

# Topological Data Analysis and Topological Approaches to Drug Design and Discovery

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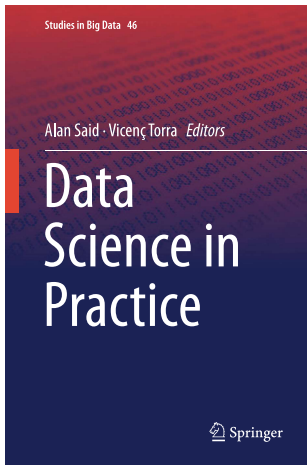
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## Importance of Topology in Data Science

According to **Book published in 2019:** Alan Said and Vicenç Torra Editors, **Data Science in Practice**, 195pp, Studies in Big Data **46**, Springer Nature Switzerland AG 2019. ISBN 978-3-319-97555-9 ISBN 978-3-319-97556-6 (eBook), the following is a list of **tools that are commonly used** within data science.

- Optimization. Probability theory. Linear algebra. Graphs.
- **Topology.**
- Visual analytics. Programming languages and software.
- Other mathematical tools.

# Data Science



## 1 Data Science: An Introduction

### 1.3 Tools

In the previous section we have connected data science with the three related areas of statistics, machine learning, and big data technologies. In this section we will list some of the tools that are commonly used within data science.

- Optimization.** Quite a few methods for modeling can be formulated in terms of an optimization problem [4]. That is, there is an objective function to be maximized (or minimized) and a set of constraints to be satisfied. The goal is to find an optimal solution to the problem, that is, a solution that maximizes (or minimizes) the terms of the objective function. Optimization methods study approaches to solve this type of problem. Metaheuristics is a related area, and is about finding good heuristics to solve effectively optimization problems.
- Query.** Queries are the type of questions that can be based on probabilistic theory, Graphical models, and Bayesian networks, are some of them.
- Linear algebra.** A simple multivariate linear regression model can be better (or worse) represented as a linear algebra problem. Linear algebra is a branch of mathematics. Optimization problems are typically formulated using linear algebra. E.g., linear equality constraints are represented as the product of a matrix and a vector of variables equal to a vector. Some other machine learning and statistical methods, such as linear regression, support vector machines (some instances) using linear algebra. This is the case of support vector machines.
- Graphs.** Some of the information available is conveniently represented in terms of graphs. This is the case of social networks. Graph theory provides concepts and methods to study this. This is the case of social networks, where nodes are the network with bi-directional topological structure. There are also graphs with a constraint that they should not contain cycles. In addition, some of the tools for data modeling, such as graphical models, also rely on graphs for the representation of data modeling.
- Topology.** The field of topological data analysis [3, 5] has emerged recently as a way to extract relevant characteristics from data. Chazal and Michel [3] outlines the main concepts of topological data analysis. Topological data analysis is a pipeline consists of (i) input data consisting on a list of points coming with a notion of distance; (ii) a "continuous shape" is built on top of the data; this results into an structure over the data; (iii) topological and geometric information is extracted from the structure; (iv) the information is used to solve the problem. The output of the approach and correspond to the new features of the data.
- Visual analytics.** It is difficult to understand big data. Data visualization provides tools for a more effective understanding of the data, and visual analytics additionally provides tools for analyzing large data sets and helping in decision making processes.
- Programming languages and software.** Appropriate programming languages and big data management tools, and Python, are some of the languages and tools commonly used in this field. For example, Markov, TensorFlow, Hadoop, Flink, and others.

## Geometric simplicial complex

A **geometric simplicial complex**  $K$  is a collection of simplices, all contained in some Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^J$  for some index set  $J$  such that

1. if  $\sigma^n$  is a simplex in  $K$  and  $\tau^p$  is a face of  $\sigma^n$ , then  $\tau^p$  is in  $K$ ; and
2. if  $\sigma^n$  and  $\tau^p$  are simplices of  $K$ , then  $\sigma^n \cap \tau^p$  is either empty, or a common face of  $\sigma^n$  and  $\tau^p$ .

There is a theory on weighted simplicial homology<sup>12</sup> with successful applications in biomolecular data analysis<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>Ren, Shiquan; Wu, Chengyuan; Wu, Jie *Weighted persistent homology*. Rocky Mountain J. Math. 48 (2018), no. 8, 2661-2687.

