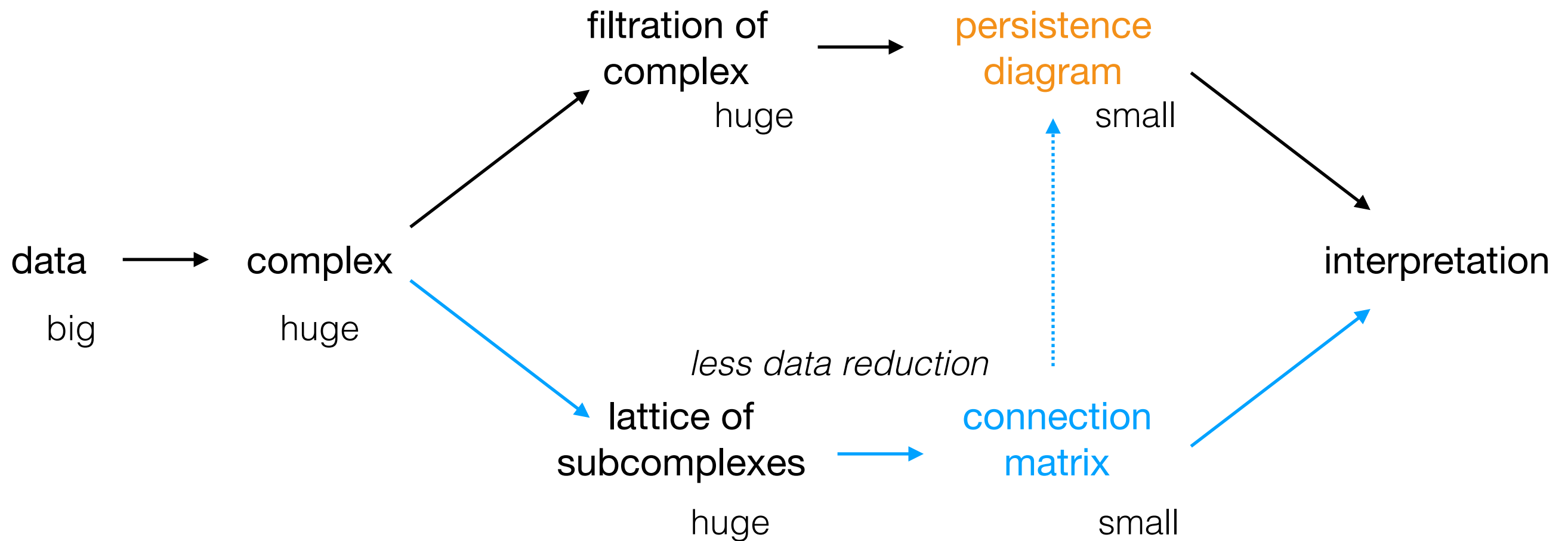


# Computational Connection Matrix Theory

*...toward new tools in applied topology*

# workflows

persistent homology paradigm



Conley paradigm

# Data Structures

graded complexes

$X$  cellular complex  
(Lefschetz, CW)

$(X, \leq)$  face poset

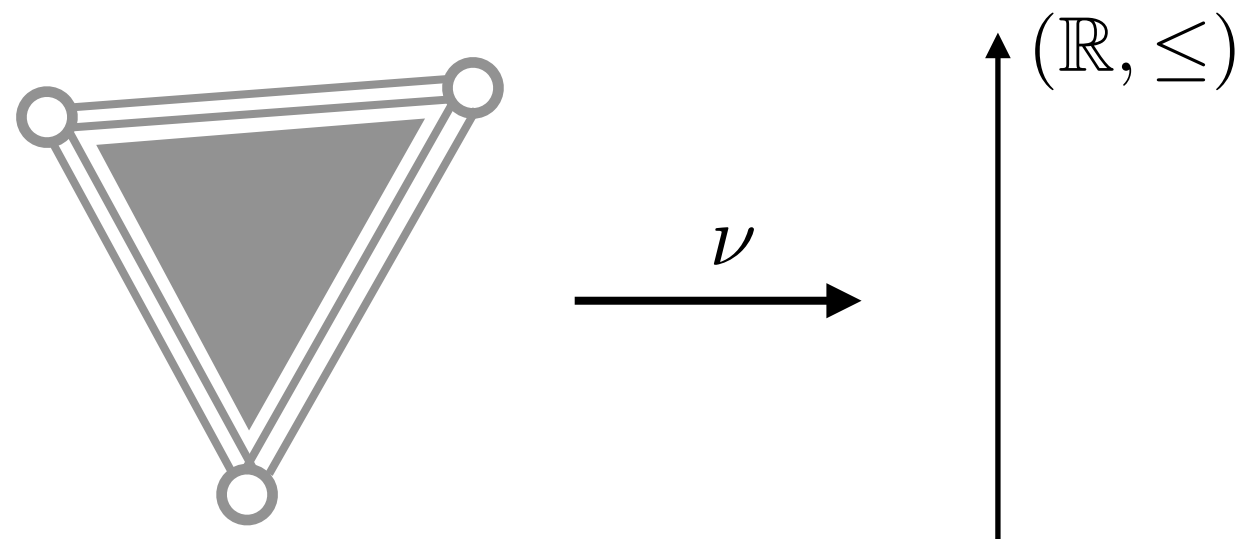
$\mathbb{R}$  poset

an order preserving map  $(X, \leq) \xrightarrow{\nu} (\mathbb{R}, \leq)$

filters  $X$  via pre-images of downsets

$\nu^{-1}(-\infty, a]$  is a subcomplex of  $X$

the collection  $\{\nu^{-1}(-\infty, a]\}_{a \in \mathbb{R}}$  is a filtration



$U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is a down-set if the following holds:  $x \in U$  and  $y \leq x$  implies  $y \in U$

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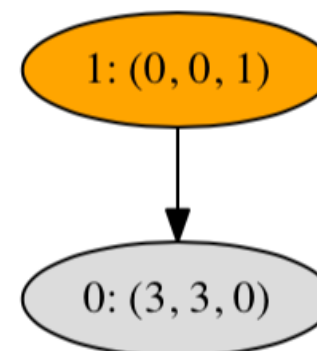
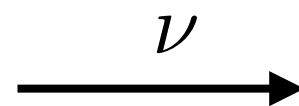
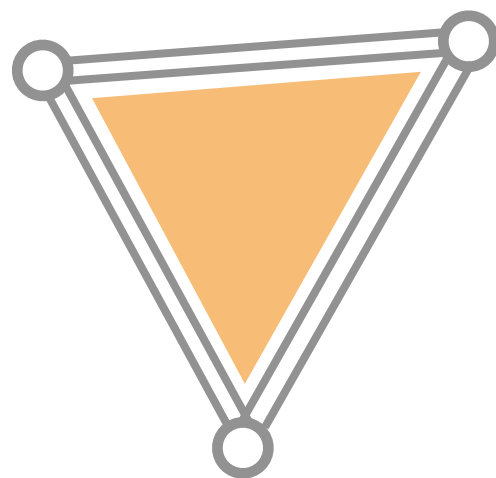
$(X, \leq)$  face poset

