

# Integrating Topological Data Analysis (TDA) with Statistical Learning Methods

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# Background

# What is topology?



Figure: “A topologist cannot tell the difference between a coffee cup and a donut.”

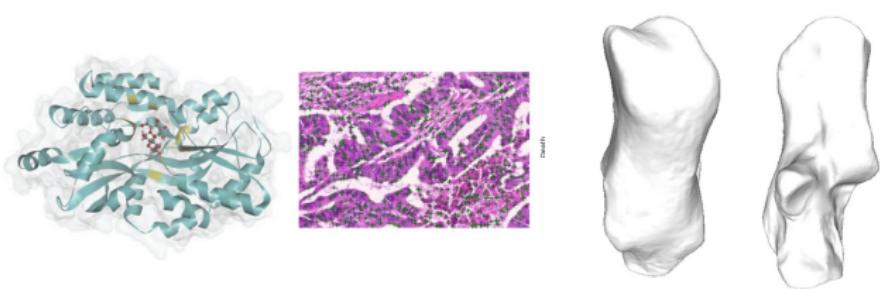
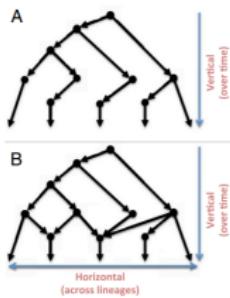
Frame from YouTube video (Sagerman, 2015)

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4. Extracted features give new families of features/descriptors of the data.

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# Persistence Homology

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(vertex)

1-simplex  
(edge)

2-simplex  
(triangle)

3-simplex  
(tetrahedron)

## (A) Simplicial Complexes

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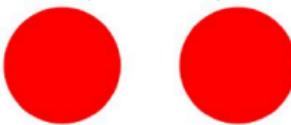
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Connected Components

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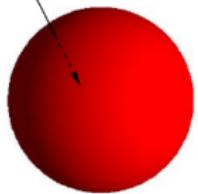
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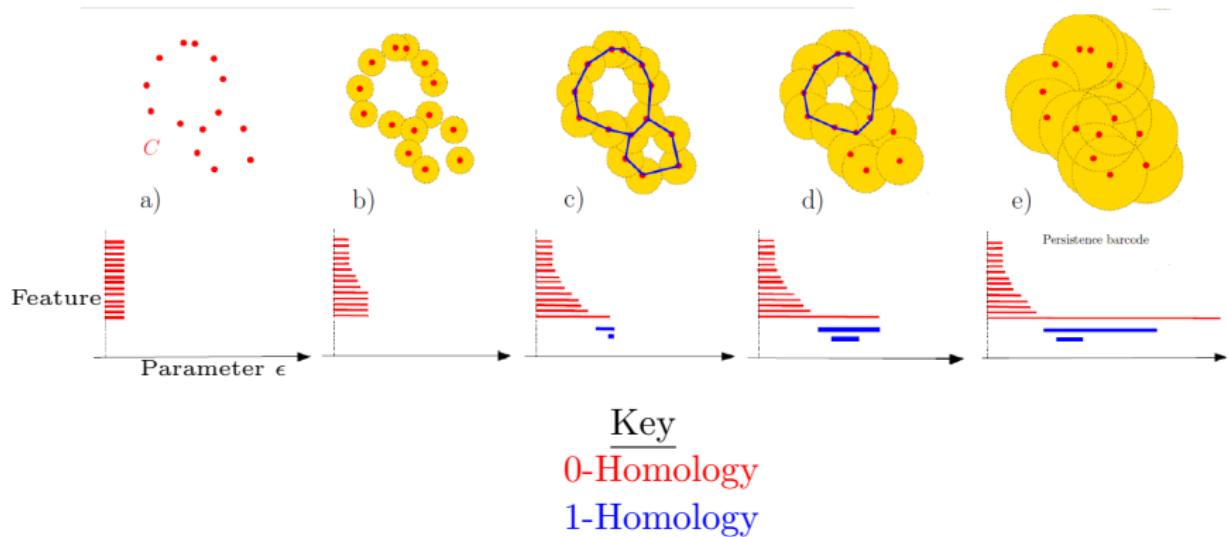


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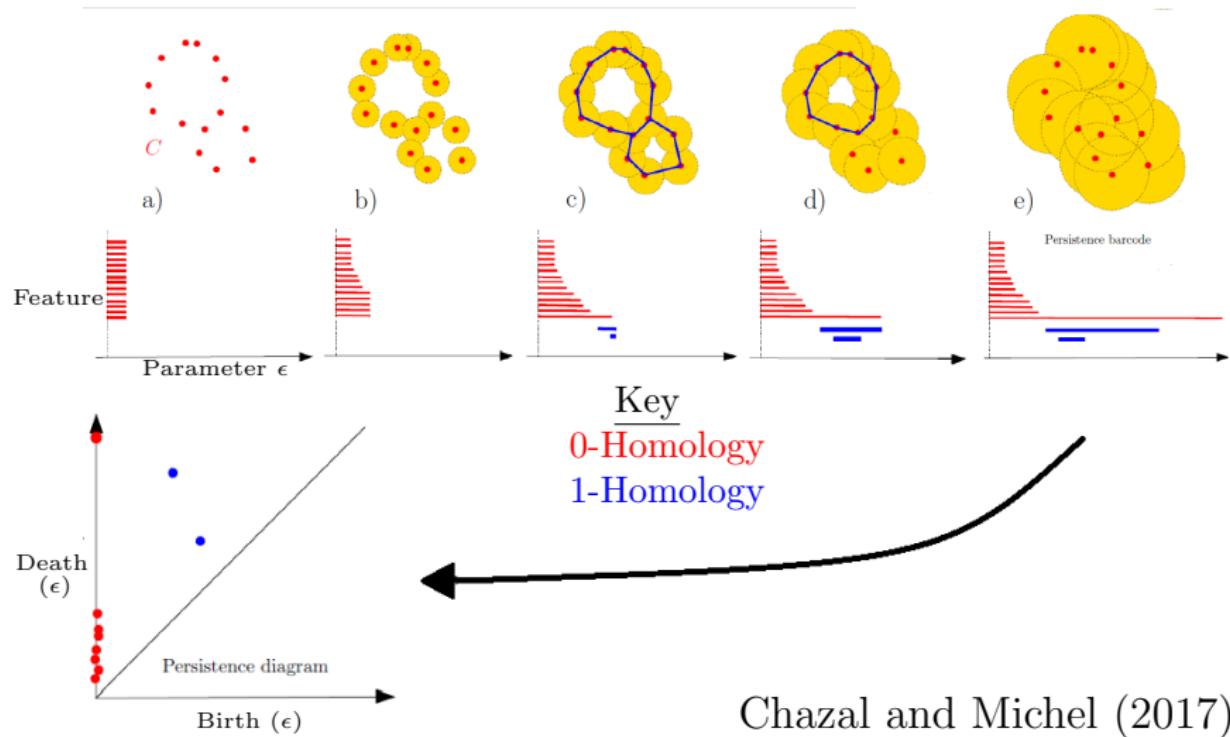