<sup>2</sup>Wu, Chengyuan; Ren, Shiquan; Wu, Jie; Xia, Kelin *Discrete Morse theory for weighted simplicial complexes*. Topology Appl. 270 (2020), 107038, 19 pp.

<sup>3</sup>Zhenyu Meng, D Vijay Anand, Yunpeng Lu, Jie Wu, Kelin Xia, *Weighted persistent homology for biomolecular data analysis*, Scientific Reports, 10, 2079 (2020).





# Mapper from Data to Simplicial Complexes

Given a data as a finite subset  $X$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , we consider  $X$  as a vertex set and draw a ball of radius  $r$  centered at each point  $x \in X$ . Then we get a collection of balls of radius  $r$  (centered at points in  $X$ ),  $B(x, r)$ ,  $x \in X$ .

We obtain a simplicial complex  $K_r(X)$  (**depending on radius  $r$** ), called **Vietoris-Rips complex**, whose vertices are the balls and simplices given by **pairwise nonempty intersection** of these balls, i.e the balls  $B_0(x_0, r), \dots, B_n(x_n, r)$  forms an  $n$ -simplex (with  $x_0, \dots, x_n \in X$ ) iff  $B_i(x_i, r) \cap B_j(x_j, r) \neq \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ .

**Note.** One can also use nerve complex of these balls to get **Cech complex**. Vietoris-Rips complex is simpler in terms of computation.



# Persistent Homology

Given a data as a finite subset  $X$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , we take homology with coefficients in a field of its Vietoris-Rips complex  $K_r(X)$ .

For each integer  $k \geq 0$ , homology group  $H_k(K_r(X))$  is a vector space depending on parameter  $r \geq 0$ , called a **persistence module**.

**Structure Theorem.** Each (finite dimensional) persistence module admits a **factorization** in terms of **irreducible persistence modules**.

Each irreducible persistence module is an **interval persistence module**,  $V_t$ , from  $a$  to  $b$ , with  $V_t = 0$  for  $t < a$  or  $t > b$ , and  $\dim(V_t) = 1$ . Here  $a$  is called **birth** of  $V_t$ , and  $b$  is called **death** of  $V_t$ .

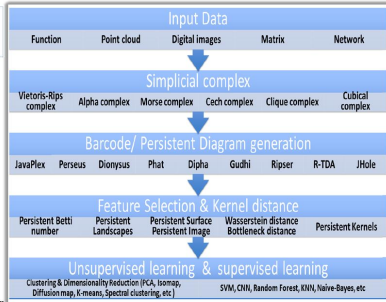
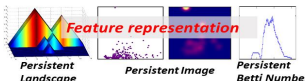
# Topological Feature of Data

Given a data as a finite subset  $X$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , fixing an integer  $k \geq 0$ , the homology group  $H_k(K_r(X))$  (briefly speaking, **persistent Betti numbers**) induces **topological barcodes**, which is a **multi-set** in the plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$  consisting of  $(a, b)$ 's with  $a$  ( $b$ ) the births (deaths) of irreducible factors of the persistence module  $H_k(K_r(X))$ .

Topological barcodes can be also intuitively drawn as fingerprint, called **topological fingerprint**.

Then, what to do? Well, you do machine learning and data analysis!

# Topology Based Learning Models



**Quantum Mechanics**

- QM7
- QM8
- QM7b
- QM9

**Physical Chemistry**

- ESOL
- FreeSolv
- Lipophilicity

**Biophysics**

- HIV
- PDBbind
- BACE
- PCBA
- MUV

**Physiology**

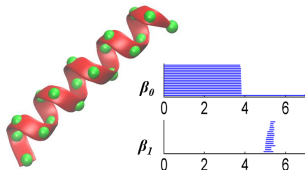
- BBBP
- Tox21
- ToxCast
- SIDER
- ClinTox

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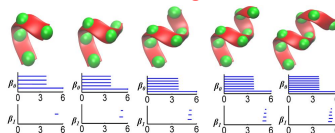
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# Biomolecular Topological Fingerprint

### TF for alpha helix

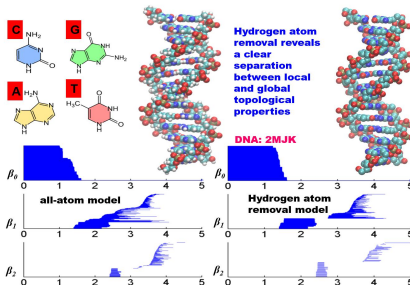
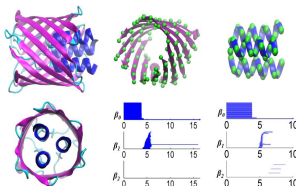