$P$  poset

an order preserving map  $(X, \leq) \xrightarrow{\nu} (P, \leq)$

filters  $X$  via pre-images of downsets

$\{\nu^{-1}(U)\}_{U \in O(P)}$  is a lattice of subcomplexes



*count of cells in the  
fiber for each dim.*

the lattice of down sets  $O(P)$  is

$O(P) := \{U \subset P : U \text{ is a downset}\} \quad \wedge := \cap \quad \vee := \cup$

*Birkhoff*

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$P$  poset

## Definition ( $P$ -graded cell complex)

$X$ ,  $P$ , and a poset morphism  $\nu$  from  $X$  to  $P$

$$(X, \leq) \xrightarrow{\nu} (P, \leq)$$

a graded cell complex determines

a  $P$ -graded chain complex  $(C(X), \partial)$       boundary map is  $P$ -graded

$$C(X) = \bigoplus_{p \in P} C(\nu^{-1}(p))$$

$$\partial_{pq} \neq 0 \implies p \leq q$$

upper triangular wrt  $P$

for a graded chain complex  $C(X) = \bigoplus_{p \in P} C(\nu^{-1}(p))$

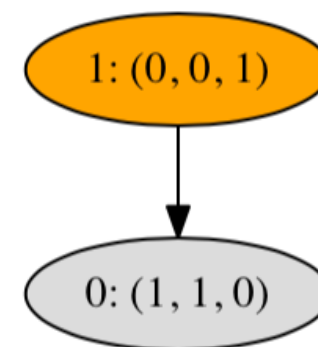
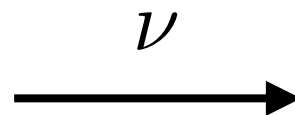
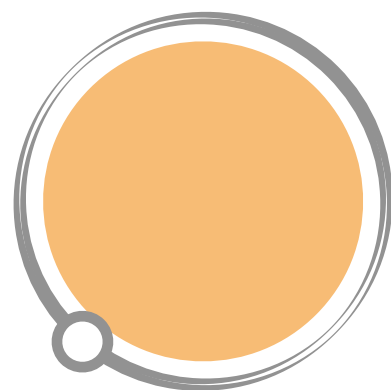
structure is determined by the fibers of  $\nu$

## Definition (cyclic $\mathbf{P}$ -graded complex)

$\mathbf{P}$ -graded complex with cyclic fibers

$$\partial_{pp} = 0 \quad \text{for } p \text{ in } \mathbf{P} \quad \text{'small' objects}$$

i.e.  $\partial$  is strictly upper triangular wrt  $\mathbf{P}$



*Betti numbers of fiber  
(Conley index)*

**goal:** replace graded complex with equivalent cyclic graded complex

# Categories

**goal:** homologically-faithful data compression



category  $\mathbf{GCh}(\mathbf{P})$  of  $\mathbf{P}$ -graded chain complexes

morphisms:  $\mathbf{P}$ -graded chain maps

homotopy category  $\mathbf{GK}(\mathbf{P})$  of  $\mathbf{P}$ -graded chain complexes

localize about graded chain equivalences

interpretation of connection matrix for data analysis:

a *Conley complex* is a cyclic representative of isomorphism class in  $\mathbf{GK}(\mathbf{P})$

the boundary operator of a Conley complex is a *connection matrix*

*moral: homotopy categories for chain-level data compression  
without loss of homological information*

subcategory  $\mathbf{GK}_0(\mathbf{P})$  of cyclic  $\mathbf{P}$ -graded complexes

$$\mathbf{GK}_0(\mathbf{P}) \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{I}} \mathbf{GK}(\mathbf{P})$$

**Theorem:** over fields, the inclusion functor  $\mathfrak{I}$  is full, faithful and essentially surjective (categorical equivalence)

thus there exists an inverse functor  $\mathfrak{C}$  called a Conley functor

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{GK}_0(\mathbf{P}) & \xrightleftharpoons[\mathfrak{C}]{\mathfrak{I}} & \mathbf{GK}(\mathbf{P}) \end{array}$$

taking a graded chain complex to a Conley complex

analogous to a homology functor

*under the hood: discrete morse theory*

**Theorem:** For any graded complex the **persistent homology groups** of  $C_\bullet(\mathbf{P})$  and  $\mathfrak{C}(C_\bullet(\mathbf{P}))$  are isomorphic

# computational Conley homology

applications + implementation

application i:

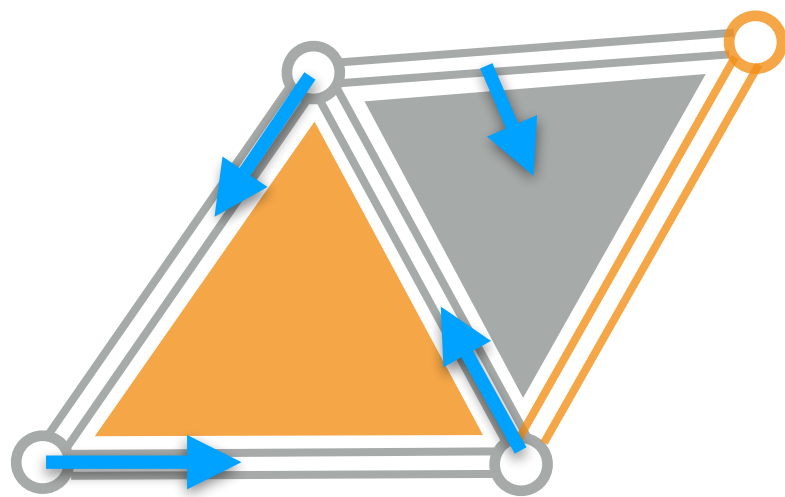
discrete flows

# discrete flows

the simplest discrete flow is a *combinatorial vector field* on  
simplicial complex (Forman)

a combinatorial vector field is a partial matching  $\{c_i\} \sqcup \{y_i < x_i\}$

two cells are matched only if one is a facet of another  
(no acyclicity requirement)