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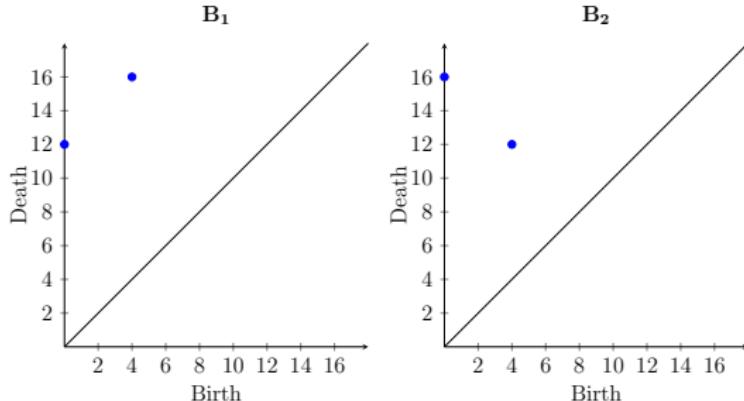


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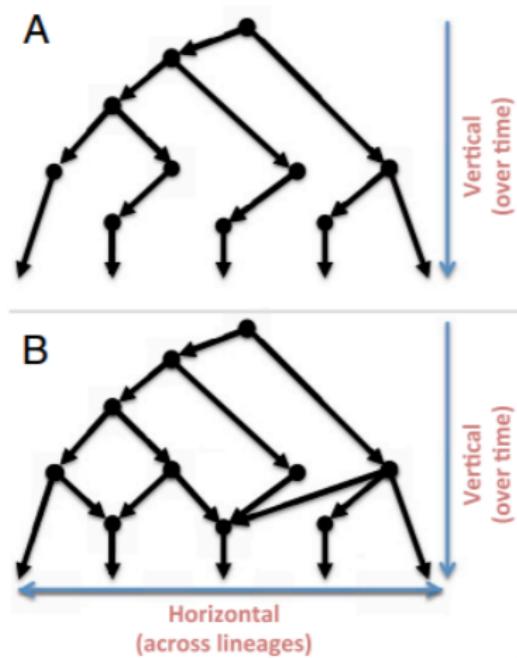


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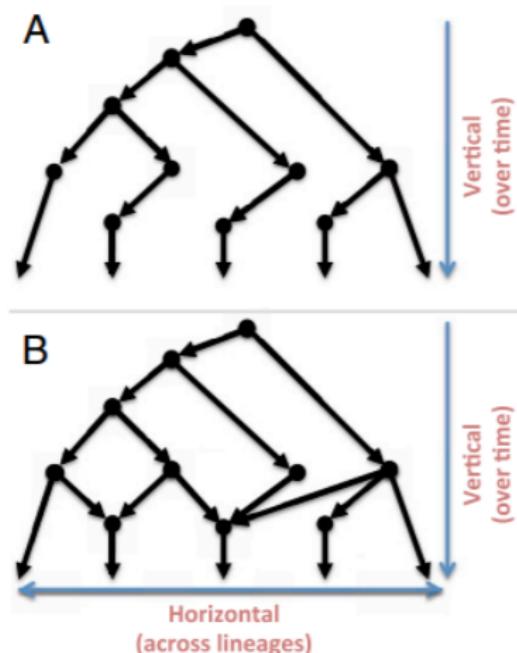
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- ▶ Each genetic code is a point, visualize with Principal Coordinate Analysis
- ▶ Use genetic distance as the parameter  $\epsilon$
- ▶ Goal: Capture complex exchanges with more than two organisms, statistical patterns of cosegregation

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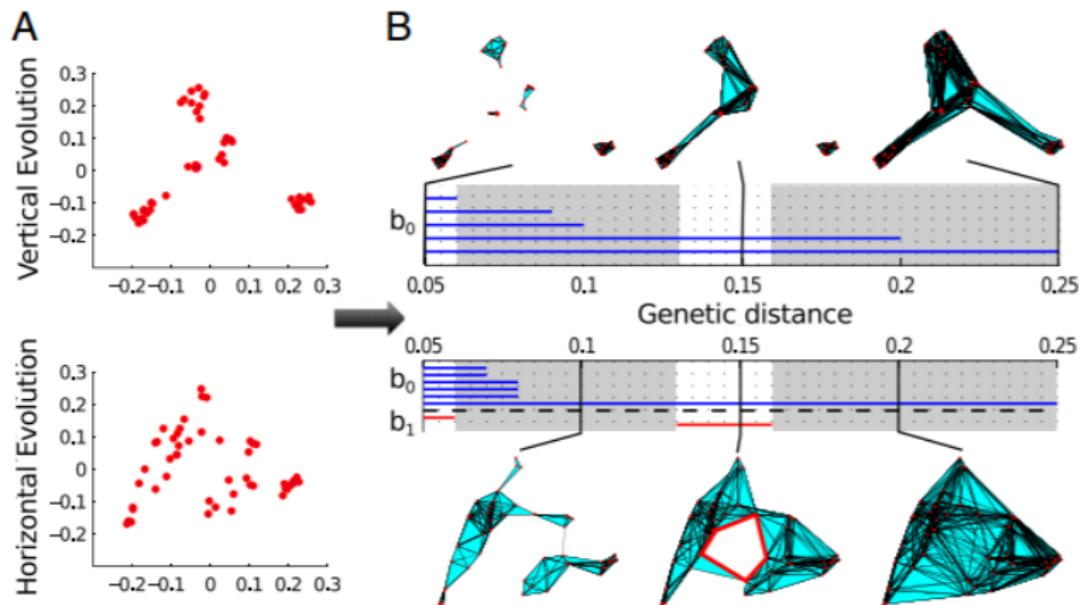


Figure: Simulated viral evolution, with and without reassortment. (Chan et al., 2013)