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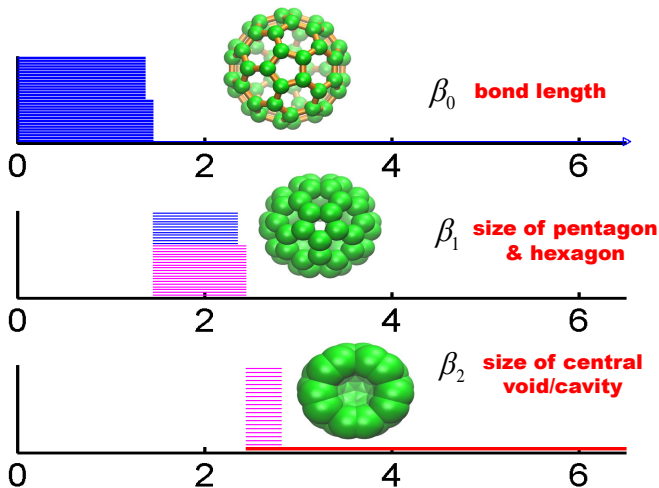


## Topological fingerprints of DNA

**TF for beta barrel**



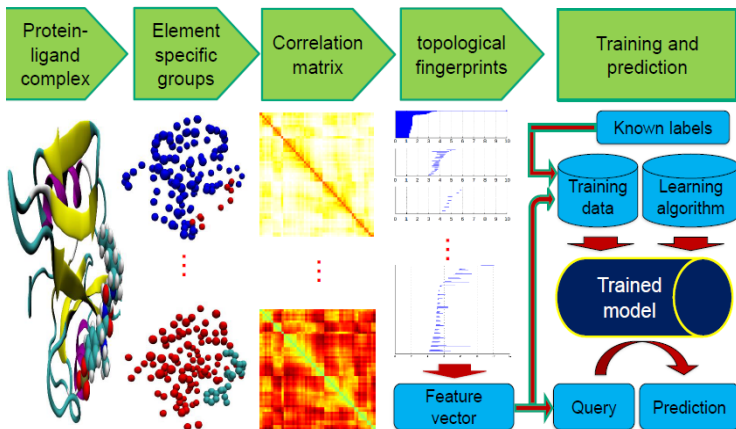
PHA of fullerene  $C_{60}$ —(Xia, Feng, Tong & Wei, JCC, 2015)



# Topology Based Learning

## Topology based learning architecture

(Cang & Wei, IJNMBE, 2017)



# Topological approach to molecular biology



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### Software packages:

- **MIBPB**: Online server for electrostatic analysis using the second-order accurate Poisson-Boltzmann solver.
- **ESES**: Open-source online server for the generation of Eulerian solvent excluded surface.
- **PPD**: Online server for Protein Pocket Detection.
- **FRD**: Online server for the flexibility analysis of biomolecules based on flexibility and rigidity index.
- **RI-Score**: Online server for geometric graph theory or rigidity index (RI) based scoring function for protein ligand binding affinity prediction.
- **TML-BP**: Online server for topological learning for protein-ligand binding affinity prediction.
- **TML-MP**: Online server for topology based machine learning for the prediction of protein folding stability change upon mutation.
- **TDL-BP**: Online server for topological deep learning for protein-ligand binding affinity prediction.
- **TDL-MP**: Online server for topological deep learning for the prediction of protein folding stability change upon mutation.
- **TopP-S**: Online server for topological learning of partition coefficient (LogP) and aqueous solubility (LogS).
- **TopTox**: Online server for computing element-specific topological descriptors (ESTDs) for toxicity endpoint predictions.

## Guowei Wei group's works

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# Persistent Homology Analysis of Biomolecular Data

By Guo-Wei Wei

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# Persistent Homology Analysis of Biomolecular Data

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### D3R Grand Challenge 2

**Given:** Farnesoid X receptor (FXR) and 102 ligands

**Tasks:** Dock 102 ligands to FXR, and predict their poses, binding free energies and energy ranking

#### Stage 1

Pose Predictions (partials)

Scoring (partials)

Free Energy Set 1 (partials)

Free Energy Set 2 (partials)


#### Stage 2

Scoring (partials)

Free Energy Set 1 (partials)

Free Energy Set 2 (partials)