arrows give the matching

cells are **critical** if they are not matched

face poset and matching give a directed graph on complex

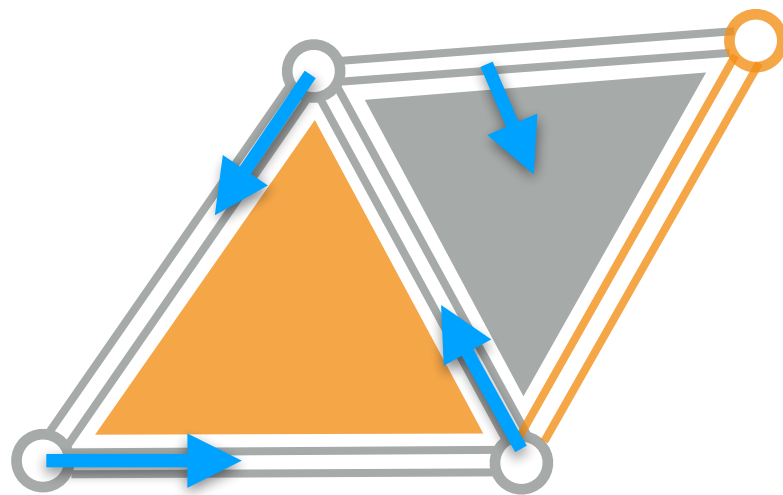
a discrete flow line is a sequence

$$y_0 < x_0 > y_1 < x_1 > \dots > y_k < x_k$$

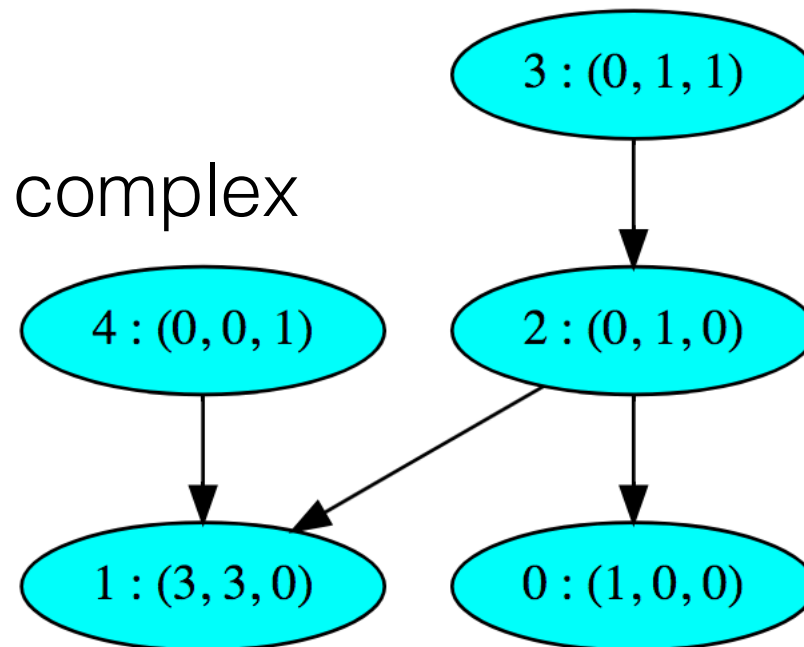
simplicial complex partitions into poset of strongly connected components

# discrete flows ii

*complex partitions into poset of strongly connected components*



graded cell complex

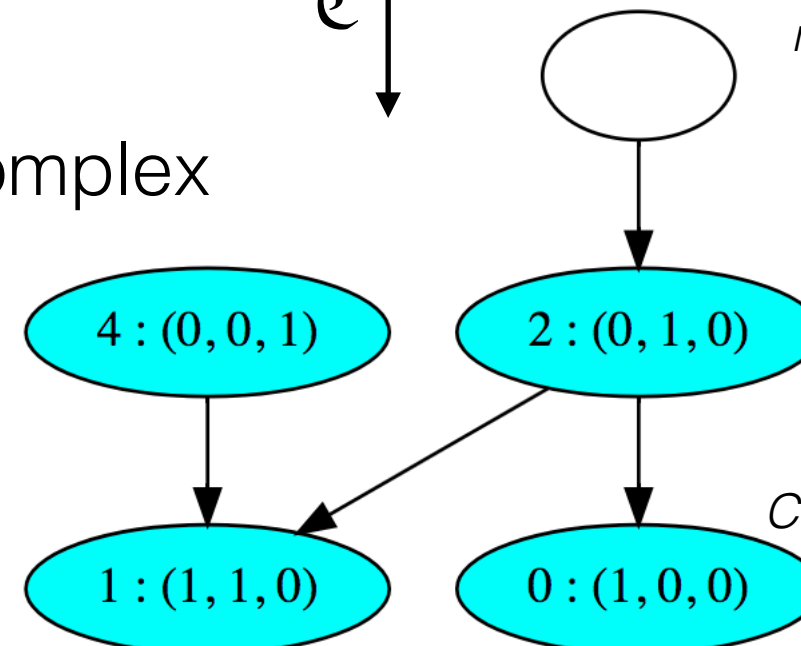


*poset organizes the global dynamics*

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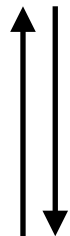
*white nodes have no cells (trivial index)*