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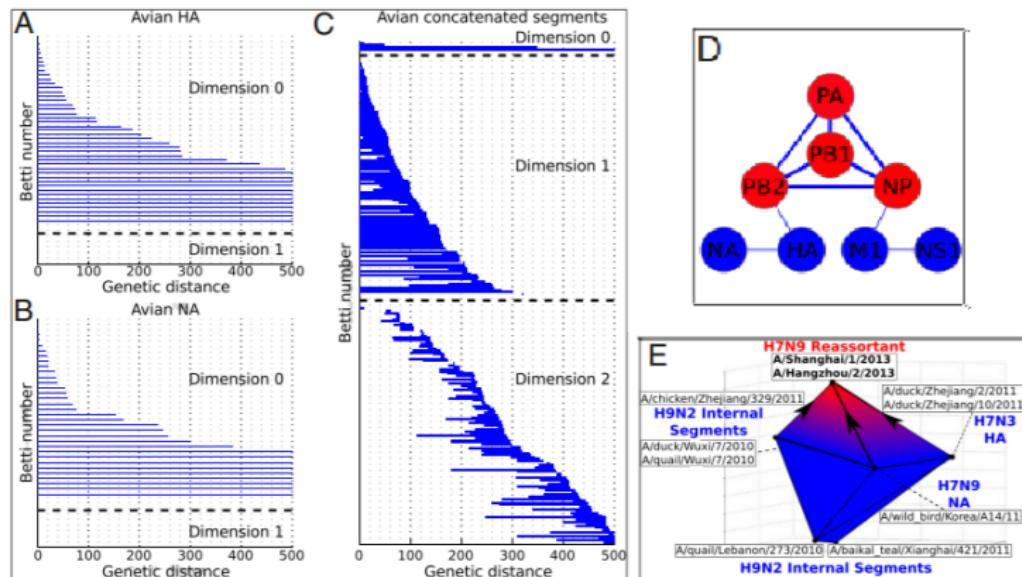
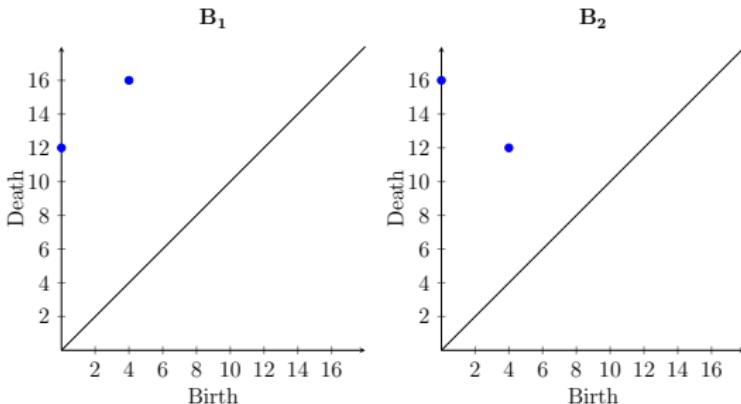


Figure: Persistent homology detects horizontal evolution (dimension 1) and complex reticulate evolution (dimension 2) in avian influenza. (Chan et al., 2013)

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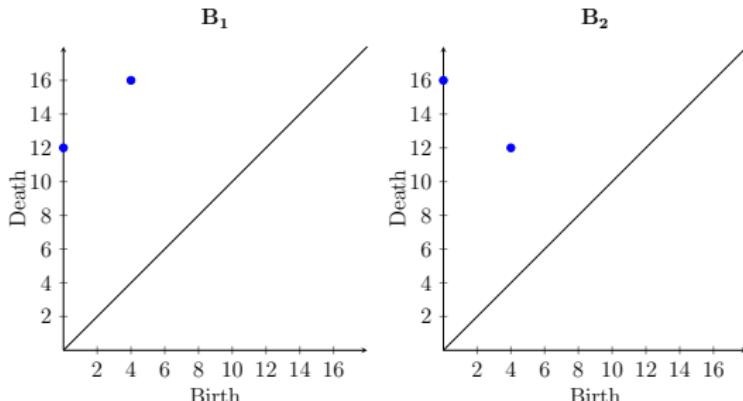


