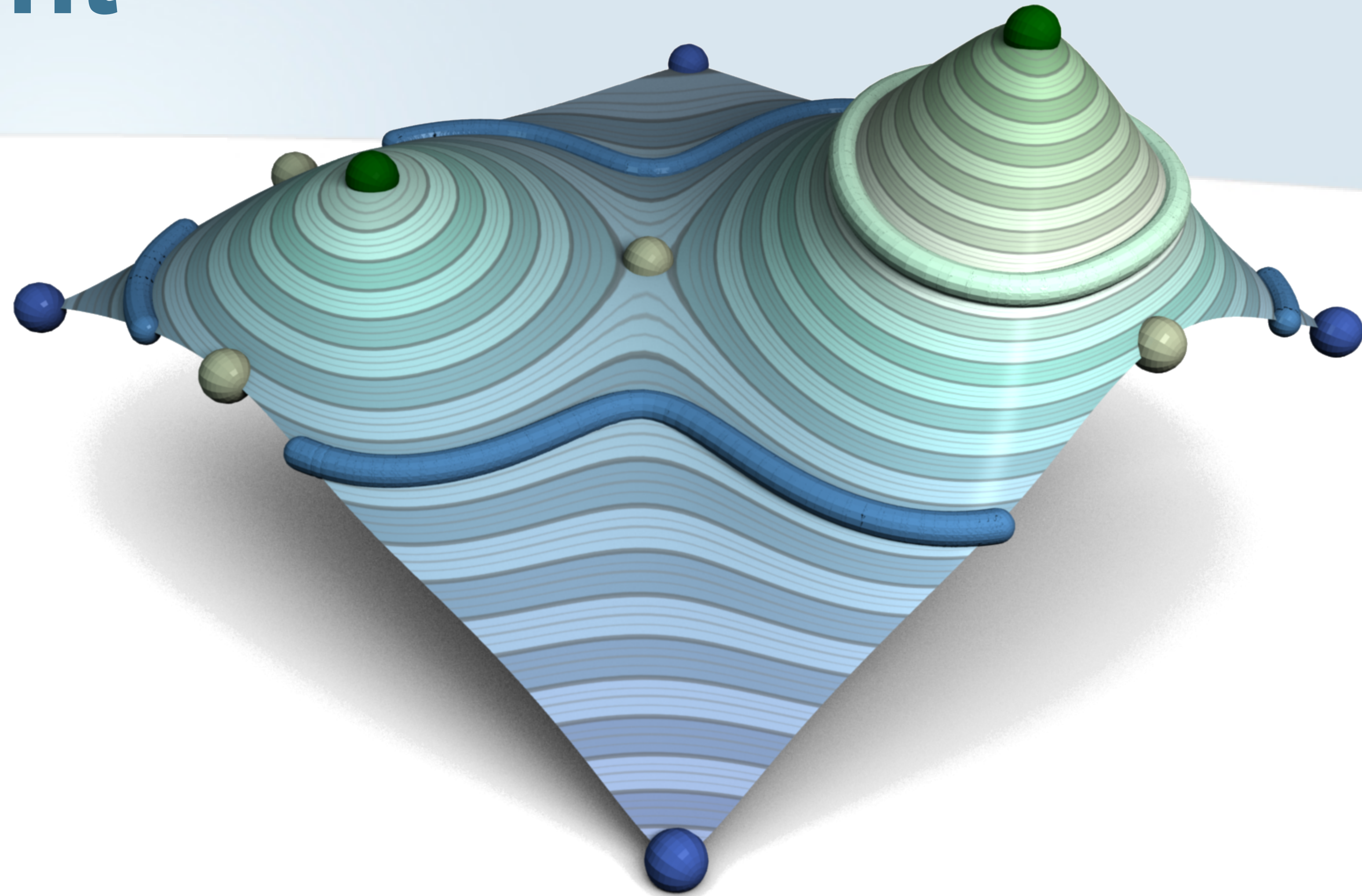
- Combinatorial identification
  - Minimum





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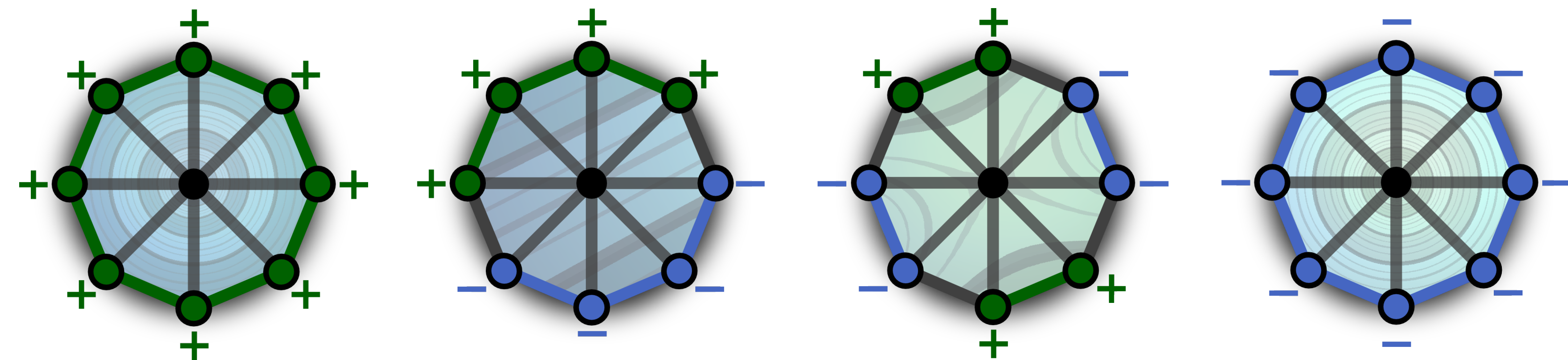
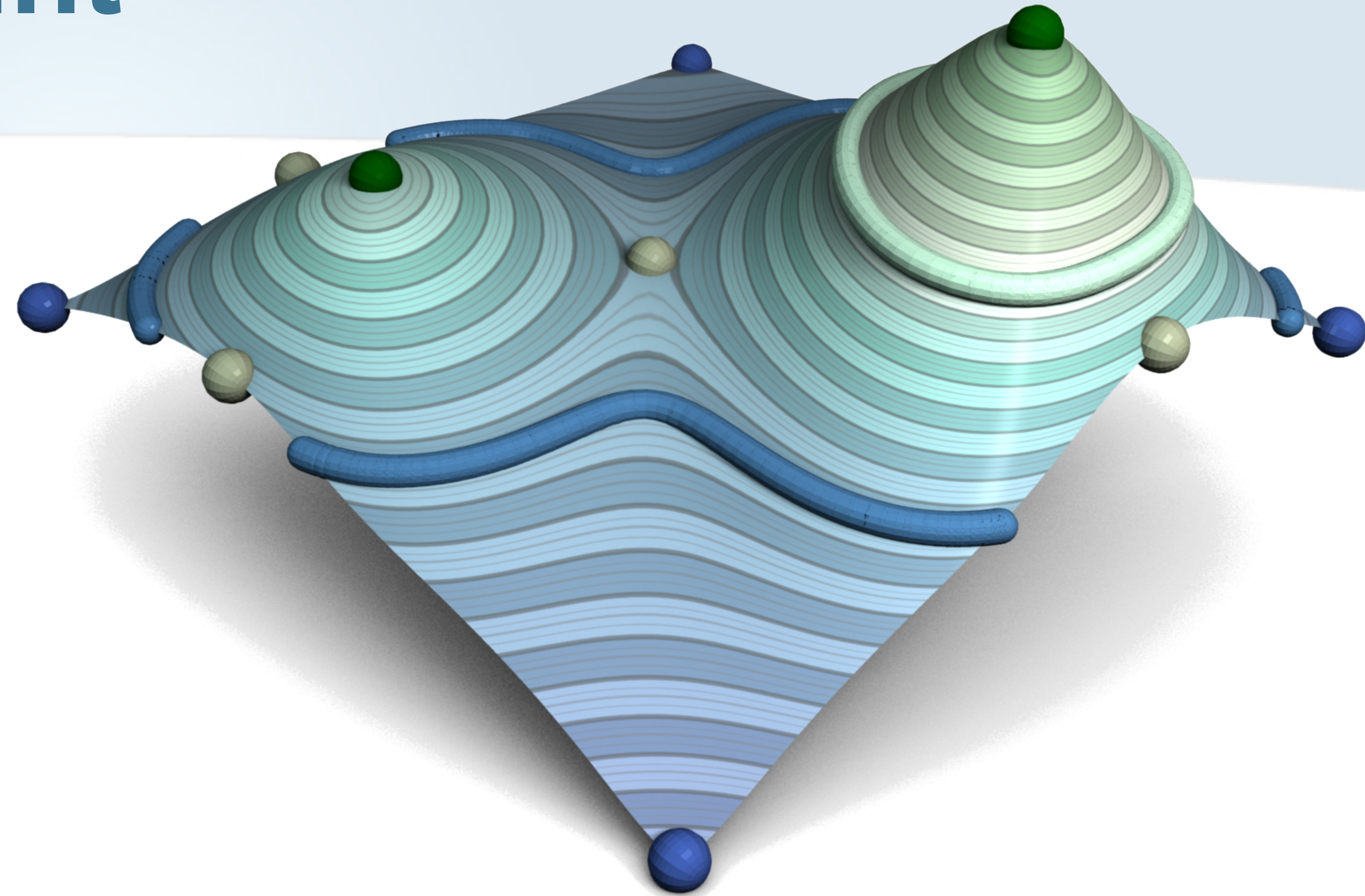
- Combinatorial identification
  - Minimum
    - Empty lower link





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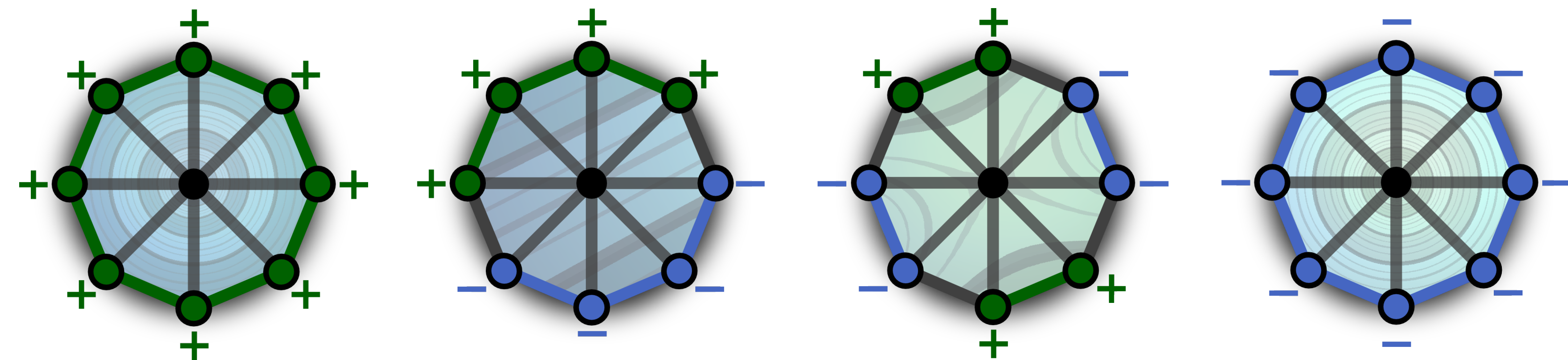
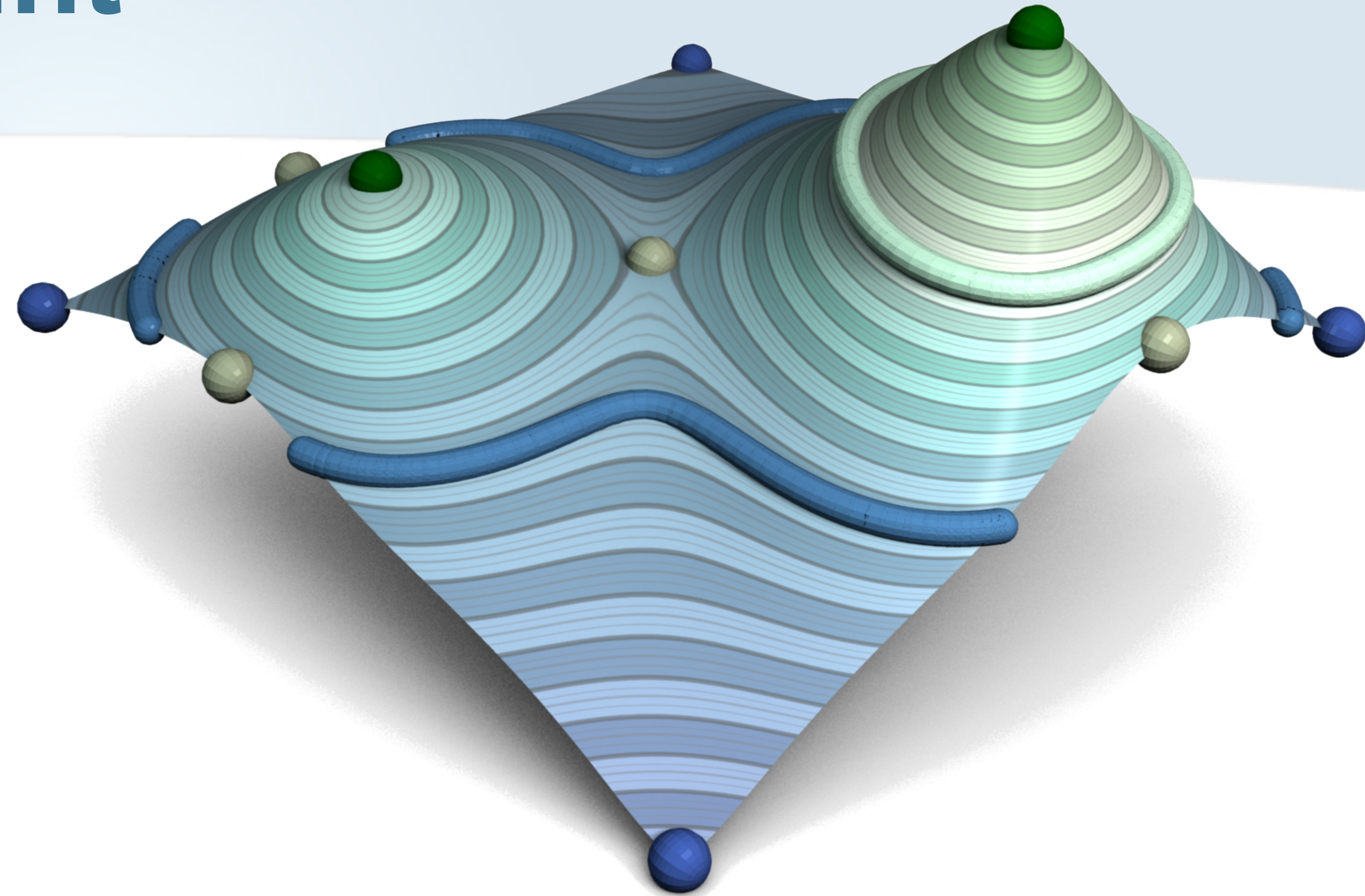
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  - Maximum





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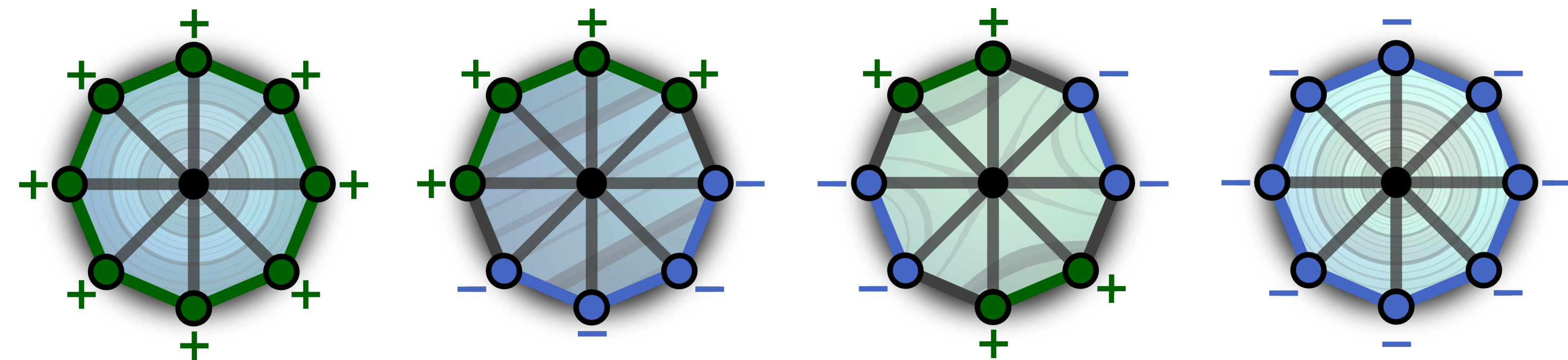
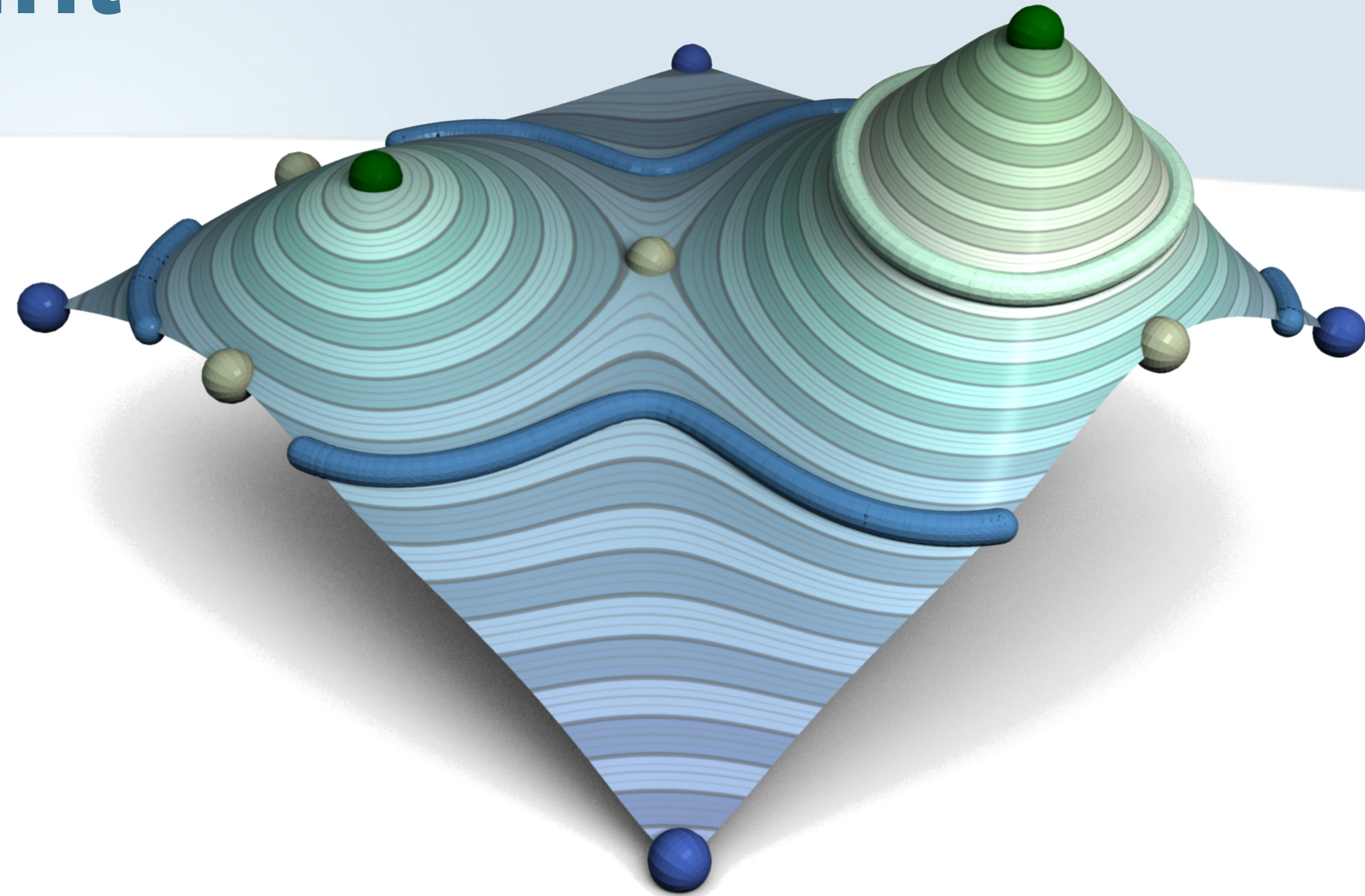
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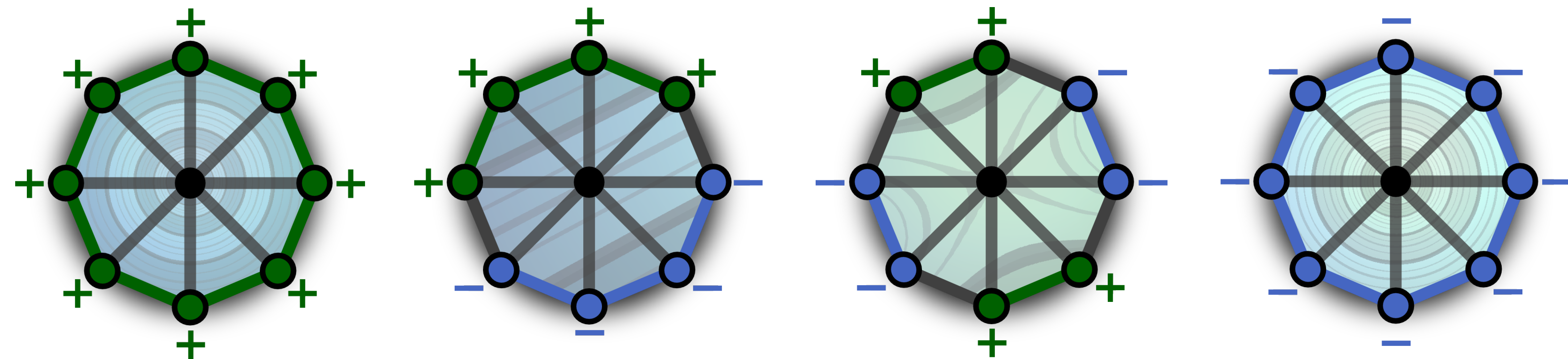
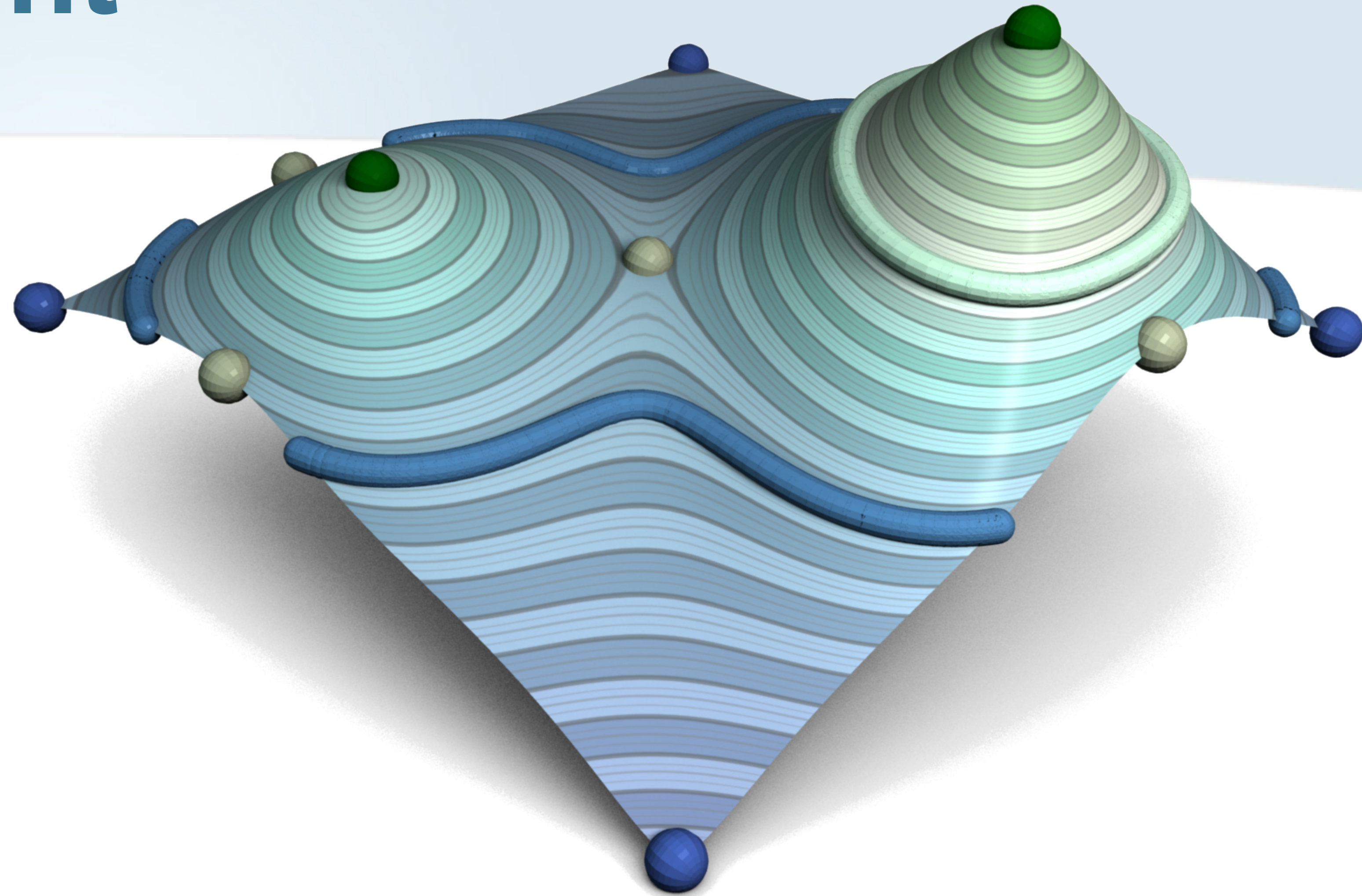
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  - Regular point





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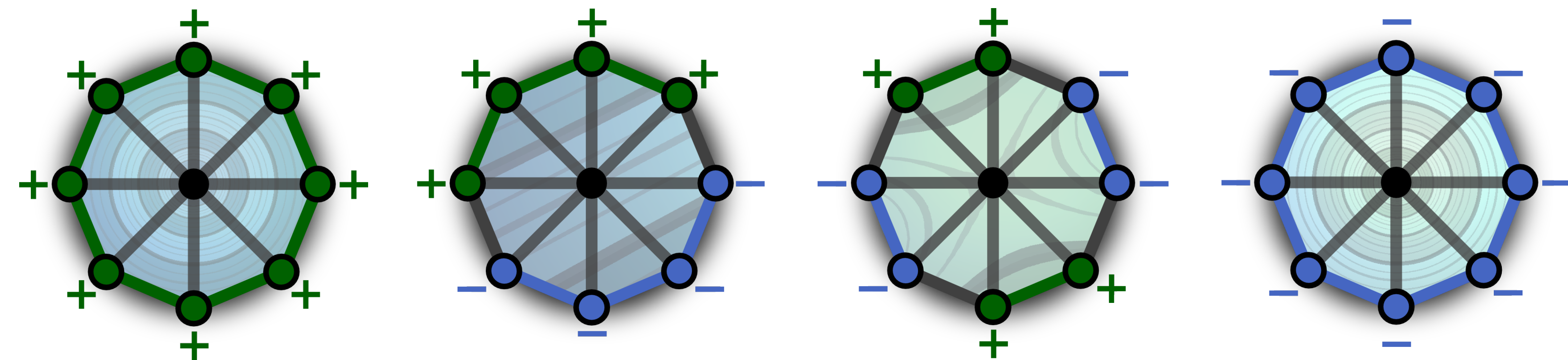
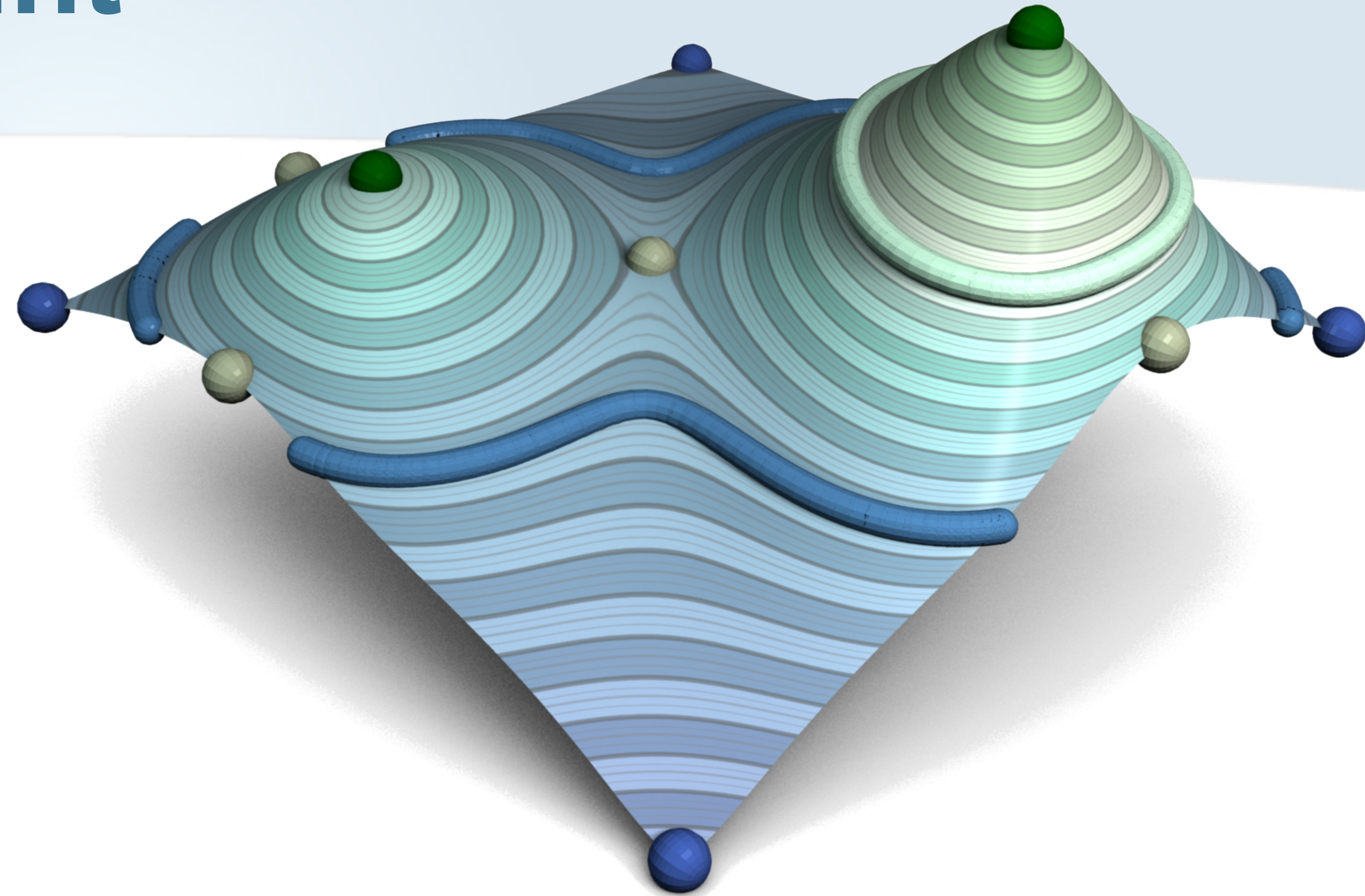
- Combinatorial identification
  - Minimum
    - Empty lower link
  - Maximum
    - Empty upper link
  - Regular point
    - Lower and upper links both *simply connected*





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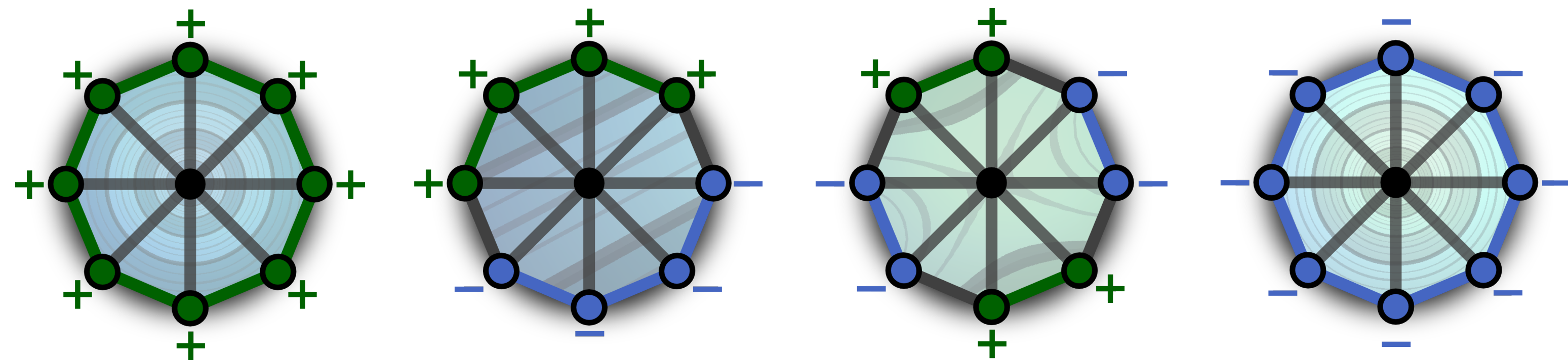
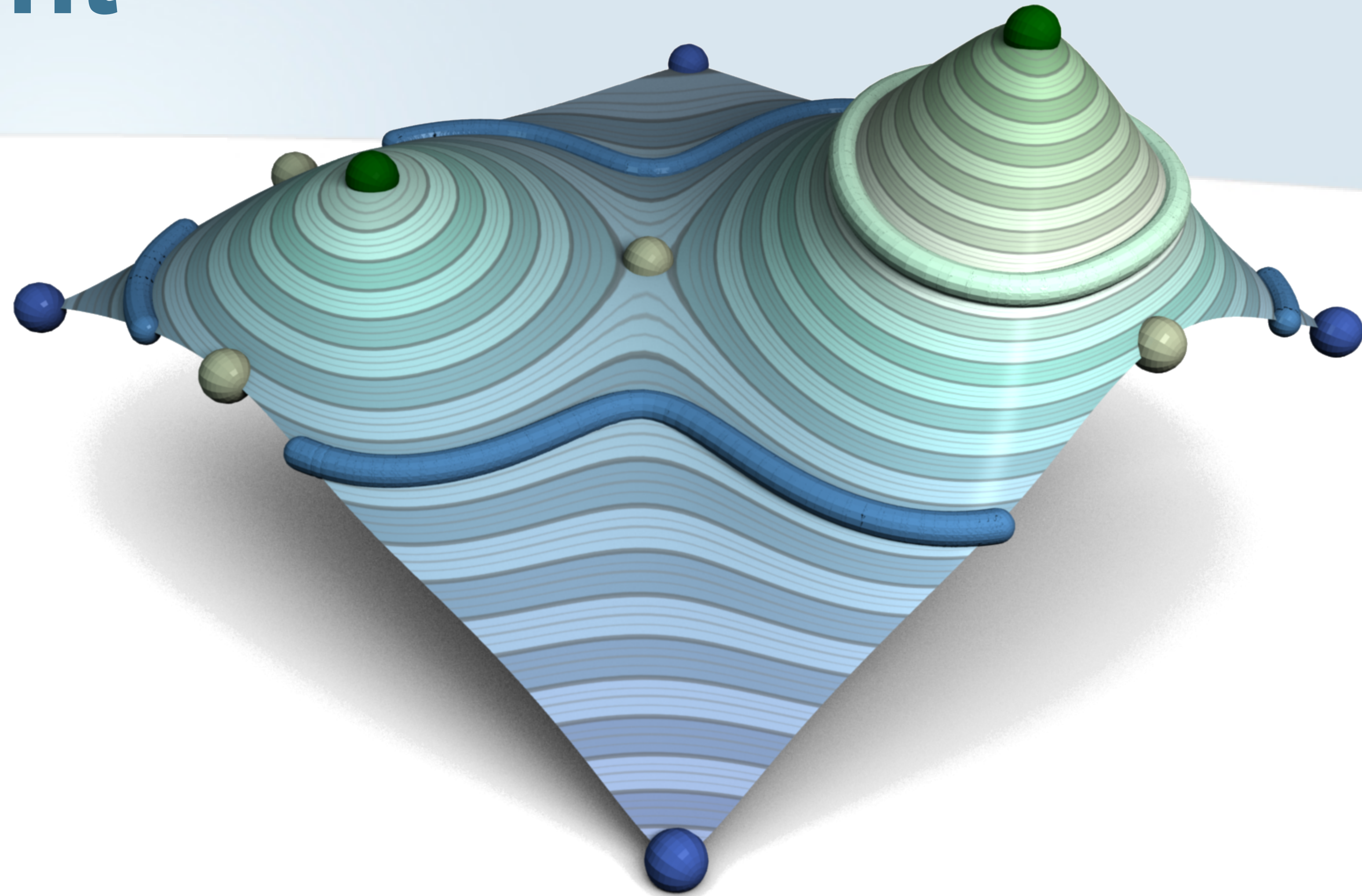
- Combinatorial identification
  - Everything else





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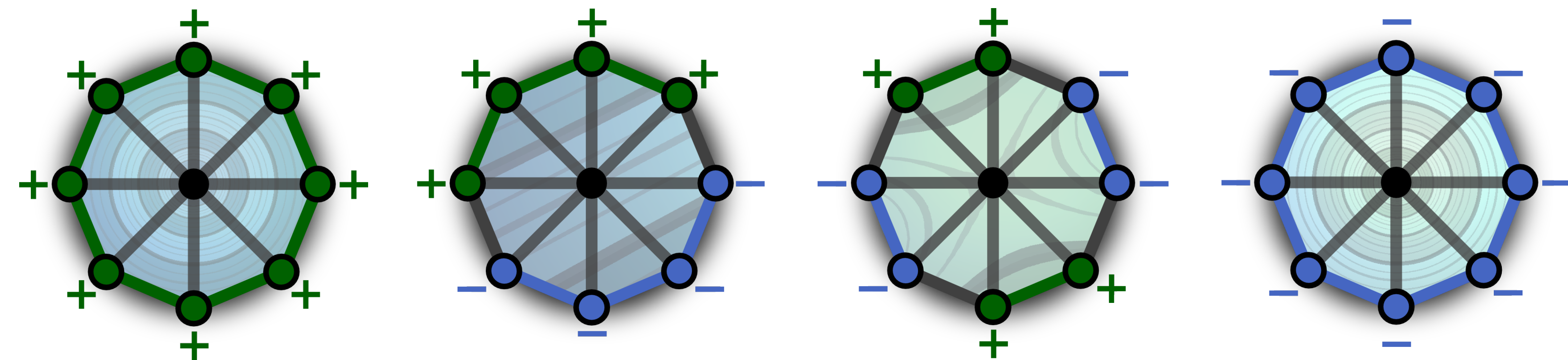
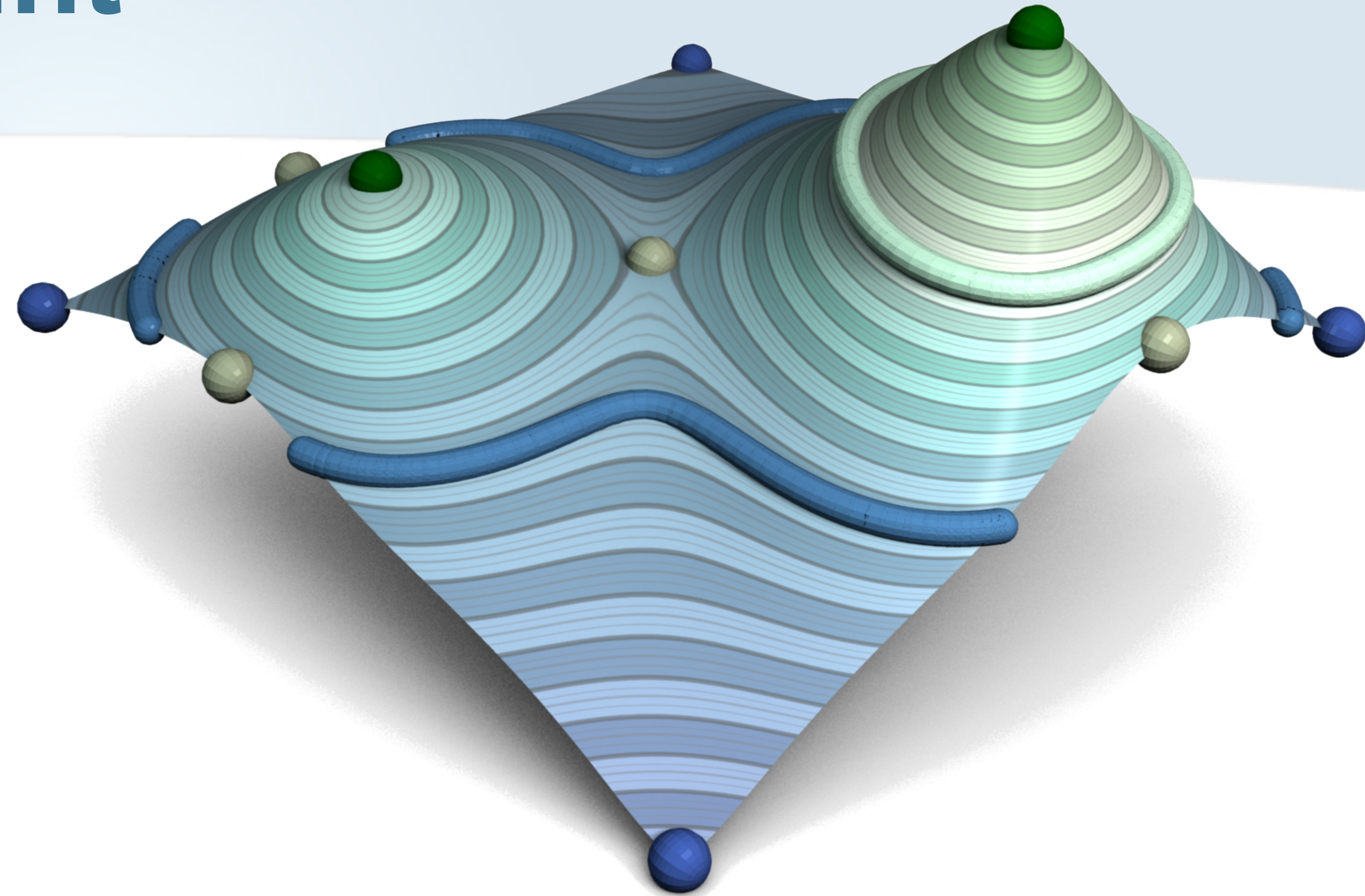
- Combinatorial identification
  - Everything else
    - Saddle





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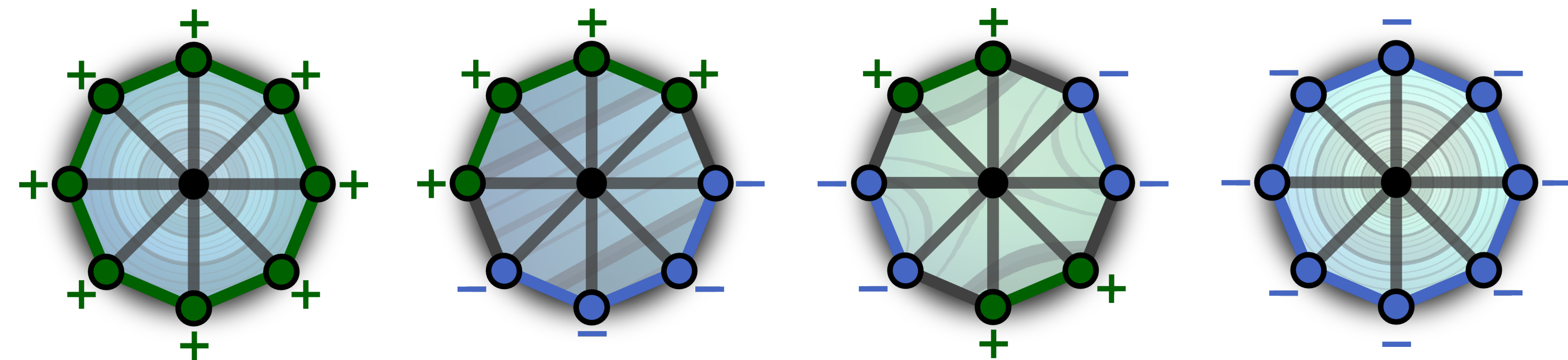
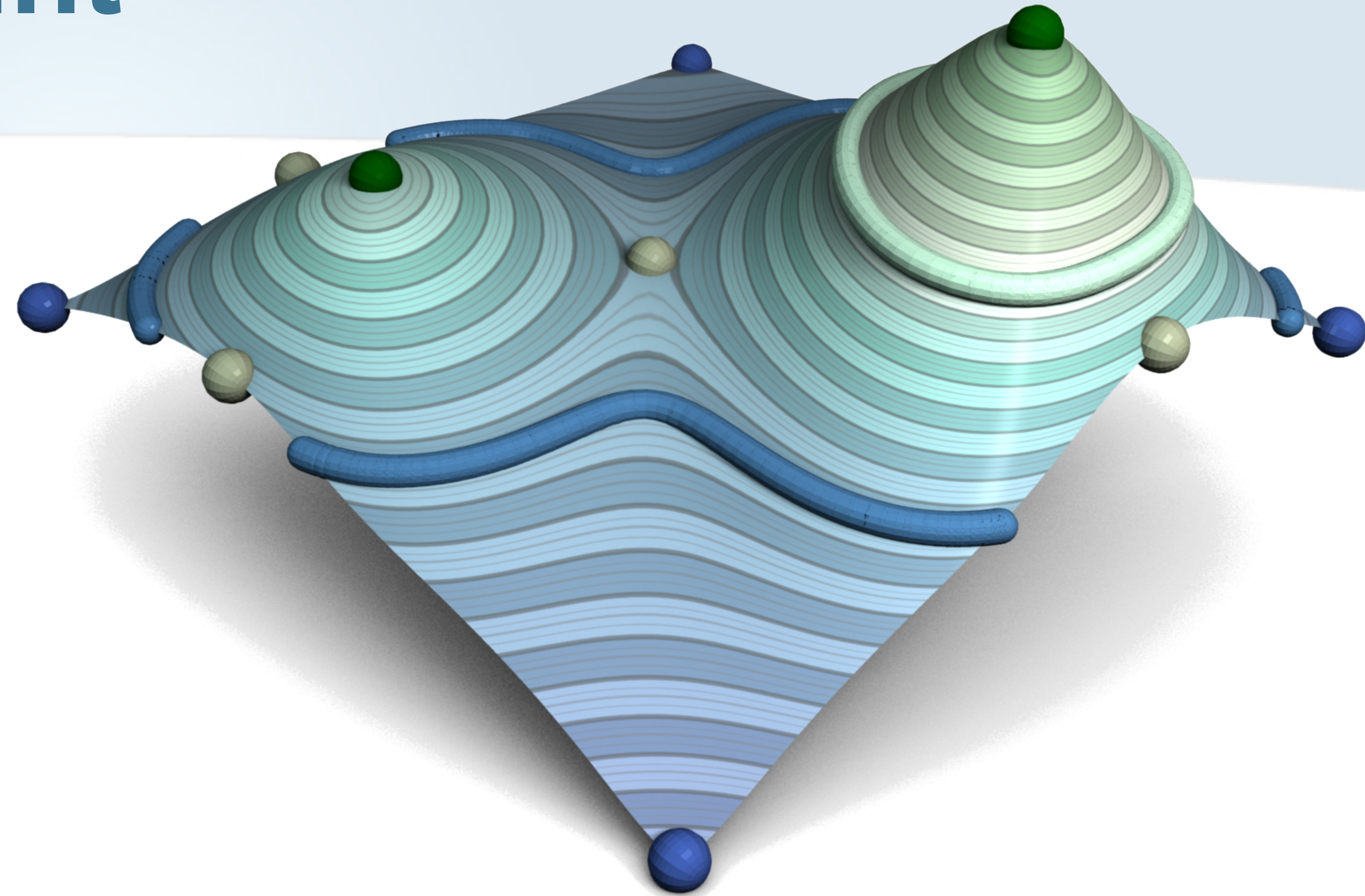
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- Works in arbitrary dimension





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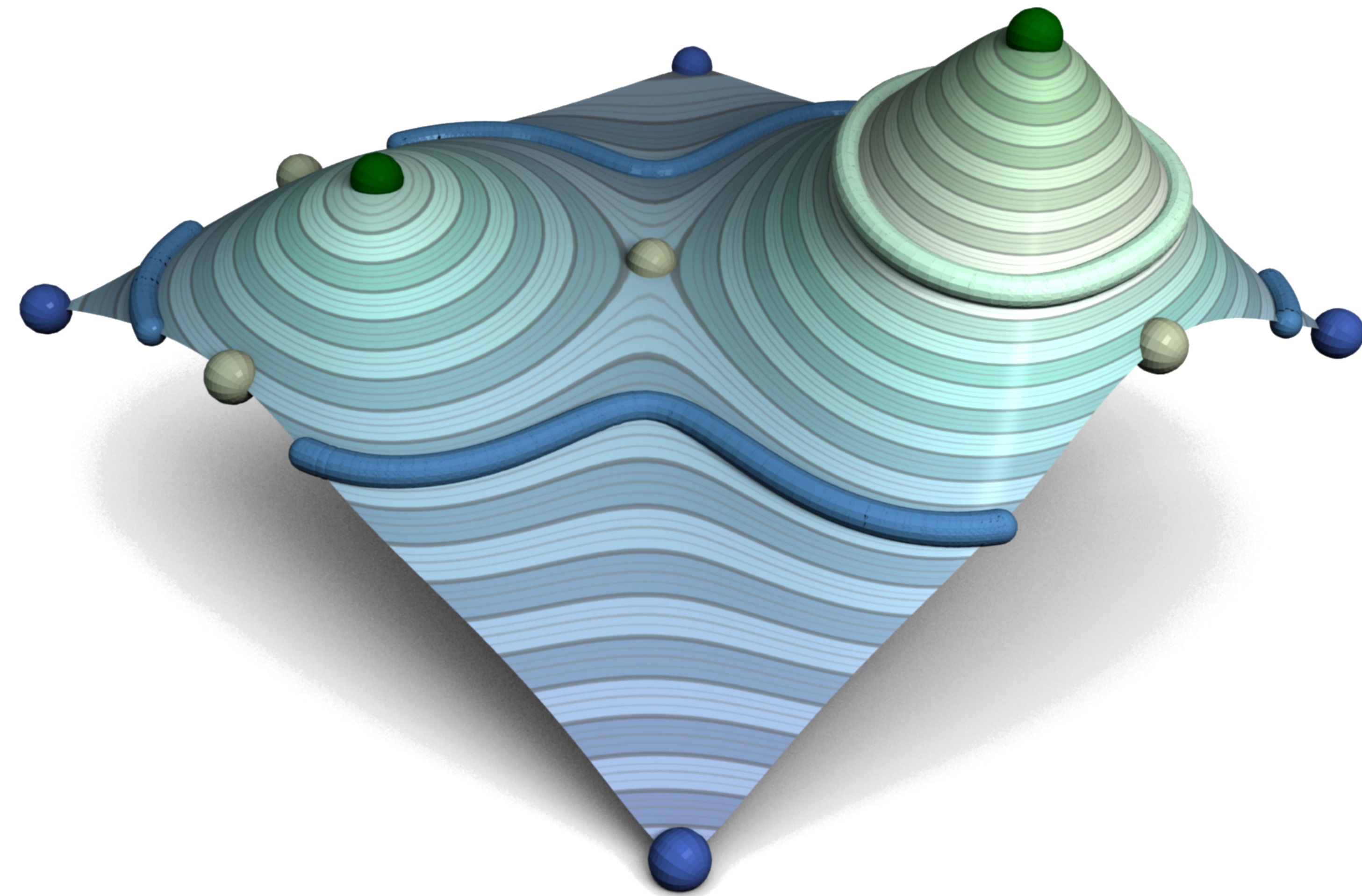
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  - Everything else
    - Saddle
- Works in arbitrary dimension
- Value of a critical point
  - *Critical value*





# Level sets

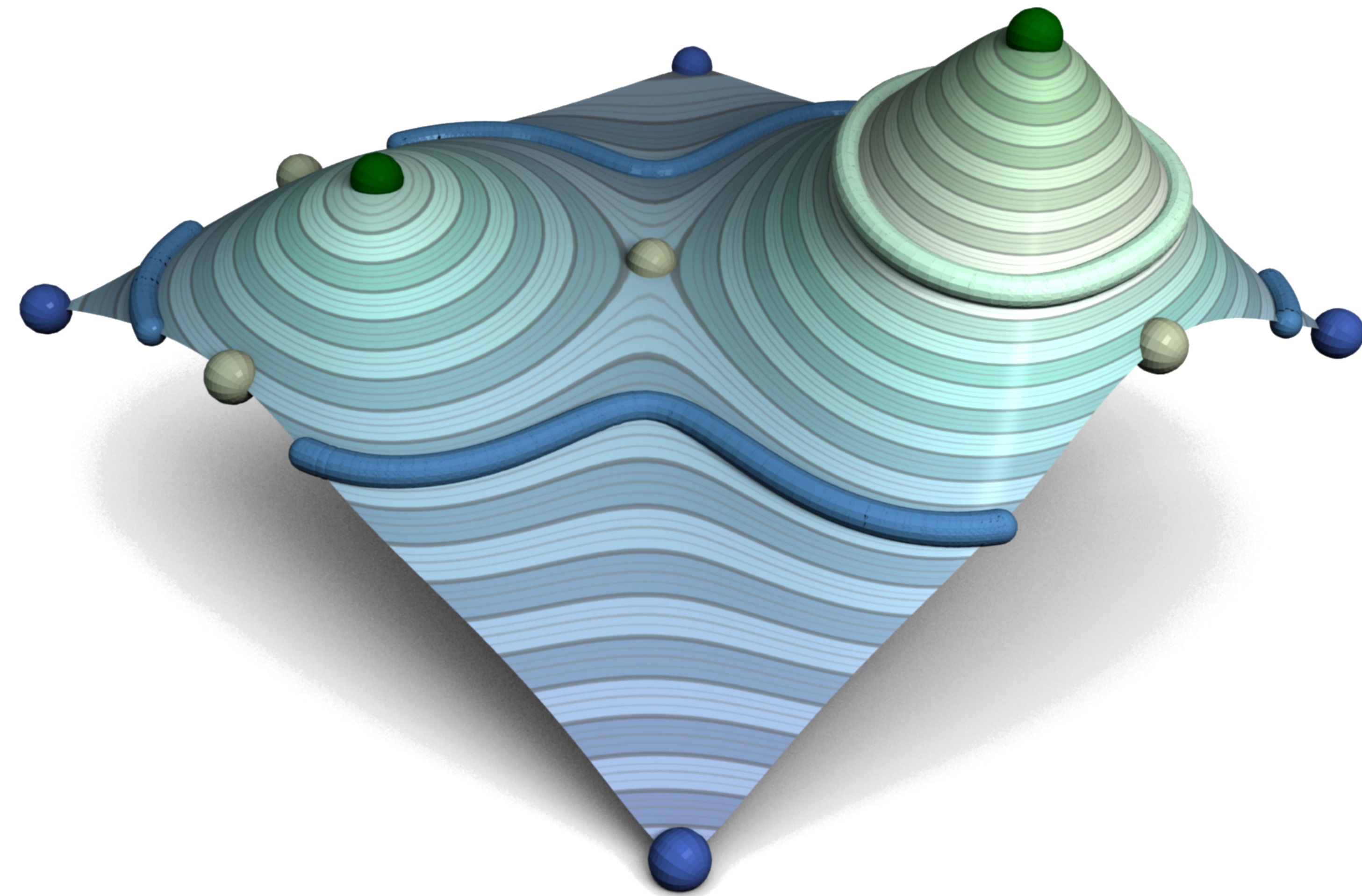
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- Level set
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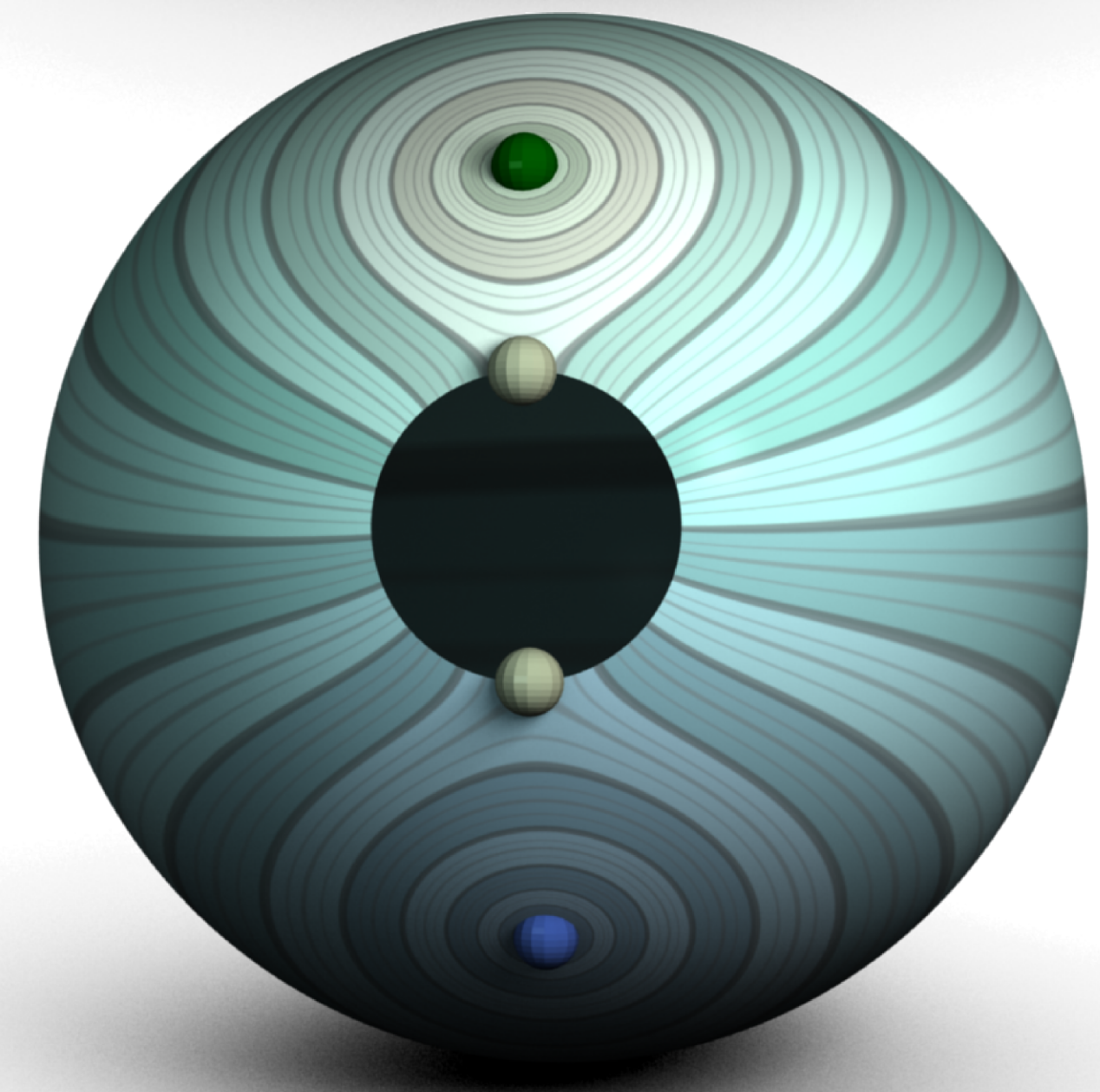
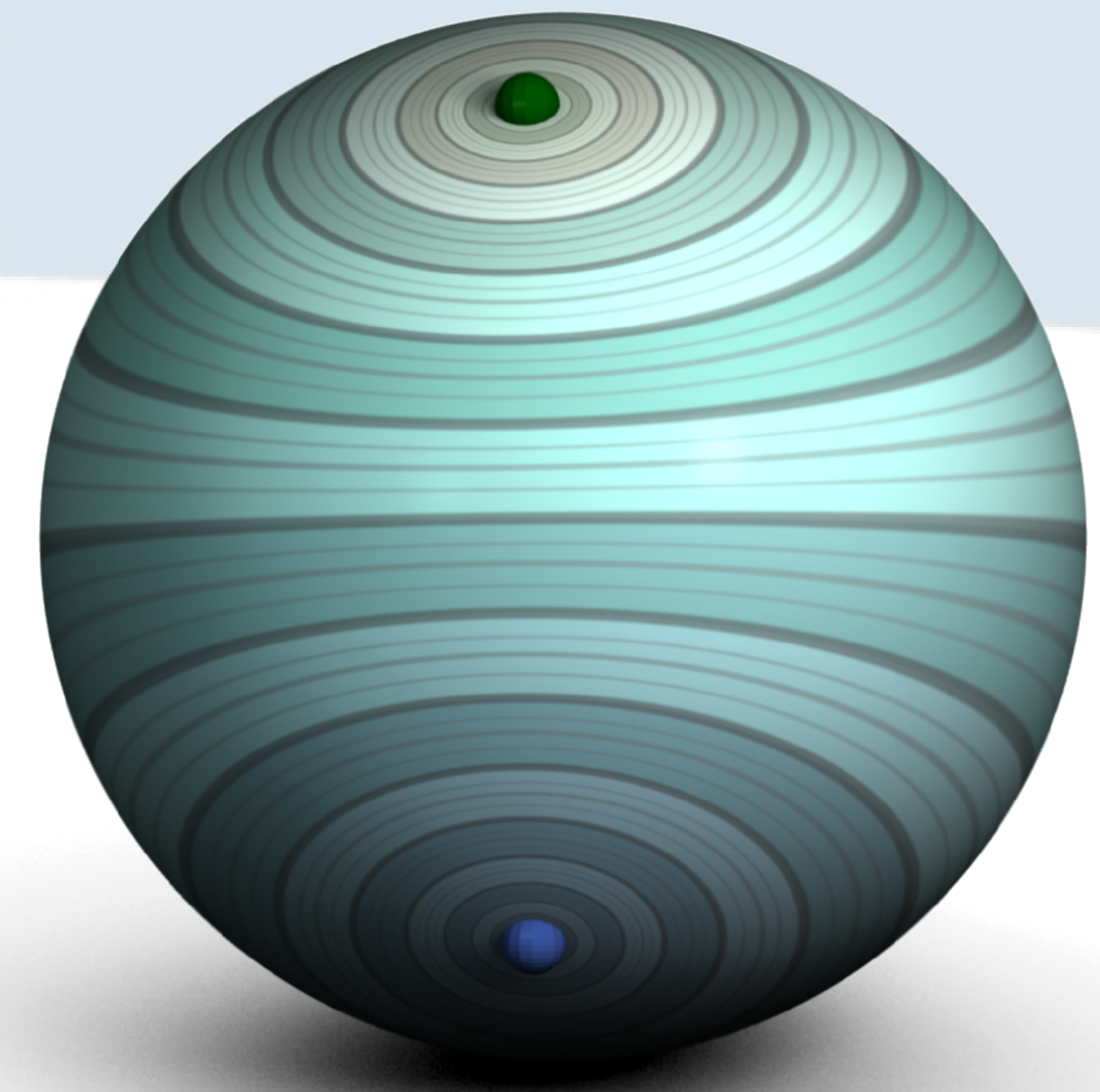
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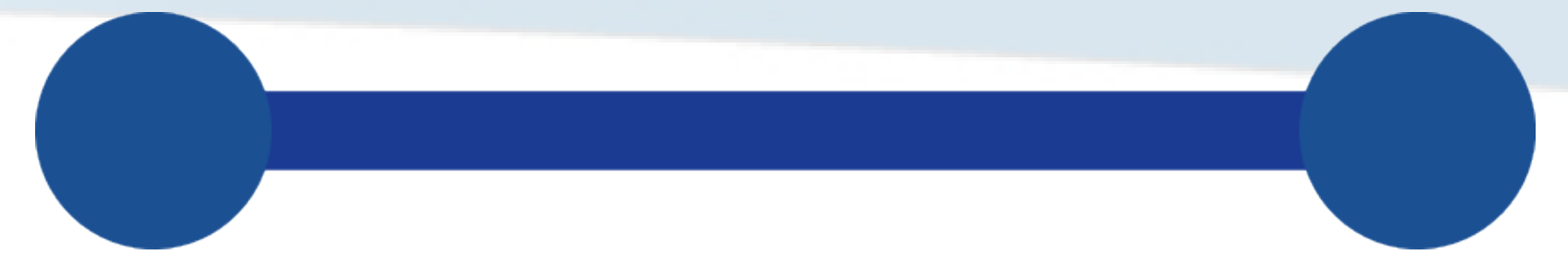
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- If  $\mathcal{D}$  is closed,  $f^{-1}(i)$  is closed
  - Otherwise it may be open



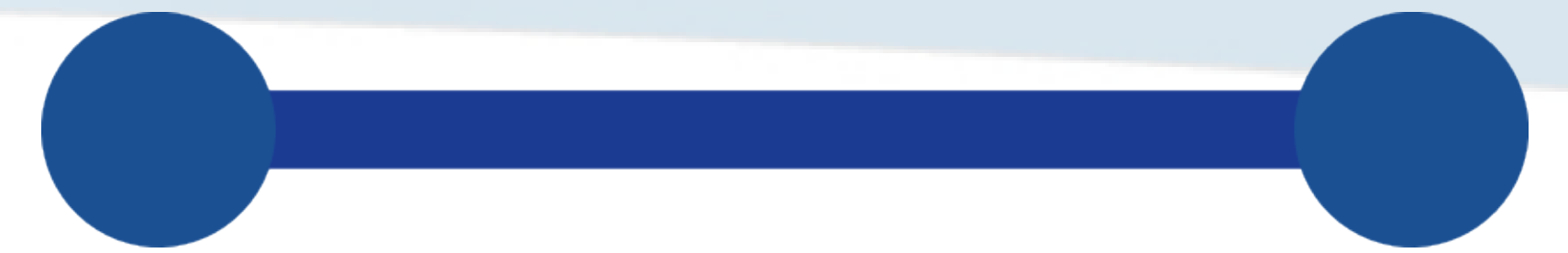


# Level set in a 1-simplex

- Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be a single edge
  - $f(v_0)$
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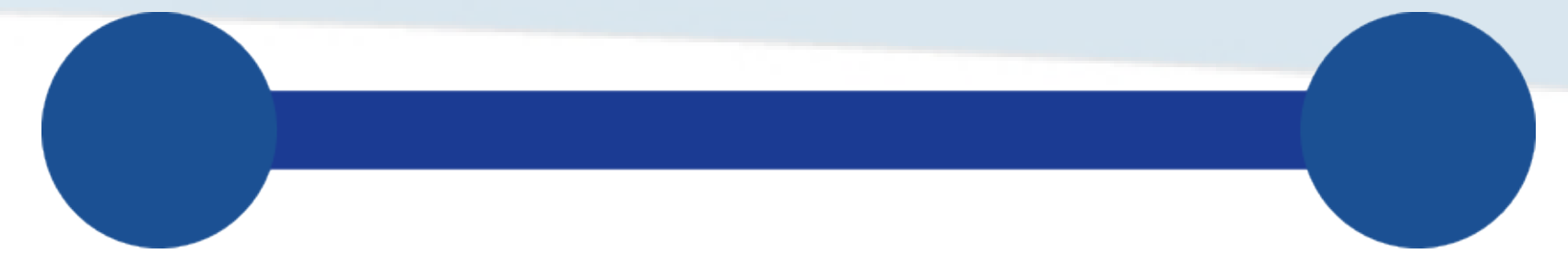
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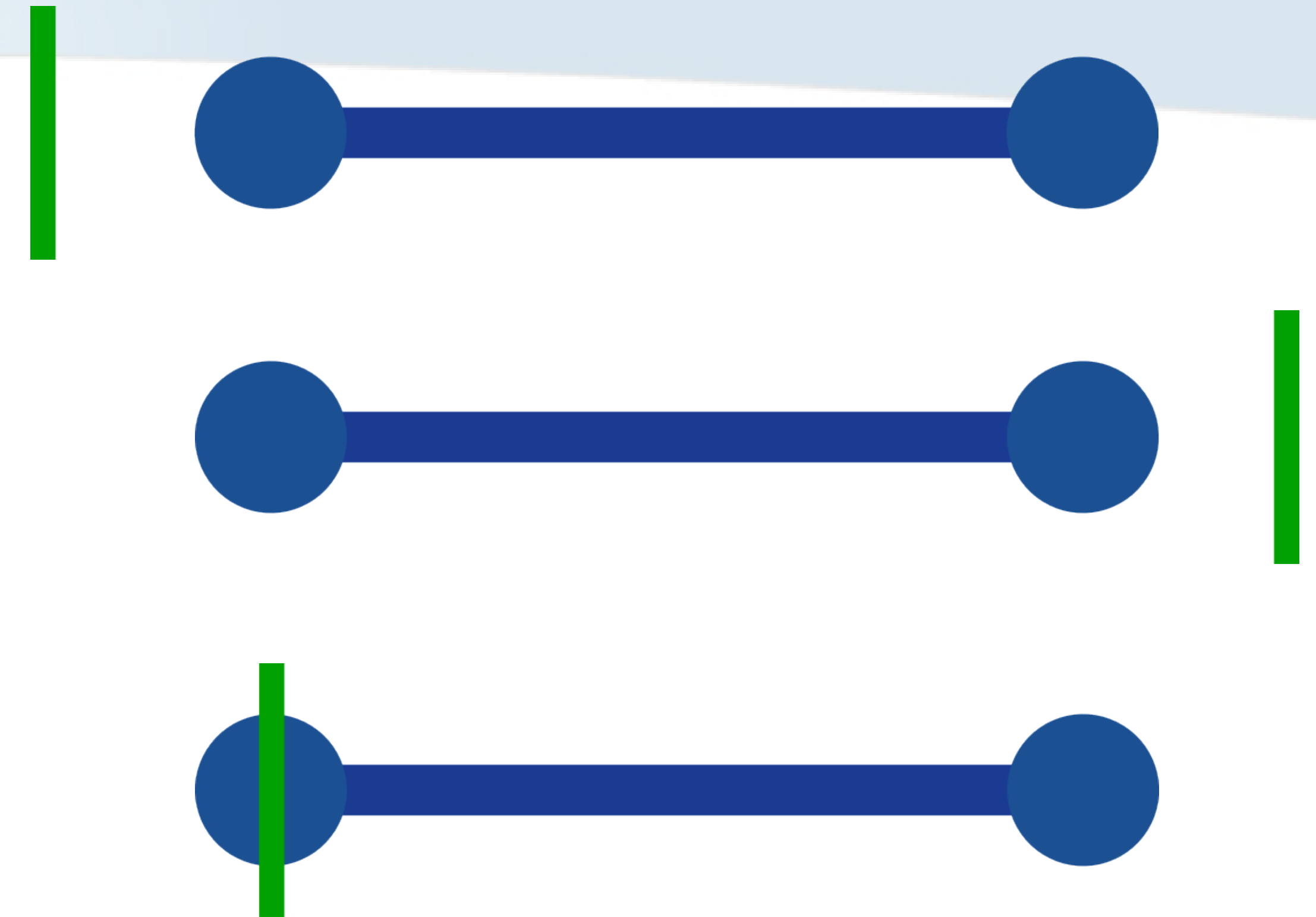
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    - 0-manifold
  - If intersection, **3 cases only**





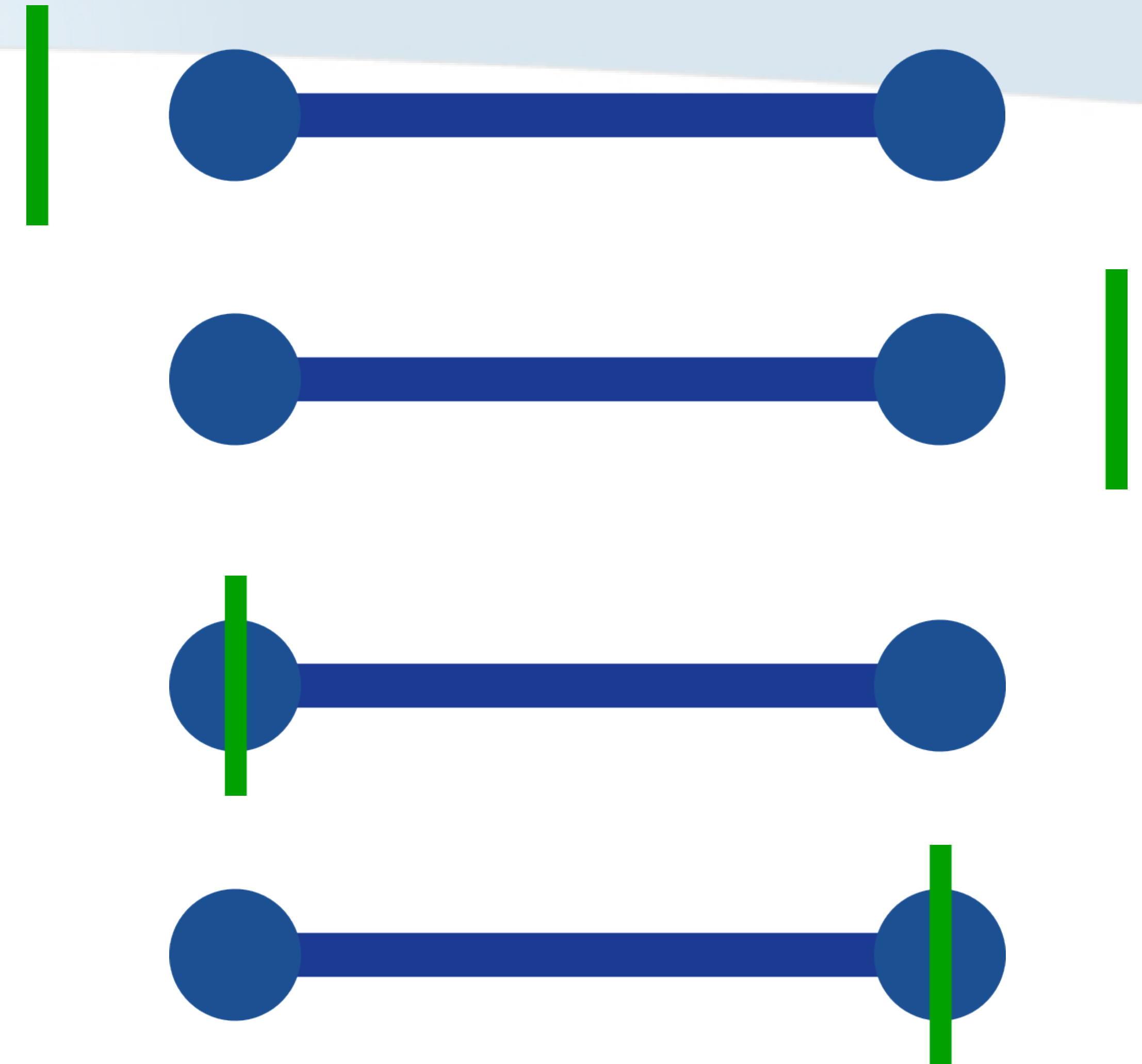
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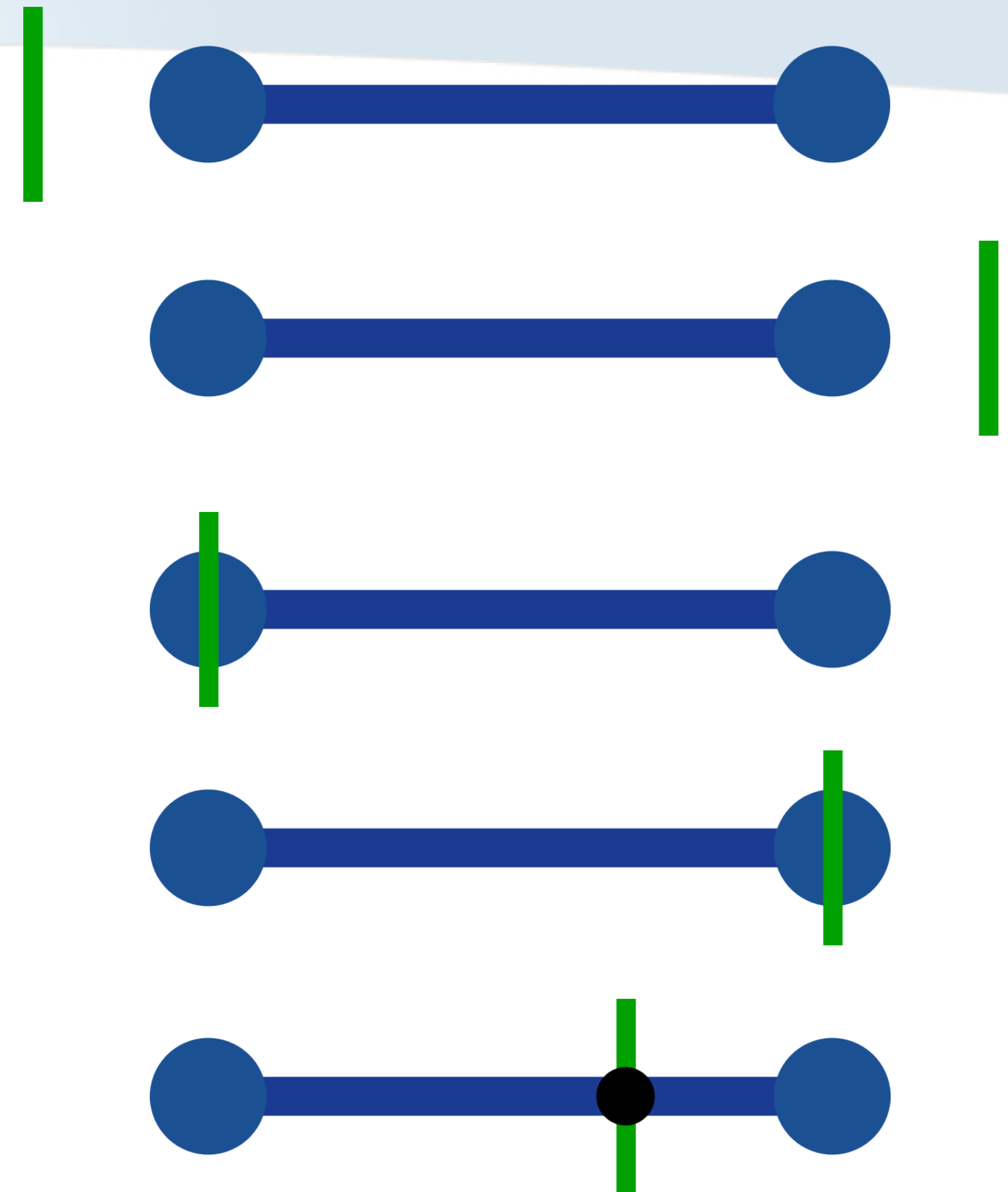
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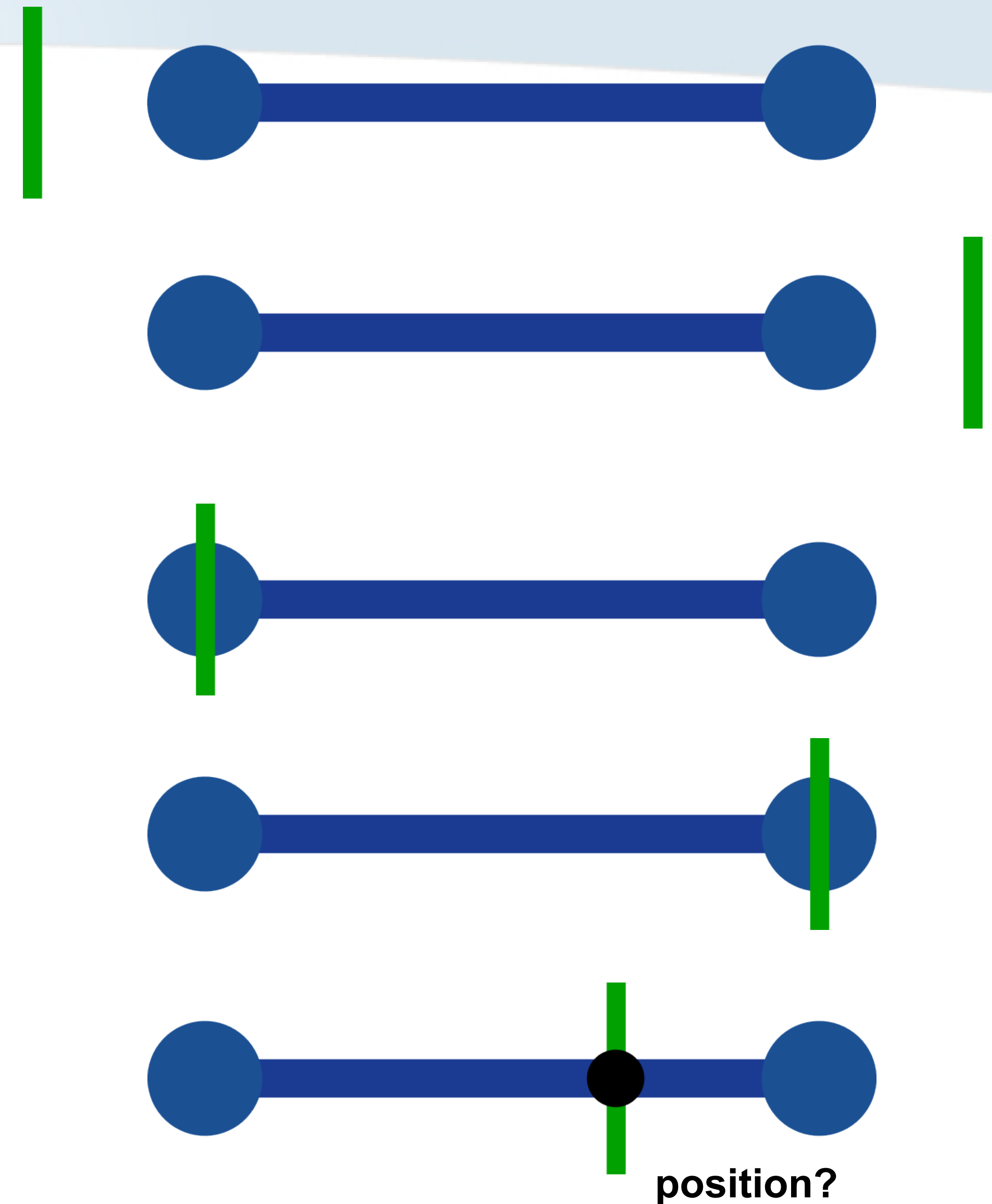
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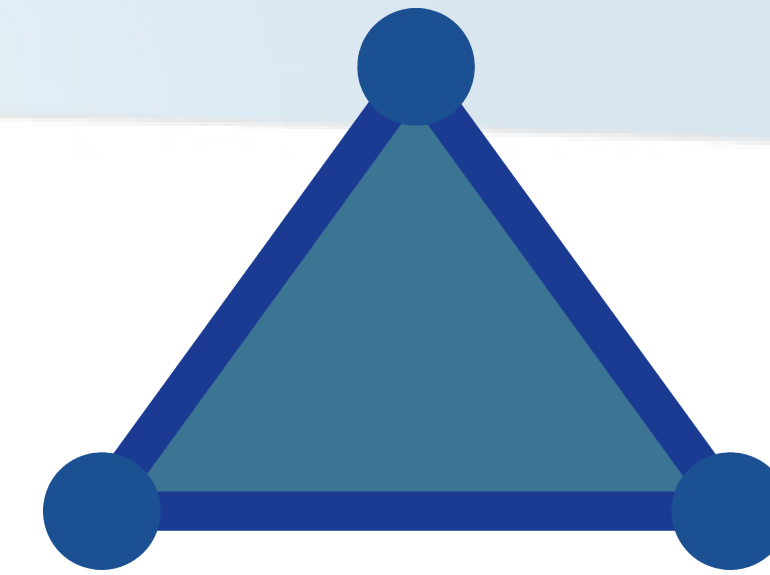
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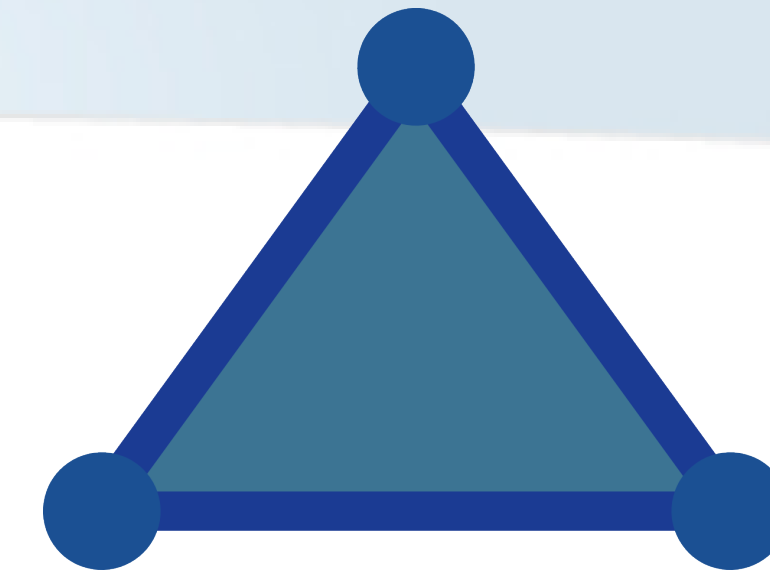
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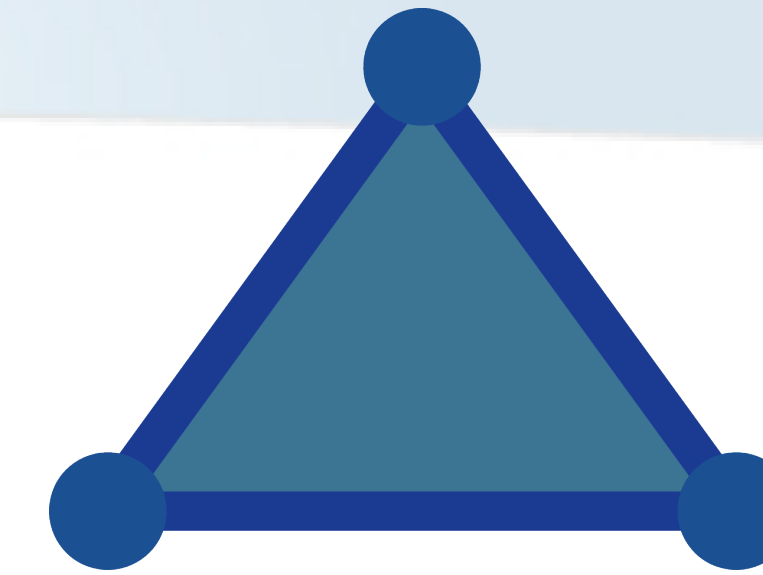
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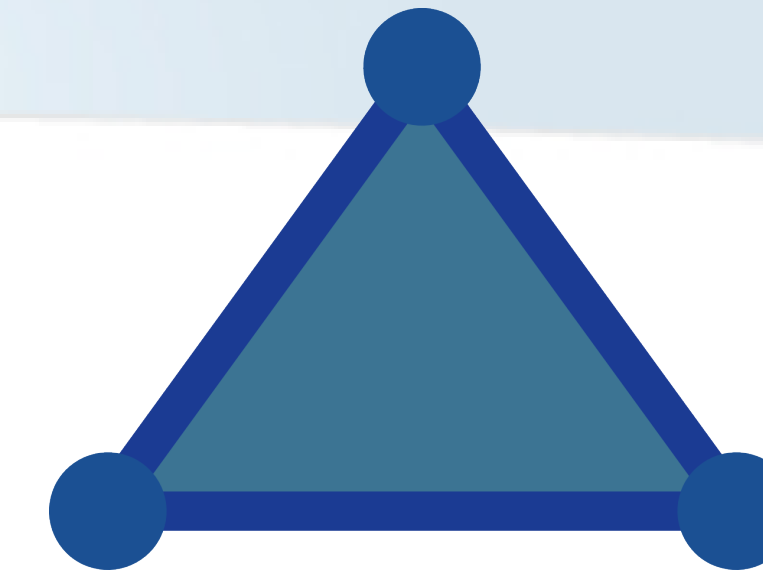


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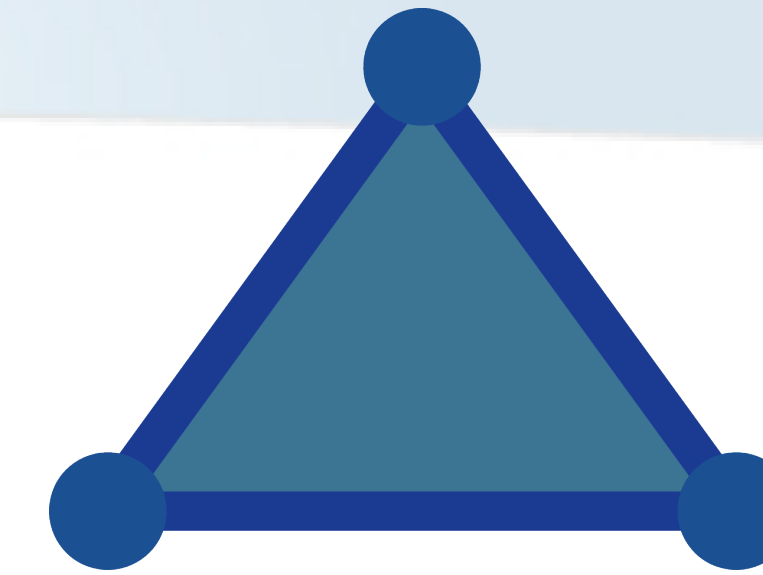
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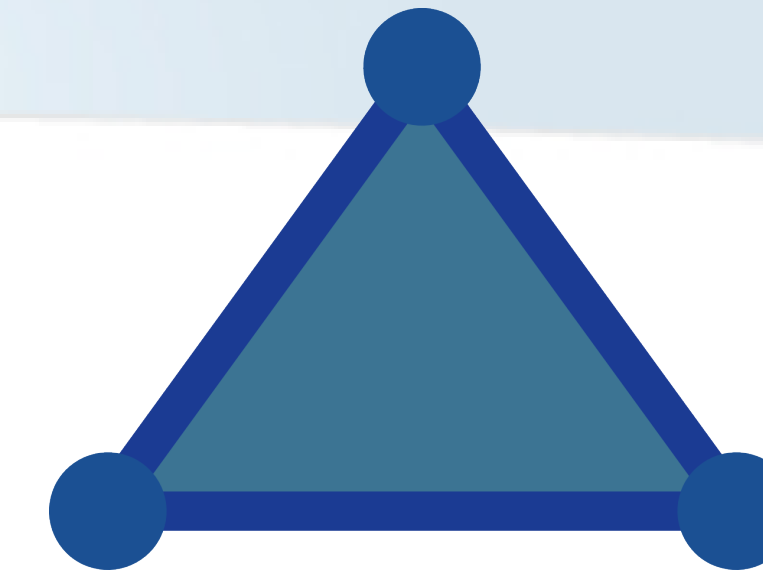


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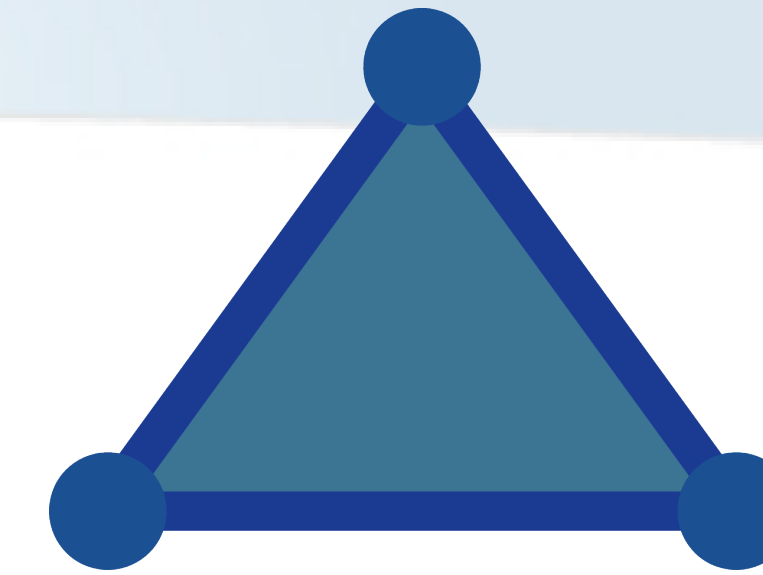
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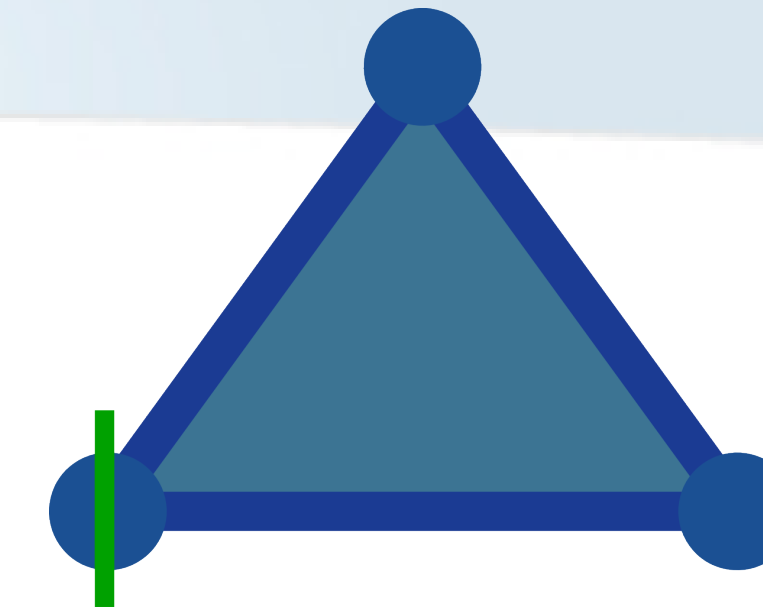


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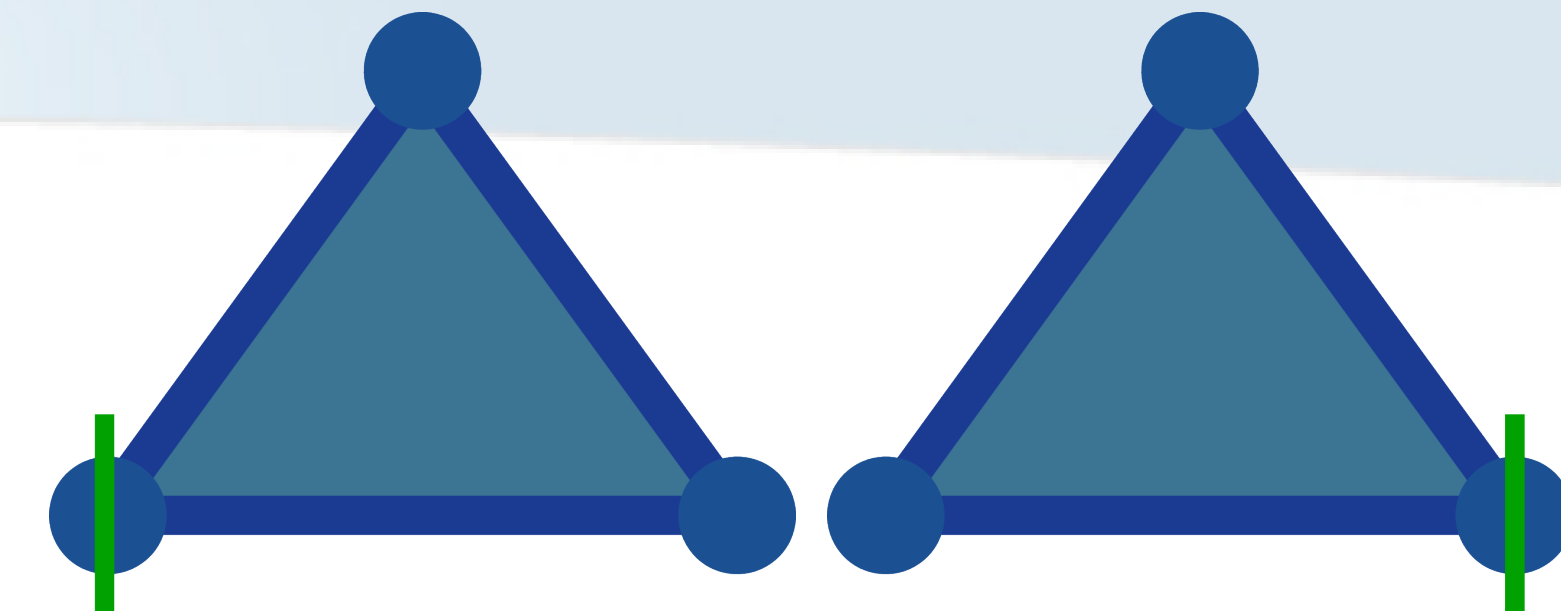


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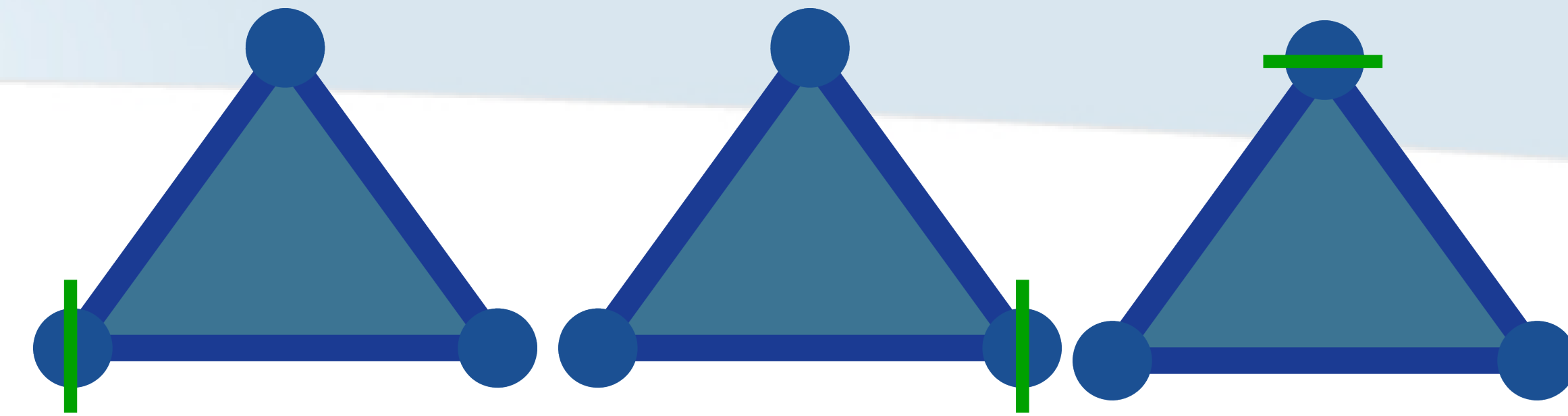
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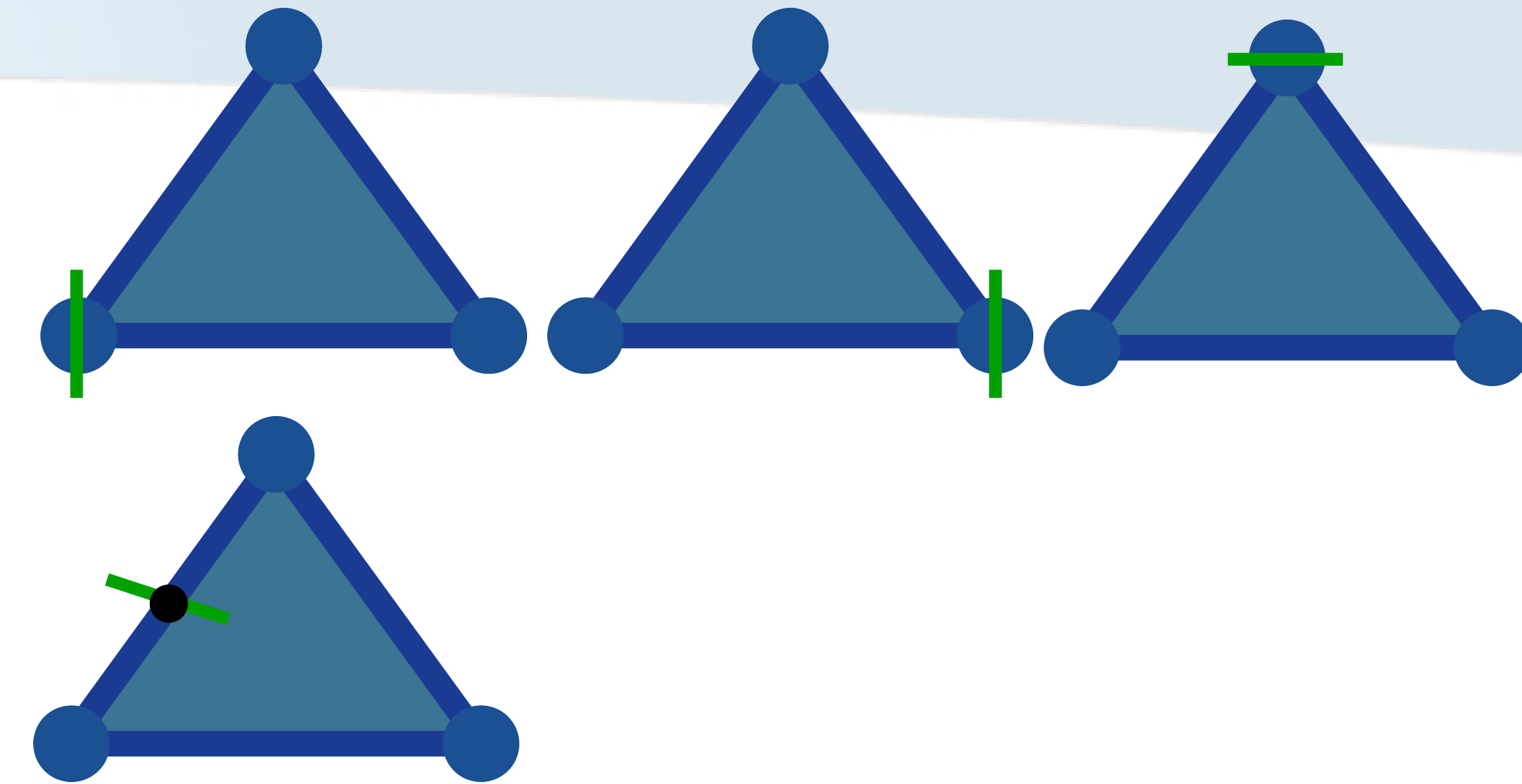
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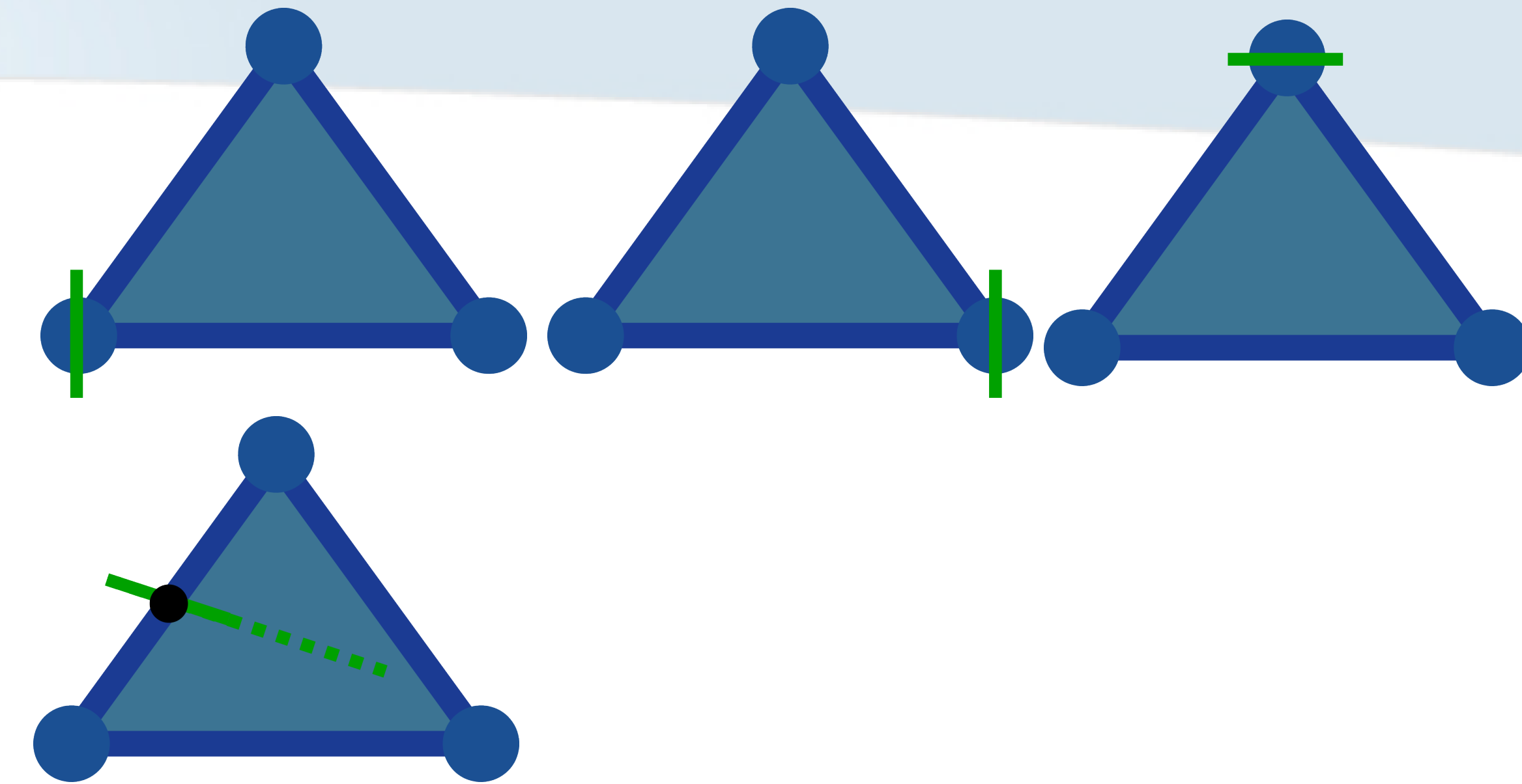
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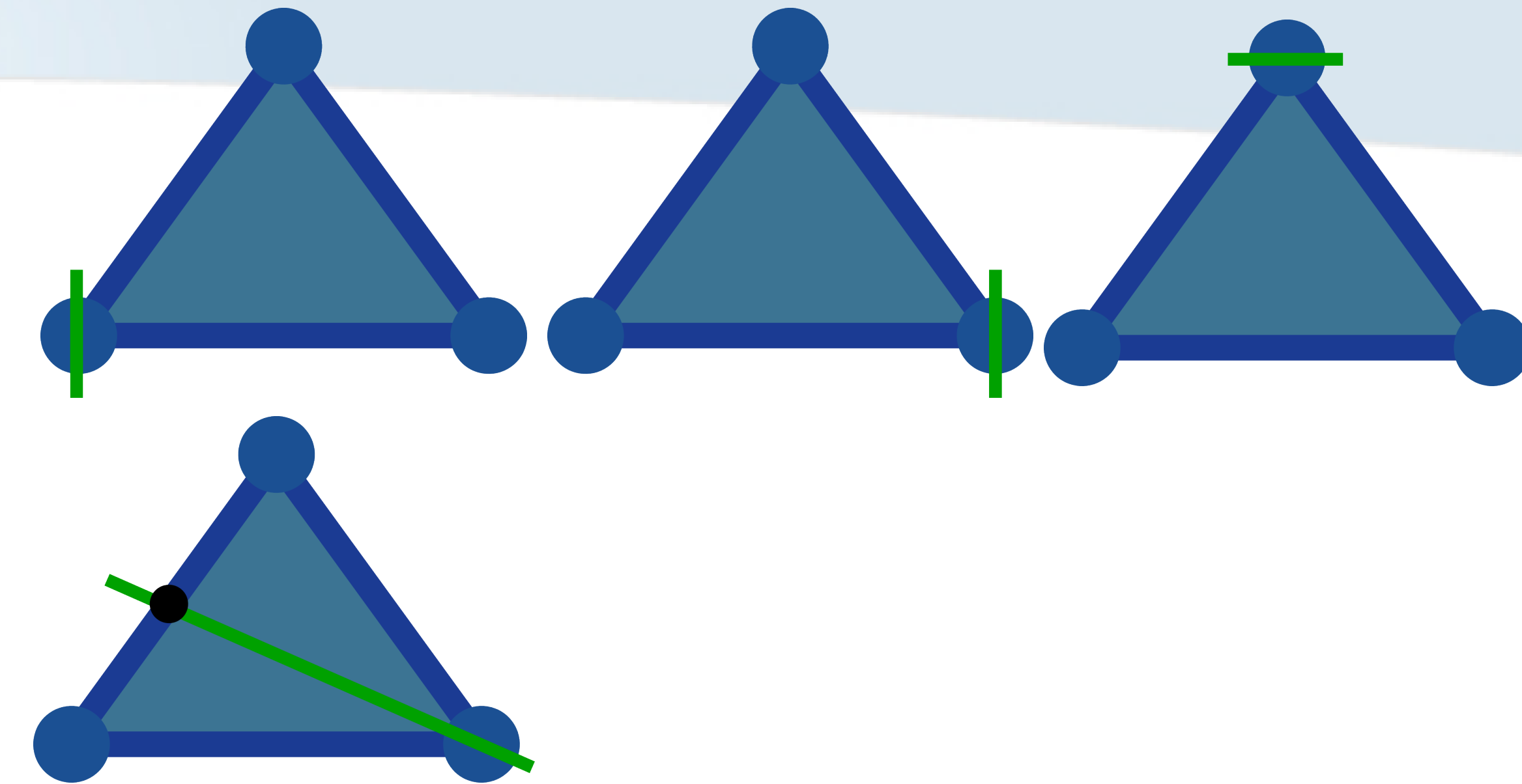
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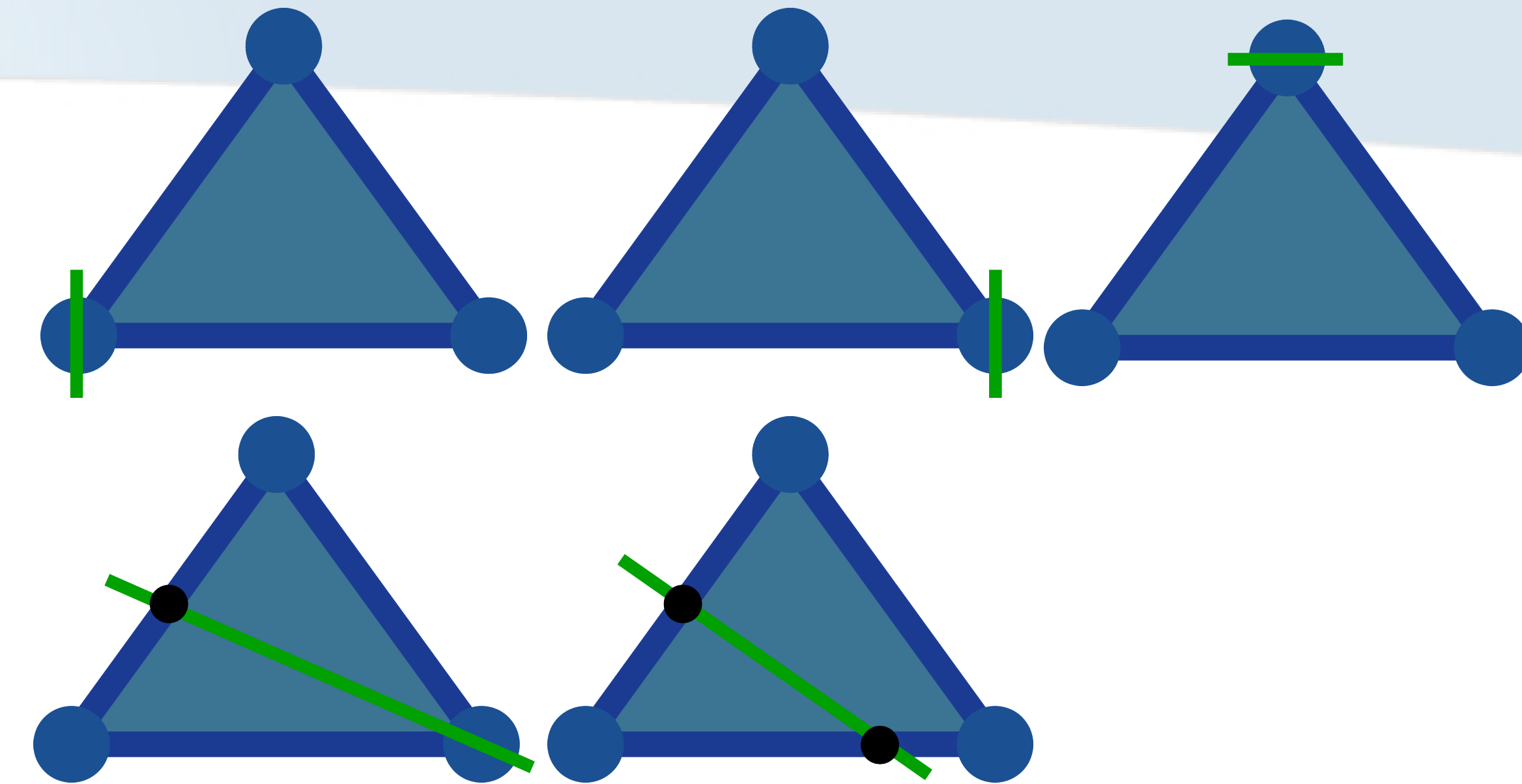
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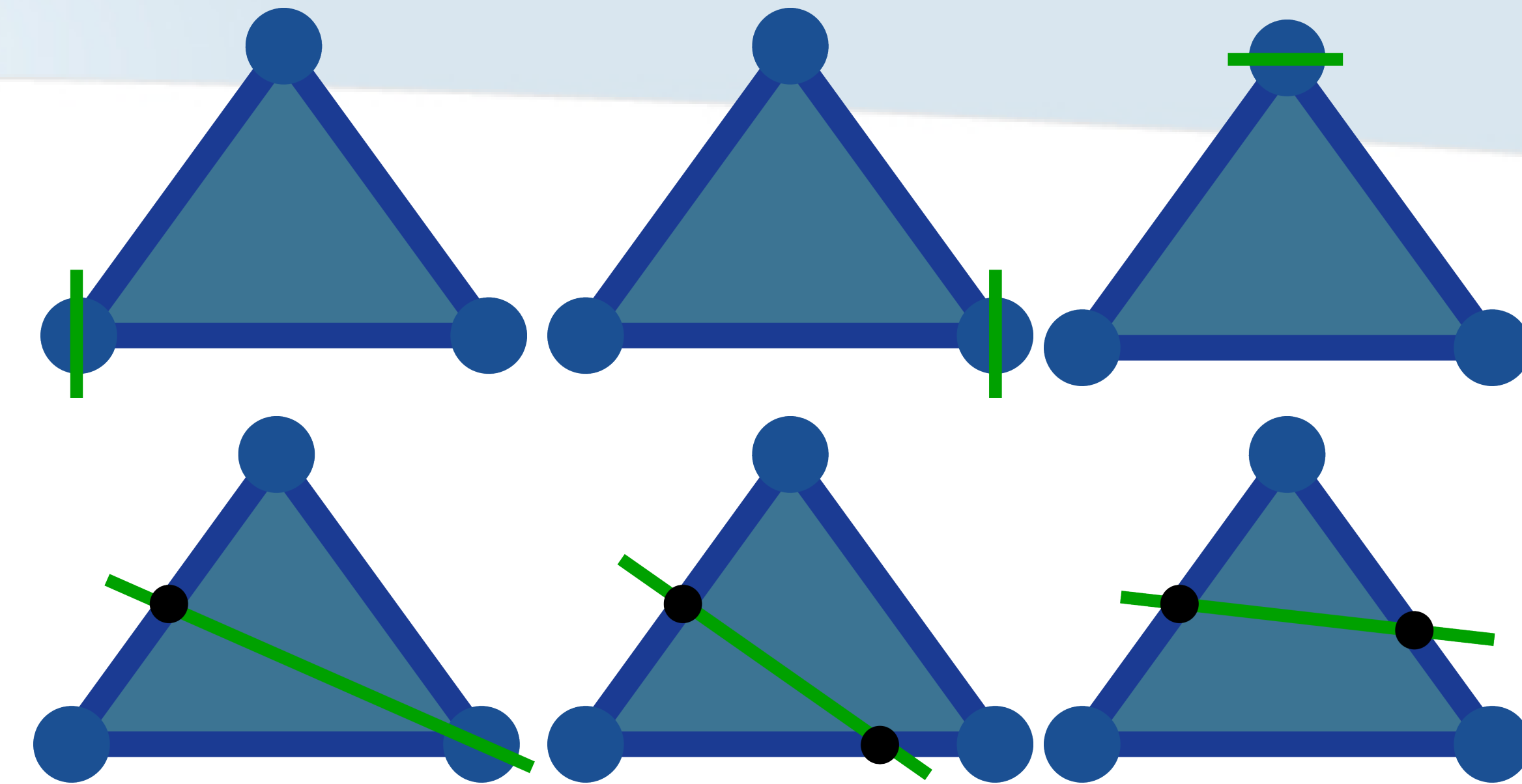
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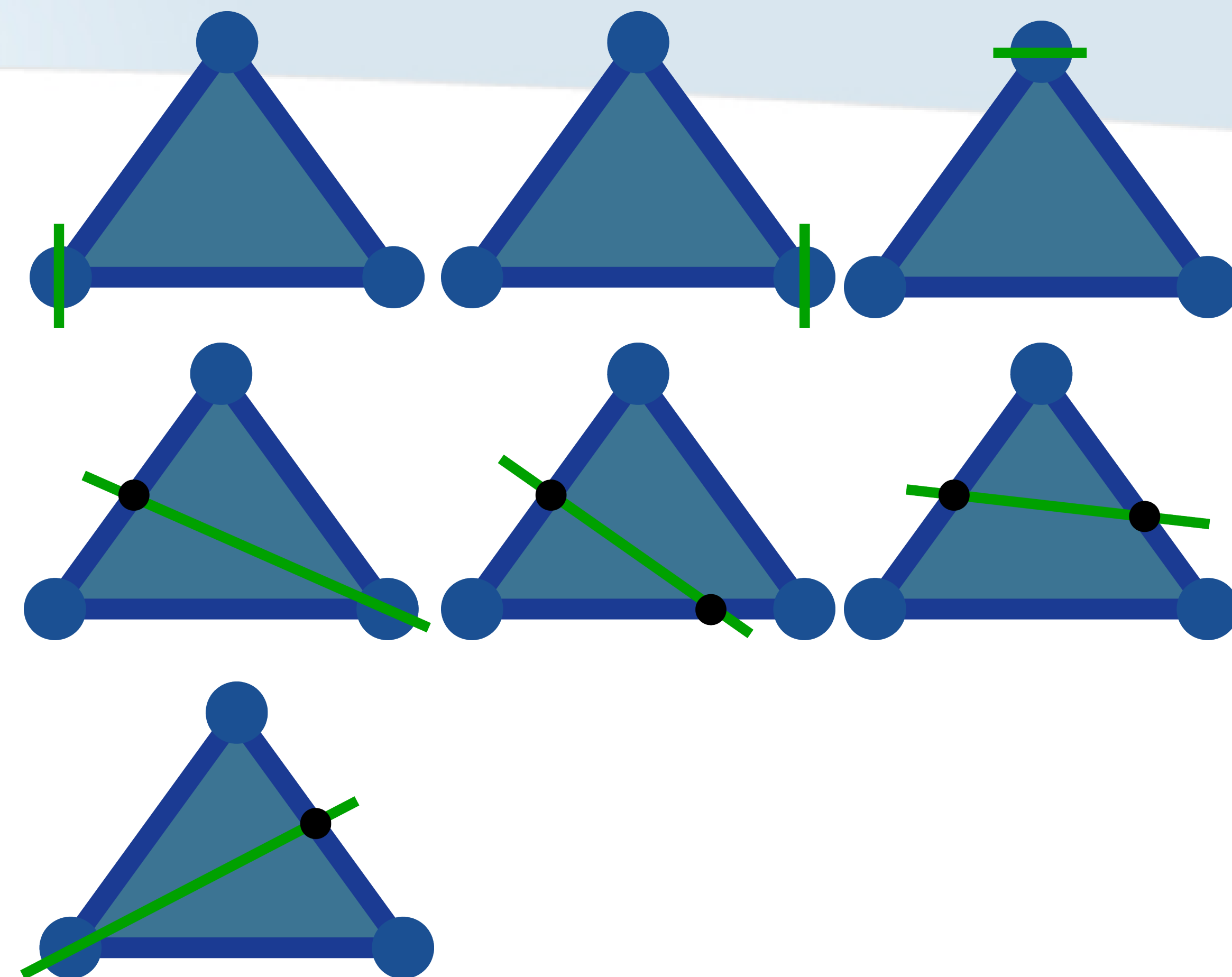
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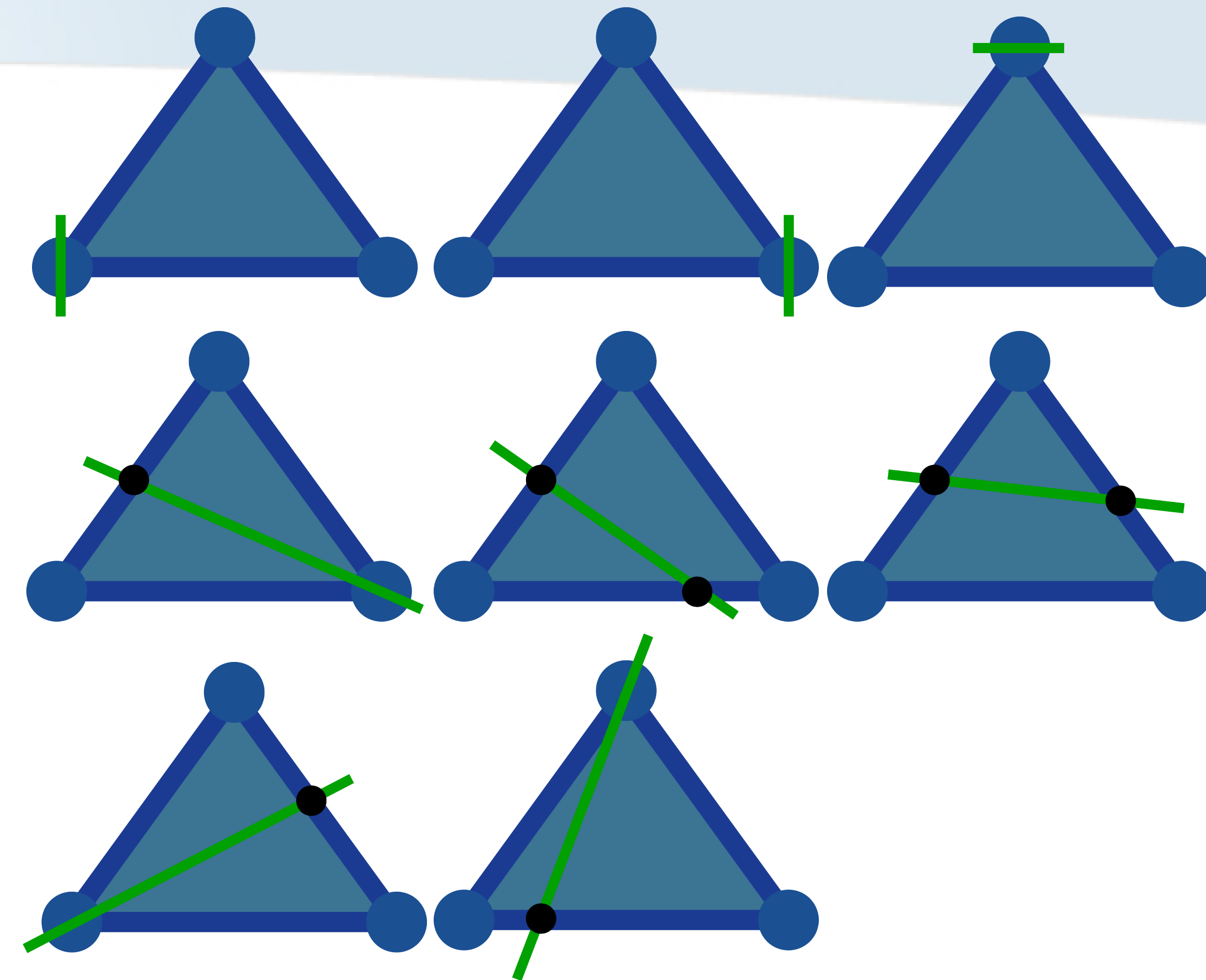
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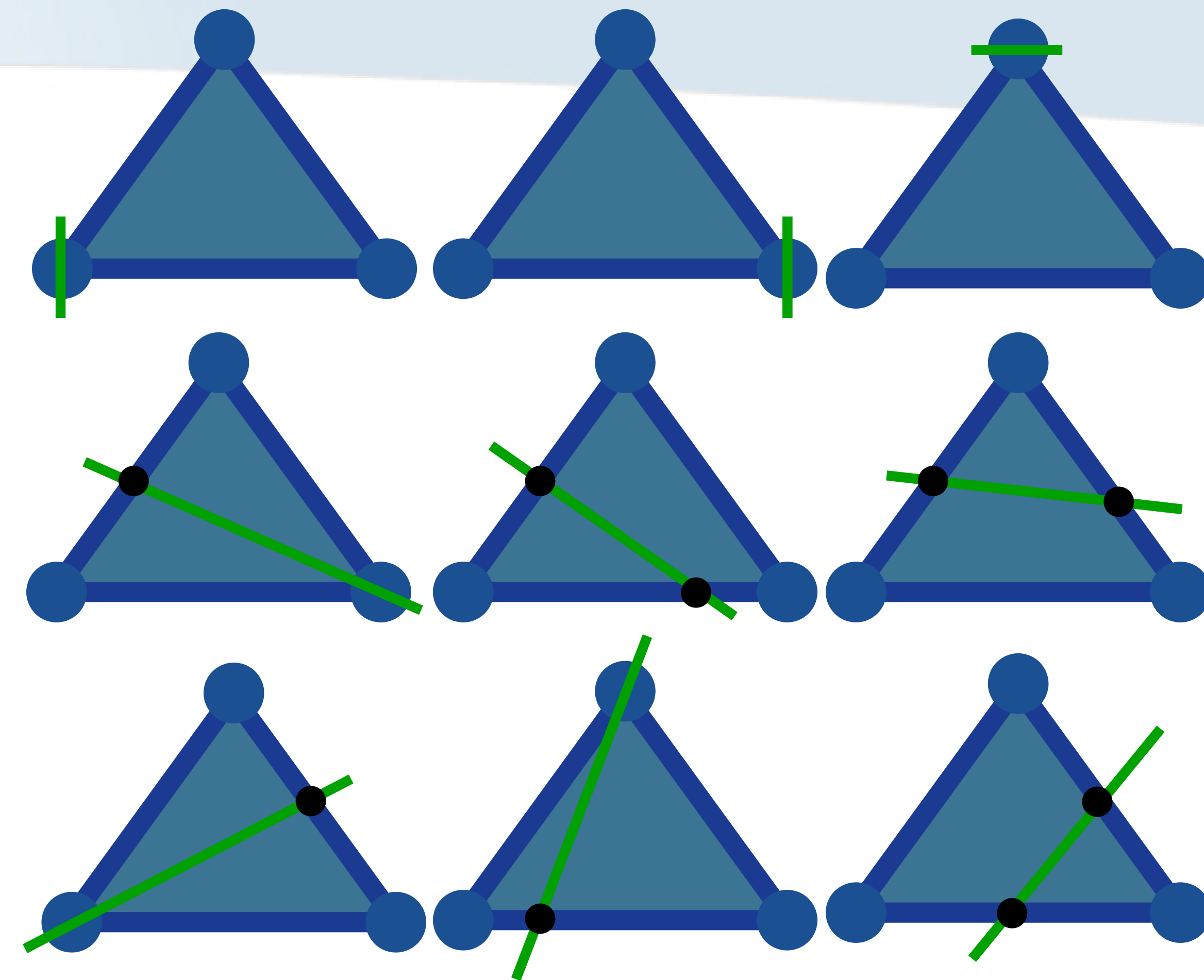
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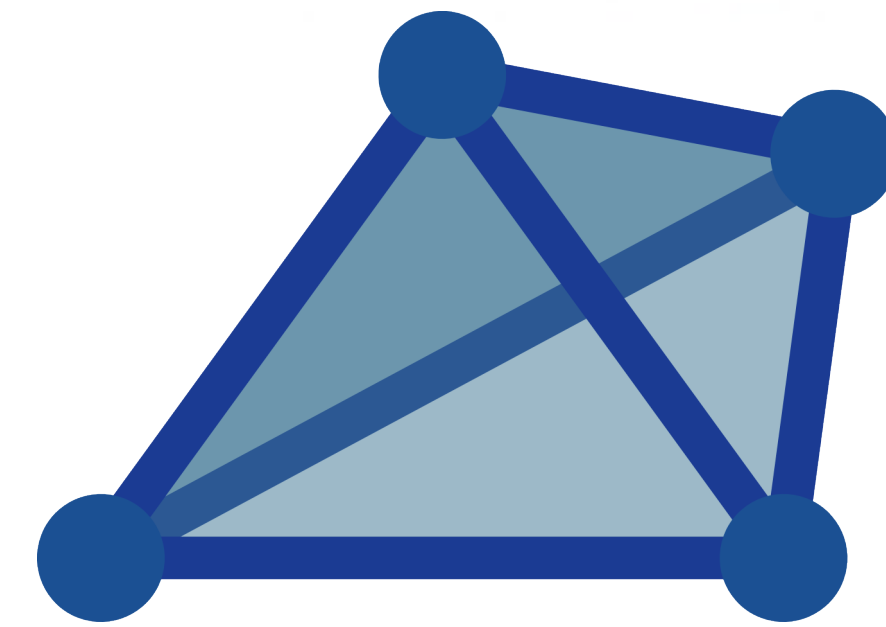
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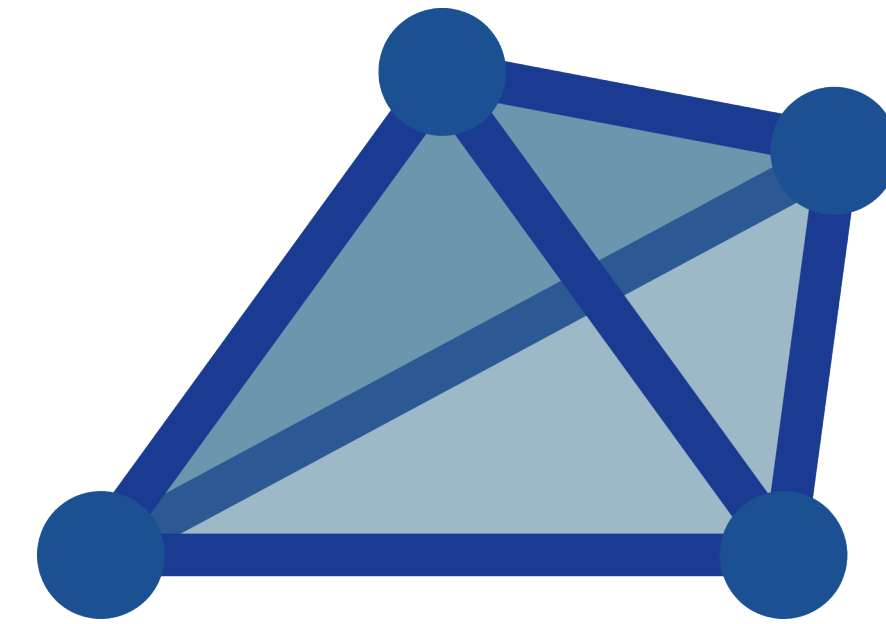
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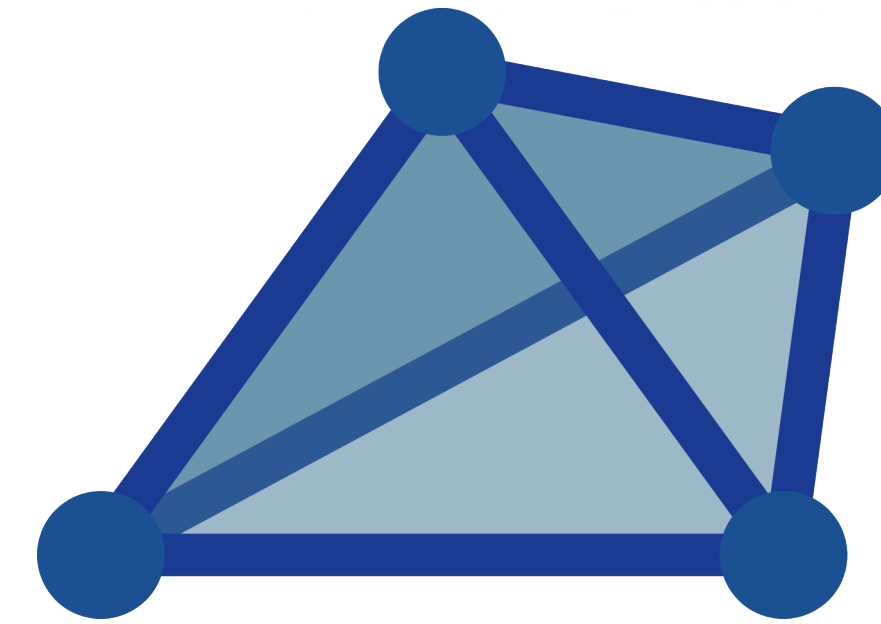
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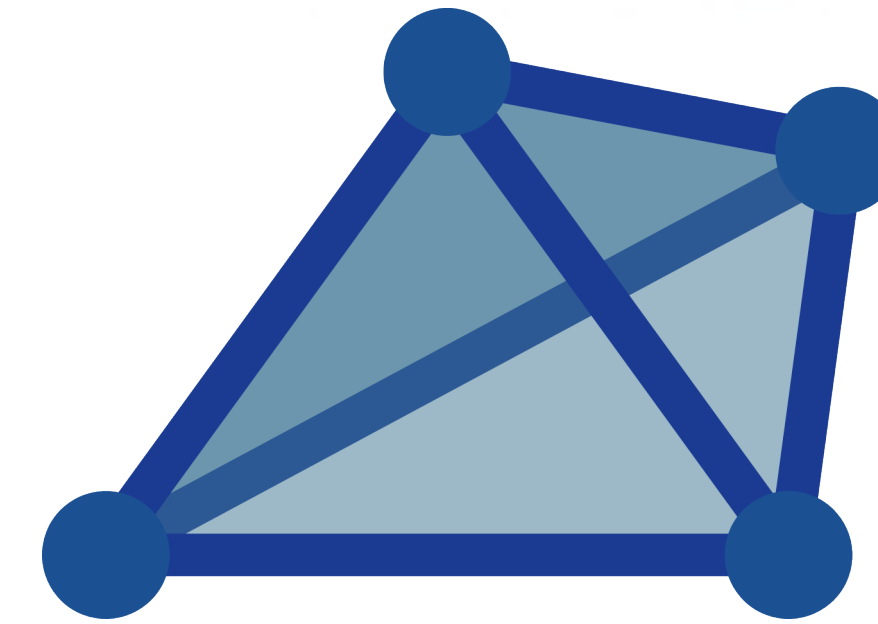


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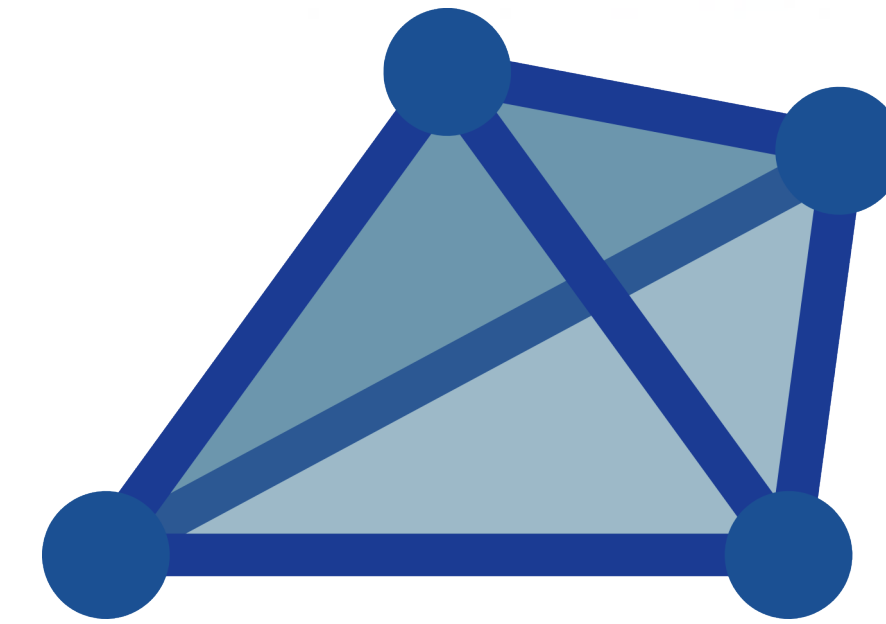
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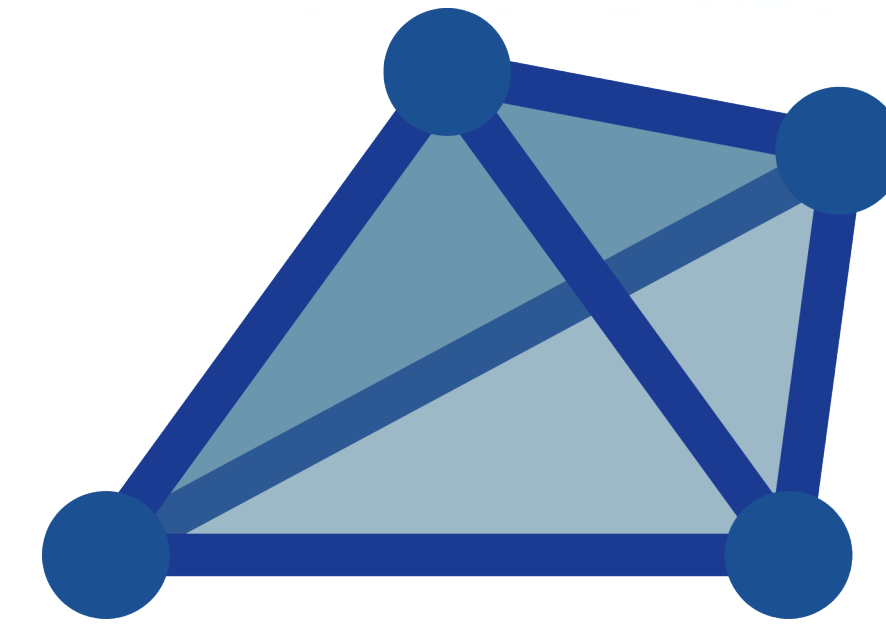


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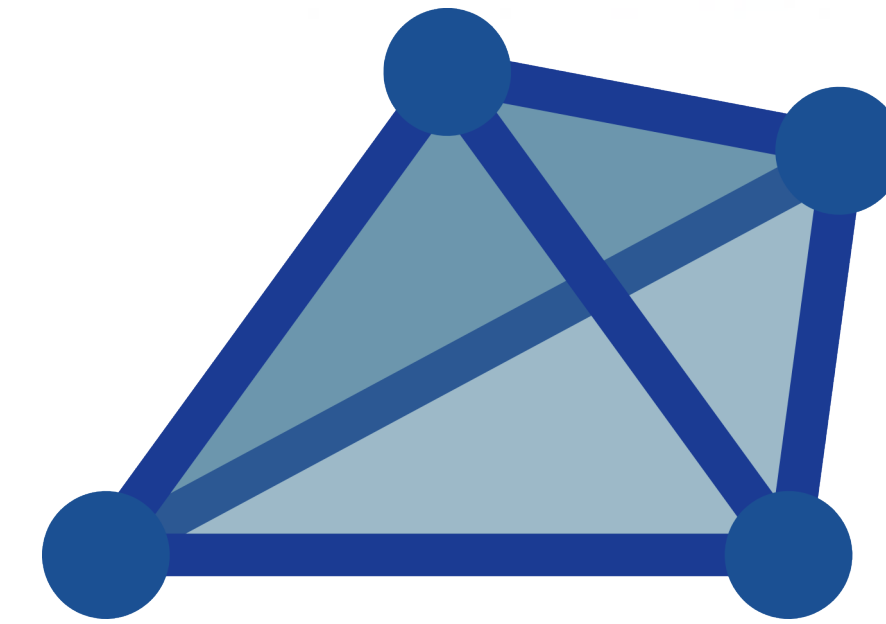
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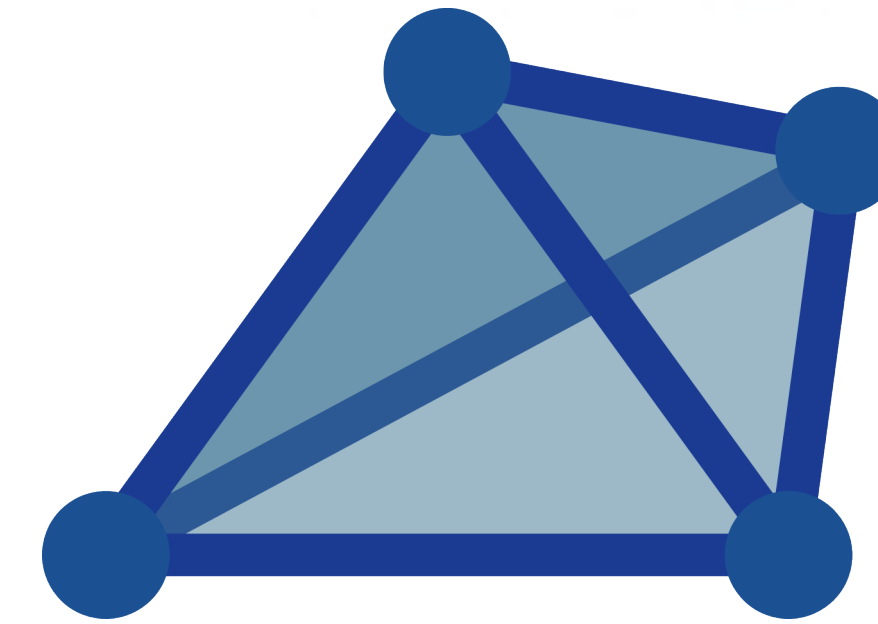


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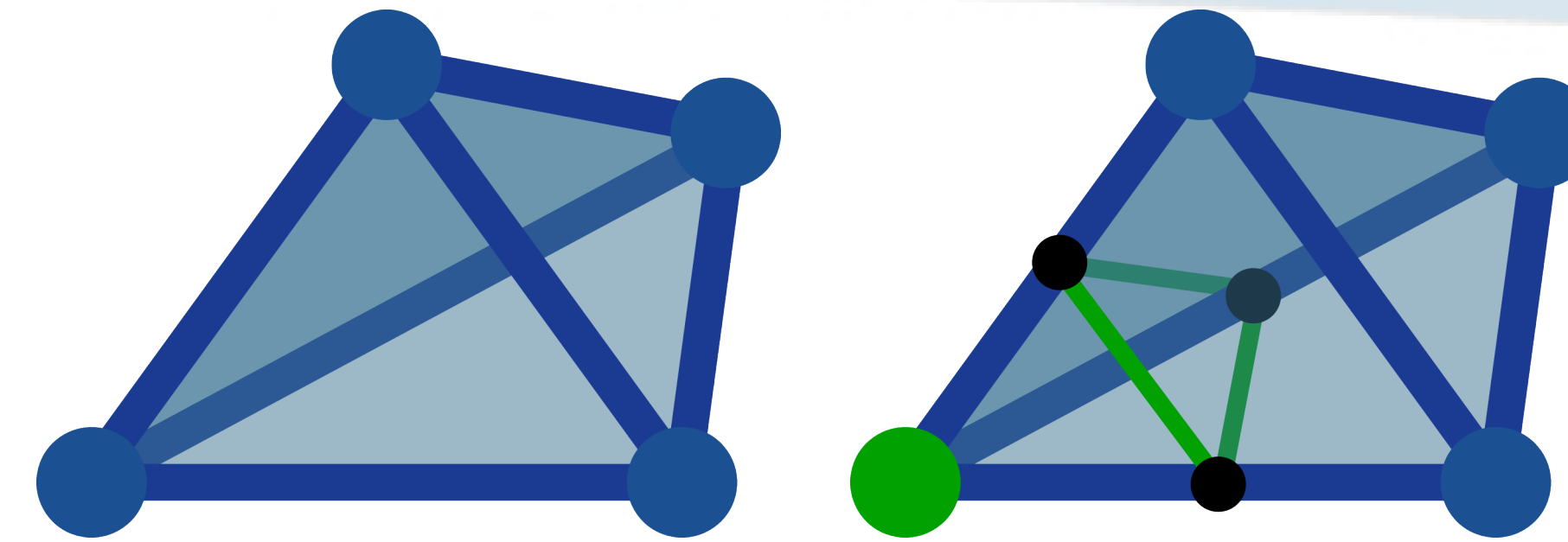


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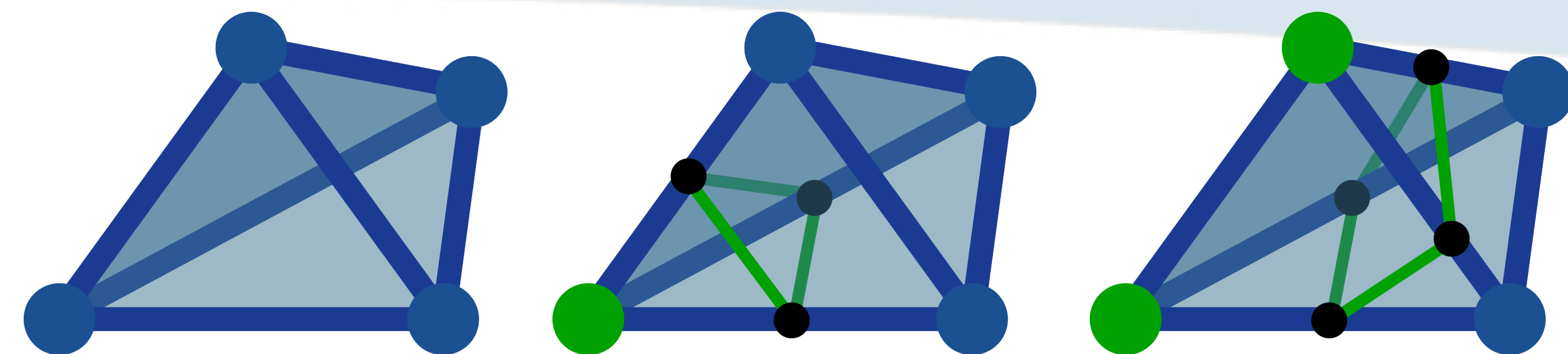
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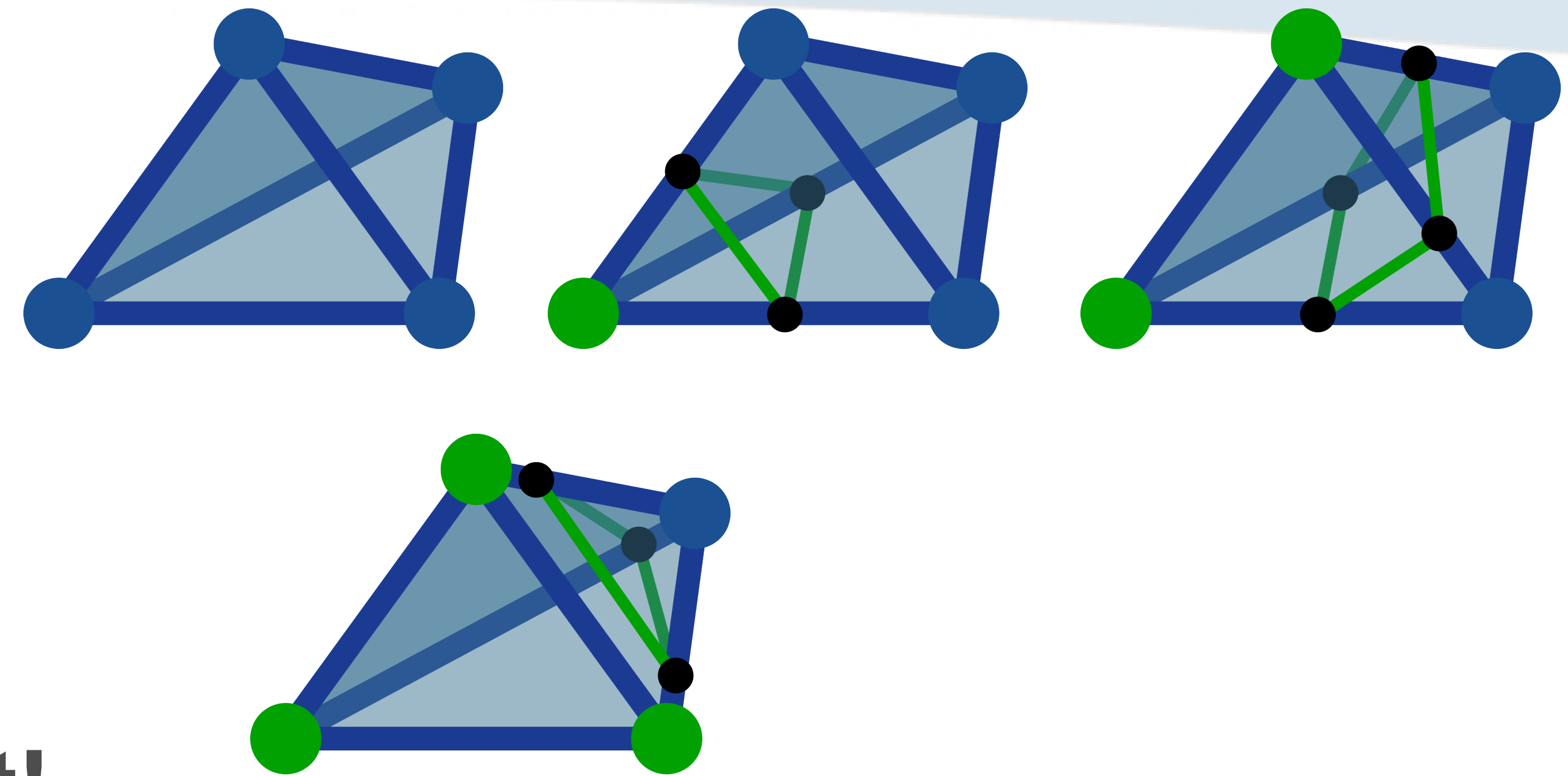
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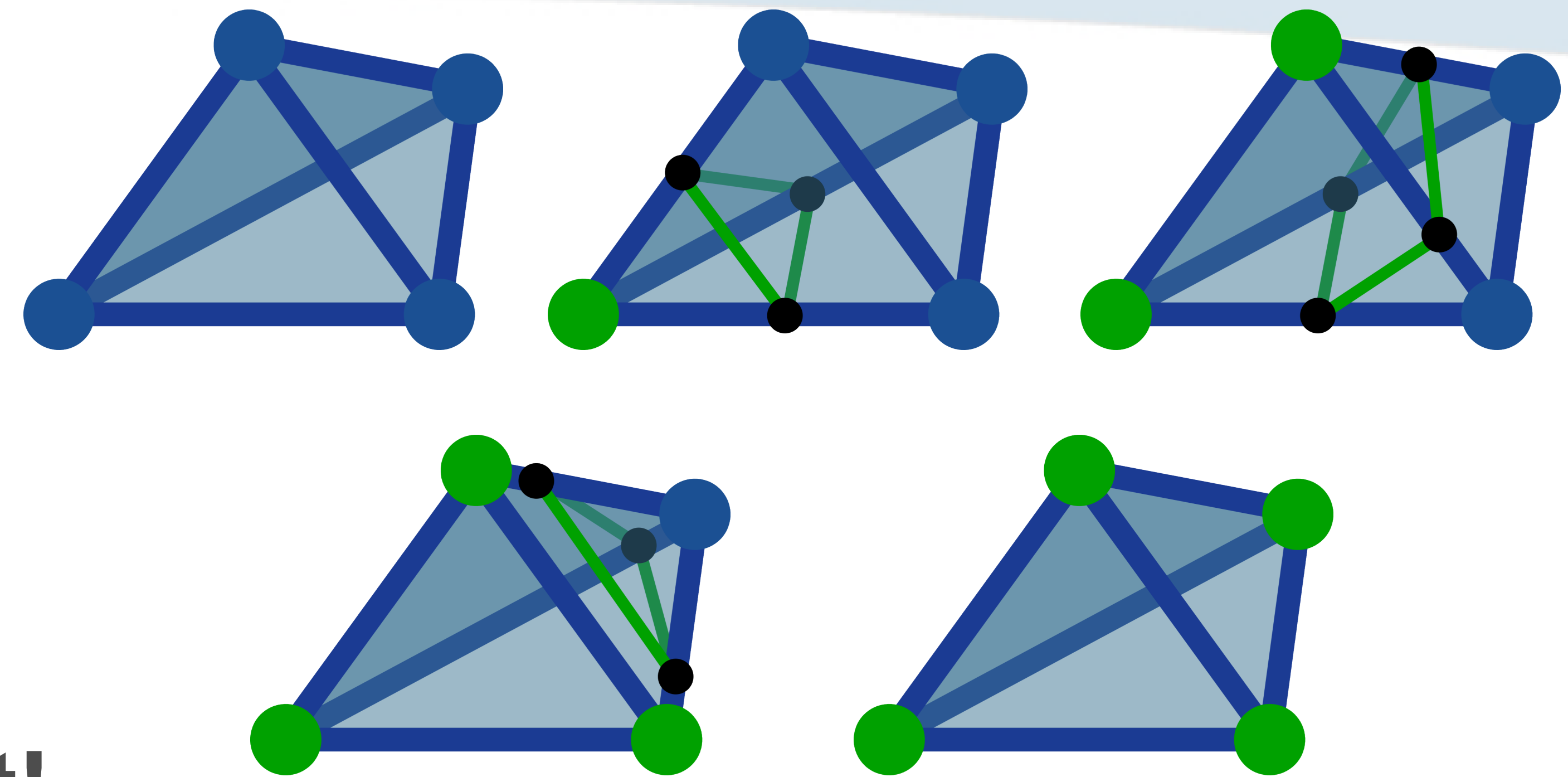
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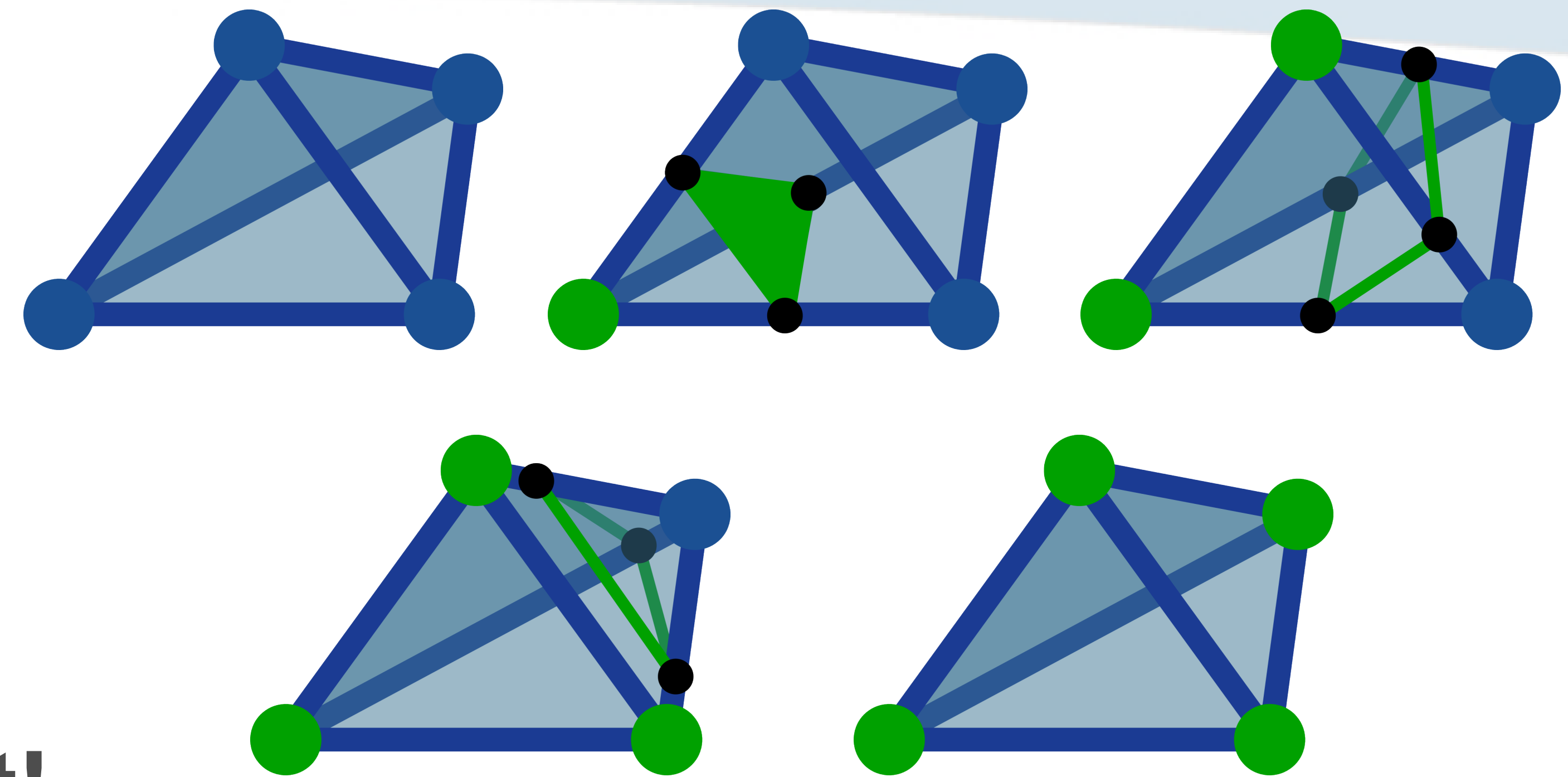
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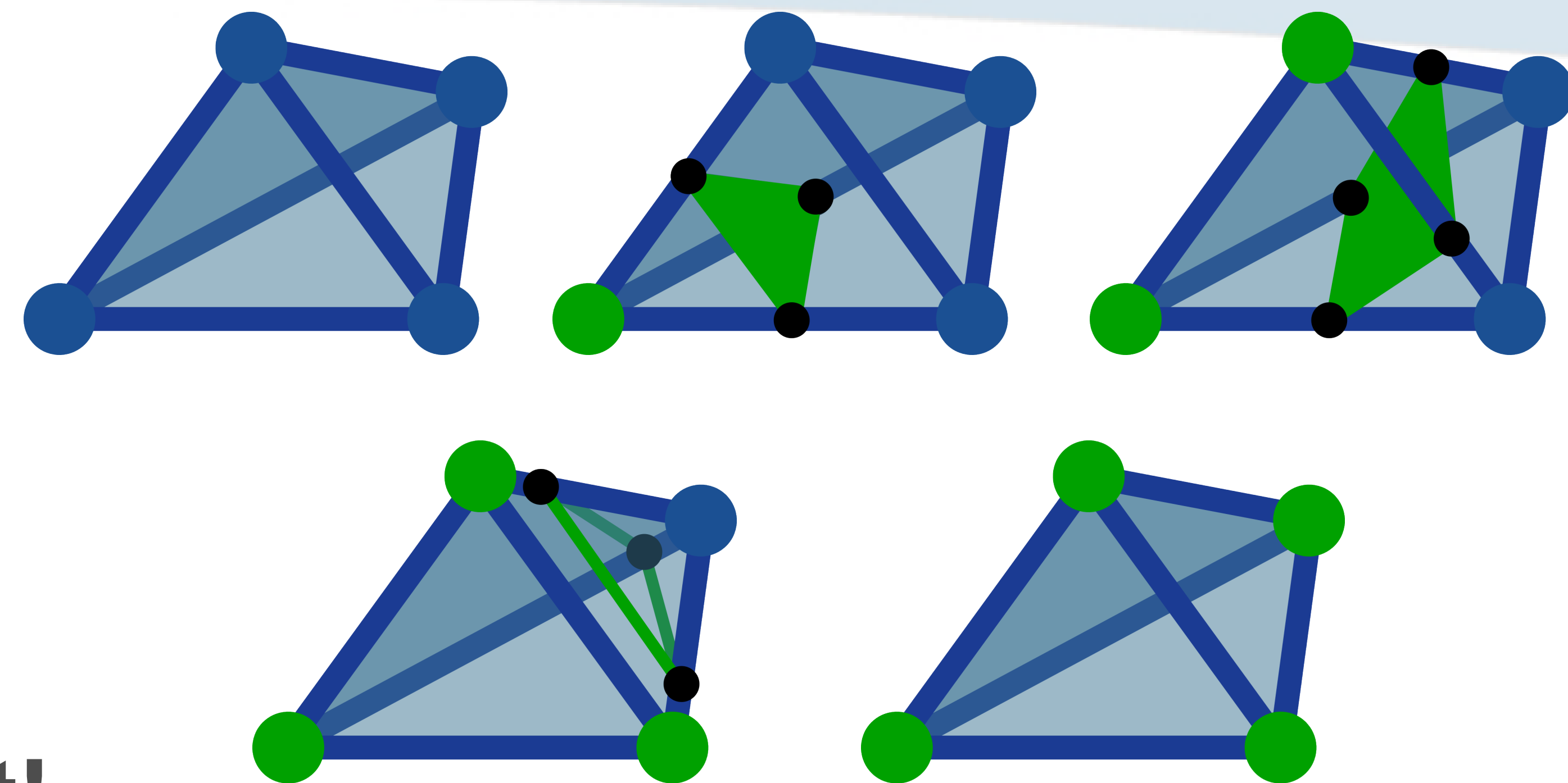
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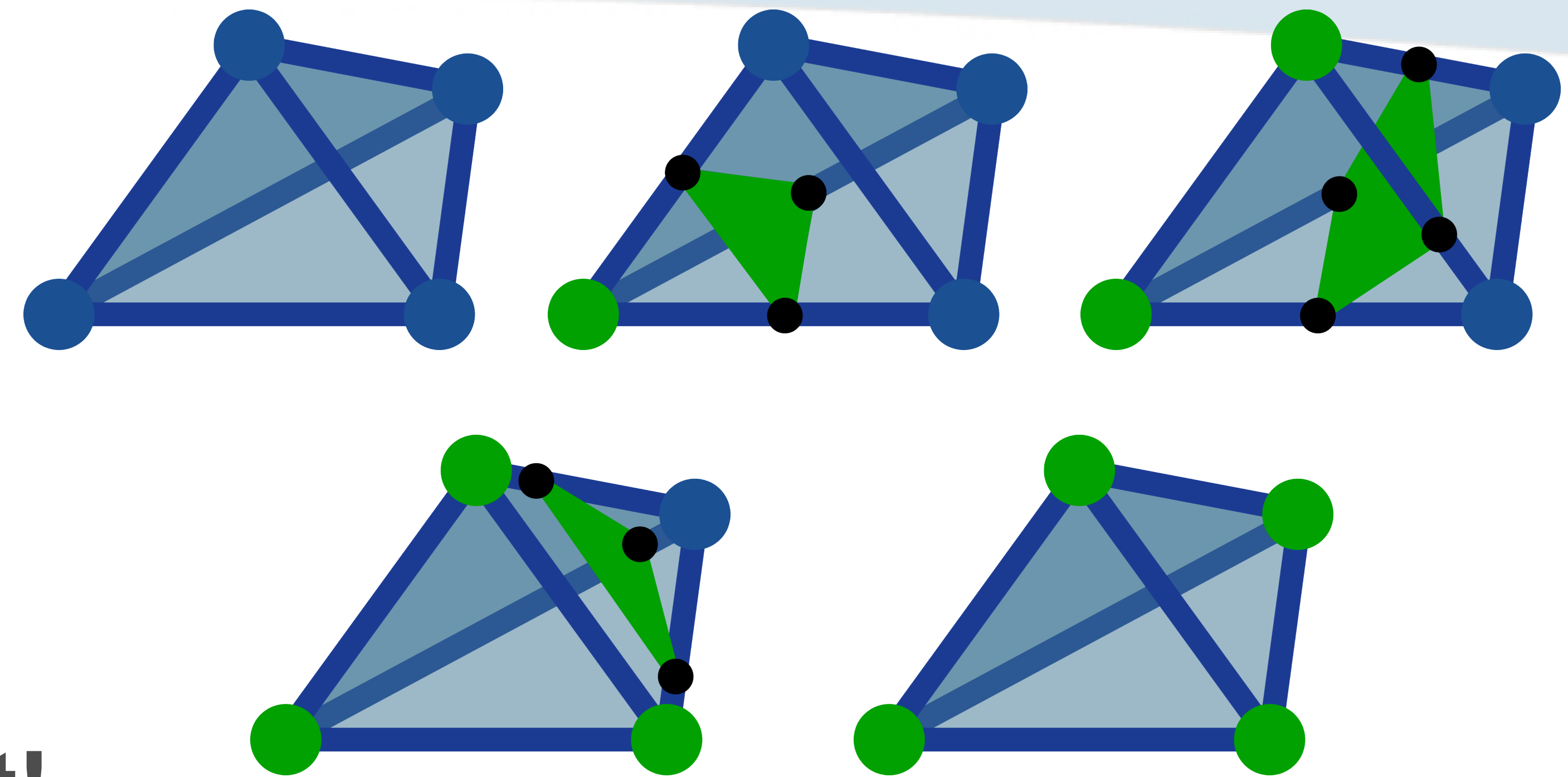
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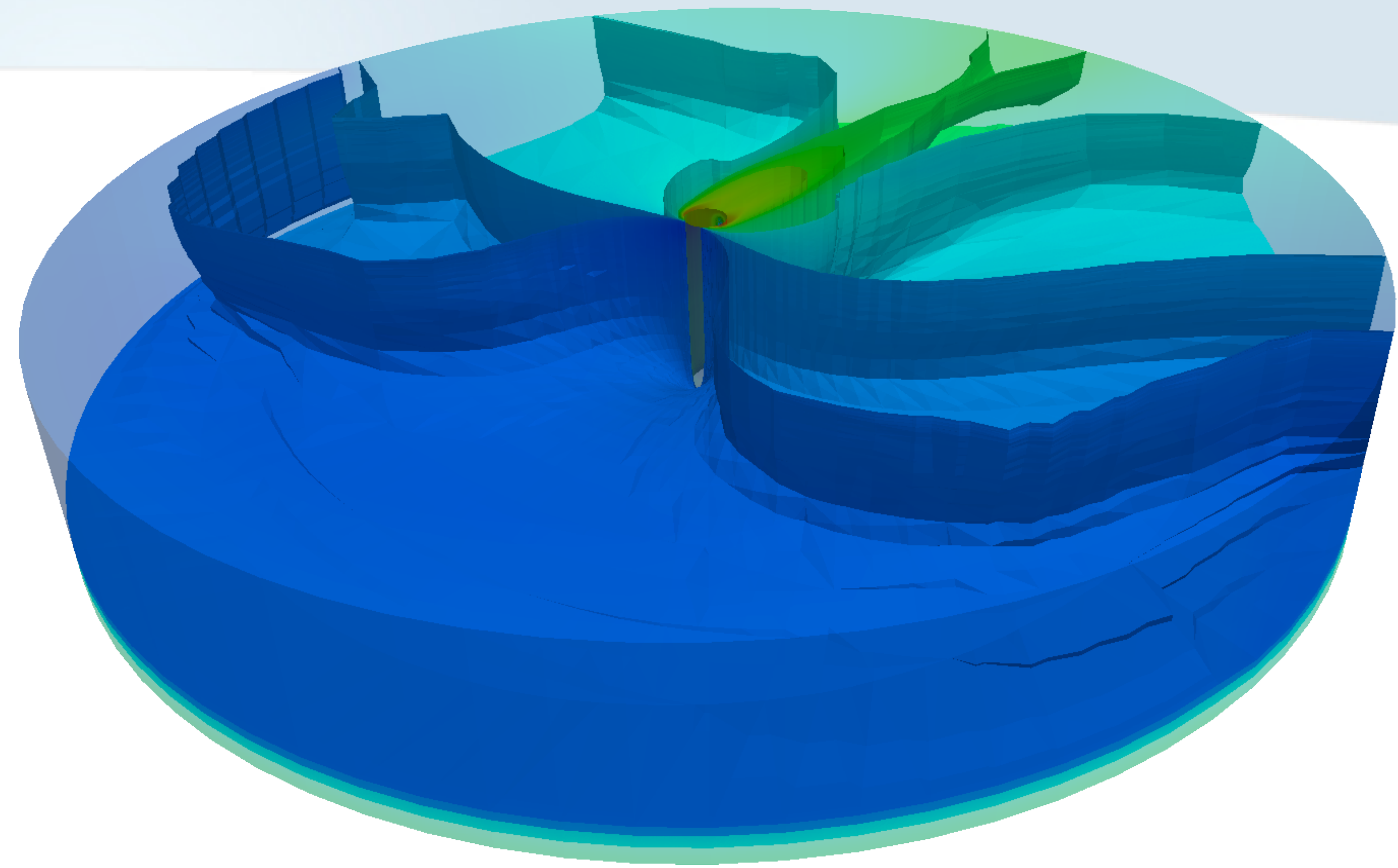
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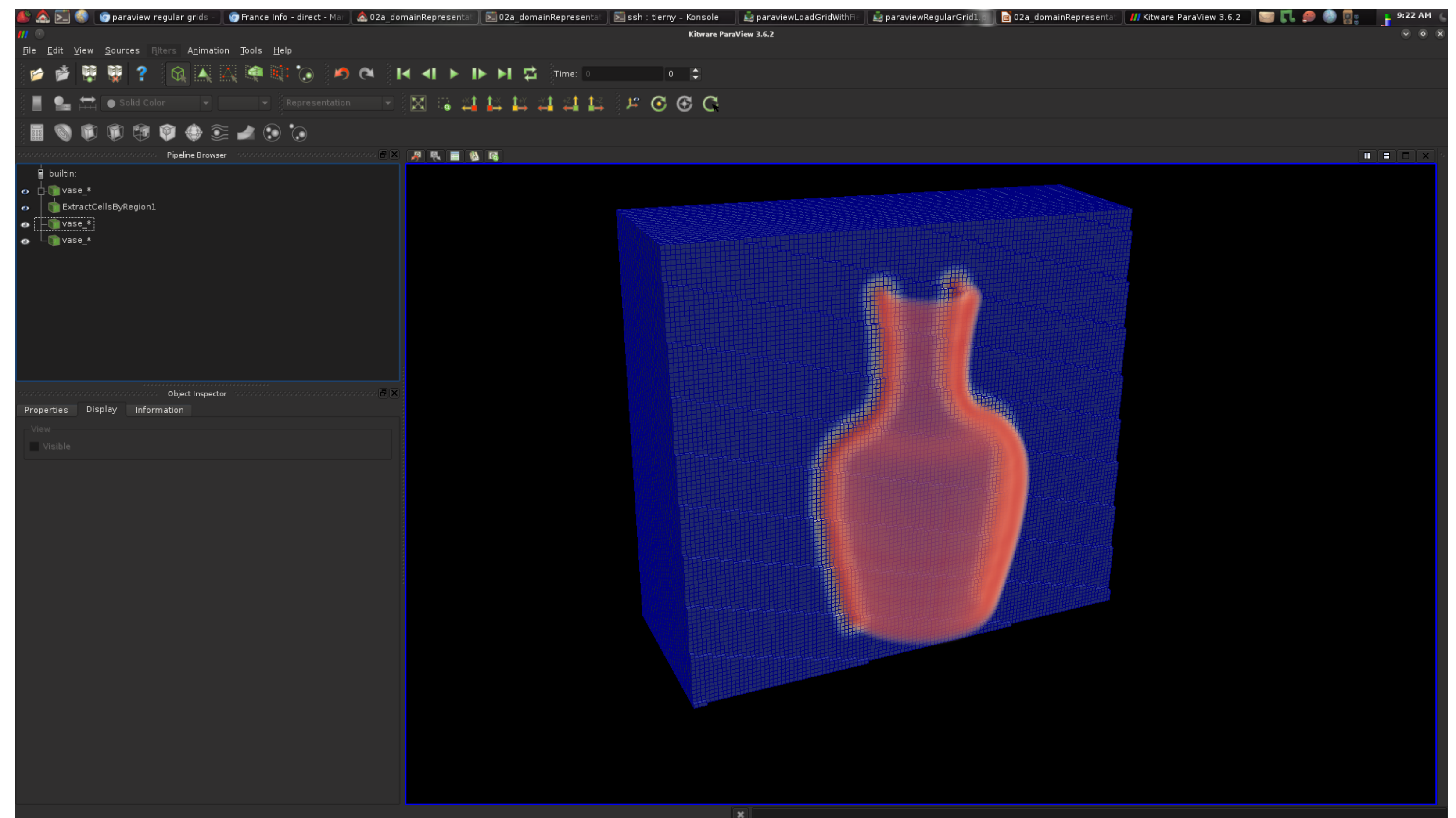
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- Now we know
  - How to compute a level set
  - In arbitrary dimension
  - But in only one d-simplex :(
- General algorithm
  - Flip through the list of d-simplex
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  - “*Marching Tetrahedra*”



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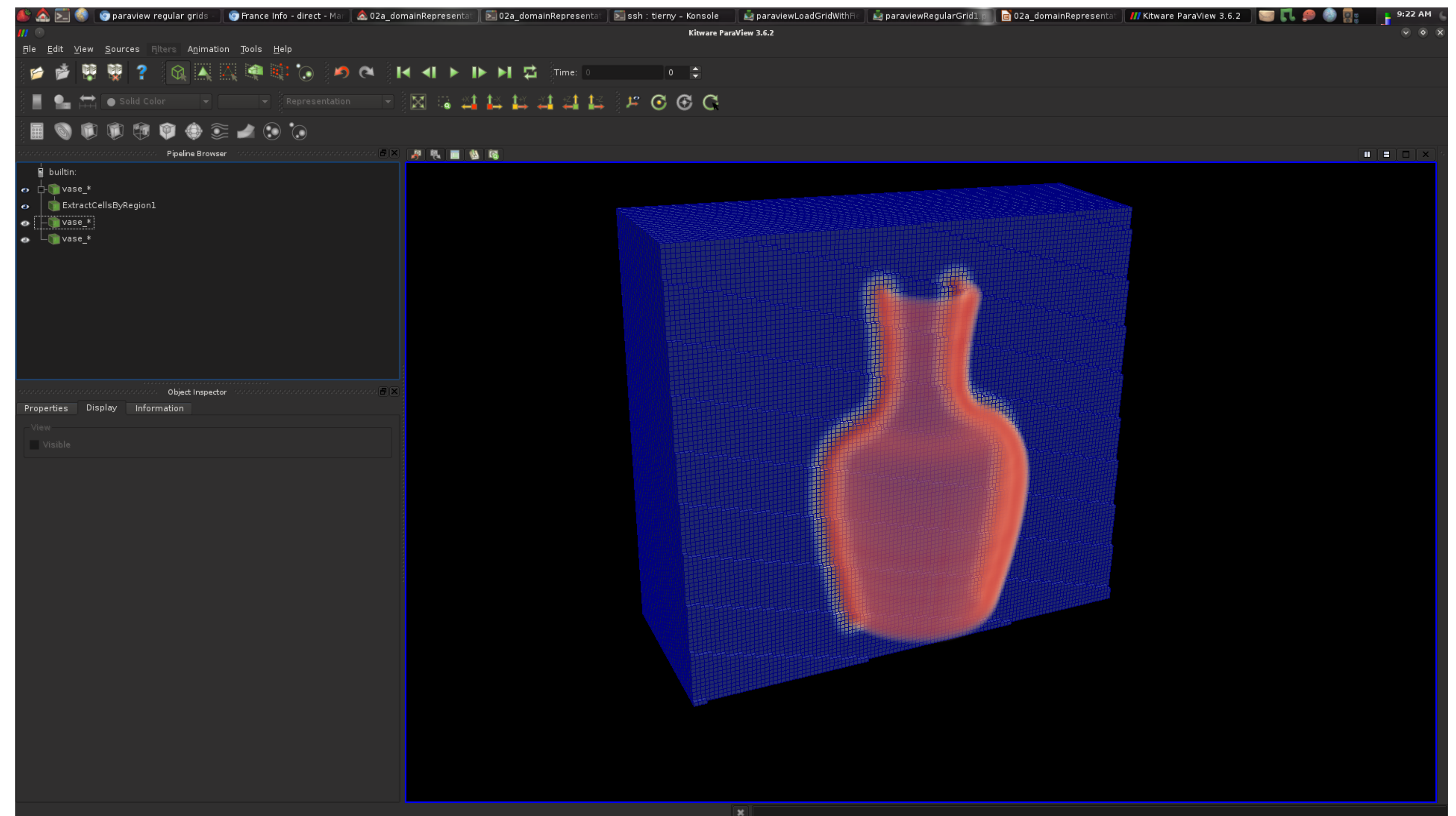
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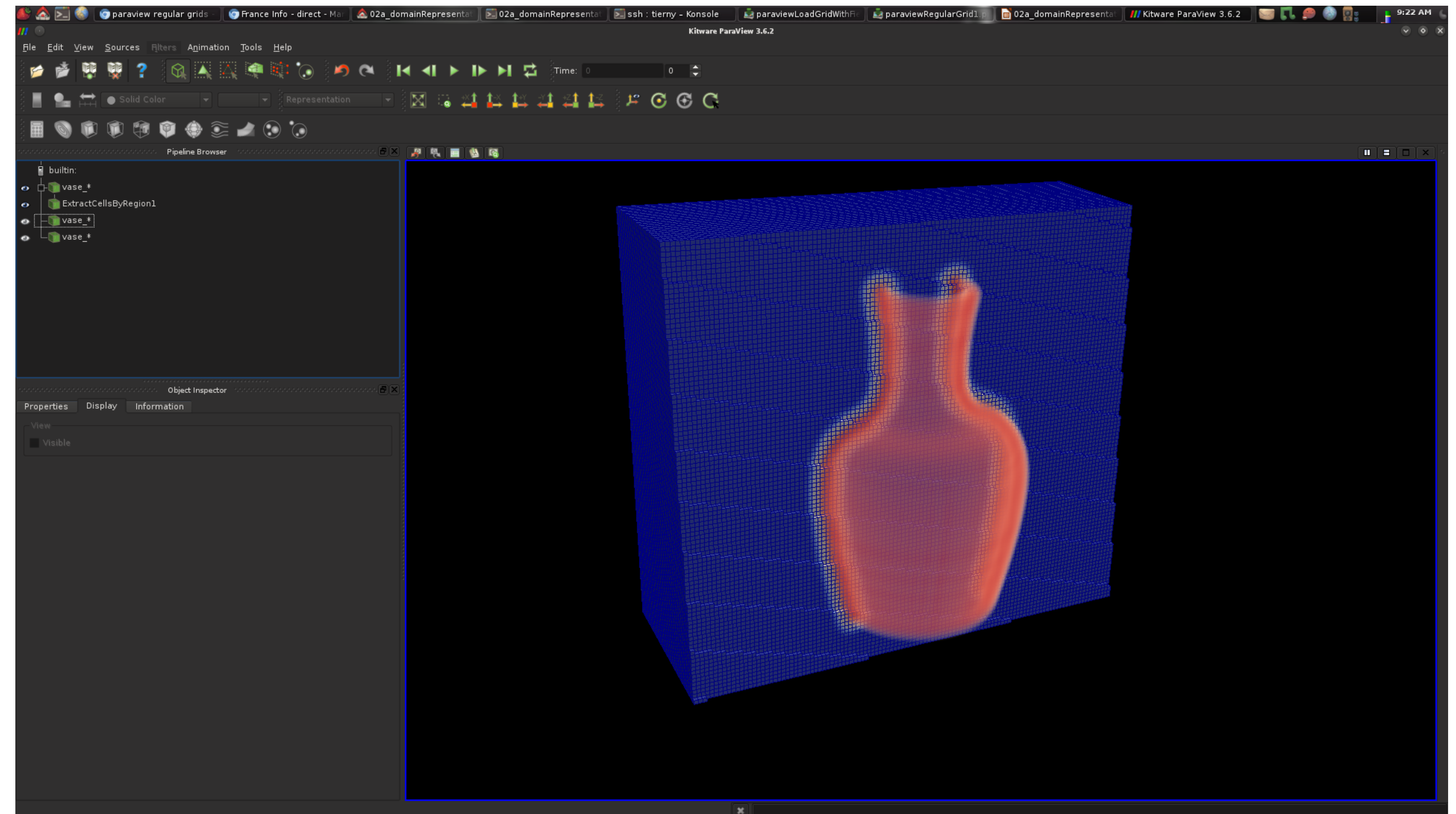
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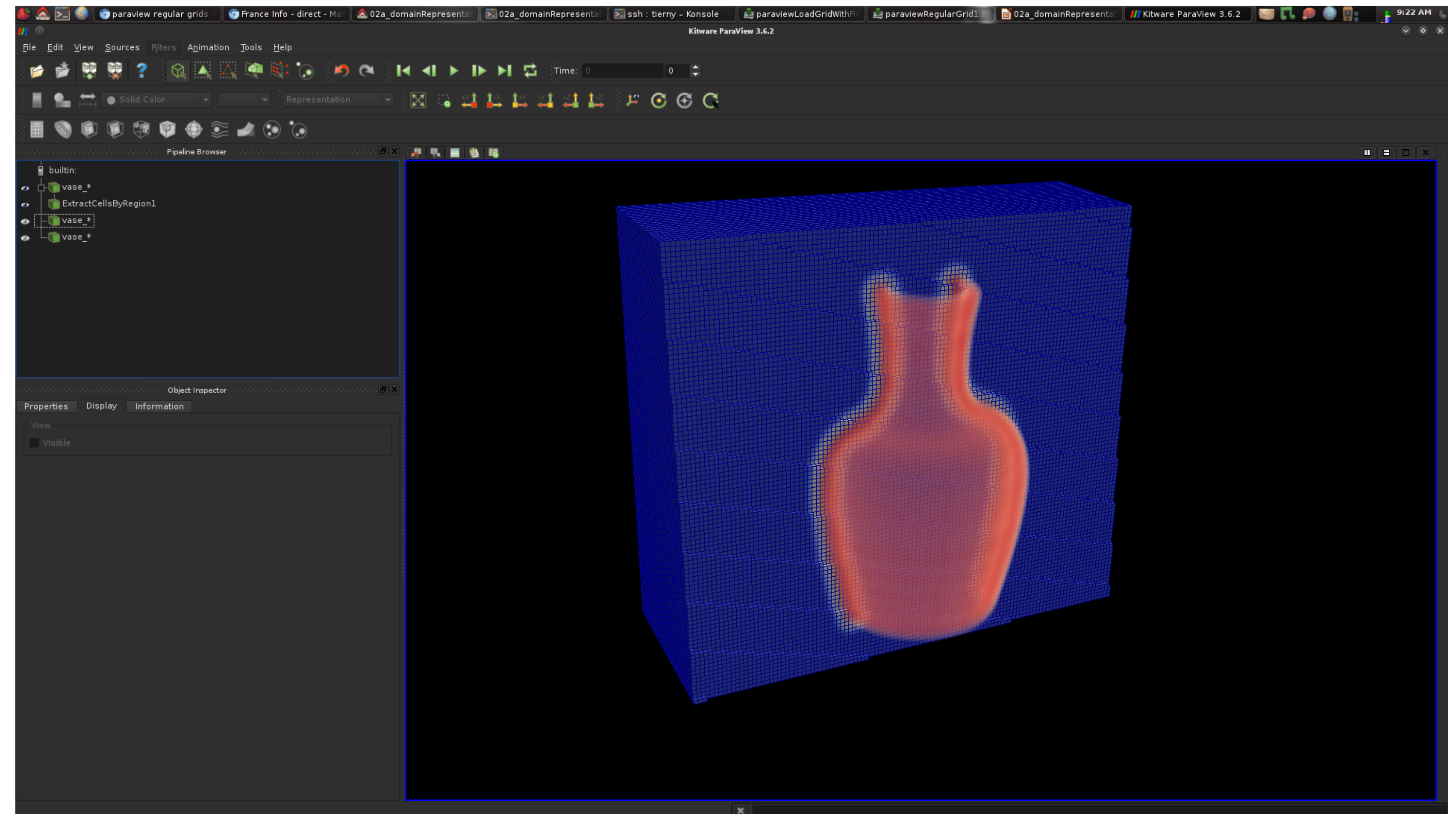
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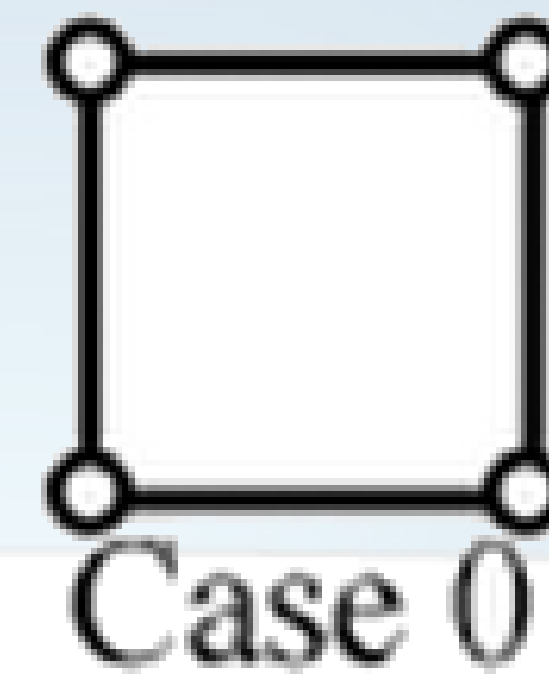


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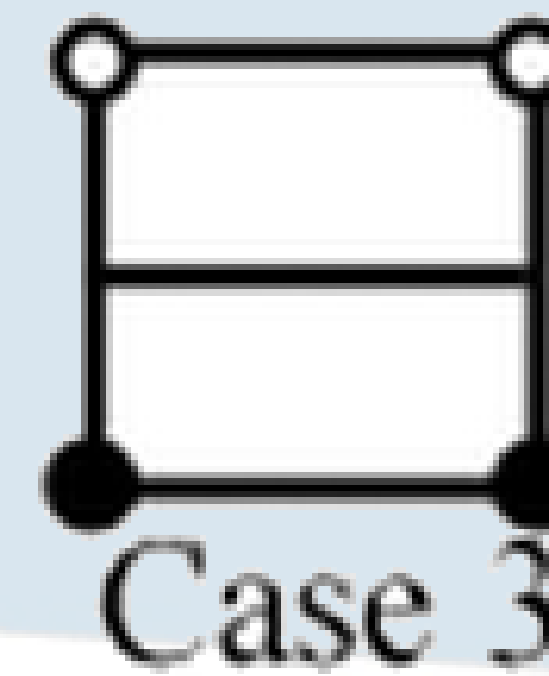
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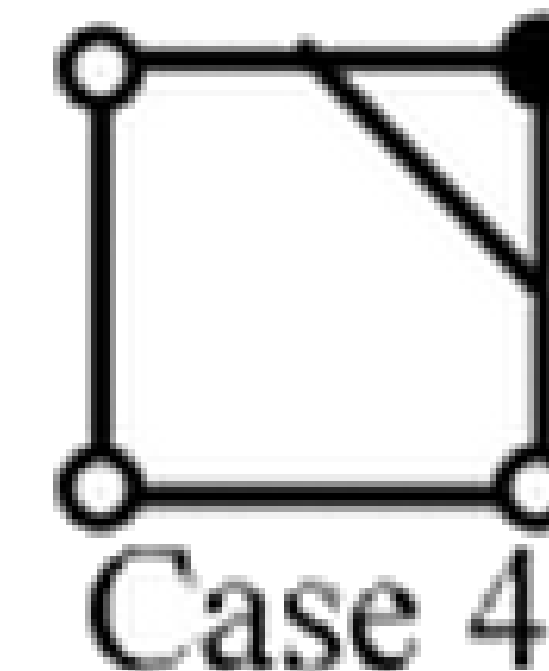
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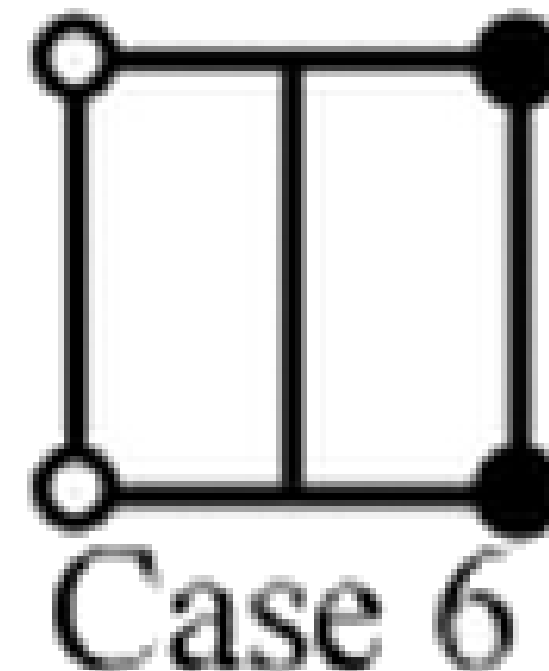
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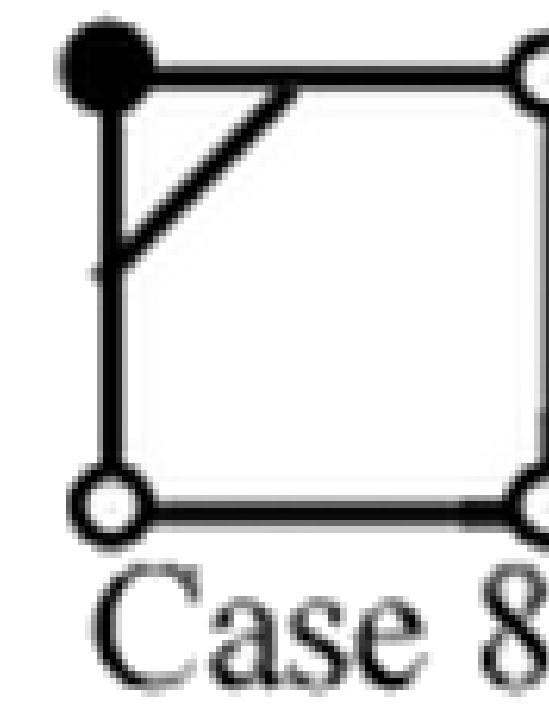
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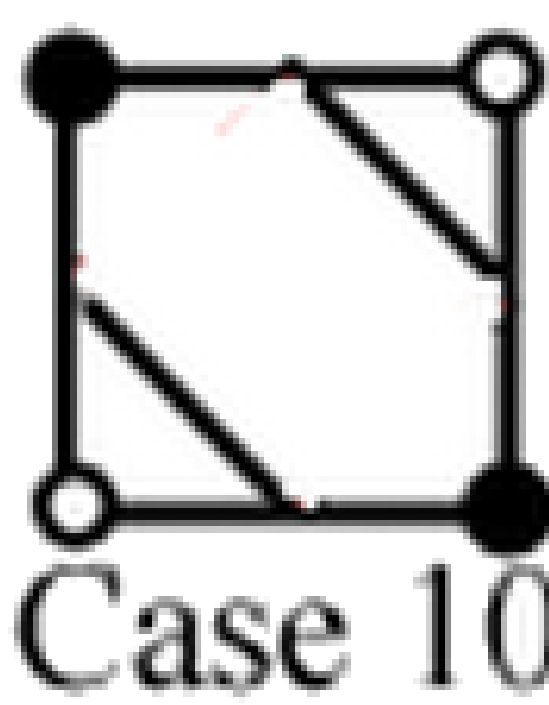
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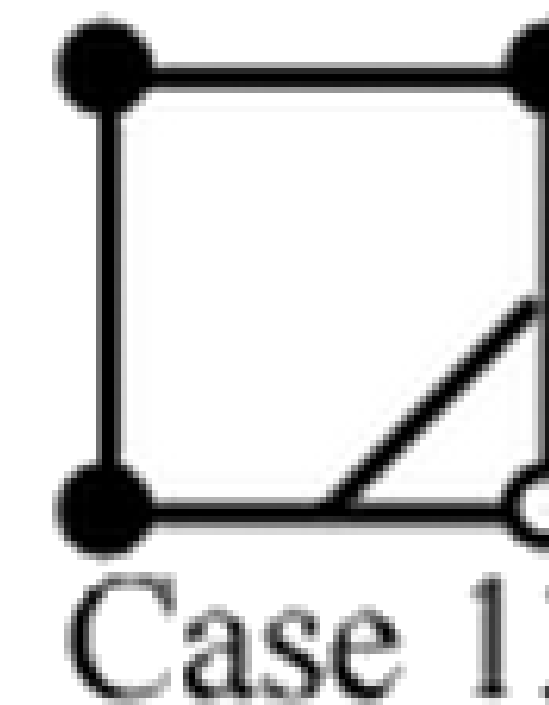
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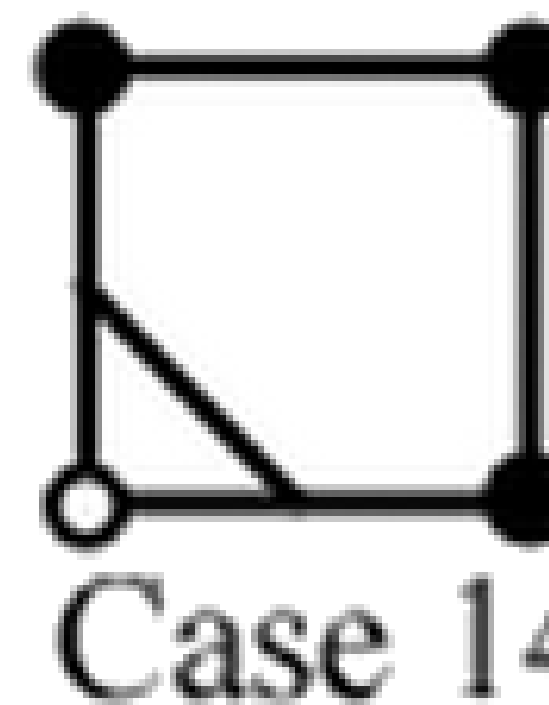
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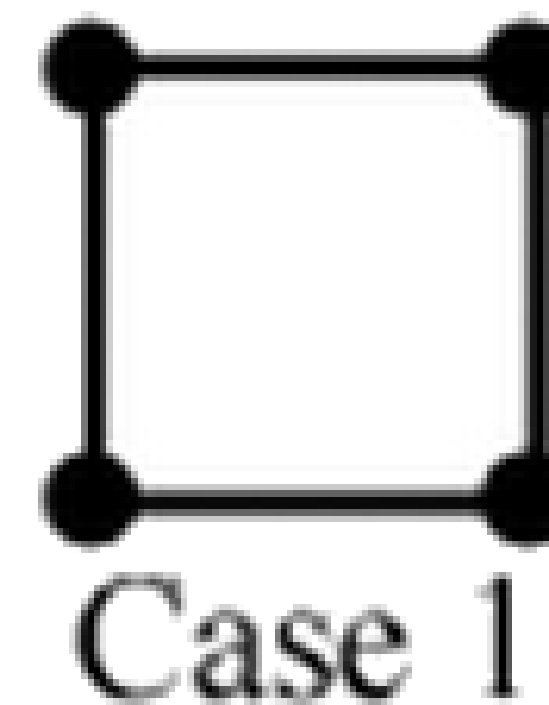
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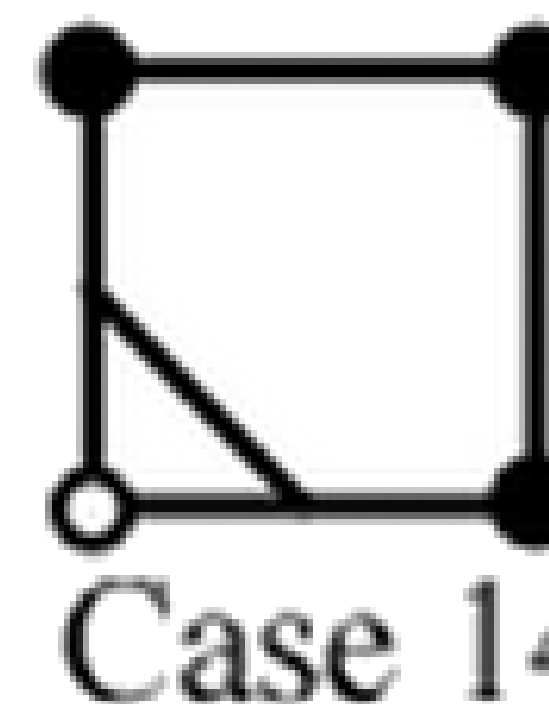
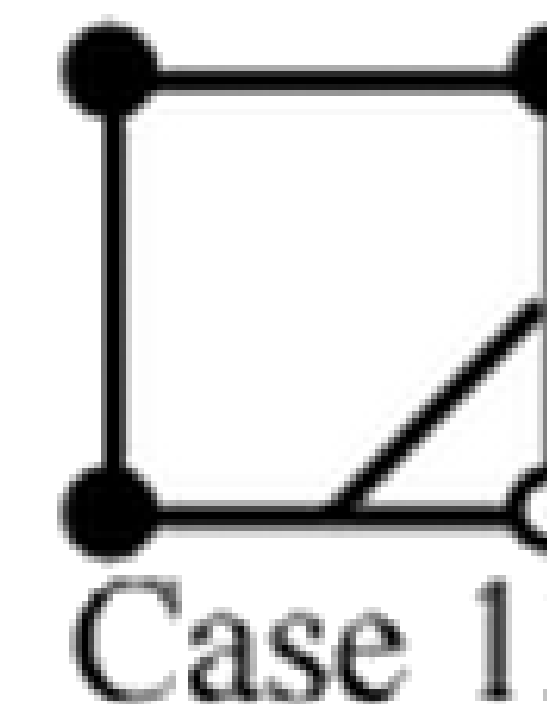
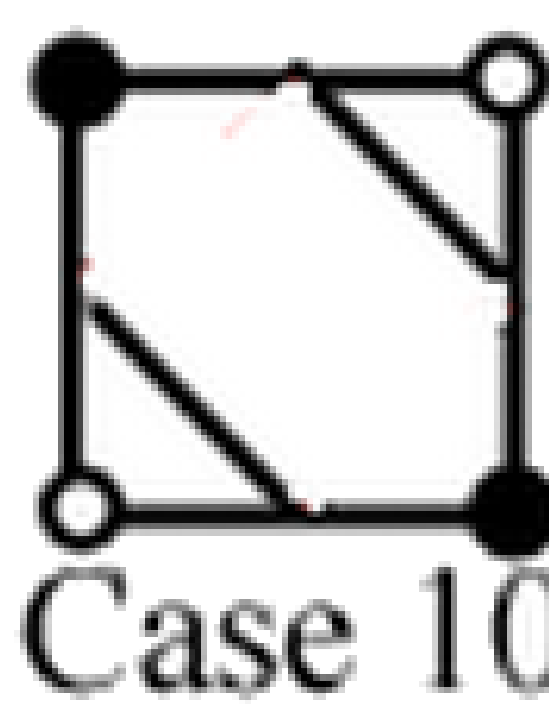
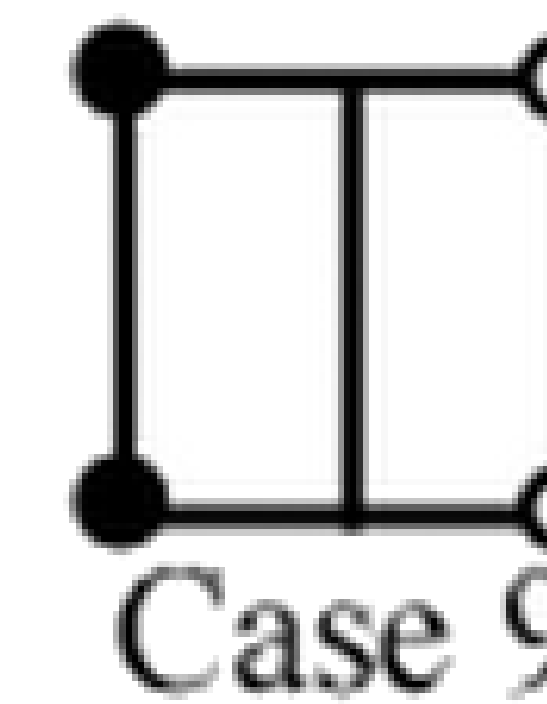
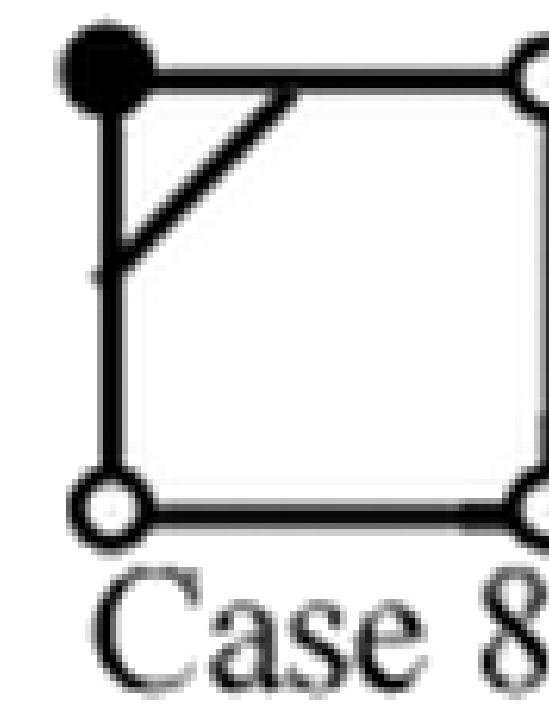
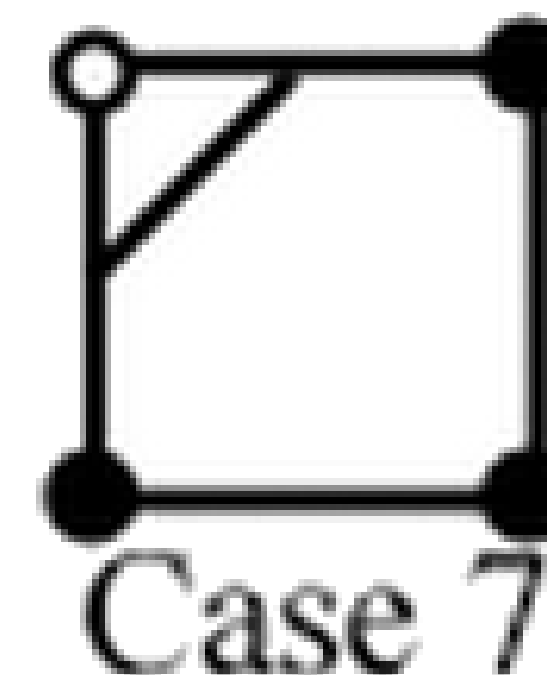
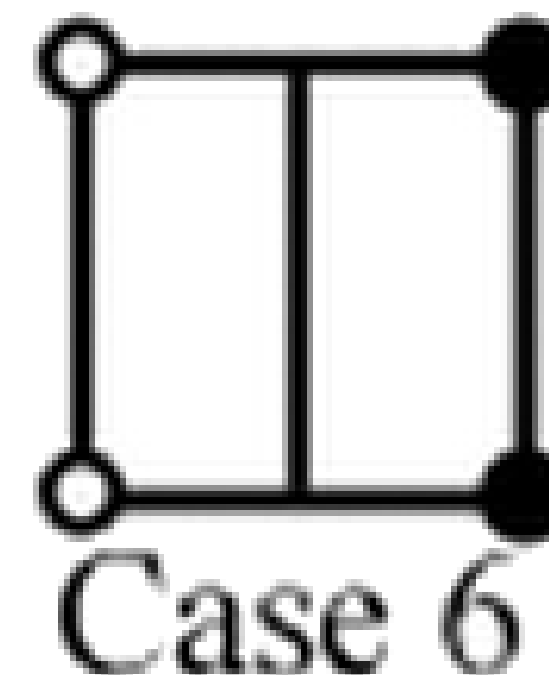
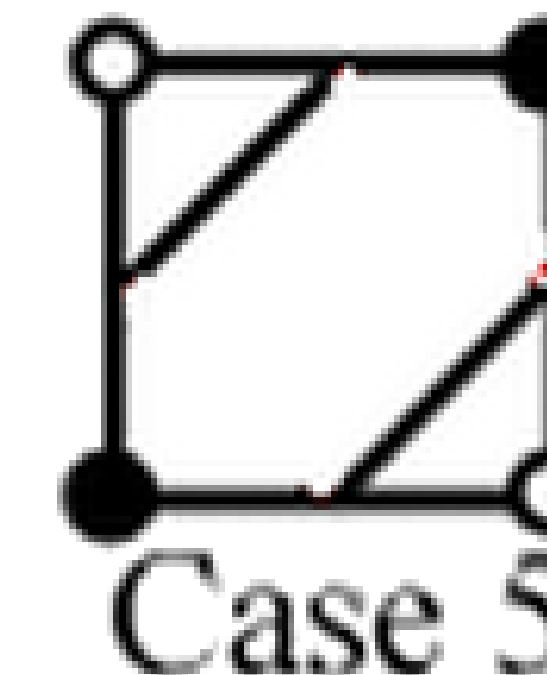
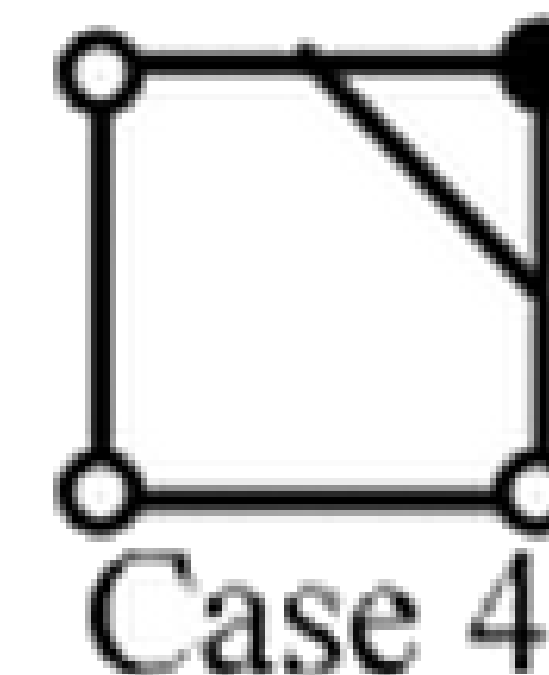
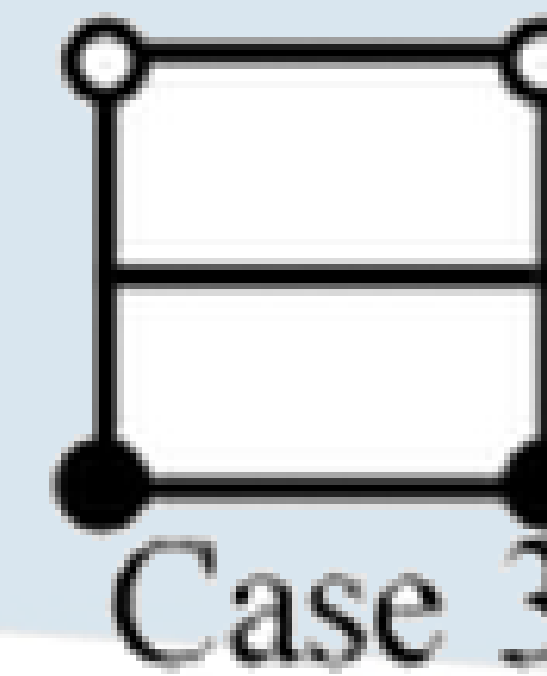
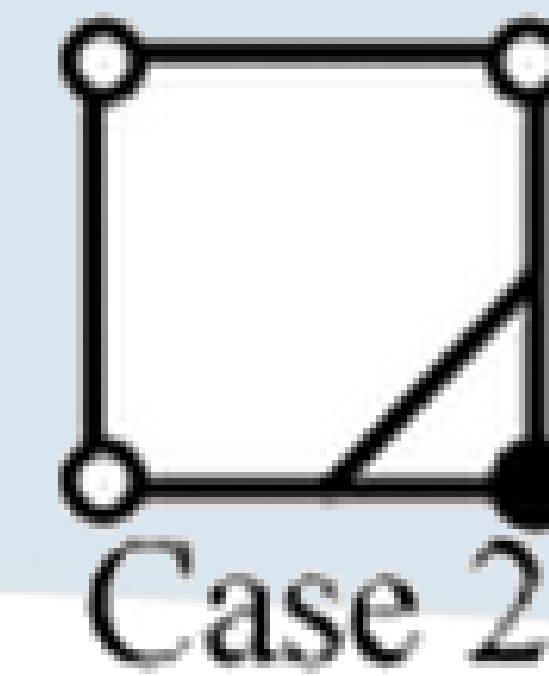
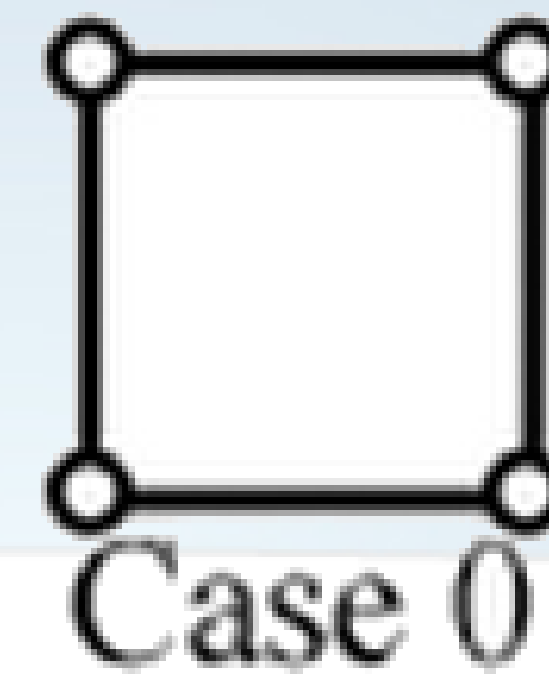