Conley complex



*Conley index quantifies local dynamics*

*graded homotopy equivalence*

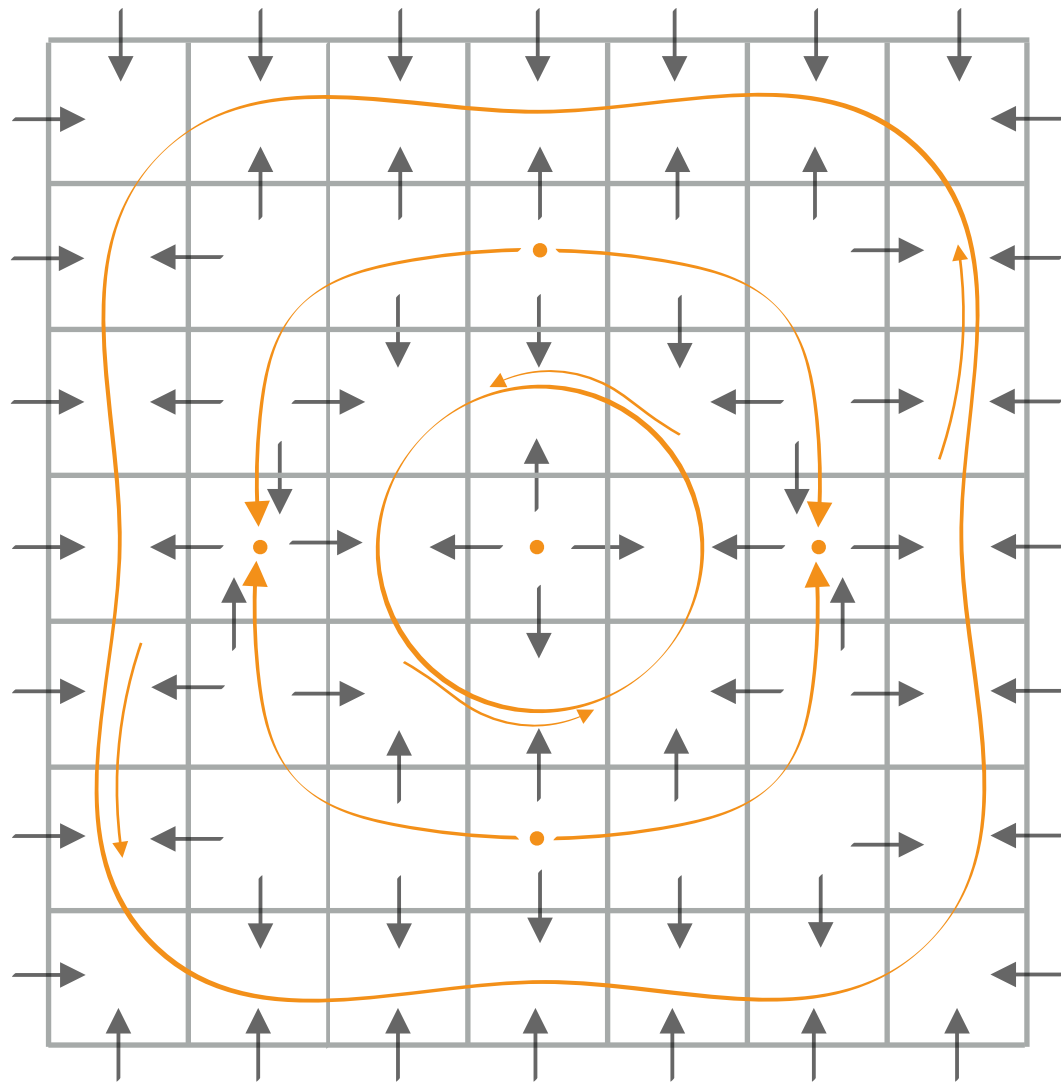


**Remark:** computational connection matrix theory generalizes to multi-vectors (Mrozek)

application ii:

transversality

# transversality models



topological spaces are approximated  
with cell complexes

continuous dynamics are approximated  
with graph on top cells  $X_n$

poset  $P$  of strongly connected components

$$(X_n, \leq) \longrightarrow (P, \leq)$$

*transversality model*

there is an edge  $\xi \rightarrow \xi'$  between adjacent top cells  
unless flow is transverse to  $\xi \cap \xi'$   
in the direction  $\xi' \rightarrow \xi$

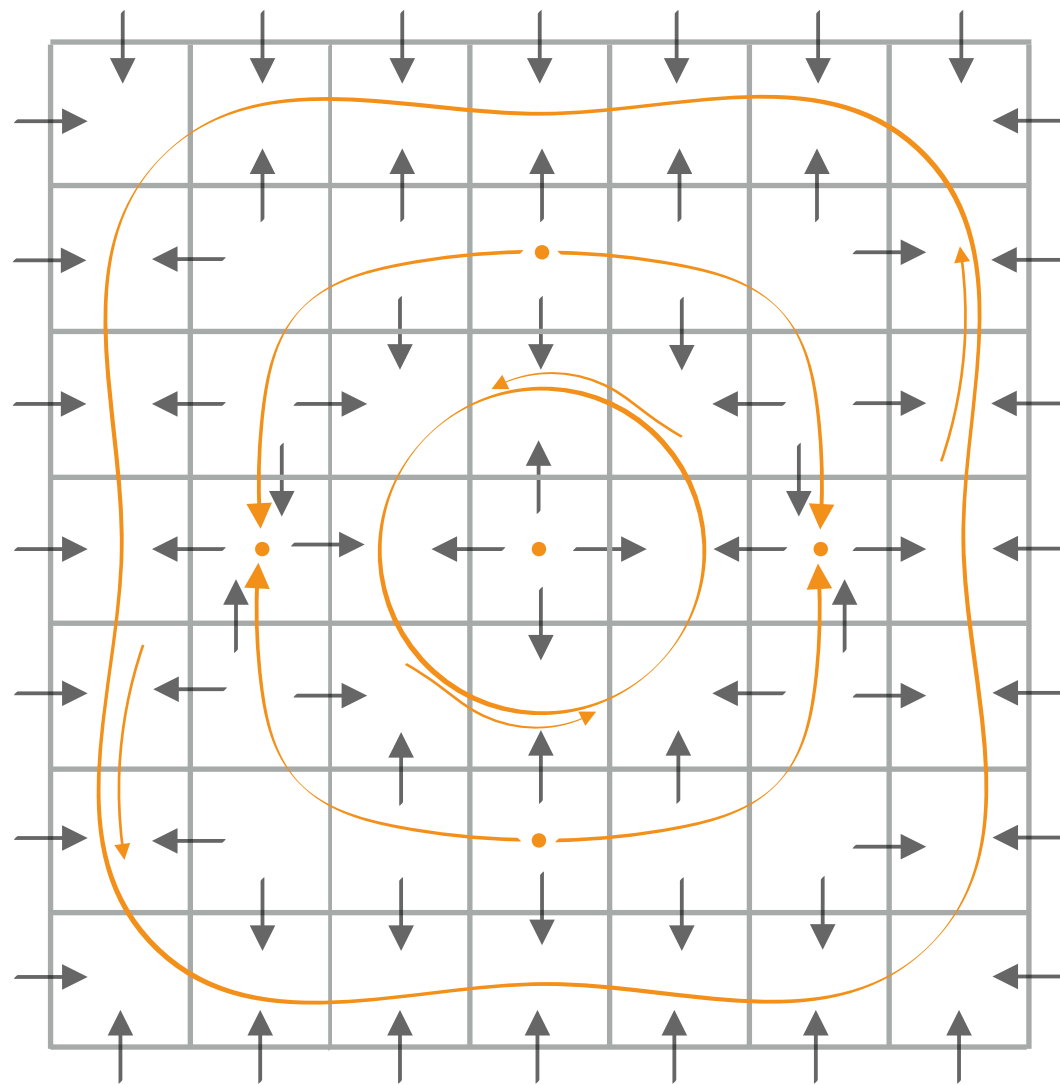
**Theorem:** if the graph is a transversality model then there is an extension

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (X_n, \leq) & \longrightarrow & (X, \leq) \\ \downarrow & & \nearrow \text{graded cell complex} \\ (P, \leq) & & \end{array}$$

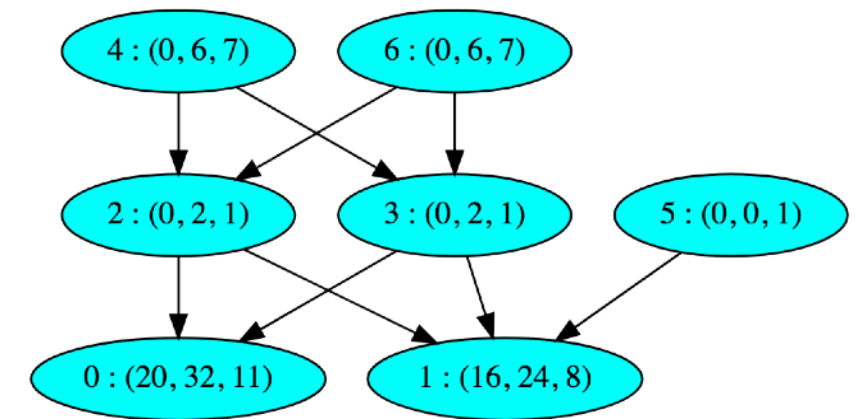
**Remark:** Computations + theorems are valid for any differential equation  
 $\dot{x} = f(x)$  which is transverse to top cell boundaries in direction indicated