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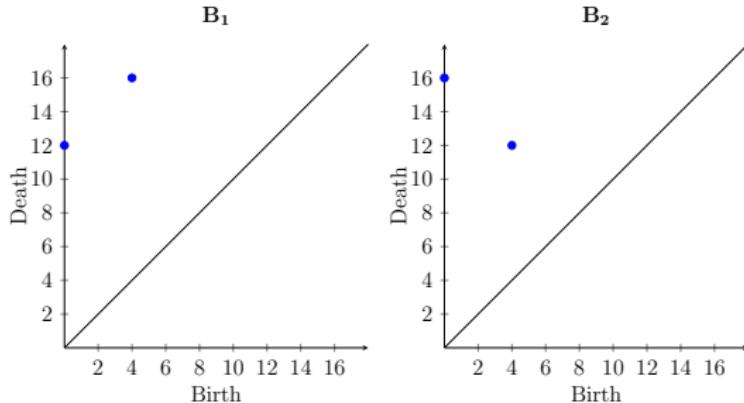
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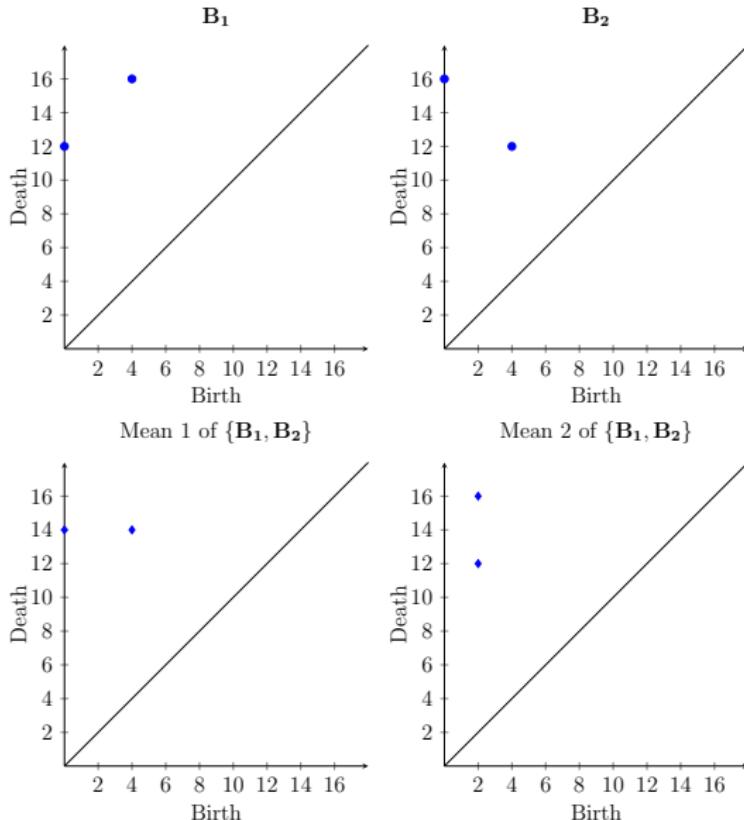
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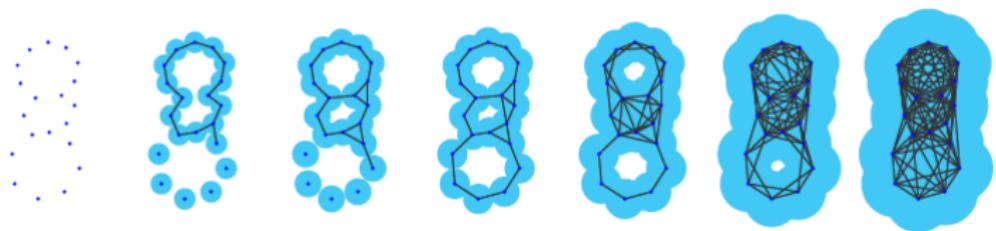
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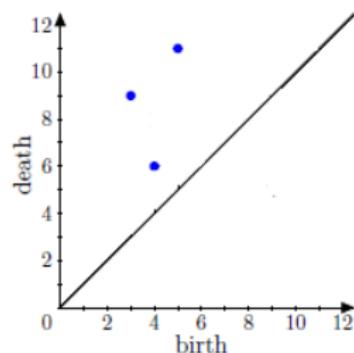
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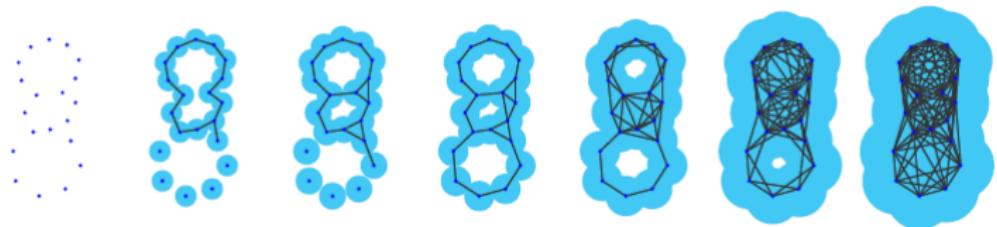
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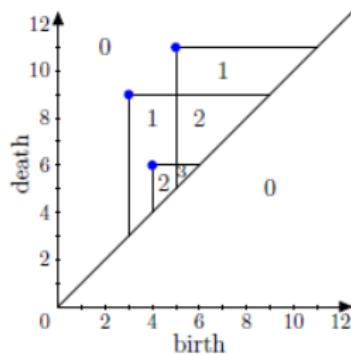
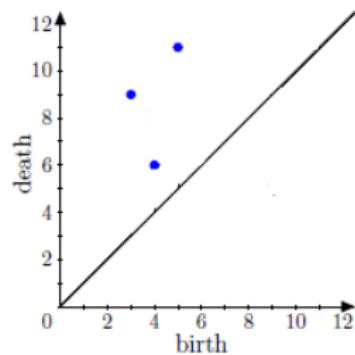
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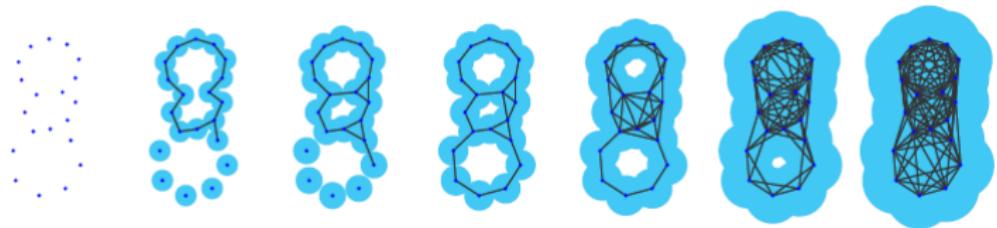
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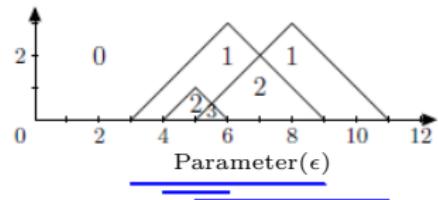
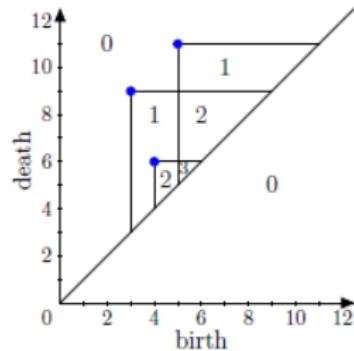
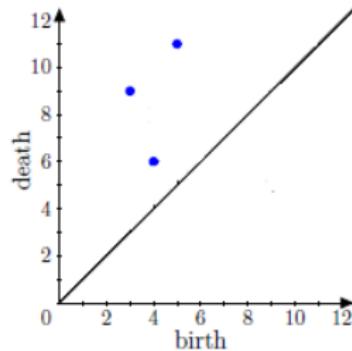
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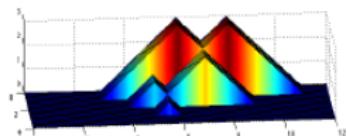
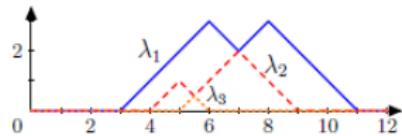
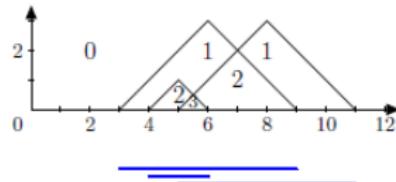
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Label regions by Betti number  $\beta_1$