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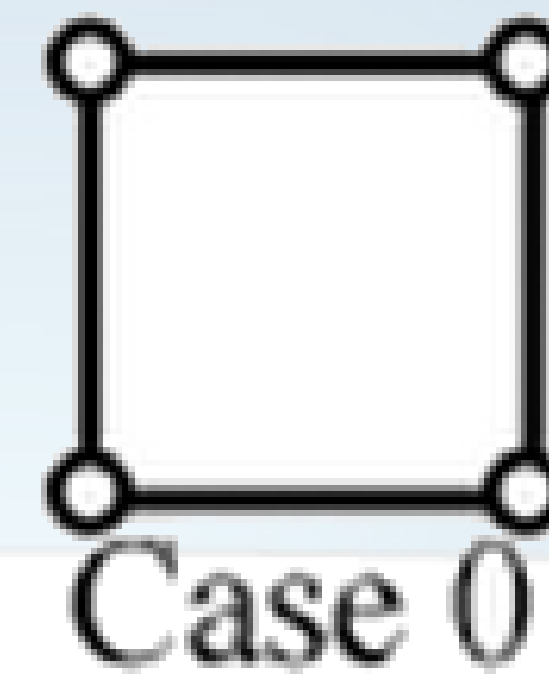
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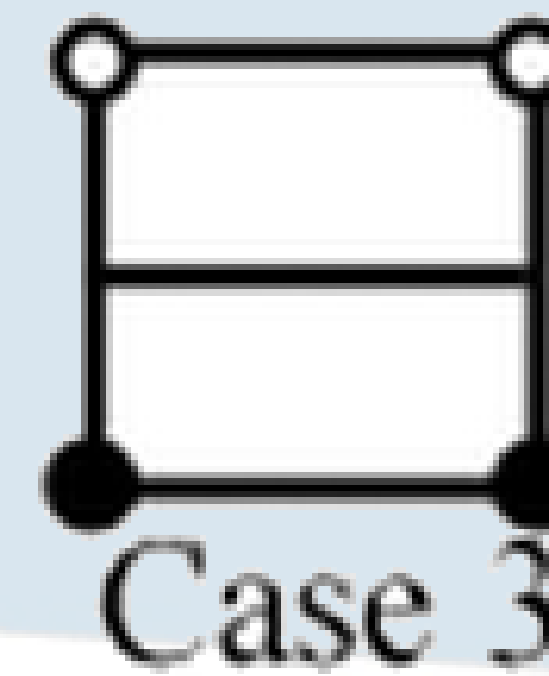
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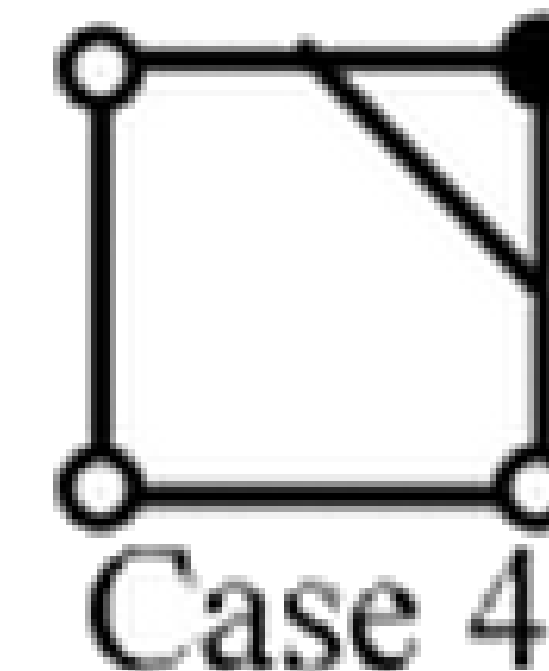
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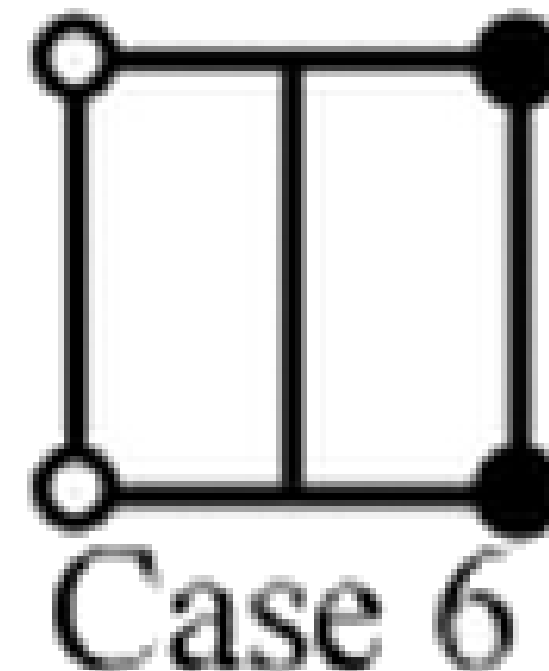
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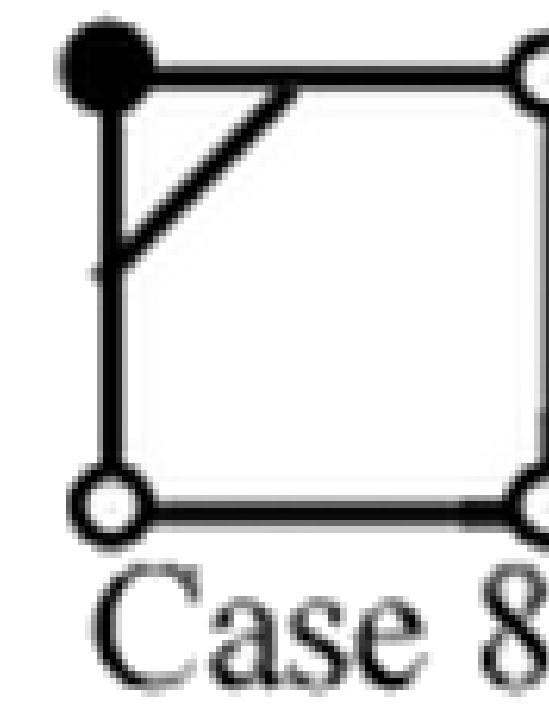
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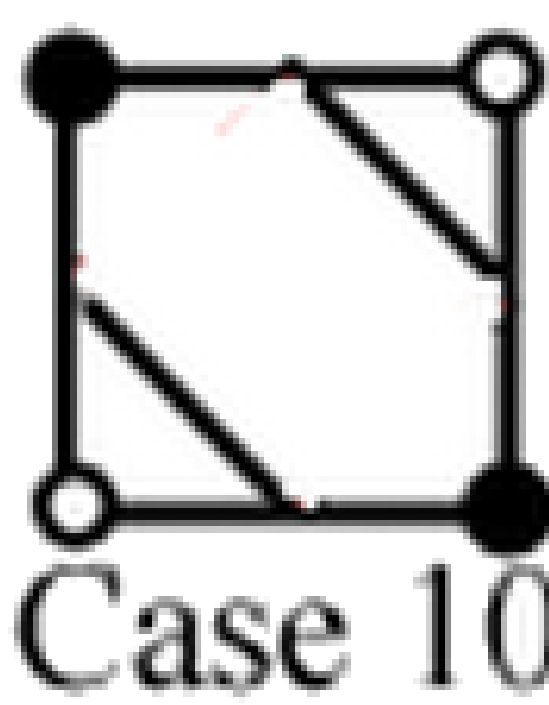
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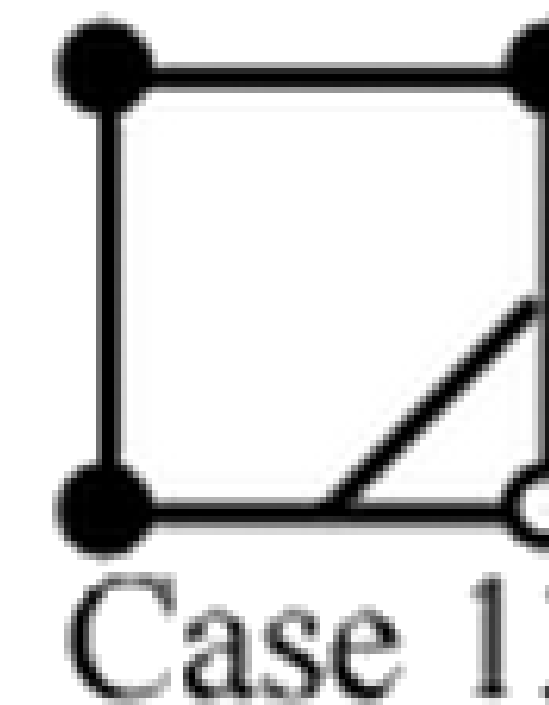
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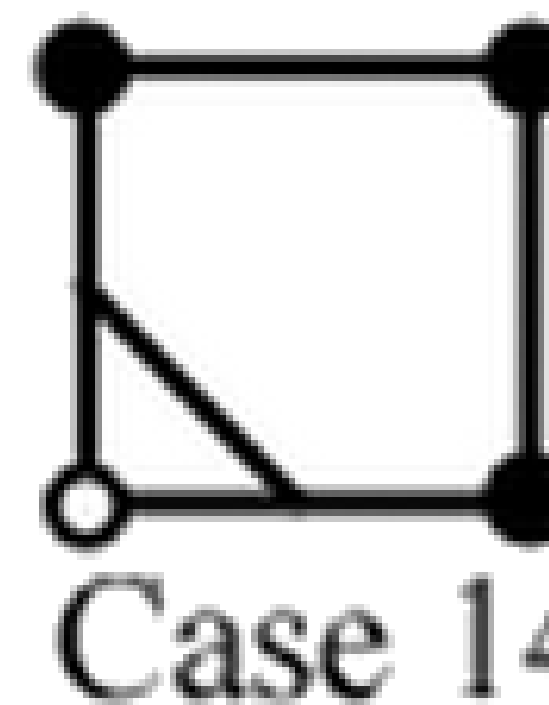
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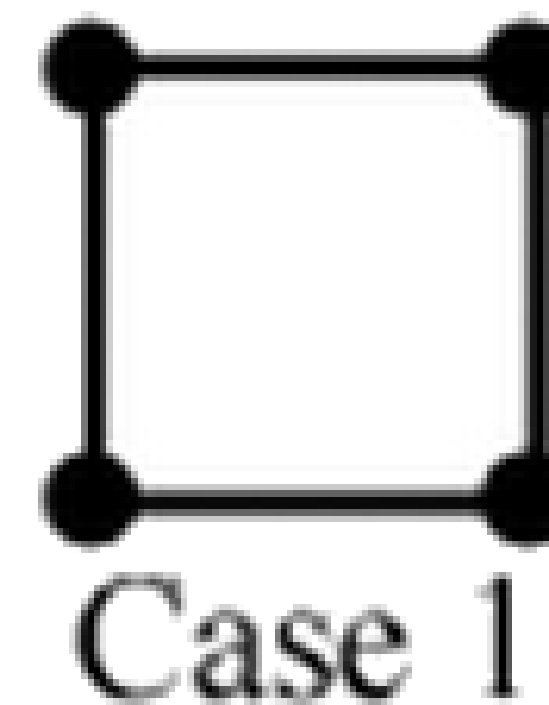
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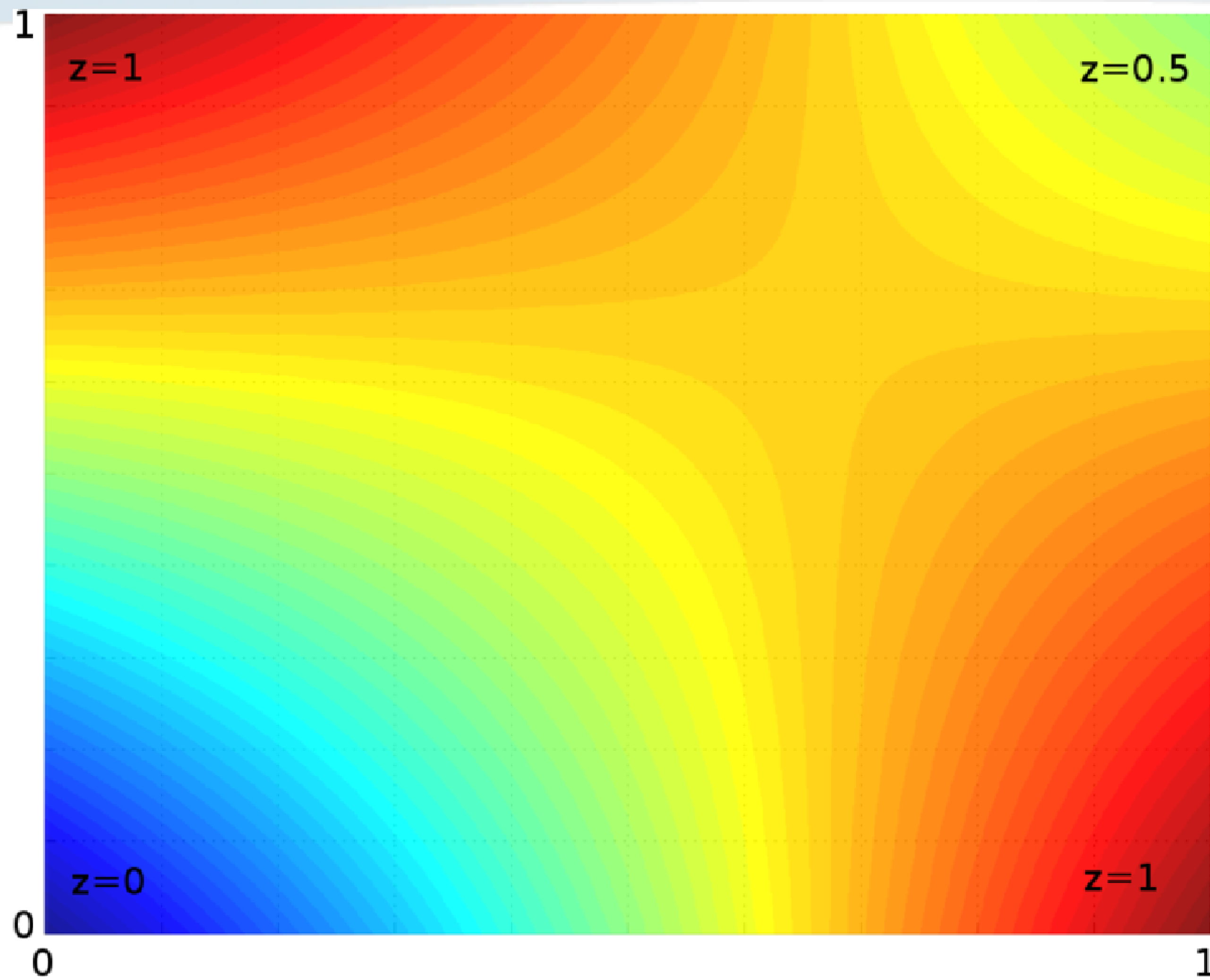
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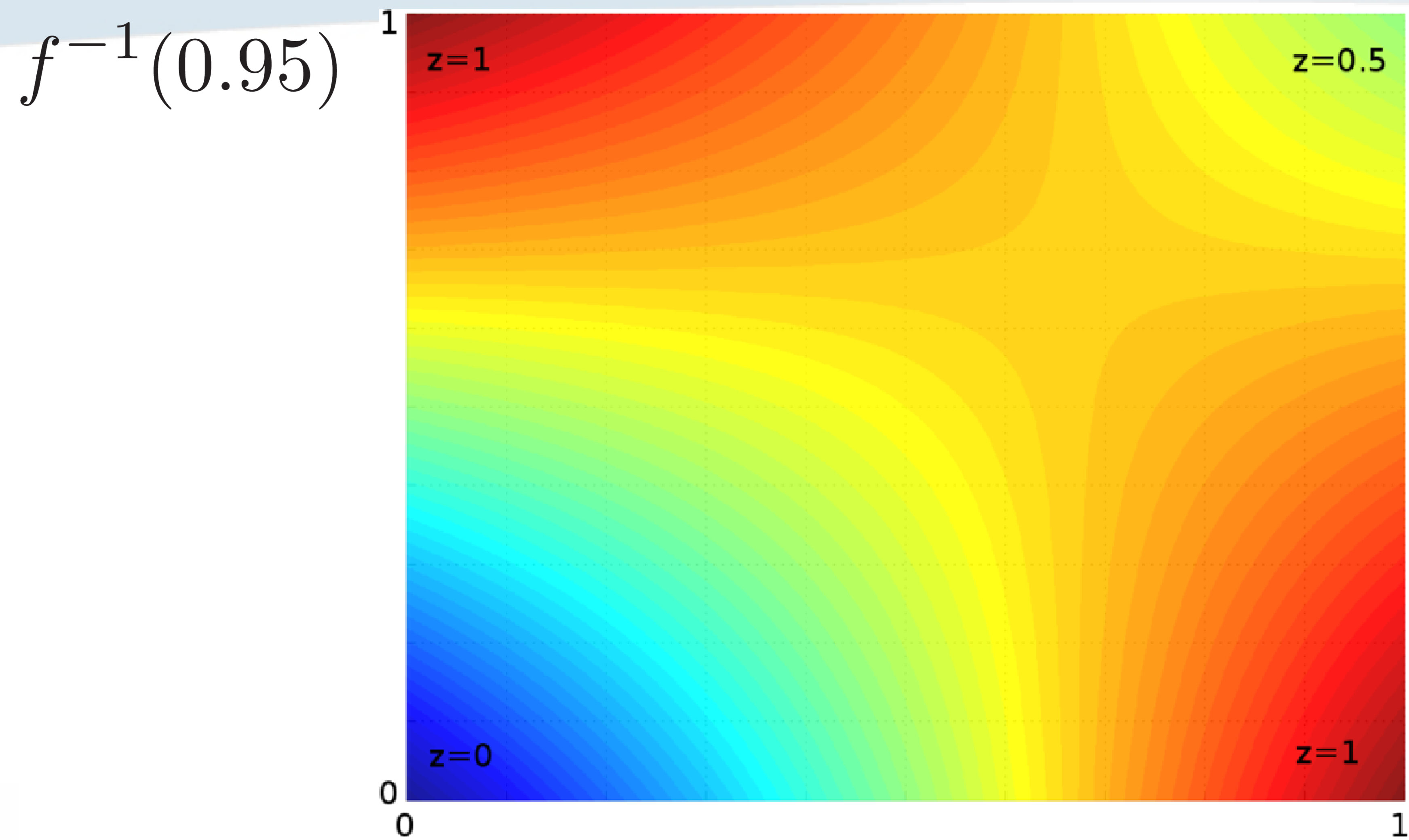
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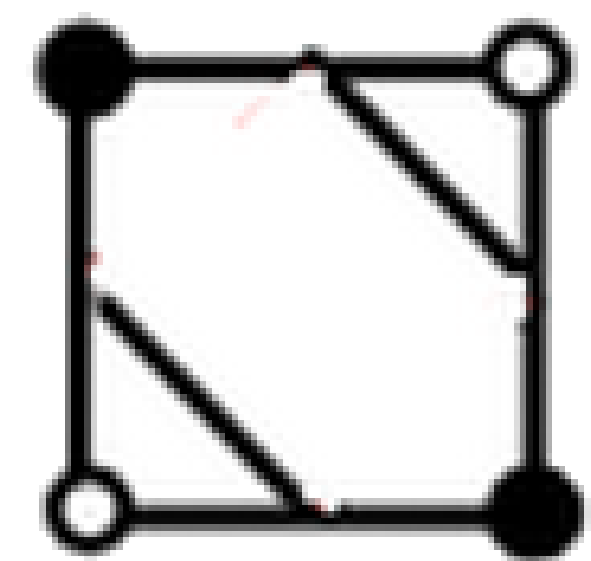
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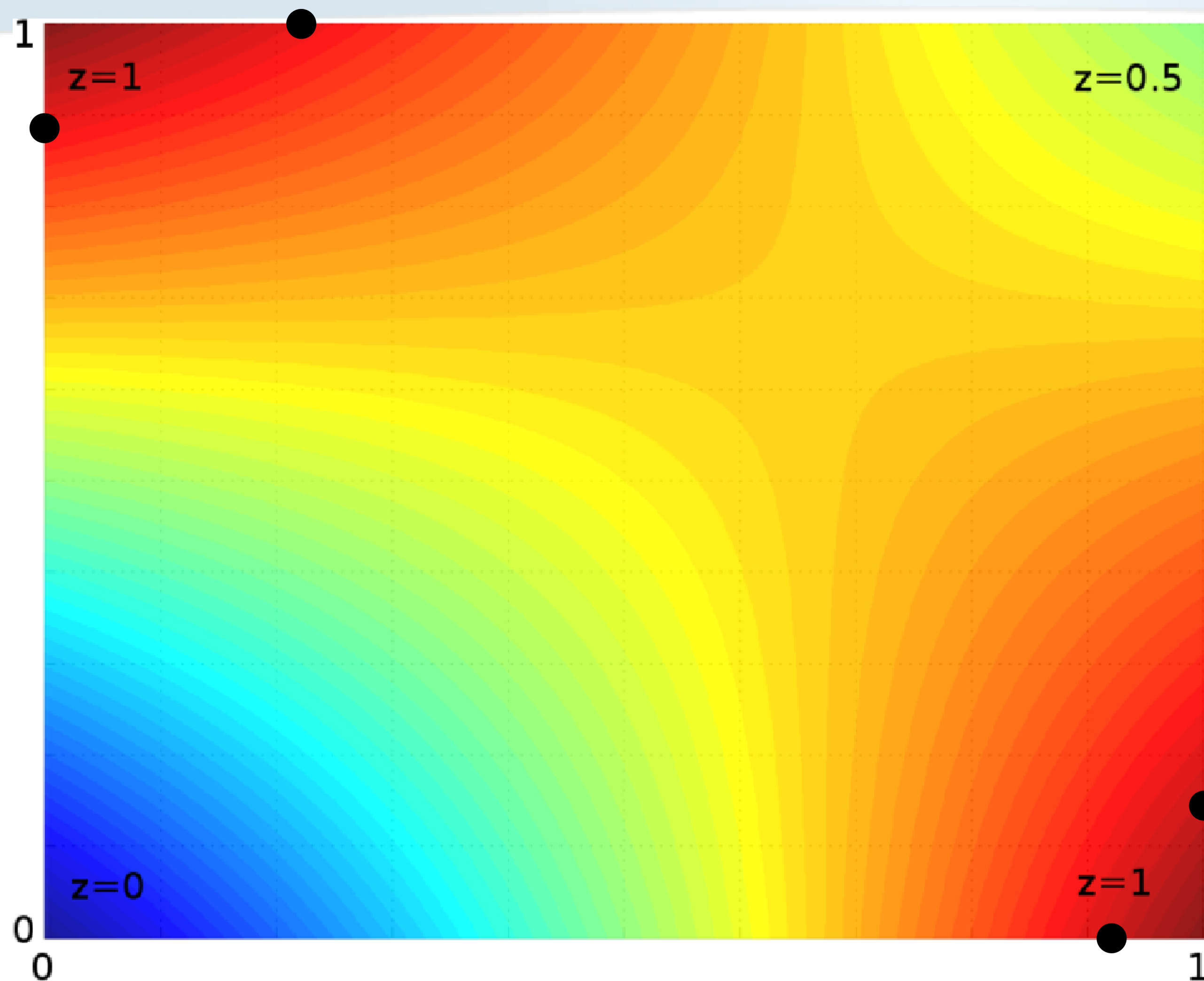


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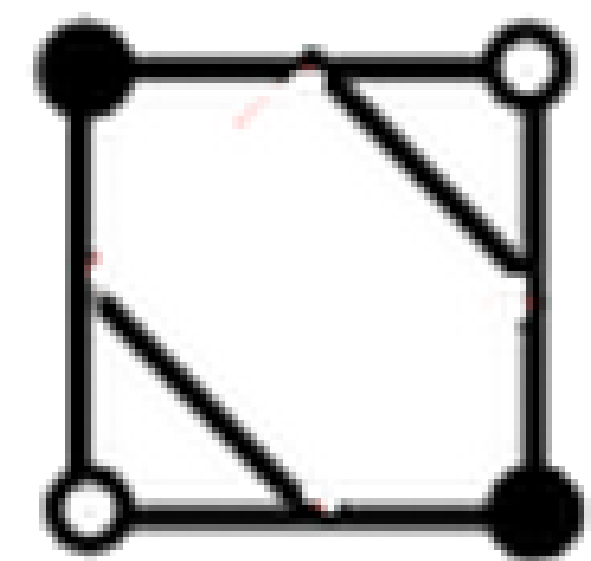


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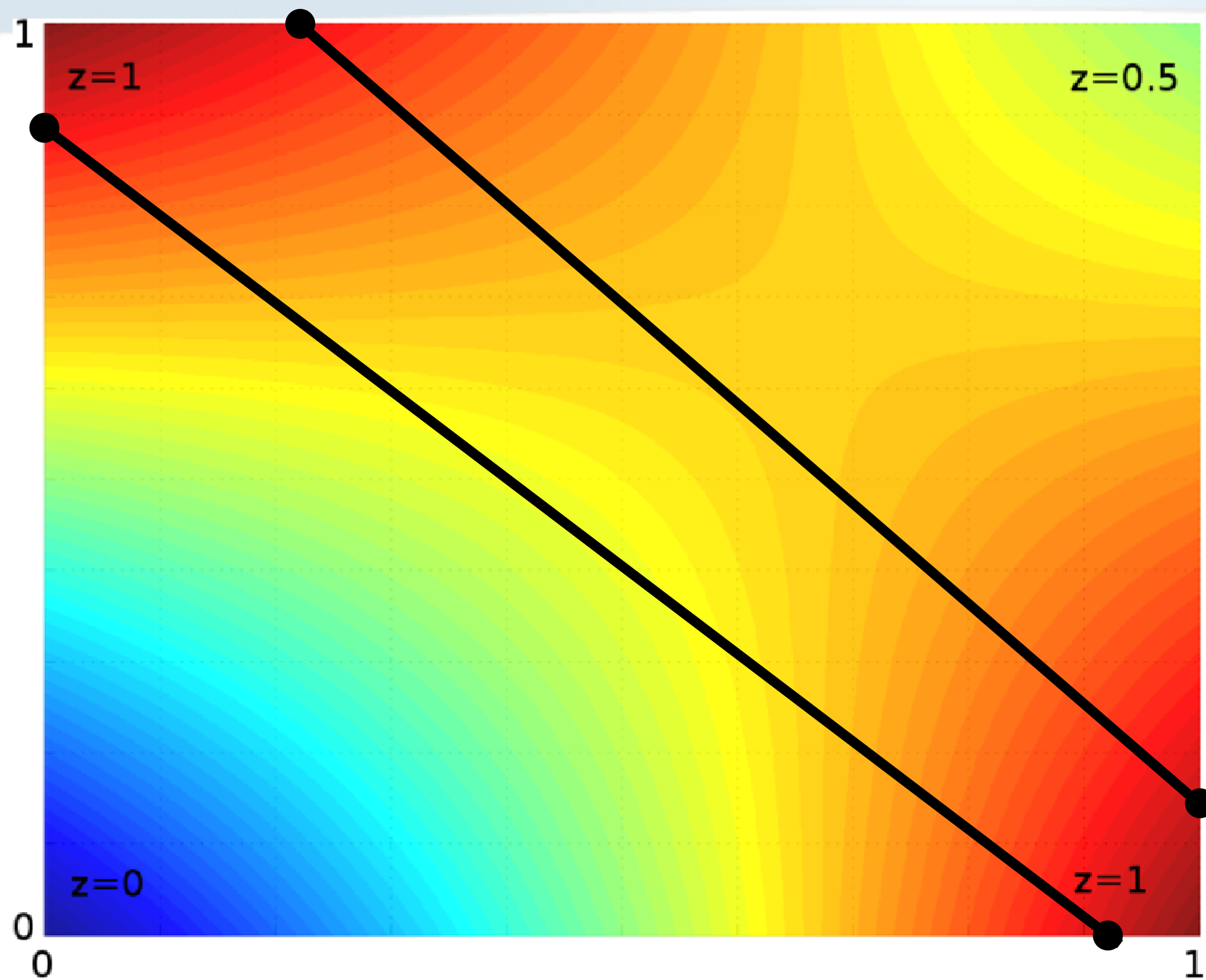


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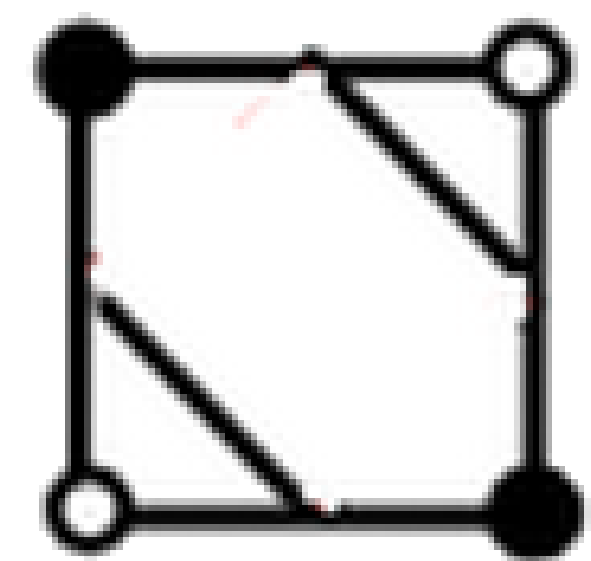
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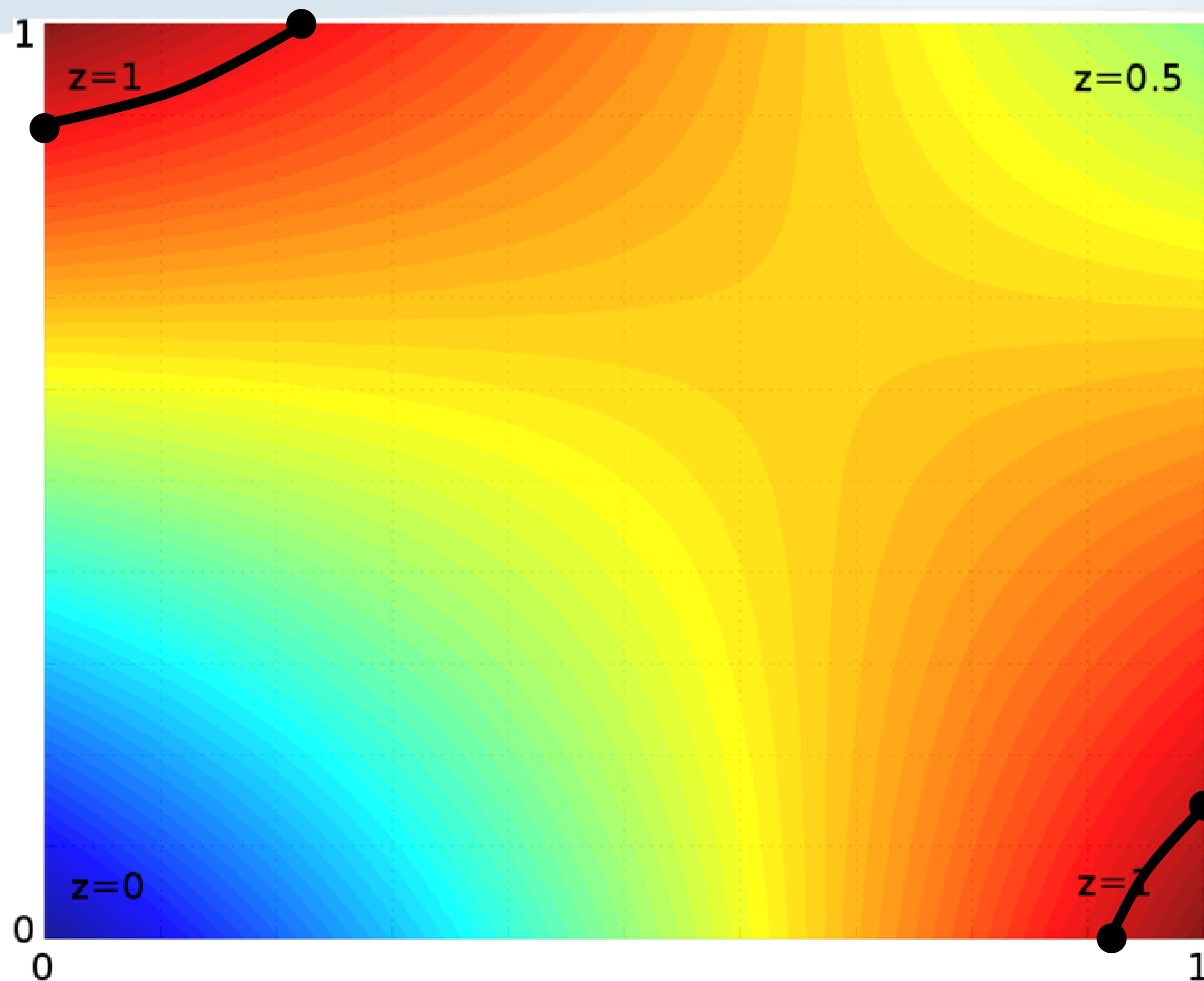


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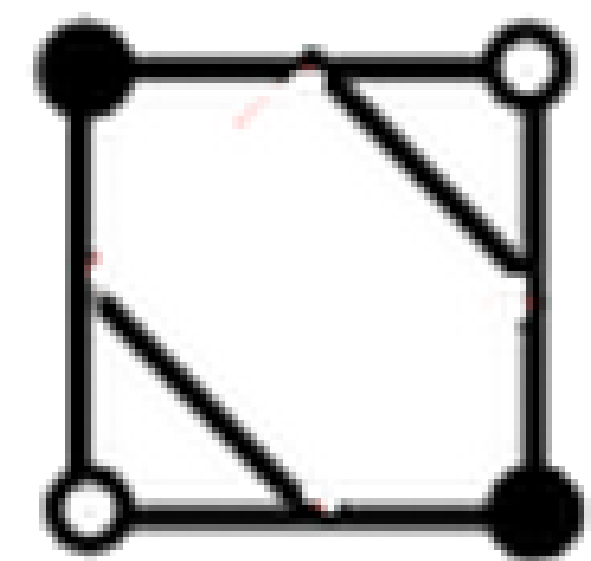


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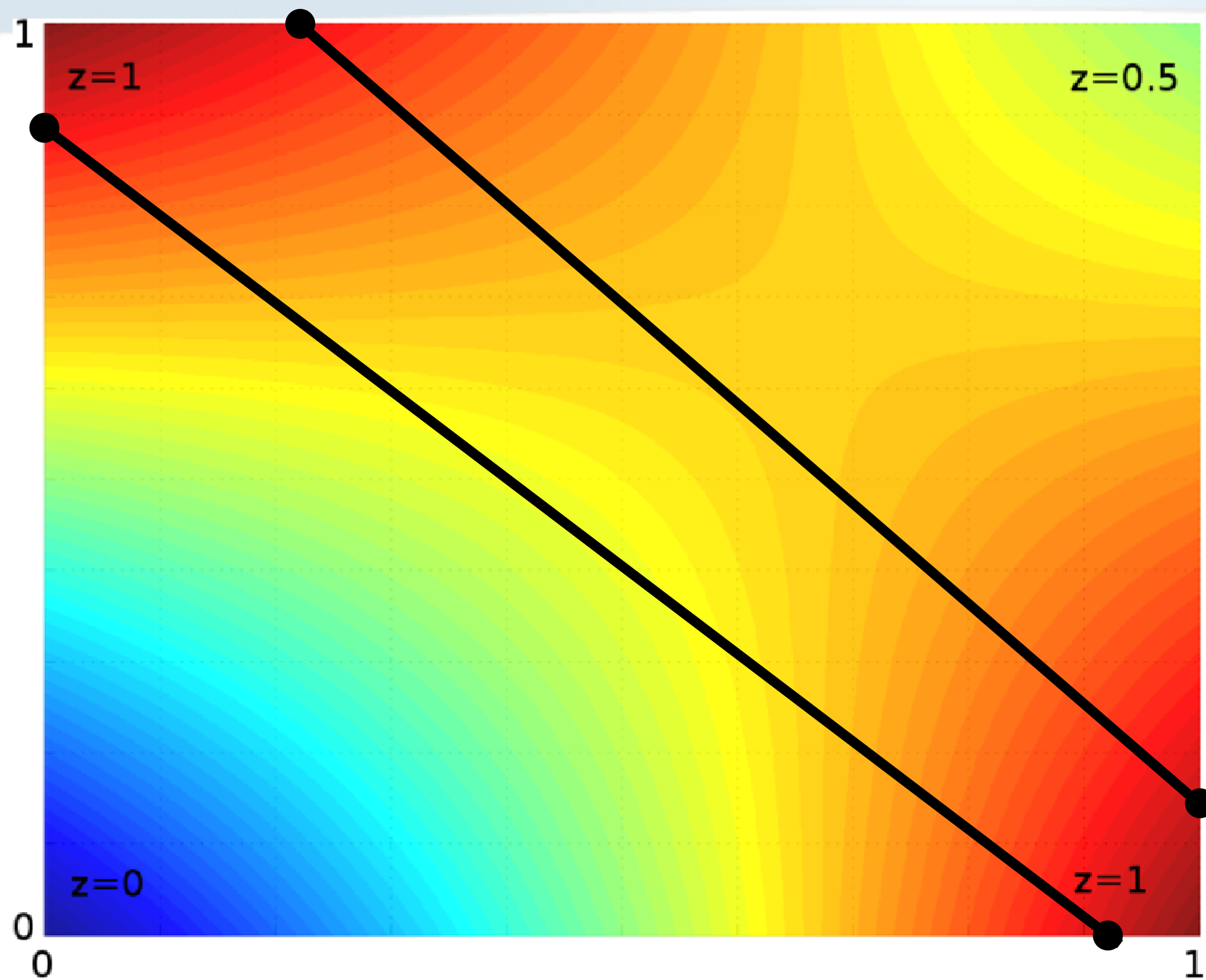


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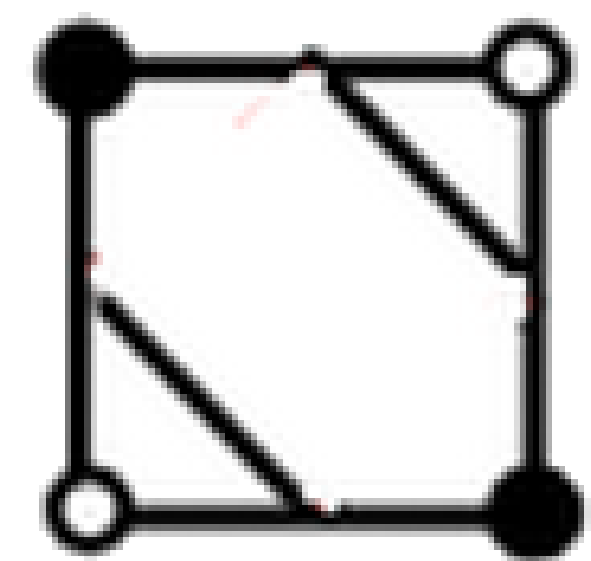
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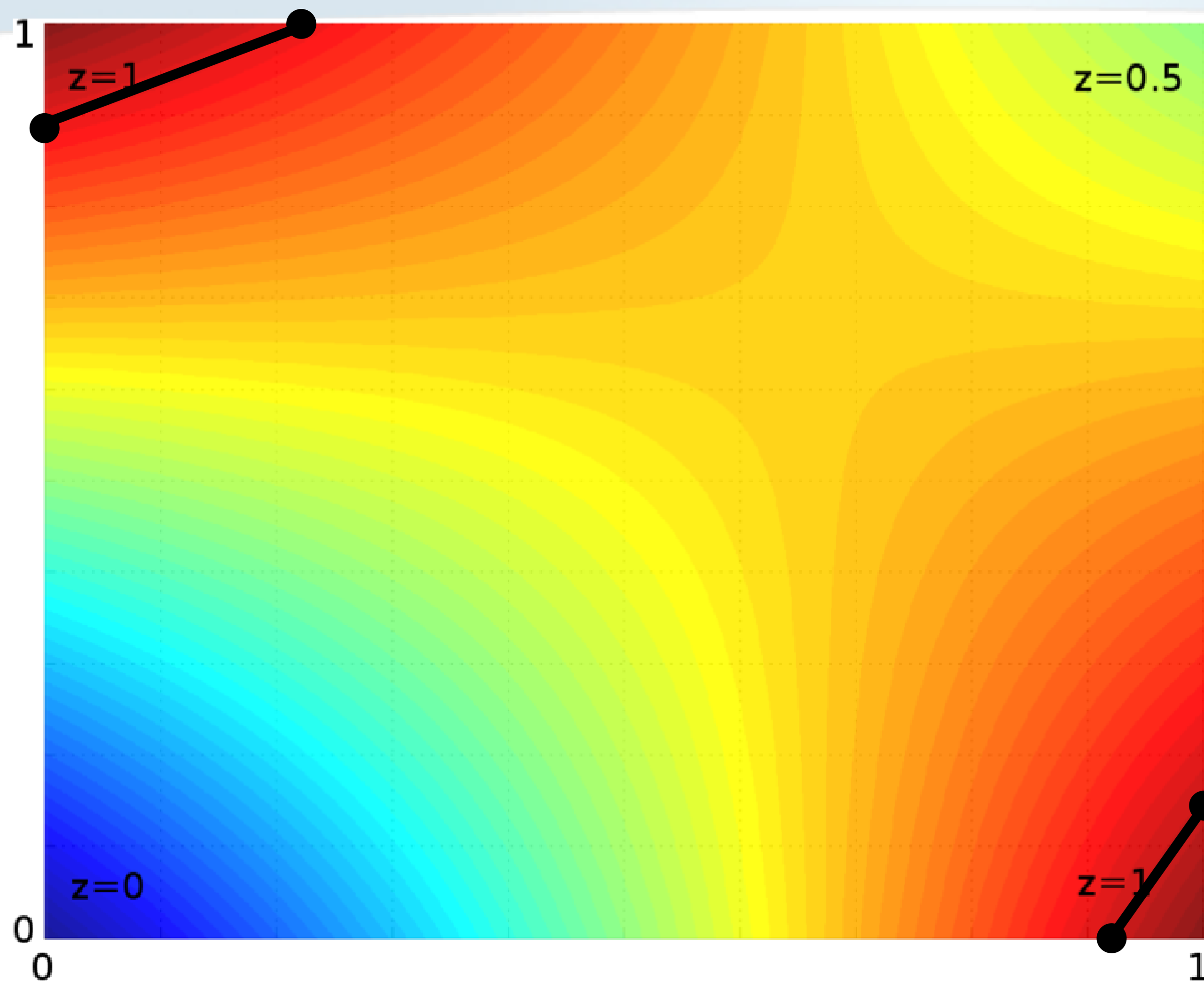


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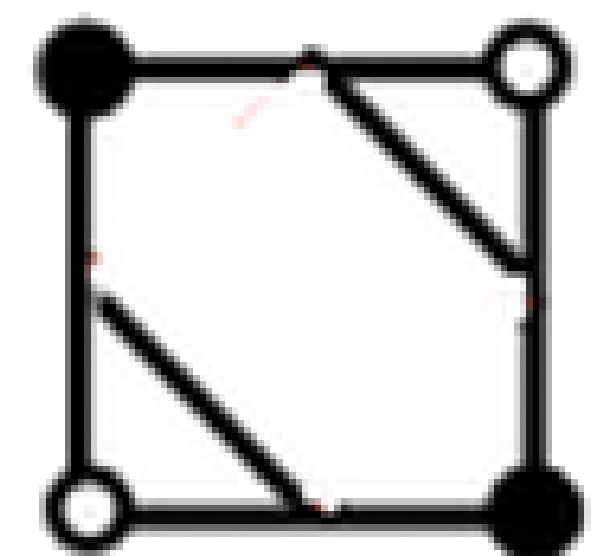


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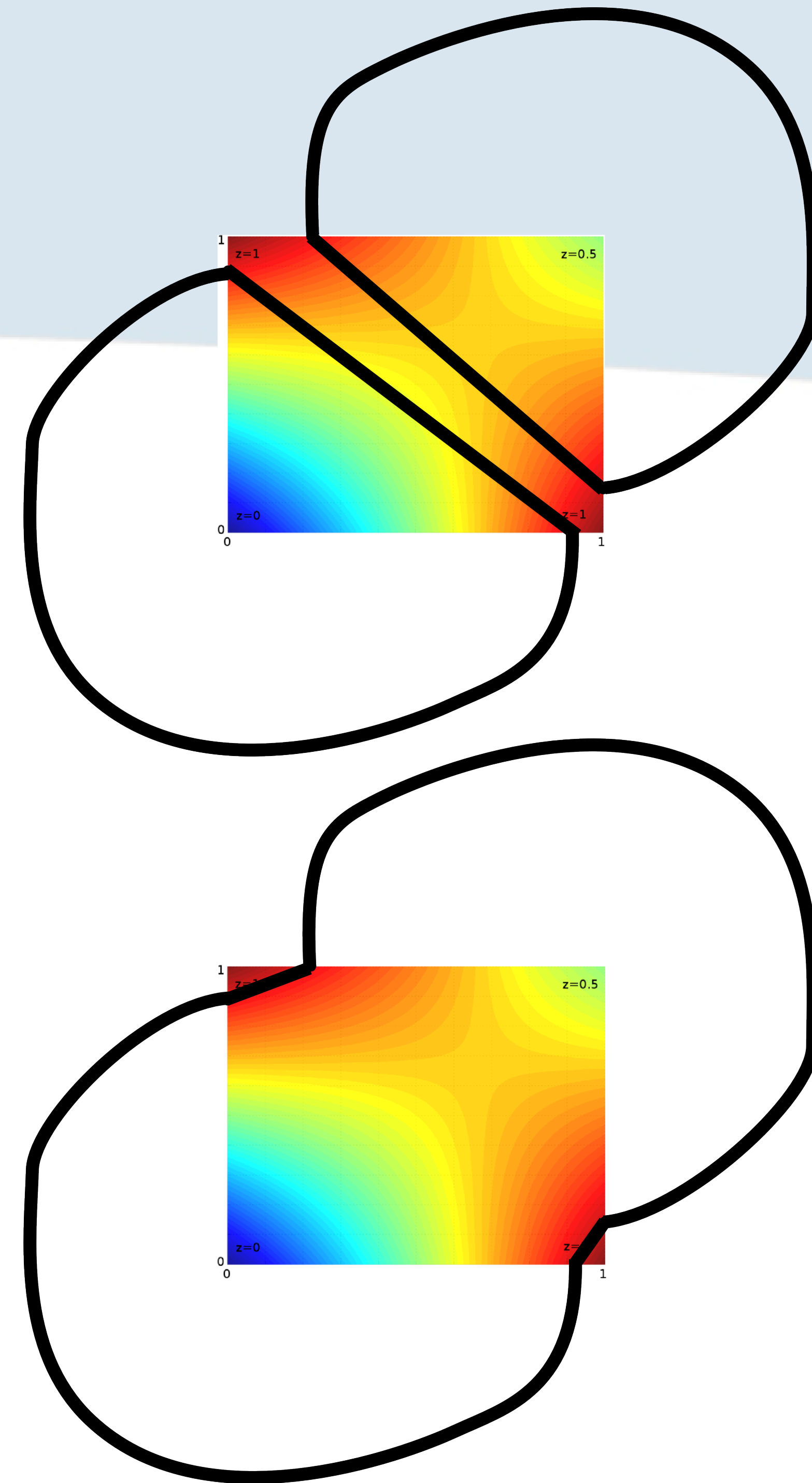
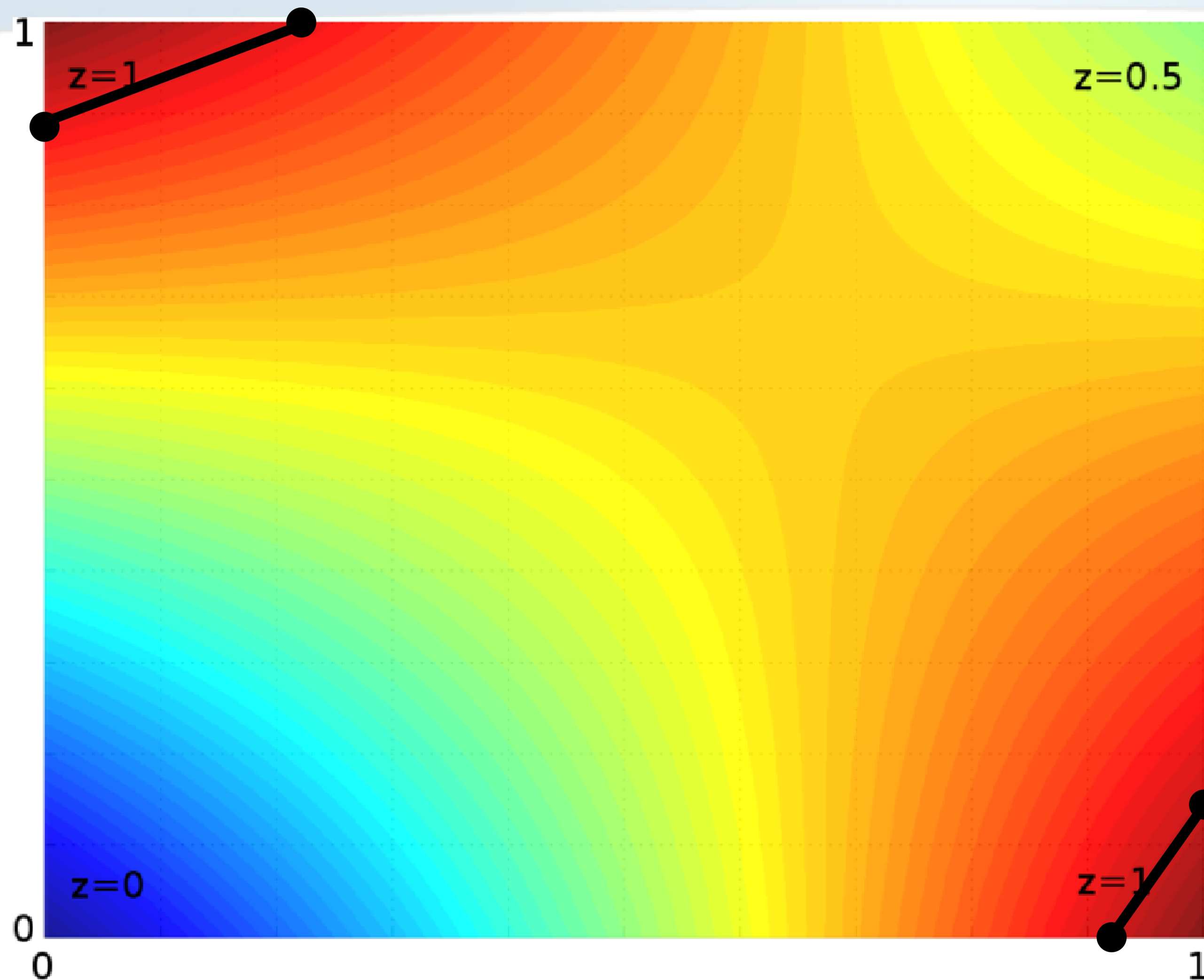


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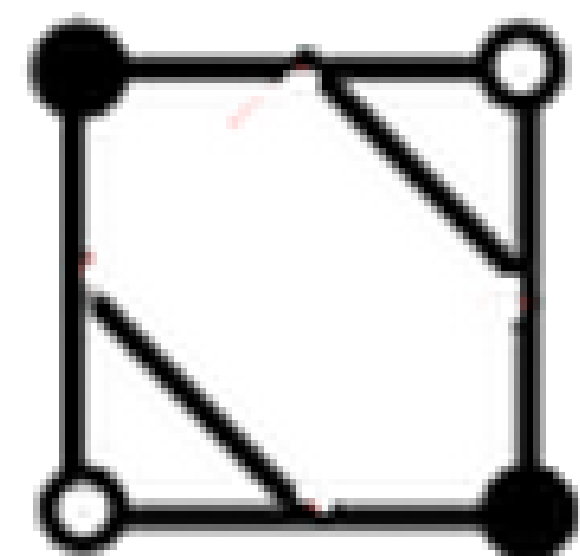
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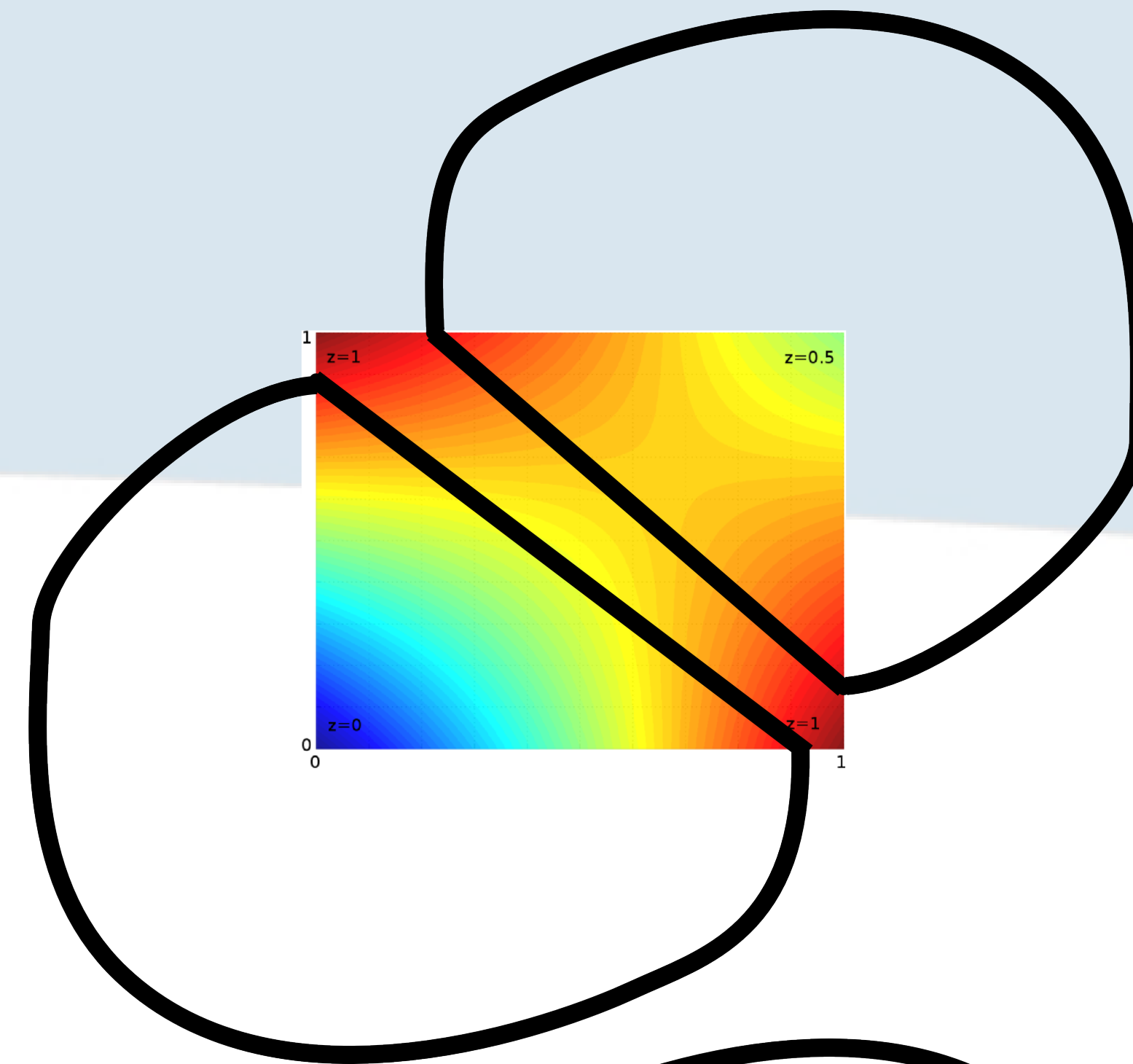
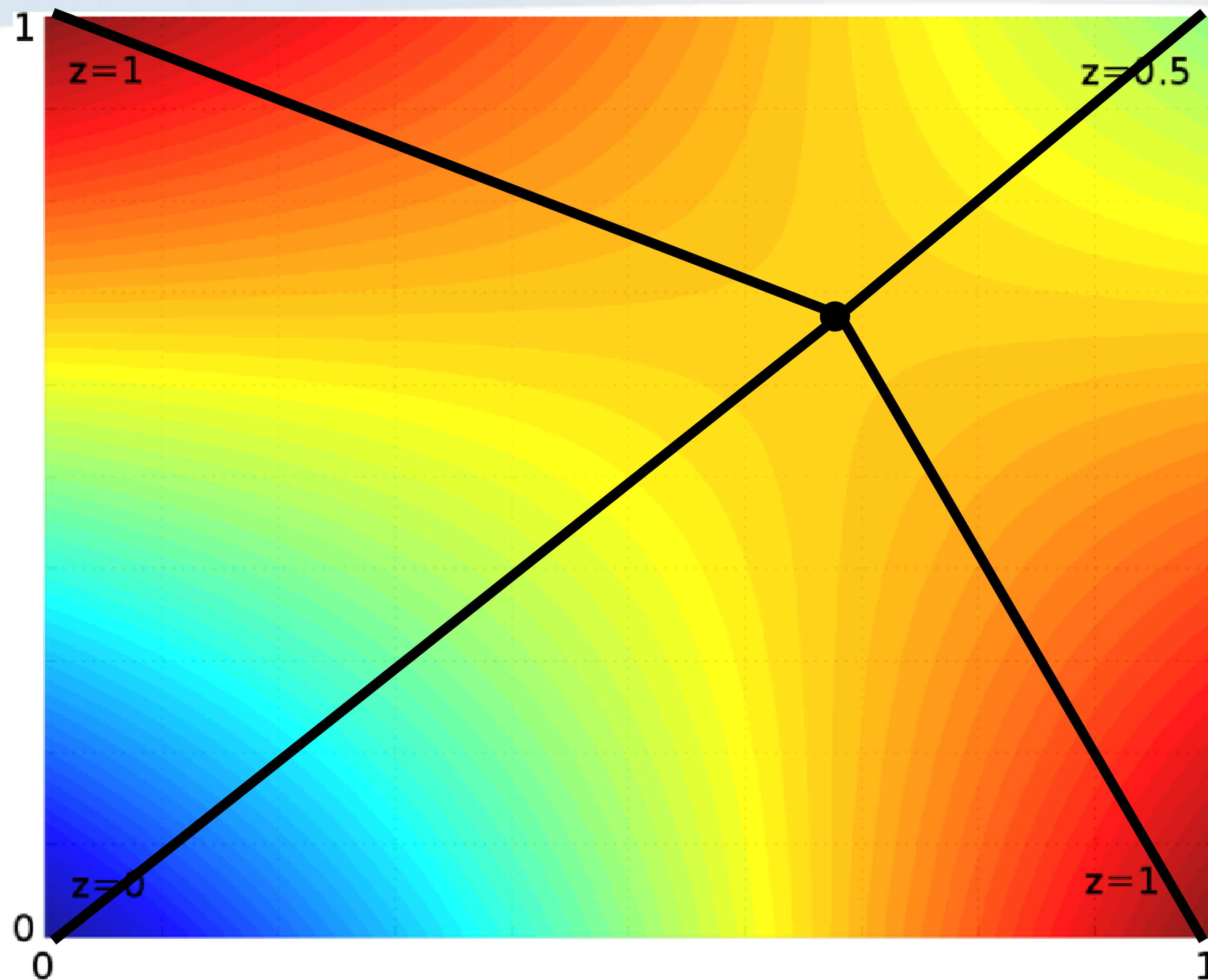


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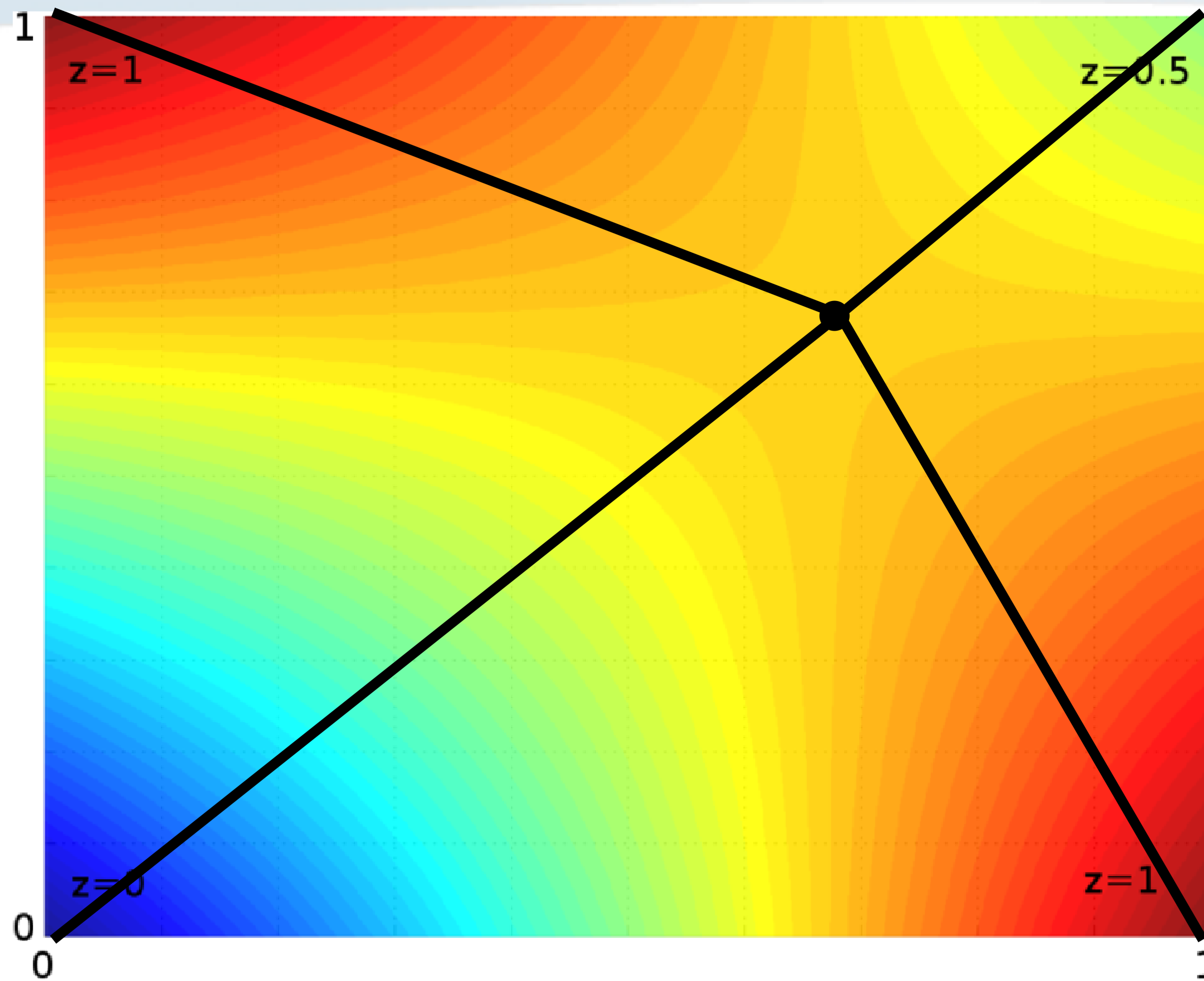


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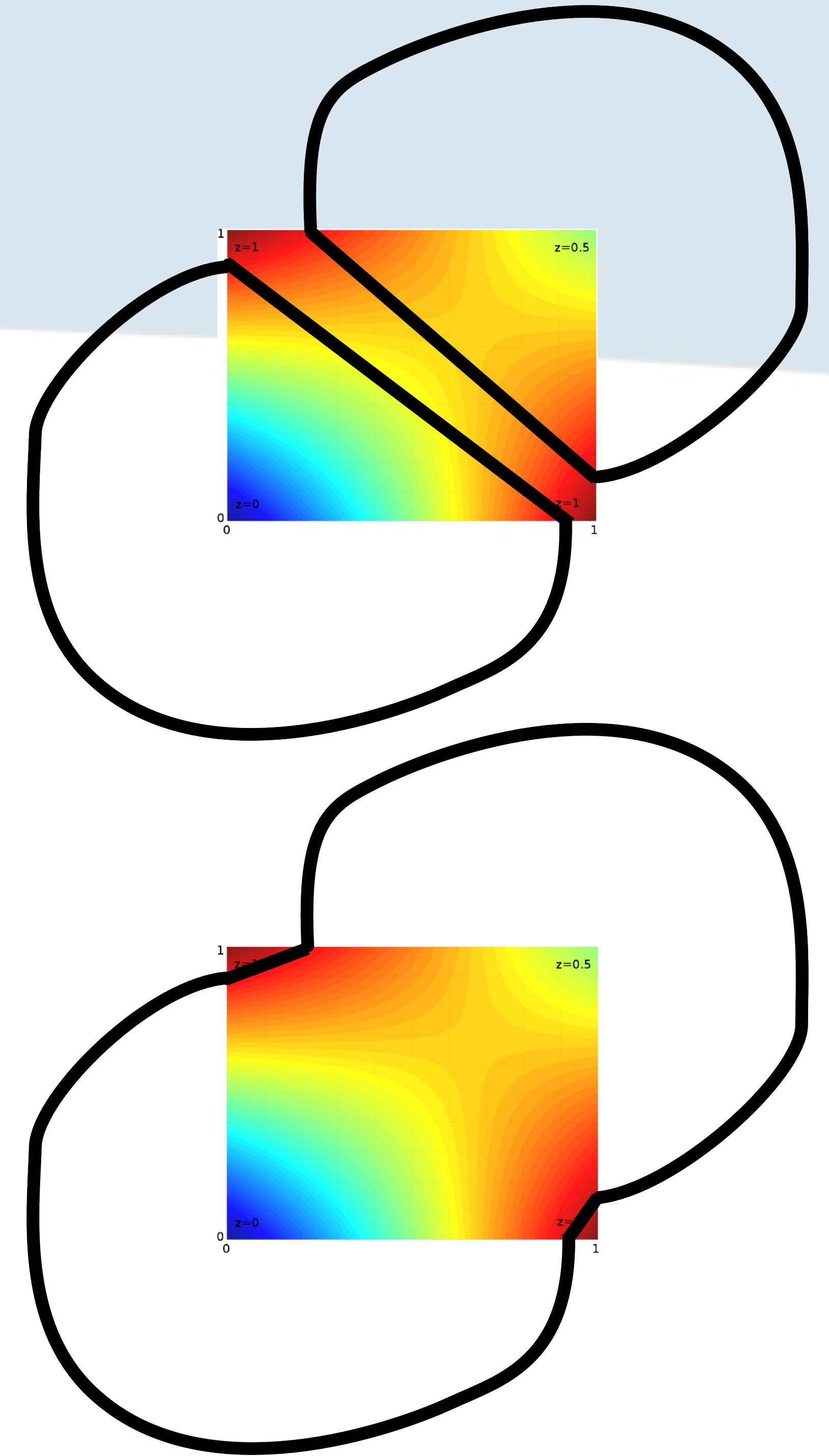


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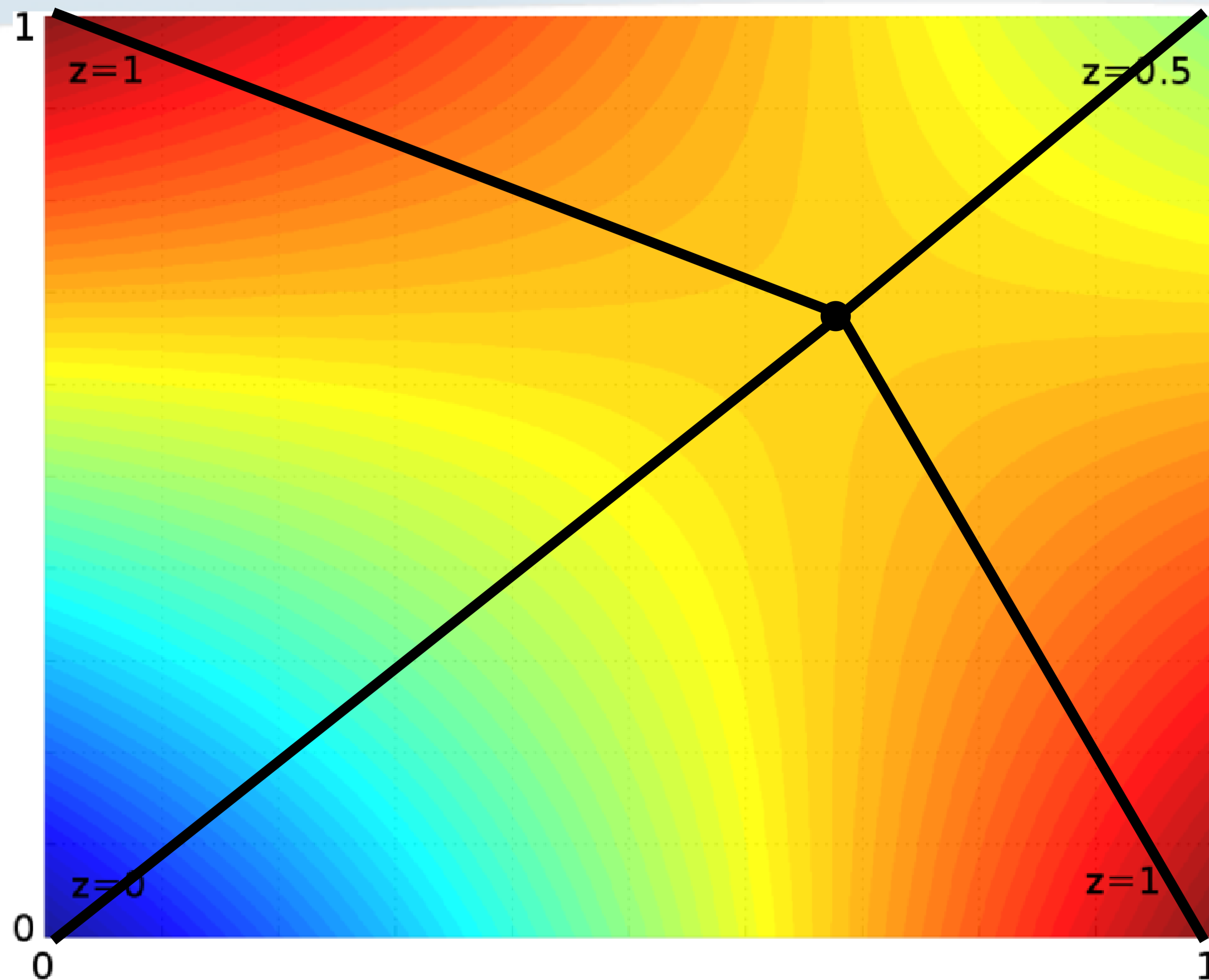
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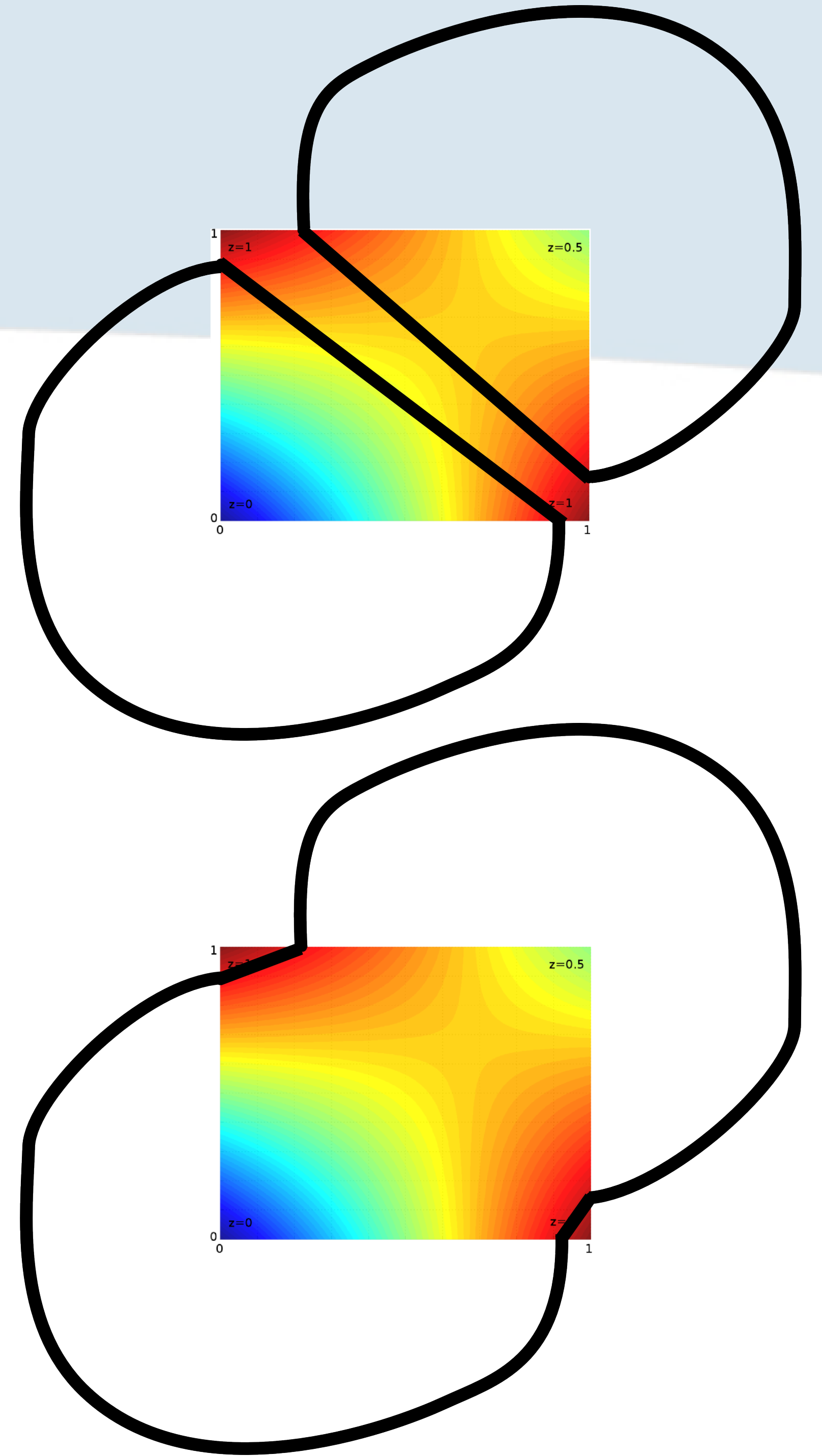


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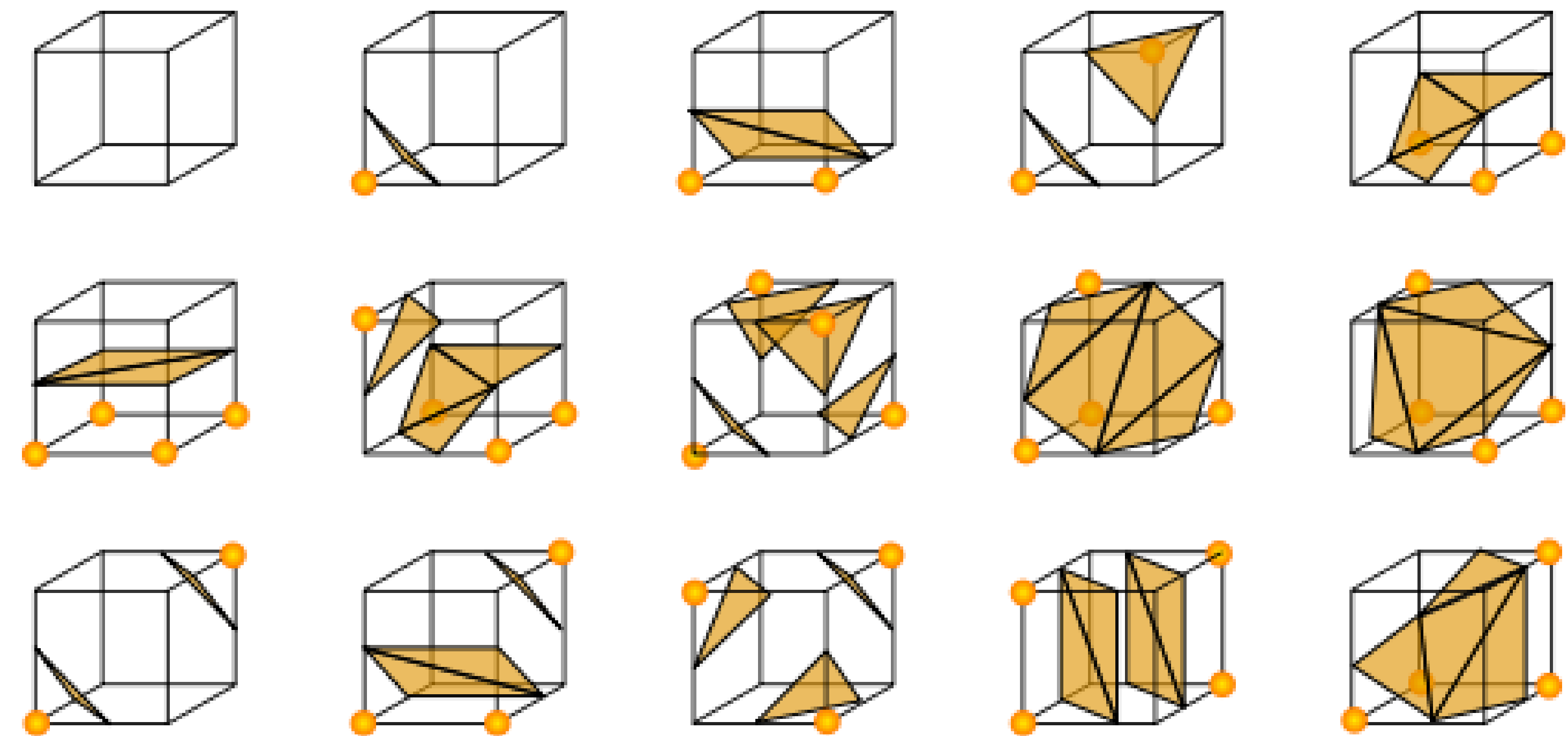


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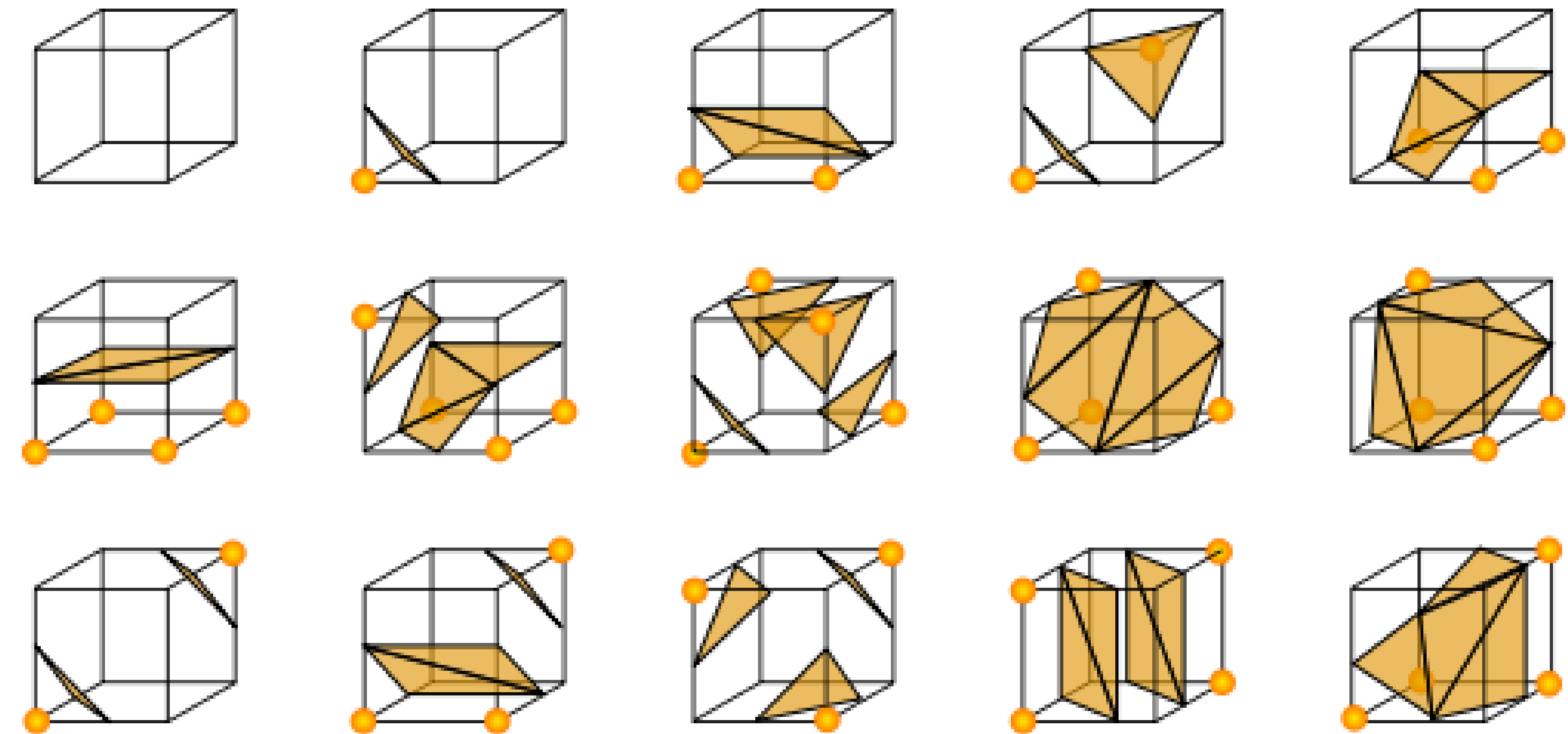
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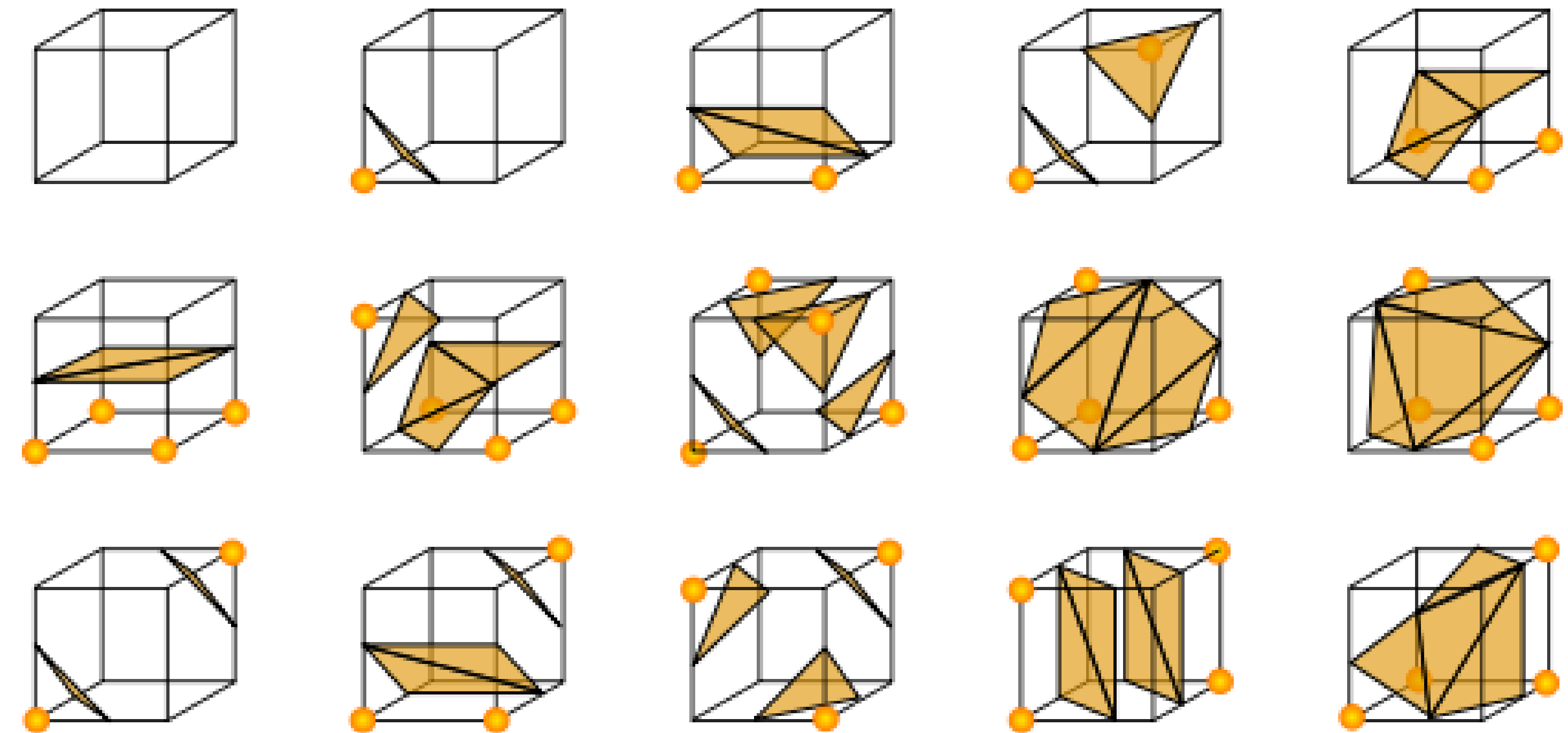
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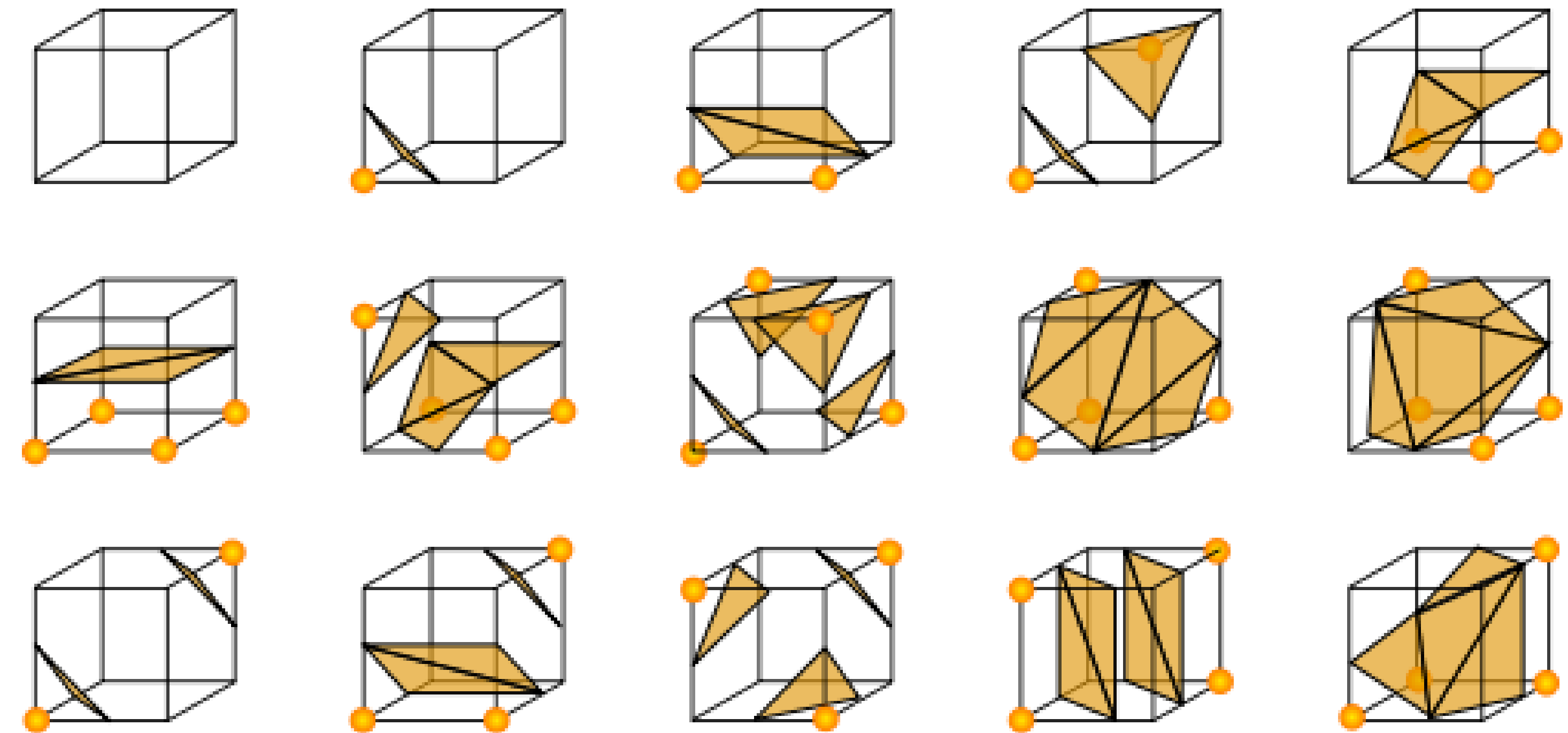
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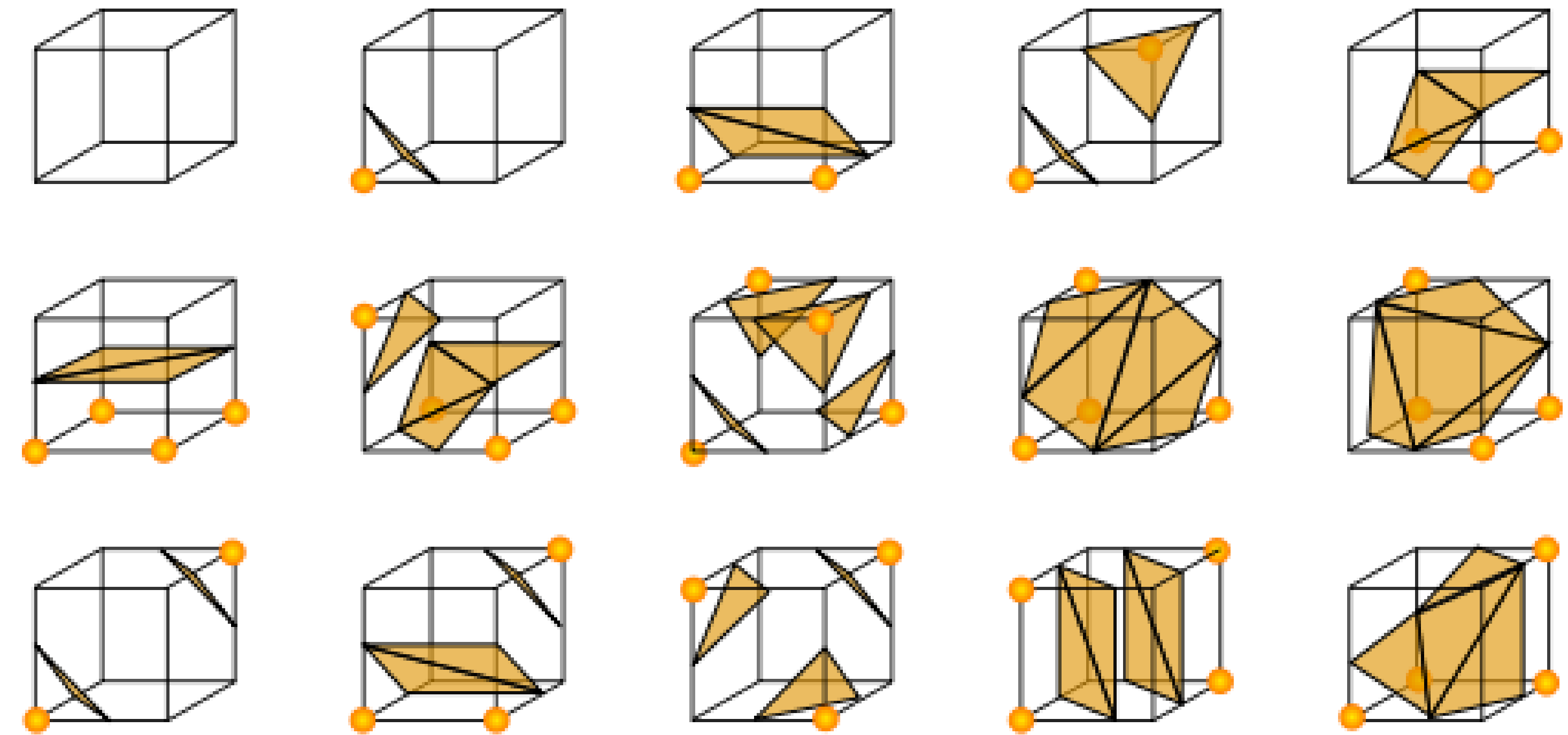
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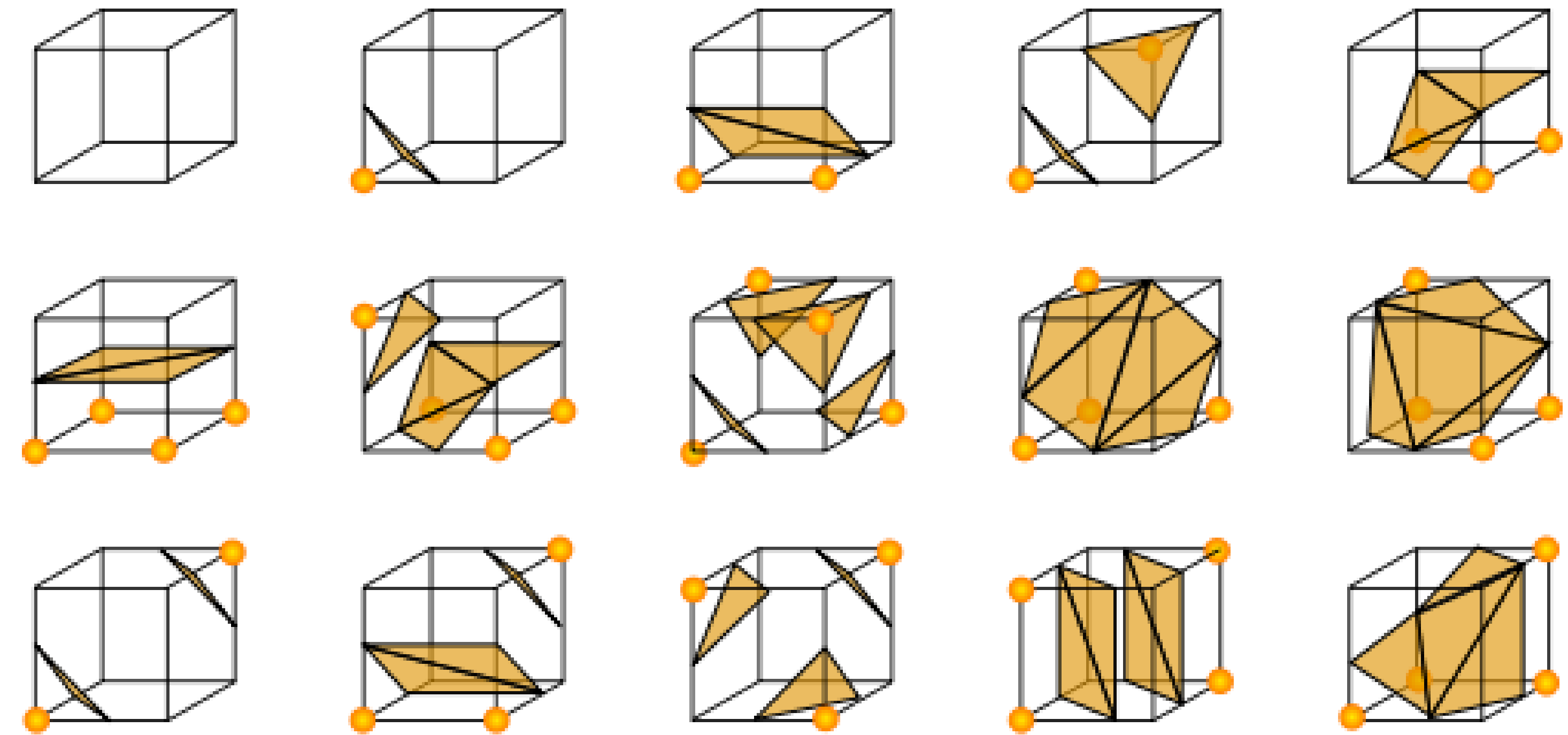
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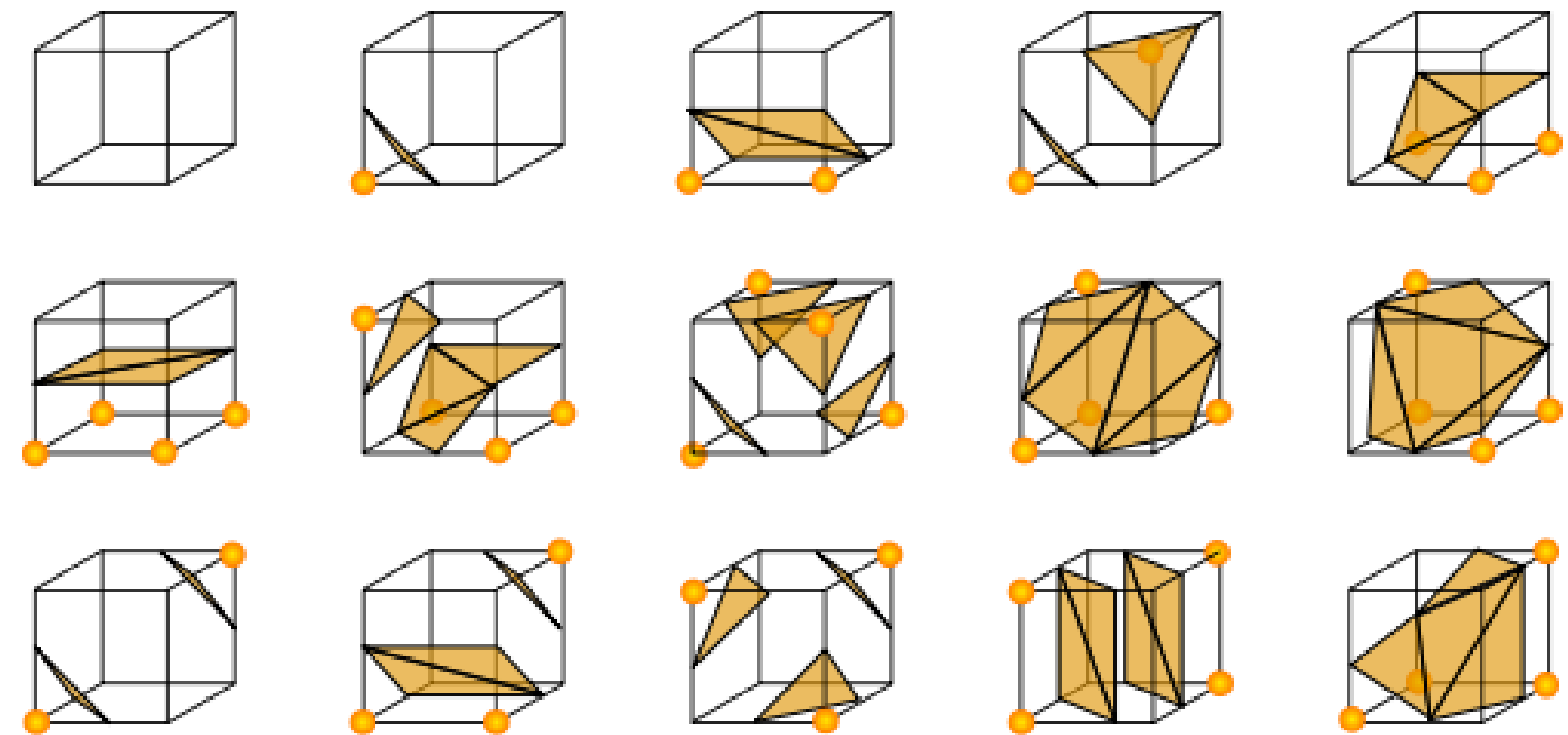
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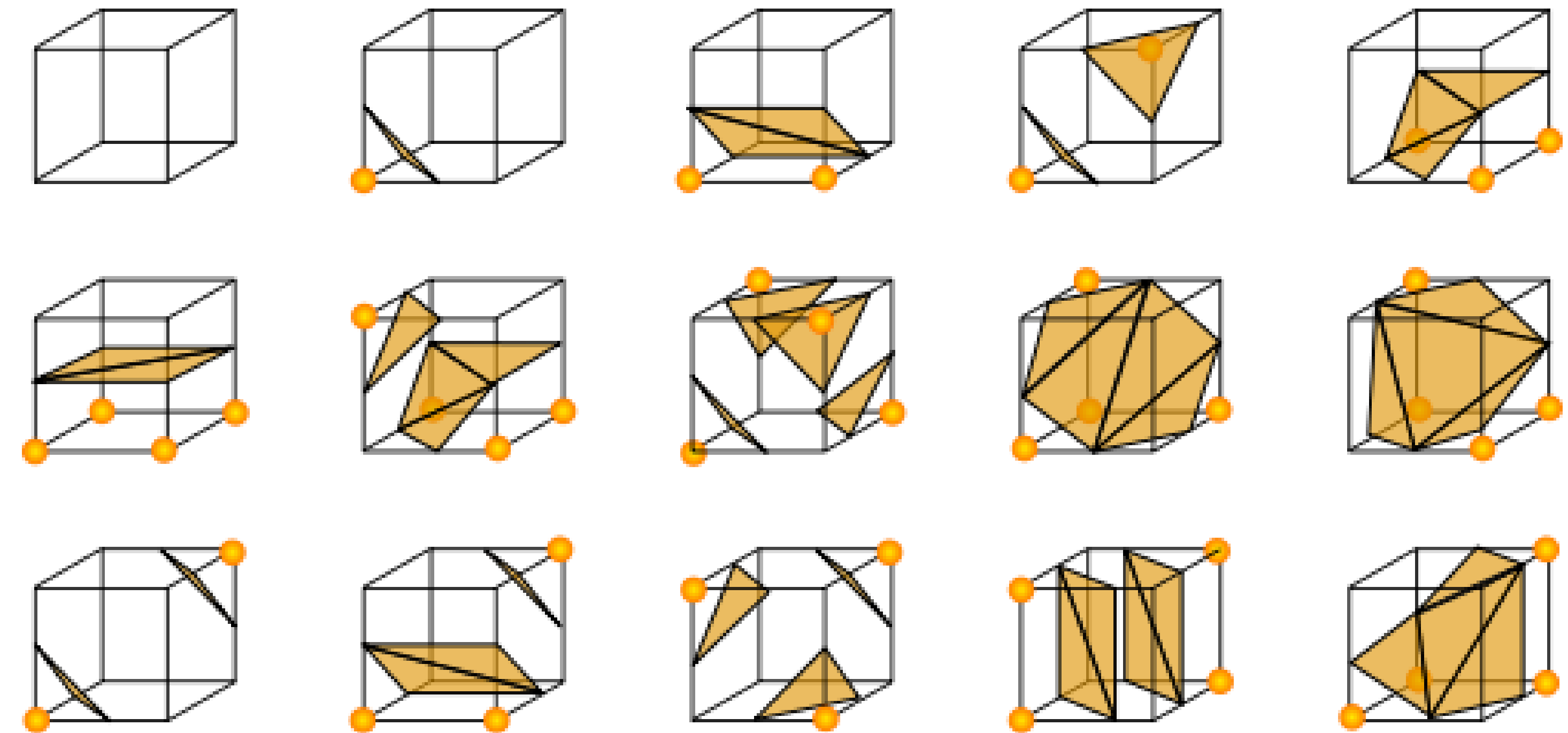
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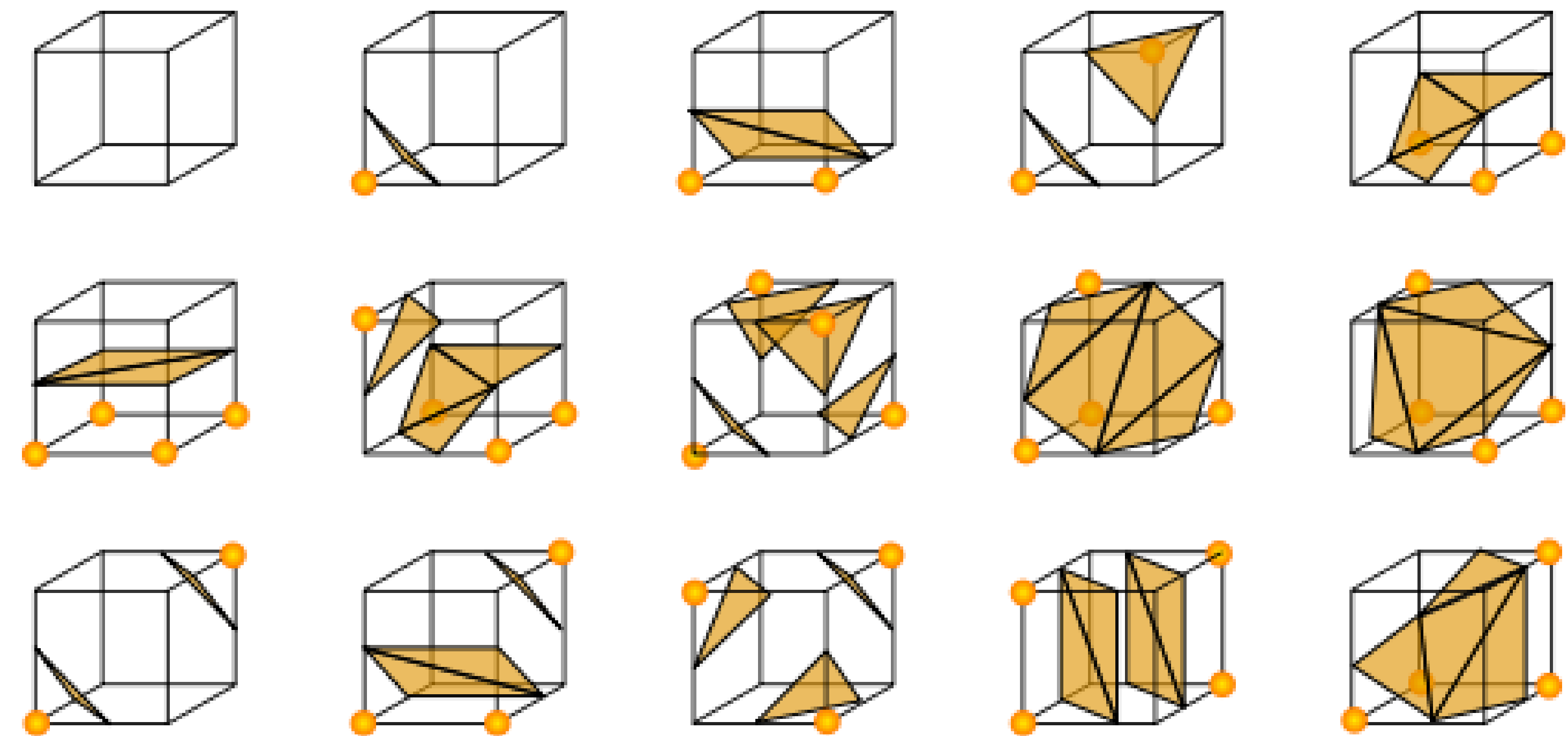
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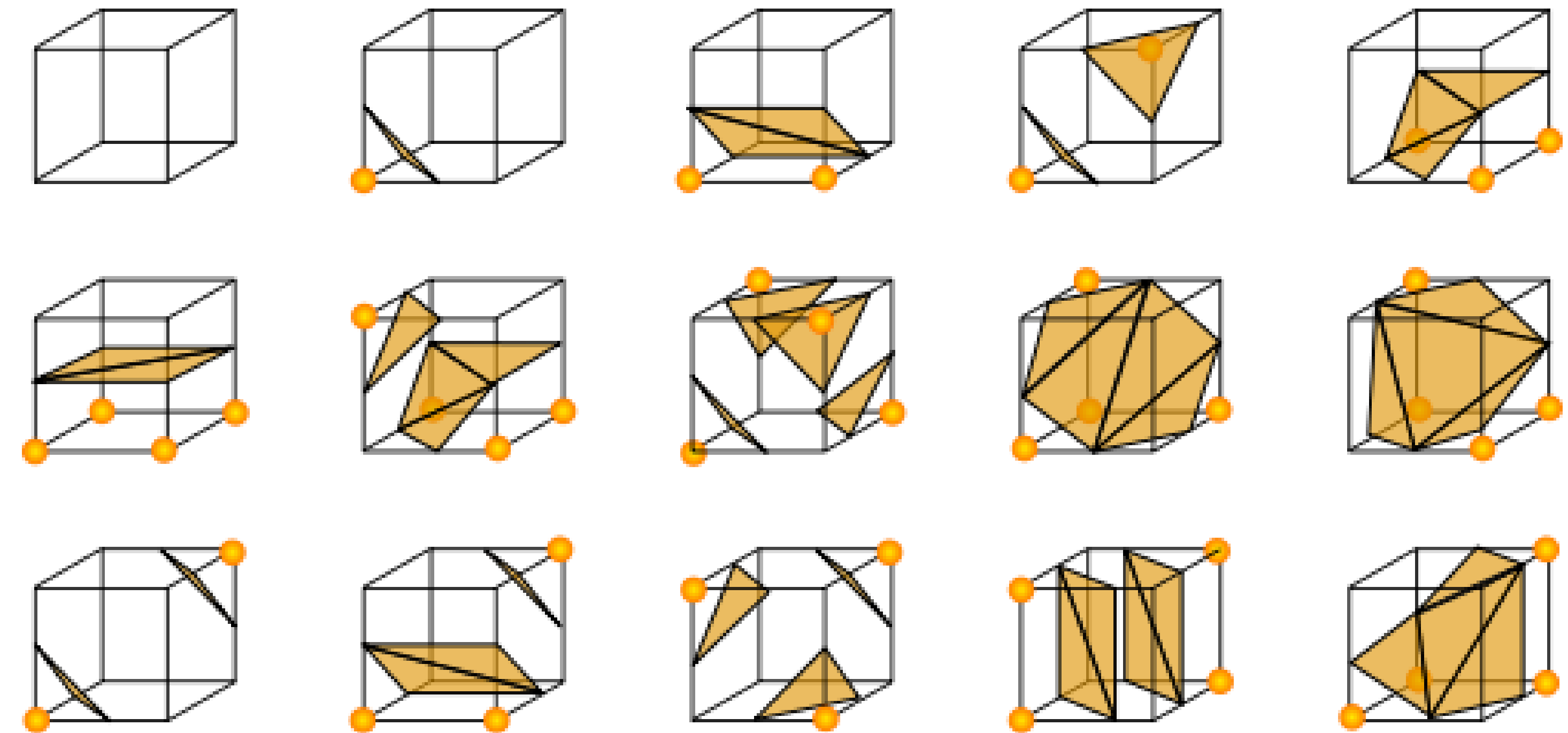
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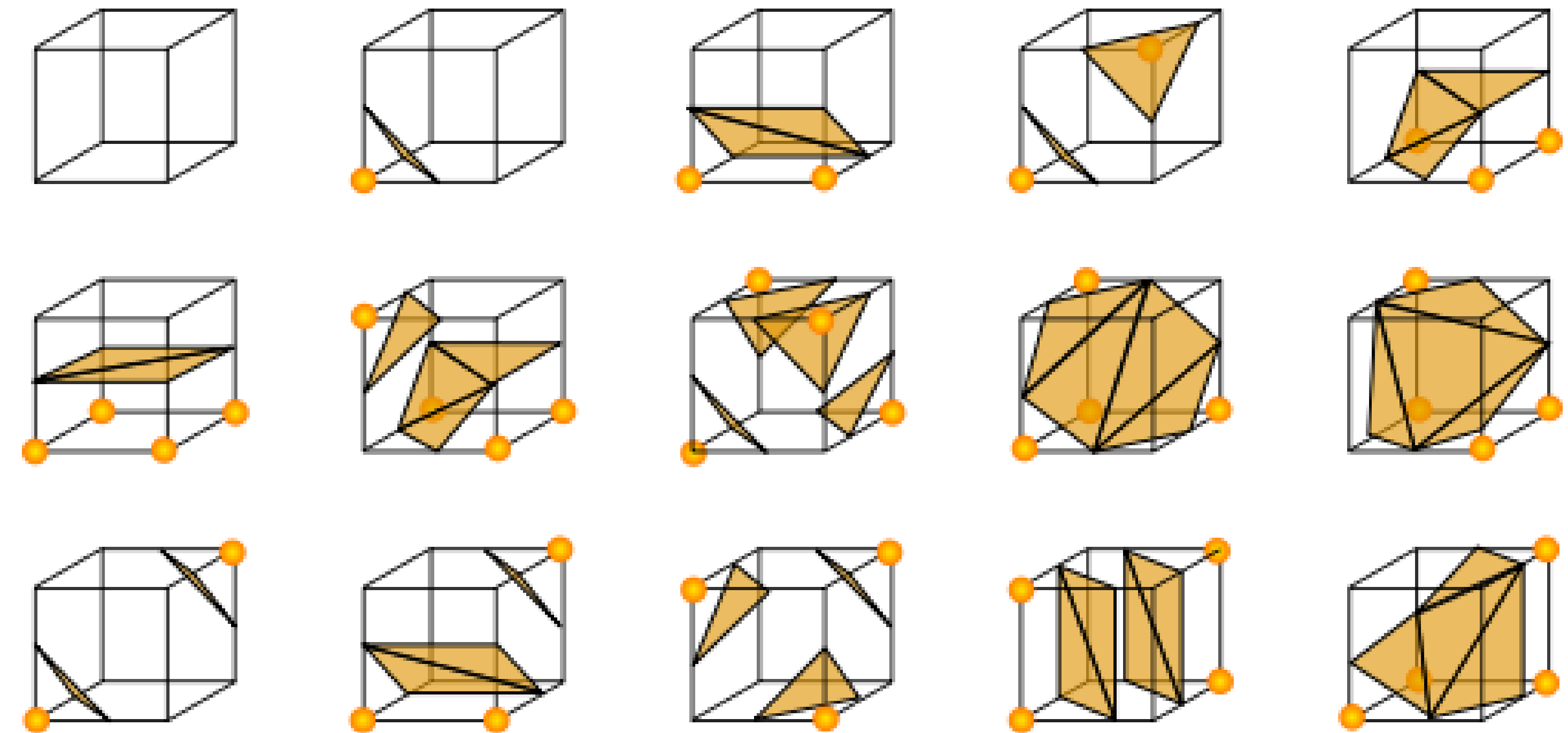
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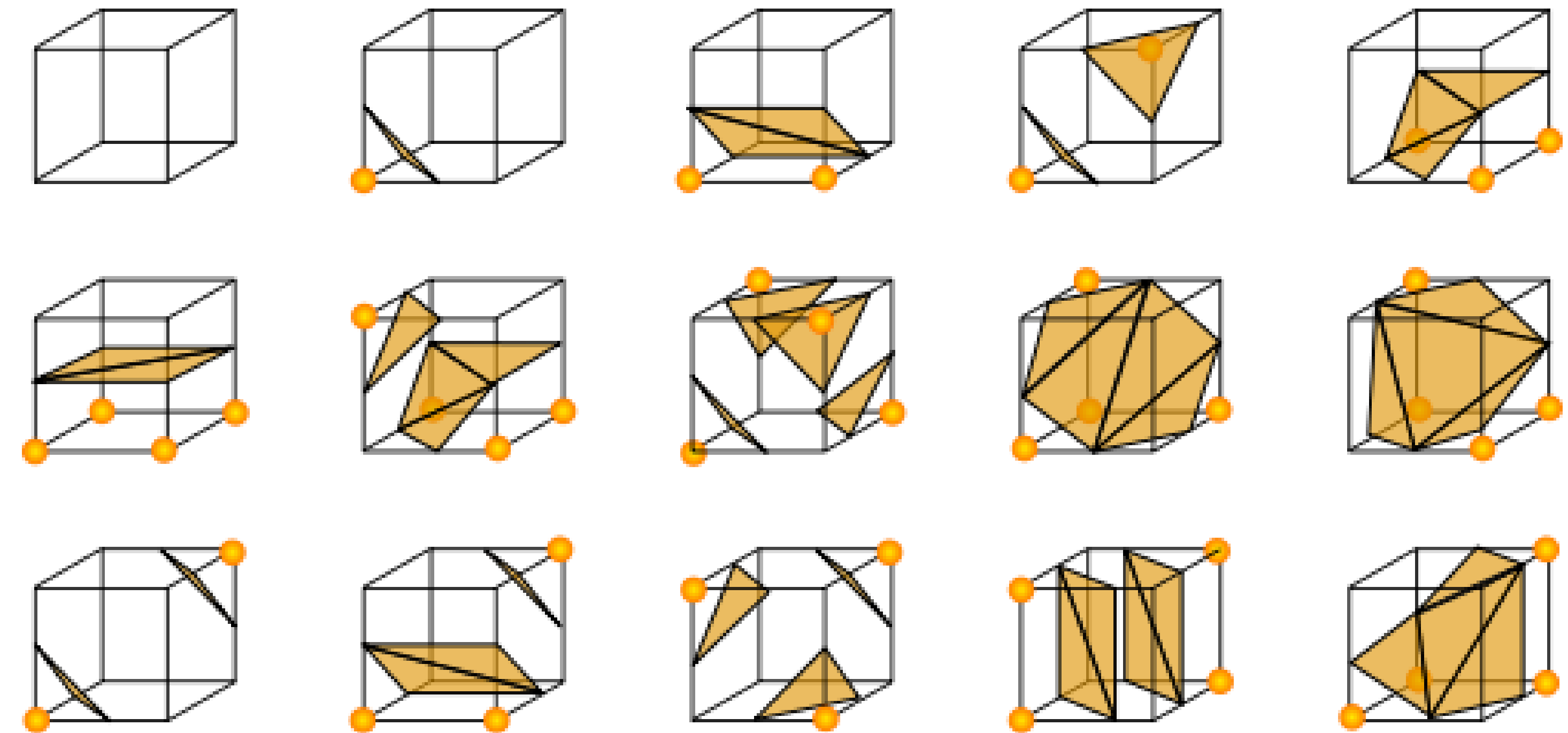


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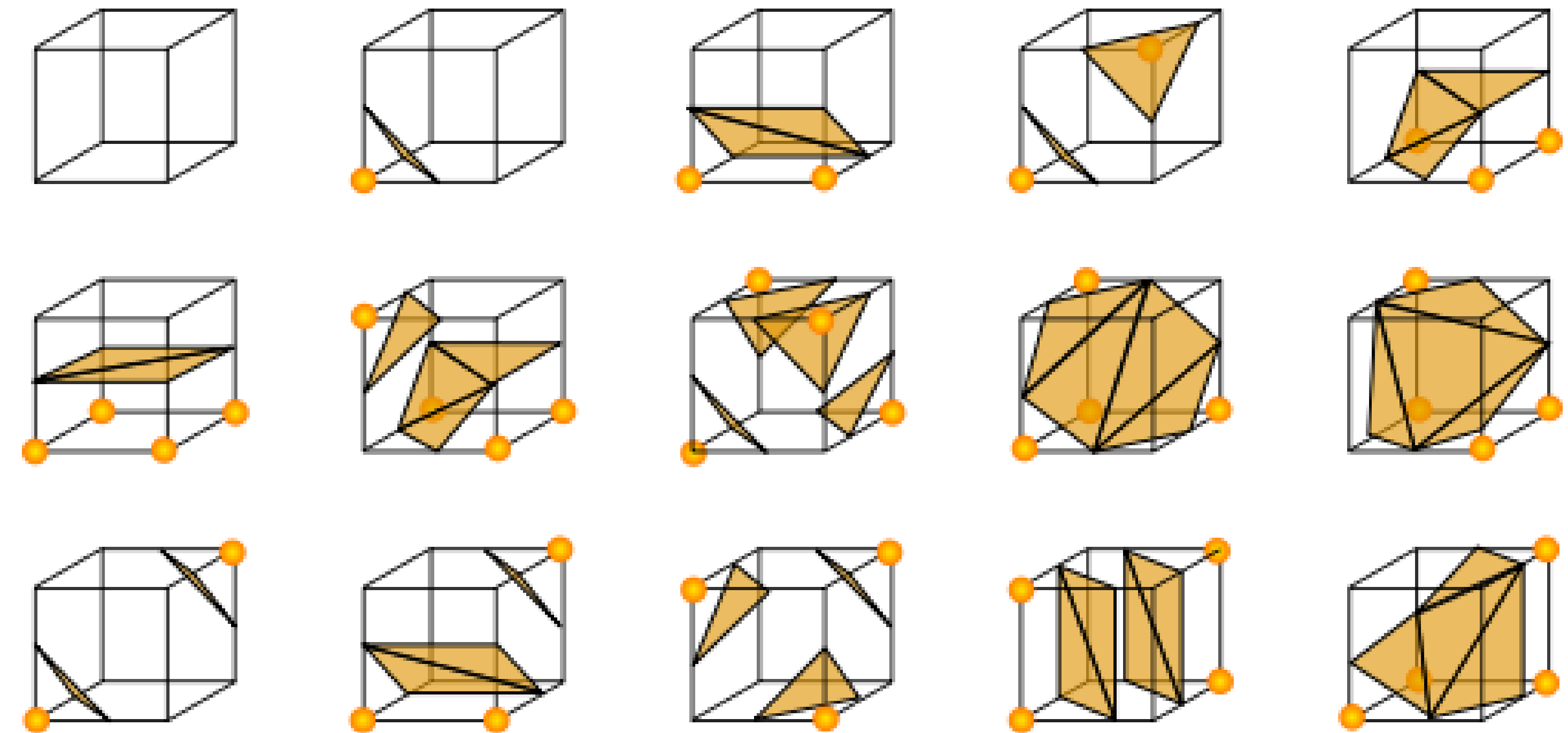
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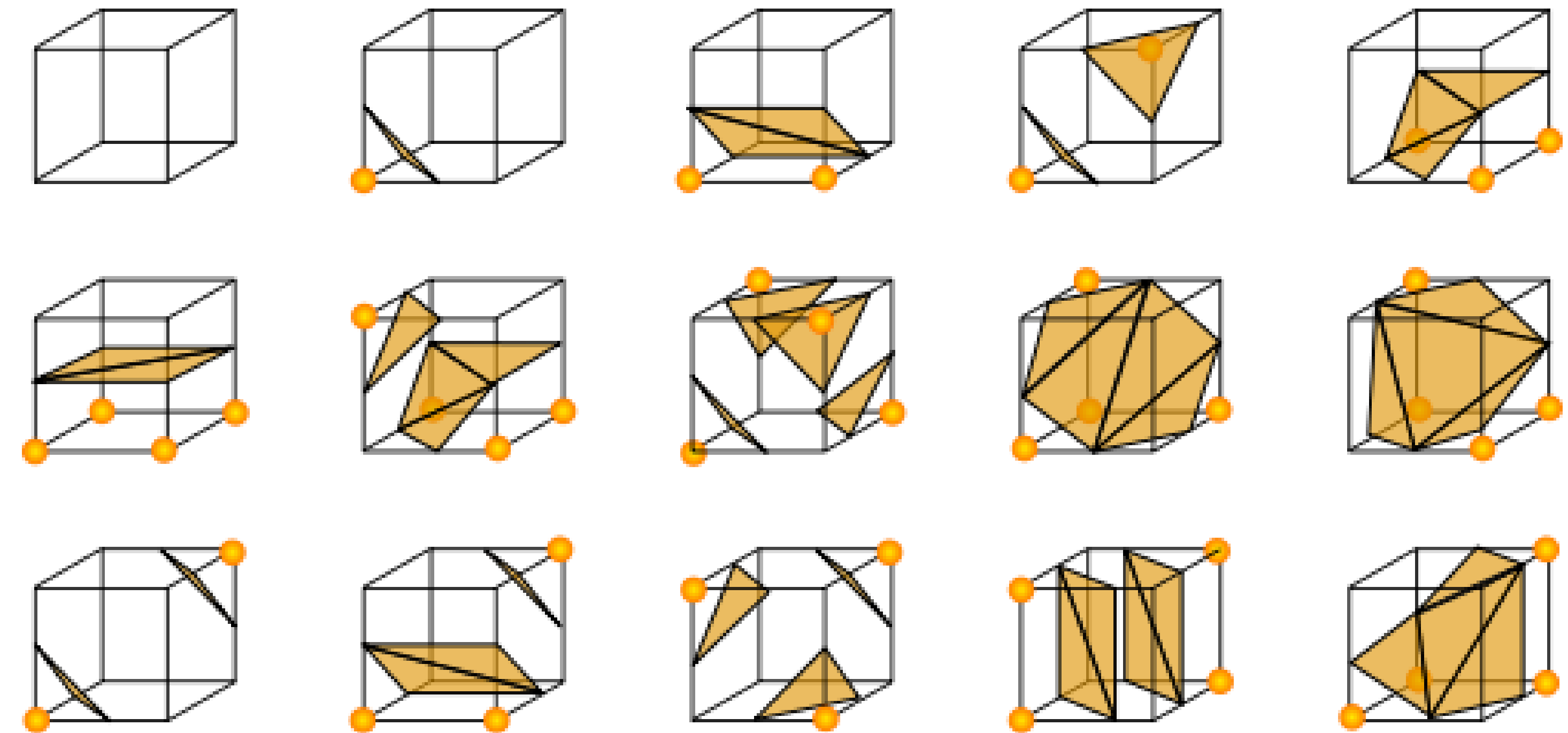


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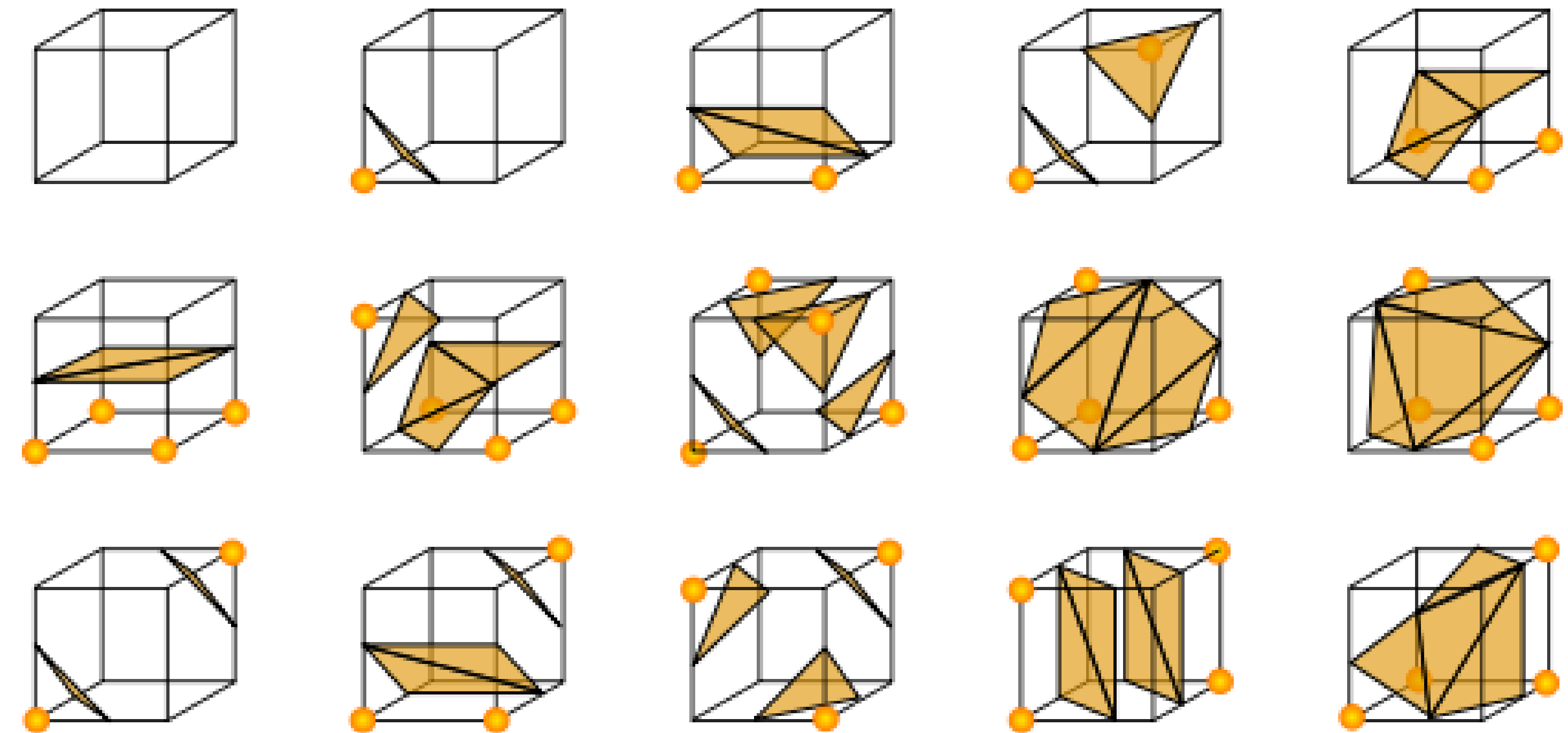
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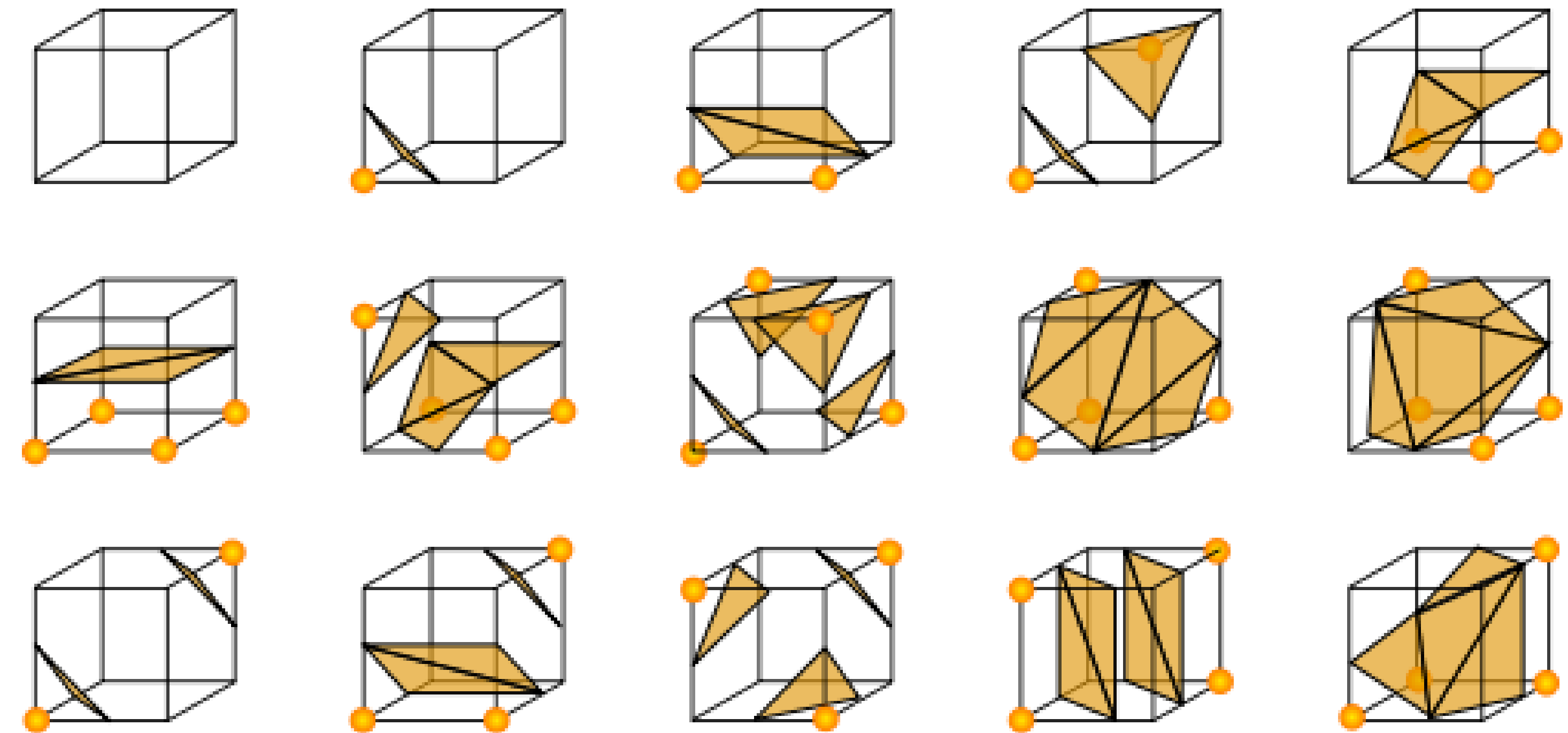


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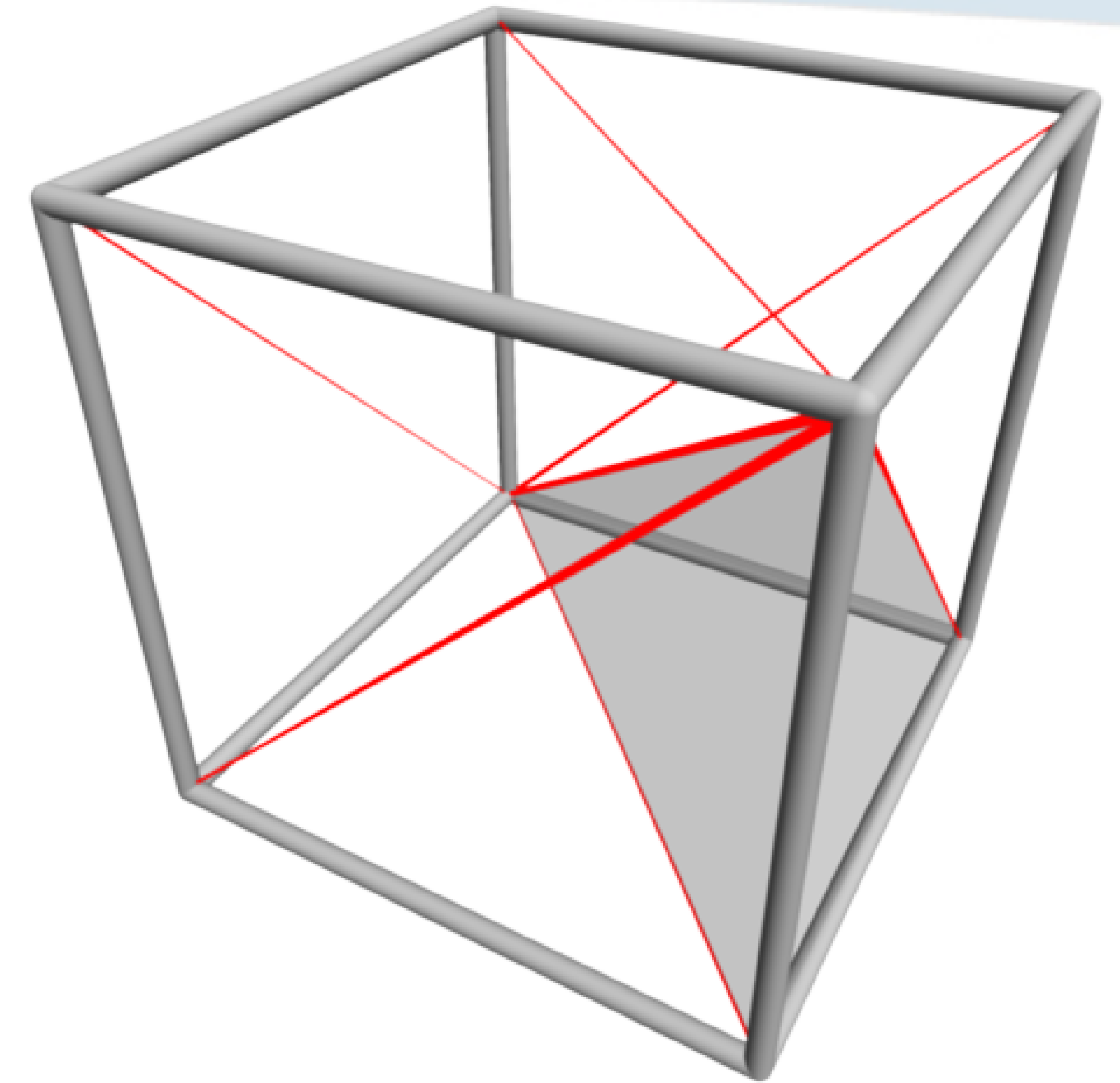
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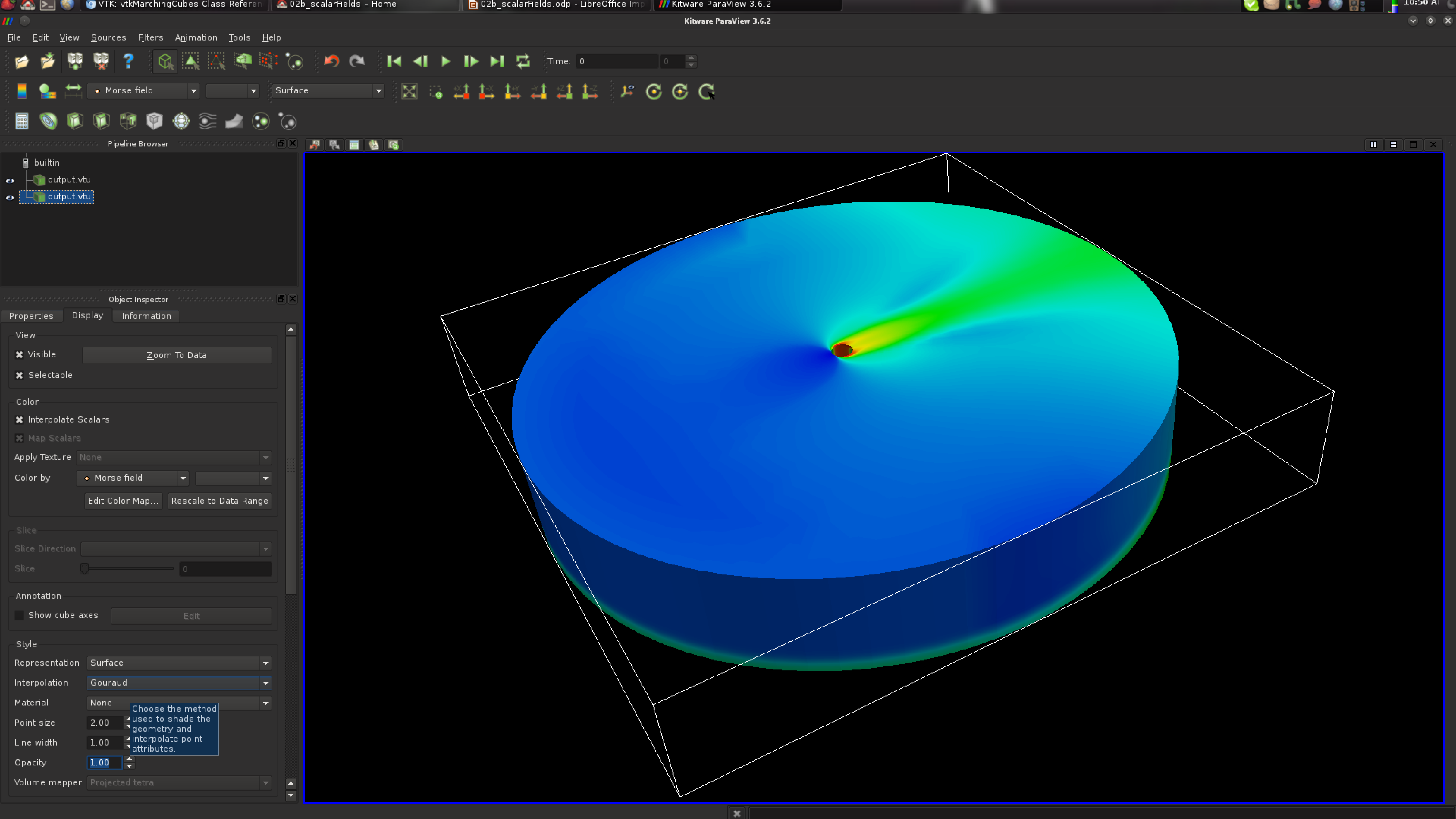
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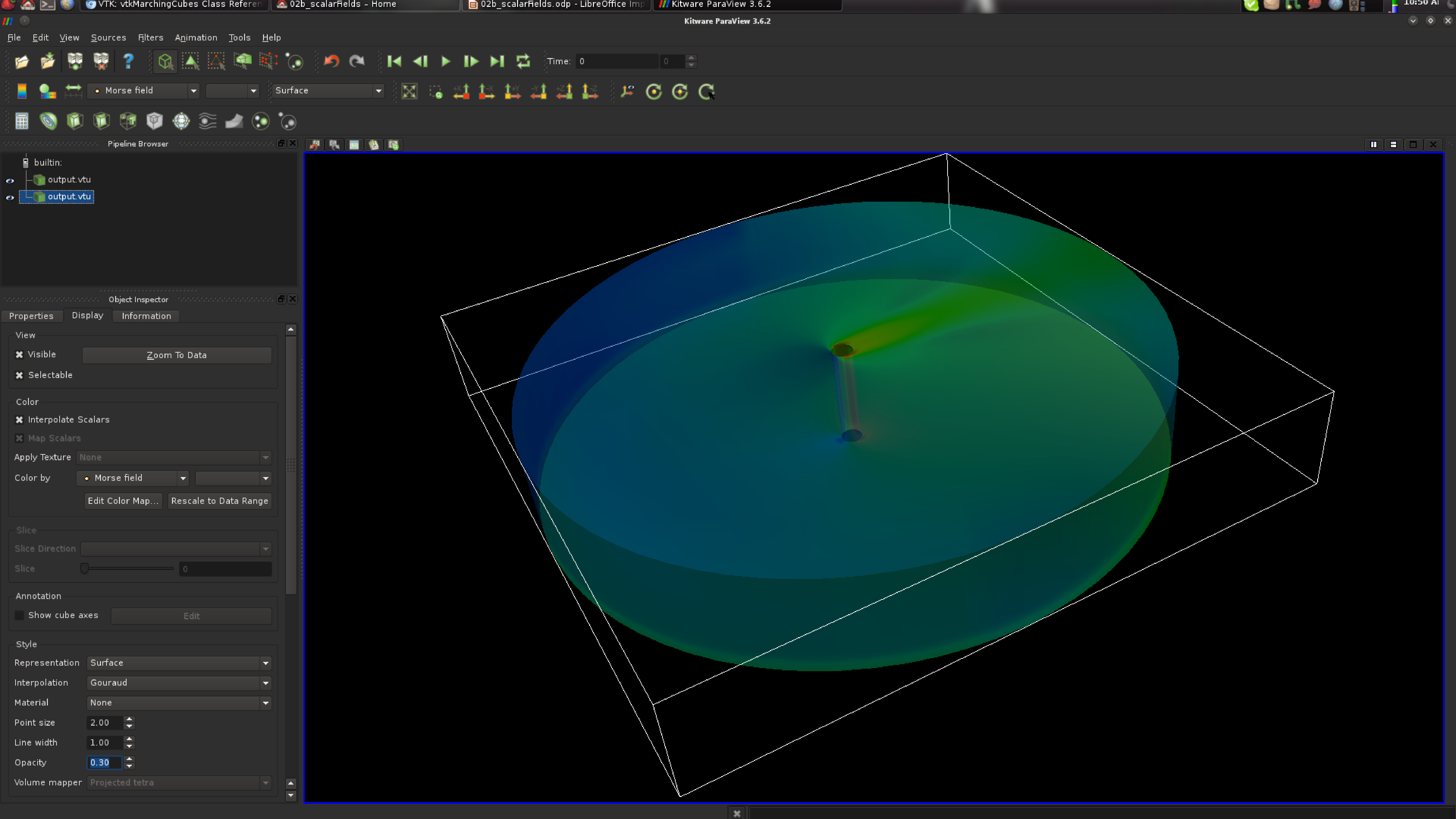
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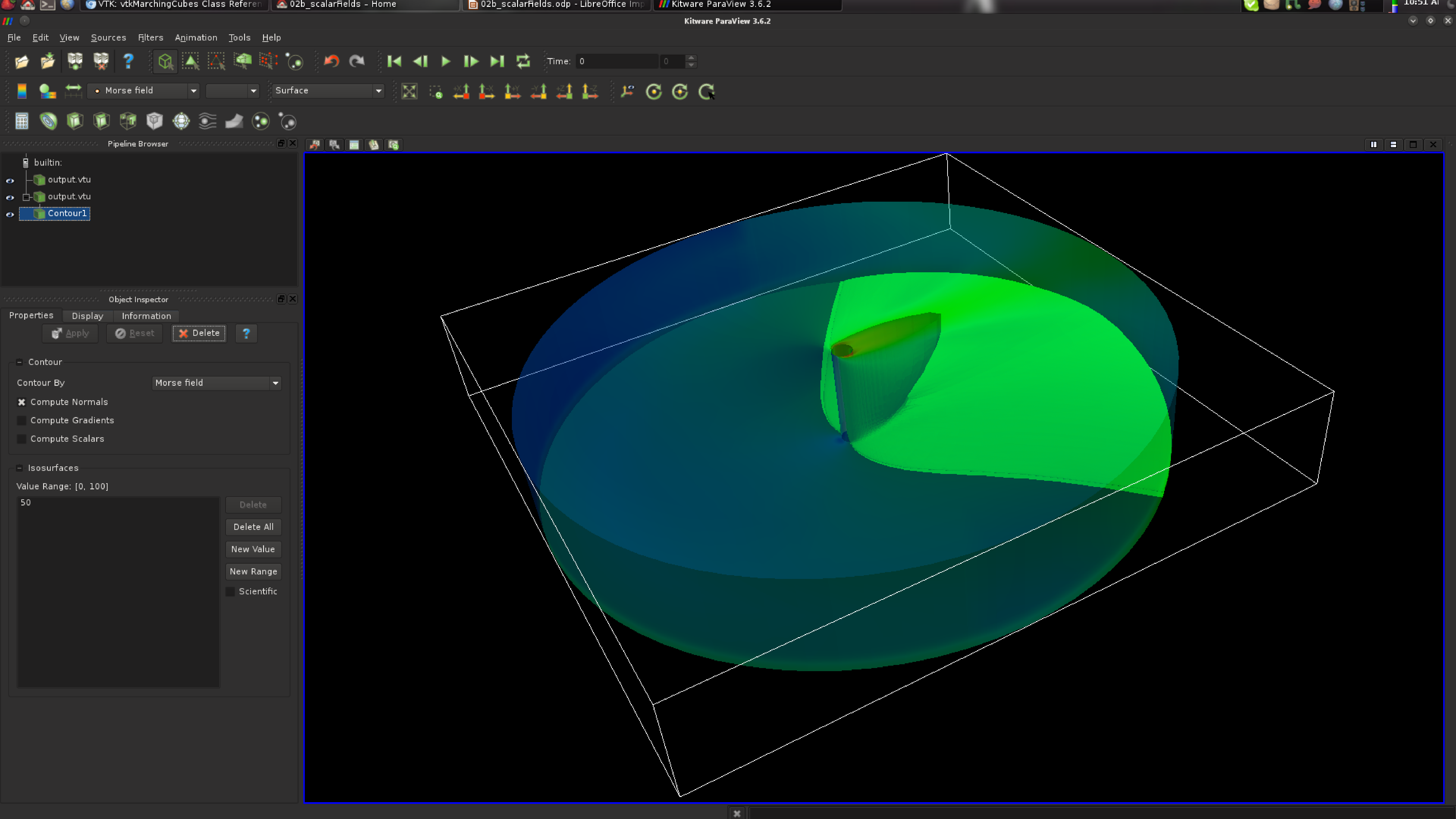
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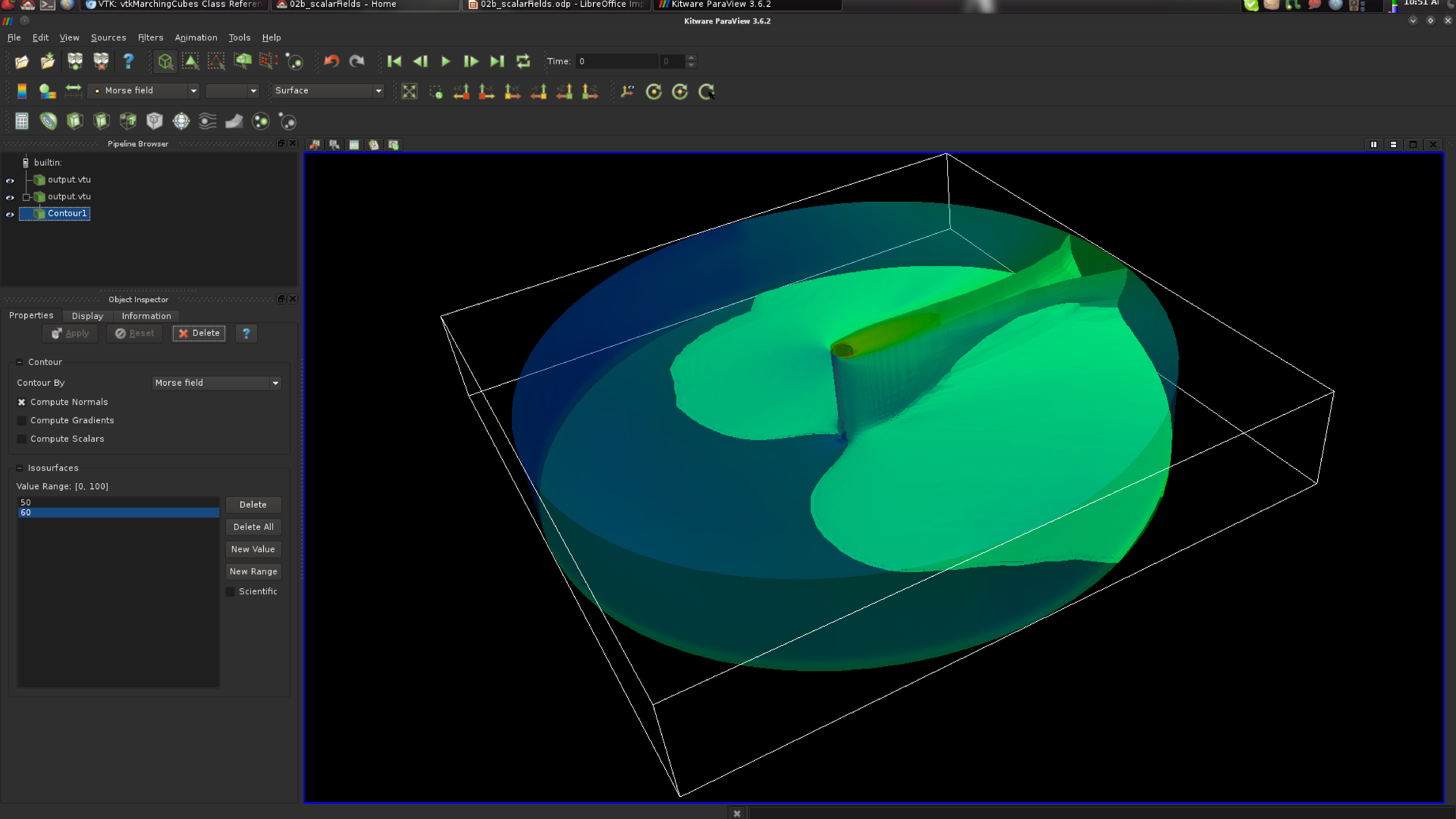




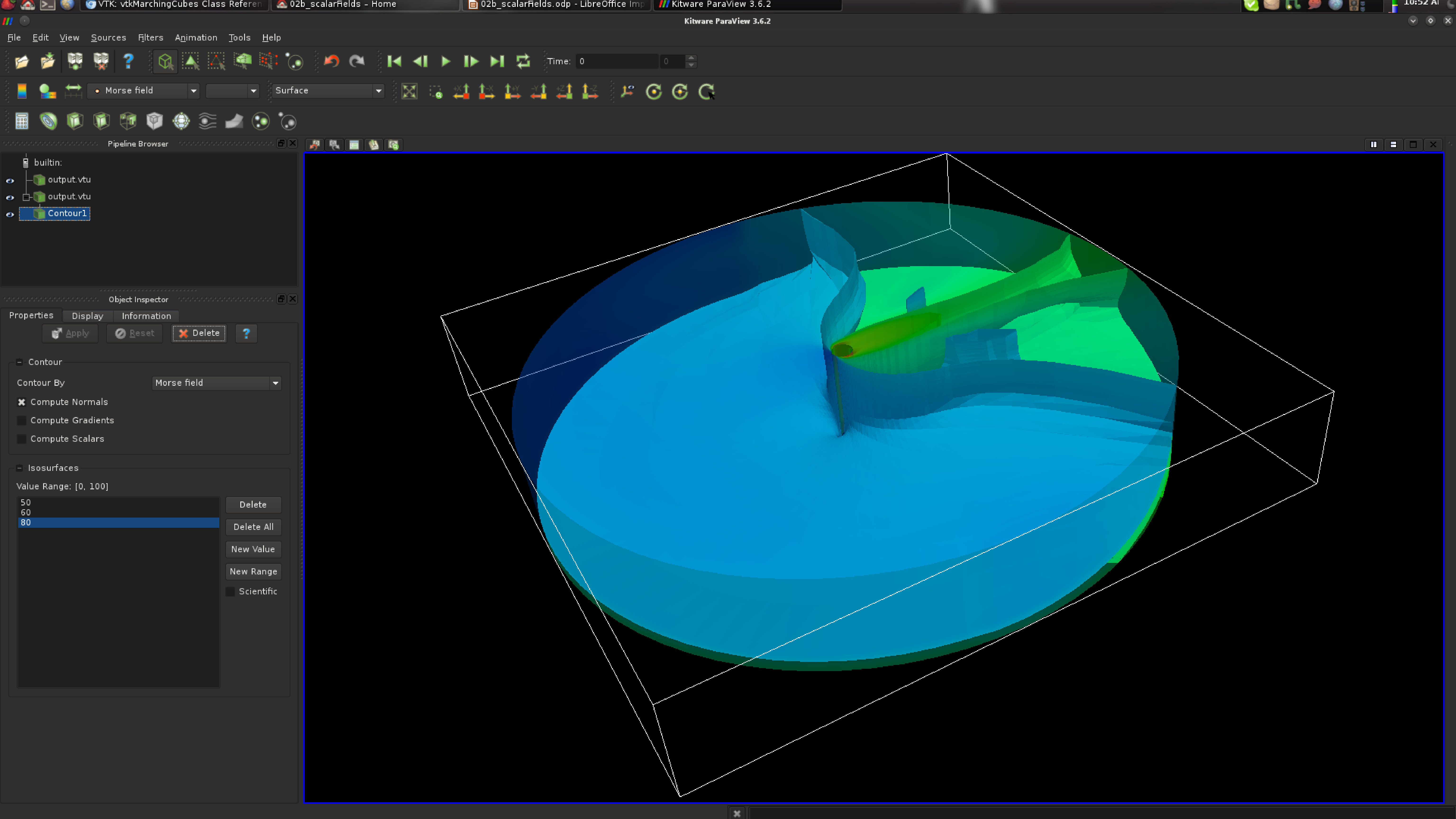


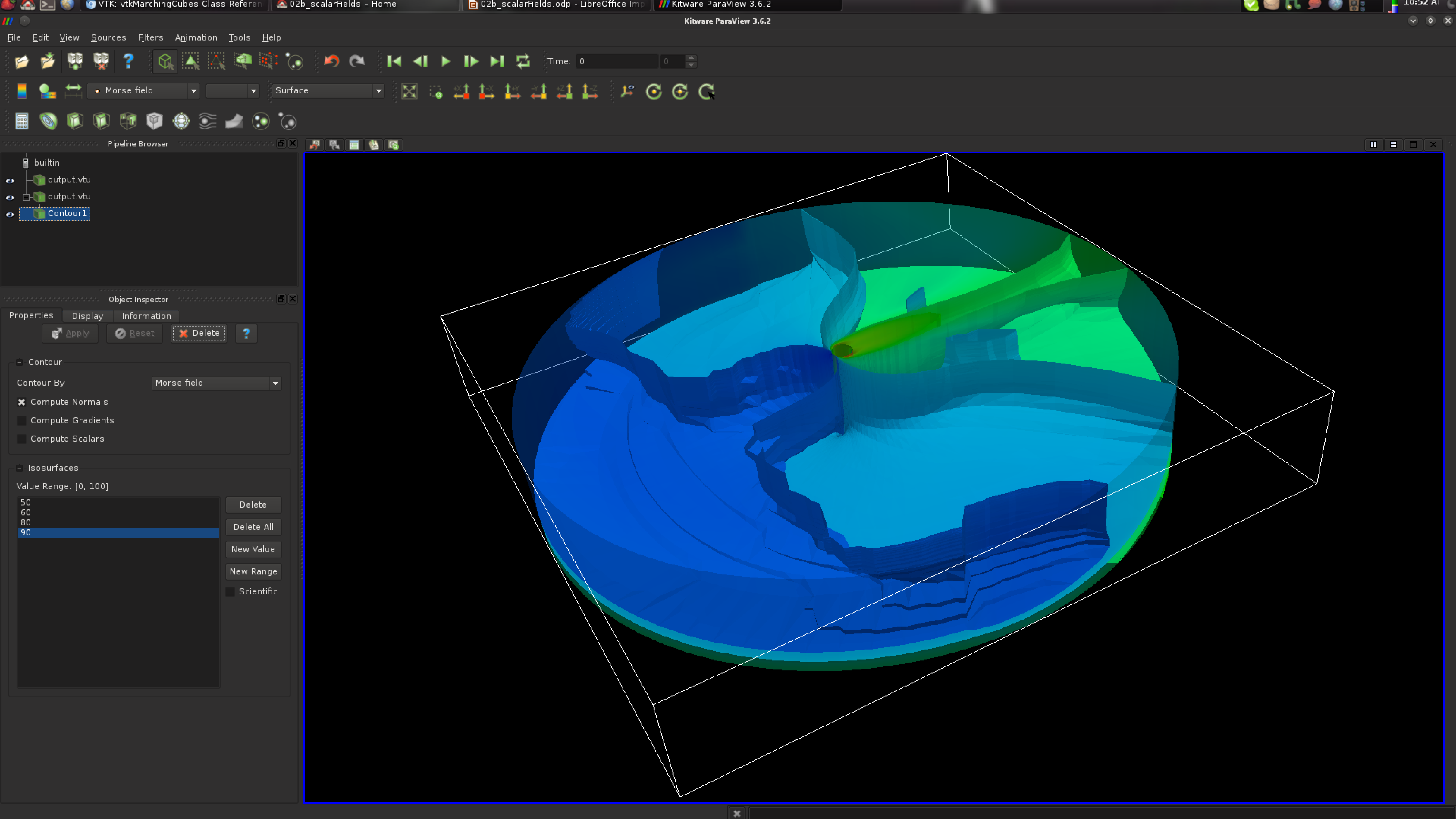






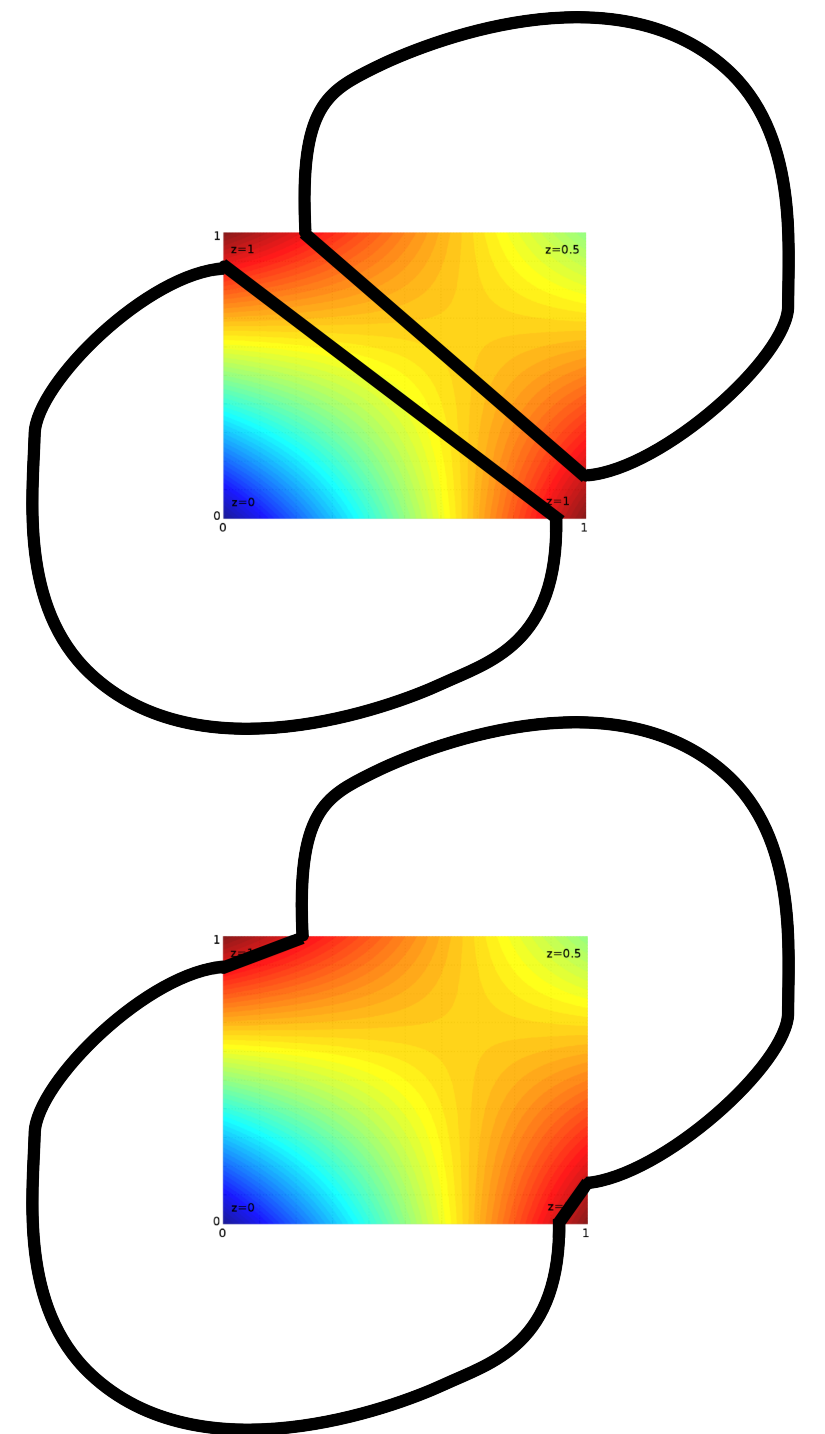
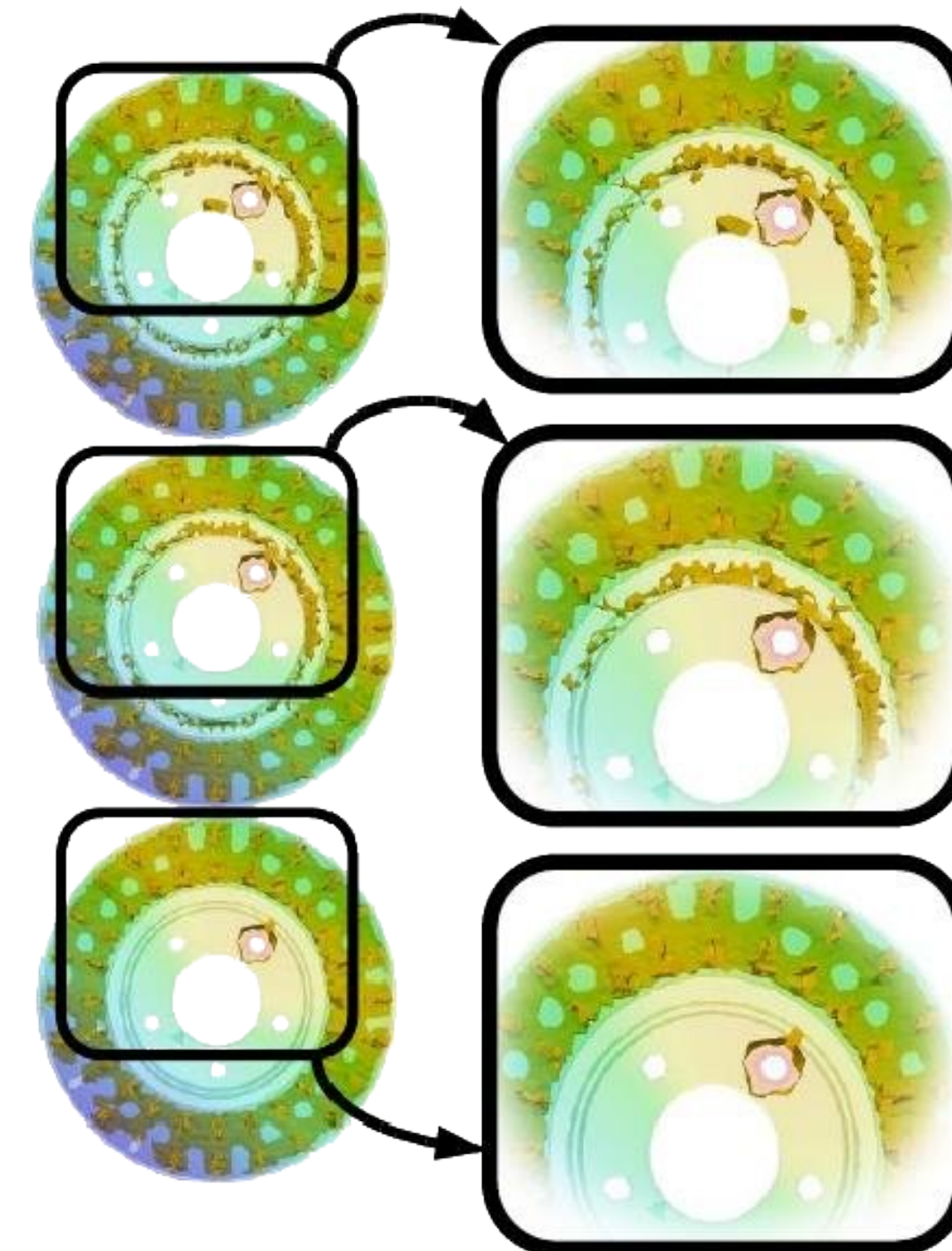
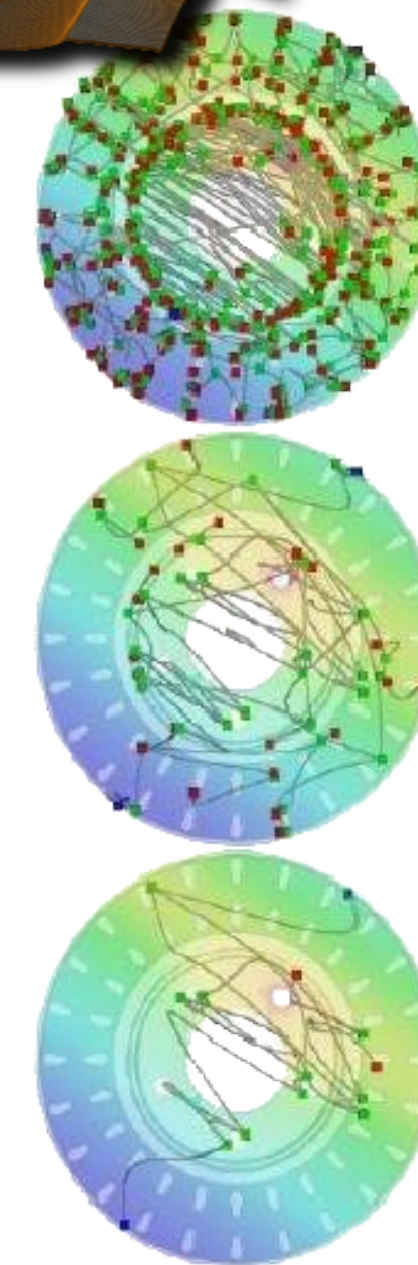
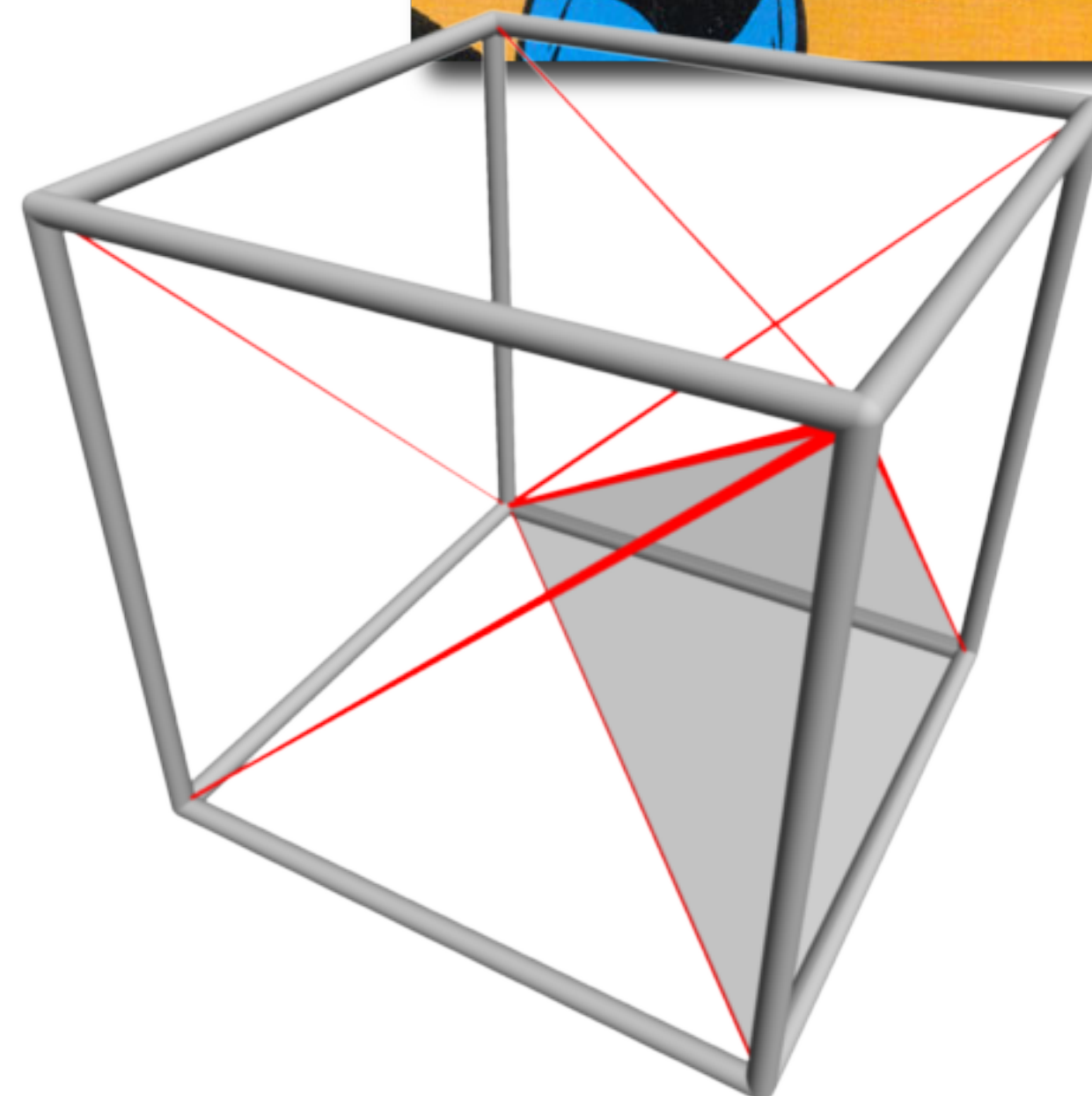
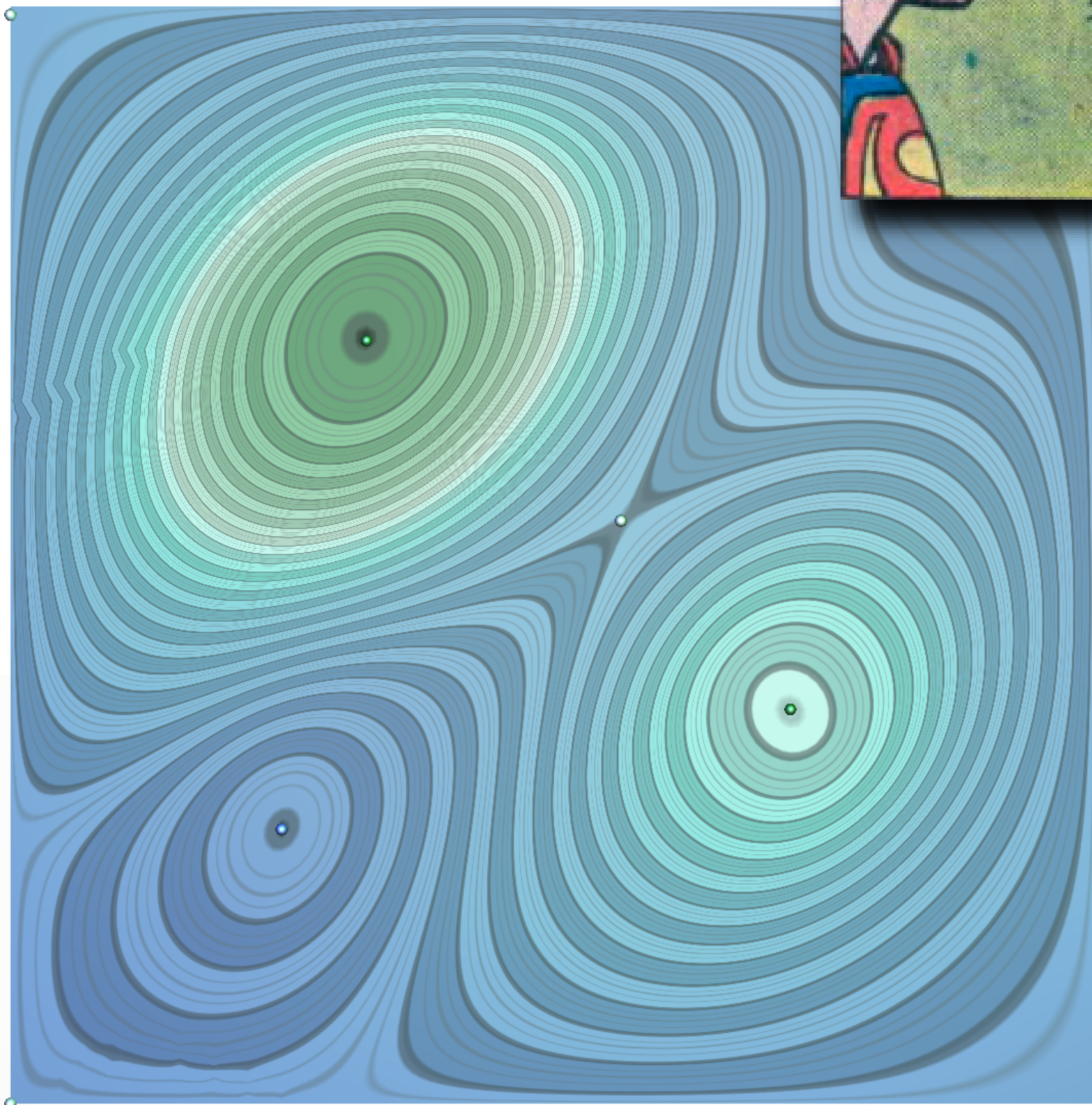
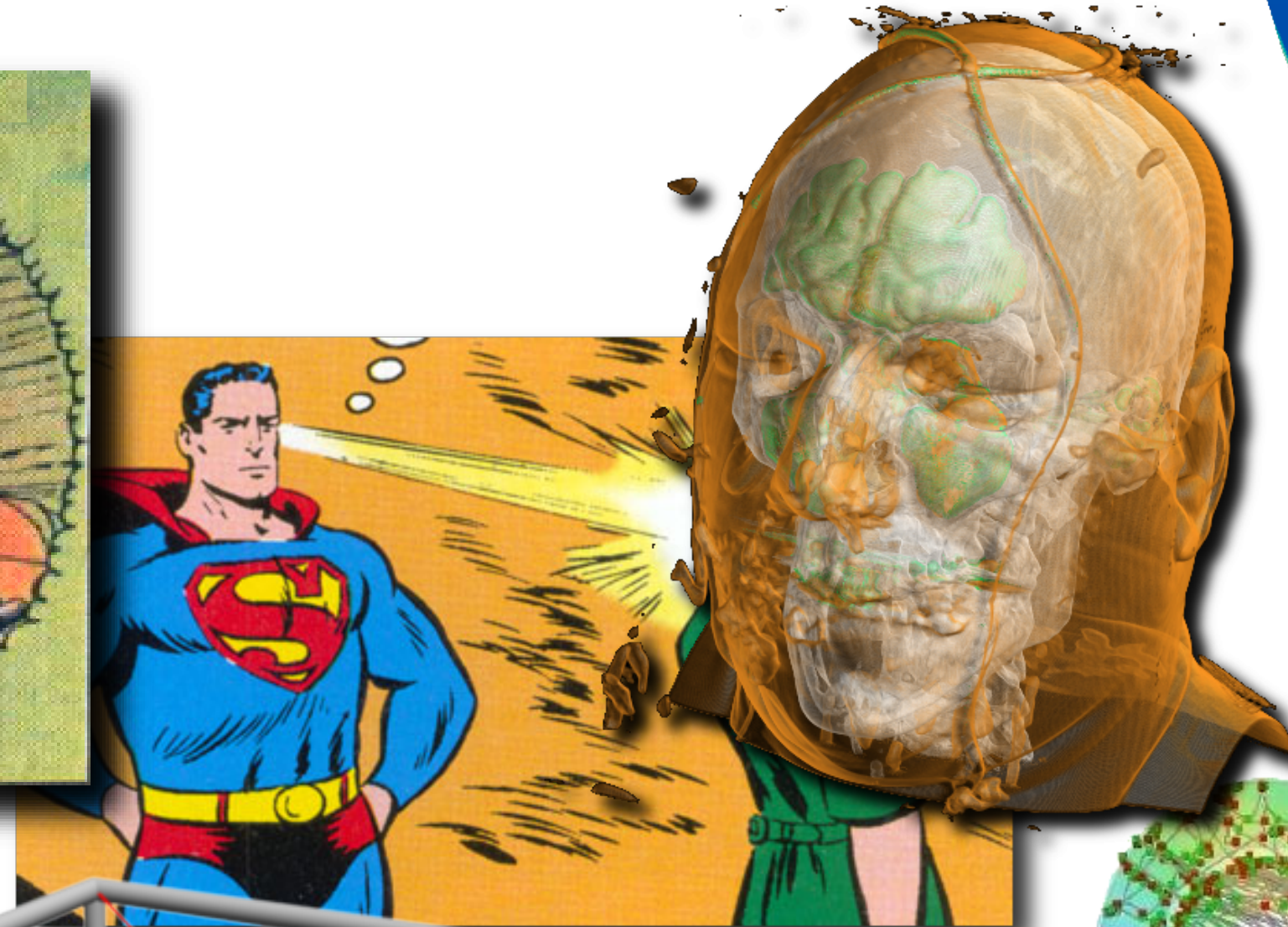
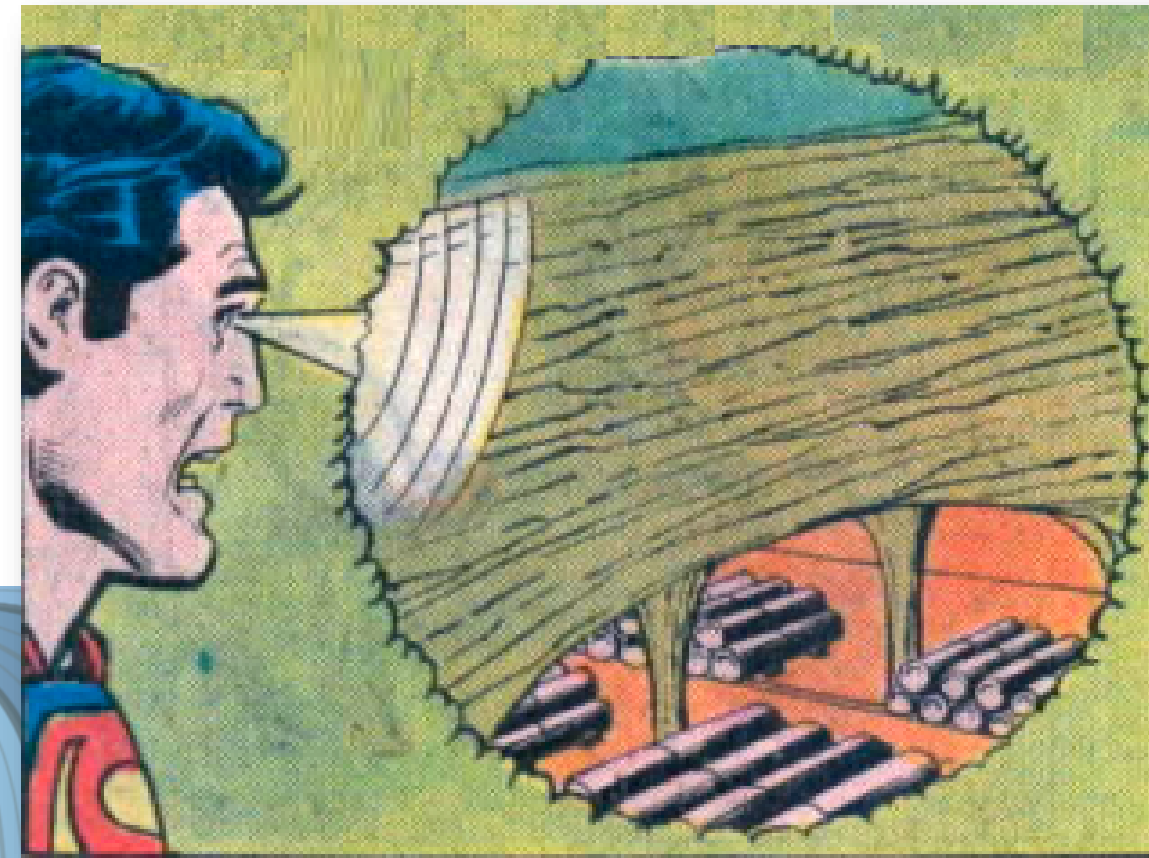
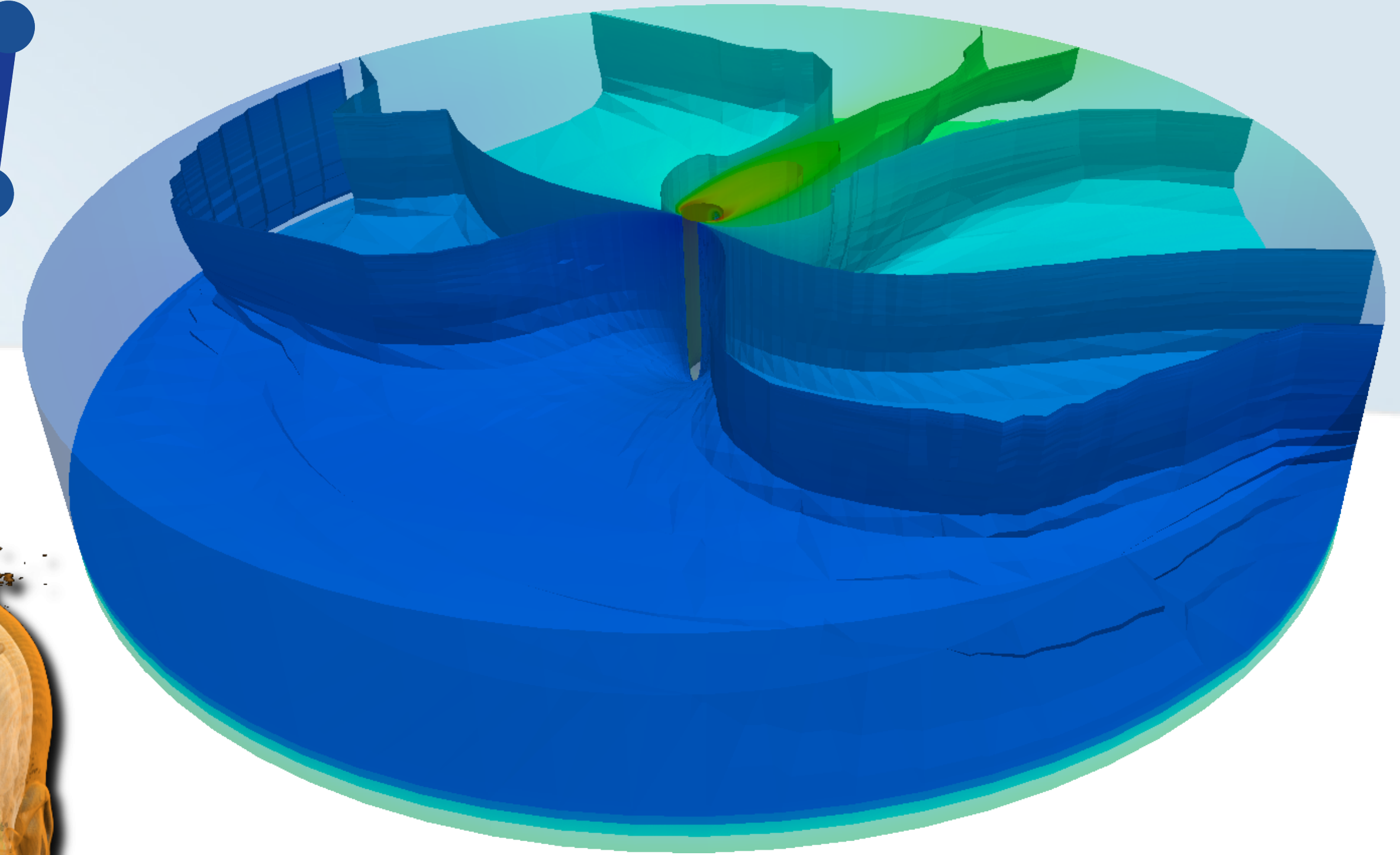
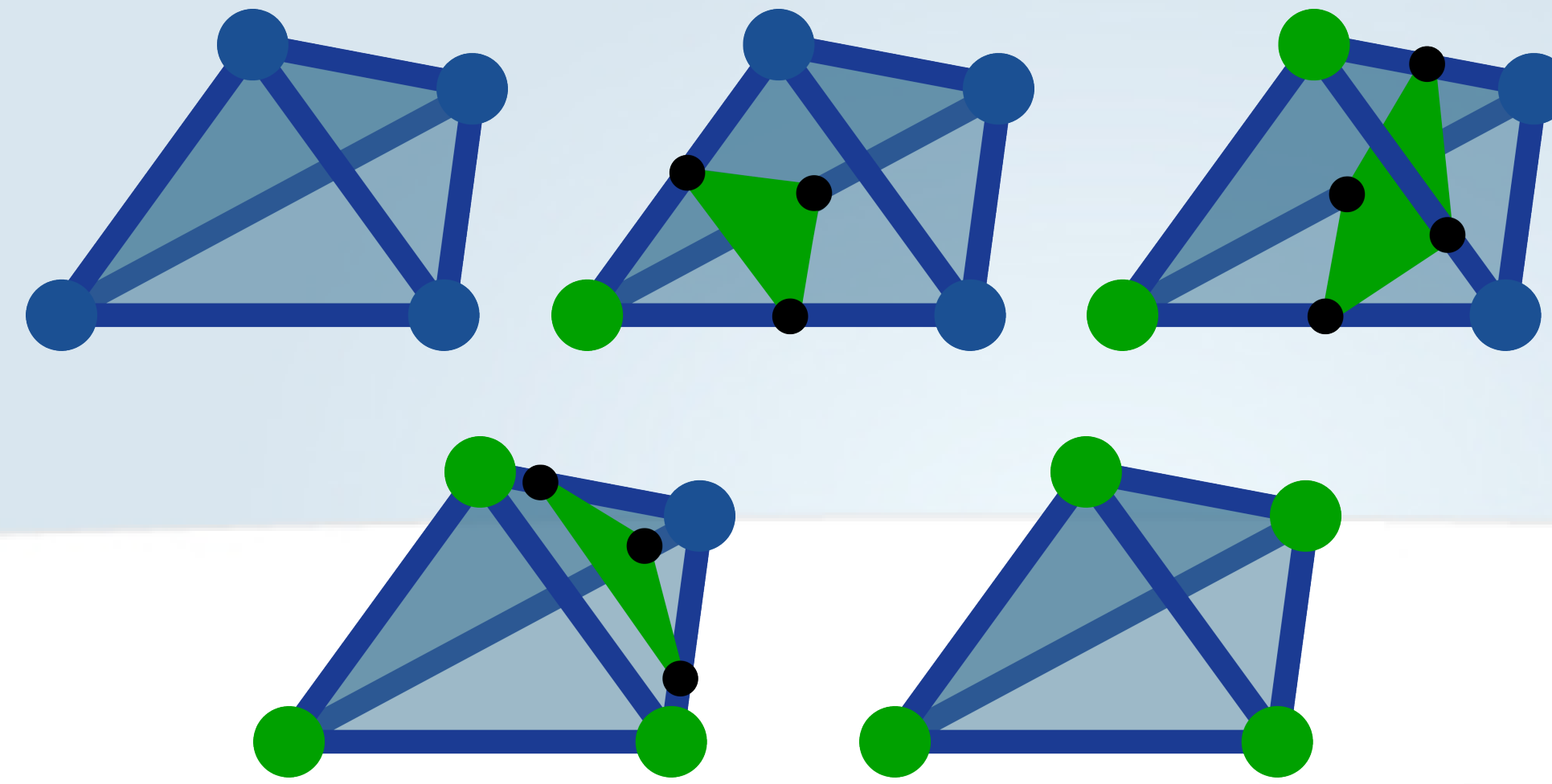




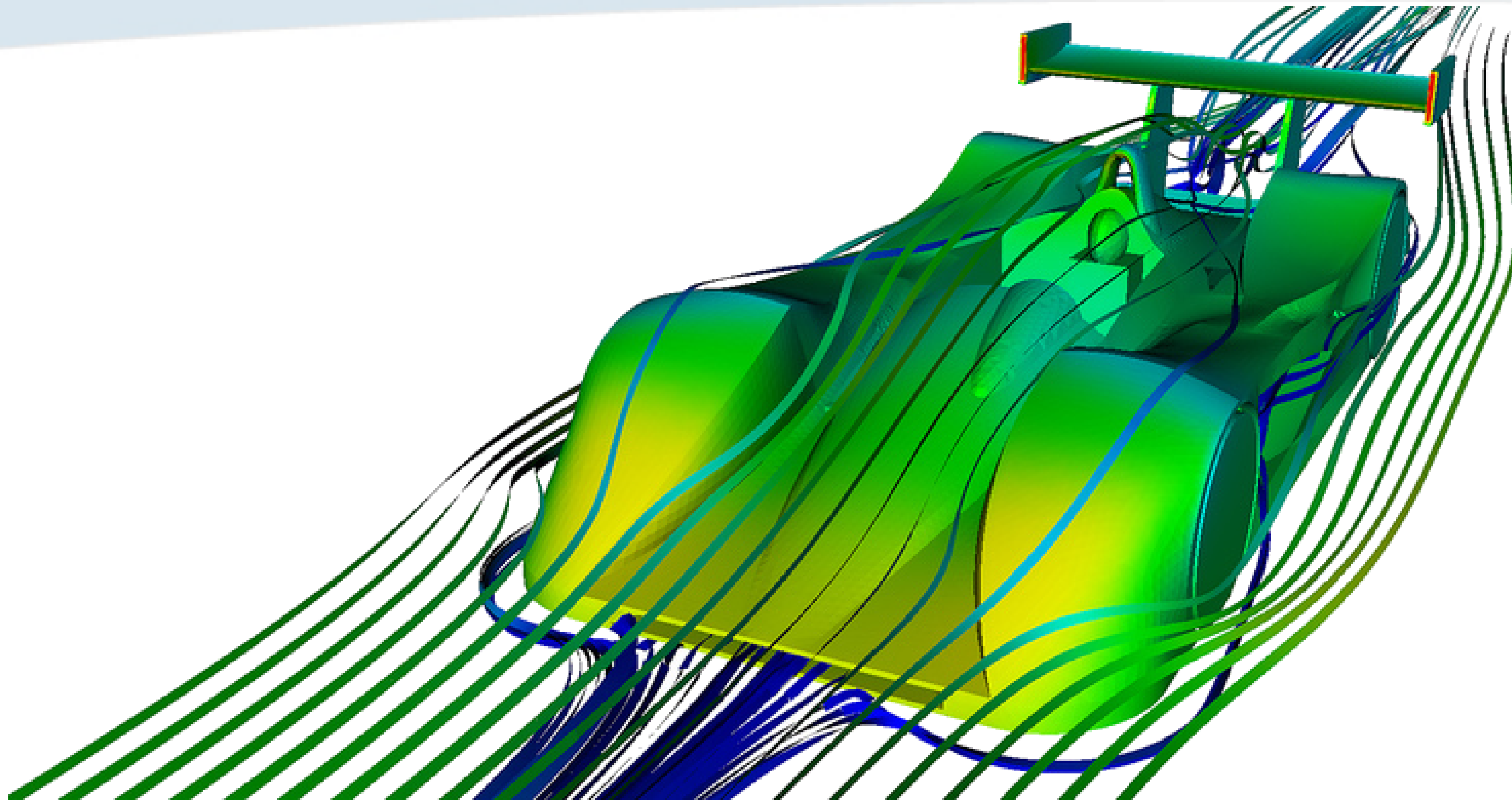




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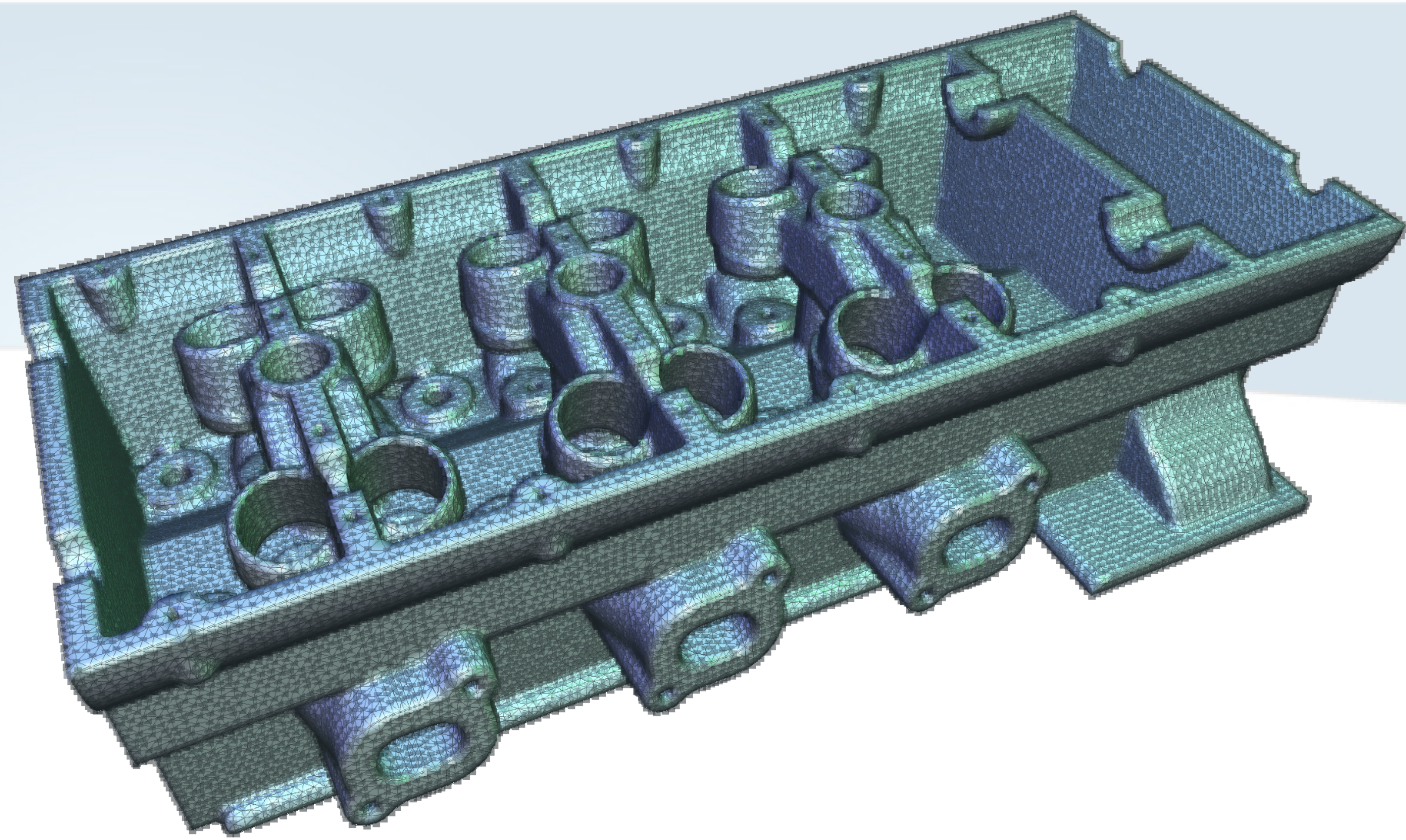
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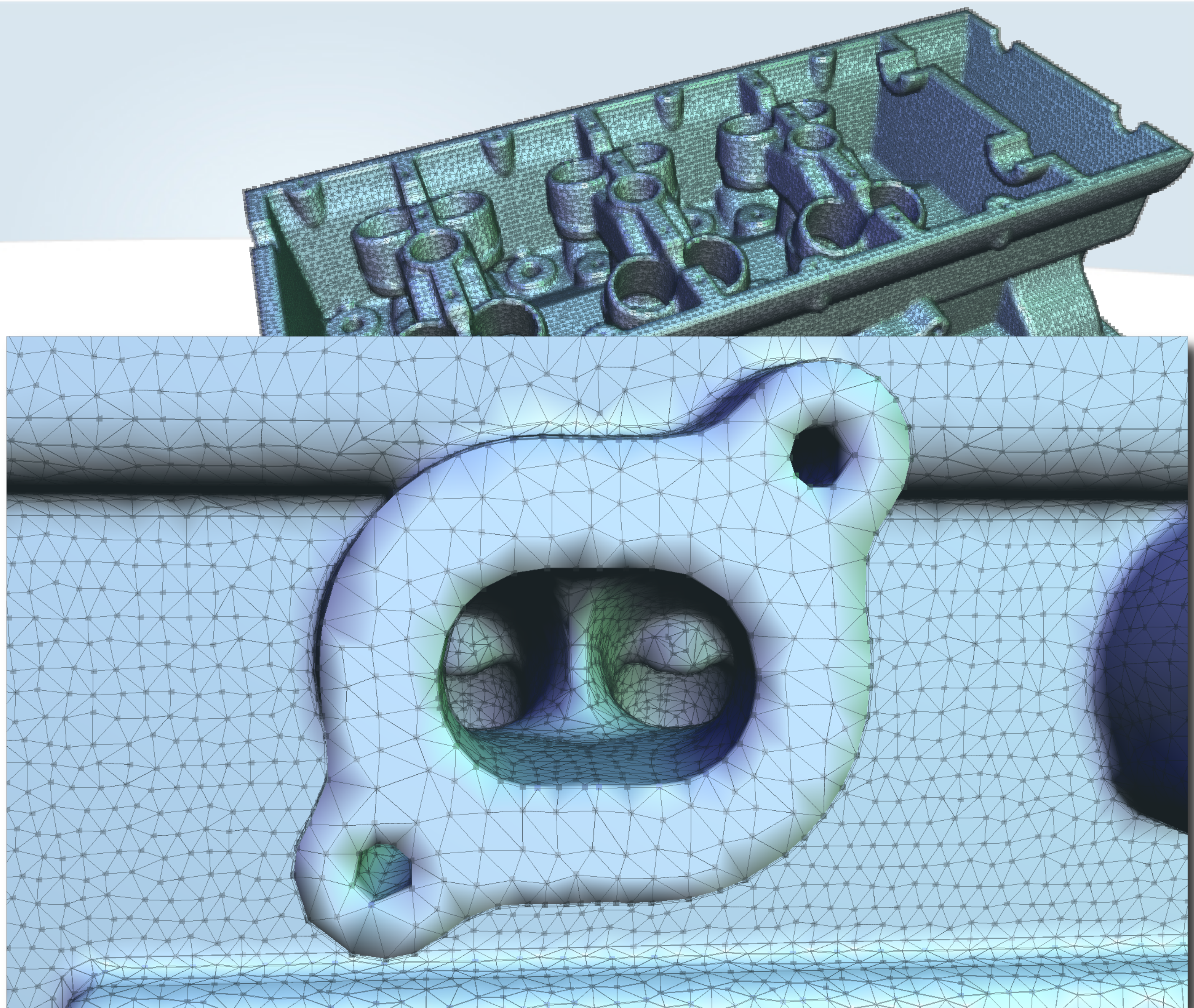
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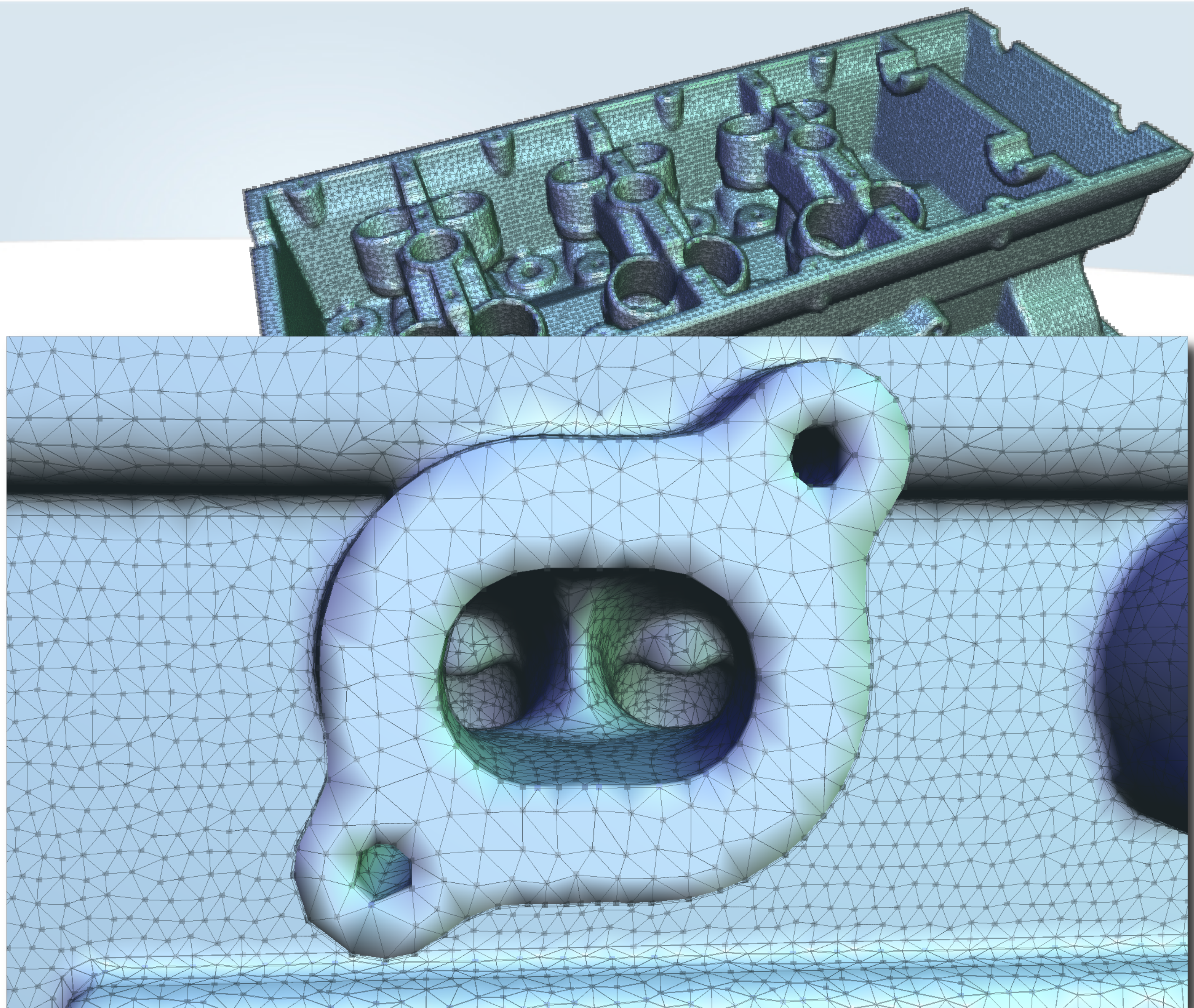
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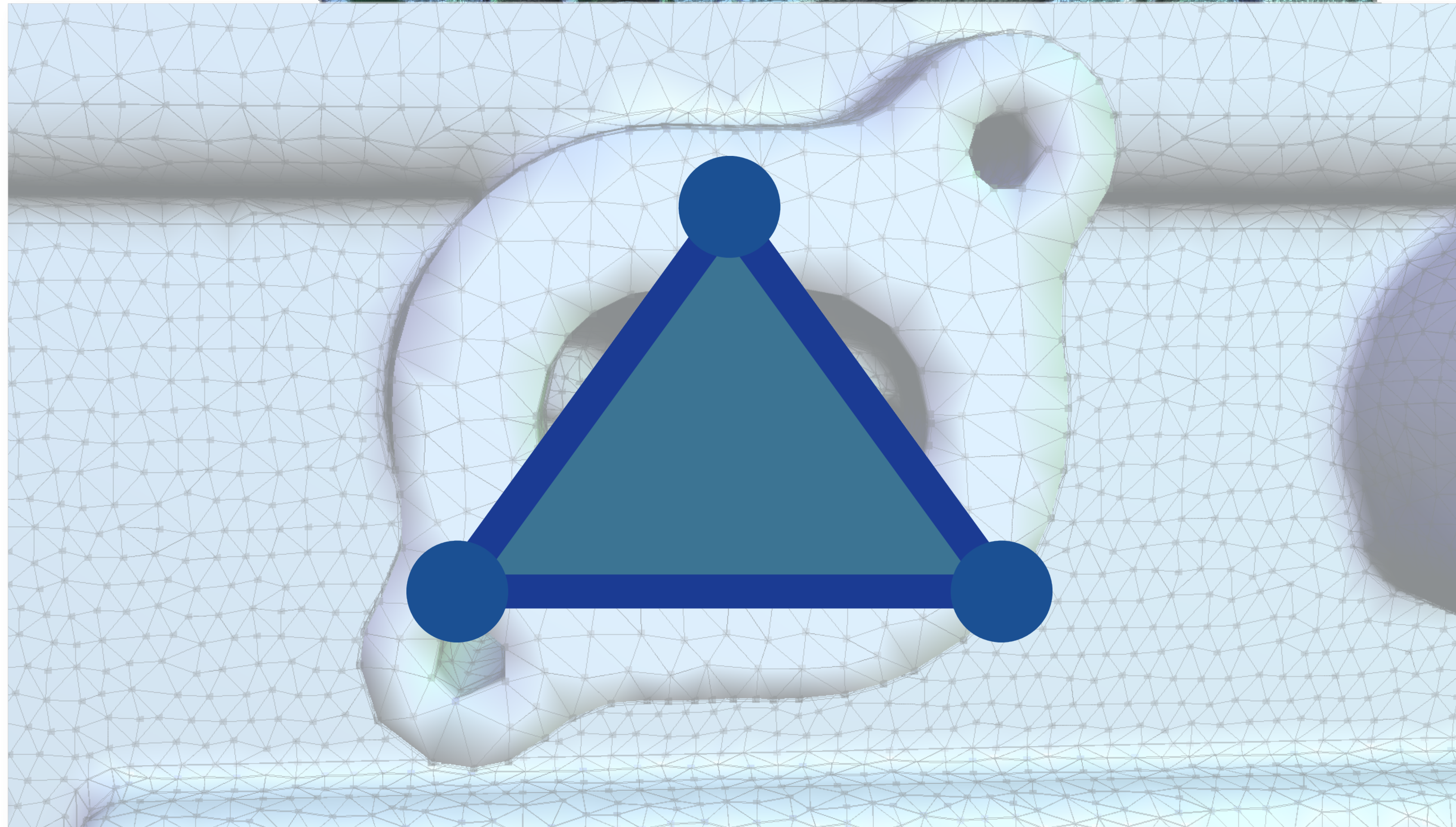
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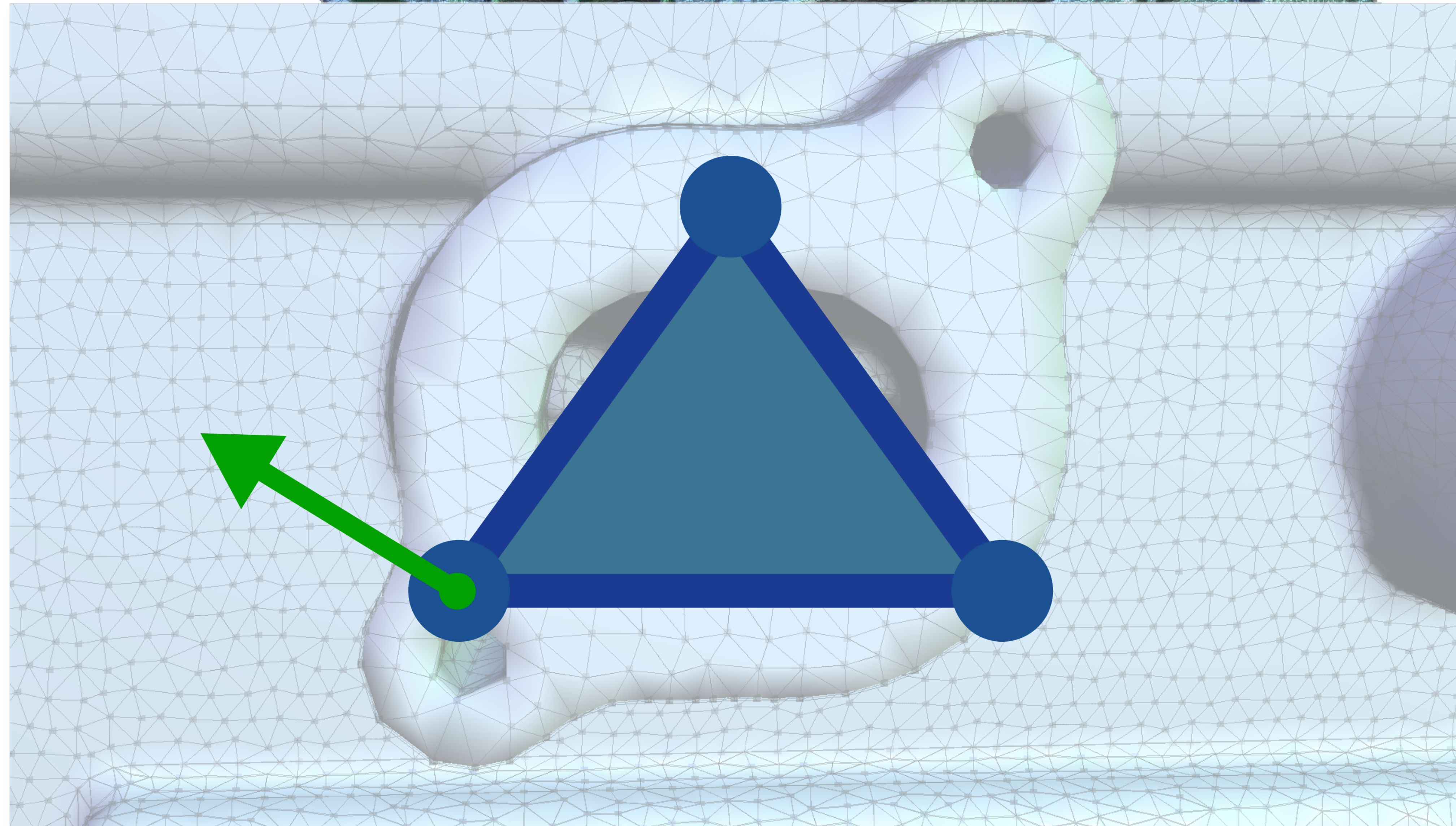
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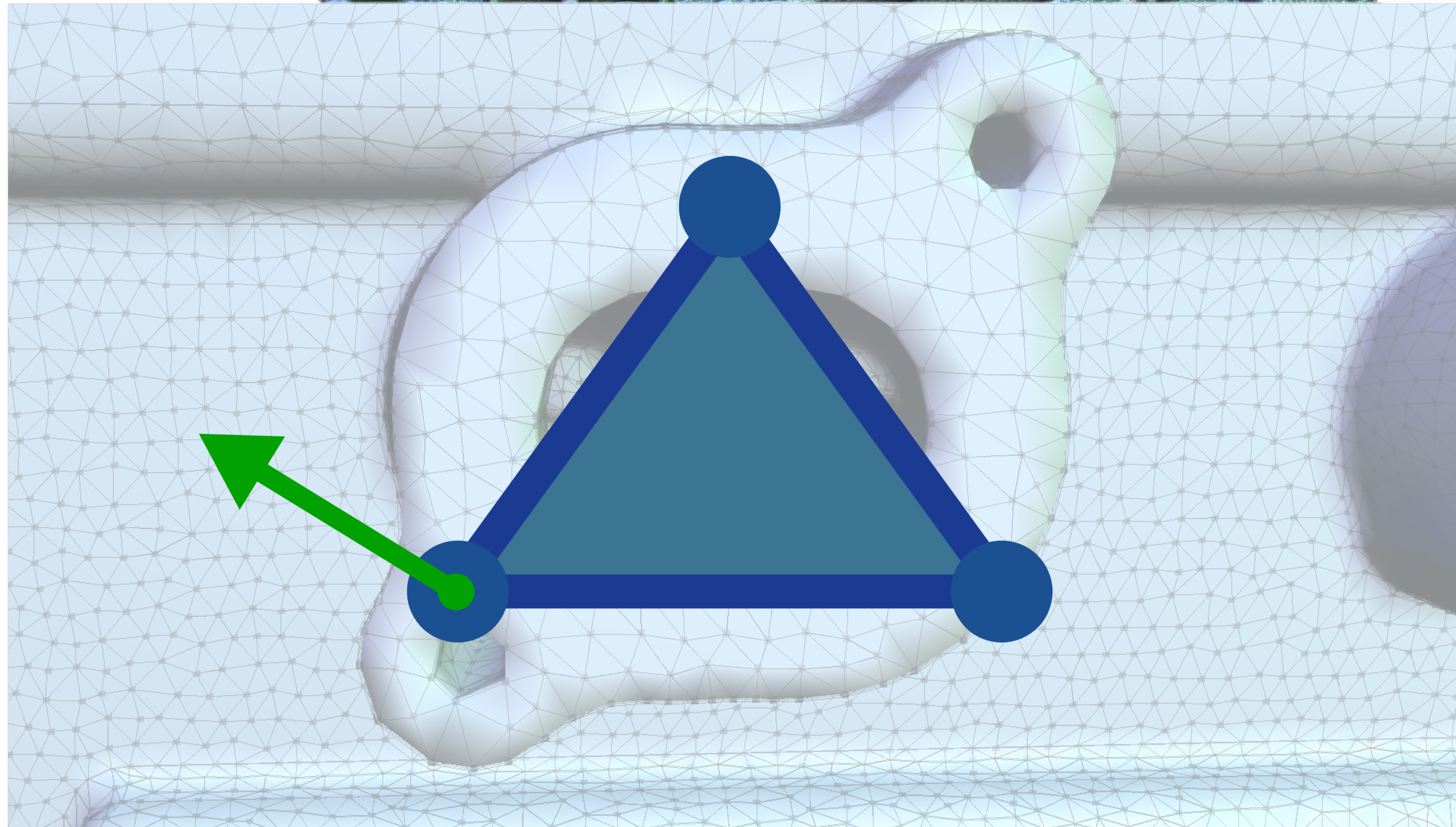
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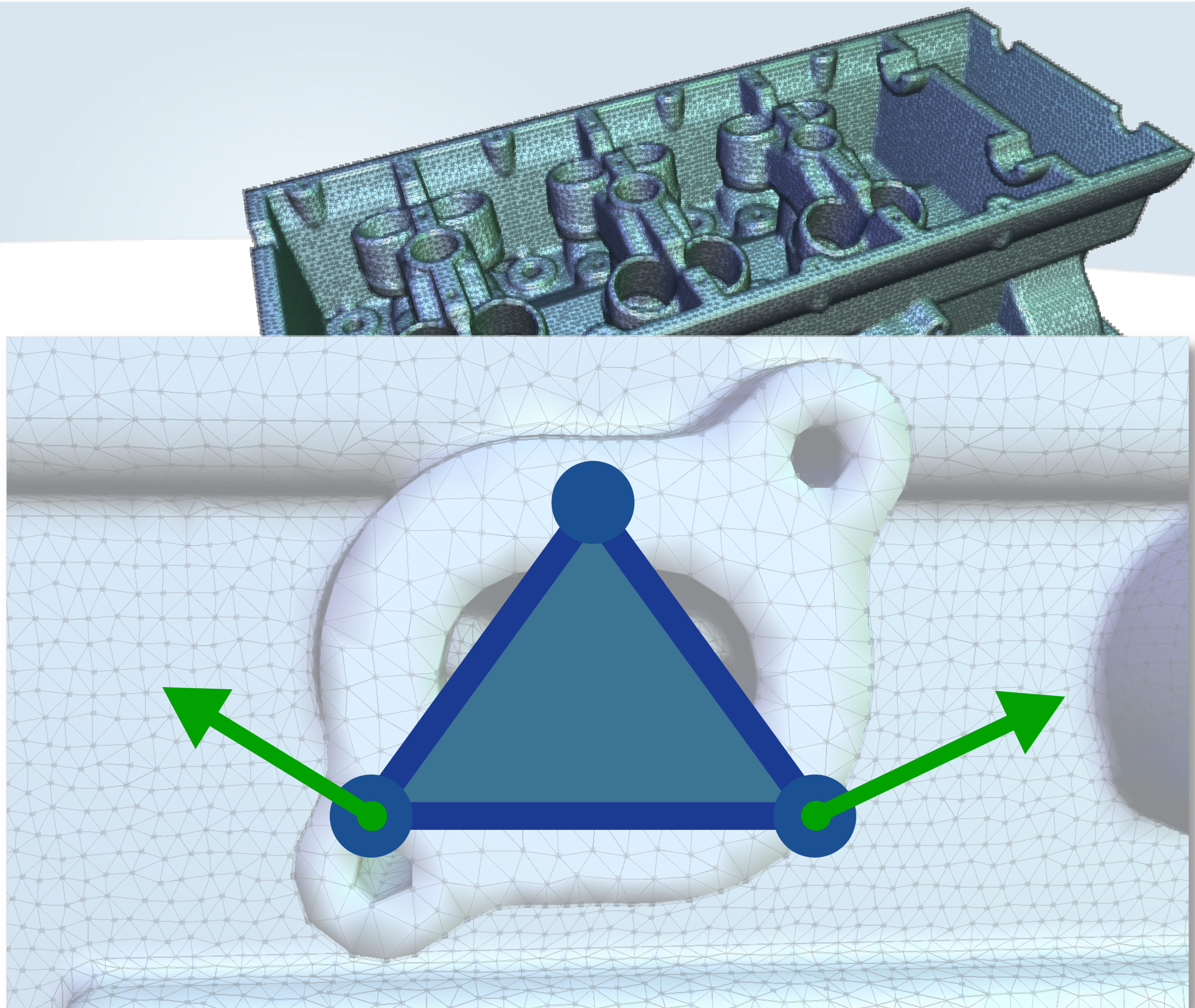
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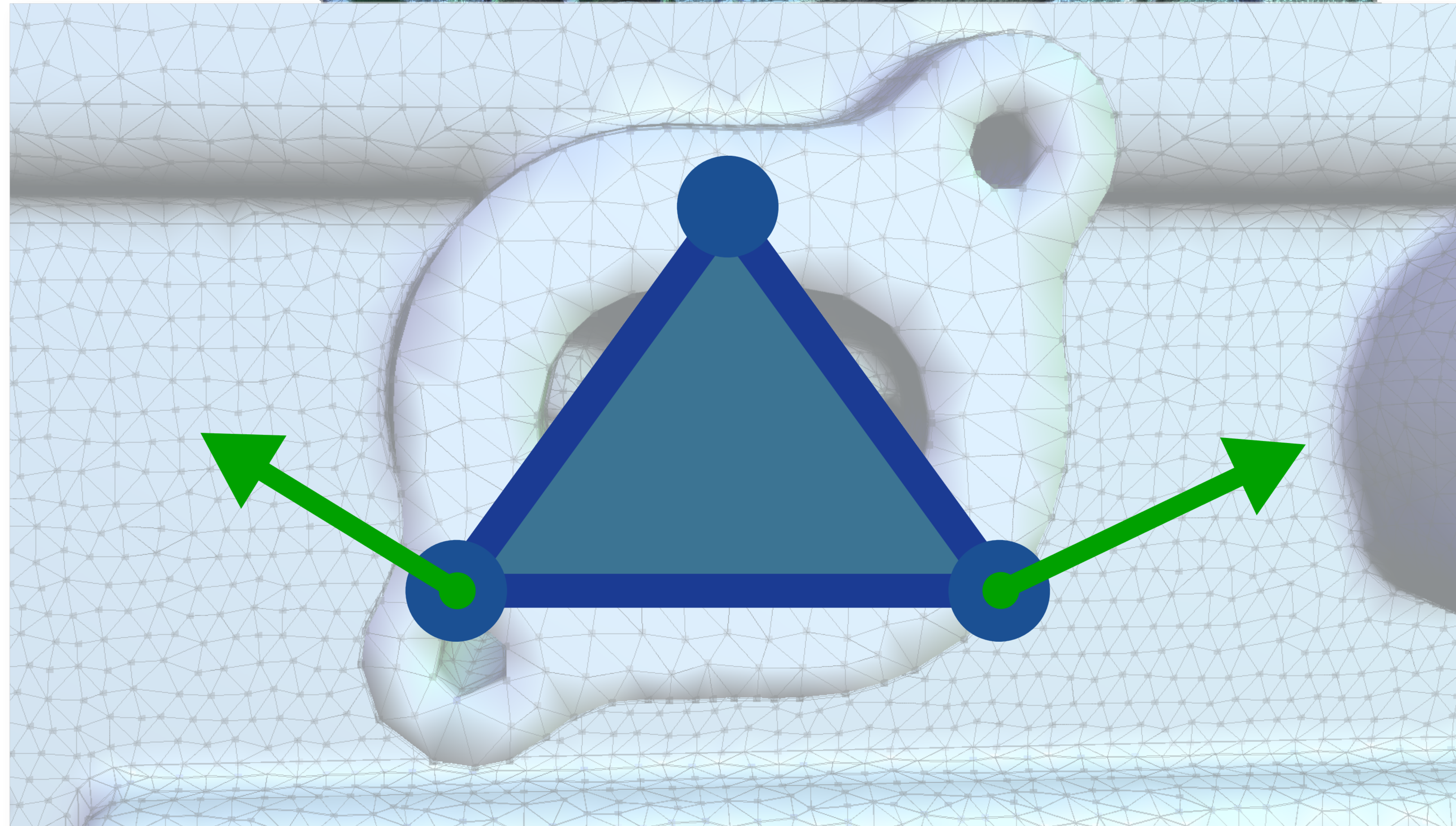
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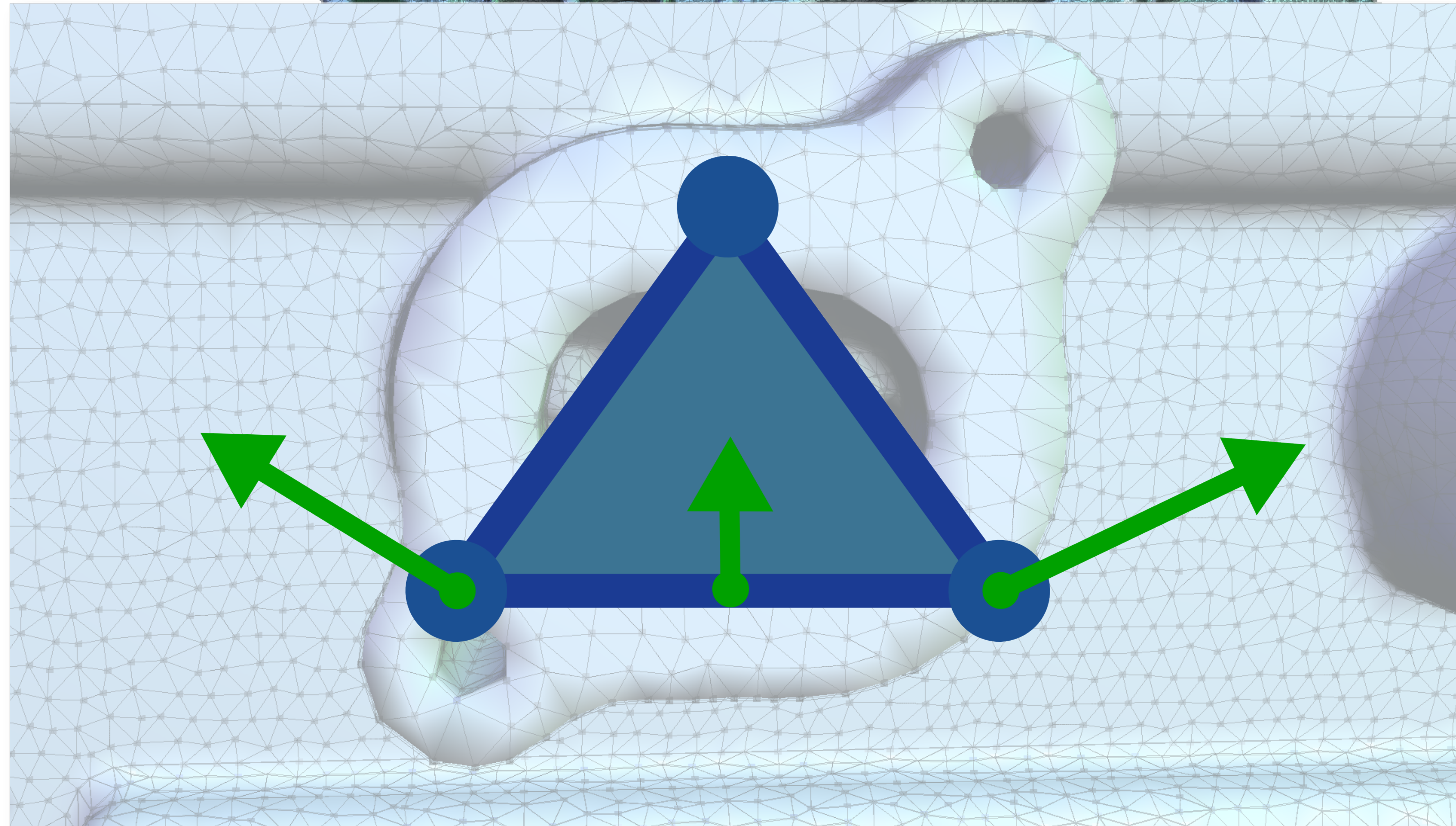
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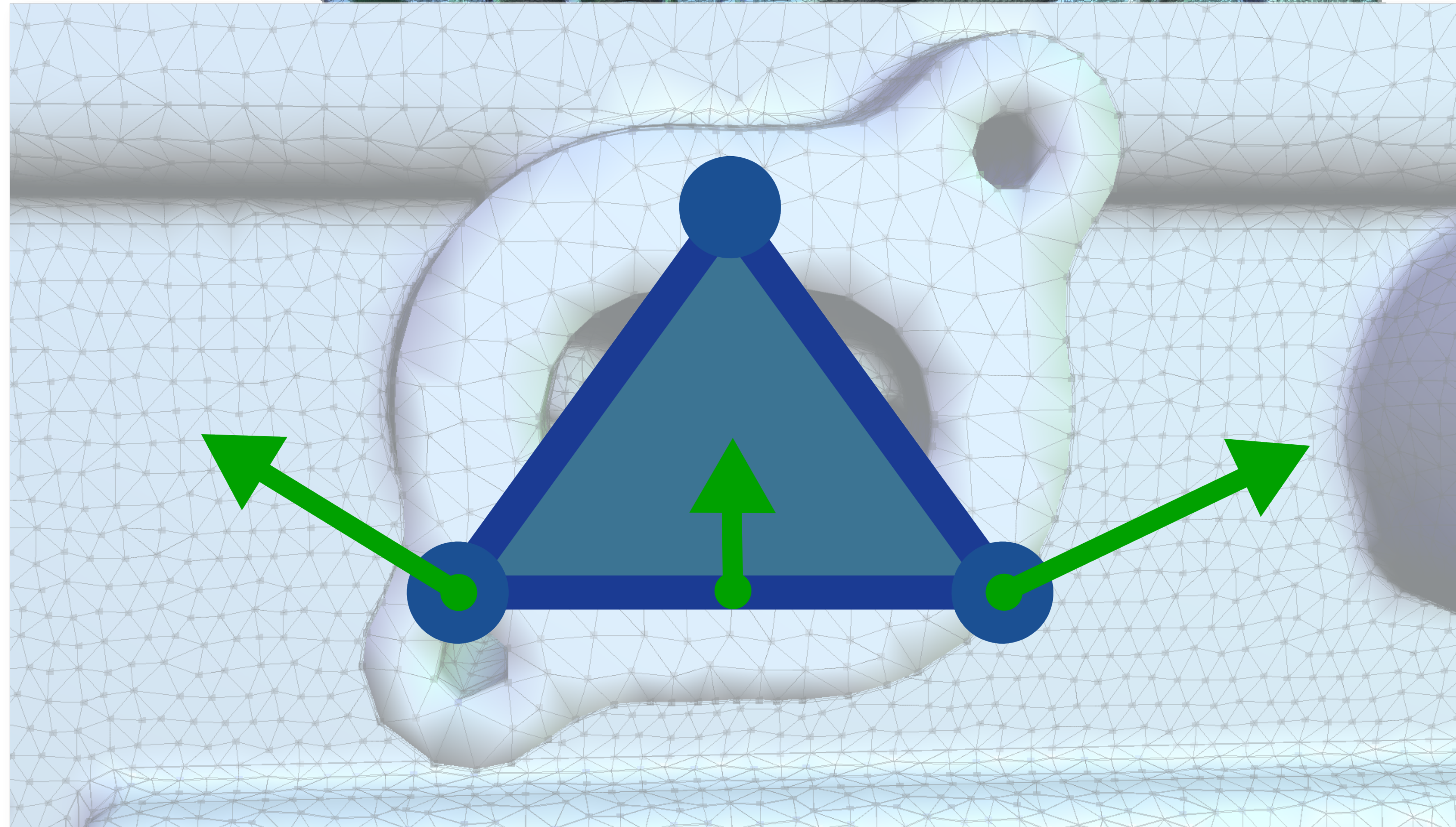
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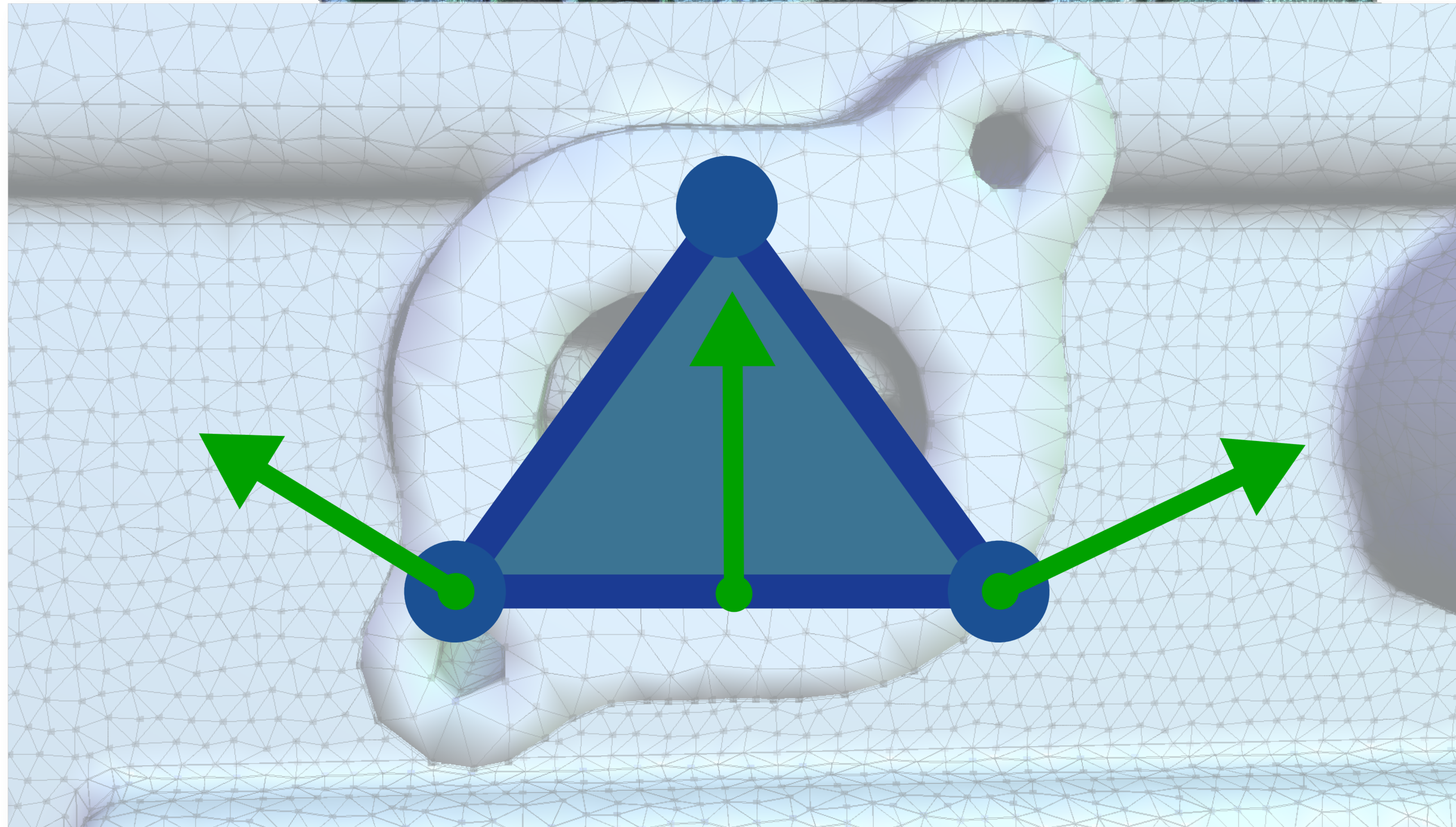
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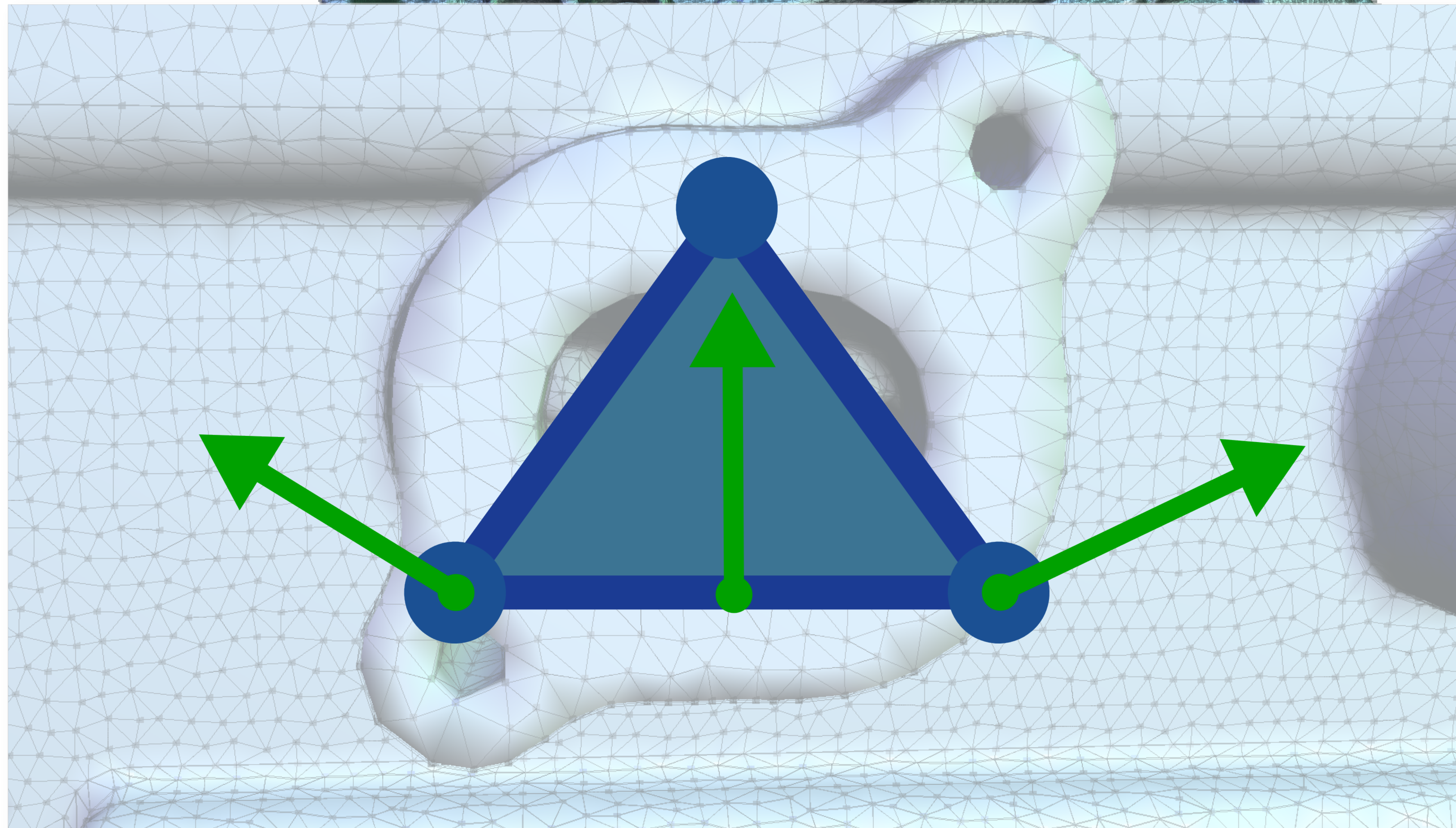
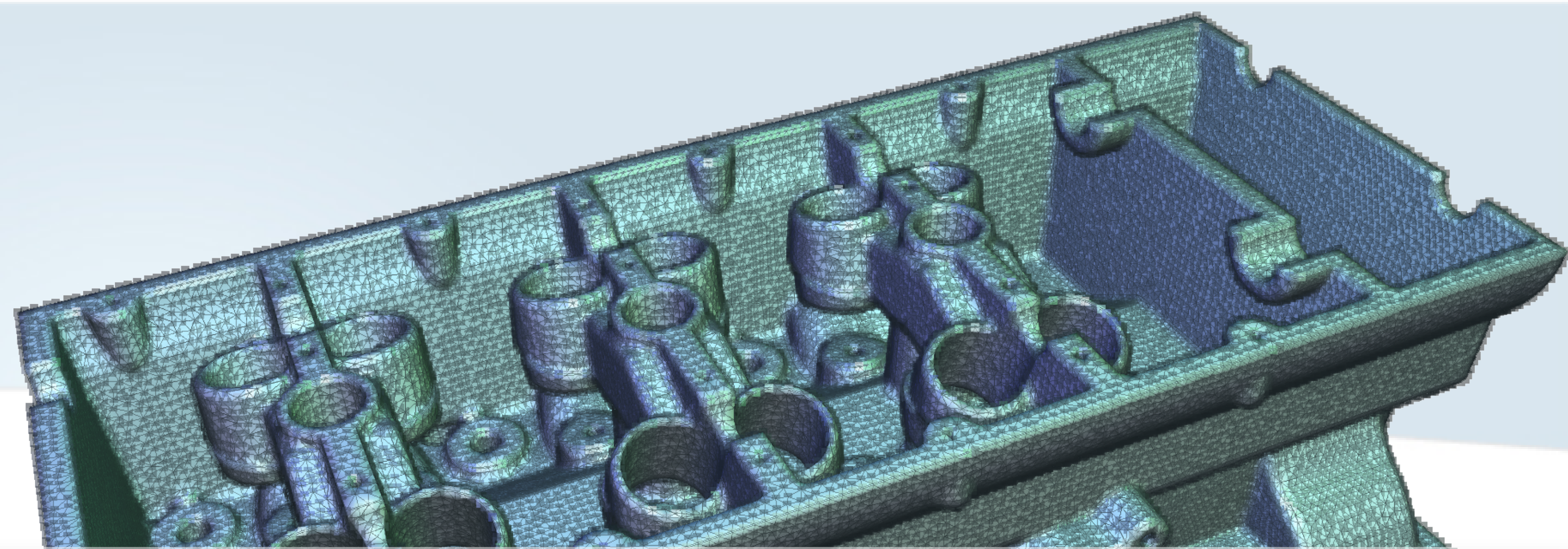
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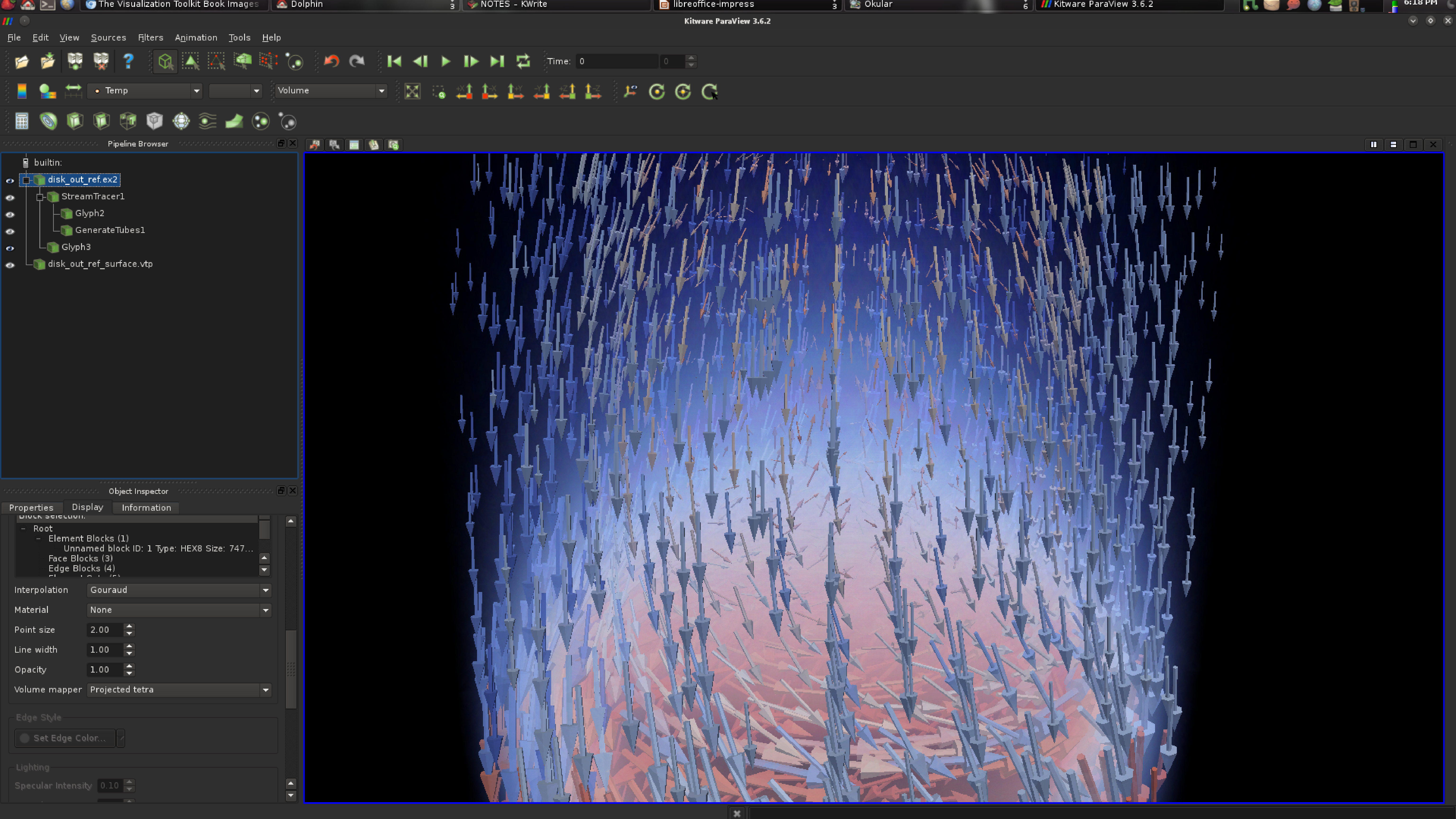