Grand Challenge 2  
From Binding Site (Lillicrap 2015 - Kinoshita's Team)



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### D3R Grand Challenge 3

**Given:** Farnesoid X receptor (FXR) and 102 ligands

**Tasks:** Dock 102 ligands to FXR, and predict their poses, binding free energies and energy ranking

#### Stage 1

Pose Predictions (partials)

Scoring (partials)

Free Energy Set 1 (partials)

Free Energy Set 2 (partials)


#### Stage 2

Scoring (partials)

Free Energy Set 1 (partials)

Free Energy Set 2 (partials)

Grand Challenge 3  
From Binding Site (Lillicrap 2015 - Kinoshita's Team)



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### D3R Grand Challenge 4

**Given:** Farnesoid X receptor (FXR) and 102 ligands

**Tasks:** Dock 102 ligands to FXR, and predict their poses, binding free energies and energy ranking

#### Stage 1

Pose Predictions (partials)

Scoring (partials)

Free Energy Set 1 (partials)

Free Energy Set 2 (partials)


#### Stage 2

Scoring (partials)

Free Energy Set 1 (partials)

Free Energy Set 2 (partials)

Grand Challenge 4  
From Binding Site (Lillicrap 2015 - Kinoshita's Team)



# Topology in Drug design

Guo-Wei Wei, *Persistent homology analysis of biomolecular data*, **SIAM News** 50 (10), December 1, 2017:

However, persistent homology neglects chemical and biological information ... and is thus **not as competitive as** geometry or physics-based representation in quantitative predictions. **Element-specific persistent homology**, or multi-component persistent homology built on colored biomolecular network, has been introduced... This approach enciphers biological properties—such as hydrogen bonds, van der Waals interactions, hydrophilicity, and hydrophobicity—into topological invariants, rendering a **potentially revolutionary representation** for biomolecules.

Element-specific=subnetworks only having *C* or *O* or “*C* and *O*” ...

## Why is topology good in molecular biology?

25. Guo-Wei Wei, Duc Duy Nguyen and Zixuan Cang, System and methods for machine learning for drug design and discovery, United States Patent Application Publication, Pub. No.: US 2019 / 0304568 A1. Pub. Date: Oct. 3, 2019. [005]:

- Theoretical models for the study of structure-function relationships of biomolecules may conventionally be based on **pure geometric modeling techniques**.
- Mathematically, these approaches make use of local geometric information, which may include, but is not limited to, **coordinates, distances, angles, areas and sometimes curvatures** for the physical modeling of biomolecular systems.
- Indeed, geometric modeling may generally be considered to have value for structural biology and biophysics.

## Why is topology good in molecular biology?

- However, conventional purely geometry-based models may tend to be inundated with **too much structural detail** and are frequently **computationally intractable**.
- In many biological problems, such as the opening or closing of ion channels, the association or disassociation of binding ligands (or proteins), the folding or unfolding of proteins, the symmetry breaking or formation of virus capsids, there exist topological changes. In fact, **full-scale quantitative** information **may not be needed to understand some physical and biological functions**.
- Put another way, in many biomolecular systems **there are topology-function relationships**, which **cannot be effectively identified using purely geometry-based models**.



## Weighted Persistent Homology

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# Weighted Persistent Homology for biomolecular DA

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# Weighted persistent homology for biomolecular data analysis

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In this paper, we systematically review weighted persistent homology (WPH) models and their applications in biomolecular data analysis. Essentially, the weight value, which reflects physical, chemical and biological properties, can be assigned to vertices (atom centers), edges (bonds), or higher order simplexes (cluster of atoms), depending on the biomolecular structure, function, and dynamics properties. Further, we propose the first localized weighted persistent homology (LWPH). Inspired by



# Embedded Homology of Hypergraphs

- Xiang Liu, Xiangjun Wang, Jie Wu, and Kelin Xia, *Hypergraph based persistent cohomology (HPC) for machine learning in drug design*, preprint.
- Bressan, Stephane; Li, Jingyan; Ren, Shiquan; Wu, Jie The embedded homology of hypergraphs and applications. Asian J. Math. 23 (2019), no. 3, 479-500.

The ideas introducing embedded homology of hypergraphs were inspired from the ideas of path homology introduced by S.-T. Yau et al<sup>5</sup>:

- A. Grigor'yan, Y. Lin, Y. Muranov, and S.-T. Yau, Homologies of path complexes and digraphs, Math arXiv: 1207.2834v4, 2013.