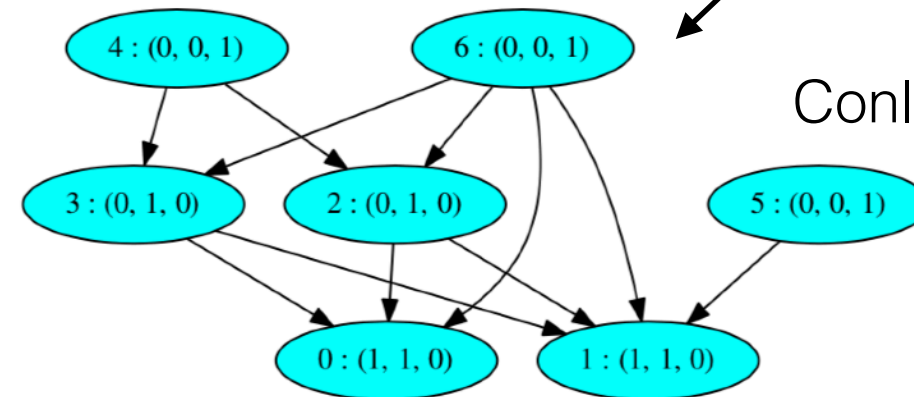
# transversality models ii



graded cell complex



$\mathcal{C}$



Conley Complex

nontrivial boundaries are given edges

connection matrix is represented  
with respect to a basis

different bases give different  
qualitative descriptions of dynamics

*in this example: four different bases*

## Connection Matrix Data

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Boundaries of 0-cells (by cell index):

Cell 0 (valuation 1) : set([])

Cell 1 (valuation 0) : set([])

Boundaries of 1-cells (by cell index):

Cell 2 (valuation 2) : set([0L, 1])

Cell 3 (valuation 3) : set([0L, 1])

Cell 4 (valuation 0) : set([])

Cell 5 (valuation 1) : set([])

Boundaries of 2-cells (by cell index):

Cell 6 (valuation 6) : set([2, 3, 4, 5])

Cell 7 (valuation 5) : set([5])

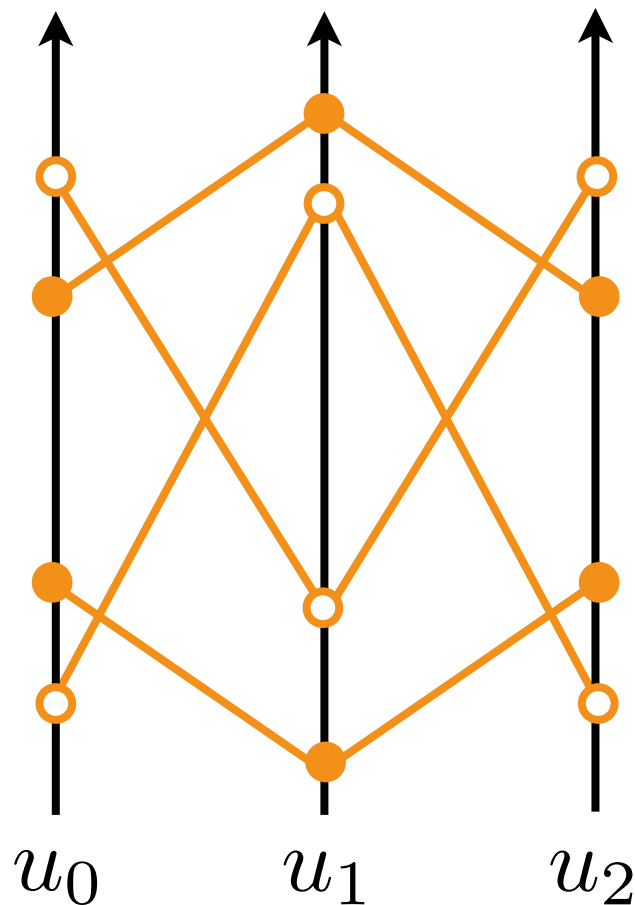
Cell 8 (valuation 4) : set([2, 3])

application iii:

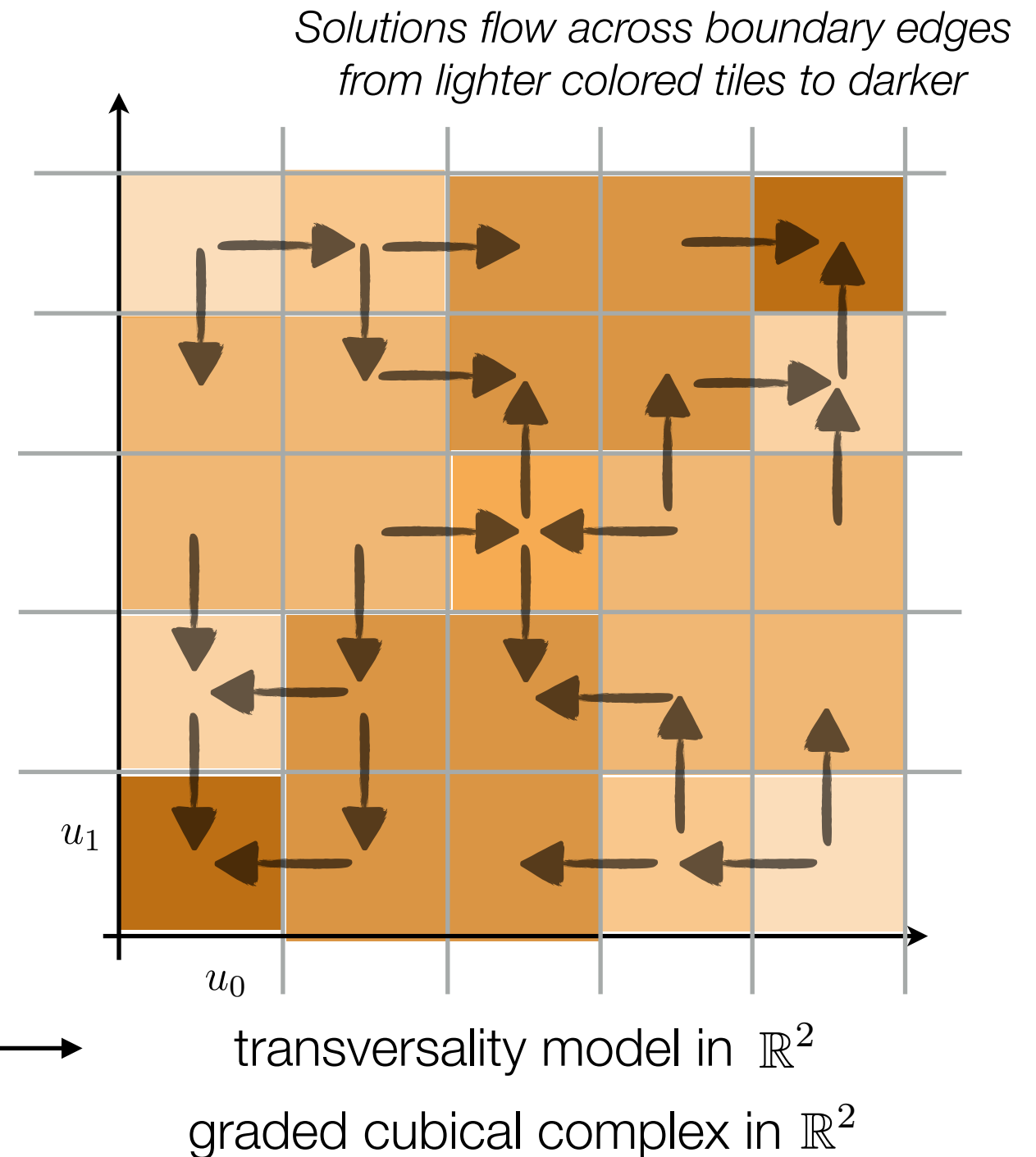
Morse theory on braids

# Morse theory on braids

*van den Berg, Ghrist, van der Vorst,  
Inventiones Math. 2003*



Braided equilibrium solutions to parabolic PDE  
with periodic boundary conditions