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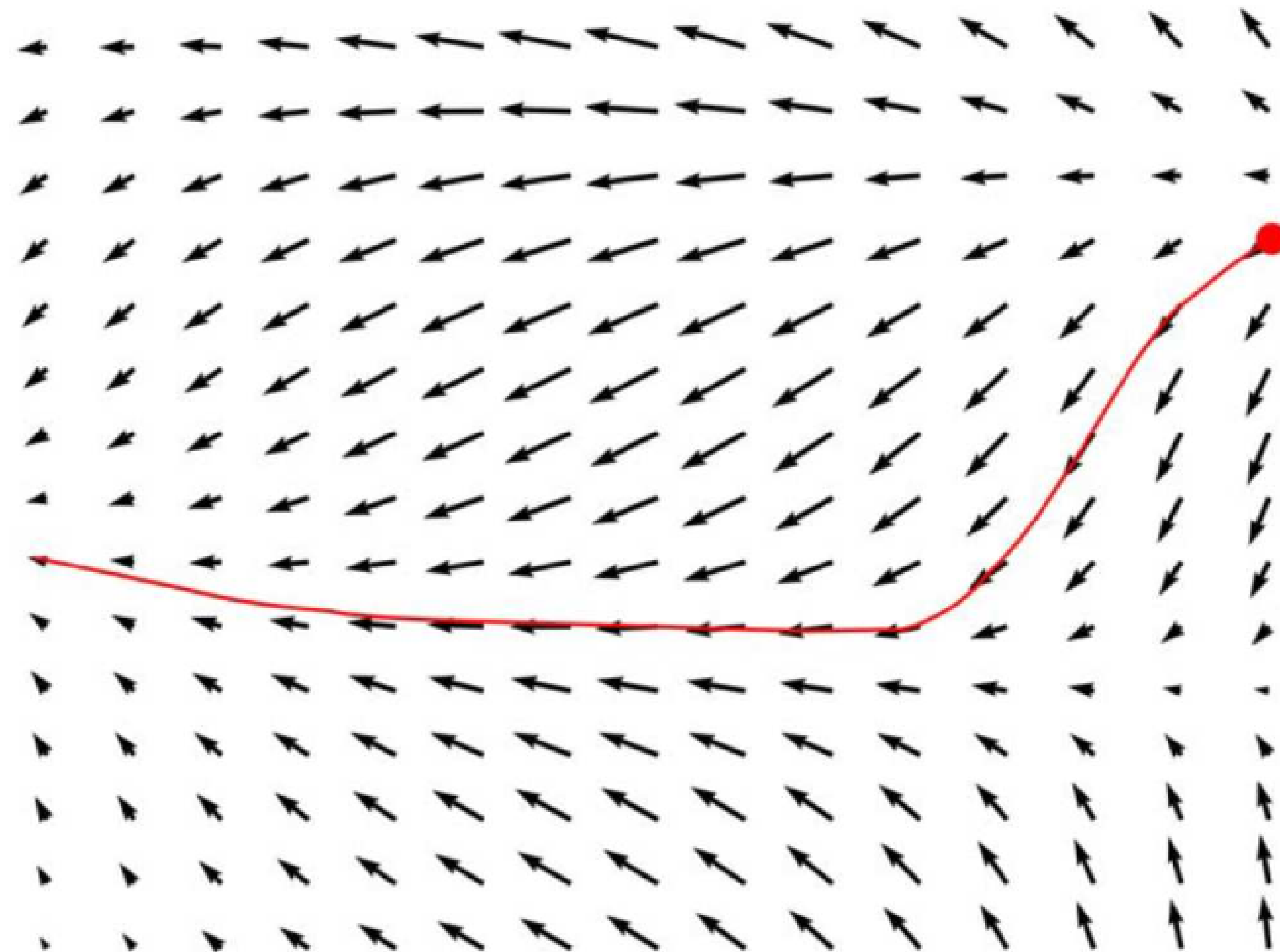
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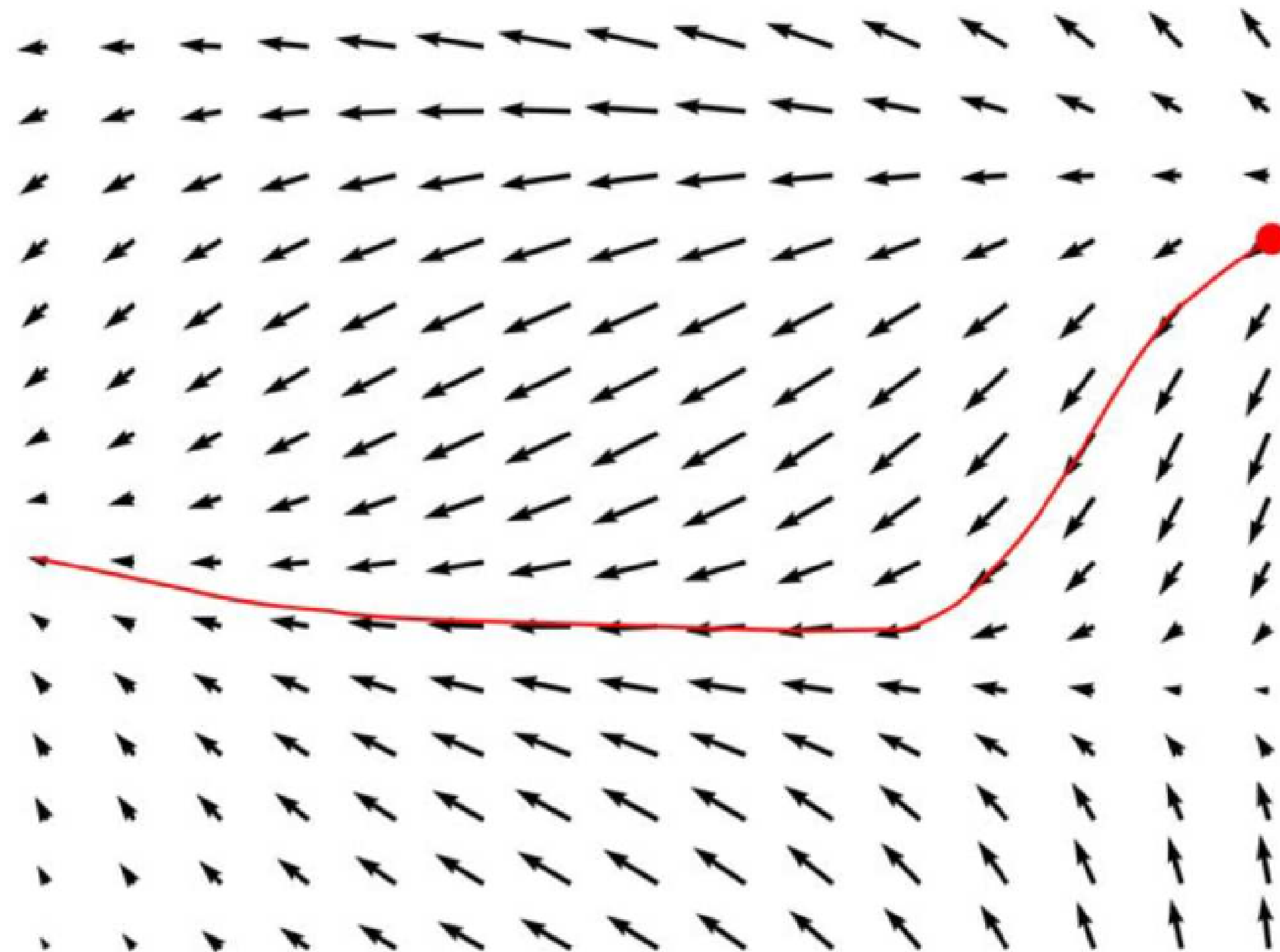
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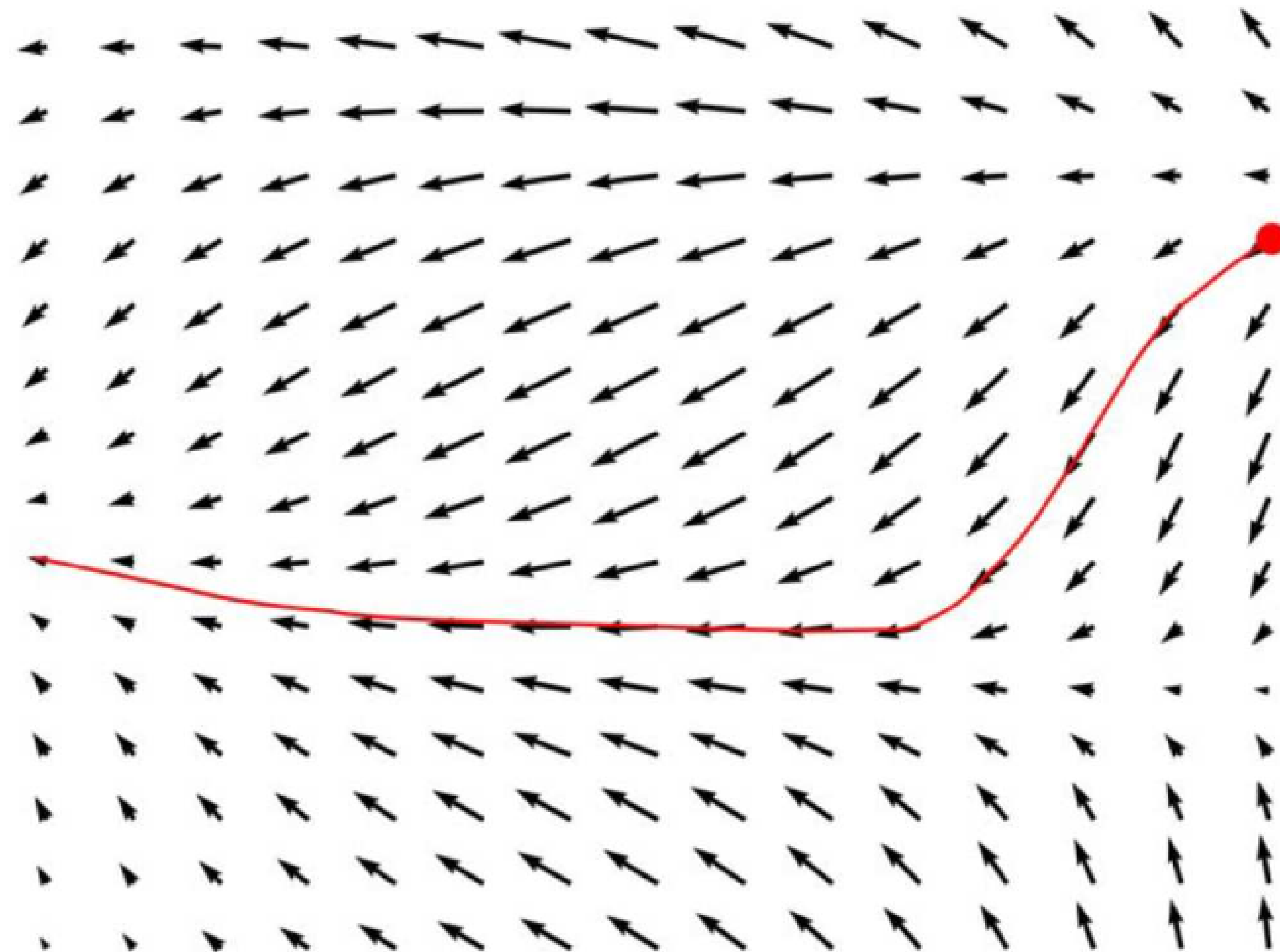
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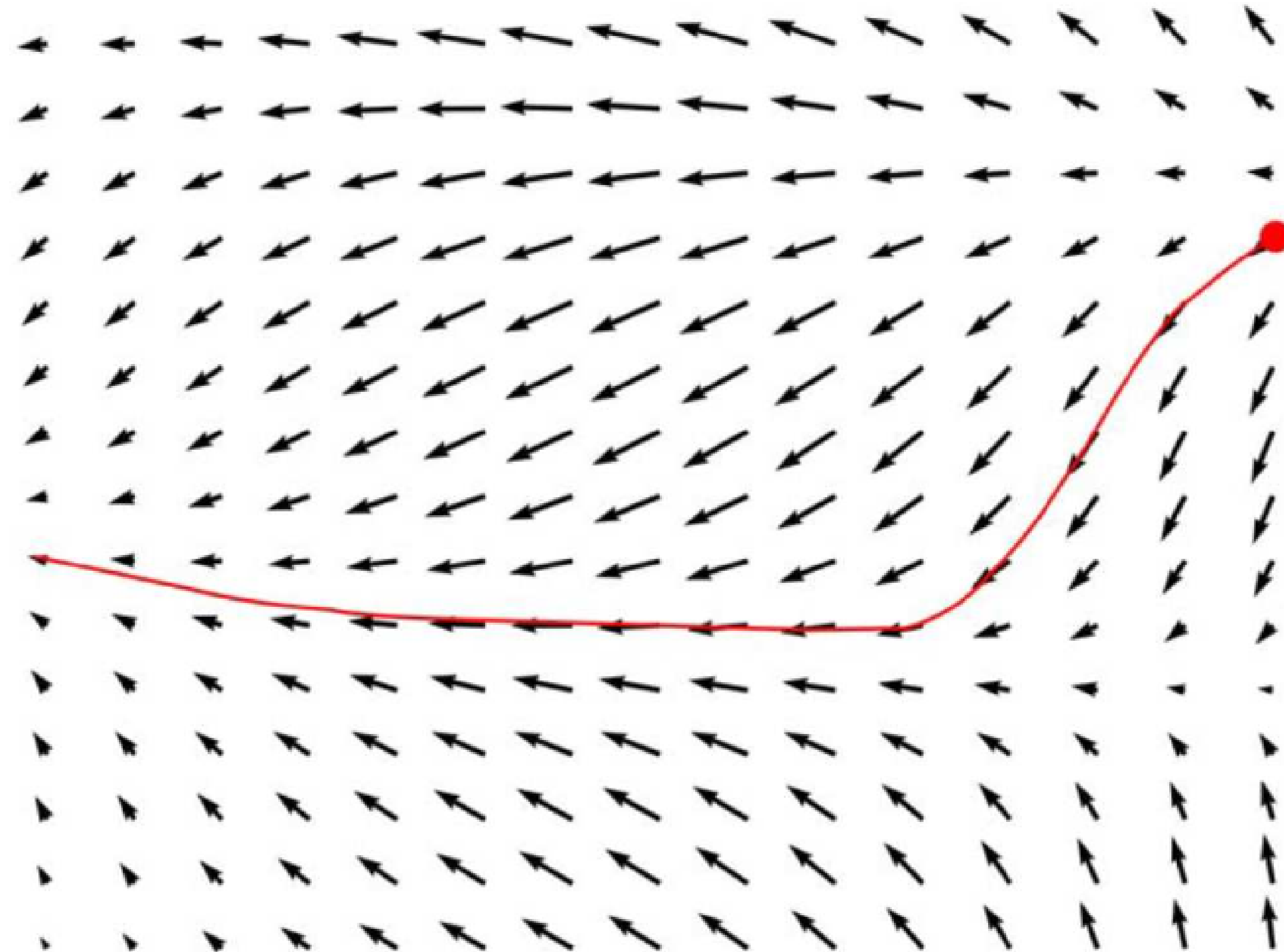
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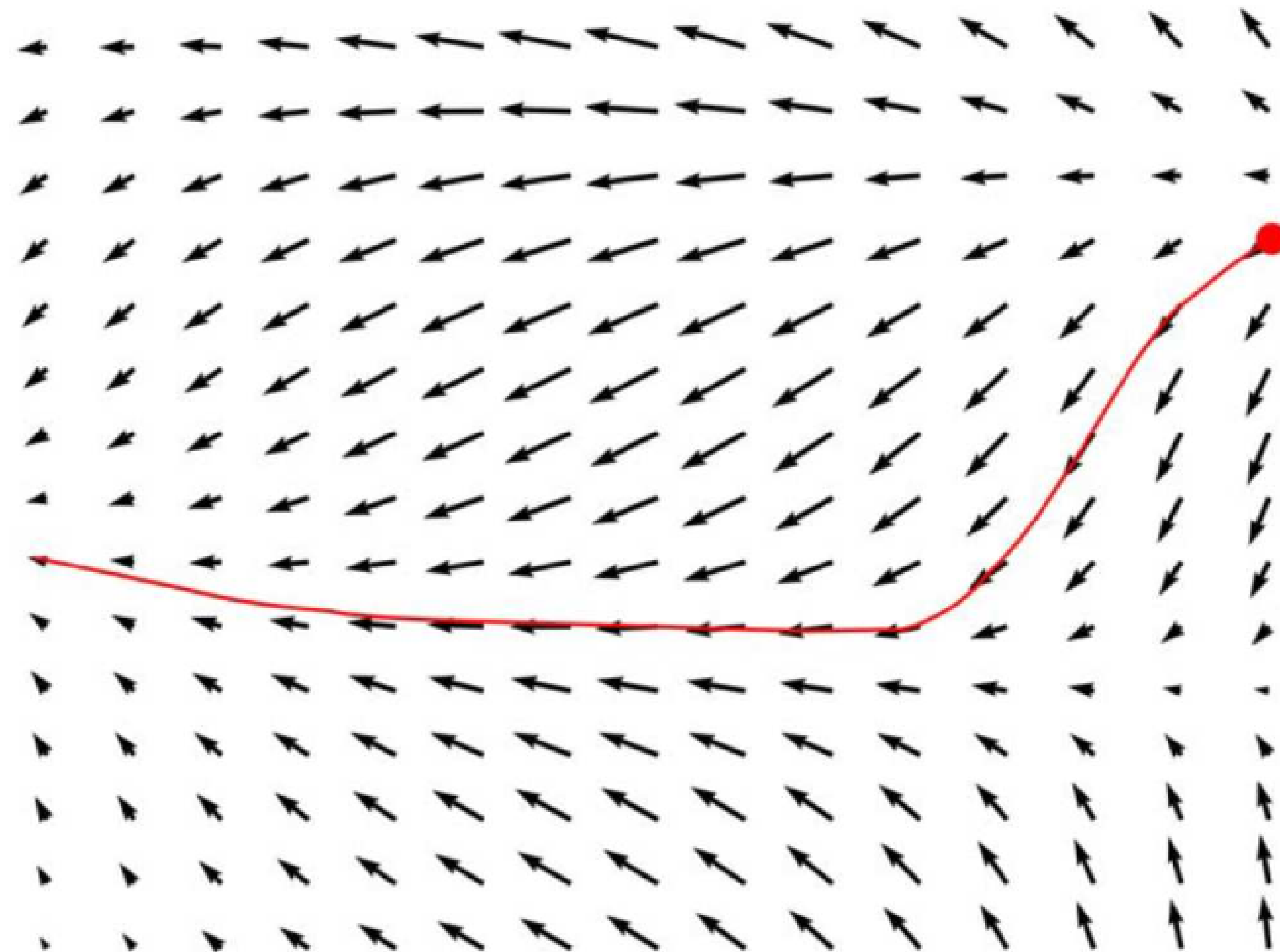
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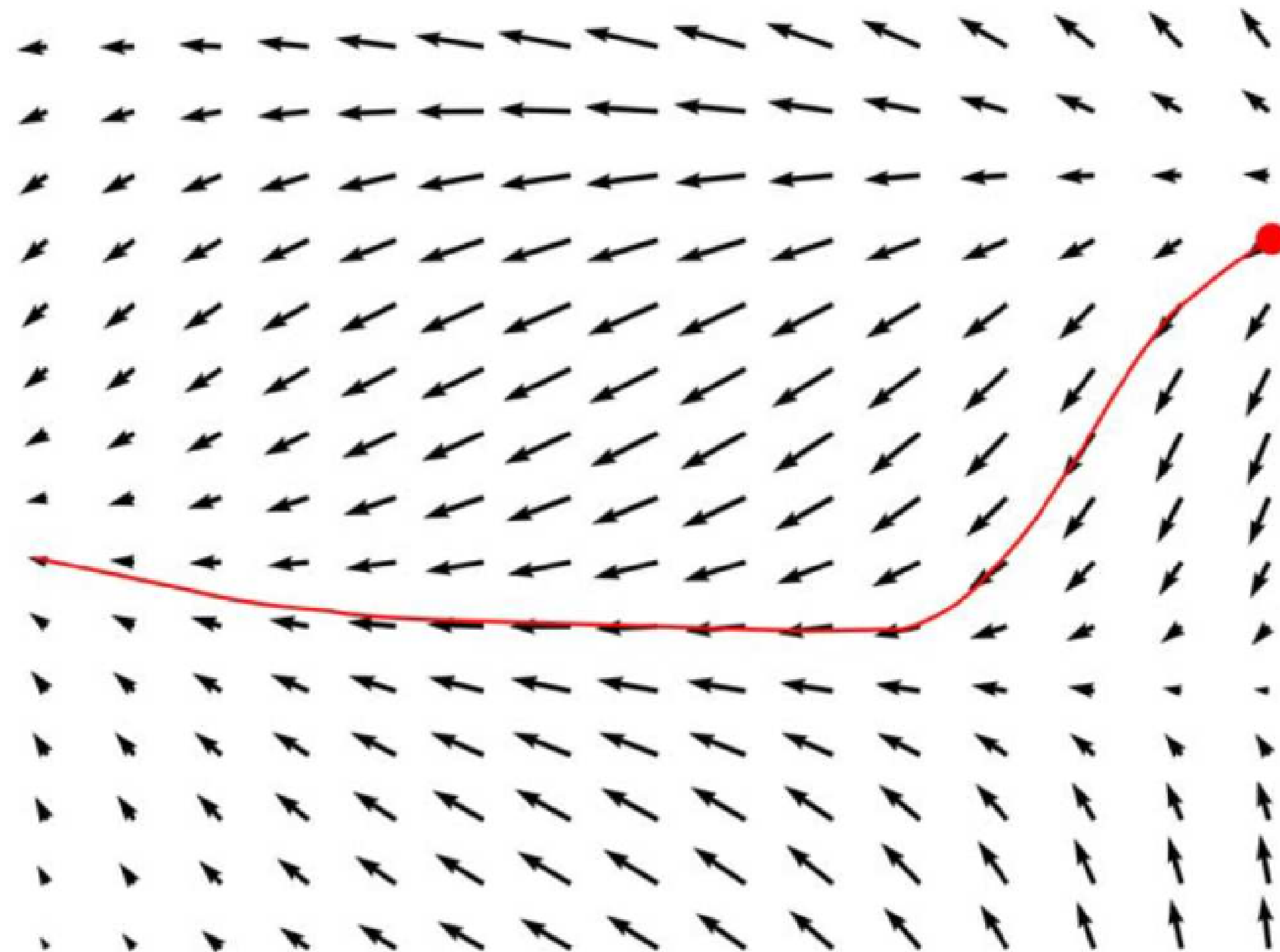
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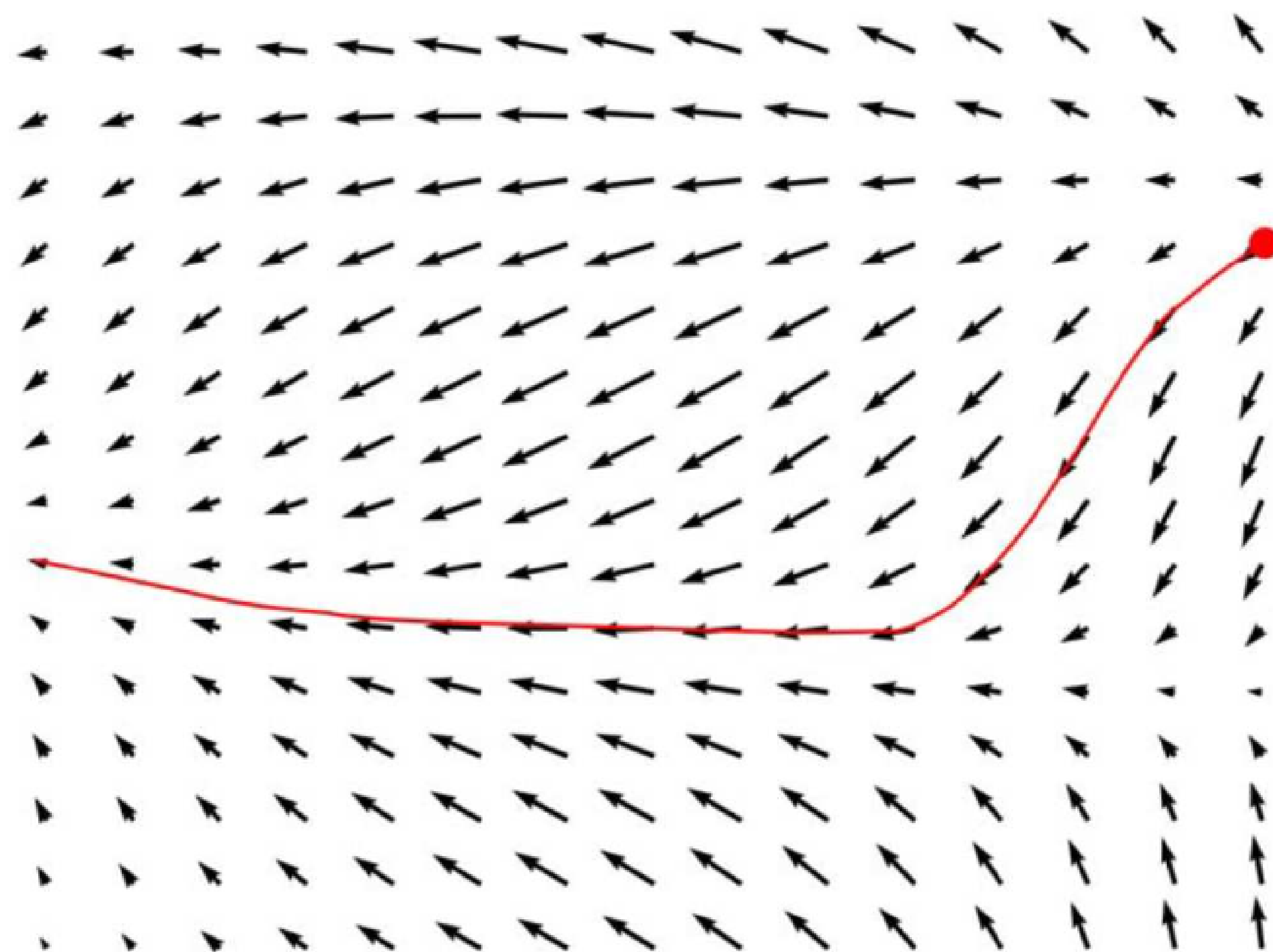
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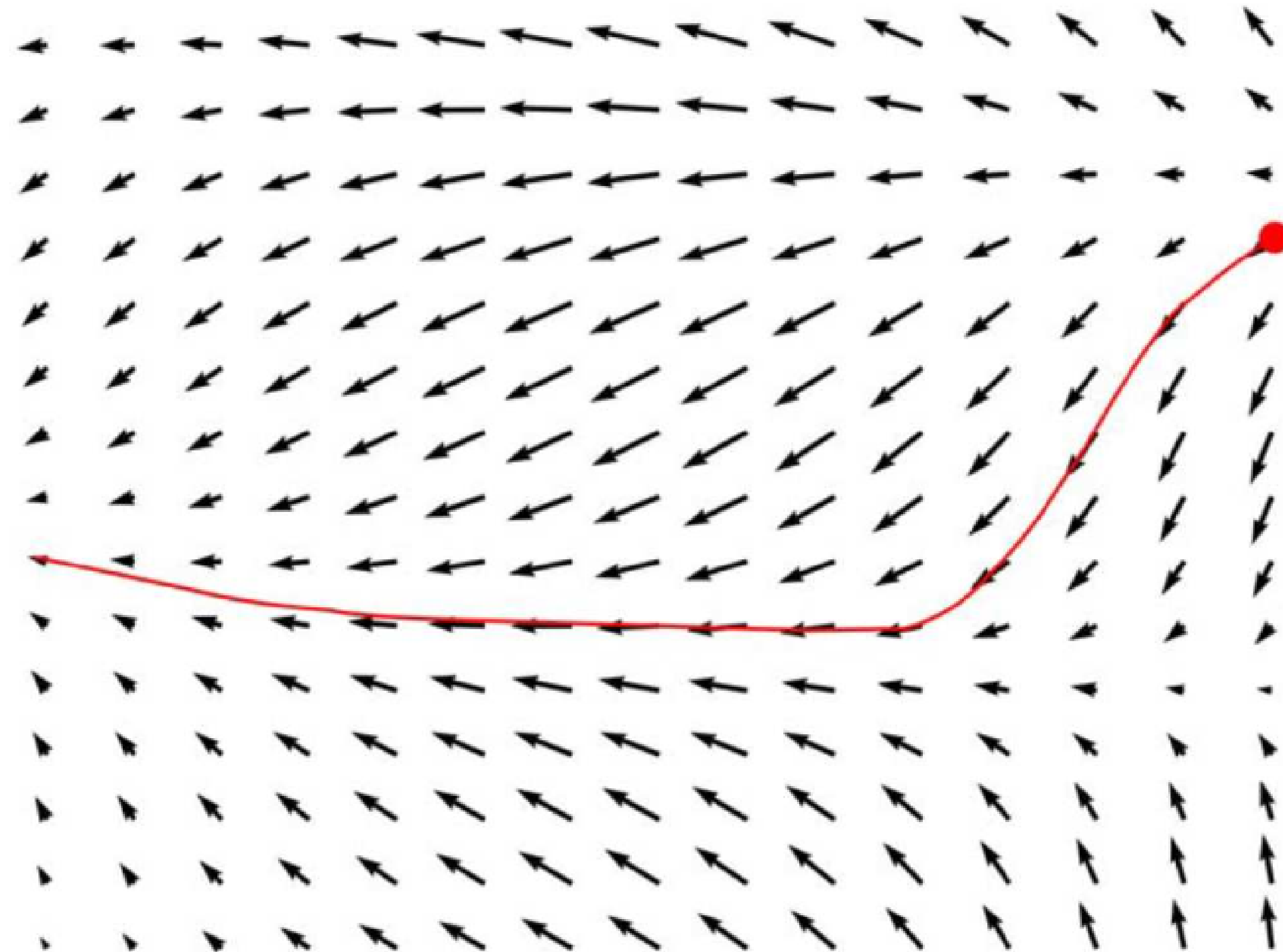
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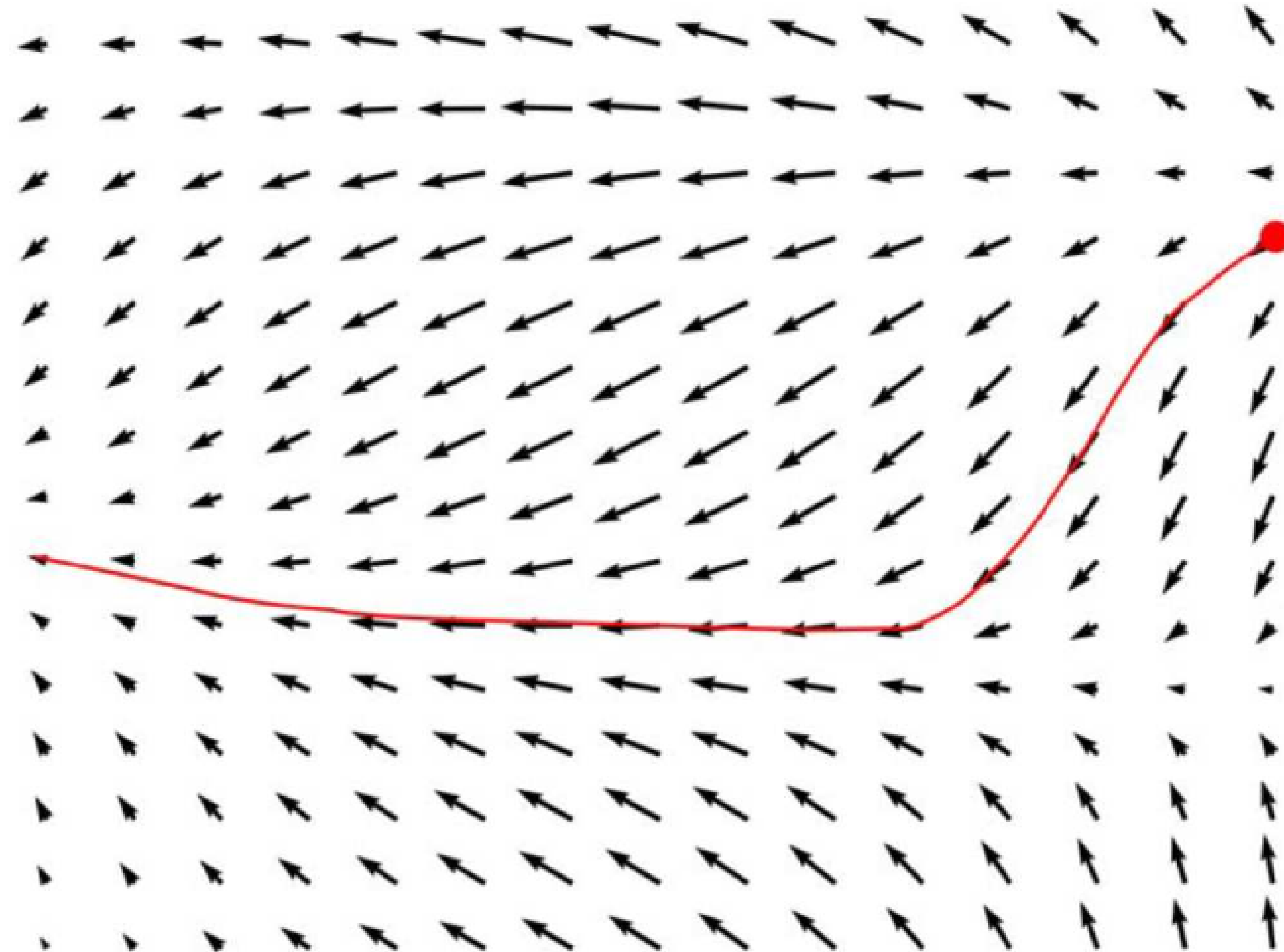
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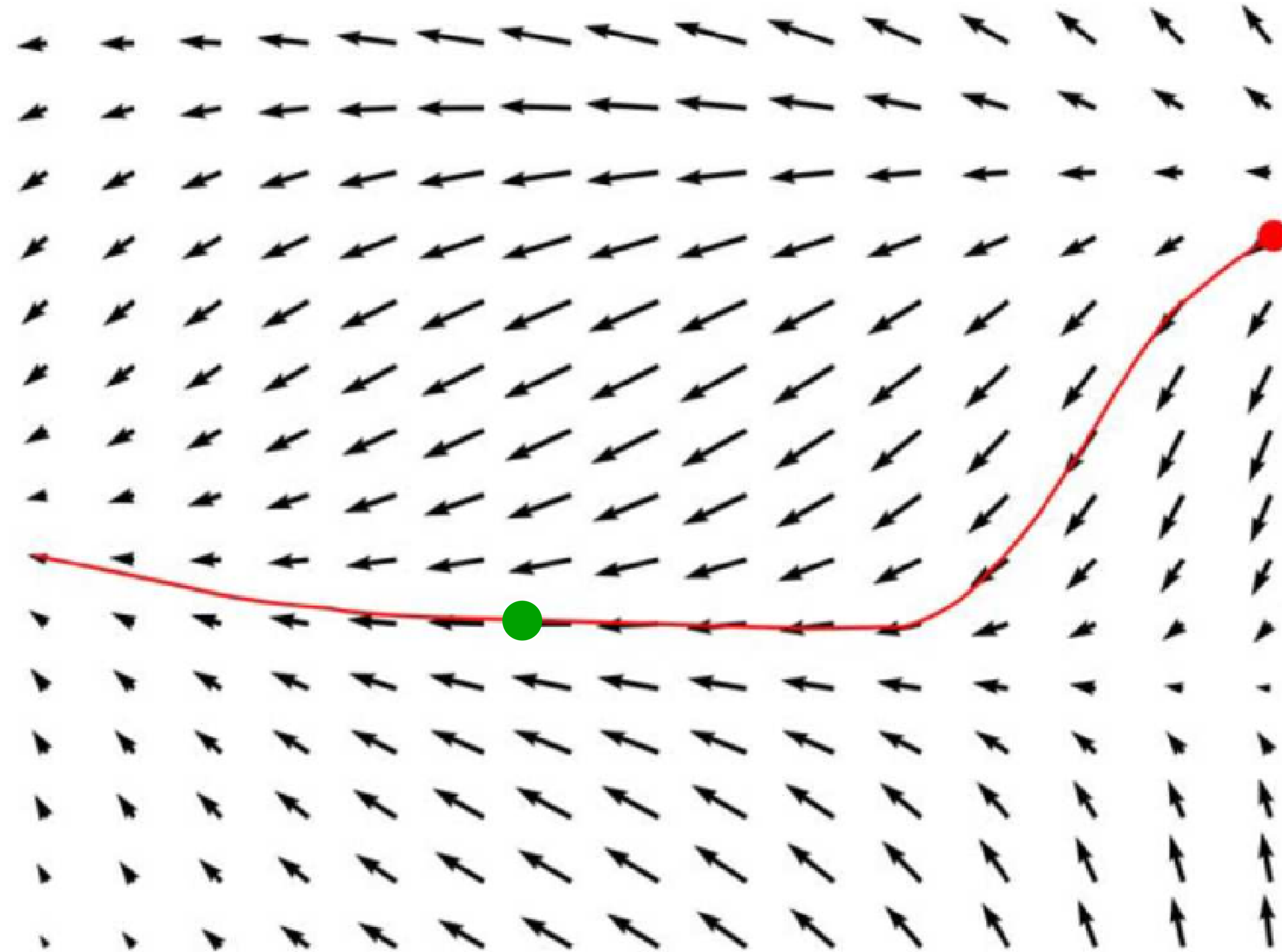
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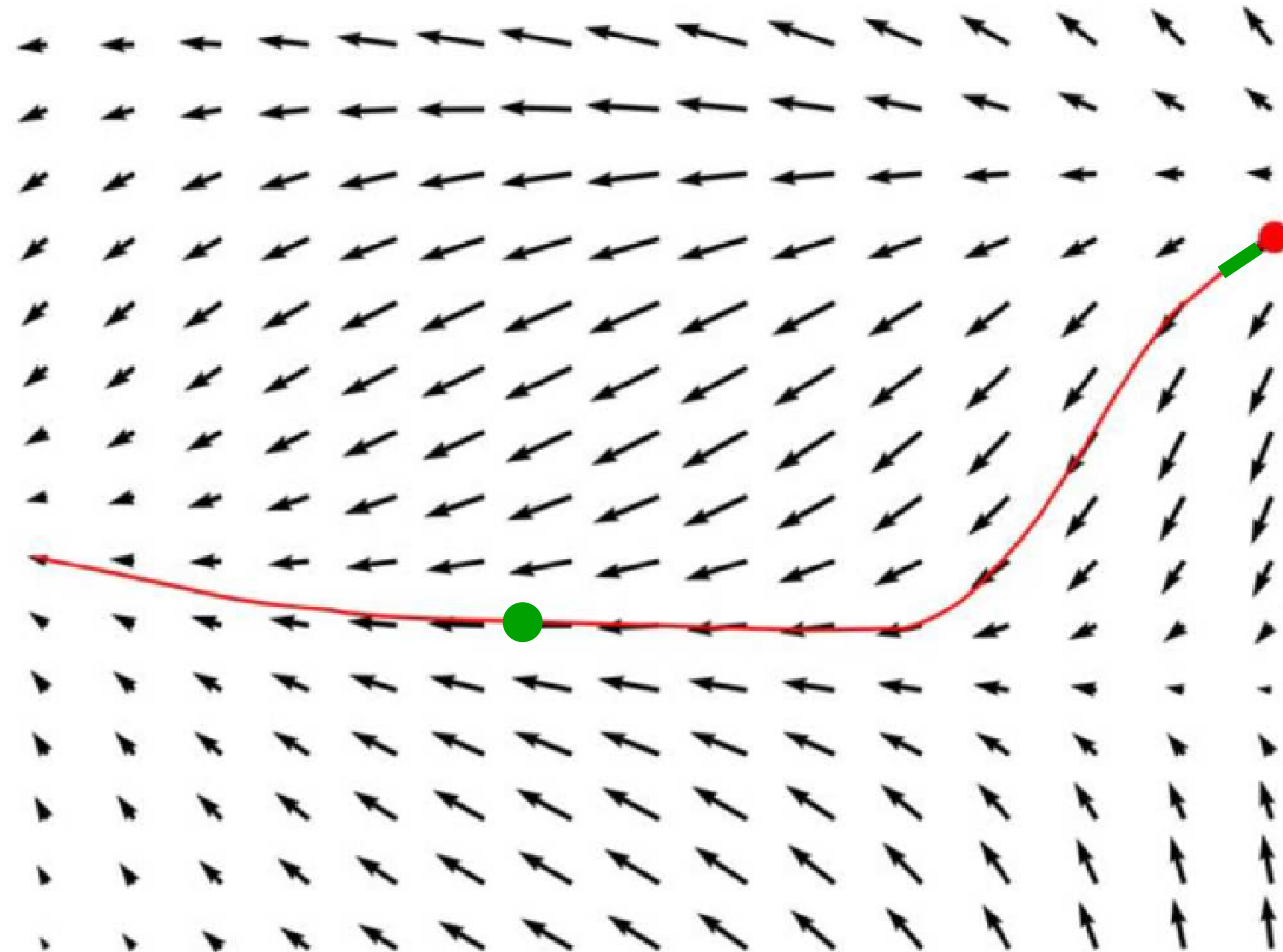
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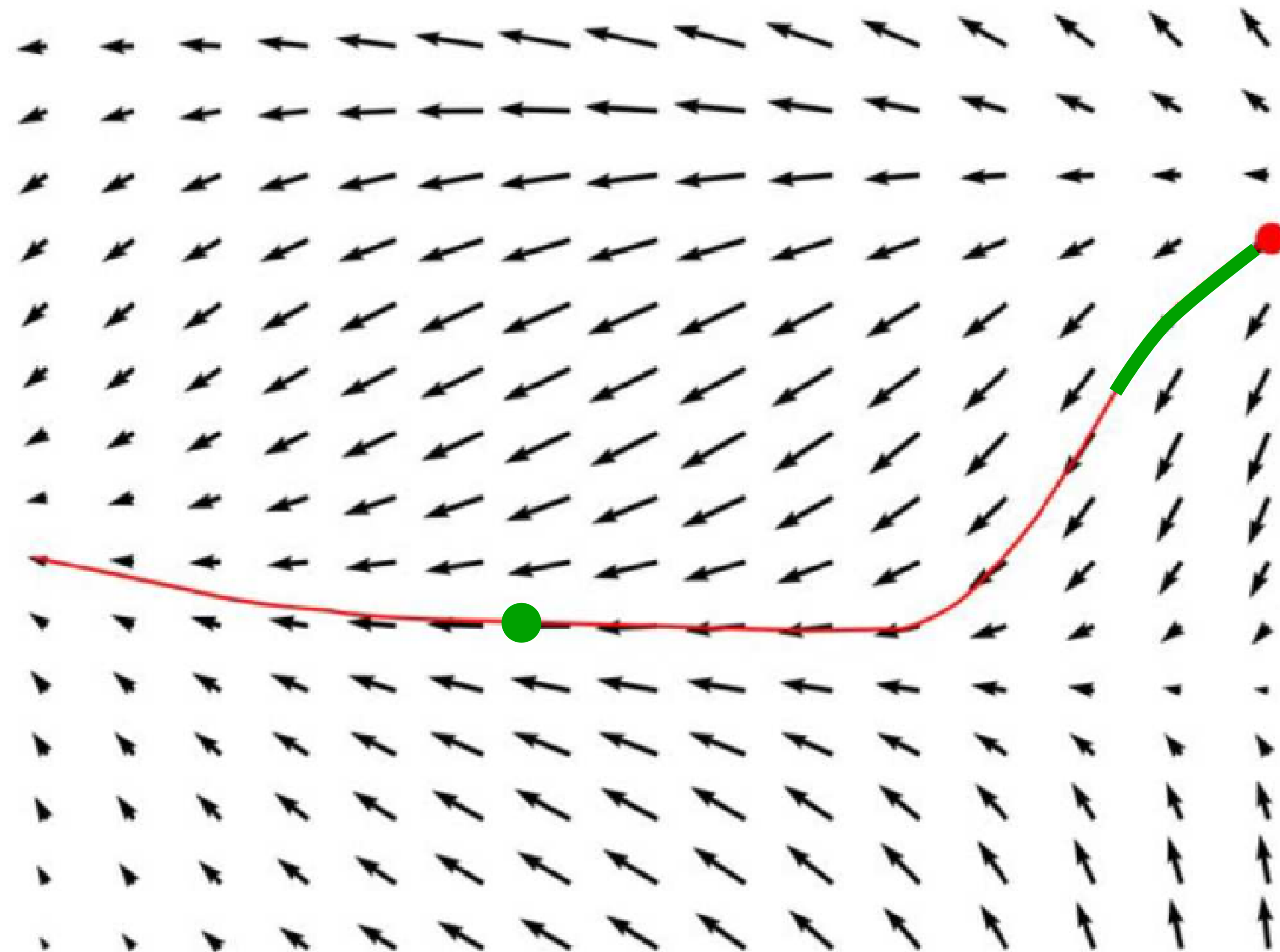
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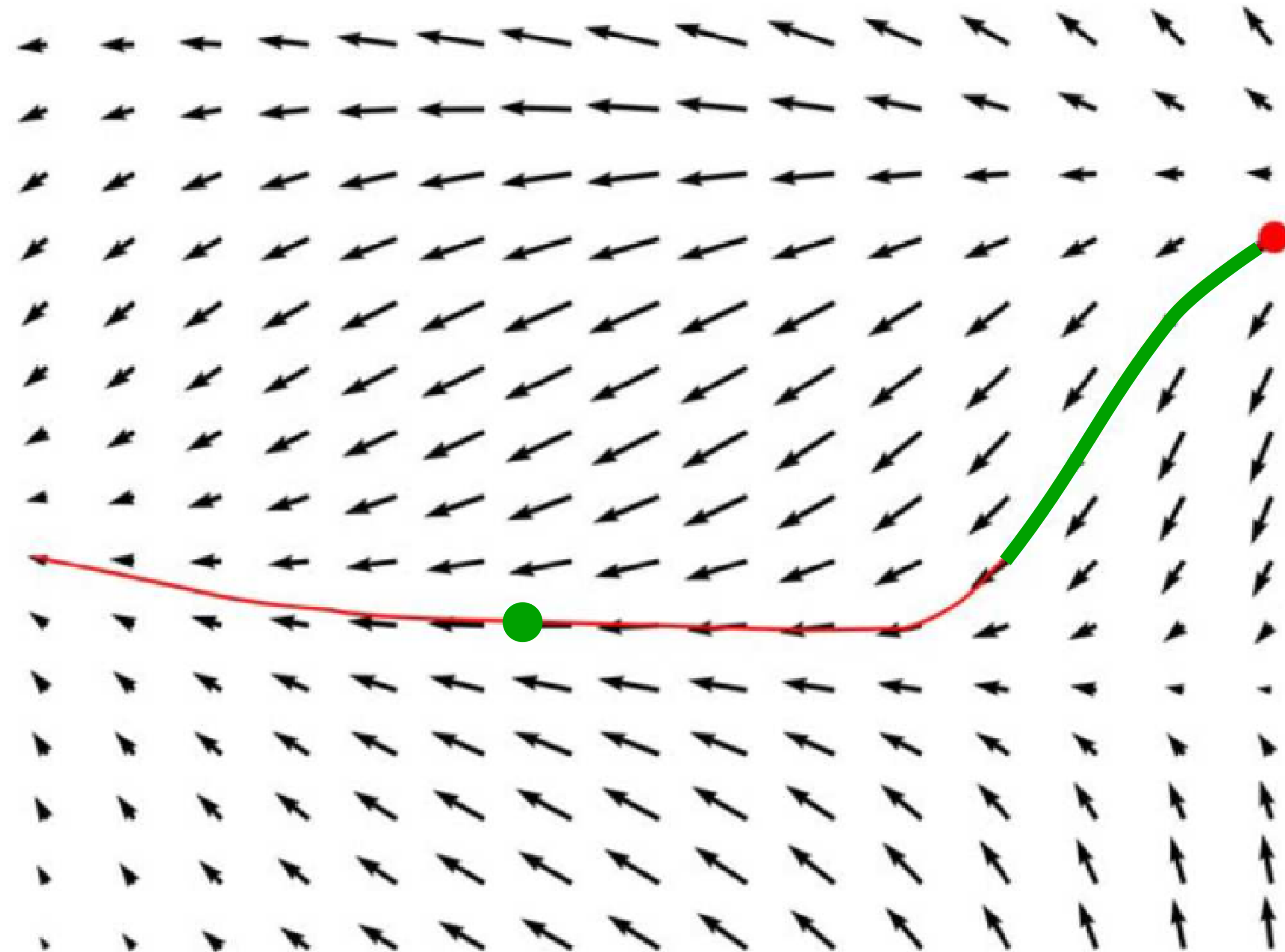
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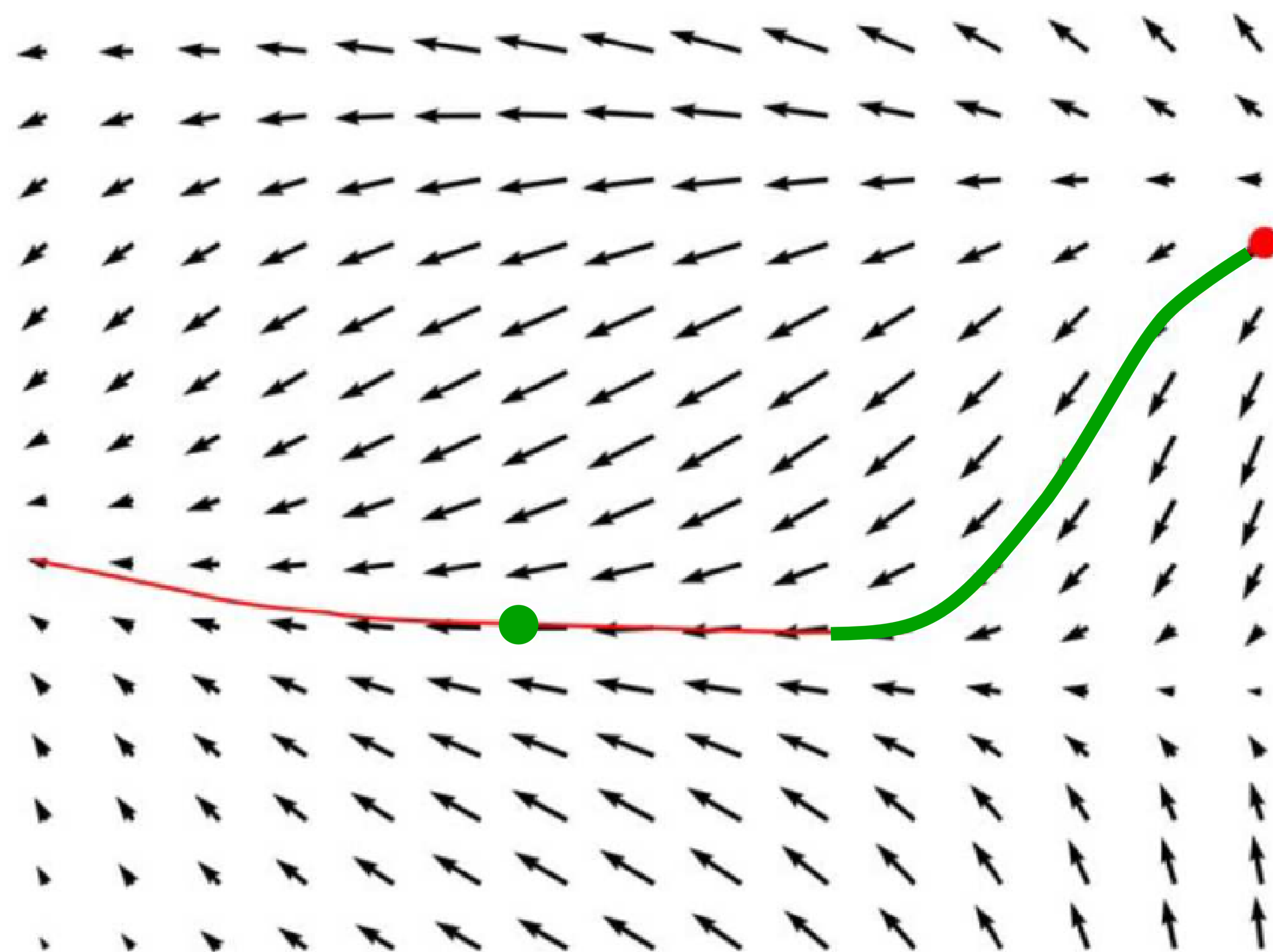
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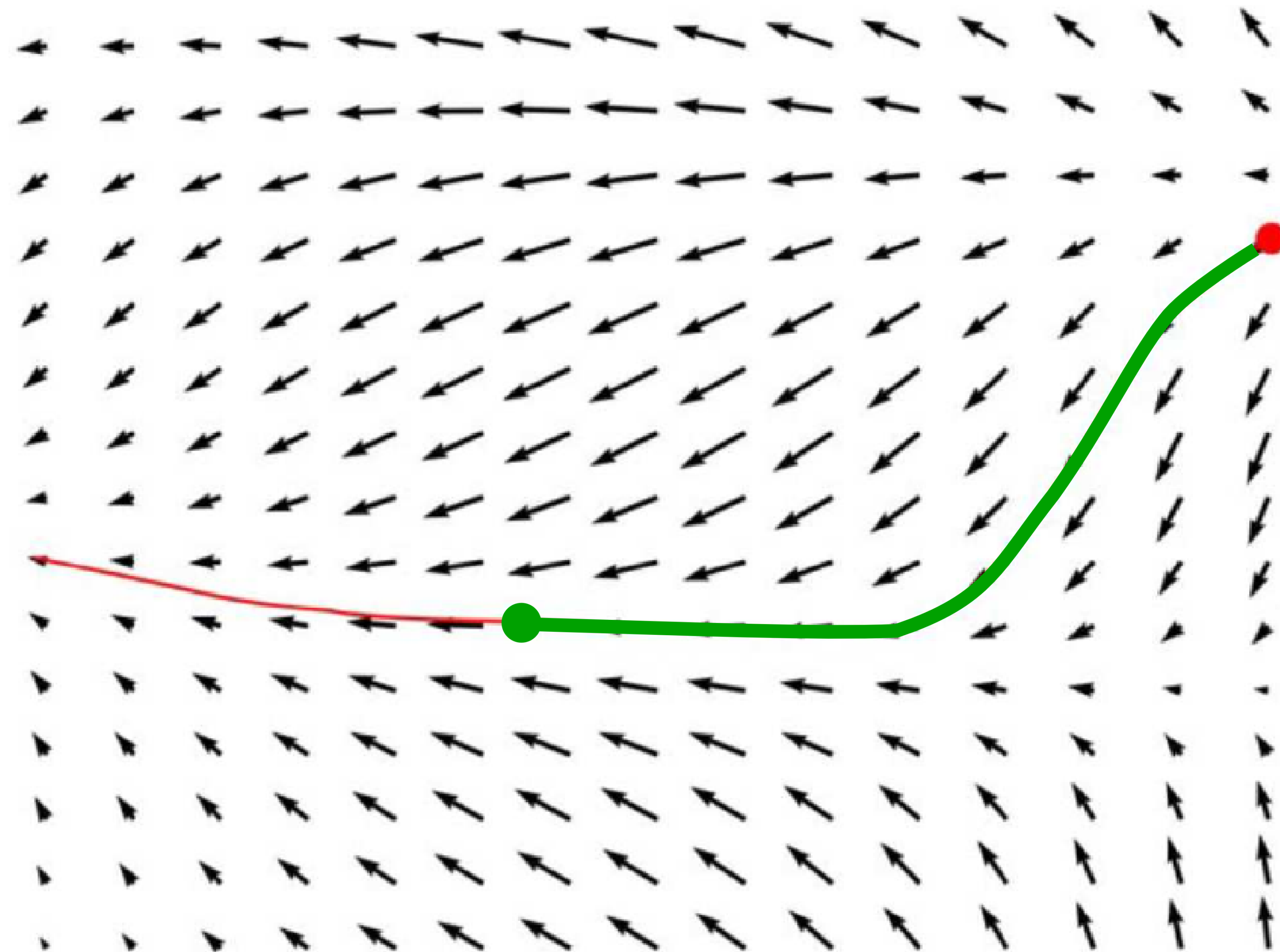
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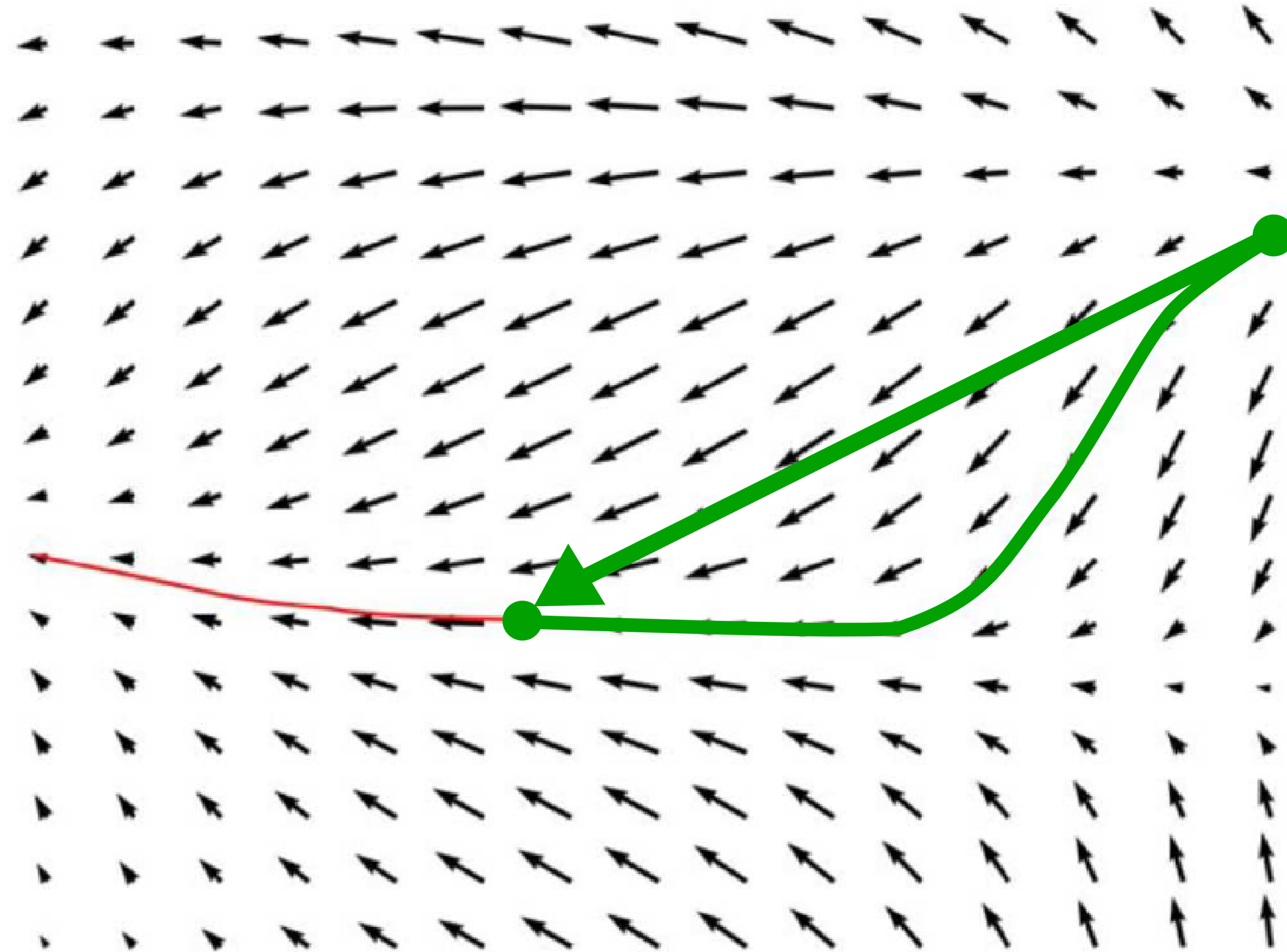
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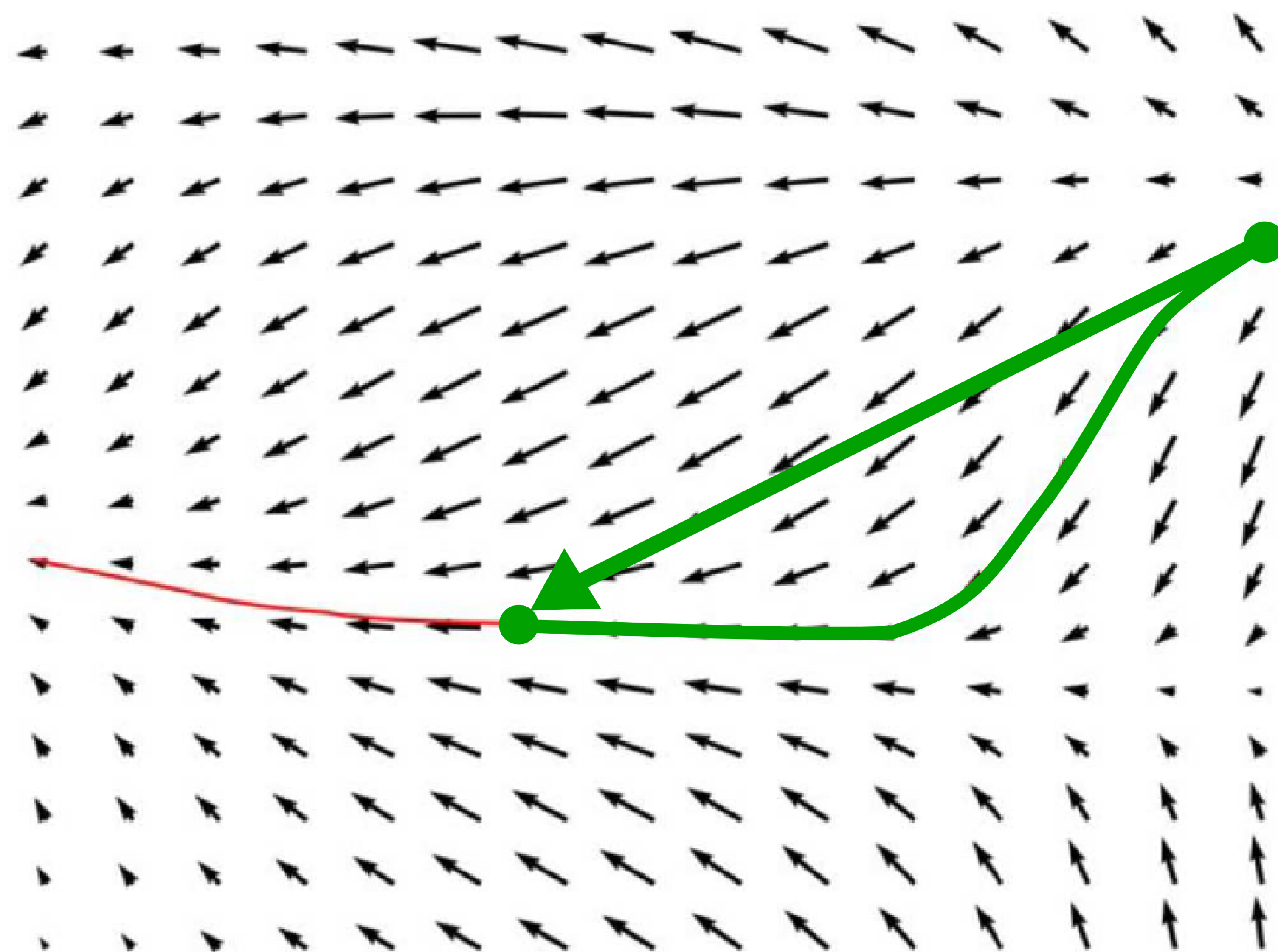
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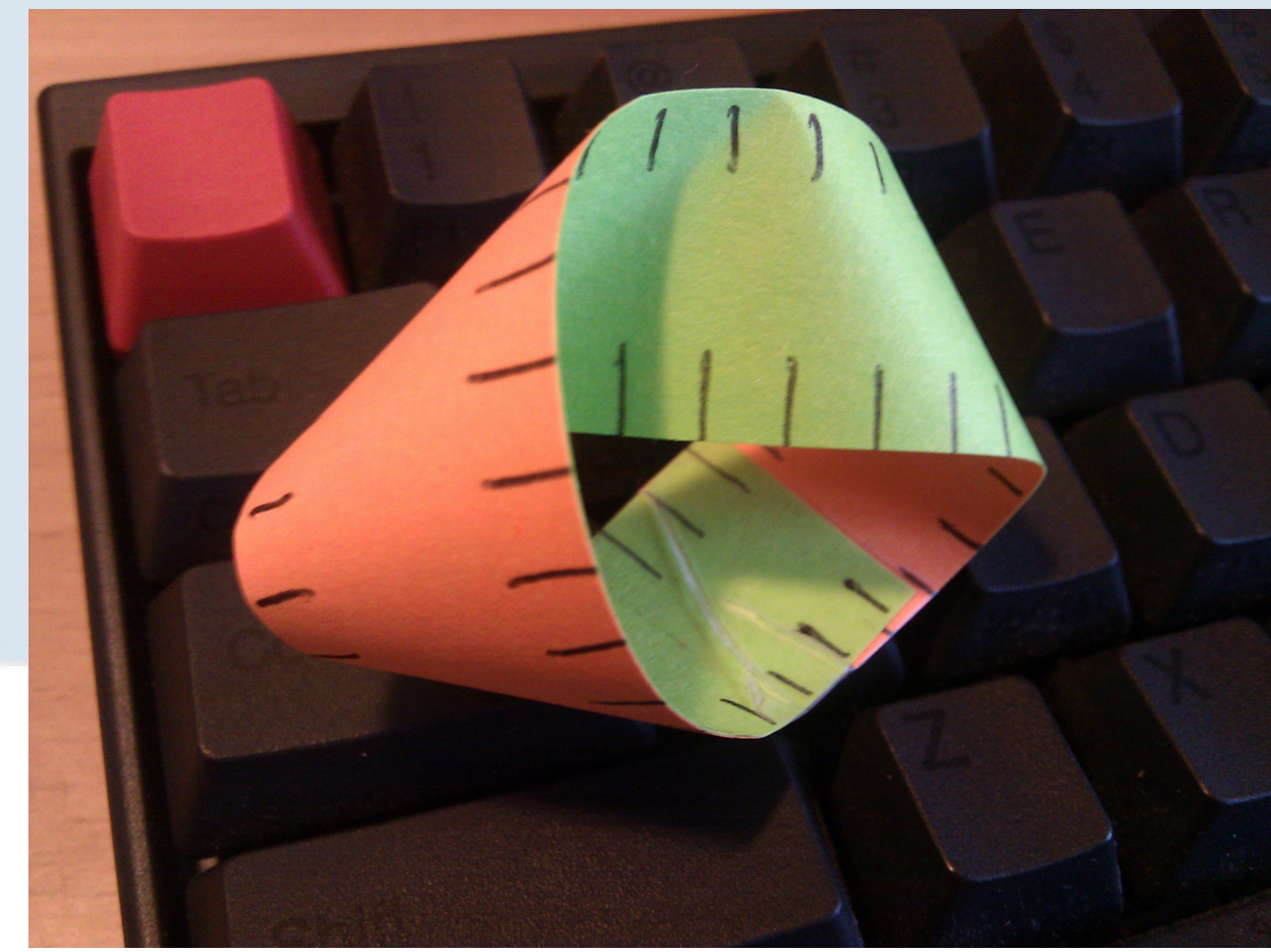
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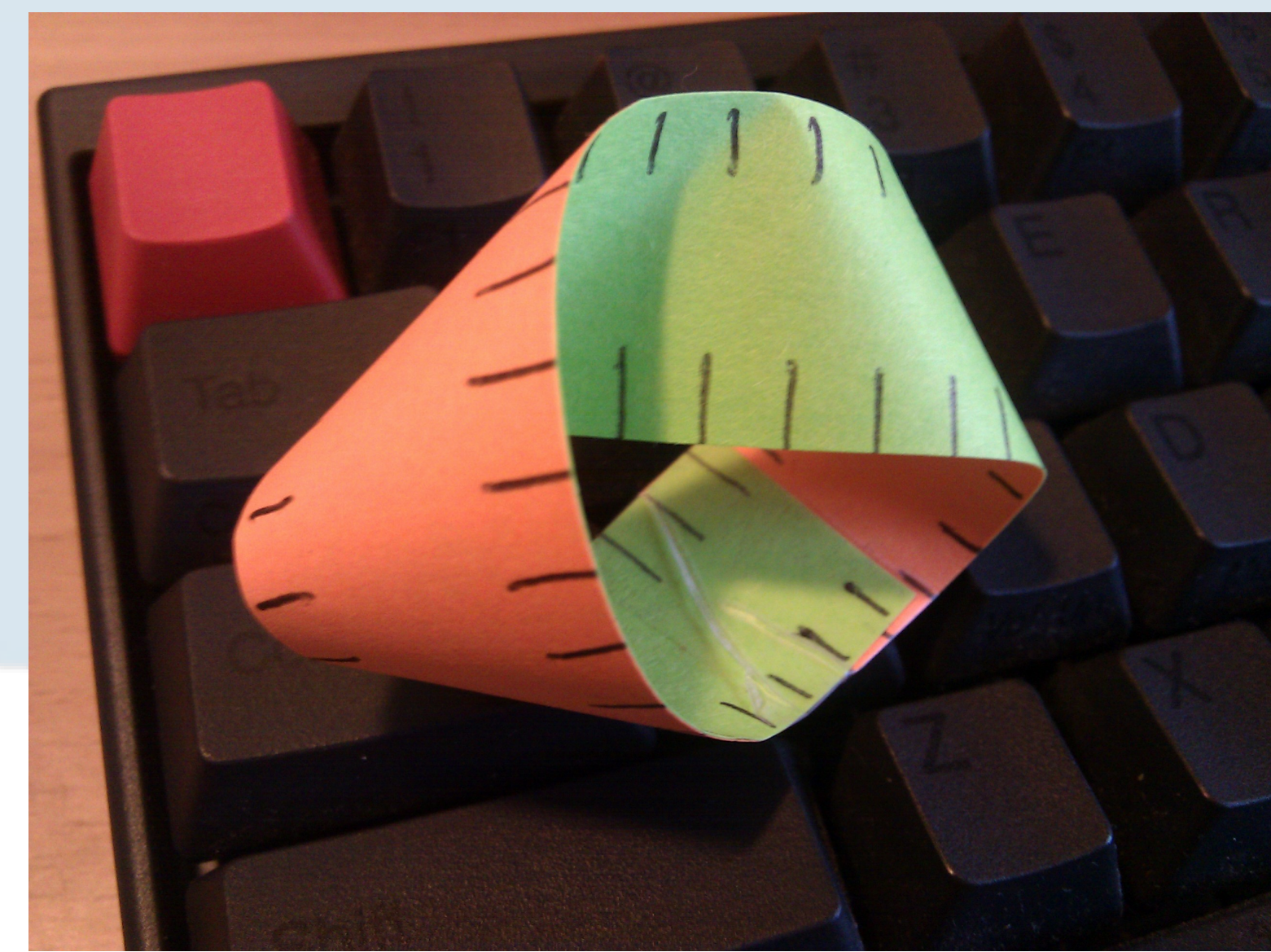
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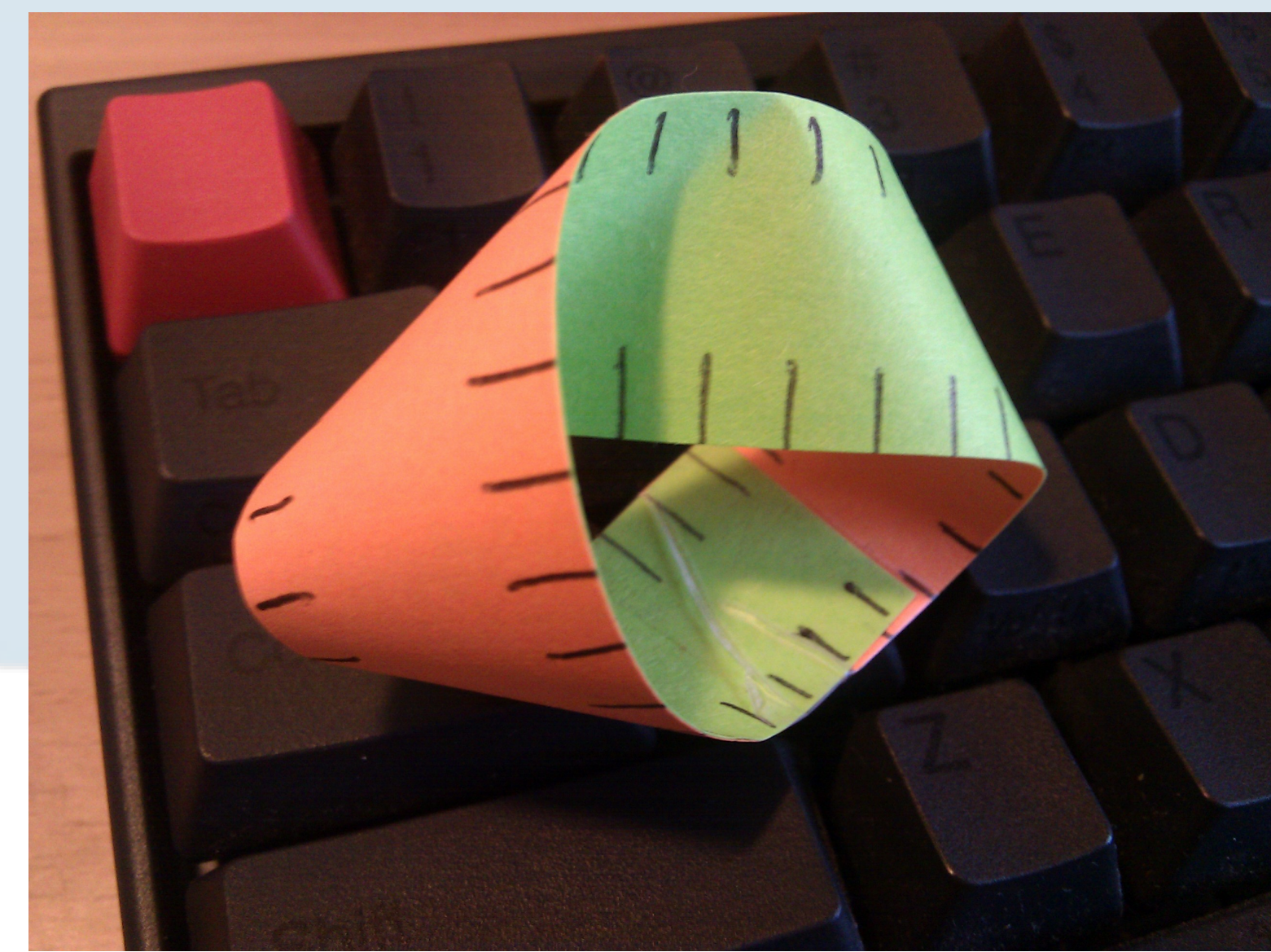
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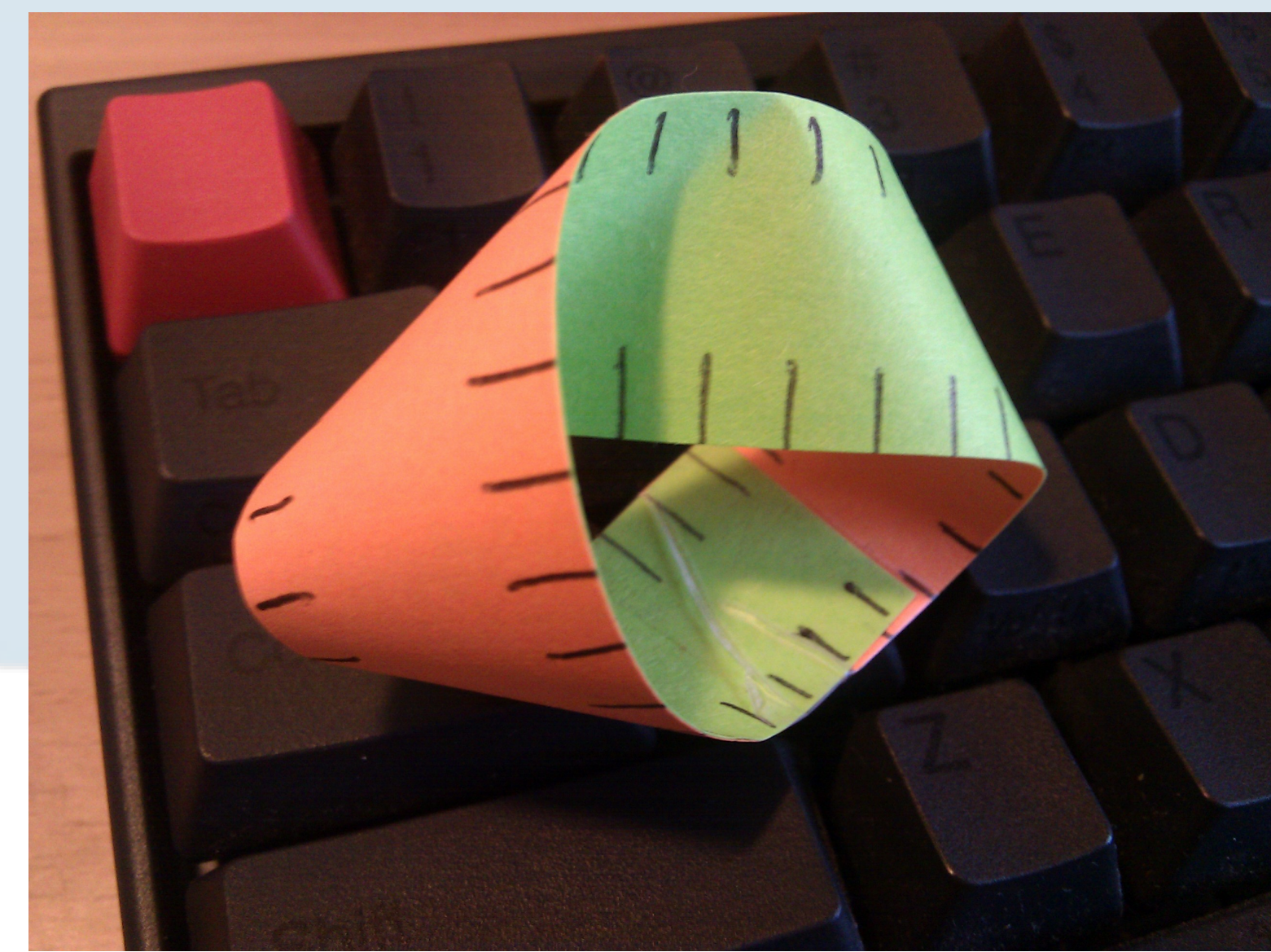
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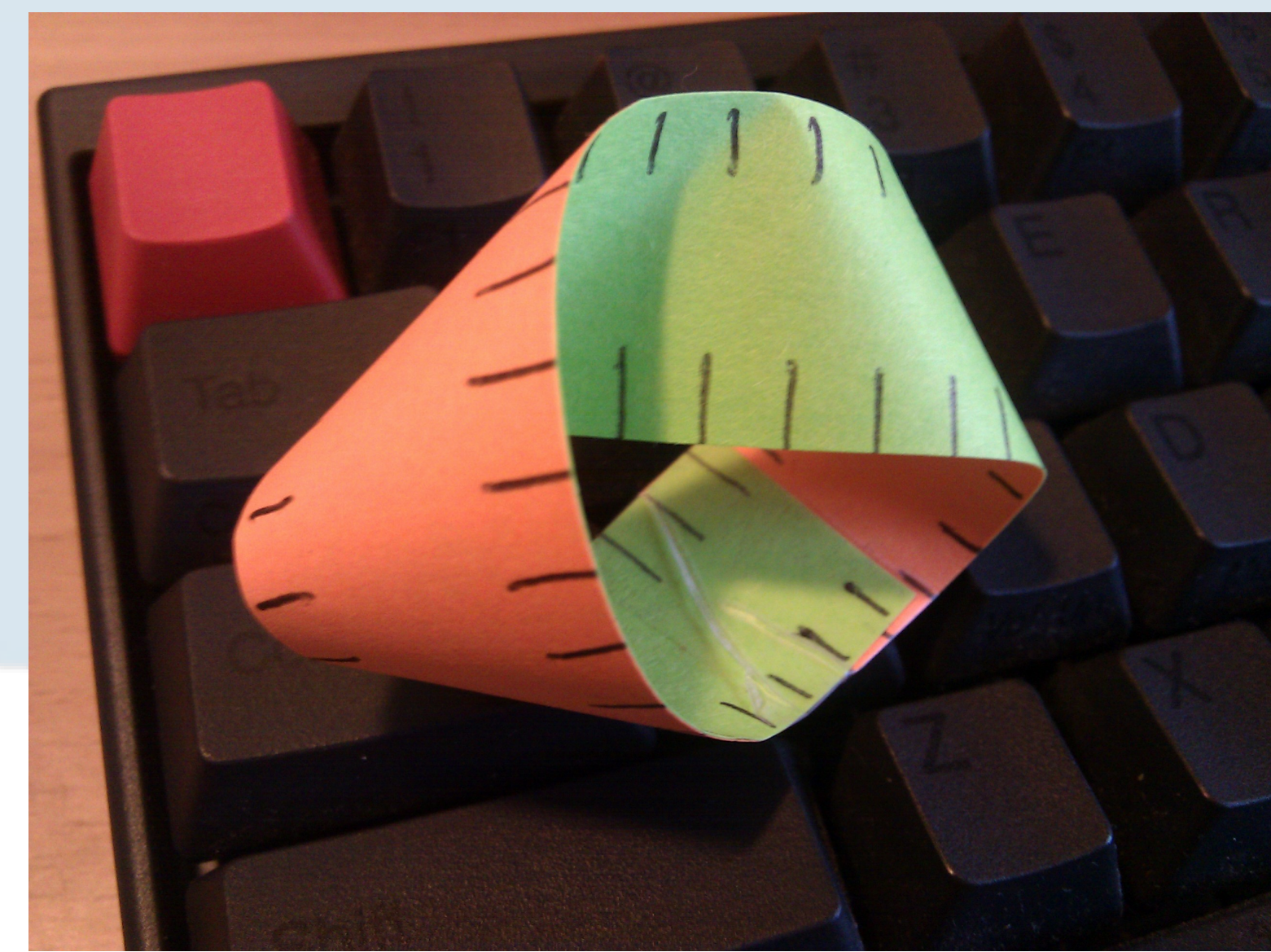
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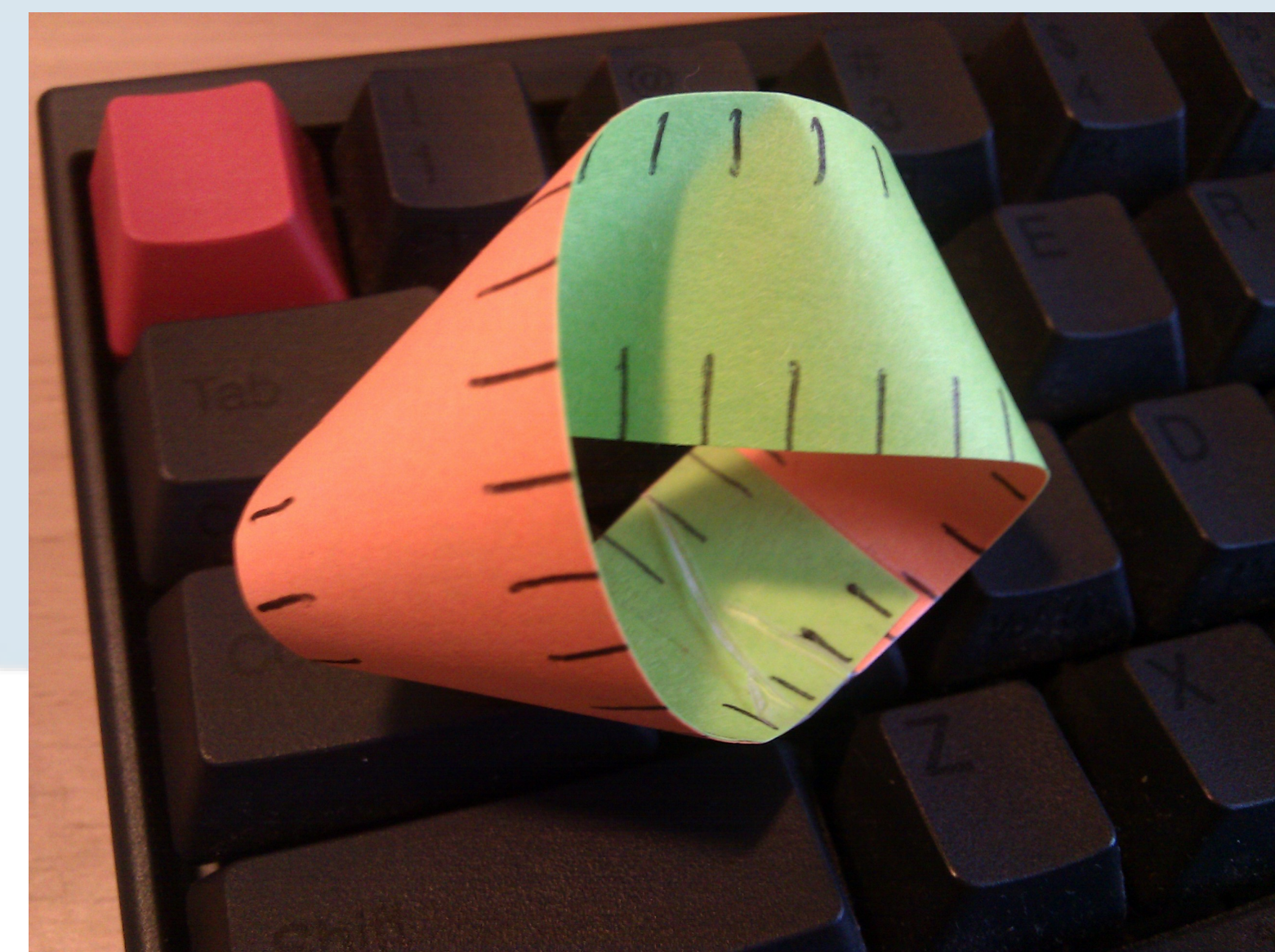
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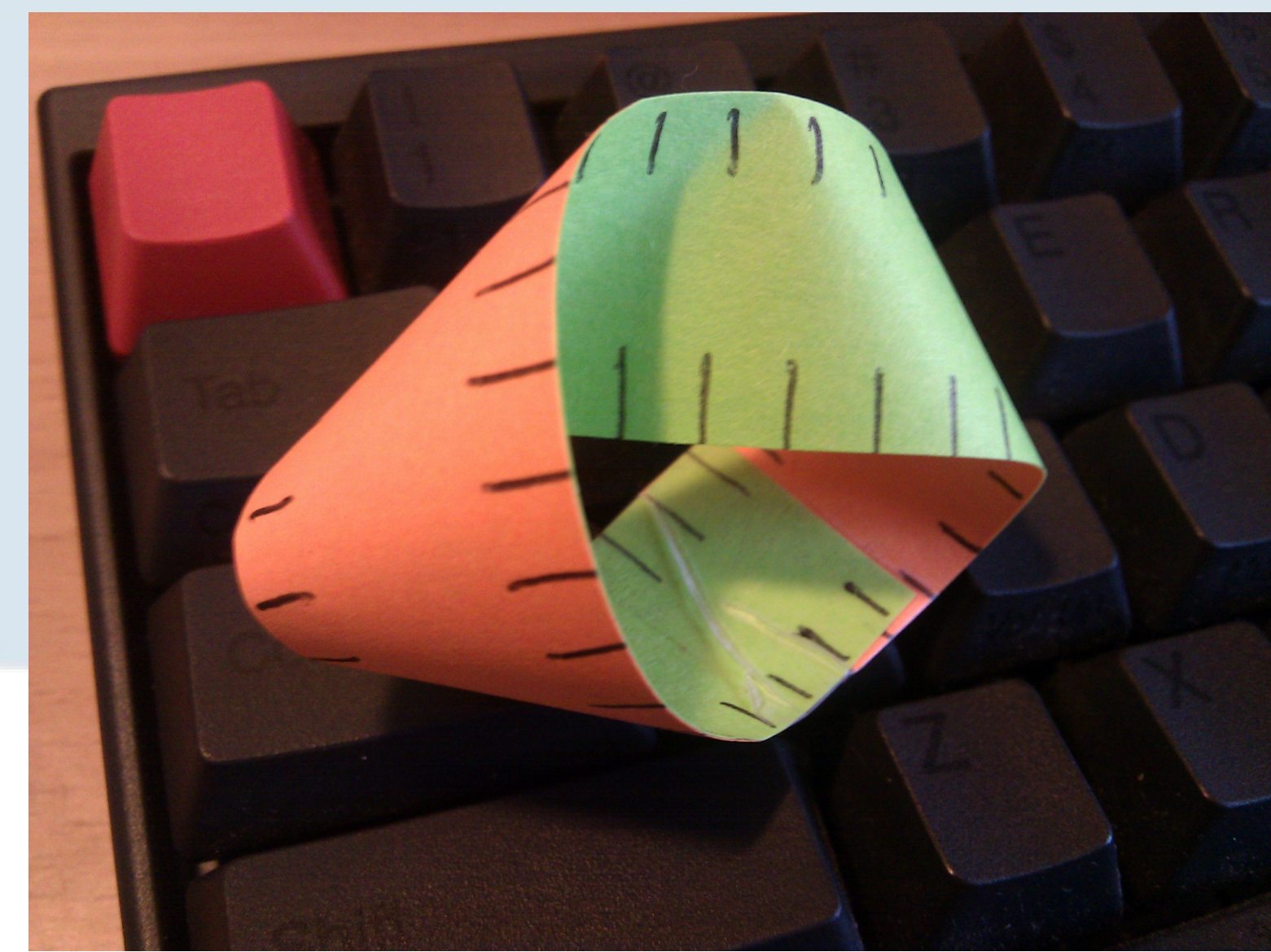
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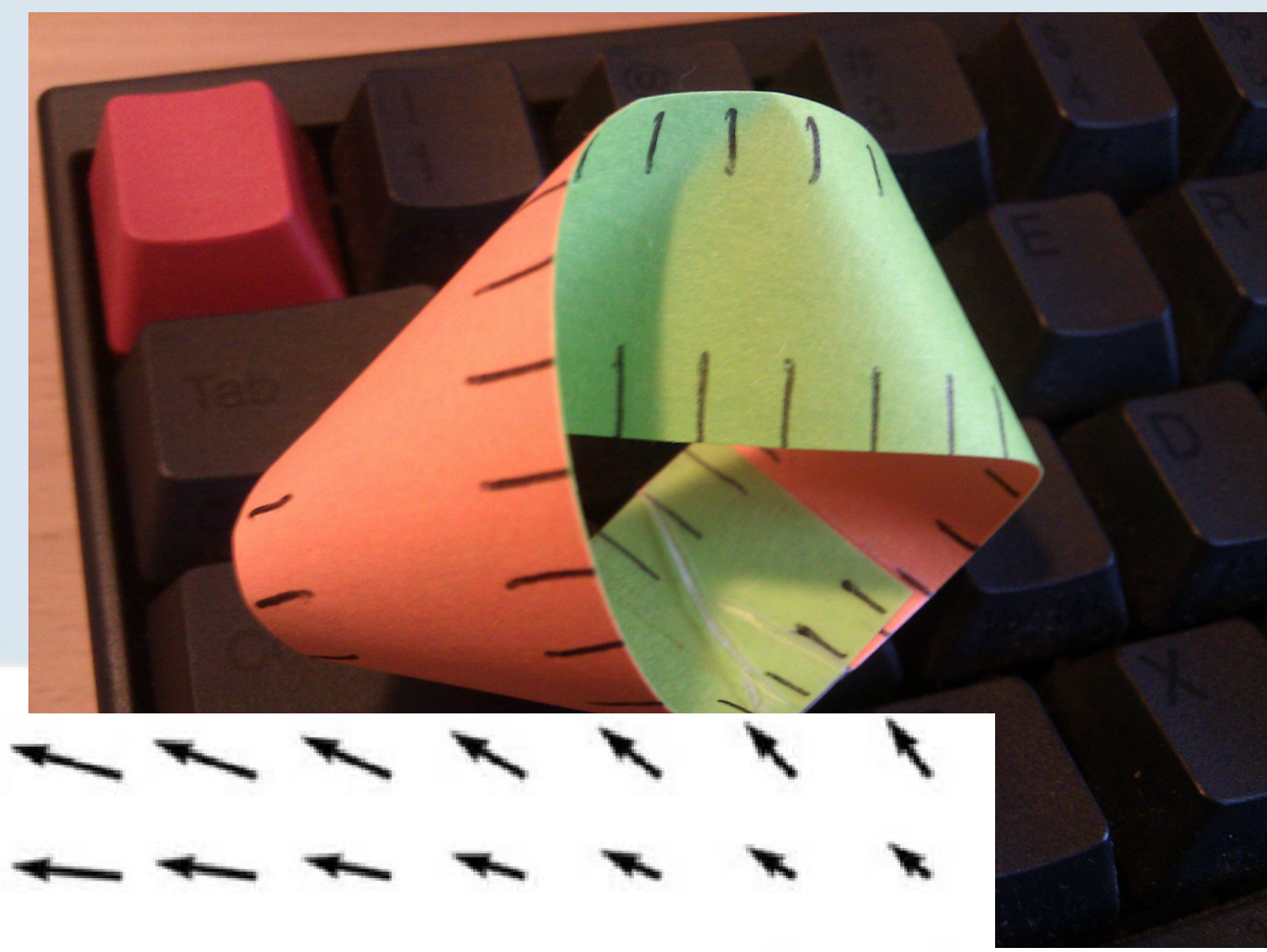
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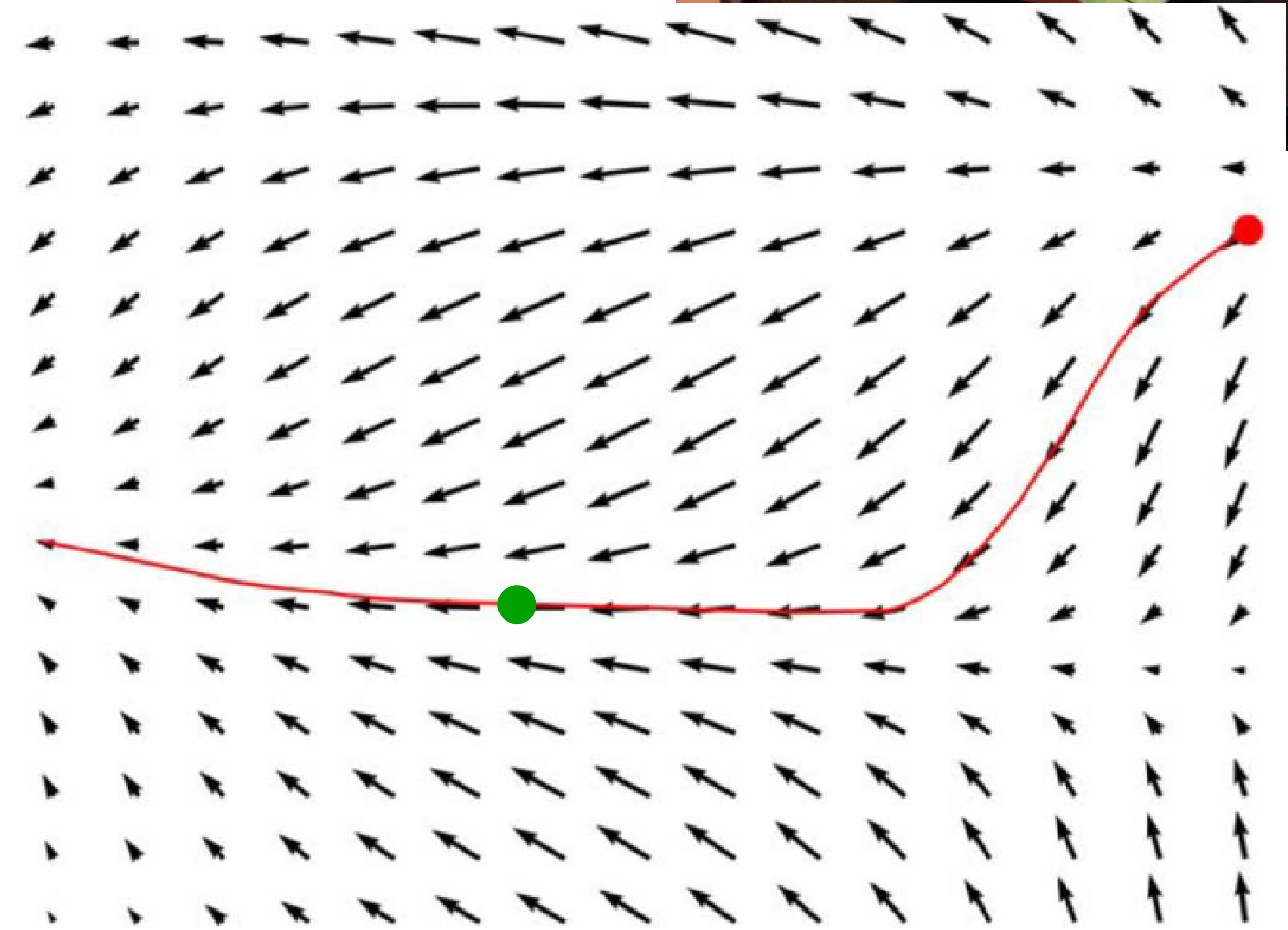
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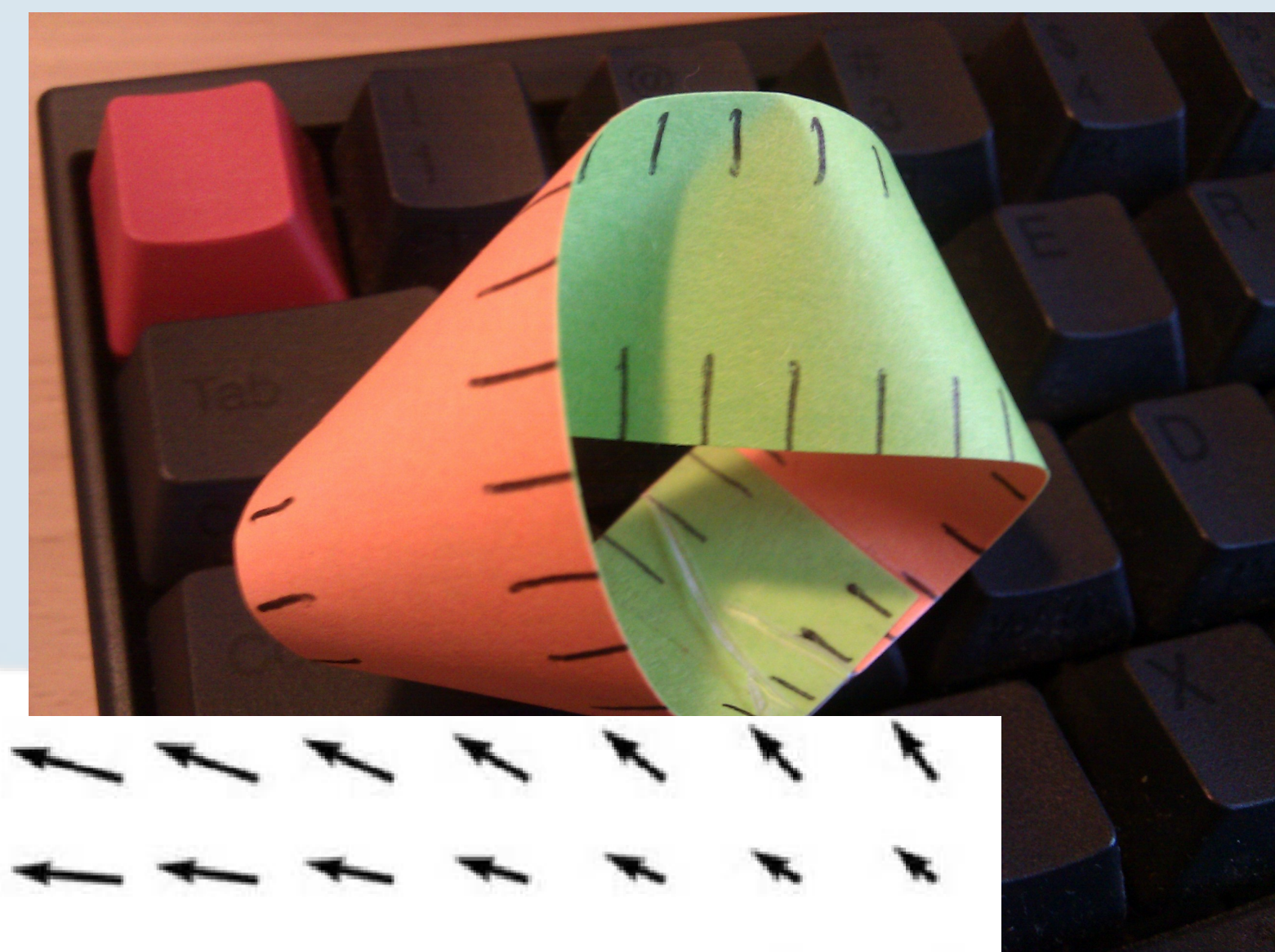
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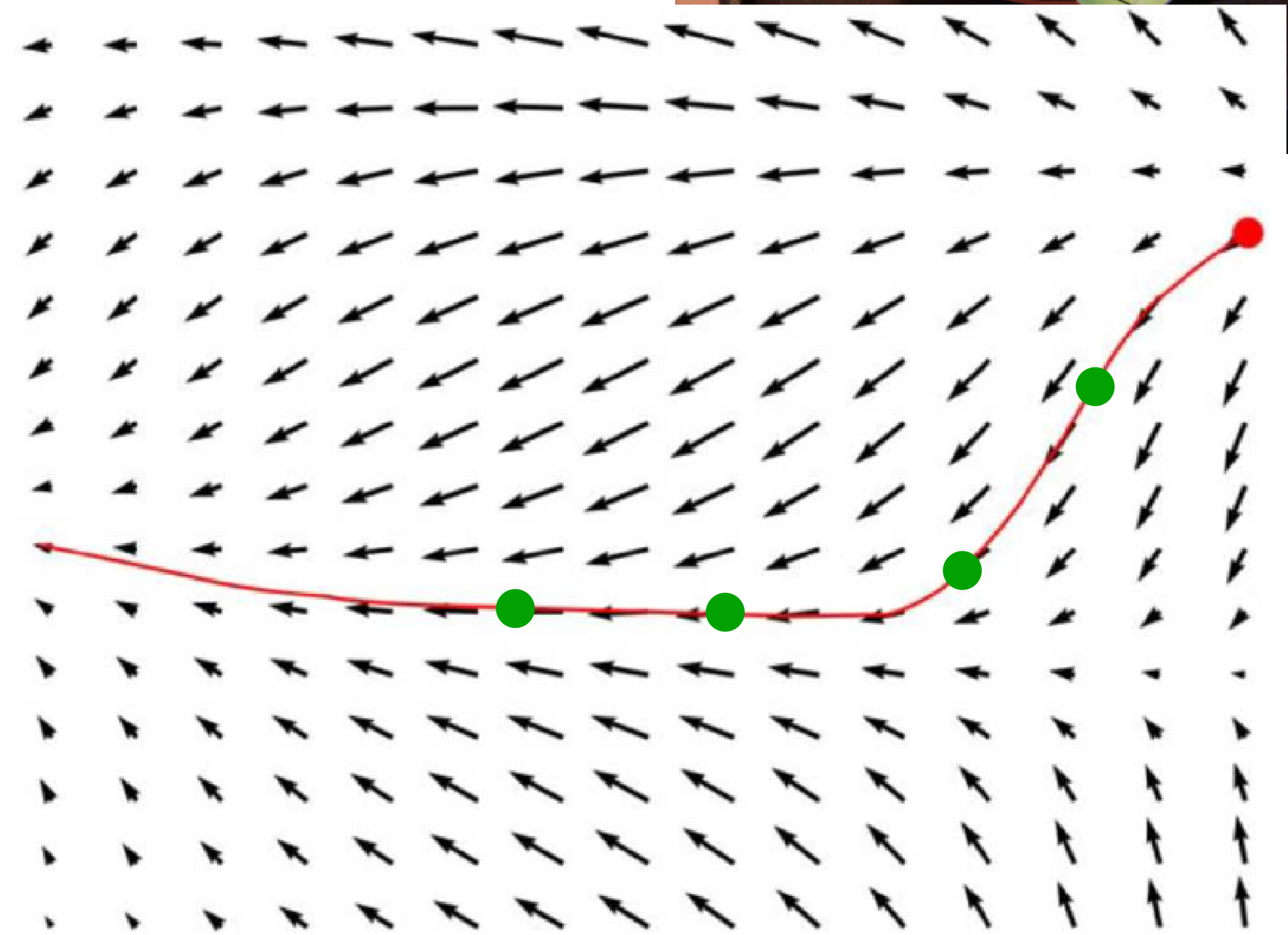
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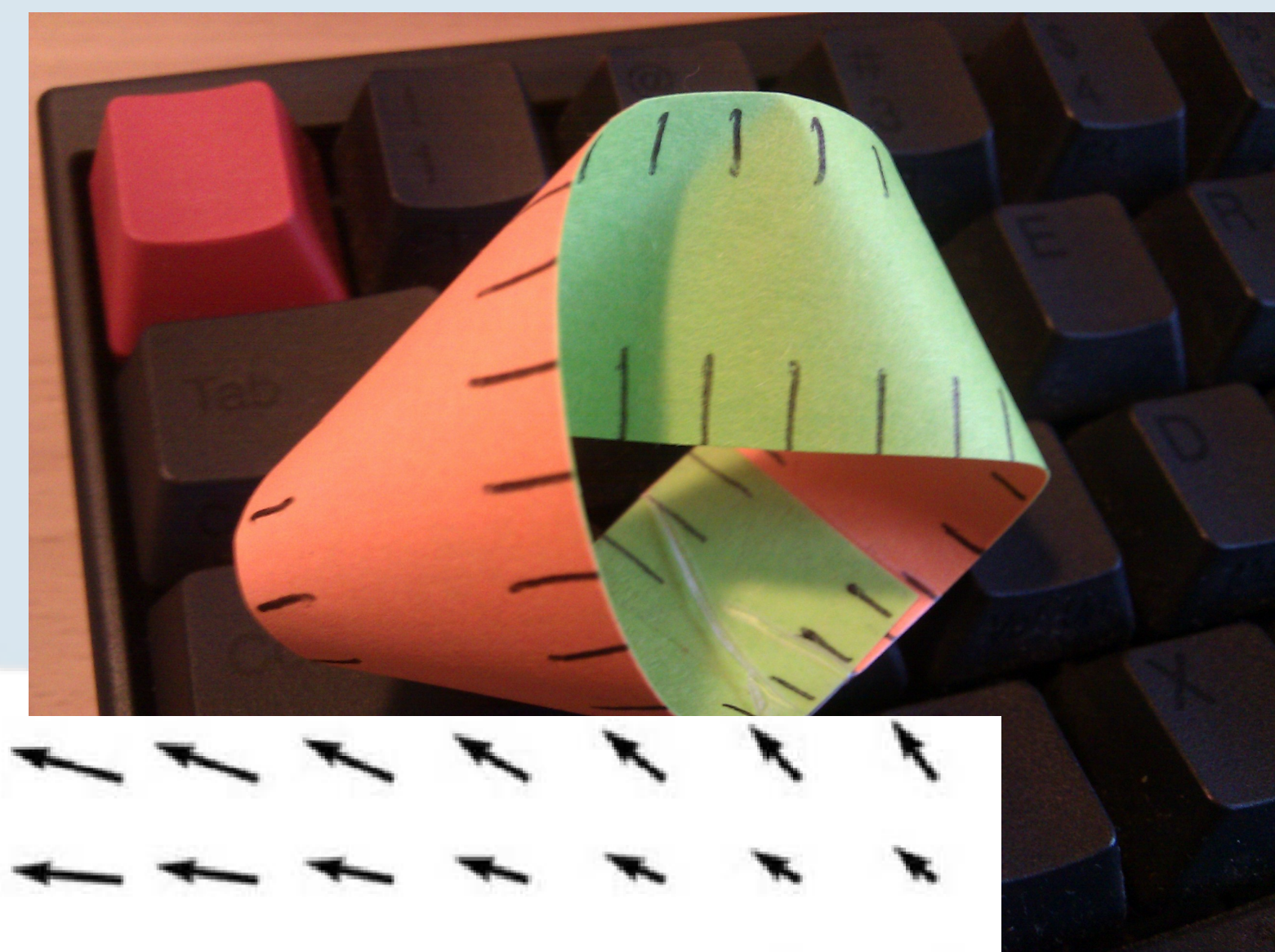
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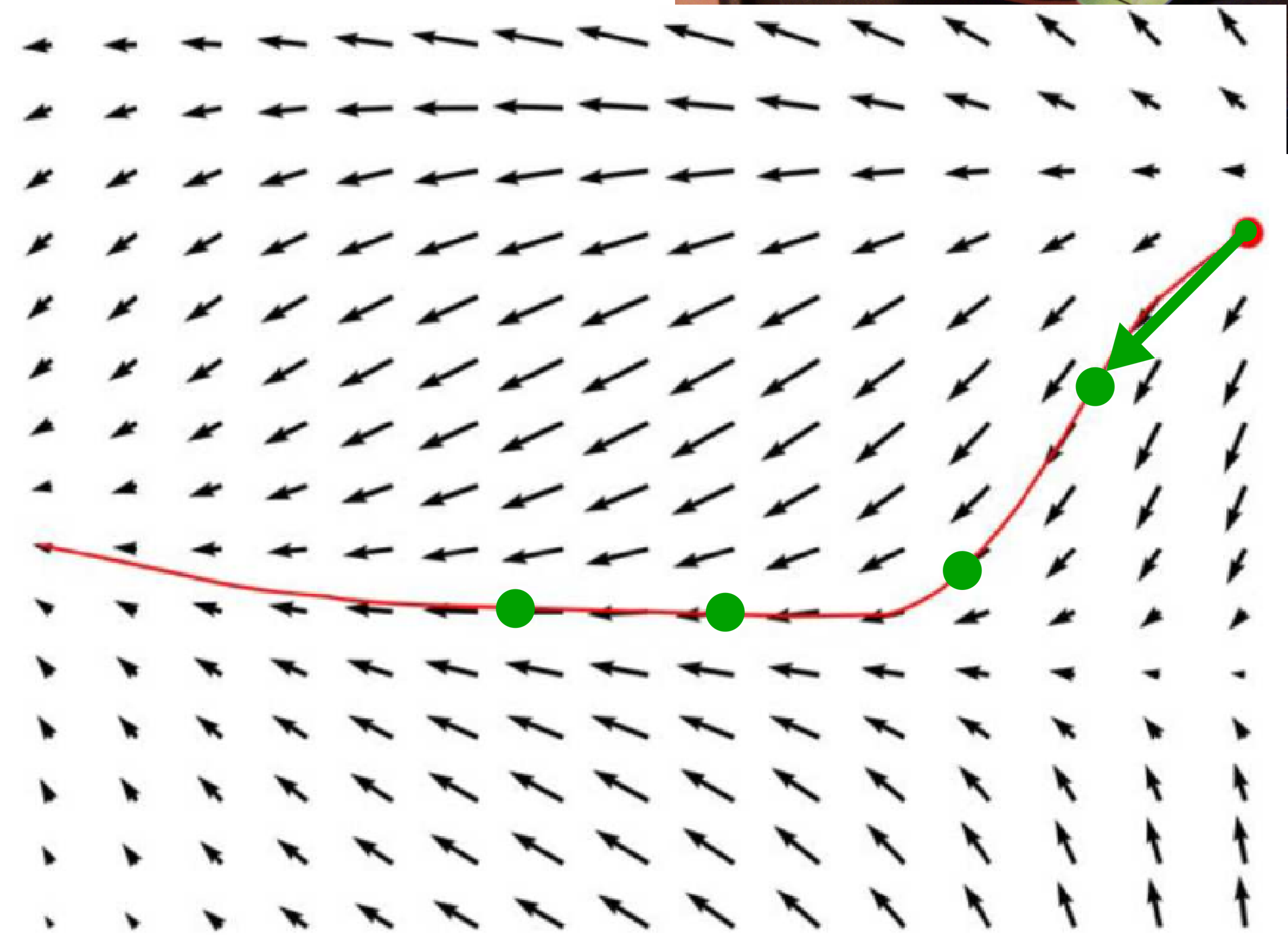
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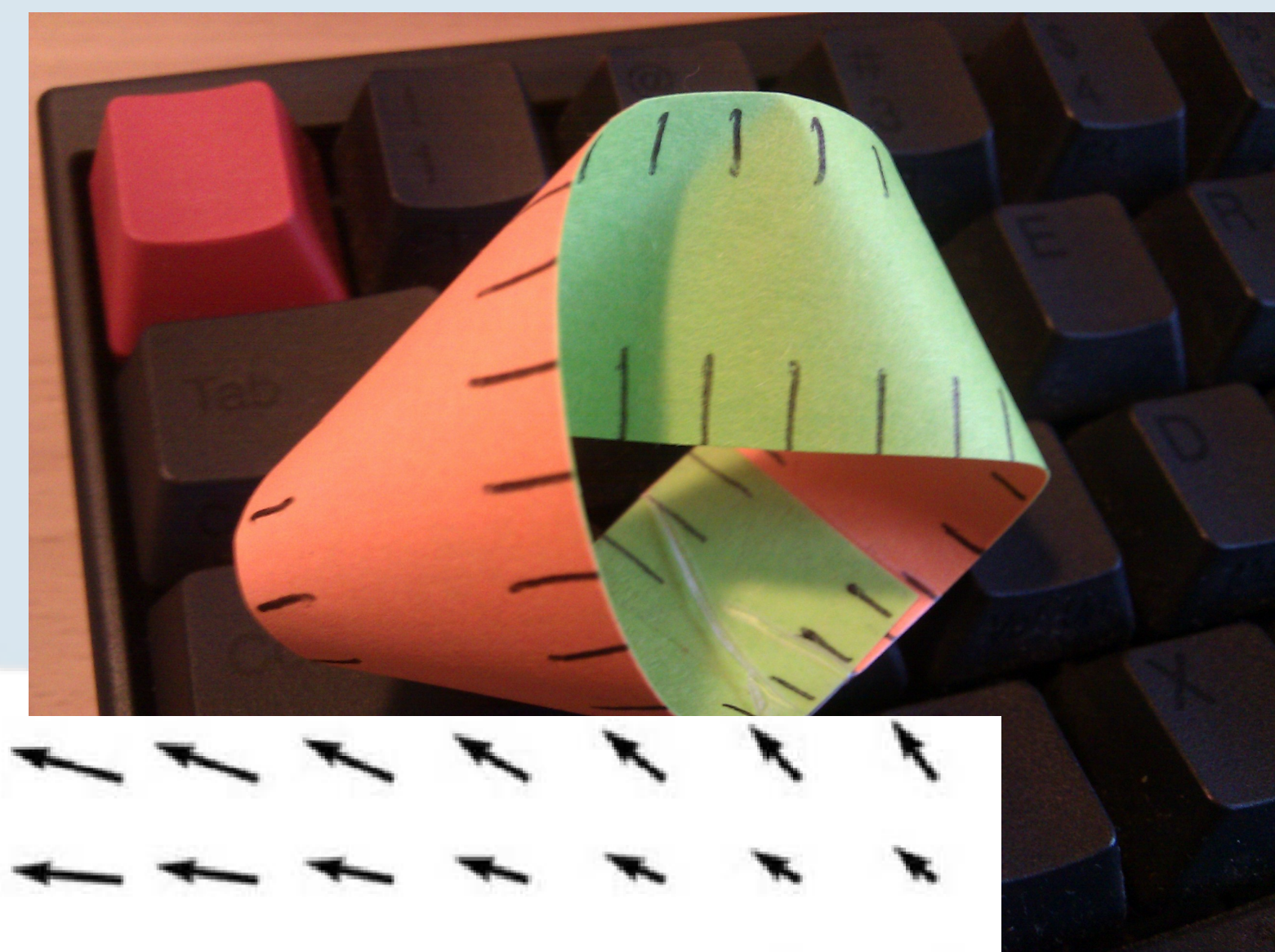
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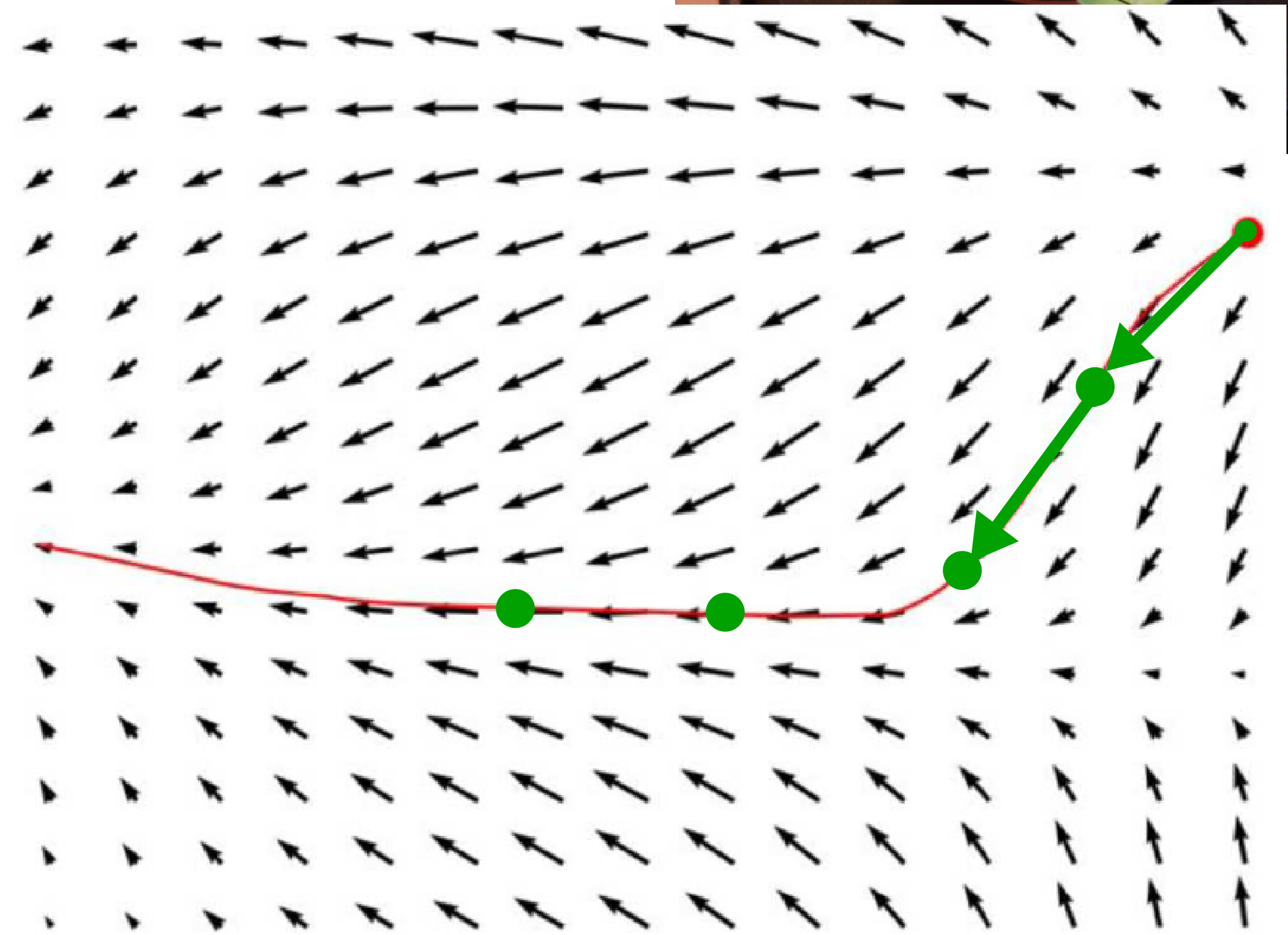
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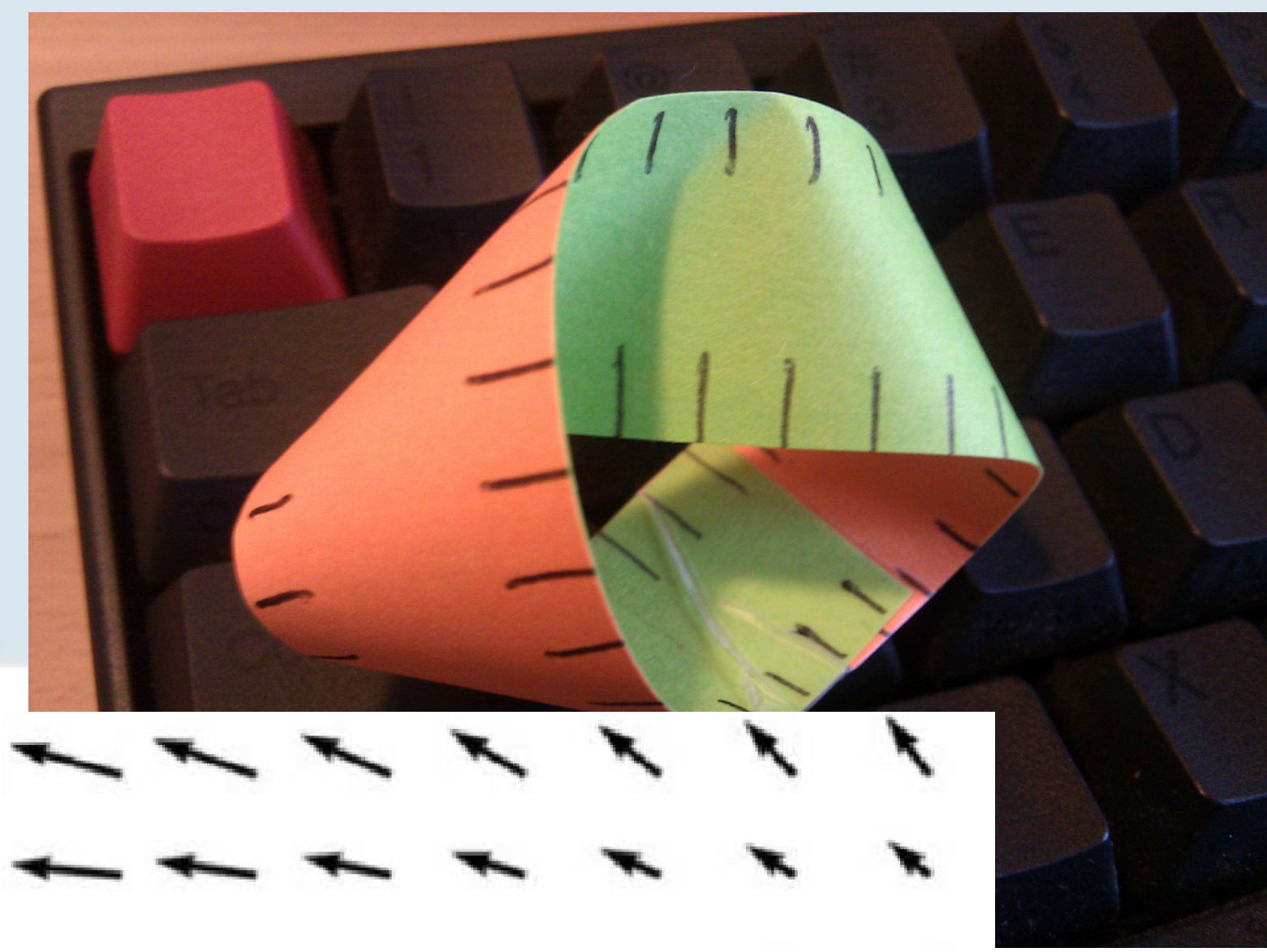
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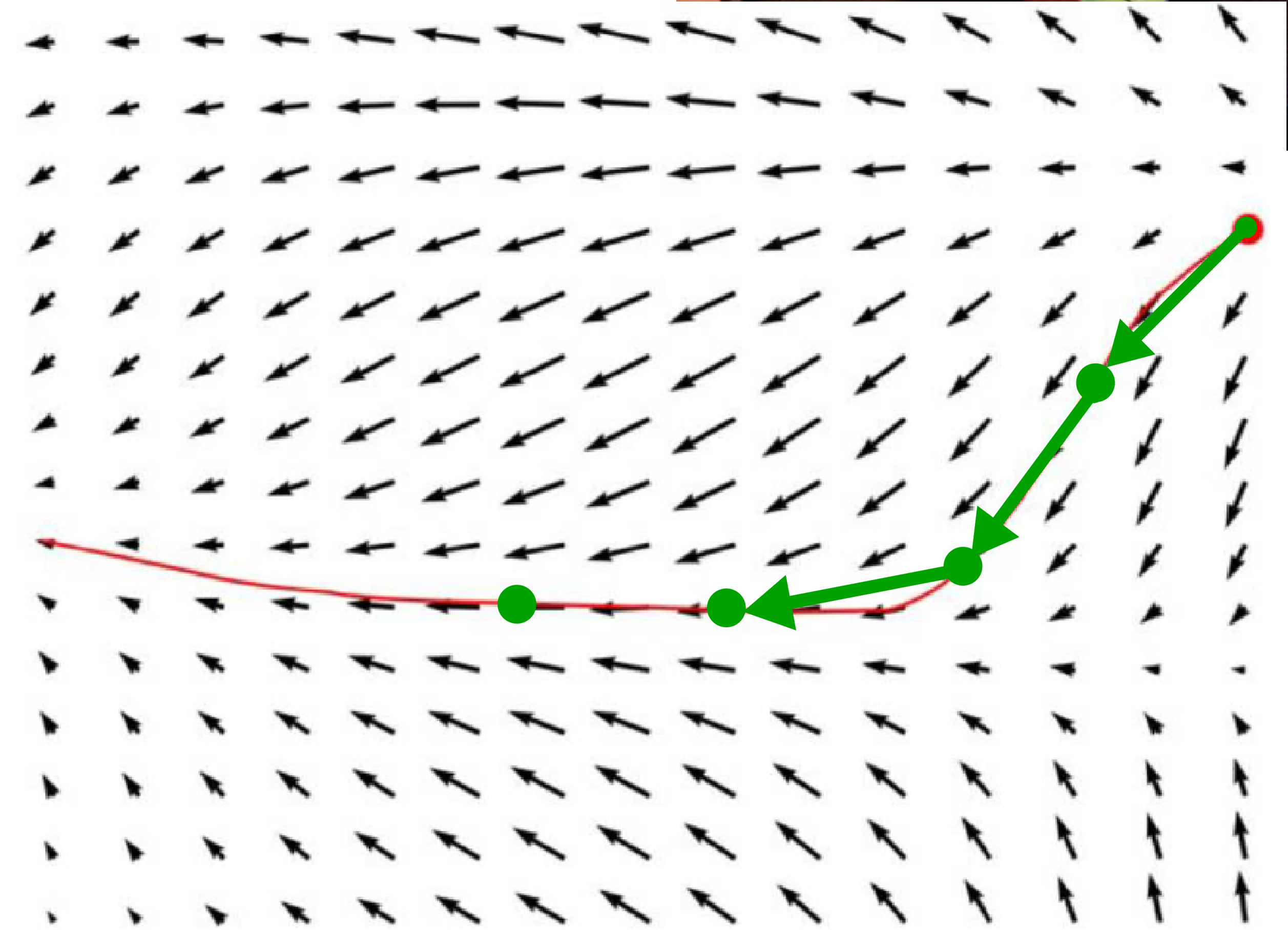
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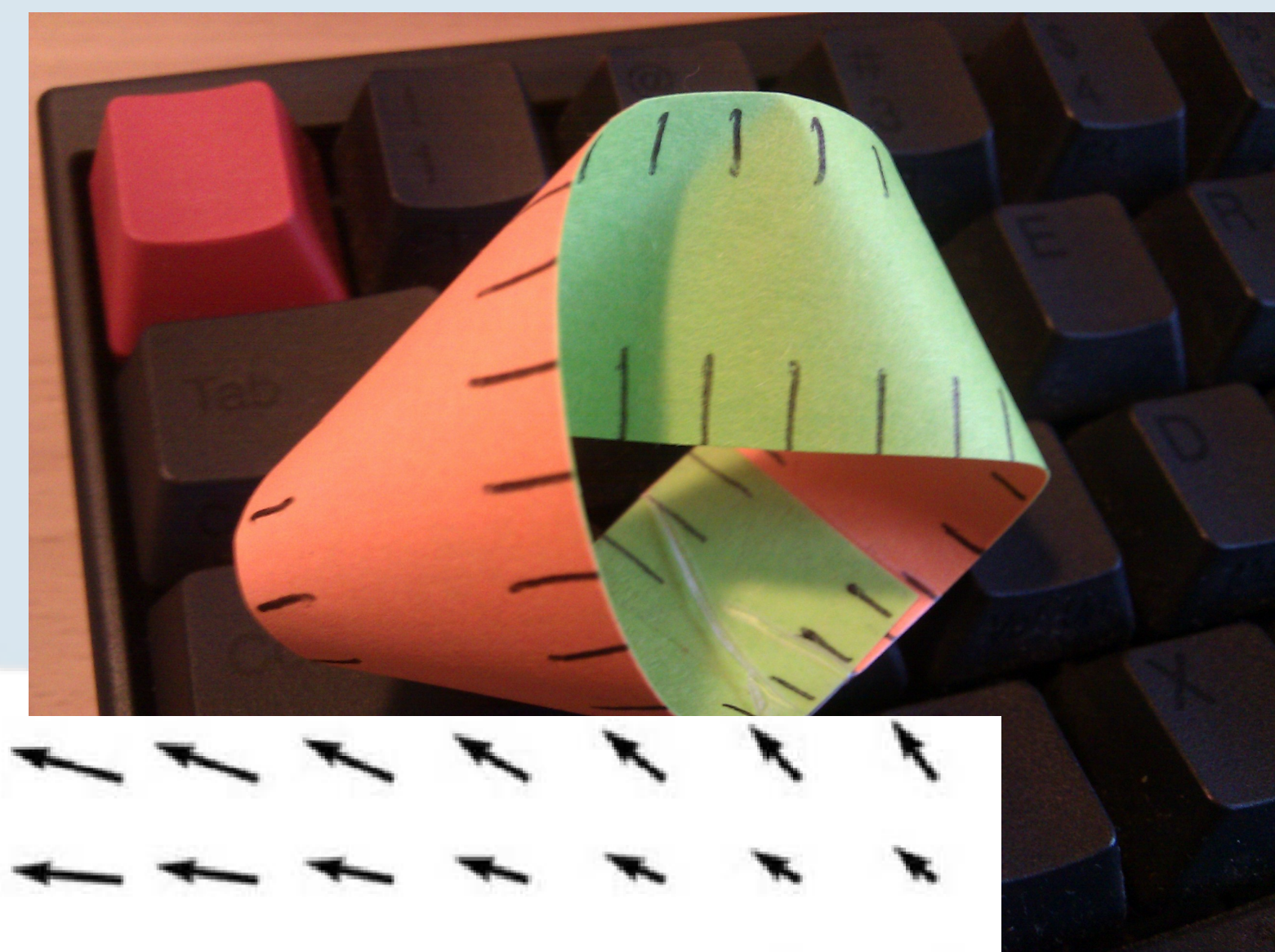
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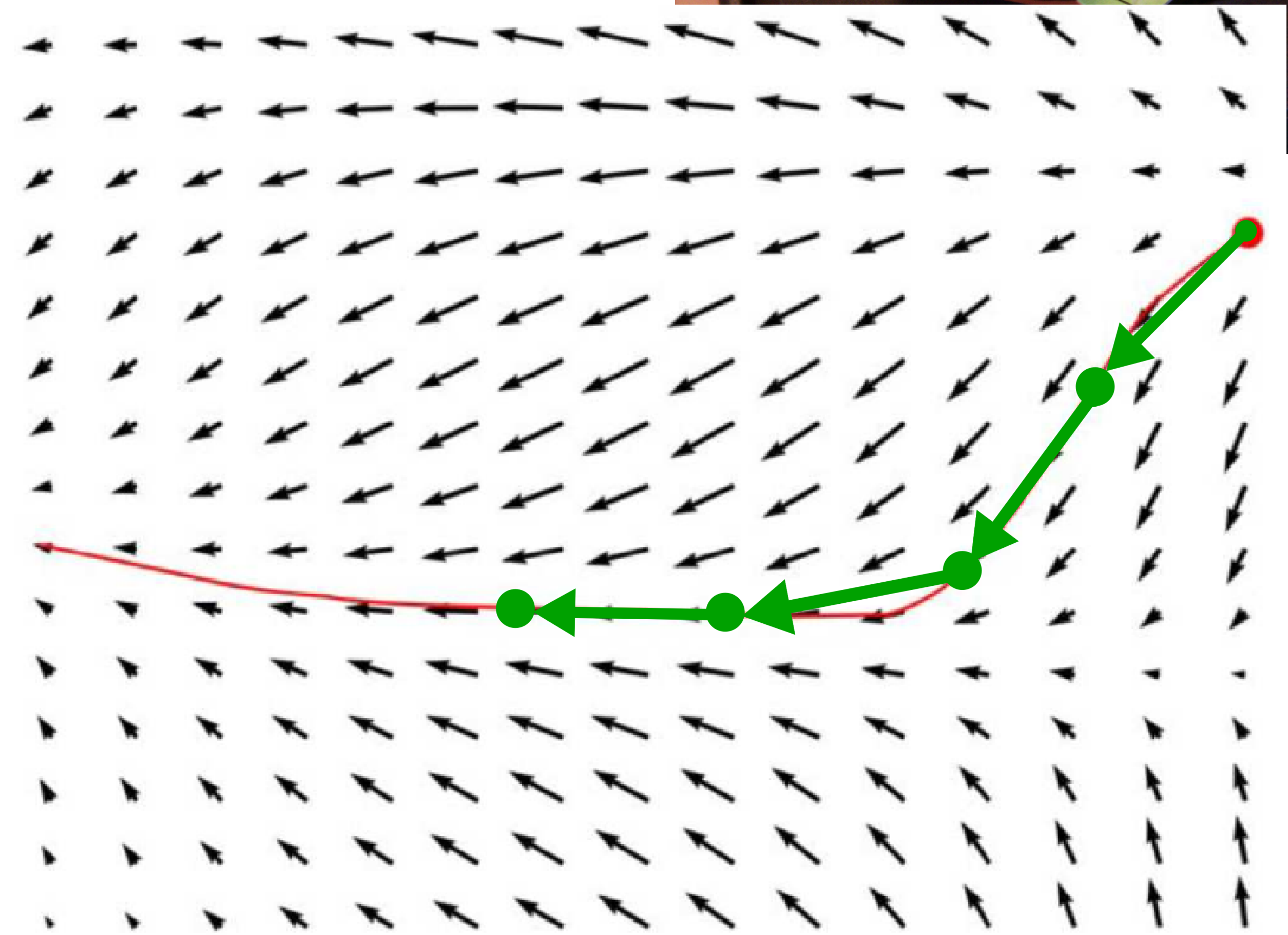
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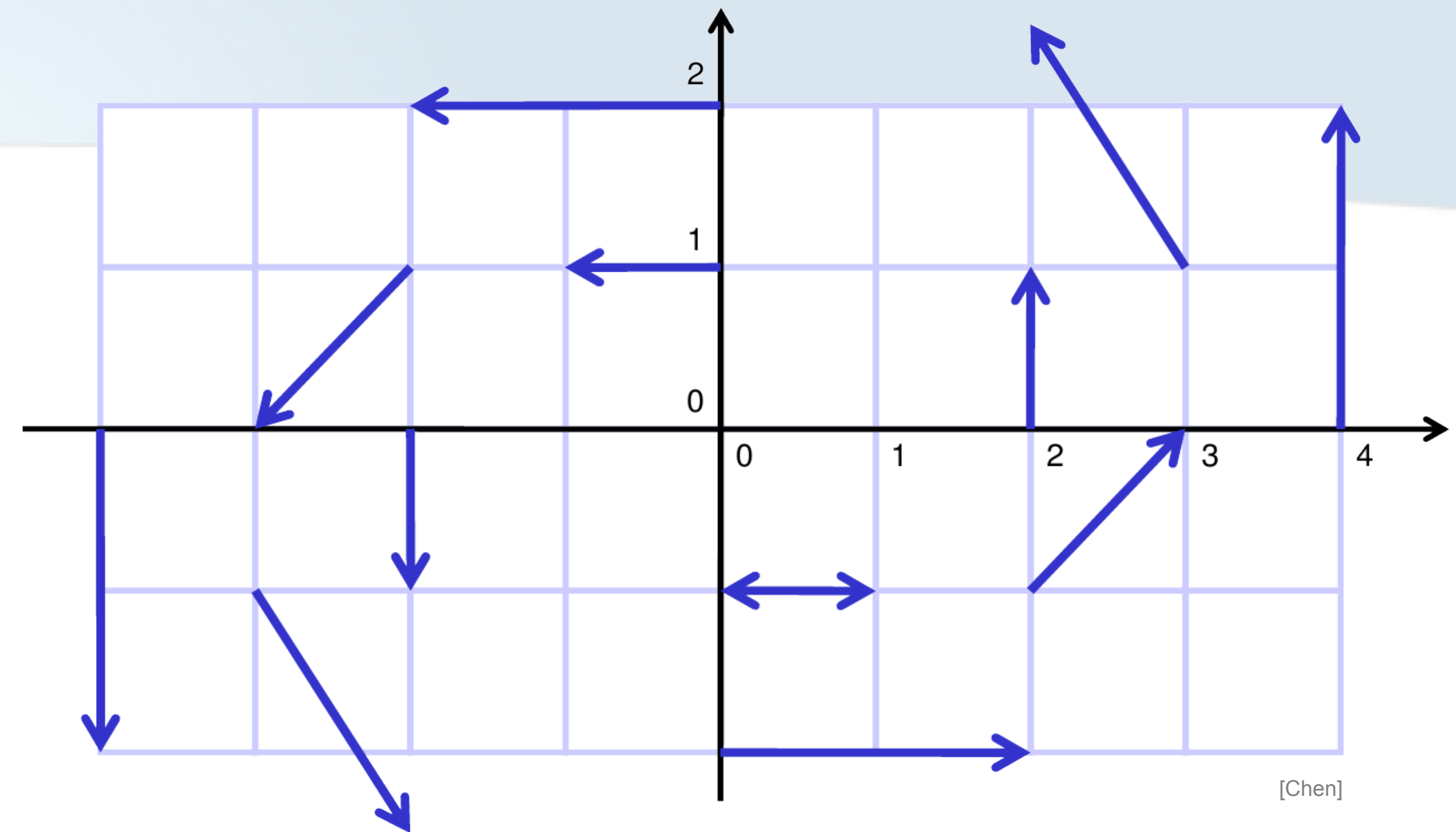


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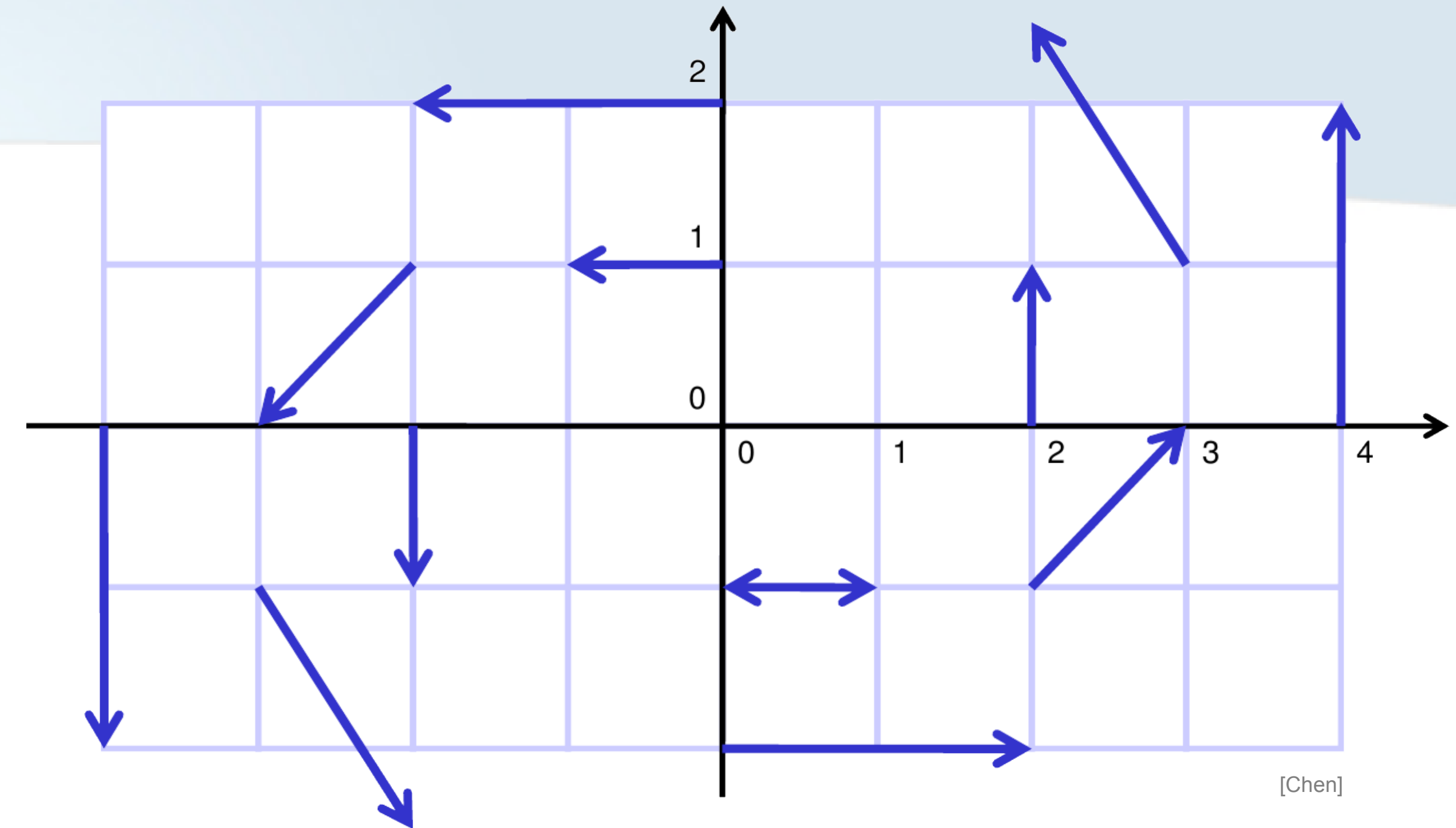
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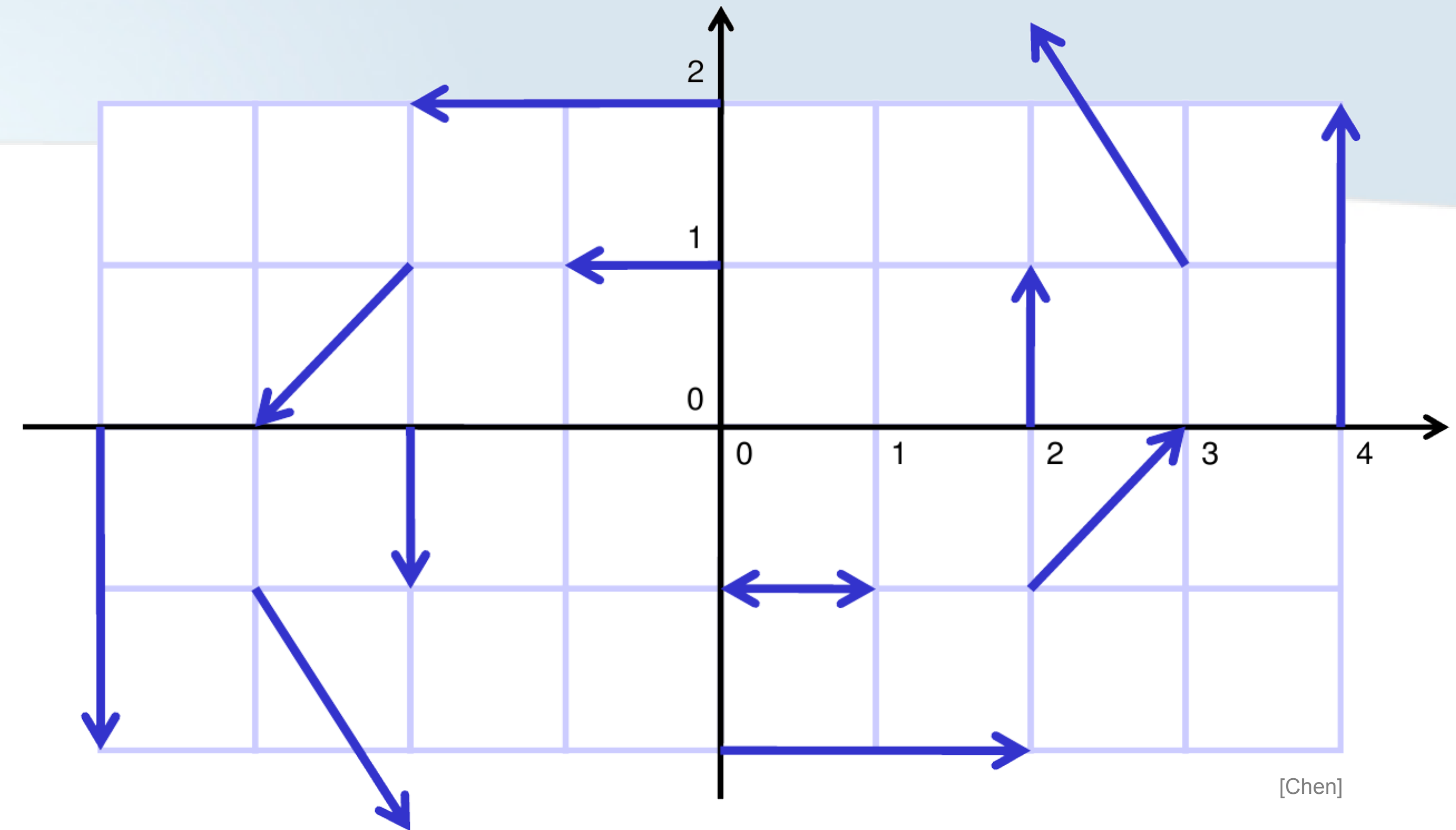
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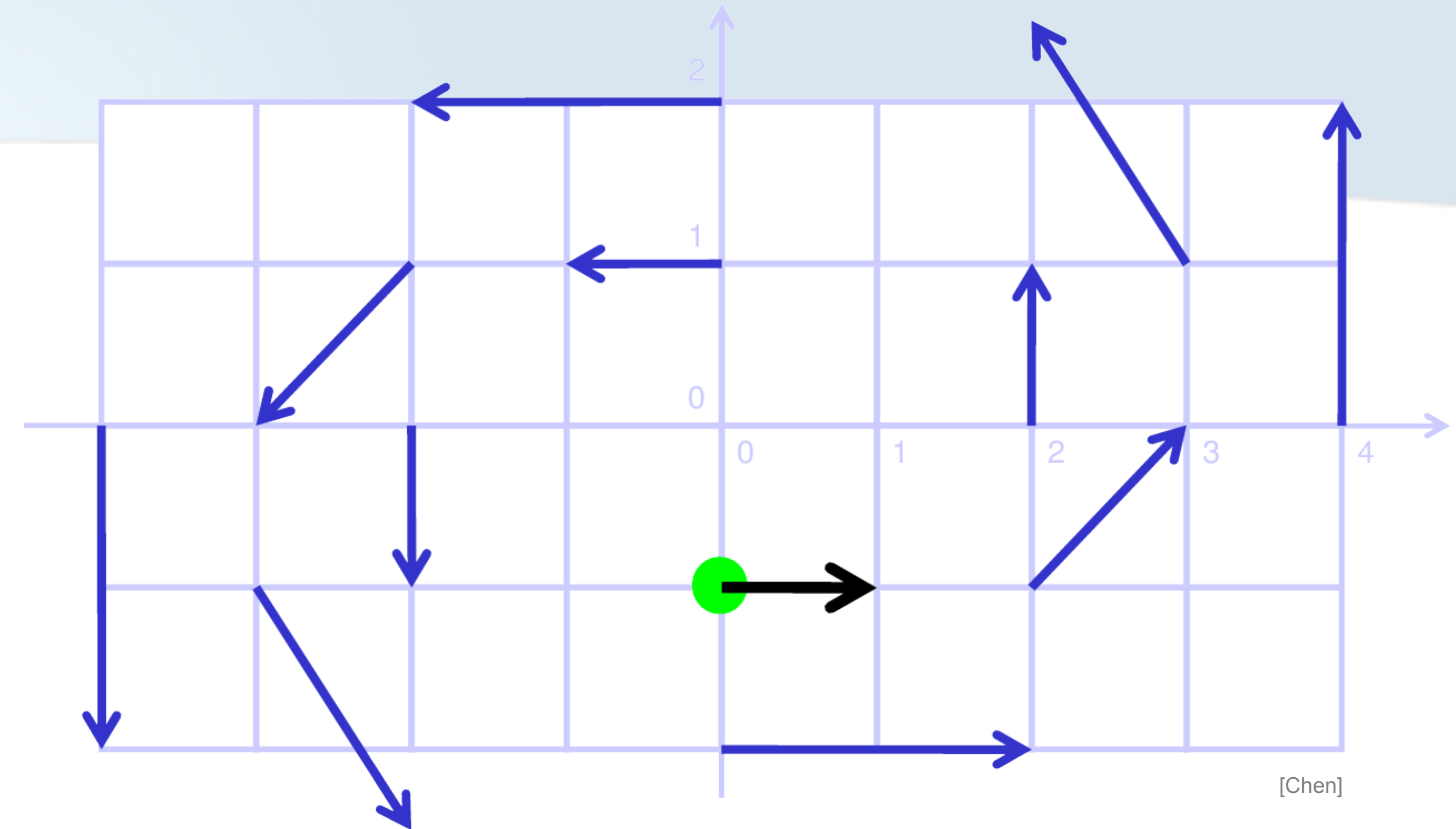
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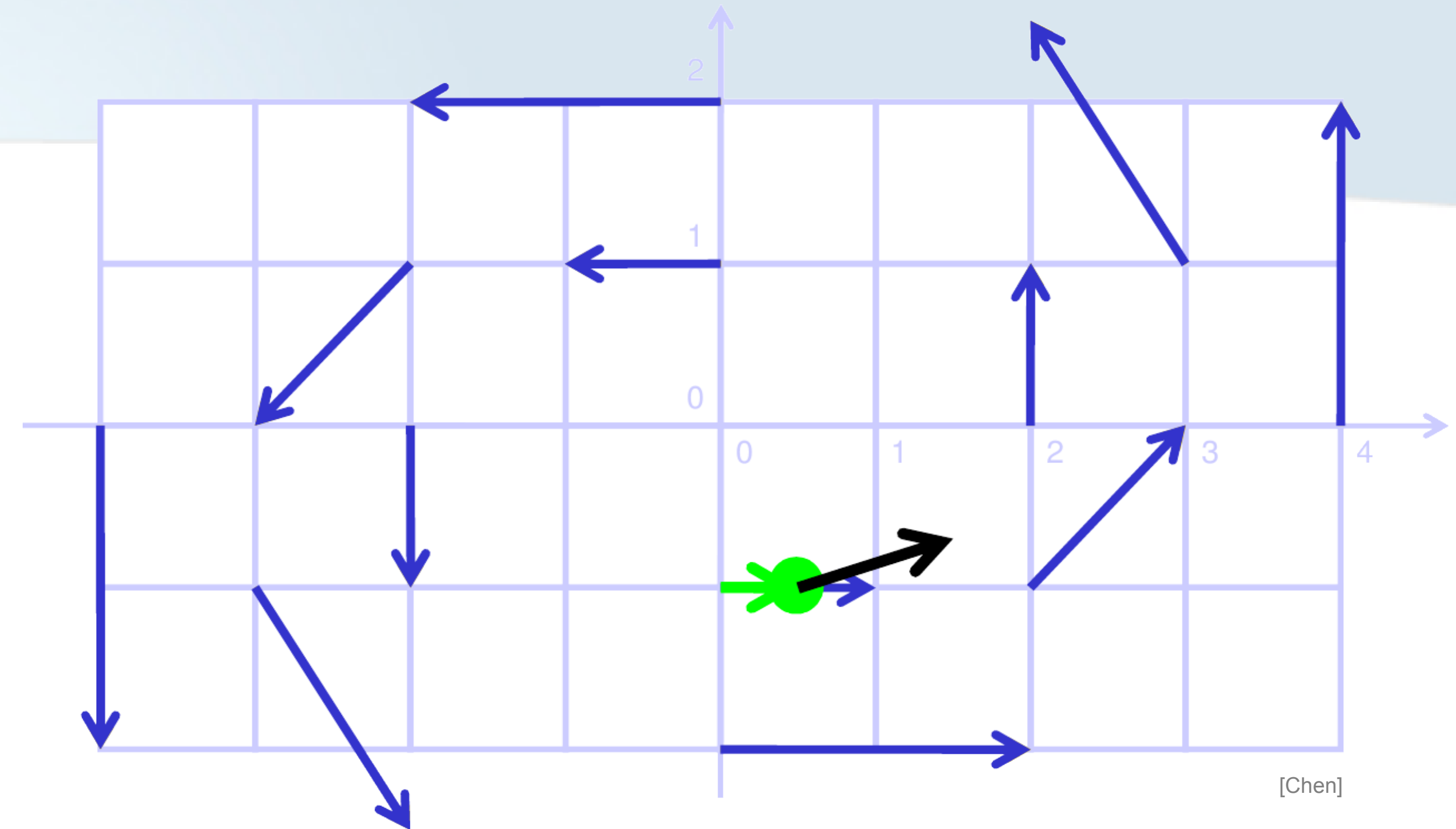