<sup>5</sup>Thanks **Prof. S. -T. Yau**  for his elegant ideas so that we can generalize simplicial homology to hypergraphs in a natural way. 



# Hypergraph homology in drug design

## Hypergraph based persistent cohomology (HPC) for machine learning in drug design

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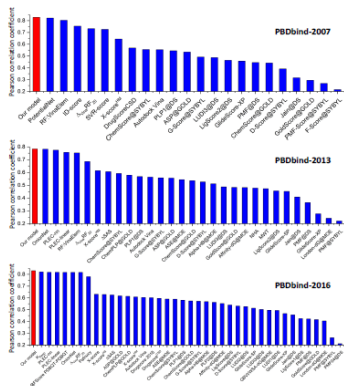
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1 Artificial intelligence (AI) based drug design has demonstrated great  
2 potential to fundamentally change the drug design and drug discov-  
3 ery. However, a key issue in AI-based drug design is efficient molec-  
4 ular descriptors or fingerprints. Here, we present hypergraph-based  
5 molecular topological representation, hypergraph-based (weighted)  
6 persistent cohomology (HPC/HWPC), and HPC-based molecular fin-  
7 gerprints for machine learning models in drug design. Molecular  
8 structures and their atomic interactions are highly complicated and  
9 pose great challenges for efficient mathematical representations. We  
10 develop the first hypergraph-based topological framework to charac-  
11 terize detailed molecular structures and interactions at atomic level.  
12 Inspired by the elegant path complex model, hypergraph-based em-

development of highly-efficient learning algorithms, will pave the way for AI-based drug design to fundamentally change the landscape of drug design and drug discovery (5, 6).

With the excitement and opportunities come challenges. Currently, one of the central challenges for machine learning models in drug design is molecular featurization, which is to identify or design appropriate molecular descriptors or fingerprints (16–19). In fact, featurization is a long-standing issue for chemical informatics and bioinformatics (14, 15). Traditional molecular/chemical descriptors are structural and physical properties obtained from structural geometry, chemical conformation, chemical graph, structure topology, as well as

## HPC in drug design—Red is our result




**Fig. 3.** The comparison of PCCs between our combined HPC/HWPC-QRT model and traditional molecular descriptor based models, for the prediction of protein-ligand binding affinity. The PCCs are calculated based on the core set (test set) of PoDBind-2007, PoDBind-2013 and PoDBind-2015.

# A unified topological approach to data science<sup>6</sup>

Our new work will give a generalization of current persistent homology by introducing **super persistent homology**, which would give a unified topological approach to graphic data/network as well as point cloud data.

- Jelena Grbic and Jie Wu, *a unified topological approach to data science*, work in progress.

<sup>6</sup>The ideas were motivated from communications with Prof **Liu, Jianya**, Shandong University, about the possibility of the applications of TDA to social network, finance and management. **Thanks to Jianya**  **for his deep insights on mathematics!**



## Our Goal/Hope—provide an unified approach suitable for both point cloud data and graphic data

- In our setting, we explore topological structures on graphic data with scoring schemes.
- The current persistent homology can be obtained as special cases of our more general theory from a natural transformation from point cloud data to graphic data with scoring schemes.
- This is a **theoretical research** on topological approaches in data science for hoping to make a tunnel between topology and data science.

## Our Approaches

- A. Homology Theory on **any collection** of subgraphs of a working graph. In theory, you choose whatever collection of subgraphs, you get homology on this collection of subgraphs.
- B. Assign **any scoring scheme** on the working graph so that there is a **score** for any subgraph in the collection of subgraphs on your hand. Then it creates **persistent homology** as **new feature** for you.
- C. Of course the **current persistent homology on point cloud data** should be answered from **A and B**.

## Answer to C for Vietoris-Rips persistent homology

Let  $X$  be a point cloud data in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ . Mathematically,  $X$  is a finite set located in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ .

- **Step 1.** The **working graph**  $G$  is a **complete graph** by joining one edge for each pair of points in  $X$ .—**simple!**
- **Step 2.** The **collection of subgraphs**: any clique (complete subgraph) of  $G$ .—**simple!**
- **Step 3.** The **scoring scheme**: Let  $G'$  be a subgraph. Define its score

$$\mathfrak{M}^{VR}(G') = \frac{1}{2} \max\{d(v, w) \mid v, w \in V(G')\},$$

the half of the maximal embedded distance in the Euclidean space between pairwise vertices.—**natural!**

## Answer to C for Čech persistent homology

Let  $X$  be a point cloud data in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ . Mathematically,  $X$  is a finite set located in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ .