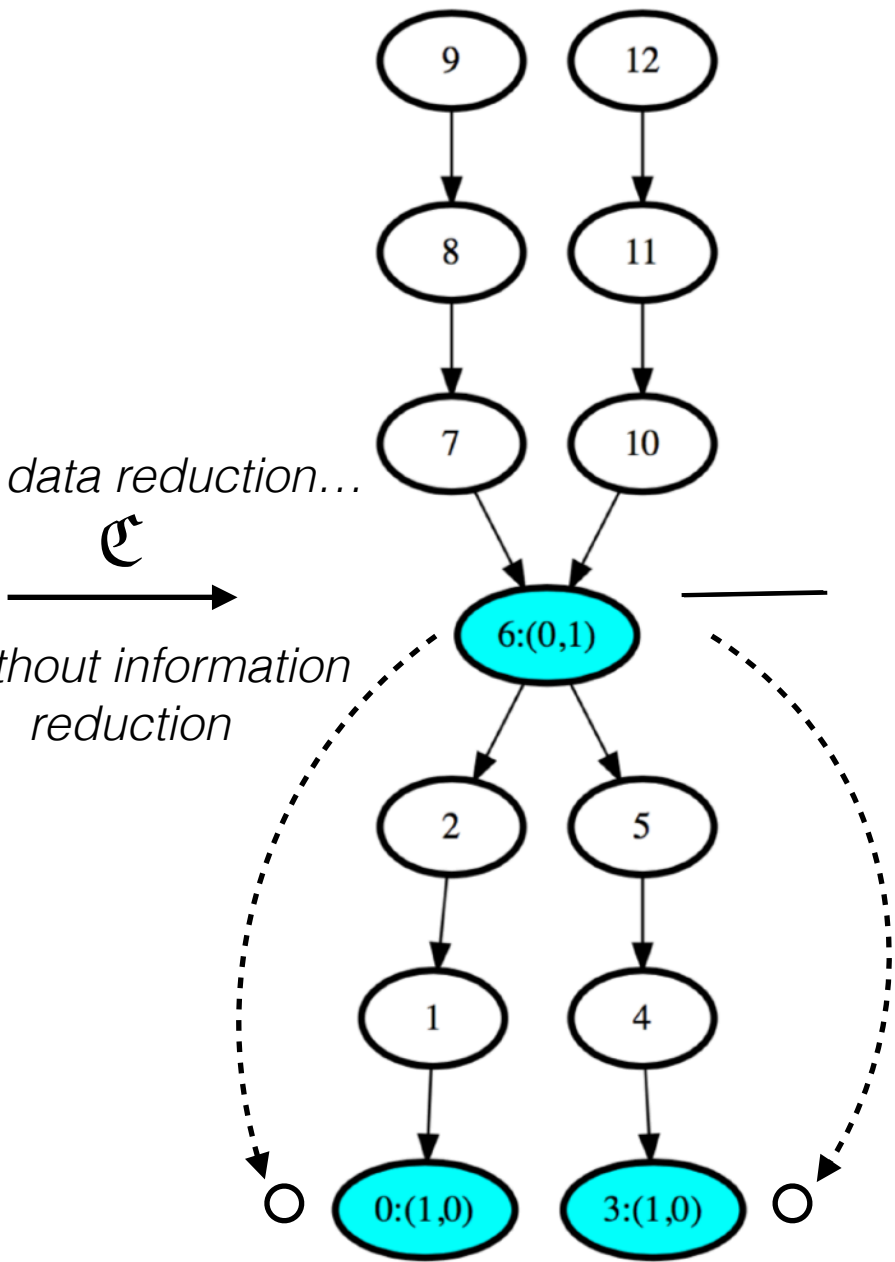
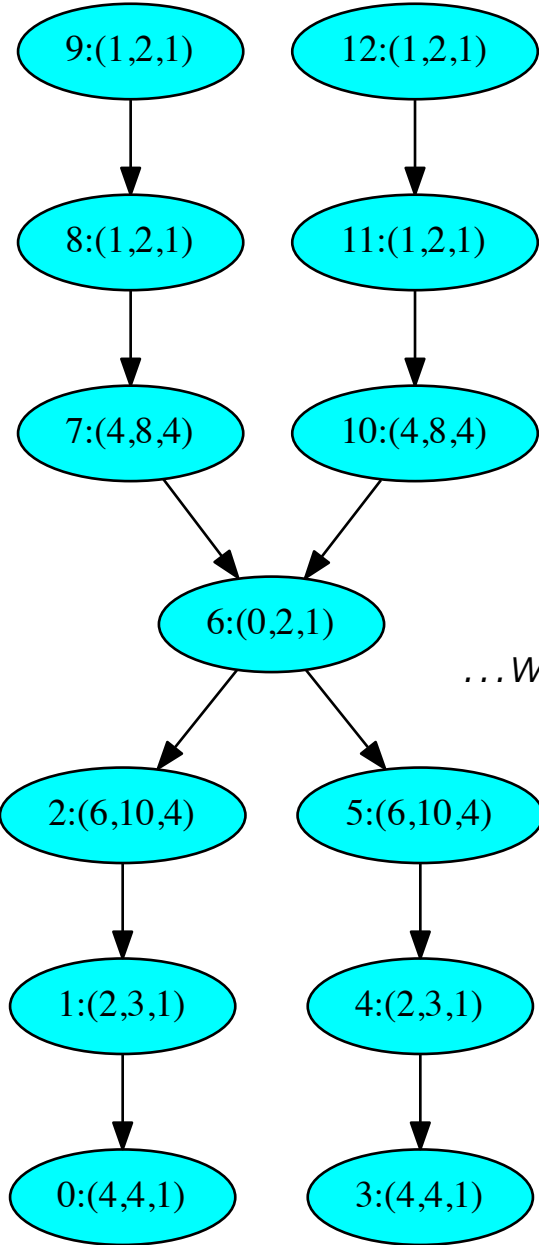
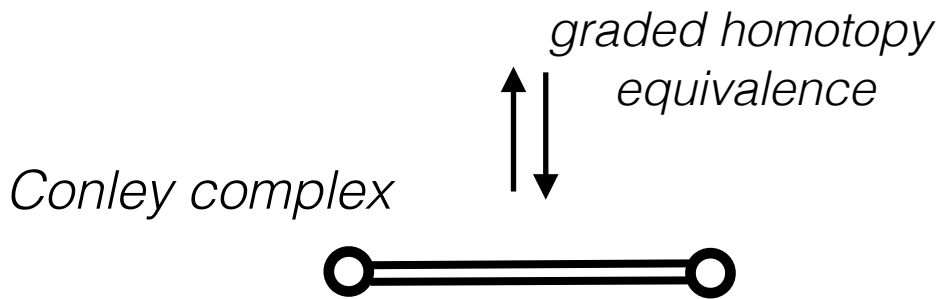
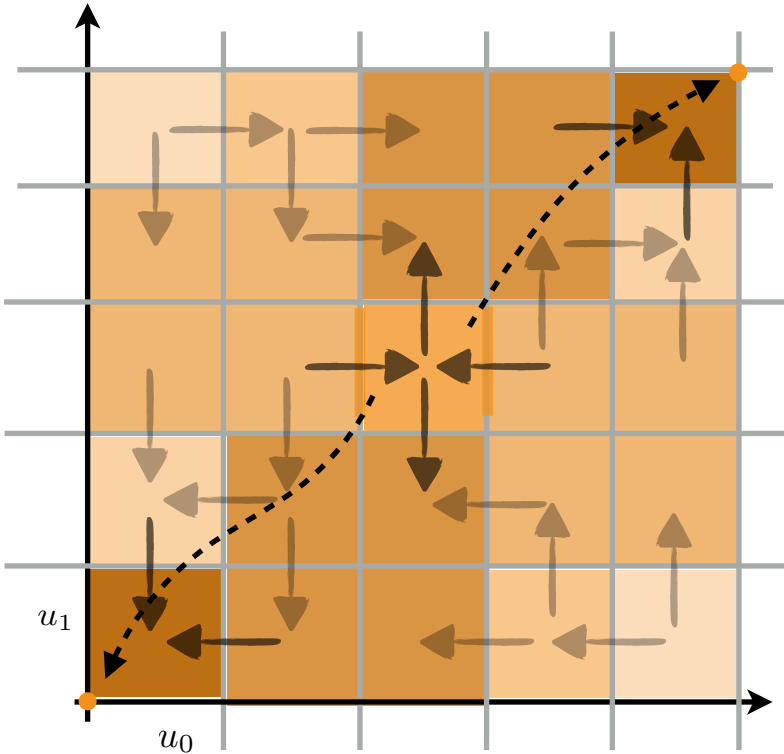