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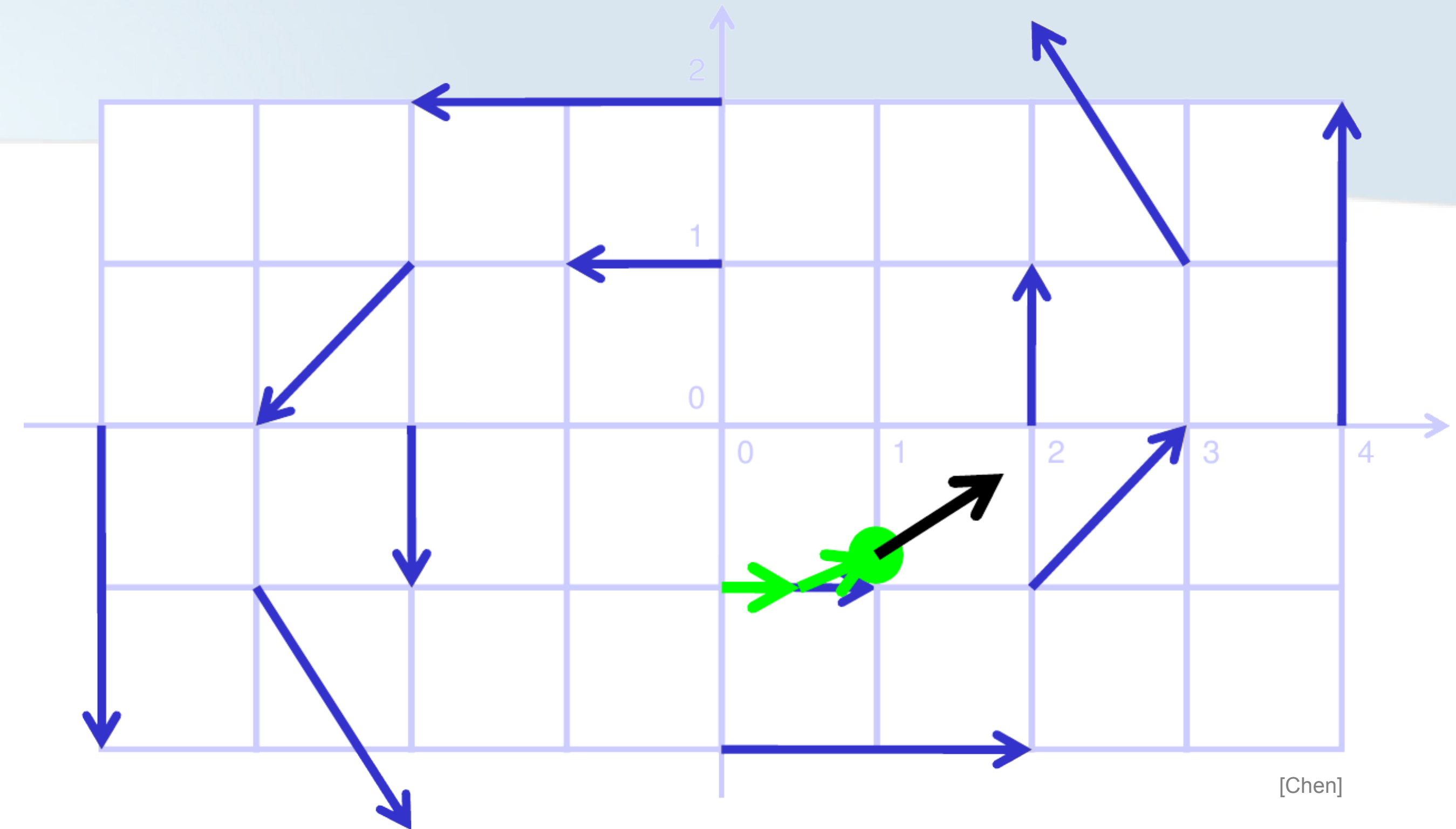
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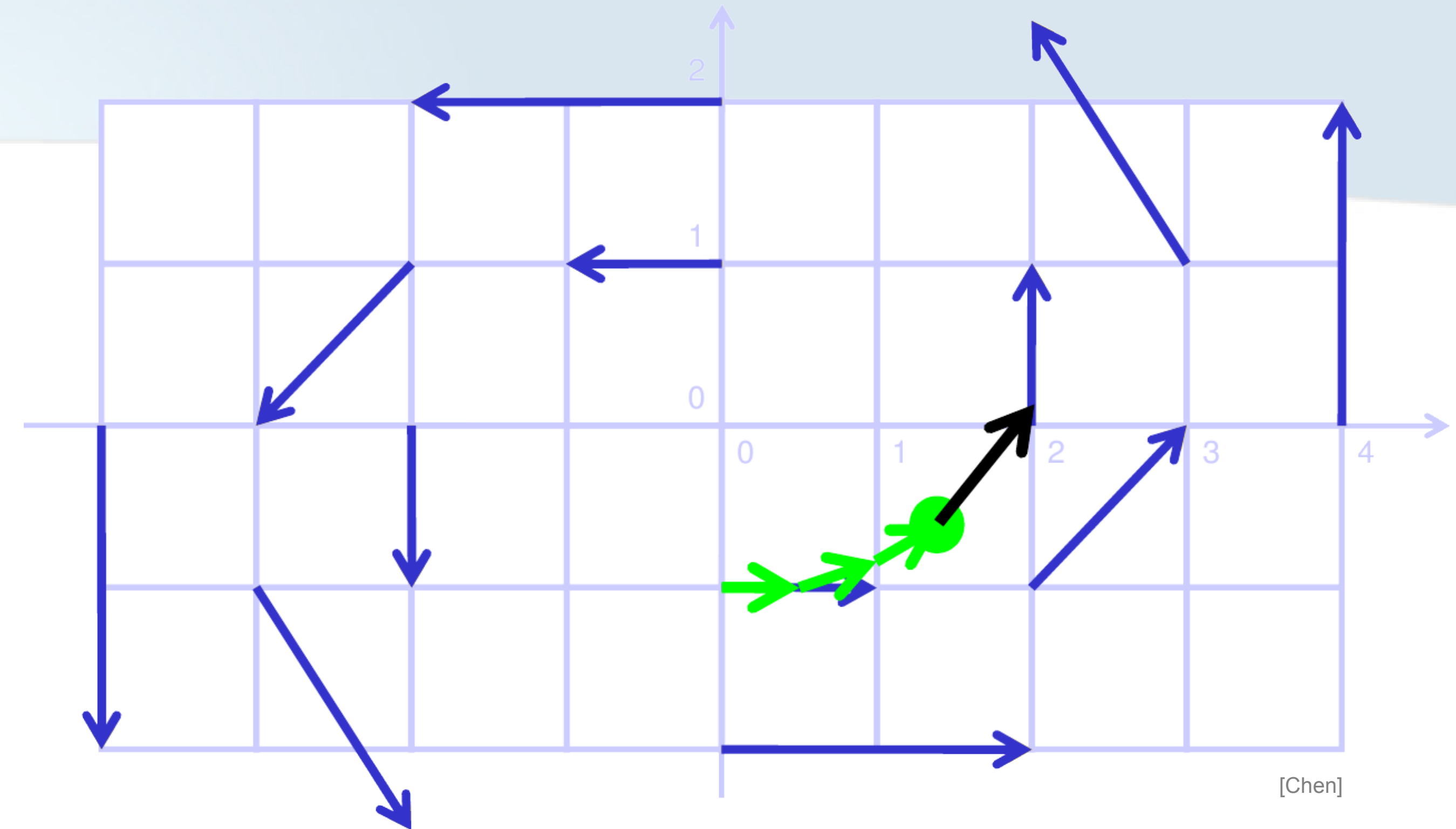
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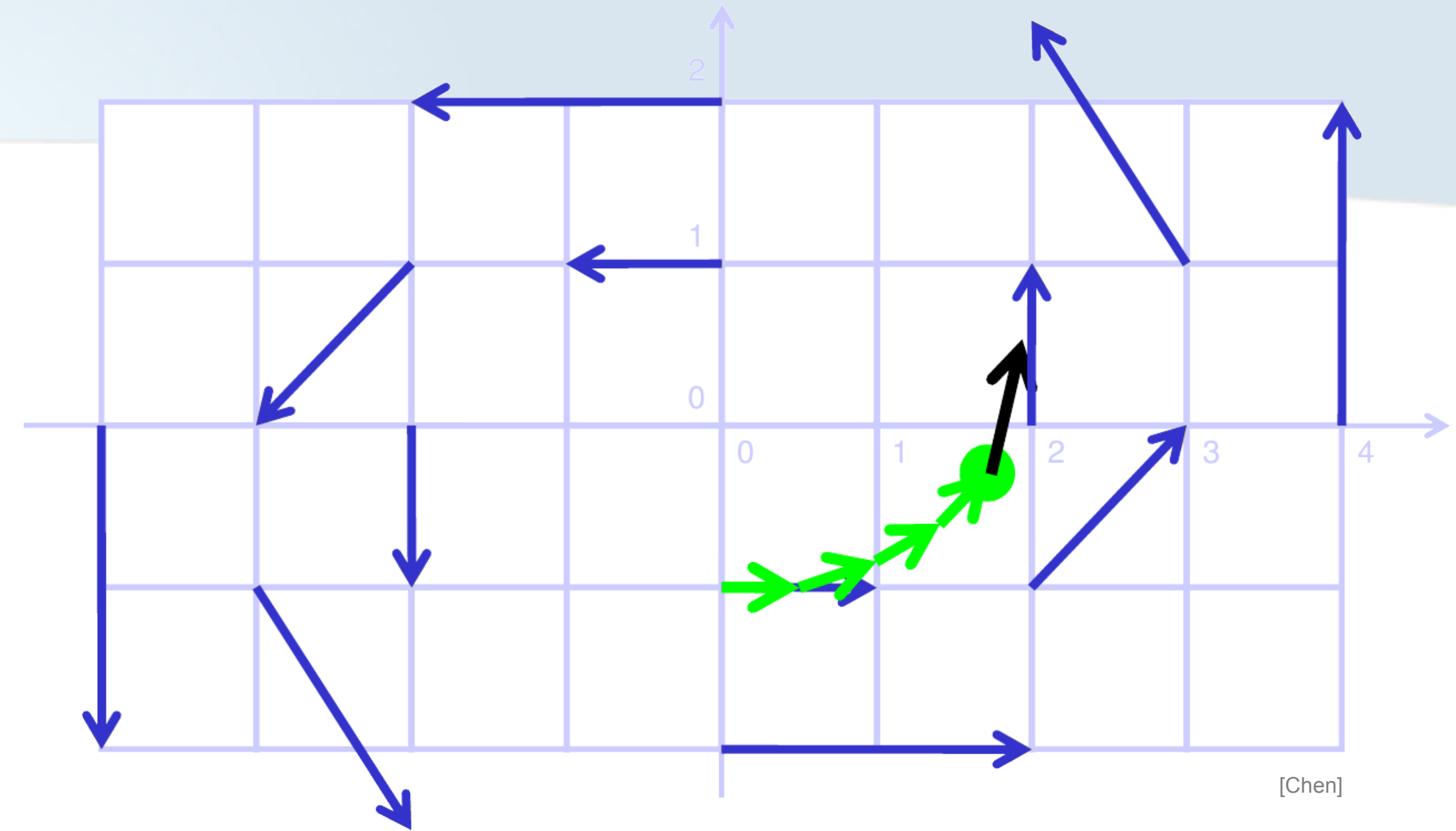
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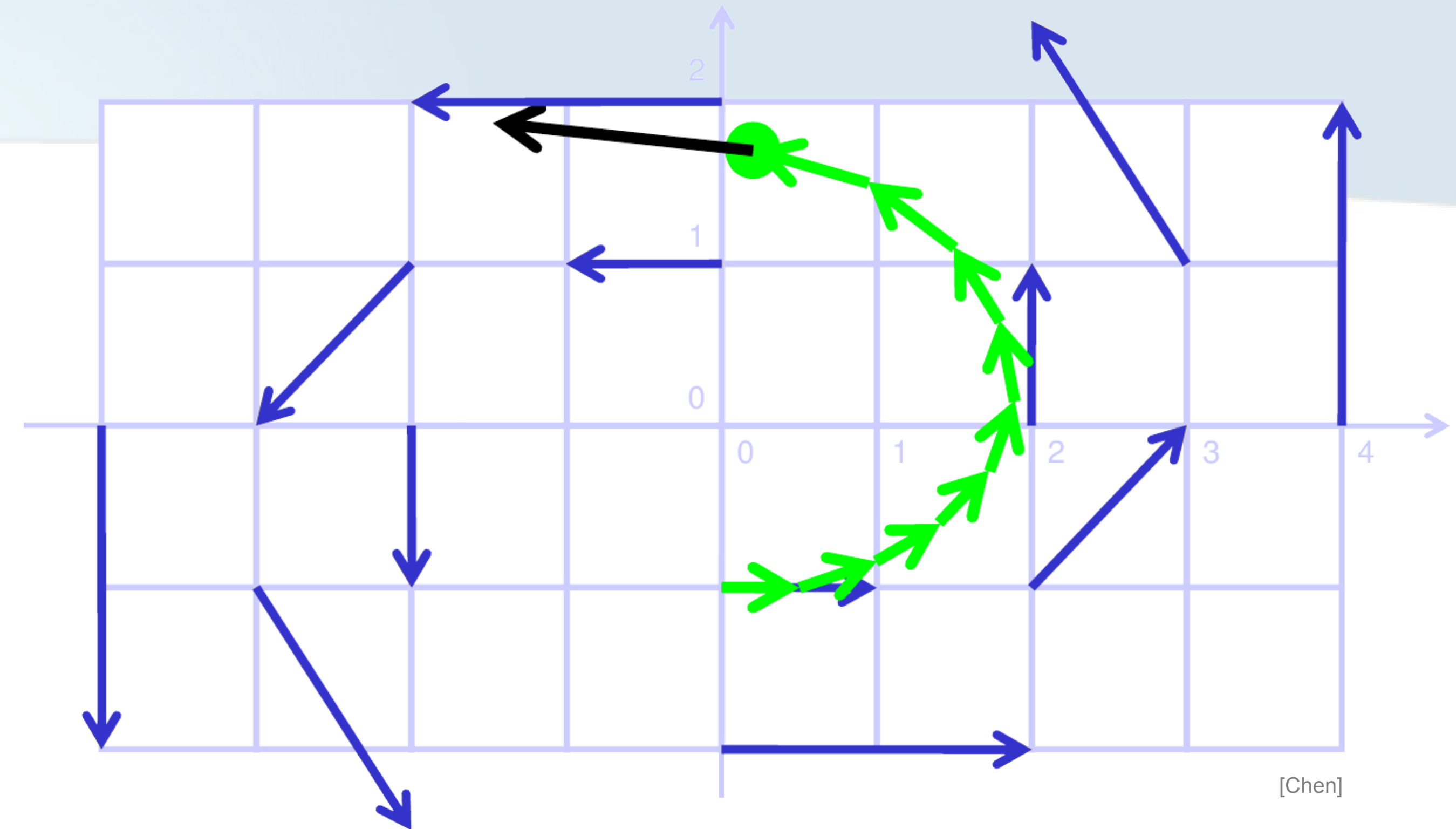
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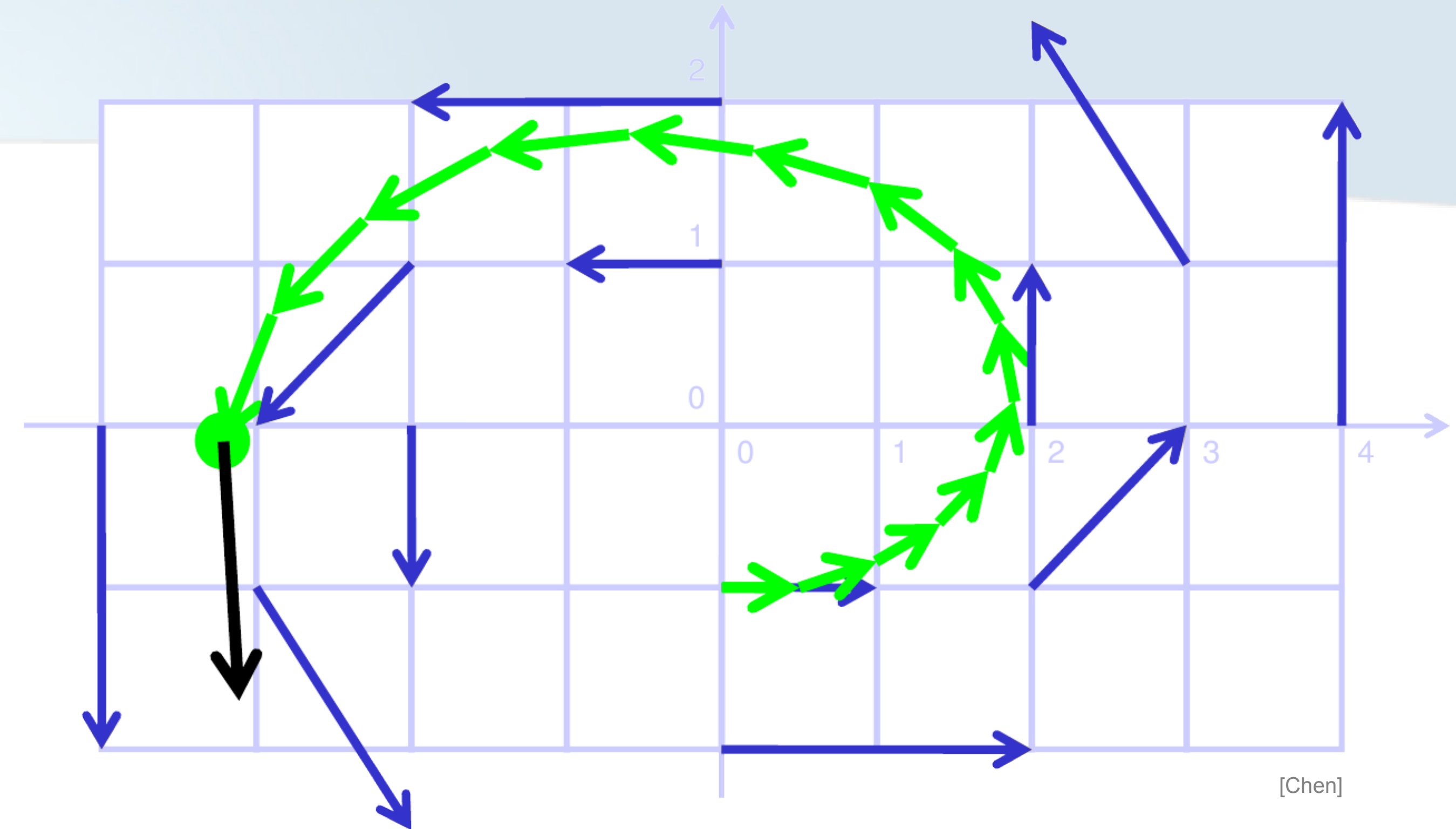
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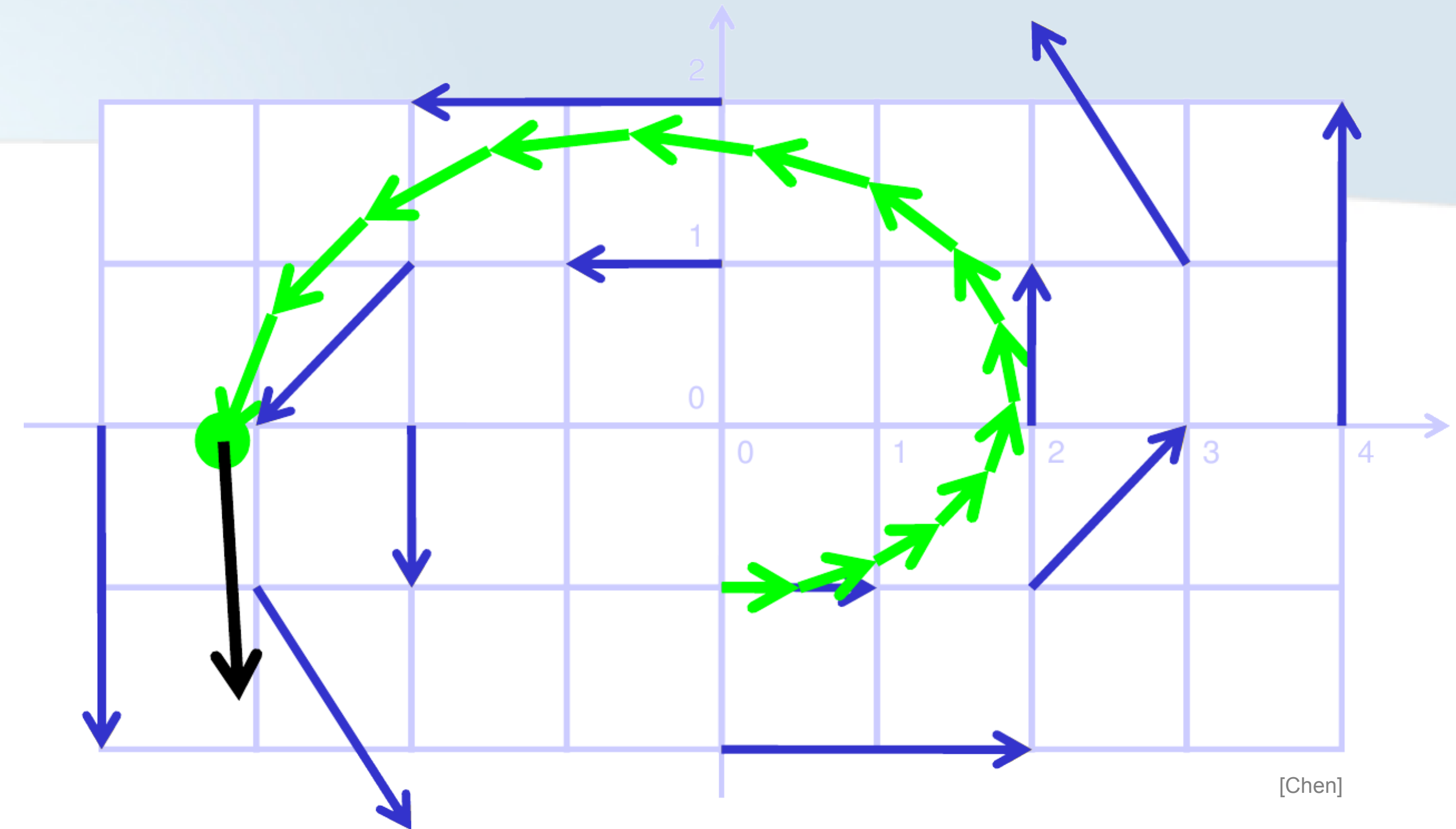
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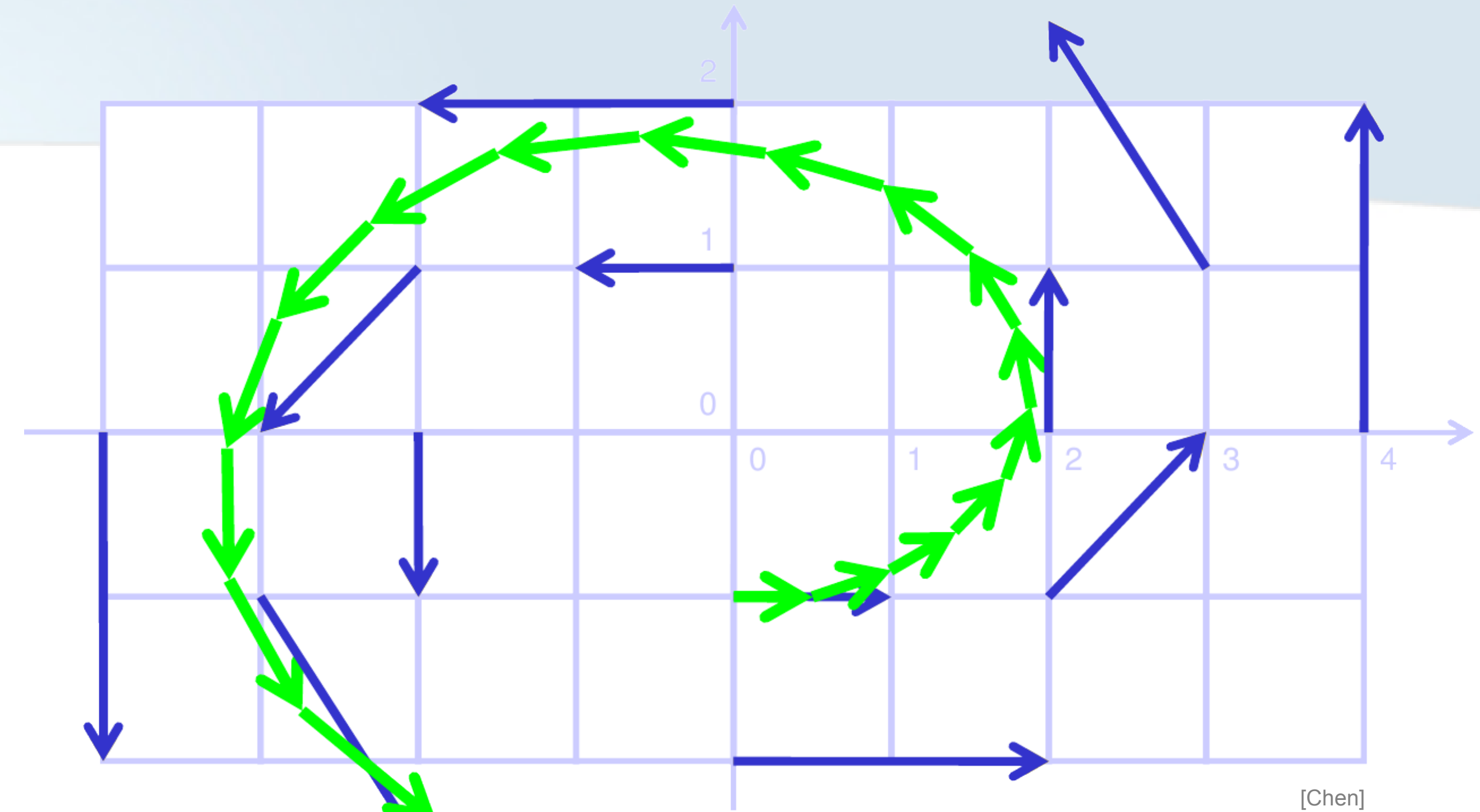
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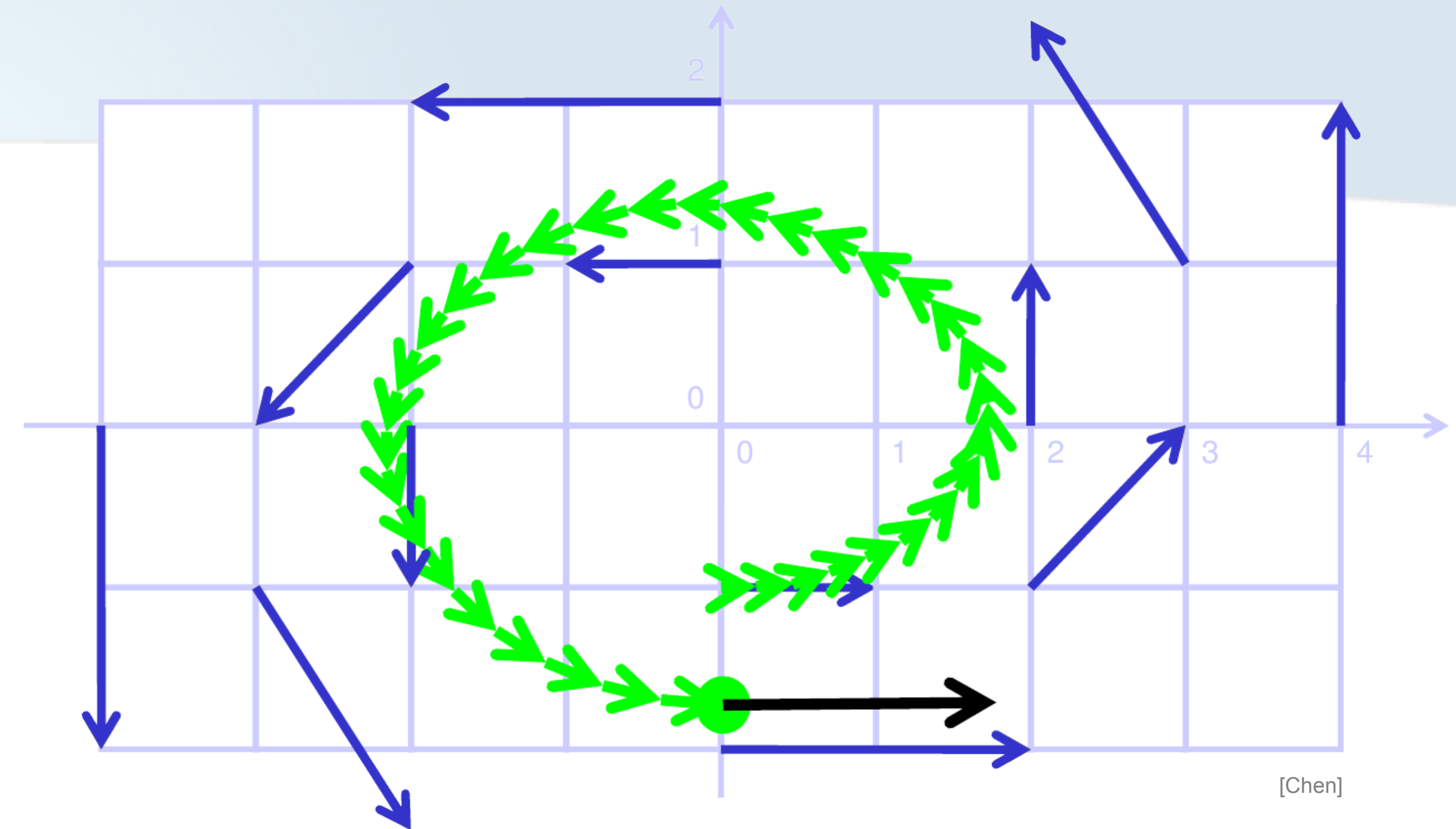
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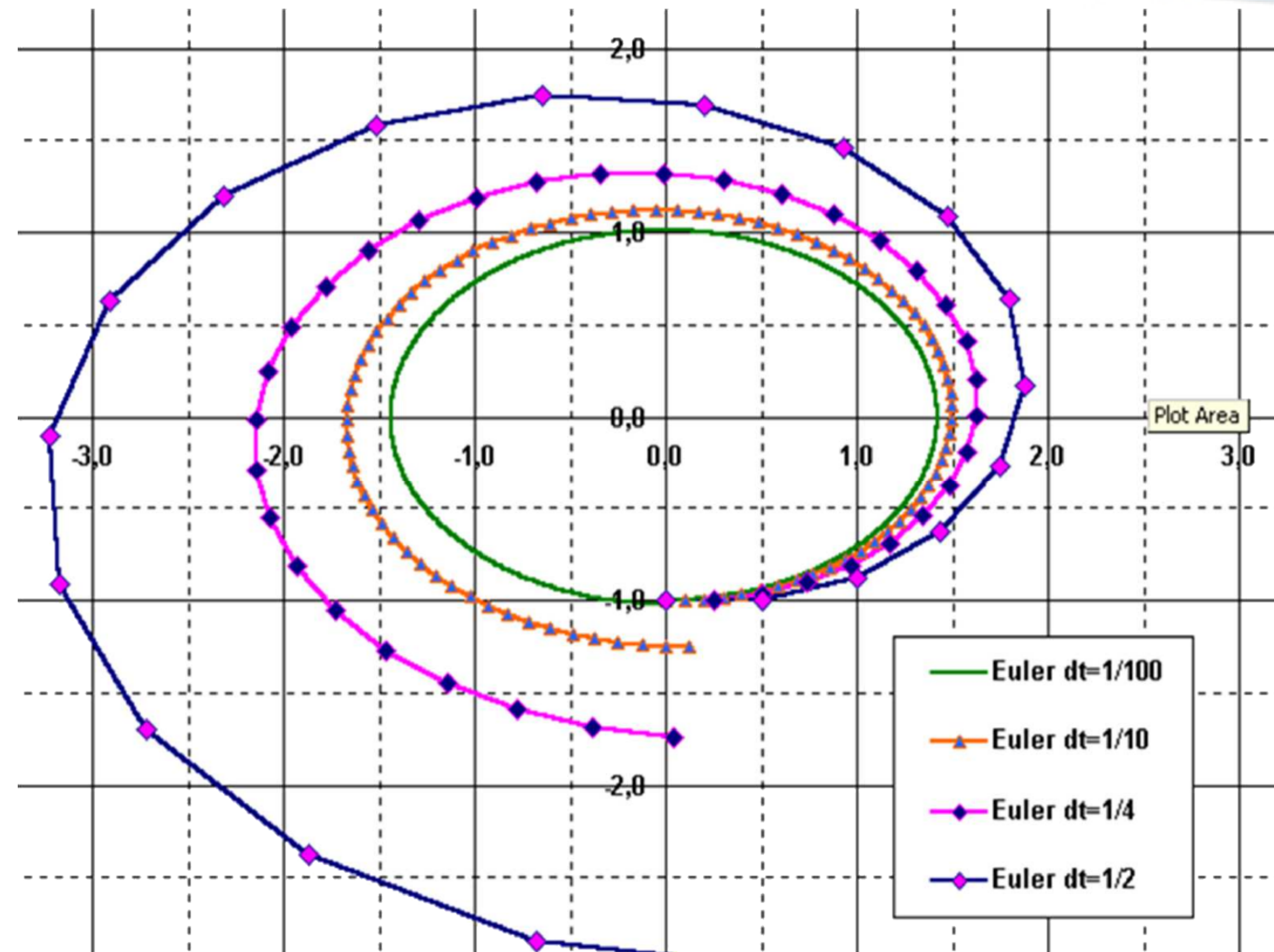
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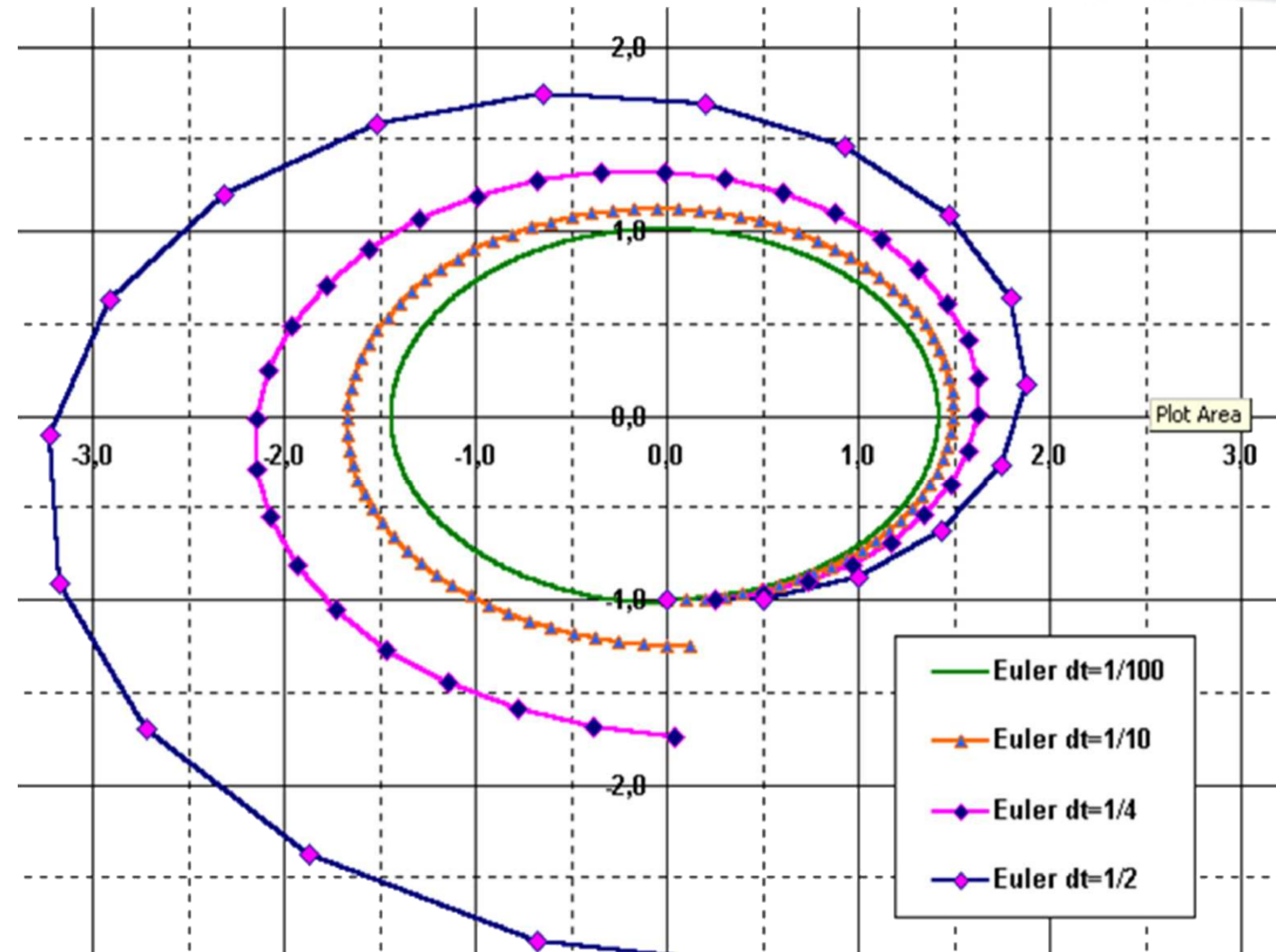
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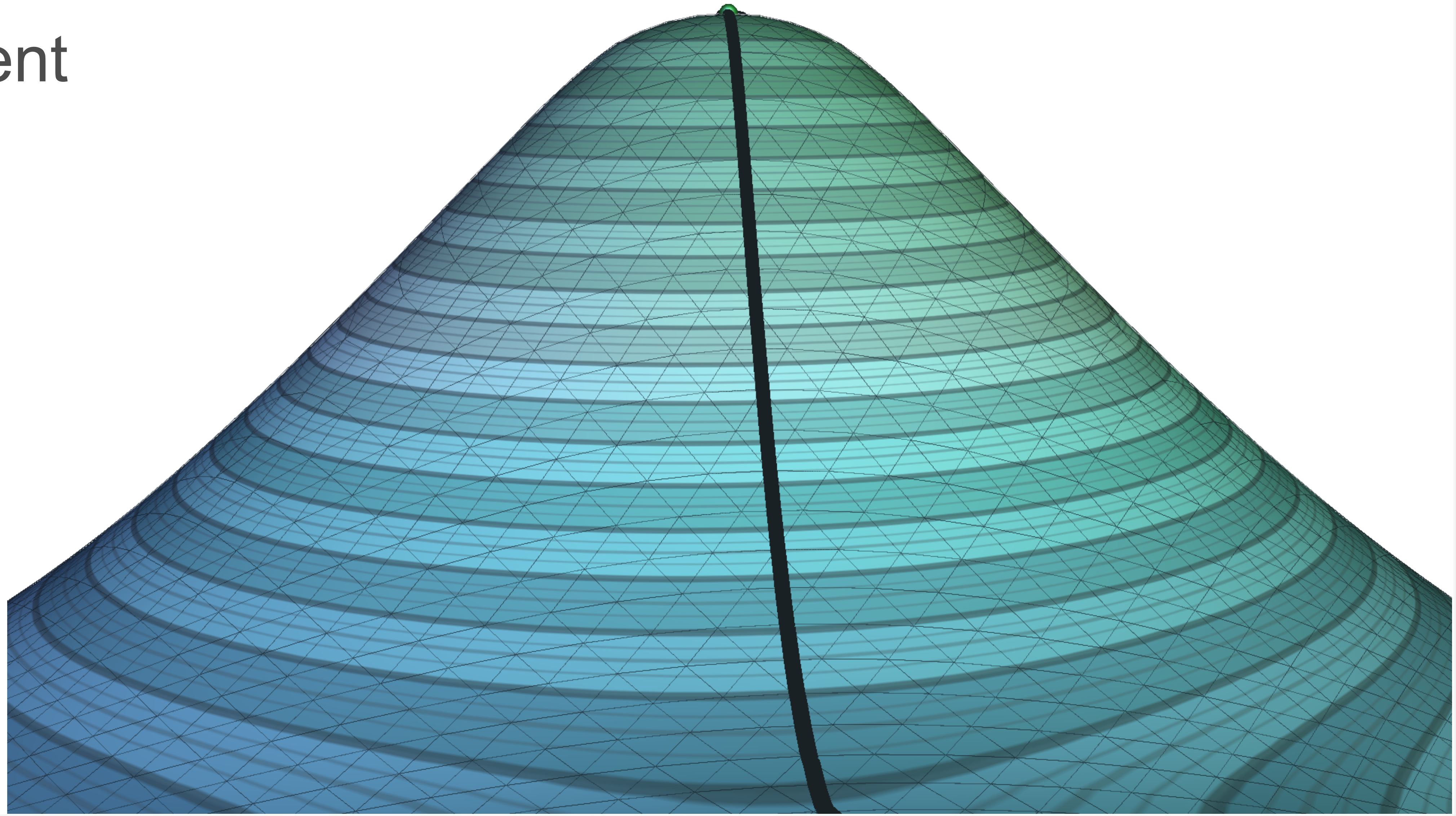
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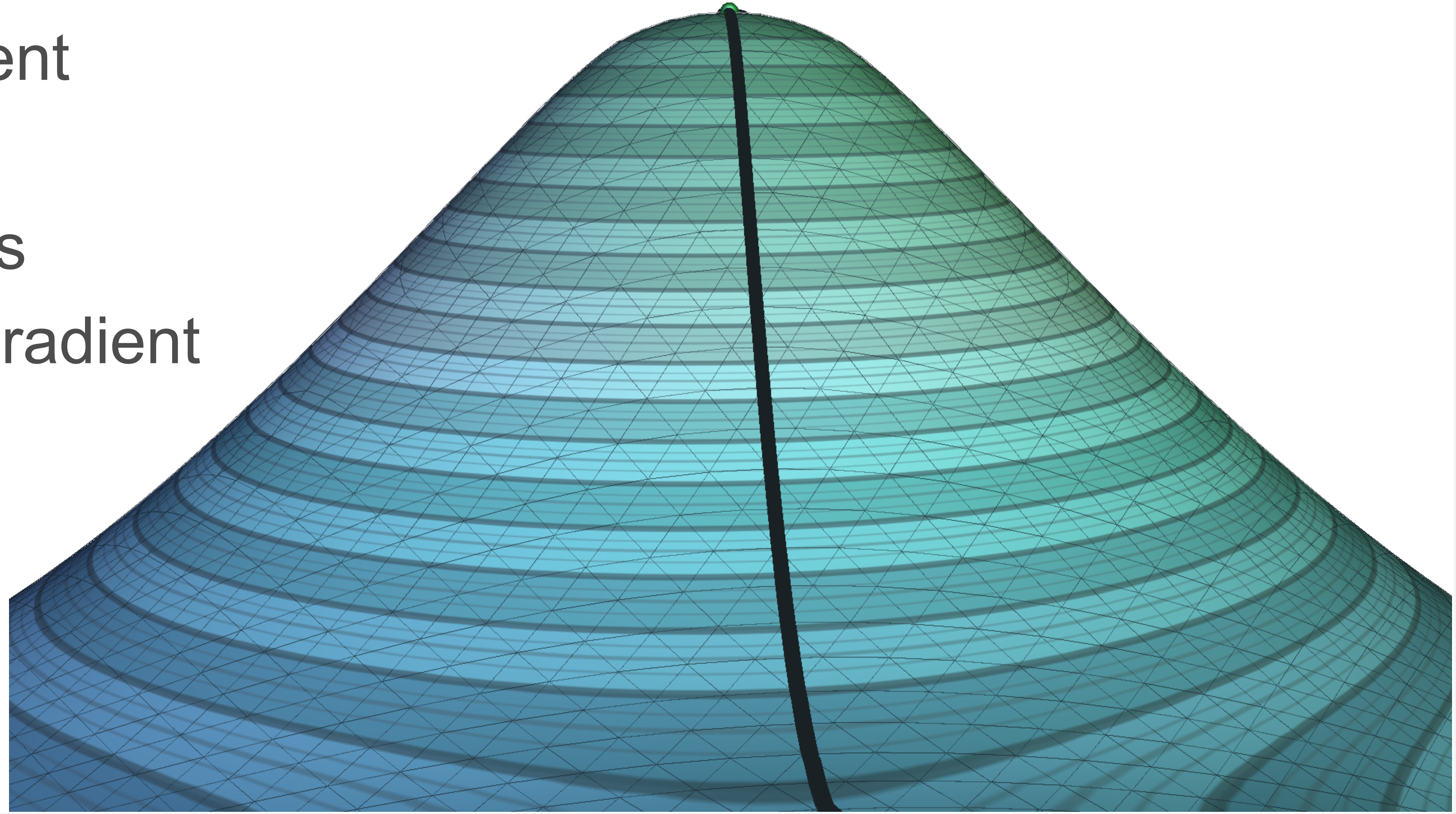
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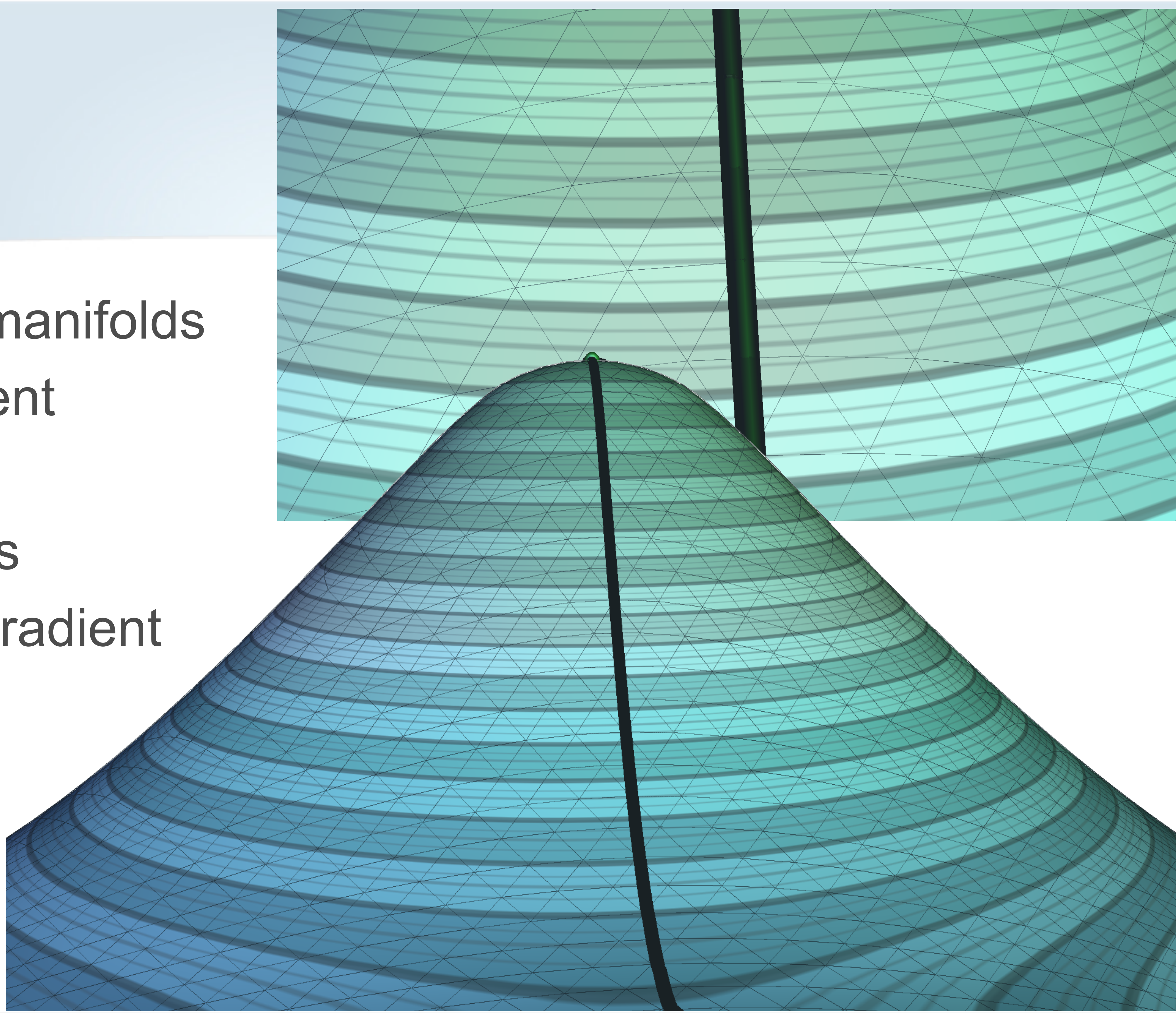
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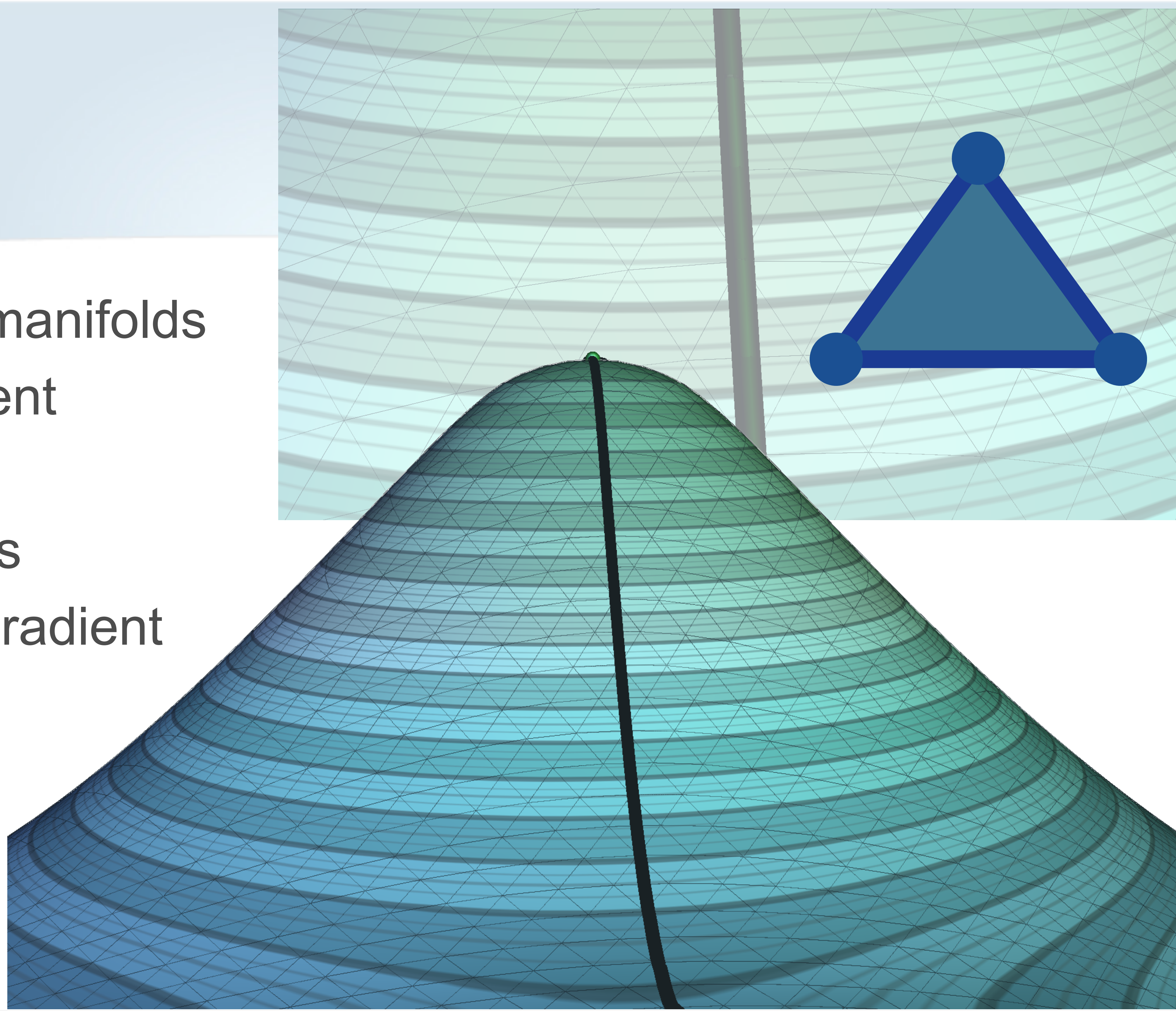
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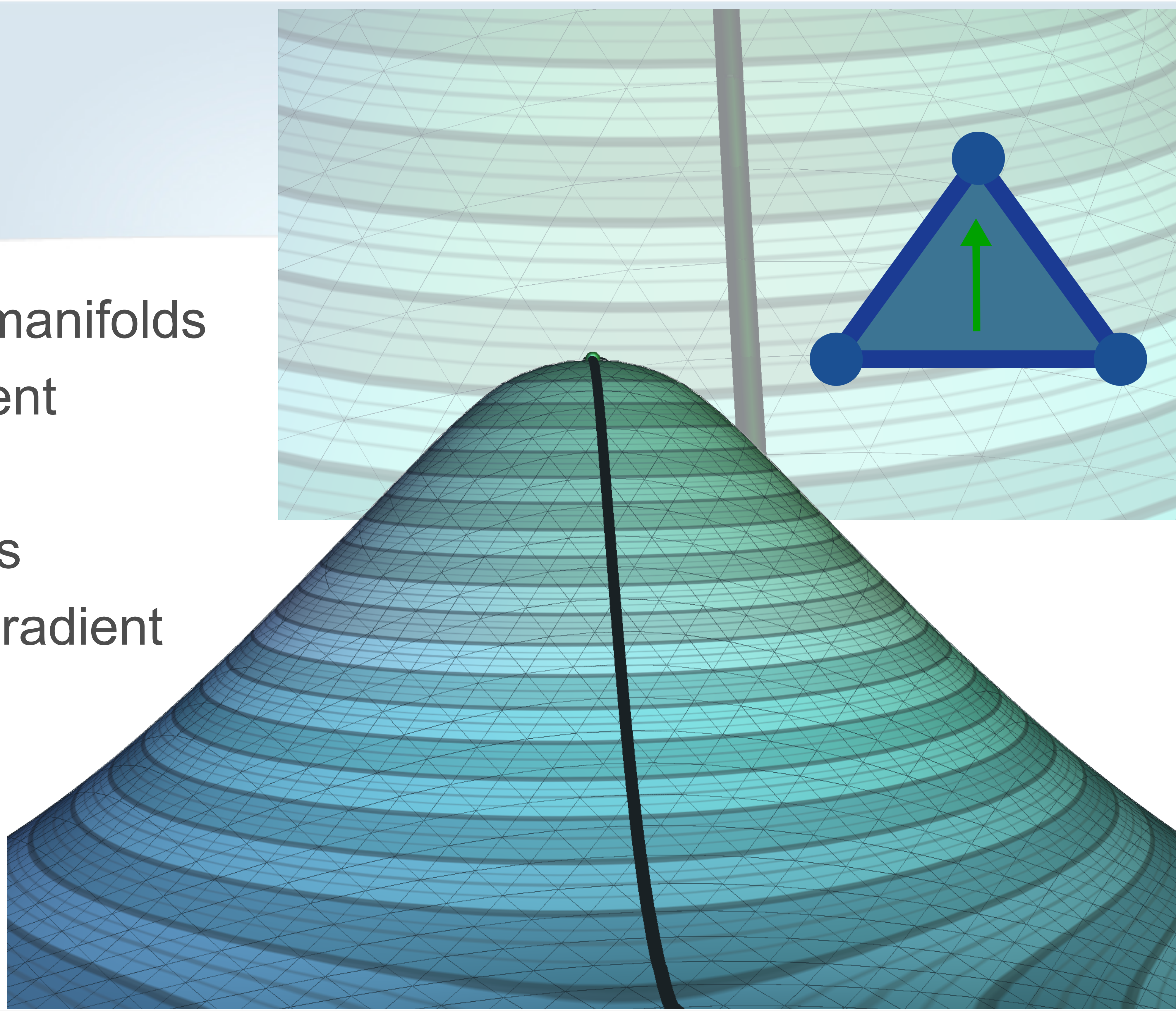
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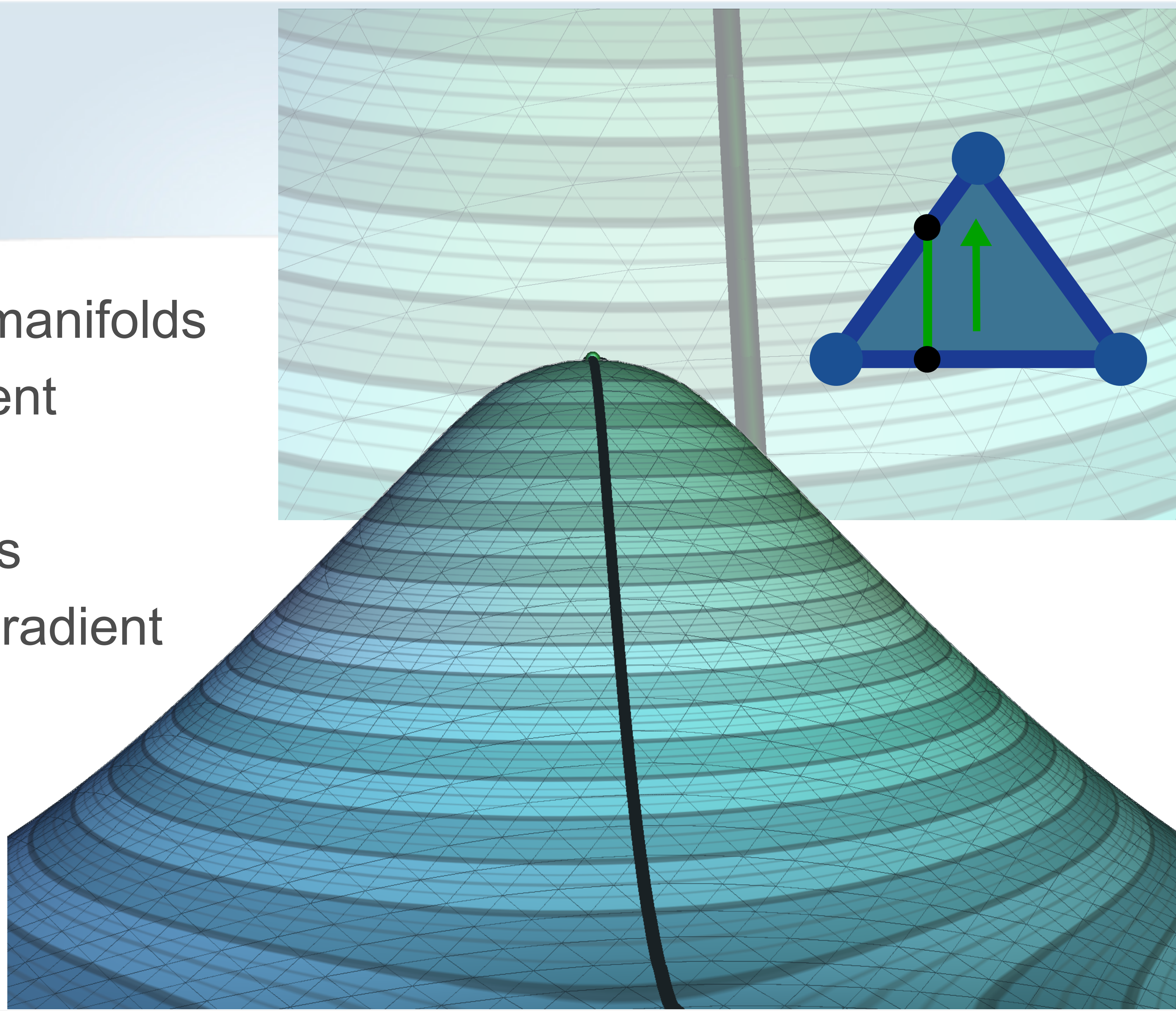
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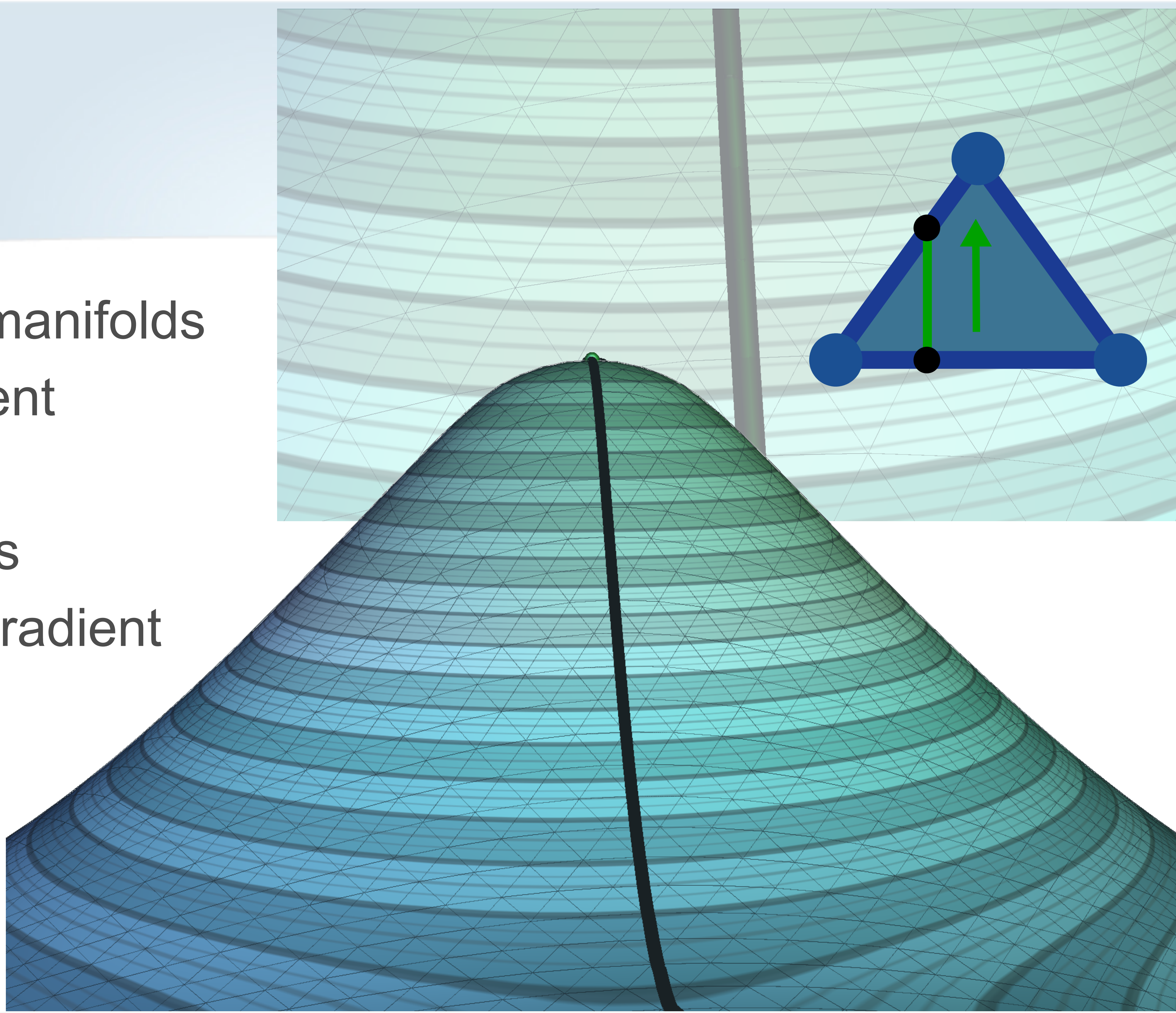
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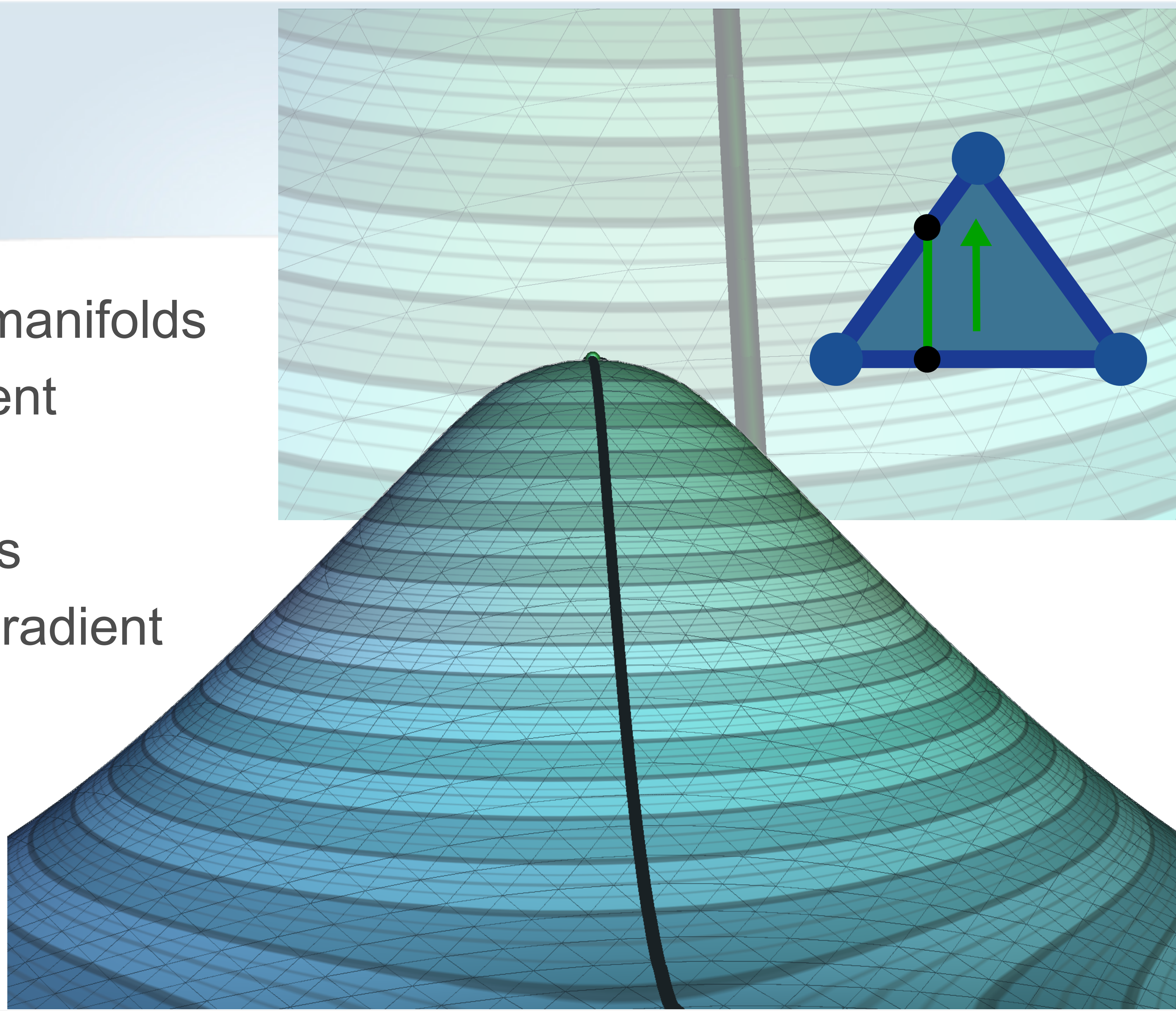
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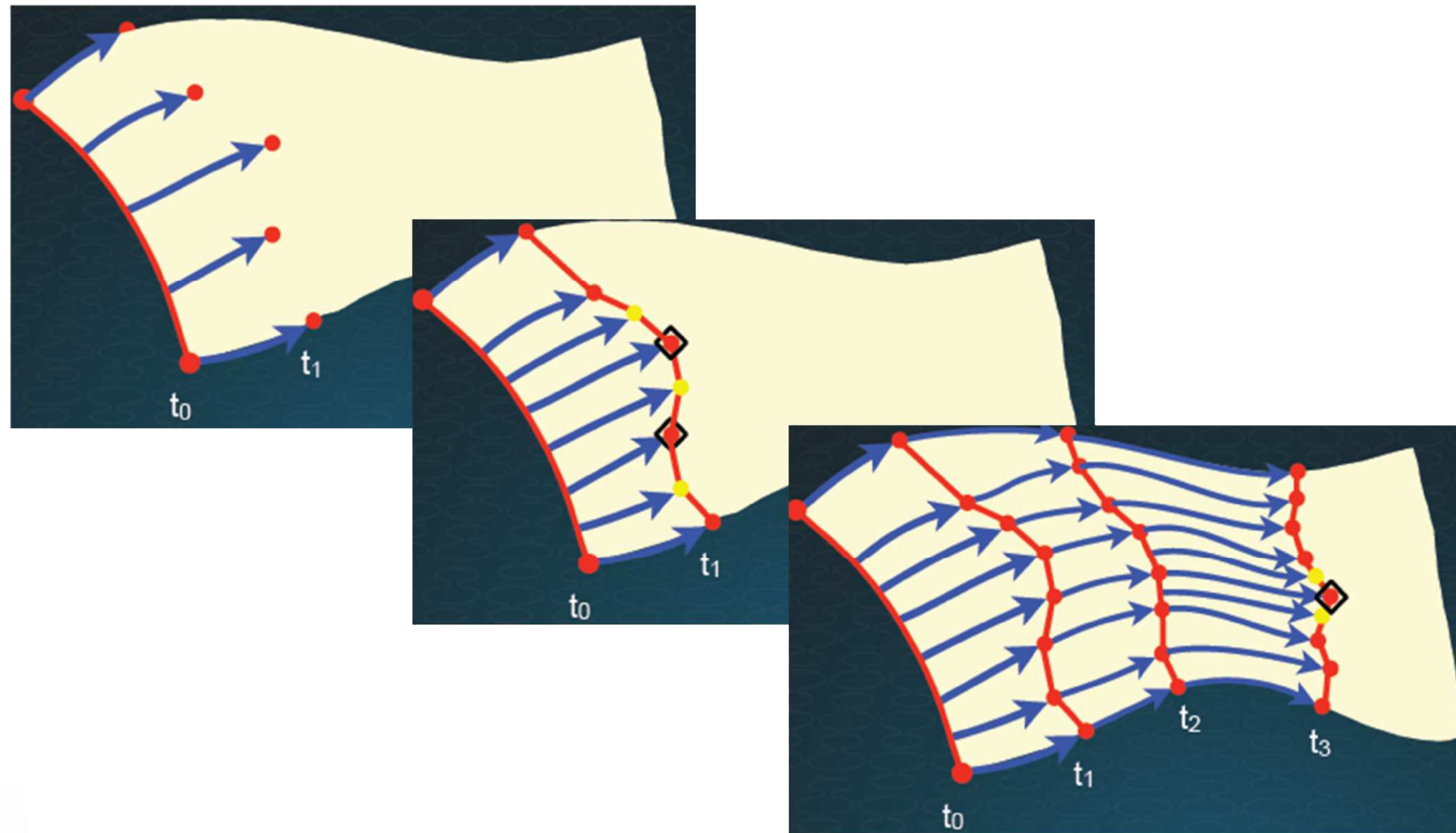
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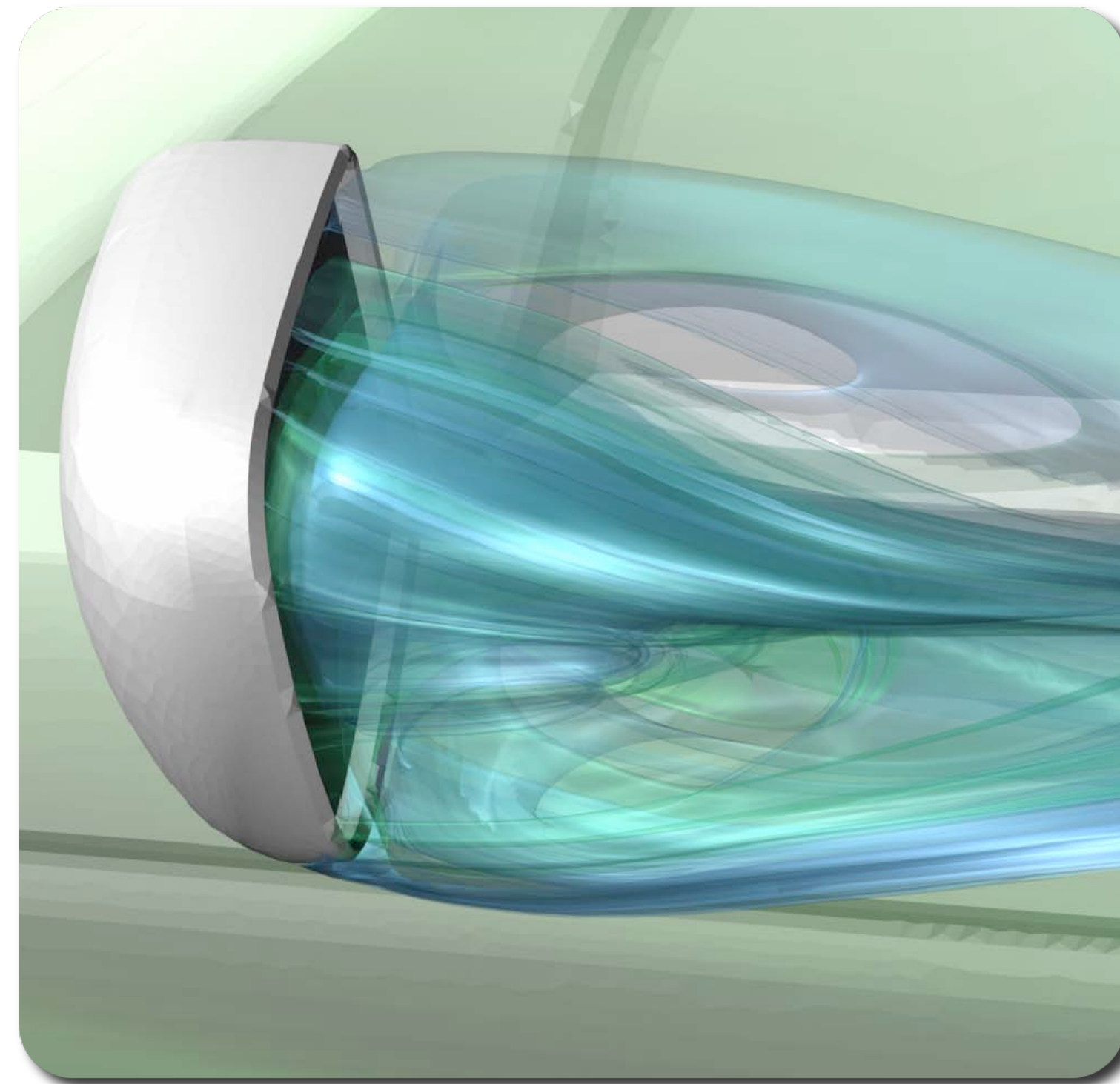
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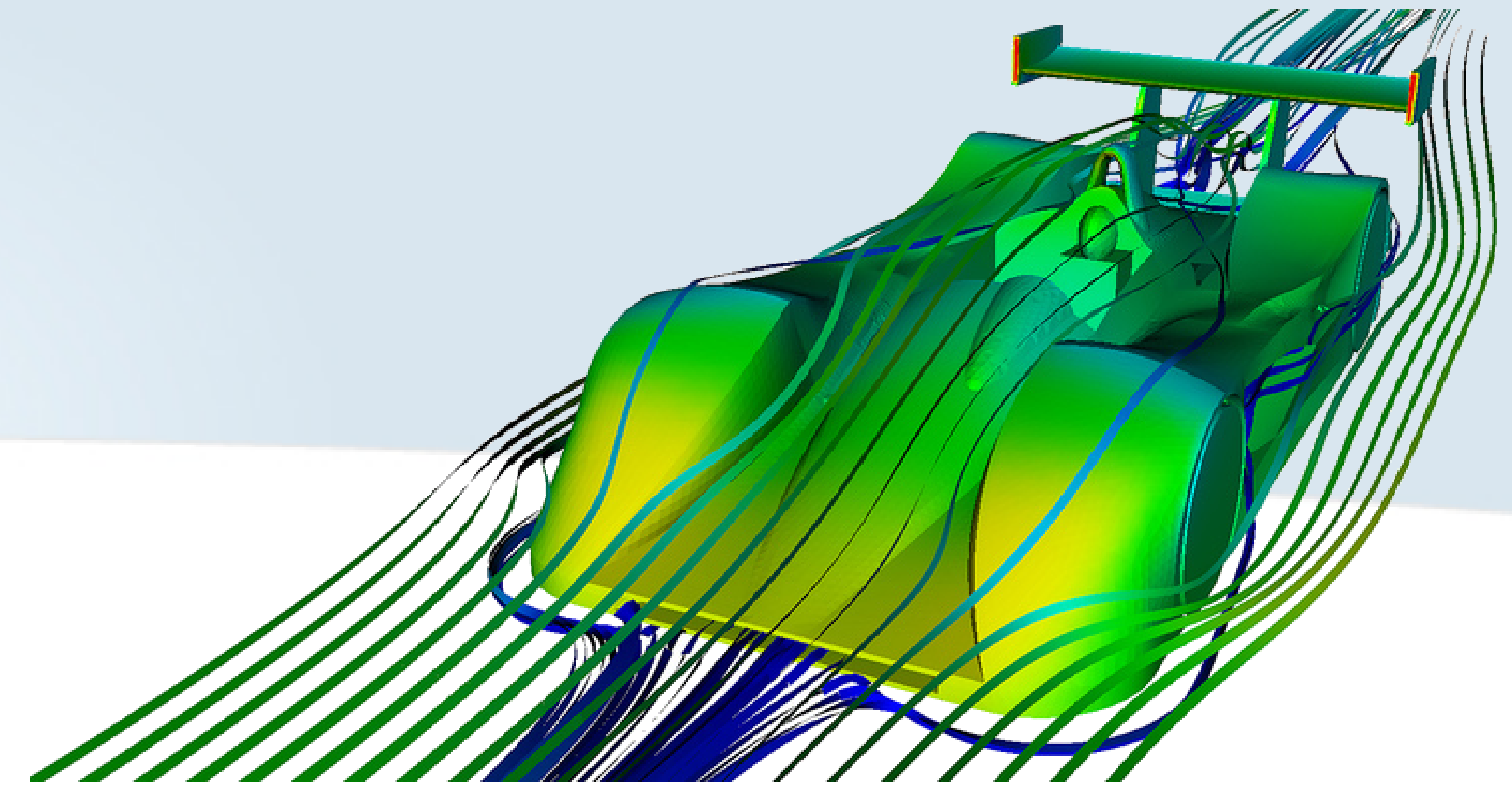




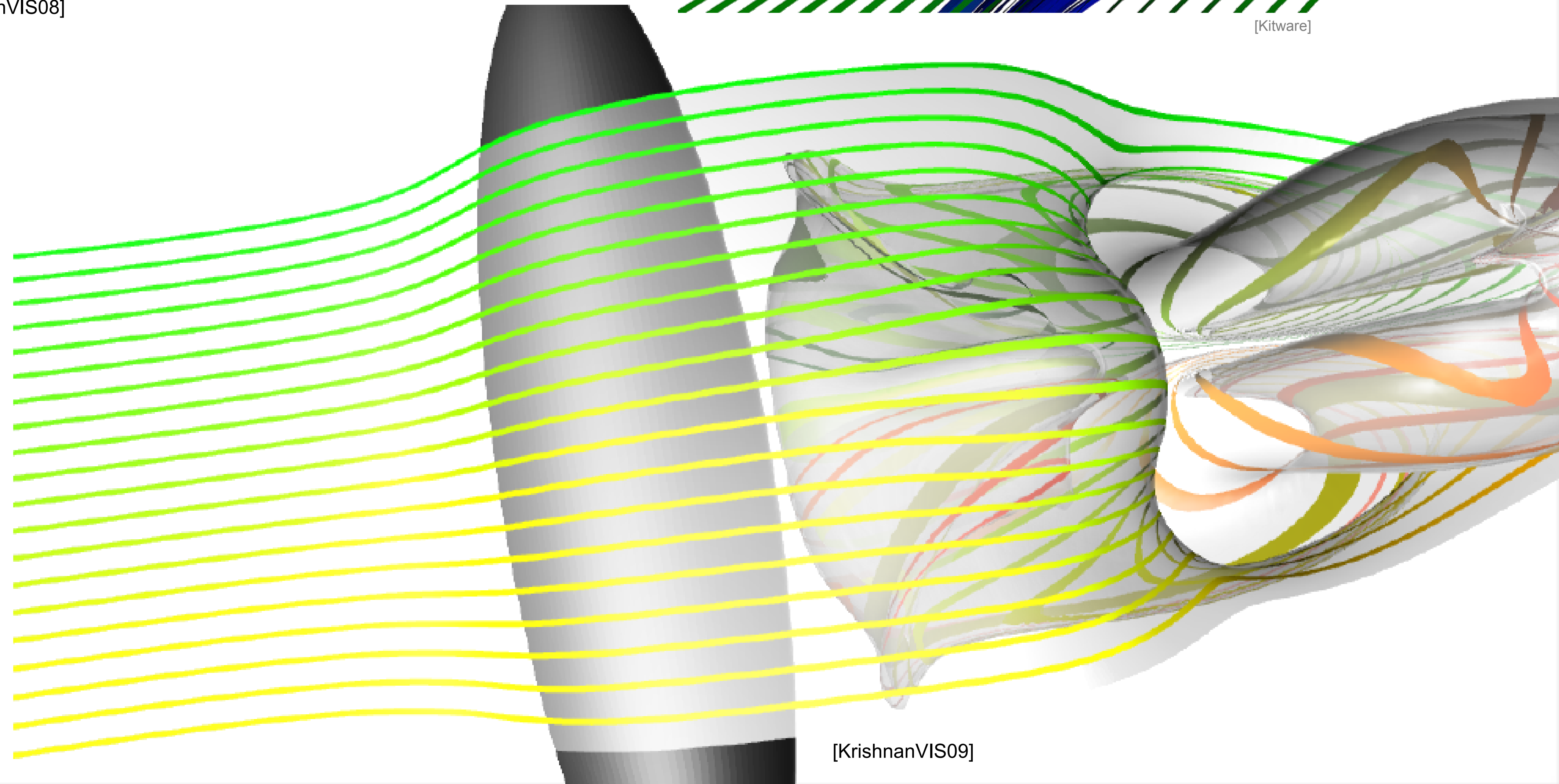
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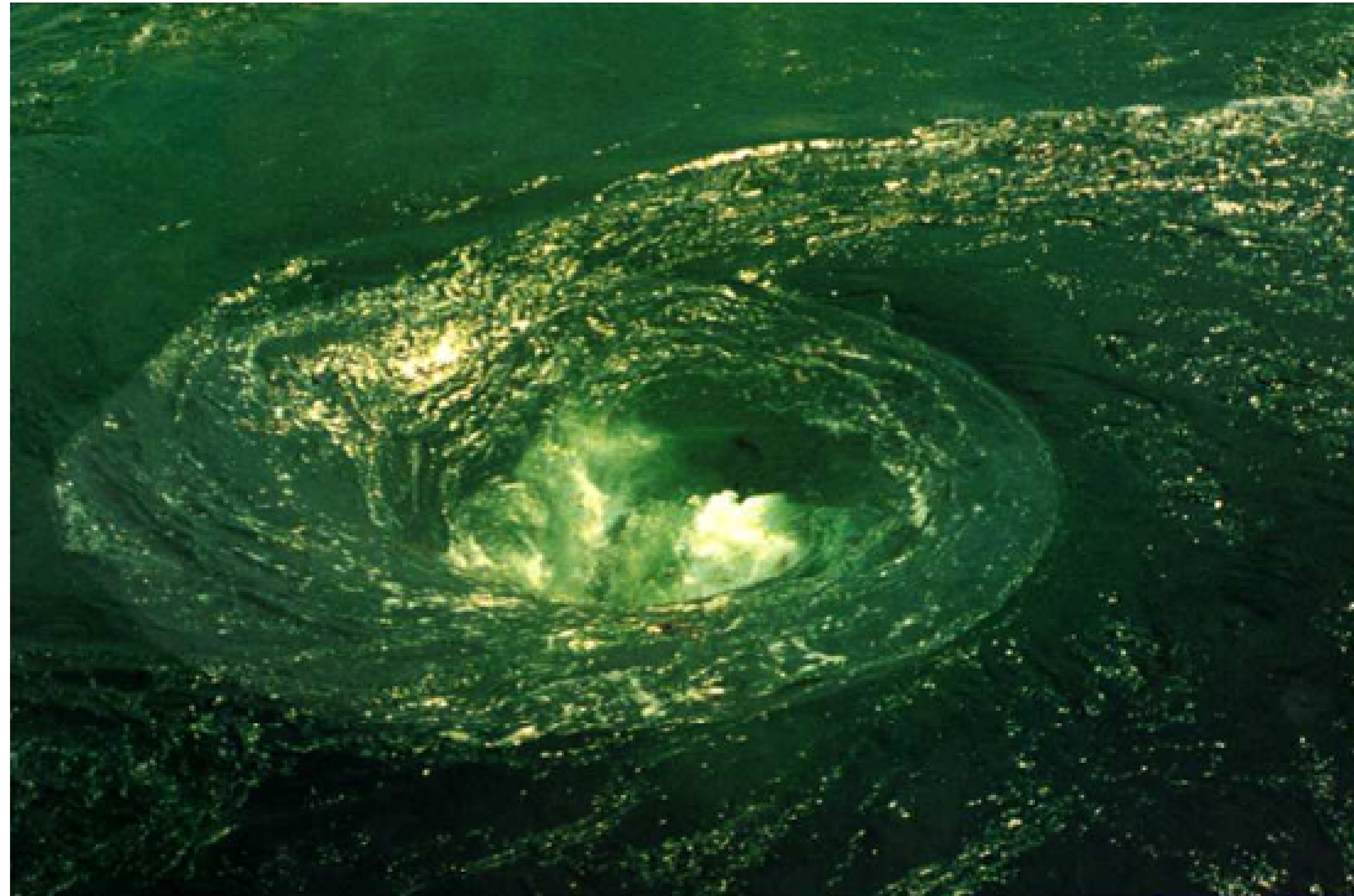
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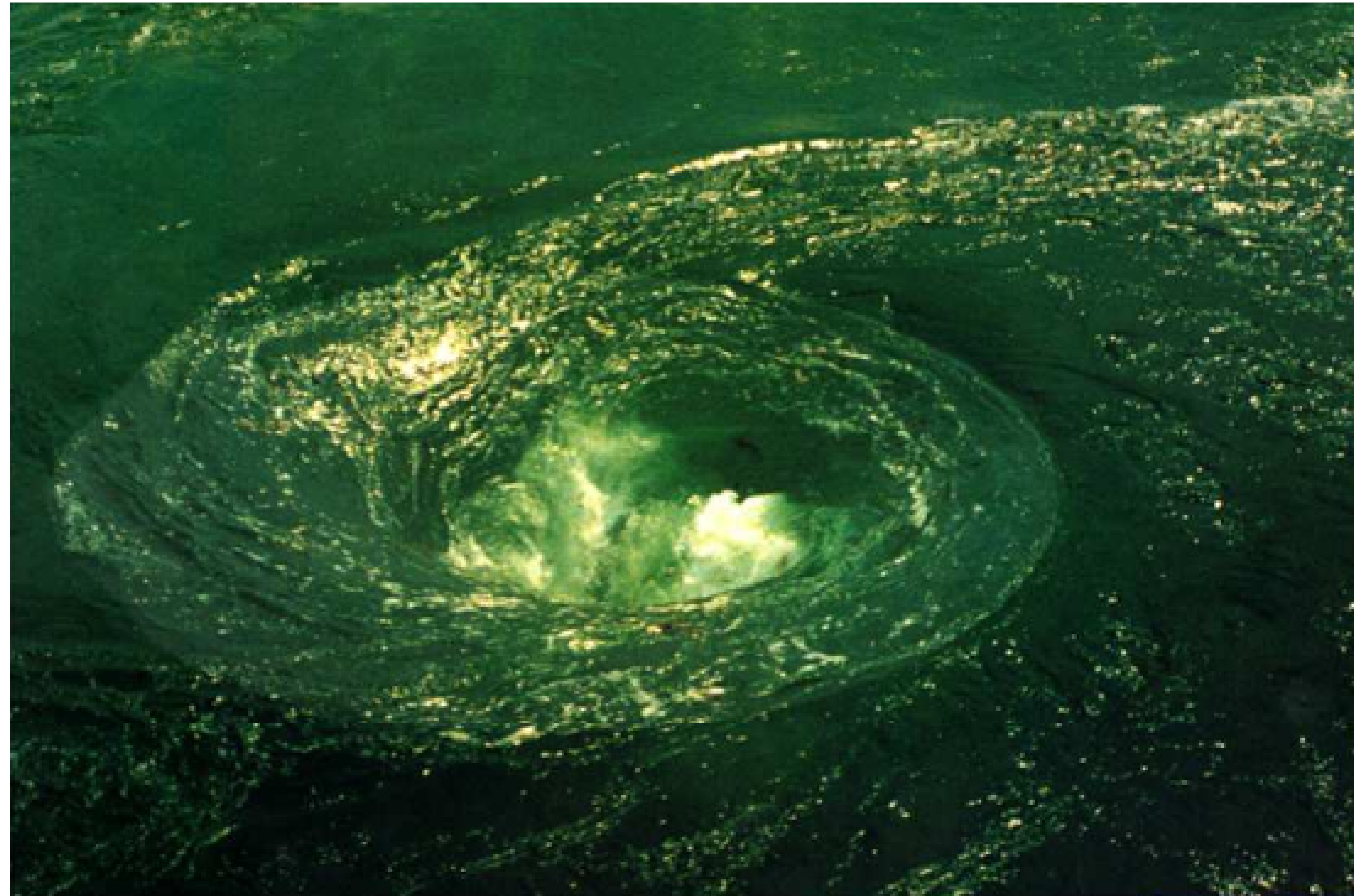
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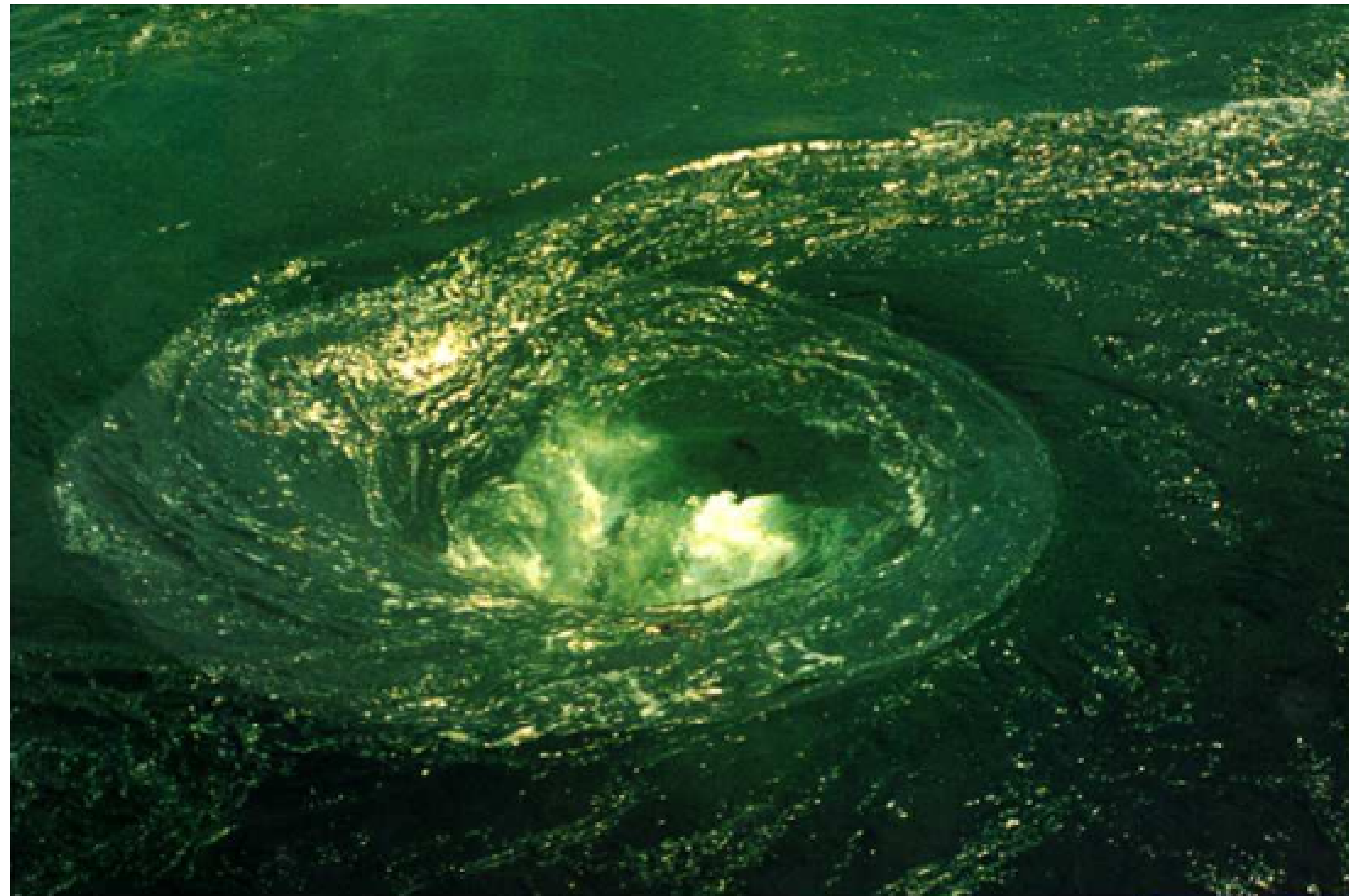
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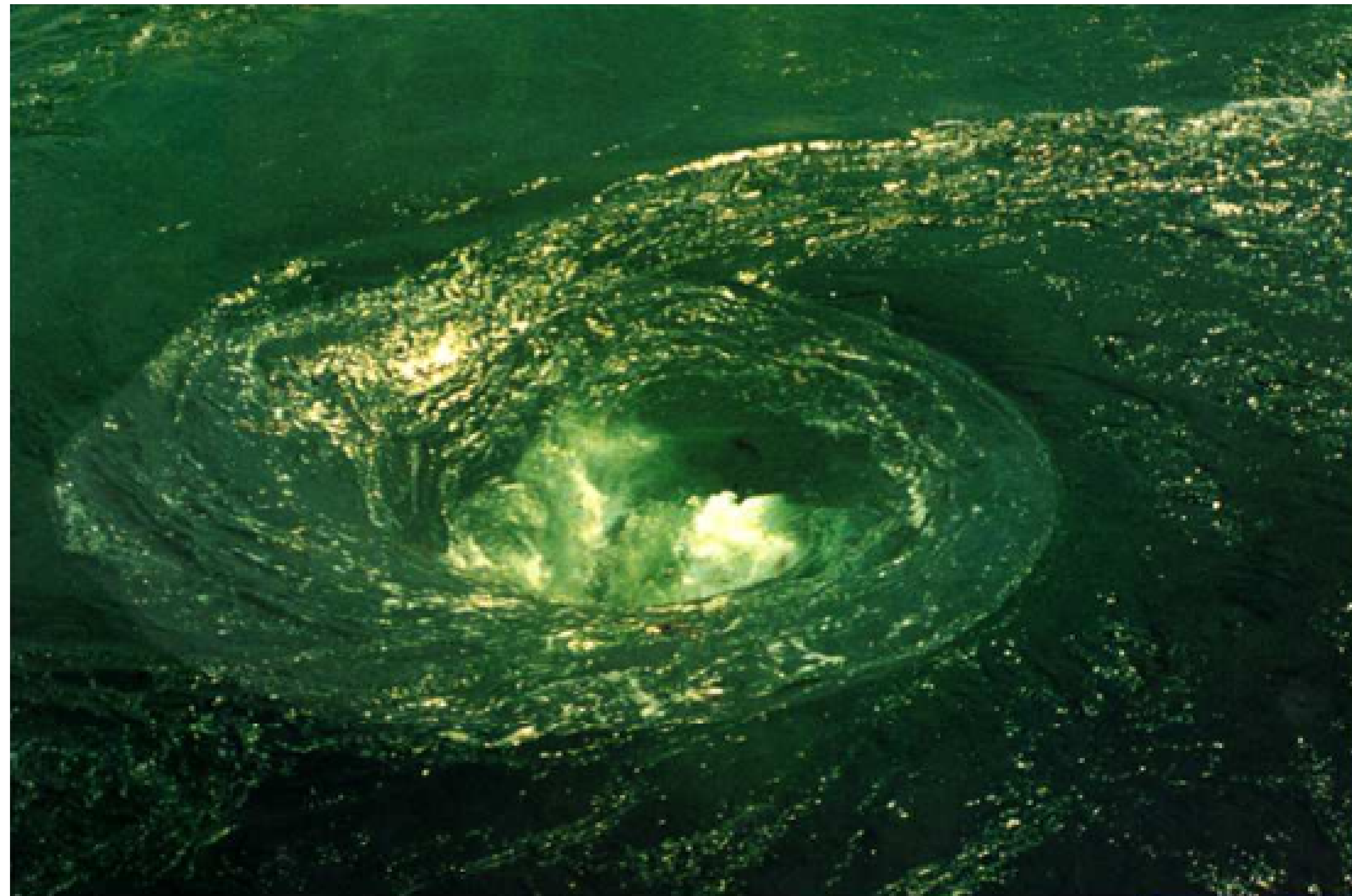
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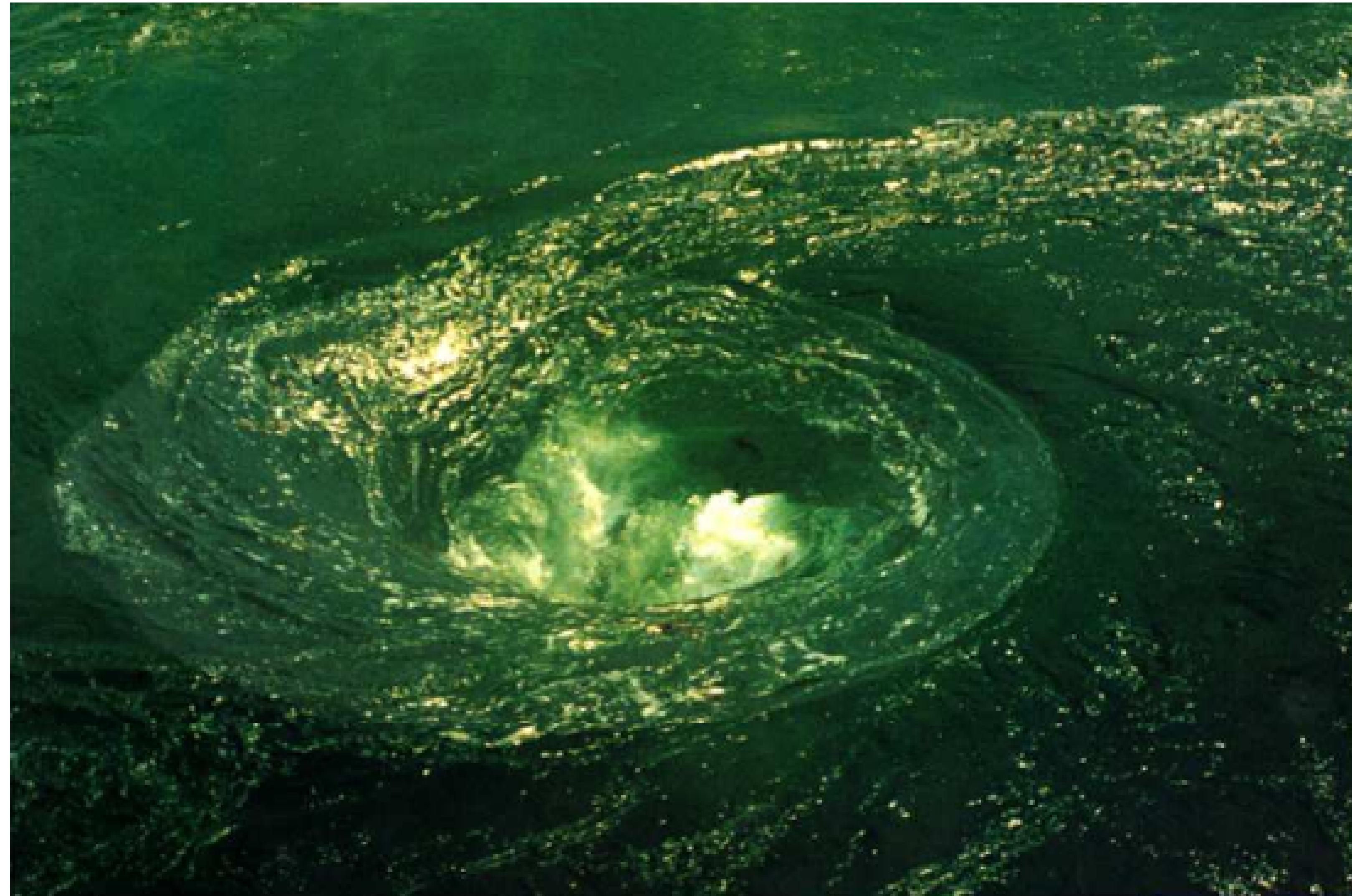
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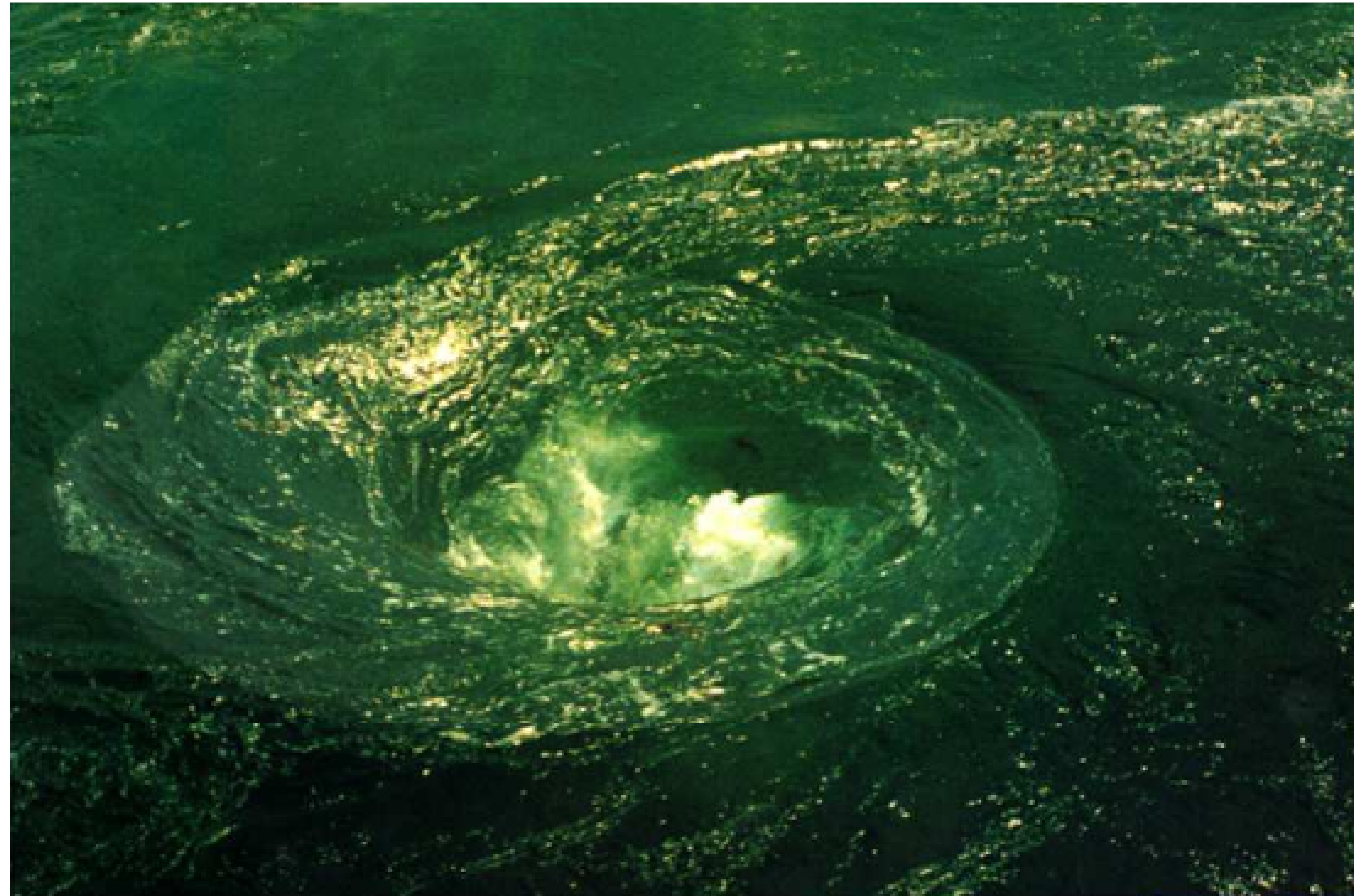
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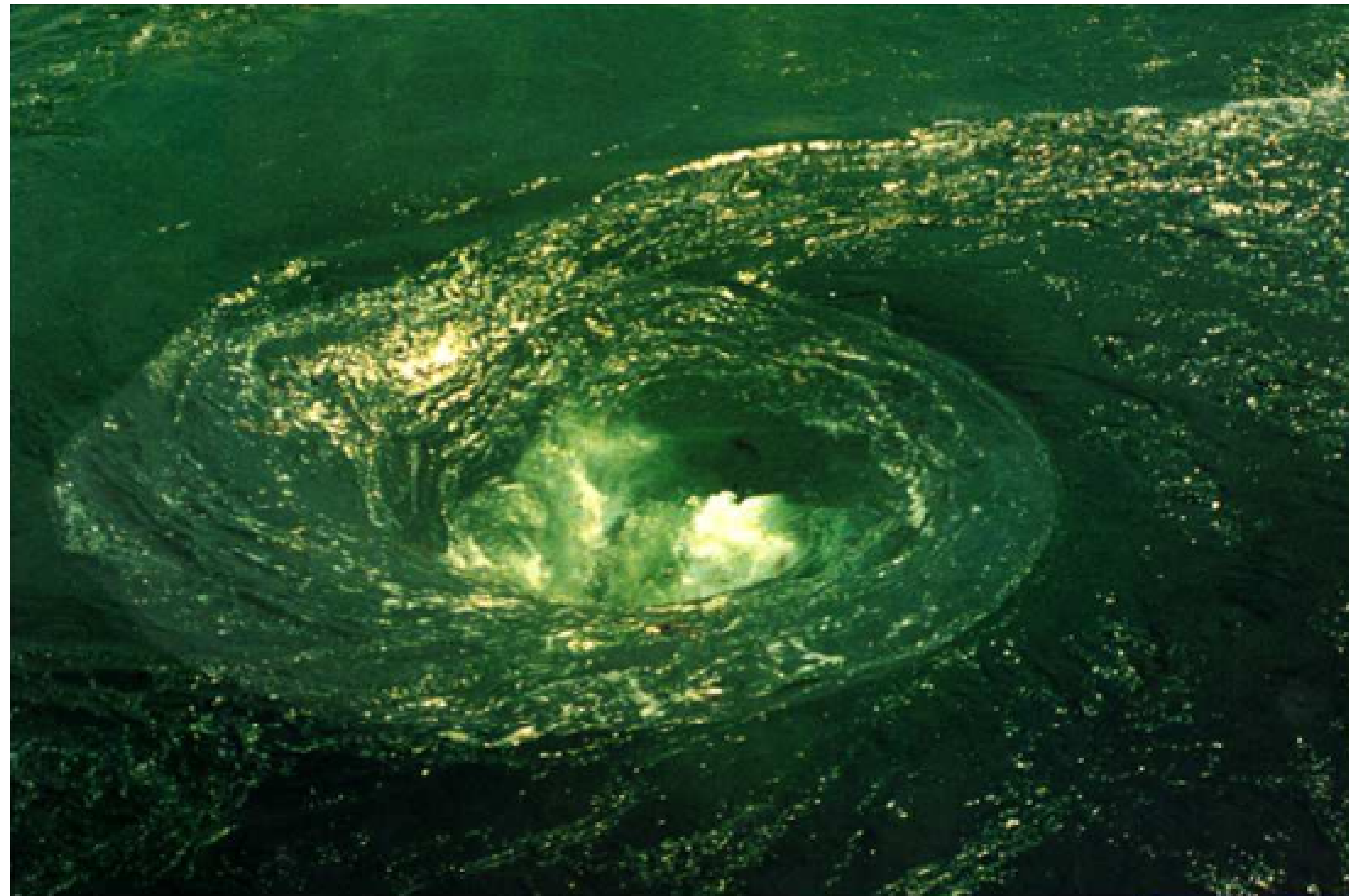
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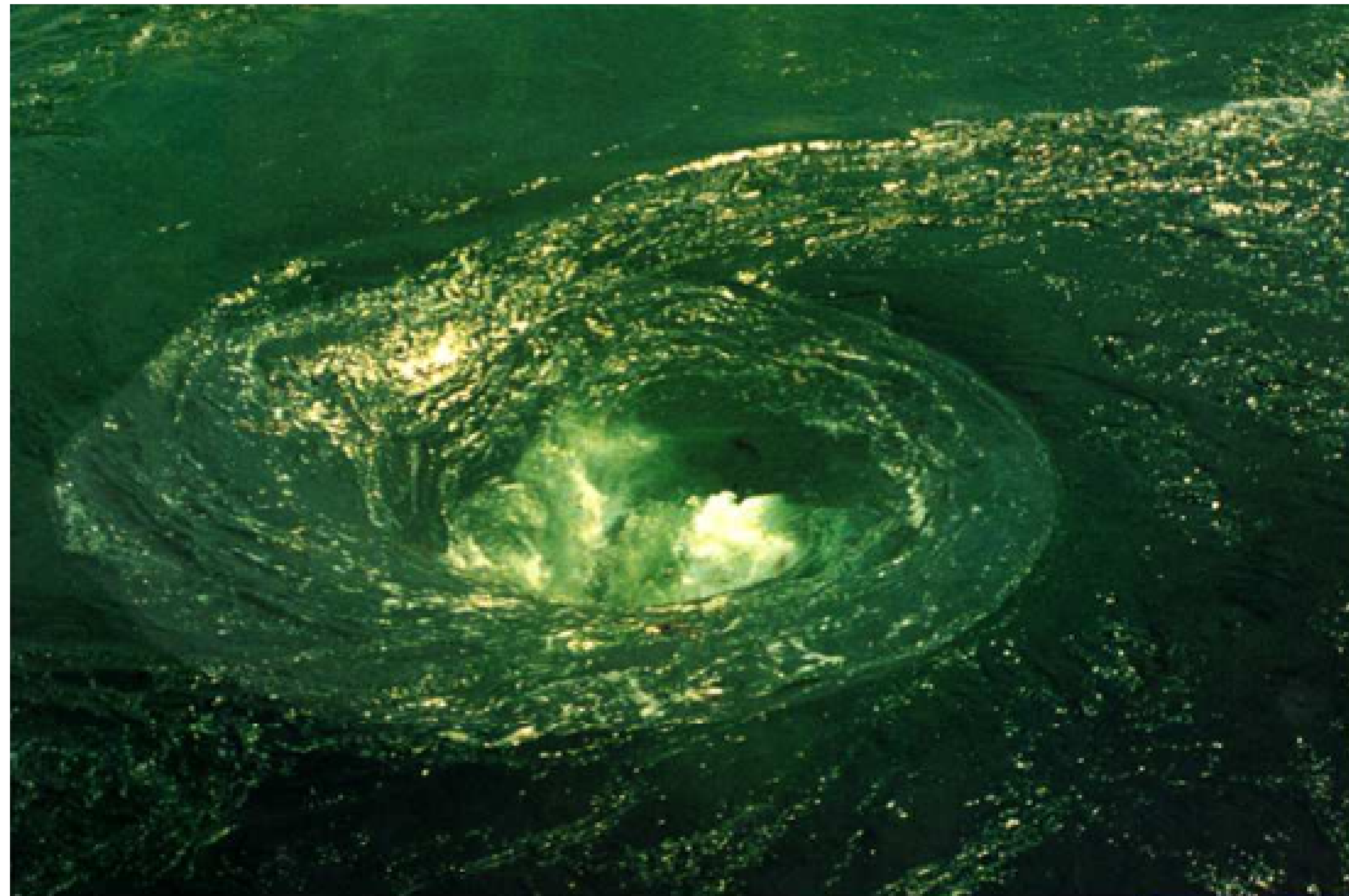
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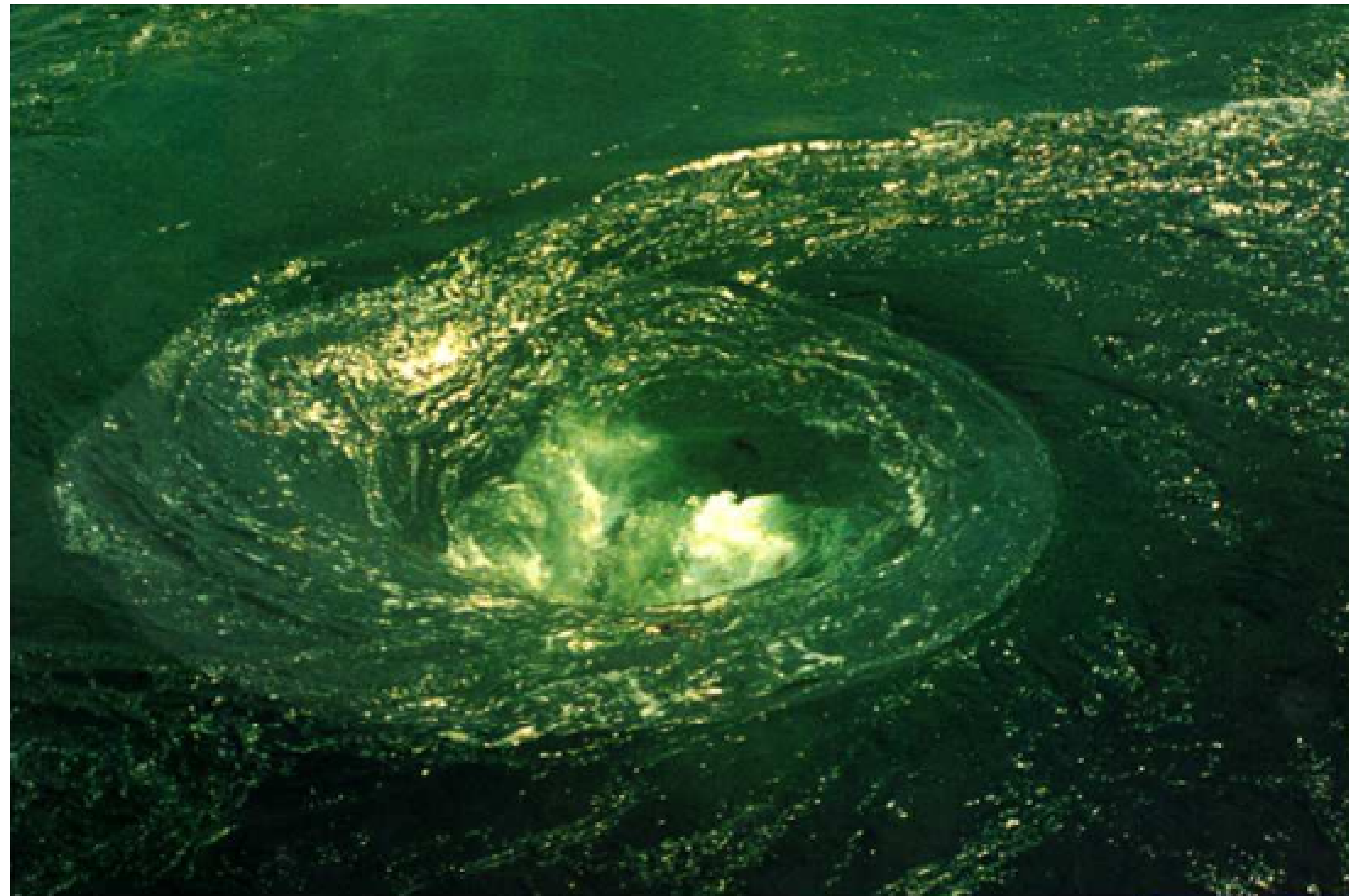
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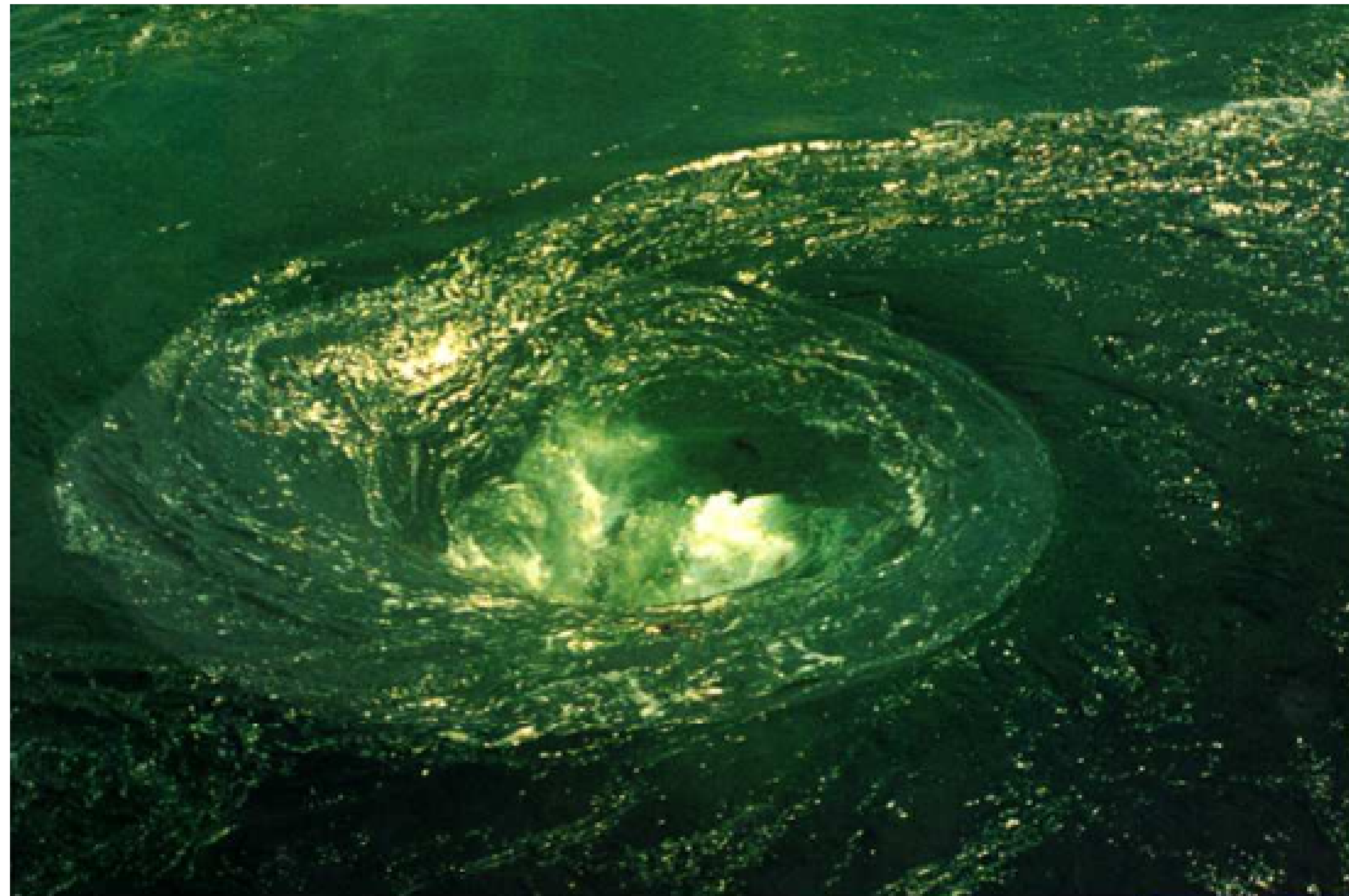
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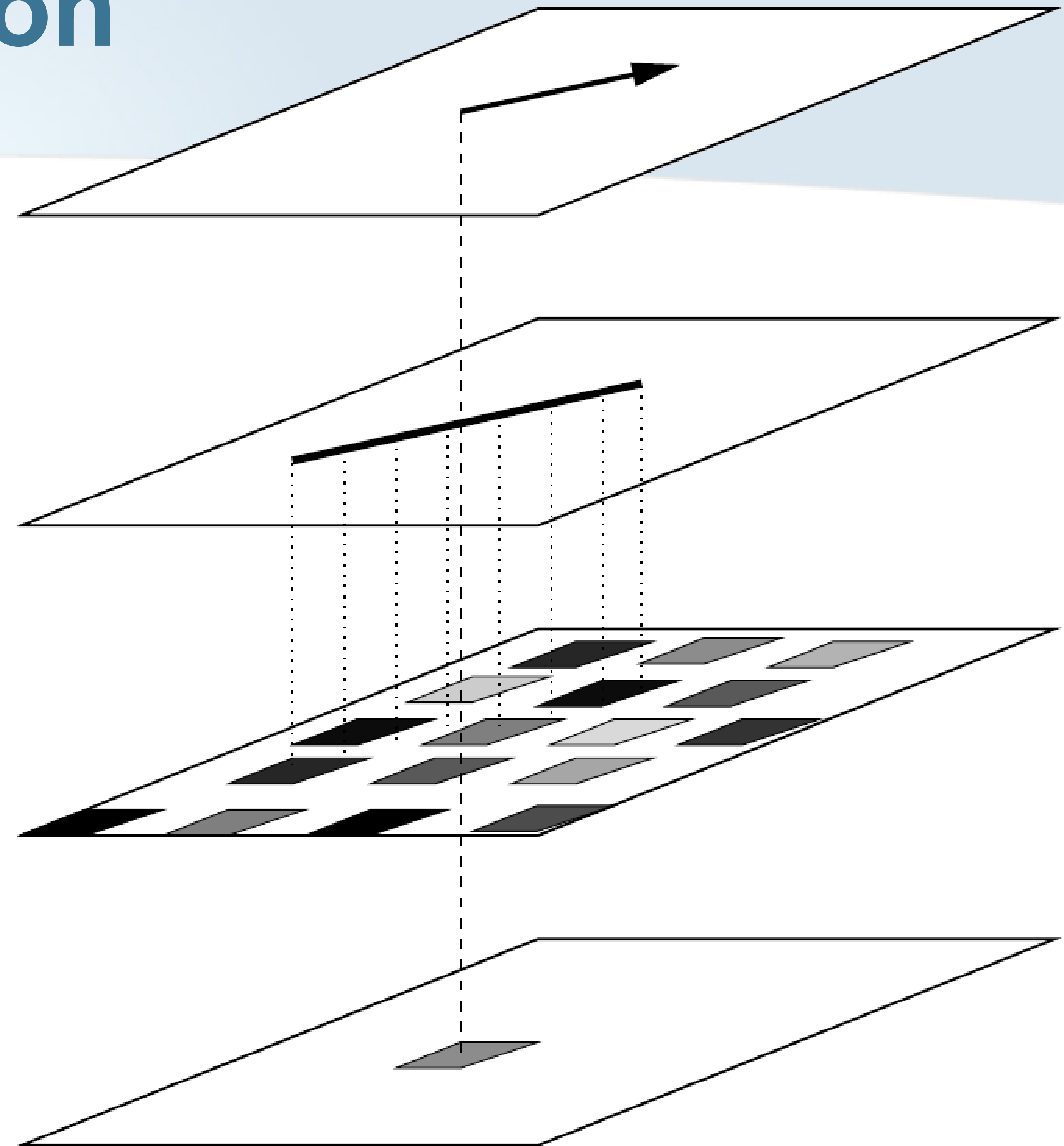


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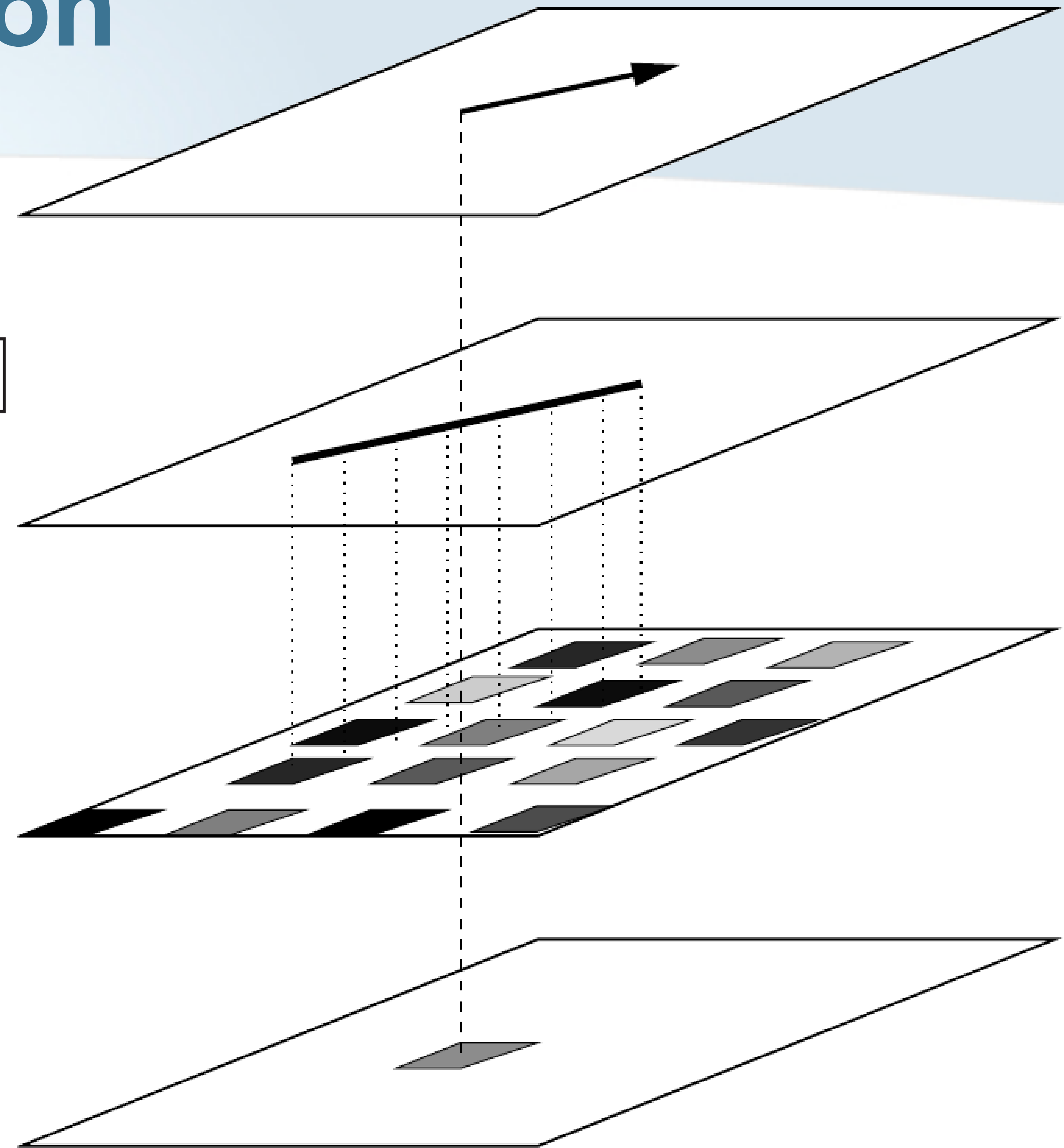
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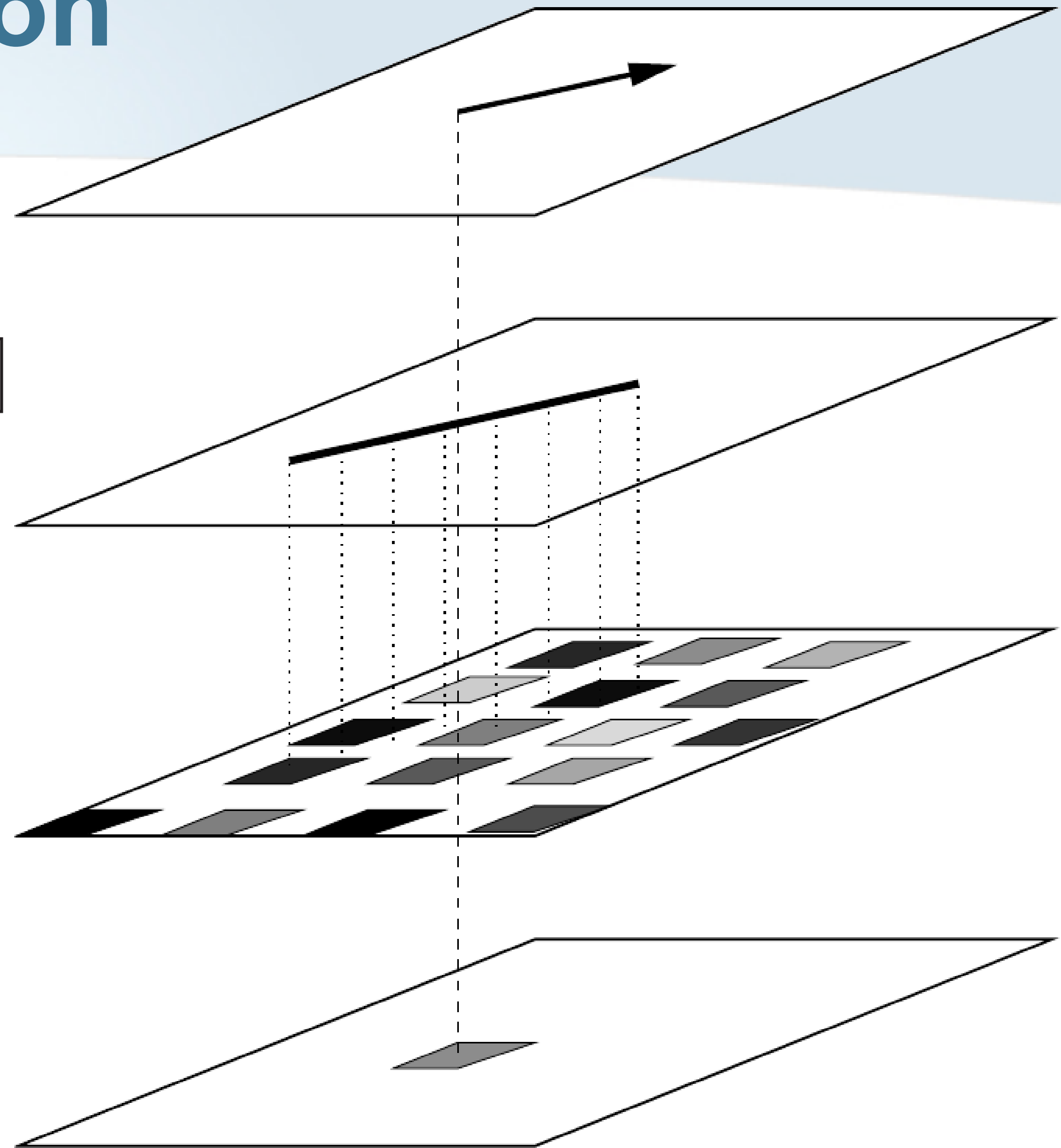
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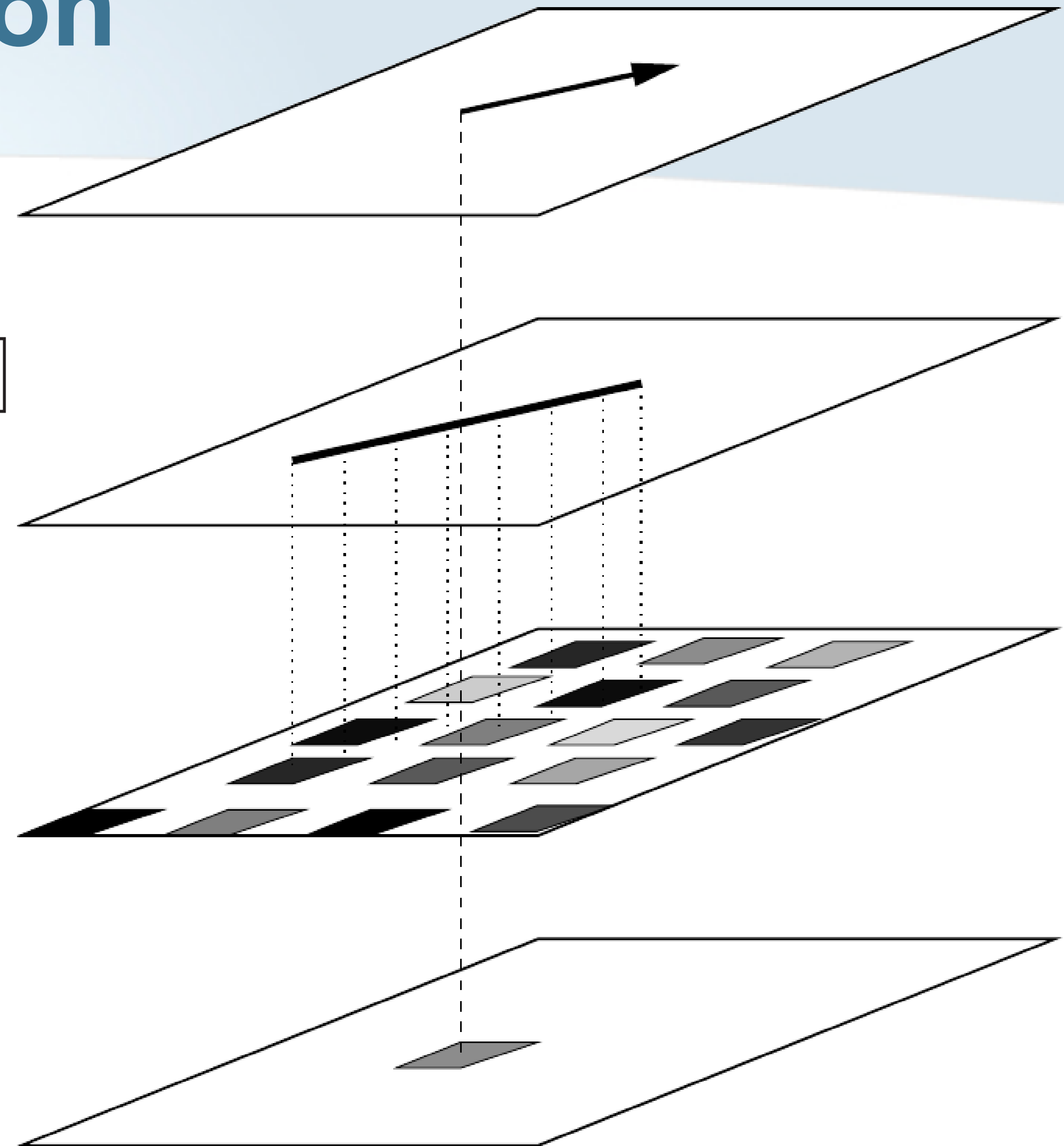
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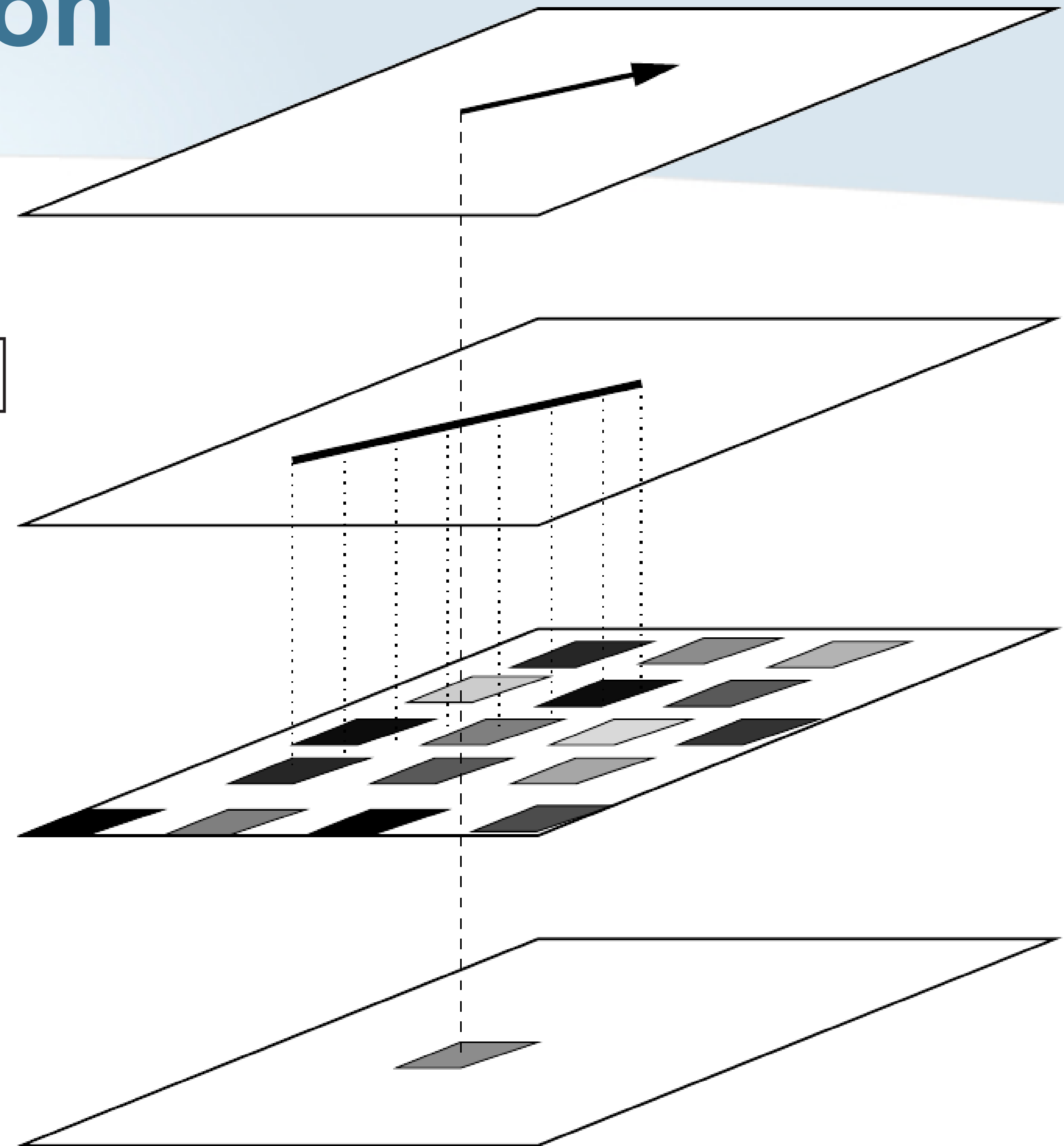
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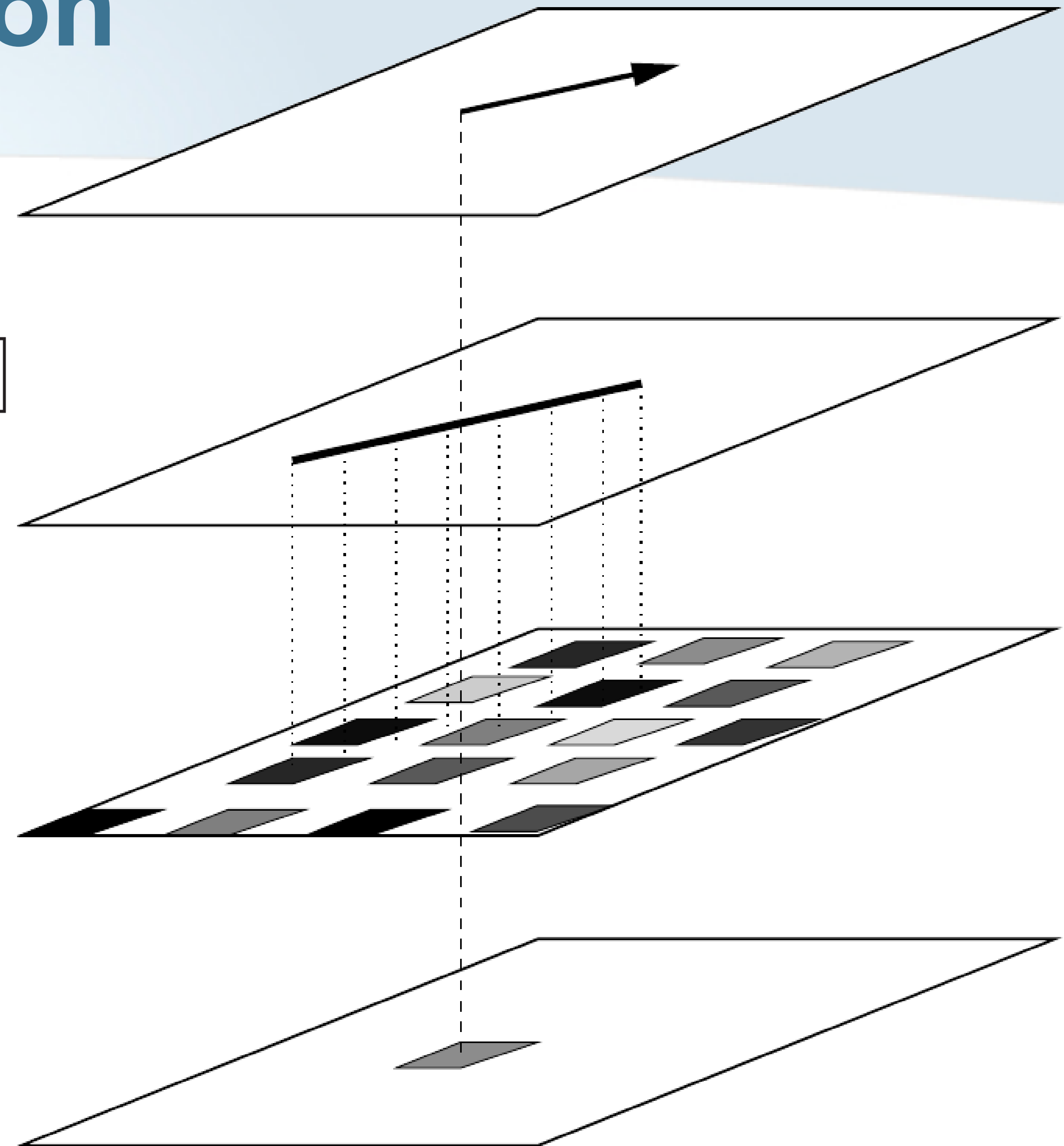




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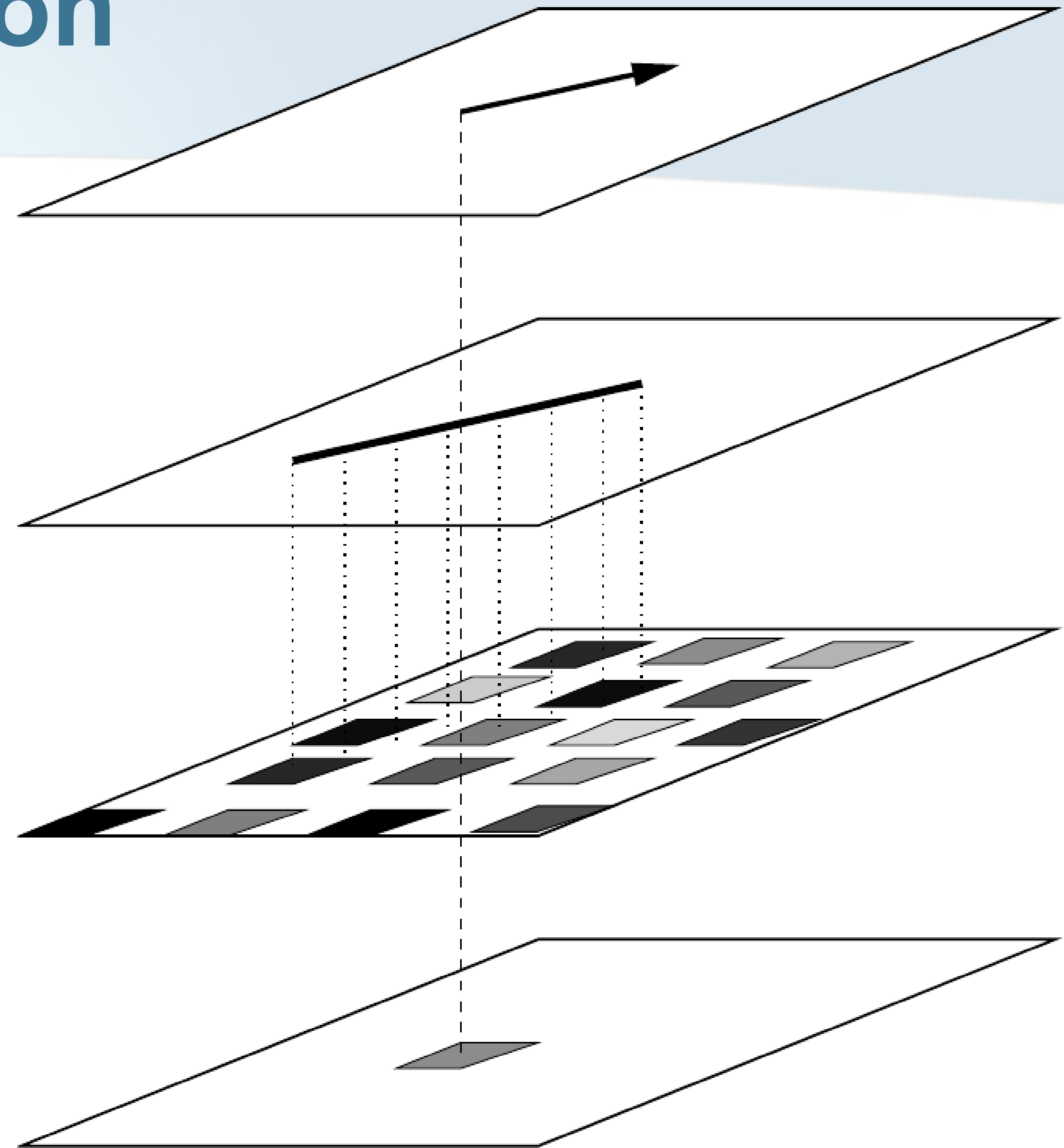
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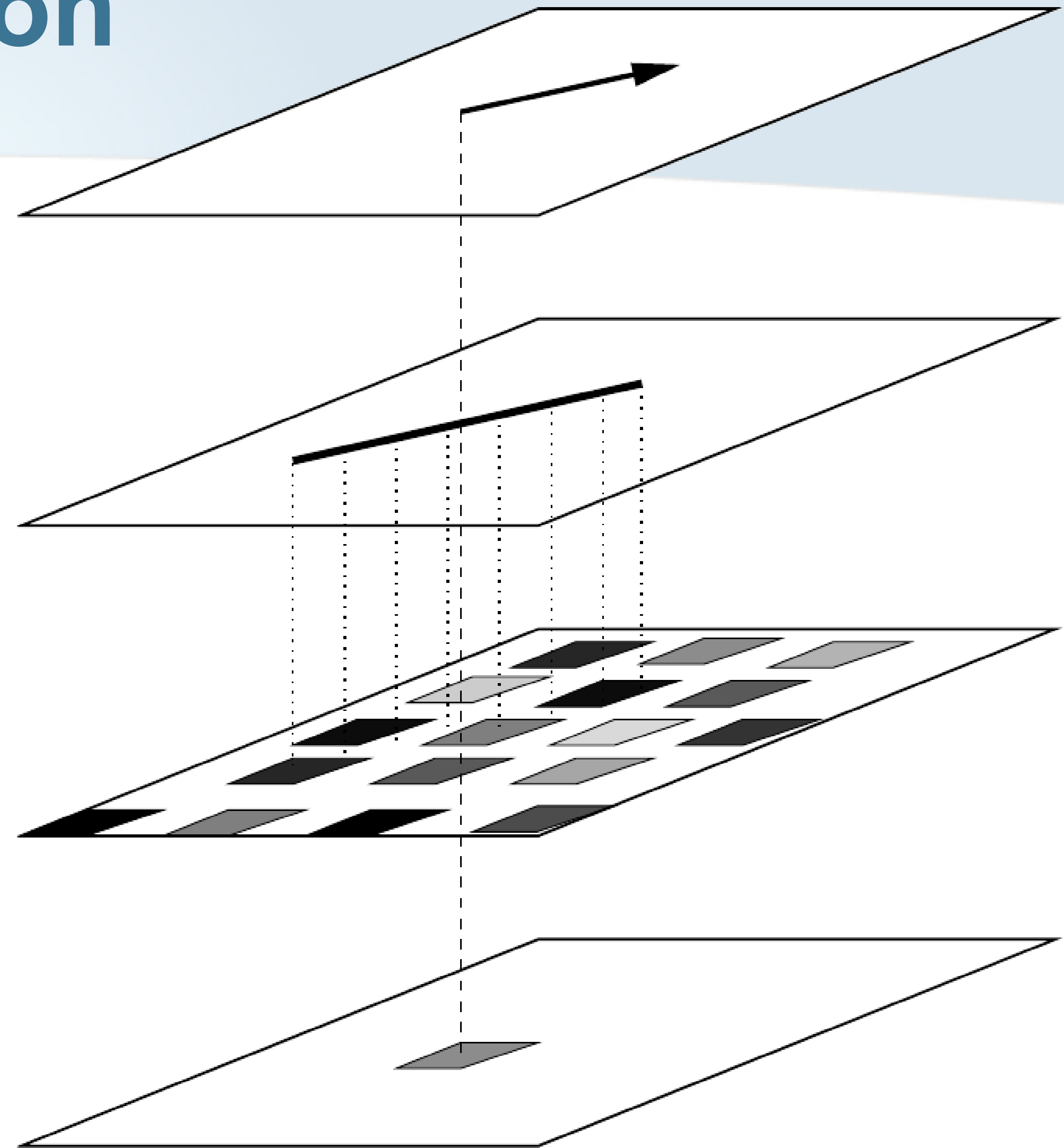
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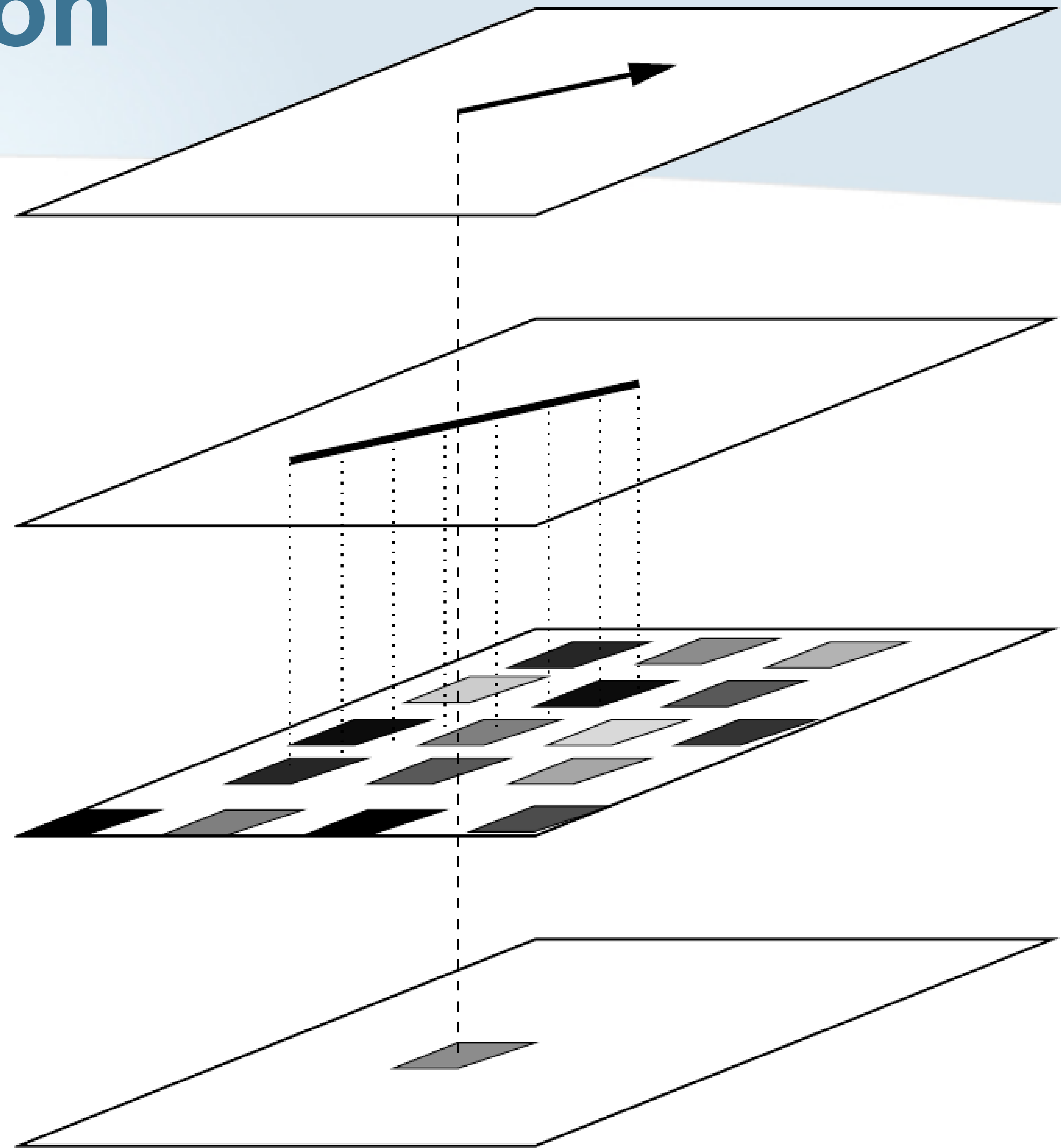
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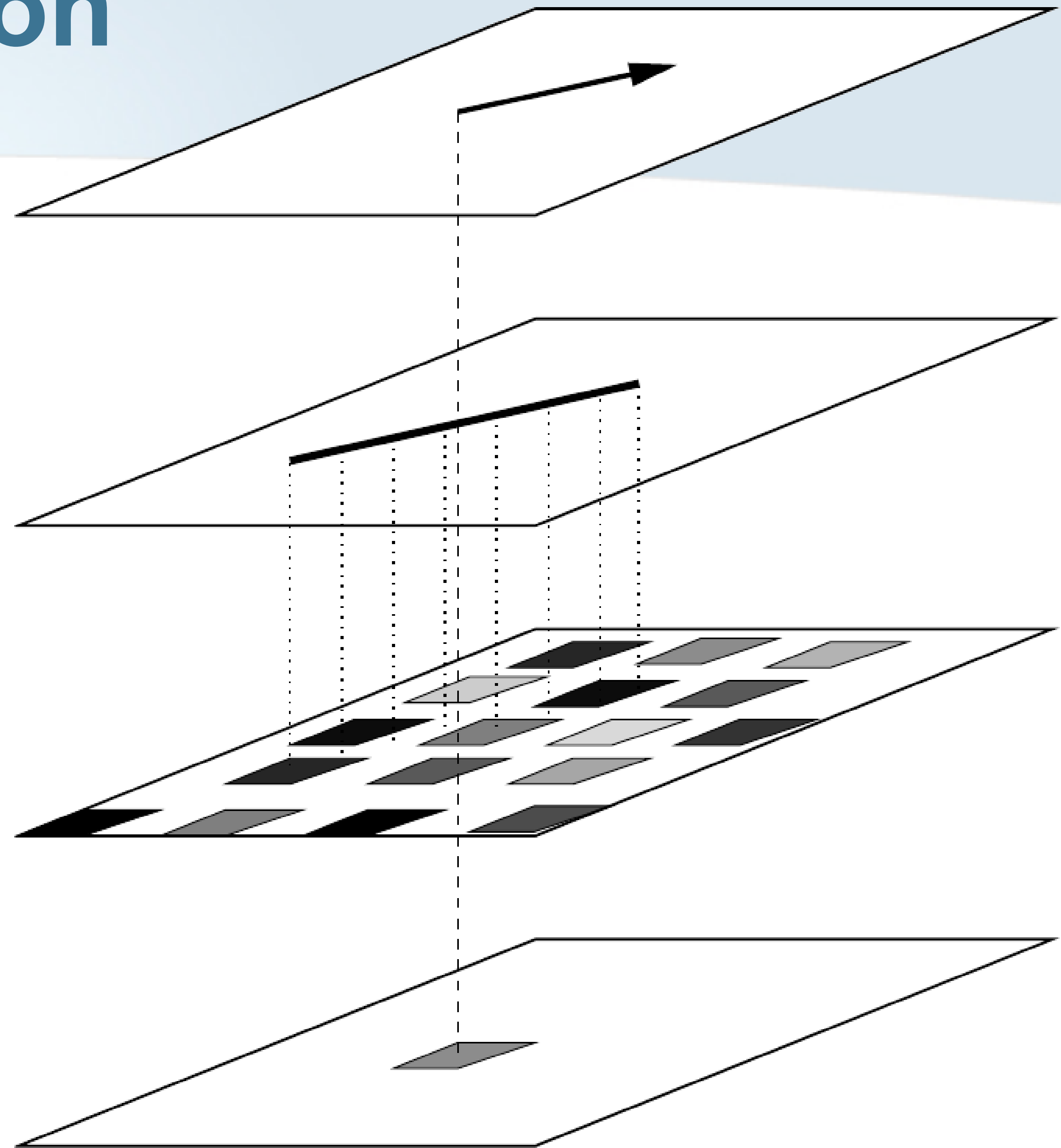
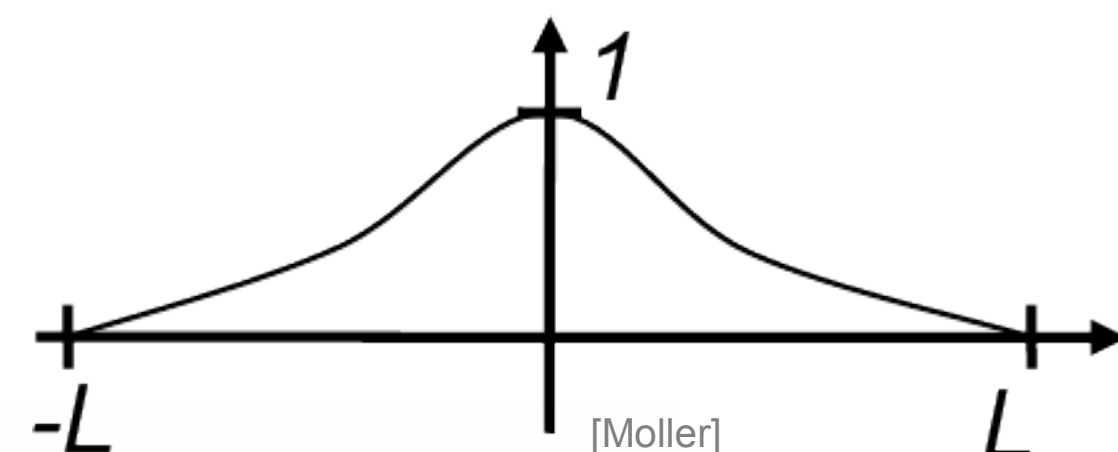




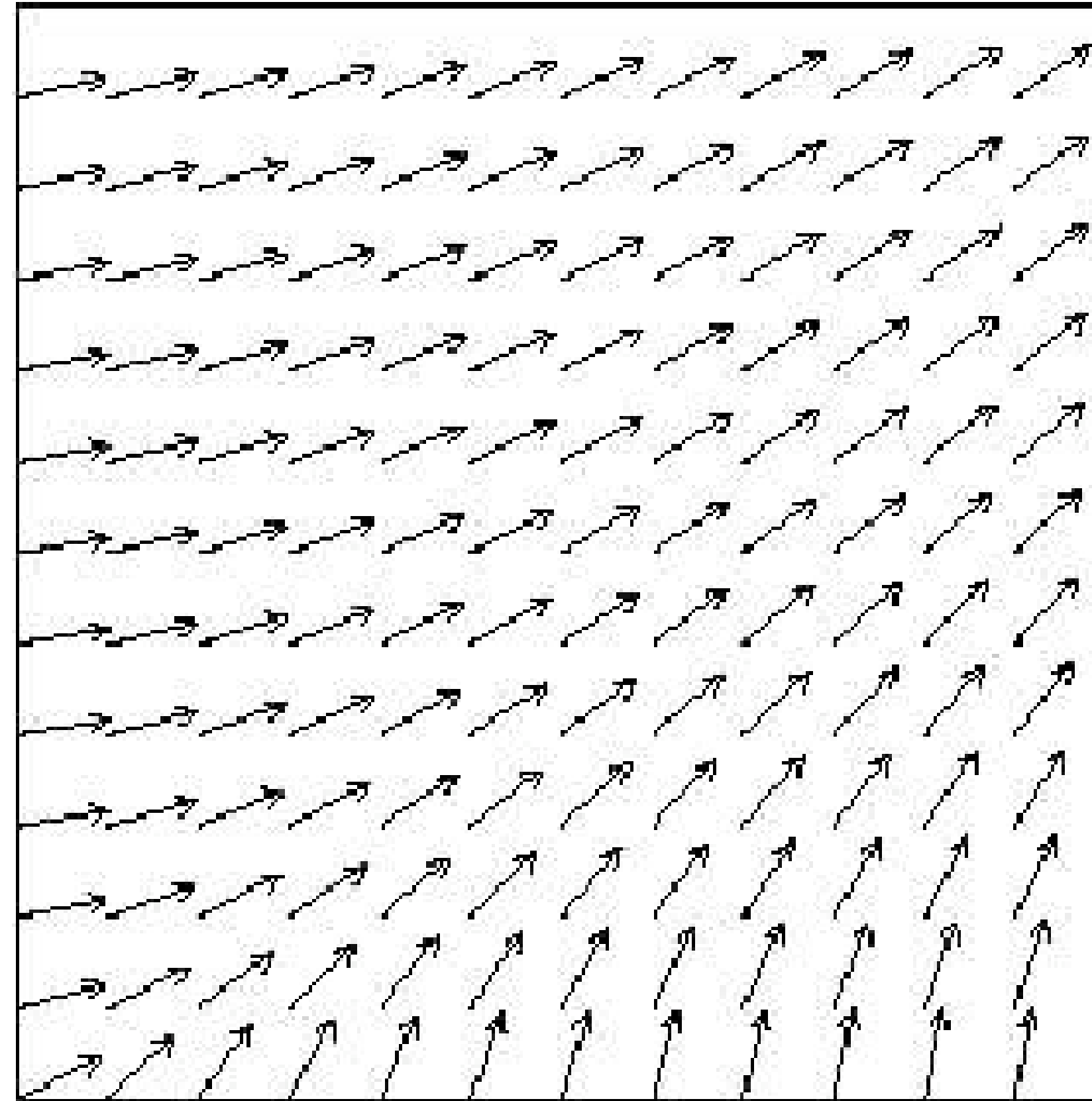
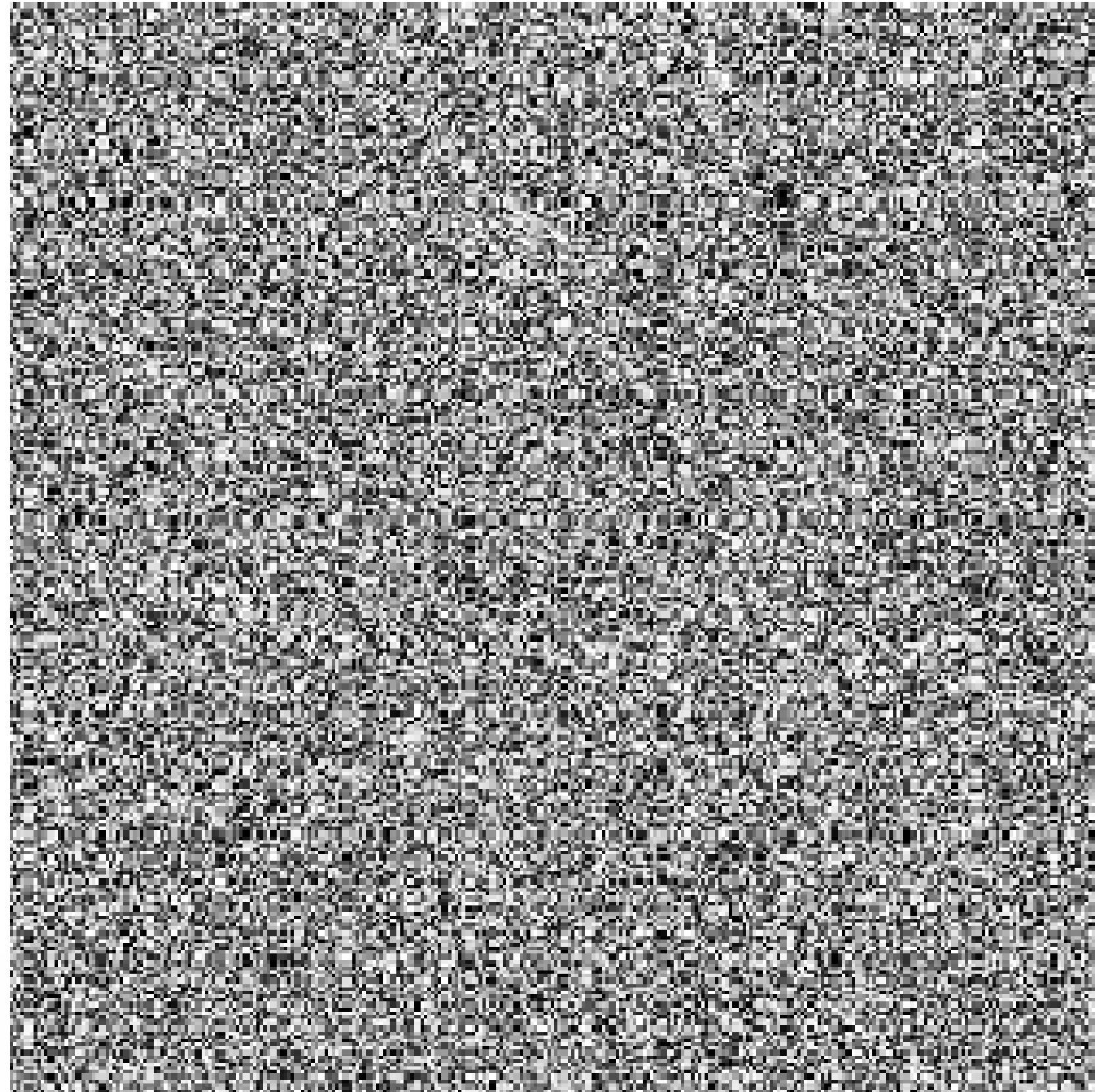
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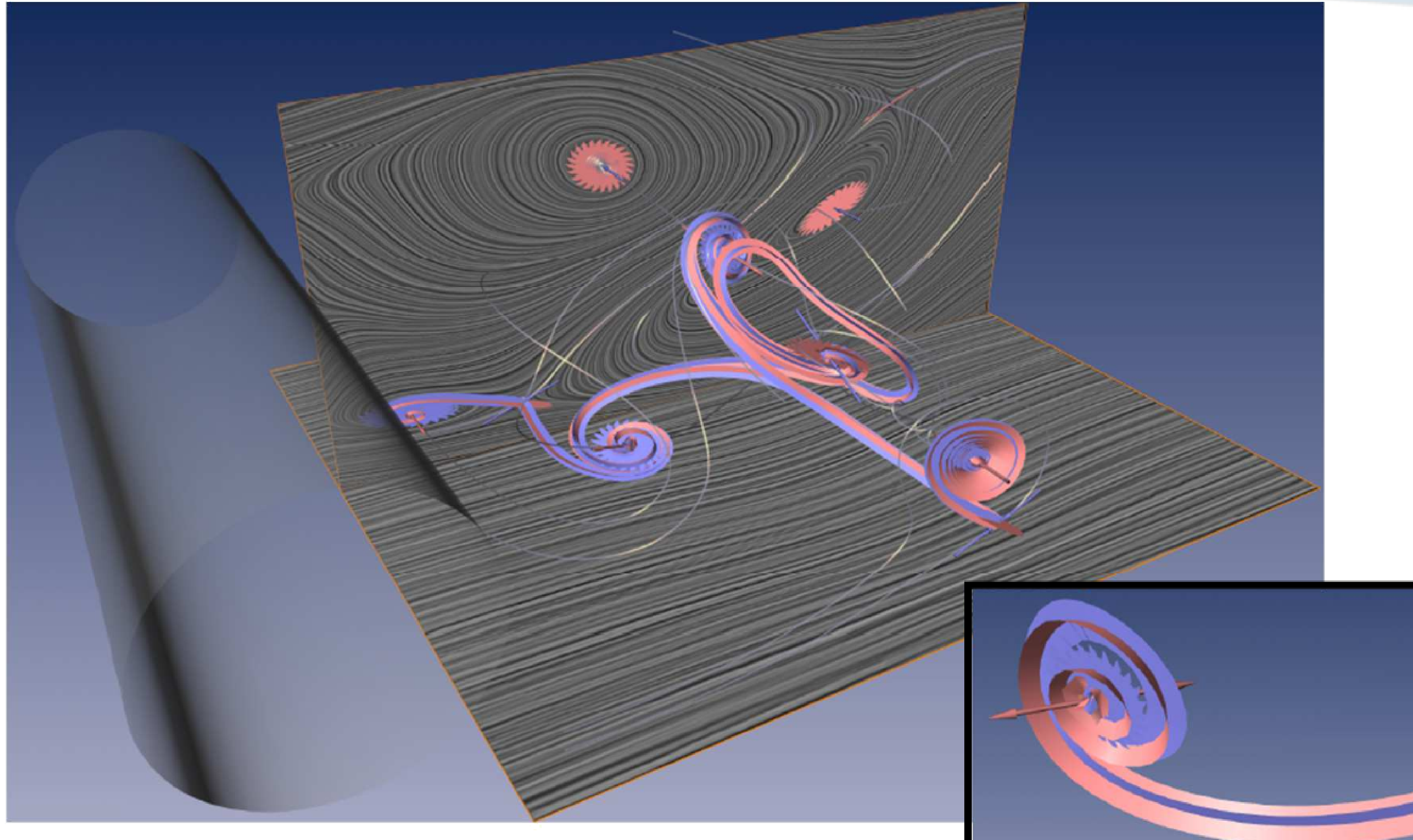
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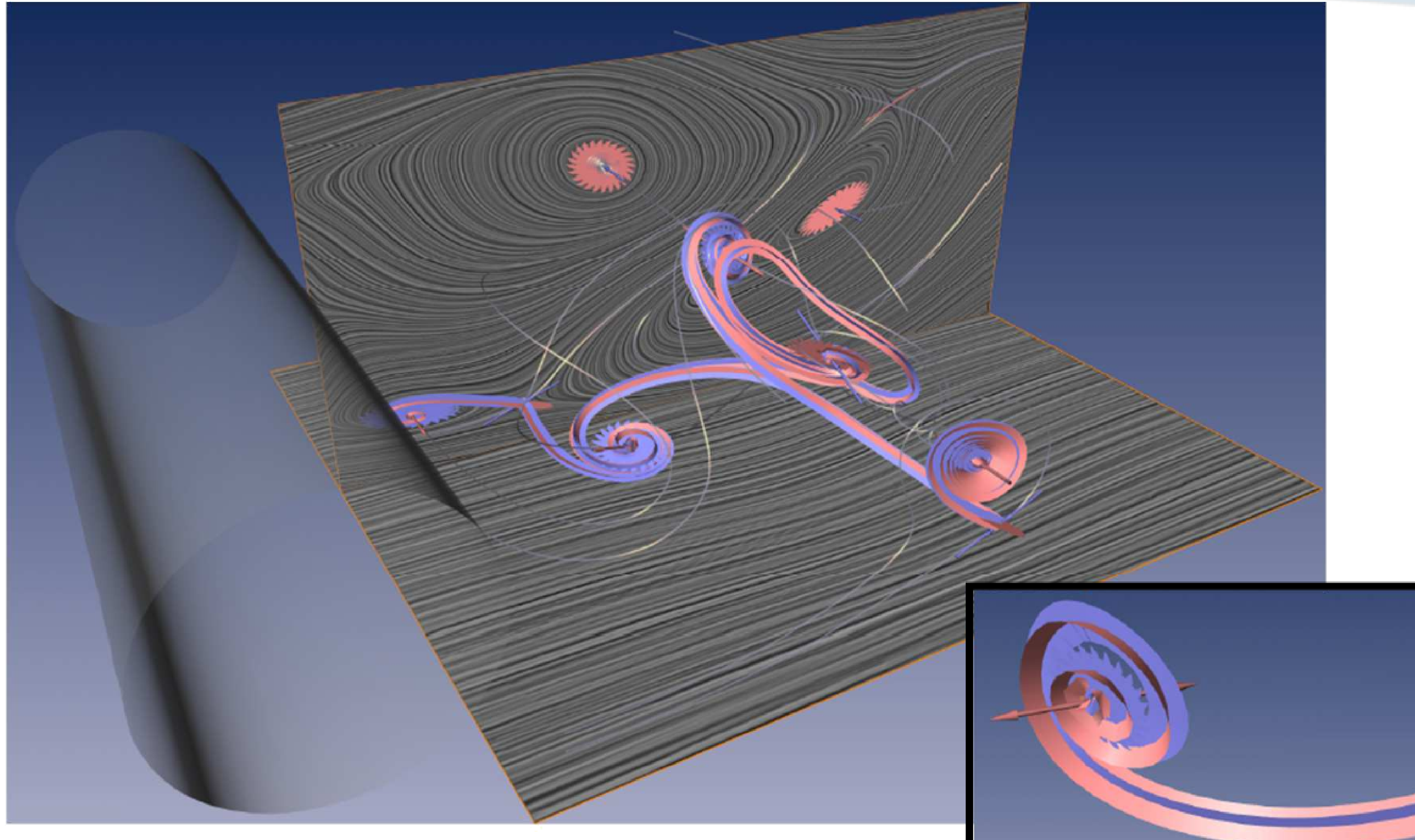
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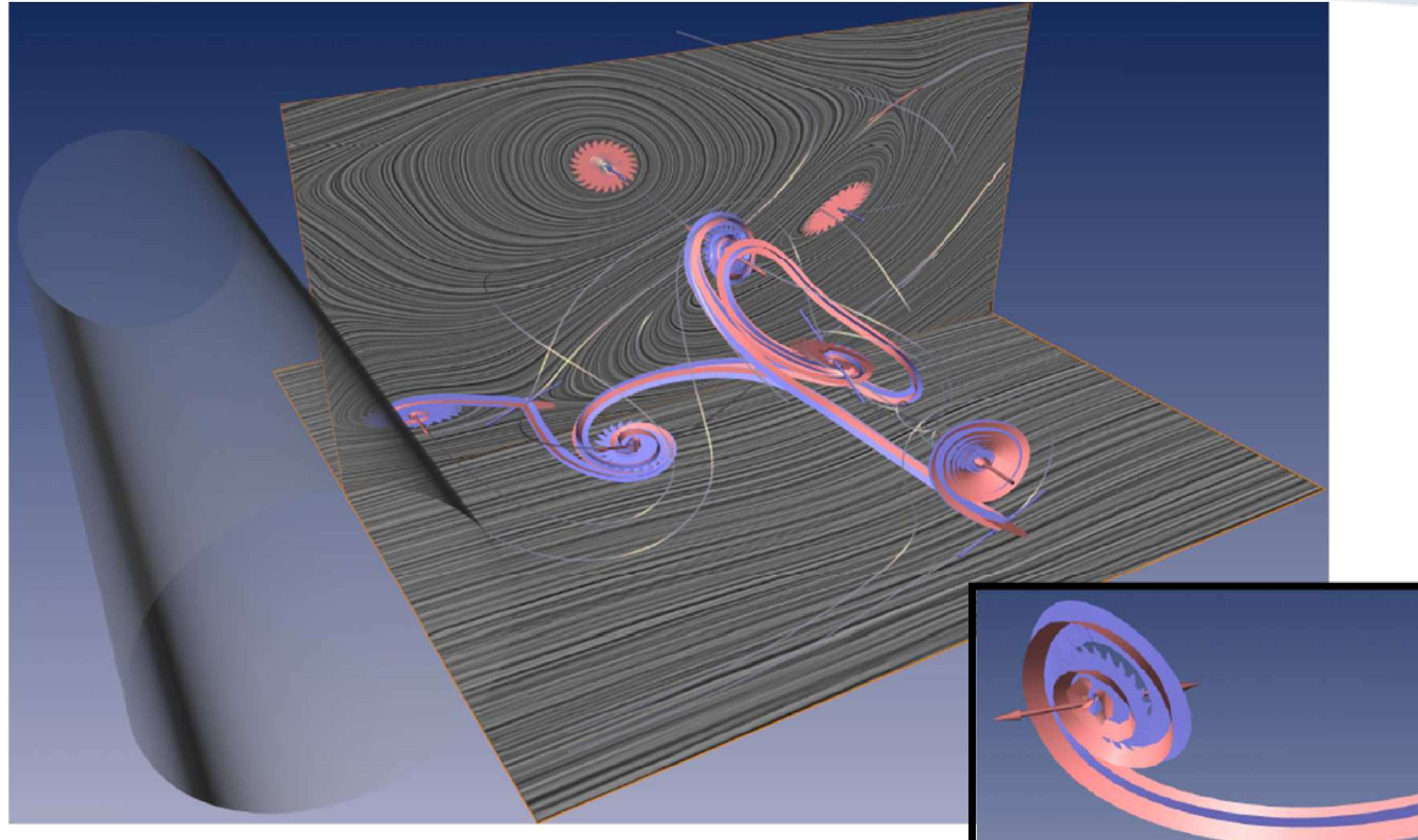
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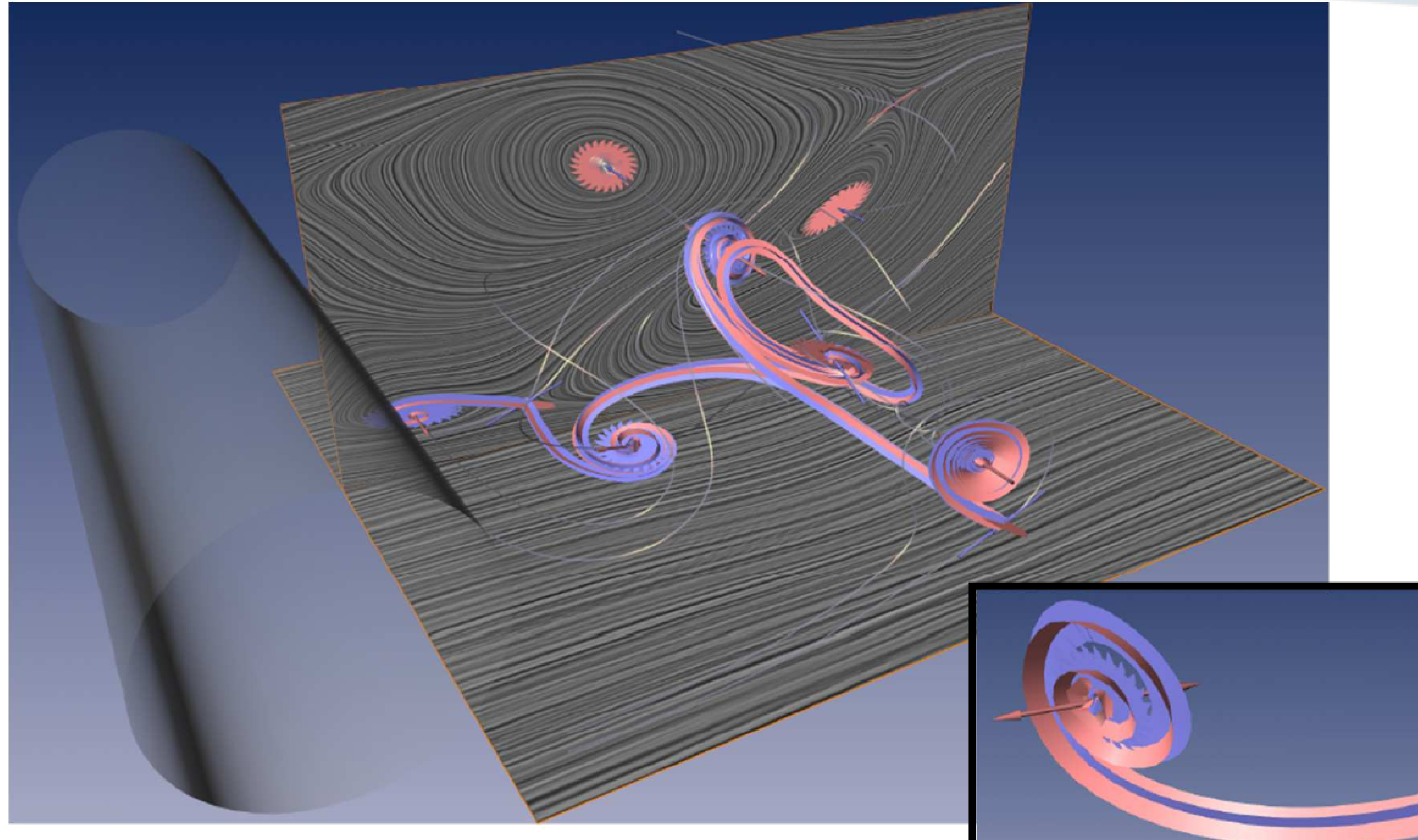
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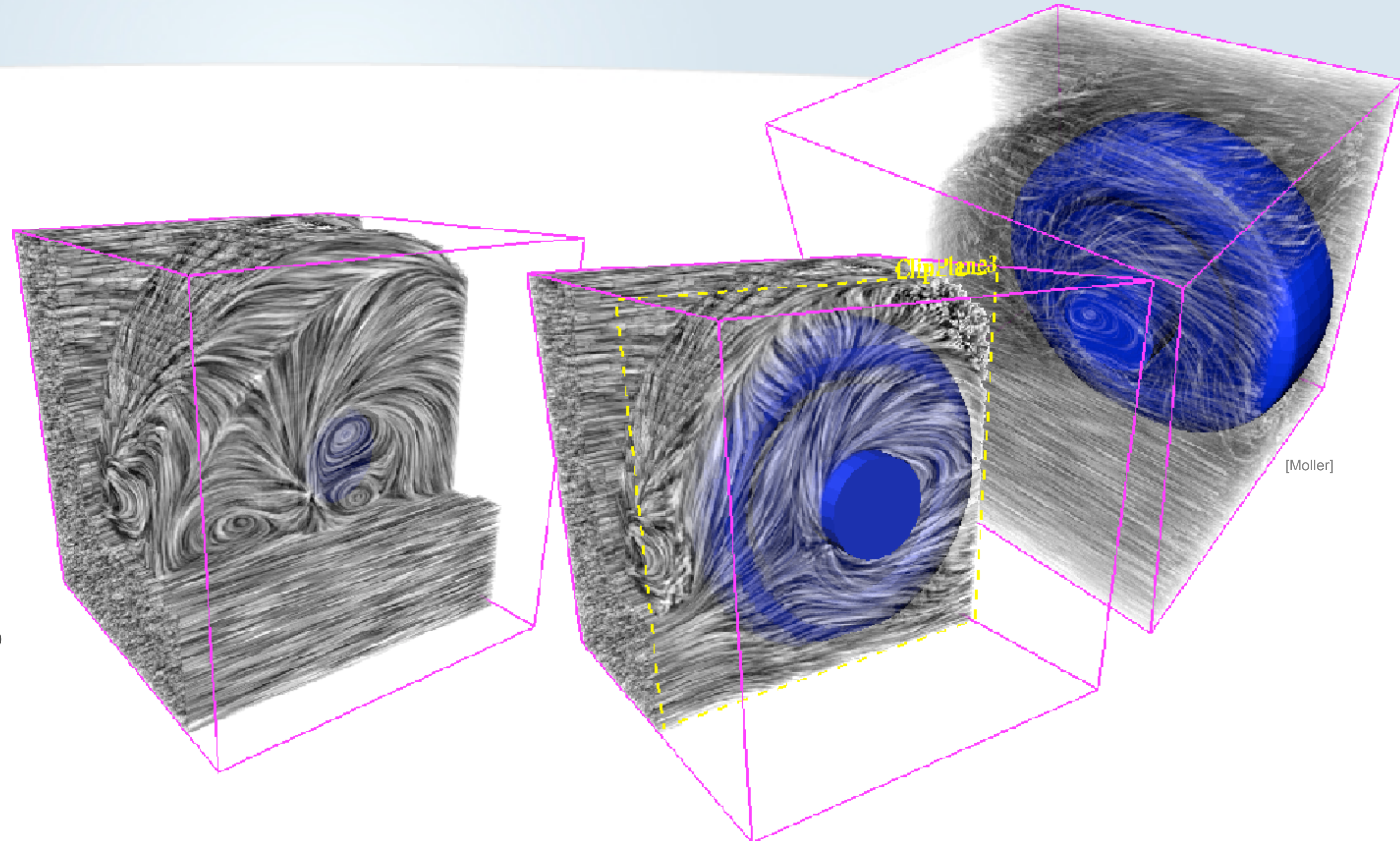
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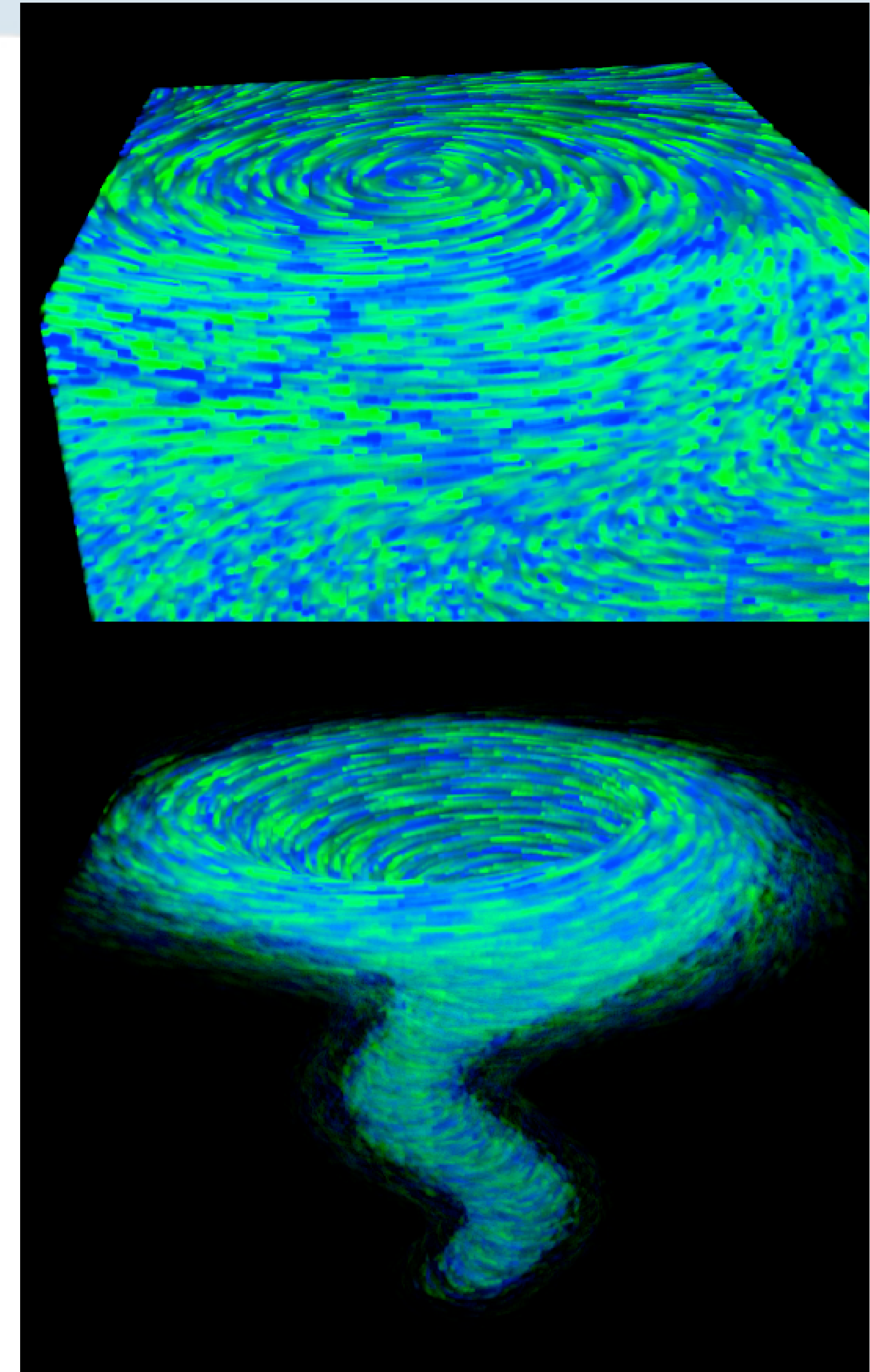
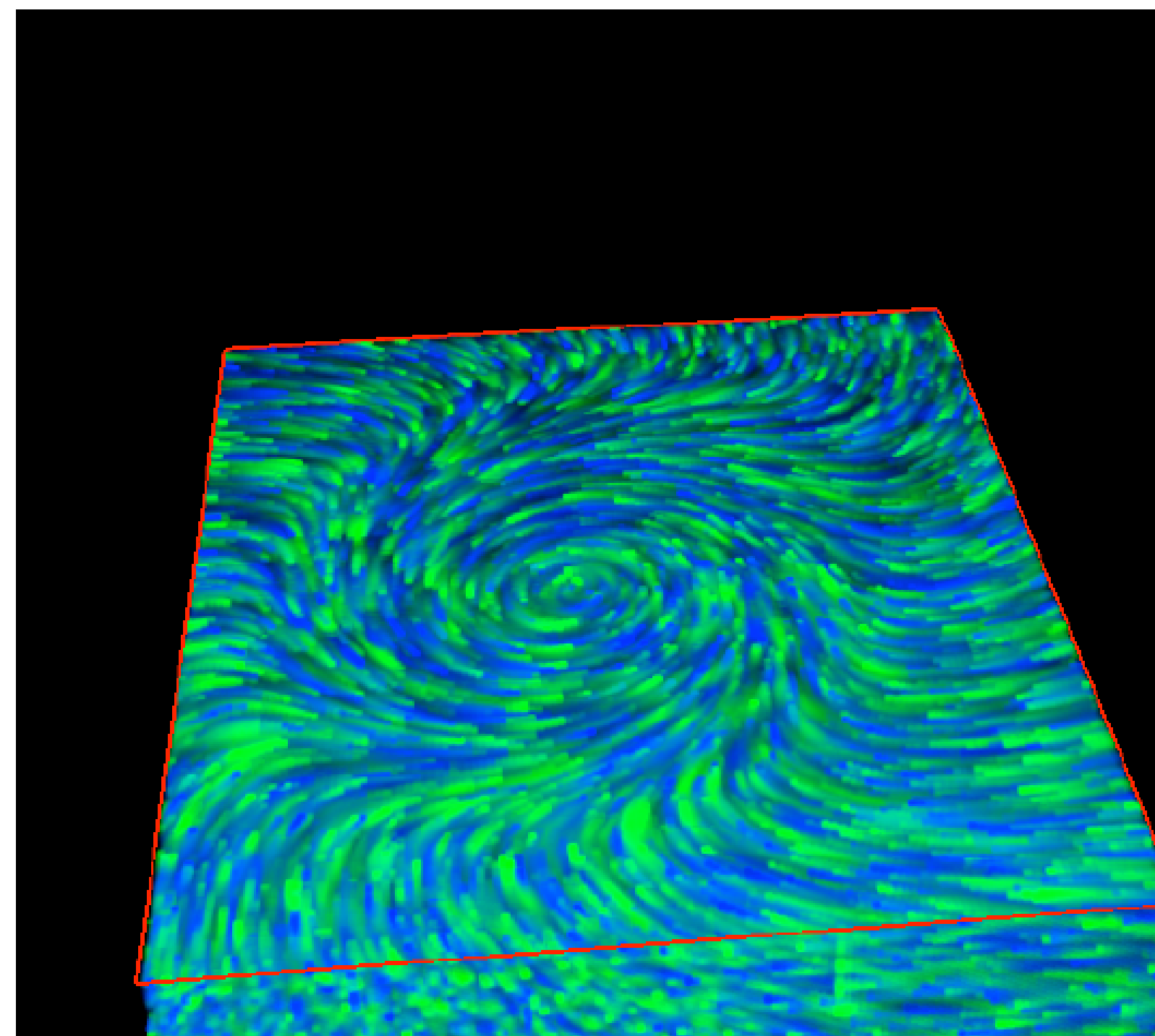
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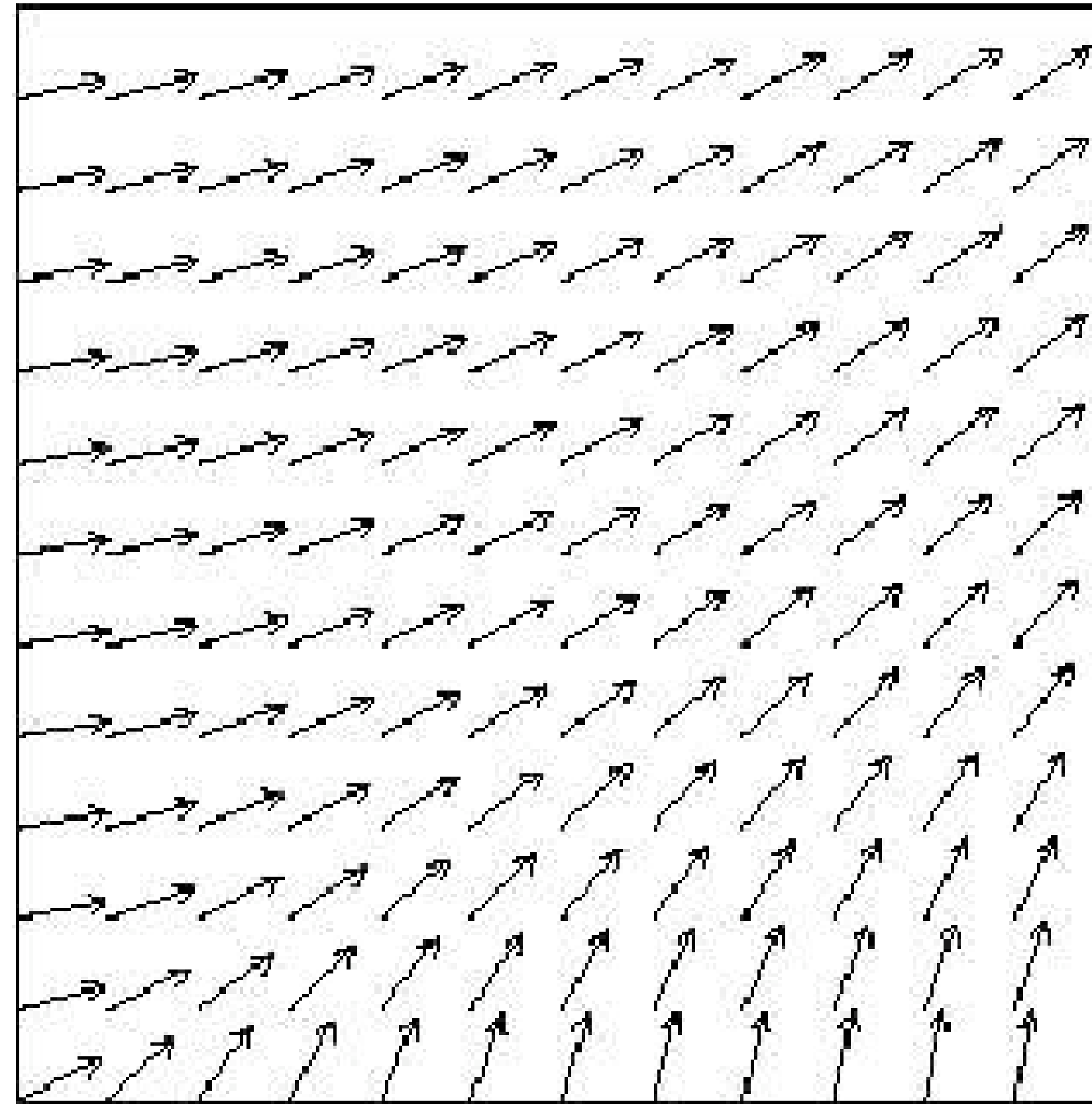
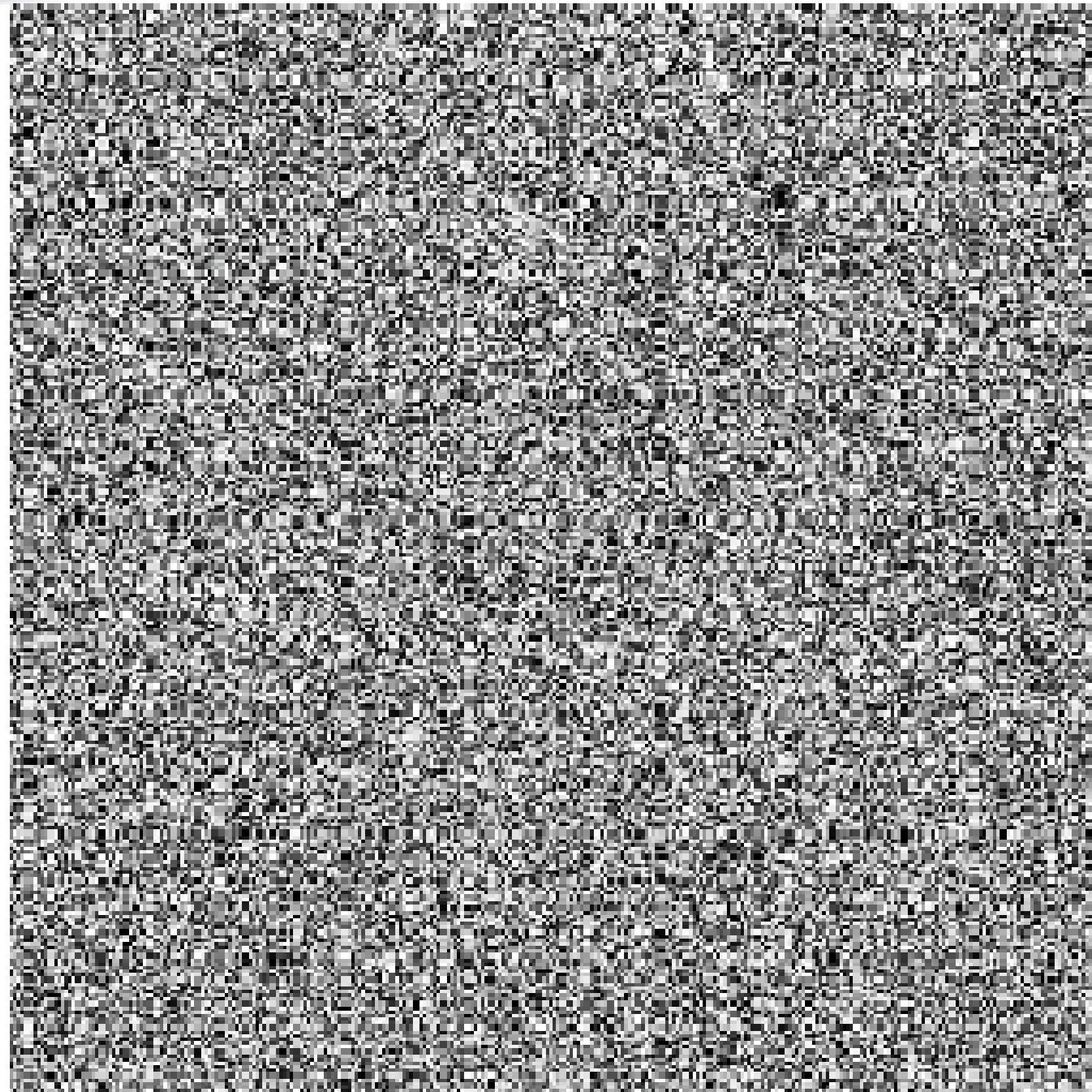
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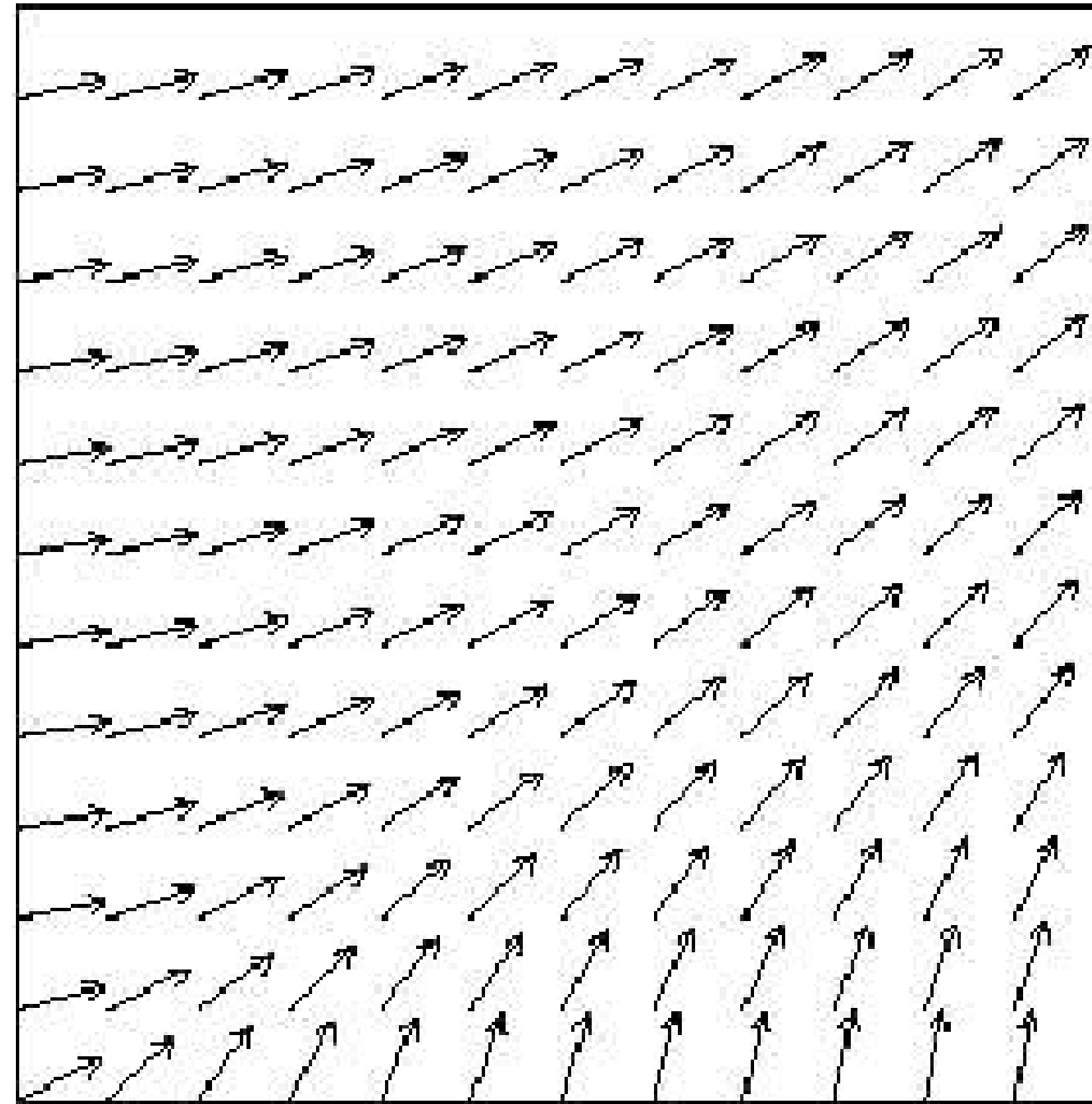
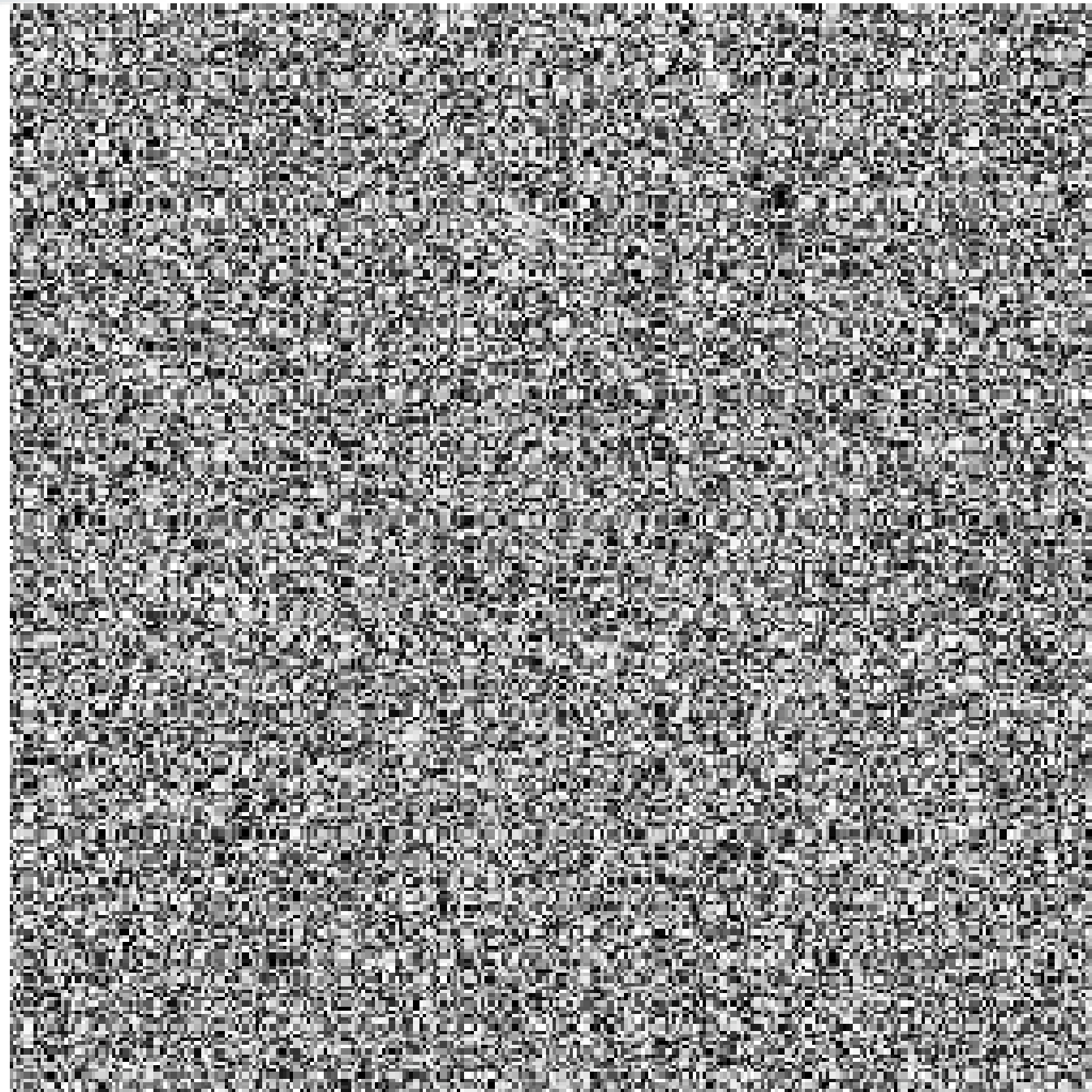
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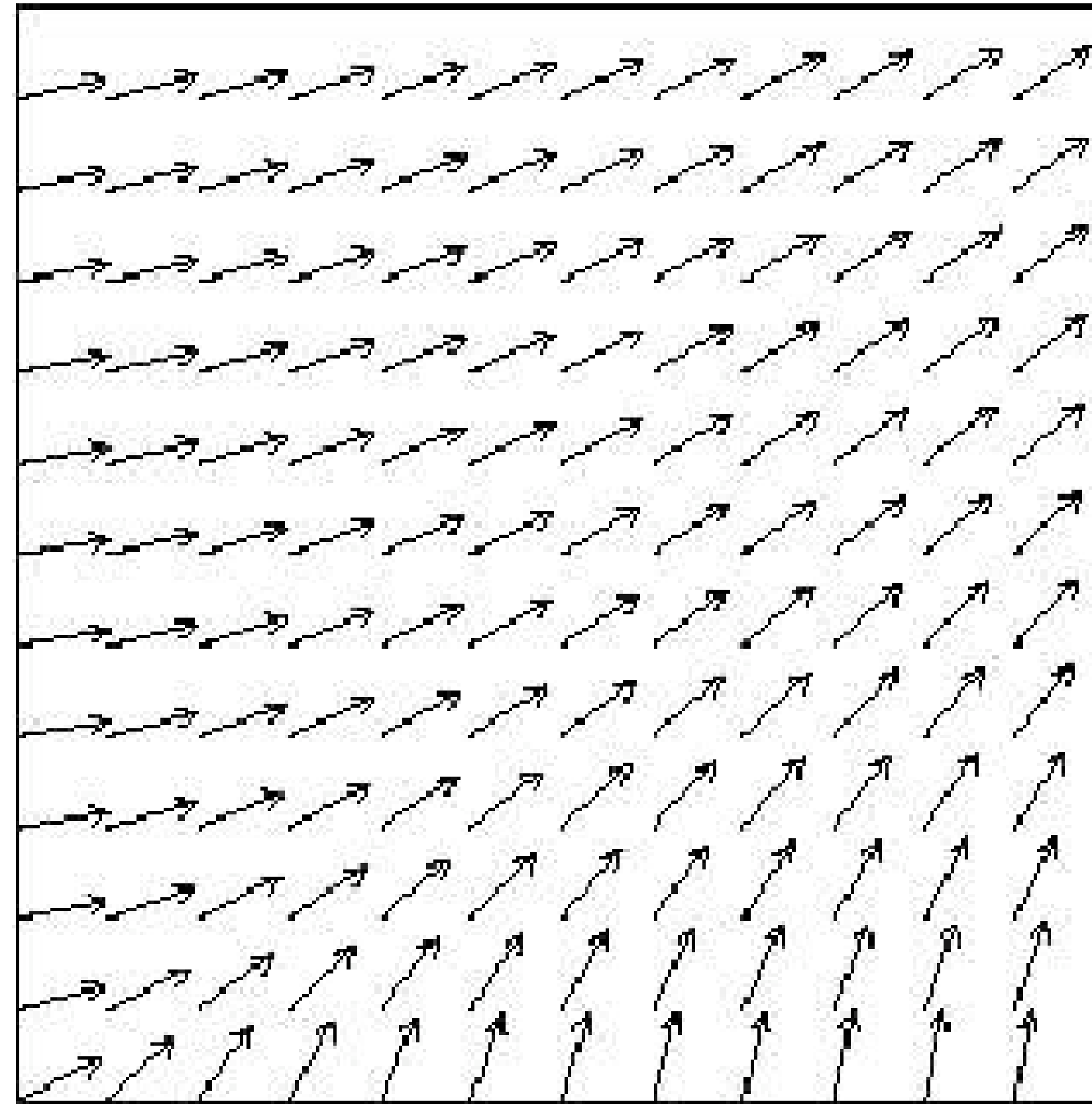
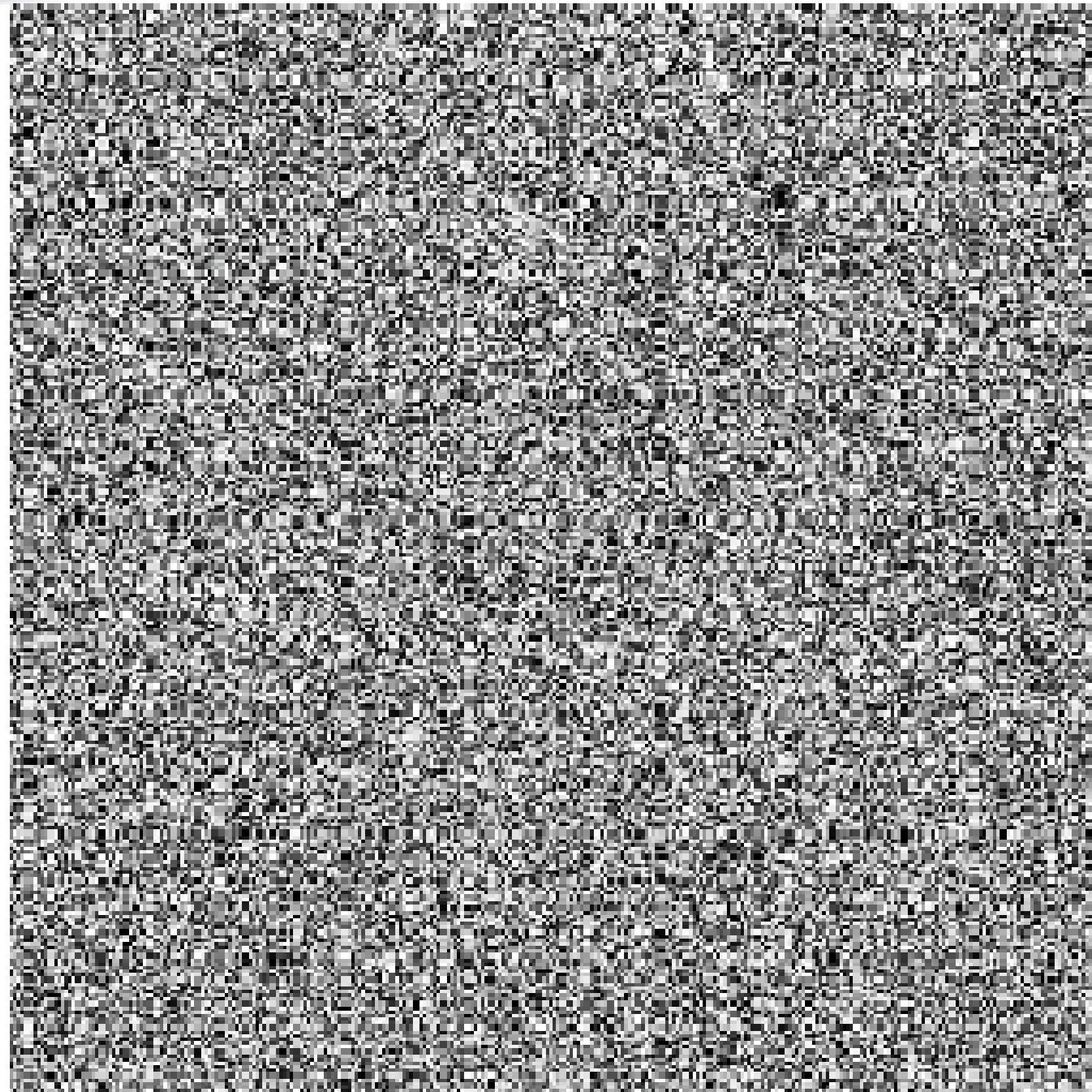


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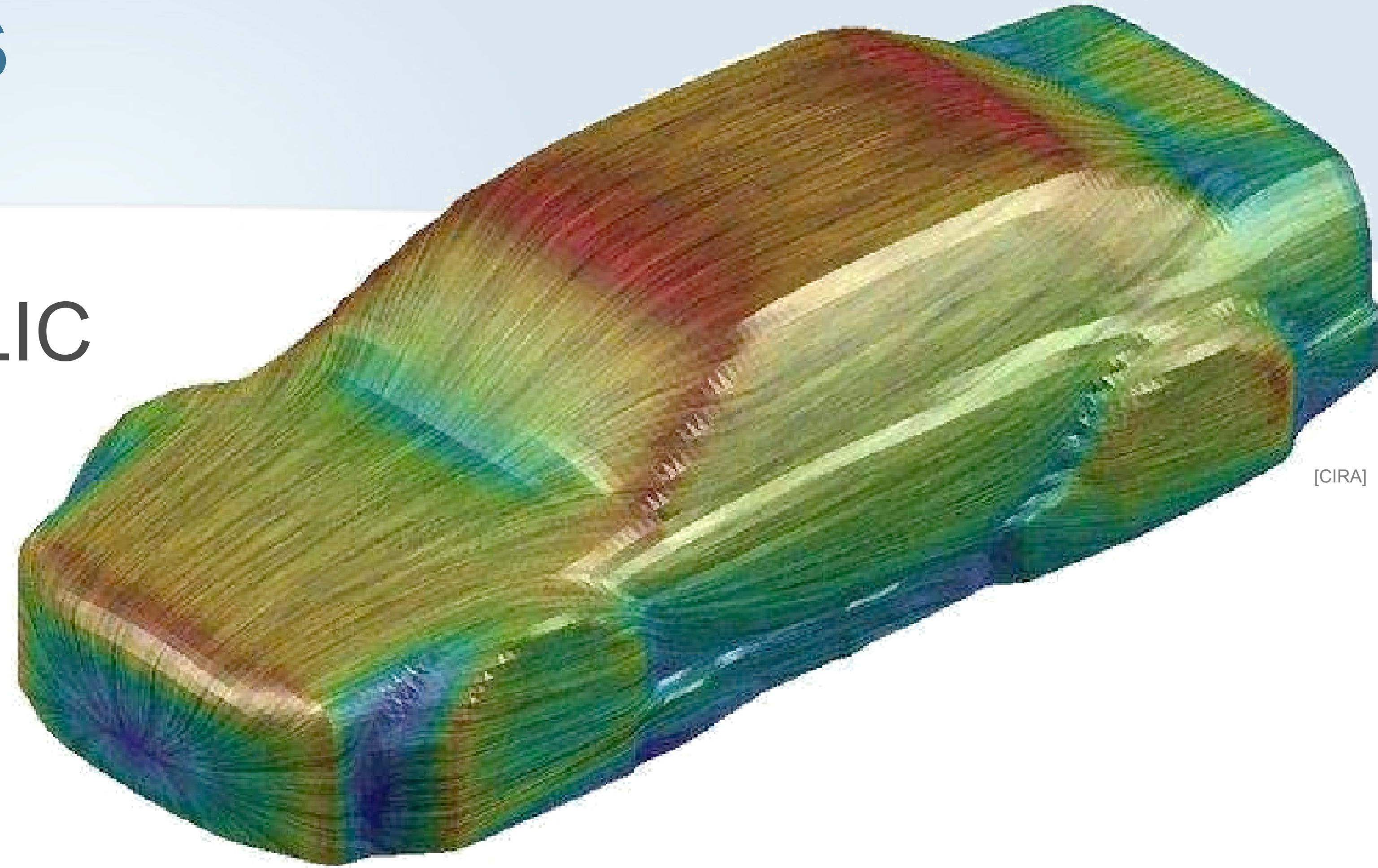


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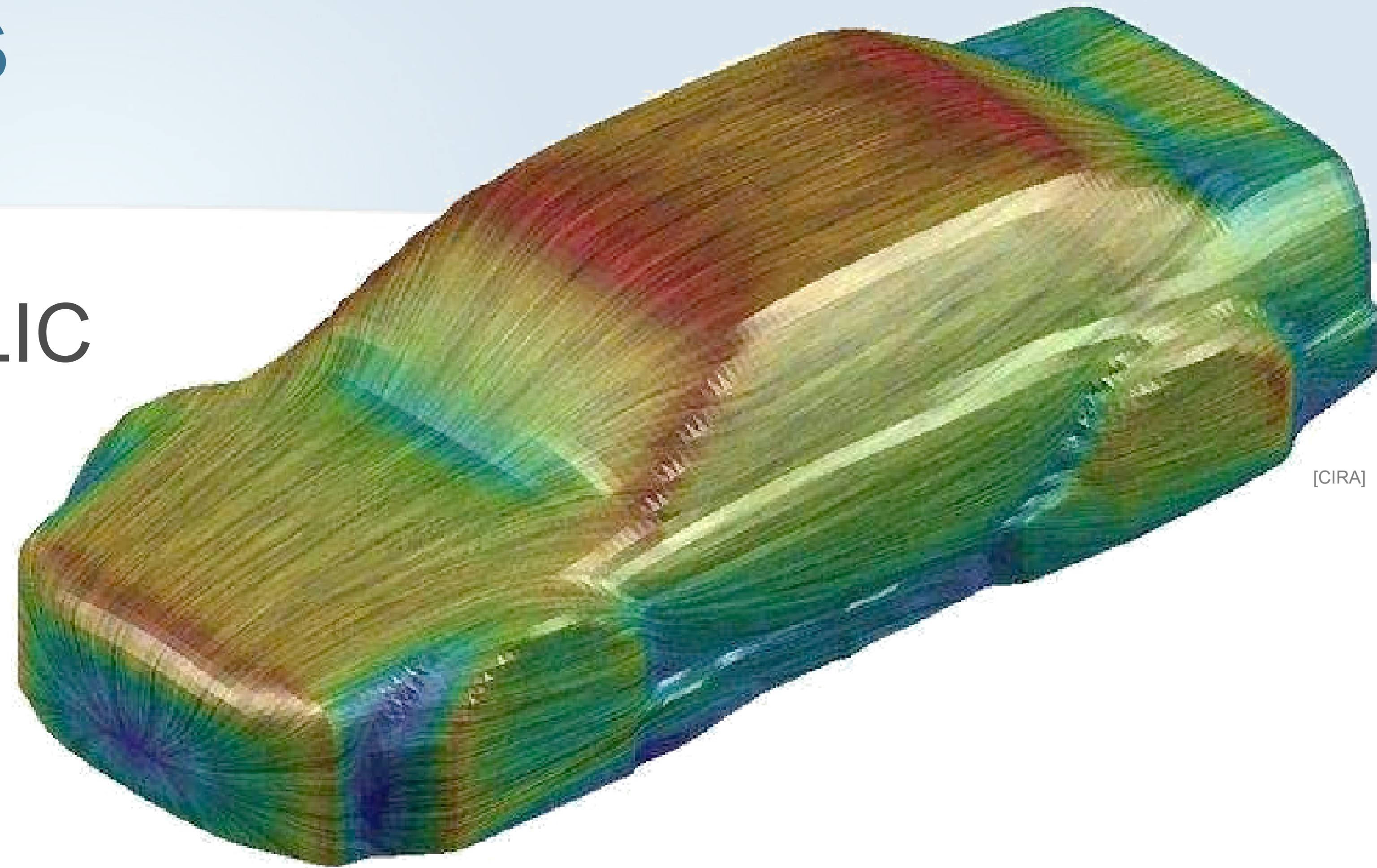


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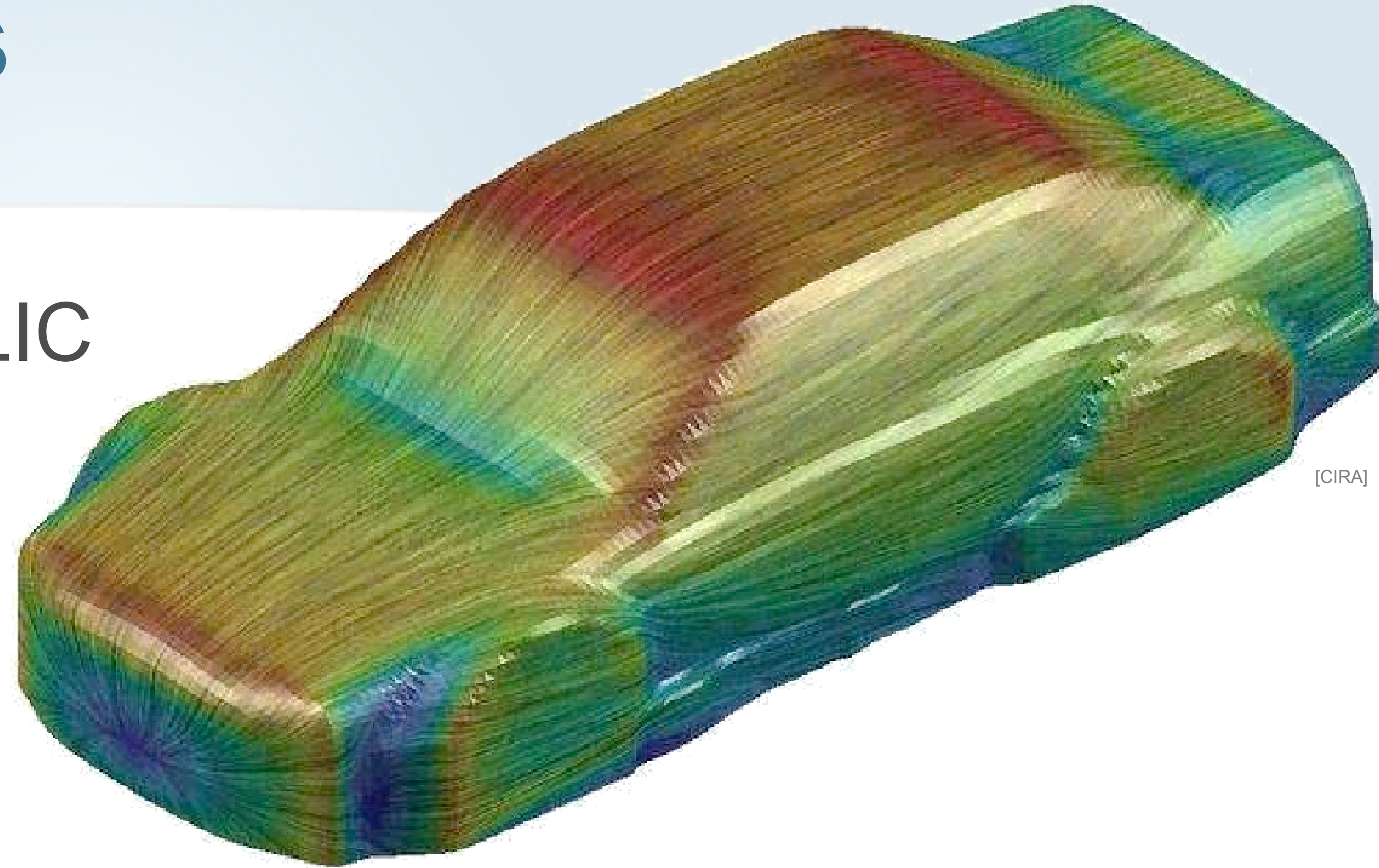
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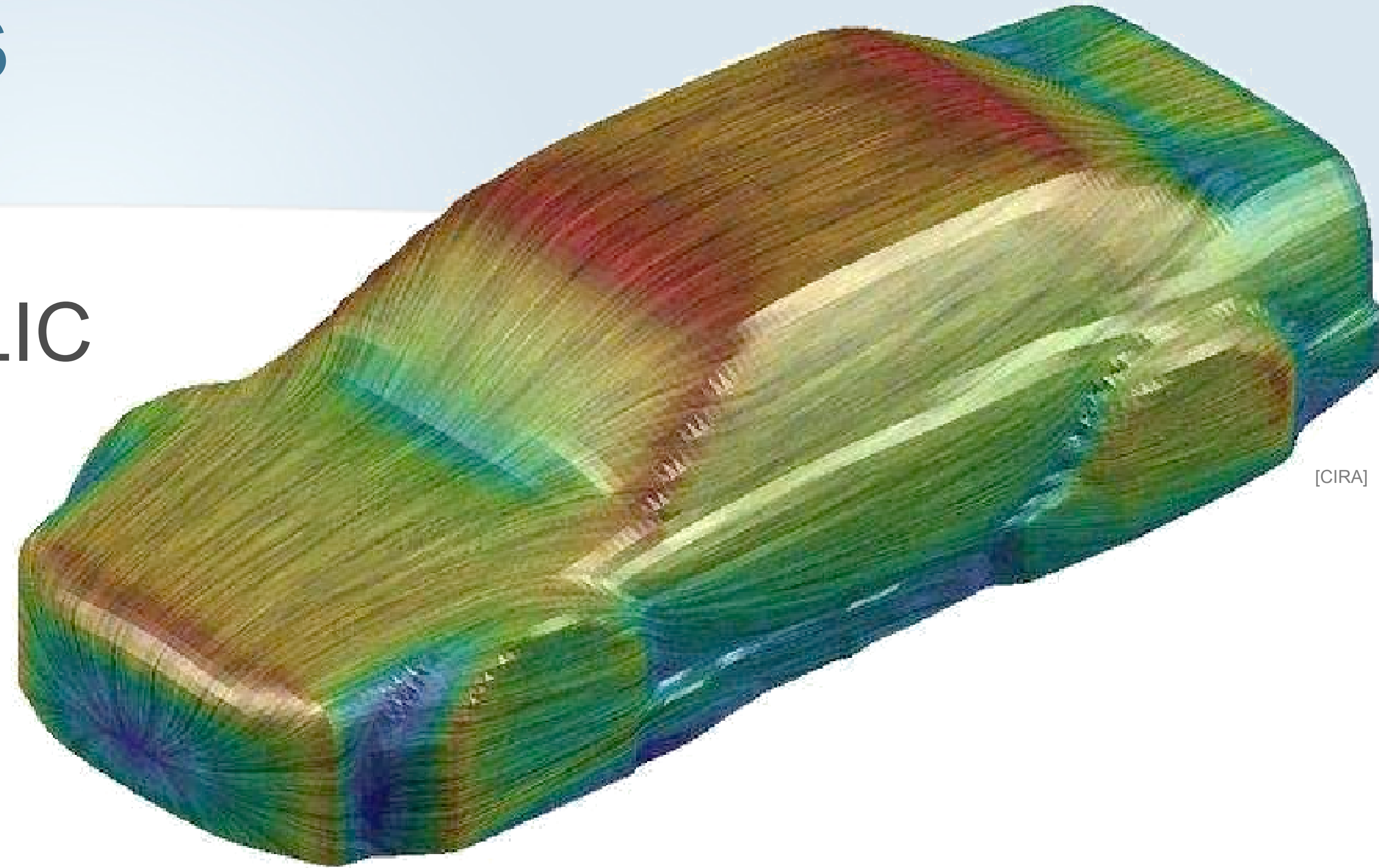
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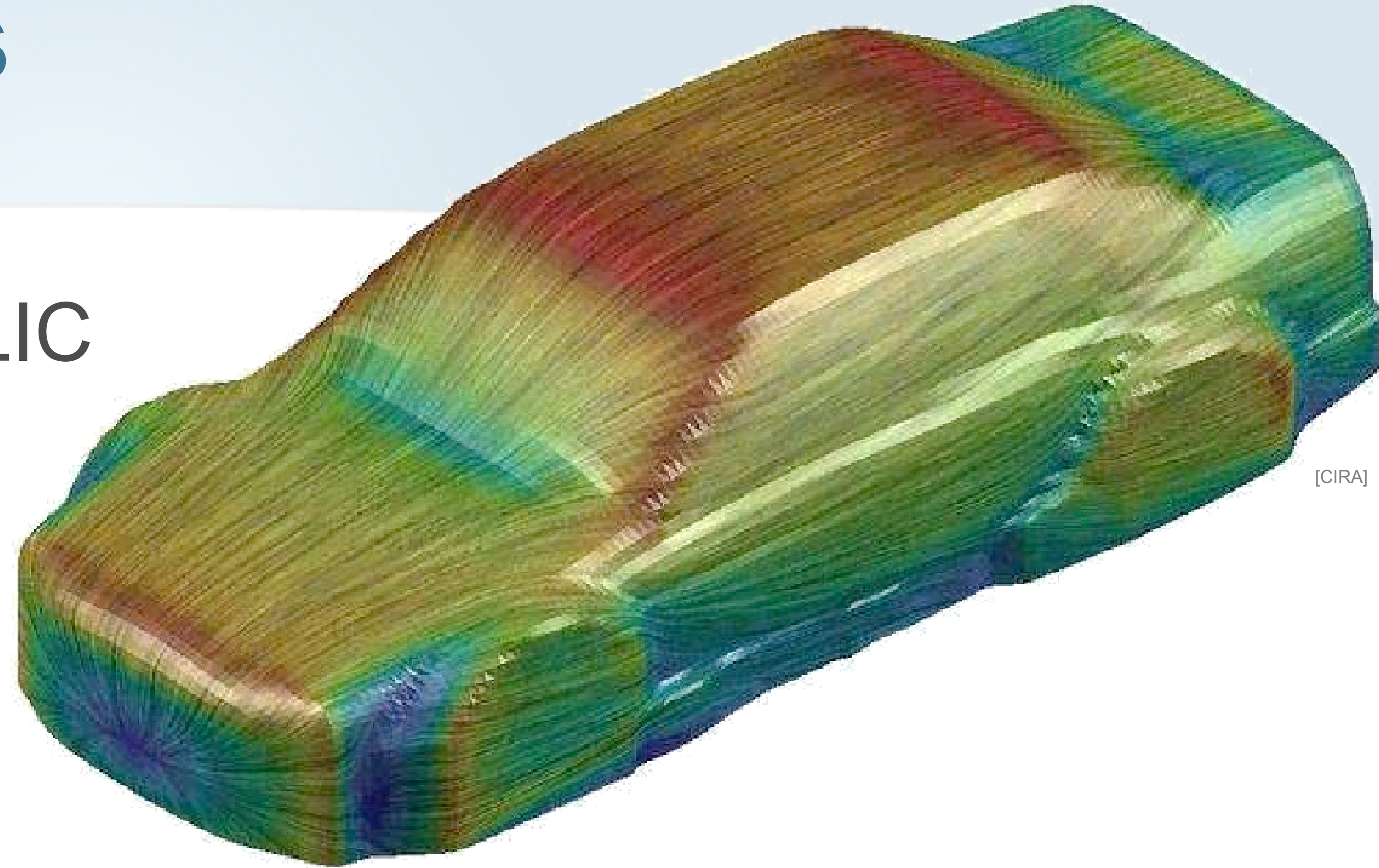
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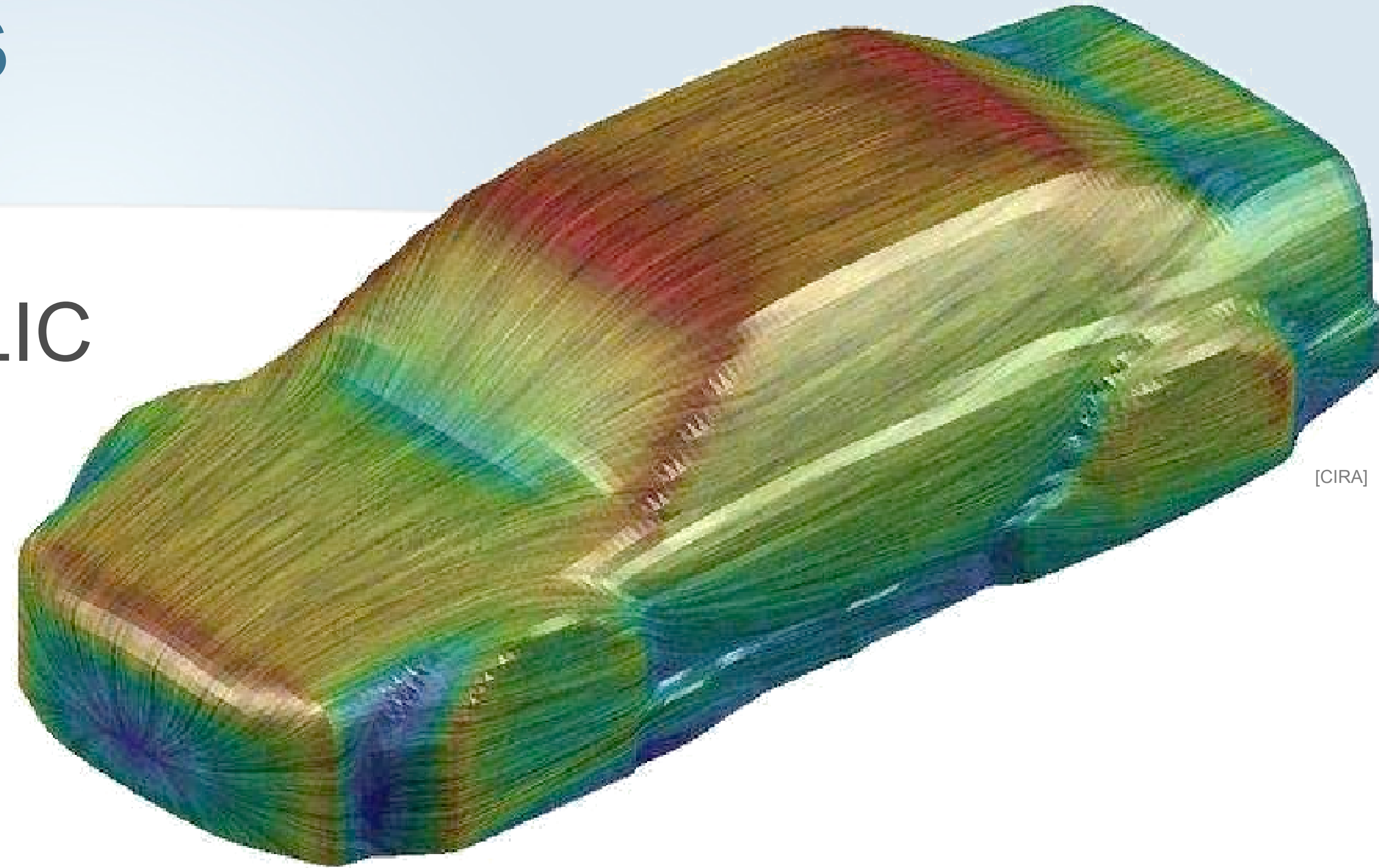
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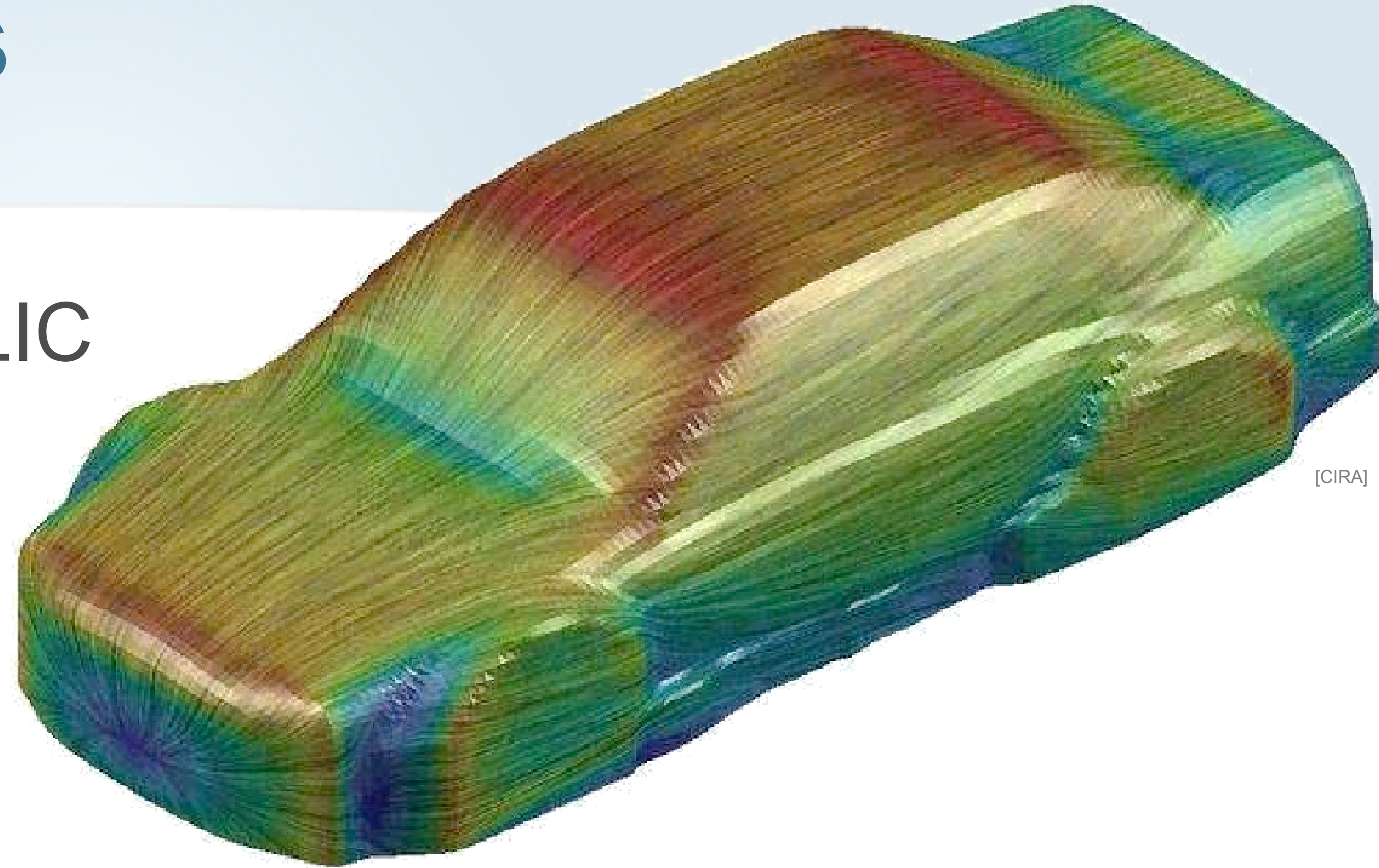
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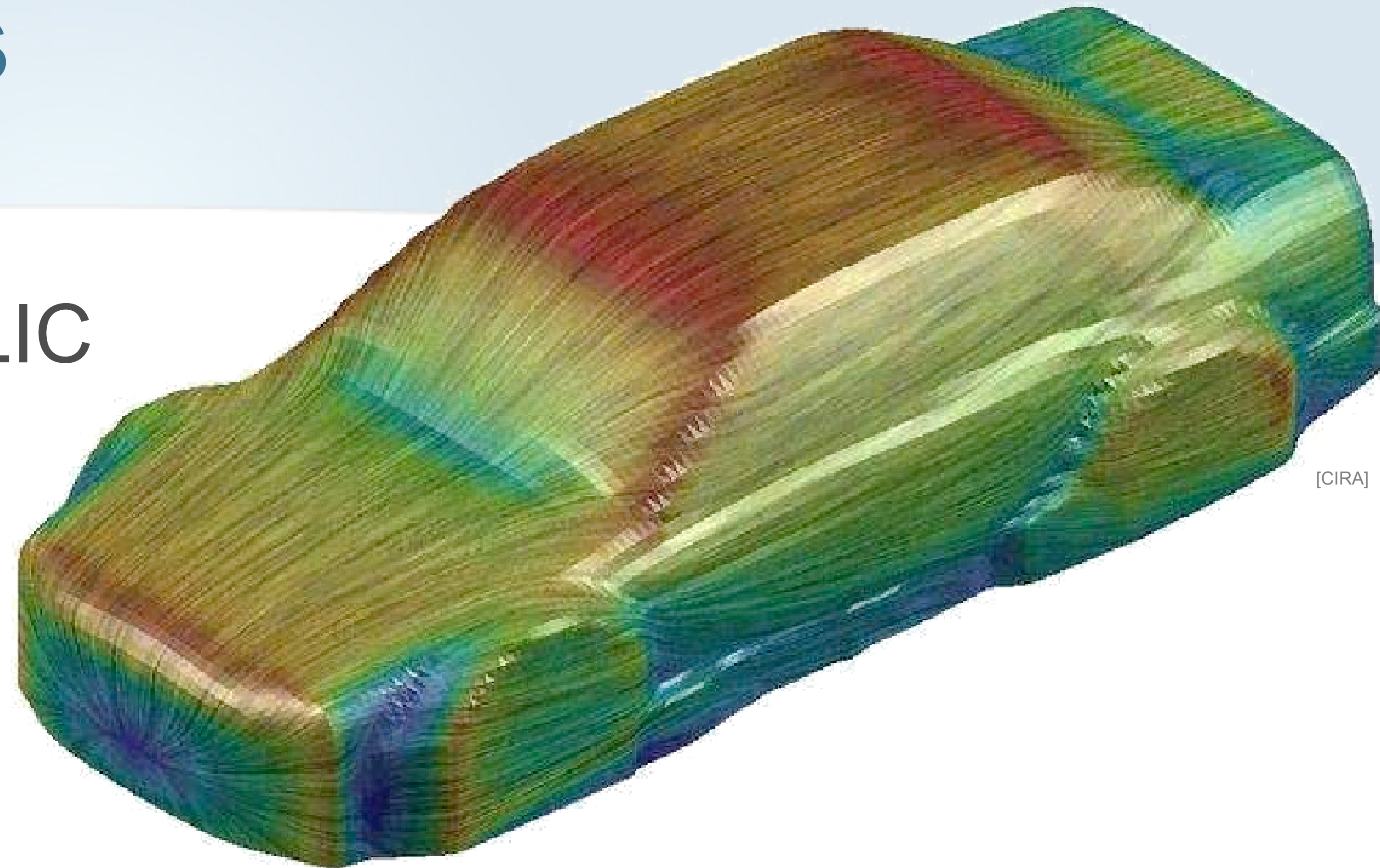
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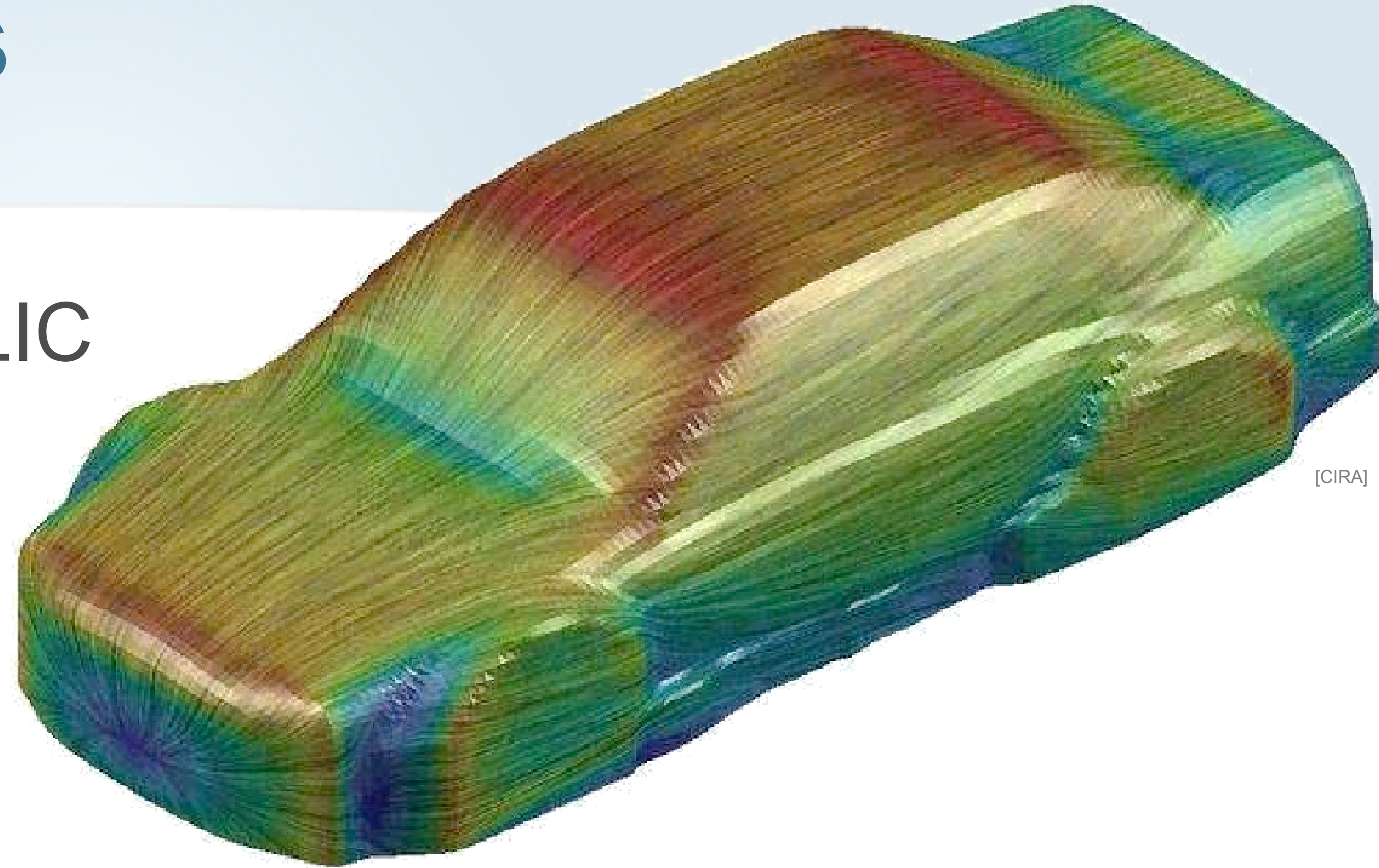
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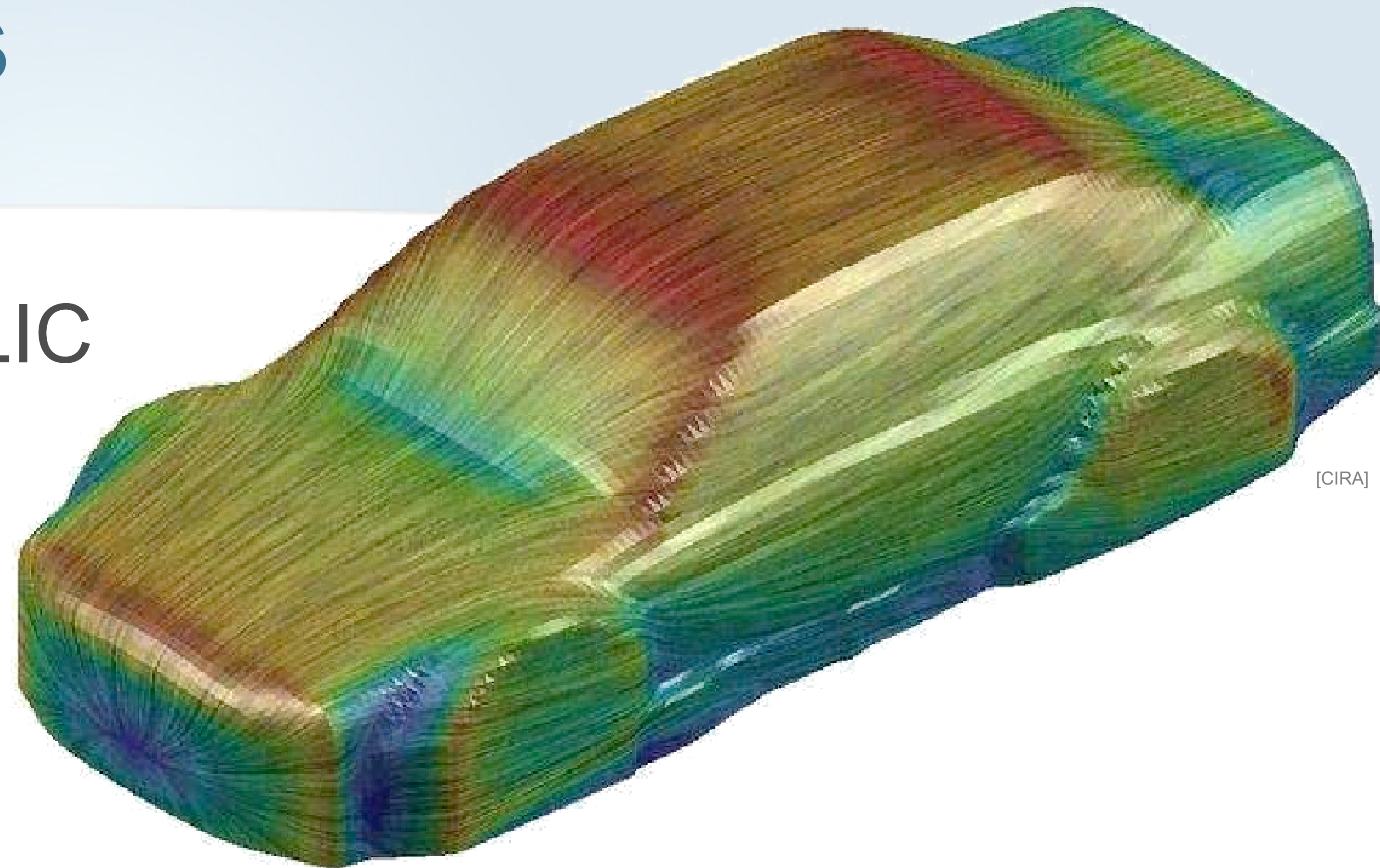
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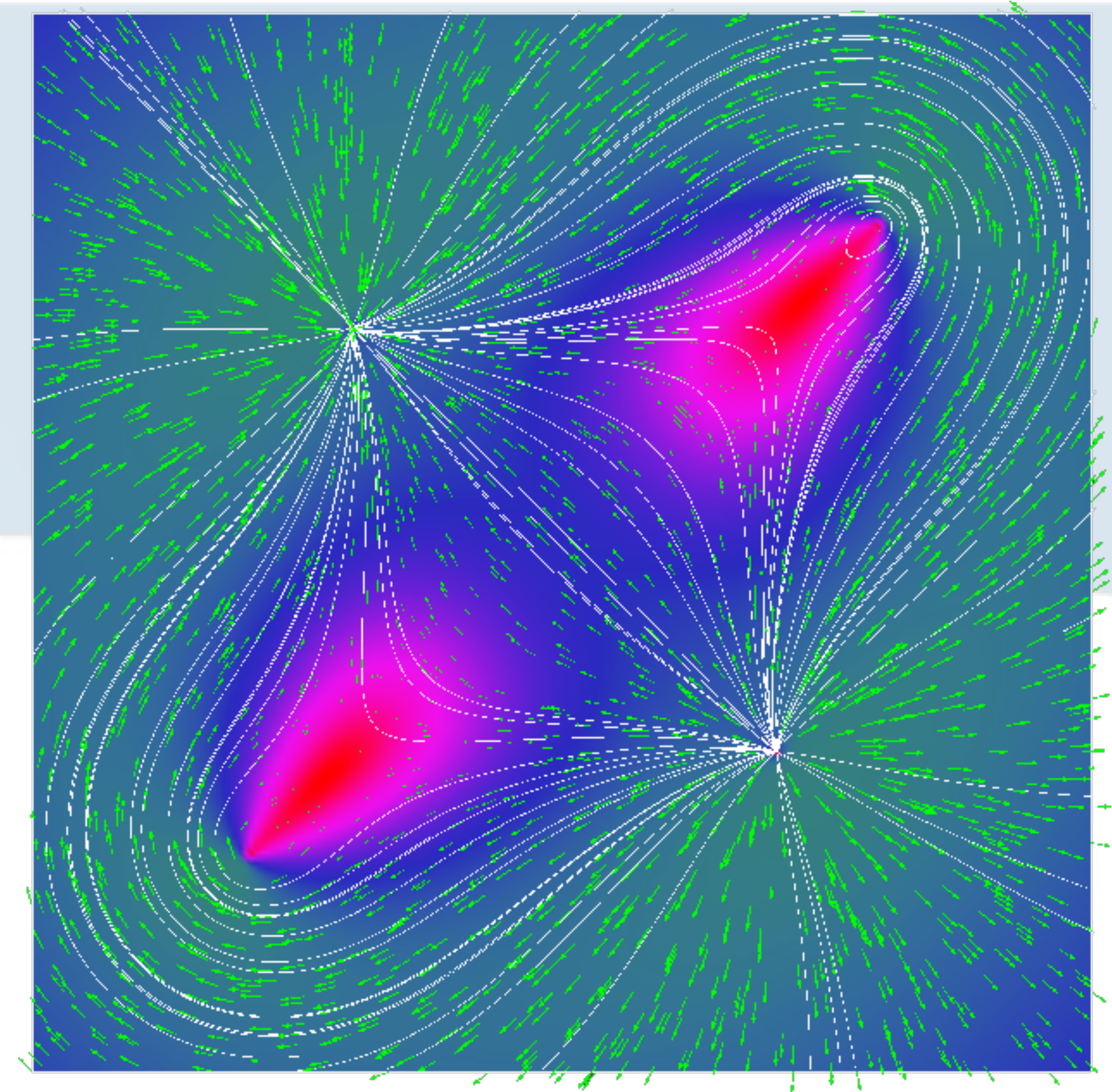