- **Step 1.** The **working graph**  $G$  is a **complete graph** by joining one edge for each pair of points in  $X$ .—**simple!**
- **Step 2.** The **collection of subgraphs**: any clique (complete subgraph) of  $G$ .—**simple!**
- **Step 3.** The **scoring scheme**: Let  $G'$  be a subgraph. Define its score

$$\mathfrak{M}^C(G') = \inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^N} \max\{d(x, v) \mid v \in V(G')\},$$

—**also natural!**

# Answer to C for Witness persistent homology

- The first two steps are the same.
- Only **re-define scoring schemes**: Let  $G' \leq G$  be a subgraph of  $G$  embedded in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ .

## 1. Strong Witness Scoring

$$\mathfrak{M}^{W^s}(G') = \inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^N} \left\{ \sup_{y \in V(G')} d(x, y) - \inf_{z \in V(G)} d(x, z) \right\}.$$

2. Similarly, there are **Vietoris-Rips Strong witness scoring**, **Weak witness scoring**, **Vietoris-Rips weak witness scoring** by translating Carlsson's setting for witness complexes into scoring.



# Can we get anything new by looking scoring? Quick example 1

Let  $G$  be a graph located in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . (e.g. graph data on 3D objects, data on protein structure.) Take VR-scoring on  $G$ . In stead of **complete graph on vertices of  $G$** , we take **clique complex**  $\text{Clique}(G)$ .

- $\implies$  persistent homology converges to  $H_*(\text{Clique}(G))$ .
- **Comparison.** VR persistent homology on point cloud data  $V(G)$  converges to trivial homology.
- **Why is  $\text{Clique}(G)$  good?** Let  $X = |K|$  be a polyhedron with  $K$  simplicial complex. Take  $G=1$ -skeleton of bary-centric subdivision of  $K$ . Then  $|\text{Clique}(G)| \cong |X|$ .

## Anything new? Quick example 2

Let us consider **pull-back scoring from a non-injective function from the vertex set to a Euclidean space**.

Let  $p: E \rightarrow B$  be a fibration or fibre bundle with  $E, B$  polyhedra. Take triangulations on  $E$  and  $B$  to make  $p$  simplicial up to homotopy. Take graphs  $G(E)$  and  $G(B)$  as 1-skeletons of the bary-centric subdivisions of simplicial models for  $E$  and  $B$ .

Take scoring scheme on  $G(E)$  as the **pull-back** of

$$V(G(E)) \xrightarrow{\text{proj}} V(G(B)) \xrightarrow{\text{embedding}} \mathbb{R}^m$$

Consider clique complexes  $\text{Clique}(G(E))$  and  $\text{Clique}(G(B)) \implies$  **persistent Leray-Serre spectral sequence**.

## The mathematical question

Let  $G$  be a working graph. Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a family of finite subgraphs.

**Question.** What is a natural way to define homology of  $\mathcal{H}$ ?

**Rationality of Question:** Abstract simplicial complex is a family of (finite) subsets that is closed under subset-operation. There is a well-established **simplicial homology theory**.

### New Situation:

- 1)  $\mathcal{H}$  is a family of finite subgraphs, rather than a family of finite sets; and
- 2) **no hypothesis** that  $\mathcal{H}$  is closed under subgraph-operation.

## High-dimensional structures

**Clique complex** (also named as **flag complex**) and **independence complex** (the clique complex of the complementary graph) are widely used notions in mathematics and practical applications.

The *clique complex* of a simple graph  $G$  is the abstract simplicial complex  $\text{Clique}(G)$  whose simplices consist of all cliques of  $G$ .

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a multi-graph. Then the set of cliques  $\text{Clique}(G)$  is **no longer** a simplicial complex in general<sup>7</sup>. The correct notion for describing the topological structure of the set  $\text{Clique}(G)$  is  **$\Delta$ -set** (also called **semi-simplicial set**).

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<sup>7</sup>let  $G$  be a graph with two vertices  $v$  and  $w$  and two edges  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  joining with them. Then  $\text{Clique}(G) = \{ve_1w, ve_2w, v, w\}$ , which is not a simplicial complex.