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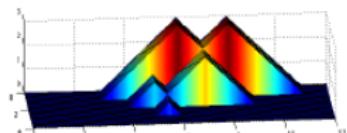
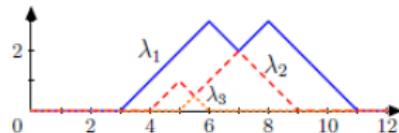
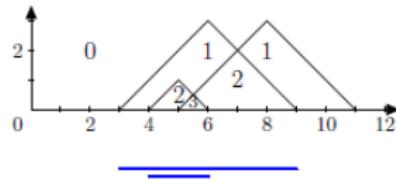
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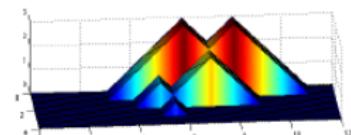
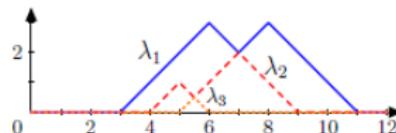
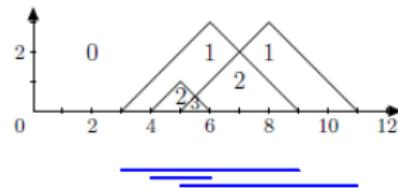
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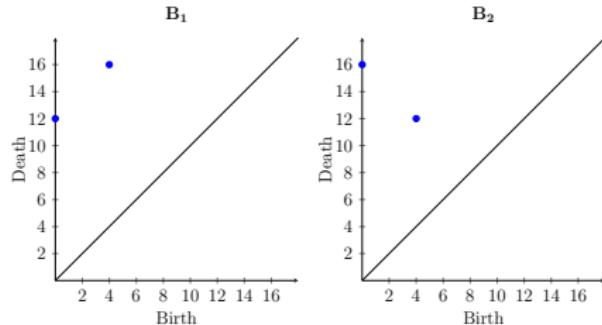
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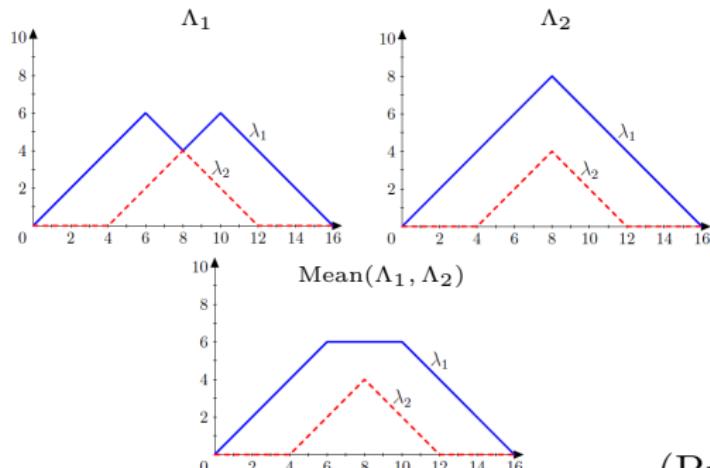
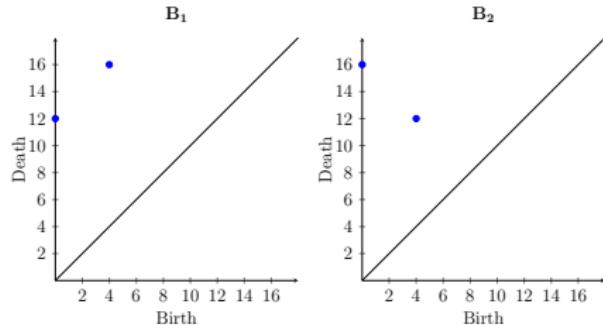
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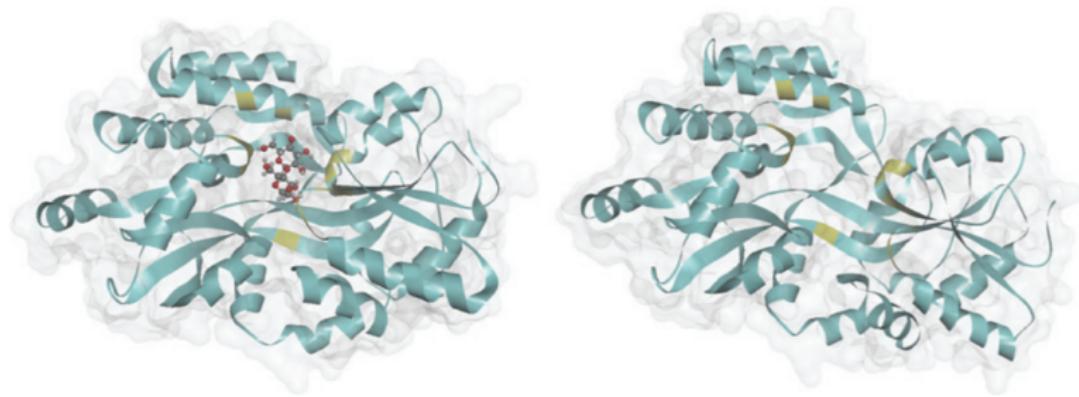
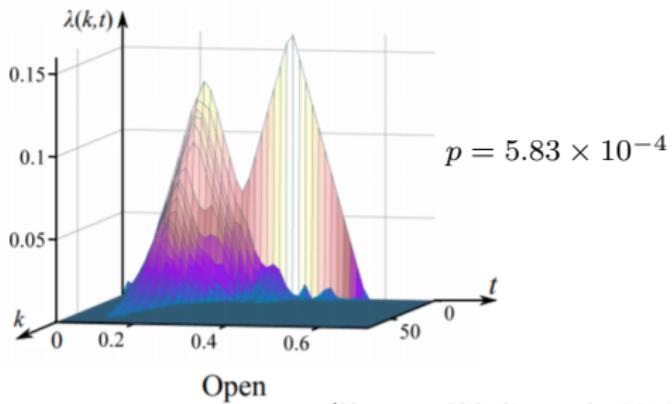
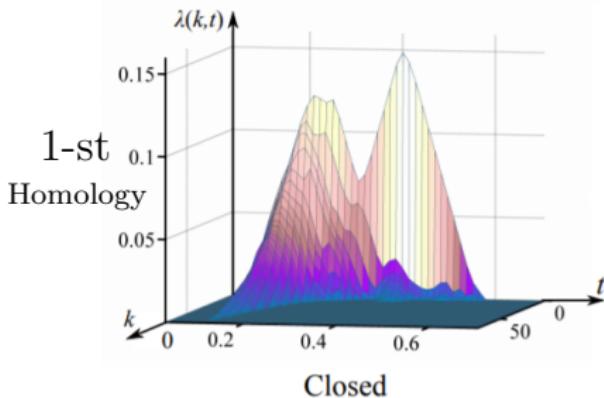
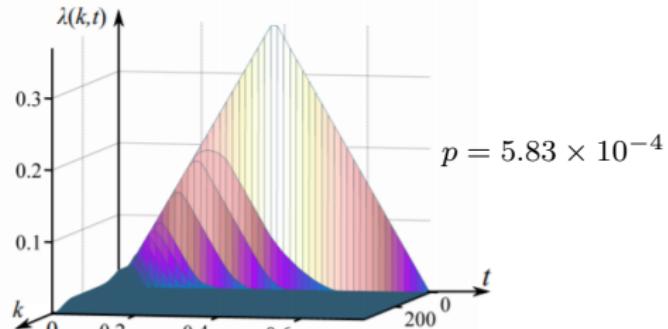
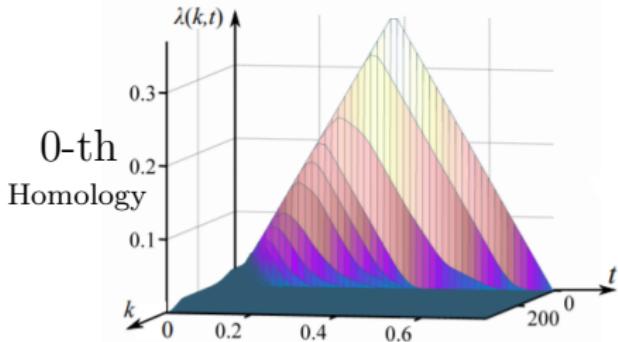


Figure: Left: closed conformal structure with ligand, Right: open conformal structure (Kovacev-Nikolic et al., 2016)