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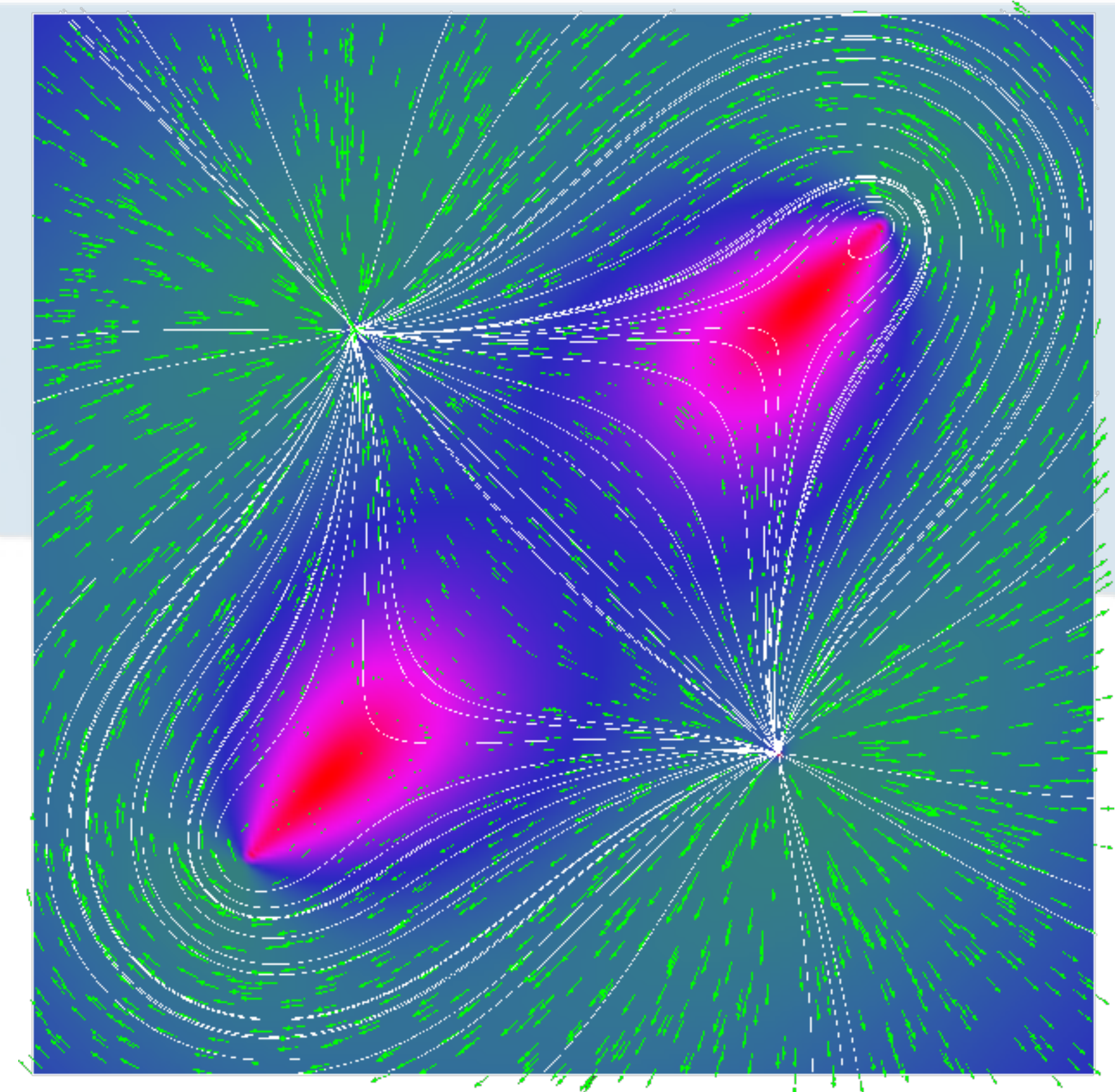




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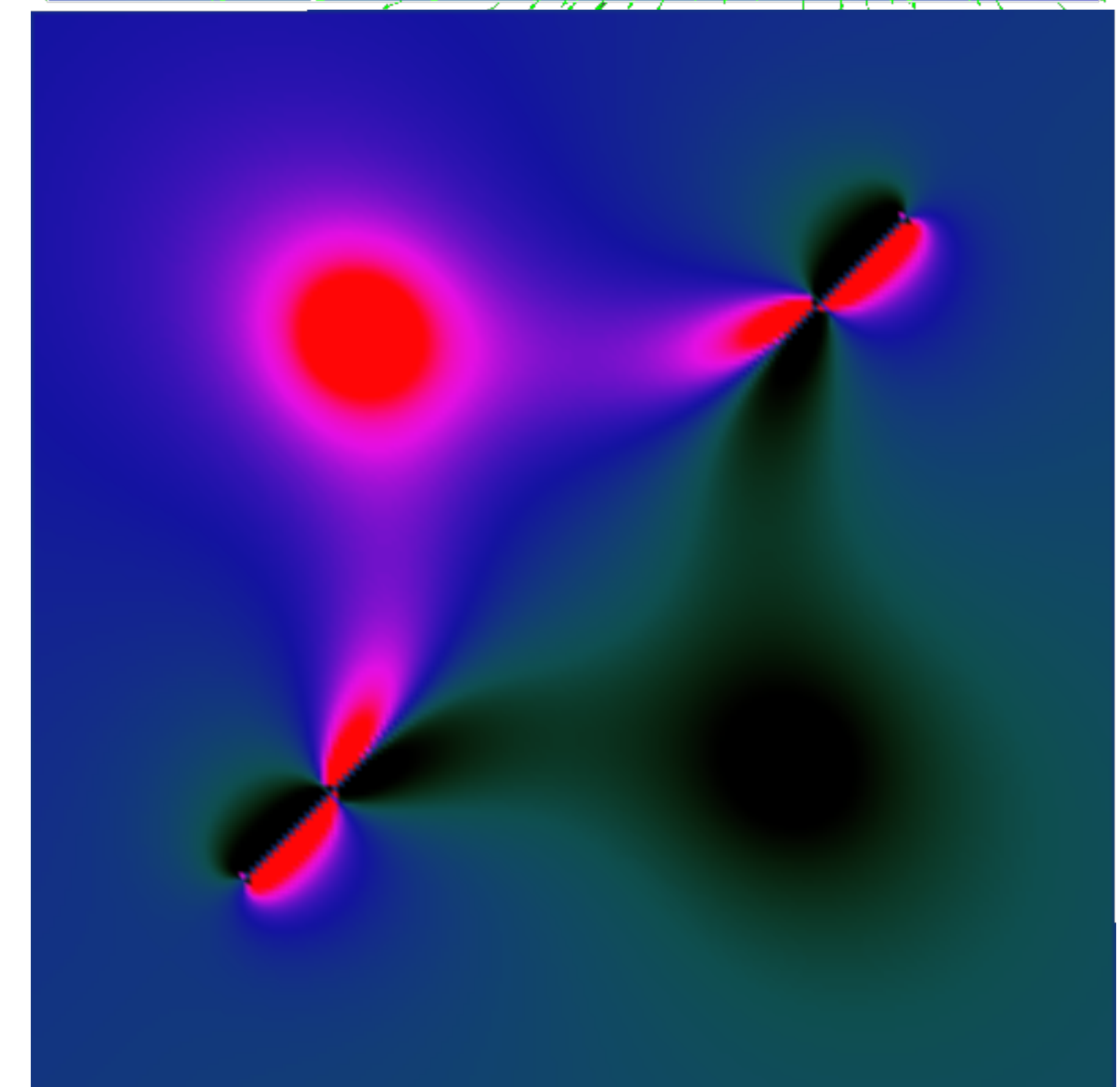
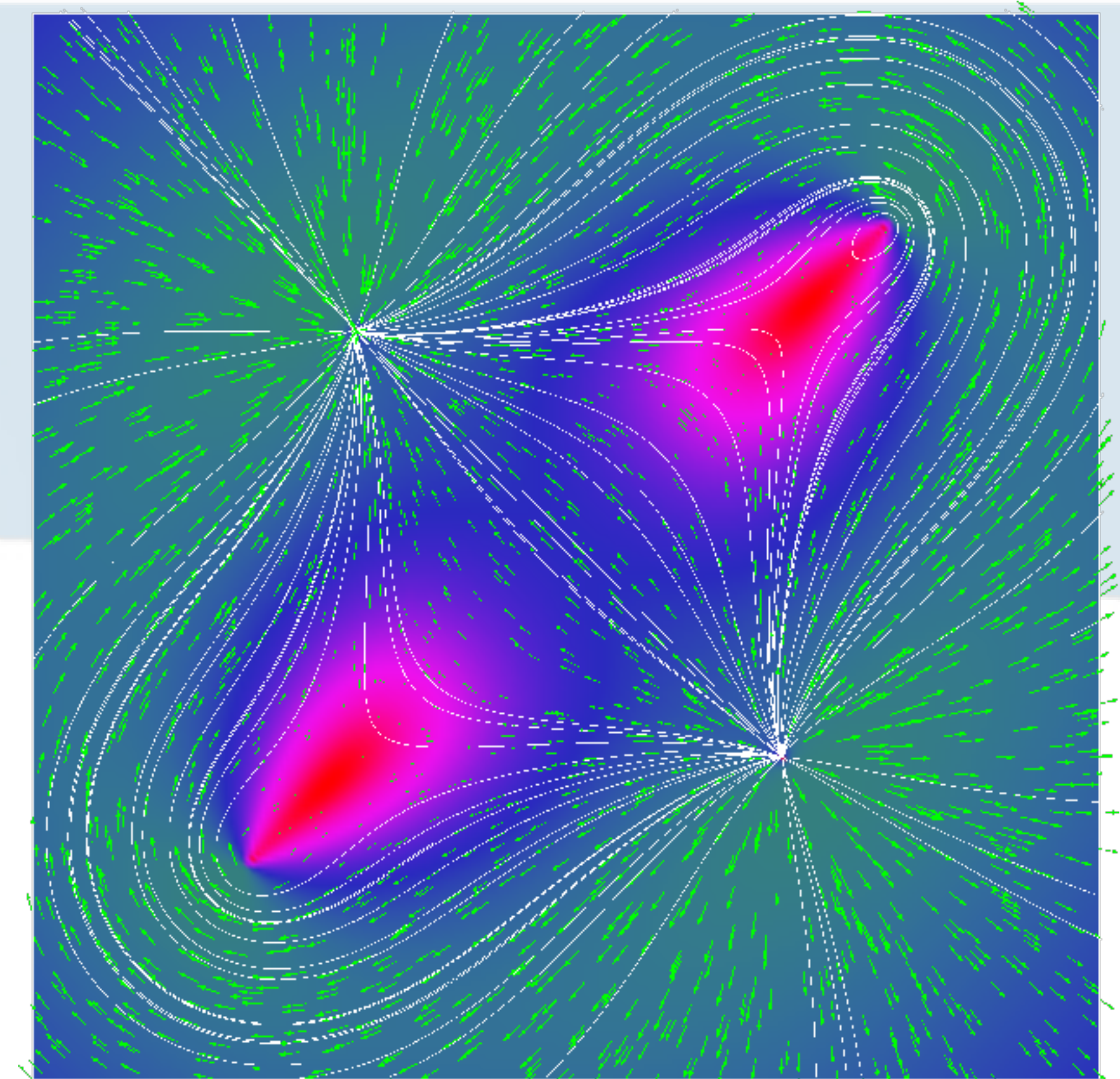


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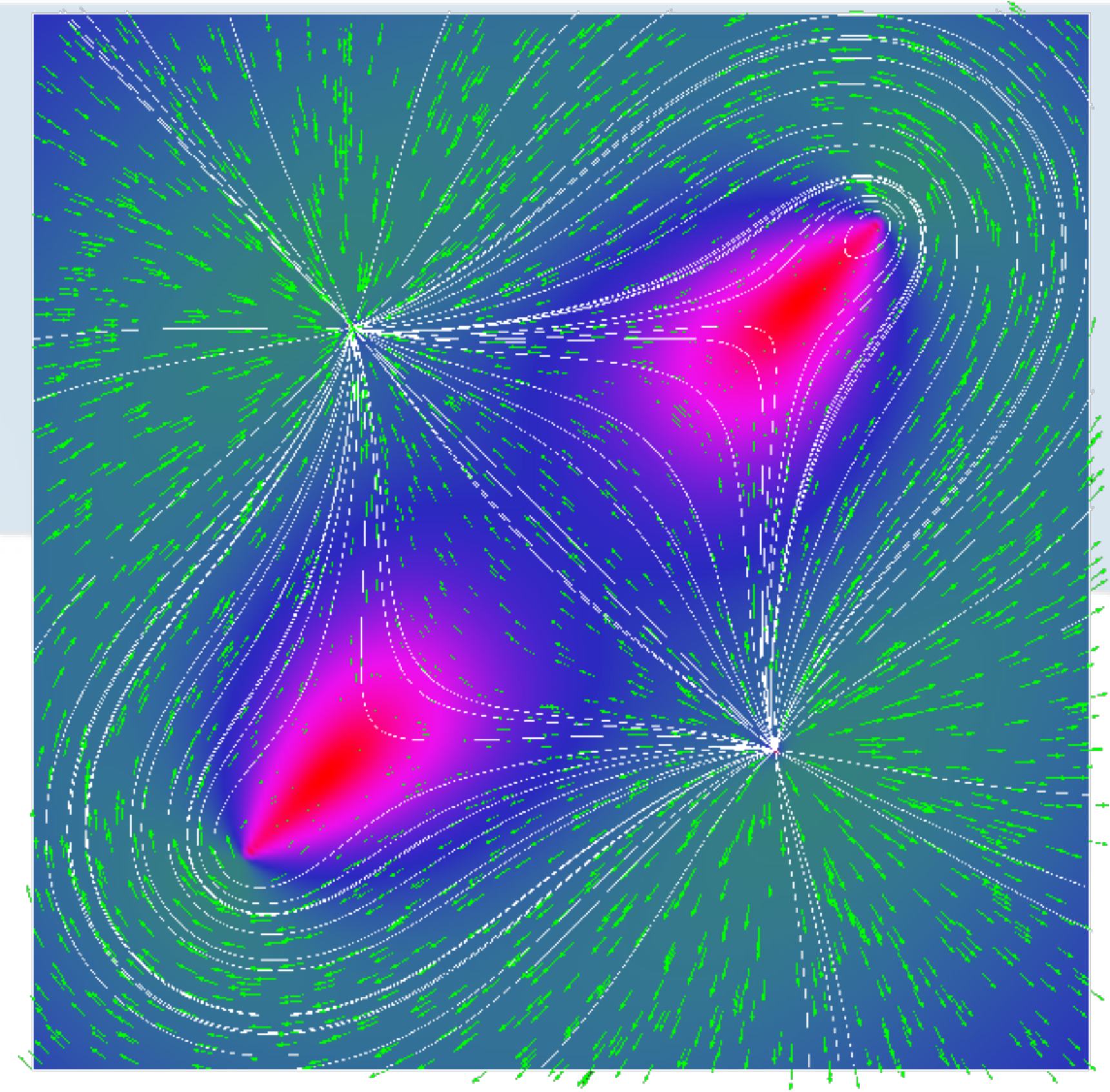
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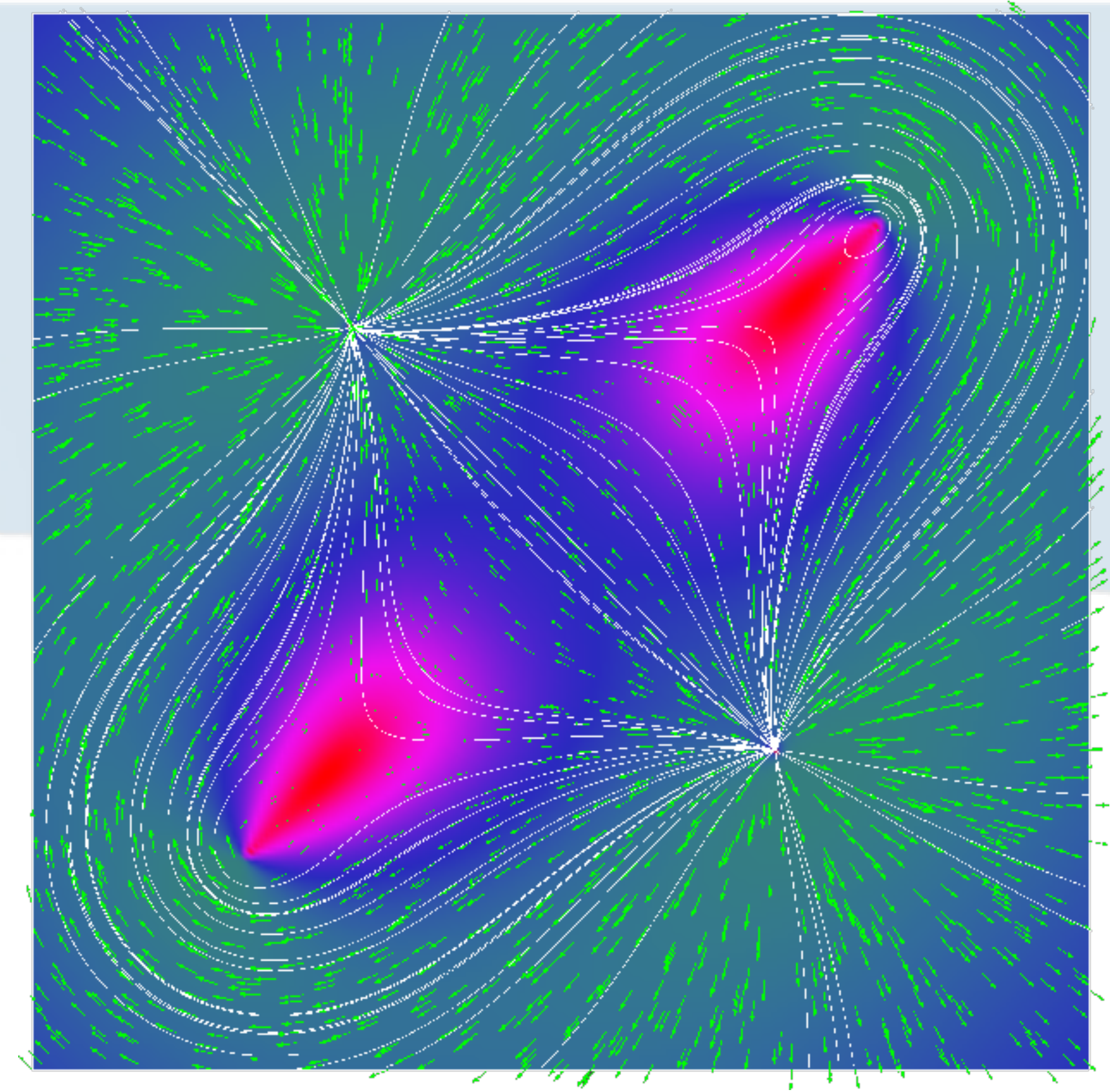


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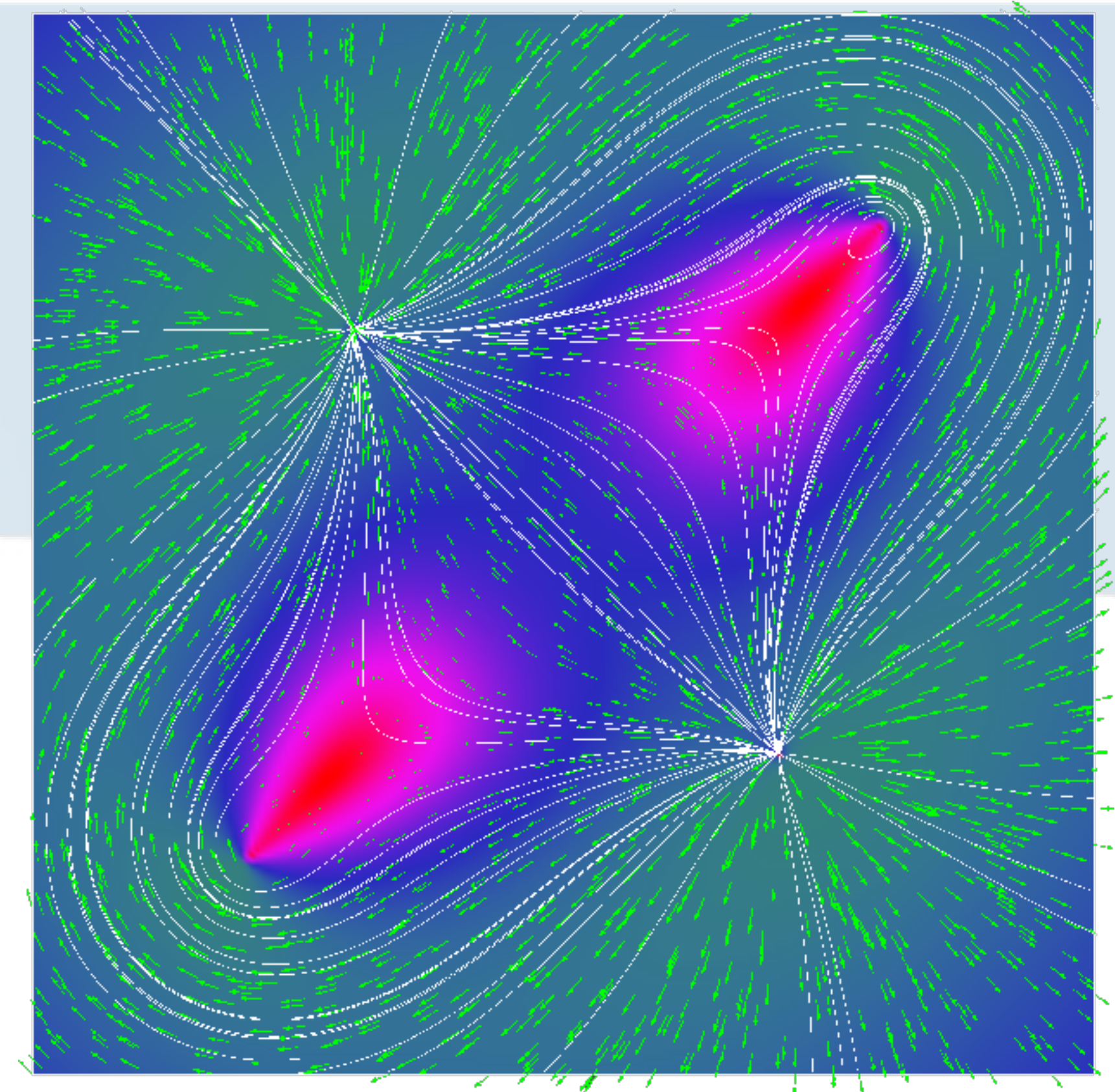
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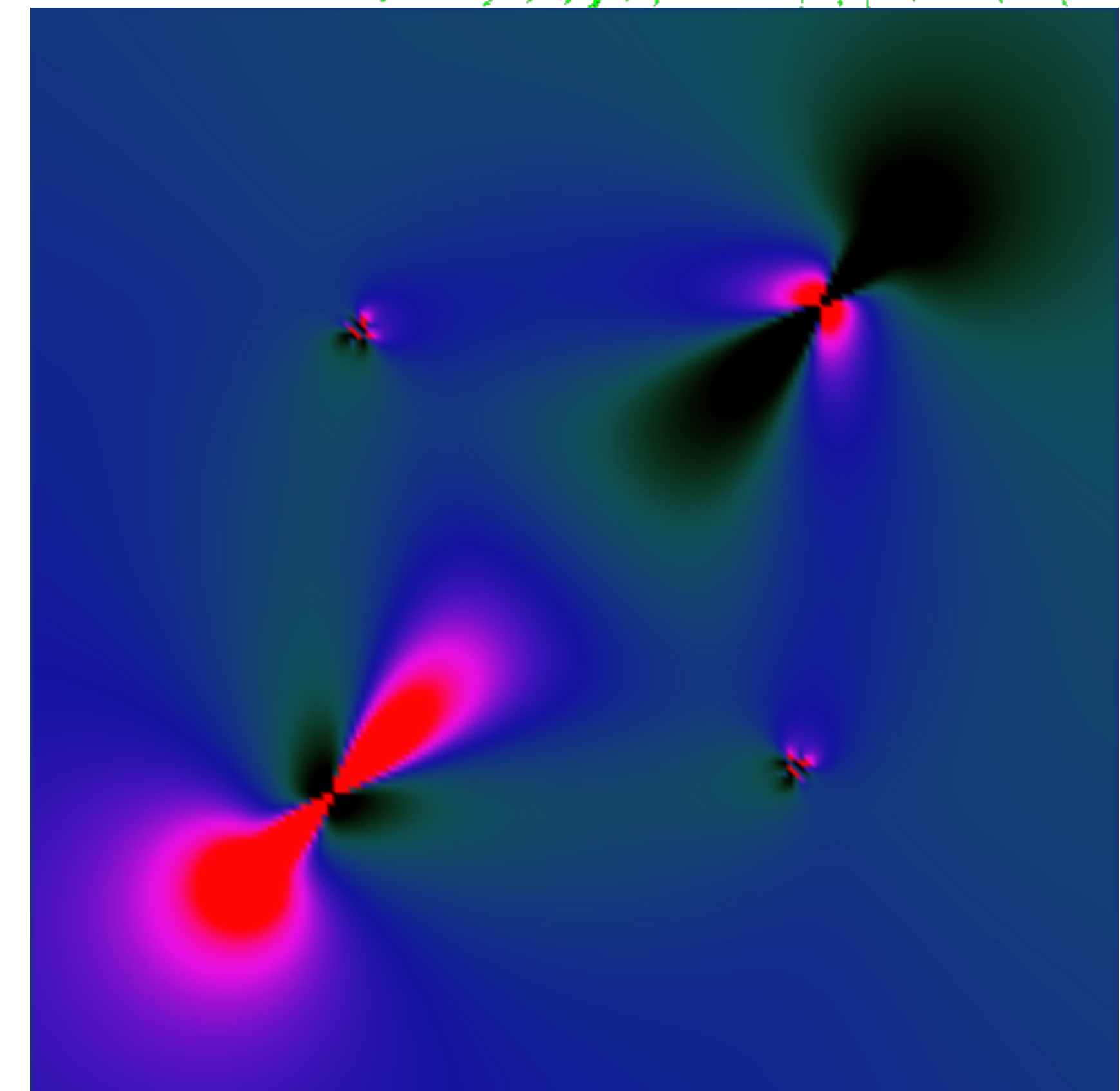
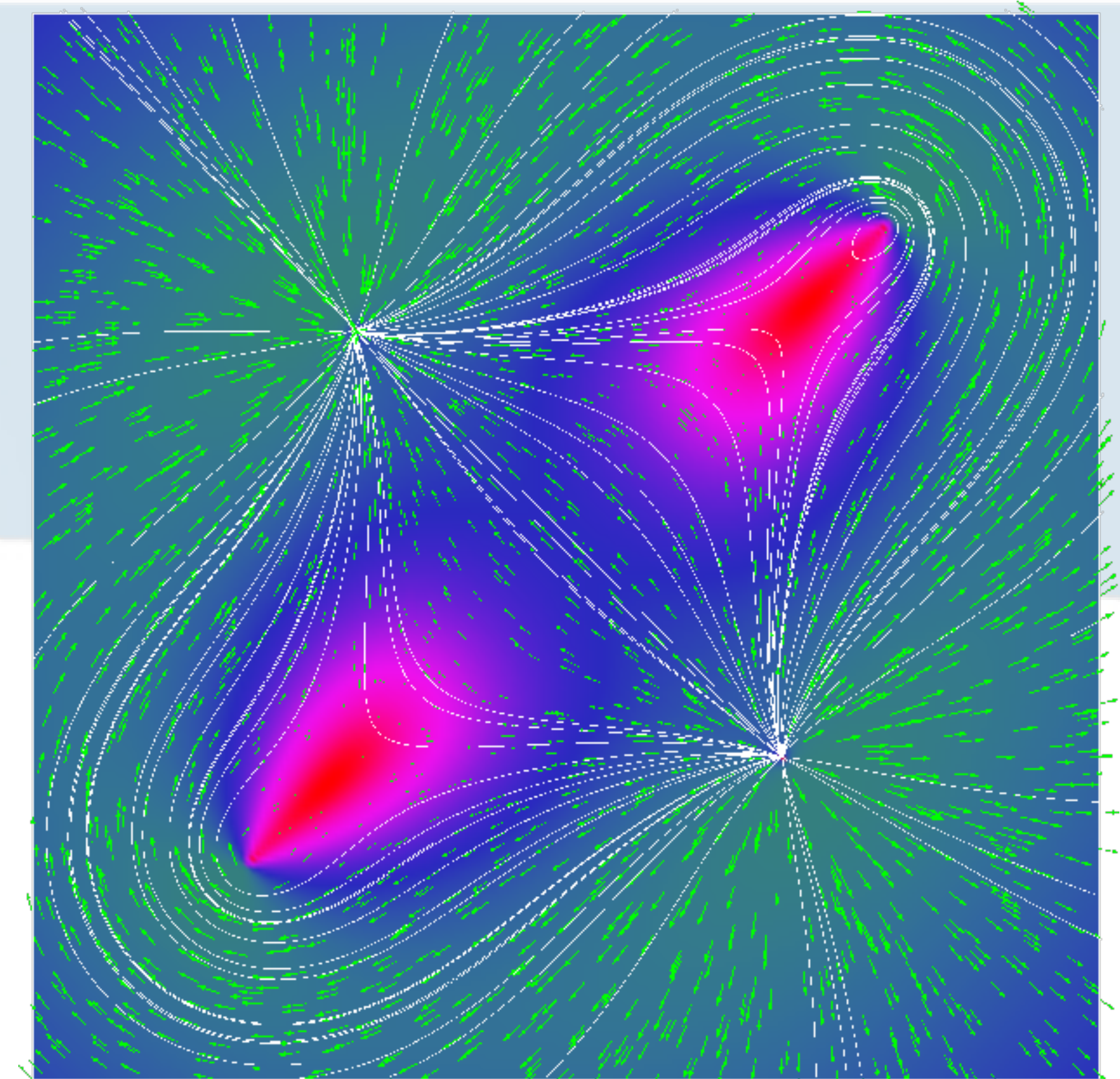
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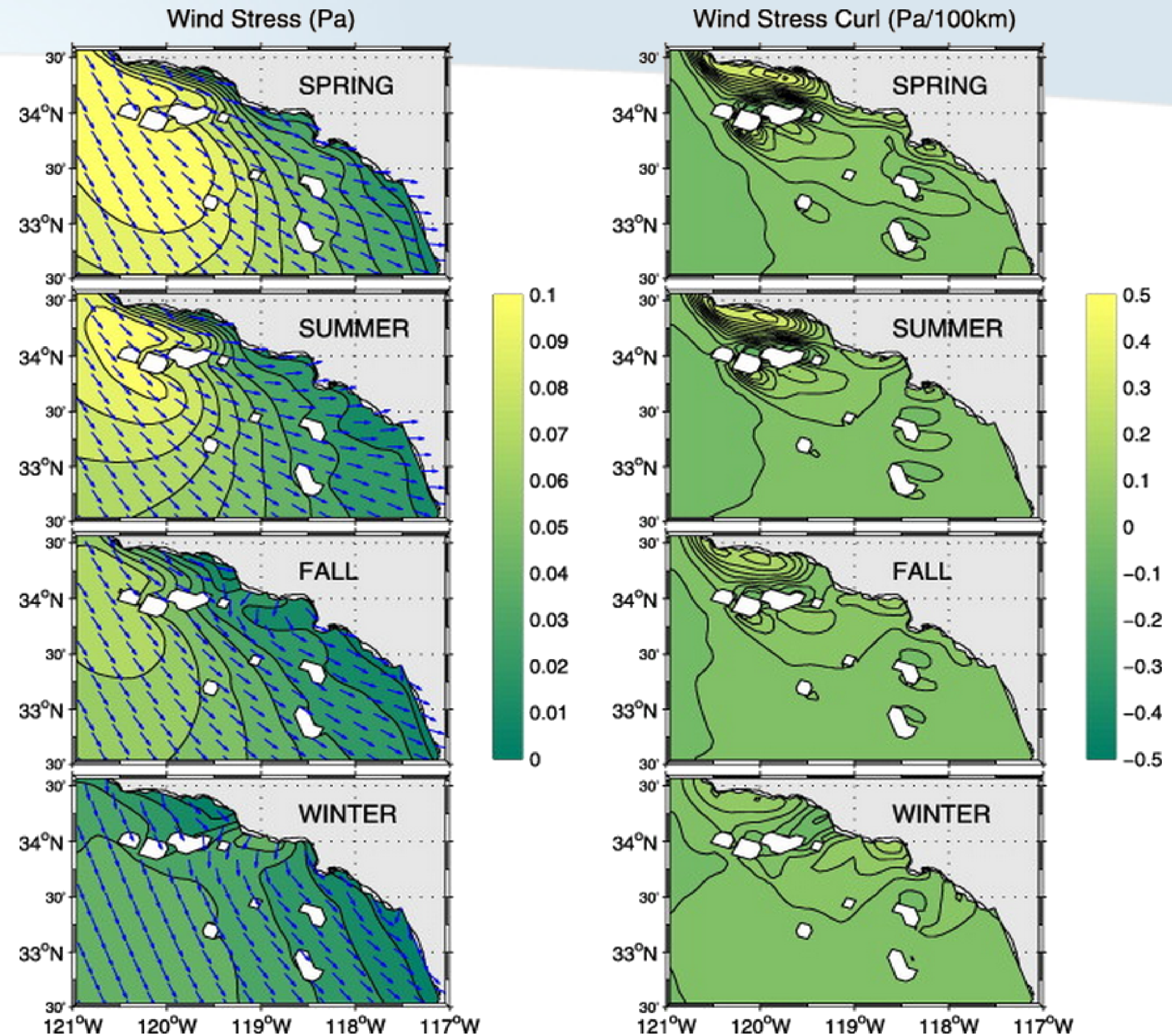
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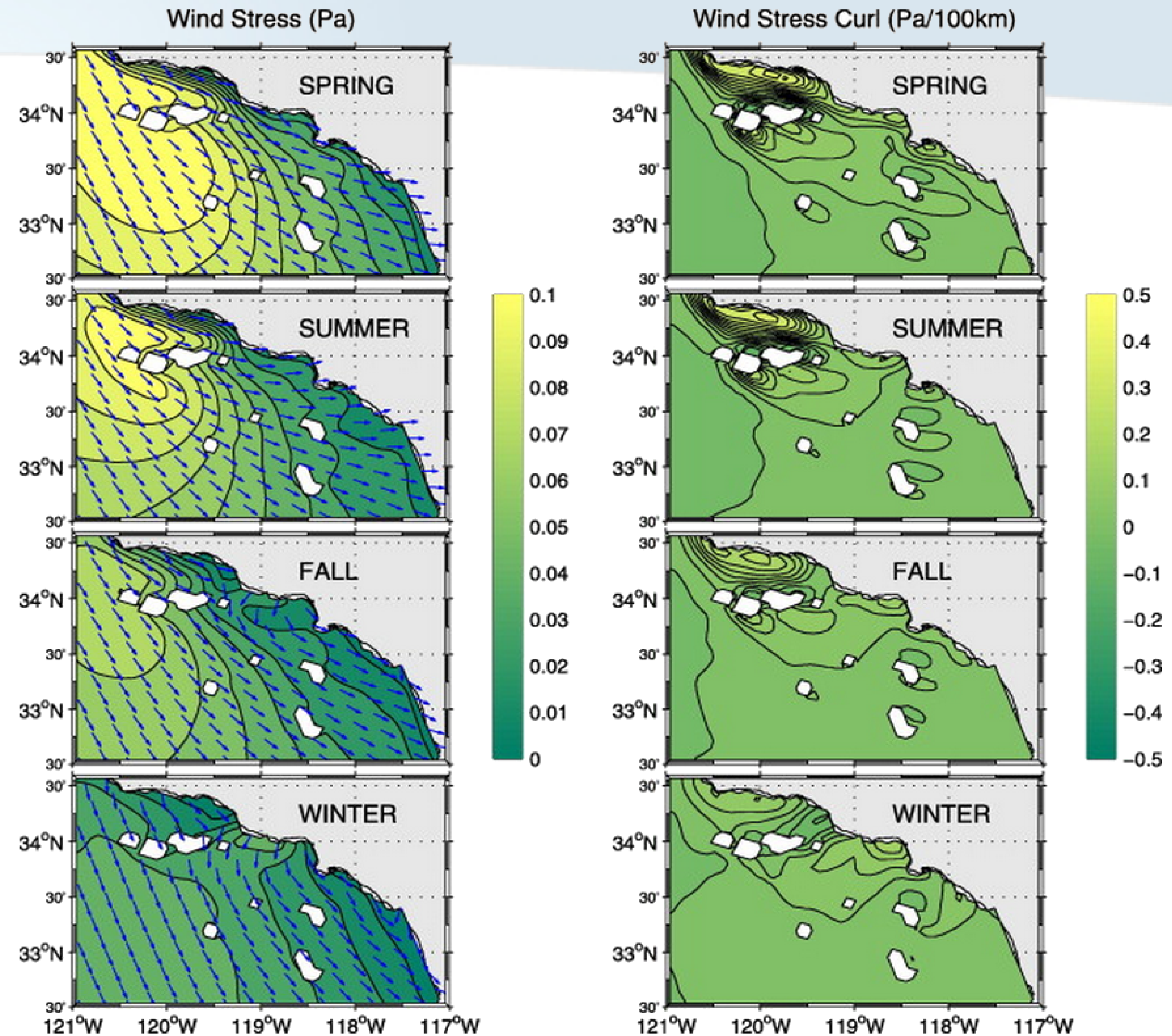
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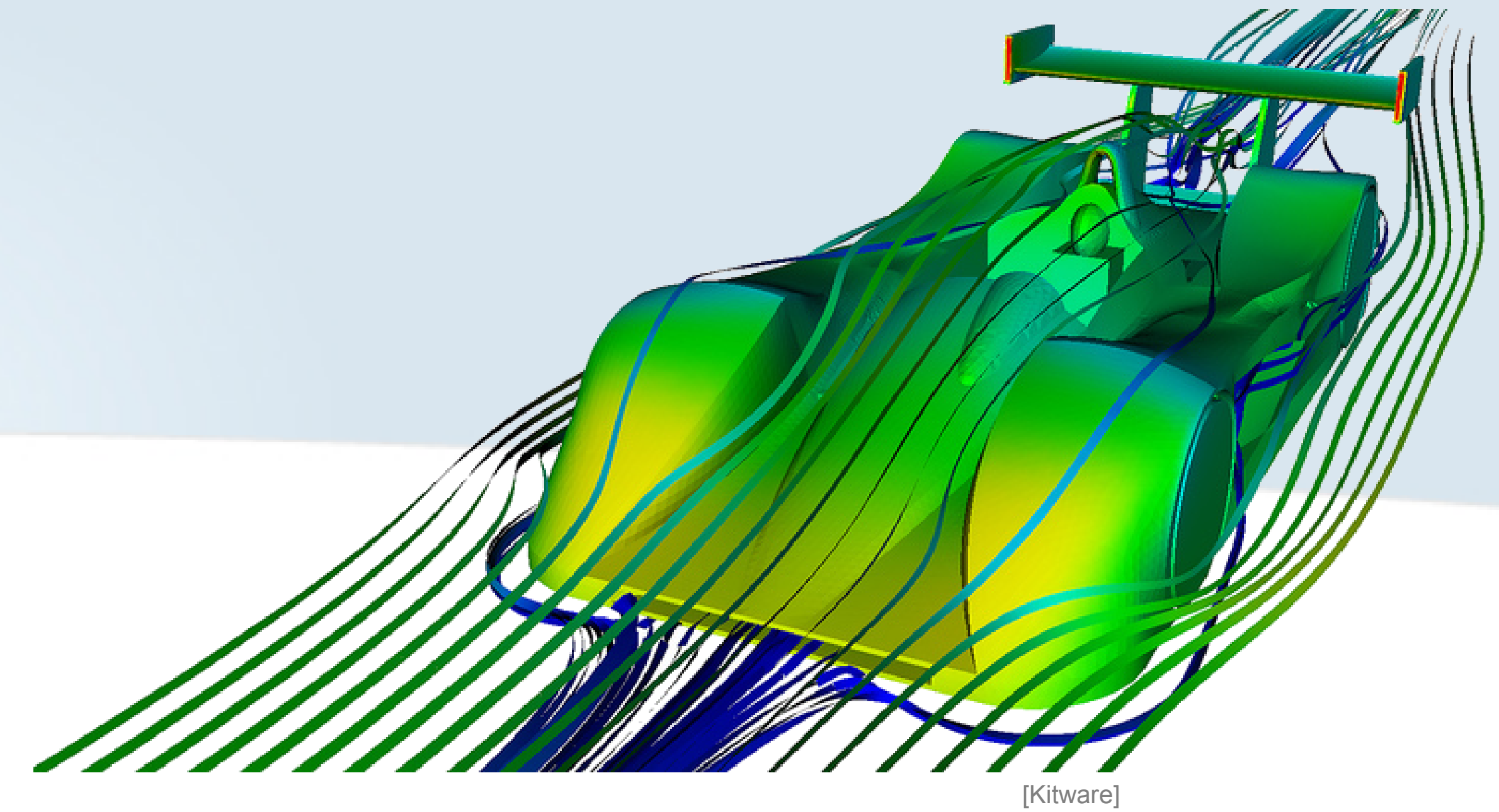


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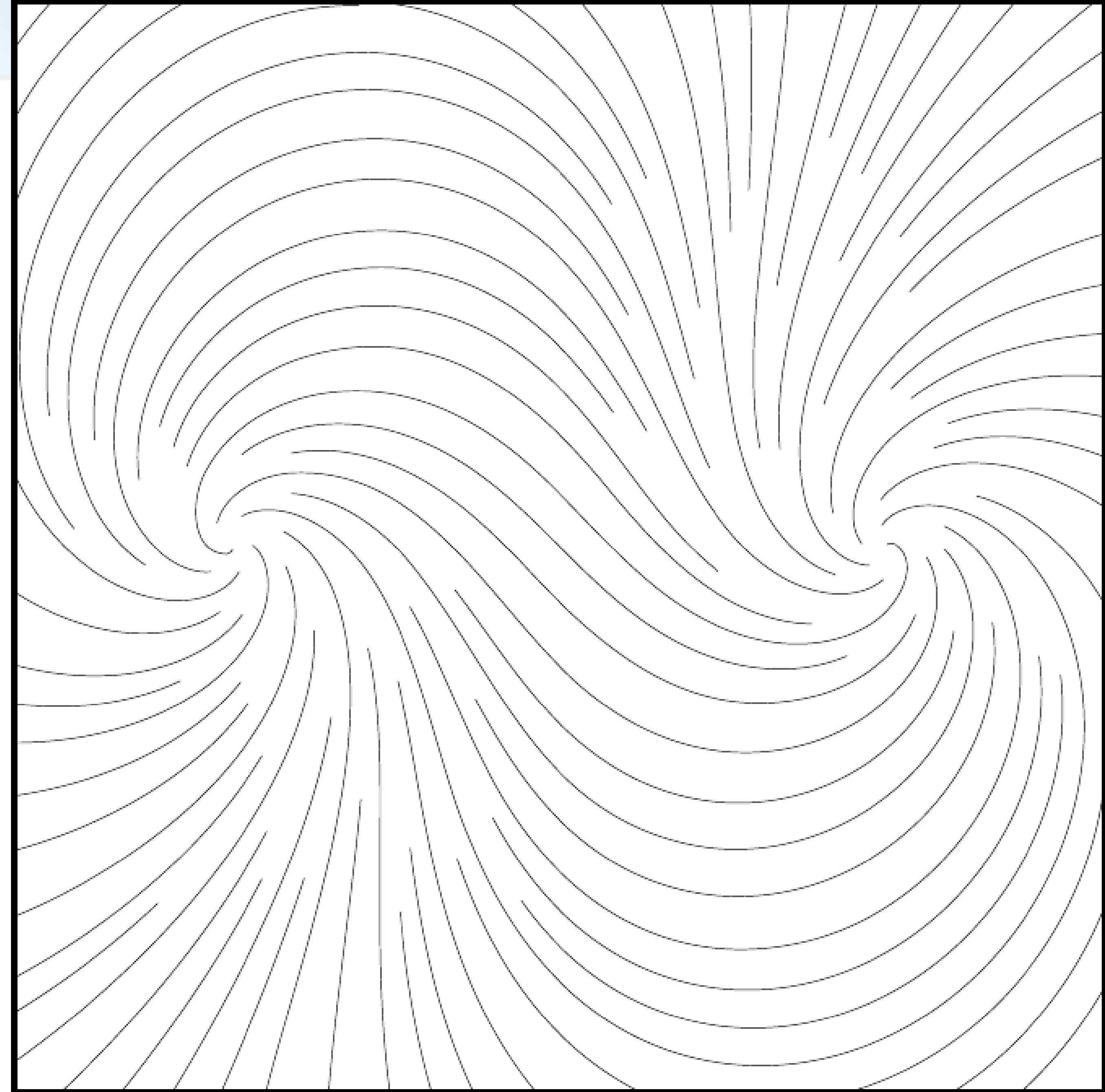
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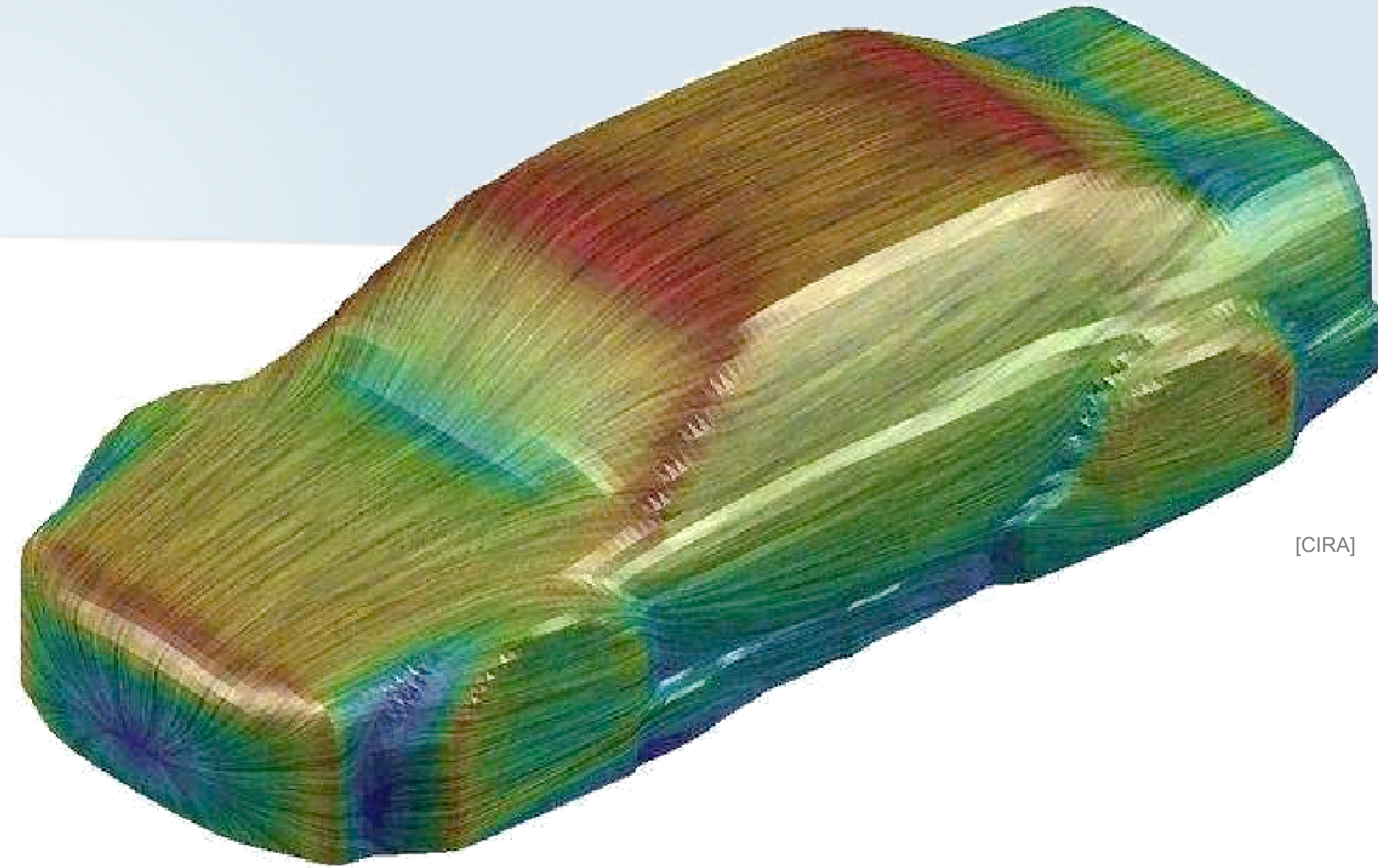
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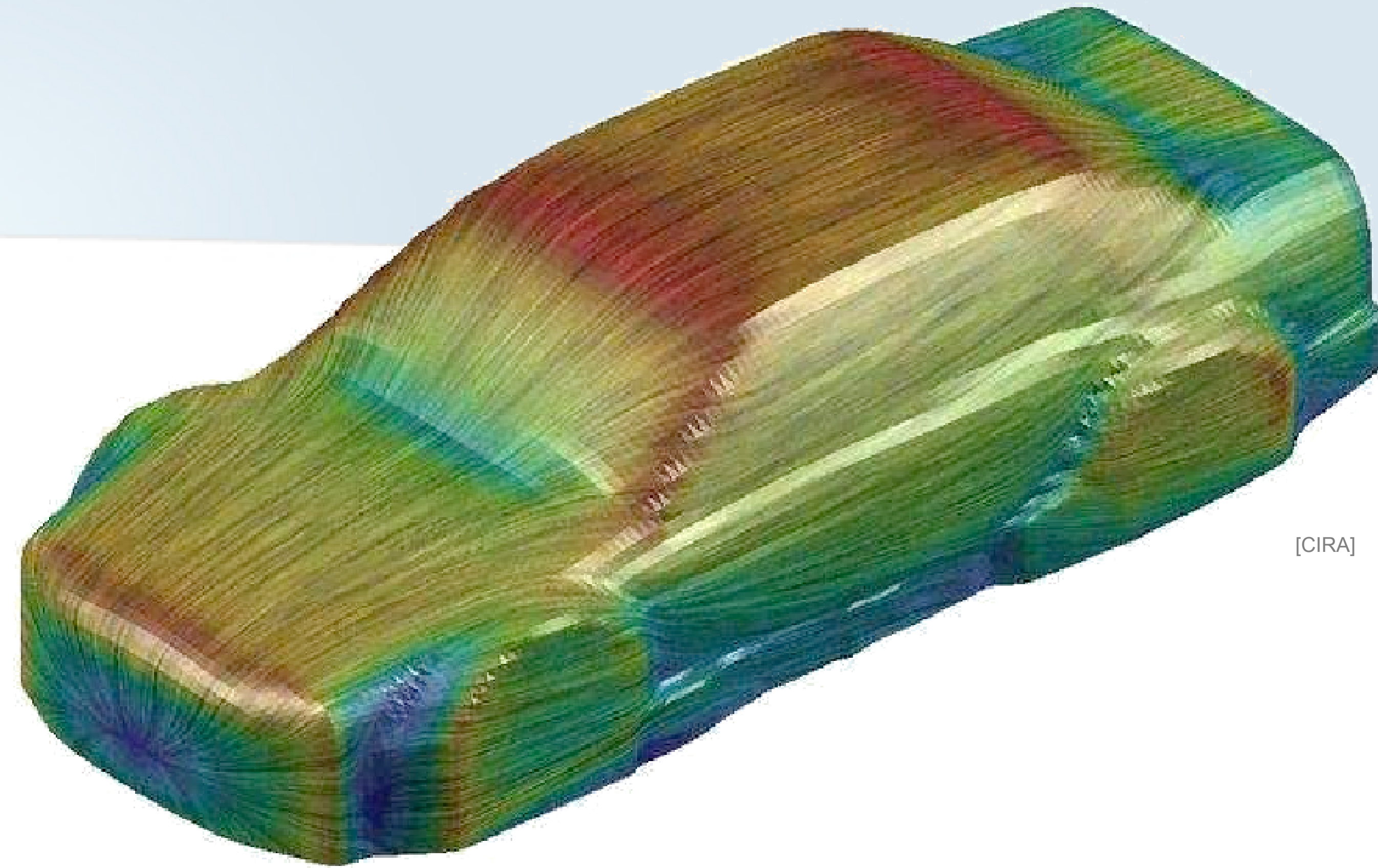
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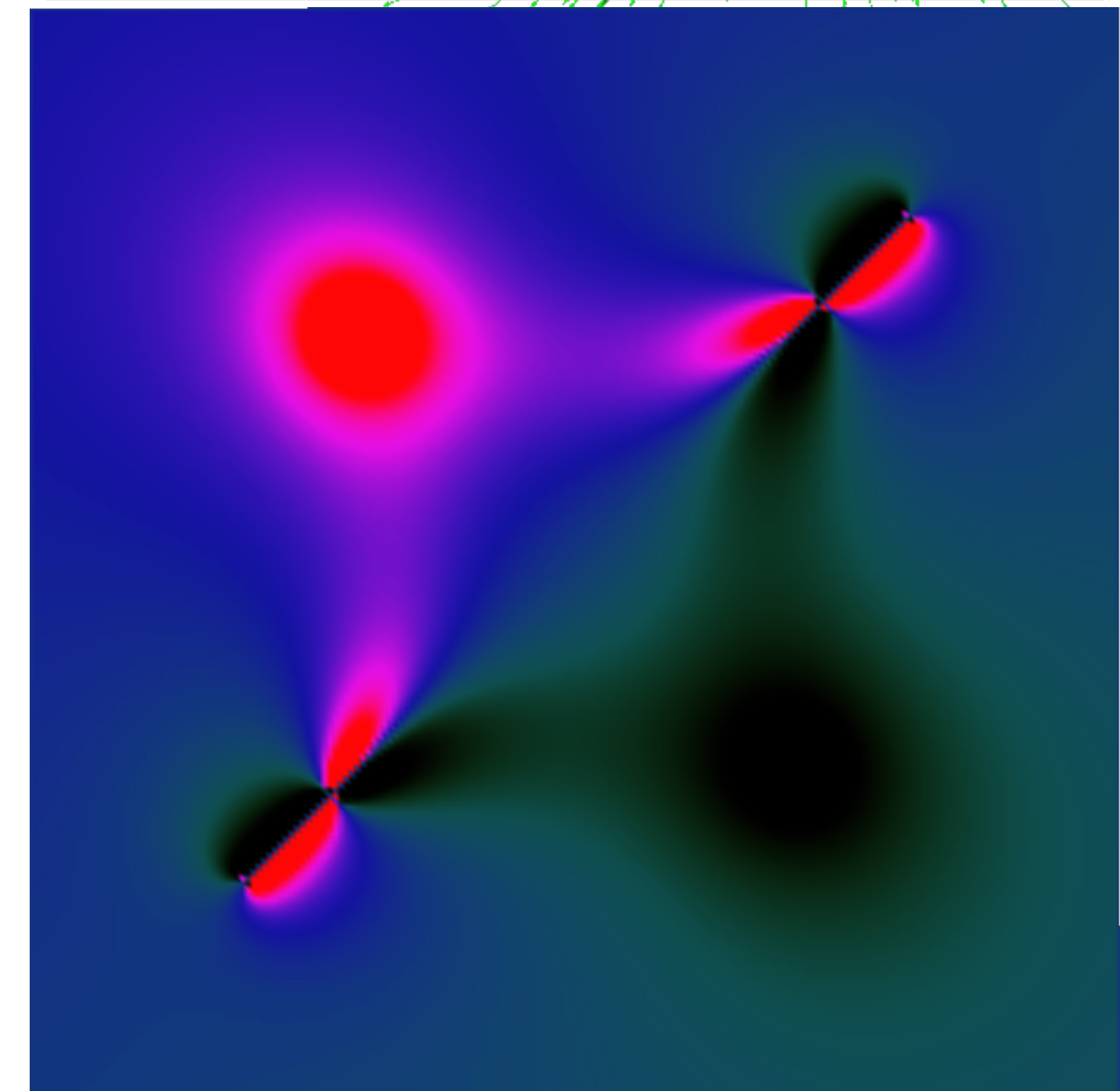
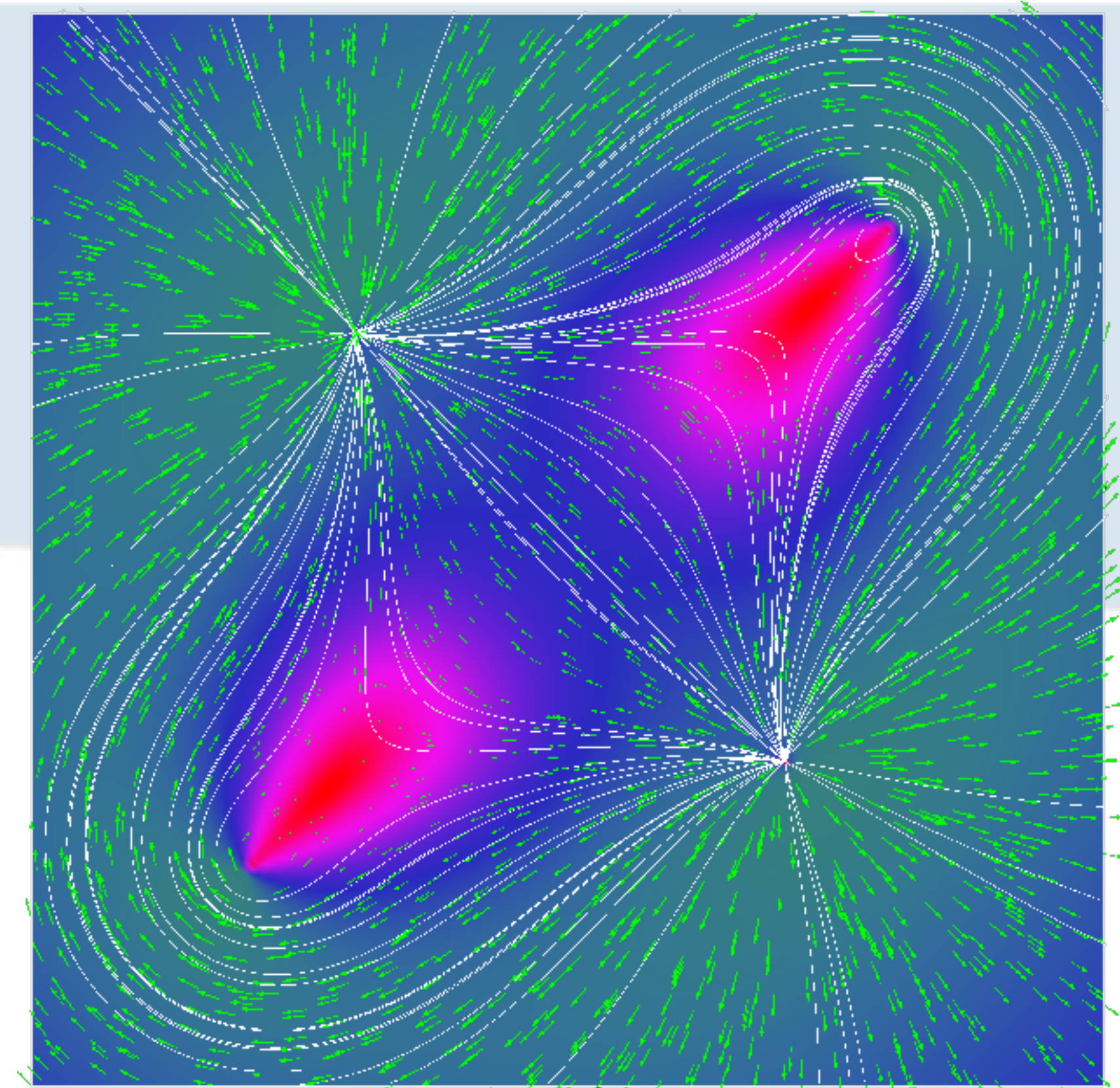
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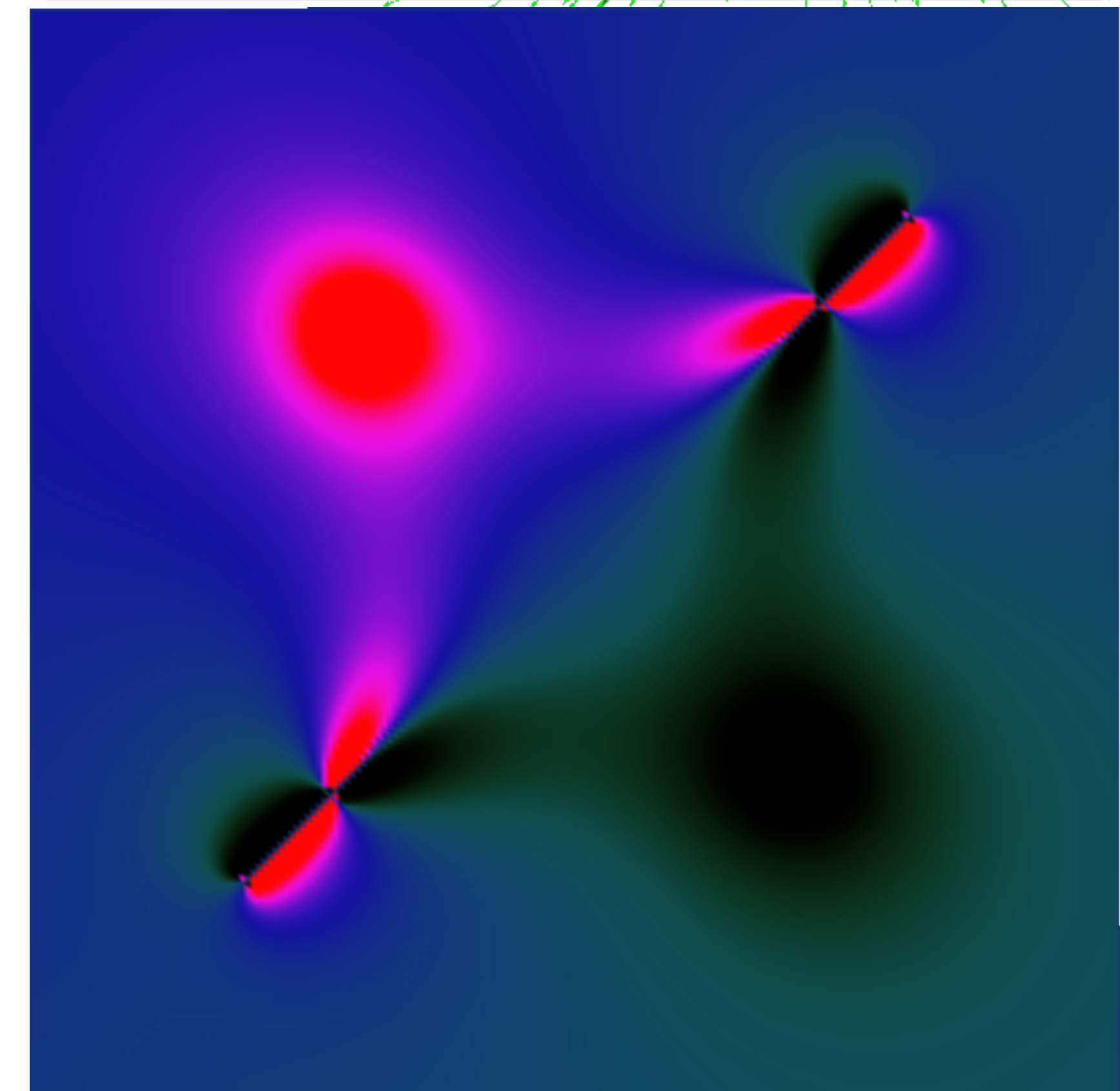
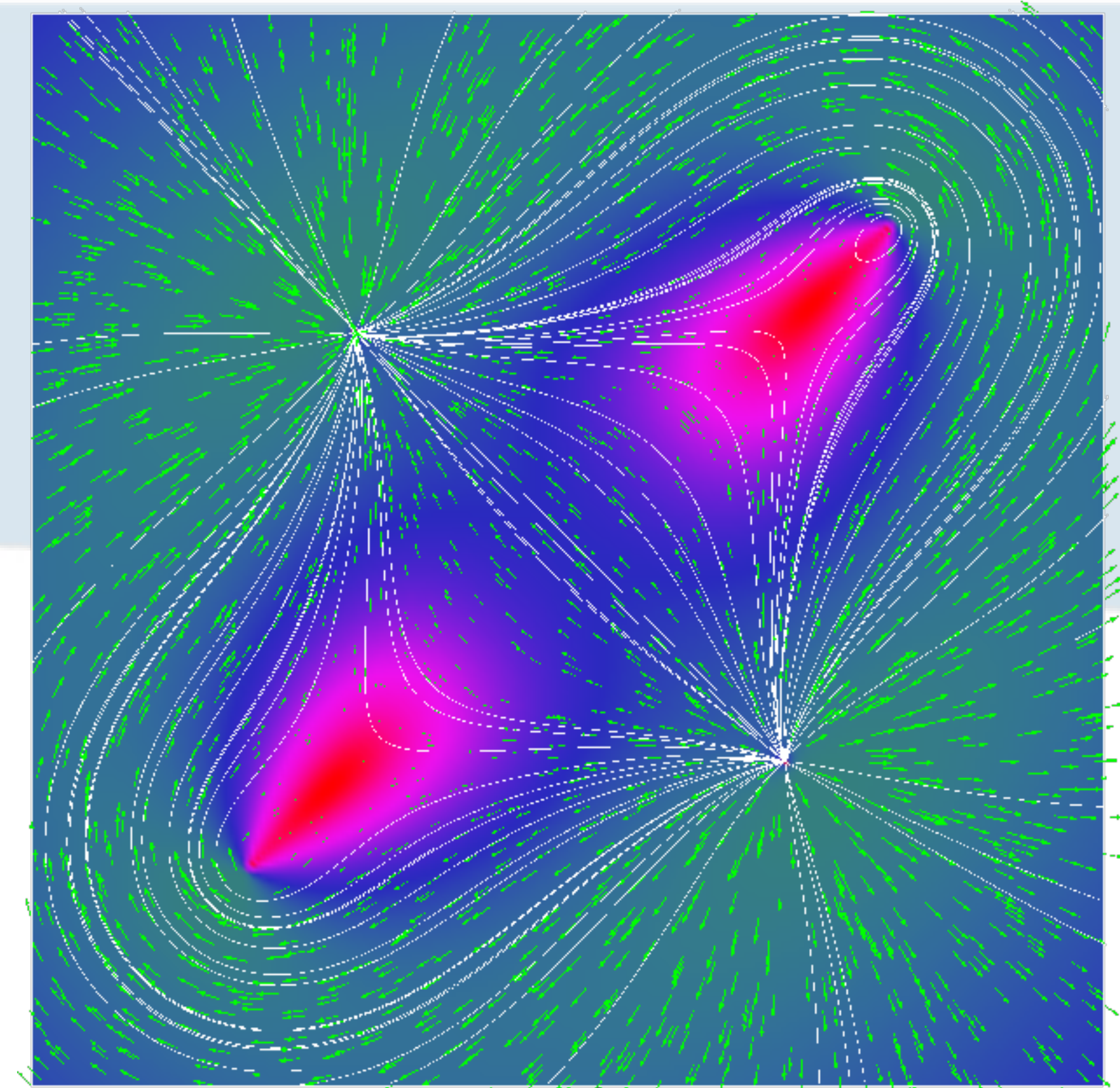
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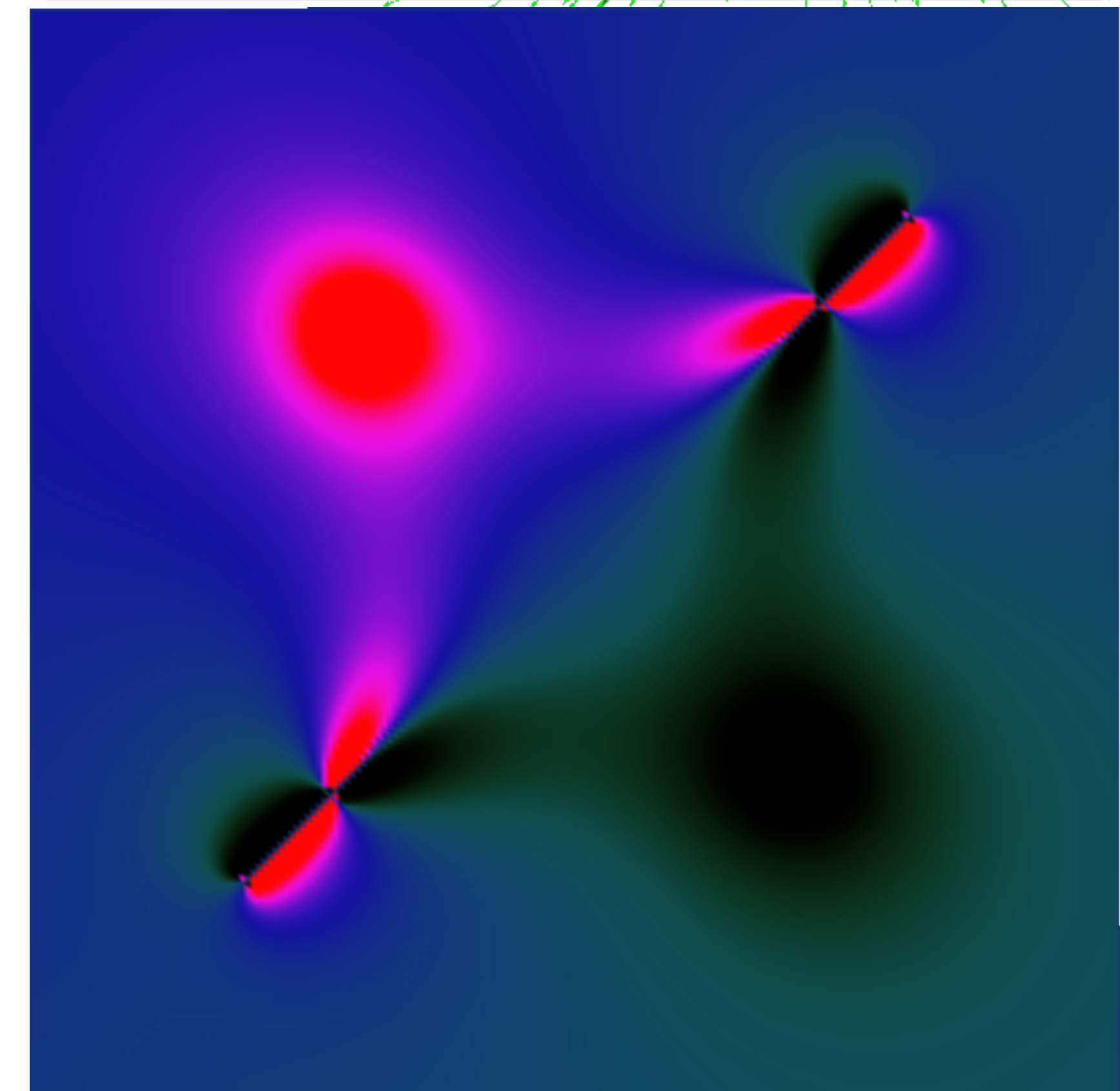
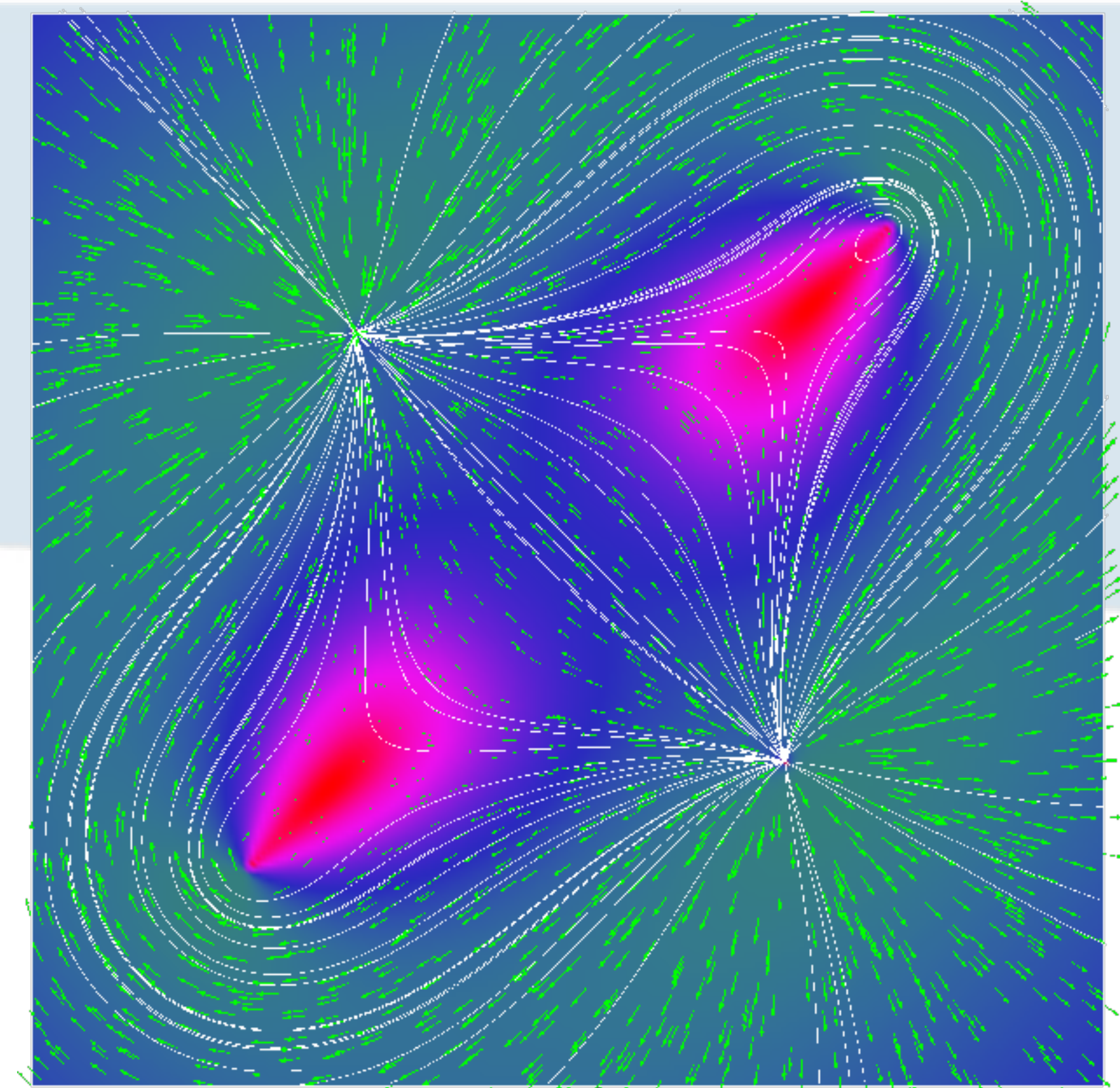
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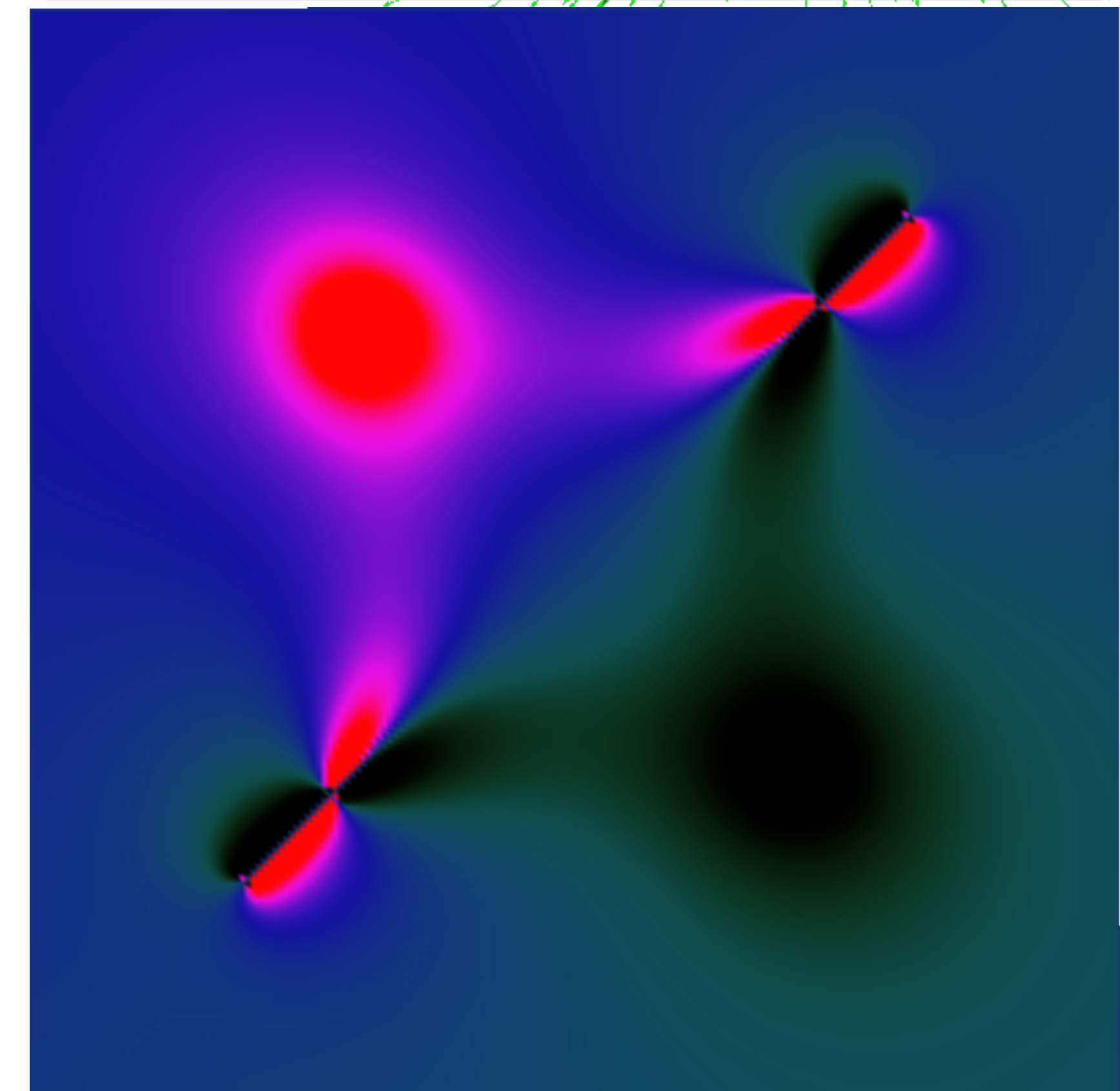
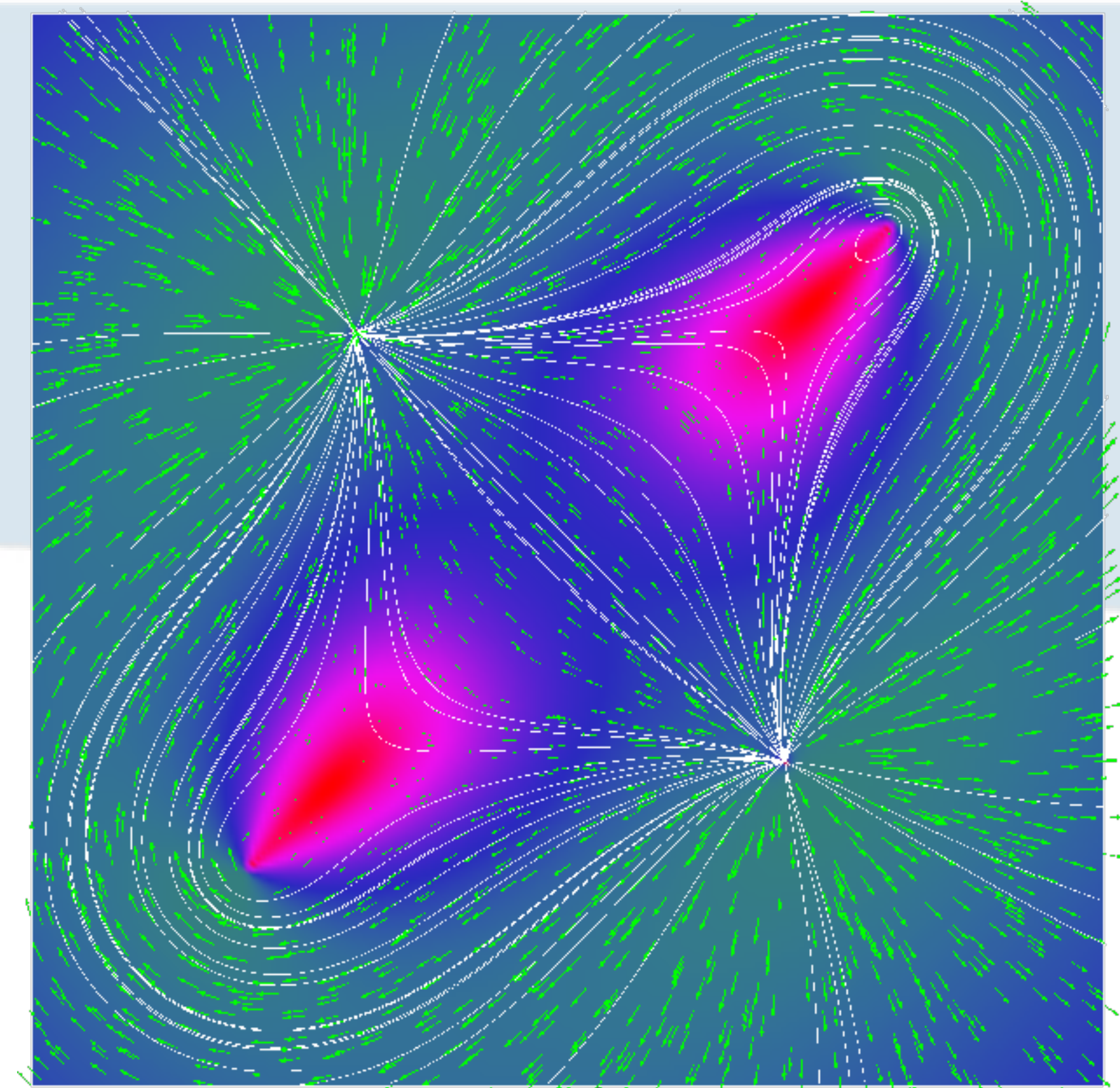
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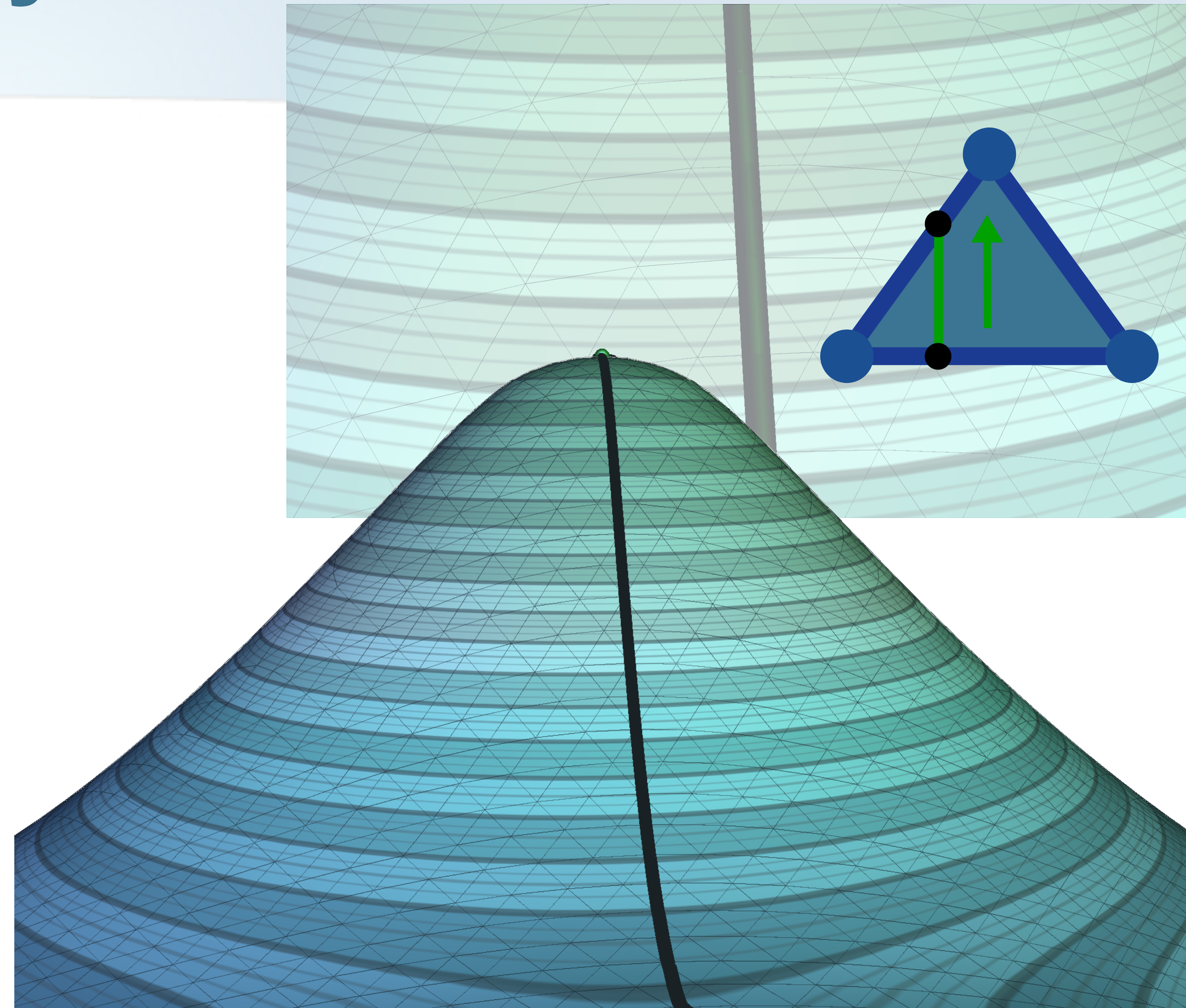
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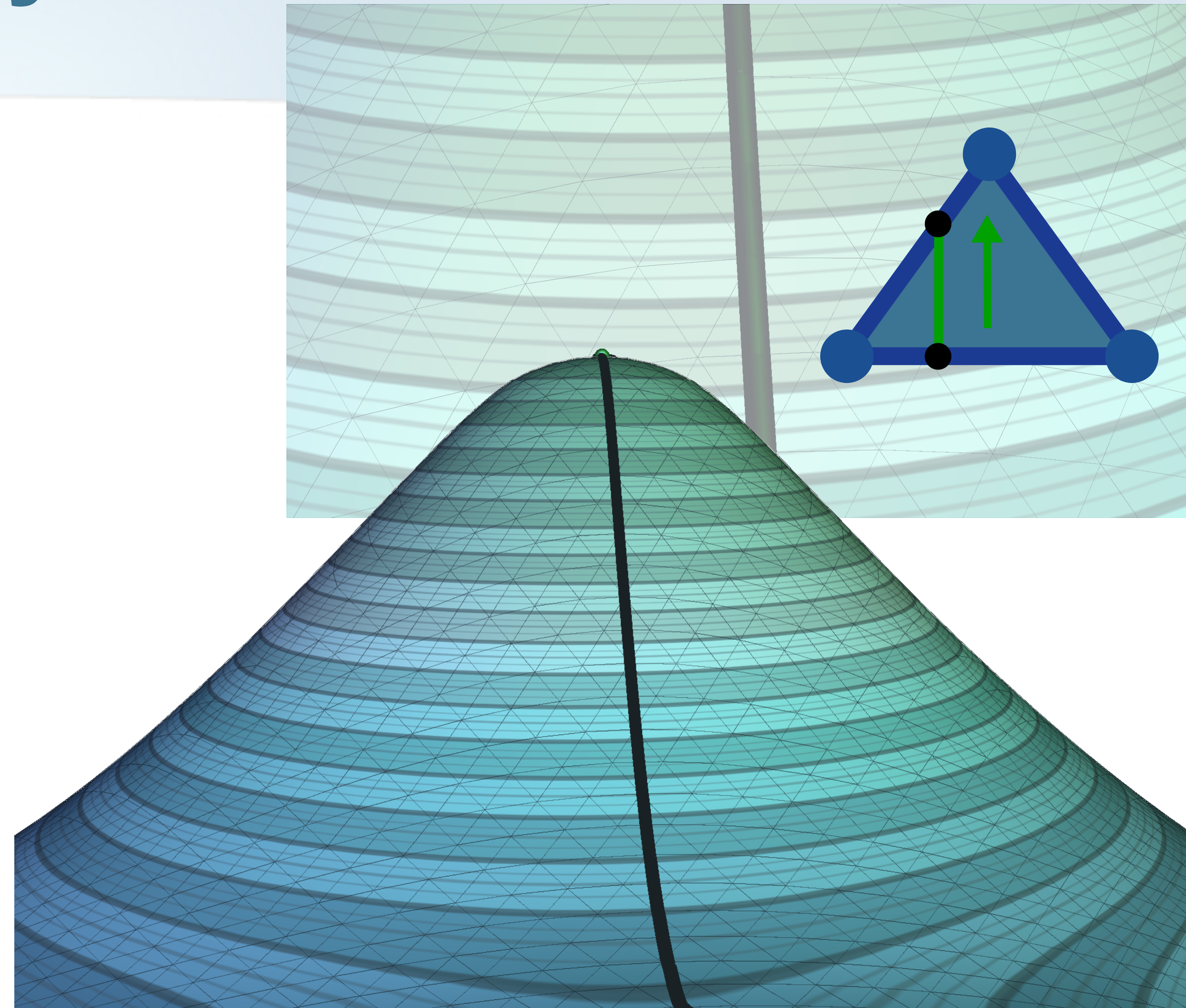
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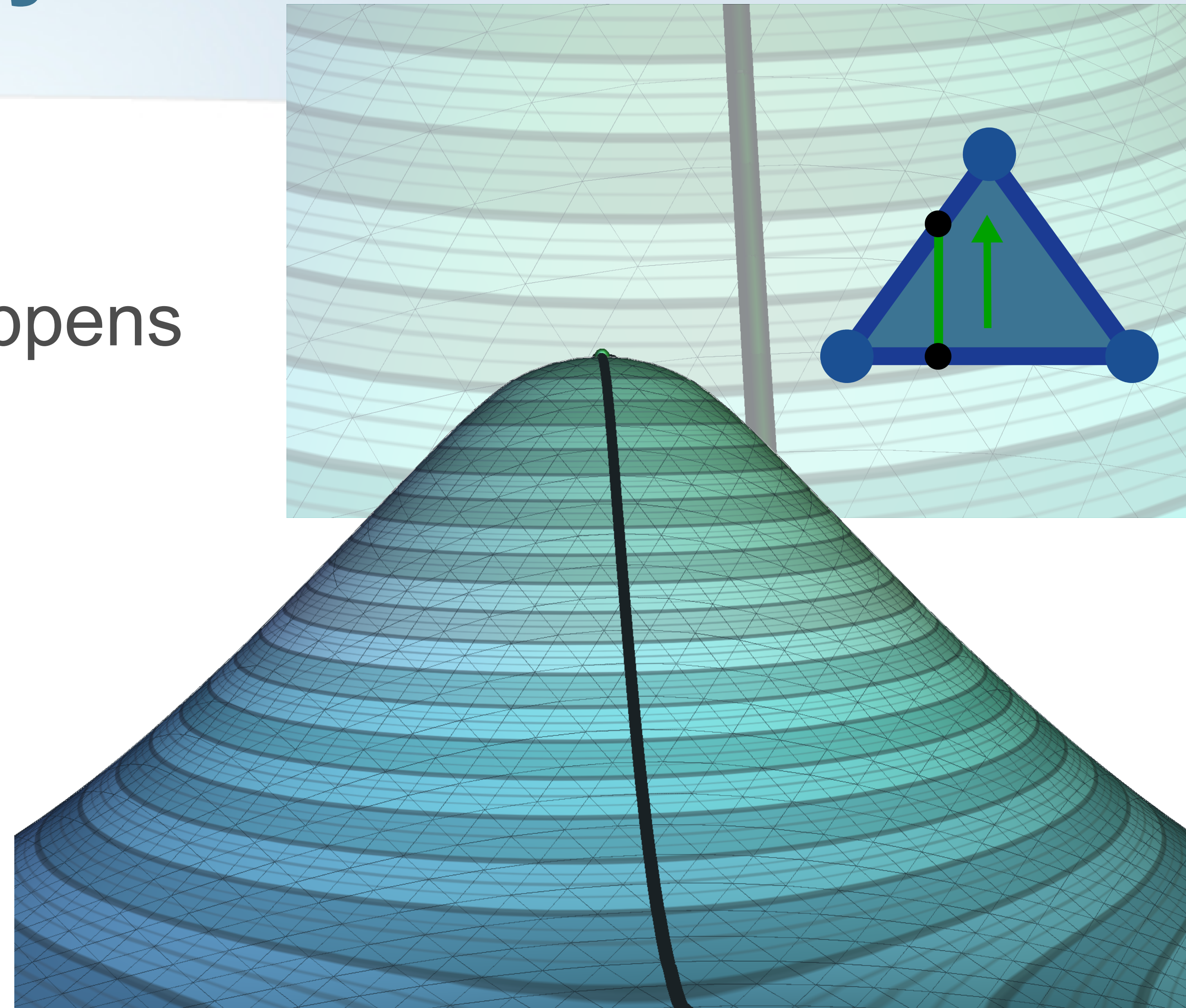
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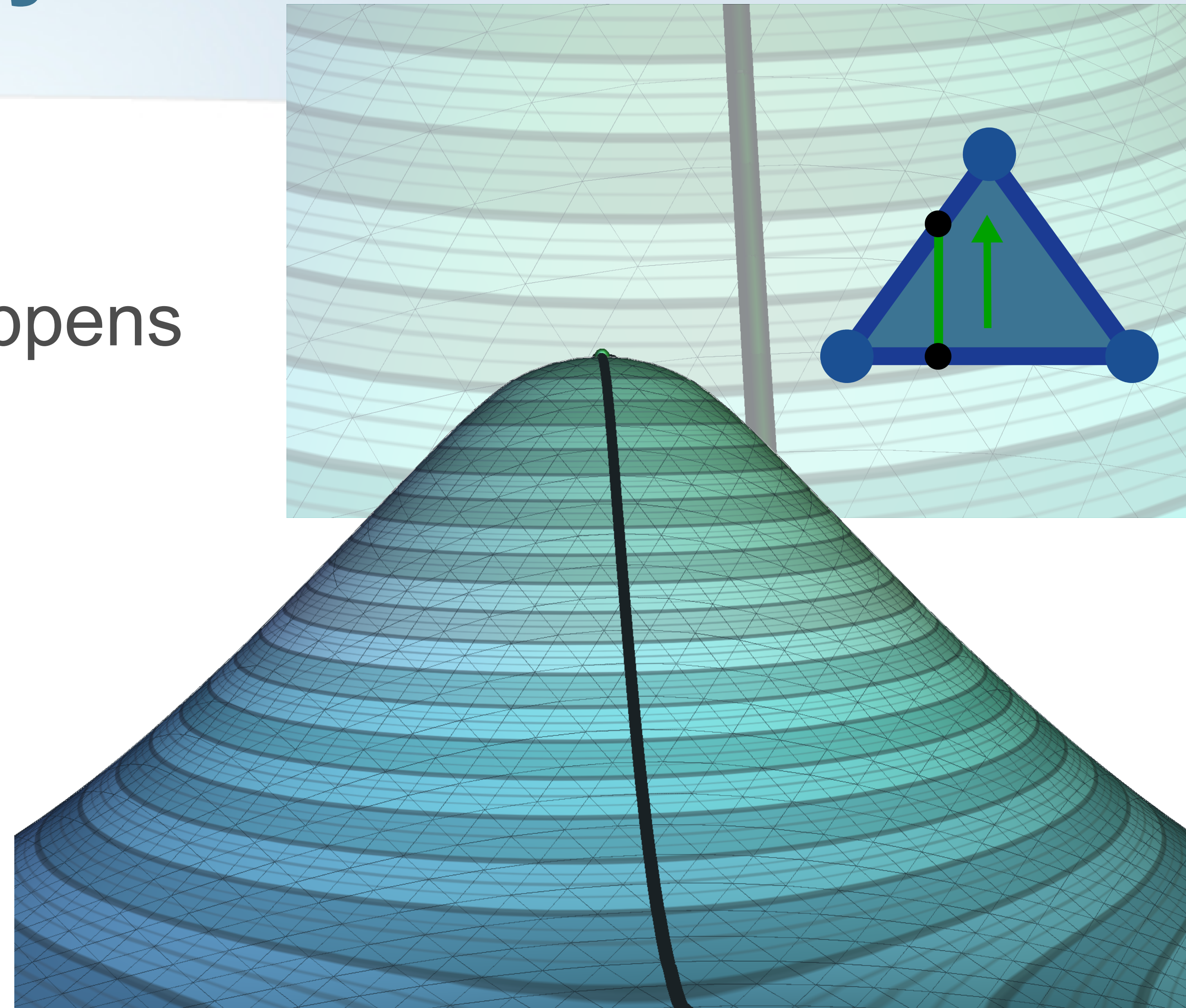
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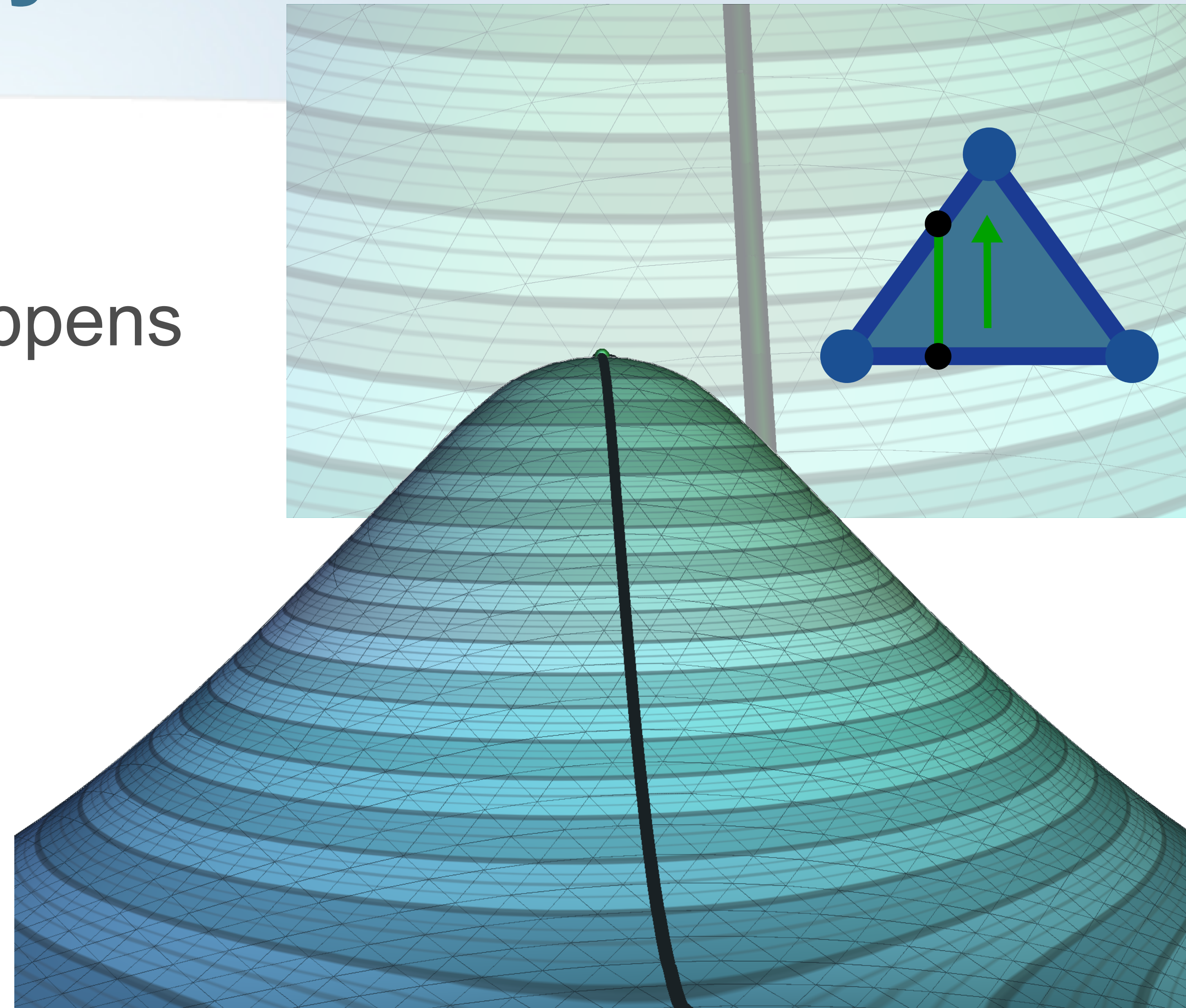
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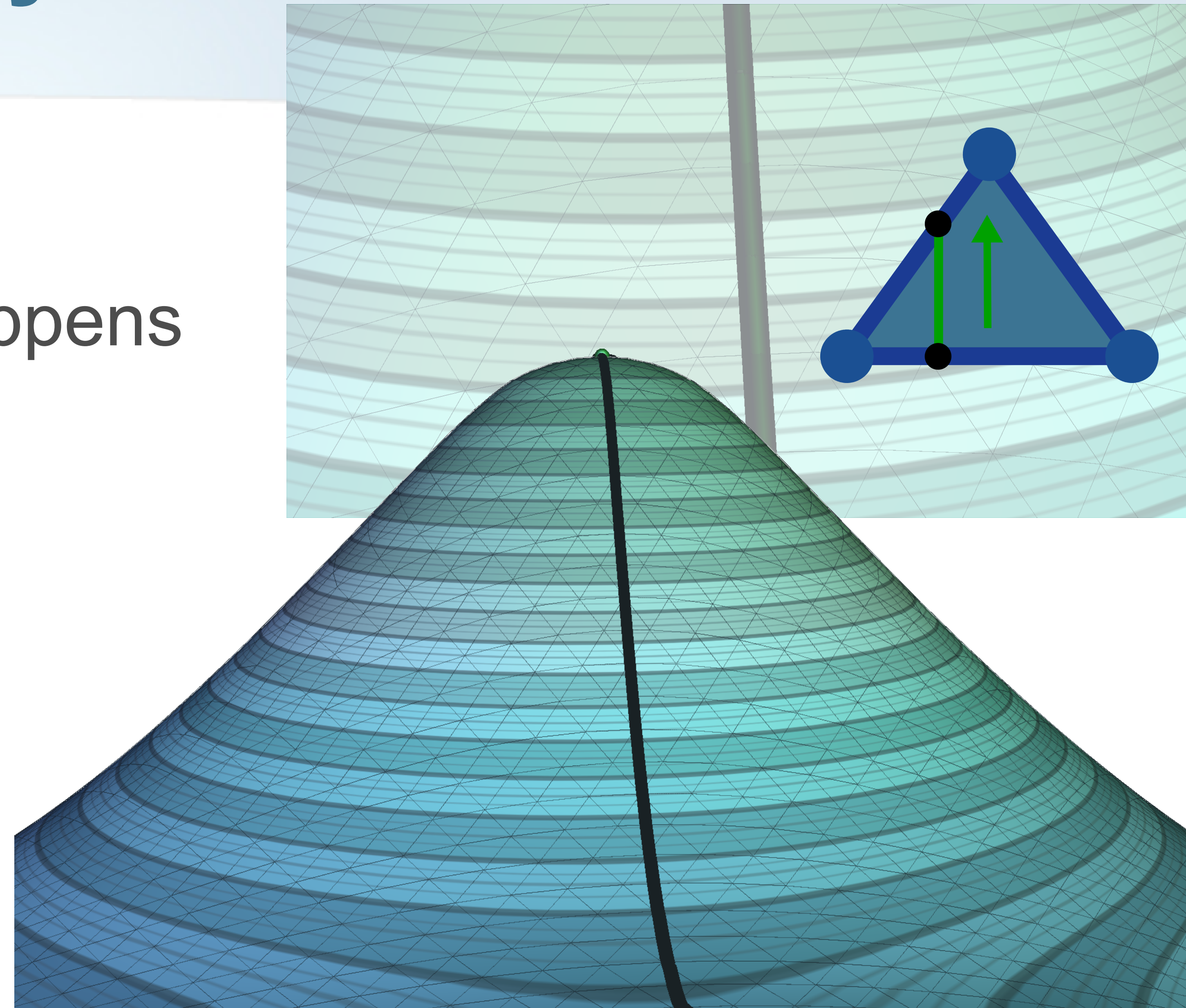
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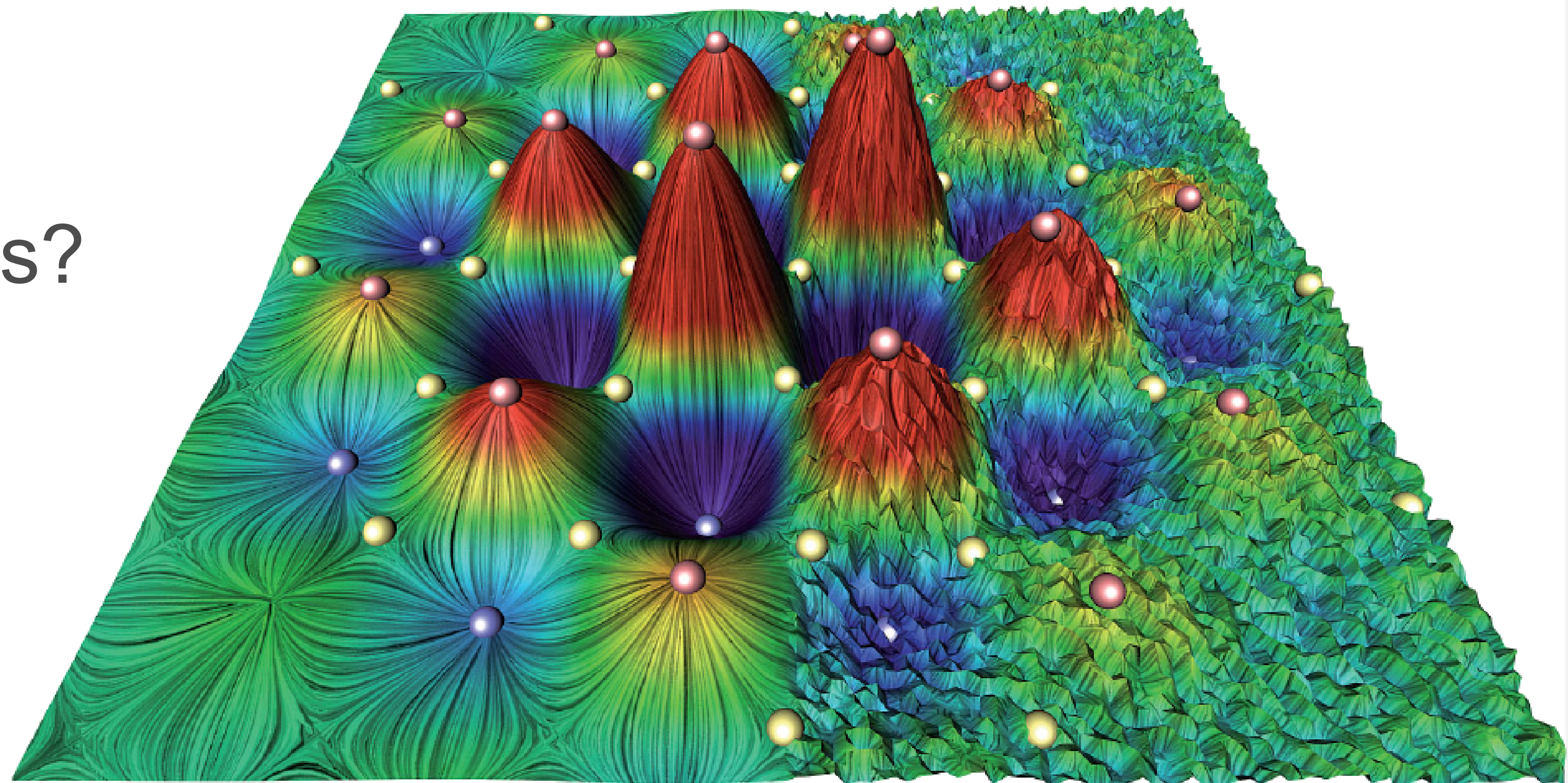
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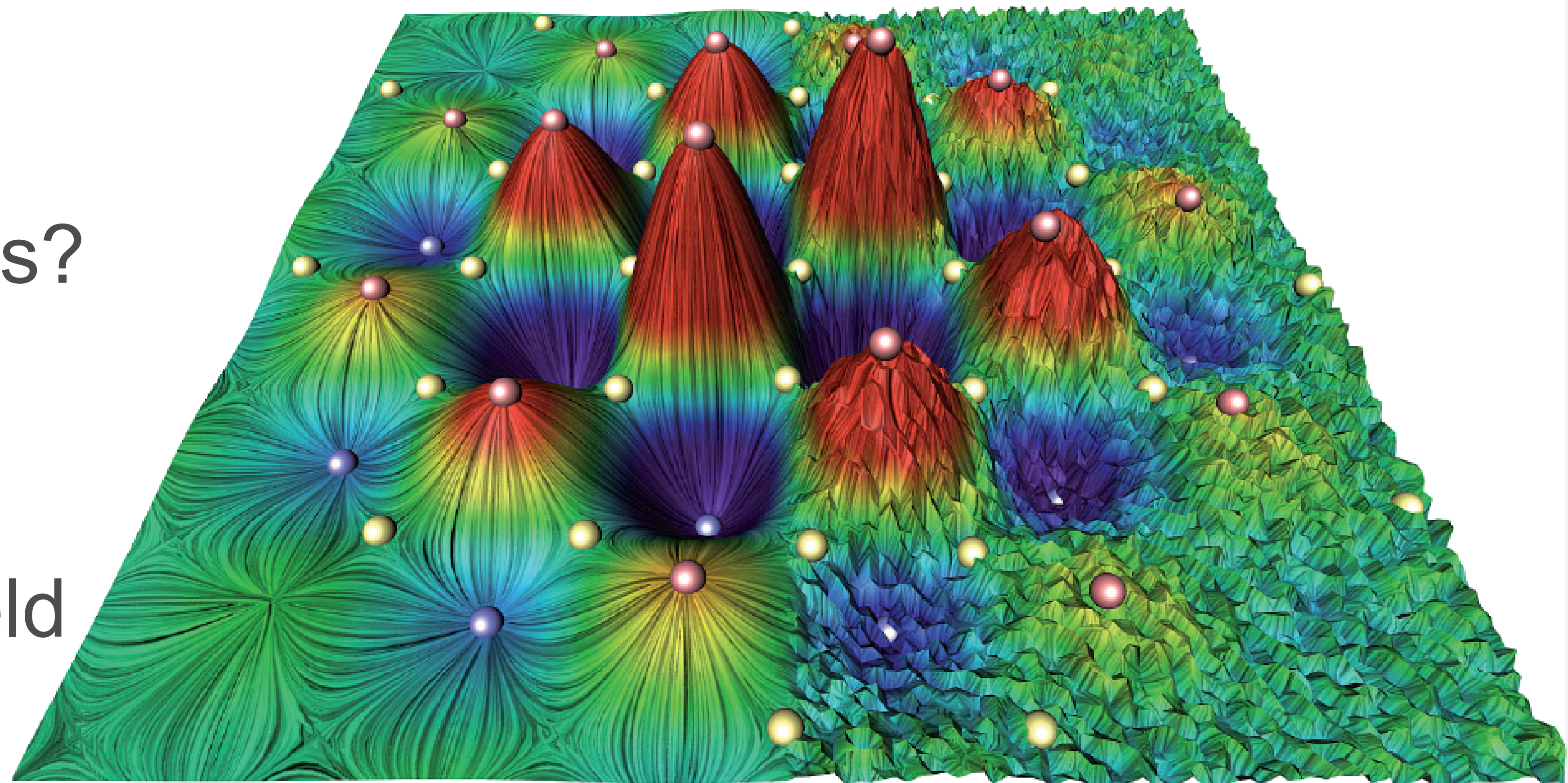
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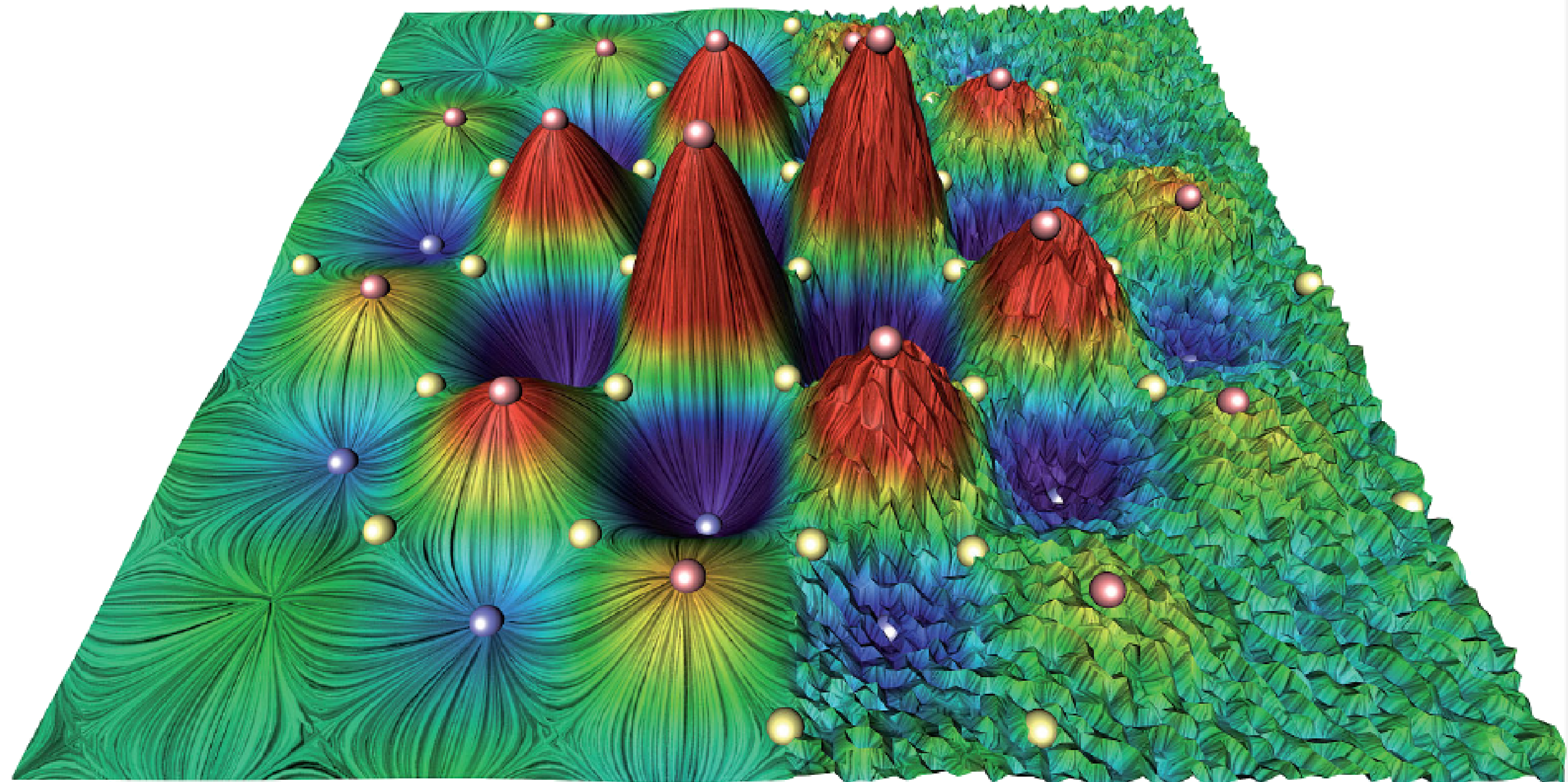
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- Critical points of a gradient field
  - Same as for scalar fields



# Gradient field topology

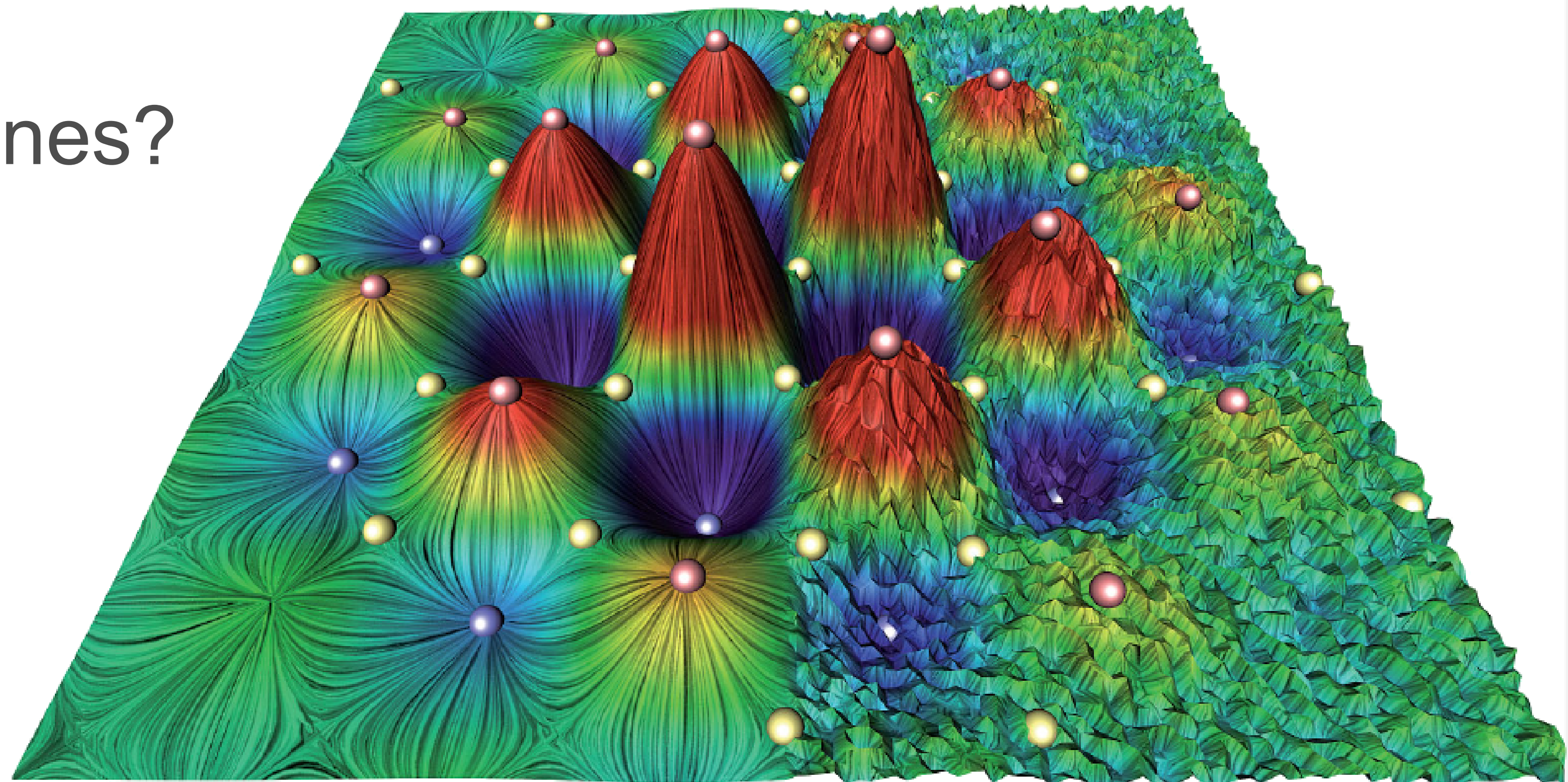
- Critical points of a vector field
  - Points where the magnitude vanishes





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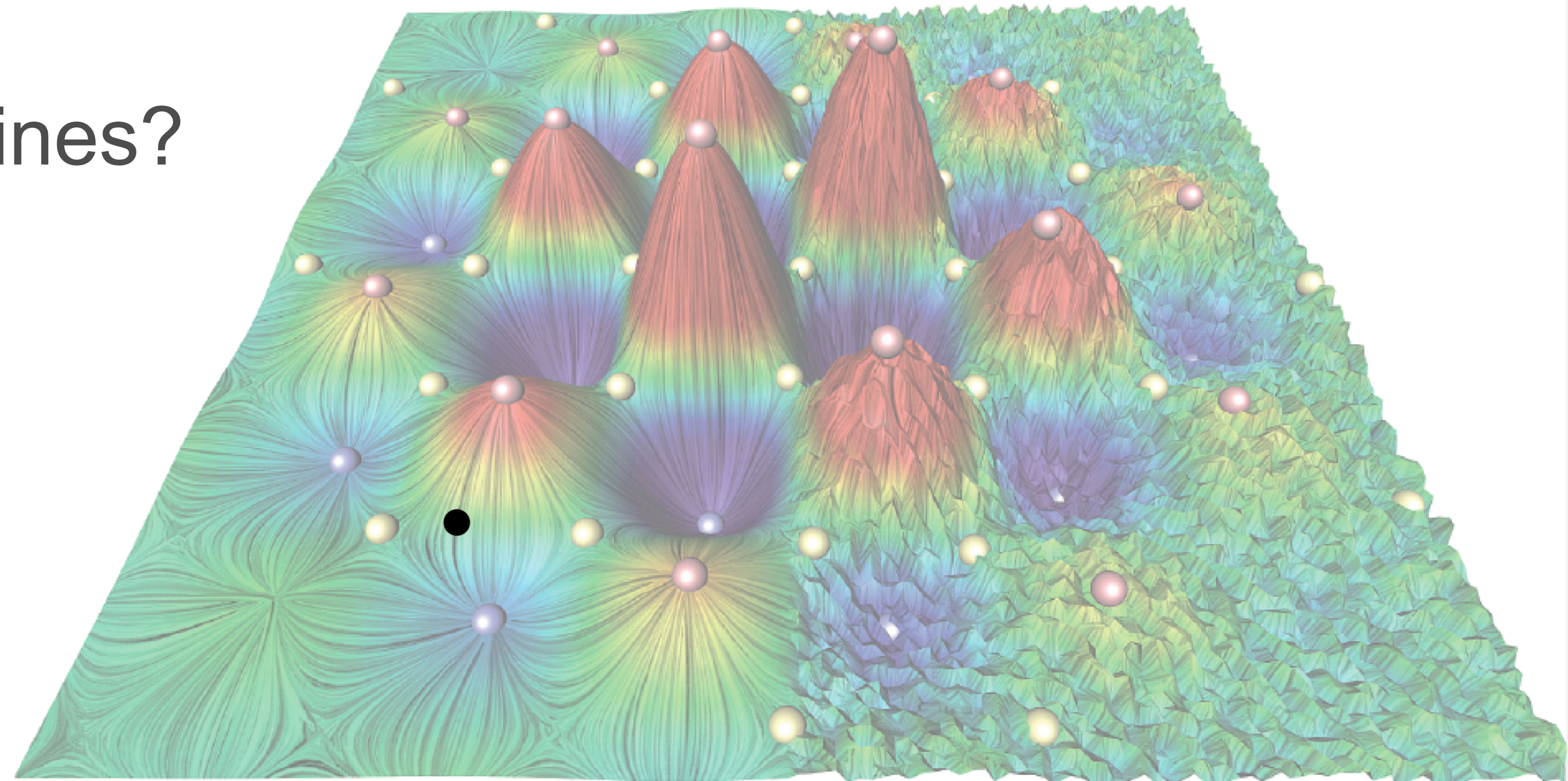
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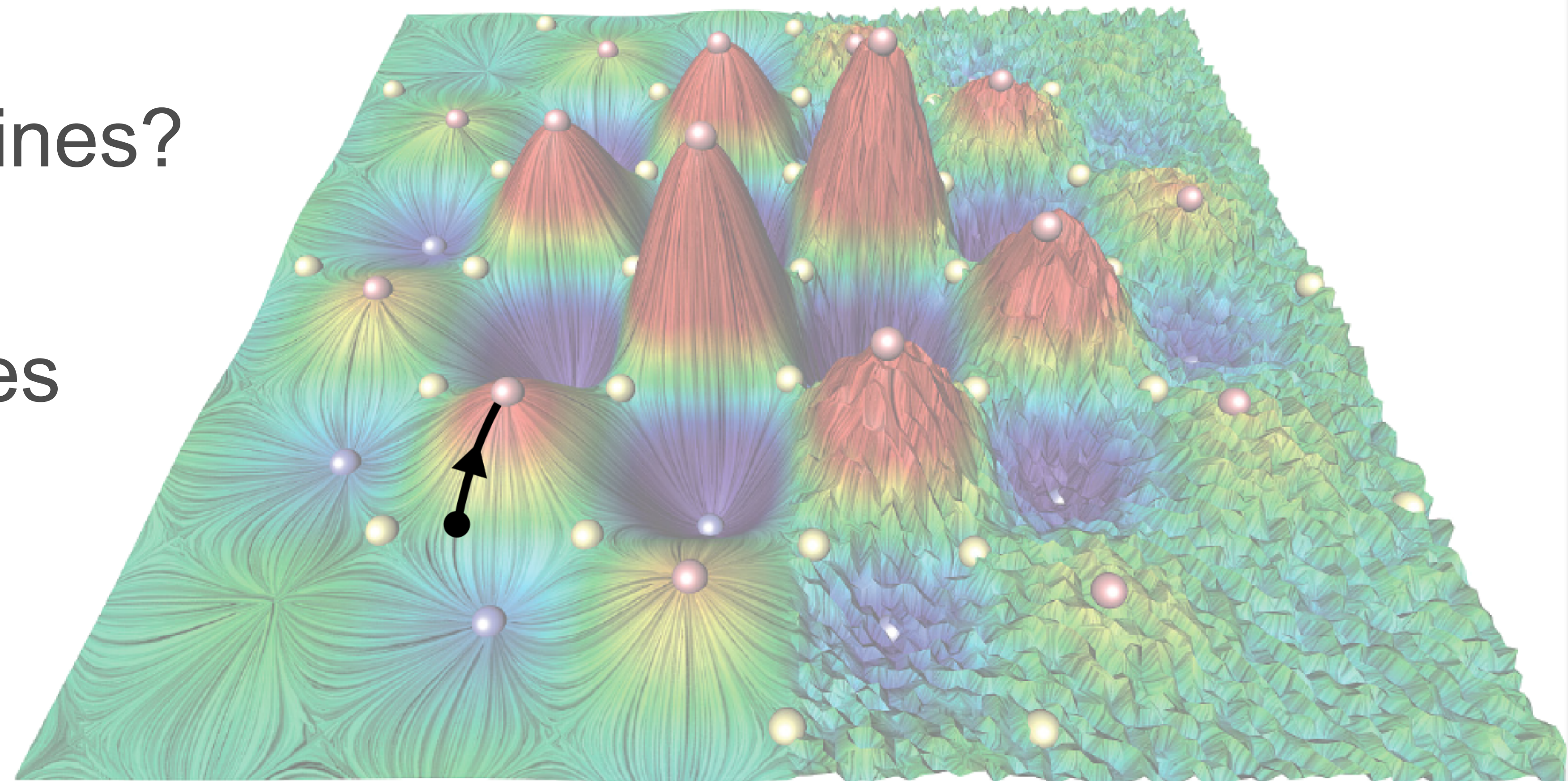
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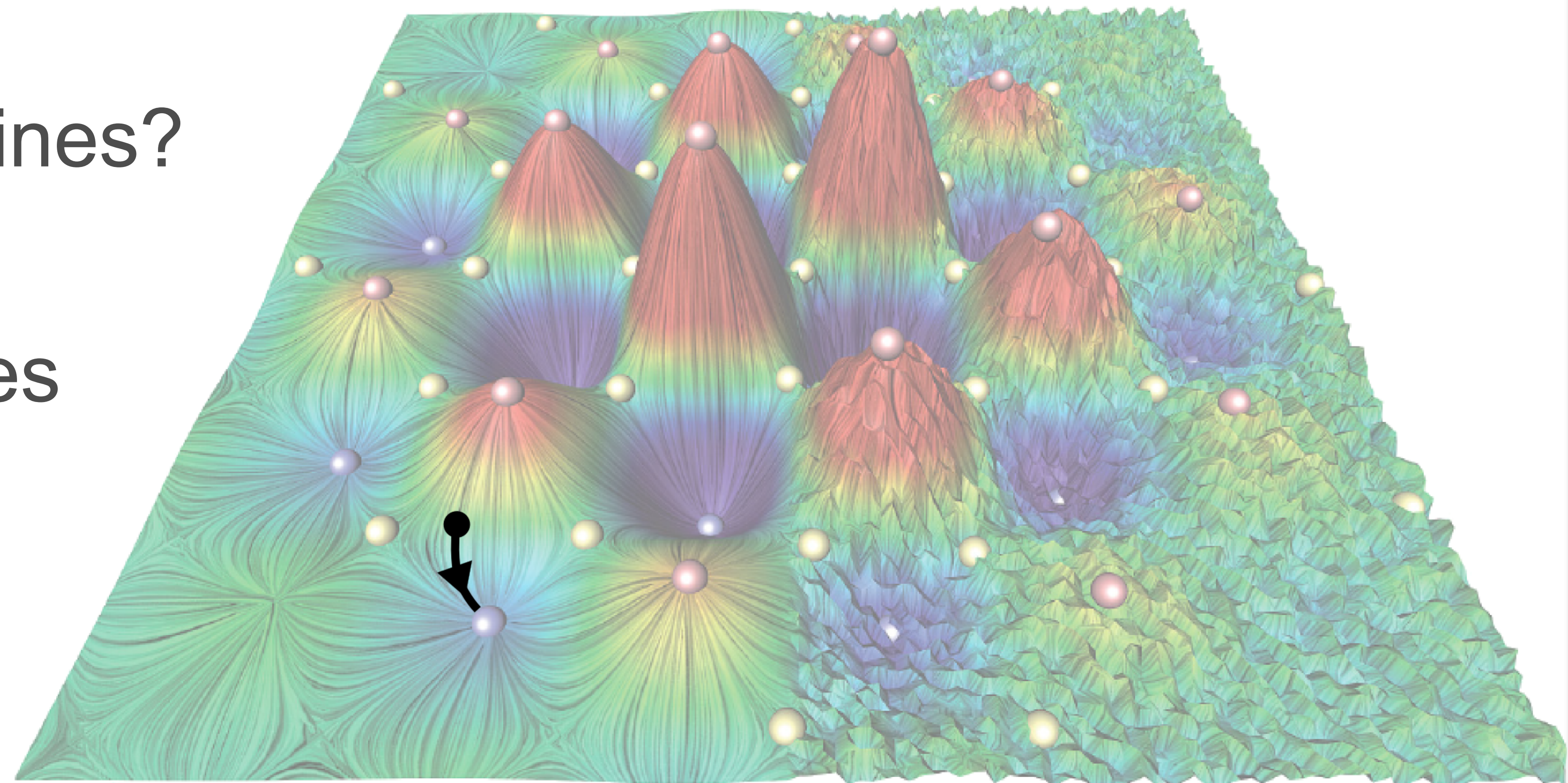
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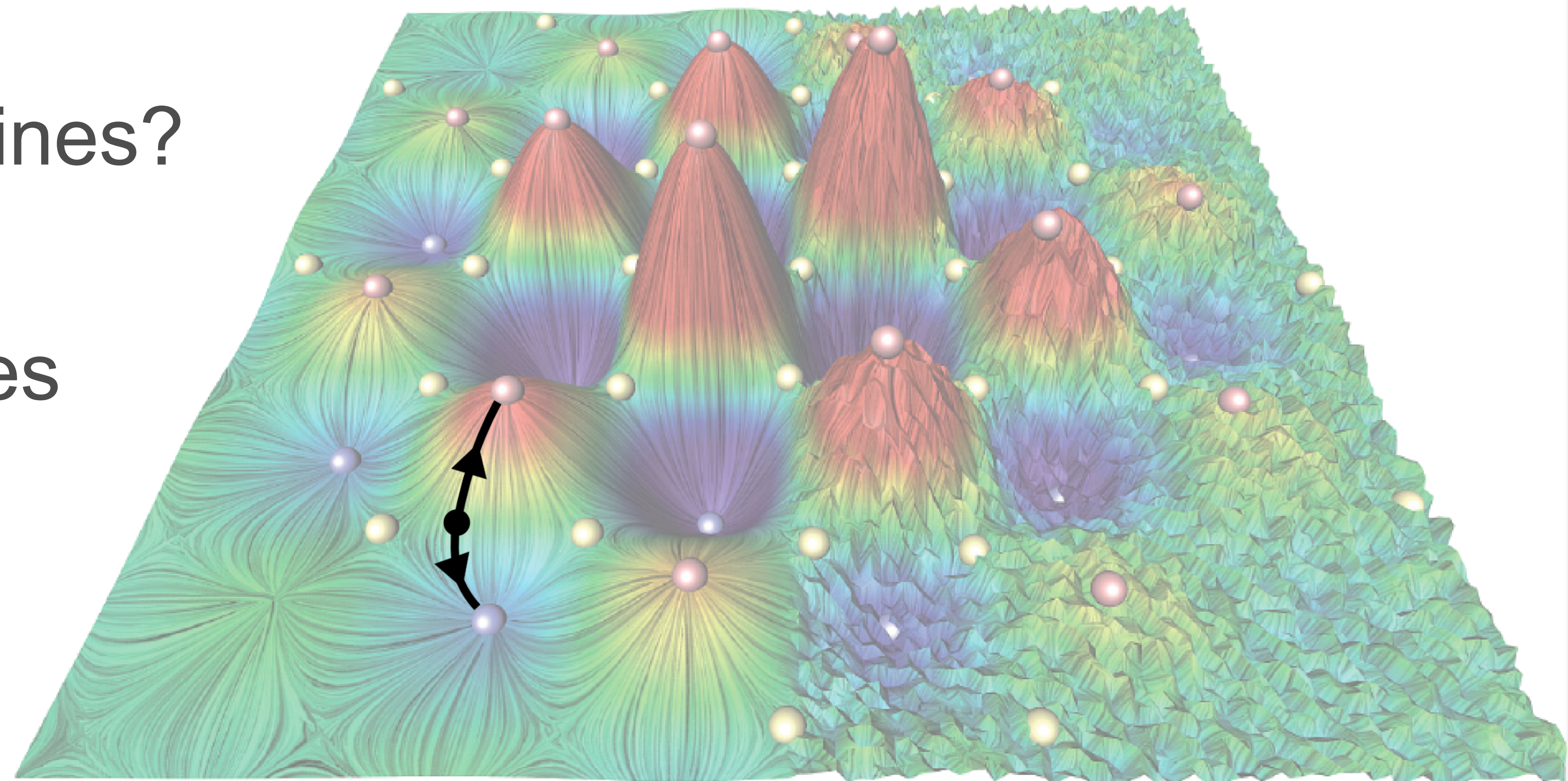
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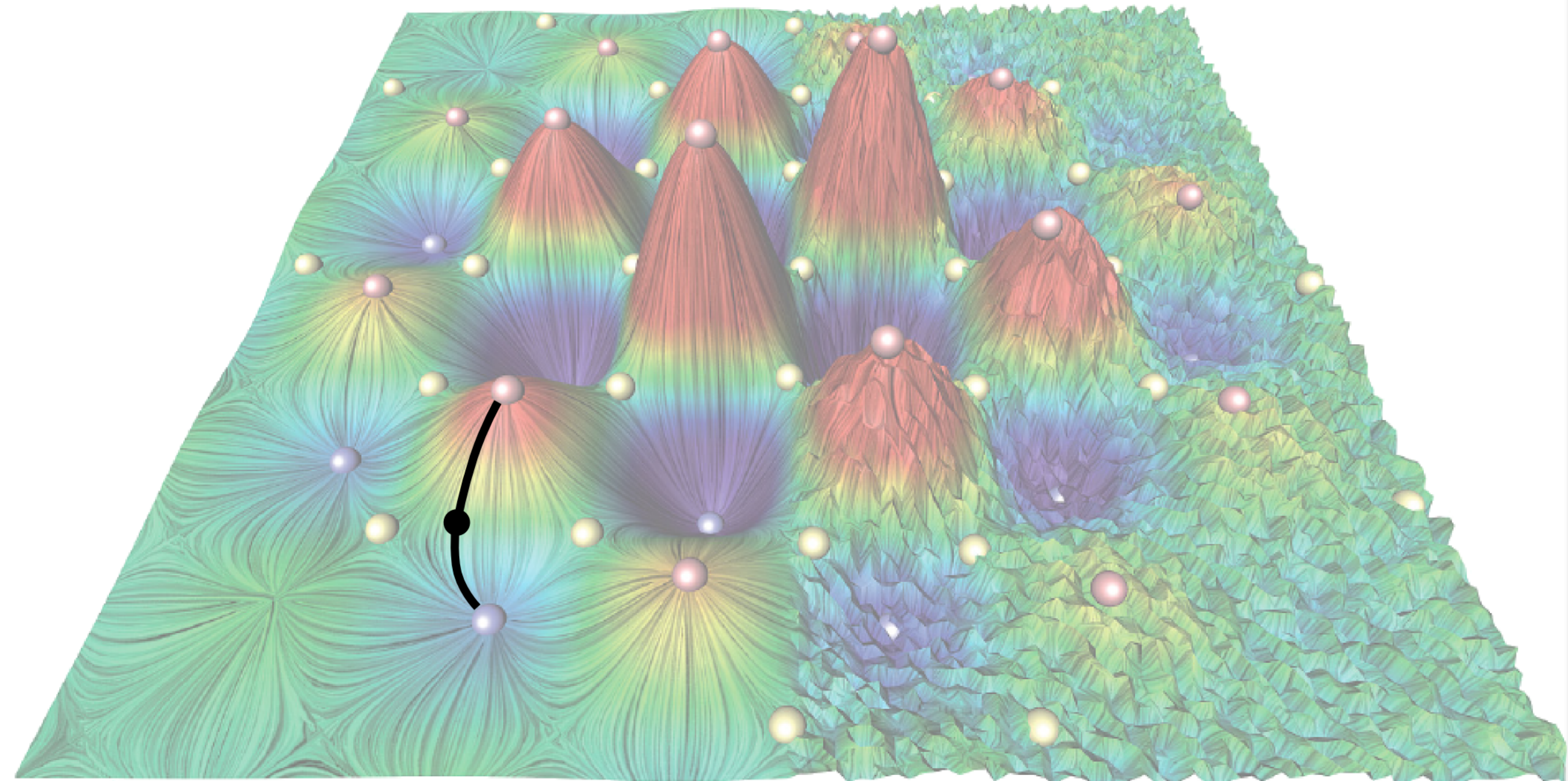
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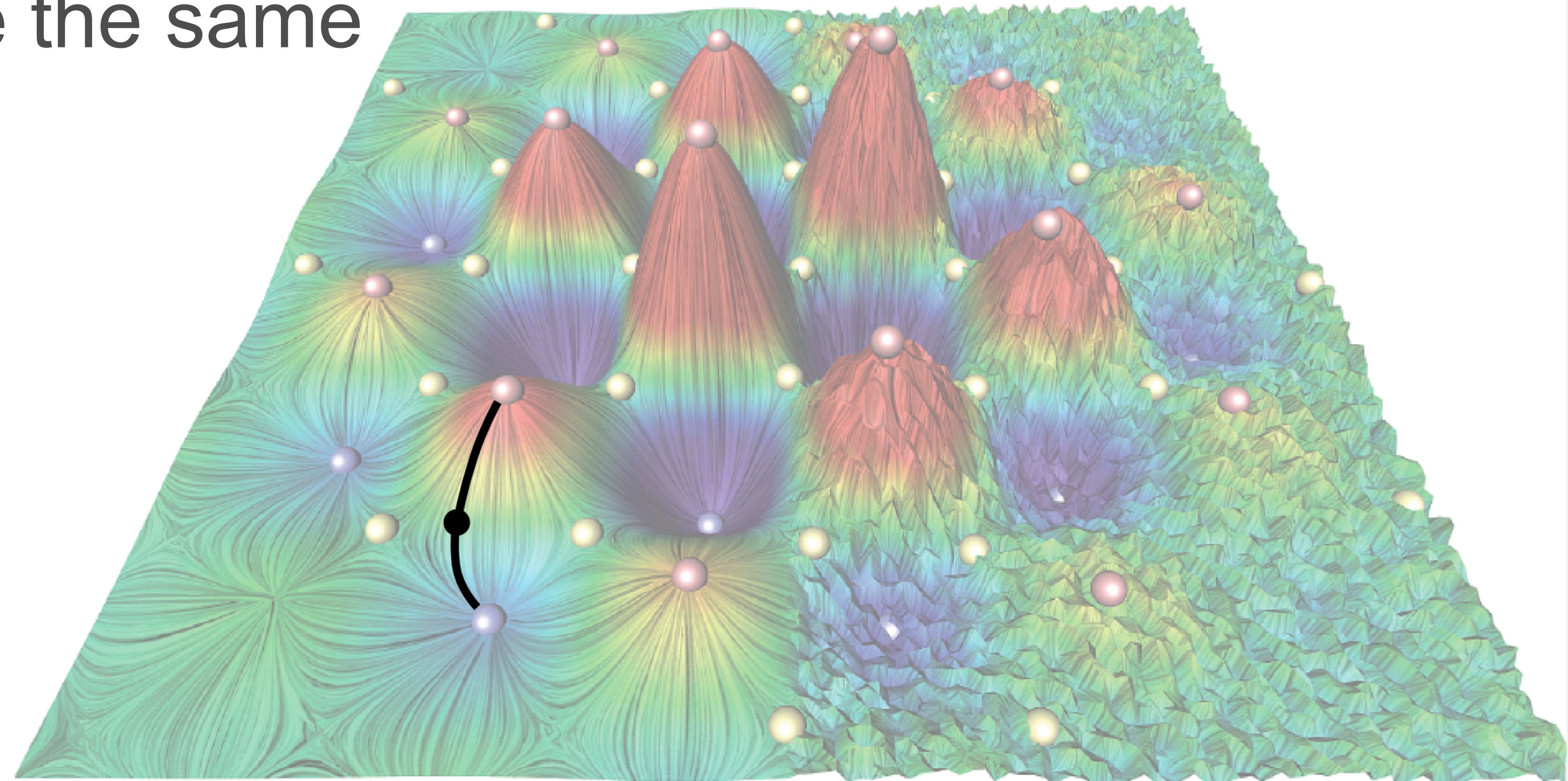
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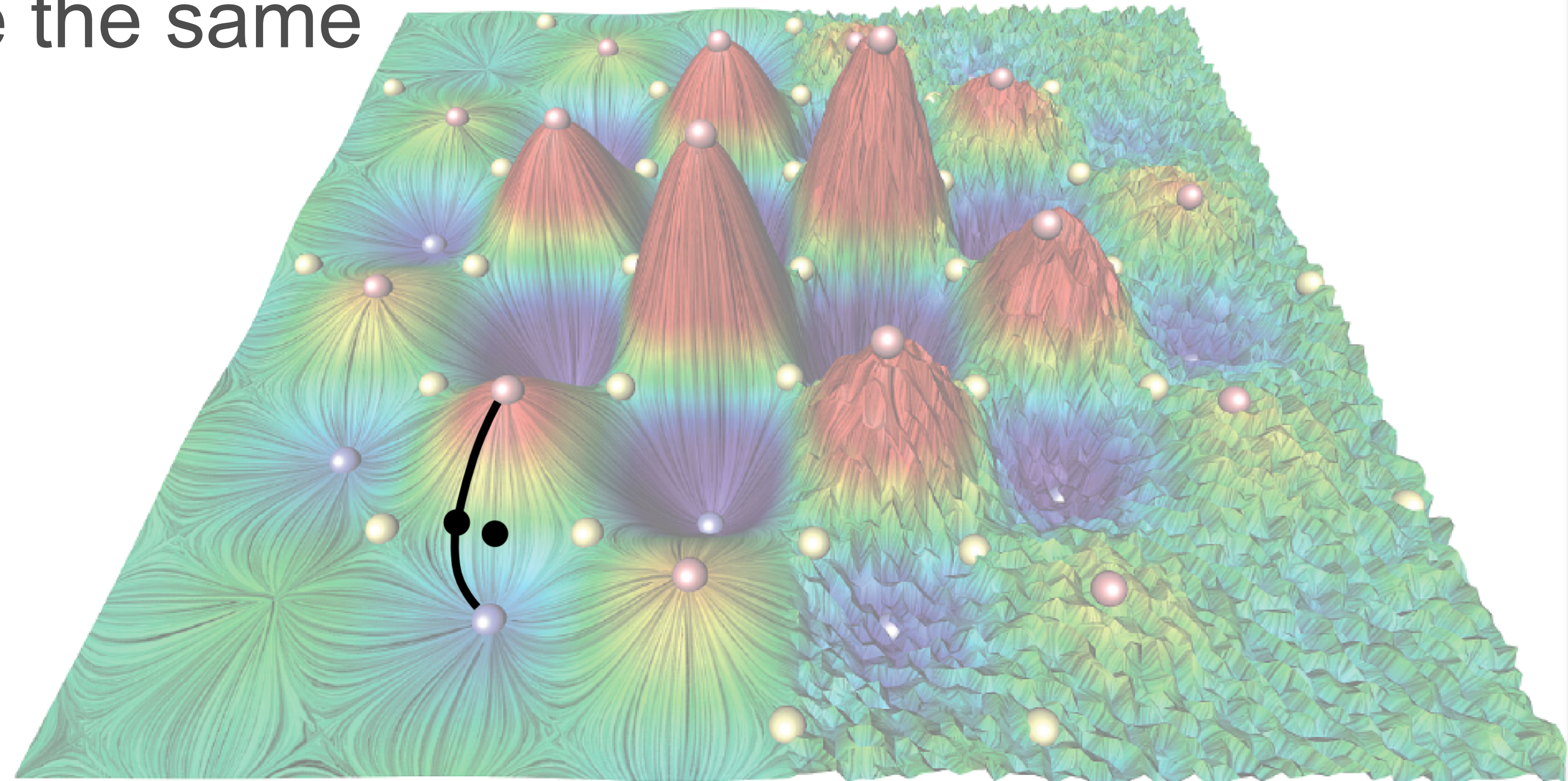
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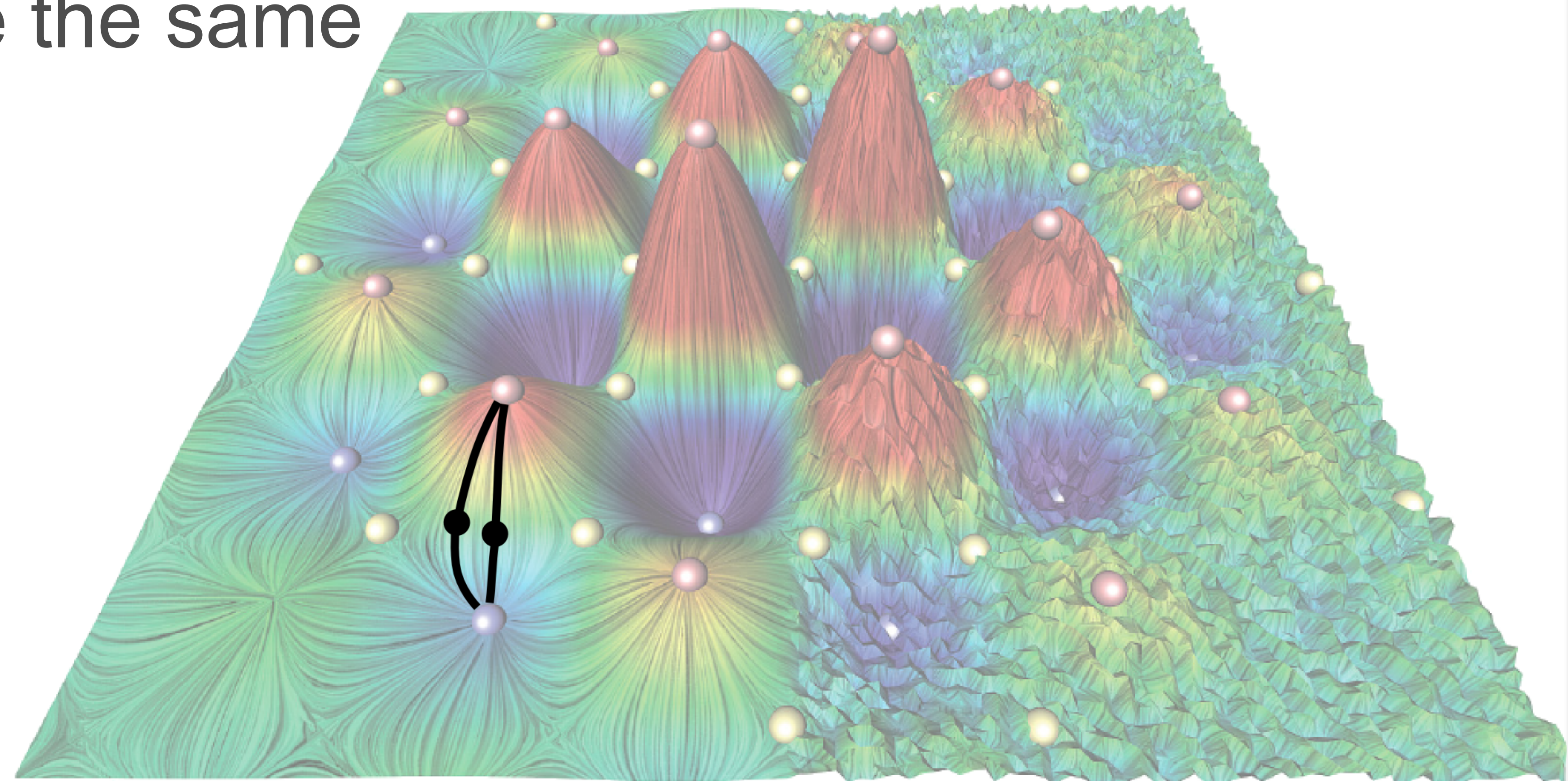
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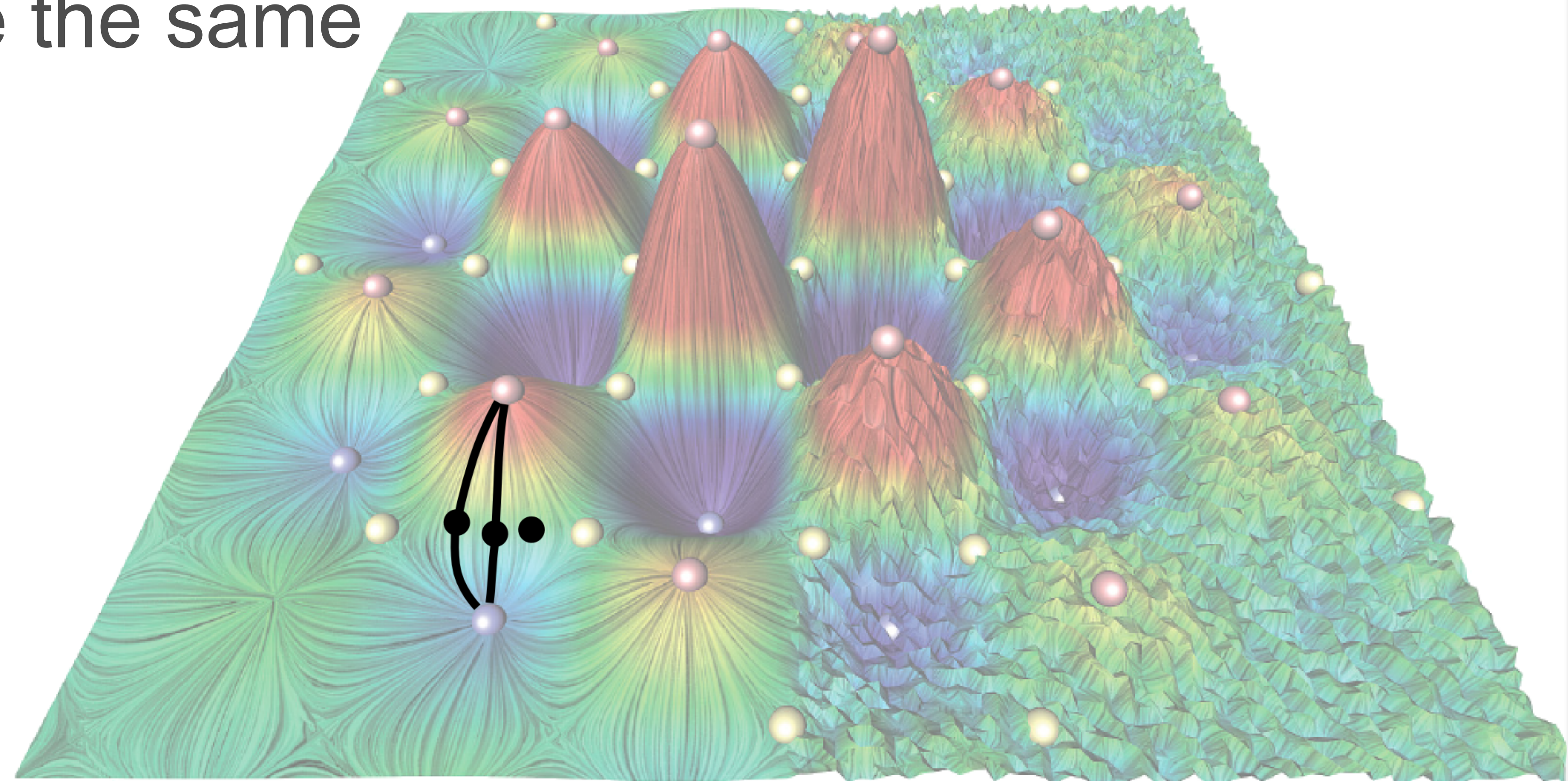
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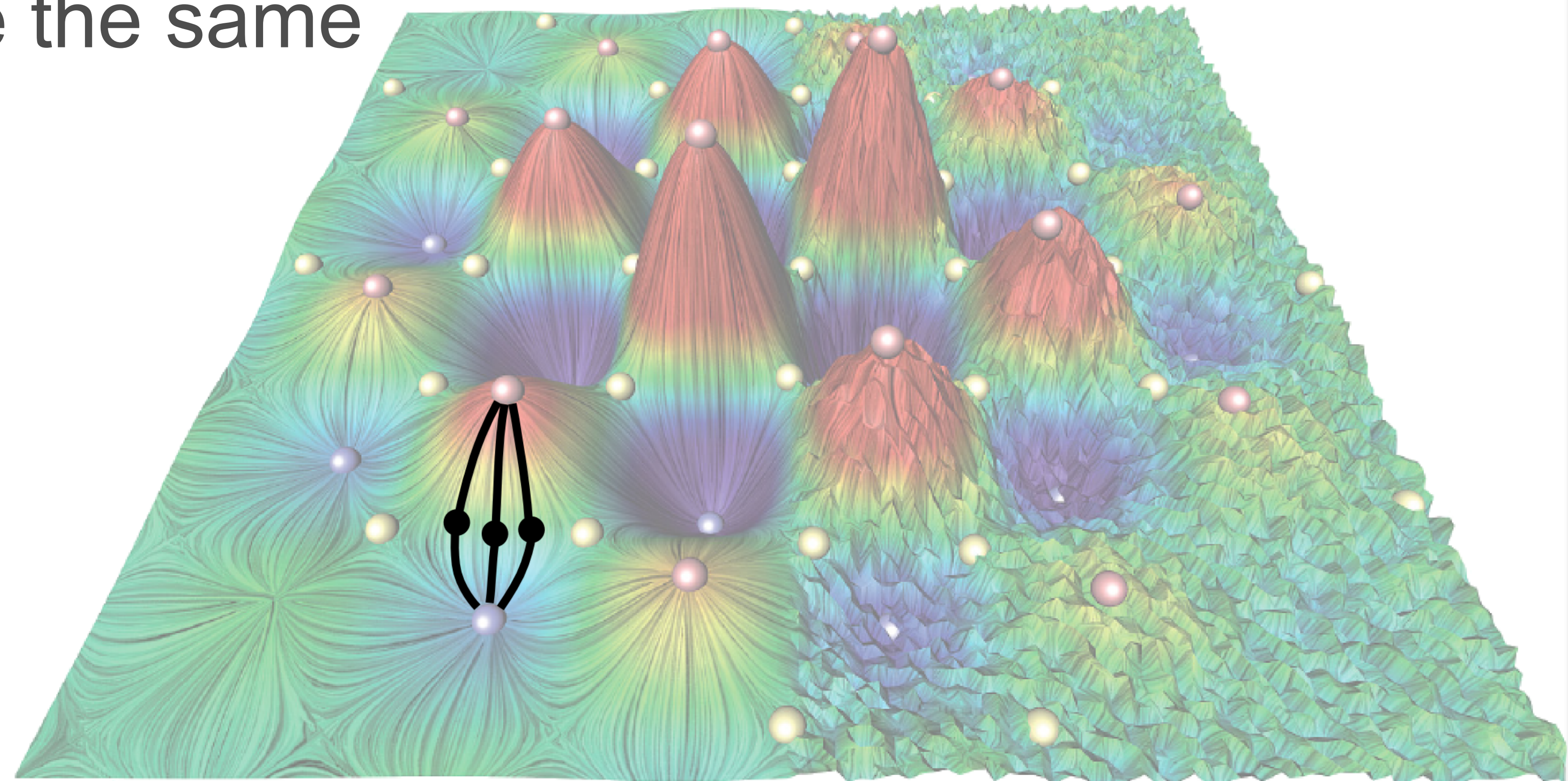
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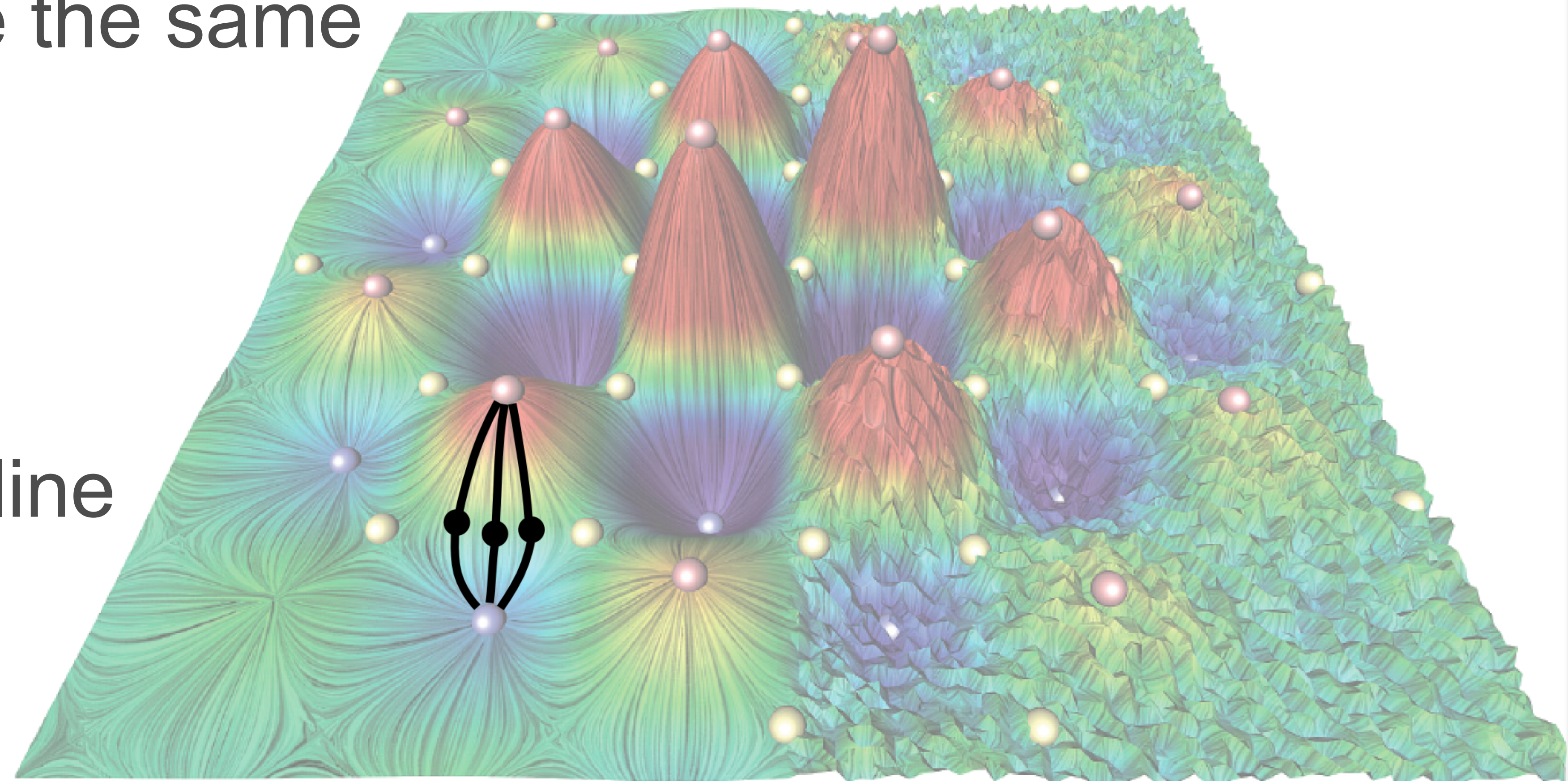
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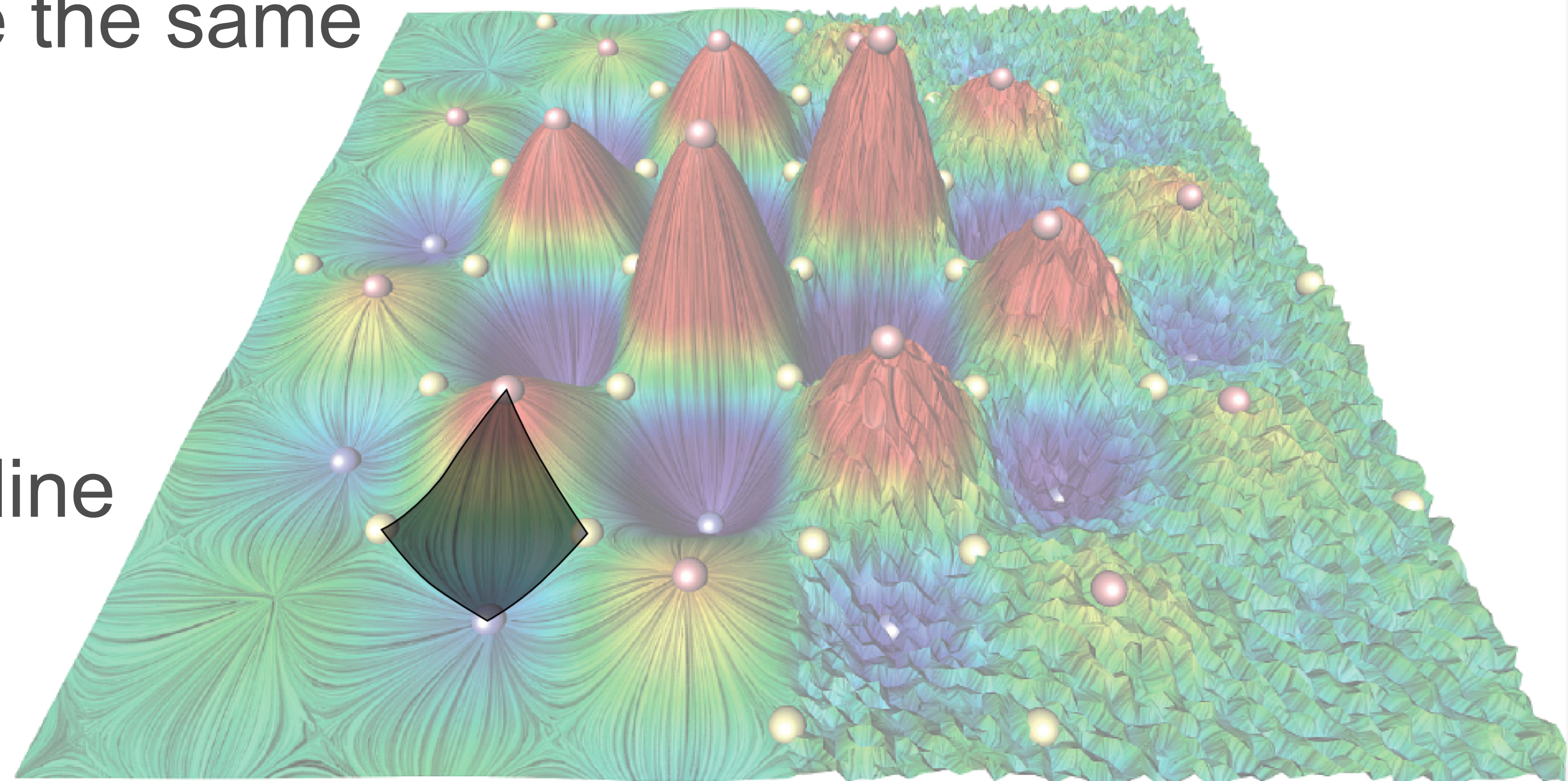
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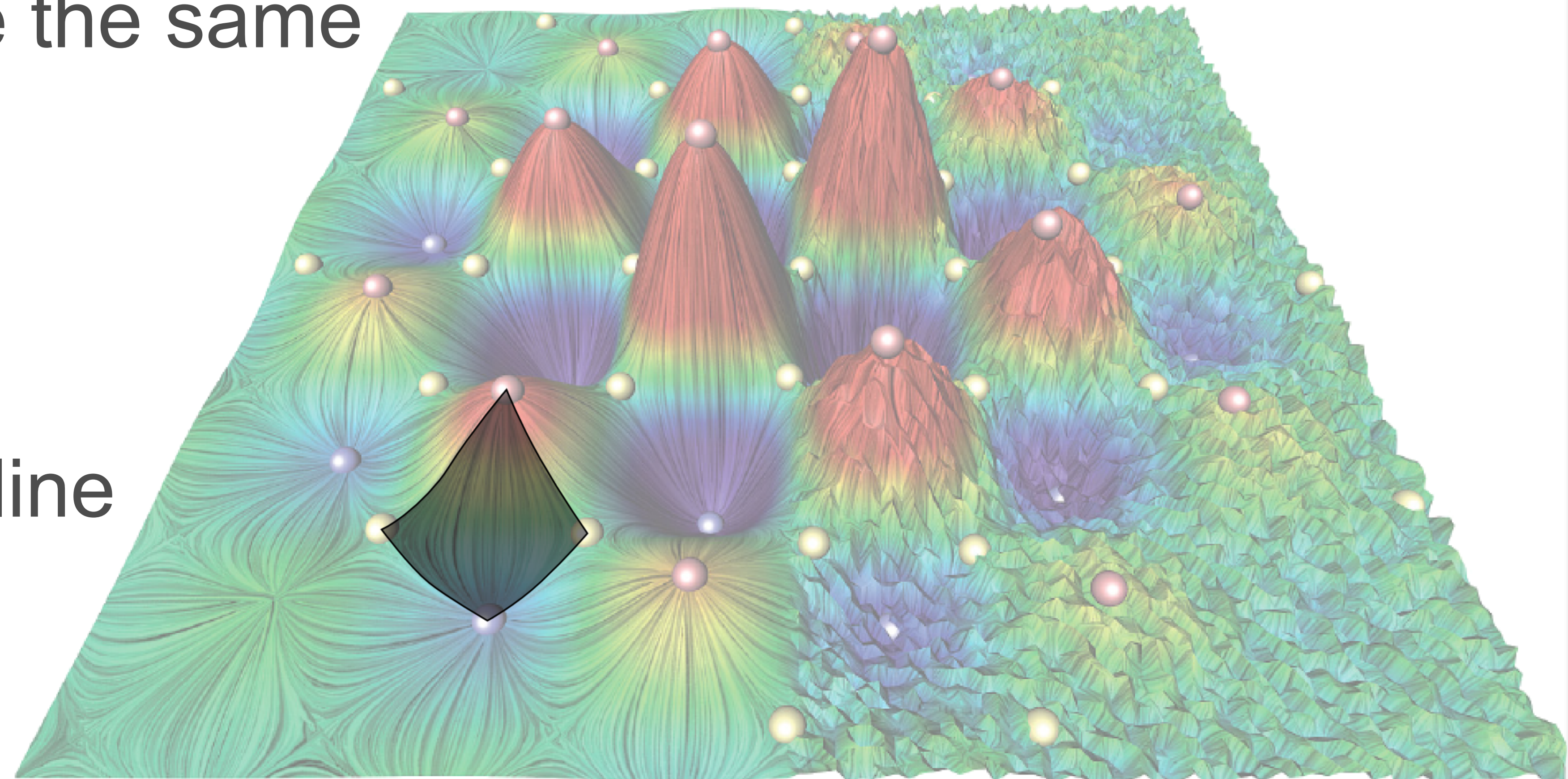
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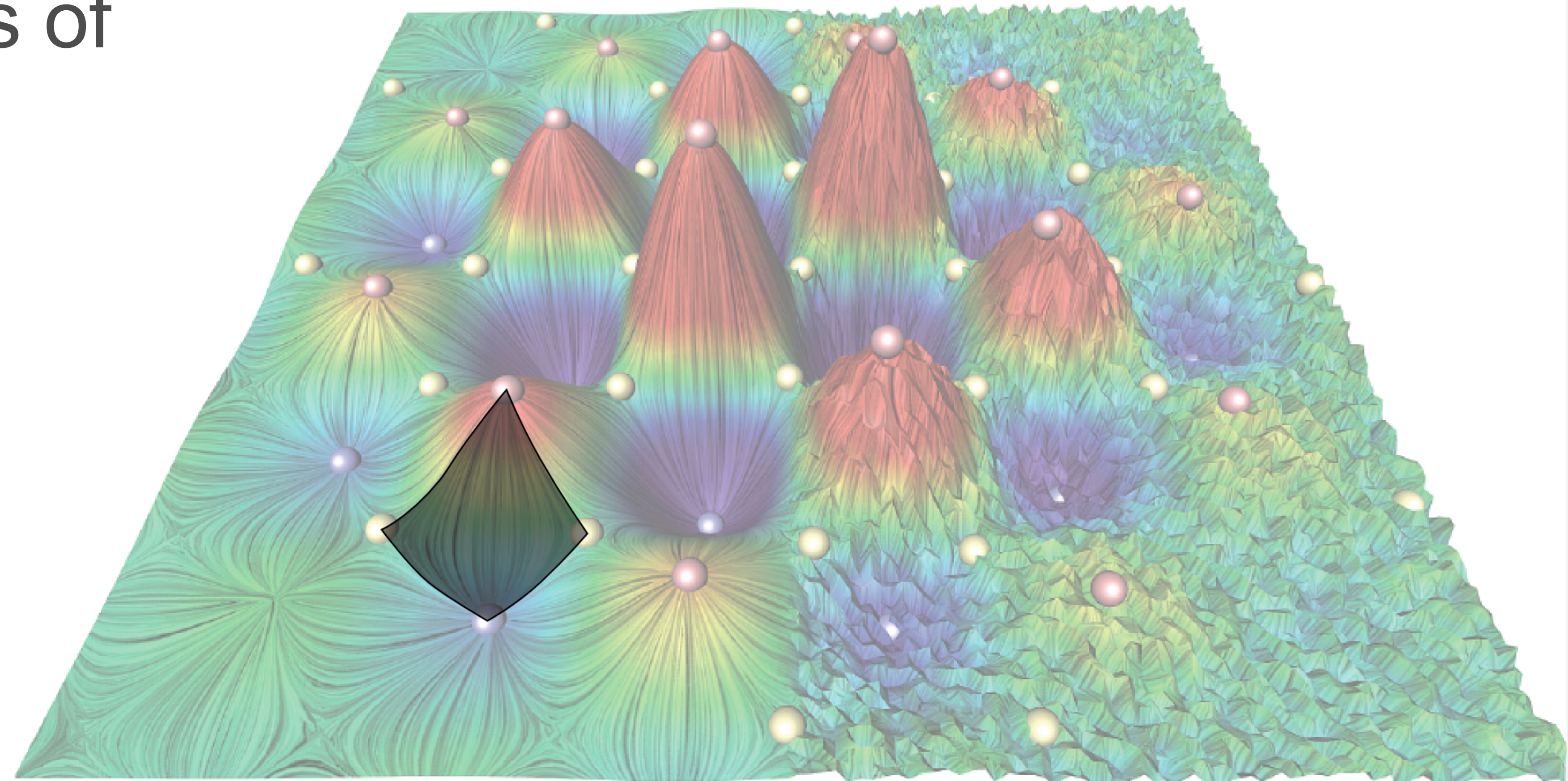
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  - **Notion of flow cell**





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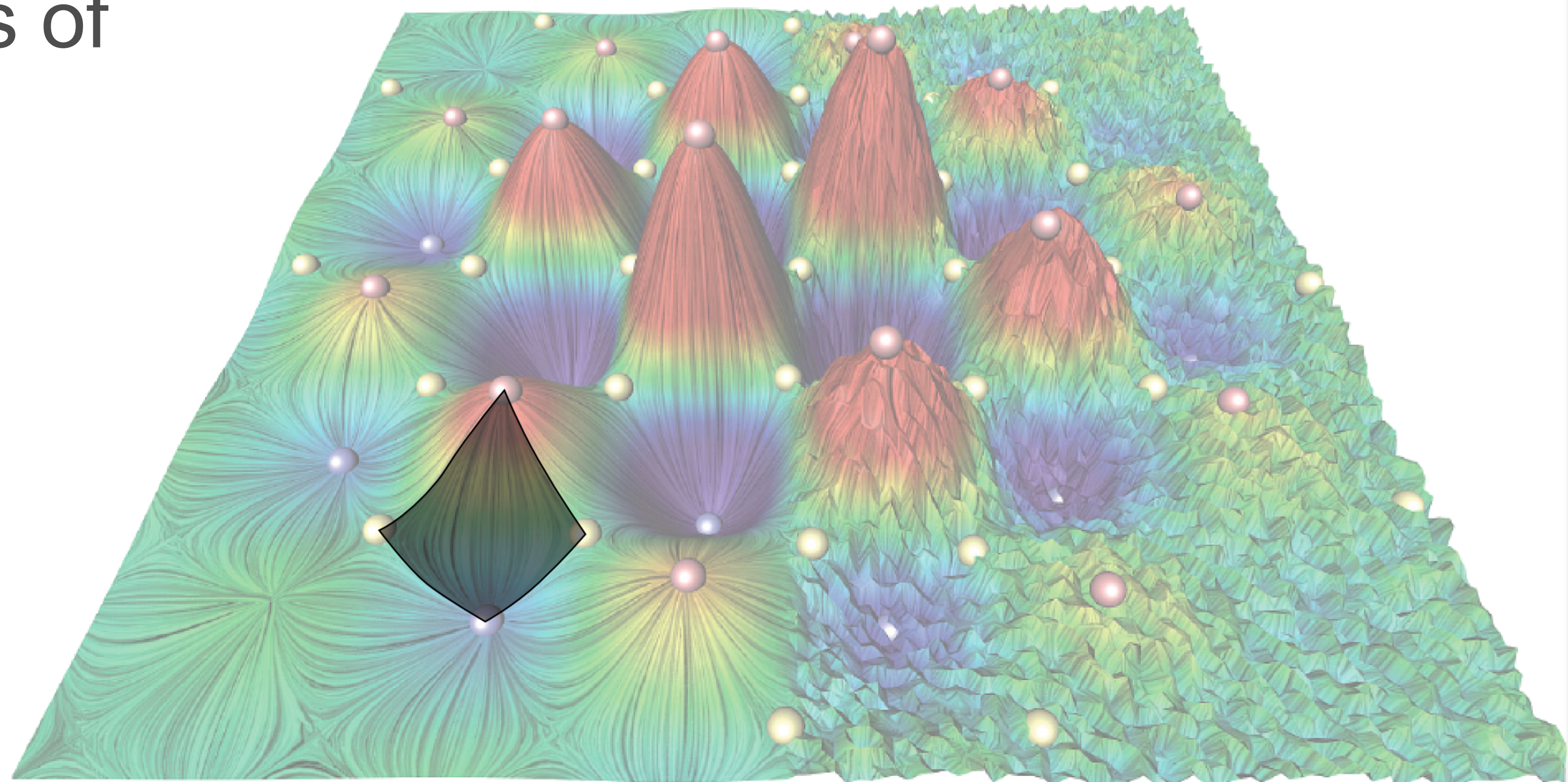
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# Gradient field topology

- Understanding the structure of the critical points
- Now, what are the boundaries of the flow cells?
- Streamlines between critical points





# Critical points of a vector field

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  - $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

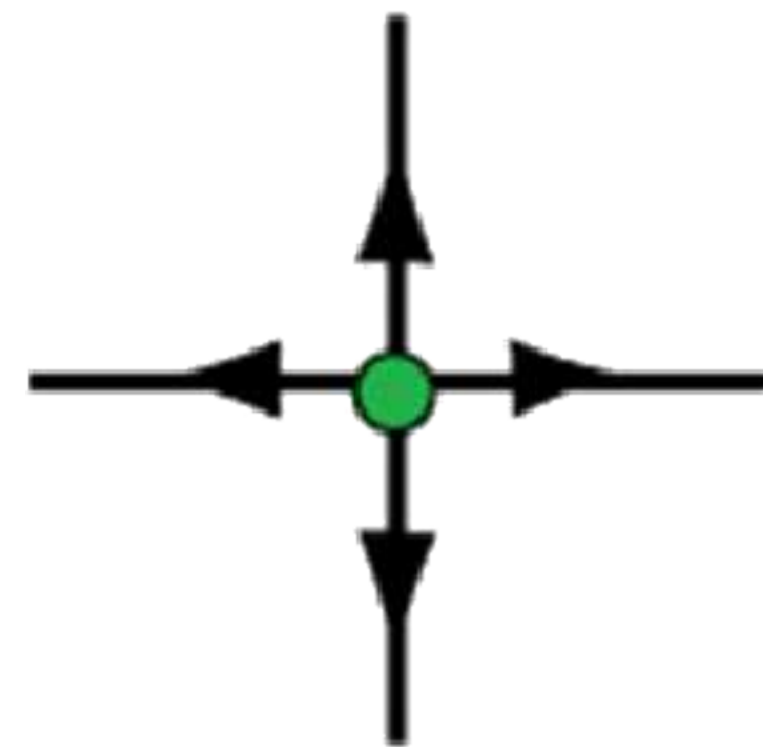
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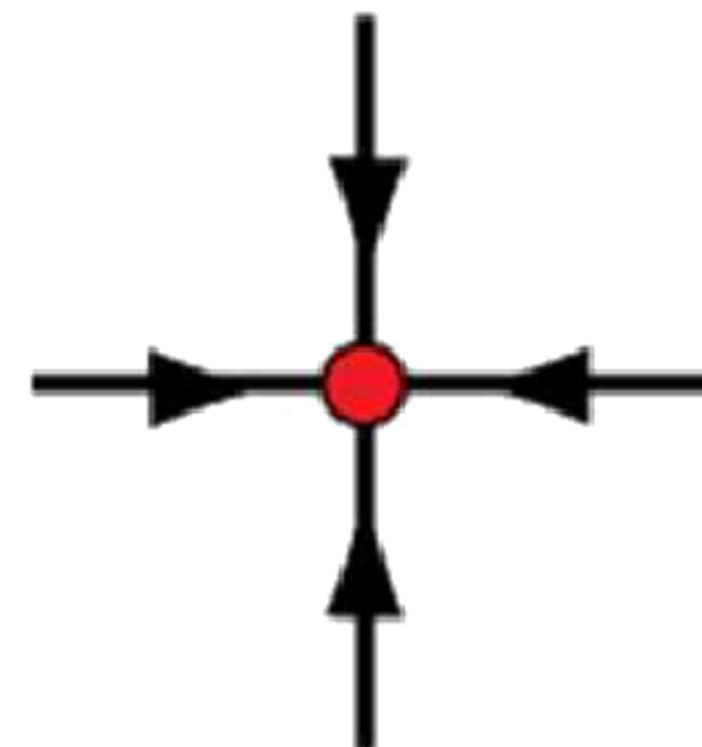


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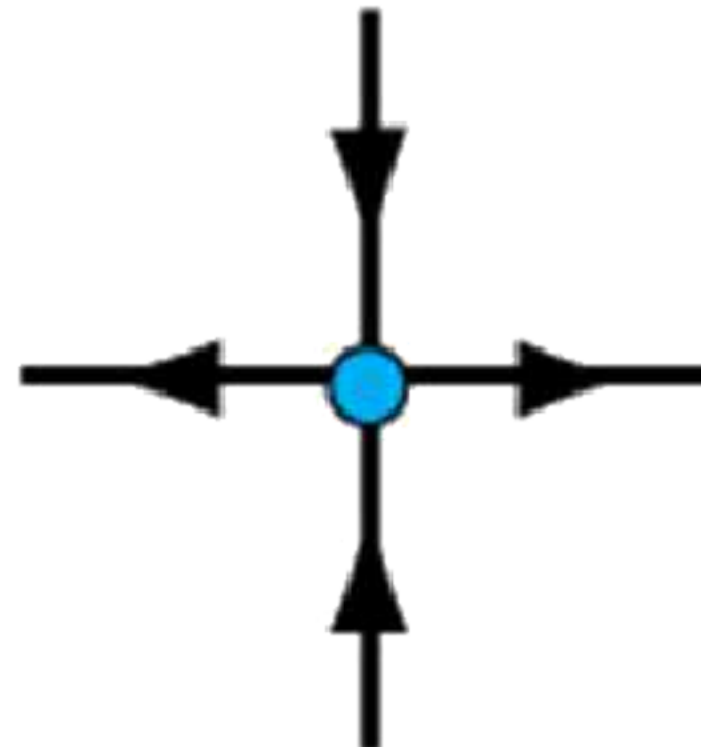
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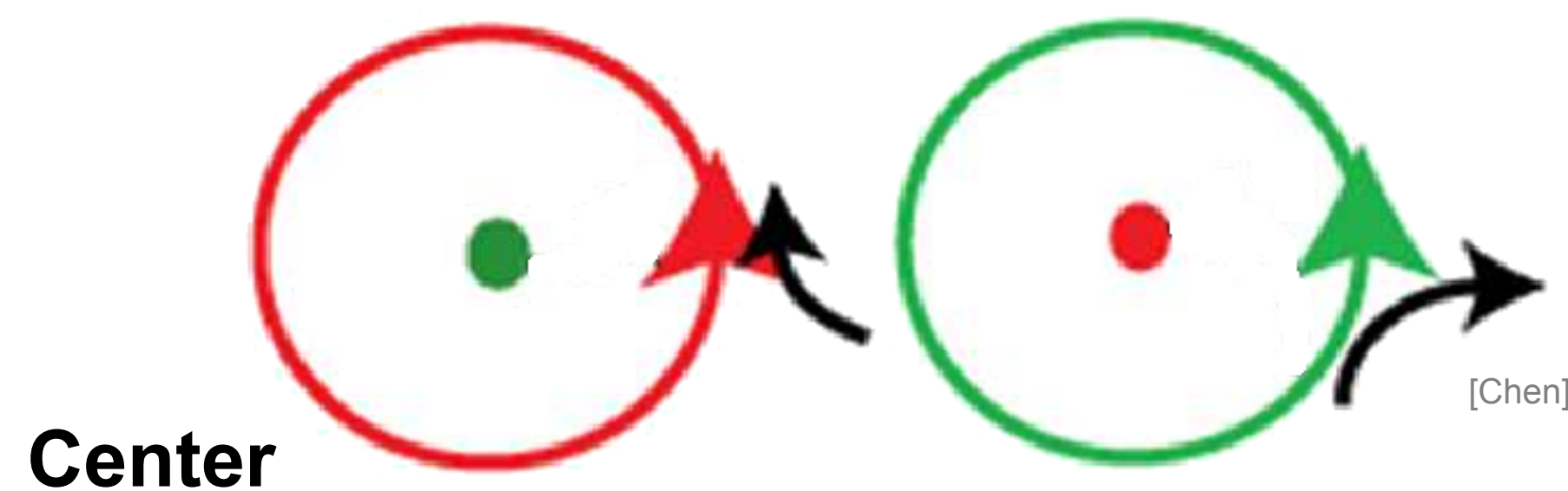
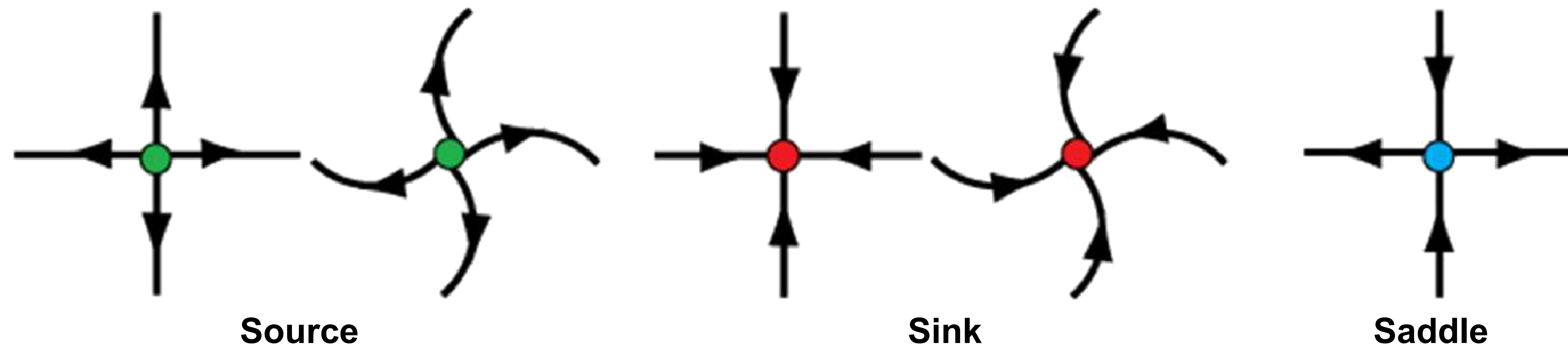
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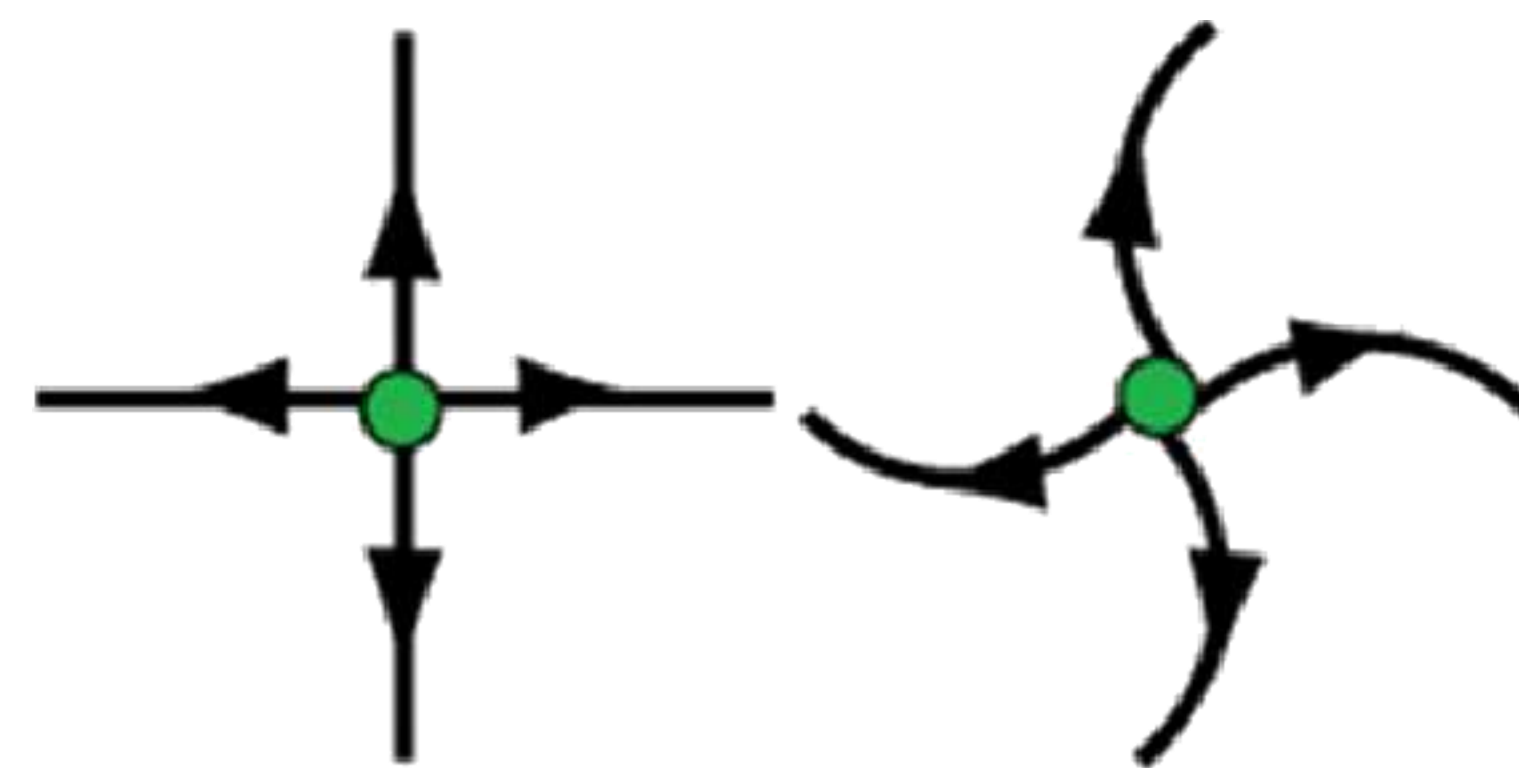
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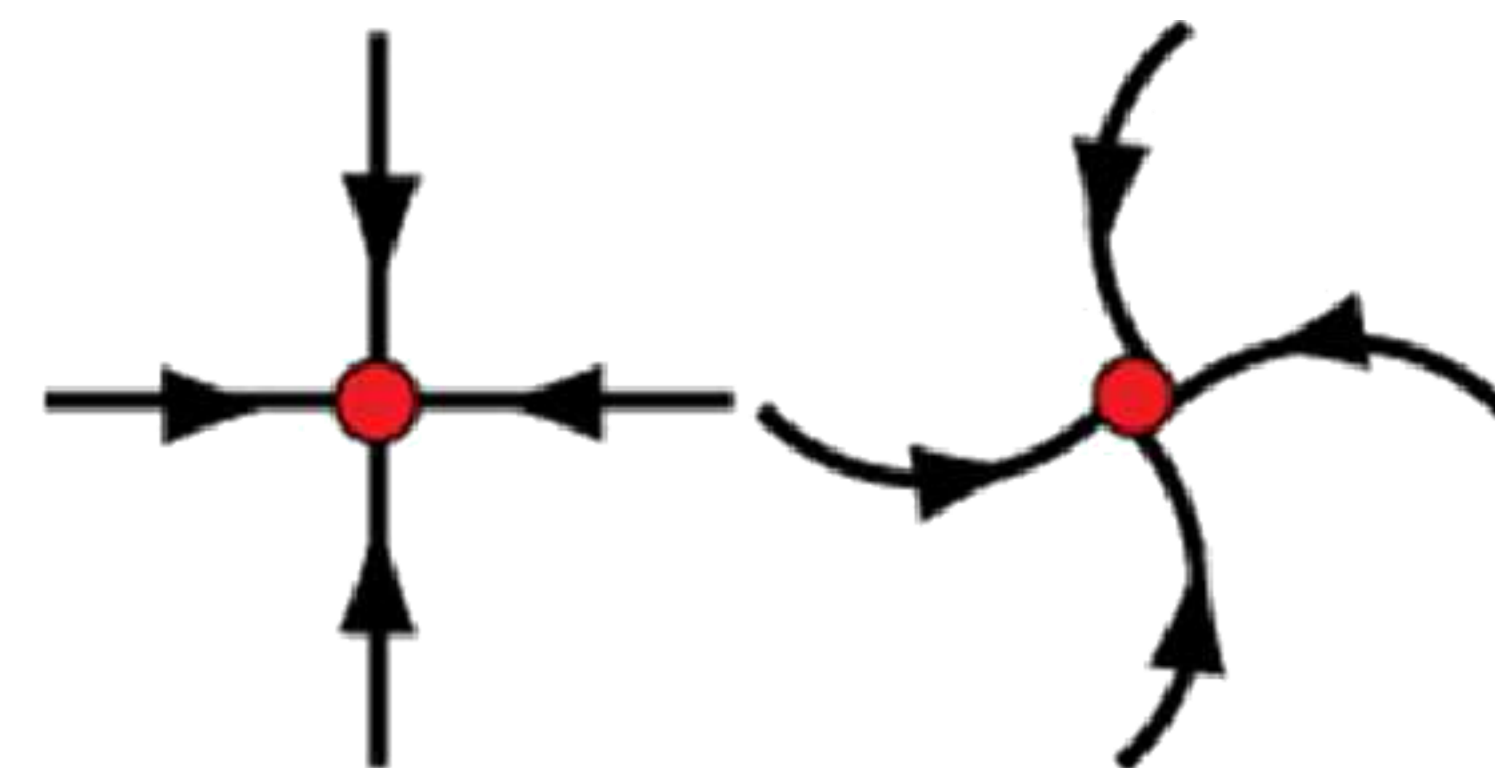




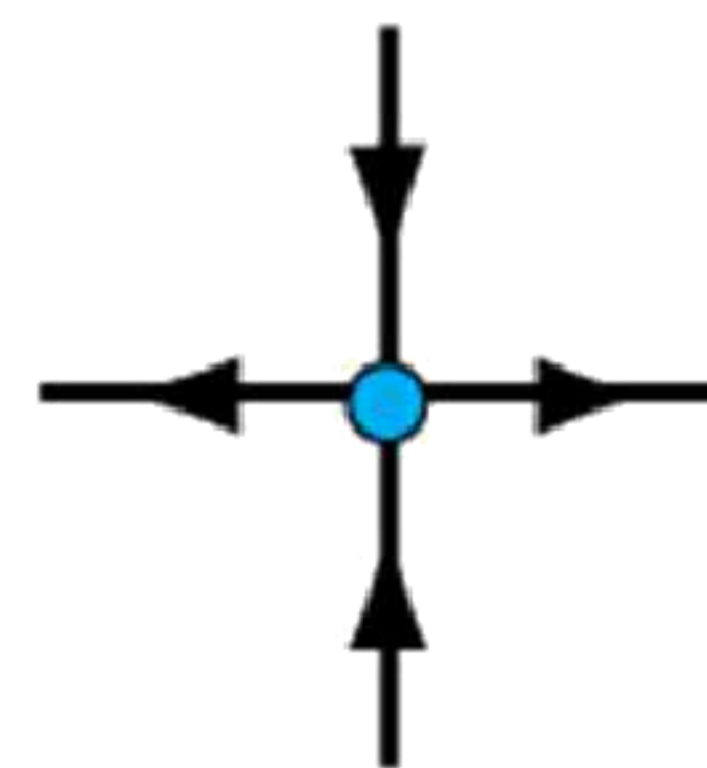
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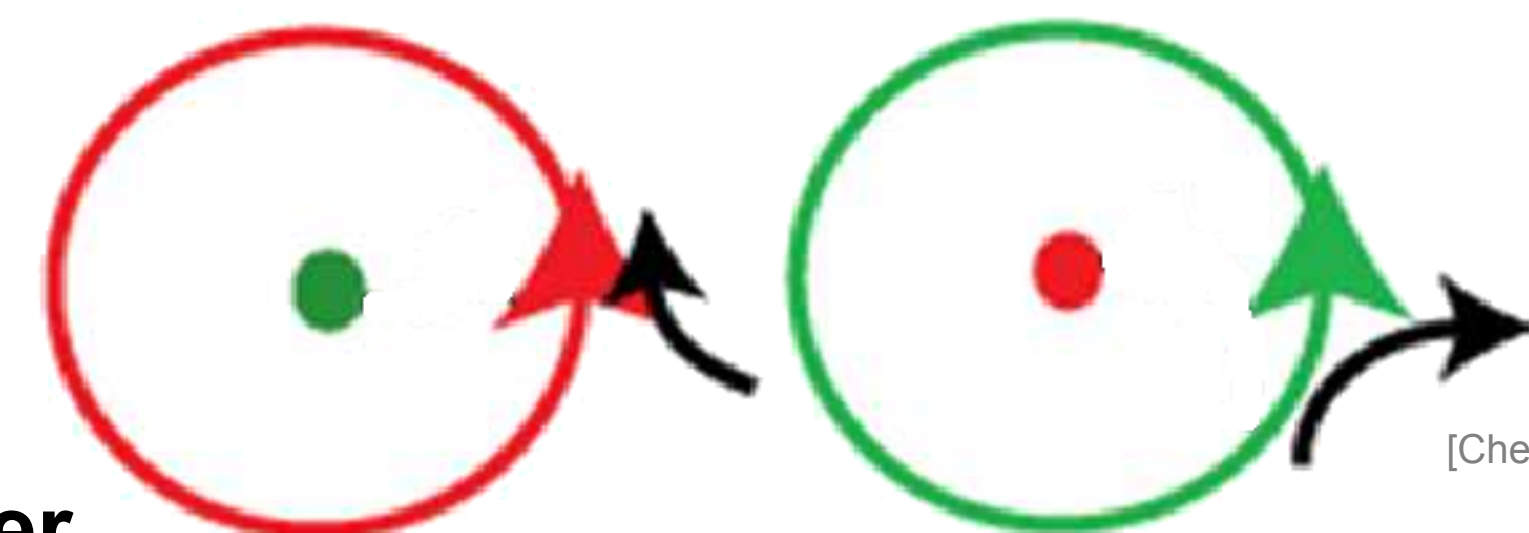
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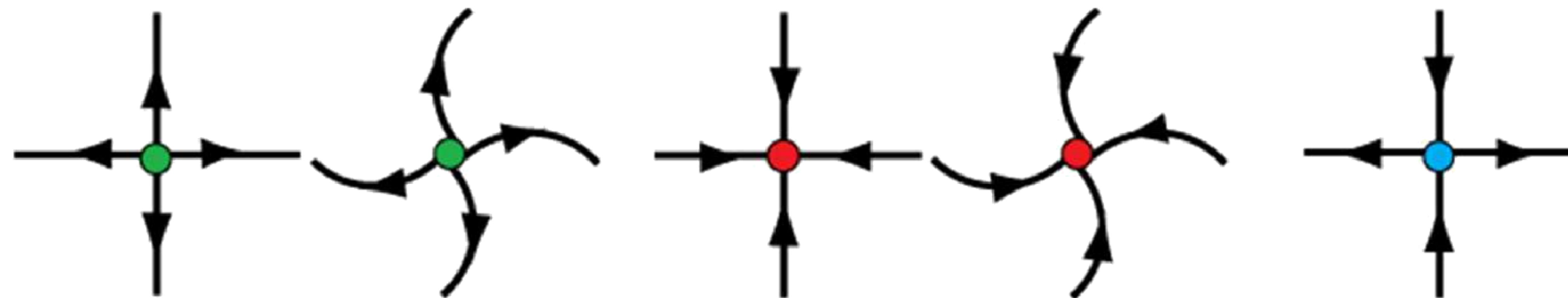


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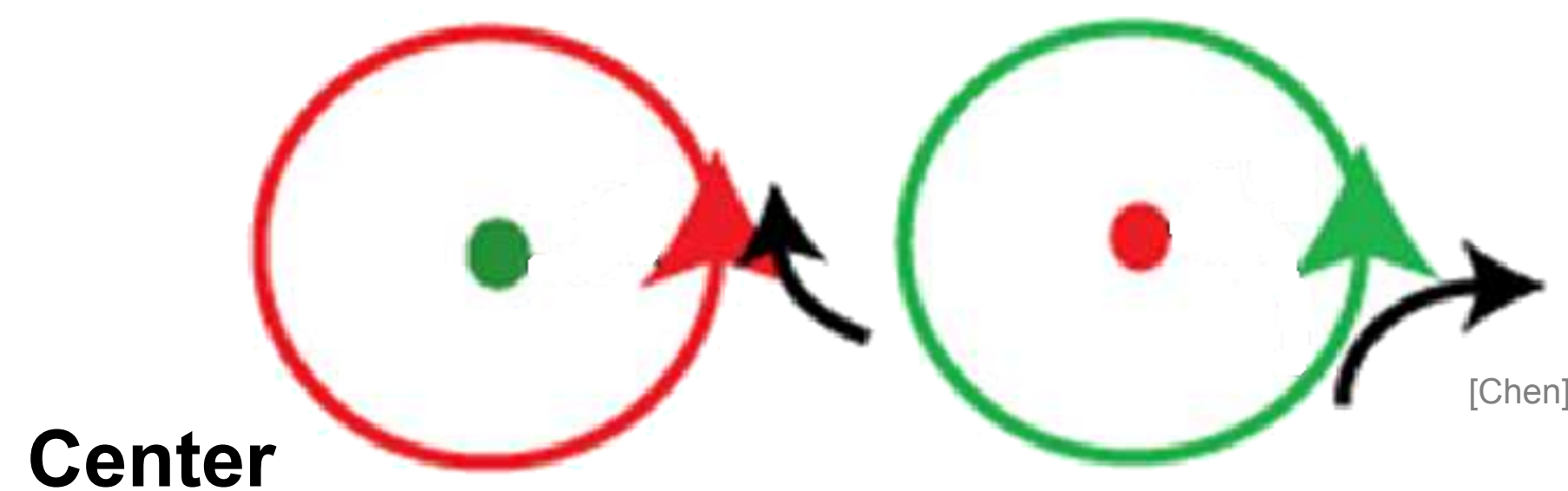
- Jacobian of the vector field