## Neighborhood complex—introduced by Lovász

**Neighborhood complex**  $\mathcal{N}(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is a simplicial complex whose vertices are the vertices of  $G$  and whose simplices are those subsets of the vertex set  $V(G)$  which have a **common neighbor**—landmark work on topological combinatorics of L. Lovász's solution to Kneser conjecture:<sup>8</sup>.

- If we split the  $n$ -subsets of a  $(2n + k)$ -element set into  $k + 1$  classes, one of the classes will contain two disjoint  $n$ -subsets

The topology on the geometric realization of  $\mathcal{N}(G)$  can be quite different from that of  $\text{Clique}(G)$  in general<sup>9</sup>. Namely, one could have different higher dimensional structures.

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<sup>8</sup>Lovász, L. *Kneser's conjecture, chromatic number, and homotopy*, J. Combin. Theory Ser. A **25** (1978), no. **3**, 319-324.

<sup>9</sup>For instance, let  $G$  be a graph with three vertices  $a, b, c$  and two edges given by  $ab$  and  $bc$ . Then  $\mathcal{N}(G) = \{\{a, c\}, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}\}$ , which is not connected, and  $\text{Clique}(G) = \{\{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}\}$  which is connected.

## High-dimensional structures—Other complexes

- **Hom complexes**, a generalization of neighborhood complex introduced by Lovász<sup>10</sup>.
- **Graph complex**: abstract simplicial complex on the edge set.— Jacob Jonsson, book in 2008<sup>11</sup><sup>12</sup>.
- **Path complexes**—first introduced by **Shing-Tung Yau** and his collaborators<sup>13</sup>, which was a mathematization of the work motivated from physical applications.
  - Recently introduced **magnitude homology** (of graphs) is related to path homology.
- **Tournaplexes**—in the paper of Ran Levi, Kathryn Hess et al.

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<sup>10</sup>recent work: Eric, Babson and Dmitry N. Kozlov, *Proof of the Lovász conjecture*, Ann. of Math. (2) 165 (2007), no. 3, 965-1007.

<sup>11</sup>Jonsson, Jakob *Simplicial complexes of graphs. Lecture Notes in Mathematics*, **1928**. Springer-Verlag, Berlin, 2008. xiv+378 pp. ISBN: 978-3-540-75858-7.

<sup>12</sup>**Kontsevich's** graph complex is a different notion.

<sup>13</sup>A. Grigor'yan, Y. Lin, Y. Muranov, and S.-T. Yau, Homologies of path complexes and digraphs, Math arXiv: 1207.2834v4, 2013.

## Two types of topology on $\mathcal{H}$

For creating topology, we regard a subgraph in  $\mathcal{H}$  as a **simplex** in certain dimension. It requires a **face-operation** so that we can “**glue**” together.

**Face-operation 1.** Vertex-deletion: clique complex, neighborhood complex, path complexes.

**Face-operation 2.** Edge-deletion: graph complex.

## Edge-deletion Topology—Need homology of hypergraphs

Let  $G$  be a working graph. Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a family of finite subgraphs.

Consider  $\mathcal{H}$  as a family of finite subsets of the edge set  $E(G)$ .

Each subgraph is determined by its edge set.

 $\mathcal{H}$  is a **hypergraph** under **edge-deletion operation**.

There is a homology theory (as extension of simplicial homology theory) on hypergraphs: <sup>14</sup>

<sup>14</sup>Stephane Bressan, Jingyan Li, Shiquan Ren, Jie Wu, *The Embedded Homology of Hypergraphs and Applications*, Asia J. Math. **23** (2019), no. 3, 479-500.



# Vertex-deletion Topology—Need homology of super-hypergraphs

Let  $G$  be a working graph. Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a family of finite subgraphs.

Consider  $\mathcal{H}$  as a family of finite subsets of the vertex set  $V(G)$ .

Each subgraph **may not be** determined by its vertex set.

**Example.** Let  $G$  be a multi-graph with vertices  $a$  and  $b$  and two edges  $f_1, f_2$  between  $a$  and  $b$ . Then  $af_1b$  and  $af_2b$  are two subgraphs having the same vertices.

If we want to explore topology of subgraphs, the notion of hypergraph is insufficient.

We need a new notion. We call it **super-hypergraph**.

## $\Delta$ -set

A  **$\Delta$ -set** means a sequence of sets  $X = \{X_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  with *faces*  $d_i: X_n \rightarrow X_{n-1}$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n$ , such that

$$d_i d_j = d_j d_{i+1}$$

for  $i \geq j$ , which is called the  $\Delta$ -identity.