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p-values



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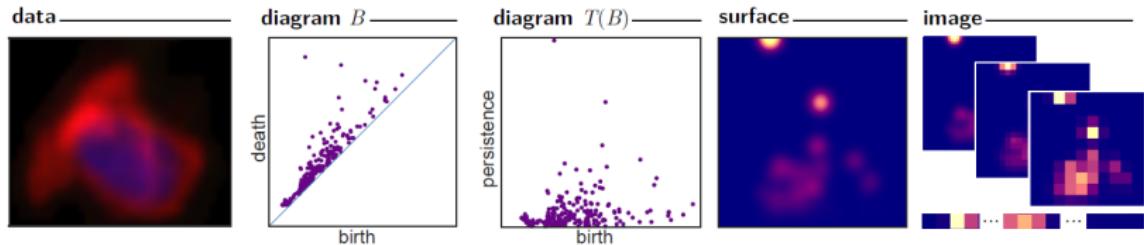
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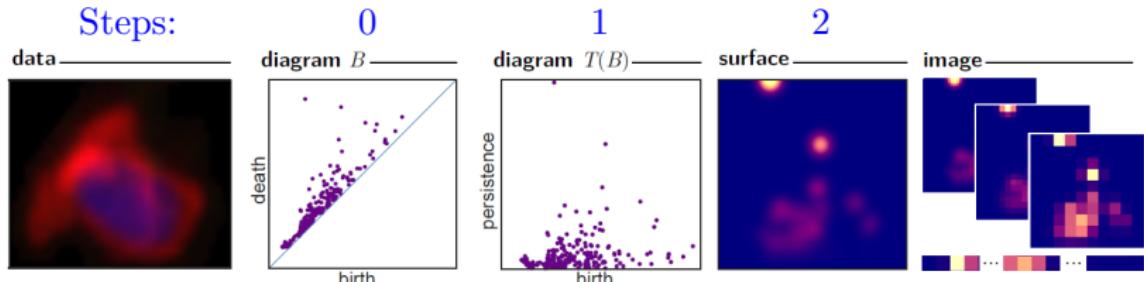
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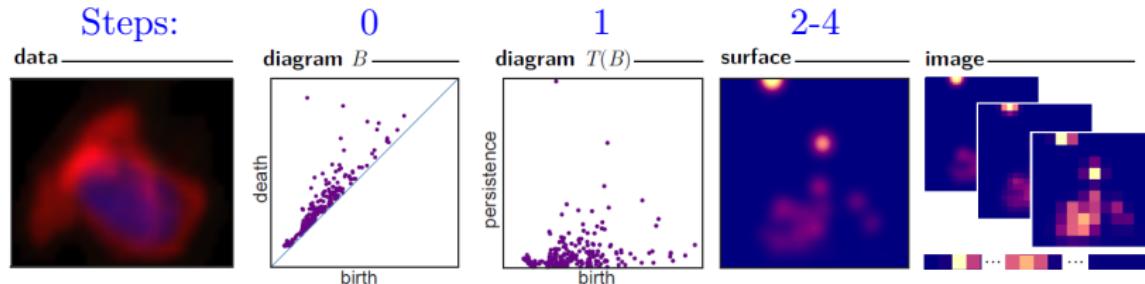
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2. Choose  $f$  weighting function (depends on the application)

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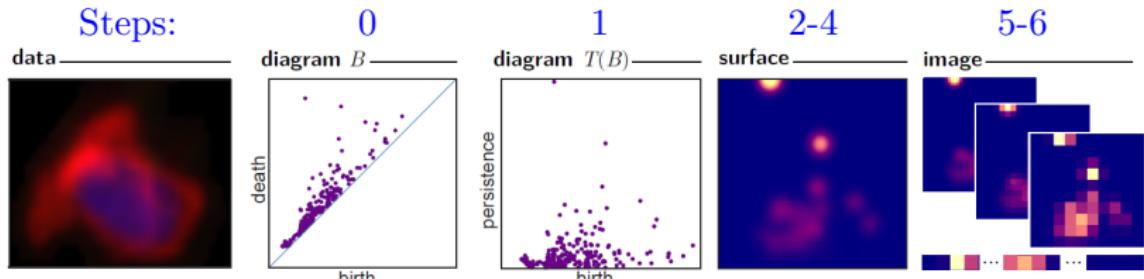


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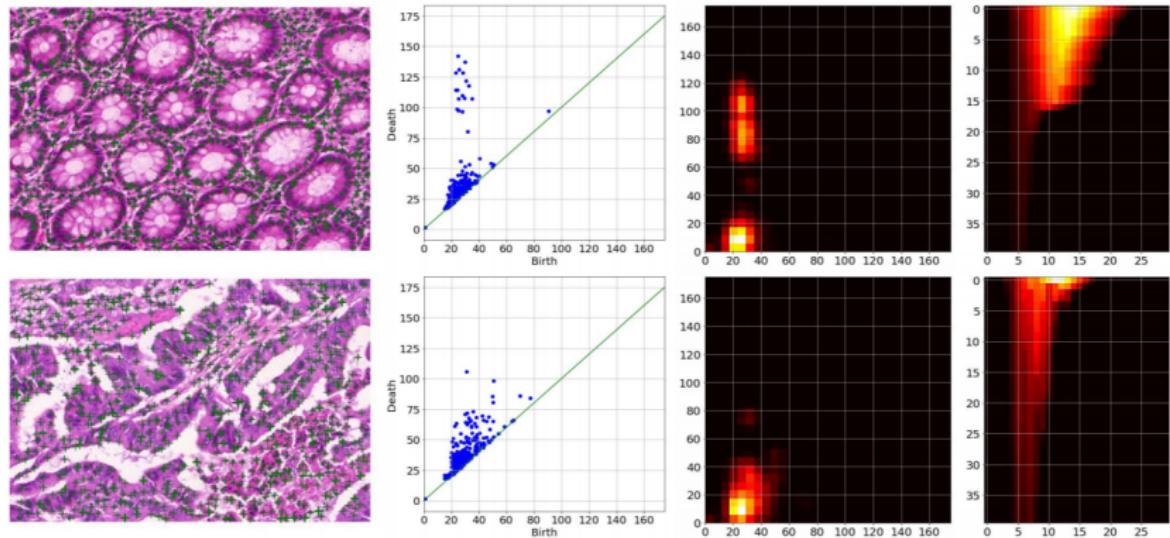


Figure: Top row: benign tissue. Bottom Row: malignant tissue.  
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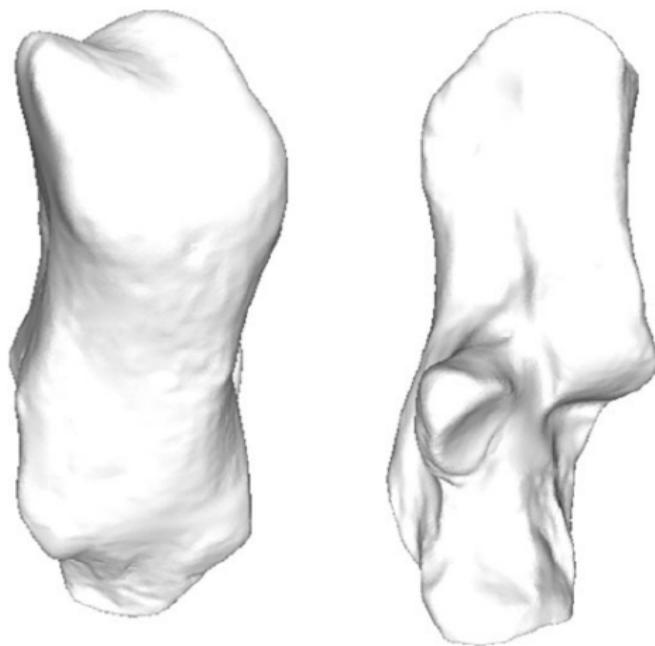