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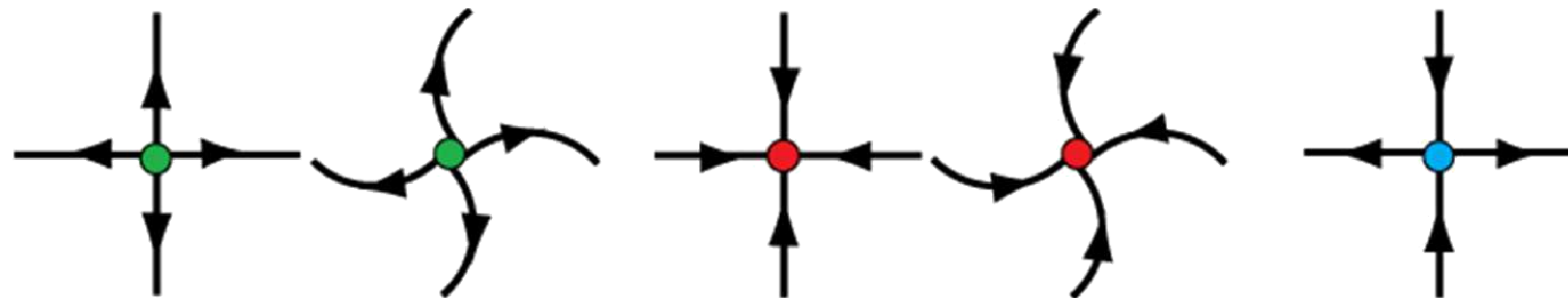
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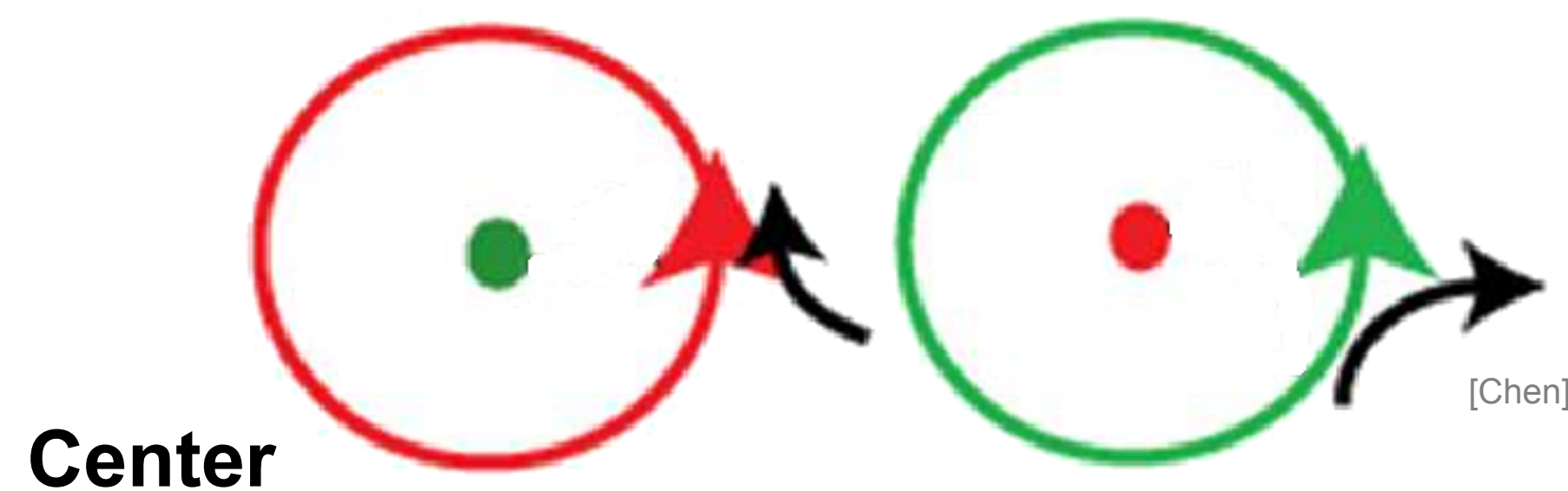
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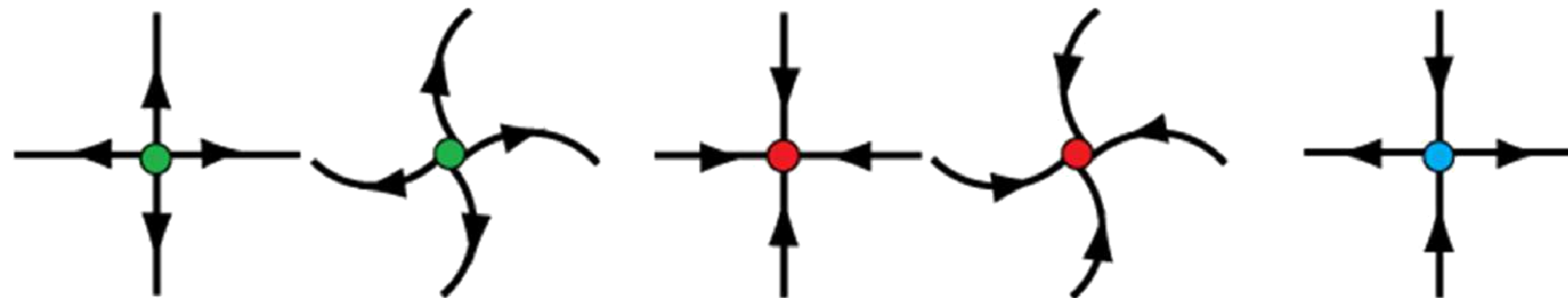
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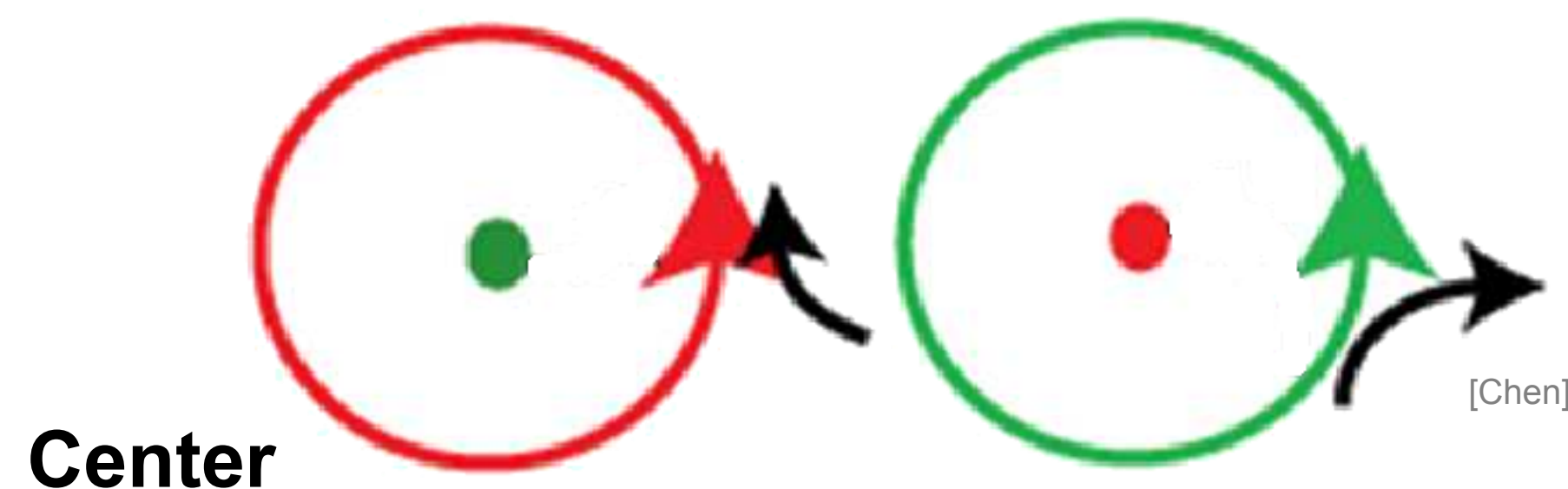
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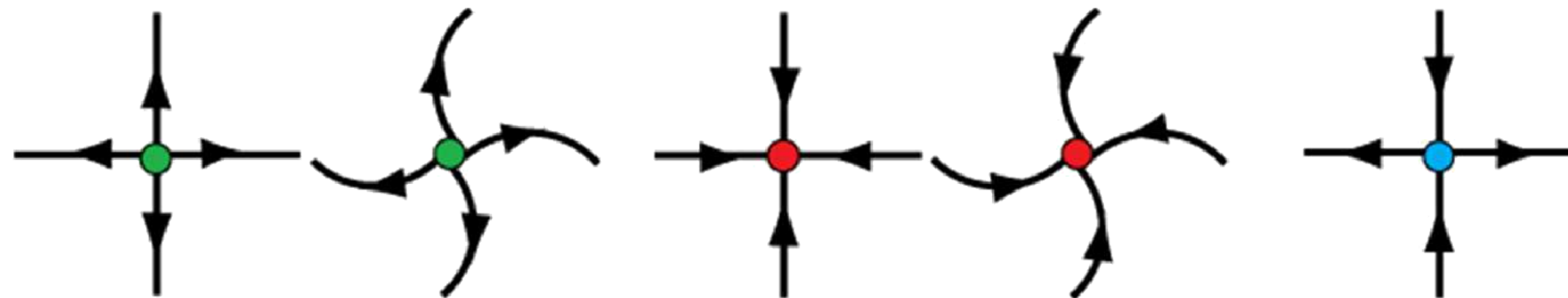
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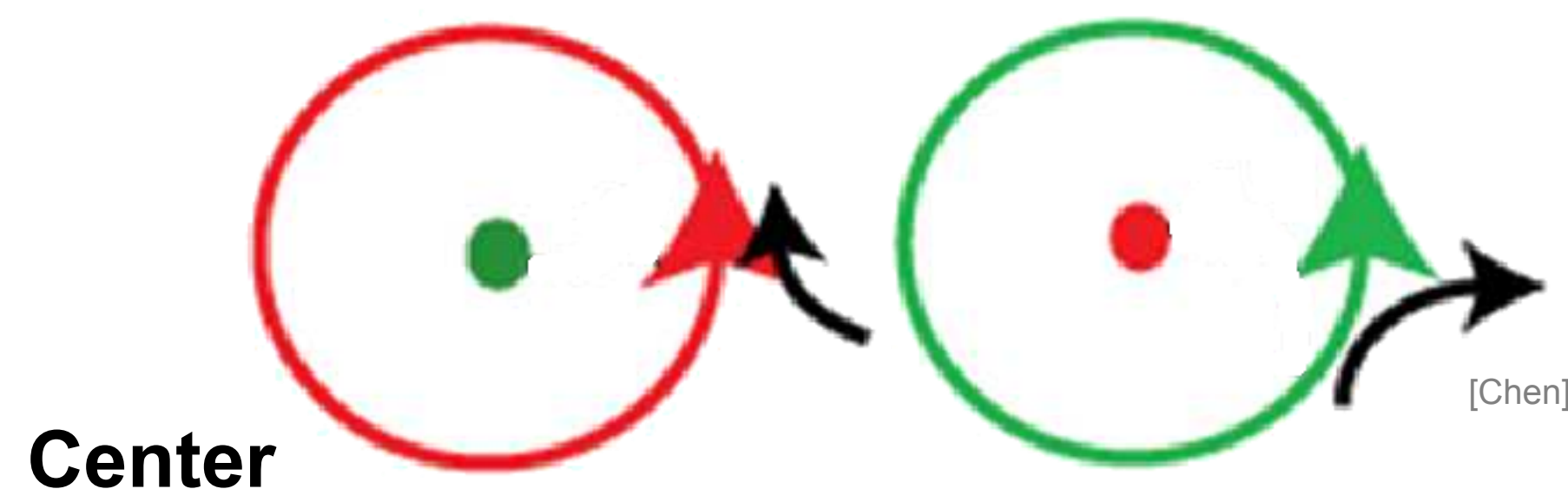
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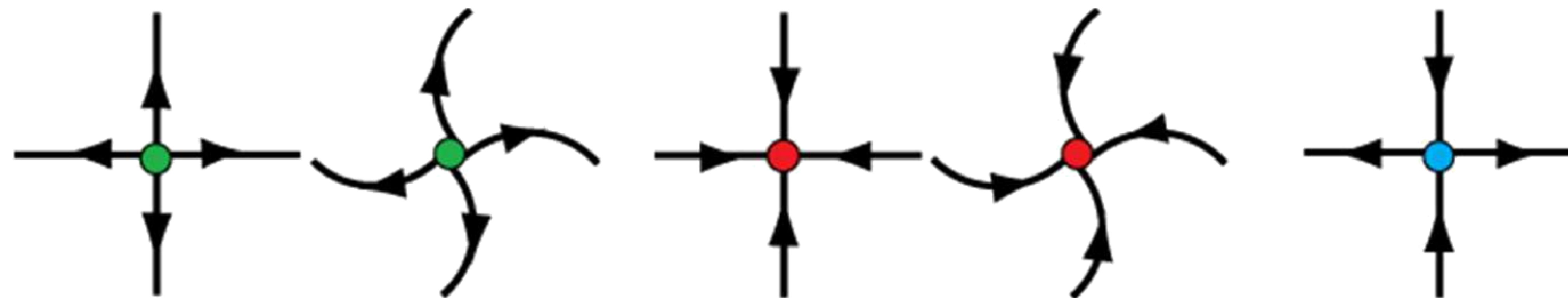
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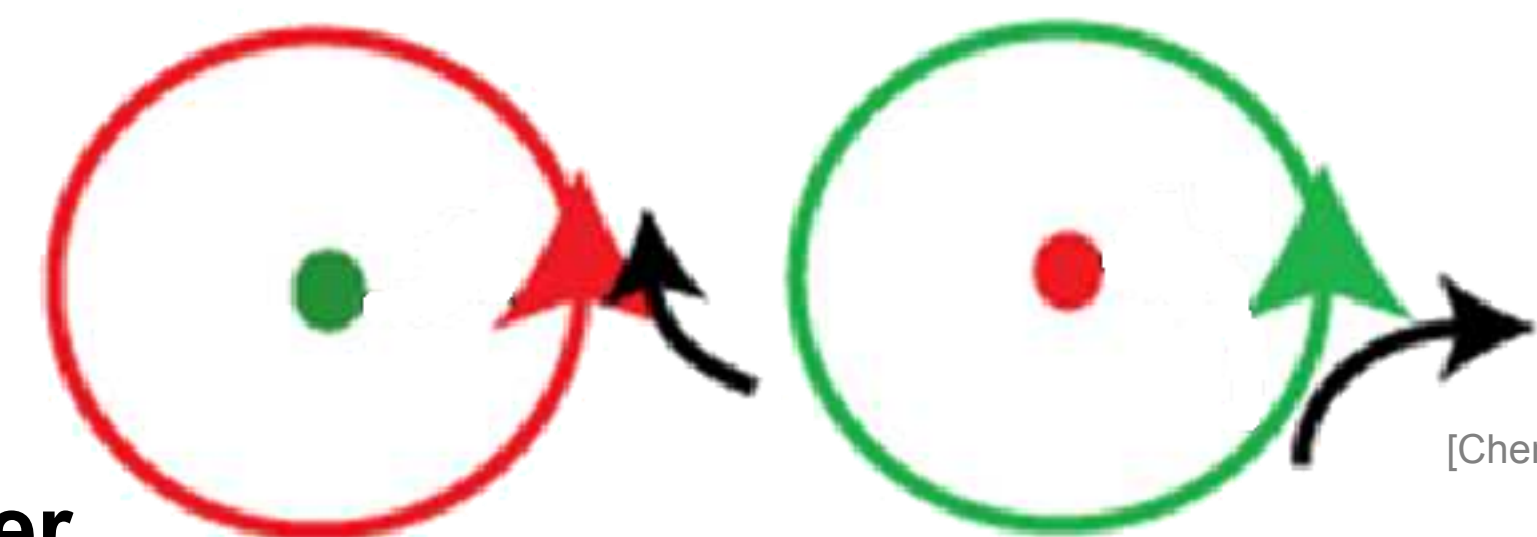


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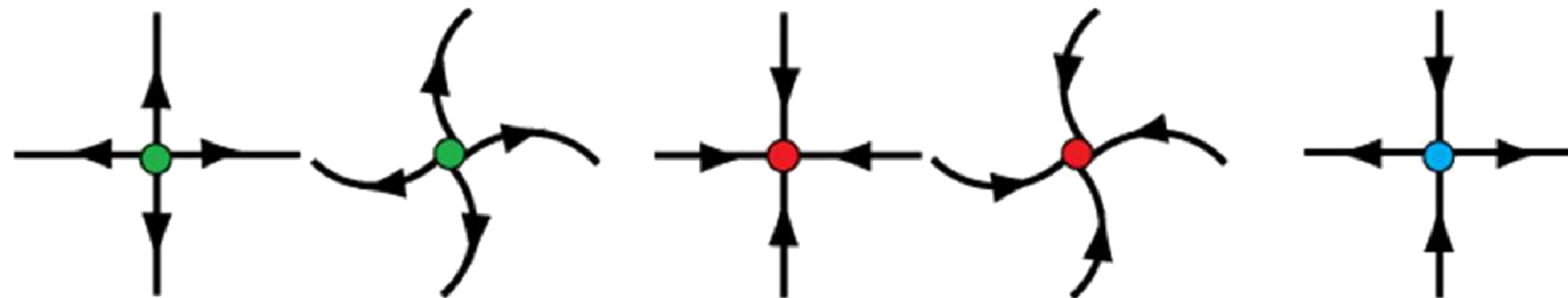
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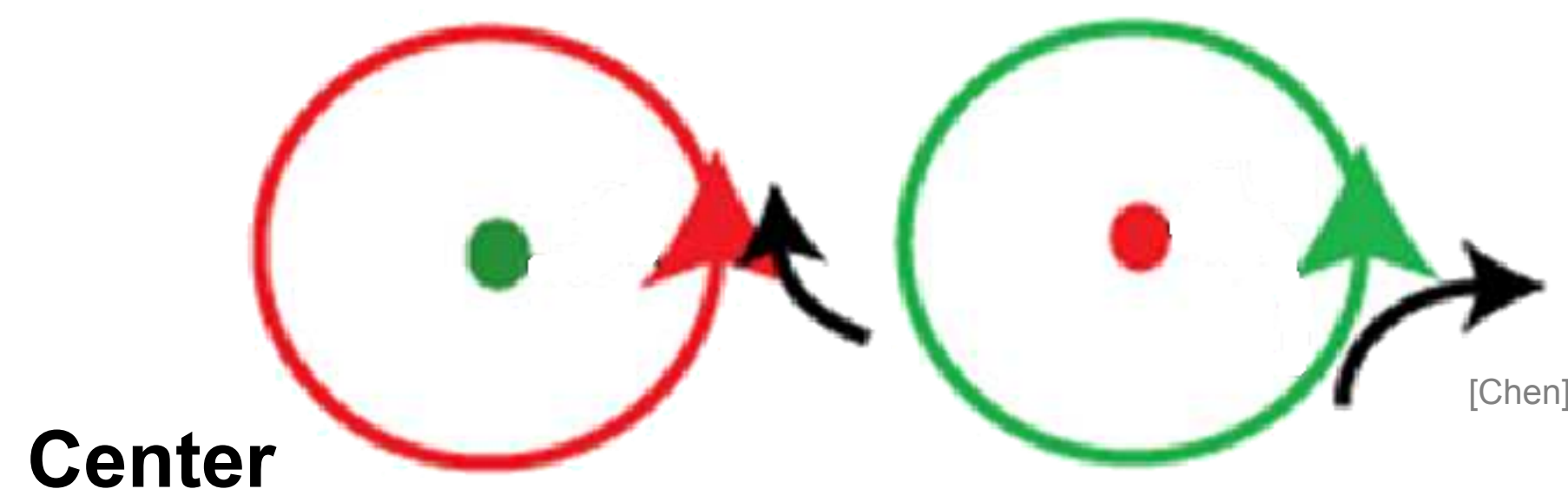
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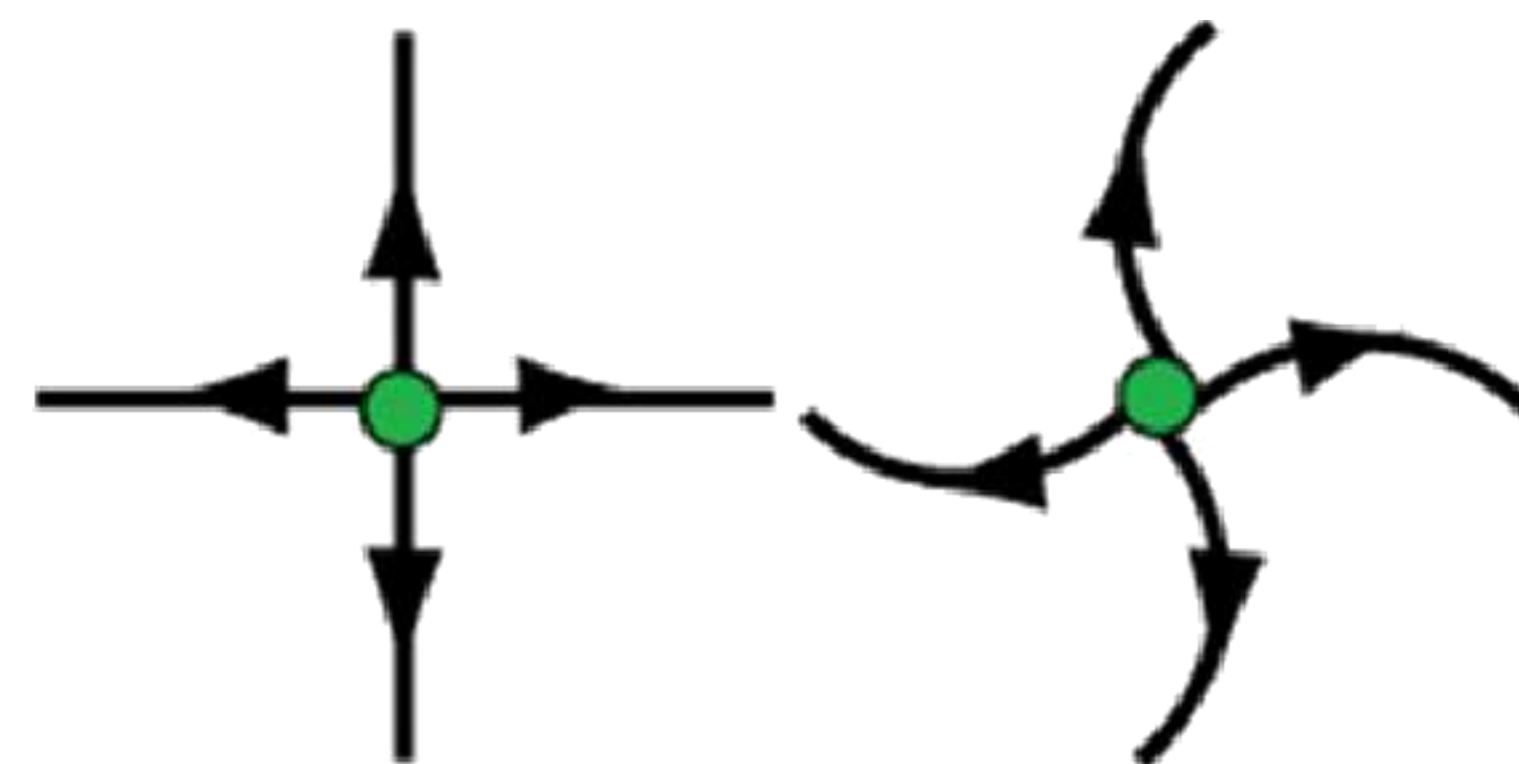
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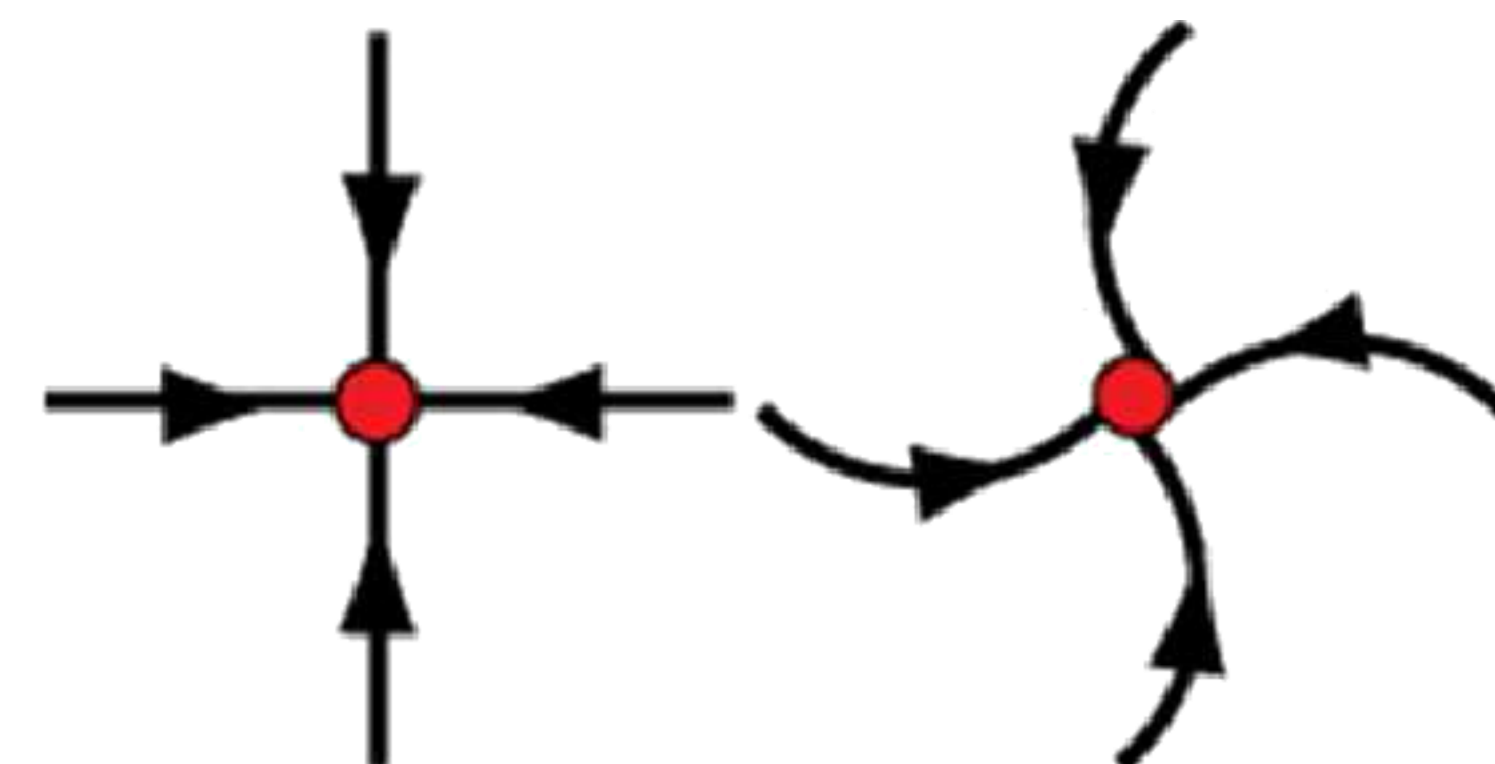
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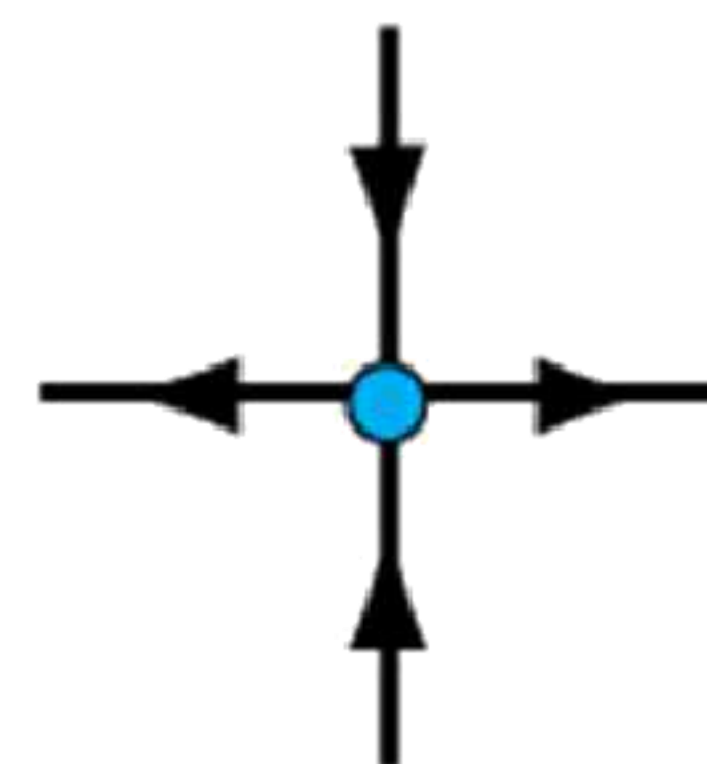
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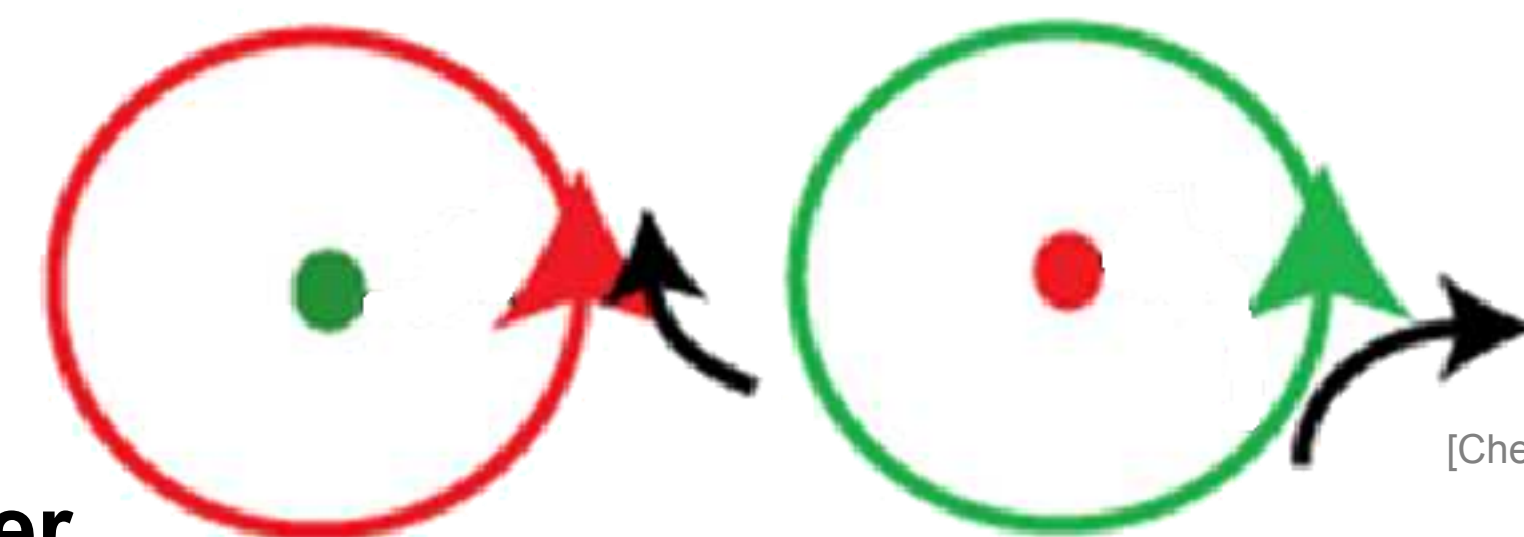
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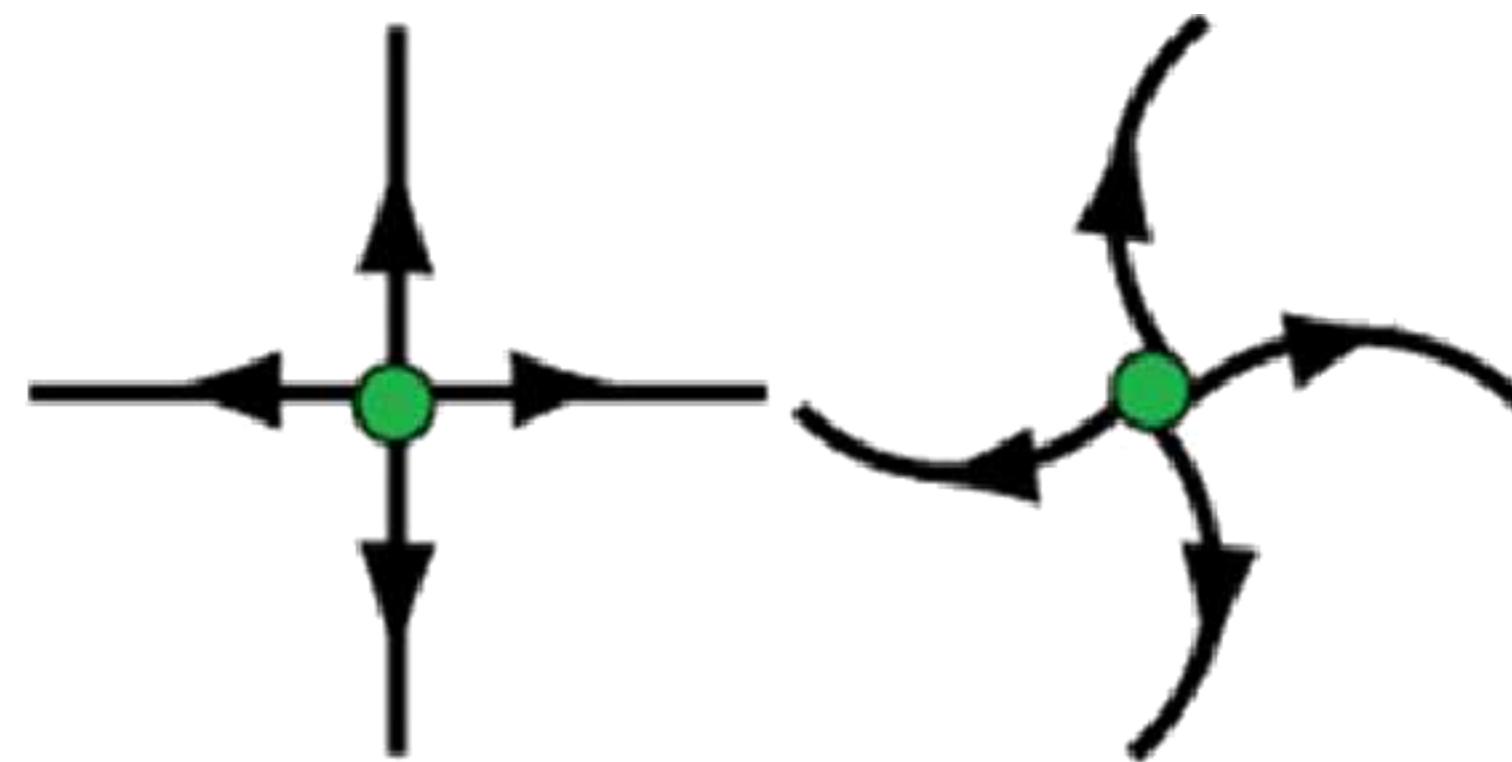


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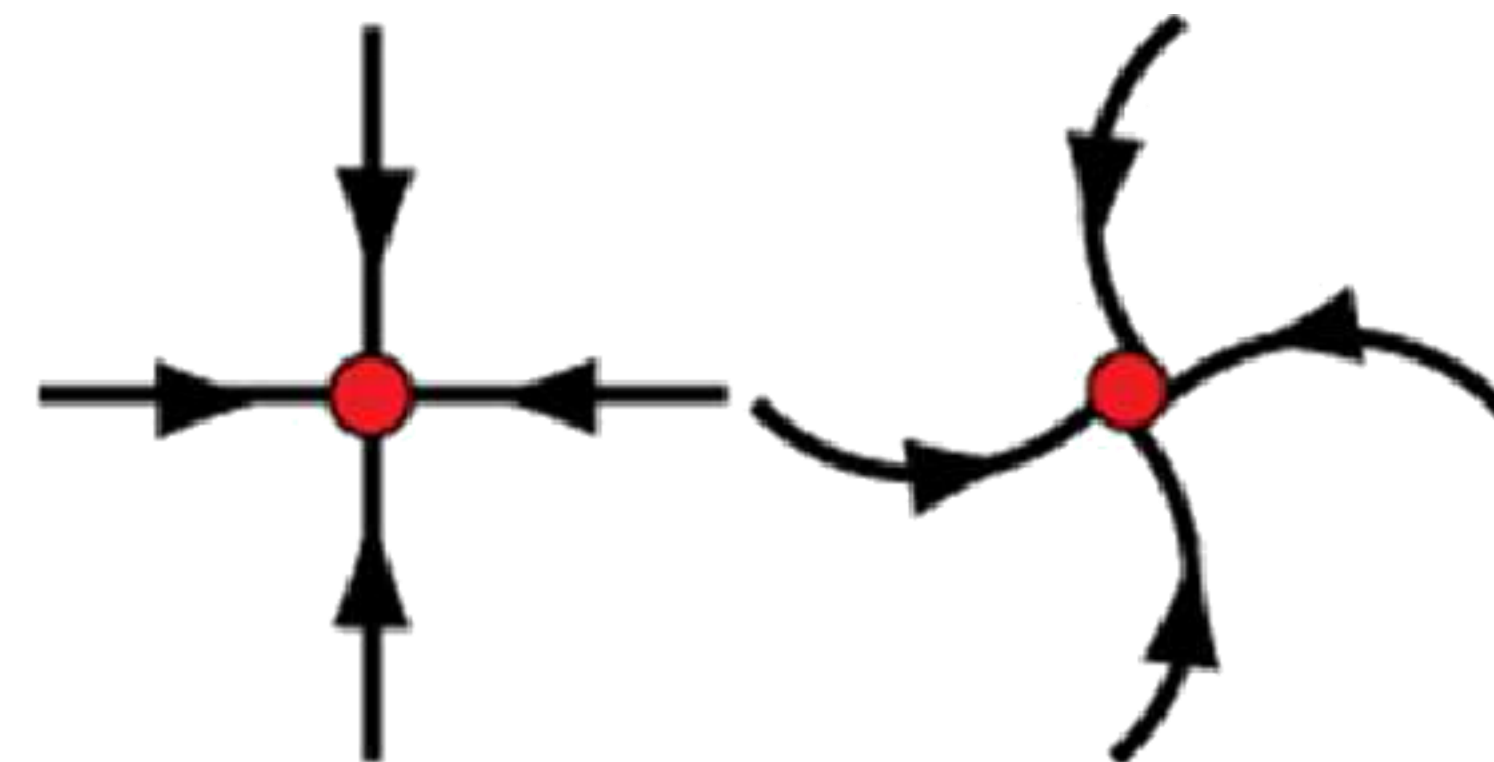
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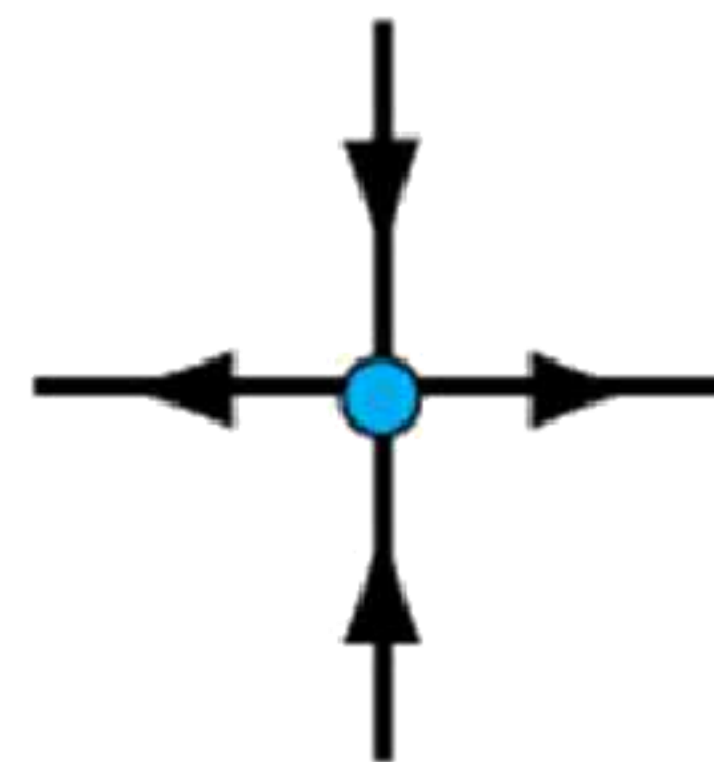


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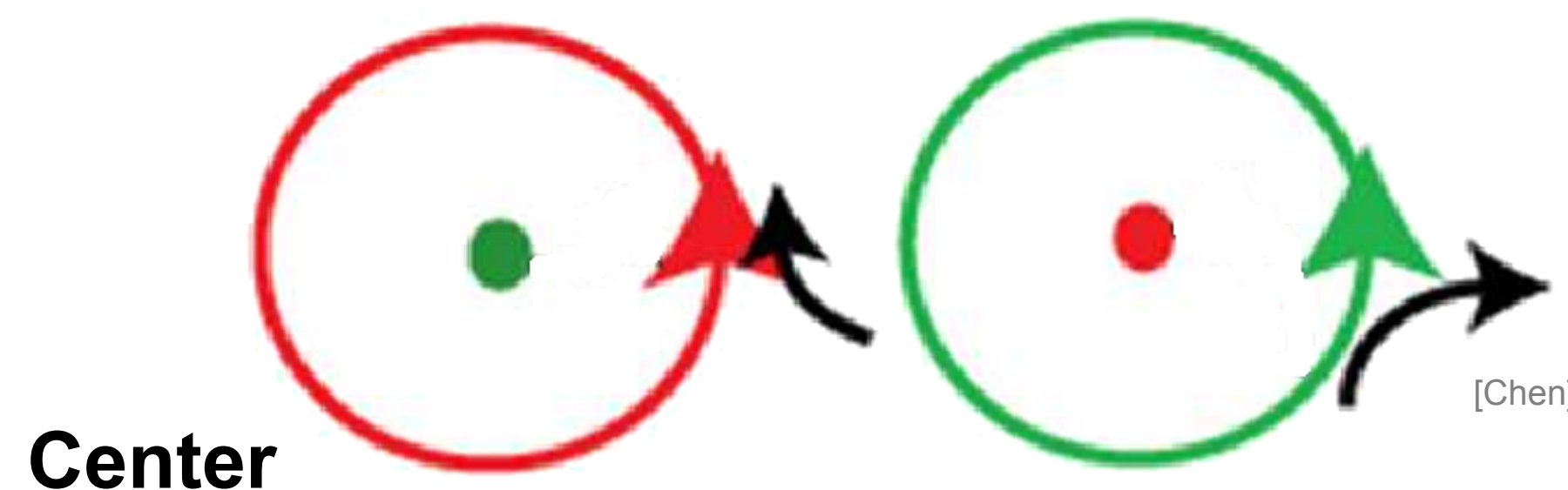
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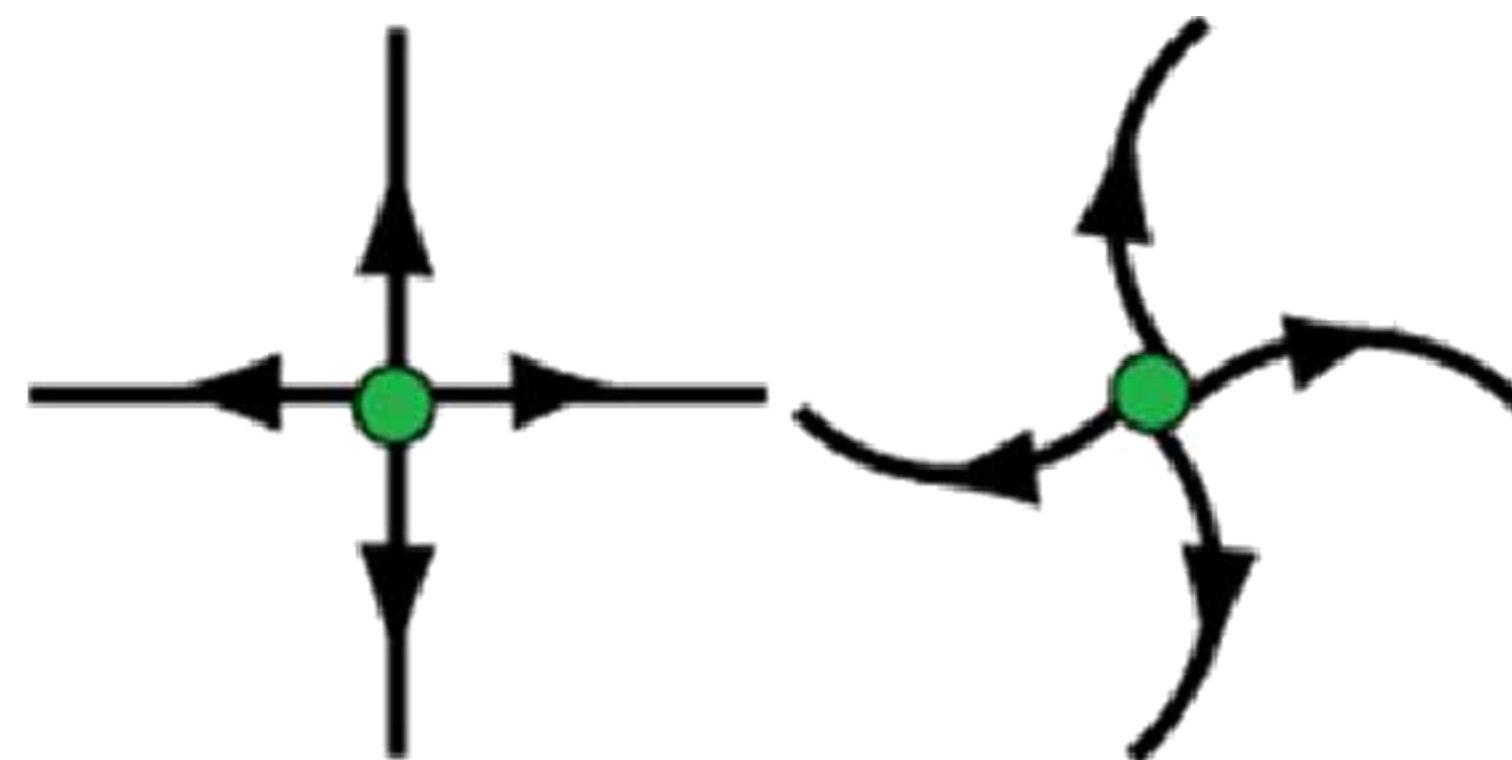
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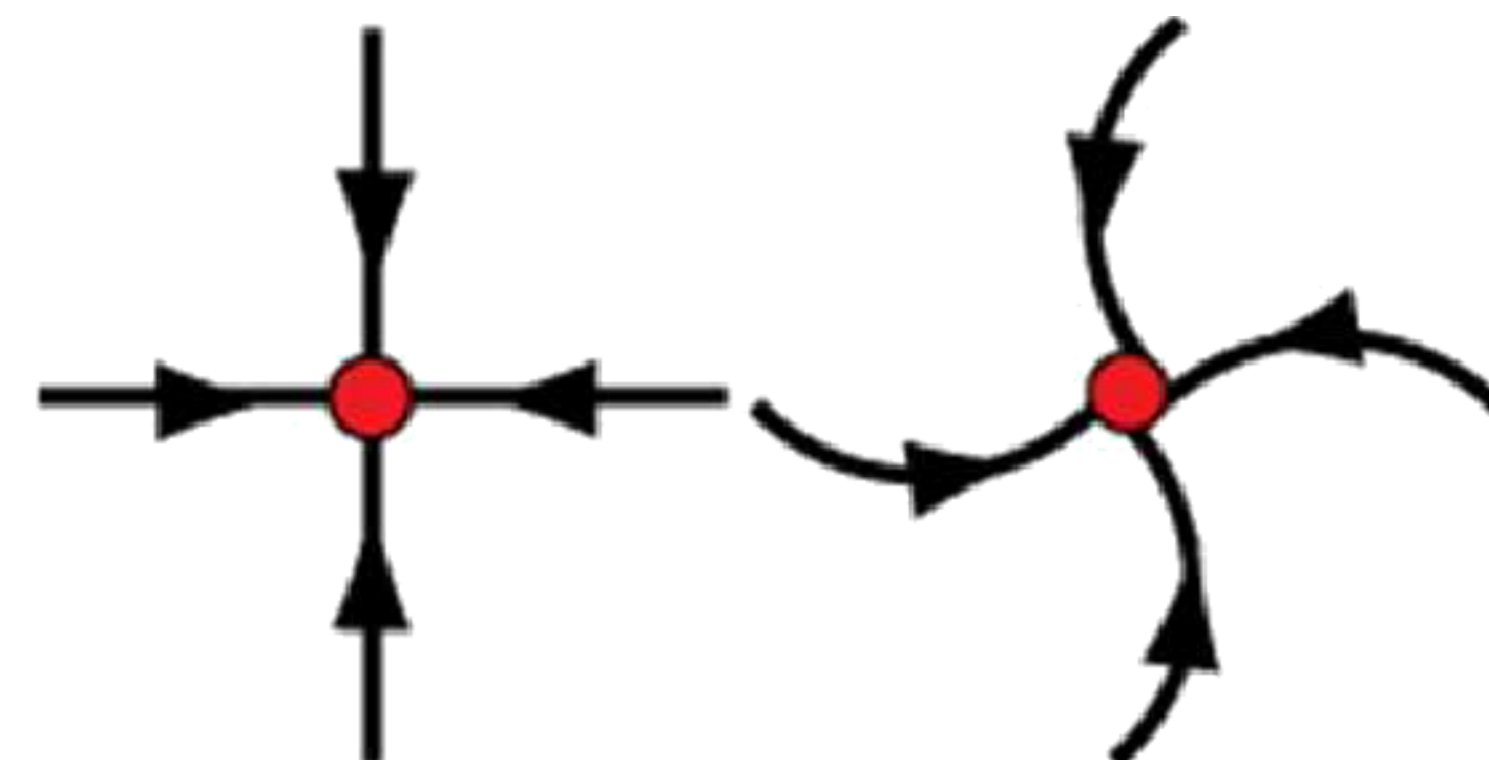
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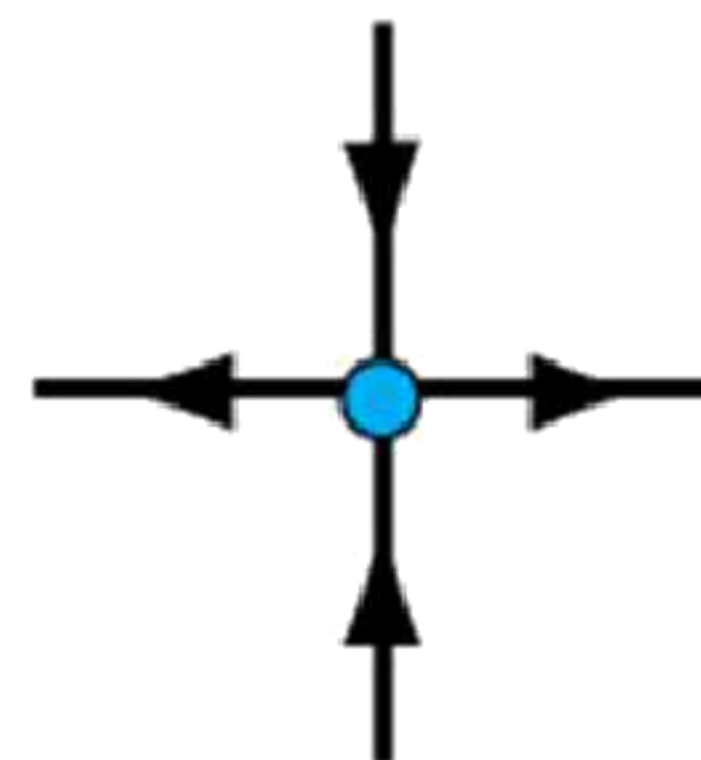
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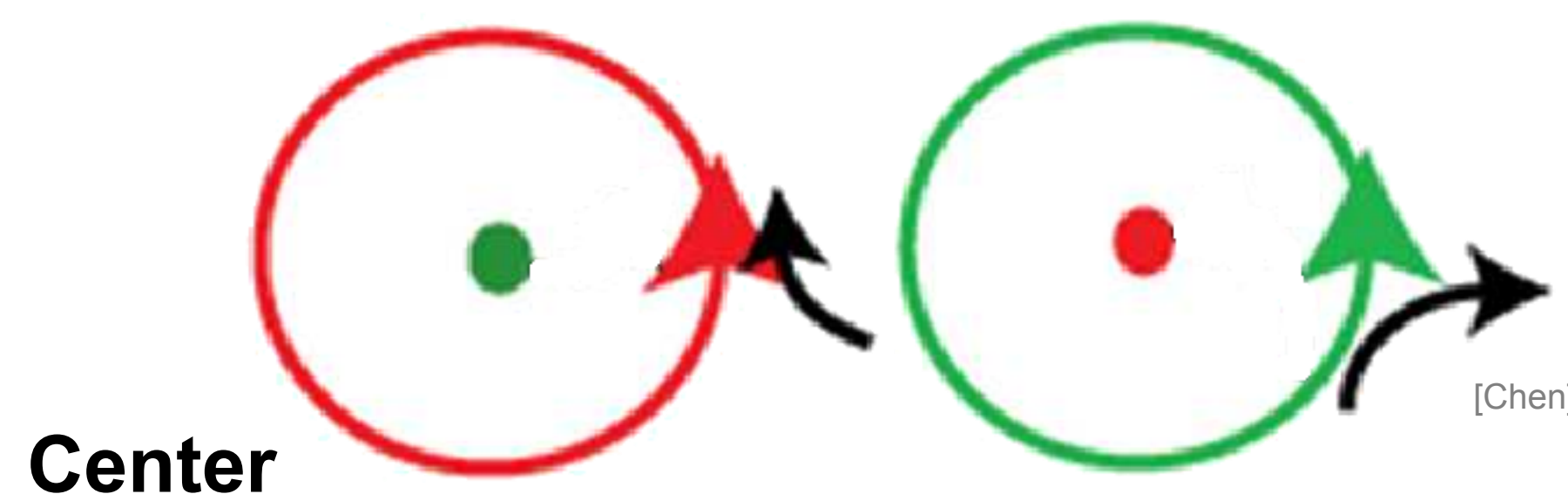
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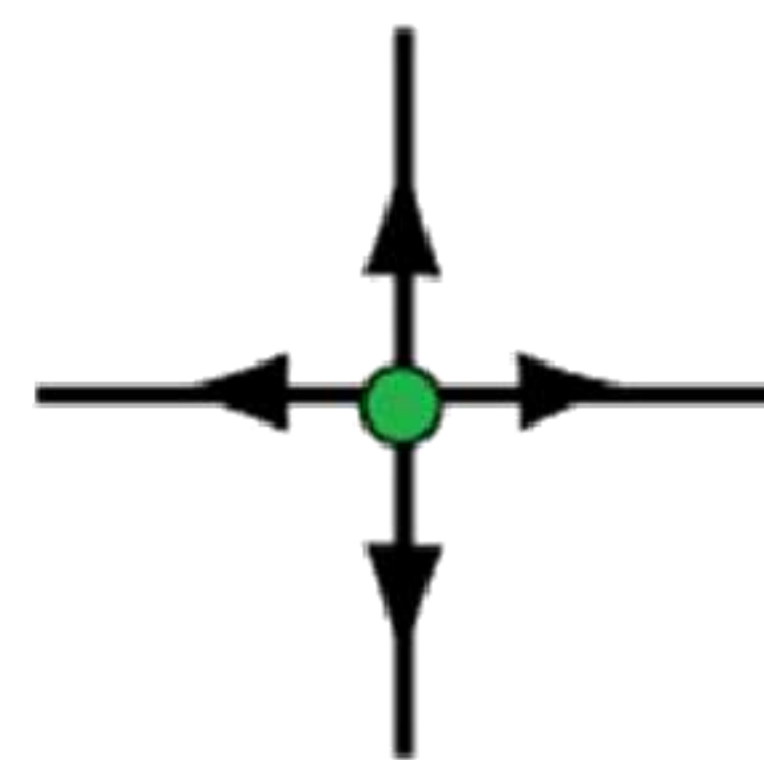
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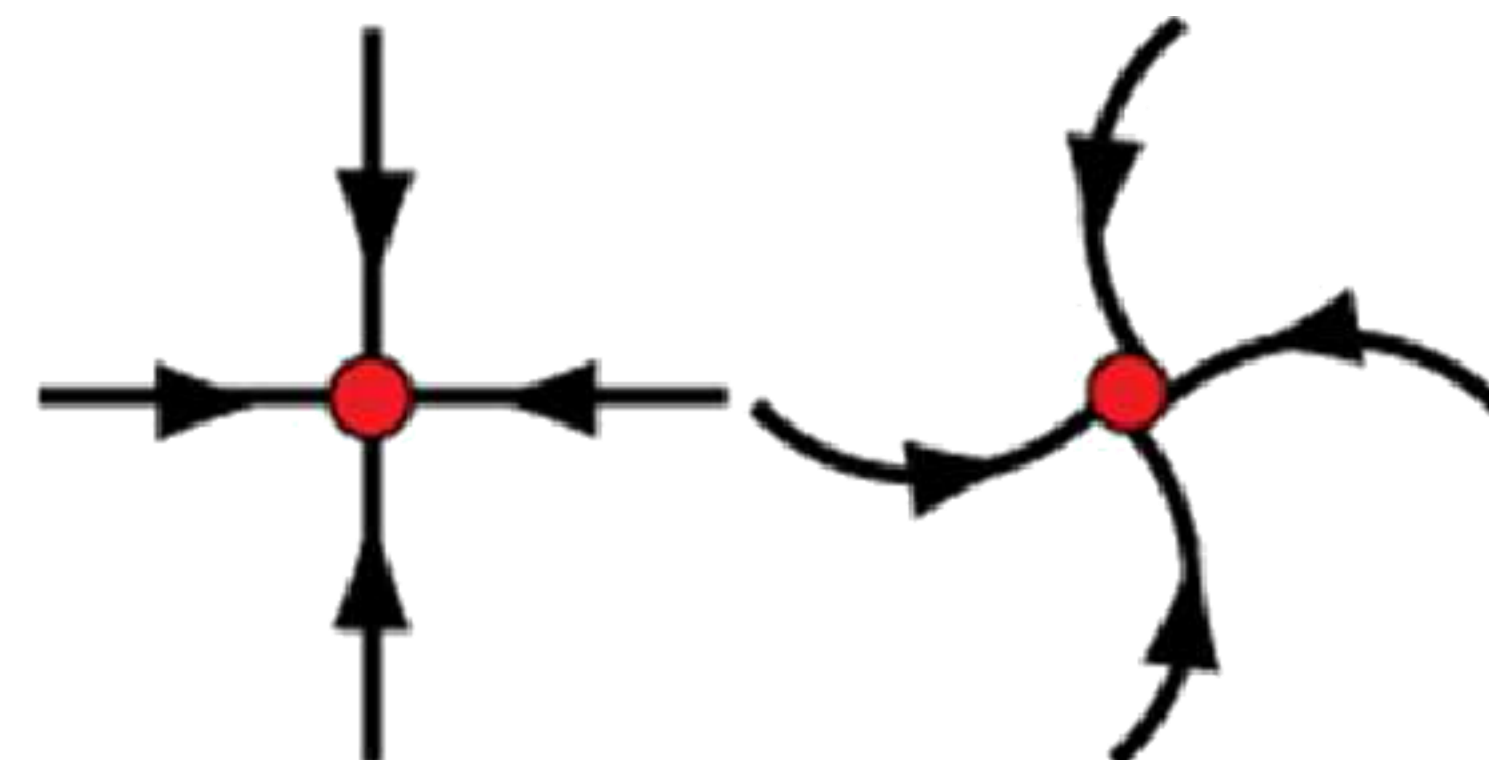
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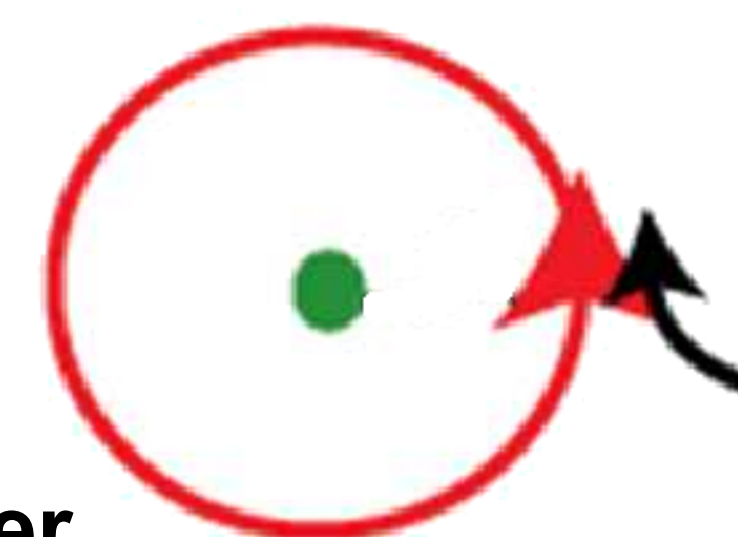
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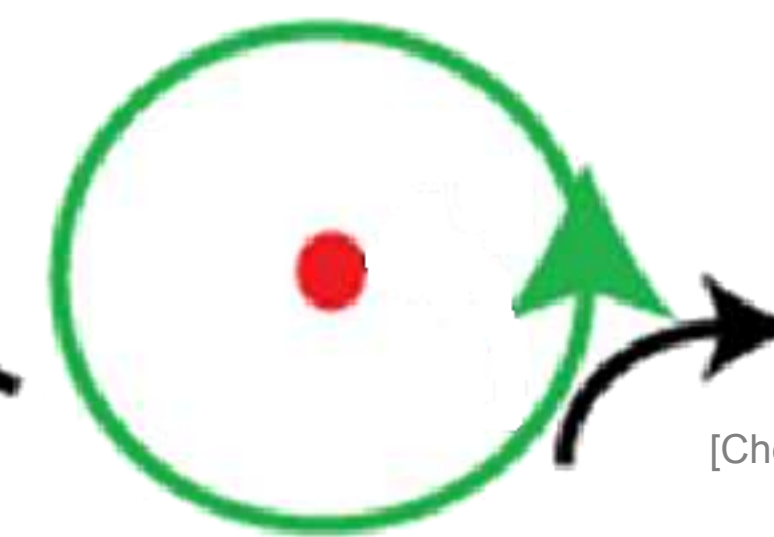
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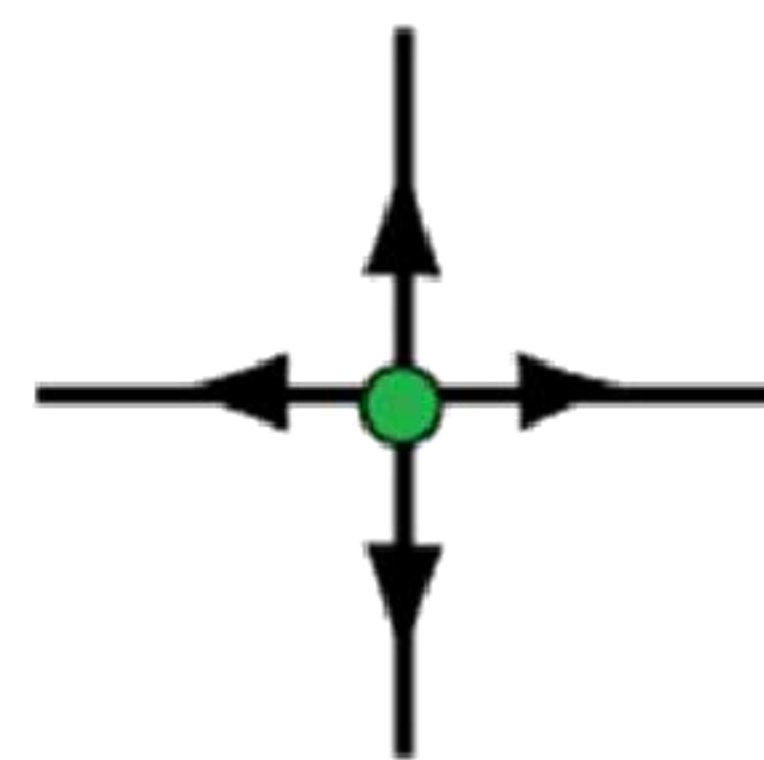
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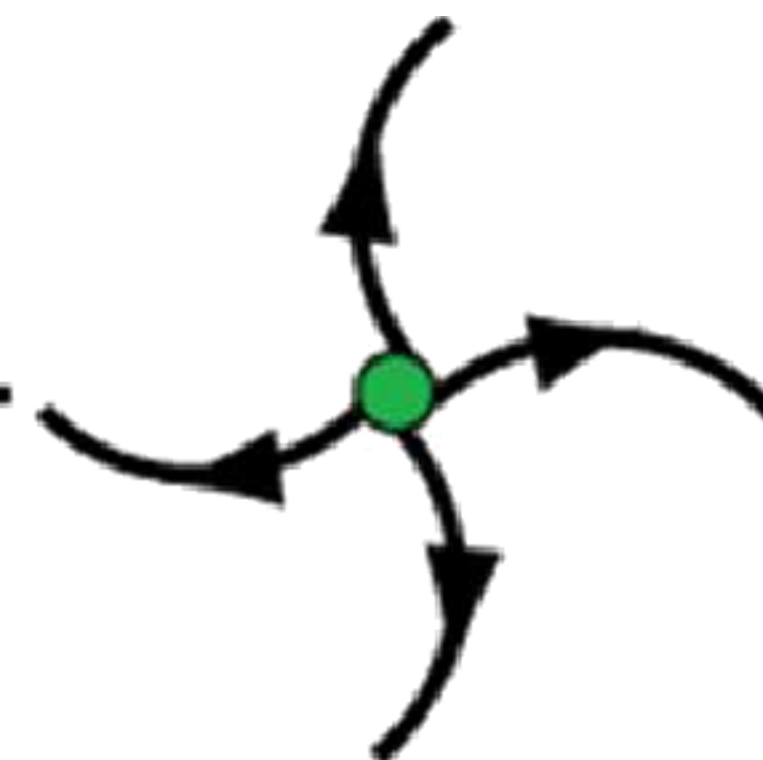
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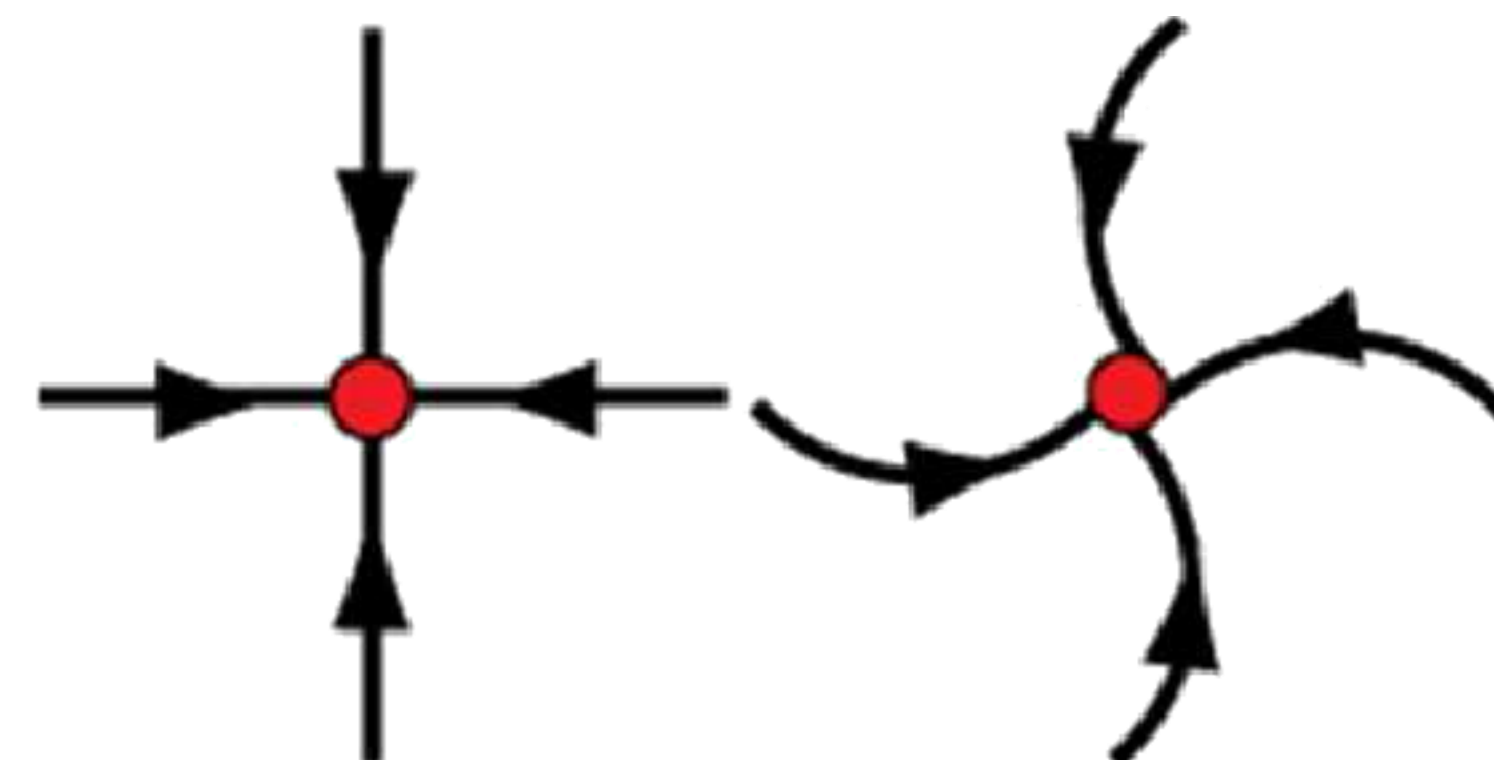
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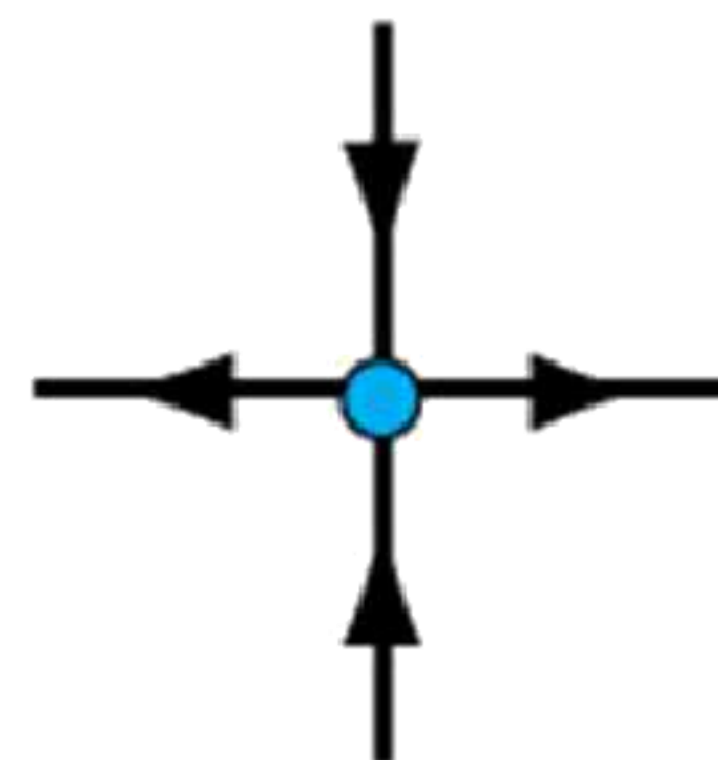
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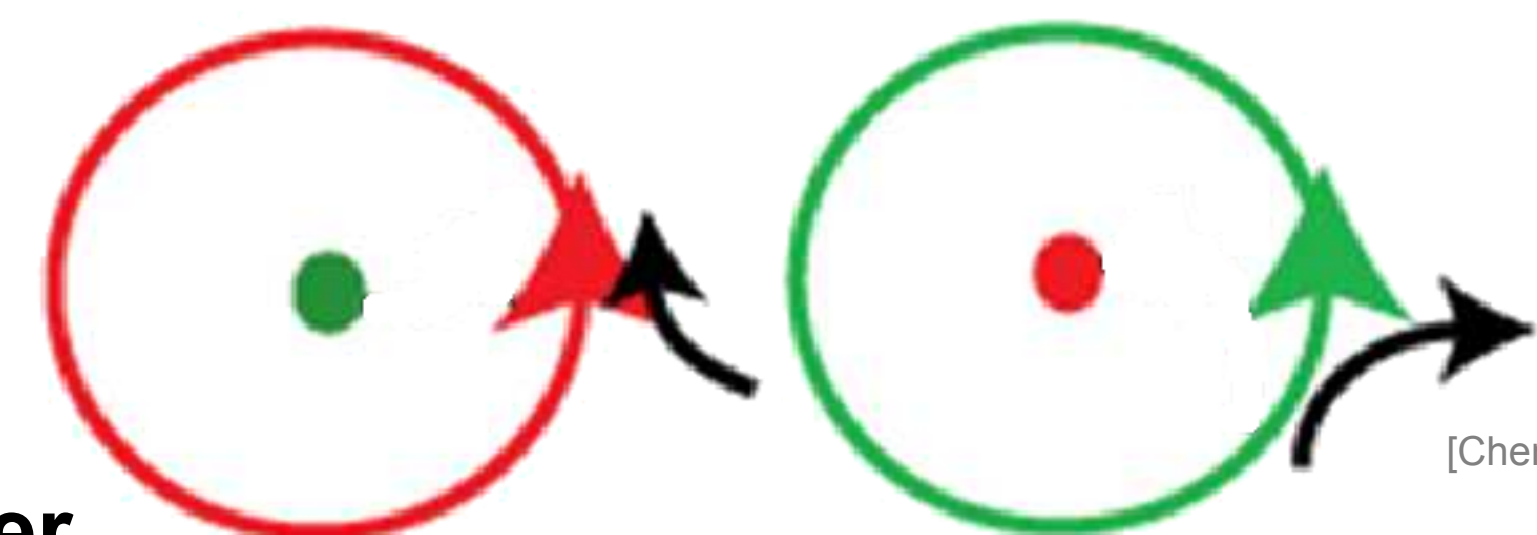
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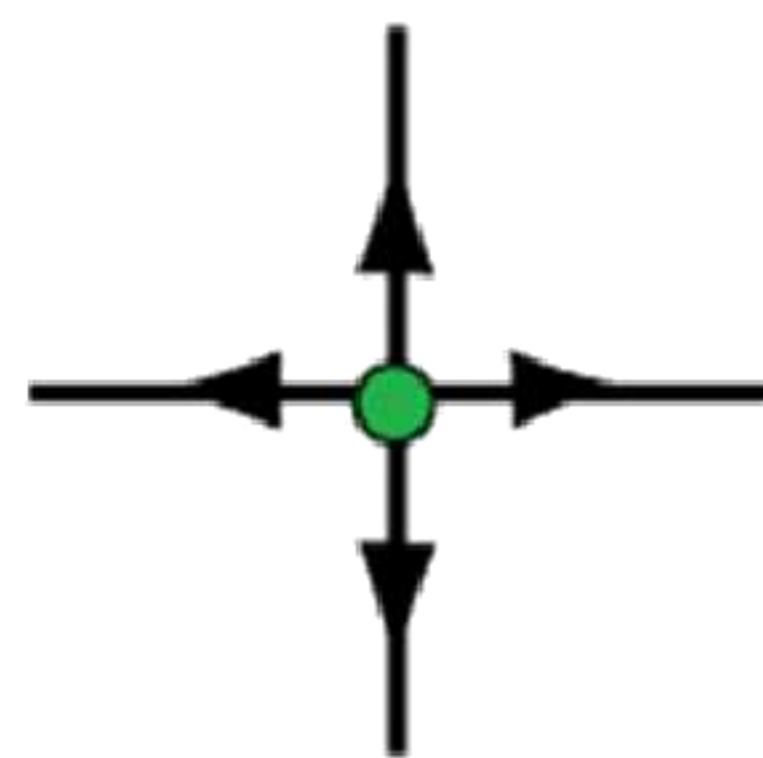
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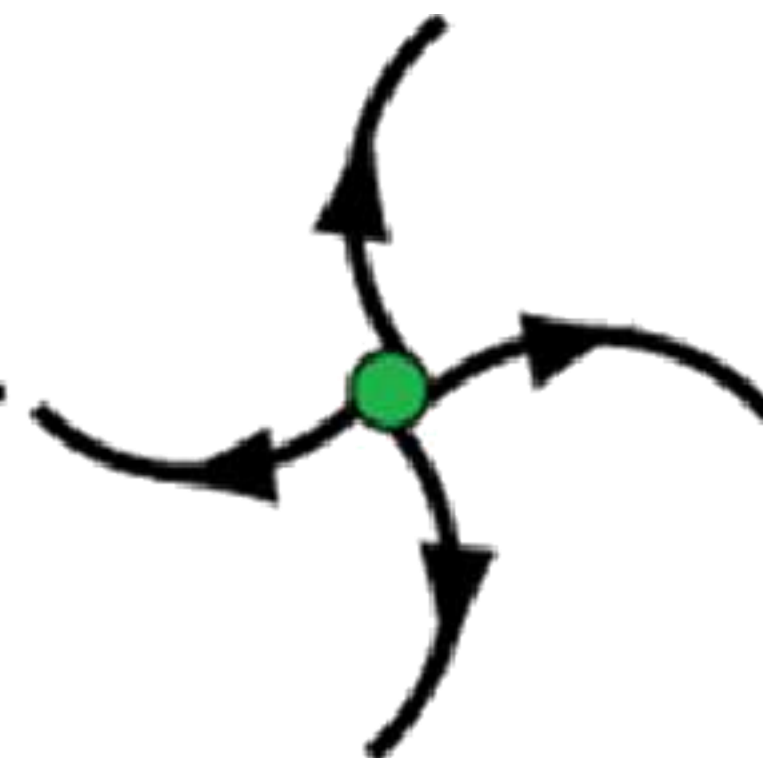
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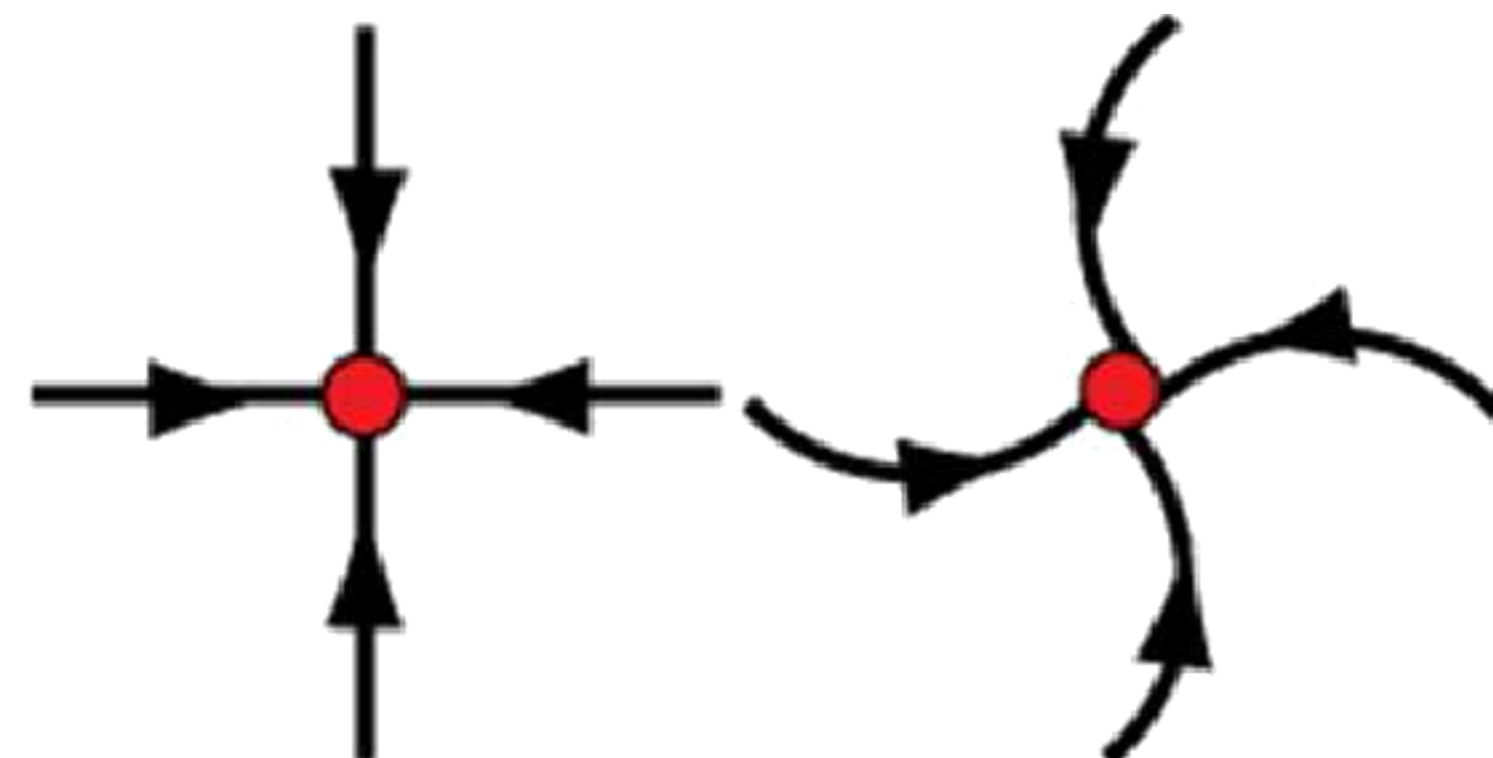
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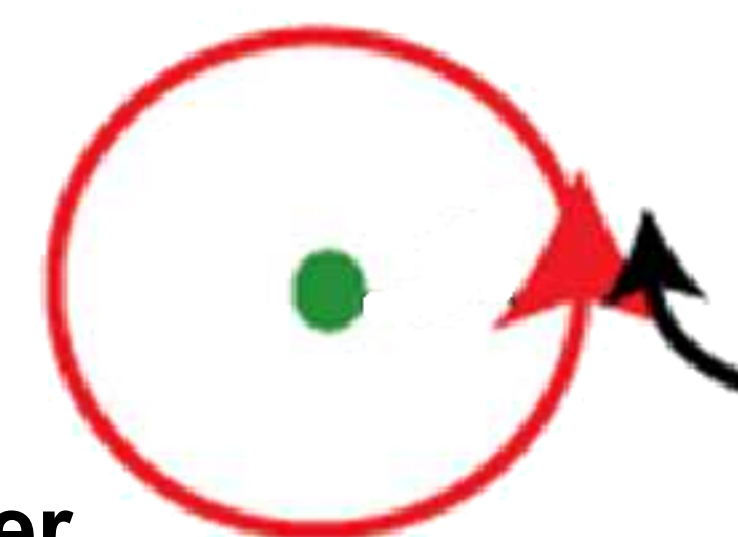
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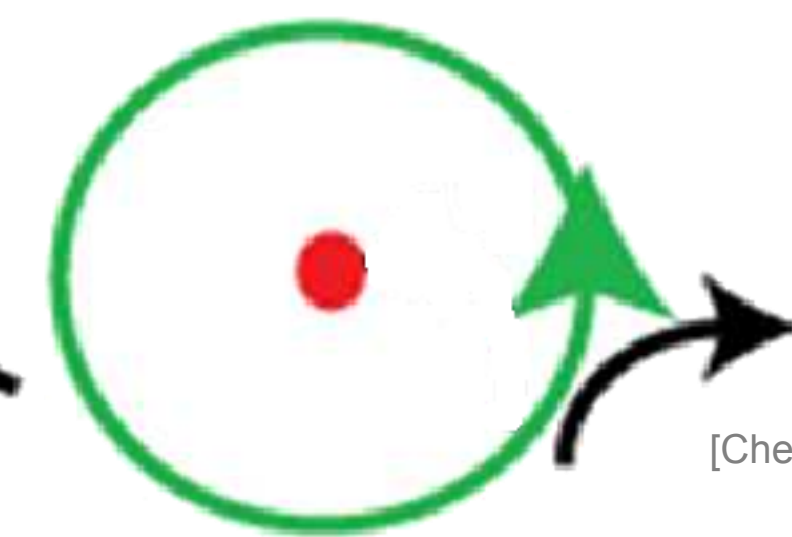
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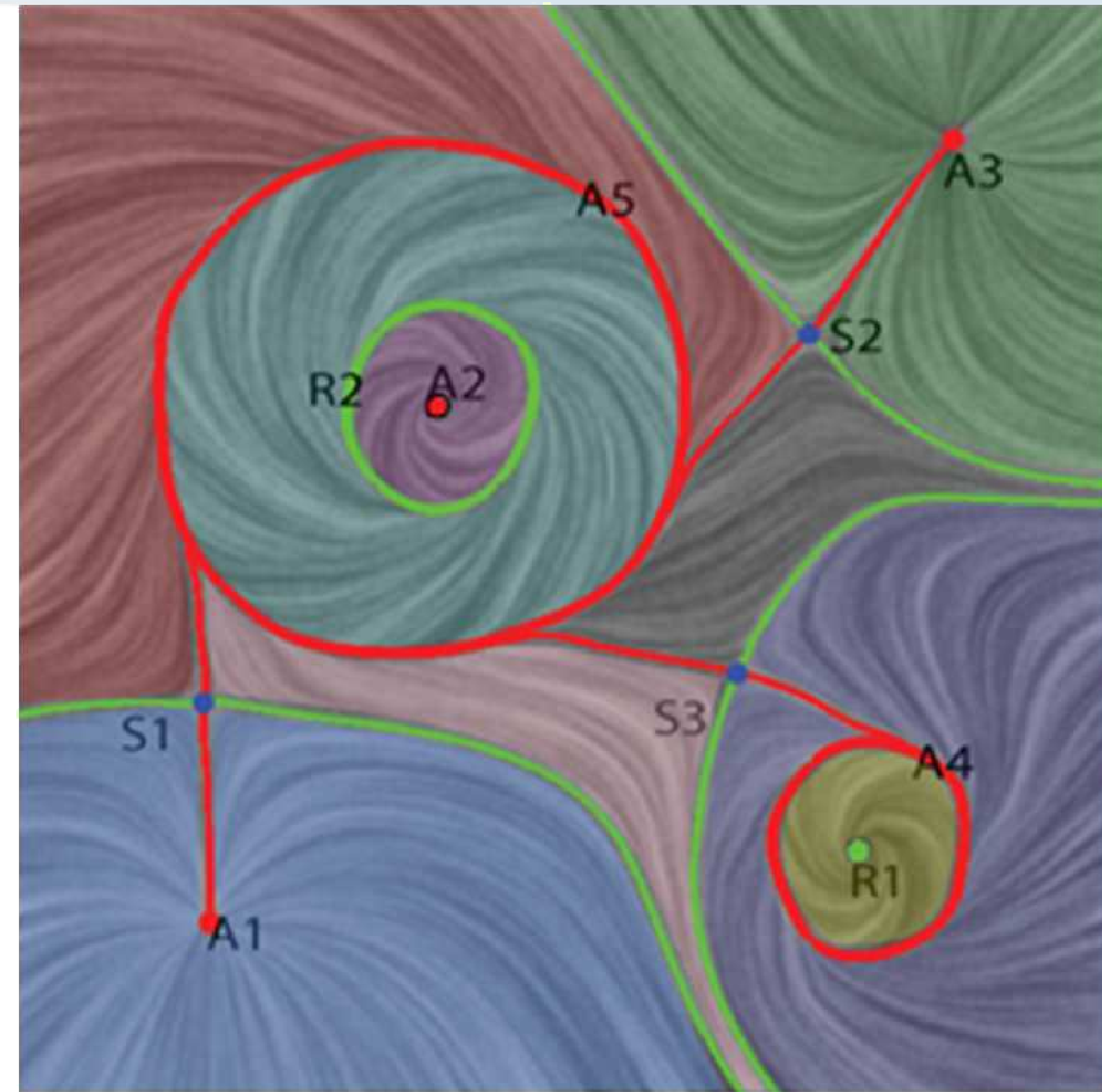
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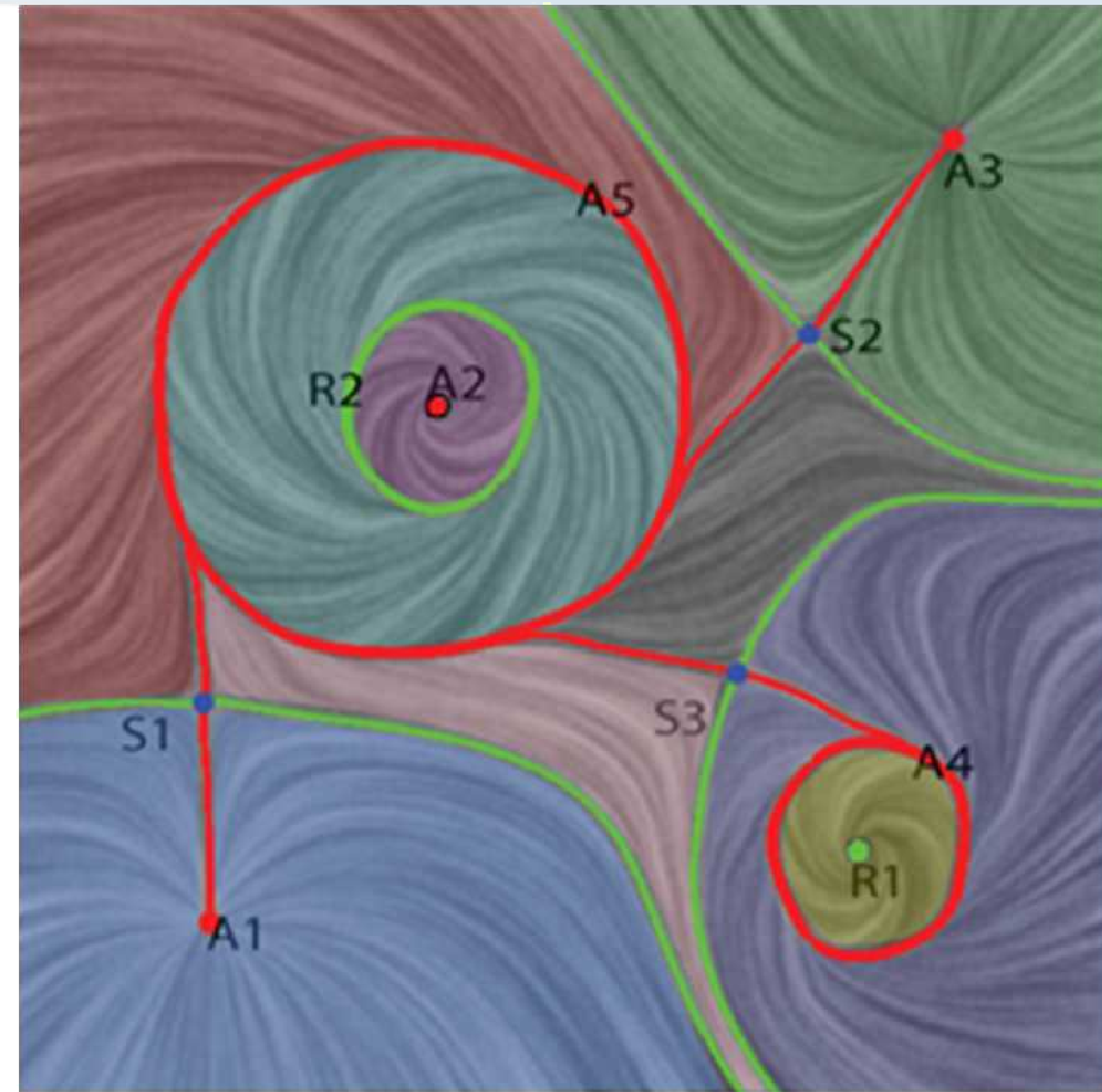
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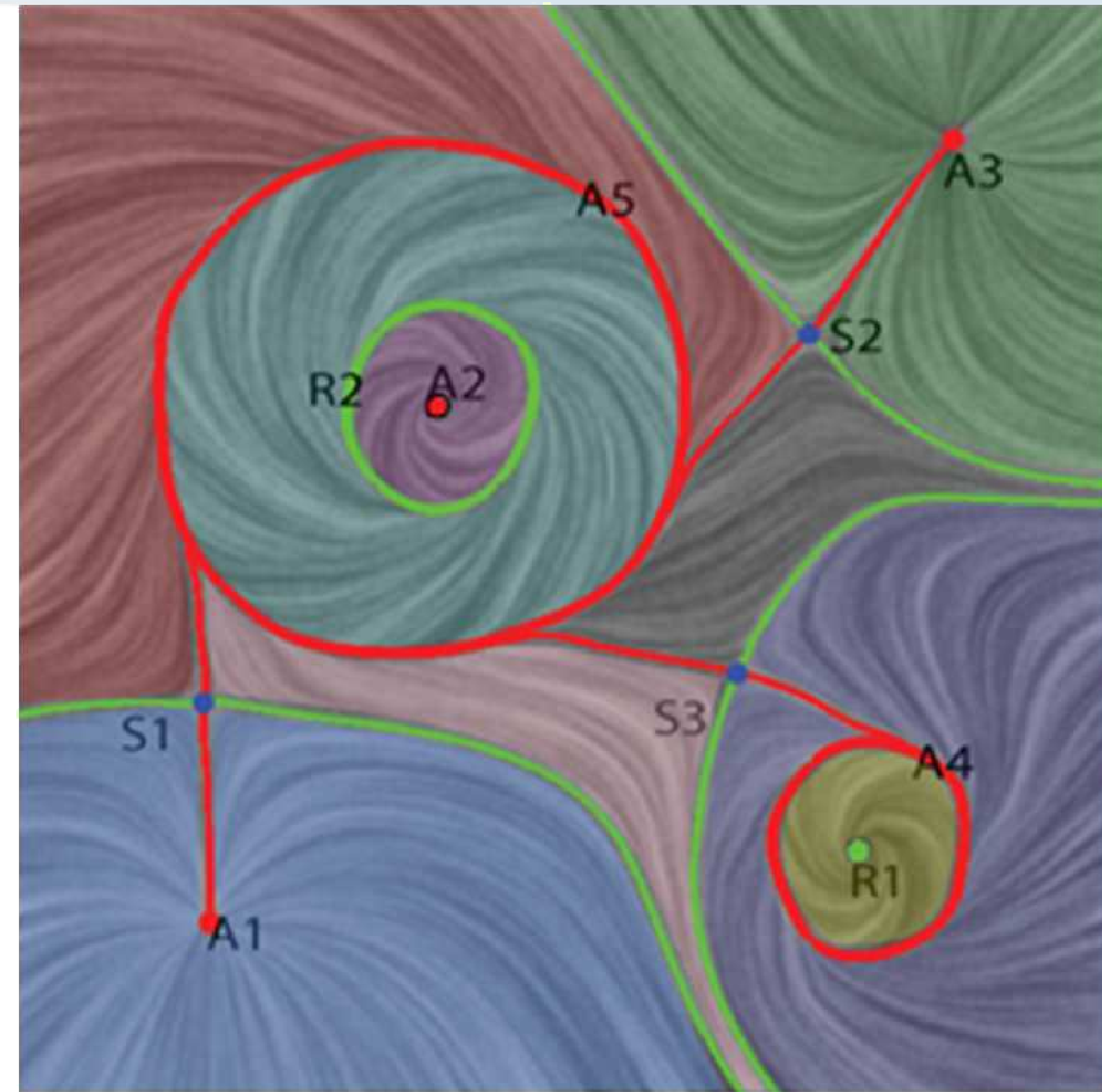
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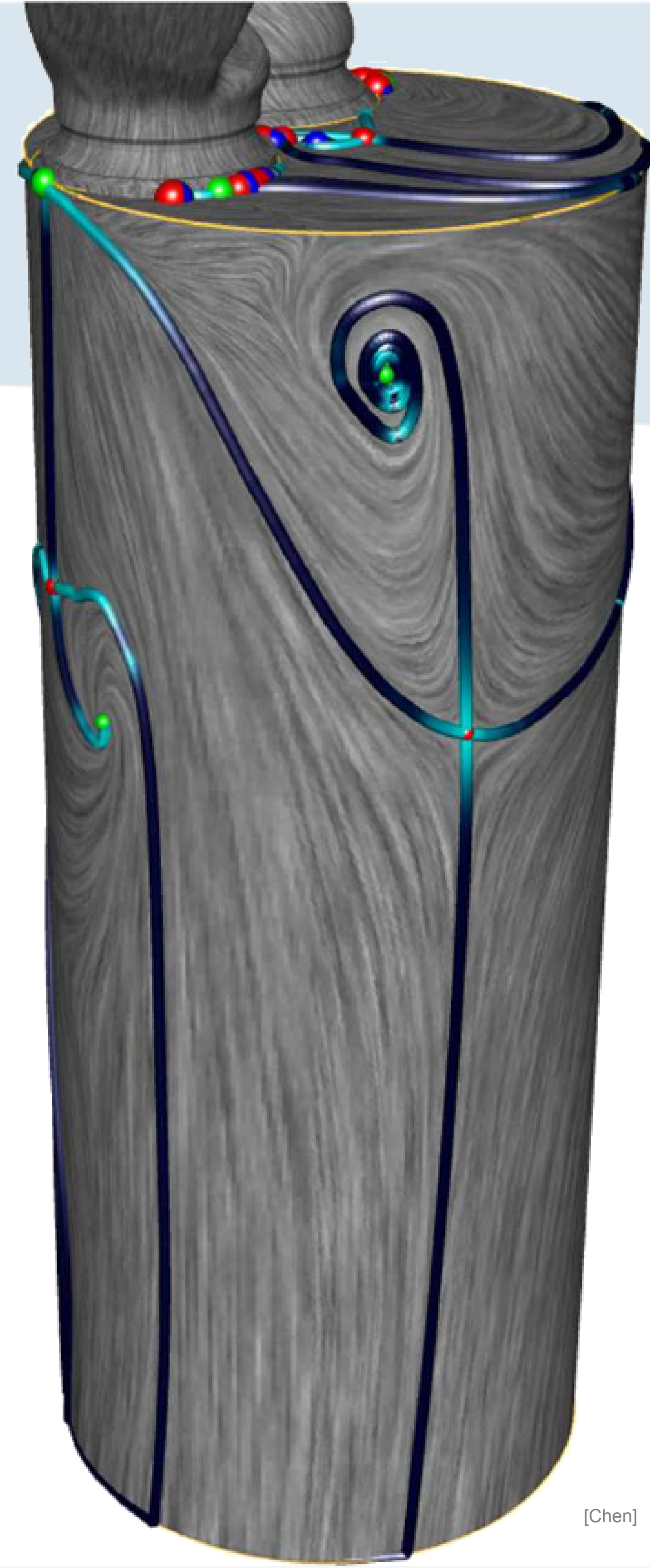


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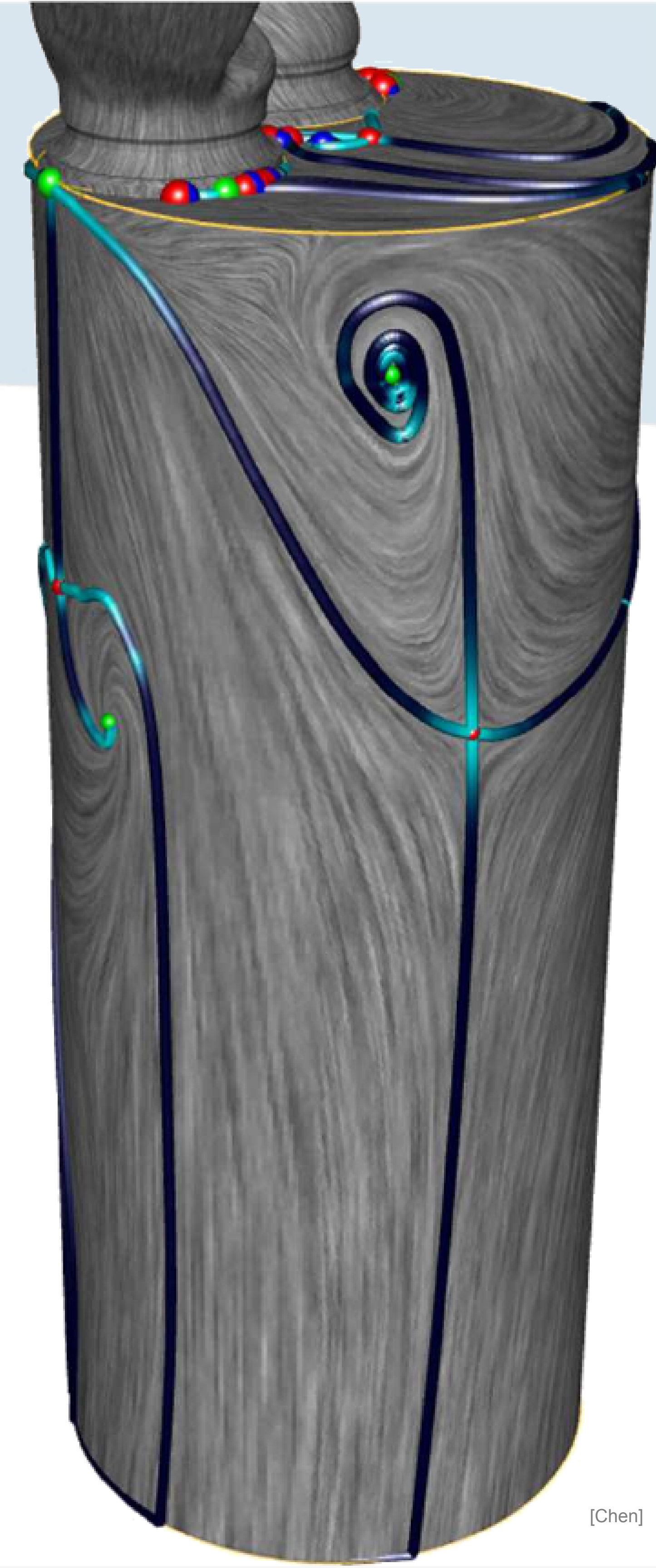
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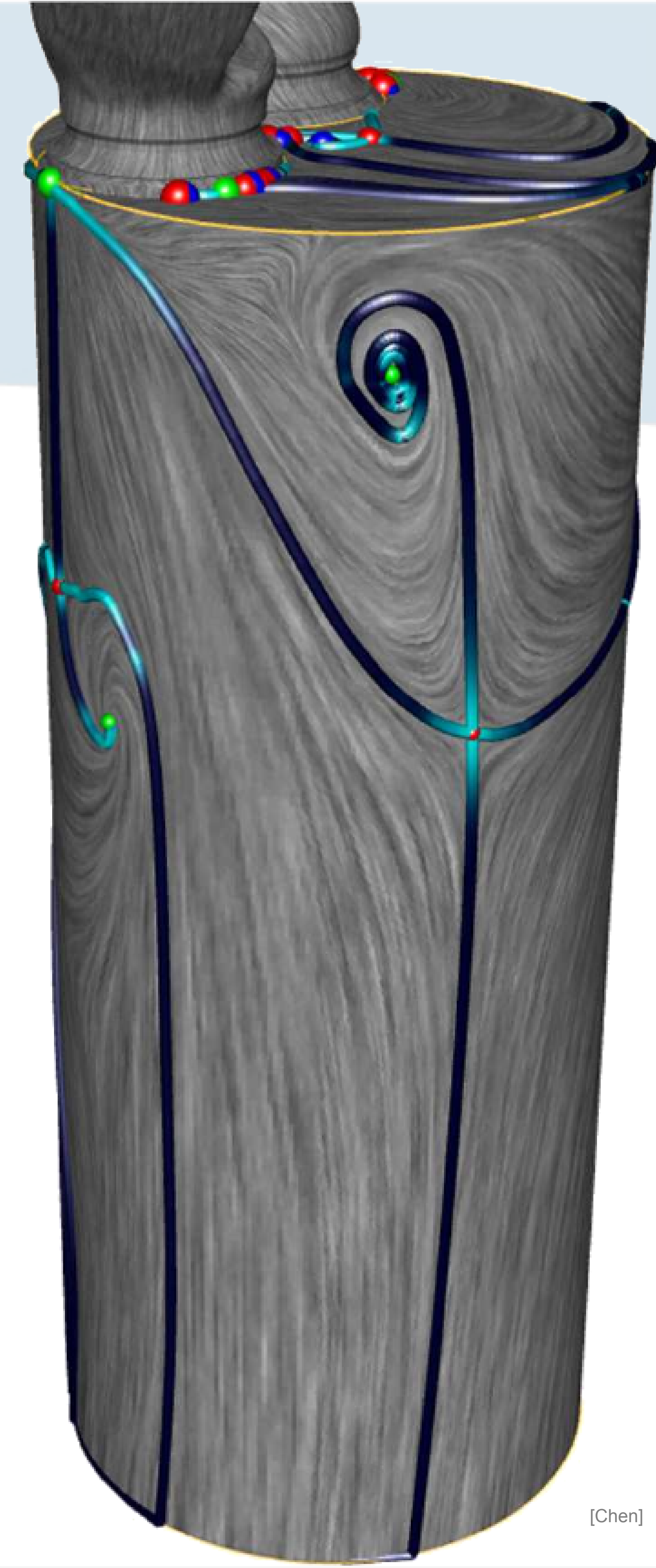
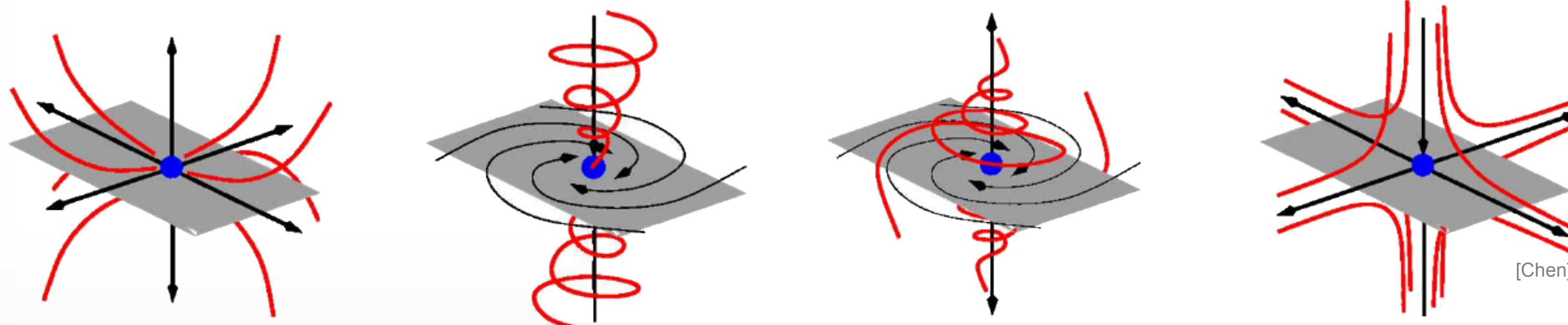
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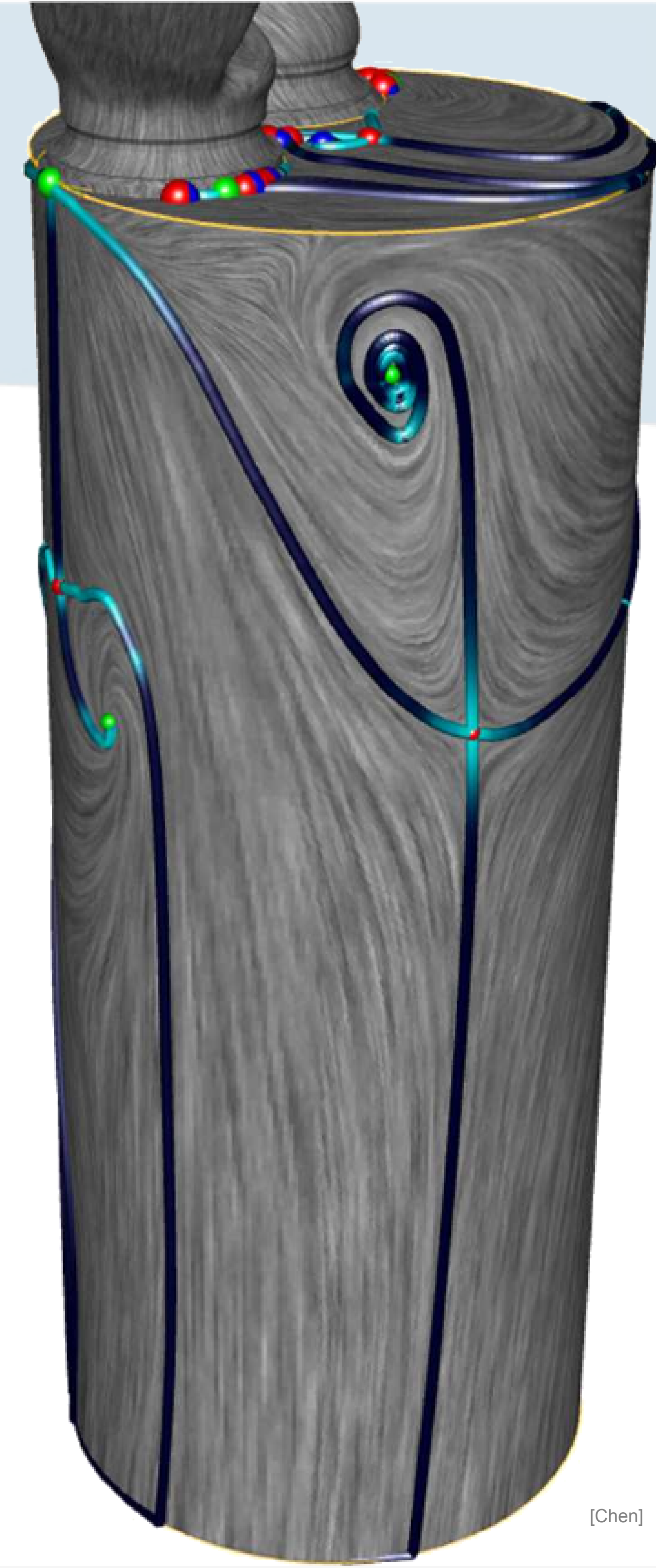
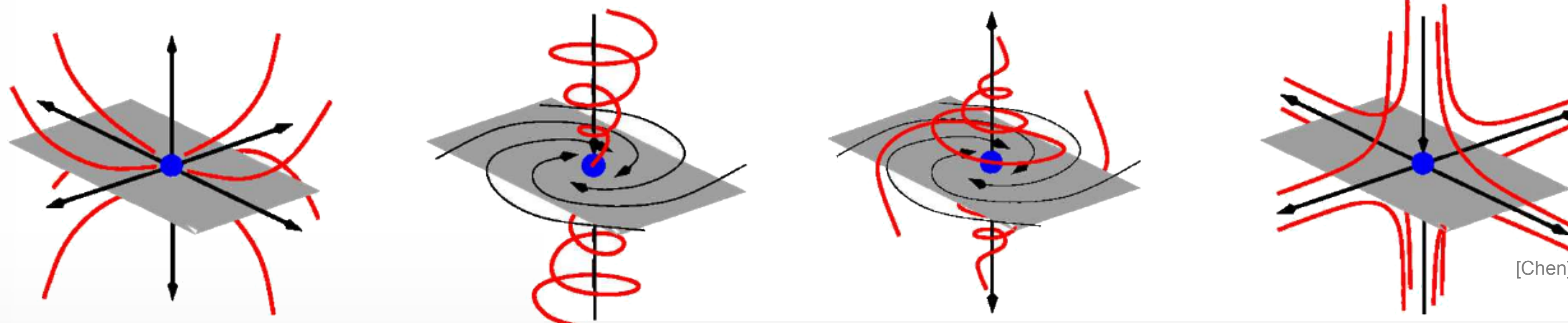
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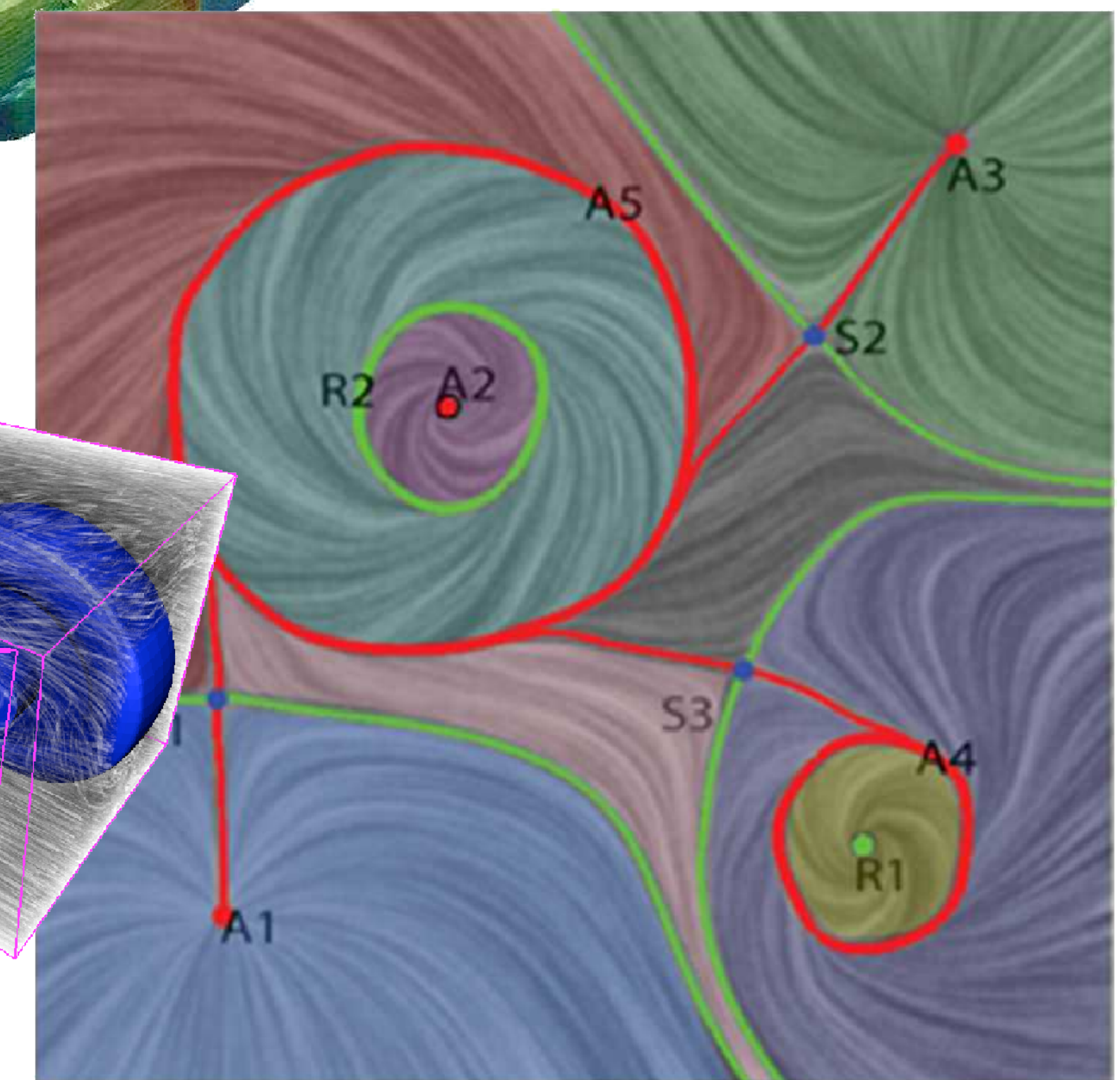
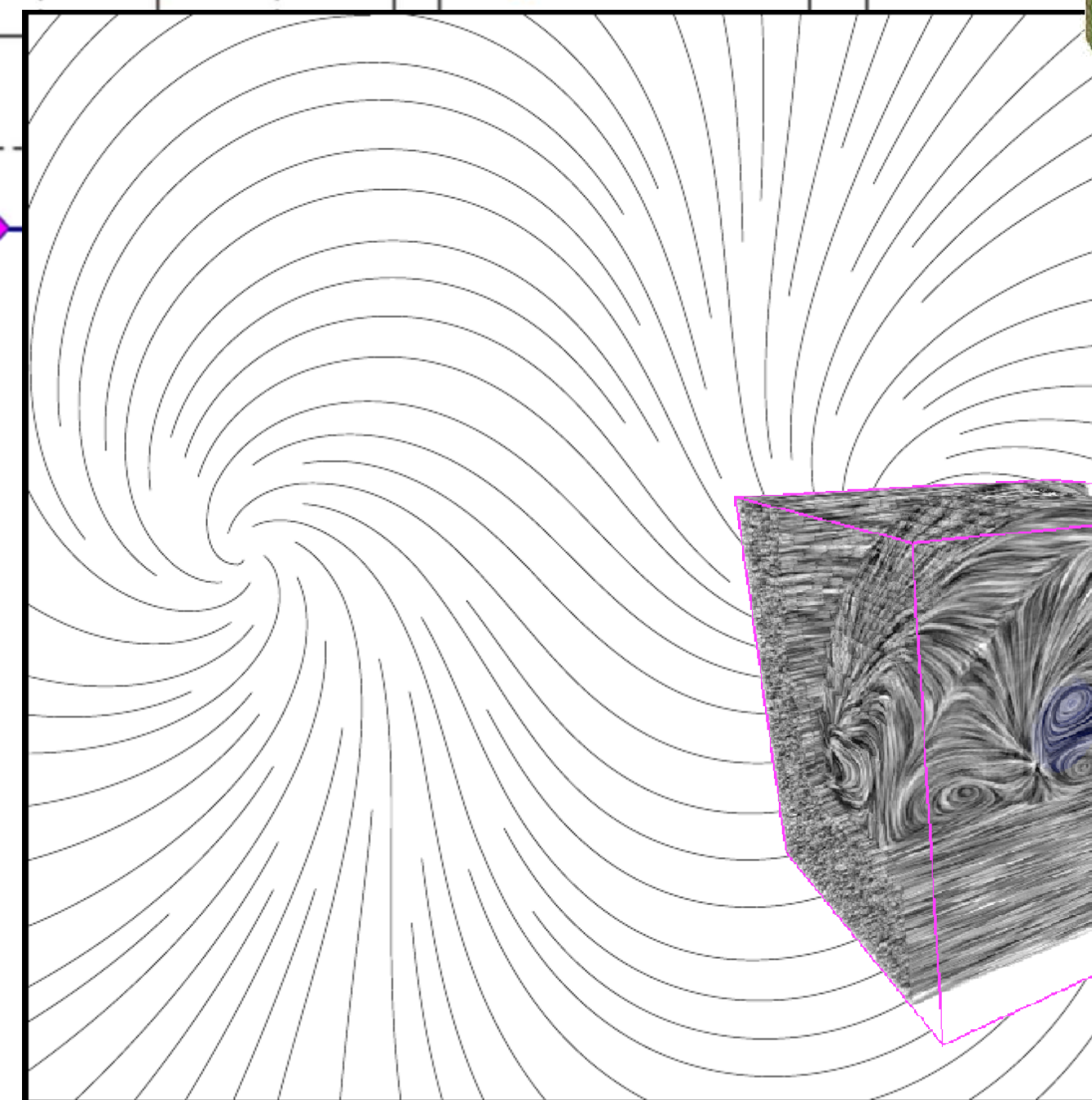
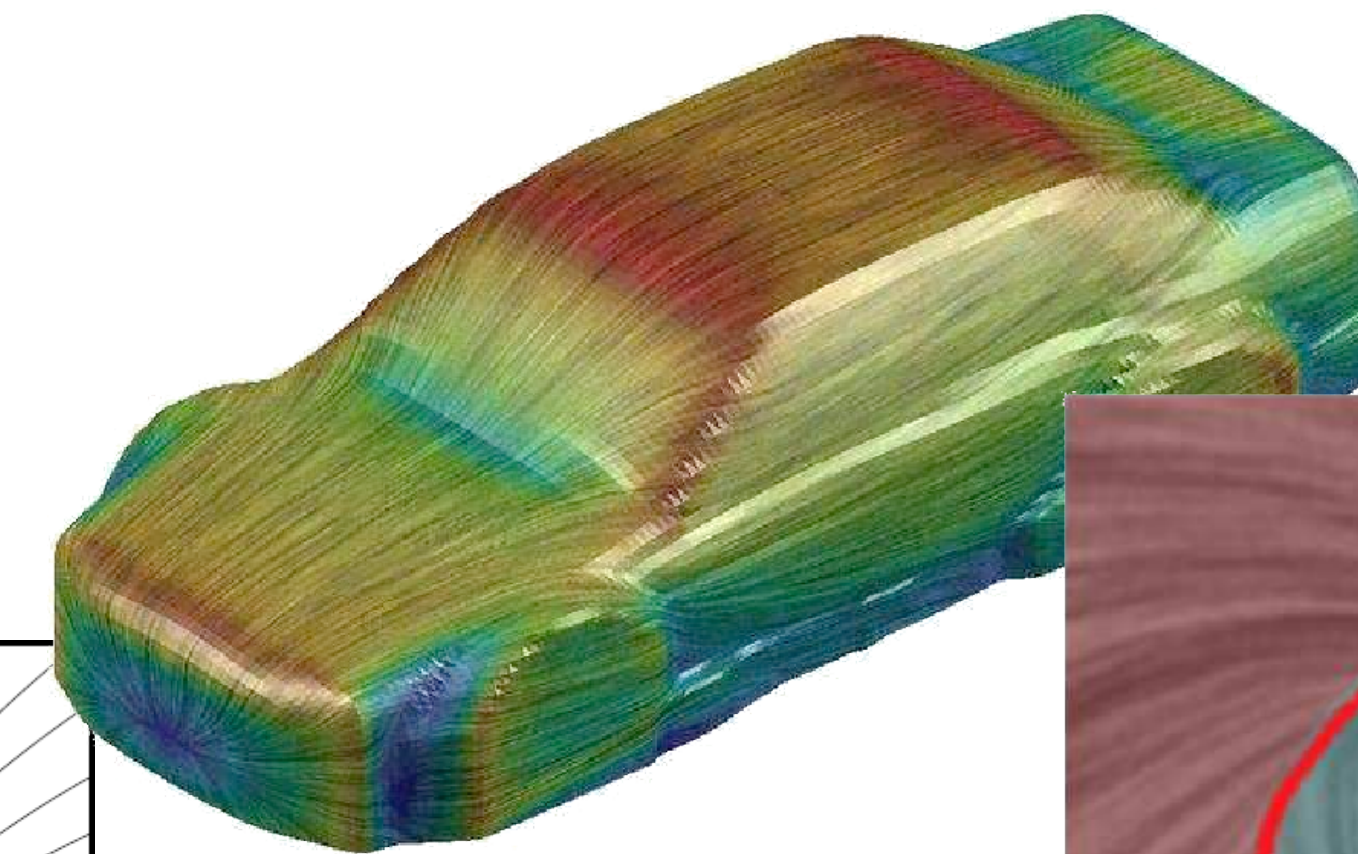
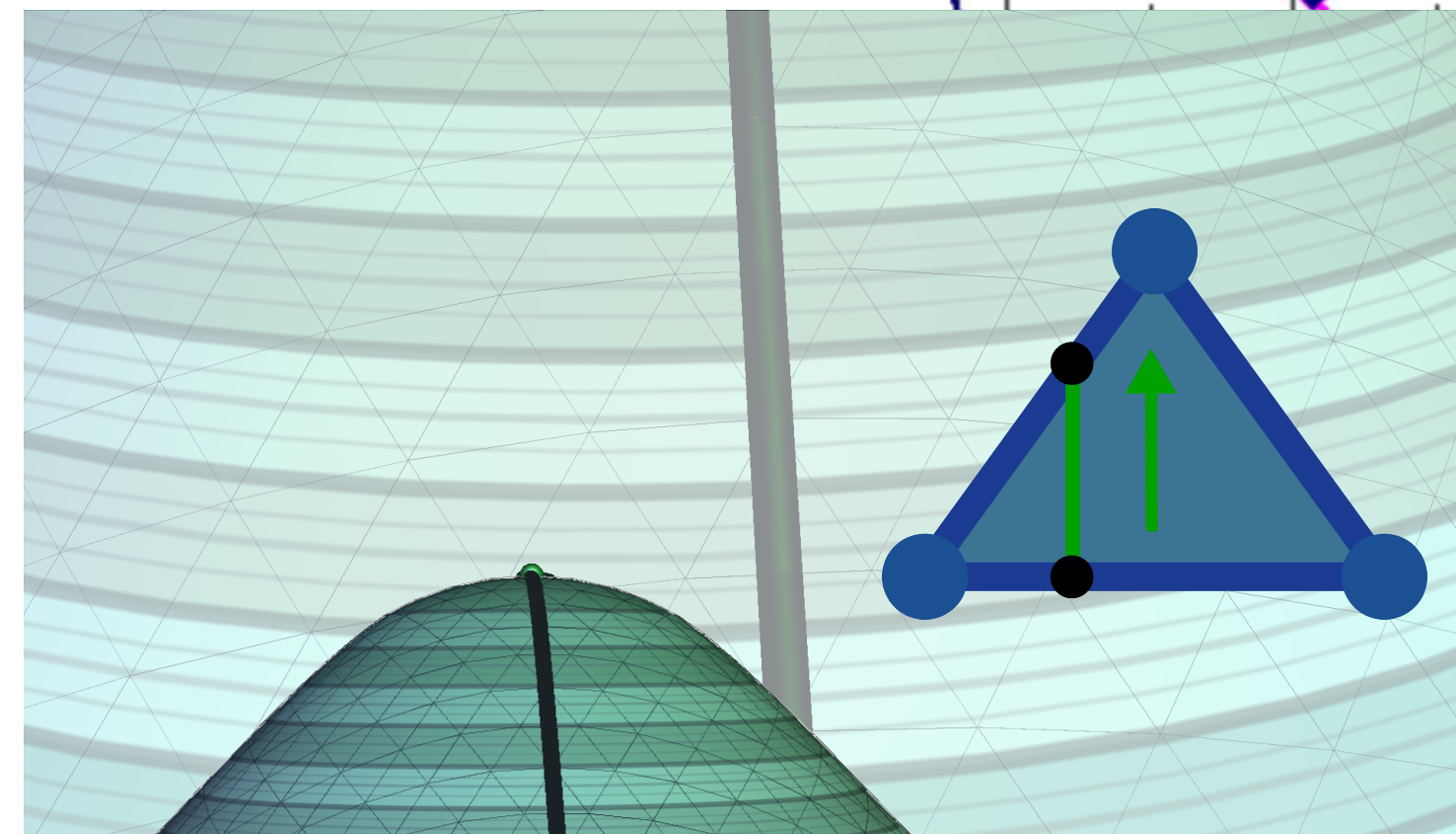
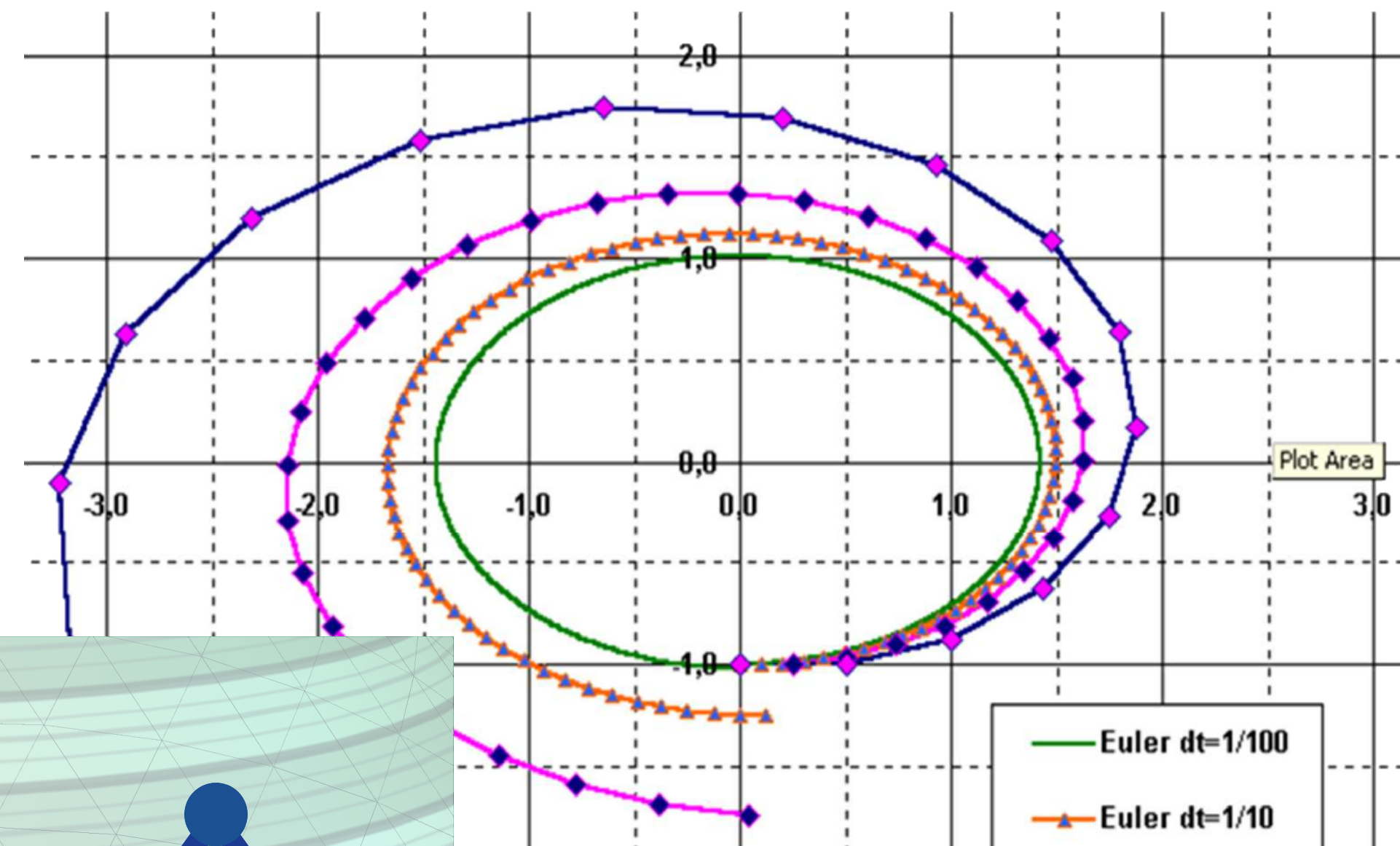
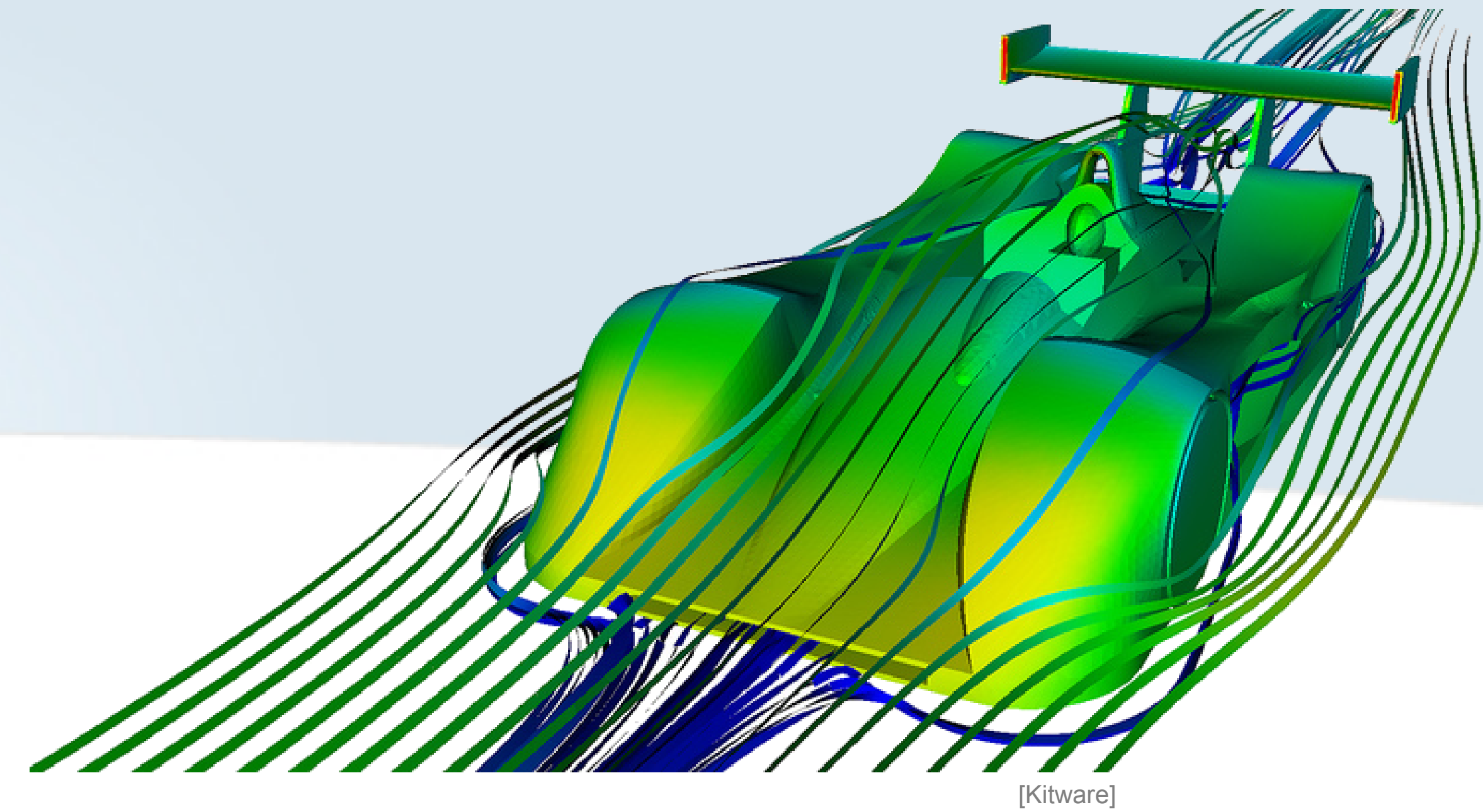
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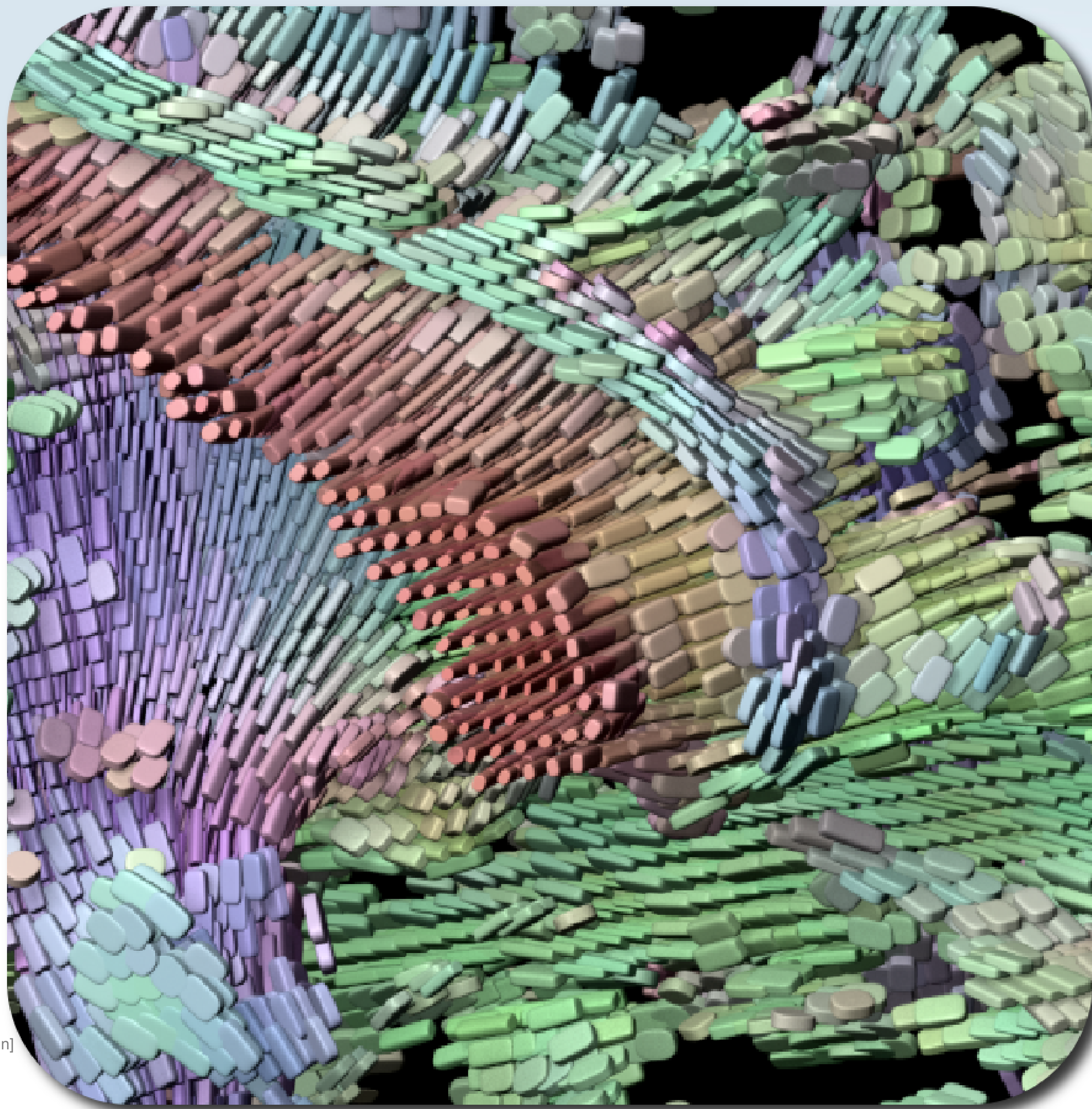




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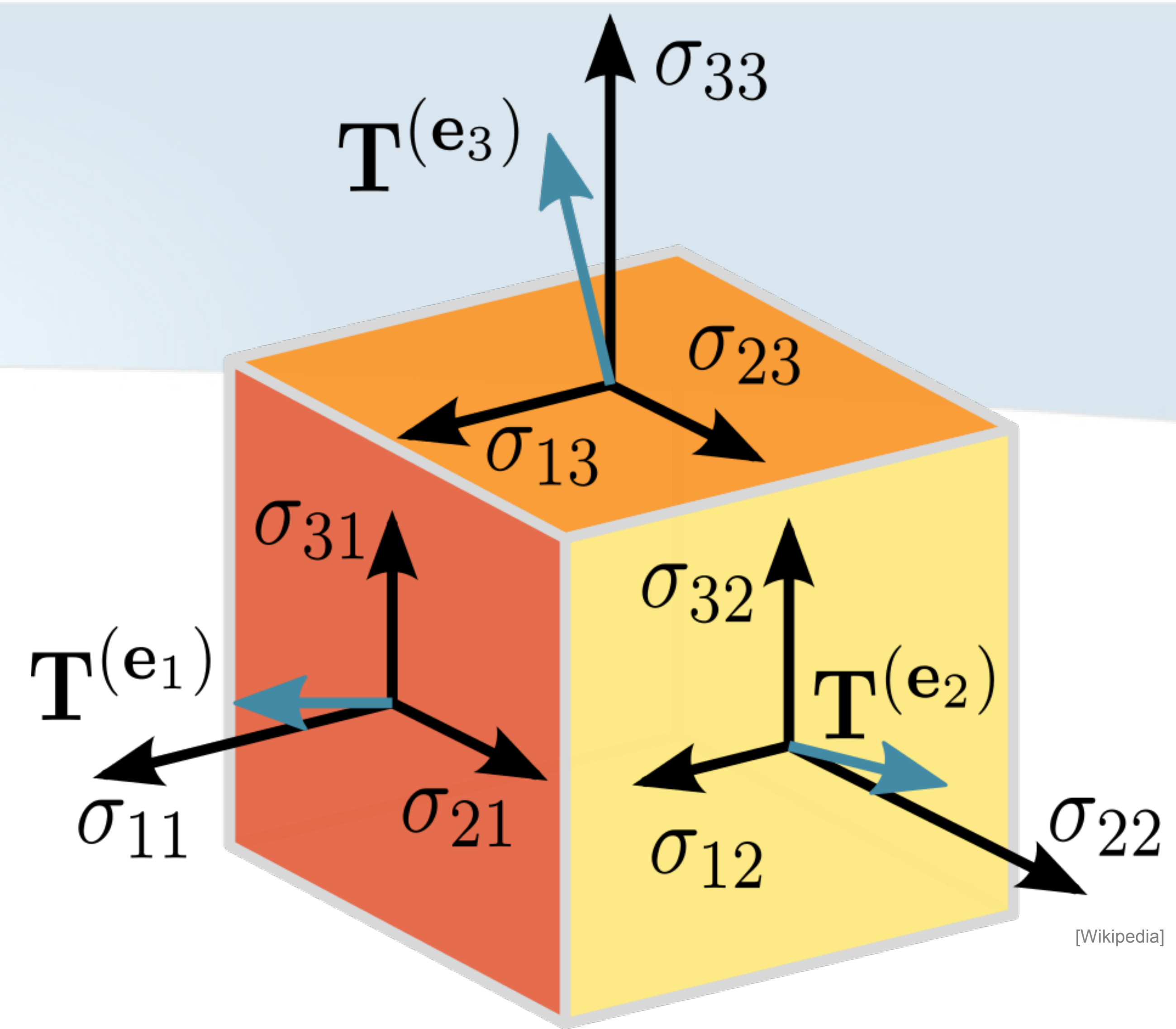
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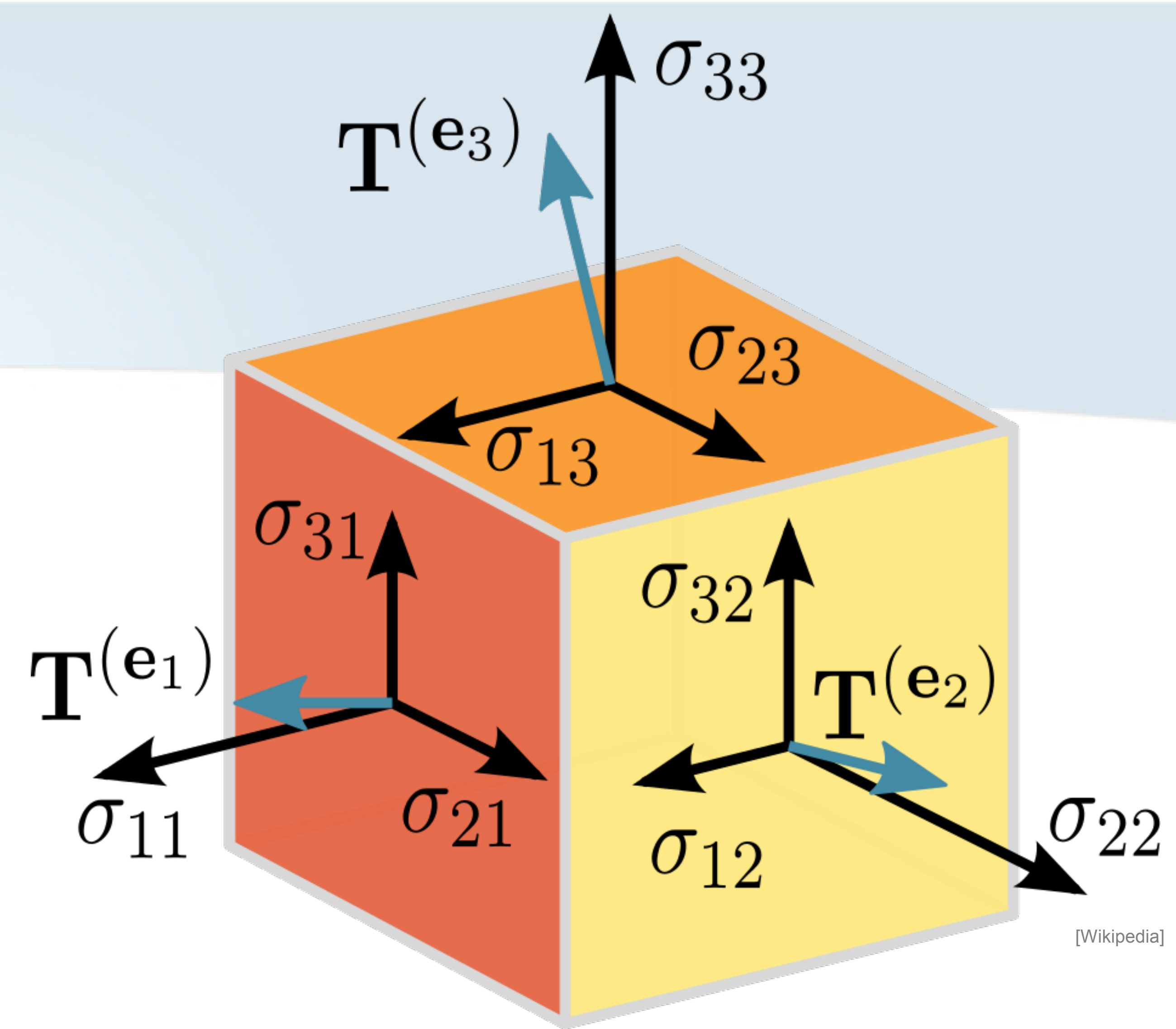
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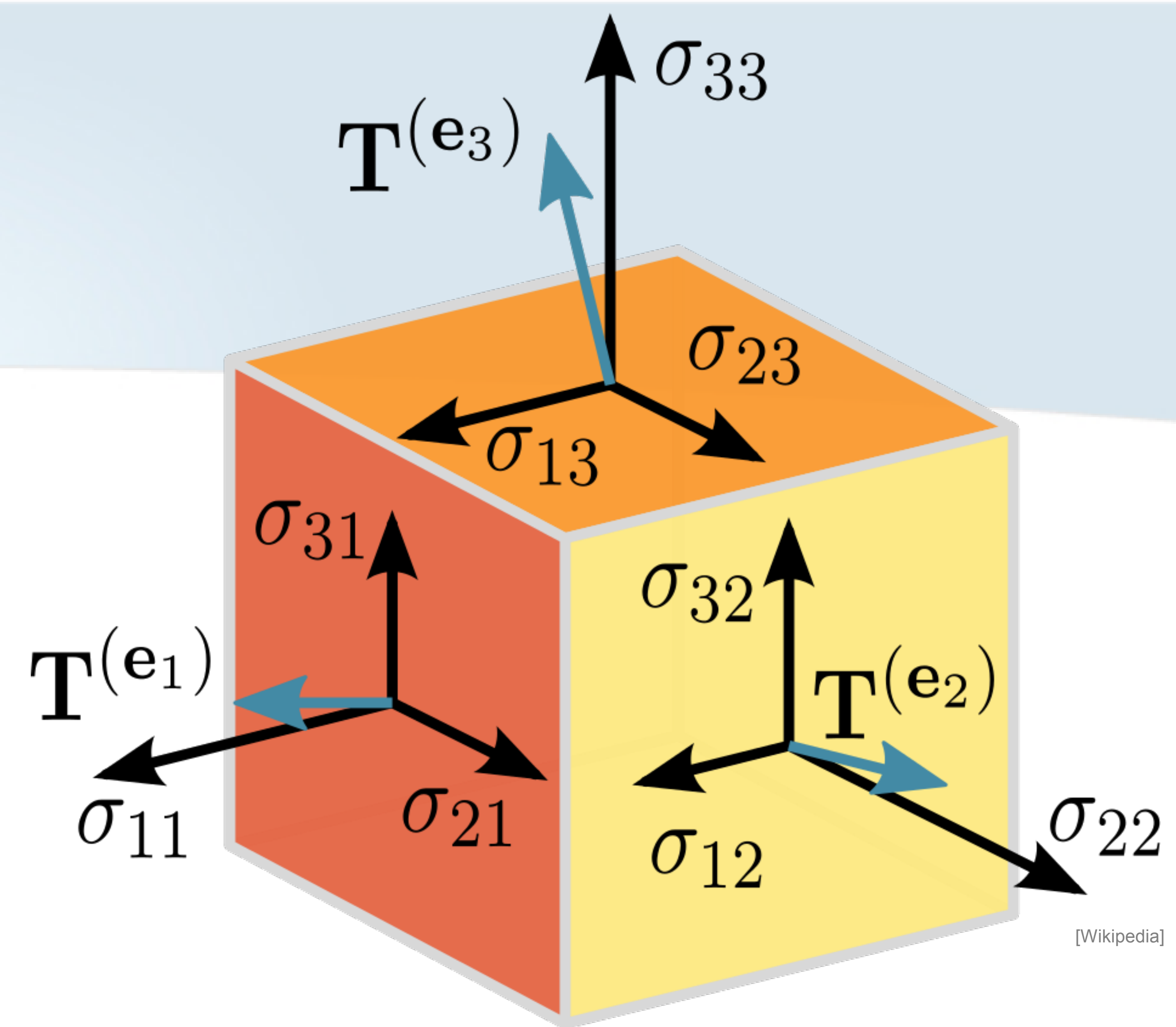
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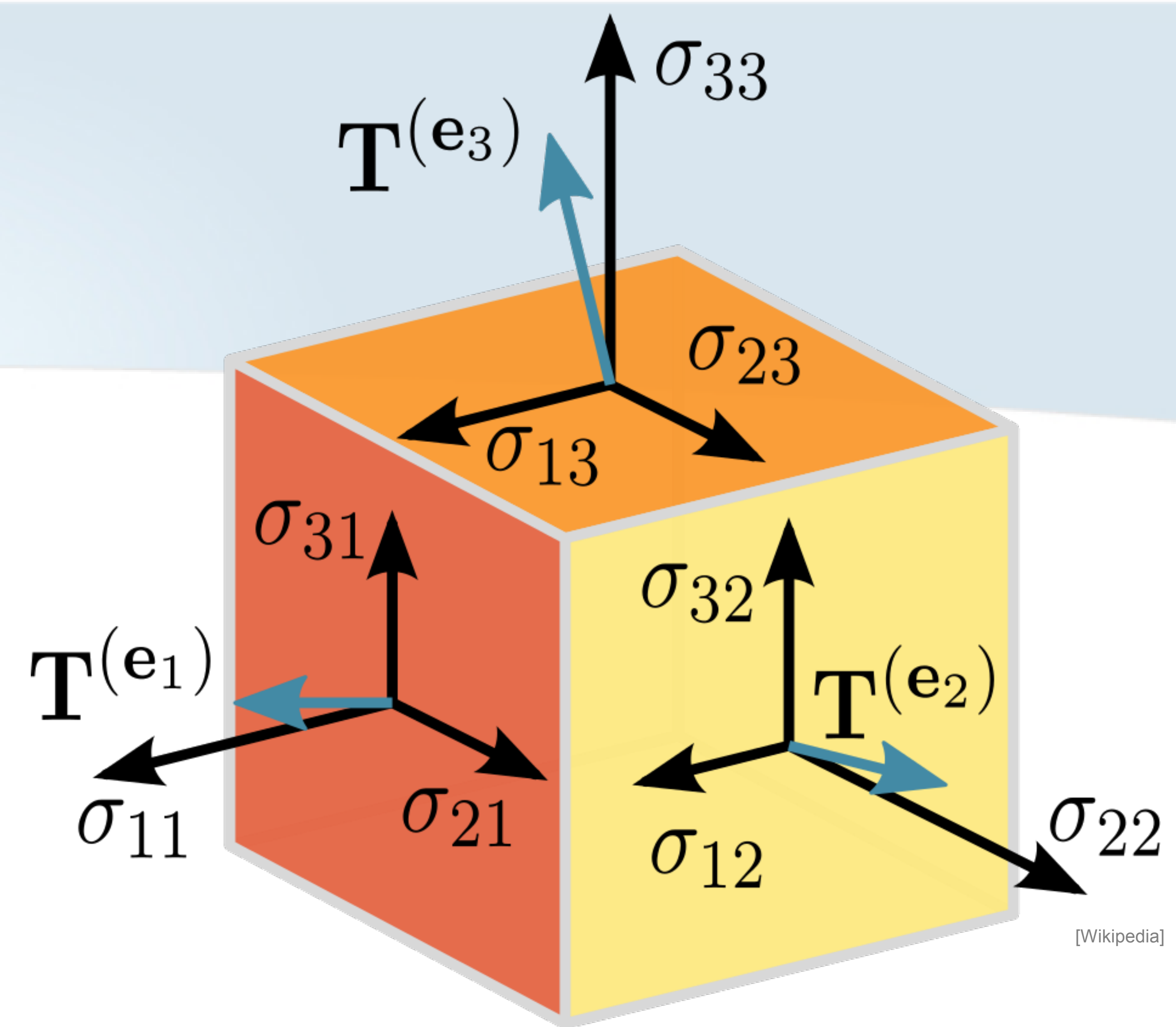
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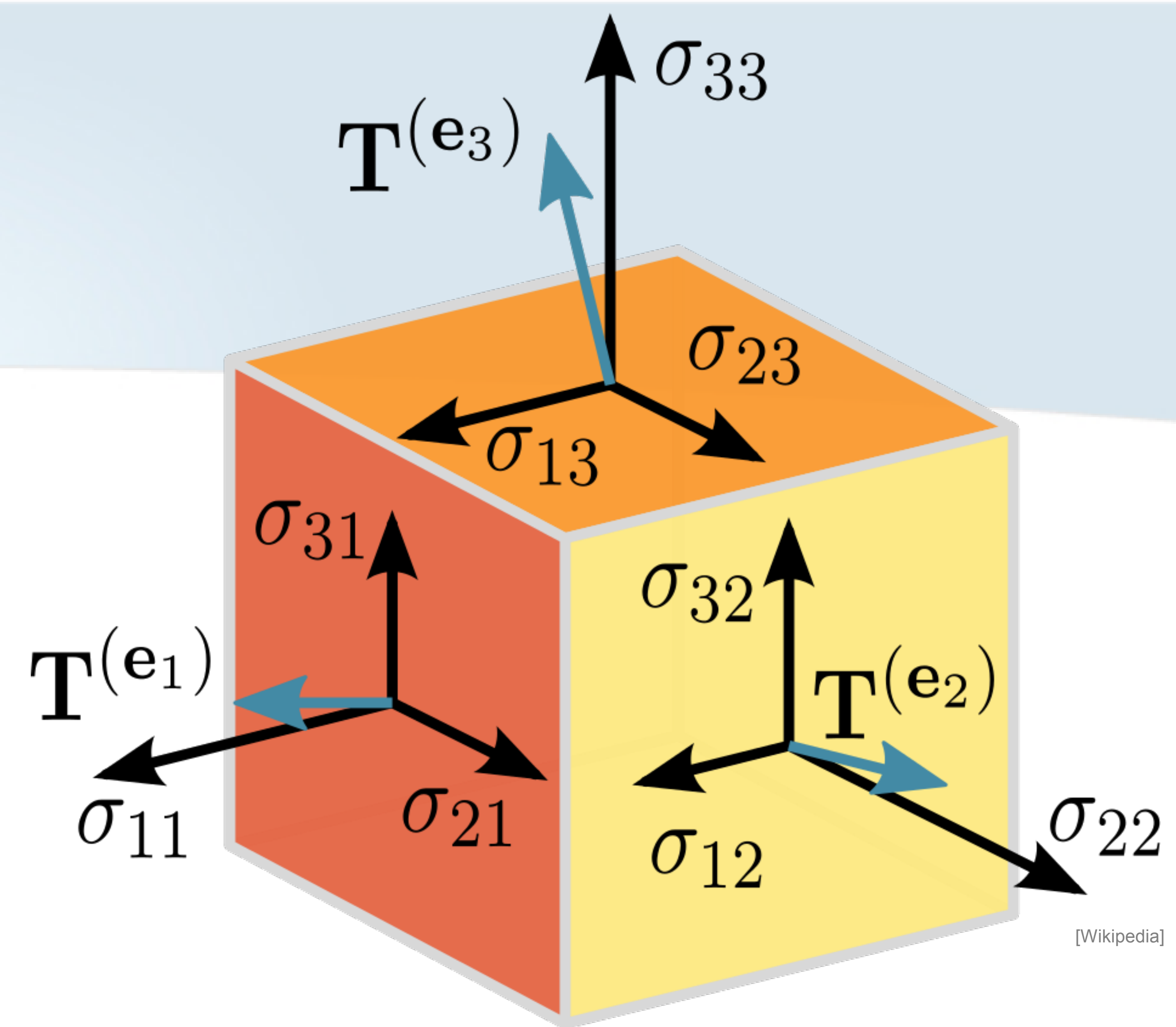
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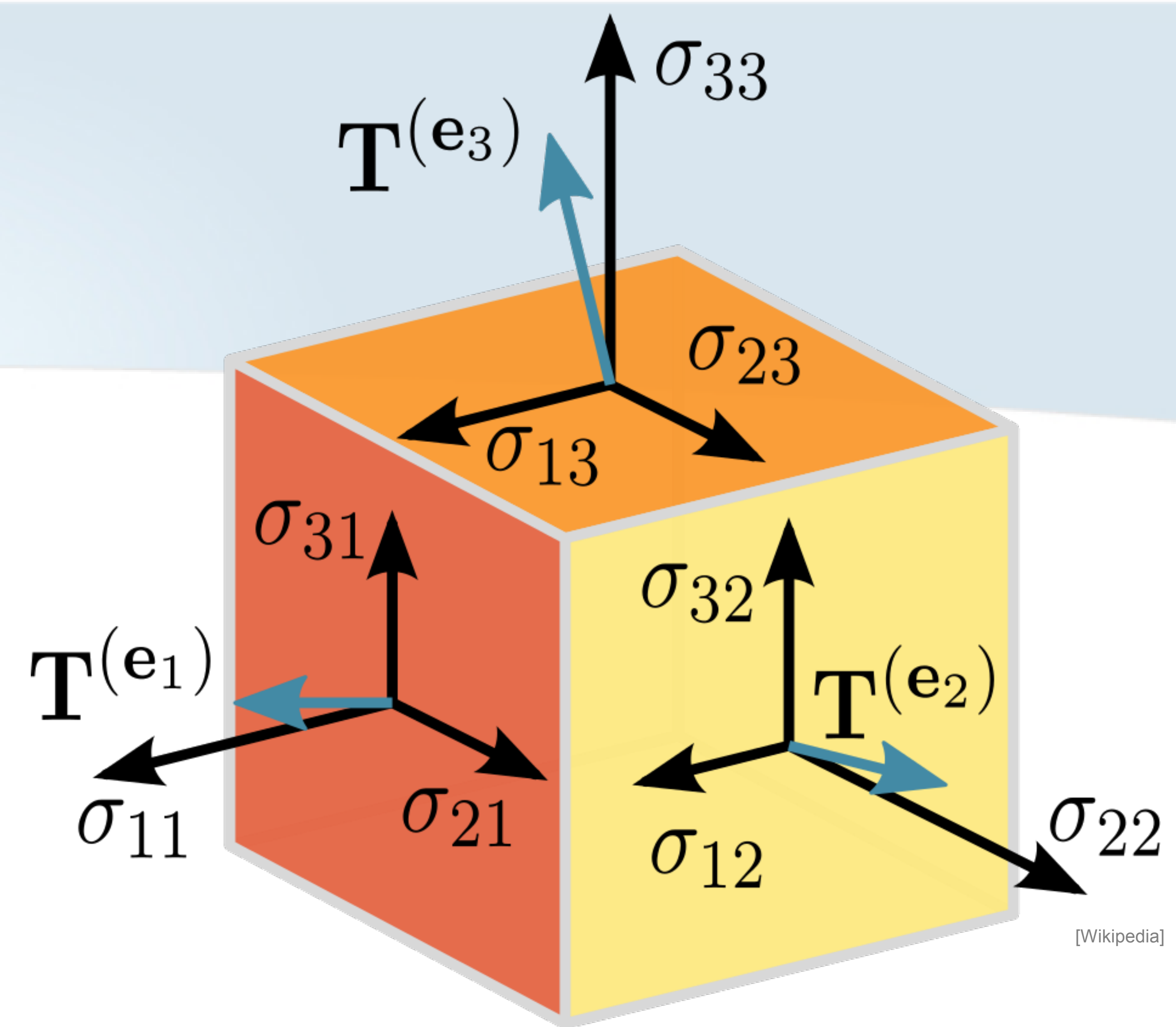
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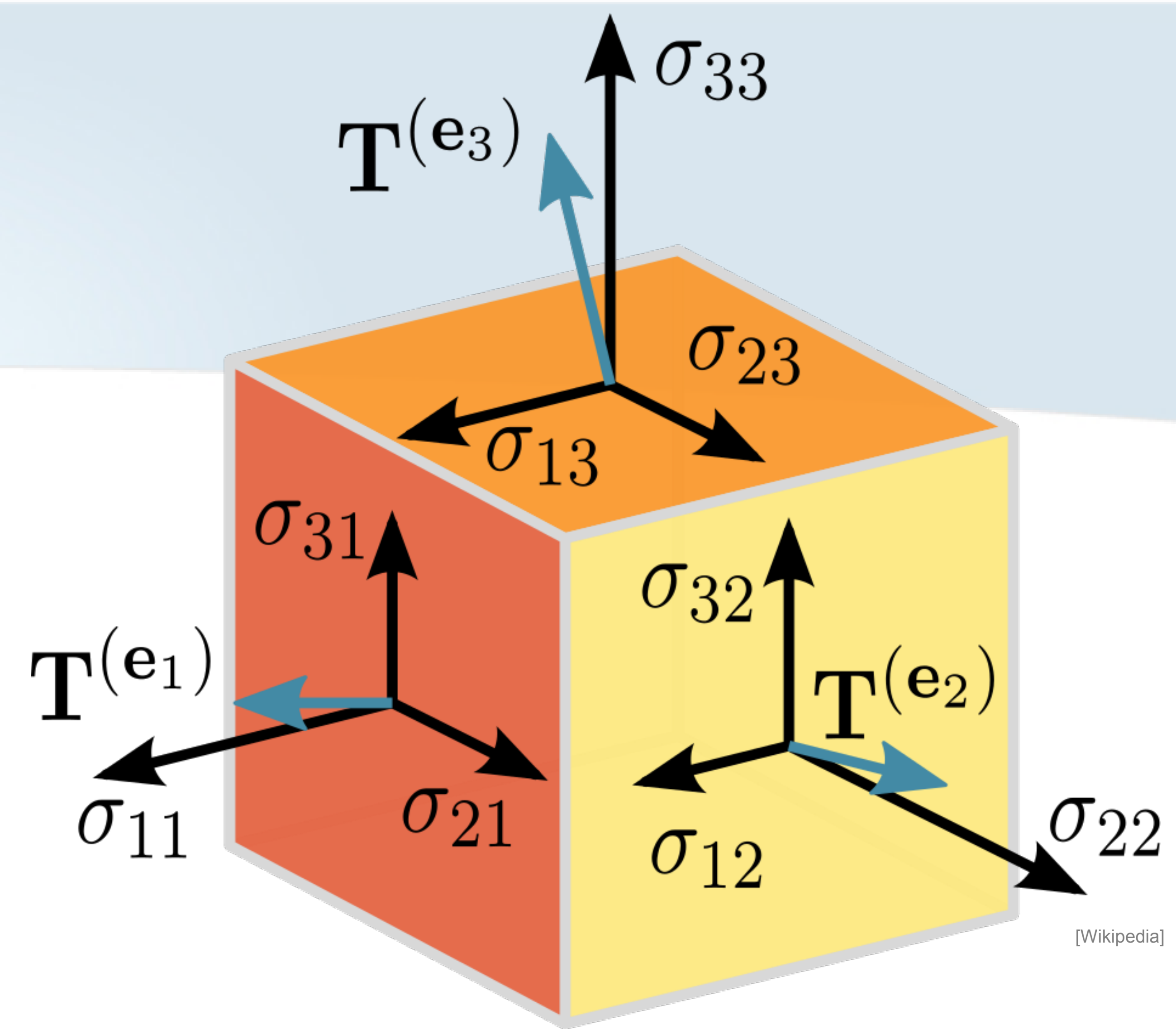
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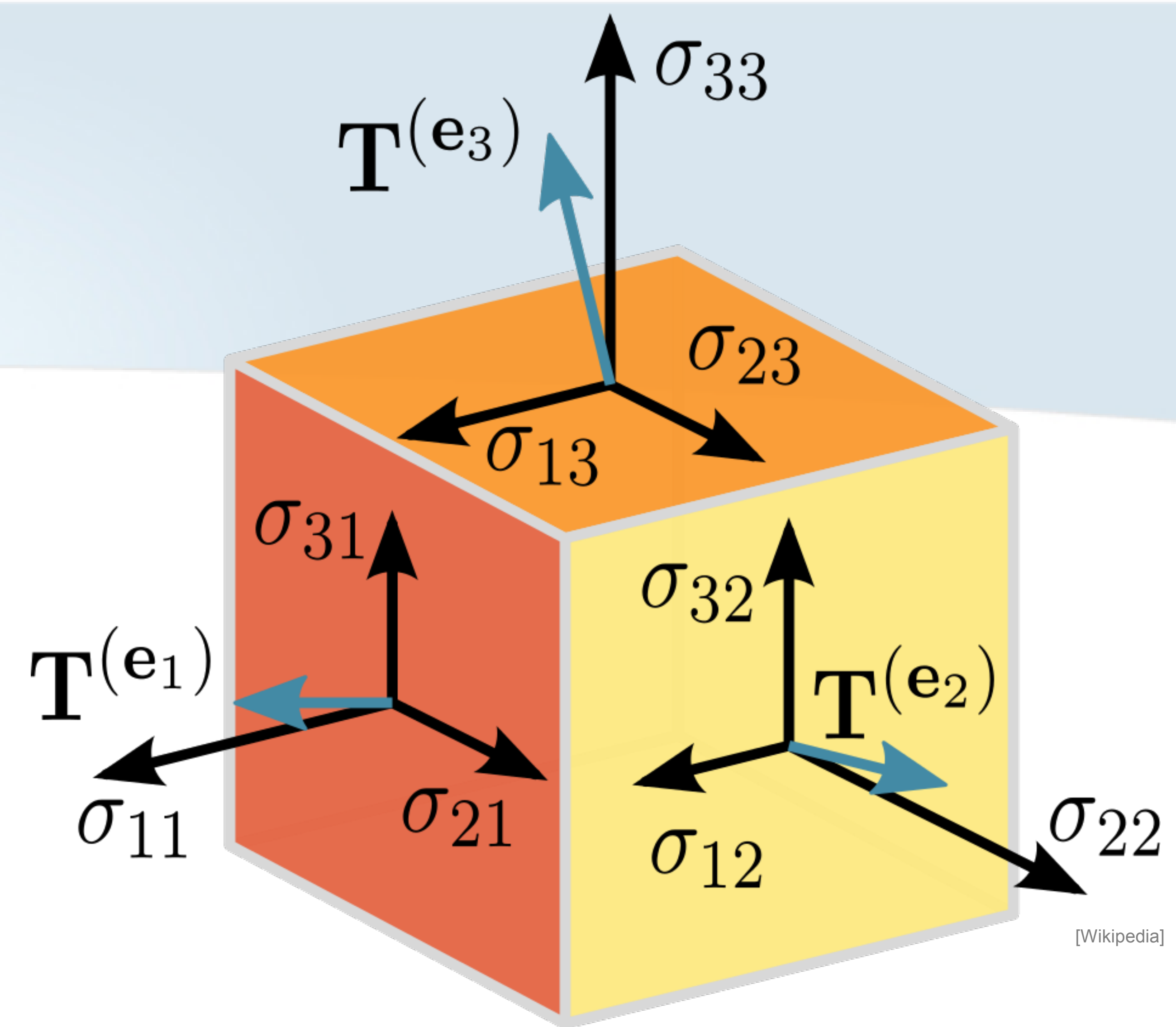
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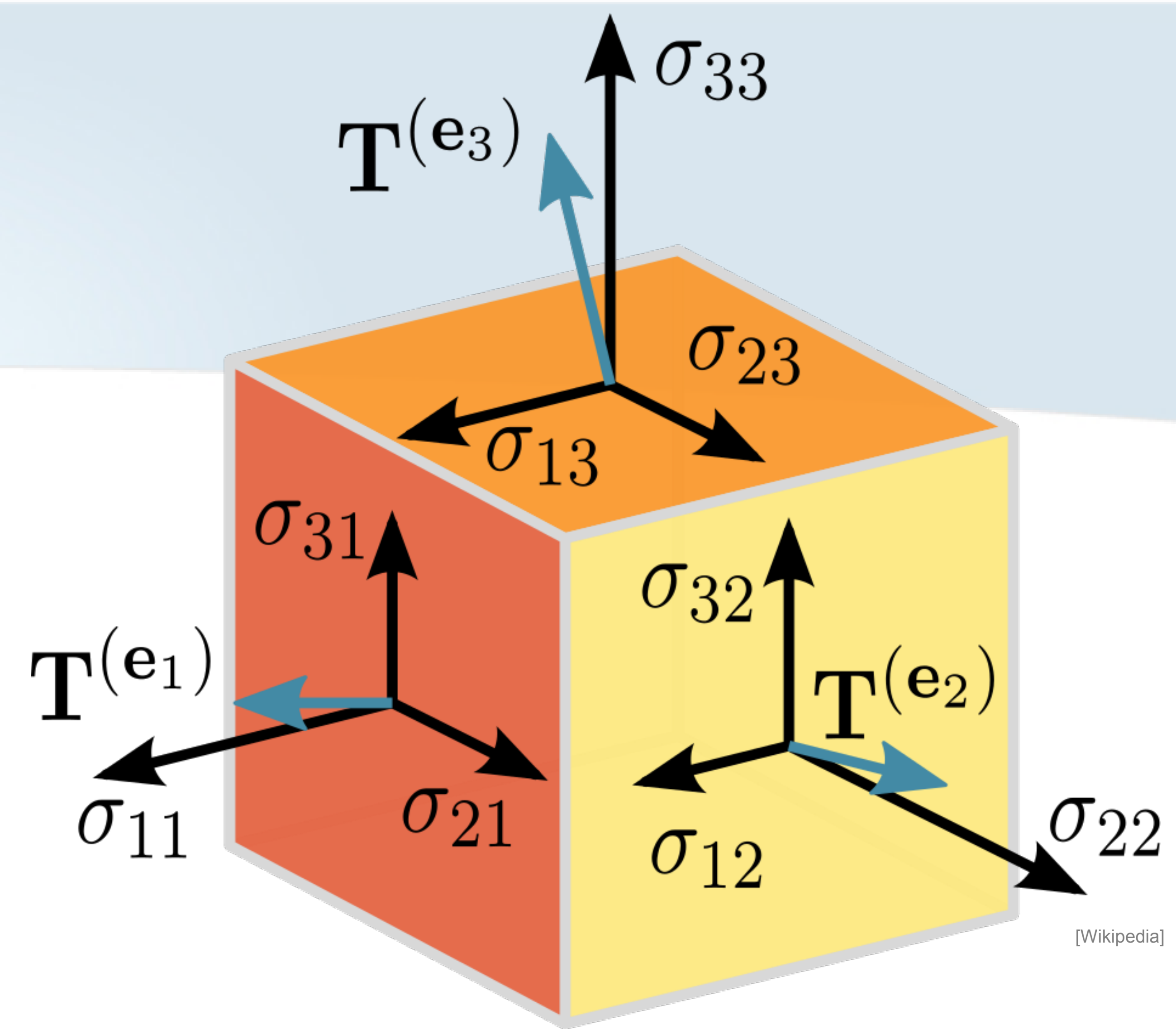
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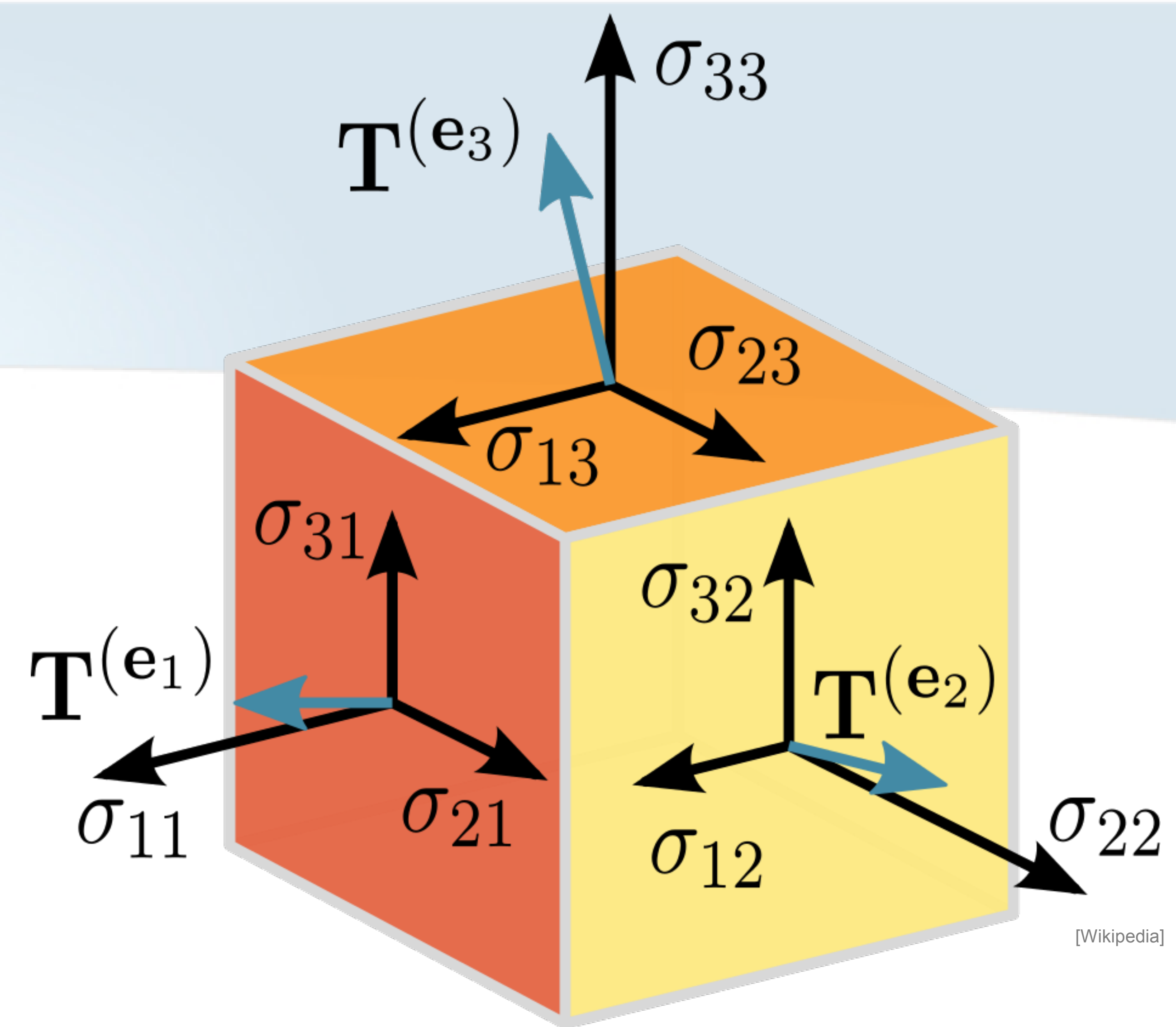
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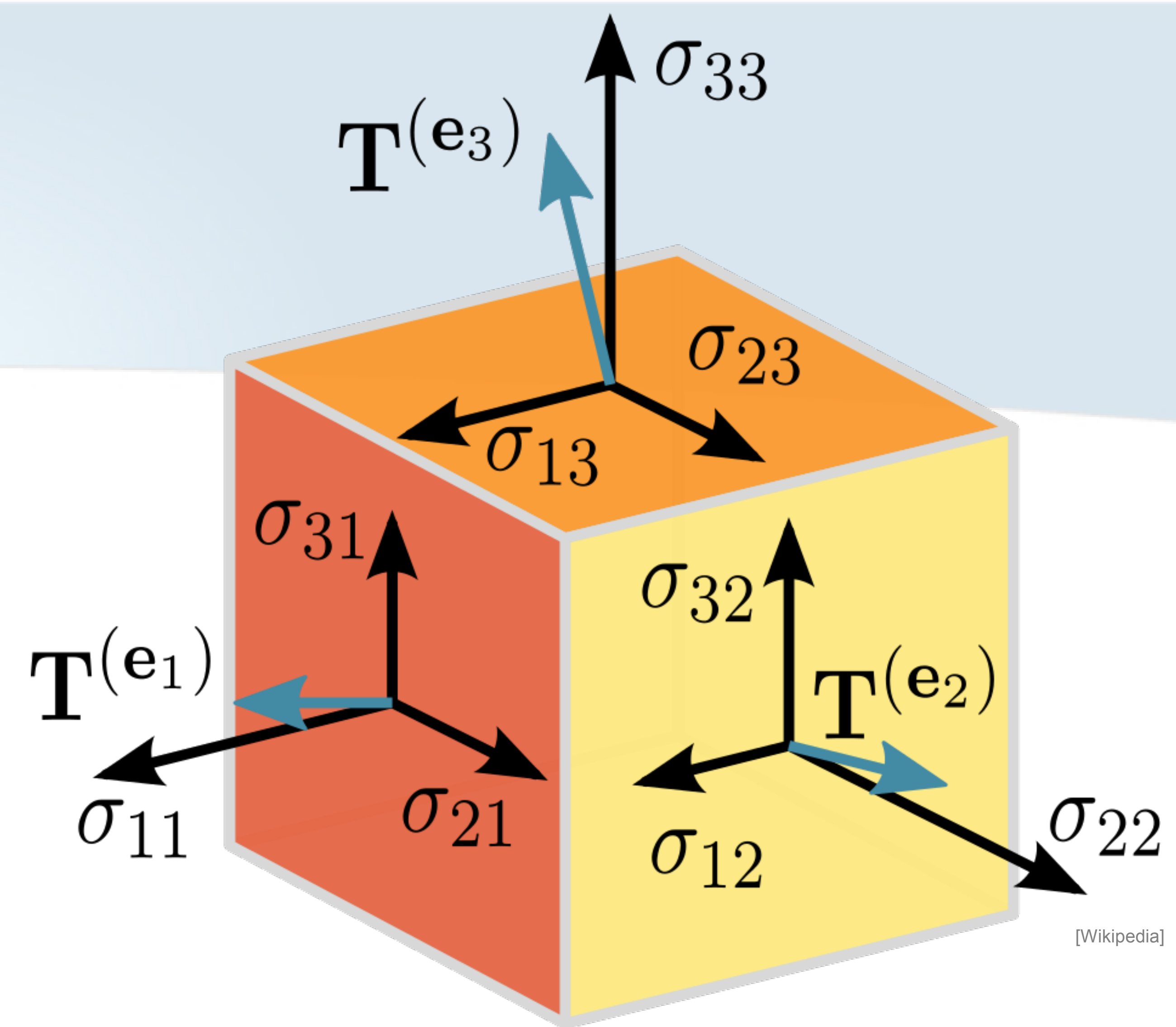
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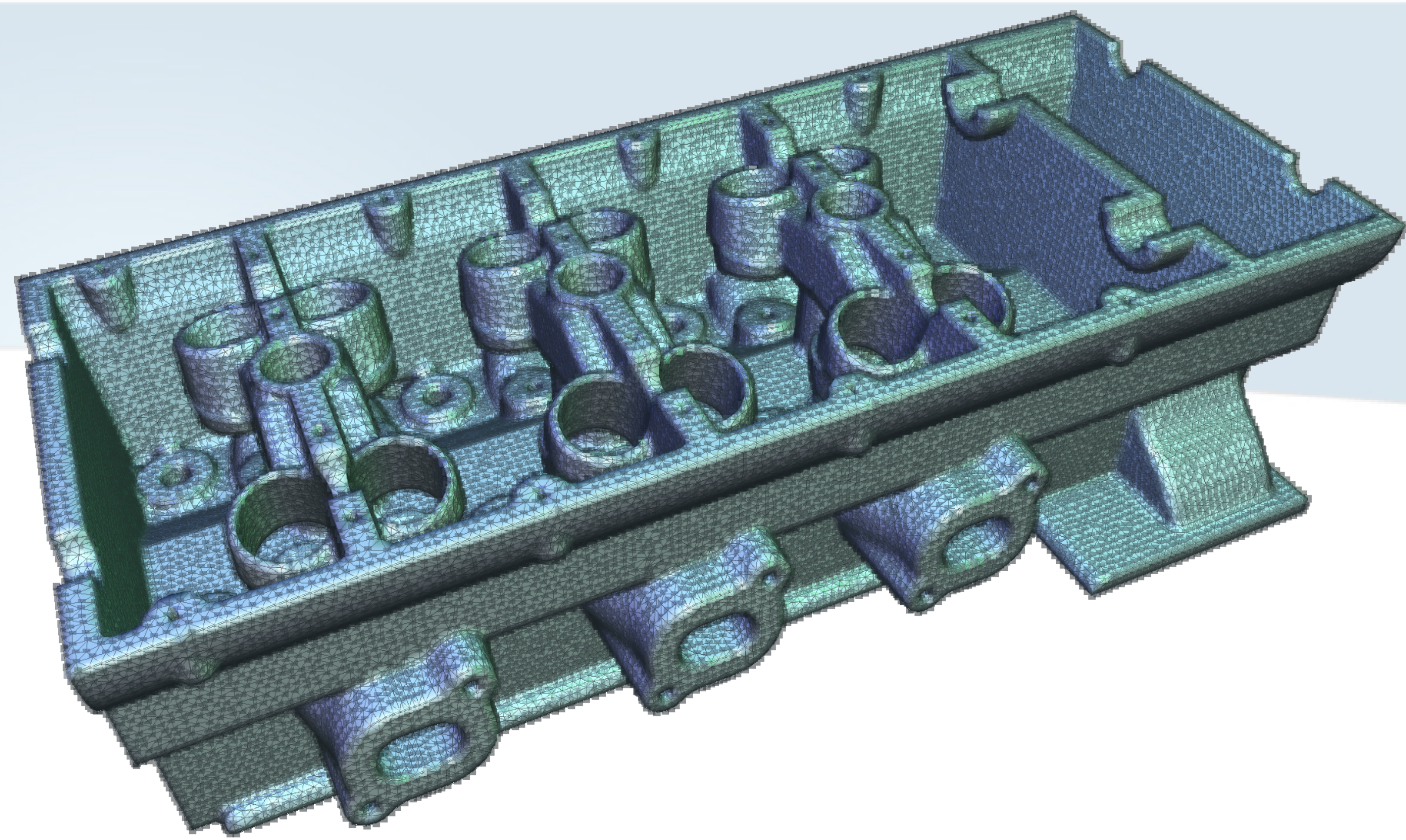
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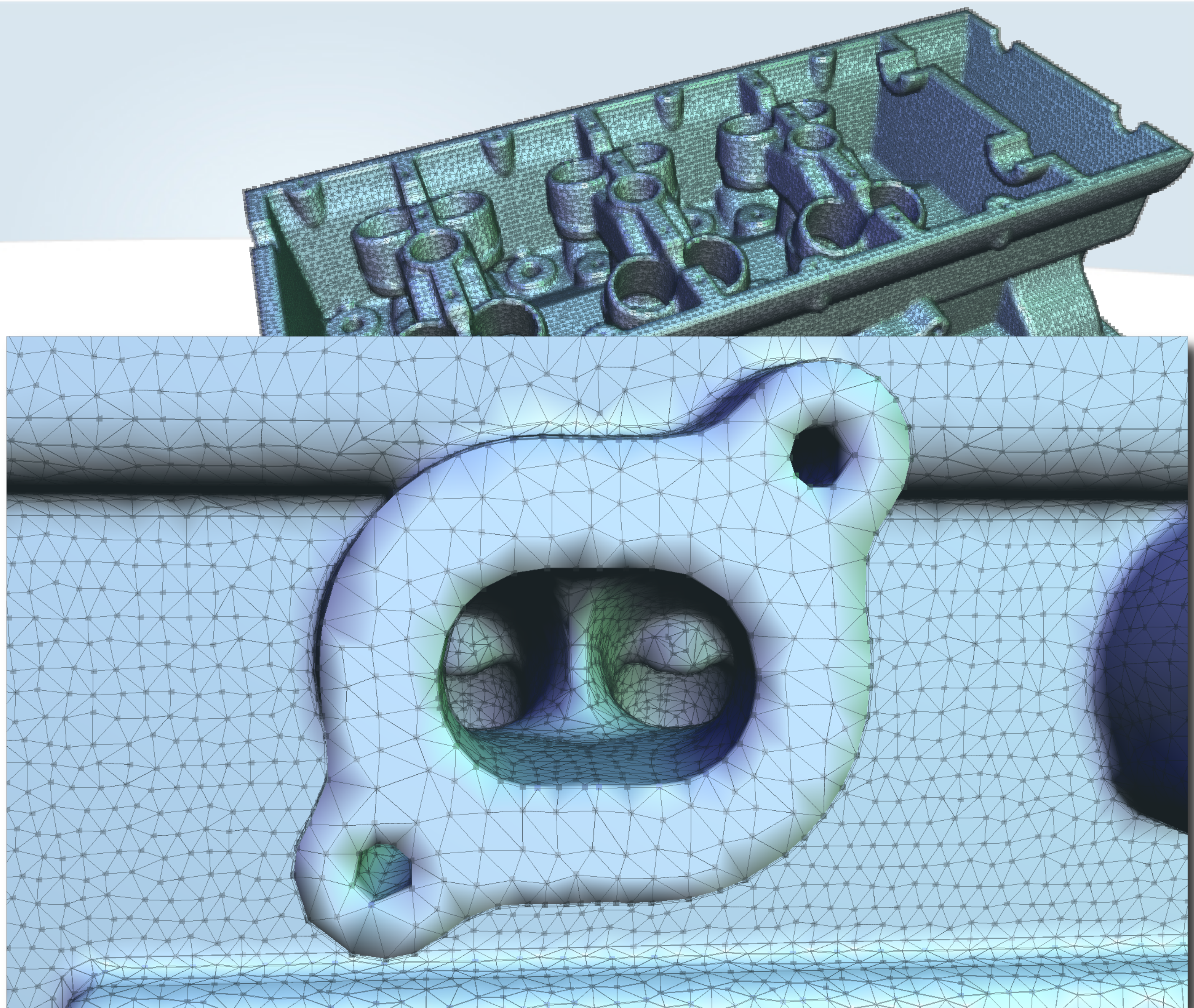
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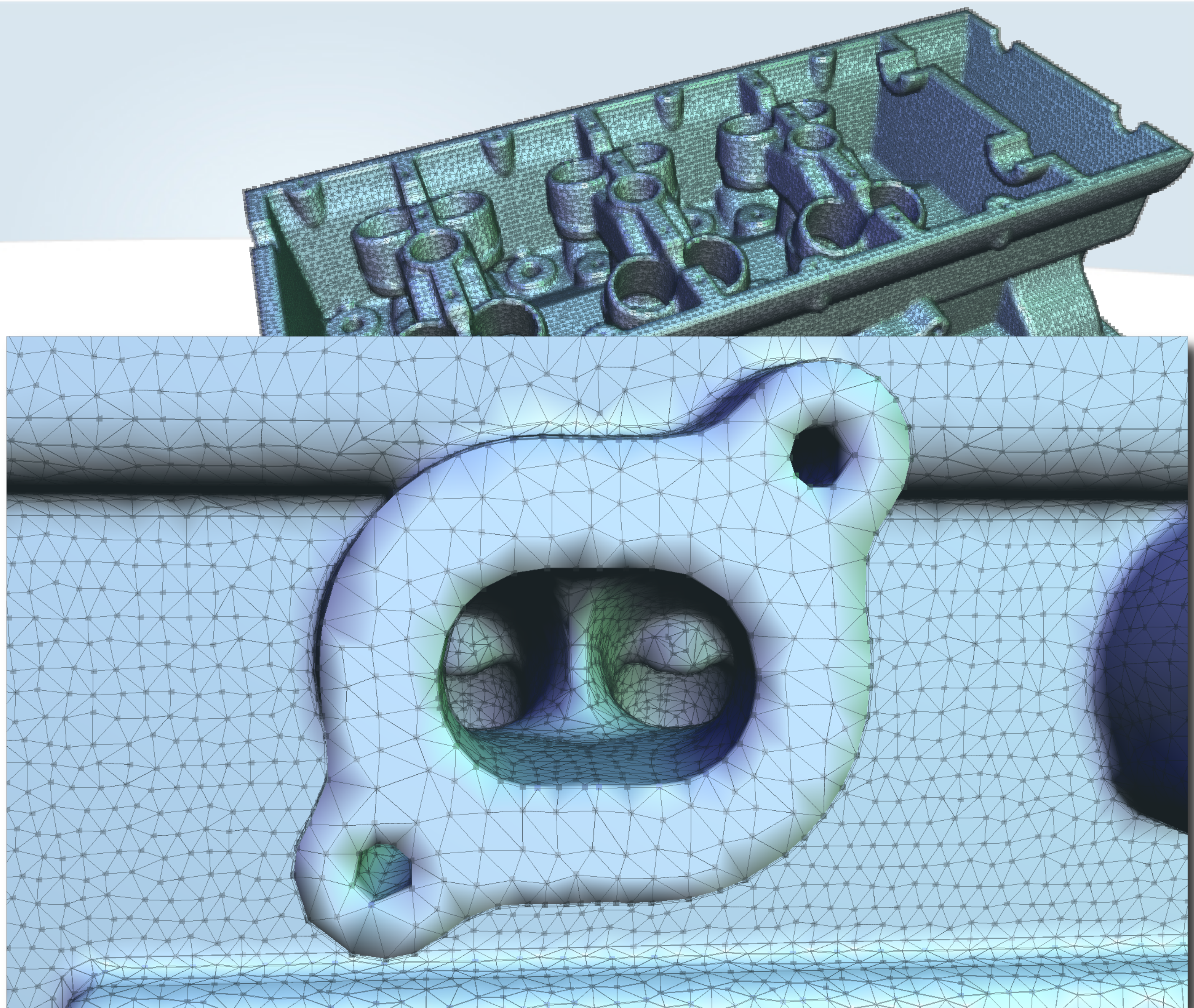
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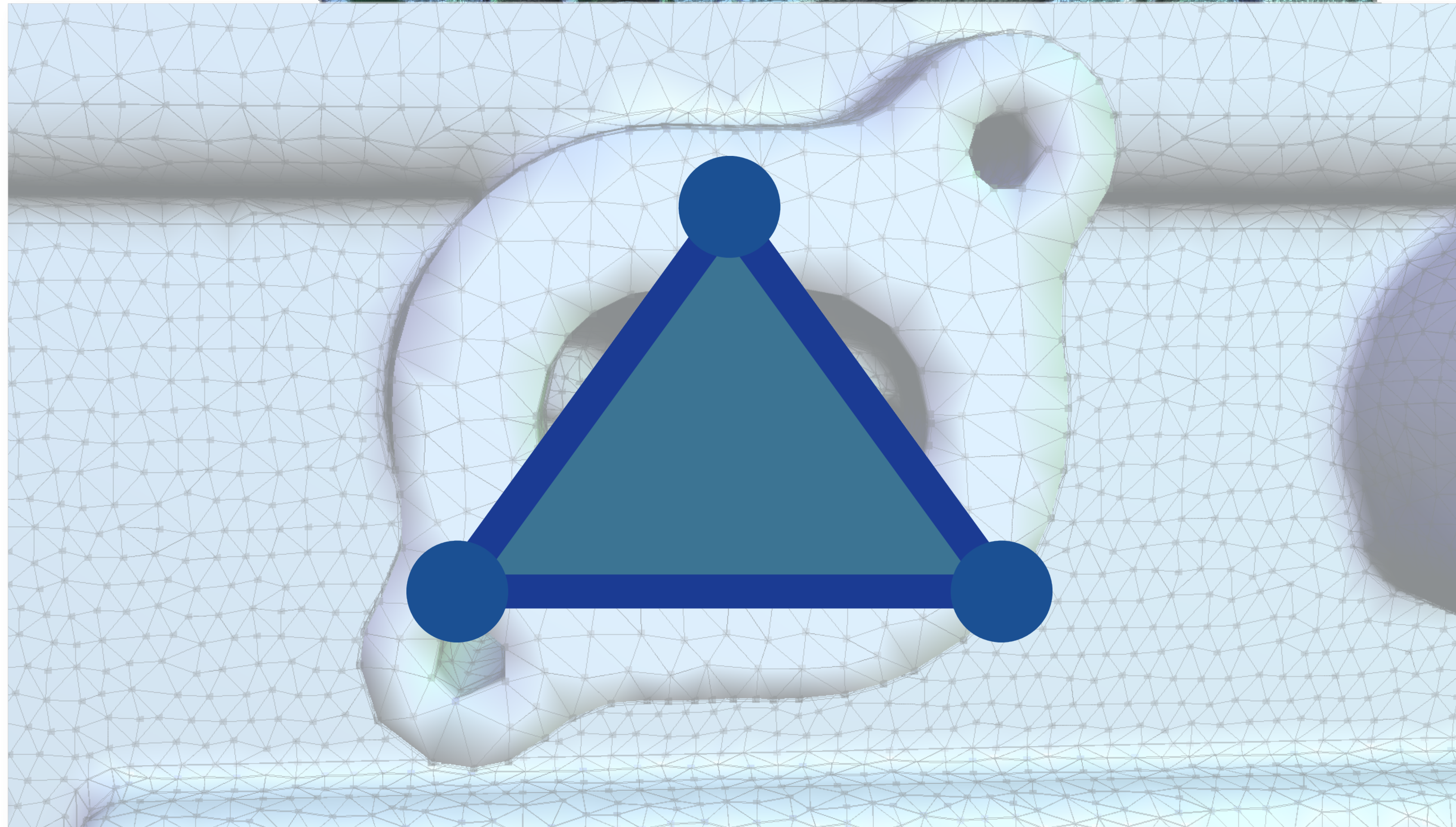
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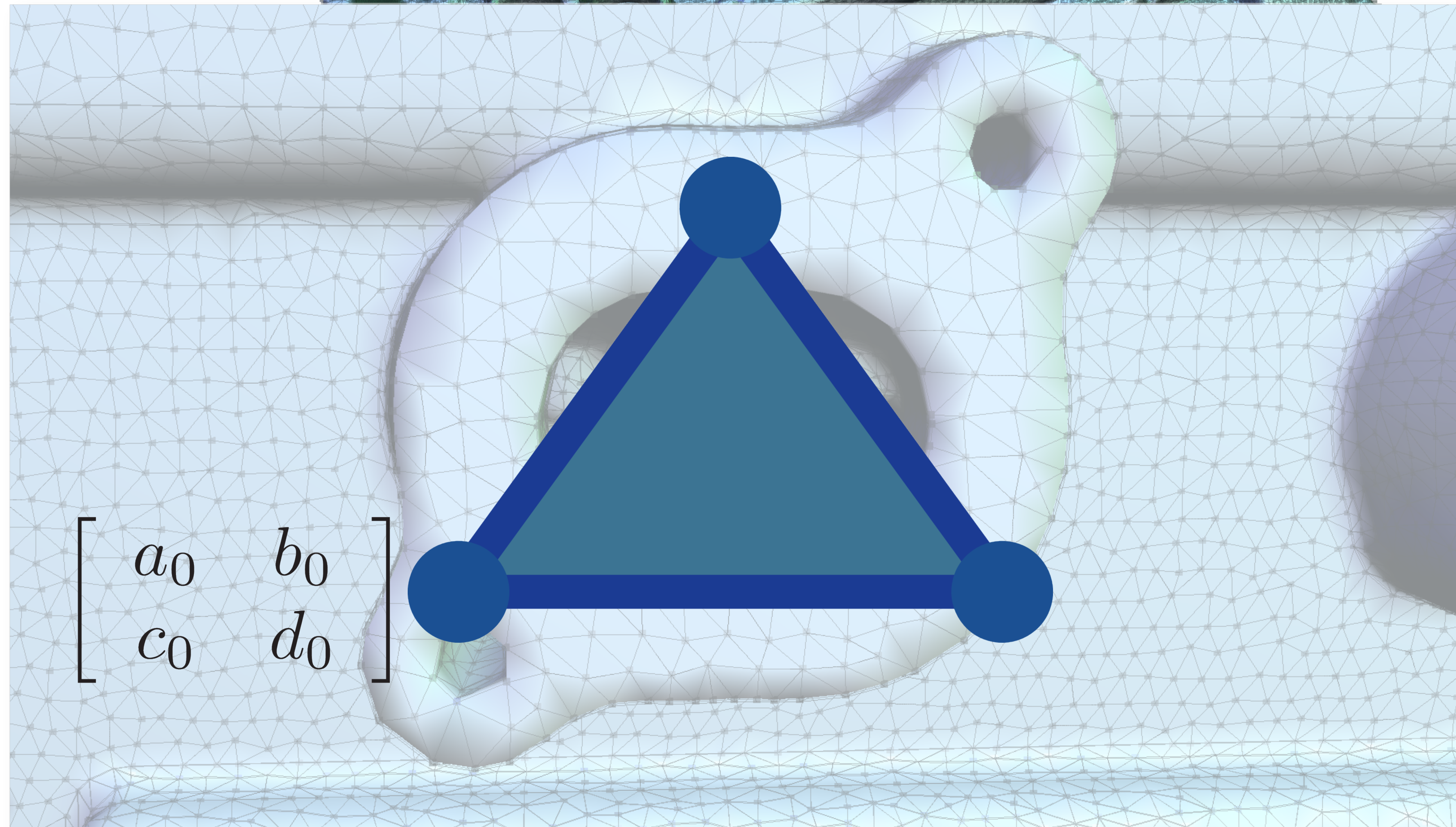
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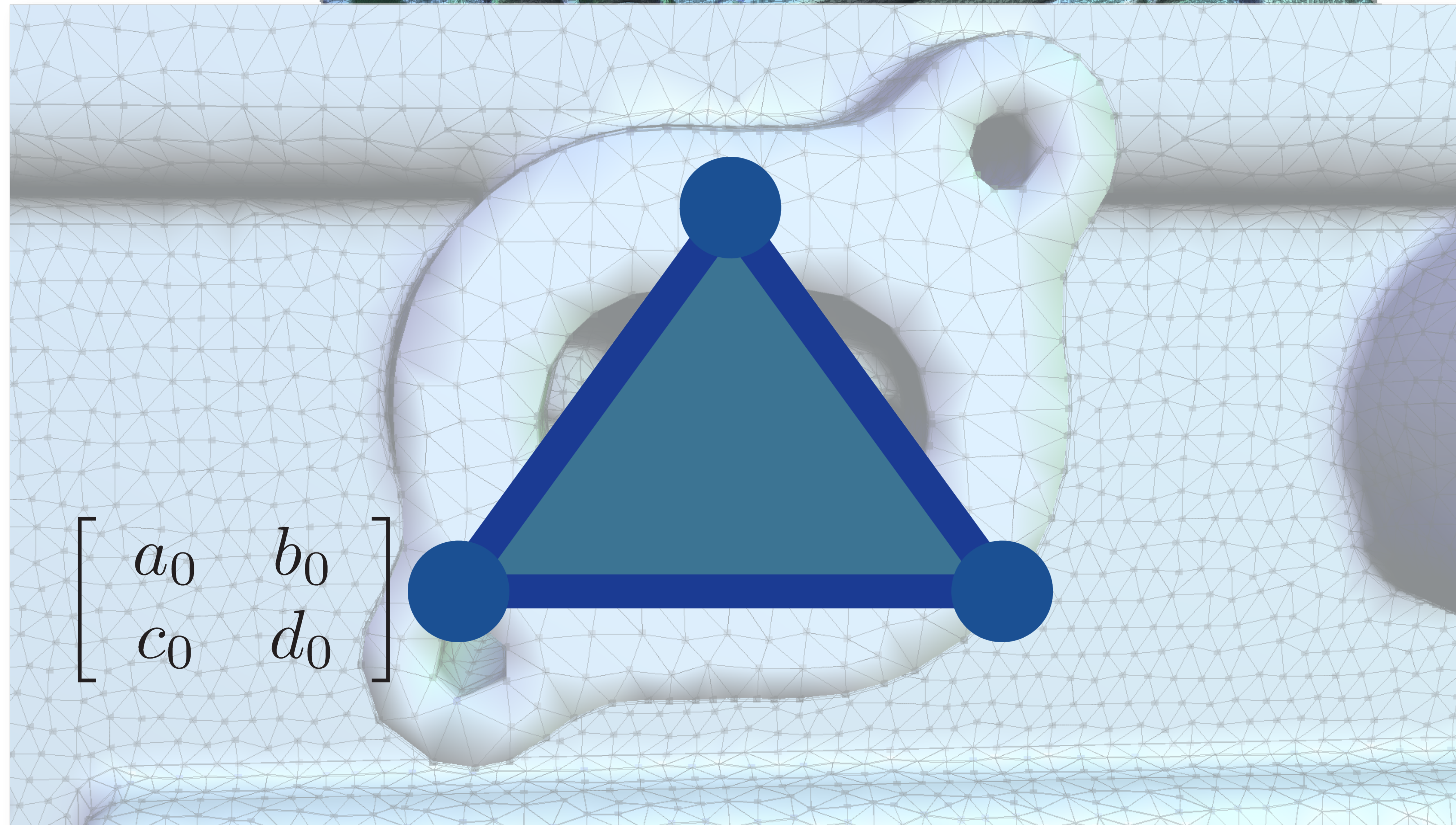
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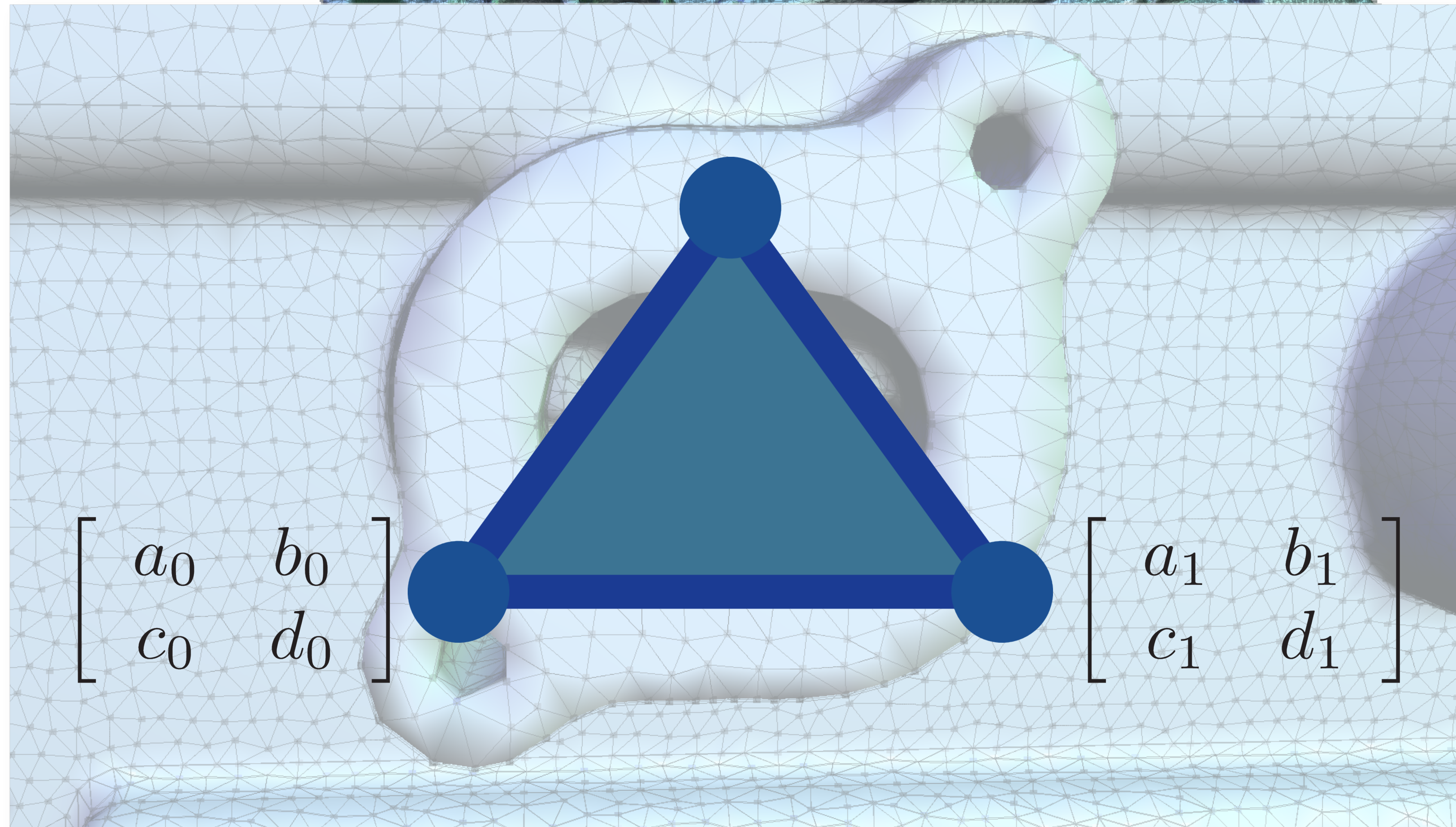
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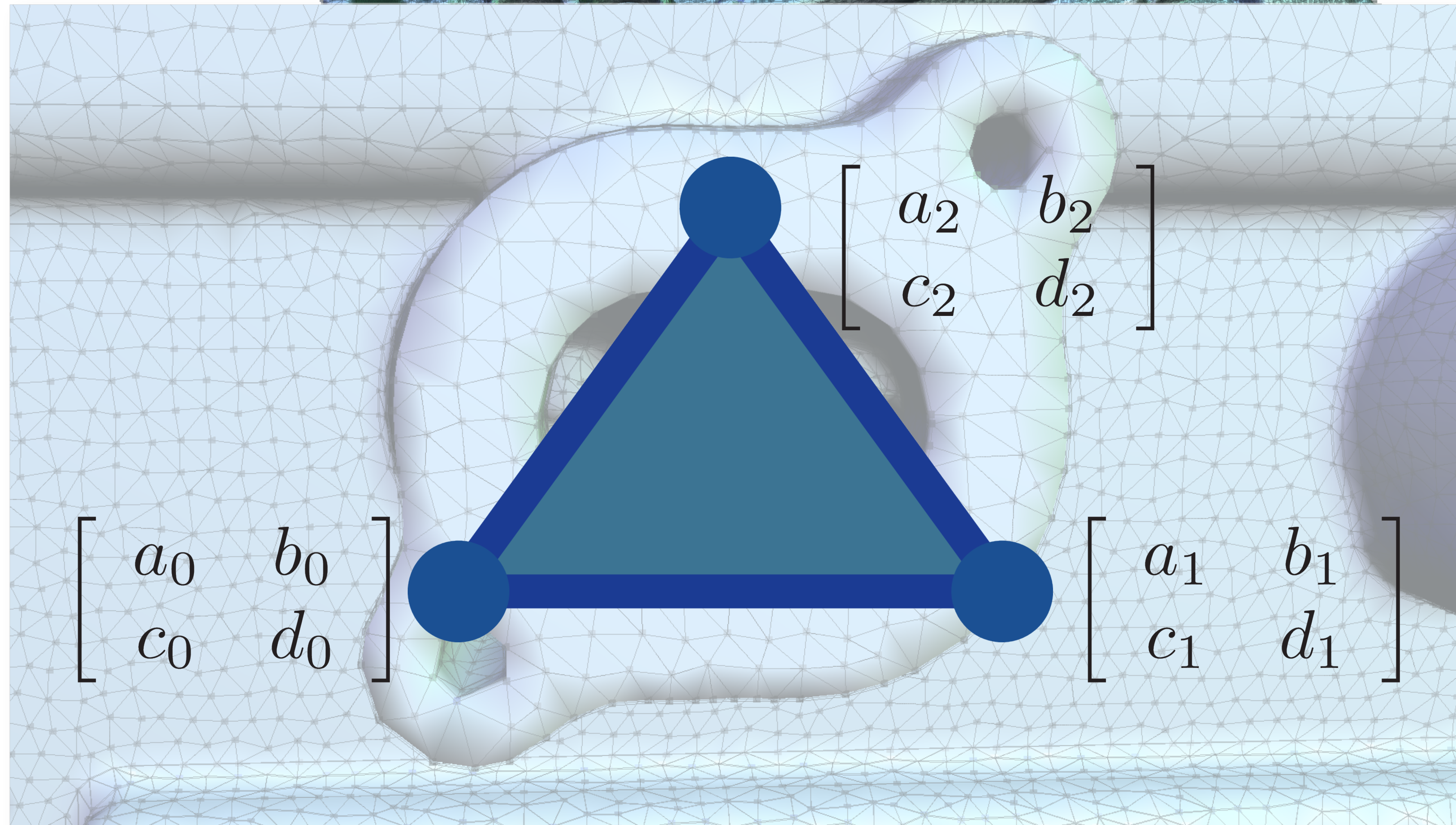
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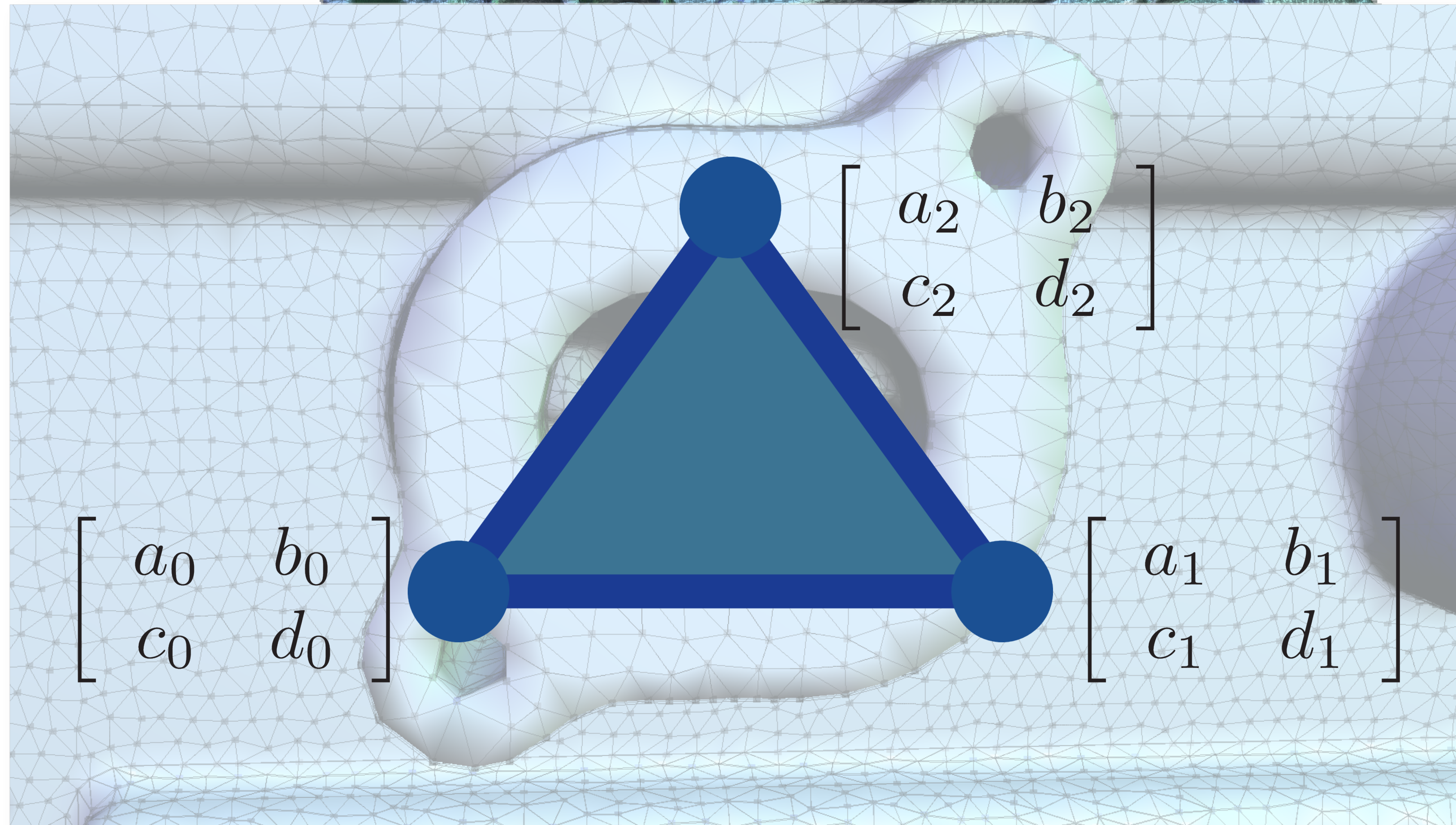
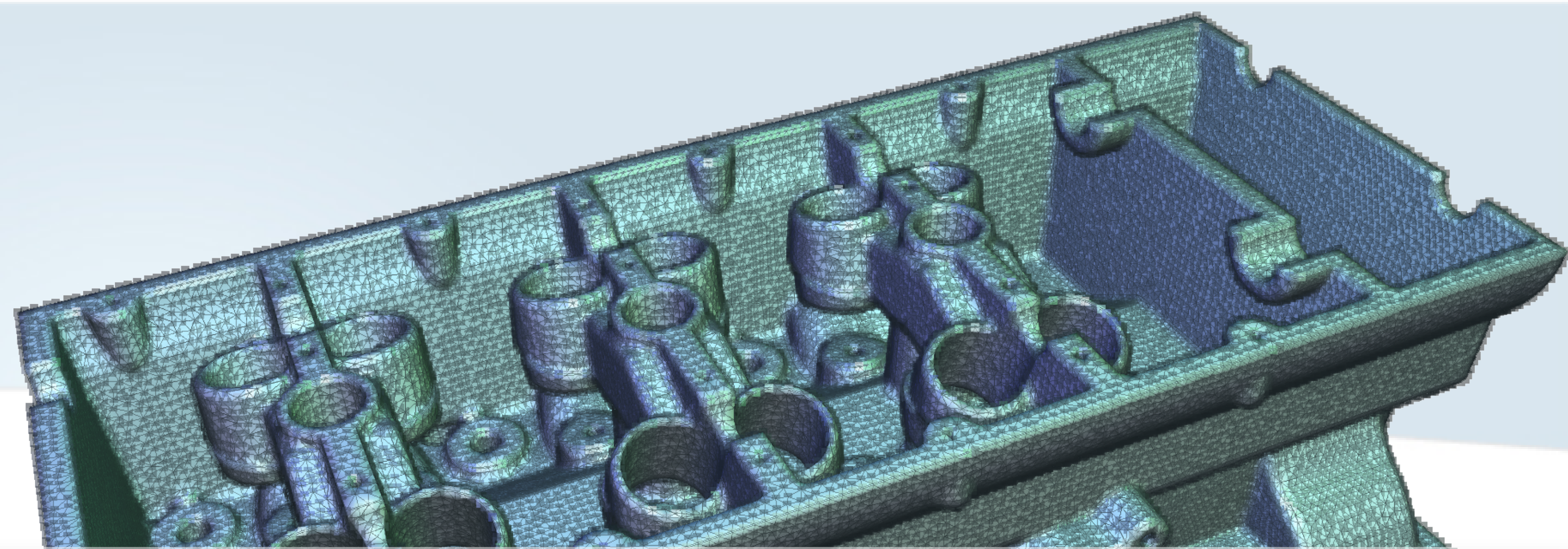
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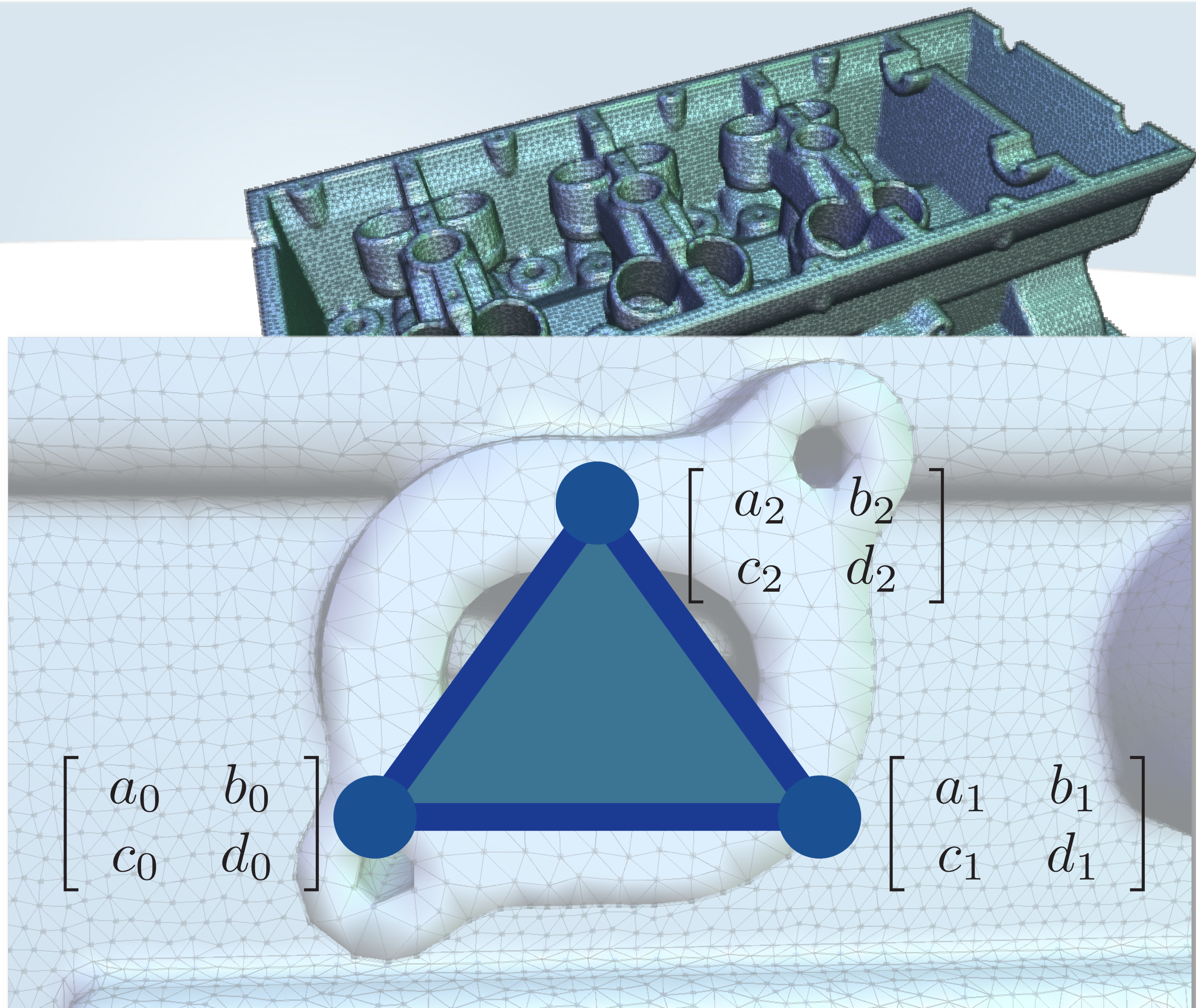
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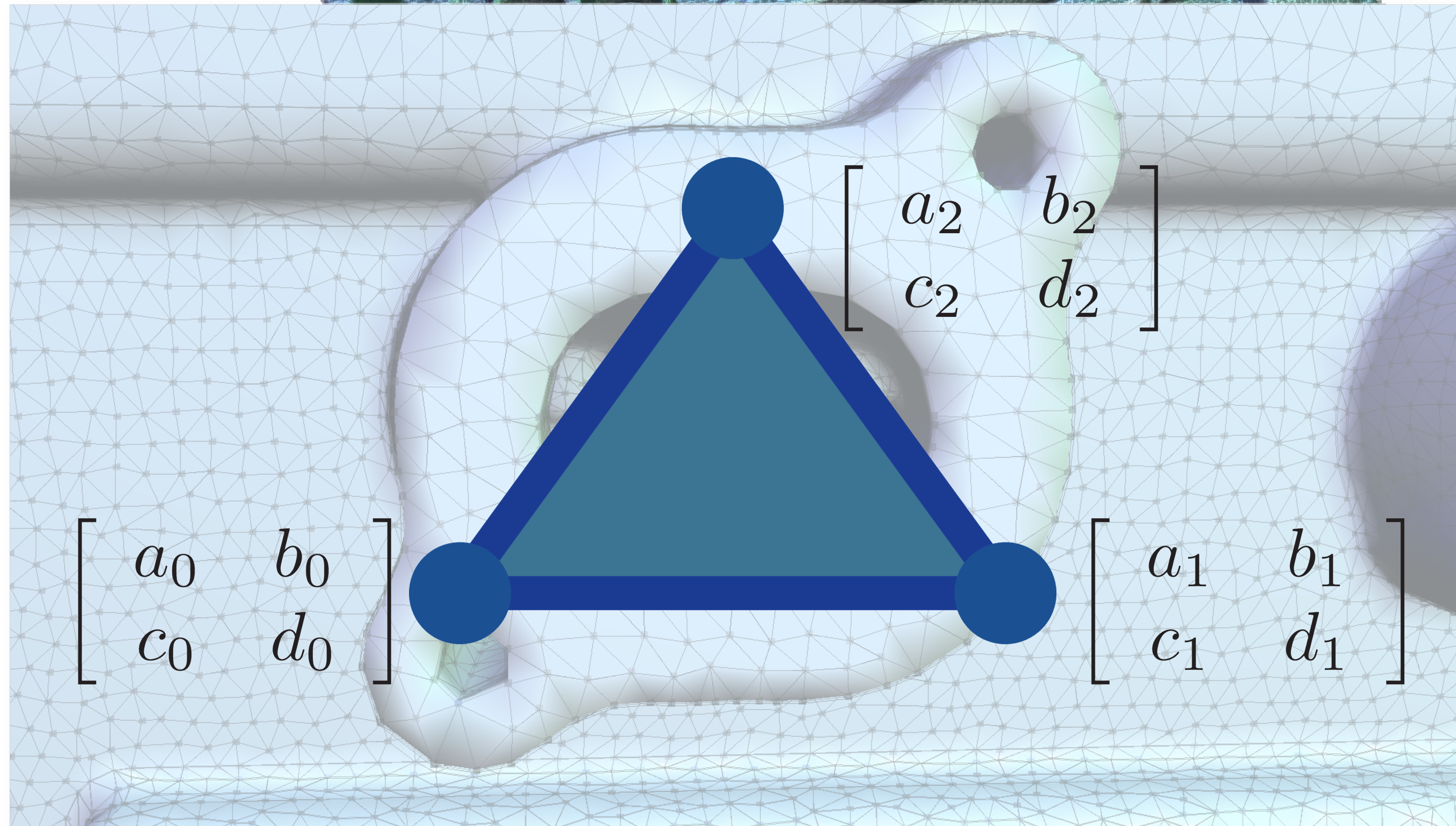
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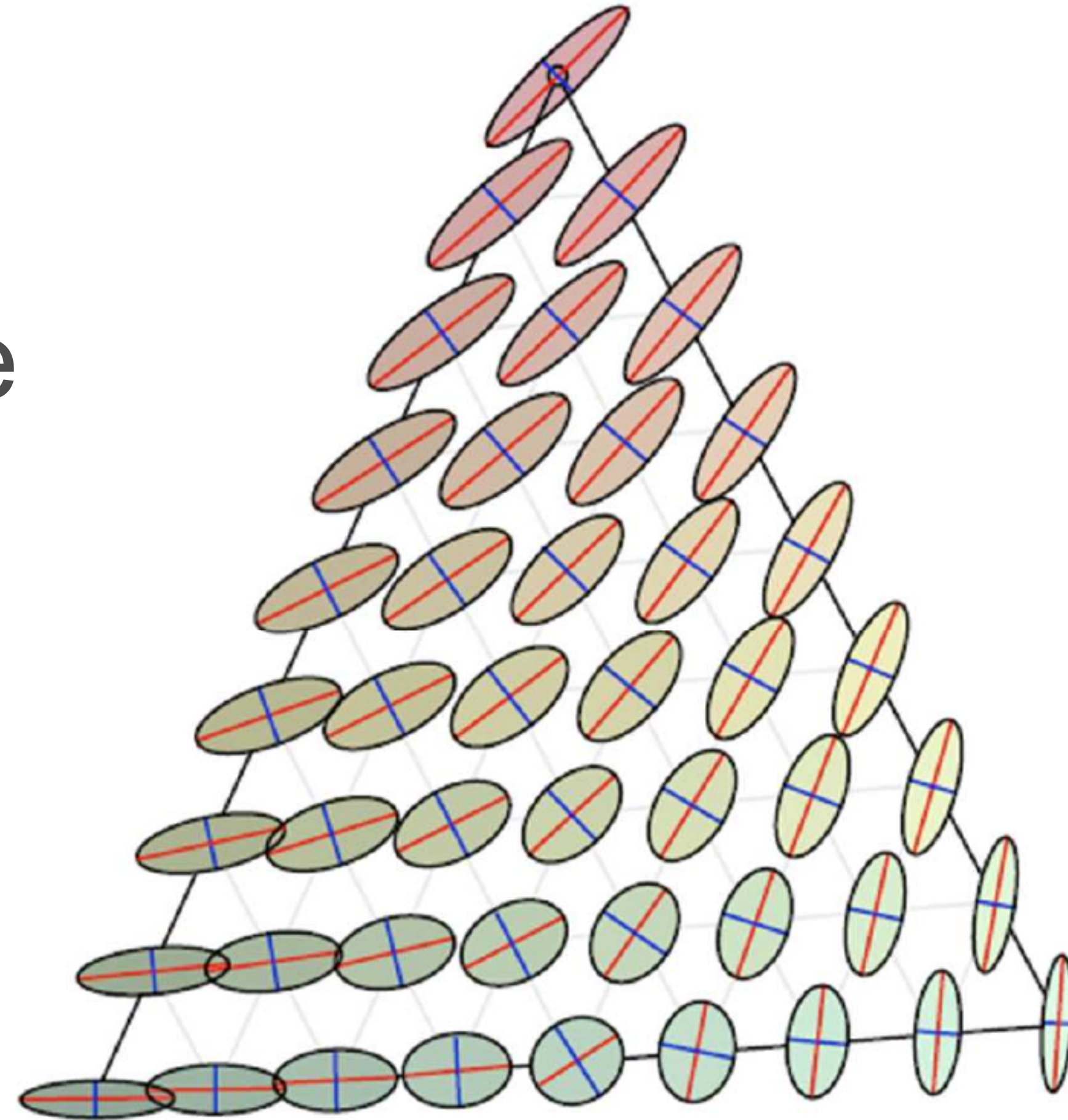