**Fact:** Nontrivial Conley indices imply existence of solutions to PDE

**Fact:** Nonzero entry in connection matrix between adjacent elements proves existence of connecting orbit

braids i

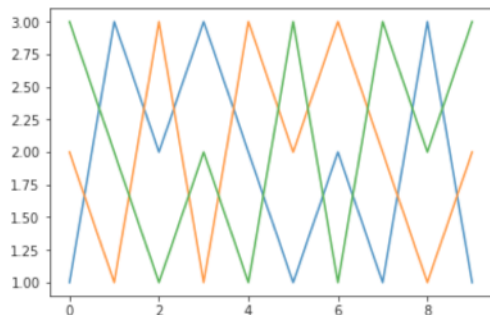
$(X, \leq) \xrightarrow{\nu} (P, \leq)$



chain-level data compression  
144 cells  $\longleftrightarrow$  3 cells  
without loss of homological information

$\Delta^M =$

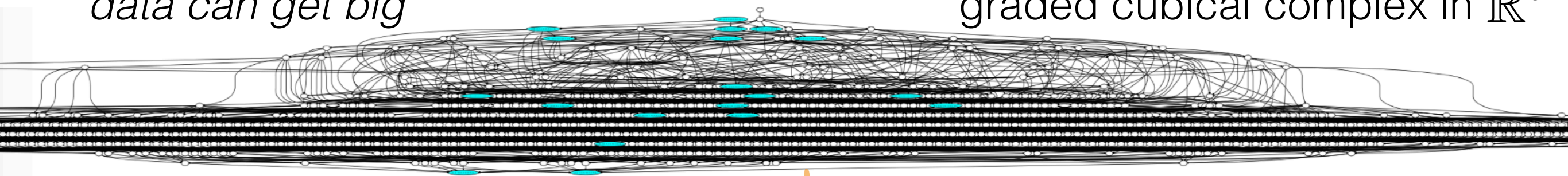
		0	3	6	node index
		0	0	1	cell dim.
0	0	0	0	1	
3	0	0	0	1	
6	1	0	0	0	