Figure: "Images of a calcaneous [heel bone] from two different angles" Turner et al. (2014)

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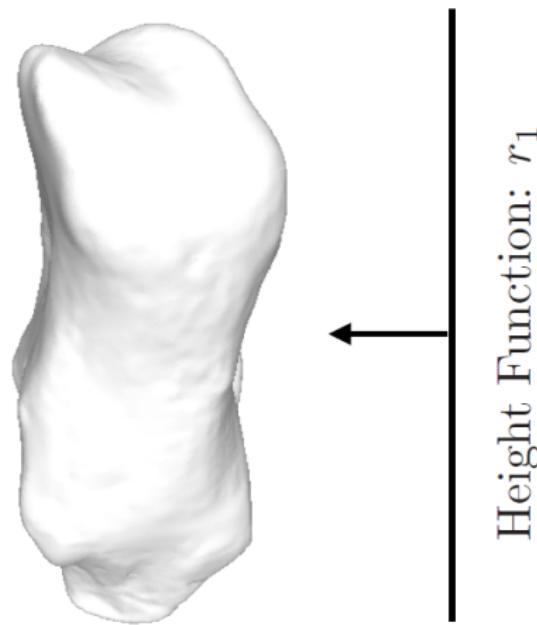
$$K(\nu)_r = \{x \in K | x \cdot \nu \leq r\}$$

The  $k$ -th dimensional persistence diagram  $X_k(K, \nu)$  summarizes how topology of the filtration  $K(\nu)$  changes over the height parameter  $r$ .

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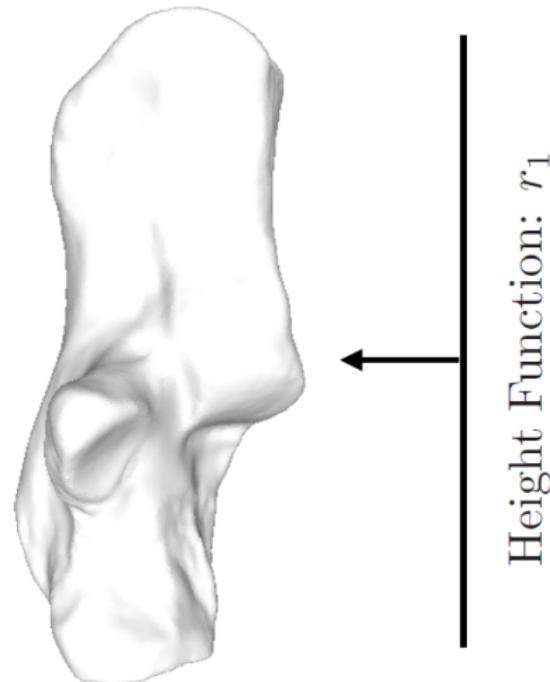
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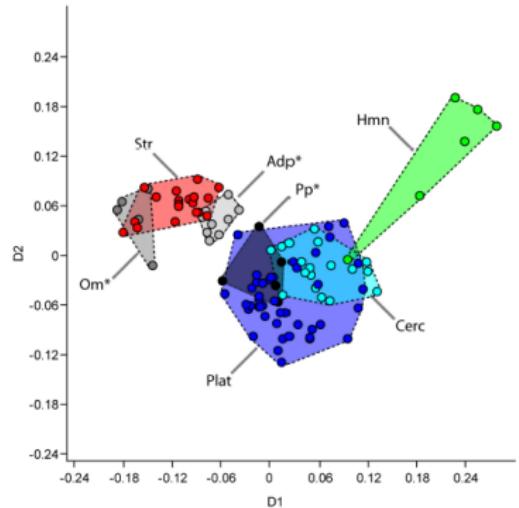
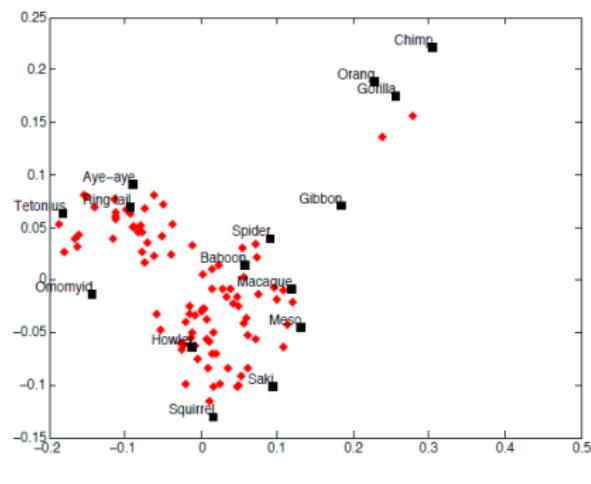


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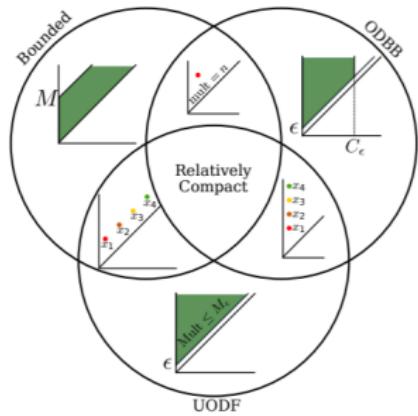
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**Figure:** Phylogenetic groups for primate calcanei with 67 genera  
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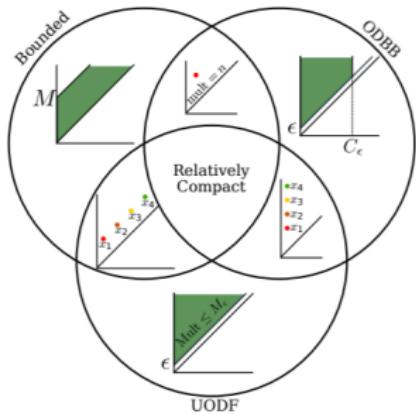
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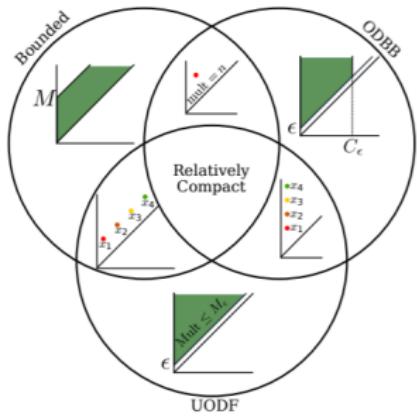