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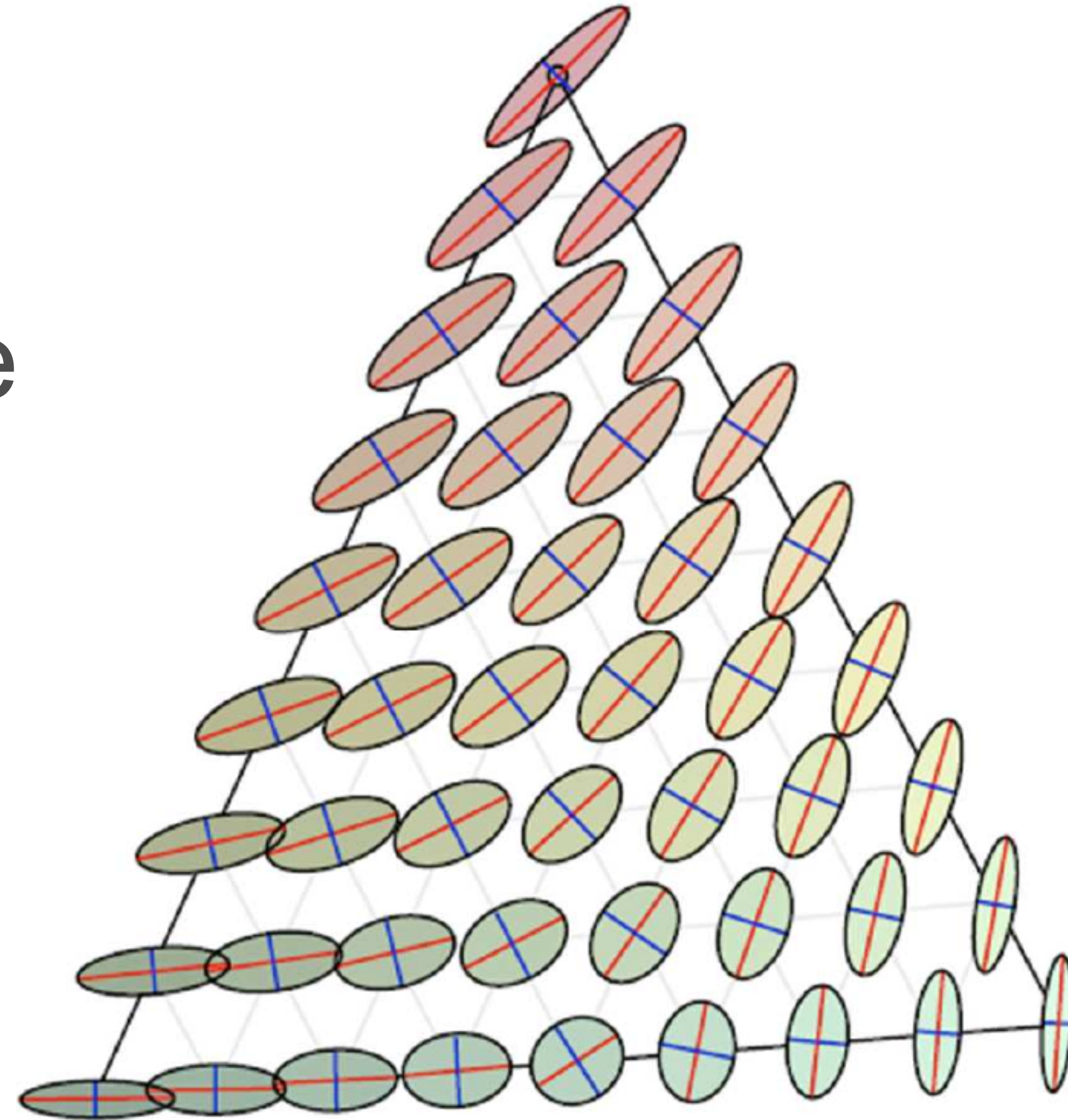
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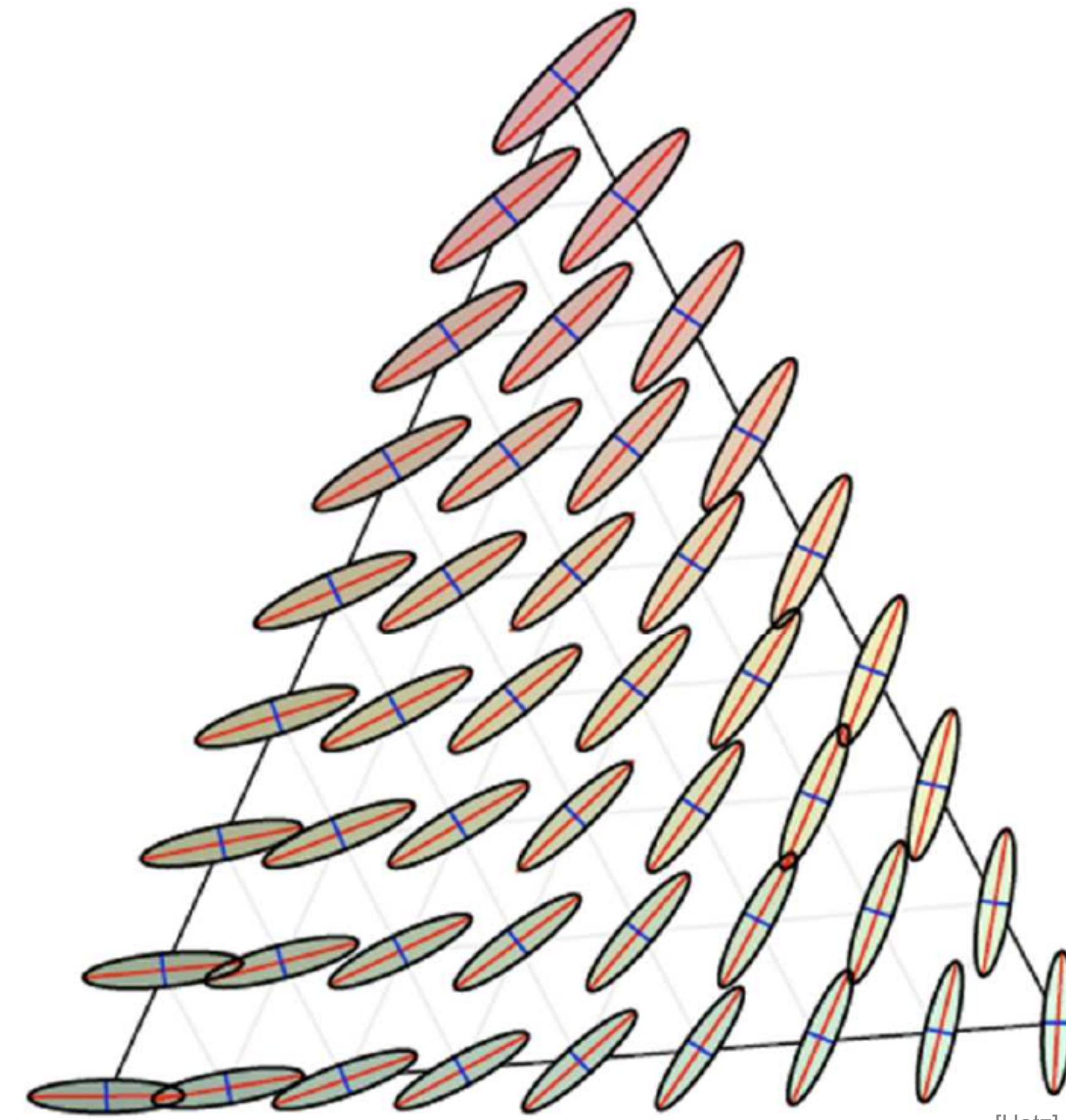
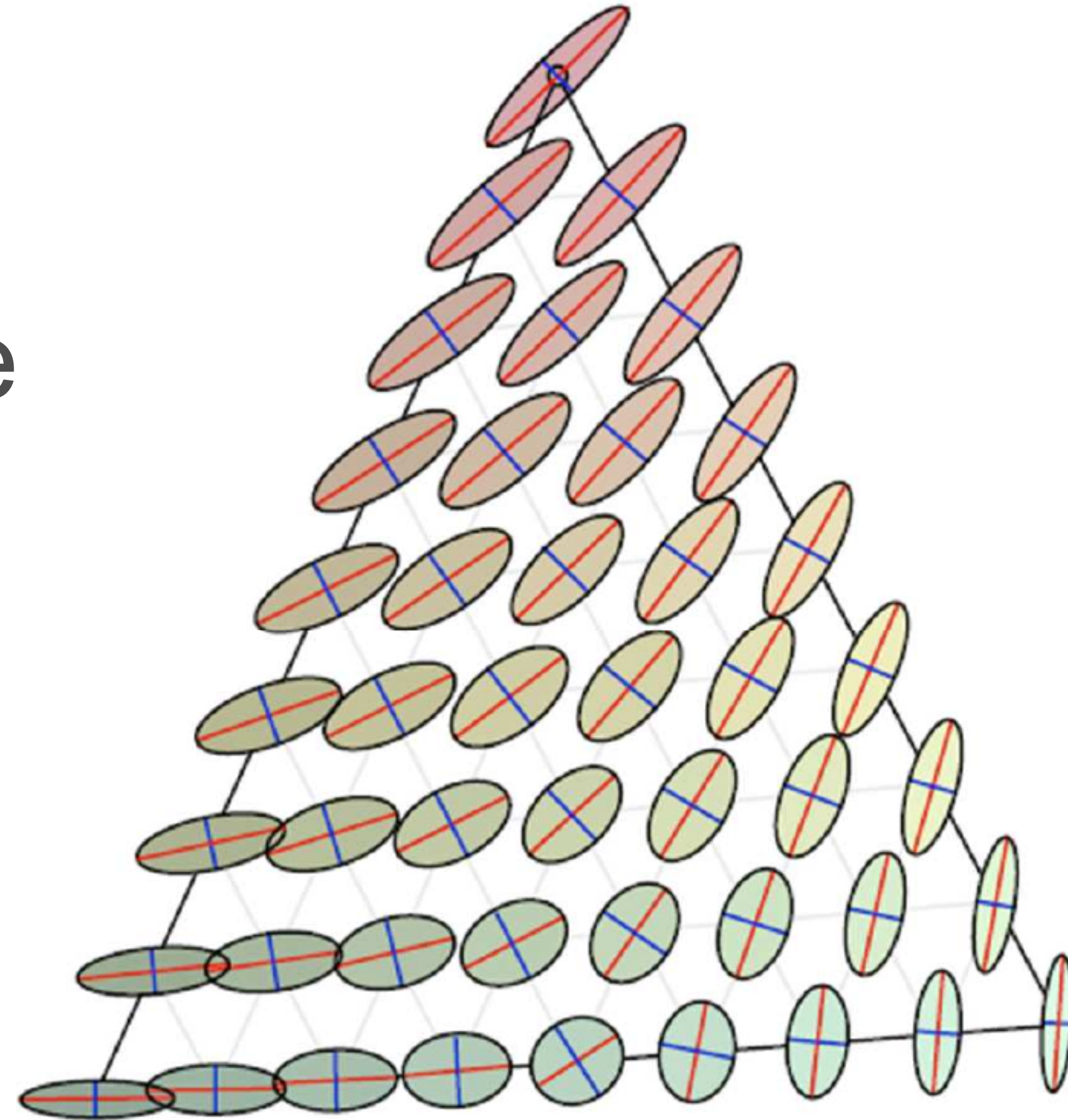
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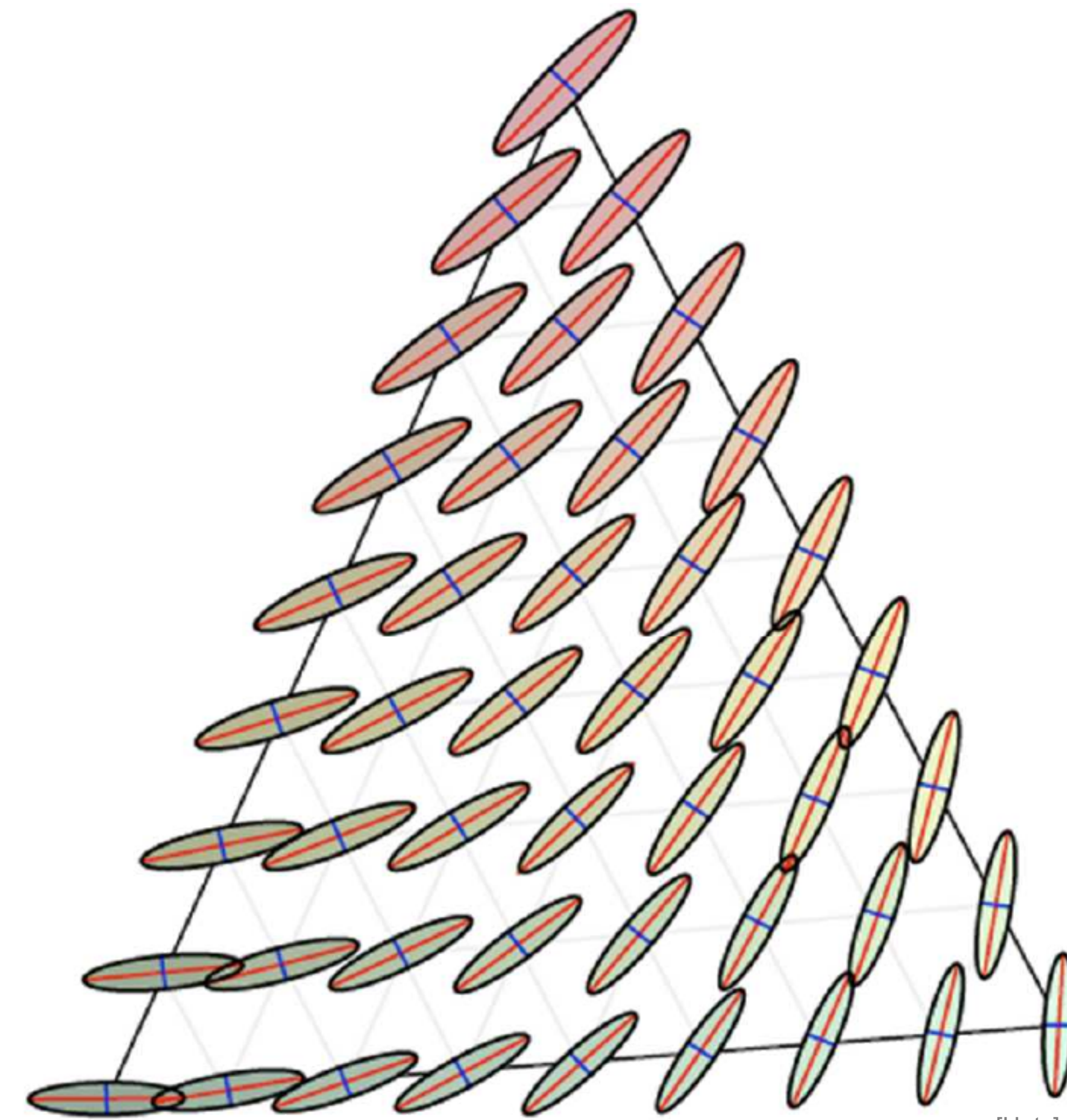
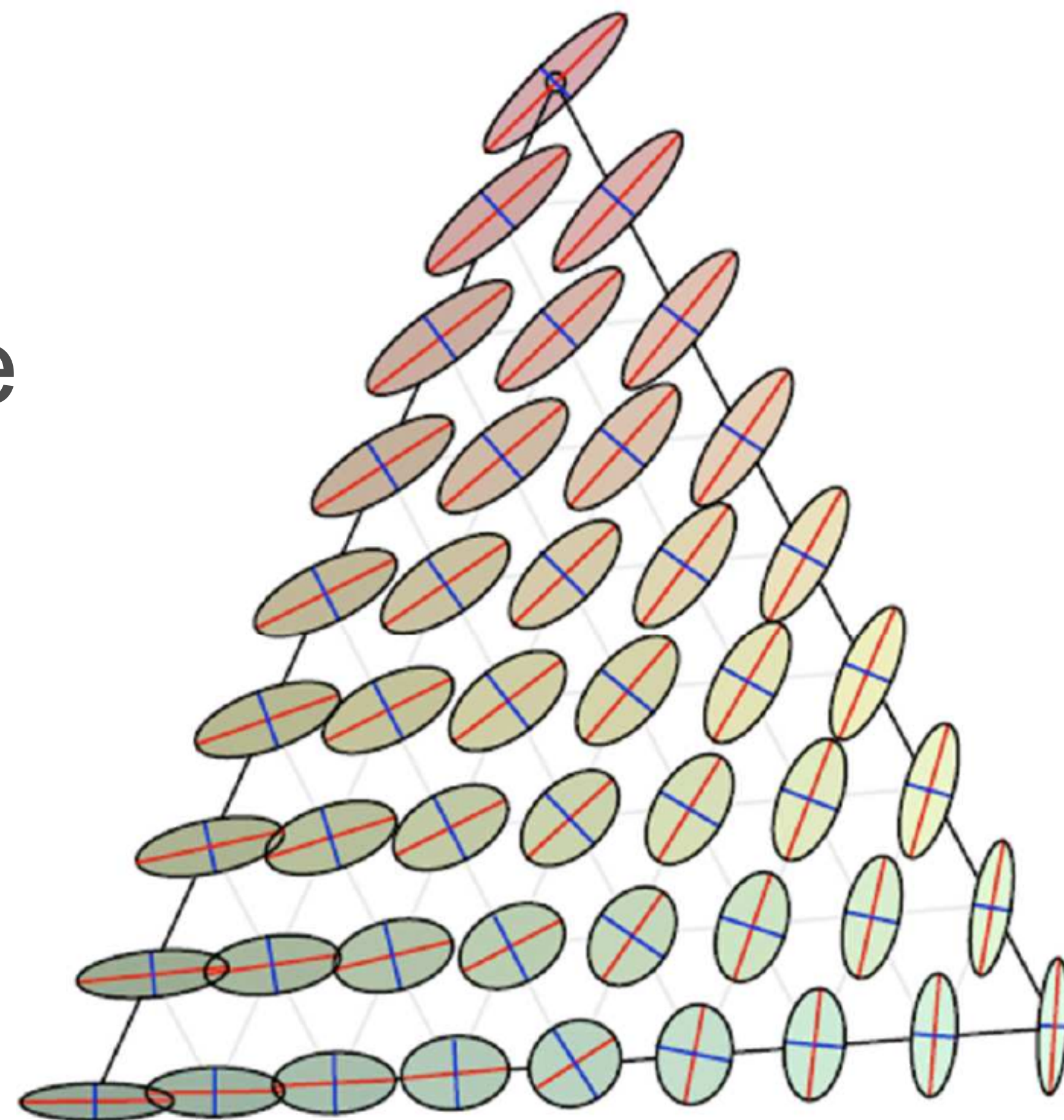
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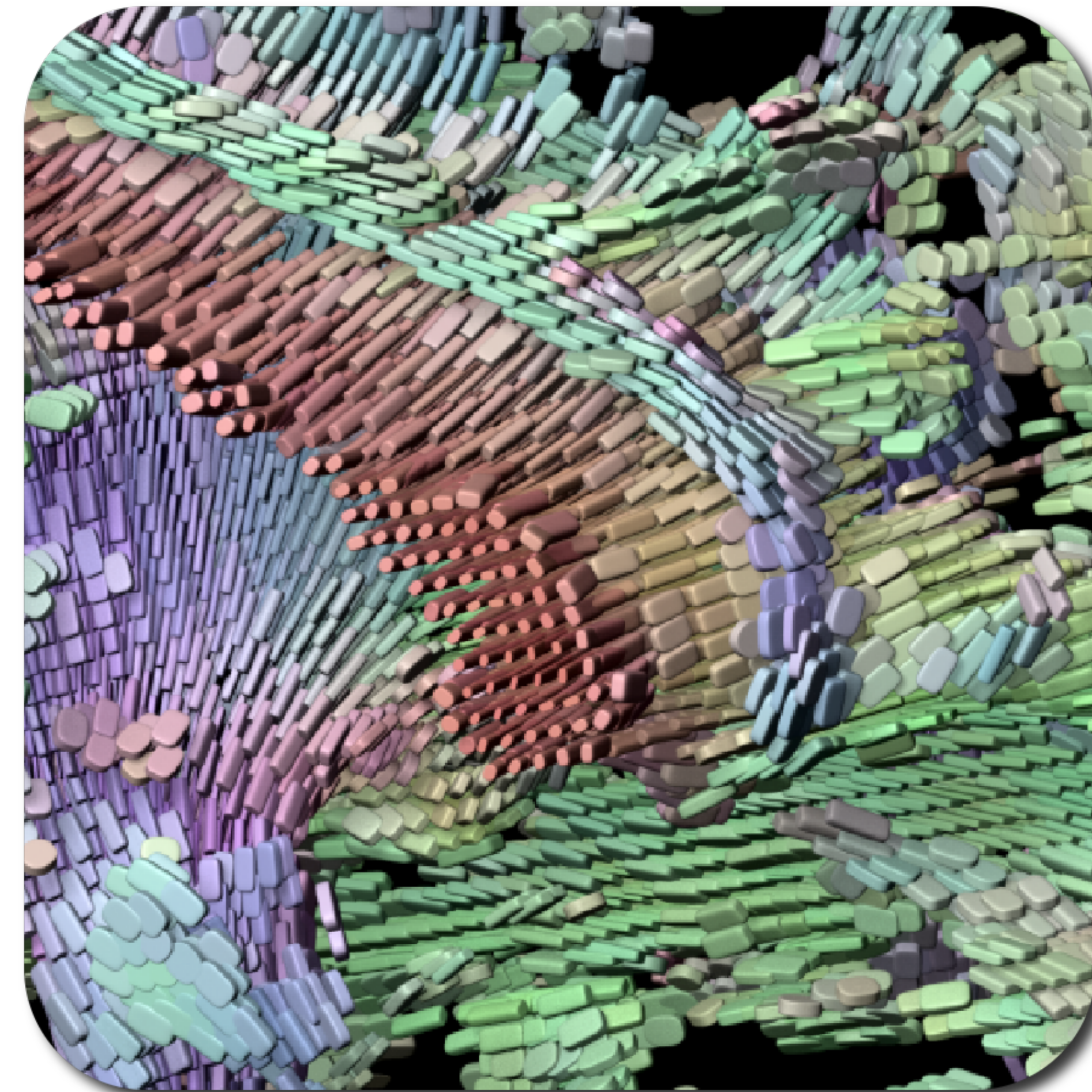
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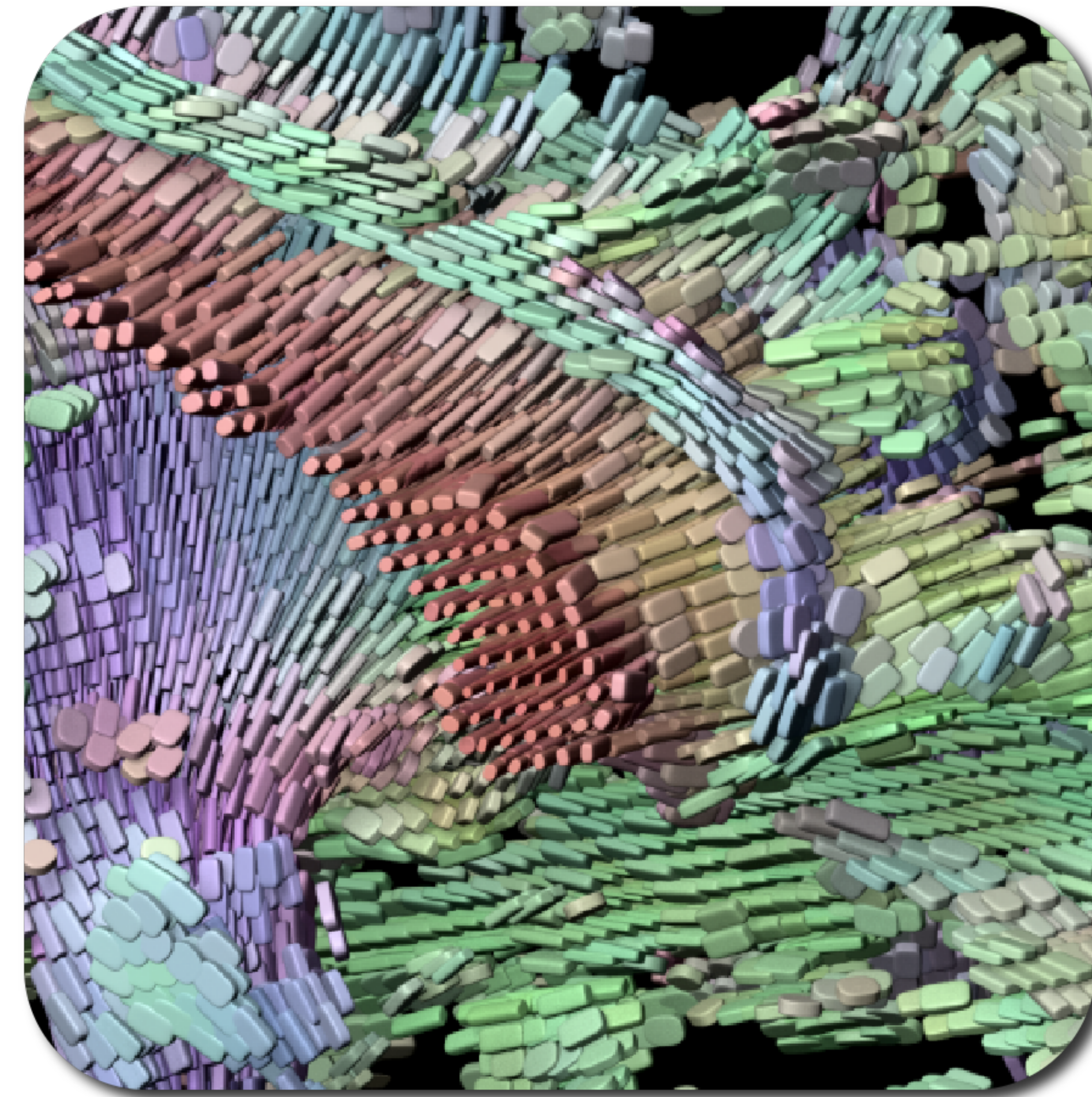
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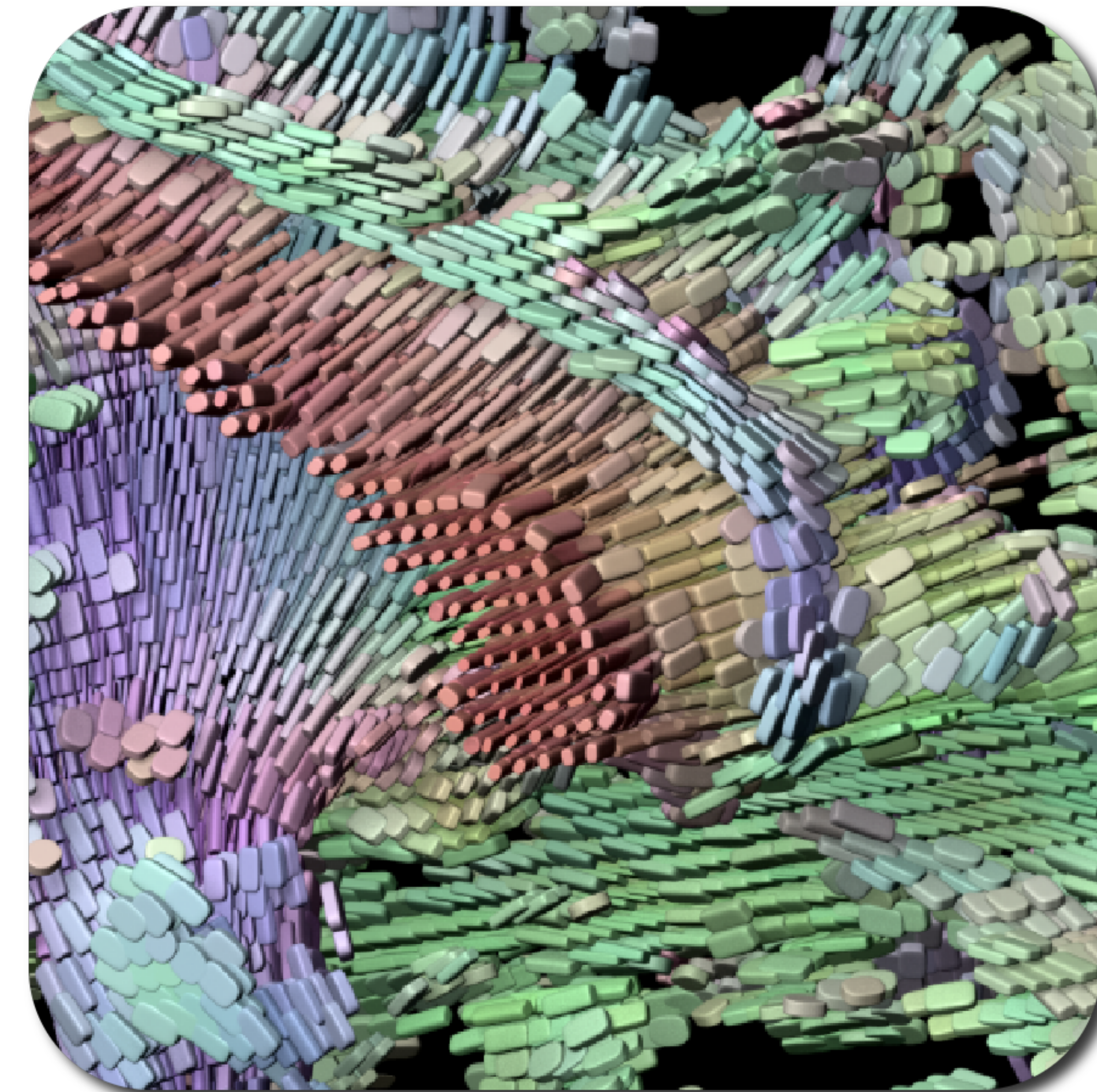
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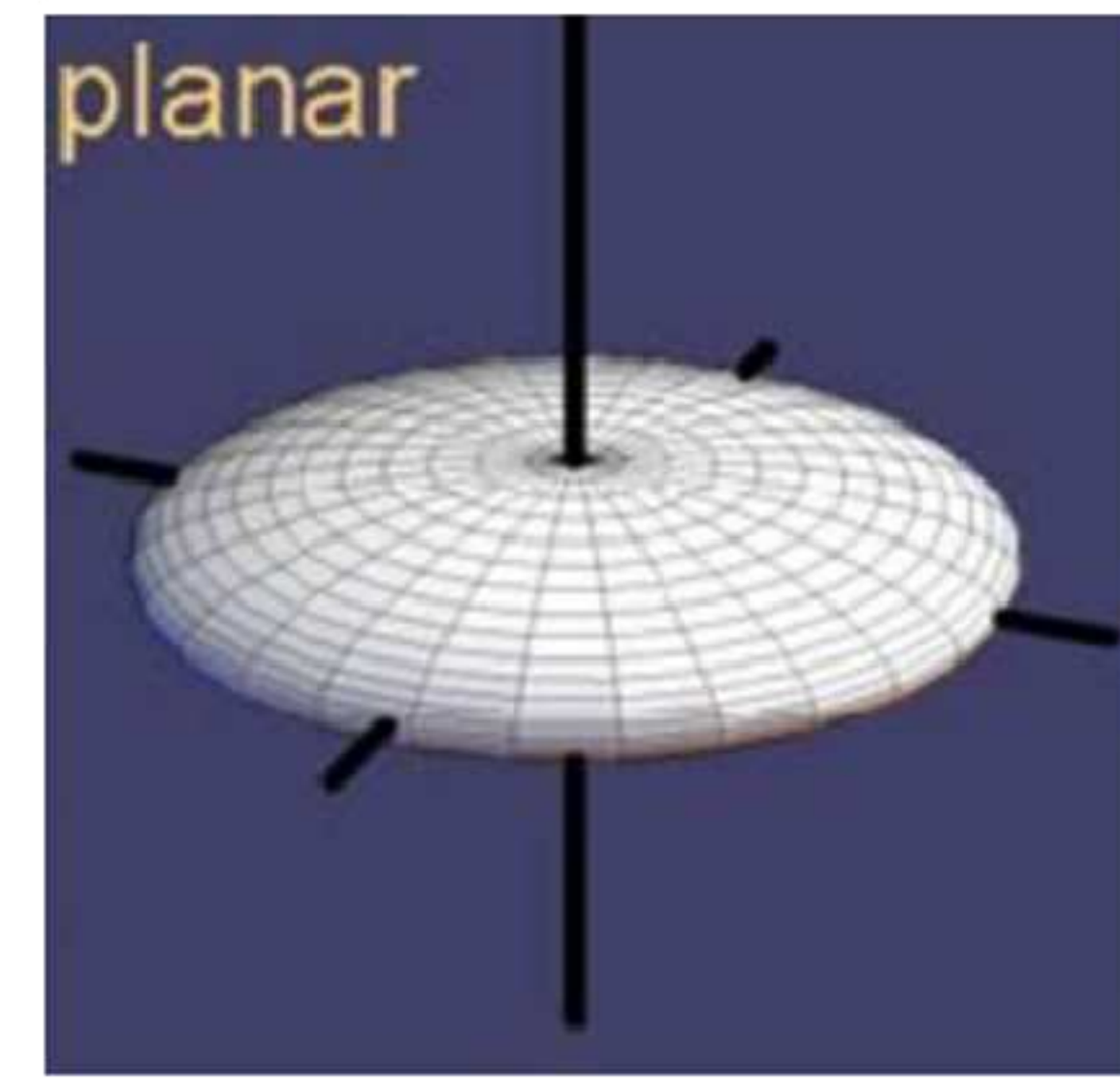
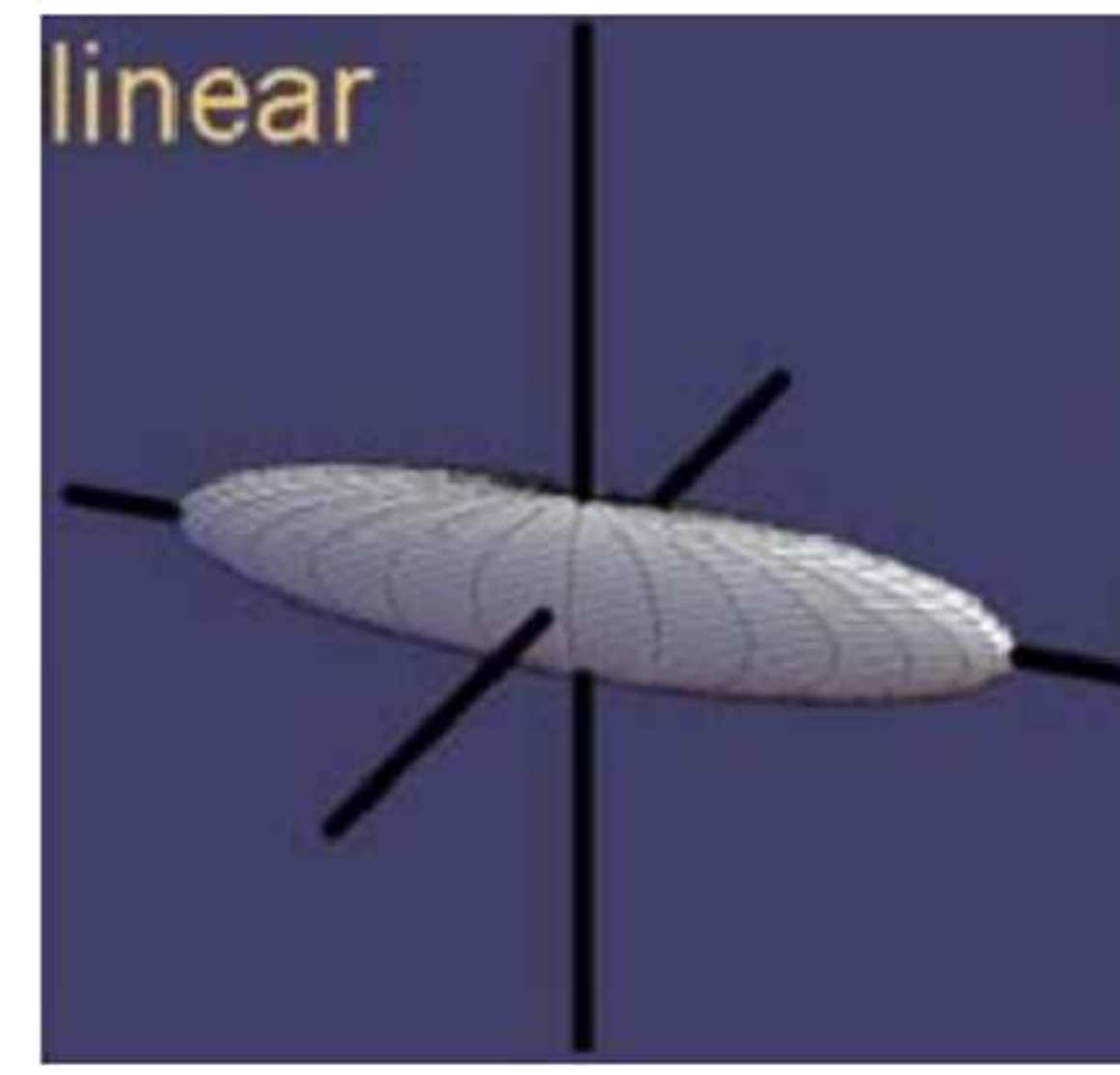
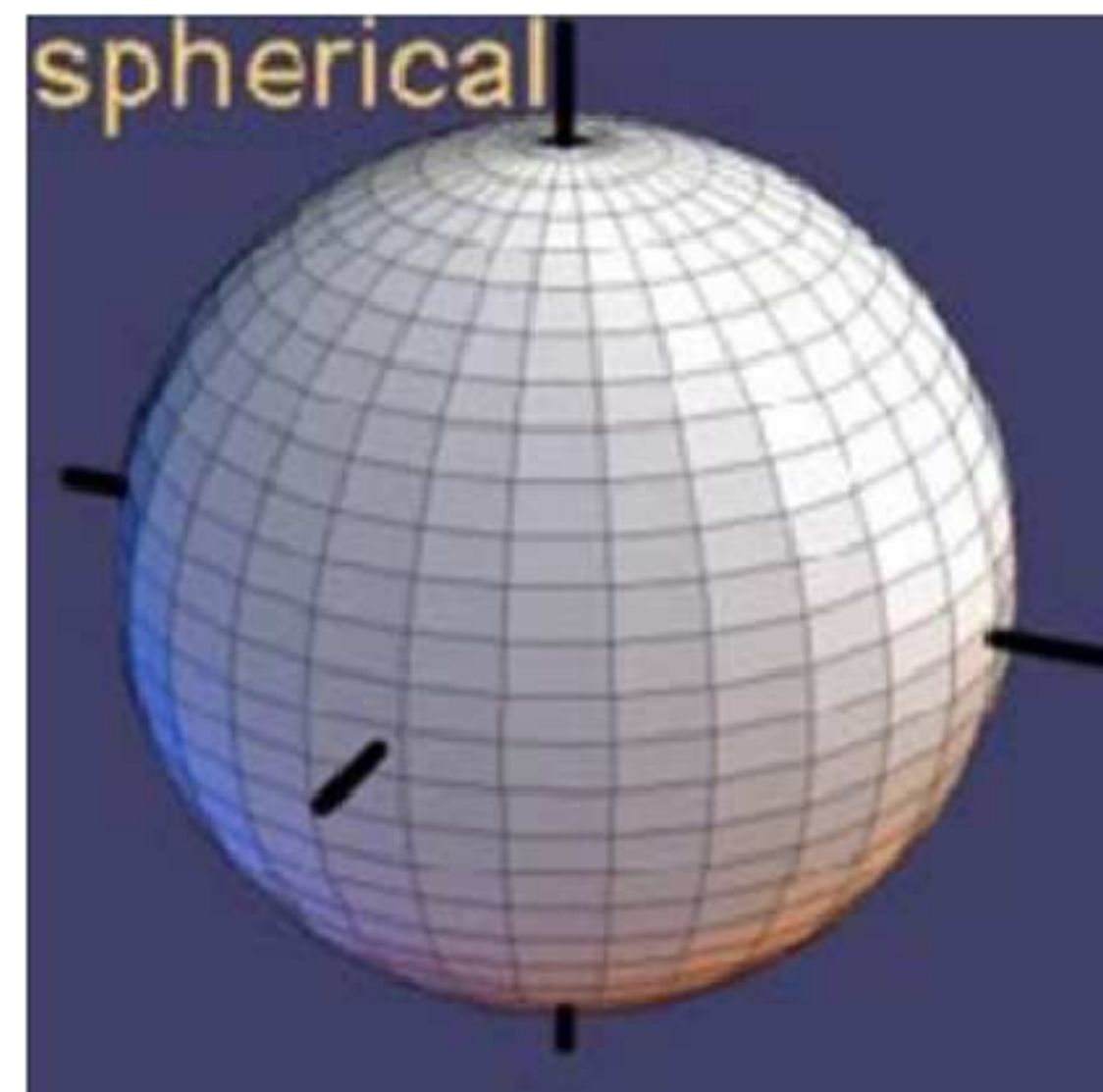
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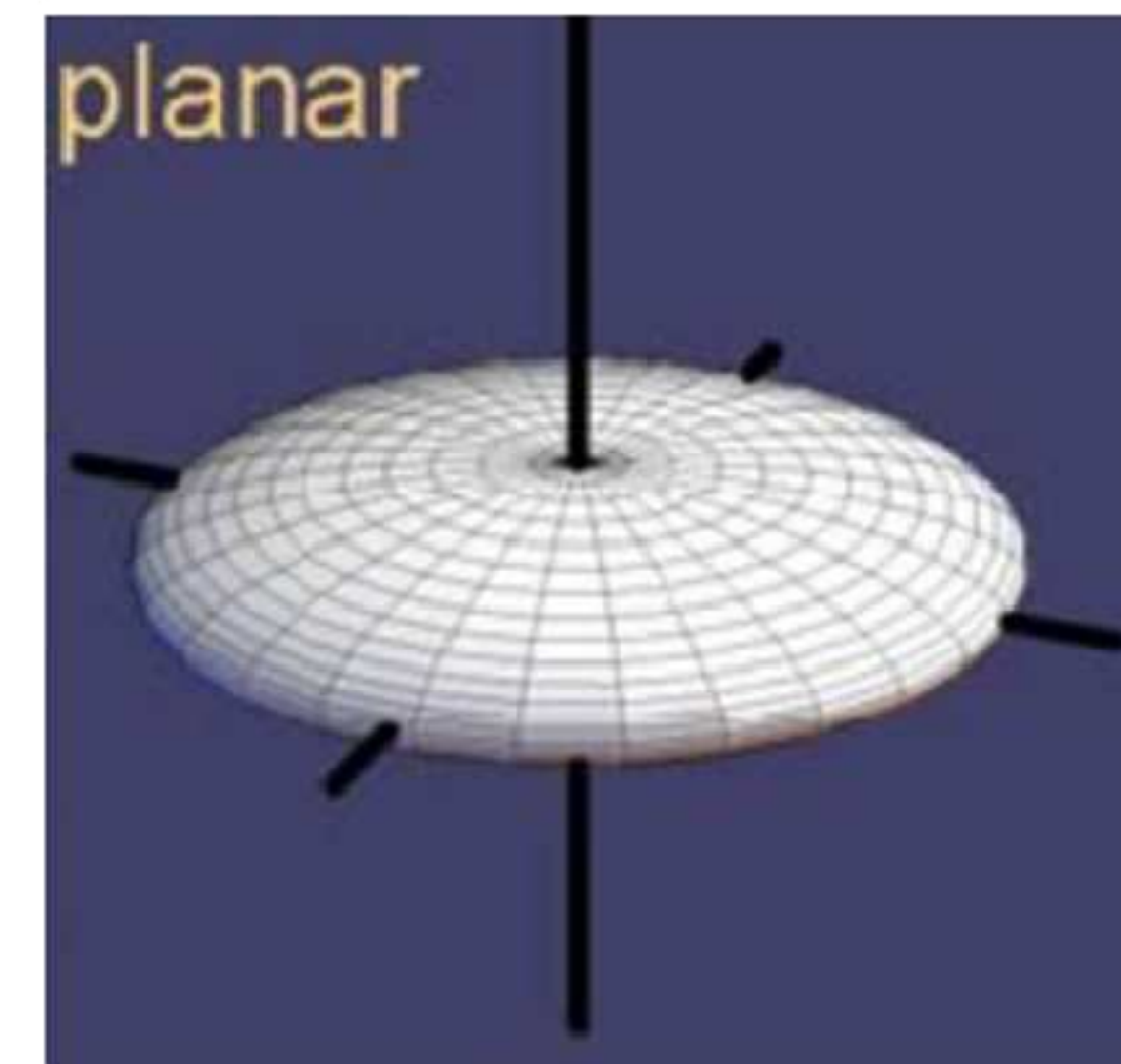
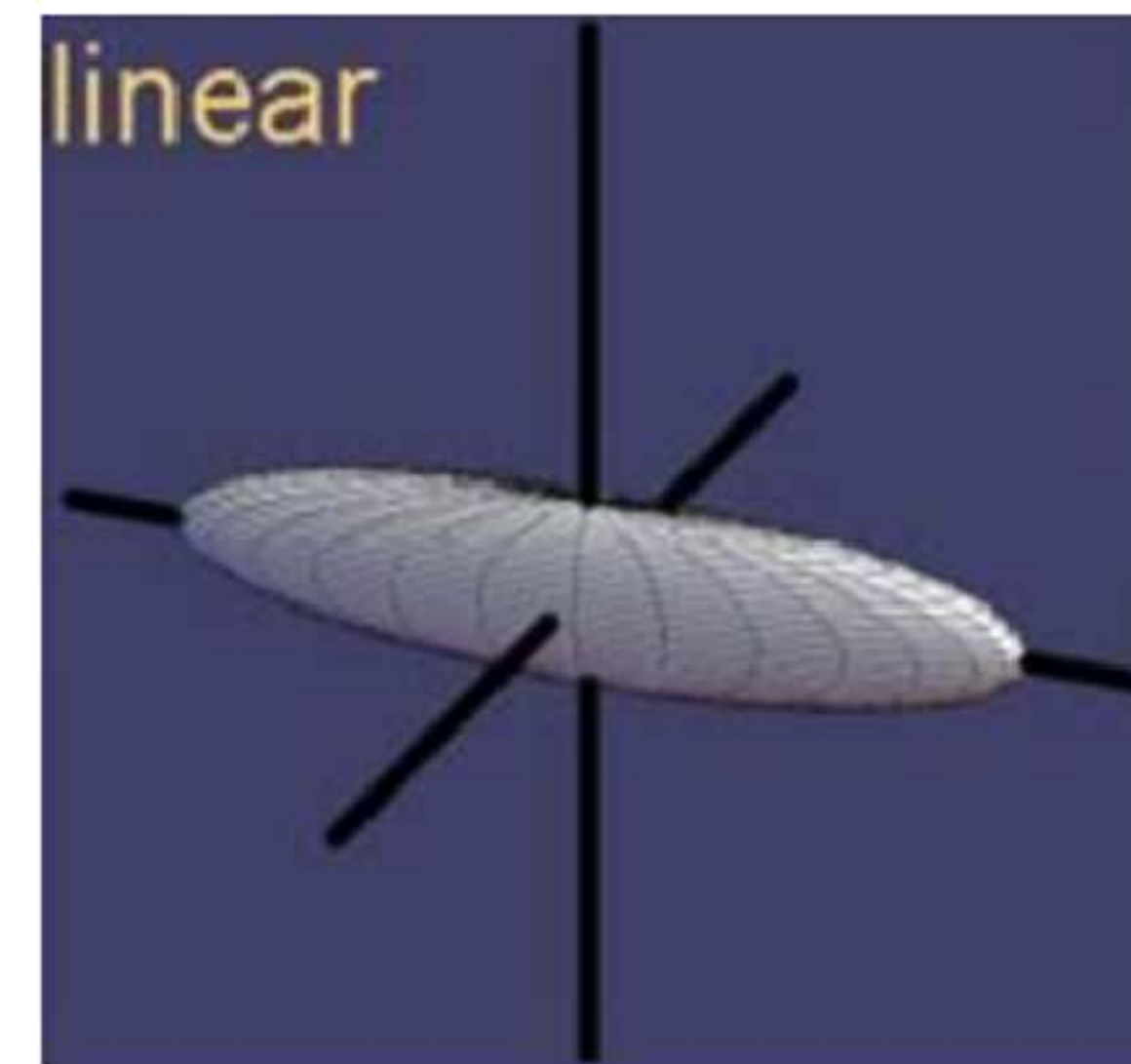
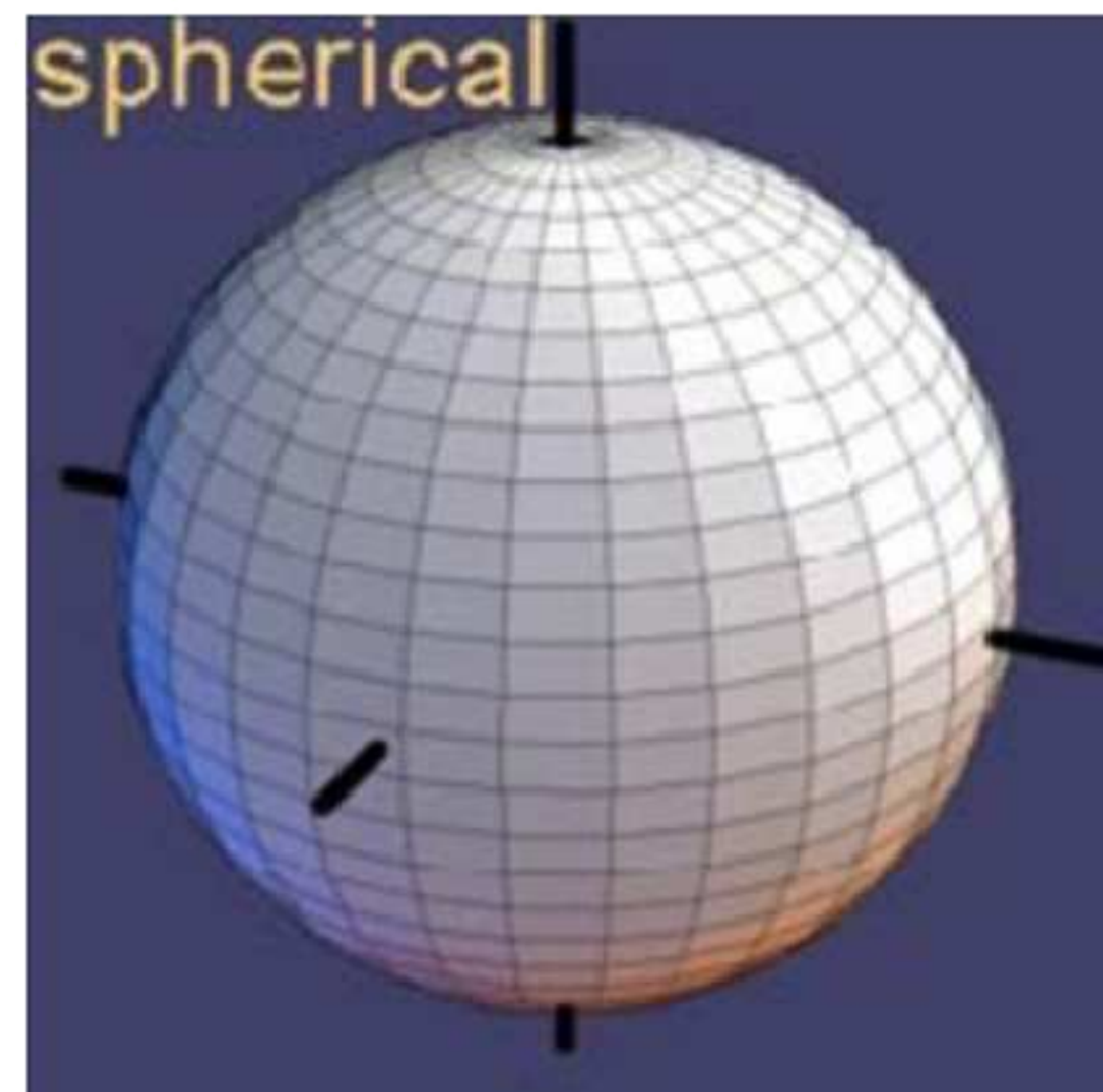
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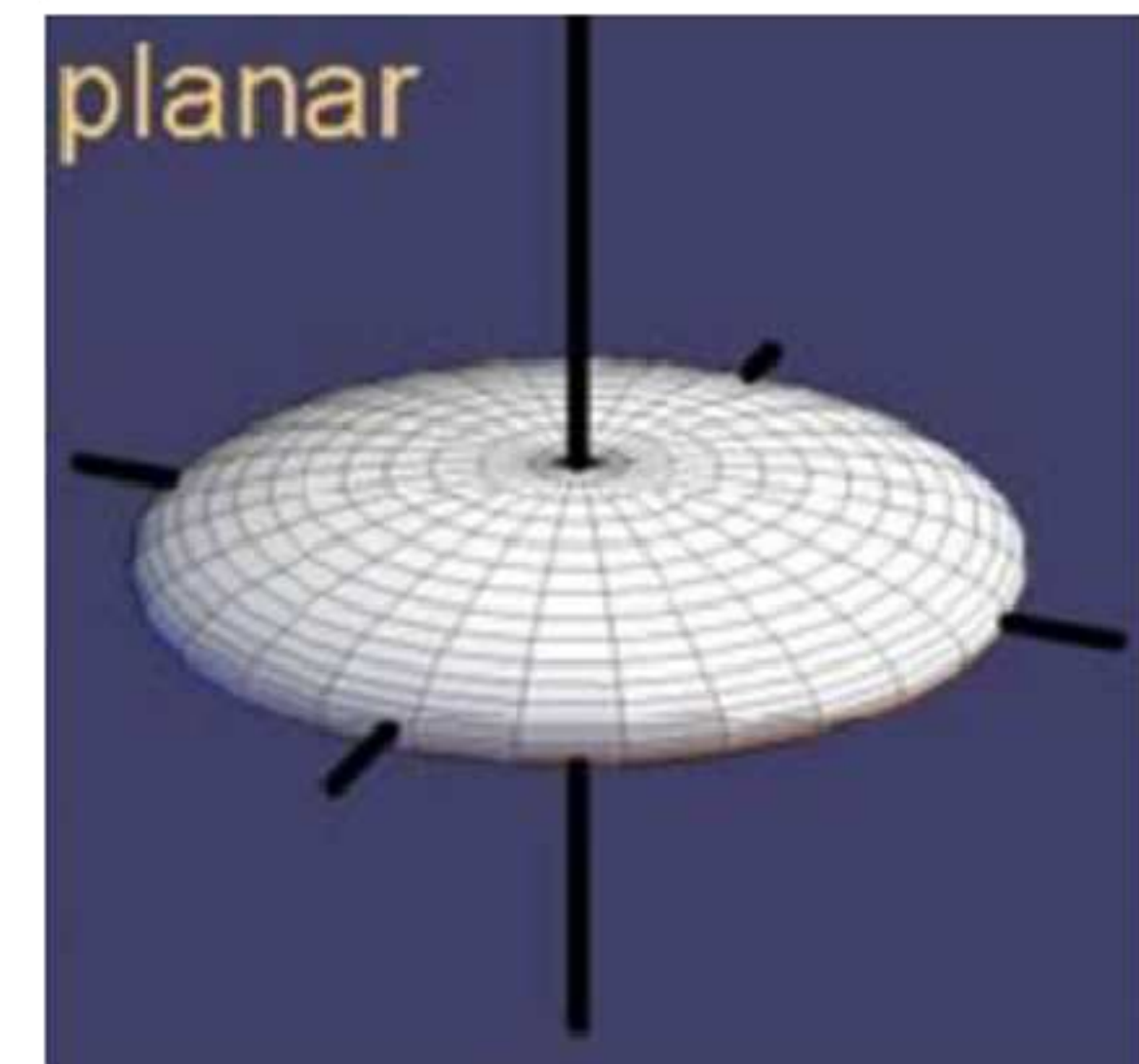
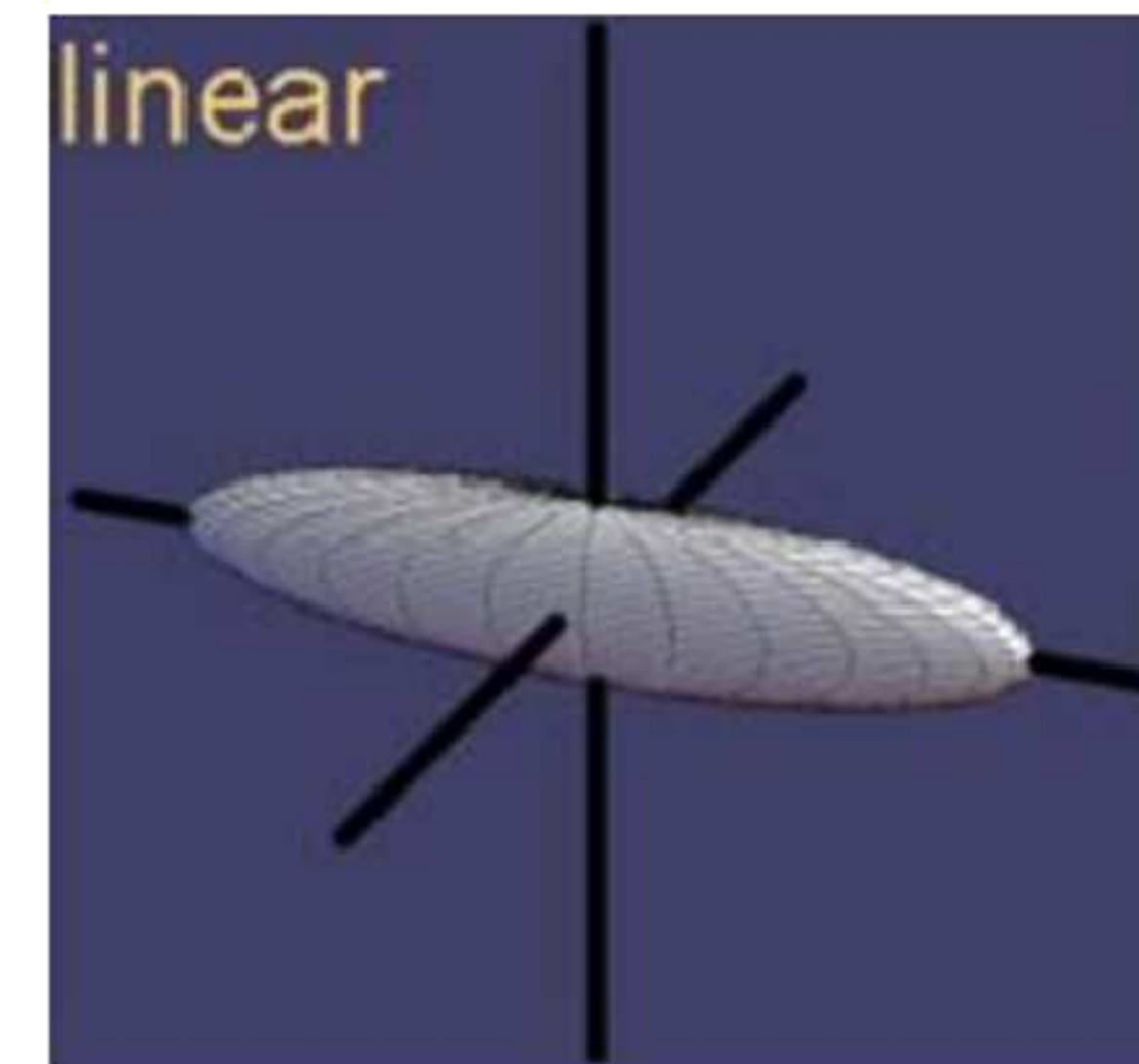
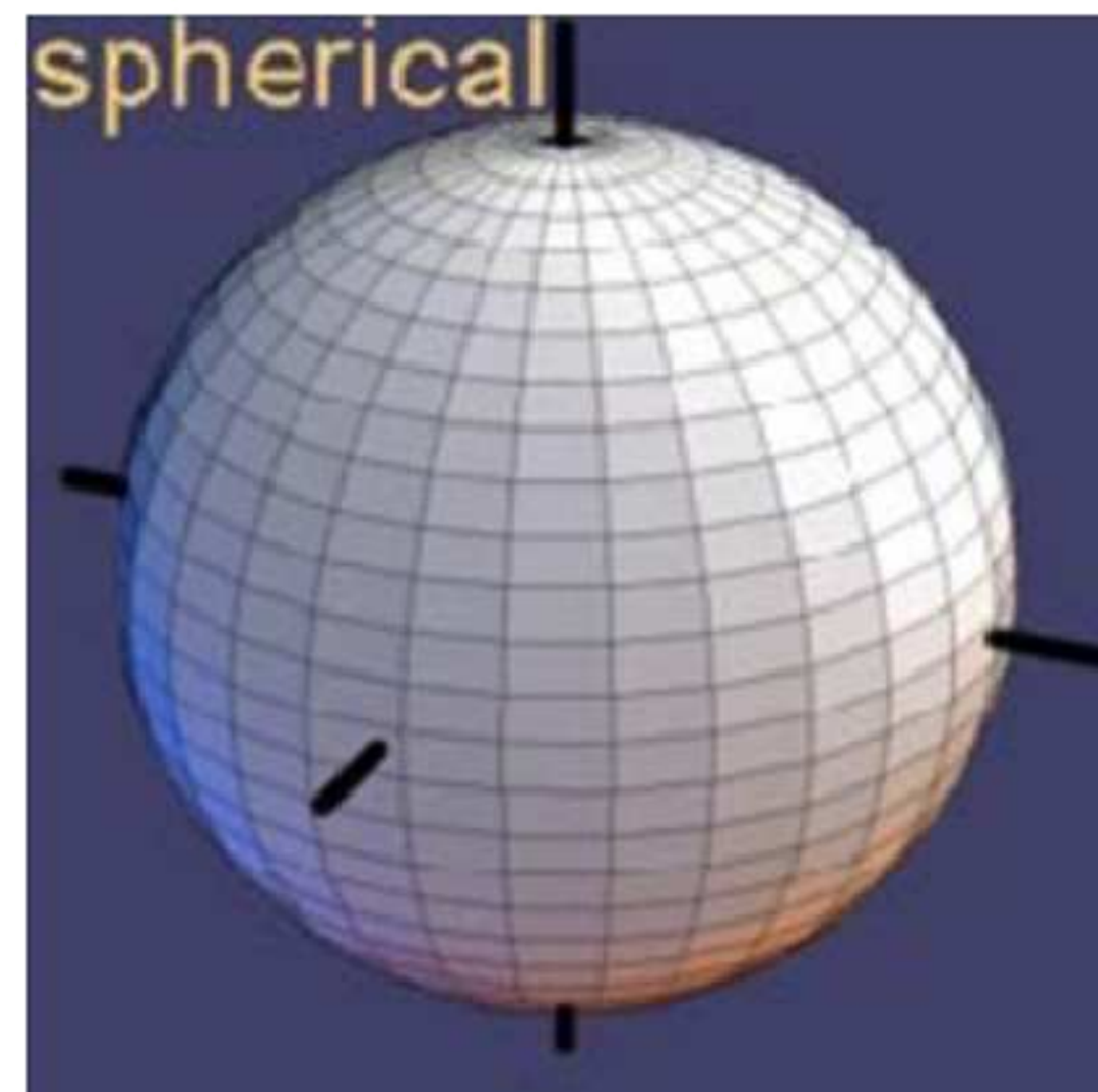
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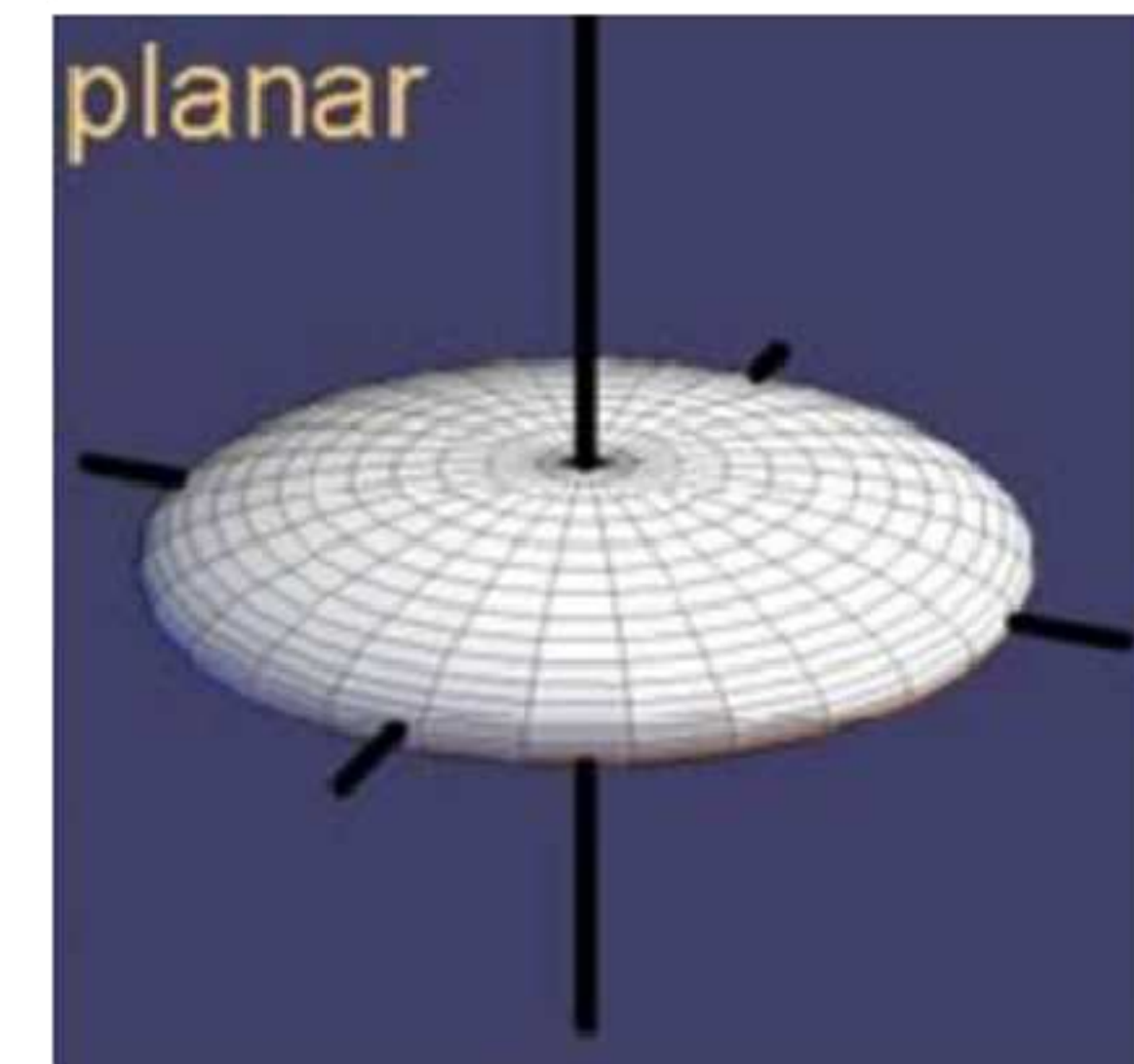
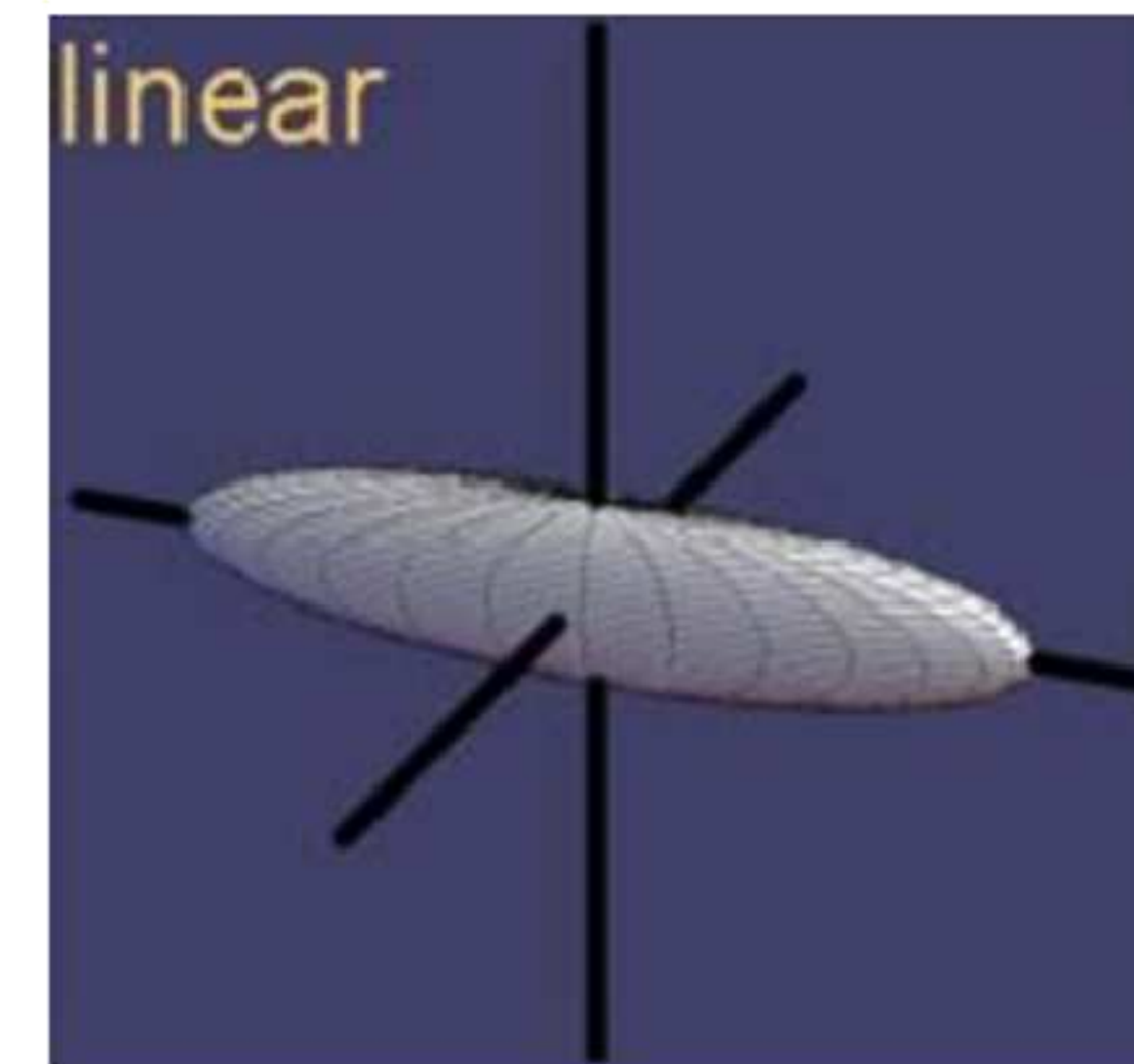
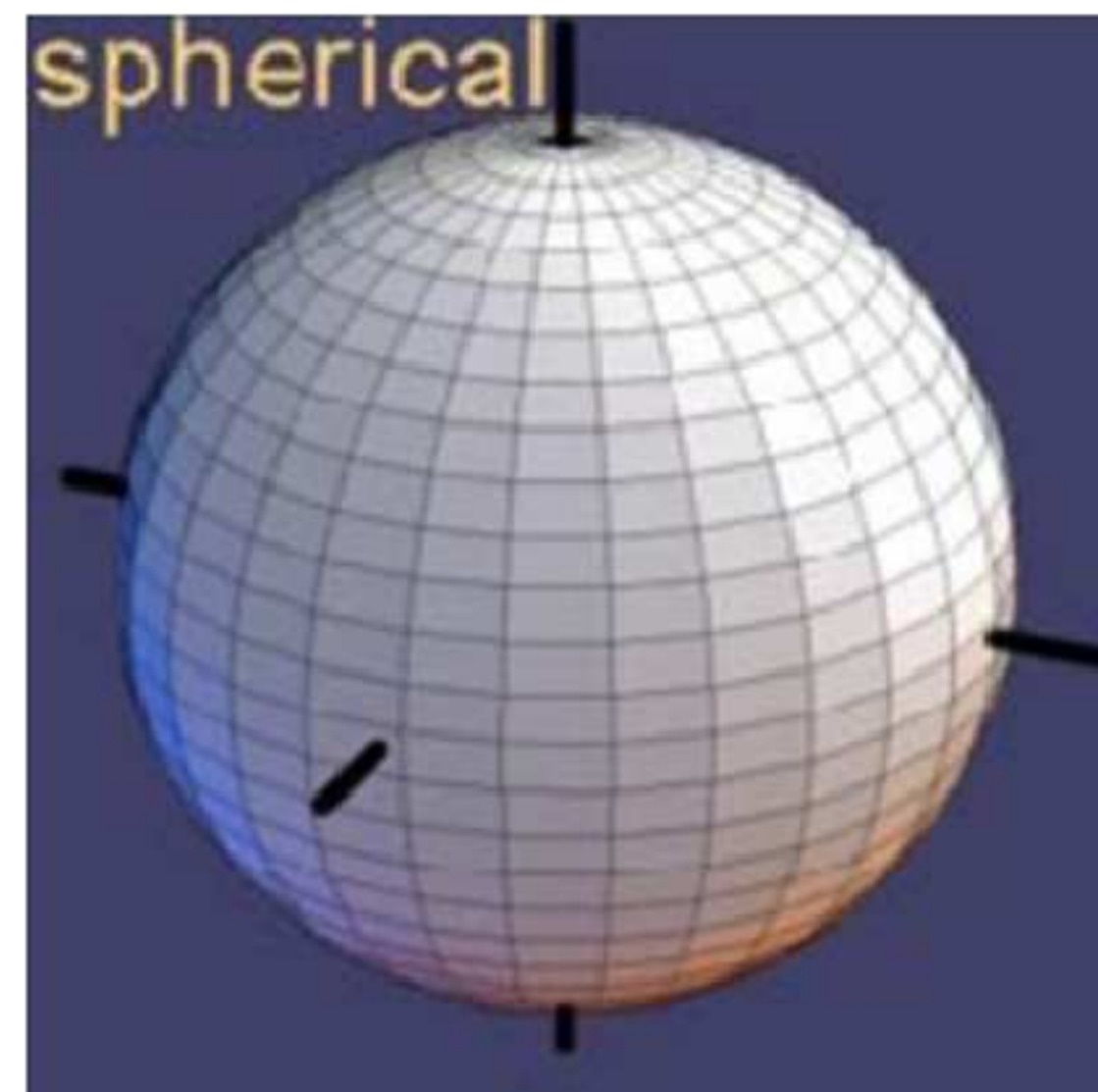
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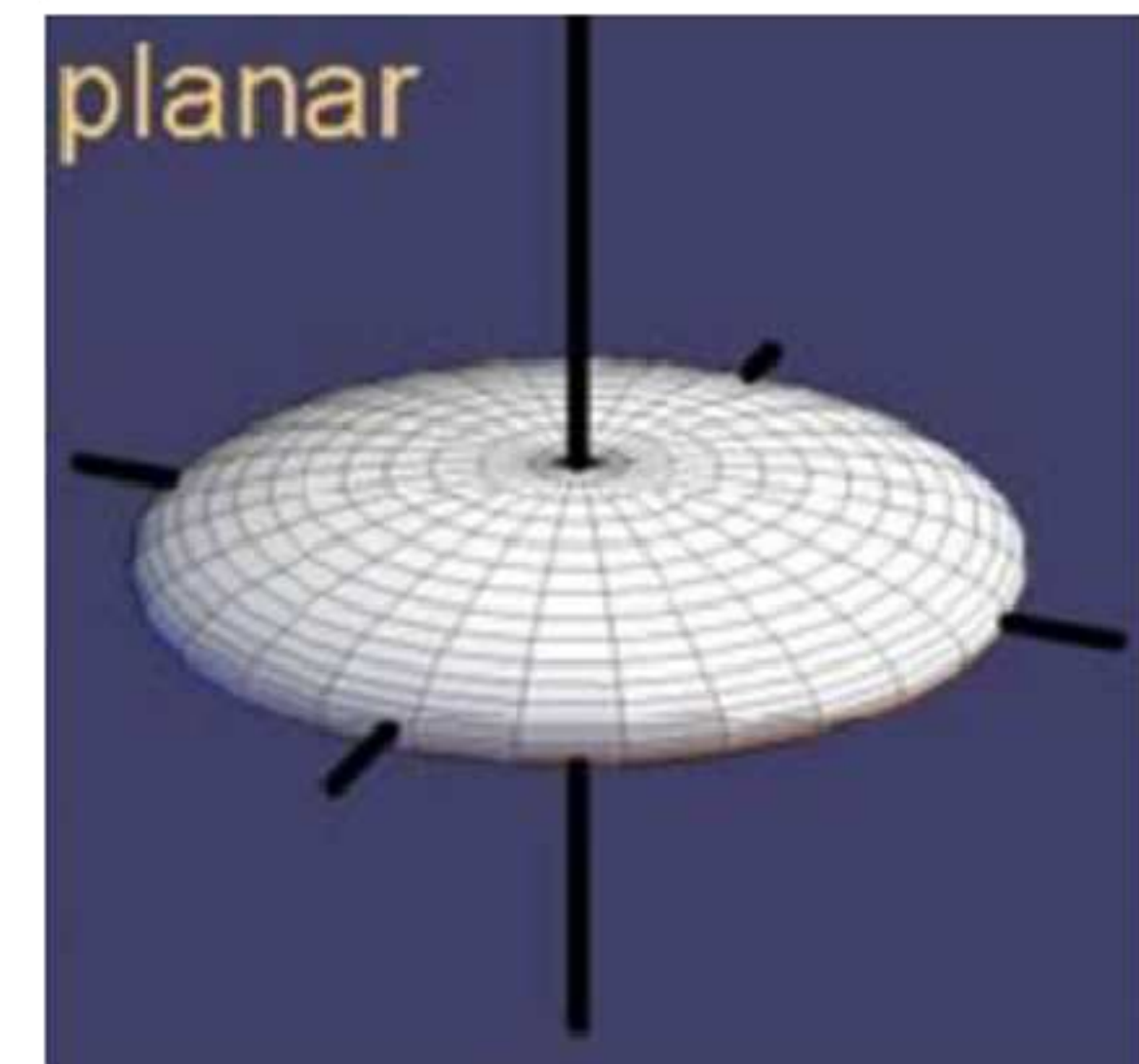
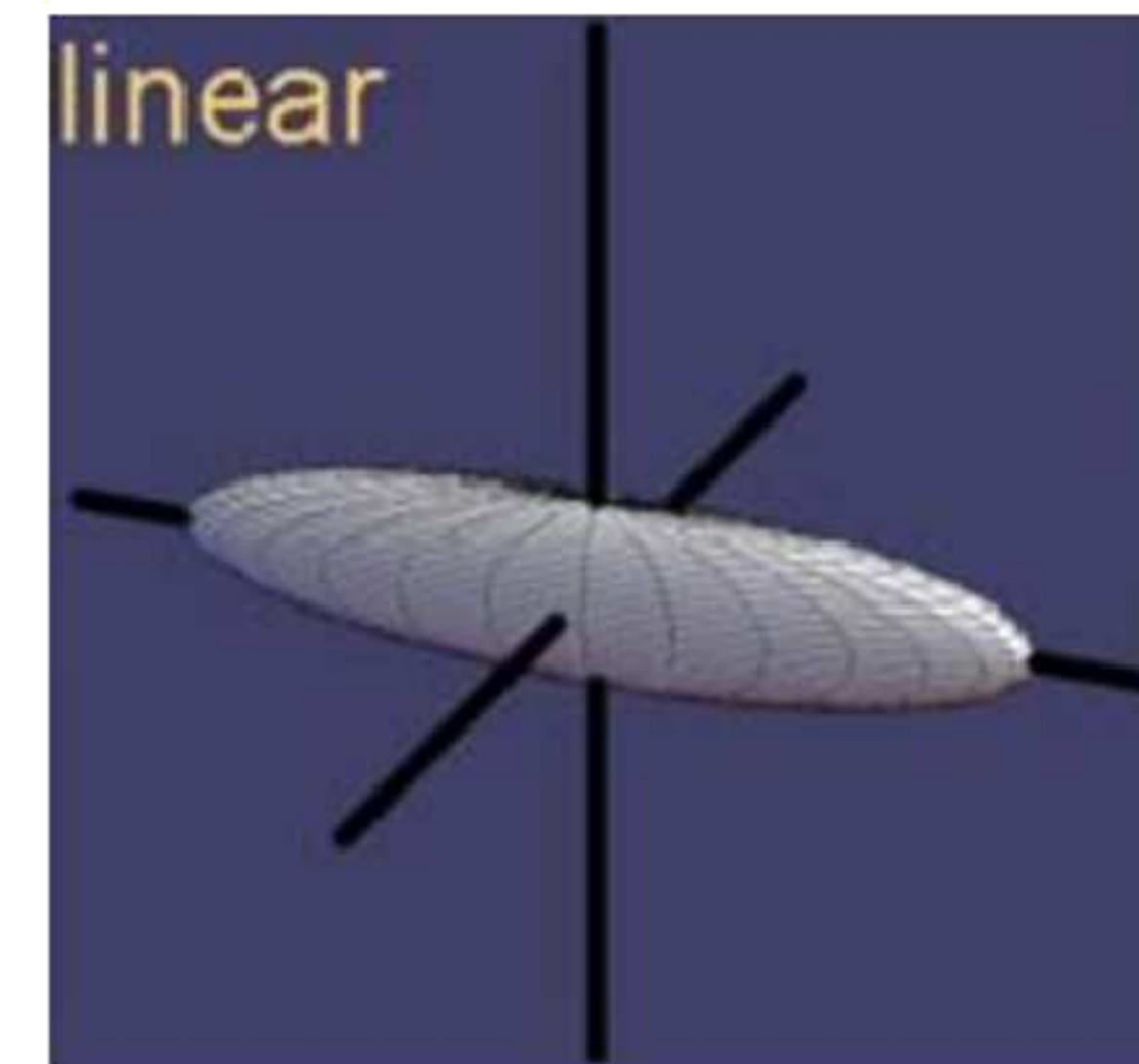
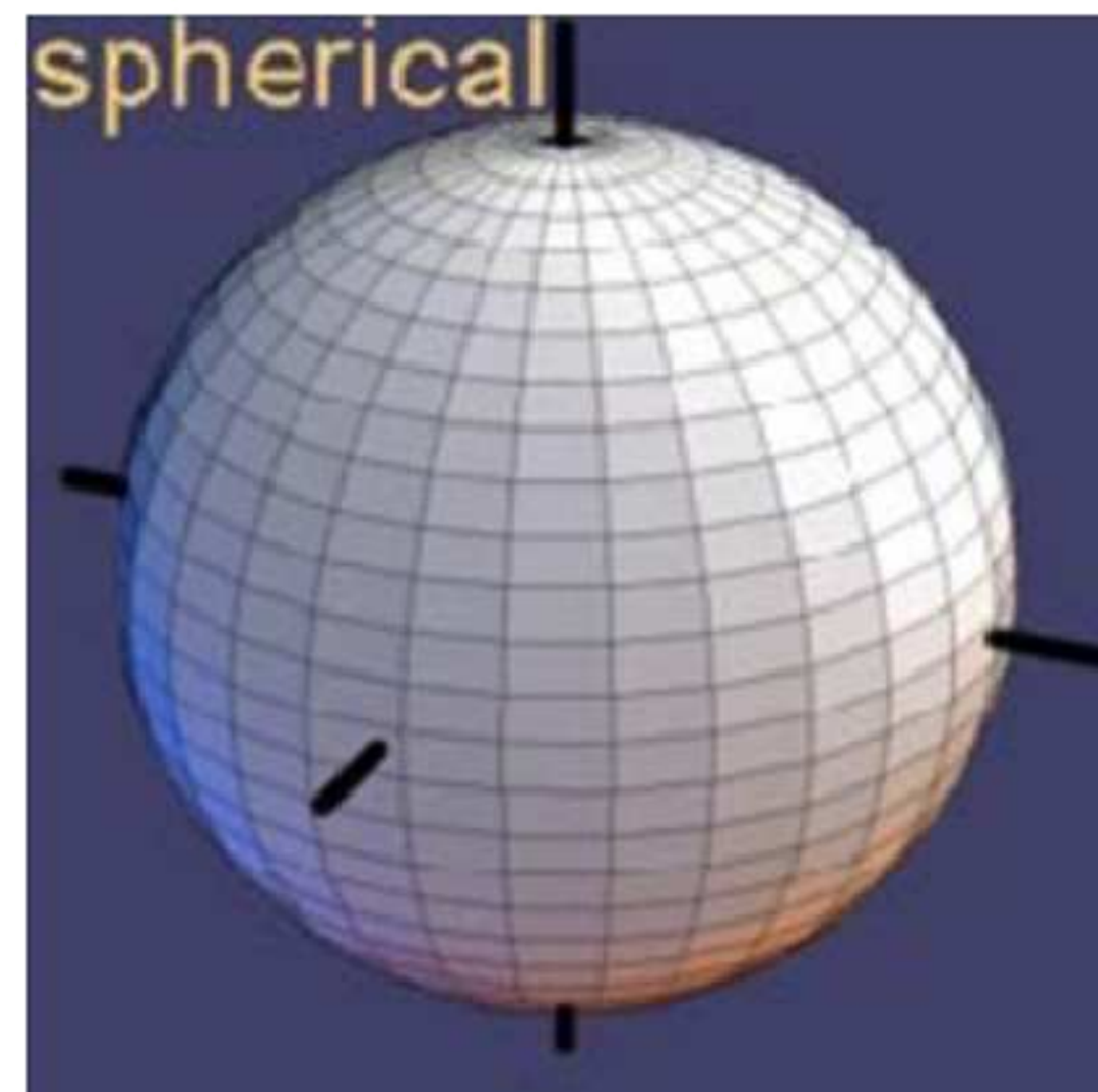
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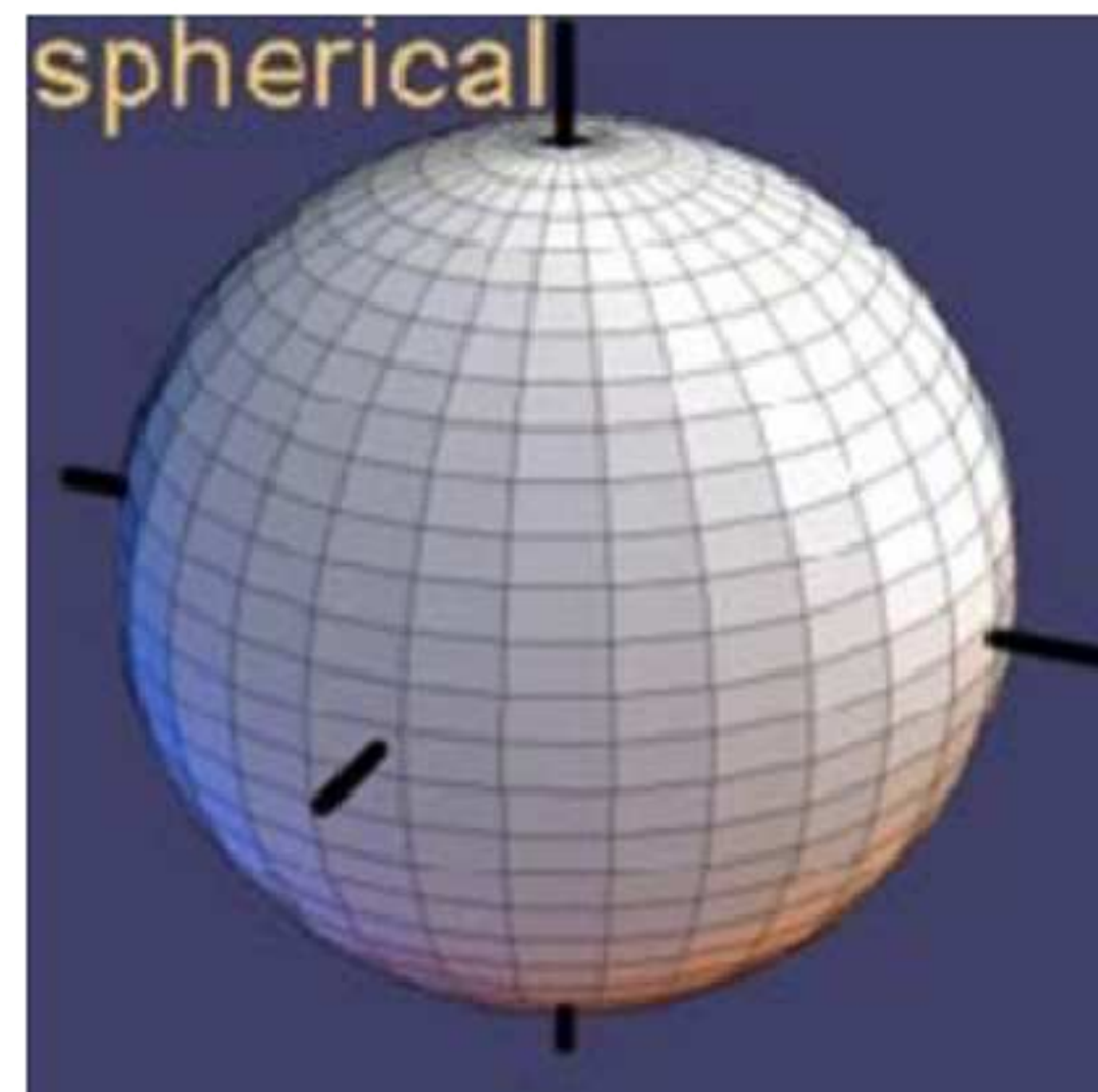




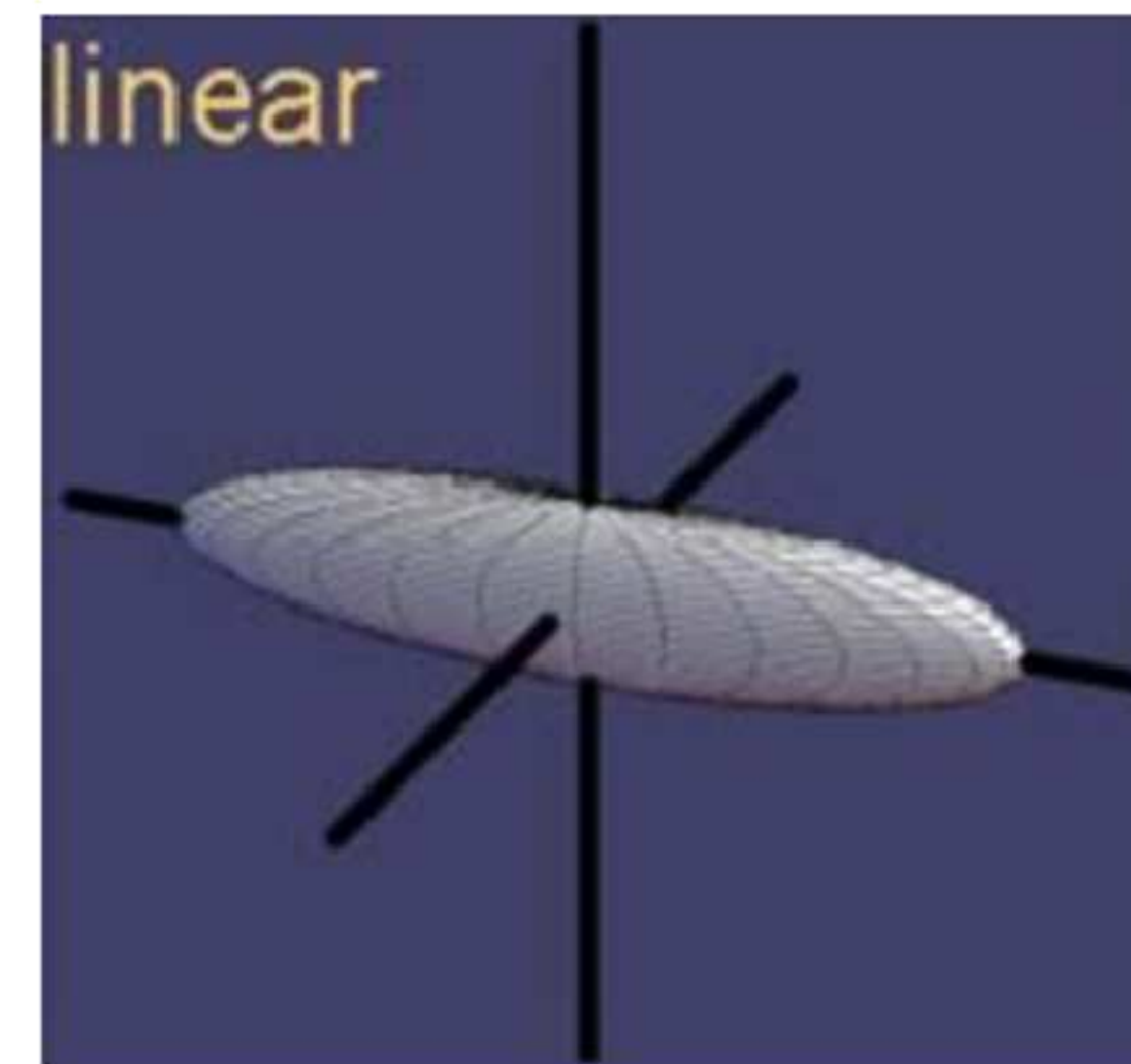
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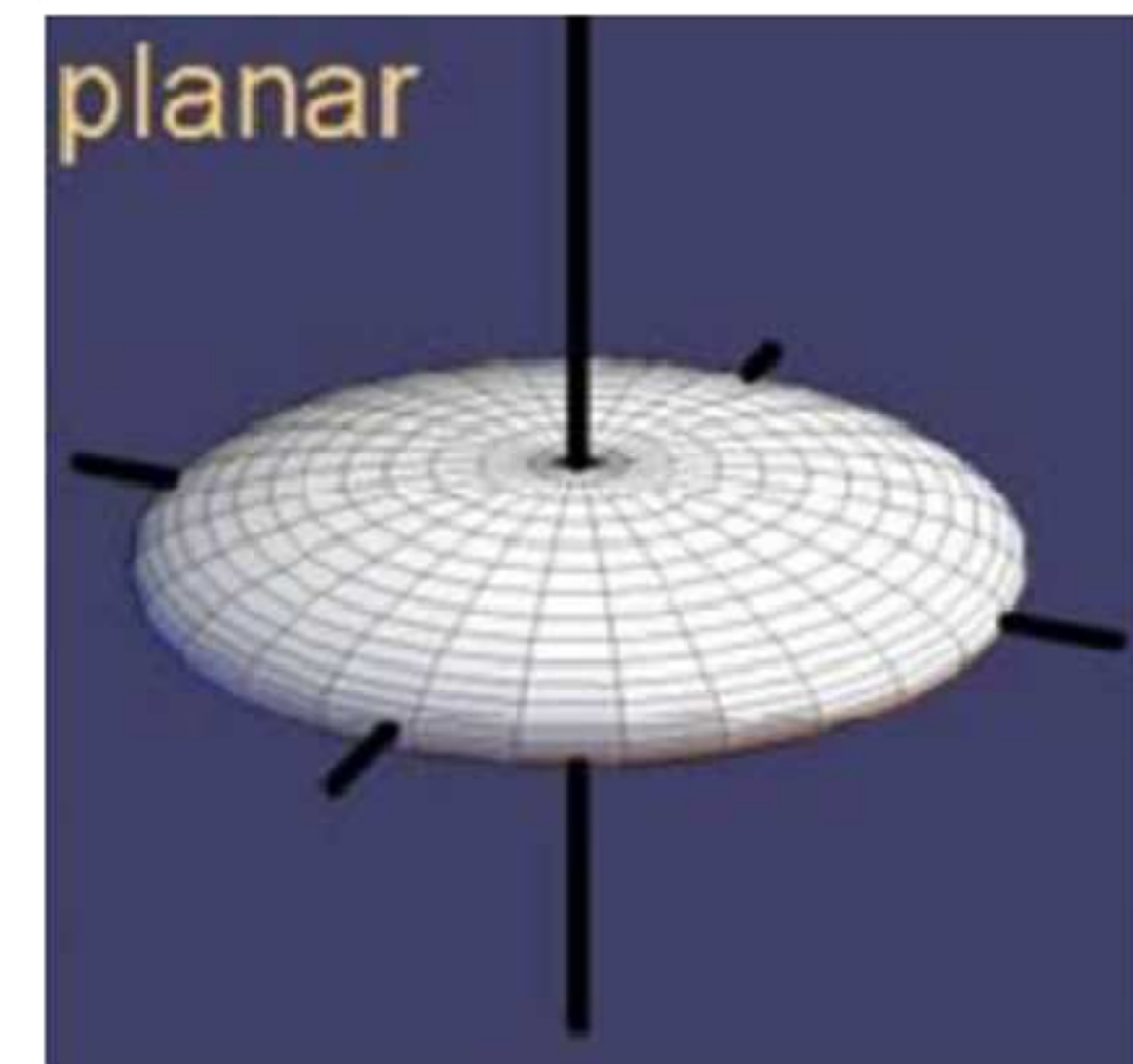
**Isotropy**



**Axial anisotropy**



**Planar anisotropy**

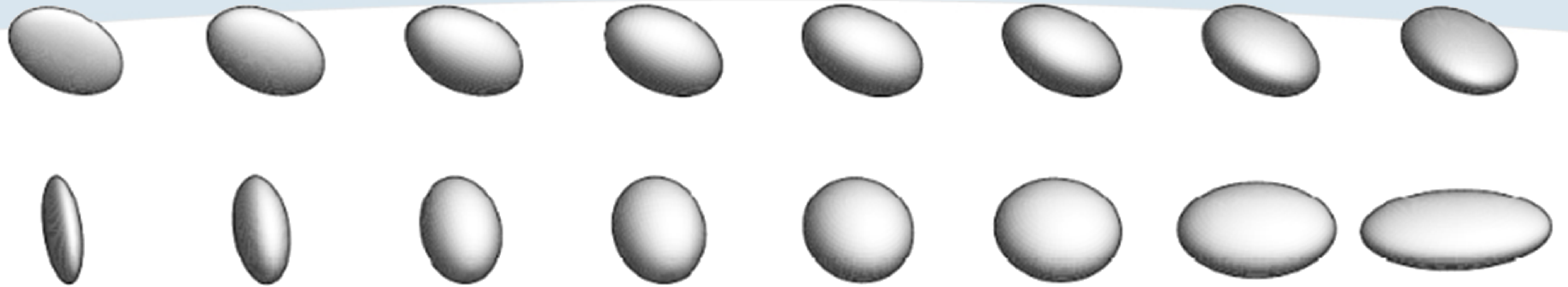


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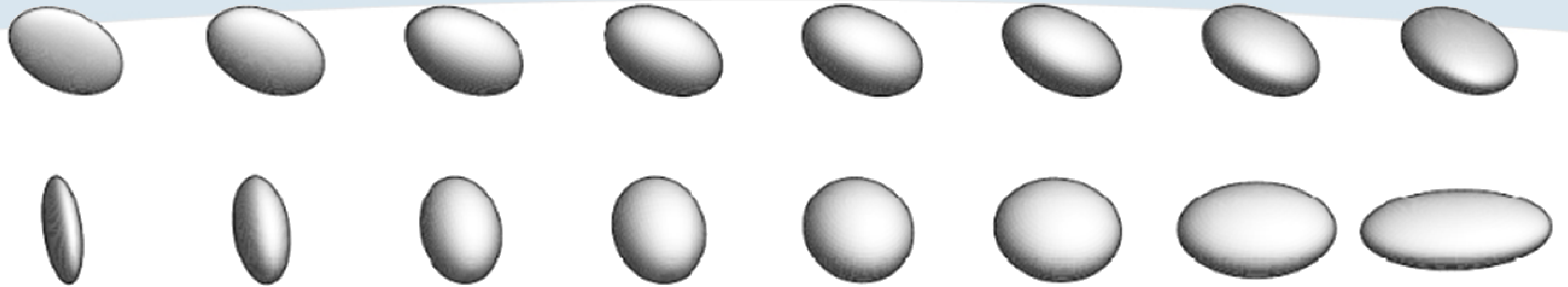
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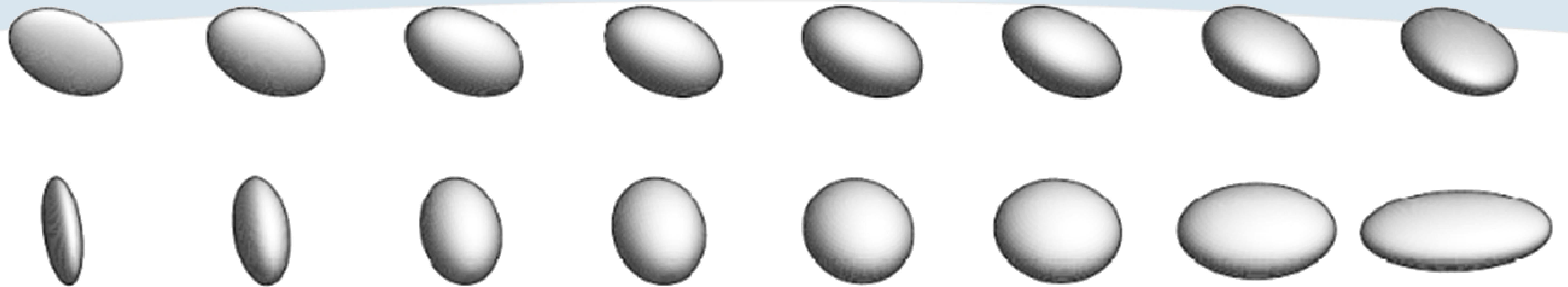


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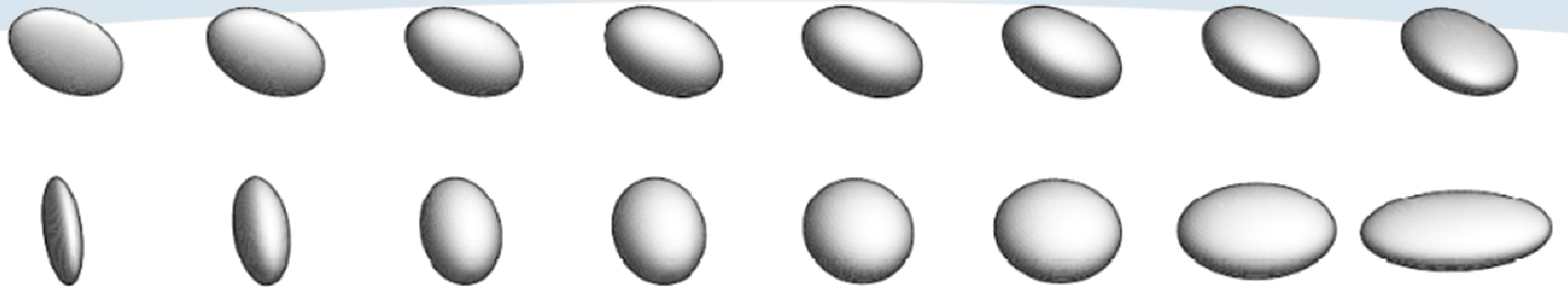
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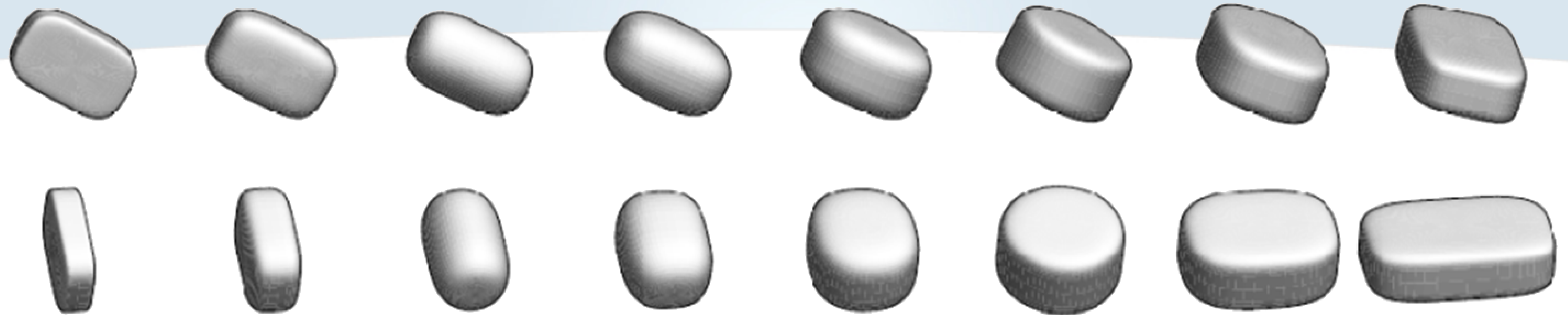


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  - Information loss due to screen projection
  - Continuous shading
    - Hard to evaluate variations across axes



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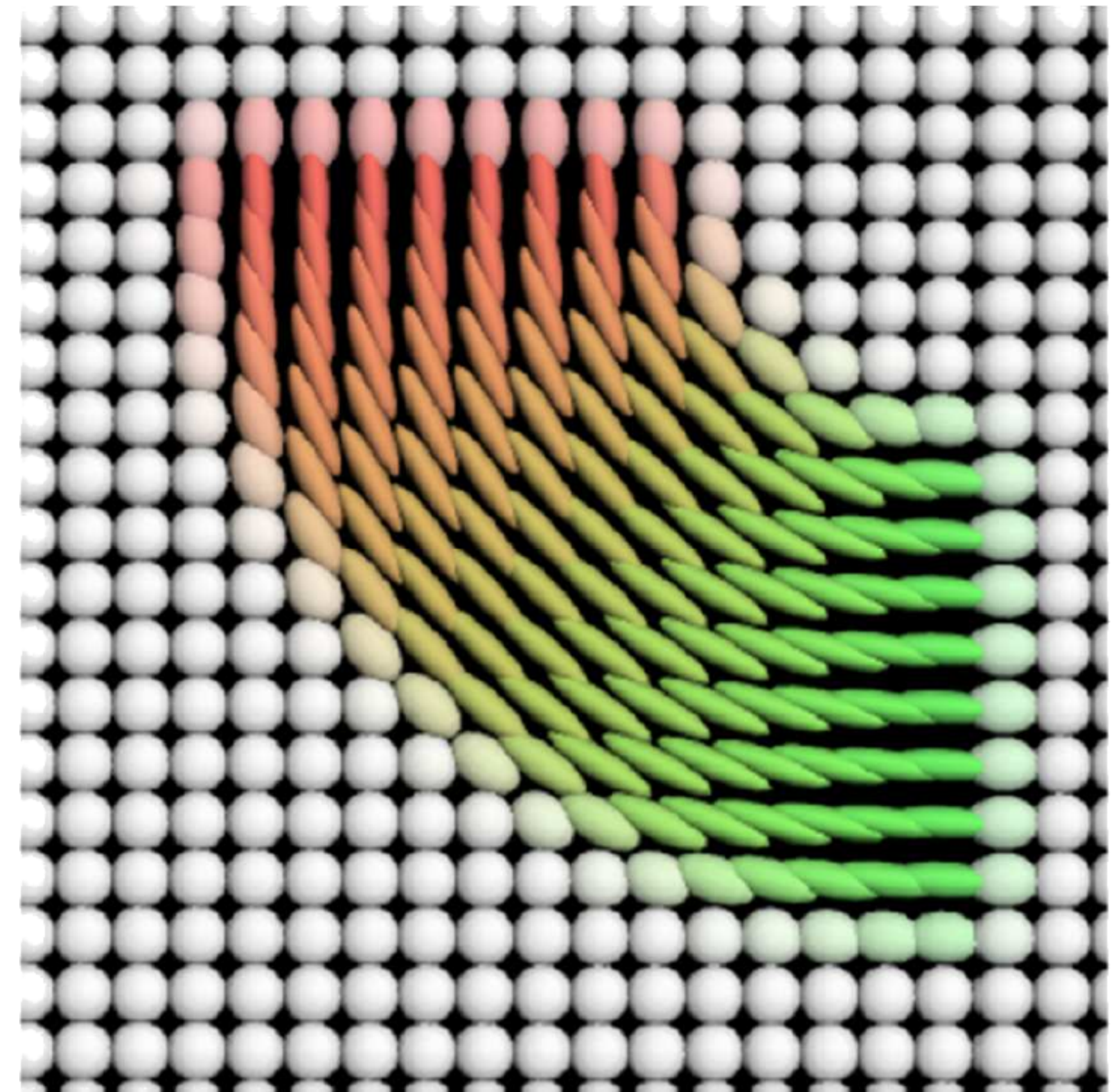


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- “Superquadrics”
  - Parallelepiped with smooth edges
  - Exaggerate shading variations across axis

# Glyph packing

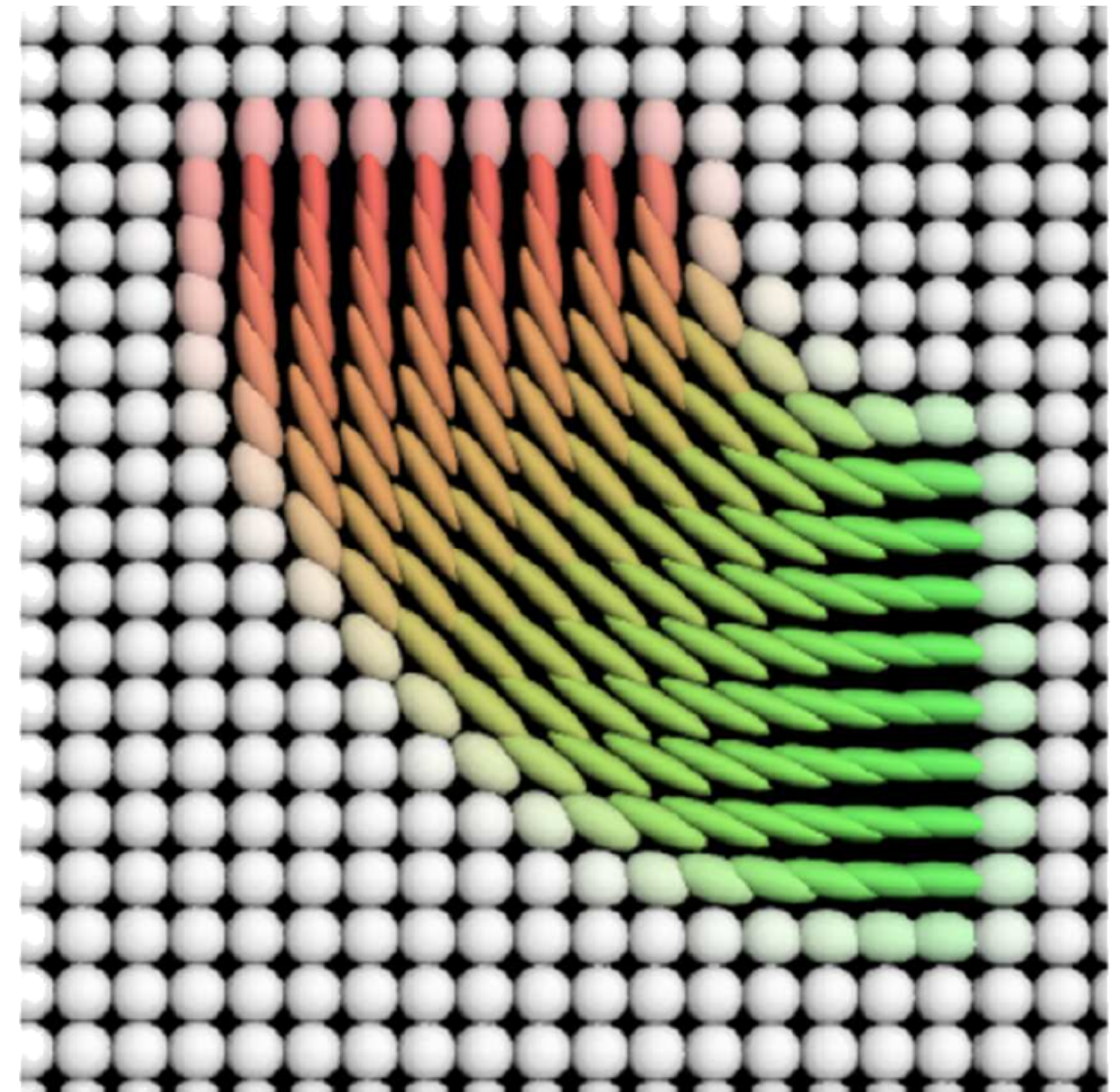
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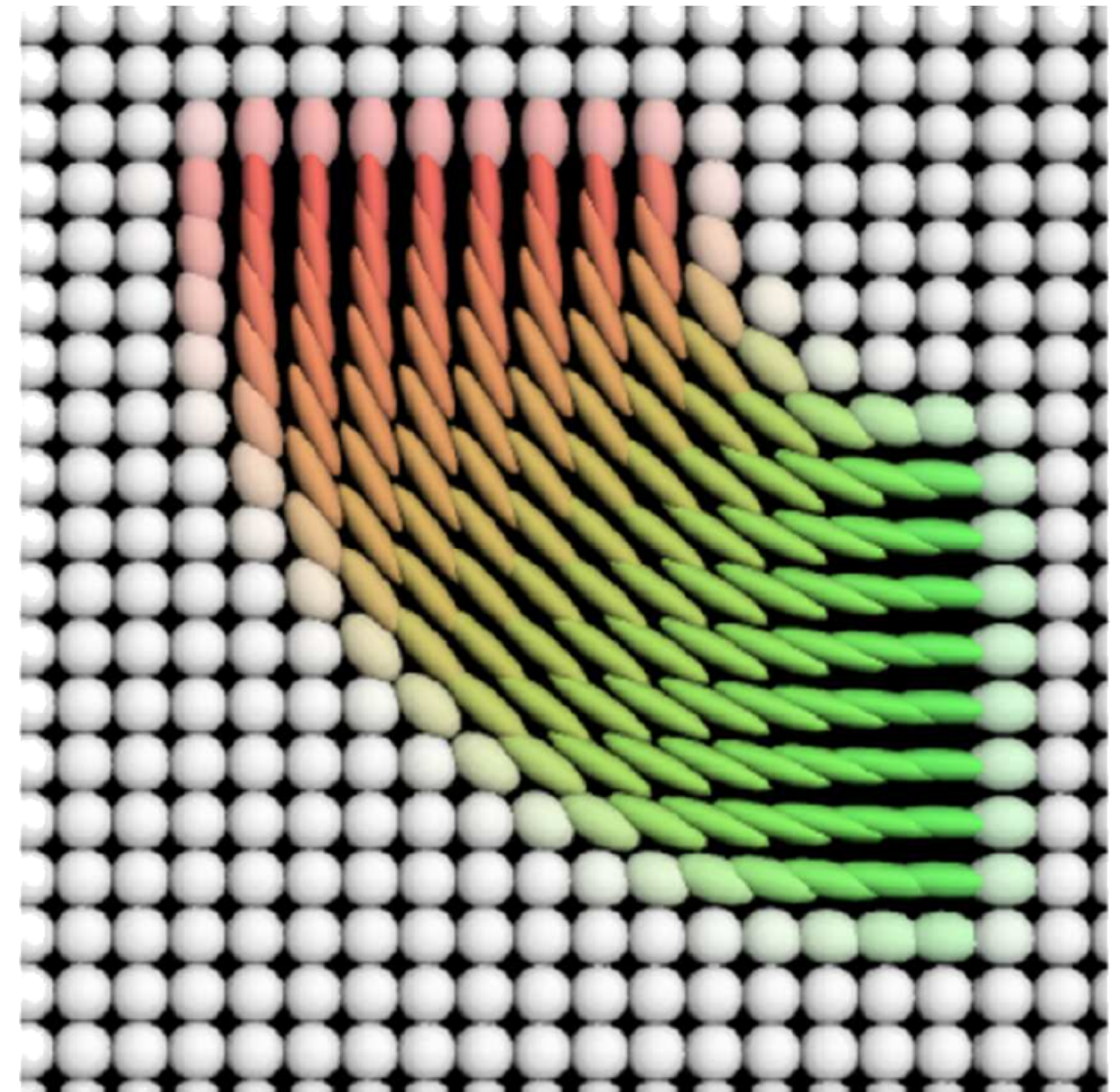
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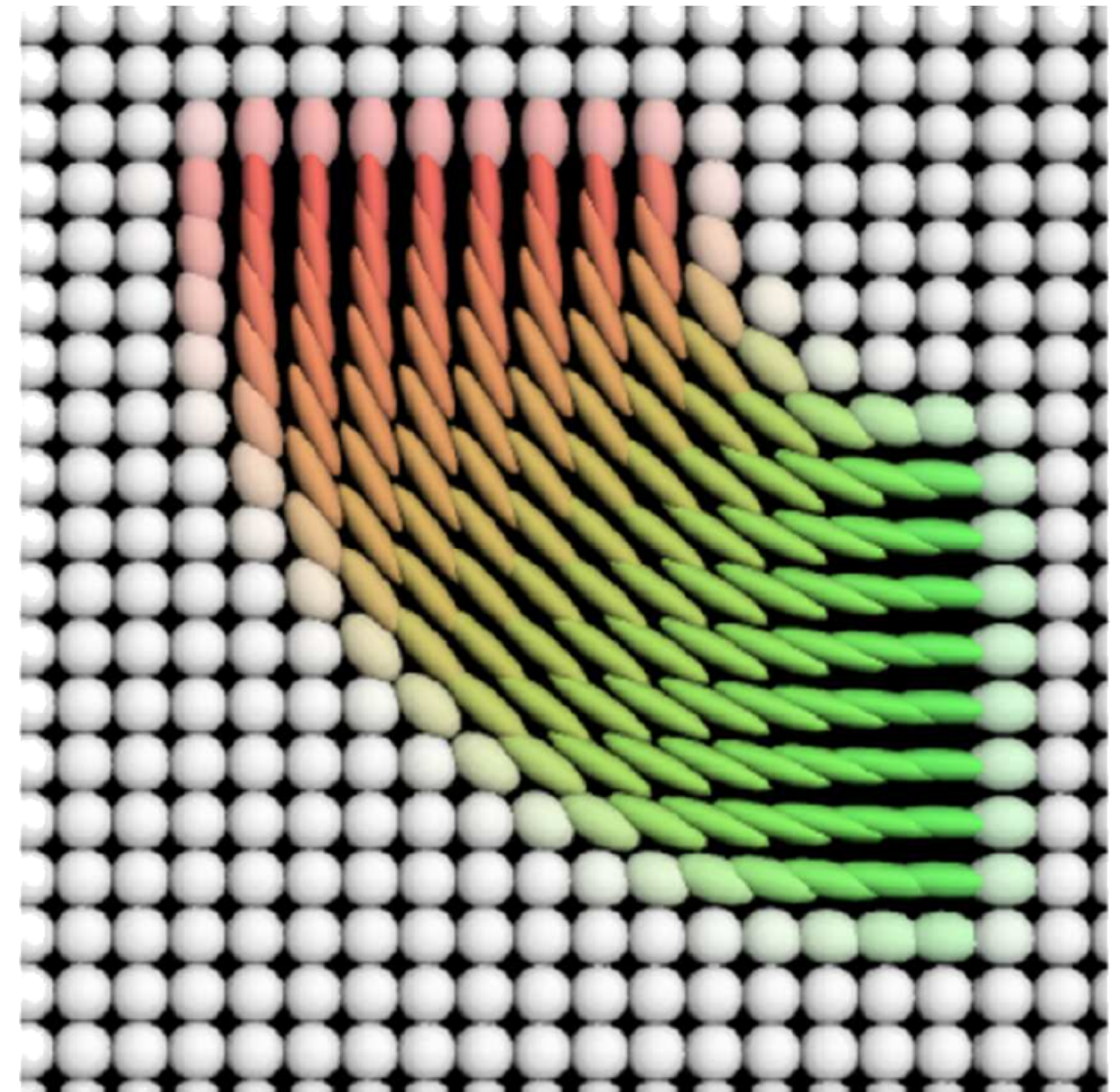
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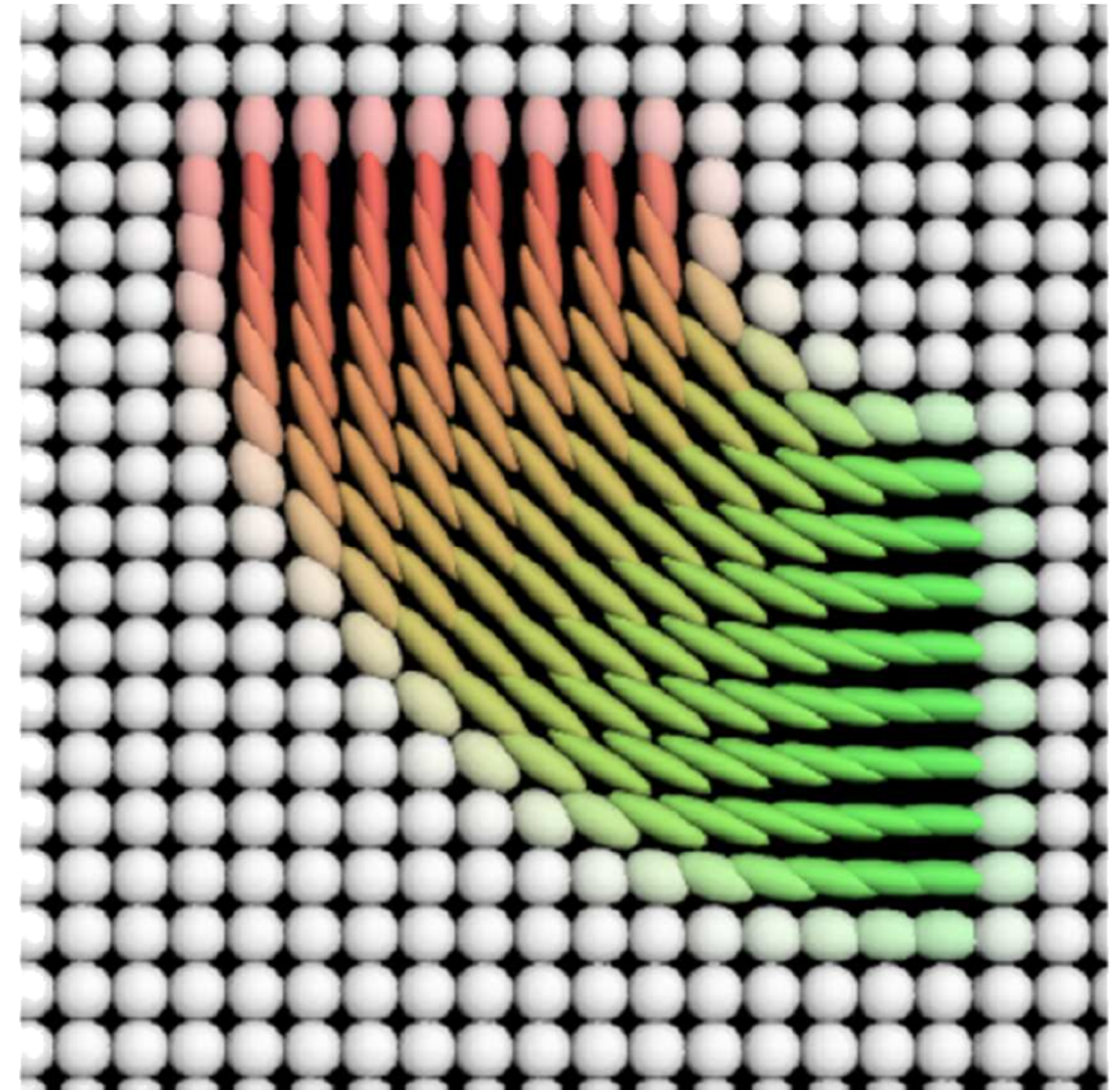
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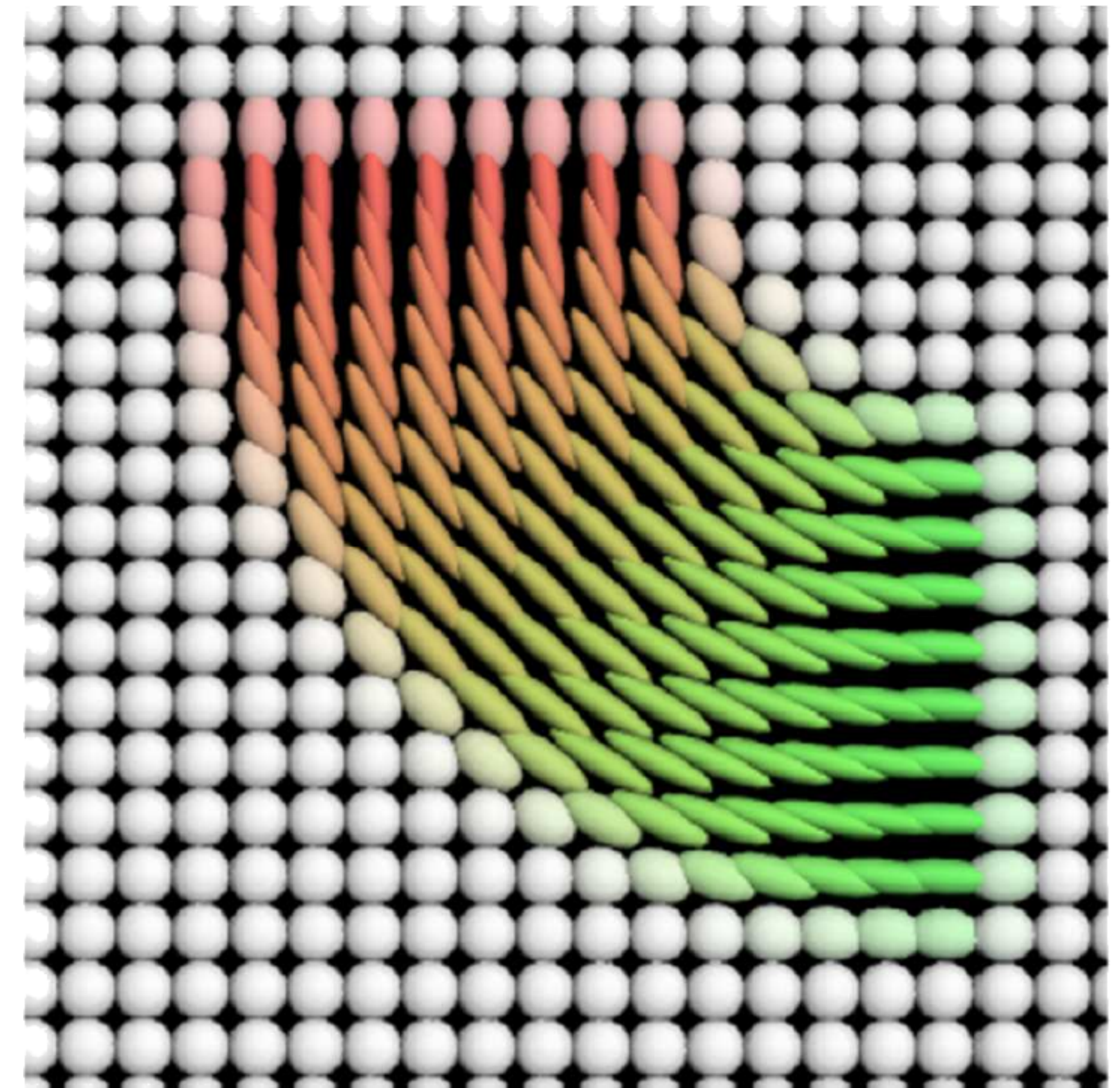
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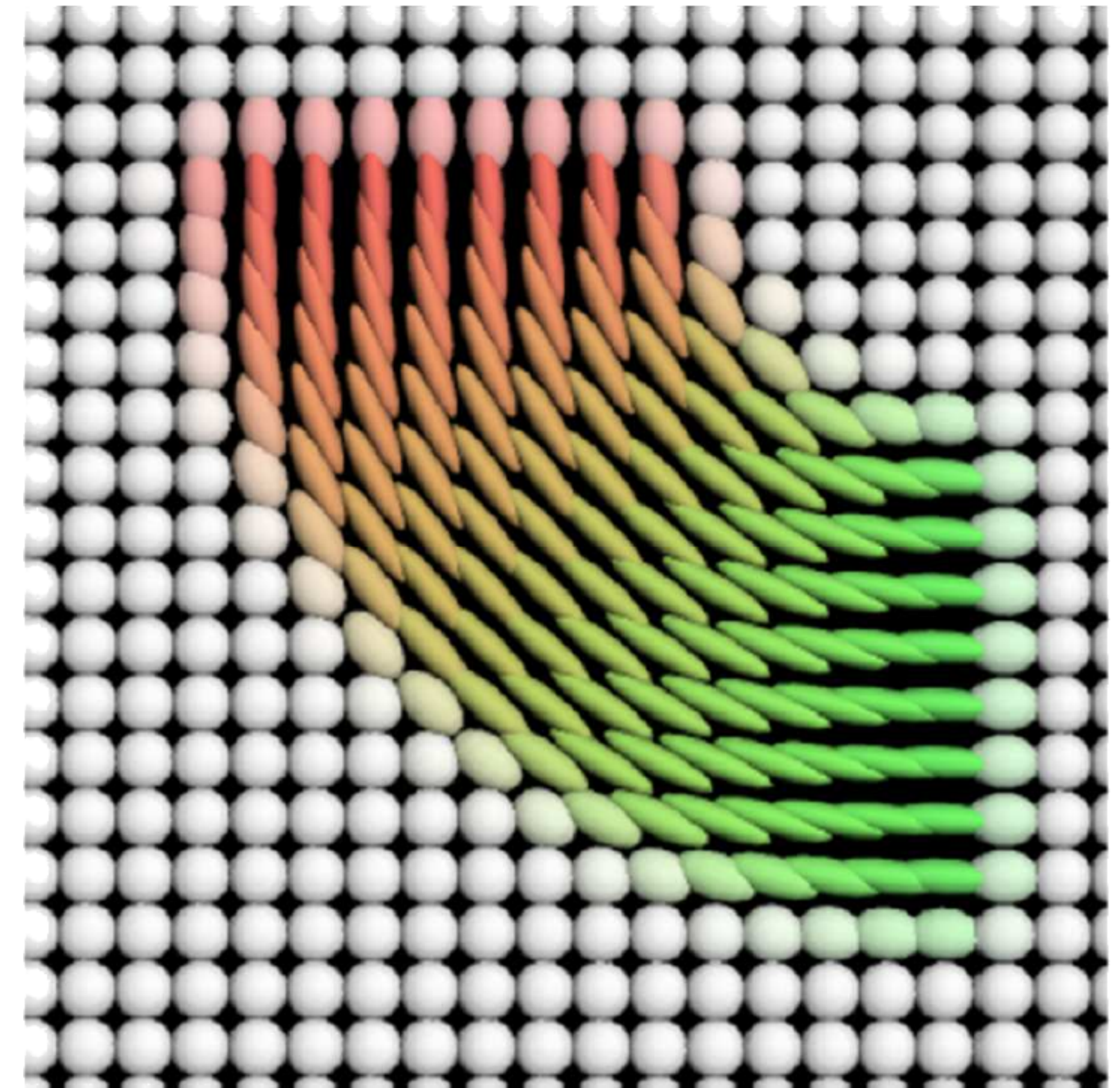
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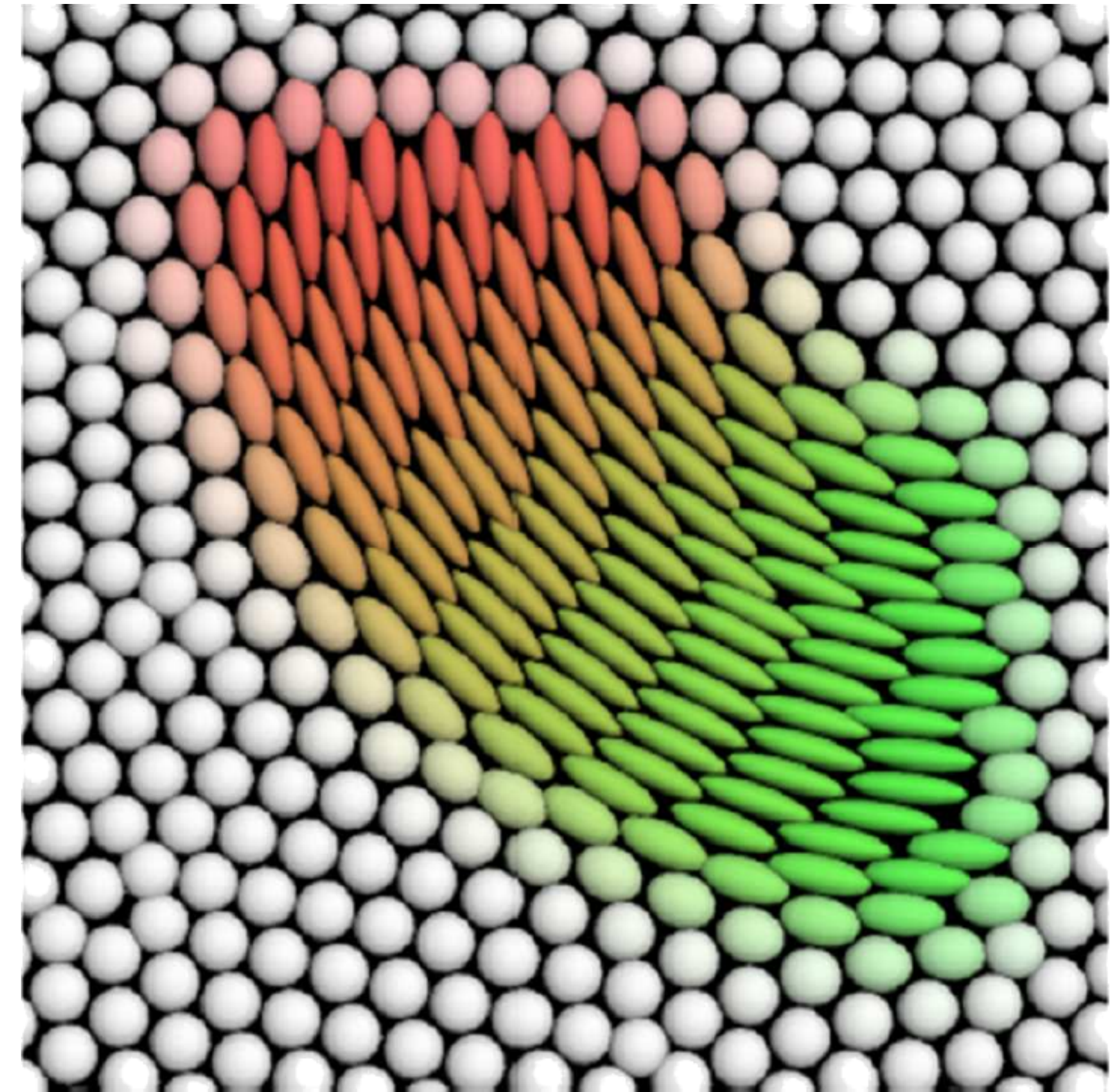


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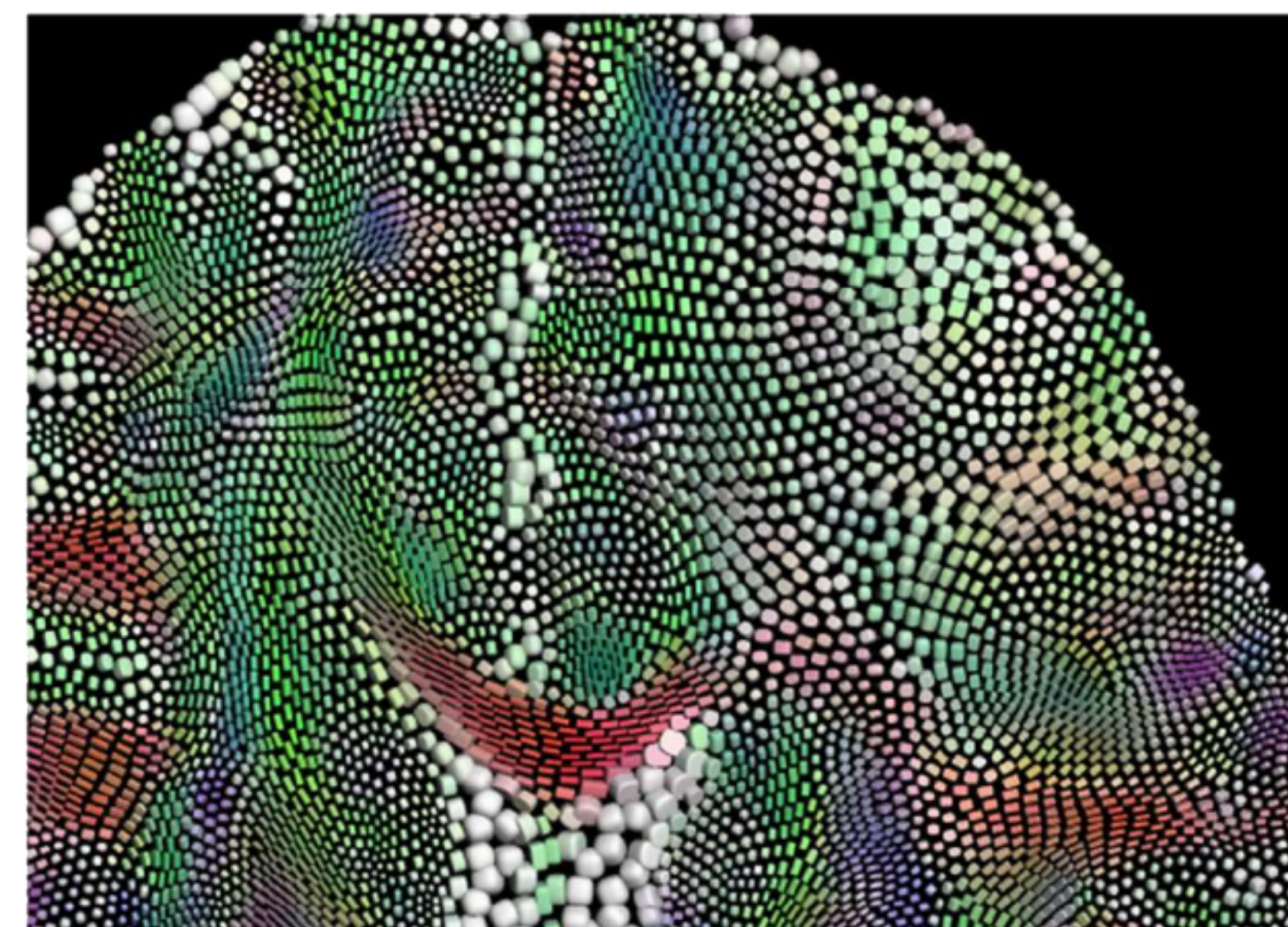
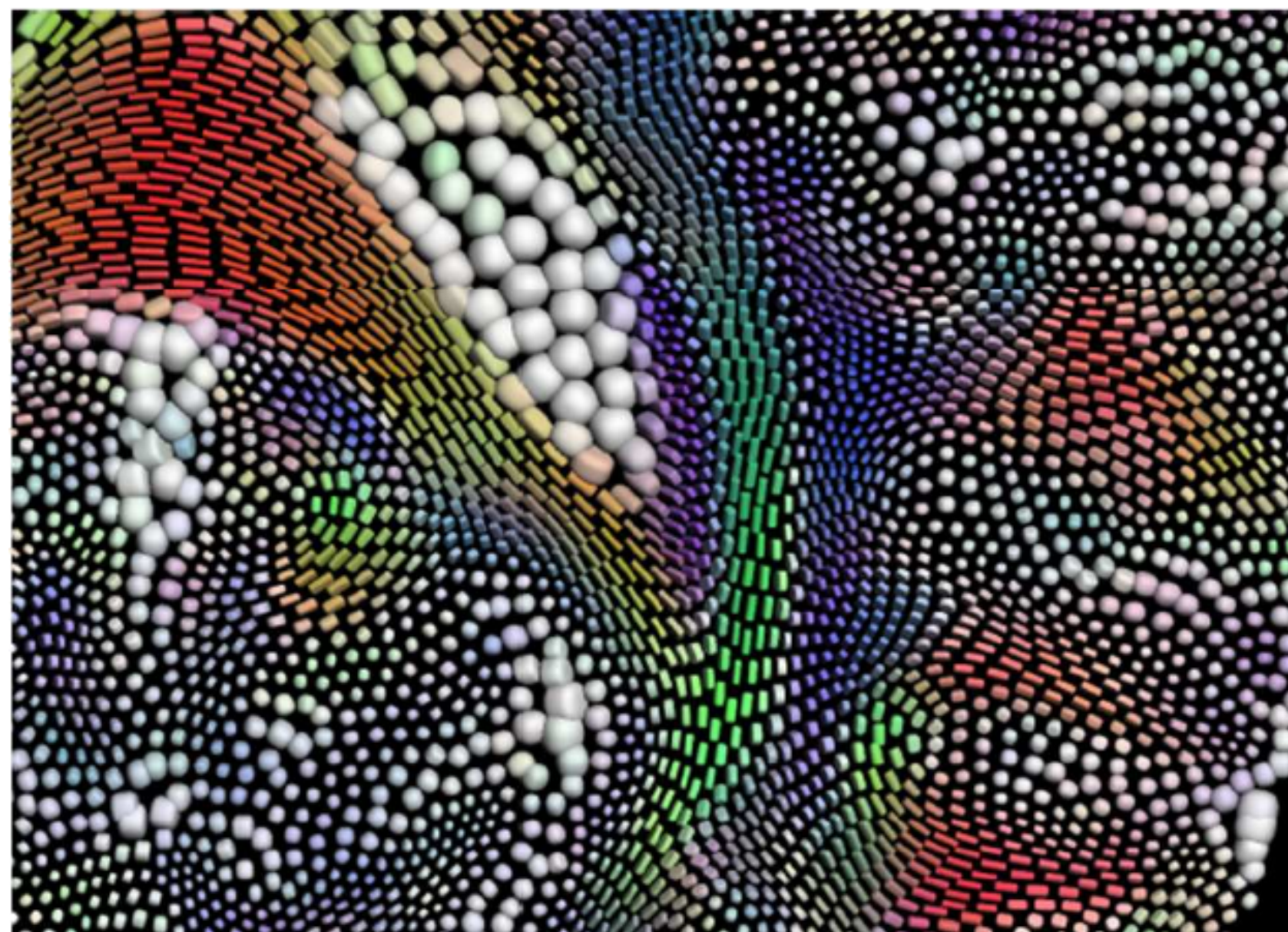
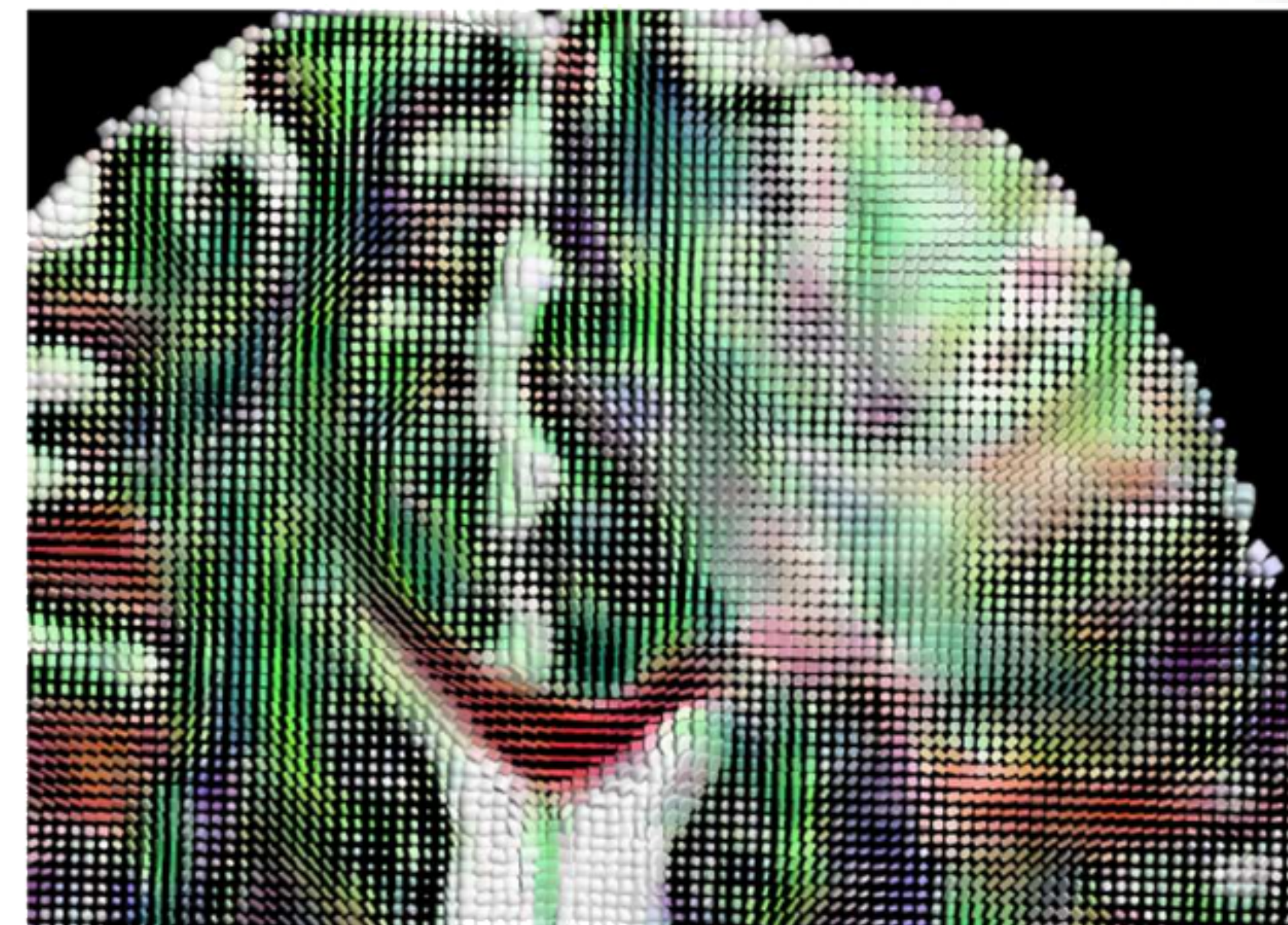
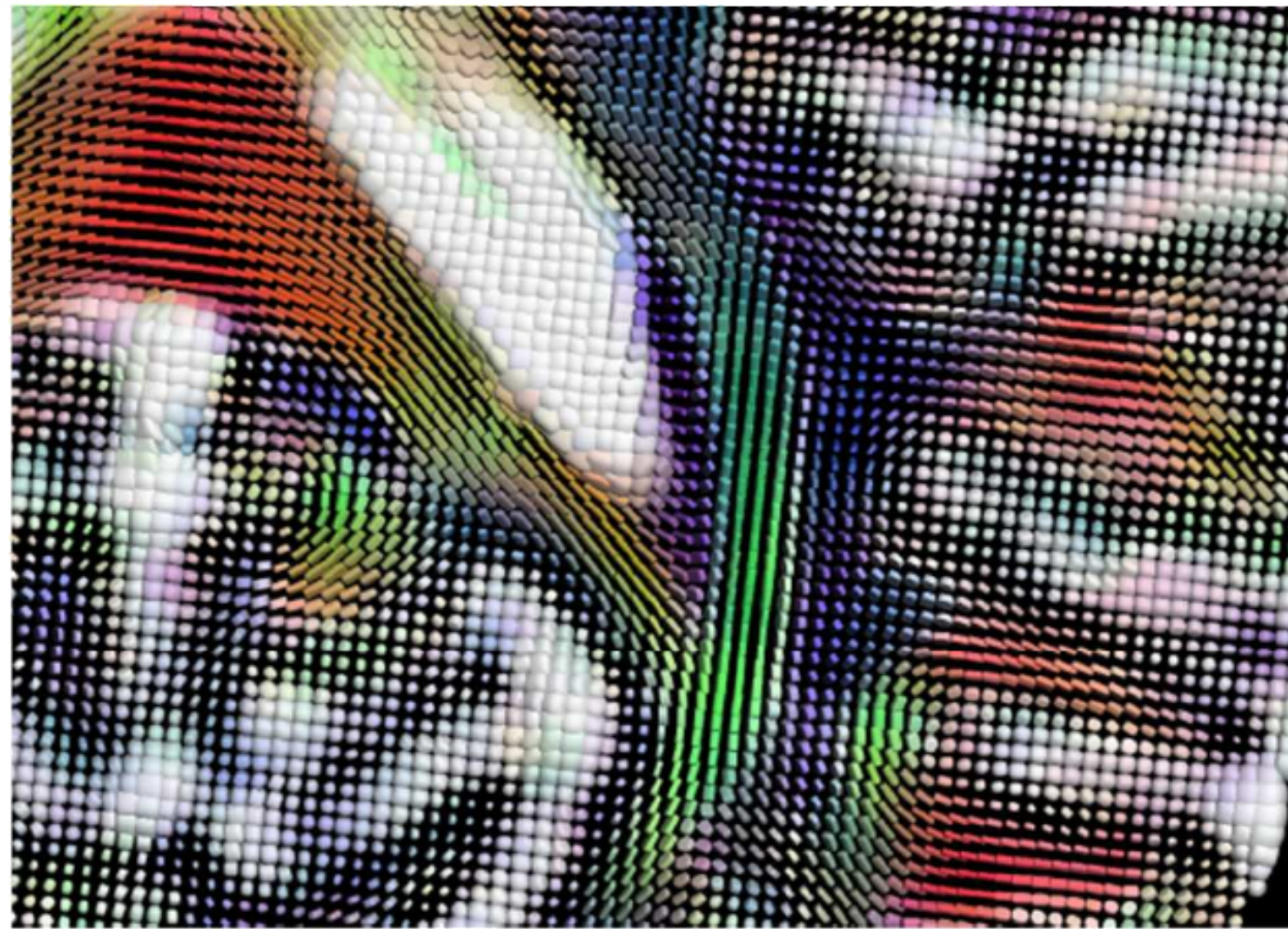
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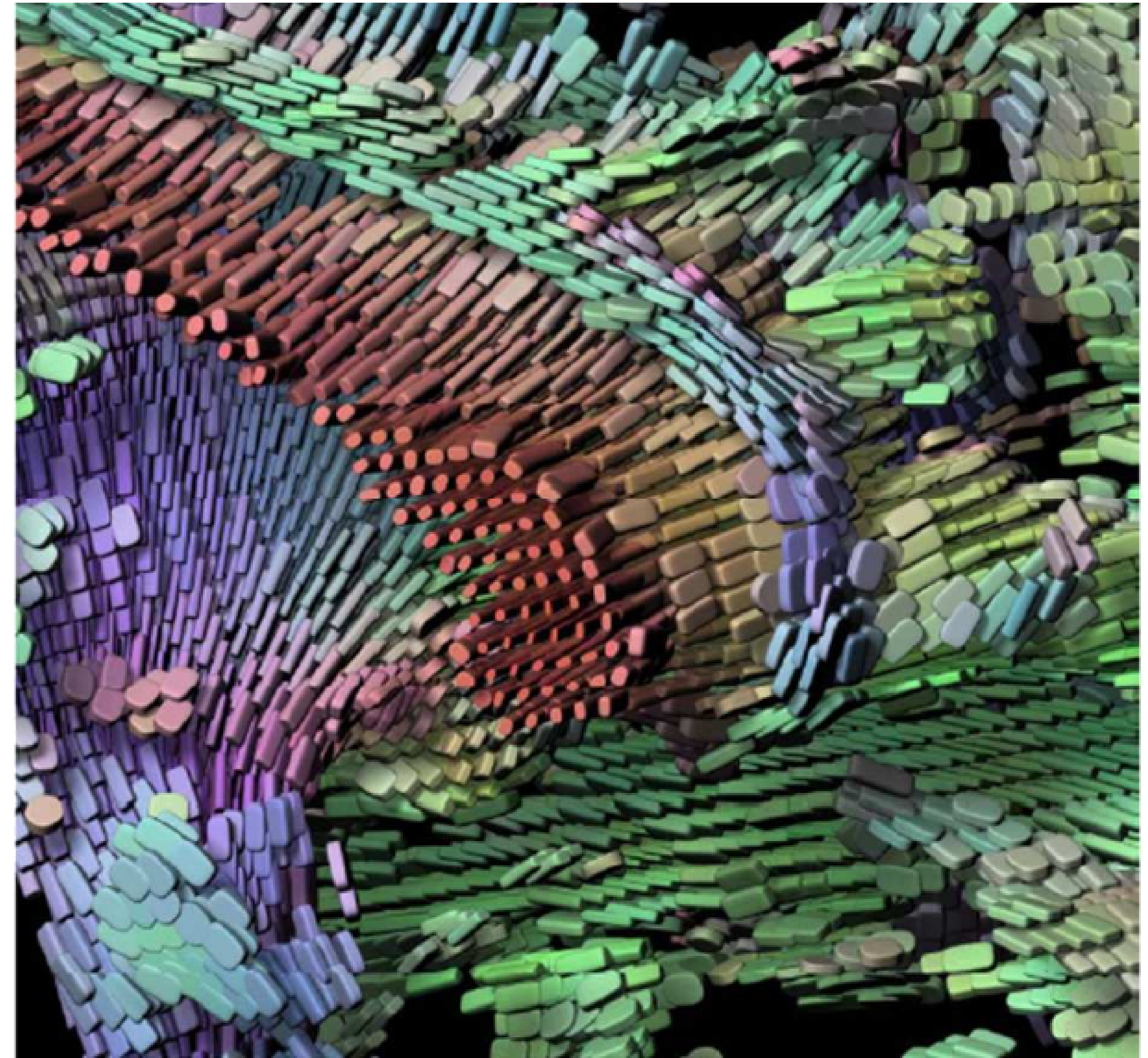
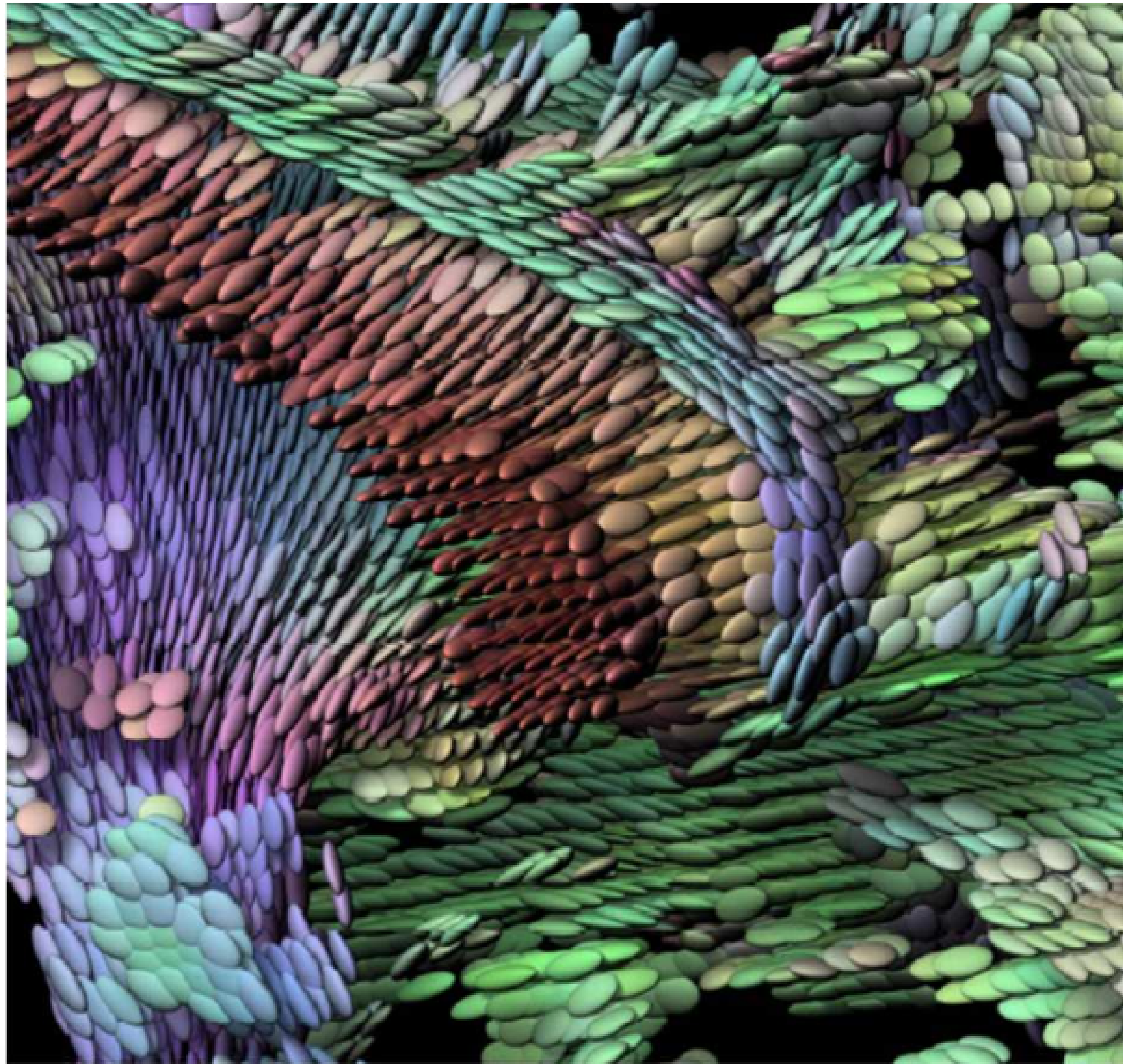


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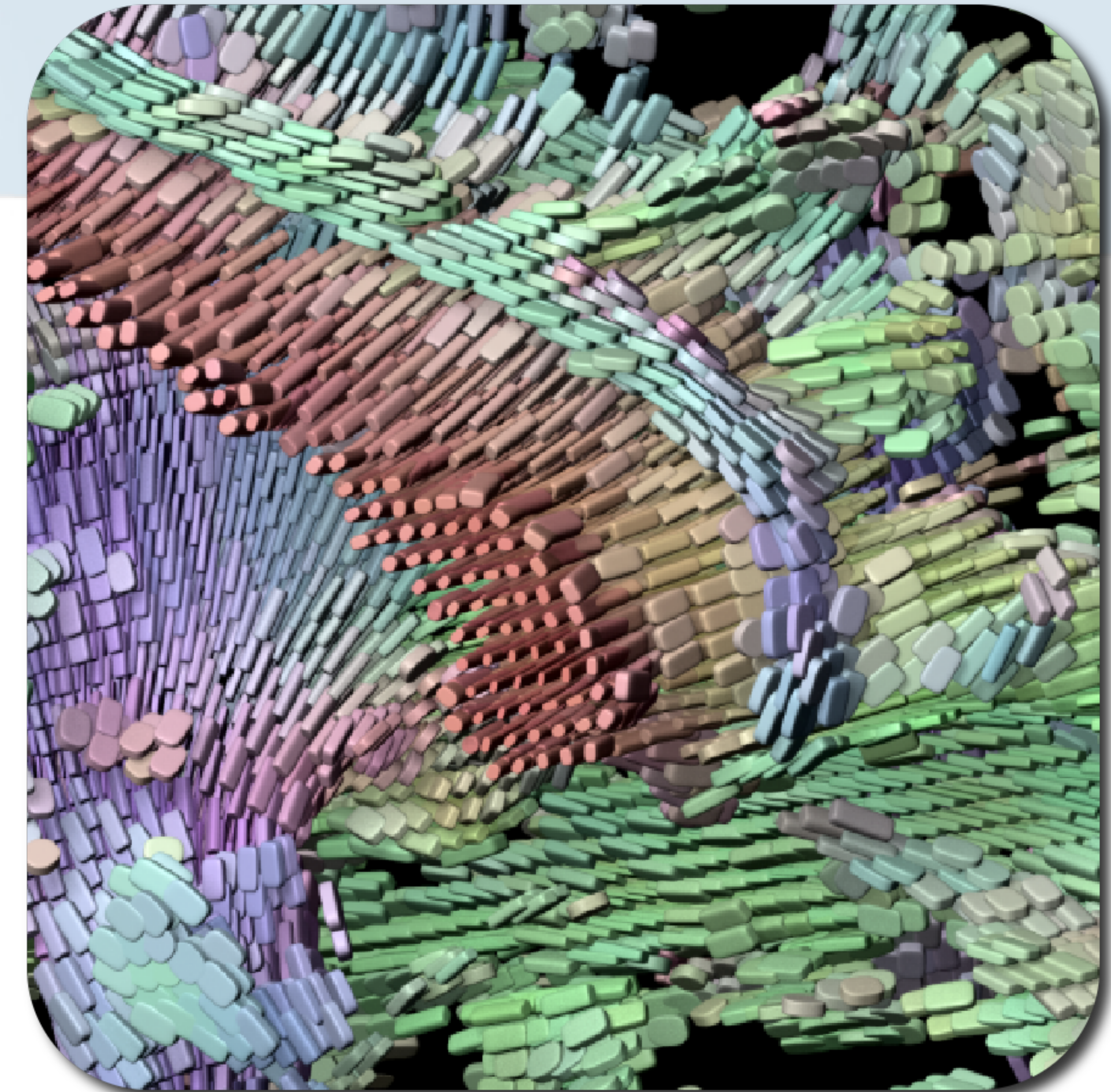
# Putting it all together





# Tensor glyphs

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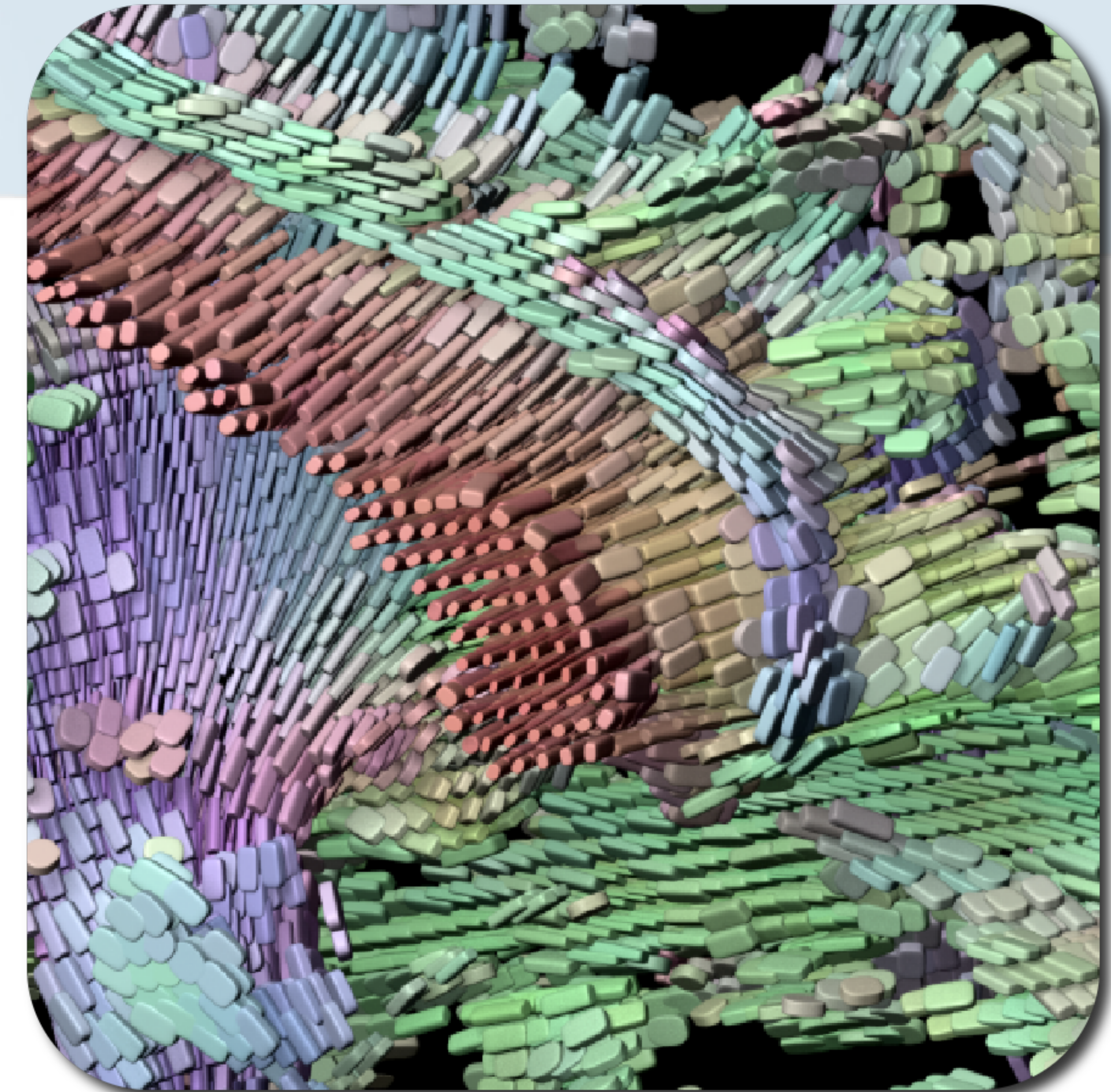


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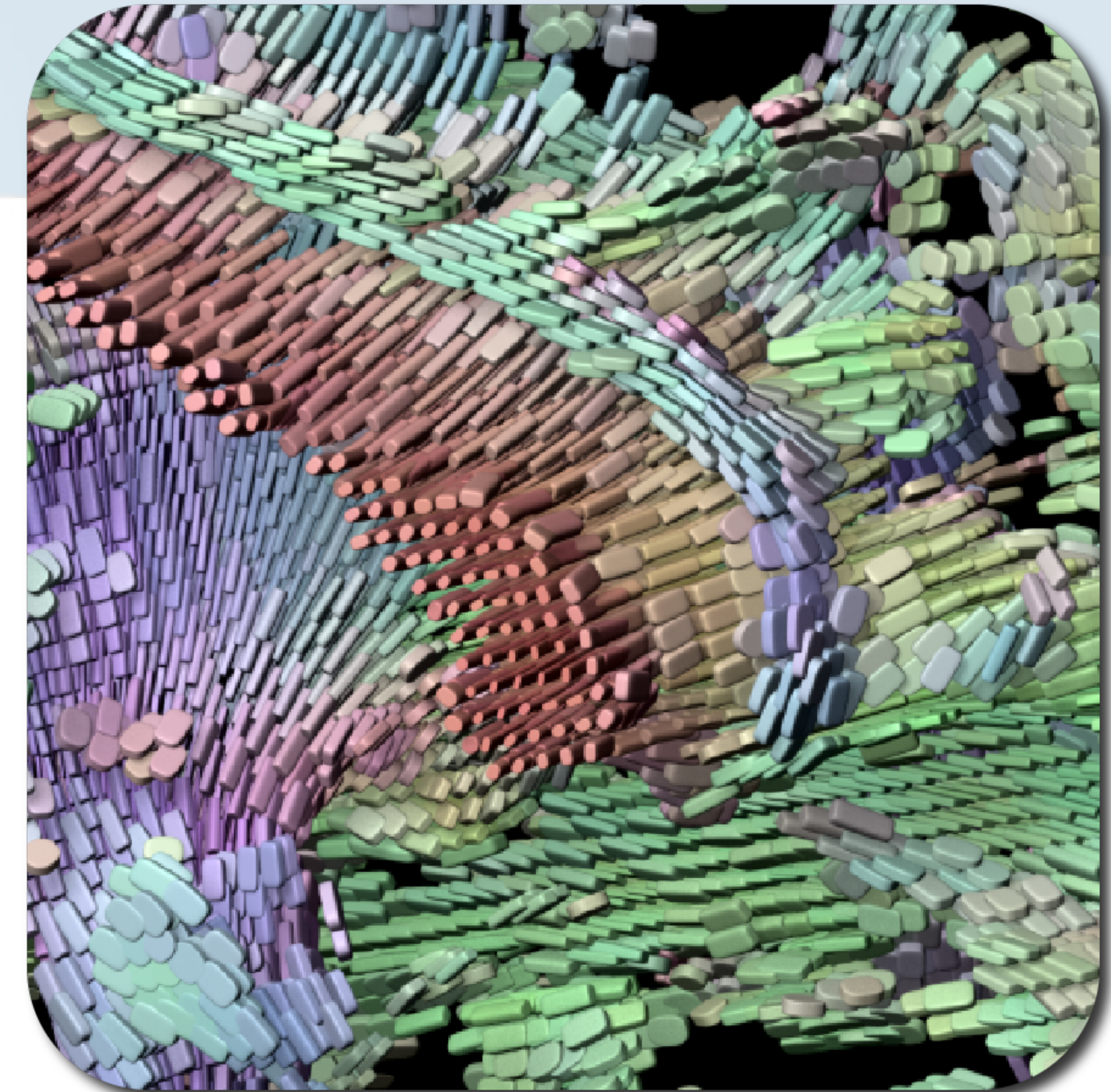


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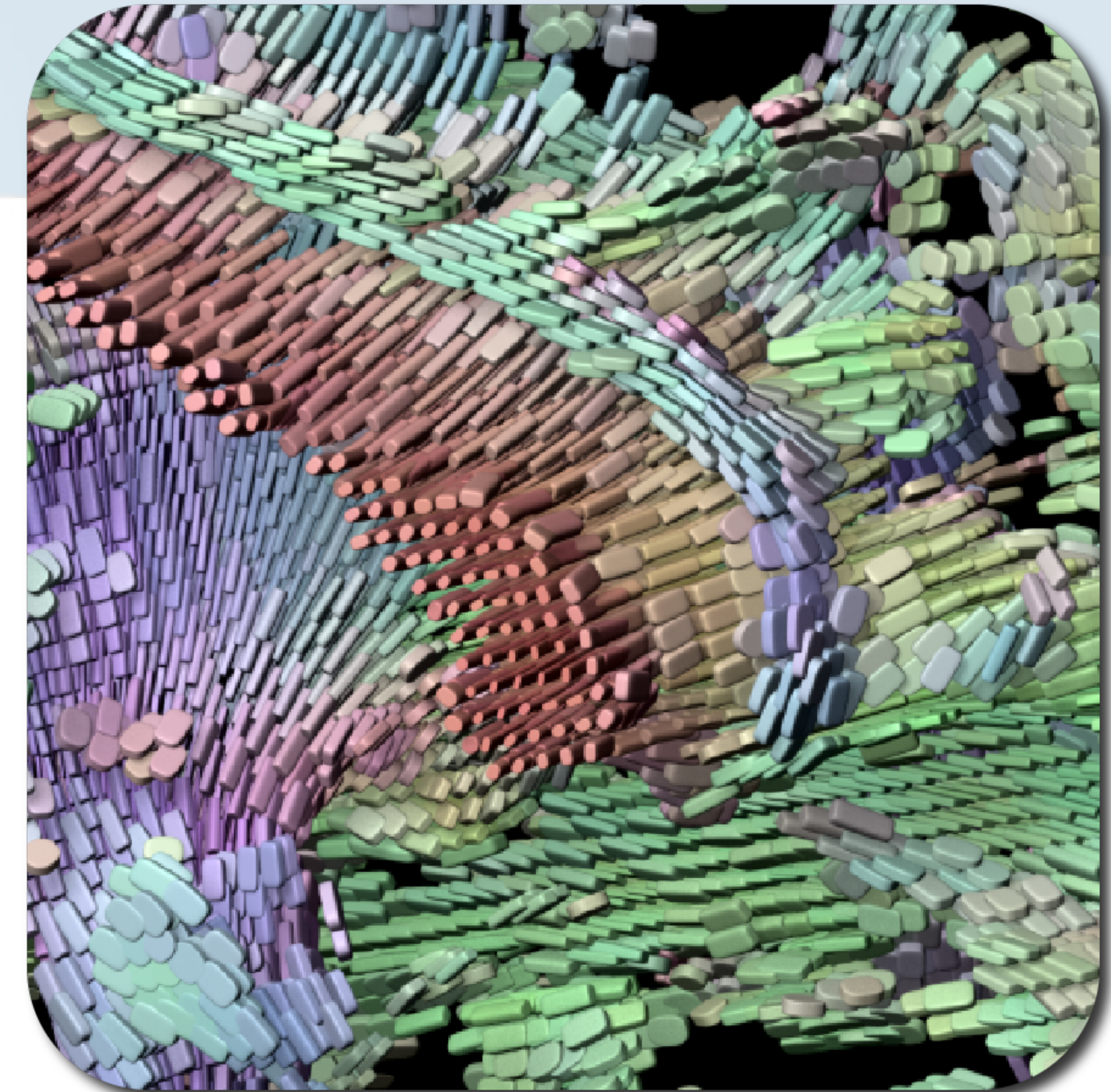


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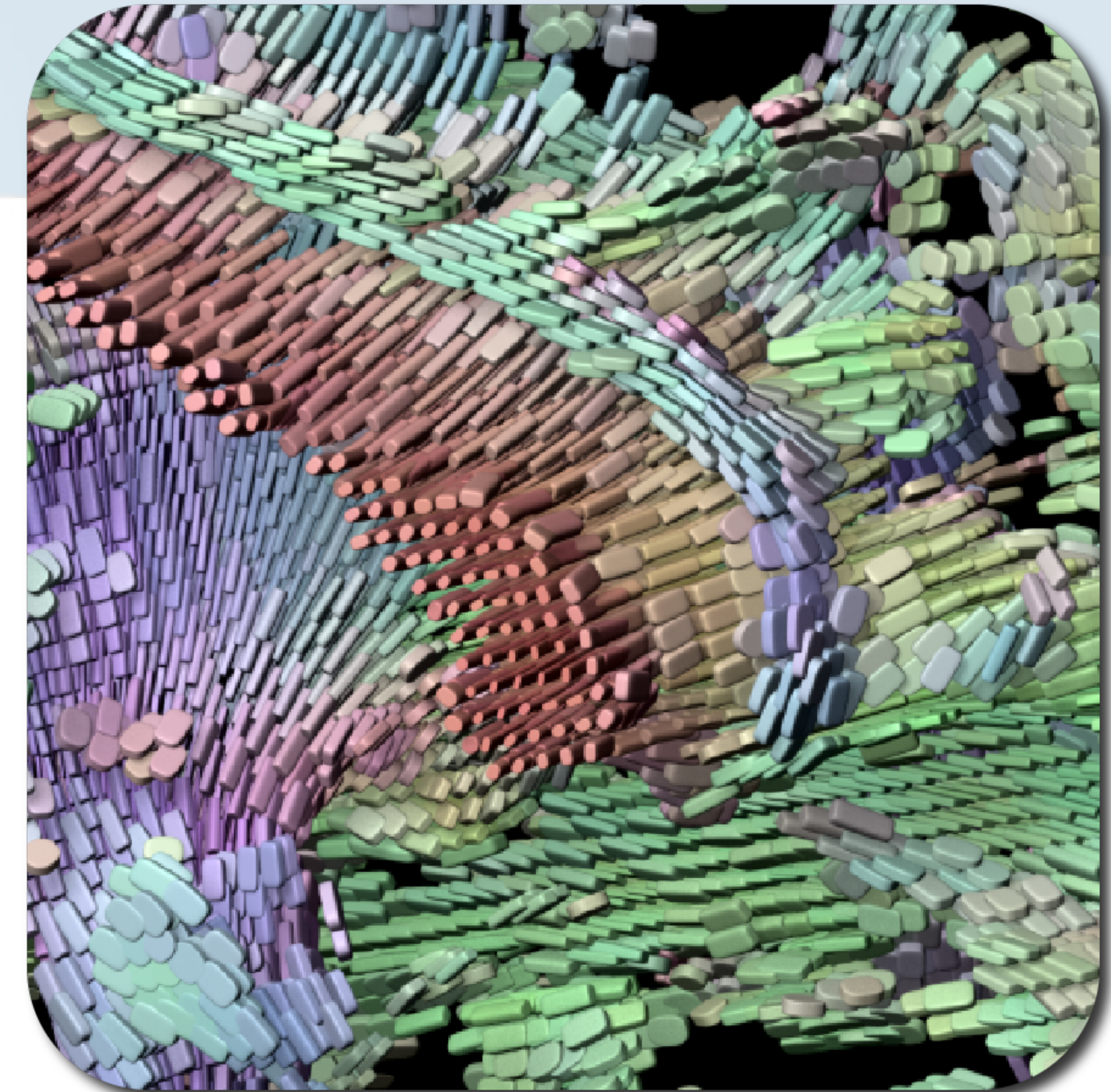


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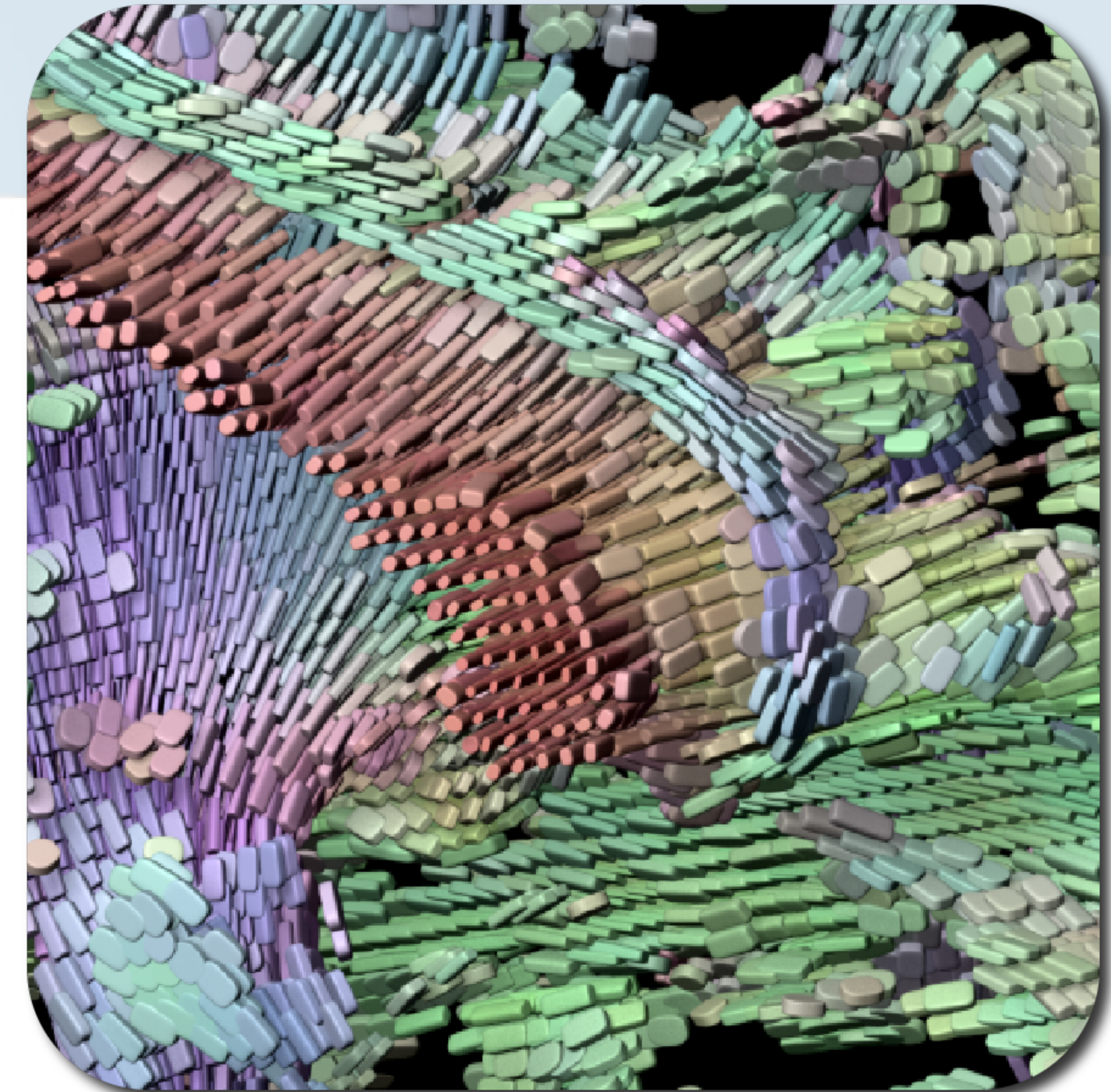


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    - Trade-off



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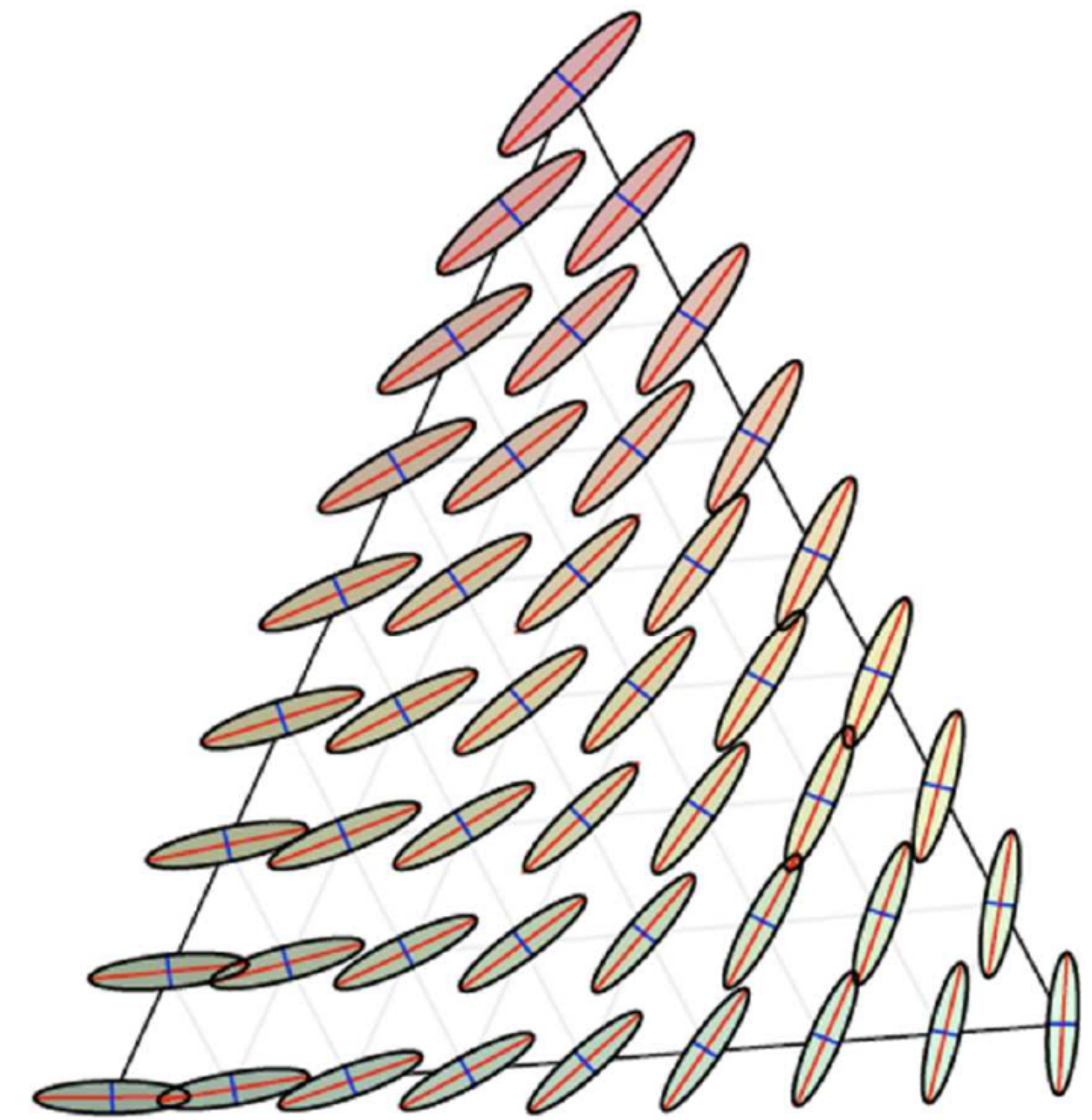
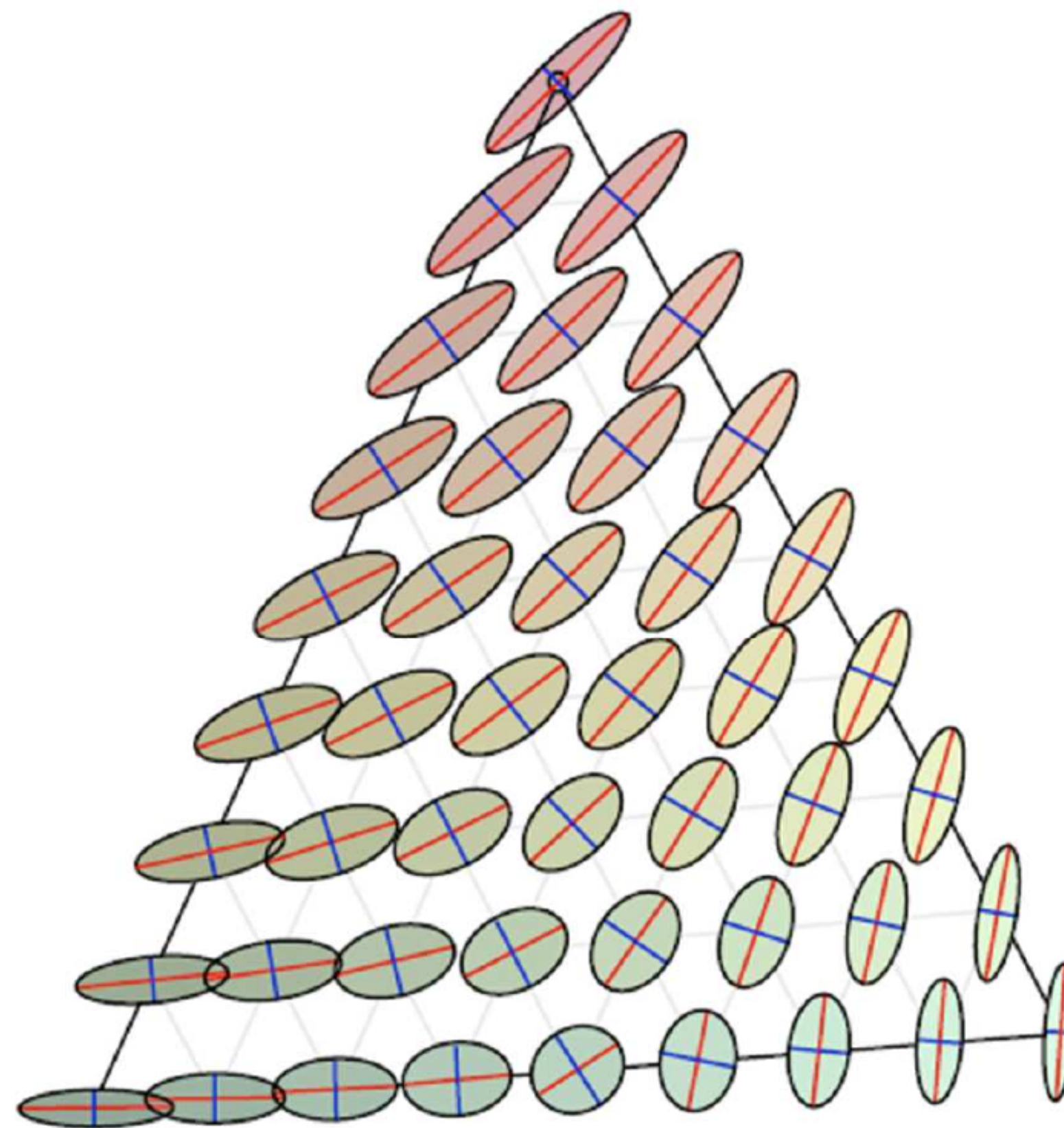
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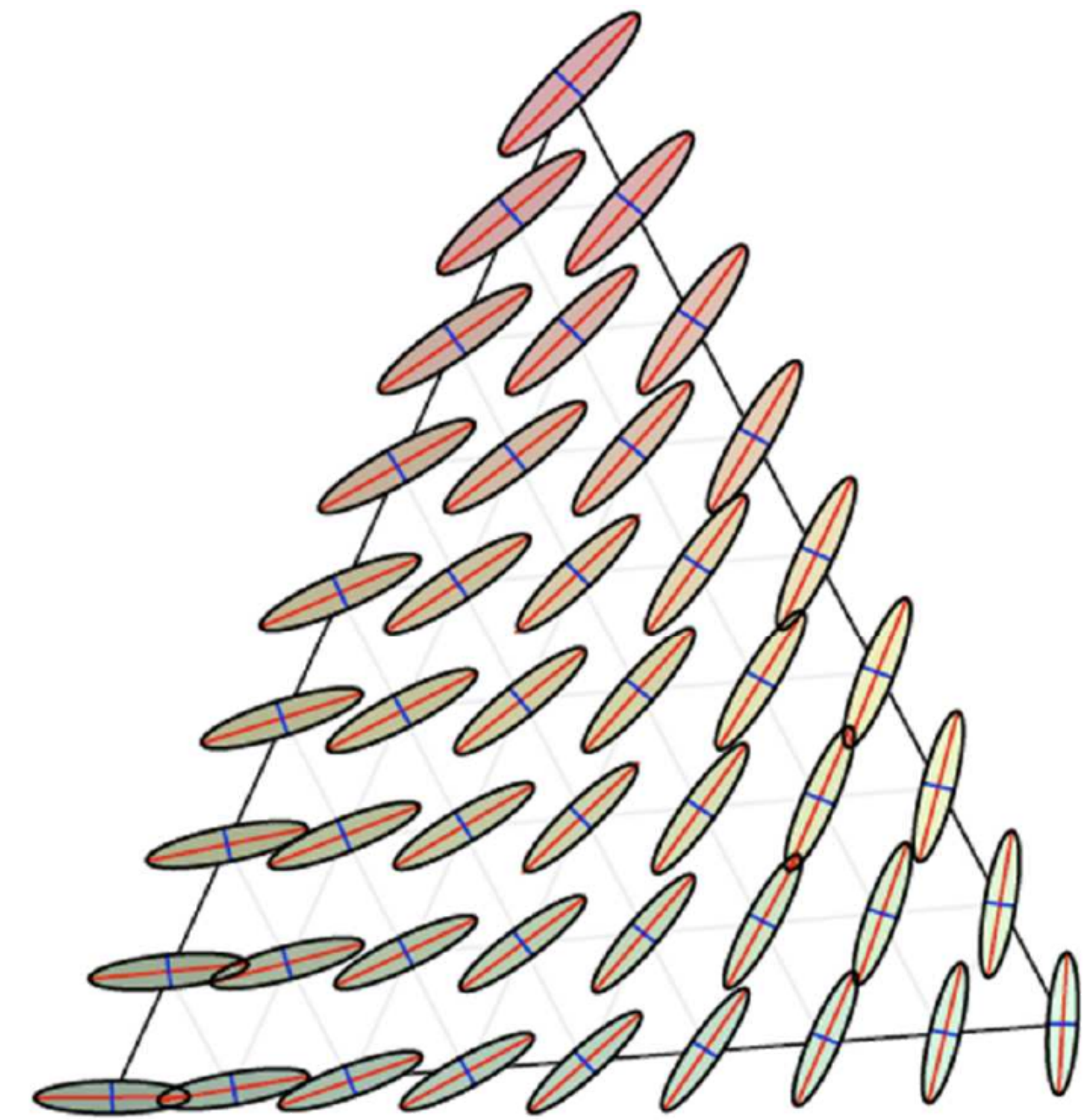
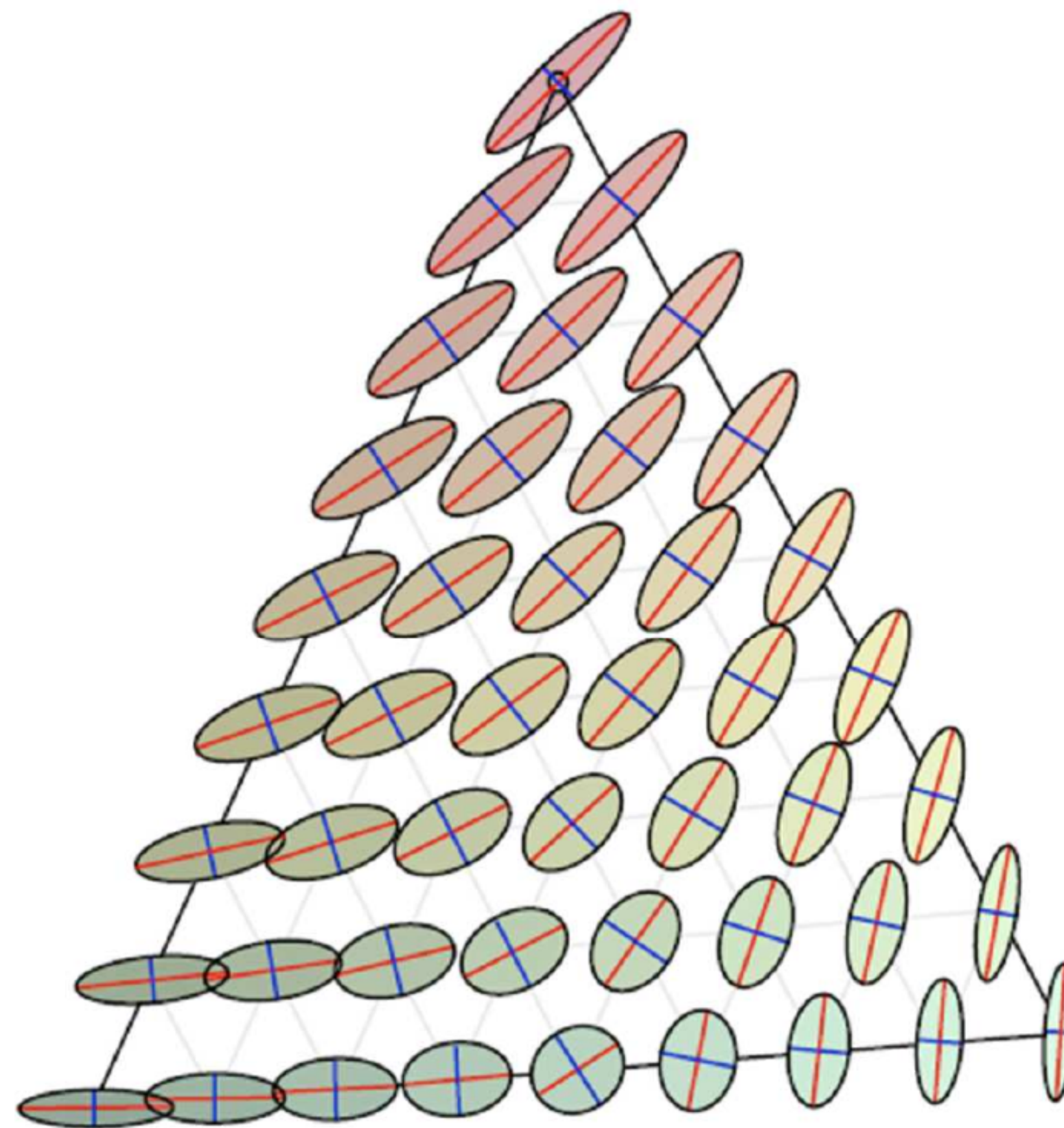
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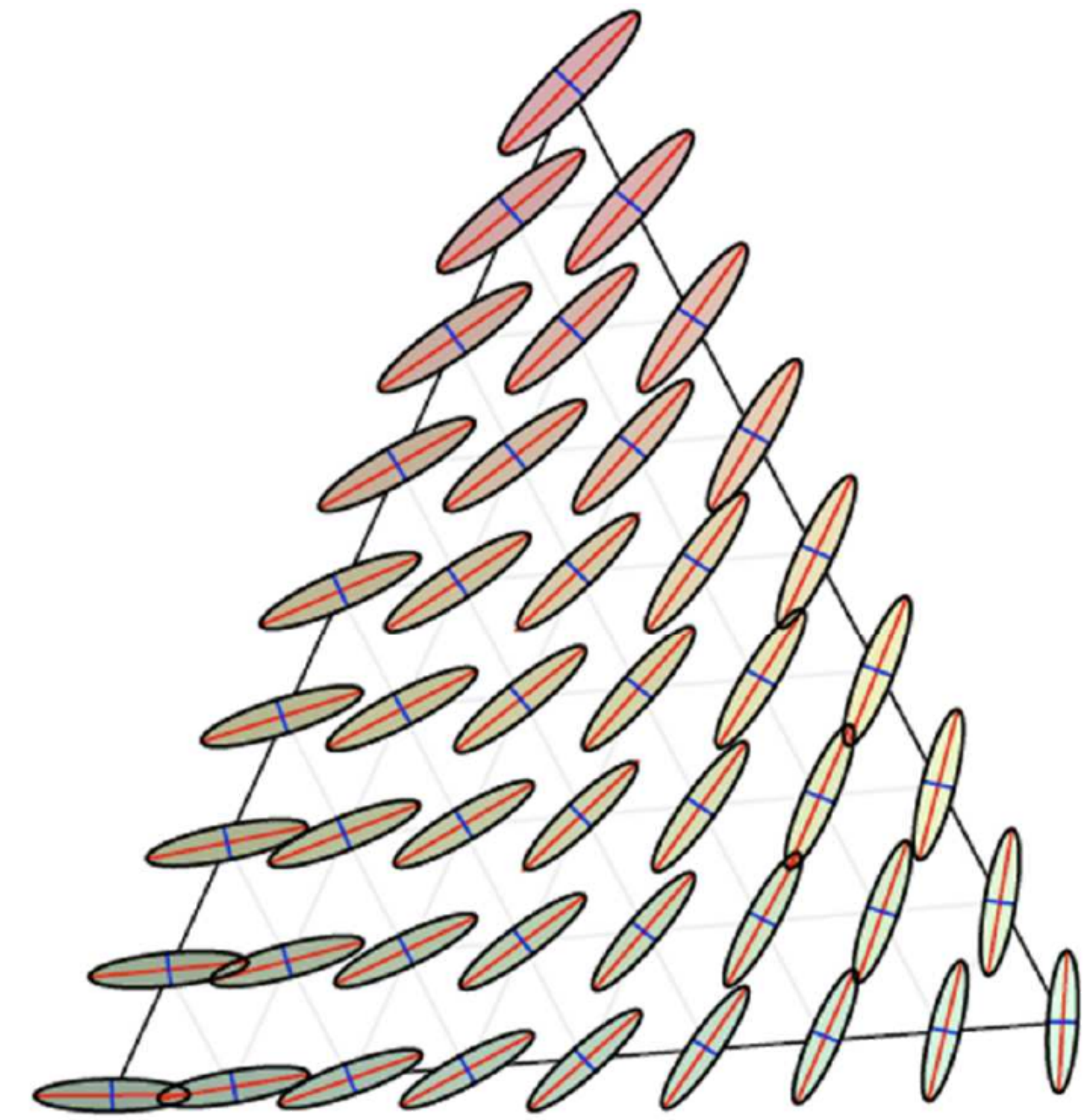
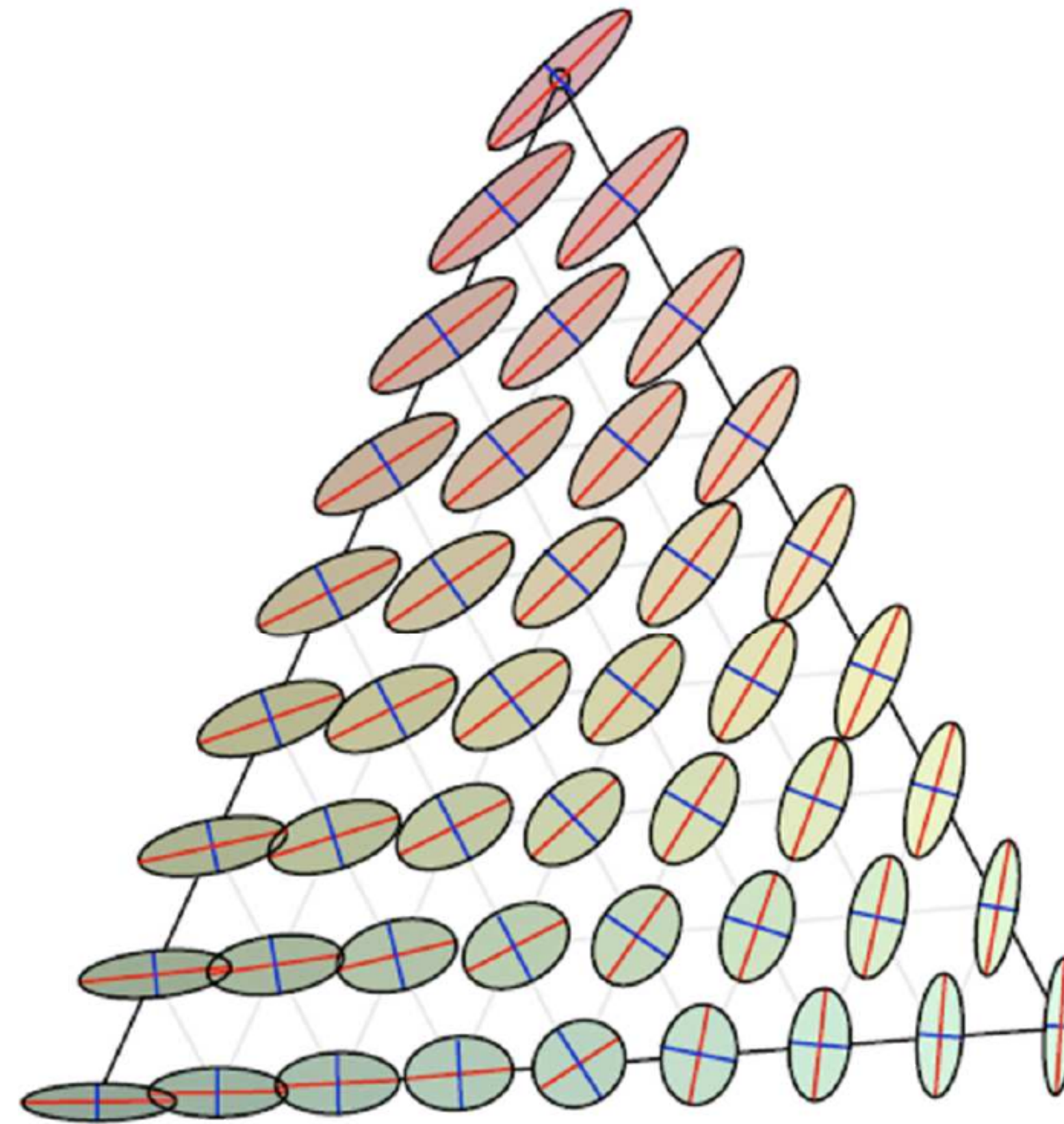
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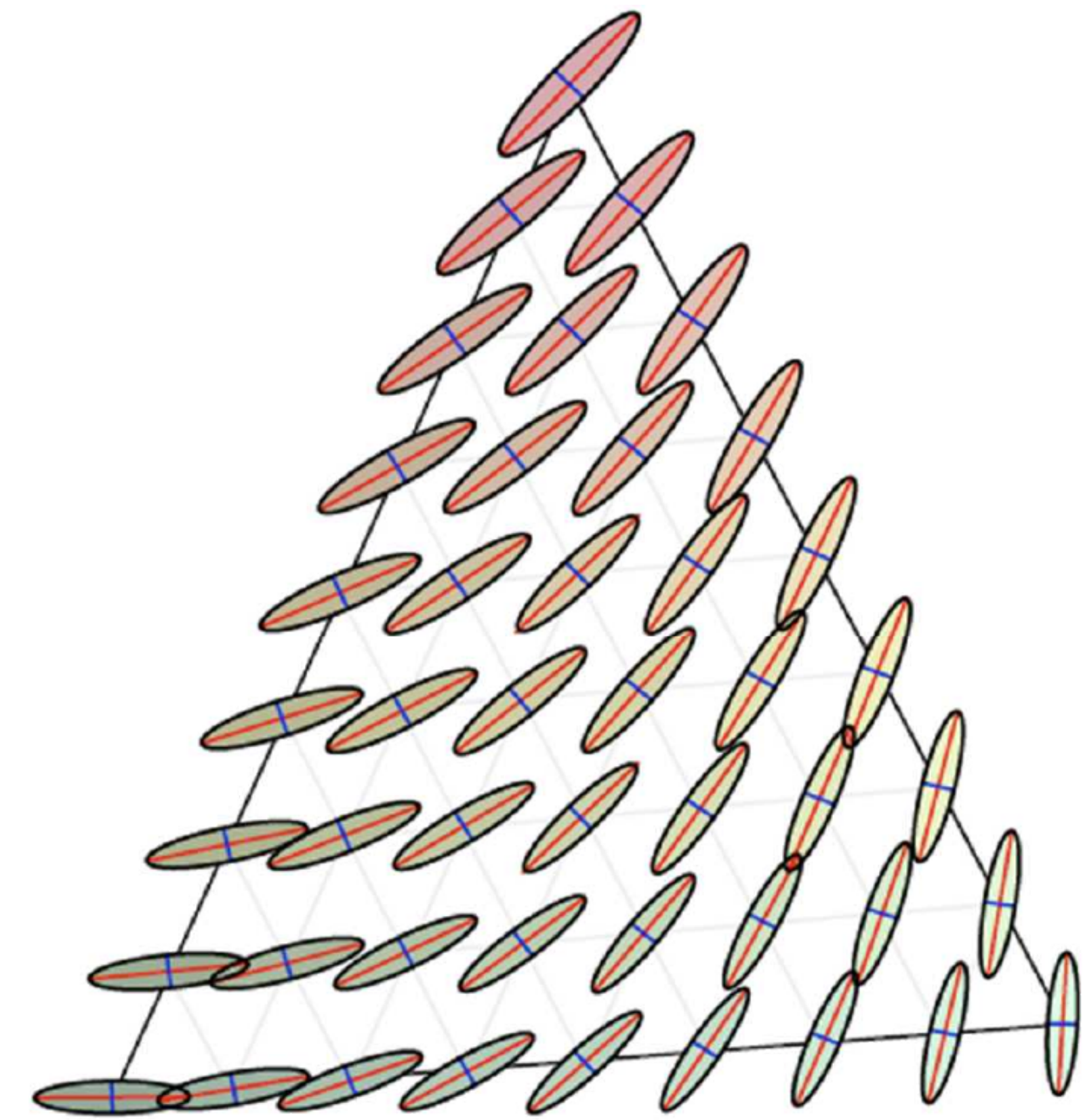
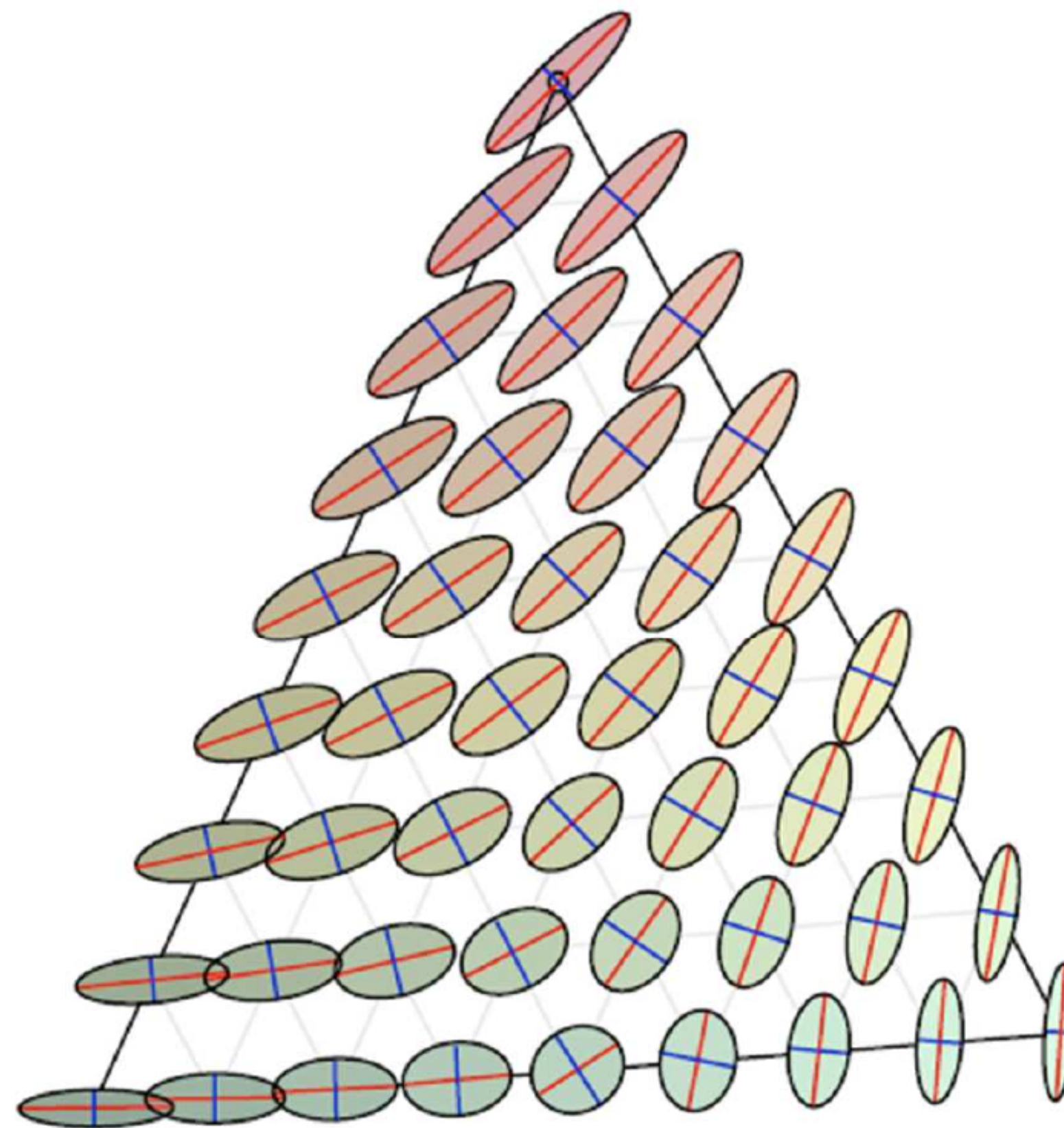
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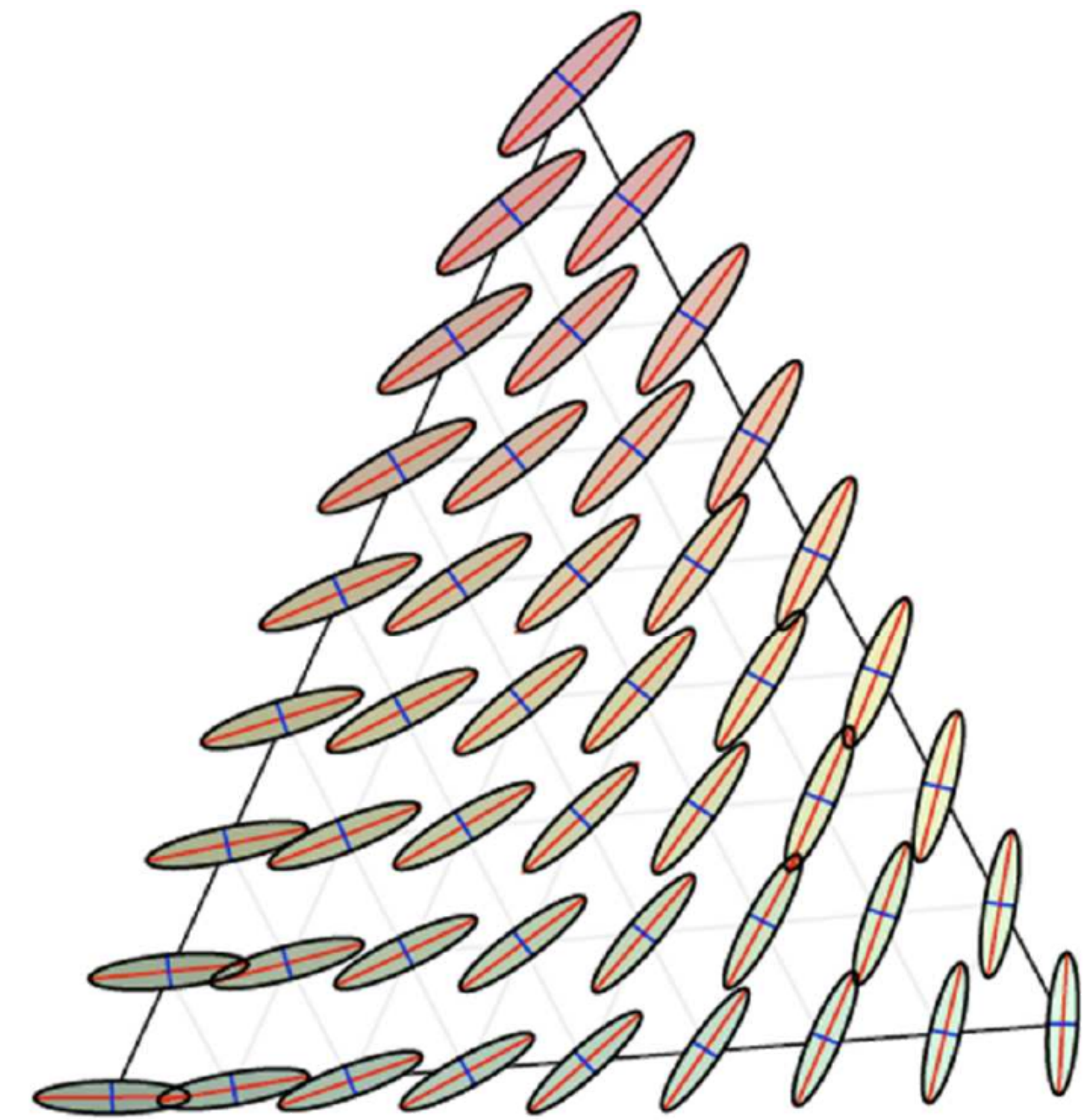
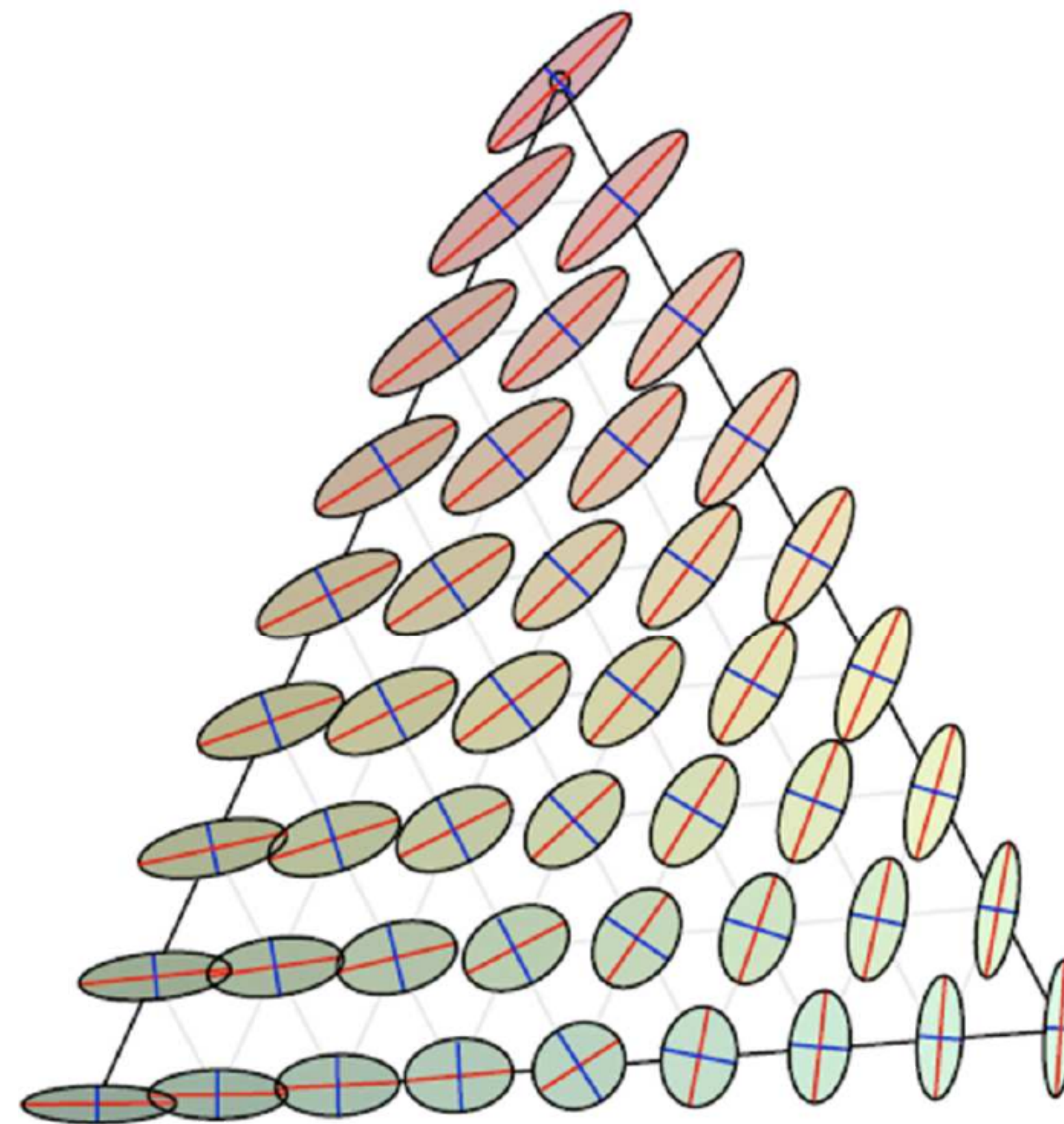
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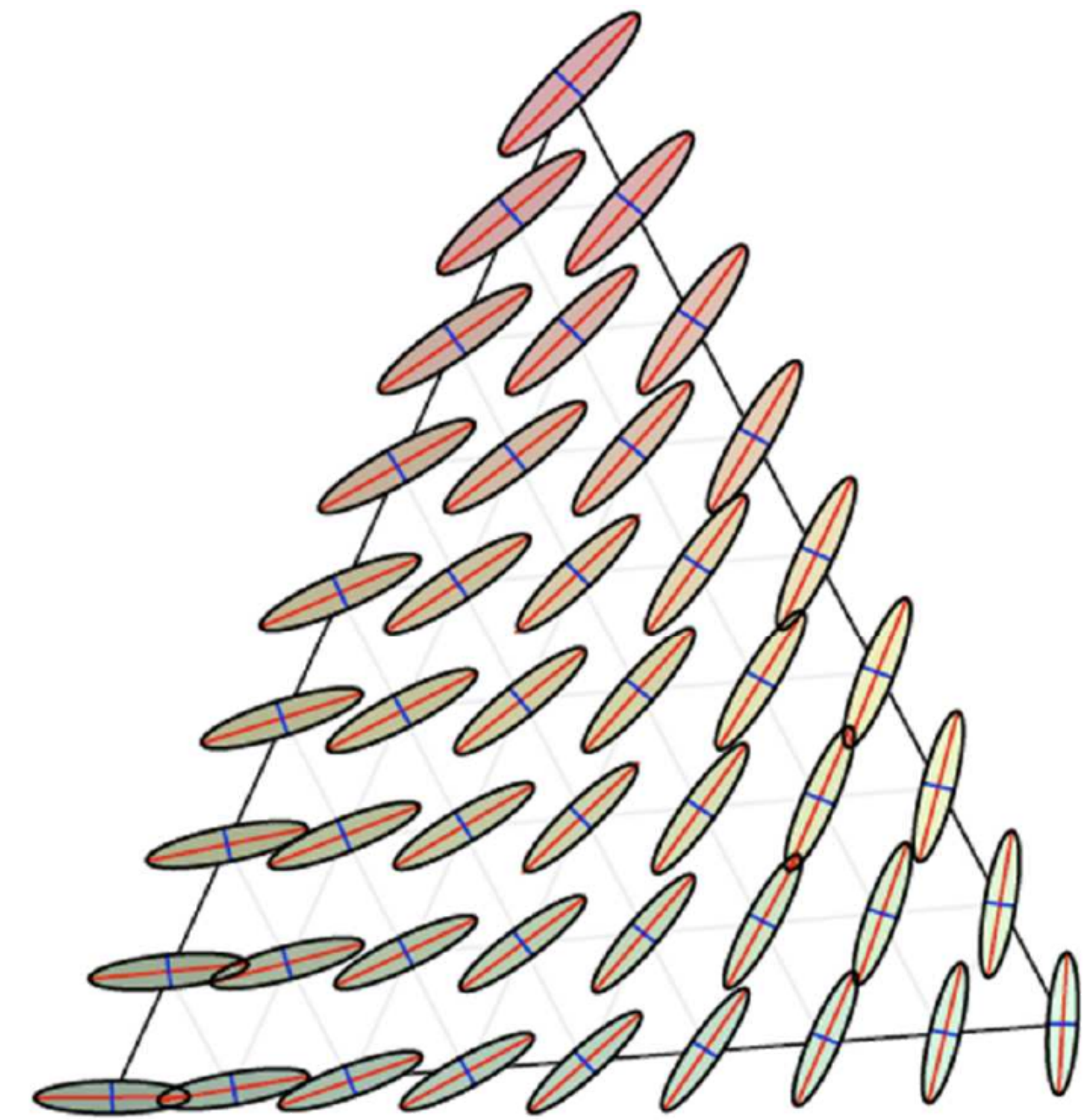
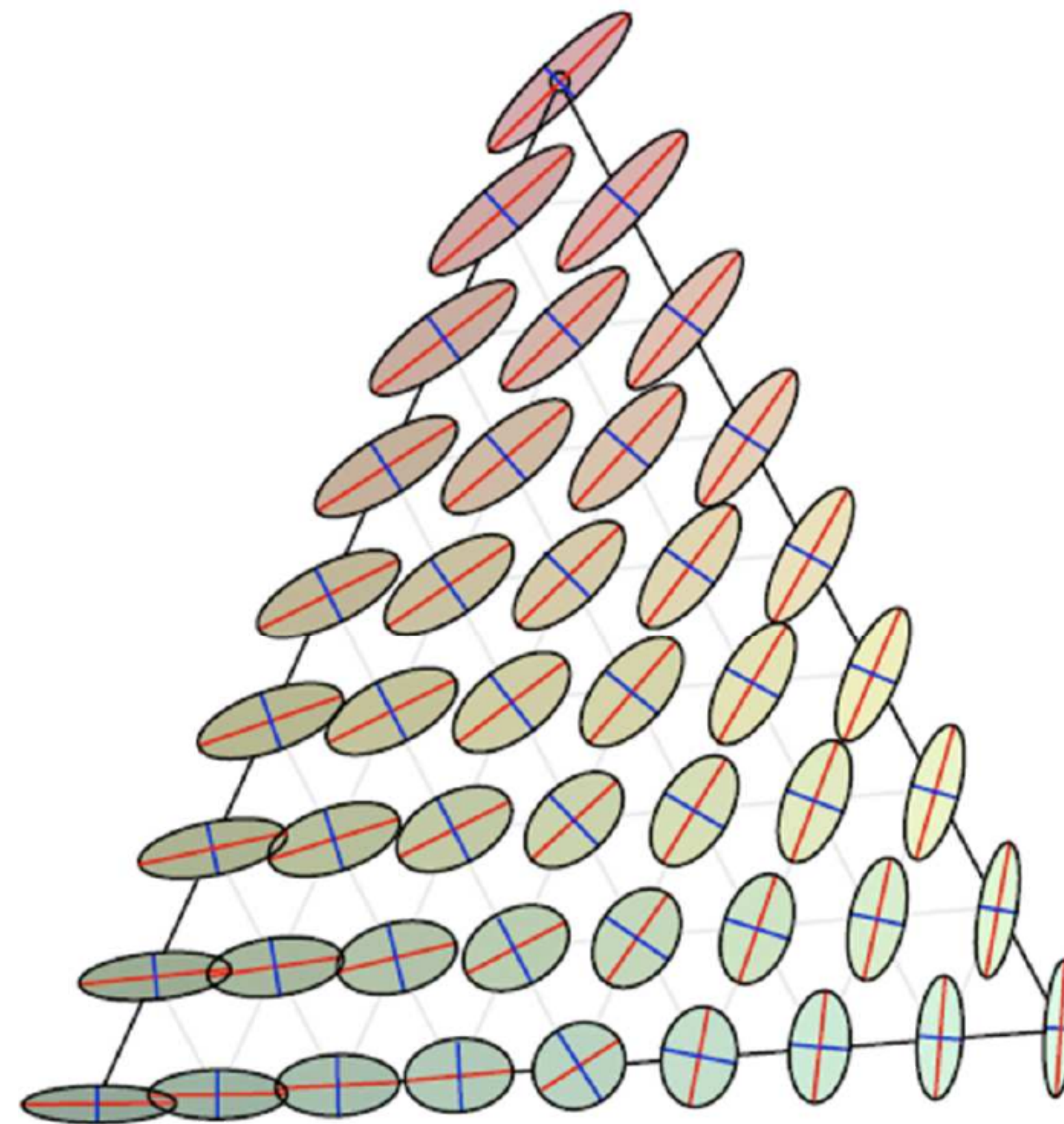
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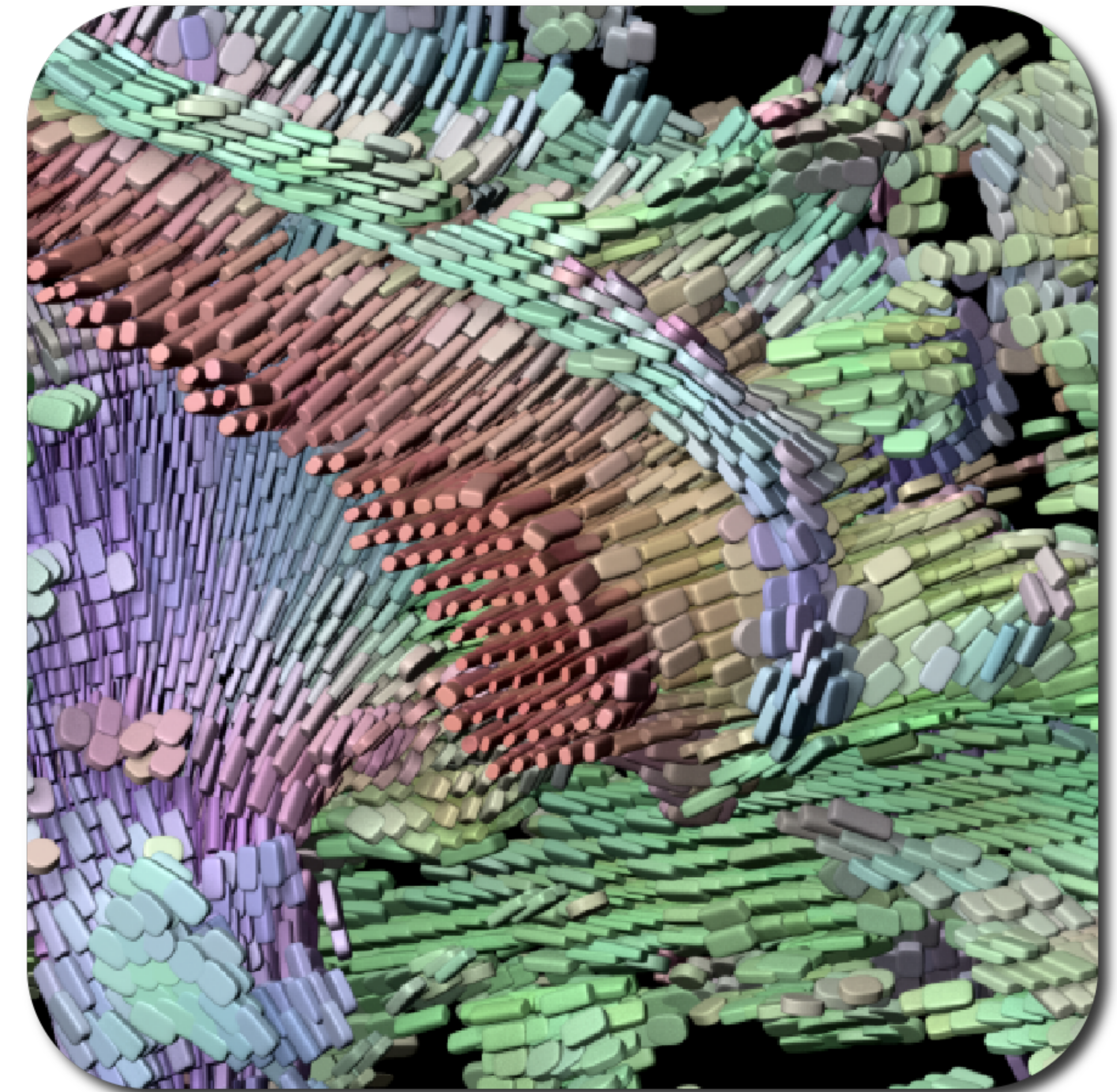
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# Direction fields