The notion of  $\Delta$ -set is a generalization of (abstract) simplicial complex by ruling out **face-operation**.

**Simplicial homology** can be defined using the notion of  $\Delta$ -set.

# Super-hypergraph

A **super-hypergraph** is a pair  $(\mathcal{H}, X)$ , where  $X$  is a  $\Delta$ -set and  $\mathcal{H}$  is a graded subset of  $X$ .

We call  $\mathcal{H}$  a **super-hypergraph born from  $X$** , and  $X$  is called a **parental  $\Delta$ -set** of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**Example.** Let  $G$  be a multi-graph with vertices  $a$  and  $b$  and two edges  $f_1, f_2$  between  $a$  and  $b$ . Let  $\mathcal{H} = \{af_1b, af_2b\}$  be two simple subgraphs. Then  $\mathcal{H}$  can be viewed as a super-hypergraph with two 1-simplex with sharing the same missing vertices.

# Algebraic Lemmas

Let  $G_*$  be a chain complex of groups and let  $D_*$  be a graded subgroup of  $G_*$ . Here we do not assume that  $G_n$  is commutative. Define

- $\sup_*^{G_*}(D_*)$  is the intersection of subcomplexes  $C_*$  of  $G_*$  with property that  $D_n \leq C_n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- $\inf_*^{G_*}(D_*)$  is the product of subcomplexes  $E_*$  of  $G_*$  with property that  $E_n \leq D_n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

We briefly denote  $\sup_*(D_*)$  for  $\sup_*^{G_*}(D_*)$  and  $\inf_*(D_*)$  for  $\inf_*^{G_*}(D_*)$  if the embedding of  $D_* \subseteq G_*$  is clear.

# Algebraic Lemmas

**Proposition.** Let  $G_*$  be a chain complex of groups and let  $D_*$  be a graded subgroup of  $G_*$ .

1. The inclusion

$$\inf_*(D_*) \longrightarrow \sup_*(D_*)$$

induces an injective mapping on homology.

2. Suppose that  $\partial_{n+1}^{G_*}(D_{n+1})$  is contained in the normalizer of  $D_n$  for each  $n$ . Then the inclusion

$$\inf_*(D_*) \longrightarrow \sup_*(D_*)$$

induces an isomorphism on homology. In particular, if  $D_n$  is normal in  $G_n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then the inclusion  $\inf_*(D_*) \longrightarrow \sup_*(D_*)$  induces an isomorphism on homology.

# Embedded Homology of Super-hypergraphs

Let  $(\mathcal{H}, X)$  be a super-hypergraph. Let  $A$  be an abelian group. The **embedded homology**  $H_*^{\text{emb}, X}(\mathcal{H}; A)$  **with coefficients in**  $A$  of  $(\mathcal{H}, X)$  is defined by the homology of the chain complex of  $\text{inf}_*$  and  $\text{sup}_*$  of the graded subgroup  $\mathbb{Z}(\mathcal{H}) \otimes A$  in the chain complex  $C_*(X; A)$ .

**Note.** The **gap complex**  $\text{sup}_*(\mathbb{Z}(\mathcal{H}) \otimes A) / \text{inf}_*(\mathbb{Z}(\mathcal{H}) \otimes A)$  is contractible. If there are some additional information, one may get further information on the gap complex. For instance, if there is a group  $G$ -action, then one may look at homology  $H_*((\text{sup}_* / \text{inf}_*) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}(G)} M)$  for  $G$ -modules  $M$ .

## Remark

Embedded Homology of a hypergraph/super-hypergraph **may not be equal to** homology of a simplicial complex in general.

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the boundary of a 2-simplex with **removing all three vertices**. Let  $X$  be the boundary of the 2-simplex. Then  $H_1(X) = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $H_0(X) = \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $H_1(\mathcal{H}) = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $H_0(\mathcal{H}) = 0$ .

No nonempty space whose unreduced 0-th homology is 0.

hypergraphs/superhypergraphs seem **geometry-like** objects.

**Geometric gap complex:** Let  $\Delta\mathcal{H}$  be the minimal  $\Delta$ -subset of  $X$  containing  $\mathcal{H}$ , and let  $\delta\mathcal{H}$  be the maximal  $\Delta$ -subset of  $X$  contained in  $\mathcal{H}$ . The inclusion  $\delta\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \Delta\mathcal{H}$  may not be homotopy equivalent.





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