*data can get big*

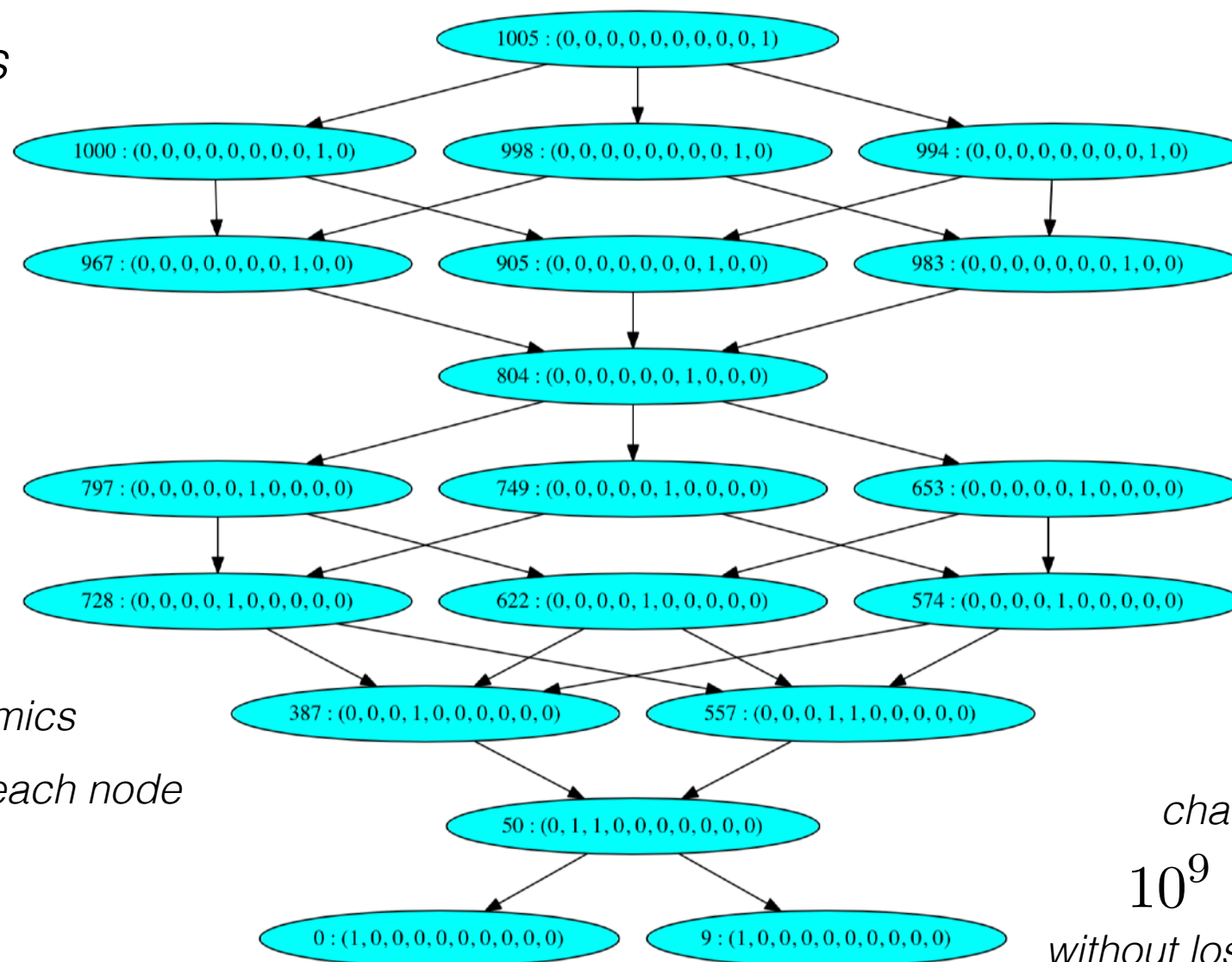
braids ii

graded cubical complex in  $\mathbb{R}^9$



*restrict poset to nodes  
with nontrivial index*

*initial* graded cubical complex  
 $10^9$  cells  
 $|P| \cong 1000$



*Conley-Morse Graph*

*organizes global dynamics*

*Conley index for each node*

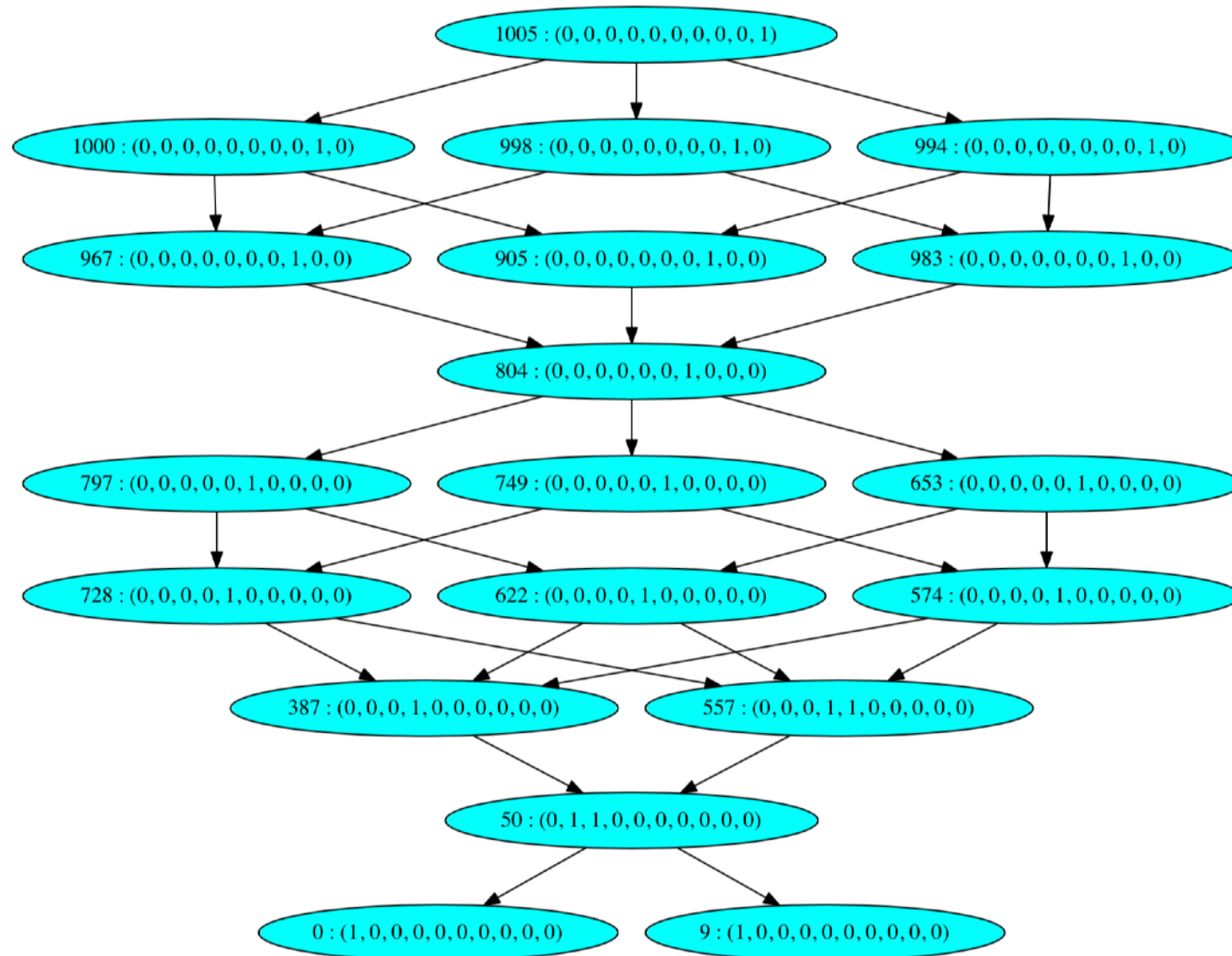
*Conley* complex  
21 cells  
19 nodes

*chain-level data compression*  
 $10^9$  cells  $\longleftrightarrow$  21 cells  
*without loss of homological information*



# braids iii

*order data*



*Conley-Morse Graph*

*organizes global dynamics*

*Conley index for each node*

*chain data*

Connection Matrix Data

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Boundaries of 0-cells in Conley complex:

0 : set()

1 : set()

Boundaries of 1-cells in Conley complex:

2 : {0, 1}

Boundaries of 2-cells in Conley complex:

3 : set()

Boundaries of 3-cells in Conley complex:

4 : {3}

5 : {3}

Boundaries of 4-cells in Conley complex:

6 : {4, 5}

7 : {4, 5}

8 : {4, 5}

9 : set()

Boundaries of 5-cells in Conley complex:

10 : {8, 9, 6}

11 : {8, 9, 7}

12 : {9, 6, 7}

Boundaries of 6-cells in Conley complex:

13 : set()

Boundaries of 7-cells in Conley complex:

14 : {13}

15 : {13}

16 : {13}

Boundaries of 8-cells in Conley complex:

17 : {14, 15}

18 : {16, 14}

19 : {16, 15}

*Conley Complex*

*connection matrix*

*boundaries can be queried from the data structure*

thank you for your attention

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