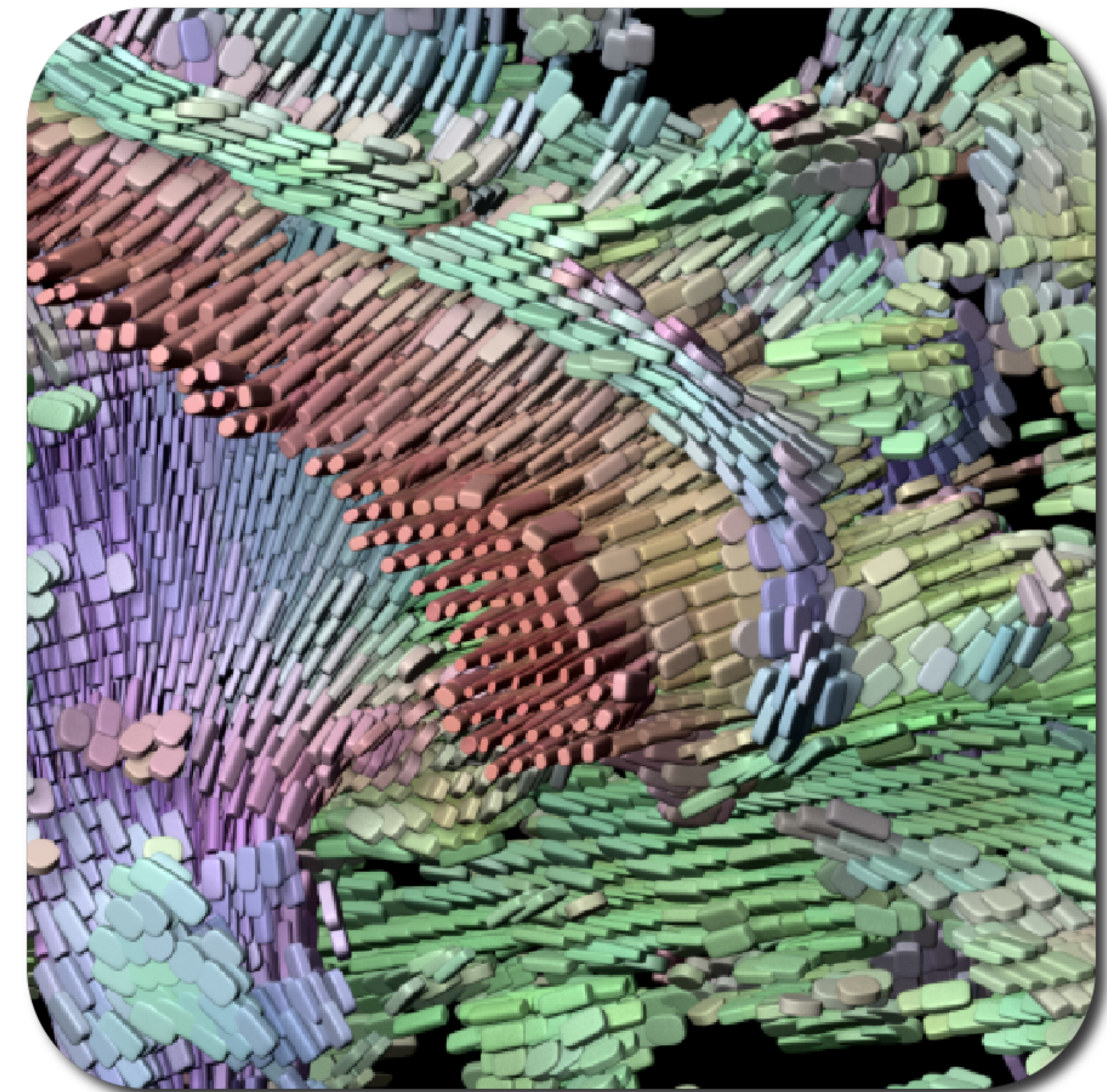
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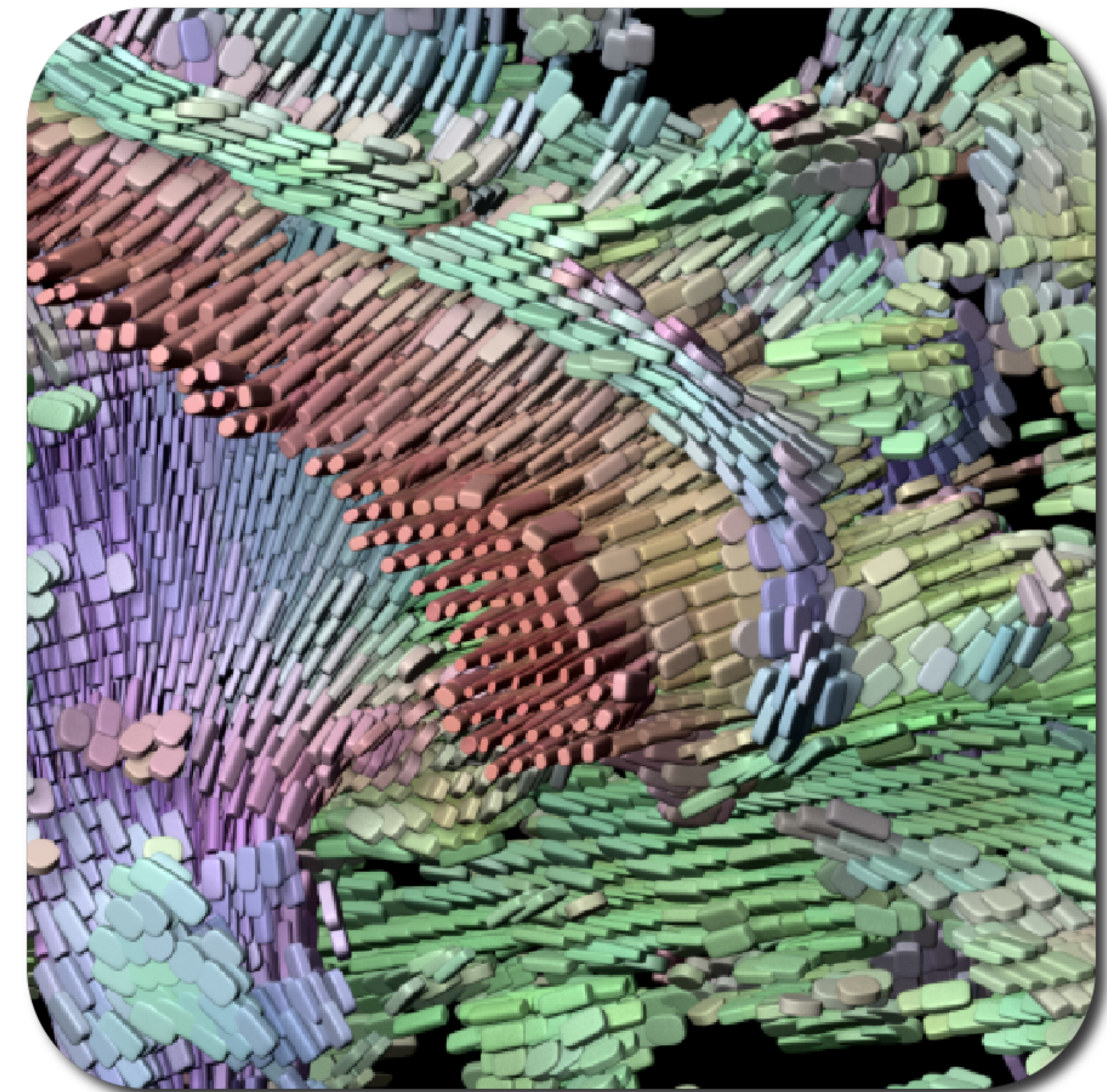
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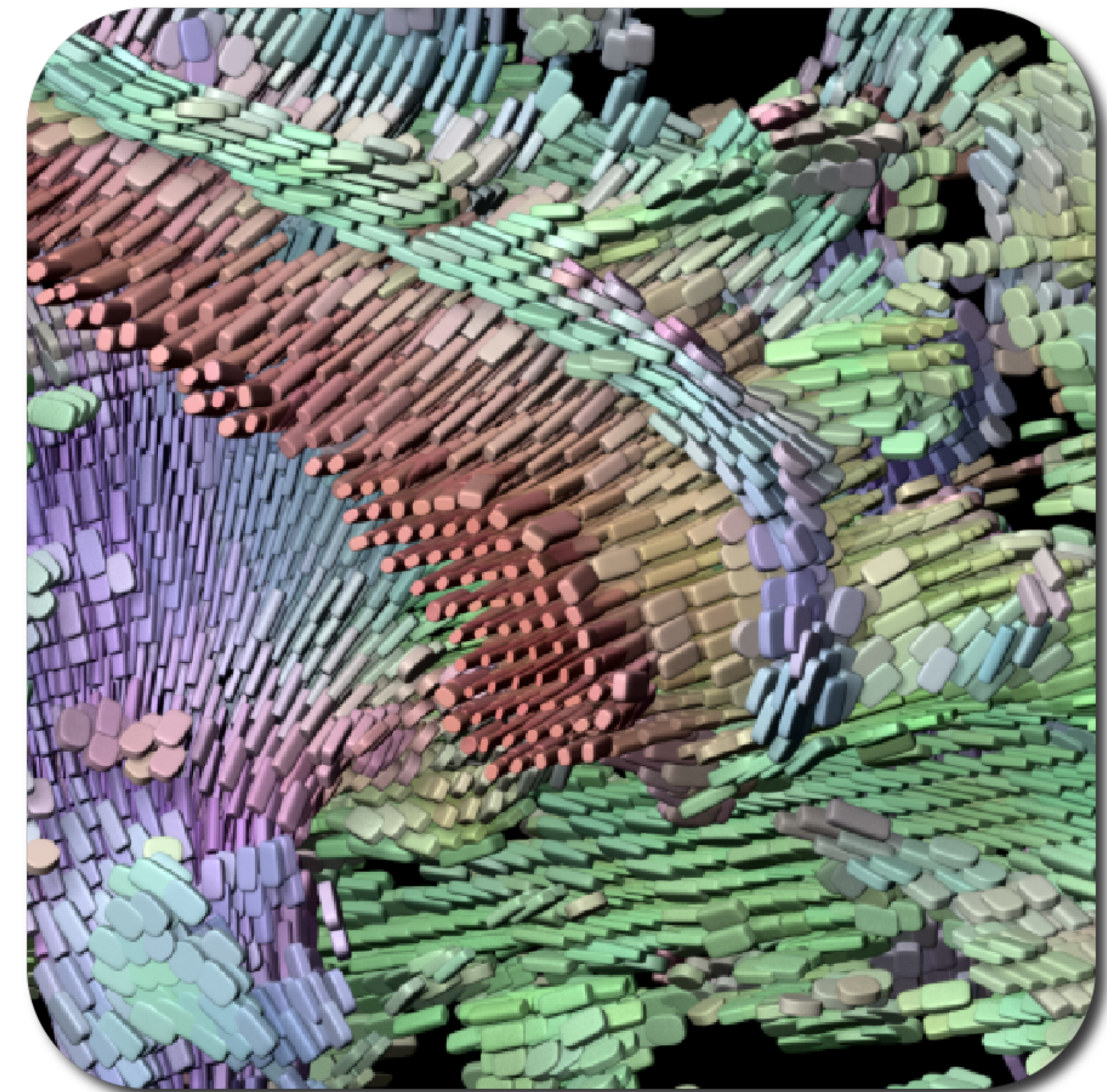
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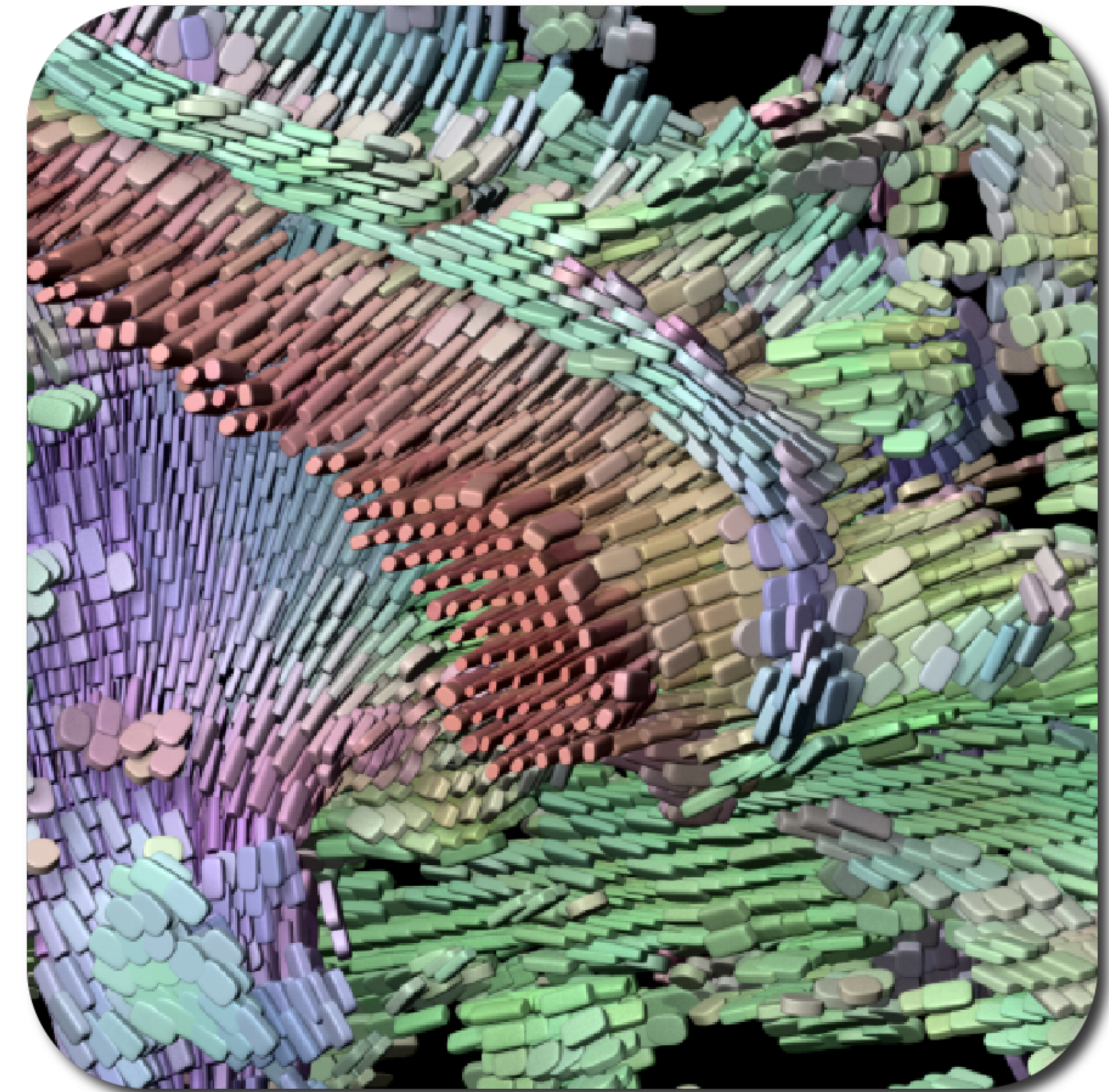
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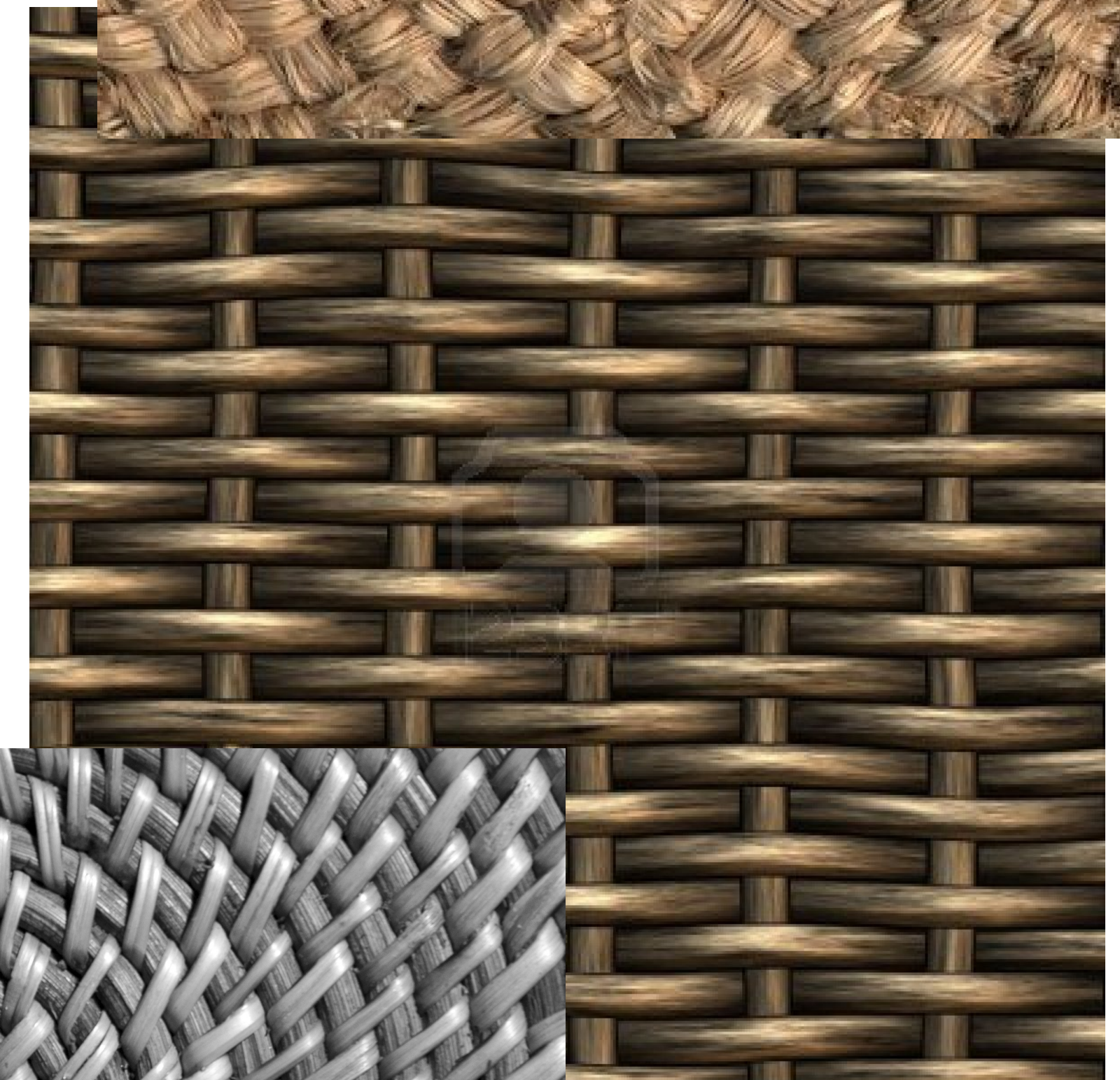
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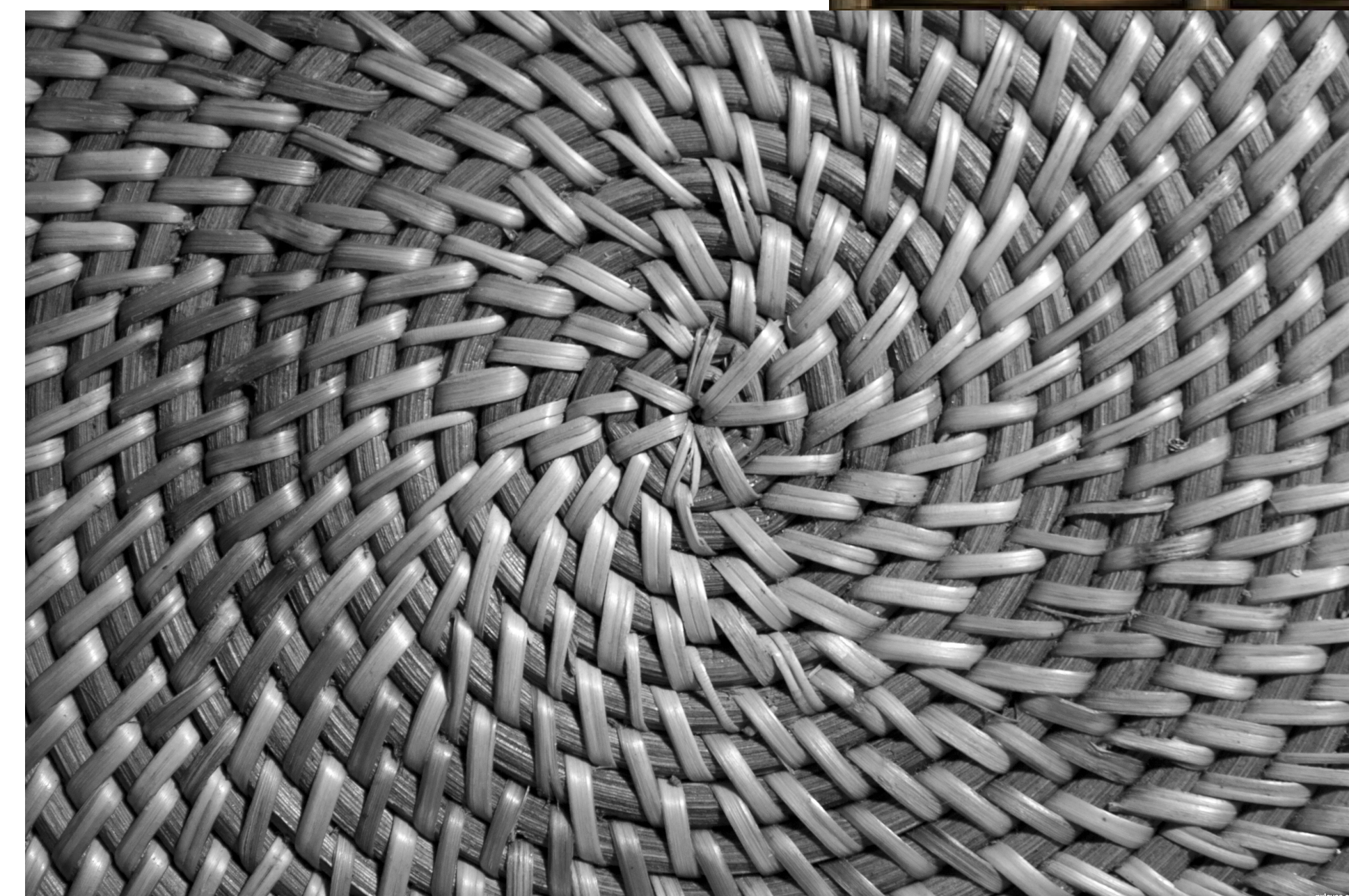


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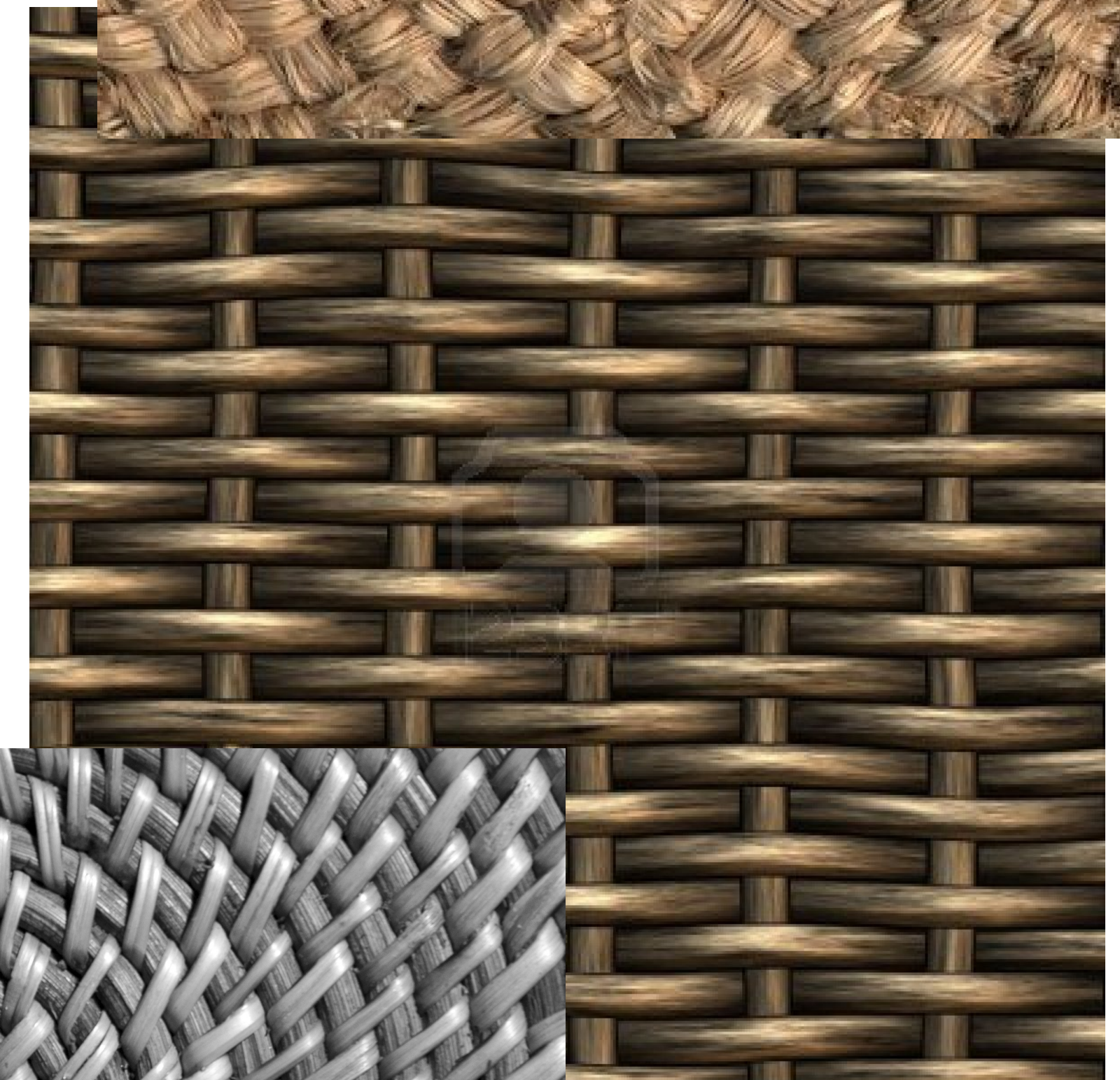


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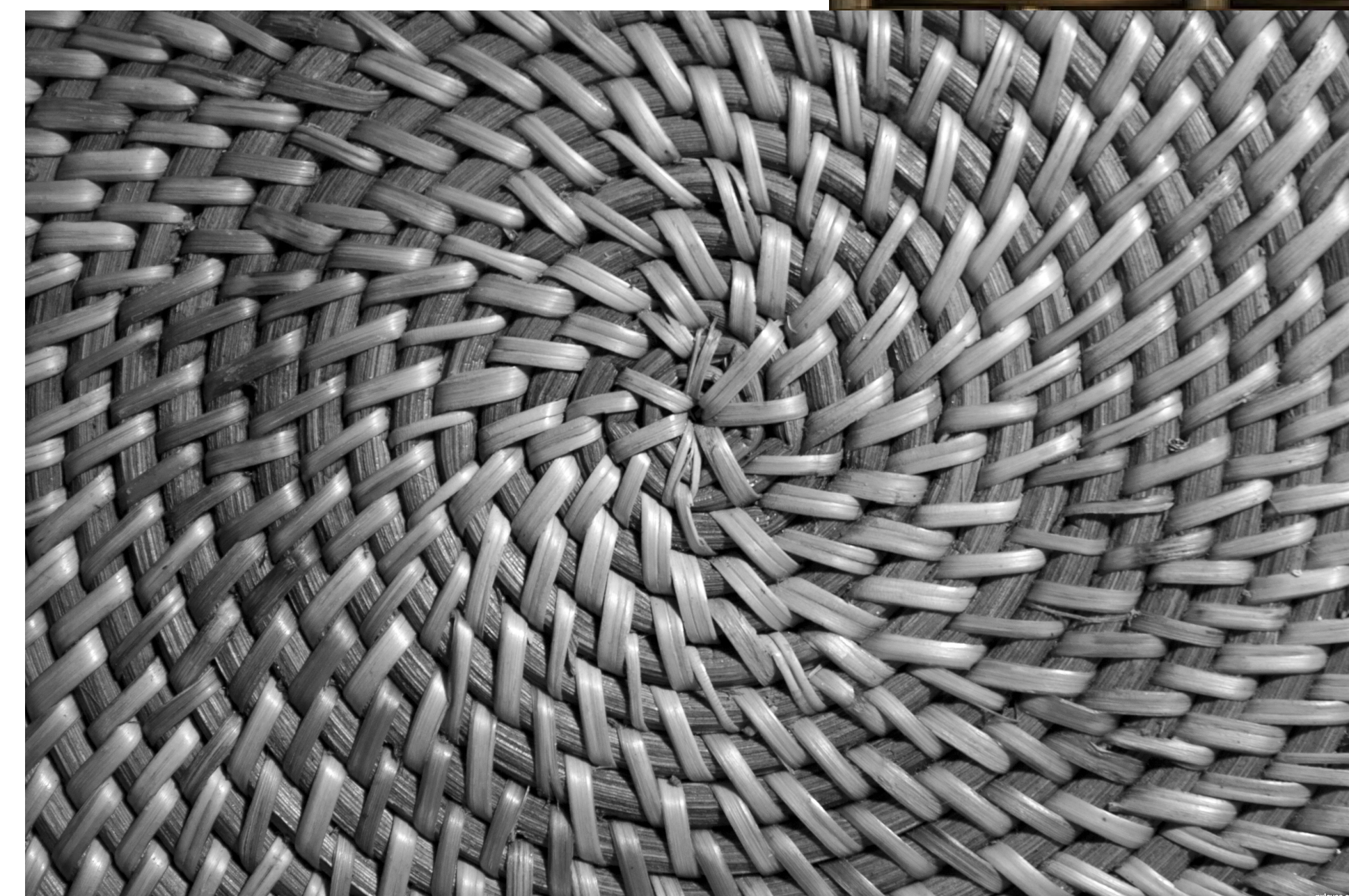


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  - Overlay the directions



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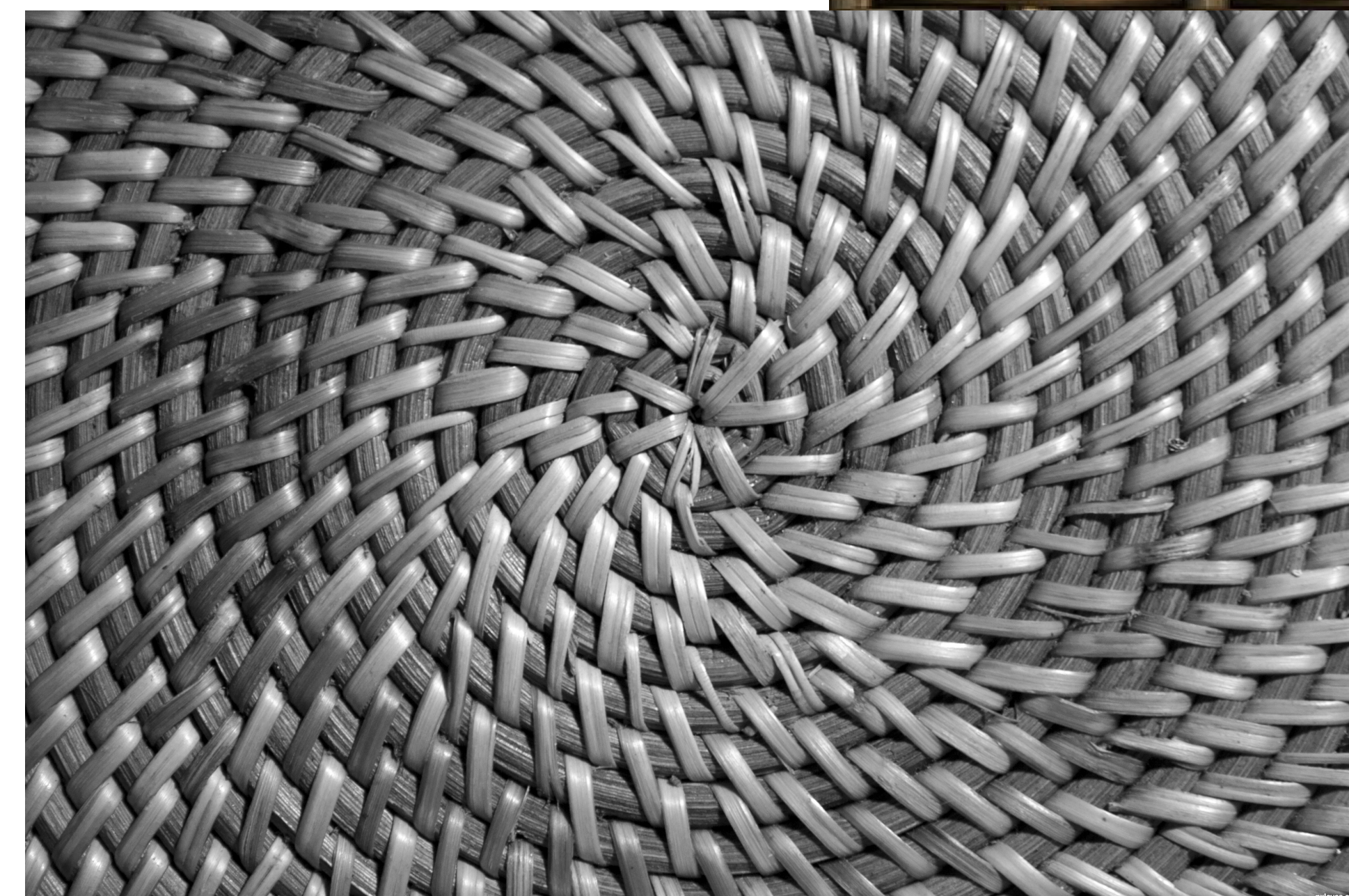
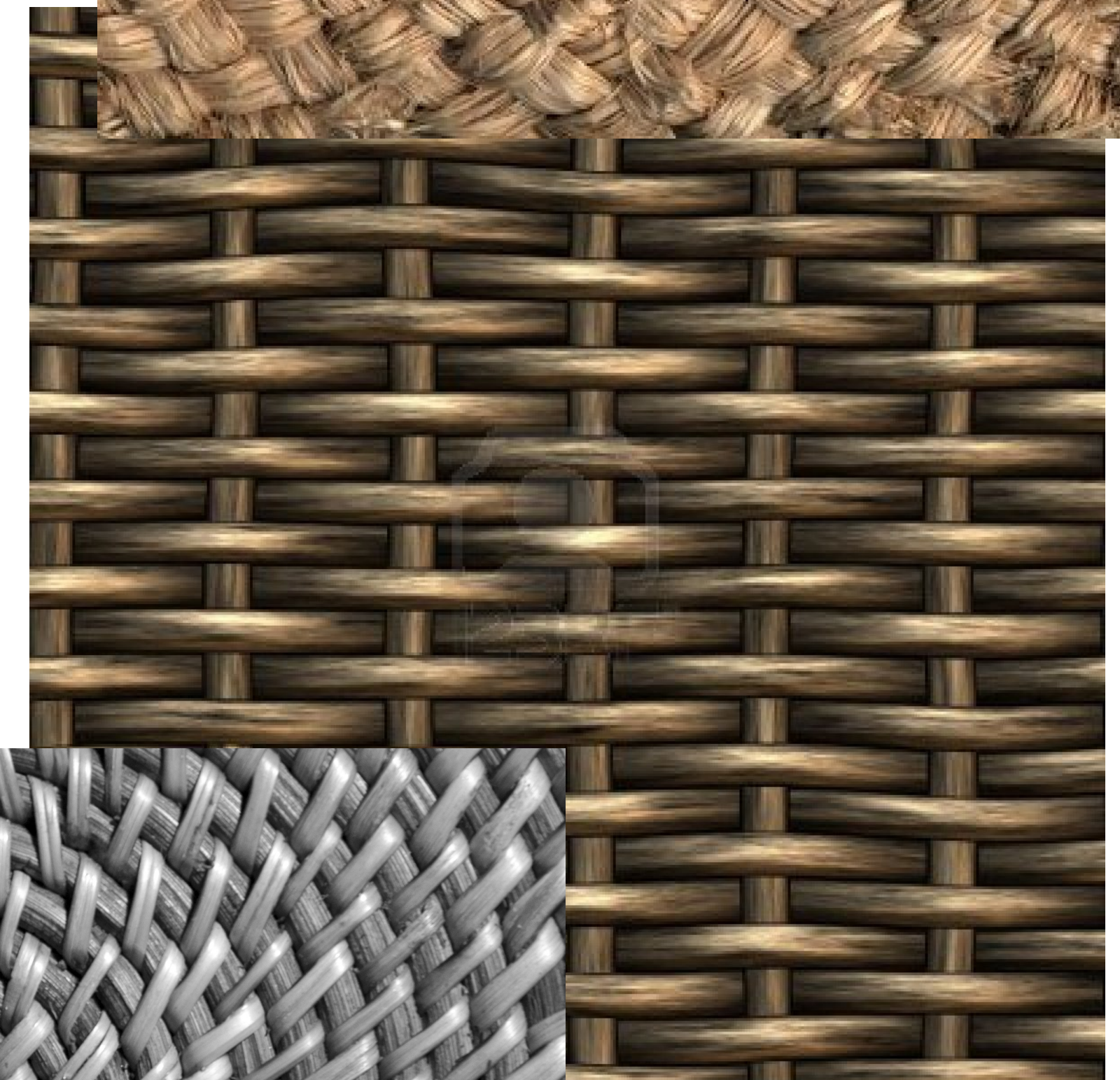


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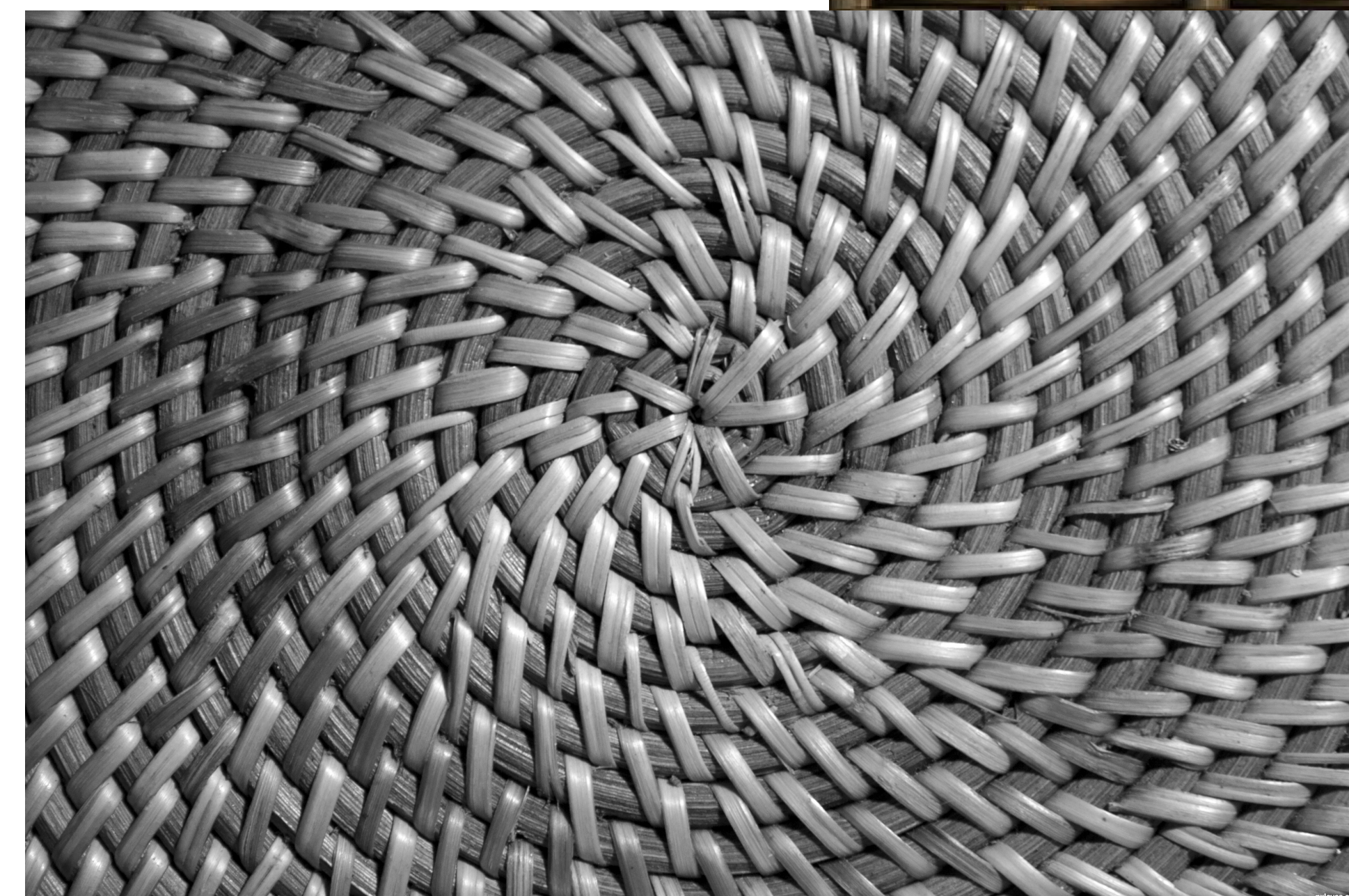
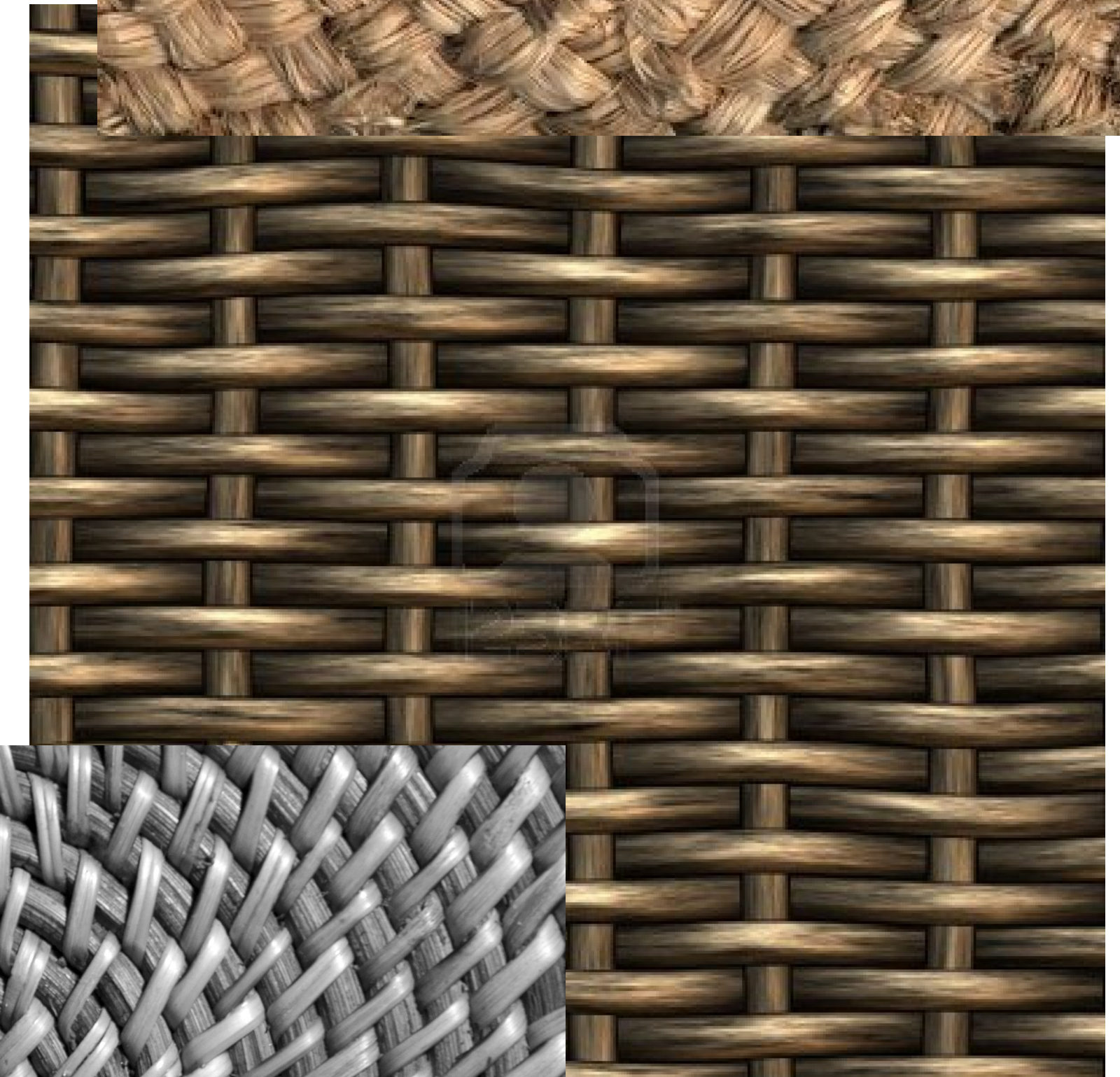
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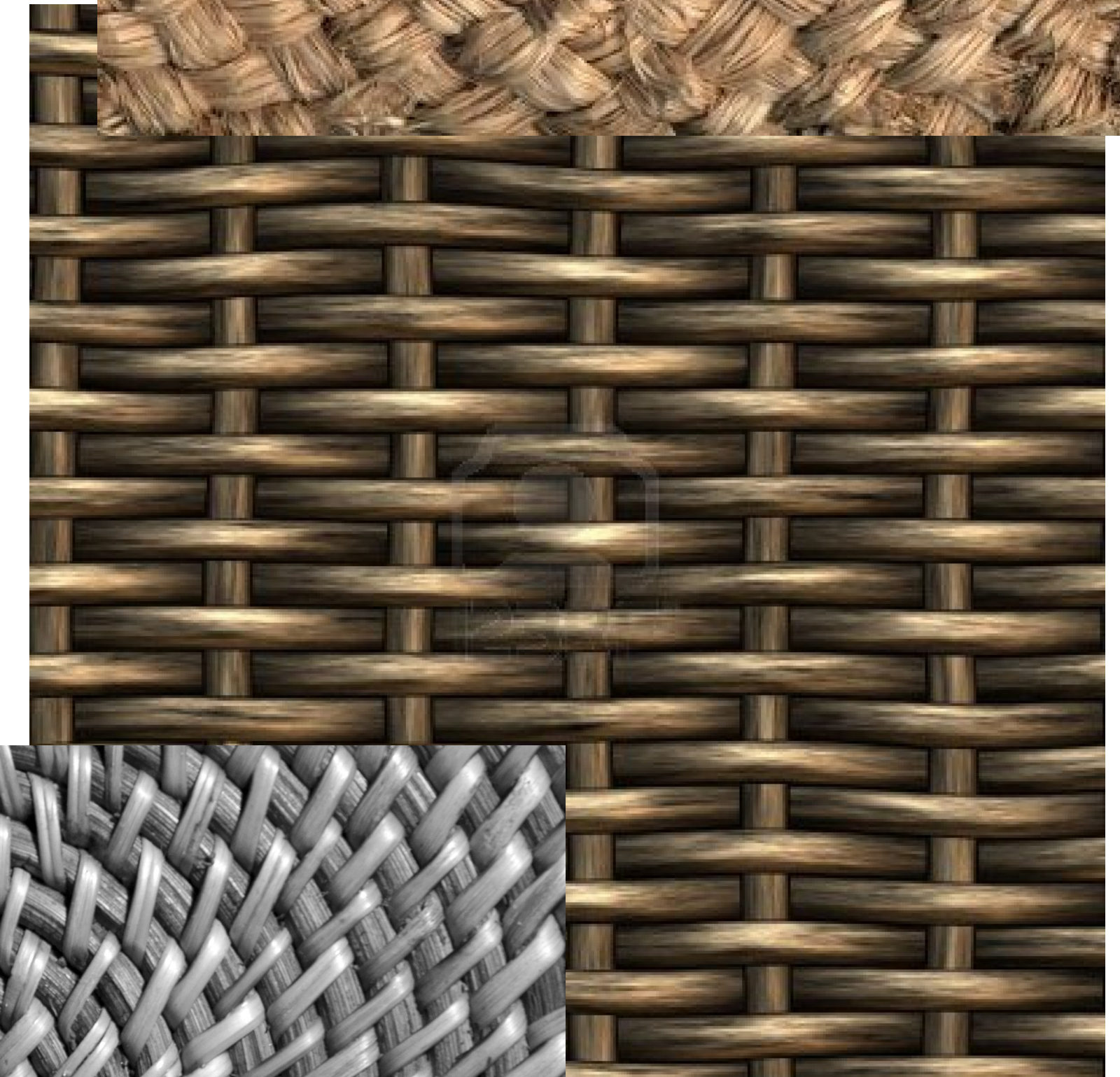
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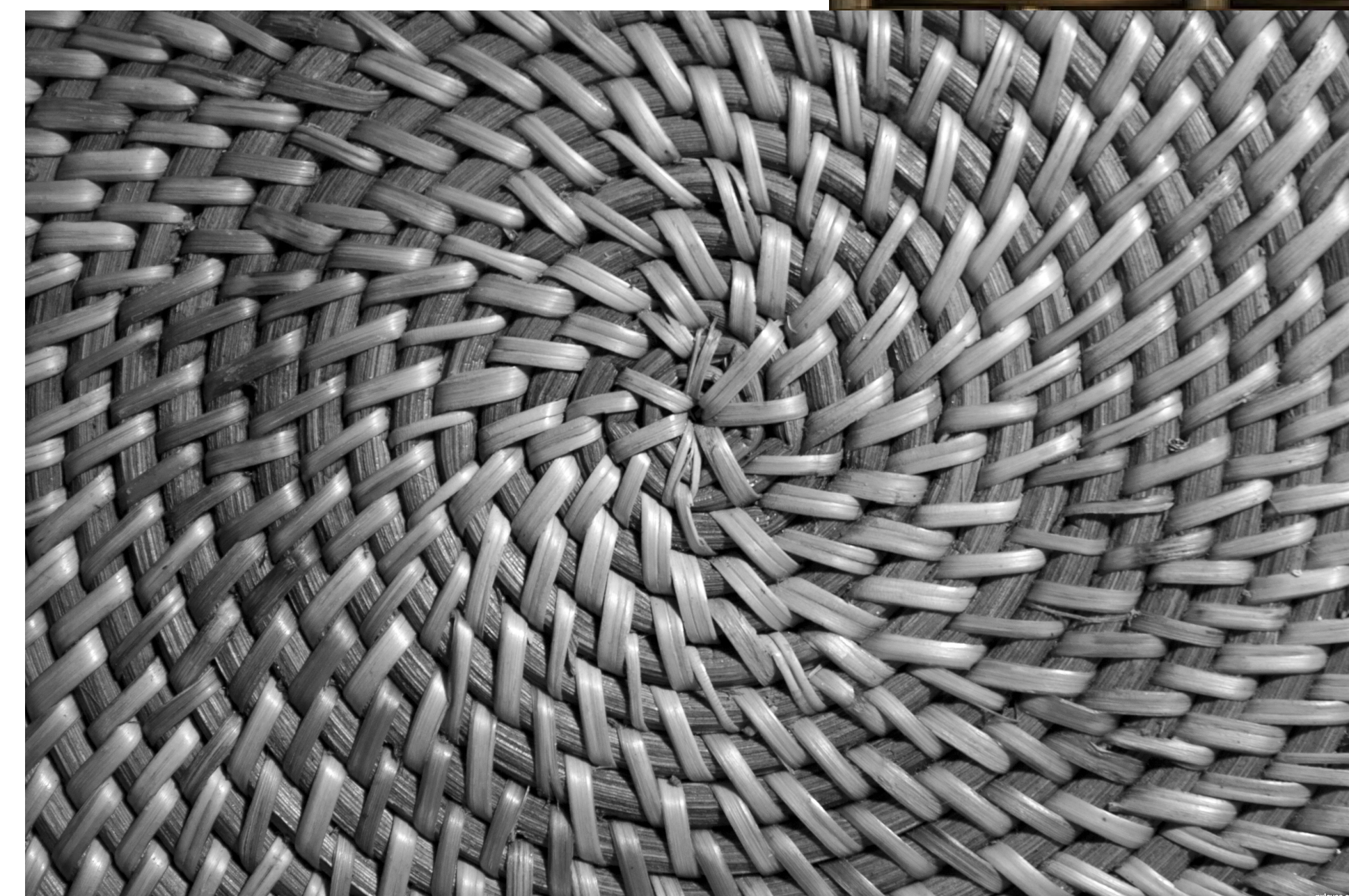


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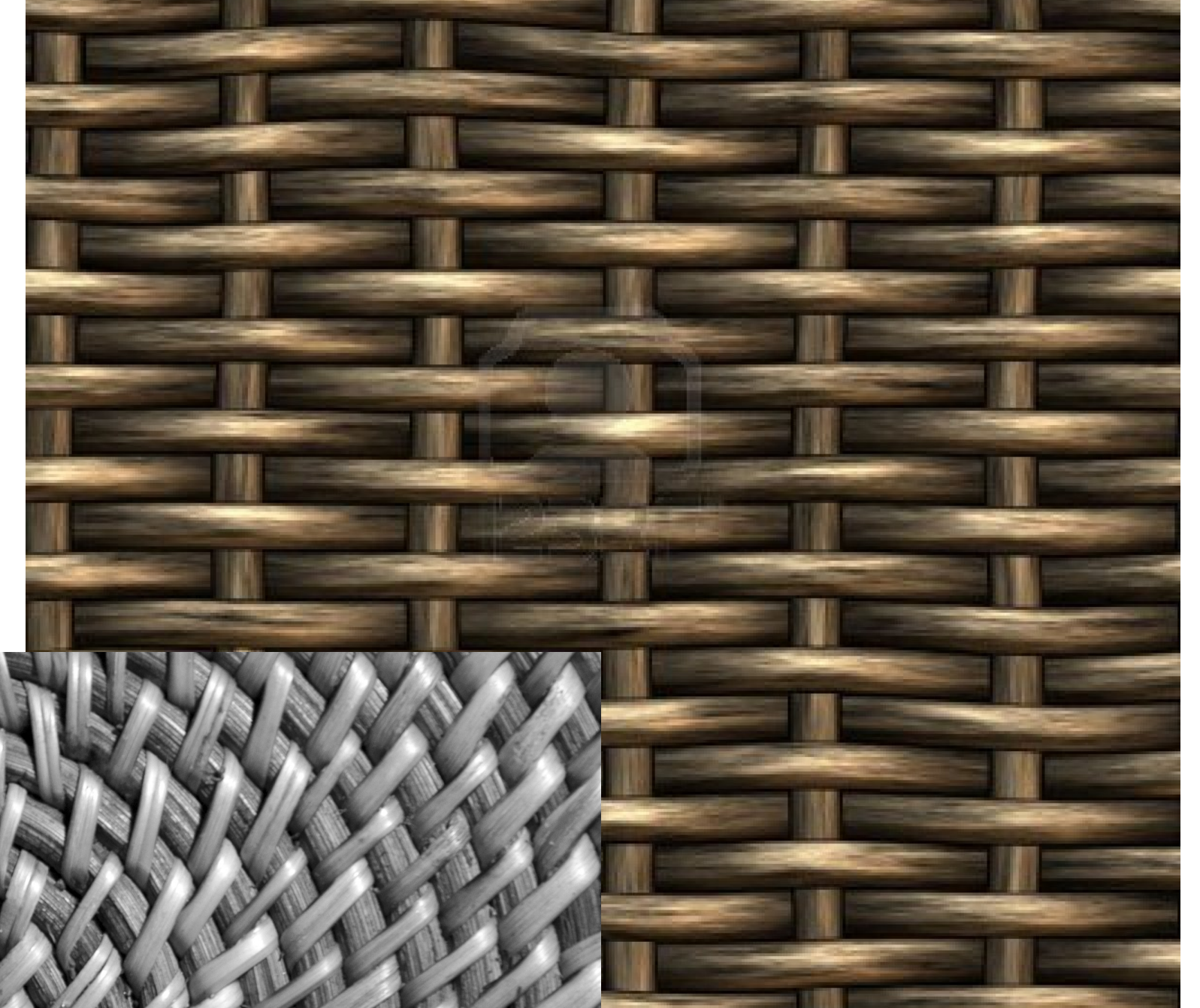


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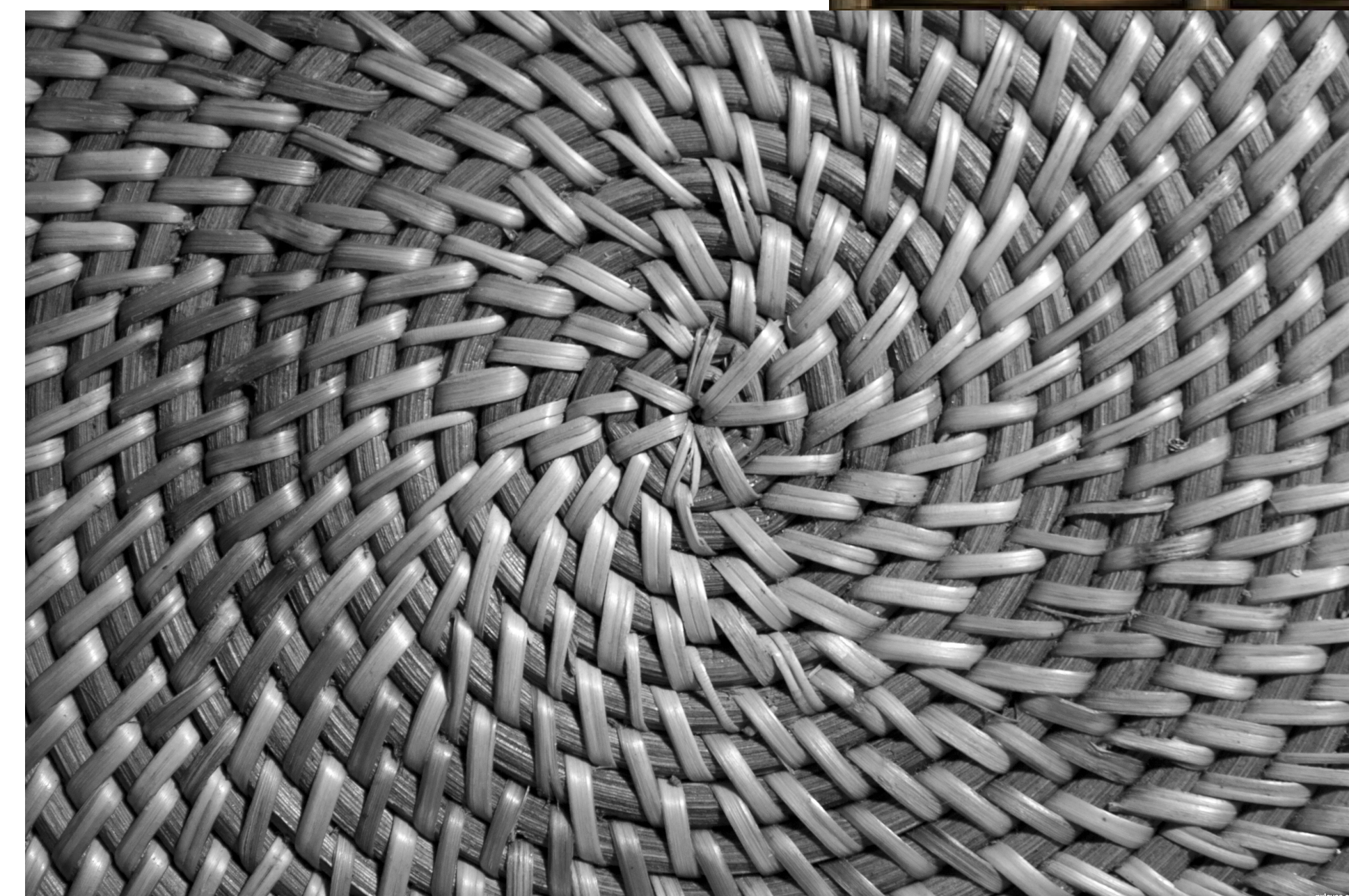


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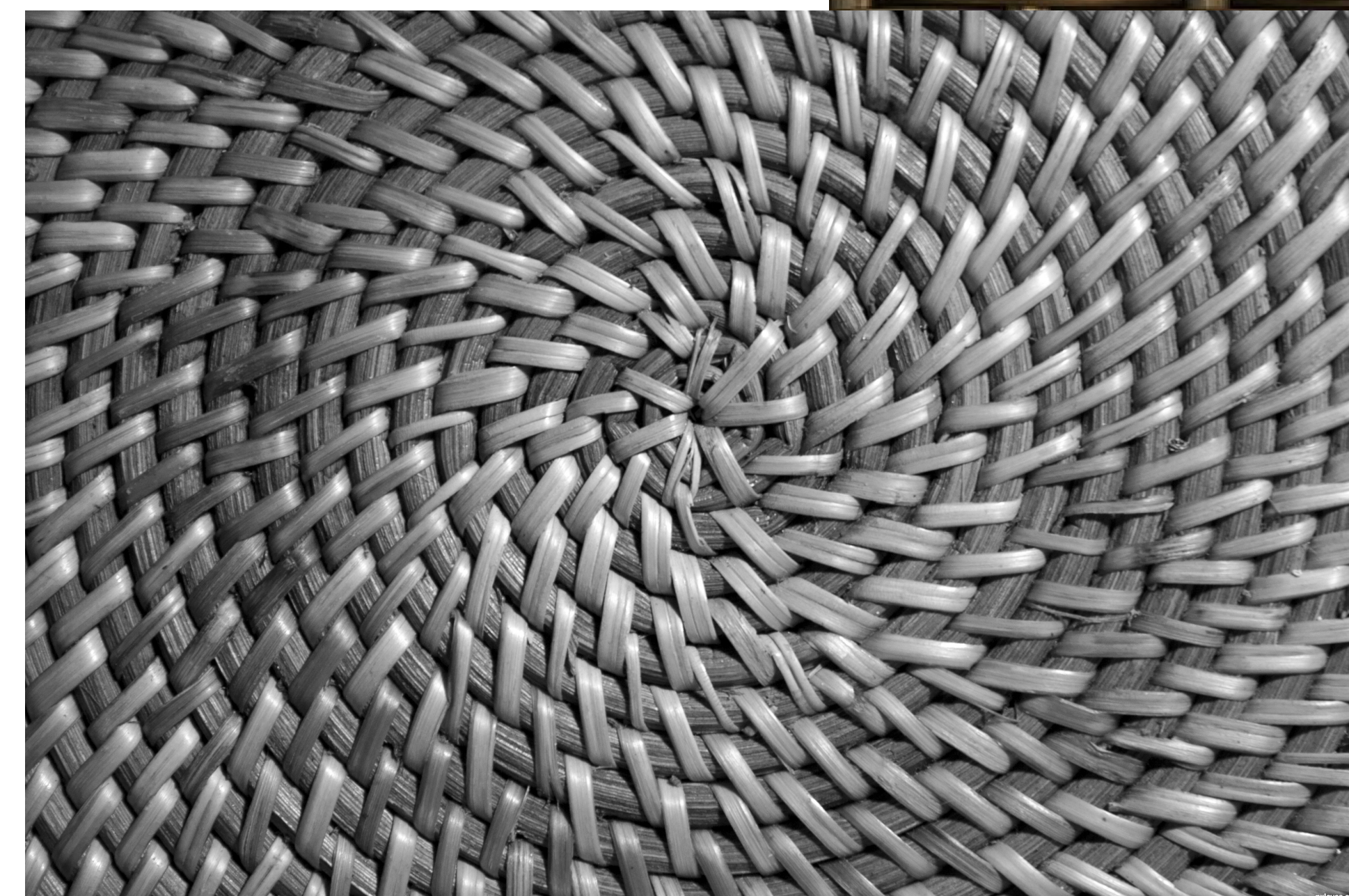
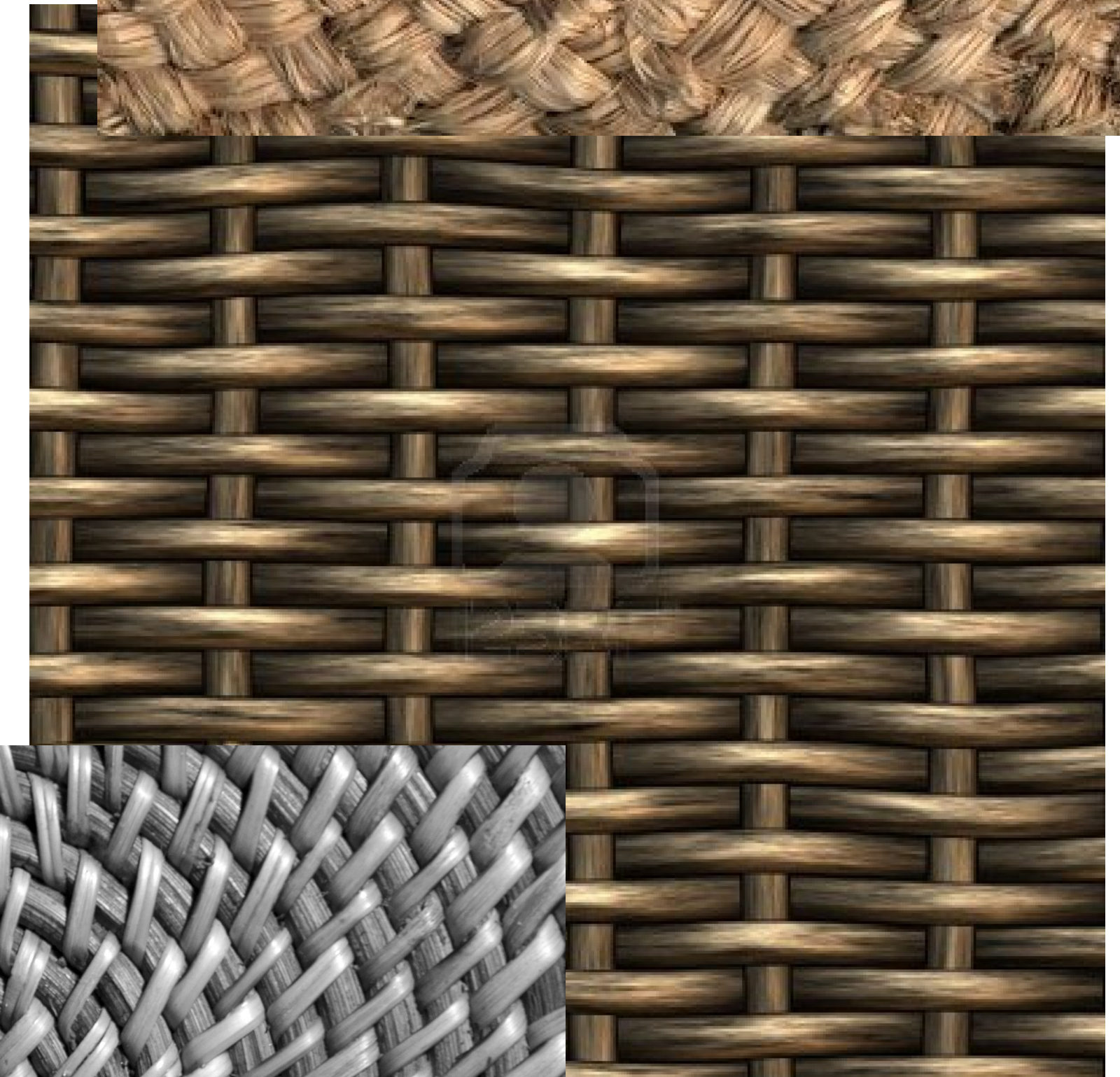


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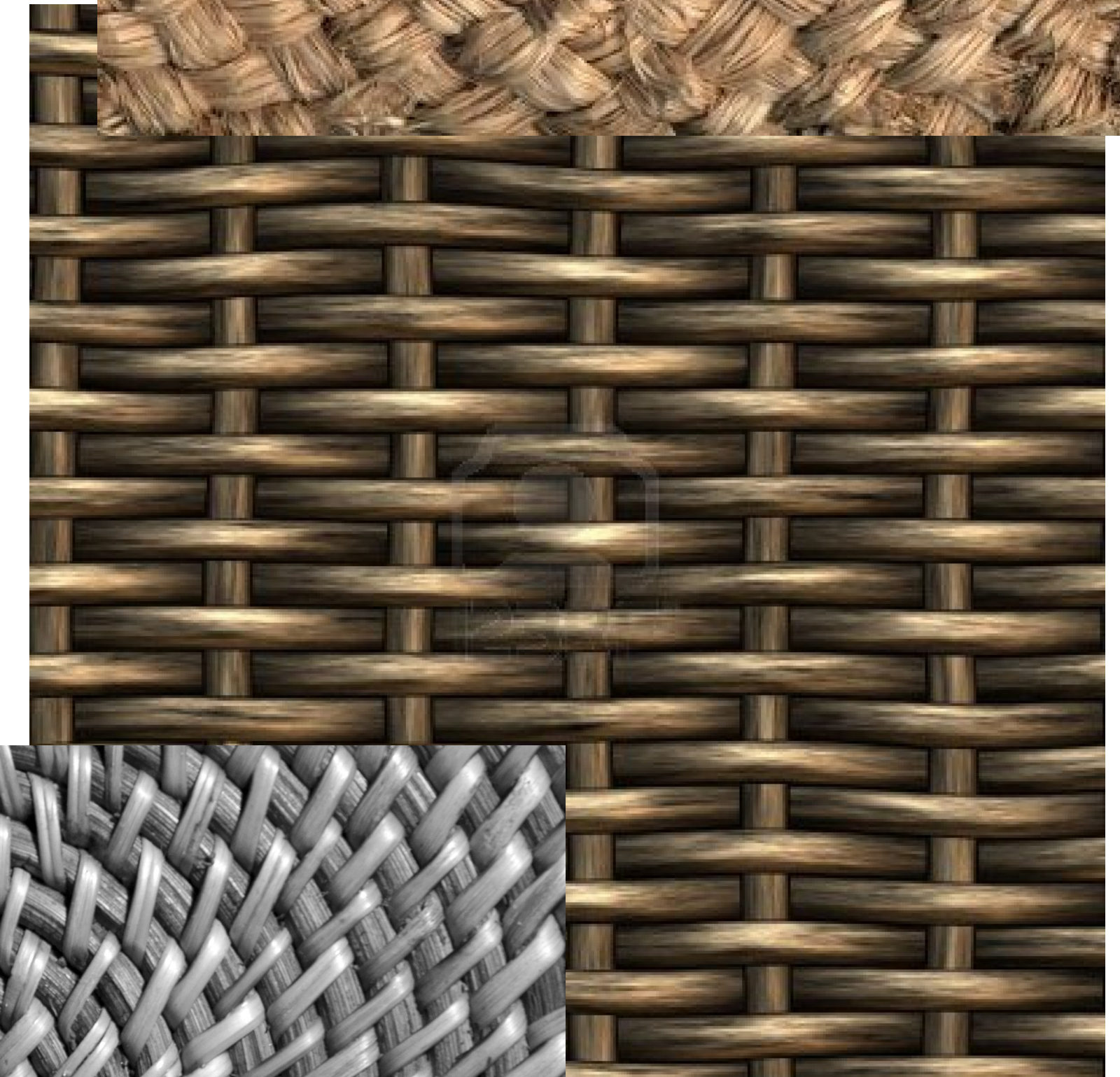
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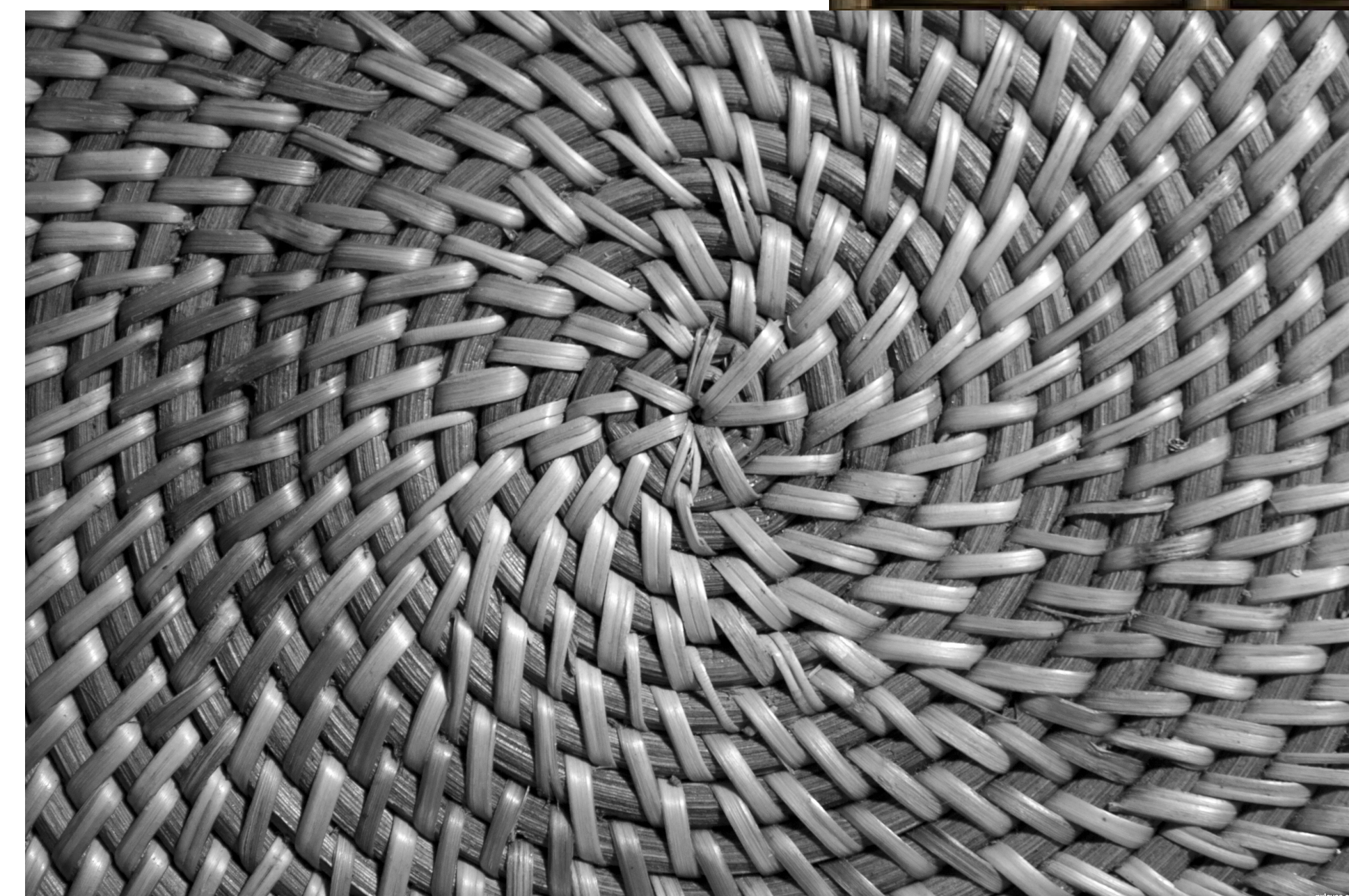


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- For each of the  $d$  directions
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  - No orientation
  - No clear matches across cells



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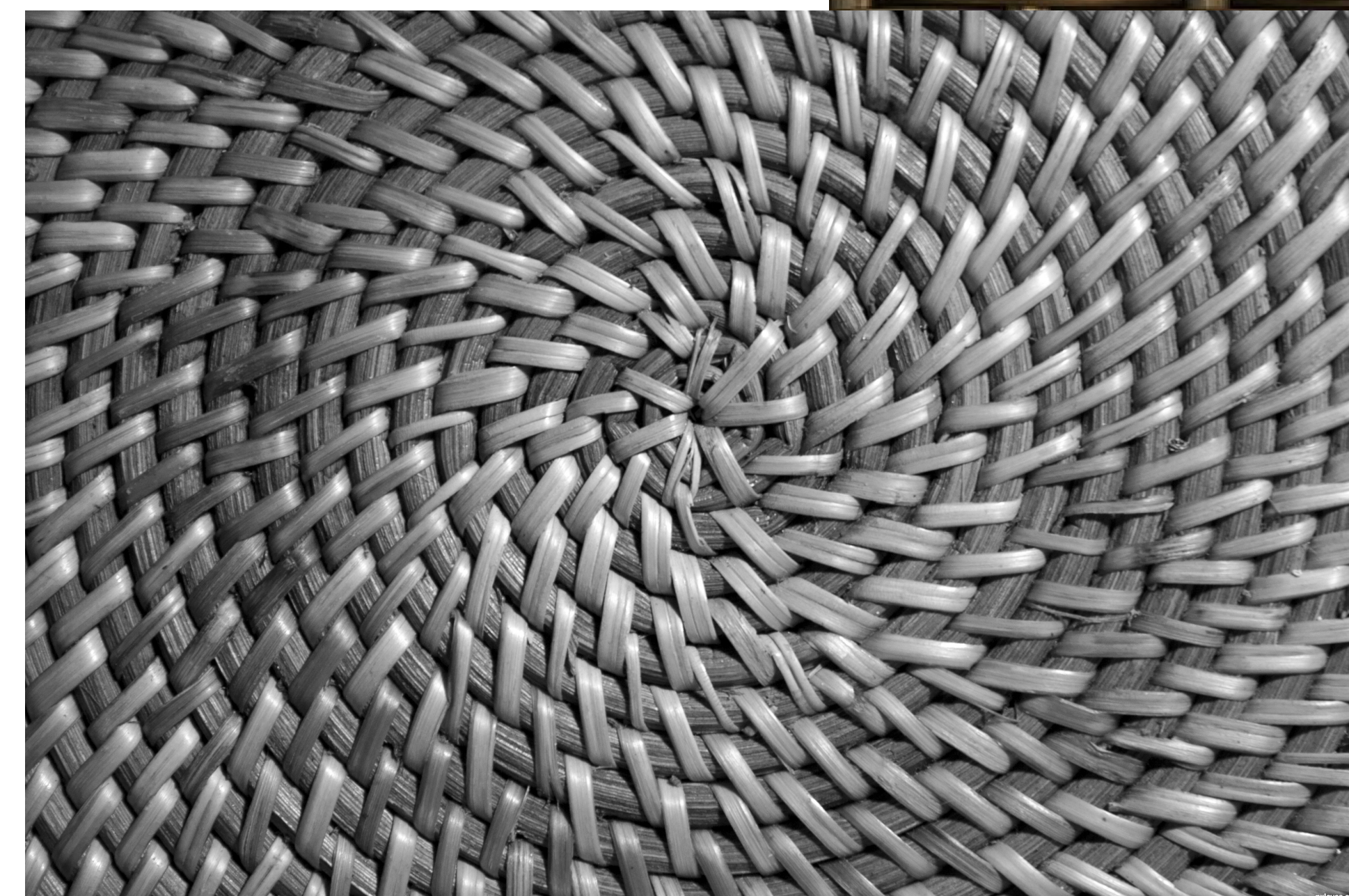
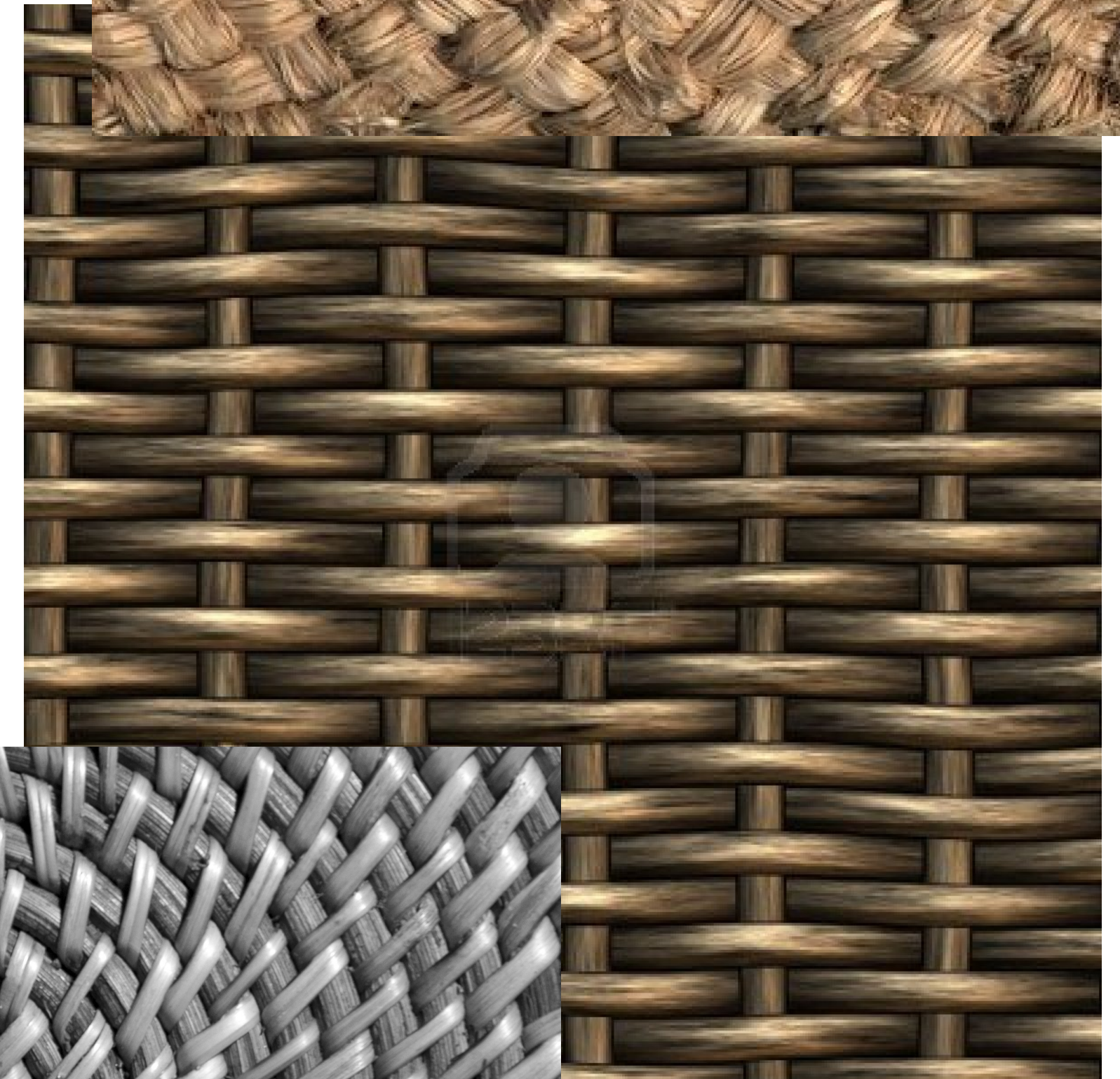


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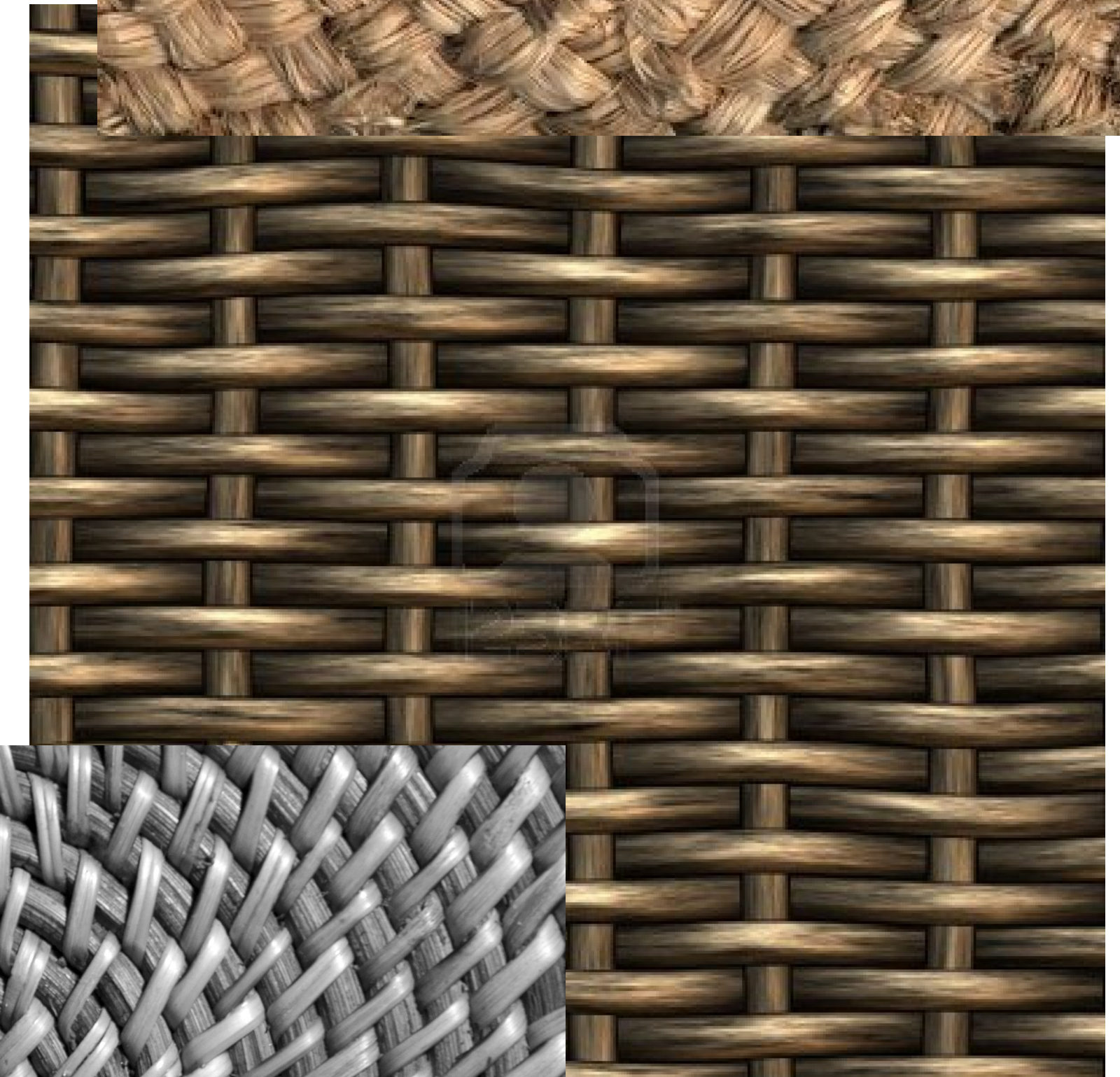
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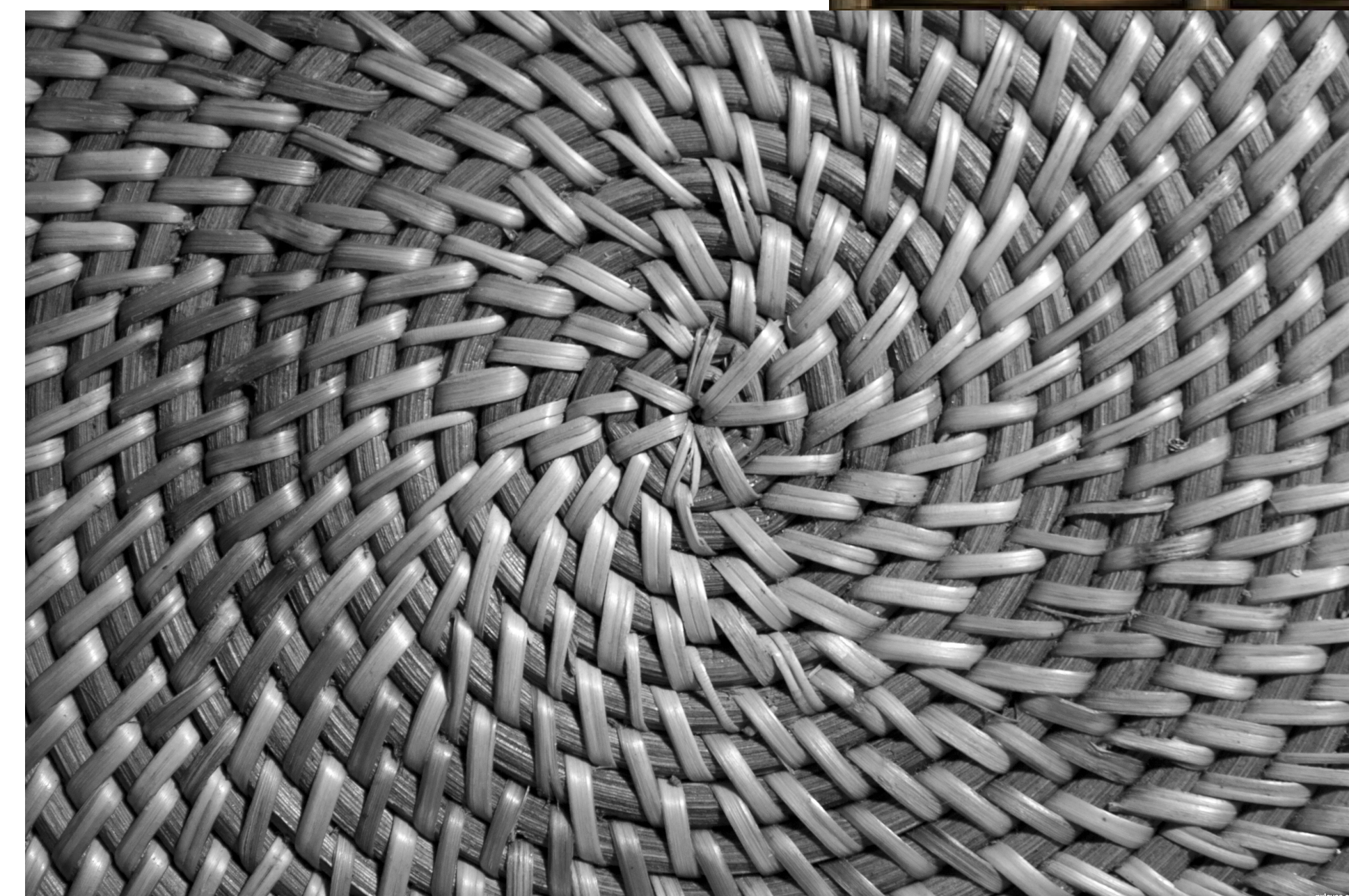


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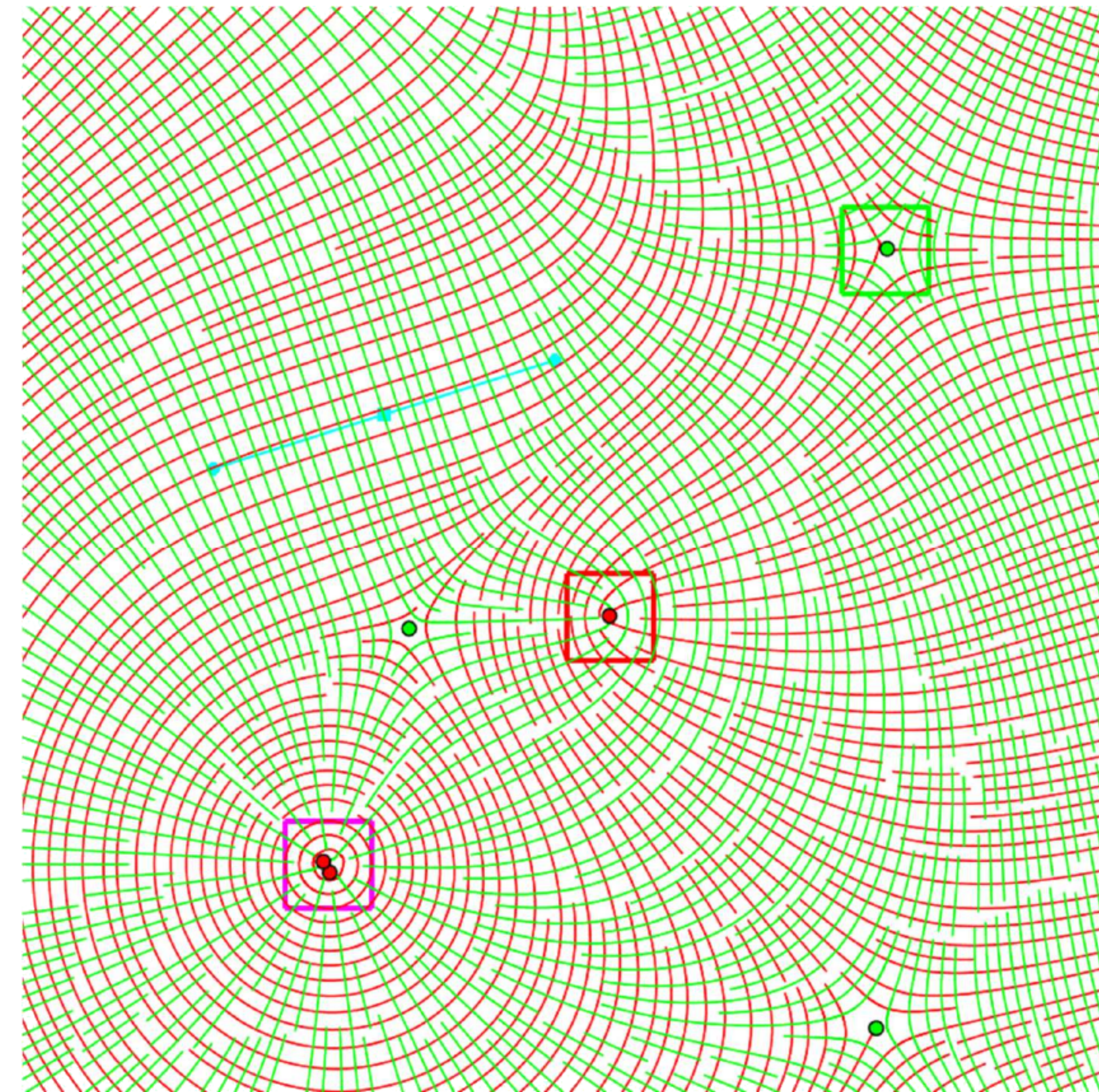


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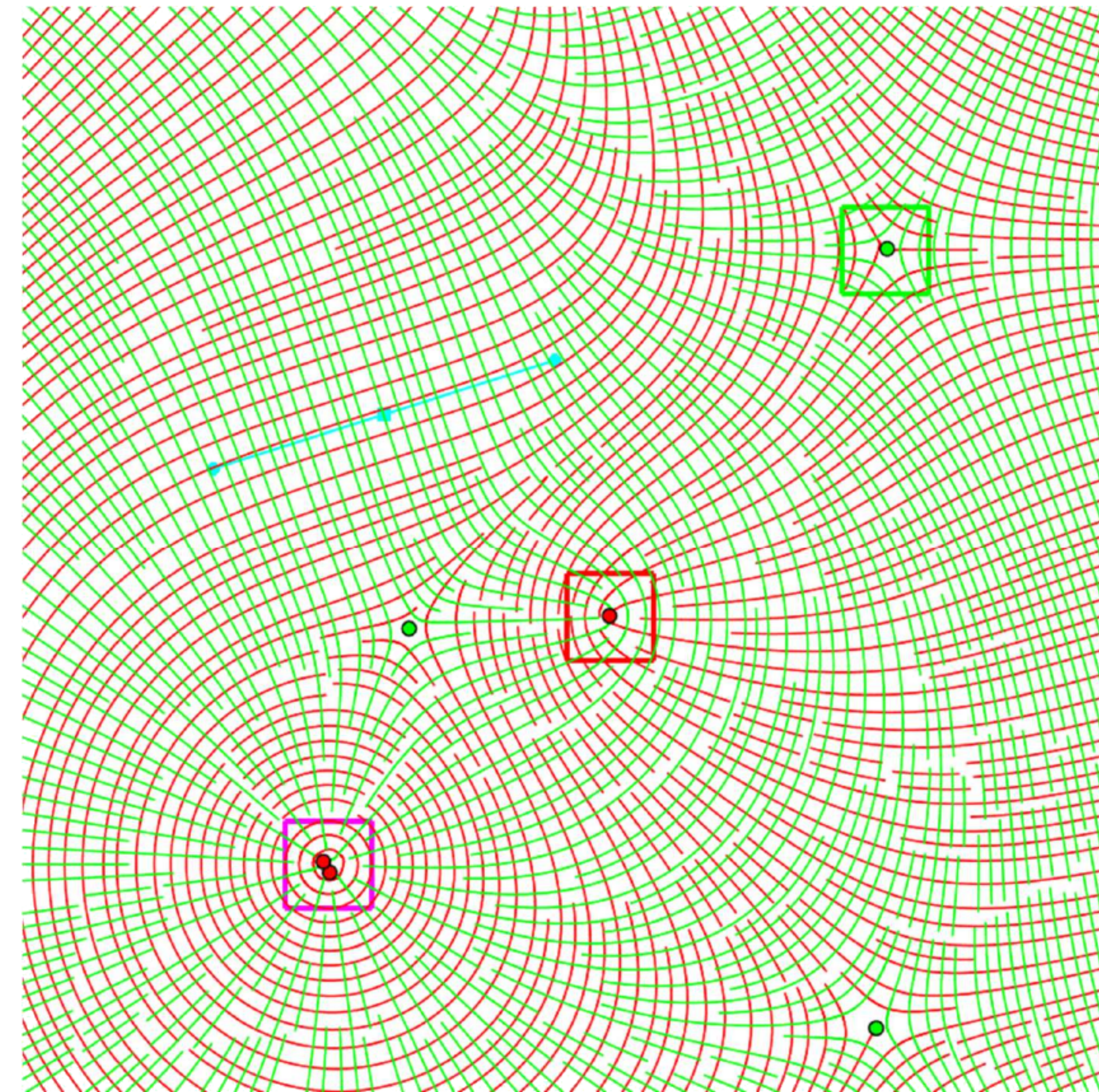
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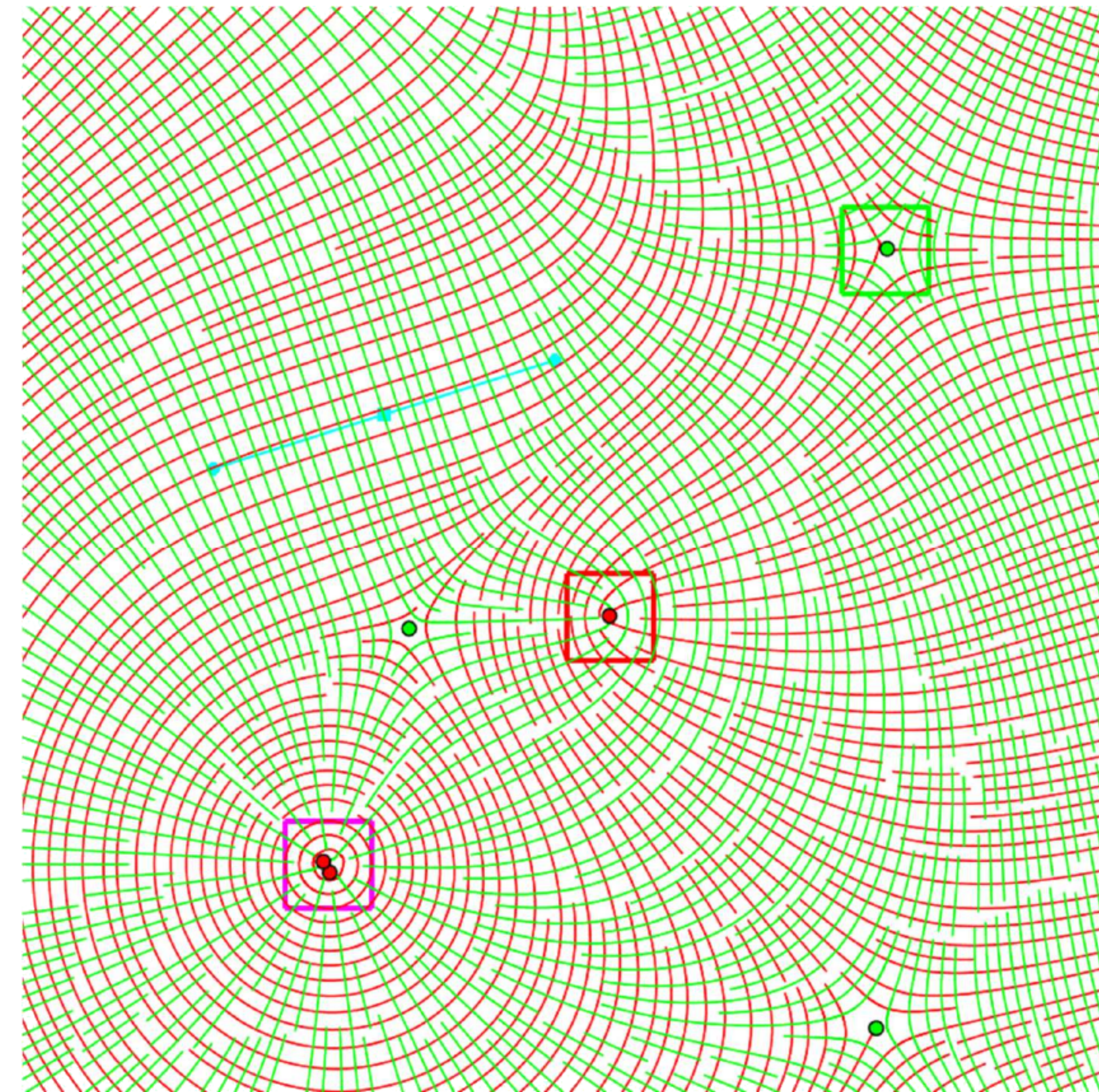
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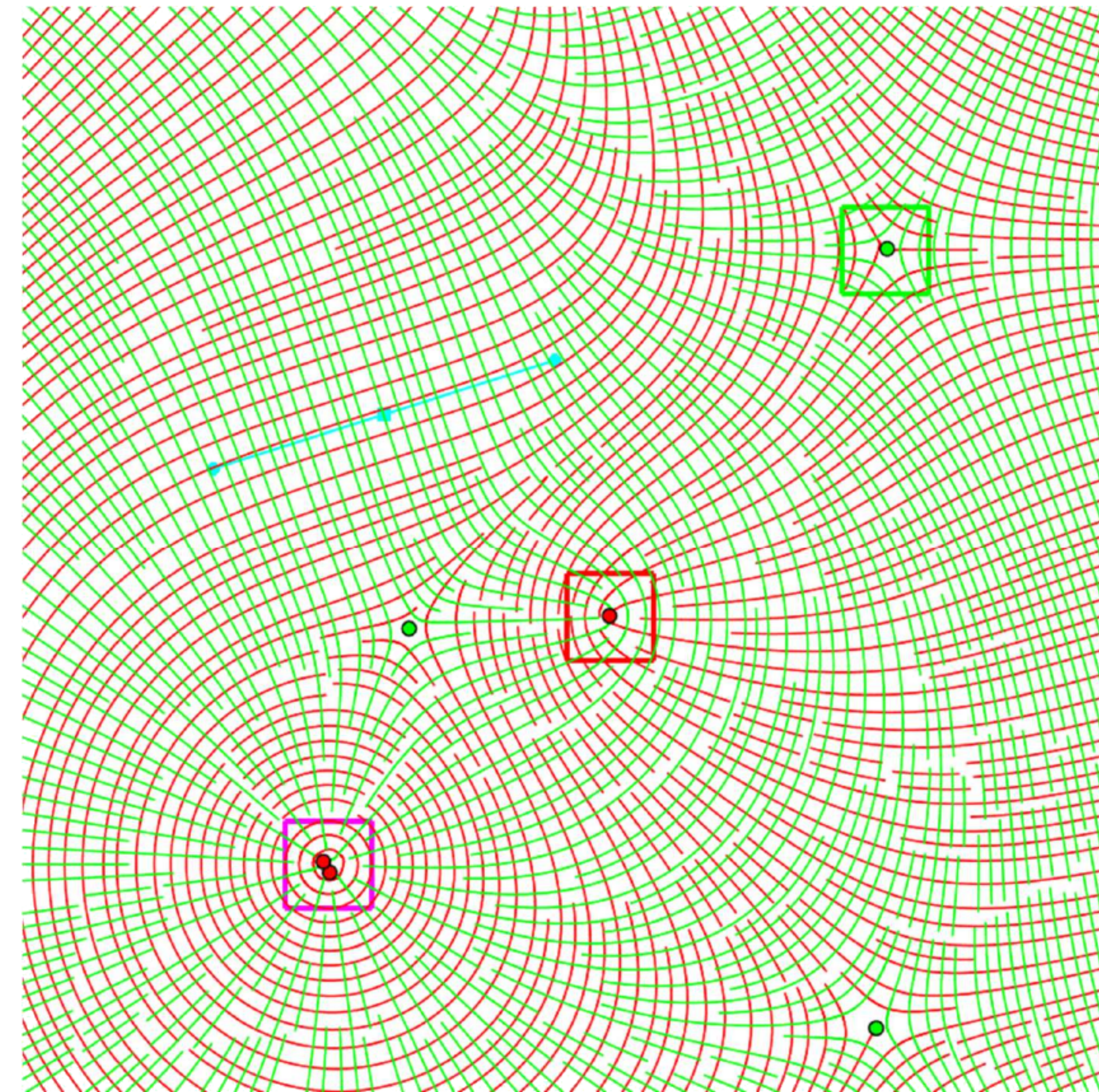
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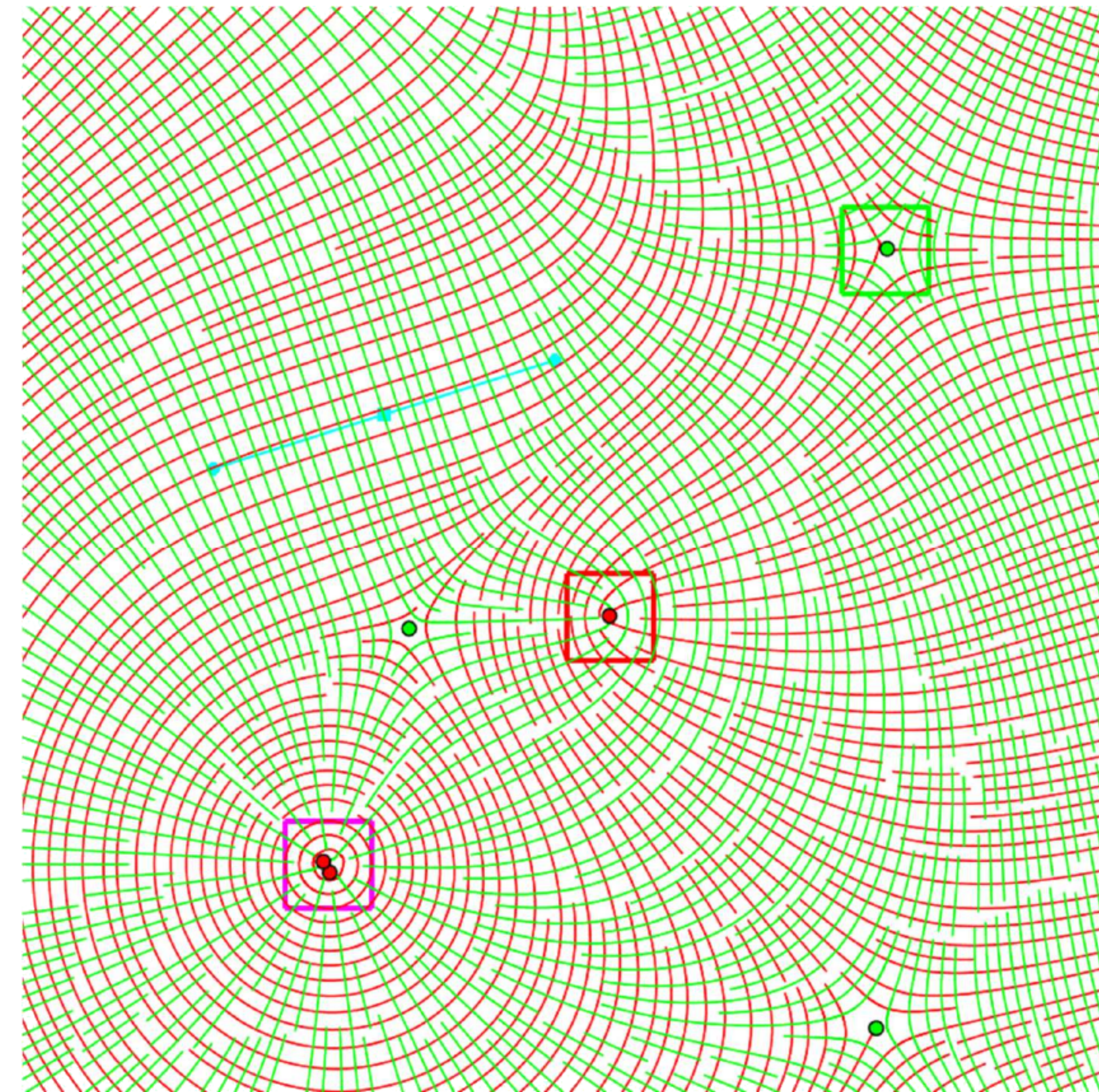
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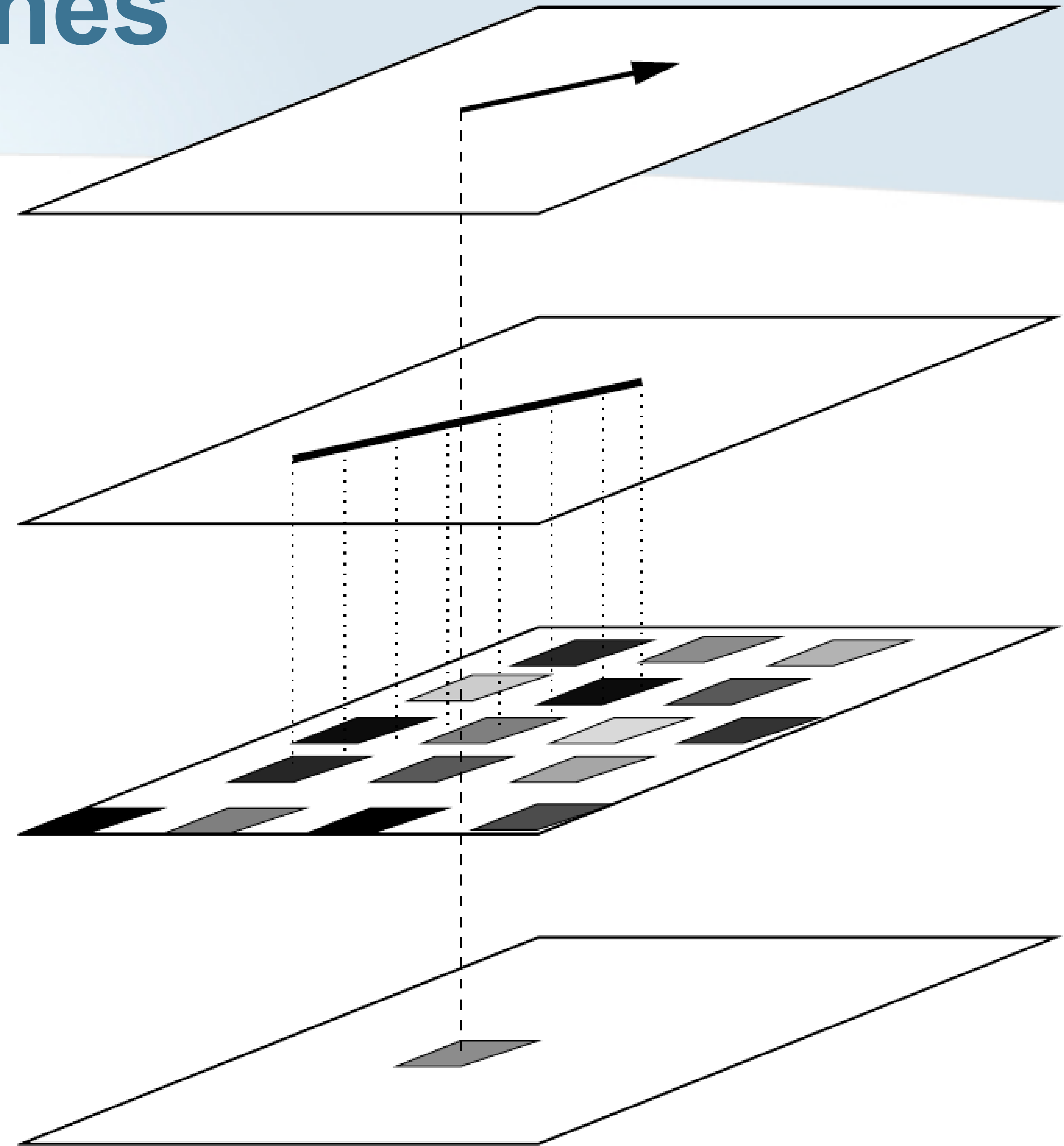
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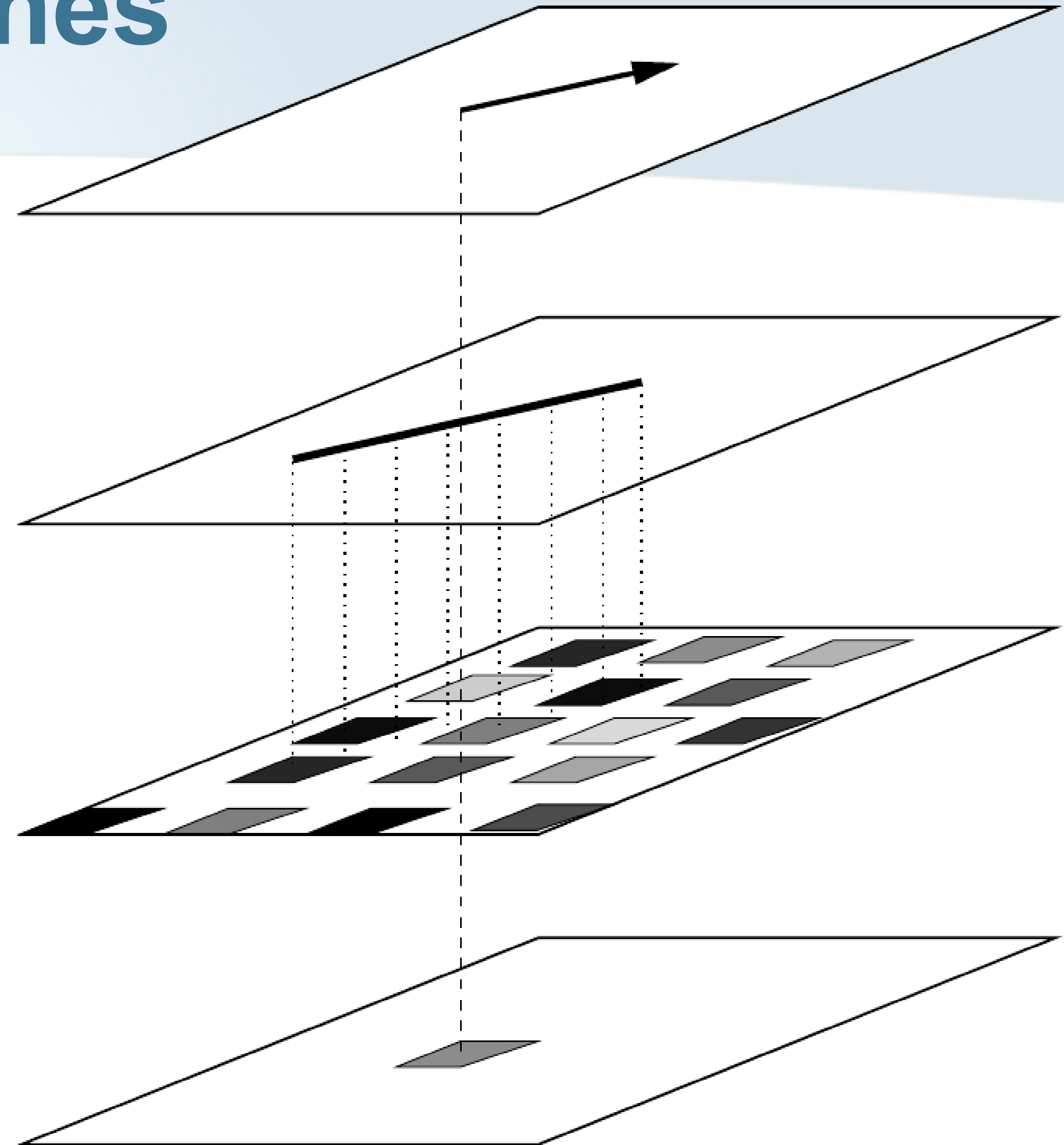
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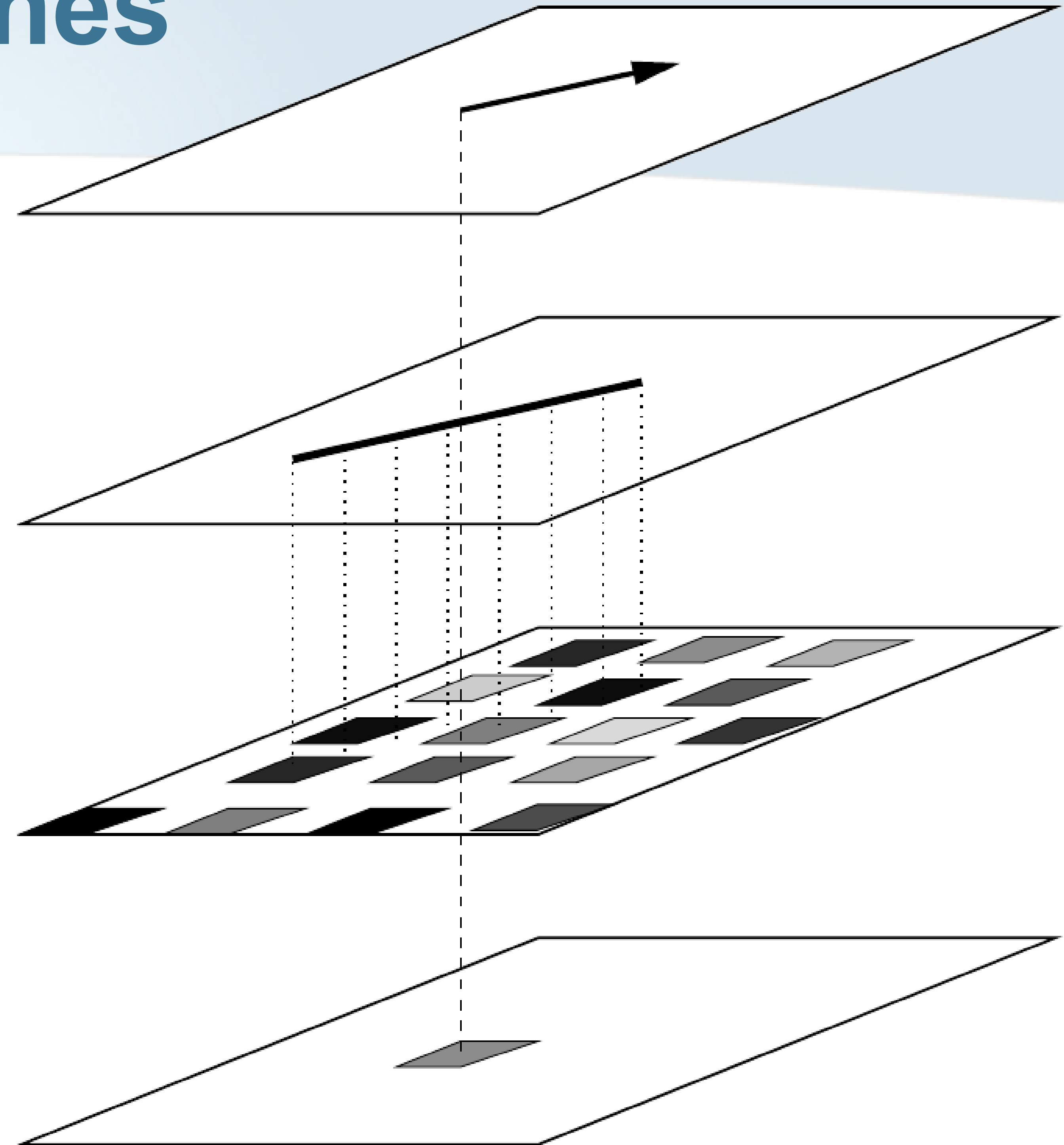
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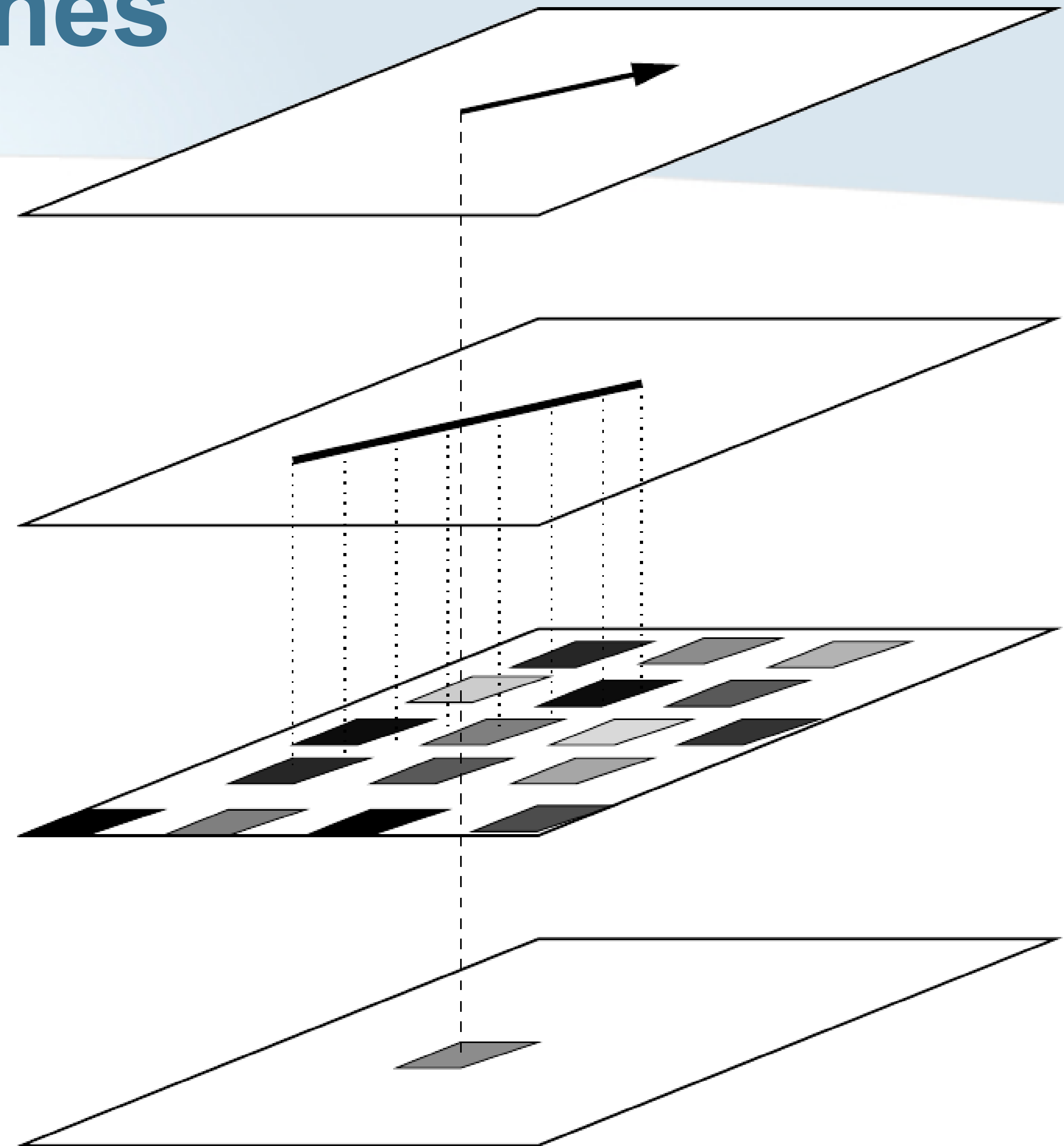
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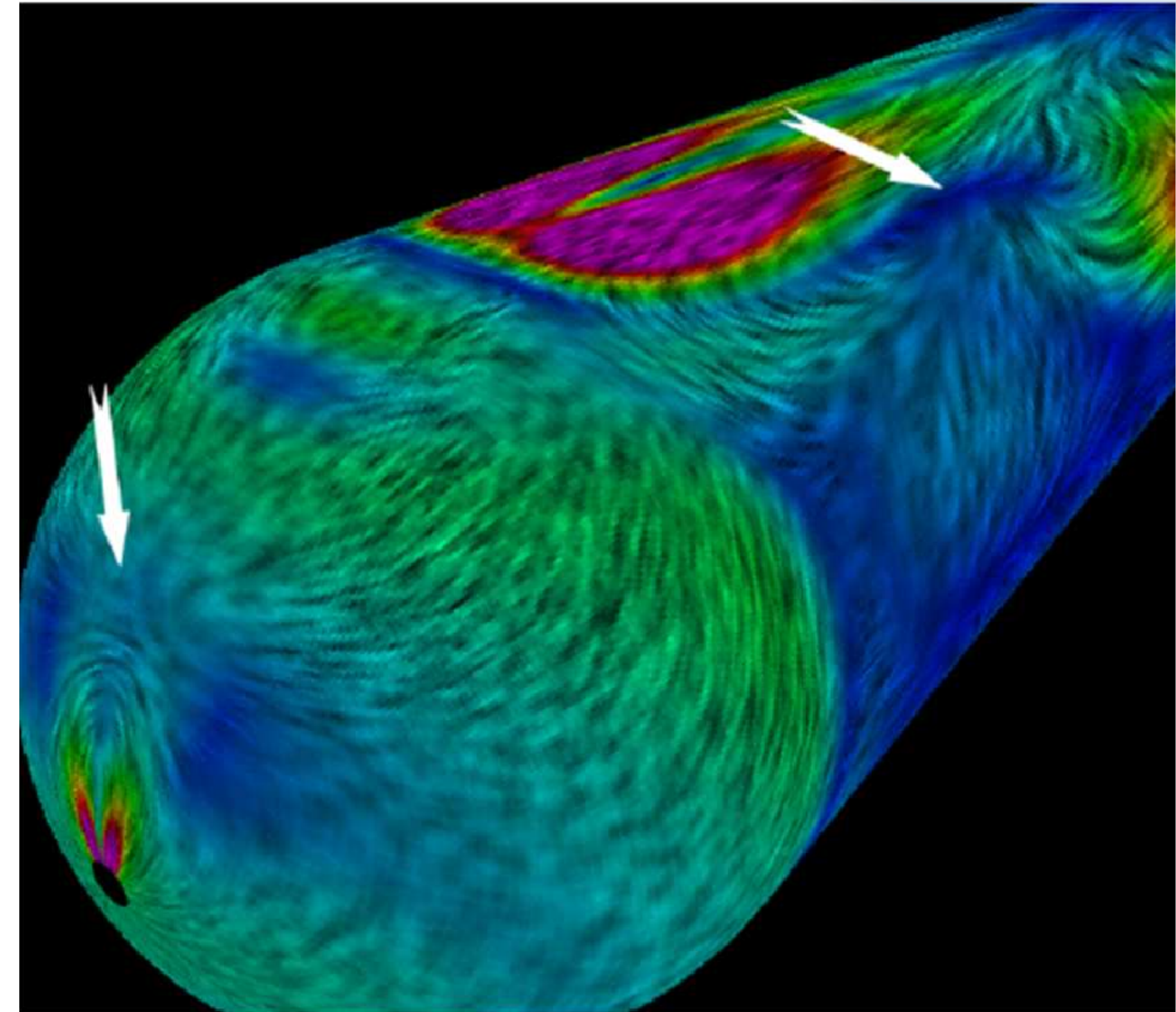
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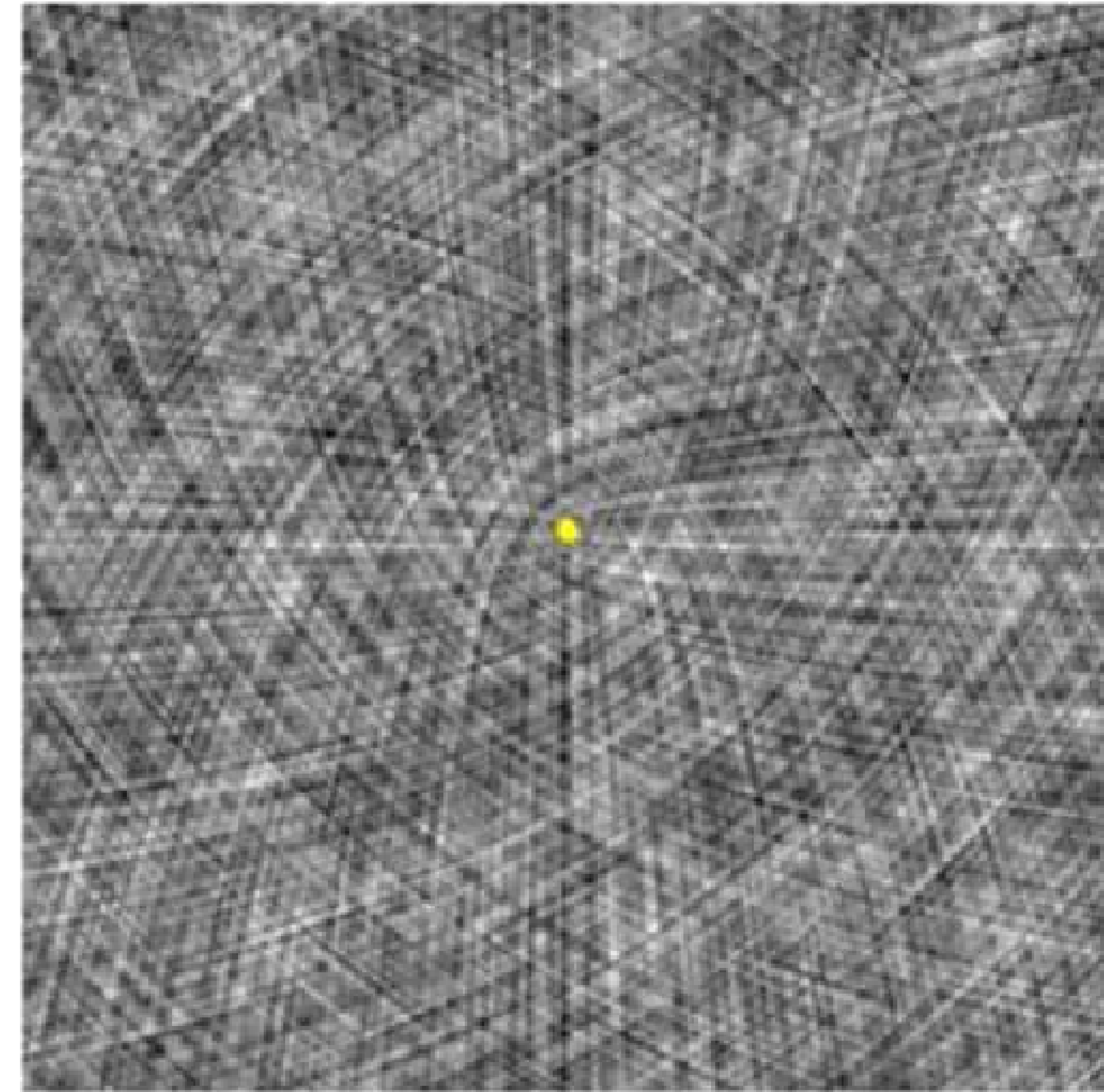
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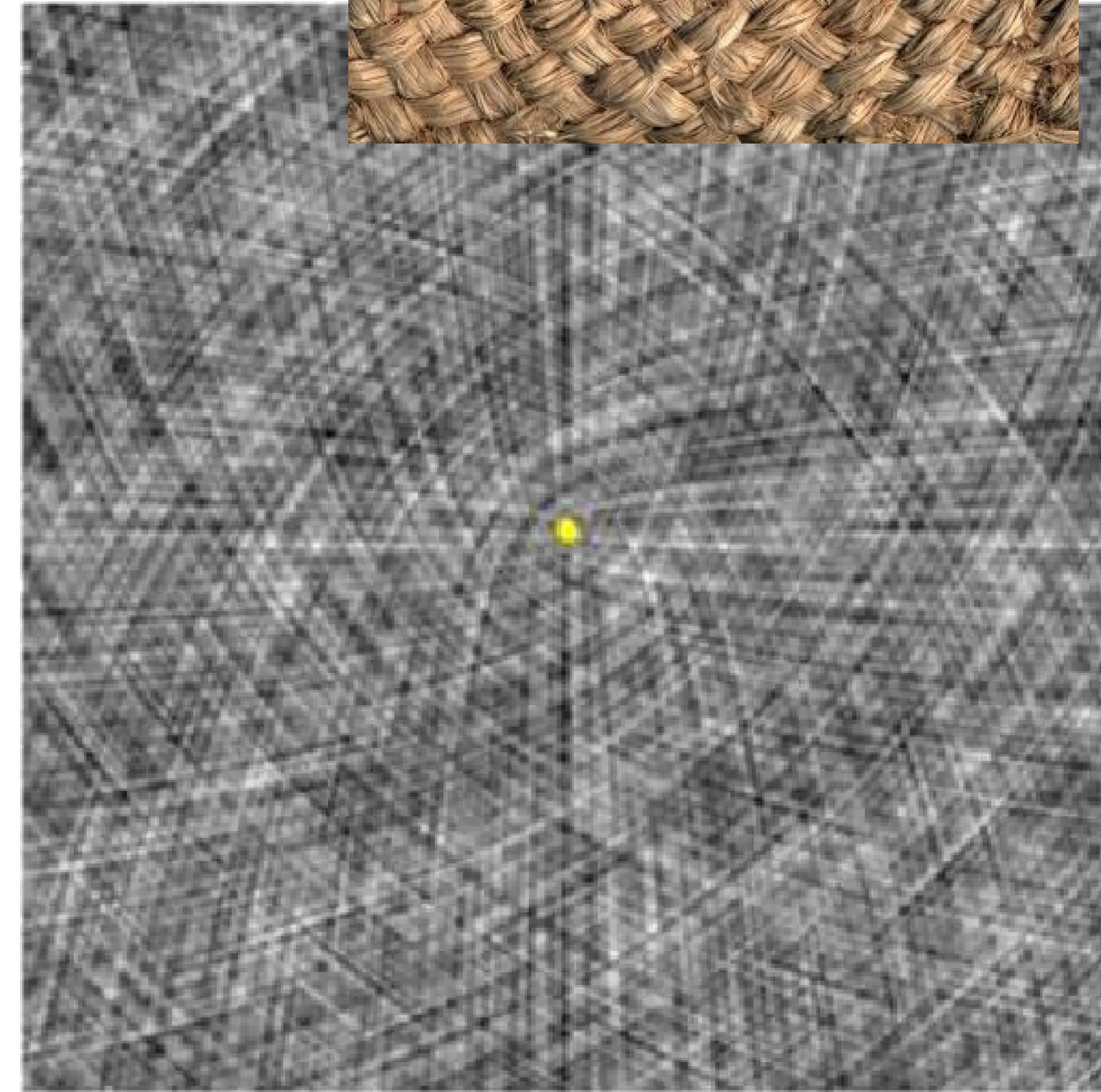
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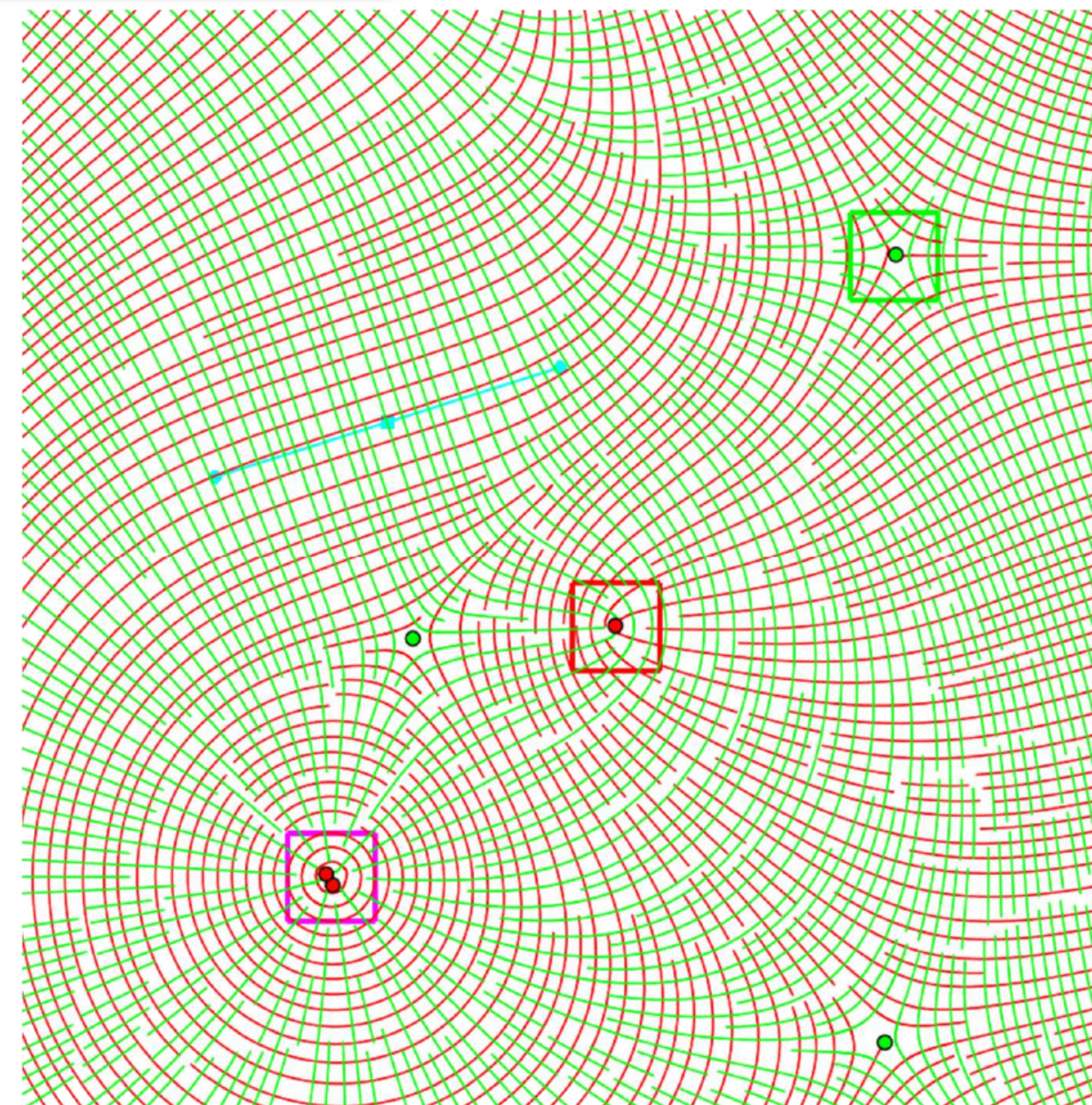
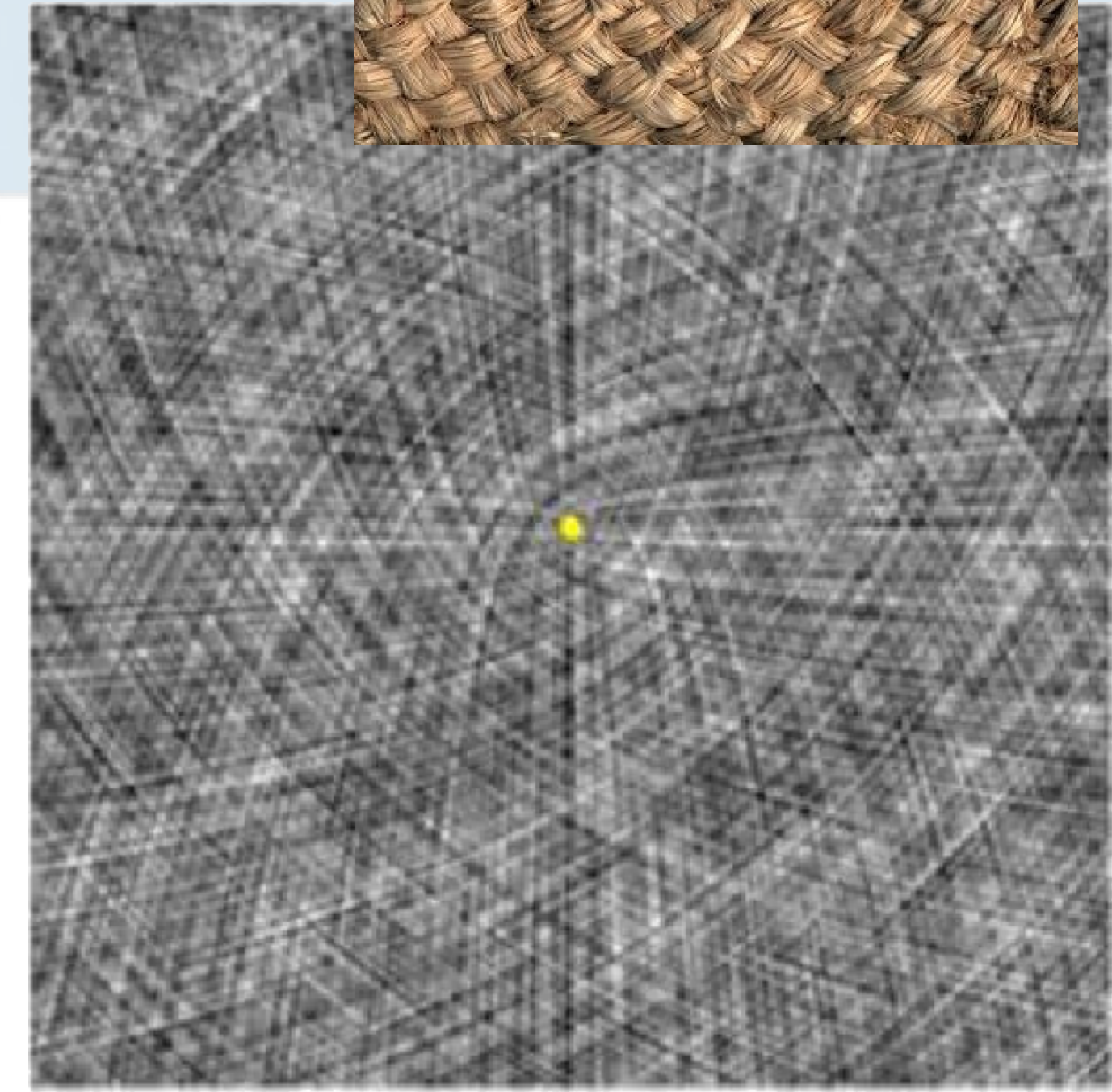
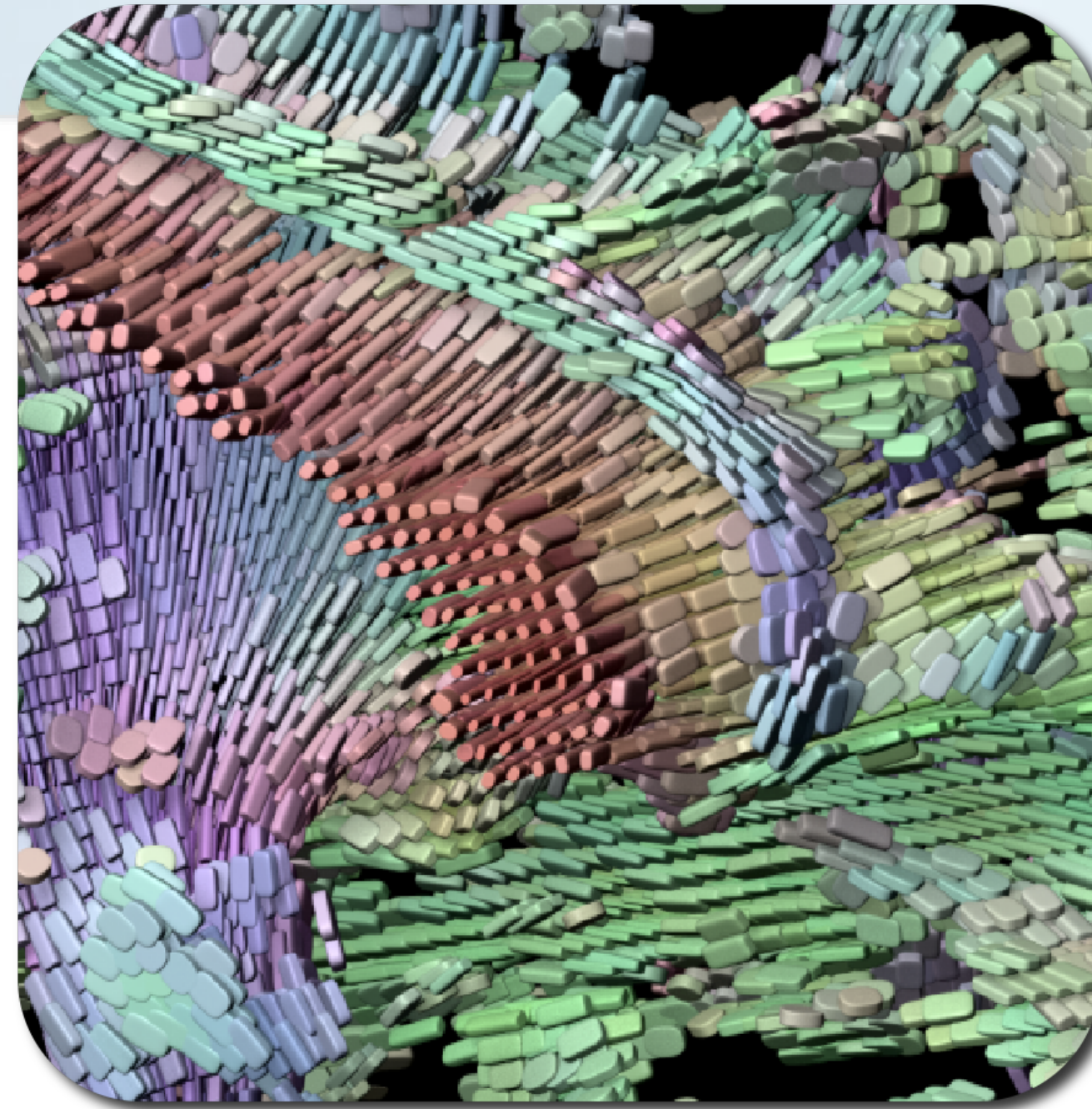
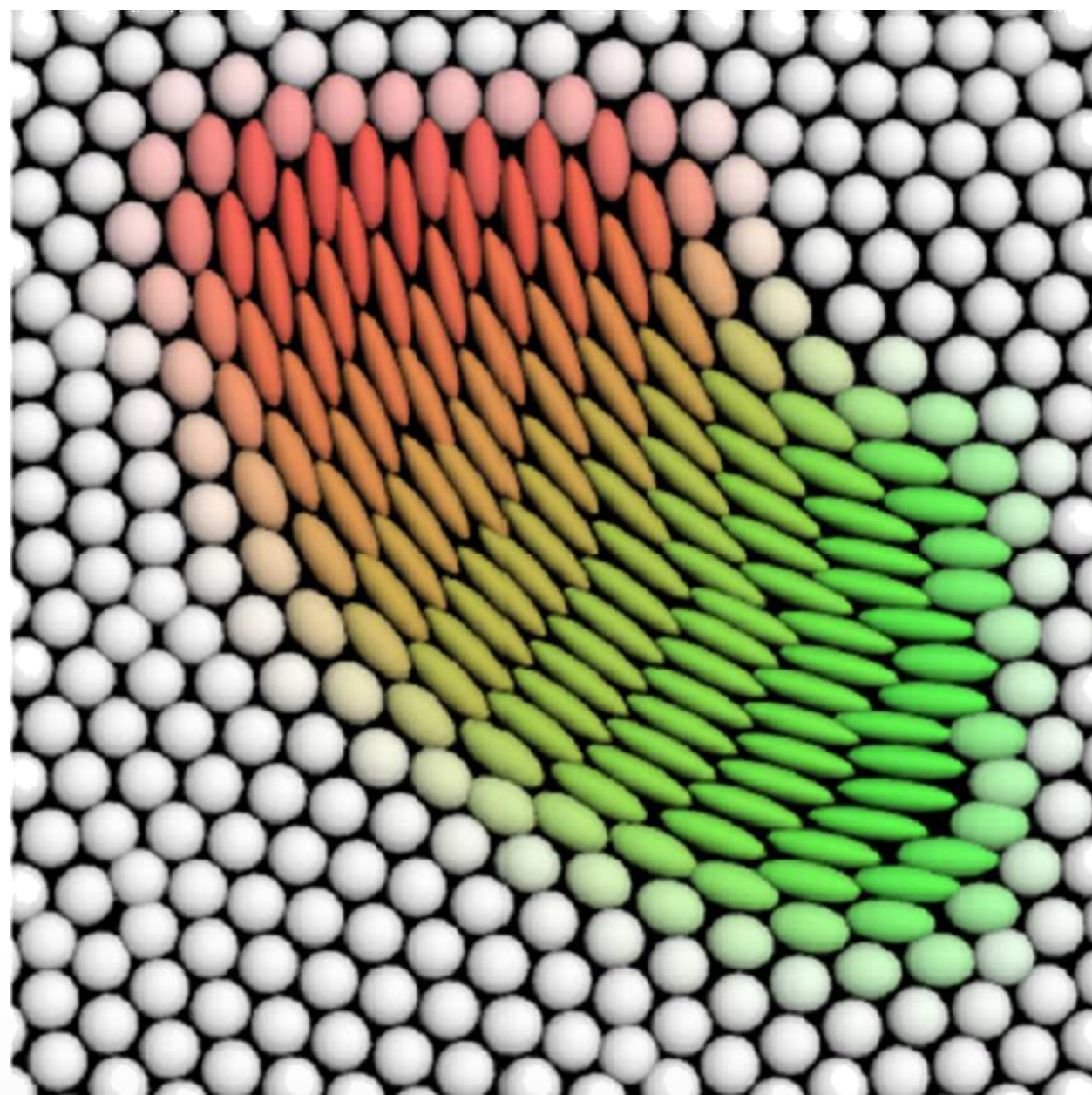
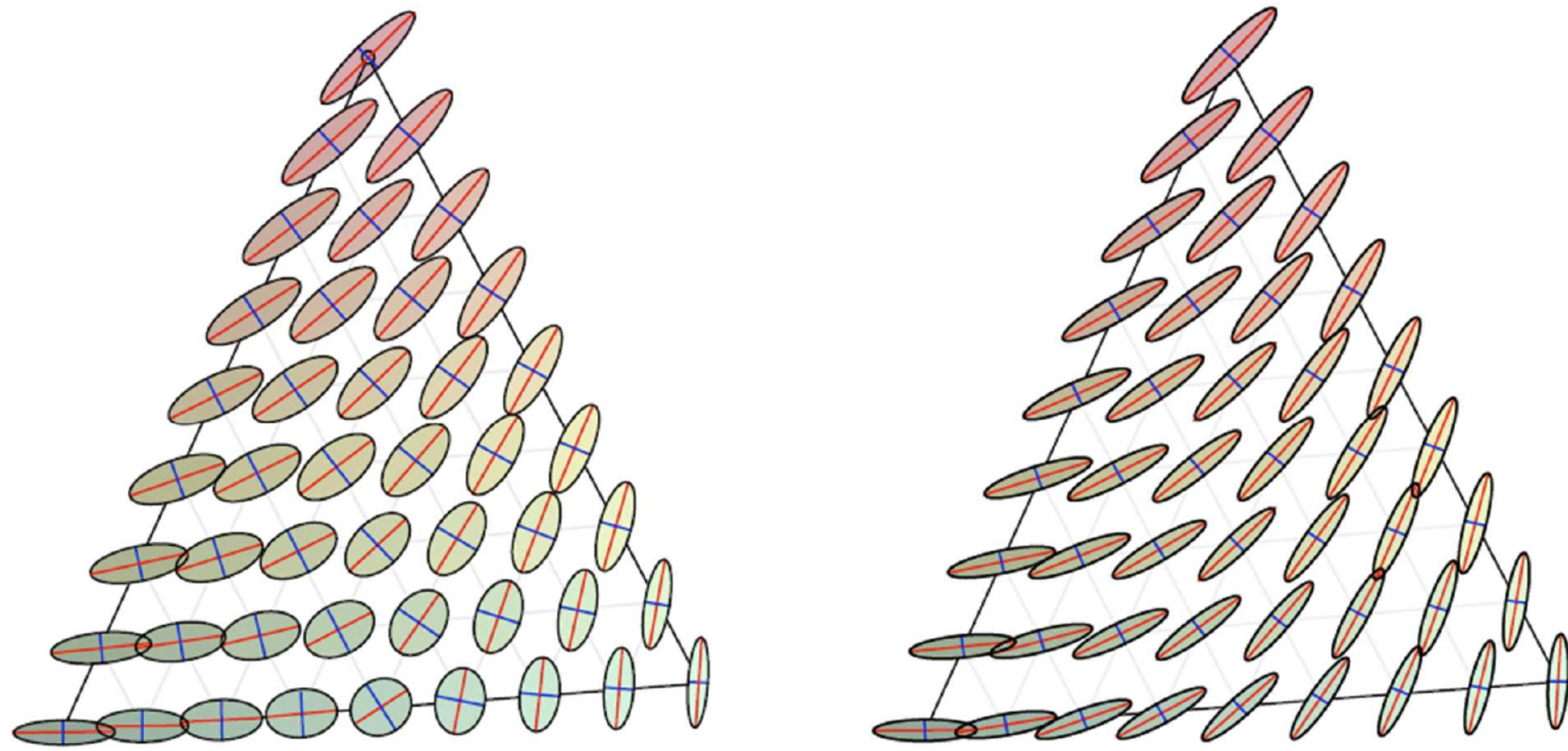
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# Tensor fields





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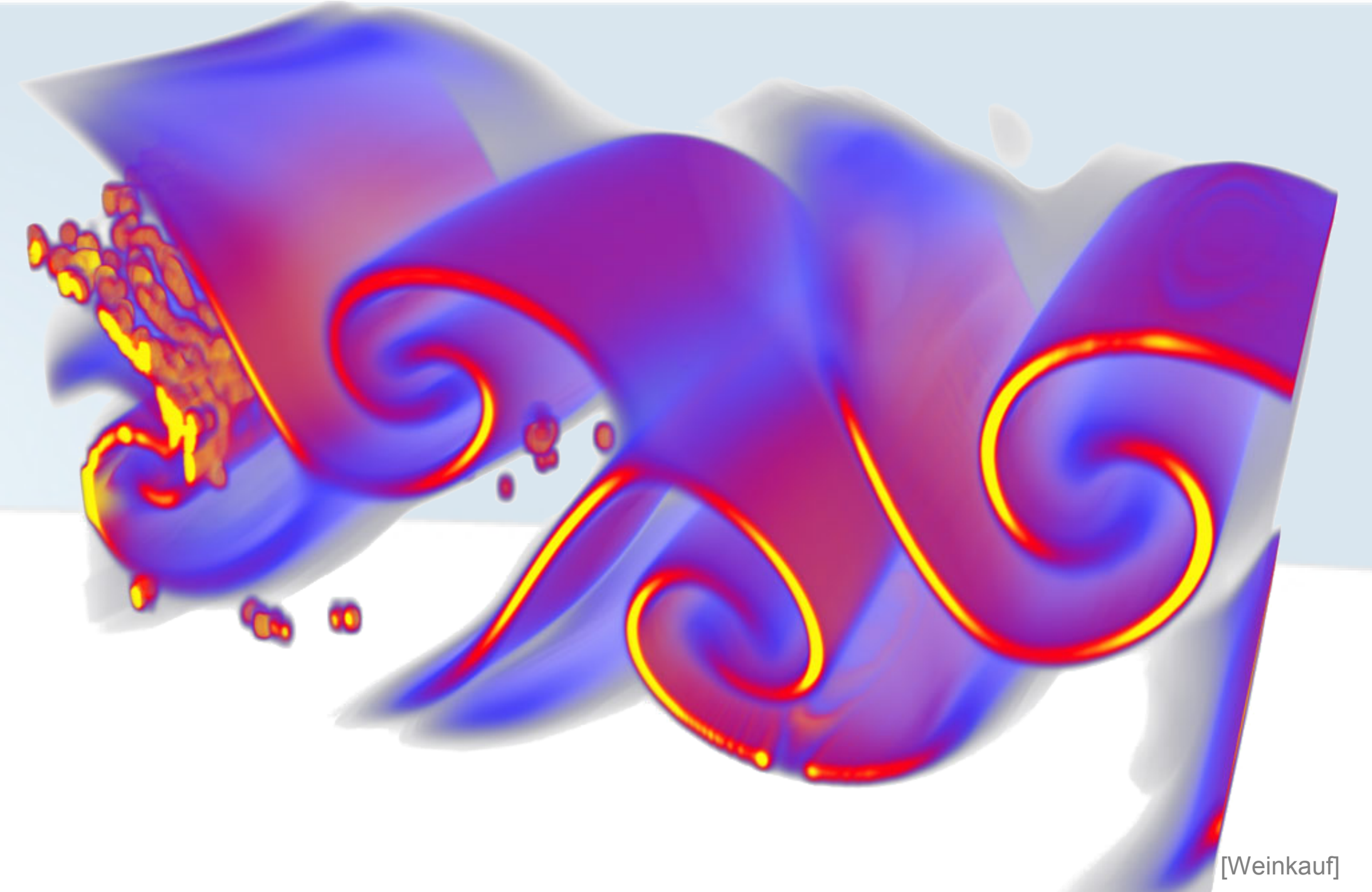
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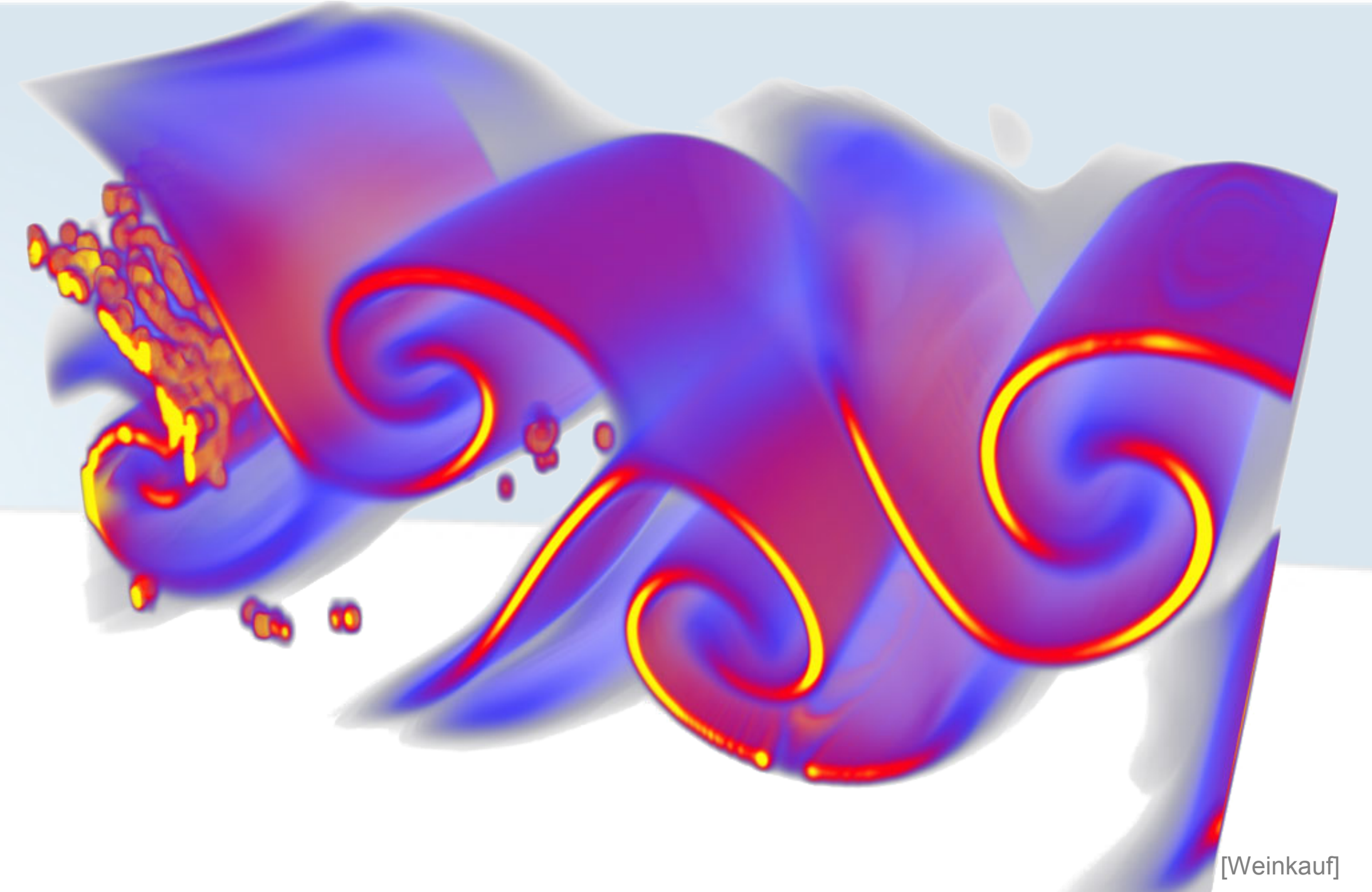
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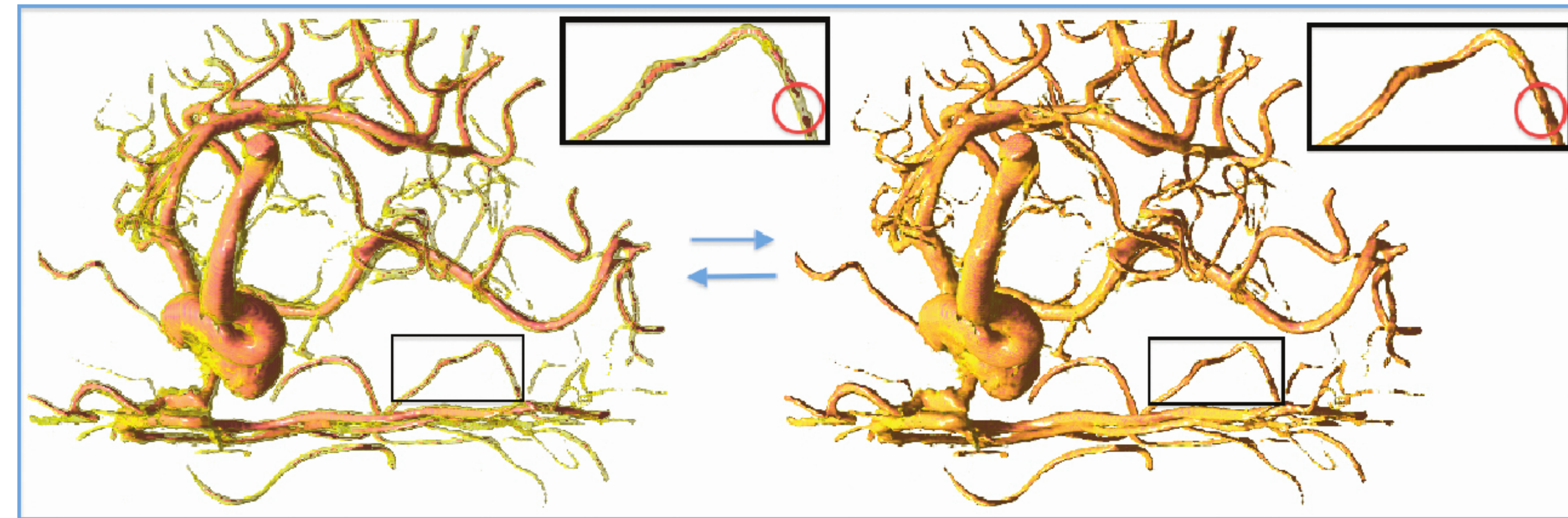
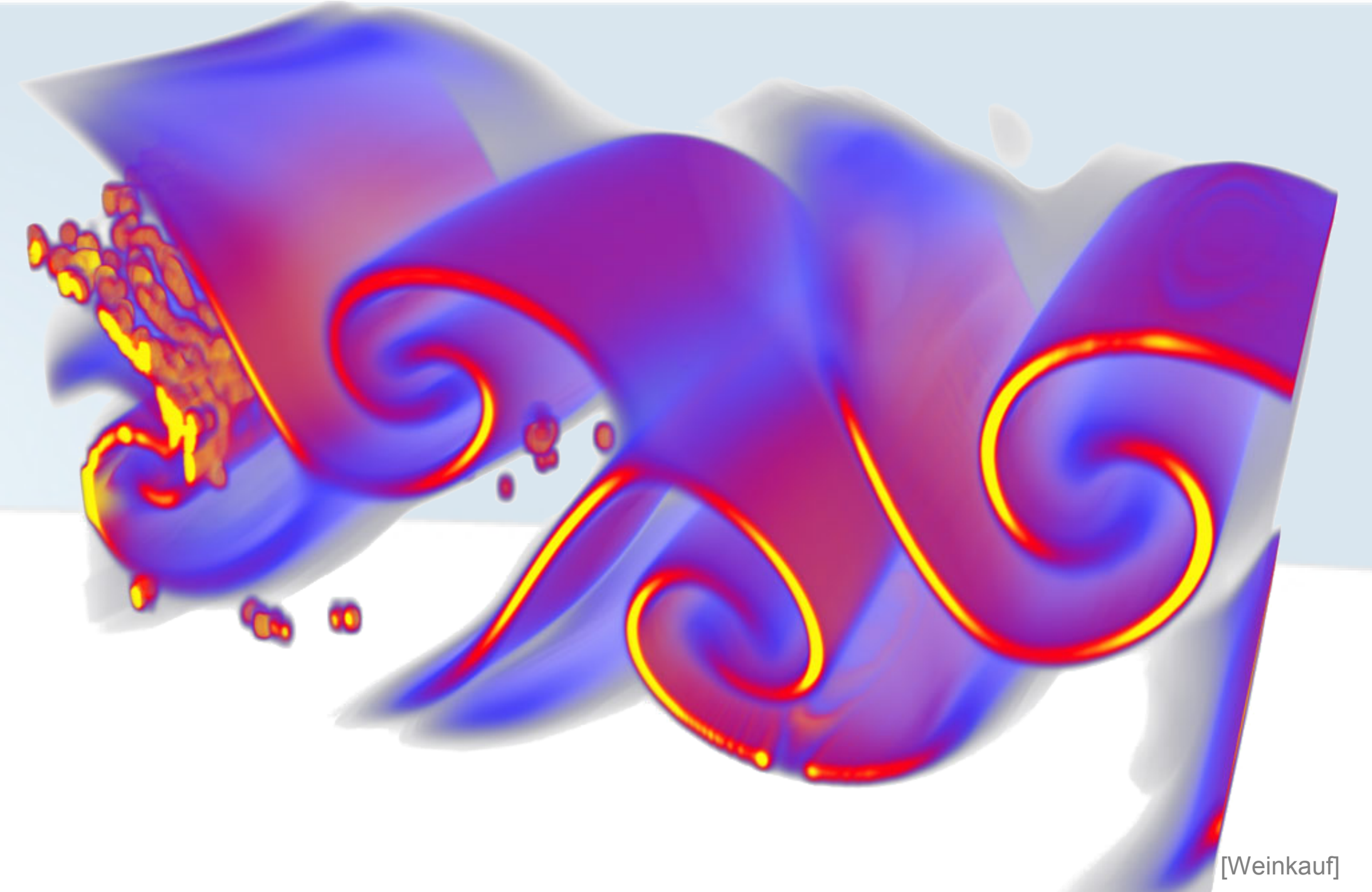
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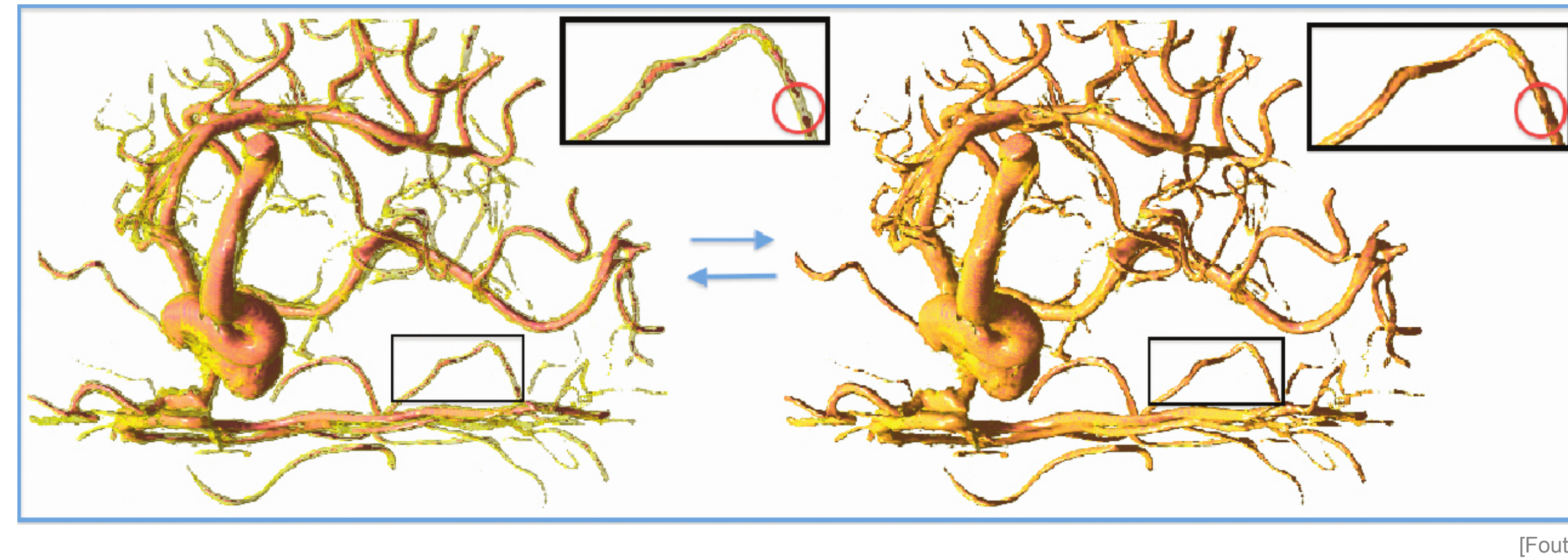
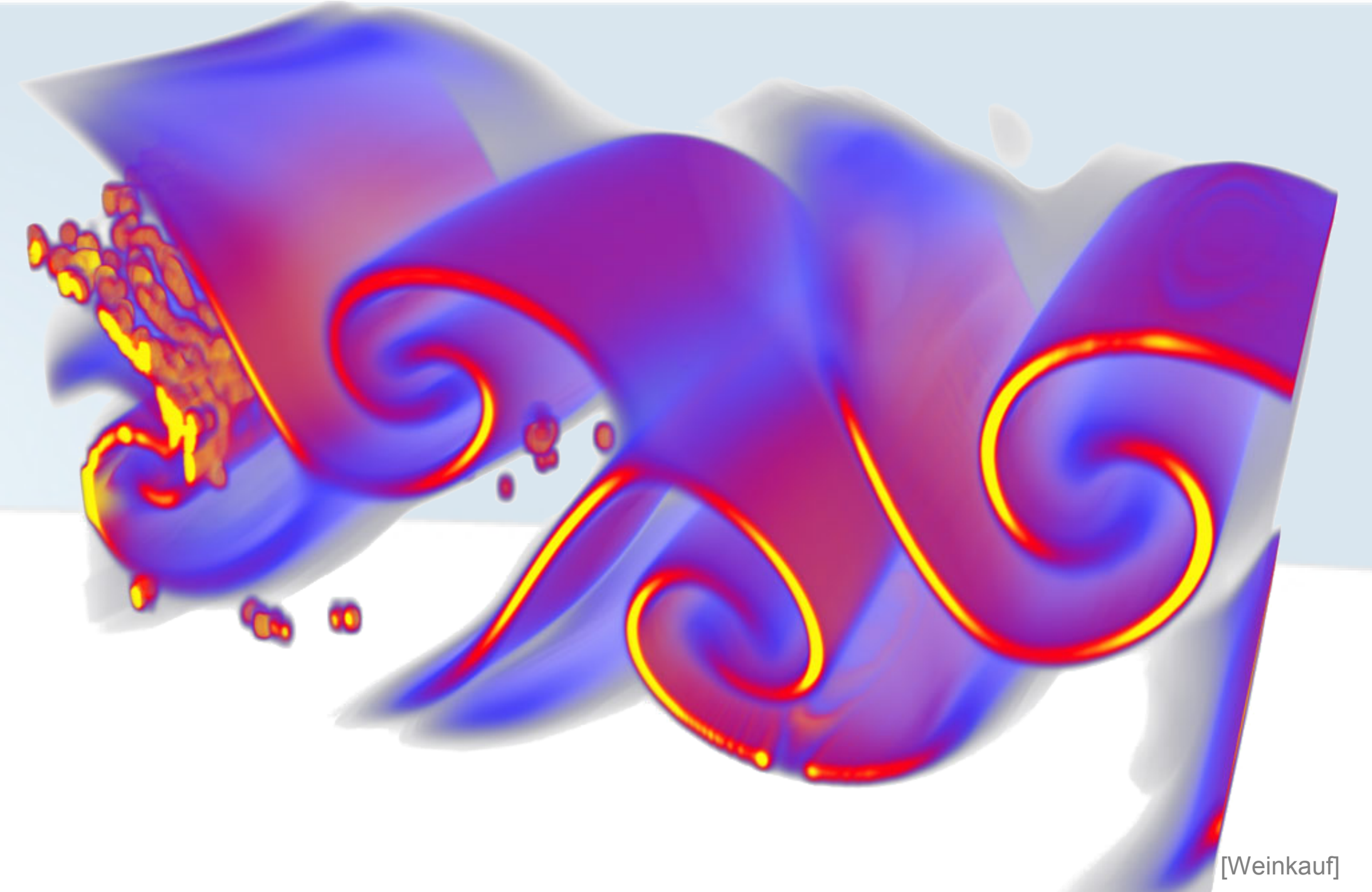
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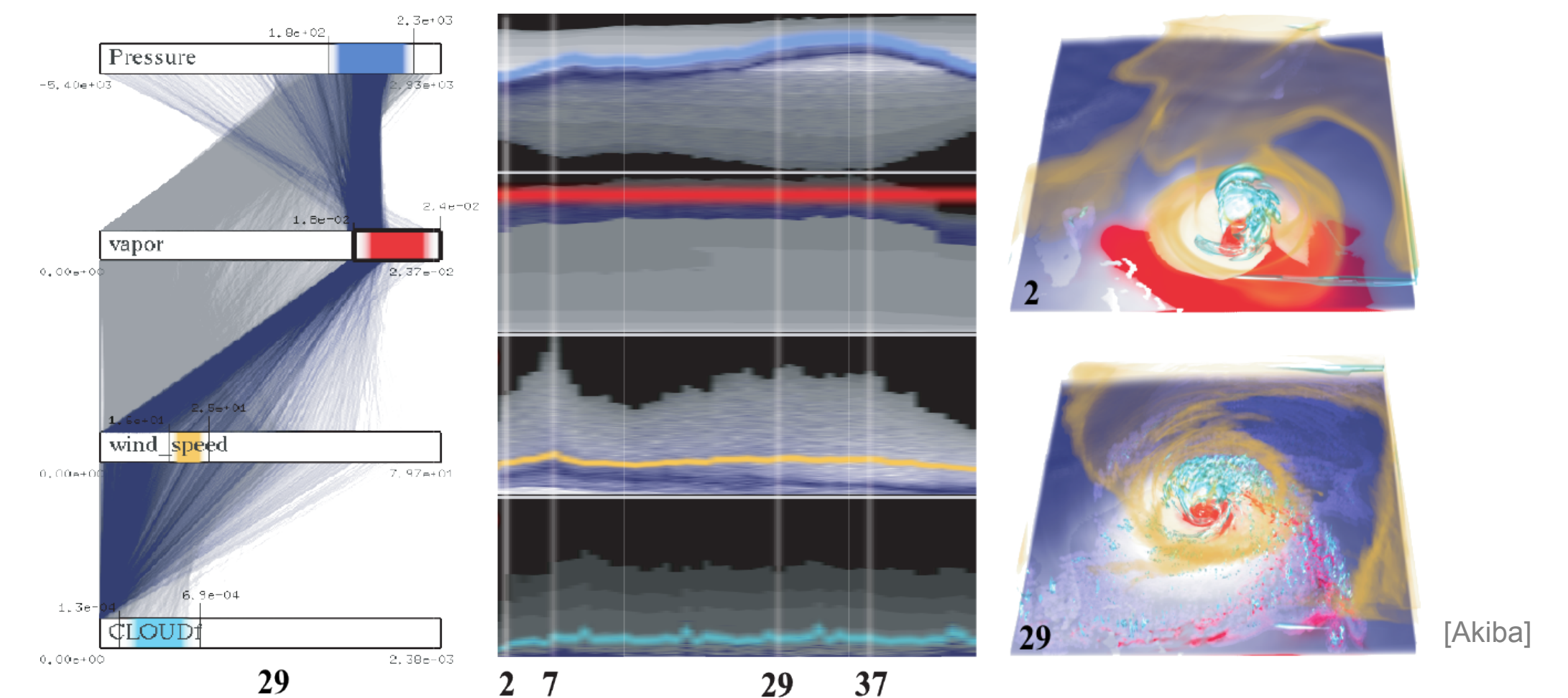
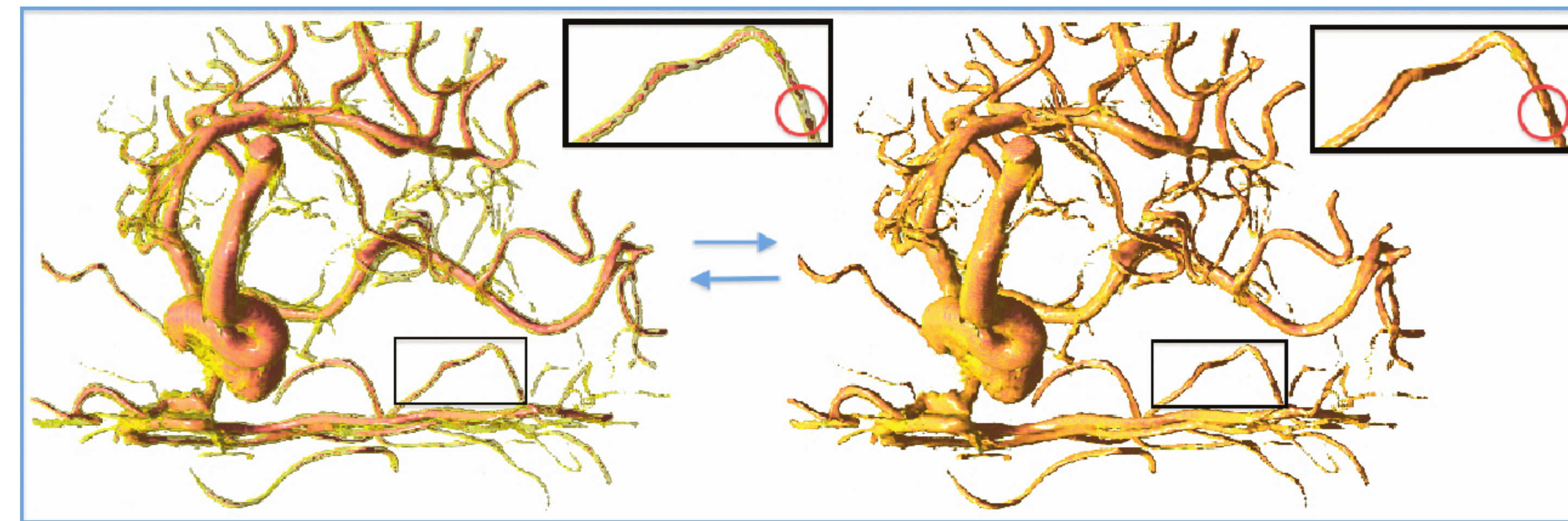
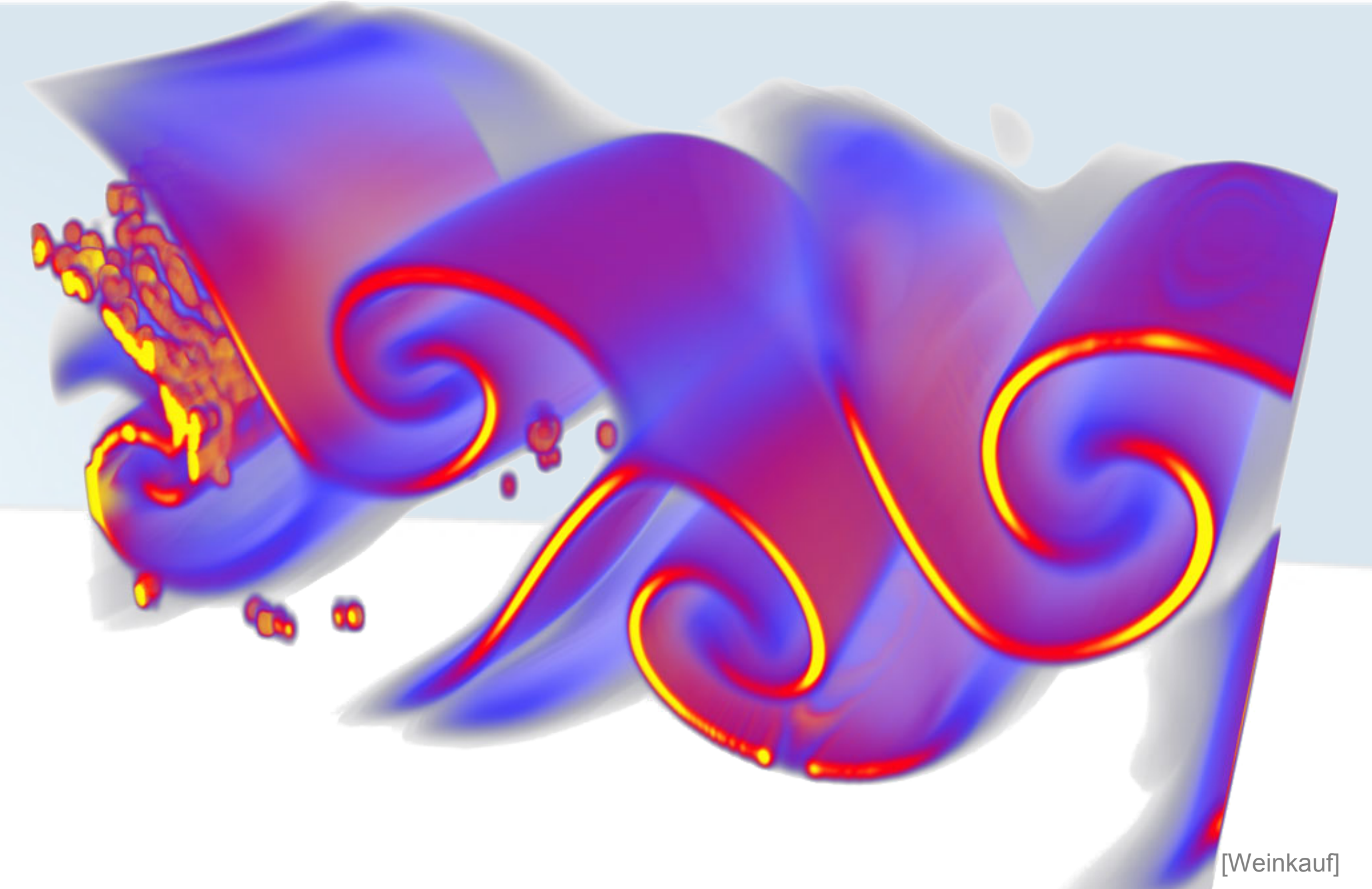
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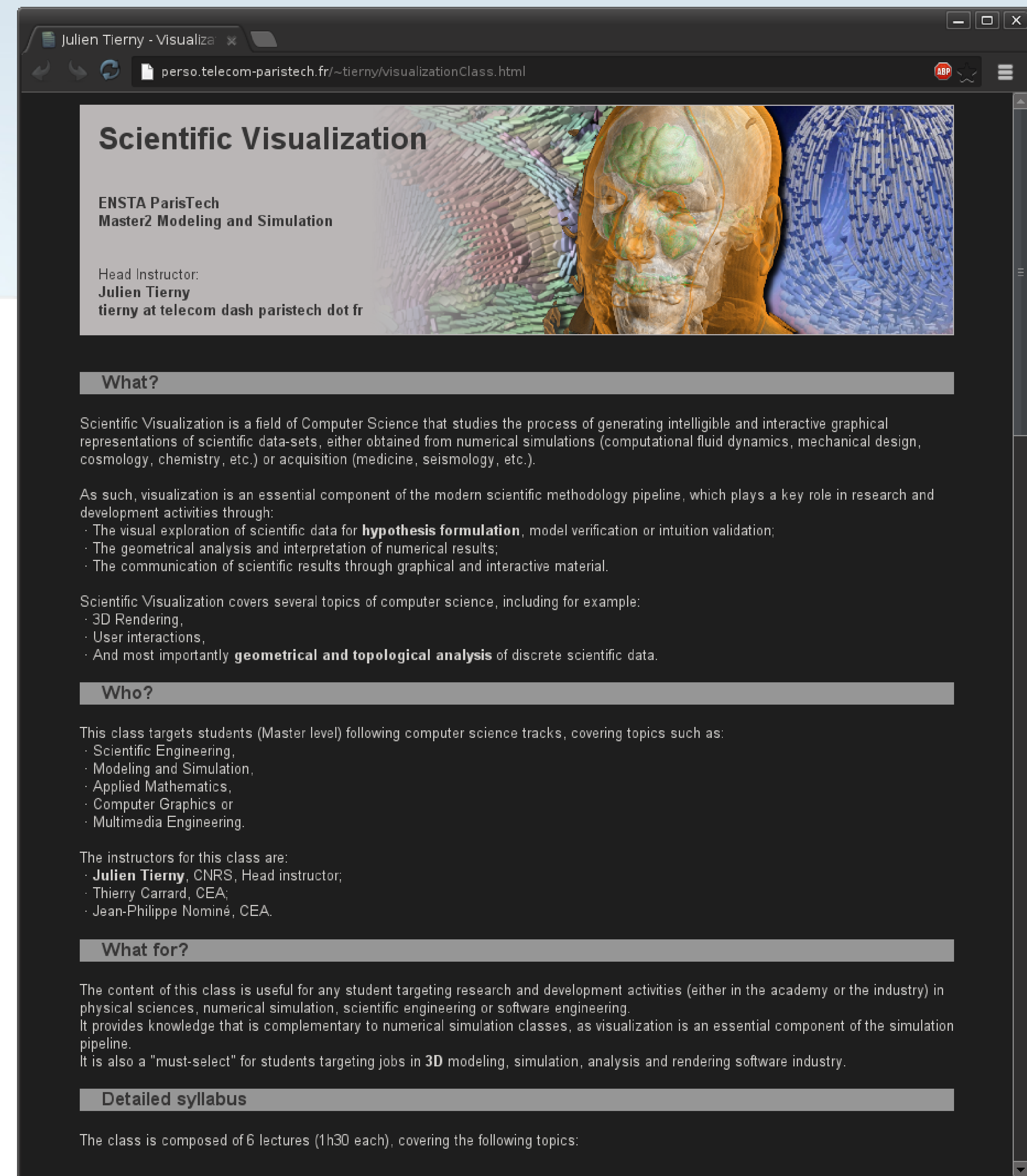
# References

- [tierny@telecom-paristech.fr](mailto:tierny@telecom-paristech.fr)

- Projects, internships, Ph.D. thesis

- Online class

- <http://www.telecom-paristech.fr/~tierny/visualizationClass.html>



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title 'Julien Tierny - Visualiza'. The address bar displays 'perso.telecom-paristech.fr/~tierny/visualizationClass.html'. The page content is titled 'Scientific Visualization' and is part of the 'ENSTA ParisTech Master2 Modeling and Simulation' program. It lists 'Head Instructor: Julien Tierny' with the email 'tierny at telecom dash paristech dot fr'. The page is divided into sections: 'What?', 'Who?', and 'What for?'. The 'What?' section defines scientific visualization as a field of computer science and lists its applications. The 'Who?' section identifies the target audience as Master-level students in computer science tracks. The 'What for?' section explains the class's relevance for research and development in physical sciences and software engineering. A 'Detailed syllabus' section at the bottom states that the class consists of 6 lectures (1h30 each) covering various topics. The page features a background image of a 3D visualization of a human head with internal structures and a vector field.

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**What?**

Scientific Visualization is a field of Computer Science that studies the process of generating intelligible and interactive graphical representations of scientific data-sets, either obtained from numerical simulations (computational fluid dynamics, mechanical design, cosmology, chemistry, etc.) or acquisition (medicine, seismology, etc.).

As such, visualization is an essential component of the modern scientific methodology pipeline, which plays a key role in research and development activities through:

- The visual exploration of scientific data for **hypothesis formulation**, model verification or intuition validation;
- The geometrical analysis and interpretation of numerical results;
- The communication of scientific results through graphical and interactive material.

Scientific Visualization covers several topics of computer science, including for example:

- 3D Rendering,
- User interactions,
- And most importantly **geometrical and topological analysis** of discrete scientific data.

**Who?**

This class targets students (Master level) following computer science tracks, covering topics such as:

- Scientific Engineering,
- Modeling and Simulation,
- Applied Mathematics,
- Computer Graphics or
- Multimedia Engineering.

The instructors for this class are:

- **Julien Tierny**, CNRS, Head instructor;
- Thierry Carrard, CEA;
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**What for?**

The content of this class is useful for any student targeting research and development activities (either in the academy or the industry) in physical sciences, numerical simulation, scientific engineering or software engineering. It provides knowledge that is complementary to numerical simulation classes, as visualization is an essential component of the simulation pipeline. It is also a "must-select" for students targeting jobs in 3D modeling, simulation, analysis and rendering software industry.

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