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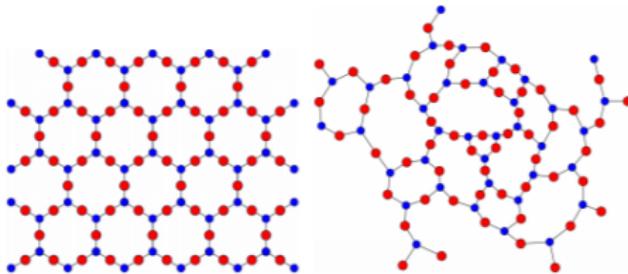
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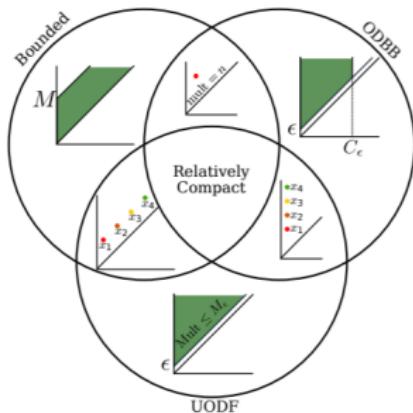
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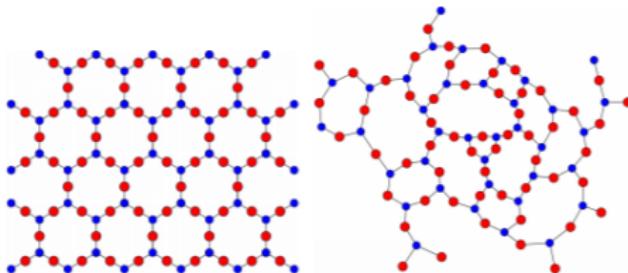
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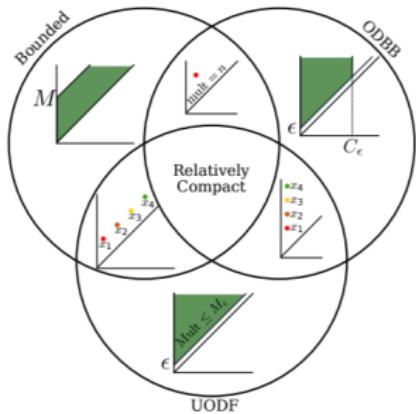


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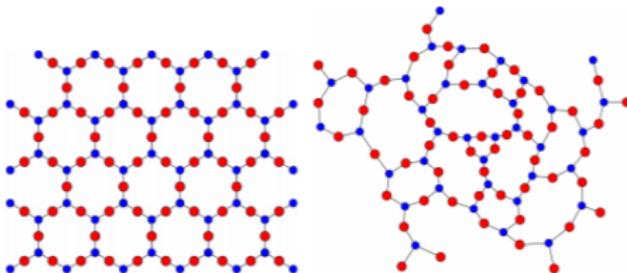
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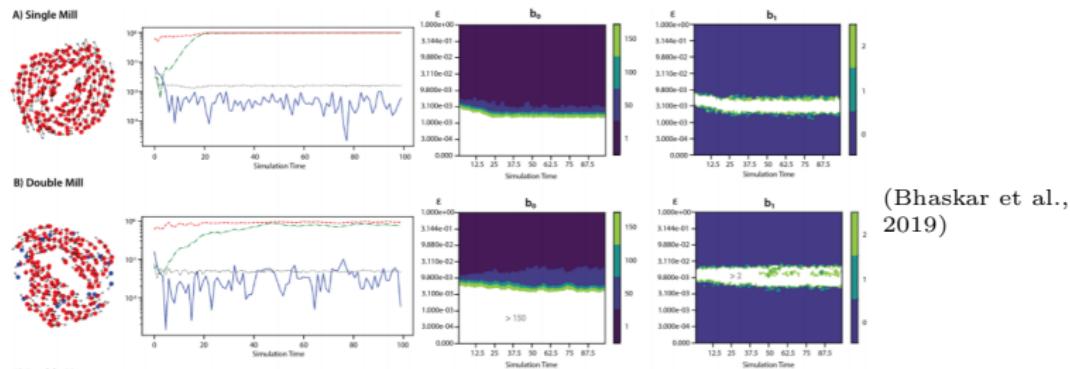
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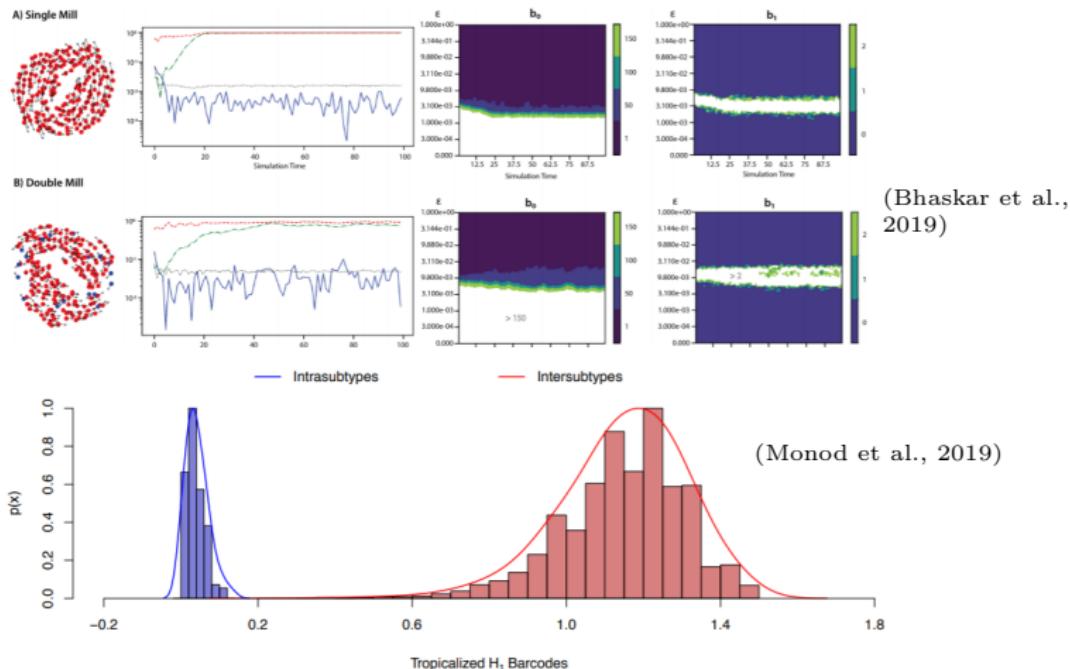
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